Beta-decay spectroscopy of exotic nuclei around ¹³²Sn at ISOLDE

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The shell model as a cornerstone of nuclear structure



Disclaimer

The talk is a selection of topics related to β -decay studies in the region around ¹³⁵Sn, mainly via gamma spectroscopy and fast-timing.

It does not deal with other population methods (i.e. fission), nor β -decay measurents using for instance total absorption or direct neutron detection.



Region of interest

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g_{7/2}, d_{5/2}, S_{1/2}

P_{3/2}, P_{1/2}, g_{9/2}

¹7/2, **P**3/2, **P**1/2, ¹9/2, ¹5/2 Nuclear Tapas April 2023



High Q_{β} values in the region

- \rightarrow Access to a large decay windows
- \rightarrow Energies above neutron separation energies above S_{2n} in some cases

Beta-decay selection rules

- → population of states via Gamow-Teller (GT) and first-forbidden (ff) transitions
- \rightarrow High-spin ß-decaying isomers populate different states

Access to different states in same nucleus, via ß/ß-n branches

- Both details about structure and gross properties such as $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ of ß-decaying states and P_{1n} , P_{2n} values
- We can perform experiments addressing very exotic nuclei



Proximity to the r-process path





The ISOLDE facility provides unique capabilities to study nuclei populated in the β -decay of Cd, In, Sn.

Neutron converter to suppress contaminants
Fission induced on UC_x targets
Molecular beams
Transfer line to ionizer
RILIS ionization and selectivity
Isomer selectivity





Cd: cooled transfer line



Temperature controlled quartz transfer line

[O. Arndt, E. Bouquerel, R. Catherall, C. Jost, K.-L. Kratz, U. Köster, J. Lettry, T. Stora, M. Turrión and the ISOLDE Collaboration]

RILIS ionization



Heat transfer simulations







In: RILIS Ionization at ISOLDE

- Resonant ionization of atomic structure.
- Highly selective ionization of desired isotope.
- Hyperfine splitting gives the possibility to enhance nuclear isomeric states.
- Isomerically-purified beams









Experiments at ISOLDE





The ISOLDE Decay station





IDS: ß-decay setup at ISOLDE

- 4 or 6 Clover HPGe ~ 3.7% to 5.3%
 eff. @600keV
- 2 LaBr₃(Ce) ~ 4% (2% each)
 @600keV (or up to 6 detectors)
- 1 Plastic Scintillator ~ 20% eff.
- DAQ Digital system
- Analog TACs



• Movable tape system to remove activity

IDS + fast-timing



Analog timing processing: ORTEC CFD and 3 TAC for fast-timing
Digital DAQ Nutaq / XIA Pixie

The strengths of beta-decay:

- 1. Single particle states
- 2. Core breaking states
- 3. Coupling of two neutrons
- 4. Competition of GT and ff transitions
- 5. Gamma emission from above S_n
- 6. Gross properties

Single particle states



Single particle energies





¹³³Sn: single-particle states

P. Hoff et al.,

¹³⁴In ß-n decay



A comparison of the experimental results (left) with a semiempirically adjusted Woods-Saxon calculation of the ¹³³Sn sp states.



200

0

400

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600

New decay scheme of ¹³⁴In



- β-decay and β2n-decay
 branches observed for
 the first time!
- Population of neutronunbound states decaying via γ rays identified in
 ¹³³Sn and ¹³⁴Sn
- Apparent feeding in ¹³⁴Sn suggests a high g.s. ¹³⁴In spin value: 6⁻, 7⁻
- Revised P_{1n}, P_{2n} values

Consistent with β-decay of ¹³³In, M. Piersa et al., PRC99 024304 (2019)



Search for the $vi_{13/2}$ state in ¹³³In in β decay

Estimated at around 2.5 Me Based on systematics and scaling of interactions

- E = 2700(200) keV [W. Urban et al., EPJA 5, 239 (1999)]
- E = 2511(80) keV [A. Korgul et al., PRC 91, 027303 (2015)]
- E = 2360-2600 keV [W. Reviol et al., PRC 94, 034309 (2016)]

2792-keV level suggested [J.M. Allmond et al., PRL112, 172701 (2014)]





¹³¹Sn: search for the $vh_{11/2}^{-1}$ single-hole state



The precise E of the $vh_{(11/2)}^{-1}$ single-hole state still unconfirmed Measured via Q_β energy differences in ¹³¹Sn decay. E_x=69(14) keV B. Fogelberg et al.

A More precise 65.1 keV energy was suggested from the 2369 keV transition (not confirmed by γγ coincidences).





Confirmed the emission of the 2369-keV γ -ray in the ^{131g}In decay. Tentative identification of a level decaying to both $vg_{7/2}^{-1} \& vh_{11/2}^{-1}$

J. Benito et al., Ph.D. Thesis 2020 and PRC to be submitted 2023

Addressing I-forbidden gamma transitions



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M1 transition ($\Delta I=2$): $vs_{1/2}^{-1} \rightarrow vd_{3/2}^{-1}$, expected long Measured half life of 20 ps Similar to transition in ¹²⁹Sn [R. Liča, H. Mach et al., PRC 93, 044303 (2016)] A slightly different from zero M1 effective operator for n holes greatly improves the agreement



¹³¹In: the $\pi f_{5/2}$ state in the β decay of ¹³¹Cd



¹³⁵Sb: lifetimes of s.p. states





Breaking of the core



Available information on ¹³²Sn





Complete lifetime investigation in ¹³²Sn





E_i (keV)	Config _i	J_i^{Π}	$T_{1/2}$	<i>T</i> _{1/2} (literature)	E _f (keV)	Config_f	J_f^Π	E_{γ} (keV)	Χλ	$B(X\lambda)$ (W.u.)	J. Benito et al., PRC 102,
4351.6	Octupole vibration	3-	<5 ps	<5 ps [18] 3.4(⁺²⁰ ₋₉) ps [45] ^b	0 4041.6	g.s. $v f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	$0^+ 2^+$	4351.5 310.5	E3° E1°	>7.1 >1.2 × 10 ⁻⁴	014328 (2020)
4416.6	$\nu f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	4+	3.99(2) ns	3.95(13) ns [18]	0 4041.6 4351.6	g.s. $\nu f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$ Octupole vibration	$0^+ 2^+ 3^-$	4416.7 374.9 64.4	E4 E2° E1	$7.7(4) \\ 0.40(2) \\ 2.57(13) \times 10^{-6}$	
4715.9	$\nu f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	6+	21.3(4) ns	20.1(5) ns [18]	4416.6	$ u f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	4+	299.3	E2 ^c	0.268(6)	
4830.5	$\nu f_{7/2} d_{3/2}^{-1}$	4-	27(2) ps	26(5) ps [18] ^a	4351.6 4416.6	Octupole vibration $v f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	3- 4+	478.9 414.5	M1 ^c E1	$7.3(5) \times 10^{-3}$ $2.3(3) \times 10^{-6}$	
4848.3	$\nu f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	8^+	$2.108(14) \ \mu s$	2.080(17) μs [3]	4715.9	$\nu f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	6+	132.4	E2 ^c	0.1039(14)	
4885.7	$v f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	5+	<30 ps	<40 ps [18]	4416.6	$ u f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	4+	469.1	M1 E2	$>6.5 \times 10^{-3}$ >19	B(M1; $7^+ - 8^+$) _{th}
					4715.9	$\nu f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	6+	169.5	M1 E2	$>4.6 \times 10^{-3}$ >94	$0.012 \ \mu_N$
4918.8	$v f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	7+	104(4) ps	62(7) ps [18] ^a	4715.9	$\nu f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	6+	202.9	M1	$1.74(9) \times 10^{-2}$	
					4848.3	$\nu f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$	8^+	70.9	M1	$6.0(7) \times 10^{-2}$	uclear Tapas April 2023



Particle-hole multiplets





Similarity to the structure of ¹³¹Sn



J. Benito et al., to be submitted to PRC



Proposal to measure core-excited states arising from many of the allowed multiplets, similar to other nuclei such as ¹³²Sn

Neutron proton-hole configurations coupled to the $\pi g_{9/2}$ (or *pf*) hole Lifetimes of the high-lying core excited states in ¹³¹In: electromagnetic transition rates help identify the configurations



Coupling of two neutrons

Yrast 6⁺ Seniority Isomers of ^{136,138}Sn

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N 49

2.66

2.68

2.7

A/a

2.72

2.74

- Three delayed γ rays each from ^{136;138}Sn have been observed.
- 6⁺ isomer, (f_{7/2})², seniority-2 coupling scheme.
- Realistic interactions do not reproduce the experimentally determined B(E2; $6^+ \rightarrow 4^+$) value of ¹³⁶Sn, even when core excitations are included.



• Neutron-neutron part of realistic interactions used in shell-model calculations off stability





Lifetime measurements for ¹³⁴Sn



²⁴⁸Cm spontaneous fission [A. Korgul et al., EPJ A7, 167 (2000)] Gammasphere

Coulomb Excitation [J. Beene et al., Nuclear Physics A746, 471 (2004)] Deduced $T_{1/2} = 49(7)$ ps



Lifetime measurements for ¹³⁴Sn



J ^I → I ^E	E (keV)	T _{1/2}	B(E2) W.u.
$6^+ \rightarrow 4^+$	174	81.7(12) ns	0.97(7)
$4^+ \rightarrow 2^+$	348	1.18(4) ns	2.19(7)
$2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$	726	53(30) ps	1.3(7)

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Lifetime measurement of the 4⁺ state in ¹³⁴Sn



Complete set of lifetimes for the states of the $v(f_{7/2})^2$ configuration First measurements for the lifetime of the1073-keV (4⁺) state

Unexpectedly large B(E2; $4^+ \rightarrow 2^+$) ?



Coraggio: SM CD-Bonn, ¹³²Sn core + valence neutrons (6) Sarkar: SM modified empirical CW5082 from ²⁰⁸Pb – drastic change of proton effective charge Kartamyshev + Hjorth-Jensen: SM effective 2-body int., 6 orbitals, assess pairing Yuan: SM jj46 Hamiltonian, 4 p and 6 n valence orbits in the Z = 28 – 50 and N = 82–126 major shells Jain: SM renormalized CD-Bonn, ad-hoc TBME modified (4 versions)



Analogy to N=82





First β -decay spectroscopy of ¹³⁵In



Competition of GT and ff transitions



Gamow-Teller and 1st forbidden transitions







¹³¹In isomer selectivity



Isomer selective study makes it possible to revise I_{β} and $\log ft$ values.

Previous studies show a discrepancy between the log*ft* values for the three ff transitions in the ¹³¹In β-decay

The previous discrepancy disappears

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 → G.T. tran	B. Fogelb	erg et al.	R. Dunlop	et al.	This work			
Transitions		E level	Ιβ(%)	Log (ft)	I _β (%)	Log (ft)	Ι _β (%)	Log (ft)
$\pi g_{9/2}^{-1} \to \upsilon g_{7/2}^{-1}$	G.T.	2434	90	4.4	84.2(22)	4.4	66(11)	4.5(2)
$\pi g_{9/2}^{-1} \to v h_{11/2}^{-1}$	f.f	Х	<20	>5.6	$5(^{+15}_{-5})$	6.2	25(6)	5.5(2)
$\pi p_{1/2}^{-1} ightarrow v d_{3/2}^{-1}$	f.f	g.s.	~95	5.1	68.1(22)	5.2	54(7)	5.34(13)
$\pi p_{1/2}^{-1} \to \upsilon s_{1/2}^{-1}$	f.f.	332	3.5	6.5	27.8(7)	5.5	42(7)	5.40(4)



Population of neutron-unbound states in ¹³³Sn

Isomer selective decay from ¹³³In Population of states via ff transitions Competition of gamma and neutron decay --> gamma-ray emission above S_n

M. Piersa, A. Korgul, LMF, J. Benito et al., Phys Rev C99, 024304 (2019).





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Jones et al., Nature 465, 454 (2010)

Summary



Beta-decay spectroscopy is a powerful tool to study the exotic region around ¹³²Sn including

- \rightarrow Beta-decay via GT and ff transitions
- → Gross properties such as decay lifetimes and (indirectly) neutron emission probabilities
- \rightarrow Competition of gamma emission for neutron unbound states
- \rightarrow Single particle features
- \rightarrow Nucleon (neutron) pairs
- \rightarrow Core-breaking states

ISOLDE/CERN offers excellent options for this kind of measurements



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