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Assessing Spectral Shape of Forbidden Beta Decays with ACCESS and ASSOLO

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The ACCESS/ASSOLO project aims to establish a novel technique for precision measurements of forbidden β -decays, serving as essential benchmarks for nuclear physics calculations and addressing significant backgrounds in astroparticle physics experiments. By operating a pilot array of cryogenic calorimeters based on natural and doped crystals containing β -emitting radionuclides, ACCESS simultaneously measures both natural isotopes (e.g., 113 Cd and 115 In) and synthetic isotopes (e.g., 99 Tc) using a unified experimental approach.

Recently, ACCESS achieved a significant milestone by simultaneously measuring the half-life and spectral shape of the fourth-forbidden β -decay of ^{115}In . Utilizing a cryogenic calorimeter based on an indium iodide (InI) crystal, the study accurately determined the spectral shape and half-life of ^{115}In . The results, interpreted through the interacting shell model, indicate a half-life of $(5.26\pm0.06)\times10^{14}$ yr, providing critical data to enhance nuclear theory calculations.

In this contribution, these results and the next steps of the project will be presented.

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