Low Energy Nuclear Experiments

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Overview, part 1 (general properties of nuclei, mostly <u>macroscopic</u>)

What can experimentalists determine about a nuclear system in the lab?

- History ... the isotopes, the facilities we use
- What can we measure/is observable?
- Questions to ask about the nucleus
 - How much do they weigh?
 - What size are they?
 - What shape are t

Attempt to exotiq

where possible





Overview, part 2 (mostly direct reactions, not so exotic)

The connection between direction reactions and nuclear structure

- History
- Reactions, reaction types, direct reactions
- Observables
- Energies, momentum
- Spectroscopic factors, occupancies (ir

Attempt to steer gain insight reactions for reaction's sake, rather using them as a meaningful tool to opical nuclear structure properties

xt of 'modern' [but stable-beam] examples)



Single-particle energies – a 'classic' example

In many cases, single-particle strength is fragmented over several states. ⁴¹Ca is an excellent example of this: just one neutron outside the doubly-magic ⁴⁰Ca (20 protons, 20 neutrons) ...



(ESPEs, SPEs in lit., theory)

Excitation energy (MeV)



Recap ...

- Reactions A(a,b)B reveal something about the atomic nucleus
- Single-nucleon transfer (shameful bias in these lectures) can:
- been an essential tool in basic nuclear structure and in connection to fundamental symmetries

... and next

 populate single-particle excitations - allow us to deduce spectroscopic factors, *l* - ... and thus single-particle energies - ... and thus occupancies / vacancies

I showed ~two topical examples from the last ~decade, where reactions have

• Two more examples, exotic beams, spectrometers, ..., bubbles, isomers, ...



Overview, part 3 (mostly direct reactions, quite exotic, microscopic)

The connection between direction reactions and nuclear structure

- History
- Exotic beams
- Kinematics
- Spectrometers (with a focus on solenoidal spectrometers)
- A few examples from the last few years (2014, 2017, 2017, current) (what drove them, reaction choices, results, commentary)



Part 3: Mostly direct reactions,... quite exotic



To begin at the beginning ...

The Geiger-Marsden experiment



A telescope was used to look at flashes of light on a zinc sulphide screen

E. Rutherford, Philosophical Magazine 21, 669 (1911)







Neutrinoless double beta decay

A hypothetical decay process ... made 'possible' by pairing in nuclei



 $[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = (\text{Phase Space Factor}) \times |\text{Nuclear Matrix Element}|^2 \times |\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle|^2$

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Reminder ... pre 90s

- Direct reactions an essential probe of nuclear structure
- Energies, angular momentum, overlaps
- (High-resolution detectors developed accordingly)
- Direct reactions, well-understood models
- Highly selective
- (Over 50-60 years experience)
- Beams, nA-µA





- Technique limited to stable systems
 - Few doubly-magic systems studied
 - Limited to changes of ~12 neutrons/protons excess
 - Poor overlap with nuclei involved in astrophysical processes





... but people have been busy



www.anl.gov/phy/helical-orbit-spectrometer from various sources, illustrative, likely ~1-2 orders of mag. off



Kinematics: normal vs. inverse



A. H. Wuosmaa et al. Nucl. Intrum. Methods Phys. Res. A **580**, 1290 (**2007**), J. C. Lighthall et al. ibid. **622**, 97 (**2010**)

Inverse-kinematics challenges

- Particle identification, ΔE -E techniques more challenging at low energies
- Strong energy dependence with respect to laboratory angle
- Kinematic compression at forward c.m. angles (in fact nearly all angles)
- Typically leading to poor resolution (100s of keV)
- ... and beams a few to 10⁶ orders of magnitude weaker



Kinematics: normal vs. inverse



 $\tan\theta_{\rm max.}^{\rm lab} = 1/\sqrt{(V/\bar{v})^2 - 1}$

V is c.m. velocity of the system, v is the velocity of the outgoing ion in the c.m. frame

 For negative Q-value reactions e.g. (d,³He) there is a double-valued kinematic solution ...

• ... ions cannot scatter beyond $\theta_{max.}$ in the laboratory, in this case $\theta_{lab.} = 44.6^{\circ}$

• Particularly challenging for fixed lab-angle measurements, especially near θ_{max} .

<u>Kinematics code (e.g.):</u>

Excel based:

- Catkin, <u>http://</u> <u>personal.ph.surrey.ac.uk/</u> <u>~phs1wc/kinematics/</u> (easy, visual, intuitive)
- Heliomatic (for HELIOS, based on Catkin – email me)

Java (old):

 JRelkin, <u>http://nukesim-</u> <u>classes.sourceforge.net/</u> <u>software_index.html</u>

Pro level:

• LISE++ <u>http://</u> <u>lise.nscl.msu.edu/</u> <u>lise.html</u>

Web based: • http://nrv.jinr.ru/nrv/













Kinematics: normal vs. inverse (resolution)



<u>Necessities</u>: complex Si arrays, *high intrinsic resolution*, *high angular granularity*, low (ISOLDE), SHARC (TRIUMF), ORRUBA (ORNL), TIARA (GANIL), etc.

Kraus et al., Z. Phys. A **340**, 339 (**1991**), K. E. Rehm et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **80**, 676 (**1998**)

- thresholds, large acceptance, often coincident gamma-ray detection, e.g., MUST-2 (GANIL), T-REX









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Recent 'state-of-the-art' – impressive result

Q-value resolution of 40 keV FWHM

V. Margerin et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **115**, 062701 (**2015**)

Typically, resolution is a challenge ... Using the traditiona g a segmented Si detector at a fixed laboratory angle can n, typically of the order of ~300 keV (better can be result in poor excita achieved for light nuclei).

Would like an approach that consistently:

- Gives better than 100-keV FWHM resolution
- 7-10 day runs with RI beams (10⁴ pps, 100 μ g/cm² targets)

H. Y. Lee et al., Phys. Rev. C 81, 015802 (2010), K. L. Jones et al., Nature 465, 454 (2010)

Other approaches?

a) Solenoidal Geometry

A magnetic solenoid with its axis oriented along the beam direction could serve as a very largeacceptance magnetic spectrograph for low-energy light particles from inverse reactions such as $d(^{132}\mathrm{Sn},p)^{133}\mathrm{Sn}$. In this case the protons of interest are emitted in the backwards hemisphere with energies of 1-10 MeV. The particle energy measurements are done via silicon detector barrels surrounding the beam axis. This type of magnetic spectrograph deserves further study.

A meeting at Berkeley in 1998 to discuss next generation facilities (to become FRIB) Move towards 100-keV EWHM or better for

Move towards 100-keV FWHM or better for transfer reactions

Comment by John P. Schiffer, Argonne, I.Y. Lee (Ed.), Proceedings of the Workshop on Experimental Equipment for an Advanced ISOL Facility, **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**, 1998, LBNL-42138, pp. 667-678.

Experimental Equipment for an Advanced ISOL Facility

March 1999

Transport through a solenoid

-0.2 0.0

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- A simple linear relationship between energy and z, where the energy separation is (nearly) identical to the excitation energy in the residual nucleus.
- Removes kinematic compression.
- Factor of ~2.4 improvement in resolution (for this example)
- ... and an MRI magnet seems ideal (in fact too good)

$$E_{\rm cm} = E_{\rm lab} + \frac{m}{2}V_{\rm cm}^2 - \frac{mV_{\rm cm} z}{T_{\rm cyc}}$$

A helical-orbit spectrometer

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Argonne, Western Michigan, Manchester and others

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HELIOS

Position sensitive Si detectors

J. C. Lighthall et al., Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. A 662, 97 (2010)

- 4 sides, 6 detectors long
- Detector size, 9×50 mm
- 700-µm thick (e.g. ~10 MeV protons)
- Ф coverage, 0.48 of 2п
- $\Omega_{detector} = 21 \text{ msr}$
- $\Omega_{array} = 493 \text{ msr}$

Motion of ions (bad cartoon)

Analysis ...

We measure E vs. z, which is the excitation-energy spectrum of the residual nucleus

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... ta-da

J. C. Lighthall et al., Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. A 662, 97 (2010)

ATLAS, home to HELIOS

- Low energy beams for trap measurements
- State-of-the-art instruments

ATLAS, <u>http://www.anl.gov/phy/</u>

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HELIOS with beams 'near' ¹³²Sn

What would we like to do (exotic beams)?

<u>10 MeV/u (5-20 MeV/u), >104 pps</u>

- single-particles states, E_(ex,spe), *I*-values,
 spectroscopic factors, e.g., (*d*,*p*), ...
- pair correlations, e.g., (p,t), (t,p),
 (³He,p), ...
- Collective properties via, e.g, (p,p'),
 (d,d'), (α,α'), ...

Example 1 – inelastic scattering, inverse kinematics

Example 1 (exotic beam techniques, stable beams)

<u>Goal</u>: Improve long standing uncertainties in the a-decay branch of the second (T=1) 2⁺ state in ¹⁰B

Why? Contributes to B(E2) value, which have been used as precision **tests of ab-initio calculations** of the A = 10 isospin triplet

A new technique in HELIOS ...

10C	11C	12C
19.308 S	20.364 M	STABLE
8: 100.00%	8: 100.00%	98.93%
9B 0.54 KeV 2α: 100.00% P: 100.00%	10B STABLE 19.9%	11B STABLE 80.1%5
8Be	9Be	10Be
5.57 eV	STABLE	1.51E+6 Υ
α: 100.00%	100.%	β-: 100.00%

S. Kuvin et al. Phys. Rev. C **96**, 041301(R) (**2017**)

Mass 10 triplet

S. Kuvin et al. Phys. Rev. C **96**, 041301(R) (**2017**)

Inverse technique

- ¹⁰B beam (stable) at 10
 MeV/u
- Thin CH₂ target
- 'All' recoils detected, including those following decay of the recoil
- Method allows multiple analysis techniques

S. Kuvin et al. Phys. Rev. C **96**, 041301(R) (**2017**)





Branching ratio



S. Kuvin et al. Phys. Rev. C **96**, 041301(R) (**2017**)

Challenging measurement. Alpha branching ratio now better constrained after some 50 years ...

... a follow-up measurement with Gammasphere constrain E2 gamma branch



Example 2 – isomeric beams



Rotational bands (and single-particles)

Transfer reactions are highly selective in *l* transfer

Question:

How do the valence nucleons (single-particles) contribute to each state of this rotational band?

Cannot study via transfer on the 0+ ground state of ¹⁸F ...









Isomeric beams

¹⁸F has a 5⁺ isomeric state at around 1.1 MeV.

We can exploit this to probe high-j states via low-l transfer.

Can populate every member of the rotational band in ¹⁹F via $\ell = 0$ and 2 transfer.



D. Santiago-Gonzalez et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **120**, 122503 (**2018**)







¹⁸F(d,p) two ways



Reactions confirm ¹⁹F well understood



D. Santiago-Gonzalez et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **120**, 122503 (**2018**)

Excellent agreement with shell-model calculations (perhaps not surprisingly).

Powerful technique, many future possibilities (²⁶Al, ³⁴Cl, etc)











(Beam rates crude estimates from various sources, illustrative)





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SOLARIS: <u>http://www.anl.gov/phy/group/solaris</u> (white paper link)







N = 126, south Terra incognita ...











N = 126, south

Terra incognita ... (fragmentation, re-accelerated)











N = 126, south Terra incognita ... (ISOL, accelerated)







Motivation – single-neutron excitations N = 126 excitations, N = 127 single-neutron excitations





Motivation – weak binding

s[and other]-states in loosely bound systems tend to linger below their [respective] barriersthis feature seems to **dominate the structural changes in light nuclei**, and results in e.g., **halo** structures. Does this characteristic of s-states play a role in loosely bound heavier systems?



C. R. Hoffman, B. P. Kay, J. P. Schiffer, Phys Rev. C 89, 061305(R) (2014), C. R. Hoffman, B. P. Kay, J. P. Schiffer, submitted (2016). X. F. Yang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 182501 (2016) [Recent ISOLDE measurement suggests the 1/2+ isomeric state could potentially be below the 5/2+ state in the N = 49 system at Z = 30.]





Proposed measurement (as presented in 2016)

<u>The ²⁰⁶Hg(*d*,*p*) reaction at 10 MeV/u using ISS</u>

<u>Why 10 MeV/u?</u>

- Cross sections
- Angular momentum matching
- Angular distributions

Why ISS?

Resolution

- Charged-particle spectroscopy with <100-keV **Q-value resolution** using thin targets

Efficiency

- Limited only by geometrical acceptance, not intrinsic efficiency of the detectors.

Direct probe of excited states

- **Does not** require coincident γ -rays de-exciting the states (... no concerns with isomers*, ground state, states not connected by γ -ray decay, etc).

*Isomers prevalent in the region around Pb Cross sections estimated using DWBA code Ptolemy using standard parameterizations.



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The solenoidal-spectrometer technique



Simulation:

Marc Labiche, STFC Daresbury, using NPTool, assuming 40-keV intrinsic Si resolution¹ and the geometry of the ANL array, beam properties of the linac². Comparable to actual performance of the HELIOS spectrometer at ANL. Location of states states in ²⁰⁷Hg estimated from Woods-Saxon calculations³.

¹Mean value for ANL Si array, J. C. Lighthall et al., Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res. A 622, 97 (2010). ²Beam spot: 2.3 mm FWHM, Beam divergence: 1.8 mrad, Beam energy spread: 0.26% ³http://www.volya.net





Some changes ...

The beam energy will be lower than 10 MeV/u, ... 9 MeV/u, ... 8 MeV/u, ... 7.3 MeV/u (maybe 7 MeV/u)

This is not ideal, but is just above barrier for the lowexcitation energy, low-l states, which is the focus of this initial exploration of ²⁰⁷Hg

Abstract: We propose to study the (d,p) reaction on ²⁰⁶Hg at an energy of 10 MeV/u to probe the structure of ²⁰⁷Hg. Adding a neutron to the closed shell of 126, this measurement will initiate exploration of single-particle configurations in one of the most inaccessible regions of the nuclear chart; only the ²⁰⁷Hg ground-state decay has been previously observed. With the HIE-ISOLDE upgrade and a new instrument, the ISOL solenoidal spectrometer, this measurement becomes feasible. The principal goal of the experiment is to explore the structure of ²⁰⁷Hg and the relation of its low-lying states, that are expected to be single-neutron excitations, to ²⁰⁹Pb. Special attention will be given to determining the location and strength of the 3s and 2d excitations, to predict how they will evolve in lighter N = 126 systems. This region is of particular interest in explosive nucleosynthesis.



ADs for I=0,2 and 4 still distinct at 7 MeV/u, and still relatively forward focused







HELIOS, **2009** (5×10^{6 136}Xe ions per sec., 10 MeV/u, 8 hrs)



"ELUM" (luminosity detector)







Target degradation





3380 3400 3420 3440 3460 3480 3500

50

0

3360



eventID



Mechanical: Russell A. Knaack, Targets: Matthew D. Gott



Cups, tuning, luminosity

We had two cups, one as part of the luminosity detector, the other the ISS standard



8 mm





ISOLDE and Hg beams

nature physics

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Characterization of the shape-staggering effect in mercury nuclei LETTERS

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Nature Physics, October 10, **2018**



NATURE PHYSICS



ISS at ISOLDE



Xe in the vacuum, $130Xe(29+)_{[206Hg(46+)]}$

Transpired to be negligible, but initial concerns it was substantial ... < few thousand ions per second



(We had studied ¹³⁰Xe(d,p) with HELIOS in 2009)





OR

A study of the hitherto unknown single-neutron structure of ²⁰⁷Hg was carried out using a **7.4 MeV/u** ²⁰⁶Hg beam and the **ISOLDE Solenoidal Spectrometer** to momentum analyze the protons following the neutron-adding (*d*,*p*) reaction

E (MeV)

(a) Image of the bore of ISS 208Ph viewed from downstream showing the Si array, 64-target system, and Faraday cups (b) 200 |810 960 Counts 100 1600

Tang, Kay et al., (**2018**)



First exploration of singleparticle states outside N = 126, south of Pb, made possible by ISS.

Experimental info:

- ~5×10⁵ ions per second of ²⁰⁶Hg for ~82 hours
- Beam *purity of >98%*
- Measured in singles mode
- Using >30 deuterated polyethylene targets of thickness around 165 µg/cm² (to deal with target degradation)
- ISS set to a B-field of 2.5 T



Example 3 – N = 20 isotones

Requires a little setup, so please be patient



Electron scattering, charge density (remember sizes?!)



From 1983 NSAC Long Range Plan referring to J. M. Cavedon et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **49**, 978 (**1982**)



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In the vicinity of ³⁴Si

Why could ³⁴Si be a bubble nucleus? And what can reactions tell us?

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	30CI	31CI	32CI	33CI	34CI	35CI	36CI	37CI	38CI	39CI	40CI	410
	295	30S	31S	32S	33S	34S	35S	36S	37S	38S	39S	40
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N = 20







7/2

9/2

1/2

5/2

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Central density

A (bad) cartoon interpretation of this ...



(dark=dense, less dark=less so



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density, slice thru middle (dark=dense, less dark=less so



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Density, spin-orbit





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Editorial

Bubble dynamics in champagne and sparkling wines: Recent advances and future prospects

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"Come quickly brothers, I am drinking stars!" The quote Pierre Pérignon (Fig. 1), a French Benedictine monk, cellar of Hautvillers (near Epernay, in the heart of the Champagne wine made sparkling by accident for the first time. But even accepted that much of this story is fiction, champagne has be French sparkling wine, praised world-wide for the fineness of very much sought-after bubbling process). Despite the huge tiated by Louis Pasteur in the 19th century, aimed at progres science in general, only quite recently much interest was devot every parameter involved in the bubbling process characteris sparkling wines.

Bubbles are indeed very common in our everyday life. Th in many natural as well as industrial processes (in physics, cheengineering, oceanography, geophysics, technology, and even m their behavior is often surprising and, in many cases, still not f

the past decades, a large body of research has been devoted to bubbles and foams dynamics. Otherwise, and rather surprisingly, physical and chemical processes behind the formation of bubbles in Champagne wines (and more generally in sparkling beverages) remained completely unexplored until the late 1990s. In the small volume of a champagne flute, each and every step of a fleeting bubble's life can be found. Bubbles arise through non-classical heterogeneous nucleation. They grow in size while rising

Fig. 84. Sketch of the infrared diode laser spectrometer designed to measure gaseous CO₂ concentrations above glasses poured with sparkling beverages.

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Review

Effervescence in champagne and sparkling wines: From grape harvest to bubble rise

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Bubble Dynamics in Champagne and Sparkling Wines



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s in a glass of champagne may seem like the acme of f people, but in fact they may rather be considered as ound for any fluid physicist. Under standard tasting a million bubbles will nucleate and rise if you resist ir flute. The so-called *effervescence* process, which ne and sparkling wines tasting, is the result of the between carbon dioxide (CO_2) dissolved in the liqpockets trapped within microscopic particles during ss, and some both glass and liquid properties. In this e journey of yeast-fermented CO_2 is reviewed (from solution in the liquid phase during the fermentation gressive release in the headspace above glasses). The ces about the physicochemical processes behind the se of gaseous CO_2 bubbles, under standard tasting een gathered hereafter. Let's hope that your enjoye will be enhanced after reading this tutorial review nsuspected physics hidden right under your nose each glass of bubbly.

1 Introduction

Wine is consumed since ancient times [1], but produced at a large scale, and all over the world, since several decades. The origin of sparkling wines nevertheless still remains unclear. Many regions claim to have made the very first bubbly, but the



Fig. 52. Photograph of a typical flute poured with champagne (a); detail showing several tiny particles acting as bubble nucleation sites freely floating in the bulk (called *fliers*), thus creating charming bubble trains in motion in the champagne bulk (b) (Alain Cornu – Collection CIVC).



And how would this affect the neutron levels?

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1s_{1/2}

0d_{3/2}

0f_{7/2}

1p_{3/2,1/2}







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What experiments, reactions? (protons first)

Does the $0d_{3/2}$ orbitals empty, then the $1s_{1/2}$? Sounds like a question about occupancies ...

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N = 20

Historical data for the stable <u>nuclei</u> ... very crudely ...

e.g. ⁴⁰Ca(*d*,³He) <u>should</u> imply 4 protons in the $0d_{3/2}$ orbital, and 2 in the $1s_{1/2}$

e.g. ³⁸Ar(*d*,³He) <u>might</u> imply 2 protons in the $0d_{3/2}$ orbital, and 2 holes ...

e.g. ³⁶S(*d*,³He) <u>might</u> imply 0 protons in the $0d_{3/2}$ orbital, and 4 holes $\dots 2$ in the $1s_{1/2}$







The stable-beam bit

Very quick glance at ENSDF, confirms suspicions about ³⁶S

NNDE National Nuclear Data Center
NNDC Databases: NuDat NSR XUNDL ENSDF MIRD ENDF CSISRS
Datasets for ³⁵ P
There are 4 corresponding XUNDL (unevaluated) sets
Matching datasets in ENSDF
Retrieve selected ENSDF datasets:
PDF Version ENSDF text format
Dataset
Select All
ADOPTED LEVELS, GAMMAS
35SI B- DECAY (0.78 S)
36SI B-N DECAY (0.45 S)
34S(18O,17F)
✓ 36S(D,3HE),(POL D,3HE)
37CL(11B,13N)
160GD(37CL,XG)
208PB(36S,XG)

(Be careful though, always read the original works to double check)





The exotic-beam bit

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A proton density bubble in the doubly magic ³⁴Si nucleus

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S800 and GRETINA

Proton knockout on a ⁹Be target (e.g. of test case ³⁶S – *remember checklist?*)



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<u>Notes</u>

- Beam: ~40 MeV/u, 1pnA (4×10⁵ pps)
- Target: 100 mg/cm²
- Prompt gamma-rays in GRETINA
- S800 identifies residues, used for longitudinal momentum distributions of resides (can determine *l* value of knocked out proton), and, with γ-gating, the cross sections
- Good consistency checks





Indeed, the 1s_{1/2} is ~empty



A. Mutschler et al., Nat. Phys. **13**, 152 (**2017**)



What experiments, reactions? (neutrons next)



G. Burgunder et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 042502 (**2014**)



Argonne



(d,p) reaction to find 1p strength

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HAPPY...?





But these aren't the centroids ...

Remember – Ca was our 'classic' example





Dominant states

Dominant neutron $1p_{3/2}$ and $1p_{1/2}$ states in $\frac{41Ca}{1}$ (those with largest SF, typically lowest lying)







Centroids

<u>Centroids</u> of the neutron $1p_{3/2}$ and $1p_{1/2}$ orbitals in $4^{1}Ca$





Actually the same separation, just offset ... what about the rest?





All together ... [all from (d,p)-reaction data]



Same net change, but different trend ...





These lectures ends here, the '³⁴Si story' is a great example of well-targeted nuclear-reaction studies and wonderfully well done measurements, given the obstacles.

(However, the story doesn't end here. You can read the original papers and an interesting follow up [BPK, C. R. Hoffman, and A. O. Macchiavelli, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 182502 (2017)])





Closing remarks

The future: facilities in the US and elsewhere have worked to develop exotic beams, we on the precipice an era of exotic-beam physics – the next decade or so will be very exciting as, e.g., FRIB comes on line, other facilities too

(We should not forget, many major works in the last decade or so have also been done with more modest set ups, facilities ... exotic beams are not the be-all and end-all.)

How we practice physics is important. Models have to be understood, their limitations appreciated, and marginal data not pushed too far. Precision and clarity is essential.



Closing remarks

Transfer reactions, especially those induced by 'simple' projectiles and carried out at energies a few MeV/u above the Coulomb barrier, allow us to infer a great deal about nuclear structure.

The reduced cross sections provide consistent, quantitative nuclear-structure information.

Major text books, monographs, conferences, and 1000s of paper have been dedicated this subject over the 50 years. (In just a few hours I missed out on 99% of the it, I suspect.)

I hope I showed you a few interesting examples, with techniques directly applicable to exciting new measurements with the available/anticipated EBs here in the US and elsewhere – already there are many obvious questions to ask / address.

A major challenge is to bring our instrumentation up to date in order to exploit the weakest exotic beams, to be able to do detailed charged-particle spectroscopy as was done yesteryear.









Closing remarks

It takes a community community ... small labs, to behemoths, are all essential parts of the puzzle

and YOU!

The vitality of nuclear physics, in the US and internationally, depends on a vibrant and diverse

