# Level Structure of ${}^{32,34}P$ : What do we learn about the $f_{7/2} - p_{3/2}$ energy gap ?

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# Introduction & Motivation



What happens to the nuclear structure in between the valley of stability And the island of inversion? The region between: The valley of stability & Island of Inversion

is a highly transitional region





### In fact, the shell does evolve, ..... due to the tensor force.

[Otsuka et al., *PRL* 95 (05) 232502] [Otsuka et al., *PRL* 97 (06) 162501]





Thus, the single-particle orbits <u>may migrate</u> leading to a possible change in shell structure. Important to have experimental spectroscopic study in this transitional region of the nuclear landscape



# How to populate neutron-rich nuclei?

Reactions employed in earlier investigations of nuclei in the vicinity of the island of inversion

#### **β-decay**

Nathan et al, PRC 15, 1448(1977)

#### **Heavy ion collision**

Fornal et al PRC49 ,2413(1994)

Intermediate energy coulomb excitation

Pritychenko et al, PRC62,051601®(2000)

**Deuteron inelastic scattering** I.Iwasa et al., PRC67 (2003)064315

#### **Deep inelastic**

R.Broda, J.Phys. G32, R151(2006)

**Transfer/deep inelastic** 

Krishichayan et al, Eur.Phys.J.A29,151(2006)

Limited in terms of population of higher angular momentum states. Coincident binary emission has to be taken care of for transfer/deep inelastic reaction. Complicated setup and more presorting required

#### **Solution:**

Use <u>Fusion-evaporation reaction</u> using a neutron-rich target and/or a neutron-rich projectile

# **Experimental Details**



Beam	<sup>18</sup> O
Beam current	~ 20 nA
Beam energy	<b>34 MeV</b>
Target	<sup>18</sup> O (Tantalum
	Oxide)
Detector	7CLOVER
configuration	detectors
<b>Event rate</b>	~ 1.3k/s
<b>Events recorded</b>	~1 Billion γ-γ
	coincidences

DATA Acquisition System: CAMAC Based multi-parameter system "LAMPS"

# <sup>18</sup>O+<sup>18</sup>O@34MeV



Detector Array





### Inter University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi

18 Clover detectors: 3 at ~32<sup>0,</sup> 4 at ~57<sup>0</sup>, 5 at ~90<sup>0</sup>, 3 at ~123<sup>0</sup>, 3 at ~148<sup>0.</sup>

# <sup>16</sup>O+<sup>18</sup>O@34MeV

#### INDIAN NATIONAL GAMMA ARRAY



# Fusion-evaporation has resulted in considerable enhancement of production of <sup>34</sup>P



Excitation function of residual nuclei produced in the compound nuclear Reaction <sup>18</sup>O + <sup>18</sup>O.

#### Krishichayan *et al* EPJA 29,151 (2006)



R. Chakrabarti et al PRC 80, 034326 (2009)

# How to investigate the structure of the Nucleus?

In-beam Gamma ray spectroscopy



# Results



Projection spectrum: <sup>18</sup>O + <sup>18</sup>O @ 34 MeV

Populated nuclei: <sup>33,34</sup>S, <sup>33,34</sup>P, <sup>30,31,32</sup>Si









#### Phys. Rev. C 80, 034326 (2009)

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**Determination of Mulipolarity** 

<sup>16</sup>O + <sup>18</sup>O @ 34MeV



Gate on 1677 kev or 1689 keV at detectors at 32° or 148° not possible due to Doppler effects !!





Theoretical calculations done using code: ANGCOR

#### Magnetic or Electric??

 Electric transition results in a preferential scattering in perpendicular direction (with respect to the reaction plane).

✓ While a magnetic transition indicates a preferential scattering in parallel direction.



Clover detector has *uniquely* facilitated polarization measurements. Each crystal acts as a scatterer while the adjacent crystals act as absorbers.

Background subtracted difference spectrum for perpendicular and parallel coincidences in  $^{33}P$  (gate on 1848 keV). The electric  $\gamma$ -ray transition shows positive peak, whereas the magnetic  $\gamma$ -ray transition shows negative peak.

Asymmetric matrices generated:
One axis corresponds to perpendicular or parallel scattered events in clovers at 90<sup>0</sup>
Other axis corresponds to total energy deposited in any of the other detectors.



#### **Experimental Linear Polarization measurement**

$$\Delta_{IPDCO} = \frac{aN_{\perp} - N_{\parallel}}{aN_{\perp} + N_{\parallel}}$$

 $N_{\perp}$  = Number of photons with a given energy scattered along the direction  $\perp$  to the reaction plane  $N_{\parallel}$  = Number of photons with a given energy scattered along the direction  $\parallel$  to the reaction plane

$$a = rac{N_{\parallel}(unpolarized)}{N_{\perp}(unpolarized)}$$

$$P_{\exp}(\theta) = \Delta/Q,$$

**Theoretical Polarization measurement** 

$$P_{cal}(90^0) = \pm \frac{3a_2H_2 - 7.5a_4H_4}{2 - a_2 + 0.75a_4}$$

 $H_2$  and  $H_4$  are linear polarization mixing coefficients (Derived for L = 2, L' =3 transitions)

 $a_2$  and  $a_4$  are angular distribution coefficients

$$P(\theta) = \frac{W(\theta, \psi = 0) - W(\theta, \psi = \pi/2)}{W(\theta, \psi = 0) + W(\theta, \psi = \pi/2)}$$

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$$H_{2}(L = 1, L' = 2) = \frac{f_{2}(11) - (2/3)\delta f_{2}(12) + \delta^{2} f_{2}(22)}{f_{2}(11) + 2\delta f_{2}(12) + \delta^{2} F_{2}(22)}$$

$$H_4(L=1, L'=2) = -1/6$$

$$H_2(L=2, L'=3) = \frac{-f_2(22) - \delta f_2(23) + (2/3)\delta^2 f_2(33)}{f_2(22) + 2\delta f_2(23) + \delta^2 f_2(33)}$$

$$H_4(L=2, L'=3) = \frac{5f_4(22) - 2\delta f_4(23) + 20\delta f_4(33)}{30(f_4(22) + 2\delta f_4(23) + \delta^2 f_4(33))}$$





Lifetime of 2305 keV level :  $0.3ns \le t_{1/2} \le 2.5ns$  <sup>[1]</sup>

Half-life (ns)	Mixing ratio	Reduced transition probabilities							
	$(\delta)$	M	2/E3	E2/M3					
		<i>B(M2)</i> (W.u.)	<i>B</i> ( <i>E</i> 3) (W.u.)	B(E2) (W.u.)	<i>B</i> ( <i>M</i> 3) (W.u.)				
0.3	-1.03 -0.27	0.207	372.681	0.006	12520.654				
2.5	-1.03 -0.27	0.025 0.048	44.722 5.903	0.001 0.001 0.001	1502.478 198.317				

#### Conclusion: 1876 keV is plausibly a M2+E3 transition 2305 keV level : $J^{\pi} = 4^{-}$

 M. Asai, T. Ishii, A. Makishima, M. Ogawa, and M. Matsuda, in *Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Fission and Properties of Neutron-Rich Nuclei*, edited by J. H. Hamilton, A. V. Ramayya, and H. K. Carter (World Scientific, Singapore, 2002), pp. 295–297.

#### Half-life of the $I^{\pi} = 4^{-}$ Intruder State in <sup>34</sup>P: M2 Transition Strengths Approaching the Island of Inversion.

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# Experiment

50mg/cm<sup>2</sup> Ta<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O Enriched foil <sup>18</sup>O Beam from Bucharest Tandem (~20pnA)





Array 8 HPGe (unsuppressed) and 7 LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce detectors

-3 (2"x2") cylindrical -2 (1"x1.5") conical -2 (1.5"x1.5") cylindrical

#### Abstract

The half-life of the  $I^{\pi} = 4^{-}$  intruder state in <sup>34</sup>P has been measured as  $t_{1/2} = 2.0(1)$  ns using  $\gamma$ -ray coincidence, fast-timing techniques with the Bucharest HPGe and LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce detector array. Excited states in <sup>34</sup>P were populated using the <sup>18</sup>O(<sup>18</sup>O,pn)<sup>34</sup>P fusion-evaporation reaction at a beam

- Theoretical predictions suggest
  - 2<sup>+</sup> state based primarily on  $[\pi 2s_{1/2} \times (v1d_{3/2})^{-1}]$  configuration and
  - 4<sup>-</sup> state based primarily on  $[\pi 2s_{1/2} \times v 1f_{7/2}]$  configuration.
- Thus expect transition to go mainly via  $f_{7/2}$  -to-  $d_{3/2}$ , M2 transition.
- Different admixtures in 2<sup>+</sup> and 4<sup>-</sup> states allow mixed M2/E3 transition



[8] P.C. Bender *et al.*, in preparation (unpublished).

#### http://etd.lib.fsu.edu/theses/available/etd-08032011-134836/

Table 6.13: Summary of experimental data on <sup>34</sup>P. The B values are for the indicated multipolarity  $\lambda$ . In some cases more than one possible spin in compared to theory.

$E_x$	$E_{\gamma}$	$J_n^{\pi}$	$J_n^{\pi}$	Branch	Mean $\tau$	$a_2$	$a_4$	$\arctan(\delta)$	λ	B value	WBP-a	SDPF-S
(keV)	(keV)	initial	final	(%)	(ps)	11100000	10.00000000	(deg.)		(W.u.)	(W.u.)	(W.u.)
429	429	21	$1_{1}^{+}$	100	1.9(+9/-5))	-0.087	0.021	-5	M1	0.21(+8/-7)	0.33	
1608	1179	$1^{+}_{2}$	$2^{+}_{1}$	66	0.75(+65/-20))	-0.033	0.005		M1	0.017(+6/-7)	0.005	
	1607		$1_{1}^{+}$	34					M1	.004(+1/-2))	0.001	
2229	621	$2_{1}^{-}$	$1^{+}_{2}$	30	> 2.8	-0.121	0.064	-3	E1	$< 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$		
	1800		$2_{1}^{+}$	44					E1	$< 2.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$		
	2229		$1_{1}^{+}$	26					E1	$< 8 \cdot 10^{-6}$		
2305	1876	$4^{-}_{1}$	$2^{+}_{1}$	100	2900(290)	0.319	0.015	0	M2	0.064(6)	0.15	
2320	1891	$3_{1}^{-}$	$2_{1}^{+}$	100	> 10	-0.146	0.032	-3	E1	$< 1.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$		
100 10 10	4ħ →	2ħ 3ħ -= arctan(	2h 45 δ)		$h \rightarrow 2h$ $h \rightarrow 2h$ $3h \rightarrow 2$ 0.2 $0.4$ $0.6Cos^2(\theta)$	2ħ	1.4 1.2 Relative Intensity 8.0	0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.1 0 0 -0.1	•	1.03 I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	₹ 	(b) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -







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## Cross-shell excitations in <sup>30</sup>Al and <sup>30</sup>Si at high spin

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Such observations imply that the energies of the negative parity states are, to a good approximation, simple reduced by a common quantity with increasing neutron number, this may be naively interpreted as a reduction in the magnitude of the energy gap between the neutron Fermi surface and the fp shell.



#### **Shell Model calculations using Nushell Code**

#### Interaction: *sdpfmw*

For positive parity states: Calculations with full *sd* shell as valence space outside <sup>16</sup>O core

For negative parity and high-lying positive parity states: Desired valence space: Full *sdpf* outside <sup>16</sup>O core.



### Possible reasons behind the need to lower SPEs

- Inappropriate choice of Two-Body-Matrix-Elements.
  - The TBME used may not be optimized for this region.

Warburton *et al.* (Phys. Rev. C 41, 1147 (1990)) have developed an interaction which

- Optimized for A = 29 44
- Includes the necessary ingredients for the cross-shell terms

- Truncation of the model space
  - The truncation of the model space renders the ground state less bound, resulting in the excitation energies occurring at higher values compared to their experimental counterpart



Phys. Rev. C 71, 014316 (2005) <sup>34</sup>S sdpfmw 2 SDPF-M (Ref. [5]) ♦ sdpf (Ref. [5]) 1.5  $E_{theo.} - E_{expt.}$  (MeV) 0.5 0 -0.5 -1 10 3 5 7 8 9 4 6 Spin 2



<sup>30</sup>AI

#### **Sdpfmw interaction**

### No need for lowering SPE of $f_{7/2}$ or $p_{3/2}$



Plot of the difference between experimental and shell model predicted excitation energy of the negative parity states as a function of the number of particles (n) excited from  $1d_{5/2}$  orbital in <sup>30</sup>,<sup>32</sup>P.



Nushell calculations "sdpfmw interaction"

Valence space consists of  $1d_{5/2}$ ,  $2s_{1/2,}$ ,  $1d_{3/2}$ ,  $1f_{7/2}$ ,  $2p_{3/2}$ ,  $1f_{5/2}$ ,  $2p_{1/2}$  outside  $^{16}O$  core

<sup>34</sup>P:Comparison between theory & experiment in present work





#### Experimental E3/M2 mixing ratios could not be predicted by Shell model for N =19 nuclei

TABLE IV: Comparison between experimental and theoretical transition energies, excitation energies, mixing ratios and reduced transition probabilities in <sup>35</sup>S and <sup>37</sup>Ar.

$E_{\gamma}[l]$	${ m keV}]$	$E_x(J^{\pi}$	)[keV]	$ au[\mathrm{ns}]$	δ		B(M2)	[W.u.]	B(E3)	[W.u.]
Expt.	Theo.	Expt.	Theo.	from NNDC	Expt.	Theo.	Expt.	Theo.	Expt.	Theo.
35	ŚS									
1991	2738	1991	2738	1.02(5)	-0.19(8)	-0.05	0.088(5)	0.196	4.62	0.38
37	Ar									
1611	2680	1611	2680	4.37(9)	-0.12(1)	-0.08	0.058(13)	0.112	1.7(3)	0.50

### CONCLUSION

- Use of heavy-ion fusion reaction has resulted in population of high spin states.
- □ The 1876-keV transition de-exciting the 2305-keV level in <sup>34</sup>P was confirmed to be a mixed transition with a plausible M2/E3 admixture.

#### □ Shell model calculations

- □ successfully reproduced low-lying positive and negative parity states.
- □ No lowering of single particle energy as carried out by other workers.
- □ Omission of important configurations responsible for prediction of E<sub>x</sub> at higher energies compared to their experimental counterpart; as these get included theory approaches experiment.
- □ Shell model calculations reasonably successful in predicting the wave functions except in few cases, particularly the M2/E3 mixing in N=19 isotones.
- □ Need to perform the calculations within a larger model space and/or with an appropriate Hamiltonian (which includes microscopic intra- and inter shell interactions.)

# Shell model is successful in explaining the overall Structure with certain interesting exceptions





FIG. 7. Plot of the calculated  $R_{anist}$  as a function of mixing ratio for a  $J = 6 \rightarrow 4$  transition. The area between the horizontal lines represent the uncertainty in the observed  $R_{anist}$  of the 2418-keV transition.