

Single-Particle Structure in Neutron-rich calcium isotopes

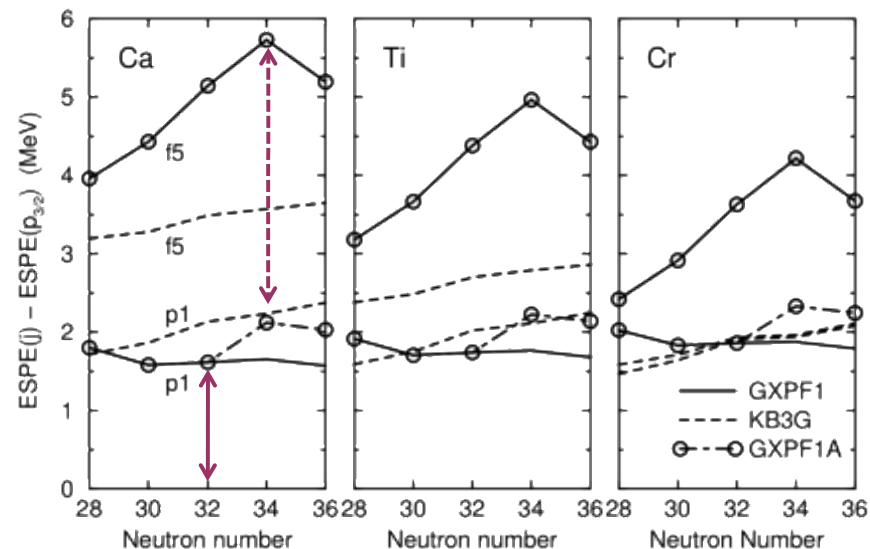
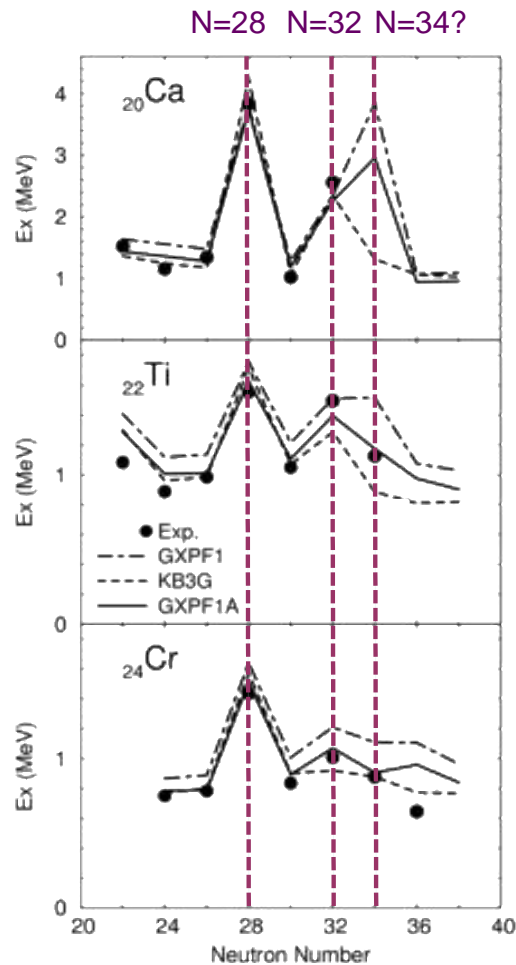
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2+ Energies

Predicted effective single-particle energies



- Neutron-rich region of the fp shell attracted interest associated with testing shell models, development of collectivity and with shell stability.
- For example, a $N=32$ gap in Ca disappears with increasing Z due to accumulating attractive effect on $\nu f_{5/2}$ by $\pi f_{7/2}$ closing gap beyond Cr.

Some shell model interactions predict a sizeable $N=34$ gap due to large $\nu f_{5/2}$ - $p_{1/2}$ separation:

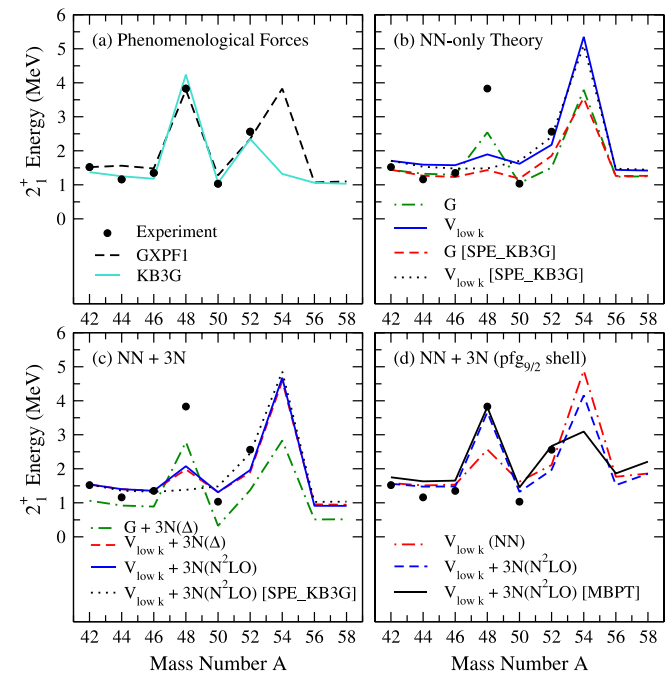
- GXPF1A: increases to $N=34$ due to trends in ESPE.
- KB3G: small and stays roughly constant.

Persists in more microscopic calculations,
albeit somewhat weaker than in GXPF1A.

Experimental situation difficult:

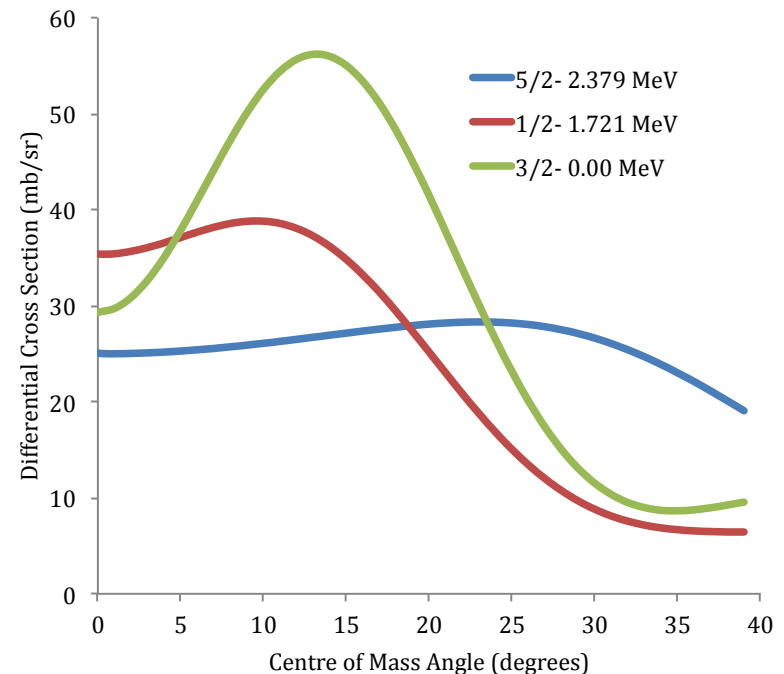
- ^{54}Ca direct spectroscopy very hard.
- Other approaches (out as far as ^{52}Ca) lead to ambiguous conclusions; usually only energies and tentative spins.

Probe single-particle nature of ground and low-lying states in ^{51}Ca using the (d,p) reaction.

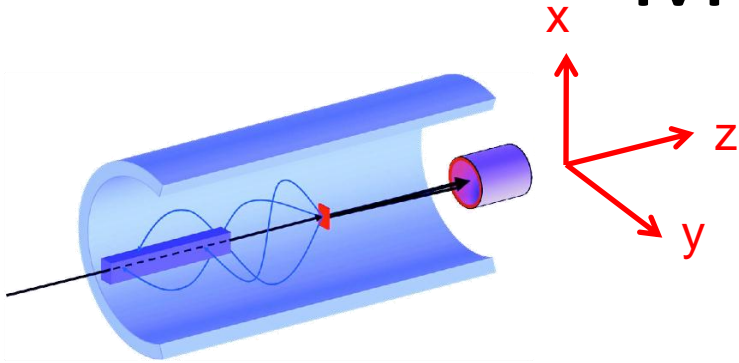


Experiment

- $d(^{50}\text{Ca}, p)$ @ 5.5 MeV/u.
- HIE energies give confidence to single-step mechanism.
- Expect at least 4×10^5 pps at HRS; $> 10^4$ on target.
- ^{50}Ti expected beam contaminant.
- Requires good Q-value resolution to disentangle, if beam and contaminant of the same order of magnitude.
- Monitoring of contaminant levels using Si/Bragg detector and passive beam attenuator.



Method: Solenoid



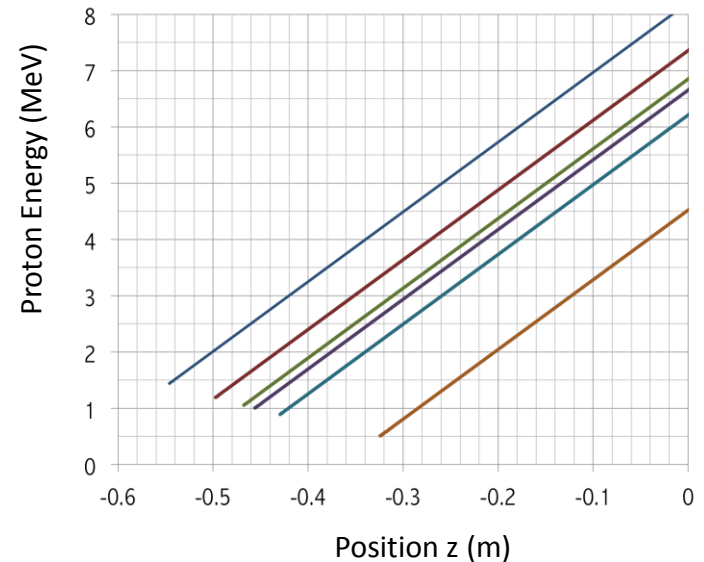
Measure: E_{lab} and z .

T_{cyc} for particle id, less important for (d,p)

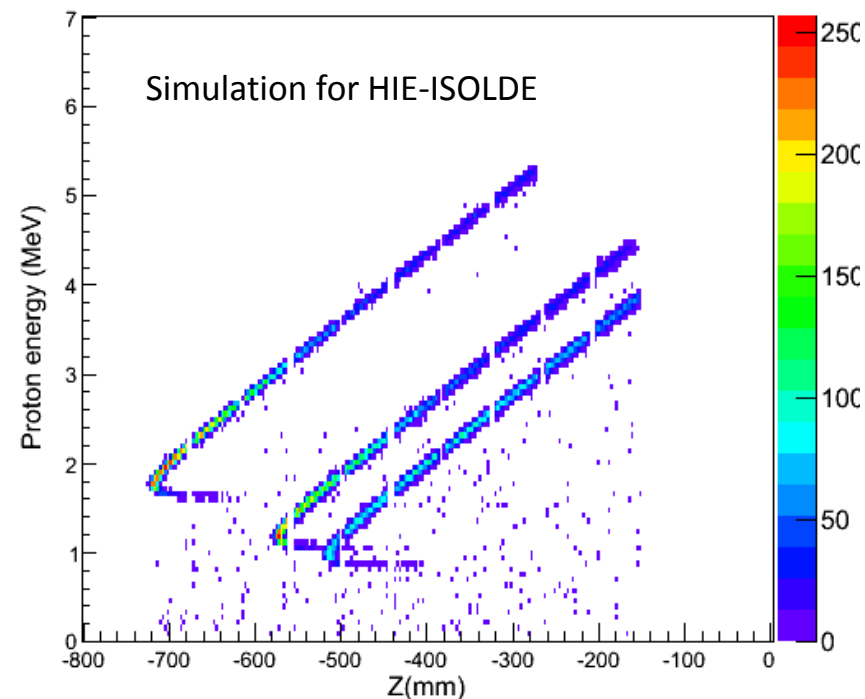
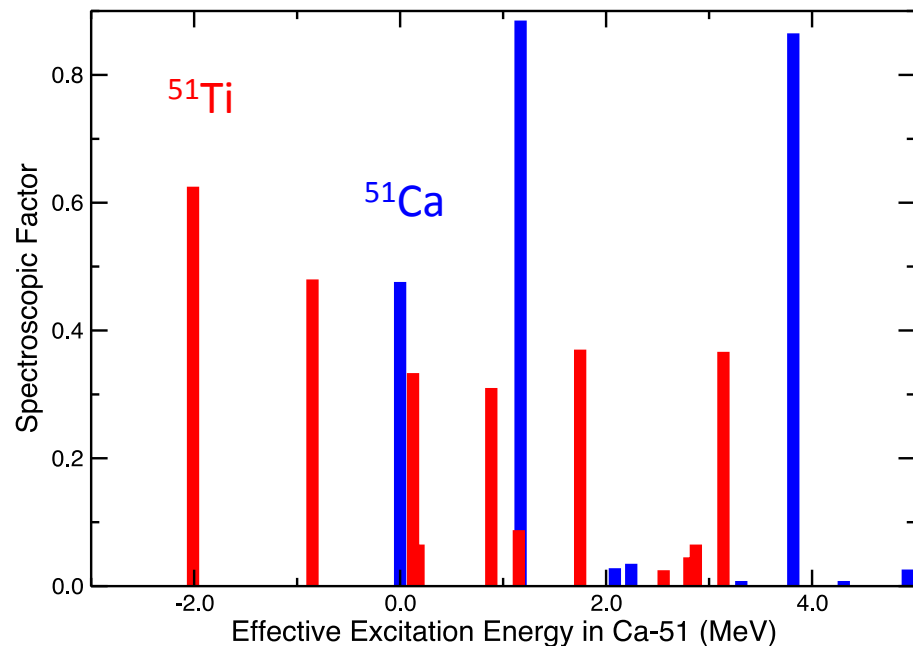
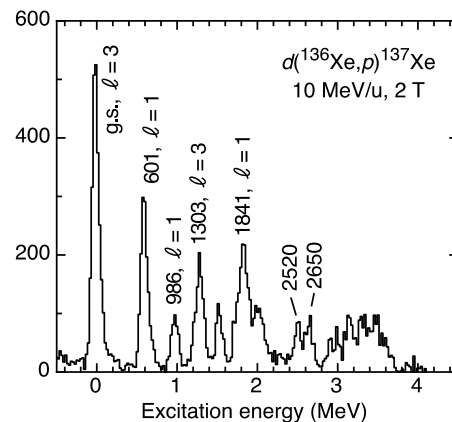
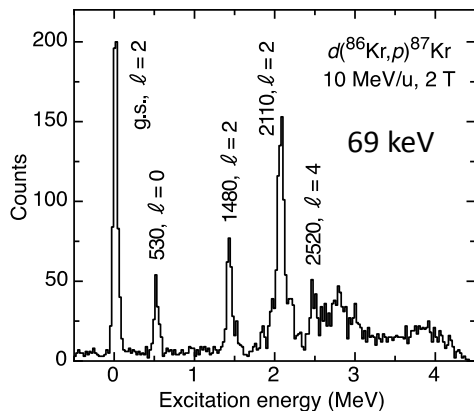
$$E_{cm} = E_{lab} + \frac{mV_{cm}^2}{2} - \frac{mzV_{cm}}{T_{cyc}}$$

- Solenoidal field, on-axis Si measure E_{lab} as function of z .
- Linear function, rotate to get E^* spectrum.
- E^* resolution combination of lab E_{lab} resolution (including Si resolution and beam spot size) and contribution from z resolution (small), if beam energy is well defined.
- If target losses significant, limits E_{lab} resolution, but NOT compounded in E^* by compression.

Example: $d(^{132}\text{Sn}, p)^{133}\text{Sn}$ @ 8 MeV/u 2T

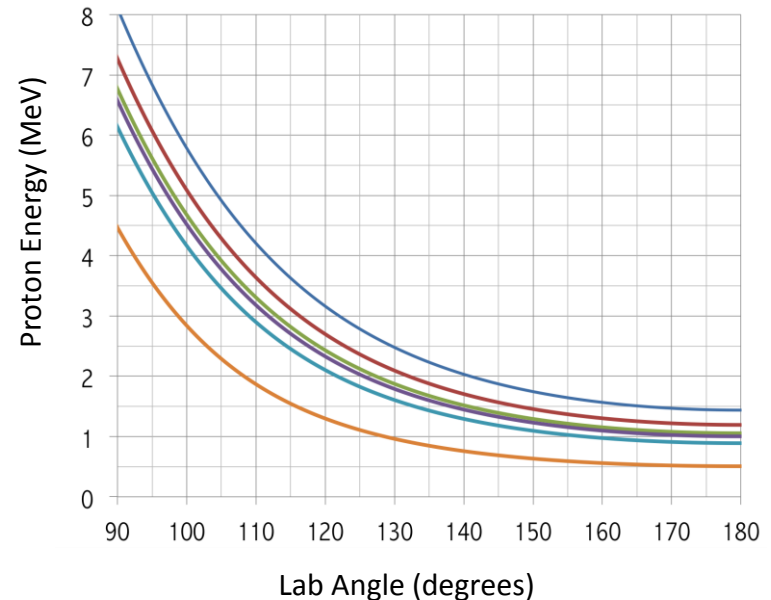


- Requires <120 keV resolution to cope with beam contaminant.
- Requires measurement of ground-state.
- Solenoid will provide ~80keV: simulation with 0.1% energy resolution, 3mm beam spot and 100 μ g/cm² target.
- Similar to expectations based on HELIOS operation at Argonne.
- Estimate in 10 shifts could measure down to a level of C²S=10%.



Method: Si array only

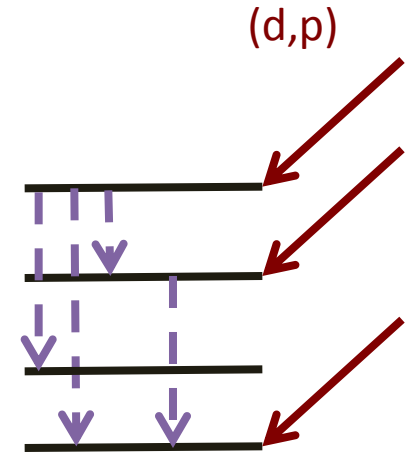
- Traditional Si array:
measure E_{lab} as function of ϑ_{lab} .
- Kinematic shift limits E_p resolution by opening angle.
- Transformation LAB (E_{lab}) to CM (E^*) is non-linear. Compression of E_{lab} spectrum to E^* spectrum, compounds effective Q-value resolution.
- If target losses are a significant contribution gives E_{lab} resolution similar to solenoid, compounded in E^* spectrum by compression.



$$\kappa = \frac{1}{p} \frac{dp}{d\theta}$$

Method: Si plus gammas

- Traditional Si array: measure E_p as function of ϑ_{lab} with γ -ray coincidences.
- Thick target to compensate ε_γ but compromises E_p resolution.
- Very best resolution in E_γ so precise energy levels.
- Need BR and ε_γ for absolute yield of coincidences; may or may not be well known or well measured.
- Always need particle spectrum for angular distribution; poor resolution, but may be cleaned by E_γ gate.
- Could use $p\text{-}\gamma(\vartheta)$ correlation analysis; needs statistics.
- Can't do ground state and difficult with long isomers.



*Excellent energy resolution.
Usually at mercy of feeding
pattern when comes to
deducing reaction yield and
angular distribution.*

Conclusions?

- What Q-value resolution do we really need?

Always cases of close doublets?

Often tens of keV okay: selectivity of reactions often leads to low level density in observed spectrum?

But higher energy regions? Especially with deformation?

Coped near stability with 10-50 keV with traditional magnetic spectrometers?

- What method do we really need?

Flexibility to suit science case, and generate biggest scientific return.

Development of both to find ultimate solution:

e.g. Add Ge to solenoid? TRS in-ring Si array? Solenoid after TRS? etc.

