

Properties of low-lying intruder states in ^{34}Al and ^{34}Si populated in the beta-decay of ^{34}Mg

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The results of the IS530 experiment at ISOLDE revealed new information concerning several nuclei close to the $N=20$ 'Island of Inversion' – ^{34}Mg , ^{34}Al , ^{34}Si . The half-life of ^{34}Mg was found to be three times larger than the adopted value (63(1) ms instead of 20(10) ms). The beta-gamma spectroscopy of ^{34}Mg performed in this experiment for the first time led to the first experimental level scheme for ^{34}Al , also showing that the full beta strength goes through the predicted $1+$ isomer in ^{34}Al and/or excited states that deexcite towards it. The subsequent beta-decay of the $1+$ isomer in ^{34}Al allowed the observation of new gamma lines in ^{34}Si , (tentatively) associated with low-spin high-energy excited states (most probably $1+$, $2+$) previously unobserved.

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