I did something cool at CERN - ISOLDE

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Abstract

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Test [1]

Test 2 [?]

kinsim [2]

The experiment has been done before, with lower energy (and another target), Malin Klintefjord. http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-56121

Experiment conducted 8th - 14th of August 2017.

Chapter 2

Theory?

Quadrupole deformation of nuclei.

Shape coexistence possible for certain regions of N and Z.

- triaxial shape / shape coexistence
- benchmark for theoretical models
- transition probabilities and quadrupole moments between several excited states are not known
- fundamental research

Chapter 3

Coulomb excitation experiment

Table of abbreviations and symbols?

Table 3.1: Acronyms and abbreviations.

CERN	European Council for Nuclear Research (in French Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire)
ISOL	Isotope Separator On Line
ISOLDE	Isotope Separator On Line DEvice
PSB	Proton Synchrotron Booster
GPS	General Purpose Separator
HRS	High Resolution Separator
EBIS	Electron Beam Ion Source
REXEBIS	Radioactive beam EXperiment EBIS
RILIS	Resonance Ionization Laser Ion Source
HIE-ISOLDE	High Intensity and Energy upgrade
RIB	Radioactive Ion Beam
ENSAR2	European Nuclear Science and Applications Research - 2
Linac	Linear accelerator
ADC	Analog-to-Digital Converter
TDC	Time-to-Digital Converter (or time digitizer)
Coulex	Coulomb excitation

Why CoulEx? https://iks32.fys.kuleuven.be/wiki/brix/images/5/58/10_20151123_Illana_BriX15_web.pdf

- nucleus excited by electromagnetic interaction.
- de-excitation → gamma

Oppgavens mål:
The ISOLDE facility at CERN has been upgraded to provide higher energies

and intensities for radioactive ion beams. A new experiment to study 140Sm was performed in the summer of 2017. The goal of the experiment was to measure electromagnetic transition probabilities and electric quadrupole moments for several excited states in 140Sm by measuring Coulomb excitation probabilities. A large data set was obtained using silicon detectors to determine the energies and angles of scattered particles, and germanium detectors to measure gamma rays from excited states in 140Sm.

The goal of the master thesis is to analyze the data from this experiment. The required tasks include development and improvement of data analysis software to determine Coulomb excitation yields. These yields will then, in a second step, be compared to theoretical calculations and transition probabilities and quadrupole moments will be extracted using chi-square minimization procedures.

Prosjektbeskrivelse (omfang 60 studiepoeng):

The shape of an atomic nucleus is determined by a delicate interplay between macroscopic (liquid drop) properties and microscopic shell effects. Nuclei with filled proton or neutron shells (i.e. magic nuclei) are generally spherical in shape, whereas nuclei with open shells gain energy by assuming a deformed shape. Depending on the occupation of specific orbitals, the nuclear shape can change drastically by adding or removing protons or neutrons. Certain nuclei exhibit shape coexistence, i.e. the coexistence of quantum states that correspond to different shapes. Because the shape of a nucleus is so sensitive to the underlying nuclear structure and to changes of the proton and neutron numbers, the excitation energy, or the angular momentum, observables related to the nuclear shape are used as benchmarks for theoretical models.

Nuclei in the rare earth region, and in particular the chain of samarium isotopes, exhibit a variety of shape effects. The Sm isotope with closed neutron shell at N=82, 144Sm, is spherical in shape. Adding neutrons to 144Sm changes the deformation to an elongated (prolate) quadrupole shape. The transition from spherical to prolate shape, which occurs for 152Sm at N=90, can be interpreted as a shape-phase transition. Flattened (oblate) quadrupole shapes are predicted by theory to occur below the N=82 shell closure. An earlier experiment studying 140Sm at CERN-ISOLDE found triaxial shape for this isotope, i.e. a shape where all three principal axes of the ellipsoid have different lengths. 140Sm can therefore be considered to lie at the critical point of a phase transition from spherical to deformed, and from prolate to oblate shape.

Foreløpig tittel:

Coulomb excitation of 140Sm

Metoder som tenkes benyttet:

Multi-step Coulomb excitation with radioactive beam, isotope separation on-line technique, nuclear spectroscopy, particle-gamma and particle gamma-gamma coincidence analysis, advanced chi-square minimization procedures.

3.1 ISOLDE at CERN

ISOLDE is a radioactive ion beam facility at CERN in Meyrin, Switzerland. The facility can produce over 1000 different radionuclides to be used in a wide variety of experiments in nuclear physics, atomic physics, solid state physics, life sciences and fundamental interactions. Experiments have been performed at ISOLDE since 1967 and since 2001 experiments with post-accelerated radioactive ion beams (RIBs) have been conducted. New / moved facility in 1992, to the place as we know it today. The high intensity and energy upgrade (HIE-ISOLDE) have made it possible to deliver energies up to 10 MeV/u in 2018 [**?**]. Cite: http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6471/aa990f and http://www.scholarpedia.org/article/The_ISOLDE_facility

ISOLDE http://isolde.web.cern.ch and http://isolde.web.cern.ch/sites/isolde.web.cern.ch/files/NuclPhysNew-ISOLDE_0.pdf and http://www.scholarpedia.org/article/The_ISOLDE_facility and http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6471/aa5f03/pdf

HIE-ISOLDE http://hie-isolde-project.web.cern.ch, technical design http://cds.cern.ch/record/2635892?ln=en, direct to doc: http://cds.cern.ch/record/2635892/files/HIE-ISOLDE_TDR.pdf

3.1.1 Beam production

ISOLDE experimental hall (make flow chart or show overview over the hall):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{p}^+ \text{ (from PSB)} \rightarrow\ & \text{Production target} \rightarrow \text{GPS} \rightarrow \text{RILIS} \rightarrow \text{REXTRAP?} \rightarrow \\ & \text{REXEBIS} \rightarrow \text{HIE-ISOLDE} \rightarrow \text{MINIBALL} \end{aligned}$$

A proton beam of 1.4 GeV ($\sim 10^{18}$ protons) from the PSB comes into the ISOLDE facility and collide with a production target of tantalum, producing the elements in the chart of nuclides up to tantalum. The proton beam can collide in one of the two target stations, the general purpose separator (GPS) or the high resolution separator (HRS). The GPS has one bending magnet and can deliver beams of different mass simultaneously into three beam lines, while the HRS has two bending magnets with high mass resolving power and deliver the beam into the main (or common) beam line. In this experiment, the GPS was used. The fragments travels in the beam line onward to the GPS where the mass of $A = 140$ (isobar) is selected (separated from the rest).

GPS or RILIS first??

RILIS or REXEBIS for ionization of the atom?

The resonance ionization laser ion source (RILIS) uses the method of step-wise excitation and ionization of the atom. It is a three step excitation, where the last step leads to the ionization. RILIS selects samarium with laser (element selective process, samarium $Z = 62$). RILIS is used to produce ion beams of the correct element.

REXTRAP. Penning trap

REXEBIS excites the nucleus in three steps ionizing the atom, which leaves the nucleus in a high charge state.

The HIE-linac accelerates the beam through the beam line and magnets bend the beam into MINIBALL.

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"The General Purpose Separator (GPS) has one bending magnet and an electrostatic switchyard allowing the simultaneous extraction of three mass separated beams." http://isolde.web.cern.ch/targets-and-separators

ISOLDE GPS++ https://cds.cern.ch/record/2025701/files/epjconf_inpc2013_11005.pdf

"The RILIS is a chemically selective ion source which relies on resonant excitation of atomic transitions using tunable laser radiation." http://rilis.web.cern.ch

"The principal application of RILIS is the production of ion beams of elements required for ISOLDE experiments. ... laser ionization is required to be only an element-selective process" http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6471/aa78e0

Figure 3.1 shows the CERN accelerator complex [3]. ISOLDE is located beside the PSB.

Magnets....

Ebis: charge breader: release beam with certain energy.

high-performance charge breeder (CB). CB based on the Electron Beam Ion Source (EBIS) technology – an EBIS Charge Breeder (ECB)

HIE-ISOLDE (Superconducting Linac Upgrade): Linear accelerator, HIE-linac

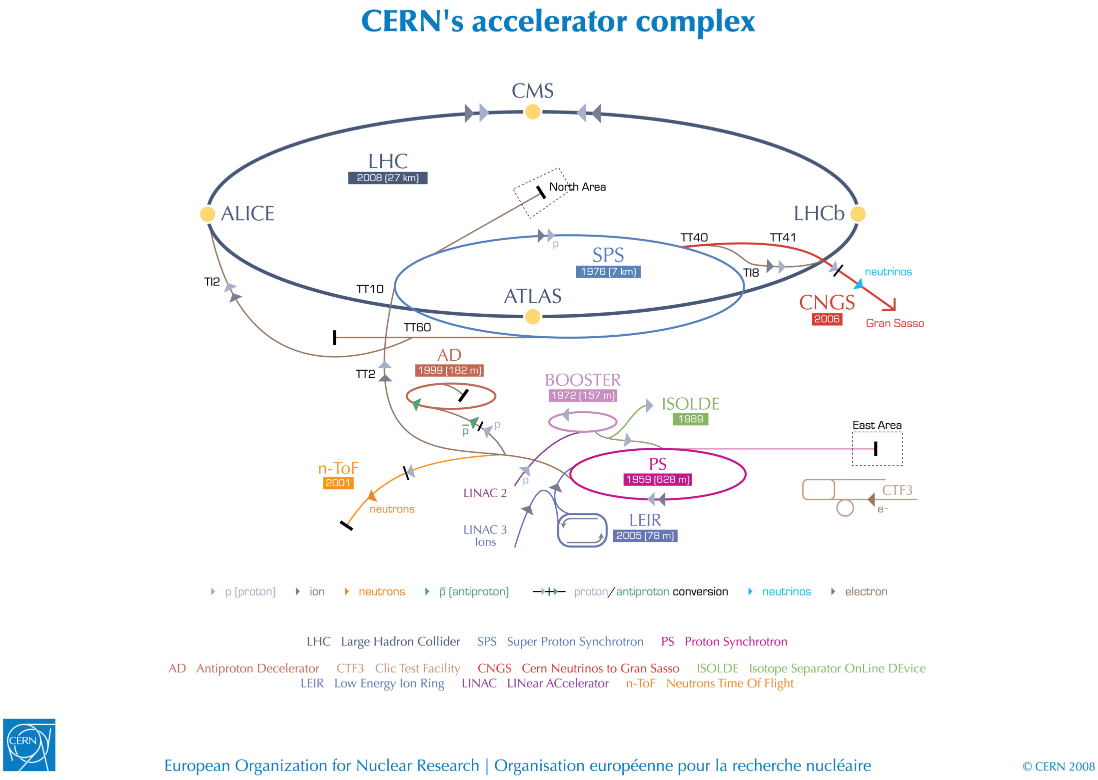

Figure 3.1: The CERN accelerator complex. ISOLDE gets accelerated protons from LINAC 2 and the PS BOOSTER.

Post-accelerated beams ISOLDE http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6471/aa78ca

ISOLDE actually uses the most protons at CERN [ref?].

Very pure beam (did we have statistics of this?)

PSB https://home.cern/science/accelerators/proton-synchrotron-booster

REX-ISOLDE http://rex-isolde.web.cern.ch

RILIS http://rilis.web.cern.ch and http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6471/aa78e0/meta and https://www.research.manchester.ac.uk/portal/files/60831252/FULL_TEXT.PDF and https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0168583X13008914?via%3Dihub

MINIBALL http://isolde.web.cern.ch/experiments/miniball and https://www.miniball.york.ac.uk/wiki/Main_Page

ENSAR2 http://www.ensarfp7.eu

Beam production http://tuprints.ulb.tu-darmstadt.de/4599/1/TUDthesis_Christoph%20Seiffert.pdf

Test [3], copyright: https://copyright.web.cern.ch

CERN Document Server https://cds.cern.ch

3.1.2 Target

^{208}Pb was chosen as a target. Want high Z so that the probability of excitation is high. Not enough beam energy to excite ^{208}Pb.

Highest Z for maximum excitation probability.
Contamination... finger print [picture]

3.2 Miniball

Pictures https://cds.cern.ch/record/844871?ln=en

3.2.1 Particle detector, DSSSD (CD)

16 rings, 12 strips effectively (24 strips, 12 pairs with two strips making a pair)
Angle coverage: [18.4°, 56.7°]

3.2.2 γ detectors, HPGe

24 six-fold segmented. 8 clusters of 3 crystals each. Each crystal segmented in 6 parts (144 segments in total).

Cryo-modules

3.3 Experimental setup

^{140}Sm Coulomb excitation experiment.
Experiment code: IS558
Ta: tantalum (Z = 73)
Sm: samarium (Z = 62)
Pb: lead (Z = 82)

Beam: ^{140}Sm($T_{1/2} \approx 15$ min, 4.65 MeV/u, total 651 MeV), excellent purity
Target: ^{208}Pb(Thickness: 1.4 mg/cm^2)

Small angle: Forward scattering: Larger distance, weaker EM-field, less excitation probability.

Large angle: Backward scattering: Closer distance, stronger EM-field, higher excitation probability.

Expect to measure transition probabilities $B(E2)$ and quadrupole moment (nuclear deformation).

Level scheme (from Klintefjord?)

Chapter 4

Data analysis

ROOT: analysere data

kinsim3 https://github.com/lpgaff/kinsim + SRIM http://www.srim.org

+Experiment code: IS553

Ni: nickel (Z = 28)

Ba: barium (Z = 56)

particle-gamma and particle-gamma-gamma coincidence

4.1 Calibration

4.1.1 Particle detector

ADC: Analog to digital converter (Mesytec)

TDC: Time to digital converter

DSSSD: Double-Sided Silicon Strip Detector $\implies$ CD

must remove the inner ring from data analysis because of damage

$$gain = \frac{E_{Sm} - E_{Pb\ or\ Ni}}{Ch_{Sm} - Ch_{Pb\ or\ Ni}}$$

$$offset = E_{Sm} - gain \cdot Ch_{Sm}$$

in keV.

4.1.2 Gamma detectors

DGF: Digital γ finder

4.2 Doppler correction

Chapter 5

Experimental results

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Summary and outlook

Appendices

Appendix A

Some Appendix

Appendix B

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