Transfer ³He(X,n)Y reactions for nuclear structure studies: development of a new sputtered ³He target.

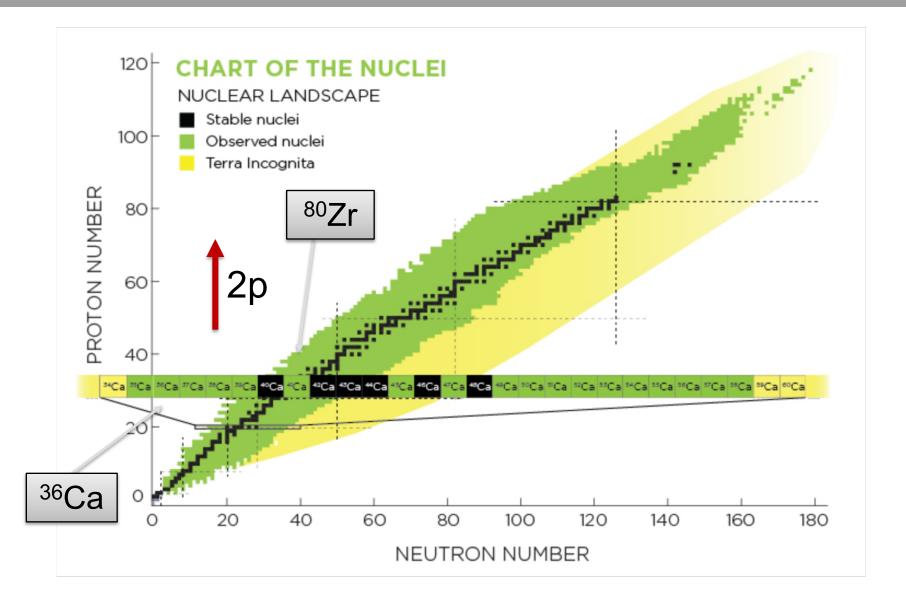
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Overview

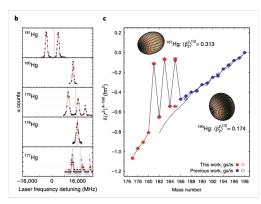
- Motivation for the development of a solid ³He target
 - Population of 0⁺ states inverse kinematics RIB
 - ps lifetime measurements
- Physics examples for a solid ³He target
 - The N=Z ⁸⁰Zr case
 - The CMED in ³⁶Ca-³⁶S
- The challenge of producing a solid ³He target
- Some preliminary results
- Summary

What can we reach with (³He,n)?

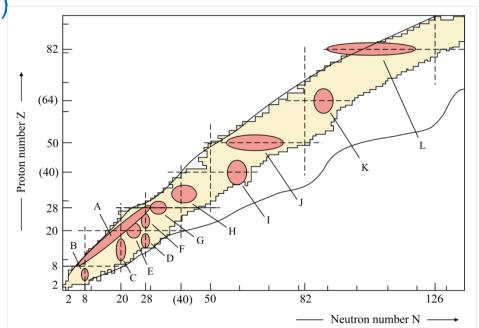


Study of the low-lying states

- Intruder 0+ configurations competing in energy with the 0p-0h 0+ one. Interplay between pairing (driving nuclei to spherical shapes) and residual interactions.
- How to measure shape coexistence? Transfer reaction in inverse kinematics with RIBs
 - Conversion electrons p(E0)
 - Lifetime measurements
 - Coulomb excitation
 - Isotope shifts (radii)



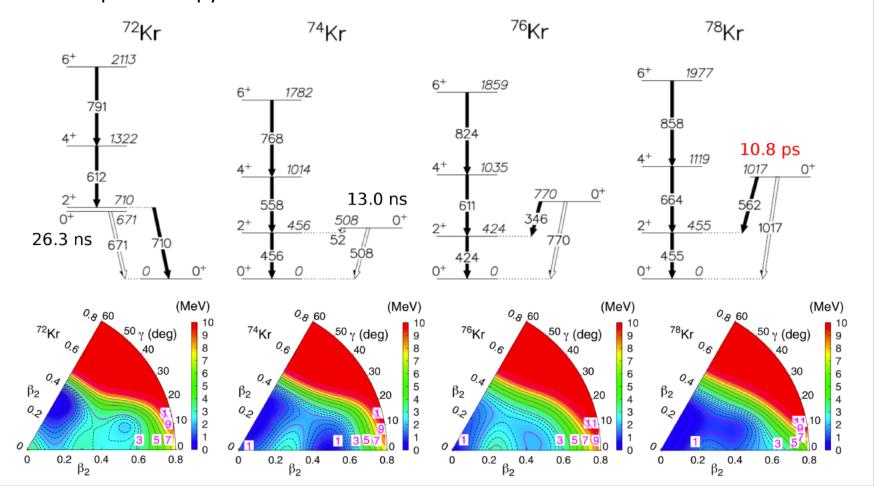
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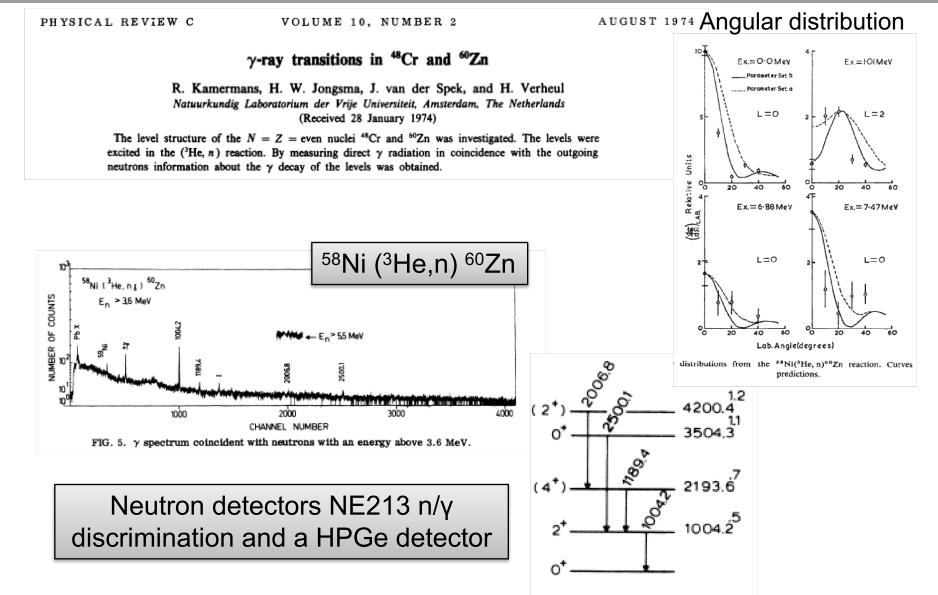
Shape coexistance in Kr isotpes

delayed conversion electron spectroscopy

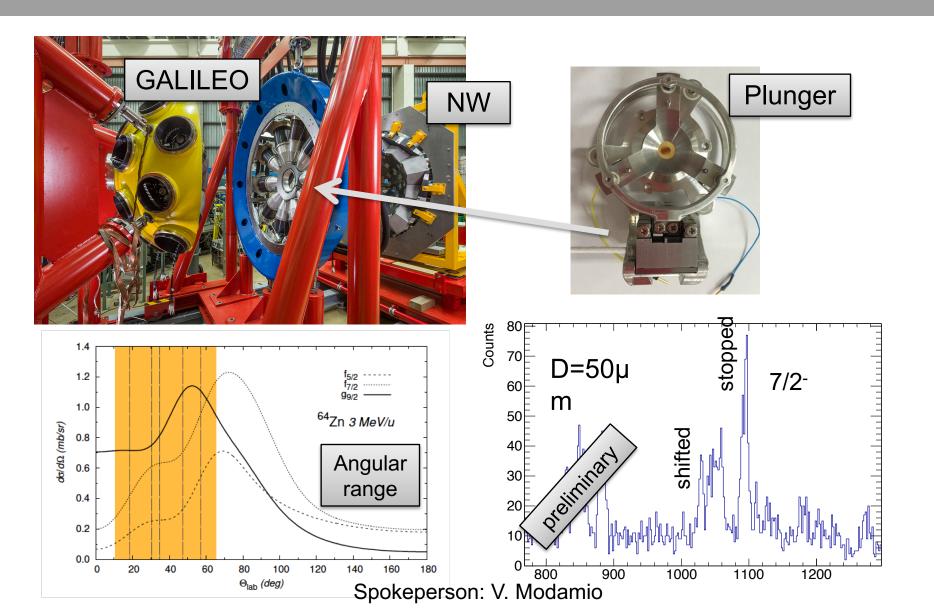


Transfer reactions ³He,n

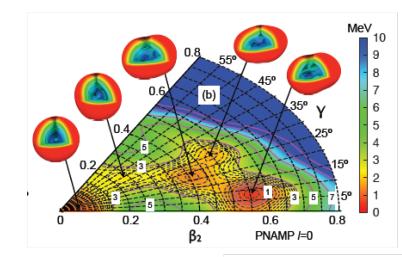
Let's look at one example: ⁶⁰Zn



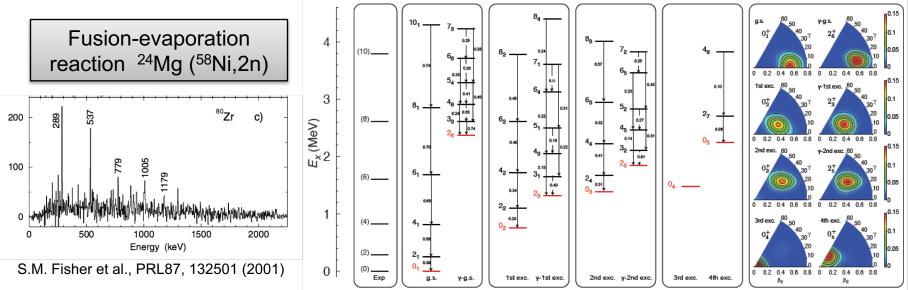
⁶⁴Zn(d,n)⁶⁵Ga lifetimes 3 MeV.A



Shape coexistence in ⁸⁰Zr



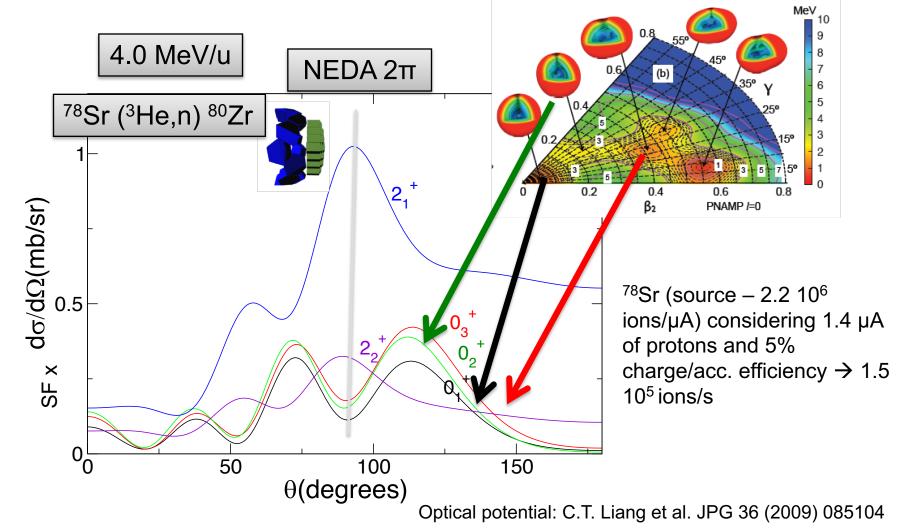
Five 0+ states below 2.25 MeV that correspond to different minima in the triaxial potential energy landscape which constitutes a unique example of multiple shape coexistence in the nuclear chart.



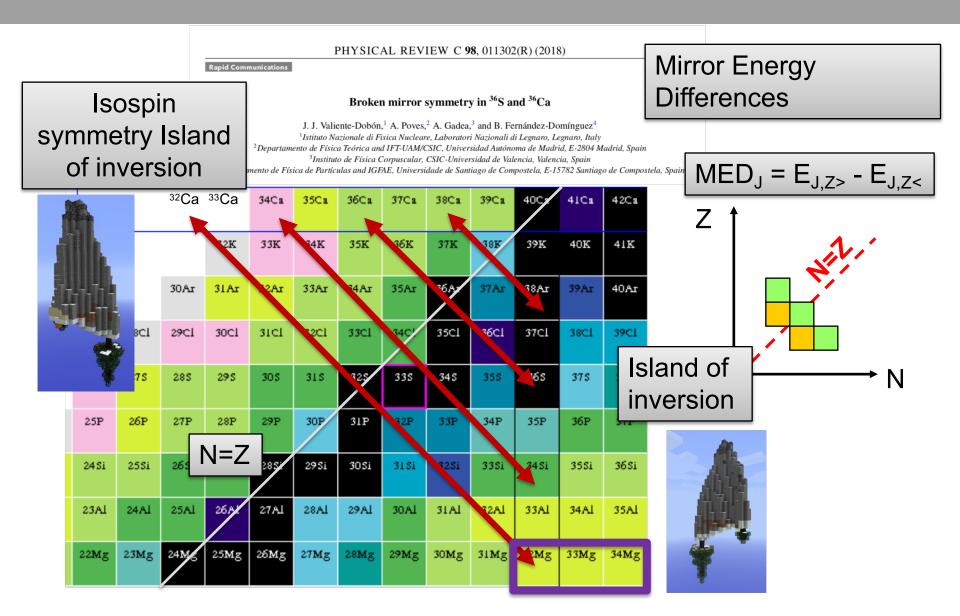
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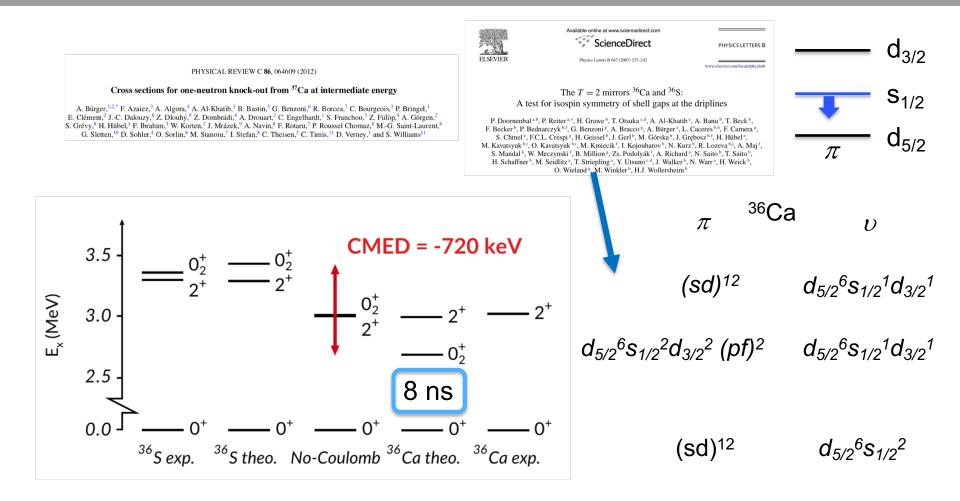
DWBA calculations (Twofnr) – One step process



Broken mirrors: the ³⁶Ca-³⁶S case



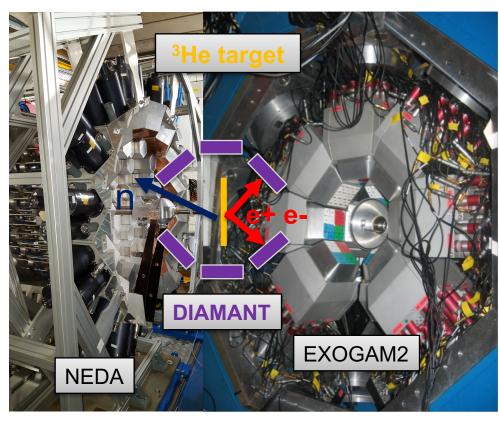
LSSM calculations for ³⁶Ca-³⁶S



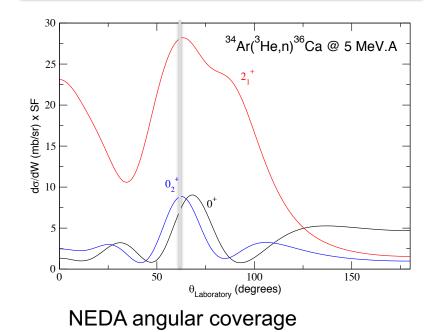
- Sdpfu-mix interaction: model space (sdpf) πv and (sd) πv
- two-body matrix elements of the Coulomb potential

How to measure the CMED in ³⁶Ca?

- Populate the 0_2^+ via ³⁴Ar (³He,n) ³⁶Ca 5MeV.A
- Measure the 0⁺ → 0⁺ transition internal pair production e⁺e⁻ The e+e- pair production branch in the 0+ → 0+ transition is 50 more intense than the EC branch.
- E_{e+e-} = 2700 1022 ~ 1700 keV (DIAMANT to measure)
- Solid ³He target (patent)
- Exp. apparata: EXOGAM2, DIAMANT, NEDA



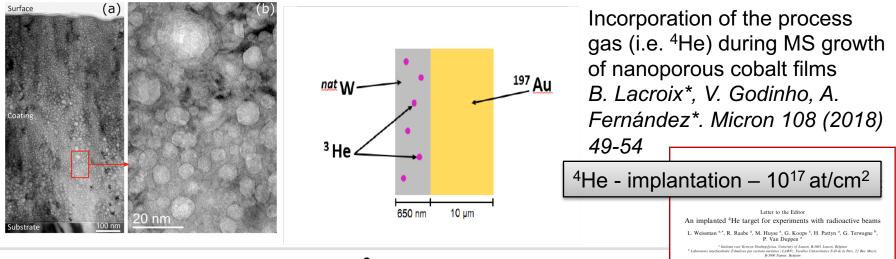
DWBA calculations (Twofnr) – One step process – Abs value for evaluation normalized to ³⁶Ar (³He,n) ³⁸Ca



³He targets for transfer

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Research line: Development of nanoporous films fabricated by magnetron sputtering (MS) to stabilize gas nanobubbles at ultra-high density and pressure.



Main challenges for the study of the (³He,n) reactions:

- To fabricate ³He solid targets. Constituted by ³He trapped in a matrix of a high atomic weight element. First option W:³He targets. Second option Au:³He targets.
- To minimize the ³He consumption during fabrication of the targets.
- To reduce main contaminants C, O, N or H. The production of pure targets (³He and the matrix element). Impurities lower than 5%.

Low ³He consumption

To minimize the ³**He consumption during fabrication of the targets. Application of the magnetron sputtering methodology under static or quasi-static conditions.** Spanish Patent application nr. P201831107. Submitted 15-Nov-2018. *"Prodedimiento de obtención de un material sólido con agregados gaseosos mediante pulverización catódica por magnetrón en condiciones estáticas o cuasiestáticas para reducir el consumo de gas". A. Fernández, D. Hufschmidt, V. Godinho, M.C. Jiménez.*

The first set of W:³He solid targets. Sample Lote 4

The density of ³He is 3x10¹⁷ atoms/cm² (equivalent to 1.4 µg/cm²) for a total thickness of 650 nm. The ³He makes up to 7.5 at% of the whole target composition. Contaminants such as ¹²C, ¹⁶O and H are also present, 3%, 11% and 11% respectively. Nitrogen not detectable. Total trace elements (Ti,Cr, Ni,Fe,Cu,Ta) below 2 at%. Main contamination O and H.

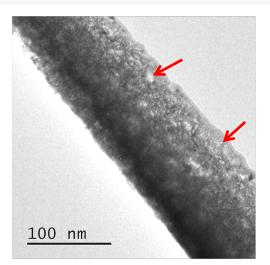
The second set of W:³He solid targets. Sample E33

The density of ³He is 1.1×10^{18} atoms/cm² (equivalent to $5.5 \,\mu$ g/cm²) for a total thickness of 2.4 μ m. The ³He makes up to 8.5 at% of the whole target composition. Contaminants such as ¹²C, ¹⁶O and H are also present, 14%, 2% and 10% respectively. Nitrogen not detectable. Total trace elements (Ti,Cr, Ni,Fe,Cu,Ta) not significant. Main contamination C and H.

Work in progress to reduce main contaminants C, O and H

Microstruture of the W:³He solid targets

The compositional IBA analysis and the microestructural study by TEM was done on W:³He films grown on Si substrates. Films were grown simultaneously on a gold foil with thickness 10 mg/cm² for the required target fabrication.



The microstructure of the W:³He solid targets



TEM image of a film slice showing pores marked with arrows

Target fabrication onto a gold foil. Photographs before and after target growth.

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³He target test at LNL ⁶⁴Zn(³He,n)⁶⁶Ge

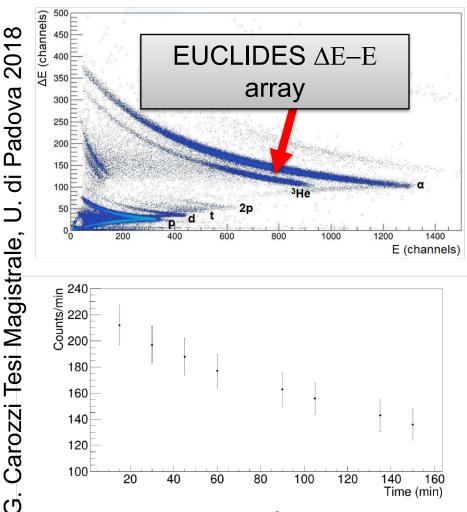


Figure 5.3: Change over time of the counting rate of ³He in one of the front facing detectors of EUCLIDES. For all of the data points in this chart, the intensity of the beam is constant at 5 pnA.

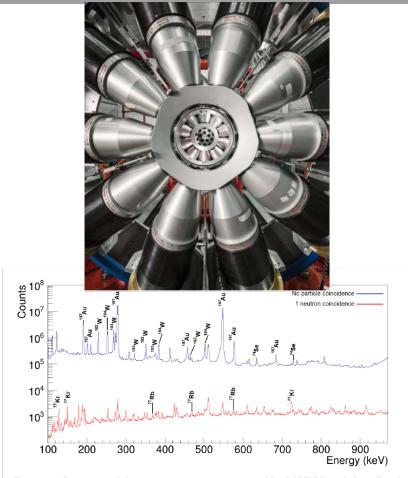


Figure 5.4: Comparison of the γ -ray energy spectrum measured by GALILEO, with (in red) and without (in blue) the condition of coincidence between each γ ray and one neutron. To produce this spectrum, the small neutron cut in the TOF-ZCO matrix shown in Figure 4.7 was used. For some of the peaks, the corresponding nucleus is reported.

Diminish the contaminants, Au substrate?

Summary

- Study of shape coexistance, population of intruder 0⁺ states/lowlying states with transfer reactions in inverse kinematics (RIB)
- Development of solid ³He targets
 - for plunger measurements/DSAM
 - need of efficient detectors for e+e-
- Many challenges in the development of solid(sputtered) ³He targets
 - High-Z substrates to reduce background
 - Low ³He consuption
 - Low contaminations
- Continuus developments ongoing to reach the final goal Sevilla/LNL

