Competition between Tetrahedral and Octahedral Symmetries in ¹⁵²Sm Nucleus:

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K-130 (E ~ 7 - 10 MeV/u)

 $^{14}N^{4+}$, $^{16}O^{5+}$, $^{20}Ne^{6+}$, $^{32}S^{10+}$,etc.

¹H, ²H, ⁴He - High energy Light ion beam



K-500 (E ~ 10 - 50 MeV/u) ¹⁴N⁴⁺ (252- 270) MeV ¹⁶O⁵⁺ (330 - 362) MeV, ²⁰Ne⁶⁺ (397 - 434) MeV



RIB (E ~ 100keV/u, I~ 8000 p/sec) ¹¹C, ¹¹CO, ¹¹CO₂, ¹⁴O, ⁴³K, ⁴¹Ar

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30 MeV H Cyclotron
 Adjustable from 15- 30 MeV
 I ~ 350 μA
 ¹⁸F (produce FDG for PET)
 ⁶⁷Ga, ²⁰¹Tl, ¹²³I (SPECT)

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Instruments for Nuclear Physics Experiment





Setup for high resolution y-ray Spectroscopy



A. Saha et al., Nucl. Phys. **A 976**, 1 (2018)

Soumik Bhattacharya et al., Phys. Rev. C **98**, 044311 (2018)



<u>VE</u>CC array for <u>NU</u>clear <u>S</u>pectroscopy EIGHT Compton suppressed Clover HPGe detectors

Spectroscopy with light ion beam



Indian National Gamma Array (INGA)

Compton suppressed Clover HPGe detectors – pulled from many institutes

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Setups for $\gamma - \gamma$ fast timing Spectroscopy



<u>VE</u>CC array for <u>N</u>uclear fast <u>T</u>iming and ang<u>U</u>lar Cor<u>RE</u>lation studies (VENTURE)



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Recent measurement Lifetimes in ¹⁵⁴Gd





Poster at SSNET 2024

VENTURE - 2.0 with 2in. x 1 in. LaBr/CeBr

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Setups for $\gamma - \gamma$ fast timing Spectroscopy



(Around Z = 64, N = 90 & Z = 40, N = 60)Measurement of lifetime to





Radiochemical separation at VECC OR LOHFNGRIN at ILL

¹³⁰ Xe	¹³¹ Xe (stable)	¹³² Xe (stable)	¹³³ Xe (5d)	¹³⁴ Xe (stable)	¹³⁵ Xe (9h) N/Z=1.5	¹³⁶ Xe (stable)	¹³⁷ Xe	54
¹²⁹ I	¹³⁰ I	¹³¹ I (8d)	¹³² T (2h)	¹³³ I (21h)	¹³⁴ I (53h)	¹³⁵ I (6.6h)	¹³⁶ T	53
¹²⁸ Te	¹²⁹ Te	¹³⁰ Te (stable)	¹³¹ Te (33h)	¹³² Te (3.2d)	¹³³ Te (55m)	¹³⁴ Te (42m)	¹³⁵ Te	52
¹²⁷ Sb	¹²⁸ Sb	¹²⁹ Sb	¹³⁰ Sb (40m)	¹³¹ Sb	¹³² Sb (4 min)	¹³³ Sb	¹³⁴ Sb	51
¹²⁶ Sn	¹²⁷ Sn	¹²⁸ Sn	¹²⁹ Sn (2 min)	¹³⁰ Sn	¹³¹ Sn	¹³² Sn N/Z=1.6	¹³³ Sn	50
76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	
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S. Basak, S. S. Alam, D. Kumar, A. Saha, D. Banerjee and TB Phys. Rev. C 104, 024320 (2021).

$N \rightarrow$

D. Kumar, TB et al., Phys. Rev. C **106**, 034306 (2022)

D. Kumar,TB et al., Phys. Rev. C 109, 024304 (2024)

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Deformed Nuclei – Rotational Symmetry breaking



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Hexadekapol





<u>Nuclear Shell Gaps – Spherical & Deformed Nuclei</u>



$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{P^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m[\omega_{\perp}^2(x^2 + y^2) + \omega_z^2 z^2] + C\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s} + D\vec{l} \cdot \vec{l}$$

Binding states of individual nucleons in strongly deformed nuclei





S. G. Nilsson, Kgl. Danske Videnskab. Selskab, Mat.-fys.Medd. **29**, No.16 (1955).

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Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 252502 (2002), Phys. Rev. Lett. 97, 072501 (2006)

$lpha_{32}\equiv t_3=0.1$	$\alpha_{32} \equiv t_3 = 0.2$	$lpha_{32}\equiv t_3=0.3$

No.	Group	No. Irr.	No.×Dimensions
01.	O_h^D	6	$4 \times 2D$ and $2 \times 4D$
02.	OD	3	$2 \times 2D$ and $1 \times 4D$
03.	T_d^D	3	$2 \times 2D$ and $1 \times 4D$
04.	C_{6h}^D	$12 \rightarrow 6$	12 x 1D
05.	D_{6h}^D	6	6 x 2D
06.	T_h^D	6	6 x 2D
07.	D_{4h}^D	4	4 × 2D
-	D_{2h}^D	2	2 x 2D (reference)

- $T_d^{D} \rightarrow$ Tetrahedral double point group (48 symmetry elements)
- 2 families of 2 fold degenerate energy levels,
- 1 family of <u>4 fold degenerate energy levels</u>

Higher fold degeneracies of nucleonic levels

>	Exotic s	symmetry	breaking	in nucl	ei
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Courtesy: J. Dudek

Tetrahedral Magic Nuclei

Evidence of tetrahedral shape in Nuclei : Cluster state in ¹⁶O (Light nuclei)

PRL 112, 152501 (2014)



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TABLE VI. The number of states $a_i^{(l\pi)}$	belonging to the five irreducible	representations of T_d for i	integer spins; those for e	ach parity are
separately shown.				



Microscopic mean-field and residualinteraction Hamiltonians with angular-momentum and parity projection method

Lowest Irrep for T_d symmetry $A_1: I^{\pi} = 0^+, 3^-, 4^+, 6^{\pm}, 7^-, 8^+, 9^{\pm}, 10^{\pm}, 11^-, \dots \rightarrow \text{Exact } T_d \text{ pattern}$ <u>Two lowest irreps for O_h symmetry</u> $A_{1g}: 0^+, 4^+, 6^+, 8^+, 9^+, 10^+, \dots, I^{\pi} = I^+, \rightarrow \text{Exact } O_h, I_{\pi} = 0^+$ $A_{2u}: 3^-, 6^-, 7^-, 9^-, 10^-, 11^-, \dots, I^{\pi} = I^-, \rightarrow \text{Exact } O_h, I_{\pi} = 0^-$

→ Tetrahedral double point group (T_d^D) is a subgroup of Octahedral double point group (O_h^D)

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Rotational band with $E \sim I(I+1) \rightarrow Bohr$ Theory

Lowest Irrep for T_d symmetry

 $A_1: I^{\pi} = 0^+, 3^-, 4^+, 6^{\pm}, 7^-, 8^+, 9^{\pm}, 10^{\pm}, 11^-, \dots$

$$E_I \propto \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{J}_{T_{\rm d}}}I(I+1)$$

<u>Two lowest irreps for O_h symmetry</u>

$$A_{1g}: 0^+, 4^+, 6^+, 8^+, 9^+, 10^+, \dots, I^{\pi} = I^+,$$

 $A_{2u}: 3^-, 6^-, 7^-, 9^-, 10^-, 11^-, \dots, I^{\pi} = I^-,$

$$E \propto = \frac{h^2}{2I_{A1g}} I (I+1)$$
$$E \propto = \frac{h^2}{2I_{A2u}} I (I+1)$$

Pure tetrahedral structure

$$\mathcal{J}_{A_{1g}} pprox \mathcal{J}_{A_{2u}} pprox \mathcal{J}_{A_1}$$

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Existence of an isomeric band!!

Experimental identification becomes extremely challenging!!

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Physics Interest in ¹⁵²Sm



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Physics Interest in ¹⁵²Sm



We are at Tetrahedral Magic Gap!!





At vanishing quadrupole deformation, the minima in the PES is visible for non-zero a_{32} .

≻The energy of this minima decreases with the presence of non-zero octahedral deformation.

Spin	E[keV]	No. D-out	No. Feed	Reaction
3-	1579.4	10	none	CE & α
4+	1757.0	9	1+(1)	CE & α
6-	1929.9	2	(1)	CE & α
6+	2040.1	7	none	CE & α
7-	2057.5	6	2+(1)	CE & α
8+	2391.7	3	1	CE & α
9-	2388.8	4	3	$CE\&\alpha$
9 ⁺	2588	2	1	α
10-	2590.7	4	1	α
(10 ⁺)	2810	2	none	α
11-	2808.9	2	none	CE

J. Dudek et al., PRC 97, 021302(R) (2018)



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Population of ¹⁵²Sm

- ➢ High statistics →
 - High cross section
 - Increased Target thickness
 - High Beam current
 - High efficiency Clover HPGe array
 - Long beamtime

Keeping in mind: Limitation in Count rate in HPGe crystal 5- 6k/sec)

- Low angular momentum population
- Less contamination from neighboring evaporation channel





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Spin(ħ)

0

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<u>Gamma Array with local collaboration in Kolkata</u> (VECC, SINP, UGC-DAE-CSR)









12 Detectors at:

90° : 6 Nos 40° : 3 Nos 125° : 3 Nos



New segments MEG, VECC



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<u>Comparison with existing experiment on</u> $^{152}\mathrm{Sm}$

P. E. Garrett et al., J. Phys. G: Part & Nucl. Phys. 31, S1855 (2005)

Performed with 9 single crystal HPGe and one Cluster HPGe detector

> Gathered 2 x 10⁹ $\gamma - \gamma$ events, Used 1 x 10⁹ $\gamma - \gamma$ events for the development of level scheme

➢ Beam energy : 22 MeV

> P/T ~ 0.28 (av)

<u>PRESENT EXPERIM</u>ENT:

≻12 Compton suppressed Clover	90 - q					 20 Me ▲ 28 Me 	× ×V	
≻Beam Energy : 26 MeV	<u>Gain</u>	- 00 -	•	•	•	• • •	PACEIN	
≻γ−γ statistics > 2 × 10 ⁹	P/T ~ 1.6	30 -	1			•••		
>P/T ~0.45	Statistics ~ 2	0 -	•			•	•••••	F
	1/sqrt(N) ~ 0.5	F	0	5	10 Spi	15 in(ħ)	20	25
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1200 ¹⁵¹Sm 152Sm 1000 ¹⁵³Sm Cross Section (mb) 800 600 400 200 0 20 22 24 26 28 30 E (MeV)

MeV





<u>Conventional γ- spectroscopy</u> <u>techniques</u>

Measured

- 1. $\gamma \gamma & \gamma \gamma \gamma$ coincidences
- 2. Angular distribution a_2 , a_4
- 3. Angular Correlation --> R_{DCO}
 - 4. Linear Polarization P

<u>Calculated</u>

 $P \mbox{ vs } R_{DCO} \mbox{ contours}$

P vs a_2 contours

Digital DAQ --> data written in Compton suppressed singles mode

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Relative Intensity



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- ➤ Energies of 6⁺, 6⁻ levels
- ➤ Energies of 9⁺, 9⁻ levels

➤ Energies of 10⁺, 10⁻ levels

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Tetrahedral g.s.b. band 14 10 --- 12^{+} 10^{+} 81









$$\hat{H}\Psi_i = \mathcal{E}_i\Psi_i,$$

 $\hat{H} = -rac{\hbar^2}{2}\hat{\Delta} + V(q),$
 $\hat{\Delta} = \sum_{m,n=1}^{d=2} rac{1}{\sqrt{|B|}} rac{\partial}{\partial q^n} \left(\sqrt{|B|} B^{nm} rac{\partial}{\partial q^m}\right),$

- Probability density function for each of the solutions
- Quantum probability of finding the system within a deformation volume dV

$$egin{aligned} d\mathcal{P}(q) \stackrel{df.}{=} \Psi_i^*(q) \Psi_i(q) \sqrt{|B|} \, dV, \quad dV \equiv dq_1 dq_2, \ \langle q_n^2
angle \stackrel{df.}{=} \int \Psi_i^*(q) q_n^2 \, \Psi_i(q) \sqrt{|B|} \, dV, \quad dV \equiv dq_1 dq_2 \end{aligned}$$

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 $t_1^{\mathrm{dyn}} \approx 0.07 \text{ and } o_1^{\mathrm{dyn}} \approx 0$

New candidate tetrahedral sequence is pure and preserve the octahedral symmetry



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Summary

- ▶ ¹⁵²Sm : Rich example of shapes and shape co-existence
- > The first tetrahedral candidate band was proposed in 2018
- Second tetrahedral candidate band is identified in the present work
- The new band shows the signature of pure tetrahedral structure retaining the octahedral symmetry
- Both the symmetry breaking compete in ¹⁵²Sm as found from the theoretical calculations

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$\gamma - \gamma$ Matrix & $\gamma - \gamma - \gamma$ cube – Development of level scheme



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Angular Distribution measurement for determination of Multipolarity

 $\begin{array}{c|c} & J_{i} \\ \hline \gamma & L1, L2, \delta \\ \hline & J_{f} \end{array} \end{array} W(\theta) = A_{0} + A_{2}P_{2}(\cos\theta) + A_{4}P_{4}(\cos\theta) = A_{0}[1 + a_{2}P_{2}(\cos\theta) + a_{4}P_{4}(\cos\theta)]$



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DCO Ratio for determination of Multipolarity

 $DCO(\gamma_1) = \frac{I_{\gamma_1}(125^\circ), \text{ gated by } \gamma_2 \text{ at } 90^\circ}{I_{\gamma_1}(90^\circ), \text{ gated by } \gamma_2 \text{ at } 125^\circ}$

For 418 keV transition (E2) : $R_{DCO} = 0.98(2)$ in Quadrupole gate

For 799 keV transition (E1) : R_{DCO} = 0.67(1) in Quadrupole gate

For 251 keV transition (E1) : $R_{DCO} = 1.1(1)$ in Dipole gate For 446 keV transition (E2) : $R_{DCO} = 1.6(2)$ in Dipole gate



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Linear Polarization - Determination of Parity



Experimental Method of Linear Polarization Measurement

$$P(\theta) = \frac{IPDCO}{Q(E_{\gamma})} \qquad \qquad Q(E_{\gamma}) = Q_0(a+b\times E_{\gamma}),$$

$$Q_0 = \frac{(1+\alpha)}{(1+\alpha+\alpha^2)}$$
 with $\alpha = \frac{E_{\gamma} \text{ (keV)}}{511}$



 \mathbf{Q}_0 = polarization sensitivity for the ideal Compton polarimeter



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<u>R_{DCO} & IPDCO values in ¹⁵²Sm</u>



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Calculation of angular distribution coefficients, DCO Ratio and Polarization



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Array Configuration

$$P(\theta) = (\pm) \frac{\sum_{\nu} a_{\nu} \kappa(l, l') P_{\nu}^2(\cos\theta)}{1 + \sum_{\nu} a_{\nu} P_{\nu}(\cos\theta)}.$$

A. Pal et al, Unpublished, under review.

Nuclear Structure @ Tetrahedral Shape



Gain drift \rightarrow 80 sets of list files to be sorted \rightarrow 76 matrices with pixisort [S. Das et al., NIMA **893**, 138(2018)] that were added to generate the matrix