Direct reactions with neutron-rich and neutron-deficient tin beams

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The structure of exotic tin nuclei close to the shell closures at N = 50 and N = 82 is important to the characterization of models away from the valley of stability. Knockout reactions pushing toward ¹⁰¹Sn and neutron-transfer reactions on nuclei around ¹³²Sn are probing this structure in ways that selectively populate single-particle-like states.

The nucleus ¹³²Sn is of interest due to the vicinity of the Z = 50 and N = 82 shell closures and the *r*-process nucleosynthetic path. Four states in ¹³¹Sn with a strong single-particle-like component were previously studied via the (d,p) reaction, with limited excitation energy resolution. The ¹³⁰Sn(⁹Be, ⁸Be)¹³¹Sn and ¹³⁰Sn(¹³C, ¹²C)¹³¹Sn single-neutron transfer reactions were performed in inverse kinematics at the Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility using particle- γ coincidence spectroscopy.

Results will be presented relating to the energies and J^{π} assignments for the previously measured 1p-2h states and their implication for neutron transfer relevant to the astrophysical r-process. Transfer on the isomeric component of the ¹³⁰Sn beam was apparent through decays from high-spin states in ¹³¹Sn. This is the first measurement of transfer on an isomer in the ¹³²Sn region [1].

At the other end of the tin isotopic chain, ¹⁰⁰Sn is the heaviest self-conjugate nucleus. Its vicinity to the proton dripline, its exceptional allowed β -decay strength, and its location at the end of a region of enhanced α -decays all distinguish ¹⁰⁰Sn as a key nucleus. Building upon our past experiment studying the structure of ¹⁰⁷Sn at the NSCL [2], an experiment to study the structure of ¹⁰⁵Sn via neutron knockout from a ¹⁰⁶Sn beam was performed at FRIB. Data from this early FRIB experiment will be presented.

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