

#### Recoil Distance Lifetime Measurement of <sup>38</sup>Si and Implementation of Active Target Technique

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## Outline

- Physics Background and Motivation for <sup>38</sup>Si
- Experimental set up and Method
- Preliminary <sup>38</sup>Si Lifetime Data
- Discussion of <sup>38</sup>Si Results
- Active Target Implementation



## Shell Evolution from Mg→Ca

- Neutron rich nuclei
- Magic Numbers 20 and 28 [1],[2]
  - Persistent in <sup>40,48</sup>Ca, <sup>34</sup>Si
  - Absent in <sup>32,40</sup>Mg, <sup>42</sup>Si
- Island of inversion [3],[4]
  - Magicity disappears





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## Shape Evolution Near <sup>38</sup>Si



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 [2] Y. Utsuka et al. Phys. Rev. C 051301(R)(2012)
 [3] S. R. Stroberg et al. Phys. Rev. C 91, 041302 (R) (2015)
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# Collectivity in <sup>38</sup>Si

#### ■ <sup>38</sup>Si

- Collective nature
- Turning point
- Vibrational → Deformed
- B(E2) transition strength measurement
  - » Hint at shell configuration
  - » Intruder p<sub>3/2</sub>
  - » Information on  $(4^+_2)$  state

collectivity			
	Vibrational	Triaxial (γ=30°) <sup>[4]</sup>	Deformed
E(4+)/E(2+)	2	2.67	3.3
$B(E2;4^+\to 2^+)$ B(E2;2^+\to 0^+)	2	1.39	1.43



[4] W. T. Chou et al. Phys. Rev. C 47,157 (1993)

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## **Experimental Setup**





### **S800** Particle Identification

<sup>44</sup>Cl Beam Particle Identification





## **Recoil Distance Method**





## **Target Only Data**



[1] K. Steiger et al. Euro Phys J.A (2015) 51:117

## **Three Foil Data**





# **B(E2) from Preliminary Lifetimes**

Transition	Energy (keV)	Lifetime (ps)	B(E2 <b>↓) (e²fm</b> ⁴)	Previous B(E2↓) (e²fm⁴)	Energy Ratio	B(E2) Ratio
2+→0+	1074(2)	12 (3)	50 (10)	39 (14) <sup>[1]</sup>		
4+→2+	1159(2)	11 (3)	36 (7)		2.08	0.72
$(4^+) \rightarrow 2^+ (2^+) \rightarrow 2^+$	1308(15)	1 (4)	>44 B(M1):>5.2x10 <sup>-3</sup>		2.20	

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\* Assuming pure M1 transition



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## Isotopes with B(E2) Ratio less than 1





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## **Active Target**



- Reduce degrader background
- Increased sensitivity
  » Short lifetimes, < a few ps</li>

[1] P. Voss et al. Phys. Rev. C 90, 014301 (2014)

## **Diamond Active Target**

- Diamond detector
  - Radiation hard
  - 1% energy resolution
  - $\bullet\,500~\mu m$  thick
  - 4.5 mm x 4.5 mm
  - Use in place of target foil

#### Next Steps

Diamond Detector
 » Beam test with heavy ions
 » Characterize





## Summary

- For the nuclei in the region around N=20 to 28, there is an evolution of shape and structure due to the change in nuclear shell structure far from stability.
- The Si isotopic chain is expected to show a variety of collectivity as predicted by most recent shell model calculations.
- The change in collectivity can be seen in B(E2) ratios resulting from deformations due to cross shell excitations.
- <sup>38</sup>Si is of particular importance as the turning point between vibrational and rotational collective pictures.
- Preliminary lifetimes for the first three transitions in <sup>38</sup>Si have been determined.
- A diamond active target will be implemented to improve sensitivity of future lifetime measurements.



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## **Previous Measurements**

- Coulomb excitation (1998) [1]
  - E(2+)=1084 (20) keV,
  - B(E2↑) of 193 (71) e<sup>2</sup>fm<sup>4</sup>
- Inelastic proton scattering (2007) [2]
  - Three gamma peaks in spectrum
  - Two candidates for the 4<sup>+</sup> state
- Multinucleon removal (2012) [3]
  - E(2<sup>+</sup>)= 1071 (12), E((4<sup>+</sup>))= 2239 (22), E((4<sup>+</sup>))= 2355 (26) keV
- Beta decay (2015) [4]
  - E(2+)=1074 (2), E(4+)=2233 (2) keV
  - Suggested the lower state as 4<sup>+</sup>
- No lifetimes measured previously
- J<sup>π</sup> at 2355 keV not confirmed



[1] R. W. Ibbotson et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 80, 2081 (1998) [5] Y. Utsuno et al Prog.Theor.Phys.(Kyoto), Suppl. 196, 304 (2012)
 [2] C. M. Campbell et al, Phys. Rev. B 4, 652 (2007)
 [3] S. Takeuchi et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 182501 (2012)
 [4] K. Steiger et al, Eur. Phys. J. A (2015) 51:117



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Ratio Tgt/deg = 1.5 Cl45 Beam, 25mm 25mm Separations



