

**BEAM TIME REQUEST
FOR THE UTILISATION OF IUAC PELLETRON
INTER-UNIVERSITY ACCELERATOR CENTRE
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INFORMATION ABOUT BTR - FORMS

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Proposal No. **A U C** **1** **(to be filled by IUAC)**

Field (Please tick the relevant one)

Atomic Physics Materials Science **Nuclear Physics ✓** Radiation Biology AMS Others

1. TITLE OF THE EXPERIMENT: Coulomb excitation of ^{120,122}Te isotopes

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9. **ONLINE/INSITU MEASUREMENTS PLANNED WITH JUSTIFICATION FOR THE BEAM SELECTION AND NO. OF SHIFTS ASKED** (include also a brief description of any Offline studies planned and place of offline studies).
Limit your description to **maximum of 200 words** of text. (Annexure I)
Kindly see Annexure 1.
10. **SCIENTIFIC MOTIVATION:**
Limit your description to **maximum of 200 words** of text only. (Annexure II)
Kindly see Annexure 2
11. **IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPOSED EXPERIMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS.** Limit your description to **maximum of 200 words** only. A list of most recent publications in journal in the field relevant to the project must be submitted.
Kindly see Annexure 3

Note: Use annexure for figures/tables/references for items 9,10 & 11 above.

12A. Name and Affiliation of the theoretical physicist(s) associated with this proposal :

12B. Theoretical simulations / calculations in support of the experimental ideas :
(Limit to **maximum of 100 words** only)

Kindly see Annexure 4

13. Have you used the IUAC Pelletron before?

If yes, when? **YES (2008 and 2009)** Which beam(s)? **⁵⁸Ni and ¹⁴N.**
Publications, if any from the project :

- Enhanced 0+g.s.→2+1 transition strength in ¹¹²Sn**
R. Kumar, P. Doornenbal, A. Jhingan, R. K. Bhowmik, S.Muralithar, S. Appannababu, R.Garg, J. Gerl, M. Gorska, J. Kaur, I. Kojouharov, S. Mandal, S. Mukherjee, D. Siwal, A. Sharma, Pushpendra P. Singh, R. P. Singh and H. J. Wollersheim
Phys. Rev. C 81, 024306 (2010)
- Enhanced E2 transition strength in ^{112,114}Sn**
R. Kumar, P. Doornenbal, A. Jhingan, R.K. Bhowmik, S. Muralithar, P. Reiter, H. Grawe, S. Appannababu, P. Bednarczyk, L. Caceres, J. Cederk"all, A. Ekstr"om, R. Garg, J. Gerl, M.Grska, J. Kaur, I. Kojouharov, S. Mandal, S. Mukherjee, W. Prokopowicz, H. Schaffner, D.Siwal, A. Sharma, Pushpendra P. Singh, R.P. Singh, and H.J. Wollersheim
Act. Phys. Pol. B No3-4 Vol. 42 (2011)
- ¹⁴N data to be published soon.

14. IF THERE IS A Ph.D STUDENT INVOLVED IN THE EXPERIMENT, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Note: Accelerator Users Committee (AUC) allocates highest priority to the Ph.D projects from universities and teaching institutions. Once a Ph.D. thesis proposal is accepted by AUC, a Beam Time Account (BTA) is opened for the project. The BTA takes care of the whole beam time requirement for the entire Ph.D work over a period of about 3 years. Use BTR-2 form for BTA. The actual scheduling of the beam time from the BTA can be made on a rapid scale through a simple process which just requires submission of duly completed form BTR-4 to the Convenor, AUC (at least six weeks in advance of the proposed run). There is no need to wait for an AUC meeting to get the request for a subsequent run sanctioned.

A)Name of the Student _____

Research Field _____

Has he/she cleared
NET/GATE

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| Yes / | Year of clearing NET/Gate Score: |
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Fellowship details

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| Yes / | Project & Amount |
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Last date for submission : May 31 for July AUC // Nov. 10 for Dec. AUC

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Academic
Qualifications:

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| M.Sc., Ph.D. (<i>Experimental Nuclear Physics</i>) |
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List of previous Projects/ Beam Times at IUAC (if any):

| AUC No. | Sanctioned Year | Title | Status: completed or running |
|----------|-----------------|--|---|
| 42112/NP | JULY 2007 | Study of absorptive break-up (incomplete fusion) dynamics in heavy-ion interactions at E/A=4-7 MeV | Completed:- Results are communicated to DAE 2010 symposium, a detailed paper will be submitted to Physical Review C shortly |

Brief Research Experiences :

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| <p>I have been working at IUAC from 1998 onwards as a scientist in GDA and INGA Group. Over these years I have participated in almost all the experiments of Nuclear Physics in GDA/GPSC/INGA beam lines and have also performed measurements on my own. Recently two experiments were performed on Incomplete fusion using non alpha cluster beam to measure the Excitation Function and also a Coulomb Excitation experiment was performed to obtain the BE(2) vales of first excited 2+ state of Sn isotopes.</p> |
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Signature of PI

Annexure – I

Proposed experiment with the justification of beam selection and no. of shifts asked

We propose to measure the $B(E2\uparrow)$ values of the first excited states ($0^+ \rightarrow 2^+$) of the stable Tellurium isotopes ($^{120,122}\text{Te}$) using Coulomb excitation of ^{58}Ni ($E_{\text{lab}} \approx 175$ MeV) on a highly enriched $\approx 500 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ Tellurium. This experiment is an extension of our recent measurements for the Tin (Sn) isotopes [1]. In the proposed experiment, we plan to make a double relative $B(E2\uparrow)$ measurement. The normalized intensity ratios of projectile (^{58}Ni) excitation to the Te excitation will be compared with the calibration run (i.e., ^{122}Te). From the statistical point of view, for an accurate $B(E2\uparrow)$ values, we aim for a peak integral of 10^4 counts per $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ transition in all projectile and target excitations. The gamma-decays from the de-excitation of Te isotope(s) will be measured with the four Clover Ge-detectors. We intend to have a resolution of better than 1%. Assuming an intrinsic resolution of these detectors of 0.3% and a β of 0.05, the distance of the Ge-detectors from the target will be kept at ≈ 20 cm, which results in a photo peak efficiency of 3% at 1.3 MeV.

The scattered projectile and target nuclei will be detected with a position sensitive annular Parallel Plate Avalanche Counter (PPAC) covering scattering angles of $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 15^\circ - 45^\circ$ and $\Phi_{\text{lab}} = 0^\circ - 360^\circ$. For the given configuration, the opening angle of the PPAC corresponds to an angular coverage of $22^\circ \leq \theta_{\text{cm}} \leq 68^\circ$ and $90^\circ \leq \theta_{\text{cm}} \leq 150^\circ$ in the center of mass system, respectively for projectile and target nuclei. In case of ^{58}Ni , the excitation of the 2^+ state at 0.560 MeV is clearly separated for both impact parameter regions and will not be disturbed by the target excitation (2^+ state at 1.454 MeV). For both impact parameter regions, at ~ 175 MeV beam energy and a beam current of 0.5 pA, a cross section of 850 mb is calculated for ^{120}Te , but we have also to measure 35 mb of ^{58}Ni . The natural abundance of ^{120}Te is 0.1%. The fact that, the enrichment of Te isotopes is much smaller than that of Sn isotopes, therefore, to achieve 10^4 counts per $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ transition in all projectile and target excitations, a beam time of 7 days (*including 1 day for the setup of the electronics and the calibration runs*) is required to complete this measurement.

References.

- [1] R. Kumar *et al.*, Phy. Rev. C81, 024306 (2010).

Annexure – II

Scientific Motivation

Numerous experimental and theoretical studies are currently focused on nuclear shell structure far from the line of stability [1]. In particular, the evaluation of nuclear properties, e.g., the energy of the first excited 2^+ - state and the reduced transition probabilities across closed shell $Z = 50$ are the area of great interest. Nuclei near the closed *proton* or *neutron* shells exhibit a rich variety of phenomena. In this region of nuclear chart, a small change in the number of constituent nucleons can introduce dramatic changes in the structure. The Te nuclei with 52 *protons* lie in the transitional region between the spherical nuclei, and deformed Xe and Ba nuclei. Fig.1a illustrates the observed level energies and $B(E2\uparrow)$ values in Te isotopes. The energies of the first excited 2^+ and 4^+ states reveal vibrational patterns almost throughout the isotopic chain except in the vicinity of $A = 134$.

The evolution of $B(E2\uparrow)$ values in Te isotopes are shown in Fig2b. The $B(E2\uparrow)$ values for the $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ transitions are predicted to follow a parabolic behavior around the neutron mid shell, reaching their maximum at ^{118}Te . Fig.2b shows an indication of lower $B(E2)$ values in case of ^{120}Te (two neutrons more than the mid shell ^{118}Te nucleus) with an error bar of 20% [2]. Therefore, it is needed to measure much accurate $B(E2\uparrow)$ values for Te isotopes than that existing in the literature.

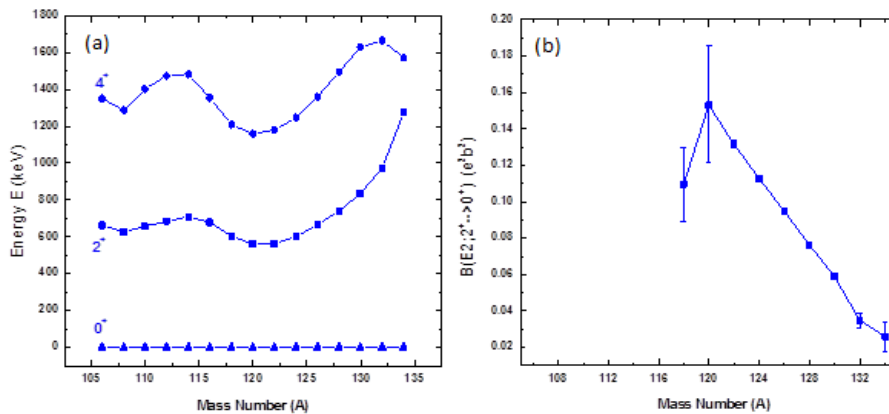


Figure-1. (a) Observed level energies and $B(E2\uparrow)$, and (b) the evaluation of $B(E2\uparrow)$ values for Te isotopes.

We aim to measure transition probability of the $0^+ \rightarrow 2^+$ transitions by means of Coulomb excitation. The proposed study aims to probe systematics of $B(E2\uparrow)$ values in stable ^{120}Te . The $B(E2\uparrow)$ values of ^{122}Te will be used as a reference point.

References.

- [1] H.Grawe and M.Lewitowicz, Nucl. Phys. A693, 116 (2001), and references contained therein
- [2] G. M. Temmer and N. P. Heydenburg Phys. Rev. 104, 967–980 (1956)

Annexure – III

Importance of the proposed experiment in the context of the international status

Theoretically, the nuclei lying between two shell closures, the $B(E2\uparrow)$ values should follow a parabolic nature attaining maximum at around mid shell. The Large Scale Shell Model (LSSM) calculations yield quite satisfactory agreement for Sn isotopes (refer to Fig.1) [1, 2]. However, for Te isotopes, one has to use Generator Coordinate Method (GCM) to describe the vibrational character. As shown in Fig.2, the GCM calculations under Gaussian Overlap Approximation (GOA) show parabolic behavior for Te isotopes [3].

As shown in Fig. 1, the experimental observations show deviations from such a parabolic behavior in neutron deficient Sn isotopes. The $B(E2; 2^+ \rightarrow 0^+)$ values for Sn isotopes do not follow the parabolic behavior from the neutron mid shell towards the doubly-magic ^{100}Sn (refer to Fig.1). This indicates the weakening of the $N = Z = 50$ shell closure [4, 5].

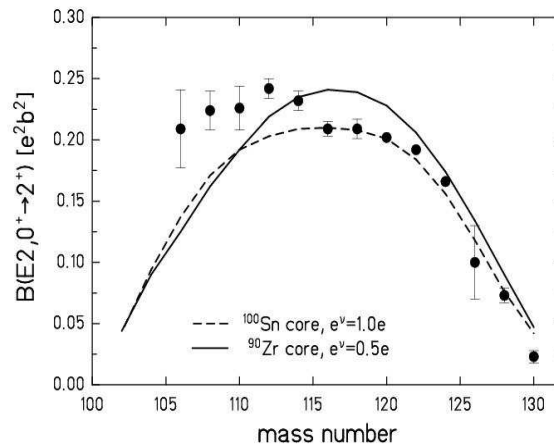


Fig. 1.– Experimental data on $B(E2; 0^+g.s. \rightarrow 2^+_1)$ values in the Sn isotope chain from the current results for $^{112,114}\text{Sn}$ and from [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]. The dotted and the full lines show the predictions of the large-scale shell model calculations [7] performed with a ^{100}Sn core and a ^{90}Zr core, respectively.

Further, as shown in Fig.2, the information on $B(E2\uparrow)$ values in Te nuclei below $N = 66$ is lacking. The proposed study will shed light on the role of the residual proton–neutron interactions in the development of collectivity when approaching the $N = Z$ line. *It may be pointed out that the stable beam facility of IUAC is perfect to settle the agreement or disagreement.*

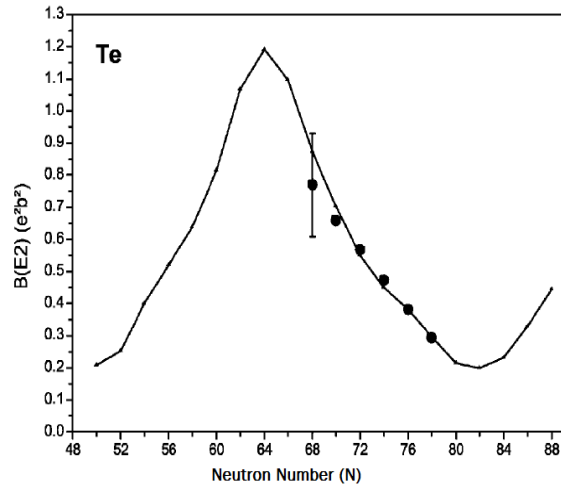


Fig.2 :- GCM-GOA calculated quantities (full lines and triangles) are compared with experimental values (full dots with error bars for $B(E2)$ values) in Te isotopes. This comparison is displayed for transition probabilities $B(E2; 0^+ \rightarrow 2^+)$. The experimental data have been taken from Refs. [11,12].

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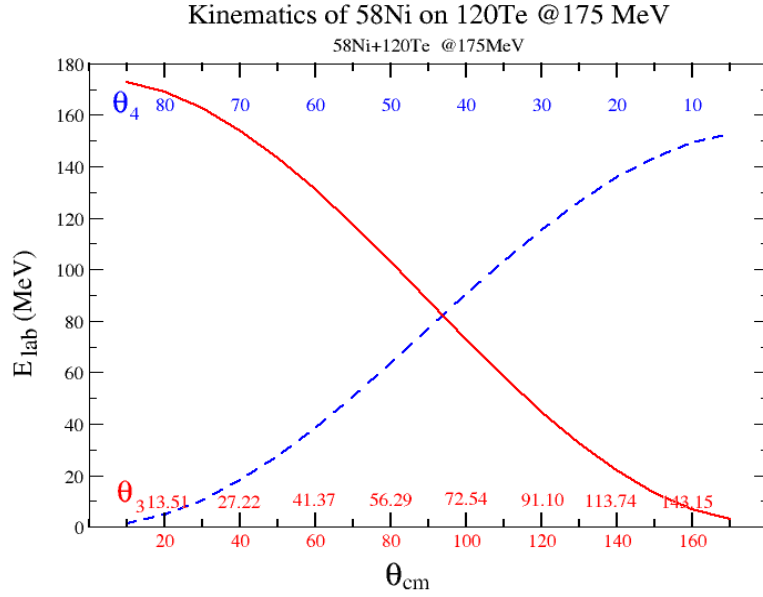
Annexure – IV

1. Kinematics

- Calculations are performed with FORTRAN program: *kinemat.f*

^{58}Ni projectile ($A_1=A_3=58$) on ^{120}Te target nucleus ($A_2=A_4=120$) at $E_{\text{lab}}=175\text{MeV}$

| TH-CM cm(degree) | TH-3 lab(degree) | E-3 (MeV) | E-4 (MeV) | TH-4 lab(degree) |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 10 | 6.745 | 173.832 | 1.168 | 85 |
| 20 | 13.515 | 170.363 | 4.637 | 80 |
| 30 | 20.332 | 164.699 | 10.301 | 75 |
| 40 | 27.225 | 157.013 | 17.987 | 70 |
| 50 | 34.226 | 147.536 | 27.464 | 65 |
| 60 | 41.370 | 136.558 | 38.442 | 60 |
| 70 | 48.70 | 124.412 | 50.588 | 55 |
| 80 | 56.292 | 111.467 | 63.533 | 50 |
| 90 | 64.204 | 98.116 | 76.884 | 45 |
| 100 | 72.544 | 84.765 | 90.235 | 40 |
| 110 | 81.448 | 71.820 | 103.180 | 35 |
| 120 | 91.103 | 59.674 | 115.326 | 30 |
| 130 | 101.758 | 48.696 | 126.304 | 25 |
| 140 | 113.741 | 39.219 | 135.781 | 20 |
| 150 | 127.430 | 31.532 | 143.468 | 15 |
| 160 | 143.150 | 25.868 | 149.132 | 10 |
| 170 | 160.900 | 22.400 | 152.600 | 5 |



Coulomb excitation cross section

- Coulomb excitation calculations were performed with the Winther-de Boer Coulex code [1].
- Coulomb excitation calculations are performed with FORTRAN program: lell30e1.f
- Cross sections are integrated with FORTRAN program: anggro.f

In a first step the Coulomb excitation cross-section (lell30e1.f) is calculated. Then we can distinguish 3 cases for the particle- γ angular correlation (anggro.f):

- calculation in the rest-frame
($I24=1, Q0=1, Q2=0, Q4=0$),
- calculation in the laboratory frame
(only Lorentz-boost: $I24=0, Q0=1, Q2=0, Q4=0$),
- calculation in the laboratory frame with γ -ray angular correlation
($I24=0, Q0=Q2=Q4=1$).

The results from anggro.f have to be multiplied by 4π to obtain the cross sections in [barn].

Table-1: Cross-section for the $^{58}\text{Ni}+^{120}\text{Te}$ system at 175 MeV

| $\theta_\gamma \Phi_\gamma$ | θ_{cm} | S. No. | $^{120}\text{Te} : \sigma_2$ (mb) $^{58}\text{Ni} \rightarrow ^{120}\text{Te}$ 175MeV | $^{58}\text{Ni} : \sigma_2$ (mb) $^{58}\text{Ni} \rightarrow ^{120}\text{Te}$ 175MeV | Ratio $^{120}\text{Te}/^{58}\text{Ni}$ |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|---|--|---|
| 135 $^\circ$, 55 $^\circ$ | 22.2 $^\circ$ – 65.0 $^\circ$ | (i) | 848.1 | 34.78 | 24.33 |
| | | (ii) | 838.1 | 31.88 | 26.29 |
| | | (iii) | 805.1 | 33.43 | 24.08 |
| | | | | | |

Table-2: Cross-section for the $^{58}\text{Ni} + ^{122}\text{Te}$ system at 175 MeV

| $\theta_\gamma \Phi_\gamma$ | θ_{cm} | S. No. | $^{122}\text{Te} : \sigma_2 \text{ (mb)}$ $^{58}\text{Ni} \rightarrow ^{122}\text{Te}$ 175MeV | $^{58}\text{Ni} : \sigma_2 \text{ (mb)}$ $^{58}\text{Ni} \rightarrow ^{122}\text{Te}$ 175MeV | Ratio $^{122}\text{Te}/^{58}\text{Ni}$ |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|---|--|---|
| $135^\circ, 55^\circ$ | $22.1^\circ - 66.6^\circ$ | (i) | 770.8 | 38.43 | 20.06 |
| | | (ii) | 754.2 | 35.61 | 21.20 |
| | | (iii) | 794.6 | 36.96 | 21.50 |
| | | | | | |

Table-3: Double ratio of $^{120}\text{Te}/^{122}\text{Te}$ as determined from the above two tables

| $\theta_\gamma \Phi_\gamma$ | θ_{lb} | S. No. | Ratio $^{120}\text{Te}/^{122}\text{Te}$ |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------|--|
| $135^\circ, 55^\circ$ | $15^\circ - 45^\circ$ | (i) | 1.215 |
| | | (ii) | 1.240 |
| | | (iii) | 1.120 |
| | | | |

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1. A. Winther and J. De Boer, A computer program for multiple Coulomb excitation, 1965, in K. Alder and A. Winther, Coulomb Excitation, Academic Press, New York-London (1966).