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Proton inelastic scattering on ^{32}Mg

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Abstract. Proton inelastic scattering was applied to ^{32}Mg located at the island of inversion to study higher excited states. Angle-integrated and differential cross sections for $E_x = 885$ keV and 2321 keV states were obtained by measuring de-excitation γ rays and scattering angles of ^{32}Mg . From the present analysis, the transferred angular momentum from the ground state to 2321 keV state was close to $\Delta L = 4$ rather than $\Delta L = 3$.

Experimental studies on collective motions in ^{32}Mg using the Coulomb excitation have been focused on low-lying excited state [1]. In those experiments, large $B(\text{E}2)$ value for the 2^+ state was reported, and the disappearance of the neutron magicity $N = 20$ and its deformed nature were discussed. Although excitation energies for higher excited states were obtained by β - γ spectroscopy [2], the spins and parities of the states other than the 2^+ state are still unknown. The spin and parity of 3^- or 4^+ have been suggested for the 2321-keV state, but no decisive evidence have been given. In order to study collective motions in ^{32}Mg , the excitation energy, spin and parity of each state are important observables. In the present experiment, proton inelastic scattering was applied to ^{32}Mg in inverse kinematics to obtain cross sections and information on the spin and parity of each state.

A ^{32}Mg beam was produced by projectile fragmentation reaction of a 94-MeV/nucleon ^{40}Ar primary beam with a 370-mg/cm² ^9Be production target. The ^{32}Mg beam was separated by using RIPS [3]. The particle identification was made event-by-event using the ΔE measured by a Si detector, and the time-of-flight (TOF) information between two foci (F2 and F3) obtained with two plastic scintillators. The energy and intensity were 56 MeV/nucleon and 700 cps, respectively. The ^{32}Mg beam bombarded the liquid hydrogen target [4] with a thickness of 160 mg/cm². Inelastically scattered particles were analyzed using the recently developed TOF spectrometer [5]. The obtained mass resolution for Mg isotopes was around 1.5% in FWHM. With this high mass resolution, contaminations in ^{32}Mg mass gate were reduced to as low as 1%. De-excitation γ rays were detected using DALI2 [6] which consists of 160 NaI(Tl) crystals

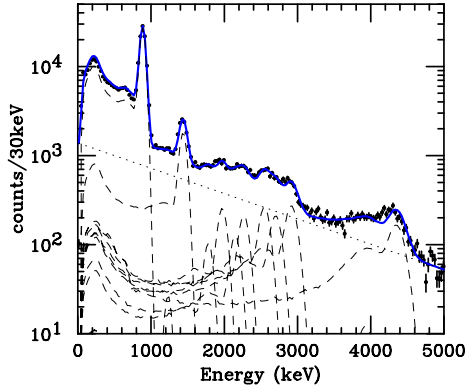


Figure 1. Doppler-corrected γ -ray spectrum.

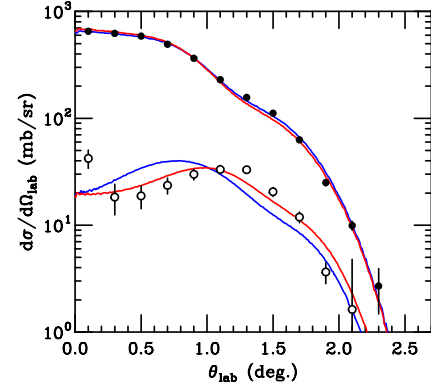


Figure 2. Angular distributions of scattered ^{32}Mg particle for the γ rays from 885 keV($\bullet$) and 2321 keV($\circ$) states.

surrounding the secondary reaction target.

Figure 1 shows the Doppler-corrected γ -ray spectrum by $^{32}\text{Mg}(p, p')$ reaction in inverse kinematics. De-excitation γ rays with $E_\gamma = 885$ keV from known 885-keV (2^+) state to the ground state, and $E_\gamma = 1436$ keV from 2321-keV state to 885-keV state are clearly seen in the spectrum. The solid curve shows the result of a fit consisting of the response functions obtained by Monte-Carlo simulation shown by dashed curves and an exponential background shown by dotted curve. The γ - γ analysis was performed to confirm the level scheme and to estimate the feeding contributions. In the analysis it was found that the high-energy γ ray with $E_\gamma \simeq 4300$ keV is coincident with the 885-keV γ ray. Combining above analysis, angle-integrated cross sections were obtained from the measured γ -ray yields after correcting for the detection efficiencies. The deduced angle-integrated cross sections were 45.5(55) mb and 4.2(6) mb for transitions from the ground state to the 885-keV state and to the 2321-keV state, respectively.

In order to obtain transferred angular momenta (ΔL) for these states, DWBA calculations were performed with CH89 optical parameters [7] by using a coupled channel calculation code ECIS97 [8]. Figure 2 shows the angular distributions of scattered ^{32}Mg particle for the γ rays from the 885-keV state to the ground state and from the 2321-keV state to the ground state. Possible spin and parity (J^π) of the 2321-keV state are 3^- or 4^+ . For $J^\pi = 4^+$ case, the excitations to these states were calculated by using symmetric rotational model taking into account a two-step excitation, as shown by red curves. For $J^\pi = 3^-$ case, the excitations to the 885-keV and 2321-keV states were calculated by using symmetric rotational model and harmonic vibrational model, respectively, as shown by blue curves. The angular distribution for transition to the 2^+ state was well reproduced by DWBA calculation for both cases. Comparisons between the data and the calculated distributions for the 2321-keV state show that the $\Delta L = 4$ transition is favored over the $\Delta L = 3$ transition. Further detailed analysis is now in progress.

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