

Isospin symmetry at ^{100}Sn

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The $N=Z=50$ nucleus, ^{100}Sn , is the heaviest self-conjugate and doubly magic nucleus that remains stable against particle emission, making it an exceptional candidate for shell-model studies aimed at deepening our understanding of the nuclear force.

Its structure is dominated by the strong proton-neutron interaction within the $0g_{9/2}$ orbital, leading to unique features such as spin gaps, seniority effects, parity-changing isomerism, and proton-neutron pairing correlations.

For the most neutron-deficient isotopes in this region—specifically those with $T_z < 0$ very little is known about their excited states. The RIBF is currently the only facility where such studies are feasible, provided a highly efficient γ -ray spectrometer, such as the one proposed here, is employed. This region will therefore be the primary focus of the new decay campaign.

A particularly intriguing case is ^{98}Sn , the mirror nucleus of ^{98}Cd . These two nuclei likely form the heaviest bound mirror pair among all even-even nuclei, offering a unique opportunity to test isospin symmetry in nuclear interactions. Given their expected pure configurations differing by only two nucleon holes from ^{100}Sn they provide an ideal laboratory for comparing proton-proton (pp) and neutron-neutron (nn) interactions with minimal configuration mixing.

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