Coulomb displacement energies of the A = 4n + 3, T = 1/2mirror nuclei in the $1f_{7/2}$ shell*

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The Q values of the (³He, ⁶He) reaction on ⁴⁶Ti, ⁵⁰Cr, ⁵⁴Fe, and ⁵⁸Ni have been measured, and the excitation energy of levels up to 7 MeV has been determined. Angular distributions from the more strongly populated states have been taken from 4.5 to 27.0° in the laboratory. These angular distributions together with comparison to their $T_z = +1/2$ mirrors have been used as empirical guides to determine the spin and parity of several of the states. The Coulomb displacement energies of particle-hole states in the T = 1/2 mirrors have been compared to a simple model.

NUCLEAR REACTIONS ²⁵Mg, ²⁷Al, ⁴⁶Ti, ⁵⁰Cr, ⁵⁴Fe, ⁵⁸Ni(³He, ⁶He), $E_{3He} = 70$ MeV, measured $Q, \sigma(\theta)$, excitation energies, obtained mass excess of ⁴³Ti, ⁴⁷Cr, ⁵¹Fe, ⁵⁵Ni, deduced Coulomb displacement energies.

I. INTRODUCTION

Coulomb displacement energies have been employed in the past to deduce charge radii of nuclei. However, more direct measurements of nuclear charge radii have been provided in recent years by electron scattering and muonic x-ray data. In their review article,¹ Nolen and Schiffer pointed out that the nuclear charge radii extracted from Coulomb displacement energies were too small when compared with other more accurate data. Equivalently, if nuclear charge radii which were determined by electron scattering or muonic x rays are employed to calculate Coulomb displacement energies, the calculated values are too small by 5-10% throughout the Periodic Table. Nolen and Schiffer pointed out that this discrepancy persists even when both the exchange and electromagnetic spin-orbit terms are included. Several theoretical papers have investigated other correction terms including vacuum polarization, higher order magnetic terms, the finite size of the proton, the proton-neutron mass difference, isospin mixing in the core, and charge symmetry breaking of the nuclear force.²⁻¹¹ Despite the refinements of the theoretical model, a solution to the problem has not been found.

The experimental results presented in this paper are of interest because they allow accurate determination of Coulomb displacement energies for the ground and a few excited states of the $T = \frac{1}{2}$ mirror nuclei throughout the $1f_{7/2}$ nuclear subshell. Although the displacement energies between isobaric analog states in heavier nuclei are known, the present results include the heaviest known mirror nuclei. The displacement energy of a mirror pair is expected to depend only on the Coulomb interaction and possibly a charge-symmetry-breaking nuclear force, i.e., a difference in the nuclear part of the p-p and n-n interactions. The displacement energy of a nonmirror isobaric analog pair may depend, in addition, upon a charge dependent nuclear force, i.e., a difference in the T=1, p-n and n-n interactions. As Sherr and Talmi have shown,¹¹ it may be possible to extract the p-n and n-n difference by comparing the displacement energies of $T > \frac{1}{2}$ analog pairs with those of the $T = \frac{1}{2}$ mirror pairs.

The results of the present experiment provide more accurate measurements of the ground state masses of ⁴³Ti, ⁴⁷Cr, ⁵¹Fe, and ⁵⁵Ni than were obtained previously.^{12,13} The accurate determination of the excitation energy of several levels in these nuclei provides the necessary data to extract Coulomb displacement energies of the J^{*} $=\frac{7}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2}$, and $\frac{1}{2}$ levels for the $T=\frac{1}{2}$ mirror pairs. The angular distributions of these low cross-section reactions and comparison with the $T_{z} = +\frac{1}{2}$ mirror nuclei provided evidence for the spin and parity assignments. The displacement energies of the $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{2}$ particle-hole states are compared with a model of Sherr and Bertsch,¹⁴ and excellent agreement is found. However, the data show the same phenomenon which Nolen and Schiffer found in a wide range of nuclei.

II. EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

The measurement of the reaction Q values was made by comparing the magnetic rigidity of the ⁶He particles from the reactions of interest with those from the ²⁷Al(³He, ⁶He)²⁴Al(g.s.) and ²⁵Mg(³He, ⁶He)²²Mg(3.3082) reactions in a magnetic spectrograph. The Q values of the calibration re-

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Frame	<u></u>	Thickness ^a ($\mu g/cm^2$)		Energy loss ^b (keV)			
number	Isotope	Target	Backing ^c	⁶ He	$^{3}\mathrm{He}$	Enrichment	
426	⁵⁰ Cr	82	47	5.5	6.3	96.80(5)	
227	^{25}Mg	61	30	4.8	4.6	99.21(5)	
207	⁵⁸ Ni	89	37	6.0	5.5	99.890	
632	⁴⁶ Ti	40	27	2.9	3.5	81.2	
634	54 Fe	99	31	6.6	5.5	96.81(5)	
627	²⁷ A1	62	27	4.8	4.4	100	

TABLE I. Target thickness.

^a The uncertainty in the thicknesses are 10% for the target and 15% for the backing.

^b The energy loss for ⁶He is that of 52 MeV ⁶He particles in one-half the target thickness, while for ³He, the energy loss is that for 70 MeV ³He particles in one-half the target thickness plus that in the backing.

^c The measurement of thickness of the backings employed the relative yields from the ${}^{12}C({}^{3}\text{He}, {}^{6}\text{Li})$ reaction, as well as the ${}^{6}\text{Li}$ energy loss.

actions -19.812(3) MeV^{15,16} and -18.7656(40) MeV,¹⁶⁻¹⁹ respectively, are very close to those being measured, and therefore the scaling of the field in the spectrograph contributes very little (~1.0 keV) to the uncertainty in the measured Q values. A beam of 70 MeV ³He particles from the Michigan State University cyclotron was employed to induce the reactions on thin isotopically enriched carbon-backed metal foils. The position of the ⁶He particles in the focal plane of the spectrograph was measured by a resistive-wire gas-proportional counter. The ⁶He particles were identified by their energy loss in two proportional counters, time-of-flight through the spectrograph, and light output from the plastic scintillator which followed the two proportional counters. The method is similar to that described by Kashy et al.20 except for the use of a second proportional counter and event recording the data on magnetic tape in the present experimental arrangement. The target thicknesses were measured by means of the energy loss of 56 MeV ⁶Li ions from the ¹²C(³He, ⁶Li) reaction induced on the carbon backings. The targets were rotated so that the carbon backing faced either towards or away from the spectrograph aperature. The difference between ⁶Li energies in the two target orientations gives the ⁶Li energy loss. Table I gives the results of the target thickness measurements for these thin carbon-backed targets as well as the thicknesses of the backings, which were measured by comparison of the yields with that from a 217 $\mu g/cm^2$ carbon foil. The 10% uncertainty in the target thickness implies only about a 1 keV uncertainty in the Q-value measurements. The Q-value measurements were made at lab angles of 6° and 10° with a solid angle of 1.2×10^{-3} sr.

III. RESULTS

The results of the Q-value measurements and the deduced mass excesses are compared with previous measurements in Table II. The primary differences between the present and previous measurements at MSU are that thinner targets and a second calibration were employed in obtaining the present results while a greater number of repeated measurements were used previously.^{12,22} The only substantial difference between the two results is in the ⁴⁷Cr ground state mass. This difference is a result of the better resolution obtained which allowed a more accurate determination of the centroid of the previously unresolved ground state. Figures 1 and 2 show the high resolution spectra obtained at 10° in the laboratory.

Table III lists the excitation energies of levels in the final nuclei which have been observed in thin target runs with a cross section greater than about 50 nb/sr at either 6° of 10° in the laboratory or which are observed as isolated peaks in the thick target spectra. The spin and parity assignments have been made for some levels by comparison of the $T_z = -\frac{1}{2}$ with the $T_z = \frac{1}{2}$ levels. These assignments are further supported by the comparison of the angular distribution of the states of interest with those from the ⁴²Ca(³He, ⁶He)³⁹Ca reaction, in which the spins and parities of the final states are well known. Figure 3 illustrates the results of this empirical comparison. The solid lines shown in Fig. 3 are drawn to facilitate comparison of the angular distributions from the various targets. The angular distributions leading to either the $\frac{7}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{2}$ state are quite similar throughout this set. Only the L = 0 transfers seem to vary from one case to another. Despite the recent suc-

Nucleus	Previous ^a	Mass excess (MeV) Present	Average	
⁴³ Ti	-29.328 ± 0.012	-29.305 ± 0.014	-29.319±9.008 ^b	
47Cr(g.s.)	-34.608 ± 0.040 c	-34.553 ± 0.015	-34.561 ± 0.012 °	
(1)	-34.386 ± 0.012	-34.371 ± 0.013	-34.379 ± 0.010	
51 Fe(g.s)	-40.219 ± 0.017	-40.200 ± 0.015	-40.201 ± 0.012^{d}	
(<u>7</u>)	-39.940 ± 0.013	-39.938 ± 0.013	-39.939 ± 0.010	
⁵⁵ Ni ²	-45.337 ± 0.011 °	-45.327 ± 0.013	-45.333 ± 0.010	
		Q value	(MeV)	
Reac	tion	Previous ^a	Present ^f	
 ⁴⁶ Ti(³ He, ⁶ He	e) ⁴³ Ti	-17.463 ± 0.012	-17.486 ± 0.014	
⁵⁰ Cr(³ He, ⁶ H	$e)^{47}Cr(g.s.)$	-18.313 ± 0.040	-18.368 ± 0.014	
01(111)	(<u>1</u> -)	-18.535 ± 0.012	-18.550 ± 0.013	
⁵⁴ Fe(³ He, ⁶ H	$e)^{51}Fe(g.s.)$	-18.698 ± 0.017	-18.697 ± 0.015	
2 - (,	(<u>1</u>)	-18.969 ± 0.013	-18.971 ± 0.013	
⁵⁸ Ni(³ He, ⁶ He	e) ⁵⁵ Ni	-17.555 ± 0.011	-17.565 ± 0.013	

TABLE II. Mass excesses and Q values.

^aReference 13.

^b The average mass excess of 43 Ti included the measurement of Ref. 24 (-29.321±0.010 MeV).

^c In the previous measurement, the 4^7 Cr g.s. was not resolved. The separation of the $\frac{7}{2}^-$ and the ground state was taken from the present measurements.

^d The relative excitation of the $\frac{7}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{2}$ ground state from the present measurement was employed to deduce the ⁵¹Fe and ⁴⁷Cr ground state masses.

^e This value represents an 8.2 keV increase in the mass of 5^{55} Ni from the previous value (Ref. 1) due to the measurement of the 5^{8} Ni mass of Jolivette *et al.* (Ref. 25). ^f Q values measured relative to the 2^{7} Al(3 He, 6 He) 24 Al(g.s.) and 25 Mg(3 He, 6 He) 24 Mg(3.3082)

^f Q values measured relative to the ²⁷Al(³He, ⁶He)²⁴Al(g.s.) and ²⁵Mg(³He, ⁶He)²⁴Mg(3.3082) reaction Q values of -19.812 ± 0.003 MeV (Refs. 15 and 16) and -18.7655 ± 0.004 MeV (Refs. 16-19), respectively.



FIG. 1. High resolution spectra of ⁶He particles from the 50 Cr(3 He, 6 He) and 54 Fe(3 He, 6 He) reactions.



FIG. 2. High resolution spectra of ⁶He particles from the ${}^{46}\text{Ti}({}^{3}\text{He}, {}^{6}\text{He})$ and ${}^{58}\text{Ni}({}^{3}\text{He}, {}^{6}\text{He})$ reactions.

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	55 Ni E_x (MeV) ^a	J^{π}	E_x^{51} Fe E _x (MeV) ^a	J^{rr}	E_x^{47} Cr E_x (MeV) ^a	JT	${}^{43}{ m Ti}$ E_x (MeV) ^a	J¶
-	0.000(0)	<u>7</u>	0.000(0)	$\frac{5}{2}$	0.000(0)	$\frac{3}{2}$	0.000(0)	$\frac{7}{2}$
	2.089(6)	4	0.262(6)	$\frac{7}{2}$	0.102(10)	5-	0.319(6)	$\frac{3}{2}$ +
	2.462(5)		1.218(10)	4	0.182(7)	7-	0.475(10)	. 2
	2.839(5)		1.525(9)		0.478(7)	$\frac{3}{2}$ +	0.998(10)	$\frac{1}{2}$ +
	2.888(7)		1.866(13)		0.890(20)	2	1.160(10)	2
	3.185(6)	$\frac{1}{2}$ +	2.063(7)	3+	1.355(8)		1.470(10)	
	3.502(15) 3.592(15)	2	2.489(8) 3.013(9)	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.451(9) 1.541(15)		1.800(15) 2.250(10)	
	3.752(7) 3.784(15)	$\frac{3}{2}$	3.127(9) 3.310(10)		1.831(8) 2.131(9)	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.438(9) 2.990(15)	
	4.046(9) 4.444(10)	(Doublet)	3.964(12) 4.456(13)	(Doublet)	2.406(10) 2.557(10)	· · · ·		
	4.743(12)				2.661(10)			
	4.983(11) 5.178(11)				2.848(10) 3.430(10)			
	5.389(12)				3.504(11)			
	5.876(13) 5.937(13)				3.747(11) 4.169(12)			
	6.600(50) 6.870(50)				4.295(12) 5.409(15)			

TABLE III. Excitation energies.

^a Uncertainties in keV are indicated in parentheses.

cess of Delic and Kurath²¹ in describing the qualitative features of the ¹³C(³He, ⁶He)¹⁰C reaction by a finite-range distorted-wave Born approximation (DWBA), the (³He, ⁶He) reaction mechanism is not yet well understood. So, no attempt to perform a DWBA analysis of these results has been made. The angular distributions are presented in the hope that they may be of some use in the future as the theory of three-nucleon transfer reactions improves.

IV. DISCUSSION

The results of the mass measurements and the determination of excitation energies allow the extraction of Coulomb displacement energies listed in Table IV for the $J^{\pi} = \frac{7}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2}$, and $\frac{1}{2}$ levels in the A = 4n + 3, $T = \frac{1}{2}$ mirror nuclei. Recently Sherr and Bertsch¹⁴ employed the Bansal-French-Zamick model to calculate the Coulomb displacement energies of excited particle-hole states in light nuclei and reported that the level shifts are reproduced to within 50 keV. Using this model, the Coulomb displacement energy of the lowest $J^{\pi} = \frac{3}{2}^*$ state in ⁴³Ti and ⁴³Sc is given by

 $\Delta E_{C}(43, \frac{3}{2}) = \Delta E_{C}(39, \frac{3}{2}) + 2C(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{2})$

where $E_{c}(39, \frac{3}{2})$ is the Coulomb energy difference

of the $\frac{3}{2}$ levels in ³⁹Ca and ³⁹K, and $C(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{2})$ is the Coulomb interaction of a $d_{3/2}$ proton with an $f_{7/2}$ proton. The factor of 2 in the second term reflects the greater number of $d_{3/2}-f_{7/2}$ proton interactions in ⁴³Ti as compared with ⁴³Sc. The results of predictions using this model for both the $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{2}$ + states in the A = 4n + 3, $T = \frac{1}{2}$ mirror nuclei are indicated by the solid lines in Fig. 4. The values $C(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{2}) = 296 \text{ keV}$ and $C(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{2}) = 302 \text{ keV}$, were obtained by performing a least squares fit to the data which are indicated by the points. These values of C are for many-particle-one-hole states, but they can be compared with the 289 and 286 keV values which were obtained in Ref. 14 for oneparticle-many-hole states. Recently, it was pointed out that the ³⁹Ca-³⁹K pair has an anomalously large Coulomb displacement energy which results from the large binding energy of these nuclei.²² Hence, it is reasonable to make a fit to the data excluding the A = 39 values. The results are indicated by the dashed lines in Fig. 4. It is then found that $C(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{2}) [C(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{2})] = 316 \text{ keV} [321]$ keV], and that the predicted Coulomb displacement energy of the $\frac{3}{2}$ $\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$ states in ³⁹Ca-³⁹K is 126 keV [117 keV] below the experimental values. This is consistent with results obtained from the systematics of the series of analog states in the odd mass Ca-K isotopes.22



FIG. 3. Angular distributions of the (³He, ⁶He) reaction at 70 MeV. The ⁴²Ca(³He, ⁶He) results are from Ref. 29.

Calculations of the $d_{3/2}-f_{7/2}$ and $s_{1/2}-f_{7/2}$ protonproton interactions were performed using both harmonic oscillator and Woods-Saxon wave functions. An oscillator parameter of 0.258 fm⁻² was used to obtain the harmonic oscillator wave functions. A Woods-Saxon well depth which reproduced the one-neutron separation energy of ⁴³Sc and a radius consistent with the charge radius obtained in electron scattering experiments²³ were used to obtain the Woods-Saxon wave functions. Table V shows the surprisingly good agreement between the results obtained in the calculations and the experimentally determined values.

The Coulomb displacement energies of the A = 4n + 3, $T = \frac{1}{2}$ mirror nuclei in the $1f_{7/2}$ shell were calculated using the method outlined by Nolen and Schiffer¹ for the direct term. The depth of a Woods-Saxon well was varied to fit the experimental neutron separation energy of the $T = +\frac{1}{2}$ nucleus. Then the separation energy of a proton from the $T_z = -\frac{1}{2}$ nucleus was calculated using the same well depth and assuming a uniformly charged spherical core for the nucleus. The radius of the

pairs in the $1f_{7/2}$ shell.					
A	J^{π}	ΔE_C (MeV)	Reference		
41	$\frac{7}{2}$	7.278 ± 0.005	16		
	$\frac{3}{2}$ +	7.364 ± 0.009	16,19		
	$\frac{1}{2}^{+}$	7.323 ± 0.007	16,19		
43	$\frac{7}{2}$	7.646 ± 0.009	16, present		
	$\frac{3}{2}^{+}$	$7.813 {\scriptstyle\pm} 0.011$	16,19, present		
	$\frac{1}{2}^{+}$	7.789 ± 0.013	16,19, present		
45	$\frac{7}{2}$	7.906 ± 0.018	13,16		
47	$\frac{7}{2}$	8.262 ± 0.010	16,26,present		
	$\frac{3}{2}^{+}$	$8.442 {\scriptstyle\pm} 0.013$	16,26,present		
	$\frac{1}{2}^{+}$	8.394 ± 0.013	16,26, present		
49	$\frac{7}{2}$	8.487 ± 0.018	13,25		
51	$\frac{7}{2}$	8.846 ± 0.011	16,27, present		
	$\frac{3}{2}^{+}$	9.067 ± 0.013	16,27, present		
	$\frac{1}{2}^{+}$	9.034 ± 0.013	16,27, present		
53	$\frac{7}{2}$	9.073 ± 0.023	13,16		
55	$\frac{7}{2}$	9.477 ± 0.010	25, present		
	$\frac{3}{2}^{+}$	9.703 ± 0.012	25, 28, present		
	$\frac{1}{2}$	9.743 ± 0.012	25,28,present		

TABLE IV. Displacement energies of the $T=\frac{1}{2}$ mirror



FIG. 4. Coulomb displacement energies versus mass number for A = 4n + 3, $T = \frac{1}{2}$ mirror nuclei in the $1f_{7/2}$ shell. The points represent the experimental data while the lines connect the predictions discussed in the text.

TABLE V.	Coulomb	interaction	between	protons	in
different shel	ls.				

	Exp	HO ^a	WS (keV)	
•	(keV)	(keV)	Direct	Exchange
$f_{7/2} - d_{3/2}$	316	308	338	-16
$f_{7/2} - \frac{2s_{1/2}}{s_{1/2}}$	321	294	328	-6

^aCalculation made using the oscillator parameter = 0.258 fm⁻².

core charge distribution for these nuclei is not experimentally known; however, addition of $f_{7/2}$ shell neutrons to a nucleus has been shown to have a small effect on the nuclear charge radius. For example in the Ti or Ca isotopes, in which comparison of nuclei having different numbers of $f_{7/2}$ neutrons is possible, the charge radius varies only about 1% between extremes.²³ Using a charge radius consistent with electron scattering in the above model, we find the calculation of the Cou-

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lomb displacement energy to be 450 to 650 keV less than the experimental values found in Table IV. The calculations for the $\frac{3}{2}$ tevels agree with the data better than do either the $\frac{7}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ tevels by 100 to 150 keV. Therefore, although the Nolen-Schiffer anomaly persists for these mirror levels, it is interesting that the values for the $f_{7/2}$ - $d_{3/2}$ and $f_{7/2}$ - $s_{1/2}$ Coulomb interactions agree so well with the values extracted from Sherr and Bertsch's model.

We hope to be able to extend these results to the hole states in the A = 4n + 1, $T_z = -\frac{1}{2}$ nuclei by means of the (³He, ⁸Li) or (p, ⁶He) reaction, but resolution as high as in the present experiment will be much more difficult to obtain.

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