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We have studied high spin states of 57 Co by in-beam γ -ray spectroscopy in the 48 Ti(12 C,p2n) and 54 Fe(α ,p) reactions. γ -ray single, coincidence spectra, excitation functions and angular distributions were measured. The preliminary result is shown in Fig. 1, where levels above 1.7 MeV are those established in this work.

The spin sequence of 7/2, 9/2, 11/2 and 13/2 were predicted by the shell-model calculation [1], in which 40 ca was considered as an inert core and valence nucleons were distributed in the f_{7/2}, p_{3/2}, p_{1/2} and f_{5/2} orbits. The calculation based on the coupling of a proton hole to the quadrupole vibrations of the neighboring even-mass Ni nucleus [2] also explained states up to 11/2. However, neither of these calculations predicts existence of levels with J > 15/2. It seems necessary, therefore, to calculate the level scheme due to the aligned coupling scheme [3], which has been successfully applied to the quasi-band structure of f-p shell nuclei consisting of three or four valence nucleons outside the core.

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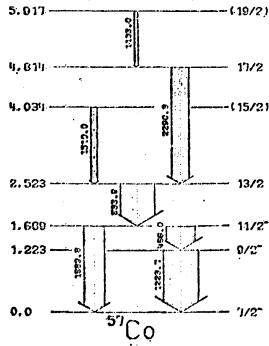


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