## Abstract Submitted for the DNP08 Meeting of The American Physical Society

Evolution of Collective Structure in Odd-Odd  $^{70}\mathrm{As^1}$  J.K. BRUCK-MAN, Monmouth College, R.A. KAYE, S.R. ARORA, N.R. BAKER, Ohio Wesleyan University, S.L. TABOR, T.A. HINNERS, C.R. HOFFMAN, S. LEE, Florida State University, J. DOERING, Bundesamt fuer Strahlenschutz, Germany — Excited states in  $^{70}\mathrm{As}$  were produced via the  $^{23}\mathrm{Na}(^{54}\mathrm{Fe},\alpha 2pn)^{77}\mathrm{Rb}$  reaction at 80MeV. Gamma-ray transitions between the excited states were collected in coincidence using a high-resolution array of 10 Ge detectors. From the coincidence relationships, a candidate for the missing odd-spin negative-parity sequence was found, with spins and parities assigned tentatively using systematic arguments. All other high-spin level sequences found previously were confirmed. The kinematic moments of inertia for the new band and those observed previously, calculated within the context of the cranked-shell model, show that  $^{70}\mathrm{As}$  is likely dominated by collective behavior at high spin, making it more similar in this regard to  $^{72}\mathrm{As}$  than  $^{68}\mathrm{As}$ . Collectivity and deformation also seem to increase with neutron number in the light proton-rich arsenic isotopes.

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