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Orbital dependent pairing and the structure of the lightest isotopes of tin ROBERT GRZYWACZ, University of Tennessee, IAIN DARBY, IKS Luven, JON BATCHELDER, UNIRIB, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, CAR-ROL BINGHAM, LUCIA CARTEGNI, University of Tennessee, CARL GROSS, ORNL, MORTEN HJORTH-JENSEN, University of Oslo, DAVID JOSS, University of Liverpool, SEAN LIDDICK, NSCL, WITOLD NAZAREWICZ, University of Tennessee, ROBERT PAGE, University of Liverpool, THOMAS PAPEN-BROCK, University of Tennessee, MUSTAFA RAJABALI, IKS Leuven, JIMMY ROTUREAU, University of Arizona, KRZYSZTOF RYKACZEWSKI, ORNL, STEPHEN PADGETT, University of Tennessee — The island of alpha radioactivity near doubly magic ¹⁰⁰Sn provides an opportunity to study properties of tin isotopes using the extreme selectivity of charge particle decay spectroscopy. In an experiment, which used the most advanced experimental spectroscopic techniques the $^{109}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{105}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{101}\text{Sn}$ alpha decay chain was studied at the Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility at Oak Ridge. The majority of the alpha decay branching ratio of the ¹⁰⁵Te populates not the ground state but the first excited state in ¹⁰¹Sn leading to the revision of the established order of single particle levels. The in-depth analysis of this result with the state-of-the-art shell model calculations lead to surprising conclusions on the role of the pairing correlations in the lightest tin isotopes.

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