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**CASCADE and PACE4 calculations for  $\beta$  decay population of low-lying levels in  $^{186}\text{Pt}$** <sup>1</sup> EN EN JIANG, CEN DENG, The University of Richmond, GABRIELA ILIE COLLABORATION, MIRELA S. FETEA COLLABORATION — Accurate information on the low-lying levels in the intermediate Pt nuclei, to serve as a basis for structural interpretation, is needed to study the transition from coexisting structures in the lighter Pt nuclei to  $\gamma$ -soft structure in the heavier Pt nuclei. CASCADE and PACE4 reaction simulation programs were used to find suitable reactions for the production of unstable  $^{186}\text{Au}$  in different neutron channels that would allow the measurement of the energies and decay properties of low-lying levels in  $^{186}\text{Pt}$ , populated in the  $\beta$ -decay. The results of our calculations as well as a discussion on why we determined  $^{175}\text{Lu}(^{16}\text{O}, 5n)$  to be the most efficient reaction, will be presented.

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