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The EXL Project – Recent Experiments at the ESR and Future Perspectives

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^{*} **EXL**: **Ex**otic Nuclei Studied in Light-Ion Induced Reactions at the NESR Storage Ring

I. Introduction

classical method of nuclear spectroscopy:

 \Rightarrow light ion induced direct reactions: (p,p), (p,p'), (d,p), ... \Rightarrow to investigate exotic nuclei: inverse kinematics

past and present experiments:

 \Rightarrow light neutron-rich nuclei: skin, halo structures \Rightarrow only at external targets

future perspectives at FAIR:

- \Rightarrow profit from intensity upgrade (up to 10⁴ !!)
- \Rightarrow explore new regions of the chart of nuclides and new phenomena
- \Rightarrow use new and powerful methods:
 - EXL: direct reactions at internal storage ring target
 - ⇒ high luminosity even for very low momentum transfer measurements
 - First Experiments at the ESR



The EXL Project – an Overview

regions of interest:

⇒ towards the driplines for medium heavy and heavy nuclei

physics interest:

- matter distributions (halo, skin...)
- single-particle structure evolution (new magic numbers, new shell gaps, spetroscopic factors)
- NN correlations, pairing and clusterization phenomena
- new collective modes (different deformations for p and n, giant resonance strength)
- parameters of the nuclear equation of state
- in-medium interactions in asymetric and low-density matter
- astrophysical r and rp processes, understanding of supernovae



Light-Ion Induced Direct Reactions

- elastic scattering (p,p), (α,α), ...
 nuclear matter distribution ρ(r), skins, halo structures
- inelastic scattering (p,p'), (α,α'), ...
 deformation parameters, B(E2) values, transition densities, giant resonances
- charge exchange reactions (p,n), (³He,t), (d, ²He), ...
 Gamow-Teller strength
- transfer reactions (p,d), (p,t), (p, ³He), (d,p), ... single particle structure, spectroscopic factors spectroscopy beyond the driplines neutron pair correlations neutron (proton) capture cross sections
- knock-out reactions (p,2p), (p,pn), (p,p ⁴He)...
 ground state configurations, nucleon momentum distributions, cluster correlations



- R³B: <u>Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams</u> ⇒ High Energy Branch
- EXL: <u>EX</u>otic Nuclei Studied in <u>L</u>ight-Ion Induced Reactions at the NESR Storage Ring ⇒ Ring Branch





<u>The R³B experiment:</u> a universal setup for kinematical complete measurements

Experiments with Stored Exotic Nuclei



EXL: EXotic Nuclei Studied in Light-Ion Induced Reactions at the NESR Storage Ring



Light-Ion Induced Direct Reactions at Low Momentum Transfer

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for almost all cases:

region of low momentum transfer contains most important information

Speciality of EXL:

measurements at very low momentum transfer

 \Rightarrow complementary to R³B !!!

Experiments to be Performed at Very Low Momentum Transfer – Some Selected Examples

- Investigation of Nuclear Matter Distributions:
 - \Rightarrow halo, skin structure
 - \Rightarrow probe in-medium interactions at extreme isospin (almost pure neutron matter)
 - \Rightarrow in combination with electron scattering (ELISe project @ FAIR):

separate neutron/proton content of nuclear matter (deduce neutron skins)

method: elastic proton scattering \Rightarrow <u>at low q</u>: high sensitivity to nuclear periphery

Investigation of Nuclear Matter Density Distributions of Halo Nuclei by Elastic Proton Scattering at Low Momentum Transfer

small angle proton scattering:



deduced nuclear matter distributions:



P. Egelhof et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 15 (2002) 27A. Dobrovolsky et al., Nucl. Phys. A766 (2006) 1

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The Collective Response of the Nucleus: Giant Resonances







M. Itoh



Investigation of the Giant Monopole Resonance in Doubly Magic Nuclei by Inelastic α -Scattering

- GMR gives access to nuclear compressibility K_{nm} (Z,N) ~ ρ₀² d²(E/A) / dρ² |_{ρ0}
 ⇒ key parameter of EOS
- investigation of isotopic chains arround ¹³²Sn, ⁵⁶Ni, ... with high δ = (N-Z)/A
 ⇒ disentangle different contributions to

 $K_A = K_{vol} + K_{surf} A^{-1/3} + K_{sym} ((N-Z)/A)^2 + \dots$

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- Investigation of Gamow-Teller Transitions:
 - \Rightarrow weak interaction rates for N = Z waiting point nuclei in the rp-process

 \Rightarrow electron capture rates in the presupernova evolution (core collaps) method: (³He,t), (d,²He) charge exchange reactions <u>at low q</u>

Kinematical Conditions for Light-Ion Induced Direct Reactions in Inverse Kinematics



- required beam energies: E ≈ 200 ... 740 MeV/u (except for transfer reactions)
- required targets: ^{1,2}H, ^{3,4}He
- most important information in region of low momentum transfer
 - ⇒ <u>low recoil</u> energies of recoil particles
 - \Rightarrow need thin targets for sufficient angular and energy resolution

Advantage of Storage Rings for Direct Reactions in Inverse Kinematics

- low threshold and high <u>resolution</u> due to: beam cooling, thin target (10¹⁴-10¹⁵ cm⁻²)
- gain of <u>luminosity</u> due to: continuous beam accumulation and recirculation
- low <u>background</u> due to: pure, windowless ^{1,2}H₂, ^{3,4}He, etc. targets
- experiments with isomeric beams

Experiments at very low momentum transfer can only be done at EXL (except with active targets, but with substantial lower luminosity)

Only the world-wide unique combination of the Super-FRS and a Storage Ring provides high resolution experiments with high luminosity

The EXL Recoil and Gamma Array



Si DSSD $\Rightarrow \Delta E, x, y$ 300 µm thick, spatial resolution better than 500 μ m in x and y, $\Delta E = 30 \text{ keV} (FWHM)$

Thin Si DSSD ⇒ tracking <100 µm thick, spatial resolution better than $100 \,\mu\text{m}$ in x and y, $\Delta E = 30 \text{ keV} (FWHM)$

Si(Li) $\Rightarrow E$ 9 mm thick, large area $100 \text{ x} 100 \text{ mm}^2$, $\Delta E = 50 \text{ keV} (FWHM)$

CsI crystals ⇒ E, γ High efficiency, high resolution, 20 cm thick

III. First Experiments with Radioactive Beams at the ESR

Proposal E105: Start up of part of the EXL physics program with ⁵⁶Ni

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Proposal E105: Feasibility Studies and First Experiments with RIB's at the ESR

specially designed scattering chamber for the ESR:



reactions with ⁵⁸Ni:

proof of principles and feasibility studies:

- UHV capability of detector setup
- background conditions in ESR environment at the internal target
- Iow energy threshold
- beam and target performance

reactions with ⁵⁶Ni:

⁵⁶Ni: doubly magic nucleus!!

- (p,p) reactions: nuclear matter distribution
- (α,α`) reactions: giant resonances (GMR) EOS parameters (nucl. compressibility)
- (³He,t) reactions: Gamow-Teller matrix elements, important for astrophys.

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PAC Recommendation:

out of a total of 147 shifts:

21 Shifts for Feasibility Studies with ⁵⁸Ni

21 Shifts for First Experiments with ⁵⁶Ni

Combination with Exp. E087 (P.J. Woods / Y. Litvinov)

²⁰Ne(p,d)¹⁹Ne* reaction in inverse kinematics (21 Shifts)

Theorectical Predictions



<u>needed:</u> large solid angle detectors with low threshold and large dynamic range

Setup at the ESR Storage Ring



R&D on the EXL Recoil Detector

- Detectors: DSSD`s from PTI St. Petersburg (V. Eremin) Si(Li)`s from KFZ Jülich, now SEMICON (D. Protic, T. Krings)

Tests:2008/2009: GSI:α sources2008: Edinburgh:α sourcesApril 2009: KVI Groningen:protons of 50 MeVJuly 2009: TU München:α particles E < 30 MeV</td>September 2009: GSI:protons of 100 and 150 MeVApril 2010: KVI Groningen:protons of 135 MeVJanuary 2011: TU Tübingen:protons of 1.5 MeV down to 70 keV

Double Sided Silicon Strip Detectors (DSSD`s) for EXL

Design and Production of Sensors:

Geometry:

Optimized for:



PTI St. Petersburg (V. Eremin et al.) Maxwell

active area: 64 x 64 mm² thickness: 300 µm strips: 128 x 64 pitch: 500 µm

thin entrance window: ≤ 50 nm high efficiency: energy resolution: $\Delta E = 15 - 25 \text{ keV}$

10 µm interstrip gap



Si(Li) Detectors for EXL

Design and Production:

KFZ Jülich (now SEMIKON) (D. Protic, T. Krings)

Geometry:

active area: 50 x 80 mm² (separated in 8 pads) thickness: 6.5 mm



$\Delta E = 25 \text{ keV}$ for α -source

Schematic view of the Si(Li) transmission detector





Response to very Low Energy Protons

proton beams from the Tübingen van de Graaf Accelerator



1503 keV protons scattered from C target $(37\mu g/cm^2)$ \Rightarrow 1442 keV protons 818 keV H₂ scattered from C target, ~3.5 μ m Mylar degrader in front of DSSD \Rightarrow 74.7 keV protons







K. Yue et al., Proceedings of STORI11 http.//pos.sissa.it







UHV-Barrier DSSD Design

Ceramic Boards:

P-side: in UHV



N-side: in low vacuum





low vacuum side:

spring pin connectors

differential vacuum test *10⁻¹⁰ mbar 10⁻¹⁰ mbar*

Experimental Concept for the E105 Experiment



DSSD – SiLi –SiLi telescope





improve angular resolution

Experimental Setup at the ESR



Scattering Chamber mounted at the Internal Target of the ESR

challenge: UHV capable and bakeable DSSD and Si(Li) detectors



UHV capable Tagging Detector for **Beam-Like Reaction Products**



- 6 PIN diodes (1 x 1 cm²) on AIN PCB, directly in the UHV
- · Small dead edge, could be very close to the beam
- Baked at 250° C, passed vacuum Test.

Preparation of the Stored Radioactive ⁵⁶Ni Beam

fragmentation of 600 MeV/u ⁵⁸Ni beam

injection to ESR: 7 x

FRS:

<u>**7 x 10**⁴</u> ⁵⁶ Ni per injection

F. Nolden, M. Steck

injected beam







beam after

rf deposition



(main exp: E87, P. Woods et al., Univ. of Edinburgh)



First Results with Stable Beam (preliminary!)

reaction: ${}^{58}Ni$ on H_2 target

- energy: 400 MeV/u
- target: 2 X 10¹³ /cm³
- detector: DSSD $\Theta_{Lab} = 72^{\circ} - 88^{\circ}$





58 Ni(p,p), E = 400 MeV/u



25. 10. 2012:

First Nuclear Reaction Experiment with Stored Radioactive Beam!!!!



⁵⁶Ni(p,p), E = 400 MeV/u Response of Individual Detectors



⁵⁶Ni(p,p), E = 400 MeV/u Reconstructed Energy



⁵⁶Ni(p,p), E = 400 MeV/u Benefit of the 1mm Aperture



⁵⁶Ni(p,p`), E = 400 MeV/u Identification of Inelastic Scattering



Comparison with External Target Experiment

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Proton Inelastic Scattering on ⁵⁶Ni in Inverse Kinematics

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same ⁵⁶Ni intensity as for ESR experiment



energy:

100 MeV/u

PIN diodes

 $\Theta_{Lab} = 0.2^{\circ} - 1^{\circ}$

target: 8 X 10¹² /cm³

detectors: DSSD



Theorectical Predictions



<u>needed:</u> large solid angle detectors with low threshold and large dynamic range

 ${}^{58}Ni(\alpha,\alpha)$, E = 100 MeV/u



challenge: detect and identify very low energy recoils

⁵⁸Ni(α , α), E = 100 MeV/u, Θ_{lab} = 37 deg



⁵⁸Ni, empty target, E = 100 MeV/u, Θ_{lab} = 37 deg





⁵⁸Ni(α , α), E = 100 MeV/u, Θ_{lab} = 37 deg



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<u>location</u>: E = 284 (30) keV

<u>expected</u>: E = 300 (50) keV (corresponding to Eres (cm) = 19.9 (0.7) MeV) (from B.K. Nayak et al., PL B637 (2006) 43)





simulation for ISGDR assuming predicted cross section ratio for ISGMR and ISGDR

First Results of the E087 Experiment (P. Woods, Y. Litvinov et al.)



¹⁵O(α,γ)¹⁹Ne reaction rate predicted to be dominated by a single resonance at a CoM energy of 504 keV

Key unknown - α-decay probability from excited state at 4.03 MeV in ¹⁹Ne compared to γ -decay, predicted to be ~ 10-4







short term perspectives:

• (α, α) on ⁵⁶Ni \Rightarrow investigate ISGMR and ISGDR

needs upgrade of detector setup and readout (ASICS)

Future Perspectives

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needs upgrade of detector setup and readout (ASICS)



- (³He,t) on ⁵⁶Ni ⇒ investigate Gamow Teller strength needs upgrade of internal target
- (p,p), (p,p`) on heavier Ni and Sn isotopes



long term perspectives (EXL @ FAIR):

 still first priority: EXL at the NESR (full performance of EXL)





long term perspectives (EXL @ FAIR):

• for first phase of FAIR: transfer line from SUPER-FRS / CR to the ESR



Future Perspectives

long term perspectives (EXL @ FAIR):

 other option: place EXL in the HESR



V. Conclusions

- For the First Time (World Wide) a Nuclear Reaction Experiment with Stored Radioactive Beams was successfully performed.
- A "Proof of Principle" of the Experimental Concept with UHV capable Detectors and Infrastructure around the Internal Target was successful.
- A number of Important Physics Questions can be only addressed with the EXL Technique which is up to date World Wide unique.
- EXL@ESR and EXL@FAIR has a large Potential for Nuclear Structure and Nuclear Astrophysics.

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