PERSPECTIVES OF THE STUDY OF COLLINEAR CLUSTER TRI-PARTITION OF HEAVY NUCLEI

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CCT progress from ISINN to ISINN





I. CCT Instruments review

Experimental steps: FOBOS → modified FOBOS → mini-FOBOS → COMETA

missing mass approach, Z -sensitive variables & experimental neutron multiplicity V_{exp} for selection of the CCT events



Double arm spectrometer 6+6 modules

Neutron belt of FOBOS 140 ³He (7 bar) conuters In PE-moderator

Start PAC with internal²⁵²Cf source





MiniFOBOS in the cave 6b of the reactor IBR-2



COMETA= COrrelation Mosaic E-T Array





<u>Linear Spectrometer = LIS</u>





- Q1 энергия 1
- Q2 энергия 2



II. Main CCT observations



or the detector frames in COMETA

Peculiarities in Mass vs Mass plots like: $M_{A,B} = \text{const}$ (horizontal or vertical lines) $M_{\text{miss}} = \text{conts}$ (tilted lines)

Experimental background – principal results





"Double cluster radioactivity"



Principal results FOBOS & COMETA



COMETA data: Ni-bump & Ge-bump without any gating



Velocities and energies of the light CCT partners



III. Quaternary CCT?

Method of analysis of the missing mass data

Provided M(Ni), Z(Ni)=28, V(Ni) and M(HF), V(HF)

 $Z(HF) = Z_{UCD}(M(HF))$

M(LF) = 252 - M(HF) Z(LF) = 98 - Z(LF)V(LF) - momentum conservation law



Measured Calculated Measured







b

Higher as compared to w1 case E_free in scission lets quaternary decay





Quaternary decay is expected

Experiment in JYFL ²³⁵U+ α (40 MeV)





Indications of quaternary decays:





IV. Development of the instruments and inspiring the theory

Registration of the collinear fragments in the mosaic of PIN diodes



The geometry in Ex3 with the PIN diodes. Hitting the mosaic by a fork of fragments can give rise to three different types of events. Blocking can occur if the opening angle of the fork lies in the range 0 < 1 (missing-mass event marked as 1-2-3). Both fragments of the fork can hit the same PIN diode (event 1-2-4). If >1 the fragments forming the fork can be detected in two different PIN diodes (true ternary event 1-2-5).





Fast flash ADC technique application









Cocktail: Pu-238 Pu-239 U-233



4,824 MeV 5,155 MeV 5,499 MeV



Electrostatic guide system (EGS)





Schematically view of the setup (a) and one of two experimental chambers at the ends of the guide with the detectors inside (b). Active zone (1), target (2), detectors chambers (3), reactor channel (4), central filament of the guide (5), "start" detector (6), mosaic of PIN-diodes (7).

N.C. Oakey, P.D. McFarlane NIM 49(1967) 220. A.A. Alexandrov et al., NM A303 (1991) 323.

$F_c = 0.153 q V_0 / \{E_{FF} \ln(R/s)\}$

 V_0 – is the potential difference between the two conductors,

 E_{FF} – is the kinetic energy of the fission fragment,

s - is the radius of the central wire of the guide.



Particle trajectories in curved guide



Is optimization possible?

Transmission efficiency of R=30 curve guide relative to reference straight one

Relative transmission ,



R, m	Relative transmission, %
15	0
30	1.5
40	9
50	14
60	21

U, kV	Relative transmission,
	%
10	1.5
20	11
30	16
40	20
50	19

d, mm	Relative
	transmission, %
23	7
56	1.5

different diameters of vacuum chamber

Curved electrostatic guide system



---> Pulsed HV ?

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Distribution of the potential and transmission efficiency of R=30 curve guide relative to reference straight one



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What it the average ionic charge?

Review of Wittkower и Betz, 1972



FIG. 5.7. Average equilibrium charge of bromine ions stripped in nitrogen and oxygen gas (open symbols), and in carbon foils (full symbols), plotted as a function of the projectile energy. Experimental results are taken from Table V.1: (a) Moak et al. (1968) and Datz et al. (1971); (b) Grodzins et al. (1967); Wittkower and Ryding (1971); (d) Almqvist et al. (1962). Semiempirical estimates: 1a, b, Dmitriev and Nikolaev (1964), Eqs. (5.4) and (5.5); 2, Nikolaev and Dmitriev (1968), Eq. (5.8),

FIG. 5.1. Average relative equilibrium ionization of ions of nuclear charge 42 and 50 calculated by Lamb (1940) for a dilute gas stripper, plotted as a function of the reduced ion velocity $v/(v_0 Z^{2/3})$.

Universal Dmitriev and Nikolaev formula (1968) for the ions with the energy more that 100 MeV for solid targets $q/Z = [1+(Z^{-\alpha}v/v_0)^{-1/k}]^{-k}$,

 $v_0 = 3.6*10^8 \text{ cm/c}, k = 0.6, \alpha = 0.45.$

How wide is the ionic charge distribution?





FIG. 5.16. Equilibrium charge state distributions for bromine ions, stripped in a carbon foil at 100 and 140 MeV; from Moak et al. (1967, 1968).

Review of Wittkower и Betz, 1972

Comparison with the results obtained at the Cosi fan tutte spectrometer



EGS: new physical parameter namely *ionic charge* is included in the game by nontrivial way – to visualize the valleys on the potential energy surface of the decaying system.

Theoretical support



Landscape of the potential energy surface for three-body clusterization of 248Cm.

Though the combinations like Te–O–Kr or Sn–O–Sr are located not so high up on the potential energy surface (10 to 20 MeV), and they are quite reachable due to fluctuations at several tens of MeV of excitation energy.

V. Zagrebaev and W. Greiner

Proc. Internat. Symp. on Atomic Cluster Collisions (ISACC07), GSI Darmstadt, 2007, (Imperial College Press, London, 2008), Eds. J.-P. Connerade and A. V. Solov'yov, pp. 23-33

Kinetic energies of fragments in ternary splitting of ²⁵²Cf



Only one CCT combination Sn-Ca-Ni

is analyzed in the frame of a rather artificial model.

Nevertheless, a principal peculiarity of the energy spertra of the light CCT partners is reproduced, namely their twocomponent composition (low energy and high energy peaks)

K.R. Vijayaraghavan, W. von Oertzen, M. Balasubramaniam, et al., EPJ A (2012) 48: 27

PES for ternary decay of ²⁵²Cf



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CCT @ DUBNA (ALUSHTA)

the dreams towards ISINN-22

- 1. COMETA-R/FADC at reactor beam Measurements with 235-U to be started
- 2. VEGA design and modeling
- 3. COMETA & LIS new experiments Next report by Prof. Pyatkov

