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Prospects for Nuclear Astrophysics Experiments at KoRIA

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Outline

Introduction – KoRIA – Nuclear Astrophysics **Experimental Considerations** – Why radioactive ion beams? – Direct Measurements with RIB **Experiments with RIB** – Experiments @ RIKEN, TRIUMF, ORNL **Summary**

What is KoRIA(가칭)?

EXACTE KORIA Stands for Korea Rare Isotope (Radioactive Ion) Accelerator.

Example 20 India Accelerator facility for producing RI beams.

T Under the Basic Science Institute (기과연)

Physics Objectives

Nuclear Physics

- New Radioactive Isotopes
- New, comprehensive understanding of nuclei

Nuclear Astrophysics

- Properties of radioactive isotopes
- Cross section measurements with RIB
- **n** Origin of elements in the Universe

Proposed Specs.

■ Superconducting Linear Accelerator **U** : 200 MeV/u U: 2 microA **In-flight fragmentation / fission** ■ Cyclotron Proton : 50 MeV ISOL **Re-acceleration of RIB from ISOL**

Budget & Time Line

Budget

- -460 Billion Wons (\sim \$460M)
- **In-flight fragmentation / fission**
- **Time line**
	- 2009 2011 : CDR, TDR
	- 2012 2016 : Construction
	- -2015 : First Experiments with KoRIA

Tentative Facility Schematic Diagram

John M. D'Auria

Future : FRIB, KoRIA, EURISOL TAMU,UND

Nuclear Astrophysics

- Some of the most compelling questions in nature
	- \blacksquare How were the elements from iron to uranium made?
	- How does the sun shine for so many years?
	- **Nhat is the total density of matter in the** universe?
	- **How do the stars, galaxies evolve?**
- **Require a considerable amount of nuclear** physics information as input

80 Years of Nuclear Astrophysics

A Story of Success

1928 Gamow-Factor George Gamow

1931 Stellar Structure & Theory of White Dwarfs Subramanyan Chandrasekhar

1938 CNO Cycle - C. F. von Weizsacker CNO Cycle, pp Chain - Hans Bethe

1957 Nucleosynthesis of Elements in Stars Margaret &Geoffrey Burbridge, William Fowler and Fred Hoyle $=$ B²FH

1983 Nobel Prize: William Fowler Subramanyan Chandrasekhar

2002 Nobel Prize for Neutrino Detection Raymond Davis & Masatoshi Koshiba X-ray Astronomy - Riccardo Giacconi

The exploration of the chart of nuclei

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The present chart of nuclei

Based on National Academy of Science Report

[Committee for the Physics of the Universe (CPU)]

Question 3 How were the elements from iron to uranium made ?

Experimental Nuclear Astrophysics

Nuclear reactions in stars

produce energy

generate the elements

Lab studies of reaction cross-sections

Astrophysically Important Nuclear Reactions

 $7Be(p,\gamma)^8B$ 8 Li (α, n) ¹¹B ${}^{12}C(\alpha,\gamma){}^{16}O$ ${}^{14}O(\alpha, p)$ ¹⁷F ${}^{15}O(\alpha,\gamma){}^{19}Ne$ $17,18$ $F(p,\alpha)$ ^{14,15}O 25 Al(p,γ)²⁶Si $44Ti(\alpha, p)$ ⁴⁷V ⁵⁶Ni(p,γ)⁵⁷Cu ⁸⁵Kr(n,γ)⁸⁶Kr $134Cs(n, \gamma)$ ¹³⁵Cs and many others

M.S. Smith and K.E. Rehm, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci, 51 (2001)

In many cosmic phenomena, radioactive nuclei play an influential role, hence the need for Radioactive Ion Beams

1985 by Fowler

■ "We stand on the verge of one of those exciting periods which occur in science from time to time. ...there is an urgent need for data on the properties and interactions of radioactive nuclei … for use in nuclear astrophysics."

p-p chain in the sun

From Motobayashi Santa Tecla

experiments with R.I. beams

spectroscopy of unstable nuclei

Nova models

Explosion: thermonuclear runaway on surface of accreting white dwarf

Nova observations

Break-Out: $14O(\alpha, p)$

 $14O(\alpha, p)$ ¹⁷F

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 $Timestep = 0$

Time (sec) = $-4.904E+01$

Density (g/cm^3) = $8.006E + 04$

Temperature (T9) = $1.974E-01$

Min: 1.00E-25

nucastrodata.org

Experimental considerations Nucleosynthetic reactions are typically dominated by Coulomb barriers

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E_B = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{R} = \frac{1.44 Z_1 Z_2}{R(fm)}
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E_T \approx kT = 8.62 \times 10^{-8} T \text{ keV}
$$

Large Coulomb barrier makes direct measurement of the reaction rates almost impossible

Stellar reaction rate

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\begin{aligned}\n\text{Stellar reaction rate} \\
\text{S(E)} &= \sigma(\text{E})\text{E} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{\hbar \nu}\right) \\
\lambda &= \langle \sigma \nu \rangle = \int_0^\infty \sigma(\text{E}) \nu(\text{E}) \Psi(\text{E}) \text{d}\text{E} \\
&= \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{S(E)}}{\text{E}} \exp(-b\text{E}^{-1/2}) \sqrt{\frac{2\text{E}}{\mu}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\text{E}}{\text{kT}} \exp\left(-\frac{\text{E}}{\text{kT}}\right) \frac{\text{d}\text{E}}{(\text{kTE})^{1/2}} \\
&= \left(\frac{8}{\mu \pi}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{(\text{kT})^{3/2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{S(E)}}{\text{E}} \exp\left(-\frac{\text{E}}{\text{kT}} - b\text{E}^{-1/2}\right) \text{d}\text{E}\n\end{aligned}
$$

Hahn et al. PRC (1996)

 $18¹$

^aThe multiplets at $E_x = 4.5$, 5.1, and 6.3 MeV are not resolved in the ¹²C(¹²C,⁶He)¹⁸Ne data.

^bFrom the Indiana experiment unless specified otherwise.

^cFrom our ¹⁶O(³He,*n*)</sub>¹⁸Ne experiment.

 d From Ref. [6].

^eEstimated from a Woods-Saxon calculation.

^fFrom the Princeton experiment.

^gUsed for the energy calibrations.

¹⁸Ne Low Energy Excited State

Our experimental configuration is shown with the ¹⁷F ions impinging on a polypropylene target. The scattered protons FIG. 1. were detected in the SIDAR, while recoil ¹⁷F ions were detected in coincidence in a gas-filled ionization counter.

Figure 27. The figure shows the excitation function [55] in the ¹⁷ \widetilde{F} (p,p)¹⁷ \widetilde{F} reaction. The resonance observed defines the width and energy of the 3⁺ state in ¹⁸Ne populated in the ¹⁷F (p, γ)¹⁸Ne reaction (see text).

FIG. 4. The contribution to the ¹⁷F(p, γ)¹⁸Ne reaction rate from the $3⁺$ state is plotted as a function of stellar temperature. This is compared to estimates of the rate from previously published predictions of the resonance parameters from García et al. [8], Wiescher et al. [7], and Sherr and Fortune [9]. The total reaction rate, which includes contributions from nearby resonances as well as direct capture, is also shown.

Direct Measurements

- **Desirable way to measure astrophysically** important reactions over indirect methods.
- **Only became possible after new generation** of accelerators that can make the ¹⁷F and ¹⁴O radioactive ion beams in the late 90's.
- **Notify low cross sections**
- **Have to identify the experimental conditions** very carefully – rely on properties obtained from indirect methods

HRIBF Silicon Detector Array (SIDAR)

Utilization

 \cdot measure crucial resonance parameters $17F(p,p)$...

 \cdot directly measure astrophysical reactions $18F(p, \alpha)$...

Specifications

- 3 arrays of 128, 128, and 64 Si strip detectors
- \cdot stacked detectors \Rightarrow particle ID

. High Energy Resolution, Low Backgrounds

Figure 1. Data collected at a beam energy of 60.5 MeV with a 96 μ g/cm² CH₂ target and a beam current of 1.1×10^6 s⁻¹ for 5.8 hours. (a) Counts as a function of the energies of 2 particles detected in time coincidence. (b) Counts as a function of the lab angle and energy for events which fall into the energy-energy gate shown in (a).

Blackmon et al. @Oak Ridge

Stellar Reactions with Short-Lived Nuclei: ${}^{17}F(p,\alpha){}^{14}O$

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A method has been developed that can provide beams of many short-lived nuclei of interest in nucleosynthesis along the rp process path. With a ¹⁷F beam $(T_{1/2} = 64$ s) the excitation function of the ¹⁷F(p, α)¹⁴O reaction was measured to determine properties of excited states in ¹⁸Ne. These states influence the rate of the ¹⁴O(α , p)¹⁷F reaction which is important for understanding energy generation and nucleosynthesis in x-ray bursts. The present direct measurements yield a pattern of resonances and cross sections which differ substantially from previous estimates. [S0031-9007(99)09166-8]

Measurement of 26 Al(p, γ)²⁷Si at TRIUMF-ISAC

• Goal of experiment: determine the strength of the E_{cm} = 188 keV resona nce at TRIUMF-ISAC:

- \bullet $\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{beam}}$ (²⁶Al) ~ 200 keV/u
- required beam intensity $> 10⁹$ ions per second
- Measure the yield of ²⁷Si recoils with DRAGON recoil separator (coincidence with prompt gamma rays)

DRAGON Gas Target

- •Windowless gas target
- Silicon detectors: detect elastically scattered par ticles for beam normalization
- Pressure = $4 8$ Torr H₂ (or He)

DRAGON Gamma Array

- 30 bismuth germanate (BGO) detectors surrounding gas target
- Efficiency = $(76 \pm 10)\%$ from GEANT and data

From Alan Chen

DRAGON focal plane detectors

From Alan Chen

CNS RIB Separator (CRIB)

target

We measured the cross section in June, 2008

Experimental setup

70um - 400um – 1.5 mm

Experimental setup

Measurements

Direct measurements have a serious problem due to their very low cross sections

- **Indirect measurements** – Transfer reactions (selectivity, resolution) – Resonant elastic scattering
	- ⁴He(¹⁴O,**α**) ¹⁴O and ⁴He(¹⁵O,**α**) 15O

Nuclear Structure Studies at Large Neutron Excess

A Better Set of Models for Explosive Events

Hydrodynamic **Properties**

Temperature

Density

Flow

Etc.

Supernova Simulations First 300 ms: A. Burr

SUPERNOVA R-PROCESS

Otsuki, Tagoshi, Kajino & Wanajo 2000, ApJ 533, 424 Wanajo, Kajino, Mathews & Otsuki 2001, ApJ 554, 578

 $t = 0$ **Neutrino-driven wind forms right after SN core collapse.** $n + p \longrightarrow n + \alpha$ **t = 18 ms Seeds form. Exotic neutron-rich ⁷⁸Ni** $t = 568$ ms $- 1$ s **Heavy r-elements synthesize.**

- **Indirect measurement with RIB** – Coulomb dissociation
- **Direct measurements with RIB**
	- More intense radioactive beams @ RIKEN, KoRIA & FRIB(future)
- **Neasurements using RI beams will give us a** deeper understanding
	- Big bang, the sun, novae, supernovae, etc
	- the origin of elements (r-process)

Thank you !