# Doppler shift lifetime measurements using the TIGRESS Integrated Plunger device

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#### Nuclear structure studies far from stability



## Shape evolution along the  $N = Z$  line

- Along the  $N = Z$  line, shells open or close simultaneously and in the same way for protons and neutrons.
- Closed shells are spherical and inert.
- Proton-neutron interactions develop for partially filled proton and neutron shells, driving shape deformation.
- This gives rise to the phenomenon of shape evolution along the  $N = Z$  line. Shape evolution from  $56N$  to  $100Sn$ .



# Studying nuclear structure using the electromagnetic force

- The electromagnetic force provides a convenient non-intrusive probe of nuclear systems bound by the strong force.
- Lifetime measurements using gamma-ray spectroscopy provide:
	- **1** An observable sensitive to nuclear structure.
	- A sensitive benchmark for nuclear model calculations.



# Motivation: Why <sup>68</sup>Se?



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# Producing exotic nuclei using fusion-evaporation reactions

- A compound system forms with large angular momentum and recoil speed.
- The system decays first by the emission of particles, then by gamma-ray emission.
- Exotic recoil products can be studied provided a proper channel selection method is realized.



## Doppler shift attenuation method lifetime measurements



# TIP DSAM configuration



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# <sup>68</sup>Se DSAM experiment summary

- Objective: Observation of <sup>68</sup>Se and possible lifetime measurement via DSAM.
- **Q** Detectors:
	- 24-element CsI(Tl) downstream wall for particle detection.
	- 13 TIGRESS HPGe and 3 GRIFFIN HPGe for gamma-ray detection.
- An  $36$ Ar beam was reacted on a  $40$ Ca target in a variety of backings and running conditions.
- The <sup>76</sup>Sr compound nucleus has  $2\alpha$  evaporation channel to <sup>68</sup>Se.
- Preliminary analysis is geared towards optimizing procedures for observation of <sup>68</sup>Se.

# <sup>68</sup>Se DSAM experiment summary



- ox: target exhibited signs of oxidation
- v. ox: old target, very oxidized
- **•** remade: remade by Micromatter with calcium "chunks" rather than grains

#### Gamma-ray spectrum: No particle identification



# CsI(Tl) detector waveform fits



## Particle identification using CsI(Tl) waveform fits

PID value =  $100 \times (1 + A_S/A_F)$ 



#### $1p1\alpha$  gated gamma-ray spectrum



## $2p1\alpha$  gated gamma-ray spectrum



# Particle detection efficiency





For comparison, the efficiency of Microball is ~70% for protons and ~45% for alpha particles under similar conditions.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup>K. Jonsson et al. Nucl. Phys. A. 645 (1999) 47–60.

## DSAM lineshapes in the  $2p1\alpha$  gate



## Add-back procedure



# Add-back procedure



 $E = E_1 + E_2$  assigned to white

#### Add-back results

Add-back factor  $= 1.37$  (37% more counts in add-back) at 889 keV.



# Compton suppression with TIGRESS

# Compton suppression via TIGRESS/BGO hit pattern



#### Future work: DSAM lineshape analysis code

- Geant4-based analysis code to extract lifetimes from DSAM lineshapes is under development.
- The TIGRESS array and TIP ancillary detectors have been implemented.
- Fusion-evaporation reaction kinematics must be implemented.
- Simulated lineshapes can be fit to experimental spectra and the best fit lifetime can be determined.



# Future work: experiments with the TIP plunger



The TIP plunger device for RDM measurements, designed by Robert Henderson at TRIUMF.

# Future work: TIP CsI(Tl) ball



The TIP CsI(TI) ball, an  $\sim 4\pi$  particle detector, designed by Robert Henderson at TRIUMF.

# Conclusions and Summary

- **Currently establishing data analysis procedures prior to attempting <sup>68</sup>Se** identification.
- BGO suppression schemes are currently under investigation.
- $\bullet$  The analysis will be geared towards identifying  $^{68}$ Se and other nuclei where a contribution can be made by:
	- **1** Measuring lifetimes,
	- building level schemes,
	- **3** measuring angular distributions,
	- 4 and measuring linear polarization.

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# Effect of target oxidation



# Calculating particle detection efficiency: an example

 $\bullet$  In general, if *n* particles are emitted, the probability to detect *i* is given by Eq. [1](#page-30-0)

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$$
P(i) = {n \choose i} \varepsilon^i (1 - \varepsilon)^{n - i} \tag{1}
$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the particle detection efficiency.

• The probability of detecting the two proton channel in the one proton gate is given by Eq. [2](#page-30-1)

$$
P(2p \text{ in } 1p) = {2 \choose 1} \varepsilon_p^1 (1 - \varepsilon_p)^{2-1} = 2\varepsilon_p (1 - \varepsilon_p) \tag{2}
$$

where  $\varepsilon_p$  is the proton detection efficiency.

• Similarly, the probability of detecting the two proton channel in the two proton gate is given by Eq. [3](#page-30-2)

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$$
P(2p \text{ in } 2p) = \varepsilon_p^2 \tag{3}
$$

# Calculating particle detection efficiency: an example

• Take the ratio of probabilities and solve for  $\varepsilon_p$ :

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$$
R = \frac{P(2p \text{ in } 2p)}{P(2p \text{ in } 1p)} = \frac{\varepsilon_p^2}{2\varepsilon_p(1 - \varepsilon_p)} = \frac{\varepsilon_p}{2(1 - \varepsilon_p)}
$$
(4)  

$$
\Rightarrow \varepsilon_p = \frac{2R}{1 + 2R}
$$
(5)

- We can calculate the proton detection efficiency for the  $36Ar+40Ca$ reaction channel using the 1p1 $\alpha$  and 2p1 $\alpha$  gates.
- The detection probability is reflected in the number of observed gammarays from the nucleus of interest; in this case the 944 keV line in  $^{70}$ Se.
- The alpha particle detection efficiency is fixed by examining the same alpha particle gate.
- 69141(437) counts in the 1p1 $\alpha$  gate and 5996(121) counts in the 2p1 $\alpha$ gate  $\Rightarrow \varepsilon_p = 14.8(4)\%$  from Eq. [5.](#page-31-0)