# 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.



## 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:
  - An observable sensitive to nuclear structure.
  - 2 A sensitive benchmark for nuclear model calculations.



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

| Model calculations                                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |  |  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Model   | Shell Model      | Interacting      | Hartree-         | Self-consistent  |                  | Excited           |  |  |
|   |                  | Boson Model      | Bogoliubov       | Collectiv        | e Coordinate     | Vampir            |  |  |
| $B(E2, 2^+_1  ightarrow 0^+_1) \ [e^2 { m fm}^4]$ | 100 <sup>1</sup> | 280 <sup>2</sup> | 500 <sup>3</sup> | 725 <sup>4</sup> | 834 <sup>4</sup> | 1048 <sup>5</sup> |  |  |

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| Recent measurements |   |          |  |  |  |
|---------------------|---|----------|--|--|--|
| Method              | ${\it B}({\it E2},2^+_1 ightarrow 0^+_1)~[{ m e}^2{ m fm}^4]$ | au [ps]  |  |  |  |
| Coulex <sup>6</sup> | 432(58)   | 4.2(6)   |  |  |  |
| RDM <sup>7</sup>    | 392(70)   | 4.60(82) |  |  |  |

<sup>6</sup>A. Obertelli et al. Phys. Rev. C 80 031304(R) (2009).; <sup>7</sup>A. J. Nichols et al. Phys. Rev. B 733 52 (2014)

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

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

| Beam energy | Target                           | Backing                            | Notes  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 100 MeV     | $250 \ \mu g/cm^2 \ Ca$          | 21.7 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> Au         | OX     |
| 110 MeV     | 250 $\mu g/cm^2$ Ca              | $21.7 \text{ mg/cm}^2 \text{ Au}$  | OX     |
| 110 MeV     | 250 μg/cm <sup>2</sup> Ca        | 25.6 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> Pb         | ох     |
| 110 MeV     | 500 $\mu g/cm^2$ Ca              | 28.1 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> Pb         | v. ox  |
| 110 MeV     | 134.2 $\mu$ g/cm <sup>2</sup> Ca | 24.36 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> Au        | remade |
| 105 MeV     | 134.2 $\mu$ g/cm <sup>2</sup> Ca | $24.36 \text{ mg/cm}^2 \text{ Au}$ | remade |
| 115 MeV     | 250 $\mu g/cm^2$ Ca              | 27.6 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> Pb         | remade |
| 100 MeV     | 250 $\mu g/cm^2$ Ca              | 27.6 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> Pb         | remade |

- 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(TI) detector waveform fits



# Particle identification using Csl(Tl) waveform fits

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



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



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



## Particle detection efficiency





For comparison, the efficiency of Microball is  ${\sim}70\%$  for protons and  ${\sim}45\%$  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



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## 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.



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## 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 Csl(TI) 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.
- The analysis will be geared towards identifying <sup>68</sup>Se and other nuclei where a contribution can be made by:
  - Measuring lifetimes,
  - 2 building level schemes,
  - Implication measuring angular distributions,
  - and measuring linear polarization.

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## Effect of target oxidation



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## Calculating particle detection efficiency: an example

• In general, if *n* particles are emitted, the probability to detect *i* is given by Eq. 1

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

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

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

## Calculating particle detection efficiency: an example

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

$$R = \frac{P(2p \text{ in } 2p)}{P(2p \text{ in } 1p)} = \frac{\varepsilon_p^2}{2\varepsilon_p(1 - \varepsilon_p)} = \frac{\varepsilon_p}{2(1 - \varepsilon_p)}$$
(4)  
$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_p = \frac{2R}{1 + 2R}$$
(5)

- We can calculate the proton detection efficiency for the  $^{36}{\rm Ar}+^{40}{\rm Ca}$  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 <sup>70</sup>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.