an active target for radioactive beam physics



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# **Goal of talk:-**

To describe a current project for an active target → target material is also that of the detector.

− Status → understanding & lack of it.

- To launch a possible interest in your participating in building an/the active target for ISOLDE and/or making use of ACTAR at ISOLDE.
- Direct me as I go!

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For particle stopping inside MAYA, identification is given by the charge deposit and its Range :

Range  $\propto E^2/MZ^2$ 







○ Angular resolution  $\Delta \theta \approx \Delta x/R$  (0.6 deg for R=100m) (at all lengths)

Hervé Savajols & Thomas Roger – GANIL



# Why an active target?

- Measure {d $\sigma$ (Z,A,E)/d $\Omega$ } at low ejectile energies (Low Thresholds)
- High & Pure Luminosity (BeamXTarget)
   ~ 10<sup>5+21</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>.sec<sup>-1</sup> → σ ~ 10-100µb
- Wide angular cover  $(4\pi \rightarrow \pi)$
- Versatility in the experimental method.
- Active Target is not an all-round soln.
   Limited cover (B=0 Solenoid)
- ACTAR attempting a versatile soln.

## Participants of the ACTAR R&D & Schedule & Budget

### • FP6 program – 2005→2008 - ACTAR

- Physics
- Detector Physics & Electro-Mechanics
- Simulation
- FEE & DAQ
- Analysis of Active-Target data (MAYA)

### • ACTAR and the FEE & DAQ – program GET

- Participants under:- Multi-lab - Multi-Project

#### A 4 year exercise: T0=Sept 2008

- Phase I -Two year R&D for the geometry, gas-amplification and FEE & DAQ with tests of pro-types/demonstrators
- Phase II Two year construction
- Budget
  - 30-35€/channel- System of 15kchannels (0.5M€). R&D and instrument included except Auxiliary Detectors. Material Cost/channel~11€
- MoU
  - By Mid 2009 (10March 2009)
  - To include other labs

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# ACTAR are not alone to build a TPC for Nucl. Phys.

- MSU (US) Direct reaction & Astro & EoS
   AT-TPC
- CENBG (FR) (GANIL/SPIRAL2, RIKEN)) 2p & 3p decay
   2p-TPC
- FSU LSU (US) (FSU & MSU) (α,p), (p,p'),(d,p)... Astro
   ANASEN
- York University (Triumf) (α,p), (p,p')... Astro
  - TACTIC
- LBL (US)– Fission
  - FISSION-TPC
- Saclay (GSI/NUSTAR) (FR) Spallation
  - R3B-TPC
- Kyoto (RIKEN) Japan EoS
  - SAMURAI-TPC

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# Physics Program addressed:-

- Direct reaction program Active Target
  - Inverse Kinematics 10MeV>E<sub>B</sub> > 5MeV.A
  - n → (d,p), p→(<sup>3</sup>He,d), (α,t) (S,J<sup>π</sup>,Ex)
  - d  $\rightarrow$  (d, $\alpha$ ) (np pairing)
  - Inel $\rightarrow$  (p,p'), ( $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ '), (d,d'), (EoS,  $\beta$ ,J<sup> $\pi$ </sup>,Ex)
  - Charge Exchange  $\rightarrow$  (d,2p)
  - Low energy quasi-target recoil: Z, A,  $E_x$ ,  $\theta$
  - Resonant scattering Active Target
    - Inverse Kinematics  $E_B < 5 MeV.A$
    - (p,p) Elastic & Inelastic Resonant Scattering
    - $(\alpha, p)$  Inelastic resonant Scattering
    - Quasi-target recoil & beam-like Z, A,  $E_x$ ,  $\theta$  High rates
  - Radio Activity Active stopping volume
    - p, 2p, 3p ... decay or more exotic decay
    - High dynamic range low sequential events dead-time
- Induced Fission Active stopping volume
  - A(n,f) Fission fragments X-sections
  - Very high rates

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- Shell evolution far from stability
- Giant resonances
- Matter density distribution
- Cluster structures
- Isobaric analogue states
- Nuclear astrophysics

### Methods to cover an energy dynamic range & yield



## Target Contribution to Engy Resol<sup>n</sup>.

### Ex. Energy resolution required

- 200keV is OK
- 100keV is the best
- 50kev is a dream

#### Solid Target •

- dE/dx for p in  $C_3H_6$  (1.2mg/cm<sup>2</sup>) for 10<sup>20</sup> H<sub>2</sub>
  - p=0.75MeV; ∆E = 620keV
  - p=1.00MeV; ∆E = 410keV
  - p=2.00MeV; ∆E = 230keV

- **Gas Target** (depth 30cm with 20cm active:  $H_2 10^{21}$ ) Position resolution for the vertex 3mm p=0.75MeV:  $AF = 2F^{1/21}$ ۲
  - - p=1.00MeV; ∆E = 15keV
    - p=2.00MeV; ∆E = 10keV
  - Resolution  $\Delta E$ + (Det + Elect) + Kinematics + Analysis
  - DET  $\Delta E/E \sim 0.5\%$  if range is **100mm**
  - Micromegas resol<sup>n</sup> 1.5-2% for a single pad in P10 ... to explore.

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## Target Contribution to Angular Resol.

### Resolution required

- For the physics 2.0° is OK
  - 0.5° is V.good
- For energy correction Kinematics  $dE/d\theta$

 $\Delta \theta = 1$  is poor to OK  $\Delta \theta = 0.3^{\circ}$  is V. good

Solid Target

- dE/dx for p in  $C_3H_6$  (1.2mg/cm<sup>2</sup>) for  $10^{20} H_2$ 
  - p=0.75MeV; Δθ = 5°
  - p=1.00MeV; Δθ = 4°
  - p=2.00MeV; Δθ = 2°
- Resolution  $\Delta \theta$  + Det (0.3°)

### Gas Target

- Position resolution for the vertex 3mm Target  $10^{E}21 H_{2}$ 
  - p=0.75MeV; Δθ = 0.6°
  - p=1.00MeV; Δθ = 0.5°
  - p=2.00MeV; Δθ = 0.2°
- Resolution  $\Delta \theta$ + Det + Elect + Analysis
  - Det resoln 50 mm → 0.7° → vertex+det < 1°</li>

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## CENBG 2-p decay TPC

△P(large) of mother nucleus → Deep TPC & Measure angle & Small energy p → Small pads

Life time "short"

Deep TPC & Large E
Small pads
High dynamic range in energy
Small dead-time

Small pads 1.5x1.5 mm<sup>2</sup> Work in progress High Rate TPC Few gbits/sec Work in progress

ToT Preamplifiers Work in progress Difficult to make Small µ-electronics

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## The Fission TPC – Electronics Mounting

### **Study of Fission x-sections**



## The Fission TPC – Electronics Mounting

### **Study of Fission x-sections**







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Jeff Blackmon, LSU

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### <sup>18</sup>Ne( $\alpha$ ,p)<sup>21</sup>Na at CRC at Louvain-le-Neuve

![](_page_17_Figure_3.jpeg)

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- through 2 layers of silicon-strip detectors
- ➤ Resulting energy resolution not as good as one would like
- ➤Need measurements to lower E<sub>cm</sub>
- > Statistical rates not accurate enough

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## e.g. <sup>18</sup>Ne( $\alpha$ ,p)<sup>21</sup>Na)

![](_page_18_Figure_2.jpeg)

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 $(\alpha, p)$  with an active target

![](_page_19_Picture_3.jpeg)

### TACTIC

A. M. Laird, NIM A 573 (2007) 306.

- >-> TPC-like device
- ➤ Cross sections are small
- >-Need >> 10<sup>5</sup> pps
- Region around beam is isolated from detector elements allowing high incident beam intensities
- Track of ejected particles is reconstructed from segmented anodes fed into flash ADCs

### Radial Field Beam in 'Faraday-Cup'

# For reference

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![](_page_19_Figure_14.jpeg)

Jeff Blackmon, LSU

# ANASEN – FSU & LSU

- Blackmon et al. LSU
- (p,p), (p,p'), (a,p), (d,p) ...
- Active target (Extended drift-chamber)
- DSSD + CsI array 48 500 channels
- Beam FSU & MSU (re accelerated beams)
  - windowless
  - Beam Tracking MCP

# For reference

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![](_page_20_Figure_11.jpeg)

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## Physics cases for active targets

![](_page_21_Figure_2.jpeg)

C. Monrozeau et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 042501 (2008)

![](_page_22_Figure_0.jpeg)

MAYA target-detector

### ActarSim http://www.usc.es/genp/

A Geant4+ROOT simulation tool

- Stores position and energy deposited for each track
- Calculates drift and diffusion of electronic clouds
- Calculates induction in the pads plane
- Uses pad signals for reconstruction
- Modular and configurable
   ⇒ test of geometry, gas parameters, amplification technology, reconstruction algorithms

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## Tracking and reconstruction algorithms (T. Roger)

- Identification of track projection
- Method to measure drift velocity of electrons
- Range measurement from charge profile Threshold effects

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### Hyperbolic secant squared method

Next

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## Tracking and reconstruction algorithms (T. Roger)

- Identification of track projection
- Method to measure drift velocity of electrons
- Range measurement from charge profile Threshold effects

![](_page_25_Figure_7.jpeg)

Angle measure should be improved by smaller pads. Note – <u>charge spread is smaller.</u> ResIn →? Tests & simulations to be done.

### Orthogonal distance regression

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Riccardo Raabe for the ACTAR Collaboration

Next

Tracking and reconstruction algorithms (T. Roger)

- Identification of track projection
- Method to measure drift velocity of electrons
- Range measurement from charge profile Threshold effects

![](_page_26_Figure_7.jpeg)

Range measure should be improved by smaller pads. Note – <u>charge spread is smaller</u>. ResIn →? Tests & simulations to be done.

Amplification	(T. Zerguerras, D.Y. Pang)	Riccardo Raabe	
<b>Collaboration</b>	Physics	<b>Developments</b>	Next
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### Technology

![](_page_27_Figure_2.jpeg)

90%He+10%CO2 95%He+5%CO2

600

400 p (torr) 800

DQC

100 + 0

200

Collaboration	Physics	<b>Developments</b>	Next

### Technology

![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

# A possible Instrument Geometry For ACTAR

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Figure_0.jpeg)

# A possible Instrument Geometry

- 15,000 channels 2x2mm<sup>2</sup> pads (30,000 pads → 300mmx400mm)
- 760 Torr gas @ STP
  - p in H<sub>2</sub>
    - 100mm→ 0.98MeV (1.25MeV)
    - 300mm→ 1.80MeV
  - He in He
    - 100mm→ 3.1MeV (4.8MeV)
    - 300mm→ 6.5MeV
- Full Si Telescope cover
  - 1200cm<sup>2</sup> → 12 MUST2
  - $800 \text{ cm}^2 \rightarrow 8 \text{ MUST2}$
  - MUST2 → DSSD+Si(Li)+CsI
- Efficiency of such a device
  - Solid angle cover
    - ~30% Poor
  - Dynamic Range

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- 0.1(300Torr) 100MeV p V.Good
- X-section simulations

![](_page_31_Picture_19.jpeg)

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Simulation:: an Overview

![](_page_33_Picture_1.jpeg)

The conditions:

The reaction: d(<sup>78</sup>Ni,<sup>79</sup>Ni)p at 10A MeV.

 $\theta_{CM}$  angle coverage: from 2 to 70 degrees with steps of 2 degrees.

![](_page_33_Figure_5.jpeg)

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## Simulation:: Efficiency:: Definition

For a first approximation, the efficiency of detecting protons is:

- For a proton stopped in the gas, it is effective if:
  - its projected range length in gas is larger than 3 cm,
  - 2 its  $\theta_{Lab}$  angle relative to the beam line in the Lab system is larger than 5° (to avoid the beam).
- For protons escaping the gas chamber:
  - its residual energy (energy at reaction vertex energy loss in gas) is larger than 500 keV,
  - 2 its energy loss per centimeter along its path projection on pad plane is larger than 1 keV, and
  - 3 its  $\theta_{Lab}$  angle relative to the beam line in the Lab system is larger than 5°.

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### Simulation:: Efficiency:: Results

At larger angles, the efficiency only depends on the geometry  $(\Rightarrow change the geometry?)$ .

![](_page_35_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_35_Picture_3.jpeg)

→ higher efficiency

![](_page_35_Picture_5.jpeg)

ActarSim report (Spain, 2008)

## Different Conditions to improve Data & Efficiency

- Gas Choice
  - $iC_{3}H_{6}$ ,  $H_{2}$ , <sup>4</sup>He, <sup>3</sup>He,  $D_{2}$ ...
  - Contaminants (C or C & O, or C & F)
  - Drift Time (Counting rates)
- $P \propto \rho$ . T
  - Temperature, T  $\square$  not evaluated  $v_d n$ ,  $\sigma_x \square$ ,
  - Pressure, P  $\neg$  not evaluated  $v_d \lor$ ,  $\sigma_x \lor$ ,  $\lor \nearrow$ ,
- Reaching high efficiency by employing different set-ups with or without an active target for different phase space cover
   Simulations

![](_page_36_Figure_9.jpeg)

![](_page_36_Figure_10.jpeg)

## Physics cases for active targets Difficult Reactions – p transfer

- Physics shifting of the  $\pi$  shells as a fn of v number
- Example:-<sup>70</sup>Ni(<sup>3</sup>He,t)<sup>71</sup>Cu or <sup>78</sup>Ni(<sup>3</sup>He,t)<sup>79</sup>Cu
- X-section can be high (1-10mb/sr)
- For (<sup>3</sup>He,d)
  - good L-value signature
  - (<sup>3</sup>He,d) Form-Factor understood I do not think ( $\alpha$ ,t) is well understood.

![](_page_37_Figure_7.jpeg)

![](_page_38_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_39_Figure_0.jpeg)

# General Electronics for Time projection chambers GET

## Multi-Project for IRFU/SPhN, GANIL, GSI, Compostel, CENBG, NSCL/MSU, Darsebury, York

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![](_page_40_Picture_2.jpeg)

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## Multi-Project & Multi-Laboratory

- 1. ACTAR
  - Active Target
  - Saclay & GANIL & Darsebury, Compostel, GSI, York ...
- 2. 2p TPC
  - Particle decay
  - CENBG
- 3. AT-TPC
  - Fragmentation  $(\pi^+,\pi^-)$  & Active-Target *Magnet*
  - MSU
- 4. R3B-TPC
  - Heavy projectile fragmentation Magnet
  - Saclay & R3B collaboration
- 5. SAMURAI-TPC
  - Fragmentation  $(\pi^+,\pi^-)$  *Magnet*
  - Riken, Kyoto University, ...

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## Multi-Project & Multi-Laboratory

FP6 – ACTAR program Physics – Yellow Book Detector Simulations Gases & Gas Amplification tests Electronic system studies

Medium Sized System Multiple Applications Modular/Scale-Free Very High Dynamic Range High through-put for low occupation events Nucl. Phys. Based

Principle element of the project (phase I) To draw a detailed Conceptual Design, Build & Test a prototype for general nuclear physics TPCs electronics. System will be an assessment standard for medium size and high throughput system for Nucl. Phys.

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![](_page_43_Figure_0.jpeg)

## **GET** A Simple Architecture To Give

Scale 'Free' Modular Portable - different labs Automated

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## TRIGGER

Numeric (LE Disc) Level 0 - External Level 1-Pad Multiplicity Level 2 – Event Topology

Calculated read pattern (Selective read-out)

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![](_page_49_Picture_0.jpeg)

**15 GeV/c p-Pb (# 20K events)** FE electronics validated on 1728 channels

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![](_page_50_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_50_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_50_Figure_6.jpeg)

HARP test set-up at CERN (oct 07)

![](_page_51_Figure_0.jpeg)

### **Generic Aspects via Slow Control**

![](_page_52_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Gains & Losses with an Active Target

- X3 to X10 in luminosity
- Very low PI thresholds to 0.1 MeV
- E<E<sub>T</sub> ~ Efficiency 90% for low energy E<sub>T</sub> ejectile.
- Energy resol<sup>n</sup> < 50keV</p>
- For Z=1 & 2, mass & charge resol<sup>n</sup> for <ET.</p>
- Angular resol<sup>n</sup> = 0.5°
- Nouvelle method → Nouvelle discoveries!
- Instrument adoptable to a number of techniques

- Limited max. energy 2 MeV.A within the TPC.
- Coupling MUST2
- No Gamma coincidence
- $\bigcirc$  E>E<sub>T</sub> ~ Efficiency 30%
- Complex Front End Electronics
- e High data capture
- To develop data analysis techniques for Nucl. Phys

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	MWPC	GEM	Micromegas
Rate capability	10^4Hz/mm^2	>5x10^5Hz/mm^2	10^6Hz/mm^2
Gain	High 10^6	low 10^3 (single) > 10^5 (multi GEM)	High > 10^5
Gain stability	Drops at 10^4Hz/mm^2	Stable over 5*10^5Hz/mm^2	Stable over 10^6Hz/mm^2
2D Readout ?	Not really	Yes and flexible	Yes and flexible
Position resolution	> 200 µm (analog)	50 µm (analog)	Good < 80 µm
Time resolution	~ 100 µs	< 100 ns	< 100 ns
Magnetic Field effect	High	Low	Low
Cost	Expensive, fragile	Cheap, robust	Cheap, robustition

![](_page_55_Figure_2.jpeg)

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