

#### TOTAL ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY AT ISOLDE, PRESENT & FUTURE

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## Outlook

#### Introduction

- Experiments and publications
- Technical status
- TAS Collaboration
- Technical / Scientific plans



## Beta decay measurements

- $\blacksquare$   $\beta$ -decay is an important source of nuclear structure information.
- From direct measurements one can obtain half-lives, energy levels, beta intensity distributions B(GT) → Overlap between parent & daughter wave functions → nuclear astrophysics, nuclear shapes, reactor decay heat, beta-pigmy, anti-neutrino spectra, GT quenching, mirror symmetry



#### Beta decay measurements



- Medium mass and heavy nuclei: large level density at high energy.
- Very fragmented feeding distr. and γ-deexcitation pattern.
- HPGe arrays fail to detect systematically the upper part of the γ-cascade resulting in a wrong feeding and B(GT) distr.

## Lucrecia, the TAS at ISOLDE



Permanent TAS setup at isolat
 "Lucrecia"



## **TAS experiments around N=Z**



## **Experiments and publications**

N~Z & A~70, the first cases we measured at ISOLDE. With <sup>76</sup>Sr, free of shape admixtures, we could validate the QRPA calculations for the first time and the method to infer shape from beta decay



- [1] E. Nácher et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 92 (2004)[2] E. Poirier et al. Phys. Rev. C69 (2004)
- [3] P. Sarriguren et al. Nucl. Phys. A 691 (2001)



## Results: <sup>78</sup>Sr

- Comparison with QRPA but with different residual interactions
- Even with considerable variations between the calculations for one particular shape, a strong prolate signature is obvious





A.B. Pérez-Cerdán et al. Phys Rev C88 (2013)

## Results: <sup>72</sup>Kr

The only case where the experimental B(GT) is compared to 3 different theoretical models used to calculate weak-decay rates



J.A. Briz et al. Phys Rev C92 (2015): P. Sarriguren QRPA & A. Poves SM

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A. Petrovici et al. Eur. Phys. J. A51 (2015): beyond mean field (exc. VAMPIR model, no quenching)



#### Results: <sup>192</sup>Pb



E. Estevez et al. Phys Rev C92 (2015)



## To be published: <sup>186</sup>Hg



IS539: beta decay of <sup>182,184,186</sup>Hg. Analysis ongoing (E. Ganioglu & A. Algora ).
 <sup>186</sup>Hg consistent with a strong prolate signature in the g.s. (SG2 & SLy4)



## Ongoing analysis: <sup>64</sup>Ge

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IS570: First ,measurement <sup>64,65,66</sup>Ge, <sup>64,65</sup>Ga in May 2016. Analysis ongoing.
 <sup>68,70</sup>Se, <sup>68,70</sup>As, addendum for after the LS2(?)



## **Technical status**

- Detection system, electronics and DACQ working perfectly
- Tape transport system: based on a differential pumping system where the samples go from vacuum to air. Problems to keep the vacuum of the last beam-pipe section if moving cycles shorter than 1 min

Action taken -> New tape transport system where the tape and samples are kept in vacuum. To be in place before the end of LS2







## **ISOLDE TAS Collaboration**

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- CCHEN, Santiago de Chile: F. Molina, M. Zambra
- Univ. of Warsaw: M. Pfutzner, Z. Janas, Ch. Mazzocchi
- Univ. of York: A. Andreyev
- Univ. of Istambul: Ela Ganioglu



# PhD students & other resources

- 5 PhD thesis so far: E. Poirier (2003), E. Nácher (2004), E. Estevez (2011),
  A. Pérez-Cerdán (2012), J.A. Briz (2014)
- PhD students dedicated to the setup:
- IFIC, Valencia: 1 from next national project (FPN), starting after LS2
- Depending on approved proposals: U. of Warsaw could dedicate 1, IEM-CSIC could dedicate 1, UC Madrid could dedicate 1, CCHEN could dedicate 1, U. of Surrey could dedicate 1
- Technical staff: 1 engineer for 6 to 12 months (2020 tape transport system) will be requested at the next national call FPN (IFIC, Valencia)



## **Technical & Scientific plans**

- During LS2:
  - finish & install tape transport system (2020)
  - > TAS workshop in Valencia (Autumn?) to discuss next Physics cases

#### Proposals to be presented:

- > E. Nácher, B. Rubio: n- $\gamma$  competition above S<sub>n</sub> around <sup>132</sup>Sn (<sup>133</sup>In)
- E. Nácher, A. Algora: Weak-decay rates for x-ray burst calculations (<sup>68</sup>Se)
- ➢ M. Pfutzner: Mirror symmetry in <sup>27</sup>Na and <sup>27</sup>S
- > A. Algora, L.M. Fraile: Nuclear shapes of neutron-deficient odd Hg

#### Ideas to become proposals:

- F. Molina, E. Nácher: First *ab-initio* calculations of GT quenching (<sup>42</sup>Ti, <sup>42</sup>Sc)
- > M. Fallot: beta pygmy / gamma strength for nuc. astroph.
- ➤ A. Andreyev: beta-delayed fission (<sup>180</sup>Tl, <sup>178</sup>Au)



## REQUEST

- The ISOLDE-TAS collaboration kindly asks the ISCC
  - to consider the work done so far and the work being done during this LS2 to upgrade the setup and prepare proposals
  - to take into account the interest of the physics cases under study for upcoming proposals and the potential of the setup to complement the IDS for complete beta-decay studies
  - To keep the space in the hall for the ISOLDE-TAS for the upcoming campaigns after LS2



## **MANY THANKS!!**

- To **ALL OF YOU** for your kind attention and the easy questions
- To the ISOLDE crew for making these series of experiments possible





## **BACKUP SLIDES**



#### THE ESSENTIAL DECAY OF PANDEMONIUM: A DEMONSTRATION OF ERRORS IN COMPLEX BETA-DECAY SCHEMES

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Obviously our results have wider implications than simply to the decay of  $^{145}$ Gd. Every complex  $\beta$ -decay scheme that is based on  $\gamma$ -ray peak analysis and intensity balances must now be regarded as doubtful. In such schemes, the  $\beta$ -decay feeding to each level is assumed to be the difference between the total  $\gamma$ -ray intensity depopulating the level and that seen feeding it. If significant  $\gamma$ -ray intensity remains unobserved, these differences are incomplete and the derived  $\beta$ decay branching ratios, for all but the strongest transitions, could be wrong by orders of magnitude. In discrediting the "measured" ft values for most  $\beta$ -transitions in complex decay schemes, this conclusion reflects on a large body of existing data, and surely indicates the need to reevaluate the usefulness of a whole class of experiments.



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#### The TAS Inverse Problem

• The number of counts detected in channel *j* relates to the beta feeding to level *i* through the linear equation:

$$d_j = \mathop{\text{a}}_{i} R_{ij} f_i$$

 $f_i$ : Feeding to energy level "*i*"  $d_j$  : Counts in channel "*j*" of the spectrum  $R_{ij}$  : Response Function (matrix) to the decay



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We can then use the EM algorithm to unfold the data:

$$f_{i}^{(k)} = \mathop{a}\limits_{j} \frac{R_{ij}f_{i}^{(k-1)}}{\mathop{a}\limits_{m}^{k}R_{mj}f_{m}^{(k-1)}}d_{j} , \quad i = 1, 2...m$$

Calculation of  $R_{ij}$  from individual  $\gamma$ 's and  $\beta$ 's: Study of the EM and others applied to TAS: D. Cano, J.L. Taín, NIM A430 (1999) 333 J.L. Taín, D. Cano, NIM A571 (2007) 728



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