Nuclear astrophysics experiments with storage rings

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Physics at Storage Rings

Single-particle sensitivity Broad-band measurements High atomic charge states High resolving power Long storage times Very short lifetimes

Direct mass measurements of exotic nuclei

Radioactive decay of highly-charged ions Charge radii measurements [DR, scattering]

Experiments with polarized beams

Experiments with isomeric beams [DR, reactions]

Nuclear magnetic moments [DR]

Astrophysical reactions [(p,g), (a,g) ...]

In-ring nuclear reactions



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02.01.2002 The 11 Greatest Unanswered Questions of Physics

Resolution of these profound questions could unlock the secrets of existence and deliver a new age of science within several decades by Eric Haseltine, Illustrations by Dan Winters & Gary Tanhauser

3. How were the heavy elements from iron to uranium made?

Nuclear processes in astrophysics

Standard Abundance Distribution (SAD) vs. A



Nucleosynthesis on the Chart of the Nuclides



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Limits of nuclear stability: superheavies; p- and n- drip lines; pathways of stellar nucleosynthesis

To measure: Ground state properties of exotic nuclei:

masses and β decay half-lives

masses determine the pathways of s-, rp- and r-processes

β half-lives the accumulated abundances

Current status of experimental nuclear masses



Up to 2004!

G. Audi et al., Nucl. Phys. A565, 1(1993); A 595, 409 (1995), A729.337(2003)

Predictive Powers of Mass Models



Predictive Powers of Mass Models

Calculated abundances assuming that one neutron separation energy is varied by 1 MeV

B. Pfeiffer et al.





Production Cross-Sections for Tin-Isotopes



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Devices for precise mass measurements

Penning trap



Storage ring



particles at nearly rest in space relativistic particles
* ion cooling * long storage times
* single-ion sensitivity * high accuracy

Direct Mass Measurements on the Chart of the Nuclides



Secondary Beams of Short-Lived Nuclei



Experimental Storage Ring ESR





F. Nolden et al., NIM B 532 (2004) 329 M. Steck et al., NIM B 532 (2004) 357



Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou (HIRFL)



Experimental Cooler Storage Ring CSRe





Isochronous Mass Spectrometry

Isochronus-Mass-Spectrometry



Mass Measurements of ⁷⁸Kr Projectile Fragments New masses of ⁶³Ge, ⁶⁵As, ⁶⁷Se, and ⁷¹Kr

NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICS

Star bursts pinned down

One of the main uncertainties in the burn-up of X-ray bursts from neutron stars has been removed with the weighing of a key nucleus, 65 As, at a new ion storage ring.

NATURE PHYSICS | VOL 7 | APRIL 2011 | www.nature.com/naturephysics

BRENNPUNKT

📕 Kein Halten am Wartepunkt

Hochpräzise Massenmessungen erklären die Kernreaktionen bei Ausbrüchen von Röntgenstrahlung. Physik Journal 10 (2011) Nr. 6



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80-90% of the reaction flow passes through ⁶⁴Ge via proton capture reactions **Light curve shape of Type I x-ray burst**



X.L. Tu, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 106 (2011) 112501

Mass Measurements of ⁵⁸Ni Projectile Fragments New masses of ⁴³V, ⁴⁵Cr, ⁴⁷Mn, ⁴⁹Fe, ⁵¹Co, ⁵³Ni, and ⁵⁵Cu



Isobaric Multiplet Mass Equation

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$$ME(A, T, T_z) = a(A, T) + b(A, T)T_z + c(A, T)T_z^2$$

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 dT_z^3 ?

Y.H. Zhang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 (2012) 102501

Mass Measurements of ⁵⁸Ni Projectile Fragments New masses of ⁴³V, ⁴⁵Cr, ⁴⁷Mn, ⁴⁹Fe, ⁵¹Co, ⁵³Ni, and ⁵⁵Cu



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Ca-Sc Cycle [L. Van Wormer, ApJ 432 (1994) 326]



X.L. Yan et al., ApJL 766 (2013) L8

FAIR - Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research



ILIMA: Masses and Halflives



RI-RING at RIBF



GST



Radioactive decays of highly-charged ions

Few-electron ions well-defined quantum-mechanical systems

New decay modes (bound-pair-creation, bound-state beta decay, etc.)

Influence of electrons on radioactive decay

Astrophysical scenarios: high temperature = high degree of ionization





Nuclear Decays of Stored Single Ions

Time-resolved SMS is a perfect tool to study decays in the ESR



EC, β +, β -, bound-state β , and IT decays were observed



Bound-State β-decay



Bound-State β -decay of ¹⁶³Dy

s process: slow neutron capture and β - decay near valley of β stability at $kT = 30 \text{ keV}; \rightarrow \text{high atomic charge state} \rightarrow \text{bound-state } \beta \text{ decay}$



branchings caused by bound-state β decay

M. Jung et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 69 (1992) 2164

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Bound-State β-decay of ¹⁸⁷Re



F. Bosch et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 77 (1996) 5190

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The 7 Nuclear Clocks



Bound-State Beta Decay of ²⁰⁵Tl Nuclei



New ESR proposal to study ²⁰⁵TI⁸¹⁺

F. Bosch, Yu.A. Litvinov et al., GSI Proposal E100 (2010)



In-Ring Reaction Studies

Clean, basically background free detection

Inverse kinematics

Ultra-thin windowless gas targets \rightarrow excellent energy, position and angular resolution

High revolution frequency compensates the loss in luminosity due to thin targets



¹⁵O(a,g)¹⁹Ne reaction for the rp-process



First transfer reaction measurement at the ESR



Capture reactions for astrophysics





Capture reactions for astrophysics







ESR: ⁹⁶Ru(p,γ)⁹⁷Rh at 10 MeV/u



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- Measurements directly in the Gamow window of the p-process
- Applicable to radioactive beams
- Clean experimental conditions



 $\sigma_{(p,\gamma)} = 3.6(5) \cdot 10^{-3}b$

Q. Zhong et al., J. Phys. Conf. Series 202 (2010) 012011 R. Reifarth et al., GSI Experimental Proposal



Future Measurements



CRYRING@ESR



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Working Jour / http://www.gi.da/en/start/fair/fair_experimente_und_kollaborationen/sparc/news.htm



CRYRING@ESR



The case of CRYRING

- ESR: beam energies > 4.0 MeV/ureaction rates measurements in the Gamow window of the **p-process**
- Q. Zhong et al., J. Phys. CS 202 (2010) 012011

Cryring+ESR: beam energies 0.1-1.0 MeV/u reaction rates measurements in the Gamow window of the **rp-process R.** Reifarth et al., Cryring Physics Book



S. Bishop et al., Cryring Physics Book



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- Half-life measurements of ⁷Be in different atomic charge states
- Capture reactions for astrophysical p-process
- Nuclear structure through transfer reactions
- Long-lived isomeric states
- Atomic effects on nuclear half-lives
- Nuclear effects on atomic decay rates
- Di-electronic recombination on exotic nuclei
- Neutrino physics; Tests for the neutrino beam project
- Purification of secondary beams from contaminants

TDR positively evaluated by

The fate of ⁷Be in the Sun



C. Rolfs et al., suggestion for an ESR proposal, ~2003 C. Rolfs, W. Rodney, Cauldrons in the Cosmos, 1988



TSR@ISOLDE will be the best place to perform such experiments!





The High Energy Storage Ring HESR



SPARC Experiments at the HESR:

A Feasibility Study



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Physics at Storage Rings



1913 - J. Thompson, Discovery of Isotopes (Nobel prize 1906)



- Special Issue of Int. J. Mass Spectr. "Birth of Mass Spectrometry"
- DPG Symposium "100 Years of Mass Spectrometry", Hanover, 2013

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- 513. WE-Heraeus Seminar: "Astrophysics with Ion-Storage Rings", January 2013
- 530. WE-Heraeus Seminar on "Nuclear Masses and Nucleosynthesis", April 2013
 - New Atomic Mass Evaluation (AME2012) is to appear in 2013 December 2012

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