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## The Fragment Mass Analyzer (FMA) and The Study of Proton Emitters

Darek Seweryniak filling in for Cary N. Davids ATLAS 25th Anniversary Celebration October 22, 2010

# What Can a Recoil Separator Do for Us?

- Separates reaction products from primary beam particles at 0°.
- Focuses and disperses the reaction products at the focal plane by M/Q (Mass/Charge). The M/Q groups are physically separated from one another.
- With achromatic optics, we can measure particle energy using time-of-flight, since, for a given energy, all paths are isochronous.



# Fragment Mass Analyzer (FMA)





Ion Optics of the FMA





## The FMA at ATLAS





## FMA Focal Plane M/Q Spectrum





**Types of Experiments Performed at the FMA** 

- Fusion-evaporation reactions at 0°, e.g. <sup>92</sup>Mo(<sup>78</sup>Kr,p2n)<sup>167</sup>Ir
- Transfer reactions, e.g. <sup>2</sup>H(<sup>56</sup>Ni,p)<sup>57</sup>Ni, <sup>4</sup>He(<sup>44</sup>Ti,p)<sup>47</sup>V.
- Radiative capture reactions, e.g.  $H(^{18}F,\gamma)^{19}Ne$



# **Chronology** I

- Proposal prepared for DOE in 1986, based on Legnaro design having one quadrupole doublet at the entrance. Submitted to DOE June 1986.
- Competition with ORNL. Approval awarded to ANL in summer 1987.
- Immediately began design study with consultant Dan Larson. Tried symmetric quadrupole doublets, which showed performance vastly improved over just one.
- Prepared Request for Quotations, sent to vendors in the spring of 1988.



# **Chronology II**

 FMA Contract awarded to Bruker GmbH in Karlsruhe in summer of 1988. Includes 2 quadrupole doublets, 2 electric dipoles, 1 60 degree bending magnet, Hall probe magnetometer, all magnet power supplies. Expected delivery: 1 year.









 New addition to Target Room 3 ready in early 1989.





# **Chronology IV**

 Developed internal 300 kV power supplies for electric dipole. Shipped to Karlsruhe along with vacuum equipment in 1989 for factory tests on dipoles. Conditioned up to 255.5 kV on each plate (511 kV across gap). Assistance on various trips provided by Birger Back, Walter Kutschera, and Thomas Happ.







# **Chronology** V

• FMA components delivered in the summer of 1990 (2 years). Immediately began assembly.





# **Chronology VI**

- A few months into assembly, a safety incident at ATLAS caused a shutdown of the accelerator (Tiger Teams descended on ATLAS). This benefited the FMA assembly because technical manpower was available whenever needed.
- FMA assembly was completed in the summer of 1991. Obtained the first mass spectrum in August, aided by Akunuri Ramayya, Birger Back, and Walter Kutschera.







# **FMA status** as of 8am 10/22/2010





#### **Spontaneous Proton Emission** one of the early experimental programs in collaboration with Univ. of Edinburgh



- $\checkmark$  Analogous to  $\alpha$  decay
- ✓ No pre-formation factor

 $\checkmark$  Decay rates sensitive to  $E_{\rm p}$  and  $I_{\rm p}$ 

 ✓ Unique laboratory to study tunneling through a 3D barrier

 ✓ Source of information on nuclear structure and masses far from stability



## **Proton Decay Observables**





#### **Proton emitter landscape**



ANL-P-22,108

- 15 new isotopes!
- ~20 mass units away from the line of stability
- Often less exotic neighbors not known

new subfield in nuclear structure emerged and even triggered a series of conferences on proton emitting nuclei



#### <sup>167</sup>Ir – 1<sup>st</sup> new proton emitter observed at ATLAS June 1994



## Experiment to search for <sup>171</sup>Ag <sup>78</sup>Kr+<sup>96</sup>Ru-><sup>171</sup>Ag+p2n Instead found: <sup>167</sup>Ir+αp2n



### **Deformed proton emitters at ANL**



- ✓ Spherical
- ✓ Axially deformed
- ✓ Odd-odd axially deformed
- Coupling to vibrations
- Non-axial deformation

Theory by C.N. Davids and H. Esbensen

First deformed proton emitters Anomalous decay rates explained by introducing deformation

First fine structure

C.N. Davids et al., PRL C55 (1997)2255A. Sonzogni et al., PRL 83 (1999)1116



### Rotational bands in the deformed proton emitter <sup>141</sup>Ho





#### D. Seweryniak et al., PRL C86(2001)1458



#### <sup>121</sup>Pr proton emitter recent developments



A. Robinson et al., PRL 95, (2005) 032502

M.C. Lopes et al., Phys. Lett. B 673 (2009) 15



## To be continued ...





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## Highlights of Research with the FMA and Future Perspectives



Darek Seweryniak for FMA "collaboration" ATLAS 25th Anniversary Celebration October 22, 2010

## Research with the Fragment Mass Analyzer





**Experiments with the Fragment Mass Analyzer** 

- From <sup>10</sup>Be to <sup>257</sup>Rf
- Mostly proton- but also neutron-rich nuclei
- Stable and radioactive beams
- Stable and radioactive targets
- Radiative capture, transfer, fusion-evaporation and everything in between
- In-beam spectroscopy at the target position
- Decay spectroscopy at the focal plane
- Nuclear structure, reactions, astrophysics, …



## Selected results obtained with the FMA







#### **Fragment Mass Analyzer**















#### **GAMMASPHERE+FMA**



GAMMASPHERE and FMA with its auxiliary detectors is a unique combination of a large  $\gamma$ -ray efficiency and high reaction channel selectivity.

Implementation of a novel technique **Recoil-Decay Tagging** resulted in observation of many exotic nuclei across the nuclidic chart.



## **Recoil-Decay Tagging**





## Spectroscopy of Trans-Fermium Nuclei



Chart courtesy of Y. Oganessian



#### <sup>254</sup>No – first in-beam spectrum in a Transfermium nucleus





## <sup>254</sup>No - Entry point distribution

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#### Entry Distribution, Fission Barrier, and Formation Mechanism of <sup>254</sup><sub>102</sub>No

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2010 experiment – G. Henning et al.

Maximum spin 22 hbar Shell-correction persists at high spin Fission barrier > 5MeV

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Stringent test of spe including the states relevant for the shell gaps in super-heavy nuclei



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# <sup>100</sup>Sn region experimental status





# <sup>101</sup>Sn prompt γ rays





N=51 isotones





#### FMA upgrades preparation for intense beams after energy and intensity upgrade



Beam dump



High-granularity DSSD



#### Digital GAMMASPHERE







**GRETINA** Digital electronics



**GRETINA** at the FMA





#### AGFA – Argonne Gas Filled Analyzer FMA little brother



Large efficiency, no mass resolution





Optics by D. Potterveld

Target distance 40 cm  $- \theta x=55$  mrad /  $\theta y=155$  mrad Target distance 80 cm  $- \theta x\sim45$  mrad /  $\theta y=100$  mrad small focal plane In-beam and decay spectroscopy



#### **Possible experiments**

- Proton decay, 2p decay
- Super-allowed alpha decay chain <sup>108</sup>Xe-<sup>104</sup>Te-<sup>100</sup>Sn
- Excited states in <sup>100</sup>Sn
- Secondary fusion-evaporation reactions with in-flight radioactive beams
- Z>102 nuclei

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Thank you and Happy Anniversary!



Thank you for your attention!

