# Laser spectroscopy and isomeric beam production at DESIR

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# DESIR: A unique facility for laser spectroscopy



#### Nuclear moment and radii measurements with laser spectroscopy

#### Hyperfine Structure



Isotope Shift



Spin, magnetic and electric moments, all nuclear observables are extracted without model dependence.

Changes in nuclear charge radii and sensitive to changes in dynamic nature and deformation as well as volume.



# High resolution vs high sensitivity



## Innovations in fluorescence detection



# High resolution vs high sensitivity



#### **RILIS: The ISOLDE laser ion source**



### **Considerations for in-source laser spectroscopy**



Need to satisfy the Flux and Fluence conditions in order to saturate transitions and maximise efficiency.
Short duration pulsed lasers (10-20ns) with ~1-10mJ per pulse. ~
CW Laser> 500W (and tight focus) just ~

to saturate the first step!



T=~2000<sup>0</sup>C

Length of ionizer

Evacuation time ~100µs Therefore a repetition rate of 10kHz is required for maximum efficiency.

~100mW at 10kHz for resonant steps ~1-5W at 10kHz for quasi resonant steps ~10-20W at 10kHz for non-resonant steps

## Collinear Resonant Ionization Spectroscopy (CRIS) @ ISOLDE



Appl. Phys. B29 219 (1982)

# Collinear resonant ionization laser spectroscopy (CRIS)

- RIS performed on a fast atomic bunched beam.
- Pulsed Amplified CW laser has a resolution which is Fourier limited.
- Background events are due to non-resonant collisonal ionization, which is directly related to the vacuum
- Very high total experimental efficiency
  - Neutralization (element dependent)
  - Ionization efficiency 50-100% (no HFS)
  - Detection efficiency almost 100%
  - Transport through ISCOOL 70%
  - Transport to experiment 80-90%

1:30 From Jyvaskyla off-line tests ( K. Flanagan, PhD)

### **Off-line CRIS test at the IGISOL**



- 200 ions per bunch
- 6 scans
- 1:30 efficiency
- Factor of 1000 increase in detection efficiency.

Background due to nonresonant collisional ionization in poor vacuum (10<sup>-5</sup> mbar)

~5 non-resonant ions per bunch

## **Collinear Resonant Ionization Spectroscopy (CRIS)**



# Limiting factors:Efficiency and isobaric contamination

- From the ISCOOL tests a limit of 10<sup>7</sup> per bunch were trapped and measured on an MCP.
- Conservative efficiency of 1:30 (number from Jyvaskyla work) and a pressure of 10<sup>-9</sup> mbar and a high isobaric contamination of 10<sup>7</sup> (expect much lower).

Background suppression: Pressure 10<sup>-9</sup> mbar = 1:200 000 Detection of secondary electrons by MCP Alpha decay detection allows discrimination of isobaric contamination (50-100cts/s) With 50% efficiency and signal limited noise regime = 0.3pps

#### **Isomer Selection**

#### Hyperfine Structure



Spin, magnetic and electric moments can dramatically change for the isomeric state.

Isotope Shift



large shift in the transition frequency for the isomeric state compared to the ground state

### Selectivity



### Post accelerated Isomeric Beams at ISOLDE: <sup>68</sup>Cu



#### Isomeric beams (68,7°Cu) from REX-Isolde



(Ü. Köster et al., NIM B, 160, 528(2000); L. Weissman et al., PRC65, 024315(2000)), I. Stefanescu PRL 98, 122701 (2007))

#### Collinear <sup>68</sup>Cu and <sup>7</sup>°Cu (2008 data)



# Limiting factors:yield and isobaric contamination

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Isobar suppression: Pressure  $10^{-9}$  mbar = 1:200 000 Isomer selection per transition:  $S_i = 10^3 - 10^4$   $10^7$  ppb reduces to less than 100ppb For two resonant steps  $S_i \sim 10^7$ 

### **Collinear Ion Resonant Ionization Spectroscopy**



## July 2009



Vacuum testing, initial bake-out of UHV section reached <5e-9mbar (limit of the gauge) in the interaction region.



### **Collinear Resonant Ionization Spectroscopy (CRIS)**



#### **Results from ISOLDE**

#### Future: 2010-2011



### Laser Assisted Decay Spectroscopy:LADS

Possible option: 3 EUROGAM / EUROBALL detectors Fast timing measurement of isomeric states

~2M

Kara Lynch, PhD Project Starting 2010

#### LADS: Possible cases

#### Highlighted nuclei have been probed with lasers



### Thank you for your attention

Collaboration

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