Selected topics in experimental

nuclear physics studies at Beihang



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Recent focuses

基于HIRFL-RIBLL2的 反应截面测量



元素起源相关 关键反应与衰变

8*8 array Er167 Er168 Er166 Er163 Er165 33.6% 0.14% 1.61% 22.9% 26.8% Ho161 Ho162 Ho163 Ho164 Ho165 Ho166 100% Dy160 Dy161 Dy162 Dy163 Dy164 Dy165 2.34% 18.91% 25.51% 24.90% 28.18% Tb159 Tb160 100% LaBr₃(Ce)+SiPM s-process

sd壳原子核的电荷改变截面

- ▶ 提高实验统计
- > N=20 → N=14/16处
- ▶ 有望首次提取电荷半径数目~20个
- ▶ 探究电荷改变截面反应机制

天体(p,γ)、 (γ, n)反应截面

 系统开展A~160稀土区截面测量 直接测量 vs. 间接测量
 活化分析分析 vs. 在束测试
 (p,n), (d, ²He) 电荷交换反应

LaBr₃(Ce)像素探测器

探测技术与靶技术

▶ 康普顿相机预研
 基础、空天、医学
 ▶ 固态氢靶研制

溴化镧探测器内辐射本底研究 Nuclear Science and Techniques, 31, 992020(2020)



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8X8溴化镧阵列探测器

Manuscript in preparation





Solid hydrogen target R&D (2019-)

完成了固态氢靶系统的研制:空间占用小、厚度和角度可调 使用 G-M 制冷机作为冷源,通过多屏绝热与真空绝热减少对流和辐射传热。 整个设计方案包含供气单元、冷冻单元、靶室单元以及控制单元等部分。



R&D on Solid hydrogen target

Test with nitrogen, 2cm thick x Φ5cm

Solid N₂ for test



Test with hydrogen in Progress.

Credit:王长建、张宇



- □ 天体物理相关核反应研究 (E_p<10 MeV/nucleon, E_γ<20 MeV) 统计模型
- □ 电荷改变反应 (E~300, 900 MeV/nucleon)

Glauber-type model, fragmentation, IQMD

□ 电荷交换反应 (E~300 MeV/nucleon)

DWBA model

Nucleosynthesis

聚焦在国内大科学装置,发展探测技术,开展实验

- ^{16x}Dy(p, γ), (p, n) at CIAE
- Im ^{138,139}La(γ, n) at SLEGS
- Stellar lifetime of atomic nuclei

p nuclei and p-process



Experimental focuses: origin of Er and La isotopes

M. Arnould & S. Goriely, Phys. Rep. 384 (2003) 1

Less is known for "p process"

Arnould and Goriely, Phys. Rep. 384, 1 (2003)

The p-process of stellar nucleosynthesis: astrophysics and nuclear physics status

"The first remarkable feature of this process is the scarcity of the efforts devoted to its understanding. In fact, after about 50 years of nuclear astrophysics research, the number of articles devoted to it still remains inferior to the 35 nuclides traditionally classified as p-nuclides."



p-process in SN II model (13-25M_o)

p-nuclei production via y process

γ -process: the most established scenario for the production of the p-nuclei

Core-collapse supernovae



thermonuclear supernovae



The p-nuclei can provide important constrain to the nucleosynthesis in core-collapse and thermonuclear supernovae.

Woosley & Howard ApJS 36,285(1978) Arnould & Goriely, Phys. Rep. 384, 1(2003)



p-nuclei are produced via different photodisintegration paths starting on heavier nuclei.

Typical parameters for the γ -process: $2 \leq T_9 \leq 3$, time scales *t* in the order of seconds.



Seed nuclei from prior strong s/r-process

- $(\gamma,n) \rightarrow p$ -rich nuclides
- Deflection point: $\lambda(\gamma,p) + \lambda(\gamma,\alpha)$ become faster than $\lambda(\gamma,n)$
- \rightarrow Flow will branch, different isotopic chains
- With decreasing T, β^+ /EC takeover;
- At the end, photodisintegration cease;
 β-decay to stable nuclei

network of ~ 20000 reactions linking about 2000 nuclei (mainly unstable nuclei)

Progress: (p,γ) cross sections

Almost all the reaction rates are based on models, except for some stable medium heavy nuclei using, e.g., (p,γ) , (n, γ) .



Rauscher et al., 2013

Credit: L.C. He, PhD thesis (2018)

Isotopes on which (p, γ) cross sections relevant for the γ -process have been measured. The upper part of the p-isotope mass region is not shown since there are no data available there.

Experiment vs theory relevant for astrophysics



- > Determine $\sigma(p,\gamma)$ and $\sigma(p,n)$ by counting γ rays
- \succ (p, γ), (p,n) are crucial to determine the gamma and proton strength
- Level density: total width

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Sensitivities when multiplying the transmission coefficients (averaged widths) by a factor of 2

Rauscher, IJMPE 20, 1071(2011)

Sensitivities when multiplying the widths by 2 or 0.5

Kiss et al., PRC 76, 055807 (2007) 15

First experiment study on Dy(p,γ)

Difficulty: 7 stable isotopes, almost impossible to distinguish isotopes

 \rightarrow (p,y) and (p,n) can yield the same isotope at 3-7 MeV



Solution:

Isotopic Abundances in the Natural Dy (^{nat}Dy) and the Enriched ¹⁶⁰Dy Targets (¹⁶⁰Dy₂O₃)

Туре	Material	Isotopic Composition				
1	$^{nat}\text{Dy} \\ ^{160}\text{Dy}_2\text{O}_3$	¹⁶⁰ Dy(2.34%),	¹⁶¹ Dy(18.91%),	¹⁶² Dy(25.51%),	¹⁶³ Dy(24.90%),	¹⁶⁴ Dy(28.18%)
2		¹⁶⁰ Dy(51.82%),	¹⁶¹ Dy(13.87%),	¹⁶² Dy(5.79%),	¹⁶³ Dy(3.05%),	¹⁶⁴ Dy(1.68%)

Experiment @ CIAE

Proton beams delivered by the 2 × 1.7 MeV and H1-13 tandem accelerators



Timestamps of each event
 Dead time correction



Cross section determinations

The activation method is constituted by the irradiation and the residual measurements of the experimental target. The rate of change in the number of radioactive nuclei is given by the difference of production and decay rate,

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = \sigma(E)N_sI(t) - \lambda N(t) , \qquad 0 < t < t_b$$
(A1)

where N(t) and λ are the number and the decay constant of the object nucleus, $\sigma(E)$ the cross section of the reaction at the bombarding energy E, N_s the number of target nuclei, and I(t) is the beam intensity at a time t. t_b is the irradiation time. I(t): current as a function of time

The number of reaction products is:

$$N(t_b) = N_s \sigma(E) e^{-\lambda t_b} \int_0^{t_b} I(t) e^{\lambda t} dt \; ,$$

In the present work, a waiting time t_w was needed to release the vacuum, dismount the target and place the target in the position for off-line measurement. Then the targets were measured for t_m (measurement time). The decayed γ rays emitted from the target is thus

$$n_{\gamma} = N(t_b)e^{-\lambda t_w}(1 - e^{-\lambda t_m})\varepsilon_{\gamma}\eta_{\gamma} , \qquad (A3)$$

where ε_{γ} and η_{γ} are the detection efficiency and the gamma intensity, respectively.

Deduced from Eq. A2 and Eq. A3, the cross section of the reaction, $\sigma(E)$, is

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{n_{\gamma}}{N_s e^{-\lambda t_b} e^{-\lambda t_w} (1 - e^{-\lambda t_m}) \varepsilon_{\gamma} \eta_{\gamma} \int_0^{t_b} I(t) e^{\lambda t} dt} ,$$

For the special case of a constant flux, $I(t) = I_0$, the above equations can be solved analytically. Eq. A4 can be rewritten to

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{\lambda n_{\gamma}}{N_s I_0 e^{-\lambda t_w} (1 - e^{-\lambda t_m}) (1 - e^{-\lambda t_b}) \varepsilon_{\gamma} \eta_{\gamma}}$$
(A5)

Parameters :

- Target : thickness, abun.
 - Cooling during irradiation
- Beam current, I(t)

(A2)

(A4)

- Real-time measurement (20 Hz)
- γ-ray spectroscopv
- energy, counting

eff., dead-time correction

Activation γ-ray spectra



Different reactions can result in the same isotope, e.g., 160 Dy(p, γ) 161 Ho, 161 Dy(p,n) 161 Ho

Cross sections: exp. vs. models



(p, γ): Deviation seen from the ~4 MeV (neutron threshold of ¹⁶¹Ho) on

Stellar rate: ¹⁶¹Ho(γ,p) ¹⁶⁰Dy



- The stellar reaction rates sharply depend on the temperature and span over 250 order of magnitudes in the temperature range of T₉ = [0.1,1.0].
- The ratios to the NON-SMOKER calculations are up to one order of magnitude.

Nucleosynthesis calculation for A~160 p-nuclei

a network calculation using the updated 161 Dy(γ ,p) cross section assuming the γ -process layer in SNe Ia. (Kusakabe et al., ApJ 726, 25(2011))



Cross sections are precise enough for the γ -process calculations.

■ It has a minor effect on the yields of ¹⁶⁰Dy and accordingly the p-nuclei, ^{156,158}Dy.

Impact of 161 Dy(γ ,p) and its uncertainty on the mass flow Sensitivity of ¹⁶¹Dy(γ ,p) rate on the isotope abundance

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2.2

¹⁶⁰Dy(p,n)/(p,g)

$$\langle \sigma
angle_{
m HF} \propto rac{\langle \Gamma
angle_i \langle \Gamma
angle_o}{\langle \Gamma
angle_{
m tot}}$$

First evaluation of the proton-width, gamma-width in this mass range



分析复杂:¹⁶⁰Dy(p,n)^{160g,m}Ho

Ready for discussions with theorist

Perspective $(\gamma,n/p) vs (p/n, \gamma)$



系统测量¹⁶²⁻¹⁶⁴Dy (p,n) vs (p,γ) 截面



□ 基于上海光源开展光核反应的直接研究



- 可能产生机制包括γ 过程和 v-过程
- 对γ 过程的理解, 可约束ν-过程贡献

¹³⁹La(γ,n)¹³⁸La 产生 实验数据✔ γ过程 ¹³⁸La(γ,n)¹³⁷La 破坏 无实验数据

研究目标

- 高精度测量¹³⁹La(γ,n)
- 在近中子发射阈首次测量¹³⁸La(γ,n)

可行性及关键问题

▶ 利用¹³⁸La比¹³⁹La中子发射阈低 1.3 MeV的 特点,测量¹³⁸La(γ,n),预期产额为0.94/s。 > 如何压低测量系统的中子本底(关键)

³⁴Ba

Beil et al., Nucl.Phys. A172, 426 (1971)

Hayakawa, et al., PRC 77(2008) 065802

Belyaev et al., Izv.Akad.Nauk SSSR, Ser.Fiz. 55, 953 (1991)



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Charge-changing reaction and neutron skin-thickness

电荷改变反应及中子皮厚度

Size: bulk property in nuclei

The nuclear size is often studied in terms of the second moment of the corresponding density distribution of a nucleus in its ground state.

$$\langle r_q^2 \rangle = \int d\mathbf{r} \rho_q(\mathbf{r}) r^2 \qquad q=n, p$$



Also referred as root-mean-square (rms) radius of neutrons and protons.

• Matter density: $\rho_n + \rho_p \longrightarrow \text{matter rms radius}$

The proton and neutron distributions may not be exactly the same at the surface of (stable) nuclei.

• Neutron skin thickness:
$$\Delta r_{\rm np} \equiv \langle r_n^2 \rangle^{1/2} - \langle r_p^2 \rangle^{1/2}$$

Neutron-skin thickness





Data from antiprotonic atom experiments

Data deduced from different types of experiments

The thickness, studied experimentally and theoretically for decades, remains a frontier in current nuclear physics, and new experiments are proposed worldwide.

 Δr_{np} of atomic nuclei are correlated with many interesting physics.

Symmetry energy:
$$S(\rho) = J + \left[L \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} + \frac{1}{2} K_{\text{sym}} \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}[(\rho - \rho_0)^3] \right]$$

the slope of the symmetry energy at saturation



Roca-Maza & Paar, PNNP101(2018)96

Direct determination of $\Delta r_{np} \equiv \langle r_n^2 \rangle^{1/2} - \langle r_p^2 \rangle^{1/2}$



Hadronic probes, nucleon or heavy ions, require model assumptions to deal with the strong force. It in principle can be applied to exotic nuclei.

重离子加速器+放射性次级束流装置

□ 放射性次级束流线:GSI/FRS, RIKEN/BigRIPS, HIRFL/RIBLL2



加速器:加速重离子,累计高流强;不同类型加速器,能区不同 分离器:大大扩大研究对象,产生宇宙中曾经产生的原子核,甚至某种程度上扮演者"上帝"角色造出新核素

Reaction cross section of nuclear collisions



At high energy, Interaction x-section $\sigma_{I_{,}} \sigma_{I} = \sigma_{R} - \sigma_{inelastic} \approx \sigma_{R}$

Cross section and nucleon density/rms radii

Glauber model for interaction (reaction) cross sections works very well from 30A to 1000A MeV. Energy dependence of the cross section provided a mean to determine the density distribution of nucleons.

Optical limit (an example)

$$\sigma_{I}(P,T) = \int [1 - T(b)] d\mathbf{b}$$

$$T(\mathbf{b}) = \exp[-\sigma_{pp} \int \{\rho_{Pp}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot \rho_{Tp}(\mathbf{r}) + \rho_{Pn}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot \rho_{Tn}(\mathbf{r})\} d\mathbf{r}$$

$$-\sigma_{pn} \int \{\rho_{Pp}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot \rho_{Tn}(\mathbf{r}) + \rho_{Pn}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot \rho_{Tp}(\mathbf{r})\} d\mathbf{r}]$$

 σ_{pp} , σ_{pn} : nucleon-nucleon total cross section ρ_{Pp} , ρ_{Pn} : proton, neutron distribution of projectile ρ_{Tp} , ρ_{Tn} : proton, neutron distribution of target

>200 MeV/nucleon: Eikonal model (sudden approximation, Eikonal approximation)





How to deduce nucleon density or radii



Practically it can reproduce well the experimental σ_l data at 100 AMeV and above.

Systematic studies of interaction cross sections



It has been one of the most effective way to extract the rms matter radii of exotic nuclei. Providing first hand information for most exotic light nuclei.
Interaction x-section vs charge-changing x-section



Cross section and nucleon density/rms radii

Cross section can be formulated in a microscopic Glauber model, relying only on the <u>nucleon density distribution in the projectile and target nuclei</u> and the bare <u>nucleon-nucleon interaction</u>.

Optical limit (an example)

$$\sigma_{I}(P,T) = \int [1-T(b)] d\mathbf{b} \qquad \sigma_{cc} = 2\pi \int b[1-T^{p}(b)] d\mathbf{b}$$
$$T(\mathbf{b}) = \exp[-\sigma_{pp} \int \{\rho_{Pp}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{b}) \cdot \rho_{Tp}(\mathbf{r}) + \rho_{Pn}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{b}) \cdot \rho_{Tn}(\mathbf{r})\} d\mathbf{r}$$
$$-\sigma_{pn} \int \{\rho_{Pp}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{b}) \cdot \rho_{Tn}(\mathbf{r}) + \rho_{Pn}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{b}) \cdot \rho_{Tp}(\mathbf{r})\} d\mathbf{r}$$

 σ_{pp} , σ_{pn} : nucleon-nucleon total cross section ρ_{Pp} , ρ_{Pn} : proton, neutron distribution of projectile ρ_{Tp} , ρ_{Tn} : proton, neutron distribution of target



R_p from σ_{CC} of exotic nuclei



- Energy-dependent correction factor needed for the zero-range optical-limit Glauber-type calculation to reproduce the experimental data
- The Glauber model successfully relates the σ_{CC} to R_p .

Experiments at HIMAC, RIKEN, GSI, RCNP





Experiments at 900 MeV/u at GSI



通过"调整"GM,再 现稳定核半径, 再外推得到奇特核半径

Q: how reliable is this Determination?

- Neutron surface: 0.2 fm (¹⁵C) ~ 1fm (¹⁹C)
- Halo radius in ¹⁹C: 6.4(7) fm from core+neutron model: as large as ¹¹Li
- kink at N=14 for N isotopes? ²²N neutron halo-like structure?

Kanungo et al., PRL117, 102501(2016); Bagchi et al., PLB790, 251(2019)

σ_{I} and σ_{CC} of Ca isotopes at RIKEN



Ruiz et al. Nat. Phys. (2016)

M. Tanaka et al., PRL**124**(2020)102501 PRC106(2022)014617

RIBLL2 - Second Radioactive Ion Beam Line at HIRFL

RIBLL2 was using routinely as a beam transfer line from CSRm to CSRe. To exploit its full ability and to investigate HFRS at HIAF has been one of our group focus since 2015.



J.W. Xia et al. The heavy ion cooler-storage-ring project (HIRFL-CSR) at lanzhou. Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 488 (2002) 11 BHS et al., Towards the full realization of the RIBLL2 beam line at the HIRFL-CSR complex, Sci. Bull. 63(2018)78 Y. Sun et al., The charged fragment detector system of the External Target Facility, NIMA927(2019)390

Detector development

MUSIC



Zhang-IMA795(2015)389 Zhao-NIMA930(2019)95 TOF wall



Y.Sun-NIMA893(2018)68

CsI(Tl) γ array



Yue-NIMB317(2013)653

CsI(Tl) detector telescope



Yan-NIMA843(2017)5

TOF detector



Zhao-NIMA823(2016)41 Lin-CPC41(2017)066001



Y.Sun-NIMA894(2018)72; NIMA985 (2021)164682

ETF: 2021



Y. Z. Sun, et al., Nucl. Inst. Meth. A 927 (2019) 390



RIBLL2 upgrade and F4



- Upgrade all the focal plans
- Install beam diagnosis system for primary beam and RIB beams
- Ion-optical optimization
- New F4 platform: increased TOF pathlength from 26m to 42 m

Courtesy: Yong Zheng, Xueheng Zhang, H. Ong

CCCS measurements at ~ 300MeV/nucleon (2015-) N=Z~60 nuclei Z = 16 \star ~10 nuclei with good statistic Z = 14Preliminary results sd shell Ζ 20 L6 14 p shell 8 > N

J. Zhao, BHS, Nuclear Physics Review (Chinese edition), 35(2018)362 BHS, Science Bulletin **65**, 3886 (2020)

New data in sd shell



Systematic data;

N=20 kink is seen, but N=14, 16 needs a better statistic

Data with improved statistic (2021)

HIMAC-Data (empty), ²⁵⁻²⁸Si: NPA961,142(2017)

Courtesy: Guang-Shuai Li, Xiu-Lin Wei, Xiao-Dong Xu

New data in stable C, N and O isotopes



Glauber model cannot reproduce the cross section, while by including proton evaporation process, can well explain the discrepancy between experiment and theory.

J. Zhao, BHS, J.Y. Xu et al., in preparation

neutron induced charged particle evaporation



J. Zhao, BHS, J.Y. Xu et al., in preparation

Isospin dependent ?



Are the Δr_{np} of light nuclei useful to constrain *L*?



Seems not good enough ...



Calculations done by Y.F. Niu group



Linearity between L and skin thickness holds better in medium and heavy nuclei.

Roca-Maza & Paar, PNNP101(2018)96

Mirror nuclei as a laboratory to probe EOS



Wang & Li, PRC 88, 011301(R) (2013)

The differences in the charge radii of mirror nuclei are shown to be proportional to the derivative of the symmetry energy *L* at nuclear matter saturation density.

Brown, PRL 119, 122502(2017); Yang & Piekarewicz, PRC97,014314(2018)

Constrain EOS by CCCS difference of mirror nuclei



Xu, Li, BHS, Niu, Roca-Maza, Sagawa, Tanihata, arXiv:2205.05276, PLB833(2022)137333

Target combination : ²H , ¹²C vs ¹H



H/D target: best target to disentangle r_p and r_n , isospin effect. proton/deuteron target can be used to deduce neutron skin thickness

Solid hydrogen target is in developing. Horiuchi, Suzuki, Uesaka, Miwa, PRC102, 054601(2020)

First results on ¹H at 900 MeV/u at GSI



Problem with H-target data



Even considering the evaporation process cannot explain the data! In discussion with theoretician

Developing a new approach to deduce rms radii



张寂潮等, in preparation

电荷改变总截面的实验测量 "一种研究贝塔衰变总强度的<mark>可能</mark>新方法"

Total (p,n) charge-exchange reaction



Assuming (p,n) to excited states above one-proton emission threshold, then only proton emission

 β 衰变强度

原子核结构

- ➤ Gamow-Teller strength vs Ex: Tz系统学
- Gamow-Teller quenching
- Test theoretical models



核天体物理

- > 原子核半衰期寿命可能发生变化
- > 丰中子原子核的电子俘获(中子星、超新星)
- $> \beta$ -decay beyond Q_{β} windows



Sum Rule: $S_{-} - S_{+} = 3(N - Z)$

β衰变强度的测量



电荷交换反应与B(GT)



不稳定核(p, n)反应截面测量



测量电荷交换反应总截面



proof-of-principle experiment: ${}^{16}C(p,n){}^{16}N$



¹⁶₇N₉ 7.13 s 2



Partial cross sections for application





次级反应:¹²C+p, ¹²C, ¹⁶O等

高能宇宙射线:银河系、太阳

银河宇宙射线是来自太阳系之外的高能量带电粒子流。太阳射出超声速等离子体带电粒子流



高能粒子的能量为10⁸~10²⁰电子伏,通量密度为2~4个/ (平方厘米·秒)。 重离子在银河宇宙射线中危害最大,它不仅能穿透航天器的 舱壁,而且击中人体后能造成组织器官的损伤。
Elemental fragmentation cross sections



李光帅 et al., summitted (in revision)

EFCS系统数据的实验和理论对比



奇偶效应

李光帅 et al.

理论计算,苏军,梅波

EFCS for ²⁵⁻³³Si, and also Mg,Al,P,S,Cl isotopes



李光帅 et al., in prepartation



● 天体物理能区的核反应理论

● 相对论能区的核反应理论



Experiments can be performed with high precision, however, theoretical interpretation are urgently called for.