# Reactions with exotic beams using the CHIMERA detector at LNS

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# Introduction

Why this talk here?

Francesco was one of the past director of INFN-Sezione di Catania – its help was important at the beginning of this work – He contributed also to create a good atmosphere in Sezione and this was essential for what I will show today

I will speak about:

the production system of the fragmentation beam at LNS

some results obtained with such beams

the beam transport and identification

some of the measurements performed with CHIMERA

**Future perspectives** 



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## **FRAGMENTATION BEAMS:** The first results - Di-proton

<sup>18</sup>Ne\* was suggested By Gomez Del Campo( PRL 86(2001)43 ) as a candidate for the observation of diproton decay from excited level



## **FRAGMENTATION BEAMS:** The first result - Di-proton

#### Using <sup>18</sup>Ne beam we have studied the excitation and decay of a special state that can decay emitting a diproton



# FRAGMENTATION BEAMS: CHIMERA moved in the new scattering chamber to better use these beams



# **The upgraded LNS Fragmentation beam**



## **Beam diagnostic**

The EXCYT diagnostic was essential to improve the beam transport efficiency respect to previous transports based on Pilot beams A.Amato,..G.Cosentino et al LNS report 2009



Fig. 2. Beam particle counter, based on a plastic scintillator coupled to a photomultiplier.

Fig. 3. PSSD mounted in a pneumatic actuator. The mask made by brass is 2mm thick.

Fig. 4. Corrected beam profiles of a EXCYT (a) and a FRIB (b) beam, acquired by means of the PSSD and using two different masks.

## **Beam identification**



A fragmentation beam is generally a mixed beam and many efforts are devoted to improve its purity

In our case we decided to use another approach – to identify event by event all beam nuclei performing many experiments at the same time

The tagging system is therefore of fundamental importance



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## Tagging system: flow chart I DSSSD

I cannot change too much the beam characteristics if I want to use it



∆E-T?

I cannot stop the beam in the tagging detector

What can I use for  $\Delta E$ ?

#### Double side Silicon strip detector





Two main advantages: From the position of the strip I can also get the XY image of the beam

Many strips can sustain a larger rate than a single detector







## Tagging system: layout





#### -Elastic scattering and neutron transfer reactions near halo nuclei -

We want study elastic scattering and transfer reactions of light nuclei on p, d targets to look for halo or other nuclear structure effects

EVENT SELECTION performed with kinematic coincidences – we measure in binary reactions both reaction partners cleaning the events



## **DETECTION : kinematical identification**



Coinc tel 38(3.1 °)-870(66 °) ∆φ=180 ° Target CD beam 12B

Very clean measurement – coincidences are observed only if  $\Delta \phi$ =180°





#### - Some preliminary results on transfer reactions -

We can look the <sup>16</sup>C+p-><sup>15</sup>C+d reaction searching deuterons in coincidence with carbon – we look to kinematics and we see that deuterons detected around 40° (ring 11) are in coincidence with carbon from 2 to about 5° (rings1E, 2I, 2E)



After complete calibration we will be able to follow the kinematics of the peak and extract an angular correlation with relatively good angular resolution



#### **Experiment in progress - Isospin dependence of reaction mechanisms**

In past years we measured with CHIMERA detector [1] reactions induced by <sup>40,48</sup>Ca at 25MeV/A on <sup>40,48</sup>Ca,<sup>46</sup>Ti.

The mass-velocity correlations  $(m_1, v_1)$  of the largest nucleus emitted show that in the most <u>neutron</u> <u>rich</u> system  ${}^{48}Ca + {}^{48}Ca$ 

heavy residues are more probably populated than in N=Z systems [2-6]



### Experiment in progress - Isospin dependence of reaction mechanisms

Following these results we decided to extend the investigations to a larger range of N/Z of the total system.

A first attempt was performed on February this year. The exotic mixed beams produced by fragmentation of <sup>36</sup>Ar was sent on a <sup>27</sup>Al target and reaction products where detected with CHIMERA



## Experiment in program: - IMF Emission Timescale in reactions induced by Ni ions on Sn – Isospin dependence -



### LISE++ simulations for <sup>70</sup>Zn primary beam at 40 A.MeV



Lise++: O.B. Tarasov, D. Bazin, NIM B266 (2008) 4657.

## Other test experiment coming

# It is also in program to test 8He production by using a 11B primary beam



8He was already observed with 18O as primary beam – with 11B a much larger production is foreseen – 2kHz are expected by simulations



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