# Elastic scattering and neutron transfer in neutron rich light nuclei

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## **Outline**

Short presentation of the CHIMERA detector and LNS fragmentation beams

Can one get precise angular distributions without extremely segmented detectors?

> Extension of the method using coincidence  $\gamma$ -ray

➢Break-Up

Neutron detection

Conclusions and perspectives

#### The CHIMERA detector : particle identification methods



## **Fragmentation beams at INFN-LNS - Catania**



## -Neutron transfer reactions near halo nuclei -

In this experiment we studied direct reactions using light exotic nuclei impinging on p, d targets useful to investigate on various structure effects

EVENT SELECTION performed with kinematic coincidences – measuring in binary/ternary reactions all reaction partners we clean the events



#### – Advantages of binary kinematics : the <sup>10</sup>Be+p→<sup>9</sup>Be+d case -



#### Kinematical coincidence method in transfer reactions

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The lab energy of the detected particle determines the CM emission angle

Due to the relatively good energy resolution we can obtain an angular distribution with much better resolution than the one determined by the size of the detectors

#### – STEPS of the analysis <sup>10</sup>Be+p→<sup>9</sup>Be+d

We select only complete events with two detected particles and with total detected charge Ztot=Zbeam+1

We can plot the  $\Delta \phi$  angle between the two coincidence detectors – due to momentum conservation  $\Delta \phi$  must be 180°

 $\Delta \phi$  width due to the finite opening of the detectors





We also clean the events putting constraints on the total detected energy must be equal to the beam energy 580 MeV + Q<sub>value</sub> (-4.58 MeV)

Notwithstanding the scarce total energy resolution we see only GS events  ${}^9\text{Be}^* \rightarrow n+\alpha+\alpha$ S<sub>n</sub>=1.66 MeV



### - The <sup>10</sup>Be+p $\rightarrow$ <sup>9</sup>Be<sub>q.s.</sub>+ d angular distribution -



Note that angular distributions are automatically corrected for the fragmentation beam angular spread

#### - Preliminary results from CRC calculations -



#### N.Keeley et al PRC86,014619(2012)

In the Keeley work one see that using the same <10Be|9Be + n> boundstate form factors from the knockout analysis one overestimate transfer cross section of about 30-40% It is very interesting a comparison with previous d,t data with 16 MeV deuteron beam direct kinematics from Auton *Nuclear Physics A157 (1970) 305* 

And also see if transfer reactions get same spectroscopic results as knockout reactions





G.F.Grinyer et al PRL106,162502(2011)

#### – Preliminary results from CRC calculations -

Our data at around 50 MeV/A could be useful to verify if part of the problem is due to the quite different beam energy (15 for transfer and 120 for knockout)



the normalization problem using knockout form factors persists - we had to normalize calculations again using a factor around 0.7 - however more work is necessary also from experimental point of view to improve data quality – Moreover one should investigate if non relativistic calculations are correct enough at 50 MeV/A

using elastic and quasi-elastic channels to fix other parameters in CRC calculations (first excited state of <sup>10</sup>Be has been included in calculations with two different assumptions for BE2 transition)



#### – Excited levels - γ-ray tagging? -



## **CHIMERA** and γ-rays: angular distribution

We have a large efficiency (around 30-40% at 4 MeV) and we can extract accurate angular distributions both in Lab and in the frame of recoiling excited <sup>12</sup>C<sup>4.44</sup> with our data taken at various proton energies

In the CM we can reproduce data as P+<sup>12</sup>C →E2+cost. similar results for all energies

However exciting the 4.44 with <sup>16</sup>O beam we get much stronger polarization effect and we can reproduce data with pure E2  $^{16}O + ^{12}C \rightarrow E2$ 



The symmetry around 90° in the LAB ensure us of the quality of efficiency reconstruction

We are investigating to exclude trivial reasons for this strange effect

#### – Using the $\gamma$ -ray tagging: the <sup>10</sup>Be+p $\rightarrow$ <sup>10</sup>Be+p case -



## CHIMERA and γ-rays: normalized energy γ-spectra



We are going to extract angular distributions of events tagged with γ-rays and also to look to γ-ray angular distributions to check spin and parities G.Cardella DREB 2014

## Not only transfer: Break-up at 56 MeV/A



We are doing a check with published data measured around 30 MeV/A to verify calibrations and efficiency

A new dedicated experiment with more complete angular coverage and better resolution to look for such exotic states in <sup>10</sup>Be but also in <sup>16</sup>C and all the other beams produced will be performed at the end of this year



Next measurements : FARCOS prototye as forward angle spectrometer



Improved CsI(TI) energy resolution due to corrections for the particle detection position
Improved energy calibrations/resolution also due to the two stages of silicon detectors
Improved θ/φ granularity and isotopic identification

## **CHIMERA & Neutrons**

Experiment **INKIISSY** @LNS: <sup>124</sup>Xe+<sup>64</sup>Zn@35AMeV Some of the CHIMERA RINGS were covered by FARCOS – in such telescopes we can identify neutrons trough the particles produced in CsI



## **CHIMERA & Neutrons**

Channel



Simulations relatively well reproduce data -We assume a neutron energy distribution similar ( apart Coulomb effects ) to the one of proton measured in detectors not covered by FARCOS We are evaluating detection efficiency

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## **Conclusions and perspectives**

Using cocktail of neutron rich beams with the CHIMERA detector we are able to extract angular distributions for many reaction channels searching for structure effects on cross sections

The  $4\pi$  detection efficiency is very useful and allows extensive use of the kinematical coincidence technique

We can also measure and identify γ-rays and neutrons with our CsI(TI) detectors in order to tag excited levels or particular decay channels

Break-up reactions can be also very well seen

For the future experiments we are working to improve our detection capabilities and resolutions also coupling CHIMERA to a new high resolution strip telescope array FARCOS



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