Transfer Reactions on Unstable Nuclei for Nuclear Science Applications

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Motivation

- Fully realize nucleon transfer reactions for diagnosing the physics of high-temperature thermonuclear burning.
- Provide an empirical foundation for indirect determinations of neutron fluxes in extreme thermonuclear environments including
 - internal confinement fusion capsules,
 - nuclear devices,
 - nuclear reactor fuel rods,
 - and even exploding stars.
- The determination of such fluxes can give invaluable clues to the mechanisms of these extreme events that are so important for the energy independence and security of our Nation.
- Need to understand structure and reactions on radioactive neutron-rich nuclei.



Internal Confinement Fusion at NIF showing capsule of doped Be for diagnostics





Unique neutron-rich unstable beams for transfer



ORNL has capability - **unique in world** - to produce neutron-rich nuclei in or near the r-process path and measure transfer reactions with them

Project included 3 components to greatly improve ability to study single-nucleon (d,p) reactions in inverse kinematics.



(3) A beam buncher to produce pulsed (~1 ns width) beams at HRIBF.



Requirements of the Oak Ridge Rutgers University Barrel Array (ORRUBA)



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Barrel Array (ORRUBA)

- ORRUBA gives ~80% ϕ coverage over the range 47° \rightarrow 132°
- 2 rings $-\theta < 90^{\circ}$: 12 telescopes (1000 μ m R + 65 μ m NR)

 $-\theta$ > 90°: 12 detectors (500µm R)

- 324 channels total (288 front side, 36 back side)
- HI beam
- Deuterated plastic targets





ORRUBA Detector Design



Multiple Disadvantages of Charge Division



C – Uncertain energy and position calibrations – Must float detectors in space by several millimeters to match observed data kinematics



SUPER ORRUBA



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Mechanical Design by Surrey Grad Student Stephen Hardy (March 2011)





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ASICs (Washingon U. Collaboration)

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²H(⁸⁰Ge,p)⁸¹Ge Run – April 2011



⁸⁰Ge



Comparison of elastic scattering results

ORRUBA

SuperORRUBA

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²H(¹³⁰Te,p)¹³¹Te – July 2011





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First Beam Tests done with $^{10}Be/^{10}B$ beam – July 2010





Project (3) – Nanosecond Beam Buncher

•Particle identification of detected charged particles can be determined via time of flight.

(d,p) proton – 1.8 ns
Elastically scattered protons – 5.8 ns
Elastically scattered deuterons – 8.1 ns

•Beam bunches ~ 1 ns would provide enough resolution to resolve these groups.



Simulations have been performed with sinusoidal varying fields.

Achieved bunches of 0.4 ns width with 53% efficiency at a focal length of 5 m from the buncher for a ¹³²Sn beam.



Budget

	Budgeted (3 years)	Spent (1.75 years)
Labor (S. D. Pain, D. W. Bardayan, M. S. Smith)	\$ 870 K	\$ 385 K
Postdocs	\$ 250 K	\$ 66 K
SuperORRUBA	\$ 494 K	\$ 441 K
Ionization Counter	\$ 80 K	\$ 47 K
Beam Buncher	\$ 150 K	\$ 31 K
Subcontract – Jolie Cizewski	\$ 56 K	\$ 7 K
Total	\$ 1900 K	\$ 977 K (51% spent)



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