Collinear Laser Spectroscopy with Bunched Beams



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Hyperfine Interaction



Isotope Shift



 $\Delta v_{\text{(field)}} = \text{constants x } \Delta |\psi(0)|^2 \ \delta < r^2 >$ -easily detects a ~.01 fm change in size for 1 added neutron

Laser Spectroscopy on Long Isotopic Chains



TRIUMF Expt. E920 - Lanthanum IS





Laser hut Ar-ion pump laser CW tunable ring-dye laser Data acquisition system

Collinear beam line = polarization beam line 2nd laser beam - polarization laser

Doppler Tuning with a Retarding Voltage





Classical Collinear Spectroscopy

Good

- direct use of ISOL beam
- complete spatial overlap
- reduction of Doppler broadening, giving resolutions of ~ 50 MHz
- spectroscopy of wide range of atoms or ions
- spectroscopy starting from excited states through charge exchange
- different transitions for excitation and detection
- fair sensitivity: efficiency ~ 10^{-5}

Not so good

- low photomultiplier quantum efficiency
- small solid angle for detection
- background from laser stray light
- background from collisional excitation of gas in beamline
- background from radioactivity

So: Use PARTICLE detection instead of (or added to) photons

DC Ion Beam, Pulsed Lasers, Field Ionization



C. Schulz et al., J. Phys B24 (1991)4831

Efficiency

$$\eta = \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_{duty}}_{.03} \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_{pop}}_{exc} \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_{ion}}_{trans} \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_{trans}}_{.03} \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_{os}}_{.03} \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_{os}}_{.03$$

Duty cycle = pulse rep = $10^4 \times 3 \times 10^{-6} = 3\%$

Problem: DC ion beams are not well adapted to pulsed lasers *"Bunched beams* should give > order of magnitude improvement"

Solution: (Jyväskylä) Accumulate ions in a trap for a time t_{acc} ; release in time t_{bunch} Gate the detector to accept the bunch Background suppressed by a factor $S = t_{acc}/t_{bunch}$

Jyväskylä 's IGISOL: CS with particle coincidence





Advantage of Cooling

A. Nieminen et al., Nucl. Inst. And Meth. B 204 (2003) 563

Multistep Ionization Processes

- applicable to nearly all elements with conventional lasers
- one of the steps with narrow bandwidth for spectroscopy

Modifying the Polarizer Beamline (1)

CS with particle coincidence - with or without ion bunching

Modifying the Polarizer Beamline (2)

CS with bunched beams, RIS, particle coincidence

Isotope, Isomer Separation

Conclusions

- ISAC: high yields
- But collinear laser systems must have
 - excellent sensitivity, selectivity, signal:noise
 - high duty cycle
- Achieved by cooled, bunched beams and pulsed lasers
- TITAN's cooler will produce pulsed beams with excellent emittance ($\sim \pi$ mm-mrad) energy spread ($\sim 1 \text{ eV}$) and high intensity - *ideal* for collinear laser studies
- Relatively simple modifications to the beamline
- High-power pulsed lasers can excite weak transitions and can be doubled, tripled for UV

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