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Isospin effects in medium mass nuclear systems at 25 MeV/nucleon

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Equation of State (EoS) of asymmetric NM ε (ρ , I) \rightarrow topics in nuclear structure and dynamics \rightarrow relevant role also in astrophysics

High densities → structure and stability of Neutron Stars



J.M. Lattimer and M.Prakash, *Science* 304 (2004) 536 K.Sumiyoshi and G.Ropke, *Phys. Rev.* C 77 (2008) 055804

An interdisciplinary topic

How can we probe the (asy)- EoS?



(A)Symmetry Term of Nuclear Equation of State

Review: M. Di Toro et al, JoP G 37 (2010)

The use of nuclides in the Ca region allows to investigate *n*-rich and *p*-rich systems



Two experimental campaigns at INFN-LNS:

- 25 MeV/nucleon → *low intermediate* energy reaction mechanisms
- ⁴⁰Ca+⁴⁰Ca and ⁴⁸Ca+⁴⁸Ca \rightarrow extreme N/Z values (1.0 1.4)
- mixed systems → isospin diffusion
- ⁴⁰Ca+^{40,48}Ca and ⁴⁰Ca+⁴⁶Ti → mass asymmetry effects
- ⁴²Ca+⁵⁴Fe (preliminary) and ⁴⁸Ca+⁴⁸Ca → isospin vs mass effects

Perspectives with RIBs in the Ar region

The Chimera 4π array at LNS



A. Pagano et al, Nucl. Phys. A 734 (2004) 504

Isotopic effects on fragment emission



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strong isotopic effects

Inclusive emission of *light fragments* at forward angles (*solid lines* θ_{med} =11.5°, *dashed lines* θ_{med} =16.5°) identifyed by means of ΔE -E: *even-odd* effects on Z and N distributions



Last steps of de-excitation chains

Central events ($m_{cp} \ge 5, 6$) with the presence of a fast quasi-projectile (v_2 or $v_3 > 0.13c$) (*massive transfer*). Mass – velocity correlations of the *biggest* emitted fragment :

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The observed phenomenon *should not* be attributed to *mass asymmetry effects* \rightarrow ⁴⁸Ca and ⁴⁶Ti have *similar m. a.*

The N/Z degree of freedom strongly influences the *reaction mechanisms*:

- Larger N/Z → larger heavy residue emission in Incomplete Fusion events
- Lower N/Z → binary-like, fusionfission and IMF emission prevail

N/Z effects on reaction mechanism

Central collisions: competitive mechanisms



$$\Delta M_{nor} \equiv \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_{tot}}$$

 ΔM_{nor} analysis \rightarrow disentangle the *competition* of various *mechanisms* in *central collisions*:



 \rightarrow large ΔM_{nor}

low ΔM_{nor}



Binary-like – Multi-fragm. Fusion-fission

Central collisions: competitive mechanisms





Percentage of HR events by *integrating* $\Delta M_{nor} > 0.4$

large N/Z \rightarrow enhan. of HR

symmetric system → suppr. HR

lines in inset → CoMD-II model *calculations*

G. Cardella et al, PRC 85 (2012)

Central collisions: competitive mechanisms

Relative yields of HR emission in *central collisions* by means of *two gaussian fit* of *experimental mass spectra:*

- large N excess → HRs increase
- $N \approx Z \rightarrow BL$ and IMF prevail

This effect can be attributed to the *interplay* between *Coulomb* and *Symmetry terms* \rightarrow nuclear dynamics





Best agreement \rightarrow Stiff2 option. The GEMINI stage does not change the *overall shape* of spectra \rightarrow dynamics

Talk given by *M. Papa* this morning

Central collisions: CoMD-II calculations

⁴⁰Ca + ⁴⁰Ca , ⁴⁶Ti , ⁴⁸Ca We compared experimental ΔM_{nor} distributions with CoMD-II (+GEMINI) model calculations \rightarrow we adopted various form factors of U_{sym}(ρ/ρ_0)





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By interpolating the three original options, we find $<\gamma > \approx 1.1 \rightarrow$ *minimum deviation* between exp. and calc. ΔM_{nor}

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 $dP/d(\Delta M_{nor})$

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⁴⁸Ca+⁴⁸Ca experiment

Moderately Stiff form factor

Central collisions: CoMD-II calculations

⁴²Ca+⁵⁴Fe: *binary* vs HR with *mass* and *velocity* selections



MV emission \rightarrow isospin *drift* effects



N/Z of QP and MV source \rightarrow light isobars

Semi-peripheral collisions: isospin diffusion

N/Z of QP (and MV) \rightarrow ⁷Li/⁷Be



⁷Li and ⁷Be emission yields by means of multi-component *moving source* fits.

Semi-peripheral collisions: isospin diffusion

Following SM, we can assume:

$$\frac{Y_{\gamma_{Li}}}{Y_{\gamma_{Be}}} \propto \exp \frac{N}{Z} \bigg|_{source}$$

and we can estimate (*roughly*) the degree of *N/Z* equilibration

We can define the *fraction of equilibrium* as follows:

Keksis et al PRC 81 (2010)

$$f_{eq} \equiv \frac{\frac{N}{Z_{QP}} - \frac{N}{Z_{P}}}{\frac{N}{Z_{TOT}} - \frac{N}{Z_{P}}}$$

At complete charge equilibrium $\rightarrow f_{eq}=1$

The *pure systems* → useful to plot the "*equilibrium line*"



Perspectives in the low energy domain (DIC)

Competition between *reaction mechanisms* in central events (≈ 20 MeV/n)



Thank you for the attention !

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