# **High-energy nuclear data for ADS**

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# **Spallation neutron production**



In a thick target: internuclear cascade

→ large number of produced neutrons

In a heavy metal target (Pb, W, Ta, Pb-Bi) around 20 neutrons per incident proton and GeV

### > Applications:

- → ADS
- Spallation neutron sources
- → Rare isotope beams (RIB)

# Interactions in a thin target



>~2 neutrons with E>20 MeV (intra-nuclear cascade) >~15 neutrons with E<20MeV (evaporation)</pre>

➢But energy carried out by cascade neutrons = 85% (95% for protons)

 a lot of light charged particles produced (including helium and tritium)
Hundreds of different residues produced



# Interactions in a thick target



Protons interact before slowing down

Large number of secondary neutron interactions

> 3.6 residues per incident protons (not taking into account E<20 MeV)</p>

> Highest mass residue coming mostly from low-energy interactions

Light evaporation residues, fission fragments from high-energy reactions



# Activity in a thick target



# **Results obtained during the last years**

Large amount of high quality data collected

Neutron and light charged particle production, isotopic residue distributions, excitation functions

Improvement of nuclear models

→ INCL4/ABLA tested against all the available data with the same set of parameters (A.Boudard et al., PR C66 (2002) 044615)

- ➡ but also FLUKA and CEM
- Implementation of INCL4/ABLA and CEM into MCNPX, INCL4/ABLA now in GEANT4

### $\approx$ HINDAS FP5 and EUROTRANS/NUDATRA FP6 projects

# **Neutron production**

Total production, energy and angular distribution : general trends well understood



# **Residue production: heavy systems**





# **Volatile isotope production**



### **Residue production: light systems**



FRS experiment (inclusive) Fe + p :

#### impossibility to conclude on the mechanism producing IMFs and on the best model

Data : C.Villagrasa et al., PRC 75 (2007) 044603; Napolitani et al. PRC 70 (2004) 054607)

– INCL4 + ABLA

— INCL4 + GEMINI (which includes an asymmetrical fission mode for light nuclei) (Charity et al., NPA 483 (1988) 371)

— INCL4 + SMM (multifragmentation model) (A. Botvina et al., NPA 507, 649 (1990))

#### Importance of coincidence experiments: Understanding of the mechanisms and constraints on the models

#### **SPALADIN** experiment Fe + p:

differences between the models (and mechanisms) when looking at the evolution of the de-excitation channels with excitation energy estimated from particle multiplicities (E. Le Gentil et al., PRL 100 (2008) 022701)



Events with 2 fragments (Z≥3) for different bins of particle multiplicity: Difference between the charges of the two heaviest fragments



#### INCL4/ABLA does not produce tritium

#### > No good model for gas prediction in MCNPX

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### **Tritium activity in the MEGAPIE target**





# **Light charged particle production**



→ important non-evaporative contribution in d, t, <sup>3</sup>He spectra

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# Intermediate mass fragment emission in INCL4

2.5 GeV p+Au PISA@COSY

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p(1200MeV)+Au; 4.5.AB.6+GEM (clusters A=8)

# **Benchmark of Spallation Models**

# **Objectives**

>To assess the prediction capabilities of the spallation models used or that could be used in the future in highenergy transport codes

>To understand the reason for the success or deficiency of the models in the different mass and energy regions or for the different exit channels

To reach a consensus, if possible, on some of the physics ingredients that should be used in the models.

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# New FP7 project : ANDES (Accurate Nuclear Data for nuclear Energy Sustainability) WP4 - High-energy model validation in the 150-600 MeV domain

#### **General objectives:**

- To identify remaining deficiencies and not understood features of the nuclear models used in high-energy transport codes between 150 and 600 MeV (ADS demo)
- to use/do a few specific experiments to solve the identified problems
- > to further improve the models
- to do a few specific integral validation experiments
- to assess the uncertainty with which quantities related to highenergy reactions can be predicted

# WP4 - High-energy model validation in the 150-600 MeV domain

Task 4.1: State-of-the-art of high-energy model predicting capability in the 150-600 MeV domain (CEA-Saclay, Univ. Liège, GSI Darmstadt, Univ. Santiago de Compostella)

Task 4.2: SPALADIN p+Pb at 500 MeV : measurement of the two fission fragments and light evaporation residues in coincidence with neutron and light charged particles (CEA-Saclay, GSI Darmstadt, Univ. Santiago de Compostella)

Task 4.3: Improving of the predicting capabilities of the simulation tools in the 150-600 MeV in order to reduce the uncertainties on key parameters of the demonstration facility spallation target (Univ.

Liège, CEA-Saclay, GSI Darmstadt, CEA-Bruyères/NRG)

**Task 4.4:** Validation on the results from the post irradiation analysis of MEGAPIE samples (PSI Zürich, CEA-Saclay)

Task 4.5: Measurement of (n,n), (n,xn) and (n, lcp) at 175 MeV on Fe and Bi (Uppsala Univ., LPC Caen)

# Conclusion

Specific features of spallation reactions: high energy particles, huge number of produced residues, high gas production

Necessity of good physics models validated on good experimental data to be implemented in simulation codes

The benchmark of spallation models should allow

> to assess the predicting capabilities of the different available models

 $\succ$  to identify the best parameters/ingredients to be used in the models

➢Work still needed (model improvement and more constraining experiments) ⇒ ANDES FP7 project