# Stepping stones across the dripline

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### At the boundaries: Three body correlations



### Nuclear structure for extreme N/Z ratios

### **Mean-field modifications**

- surface composed of diffuse neutron matter
- derivative of mean field potential weaker and spin-orbit interaction reduced



### **Nucleon-nucleon interaction**

• σσττ interaction :

coupling of p-n spin-orbit partners in partly occupied orbits

O: missing  $\pi d_{5/2}$  do not bind  $\nu d_{3/2} \rightarrow N=16$ T.Otsuka et al., PRL87 (2001) 082502 PRL95 (2005) 232502 (tensor)

### Repulsive 3N force

T.Otsuka et al., PRL105 (2010) 032501



# **Exotic structure across the dripline**

P.G. Hansen, Nature 328 (1987) 476



Clean & unbiased production

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### Boundary conditions for spectroscopic studies



# Experimental Setup (kinematically complete)



### Intermediate system tells g.s. properties (knockout)



Transverse momentum Distribution of <sup>10</sup>Li (missing momentum)

Decomposition and position of s and p confirmed!

similar result with energy dependent angular correlations









Y. Aksyutina, H. Johansson et al., PLB666 (2008) 430

### Description of the three body continuum

- Reduction (CMS, E<sup>\*</sup>, rot. inv) 9 variables  $\rightarrow$  2 variables ( $\epsilon, \theta$ )
  - ε is the fractional energy for a subsystem (e.g.  $ε = E_{nn}/E_{nnf}$ )
  - $\theta$  is the angle between the relative momenta (e.g. p<sub>nn</sub>, p<sub>f-nn</sub>)
- Three body correlation function (expansion in hyperspherical harm.):



Complex coefficients C depend on quantum numbers α={K,L,S,Ix,Iy}

L.V. Chulkov, H.S., I.Thompson, et al., NPA759 (2005) 23 M.Meister, L.V. Chulkov, H.S., et al., PRL91 (2003) 16504





# The <sup>13</sup>Be puzzle

### **Virtual state dominant**

 $a_s = -3.2(1.0)$  fm (antibound state)  $E_r = 0.41(8)$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 0.4(5)$  MeV  $E_r = 3.04$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 0.4$  MeV  $E_r = 2.0$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 0.3$  MeV H.S. et al., Nucl.Phys. A791, 267 (2007)



**Narrow p-wave resonance** 

 $a_s = -3.4(6)$  fm (antibound state)  $E_r = 0.51(1)$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 0.45(3)$  MeV  $E_r = 2.39(5)$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 2.4(2)$  MeV Y.Kondo et al., Phys.Lett. B 690, 245 (2010)



s-wave resonance

 $E_r$ =0.7(2) MeV,  $\Gamma$ =1.7(2) MeV  $E_r$ =2.4(2) MeV,  $\Gamma$ =0.6(3) MeV G.Randisi, PhD Thesis 2012, see also J.L.Lecouey, Few-Body Systems 34, 21 (2004). Recent Data: Similar spectra quite different interpretations !

14R

13Be

• H.S. et al., Nucl.Phys. A791, 267 (2007): Why contribution of an s-wave dominates in the relative energy spectrum when  ${}^{12}Be+n \ \ell=0$  interaction is so weak?

• Y.Kondo et al., Phys.Lett. B 690, 245 (2010): With the assumption of a narrow presonance, the low-energy region can be fitted only assuming that the d-resonance is extremely broad. The width of d-resonance is so broad ( $\Gamma \approx 5/2 \Gamma_{s.p.}$ ) that this fact itself can be the subject of separate publications and further investigations (see e.g. D.Overway et al , Nucl.Phys. A366, 299 (1981) ).

J.L.Lecouey, Few-Body Systems 34, 21 (2004); Y.G.Randisi, PhD Thesis 2012:
 Why should there be a s-wave resonace with no angular momentum barrier, or how sensitive is the shape determination?

The momentum transfer in the knockout of tightly bound proton can essentially change the spectrum (see H.Esbensen et al., Phys.Rev. C57, 1366 (1998)).

14F

<sup>13</sup>Be



16

14.0

Eexc(MeV)



### **Momentum profile**





13Be

- d ghost at threshold
- s strength above
- then p,d states & ghosts

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# Experimental challenge: Multineutron detection

coincident two/four neutron + charged fragment detection

- two neutron detection efficiency
- two neutron reconstruction efficieny
- detector response

@ low relative energy !

### three/five body correlations

### LAND 2n identification efficiency at low energy



Nucl. Instr. Meth. A314 (1992) 136



- (high) 2n detection efficiency (98%)
- tracking algorithm
   → 2n identification efficiency
- identify 2n events (~ 20 %) even at zero relative energy

### Experimental evidences...



# Going for a different detector concept $\rightarrow$ R<sup>3</sup>B@FAIR



### Beyond the dripline: <sup>7</sup>H (just) missing mass spectra



# Incredients for the <sup>7</sup>H case





<sup>11</sup>Li -  $\alpha \rightarrow$  <sup>7</sup>H + 2n + 2n <sup>8</sup>He - p  $\rightarrow$  <sup>7</sup>H + 2n + 2n



3 bdy corr.

# Summary

- Extreme nuclear matter states cleanly produced and analysed
- Largest neutron/proton asymmetries
- <sup>13,12</sup>Li related to <sup>14,13</sup>Be properties
- LAND multi-neutron response low energy part of Erel for f + n + n studied and characterized





(<sup>11</sup>Li, <sup>26</sup>O)

- Neuland TDR (R<sup>3</sup>B@FAIR) fully active detector consistent simulation
- $\rightarrow$  f + n + n + n + n (e.g. <sup>7</sup>H) in reach

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### **Open Quantum Systems**



Base properties of clustered systems and halo nuclei

Halo effective field theory Nuclear systems close to breakup threshold:

- Influenced by correlations and couplings to the continuum
- Clusterization; dilute matter densities
- ▶ Melting of shell structure
- Ground-states embedded in the continuum

Interface between clustering and continuum in structure and reactions

Ab initio reaction theory

Cluster models

### ...open quantum systems

Gamow/continuum shell model Bound-state techniques for scattering properties

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# LAND response at low energy



### **Consequences for a NewLAND detector**

http://fairroot.gsi.de



# Clean handle on reaction mechanism: → Si tracker & Crystal ball or CALIFA





Direct observation of kinematical correlations →

(i) (Cluster) spectroscopic factors (p,2p),(p,pn),(p,px) inv. kinematics

 (ii) clean production of <sup>4</sup>H, <sup>7</sup>H,... via α knockout !





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Correlation data, matter radii, B(E1), cross sections binding energy 369.15(65) keV charge radius 2.467(37) fm R. Sanchez et al., PRL96 (2006) 033002 quadrupole moment 33.3 (5) mb R. Neugart et al., PRL101(2008)132502

Phenomenological wave function N.B. Schulgina, B. Jonson, M.V.Zhukov Nucl. Phys. **A825**(2009)175



10Li <sup>11</sup>Li



Background phase shift dl= - atan Fl/Gl = - rho taken into account -> Esbensen k for initial

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# Consistent description of all data sets

- s wave fit
- p,d fixed from experiment



Bertsch, Hencken, Esbensen, PRC57(1998)1366

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14B

<sup>13</sup>Be

<sup>14</sup>B€



# Trying to understand <sup>14</sup>Be → <sup>13</sup>Be is (too) complicated ! <sup>13</sup>Be <sup>14</sup>Be



### Idea: Understand <sup>13</sup>Be by populating it from ,known' systems and at different energies



### Idea: Understand <sup>13</sup>Be by having it inside a ,known' system i.e. <sup>14</sup>Be\*



### FIN

### Beyond the dripline: <sup>5</sup>H (just) energy spectra





### What next ? Target recoil detection !





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### New Experiments (Aug/Sep 2010) R<sup>3</sup>B/FAIR precursor: Setup at Cave C



Five physics topics using rare-isotope beams will be studied:

- I. r-process nucleosynthesis
- II. spectroscopy of valence and deeply bound nucleons in exotic nuclei
- III. isospin dependence of nucleon-nucleon correlations
- IV. alpha clustering in exotic nuclei
- V. spectroscopy of unbound nuclei

Run as single experiment by R3B Collaboration:

- same experimental setup for all topics (Cave  $C \rightarrow R^{3}B$ )
- same settings of FRS for all topics
- Use different reactions ( $\Rightarrow$  targets) dependent on topic:
  - heavy-ion induced electromagnetic excitation (Pb target)
  - (p,2p), (p,pn) and (p,p $\alpha$ ) quasifree scattering (proton in CH<sub>2</sub> target)
  - one- and two-neutron removal (Carbon in CH2 target)

**Maximise efficiency of beam time** 



### Planned experiments of other collaborations in Cave C

IKAR, HYPHI, Asy-EoS, FIRST/SPALADIN



# <sup>11</sup>Li $\rightarrow$ <sup>10</sup>Li: Combined Results



H.S. et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. **83** (1999) 496 Nucl. Phys. **A 791** (2007) 267

→Confirmed eg @ GANIL <sup>11</sup>Be, <sup>14,15</sup>B →  ${}^{9}$ Li+n H. Al Falou et al. Niigata 2010 -30 <sup>+12</sup><sub>-31</sub> fm; virtual state 0.51(44); 0.54(16) Ε\*; Γ 1.49(88); < 2.2 in MeV

(-22.4(4.8) fm / 0.566(14) MeV IH<sub>2</sub> target)
supported by ang. correlations



### Unbound Lithium isotopes: <sup>12</sup>Li



Intruder states e.g. N=7



### **Exploring Unbound Lithium isotopes**





### Exotic structure across the dripline: P.G. Hansen, Nature 328 (1987) 476



R. Anne et al., Nucl. Phys. A575(1994)125



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#### Observation of a Large Reaction Cross Section in the Drip-Line Nucleus <sup>22</sup>C

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### PRL 104 (2010) 062701



### **Caveat: Interaction cross sections**



### Al-Khalili& Tostevin, PRL76 (96) 3903

R(<sup>11</sup>Li) = 3.53(10) fm

(Tanihata: 3.10(14) fm )



**Correlations** change interpretation i.e. R extracted from  $\sigma_{I}$ 



Shigeyoshi Aoyama, PRL**89** (2002) 052501 possible similarity of <sup>10</sup>He and <sup>11</sup>Li g.s.





11

<sup>10</sup>He

### Comparison <sup>11</sup>Li and <sup>10</sup>He via angular correlations



H.T. Johansson, Y. Aksyutina, Nucl. Phys. **A847** (2010) 66 <sup>11</sup>Li wave function: N.B. Shulgina et al., Nucl. Phys. A825 (2009) 175