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Halo nuclei: stepping stones across the drip-line

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In my talk I'd like to present recent results obtained at GSI for the halo nucleus ^{14}Be and its unbound sub-system ^{13}Be . The structure of these nuclei is a prerequisite to understand the observed structure and angular correlations for the heaviest known Lithium system ^{13}Li [1]. ^{13}Li and ^{13}Be can be produced with relativistic beams by proton and neutron knock-out reactions, respectively, where the ^{14}Be properties can be extracted from a comprehensive missing momentum and spectroscopic analysis. Recently, three data sets were published for ^{13}Be , all with different interpretations of its ground-state structure. From the data obtained at GANIL [2] it is a Breit-Wigner $l=0$ resonance, it is a virtual s -state [3] populated in the one-neutron knock-out from ^{14}Be at GSI, and finally it is interpreted as a $l=1$ resonance from data obtained at RIKEN [4]. We have carried out a study of the root-mean-square (r.m.s) momentum of a fragment+ n system after one neutron knockout from the Borromean halo nucleus as a function of the relative energy between neutron and fragment. Results will be shown and discussed in view of the underlying nuclear structure.

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