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Study of nucleon transfer and knockout reactions with high-resolution gamma-ray spectroscopy

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Nucleon-transfer reactions like (d,p) or (t,p) have been a well-established tool to investigate the single-particle properties of nuclei for many decades. Applied to exotic nuclei they have to be performed in inverse kinematics and, in many cases, combined with gamma-ray spectroscopy.

The region around the "island of inversion" where the traditional shell closure at N=20 disappears has been studied at REX-ISOLDE (CERN)[1,2] with the MINIBALL array consisting of 24 six-fold segmented HPGe detectors [3] and the particle detector T-REX [4]. Similar investigations have been performed around 68Ni evaluating a local shell closure at N=40 [5].

For more energetic beams nucleon-knockout reactions are a similar tool. A possible new magic number at N=32 or 34 beyond 48Ca has been addressed at GSI by studying neutron-rich Ti and Sc isotopes [6,7]. The combination of the FRS with MINIBALL allowed for the measurement of exclusive momentum distributions. Nucleon-knockout reactions are also a sensitive method to populate different configurations in the final nucleus by varying the primary beam. This has been exploited recently to study neutron-rich Mg and Na isotopes at NSCL employing the GRETINA array for gamma-ray detection [8].

We will present the status of the research programmes as well as discuss the perspectives for future experiments at HIE-ISOLDE (CERN) and with R3B at FAIR.

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