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Linking structure and dynamics with two-neutron halos

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Neutron-knockout from two-neutron halo nuclei

- > (p, pn) "quasifree" processes
- > Study the properties of the three-body bound-state wave function and the spectrum of the unbound core + n subsystem

➡ Transfer to the continuum (TC) formalism with structure overlaps from a full three-body model for the projectile

e.g.: ${}^{11}\text{Li}(p,pn){}^{10}\text{Li}$, ${}^{14}\text{Be}(p,pn){}^{13}\text{Be}$

Angular correlations in momentum space

► Modified Fourier transform of the structure overlaps to extract momentum and angular distributions

e.g.: recent work on surface localization of the "dineutron" in ¹¹Li

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- High energies to increase mean free path of nucleon inside nucleus
- Structure information inferred from total 1N removal cross sections, momentum distributions, γ and particle decay of the residue ...

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Borromean

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> If A is Borromean, the unbound subsystem B will eventually decay

Probe the continuum wave function of the unbound subsystem

[M. Gómez-Ramos, J.C., A.M. Moro, PLB 772 (2017) 115]

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$$\begin{split} \Phi_A^{3b}(\vec{x},\vec{y}) &\equiv \text{g.s. wave function of the initial 3-body projectile } A \\ & (hyperspherical formalism, e.g. PRC 88 (2013) 014327) \\ \chi_{pA}(\vec{R}) &\equiv \text{distorted } p\text{-}A \text{ wave} \\ \phi_B^{2b,q}(\vec{x}) &\equiv \text{continuum wave function of the binary subsystem } B \\ \Psi_f(\vec{r}',\vec{R}') &\equiv \text{final} \underbrace{(p+N_1)}_{\text{continuum}} + B \text{ wave function} \end{split}$$

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 Ψ_f expanded in pN states (discretized *ala* CDCC)

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Our TC calculations:

3b WF: Include spin of ⁹Li (3/2⁻) $s_{1/2} \Rightarrow 1^-, 2^$ $p_{1/2} \Rightarrow 1^+, 2^+$



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1) $l = 0, 1/2^+$ 2) $l = 1, 1/2^-$ 3) $l = 2, 5/2^+$ 4) $l = 1, 1/2^-$ 5) l = 2, ?a) decay $5/2^+ \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{Be}(2^+)$ b) decay into ${}^{12}\text{Be}(1^-)$



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1) using two $1/2^+$ states

No low-energy $1/2^-$ resonance required

Momentum profile gives an average: mostly l = 0, l = 2



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0





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Surface Localization of the Dineutron in ¹¹Li

new ¹¹Li(p, pn)¹⁰Li data - RIKEN [Kubota et al., PRL125(2020)252501]

Angular correlations

$$\theta_{nf} > \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ in momentum space}$$
 at small $k \Rightarrow \text{surface}$



Mixing of different-parity states [Catara et al., PRC 29(1984)1091]

"Quasifree" eikonal model [Kikuchi et al., PTEP 2016(2016)103D03]

Can we describe this observable with the same structure input?

- eikonal sudden approximation $\Rightarrow \chi_p = S(b)e^{i q \cdot r}$
 - r: distance between proton target and projectile c.m.
 - q: momentum transferred to the knocked-out neutron
- $(\operatorname{core} + n)$ state not distorted by the proton

$$\Psi^{3.b.(-)} = \phi_{\text{c-n}}(\boldsymbol{k}_x, \boldsymbol{x}) e^{i(\boldsymbol{k}_y + \boldsymbol{q}) \cdot \boldsymbol{y}}$$

• contact $V_{pn} \Rightarrow S(\mathbf{b}) = S(\mathbf{b}_y)$ and approximate $S(\mathbf{b}_y) \approx S(y)$ > p-core eikonal S-matrix evaluated at y



➡ "distorted" Fourier transform of the projectile g.s. [Kikuchi et al.]

$$\begin{split} |\Phi^{j\mu}\rangle &= \sum_{\eta} \omega_{\eta}(k_x, k_y) |\eta; j\rangle \qquad |\eta; j\rangle = |l_x, j_x, j_2, l_y, j_1; j\rangle \\ &\omega_{\eta}(k_x, k_y) = (4\pi)^2 \frac{i^{-l_x - l_y}}{k_x} \int \mathrm{d}y \underbrace{\psi_{\eta}(k_x, y)}_{\langle 2b|3b\rangle} j_{l_y}(k_y y) S(y) y \end{split}$$

Differential cross sections (k_x, k_y, θ) :

$$\sigma \propto \frac{1}{2j+1} \sum_{\mu} \Phi^* \Phi = \sum_{\eta\eta'} \omega_{\eta}(k_x, k_y) \omega_{\eta'}(k_x, k_y) C_{\eta\eta'}$$
$$\times \sum_L D^L_{\eta\eta'} \begin{pmatrix} l_y & l'_y & L\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_x & l'_x & L\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P_L(\cos\theta)$$

> Distributions in $\cos \theta$ will be asymmetric only if $\Phi_{g.s.}^{j\mu}$ contains different-parity core + n components.

Absorption

• estimated via
$$S(b) = \exp\left[\frac{1}{i\hbar v}\int \mathrm{d}z V(b,z)\right] = |S|e^{i\varphi}$$

• Optical *p*-core potential V(b, z) = U + iWUse N, M to scale real (V) and imaginary (W) parts, respectively:

 $S(b) = |\mathbf{S}|^{\mathbf{M}} e^{i\varphi N}$

If only W is considered (N = 0, M = 1), the S-matrix is real

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do/d0 (arb. units)

14 no absorption (no absorption) with absorption (rescaled) do/dky (arb. units) 12 10 10 8 0<u>t</u> 6 L -1 0.5 1.5 -0.5 0.5 0 $k_v (fm^{-1})$ $\cos(\theta)$

➤ asymmetry in θ-dist. comes from s, p, d mixing
 ➤ it favors θ > 90 deg. in momentum space

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Missing momentum distribution

integrate $k_x, \theta \to k_y$ dist.

Comparison with Kubota's data and $\langle \theta \rangle$ - k_y correlations



> peak in the correlation plot $\Rightarrow \theta > \pi/2$

 \succ reasonable agreement with the data at low missing momentum

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 needs further study of absorption effects!

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Summary

 \succ (p, pN) reactions with Borromean nuclei.

Transfer to the Continuum: participant/spectator approach providing absolute cross sections. The input are 3b/2b structure overlaps.

We get constraints for partial-wave content in the projectile and the position of states in the unbound residue.

 $^{11}{\rm Li}(p,pn)^{10}{\rm Li}$: parity inversion; splitting due to the spin of the core $^{14}{\rm Be}(p,pn)^{13}{\rm Be}$: incl. core ex.; dominance of low-lying p resonance

➤ Angular correlations

Use the same structure overlaps, but within a sudden eikonal model.

Asymmetric *n*-*n* angular distributions require mixing between states with different parity. Absorption requires further study!

 $^{11}{\rm Li}(p,pn)^{10}{\rm Li}:$ "dineutron" peak at low missing momenta $^{14}{\rm Be}(p,pn)^{13}{\rm Be}:$ in progress

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Jacobi coordinates $\{x, y, \hat{x}, \hat{y}\}$

Hyperspherical coordinates

$$\{\rho,\alpha,\widehat{x},\widehat{y}\}$$

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \alpha = \arctan \frac{x}{y}$$







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• $\varepsilon_n > 0$ discretized continuum

(2)

$$V_{\beta'\beta}^{j\mu}(\rho) = \left\langle \mathcal{Y}_{\beta}^{j\mu}(\Omega) \middle| V_{12} + V_{13} + V_{23} \middle| \mathcal{Y}_{\beta'}^{j\mu}(\Omega) \right\rangle + \delta_{\beta\beta'} V_{3b}(\rho)$$

> V_{ij} interaction between pairs

central, spin-orbit, spin-spin, tensor. To reproduce binary subsystem

> $V_{\rm 3b}$ phenomenological three-body force diagonal term. Fixed to fine-tune the three-body energies

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Appendix A

Three-body formalism

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Final wave function

Expanded in proton-nucleon states (CDCC)

$$\Psi_f(\vec{r}',\vec{R}') \simeq \sum_{n\mathcal{J}\Pi} \phi_n^{\mathcal{J}\Pi}(k_n,\vec{r}') \chi_n^{\mathcal{J}\Pi}(\vec{K}',\vec{R}')$$



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If we select the $\left(p,d\right)$ channel TC reduces to DWBA

$$\Psi_f(\vec{r}',\vec{R}')\simeq \phi_d(\vec{r}')\chi_{d\text{-}B}(\vec{R}')$$

2b continuum state of fragment B

$$I \qquad \begin{cases} \varphi_{\vec{q},\sigma_{2},\iota}^{(+)}(\vec{x}) = \frac{4\pi}{qx} \sum_{LJJ_TM_T} i^L Y_{LM}^*(\hat{q}) \langle LMs_2\sigma_2 | JM_J \rangle \\ \times \langle JM_JI\iota | J_TM_T \rangle f_{LJ}^{J_T}(qx) [\mathcal{Y}_{Ls_2J}(\hat{x}) \otimes \kappa_I]_{J_TM_T} \end{cases}$$

Coupling order: $\vec{L} + \vec{s}_2 = \vec{J}$, $\vec{J} + \vec{I} = \vec{J}_T$

Obtain solution for each $(L, J)J_T$:

$$f_{LJ}^{J_T}(qx) \longrightarrow \frac{i}{2} e^{i\sigma_L} \left[H_L^{(-)}(qx) - S_{LJ}^{J_T} H_L^{(+)}(qx) \right]$$



Diagonalize \mathcal{H}_{3b} using:

[PRC 88 (2013) 014327]

- Binary interactions C- N_i , N_1 - N_2
- Three-body force to fine-tune g.s. energy

$$\Phi_A^{j\mu}(\vec{x},\vec{y}) = \sum_{\beta} w_{\beta}^j(x,y) \Big\{ \left[\mathcal{Y}_{l_x s_2 j_x}(\hat{x}) \otimes \kappa_I \right]_{j_1} \otimes \left[Y_{l_y}(\hat{y}) \otimes \kappa_{s_1} \right]_{j_2} \Big\}_{j\mu}$$

2-body continuum φ_{B}^{2b} computed with the same C-N potential

Three-body formalism

 $\Psi_f(\vec{r}',\vec{R}')$ expanded in discretized pN states (CDCC-like)





 $\Psi_f(\vec{r}', \vec{R}')$ expanded in discretized pN states (CDCC-like)



Assume $(V_{pN_1} + U_{pB} - U_{pA})$ does not change the state of BDefine **overlaps** $\psi_{LJJ_TM_T}(q, \vec{y}) = \int \varphi_{B,LJJ_TM_T}^{2b}(q, \vec{x}) \Phi_A^{3b}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) d\vec{x}$

Cross section from auxiliary amplitudes:

 $\mathcal{T}_{if}^{LJJ_TM_T} \equiv \langle \Psi_f^{(-)}(\vec{r}',\vec{R}') | V_{pN_1} + U_{pB} - U_{pA} | \psi_{LJJ_TM_T}(q,\vec{y}) \chi_{pA}^{(+)} \rangle$

$$\frac{d\sigma^2}{d\Omega_B dq} \propto \sum \left| \mathcal{T}_{if}^{LJJ_T M_T} \right|^2$$

TC calculations [spin of ⁹Li ignored, $I^{\pi} = 0^+$]

• ${}^{10}\text{Li} ({}^{9}\text{Li} + n)$ $2s_{1/2} \text{ virtual state: } a = -20.9 \text{ fm}$ $1p_{1/2} \text{ resonance at } \sim 0.5 \text{ MeV}$ $1d_{5/2} \text{ state around 4.5 MeV}$ • ${}^{11}\text{Li} ({}^{9}\text{Li} + n + n)$ $0^{+} \text{ g.s. at } -0.37 \text{ MeV}$ $r_{mat} = 3.55 \text{ fm}, \quad r_{ch} = 2.48 \text{ fm}$ $64\% s_{1/2}, 30\% p_{1/2}, 3\% d_{5/2}$



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Sensitivity to the structrure model

- P3: reference model
- P4: virtual state at higher *E p* resonance at lower *E*
- P5: with d resonance ~1.5 MeV

	а	,	$E_r[$	$p_{1/2}]$	$E_r[d_{5/}$	2]	
P3	-29.8		0.50		4.3	4.3	
P4	-16	-16.2		0.23		4.3	
P5	-29	.8	0.50		1.5	1.5	
	(fn	(fm)		(MeV)		(MeV)	
_		$%s_1$	$^{/2}$	$%p_{1/2}$	$_{2}$ % d_{5}	5/2	
	P3	64	ļ.	30	3		
	P4	27	7	67	3		
	P5	39)	35	23	3	

Not sufficient to confirm $d_{5/2}$ resonance

spin-spin splitting: $s_{1/2} \Rightarrow 1^-, 2^$ $p_{1/2} \Rightarrow 1^+, 2^+$ Model: P1I: • ¹⁰ i: $a = -37.9 \text{ fm} (2^{-})$ res. at 0.37, 0.61 MeV • ¹¹Li: 3/2⁻ g.s. at -0.37 MeV $r_{mat} = 3.2 \; \text{fm}$ $r_{ch} = 2.41 \text{ fm}$ 67% s. 31% p



Data from Aksyutina et al. [PLB 666 (2008) 430]

Factorization of the cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma^{LJJ_T}}{d\varepsilon_x} \simeq \mathcal{C}^{LJJ_T} K(E) \eta^{LJJ_T}(E)$$

Structure form factors (SF):

$$\eta^{LJJ_T}(E) \equiv \int d\vec{y} |\psi_{LJJ_TM_T}(E,\vec{y})|^2$$

Correct up to certain extent BUT!!

ratio depends on L, J, J_T

reaction calc. to obtain relative weights less ambiguous than fitting



Three-body formalism

Transfer reaction ${}^{11}\text{Li}(p,d){}^{10}\text{Li}$ IRIS at TRIUMF, 5.7 AMeV

Sanetullaev et al. [PLB 755 (2016) 481]



> Same model gives good agreement on (p, pn) and (p, d) reactions [Phys. Lett. B767 (2017) 307]



Transfer reaction ${}^{9}\text{Li}(d,p){}^{10}\text{Li}$



[Phys. Lett. B793 (2019) 13]







