# **Experiments with High-Energy Radioactive Beams**



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- Introduction: Physics, Experiments, Production
- At and beyond the drip line: knockout reactions
- Dipole excitations of neutron-rich nuclei
  - Coulomb breakup of halo nuclei
  - Giant and Pygmy collective excitations
- Future Developments: Experimental Program at FAIR

# Physics of exotic nuclei





First reaction experiments with relativistic radioactive beams: Discovery of the halo nuclei



first theoretical interpretation: G. Hansen and B. Jonson, Europhys. Lett. 4 (1987) 409

# The first experimental hint ?: The <sup>11</sup>Be neutron halo



E1 transition in <sup>11</sup>Be

Millener et al., Phys. Rev. C 28 (1983) 497:

Lifetime  $\tau = 166(15)$  fs

fastest known E1 transition between bound states

Hansen, Jensen, Jonson,

Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 45 (1995) 591

# A new phenomenon at the neutron drip line: Halo nuclei



# Single-particle density distributions



# Matter Radii extracted from total interaction cross section measurements



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Isao Tanihata, Nucl. Phys. A654 (1999) 235

# Appearance of a neutron skin in neutron-rich nuclei



(Skyrme Sk, SL) mean-field calculations P.G. Reinhard, priv. comm. Interaction cross section measurement (GSI) plus Isotope shift measurements (ISOLDE) T.Suzuki et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 75 (1995) 3241

<u>Other experimental techniques:</u> IV GDR (isoscalar probe), Spin-dipole resonance (rel. n-skin), **Pygmy dipole**, anti-proton scattering, e- plus p elastic scattering

# **Total absorption measurements**



A. Ozawa et al., Nucl. Phys. A 693 (2001) 32

Black disc model:

$$\sigma = \pi [R_{I}(p) + R_{I}(t)]^{2}$$

 $\rightarrow$  interaction radius R<sub>I</sub>

rms matter radius  $\sigma = \int 2\pi b db [1-T(b)]$ transmission function T(b) Glauber:  $T(b) = \exp\{-\sigma_{NN} \int dz \int d^3r \rho_p(\mathbf{r}) \rho_t(\mathbf{R}-\mathbf{r})$ free N-N cross section  $\sigma_{NN}$  **R**=(**b**,z) density distribution  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ e.g. 2pF:  $\rho(r) = \rho_0 [1 + \exp\{(r - R_0)/a\}]^{-1}$ half density radius R<sub>0.</sub> diffuseness a Problem: one measured quantity, two parameters (target dependence, energy dependence)

Method applicable down to intensities of 1 ion/s !!!

# Elastic proton scattering at high energies (~1 GeV)

well established method to investigate nuclear matter distributions of stable nuclei (see, e.g., G. Alkhazov et al., Phys. Rep. 42 (1978) 89)



application to exotic nuclei:

- → scattering of radioactive beams off protons (' inverse kinematics ')
- → high-energy radioactive beam (~GeV/nucleon)
- → measurement of low-energy recoil (target-) proton

# Elastic proton scattering on neutron-rich He and Li isotopes: The S105 IKAR experiment at GSI



# Ab Initio Calculations for n-rich He isotopes

Green's Function Monte Carlo calculations



# $\Rightarrow$ Neutron Halo for <sup>6</sup>He and <sup>8</sup>He

Matter density distribution in agreement with proton elastic scattering data

Proton-proton distribution function changes only slightly in  $^{6,8}$ He compared to  $\alpha$  particle

 $\Rightarrow$  Cluster structure

<sup>6</sup>He:  $\alpha$  + 2n (3-body models)

<sup>8</sup>He: α + 4n

S.C. Pieper and R.B. Wiringa, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 51 (2001) 53

# Halo Nuclei - Basic Properties - Key Observables

- Symmetry-Energy ~  $(N-Z)^2/A^2$
- $\varepsilon_{f} \rightarrow 0$  : neutron leaks into
  - classically forbidden region
- orbitals of low angular momentum

- Large radii and dilute surface
- Low-momentum components
- Bound-state and continuum sector not well separated (very few bound states)
- Pairing / Clusterisation in low-density medium ?
- Decoupling of valence nucleons and core
- Reduced Spin-Orbit splitting (~ 1/r dV/dr )
- Single-Particle Structure ?
- Excitation Modes ?
- Specific Reaction Mechanisms ?



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# The collective response of the nucleus: Giant Resonances

# Electric giant resonances

Isoscalar

Monopole (GMR)





Isovector

Dipole (GDR)



Quadrupole (GQR)





# Photo-neutron cross sections



# The dipole response of neutron-rich nuclei

### Neutron-Proton asymmetric nuclei: low-lying dipole strength **Stable nuclei:** 100% of the E1 threshold strong $\mathbf{n}$ new collective soft strength absorbed fragmentation dipole mode strength into the $\sigma_{(\gamma,xn)}\,(mb)$ (Pygmy resonance) **Giant Dipole** non-resonant 16 transitions Resonance 10 Prediction: RMF (GDR) The one-neutron Halo <sup>11</sup>Be (N. Paar et al.) (y,p) $\sigma_{(\gamma,xn)}\,(mb)$ do / dE (b / MeV) 0.3 av 100 √ 100 00 100 R [e<sup>2</sup>fm<sup>2</sup>/MeV] 12 132<sub>Sn</sub> 120<sub>Sn</sub> 20 $^{11}\text{Be} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be}(0^+) \,\text{m}$ 10 Pb target • elm. + nuclear 121 nucl. contribution (y,p) 0.2 4 $\sigma_{(\gamma,xn)}\,(mb)$ <sup>22</sup>**O** 0.10 (y .Za) (y,3a) ły "i .10 2030 0 15 20 25 10 10 E [MeV] Photon Energy [MeV] 0 0 E (MeV) $(\gamma,p)$ spectroscopic tool: 10 20 E (MeV) $\frac{d\sigma}{dE^*}(I_c^{\pi}) = (\frac{16\pi^3}{9\hbar c})N_{E1}(E^*)\sum_{nl\,i}C^2S(I_c^{\pi},n\ell j)$ $\times \sum |\langle \boldsymbol{q}|(Ze/A)rY_m^1|\phi_{n\ell j}(r)\rangle|^2.$

# Astrophysical implications: r-process



S. Goriely, Phys. Lett. B 436 (1998) 10. (schematic calculation)

# Production of radioactive beams: Methods



H. Geissel, G. Münzenberg, K. Riisager, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 45 (1995) 163

# **IN-FLIGHT**:

relativistic heavy ions (50 MeV/u – 1 GeV/u)

- fragmentation
- fission (elm. or nuclear induced)

# ISOL:

- spallation (~1 GeV protons)
- fission: p-induced, fast neutrons (d beam), slow neutrons (reactor), photons (e<sup>-</sup> beam)
- fusion/evaporation, multi-nucleon transfer

# Fragmentation



Empirical formula for production cross sections: EPAX

K. Sümmerer, B.Blank, PRC 61 (2000) 034607

Two-step process:

- 1) Abrasion of nucleons
  - $\rightarrow$  pre-fragment: <A/Z> ~ (A/Z)<sub>proj</sub>
  - → excitation energy
    - geometrical overlap (Glauber model) + energy of created holes (Fermi gas, shell model)
    - Intra-nuclear cascade (INC)

2) Ablation (Evaporation of nucleons)

 $\rightarrow$  fragment: <A/Z> < (A/Z)<sub>proj</sub>

- statistical model (compound nucleus), also fission

(see, e.g., M.deJong et al., NPA 613 (1997) 435

# Momentum distributions after fragmentation



Momentum distributions

### PHYSICAL REVIEW C VOLUME 23, NUMBER 6

**JUNE 1981** 

### Relativistic heavy ions measure the momentum distribution on the nuclear surface

J. Hüfner and M. C. Nemes

Institut für Theoretische Physik der Universität and Max-Planck-Institut für Kernphysik, D-6900 Heidelberg, Federal Republic of Germany (Received 29 December 1980)

In fragmentation reactions of the type  ${}^{16}O + target \rightarrow {}^{15}O + X$ , the momentum distribution of the outgoing fragment  ${}^{15}O$  reflects the momentum distribution of the nucleon which is removed from the surface of the projectile nucleus. We derive a relation using Glauber's multiple scattering theory and the Wigner transform of the one-body density matrix. The experimental cross section at 2 GeV/nucl is analyzed with the following result: The uniform and local Fermi-gas models fail to reproduce the momentum distribution on the surface. The shell model with harmonic oscillator wave functions is correct for momenta below the Fermi momentum. Hartree-Fock wave functions describe the data up to 350 MeV/c.

Application to radioactive beams (knockout reactions) for nuclear-structure studies

- $\rightarrow$  Measurement of the nucleon momentum distribution in the nucleus
- $\rightarrow$  Spatial extension of the wave function (Heisenberg)
- → determination of the angular momentum of knocked-out nucleons

# Production cross sections for fragmentation and fission



# Separation of radioactive beams



# $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{B}\rho-\Delta\mathsf{E}-\mathsf{B}\rho\\ \mathsf{Method}\\ \\ \mathsf{B}\rho\propto\beta\gamma\;\mathsf{A}/\mathsf{Z} \end{array}$

 $\Delta E \propto Z^2 f(\beta)$ 

high beam energy  $\rightarrow$  fully stripped ions

Measurement: x, ToF,  $\Delta E$ acceptance FRS@GSI:  $\pm 1\% (\Delta p/p)$  $\pm 13mrad (transversal)$ 

> Hans Geissel et al., NIM B 70 (1992) 286

# Summary: Secondary Beams and High-Energy Scattering

0.6 < v/c < 0.8

# **Physics Aspects:**

- short interaction time  $\sigma_{NN}$  lowest at ~ 300 MeV  $\rightarrow$  reduced re-scattering low transverse momentum  $\rightarrow$  eikonal approximation
- → sudden process
- reaction dynamics and nuclear structure less entangled  $\rightarrow$

# **Experimental Aspects:**

Lorentz boost coverage detection efficiency

- Thick targets  $(g/cm^2)$   $\rightarrow$  increased luminosity
  - $\rightarrow$  full solid angle

→ 100%

mixed secondary beams

compensating low beam intensity (1 - 10000 s<sup>-1</sup>)  $\rightarrow$ 

for a recent review on reaction models, see J. Al-Khalili and F. Nunes, J.Phys.G 29 (2003) R89

# **<u>GSI</u>**: up to 1 GeV/A

**Other Laboratories** (up to ~ 0.1 GeV/A):

**GANIL / France** MSU/U.S. **RIKEN / Japan** 



# Summary: Physics of exotic nuclei and high-energy reactions

A broad physics programme		
	Experiment	
Nuclear radii, density distributions,	Total-absorption measurements,	
halos and skins, nuclear equation of state	proton elastic scattering,	
	knockout and momentum distributions,	
	spin-dipole excitations	
Shell structure far off stability,	Knockout reactions,	
single-particle occupancies, spectral functions	quasi-free scattering,	
	Coulomb breakup	
Dipole response of exotic nuclei,	Heavy-ion induced electromagnetic excitation	
giant dipole resonance and soft modes		
Nuclei beyond the neutron drip-line	Knockout reactions	
Astrophysics	$(\gamma,n)$ and $(\gamma,p)$ cross sections (Coulomb breakup)	
	Gamov-Teller transitions (charge-exchange)	
Gamma spectroscopy	Knockout and fragmentation	
Large-amplitude motion	Multifragmentation and fission	
Reaction mechanisms/applications (hybrid reactors etc)	Spallation and fission	



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# The GSI accelerator facilities



# Experimental Scheme: II. Separation in FLIGHT



H. Geissel et al., NIM B 70 (1992) 286

# Measurement of momentum distributions

Dispersion matching: "Energy-loss mode"



Position (momentum) measurement at final focal plane independent of initial momentum spread  $\rightarrow$  high resolution



Sudden process Reaction:  $\Delta t \approx 10^{-22} \text{ s}$ Internal motion:  $\approx 10^{-21} \text{ s}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  measurement of wave function (at the surface:  $b_c > r_c$ )



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Example:

Carbon isotopes

 $^{A}C + C \rightarrow ^{A-1}C + x$ 

 $E \approx 900 \text{ MeV/u}$ 

FRS@GSI

T. Baumann et al.





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 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{P}_{\text{frag}} = -\mathbf{P}_{\text{n}}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  measurement of wave function (at the surface:  $b_c > r_c$ )

Measurement		Observable	
Momentum distribution		$\Rightarrow$ <i>l</i> -value of removed nucleon	
γ-ray coincidence		$\Rightarrow$ identification of core-state	
invariant mass (unbound states)			
Cross section		$\Rightarrow$ spectroscopic factor	
$\sigma_{ln}(J^{\pi}) = S(J^{\pi}) \times \sigma_{sp}(l,S_n)$ Eikonal calculation			

# Single-particle cross sections

$$\sigma_{sp}(J^{\pi}) = \sigma_{sp}^{knockout} + \sigma_{sp}^{diffraction}$$

Eikonal approximation:

$$\sigma_{sp}^{knockout}(J^{\pi}) = \int d^2b \int d^3r \ |\Phi_{l,S_n}(\mathbf{r})|^2 \ S_c^2(\mathbf{b_c}) \ (1 - S_n^2(\mathbf{b_n}))$$

$$\swarrow \qquad \qquad \checkmark \qquad \qquad \checkmark \qquad \qquad \uparrow$$

$$core \ \text{survival} \qquad \text{reaction}$$

$$\text{'shadowing'} \qquad n + \text{target}$$

- $-\Phi_{l,S_n}(\mathbf{r})$  is calculated for a <u>Woods-Saxon Potential</u>
- $-S_c, S_n$  are calculated using target and core <u>density distributions</u> + <u>free NN cross sections</u> + energy dep. ratio of imaginary to real part
- $\rightarrow$  no free parameters

# One-neutron removal reaction (nuclear breakup)



Reaction mechanisms:

- knockout (stripping)
- inelastic scattering (diffraction)

cross section dominated by knockout for

- high beam energies
- non-halo states

$$p_{stripping} = \langle S_c^2(\mathbf{b_c})[1 - S_n^2(\mathbf{b_n})] \rangle$$

$$p_{inelastic} = \langle [1 - S_c(\mathbf{b_c})S_n(\mathbf{b_n})]^2 \rangle - \langle 1 - S_c(\mathbf{b_c})S_n(\mathbf{b_n}) \rangle^2$$

$$\underline{\text{no-recoil limit: }} A_c \gg 1, \mathbf{b_c} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$p_{diffraction} = S_c^2 \langle [1 - S_n(\mathbf{b_n})]^2 \rangle - S_c^2 \langle 1 - S_n(\mathbf{b_n}) \rangle^2$$

$$\underline{\text{elastic scattering}} \qquad \underline{\text{elastic scattering}} \qquad \underline{\text{elastic scattering}} \qquad \underline{\text{of neutron}} \qquad \underline{\text{of projectile}}$$
## Momentum distributions and reaction mechanism



## Knockout reactions as spectroscopic tool: Setup at the NSCL@MSU



Reviews: P.G. Hansen, B.M. Sherrill, NPA 693 (2001) 133

P.G. Hansen, J.A. Tostevin, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci 53 (2003) 219

Neutron removal from individual single-particle states: <sup>11</sup>Be  $\rightarrow$  <sup>10</sup>Be (I<sup> $\pi$ </sup>) +  $\gamma$ 



#### Comparison to transfer reactions



#### <sup>12</sup>Be: Breakdown of the N=8 Shell Closure



Data: S800@MSU, A. Navin *et al.*, PRL 85 (2000) 266



#### <sup>23</sup>O: the heaviest halo nucleus?



#### The N=20 (closed shell?) nucleus <sup>28</sup>O is unbound !

#### **Experiment at RIKEN:**



H. Sakurai et al., Phys. Lett. B 448 (1999) 180

#### Secondary fragmentation plus y spectroscopy



#### New magic number N=16



All experiments consistently suggest a

vanishing of the N=20 shell gap (<sup>28</sup>O unbound) and the

appearance of a shell closure for N=16 (large spectroscopic factor, high-lying 2<sup>+</sup> state)

for the neutron-rich oxygen isotopes

Z=14 → Z=8 Removing  $Od_{5/2}$  protons → less binding for  $Od_{3/2}$  neutrons



T. Otsuka et al., PRL87(2001)082502 PRL95(2005)232502



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# 2) Knockout to unbound states

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## Experimental Scheme: The LAND reaction setup @GSI



## The Large Area Neutron Detector LAND



Nucl. Instr. Meth. A314 (1992) 136

# Scattering of Light Neutron-Rich Nuclei Investigated at LAND@GSI



#### Reaction mechanisms for two-neutron Halo nuclei





T. Aumann et al., PRC 59 (1999) 1252

- 1) 1n knockout: one n scattered to large angles ( $\rightarrow$  N=1)
- 2) 2n knockout:
  - both neutrons react with target (  $\rightarrow$  N=0 ) cross section sensitive to correlations
- 3) Inelastic scattering (  $\rightarrow$  N=2 ) nuclear/electromagnetic excitation



#### Knockout to Continuum States: The <sup>6</sup>He test case



 $\Rightarrow$  Structure of 2*n*-halo nuclei, spectroscopy of unbound states

#### The halo of <sup>11</sup>Li: s and p waves



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E<sub>tnn</sub>

(MeV)

# <sup>6</sup>He (p, <sup>2</sup>He ) <sup>5</sup>H

#### 60 Superheavy Hydrogen <sup>5</sup>H A. A. Korsheninnikov,\* M. S. Golovkov,\*.<sup>3</sup> and I. Tanihata 50 RIKEN, Hirosawa 2-1, Wako, Saitama 351-0198, Japan A. M. Rodin, A. S. Fomichev, S. I. Sidorchuk, S. V. Stepantsov, M. L. Chelnokov, V. A. Gorshke 40 D. D. Bogdanov, R. Wolski,<sup>†</sup> G. M. Ter-Akopian, and Yu. Ts. Oganessian counts JINR, 141980 Dubna, Moscow region, Russia 30 W. Mittig, P. Roussel-Chomaz, and H. Savajols GANIL BP 5027, F-14076 CAEN cedex 5, France 20 E.A. Kuzmin, E. Yu. Nikolskii,<sup>§</sup> and A.A. Ogloblin Kurchatov Institute, Kurchatov square 1, 123182 Moscow, Russia (Received 27 March 2001: published 13 August 2001) 10 at GSI: <sup>6</sup>He $\rightarrow$ t + n + n ( proton knockout ) 8 10 2 4 6 0 E<sub>5µ</sub>(MeV) 120 $^{5}H$ (a.u.) $3/2^{+}$ $1/2^{+}$ 80 $d\sigma/dE_{tnn}$ Data consistent with 3-body calculation of Shulgina et al (PRC62, 2000, 014312) with 40 $5/2^+$ $I^{\pi}=1/2^{+5}H$ ground state 0 🖌 2 3 5 6 7 M. Meister et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 91 (2003) 162504

Nucl. Phys. A 723 (2003) 13



## Conclusion Knockout / Halo Nuclei

- Momentum distributions after one-nucleon removal are directly linked to the wavefunction of the removed nucleon (at the surface)
- Cross sections are large, in particular for Halo nuclei
- Knockout reaction have been established as a spectroscopic tool
  - coincident γ-ray spectroscopy defines core state
  - or likewise invariant-mass spectroscopy in case of unbound residual states
  - momentum distributions define l-value of knocked-out nucleon
  - cross sections yield spectroscopic factors
  - angular correlations  $\rightarrow$  quantum numbers
    - $\rightarrow$  disentangle overlapping states in the continuum
  - spectroscopy of unbound states (even beyond the drip line)



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## Experimental Approach: Electromagnetic excitation at high energies



Determination of 'photon energy' (excitation energy) via a kinematically complete measurement of the momenta of all outgoing particles (invariant mass)

## Heavy-ion induced electromagnetic excitation at high beam energies



## Low-Lying E1 Strength as Spectroscopic Tool

Wave function: e.g.  $|^{11}Be > = \alpha |^{10}Be(0^+) \otimes 2s_{1/2} > + \beta |^{10}Be(2^+) \otimes 1d_{5/2} > + ...$ 



# Coulomb Breakup of <sup>11</sup>Be: The Classical One-Neutron Halo



# Coulomb Breakup of <sup>11</sup>Be: The Classical One-Neutron Halo



#### Coulomb Dissociation of <sup>19</sup>C and its Halo Structure

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Results from the measurement with an intensity of 300 ions/sec only:

- → dominantly dipole excitations
- $\rightarrow$  ground state spin I<sup> $\pi$ </sup>=1/2<sup>+</sup>
- →  ${}^{18}C(0^+) \otimes 1s_{1/2}$ : S = 0.67
- $\rightarrow$  separation energy S<sub>n</sub>=530(130) keV



PRL 83 (1999) 1112

#### Sensitivity of Coulomb breakup

Comparison of the one-neutron halo <sup>11</sup>Be with the well bound <sup>17</sup>O d neutron



Coulomb breakup is very sensitive to extended neutrondensity distributions (halo)

→ applicability as a spectroscopic tool mainly for weakly bound nuclei (large cross sections)

R. Palit et al.,

NPA 731 (2004) 235

#### Absolute single-particle occupancies

Spectroscopic factors for 2s<sub>1/2</sub> halo states derived from nuclear and Coulomb breakup in comparison to the shell model

Ratio of experimental occupancies to shell-model values



## Isospin dependence of nucleon-nucleon correlations



#### Sensitivity of Coulomb and nuclear breakup

**Reaction probabilities** 

#### Halo-Neutron Densities



Sensitivity to the tail of the wave function only

Alternative approach: quasi-free scattering: (p,2p), (p,pn) etc. at LAND and R3B or (e,e'p) at the e-A collider at FAIR

#### Future: Quasi-free scattering in inverse kinematics

- kinematical complete measurement of (p,pn), (p,2p), (p,pd), (p,α), .... reactions
- redundant experimental information: kinematical reconstruction from proton momenta plus gamma rays, recoil momentum, invariant mass
- sensitivity not limited to surface
  - $\rightarrow$  spectral functions
  - $\rightarrow$  knockout from deeply bound states
- cluster knockout reactions

#### Quasi-free cluster knockout

Experiment S174: Proton elastic scattering (P. Egelhof et al.)



## Electromagnetic excitation of <sup>6</sup>He



T. Aumann et al., PRC 59 (1999) 1252

Sagawa 3b-model:  $< R_{\alpha-2n}^2 > 1/2 = 3.63 \text{ fm}$ 

## Electromagnetic excitation of <sup>6</sup>He



3-body calculation (Danilin et al)



Non-energy-weighted dipole sum rule:  $S = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{7}{2} = \frac{2}{4} (N + \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{2}{2}$ 

 $S_{NEW} = 3/4 \pi Z^2 e^2 (N_h/A_c)^2 < R_{cm-h}^2 >$ 

T. Aumann et al., PRC 59 (1999) 1252 **Spatial correlation from dipole strength:** 

 $< R_{\alpha-2n}^{2} > 1/2 = 3.36 \pm 0.39 \text{ fm}$ 

 $< R_{cm-2n}^{2} > 1/2 = 2.24 \pm 0.26 \text{ fm}$ 

Sagawa 3b-model:  $< R_{\alpha-2n}^{2} > 1/2 = 3.63$  fm

## Astrophysics: Bridging the mass A=5 and A=8 gaps

R-process nucleosynthesis (type-II supernova; neutron-star merging):  ${}^{4}\text{He}(2n,\gamma)$   ${}^{6}\text{He}$  and  ${}^{6}\text{He}(2n,\gamma)$   ${}^{8}\text{He}$  in the preceding  $\alpha$  process may be relevant in bridging the A = 5 and A = 8 mass instability gaps



T. Aumann et al., PRC 59 (1999) 1252
Coulomb breakup and Astrophysics Example: The  ${}^{14}C(n,\gamma)$  radiative capture reaction is important in the neutron-induced CNO cycles in the stellar evolution





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#### Experimental Approach: Production of (fission-)fragment beams



#### Dipole-strength distributions in neutron-rich Sn isotopes





### Low-lying strength in <sup>132</sup>Sn mass neighborhood

odd nuclei allow extending ( $\gamma$ ,n) measurements to lower excitation energies

 $\rightarrow$  comparison to ( $\gamma$ . $\gamma$ ') data for stable isotopes



<u>Stable nuclei, Photoabsorption, from:</u> A.Zilges et al., Phys.Lett. B 542,43 (2003) S.Volz et al., Nucl.Phys. A 779, 1 (2006) N. Ryezayeva et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 89 (2002) K. Govaert et al., Phys. Rev. C 57,2229 (1998)

#### Symmetry energy $S_2(\rho)$ and neutron skin in <sup>208</sup>Pb



Symmetry energy and neutron skin form dipole strength

Theory: Precise knowledge of neutron-skin thickness could constrain the density dependence of  $S(\rho)$ 

### Work Hypothesis: Pygmy-Strength (since related to skin) should do the same job, *but, experimentally, is accessed much easier !*

Inspired by recent article of Piekarewicz (*Phys. Rev. C* 73, 044325 (2006)) Here:

> Quantitative attempt by means of RHB + RQRPA, (density-dependent meson-exchange DD-ME) <u>Paar</u>, Vretenar, Ring et al. (Phys. Rev. C67, 34312 (2003))

#### PDR strength versus a<sub>4</sub>, p<sub>o</sub>



RQRPA – DD-ME N. Paar et al. Result (*averaged*  $^{130,132}Sn$ ): **a**<sub>4</sub> = **32.0** ± **1.8** MeV



 $p_o = 2.3 \pm 0.8 \text{ MeV/fm}^3$ 

**S**(ρ) : moderate stiffness

#### Neutron skin thickness



 $R_n - R_p$ : <sup>130</sup>Sn: 0.23 ± 0.04 fm <sup>132</sup>Sn: 0.24 ± 0.04 fm



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<sup>208</sup>Pb analysis



 $\Sigma B_{pdr}(E1)=1.98 e^2 fm^2$ from N.Ryezayeva et al., PRL 89(2002)272501  $\Sigma B_{gdr}(E1)=60.8 e^2 fm^2$ from A.Veyssiere et al.,NPA 159(1970)561

$$R_n - R_p = 0.18 \pm 0.035$$
 fm



#### Conclusion

- Low-lying dipole strength observed in light and medium-mass neutron-rich nuclei
- Threshold strength (halo nuclei) established as spectroscopic tool
- Peak-like structure below the GDR in <sup>130,132</sup>Sn at about 10 MeV excitation energy exhausting about 5% of the energy-weighted sum rule
- Parameters of GDR in agreement with systematic trends derived from stable nuclei
- Symmetry energy and neutron-skin thickness from dipole strength: a first attempt

#### **Outlook:**

- *Systematic measurements* of dipole strength in neutron-proton asymmetric nuclei
- Theory+experiment: Relation of low-lying dipole strength to *symmetry energy and neutron skin*
- Decay characteristics (e.g., γ decay branch)
   (γ,γ') in <sup>68</sup>Ni (RISING), (γ,n) with LAND setup
- Monopole and quadrupole strength:

internal gas target in a storage ring (GSI, FAIR), electron-heavy-ion collider (FAIR)

- ✓ Introduction: Physics, Experiments, Production
- ✓ At and beyond the drip line: knockout reactions
- ✔ Dipole excitations of neutron-rich nuclei
  - Coulomb breakup of halo nuclei
  - Giant and Pygmy collective excitations

### **Future Developments: Experimental Program at FAIR**

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#### Topology of FAIR (FBTR 03/2006)



#### **FAIR** characteristics



#### **Research fields at FAIR**



#### The rare-isotope beam facility NuSTAR

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NuSTAR - Nuclear Structure, Astrophysics, and Reactions

Production of radioactive beams by fragmentation and fission

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### Superconducting Fragment Separator Super-FRS

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 $\rightarrow$  High transmission for fission fragment (intensity gain by a factor of ~10)

#### **RIB** intensities after Super-FRS



### Accepted NuSTAR Experiments at FAIR

- 2004/2005: Lols and Proposals submitted - early 2006: Technical Proposals submitted <i>Evaluation by NuSTAR PAC</i>	Formation of the NuSTAR collaboration 667 users
<ul> <li>1.) Low Energy Branch (LEB)</li> <li>High-resolution In-Flight Spectroscopy (HISPEC)/ Decay Spectroscopy with Implanted Ion Beams (DESPEC)</li> <li>Precision Measurements of very short-lived Nuclei using an Advanced Trapping System for highly-charged Ions (MATS)</li> <li>LASER Spectroscopy for the Study of Nuclear Properties (LASPE Neutron Capture Measurements (NCAP)</li> </ul>	Zs.Podolyak Surrey + B. Rubio Valencia K.Blaum Mainz P. Campbell Manchester M.Heil GSI
<ul> <li>2.) High Energy Branch (R3B)</li> <li>- A Universal Setup for Kinematical Complete Measurements of Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams (R3B)</li> </ul>	T. Aumann GSI
<ul> <li>3.) Ring Branch (STORIB)</li> <li>Study of Isomeric Beams, Lifetimes and Masses (ILIMA)</li> <li>Exotic Nuclei Studied in Light-Ion Induced Reactions at the NESR Storage Ring (EXL)</li> <li>Electron-Ion Scattering in a Storage Ring (e-A Collider) (ELISe)</li> <li>Antiproton-Ion Collider: A Tool for the Measurement of Neutron a Proton rmsradii of Stable and Radioactive Nuclei (AIC)</li> </ul>	Y .Novikov SPNPI M. Chartier Liverpool H. Simon GSI nd R. Krücken TUM

#### Low-energy radioactive beams

Energy-bunched slowed-down and stopped beams

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Decay spectroscopy

(DESPEC)

- In-flight γ spectroscopy
  - (3 100 MeV/u) (HISPEC)
- Laser spectroscopy (LASPEC)
- Ion traps (MATS)
- Neutron capture (NCAP)



#### Experiments at the LEB

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mesurements

#### A universal setup for kinematical complete measurements of Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams



#### The R<sup>3</sup>B experiment:

- identification and beam "cooling" (tracking and momentum measurement,  $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-4}$ )
- exclusive measurement of the final state:
  - identification and momentum analysis of fragments
    - (large acceptance mode:  $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-3}$ , high-resolution mode:  $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-4}$ )
  - coincident measurement of neutrons, protons, gamma-rays, light recoil particles
- · applicable to a wide class of reactions

#### A universal setup for kinematical complete measurements of Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams



#### Experiments

- elastic scattering
- knockout and quasi-free scattering
- $\succ$  electromagnetic excitation
- charge-exchange reactions
- $\succ$  fission

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- $\succ$  spallation
- ➢ fragmentation

#### Physics goals

radii, matter distribution

single-particle occupancies, spectral functions,

correlations, clusters, resonances beyond the drip lines
single-particle occupancies, astrophysical reactions (S factor), soft coherent modes, giant resonance strength, B(E2)
Gamov-Teller strength, spin-dipole resonance, neutron skins
shell structure, dynamical properties
reaction mechanism, applications (waste transmutation, ...)
γ-ray spectroscopy, isospin-dependence in multifragmentation

#### Low-lying dipole strength in the context of r-process nucleosynthesis



#### Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams



#### Experiments at storage rings

- Mass measurements
- Reactions with internal targets

- Elastic p scatt.
- (p,p') (α,α')
- charge-exchange
- transfer
- Electron scattering
  - elastic scattering
  - inelastic
- Antiproton-A collider



#### Storage Rings at FAIR



#### Storage rings: Cooled beams



#### Schottky frequency spectra



#### Schottky frequency spectra



#### Schottky frequency spectra



## FAIR Mass measurements at NuSTAR/FAIR (ILIMA)


# The collective response of the nucleus: Giant Resonances



# Light-ion scattering in the storage ring (EXL)

### Scattering in inverse kinematics

Low-momentum transfer region often most important, e.g.,

- giant monopole excitation
- elastic scattering

Experimental difficulty

- low recoil energies
- thin targets (low luminosity)

EXL solution:

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in-ring scattering at internal gas-jet targets

gaining back luminosity due to circulation frequency of  $\sim 10^6$ 



#### The EXL experiment

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#### **EX**otic Nuclei Studied in Light-Ion Induced Reactions at the NESR Storage Ring





Scattering at internal targets



# Light-ion / electron scattering

density distributions	elastic scattering (p,p) , (α,α) (e,e)	radii, skin, halo
shell structure in-medium interactions N-N correlations	quasi-free scattering (p,2p), (p,np) (e,e'p)	shell occupancy spectral S(ω,q)
collective modes	inelastic scattering (p,p'), (α,α') (e.e')	mixed isoscalar- isovector modes
spin-isospin excitations	charge exchange (p,n), (d, <sup>2</sup> He), ( <sup>3</sup> He,t) (e,e')	weak transition rates GT (astrophysics) M1
cluster correlations	quasi-free scattering (p, p α) , (p,p2n) (e, e'α)	cluster knockout

# ELISe The Electron-Ion (eA) Collider



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### Luminosities





### **Electron and Proton scattering**

#### Elastic proton scattering: Matter distribution

Elastic electron scattering: Charge distribution

Both combined: Halos, skins, diffuseness

→ Symmetry energy, Equation of State, spin-orbit term





Typical luminosity:  $10^{28}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>  $\rightarrow$  possible for a wide range of nuclei

## **NuSTAR Letters of Intent**



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## Conclusion

Experimental concepts utilizing reactions with high-energy fragmentation beams to study nuclear structure of radioactive nuclei were developed and optimized successfully in the past 15 years

Radioactive beams:

large emittance

low intensity

tracking, dispersion matching, cooling, ...

efficient setups (kinematical forward focusing, high energy, inverse kinematics, storage ring)

thick targets (high energy)

selective reactions

quantitative reaction models
(high beam energy allows approximations)



precise nuclearstructure information

Future: higher intensities, optimized experimental setups Access to very neutron-(proton-)rich nuclei New experimental methods

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