

# Probing the exotic structures using one-nucleon transfer reactions

----- Be isotopes as examples

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- New science opportunities with ReA coupling to AT-TPC and SOLARIS



#### **Migration of Shell Gaps and Magic Numbers**





#### **Approaching the nuclear force : N-N effective interaction**



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# **Tools to study the evolution of shells / N-N-interaction**





# Probing the occupancy and vacancy of the orbitals



- Constant value of 0.4~0.7 across all nuclei using consistent optical model parameters
- The Macfarlane-French sum rules can be used to normalize the spectroscopic factors

J. P. Schiffer et. al., PRL 108,022501(2012)



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#### **Kinematics: normal vs. inverse**





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# **Approaching the nuclear force : N-N effective interaction**



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# Approaching the nuclear force : N-N effective interaction





U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science National Science Foundation Michigan State University *n-p* or *n-n* effective interactions can be obtained by the single-particle spectrum of the nuclei close to the close shells.



J. Chen, C. Hoffman *et al*. Phys. Rev. C 98, 014325 (2018)

# Understanding of exotic nuclei

- Halo, Borromean nuclei, three body system, intruder states
- New experimental insights on rare nuclei to challenge theoretical predictions.





#### **Examples: Be isotopes**





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$$\begin{aligned} 0_{i}^{+} \rangle &= a_{i} |1s_{1/2}^{2}\rangle + b_{i} |0d_{5/2}^{2}\rangle + c_{i} |0p_{1/2}^{2}\rangle \quad (i = 1, 2) \\ a_{i}^{2} + b_{i}^{2} + c_{i}^{2} &= \alpha_{i} + \beta_{i} + \gamma_{i} = 1 \\ a_{1} * a_{2} + b_{1} * b_{2} + c_{1} * c_{2} &= 0 \\ \hline \alpha_{1} / \alpha_{2} &= 0.20 / 0.41 = 0.49^{+0.15}_{-0.16} \\ \text{charge-exchange} : \gamma_{1} = 0.24 \text{ and } \gamma_{2} = 0.59 \\ \hline \hline \frac{0_{1}^{+}}{\alpha_{1}(\%)} \frac{0_{2}^{+}}{\beta_{1}(\%)} \frac{0_{2}^{+}}{\gamma_{1}(\%)} \frac{\alpha_{2}(\%)}{\alpha_{2}(\%)} \frac{\beta_{2}(\%)}{\beta_{2}(\%)} \gamma_{2}(\%)}{39 \pm 2 - 2 \pm 2} \\ \hline SE_{\text{exp}} \end{aligned}$$

• Quenching Factor: 
$$F_q = \frac{SF_{exp}}{I(2j+1)} = 0.55(10)$$

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# <sup>12</sup>Be intruder states and single-particle configuration mixing



# New opportunities with ReA coupling to AT-TPC and SOLARIS





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# New opportunities with ReA coupling to AT-TPC and SOLARIS

- Iarge-volume gas-filled detector target isotopes as well as the tracking medium
- a large effective luminosity beams as low as hundreds of pps







J. Bradt, D. Bazin et al., Nucl. Instrum. and Methods in Phys. Res. A 875, 65 (2017)

longer trajectories can be recorded

AT-TPC also opens a possible way of the ( ${}^{3}\text{He}$ ,*d*) and ( $\alpha$ ,t) reaction.



#### Commissioning of the AT-TPC and SOLARIS using long-lived beams







- A similar case can be established by isotonic chain <sup>33</sup>Si, <sup>35</sup>S, <sup>37</sup>Ar
  - What is the trend for the SO-splitting in this case?
  - What is single-particle energies of the orbitals determining the N=20 and N=28 shell gap?
  - Enrich our understanding of the mechanics driving behind
  - Bridge to the nuclei in the island of inversion



A. Mutschler, et al, Nature Physics13, 155 (2016)

G. Burgunder, et al, Phy. Rev. Lett. 112, 042502 (2014).

B. P. Kay, et al, Phy. Rev. Lett. 119, 182502 (2017).

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# Commissioning of the AT-TPC and SOLARIS using long-lived beams

- Transfer reaction measurement using the AT-TPC
- Confirm parity of the 3.41-MeV state
- >Unify the structure and reaction.
- Compare to the calculation within the framework of renormalized nuclear field theory
- Test capability and resolution of AT-TPC for transfer reaction
- Approved by NSCL PAC



D. Bazin, J. Chen, et al,

F. Barranco, G. Potel, R. A. Broglia, and E. Vigezzi, Phys. Rev. Lett, 119, 082501 (2017)





# Summary

- Overarching questions of nuclear physics:
  >nature of the nuclear force
  > origin of simple patterns in nuclear structures
- Experimental approach to study the nuclear single-particle structures
  Probing nuclear forces in weak-binding system
- Testing various theories using <sup>11</sup>Be negative parity states
  > *ab-initio* approach, shell model, Nilsson model

New experimental insights on rare nuclei to guide theoretical developments.

- Determine the cross shell configuration mixing of the two low-lying 0+ states in <sup>12</sup>Be using <sup>11</sup>Be(d,p)<sup>12</sup>Be reaction.
  Lowering of the 1d<sub>5/2</sub>-orbital
  Enhance understanding of the nature of weakly-bound nuclei by measurement of exotic and dripline nuclei
- Test the role of continuum by measuring unbound state of <sup>12</sup>Be.
  Three-body description is essential in <sup>12</sup>Be.
- New opportunities with ReA coupling to AT-TPC and SOLARIS



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