# Physics of Unstable Nuclei

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#### (Partial) Overview of RI-Beam Physics

Exploring towards the Neutron Drip Line

<u>RIKEN RI-Beam Factory(RIBF)</u> —New generation RI-Beam Facility —How to Produce RI beams

Picture of Atomic Nuclei, Halo and Skin



Breakup of Drip-Line Nuclei at RIBF



#### **Existence of human being**

#### depends on a subtle balance of Nature!

人間の存在は自然の絶妙なバランスで決まっている

#### There are no particle-stable A="5" and "8" nuclei in nature <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>2</sup>D, <sup>3</sup>He,<sup>4</sup>He,(5), <sup>6</sup>Li, <sup>7</sup>Li,(8), <sup>9</sup>Be, <sup>10</sup>B,...,<sup>209</sup>Bi

Big Bang: Mostly H and <sup>4</sup>He (Heavier than <sup>7</sup>Li were not produced)  $\rightarrow$  How are heavier elements synthesized?

#### Triple alpha Reaction

Triple-alpha: Detour for the synthesis of elements  $\frac{12C}{2}$  Heavier elements





## Towards the neutron-rich limit





# **RIKEN RI Beam Factory (RIBF)**



<u>SRC:</u> World Largest Cyclotron (K=2500 MeV)

Heavy Ion Beams up to <sup>238</sup>U at 345MeV/u (Light Ions up to 440MeV/u) eg.

<sup>48</sup>Ca beam (345 MeV/nucleon) ~200pnA (250pnA max.)

<sup>238</sup>U beam (345 MeV/nucleon) ~12pnA (15pnA max.) Increasing Year by Year!

#### New Isotopes observed at RIBF





#### <u>How To Produce RI Beam (不安定核生成法)</u>



Courtesy of T.Kubo



# Pictures of Atomic Nuclei



✓ <u>Simple SHELL Model (single-particle state)</u>

 $\Psi(nucleus) = \left| core(0^{+}) \right\rangle \otimes \phi(n\ell j)$ A(=N+Z)-many-body problem  $\rightarrow$  One-body problem

core

# ✓ <u>Correlations</u>

(Large-scale) Shell Model, Deformation,  $\alpha$  Cluster, Paring, Di-neutron, Super-fluidity, Halo, Skin,... More

Fermi Gas Model

Free Fermions (n or p) are confined in a volume  $\Omega @T=0$ 

No.of states

$$n = 2\int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{p} / h^3 = 2 \frac{\Omega}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{k_F} 4\pi k^2 dk = 2 \frac{\Omega}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{4}{3} \pi k_F^3$$

 $2\pi/a$ 

Fermi Sphere

Momentum Space

Fermi Momentum  $k_F = (3\pi^2 \rho)^{1/3}$  密度大→フェルミ運動量大→圧力大  $P_F \sim 280 \text{ MeV/c}, \quad \langle P_F \rangle \sim 210 \text{ MeV/c}$ (for N=Z)

Fermi Energy

$$\varepsilon_F = \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m_n} \sim 40 \,\mathrm{MeV}$$

Coordinate Space

Principle  

$$\nabla$$
 $a$ 
 $a$ 
 $-U_0$ 
 $\Omega = a^3$ 

Uncertainty

Review

Symmetry Energy by a Fermi-Gas Model For a Given  $A \rightarrow N=Z$  is favored Why?

✓ |Vnp| > |Vnn|, |Vpp| "np": More Attractive than "pp","nn"

✓ Kinetic Energy is smallest for N=Z



Quiz Extract the radius of a neutron star with 2 solar mass using Fermi-Gas Model





Evidence for a new nuclear 'magic number' from the level structure of <sup>54</sup>Ca D.Steppenbeck, S.Takeuchi et al. Nature 502, 207 (2013). -- Experiment at RIBF, RIKEN

New Magic Number 34



## **Correlation**

(Large-scale) Shell Model, Deformation,  $\alpha$  Cluster, Paring, Super-fluidity, Halo, Skin, Di-neutron, Tensor





- Small S<sub>n</sub> S<sub>n</sub><1MeV<<8MeV</li>
- Extended  $\rho_n$  Distribution beyond Range of Nuclear Force  $r \to \infty \text{ for } S_n \to 0$   $\left(\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle} \sim 1/S_n\right) \sim 0.1 \text{ nm at } S_n = 1 \text{ meV}$
- Small Fermi Momentum→ Small Kinetic Energy
- Orbital Angular Momentum  $\ell = 0,1$  (Small Centrifugal Barrier)

 $\xrightarrow{} \text{Nuclear Stability At the Limit} \leftrightarrow \text{Shell Evolution/Deformation} \\ \leftarrow \rightarrow \text{Halo Structure}$ 

## **Two-neutron Halo**





<sup>9</sup>Li + n Barely Unbound

a<sub>s</sub>= - (13-23) fm PLB642, 449(2006).

<u>n + n Barely Unbound</u>

a<sub>s</sub>= - 18.9(4) fm

 $^{9}Li + n + n$  Bound S<sub>2n</sub>=0.37MeV <<8MeV

Few-body physics, eg. Efimov?

## **Dineutron** Correlation?

A.B. Migdal Sov.J.Nucl.Phys.238(1973).



Dineutron correlation (short-range)

@Weak-binding

Low-density

n n

M.Matsuo PRC73,044309(2006). A.Gezerlis, J.Carlson, PRC81,025803(2010)



n-star

Superfluidity

#### <u>Neutron Skin Nuclei</u> 中性子スキン



Neutron Skin Thickness depends on EOS of neutron matter as in NS radius Experiments are very difficult! (Tamii's Talk 28<sup>th</sup>)

# 2 Breakup of Drip-Line Nuclei at RIBF

RIBFにおけるドリップライン近傍原子核の分解反応

# **Evolution Towards/Beyond the Stability Limit**

Where is the neutron drip line?

What are characteristic features of drip-line nuclei?

How does nuclear structure evolve towards the drip line?





#### How a nucleus responds, when it absorbs a photon?







<u>Soft E1 Excitation of 1n halo—Sensitive to S<sub>n</sub>, l , C<sup>2</sup>S</u>

### **Dineutron Correlation in <sup>11</sup>Li (Coulomb Breakup of 2n halo)**

T.Nakamura et al. PRL96,252502(2006).



Soft E1 Excitation of 2n-halo—+dineutron-like correlation

## Probe-2: Nuclear Breakup

 $\rightarrow$ e.g. 1n knockout reaction of <sup>31</sup>Ne



γ ray in coincidence → <sup>30</sup>Ne(2<sup>+</sup>) / <sup>30</sup>Ne(0<sup>+</sup>) Contribution
 σ<sub>-1n</sub> and P<sub>//</sub> distribution → ℓ of valence n, configuration
 *Theory: Eikonal Approximation*

# Inclusive Coulomb/Nuclear Breakup of Drip-Line

# <u>Nuclei at RIBF</u>

TN., N.Kobayashi, ... et al., PRL 103, 262501 (2009).

N.Kobayashi, T.N. et al., PRC86, 054604 (2012).

Ph.D Thesis, N.Kobayashi



#### Inclusive Coulomb Breakup



## Experiment at BigRIPS & ZDS at RIBF







2p<sub>3/2</sub> or 2s<sub>1/2</sub> Low-L orbits → Large E1→<u>1n-halo structure of <sup>31</sup>Ne</u> <sup>30</sup>Ne(0<sup>+</sup>)X1f<sub>7/2</sub> Excluded →Shell gaps(20,28) vanish at <sup>31</sup>Ne Sn/C<sup>2</sup>S→ Nuclear Breakup (<sup>31</sup>Ne+C, γ coincidence, Kinematically complete measurement of Coulomb Breakup)

# **Spectroscopic Factor**

例:<sup>31</sup>Ne: 31体系の波動関数と、1粒子軌道[core x n]のOverlap

$$C^{2}S(0^{+}; p_{3/2}) = \langle {}^{30}\operatorname{Ne}(0^{+}) \otimes p_{3/2} | {}^{31}\operatorname{Ne}_{gs}(3/2^{-}) \rangle$$





<sup>31</sup>Ne (31体系,J<sup>π</sup>=3/2<sup>-</sup>)

実験:ストリッピング反応(d,p),1粒子分離反応 断面積∝C<sup>2</sup>S

理論: 殻模型で行列要素計算が可能  $A+1 \leftrightarrow B$   $C^{2}S(J_{A}^{\pi}; nlj) = \frac{\langle J_{B} \| a_{j}^{+} \| J_{A} \rangle}{\sqrt{2J_{B}+1}}$ 

## Semi-inclusive cross sections ${}^{31}Ne \rightarrow {}^{30}Ne(0^{+}_{g.s.})$



Inclusive  $\sigma_{-1n}(E1) = 529(63) \text{ mb}$   $\sigma_{-1n}(E1; 2^+, 4^+, \text{ etc.}) = 81(87) \text{ mb}$  $\rightarrow \sigma_{-1n}(E1; 0^+_{g.s.}) = 448(108) \text{ mb}$ 

 $0^{+}_{g.s.}$  / Inclusive =~ 85%

Inclusive  $\sigma_{-1n}(C) = 90(7) \text{ mb}$   $\sigma_{-1n}(C; 2^+, 4^+, \text{ etc.}) = 57(13) \text{ mb}$  $\rightarrow \sigma_{-1n}(C; 0^+_{g.s.}) = 33(15) \text{ mb}$ 

 $0^{+}_{\text{g.s.}}$  / Inclusive = ~37%

## Combined analysis -- Estimation of C<sup>2</sup>S & S<sub>n</sub> of <sup>31</sup>Ne

 $S_n$  (<sup>31</sup>Ne)=-0.06(0.42) MeV L.Gaudefroy et al., PRL109,202503(2012)

 $^{31}Ne(3/2^{-})$ :  $^{30}Ne(0_{1}^{+}) \otimes 1p_{3/2}$ Only one configuration can couple with 0<sup>+</sup> 3 σ(Ε1;0<sup>+</sup><sub>g.s.</sub>) (b)  $\rightarrow$  isolate C<sup>2</sup>S and S<sub>n</sub> Coulomb breakup 2  $\leftarrow$  Exp.  $\sigma_{-1n}(E1;0^+_{a.s.}) = 448(108)$  mb 0 Theoretical calc. for Nuclear breakup  $|^{31}\text{Ne}_{q.s.}\rangle = |^{30}\text{Ne}(0^{+}_{g.s.}) \otimes p_{3/2}\rangle$ σ(C;0<sup>+</sup><sub>g.s.</sub>) (b) 0.15  $(C^2S = 1)$ 0.10.05 Exp.  $\sigma_{-1n}(C;0^+_{g.s.}) = 33(15) \text{ mb}$  $\leftarrow$ 0 0.8 68%C.L C<sup>2</sup>S of  $|^{30}Ne(0^+) \otimes p_{3/2}\rangle$  in  $|^{31}Ne_{a.s.}\rangle$  $C^2 S$ 0.6 = Exp. / Theo.(C<sup>2</sup>S=1) 0.4 0.2  $C^2 S = 0.32^{+0.21}_{-0.17}$ 0 0.2 0.6 0.8 0.4 0  $S_n = 0.15^{+0.16}_{-0.10} \text{ MeV}$  $S_{n}$  (<sup>31</sup>Ne) (MeV)

## **Possible configurations**

--Overlap: Breakup by Pb(Coulomb) and C



#### Inclusive momentum distribution of <sup>30</sup>Ne fragment (C target) Case of *p*-neutron removal (<sup>31</sup>Ne(3/2<sup>-</sup>))

Lines were calculated based on eikonal model.



P-wave Neutron Halo surrounding the deformed Core.

#### Picture of <sup>31</sup>Ne extracted from Breakup Reactions

Extremely Small Separation Energy Large Configuration Mixing

$$J^{\pi} = 3/2^{-}, C^{2}S(0^{+}; p_{3/2}) = 0.32^{+0.21}_{-0.17}$$
$$S_{n} = 0.15^{+0.16}_{-0.10} \text{ MeV}$$

**Excellent Agreement with Large Scale Shell Model !** (SPDF-M Interactions Utsuno, Otsuka)



1n Halo, Deformed, Nucleus



N=20,28 gap →Disappeared

Large Q-moment, E2 transition

→Q<sub>0</sub>~60fm<sup>2</sup>  $\beta$ ~0.5 (長径/短径~2)  $R(\theta, \varphi) = R_0 [1 + \beta Y_{20}(\theta, \varphi)]$ 

-大規模シェルモデル計算—不安定核の"形"も調べられるようになった!

## Theoretical consideration $(^{31}Ne)$ [321]3/2-どうして変形したのか? [321]3/2-Nilsson Model 3p-2h Stat N=21: $\frac{2p_{3/2}}{2p_{3/2}}$ $2p_{3/2} 1f_{7/2}$ $2p_{3/2} 1f_{7/2} 1f_{7/2} 1f_{7/2}$ $2p_{3/2} 1f_{7/2} 1f_{7/2}$

ε<sub>α</sub> (MeV)

<sup>41</sup>Ca <sup>31</sup>Ne Z=20 Z=10 N=21 N=21

#### **fp Degeneracy**

→Quadrupole Deformation (Nuclear Jahn-Teller Effect)

#### fp Degeneracy の原因: Fermi面近傍,Weakly Bound テンソルカ(pn 相互作用)

Y.Utsuno et al.PRC60,054315(1999).I.Hamamoto, PRC76,054319(2007).I.Hamamoto, PRC85,064329(2012).



# $\frac{\ln 2012}{\text{Inclusive} \rightarrow \text{Exclusive}}$ $ZDS \rightarrow SAMURAI$

### SAMURAI (多種粒子測定装置)

Superconducting Analyzer for MUlti-particle from RAdio Isotope Beam

Kinematically Complete measurements by detecting multiple particles in coincidence 不安定核反応の完全運動学測定のためのスペクトロメータ(世界最高性能)



## SAMURAI -- New Spectrometer in RIBF --





<sup>22</sup>C

## Prominent 2n-Halo?

Reaction cross section measurements  $(<r_m^2>)^{1/2}=5.4(9) \text{ fm } \text{ c.f. } \sim 3.5 \text{ fm}^{11}\text{Li}$  K.Tanaka et al., PRL 104, 062701(2010).

□ N=16 Magicity?





A.Ozawa et al., PRL 84, 5493 (2000).

□ Heaviest s-wave dominant 2n Halo within reach?

c.f. 3s<sub>1/2</sub> Halo: Far away for the current and near-future RIB facilities N~60-70

Kinematically Complete Measurement of Coulomb/Nuclear Breakup of <sup>22</sup>C

#### Coulomb Breakup of <sup>22</sup>C

Soft E1 Excitation---Good Probe for 2n correlation e.g. <sup>11</sup>Li T.Nakamura et al. PRL96,252502(2006).





### Invariant Mass Spectroscopy of <sup>21</sup>C and <sup>22</sup>C



# SAMURAI Experiment May/2012

First Full Exclusive Coulomb/Nuclear Breakup Measurement of <sup>22</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>B

FDC2

HODF

**NEBULA** 

SAMURAI Magnet

DALI2

240MeV/nucleon

SBT

22

FDC1

#### RI Beam Spectra @ SAMURAI May/2012

<sup>48</sup>Ca 150~200pnA (Max 250pnA)



#### High intense RIBF Beam

<sup>22</sup>C: ~10/s (c.f. 10/hour K.Tanaka,PRL2010, RIPS@RIKEN)

Gain of ~3600!

# **Results on Inclusive Data**

**PID of Downstream Detectors at SAMURAI** 

By S.Ogoshi Beam Trigger







Clear Separation of Mass and Charge Reaction Cross Sections  $\rightarrow$  Matter Radii of Halo Nuclei <sup>22</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>B Inclusive –xn cross sections  $\rightarrow$  Reaction Theory, Shell Structure



Study of unbound nuclei <sup>25</sup>O and <sup>26</sup>O

#### Spokesperson Yosuke Kondo

Experimental study of <u>unbound</u> oxygen isotopes towards the possible <u>double magic</u> nucleus <sup>28</sup>O



- <sup>25</sup>O and <sup>26</sup>O measurement as a 1st step
- <sup>26</sup>O 2n radioactivity

(t<sub>1/2</sub>~4.5(3) ps? Kohley PRL 2013)



The effect is large at N>16

G. Hagen et al., PRL108, 242501(2012). H. Hergert et al., PRL110, 242501(2013).

## →Talk by Kondo on 28<sup>th</sup>!

# Summary and Outlook

- 不安定核の研究:急速に進展
- さまざまな反応を駆使して、不安定核のミクロな構造の 解明ができる(アイディア次第で新たなプローブに)
- <sup>31</sup>Ne, <sup>22</sup>C → Halo, Deformation, Dineutron : New Correlation 新物理への展開
- RIBFは世界の不安定核の拠点
- 不安定核:元素合成や、高密度天体の構造・生成メカニズムの解明に重要
- 核理論の最近の進展:めざましい。(Ab-Initio計算、大規 模殻模型計算@京)

#### Collaborators

Inclusive Coulomb Breakup of <sup>31</sup>Ne and <sup>22</sup>C (<sup>31</sup>Ne Coulomb BU: PRL103,262501(2009)

<sup>22</sup>C Coulomb BU/Nuclear BU: In preparation )

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#### Inclusive Coulomb Breakup of <sup>29</sup>Ne, <sup>33,35,37</sup>Mg, <sup>39,41</sup>Si

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# SAMURAI Dayone Experiment (May 2012)

First experimental campaign for the 3 physics programs

- 1. Coulomb breakup of <sup>22</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>B (T. Nakamura)
- 2. Study of unbound states of <sup>22</sup>C, <sup>21</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>B, <sup>18</sup>B (N. A. Orr)
  - 3. Study of unbound nuclei <sup>25</sup>O and <sup>26</sup>O (Y. Kondo)

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