Nuclear reaction experiments with rare isotopes: Probing nuclear structure, reactions and nucleosynthesis (with (d,p) reactions)

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# Verifying nuclear shell model

"Flat" harmonic oscillator potential with positive spin-orbit interaction



Confirming single-particle structure via (d,p) reactions at N=82

 Measure nuclear reaction in which ADD neutron to initial nucleus

$${}^{N+Z}_{Z}X_{N}({}^{2}_{1}H_{1}, {}^{1}_{1}H_{0}){}^{N+1+Z}_{Z}X_{N+1}$$

$${}^{140}_{58}Ce_{82}(d, p){}^{141}_{58}Ce_{83}$$

- Energy of proton  $\Rightarrow$  Excitation energy in final nucleus
- Intensity of protons as function of angle ⇒ angular momentum transferred



### Neutron transfer (d,p) Reactions in Normal Kinematics



■Favorable kinematics → Good Q-value Resolution

- Deuteron beams are easy and cheap to produce
- Only applicable to stable targets



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Angle(c.m.)

## Evidence for Shell Structure: r process abundances of elements



Solar abundances of r-process elements as function of mass

Peaks at isotopes with neutron numbers 82 and 126



### r process is robust, even oldest stars



<u>http://www.int.washington.edu/talks/</u> WorkShops/int\_06\_2a/People/Cowan\_J/cowan\_int.pdf

## Evolution of nuclear shell structure?





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### Evolution of nuclear shell structure?



J. Dobaczewski, et al. PRC 53, 2809 (1996) B. Pfeiffer, et al., NPA 693, 282 (2001).

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## Neutron-rich nuclei & shell closures





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### What are neutron orbitals N>82, Z=50?



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### Neutron transfer (d,p) Reactions in Inverse Kinematics



■Unfavorable kinematics → Reduced Q-value Resolution

Rare Ion Beams (RIBs) are difficult and expensive to produce

Applicable to all isotopes which can be made into a beam; need  $\approx 10^4$  particles/second

### Isotope Separator On Line for RIBs: Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility



## HRIBF neutron-rich beams from p-induced fission of <sup>238</sup>U



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## Transfer measurements with $^{132}$ Sn, Z=50, N=82



### <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p) what should expect to see?



### <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p) kinematics @ 4.7 A-MeV



## <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p) detectors

#### Oak Ridge Rutgers University Barrel Array (ORRUBA)

- •Flexible design to measure light products from transfer reactions
- •2 rings of 12, resistive and non-resistive Si detectors (1000 $\mu$ m, 500 $\mu$ m and 65 $\mu$ m)
- •~80%  $\phi$  coverage, angles 47°  $\rightarrow$  132°
- •324 electronics channels



S.D. Pain (Rutgers & ORNL), et al. NIM **B261**, 1122 (2007)



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### ORRUBA position-sensitive (resistive strip) detectors



## <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p) detectors

#### Oak Ridge Rutgers University Barrel Array (ORRUBA)

Early implementation of ORRUBA w/ SIDAR





10 resistive strip Si determination
140μm and 65μm)

•Angles  $47^{\circ} \rightarrow 132^{\circ}$ 

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SIDAR: 6 segments of 16-strip Si detectors in lampshade mode



## <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p) data in lab



## <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p) Q-value



## Getting the physics out

### (d,p) exp cross sections

### Spectroscopic factors







### Simulation of <sup>132</sup>Sn+ CD<sub>2</sub> targets: Measure elastics for normalization



### Elastic scattering of <sup>132</sup>Sn on CD<sub>2</sub> target



### Elastic scattering of <sup>132</sup>Sn on deuterons



## (d,p) spectroscopic factors

- Input for theoretical cross sections DWBA
  - Potentials (optical model)
    - Incoming deuteron, outgoing proton, neutron bound state

$$S = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\exp} / \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{DWBA}$$





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## (d,p) optical model parameters



Woods Saxon potential

- Radius: R=r<sub>o</sub>A<sup>1/3</sup>
- Diffuseness: a
- Volume term
- Surface absorption term (derivative of W-S)
- Spin-orbit term (Thomas shape)

Deuteron & proton Neutron: to fit the binding energy

 $U(r) = -Vf(r, R, a) - iW_D g(r, R'a') - V_{SO} r^{-1} (d/dr) f(r, R_{SO}, a_{SO})$ 

Satchler, Intro to Nuclear Reactions

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## A(d,p)B spectroscopic factors

### Input for theoretical cross sections DWBA

- Potentials (optical model)
  - Incoming deuteron, outgoing proton, neutron bound state
- Wave function of transferred particle, e.g., 2f<sub>7/2</sub> neutron

$$I_{An}^{B} = A_{\ell sj} \varphi_{\ell sj}(r) \qquad S_{\ell sj} = \left| A_{\ell sj} \right|^{2}$$

$$S = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\exp} / \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{DWBA}$$

S≈1 ⇔ essentially pure single-particle wave functions











Identified  $2f_{7/2}$ ,  $3p_{3/2}$ ,  $(3p_{1/2})$ ,  $2f_{5/2}$ neutron strength in  $^{133}Sn$ 



E <sub>x</sub> (keV)	$J^{\pi}$	Config	SF
0	7/2-	2f <sub>7/2</sub>	0.86(16)
854	3/2-	3p <sub>3/2</sub>	0.92(18)
1363(31)	(1/2-)	3p <sub>1/2</sub>	1.1(3)
2005	(5/2-)	2f <sub>5/2</sub>	1.1(2)

K.L. Jones et al. Nature, **465**,454 (2010)

## N=83 systematics





### What are neutron orbitals N>50, Z≈28?



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#### N>51: $3s_{1/2} \& 2d_{5/2}$ neutron transfer





#### <sup>83</sup>Ge Results



#### Comparison of Even $Z \le 40$ , N = 51 Isotones



	<sup>83</sup> Ge	<sup>85</sup> Se	<sup>87</sup> Kr	<sup>89</sup> Sr	91
<sup>83</sup> Ge Exp			<sup>83</sup> Ge Thy		
E <sub>x</sub> (MeV)	Jπ	S <sub>ℓj</sub>	E <sub>x</sub> (MeV)	S <sub>ℓj</sub>	
0.0	(5/2)+	0.48(12)	0.0	0.73	
0.28(7)*	1/2+	0.50(13)	0.47	0.38	
<b>J.S. T</b> *247 keV from	<b>homas, D. De</b> beta decay, W	ean et al., PR inger et al.	C <u>76</u> , 044302	(2007)	

# Summary of N=82, N=50 (d,p)

Developed techniques to measure (d,p) in inverse kinematics

- Measured single-neutron excitations in <sup>133</sup>Sn
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  - <sup>132</sup>Sn is one of best candidates for doubly magic nucleus
  - To see change in shell structure need to go more n-rich
- Measured single-neutron excitations in N=51 <sup>83</sup>Ge
  - 3s<sub>1/2</sub> excitation comes down in energy vs 2d<sub>5/2</sub>
  - Fragmentation of single-particle strengths
  - Open question: how strong is double magic shell closure at <sup>78</sup>Ni with N=50 and Z=28?

### Is everything so straightforward?

- Ambiguities in spectroscopic factors?
- Wave function of the deuteron?
- Can we improve energy resolution?
- Can neutron transfer inform astrophysical neutron capture (s and r) processes on rare isotopes?

# (d,p) spectroscopic factors

- Output from theoretical cross sections compared to exp
- (relative) S≈1 ⇒ full spectroscopic strength
- Ambiguities in S?







#### **Ambiguity in Single-Particle WF**

Only constraint on potential is that correct binding energy of neutron (well depth) must be reproduced

Geometrical parameters not well-determined (radius, diffuseness)



Single-particle wavefunction (and SF) ambiguities

#### **Ambiguity in Single-Particle WF**



b=Single particle Asymptotic Normalization Coefficient, ANC

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Peripheral reaction: only probe tail of WF Shape of asymptotic part of WF determined by binding energy (through k)

$$\varphi_{\ell}(r) \rightarrow b_{\ell_j} k h_{\ell}(ikr)$$

Change in geometry ( $r_0$ ,a) is change in  $b_{\ell j}$ Asymptotically:

$$\begin{split} V^B_{An} & 
ightarrow S^{1/2}_{\ell j} b_{\ell j} k h_\ell(ikr) = C_{\ell j} k h_\ell(ikr) \ C^2_{\ell j} = S_{\ell j} b^2_{\ell j} \end{split}$$

For peripheral reactions, ANC  $C^2$  is probed

#### Peripheral reactions: Model Independence of C<sup>2</sup>



ANC C is independent of bound-state properties But how limit uncertainties in spectroscopic factors?

# Reducing s.p. uncertainties by constraining bound state parameters

A.M. Mukhamedzhanov and F.M. Nunes, Phys. Rev. C 72 (2005) 017602.



# <sup>86</sup>Kr(d,p) at ≈5 and ≈40 MeV/u: reducing ambiguities in spec factors



<sup>86</sup>Kr(d,p) measured w/ 11 MeV deuterons.

Extracted spectroscopic factor and ANC C<sup>2</sup> vs single-particle ANC b K. Haravu et al. PRC 1, 938 (1970)

# <sup>86</sup>Kr(d,p) at ≈5 and ≈35 MeV/u: reducing ambiguities in spec factors



Proposal: Measure <sup>86</sup>Kr(d,p) w/ ≈35 MeV/u <sup>86</sup>Kr beam, SIDAR+ORRUBA

- Extract spectroscopic factors vs single-particle ANC b.
- Compare to ANCs C<sup>2</sup> constrained by low-E (d,p)

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- Quenching of spectroscopic factors?
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#### Deuteron is weakly bound; how does this affect transfer?

- Need to account for breakup of the deuteron:
  - Johnson, Soper, Tandy Finite-Range
  - ADiabatic Wave Approximation (FR-ADWA)
- Construct deuteron adiabatic wave from realistic deuteron optical potential (e.g., Reid interaction)
- Global optical model parameters, e.g., CH89
- Application: <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p)
- References:
  - R.C. Johnson & P.J.R. Soper, PRC 1, 976 (1970)
  - R.C. Johnson and P.C. Tandy, NPA 235, 56 (1974)

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## <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p) with FR-ADWA & CH89



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#### Spectroscopic factors extracted w/ FR-ADWA and CH89 optical model parameters

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- Need to reduce ambiguities in spectroscopic factors because of minimal probe of nuclear interior
  - Path forward: measure at 2 different beam energies

### Thank you – Part I

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### Extra slides



**Normal Kinematics** 

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**Inverse Kinematics** 

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#### **Peripheral Transfer Reactions**

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Reaction occurs at nuclear exterior

E ~ 1 MeV above Coulomb barrier

Single-particle SF determined from normalization to main peak

Distorted waves calculations performed with varying lower radial cutoffs

Peak magnitude nearly insensitive to cutoff out to  $r_{cut} \sim 8$  fm

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# **Optical Potential**

 $\diamond$ Fitting the details of elastic scattering data requires more than simple diffraction from an opaque disk.

- ♦The most common model in fitting scattering data entails a complex potential and is called the optical model.
- $\diamond$ The optical potential has the form: **U(r) = V(r) + iW(r)**.
- ♦The real part of the optical potential explains the scattering.

♦The imaginary part provides *absorption*; the removal of particles from the elastic scattering channel via nuclear reactions.

#### What is a Spectroscopic Factor?

- It's the norm of the overlap function between the initial state and the final state.
- Example for (d,p)
  - "How much does my recoiling nucleus look like my target nucleus plus a neutron in a given single particle state?"

<sup>132</sup>Sn (N=82,Z=50) vs <sup>208</sup>Pb (N=126,Z=82):

![](_page_64_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_64_Figure_2.jpeg)

K.L. Jones et al. Nature, **465**,454 (2010)

# **N=83 Single Particle Energies**

![](_page_65_Figure_1.jpeg)

- Shell model theory, from states in other nuclei e.g. Z=54, 56 isotones
   Sakar and Sakar
   Phys. Rev. C64 014312 (2001).
- Reproduces candidate p<sub>1/2</sub> state in <sup>133</sup>Sn
- Impact on masses, other nuclear properties, nuclear astrophysics

![](_page_65_Picture_6.jpeg)

#### r-process abundances

![](_page_66_Figure_1.jpeg)

Peaks of r-process abundances near "magic numbers", nuclear shell closures

BUT, models of nuclear structure from stability do not reproduce abundances  $\Rightarrow$  Change in nuclear structure far from stability?

#### r-process abundances

![](_page_67_Figure_1.jpeg)

Peaks of r-process abundances near "magic numbers", nuclear shell closures BUT, different astrophysics models predict different abundances

 $\Rightarrow$  Change in nuclear structure far from stability OR astrophysics OR ??

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# **Review of part 1**

- Goal: understanding single-particle character of nuclei far from stability
  - Important for nuclear structure
  - Important for synthesis of heavy elements in the cosmos
- Introduction to (d,p) reactions with RIBs
- Challenges with inverse kinematics
  - New instruments to detect light ions and heavy recoils
- Challenges with extracting the physics, e.g., spectroscopic factors

#### (d,p) in inverse kinematics Where do you put your detectors?

![](_page_70_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Getting the physics out

#### Elastic scattering

- To normalize the data
- Future: elastic scattering to inform optical model
- (d,p) exp absolute differential cross sections
- Spectroscopic factors

![](_page_71_Figure_6.jpeg)
## Is everything so straightforward?

#### Wave function of the deuteron?

- Can we improve energy resolution?
- Can neutron transfer inform astrophysical neutron capture (s and r) processes on rare isotopes?

## Need enhanced resolution

- Sources of "poor" resolution
  - Thickness of target
    - Heavy beam loses energy in target doing reaction over range of energies
  - Energy and angle resolution of charged particle detectors
- Different approach to transfer: HELIOS
- Couple charged-particle and gamma-ray detectors

## (d,p) reactions at ≈5 MeV/u



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## Simulation of <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p) @ 10 MeV/A – ORRUBA response



## Probing N≈82,Z≈50 at 8-10 MeV/u with CARIBU at ATLAS



<sup>252</sup>Cf fission fragments: stopped & re-accelerated to 8-10 MeV/u

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#### Solution 2: Different experimental technique







With heavy beams: <sup>136</sup>Xe(d,p)<sup>137</sup>Xe



Anticipate <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p)<sup>133</sup>Sn with <sup>132</sup>Sn from CARIBU B. P. Kay et al, in preparation

## Need enhanced resolution

- Thinner targets, higher energy beams
- Different approach to transfer: HELIOS
  - <100 keV resolution with 10 MeV/u Xe beams on CD2 target</p>
- Open shell nuclei: need even better resolution
- Couple charged-particle and gamma-ray detectors
  - Increase resolution
  - Populate additional states
  - (Surrogate for neutron-induced reactions)

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#### **ORRUBA and Gammasphere and CARIBU**



#### Coupling ORRUBA + Gammasphere

 Gammasphere + FMA (or other system) for heavy recoils
 Full ORRUBA + End cap





Experimental developments approved at ATLAS



## More physics with $(d,p\gamma)$

#### Surrogate for neutron capture?

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## (n,γ) reactions & Nucleosynthesis

- Slow (s) and rapid (r)
   (n,γ) processes
- Unstable nuclei
- Can't measure (n,γ) directly when
   t<sub>1/2</sub> < 100 days</li>





#### Neutron capture on fission fragments: r process nucleosynthesis & applications





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#### **Neutron Capture**





Direct capture especially important near neutron shell closures

## A≈<sup>130</sup>Sn $\sigma$ (n, $\gamma$ ) and sensitivities



## A≈<sup>130</sup>Sn $\sigma$ (n, $\gamma$ ) and sensitivities



## r-process sensitivity studies



Simulations of the r-process show huge, **global** sensitivity to the  $^{130}$ Sn(n, $\gamma$ ) rate

<sup>130</sup>Sn(n, $\gamma$ ) direct capture rate uncertain by  $\approx 10^3$ 

(d,p) to  $\ell = 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{direct } (n,\gamma)$ 

J. Beun, *et al.* J. Phys. G 36, 025201 (2009) T. Rauscher, *et al.* PRC 57 2031 (1998)

# Neutron Capture near stability and surrogate technique



## A(n,γ)(A+1)

S<sub>n</sub>≈ 7 MeV

many levels

<sub>7</sub>A+1<sub>N+1</sub>

 $\approx$ 

≈

- Cross section vs neutron energy depends upon product of cross section of formation of compound nucleus AND decay of the compound nucleus
  - In principle for each spin, parity
- Theorists can calculate formation; difficult to calculate decay

 $\sigma_{n\gamma}(E_n) = \sum \sigma_n^{CN}(E_n, J, \pi) G_{\gamma}^{CN}(E_n, J, \pi)$  $J.\pi$ 

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 $_{Z}A_{N}$ 

(**n**,γ)





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$$\sigma_{n\gamma}^{WE}(E_n) = \sigma_n^{CN}(E_n)G_{\gamma}^{CN}(E_n) = \sigma_n^{CN}(E_n)\frac{N(d,p\gamma)}{\varepsilon N(d,p)}$$





### Surrogate ratio technique

- Ratio of experimental yields can reduce systematic uncertainties
- Assume similar compound nuclear cross sections
- Know one cross section  $\Rightarrow$  ratio gives the unknown





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Can demonstrate that  $(d,p\gamma)$  is  $(n,\gamma)$  surrogate?

- Choose pair of nuclei where (n,γ) has been measured vs E(neutron)
  - <sup>171,173</sup>Yb(n, $\gamma$ )<sup>172,174</sup>Yb by Wisshak et al.
- Measure (d,pγ) reaction in <u>normal kinematics</u> with
  - ≈18 MeV beam of deuterons
  - Detect gamma rays in coincidence with reaction protons
  - Energy of protons excitation energy in nucleus (above neutron separation energy)
- Analysis: Surrogate Ratios: ratios of intensities of collecting gamma rays = ratio of reaction cross sections



#### <sup>171,173</sup>Yb(d,pγ) Normal Kinematics



STARS + LIBERACE @ 88-Inch Cyclotron, LBNL 6 Compton-suppressed clover Ge detectors 18-MeV d beam

#### **Particle-Gamma Coincidences**



# -ray spectrum strength collected in "one" transition



#### Count rate comparison



Known: Neutron capture cross sections for <sup>171</sup>Yb and <sup>173</sup>Yb from K. Wisshak et al, Phys Rev C **61**, (2000) 065801.


#### **Cross section ratio 1**



## Are our assumptions valid?

- Is the assumption that form same CN in (d,p) as (n,γ) valid?
  - Does (d,p) populate same spin distribution as (n,γ)?

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- Are cross sections independent of spin?
  Are we in Weisskopf-Ewing limit?
  - Are we in Weisskopf-Ewing limit?



### **DICEBOX / experiment comparison**

Intensity ratios of the  $4^+ \Rightarrow 2^+$  and  $6^+ \Rightarrow 4^+$  (ground state spins: <sup>171</sup>Yb 1/2<sup>-</sup>, <sup>173</sup>Yb 5/2<sup>-</sup>):

	Intensity ratio: I(4+ to 2+) / I(6+ to 4+)		
Target	(d,pγ) experiment	DICEBOX (n,γ)	
<sup>171</sup> Yb	3.0	J <sup>π</sup> = 0- or 1-, Ex = 8.2 MeV 50	
<sup>173</sup> Yb	1.85	J <sup>π</sup> = 2- or 3-, Ex = 7.5 MeV 10	$ \begin{array}{c}                                     $

 $\rightarrow$  subtract 6<sup>+</sup> feeding of 4<sup>+</sup> to get spin distribution closer to (n,  $\Box$ )

#### Known $\sigma(n,\gamma)$ vs $\sigma(n,\gamma)$ from <sup>171,173</sup>Yb(d,p $\gamma$ )



# (n,γ) cross sections from surrogate reaction

- Demonstrated surrogate ratios may work.
- Ongoing efforts to validate cross sections from surrogate reaction
- For (n,γ) away from stability requires (d,pγ) with beams,
   e.g., ORRUBA + Gammasphere



## Summary lecture 2:

#### Need to improve resolution in (d,p)

- Run at higher energies
- Use thin targets
- Different approach: HELIOS
- Real improvements (<20 keV) requires (d,pγ)</li>
  - E.g., Coupling ORRUBA to Gammasphere (GRETINA)
- Need to understand compound nucleus (n,γ), via validated surrogate technique, e.g., (d,pγ)
  - Important for nucleosynthesis of heavy elements
  - Important for applications (energy, forensics, security)

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## Prospects for (d,p) and measuring (d,p $\gamma$ ) surrogates for (n, $\gamma$ ) are bright





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