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On Fifty Remarkable Years of Research at Argonne







their students. Among colleagues, Schiffer had a reputation as a world-class scientist, albeit a tad blunt, with a habit of calling people fools to their face. But Schiffer was not the



# **Checking a setup in GAMMASPHERE !**









$$\theta_{12} = \cos^{-1} \frac{j_1(j_1+1) + j_2(j_2+1) - J(J+1)}{\left[2j_1j_2(j_1+1)(j_2+1)\right]^{1/2}}$$



### Rotational-like (Shears) bands in near-spherical nuclei

SD Band in <sup>152</sup>Dy

M1 Band in <sup>199</sup>Pb



Angular momentum generated by the recoupling of the protons and neutrons components (shears)

B(M1), proportional to  $\mu_{\perp}^2 \Rightarrow$  should decrease with I

# **Effective P<sub>2</sub> Interaction ?**



**Effective P**<sub>2</sub> interaction can give rise to the rotational-like spectrum **Particle-particle case will correspond to Anti-magnetic rotation** 

⇒Although the main ingredients and the general properties of the shears bands are understood, the regularity of these bands is still an important theoretical question from a microscopic point of view.

### Inspired by the RIA Theory Blue Book and the recent RIA brochure ..





# Transfer Reactions and Nuclear Structure: The Road Ahead A.O. Macchiavelli Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

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- Summary and conclusions

A central theme of study in nuclear structure has been the understanding of the elementary modes of excitation of the atomic nucleus, and their evolution with A (size), I (rotational frequency), (N-Z) (Isospin) and E\* (Temperature)

Transfer reactions have played a major role in this endeavor, particularly in the characterization of the single particle degrees of freedom and their correlations.

With the development of exotic beams and new instruments to handle the "reverse kinematics" nature of these reactions, there has been a *renaissance* of transfer reaction studies.

#### On Angular Distributions from (d, p) and (d, n)Nuclear Reactions

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FIG. 1. Theoretical angular distributions for (d, p) and (d, n) reactions for different angular momentum transfers to the initial nucleus.

Angular distribution of the outgoing particles reflect the transferred angular momentum ⇒ I-value

# Spectroscopic factors. Overlap between initial and final state ⇒Test wave functions

Ideal tool to study the singleparticle degree of freedom. Complementary to other processes that probe collective aspects. One of the important goals in the development of exotic beams is to study the evolution of the nuclear shell structure with neutron excess.

In fact, it is already known that in light nuclei the magic numbers are not as "robust" as originally conceived.

Of particular interest here is the spin-orbit force.

### Is the Nuclear Spin-Orbit Interaction Changing with Neutron Excess?

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$$\delta E \approx \hbar \omega_0 - 4.5 V_{ls} \neq A^{2/3}$$

### Use $(\alpha,t)$ reaction to populate high-l orbitals



TABLE I. Cross sections (mb/sr) at 6° for the lowest  $7/2^+$  and  $11/2^-$  states, their ratios, and spectroscopic factors. The uncertainties in the cross sections are estimated at 10% and those in the ratio, at about 5%). The accuracy of the relative spectroscopic factors are estimated at 5%.

Target	7/2+	11/2-	Ratio	$C^2 S_{7/2}$	$C^2S_{11/2}$
112Sn	14.6	21.4	1.47	0.99	0.84
114Sn	19.6	27.3	1.39	1.10	0.93
116Sn	19.7	30.9	1.57	0.95	0.97
118Sn	20.4	33.5	1.64	0.88	0.99
120Sn	27.9	39.4	1.41	1.13	1.12
122Sn	24.6	35.5	1.45	0.98	1.00
124Sn	24.7	39.2	1.59	1.00	1.12



#### QUENCHING OF THE 2p1/2-2p3/2 PROTON SPIN-ORBIT SPLITTING IN THE Sr-Zr REGION

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$$\gamma$$
  $\Delta \epsilon (N = 56) - \Delta \epsilon (N = 50)$  <sup>89 $\gamma$</sup>   
= 6 { $\vec{V}_{p_{1/2} - d_{5/2}}^{n-p} - \vec{V}_{p_{3/2} - p_{5/2}}^{n-p}$ },



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#### Reduction of the Spin-Orbit Splittings at the N = 28 Shell Closure

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### <sup>46</sup>Ar(d,p)<sup>47</sup>Ar reaction at SPIRAL and MUST detector array

In recent years substantial progress has been made in the development of *Ab Initio* theories of light nuclei.

The Quantum Monte Carlo method has been very successful in reproducing BE and excitation spectra of light nuclei starting with the basic NN force and 3-body force.

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### Neutron Spectroscopic Factors in <sup>9</sup>Li from <sup>2</sup>H(<sup>8</sup>Li, p)<sup>9</sup>Li

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Segmented proton detectors

 $\begin{array}{l} 500 \mu m / 1000 \mu m \text{ silicon } E \Delta E \\ telescope \end{array}$ 





### (d,p) Angular Distributions - narrow states



<sup>2</sup>H(<sup>8</sup>Li,*p*)<sup>9</sup>Li DWBA calculations: **Red**, **blue** curves: QMC predictions with different OMP, no extra normalization  $^{2}$ H( $^{6}$ He,*p*) $^{7}$ He<sub>g.s.</sub> DWBA calculations QMC calculations. **Blue**: no normalization **violet**- QMC X 0.69.

Optical-model parameters from Schiffer et al, PRC 164

Shell structure near <sup>132</sup>Sn:

Neutron levels in <sup>133</sup>Sn via the <sup>132</sup>Sn(d,p)

### Successful "proof of principle" experiment with <sup>124</sup>Sn

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### Study of the ${}^{124}Sn(d,p)$ reaction in inverse kinematics close to the Coulomb barrier

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THE experiment with an improved detector array should be running, as we speak, at HRIBF

# **PAIRING IN NUCLEI**

#### Possible Analogy between the Excitation Spectra of Nuclei and Those of the Superconducting Metallic State

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The evidence for an energy gap in the intrinsic excitation spectrum of nuclei is reviewed. A possible analogy between this effect and the energy gap observed in the electronic excitation of a superconducting metal is suggested.



- Gap in the excitation spectra of even-A nuclei
- Odd-even mass differences
- Rotational moments of inertia

Relevance to other finite Fermion systems such as <sup>3</sup>He clusters, Fermi-gas condensates, quantum dots, metal clusters, ....

### **Two-nucleon Transfer Reactions**

Generalized densities a+a+, aa represent the pair field and in close analogy to the collective excitations corresponding to the ordinary density, they can give rise to collective modes.



Two particle transfer reactions like (t,p) or (p,t), where 2 neutrons are deposited or picked up at the same point in space provide an specific tool to probe the amplitude of this collective motion. The transition operator (f|a+a+|i) will be proportional to the pair density of the nucleus.

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# **Neutron Proton Pairing**

# **NP** Pairing

N=Z nuclei, unique systems to study *np* correlations As you move out of N=Z *nn* and *pp* pairs are favored

Role of isoscalar (T=0) and isovector (T=1) pairing Large spatial overlap of n and p Pairing vibrations (normal system) Pairing rotations (superfluid system)

Does isoscalar pairing give rise to collective modes?

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What is (are) the "smoking-gun(s)"?
Binding energy differences
Ground states of odd-odd self-conjugate nuclei
Rotational properties: moments of inertia, alignments
Two-particle transfer cross-sections
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(3He,p) Transfer Reactions



Measure the np transfer cross section to T=1 and T=0 states

Both absolute  $\sigma(T=0)$  and  $\sigma(T=1)$  and relative  $\sigma(T=0) / \sigma(T=1)$  tell us about the character and strength of the correlations



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### Deuteron Transfer in N = Z Nuclei

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TABLE I. Predicted deuteron-transfer intensities  $C_T^2$  between even-even (EE) and odd-odd (OO) N = Z nuclei in the SU(4) (b/a = 0) and  $U_T(3) \otimes U_S(3)$   $(|b/a| \gg 1)$  limits.

Reaction	$C_{T=0}^{2}$	$C_{T=1}^{2}$
$EE \rightarrow OO_{T=0}$ $EE \rightarrow OO_{T=1}$	$\frac{1}{2}(N_{b} + 6)$ 0	$0 = \frac{1}{2}(N_b + 6)$
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# Systematic of (<sup>3</sup>He,p) and (t,p) reactions in stable N=Z nuclei



Single-particle estimate ~ (spin)x(<sup>3</sup>He)x(LS -> jj)

### Study of the <sup>56</sup>Ni(d,p)<sup>57</sup>Ni Reaction and the Astrophysical <sup>56</sup>Ni $(p,\gamma)$ <sup>57</sup>Cu Reaction Rate

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# **Proof of principle**

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# Proof of principle

# Inverse kinematics -Successful test experiment with stable beams









# Looking ahead ...





# Improved resolution for (d,p)



Pairing Phase Transition

# **Pair-Vibrational Structures**

(Nobel Lecture, Ben R. Mottelson, 1975 "Elementary Modes of Excitation in the Nucleus")



- Near closed shell nuclei (like <sup>208</sup>Pb) no static deformation of pair field.
- Corresponds to the "normal" nuclear limit.
- Fluctuations give rise to a vibrational-like excitation spectrum.
- Enhanced pair-addition and pair-removal cross-sections seen in (t,p) and (p,t) reactions (indicated by arrows).
- Large anharmonicities in spectrum must be accounted for.

# **Pair-Rotational Structures**

(R. A. Broglia, J. Terasaki, and N. Giovanardi, Phys. Rep. 335 (2000) 1)



- Many like-nucleon pairs outside a closed-shell configuration (e.g. <sup>116</sup>Sn) gives rise to a static deformation of the pair field.
- Corresponds to the "superconducting" limit.
- Rotational-like (parabolic dashed line) spectrum formed by sequence of ground states of even-N neighbors.
- Angular variable in rotational motion is gauge angle,  $\phi$ .

# **Critical-Point Descriptions of Shape Transitions**

F. Iachello, Phys. Rev. Lett. 85 (2000) 3580, Phys. Rev. Lett. 87 (2001) 052502.

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### Critical-Point Description of the Transition from Vibrational to Rotational Regimes in the Pairing Phase

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# **The Collective Pairing Hamiltonian**

D.R. Bès, R.A. Broglia, R.P.J. Perazzo, K. Kumar, Nucl. Phys. A 143 (1970) 1.

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2B}\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\alpha^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2B\alpha}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\alpha} + \left(\frac{\hbar^2M^2}{8B\alpha} + V(\alpha) - E\right)\psi = 0$$

 $\alpha$  is the deformation of the pair field (can be related to the gap parameter,  $\Delta$ ). *B* is a mass parameter.  $M=(A-A_0)$  (number of particles, A, relative to reference,  $A_0$ ).  $V(\alpha)$  is the potential. **Analogy between Shapes and Pairing** 



# **The Reduced Energy Spectrum**

Normalizing energies of excited states to that of the first excited state:



ξ=1 sequence of states correspond empirically to the sequence formed by the 0<sup>+</sup> ground-states of neighboring even-even nuclei along isotopic or isotonic chain.
ξ=1 sequence of states follows behavior between the linear dependence of a harmonic vibrator and the parabolic dependence of a deformed rotor, as expected.
ξ>1 correspond to excited 0<sup>+</sup> states formed from pair excitations.

## **Comparison with Data**

Empirical neutron pairing energy defined as:  $E_{pair} = [\varepsilon(A) - \varepsilon(A_0)] - C \cdot (A - A_0)$ 

 $\varepsilon(A) - \varepsilon(A_0)$  is difference in mass excess between isotope of mass A and reference nucleus of mass A<sub>0</sub> (G. Audi et al., Nucl. Phys. A 729 (2003) 337)



Only a few nucleons outside of the closed shell are required for a static pair deformation ("superconductivity") and pair rotational sequences develop.

A comment on anharmonicities

# From Bohr & Mottelson Vol. II pag. 646

$$E \sim n \hbar \omega_0 + \frac{1}{2} V_{--} n(n-1)$$

$$V_{--} \sim 700 keV$$

# Our simple estimate is

$$V_{--} \sim (2.31 - 2)\hbar\omega_0 \sim 800 keV$$

# A simple microscopic model: Two j-shells

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$$H = \frac{1}{2}D(N_2 - N_1) - G\Omega(A_1^+ + A_2^+)(A_1 + A_2)$$

$$x = 2\Omega G/D$$





# A simple microscopic model: Two j-shells

# **Transition probabilities**





# **Transition Probabilities**

The transition matrix elements are related to <u>two-nucleon transfer</u> <u>probabilities:</u>

$$\left\langle \psi_{\xi',M'} \left| \hat{O} \right| \psi_{\xi,M} \right\rangle = \int \psi_{\xi',M'}^* \hat{O} \psi_{\xi,M} d\tau$$

where, the volume element is:

$$d\tau = 2B\alpha \cdot d\alpha \cdot d\phi$$

and the pair-transfer operator is:  $\hat{O} = \alpha_{\pm 2} = \alpha e^{\pm 2i\phi}$ 

One then finds:

$$\left\langle \psi_{\xi',M'} \left| \hat{O} \right| \psi_{\xi,M} \right\rangle \propto \int_{0}^{\alpha_{w}} \psi_{\xi',M'}^{*} \alpha^{2} \psi_{\xi,M} d\alpha$$

The integrals can be solved numerically.



Heavy Ion Transfer

# A Few Words on Heavy Ion Transfer Reactions

### **Multiple nucleon transfer**



C.L.Jiang et al. PRC57(1998)

### $\Delta$ M/M, $\Delta$ L/L and $\Delta$ E/E << 1

Large Sommerfeld parameter  $\eta$ >>1 allows for a semi-classical description.  $\Rightarrow$  Classical trajectory and tunneling





ENTRANCE EXIT



Population of high angular momentum and high excitation energy states

### $\Rightarrow$ population mechanism, followed by $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy



Fig. 3. Proposed level scheme for  $^{237}$ U. The energies of the transitions are given in keV. Bands *c* and *d* are the octupole bands under discussion in the present Letter.

One neutron pickup reaction, <sup>207</sup>Pb+<sup>238</sup>U in GAMMASPHERE to study octupole correlations in actinides **Spin-orbit splitting again** 

# **N** = 83 level energy systematics



# <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>136</sup>Xe,<sup>12</sup>C)<sup>137</sup>Xe 560 MeV



# **GRETINA:** $1\pi$ array

Transfer reactions with re-accelerated RIBS and stable beams

 $^{238}$ U +  $^{170}$ Er 5.7 MeV/u GS + CHICO 3  $\cdot 10^9$  p/s (0.5 pna), 0.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> 3 days,  $\gamma - \gamma - \gamma$ 



C.Y. Wu et al., PRC 70, 014313 (2004)



Simulation <sup>170</sup>Er + <sup>238</sup>U 5.7 MeV/u





# Conclusions

Transfer Reactions have provided a wealth of information that has shaped our current understanding of the structure of atomic nuclei. They will continue to provide a unique tool as we embark in our experimental study of very-neutron (proton) rich nuclei.

Existing and planned exotic beam facilities worldwide and new detector systems with increased sensitivity and resolving power not only will allow us to answer some burning questions we have today, but most likely will open up a window to new and unexpected phenomena.

As so eloquently expressed in the title of the conference, the nucleus and its structure are of paramount importance to many aspects of physics.

I believe the road ahead looks inviting!

