Neutron-Proton Pairing and Transfer Reactions

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**ReA Solenoidal Spectrometer Projects** 

Si arrays, active targets, and beyond

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# Our Credentials ③



ATLAS-1673 Identification of the first-excited  $s_{1/2} \ge 2p^{2h}$  configuration in <sup>35</sup>P

## LBNL – ANL – iThemba - U. Conn. Collaboration





# **The Nuclear Landscape**



#### S. Frauendorf and A.O.Macchiavelli, Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics, 78, 24 (2014)









 $T_z = 0$ 

N=Z nuclei, unique systems to study *np* correlations As you move out of N=Z, T=1 *nn* and *pp* pairs will start to dominate. T=0 excited states.

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# $< A + 1 | a^+ | A >$

Spectroscopic (U, V) Factors

Constructive interference

Two particle transfer reactions like (t,p) or (p,t), where 2 nucleons 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 operators  $< f|a^+a^+|i>$ , < f|aa|i> are the analogous to the transition probabilities BE2's on the quadrupole case.



Systematic relative measurements and within a given nucleus.



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#### ENHANCEMENT OF DEUTERON TRANSFER REACTIONS BY NEUTRON-PROTON PAIRING CORRELATIONS\*

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It is shown for  ${}^{36}$ Ar (p,  ${}^{3}$ He) ${}^{34}$ Cl that the transfer of a neutron-proton pair is enhanced as compared to the shell model if one takes into account T = 0 and T = 1 neutron-proton pairing correlations in the description of target and residual nucleus.

 $d\sigma/d\Omega \approx 2.5 d\sigma/d\Omega_{sp}$ 

(<sup>3</sup>He,p) Transfer Reactions



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

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







### Si detector 500µ 16x16 ~1sr



<sup>36</sup>Ti(<sup>3</sup>He,p) at 180 MeV



#### Investigation of np pairing using the <sup>36</sup>Ar(<sup>3</sup>He,p)<sup>38</sup>K A. M. Rogers,<sup>1,\*</sup> B. Back,<sup>2</sup> H. L. Crawford,<sup>3</sup> C. M. Deibel,<sup>4</sup> P. Fallon,<sup>3</sup> C. R. Hoffman,<sup>2</sup> B. P. Kay,<sup>2</sup> J. Lee,<sup>5</sup> C. J. Lister,<sup>1</sup> A. O. Macchiavelli,<sup>3</sup> K. E. Rehm,<sup>2</sup> D. Santiago-Gonzalez,<sup>6</sup> J. P. Schiffer,<sup>2</sup> and A. H. Wuosmaa<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Department of Physics, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA 01854, USA <sup>2</sup>Physics Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL, 60439 USA <sup>3</sup>Nuclear Science Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA, 94720 USA <sup>4</sup>Department of Physics & Astronomy, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, USA <sup>5</sup>RIKEN Nishina Center, 2-1 Hirosawa, Wako, Saitama 351-0198, Japan <sup>6</sup>Physics Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL, 60439 USADepartment of Physics & Astronomy, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, USA <sup>7</sup>Department of Physics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269, USA







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#### Title

Studying np pairing in N=Z nuclei: The 52Fe(3He,p) reaction at ReA3 with the AT-TPC **Spokespeople** 

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#### Systematic of (<sup>3</sup>He,p) and (p,<sup>3</sup>He) N=Z nuclei



Adapted from Marlene Assie (IPN—Orsay)

Coming up



# Summary

Although simple arguments may suggest that isoscalar pairing should be important, it is still not clear if it gives rise to collective modes.

Spin-orbit -- J=1 pairs P-wave contribution to matrix-elements -- Core polarization Direct reactions are unique tools in our experimental study of exotic nuclei.

Two particle transfers provide probes of the amplitude of pairing collective modes.

(p,<sup>3</sup>He), (<sup>3</sup>He,p), (d, $\alpha$ ), and ( $\alpha$ ,d) reactions can be used to firmly elucidate this question, particularly in the region from <sup>56</sup>Ni to <sup>100</sup>Sn

We need:

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ReA Beams
????? (HELIOS-like spectrometer)
AT-TPC
gamma-particle coincidences
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NP-Pairing and Quartetting ? More generally alpha-clustering → ECT\* Workshop http://www.ectstar.eu/node/1664

Reactions: (d,<sup>6</sup>Li) - Forward Lab angles - and (<sup>6</sup>Li,d) – Backward Lab angles

