#### Weak Binding Effects in Nuclear Structure: <sup>40</sup>Mg and The Kerman Problem in the Continuum

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# Elusive magic numbers

Robert V. F. Janssens

Standard magic numbers are generally correct only for stable and near stable isotopes

Experimental studies of new isotopes has given insight into the role of tensor and 3-body forces in nuclei

N/Z (Isospin) dependence

Role of weak binding and coupling to the continuum



#### **Evolution of Shell Structure and Collectivity**



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#### **Evolution of Shell Structure and Collectivity**



A delicate balance between the monopole field and correlations.

$$H = Esp + GP^+P + xQ.Q$$



#### **Evolution of Shell Structure and Collectivity**



Or in the words of Andres Zuker:

"Pairing plus Quadrupole propose and Monopole disposes" Coherent and Random Hamiltonians, CRN Preprint 1994

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N/Z \_\_\_\_\_

### "Exotic" Shell Structure and Collectivity



#### Weakly bound systems



• low / levels  $(s, p) \rightarrow$  extended wavefunctions ("halos")

• Valence nucleons can become decoupled from the core

Coupling to continuum states

A.Bohr and B.R. Mottelson, Nuclear Structure Vol. 1

#### Weakly bound systems

J. Dobaczewski et al. / Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 59 (2007) 432-445



### What to expect in <sup>40</sup>Mg



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### A brief history

December 2010 – Sunday Campaign (NP1312-RIBF03)

<sup>42</sup>Si produced at a rate of 25 pps/100 pnA following fragmentation of a highintensity <sup>48</sup>Ca primary beam at RIBF in RIKEN



### 2p Knockout: <sup>42</sup>Si ⇒ <sup>40</sup>Mg



- Approximately 10 hours of beam-on-target
- 5 events of  $^{40}Mg$  observed -- measured inclusive  $\sigma_{(-2p)}$  of 40(18) µb

### N = 28 Coexisting Shapes

Calculations and data indicate that the low-energy structure in <sup>44</sup>S, <sup>42</sup>Si, and <sup>40</sup>Mg is dominated by two major, co-existing configurations:

Spherical and Prolate in <sup>44</sup>S, Oblate and Prolate in <sup>42</sup>Si and <sup>40</sup>Mg.

This suggests that a two-state(shape) mixing model can provide a description of their structure



 $|^{44}S,0^+_1\rangle = 0.35 \, |0^+;S\rangle + 0.94 \, |0^+;P\rangle$  Force et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 102501 (2010).

42Si

$$|^{42}\mathrm{Si}, 0^+_1\rangle = +\alpha |0^+; \mathrm{O}\rangle + \beta |0^+; \mathrm{P}\rangle$$

$$|^{42}\mathrm{Si}, 0^+_2\rangle = -\beta |0^+; \mathrm{O}\rangle + \alpha |0^+; \mathrm{P}\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{[\sigma_{42}(0^+_1) + \sigma_{42}(0^+_2)]}{[\sigma_{42}(0^+_1) + \sigma_{42}(0^+_2)]} = +\gamma |0^+; O\rangle + \delta |0^+; P\rangle$$

### $\sigma$ Ratios to Constrain "Shape" Amplitudes

Cross-section ration  $\not{R}$  plotted as a function of the prolate component (probability) in the <sup>42</sup>Si ( $\alpha^2$ ) and <sup>40</sup>Mg ( $\beta^2$ ) ground-state wave functions.

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$$|^{42}\text{Si}, 0^+_2\rangle = -\beta |0^+; O\rangle + \alpha |0^+; P\rangle$$

$${}^{40}\mathrm{Mg}, 0^+_1 \rangle = +\gamma \left| 0^+; \mathrm{O} \right\rangle + \delta \left| 0^+; \mathrm{P} \right\rangle$$

Experimental value

$$\mathcal{R} = 3.3^{+2.4}_{-1.6}$$

Dominant deformations in the <sup>42</sup>Si and <sup>40</sup>Mg ground states are consistently opposite.



Crawford et al., Phys. Rev. C 89, 041303(R) (2014).

#### <sup>40</sup>Mg: Where we left it in 2014

Based on the inclusive cross-section from <sup>42</sup>Si(-2p):

- <sup>40</sup>Mg likely only has one bound 0<sup>+</sup> state (the ground state)
- The ground state deformation is likely opposite in sign to that of <sup>42</sup>Si

Open questions:

- Are there *any* bound excited states in <sup>40</sup>Mg?
- Is E(2<sup>+</sup>) in line with expectations from shell-model?
- Is the ground state consistent with prolate deformation?
- Is there evidence for weak-binding effects in the spectrum of <sup>40</sup>Mg?

### <sup>40</sup>Mg in December 2016

#### What did we learn in NP0906-RIBF03 for spectroscopy in <sup>40</sup>Mg?

- Cross-section for <sup>42</sup>Si(-2p) is low with 150 pnA of <sup>48</sup>Ca primary beam, we expect only 25 <sup>40</sup>Mg / day using a 4g/cm<sup>2</sup> C target
- With branch to 2<sup>+</sup> as predicted by shell-model calculations<sup>\*</sup> would expect only 10 counts in a photopeak
- Measured production rate for <sup>41</sup>Al (0.6pps/100pnA <sup>48</sup>Ca)
- Measured background with thick carbon target in -1p channel

#### Proposed for NP0906-RIBF03R2



\* Tostevin and Brown, private communication

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**Editors' Suggestion** 

#### First Spectroscopy of the Near Drip-line Nucleus <sup>40</sup>Mg

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### Production of <sup>40</sup>Mg by fast-beam fragmentation

Two Measurements at RIKEN/RIBF - high energy <sup>48</sup>Ca beam 345 MeV/u

December 2010 <sup>48</sup>Ca → <sup>42</sup>Si (200 MeV/u), 2p Knockout: <sup>42</sup>Si -2p → <sup>40</sup>Mg (v/c ~ 60%)

December 2016

<sup>48</sup>Ca  $\rightarrow$  <sup>41</sup>Al (240 MeV/u), 1p Knockout: <sup>41</sup>Al -1p  $\rightarrow$  <sup>40</sup>Mg (v/c ~ 60%)



### <sup>40</sup>Mg: 2016 setup

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BigRIPS

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Self-supporting Carbon (graphite) and  $CH_2$  targets  $CH_2 \Rightarrow 3.82 \text{ g/cm}^2$ ; Carbon  $\Rightarrow 3.80 \text{ g/cm}^2$ 



DALI2  $\gamma$  detector 186 NaI(TI) scintillators covering  $4\pi$ 

### Event-by-event identification of incoming beam



- BigRIPS fragment separator was centered on <sup>41</sup>AI
- ~3% of incoming beam was <sup>41</sup>Al; <sup>42</sup>Si and <sup>40</sup>Mg were both in acceptance of BigRIPS
- Average <sup>48</sup>Ca primary beam intensity of order 400 pnA for ~6 days !!

### Event-by event identification of reaction products

Secondary reaction products identified at the focal plane



#### Results





- 500 keV transition assigned to 2<sup>+</sup>→0<sup>+</sup>
- Observe a 20% decrease in <sup>40</sup>Mg 2<sup>+</sup> energy relative to <sup>38</sup>Mg.
- Relative change in 2<sup>+</sup> (more robust prediction than absolute value) is not captured in calculations

### Results: <sup>40</sup>Mg (670 keV transition)



### Weakly bound neutrons in <sup>40</sup>Mg

- 2-body NN interaction works to reduce the N=28 shell gap when removing protons from <sup>48</sup>Ca
- Occupation of low I levels (p<sub>3/2</sub>) may lead to extended wavefunctions ("halos")





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#### Weakly bound neutrons in <sup>40</sup>Mg



 Energy separation between the Ω= 1/2 and 3/2 Nilsson levels as a function of the WS depth (V<sub>0</sub>), showing the approach to the spherical limit for weak binding

### Indications of weak binding - geometric overlap

Volume p<sub>3/2</sub> overlap as a function of BE calculated in a Woods-Saxon\*



\*https://www.volya.net/

#### Indications of weak binding – PV coupling

A dimensionless parameter that is often useful in characterizing the strength of the particle-vibration coupling is obtained by dividing a standard coupling matrix element by  $\hbar\omega_{\lambda}$ . Thus, for a shape vibration, we may employ the parameter (see Eq. (6-209))

$$f_{\lambda} = \left(\frac{2\lambda + 1}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\hbar\omega_{\lambda}}{2C_{\lambda}}\right)^{1/2} \frac{\langle k_{\lambda} \rangle}{\hbar\omega_{\lambda}}$$
(6-212)



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# Relative populations from gamma-ray and particle singles intensities



#### Nilsson proton levels

	- 1		28		~	1	
A	1/2-		17/2	$\leqslant$	$\sim$	5/2	(312) (321)
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			1			~~1/2(	330)
	1/24						200)
	-		d 5/2	2		5/20	202)
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2 3/2	.609920	.513667	326599	.000000	.424450	.677771	,753501
2 5/2	.707373	.703825	000001	.000000	.412044	.010429	.040102

#### **Rotational part**



Single particle part (1/2  $\rightarrow$  2<sup>+</sup><sub>2n</sub>) treated as a parameter S<sub>sp</sub>

#### Minimization results

BE = 877 keV  $V_{nn-Core}$  = 69 keV  $S_{sp}$  = 0.13



#### Relative populations from gamma-ray and particle singles intensities



### An alternative scenario: Rotation and Alignment



### Rotation in <sup>40</sup>Mg – aligned-band crossing



In <sup>40</sup>Mg, the <u>energy to break a neutron  $p_{3/2}$  pair needs to be reduced by 1/2</u> Quenched pairing due to reduced overlap?

### HFB Calculation of Mg deformed ground states

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 $p_{3/2}$  deformed halo and quenched pairing

### Summary

- First data on excitation modes in a heavy weakly bound nucleus <sup>40</sup>Mg
  - Observed spectrum does not fit with existing expectations and existing calculations
  - Breakdown of experimental systematics and theory may suggest something new is happening at the neutron dripline
  - Qualitative arguments indicate that weak binding effects could reproduce the spectrum seen in <sup>40</sup>Mg
    - The observation of two low lying states maybe a consequence of "weakly coupled" (deformed?) 2 neutron-halo
    - Next  $\rightarrow$  Implications for population pattern  $\rightarrow$  SF's
  - Microscopic models taking into account extended wavefunctions and coupling to the continuum would be needed to provide a quantitative description

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The Particle plus Rotor Model 101

$$H = H_p + H_{rot} = H_p + (\hbar^2/23)\mathbf{R}^2$$
$$= H_p + (\hbar^2/23)(R_x^2 + R_y^2),$$

$$\begin{split} H &= H_p + (\hbar^2/23) [I(I+1) - K^2] + H_c \\ &+ (\hbar^2/23) [\langle \mathbf{j}^2 \rangle - \Omega^2], \end{split}$$

$$H_{c} = -2(\hbar^{2}/23)[I_{x}j_{x} + I_{y}j_{y}]$$
  
= -(\kappa^{2}/23)[I\_{+}j\_{-} + I\_{-}j\_{+}].

$$\begin{split} \langle I, \Omega \pm I \mid H_c \mid I, \Omega \rangle \\ &= -(\hbar^2/23) [(I \mp K) (I \pm K + 1)]^{1/2} \langle \Omega \pm 1 \mid j_{\pm} \mid \Omega \rangle . \end{split}$$

 $\langle j, \Omega \pm 1 | j_{\pm} | j, \Omega \rangle = [(j \mp \Omega)(j \pm \Omega + 1)]^{1/2}.$ 









Kerman, A. K., 1956, Dan. Mat. Fys. Medd. 30, No. 15.

#### Weakly Bound Systems



I. Hamamoto, Phys. Rev. C 79, 014307 (2009)

K. Fossez, J. Rotureau, N. Michel, Quan Liu, and W. Nazarewicz, Phys. Rev. C 94, 054302(2016)

Thus :

#### $\rightarrow$ Kerman's Problem in the Continuum



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Arthur Kerman to Rick Casten, ca. 1980

"Experimentalists should not dabble in thought ..."

## Two-level $\rightarrow$ N levels







#### In the limit $\Gamma \rightarrow 0$



for which Mathematica tells me that the lowest eigenvalue is:



#### Consider now



Take  $e_2 - e_1 = e$ 

And energies in units of the rotational constant A !

First order perturbation solution (Vc << e) :



In the original Kerman paper :

a = 0.2 e = 210 keV, A = 15keV, and Vc = 20 keV



#### Full solution:

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 $E_0 + \sum \frac{V_i^2}{E - \varepsilon_i}$ 

 $E_0 + \sum_{i=\varepsilon_i}^{V_i} =$ 



# Summary

The evolution of Shell Structure and Collective motion in weakly bound nuclei is a topic of much interest in nuclear structure

A "2x2" Kerman-model calculation, including Coriolis mixing with an unbound state, was used to explore possible (general) consequences on rotational properties of an odd-A system

Qualitative effects seem to appear when the width becomes comparable to the intrinsic level separation energy.

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