## Probing Pairing Correlations with Two-Neutron Transfer

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## Introduction and Outline

This talk will be devoted to two-particle transfer reactions as the specific probe to study pairing correlations. Emphasis will be made in the connection between structure aspects and the resulting two particle transfer cross sections.

## Outline:

- Reaction formalism: two-particle transfer in second order DWBA.
- Two-particle transfer in stable nuclei.
- Pairing rotations: tin isotopes.
- Pairing vibrations: the ${ }^{206} \mathrm{~Pb}(t, p)^{208} \mathrm{~Pb}$ reaction.
- Two-particle transfer in exotic nuclei.
- The $p\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{Li},{ }^{9} \mathrm{Li}\right) t$ reaction: pairing in exotic halo light nuclei
- New shell closure: ${ }^{132}$ Sn.
- The $p\left({ }^{8} \mathrm{He},{ }^{6} \mathrm{He}\right) t$ reaction.

- Reaction $A+a(\equiv b+2) \longrightarrow a+B(\equiv A+2)$.
- Measure of the pairing correlations between the transferred nucleons.
- Need to correctly account for the correlated wavefunction.


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it is a single particle potential!!

Non-local, correlated form factor

$$
F\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \mathbf{r}_{A p}\right)=\phi_{f}\left(\mathbf{r}_{p 1}, \mathbf{r}_{p 2}\right) V_{p n}\left(\mathbf{r}_{p 1}\right) V_{p n}\left(\mathbf{r}_{p 2}\right) \phi_{i}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 1}, \mathbf{r}_{A 2}\right)
$$




Simultaneous transfer

$$
\begin{aligned}
T^{(1)}\left(j_{i}, j_{f}\right) & =2 \sum_{\sigma_{1} \sigma_{2}} \int d \mathbf{r}_{f F} d \mathbf{r}_{b 1} d \mathbf{r}_{A 2}\left[\Psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \Psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{0}^{0 *} \chi_{b B}^{(-) *}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b B}\right) \\
& \times v\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}\right)\left[\Psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \Psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{\mu}^{\Lambda} \chi_{a A}^{(+)}\left(\mathbf{r}_{a A}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$



## Successive transfer

$$
\begin{aligned}
T_{s u c c}^{(2)}\left(j_{j}, j_{f}\right) & =2 \sum_{K, M} \sum_{\substack{\sigma_{1} \sigma_{2} \\
\sigma_{1}^{\prime} \sigma_{2}^{\prime}}} \int d \mathbf{r}_{f f} d \mathbf{r}_{b 1} d \mathbf{r}_{A 2}\left[\psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{0}^{0 *} \\
& \times \chi_{b B}^{(-) *}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b B}\right) v\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}\right)\left[\psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 2}, \sigma_{2}\right) \psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}, \sigma_{1}\right)\right]_{M}^{K} \\
& \times \int d \mathbf{r}_{f F}^{\prime} d \mathbf{r}_{b 1}^{\prime} d \mathbf{r}_{A 2}^{\prime} G\left(\mathbf{r}_{f F}, \mathbf{r}_{f F}^{\prime}\right)\left[\psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 2}^{\prime}, \sigma_{2}^{\prime}\right) \psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}^{\prime}, \sigma_{1}^{\prime}\right)\right]_{M}^{K} \\
& \times \frac{2 \mu_{f F}}{\hbar^{2}} v\left(\mathbf{r}_{f 2}^{\prime}\right)\left[\psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 2}^{\prime}, \sigma_{2}^{\prime}\right) \psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}^{\prime}, \sigma_{1}^{\prime}\right)\right]_{\mu}^{\wedge} \chi_{a A}^{(+)}\left(\mathbf{r}_{a A}^{\prime}\right)
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Two particle transfer in second order DWBA


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& \times \chi_{b B}^{(-) *}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b B}\right) v\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}\right)\left[\psi^{j_{f} f}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 2}, \sigma_{2}\right) \psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}, \sigma_{1}\right)\right]_{M}^{K} \\
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Essentially a successive process!

## Ingredients of the calculation

Structure input for, e.g., the ${ }^{112} \mathrm{Sn}(\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{t})^{110} \mathrm{Sn}$ reaction:

plus the $B_{j}$ spectroscopic amplitudes needed to define the two-neutron wavefunction:

$$
\Phi\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \sigma_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \sigma_{2}\right)=\sum_{j} B_{j}\left[\psi^{j}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \psi^{j}\left(\mathbf{r}_{2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{0}^{0}
$$

## 2-transfer in well bound nuclei ${ }^{112} \mathrm{Sn}(\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{t})^{110} \mathrm{Sn}$


enhancement factor with respect to the transfer of uncorrelated neutrons:
$\varepsilon=20.6$

Experimental data and shell model wavefunction from Guazzoni et al. PRC 74054605 (2006)
experiment very well reproduced with mean field (BCS) wavefunctions

Differential cross section worked out
 making use of two different structure calculations:

- Skyrme in $p-h$ channel (mean field)+collective vibrations+bare $v_{14}$ Argonne interaction and particle-vibration coupling (induced interaction) in $p-p$ channel (black line),
- Skyrme in $p-h$ channel (mean field)+bare $v_{14}$ Argonne in $p-p$ channel (red line),
compared with experimental data.
${ }^{122} \mathrm{Sn}(p, t){ }^{120} \mathrm{~S} n$ at 26 MeV . Data from Guazzoni et.al. (1999).
${ }^{206} \mathrm{~Pb}(t, p)^{208} \mathrm{~Pb}$ at 12 MeV . Data from Bjerregaard et.al. (1966)


|  | $B_{n l j}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| state $n l j$ | $p p R P A$ | (TDA) |
| $1 h_{9 / 2}$ | 0.15 | $(0.14)$ |
| $2 f_{7 / 2}$ | 0.21 | $(0.26)$ |
| $1 i_{13 / 2}$ | 0.29 | $(0.28)$ |
| $3 p_{3 / 2}$ | 0.23 | $(0.22)$ |
| $2 f_{5 / 2}$ | 0.32 | $(0.31)$ |
| $3 p_{1 / 2}$ | 0.89 | $(0.85)$ |
| $2 g_{9 / 2}$ | 0.18 |  |
| $1 i_{11 / 2}$ | 0.15 |  |
| $1 j_{15 / 2}$ | 0.13 |  |
| $3 d_{5 / 2}$ | 0.06 | $(-)$ |
| $4 s_{1 / 2}$ | 0.06 |  |
| $2 g_{7 / 2}$ | 0.10 |  |
| $3 d_{3 / 2}$ | 0.05 |  |

We will try to draw information about the halo structure of ${ }^{11} \mathrm{Li}$ from the reactions ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{Li},{ }^{9} \mathrm{Li}\right){ }^{3} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{Li}^{9}{ }^{9} \mathrm{Li}{ }^{*}(2.69 \mathrm{MeV})\right)^{3} \mathrm{H}$ (I. Tanihata et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 192502 (2008))



First excited state of ${ }^{9} \mathrm{Li}$

## Beyond mean field: particle-vibration coupling



## Structure of the ${ }^{11} \mathrm{Li}\left(3 / 2^{-}\right)$ground state

${ }^{11} \mathrm{Li}={ }^{9} \mathrm{Li}$ core $+2-$ neutron halo (single Cooper pair). According to Barranco et al. (2001), the two neutrons correlate by means of the bare interaction (accounting for $\approx 20 \%$ of the ${ }^{11} \mathrm{Li}$ binding energy) and by exchanging $1^{-}$and $2^{+}$phonons ( $\approx 80 \%$ of the binding energy)


Within this model, the ${ }^{11} \mathrm{Li}$ wavefunction can be written as

$$
\begin{aligned}
|\tilde{0}\rangle & =0.45\left|s_{1 / 2}^{2}(0)\right\rangle+0.55\left|p_{1 / 2}^{2}(0)\right\rangle+0.04\left|d_{5 / 2}^{2}(0)\right\rangle \\
& +0.70\left|(p s)_{1^{-}} \otimes 1^{-} ; 0\right\rangle+0.10\left|(s d)_{2^{+}} \otimes 2^{+} ; 0\right\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

highly renormalized single particle states coupled to excited states of the core

differential cross section calculated with three ${ }^{11}$ Li ground state model wavefunctions:

- pure $\left(s_{1 / 2}\right)^{2}$ configuration
- pure $\left(p_{1 / 2}\right)^{2}$ configuration
- $20 \%\left(s_{1 / 2}\right)^{2}+30 \%\left(p_{1 / 2}\right)^{2}$ configuration (Barranco et al. (2001)).
compared with experimental data.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{Li},{ }^{9} \mathrm{Li}\right){ }^{3} \mathrm{H}$ at 33 MeV . Data from Tanihata et.al. (2008).

differential cross section calculated with the Barranco et. al. (2001) ${ }^{11}$ Li ground state wavefunction, compared with experimental data. According to this model, the ${ }^{9} \mathrm{Li}$ excited state is found after the transfer reaction because it is already present in the ${ }^{11} \mathrm{Li}$ ground state.
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- X. Mougeot et al. PLB 718, $441(2012){ }^{8} \mathrm{He}(\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{t})^{6} \mathrm{He}(\mathrm{gs}),{ }^{8} \mathrm{He}\left(2^{+}\right)$ with SPIRAL and MUST2;
- Coupled Reaction Channels (CRC) analysis by N . Keeley.

- Sensitive to ${ }^{8} \mathrm{He}$ structure.
- Nuclear Fied Theory calculations for ${ }^{8} \mathrm{He}$ (g.s.).
- Consistent description of elastic and one-neutron transfer channels and the overlap ${ }^{8} \mathrm{He}($ g.s. $) /{ }^{6} \mathrm{He}\left(2^{+}\right)$is essential.


## Conclusions

- We have presented examples of studies of pairing in nuclei with the help of two-nucleon transfer reaction within a 2-step DWBA formalism.
- Two-nucleon transfer is a successive process.
- Pairing correlations are maintained during the successive process.
- Good agreement with experiment obtained from very different structure inputs, from well bound superfluid Sn isotopes (mean field, BCS wavefunctions) to very loosely bound neutron rich nuclei as ${ }^{11} \mathrm{Li}$ (single particle states highly renormalized by coupling to collective vibrations)


## Thank You!

## 2-transfer in well bound nuclei ${ }^{A} S n(p, t)^{A-2} S n$








Comparison with the experimental data available so far for superfluid tin isotopes
Potel et al., PRL 107, 092501 (2011)

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## Reaction formalism, between structure and experiment





## Reaction mechanism:

## 2-step DWBA



- lowest order in the interaction potential,
- explicitly incorporates microscopic structure inputs,
- adapted to a variety of reaction channels


## Transition amplitude

Matrix element of interaction potential between initial (i) and final $(f)$ states

$$
\left\langle\chi_{f}(R) \phi_{f}(\xi)\right| V(\xi)\left|\chi_{i}(R) \phi_{i}(\xi)\right\rangle
$$

can be applied to $\mathbf{1 -}$ and $\mathbf{2 - n u c l e o n ~ t r a n s f e r ~ a n d ~ k n o c k - o u t ~}$

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## simultaneous and successive contributions



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& |\alpha\rangle=\phi_{a}\left(\xi_{b}, \mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}\right) \times \\
& \phi_{A}\left(\xi_{A}\right) \chi_{a A}\left(\mathbf{r}_{a A}\right) \\
& |\beta\rangle=\phi_{b}\left(\xi_{b}\right) \phi_{B}\left(\xi_{A}, \mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}\right) \times \\
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## Two particle transfer in second order DWBA

Some details of the calculation of the differential cross section for two-nucleon transfer reactions


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$$

$$
\frac{d \sigma}{d \Omega}=\frac{\mu_{i} \mu_{f}}{\left(4 \pi \hbar^{2}\right)^{2}} \frac{k_{f}}{k_{i}}\left|T_{2 N T}\right|^{2}
$$

Simultaneous transfer

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& \times v\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}\right)\left[\Psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \Psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{\mu}^{\Lambda} \chi_{a A}^{(+)}\left(\mathbf{r}_{a A}\right)
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\text { Non-orthogonality term }
\end{gathered}
$$

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\end{aligned}
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## Cancellation of simultaneous and non-orthogonal contributions

very schematically, the first order (simultaneous) contribution is

$$
T^{(1)}=\langle\beta| V|\alpha\rangle,
$$

while the second order contribution can be separated in a successive and a non-orthogonality term

$$
\begin{aligned}
T^{(2)} & =T_{\text {succ }}^{(2)}+T_{N O}^{(2)} \\
& =\sum_{\gamma}\langle\beta| V|\gamma\rangle G\langle\gamma| V|\alpha\rangle-\sum_{\gamma}\langle\beta \mid \gamma\rangle\langle\gamma| V|\alpha\rangle .
\end{aligned}
$$

If we sum over a complete basis of intermediate states $\gamma$, we can apply the closure condition and $T_{N O}^{(2)}$ exactly cancels $T^{(1)}$
the transition potential being single particle, two-nucleon transfer is a second order process.

## Reaction and structure models

Structure:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Phi_{i}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \sigma_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \sigma_{2}\right)=\sum_{j_{i}} B_{j_{i}}\left[\psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{\mu}^{\wedge} \\
& \Phi_{f}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \sigma_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \sigma_{2}\right)=\sum_{j_{f}} B_{j_{f}}\left[\psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{0}^{0}
\end{aligned}
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Reaction:

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\begin{aligned}
T_{2 N T} & =\sum_{j_{f} j_{i}} B_{j_{f}} B_{j_{i}}\left(T^{(1)}\left(j_{i}, j_{f}\right)+T_{\text {succ }}^{(2)}\left(j_{i}, j_{f}\right)-T_{N O}^{(2)}\left(j_{i}, j_{f}\right)\right) \\
\frac{d \sigma}{d \Omega} & =\frac{\mu_{i} \mu_{f}}{\left(4 \pi \hbar^{2}\right)^{2}} \frac{k_{f}}{k_{i}}\left|T_{2 N T}\right|^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

with:

$$
\begin{aligned}
T^{(1)}\left(j_{i}, j_{f}\right) & =2 \sum_{\sigma_{1} \sigma_{2}} \int d \mathbf{r}_{f F} d \mathbf{r}_{b 1} d \mathbf{r}_{A 2}\left[\psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \psi^{j_{f}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{A 2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{0}^{0 *} \chi_{b B}^{(-) *}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b B}\right) \\
& \times v\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}\right)\left[\psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \psi^{j_{i}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{b 2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{\mu}^{\Lambda} \chi_{a A}^{(+)}\left(\mathbf{r}_{a A}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

etc...

## Ingredients of the calculation

Structure input for, e.g., the ${ }^{112} \operatorname{Sn}(\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{t})^{110} \mathrm{Sn}$ reaction:

 wavefunction:

$$
\Phi\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \sigma_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \sigma_{2}\right)=\sum_{j} B_{j}\left[\psi^{j}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \psi^{j}\left(\mathbf{r}_{2}, \sigma_{2}\right)\right]_{0}^{0}
$$

## Examples of calculations









good results obtained for halo nuclei, population of excited states, superfluid nuclei, normal nuclei (pairing vibrations), heavy ion reactions...
Potel et al., arXiv:0906.4298.


- Recent $t\left({ }^{32} \mathrm{Mg}, p\right)^{30} \mathrm{Mg} @ 1.8 \mathrm{MeV} . A$ at ISOLDE (Wimmer et.al.) reaction.
- Shape coexistence (low-lying $0^{+}$excited state).
- Ground state and first excited $0^{+}$populated with 2 -neutron transfer


## ${ }^{A} S n(p, t)^{A-2} S n$, superfluid isotopic chain



