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Neutron orbits near doubly-magic ⁷⁸Ni and ¹³²Sn from reactions with radioactive beams (Invited)

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Transfer reactions are a valuable tool to study the evolution of shell structure away from stability. In particular, studies of nuclei in the proximity of exotic doubly-magic nuclei like ⁷⁸Ni and ¹³²Sn are key systems to test our theoretical understanding, since the proximity of the doubly-magic core makes shell-model calculations feasible.

Single-neutron states in the Z=30, N=49 isotope ⁷⁹Zn have been populated using the ⁷⁸Zn(d,p)⁷⁹Zn transfer reaction in inverse kinematics at REX-ISOLDE, CERN. The experimental setup allowed the combined detection of protons ejected in the reaction, and of γ rays emitted by ⁷⁹Zn. From the combined analysis of γ -ray and proton data, low-lying states in ⁷⁹Zn were observed and identified. Comparison with large-scale shell-model calculations permits to constrain the size of the N=50 shell gap in ⁷⁸Ni.

Neutron-hole states in ¹³¹Sn were populated using the ¹³²Sn(d,t)¹³¹Sn reaction at the HFRIB facility at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Measured proton differential cross sections and their impact of single-hole energies in ¹³²Sn will also be presented.

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