# Investigation of Resonance States in 11Li

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## Introduction



- Moving away from stability (towards driplines) limits our knowledge of nuclear structure
- Study of exotic nuclei discovers new features and phenomena that appears in n-p asymmetric systems
- Evidences of new magic numbers
- Observation of new phenomena like halo nuclei.

#### Introduction



### Halo nuclei

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#### Measurements of Interaction Cross Sections and Nuclear Radii in the Light p-Shell Region

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- First observed in 1985
- Large matter radius of <sup>11</sup>Li



Neutron Halo in Neutron-Rich Nucleus



 $^{11}Li$ 

3.5

( f m )

в<sup>т</sup>s

Matter r.m.s radius of isotopes of He, Li, Be and C

Moon Halo

# Halo nuclei

- Lie near dripline
- Long tail in matter distribution
- Low nucleon separation energy
- Known neutron halo : <sup>6</sup>He, <sup>11</sup>Li, <sup>11</sup>Be, <sup>14</sup>Be, <sup>17</sup>B, <sup>15</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>C, <sup>22</sup>C and <sup>37</sup>Mg.



One neutron halo with core

# Background for <sup>11</sup>Li

- <sup>9</sup>Li core with 2 halo neutrons
- Borromean system
- Half life : 8.2 ms decay by  $\beta$  decay
- Radius ~3.27 ± 0.24 fm
- Two neutron separation energy ~369(65) keV





Comparable sizes of  $^{11}{\rm Li}~and~^{208}{\rm Pb}$ 



Borromean rings



#### Previous measurements of Excited states in <sup>11</sup>Li



<sup>11</sup>Li

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# Previous measurements of <sup>11</sup>Li resonances at IRIS

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#### Evidence of Soft Dipole Resonance in <sup>11</sup>Li with Isoscalar Character

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The first conclusive evidence of a dipole resonance in <sup>11</sup>Li having isoscalar character observed from inelastic scattering with a novel solid deuteron target is reported. The experiment was performed at the newly commissioned IRIS facility at TRIUMF. The results show a resonance peak at an excitation energy of  $1.03 \pm 0.03$  MeV with a width of  $0.51 \pm 0.11$  MeV (FWHM). The angular distribution is consistent

 Confirmed state at 1.03± 0.03 MeV

 Beam energy was 5.5A MeV



#### **Experimental setup**



#### IRIS (ISAC Rare Isotope Spectroscopy)

- ISAC-II facility, TRIUMF, Canada
- Study Direct reactions
  - Elastic, inelastic and transfer



Layout of ISAC, TRIUMF

# Key Components of IRIS setup

- Ionization chamber
- Charged particle Detectors
- Solid deuteron target
- SSB and Scintillator



Schematic view of IRIS setup



IRIS setup



# Solid deuteron target

- High density of deuterons than gas or liquid
- Windowless
- Backed with Silver foil
- Copper heat shield
- Temperature ~4K using cryocooler with helium compressor
- Target thickness can be control throughout the experiment
- Online measurement of target thickness



IRIS target assembly

# Ionization Chamber (IC)

- Gas filled detector (Isobutane)
- Counts the beam particles
- Identifies the beam particles
- IC pressure ~19.5 torr
- Only one species i.e. <sup>11</sup>Li





# Target thickness

- Used elastic scattering of <sup>11</sup>Li from Ag foil
- Energy was measured with and without target
- Energy difference was used to find thickness

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$$t = \int_{E_i}^{E_f} \frac{1}{s(E)} dE$$



### Light particle identification



#### Beam like particle identification



# Elastic spectrum for <sup>11</sup>Li(d,d)<sup>11</sup>Li

 Ground state peak was obtained with missing mass technique



#### Q value spectrum for <sup>11</sup>Li(d,d')



#### Inelastic spectrum for <sup>11</sup>Li(d,nnd')<sup>9</sup>Li



#### **Further corrections**



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Beam symmetry plot shows the interaction point was not at the center

### Summary and Future work

- Study of nuclear limits is important to understand nuclear structure
- Experiment was performed at IRIS (Triumf) to study <sup>11</sup>Li(d,d') reaction
- Spectrum shows the evidence for multiple resonance states
- Will be corrected for any background noise from silver foil.
- These states will be analyzed with theoretical calculations to assign relative spin-parity values

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### Charge particle detectors

#### • YY1- Silicon strip detector

8 sectors and 16 rings

- CsI(Tl) Cesium Iodide thallium doped 16 sectors in coincidence with YY1
- S3 Double sided strip detector
  S3d1 and S3d2

32 sectors and 24 rings



YY1 detector



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CsI(Tl) detector



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S3 detector

## ISOL – Isotope separation on-line





### Calibration

- Conversion of ADC channel to Physical quantity, i.e. energy

• Equation for calibration  $E = g \times (c - p)$ 

where E = Energy, g = gain , c = Channel number and p = pedestal, is the offset corresponds to zero energy. Pedestals were collected without the beam.



### Calibration of detectors

- Calibration of heavy particle silicon detectors (S-3 type) was done with elastic scattering of <sup>11</sup>Li with silver foil
- Calibration of light particle detectors (silicon and CsI(Tl) was done with elastic scattering of 11Li with deuteron target
- All the calibrations were verified with the known states of stable beam of  $^{\rm 22}{\rm Ne}$









Calibrated YY1 detector with triple alpha source.

#### CsI(TI) detector



Calibrated YY1 detector. Elastic scattered <sup>11</sup>Li simulated (Red) overlaid on data (black)

## Shell model



Planetary model of nucleus



Shell structure in nuclei

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#### Previous measurements of Excited states in <sup>11</sup>Li



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#### Simulations



#### Q value spectrum

- Missing mass technique
- Consider *A*+*B*->*C*+*D*, then Q value is

 $Q = m_A + m_B - m_C - m_D$ 

Where  $m_A$ ,  $m_B$ ,  $m_C$  and  $m_D$  are masses of the particles.

• If *D* is in excited state, then  $m_D = (\sqrt{m_A^2 - m_B^2 + m_C^2 + 2mB(TA + mA) - 2(TA + mA + mB)(T_C + m_C) + 2P_CP_A \times cos(\theta_C)}$ 

#### Light particle identification



E (MeV)

#### Heavy particle detection

