Three-Body Models of Exotic Nuclei and Molecular States in Light Nuclei

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In recent year, we have developed and investigated several exotic nuclei with threebody models including nucleon-nucleon correlations with the aim of studying measurable properties like radii and the electric dipole response. We have applied our models to neutron-rich fluorine isotopes [1–3], and in particular to ²⁹F, that was found to sit at the borders of the island of inversion. We refined our models and proposed that is a moderate two-neutron halo nucleus with enhanced B(E1) response to the continuum. These result help interpret recent data on this isotope. By extending our models to ³¹F as in Ref. [4], we found a large spatial extension due to mixing of p-components in the neutron wavefunction and enhanced B(E1) response, pointing to a halo structure in this nucleus too.

We have also investigated unstable systems with core plus p-n structure [5], like 102 Sb, i.e. a 100 Sn core plus a deuteron, finding that it is a probable one-proton emitter due to the weakening of the p-n correlations with respect to the bare deuteron. We suggested that the observation of resonant state and decay might provide crucial benchmarks for this type of systems.

If time allows, I will also briefly present some results coming from the application of discrete group symmetries to light clusterized nuclei.

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