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Exploring N=28 isotones: A quest for two-neutron halos within three-body framework

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The latest generation of radioactive ion beam facilities provides unparalleled access to neutron-rich unstable isotopes. One of the areas of active investigation is the study of the shell evolution near the neutron magic numbers N=20 [1-4] and N=28 [5-6] for such unstable nuclei. The nuclei near these magic numbers display exotic structural features such as dampening of shell gaps, formation of halos, and deformed structures.

Recently, the 29F system, a light neutron-rich N=20 isotone, was identified as the heaviest two-neutron Borromean-halo nucleus found till date [1-4]. Motivated by this observation, it is interesting to explore the "N=28"shell closure for nuclei with a small proton number as well, to see whether we can find similar Borromean structure formation.

In this talk, I will compare and contrast the shell evolution across the neutron magic numbers N=20 and 28 within a three-body (core+N+N) framework based on the hyperspherical-harmonics formalism by using an analytical-transformed harmonic-oscillator basis. New three-body results will be presented for the ground state structural properties of putative two-neutron Borromean halos in Na and Mg isotopes with N=28 [7].

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