Microscopic description of ⁶He elastic scattering

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Presentation of the ⁶He nucleus

- Simplest halo 3-body nucleus
- Well described by an α +n+n structure
- Many theoretical calculations: rms radius, energy spectrum, E1 strength, etc.
- Challenge: describing reactions involving ⁶He

Many data

• Essentially elastic scattering around the Coulomb barrier: ²⁰⁸Pb, ¹²⁰Sn, ⁶⁴Ni, ²⁰⁹Bi, etc.





Other cross sections (non elastic) Example: Alpha production



⁶He+²⁰⁸Pb A. Sanchez Benitez et al.,JPG31 (2005) S1953

Fusion: more difficult (must include transfer)



⁶He+⁶⁴Zn

V. Scuderi et al., PRC 84 (2011) 064604

Current status of reactions with ⁶He

- Optical model: several parameters \rightarrow predictive power? (used to fit data)
- CDCC (<u>Continuum Discretized Coupled Channels</u>)

Solution of 3-body (4-body) scattering problem

G. Rawitscher, Phys. Rev. C 9, 2210 (1974)
M. Kamimura et al, Prog. Theor. Phys. Suppl. 89 (1986) 1
N. Austern et al., Phys. Rep. 154 (1987) 126

- Projectile initially assumed to be described by two clusters
- Introduced for deuteron-induced reactions (breakup important)
 → well adapted to exotic nuclei
- Various cross sections: elastic, breakup, fusion, etc. (Energy near the Coulomb barrier)
- Recently extended to 3-body projectiles (⁶He= α +n+n, ⁹Be= α + α +n)

target

projectile

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Current status of reactions with ⁶He

• Non microscopic CDCC (<u>Continuum Discretized Coupled Channel</u>)



α+n+n description of ⁶He
 ⁶He+²⁰⁹Bi
 T. Matsumoto et al., PRC 73 (2006) 051602(R)

⁶He+⁵⁸Ni V. Morcelle et al., PLB 732 (2014) 228



α+2n description of ⁶He
⁶He+⁵⁸Ni
V. Morcelle et al., PLB 732 (2014) 228

→ Need for n+Target, α +Target, 2n+Target optical potentials

Here: 6-nucleon description of ⁶He +cluster approximation







Total Hamiltonian:
$$H = H_0 + T_R + \sum_{i=1}^6 v_{i-T}(r_i - R)$$

With $H_0 = \sum_i t_i + \sum_{i < j} v_{ij}$ = microscopic Hamiltonian of ⁶He

 $v_{i-T}(r)$ =optical potential neutron/proton + target (includes Coulomb)

Wave function:
$$\Psi^{JM\pi}(\boldsymbol{R}, \boldsymbol{r_i}) = \sum_{jLk} u_{jLk}^{J\pi}(\boldsymbol{R}) \left[\psi_{0,k}^{j\pi}(\boldsymbol{r_i}) \otimes Y_L(\Omega_R) \right]^{JM}$$

To be determined
 \Rightarrow scattering matrices
⁶He wave functions

Several steps:

1. Solve the ⁶He problem: $H_0 \Psi_{0,k}^{j\pi} = E_k^{j\pi} \Psi_{0,k}^{j\pi}$

 \rightarrow Generator Coordinate Method (GCM)

- 2. Compute the coupling potentials $V_{k,k'}^{j\pi,j'\pi'}(\mathbf{R}) = \langle \psi_{0,k}^{j\pi} | \sum_{i} v_{i-T}(\mathbf{r}_i \mathbf{R}) | \psi_{0,k'}^{j'\pi'} \rangle$ \rightarrow densities + folding method \rightarrow multipole expansion
- 3. Solve the coupled-channel system for each $j\pi$
 - \rightarrow R-matrix method (provides the scattering matrices)
- 4. Compute the cross sections from the scattering matrices (standard formula)

First step:

Microscopic description of ⁶He

References

- Bound states: S. Korennov and P.D., *Nucl. Phys. A740 (2004) 249* M. Theeten, D. Baye and P. D. *Phys. Rev. C 74 (2006) 044304*
- Scattering states: A. Damman and P. D., Phys. Rev. C80 (2009) 044310



Hyperspherical coordinates

$$X = \frac{R_2}{\sqrt{\mu_{12}}}$$
$$Y = \frac{R_1}{\sqrt{\mu_{(12)3}}}$$

→ Hyperradius $\rho = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$

 \rightarrow A single generator coordinate, associated with the hyperradius ρ

 \rightarrow The ⁶He wave function is expanded as

$$\psi_{0,k}^{jm\pi} = \sum_{K=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l_{x,i}, l_{y}, L, S} \sum_{i=1}^{N} f_{\gamma K}^{j\pi}(\rho_{i}) \Phi_{\gamma K}^{jm\pi}(\rho_{i})$$

K=hypermoment (truncated at K_{max})

 $\begin{aligned} \gamma &= (l_x, l_y, L, S) \\ & \text{with } K = l_x + l_y + 2n \ (n > 0) \\ & \text{the number of } \gamma \text{ values depends on } K_{max} \end{aligned}$

 ho_i : values of the generator coordinate (Npprox 10-15)

$$\psi_{0,k}^{jm\pi} = \sum_{K=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l_{x}, l_{y}, L, S} \sum_{i=1}^{N} f_{\gamma K, k}^{j\pi}(\rho_{i}) \Phi_{\gamma K}^{jm\pi}(\rho_{i})$$

 $\Phi_{\gamma K}^{jm\pi}(\rho_i)$ =projected Slater determinant $f_{\gamma K}^{j\pi}(\rho_i)$ =generator function

Standard variational problem

$$\sum_{\gamma,K,i} f_{\gamma K,k}^{j\pi}(\rho_i) \left(H_{\gamma K,\gamma' K'}^{j\pi}(\rho_i,\rho_{i'}) - E_{0,k}^{j\pi} H_{\gamma K,\gamma' K'}^{j\pi}(\rho_i,\rho_{i'}) \right) = 0$$

With

$$H^{j\pi}_{\gamma K,\gamma' K'}(\rho_{i},\rho_{i},\rho_{i}) = \langle \Phi^{j\pi}_{\gamma K}(\rho_{i})|H|\Phi^{j\pi}_{\gamma' K'}(\rho_{i},\rho_{i})\rangle$$

$$N^{j\pi}_{\gamma K,\gamma' K'}(\rho_{i},\rho_{i},\rho_{i}) = \langle \Phi^{j\pi}_{\gamma K}(\rho_{i})|1|\Phi^{j\pi}_{\gamma' K'}(\rho_{i},\rho_{i})\rangle$$

7-dimension integrals

Also needed: densities $\langle \Phi_{\gamma K}^{j\pi}(\rho_i) | \sum_n \delta(r - r_n) | \Phi_{\gamma' K'}^{j\pi}(\rho_{i'}) \rangle$ (expanded in multipoles)

Projected matrix elements: 7-dimension integrals



Conditions of the calculations

- NN interaction: Minnesota with u=1.050, $S_0=30 \rightarrow$ reproduce ⁶He binding energy, and α +n phase shifts
- j=0⁺,1⁻,2⁺,3⁻
- Kmax=18
- ρ_i : from 1.5 fm to 12 fm (by step of 1.5 fm)



	GCM	ехр
$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_p}$	1.34	
$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_n}$	2.77	
$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$	2.39	2.33 ± 0.04



Second step:

Calculation of the coupling potentials

3. Coupling potentials



Coupling potentials $V_{k,k'}^{jm,j'm'}(\mathbf{R}) = \langle \psi_{0,k}^{jm\pi} | \sum_{i} v_{i-T}(\mathbf{r}_{i} - \mathbf{R}) | \psi_{0,k'}^{j'm'\pi'} \rangle$

- $\psi_{0,k}^{jm\pi}$ =combination of projected Slater determinants
- $v_{i-T}(r_i R)$ =nucleon-target interaction (including Coulomb)
- → Standard one-body matrix element (such as kinetic energy, rms radius...)
 → Must be expanded in multipoles:

$$V_{k,k'}^{jm,j'm'}(\mathbf{R}) = \sum_{\lambda} \langle jm \, \lambda m' - m | j'm' \rangle V_{k,k'}^{j,j'}(\lambda, R) Y_{\lambda}^{m'-m}(\Omega_R)$$

3. Coupling potentials

\rightarrow Two calculation methods:

1) Brink's formula for Slater determinants

One-body matrix elements (kinetic energy, rms radius, densities, etc.)

- Matrix elements between individual orbitals φ_i : $M_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | v(r R) | \varphi_j \rangle$
- Overlap matrix $B_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle$
- Angular momentum projection
- 2) Folding procedure

$$V_{k,k'}^{jm,j'm'}(\mathbf{R}) = \langle \psi_{0,k}^{jm\pi} \left| \sum_{i} v(\mathbf{r}_{i} - \mathbf{R}) \right| \psi_{0,k'}^{j'm'\pi'} \rangle$$

= $\int d\mathbf{S} v(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{R}) \langle \psi_{0,k}^{jm\pi} \left| \sum_{i} \delta(\mathbf{r}_{i} - \mathbf{S}) \right| \psi_{0,k'}^{j'm'\pi'} \rangle$
= $\int d\mathbf{S} v(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{R}) \rho_{kk'}^{jm,j'm'}(\mathbf{S})$

With $\rho_{kk'}^{jm,j'm'}(\boldsymbol{S}) = \langle \psi_{0,k}^{jm\pi} \left| \sum_{i} \delta(\boldsymbol{r}_i - \boldsymbol{S}) \right| \psi_{0,k'}^{j'm'\pi'} \rangle$ =nuclear densities

expanded in multipoles as $\rho_{kk'}^{jm,j'm'}(S) = \sum_{\lambda} \langle jm \lambda m' - m | j'm' \rangle \rho_{k,k'}^{jj'\lambda}(S) Y_{\lambda}^{m'-m}(\Omega_S)$

- ightarrow Test of the calculation
- \rightarrow 2nd method more efficient since changing the potential is a minor work

3. Coupling potentials

In practice: folding potentials are computed with Fourier transforms If $V(\mathbf{r}) = \int v(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{S})\rho(\mathbf{S})d\mathbf{S} \rightarrow \tilde{V}(q) = \tilde{v}(q)F(q)$

- $\tilde{v}(q)$ =Fourier transform of the nucleon-target interaction
- F(q)=form factor (=Fourier transform of the density) densities expanded in Gaussians
- Must be done for protons and neutrons
- For pseudostates: densities extend to large distances → numerical problems tests with the Coulomb interaction: analytical calculations possible



Third step:

Solving the coupled-channel equations



Hamiltonian: $H = H_0 + T_R + \sum_i v_{i-T}(r_i - R)$

Wave function:
$$\Psi^{JM\pi}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}_i) = \sum_{jLk} u_{jLk}^{J\pi}(\mathbf{R}) \left[\psi_{0,k}^{j\pi}(\mathbf{r}_i) \otimes Y_L(\Omega_R) \right]^{JM}$$

→ Set of coupled equations

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\left(\frac{d^2}{dR^2} - \frac{L(L+1)}{R^2}\right) + E_c - E\right] u_c^{J\pi}(R) + \sum_{c'} V_{cc'}^{J\pi}(R) u_{c'}^{J\pi}(R) = 0$$

$$V_c^{J\pi}(R) \text{ obtained from } V_{cc'}^{jm,j'm'}(R) \text{ with additional angular momenum coupled}$$

 $V_{cc'}^{jn}(R)$ obtained from $V_{k,k'}^{jnn,jm}(R)$ with additional angular momenum couplings **Channel c**= *j*: projectile quantum numbers

k: excitation level of the projectile [physical state (E < 0) or pseudostate (E > 0)]

L: orbital angular momentum between projectile and target

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\left(\frac{d^2}{dR^2} - \frac{L(L+1)}{R^2}\right) + E_c - E\right]u_c^{J\pi}(R) + \sum_{c'}V_{cc'}^{J\pi}(R)u_{c'}^{J\pi}(R) = 0$$



• Solved with: Numerov algorithm / **R-matrix method**

At large distances

Nuclear potential negligible, only Coulomb remains

• Wave function
$$u_c^{J\pi}(R) \rightarrow I_c(k_c R)\delta_{\omega c} - U_{\omega c}^{J\pi}O_c(k_c R)$$

with ω =entrance channel

 $I_c(x), O_c(x) =$ incoming and outgoing Coulomb functions

 $U_{\omega c}^{J\pi}$ =scattering matrix \rightarrow various cross sections (elastic, breakup, etc)

Solving the coupled-channel system

R-matrix theory: based on 2 regions (channel radius a)
A.M. Lane and R.G. Thomas, Rev. Mod. Phys. 30 (1958) 257
P.D. and D. Baye, Rep. Prog. Phys. 73 (2010) 036301
P.D., Computer Physics Communications (in press) http://arxiv.org/abs/1510.03540



matching at R=a provides: scattering matrices $U^{J\pi} \rightarrow$ cross sections

Choice of the basis: the Lagrange-mesh method (D. Baye, Phys. Rep. 565 (2015) 1-107)

• Gauss approximation:
$$\int_0^a g(x) dx \approx \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k g(x_k)$$

- N= order of the Gauss approximation
- x_k =roots of an orthogonal polynomial $P_N(x)$, I_k =weights

○ If interval [0,a]: Legendre polynomials $[0,\infty]$: Laguerre polynomials

• Lagrange functions for [0,1]:
$$f_i(x) \sim \frac{P_N(2x-1)}{(x-x_i)}$$

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$$x_i$$
 are roots of $P_N(2x-1) = 0$

$$\circ~$$
 with the Lagrange property: $f_i(x_j) = \lambda_i^{-1/2}$

- Matrix elements with Lagrange functions: Gauss approximation is used $< f_i | f_j > = \int f_i(x) f_j(x) dx \approx \delta_{ij}$
- $< f_i |T| f_j >$ analytical

 $\langle f_i | V | f_j \rangle = \int f_i(x) V(x) f_j(x) dx \approx V(x_i) \delta_{ij} \Rightarrow$ no integral needed

Computer time: 2 main parts

- Matrix elements: very fast with Lagrange functions
- Inversion of a complex matrix $C \rightarrow R$ -matrix (long times for large matrices)

For reactions involving halo nuclei:

• Long range of the potentials (Coulomb)



- Radius *a* must be large
- Many basis functions (N large)
- Even stronger for dipole terms (~ $1/R^2$)
- Distorted Coulomb functions (FRESCO)
- Propagation techniques in the R-matrix (well known in atomic physics) Ref.: Baluja et al. Comp. Phys. Comm. 27 (1982) 299 Well adapted to Lagrange-mesh calculations

Applications: ⁶He scattering on ⁵⁸Ni, ¹²⁰Sn, ²⁰⁸Pb

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- Optical potentials n-T, p-T: taken from Koning and Delaroche, NPA 713 (2003) 231
 - Complex potentials (simulate the excitation of the target)
 - ⁵⁸Ni, ¹²⁰Sn, ²⁰⁸Pb: "*local*" potentials (specific fits)
- Convergence problems: truncation on E_{max} , j_{max}



⁶He +⁵⁸Ni: V. Morcelle et al., PLB 732 (2014) 228 Coulomb barrier $V_B \sim 7.3$ MeV



Convergence with E_{max} $j_{max} = 3$

Convergence with j_{max} $E_{max} = 15 \text{ MeV}$

 \rightarrow 1- important





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⁶He +²⁰⁸Pb: L. Acosta et al., PRC 84 (2011) 044604 Coulomb barrier VB~18.4 MeV



⁶He +²⁰⁸Pb: reaction cross sections



- → BU channels yield a larger reaction cross section
- → Stable with jmax and Emax

Goals:

- Sensitivity with respect to the p-²⁰⁸Pb and n-²⁰⁸Pb optical potentials
- Equivalent potentials (full CDCC → single-channel)
- 1. Sensitivity

$$H = H_0 + T_R + \sum_{i=1}^{6} \left(\frac{1}{2} - t_{iz}\right) \left[v_p(r_i - R) + v_c(r_i - R)\right] + \left(\frac{1}{2} + t_{iz}\right) v_n(r_i - R)$$

Proton-target
Optical potential
Neutron-target
Optical potential

 v_p and v_n are taken from Koning-Delaroche, NPA 713 (2003) 231

- Include real and imaginary parts
- Fit nucleon elastic scattering
- \rightarrow How sensitive are the ⁶He-²⁰⁸Pb cross sections?
- \rightarrow Multiplicative factors F_p and F_n

Single channel



- Negligible role of the p-²⁰⁸Pb optical potential $E_{lab}(^{6}He)=22 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow E_{lab}(p)^{3.7} \text{ MeV}$: much lower than the Coulomb barrier (~10 MeV)
- Role of n-²⁰⁸Pb: not very strong Consistent with R.C. Johnson et al., PRL 79 (1997) 2771 For halo nuclei: $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \approx |F(q)| \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{core-target}$ several conditions: adiabatic, core-target potential dominant, etc.

Multi channel



 \rightarrow Similar conclusions for the p/n optical potentials

 \rightarrow Importance of Coulomb couplings (difference between SC and MC)

2. Equivalent potentials

Question: can we find a single-channel equivalent potential?

a) J-dependent potential

For the elastic channel : $(T_R + V_{11}^J(R) - E)u_1^J(R) = -\sum_{c\neq 1} V_{1c}^J(R)u_c^J(R)$

Equivalent to
$$(T_R + V_{11}^J(R) + V_{pol}^J(R) - E) u_1^J(R) = 0$$

with
$$V_{pol}^{J}(R) = -\frac{\sum_{c \neq 1} V_{1c}^{J}(R) u_{c}^{J}(R)}{u_{1}^{J}(R)}$$

Problems: J dependent contains singularities (nodes of the wave function)

 \rightarrow Construction of a J-independent potential

b) J-independent potential

I.J. Thompson et al., Nucl. Phys. A 505 (1989) 84.

$$V_{pol}(R) = \frac{\sum_{J} V_{pol}^{J}(R) \omega^{J}(R)}{\sum_{J} \omega^{J}(R)}$$

With $\omega^{J}(R)$ =weight function

reduces the influence of the nodes gives more weight to the dominant J-values

$$\omega^{J}(R) = (2J+1) \left(1 - \left|U_{11}^{J}\right|^{2}\right) \left|u_{1}^{J}(R)\right|^{2}$$

Test: verify that $V_{pol}(R)$ redroduces the full calculation





Conclusion

7. Conclusion

- Microscopic CDCC: Combination of CDCC and microscopic cluster model for the projectile
- Continuum simulated by pseudostates
- Extension to three-cluster projectiles (still in progress!)
- Only a nucleon-target is necessary (no free parameter)
- Application to 6 He + target
 - ⁶He is well described by a microscopic α +n+n structure
 - ⁶He+⁵⁸Ni, ⁶He+¹²⁰Sn, ⁶He+²⁰⁸Pb are investigated near the Coulomb barrier
 - Good agreement with experiment
 - Importance of break-up channels (poor agreement when they are neglected)
- ⁶He+²⁰⁸Pb potential
 - Equivalent potentials can be obtained
 - Break-up channels make the real part more repulsive
 - Imaginary part has a long range