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# Introduction: low-energy nuclear reactions

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- inelastic scattering
- transfer rections
- breakup reactions
- fusion reactions



## Introduction: low-energy nuclear reactions

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✓ an interplay between nuclear structure and reaction

shapes, excitations, .....

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# Fusion reactions: compound nucleus formation



cf. Bohr '36



NASA, Skylab space station December 19. 1973, solar flore reaching 588 000 km off solar surfa

energy production in stars (Bethe '39)

## nucleosynthesis

Proton Neutron Y Gamma Ray



## superheavy elements

Fusion and fission: large amplitude motions of quantum many-body systems with strong interaction

microscopic understanding: an ultimate goal of nuclear physics

## Coulomb barrier



the barrier height  $\rightarrow$  defines the energy scale of a system

Fusion reactions at energies around the Coulomb barrier

Low-energy heavy-ion fusion reactions and quantum tunneling

Fusion with quantum tunneling

with many degrees of freedom

- several nuclear shapes



- several surface vibrations



several modes and adiabaticities

- several types of nucleon transfers

Tunneling probabilities: the exponential E dependence  $\rightarrow$  nuclear structure effects are amplified Discovery of large sub-barrier enhancement of  $\sigma_{fus}$  (~80's)

the potential model: inert nuclei (no structure)



## <sup>154</sup>Sm : a typical deformed nucleus



rotational spectrum



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4+

核融合反応断面積:

$$\sigma_{fus}(E) = \int_{0}^{1} d(\cos \theta_{T}) \sigma_{fus}[E; V(r, \theta_{T})] \qquad = 2\pi \int_{-1}^{1} d(\cos \theta_{T}) |Y_{00}(\theta_{T})|^{2} \sigma_{fus}[E; V(r, \theta_{T})] = 2\pi \int_{-1}^{1} d(\cos \theta_{T}) |Y_{00}(\theta_{T})|^{2} \sigma_{fus}[E; V(r, \theta_{T})] = \frac{154 \text{Sm}}{\text{基底状態の波動関数}}$$

弹性散乱断面積:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\rm el}}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta)|^2; \quad f(\theta) = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta_T) f_{\rm el}[\theta; V(r, \theta_T)]$$





$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = 2\pi \int_{-1}^{1} d(\cos \theta_T) |Y_{00}(\theta_T)|^2 \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}[E; V(r, \theta_T)]$$
  
基底状態の波動関数

時々ある誤解:

準弾性散乱:

「この取り扱いでは、原子核が<mark>励起していない」</mark>—これは大きな誤解 角度  $\theta_T$ を固定  $\longleftrightarrow$  角運動量状態が完全不確定(不確定性原理)  $|\theta_T\rangle = \sum_{I=0}^{\infty} \langle \theta_T | Y_{I0} \rangle | Y_{I0} \rangle$ 

 $\frac{d\sigma_{\text{qel}}}{d\Omega} = \sum_{I=0}^{\infty} \frac{d\sigma_I}{d\Omega} = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta_T) \frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{d\Omega} [V(r,\theta_T)]$ 

 $4^{+}$ 





 $= f_{\rm el}(\theta; \theta_T)$ 

 $4^{+}$ 

**Fusion barrier distribution** 

 $\frac{d^2(E\sigma_{\rm fus})}{dE^2}$  $D_{\mathsf{fus}}(E)$ 

N. Rowley, G.R. Satchler, and P.H. Stelson, PLB254 ('91) 25



K.H. and N. Takigawa, PTP128 ('12) 1061

✓ Fusion barrier distribution (Rowley, Satchler, Stelson, PLB254('91))





Fusion as a quantum tunneling microscope for nuclei

**Quasi-elastic barrier distribution** 

$$D_{\text{qel}}(E) = -\frac{d}{dE} \left( \frac{\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_{\text{Ruth}}(E,\pi)} \right)$$

## Quasi-elastic scattering:

H. Timmers et al., NPA584('95)190

A sum of all the reaction processes other than fusion (elastic + inelastic + transfer + .....)





## D<sub>fus</sub> and D<sub>qel</sub>: behave similarly to each other

cf. Application to reactions relevant to SHE

 ${}^{48}Ca + {}^{248}Cm \rightarrow {}^{296}{}_{116}Lv^*$ 

T. Tanaka et al., JPSJ 87 ('18) 014201 PRL124 ('20) 052502

 ${}^{51}V + {}^{248}Cm \rightarrow {}^{299}119^*$ 

M. Tanaka et al., JPSJ 91 ('22) 084201

K.H. and N. Rowley, PRC69('04)054610

#### Determination of $\beta_4$ of <sup>24</sup>Mg with quasi-elastic scattering

Y.K. Gupta, B.K. Nayak, U. Garg, K.H., et al., PLB806, 135473 (2020).



## Determination of $\beta_4$ of <sup>28</sup>Si with quasi-elastic scattering

Y.K. Gupta, V.B. Katariya, G.K. Prajapati, K.H., et al., PLB845, 138120 (2023).



# Summary

# Heavy-ion fusion reactions around the Coulomb barrier

✓ Strong interplay between nuclear structure and reaction
✓ Quantum tunneling with various intrinsic degrees of freedom
✓ Role of deformation in sub-barrier enhancement



✓ Fusion barrier distribution  $D_{fus}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{fus})}{dE^2}$ 

✓ Quasi-elastic barrier distribution  $D_{qel}(E) = -\frac{d}{dE} \left( \frac{\sigma_{qel}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_{Ruth}(E,\pi)} \right)$ sensitive to the nuclear structure recent applications to <sup>24</sup>Mg, <sup>28</sup>Si + <sup>90</sup>Zr → determination of  $\beta_4$