Quantum Many-body Dynamics in low-energy heavy-ion reactions

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Basic of nuclear reactions

Shape, interaction, and excitation structures of nuclei \leftarrow scattering expt. cf. Experiment by Rutherford (α scatt.)



²⁰⁸Pb(¹⁶O,¹⁶O)²⁰⁸Pb ²⁰⁸Pb(¹⁶O,¹⁶O)²⁰⁸Pb* ²⁰⁸Pb(¹⁷O,¹⁶O)²⁰⁹Pb

- : ¹⁶O+²⁰⁸Pb elastic scattering
- : ¹⁶O+²⁰⁸Pb inelastic scattering
- : 1 neutron transfer reaction



The number of reaction per unit time and per one target nucleus σX the number of projectile nucleus passed through a unit area per unit time

 σ/S = probability for scattering to occur when a projectile nucleus in the beam collides with a target nucleus

Units: 1 barn = 10^{-24} cm² = 100 fm² (1 mb = 10^{-3} b = 0.1 fm²)

Differential scattering cross sections:



Scattering Amplitude

Motion of Free particle:
$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\psi = E\psi = \frac{k^2\hbar^2}{2m}\psi$$
$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1)i^l j_l(kr)P_l(\cos\theta)$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{i}{2kr}\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1)i^l \left[e^{-i(kr-l\pi/2)} - e^{i(kr-l\pi/2)}\right]P_l(\cos\theta)$$

In the presence of a potential:
$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + V(r) - E\right]\psi = 0$$

Asymptotic form of wave function

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \frac{i}{2kr} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1)i^{l} \left[e^{-i(kr-l\pi/2)} - \underline{S}_{l} e^{i(kr-l\pi/2)} \right] P_{l}(\cos\theta)$$

$$= e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \left[\sum_{l} (2l+1) \frac{S_{l}-1}{2ik} P_{l}(\cos\theta) \right] \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

$$f(\theta) \quad \text{(scattering amplitude)}$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \left[\sum_{l} (2l+1) \frac{S_{l}-1}{2ik} P_{l}(\cos\theta)\right] \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$
$$= e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + f(\theta) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \qquad = (\text{incident wave}) + (\text{scattering wave})$$



If only elastic scattering:

 $S_l = e^{2i\delta_l}$

$|S_l| = 1$ (flux conservation)

 δ_l : phase shift

Differential cross section



The number of scattered particle through the solid angle of $d\Omega$ per unit time:

$$N_{\text{scatt}} = j_{sc} \cdot e_r r^2 d\Omega$$

$$j_{sc} = \frac{\hbar}{2im} \left[\psi_{sc}^* \nabla \psi_{sc} - c.c. \right] \sim \frac{k\hbar}{m} \frac{|f(\theta)|^2}{r^2} e_r$$
(flux for the scatt. wave)
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta)|^2 \qquad f(\theta) = \sum_l (2l+1) \frac{S_l - 1}{2ik} P_l(\cos \theta)$$

Optical potential and Absorption cross section

Reaction processes

- ≻Elastic scatt.
- ≻Inelastic scatt.
- >Transfer reaction
- >Compound nucleus
 formation (fusion)

Optical potential

Loss of incident flux

(absorption)

$$V_{\text{opt}}(r) = V(r) - iW(r) \qquad (W > 0)$$

$$\sum i = \frac{2}{W |i/i|^2}$$

$$\nabla \cdot j = \cdots = -\frac{2}{\hbar} W |\psi|^2$$

(note) Gauss's law

$$\int_{S} \boldsymbol{j} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \, dS = \int_{V} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{j} \, dV$$

Overview of heavy-ion reactions

Heavy-ion: Nuclei heavier than ⁴He



Two forces:
1. Coulomb force

Long range,
repulsive

2. Nuclear force

Short range,
attractive

Potential barrier due to the compensation between the two (Coulomb barrier)

• Double Folding Potential



v : nucleon-nucleon interaction

• Phenomenological potential

$$V_{WS}(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0)/a]}$$

Three important features of heavy-ion reactions



3. Strong absorption inside the Coul. barrier





Automatic Compound nucleus formation once touched (assumption of strong absorption)

Grazing angular momentum



 $l < l_g$: can access to the strong absorption region *classically* $l \ge l_g$: the strong absorption region is *classically forbidden* Reaction is drastically changed at $l=l_g$ for a given *E* i) $l \gg l_g$ or $E \ll V_b$

Classical turning point: very far away

 Elastic scatt. due to Coul. force (Rutherford scatt.)
 Excitation due to the Coul. field (Coulomb excitation)

Low-lying collective motion

ii) $l\gtrsim l_g$

Nuclear effect: important

•Elastic scatt. direct •Inelastic scatt. reaction •Transfer reaction

Quasi-elastic scattering

Dynamics as a many-body system



iii) $l < l_g$

Access to the region of large overlap

High level density (CN)Huge number of d.o.f.

Relative energy is quickly lost and converted to internal energy



 $l \ge l_g$: cannot access cassically

Formation of hot CN (fusion reaction)

iv) In the case of $l_c < l_g$

Coul. Pocket: disappears at $l = l_g$ Reaction intermediate between Direct reaction and fusion: Deep Inelastic Collisions (DIC)

Scattering at relatively high energy a/o for heavy systems



Partial decomposition of reaction cross section



Figure 4.18 Schematic decomposition of the total heavy-ion reaction cross section into contributions from different partial waves when (a) the grazing angular momentum (quantum number ℓ_g) is below the critical angular momentum (quantum number ℓ_c) that can be carried by the compound nucleus, and (b) when ℓ_g exceeds ℓ_c . In both (a) and (b) the straight line is obtained from Equation (4.3) and the dashed areas indicate regions in which different types of heavy-ion nuclear reaction mechanisms predominate.

Taken from J.S. Lilley, "Nuclear Physics"

Classical Model for heavy-ion fusion reactions



$$\sigma_{\rm fus}^{cl}(E) = \pi R_b^2 \left(1 - \frac{V_b}{E} \right)$$

 \longrightarrow Classical fusion cross section is proportional to 1 / E



Fusion reaction and Quantum Tunneling



Fusion takes place by quantum tunneling at low energies!

Quantum Tunneling Phenomena



For a parabolic barrier.....





In the case of three-dimensional spherical potential:

$$\psi(r) \rightarrow \frac{i}{2k} \sum_{l} (2l+1) i^{l} \frac{1}{r} \left[e^{-i(kr-l\pi/2)} - S_{l} e^{i(kr-l\pi/2)} \right] P_{l}(\cos\theta)$$

$$= \int_{0}^{15} \frac{e^{-ikr}}{\int_{0}^{10} \frac{e^{-ikr}}{\int_{0}^{10}$$

Potential Model: its success and failure

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + V(r) + \frac{l(l+1)^2}{2\mu r^2} - E \bigg] u_l(r) = 0$$

Asymptotic boundary condition: $u_l(r) \to H_l^{(-)}(kr) - S_l H_l^{(+)}(kr)$





Asymptotic boundary condition: $u_l(r) \to H_l^{(-)}(kr) - S_l H_l^{(+)}(kr)$ Fusion cross section: $\sigma_{\text{fus}} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)P_l$ $P_{l} = 1 - |S_{l}|^{2}$ Inner boundary condition: (i) Method of Absorbing potential $V(r) = V_R(r) - iW(r)$ $u_l(r) \sim r^{l+1}$ r_{abs} 100 $^{16}O + ^{154}Sm$ 80 (MeV) 60 (ii) IWBC 40 $u_l(r) = T_l \exp\left(-i \int_{r_{abs}}^r k_l(r') dr'\right)^{d} \begin{bmatrix} 2l \\ 0 \\ -20 \\ -40 \\ -60 \\ -80 \end{bmatrix}$ (Incomine W) 20 Large W limit r Coulomb Nuclear Total Strong absorption 15 20 $k_l(r) = \sqrt{2\mu/\hbar^2} [E - V_R(r) - l(l+1)\hbar^2/2\mu r^2]$ • Requires only Real Potential (no need for imaginary part) $P_1 = |T_1|^2$

Wong's formula

C.Y. Wong, Phys. Rev. Lett. 31 ('73)766

$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)P_l(E)$$

i) Approximate the Coul. barrier by a parabola: $V(r) \sim V_b - \frac{1}{2}\mu\Omega^2 r^2$

$$P_0(E) = 1 \left/ \left(1 + \exp\left[\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(V_b - E)\right] \right) \right.$$

ii) Approximate P_l by P_0 :

$$P_l(E) \sim P_0\left(E - \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu R_b^2}\right)$$

(assume *l*-independent Rb and curvature)

iii) Replace the sum of l with an integral



$$\sigma_{\rm fus}(E) = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2E} R_b^2 \log\left[1 + \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(E - V_b)\right)\right]$$

(note) For
$$E \gg V_b$$
 $1 \ll \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(E - V_b)\right)$
 $\implies \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) \sim \pi R_b^2 \left(1 - \frac{V_b}{E}\right) = \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}^{cl}(E)$

(note)

$$\frac{d(E\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}})}{dE} = \frac{\pi R_b^2}{1 + \exp\left[\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(V_b - E)\right]} = \pi R_b^2 \cdot P_{l=0}(E)$$

$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2E} R_b^2 \log\left[1 + \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(E - V_b)\right)\right]$$



Comparison between prediction of pot. model with expt. data

Fusion cross sections calculated with a static energy independent potential



➢ Works well for relatively light systems
 ➢ Underpredicts σ_{fus} for heavy systems at low energies



$$P_0(E) = \frac{1}{\pi R_b^2} \frac{d(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE}$$

(note)

Potential Inversion

$$P_0(E) = 1/[1 + S_0(E)], \quad S_0(E) = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} dr \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2}} (V(r) - E)$$

$$t(E) \equiv r_2 - r_1 = -\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}} \int_E^{V_b} \frac{\frac{dS_0(E')}{dE'}}{\sqrt{E' - E}} dE'$$





Fusion cross sections calculated with a static energy independent potential



Target dependence of fusion cross section



Strong target dependence at $E < V_b$

Low-lying collective excitations in atomic nuclei

Low-lying excited states in even-even nuclei are collective excitations, and strongly reflect the pairing correlation and shell strucuture



Taken from R.F. Casten, "Nuclear Structure from a Simple Perspective"


図 3-4 Dy アイソトープの低励起スペクトル. 励起エ ネルギーの単位は keV.

Vibrational excitations

Bethe-Weizacker formula: Mass formula based on Liquid-Drop Model

$$B(N,Z) = a_v A - a_s A^{2/3} - a_C \frac{Z^2}{A^{1/3}} - a_{\text{sym}} \frac{(N-Z)^2}{A}$$











 \implies Random phase approximation (RPA)

 114 Cd

Random Phase Approximation



Hartree-Fock state

$$|\text{vib}
angle = Q^{\dagger}|0
angle = \sum_{ph} \left(X_{ph} a_p^{\dagger} a_h - Y_{ph} a_h^{\dagger} a_p \right) |0
angle$$

(coherent superposition of 1p1h states)

$$\implies [H, Q^{\dagger}] \approx \hbar \omega Q^{\dagger}$$

Rotational excitation

•<u>Shell energy</u>

 $B(N,Z) = B_{\text{macro}}(N,Z) + B_{\text{micro}}(N,Z)$

•Smooth part





Liquid drop model: $B_{\text{LDM}} = B_{\text{macro}} + B_{\text{pair}}$

126 50 82 9.0 50 IIII 82 8.5 \mathcal{B}/A (MeV) 8.0 9 \mathcal{B}/A (MeV) 7.5 10 20 30 0 Α 50 250 100 150 200 0 Taken from Bohr-Mottelson Α

Deformed energy surface for a given nucleus



* Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking



Excitation spectra of ¹⁵⁴Sm











cf. Rotational energy of a rigid body (Classical mechanics)

 $E = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{J}\omega^2 = \frac{I^2}{2\mathcal{J}}$ $(I = \mathcal{J}\omega, \ \omega = \dot{\theta})$

¹⁵⁴Sm is deformed

(note) What is 0⁺ state (Quantum Mechanics)?
 0⁺: no preference of direction (spherical)
 Mixing of all orientations with an equal probability

c.f. HF + Angular Momentum Projection

Evidences for nuclear deformation

•The existence of rotational bands

$$E_I = \frac{I(I+1)\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{J}}$$

•Very large quadrupole moments (for odd-A nuclei)

$$Q = e \sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}} \langle \Psi_{II} | r^2 Y_{20} | \Psi_{II} \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
0.903 - 8 \\
(MeV) \\
0.544 - 6^{4} \\
0.267 - 4^{4}
\end{array}$$

+

Deformation

$$0.082 - 2^+ 0^+ - 154 \mathrm{Sm}^{-154} \mathrm{Sm}^{$$

Strongly enhanced quadrupole transition probabilities
 Hexadecapole matrix elements
 Single-particle structure
 Fission isomers



Effect of collective excitation on σ_{fus} : rotational case

Comparison of energy scales

 $V(r) \sim V_b - \frac{1}{2}\mu\Omega^2 r^2$

Tunneling motion: $E_{tun} \sim \hbar \Omega \sim 3.5 \text{ MeV}$ (barrier curvature) Rotational motion: $E_{rot} \sim E_{2^+} \sim 0.08 \text{MeV}$

$$E_{\text{tun}} \gg E_{\text{rot}} = I(I+1)\hbar^2/2\mathcal{J} \to 0$$

The orientation angle of 154 Sm does not change much during fusion

(note) Ground state (0+ state) when reaction starts



 $\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_{0}^{1} d(\cos\theta) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E;\theta)$

Mixing of all orientations with an equal weight



More quantal treatment: Coupled-Channels method



$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_0(r) + H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r,\xi)$$
$$\Psi(r,\xi) = \sum_k \psi_k(r)\phi_k(\xi) \qquad \qquad H_0(\xi)\phi_k(\xi) = \epsilon_k \phi_k(\xi)$$

Schroedinger equation: $(H - E)\Psi(r, \xi) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{c} \langle \phi_k | \longrightarrow \\ \\ \hline \\ \langle \phi_k | H - E | \Psi \rangle = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\nabla^2 + V_0(r) + \epsilon_k - E\right]\psi_k(r) + \sum_{k'}\langle\phi_k|V_{\text{coup}}|\phi_{k'}\rangle\psi_{k'}(r) = 0$$

Coupled-channels equations

Angular momentum coupling

$$H_{0}(\xi)\phi_{nIm_{I}}(\xi) = \epsilon_{nI}\phi_{nIm_{I}}(\xi) \qquad 0.903 \qquad I^{\pi=8^{+}} \\ M_{0}(\xi)\phi_{nIm_{I}}(\xi) = \epsilon_{nI}\phi_{nIm_{I}}(\xi) \qquad 0.544 \qquad 6^{+} \\ \text{Total ang. mom.:} \quad I + l = J \qquad 0.267 \qquad 4^{+} \\ 0.082 \qquad Q^{2^{+}} \\ 0^{-} \qquad Q^{-} \qquad Q^{-} \\ \downarrow^{154}\text{Sm} \qquad Q^{+} \\ \psi(r,\xi) = \sum_{k}\psi_{k}(r)\phi_{k}(\xi) = \sum_{n,l,I}\frac{u_{nlI}(r)}{r}[Y_{l}(\hat{r})\phi_{nI}(\xi)]^{(JM)} \\ \langle [Y_{l}\phi_{nI}]^{(JM)}|H - E|\Psi\rangle = 0$$

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2\mu}\frac{d^{2}}{dr^{2}} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^{2}}{2\mu r^{2}} + V_{0}(r) - E + \epsilon_{nI} \right] u_{nlI}(r) \\ + \sum_{n'l'I'}\langle [Y_{l}\phi_{nI}]^{(JM)}|V_{\text{coup}}(r)|[Y_{l'}\phi_{n'I'}]^{(JM)}\rangle u_{n'l'I'}(r) = 0 \right]$$



(note) Dynamical Polarization Potential



Total Hilbert space considered (conceptual figure)

"Eliminate" the Q-space and project on to the P-space

Effective potential for the P-space (entrance channel) : Dynamical Polarization Potential

Energy dependent, non-local, complex potential

 \Rightarrow Optical potential V_{opt}

Example: 2 channel problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V_0(r) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F(r) \\ F(r) & \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_0(r) \\ u_1(r) \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} u_0(r) \\ u_1(r) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\equiv \hat{h}_l$$
 or

$$\begin{cases} \hat{h}_l u_0(r) + F(r)u_1(r) = E u_0(r) \quad (1) \\ \hat{h}_l u_1(r) + F(r)u_0(r) = (E - \epsilon)u_1(r) \quad (2) \end{cases}$$

(2)
$$\longrightarrow u_1(r) = -\int_0^\infty dr' \, G^{(+)}(r, r'; E - \epsilon) F(r') u_0(r')$$

$$G^{(+)}(r, r'; E - \epsilon) = \left(\frac{1}{\hat{h}_l - (E - \epsilon) + i\eta}\right)_{r, r'}$$

$$\hat{h}_l u_0(r) - F(r) \int_0^\infty dr' \, G^{(+)}(r, r'; E - \epsilon) F(r') u_0(r') = E \, u_0(r)$$

Example: 2 channel problem (cont'd)

$$\hat{h}_{l} u_{0}(r) - F(r) \int_{0}^{\infty} dr' G^{(+)}(r, r'; E - \epsilon) F(r') u_{0}(r') = E u_{0}(r)$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} dr' V_{\text{DPP}}(r, r') u_{0}(r')$$

$$V_{\mathsf{DPP}}(r,r') = -F(r) G^{(+)}(r,r'; E-\epsilon) F(r')$$

$$G^{(+)}(r,r';E) = \left(\frac{1}{\hat{h}_l - E + i\eta}\right)_{r,r'}$$
$$= -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} \cdot \frac{f_l(kr_{<})\tilde{h}_l^{(+)}(kr_{>})}{W}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} f_l \rightarrow \sin(kr - l\pi/2 + \delta_l) & (\text{regular solution}) \\ \tilde{h}_l \rightarrow \exp[i(kr - l\pi/2 + \delta_l)] & (\text{outgoing solution}) \\ W = f'_l \tilde{h}_l = f_l \tilde{h}'_l = k & (\text{Wronskian}) \end{array}$$

For a more general derivation: Feshbach formalism (see References)

Summary of Coupled-channels method

$$\begin{cases} H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_0(r) + H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r,\xi) \\ \Psi(r,\xi) = \sum_{n,l,I} \frac{u_{nlI}(r)}{r} [Y_l(\hat{r})\phi_{nI}(\xi)]^{(JM)} \\ H_0(\xi)\phi_{nIm_I}(\xi) = \epsilon_{nI}\phi_{nIm_I}(\xi) \\ \langle [Y_l\phi_{nI}]^{(JM)} | H - E | \Psi \rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V_0(r) - E + \epsilon_{nI} \right] u_{nlI}(r) \\ + \sum_{n'l'I'} \langle [Y_l\phi_{nI}]^{(JM)} | V_{\text{coup}}(r) | [Y_{l'}\phi_{n'I'}]^{(JM)} \rangle u_{n'l'I'}(r) = 0 \\ u_{nlI}(r) \to H_l^{(-)}(k_{nI}r)\delta_{n,n_i}\delta_{l,l_i}\delta_{I,I_i} - \sqrt{\frac{k_0}{k_nI}} S_{nlI} H_l^{(+)}(k_{nI}r) \\ P_l(E) = 1 - \sum_{nI} |S_{nlI}|^2 \qquad \sigma_{\text{fus}}(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)P_l(E) \end{cases}$$

Excitation structure of atomic nuclei



Excite the target nucleus via collision with the projectile nucleus

How does the targ. respond to the interaction with the proj.?

Standard approach: analysis with the coupled-channels method

Inelastic cross sections

- Elastic cross sections
- Fusion cross sections



Coupling Potential: Collective Model

$$R(\theta,\phi) = R_T \left(1 + \sum_{\mu} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} Y^*_{\lambda\mu}(\theta,\phi) \right)$$

(note) coordinate transformation to the rotating frame ($\hat{r} = 0$)

$$\sum_{\mu} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} Y_{\lambda\mu}^*(\theta,\phi) \to \sqrt{\frac{2\lambda+1}{4\pi}} \alpha_{\lambda0}$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} = \frac{\beta_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{2\lambda+1}} (a^{\dagger}_{\lambda\mu} + (-)^{\mu} a_{\lambda\mu}) \\ H_{0} = \hbar \omega_{\lambda} \sum_{\mu} a^{\dagger}_{\lambda\mu} a_{\lambda\mu} \end{cases}$$

► Rotational case

Coordinate transformation to the body-fixed rame

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\lambda+1}} \beta_{\lambda} Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta_d, \phi_d) & \text{(for axial symmetry)} \\ H_0 = \frac{I(I+1)\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{J}} \end{cases}$$

In both cases $\beta_{\lambda} = \frac{4\pi}{3Z_T R_T^{\lambda}} \sqrt{\frac{B(E\lambda)\uparrow}{e^2}}$

Deformed Woods-Saxon model:

$$V_{WS}(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0)/a]}$$

= $-\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_P - R_T)/a]}$
$$R_T \rightarrow R_T \left(1 + \sum_{\mu} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} Y^*_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \phi)\right)$$

$$V_{WS}(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0 - R_T \alpha_\lambda \cdot Y_\lambda(\hat{r}))/a]}$$

Deformed Woods-Saxon model (collective model)

K.H., N. Rowley, and A.T. Kruppa, Comp. Phys. Comm. 123('99)143

$$V_{\text{coup}}(r,\hat{O}) = V_{\text{coup}}^{(N)}(r,\hat{O}) + V_{\text{coup}}^{(C)}(r,\hat{O})$$

Nuclear coupling:

$$V_{\text{coup}}^{(N)}(r,\hat{O}) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0 - R_T \hat{O})/a]}$$

Coulomb coupling:

$$V_{\text{coup}}^{(C)}(r,\hat{O}) = \frac{3}{2\lambda+1} Z_P Z_T e^2 \frac{R_T^{\lambda}}{r^{\lambda+1}} \hat{O}$$

Rotational coupling:
$$\hat{O} = \beta Y_{20}(\theta)$$

Vibrational coupling: $\hat{O} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{4\pi}}(a + a^{\dagger})$

Vibrational coupling

$$\hat{O} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{4\pi}} (a + a^{\dagger})$$



Rotational coupling $\hat{O} = \beta Y_{20}(\theta)$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & F & 0 \\ F & \epsilon & \sqrt{2}F \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}F & 2\epsilon \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F & 0 \\ F & \epsilon + \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{7}F & \frac{6}{7}F \\ 0 & \frac{6}{7}F & \frac{10\epsilon}{3} + \frac{20\sqrt{5}}{77}F \end{pmatrix}$$
$$F = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{4\pi}}$$

Iso-centrifugal approximation

No-Coriolis approximationRotating frame approximation



"Spin-less system"

Coupled-channels equations: two limiting cases

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V_0(r) - E + \epsilon_{nI} \end{bmatrix} u_{nlI}(r) \\ + \sum_{n'l'I'} \langle [Y_l \phi_{nI}]^{(JM)} | V_{\text{coup}}(r) | [Y_{l'} \phi_{n'I'}]^{(JM)} \rangle u_{n'l'I'}(r) = 0$$

$$u_{nlI}(r) \to H_l^{(-)}(k_{nI}r)\delta_{n,n_i}\delta_{l,l_i}\delta_{I,I_i} - \sqrt{\frac{k_0}{k_nI}}S_{nlI}H_l^{(+)}(k_{nI}r)$$

$$P_l(E) = 1 - \sum_{nI} |S_{nlI}|^2 \qquad \sigma_{fus}(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)P_l(E)$$

Calculate σ_{fus} by numerically solving the coupled-channels equations

Let us consider two limiting cases in order to understand (interpret) the numerical results

 $\begin{cases} \bullet \ \varepsilon_{nI}: very \ large \\ \bullet \ \varepsilon_{nI} = 0 \end{cases} \qquad A diabatic \ limit \\ Sudden \ limit \end{cases}$

Two limiting cases: (i) adiabatic limit

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_0(r) + H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r,\xi)$$

In case where the rel. motion is much slower than the intrinsic motion

In case where the energy scale for intrinsic motion is much larger than the typical energy scale for the rel. motion

 $\hbar\Omega\ll\epsilon$

(Barrier curvature v.s. Intrinsic excitation energy)

 $[H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r,\xi)]\varphi_0(\xi;r) = \epsilon_0(r)\varphi_0(\xi;r)$



c.f. Born-Oppenheimer approximation for hydrogen molecule



1. Consider first the electron motion for a fixed R

$$[T_r + V(r, R)]u_n(r; R) = \epsilon_n(R)u_n(r; R)$$

2. Minimize $\varepsilon_n(R)$ with respect to ROr 2'. Consider the proton motion in a potential $\varepsilon_n(R)$ $[T_R + \epsilon_n(R)]\phi_n(R) = E\phi_n(R)$ Adiabatic Potential Renormalization

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_0(r) + H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r,\xi)$$

When ε is large,

$$H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r,\xi) \to \epsilon_0(r)$$

where

$$[H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r,\xi)]\varphi_0(\xi;r)$$
$$= \epsilon_0(r) \varphi_0(\xi;r)$$

Fast intrinsic motion Adiabatic potential renormalization $V_{ad}(r) = V_0(r) + \epsilon_0(r)$

Giant Resonances, ¹⁶O(3⁻) [6.31 MeV]



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$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E;\theta)$$

Coupled-channels:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & f(r) & 0 \\ f(r) & \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{7}f(r) & \frac{6}{7}f(r) \\ 0 & \frac{6}{7}f(r) & \frac{20\sqrt{5}}{77}f(r) \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{diagonalize}}{\longrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1(r) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3(r) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\longrightarrow P(E) = \sum_i w_i P(E; V_0(r) + \lambda_i(r))$$

Slow intrinsic motion
Barrier Distribution

Barrier distribution







Barrier distribution: understand the concept using a spin Hamiltonian Hamiltonian (example 1): $H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0(x) + \hat{\sigma}_z \cdot V_s(x)$

For Spin-up

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For Spin-down

 $\widehat{\sigma}_z = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{array}\right)$



$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0(x) + \hat{\sigma}_z \cdot V_1(x)$$
Wave function $\Psi(x) = \psi_1(x) | \uparrow \rangle + \psi_2(x) | \downarrow \rangle$
(general form)
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(x) \\ \psi_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$
Asymptotic form at $x \to \pm \infty$

$$\Psi(x) \to \begin{pmatrix} C_1(e^{-ikx} + R_1e^{ikx}) \\ C_2(e^{-ikx} + R_2e^{ikx}) \end{pmatrix} \quad (x \to \infty) \quad |C_1|^2 + |C_2|^2 = 1$$

$$\to \begin{pmatrix} C_1 T_1 e^{-ikx} \\ C_2 T_2 e^{-ikx} \end{pmatrix} \quad (x \to -\infty) \quad (\text{the } C_1 \text{ and } C_2 \text{ are fixed} according to the spin state of the system)}$$
Tunnel probability = $\frac{(\text{flux at } x = -\infty)}{(\text{incoming flux at } x = \infty)}$

$$P(E) = \frac{|C_1 T_1|^2 + |C_2 T_2|^2}{|C_1|^2 + |C_2|^2}$$

$$= |C_1|^2 P_1(E) + |C_2|^2 P_2(E) \equiv w_1 P_1(E) + w_2 P_2(E)$$

 $P(E) = w_1 P_1(E) + w_2 P_2(E)$





Tunnel prob. is enhanced at E < V_b and hindered E > V_b
dP/dE splits to two peaks ==> "barrier distribution"
The peak positions of dP/dE correspond to each barrier height
The height of each peak is proportional to the weight factor

$$P(E) = w_1 P_1(E) + w_2 P_2(E)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dE} = w_1 \frac{dP_1}{dE} + w_2 \frac{dP_2}{dE}$$
Hamiltonian (example 2): in the case with off-diagonal components

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0(x) + \hat{\sigma}_x \cdot F(x) \qquad \qquad \hat{\sigma}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\hat{t} + V_0(x)]\psi_1(x) + F(x)\psi_2(x) = E\psi_1(x)$$

$$[\hat{t} + V_0(x)]\psi_2(x) + F(x)\psi_1(x) = E\psi_2(x)$$

$$\phi_{\pm}(x) = [\psi_1(x) \pm \psi_2(x)]/\sqrt{2}$$

$$[\hat{t} + V_0(x) \pm F(x)]\phi_{\pm}(x) = E\phi_{\pm}(x)$$

If spin-up at the beginning of the reaction

$$P(E) = \frac{1}{2} \left[P(E; V_0 + F) + P(E; V_0 - F) \right]$$

Hamiltonian (example 3): more general cases

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0(x) - \epsilon \sigma_z + \hat{\sigma}_x \cdot F(x)$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0(x) + \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon & F(x) \\ F(x) & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U(x) \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon & F(x) \\ F(x) & \epsilon \end{pmatrix} U^{\dagger}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1(x) & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x \text{ dependent}$$

$$P(E) = \sum_i w_i(E) P(E; V_0(x) + \lambda_i(x))$$

E dependent

K.H., N. Takigawa, A.B. Balantekin, PRC56('97)2104 $w_i(E) \sim \text{constant}$

(note) Adiabatic limit: $\epsilon \to \infty \longrightarrow w_i(E) = \delta_{i,0}$

(cf.) Solving the C.C. equations with WKB approximation

WKB formula for a one dimensional barrier penetrability:

$$P_{WKB}(E) = \exp\left[-2\int_{x_0}^{x_1} dx' \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}(V(x') - E)}\right]$$



$$au = \left(\prod_{i} e^{i \boldsymbol{q}(x_i) \Delta x}\right)$$

 $q(x) = [2m(E - W(x))/\hbar^2]^{1/2}, \quad W_{nm}(x) = V_{nm}(x) + \epsilon_n \delta_{n,m}$



$$P_{WKB}(E) = \sum_{n} |\tau_{n0}|^2 = \sum_{n} \left| \left(\prod_{i} e^{i\boldsymbol{q}(x_i)\Delta x} \right)_{n0} \right|^2$$

1 channel

3 channel



Sub-barrier Fusion and Barrier distribution method

➢ Fusion takes place by quantum tunneling at low energies
➢ C.C. effect can be understood in terms of distribution of many barriers
➢ σ_{fus} is given as an average over the many distributed barriers

$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E;\theta)$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_l (2l+1) \left[\int_0^1 d(\cos\theta) P_l(E;\theta) \right]$$



The way how the barrier is distributed can be clearly seen by taking the energy derivative of penetrability

Can one not do a similar thing with fusion cross sections?

One important fact: experimental observable is not penetrability, but fusion cross section

$$P_{l=0}(E) \simeq \frac{1}{\pi R_b^2} \cdot \frac{d(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE}$$
$$D_{\text{fus}}(E) \equiv \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE^2} \simeq \pi R_b^2 \frac{dP_{l=0}}{dE}$$

(Fusion barrier distribution)

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(note) Classical fusion cross section

$$\sigma_{\text{fus}}^{cl}(E) = \pi R_b^2 \left(1 - \frac{V_b}{E} \right) \theta(E - V_b)$$

$$\frac{d}{dE} \left[E \sigma_{\text{fus}}^{cl}(E) \right] = \pi R_b^2 \theta(E - V_b) = \pi R_b^2 P_{cl}(E)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dE^2} \left[E \sigma_{\text{fus}}^{cl}(E) \right] = \pi R_b^2 \delta(E - V_b)$$

Fusion Test Function

Classical fusion cross section:



Barrier distribution measurements

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

Needs high precision data in order for the 2nd derivative to be meaningful



Experimental Barrier Distribution

Requires high precision data



 θ_T

¹⁵⁴Sm

¹⁶O

Investigate nuclear shape through barrier distribution





By taking the barrier distribution, one can very clearly see the difference due to β_4 !

Fusion as a quantum tunneling microscope for nuclei

Advantage of fusion barrier distribution



Plot cross sections in a different way: Fusion barrier distribution

$$D_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma)}{dE^2}$$

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Function which is sensitive to details of nuclear structure

Example for spherical vibrational system



Anharmonicity of octupole vibration



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Quantum reflection and quasi-elastic scattering



In quantum mechanics, reflection occurs even at $E > V_b$ P(E) + R(E) = 1Quantum Reflection

Reflection prob. carries the same information as penetrability, and barrier distribution can be defined in terms of reflection prob.

Quasi-Elastic Scattering

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



Related to reflection

Complementary to fusion

Detect all the particles which reflect at the barrier and hit the detector

In case of a def. target.....



$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta_T) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E;\theta_T)$$
$$\sigma_{\mathsf{qel}}(E,\theta) = \sum_I \sigma(E,\theta) = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta_T) \sigma_{\mathsf{el}}(E,\theta;\theta_T)$$

Quasi-elastic barrier distribution



Quasi-elastic barrier distribution:

$$D_{\text{qel}}(E) = -\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)} \right) \quad \text{H. Timmers et al.,}$$
NPA584('95)190

(note) Classical elastic cross section in the limit of strong Coulomb field: $\sigma_{el}^{cl}(E,\pi) = \sigma_R(E,\pi)\theta(V_b - E)$ $\int \frac{\sigma_{el}^{cl}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)} = \theta(V_b - E) = R(E)$

Quasi-elastic Test Function

Classical elastic cross section (in the limit of a strong Coulomb):

$$\sigma_{el}^{cl}(E,\pi) = \sigma_R(E,\pi)\theta(V_b - E)$$
$$\frac{\sigma_{el}^{cl}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)} = \theta(V_b - E) = R(E)$$
$$-\frac{d}{dE}\left(\frac{\sigma_{el}^{cl}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)}\right) = \delta(E - V_b)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\mathsf{el}}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)} \sim \left(1 + \frac{V_N(r_c)}{ka} \frac{\sqrt{2a\pi k\eta}}{E}\right) \cdot R(E)$$

S. Landowne and H.H. Wolter, NPA351('81)171 K.H. and N. Rowley, PRC69('04)054610



Quasi-elastic test function

$$G_{\text{qel}}(E) \equiv -\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{el}}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)} \right)$$

- ➤The peak position slightly deviates from V_b
- ➤Low energy tail
- Integral over E: unity
- Relatively narrow width

Close analog to fusion b.d.







A gross feature is similar to each other

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Comment on the iso-centrifugal approximation

Inelastic excitations: Coupled-channels method Inherent problem → dimensionality

Truncation	Dimension
2^{+}	$4 \rightarrow 2$
4+	$9 \rightarrow 3$
6+	$16 \rightarrow 4$
8+	$25 \rightarrow 5$
	Truncation 2^+ 4^+ 6^+ 8^+

 $\frac{\text{Iso-centrifugal approximation:}}{\lambda : \text{ independent of excitations}}$



Works well for fusionNot successful for scattering

 $^{16}O + ^{144}Sm (2^+)$



 $^{16}O + ^{144}Sm(2^{+})$



Backward scattering

→ Small ang. mom.

Iso-centrifugal approximation works good enough

Simplifies C.C. calculations
 Ensures the similarities between D_{fus} and D_{qel} in CC systems

Experimental advantages for D_{ael}

$$D_{\text{qel}}(E) = -\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)} \right) \qquad D_{\text{fus}}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE^2}$$

- less accuracy is required in the data (1st vs. 2nd derivative)
- much easier to be measured
 - Qel: a sum of everything
 - → a very simple charged-particle detector
 - Fusion: requires a specialized recoil separator
 - to separate ER from the incident beam

ER + fission for heavy systems

•several effective energies can be measured at a single-beam

 $\underbrace{energy} \iff relation \ between \ a \ scattering \ angle \ and \ an \ impact$

parameter $E_{\text{eff}} = 2E \sin(\theta/2)/[1 + \sin(\theta/2)]$

→ measurements with a cyclotron accelerator: possible

 \Rightarrow Suitable for low intensity exotic beams

Qel: will open up a possibility to study the structure of unstable nuclei

Scaling property of D_{qel}





Future experiments with radioactive beams

Fusion barrier distribution: requires high precision measurements for σ_{fus}

Radioactive beams: much lower beam intensity than beams of stable nuclei



Fusion

Unlikely for high precision data at this moment

Possible to extract barrier distribution in other ways?

Quasi-elastic



Exploit *reflection prob.* instead of *penetrability* P + R = 1

Quasi-elastic scattering

D_{gel} measurements with radioactive beams



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Low intensity radioactive beams: High precision fusion measurements still difficult Quasi-elastic measurements may be possible Example: ${}^{32}Mg + {}^{208}Pb$ ³²Mg: breaking of the N=20 shell? Expt. at RIKEN and GANIL: large B(E2) and small E_{2+} \iff deformation? MF calculations \longrightarrow spherical? $E_{4+}/E_{2+} = 2.62$

Investigation of collective excitations unique to n-rich nuclei



N. Imai et al., PRL92('04)062501

Expt. at RIKEN:

 $E_{2+} = 1.766 \text{ MeV}$ B(E2) = $0.26 \pm 0.05 \text{W.u.}$ Mn/Mp= 7.6 ± 1.7 ¹⁶C
Recent expt: very small B(E2)
➢ Different (static) deformation between n and p?
➢ Neutron excitation of spherical nuclei?

Does break-up hinder/enhance fusion cross sections?



Surface diffuseness problem



 $V_N(r) = -V_0/[1 + exp((r-R_0)/a)]$

Scattering processes: $a \sim 0.63$ fm Fusion: $a = 0.75 \sim 1.5$ fm



C.L. Jiang et al., PRL93('04)012701

Quasi-elastic scattering at deep subbarrier energies?





Synthesis of superheavy elements: extremely small cross sections



Important to choose the optimum incident energy Absence of the barrier height systematics

Determine the fusion barrier height for SHE using D_{qel}

Future plan at JAERI

Cold fusion reactions: ⁵⁰Ti,⁵⁴Cr,⁵⁸Fe,⁶⁴Ni,⁷⁰Zn+²⁰⁸Pb,²⁰⁹Bi

Preliminary data



0.1

240

250

250

260

230

240

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Present data

10⁰

10^e

Cross-Section (pb)

oration-Residue

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Evaporation residue cross section by GSI and RIKEN



Comment

<u>Summary</u>

Heavy-Ion Fusion Reactions around the Coulomb Barrier

♦Fusion and quantum tunneling

Fusion takes place by quantum tunneling **Solution Basics of the Coupled-channels method** Collective excitations during fusion **Concept of Fusion barrier distribution** Sensitive to nuclear structure $D_{fus}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{fus})}{dE^2}$ **Quasi-elastic scattering and quantum reflection** Complementary to fusion

Computer program: CCFULL

http://www.nucl.phys.tohoku.ac.jp/~hagino/ccfull.html