

Imaging quantum interferences in heavy-ion elastic scattering

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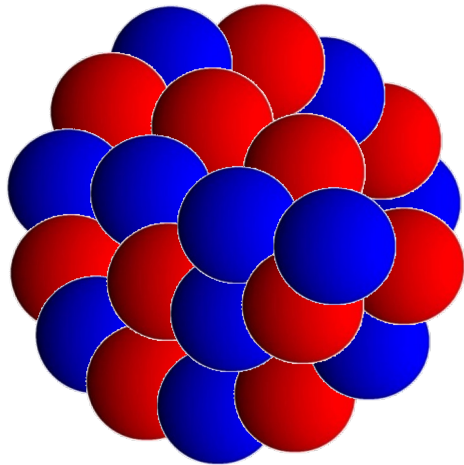
Collaborator: Takuya Yoda (particle theory, Kyoto University)

1. Introduction: interferences in nuclear reactions
2. A new attempt: visualization of nuclear reactions
3. Summary

K. Hagino and T. Yoda, PLB848, 138326 (2024).

A seminar at Sun Yat-sen University (中山大学), March 13, 2024

Low energy nuclear reactions



□ Nuclei as quantum many-body systems

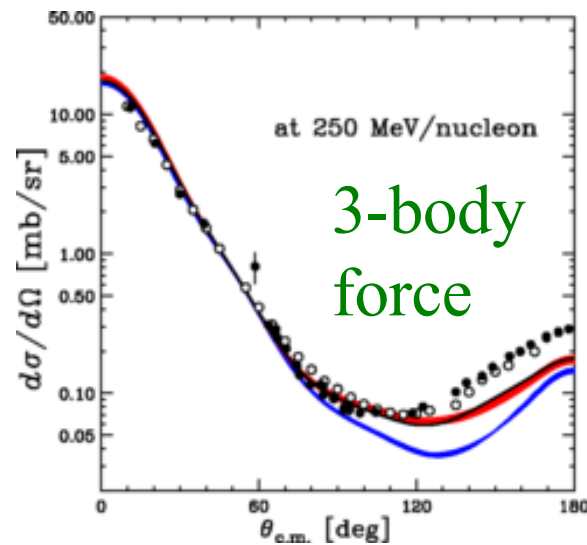
← in terms of nucleon d.o.f.

- static properties: nuclear structure $E < 0$
- dynamics: nuclear reactions $E > 0$

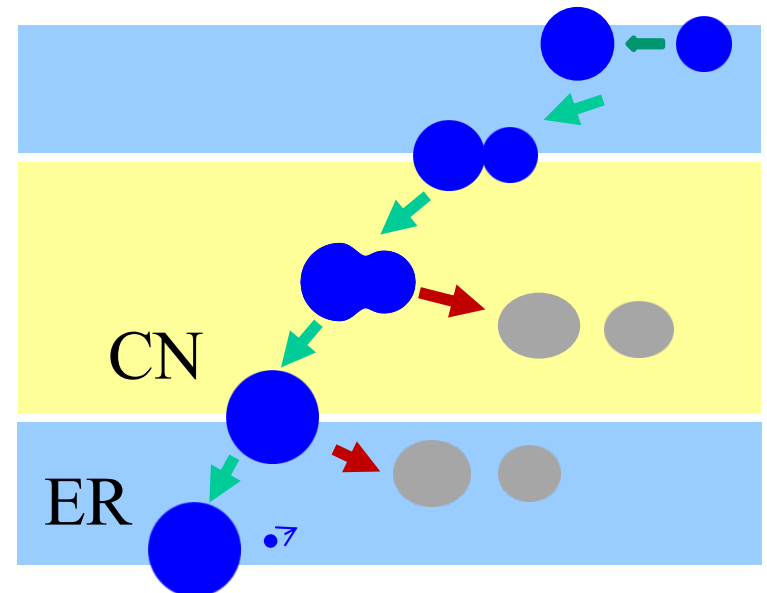
✓ Nuclear Reactions as a tool to investigate nuclear structure



knock-out reactions



K. Sekiguchi et al.,
PRC89('14)064007

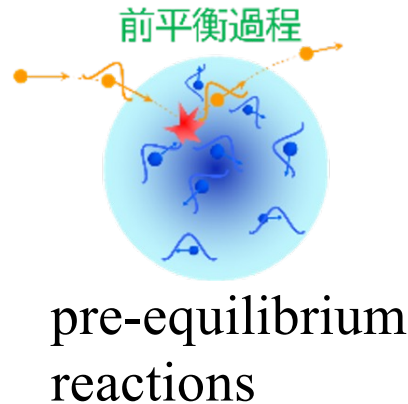
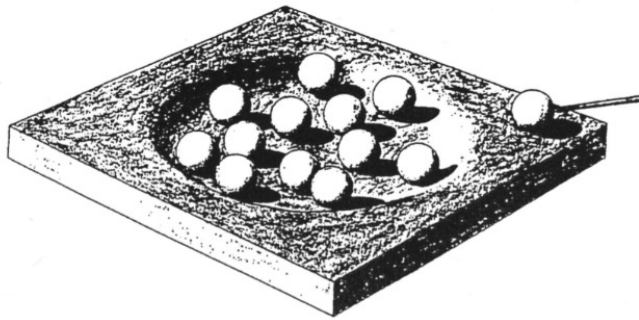


a synthesis of SHE

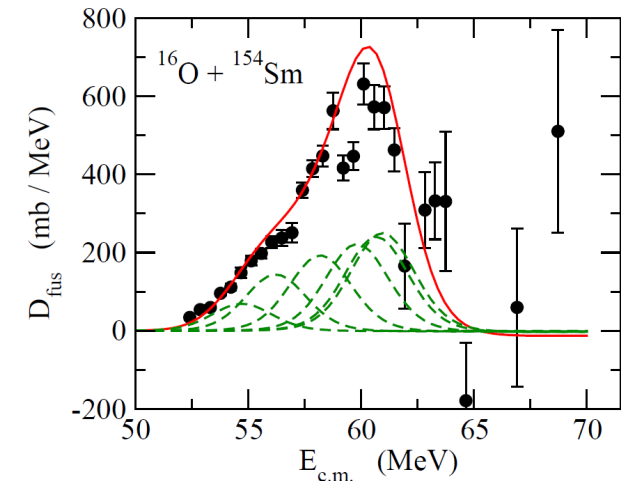
Two aspects of nuclear reactions

✓ a tool for nuclear structure ← this is often emphasized....

✓ reaction dynamics ← this talk



fusion barrier distribution



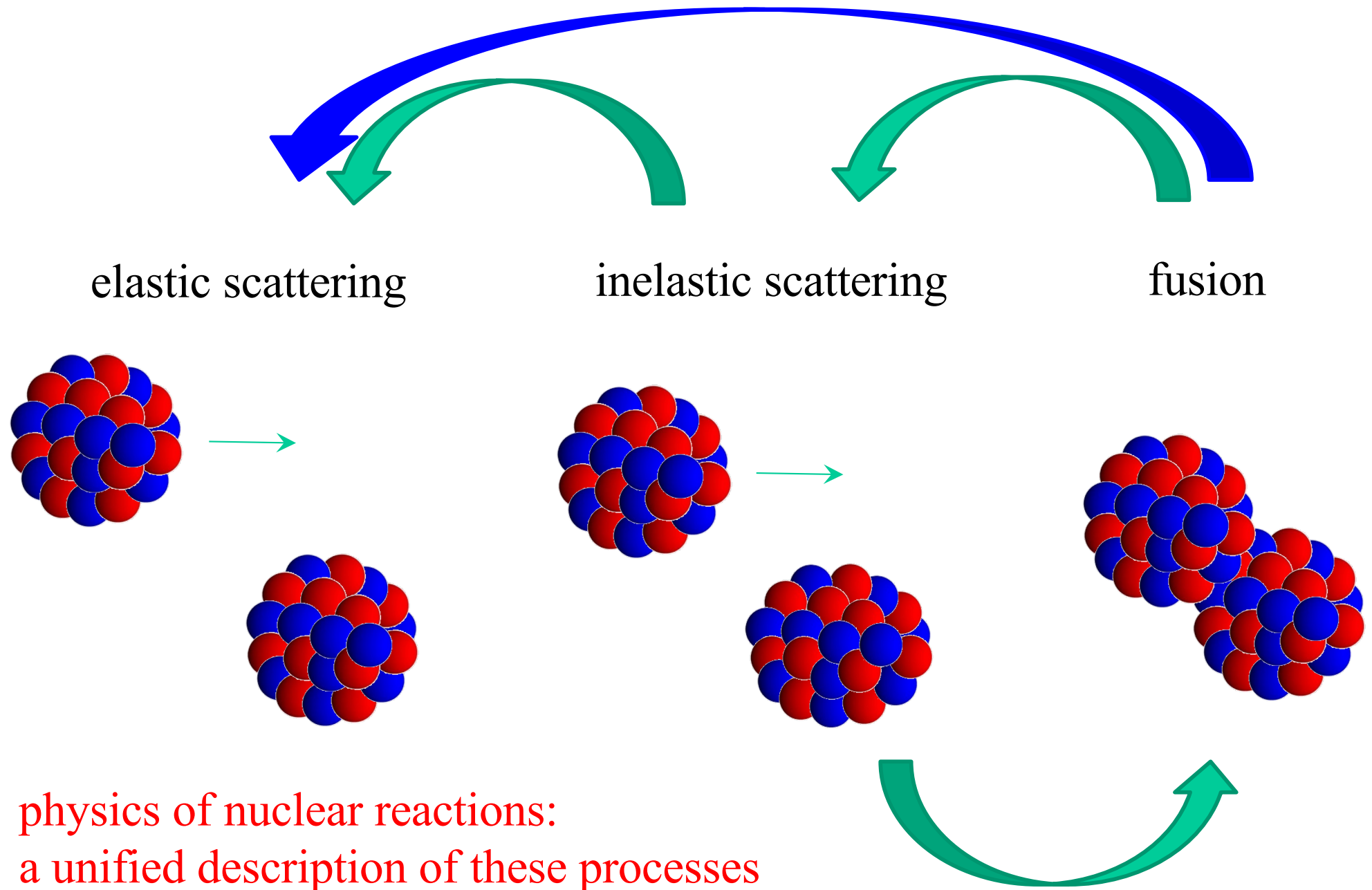
nucleus: a composite system

- ✓ a rich reaction processes
- ✓ a rich interplay between nuclear structure and reaction

- ✓ elastic scattering
- ✓ inelastic scattering
- ✓ transfer reactions
- ✓ fusion reactions

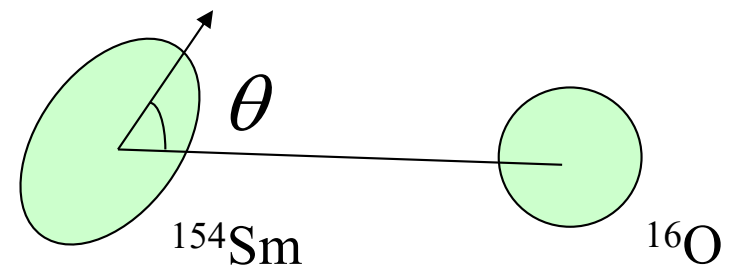
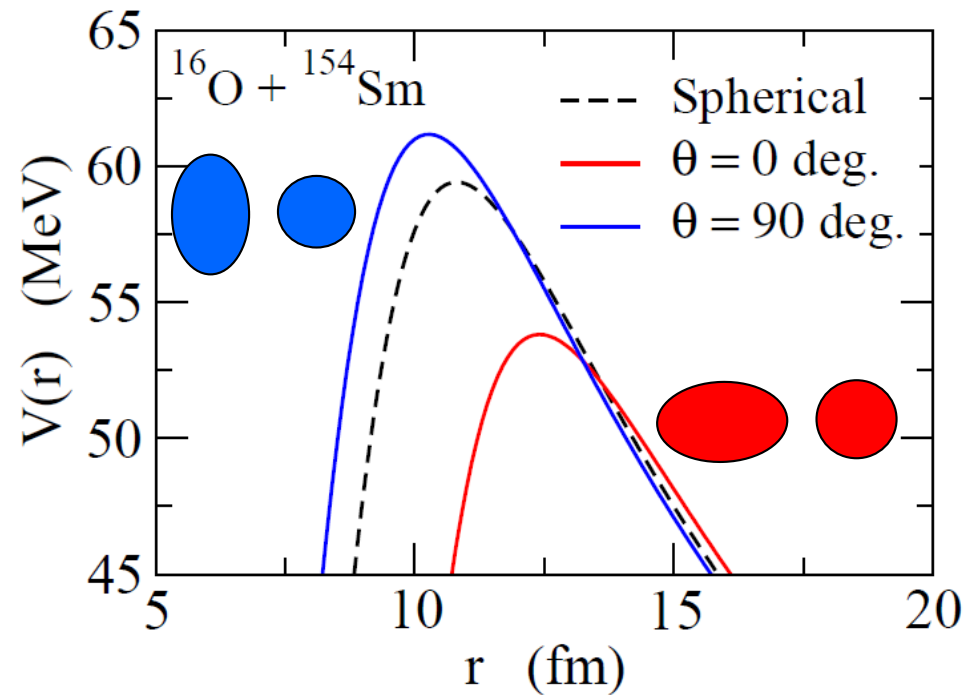
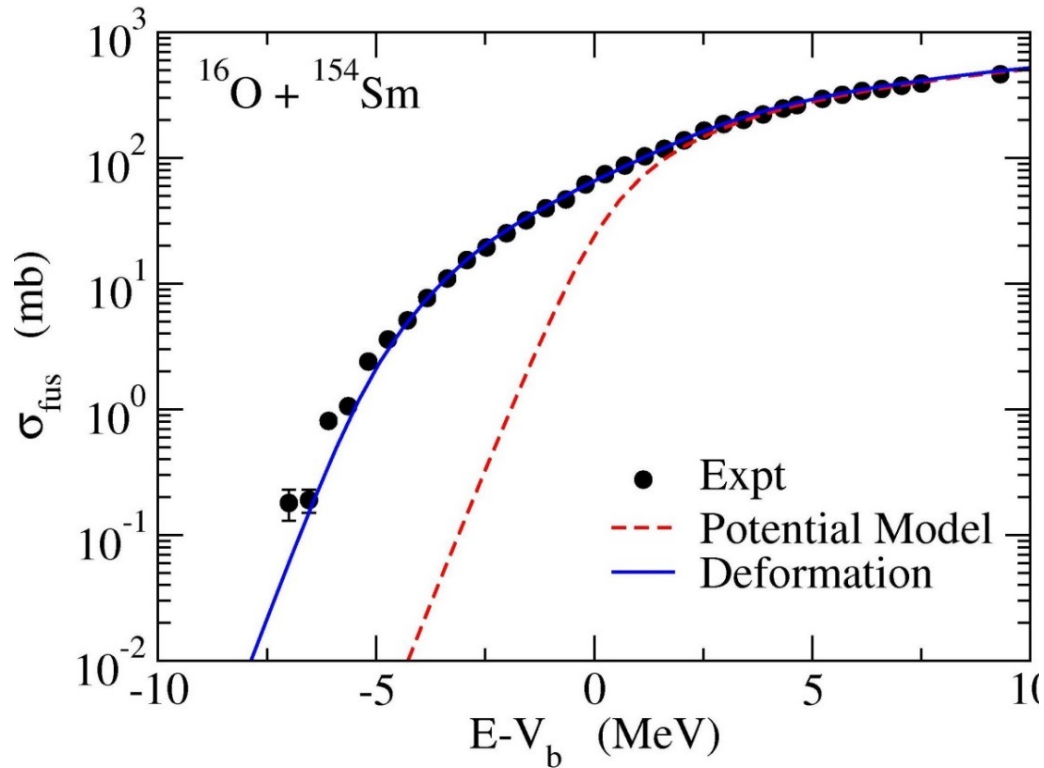
- ✓ g.s. properties (mass, size, **shape**....)
- ✓ **excitations**

quantum many-body dynamics (nuclear reactions)

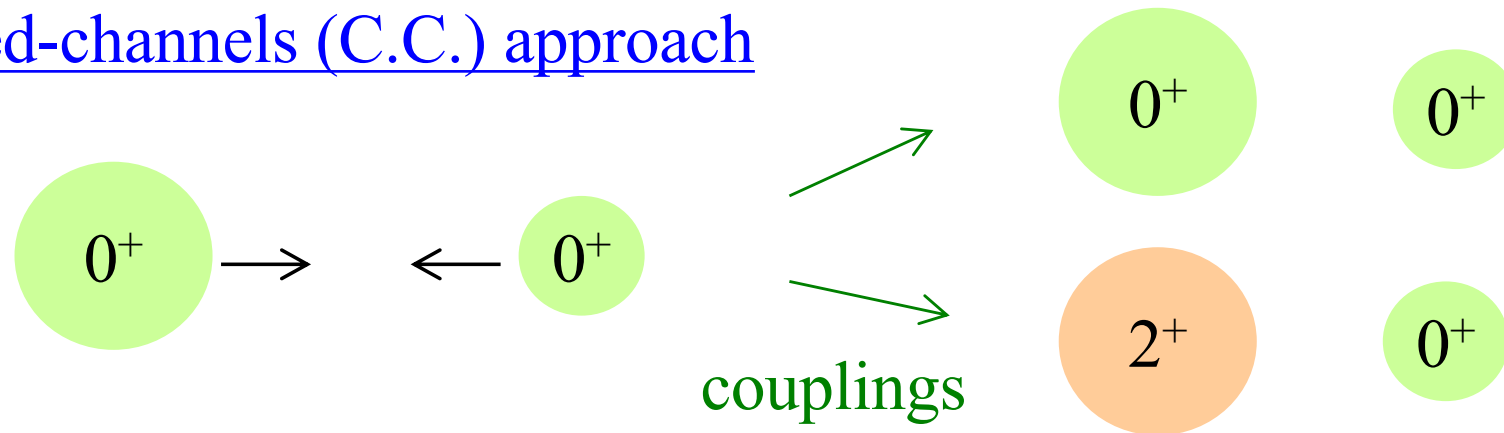


Subbarrier enhancement of fusion cross sections

A typical example of the interplay between structure and reaction



Coupled-channels (C.C.) approach



a recent review of C.C. approach (Hagino, Ogata, and Moro)

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Review

Coupled-channels calculations for nuclear reactions: From exotic nuclei to superheavy elements

K. Hagino ^{a,*}, K. Ogata ^{b,c,d}, A.M. Moro ^{e,f}

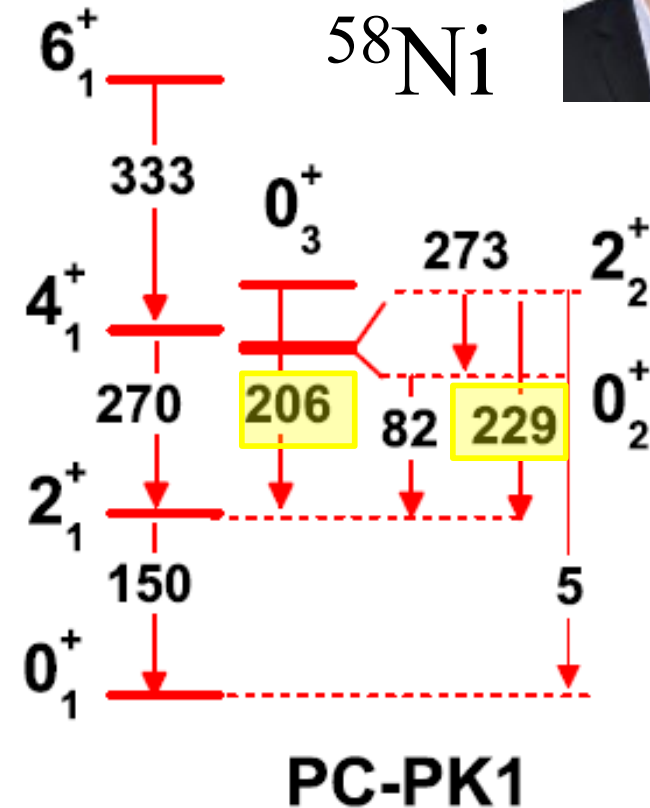
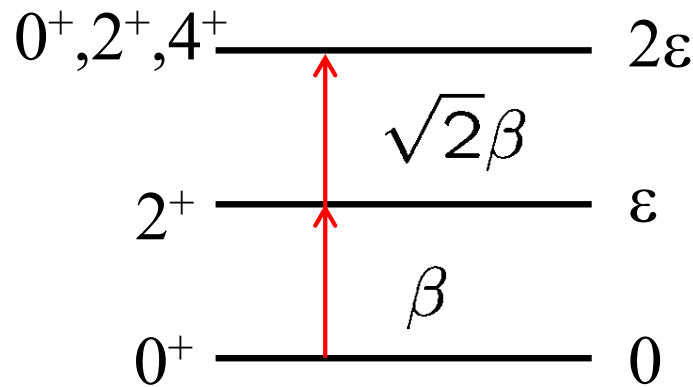


Semi-microscopic modelling of subbarrier fusion reactions

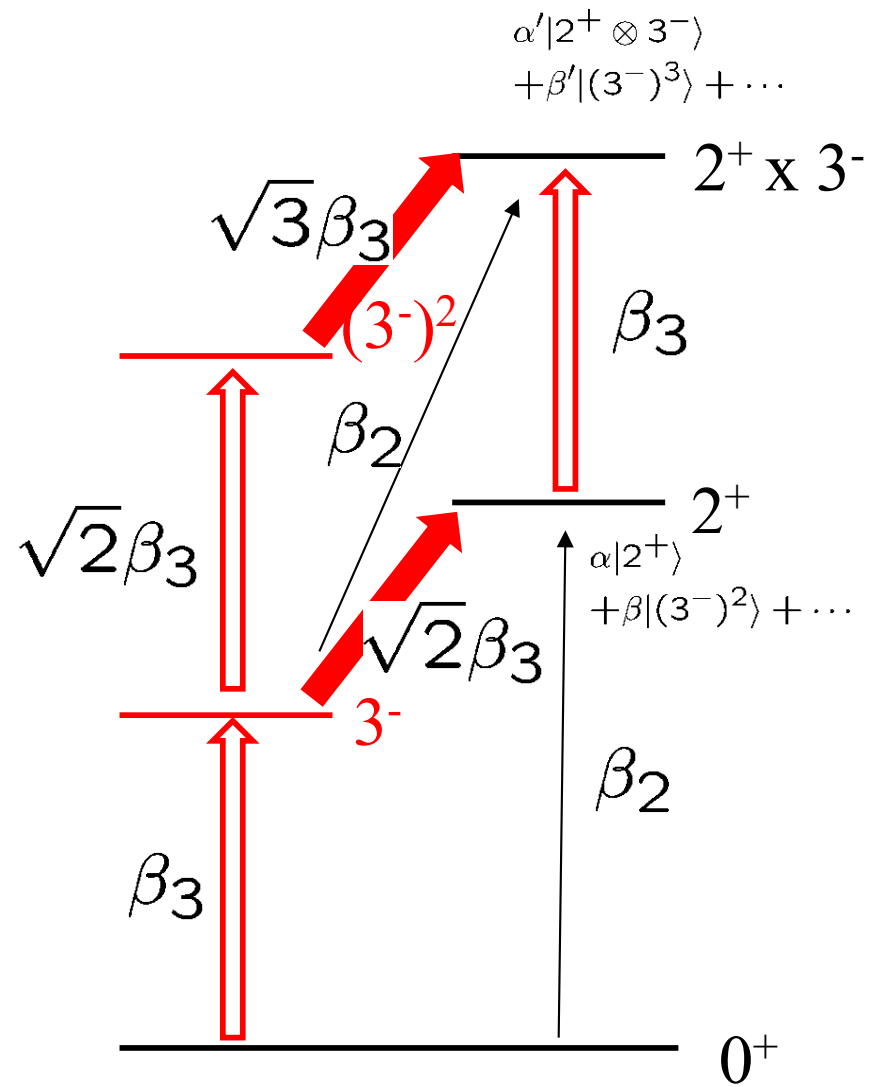
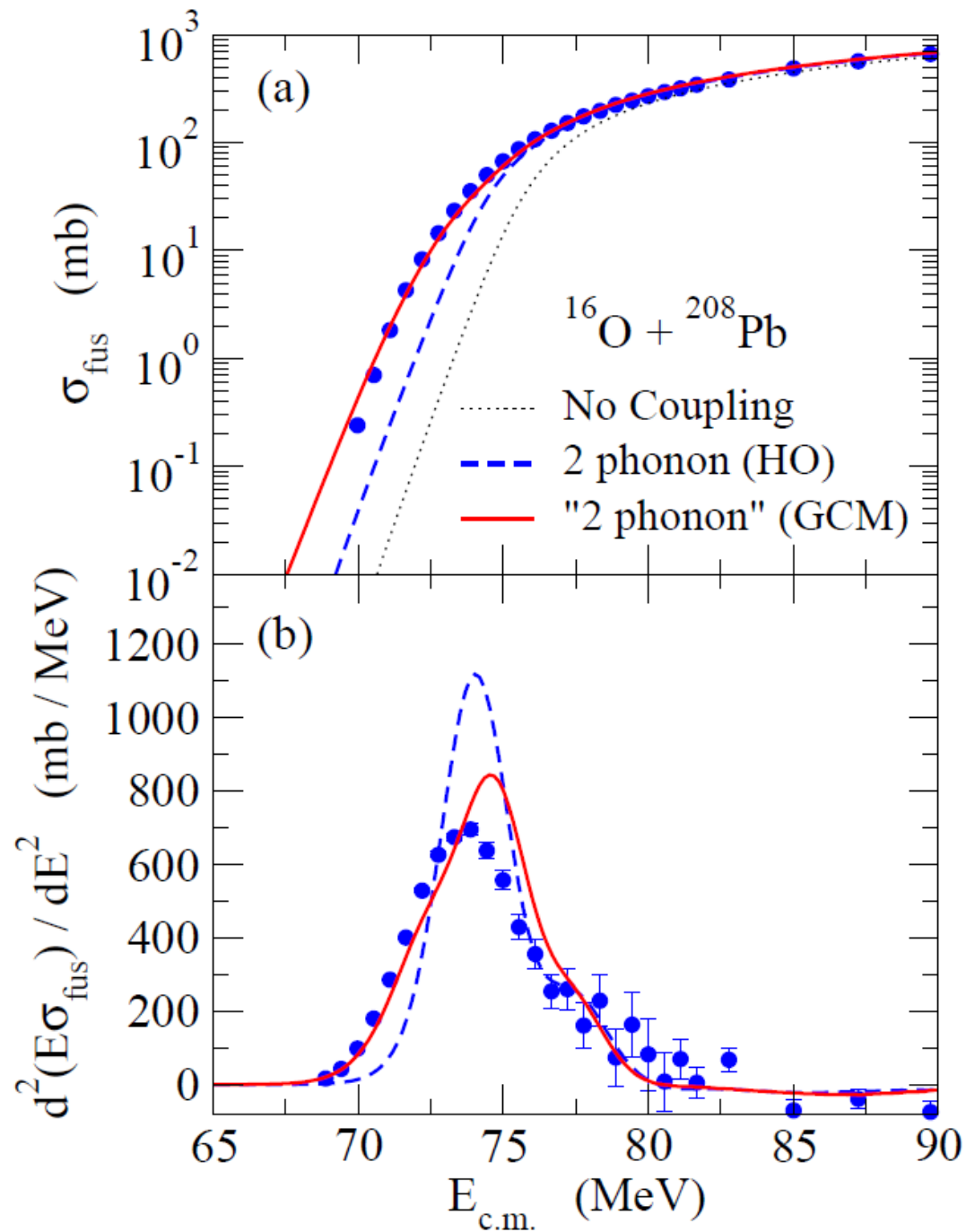
K.H. and J.M. Yao, PRC91('15) 064606



simple harmonic oscillator



Beyond-mean-field method
anharmonicity of phonon spectra
→ C.C. calculations with
a phenomenological potential



J.M. Yao and K.H.,
PRC94 ('16) 11303(R)

Nuclear Reactions

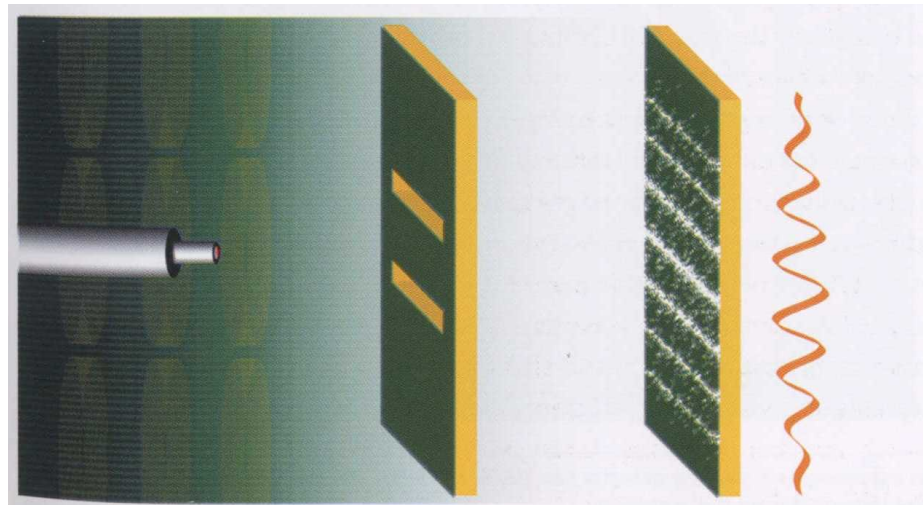
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- ✓ fusion reactions
- ✓

Another aspect of nuclear reactions

: a variety of quantum mechanical natures



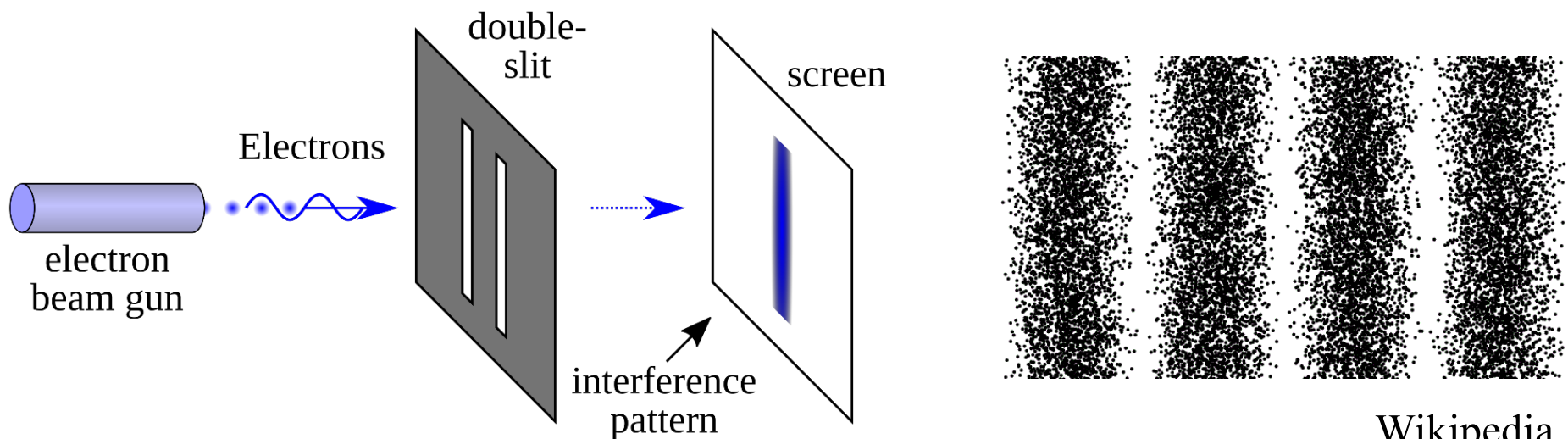
a figure from “Quantum Theory” by Jim Al-Khalili

Manifestation of Quantum Nature in Nuclear Reactions

a superposition principle $\psi = \alpha\psi_1 + \beta\psi_2$

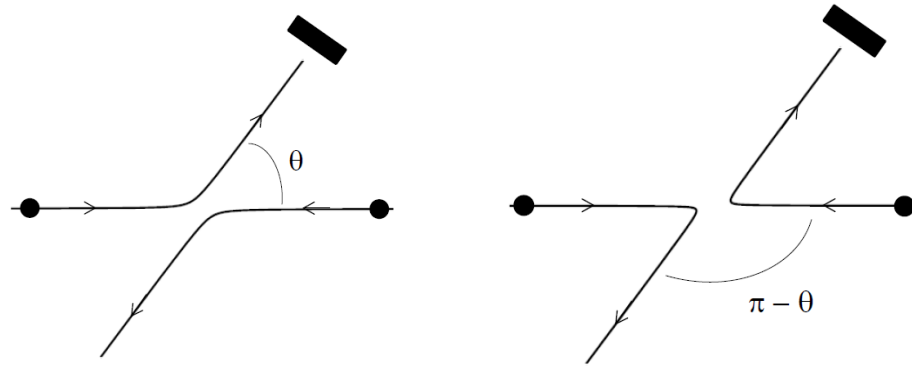
$$\rightarrow |\psi|^2 = |\alpha\psi_1|^2 + |\beta\psi_2|^2 + \underbrace{(\alpha\psi_1)^*(\beta\psi_2) + (\alpha\psi_1)(\beta\psi_2)^*}_{\text{interference}}$$

when two processes are in principle indistinguishable
→ take square after adding two amplitudes

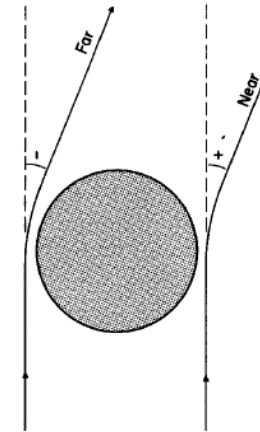


Interference phenomena in Nuclear Reactions

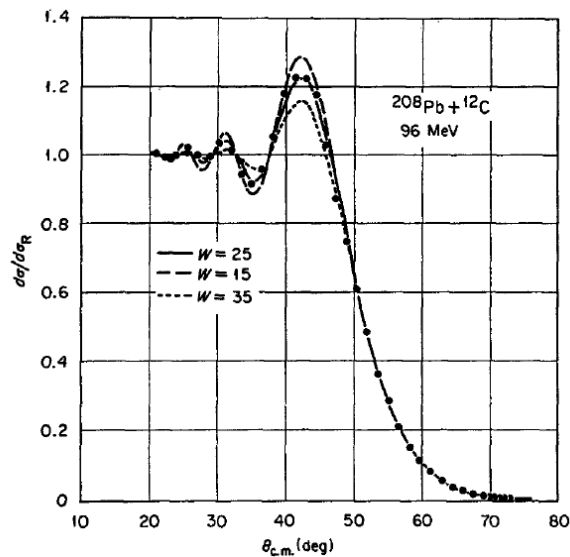
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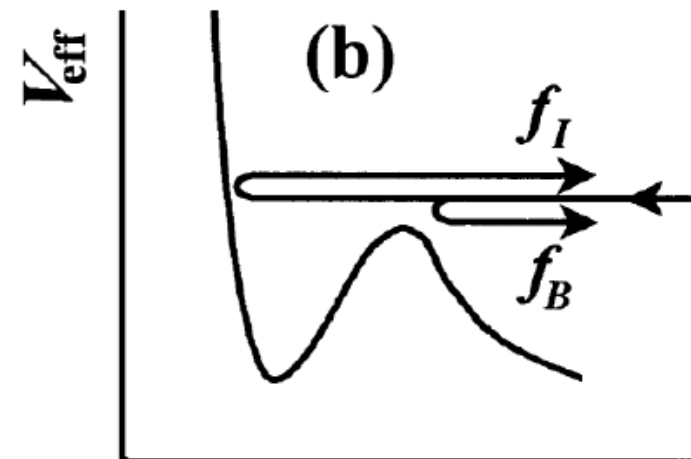
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(ii) Nuclear-Coulomb interference



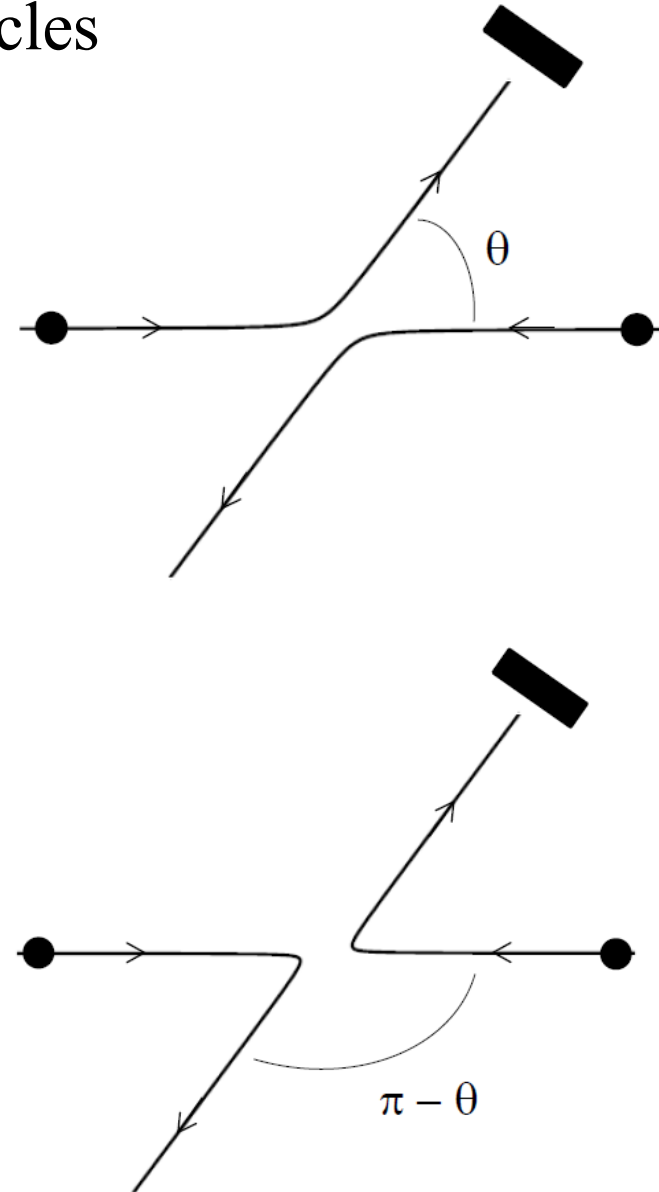
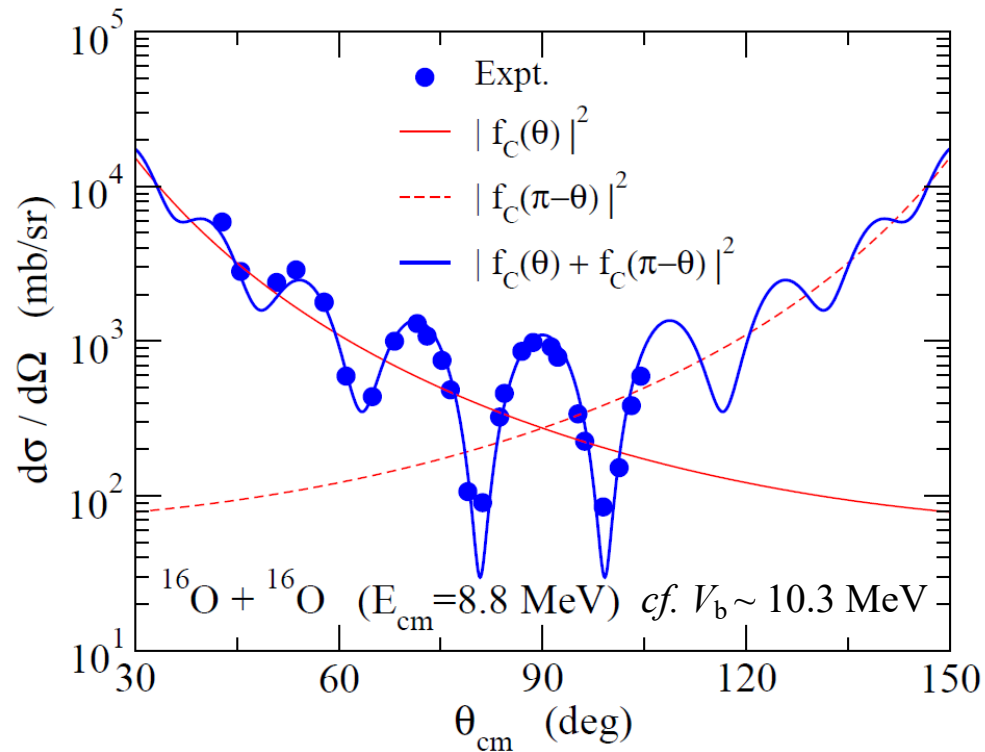
(iv) barrier-wave internal-wave interference



Manifestation of Quantum Nature in Nuclear Reactions

Mott Scattering: scattering of identical particles

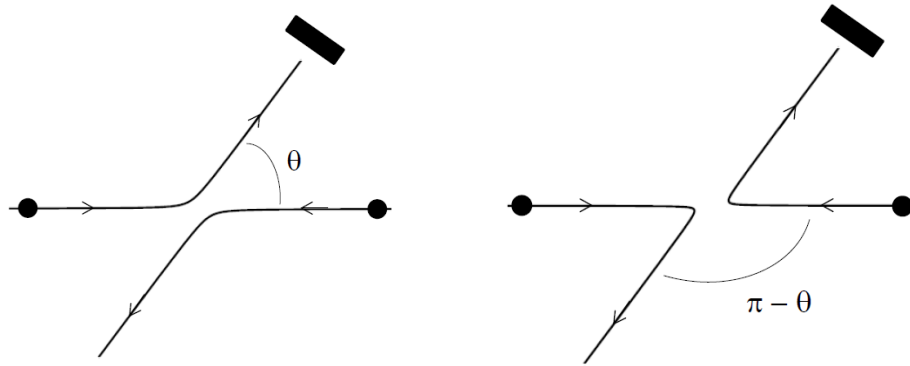
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta) \pm f(\pi - \theta)|^2$$



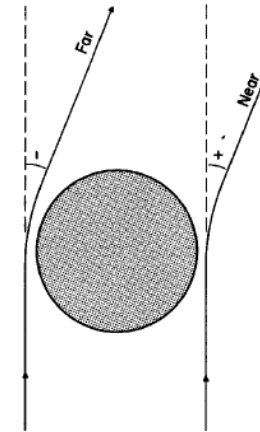
expt: D.A. Bromley et al., Phys. Rev. 123 ('61)878

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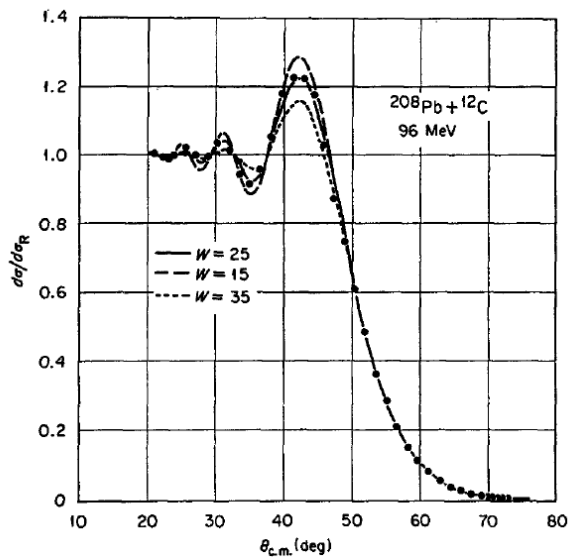
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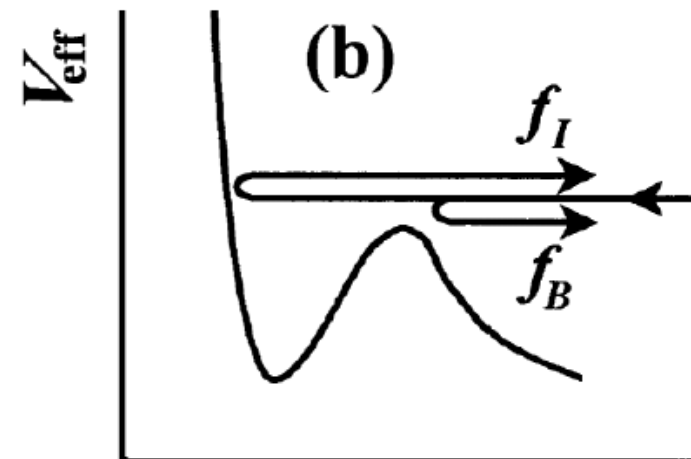
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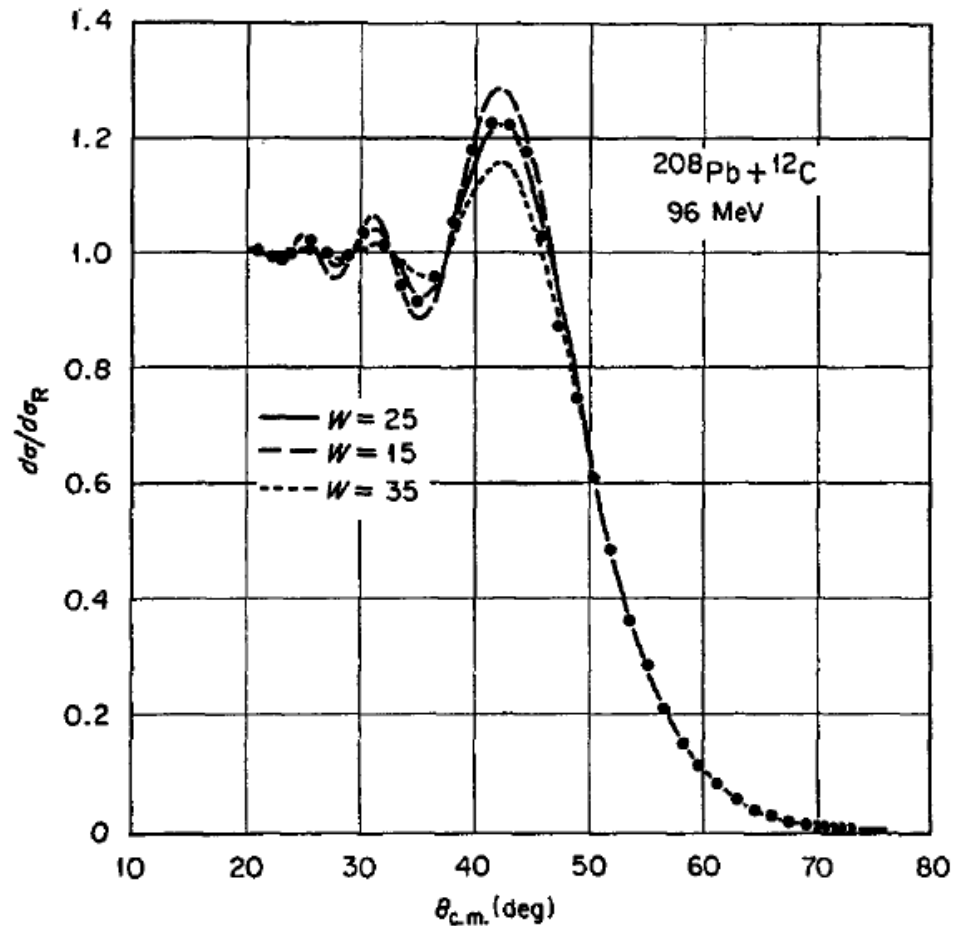


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➤ Coulomb-Nuclear interference

$$f(\theta) = f_C(\theta) + f_N(\theta) \rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta)|^2$$

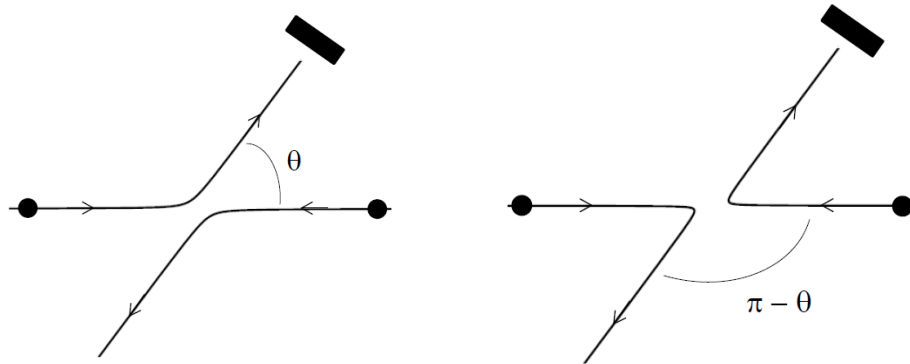


J.B. Ball et al.,
NPA252 ('75) 208

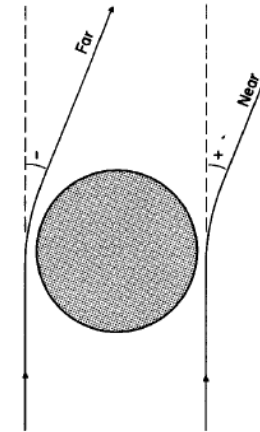
a special case: Fresnel oscillations ($S_l = 0$ ($l < l_g$); $S_l = e^{2i\sigma_l}$ ($l > l_g$))

Interference phenomena in Nuclear Reactions

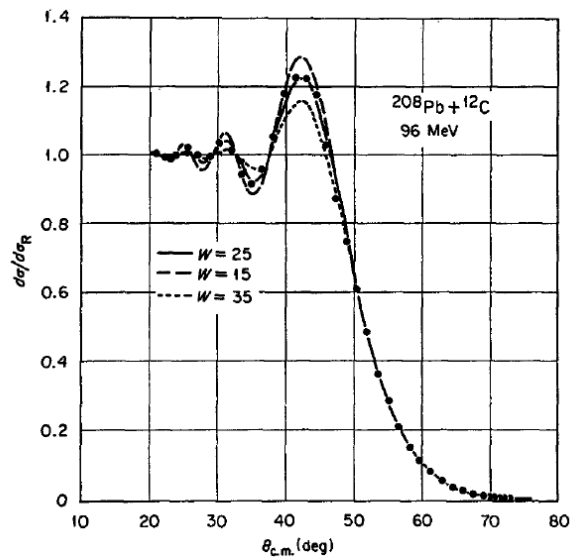
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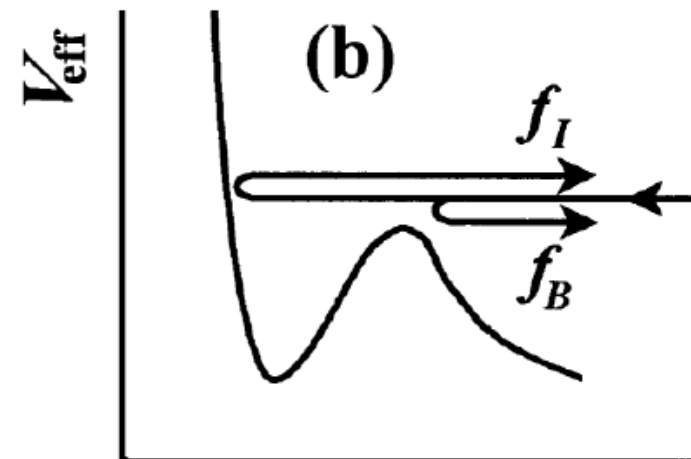
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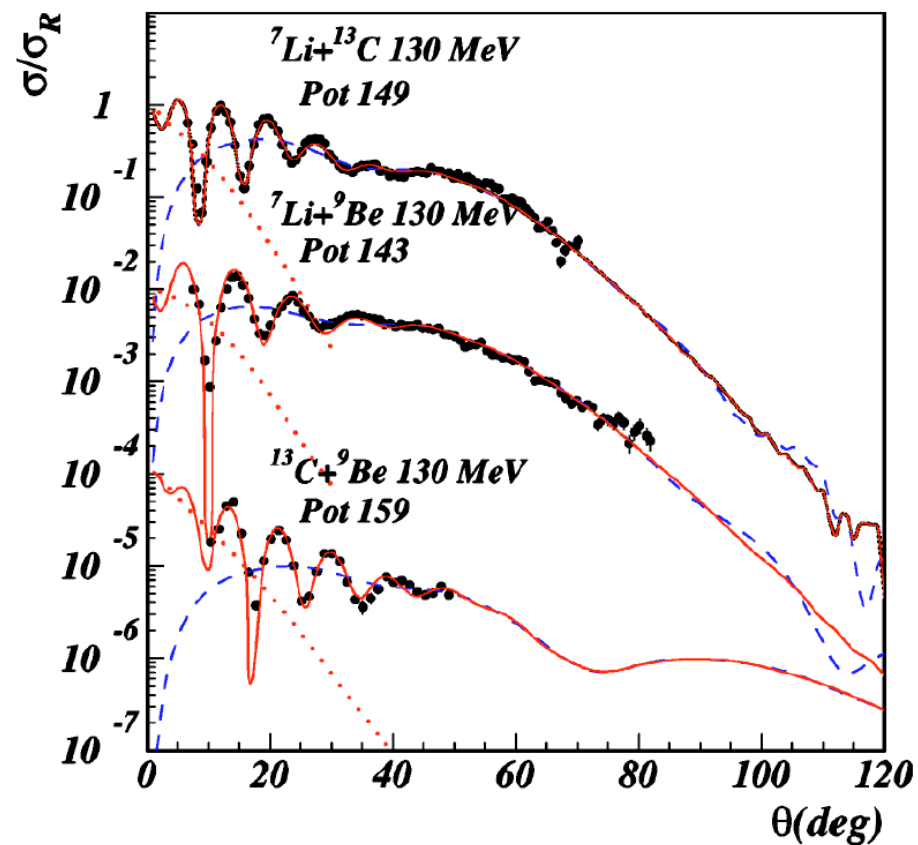
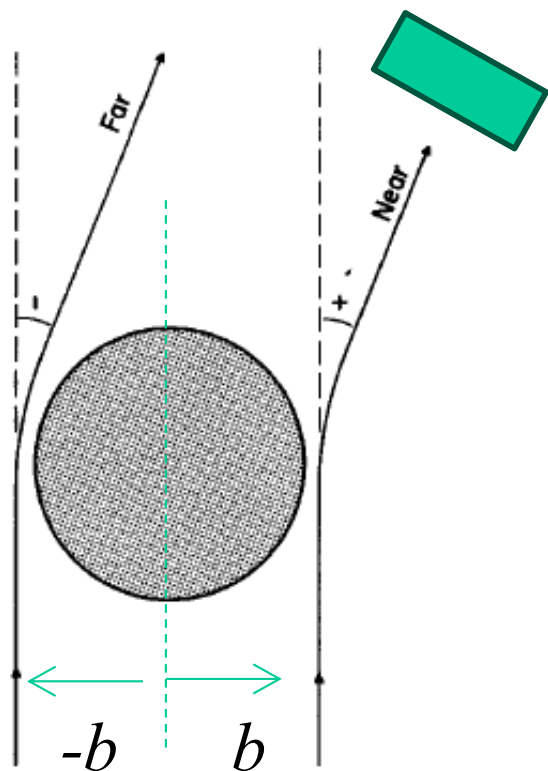
(ii) Nuclear-Coulomb interference



(iv) barrier-wave internal-wave interference



➤ near side - far side interference



R.C. Fuller, PRC12('75)1561

N. Rowley and C. Marty,

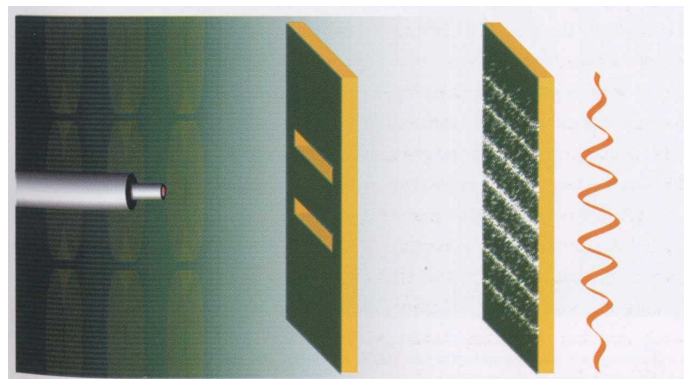
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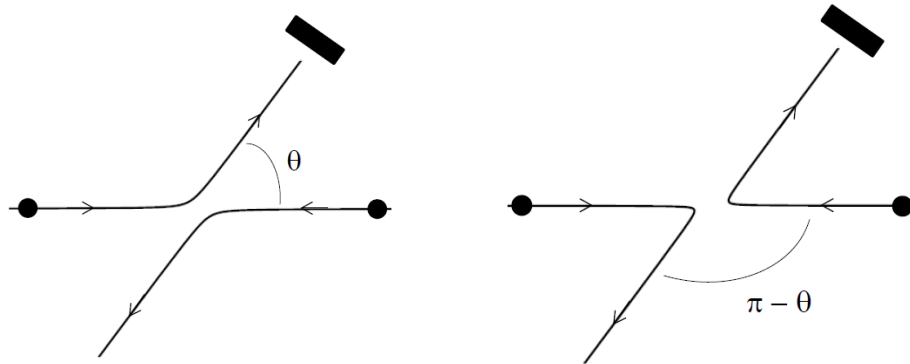
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F. Carstoiu et al., PRC70 ('04) 054610

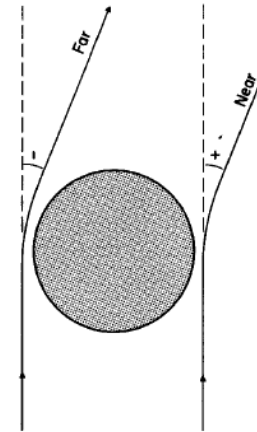


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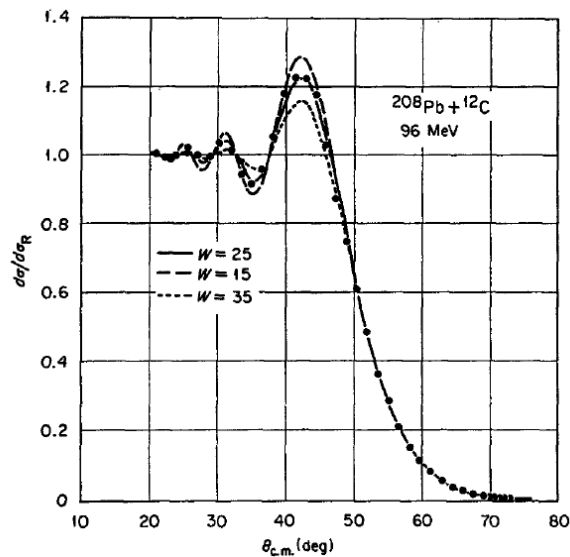
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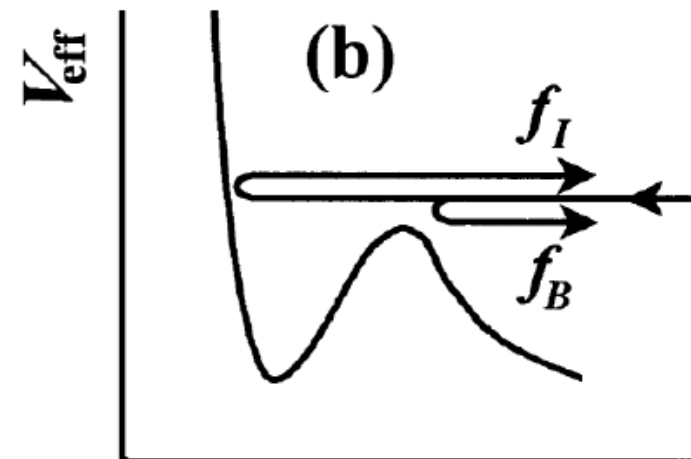
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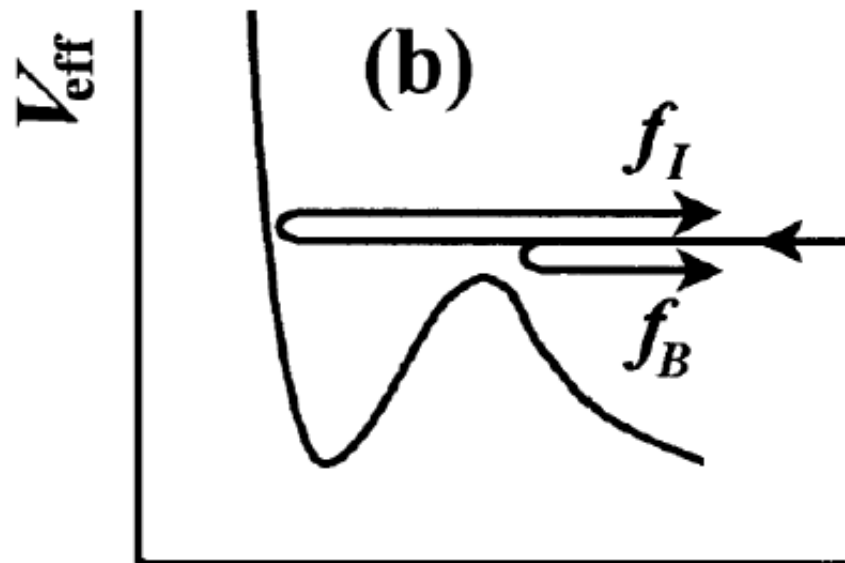


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➤ barrier wave – internal wave interference

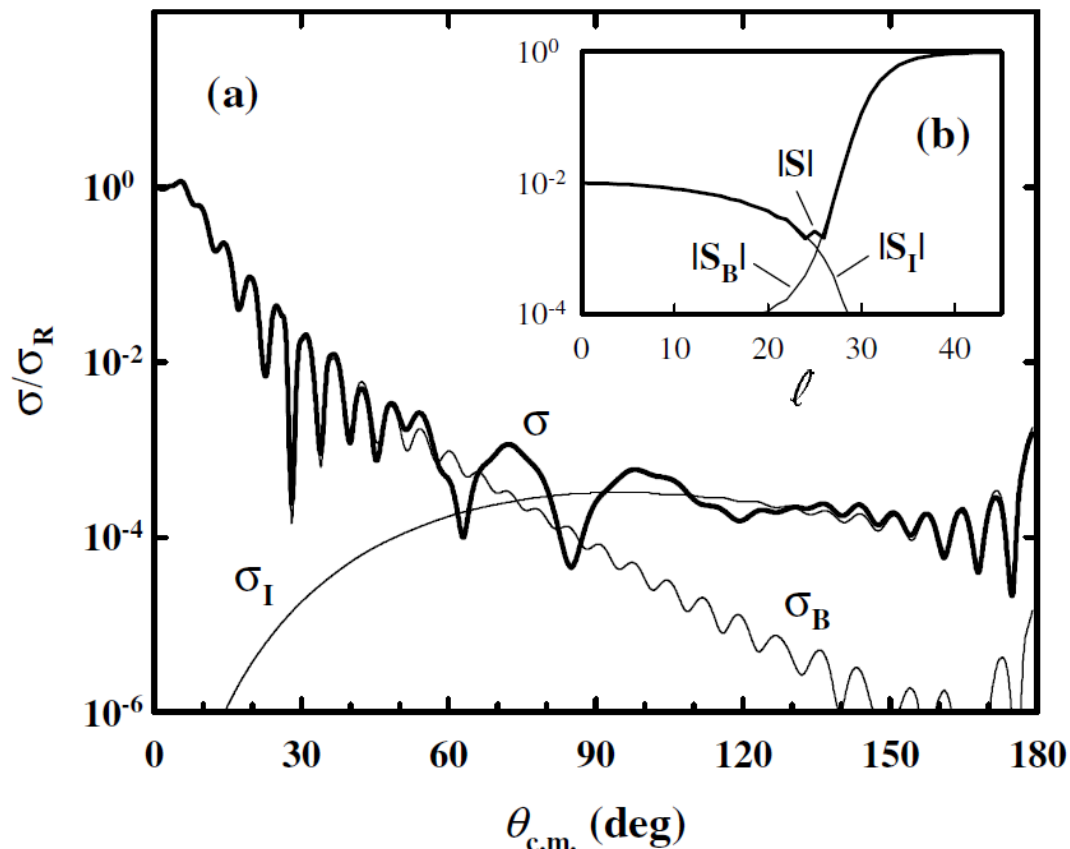
cf. D.M. Brink and N. Takigawa, NPA279 ('77) 159



David M Brink



$^{16}\text{O}+^{16}\text{O}$ at 124 MeV

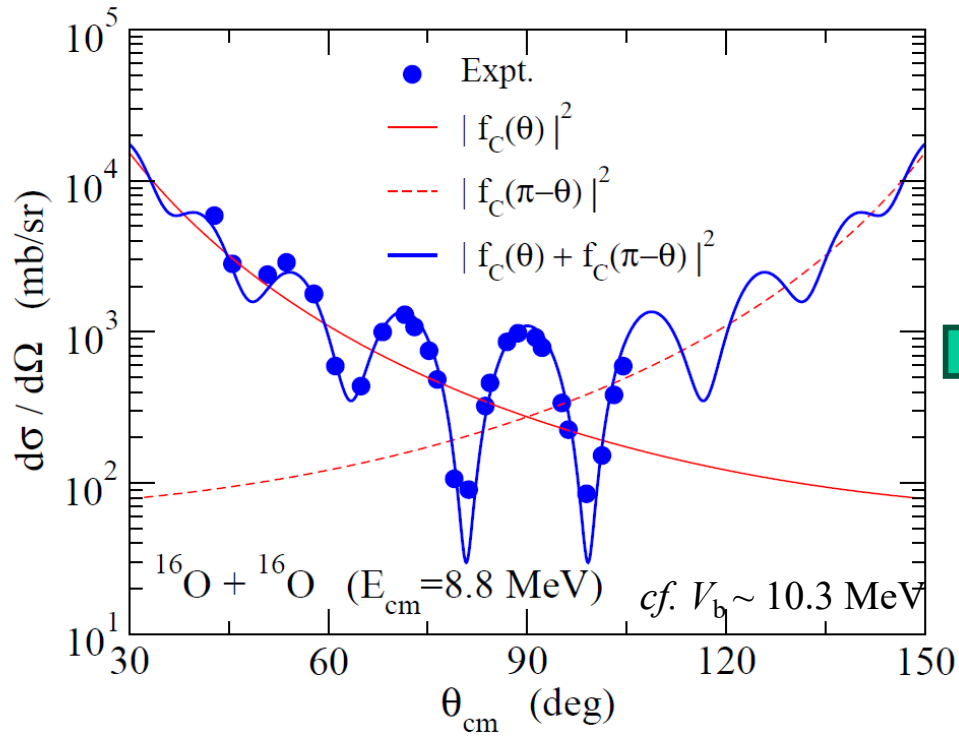


F. Michel et al., PRL85 ('00) 1823

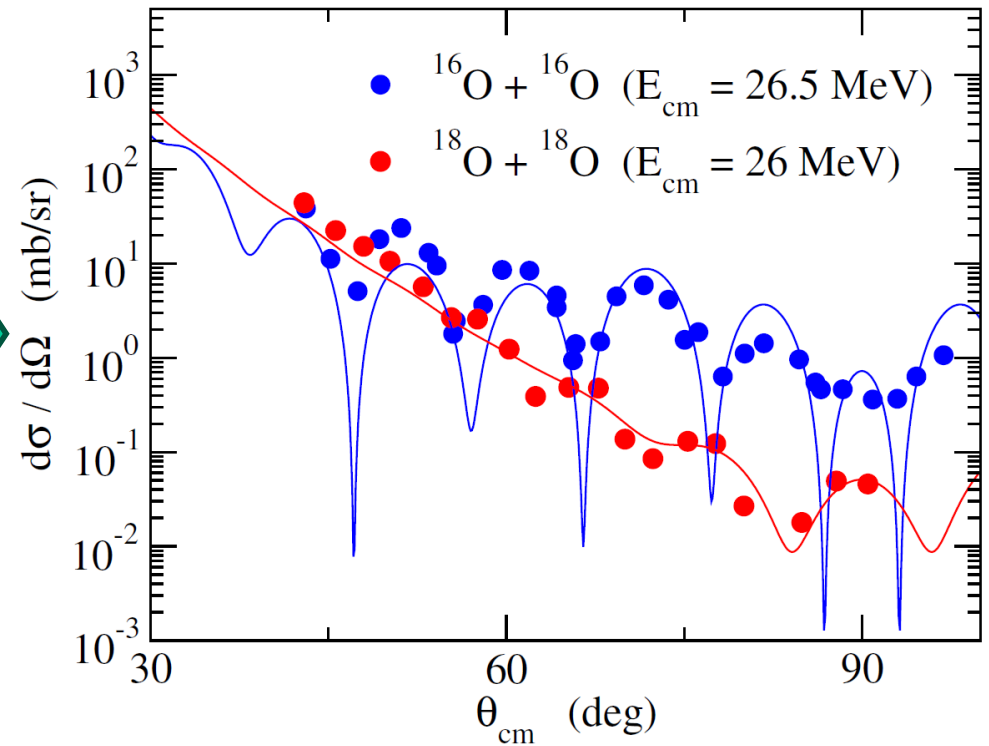
anomalous large angle scattering
cf. $\alpha + ^{40}\text{Ca}$ scattering

$^{16}\text{O}+^{16}\text{O}$ system

$E < V_b$

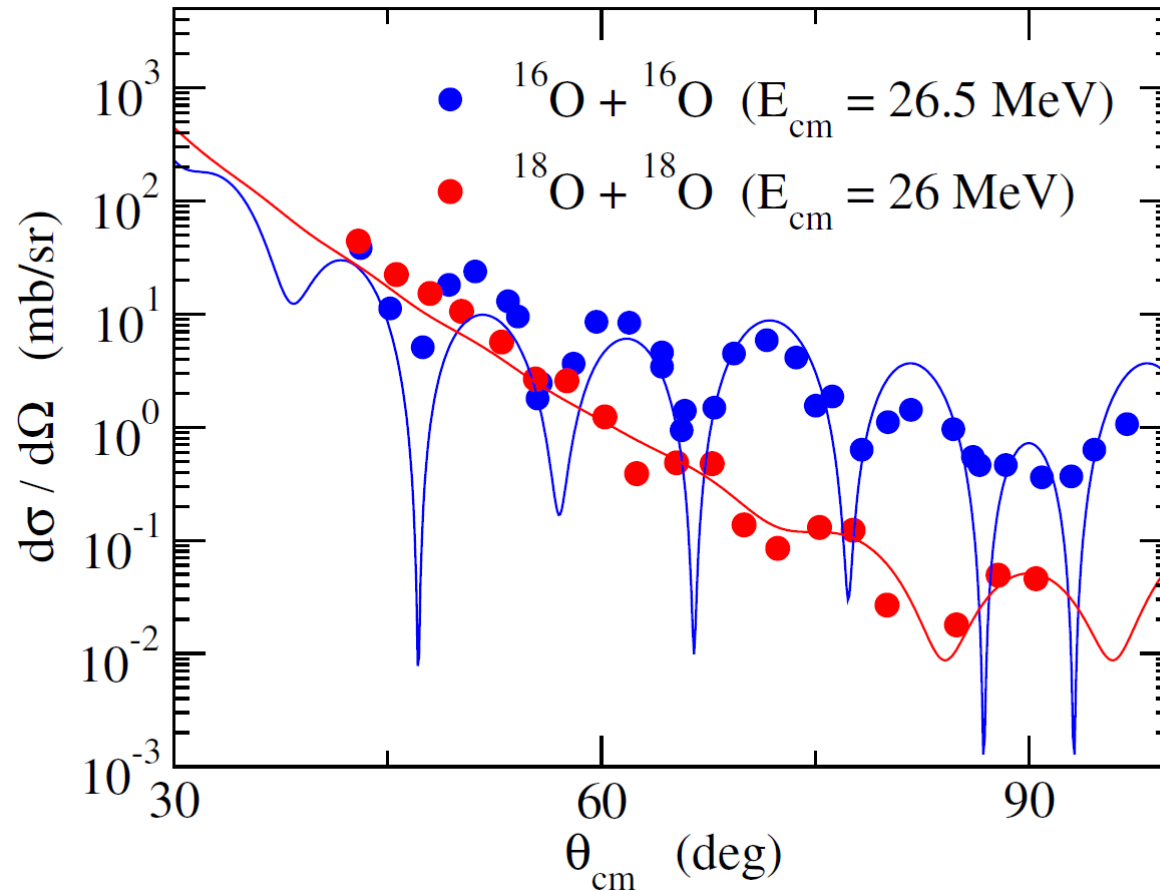


$E > V_b$



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Comparison between $^{16}\text{O}+^{16}\text{O}$ and $^{18}\text{O}+^{18}\text{O}$



$^{16}\text{O}, ^{18}\text{O}: I^\pi(\text{g.s.}) = 0^+$
(both are bosons)

$$V_b \sim 10.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\longrightarrow E_{\text{cm}} \sim 2.5 V_b$$

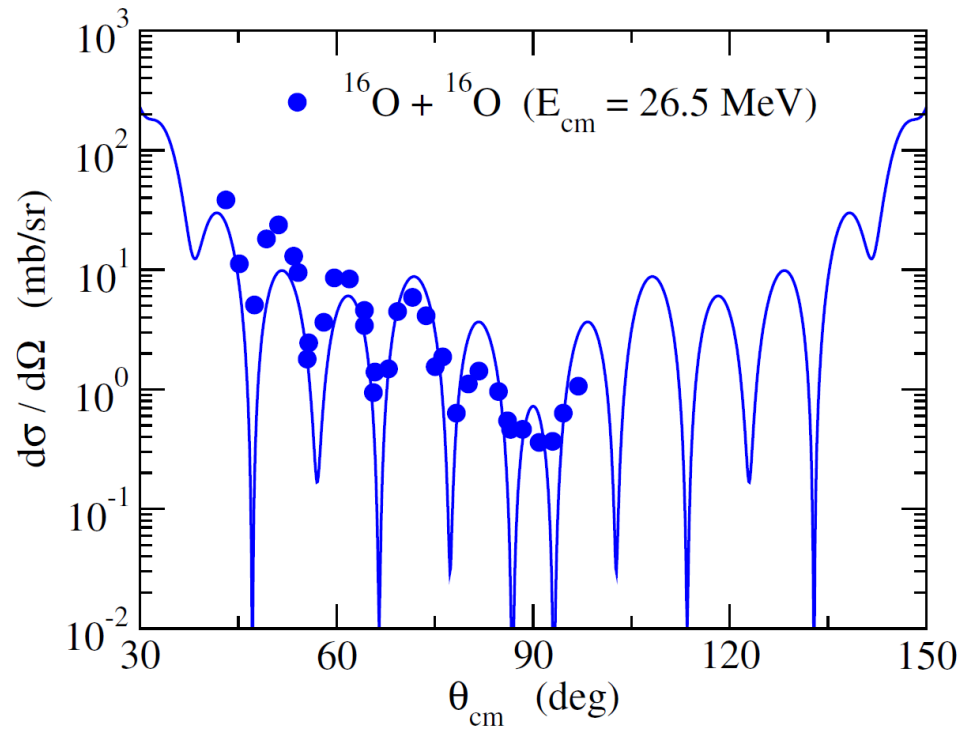
$^{18}\text{O}+^{18}\text{O}$: much less pronounced interference pattern

$^{18}\text{O} = ^{16}\text{O}$ (double closed shell) + 2n

→ stronger coupling to environment

→ manifestation of (environmental) decoherence

Optical potential model calculation



Optical potential model calculations

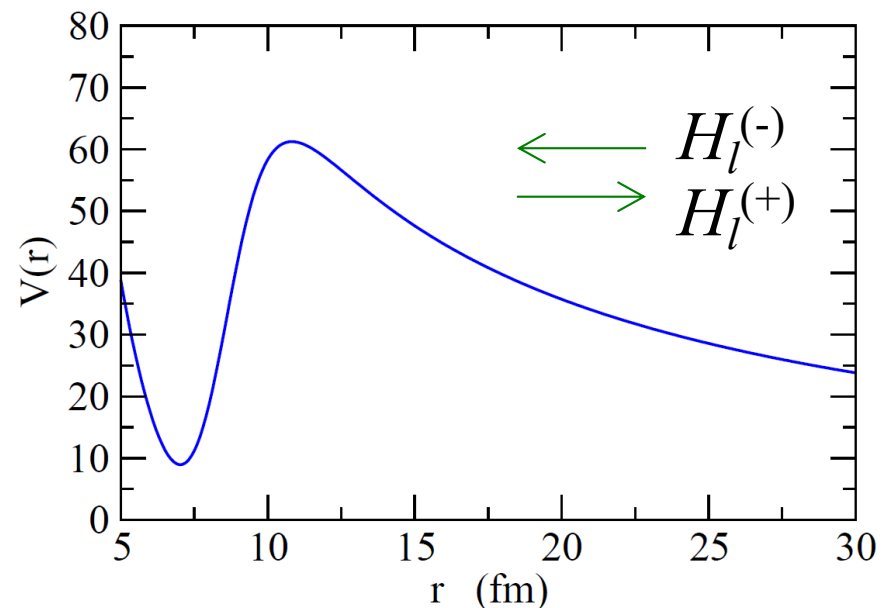
$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V(r) - \underline{iW(r)} - E \right] u_l(r) = 0$$

an imaginary part \rightarrow absorption

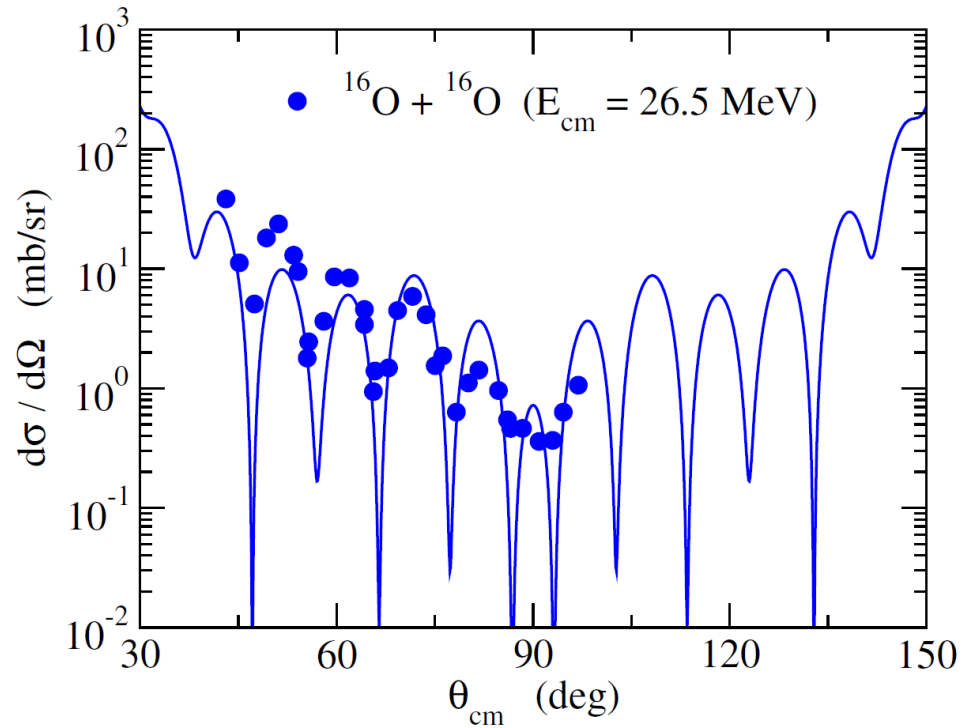
$$u_l(r) \rightarrow H_l^{(-)}(kr) - S_l H_l^{(+)}(kr), \quad r \rightarrow \infty$$

$$f(\theta) = f_C(\theta) + \sum_l e^{2i\sigma_l} (2l+1) \frac{S_l - 1}{2ik} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta)|^2$$

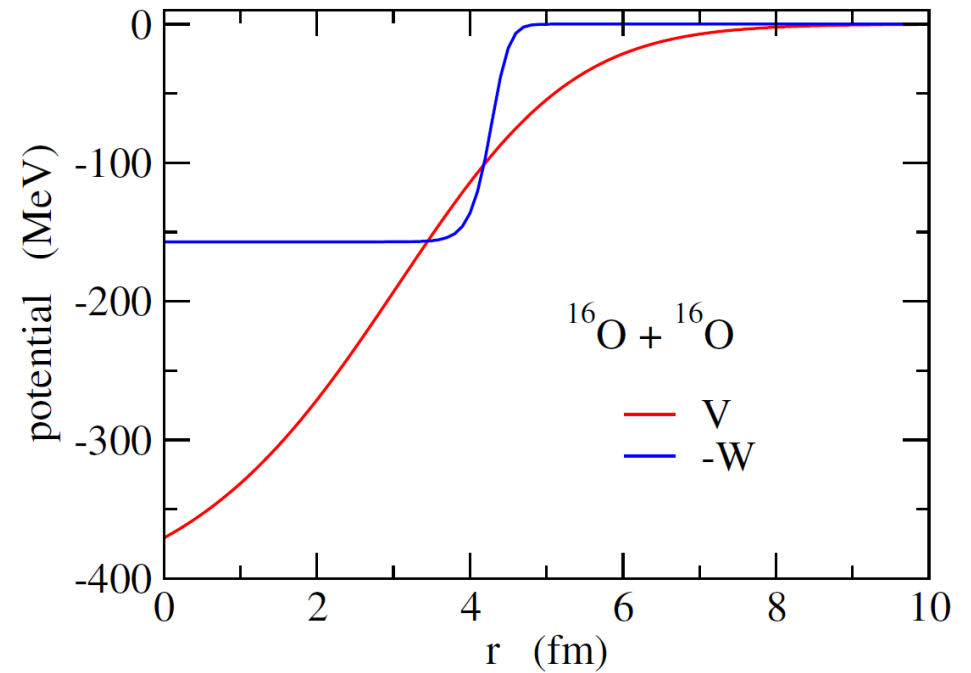


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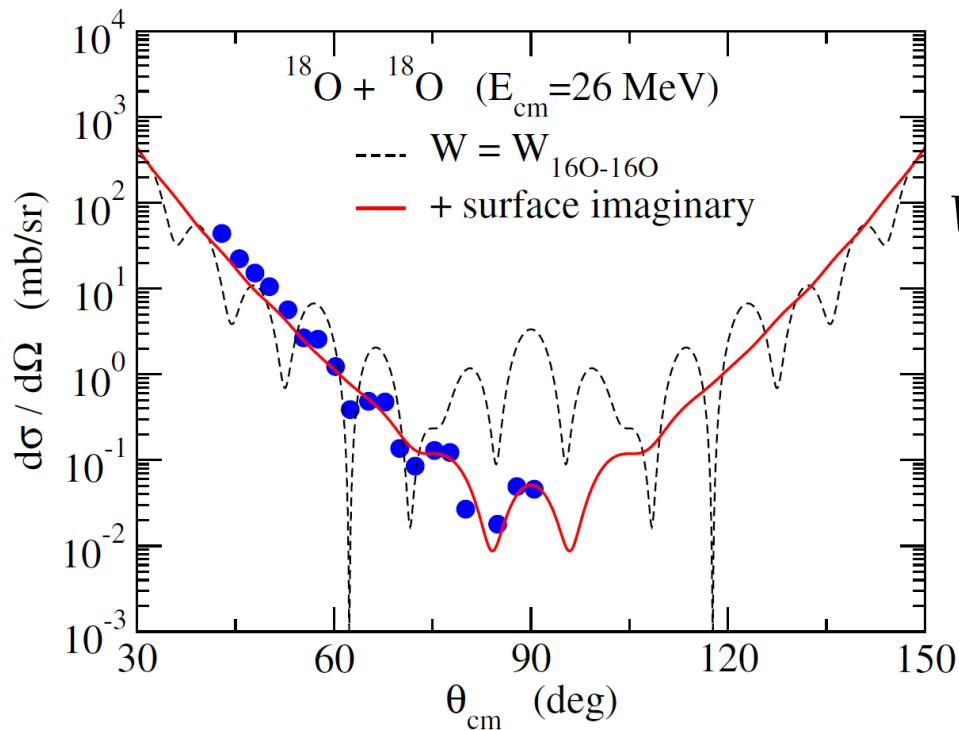


an opt. pot. model calculation
with a deep WS^2 potential.

$$V(r) = -\frac{V_0}{(1 + \exp[(r - R)/a])^2}$$
$$W(r) = \frac{W_0}{(1 + \exp[(r - R_W)/a_W])^2}$$



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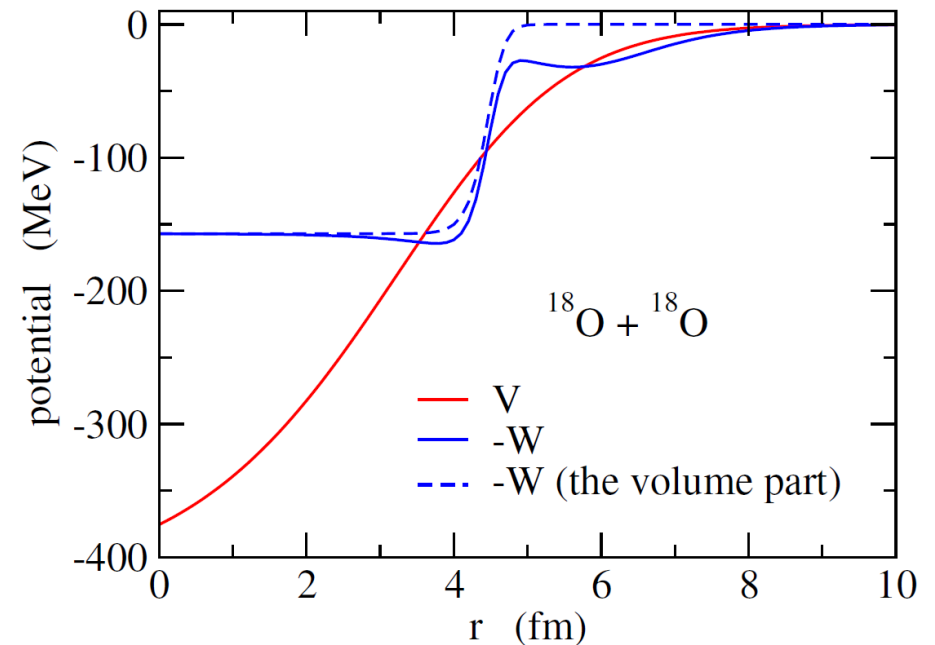
$$V(r) = -\frac{V_0}{(1 + \exp[(r - R)/a])^2}$$

$$W(r) = \frac{W_0}{(1 + \exp[(r - R_W)/a_W])^2} + \frac{d}{dr} \frac{W_0 S}{1 + \exp[(r - R_{WS})/a_{WS}]}$$

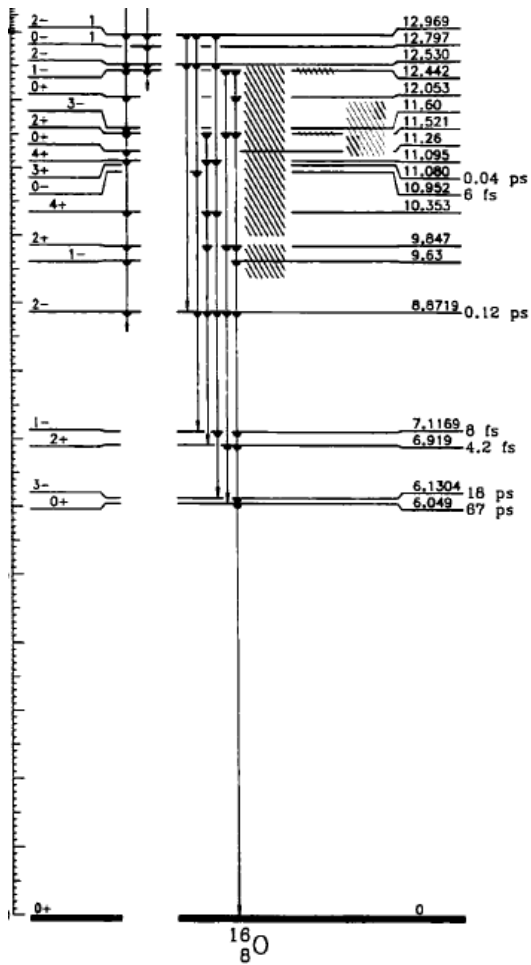
However, the same opt. pot. does not fit $^{18}\text{O} + ^{18}\text{O}$



need to increase W
(with a surface imaginary pot.)

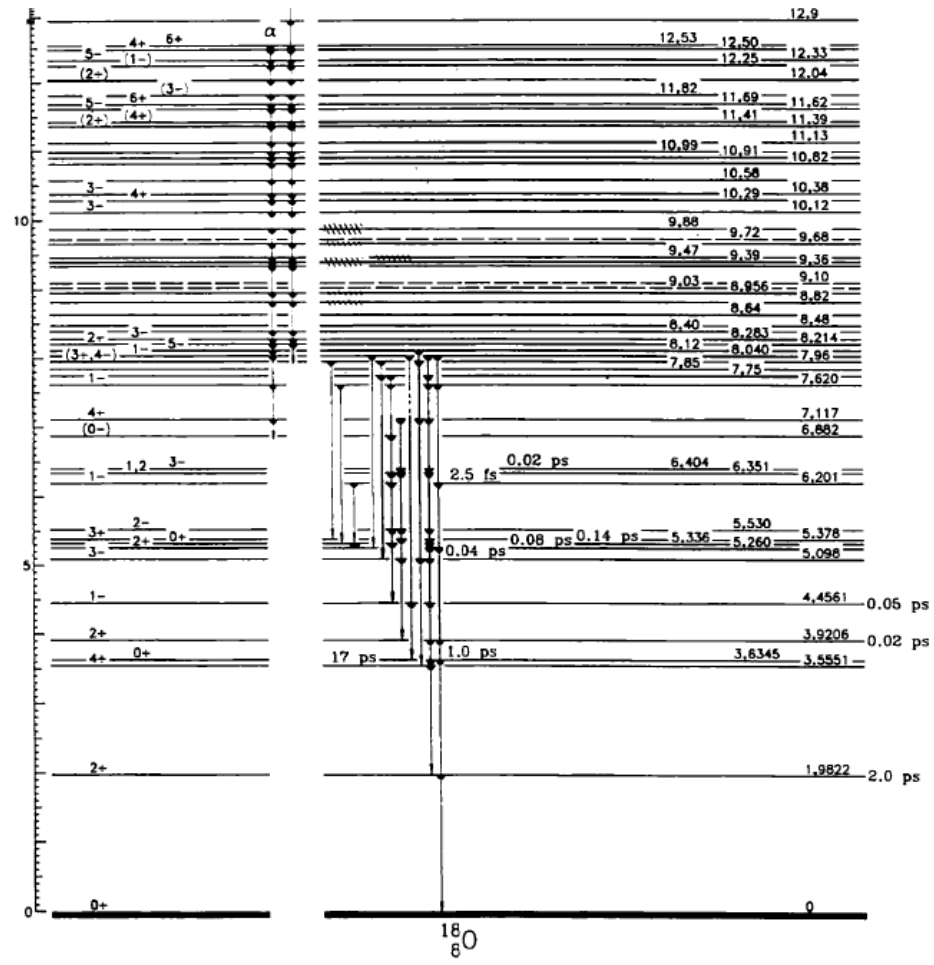


Spectra up to $E^* = 13$ MeV



^{16}O

20 levels

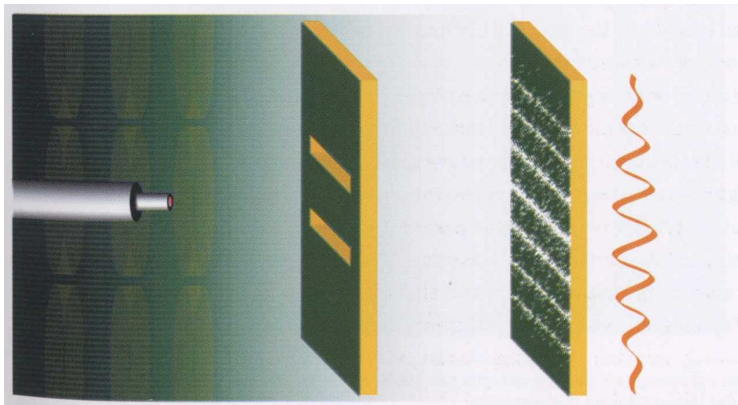
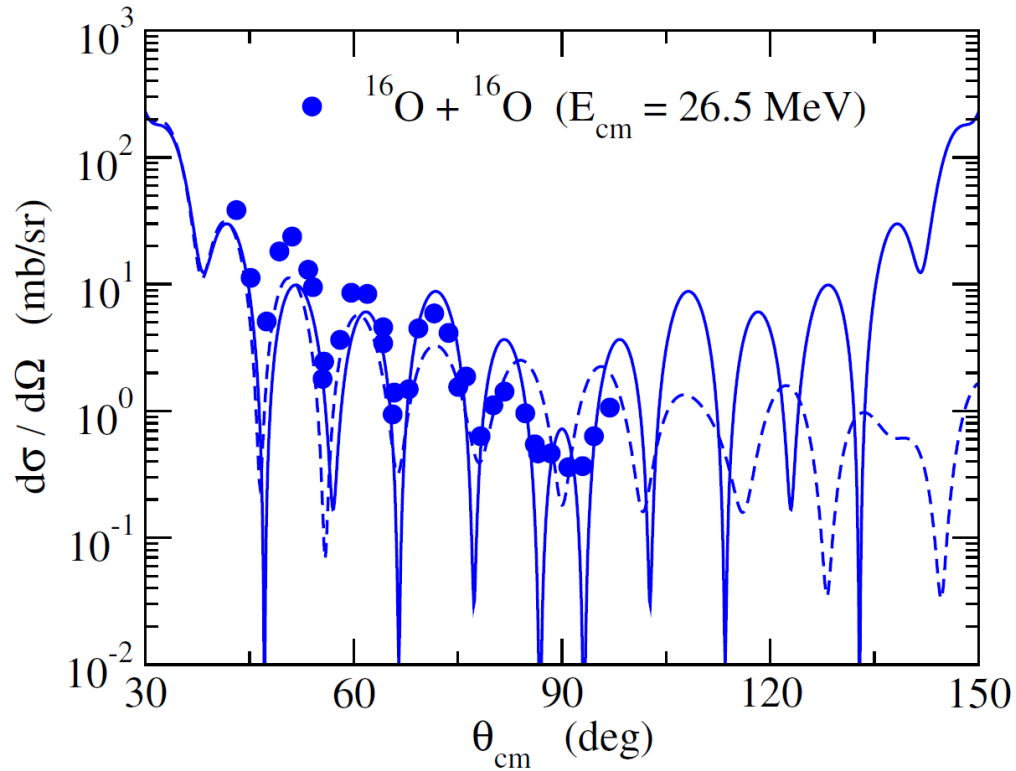


^{18}O

56 levels

cf. the number of open channels, F. Haas and Y. Abe, PRL46('81)1667

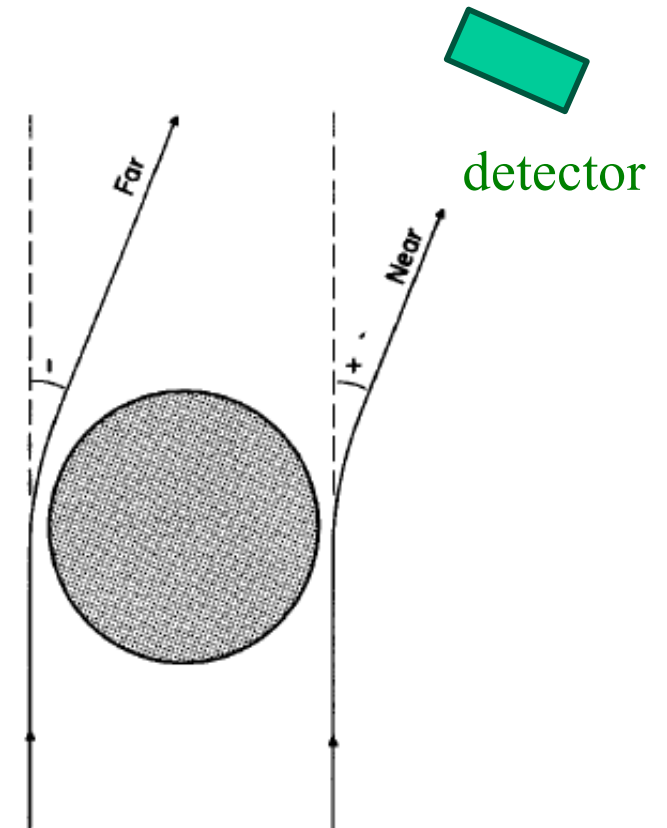
Origins of oscillations

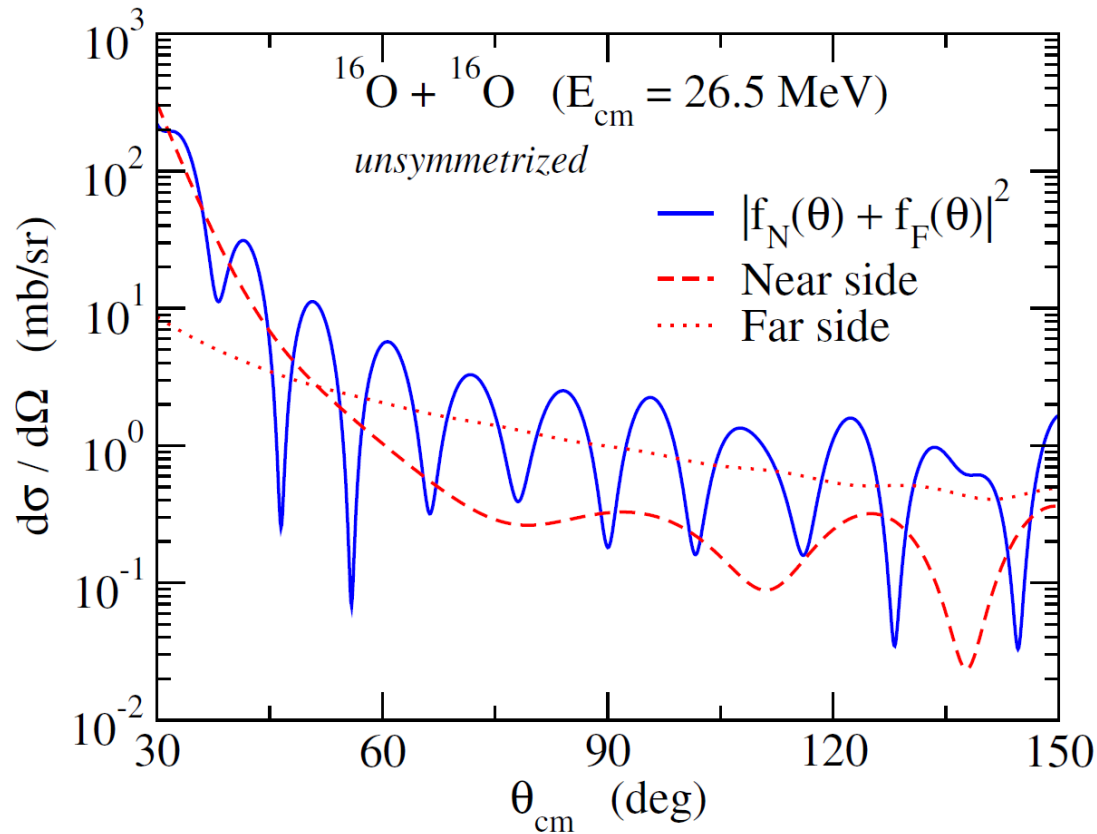


strong oscillations even in unsymmetrized cross sections

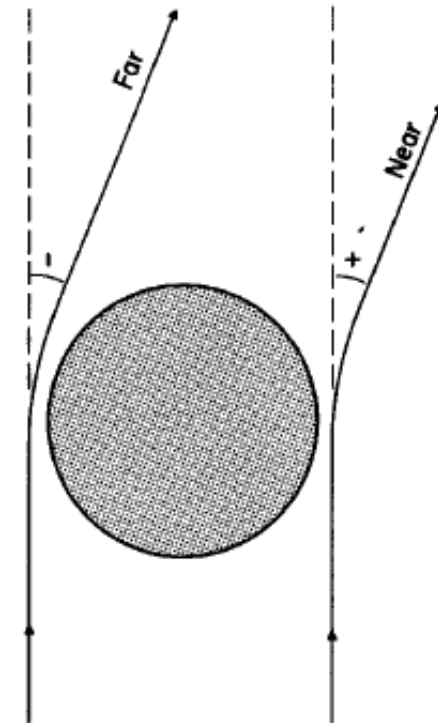


- ✓ symmetrization: minor
- ✓ the main origin: near-side-far-side interference





near side-far side interference

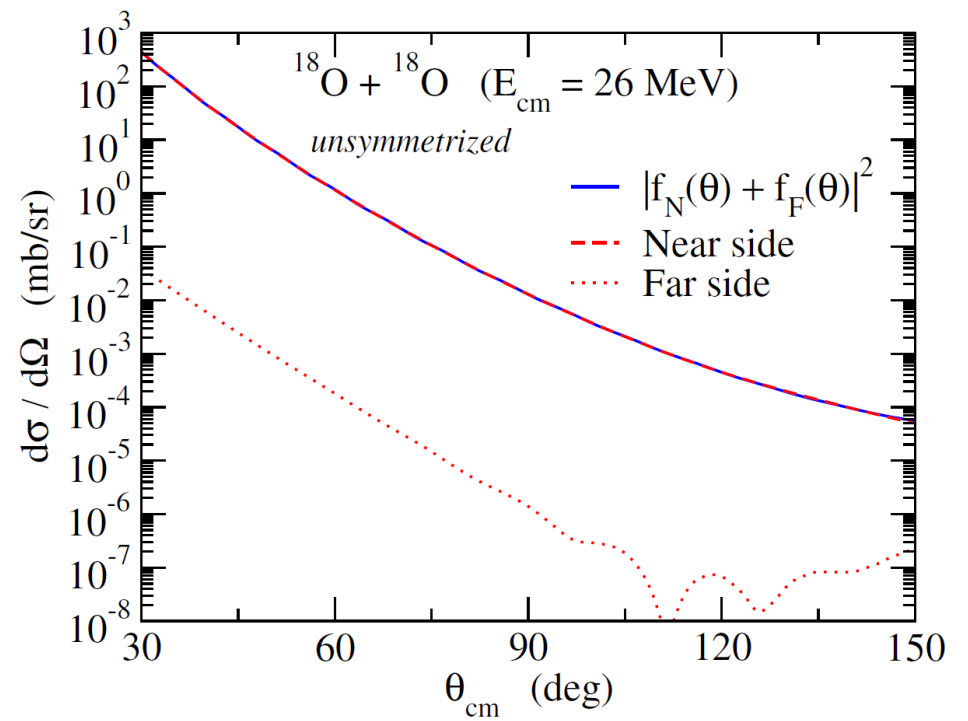
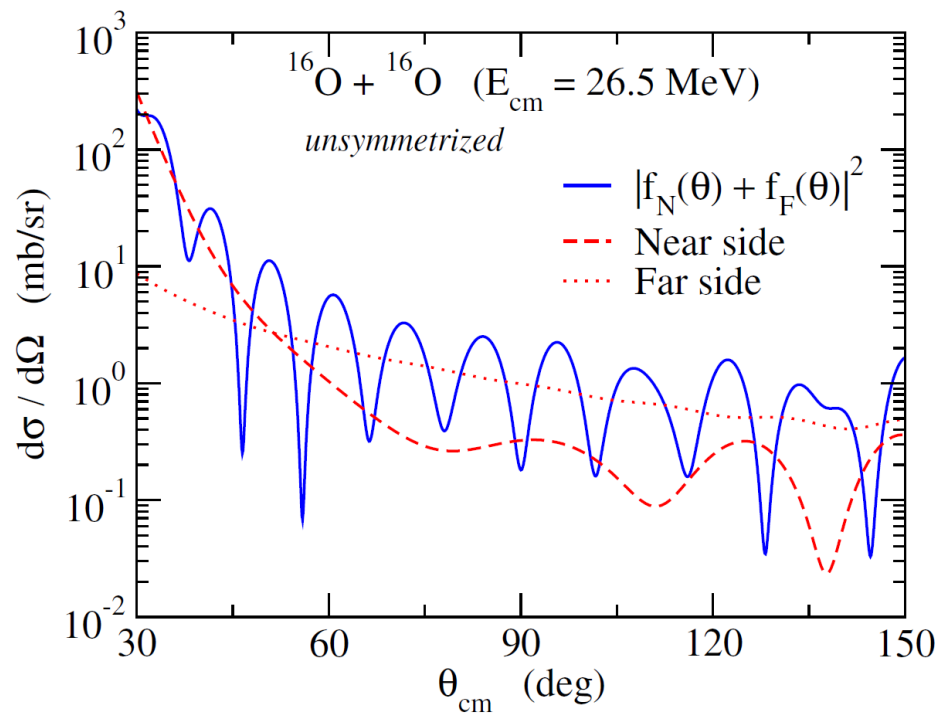


$$P_l(\cos \theta) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[P_l(\cos \theta) \mp i \frac{2}{\pi} Q_l(\cos \theta) \right]$$

N
F

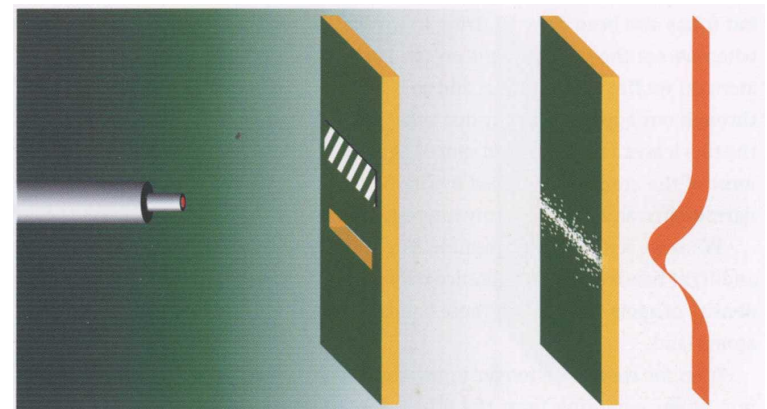
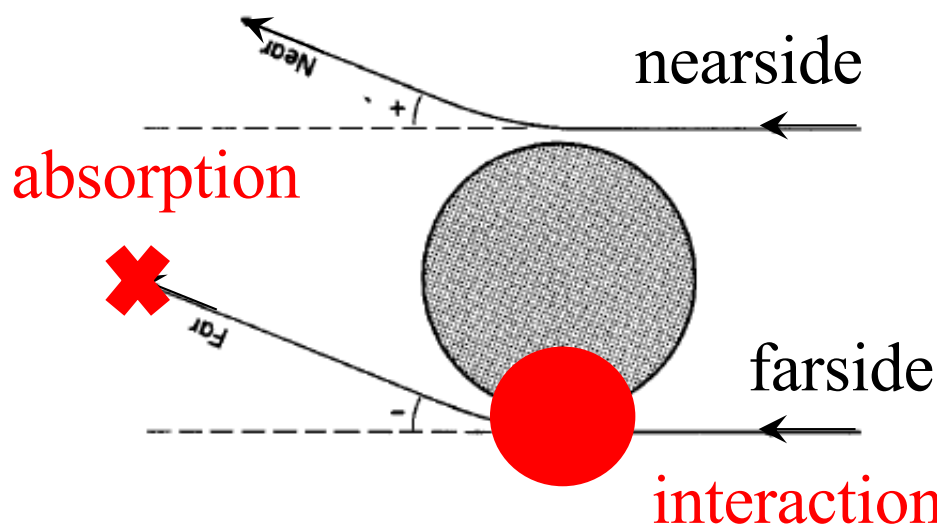
Q_l : Legendre function
of the second kind

R.C. Fuller, PRC12, 1561 (1975)



the far-side component is largely damped in $^{18}\text{O} + ^{18}\text{O}$ due to absorption
 → almost no interference oscillations

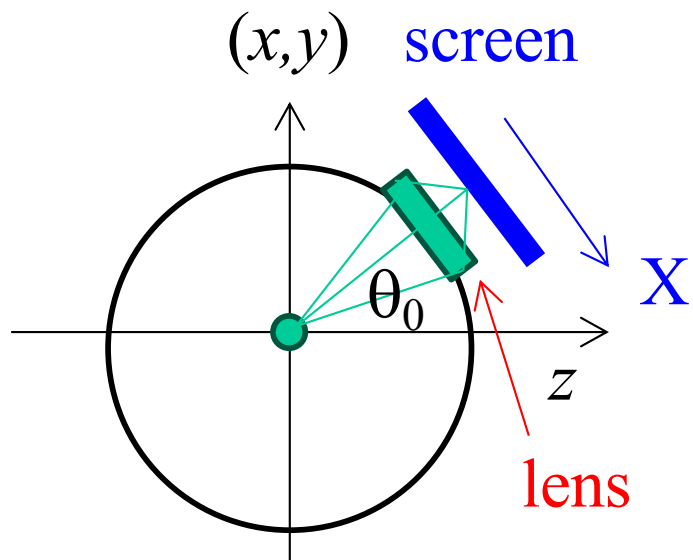
cf. a single slit



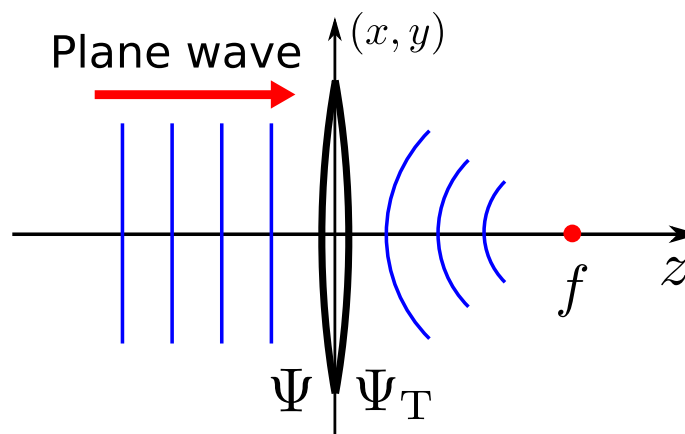
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K. Hagino and T. Yoda,
PLB848, 138326 (2024).

“condensing” scattering waves with a lens



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K. Hashimoto et al., PRD101, 066018 (2020)

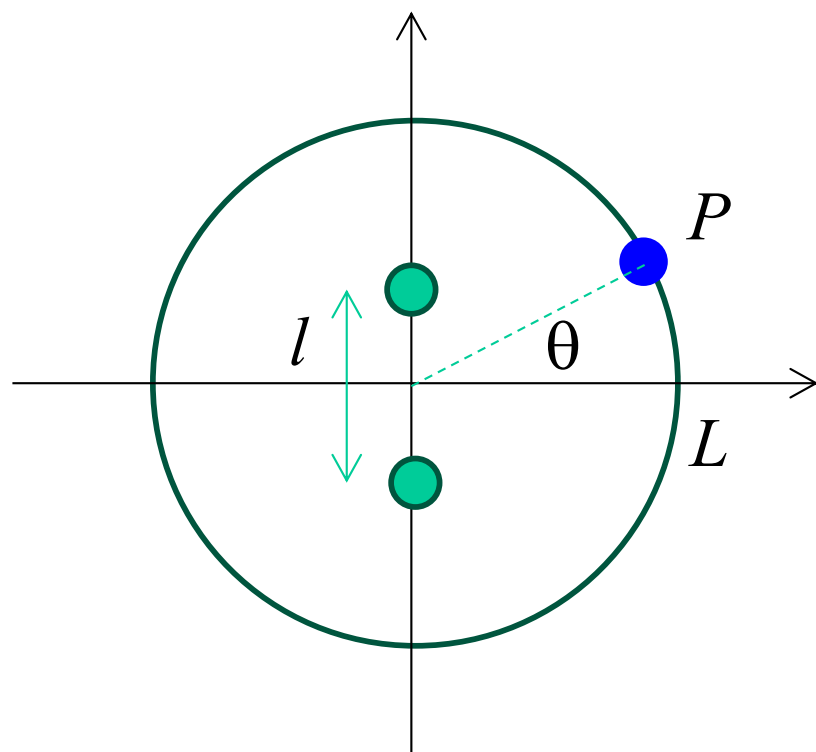
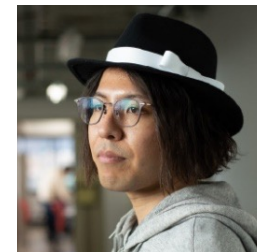
Fourier transform of scattering amplitude

$$\Phi(X, Y) \propto \int_{\theta_0 - \Delta\theta}^{\theta_0 + \Delta\theta} d\theta \int_{\varphi_0 - \Delta\varphi}^{\varphi_0 + \Delta\varphi} d\varphi e^{ik((\theta - \theta_0)X + (\varphi - \varphi_0)Y)} f(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$I(X, Y) = |\Phi(X, Y)|^2$$

Application to a double slit problem

K. Hashimoto, Y. Matsuo, and
T. Yoda, PTEP2023, 043B04 (2023)

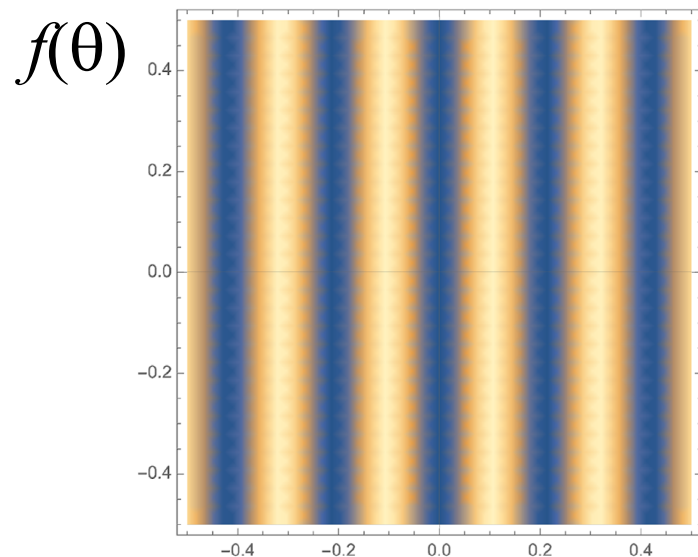


the amplitude at P

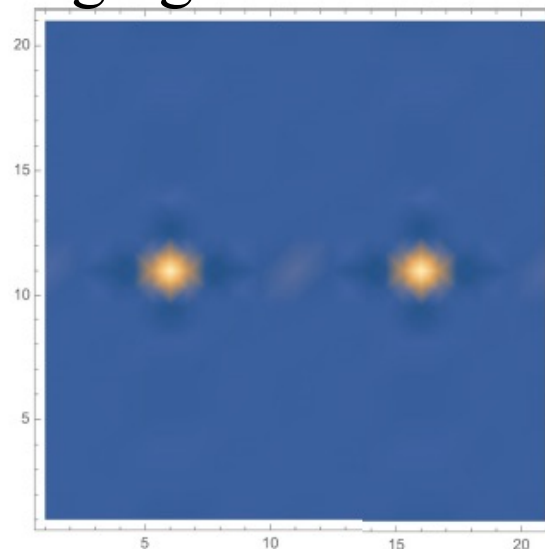
$$f(\theta) = f_1 + f_2$$

$$f_i = A \sin \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} l_i - \omega t \right)$$

$$l_i \sim L \left(1 \pm \frac{l}{2L} \sin \theta \right)$$



imaging



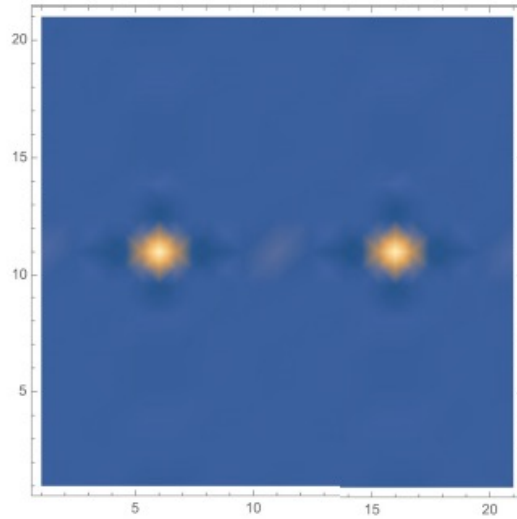
peaks at

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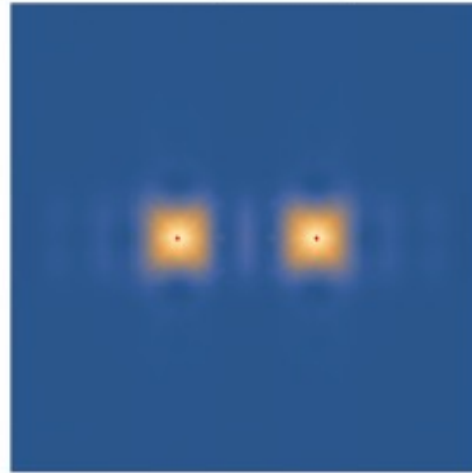
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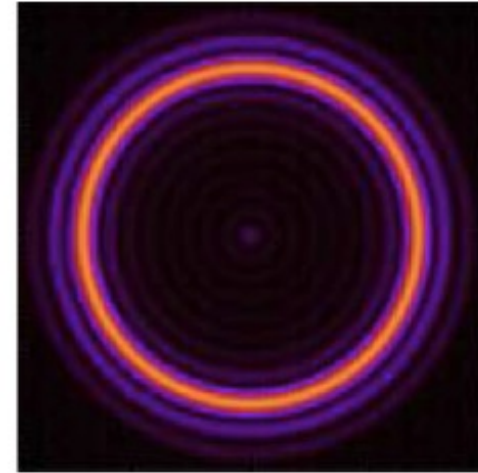
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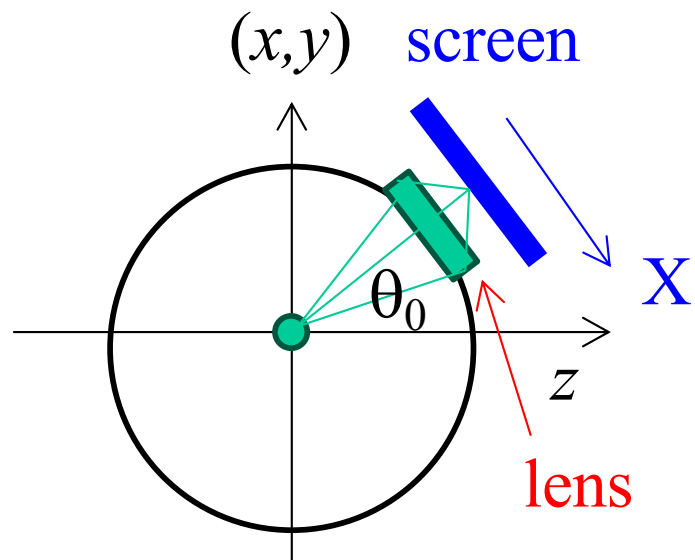
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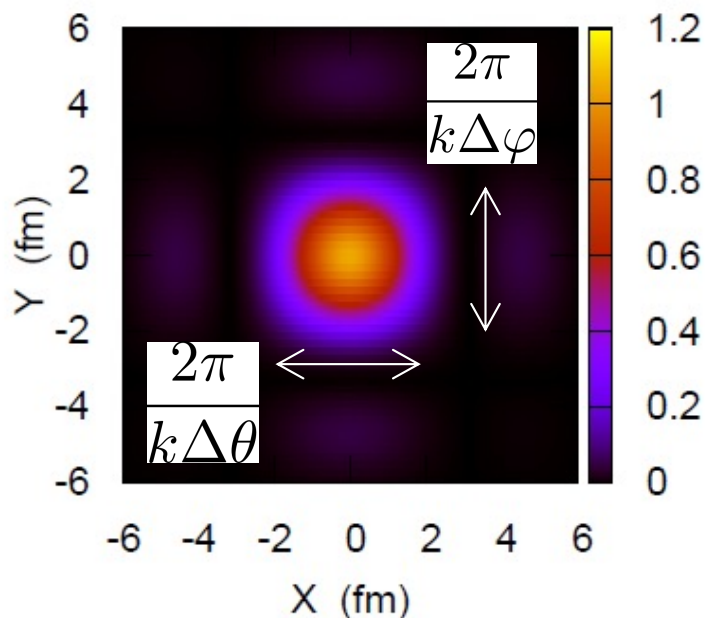
Fourier transform of scattering amplitude



$$\Phi(X, Y) \propto \int_{\theta_0 - \Delta\theta}^{\theta_0 + \Delta\theta} d\theta \int_{\varphi_0 - \Delta\varphi}^{\varphi_0 + \Delta\varphi} d\varphi \times e^{ik((\theta - \theta_0)X + (\varphi - \varphi_0)Y)} f(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$I(X, Y) = |\Phi(X, Y)|^2$$

for a flat distribution, $f(\theta, \varphi) = \text{const.}$,



$$\int_{\varphi_0 - \Delta\varphi}^{\varphi_0 + \Delta\varphi} d\varphi e^{ik(\varphi - \varphi_0)Y} = 2\Delta\varphi \frac{\sin(kY \Delta\varphi)}{kY \Delta\varphi}$$

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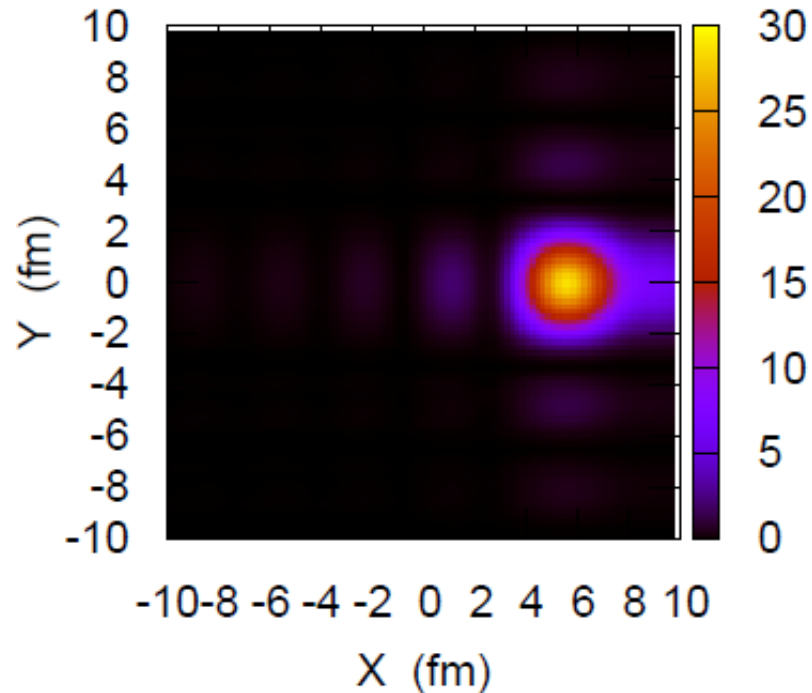
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for the Rutherford scattering, $f(\theta, \phi) = f_C(\theta, \phi)$,



$^{16}\text{O} + ^{16}\text{O}$ at $E_{\text{cm}} = 8.8$ MeV

$\theta_0 = 90$ deg.

$\Delta\theta = \Delta\phi = 30$ deg.



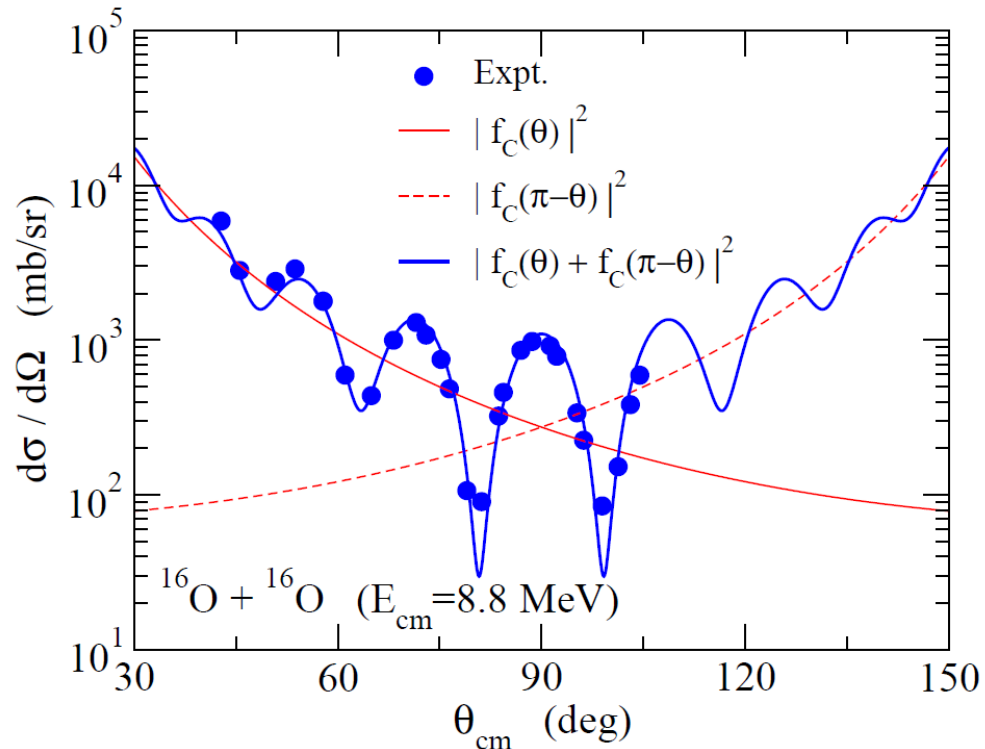
$b_{\text{cl}} = 5.24$ fm $\sim X_{\text{peak}}$

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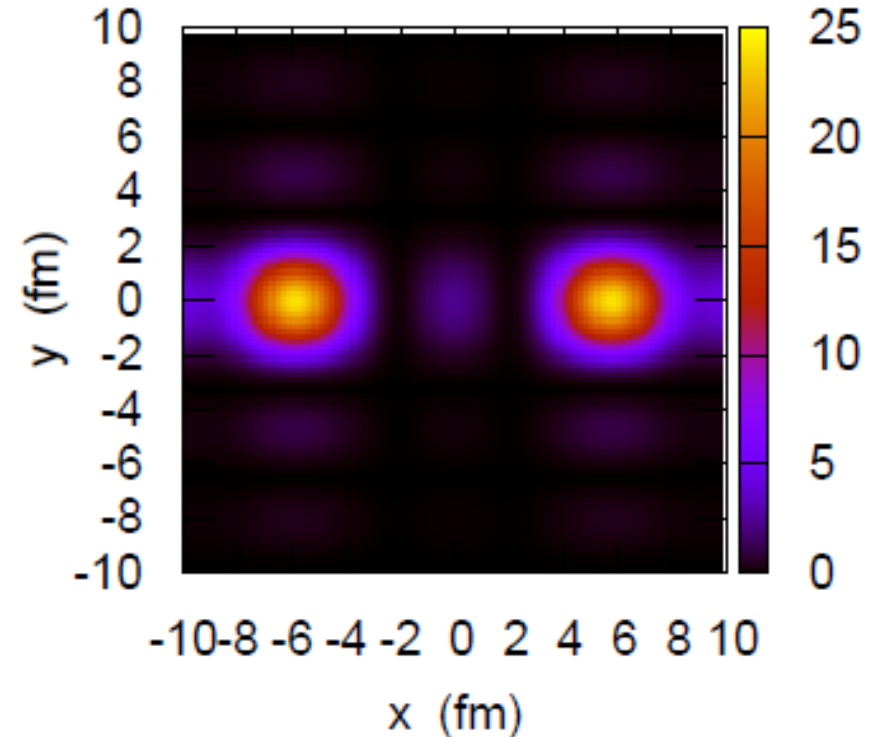
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Imaging of Mott scattering



$\theta_0 = 90 \text{ deg.}, \Delta\theta = \Delta\phi = 30 \text{ deg.}$

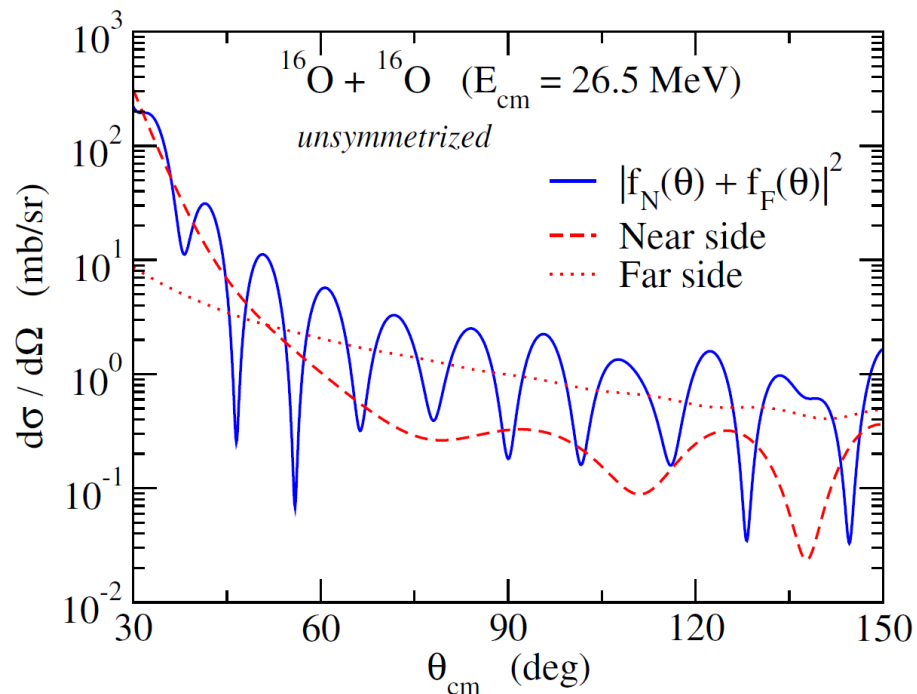


(note) for $\theta_0 = 90 \text{ deg.}$,

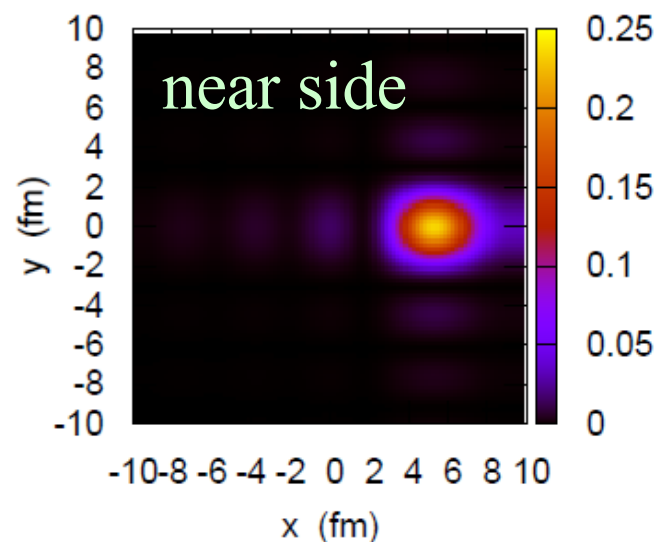
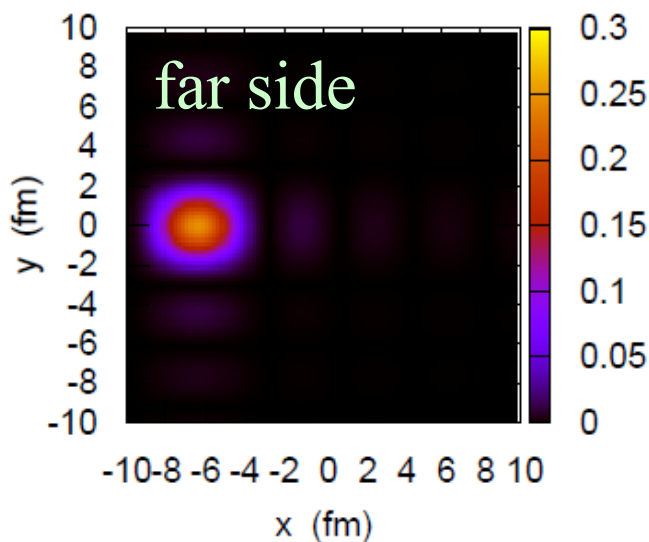
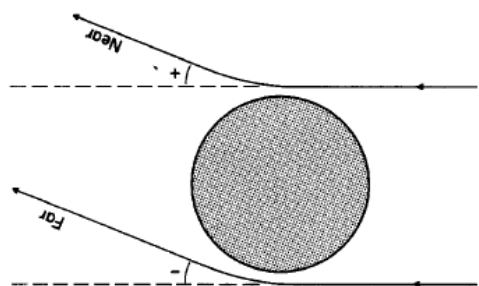
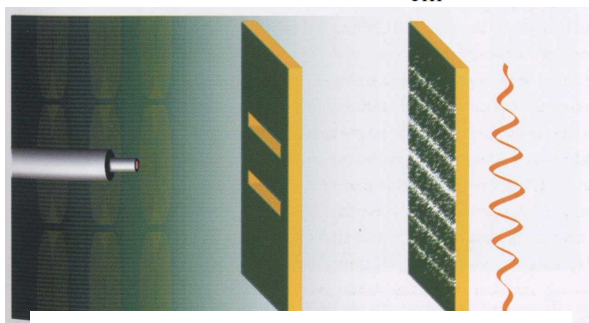
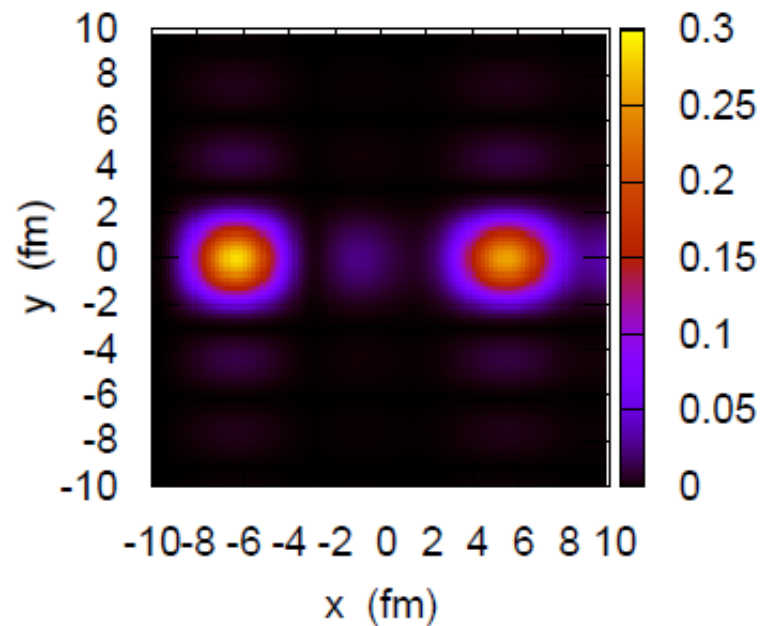
$$\Phi_\theta(X, Y) = \Phi_{\pi - \theta}(-X, Y)$$

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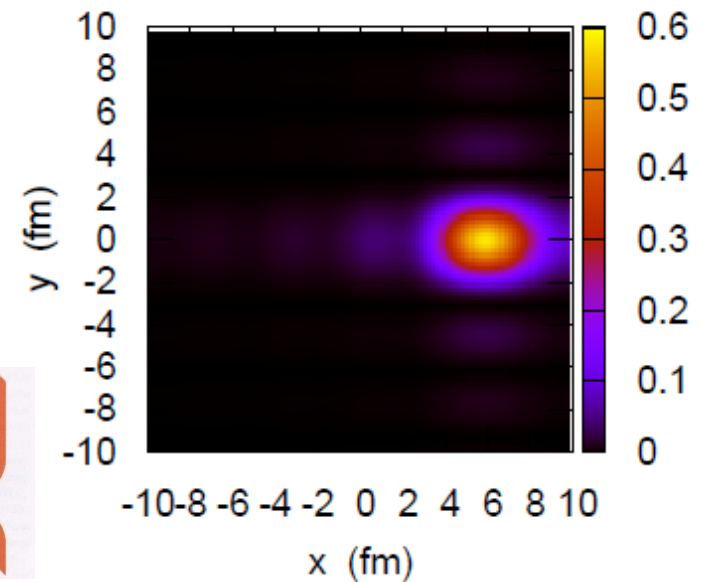
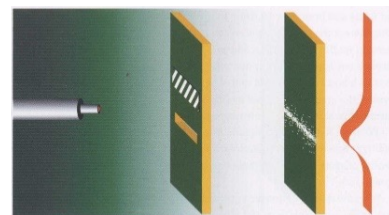
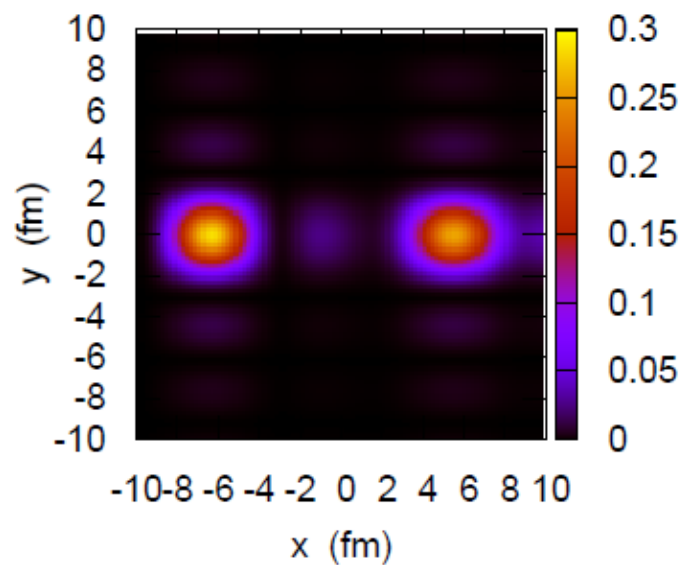
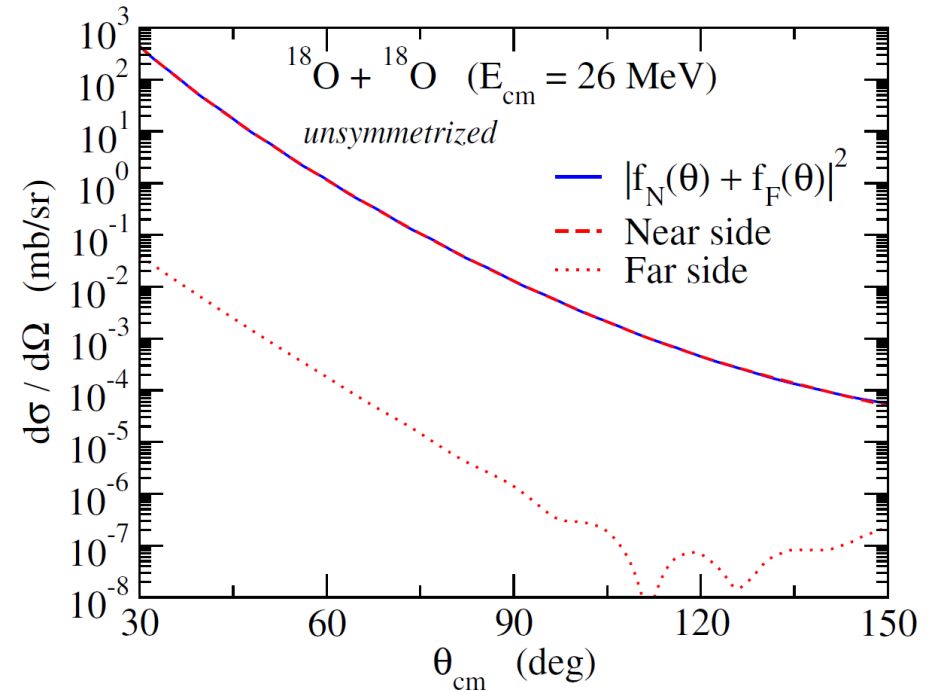
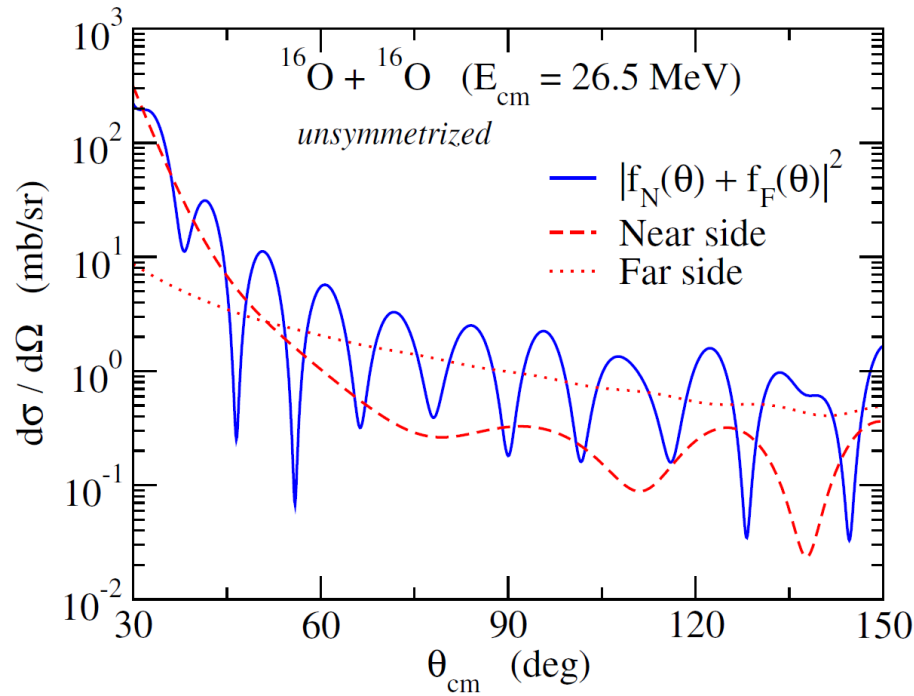


$\theta_0 = 55$ deg., $\Delta\theta = 15$ deg.



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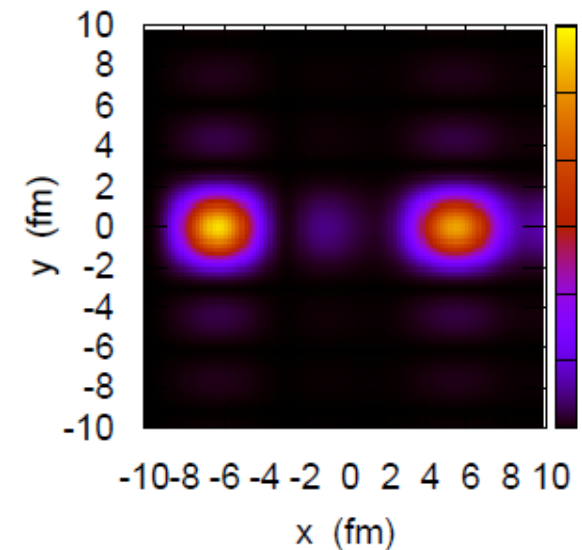
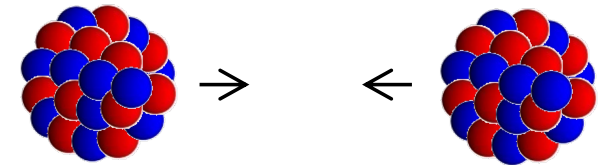
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Summary

Nuclear Reactions as quantum many-body phenomena

- ✓ strong interplay with nuclear structure
- ✓ several nuclear intrinsic motions
- ✓ Coupled-channels approach
- ✓ a variety of interference phenomena
 - scattering of identical nuclei
 - Coulomb-nuclear interference
 - farside-nearside interference
 - barrier-wave-internal-wave interference
- ✓ **Imaging: a new approach**
 - a Fourier transform of scatt. amplitudes
 - an intuitive way to understand physics of interferences



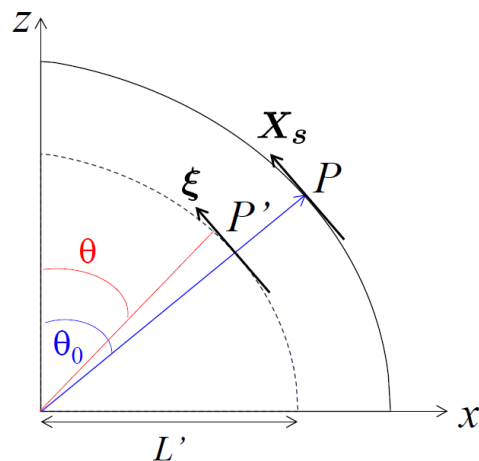
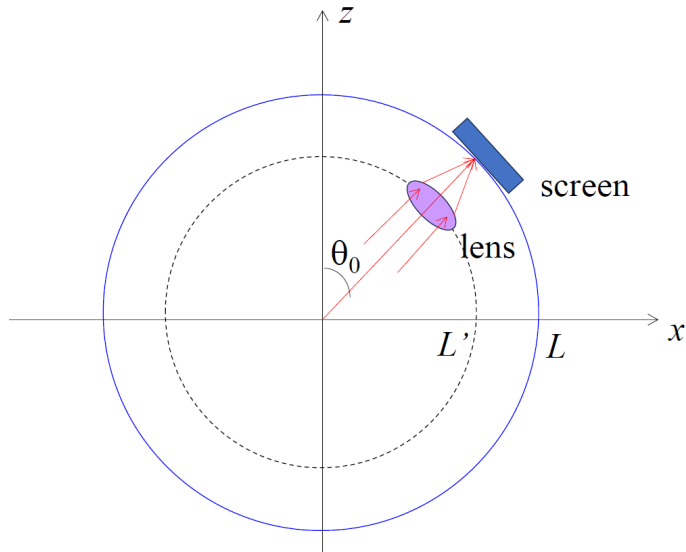
Ongoing work: inelastic scattering?
with Kyoungsu Heo (Soongsil University)



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$$\xi \sim -L'(\theta - \theta_0)$$

$$\Psi_s(X_s, Y_s) = \int_{-d_\xi}^{d_\xi} d\xi \int_{-d_\eta}^{d_\eta} d\eta A(\xi, \eta) e^{-ikr}$$

$$r = \sqrt{(X_s - \xi)^2 + (Y_s - \eta)^2 + (L - L')^2}$$

$$\sim L - L' + \frac{(X_s - \xi)^2 + (Y_s - \eta)^2}{2(L - L')}$$

$$\sim L - L' + \frac{X_s^2 + Y_s^2}{2(L - L')} + \frac{\xi X_s + \eta Y_s}{L - L'}$$

(the size of the lens: much smaller than $L-L'$)

$$X \equiv -L'X_s/(L - L')$$

$$Y \equiv L' \sin \theta_0 Y_s / (L - L')$$