Nuclear Astrophysics with Radioactive Beams



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Experiments and theories for radioactive beams

RIB Facilities

(Operating or Under Construction)



Coulomb Dissociation Radiative Capture Reactions

Coulomb Excitation



$$E_{r}(r,r') = Z_{p}e \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|r-r'|} d^{3}r' \\ = \frac{Z_{p}e}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^{3}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q_{ij}r_{i}r_{j}}{r^{5}} + \cdots$$

 $\mathbf{p} = \int \mathbf{r}' \rho(\mathbf{r}') d^3 r' \quad \text{(dipole)}$ $Q_{ij} = \int \left(3r'_i r'_j - r'^2 \delta_{ij}\right) \rho(\mathbf{r}') d^3 r'$ (Quadrupole)

Semiclassical method: r = r(t)

/alidity:
$$\eta = \frac{\text{distance of closest approach}}{\text{wavelength}} = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{\hbar v} >> 1$$

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General multipole expansion

(if
$$\mathbf{r} > \mathbf{r}'$$
)

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{r}'|} = \sum_{L,M} \frac{4\pi}{2L+1} \frac{r'}{r^{L+1}(t)} Y_{LM}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}(t)) Y_M^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$$

Calculate a_{fi} and average over spins:

Cross section: $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma_R}{d\Omega} \cdot w_{fi} = \sum_{L>0} \frac{d\sigma_L}{d\Omega}$

$$w_{fi} = \frac{1}{2J_i + 1} \sum_{M_i M_f} \left| a_{fi} \right|^2$$

reduced transition

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{d\Omega} \sim Z_P^2 B(EL) \left| I_L(\omega_{fi}) \right|^2$$

r(t)

$$I_{L}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{1}{r^{L+1}(t)} Y_{LM}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}(t)) e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\omega_{fi} = \frac{E_f - E_i}{\hbar}$$

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 $B(EL) \sim \left| \int r^L \delta \rho_{fi} d^3 r \right|^2 \frac{\text{reduced } r}{\text{strength}}$

Virtual photon numbers

 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}(t) = 0$

 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(t) = 0$

E, B-field of projectile divergence free

$$\frac{d\sigma_{L}}{d\Omega} = \int \frac{dE_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} \frac{dn_{L}}{d\Omega} (E_{\gamma}, \theta) \sigma_{L}^{\gamma} (E_{\gamma})$$

photonuclear X-section:

$$\sigma_L^{\gamma} \sim E_{\gamma}^{2L+1} B(EL)$$

 $E_{\gamma} = E_f - E_i$

virtual photon numbers:

$$\frac{dn_{L}}{d\Omega} \sim Z_{P}^{2} \left| I_{L} \left(\omega_{fi}, \theta \right) \right|^{2}$$

impact parameter dependence:

$$n_L(E_{\gamma},b) \equiv \frac{dn_L}{2\pi bdb} \sim \sin^4(\theta/2)\frac{dn_L}{d\Omega}$$

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$1/r^2$ force



Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 disintegrating as it approaches Jupiter in July 1994.

Coulomb dissociation and nuclear astrophysics



Applications to radiative capture (n, γ) and (p, γ) reactions in nuclear astrophysics.

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Including nuclear conribution: DWBA

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$$f_{inel}(\theta) = -\frac{4\pi^2 \mu}{\hbar^2} \int d^3 r \, \chi_{\mathbf{k}'}^{(-)*}(\mathbf{r}) \, V(\mathbf{r}) \, \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r})$$

 $\Psi^{\scriptscriptstyle\pm} \sim \chi^{\scriptscriptstyle\pm}$

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$$f_{DWBA}\left(\mathbf{k}^{\prime},\mathbf{k}\right) = -\frac{4\pi^{2}\mu}{\hbar^{2}} \left\langle \chi_{\mathbf{k}^{\prime}}^{(-)} \left| V \right| \chi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(+)} \right\rangle$$

$$T_{DWBA}\left(\mathbf{k}^{\prime},\mathbf{k}\right) = \left\langle \chi_{\mathbf{k}^{\prime}}^{(-)} \left| V \right| \chi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(+)} \right\rangle$$

Distorted: all orders in U

Born: only first order in V

$$f_{inel}^{C}(\theta) \approx \int d^{3}r \, d^{3}r' \Psi_{\mathbf{k}'}^{(-)*}(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_{f}(\mathbf{r}') V_{C}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_{i}(\mathbf{r}')$$

nice, well known, angel



$$f_{inel}^{N}(\theta) \approx \int d^{3}r \, d^{3}r' \Psi_{\mathbf{k}'}^{(-)*}(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_{f}(\mathbf{r}') V_{N}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_{i}(\mathbf{r}')$$

bad, not well known, a true monster

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left| f_{inel}^{N}(\theta) + f_{inel}^{C}(\theta) \right|^{2}$$

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Search for the Pygmy Dipole Resonance in ⁶⁸Ni at 600 MeV/nucleon

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Example: Coulomb breakup of ⁸B



Solar neutrino problem is due to v-oscillations

But this reaction needs to be known more accurately

- J. Bahcall

Transfer Reactions

One-nucleon transfer (Born approximation)

$$P_{\beta} = \left| \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, F_{\beta\alpha} \left(\mathbf{R} \right) e^{i(E_{\beta} - E_{\alpha})t/\hbar + (\dots)} \right|^{2} \sim \tau_{coll} \left| F_{\beta\alpha} \left(D \right) \right|^{2} g\left(Q_{\beta\alpha} \right)$$

$$F_{\beta\alpha}(\mathbf{R}) \sim \int d^3 \mathbf{r}_1 \, e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_1} \phi_{a_n}^{(A)} (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_1) (V_{1A} - \langle U \rangle) \phi_{a_n}^{(b)} (\mathbf{r}_1)$$

Q = momentum transfer V_{1A} transfer interaction. Why not V_{1b} ?? POST-PRIOR representation



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Multi-nucleon transfer (Born approximation)



Transfer Reactions Asymptotic Normalization Coefficients

Spectroscopic factors

- What is the amplitude for ${}^{12}C + n$ in ${}^{13}C$?
- Define overlap function:

$$I(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \varphi_A(\zeta_A) \varphi_n(\zeta_N) | \varphi_B(\zeta_A, \zeta_N; \mathbf{r}) \rangle$$

And the spectroscopic factor is

$$\int \mathrm{d}^3 r \mid I^{\mathrm{c}}_{\ell j}(\mathbf{r}) \mid^2 = \mathrm{S}(\ell j)$$



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Asymptotic Region - I (neutron)

• Single particle overlap function for $r > R_N$

$$I_{(lj)}(r) \xrightarrow{r > R_N} K_{(lj)} \varphi_{(lj)}(r)$$

$$\varphi_{(lj)}(r) \xrightarrow{r > R_N} b_{(lj)} i\kappa h_l^{(1)}(i\kappa r)$$

Model independent definition:

$$I_{(lj)}(r) \xrightarrow{r > R_N} C_{(lj)} ik h_l^{(1)}(ikr)$$

$$k = \sqrt{2m_{An}} e_{An}^B, \quad e_{An}^B = m_A + m_n - m_B$$

Asymptotic Region - II (neutron)

Asymptotic Normalization Coefficient

 $C_{(lj)} = K_{(lj)} b_{(lj)}$

Typical approach, assume for all r

$$I_{lj}(r) = K_{lj}\varphi_{n(lj)}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{lj} = \int_{0}^{\infty} dr r^{2} I_{lj}^{2}(r) = K_{(lj)}^{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr r^{2} \varphi_{lj}^{2}(r) = K_{(lj)}^{2}$$

DWBA Again

Cross section for A(d,p)B

$$\sigma^{DW} = \left| M \right|^2 = \left| \left\langle \psi_f^{(-)} I_{An}^B \left| V \right| \phi_{pn} \psi_i^{(+)} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

With the single particle approximation

$$\sigma^{DW} = S \left| \left\langle \psi_f^{(-)} \phi_{An}(n_r lj) \left| V \right| \phi_{pn} \psi_i^{(+)} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

S is the normalization (i.e. 'spectroscopic') factor

Transfer Reaction (proton)

Transition amplitude:



Peripheral transfer:

$$M = \left\langle \psi_f^{(-)} I_{An}^B \left| V \right| \phi_{pn} \psi_i^{(+)} \right\rangle$$

$$I_{Bp}^{A} \approx C_{Bp}^{A} \frac{W_{-\eta_{A},l+\frac{1}{2}}(2\kappa_{Bp}r_{Bp})}{r_{Bp}}$$

$$[S = C^{2}/b^{2}]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = (C_{Bpl_{A}j_{A}}^{A})^{2}(C_{apl_{d}j_{d}}^{d})^{2} \frac{\sigma_{l_{A}j_{A}}^{DW}}{b_{Bpl_{A}j_{A}}^{2}}$$

Use of ANCs

- Find a peripheral transfer reaction
- Measure angular distribution (abs. c.s.)
- DWBA calculation (optical model parameters)
- Determine single particle ANCs
- Use the information (ANCs) obtained for the wavefunctions to calculate matrix elements of astrophysical interest

Asymptotic normalization coefficients



Transfer Reactions Trojan Horse Method

Trojan horse method

Measuring $A + a \rightarrow b + c + C$ with $a = b + x \Rightarrow$ $A + x \rightarrow C + c$ (astrophysics) G.Baur, PLB 178 (1986) 135



Trojan horse method - examples



Method extended and applied to several reactions of astrophysics interest by Claudio Spitaleri and collaborators

Transfer Reactions Surrogate Reactions

Surrogate reactions

Reaction of interest

Deduce from:-

e.g., (n,f) from transfer reactions Kessedjian, et al., PLB 692 (2010) 297

Fission cross sections not sensitive to differences J^π distributions!!!
→ Hauser-Feshbach = Ewing-Weisskopf
→ Surrogate reactions work

BUT, unfortunately, most often it doesn't work.



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Direct Reactions at High Energies

Quantum scattering: Low energy

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\nabla^2 + V\right]\Psi = E\Psi$$

Partial wave expansion:

$$u_{l}(r) \xrightarrow{r \to \infty} \frac{i}{2} \{ H_{l}^{(-)}(kr) - S_{l}H_{l}^{(+)}(kr) \}$$
Cncoming wave
$$\text{``Survival'' amplitude}$$

$$\text{(S-matrix)}$$

$$S_{l} = e^{2i\delta_{l}} \quad (\delta_{l} = \text{Phase shift})$$

k

$$|S_l|^2 =$$
 "Survival" probability ≤ 1

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k'

V

High energy collisions (E_{lab} > 50 MeV/nucleon) Eikonal Waves

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Eikonal Waves: Applications

(sometimes called "Glauber theory")



Roy Glauber 2005 Nobel prize (for another "Glauber theory")

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S-matrices ("Survival" Amplitudes)



Direct Reactions at High Energies Supernovae physics

SN-collapse scenario

- Gravitational pressure balanced by degenerate e- gas up to $M_{ch} = 1.44$
- Electron capture $e^- + (Z,A) \rightarrow (Z^{-1},A) + v_e$

 $e - + p \rightarrow n + v_e$

rates determined by GT-strength

- loss of energy by neutrino cooling
- loss of pressure collapse at 0.3c
- neutrino trapping, decoupling of the core free fall
- storing gravitational energy in neutrinos
- core bounce and outgoing shock wave
- re-heating shock wave by neutrinos and explosion
- successful explosion ONLY if Ye > 0.43

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Neutrinos



e-+(Z,A) \leftarrow > (Z-1, A) + ν_e

Needs $\left|\left\langle B \right\| \sigma \tau \left\| A \right\rangle\right|^2$ for numerous nuclei

Also the case for neutrino induced reactions

Neutrino detection on Earth difficult

Number of target nuclei Number of target nuclei Neutrino flux Interaction cross section Efficiency

$$N_{ev} = N_t \int_0^{\infty} F(E_v) \cdot \sigma(E_v) \cdot \varepsilon(E_v) dE_v$$

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Theoretical neutrino-nucleus calculations unreliable



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Solution with charge-exchange reactions



Effective interaction V_{NN} (phenomenological)

$$\begin{split} V_{NN}\left(\mathbf{r}\right) &= V^{C}\left(r\right) + V^{C}_{\sigma}\left(r\right)\left(\sigma_{1}\cdot\sigma_{2}\right) + \left[V^{C}_{\tau}\left(r\right) + V^{C}_{\sigma\tau}\left(r\right)\left(\sigma_{1}\cdot\sigma_{2}\right)\right]\left(\tau_{1}\cdot\tau_{2}\right) \\ &+ \left[V^{T}\left(r\right) + V^{T}_{\tau}\left(r\right)\left(\tau_{1}\cdot\tau_{2}\right)\right]S_{12}\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\right) + V^{LS}\left(r\right) \left.\boldsymbol{l}\cdot\left(\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{2}\right)\right] \\ \text{Antisimetrization:} \quad V_{NN}\left(\mathbf{r}\right) &= \left[1-\left(-\right)^{l}P_{x}\right]V_{12}\left(\mathbf{r}\right) \qquad P_{x}: \mathbf{r} \rightarrow -\mathbf{r} \\ V^{LS}\left(r\right) \left.\boldsymbol{l}\cdot\left(\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{2}\right) \qquad \text{small and usually neglected} \\ \text{Notation:} \qquad V^{C}\left(r\right) &= V^{0}_{00}\left(r\right), \quad V^{C}_{\sigma}\left(r\right) &= V^{0}_{10}\left(r\right), \quad V^{T}_{\tau}\left(r\right) &= V^{0}_{01}\left(r\right) \\ V^{C}_{\sigma\tau}\left(r\right) &= V^{0}_{11}\left(r\right), \quad V^{T}\left(r\right) &= V^{2}_{10}\left(r\right), \quad V^{T}_{\tau}\left(r\right) &= V^{2}_{01}\left(r\right) \\ V_{12}\left(\mathbf{r}\right) &= \sum_{\substack{K=0,2\\ST}} V^{K}_{ST}\left(r\right)C^{K}_{S}Y_{K}\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\right)\left[\sigma_{1}\otimes\sigma_{2}\right]^{K}\left[\tau_{1}\cdot\tau_{2}\right]^{T} \\ \text{K = 0: central force} \qquad \sigma^{S=0} &= 1, \quad \sigma^{S=1} &= \sigma \qquad C^{0}_{0} &= \sqrt{4\pi}, \quad C^{0}_{1} &= -\sqrt{12\pi} \end{split}$$

K = 0: central force $\sigma^{S=0} = 1$, $\sigma^{S=1} = \sigma$ K = 2: tensor force $\tau^{T=0} = 1$, $\tau^{T=1} = \tau$

 $C_0^2 = 0,$ $C_1^2 = \sqrt{25\pi/5}$

Effective interaction V_{NN} (phenomenological)

Love, Franey, NPA 1981, 1985



Two step (proton pickup & neutron-stripping)



¹²C(¹²C,¹²N)¹²B(1+,g.s.) E/A 15 MeV 30 MeV 45 MeV 100 200 70 MeV 100 MeV 20° 10° Θсм

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DBWA again!

$$T_{ch.exch.}(\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{k}) = \int d^3 r \ S(b) \exp[i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}] \left\langle bB | U(\mathbf{r}) | aA \right\rangle$$

$$|aA\rangle = |aA; J_aM_aT_aN_a; J_AM_AT_AN_A\rangle$$

eikonal + few pages of algebra Bertulani, NPA 554, 493 (1993)

$$T_{ch.exch.}\left(\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{k}\right) = \sum_{\substack{K=0,2\\ST}} \sum_{\substack{LL'JJ'\\MM'\mu}} C\left(KS;LL'JJ'MM'\mu\right) \int db \ b \ S\left(b\right) J_0\left(qb\right)$$

$$\times \int dp \, p \, J_{M'-M-\mu}(pb) \, \tilde{V}_{ST}^{K}(p) \, \tilde{\rho}_{LJST}^{aA}(p) \, \tilde{\rho}_{L'J'ST}^{bB}(p)$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_{LJST}^{aA}(p) = \int dr r^2 j_L(pr) \left\langle J_a T_a \right\| \sum_i \frac{\delta(r-r_i)}{r_i^2} \mathfrak{S}_{M}^{LSJ} \tau^T \left\| J_b T_b \right\rangle$$

STRUCTURE INPUT beautifully factorized

$$\mathfrak{S}_{M}^{LSJ} = \sum_{\mu M_{L}} \langle LM_{L}S\mu | JM \rangle i^{L} Y_{LM_{L}}(\widehat{\mathbf{r}}) \sigma^{S\mu}$$

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Charge exchange at forward angles

 $T_{aA \to bB}(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = \sum \sum \dots \int db \ b \ S(b) \ J_0(qb) \int dp \ p \ J_{\dots}(pb) \ \tilde{\rho}_{\dots}^{aA}(p) \ \tilde{\rho}_{\dots}^{bB}(p)$ $S(b) \sim 1 \implies p \sim q$ • $S(b) \neq 1$ but largest value of $T_{aA \rightarrow bB}$ occurs when $J_0(qb)$ oscillates in phase with $J_{...}(pb)$ $\implies p \sim q$ Bertulani, NPA 554, 493 (1993) Forward scattering: $q \sim 0$ $f_{aA \to bB}(\theta \sim 0) = \dots \widetilde{\rho}^{aA}(0) \widetilde{\rho}^{bB}(0) \times \int dp \ p \ V_{ST}^{K}(p) \times \int db \ b \ J_{0}(qb) \ \mathbf{e}^{iX(b)}$ $\widetilde{\rho}_{...}^{aA}(0) = \cdots \left\langle A \right\| \sigma^{S} \tau \left\| a \right\rangle \quad \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \left(\theta \sim 0^{0} \right) = \cdots \left| \left\langle A \right\| \sigma^{S} \tau \left\| a \right\rangle \right|^{2} \left| \left\langle B \right\| \sigma^{S} \tau \left\| b \right\rangle \right|^{2}$ $\Rightarrow \cdot \mathbf{If} \left| \left\langle A \right\| \sigma^{s} \tau \left\| a \right\rangle \right|^{2}$ well known. E.g. (a,A) = (n,p) then Fermi and Gamow-Teller m.e. <u>READ DIRECTLY</u> from $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} (\theta \sim 0^{\circ})$

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Charge exchange at forward angles - Example



Direct Reactions at High Energies Knockout Reactions

Applications of Eikonal WFs: elastic breakup



Elastic: including breakup effects

$$\Psi^{eik}(\mathbf{r}) = S_C(\mathbf{b}_C) S_n(\mathbf{b}_n) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \varphi_0$$

 $S_{elast}(\mathbf{b}) = \left\langle \varphi_0 \left| S_C(\mathbf{b}_C) S_n(\mathbf{b}_n) \right| \varphi_0 \right\rangle$ (Spectroscopy)

Survival amplitude

for projectile at impact parameter b

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Survival amplitudes

for particles C and n at impact parameters b_c and b_n

(Dynamics)

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Stripping



$$\left|S_{C}(\mathbf{b}_{C})\right|^{2}\left(1-\left|S_{n}(\mathbf{b}_{n})\right|^{2}\right)$$

C survives, n absorbed

$$\sigma_{strip}(\mathbf{b}) = \int d\mathbf{b} \left\langle \varphi_0 \right| \left| S_C \right|^2 \left(1 - \left| S_n \right|^2 \right) \right| \left| \varphi_0 \right\rangle^2$$

(d) Composite particles:



$$S_{dif.dis.}(\mathbf{b}) = \left\langle \varphi_8 \left| S_{\alpha}(\mathbf{b}_{\alpha}) \prod_{i=1}^4 S_i(\mathbf{b}_i) \right| \varphi_8 \right\rangle$$
$$\prod_{j \text{ survive}} \left| S_j(\mathbf{b}_j) \right|^2 \prod_{k \text{ absorbed}} \left(1 - \left| S_k(\mathbf{b}_k) \right|^2 \right)$$

Momentum distributions



Bertulani, McVoy, PRC 46 (1992) 2638:



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Longitudinal Momentum Dist. - Example



Example: Astrophysical Capture on Excited States



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Nuclear structure calculations have absolutely zero value if one does not have a good understanding of nuclear reactions.

There is still lots of problems with reaction theory and consequently with experiments.

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