The Coulomb dissociation method

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Semiclassical method: r = r(t)

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

Example: low-E central collision



HW1: X-section does not depend on Z_p ! Why is it larger for heavier projectiles?

General multipole expansion





Virtual photon numbers

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:

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

$$E_{\gamma} = E_f - E_i$$

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:

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

Magnetic excitations:

more complicated (involves currents, spins), but straight-forward.



 E_{γ} [MeV]

due to the passage of an O projectile at 100 MeV/nucleon and b = 15 fm



$$I_{L}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{1}{r^{L+1}(t)} Y_{LM}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}(t)) e^{i\omega t} \quad \text{orbital integral}$$
high energy collisions
$$C\text{losest approach distance = b_{min}}$$

$$b < b_{min} \Rightarrow \text{nuclear interactions}$$

$$b_{mim} \sim R_{p} + R_{T} \sim 1.2 \left(A_{p}^{1/3} + A_{T}^{1/3}\right) \text{ fm}$$

$$f_{coll} \sim \frac{R}{\gamma V} \quad (\gamma \text{ due to contraction})$$

$$\frac{\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{V^{2}}{c^{2}}}} \quad \text{Lorentz } \gamma\text{-factor}$$
Excitation possible if
$$\frac{\xi = \frac{\omega R}{\gamma V}}{\zeta V} \leq 1$$





Virtual x real photons

$$\frac{d\sigma}{db} = \int \sum_{L} \frac{dE_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} n_{L} (E_{\gamma}, b) \sigma_{L}^{\gamma} (E_{\gamma})$$

Coulomb excitation: virtual photons Each part (multipolarity) of a real photon has a different weight n_L

$$n_{E2} \sim n_{E1} \sim n_{M1}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{db} = \int \frac{dE_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} n(E_{\gamma}, b) \sigma^{\gamma}(E_{\gamma})$$

 $\sigma^{\gamma}(E_{\gamma}) = \sum_{L} \sigma^{\gamma}_{L}(E_{\gamma})$

Real photons All parts (multipolarities) have the same weight

Coulomb excitation for a fixed energy E_{γ} probes the same physics as a real photon.

But each E_{γ} has a different weigth.

 Z_{P}^{2} makes number of photons large.

Nuclear response to multipolarities

Sum-rules

$$S = \sum_{f} \left(E_{f} - E_{i} \right) \left| \left\langle f \right| \hat{O} \right| i \right\rangle^{2} \qquad \hat{O} \equiv \hat{O}(z)$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}_z^2}{2m} + V(z)$$

Example: electric dipole operator

independent of V(z)!

A-particles:

Effective charges, c.m. motion

$$d_z = \sum_a e_a z_a = \sum_a e_a r_a Y_{10}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_a)$$

$$z_a \rightarrow z_a - R_z$$

 $R_z = \sum_a \frac{z_a}{A}$ (center of mass)

$$d_{z} = \sum_{a} e_{a} (z_{a} - R_{z}) = e \sum_{p} z_{p} - \frac{Ze}{A} \left(\sum_{p} z_{p} + \sum_{n} z_{n} \right)$$
$$= e_{p} \sum_{p} z_{p} + e_{n} \sum_{n} z_{n}$$
$$e_{p} = \frac{N}{A} e, \quad e_{n} = -\frac{Z}{A} e \text{ charges}$$

$$S = \sum_{f} E_{fi} \left| d_{fi}^{z} \right|^{2} = \frac{\hbar^{2} e^{2}}{2m_{N}} \left[Z \left(\frac{N}{A} \right)^{2} + N \left(-\frac{Z}{A} \right)^{2} \right]$$
$$= \frac{\hbar^{2} e^{2}}{2m_{N}} \frac{NZ}{A}$$
Thomas-Reiche-Kuhn sum-rule

Nuclear response to photon energies





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Multiphonon GRs Estimate

Harmonic oscillator: 1- $\Phi = |a_{fi}|^2$ from 1st order 2- All orders:





[mb/MeV

Cross Section

¹³⁶Xe + C ¹³⁶Xe + Pb ~ 1 GeV/nucleon

GSI/Darmstadt, 1993



Quantum scattering effects

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

Partial wave expansion:

$$\begin{split} u_{l}(r) &\longrightarrow \frac{i}{2} \left\{ H_{l}^{(-)}(kr) - S_{l}H_{l}^{(+)}(kr) \right\} \\ \text{Incoming wave} & \text{Outgoing wave} \\ & \text{``Survival'' amplitude} \\ & \text{(S-matrix)} \\ \hline S_{l} &= e^{2i\delta_{l}} \quad (\delta_{l} = \text{Phase shift}) \\ & \left| S_{l} \right|^{2} &= \text{``Survival'' probability } \leq 1 \end{split}$$



Eikonal Waves: Applications

(sometimes called "Glauber theory")



Roy Glauber in Tucson, University of Arizona Few days after winning 2005 Nobel prize (another "Glauber theory")

S-matrices ("Survival" Amplitudes)





Quantum treatment of Coulomb excitation





Excitation of GRs in Pb+Pb collisions at 640 MeV/nucleon

Excitation of ⁸B projectiles on Pb at 50 and 250 MeV/nucleon. $E_{\gamma} = 1.2 \text{ MeV}$

Coulomb excitation of loosely-bound nuclei

Spectroscopic factors

Nucleon removal from Φ_{A+1} will leave mass A residue in the ground or an excited state - amplitude for finding nucleon with sp quantum numbers $\ell_{,j}$, about core state Φ_c in Φ_{A+1} is



$$O_{\ell j}^{c}(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{r}, \Phi_{c} | \Phi_{A+1} \rangle, \quad S_{N} = E_{A+1} - E_{c}$$

overlap integral
$$\int d^{3}r |O_{\ell j}^{c}(\mathbf{r})|^{2} = C^{2}S(\ell j)$$

Spectroscopic factor - occupancy of the state

Usual to write

$$O_{\ell j}^{\rm c}(\mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{C^2 S(\ell j)} \phi_0(\mathbf{r}); \qquad \int d^3 r |\phi_0(\mathbf{r})|^2 = 1$$

Coulomb excitation of loosely-bound nuclei



Electric response of loosely-bound nuclei





$$\mathbf{I}_{sp} = \left\langle \psi_{\mathbf{k}} \| r^{1} Y_{1} \| \phi_{0} \right\rangle \approx \frac{k^{2}}{\left(k^{2} + \eta^{2}\right)^{2}} \left[\cos \delta + \sin \delta \frac{\eta \left(\eta^{2} + 3k^{2}\right)}{2k^{3}} \right]$$
$$\approx \frac{E_{rel}}{\left(S + E_{rel}\right)^{2}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{\mu}{2\hbar^{2}}\right) \frac{\sqrt{S} \left(S + 3E_{rel}\right)}{-1/a + \left(\mu E_{rel}/\hbar^{2}\right)r_{eff}} \right]$$

Final state interactions

 δ = scattering phase shift a = scattering length r_{eff} = effective range

Strongly ddependent on final state interactions (phase-shifts)





Estimate hydrodynamical model

$$E_{PR} = \left(\frac{3\hbar^2}{2aRm_N A_r}\right) \qquad A_r = A_c (A - A_c)/A \qquad \text{a = difuseness}$$

$$ightarrow E_{PR} \approx 1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma \sim \frac{\hbar \overline{v}_N}{R} \qquad \overline{v}_N = \frac{3}{4} v_F = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\frac{2E_F}{m_N}} \qquad E_F \sim 35 \text{ MeV}$$

$$R \sim 5 \text{ fm}$$

$$ightarrow F \sim 6 \text{ MeV} \qquad \text{usual GR}$$

$$pygmy \text{ GR}$$

$$\overline{v} \sim \text{ relative velocity of core and halo} \qquad E_F \rightarrow E_P \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$ightarrow f \sim 1 \text{ MeV} \qquad \text{only accurate microscopic models}$$

$$can resolve pygmy from direct breakup$$

The Coulomb dissociation method



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

Ex: Coulomb breakup of ⁸B



Solar neutrino problem is due to v-oscillations

But this reaction needs to be known more accurately

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Needs consideration

- 1- Usual theoretical inputs: interactions, many-body problem.
- 2- Nuclear breakup contribution
- 3- Additional reaction problems: inverse methods only studies ground state transtions, etc.







THIS is obtained in lab

Higher-order effects



MSU, 1993



post-acceleration effect

Schroedinger equation on a space-time lattice

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\psi$$

$$\psi(t + \Delta t) = \exp\left[-\frac{i}{\hbar}\hat{H}\Delta t\right]\psi(t)$$

$$H = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} + V_N(x) + V_C(x,t)$$

discrete space lattice:
$$x_i$$
, $j=1, 2, ..., N$

$$\hat{S}\psi_j(t) = \sum_k V_{Ck}\psi_k(t)$$

$$\tau = \frac{\hbar \Delta t}{4\mu (\Delta x)^2}$$

Good to order $(\Delta t)^3$ preserves unitarity

 \rightarrow three-dimensions straightforward

From ψ any observable can be calculated

 $\psi_{j}(t + \Delta t) = \frac{\left[\frac{1}{i\tau} + \Delta^{(2)} - \frac{\Delta t}{2\hbar\tau}V_{Nj} + \frac{\Delta t}{\hbar\tau}\hat{S}\right]}{\left[\frac{1}{i\tau} - \Delta^{(2)} + \frac{\Delta t}{2\hbar\tau}V_{Nj}\right]}\psi_{Nj}$

Continuum discretized coupled-channels (CDCC)

$$|\varphi_{0}\rangle = e^{-iE_{0}t/\hbar}$$
$$|\varphi_{jJM}\rangle = e^{-iE_{j}t/\hbar}\int\Gamma_{j}(E)|E,JM\rangle dE$$

$$\int \Gamma_i(E) \Gamma_j(E) dE = \delta_{ij}$$



semiclassical coupled-channels

$$\frac{da_k}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_j a_j(t) V_{kj}(t) e^{i(E_k - E_j)t/\hbar}$$
$$V_{kj}(t) = \int \psi_k^* V(t) \psi_j d^3 r$$

From a_k calculate ψ and observables of interest

Eikonal CDCC $\psi = \sum_{j} S_{j}(z,b) \exp(ik_{j}z) \phi_{k_{j}}(\xi)$ $S_{0} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{z} V(r') dz' \text{ (ground state)}$ $V = V_{C} + V_{N}$ $i\hbar v \frac{\partial S_{j}(z,b)}{\partial z} = \sum \langle j|V|m \rangle S_{m}(z,b) \exp[-(k_{m} - k_{j})z] \text{ (excited states)}$

Note similarity with semiclassical t.d. equation with z = vt

$$\frac{da_k}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_j a_j(t) V_{kj}(t) e^{i(E_k - E_j)t/\hbar}$$

Corrections due to energy conservation (v \neq constant) straightforward From S_j calculate ψ and observables of interest

Theory movie in next 5 transarencies (enjoy!)*





$$\psi(\vec{r},\vec{R}) = \phi_0(k_0,\vec{r})\chi_0(K_0,\vec{R}) + \int_0^\infty \phi(k,\vec{r})\chi(K,\vec{R})dk$$



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Truncation and Discretization



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Truncation and Discretization



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Ready to
go.
$$\psi^{\text{CDCC}}(\vec{r},\vec{R}) = \sum_{i=0}^{i_{\text{max}}} \hat{\phi}_i(\vec{r})\hat{\chi}_i(K_i,\vec{R})$$
Truncation and Discretization



CDCC

Correction to the CDCC due to retardation effects (not discussed here)

15 years old summary

COVER: Inside of a compact high-frequency linear accelerator for heavy ions developed at the Technical University of Munich and at GSI in Darmstadt. Germany. The polished copper structure uses a quadrupole field to focus highly charged ions. Accelerators of this design at GSI and CERN bring ions up to high enough energies that the main accelerators can take them to relativistic energies. In their article on page 22, Carlos Bertulani and Gerhard Baur discuss the physics one can probe by colliding relativistic heavy ions without nuclear contact.



RELATIVISTIC HEAVY-ION PHYSICS WITHOUT NUCLEAR CONTACT

The large electromagnetic field generated by a fast heavy nucleus allows investigation of new electromagnetic processes not accessible with real photons.

Carlos Bertulani and Gerhard Baur

An increasing number of physicists are investigating nuclear collisions at relativistic energies. (See figure 1.) Accelerators completely devoted to the study of these collisions (such as the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at Brookhaven National Laboratory) are under construction. So are hadron colliders (such as the Large Hadron Col-

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mately by $b/\gamma v$ and that the electric (or magnetic) field during this time interval is very intense: $E \simeq \gamma Ze/b^2$. The factor γ , which is $(1 - v^2/c^2)^{-1/2}$, is very large (on the order of 10^4-10^7) in relativistic heavy-ion colliders.

Theory