

RAON online School: Nuclear reactions with exotic nuclei

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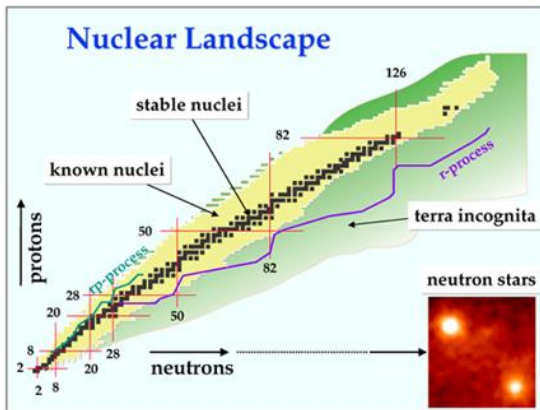
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Unstable nuclei and the limits of stability



Note that:

- Not all unstable nuclei are weakly-bound.
- There are weakly-bound nuclei which are not unstable (eg. deuteron).

The chart displays the following nuclei categorized by their status:

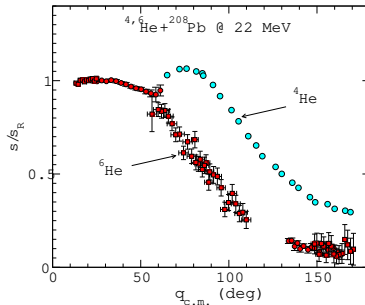
- Stable (Red):** ^1H , ^2H , ^3He , ^4He , ^6Li , ^7Li , ^{10}B , ^{11}B , ^{12}C , ^{13}C , ^{14}N , ^{15}N , ^{16}O , ^{17}O .
- Unstable (White):** ^9C , ^{10}C , ^{11}C , ^{13}O , ^{14}O , ^{15}O , ^{17}F , ^{18}N , ^{19}N , ^{20}N , ^{21}N , ^{17}Be , ^{18}C , ^{19}C , ^{20}C , ^{18}B , ^{19}B , ^{20}B , ^{21}B , ^{22}C .
- Neutron halo (Yellow):** ^6He , ^8He , ^9Be , ^{10}Be , ^{11}Be , ^{12}Be , ^{14}Be , ^{17}B , ^{19}B .
- Borromean (Hatched):** ^{17}Ne .

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- The image is a composite of two parts. On the left is a 3D model of a nucleus, featuring a central cluster of yellow spheres (protons) and orange spheres (neutrons) surrounded by a red, glowing electron cloud. On the right is a historical illustration of a knot, specifically a trefoil knot, rendered in a light brown, possibly bone or wood, material against a dark background.



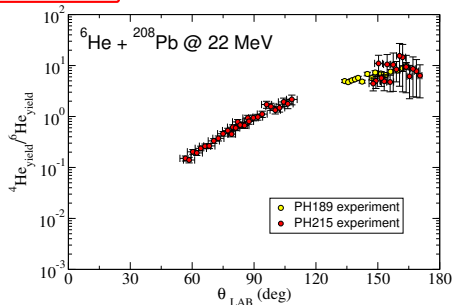
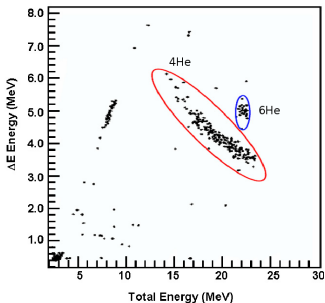
Signatures of weakly bound nuclei in reaction observables

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- ^4He follows Rutherford formula at 19 MeV but not at 22 MeV.
- ^6He drastically departs from Rutherford formula at both energies!

Large fragment production



- At large angles, there are more α 's than ${}^6\text{He}$ (elastic) !
- What are the mechanisms behind the α production and how can we compute it?

Interaction cross sections of nuclei on light targets and high energies are proportional to the size of the colliding nuclei.

$N_{out} = N_{in} e^{-\sigma t}$

identify and count incident nuclei N_{in}

target $t \text{ (cm}^{-2}\text{)}$

identify and count the un-interacted nuclei N_{out}

Hand-drawn graph showing the difference in nuclear radii, $R(A) - R(^3\text{He})$ (in fm), versus the mass number A . The graph includes experimental data points and theoretical curves.

Legend:

- He
- ◊ Li
- Be

Theoretical Curves:

- 1.3 $A^{1/3}$ (dashed line)
- 1.2 $A^{1/3}$ (solid line)
- 1.1 $A^{1/3}$ (dashed line)

Annotations:

- A box labeled "Absolute Value R " with an arrow pointing to the right.
- A box labeled " $R(A) - R(^3\text{He})$ (fm)" with an arrow pointing to the left.
- A handwritten note "a. f. = 2.1" is present at the top.

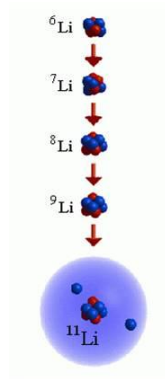
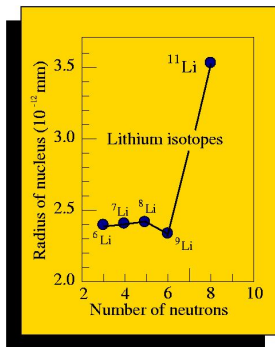
Approximate Data Points (from graph):

Mass Number (A)	Element	$R(A) - R(^3\text{He})$ (fm)
4	He	0.0
6	He	0.6
7	Li	0.5
8	Be	0.7
9	Li	0.8
10	Be	0.9
11	Li	1.8
12	Be	1.1

High-energy interaction cross sections with light targets

Interaction cross sections of nuclei on light targets and high energies (hundreds MeV/nucleon) are proportional to the size of the colliding nuclei.

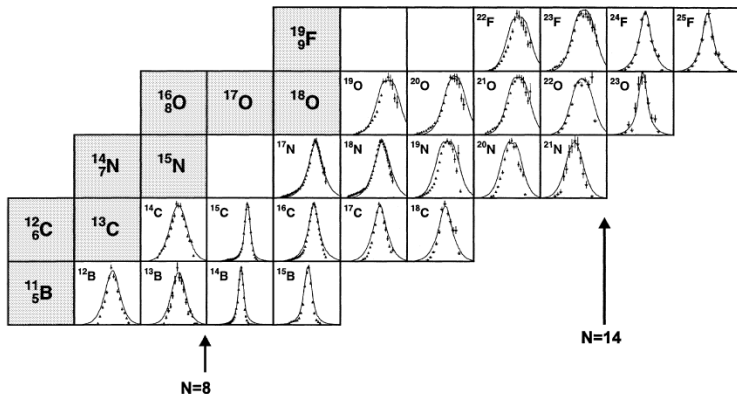
$$\sigma_I \simeq \pi(R_p + R_t)^2$$



Tanihata *et al*, PRL55, 2676 (1985)

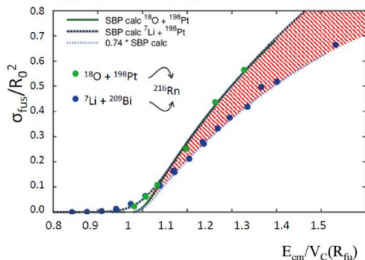
Momentum distributions in high-energy fragmentation reactions

What do momentum distributions tell us about the size of the nucleus?



- Unusually narrow momentum distributions of the fragments occur for specific isotopes (e.g. $^{23}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{22}\text{O} + n$)
- A narrow momentum distribution is a signature of an extended spatial distribution

CF of weakly bound nuclei suppressed at energies above the Coulomb barrier

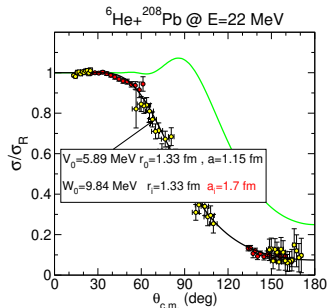


- Observed for weakly-bound projectiles (${}^6,{}^7,{}^8\text{Li}$, ${}^9\text{Be}$)
- CF reduced by $\sim 30\%$ with respect to BPM or CC calculations.

M. Dasgupta et al., PRC 70, 024606 (2004)

⇒ A widely accepted interpretation is that CF is mostly reduced by breakup and incomplete fusion.

How does the halo structure affect the elastic scattering?

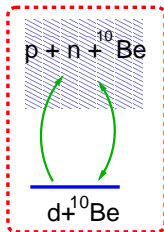


- ${}^4\text{He}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ shows typical Fresnel pattern and “standard” optical model parameters
- ${}^6\text{He}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ shows a prominent reduction in the elastic cross section, suggesting that part of the incident flux goes to non-elastic channels (eg. breakup)

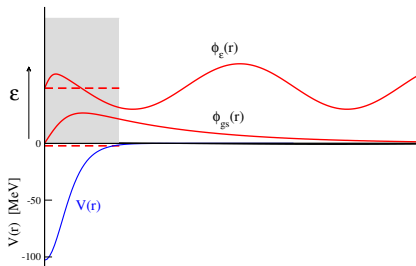
Understanding and disentangling these non-elastic channels requires going beyond the optical model (eg. [coupled-channels method](#))

Inclusion of breakup channels: the CDCC method

- In collisions involving weakly bound nuclei, excitation of unbound states (breakup channels) of the weakly-bound nucleus plays an important role.
- Reaction formalisms (DWBA, CC...) must be conveniently extended in order to incorporate the possibility of coupling to these breakup channels.



Bound versus scattering states

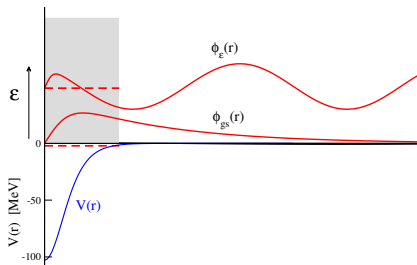


Continuum wavefunctions:

$$\varphi_{k,\ell jm}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u_{k,\ell j}(r)}{r} [Y_\ell(\hat{r}) \otimes \chi_s]_{jm}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2\mu}$$

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Unbound states are not suitable for CC calculations:

- They have a continuous (infinite) distribution in energy.
- Non-normalizable: $\langle u_{k,\ell sj}(r) | u_{k',\ell sj}(r) \rangle \propto \delta(k - k')$

SOLUTION \Rightarrow continuum discretization

The origins of CDCC

- Continuum discretization method proposed by G.H. Rawitscher [PRC9, 2210 (1974)] and Farrell, Vincent and Austern [Ann.Phys.(New York) 96, 333 (1976)] to describe deuteron scattering as an effective three-body problem $p + n + A$.

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Effect of deuteron breakup on elastic deuteron-nucleus scattering

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(Received 1 October 1973; revised manuscript received 4 March 1974)

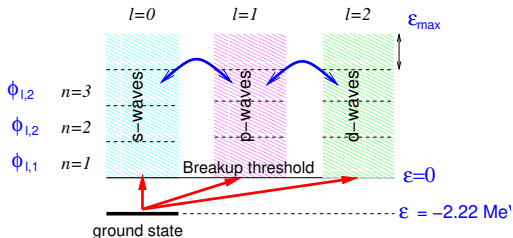
The properties of the transition matrix elements $V_{ab}(R)$ of the breakup potential V_N taken between states $\phi_a(\vec{r})$ and $\phi_b(r)$ are examined. Here $\phi_a(\vec{r})$ are eigenstates of the neutron-proton relative-motion Hamiltonian, and the eigenvalues of the energy ϵ_a are positive (continuum states) or negative (bound deuteron); $V_N(\vec{r}, \vec{R})$ is the sum of the phenomenological proton nucleus $V_{p-A}(|\vec{R} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{r}|)$ and neutron nucleus $V_{n-A}(|\vec{R} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{r}|)$ optical potentials evaluated for nucleon energies equal to half the incident deuteron energy. The bound-to-continuum transition matrix element for relative neutron-proton angular momenta $l=2$ are found to be comparable in magnitude to the ones for $l=0$ for values of ϵ_a larger than about 3 MeV, and both decrease only slowly with ϵ_a , suggesting that a large breakup spectrum is involved in deuteron-nucleus collisions. The effect of the various breakup transitions on the elastic phase shifts is estimated by numerically solving a set of coupled equations. These equations couple the functions $\chi_a(\vec{R})$ which are the coefficients of the expansion of the neutron-proton-nucleus wave function in a set of the $\phi_b(\vec{r})$'s. The equations are rendered manageable by performing a (rather crude) discretization in the neutron-proton relative-momentum variable k_a . Numer-



George Rawitscher
(1928-2018)

- Full numerical implementation by Kyushu group (Sakuragi, Yahiro, Kamimura, and co.): Prog. Theor. Phys.(Kyoto) 68, 322 (1982)

Continuum discretization for deuteron scattering



- ⇒ Select a number of angular momenta ($\ell = 0, \dots, \ell_{\max}$).
- ⇒ For each ℓ , set a maximum excitation energy ϵ_{\max} .
- ⇒ Divide the interval $\epsilon = 0 - \epsilon_{\max}$ in a set of sub-intervals (*bins*).
- ⇒ For each *bin*, calculate a representative wavefunction $\phi_{\ell m}(\mathbf{r})$.

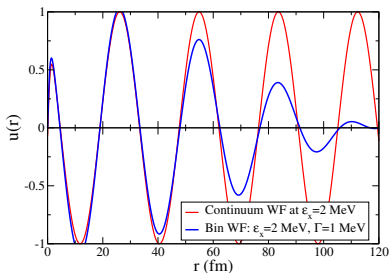
CDCC formalism: construction of the bin wavefunctions

Bin wavefunction:

$$\phi_{\ell jm}^{[k_1, k_2]}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u_{\ell j}^{[k_1, k_2]}(r)}{r} [Y_\ell(\hat{r}) \otimes \chi_s]_{jm} \quad [k_1, k_2] = \text{bin interval}$$

$$u_{\ell sjm}^{[k_1, k_2]}(r) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi N}} \int_{k_1}^{k_2} w(k) u_{k, \ell sj}(r) dk$$

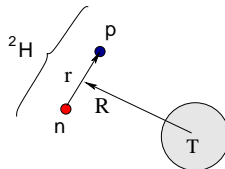
- k : linear momentum
- $u_{k, \ell sj}(r)$: scattering states (radial part)
- $w(k)$: weight function



CDCC formalism for deuteron scattering

- **Hamiltonian:** $H = T_{\mathbf{R}} + h_r(\mathbf{r}) + V_{pt}(\mathbf{r}_{pt}) + V_{nt}(\mathbf{r}_{nt})$
- **Model wavefunction:**

$$\Psi^{(+)}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}) = \underbrace{\phi_{gs}(\mathbf{r})\chi_0(\mathbf{R})}_{\text{bound state}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n>0}^N \phi_n(\mathbf{r})\chi_n(\mathbf{R})}_{\text{discretized continuum}}$$



- **Coupled equations:** $[H - E]\Psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}) = 0$

$$[E - \varepsilon_n - T_R - V_{n,n}(\mathbf{R})]\chi_n(\mathbf{R}) = \sum_{n' \neq n} V_{n,n'}(\mathbf{R})\chi_{n'}(\mathbf{R})$$

- **Coupling potentials:**

$$V_{n,n'}(\mathbf{R}) = \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_n^*(\mathbf{r}) \left[V_{pt}(\mathbf{R} + \frac{\mathbf{r}}{2}) + V_{nt}(\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{r}}{2}) \right] \phi_{n'}(\mathbf{r})$$

Trivially equivalent local equivalent potential (TELP)

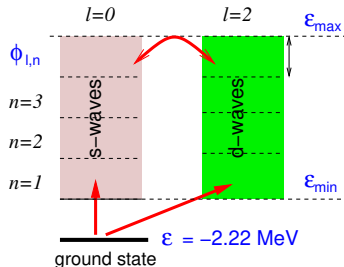
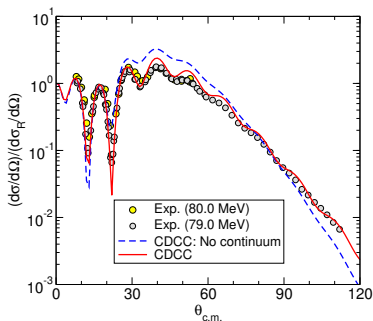
- From the elastic channel equation, a TELP can be defined as follows:

$$\left[E - \varepsilon_0 - \hat{T}_{\mathbf{R}} - V_{0,0}(\mathbf{R}) \right] \chi_0(\mathbf{R}) = \sum_{i \neq 0} V_{i,0}(\mathbf{R}) \chi_i(\mathbf{R}) \equiv U_{\text{TELP}}(\mathbf{R}) \chi_0(\mathbf{R}).$$

- In actual calculations, $U_{\text{TELP}}(R)$ will depend on the total angular momentum, but a weighted average can be performed to obtain an approximate angular-momentum independent polarization potential
- A single channel calculation with the potential $U(\mathbf{R}) = V_{0,0}(\mathbf{R}) + U_{\text{TELP}}(\mathbf{R})$ should reproduce approximately the elastic scattering cross section.

Coupling to continuum states produce:

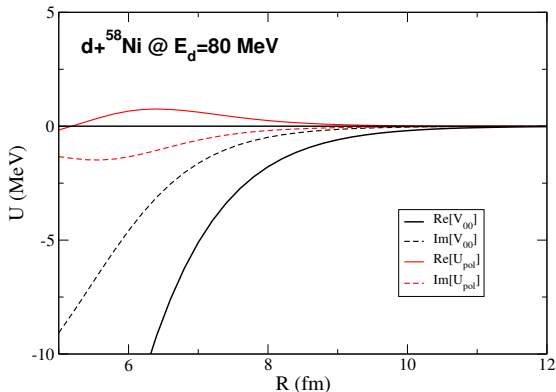
- Polarization of the projectile (modification of real part)
- Flux removal (absorption) from the elastic channel (imaginary part)



👉 No continuum \Rightarrow retain only the Watanabe potential:

$$V_{00}(\mathbf{R}) = \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_{\text{gs}}^*(\mathbf{r}) (V_{pt} + V_{nt}) \phi_{\text{gs}}(\mathbf{r})$$

Trivially equivalent local equivalent potential for $d+^{58}\text{Ni}$ @ 80 MeV



For this reaction, the TELP is complex:

- The real part is **repulsive** (reduces projectile-target attraction)
- The imaginary part is **absorptive** (flux removal)

Two- and three-body breakup observables

- CDCC scattering amplitudes readily provide **two-body breakup** observables:

$$\frac{d\sigma_n}{d\Omega_{\text{c.m.}}} = |f_{0,n}(\theta)|^2 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega_{\text{c.m.}} d\epsilon_{pn}} \simeq \frac{1}{\Delta_n} \frac{d\sigma_n}{d\Omega_{\text{c.m.}}}$$

with:

- Δ_n = width of the bin containing the relative energy ϵ_{pn}
- $\Omega_{\text{c.m.}}$ = C.M. scattering angle of the projectile c.m. (not easy to measure!)
- Three-body observables** can be also calculated using a suitable combination of the scattering amplitudes and appropriate kinematical transformations ([Tostevin, PRC63, 024617 \(2001\)](#)):

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{d\Omega_n d\Omega_p dE_p}$$

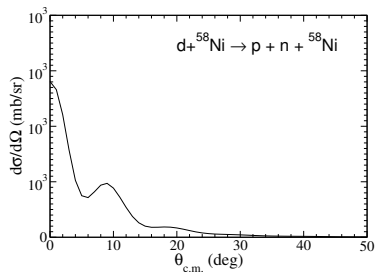
N.b.: *These 3-body observables are not directly provided by FRESKO. They must be computed separately from the breakup scattering amplitudes.*

Two-body breakup observables: $d + {}^{58}\text{Ni} \rightarrow p + n + {}^{58}\text{Ni}$

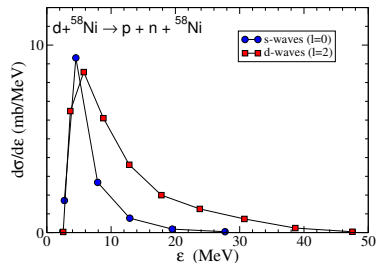
CDCC calculations for $d + {}^{58}\text{Ni}$ at 80 MeV :

- Continuum states with $\ell = 0, 2$.
- Proton and neutron intrinsic spins ignored.
- $p/n + {}^{58}\text{Ni}$ from global optical potential.
- $p+n$ simple Gaussian interaction describing deuteron g.s.

$p + n$ c.m. angular distribution



Excitation energy distribution

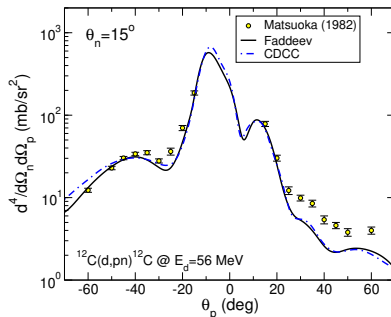
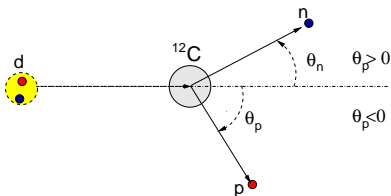


Breakup observables with CDCC: exclusive breakup of $d + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow p + n + {}^{12}\text{C}$

CDCC calculations for $d + {}^{12}\text{C}$ at 56 MeV:

- Continuum states with $\ell \leq 8$ and $\varepsilon_{\text{max}} = 46$ MeV.
- Proton and neutron intrinsic spins ignored
- $p/n + {}^{58}\text{Ni}$ from Watson global optical potential
- $p+n$ simple Gaussian interaction describing deuteron g.s.

Data: Matsuoka *et al.*, NPA391, 357 (1982).

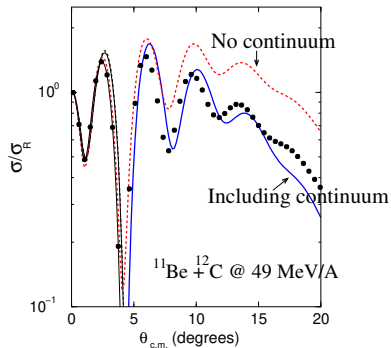
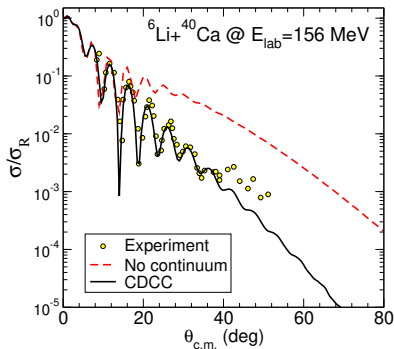


A. Deltuva et al, PRC 76, 064602 (2007)

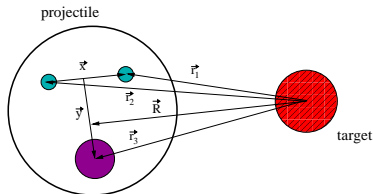
Application of the CDCC method: ${}^6\text{Li}$ and ${}^6\text{He}$ scattering

👉 The CDCC method has been also applied to nuclei with a cluster structure:

- ${}^6\text{Li} = \alpha + d$ ($S_{\alpha,d} = 1.47$ MeV)
- ${}^{11}\text{Be} = {}^{10}\text{Be} + n$ ($S_n = 0.504$ MeV)



Extension to 3-body projectiles

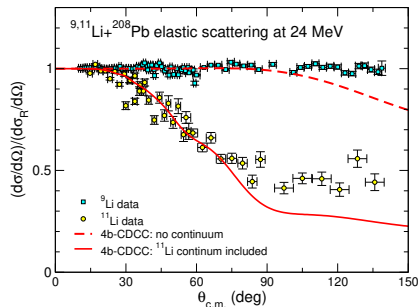
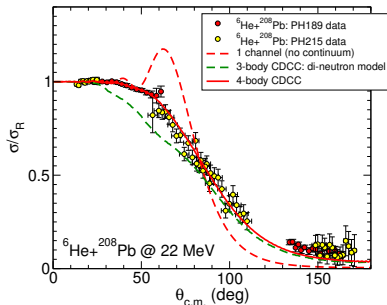


To extend the CDCC formalism, one needs to evaluate the new coupling potentials:

$$V_{n;n'}(\mathbf{R}) = \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_n^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \{V_{nt}(\mathbf{r}_1) + V_{nt}(\mathbf{r}_2) + V_{at}(\mathbf{r}_3)\} \phi_{n'}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

- ☞ $\phi_n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ three-body WFs for bound and continuum states: hyperspherical coordinates, Faddeev, etc (difficult to calculate!)
- ☞ 4b-CDCC calculations not included in FRESKO; require separate codes to compute the $\phi_n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ wfs (e.g. FACE) and $V_{n;n'}(\mathbf{R})$ potentials

Four-body CDCC calculations for ${}^6\text{He}$ and ${}^{11}\text{Li}$ scattering



Data (LLN): NPA803, 30 (2008); PRC 84, 044604 (2011)

M Cubero et al, PRL109, 262701 (2012)

Calculations: PRC 80, 051601 (2009)

N.b.: 1-channel potential considers only g.s. \rightarrow g.s. coupling potential:

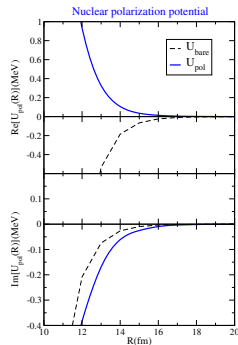
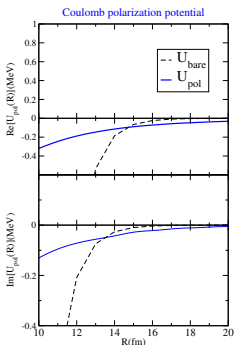
$$V_{00}(\mathbf{R}) = \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_{\text{g.s.}}^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \{V_{nt}(\mathbf{r}_1) + V_{nt}(\mathbf{r}_2) + V_{ct}(\mathbf{r}_3)\} \phi_{\text{g.s.}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

Polarization potential for ${}^6\text{He}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$: long-range effect

Trivially Equivalent Local Polarization potential (TELP):

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Application to ${}^6\text{He}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ at 22 MeV

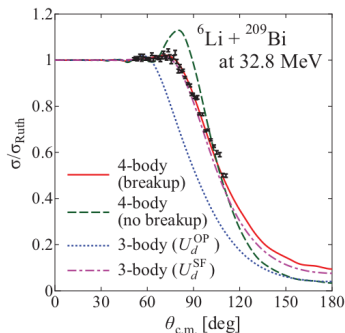
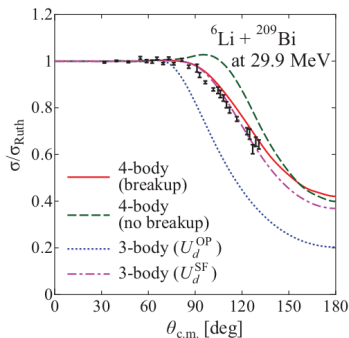


- Imaginary part of TELP is long-ranged and absorptive (explains the need for large imaginary diffuseness parameter in OM analysis)
- Real part is attractive for the Coulomb potential and repulsive for the nuclear couplings.

Application to ${}^6\text{Li}$ scattering

Example: ${}^6\text{Li} + {}^{209}\text{Bi}$ around Coulomb barrier

- 4-body CDCC: ${}^6\text{Li} = \alpha + p + n$
- 3-body CDCC: ${}^6\text{Li} = \alpha + d$

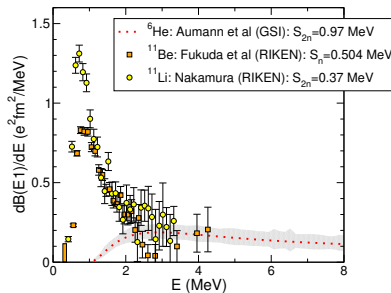
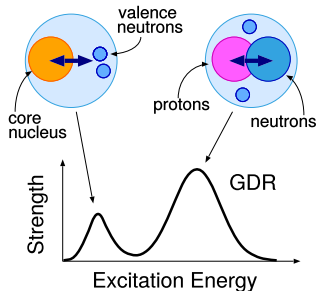


Watanabe *et al*, PRC 86, 031601(R) (2012)

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- ① Coulomb dissociation experiments
 - Semiclassical description: Alder and Winther
 - Quantum-mechanical description
- ② Exploring continuum structures: resonances and virtual states

Electric response of weakly-bound nuclei



- The $E\lambda$ response can be quantified through the $B(E\lambda)$ probability:

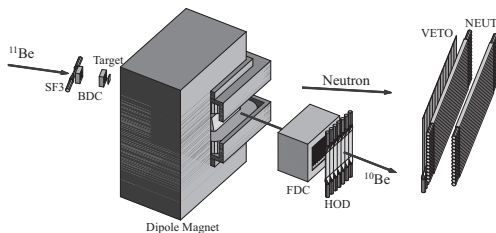
$$B(E\lambda; i \rightarrow f) = \frac{1}{2I_i + 1} |\langle \Psi_f | \mathcal{M}(E\lambda) | \Psi_i \rangle|^2$$

- Neutron-halo nuclei have large $B(E1)$ strengths near threshold

How to probe/extract the $B(E1)$ of halo nuclei?

Example: $^{11}\text{Be} + ^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be} + n + ^{208}\text{Pb}$ measured at RIKEN (69 MeV/u).

Fukuda et al, PRC70, 054606 (2004))



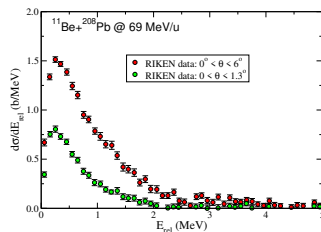
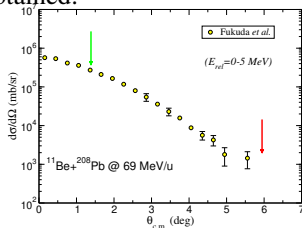
☞ ^{11}Be excitation energy can be reconstructed from core-neutron coincidences (*invariant mass method*)

What observables are measured in Coulomb dissociation experiments?

- Experimentally, one measures angular and relative energy distribution of the $^{11}\text{Be}^*$ system:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE}$$

- Integrating over the angle or energy, single differential cross sections are obtained:



- In the Coulomb dominated region (i.e. small angles), the **breakup cross section** is expected to be dominated by the $dB(E\lambda)/dE$ distribution, but we need a theory that relates both observables.

Semiclassical 1st order $E\lambda$ excitation (Alder & Winther) (akin EPM method)

- For $E\lambda$ excitation to bound states ($0 \rightarrow n$):

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{0 \rightarrow n} = \left(\frac{Z_t e^2}{\hbar v}\right)^2 \frac{B(E\lambda, 0 \rightarrow n)}{e^2 a_0^{2\lambda-2}} f_\lambda(\theta, \xi) \quad \xi_{0 \rightarrow n} = \frac{(E_n - E_0)}{\hbar} \frac{a_0}{v}$$

- For continuum states (breakup):

$$\frac{d\sigma(E\lambda)}{d\Omega dE} = \left(\frac{Z_t e^2}{\hbar v}\right)^2 \frac{1}{e^2 a_0^{2\lambda-2}} \frac{dB(E\lambda)}{dE} \frac{df_\lambda(\theta, \xi)}{d\Omega}$$

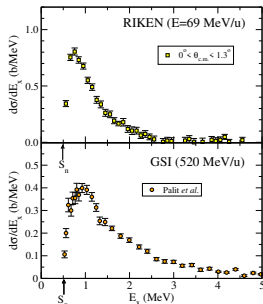
$dB(E\lambda)/dE$ can be extracted from small-angle Coulomb dissociation data.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE}(\theta < \theta_{\max}) = \int_0^{\theta_{\max}} \frac{d\sigma(E\lambda)}{d\Omega dE} d\Omega \propto \frac{dB(E\lambda)}{dE}$$

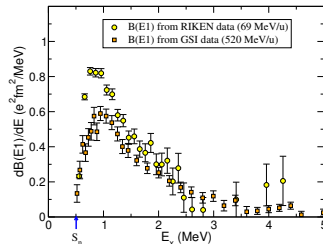
Extracting $B(E1)$ of ^{11}Be from $^{11}\text{Be} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$ Coulomb dissociation

Common assumptions:

- Breakup dominated by Coulomb excitation (mostly E1).
- Nuclear excitation, if present, can be estimated and added incoherently
- ☞ If the assumptions above are fulfilled, the extracted $dB(E\lambda)dE$ should be independent of the incident energy and target employed, since it reflects a structure property of the projectile.



$$\frac{dB(E\lambda)}{dE} \propto \frac{d\sigma}{dE}$$



RIKEN: Fukuda et al, PRC70 (2004) 054606

GSI: Palit et al, PRC68 (2003) 034318

☞ The extracted $dB(E\lambda)/dE$ distributions are reasonably compatible, but with apparent differences at the peak

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Nuclear reactions with exotic nuclei

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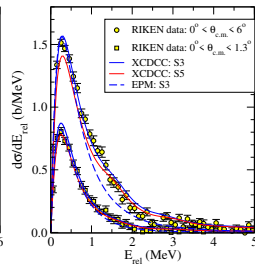
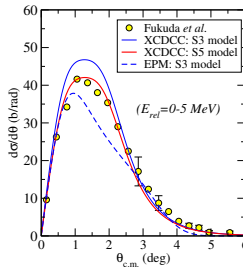
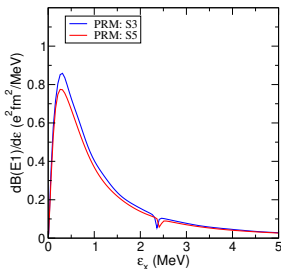
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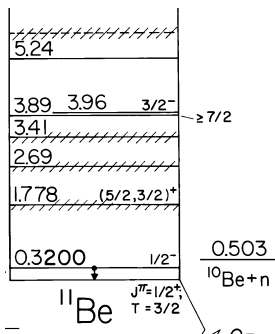
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Exploring structures in the continuum

The continuum spectrum is not “homogeneous”; it contains in general energy regions with special structures, such as resonances and virtual states

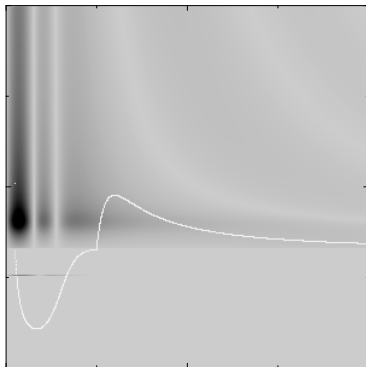


What is a resonance?

- It is a **pole** of the S-matrix in the complex energy plane.
- It is a structure on the continuum which may, or may not, produce a **maximum in the cross section**, depending on the reaction mechanism and the phase space available.
- The resonance occurs in the range of energies for which the **phase shift is close to $\pi/2$** .
- In this range of energies, continuum wavefunctions have a **large probability of being in the radial range of the potential**.
- The continuum wavefunctions are **not square normalizable**. For practical reasons, a normalized wave-packet (or “bin”) can be constructed to represent the resonance.

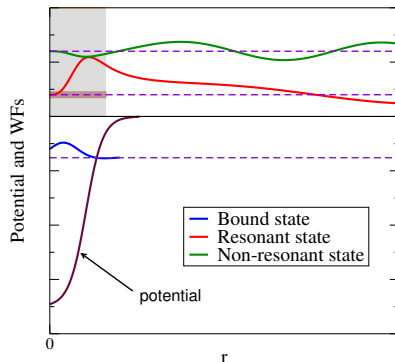
Distinctive features of a resonance

In the energy range of the resonance, the continuum wavefunctions have a large probability of being within the range of the potential.

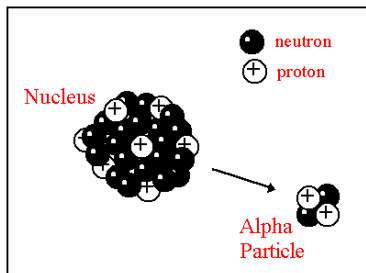


Cuts and areas ordered by size

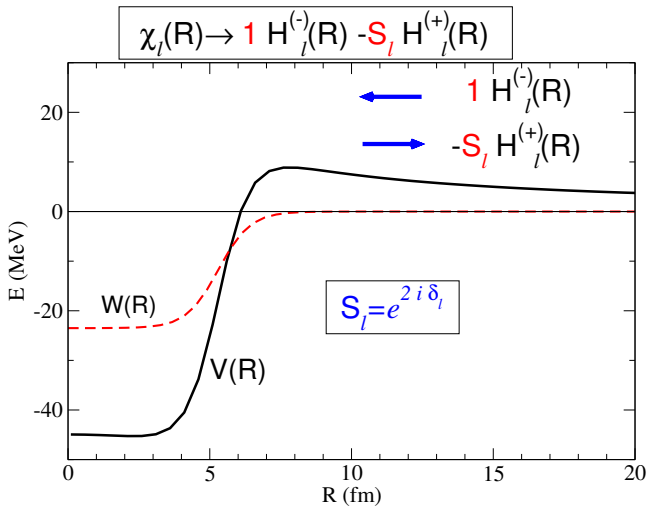
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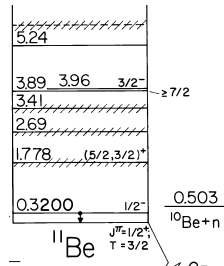


The decay of the resonance is also behind the α -decay phenomenon:

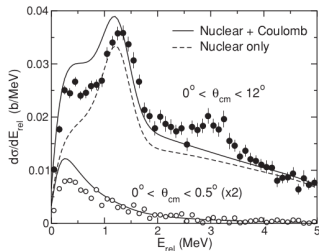
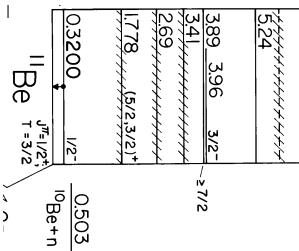


Resonances and phase-shifts





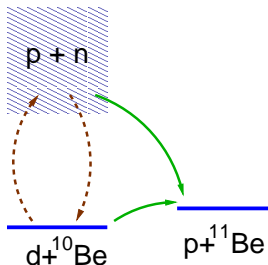
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Howell *et al.*, JPG31 (2005) S1881

Transfer reactions with weakly bound nuclei

Transfer reactions with weakly bound nuclei

- DWBA approximates the total WF by the elastic channel and assumes that the transfer occurs in one step (Born approximation).
- For weakly bound projectiles (eg. deuterons), breakup is an important channel and can influence the transfer process.



- $\Psi_{\mathbf{K}_d}^{(+)}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r})$ includes breakup components, but these are lost when we make the DWBA approximation ($\Psi^{(+)} \approx \chi_d^{(+)}(\mathbf{K}_d, \mathbf{R})\varphi_d(\mathbf{r}) \Rightarrow$ need to go beyond DWBA

Adiabatic distorted wave approximation (ADWA)

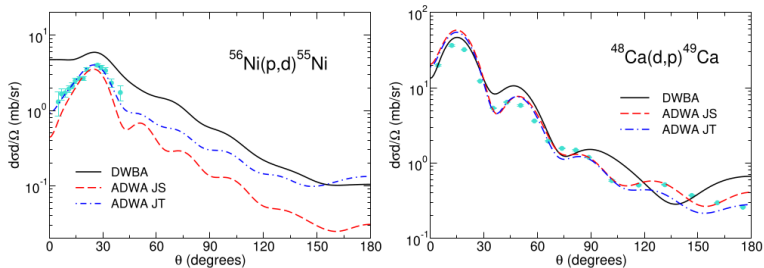
- $\chi_d^{(+)}(\mathbf{K}_d, \mathbf{R})$ describes deuteron elastic scattering but, for the (d, p) transfer matrix element, we need only $\Psi_{\mathbf{K}_d}^{(+)}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r})$ for small $|\mathbf{r}|$
- R.C. Johnson and col. have derived an approximation of $\Psi_{\mathbf{K}_d}^{(+)}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r})$ valid for $r \approx 0$, which includes the effect of deuteron breakup effectively (**adiabatic approx.**):
 - 1 **Zero-range** approximation (Johnson-Soper): [(Johnson, Soper, PRC1, 976 (1970))]

$$U^{JS}(R) = U_{pA}(R) + U_{nA}(R) \Rightarrow \chi_d^{JS}(\mathbf{R})$$

- 2 **Finite-range** version (Johnson–Tandy): [Johnson & Tandy, NPA235 (1974) 56]

$$U^{JT}(R) = \frac{\langle \varphi_{pn}(\mathbf{r}) | V_{pn}(U_{nA} + U_{pA}) | \varphi_{pn}(\mathbf{r}) \rangle}{\langle \phi_{pn}(\mathbf{r}) | V_{pn} | \phi_{pn}(\mathbf{r}) \rangle}$$

DWBA vs ADWA



From Timofeyuk and, Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 111 (2020) 103738

CDCC-BA approximation

- Exact transition amplitude for a general $A(d, p)B$ process:

$$\mathcal{T}_{d,p}^{\text{CDCC}} = C_{BA}^{\ell j} \int \int \chi_p^{(-)*}(\mathbf{K}_p, \mathbf{R}') \varphi_{nA}^{\ell j,*}(\mathbf{r}') V_{pn}(\mathbf{r}) \underbrace{\Psi_{\mathbf{K}_\alpha}^{(+)}(\mathbf{R}_\alpha, \xi_\alpha)}_{\text{breakup}} d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{R}'$$

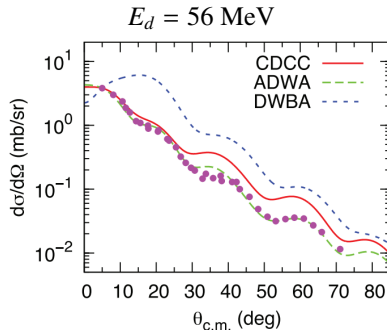
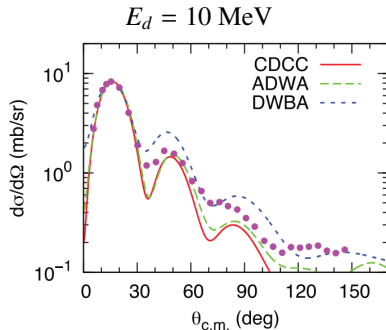
- Use CDCC approximation for $\Psi_{\mathbf{K}_\alpha}^{(+)}$.

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{K}_\alpha}^{(+)} \approx \Psi^{\text{CDCC}} = \underbrace{\chi_0(\mathbf{R})\phi_0(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{elastic}} + \sum_{n'j\pi} \underbrace{\phi_{n'}^{j\pi}(k_{n'}, \mathbf{r})\chi_{n'j\pi}(\mathbf{R})}_{\text{breakup}}$$

- Unlike the DWBA and ADWA methods, coupling to deuteron breakup states is included explicitly.

DWBA vs ADWA vs CDCC

Example: $^{58}\text{Ni}(d,p)^{59}\text{Ni}$



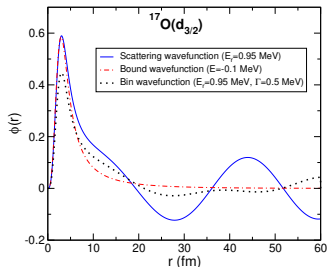
☞ *CDCC and ADWA provide better description of the data and lead also to more realistic spectroscopic information (e.g. spectroscopic factors)*

Pang *et al*, PRC 90, 044611 (2014)

Exploring resonances from transfer reactions

- Calculation of transfer to unbound states in DWBA and ADWA poses numerical problems due to the oscillatory behaviour of unbound wavefunctions.
- A regularization method must be applied:
 - Representing the resonance by a weakly bound state with the same quantum numbers
 - Vincent & Fortune contour integration in the complex radius plane (PRC2 (1970) 782)
 - Representing the resonance by a continuum *bin*

E.g.: $d_{3/2}$ resonance in ^{17}O resonance at $E_r = 0.95$ MeV



- Inclusion of continuum states in DWBA poses numerical problems due to the oscillatory behaviour of unbound wavefunctions
- Regularization method must be applied, such as representing the resonance by a wavepacket (continuum *bin*, as in the CDCC method)

Schmitt et al, PRC88, 064612 (2013)

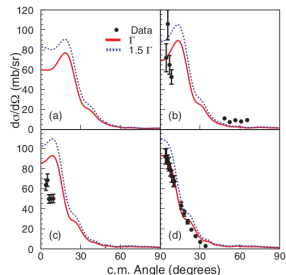
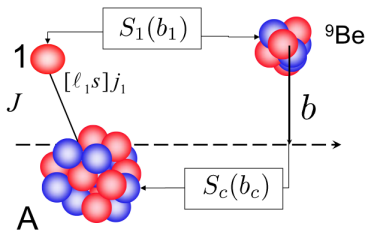


FIG. 8. (Color online) Differential cross sections are presented for transfer to the first resonance in ^{11}Be at 1.78 MeV via the $^{10}\text{Be}(d,p)$ reaction in inverse kinematics at deuteron energies of (a) 12 MeV, (b) 15 MeV, (c) 18 MeV, and (d) 21.4 MeV. The curves are from FR-ADWA calculations using (solid line) an energy bin that is the same width as for the resonance used in the calculation and (dotted line) with a width 1.5 times that value. At 12 MeV the protons were too low in energy to extract an angular distribution.

Knock-out reactions

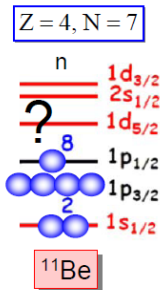
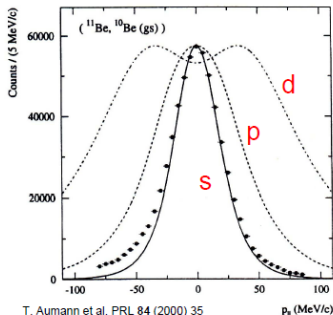
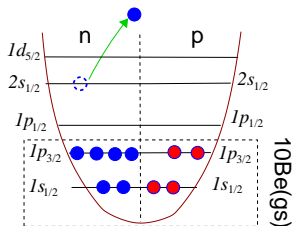
Spectroscopic from momentum distributions

- Fast-moving projectile on a (typically) light target.
- One nucleon suddenly removed (absorbed) due to its interaction with the target.
- The remaining residue remains unchanged and is detected.
- The momentum of the core is related to that of the removed nucleon because, in the rest frame of the projectile, $\vec{P} = 0$



$$\vec{P} = \vec{p}_c + \vec{p}_1 = 0$$

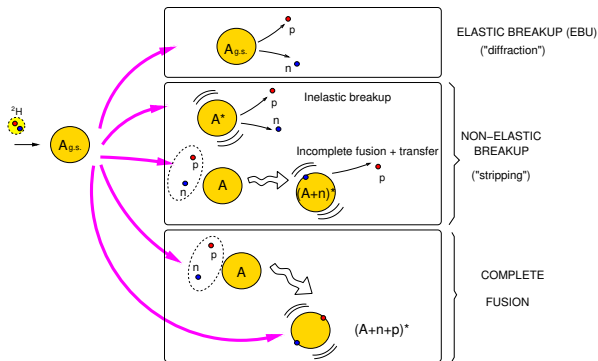
- The shape is determined by the orbital angular momentum ℓ .
- The magnitude is determined by the amount of $s_{1/2}$ (spectroscopic factor)



The diagram illustrates the fragmentation of a target nucleus $A_{g.s.}$ by a deuteron (^2H). The target nucleus $A_{g.s.}$ is shown as a yellow circle with a dashed outline. The deuteron is shown as a small yellow circle with a red dot (proton) and a blue dot (neutron). The reaction channels are categorized into three main groups:

- ELASTIC BREAKUP (EBU) ("diffraction")**: The deuteron interacts with the target nucleus, resulting in the target nucleus remaining in its ground state ($A_{g.s.}$) and the deuteron breaking up into a proton (p) and a neutron (n).
- NON-ELASTIC BREAKUP ("stripping")**: This category includes two sub-processes:
 - Inelastic breakup**: The deuteron interacts with the target nucleus, resulting in an excited target nucleus (A^*) and a proton (p). The excited nucleus then decays into its ground state (A) and a proton (p).
 - Incomplete fusion + transfer**: The deuteron interacts with the target nucleus, resulting in an excited nucleus ($(A+n)^*$) and a proton (p). The excited nucleus then decays into its ground state (A) and a proton (p).
- COMPLETE FUSION**: The deuteron interacts with the target nucleus, resulting in a completely fused nucleus ($(A+n+p)^*$).

Magenta arrows indicate the flow of the reaction channels from the initial interaction to the final products.



✎ *The singles (inclusive) cross section of a given fragment will contain in general diffraction and stripping components*

Stripping cross section within a semiclassical (eikonal) theory

At high energies, one can use the sudden, eikonal approximations to obtain simple formulas for the stripping and diffraction parts of the inclusive breakup cross section for a inclusive reaction of the form $a + B \rightarrow b + X$, with $a = b + x$:

Stripping:

$$\sigma_{\text{sp}}^{\text{str}} = 2\pi \int b db \int d\mathbf{r} |\varphi_{bx}(\mathbf{r})|^2 (1 - |S_x(b_x)|)^2 |S_{bA}(b_b)|^2$$

Diffraction:

$$\sigma_{\text{sp}}^{\text{diff}} = 2\pi \int b db \left[\langle \varphi_{bx} | |S_b S_x|^2 | \varphi_{bx} \rangle - |\langle \varphi_{bx} | S_b S_x | \varphi_{bx} \rangle|^2 \right].$$

- $|S_b(b_b)|^2$ = probability of survival of the core.
- $1 - |S_x(b_x)|^2$ = probability of absorption of the valence particle.

Extraction of SFs from knockout reactions

- Agreement theory vs experiment quantified with the **reduction factor**:

$$R_s = \frac{\sigma_{\text{theor}}}{\sigma_{\text{exp}}}$$

with

$$\sigma_{\text{theor}} = \sum_{n\ell j} S_{bx}^a(I; n\ell j) \sigma_{\text{sp}}(I; n\ell j)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{sp}}(I; n\ell j) = \sigma_{\text{sp}}^{\text{EBU}} + \sigma_{\text{sp}}^{\text{NEB}}$$

- $R_s < 1 \Rightarrow$ possible correlations (long-range, short-range, tensor, ...) not included in σ_{theor} ?
- R_s strongly dependent on $\Delta S = S_p - S_n$.

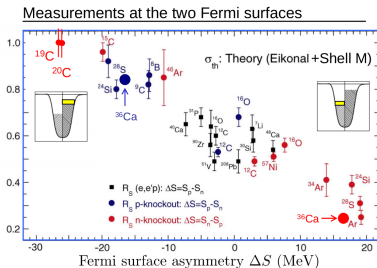
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Category	Sub-category	Value
Overall	Mean	1.00
	SD	0.00

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-Gade et al, PRC 77, 044306 (2008)
Tostevin, PRC90,057602(2014)

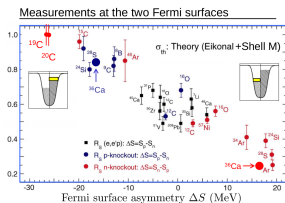
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...however, this behaviour has not been corroborated by other probes, such as transfer or proton-induced knockout reactions (p, pN)

HI knockout (~ 100 MeV/u)

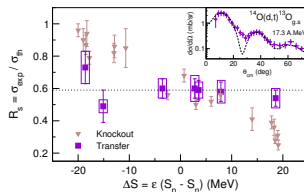
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- Reaction model: eikonal + adiabatic
- R_s strongly dependent on $S_p - S_n$.

Low-energy transfer

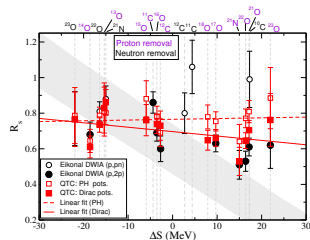
Flavigny, PRL110, 122503(2013)



- Reaction model: ADWA, DWBA, CRC
- $R_s \sim \text{constant}$.

 (p, pN) @ 200-400 MeV/u

Aumann, PPNP118,103847(2021)



- Reaction models: DWIA, TC
- $R_s \sim \text{constant}$.

Similar results from RIKEN
Wakase, PTEP 021D01 (2018)

R_s from knockout disagree with those from transfer and $(p, pN) \Rightarrow$ description of reaction mechanism?