Nuclear Reactions

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Ab initio approaches

- Structure of light nuclei can now be studied ab initio No Core Shell Model
 - Green's Function Monte Carlo
 - ☆ Coupled Clusters
 - ☆ Effective Field Theory (EFT)
 - ☆ Lattice EFT
- Various observables, such as excitation energies, ANCs, widths, scattering phase shifts can be calculated *ab initio* and verified experimentally
 Coupling to the continuum is a challenge



General outline

- Part 0. Introduction to scattering
- Part I. Elastic and scattering
- Part II. Transfer Reactions
- Part III. Resonance scattering





Part 0. Introduction to Scattering





Incoming plane wave ~e^{ikz}



Elements of scattering theory

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







Part I. Elastic scattering







Optical model

Differential cross sections for proton elastic scattering



 $abla^2 \Psi + rac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} (E - V) \Psi = 0$ $\mu = \frac{mM}{m+M}$ $\Psi = \sum_{\ell} \frac{u(\ell)}{r} P_{\ell}(\cos\theta)$ $\frac{d^2 u_{\ell}}{dr^2} + \left\{ \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} (E - V(r)) - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} \right\} u_{\ell} = 0$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{U}(r, E, A, N, Z, \mathcal{P}, MN) &= \\ &-\mathcal{V}_{V}(E, A, N, Z, \mathcal{P}, MN) f_{WS}(r, \mathcal{R}_{V}, \mathcal{A}_{V}) \\ &-i\mathcal{W}_{V}(E, A, N, Z, \mathcal{P}, MN) f_{WS}(r, \mathcal{R}_{V}, \mathcal{A}_{V}) \\ &+4\mathcal{A}_{S}\mathcal{V}_{D}(E, A) \frac{d}{dr} f_{WS}(r, \mathcal{R}_{S}, \mathcal{A}_{S}) \\ &+i4\mathcal{A}_{S}\mathcal{W}_{D}(E, A, N, Z, \mathcal{P}) \frac{d}{dr} f_{WS}(r, \mathcal{R}_{S}, \mathcal{A}_{S}) \\ &+\frac{2}{r}\mathcal{V}_{SO}(E, A, N, Z, \mathcal{P}) \frac{d}{dr} f_{WS}(r, \mathcal{R}_{SO}, \mathcal{A}_{SO})(\mathbf{l} \cdot \sigma) \\ &+i\frac{2}{r}\mathcal{W}_{SO}(E, A, N, Z, \mathcal{P}) \frac{d}{dr} f_{WS}(r, \mathcal{R}_{SO}, \mathcal{A}_{SO})(\mathbf{l} \cdot \sigma) \\ &+i\frac{2}{r}\mathcal{W}_{SO}(E, A, N, Z, \mathcal{P}) \frac{d}{dr} f_{WS}(r, \mathcal{R}_{SO}, \mathcal{A}_{SO})(\mathbf{l} \cdot \sigma) \\ &+f_{coul}(r, \mathcal{R}_{C}, A, N, Z, \mathcal{P}), \end{split}$$

$$f_{WS}(r, \mathcal{R}_i, \mathcal{A}_i) = (1 + \exp\left((r - \mathcal{R}_i A^{1/3})/\mathcal{A}_i)\right)^{-1}$$



Phenomenological OM

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}_{V} &= V_{V_{0}} + V_{V_{1}}A + V_{V_{2}}A^{2} + V_{V_{3}}A^{3} + V_{V_{5}}E + V_{V_{6}}E^{2} + V_{V_{7}}E^{3} \\ &+ \mathcal{P}(N-Z)\Big(V_{V_{i0}} + V_{V_{i1}}A + V_{V_{i2}}A^{2} + V_{V_{i3}}A^{3} + V_{V_{i4}}A^{4} + V_{V_{i5}}E + V_{V_{i6}}E^{2}\Big) \\ &+ MN\Big(V_{V_{m0}} + V_{V_{m1}}A + V_{V_{m2}}A^{2} + V_{V_{m3}}A^{3} + V_{V_{m5}}E + V_{V_{m6}}E^{2}\Big),\end{aligned}$$

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- A.J. Koning and J.D. Delaroche, Nucl. Phys. A 713 (2003) [Z=12-83, A=27-209, E<200 MeV]
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OM from first principles

Single folded potential:

$$U_{pt}(\vec{r}) = \int d\vec{r}_t V_{NN}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_t)\rho_t(\vec{r}_t)$$

Double folded potential:

$$U_{pt}(\vec{r}) = \int d\vec{r}_t \int d\vec{r}_p V_{NN}(\vec{r} + \vec{r}_p - \vec{r}_t) \rho_p(\vec{r}_p) \rho_t(\vec{r}_t)$$
$$V_{M3Y}(r) = 7999 \frac{e^{-4r}}{4r} - 2135 \frac{e^{-2.5r}}{2.5r} - 252\delta(r)$$

JLM - contains real and imaginary components, energy and density dependent [J.P. Jeukenne, et al., Phys. Rev. C 16 (1977) 80]



OM from first principles

Effective Field Theory chiral interactions

T.R. Whitehead, et al., Phys. Rev. C 100, 014601 (2019)















E. Khan, et al., Phys. Lett. B 490 (1) (2000) 45–52

HW2: How long does it take to measure ¹⁸O(p,p) elastic scattering at 130° with a 5 mm (radius) S detector, beam current 1nA and target thickness of

Radioactive beam experiment



HW2: How long does it take to measure ¹⁸O(p,p) elastic scattering at 130° with statistics 1000 counts, using a 2 mm (radius) Si detector at a distance of 30 cm away from the target. Proton beam current is 1 nA and target thickness is 1 micron of Al₂O₃.







HiRA

MUST2



New approach: highly segmented, large solid angle Si-CsI(TI) arrays





HW3: Estimate the minimum ²²O beam intensity required to measure the ²²O+p elastic scattering at 60°



Modern electronics for nuclear experiments

"Standard", commercially available modules:



Modern electronics for nuclear experiments

ASIC Chip -> Chip board -> Motherboard









GET - General Electronics for TPCs









More on scattering theory

Partial wave expansion

$$\Psi(R,\theta) = \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} (2L+1)i^L P_L(\cos\theta) \frac{1}{kR} \chi_L(R)$$

$$\Big[-\frac{\hbar}{2\mu}\Big(\frac{d^2}{dR^2} - \frac{L(L+1)}{R^2}\Big) + V(R) - E\Big]\chi_L(R) = 0$$

$$f(\theta) = \frac{1}{2ik} \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} (2L+1) P_L(\cos\theta) (S_L-1)$$
$$S_L = e^{2i\delta_L}$$

For real potentials $|S_L|=1$ For complex potentials $|S_L|<1$

 $[\hat{T} + V - E]\Psi(R,\theta) = 0$

 $\Psi^{asym}(R,\theta) = A(e^{ikz} + f(\theta)\frac{e^{ikR}}{R})$

$$\sigma_R = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_L (2L+1)(1-|S_L|^2)$$



Elastic scattering. 4He(6He,6He)



 $\sigma_{el} \sim (1-S)^2$

 $\sigma_r \sim (1 - |\boldsymbol{S}|^2)$



It was found that reaction cross section is strongly enhance, indicating that neutron wave function is radially extended

²⁰⁹Bi(⁶He,alpha)

E.F. Aguilera, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 84 (2000)



19.0 MeV

Elastic scattering. ²⁰⁸Pb(^{11,9}Li,^{11,9}Li)



M. Cubero et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 262701 (2012).

J. Kolata, et al., Eur. Phys. J. A (2016) 52: 123

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