A CDCC extension to microscopic three-cluster projectiles

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Chart of nuclides



↔ Stable nuclei: Show up in nature; $\tau > 10^8$ yr.

- Unstable nuclei: $\tau < 1$ d.
- Exotic nuclei: Nuclei far from stability.

Chart of light nuclides



Weakly bound nuclei



Cluster models

Non-microscopic



Nucleus-nucleus interaction: In many cases not very well known.

• Antisymmetrization effects are simulated by a suitable choice of nucleus-nucleus potentials.

Microscopic



- Nucleon-nucleon interactions.
- The Pauli principleis exactly taken into account.
- Number of bodies increase: More difficult calculations.

Describing exotic nuclei



• Exotic nuclei are studied experimentally and theoretically through reactions (mostly breakup). Elastic are the starting point.

• An accurate description of the wave function of the projectile is needed into the reaction model.

Describing exotic nuclei

• Including a microscopic cluster description of exotic nuclei into reaction models is a current area of research: (mixing structure and reaction models):



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Elastic scattering



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Continuum discretized coupled channels (CDCC) method



We wish to solve the Schrödinger Eq.

 $H_{PT}\Phi(\xi_P, \boldsymbol{R}) = E_T \Phi(\xi_P, \boldsymbol{R}),$ with

$$H_{PT} = T_R + H_P(\xi_P) + V_{PT}(\xi_P, \boldsymbol{R}).$$

 $T_R \rightarrow P-T$ relative kinetic energy,

$$V_{PT} = \sum_{i=1}^{8} V_{iT} (\xi_P, \mathbf{R}),$$

$$\rightarrow \text{P-T Potential}$$

$$V_{iT}(\xi_P, \boldsymbol{R}) = V_{iT}^N(\xi_P, \boldsymbol{R}) + V_{iT}^C(\xi_P, \boldsymbol{R}),$$

Nuclear Coulomb Nucleon-Target Nucleon-Target

 $\xi_P \rightarrow$ Internal coordinates of the projectile $H_P(\xi_P) \rightarrow$ Internal Hamiltonian of the projectile

 $\Psi_i(\xi_P) \rightarrow \text{State of the projectile}$

Continuum discretized coupled channels (CDCC) method

In the CDCC method the total wave function is expanded in the eingefunctions of the projectile $\Psi_i(\xi_P)$

$$\Phi(\xi_P, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_i \Psi_i(\xi_P) \chi_i(\xi_P, \mathbf{R})$$

To get

Continuum discretized coupled channels (CDCC) method



Microscopic model of the projectile

The Schrödinger equation of the projectile

 $H_P \Psi_i^{J_P M_P \pi_P} (\xi_p) = \epsilon_i \Psi_i^{J_P M_P \pi_P} (\xi_P),$

is obtained from Slater determinants

for

 $\epsilon_i < 0$, Bound states $\epsilon_i > 0$, Pseudostates (Aprox. Continuum)



Characteristics of the microscopic CDCC model*

☺ High predictive power:

Wave functions of the projectile→ nucleon-nucleon interactions

☺ The model is based on:

Nucleon-Target interactions (large known set available)

(nucleus-nucleus interactions unknown in many cases)

- ☺ Influence of continuum states on reactions.
- ☑ Non free parameter.

* P. Descouvemont and M. Hussein, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111 (2013) 082701.

Elastic scattering of ⁸B+¹²C



Fair agreement with experimental data (no fitting parameters).

Influence of continuum states on the elastic scattering.

Elastic scattering of ⁸Li+¹²C



Fair agreement with experimental data (no fitting parameters).

Influence of continuum states on the elastic scattering.

Elastic scattering of ⁸B+⁵⁸Ni



Slow convergence (time consuming calculations!).

Influence of continuum states on the elastic scattering.

Conclusions and Remarks

We introduce a precise microscopic wave function of the projectile (microscopic three-cluster model) to study the elastic scattering of ⁸B and ⁸Li.

We observe an influence of continuum states on the elastic scattering of the studied projectiles.

We get a fair agreement with the experimental data without any adjustable parameter.

 \succ We can predict cross sections to be further measured.

Thank you for your attention