

Training in Advanced Low Energy Nuclear Theory Semiclassical methods for Coulomb excitation

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Introduction

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For a particle moving with momentum p : $\lambda = \hbar/p$

TABLE 2.1 *Reduced de Broglie wavelengths λ , in fm, for various particles and energies*

Energy	Photon	Electron	Pion	Proton	α -Particles	^{16}O	^{40}Ar	^{208}Pb
1 MeV	197	140	12	4.5	2.3	1.14	0.72	0.32
10 MeV	19.7	18.7	3.7	1.4	0.72	0.36	0.23	0.10
100 MeV	2.0	2.0	1.0	0.45	0.23	0.11	0.072	0.032
1 GeV	0.20	0.20	0.17	0.12	0.068	0.035	0.023	0.010



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☞ To define a classical trajectory with a given velocity v , one must assume that the relative motion is not much affected by the internal excitations of the projectile, i.e.:

$$\frac{\Delta E_n}{E} \ll 1$$

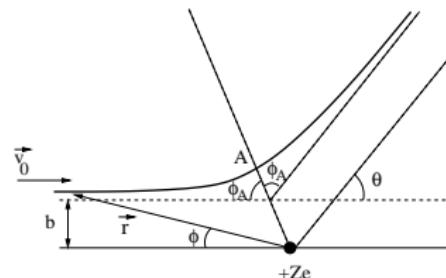
and

$$\frac{\Delta L_n}{L} \ll 1$$



Description of a classical trajectory

A classical trajectory can be characterized by the polar variables (r, ϕ) .



The equation of the trajectory is obtained from:

- Energy conservation:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\mu \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + \frac{L^2}{2\mu r^2} + V(r) = \frac{1}{2}\mu v_0^2$$

- Angular momentum conservation:

$$L = \mu r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \mu \cdot v_0 \cdot b = \text{cte}$$

Equation of the trajectory

$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{L}{r^2} \left[\sqrt{2\mu \left(E - \frac{L^2}{2\mu r^2} - V(r) \right)} \right]^{-1}$$

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- **Trajectory:**

$$\phi_A(r) = \int_{r_{min}}^r du \frac{L}{u^2 \sqrt{2\mu [E - V_{\text{ef},L}(u)]}}$$

Time dependent solution of the scattering problem: Hamiltonian

We need to incorporate explicitly in the Hamiltonian the internal structure of the nucleus being excited (eg. projectile).

$$H = T_{\mathbf{r}} + h(\xi) + V(\mathbf{r}, \xi)$$

- T_R : Kinetic energy for projectile-target relative motion.
 - $\{\xi\}$: Internal degrees of freedom of the projectile (depend on the model).
 - $h(\xi)$: Internal Hamiltonian of the projectile.

$$h(\xi)\phi_n(\xi) = E_n\phi_n(\xi)$$

- $V(\mathbf{r}, \xi)$: Projectile-target interaction.

Time-dependent solution of the scattering problem

⇒ Projectile-target interaction:

$$V(\mathbf{r}, \xi) = V_0(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\text{coup}}(\mathbf{r}, \xi)$$

⇒ $V_0(\mathbf{r})$ is used to obtain the classical trajectory ⇒ $\mathbf{r}(t)$

⇒ Time-evolution of the projectile wavefunction:

$$i\hbar \frac{d\Psi(\xi, \theta, t)}{dt} = \left[V_{\text{coup}}(\mathbf{r}(\theta, t), \xi) + h(\xi) \right] \Psi(\xi, \theta, t)$$

⇒ Initial condition at $t = -\infty$:

$$|\Psi(-\infty)\rangle = |0\rangle$$

Time-dependent solution of the scattering problem: coupled-channels method

- Expansion of solution in $\{\phi_n(\xi)\}$

$$\Psi(\xi, \theta, t) = \sum_{n=0} c_n(\theta, t) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \phi_n(\xi)$$

☞ Initial condition: $c_n(\theta, -\infty) = \delta_{n0}$

- Coupled-channels equations:

$$i\hbar \frac{dc_n(\theta, t)}{dt} = \sum_m e^{-i(E_m - E_n)t/\hbar} V_{nm}(\theta, t) c_m(\theta, t)$$

- (Time-dependent) coupling potentials:

$$V_{nm}(\theta, t) = \int d\xi \phi_n^*(\xi) V_{\text{coup}}(\mathbf{r}(\theta, t), \xi) \phi_m(\xi)$$

Excitation probabilities and cross sections

- Excitation probability for $0 \rightarrow n$ transition:

$$P_n(\theta) = |c_n(\theta, \infty)|^2$$

- Differential cross section:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{0 \rightarrow n} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{clas}} P_n(\theta)$$

- Conservation of total probability:

$$\sum_n P_n(t) = \sum_n |c_n(t)|^2 = 1$$



First-order perturbative solution

Assume $V_{nm}(\theta, t)$ “small”:

- ⇒ $c_0 \approx 1$
- ⇒ $c_n \ll 1 \ (n > 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{dc_n(\theta, t)}{dt} &= \sum_m e^{-i(E_m - E_n)t/\hbar} V_{nm}(\theta, t) c_m(\theta, t) \\ &\approx e^{-i(E_0 - E_n)t/\hbar} V_{n0}(\theta, t) c_0(\theta, t) \\ &\approx e^{-i(E_0 - E_n)t/\hbar} V_{n0}(\theta, t) \end{aligned}$$

$$c_n(\theta) \equiv c_n(\theta, \infty) \simeq \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i(E_0 - E_n)t/\hbar} V_{n0}(\theta, t) dt$$

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☞ *Optimal collision energy to produce maximum excitation:*

$$\xi_{ad} = \frac{(E_n - E_0)}{\hbar} \tau_{\text{col}} \approx 1$$

Perturbative solution; higher order effects

- Assume: $V(\mathbf{r}, \xi) = V_0(\mathbf{r}, \xi) + V_1(\mathbf{r}, \xi)$ ($V_1 \ll V_0$)
 - Expand solution coefficients as:

$$c_n(t) = c_n^{(0)} + c_n^{(1)} + \dots$$

- Zero-order solution ($V_1 = 0$) $\Rightarrow c_n^{(0)}$

$$i\hbar \frac{dc_n^{(0)}(\theta, t)}{dt} = \sum_m e^{-i\omega_{nm}t} \langle n | V_0(\theta, t) | m \rangle c_m^{(0)}(\theta, t) \quad \omega_{nm} \equiv \frac{(E_n - E_m)}{\hbar}$$

- First-order correction $\Rightarrow c_n^{(1)}$

$$i\hbar \frac{dc_n^{(1)}(\theta, t)}{dt} = \sum_m e^{-i\omega_{nm}t} \langle n | V_0(\theta, t) | m \rangle c_m^{(1)}(\theta, t)$$

$$+ \sum_m e^{-i\omega_{nm}t} \langle n | V_1(\theta, t) | m \rangle c_m^{(0)}(\theta, t)$$

Alternative expression for the first-order solution

$$c_n^{(1)}(\infty) = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \sum_{l,m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{c}_{l,n}^{(0)}(t') \langle l | V_1(t') | m \rangle c_{m,0}^{(0)}(t') \exp\left\{\frac{i}{\hbar}(E_l - E_m)t'\right\} dt'$$

☞ $\tilde{c}_{m,0}^{(0)}(t)$ and $\tilde{c}_{l,n}^{(0)}(t)$ solutions of coupled-equations for V_0 with boundary conditions:

- ⇒ $c_{m,0}^{(0)}(-\infty) = \delta_{0,m}$
- ⇒ $\tilde{c}_{l,n}^{(0)}(+\infty) = \delta_{n,l}$

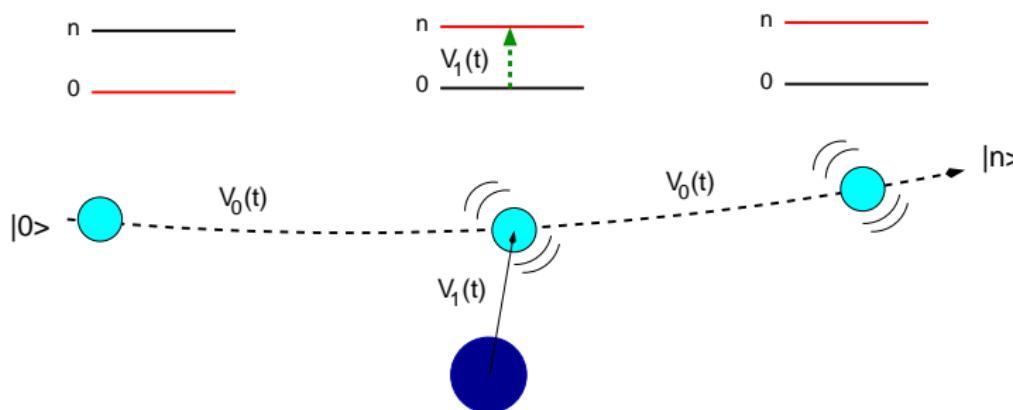


A simple example: $V_0(\mathbf{r})$ independent of ξ

$$\Rightarrow V(\mathbf{r}, \xi) = V_0(\mathbf{r}) + V_1(\mathbf{r}, \xi)$$

$\Rightarrow V_0(\mathbf{r})$ does not produce transitions between the internal states:

$$c_n^{(1)}(\infty) = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{c}_n^{(0)}(t') \langle n | V_1(t') | 0 \rangle c_0^{(0)}(t') \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} (E_n - E_0)t' \right\} dt'$$



Application to Coulomb excitation

- Half of distance of closest approach in head-on collision:

$$a_0 = \frac{\kappa Z_p Z_t e^2}{2E}$$

- Distance of closest approach for scattering angle θ :

$$b(\theta) = a_0 \left[1 + \frac{1}{\sin(\theta/2)} \right] \equiv a_0 [1 + \epsilon]$$

(ϵ =excentricity)

- Adiabaticity parameter** for head-on collision:

$$\xi_{0 \rightarrow n} \equiv \xi_{0 \rightarrow n}(\theta = \pi) = \frac{(E_n - E_0)}{\hbar} \tau_{col} \approx \frac{(E_n - E_0)}{\hbar} \frac{a_0}{v}$$

- Adiabaticity parameter** for general collision

$$\xi_{0 \rightarrow n}(\theta) = \frac{(E_n - E_0)}{\hbar} \frac{b(\theta)}{2v} = \xi_{0 \rightarrow n} \left[1 + \frac{1}{\sin(\theta/2)} \right]$$

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Sommerfeld parameter:

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Also, the trajectory must be barely perturbed by the momentum and energy transfer to the projectile:

$$\frac{\Delta \ell}{\ell} \ll 1 \text{ and } \frac{\Delta E_n}{E} \ll 1$$

Multipole expansion of Coulomb potential

- Multipolar expansion of Coulomb potential

$$\begin{aligned}V(\mathbf{r}, \xi) &= \frac{Z_t Z_p e^2}{r} + \sum_{\lambda>0, \mu} \frac{4\pi Z_t e}{2\lambda+1} M(E\lambda, \mu) \frac{Y_{\lambda\mu}(\hat{r})}{r^{\lambda+1}} \\&\equiv V_0(r) + V_{\text{coup}}(\mathbf{r}, \xi)\end{aligned}$$

- ☞ $V_0(r)$ determines de trajectory, but does not induce excitations
- Internal states are conveniently labeled by their intrinsic spin and its projection:

$$|n\rangle \rightarrow |I_n M_n\rangle$$

First order Coulomb excitation probability

- $V_0(r)$ determines de trajectory, for each θ .
- In terms of the dimensionless parameter ω :

$$\rho(\omega) = r(\omega)/a_0 = \epsilon \cosh \omega + 1$$

$$\phi(\omega) = \arctan(\sqrt{\epsilon^2 - 1} \sinh \omega / (\epsilon + \cosh \omega))$$

$$\theta(\omega) = \pi/2$$

$$\tau(\omega) = t(\omega)v/a_0 = \epsilon \sinh \omega + \omega$$



First order Coulomb excitation probability

In general:

$$c_n^{(1st)}(\theta) = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(E_n - E_0)t/\hbar} V_{n0}(\theta, t) dt$$

For the Coulomb case:

$$c_n^{(1st)}(\theta) = \frac{4\pi Z_t e}{i\hbar} \sum_{\lambda\mu} \frac{\langle I_n | M(E\lambda) | I_0 \rangle}{(2\lambda + 1)} \frac{\langle I_n M_n | \lambda\mu I_0 M_0 \rangle}{\sqrt{2I_n + 1}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i(E_n - E_0)t/\hbar} \frac{Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \phi)}{r^{\lambda+1}}$$

$$c_n^{(1st)}(\theta) = \frac{4\pi Ze^2}{i\hbar v} \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\langle I_n | M(E\lambda) | I_0 \rangle}{(2\lambda + 1)ea_0^{\lambda}} \frac{\langle I_n M_n | \lambda\mu I_0 M_0 \rangle}{\sqrt{2I_n + 1}} I_{\lambda\mu}(\epsilon, \xi) Y_{\lambda\mu}(\pi/2, 0)$$

☞ Coulomb integrals:

$$I_{\lambda\mu}(\epsilon, \xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \rho(\omega)^{-\lambda} \exp[i\xi\tau(\omega)] \exp[i\mu\phi(\omega)]$$

First order Coulomb excitation probability

- Excitation probability:

$$P_n = \left(\frac{4\pi Z_t e^2}{\hbar v} \right)^2 \frac{B(E\lambda, g \rightarrow n)}{(2\lambda + 1)^3 e^2 a_0^{2\lambda}} \sum_{\mu} \left(Y_{\lambda\mu}(\pi/2) I_{\lambda,\mu}(\epsilon, \xi) \right)^2$$

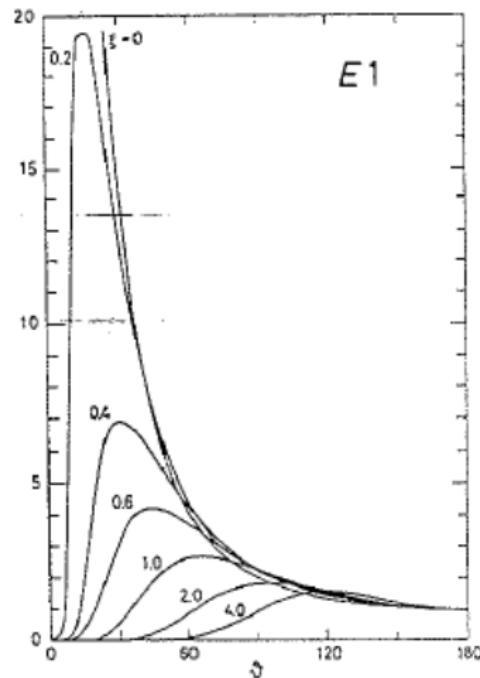
- Differential cross section:

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$$f_{\lambda}(\theta, \xi) = \frac{4\pi^2}{(2\lambda + 1)^3 \sin^4(\theta/2)} \sum_{\mu} \left[Y_{\lambda\mu}(\pi/2, 0) I_{\lambda,\mu}(\epsilon, \xi) \right]^2$$

Coulomb integrals

$f_\lambda(\theta, \xi)$ for $\lambda = 1$ (E1) transitions:



- ⇒ $f_\lambda(\theta, \xi)$ small for large ξ (adiabatic limit)
- ⇒ For $\theta \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \xi_{0 \rightarrow n}(\theta) \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow P_n(\theta) \rightarrow 0$

Application to Coulomb dissociation of halo nuclei

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

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

- Halo nuclei are weakly bound \Rightarrow excitation occurs to unbound (continuum) states

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



Photo-absorption cross section: virtual photon description

⇒ Photo-absorption (not proven here): $\gamma + a \rightarrow b + c$

$$\sigma_{E\lambda}^{\text{photo}} = \frac{(2\pi)^3(\lambda+1)}{\lambda[(2\lambda+1)!!]^2} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\hbar c} \right)^{2\lambda-1} \frac{dB(E\lambda)}{dE}$$

⇒ 1st order Coulomb breakup cross section in terms of photo-absorption:

$$\frac{d\sigma(E\lambda)}{d\Omega dE_\gamma} = \frac{1}{E_\gamma} \frac{dn_{E\lambda}}{d\Omega} \sigma_{E\lambda}^{\text{photo}} \quad (\text{Equivalent Photon Method})$$

with the virtual photon number

$$\frac{dn_{E\lambda}}{d\Omega} = Z_t^2 \alpha \frac{\lambda[(2\lambda+1)!!]^2}{(2\pi)^3(\lambda+1)} \xi^{2(1-\lambda)} \left(\frac{c}{v} \right)^{2\lambda} \frac{df_{E\lambda}}{d\Omega}$$

Extracting dB/dE from CD experiments

⇒ Assume that Coulomb breakup is dominated by E1:

$$\sigma_{E1}^{(\text{photo})} = \frac{16\pi^3}{9} \frac{E_\gamma}{\hbar c} \frac{dB(E1)}{dE_\gamma} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE_x} = \frac{16\pi^3}{9} \frac{dn_{E1}}{d\Omega} \frac{dB(E1)}{dE_x}}$$

⇒ Assume that CD is Coulomb for $b > b_0$ ($\theta < \theta_{gr}$)

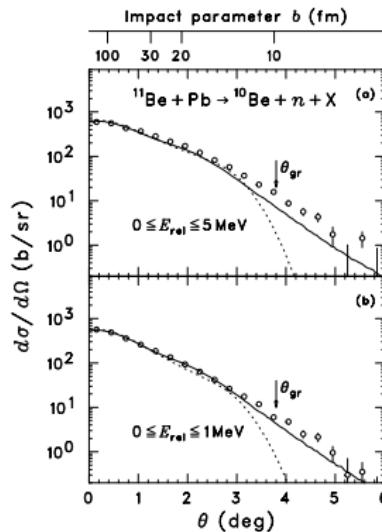
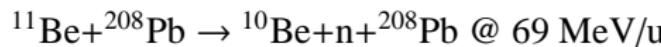
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_x}(\theta < \theta_{gr}) = \int_0^{\theta_{gr}} d\Omega \frac{dn_{E1}}{d\Omega} \frac{\sigma_{E\lambda}}{E_x} \equiv n_{E\lambda}(E_x) \frac{\sigma_{E\lambda}}{E_x}$$

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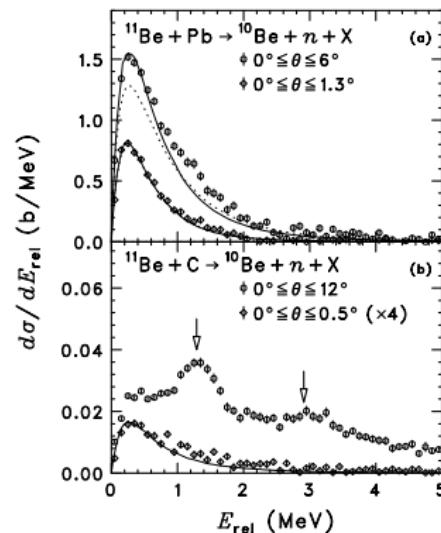
Application a CD of 1n-halo nuclei

- Halo nuclei are weakly bound \Rightarrow the systems are easily polarized in strong electric field (large E1 response)
- Large Coulomb dissociation probability with heavy targets
- At small-angles (large impact parameters) the dissociation is Coulomb dominated and hence can be used to extract the $E1$ transition probability using:

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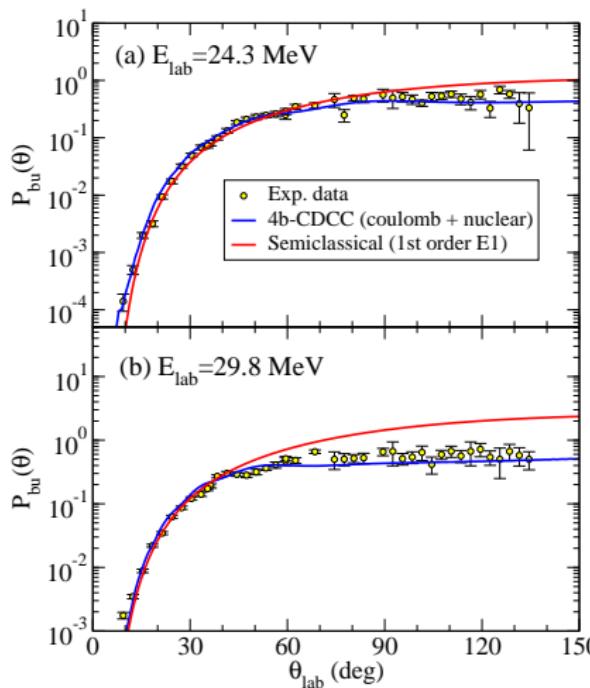
Example: ^{11}Be dissociation

Fukuda, 2004



Comparison of 1st order with full quantum-mechanical calculation

Eg: $^{11}\text{Li} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$ at Coulomb barrier energies



- ⇒ $E_{\text{lab}} \sim V_b \Rightarrow$ Coulomb important
- ⇒ At small angles, breakup dominated by E1 Coulomb

J.P. Fernandez-Garcia et al, PRL110, 142701(2013)

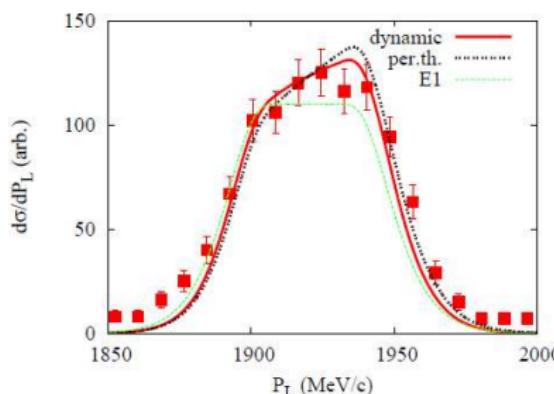
Higher-order corrections

Deviations from 1st order $E1$ perturbation theory:

- Higher multipoles ($\lambda > 1$)
- Higher orders in a expansion of c_n amplitudes

$$c_{if} = c_{if}^{(1)} + c_{if}^{(2)} + \dots$$

Eg.: ${}^8\text{B} + {}^{197}\text{Au} \rightarrow {}^7\text{Be} + \text{p} + {}^{197}\text{Au}$ @ 40 MeV/u

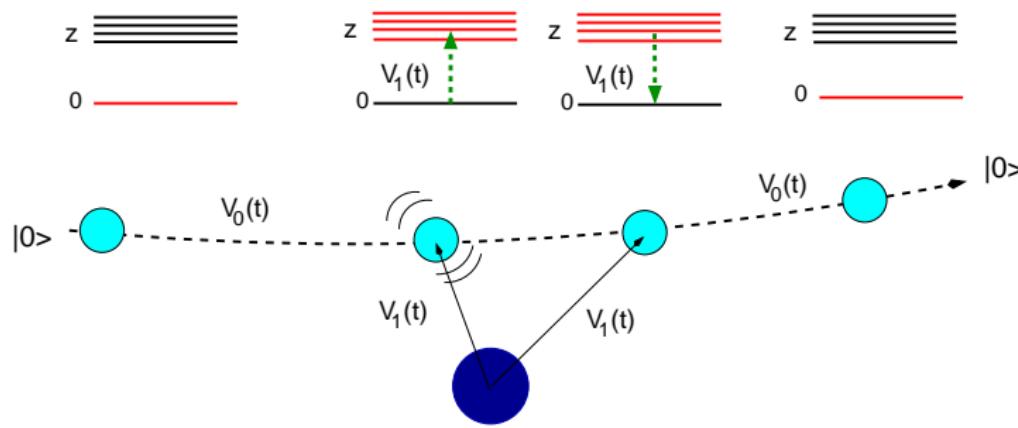


⇒ Asymmetry due to $E1/E2$ interference
reduce effect

Esbensen, NPA600, 37 ('96); Data: Kelley, PRL77, 5020 ('96)

Second order perturbative amplitude

$$c_n^{(2)} = \sum_z \left(\frac{-i}{\hbar} \right)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \langle n | V_1(t) | z \rangle \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} (E_n - E_z) t \right\} \\ \times \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \langle z | V_1(t') | 0 \rangle \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} (E_z - E_0) t' \right\}$$

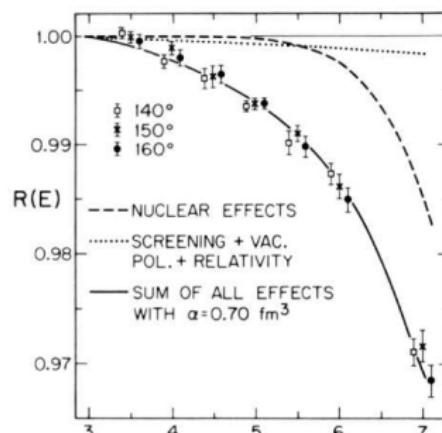




The effect of the inelastic couplings on the elastic scattering

Eg: deuteron polarizability from d+²⁰⁸Pb:

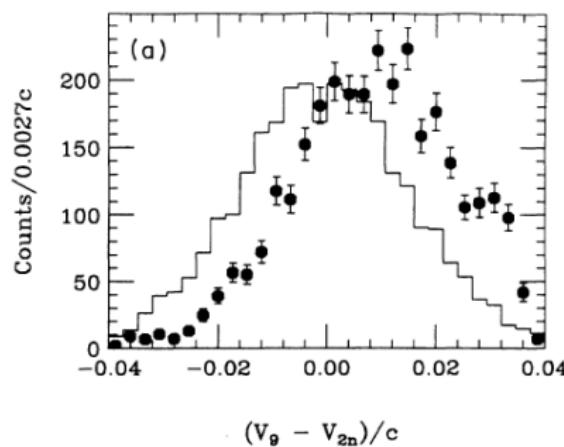
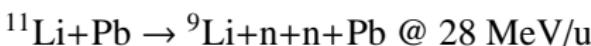
- ☞ Deuteron polarizability: $\mathbf{P} = \alpha \mathbf{E}$
- ☞ For $E < V_b$, the main deviation from Rutherford scattering comes from dipole polarizability.
- ☞ The second order correction can be included in an effective (polarization) potential. In the adiabatic limit: $V_{\text{dip}} = -\alpha \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{2R^4}$



Rodning, Knutson, Lynch and Tsang,

PRL49, 909 (1982)
 $\alpha = 0.70 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm}^3$

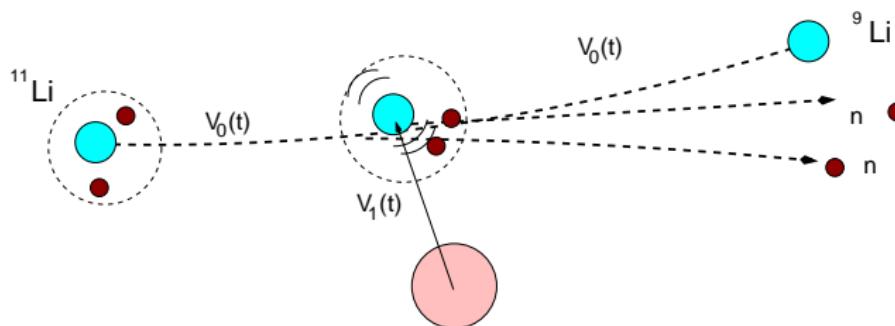
Post-acceleration effects



- ⇒ After breakup, ^9Li accelerated due to Coulomb field
- ⇒ Not explained by first order model.

Sacket, PRC48, 118 (1993)

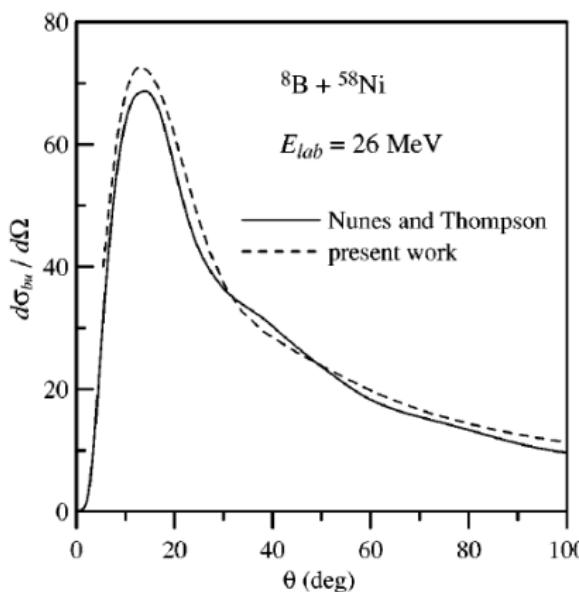
Post-acceleration effect (cont.)



- The projectile approaches as a whole, and breaks up at a given distance from the target (R_{bu})
- At this energy, the potential energy is $V(R_{bu}) \approx Z_p Z_t e^2 / R_{bu}$
- After breaking up, this energy is transformed into kinetic energy, but only of ^{9}Li .

$$\Delta E(^9\text{Li}) \approx Z_p Z_t e^2 / R_{bu}$$

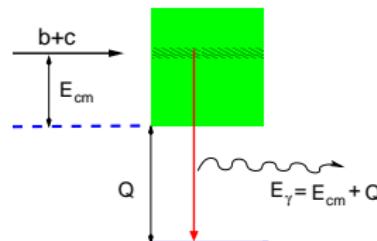
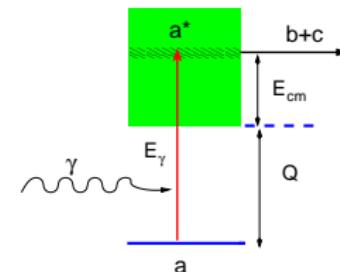
Coupled-channels calculations with Coulomb+nuclear



- ⇒ Full coupled-channels (all orders)
- ⇒ Coulomb+nuclear trajectory
- ⇒ Several multipoles

H.D. Marta, PRC66, 024605 ('02)

Relation to radiative capture

Radiative capture: $b + c \rightarrow a + \gamma$ Photo-absorption: $a + \gamma \rightarrow b + c$ 

⇒ Related by detailed balance:

$$\sigma_{E\lambda}^{(rc)} = \frac{2(2J_a + 1)}{(2J_b + 1)(2J_c + 1)} \frac{k_\gamma^2}{k^2} \sigma_{E\lambda}^{(phot)} \quad (\hbar k_\gamma = E_\gamma/c)$$

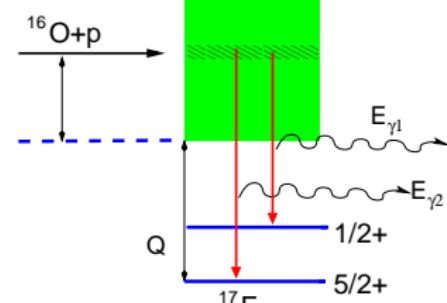
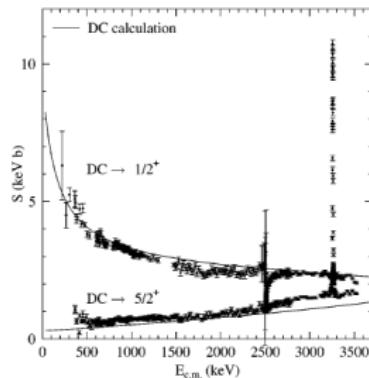
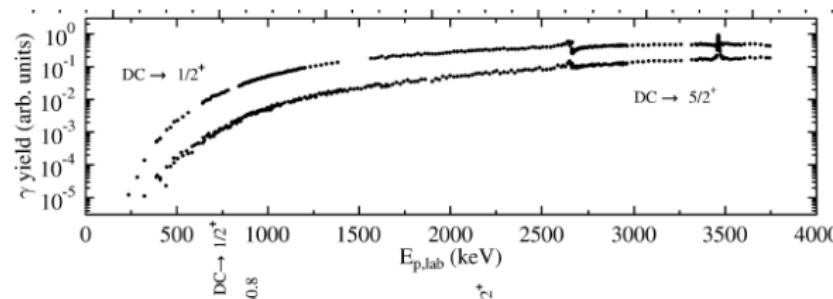
⇒ Astrophysical S-factor:

$$S(E_{c.m.}) = E_{c.m.} \sigma_{E\lambda}^{(rc)} \exp[2\pi\eta(E_{c.m.})]$$



Example: $p + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow {}^{17}\text{F} + \gamma$

Morlock, PRL79, 3837 (1997)



Radiative capture from Coulomb dissociation experiments

- ☞ Capture reactions have typically small cross sections
- ☞ Use breakup (Coulomb dissociation) reactions:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE_{c.m.}} \rightarrow \sigma_{E\lambda}^{(\text{phot})} \rightarrow \sigma_{E\lambda}^{(rc)} \rightarrow S(E_{\text{c.m.}})$$