Transfer reactions

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### 1. Introduction

Transfer reactions is

$$
A + B = (C + c) + B \to C + (c + B) = C + D.
$$

As a rule transferred particle  $c$  is nucleon or few-nucleon cluster.

There are quasi-elastic transfer reactions, when the kinetic energies of nuclei in the incident and scattered channels at large distances between nuclei are similar.

At high-collision energies there are multinucleon transfer reactions induced by deep-inelastic heavy-ion collisions. The kinetic energies of nuclei the incident and scattered channels on large distances are very different.

#### 2. Direct transfer reactions

Lets  $H = H(R, \{r\})$  is the total hamiltonian of system of complex colliding nuclei and  $\Psi(R, \{r\})$  is the total wave-function, which can be expanded as the sum on the eigen states of each nuclei (open channels, i.e. related to P projection)

$$
\Psi(R,r) = \sum_{n} \psi_n(R) \varphi_n(\{r\}).
$$

where  $\psi_n(R)$  is the wave-function described the relative motion of two nuclei at channel n with distance between mass centers  $R$ ,  $\varphi_n({r \brace r}) = \varphi_{1n}({r_1})\varphi_{2n}({r_2})$  is the wave function of intrinsic states of corresponding nuclei  $\varphi_{1n}({r_1})$ and  $\phi_{2n}(\lbrace r_2 \rbrace)$  at channel n, and  $\lbrace r_1 \rbrace$  and  $\lbrace r_2 \rbrace$  are intrinsic coordinate.

Note that at  $R \to \infty$ 

$$
H\varphi_n(\{r\})=\varepsilon_n\varphi_n(\{r\}),
$$

where  $\varepsilon_n$  is eigenenergy of nuclei at channel n.

The Schrödinger equation is

$$
(H-E)\Psi(R,r)=0.
$$

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The wave-function of nucleus A:  $\phi_A({r_1}) = \phi_C({r_1}) \otimes \phi_c(R, {r_1}),$ 

the wave-function of nucleus  $B: \phi_B({r_2})$ ,

the wave-function of nucleus *D*: 
$$
\phi_D(\lbrace r_2 \rbrace) = \phi_B(\lbrace r_2 \rbrace) \otimes \phi_c(R, \lbrace r_2 \rbrace),
$$

and which wave-function of transferred particle c:  $\phi_c(R, \{r_1\})$  or  $\phi_c(R, \{r_2\})$ .

The total quantum numbers  $A, B, C, D, c$  are included and specified correspondingly the core eigen states with quantum eigen numbers  $n_{C,B}$  and/or eigen states of transferred particles with quantum eigen numbers  $n_c$ .

Multiplying the Schrödinger equation

equation  
\n
$$
(H - E)\Psi(R, r) = (H - E)\sum_{n} \psi_n(R)\varphi_n(\{r\}) = 0.
$$

on  $\varphi_n^*(\lbrace r \rbrace)$  and taking the integral on intrinsic coordinates we get

$$
\int d\{r\} \varphi_n^*(\{r\})(H(R,\{r\}) - E)\Psi(R,r) = \int d\{r\} \varphi_n^*(\{r\})(H(R,\{r\}) - E) \sum_m \psi_m(R)\varphi_m(\{r\})
$$
  
=  $(h_{nn}(R) - E)\psi_n(R) + \sum_{m, m \neq n} h_{nm}(R)\psi_m(R) = 0,$ 

where

$$
h_{nm}(R) = \int d\{r\} \varphi_n^*(\{r\}) H(R,\{r\}) \varphi_m(\{r\}) = \delta_{nm} \frac{-\hbar^2 \Delta_R}{2\mu_n} + V_{nm}^{Nucl}(R) + V_{nm}^{Coul}(R) + iW_{nn}(R)\delta_{nm} + \delta_{nm}\varepsilon_n,
$$

 $V_{nm}^{Nucle}(R)$  and  $V_{nm}^{Coul}(R)$  are nuclear and Coulomb parts of nucleus-nucleus matrix elements,  $\mu_n$  is the reduced mass in channel n, and  $W_{nn}(R)$  is imaginary part of potential related to the coupling to the closed channels Q.

We consider spinless colliding nuclei, therefore we present  $\psi_n(R) = \sum_{LM} \frac{\xi_{nL}(R)}{R}$  $\frac{L(R)}{R}Y_{LM}(\Omega)$ . Multiplying this system of equations on  $Y_{LM}(\Omega)$  and taking the integral on angle  $\Omega$  we have system of coupled-channel equations

$$
\left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2\mu_n}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{\hbar^2 L(L+1)}{2\mu_n R^2} + V_{nn}^{Nucl}(R) + V_{nn}^{Coul}(R) + iW_{nn}(R) + \varepsilon_n - E\right] \xi_{nL}(R)
$$
  
= 
$$
-\sum_{m,m \neq n} \left[V_{nm}^{Nucl}(R) + V_{nm}^{Coul}(R)\right] \xi_{mL}(R).
$$

This is complex coupled-channels equations.

The Distorted-Wave Born Approximation (DWBA) is simplest way to consider transfer reactions.

3. DWBA, single-particle and cluster states, spectroscopic factors

Lets consider two channels and propose that the influence of final channel  $(f)$  on the incident channel  $(i)$  is small. Than we have system of two equations

$$
\left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2\mu_i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{\hbar^2 L(L+1)}{2\mu_i R^2} + V_{ii}^{Nucl}(R) + V_{ii}^{Coul}(R) + iW_{ii}(R) - E\right] \xi_{iL}(R) \approx 0
$$
  

$$
\left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2\mu_f} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{\hbar^2 L(L+1)}{2\mu_f R^2} + V_{ff}^{Nucl}(R) + V_{ff}^{Coul}(R) + iW_{nn}(R) + \varepsilon_f - E\right] \xi_{fL}(R)
$$
  

$$
= -\left[V_{fi}^{Nucl}(R) + V_{fi}^{Coul}(R)\right] \xi_{iL}(R).
$$

The application of Green function techniques leads to the formal solutions of these equations

$$
\xi_{fL}(R) = \xi_{iL}^{+}(R)\delta_{if} + \int dR' G_{fL}^{+}(R, R') \left[ V_{fi}^{Nucl}(R') + V_{fi}^{Coul}(R') \right] \xi_{iL}^{+}(R'),
$$

where  $G_r^+$  $f_L^+(R, R')$  is the outgoing-wave Green function for the equation

$$
\left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2\mu_f} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{\hbar^2 L(L+1)}{2\mu_f R^2} + V_{ff}^{Nucl}(R) + V_{ff}^{Coul}(R) + iW_{nn}(R) + \varepsilon_f - E^+\right] G_{fL}^+(R, R') = \delta(R - R').
$$

The amplitude of  $i \to f$  transition is

$$
T_{fil} = T_{iiL}\delta_{if} + \int dR' \xi_{fL}^{-*}(R') \left[ V_{fi}^{Nuel}(R') + V_{fi}^{Coul}(R') \right] \xi_{iL}^{+}(R'),
$$

where  $\xi_{fL}^{-}(R)$  is the solution of equation

$$
\left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2\mu_f} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{\hbar^2 L(L+1)}{2\mu_f R^2} + V_{ff}^{Nucl}(R) + V_{ff}^{Coul}(R) + iW_{nn}(R) + \varepsilon_f - E^+\right] \xi_{fL}^-(R) = 0
$$

and  $T_{iiL}$  is the elastic transition amplitude.

For different initial i and final states f the DWBA transition amplitude of  $i \rightarrow f$  transition is

$$
T_{fil} = \int dR \, \xi_{fL}^{-*}(R) \left[ V_{fi}^{Nucl}(R) + V_{fi}^{Coul}(R) \right] \xi_{iL}^{+}(R) = \int dR \, \xi_{fL}^{-*}(R) F_{tr}(R) \xi_{iL}^{+}(R)
$$
  
= 
$$
\int dR \, \xi_{fL}^{-*}(R) \left[ \int d\{r\} \varphi_{f}^{*}(\{r\}) H(R,\{r\}) \varphi_{i}(\{r\}) \right] \xi_{iL}^{+}(R),
$$

where  $F_{tr}(R')$  is the transfer form-factor. The differential cross section of transfer reaction can be written as

$$
\frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} = \frac{k_f}{k_i} \frac{\mu_i \mu_f}{(2\pi\hbar^2)^2} \sum_L |T_{fil}|^2 = \frac{k_f}{k_i} \frac{\mu_i \mu_f}{(2\pi\hbar^2)^2} \sum_L \left| \int dR \xi_{fL}^{-*}(R) F_{tr}(R) \xi_{iL}^{+}(R) \right|^2,
$$

where  $k_f = \sqrt{2\mu_f E_f/\hbar^2}$ ,  $k_i = \sqrt{2\mu_i E_i/\hbar^2}$ ,  $\mu_i, \mu_f, E_i, E_f$  are the reduced masses and energies in incident and final channels respectively.

In the realistic case the transfer amplitude of reaction  $A + B = (C + c) + B \rightarrow C + (c + B) = C + D$  depends on the probability of representation of nucleus A as  $(C + c)$  and nucleus D as  $(c + B)$ . These probabilities are the spectroscopic factors, which are defined as

$$
S_{A,C+c} = \left| \int d\{r_1\} \; \phi_A^{exact}(\{r_1\}) \; \phi_C(\{r_1\}) \otimes \phi_c(\{r_1\}) \right|^2, \quad S_{D,B+c} = \left| \int d\{r_2\} \; \phi_D^{exact}(\{r_2\}) \; \phi_B(\{r_2\}) \otimes \phi_c(R,\{r_2\}) \right|^2.
$$

Here  $\phi_A^{exact}(\lbrace r_1 \rbrace)$  and  $\phi_D^{exact}(\lbrace r_2 \rbrace)$  are exact wave-functions of nuclei A and D respectively. Note that  $S_{A,C+c} \leq 1$ ,  $S_{D,B+c} \leq 1$  as a rule. The realistic differential cross section of transfer reaction can be written as

$$
\frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} = S_{A,C+c} S_{D,B+c} \frac{k_f}{k_i} \frac{\mu_i \mu_f}{(2\pi\hbar^2)^2} \sum_L |T_{fil}|^2.
$$

If  $S_{A,C+c} = S_{D,B+c} = 1$  we get previous expression for the differential cross section of transfer reaction.

#### 4. Transfer reactions around barrier. Sub-Coulomb transfer.

The simplest description of the elastic transfer for scattering processes in the vicinity of the Coulomb barrier than would be in terms of a semiclassical model by Broglia and Winther PC19, <sup>1</sup> (1972) (it is easy derive from the DWBA taking into account the same ingoing and outgoing wave), where

$$
T_{\text{tr}}(\theta) \simeq T_{\text{elastic}}(\theta) \sqrt{P_{tr}(R)},
$$

with  $P_{tr}(\theta)$  representing the transfer probability.

The transfer cross-section is

$$
\frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} \simeq S_{A,C+c} S_{D,B+c} \frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} \bigg|_{\text{elastic}} P_{tr}(\theta) = S_{A,C+c} S_{D,B+c} \frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} \bigg|_{\text{Rutherford}} P_{tr}(\theta).
$$

The simplest approximation for the transfer probability  $P_{tr}(\theta)$  is semiclassical value for sub-barrier penetration of transferred particle under rectangle barrier. The barrier height for the neutron with  $\ell = 0$  is zero, the neutron separation energy is  $\varepsilon$  and distance of tunneling (barrier width  $d(\theta) = D(\theta) - (R_1 + R_2)$ ) equals to the distance between surfaces of colliding nuclei at the closest point. S o

$$
P_{tr}(\theta) \simeq \exp\left[-\sqrt{2M_n \varepsilon/\hbar^2} D(\theta)\right] \sin(\theta/2).
$$

The distance of closest point between surfaces is evaluated by using classical Coulomb trajectory

$$
D(\theta) \simeq \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{2E_{cm}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sin{(\theta/2)}} \right).
$$









4. Transfer reactions around barrier. Quasi-elastic transfer.  $^{12}\mathrm{C} + ^{13}\mathrm{C}$  and  $^{12}\mathrm{C} + ^{13}\mathrm{N}$ 



Schematic representation of the exchange of valence nucleons in a collision between two complex nuclei.

Linear Combination of Nuclear Orbitals :  $\Psi = \psi_{n,C_1}(R,r)\phi_{n+C_1}(r)/r + (-1)^{\pi}\psi_{n,C_2}(R,r)\phi_{n+C_2}(r')/r'$ 







TABLE II. CFP v culations.

Nucleus

 $^{13}$ C

 $^{13}N$ 



Comparison between DWBA, OCRC 3 and 4 channels calculations.









FIG. 18. Density distributions of the valence particles in the ground RMO (rotating molecular orbital: see the text) states at the internuclear distance  $r = 7.8$  fm (a) in the <sup>12</sup>C+<sup>13</sup>C system and (b) in the  ${}^{12}C+{}^{13}N$  system. The positions of the core nuclei for the respective systems are marked by arrows.

5. Deep-inelastic collisions (DIC). Di-nuclear system. Fast fission.



$$
\sigma_{fus}(E) = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2M_N A_{12} E} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell+1) T_{\ell}(E) = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2M_N A_{12} E} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell+1) \frac{1}{1+\exp[-2\pi(E-Barrier)](\hbar \omega_{Barrier})}.
$$







Fig. 2. Mass distributions at two excitation energies for the system  $19F + 232$ Th. The Gaussian fit are shown by the solid lines.



DIC are going though the formation of di-nuclear system.

Due to high angular momentum the colliding nuclei cannot for compound nucleus,

however nucleons exchange strongly between nucleon during di-nuclear system life-time.





Fig. 1. Effective potentials and trajectories for different angular momenta  $L$ . Trajectory  $L_1$  contributes to fusion cross section, trajectory  $L_2$  contributes to deep inelastic cross section (schematic).



De Broglie wave langth is  $\lambda = \frac{h}{mv} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu E}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2[M_N A_1 A_2/(A_1+A_2)]E}} << R_{nucleus}$ . Example:  ${}^{40}\text{Ar} + {}^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $E_{lab} = 379 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $E_{cm} = [232/(232 + 40)]379 = 323 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\lambda = 2 \cdot 3.1415 \cdot \sqrt{20.748/(232 \cdot 40/(232 + 40) \cdot 323)} = 0.27$ fm.

Therefore for the DIC: Trajectory of collisions can be obtained by solving newtonian classic equations of motion, which include the friction force proportional to the velocities:

$$
\frac{d\mu \dot{R}}{dt} - \mu r \dot{\vartheta}^2 + \frac{dV}{dR} + K_R \dot{R} = 0,
$$

$$
\frac{d\mu R^2 \dot{\vartheta}}{dt} + K_{\vartheta} R^2 \dot{\vartheta} = 0.
$$

Here  $K_R(R)$  is the radial friction coefficient and  $K_{\theta}(R)$  is the tangential friction coefficient.





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Рис. 5. Энергетические спектры Cl, Ar, K, Са из облучения <sup>232</sup>Th ионами <sup>40</sup>Ar с энергией 388 Мэв. Учтены потери энергии твонкой мишени для ионов <sup>40</sup>Аг и продуктов реакции. Данные для каждого угла умноже-<br>ны на коэффициенты, указанные справа вверху [30]



## 6. Conclusion

The transfer <sup>p</sup>henomena are very common for nuclear reactions. There are

- sub-barrier single-nucleon and few-nucleon transfer;
- quasi-elastic single-nucleon and few-nucleon transfer;
- $\bullet$  multi-nucleon transfer at DIC.

The transfer process depends on collision energy and angular momentum.

Thanks for your attention!

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