Recent studies of heavy ion transfer reactions using large solid angle magnetic spectrometers

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$$\circ \overset{a}{\bigcirc}_{|\alpha\rangle} \overset{A}{\longrightarrow} \circ \overset{c}{\bigcirc}_{|\gamma\rangle} \overset{C}{\bigcirc} \overset{o}{\Rightarrow} \overset{b}{\bigcirc}_{|\beta\rangle} \overset{B}{\bigcirc} \circ$$





Probing nucleon-nucleon correlations in transfer reactions

The pairing interaction induces particle-particle correlations that are essential in defining the properties of finite quantum many body systems in their ground and neighboring states. These structure properties may influence in a significant way the evolution of the collision of two nuclei.



Heavy ion transfer reactions:

Advantages: test of correlation properties in transfer processes via simultaneous comparison of $\pm n$ and $\pm p$, and $\pm nn/\pm pp/\pm np$ pairs; transfer of "many" pairs HI drawbacks: limited A,Z, energy resolutions (two-nucleon transfer \rightarrow redistribution of the strength around single particle states)



Absolute cross sections for one and two-nucleon transfer reactions

____successive+simultaneous

Theoretical treatment: the structure information is entangled with the reaction mechanism (complex structure of the two interacting ions, QE and DIC processes, many open channels).



G. Potel et al, PRL 105 (2010) 172502

Absolute cross sections for one and two-nucleon transfer reactions

successive+simultaneous -simultaneous

microscopic theories: include correlations + the coupling between relative motion (reaction) + intrinsic motion (structure).



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Magnetic spectrometer PRISMA









⁴⁰Ar+²⁰⁸Pb, ⁴⁰Ca+²⁰⁸Pb, and ⁵⁸Ni+²⁰⁸Pb



Above the barrier: \rightarrow many open channels, transfer of 5-10 protons and neutrons governed by optimum Q-value \rightarrow large TKEL, onset of DIC components \rightarrow secondary processes: evaporation, transfer induced fission





T. Mijatovic et al., Phys. Rev. C 94 (2016) 064616

Multinucleon transfer reactions : experiment vs. theory



⁵⁸Ni+²⁰⁸Pb, L. Corradi et al., PRC 66 (2002) 024606 (GRAZING or CWKB, G. Pollarolo)



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QMD: Long Zhu et al., PLB 791 (2019) 20

Nucleon-nucleon correlations studied with PRISMA



¹¹⁶Sn+⁶⁰Ni, inverse kinematic, excitation function (detection of (lighter) target-like fragment in PRISMA: $E_{beam} = 500 \text{ MeV} - 410 \text{ MeV}$ (D ~ 12.3 to 15.0 fm)



⁹⁶Zr+⁴⁰Ca, ¹¹⁶Sn+⁶⁰Ni, ⁹²Mo+⁵⁴Fe, ²⁰⁶Pb+¹¹⁶Sn direct + inverse kinematic (7 experiments)

⁹⁶Zr+⁴⁰Ca: S. Szilner et al., Phys. Rev. C 76 (2007) 024604; L. Corradi et al., Phys. Rev. C 84 (2011) 034603

¹¹⁶Sn+⁶⁰Ni: D. Montanari et al., Phys. Rev. Lett.
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C 93 (2016) 054623

⁹²Mo+⁵⁴Fe: T. Mijatovic talk, Multinucleon transfer reactions and proton transfer channels, TUE, Sala Goldoni, 15:20



D. Montanari et. al., PRL 113 (2014) 052501

¹¹⁶Sn+⁶⁰Ni: neutron pair transfer far below the Coulomb barrier

Transfer strength very close to the g.s. to g.s. transitions



⁶⁰Ni+¹¹⁶Sn, ⁴⁰Ca+⁹⁶Zr, ⁵⁴Fe+⁹²Mo: fragment - gamma measurements (PRISMA+CLARA/AGATA/LaBr)

 ⁶⁰Ni+¹¹⁶Sn: angular distributions measurement in "direct" kinematic:
 E_{beam} = 245 MeV at 70° (D ~ 14.5 fm)





⁶⁰Ni+¹¹⁶Sn, ⁴⁰Ca+⁹⁶Zr, ⁵⁴Fe+⁹²Mo: fragment - gamma measurements (PRISMA+CLARA/AGATA/LaBr)

The strengths (normalized to $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ in ⁶⁰Ni) of the most important transitions, corrected for the contributions of the feeding and for their relative detection efficiency in AGATA. The direct population of states can be compared with any reaction code (DWBA, coupled channels, tabulated deformations, spectroscopic factors) \rightarrow a direct check on the oneparticle form factors (1n), and of the potential (2n): no gamma in ¹¹⁴Sn, few gamma in ⁶²Ni compatibile with 2⁺ $\rightarrow 0^+$ transitions \rightarrow

 $\sigma_{g.s} = \sigma_{tot} - \sigma_{exc} \rightarrow$ the transitions to the excited states contribute to the total strength: <24%, dominant population of the ground states

(1n)

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2000		<u> </u>	10 ⁻¹
2	Experiment	Theory	
$^{-116}$ Sn(2 ⁺)	0.792 ± 0.160	0.720	
$^{116}Sn(4_1^+)$	0.042 ± 0.011	0.056	
${}^{60}\mathrm{Ni}(4^+_1)$	0.060 ± 0.013	0.11	
$^{-115}Sn(5/2^+)$	0.018 ± 0.003	0.037	
$^{61}{\rm Ni}(1/2^-)$	0.014 ± 0.003	0.033	10 ⁻³
62 Ni(2 ⁺)	< 0.00145	27	
			10^{-4} 12 13 14
	\mathbb{E}_{γ} [keV]		D [fm

¹¹⁶Sn+⁶⁰Ni: two particle transfer (semiclassical theory, microscopic calculations, 2nd order Born app.)



$$\begin{aligned} (c_{\beta})_{\text{succ}} &= \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \sum_{a_1, a_1'} B^{(A)}(a_1 a_1; 0) B^{(a)}(a_1' a_1'; 0) 2 \frac{(-1)^{j_1 + j_1'}}{\sqrt{(2j_1 + 1)} \sqrt{(2j_1' + 1)}} \sum_{m_1 m_1'} (-1)^{m_1 + m_1'} \\ &\times \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt f_{m_1 m_1'}(\mathcal{R}) e^{i[(E_{\beta} - E_{\gamma})t + \delta_{\beta\gamma}(t) + \hbar(m_1' - m_1)\Phi(t)]/\hbar} \\ &\times \int_{-\infty}^{t} dt f_{-m_1 - m_1'}(\mathcal{R}) e^{i[(E_{\gamma} - E_{\alpha})t + \delta_{\gamma\alpha}(t) - \hbar(m_1' - m_1)\Phi(t)]/\hbar}. \end{aligned}$$

⁶⁰Ni+¹¹⁶Sn: neutron pair transfer far below the Coulomb barrier



The experimental transfer probabilities are well reproduced, in absolute values and in slope by microscopic calculations which incorporate nucleon-nucleon correlations: \checkmark a consistent description of (1n) and (2n) channels

✓ the formalism for (2n) incorporates the contribution from both the simultaneous and successive terms (only the ground-to-ground-state transition has been calculated)
 ✓ character of pairing correlations manifests itself equally well in simultaneous and in successive transfers due to the correlation length



Sub-barrier transfer : TDHF or TDHF+BCS

40**Ca+**96**Zr**





(2n) TDHF+BCS

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EXP (1n) and (2n);
(1n) c.c.; (2n) (g.s. →g.s.)
(g.s. → 0+ at ~6MeV)
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G.Scamps et al., EPJ Web Conf. 86 (2015) 00042

C.Simenel, PRL105(2010)192701

M.Evers et al, PRC84(2011)054614

Probing correlations in very-heavy systems: ²⁰⁶Pb+ ¹¹⁸Sn





 $\theta_{lab}=35^{\circ}$ is close to the limiting angle for Pb-like ions, so one can safely control the correct geometry of the experiment at $\theta_{lab}=35^{\circ}$ Sn-like ions have

kinetic energies ~ 750 MeV at E_{lab} =1200 MeV, so one expects good A and Z resolutions

 whether and to what extent the effect of neutron-neutron correlations in the evolution of the reaction is modified in the presence of high Coulomb fields.

→ in the collision between very heavy ions, population of final states with high excitation and angular momenta may significantly change the transfer strength for the g.s. to g.s. transitions.

Energy spectra of ²⁰⁶Pb+¹¹⁸Sn: complex reaction mechanism



The yields of QE and DIC components (and fission fragments) strongly depend on (both) bombarding energy and angles





TKE

300

(MeV) 200

100

600

400

200



Nucleon transfer: exp. vs microscopic calculatons



The synthesis of heavy nuclei



Luminosity depends on the transparency of the ejecta, even a very small amount of heavy elements and nuclei can strongly modify the spectral distributions and observations.

H. Grawe et al, Rep. Prog. Phys. 70 (2007) 1525. D. Kasen et al., Nature 551 (2017) 80; E. Pian et al., Nature 551 (2017) 67. 'HOW: rapid neutron capture
 'WHERE: neutron stars merger
 'The transients, named
 'macronovae' or 'kilonovae', are believed to be cradles of production of rare elements
 such as gold and platinum."
 'Important to know masses,
 structure, life times, decay
 modes

Very important to know these characteristic close to the neutron magic numbers N =50, 82, 126 (define the rprocess path and strong peaks in Solar system abundances)



Synthesis of heavy neutron rich nuclei in labs

Fusion by using neutron-rich radioactive beams \rightarrow the intensity of the beams rather small (accelerators)

Neutron capture reaction \rightarrow the intensity of the neutron beams is small (reactors)

relativistic energies : fragmentation reactions energies close to the Coulomb barrier : multinucleon transfer reactions \rightarrow cross sections $\sim \mu b - nb$ \rightarrow detection systems: large solid angle, large efficiency, large selectivity...



multinucleon transfer reactions: ¹³⁶Xe + ¹⁹⁸Pt @ E_{lab}= 8 MeV/A

fragmentation reactions: ²⁰⁸Pb + ⁹Be @ E_{lab}= 1 GeV/A

Y. Watanabe et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 (2015) 172503, T. Kurtukian-Nieto et al., Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 024616.

Multinucleon transfer reactions



Xe (Z=54) ¹¹⁸Xe ($T_{1/2} = 4 \text{ min}$) ¹³⁶Xe ("the last" stable) ¹⁵⁴Xe (no information)

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40Ar+208Pb



 Reaction develops from quasi-elastic to deep inelastic
 Secondary processes are important – survival probability of the heavy binary partner



Secondary processes: fission, evaporation of neutrons may strongly modify the final cross sections

Wilczynski plots

T. Mijatović et al., Phys. Rev. C 94 (2016) 064616

Mass correlation between light and heavy reaction products in multinucleon transfer ¹⁹⁷Au+¹³⁰Te collisions



Coincident detection of binary partners: PRISMA (Te-like) + NOSE (Au-like) NOSE: (solid angle ~1/3 PRISMA solid angle): PPAC (multiwire parallel-plate avalanche counter) + ionization chamber (an axial-field ionization chamber, Bragg chamber) \rightarrow time signal, 2-dim position signal (the time and position resolution similar as in PRISMA, ~1mm, ~350ps)

 \rightarrow identification through the Bragg peak, total energy, and range

A gas detection system for fragment identification in low-energy heavy-ion collisions E. Fioretto et al. Nucl. Inst. and Meth. A 899 (2018) 73

¹⁹⁷Au+¹³⁰Te: coincident detection of binary partners



F. Galtarossa et al., Phys. Rev. C 97 (2018) 054606

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Multinucleon transfer reactions are suitable tool for the production of the heavy neutron-rich nuclei Te isotopes with "more" neutrons than in ¹³⁰Te Au isotopes with "more" neutrons than in ¹⁹⁷Au

94Rb+208Pb: MNT with neutron-rich beam







ISOLDE – CERN: MINIBALL + CD particle detector \rightarrow fragment-gamma(-gamma) coincidencies

 \rightarrow preliminary results: dominant cross sections in the "south-west" region

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Study of the neutron-rich region in the vicinity of ²⁰⁸Pb via multinucleon transfer reactions

ISOLDE EXP IS572, spokespersons: J.J. Valiente Dobon and S. Szilner

Summary and outlook

MNT reaction around the Columomb barrier \rightarrow suitable tool to study

nucleon-nucleon correlations

→ "large" spectrometers coupled to "large" gamma arrays are powerful tools to study the correlations → sub-barrier transfer reaction measurement (nuclei interact at large distances): good probe for pair correlations

 \rightarrow The information about correlations are extracted when experimental **absolute** cross sections are compared with a microscopic theory which beside correlations includes also the coupling between relative motion (reaction) and intrinsic motion (structure).

 \rightarrow further developments of microscopic models needed (proton channels)

production of heavy neutron-rich nuclei

 \rightarrow PRISMA – detection of heavy lowenergy ions

 \rightarrow The comparison between data and theory: elementary modes of the complex mechanism can be probed. \rightarrow new perspective: the use of (very) neutron-rich projectiles (RIB) \rightarrow more exp. studies of the best selection of mass asymmetry and collision energy for the largest survival probabilities of heavy partners \rightarrow further development of the instrumentation for coincidence detection of both partners (see next talk: KEK isotope separation system, Yutaka Watanabe)

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NOSE – an ancillary detector coupled to PRISMA



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