

What is the eikonal approximation?
Why and when is it useful for
describing nuclear collisions and
selected nuclear reactions?

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Session (learning) aims:

To discuss approximate solutions of the Schrodinger equation for states of **two, three** or more bodies at 'high energies' by introducing the eikonal (forward-scattering dominated) approximation of the reaction dynamics.

To bring out the importance of the eikonal S-matrix, a function of the impact parameter of the projectile, or of a component of the projectile, in this formulation of the reaction and scattering of the interacting systems.

To gain an impression of how accurate the eikonal approximation, is as a function of the projectile energy, and to see how one can describe both point particle and composite projectile scattering using these methods.

There are many good direct reactions texts:

Direct nuclear reaction theories (Wiley, Interscience monographs and texts in physics and astronomy, v. 25) [Norman Austern](#)

Direct Nuclear Reactions (Oxford University Press, International Series of Monographs on Physics, 856 pages) [G R Satchler](#)

Introduction to the Quantum Theory of Scattering (Academic, Pure and Applied Physics, Vol 26, 398 pages) [L S Rodberg](#), [R M Thaler](#)

Direct Nuclear Reactions (World Scientific Publishing, 396 pages)
[Norman K. Glendenning](#)

Introduction to Nuclear Reactions (Taylor & Francis, Graduate Student Series in Physics, 515 pages) [C A Bertulani](#), [P Danielewicz](#)

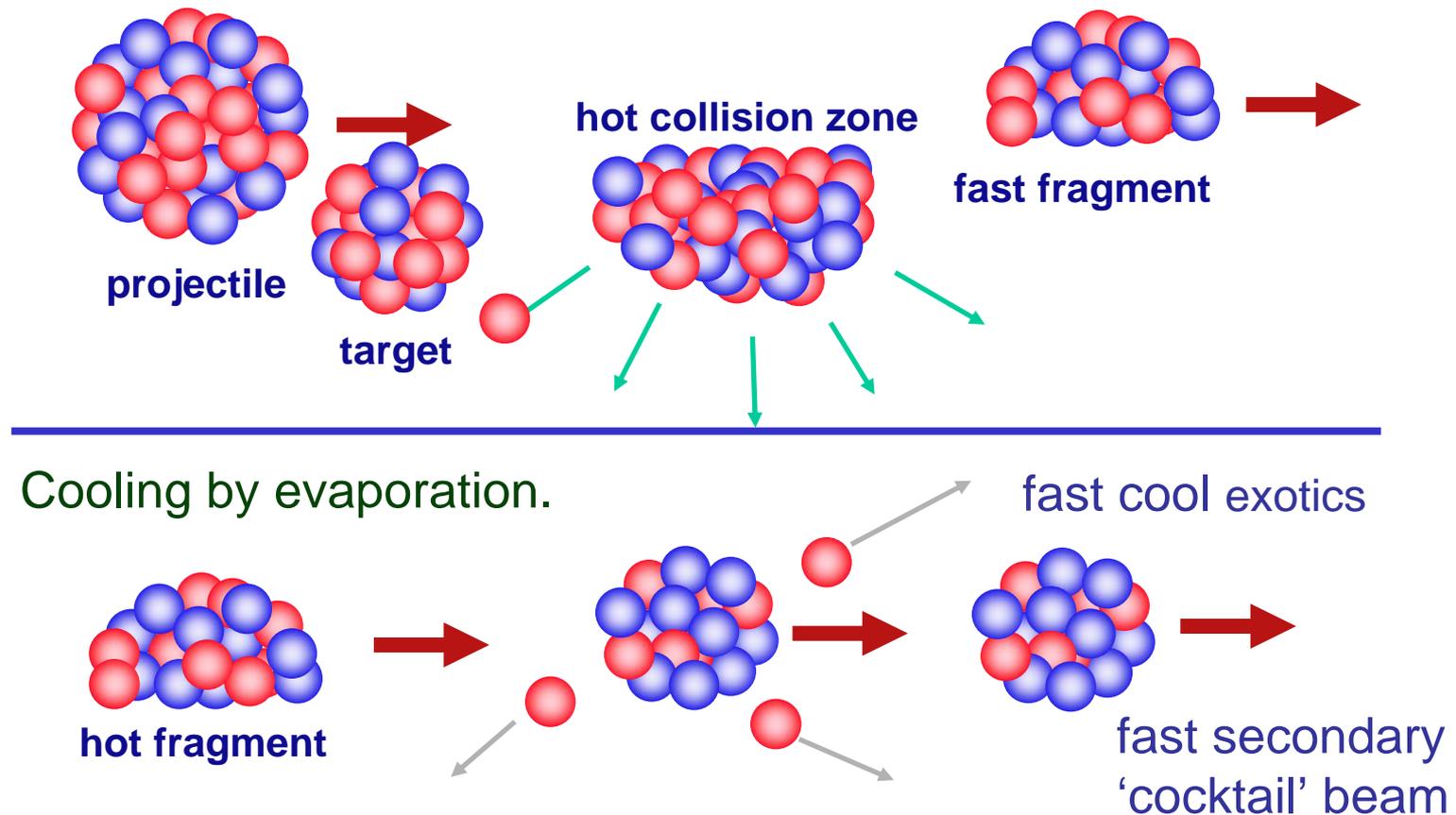
Theoretical Nuclear Physics: Nuclear Reactions (Wiley Classics Library, 1938 pages) [Herman Feshbach](#)

Introduction to Nuclear Reactions (Oxford University Press, 332 pages)
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Nuclear Reactions for Astrophysics (Cambridge University Press, 2010)
[Ian Thompson and Filomena Nunes](#)

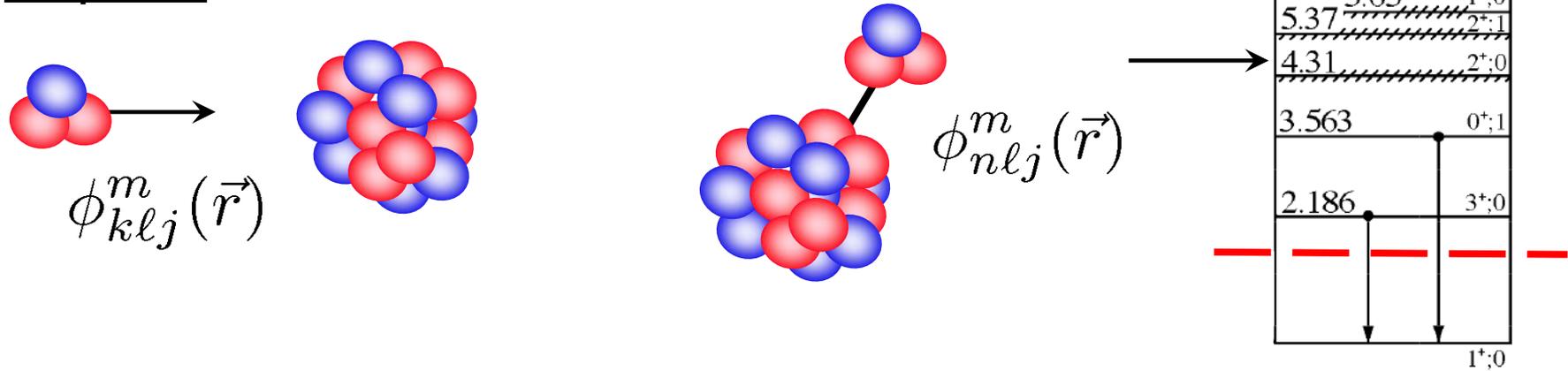
Exotic nuclei production - projectile fragmentation

Random removal of protons and neutrons from heavy projectile in peripheral collisions at high energy - 100 MeV per nucleon or more

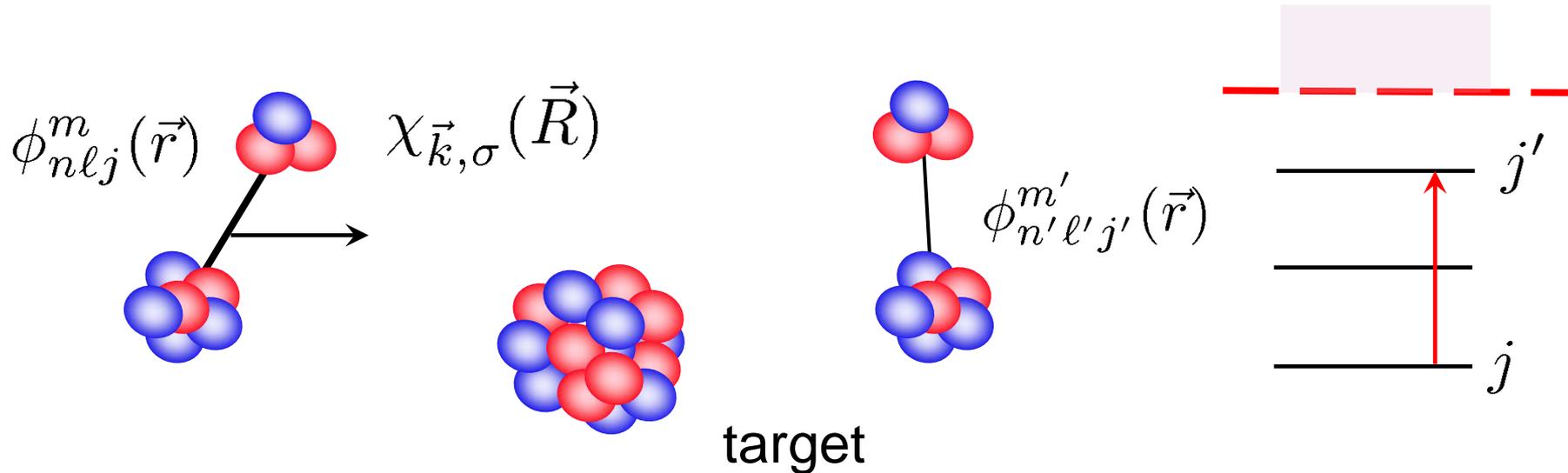


Direct reactions – types and characteristics

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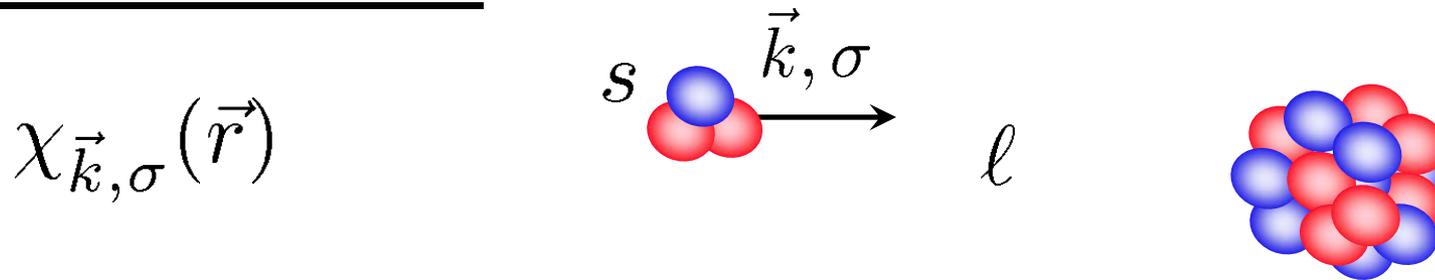
Inelastic excitations (bound to bound states) DWBA



Direct reactions – requirements

Description of wave functions for scattering of nucleons or clusters from a heavier target and/or at higher energies:
 (a) high nuclear level density and broad overlapping resonances, (b) many open reaction channels, inelasticity and absorption. Use a complex (absorptive) optical model potential – from theory or simply fitted to elastic scattering data for the system and the energy of interest.

Distorted waves:



$$U(r) = V_C(r) + V(R) \boxed{+ iW(r)} + V_{so}(r) \vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{s}$$

Optical potentials – the role of the imaginary part

$$\psi(x) = e^{ikx} \quad \bar{\psi}(x) = e^{i\bar{k}x}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2}(E + V_0) \quad \bar{k}^2 = \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2}(E + V_0 + iW_0)$$

$$-V_0 \quad -V_0 - iW_0$$

$$\bar{k}^2 = \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2}(E + V_0 + iW_0) = \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2}(E + V_0) \left[1 + \frac{iW_0}{E + V_0} \right]$$

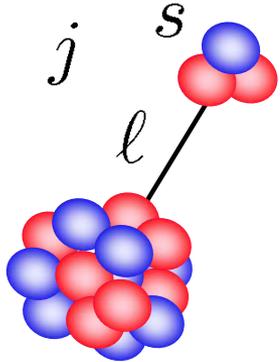
$$\bar{k} = k \left[1 + \frac{iW_0}{E + V_0} \right]^{1/2} \approx k \left[1 + \frac{iW_0}{2(E + V_0)} \right], \quad W_0 \ll E, V_0$$

So, for $W_0 > 0$, $\bar{k} = k + ik_i/2$, $k_i = kW_0/(E + V_0) > 0$,

$$\bar{\psi}(x) = e^{i\bar{k}x} = e^{ikx} e^{-\frac{1}{2}k_i x}, \quad |\bar{\psi}(x)|^2 = e^{-k_i x}$$

The Schrodinger equation (1)

So, using usual notation



$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 + U(r) - E_{cm} \right) \phi_{\ell j}^m(\vec{r}) = 0, \quad \mu = \frac{m_c m_v}{m_c + m_v}$$

and defining
$$\phi_{\ell j}^m(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\lambda \sigma} (\ell \lambda s \sigma | j m) \frac{u_{\ell j}(r)}{r} Y_{\ell}^{\lambda}(\hat{r}) \chi_s^{\sigma}$$

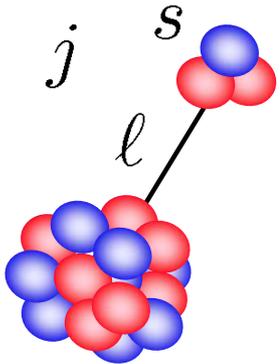
$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} + \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} [E_{cm} - U_{\ell j}(r)] \right) u_{\ell j}(r) = 0$$

bound states $E_{cm} < 0$ scattering states $E_{cm} > 0$

With
$$U(r) = V_C(r) + V(r) + iW(r) + V_{so}(r) \vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{s}$$

$$U_{\ell j}(r) = V_C(r) + V(r) + iW(r) + V_{so}(r) [j(j+1) - \ell(\ell+1) - s(s+1)]/2$$

The Schrodinger equation (2)



Must solve

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{\ell(\ell + 1)}{r^2} + \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} [E_{cm} - U_{\ell j}(r)] \right) u_{\ell j}(r) = 0$$

bound states

$$E_{cm} < 0$$

$$\kappa_b = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu |E_{cm}|}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{\ell(\ell + 1)}{r^2} - \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} U_{\ell j}(r) - \kappa_b^2 \right) u_{n\ell j}(r) = 0$$

Discrete spectrum

scattering states

$$E_{cm} > 0$$

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu E_{cm}}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{\ell(\ell + 1)}{r^2} - \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} U_{\ell j}(r) + k^2 \right) u_{k\ell j}(r) = 0$$

Continuous spectrum

Large r: The phase shift and partial wave S-matrix

Scattering states

$$E_{cm} > 0 \quad k = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu E_{cm}}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} - \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} U_{\ell j}(r) + k^2 \right) u_{k\ell j}(r) = 0$$

and beyond the range of the nuclear forces, then

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} - \frac{2\eta k}{r} + k^2 \right) u_{k\ell j}(r) = 0, \quad \eta = \frac{\mu Z_c Z_v e^2}{\hbar k}$$

$F_\ell(\eta, kr)$, $G_\ell(\eta, kr)$ regular and irregular Coulomb functions

$$\begin{aligned} u_{k\ell j}(r) &\rightarrow e^{i\delta_{\ell j}} [\cos \delta_{\ell j} F_\ell(\eta, kr) + \sin \delta_{\ell j} G_\ell(\eta, kr)] \\ &\rightarrow (i/2) [H_\ell^{(-)}(\eta, kr) - S_{\ell j} H_\ell^{(+)}(\eta, kr)] \end{aligned}$$

$$H_\ell^{(\pm)}(\eta, kr) = G_\ell(\eta, kr) \pm iF_\ell(\eta, kr)$$

Phase shift and partial wave S-matrix: Recall

$$u_{k\ell j}(r) \rightarrow e^{i\delta_{\ell j}} [\cos \delta_{\ell j} F_{\ell}(\eta, kr) + \sin \delta_{\ell j} G_{\ell}(\eta, kr)]$$

If $U(r)$ is real, the phase shifts $\delta_{\ell j}$ are real, and [...] also

$$u_{k\ell j}(r) \rightarrow (i/2) [\underline{H_{\ell}^{(-)}(\eta, kr)} - S_{\ell j} \underline{H_{\ell}^{(+)}(\eta, kr)}]$$

$$S_{\ell j} = e^{2i\delta_{\ell j}}$$

Ingoing
waves

outgoing
waves

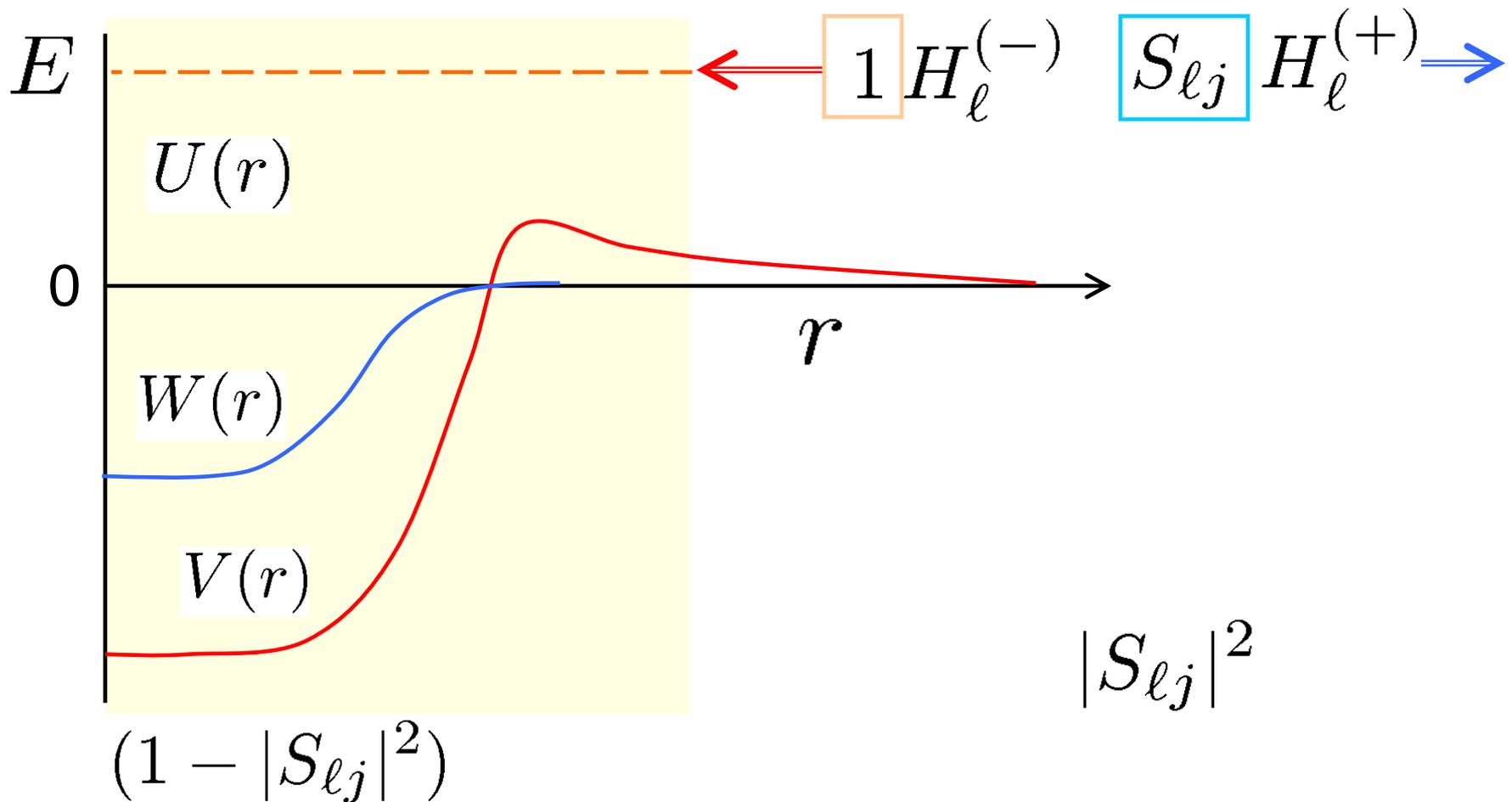
$|S_{\ell j}|^2$ survival probability in the scattering

$(1 - |S_{\ell j}|^2)$ absorption probability in the scattering

Having calculate the phase shifts and the partial wave S-matrix elements we can then compute all scattering observables for this energy and potential (but later).

S-matrix - ingoing and outgoing waves amplitudes

$$u_{k\ell j}(r) \rightarrow (i/2) \left[\boxed{1} H_{\ell}^{(-)} - \boxed{S_{\ell j}} H_{\ell}^{(+)} \right]$$



Eikonal approximation: for point particles (1)

Approximate (semi-classical) scattering solution of

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 + U(r) - E_{cm} \right) \chi_{\vec{k}}^+(\vec{r}) = 0, \quad \mu = \frac{m_c m_v}{m_c + m_v}$$

$$\left(\nabla_r^2 - \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} U(r) + k^2 \right) \chi_{\vec{k}}^+(\vec{r}) = 0$$

small wavelength

valid when $|U|/E \ll 1, ka \gg 1 \rightarrow$ high energy

Key steps are: (1) the distorted wave function is written

$$\chi_{\vec{k}}^+(\vec{r}) = \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \omega(\vec{r})$$

all effects due to $U(r)$,
modulation function

(2) Substituting this product form in the Schrodinger Eq.

$$\left[2i\vec{k} \cdot \nabla \omega(\vec{r}) - \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} U(r) \omega(\vec{r}) + \nabla^2 \omega(\vec{r}) \right] \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) = 0$$

Eikonal approximation: point neutral particles (2)

$$\left[2i\vec{k} \cdot \nabla \omega(\vec{r}) - \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} U(r)\omega(\vec{r}) + \cancel{\nabla^2 \omega(\vec{r})} \right] \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) = 0$$

The conditions $|U|/E \ll 1$, $ka \gg 1 \rightarrow$ imply that

$$2\vec{k} \cdot \nabla \omega(\vec{r}) \gg \nabla^2 \omega(\vec{r}) \quad \text{Slow spatial variation cf. } k$$

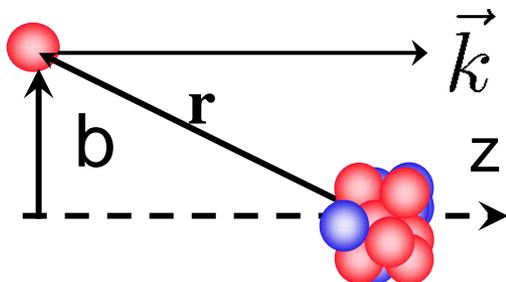
and choosing the z-axis in the beam direction \vec{k}

$$\frac{d\omega}{dz} \approx -\frac{i\mu}{\hbar^2 k} U(r)\omega(\vec{r})$$

with solution

$$\omega(\vec{r}) = \exp \left[-\frac{i\mu}{\hbar^2 k} \int_{-\infty}^z U(r) dz' \right]$$

phase that develops with z



1D integral over a straight line path through U at the impact parameter b

Eikonal approximation: point neutral particles (3)

$$\chi_{\vec{k}}^+(\vec{r}) = \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \omega(\vec{r}) \approx \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \exp \left[-\frac{i\mu}{\hbar^2 k} \int_{-\infty}^z U(r) dz' \right]$$

So, after the interaction and as $z \rightarrow \infty$

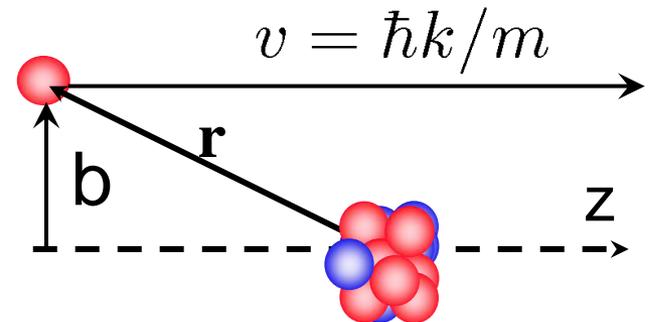
$$\chi_{\vec{k}}^+(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \exp \left[-\frac{i\mu}{\hbar^2 k} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(r) dz' \right] = S(b) \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})$$

$$\chi_{\vec{k}}^+(\vec{r}) \rightarrow S(b) \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})$$

$S(b)$ is amplitude of the forward going outgoing waves from the scattering at impact parameter b

Eikonal approximation to the S-matrix $S(b)$

$$S(b) = \exp \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(r) dz' \right]$$

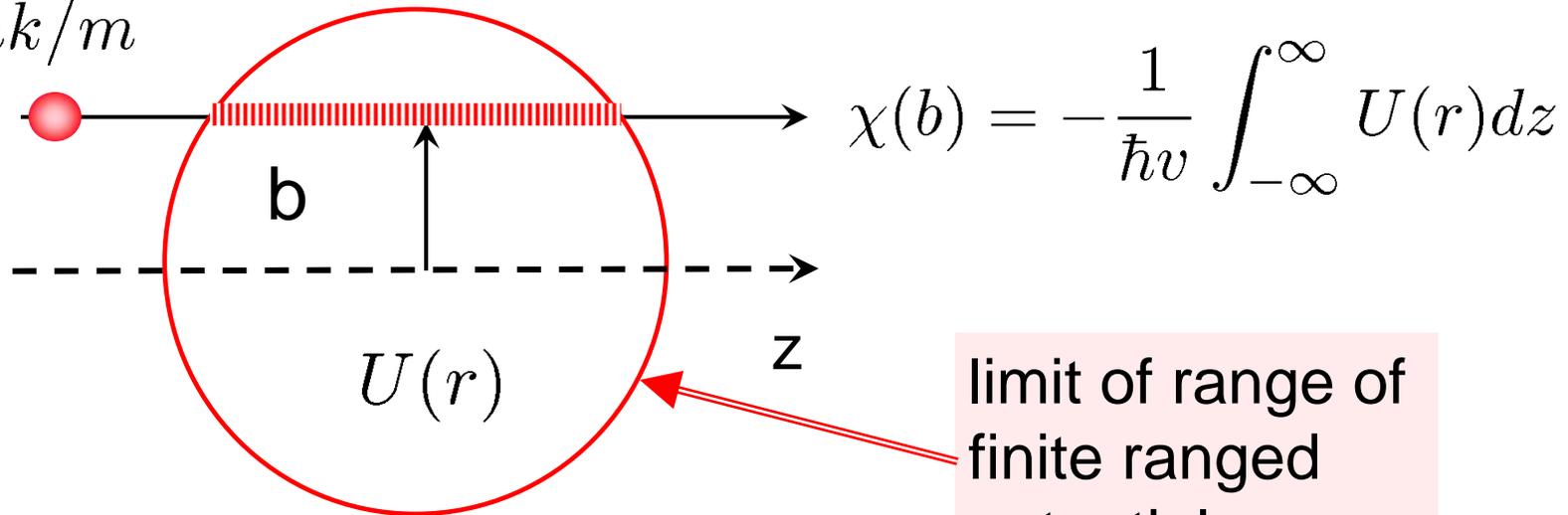


Moreover, the structure of the theory generalises simply to few-body projectiles

Eikonal approximation: point particles - summary

$$\chi_{\vec{k}}^+(\vec{r}) = \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \exp \left[-\frac{i\mu}{\hbar^2 k} \int_{-\infty}^z U(r) dz' \right]$$

$$v = \hbar k / m$$



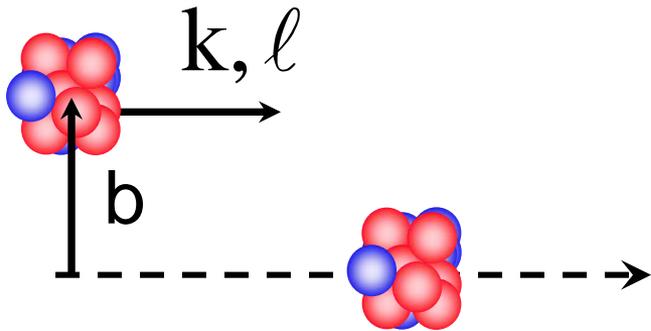
limit of range of
finite ranged
potential

$$\chi_{\vec{k}}^+(\vec{r}) \rightarrow S(b) \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})$$

$$S(b) = \exp [i\chi(b)] = \exp \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(r) dz' \right]$$

Semi-classical models for the S-matrix - S(b)

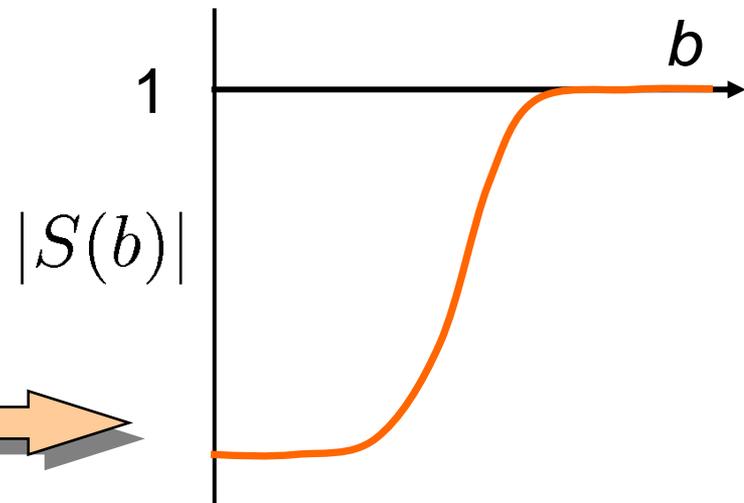
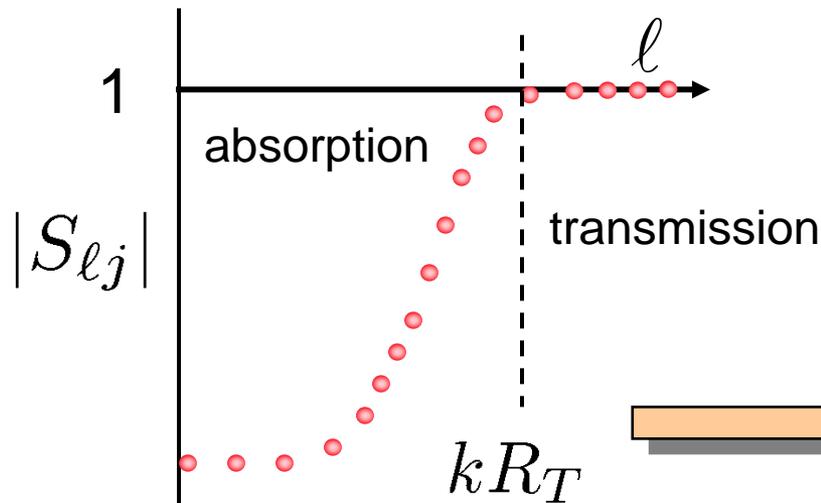
b =impact parameter



for high energy/or large mass,
semi-classical ideas are good

$$kb \cong l, \text{ actually } \Rightarrow l + 1/2$$

$$L^2 = l(l + 1) = (l + 1/2)^2 - \cancel{1/4} \approx (kb)^2$$



Point particle scattering – cross sections

All cross sections, etc. can be computed from the S-matrix, in either the partial wave or the eikonal (impact parameter) representation, for example (spinless case):

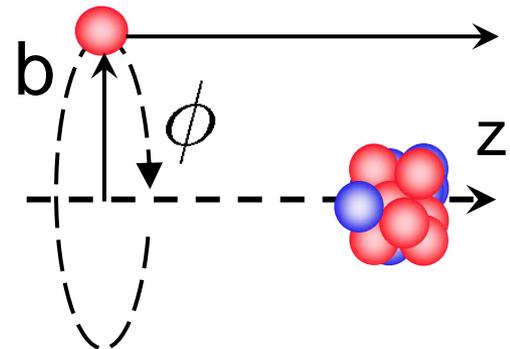
$$\sigma_{el} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) |1 - S_{\ell}|^2 \approx \int d^2\vec{b} |1 - S(b)|^2$$

$$\sigma_R = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) (1 - |S_{\ell}|^2) \approx \int d^2\vec{b} (1 - |S(b)|^2)$$

$$\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{el} + \sigma_R = 2 \int d^2\vec{b} [1 - \text{Re}.S(b)] \quad \text{etc.}$$

and where (cylindrical coordinates)

$$\int d^2\vec{b} \equiv \int_0^{\infty} b db \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} b db$$

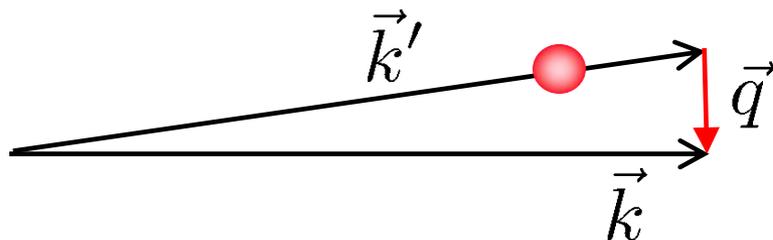


Point particle – the differential cross section

Using the standard result from scattering theory, the elastic scattering amplitude is

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\theta) &= -\frac{\mu}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d\vec{r} \exp(-i\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r}) U(r) \chi_{\vec{k}}^+(\vec{r}) \\
 &= -\frac{\mu}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d\vec{r} \exp(-i\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r}) U(r) \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \omega(\vec{r}) \\
 &= -\frac{\mu}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d\vec{r} \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}) U(r) \omega(\vec{r})
 \end{aligned}$$

with $\vec{q} = \vec{k} - \vec{k}'$, $q = 2k \sin(\theta/2)$ is the momentum transfer. Consistent with the earlier high energy (forward scattering) approximation



$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{q} \cdot \vec{r} &\approx \vec{q} \cdot \vec{b} \\
 \vec{q} \cdot \vec{k} &\approx 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Point particles – the differential cross section

So, the elastic scattering amplitude

$$f(\theta) = -\frac{\mu}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d\vec{r} \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}) U(r) \omega(\vec{r})$$

is approximated by

$$f_{eik}(\theta) = -\frac{ik}{2\pi} \int d^2\vec{b} \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{b}) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{dz} dz$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d\omega}{dz} = -\frac{i\mu}{\hbar^2 k} U(r) \omega(\vec{r}) \\ U(r) \omega(\vec{r}) = \frac{i\hbar^2 k}{\mu} \frac{d\omega}{dz} \end{array} \right.$$

Performing the z- and azimuthal ϕ integrals

$$f_{eik}(\theta) = -ik \int_0^{\infty} b db J_0(qb) [S(b) - 1]$$

$J_0(qb)$
Bessel
function

$$S(b) = \exp[i\chi(b)] = \exp\left[-\frac{i}{\hbar v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(r) dz'\right]$$

Point particle – the Coulomb interaction

Treatment of the Coulomb interaction (as in partial wave analysis) requires a little care. Problem is, eikonal phase integral due to Coulomb potential diverges logarithmically.

$$\chi_C(b) = -\frac{1}{\hbar v} \int_{-a}^{+a} V_C(r) dz$$

Must 'screen' the potential at some large screening radius

$$f_{eik}(\theta) = e^{i\chi_a} \left[f_{pt}(\theta) - ik \int_0^\infty b db J_0(qb) e^{i\chi_{pt}} [\bar{S}(b) - 1] \right]$$

overall unobservable screening phase

usual Coulomb (Rutherford) point charge amplitude

nuclear scattering in the presence of Coulomb

$$\bar{\chi}(b) = \chi_N(b) + \chi_\rho(b) - \chi_{pt}(b)$$

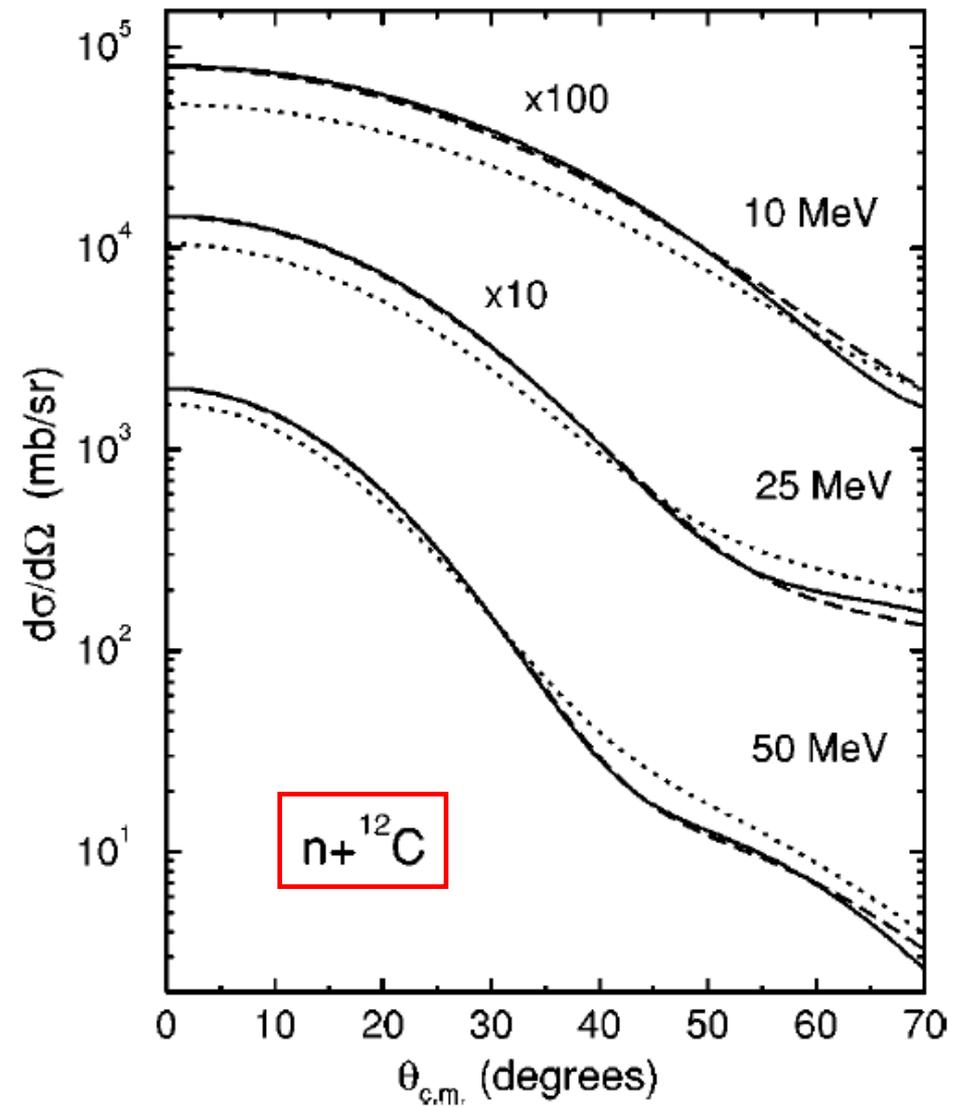
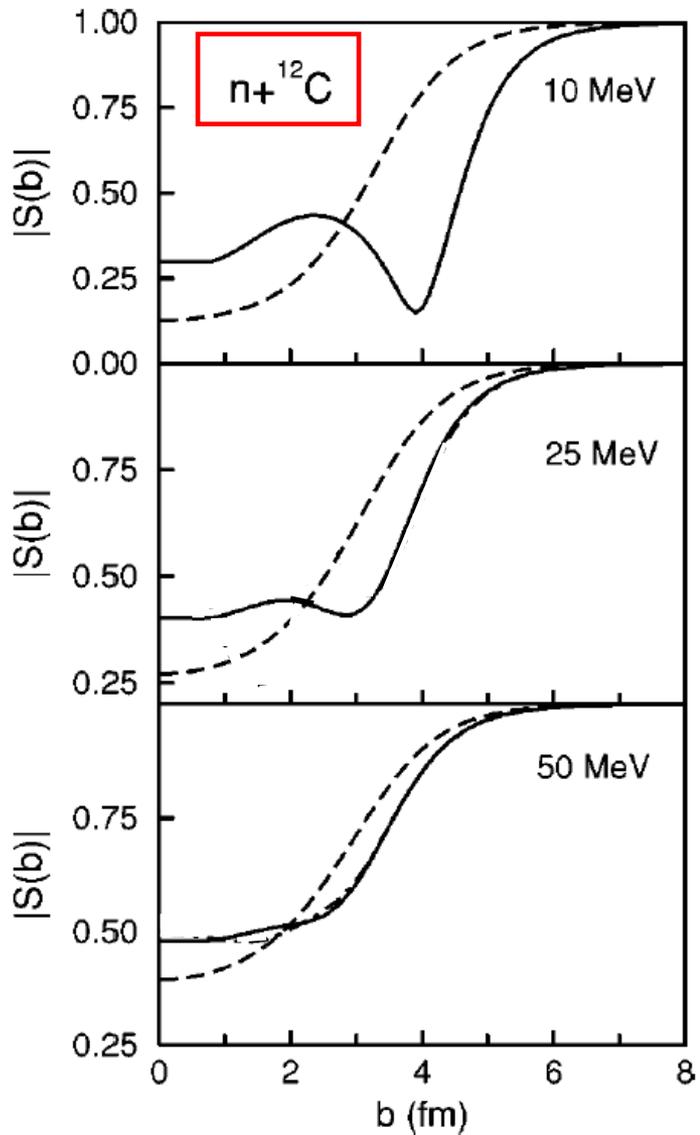
nuclear phase

Due to finite charge distribution

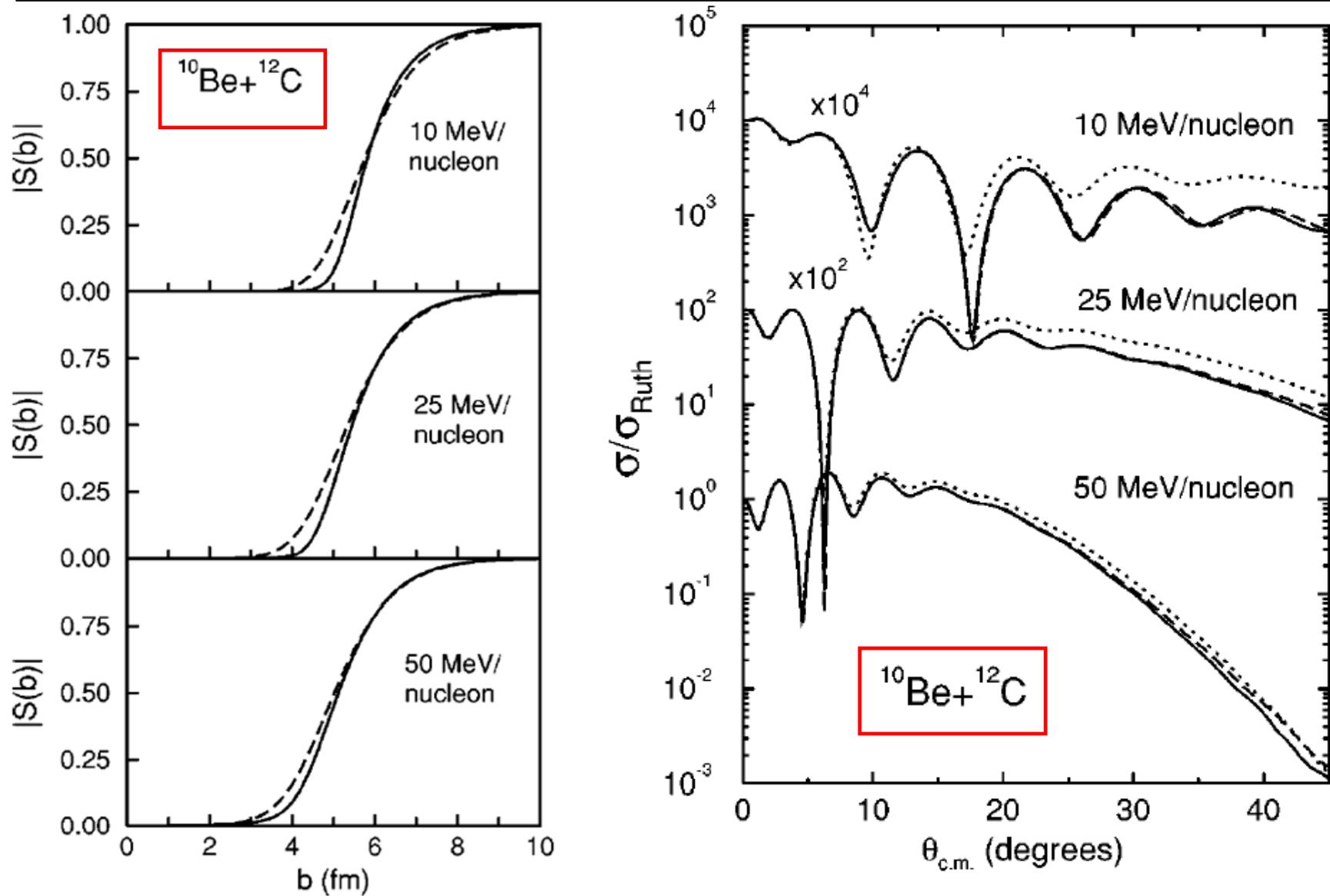
$$\chi_{pt}(b) = 2\eta \ln(kb)$$

See e.g. J.M. Brooke, J.S. Al-Khalili, and J.A. Tostevin PRC **59** 1560

Accuracy of the eikonal $S(b)$ and cross sections

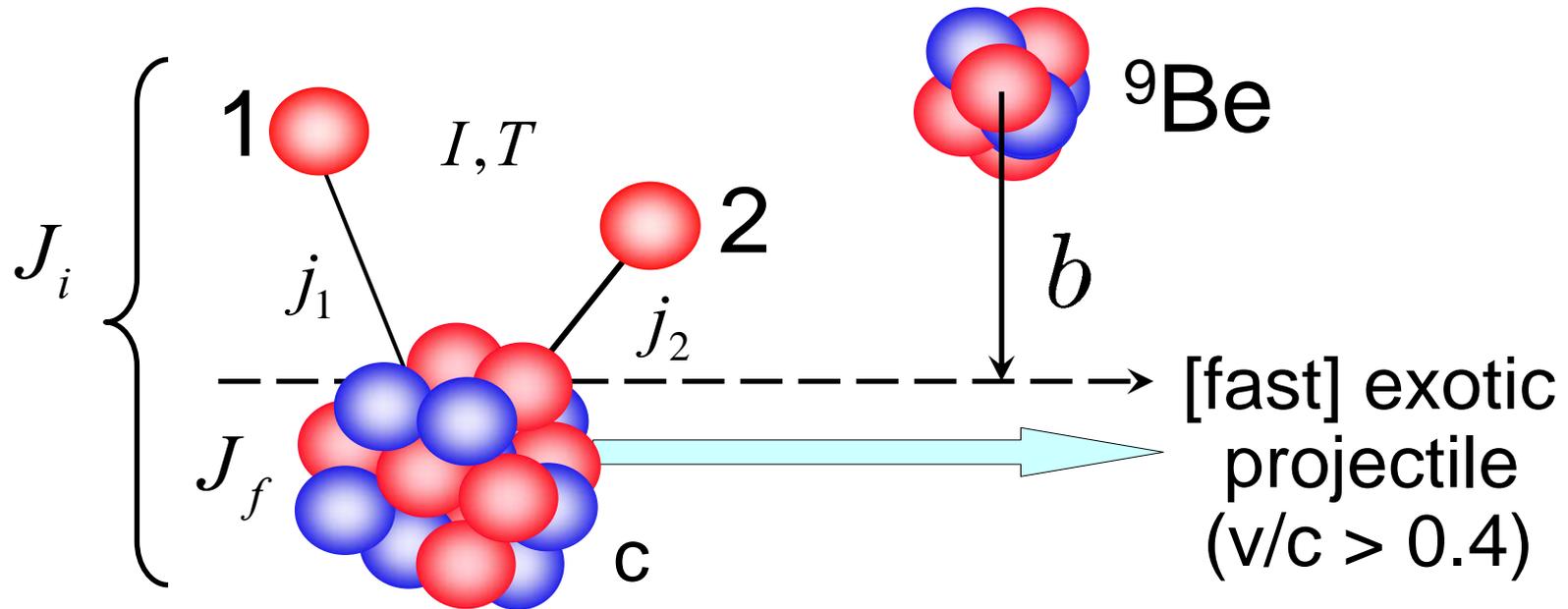


Accuracy of the eikonal $S(b)$ and cross sections



Non-point particles: such as in knockout reactions

One such experimental option is one or two-nucleon removal – at ~ 100 MeV/nucleon



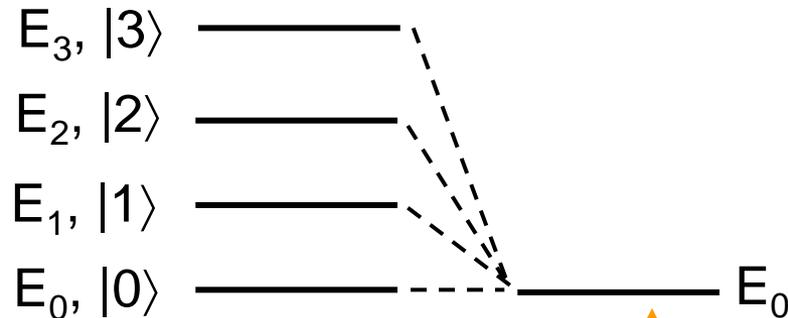
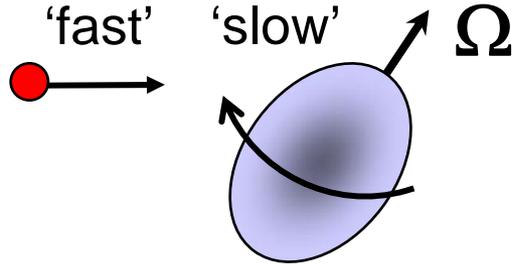
Experiments do not measure target final states. Final state of core c measured – using decay gamma rays.

How can we describe and what can we learn from these?

Adiabatic (sudden) approximations in physics

Identify high energy/fast and low energy/slow degrees of freedom

Fast neutron scattering
from a rotational nucleus

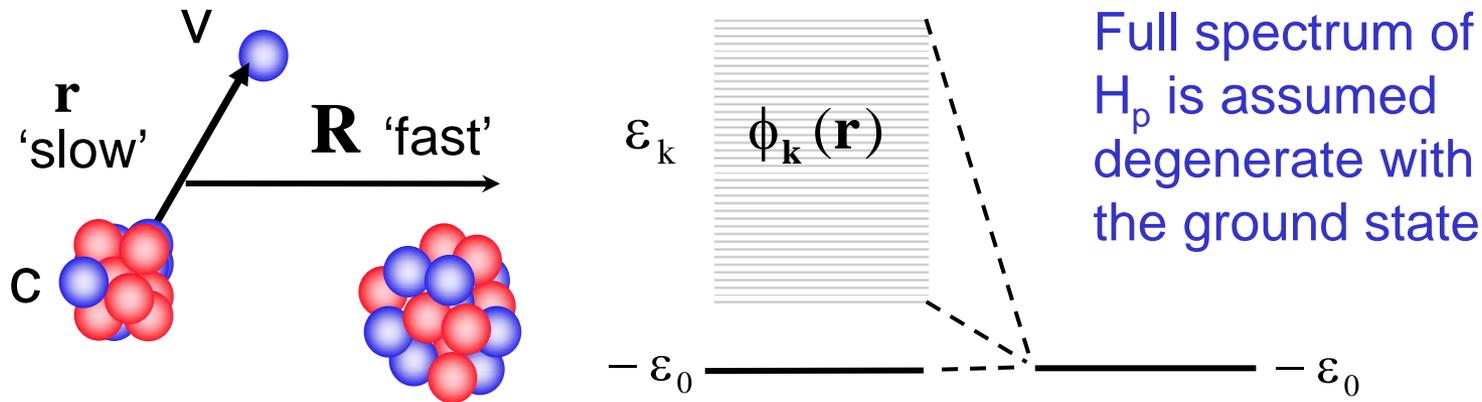


Fix Ω , calculate scattering amplitude $f(\theta, \Omega)$ for each (fixed) Ω .

moment of inertia $\rightarrow \infty$
and rotational spectrum
is assumed degenerate

Transition amplitudes $f_{\alpha\beta}(\theta) = \langle \beta | f(\theta, \Omega) | \alpha \rangle_{\Omega}$

Few-body projectiles – the adiabatic model



Freeze internal co-ordinate \mathbf{r} then scatter $c+v$ from target and compute $f(\theta, \mathbf{r})$ for all required fixed values of \mathbf{r}

Physical amplitude for breakup to state $\phi_k(\mathbf{r})$ is then,

$$f_k(\theta) = \langle \phi_k | f(\theta, \mathbf{r}) | \phi_0 \rangle_{\mathbf{r}}$$

Achieved by replacing $H_p \rightarrow -\varepsilon_0$ in Schrödinger equation

Adiabatic approximation - time perspective

The time-dependent equation is

$$H\Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t}$$

and can be written

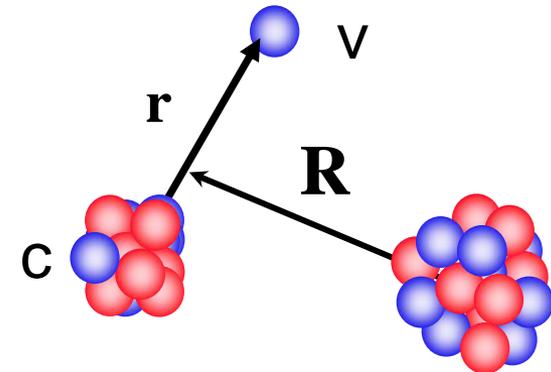
$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) = \Lambda \Phi(\mathbf{r}(t), \mathbf{R}), \quad \mathbf{r}(t) = \Lambda^+ \mathbf{r} \Lambda$$

$$\Lambda = \exp\{-i(H_p + \varepsilon_0)t/\hbar\} \quad \text{and where}$$

$$[T_R + U(\mathbf{r}(t), \mathbf{R}) - \varepsilon_0]\Phi(\mathbf{r}(t), \mathbf{R}) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}$$

Adiabatic
equation

$$[T_R + U(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})]\Phi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = (E + \varepsilon_0)\Phi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$



Adiabatic step
assumes

$\mathbf{r}(t) \approx \mathbf{r}(0) = \mathbf{r} = \text{fixed}$
or $\Lambda = 1$ for the
collision time t_{coll}

requires

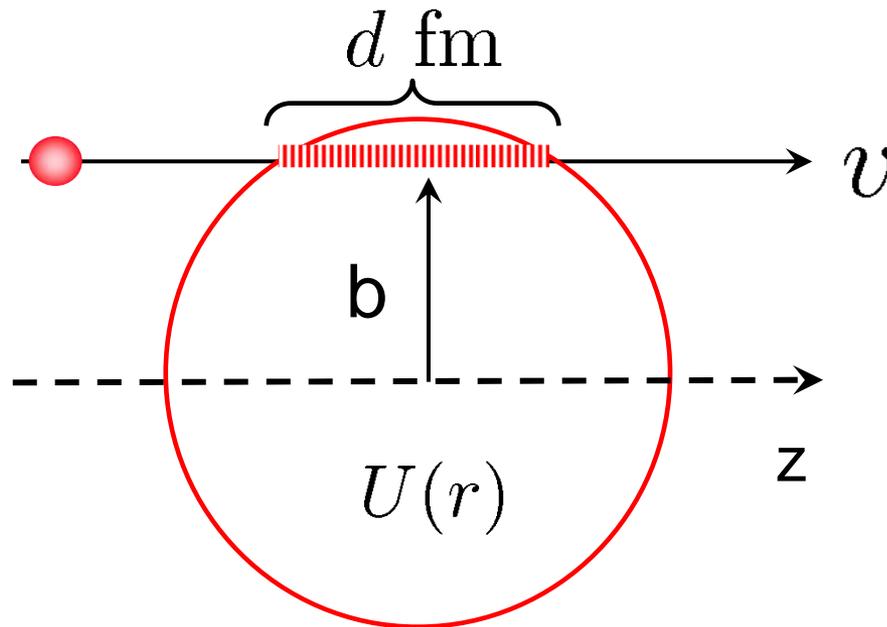
$$(H_p + \varepsilon_0)t_{\text{coll}}/\hbar \ll 1$$

Reaction timescales – surface grazing collisions

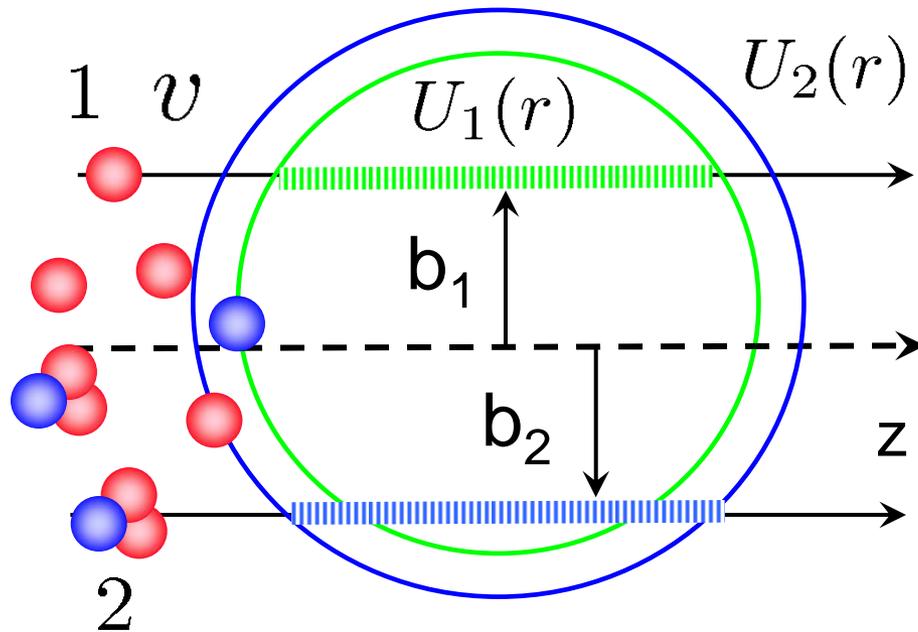
For 100 and 250 MeV/u incident energy:

$$\gamma = 1.1, \quad v/c = 0.42, \quad \Delta t = 7.9 \times d \times 10^{-24} \text{ s},$$

$$\gamma = 1.25, \quad v/c = 0.6, \quad \Delta t = 5.6 \times d \times 10^{-24} \text{ s}$$



Adiabatic approximation: composite projectile



$$\chi_i(b) = -\frac{1}{\hbar v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U_i(r) dz$$

Total interaction energy

$$U(r_1, \dots) = \sum_i U_i(r_i)$$

$$S_i(b_i) = \exp [i\chi_i(b_i)] = \exp \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U_i(r_i) dz' \right]$$

$$\chi(b_1, \dots) = -\frac{1}{\hbar v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_i U_i(r_i) dz$$

with composite systems: get products of the S-matrices

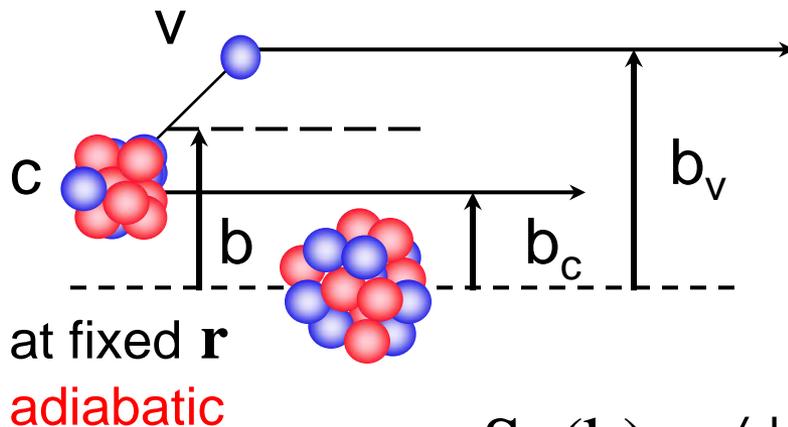
$$\exp [i\chi(b_1, \dots)] = \prod_i S_i(b_i)$$

Few-body eikonal model amplitudes

So, after the collision, as $Z \rightarrow \infty$ $\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = S_c(b_c) S_v(b_v)$

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{K}}^{\text{Eik}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow e^{i\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{R}} S_c(b_c) S_v(b_v) \phi_0(\mathbf{r})$$

with S_c and S_v the eikonal approximations to the S-matrices for the independent scattering of c and v from the target - the dynamics



So, elastic amplitude (S-matrix) for the scattering of the projectile at an impact parameter b - i.e. The amplitude that it emerges in state $\phi_0(\mathbf{r})$ is

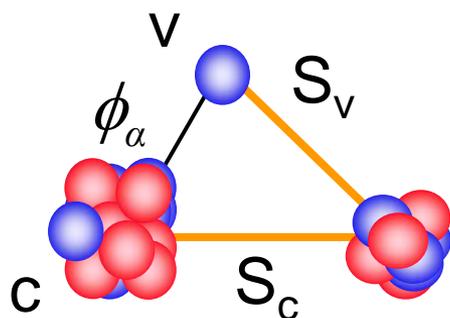
$$S_p(b) = \langle \phi_0 | \underbrace{S_c(b_c) S_v(b_v)} | \phi_0 \rangle_{\mathbf{r}}$$

averaged over position probabilities of c and v

← amplitude that c, v survive interaction with b_c and b_v

Eikonal theory - dynamics and structure

Independent scattering information of c and v from target



$$S_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{b}) = \langle \phi_{\beta} | \overbrace{S_c(\mathbf{b}_c) S_v(\mathbf{b}_v)}^{\text{scattering}} | \phi_{\alpha} \rangle$$

←—————→
structure

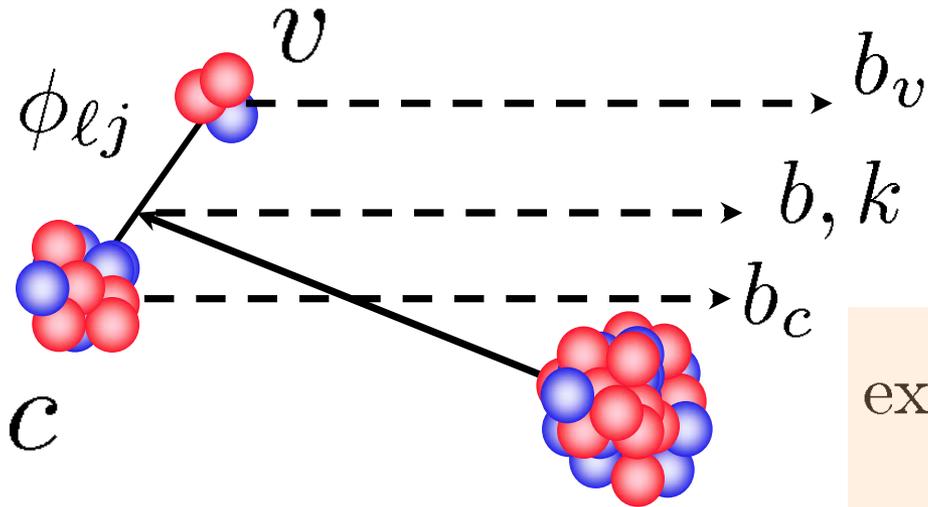
Use the best available few- or many-body wave functions

More generally,

$$S_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{b}) = \langle \varphi_{\beta} | S_1(\mathbf{b}_1) S_2(\mathbf{b}_2) \dots S_n(\mathbf{b}_n) | \varphi_{\alpha} \rangle$$

for any choice of 1, 2, 3, n clusters for which a most realistic wave function φ is available

Eikonal approach – generalisation to composites



Total interaction energy

$$U(r_1, \dots) = \sum_{i=c,v} U_i(r_i)$$

$$\exp[i\chi(b_1, \dots)] = \prod_{i=c,v} S_i(b_i)$$

$$S_p(b) = \langle \phi_{lj} | S_c(b_c) S_v(b_v) | \phi_{lj} \rangle \vec{r}$$

You can now calculate bound states (**bound**) and eikonal S-matrices (**eikonal_s**) and can calculate this composite S-matrix (using **knockout**). The elastic scattering of c, v or the composite can then be calculated (using **glauber**). So you can now calculate the elastic scattering of the neutron, ^{10}Be , and the composite halo system ^{11}Be ?

Absorptive cross sections - target excitation

Since our effective interactions are complex all our $S(b)$ include the effects of absorption due to inelastic channels

$$|S(b)|^2 \leq 1$$

$$\sigma_{\text{abs}} = \sigma_{\text{R}} - \sigma_{\text{diff}} = \int d\mathbf{b} \langle \phi_0 | \underbrace{1 - |S_c S_v|^2}_{\text{stripping of } v \text{ from projectile exciting the target. } c \text{ scatters at most elastically with the target}} | \phi_0 \rangle$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |S_v|^2 (1 - |S_c|^2) + \quad v \text{ survives, } c \text{ absorbed} \\ |S_c|^2 (1 - |S_v|^2) + \quad v \text{ absorbed, } c \text{ survives} \\ (1 - |S_c|^2)(1 - |S_v|^2) \quad v \text{ absorbed, } c \text{ absorbed} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\sigma_{\text{strip}} = \int d\mathbf{b} \langle \phi_0 | |S_c|^2 (1 - |S_v|^2) | \phi_0 \rangle$$

stripping of v from projectile exciting the target. c scatters at most elastically with the target

Related equations exist for the differential cross sections, etc.

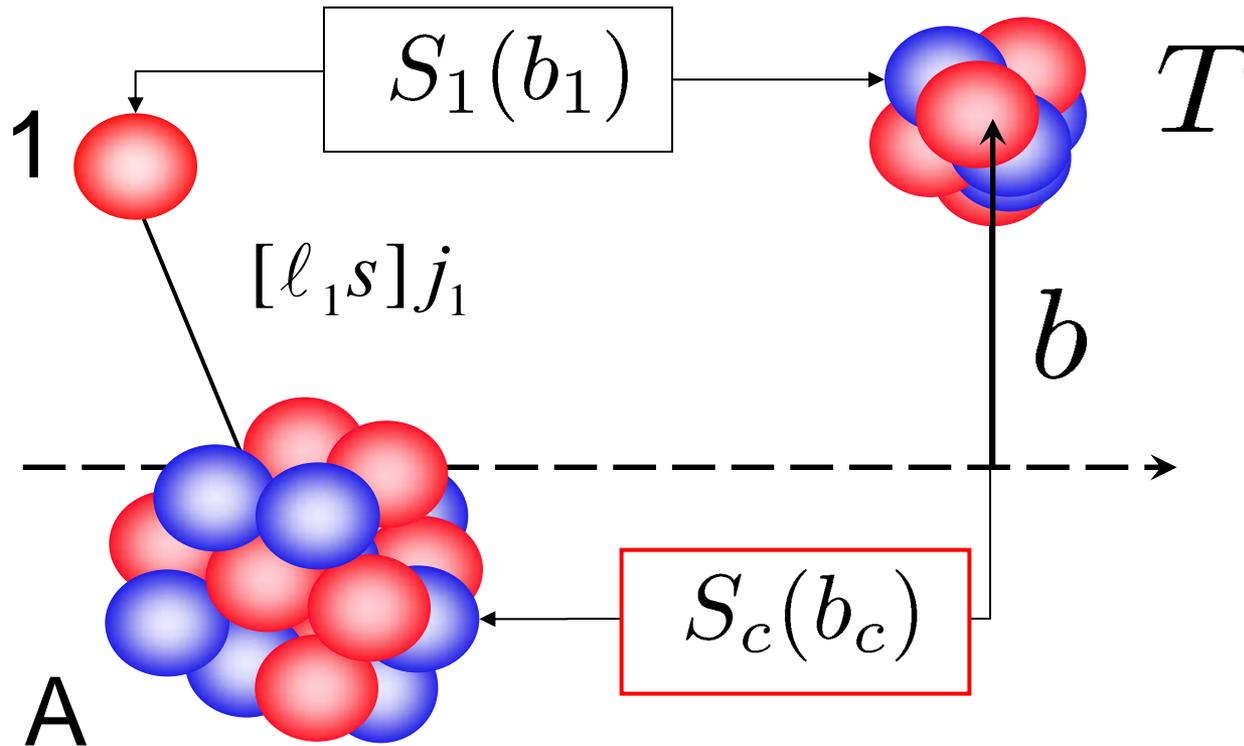
And for two-nucleon removal

$$\sigma_{abs} \rightarrow 1 - |S_c|^2 |S_1|^2 |S_2|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= [|S_c|^2 + \cancel{(1 - |S_c|^2)}] \\
 &\times [|S_1|^2 + (1 - |S_1|^2)] \\
 &\times [|S_2|^2 + (1 - |S_2|^2)]
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} 1 \\ &\times \\ &\times \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{core survival} \\ \text{and nucleon} \\ \text{“removal”} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{abs}^{\text{KO}} &\rightarrow |S_c|^2 (1 - |S_1|^2)(1 - |S_2|^2) && \text{2N stripping} \\
 &+ |S_c|^2 |S_1|^2 (1 - |S_2|^2) && \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} &+ \\ &+ \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{1N stripped} \\
 &+ |S_c|^2 (1 - |S_1|^2) |S_2|^2 && \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} &+ \\ &+ \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{1N diffracted}
 \end{aligned}$$

Stripping of a nucleon – nucleon ‘absorbed’



$$\sigma_{\text{strip}} = \int d\mathbf{b} \langle \phi_0 || S_c|^2 (1 - |S_1|^2) | \phi_0 \rangle$$

Diffractive dissociation of composite systems

The total cross section for removal of the valence particle from the projectile due to the break-up (or **diffractive dissociation**) mechanism is the break-up amplitude, summed over all final continuum states

$$\sigma_{\text{diff}} = \int d\mathbf{k} \int d\mathbf{b} \left| \langle \phi_{\mathbf{k}} | S_c(\mathbf{b}_c) S_v(\mathbf{b}_v) | \phi_0 \rangle \right|^2$$

but, using **completeness** of the break-up states

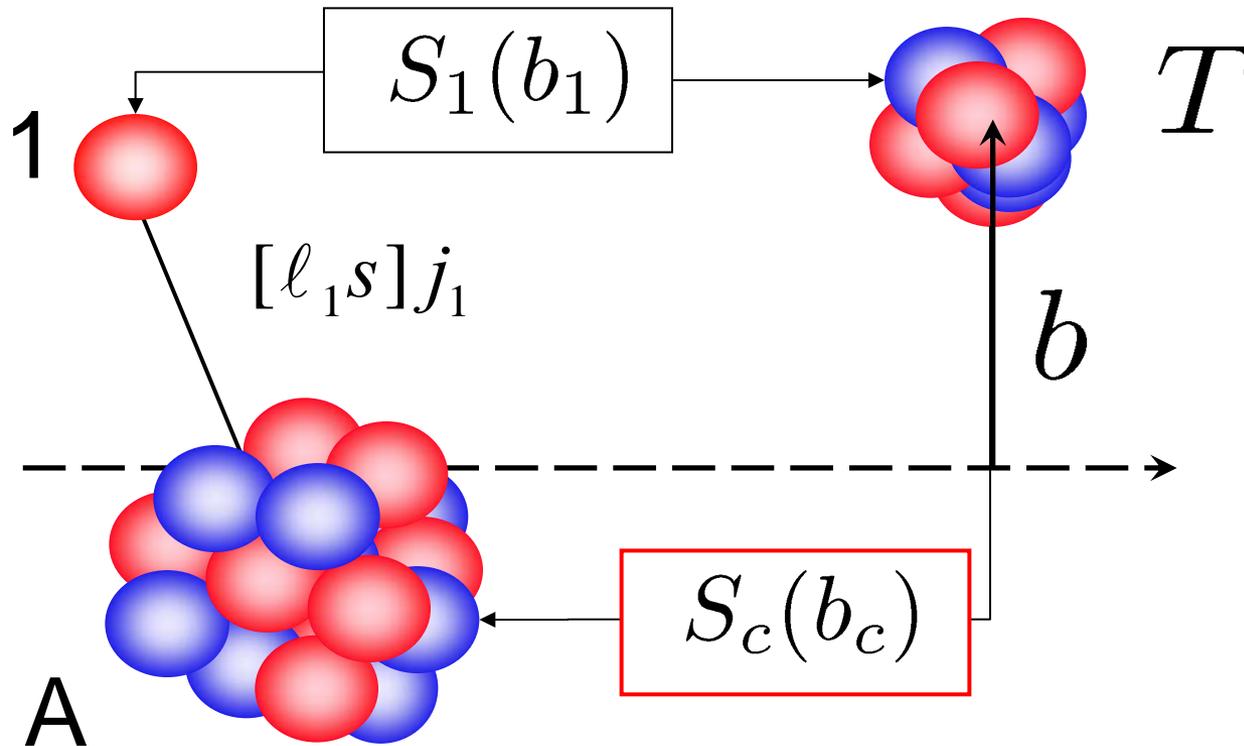
$$\int d\mathbf{k} |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle \langle \phi_{\mathbf{k}}| = 1 - |\phi_0\rangle \langle \phi_0| - |\phi_1\rangle \langle \phi_1| \dots$$

If > 1
bound
state

can (for a weakly bound system with a single bound state) be expressed in terms of only the projectile ground state wave function as:

$$\sigma_{\text{diff}} = \int d\mathbf{b} \left\{ \langle \phi_0 | |S_c S_v|^2 | \phi_0 \rangle - \left| \langle \phi_0 | S_c S_v | \phi_0 \rangle \right|^2 \right\}$$

Diffractive (breakup) removal of a nucleon

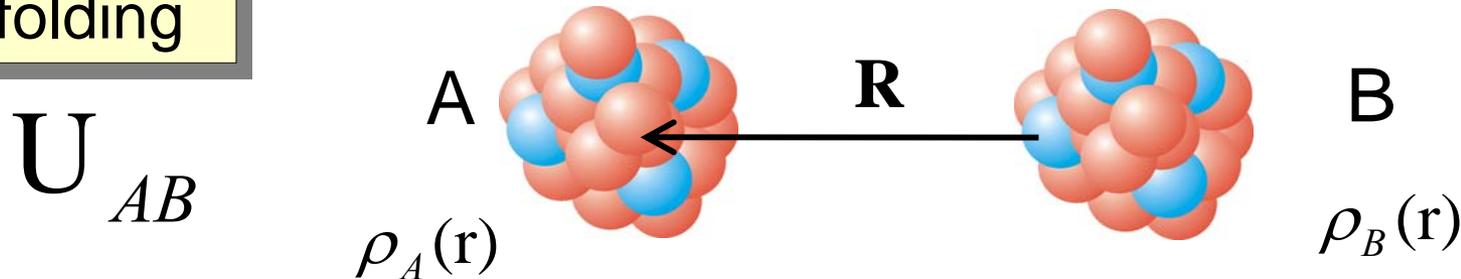


$$\sigma_{\text{diff}} = \int d\mathbf{b} \left\{ \langle \phi_0 | |S_c S_v|^2 | \phi_0 \rangle - |\langle \phi_0 | S_c S_v | \phi_0 \rangle|^2 \right\}$$

Core-target effective interactions – for $S_c(b_c)$

Double
folding

$$U_{AB}(\mathbf{R}) = \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \rho_A(\mathbf{r}_1) \rho_B(\mathbf{r}_2) t_{NN}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)$$



At higher energies – for nucleus-nucleus or nucleon-nucleus systems – first order term of multiple scattering expansion

$$t_{NN}(r) = \left[-\frac{\hbar v}{2} \sigma_{NN}(i + \alpha_{NN}) \right] f(r), \quad \int d\vec{r} f(r) = 1$$

e.g. $f(r) = \delta(r)$

nucleon-nucleon cross section

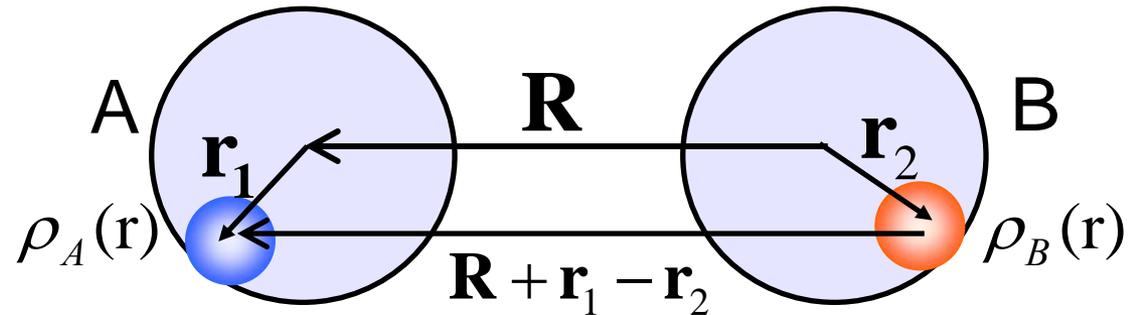
$$f(r) = (\sqrt{\pi}t)^{-3} \exp(-r^2/t^2)$$

resulting in a **COMPLEX**
nucleus-nucleus potential

Effective interactions – Folding models

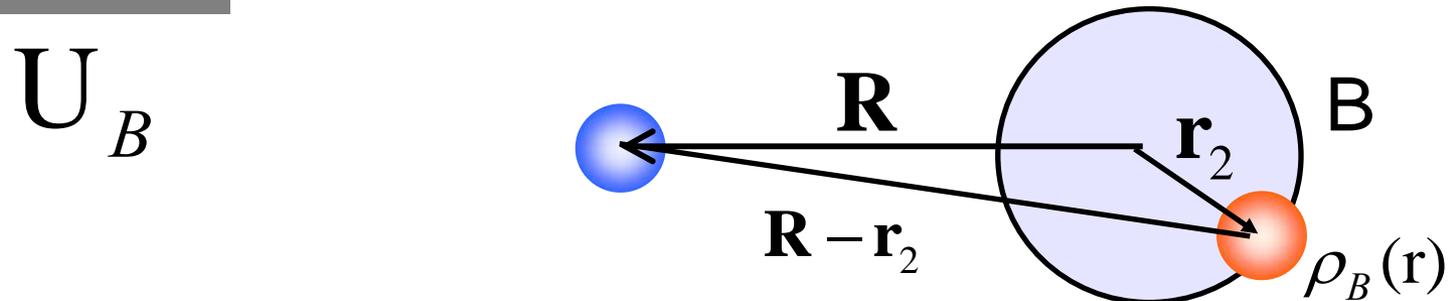
Double
folding

$$U_{AB}(\mathbf{R}) = \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \rho_A(\mathbf{r}_1) \rho_B(\mathbf{r}_2) v_{\text{NN}}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$



Single
folding

$$U_B(\mathbf{R}) = \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \rho_B(\mathbf{r}_2) v_{\text{NN}}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}_2)$$



Sizes - Skyrme Hartree-Fock radii and densities

