# Scattering theory: multi-channel

## Multichannel coupled equations



$$H = H_{xp}(\xi_p) + H_{xt}(\xi_t) + \hat{T}_x(R_x) + \mathcal{V}_x(R_x, \xi_p, \xi_t)$$

$$H_{xp}(\xi_p)\phi_{I_p}^{xp}(\xi_p) = \epsilon_{xp}\phi_{I_p}^{xp}(\xi_p),$$

$$H_{xt}(\xi_t)\phi_{I_t}^{xt}(\xi_t) = \epsilon_{xt}\phi_{I_t}^{xt}(\xi_t),$$

$$\mathcal{V}_x(R_x, \xi_p, \xi_t) = \sum_{i \in p, j \in t} V_{ij}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)$$

within the same partition, the Schrodinger equations becomes a coupled equation:

$$[\hat{T}_{xL}(R_x) - E_{xpt}]\psi_{\alpha}(R_x) + \sum_{\alpha'} \hat{V}_{\alpha\alpha'}^{\text{prior}}\psi_{\alpha'}(R_{x'}) = 0.$$

## Integrated channel cross section



 $\circ$  channel cross section

$$\sigma_{xpt}(\theta) = \frac{1}{(2I_{p_i}+1)(2I_{t_i}+1)} \sum_{\mu_p \mu_t, \mu_{p_i} \mu_{t_i}} \left| \tilde{f}_{\mu_p \mu_t, \mu_{p_i} \mu_{t_i}}^{xpt}(\theta) \right|^2$$

 $_{\odot}$  total outgoing non-elastic cross section

$$\sigma_{xpt} = 2\pi \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \sin \theta \,\sigma_{xpt}(\theta)$$
  
=  $\frac{\pi}{k_i^2} \frac{1}{(2I_{p_i}+1)(2I_{t_i}+1)} \sum_{J_{\text{tot}}\pi LJ\alpha_i} (2J_{\text{tot}}+1) |\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\alpha\alpha_i}^{J_{\text{tot}}\pi}|^2$   
=  $\frac{\pi}{k_i^2} \sum_{J_{\text{tot}}\pi LJ\alpha_i} g_{J_{\text{tot}}} |\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\alpha\alpha_i}^{J_{\text{tot}}\pi}|^2$ ,

## Reaction cross section



flux leaving the elastic channel (depends only on elastic S-matrix elements)

$$\sigma_{R} = \frac{\pi}{k_{i}^{2}} \frac{1}{(2I_{p_{i}}+1)(2I_{t_{i}}+1)} \sum_{J_{\text{tot}}\pi\alpha_{i}} (2J_{\text{tot}}+1)(1-|\mathbf{S}_{\alpha_{i}\alpha_{i}}^{J_{\text{tot}}\pi}|^{2})$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{k_{i}^{2}} \sum_{J_{\text{tot}}\pi\alpha_{i}} g_{J_{\text{tot}}}(1-|\mathbf{S}_{\alpha_{i}\alpha_{i}}^{J_{\text{tot}}\pi}|^{2}), \text{ similarly.}$$

 $_{\odot}$  the total cross section is elastic plus reaction cross sections



### elastic scattering: multi-channel





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#### Consequence of hermiticity: S-matrix is unitary

Even if the S-matrix is not unitary, it may be that:

Symmetry condition is sufficient for detailed balance:

$$\sigma_{x_i p_i t_i:xpt} = \frac{k_i^2 (2I_{p_i} + 1)(2I_{t_i} + 1)}{k^2 (2I_p + 1)(2I_t + 1)} \sigma_{xpt:x_i p_i t_i}.$$

$$\sigma_{xpt:x_ip_it_i} = \frac{\pi}{k_i^2} \frac{1}{(2I_{p_i}+1)(2I_{t_i}+1)} \sum_{J_{\text{tot}}\pi\alpha\alpha_i} (2J_{\text{tot}}+1) |\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\alpha\alpha_i}^{J_{\text{tot}}\pi}|^2.$$

 $\sum_{\alpha} \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\alpha\alpha_i}^* \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\alpha\alpha_i'} = \delta_{\alpha_i\alpha_i'},$ 

 $|\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\alpha\alpha_i}|^2 = |\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\alpha_i\alpha}|^2,$ 





# Scattering: Integral formulation

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## Integral forms and T-matrix approach



$$(E - T) \psi = V \psi$$
  $G = (E-T)^{-1}$ 

$$\psi = \phi + \hat{G}^{+} \Omega$$
$$= \phi + \hat{G}^{+} V \psi,$$

#### Lippmann-Schwinger equation

\$\phi\$ is incoming free wave(only non zero for elastic channel)

 $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  is full wavefunction

Partial wave T-matrix 
$$\mathbf{T} = -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2 k} \langle \phi^{(-)} | V | \psi \rangle \equiv -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2 k} \int \phi(R) V(R) \psi(R) dR.$$

Vector T-matrix

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{k}) = \langle \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\mathbf{k}'\cdot\mathbf{R}} | V | \Psi(\mathbf{R};\mathbf{k}) \rangle.$$

Scattering amplitude

$$f(\mathbf{k}';\mathbf{k}) = -\frac{\mu}{2\pi\hbar^2}\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{k})$$

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Consider your potential can be split into two parts:  $U=U_1+U_2$ 

| Free:      | $[E - T]\phi = 0$             | $\hat{G}_0^+ = [E - T]^{-1}$                 | $\phi = F$                                       |
|------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Distorted: | $[E - T - U_1]\chi = 0$       | $\chi = \phi + \hat{G}_0^+ U_1 \chi$         | $\chi  ightarrow \phi + \mathbf{T}^{(1)} H^+$    |
| Full:      | $[E - T - U_1 - U_2]\psi = 0$ | $\psi = \phi + \hat{G}_0^+ (U_1 + U_2) \psi$ | $\psi \rightarrow \phi + \mathbf{T}^{(1+2)} H^+$ |

# two potential formula: derivation 1



Free:
$$[E-T]\phi = 0$$
 $\hat{G}_0^+ = [E-T]^{-1}$  $\phi = F$ Distorted: $[E-T-U_1]\chi = 0$  $\chi = \phi + \hat{G}_0^+ U_1 \chi$  $\chi \to \phi + \mathbf{T}^{(1)} H^+$ Full: $[E-T-U_1-U_2]\psi = 0$  $\psi = \phi + \hat{G}_0^+ (U_1+U_2)\psi$  $\psi \to \phi + \mathbf{T}^{(1+2)} H^+$ 

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\hbar^2 k}{2\mu} \mathbf{T}^{(1+2)} &= \int \phi(U_1 + U_2) \psi \, \mathrm{d}R \\ &= \int (\chi - \hat{G}_0^+ U_1 \chi) (U_1 + U_2) \psi \, \mathrm{d}R \\ &= \int \left[ \chi(U_1 + U_2) \psi - (\hat{G}_0^+ U_1 \chi) (U_1 + U_2) \psi \right] \mathrm{d}R \,. \end{aligned}$$

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# two potential formula: derivation 2



Free:
$$[E-T]\phi = 0$$
 $\hat{G}_0^+ = [E-T]^{-1}$  $\phi = F$ Distorted: $[E-T-U_1]\chi = 0$  $\chi = \phi + \hat{G}_0^+ U_1 \chi$  $\chi \to \phi + \mathbf{T}^{(1)}H^+$ Full: $[E-T-U_1-U_2]\psi = 0$  $\psi = \phi + \hat{G}_0^+ (U_1+U_2)\psi$  $\psi \to \phi + \mathbf{T}^{(1+2)}H^+$ 

$$-\frac{\hbar^{2}k}{2\mu}\mathbf{T}^{(1+2)} = \int [\chi(U_{1}+U_{2})\psi - \chi U_{1}\hat{G}_{0}^{+}(U_{1}+U_{2})\psi] dR$$
$$= \int [\chi(U_{1}+U_{2})\psi - \chi U_{1}(\psi - \phi)] dR$$
$$= \int [\phi U_{1}\chi + \chi U_{2}\psi] dR$$
$$= \langle \phi^{(-)}|U_{1}|\chi \rangle + \langle \chi^{(-)}|U_{2}|\psi \rangle.$$

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## two potential formula: result



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$$\mathbf{T}^{(1+2)} = \mathbf{T}^{(1)} + \mathbf{T}^{2(1)}$$

$$\mathbf{T}^{2(1)} = -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2 k} \int \chi U_2 \psi \, \mathrm{d}R$$

Remember the Coulomb and nuclear?

$$f_{nc}(\theta) = f_c(\theta) + f_n(\theta)$$

$$f_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{2ik} \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} (2L+1) P_L(\cos\theta) e^{2i\sigma_L(\eta)} (\mathbf{S}_L^n - 1)$$

### Born series



$$\begin{split} \chi &= \phi + \hat{G}_{0}^{+} U[\phi + \hat{G}_{0}^{+} U[\phi + \hat{G}_{0}^{+} U[\cdots]]] \\ &= \phi + \hat{G}_{0}^{+} U\phi + \hat{G}_{0}^{+} U\hat{G}_{0}^{+} U\phi + \hat{G}_{0}^{+} U\hat{G}_{0}^{+} U\phi\hat{G}_{0}^{+} U\phi + \cdots, \end{split}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} &= -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^{2}k} \left[ \langle \phi^{(-)} | U | \phi \rangle + \langle \phi^{(-)} | U\hat{G}_{0}^{+} U | \phi \rangle + \cdots \right]. \end{split}$$



# distorted wave Born approximation (DWBA)



 $(\mathsf{E}-\mathsf{T}-\mathsf{U}_1)\,\psi{=}\mathsf{U}_2\psi$ 

 $\psi = \chi + G_1 U_2 \psi$ 

Born series is truncated after the first term

$$\mathbf{T}^{\text{DWBA}} = \mathbf{T}^{(1)} - \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2 k} \langle \chi^{(-)} | U_2 | \chi \rangle$$

1<sup>st</sup> order DWBA:  $U_2$  appears to first order

There is similarly a second-order DWBA expression

$$\mathbf{T}_{\alpha\alpha_{i}}^{2\mathrm{nd}-\mathrm{DWBA}} = -\frac{2\mu_{\alpha}}{\hbar^{2}k_{\alpha}} \left[ \langle \chi_{\alpha}^{(-)} | U_{2} | \chi_{\alpha_{i}} \rangle + \langle \chi_{\alpha}^{(-)} | U_{2} \hat{G}_{1}^{+} U_{2} | \chi_{\alpha_{i}} \rangle \right].$$

 $\mathrm{U}_{2}$  appears to second order



$$\mathbf{T}_{\alpha\alpha_{i}}^{\text{2nd}-\text{DWBA}} = -\frac{2\mu_{\alpha}}{\hbar^{2}k_{\alpha}} \Big[ \langle \chi_{\alpha}^{(-)} | U_{2} | \chi_{\alpha_{i}} \rangle + \langle \chi_{\alpha}^{(-)} | U_{2} \hat{G}_{1}^{+} U_{2} | \chi_{\alpha_{i}} \rangle \Big].$$





a) DWBA treats the transition potential U<sub>2</sub> perturbatively
b) DWBA treats the distorted waves perturbatively
c) DWBA treats the full projectile-target interaction perturbatively
d) DWBA is not a perturbative theory



Define a transition matrix (t-matrix) such that:

 $\langle \phi_{k'} | t | \phi_k \rangle = \langle \phi_{k'} | V | \psi_k^+ \rangle$ 

Remember the Born series?  $\psi_k^+ = \phi_k + G^+ V(\phi_k + G^+ V \psi_k^+)$ 

$$= \phi_{k} + G^{+}V\phi_{k} + G^{+}VG^{+}V(\phi_{k} + G^{+}V\psi_{k}^{+})$$
  
=  $\left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (G^{+}V)^{n}\right)\phi_{k}$ 

Multiply by:  $\langle \phi_{m{k}'} | V$ 

and we can obtain an operator form of the equation in  $t = V(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (G^+ V)^n)$ terms of the t-matrix

$$t = V + VG^+t$$

often used in few-body methods

### Theory of Nuclear reactions

# Three-body methods

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### Three-body methods in direct reactions

$$\Psi = \sum_{n=1}^{3} \Psi^{(n)}(\mathbf{r}_n, \mathbf{R}_n)$$



3 jacobi coordinate sets

3-body Hamiltonian for the problem:  $H_{3b} = \hat{T} + V_{vc} + V_{vt} + V_{ct}$ 

Faddeev Equations  

$$(E - T_1 - V_{vc})\Psi^{(1)} = V_{vc}(\Psi^{(2)} + \Psi^{(3)})$$

$$(E - T_2 - V_{ct})\Psi^{(2)} = V_{ct}(\Psi^{(3)} + \Psi^{(1)})$$

$$(E - T_3 - V_{tv})\Psi^{(3)} = V_{tv}(\Psi^{(1)} + \Psi^{(2)})$$



### reduction to one jacobi set

$$[H_{3b} - E]\Psi^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{R}_1) = 0$$

Expand wfn in eigenstates of projectile's internal Hamiltonian:

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{K}_0}^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{R}_1) = \sum_{p=1}^{n_b} \phi_p(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_p(\mathbf{R}_1) + \int d\mathbf{k} \ \phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_{\mathbf{K}}^{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{R}_1)$$

Expand in partial waves:  

$$\phi_{(p,k)}^{M}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u_{(p,k)}(r)}{r} \left[ \left[ Y_{\ell}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \otimes \mathcal{X}_{s} \right]_{j} \otimes \mathcal{X}_{I_{c}} \right]_{I_{p}M}$$

$$H_{proj}\phi_p = \varepsilon\phi_p$$

 $\mathbf{r}_1$ 

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Radial wavefunctions for projectile:  

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_{vc}}\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2}\right) + V_{vc}(r) - \epsilon\right] u_{(p,k)}(r) = 0$$
bound states with  $\epsilon_p < 0$ 
continuum states with energy  $\epsilon_k > 0$ 

$$E_{cm} + \epsilon_0 = E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2\mu_{vc}} + \frac{\hbar^2 K^2}{2\mu_{(vc)}t}$$



v

 $\mathbf{R}_1$ 

t

### continuum bins



average method

$$\tilde{u}_p(r) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi N_p}} \int_{k_{p-1}}^{k_p} g_p(k) u_k(r) \, \mathrm{d}k$$

- non overlaping continuum intervals continuum bins are orthogonal
  - square integrable

analytic form if potential is zero and I=0:

$$\tilde{u}_p(r) \propto \sin(k_p r) \frac{\sin((k_p - k_{p-1})r)}{r}$$

### breakup: continuum discretized coupled channels

CDCC 3-body wavefunction:  

$$\Psi^{\text{CDCC}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_{p=0}^{N} \tilde{\phi}_{p}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{p}(\mathbf{R})$$

$$p = \{lsjI_{c}I_{p}; (k_{p-1}, k_{p})\}$$

$$(H_{3b} - E)\Psi^{CDCC}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = 0$$

#### Coupled channel equations:

$$[\hat{T}_{R} + V_{pp}(R) - E_{p}]\psi_{p}(\mathbf{R}) + \sum_{p' \neq p} V_{pp'}(R)\psi_{p'}(\mathbf{R}) = 0$$

Coupling potentials:

$$V_{pp'}(R) = \langle \tilde{\phi}_p(r) | U_{vt} + U_{ct} | \tilde{\phi}_{p'}(r) \rangle$$

Energies: 
$$E_p = E - \tilde{\epsilon}_p$$
  $\tilde{\epsilon}_p = \langle \tilde{\phi}_p(\mathbf{r}) | H_{\text{int}} | \tilde{\phi}_p(\mathbf{r})$ 



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nuclear reactions and astrophysics



• direct measurement  ${}^{14}C(n,\gamma){}^{15}C$ 

#### Coulomb dissociation



### Coulomb dissociation for $(n, \gamma)$







Nakamura et al, NPA722(2003)301c Reifarth et al, PRC77,015804 (2008)

### one nucleon transfer:coordinates





 $\mathbf{r} = p\mathbf{R}' + q\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{r}' = p'\mathbf{R}' + q'\mathbf{R}$ 

Initial and final bound states:

 $[H_p - \varepsilon_p]\phi_p(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad H_p = T_{\mathbf{r}} + V_p(\mathbf{r})$  $[H_t - \varepsilon_t]\phi_t(\mathbf{r}') = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad H_t = T_{\mathbf{r}'} + V_t(\mathbf{r}').$ 

$$Q = \varepsilon_p - \varepsilon_t$$

one nucleon transfer: operator  

$$H = T_{\mathbf{r}} + T_{\mathbf{R}} + V_{p}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{t}(\mathbf{r}') + U_{c'c}(\mathbf{R}_{c}),$$

$$T_{\mathbf{r}} + T_{\mathbf{R}} = T_{\mathbf{r}'} + T_{\mathbf{R}'}$$

 $H = H_{\text{prior}} = T_{\mathbf{R}} + U_i(R) + H_p(\mathbf{r}) + \mathcal{V}_i(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r})$  $= H_{\text{post}} = T_{\mathbf{R}'} + U_f(R') + H_t(\mathbf{r}') + \mathcal{V}_f(\mathbf{R}', \mathbf{r}'),$ 

$$\mathcal{V}_i(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}) = V_t(\mathbf{r}') + U_{c'c}(\mathbf{R}_c) - U_i(R)$$
  
or  $\mathcal{V}_f(\mathbf{R}', \mathbf{r}') = V_p(\mathbf{r}) + U_{c'c}(\mathbf{R}_c) - U_f(R').$ 

### one nucleon transfer: auxiliary potential





U<sub>i</sub> is an auxiliary potential and therefore the solution is independent of that choice! a standard choice in DWBA U<sub>i</sub> is optical potential reproducing elastic scattering a standard choice in CDCC U<sub>i</sub> is U<sub>ct</sub> + U<sub>xt</sub> folded over the bound state c+x b other possible choise U<sub>i</sub> = U<sub>cc'</sub> (R<sub>cc'</sub>) to cancel the remnant term a etc...



Q-value matching: similar k in incident and exit distorted waves

$$\mathbf{T}_{fi}^{\text{DWBA}} = \langle \chi_f^{(-)}(\mathbf{R}_f) \Phi_{I_A:I_B}(\mathbf{r}_f) | \mathcal{V} | \Phi_{I_b:I_a}(\mathbf{r}_i) \chi_i(\mathbf{R}_i) \rangle$$

Angular momentum dependence in zero-range approximation

$$\mathbf{T}_{fi}^{\text{PWBA}} = D_0 \int e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \Phi_{I_A:I_B}(\mathbf{R}) d\mathbf{R}$$
$$= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} i^l (2l+1) \int F_l(0,qR)/(qR) P_l(\cos\theta) \Phi_{I_A:I_B}(\mathbf{R}) d\mathbf{R}.$$

#### QUIZ: Which line corresponds to larger Q-value?



Fig. 14.2. Transfer cross sections for different Q-values for  ${}^{12}C(d,p){}^{13}C$  at 20 MeV. The Q-value is varied arbitrarily.

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### Angular momentum dependence





Fig. 14.3. Dependence of the transfer angular distribution on the transferred angular momentum for  ${}^{58}\text{Ni}(d,p){}^{59}\text{Ni}$  at 8 MeV, with data from [2]. Reprinted from [3], with permission.

### Theory of Nuclear reactions

## Typical Approximations: Eikonal Adiabatic

(d,p) reactions: zero range adiabatic wave approx. (ADWA)

$$\mathbf{T}_{fi} = -\frac{2\mu_f}{\hbar^2 K_f} \langle \psi_f^{(-)} \phi_n | \mathcal{V}_f | \Psi(r, R) \rangle$$

dominating term in  $v_f$  is  $V_{np}(r)$ , short range thus exact wfn only needed for small r!

**ADWA** 

 $\phi_0(0)\tilde{\chi}(\mathbf{R}) = \Psi^{\mathrm{ad}}(0,\mathbf{R})$ 

dwba  $\phi_0(r)\chi_0(R)$ 

$$(\hat{T}_R + U_{ad}(R) - (E - \epsilon_0))\tilde{\chi}(\mathbf{R}) = 0,$$

$$U_{\rm ad}(R) = U_{ct}(R) + U_{vt}(R)$$

**Johnson and Soper potential** 



### (d,p) reactions: finite range adiabatic wave approx

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Johnson and Soper potential is based on the zero-range approx

$$U_{\rm ad}(R) = U_{ct}(R) + U_{vt}(R)$$

Tandy and Johnson reformulated the adiabatic model without the zero-range approx and obtain a new adiabatic potential for the deuteron including breakup effect and finite-range:

$$V_{TJ}(R) = \frac{\left\langle \phi_d \left| V_{np}(U_n + U_p) \right| \phi_d \right\rangle}{\left\langle \phi_d \left| V_{np} \right| \phi_d \right\rangle}$$

Effective diffuseness increases!



- a) ADWA treats deuteron breakup pertubatively
- b) ADWA is valid for high beam energies
- c) ADWA takes the np relative energies to be the beam energy
- d) ADWA can be used to calculate deuteron elastic scattering



# Example of using (d,p) to probe halos



Schmitt et al, PRL 108, 192701 (2012), PRC 88, 064612 (2013)

### Testing three-body methods



#### Faddeev AGS: EXACT

- all three Jacobi components are included
- elastic, breakup and rearrangement channels are fully coupled
- computationally expensive Deltuva and Fonseca, Phys. Rev. C79, 014606 (2009).

#### CDCC:

- only one Jacobi component
- elastic and breakup fully coupled (no rearrangement)
- computationally expensive

#### ADWA:

- only one Jacobi component
- elastic and breakup fully coupled (no rearrangement)
- approximation for breakup one term in Weinberg expansion
- runs on desktop practical use



## **Comparing transfer**





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### The dependence on the optical potential



•Constraining p-A elastic reduces uncertainties but remaining uncertainty not neglegible

•Important to include good optical potential information

# theory opportunities with FRIB



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| What is the nature of the nuclear force that binds protons and neutrons into stable nuclei and rare   | What is the nature of<br>neutron stars and dense<br>nuclear matter?<br>What is the origin of the  | Why is there now more matter than antimatter in the universe? | What are new applications of isotopes to meet the needs of society? |  |  |
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|   |   | ED  |   |  |  |

# theory opportunities with FRIB



| Reactions | Ab-initio reaction theory, consistent with nuclear structure, adequate<br>for many domains of experimental interest, including (d,p), dripline<br>nuclei and superheavy synthesis;<br>Multi-nucleon transfer, knockout and breakup models for production<br>of nuclei at and beyond the dripline to extract structural information;<br>Unified treatment of structure and reactions for open nuclear<br>systems; | Q1, Q2, Q4: B1-6, B11,<br>B13-15 |
|-----------|--|----------------------------------|
|           | Nuclear reactions study at the limits of stability to extract crucial<br>isovector indicators such as neutron skins;<br>Reaction theory with quantified uncertainties for charge-exchange;   | Q2, Q3: B3, B17                  |
|           | Reaction observables to isolate the role of pairing correlations and characterize the pairing interaction;   | Q2: B4, B5                       |
|           | Microscopic theory of spontaneous and neutron-induced fission;<br>Ab-initio theory for light-ion fusion;   | Q4: B10,B11                      |
|           | Reaction theory for fusion consistent with structure   | Q2: B2,B14,                      |
|           | Consistent reaction theory for (d,p) transfer and $(n,\gamma)$ , $(p, \gamma)$ capture<br>reactions on medium mass and heavy nuclei;<br>Microscopic theory for nuclear fusion to predict thermo- and pycno-<br>nuclear fusion rates in the neutron star crust;   | Q1, Q2: B1-6, B16                |
|           | Reliable transport theory with quantified errors for heavy-ion reactions from low to intermediate energies;  | Q1, Q2: B3,B5,B6                 |