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Theoretical basics and modern status of radioactivity studies

Lecture 3: Some theory

Long lifetimes





$$\int_{0}^{r_{3}} p(r) dr = 2\eta \int_{0}^{1} dx \sqrt{1 - 1/x} = \eta \pi$$
Sommerfeld
parameter
$$\eta = Z_{1}Z_{2}\alpha \sqrt{\frac{M}{2E}} = \frac{Z_{1}Z_{2}\alpha}{v}$$

$$\Gamma = S_{\alpha} \omega exp[-2\pi\eta]$$

Quasiclassical WF

Particle decay. Gamow theory V(r) E_r 0 $r_{\rm nuc}$ r_1 r_2 rz Preexponent $T = \int_{-\infty}^{r^2} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{r^2} \frac{1}{v} dr = \int_{-\infty}^{r^2} \frac{M}{p(r)} dr$ $\omega = \left[2 \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{M}{p(r)} dr \right]^{-1}$

r

Strange, but for majority of situations this is precise within few percent



Beta decay. Gamow-Teller

$$H_{fi} = (2\pi)\delta\left(E_f - E_i\right)\int\prod_{k=1}^N d^3\mathbf{r}_k\Psi_f^*\left(\mathbf{r}_1\dots\mathbf{r}_N\right)\widehat{H}_\beta\left(\mathbf{r}_1\dots\mathbf{r}_N\right)\Psi_i\left(\mathbf{r}_1\dots\mathbf{r}_N\right)$$

$$\widehat{H}_{\beta}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1},\ldots,\mathbf{r}_{N}\right)=-\frac{G_{V}}{\sqrt{2}}\sum_{k=1}^{N}\left\{L_{0}^{*}\left(\mathbf{r}_{k}\right)+\lambda\left(\mathbf{L}^{*}\left(\mathbf{r}_{k}\right),\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{k}\right)\right\}\tau_{k}^{-}$$

$$L_{\mu}^{*}(\mathbf{r}_{k}) = \overline{\Psi}_{e}(\mathbf{r}_{k}) \gamma_{\mu} (1 + \gamma_{5}) \Psi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}_{k}) = \frac{\overline{u}_{e} \gamma_{\mu} (1 + \gamma_{5}) \overline{u}_{\nu}}{\sqrt{2E_{e} 2E_{\nu}} V} \exp\left(i\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}_{k}\right) \qquad \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p}_{e} - \mathbf{p}_{\nu}$$

$$\sum_{f} \overline{|H_{fi}|^{2}} = \frac{1}{2J+1} \frac{G_{V}^{2} \lambda^{2}}{2} (2\pi) \,\delta\left(E_{f} - E_{i}\right) \Delta t \,\frac{6}{V^{2}} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{p}_{e} \mathbf{p}_{\nu}}{3 E_{e} E_{\nu}}\right) \frac{2J'+1}{3} \left|\sum_{k=1}^{N} \left\langle J' \|\sigma_{k}\| J \right\rangle \left\langle \tau_{k}^{-} \right\rangle \right|^{2}$$

$$dW = \frac{1}{2J+1} \frac{G_V^2 \lambda^2}{2} (2\pi) \,\delta(E_e + E_\nu - Q) \,\frac{6}{V^2} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{p}_e \mathbf{p}_\nu}{3 \, E_e E_\nu}\right) \times$$

$$\times \frac{2J'+1}{3} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left\langle J' \left\| \sigma_{k} \right\| J \right\rangle \left\langle \tau_{k}^{-} \right\rangle \right|^{2} \frac{V^{2} \mathbf{dp}_{e} \mathbf{dp}_{\nu}}{(2\pi)^{6}}$$
$$dW = \frac{G_{V}^{2} \lambda^{2}}{2\pi^{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{2J'+1}{2J+1} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left\langle J' \left\| \sigma_{k} \right\| J \right\rangle \left\langle \tau_{k}^{-} \right\rangle \right\|^{2} \right) \cdot \left(\delta \left(E_{e} + E_{\nu} - Q \right) p_{e}^{2} dp_{e} p_{\nu}^{2} dp_{\nu} \right)$$

Beta decay. Gamow-Teller

$$W = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{G_V^2 \lambda^2 m_e^5}{2\pi^3} \cdot B_{GT} \cdot f(A, Z, Q) \qquad \lambda = G_A/G_V = -1.268 \pm 0.002 \ (\lambda^2 = 1.608 \pm 0.004) \\ Q = E - m_e \text{ is the energy release in the reaction} \\ ft_{1/2} = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi^3 \ln 2}{G_V^2 m_e^5} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda^2 B_{GT}} = \frac{2ft(0^+ \to 0^+)}{\lambda^2 B_{GT}} \qquad ft(0^+ \to 0^+) = \frac{\pi^3 \ln 2}{G_V^2 m_e^5} = 3072.4 \pm 1.6 \text{ sec}$$

$$B_{GT} = \frac{2J'+1}{2J+1} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{N} \langle J' \| \sigma_k \| J \rangle \langle T'T'_3 | \tau_k^- | TT_3 \rangle \right|^2 \qquad F(A, Z, Q)$$
$$f(A, Z, Q) = \int_{1}^{Q/m_e} (Q/m_e - \varepsilon)^2 \varepsilon \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 - 1} F(A, Z, Q) d\varepsilon \qquad \text{is the Fermi function}$$

$$f \sim 1$$
 for $Q \sim 2.4 m_e$

For $Q \sim 10 m_e$ lifetime of the tens of milliseconds is expeced

for
$$Q >> m_e \to f \sim Q^5$$

For $Q \sim 1.1 m_e$ lifetime of the order of years is expected

Electromagnetic decay. Nuclear isomers

"Phase space" isomers

- $\Gamma \sim E^3$ for *E1* transitions
- $\Gamma \sim E^5$ for *E2* transitions





Shape isomers

$$E_{rot} \sim J^2 \sim l(l\!+\!1)$$

If the system change shape it is likely that gamma lifetime abruptly increases Particle decay Resonance phenomena

"Phase volume" E^* dynamics - only initial state is important **Transition region –** resonances are broad **Resonance phenomena Radioactivity** r **Haloes** "Normal nuclei"

Nuclear dynamics vs. excitation energy

Nuclear dynamics vs. excitation energy

 E^*

From formal dynamics point of view there is no clear borderline between resonance phenomena and radioactivity

From formal structure point of view there is no clear borderline between stationary and quasistationary states (radioactivity)

Resonances in elastic scattering

$$(\bar{H} - E)\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = (T + \bar{V}^{\text{nuc}} + V^{\text{coul}} - E)\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = 0,$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = 4\pi \sum_{l} i^{l} (kr)^{-1} \varphi_{l}(kr) \sum_{m} Y_{lm}^{*}(\hat{k}) Y_{lm}(\hat{r}),$$

$$\varphi_{l}(kr) = \frac{i}{2} [(G_{l}(kr) - iF_{l}(kr)) - \bar{S}_{l}(G_{l}(kr) + iF_{l}(kr))],$$

$$(I - V) = (\bar{S}) [F_{l}(kr) - (\bar{S}) - (\bar{S})] = (\bar{S}) [F_{l}(kr) -$$

 $\varphi_l(kr) = \exp\left(i\,\bar{\delta}_l\right)\left[F_l(kr)\cos(\bar{\delta}_l) + G_l(kr)\sin(\bar{\delta}_l)\right].$

At resonance energy E_r ,

$$S_l(E_r) = e^{2i\delta_l(E_r)} = e^{2i\pi/2} = -1,$$

Phase shift

 $\delta_l(E) = 90^{\circ}$

Elastic cross section has peak

$$\sigma = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1) \sin^2(\delta_l)$$

 $\varphi_i(kr) = i G_i(kr)$

Internal normalization has peak $N_l(E,R) = \int_0^R dr |\psi_{E,l}(r)|^2$

Elastic scattering formulation is not comfortable for radioactivity studies





In reality – test for internal structure

Joke 2

Total "transparency"





"Shallow water resonance"

WF concentration is provided by (i) small velocity above the "step" and (ii) Interference of the waves reflected from origin and from the right part of the step



R-matrix formalism

Preexponent

Exponent

$$\Gamma_{p_i}(E) = 2\gamma^2 P_{l_i}(E, R, Z_1 Z_2).$$

 $P_l(E, R, Z_1Z_2) = \frac{kR}{F_l^2(\eta, kR) + G_l^2(\eta, kR)}.$

$$\gamma_{WL}^2 = \frac{1}{2MR^2} \theta_{\star}^2, \quad \theta^2 = \frac{|\psi_l(kR)|^2}{\int_0^1 dx |\psi_l(kxR)|^2}$$
Dimension energy
limiting width – Wigner
limit
Dimensionless
structure factor

No Coulomb, l = 0

 $\Gamma \sim 1/T$ inverse flight time through nuclear interior

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Gamow approach has problems (i) only probabilities no amplitudes (ii) width behave wrong on top of the barrier

Strong Coulomb, l = 0

$$\begin{split} F_l(kr) &\stackrel{kr \to 0}{\sim} C_l(kr)^{l+1}, \quad G_l(kr) \stackrel{kr \to 0}{\sim} \frac{(kr)^{-l}}{(2l+1)C_l}, \\ C_l &= \frac{2^l}{(2l+1)!} \left[(1^2 + \eta^2) (2^2 + \eta^2) \dots (l^2 + \eta^2) \right]^{l/2} C_0 \\ C_0 &= \left[\frac{2\pi \eta e^{-2\pi \eta}}{1 - e^{-2\pi \eta}} \right]^{l/2}. \\ \eta &= Z_1 Z_2 \alpha \sqrt{\frac{M}{2E}} = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 \alpha}{\nu} \end{split}$$

 $\Gamma \sim \exp[-2\pi\eta]$ - the same as for Gamow approach

R-matrix phenomenology

Description of elastic/inelastic scattering

$$\delta_l(E) = \arctan\left[\frac{\Gamma(E)}{2(E_r - E)}\right]$$



For broad states the energy-dependent corrections to reduced width are provided in terms of "level shift function" $S_l(E)$ (Lane and Tomas, 1958):

$$\gamma^{2} \rightarrow \gamma^{2} / \left[1 + \gamma^{2} dS_{l}(E) / dE \right],$$

$$S_{l}(E, R, Z_{1}Z_{2}) = kR \frac{F_{l}(kR)F_{l}'(kR) + G_{l}(kR)G_{l}'(kR)}{F_{l}^{2}(kR) + G_{l}^{2}(kR)}$$

Effects of structure

In applications of the R-matrix theory the dimensionless reduced width is identified as phenomenological spectroscopic factor

$$\theta^2 \rightarrow S = \frac{A!}{A_1!A_2!} \int_0^R dr \left| \langle A | A_1, A_2 \rangle \right|^2$$

In contrast with normalizations of WFs spectroscopic factors are overlaps and their norm could be larger than 1

Bohr's compound nucleus theory



Decay states with complex energy

$$\Psi^{(+)}(r_i, t) = \exp[iEt - \Gamma t/2] \Psi^{(+)}(r_i)$$

(H - \tilde{E}_r) $\Psi^{(+)}_{lm}(\mathbf{r}) = (T + V - \tilde{E}_r)\Psi^{(+)}_{lm}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$
 $\tilde{E}_r = \tilde{k}_r^2/(2M) = E_r - i\Gamma/2, \quad \tilde{k}_r \approx k_r - i\Gamma/(2v_r)$

Applying Green's procedure to the complex energy WF $\Psi^{(+)\dagger}[(H - \tilde{E}_r)\Psi^{(+)}] - [(H - \tilde{E}_r)\Psi^{(+)}]^{\dagger}\Psi^{(+)} = 0,$

we get for the partial components at pole energy \tilde{E}_r

$$i\Gamma\psi_l^{(+)*}\psi_l^{(+)} = \frac{1}{2M} \left[\psi_l^{(+)*}\frac{d^2\psi_l^{(+)}}{dr^2} - \frac{d^2\psi_l^{(+)*}}{dr^2}\psi_l^{(+)}\right]$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\left[\psi_l^{(+)*}\left(\frac{d}{dr}\psi_l^{(+)}\right) - \left(\frac{d}{dr}\psi_l^{(+)*}\right)\psi_l^{(+)}\right]\right|_{r=R}}{2Mi\int_0^R |\psi_l^{(+)}|^2 dr} = \frac{j_l}{N_l}, \quad (3)$$

which corresponds to a definition of the width as a decay probability (reciprocal of the lifetime):

$$N = N_0 \exp\left[-t/\tau\right] = N_0 \exp\left[-\Gamma t\right].$$

Time dependent WF with probability exponentially decreasing with time

> Complex energy Hamiltonian

Green's procedure for complex conjugate

"Natural" definition of width: for WF with pure outgoing asymptotic width is outgoing flux devided by normalization ("number of particles") in the internal region

Asymptotic of the decay WF



Quasistationary state

$$\begin{split} & (H-E)\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = (T+V^{\mathrm{nuc}}+V^{\mathrm{coul}}-E)\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = 0, \\ & \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = 4\pi \sum_{l} i^{l}(kr)^{-1}\psi_{l}(kr) \sum_{m} Y_{lm}^{*}(\hat{k})Y_{lm}(\hat{r}), \\ & \psi_{l}(kr) = \frac{i}{2}[(G_{l}(kr)-iF_{l}(kr))-S_{l}(G_{l}(kr)+iF_{l}(kr))]. \\ & S_{l}(E_{r}) = e^{2i\delta_{l}(E_{r})} = e^{2i\pi/2} = -1 \\ & \psi_{l}(k_{r}r) \stackrel{r>R}{=} iG_{l}(k_{r}r) \\ & \tilde{\psi}_{l}(k_{r}r) = \frac{(-i)\psi_{l}(k_{r}r)}{\left(\int_{0}^{R}|\psi_{l}(k_{r}x)|^{2}dx\right)^{1/2}} = -i\frac{\psi_{l}(k_{r}r)}{N_{l}^{1/2}} \\ & \text{Quasistaionary WF is normalized in internal region} \\ & \varphi_{l}(kr) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi v}{2}} \frac{\sqrt{\Gamma_{r}(E)}}{E_{r} - E - i\Gamma_{r}(E)/2} \frac{\hat{\psi}_{l}(k_{a}, r)}{\hat{\psi}_{l}(k_{a}, r)} \\ \end{split}$$

WF in this form combines properties of bound and scattering WFs and thus demonstrates how transition from discrete to continuous spectrum happens

freedom are factorized

Integral formula for width

Real Hamiltonian

$$(H - E)\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = (T + V^{\text{nuc}} + V^{\text{coul}} - E)\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = 0,$$

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = 4\pi \sum_{l} i^{l} (kr)^{-1} \psi_{l}(kr) \sum_{m} Y_{lm}^{*}(\hat{k}) Y_{lm}(\hat{r}),$$

$$\psi_l(kr) = \frac{i}{2} [(G_l(kr) - iF_l(kr)) - S_l(G_l(kr) + iF_l(kr))].$$

Formulation

- K. Harada and E. A. Rauscher, 1968.
- S. G. Kadmenskii and V. E. Kalechits, 1970.

Auxilliary Hamiltonian

$$(\bar{H} - E)\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = (T + \bar{V}^{\text{nuc}} + V^{\text{coul}} - E)\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = 0,$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = 4\pi \sum_{l} i^{l} (kr)^{-1} \varphi_{l}(kr) \sum_{m} Y_{lm}^{*}(\hat{k}) Y_{lm}(\hat{r}),$$

$$\varphi_{l}(kr) = \frac{i}{2} [(G_{l}(kr) - iF_{l}(kr)) - \bar{S}_{l}(G_{l}(kr) + iF_{l}(kr))],$$

$$\varphi_{l}(kr) = \exp(i\bar{\delta}_{l}) [F_{l}(kr)\cos(\bar{\delta}_{l}) + G_{l}(kr)\sin(\bar{\delta}_{l})].$$

$$S_{l}(E_{r}) = e^{2i\delta_{l}(E_{r})} = e^{2i\pi/2} = -1 \qquad \tilde{\psi}_{l}(k_{r}r) = \frac{(-i)\psi_{l}(k_{r}r)}{\left(\int_{0}^{R} |\psi_{l}(k_{r}x)|^{2}dx\right)^{1/2}} = -i\frac{\psi_{l}(k_{r}r)}{N_{l}^{1/2}}$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})^{\dagger}[(H-E)\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})] - [(\bar{H}-E)\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})]^{\dagger}\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = 0,$$

$$\varphi_{l}^{*}(V-\bar{V})\psi_{l} = \frac{1}{2M} \left[\varphi_{l}^{*}\left(\frac{d^{2}}{dr^{2}}\psi_{l}\right) - \left(\frac{d^{2}}{dr^{2}}\varphi_{l}^{*}\right)\psi_{l}\right].$$

$$2M\int_{0}^{R}\varphi_{l}^{*}(V-\bar{V})\psi_{l}dr = 2MiN_{l}^{1/2}\int_{0}^{R}\varphi_{l}^{*}(V-\bar{V})\tilde{\psi}_{l}dr$$

Green's procedure

Wronskian after partial integration

 $= \exp\left(-i\bar{\delta}_l\right)\cos(\bar{\delta}_l)k_r W(F_l(k_r R) G_l(k_r R))$

Integral formula for width

$$2MiN_l^{1/2}\int_0^R \varphi_l^*(V-\bar{V})\tilde{\psi}_l dr = \exp\left(-i\bar{\delta}_l\right)\cos(\bar{\delta}_l)k_r$$

Square both sides

Here flux is velocity and width is flux devided by internal normalization

$$\Gamma = \frac{v_r}{\int_0^R |\psi_l^{(+)}|^2 dr} \approx \frac{v_r}{\int_0^R |\psi_l|^2 dr} = \frac{v_r}{|N_l^{1/2}|^2}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{4}{v_r \cos^2(\bar{\delta}_l)} \left| \int_0^R \varphi_l^* (V - \bar{V}) \tilde{\psi}_l dr \right|^2.$$

If we take point like Coulomb potential for auxiliary Hamiltonian especially simple expression is obtained

$$\Gamma = \frac{4}{v} \left| \int_0^{r_{\text{max}}} dr \ F_l(\eta, kr) \left[V(r) - \frac{v \eta}{r} \right] \varphi_l(r) \right|^2$$

Analogous for expression for T matrix - <plane wave|potential|real WF>

Useful technique. Works when integral is converged on the upper bound. This is guaranteed if asymptotic behavior of real and auxilliary Hamiltonian are the same.

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Time delay

Normalization for the scattering WF Eq. (1) inside sphere of radius $R > r_{\rm nuc}$ is (Wigner, 1955)

$$N_{l}(E,R) = \int_{0}^{R} dr |\psi_{E,l}(r)|^{2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ R + \frac{d\delta_{l}(E)}{dk} - \frac{1}{2k} \sin \left[2kR + 2\delta_{l}(E)\right] \right\}.$$
(19)

It can be shown that the scattering process can be interpreted in terms of the *time delay* (Baz', 1967)

$$T_l(E,R) = 2\pi N_l(E,R)/v.$$
 (20)

$$T_{l}(E,R) \approx \frac{\Gamma(E)/4}{(E_{r}-E)^{2} + \Gamma(E)^{2}/4} \left[1 + \frac{E_{r}-E}{E} (2\pi\eta - 1) \right]$$



Decay states with real energy

nuclear reaction $A + B \rightarrow F + R$ $\Psi = \Psi_{AB} + \Psi_{FB}^{(+)}$ $\Psi_{AB} = \psi_A \psi_B \psi_{AB}, \qquad \Psi_{FR} = \psi_{FR}^{(+)} \psi_R$ $\begin{cases} \left(\hat{H}_{AB} - E_{AB}\right)\psi_{AB} = \langle\psi_A\psi_B|\hat{V}|\Psi_{FR}\rangle,\\ \left(\hat{H}_{FR} - E_{FR}\right)\psi_{FR}^{(+)} = \langle\psi_R|\hat{V}|\Psi_{AB}\rangle. \end{cases}$ $\Psi_{AB} >> \Psi_{FB}^{(+)}$ $\left(\hat{H}_{FR} - E_{FR}\right)\psi_{FR}^{(+)} = \Phi$

For weak channel coupling we can use static "source" function in inelastic channel

Example – sudden removal approximation

Remove particle r from WF $\Psi(r, r_i)$

$$\Phi(q,r_i) = \int d^3r \ e^{iqr} \Psi(r,r_i)$$

Instead of vector r we get vector q of transferred momentum in the source

In AB channel we have BOTH in and outgoing waves

In FR channel we have ONLY outgoing waves

Different facets of resonance phenomenon



