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Dynamical Microscopic and Macro-Micro Approaches to Nuclear Fission

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Introduction and Background

- Even though the history of researches in nuclear fission is already more than 70 years-long, many mysteries still exist actually what is going on during the process of nuclear fission, especially before scission
- Due to the difficulties, accuracy of the fission-related nuclear data is still considered not high enough
- To resolve this situation and to understand many different aspects of nuclear fission in a consistent way, we think accurate dynamical treatment of nuclear fission is necessary
- We are making researches in fission by dynamical approaches with Langevin equation, AMD (antisymmetrized molecular dynamics) and TDHF
- Here we explain them briefly

Origin of extra spin that fission fragments have

spin of ¹⁴⁸Pm from fission of n+²³⁵U system as a function of excitation energy of compound nucleus





Twisting mode in fusion reactions



FIG. 3. Artist's view of the spin excitation generated in a centra collision of two ¹⁶O nuclei. Closely based on the numerical spir density vectors produced in the calculations.

Maruhn et al., Phys. Rev. C 74, 027601(2006).



Twisting & Bending modes in fission

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Anomaly in the average Total Kinetic Energy of Fission Fragments





Our approaches (CN to scission)

Macro-micro approach : Langevin model

- PES from macro-micro, transport coefficients from macro or micro + random force
- 3D Langevin with macroscopic transport coefficients (with F.Ivaniuk)
- 3D Langevin with microscopic transport coefficients (by linear response theory)
- 4D Langevin with macroscopic transport coefficients
- 4D Langevin with microscopic transport coefficients
- 5D Langevin -- talk by A. Sierk

Microscopic approaches

Antisymmetrized Molecular Dynamics (AMD)

- Slater determinant with Gaussian wave packets (coherent state) as basis function
- mean field calculated with SLy4 interaction
- Stochastic nucleon-nucleon collisions to express branching of Slater determinant and deformation of Gaussian wave packet

Time-dependent Hartree Fock (TDHF)

- No restriction on single-particle wave function (3D mesh calculation)
- mean field by SV-Bas interaction
- based on OAK3D and SKY3D (no pairing)
- to obtain nuclear friction coefficient from dynamical model

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Nuclear fission by Langevin equation



Browning motion





These 2 different d.o.f have different time scales:

- nucleon motion : 1 to 10 fm/c
- shape motion : ~>10,000fm/c

Langevin Equations for nuclear fission

$$\frac{dq_i}{dt} = (m^{-1})_{ij} p_j$$

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial q_i} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} (m^{-1})_{jk} p_j p_k - \sum_{ij}^{\text{friction}} \frac{(m^{-1})_{ijk}}{(m^{-1})_{jk}} p_k + g_{ij} R_j(t)$$

$$q_i : \text{deformation coordinates (nuclear shape) in two-center shell-model parametrization } \{q\}_{3D} = \{ZZ_0, \delta_1 = \delta_2, \alpha\} \quad \{q\}_{4D} = \{ZZ_0, \delta_1, \delta_2, \alpha\}$$

$$p_i : \text{momentum conjugate to } q_i$$

$$m_{ij} : \text{mass tensor} \quad (: \text{Hydrodynamical mass (Werner-Wheeler)}) \quad \text{Macroscopic transport coefficients}}$$

$$ransport : \text{Wall and Window formula (one-body dissipation)} \quad \text{or from Linear Response Theory (microscopic)}$$
Random force : $\langle R_i(t) \rangle = 0, \langle R_i(t_1)R_j(t_2) \rangle = 2\delta_y \delta(t_1 - t_2)$ White noise $\sum_k g_{ik} g_{jk} = T\gamma_{ij}$ Einstein relation
Intrinsic energy and Temperature : $E_{int} = E^* - \frac{1}{2}(m^{-1})_{ij} p_i p_j - V(q) = aT^2$

$$E_{int} : \text{intrinsic energy}, E^* : \text{excitation energy}, T : \text{temperature}$$

$$V(q) : \text{potential at deformation } q : V(q) = V_{LDM}(q) + V_{sh}(q)$$

$$V_{sh}(q) : \text{Strutinsky shell correction energy}$$

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 $\varepsilon = 0.35$ neck parameter : fixed

Note that neck radius depends on all the 5 parameters

Initial condition of Langevin calculation





Example of 4D Langevin trajectories (²³⁶U)



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Mass Distribution of Fission Fragments at Ex=20MeV



Distributions of TKE (total kinetic energy of fission fragments)



Systematics of <TKE> by 3D Langevin



Extension to 4D Langevin $\{q\}_{4D} = \{ZZ_0, \delta_1, \delta_2, \alpha\}$





σ_{TKE} by 4D Langevin



Nuclear fission by Antisymmetrized Molecular Dynamics: AMD

- Even though the Langevin-model description gives satisfactory results in many aspects of nuclear fission, it has only 3 to 4 degrees-of-freedom to express nuclear shape. It should be better to have ways to describe the nuclear fission by microscopic theories having d.o.f. of all the nucleons
- AMD is a very successful microscopic model of nuclear reactions and structures (A. Ono et al, Prog. Theor. Phys., 87(5), (1992), 1185-1206)





AMD-1 : Basic formulation

Single-particle wave function : Gaussian coherent state

 $< r | \phi \downarrow Z \downarrow i \rangle = (2\nu/\pi) \uparrow 3/4 \exp[-\nu(r-Z \downarrow i / \sqrt{\nu}) \uparrow 2] \chi \downarrow \alpha \downarrow i$

 $Z \downarrow i = \sqrt{\nu} r \downarrow i + i/2\hbar \sqrt{\nu}$ $p \downarrow i$

 $\chi \downarrow \alpha \downarrow i = p \uparrow, p \downarrow, n \uparrow, n \downarrow$

Total wave function $| \boldsymbol{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{r} \downarrow \boldsymbol{1}, \boldsymbol{r} \downarrow \boldsymbol{2}, ..., \boldsymbol{r} \downarrow \boldsymbol{A}) > = \mathbf{1}/\sqrt{\boldsymbol{A}} | \operatorname{det}[\boldsymbol{\varphi} \downarrow \boldsymbol{i}(\boldsymbol{r} \downarrow \boldsymbol{j})]$

 $\delta \int t 1 \int t 2 dt \Phi i \hbar d / dt - H \Phi / \Phi \Phi =$

Time-dependent variational principle:

*i*ħ*∑j*τî*‱C↓iσ,jτ Z↓jτ =∂*ℋ/∂Z↓iσî*

Equation of motion of the mean field:

where
$$\mathcal{H} = \langle \Phi | H | \Phi \rangle / \langle \Phi | \Phi \downarrow \sigma, j\tau = \partial \uparrow 2 / \partial Z \downarrow i\sigma \uparrow * \partial Z \downarrow j\tau \log \langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle$$

AMD-2 : NN interactions

• Effective N-N interaction (origin of nuclear mean-field)

 $v \downarrow ij = t \downarrow 0 \ (1+x \downarrow 0 \ P \downarrow \sigma) \delta(\mathbf{r}) + 1/2 \ t \downarrow 1 \ (1+x \downarrow 1 \ P \downarrow \sigma) [\delta(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{k} \uparrow 2 + \mathbf{r} \delta(\mathbf{r})] + t \downarrow 2 \ (1+x \downarrow 2 \ P \downarrow \sigma) \mathbf{k} \cdot \delta(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{k} + t \downarrow 3 \ (1+x \downarrow 3 \ P \downarrow \sigma) [\rho(\mathbf{r} \downarrow \mathbf{i})] \uparrow \alpha \ \delta(\mathbf{r})$

where
$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_{i} - \mathbf{r}_{j}$$
 $\mathbf{k} = \frac{1}{2\hbar} (\mathbf{p}_{i} - \mathbf{p}_{j})$ $B_{ij} = \langle \varphi_{i} | \varphi_{j} \rangle$

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \left(\frac{2\nu}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} \sum_{i=1}^{A} \sum_{j=1}^{A} e^{-2\nu(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{ij})^{2}} B_{ij} B_{ji}^{-1} \qquad \mathbf{R}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\nu}} (\mathbf{Z}_{i}^{*} + \mathbf{Z}_{j})$$

 Stochastic NN collision as a part of residual interaction (A test particles from Wigner function) mimics random force in Langevin theory
 In-medium NN cross section
 Pauli Blocking after the collision
 branching and deformation of wave functions--> tunneling, distribution

Initial state of $^{236}U(^{235}U + n)$

As a first step to simulation of nuclear fission by AMD, here we simply give a boost momentum to each nucleon, to the opposite directions for nucleons staying at the left region and right region



Time evolution by AMD, 236 U (235 U + n)



Examination of phenomenological assumptions

 Brosa's random neck rupture condition due to hydrodynamical Rayleigh instability





$\mathsf{AMD} : l\sim 5r$

This verifies that Brosa's estimation of neck rupture condition is sensible



Results : FPY (left) and rotational angular momenta (left)



- Due to our specific way of boost, the mass distribution corresponds to symmetric fission, which is categorized as super-long mode in Brosa's terminology (low TKE component)
- Each fragment has, on the average 5 to $10\hbar$ (on the average around $7\hbar$) of rotational angular momentum, which is enough to account for the origin of extra spins of fission fragments as explained in the introduction

Results : Mass-TKE correlation (left) and excitation energy of each fragment (left)



- Our result, which corresponds to the symmetric components, has the same TKE values deduced from experiment. This is in some sense quite satisfactory as well as surprising if we consider the difference of excitation energy of the data (20MeV) and our calculation (300 MeV).
- This model has a capability to deduce excitation energy of each fragment, which is not the case in Langevin-type approaches. The results E* \sim A denotes equi temperature Fermi-gas scheme

Results from AMD calculation for $^{236}U(^{235}U + n)$

- 1. There seems to be no oscillation in the elongation direction at all even though the fact that the way we gave the initial condition is expected to result in strong oscillation. However, there do exist surface oscillation
- 2. This result is in contradiction to Langevin theory predictions, but in accord with TDHF and QMD results
- 3. We notice that neck is thicker than we expected, and particle exchange through the neck region seems to be quite important, which may result in rotation of fragments
- 4. Nuclear shape is quite complicated during fission, which is out of reach if we use only 3, 4 or 5 shape parameters (such as used in Langevin description). In this respect, description of nuclear fission by microscopy TDHF is is recognized to be very important

Nuclear friction by TDHF

 $i\hbar d/dt \varphi \downarrow i = h \downarrow i \varphi \downarrow i _\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum i \uparrow N = |\varphi \downarrow i| \uparrow 2$

₽=|∫↑ **#**rp(**r**)**dr** |



How to obtain friction coefficients

From the macroscopic e.o.m. for the center distance R



This is the average friction coefficients, which depends on collision energy

BF: Before Fusion AF: After Fission

Numbers in red characgers inducate γ/A at $E\downarrow cm/A = 7$ MeV

For 236 U (= 118 Pd + 118 Pd) system



Wall-and-Window friction is a (static and semiclassical) hydrodynamical result, whereas our results are purely dynamical and quantal ones, but they coincide quite well.



Possibility of describing ternary and quarterly fission by TDHF



Summary

- We have described 3 different dynamical approaches to nuclear fission currently studies at Tokyo Tech:
- 1. Dynamical description of fission by Langevin equation is explained
 - Calculations are performed for actinides to Fm region with both 3D and 4D versions, macro and micro transport coefficients
 - Mass and TKE distribution of fission fragments are reproduced with a high accuracy, including their systematical trends
 - With this degree of accuracy, this method can be considered to be one of the data production tool
- 2. Our first attempt to describe nuclear fission by AMD was described
 - Quite promising
 - Rotational angular momentum could be already derived to be finite
 - It can account for the extra spin which fission fragment has at the onset
- 3. TDHF approach was also described
 - to deduce nuclear friction from quantal dynamical model
 - possibility of describing ternary or quarterly fission

Thank you for your attention

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Nuclear Theories which can describe various aspects of fission





Time evolution of fission



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Nuclear elongation seems to evolve monotonically (not oscillatory) in semi-classical molecular dynamics. This is also seen in TDHF calculation by Bulgac et al. (Univ. Washington) Fission time scale ~ 10,000fm/c

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Binding energy/A of medium and heavy nuclei by AMD



Time evolution of <V> before (left) and after (right) scission



Essence of computational method

- Shape parametrization : Two-center model in 3 and 4 dimensions
- Potential energy -- macroscopic-microscopic method
 - Macroscopic part : Krappe-Nix (double-folded Yukawa model)
 - Microscopic part : two-center shell model or two-center Woods-Saxon model + Strutinsky + BCS
 - Excitation energy dependence of the shell damping : Ignatyuk or Randrup-Moeller prescription

• Transport coefficients

- Werner-Wheeler method for mass tensor (3D and 4D)
- Wall-and-Window model for friction tensor (3D and 4D)
- Linear response theory for microscopic mass and friction tensors (3D only) (Ivaniuk et al., JNST DOI: 10.1080/00223131.2015.1070111)

 $p(180MeV) + ^{27}JAl by AMD$



impact parameter:**0<b<6** force:**SLy4**



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 Xe + Sn at 50 MeV/u, 0 ≤ b ≤ 4 fm





