

### Theoretical challenges for chargeexchange experiments (with RI beams)



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**SeGA** 

S800 spectrograph

LENDA





 $LH<sub>2</sub>$  target

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- CE reactions at intermediate energies: a tool for extracting Gamow-Teller strengths
- Two recent results of CE experiments with RI beams – <sup>12</sup>Be(<sup>7</sup>Li,<sup>7</sup>Be)<sup>12</sup>B\* at 80 MeV/u
	- <sup>56</sup>Ni(p,n) reaction at 110 MeV/u (astrophysics)
- Theoretical challenges (focusing on GT strengths) – Reaction theory: study of  $(^{3}He,t)$  and  $(t,^{3}He)$  data
- Beyond Gamow-Teller strengths…

**General comment:** *RIBF/FRIB/FAIR generate RI beams at energies of 100's MeV/u. Highest intensities will be achieved near these energies. Developing/improving reaction theory for these energies is critical…*

### NSCL Charge-Exchange group program



#### **Nuclear Astrophysics**

- weak rates for late stellar evolution
- neutrino processes
- specific weak interactions for novae

#### **Nuclear structure**

- •Spin-isospin response
- test of structure models up to high excitation energies
- •Shell evolution
- Double beta decay

#### **Isovector giant resonances**

- macroscopic properties of nuclear matter (neutron-skin, EOS)
- microscopic descriptions high in the continuum

### CE reactions at intermediate energies: extraction of Gamow-Teller strengths

$$
\left.\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right|_{q=0}
$$

$$
= KN|J|^2 B(GT) = \hat{\sigma} \cdot B(GT)
$$

- single-step direct reaction
- governed by meson-exchange potentials
- K: kinematic factor N: distortion factor
- J: volume integral of effective interaction

 $=\hat{\sigma}$  B(GT)

 $(t^3$  He)

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$ (q=0)



In first order, there is no issue with  $\frac{A}{A}$  absolute normalization of the strengths and the extracted strengths are modelindependent.  $\hat{\sigma} \cdot B(GT)$   $\to \infty$  100*A*MeV and above<br>  $\cdot$  single-step direct reaction<br>
Calibrate unit cross section using<br>
transitions for which B(GT) is known fi<br>  $\beta$ -decay  $\to$  apply excitations for which<br>
B(GT)s are not known.<br>



- Charge-exchange reactions are isospintransfer reactions:  $\Delta T=1$  (isovector)
- charge-exchange probes (p,n) (n,p)  $(d,{}^{2}He)$  ( ${}^{3}He, t$ ) ( $t, {}^{3}He$ ) ( ${}^{7}Li, {}^{7}Be$ ), HICE  $(\pi^+,\pi^{\mathrm{o}})$   $(\pi^-, \pi^{\mathrm{o}})$ ...
- E~100 AMeV and above
	- Distortions/rescattering minimized
	- Spin-flip transitions dominate over nonspin-flip transitions

#### <sup>13</sup>C(t,<sup>3</sup>He)<sup>13</sup>B<sup>\*</sup> reaction: Gamow-Teller transitions



### Mg(3He,t) & 26Mg(t,3He)





#### CE in inverse kinematics with RI beams **Required**

- Measure excitation energy over 'wide' range
- Background free
- Ensure clean single-step CE reaction



(<sup>7</sup>Li,<sup>7</sup>Be) probe various (p,n) probe (d,<sup>2</sup>He)? Energy resolution? Angle resolution? Decay in flight?

Energy resolution? Decay in flight? Heavy nuclei?

various

 $(d,^2H)e$ ? Recoil escape target? Angle resolution Energy Resolution

### $(7Li,7Be+y)$  reaction in inverse kinematics

Detected and Momentum analyzed in Spectrometer Decay in flight – Doppler broadened  $\gamma$ 's detected in SeGA

<sup>34</sup>P<sub>34</sub>  $\rightarrow$  <sup>34</sup>P<sub>34</sub>

1587 keV  $\,\alpha$ +3He

 $7Li$ 

Decay 'at rest'  $-$  430 keV  $\gamma$  detected in SeGA Tag for charge-exchange reaction



 $7_{\text{Be}}$ First application  ${}^{34}P({}^{7}Li,{}^{7}Be) {}^{34}Si$ <sup>\*</sup> PRL 104, 212504 (2010)





### <sup>12</sup>B(<sup>7</sup>Li,<sup>7</sup>Be)<sup>12</sup>Be<sup>\*</sup> in inverse kinematics R. Meharchand et al.



## DWBA – Most Complicated Case

 ${}^{12}B(g.s.,1^{+}) \rightarrow {}^{12}Be(2.11 \text{ MeV},2^{+}), {}^{7}Li(g.s.,3/2^{+}) \rightarrow {}^{7}Be(g.s.,3/2^{-})$ 

**Both target and projectile have complex structures: many contributions to the total cross section.**

**It works because under the experimental conditions, a few are dominant.**



## Structure studies

•The *ratio* of B(GT) for the 0<sup>+</sup> states is a sensitive probe of the *p*component of wave-function (<sup>12</sup>B is predominantly p-shell)

• The ratio of  $B(GT)$  is very sensitive to the p-sd shell gap in  $^{12}Be$ 





#### Gamow-Teller transition strengths from <sup>56</sup>Ni/<sup>55</sup>Co via the <sup>56</sup>Ni,<sup>55</sup>Co(p,n) reaction in inverse kinematics





**Veutron Energy (MeV)** 

M. Sasano, G. Perdikakis, R.G.T. Zegers et al.



**Low Energy Neutron Detector Array (LENDA)**

- •Neutron->all necessary kinematic information **S800 spectrometer**
- •Only used for tagging CE reaction **Liquid Hydrogen Target (Ursinus) In-beam Diamond detector**
- •Neutron-TOF reference
- •PID S800

#### GT strengths from <sup>56</sup>Ni(p,n) at 110 MeV/u



Differential cross section measured for  $\Delta L=0$  excitations and the comparison with DWIA calculations.  $55Co(g.s.)(p,n)$ <sup>55</sup>Ni(g.s.) reaction used to calibrate the unit cross section



Difference between KB3G and GXPF1A:

- KB3G weaker spin-orbit and pn-residual interactions
- KB3G lower level density

### IVSGMR 150Sm(t, 3He) at 115 MeV/u

 $\theta_{\text{c.m}}$ <sup>(3</sup>He)=0-1<sup>°</sup>

 $\Delta L = 2$ 

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 $(a)$ 

data

Carol Guess et al.

PRC 83, 064318 (2011)



~100% of NEWSR for IVSGMR

## Reaction Theory

$$
\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{q=0} = KN|J|^2 B(GT) = \hat{\sigma} \cdot B(GT)
$$

- "Assumes" factorization is possible
- Eikonal approximation for distortion factor
- For  $(p,n)/(n,p)$  reactions:
	- Distorted-Wave Impulse Approximation -DW81
	- **Love-Franey NN interaction-1980's**
	- Exact treatment of exchange
	- Global optical potentials
	- Probes interior less susceptible to surface effects

T.N. Taddeucci et al. NPA 469, 125 (1987)





 $T.N.$  Taddeucci et al.  $/$  The  $(p, n)$  reaction



## Composite probes

- For studying stable nuclei: improved resolutions... (d,<sup>2</sup>He),  $(3He, t)$ ,  $(t, 3He)$
- For studying unstable nuclei: (n,p) not available…composite probes must be used
- Heavy-Ion charge exchange: new unstable probes with specific selectivities (spin and/or isospin selectivity)

#### **Commonly used codes (all freely available):**

- ACCBA: $(d, ^2He) (Okamura)$
- **FOLD: other composite probes F. Petrovich, J.Cook/J. Carr, Zegers/Fracasso/Colo**
- DW81 [with simplified interaction], Raynal, Comfort.

## Note:

- We could extract much more information from the data if we could accurately calculate absolute cross section. This holds for GT as well as other excitations.
- forbidden (dipole) transitions
- giant resonances

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#### **dipole transitions from <sup>13</sup>C to <sup>13</sup>B via (t,<sup>3</sup>He) at 115 MeV/u**



- Cross sections for GT transitions are over-predicted by about 30%
- Quenching factor for GT strength for A=13 ~ 0.65

•**If** theoretical cross sections for dipole transitions are too high by 30% as well, the data suggest a similar quenching for dipole transitions as for GT transitions

### Basic formalism  $T_{fi} = \langle \chi^+_f(\vec{k_f}, \vec{R'}) | F(\vec{R'}) | \chi^-_i(\vec{k_i}, \vec{R'}) \rangle$  $F(\vec{R'}) =$ **Structure part: 1p-1h one-body transition densities**  $\sum_{j_1j_2m_1m_2t_{z_1}}\left[<\Phi^{M_f}_{J_f}\phi^{M'_fM^{T'}_f}_{J'_fT'_f}\mid a^\dagger_{j_2m_2t_{z_2}}a_{j_1m_1t_{z_1}}c^\dagger_{m'_{j_2}t'_{z_2}}c_{m'_{j_1}t'_{z_1}}\mid\Phi^{M_i}_{J_i}\phi^{M'_iM^{T'}_i}_{J'_iT'_i}>\right>\times$  $<\phi_{j_2m_2t_{z_2}}(\vec{r_1})\phi_{m'_{j_2}t'_{z_2}}$  |  $V_{eff}$  |  $\phi_{j_1m_1t_{z_1}}(\vec{r_1})\phi_{m'_{j_1}t'_{z_1}}$  >],

**Double-folding of NN interaction over projectile & target transition densities**

$$
V_{12}(r) = V_0(r) + V_\sigma(r)\vec{\sigma_1} \cdot \vec{\sigma_2} + V_\tau(r)\vec{\tau_1} \cdot \vec{\tau_2} + V_{\sigma\tau}(r)(\vec{\sigma_1} \cdot \vec{\sigma_2}) \cdot (\vec{\tau_1} \cdot \vec{\tau_2}) + V_{LS}(r)(\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}) + V_{LS}\tau(\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}) \cdot (\vec{\tau_1} \cdot \vec{\tau_2}) + V_T(r)S_{12} + V_{T\tau}(r)S_{12}(\vec{\tau_1} \cdot \vec{\tau_2}),
$$

**Love-Franey interaction –energy dependent t -matrix**

 $(k_A)$ "<br>⊖  $(q)$  $~\tilde{}~$  $t_{NN} = \breve{V}(q) + \breve{V}(k_{_A})$  Exchange contribution –destructive **Short-range approximation is used: known to overestimate Cross section (Udagawa et el.)**

#### Study of  $(t,3He)$  &  $(3He,t)$  at 115-140 MeV/u PRL 99, 202501 (2007) / Phys. Rev. C 83, 054614 (2011)

• Significant amount of data available from studies at RCNP ( ${}^{3}$ He,t) and NSCL ( $t, {}^{3}$ He)



### Unit cross section vs mass number



$$
\left[\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(q=0)\right]_{GT}=KN^D|J_{\sigma\tau}|^2B(GT)
$$



$$
\left[\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(q=0)\right]_{GT} = KN^D|J_{\sigma\tau}|^2B(GT)
$$



$$
N^{D} = \frac{\left[\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(q=0)\right]_{\text{DWBA}}}{\left[\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(q=0)\right]_{\text{PWBA}}}
$$

- •Local deviations? •Rare isotopes?
- Error is estimated at approximately 10%

$$
\left[\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(q=0)\right]_{GT} = KN^D|J_{\sigma\tau}|^2B(GT)
$$



#### **J: volume integral of NN-interaction**





## Effect of tensor interaction

$$
V_{12}(r) = V_0(r) + V_\sigma(r)\vec{\sigma_1} \cdot \vec{\sigma_2} + V_\tau(r)\vec{\tau_1} \cdot \vec{\tau_2} + V_{\sigma\tau}(r)(\vec{\sigma_1} \cdot \vec{\sigma_2}) \cdot (\vec{\tau_1} \cdot \vec{\tau_2}) + V_{LS}(r)(\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}) + V_{LS}\tau(\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}) \cdot (\vec{\tau_1} \cdot \vec{\tau_2}) + \text{central term}
$$
  
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$$
V_T(r)S_{12} + V_{T\tau}(r)S_{12}(\vec{\tau_1} \cdot \vec{\tau_2})
$$
non-central term

$$
S_{12}=\frac{(\vec{\sigma_1}\cdot\vec{r})(\vec{\sigma_2}\cdot\vec{r})}{r^2}-\vec{\sigma_1}\cdot\vec{\sigma_2}.
$$

 $0^+$   $\rightarrow$  1<sup>+</sup> transition  $\Delta L=0$   $\Delta S=1$   $\Delta J=1$  Gamow-Teller component: formfactor 1  $\Delta L=2 \Delta S=1 \Delta J=1$  Quadrupole component: formfactor 2

Interference through tensor interaction: the  $\Delta L=0$  component can be modified significantly without changing the angular distributions at forward angles strongly.

Data from <sup>26</sup>Mg(<sup>3</sup>He,t) – 4 transitions with known β-decay strengths

$E_{x}$ ( <sup>26</sup> AI)	$B(GT)_{\beta}$	$d\sigma/d\Omega(0^{\circ})(3He,t)$	$d\sigma/d\Omega(0^{\circ})/B(GT)_{\beta}$
1.06 MeV	1.098	$13.9 \pm 0.3$	$12.7 \pm 0.3$
1.85 MeV	0.536	$6.7 \pm 0.2$	$12.5 \pm 0.4$
2.07 MeV	0.091	$1.45 \pm 0.03$	$15.9 \pm 0.3$
2.74 MeV	0.113	$1.5 \pm 0.03$	$13.27 \pm 0.3$



theoretical study in DWBA in which the theoretical cross section is treated as data

Effects hard to determine on a state-by-state basis: requires Accurate structure input<br>Phys. Rev. C  $74$ , 024309 (2006).

**A problem if the transition used for calibrating the unit cross section is strongly affected by the tensor, or if high (<10%) is required for a particular transitions.**

# Beyond GT transitions

- Proportionality for non-GT excitations?
- If proportionality is not generally valid for non-GT transitions, we need to be able to calculate accurate cross sections so we can draw conclusions on strength exhaustion etc.
- Transitions in the continuum? (DWBA requires bound single particle orbitals)

->input transition densities directly

### Survey of GT strengths in pf-shell (experimental and theoretical)



<sup>a</sup> Using  $T_$  transitions and applying isospin symmetry (see text)

<sup>b</sup> Shell-model calculations were performed in truncated model space (see text).

A.L. Cole, R.G.T. Zegers et al., to be published

(n,p) data – from TRIUMF and RCNP experiments (d,<sup>2</sup>He) data – from KVI experiments  $(t,3$ He) data – from NSCL experiment (p,n) data – IUCF experiments

QRPA: S. Gupta/ P. Möller KB3G: A. Poves et al. GXPF1a: Honma et al. Shell-model calculations with NuShellx Mostly in full fp model space





<sup>64</sup>Zn

(d,<sup>2</sup>He)





Systematic comparison between experimental and theoretical weak reaction rates in stellar evolution

- Low-resolution data is suitable for testing Gamow-Teller strengths but not for extracting EC rates
- Both shell-model calculation do about equally well: KB3G (GXPF1a) better at low (high) density.
- QRPA calculations gives large deviations



EC rate relative to EC rate(KB3G)



## Wish list for reaction theory

- Improved/up-to-date NN interaction that can be used in DWBA codes
- Improved DWBA codes that can deal with exchange contributions for composite probes
- Theoretical optical potentials benchmark with few experimental data
- Improved structure input for nuclei beyond pfshell and for non-GT interactions: important for weak reaction rates in astrophysics, double beta decay, giant resonances

• …

## Backup slides

### Unit cross sections



### Love-Franey interaction



 $t_{\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau} \left( t^{SE} - 3t^{TE} - t^{SO} + 3t^{TO} \right)$  $\mathbf{f}_\tau = \frac{1}{16} \left( t^{SE} - 3t^{TE} - t^{SO} + 3t^{TO} \right)$  short-range arising from  $\rho$ -meson and  $2\pi$  exchange

$$
t_{\sigma\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau\epsilon} \left( -t^{SE} - t^{TE} + t^{SO} + t^{TO} \right)
$$
 long-range arising from  $\pi$  exchange (OPEP)

mediates Fermi mediates Gamow-Teller

$$
V_{eff}(r) = \left(\frac{V_{\tau}Y(r/R_{\tau}) + V_{\sigma\tau}Y(r/R_{\sigma\tau})(\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2)}{+V_{LS\tau}Y(r/R_{LS\tau})\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} + V_{T\tau}r^2Y(r/R_{T\tau})S_{12}|\vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2}\right)
$$

 $\left\{ -t^{TNE}+t^{TNO}\right\}$ 

 $t_{T\tau} = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ -t^{TNE} + t \right\}$ 

4

τ

 $\sigma\tau$ 

1

16

1

16

1

 $Y(r/R) = e^{-r/R}/(r/R)$  Yukawa

36

## exchange terms

part of nn-interaction we have seen before

 $\rightarrow$  exchange term

 $(k_A)$ 

 $\tilde{\widetilde{\phantom{a}}}\hspace{0.1cm}$ 

 $(q)$ 

 $t_{NN} = V(q) + V(k_A)$ 

 $\tilde{\vec{r}}$ 

- The exchange term is due to antisymmetrization of the DWBA formalism, I.e. taking into account we can exchange particles between target and projectile
- $k_A$ : momentum transfer needed to stop the projectile nucleon
- the exchange terms oppose the normal terms and lead to reduction of the amplitude
- calculation is complex and usually a short-range pseudo potential is used instead of doing the full **calculation**
- this approximation tends to lead to overprediction of the cross section