# TDHF Calculations of <sup>238</sup>U+<sup>232</sup>Th

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- Super heavy elements have been synthesized from heavy element fusion which has resulted in neutron poor super heavy elements.
- Multinucleon transfer is explored to synthesize more neutron rich super heavy elements.
- TDHF is used to simulate the reaction <sup>238</sup>U+<sup>232</sup>Th to study multinucleon transfer of heavy elements.

## Background

Multinucleon transfer:

- Multinucleon transfer is when nuclei interact, exchange nucleons, and separate as different nuclei.
- Quasi fission is when nuclei exchange nucleons with mass flow from the large nuclei to the smaller nuclei
- Inverse quasi fission is when mass flow is from the smaller nuclei to the heavier nuclei.
- Energies close to the coulomb barrier.



### Background

Time Dependent Hartree-Fock (TDHF):

- TDHF is a microscopic model
- TDHF generates boundaries for the reaction.
- This is used to study reactions from central to peripheral collisions.
- <sup>238</sup>U and <sup>232</sup>Th are both deformed nuclei
  - Studying 3 cases.
  - Resulting in 9 different orientation.



Example reaction:

- U and Th come into contact
- Neck forms and nucleons transfer
- The nuclei rotate to conserve angular momentum
- Separate as two new nuclei



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![](_page_7_Figure_1.jpeg)

- The reaction is consider to be in contact when the neck density is > 0.016 u/fm<sup>3</sup>.
- Various combinations of orientations.
- Longest time approximately 2.2 zs or 650 fm/c
- The orientations have a large impact on the reactions.

Mass U Fragment

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Angular momentum  $\hbar$ 

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Angular momentum  $\hbar$ 

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Angular momentum  $\hbar$ 

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### Proton

Exit angle vs mass 180 160 140 Θ<sub>c.m.</sub> 120 Angle 0 80 80 80 60 U fragment 40 Increasing Angular 20 momentum 0 240 255 210 215 220 225 230 235 245 250 260 Mass

уу

yz

ZX

XZ

ух

ху

XX

ZZ

zy

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### Conclusion

- Resulting fragments depend on orientations of the starting reactants.
- Reactions show the greatest transfer of nucleons occur at the lowest angular momenta.
- Products show greatest mass transfer of 17 nucleons , 11 neutrons, 6 protons.
- TDHF gives expectation values.

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