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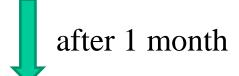
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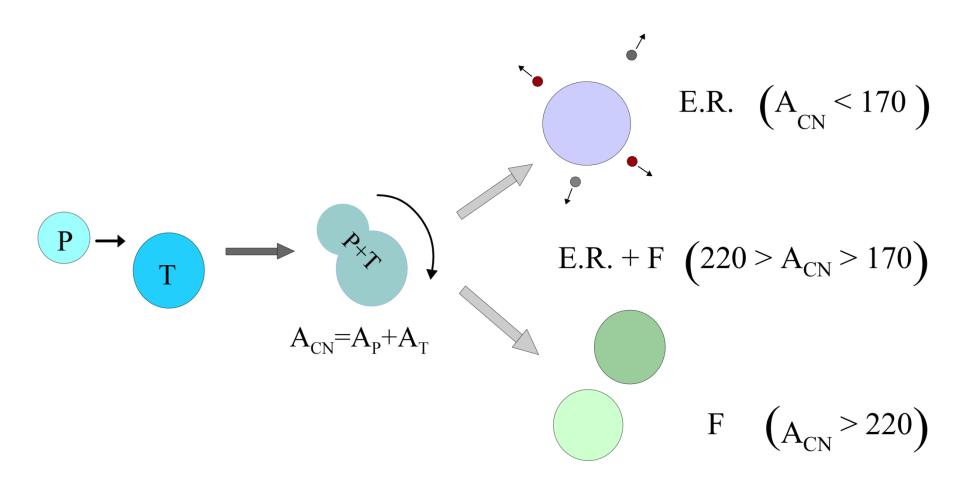


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- ♦Fusion reactions and quantum tunneling
- **♦**Basics of the Coupled-channels method
- ♦ Concept of Fusion barrier distribution
- ♦ Quasi-elastic scattering and quantum reflection

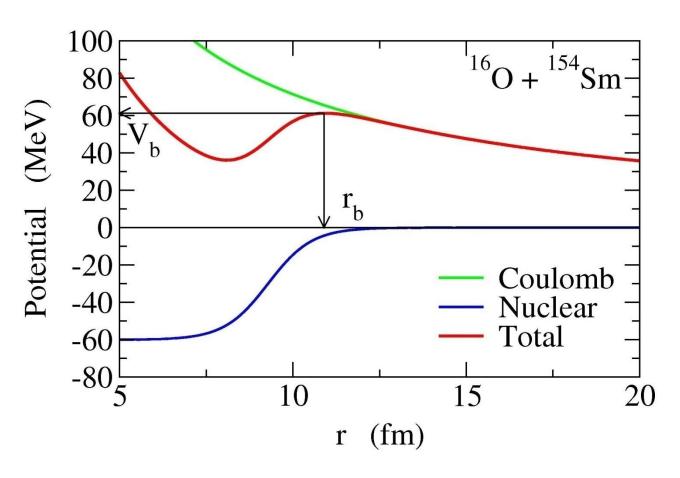
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Fusion: compound nucleus formation



courtesy: Felipe Canto

Inter-nucleus potential



- Two forces:
- 1. Coulomb force Long range, repulsive
- 2. Nuclear force
 Short range,
 attractive

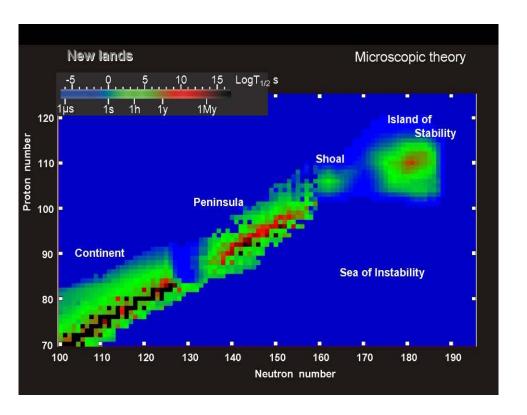


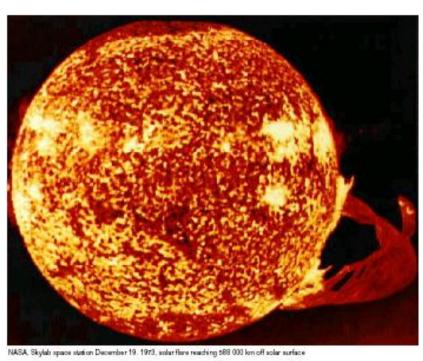
Potential barrier due to the compensation between the two (Coulomb barrier)

- •above barrier
- •sub-barrier
- deep subbarrier

Why subbarrier fusion?

Two obvious reasons:





discovering new elements (SHE by cold fusion reactions)

nuclear astrophysics (fusion in stars)

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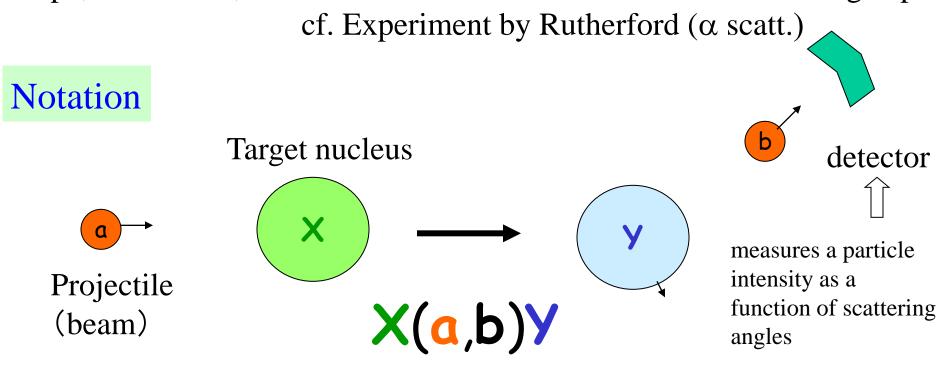
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Other reasons:

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✓ reaction mechanism
strong interplay between reaction and structure
(channel coupling effects)
cf. high E reactions: much simpler reaction mechanism
✓ many-particle tunneling
cf. alpha decay: fixed energy
tunneling in atomic collision: less variety of intrinsic motions
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Basic of nuclear reactions

Shape, interaction, and excitation structures of nuclei scattering expt. cf. Experiment by Rutherford (α scatt.)



²⁰⁸Pb(¹⁶O, ¹⁶O)²⁰⁸Pb ²⁰⁸Pb(¹⁶O, ¹⁶O',)²⁰⁸Pb ²⁰⁸Pb(¹⁷O, ¹⁶O)²⁰⁹Pb

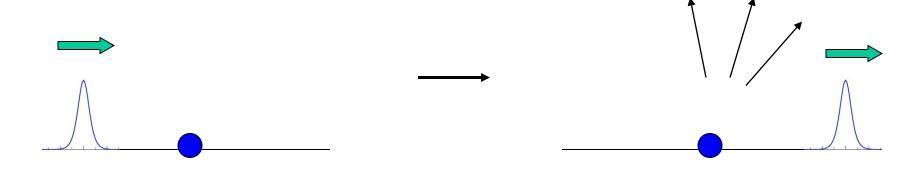
: ¹⁶O+²⁰⁸Pb elastic scattering

: ¹⁶O+²⁰⁸Pb inelastic scattering

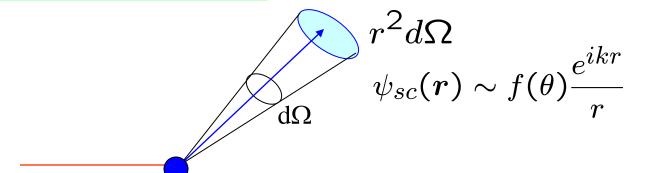
: 1 neutron transfer reaction

Scattering Amplitude

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + f(\theta)\frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$
=(incident wave) + (scattering wave)



Differential cross section



The number of scattered particle through the solid angle of d Ω per unit time: $N_{\rm Scatt} = j_{sc} \cdot e_r \, r^2 d\Omega$

$$j_{sc} = \frac{\hbar}{2im} \left[\psi_{sc}^* \nabla \psi_{sc} - c.c. \right] \sim \frac{k\hbar}{m} \frac{|f(\theta)|^2}{r^2} e_r$$
(flux for the scatt. wave)



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta)|^2$$

Scattering Amplitude partial wave decomposition



Motion of Free particle: $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\psi = E\psi = \frac{k^2\hbar^2}{2m}\psi$

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) i^l j_l(kr) P_l(\cos\theta)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{i}{2kr} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) i^l \left[e^{-i(kr-l\pi/2)} - e^{i(kr-l\pi/2)} \right] P_l(\cos\theta)$$

In the presence of a potential:
$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(r) - E \right] \psi = 0$$

Asymptotic form of wave function

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \frac{i}{2kr} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1)i^{l} \left[e^{-i(kr-l\pi/2)} - S_{l} e^{i(kr-l\pi/2)} \right] P_{l}(\cos\theta)$$

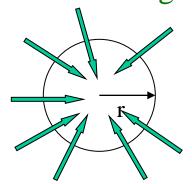
$$= e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \left[\sum_{l} (2l+1) \frac{S_{l}-1}{2ik} P_{l}(\cos\theta) \right] \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

 $f(\theta)$ (scattering amplitude)

(note)

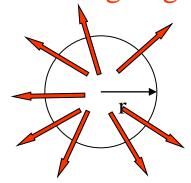
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Total incoming flux



$$j_{\text{in}}^{\text{net}} = \frac{k\hbar}{m} \cdot \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)$$

Total outgoing flux



$$j_{\text{out}}^{\text{net}} = \frac{k\hbar}{m} \cdot \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)|S_l|^2$$

If only elastic scattering:

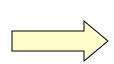
$$|S_l| = 1$$
 (flux conservation)

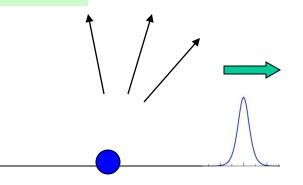
$$S_l = e^{2i\delta_l}$$
 δ_l : phase shift

Optical potential and Absorption cross section

Reaction processes

- >Elastic scatt.
- >Inelastic scatt.
- >Transfer reaction
- ➤ Compound nucleus formation (fusion)





Loss of incident flux (absorption)

Optical potential

$$V_{\text{opt}}(r) = V(r) - iW(r)$$
 $(W > 0)$

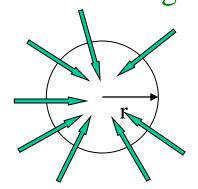
$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{j} = \cdots = -\frac{2}{\hbar} W |\psi|^2$$

(note) Gauss's law

$$\int_{S} \boldsymbol{j} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \, dS = \int_{V} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{j} \, dV$$

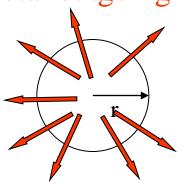
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Net flux loss:
$$j_{\text{in}}^{\text{net}} - j_{\text{out}}^{\text{net}} = \frac{k\hbar}{m} \cdot \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)(1-|S_l|^2)$$

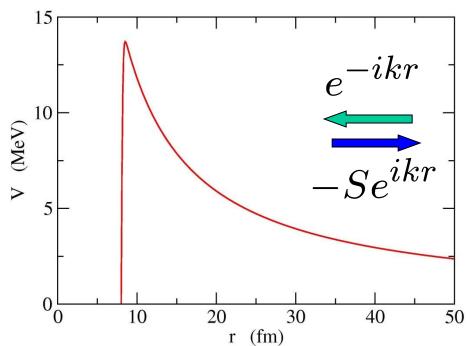


Absorption cross section:

$$\sigma_{\text{abs}} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)(1-|S_l|^2)$$

In the case of three-dimensional spherical potential:

$$\psi(r) \to \frac{i}{2k} \sum_{l} (2l+1) i^{l} \frac{1}{r} \left[e^{-i(kr-l\pi/2)} - S_{l} e^{i(kr-l\pi/2)} \right] P_{l}(\cos\theta)$$

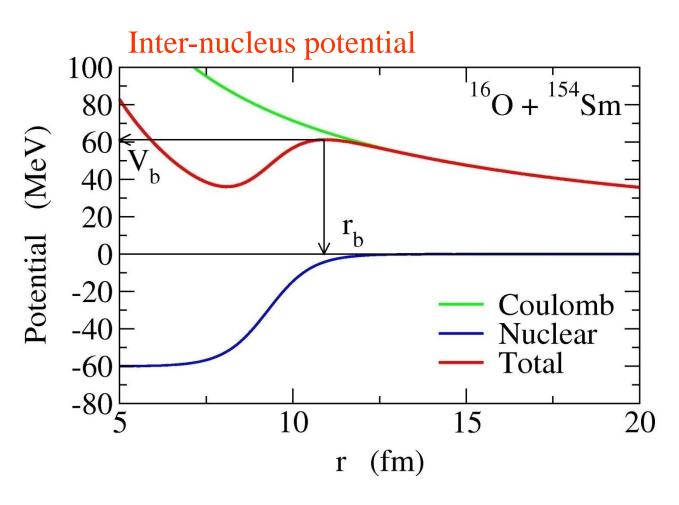


 $-S_l \sim R$ (reflection coeff.) $\longrightarrow P = |T|^2 = 1 - |S_l|^2$

$$\sigma_{\text{abs}} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)(1-|S_l|^2) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1)P_l$$

Overview of heavy-ion reactions

Heavy-ion: Nuclei heavier than ⁴He



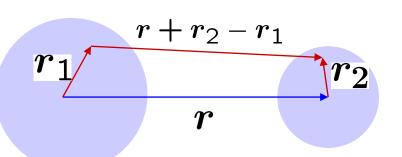
Two forces:

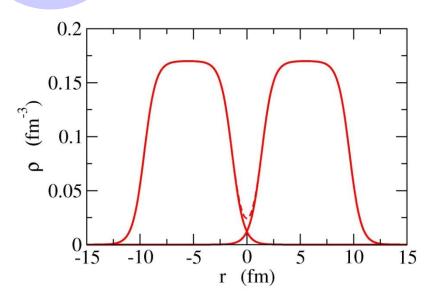
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Potential barrier due to the compensation between these two (Coulomb barrier)

• Double Folding Potential





$$V_{DF}(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \rho_1(\mathbf{r}_1) \rho_2(\mathbf{r}_2)$$
$$\times v_{nn}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)$$

cf. Michigan 3 range Yukawa (M3Y) interaction

$$v_{nn}(r) = 7999 \frac{e^{-4r}}{4r} - 2134 \frac{e^{-2.5r}}{2.5r} -276 \delta(r)$$
 (MeV)

$$\rho(r) \sim \frac{\rho_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_d)/a_d]}$$

• Phenomenological potential

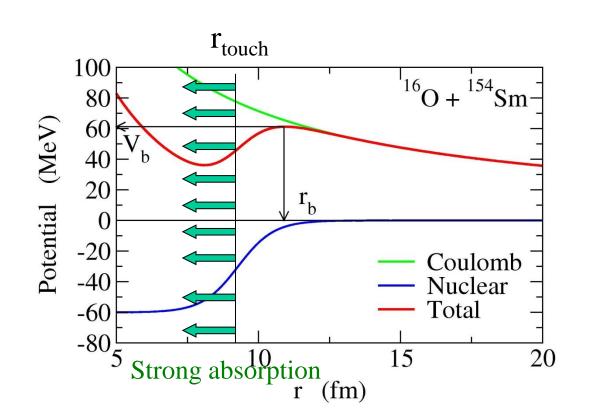
$$V_{WS}(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0)/a]}$$

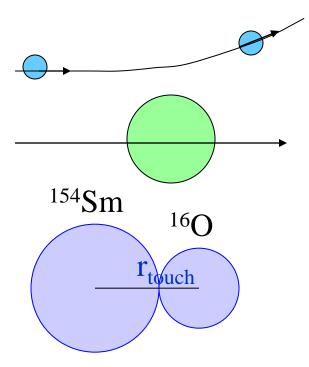
 $a_d \sim 0.54$ (fm)

 $a \sim 0.63$ (fm)

Three important features of heavy-ion reactions

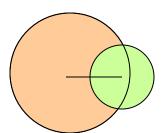
- 1. Coulomb interaction: important
- 2. Reduced mass: large (semi-) classical picture $\mu = m_T m_P / (m_T + m_P)$ concept of trajectory
- 3. Strong absorption inside the Coul. barrier





Automatic compound nucleus formation once touched (assumption of strong absorption)

the region of large overlap



- •High level density (CN)
- •Huge number of d.o.f.

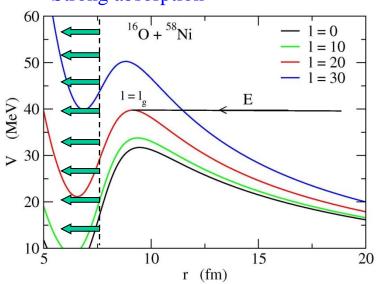


Relative energy is quickly lost and converted to internal energy



Formation of hot CN (fusion reaction)

Strong absorption



 $l < l_g$: can access to the strong absorption

 $l \ge l_g$: cannot access cassically

Partial decomposition of reaction cross section

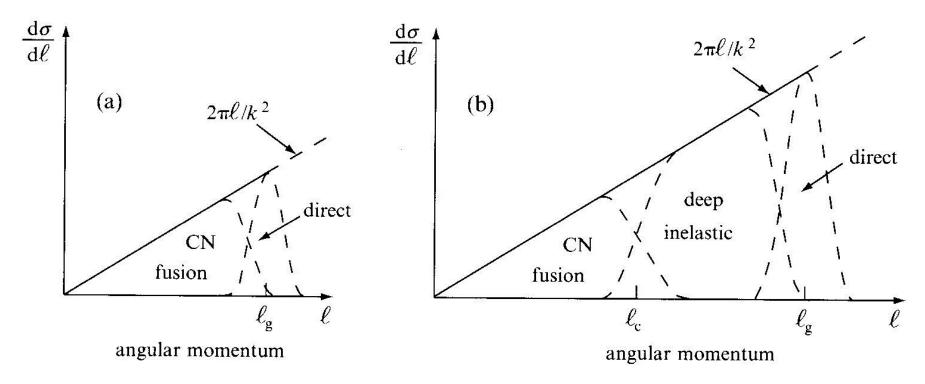
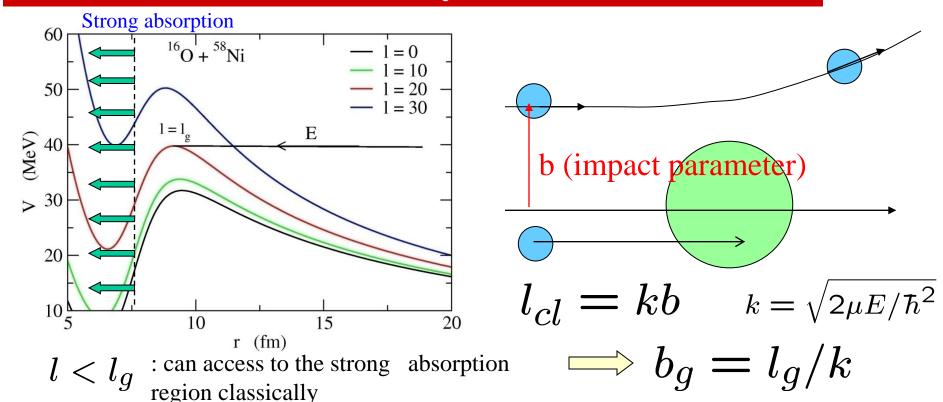


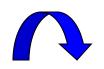
Figure 4.18 Schematic decomposition of the total heavy-ion reaction cross section into contributions from different partial waves when (a) the grazing angular momentum (quantum number ℓ_g) is below the critical angular momentum (quantum number ℓ_c) that can be carried by the compound nucleus, and (b) when ℓ_g exceeds ℓ_c . In both (a) and (b) the straight line is obtained from Equation (4.3) and the dashed areas indicate regions in which different types of heavy-ion nuclear reaction mechanisms predominate.

Classical Model for heavy-ion fusion reactions



$$\sigma^{cl} = 2\pi \int_0^{b_g} b \, db = \pi \, b_g^2$$

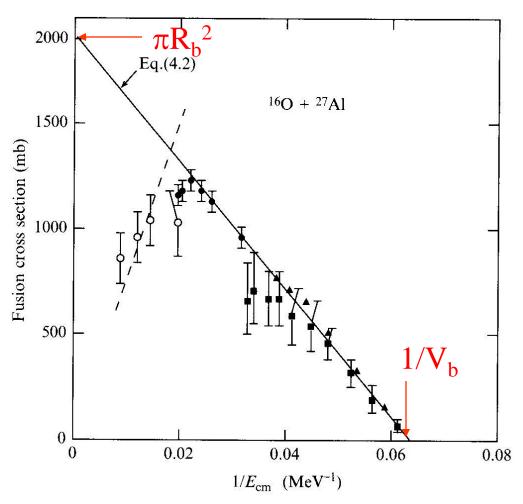
$$V_b + \frac{(kb_g)^2 \hbar^2}{2\mu R_b^2} = E$$



$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}^{cl}(E) = \pi R_b^2 \left(1 - \frac{V_b}{E} \right)$$

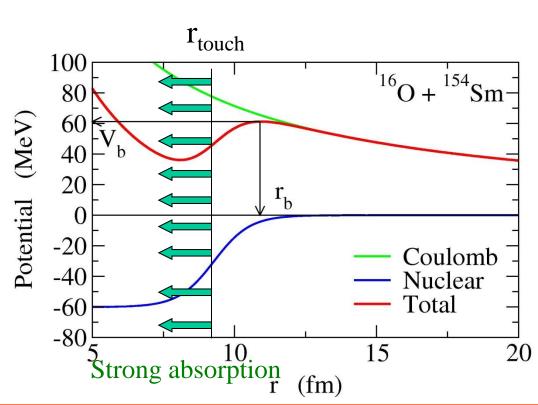
$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}^{cl}(E) = \pi R_b^2 \left(1 - \frac{V_b}{E} \right)$$

 \longrightarrow Classical fusion cross section is proportional to 1/E



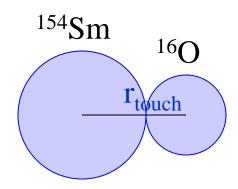
Taken from J.S. Lilley, "Nuclear Physics"

Fusion reaction and Quantum Tunneling



$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l + 1) P_l(E)$$

Fusion takes place by quantum tunneling at low energies!



Automatic CN formation once touched (assumption of strong absorption)



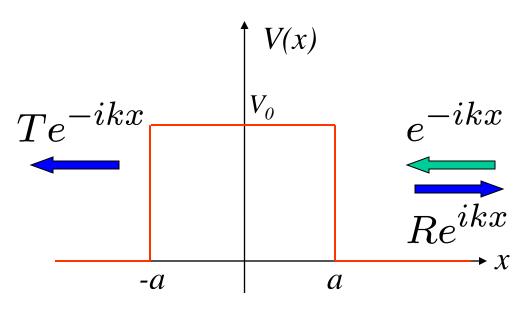
Probability of fusion

= prob. to access to r_{touch}



Penetrability of barrier

Quantum Tunneling Phenomena



$$\psi(x) = T e^{-ikx} \qquad (x \le -a)$$

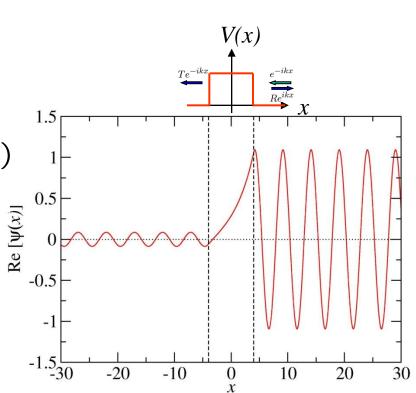
$$= A e^{-\kappa x} + B e^{\kappa x} \quad (-a < x < a)$$

$$= e^{-ikx} + R e^{ikx} \quad (x \ge a)$$

$$k = \sqrt{2mE/\hbar^2}$$

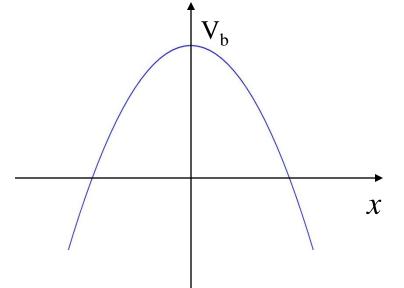
$$\kappa = \sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)/\hbar^2}$$

Tunnel probability: $P(E) = |T|^2$

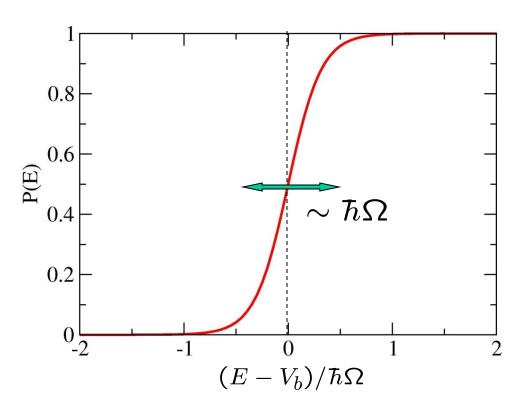


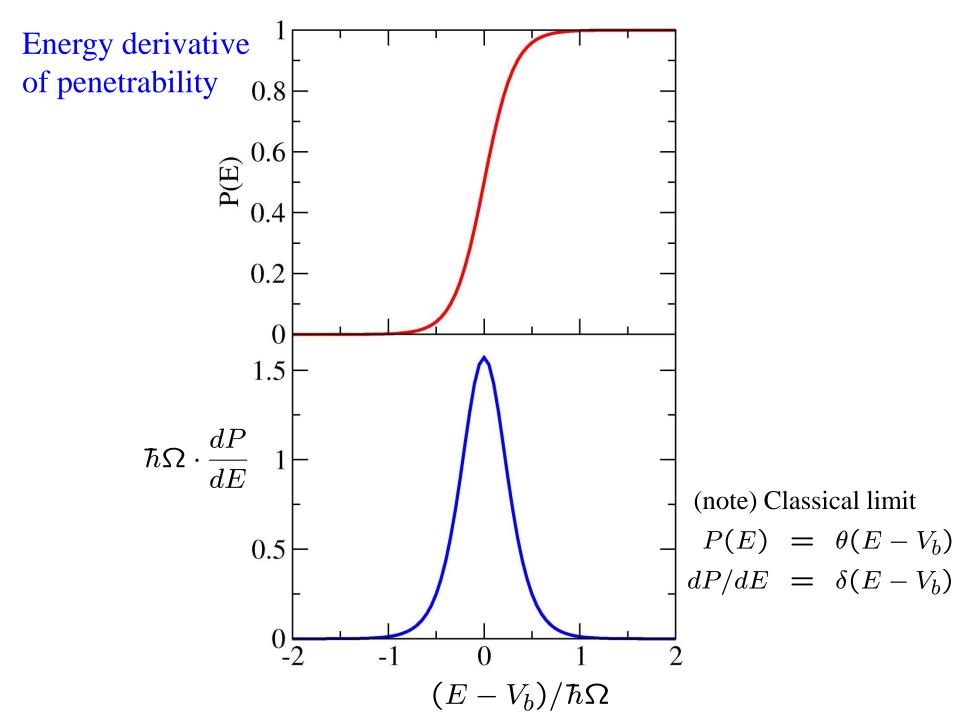
For a parabolic barrier.....

$$V(x) = V_b - \frac{1}{2}m\Omega^2 x^2$$



$$P(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left[\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(V_b - E)\right]}$$





Potential Model: its success and failure

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + V(r) + \frac{l(l+1)^2}{2\mu r^2} - E \right] u_l(r) = 0$$

Asymptotic boundary condition: $u_l(r) \to H_l^{(-)}(kr) - S_l H_l^{(+)}(kr)$

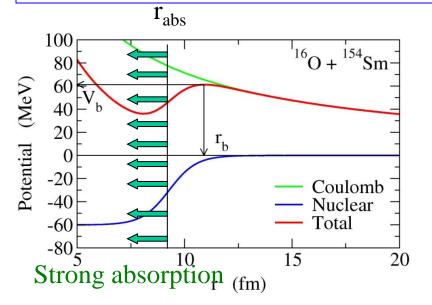


Fusion cross section:

Mean angular mom. of CN:

$$\sigma_{\text{fus}} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1) P_l$$

$$\langle l \rangle = \frac{\sum_{l} l(2l+1)P_{l}}{\sum_{l} (2l+1)P_{l}}$$



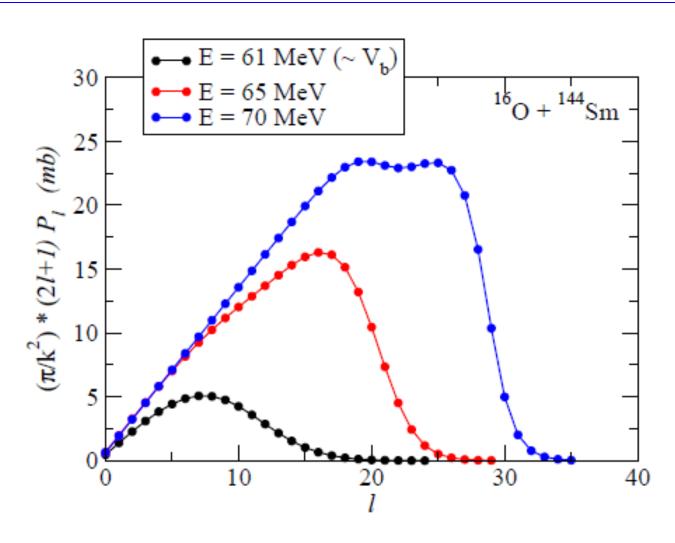
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Wong's formula

C.Y. Wong, Phys. Rev. Lett. 31 ('73)766

$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1) P_l(E)$$

i) Approximate the Coul. barrier by a parabola: $V(r) \sim V_b - \frac{1}{2}\mu\Omega^2 r^2$

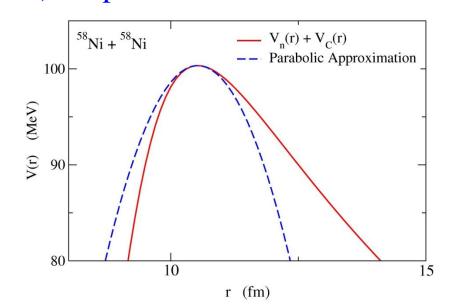
$$P_0(E) = 1 / \left(1 + \exp \left[\frac{2\pi}{\hbar \Omega} (V_b - E) \right] \right)$$

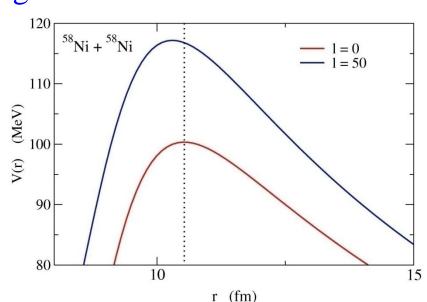
ii) Approximate P_1 by P_0 :

$$P_l(E) \sim P_0 \left(E - \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu R_b^2} \right)$$

(assume *l*-independent Rb and curvature)

iii) Replace the sum of l with an integral





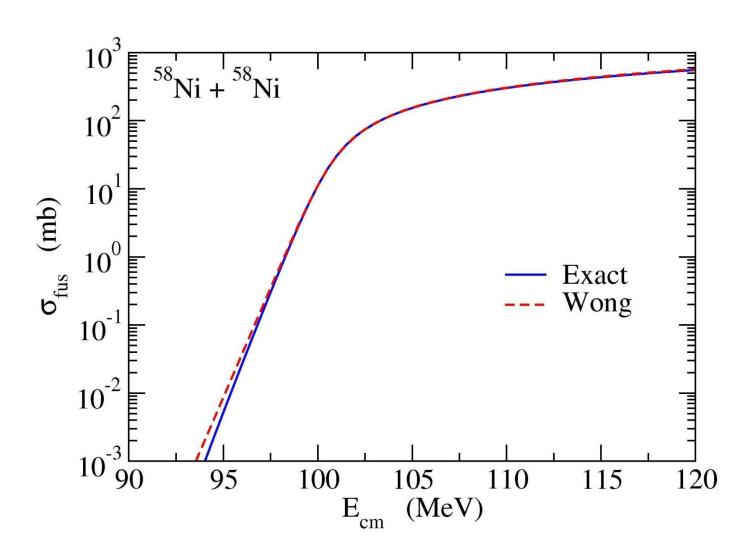
$$\sigma_{\rm fus}(E) = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2E} R_b^2 \log \left[1 + \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(E - V_b)\right) \right]$$

(note) For
$$E \gg V_b$$
 $1 \ll \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(E - V_b)\right)$ $\sigma_{\text{fus}}(E) \sim \pi R_b^2 \left(1 - \frac{V_b}{E}\right) = \sigma_{\text{fus}}^{cl}(E)$

(note)

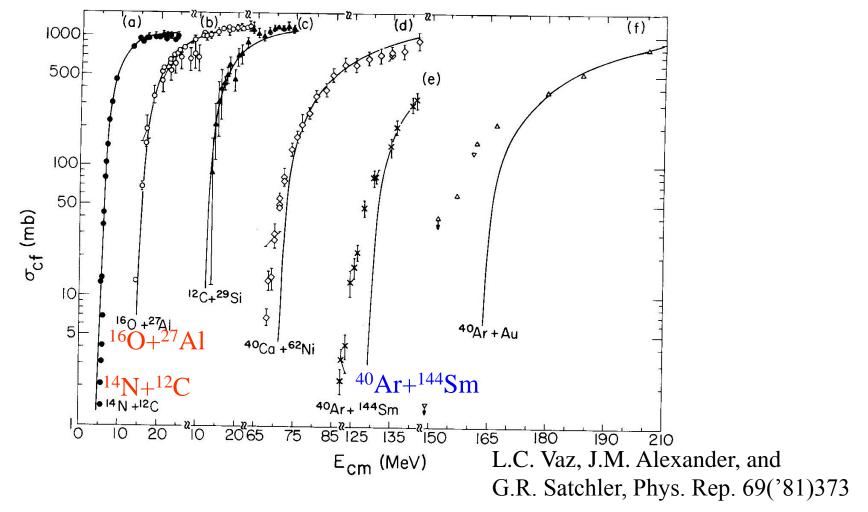
$$\frac{d(E\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}})}{dE} = \frac{\pi R_b^2}{1 + \exp\left[\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(V_b - E)\right]} = \pi R_b^2 \cdot P_{l=0}(E)$$

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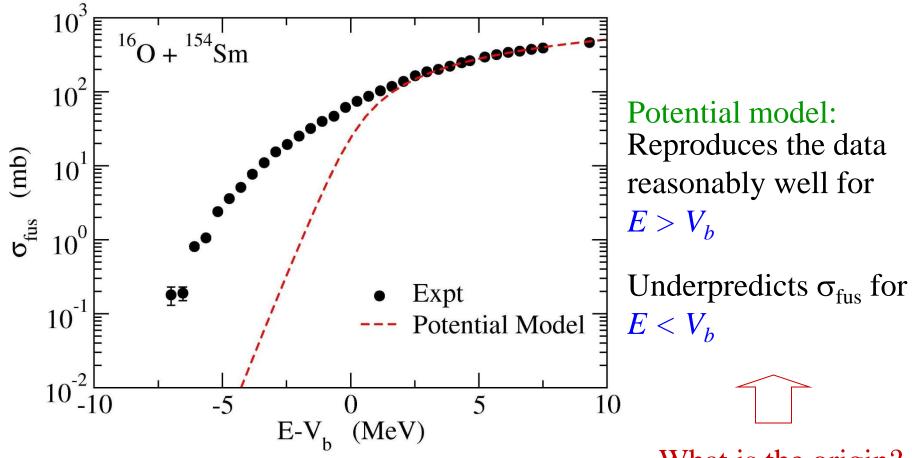


Comparison between prediction of pot. model with expt. data

Fusion cross sections calculated with a static energy independent potential



- ➤ Works well for relatively light systems
- \triangleright Underpredicts σ_{fus} for heavy systems at low energies



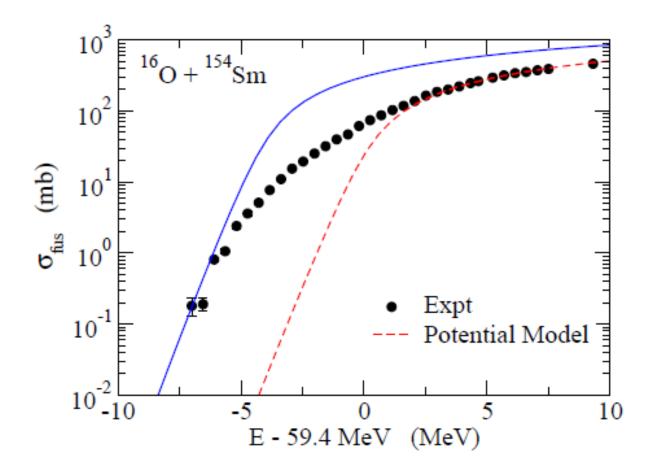
Data: J.R. Leigh et al., PRC52('95)3151

cf. seminal work:

R.G. Stokstad et al., PRL41('78)465 PRC21('80)2427 What is the origin?

Inter-nuclear Potential is poorly parametrized? Other origins?

With a deeper nuclear potential (but still within a potential model).....

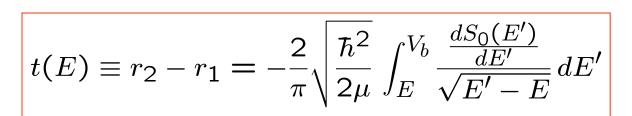


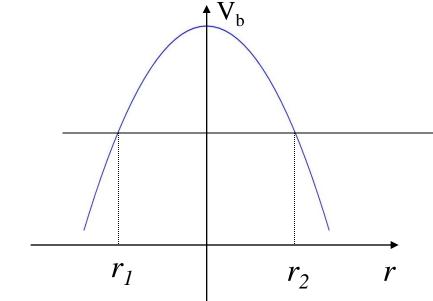
Potential Inversion

$$P_0(E) = \frac{1}{\pi R_b^2} \frac{d(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE}$$

(note)

$$P_0(E) = 1/[1 + S_0(E)], \quad S_0(E) = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} dr \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2}} (V(r) - E)$$

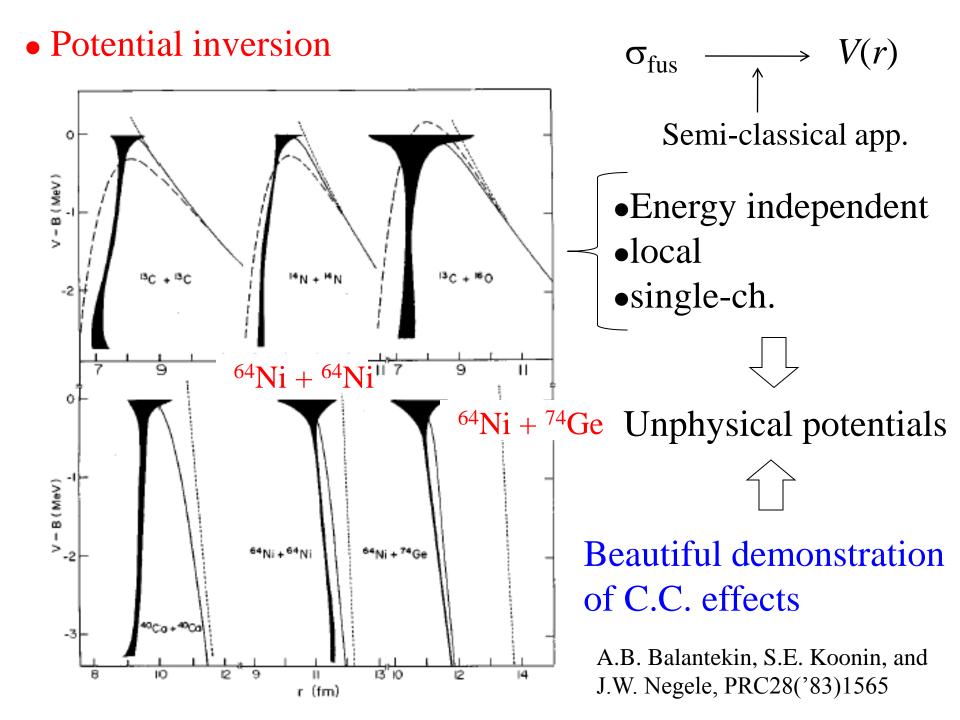




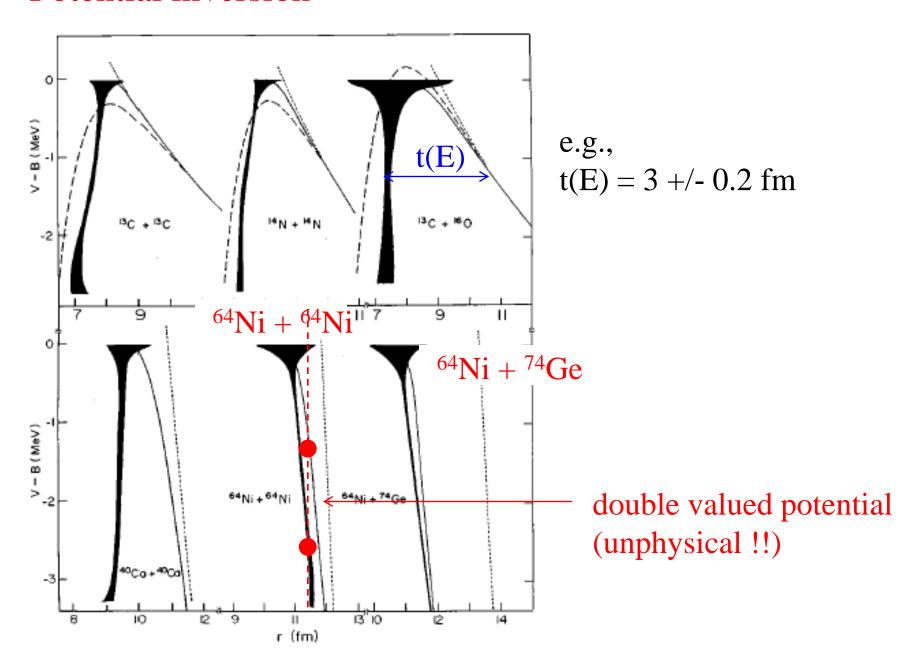
$$\sigma_{\text{fus}} \longrightarrow V(r)$$

Semi-classical app.

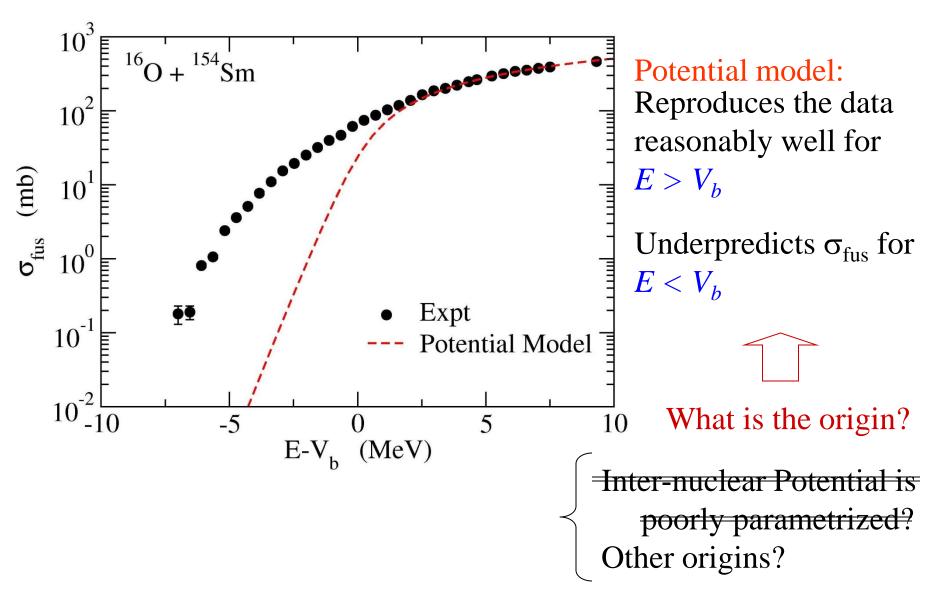
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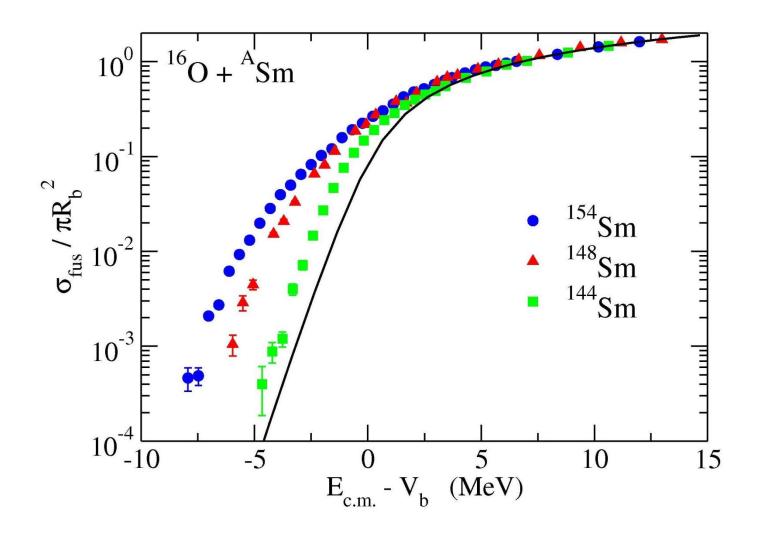
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Target dependence of fusion cross section

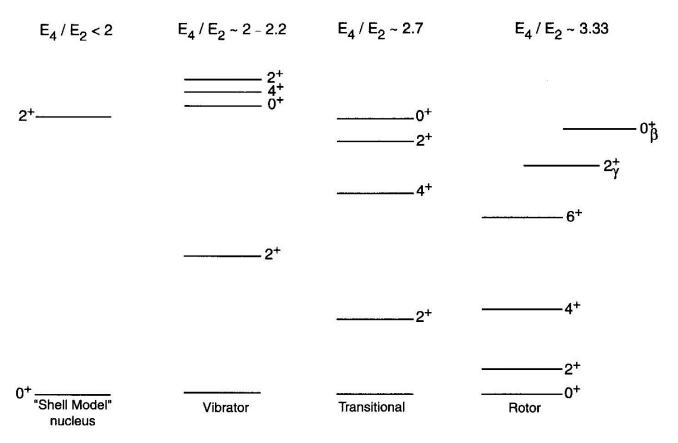




Strong target dependence at $E < V_b$

Low-lying collective excitations in atomic nuclei

Low-lying excited states in even-even nuclei are collective excitations, and strongly reflect the pairing correlation and shell strucuture



SCHEMATIC EVOLUTION OF STRUCTURE NEAR CLOSED – SHELL \rightarrow MID SHELL

Taken from R.F. Casten, "Nuclear Structure from a Simple Perspective"

図 3-4 Dy アイソトープの低励起スペクトル. 励起エネルギーの単位は keV.

Effect of collective excitation on σ_{fus} : rotational case

Excitation spectra of ¹⁵⁴Sm

$$0.544 - 6^{+}$$

$$0.267 - 4^{+}$$

$$0.082 \frac{}{0} \frac{}{}_{154} \frac{}{\text{Sm}}$$

$$E_I \sim \frac{I(I+1)\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{J}}$$

cf. Rotational energy of a rigid body (Classical mechanics)

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{J}\omega^2 = \frac{I^2}{2\mathcal{J}}$$
$$(I = \mathcal{J}\omega, \ \omega = \dot{\theta})$$

¹⁵⁴Sm is deformed



Effect of collective excitation on σ_{fus} : rotational case

Comparison of energy scales

$$V(r) \sim V_b - \frac{1}{2}\mu\Omega^2 r^2$$

Tunneling motion: $E_{\mathsf{tun}} \sim \hbar\Omega \sim 3.5 \, \mathsf{MeV}$ (barrier curvature)

Rotational motion: $E_{\rm rot} \sim E_{2+} \sim 0.08 {\rm MeV}$



$$E_{\text{tun}} \gg E_{\text{rot}} = I(I+1)\hbar^2/2\mathcal{J} \rightarrow 0$$

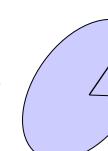




The orientation angle of ¹⁵⁴Sm does not change much during fusion

(note)

Ground state (0⁺ state) when reaction starts





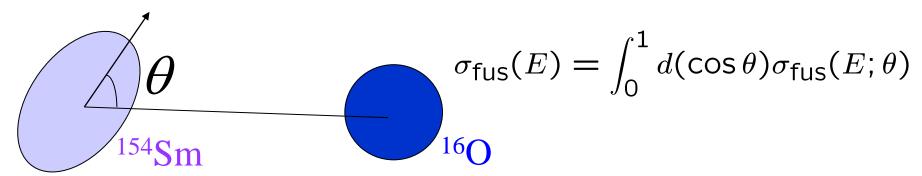
Mixing of all orientations with an equal weight

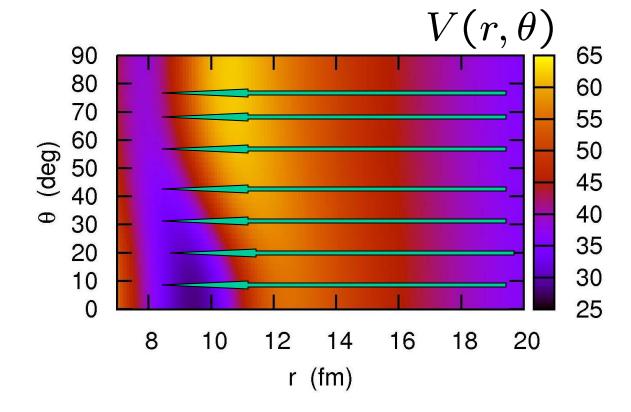
$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_{0}^{1} d(\cos \theta) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E; \theta)$$

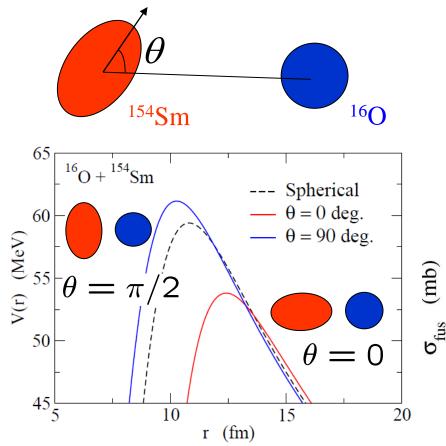
Effect of collective excitation on σ_{fus} : rotational case



The orientation angle of 154 Sm does not change much during fusion



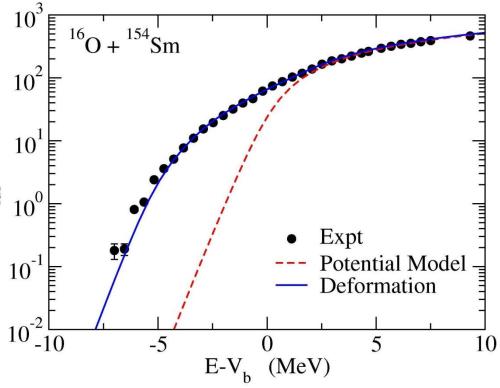




The barrier is lowered for $\theta=0$ because an attraction works from large distances.

The barrier increases for $\theta = \pi/2$. because the rel. distance has to get small for the attraction to work

$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E;\theta)$$

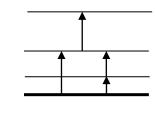


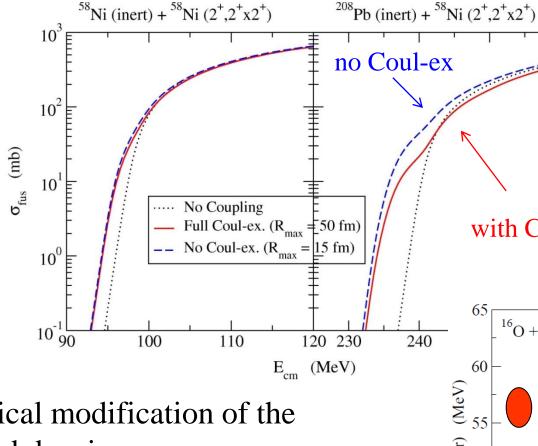
Def. Effect: enhances σ_{fus} by a factor of $10 \sim 100$

Fusion: interesting probe for nuclear structure

Two effects of channel couplings

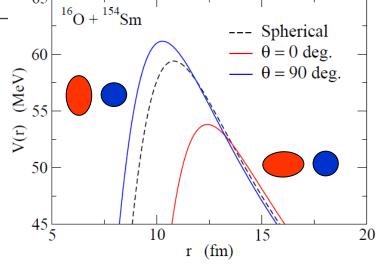
✓ energy loss due to inelastic excitations





✓ dynamical modification of the Coulomb barrier

large enhancement of fusion cross sections



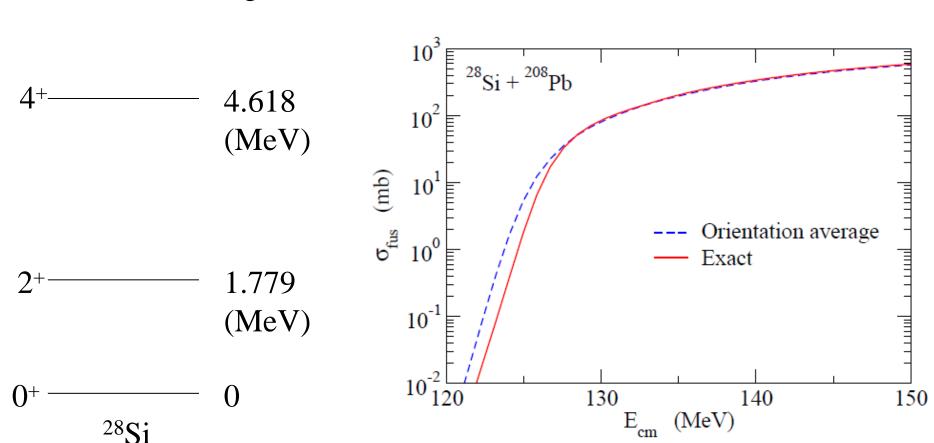
with Coul-ex

cf. 2-level model: Dasso, Landowne, and Winther, NPA405('83)381

$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E;\theta)$$

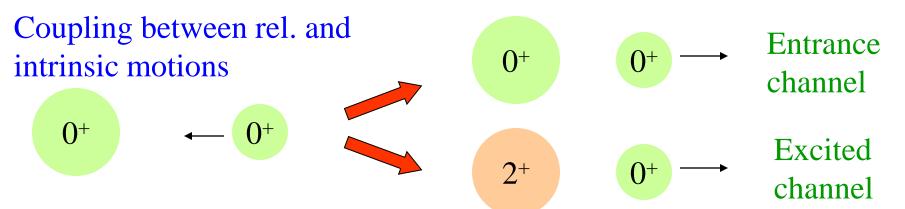
One warning:

Don't use this formula for light deformed nuclei, e.g., ²⁸Si



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More quantal treatment: Coupled-Channels method



$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_0(r) + H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r, \xi)$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r},\xi) = \sum_{k} \psi_{k}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{k}(\xi)$$

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_0(r) + H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r, \xi)$$

$$\Psi(r,\xi) = \sum_{k} \psi_{k}(r)\phi_{k}(\xi)$$
 $H_{0}(\xi)\phi_{k}(\xi) = \epsilon_{k}\phi_{k}(\xi)$

Schroedinger equation: $(H-E)\Psi(r,\xi)=0$

$$\langle \phi_k | \longrightarrow$$



$$\langle \phi_k | H - E | \Psi \rangle = 0$$

or

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_0(r) + \epsilon_k - E \right] \psi_k(r) + \sum_{k'} \langle \phi_k | V_{\text{coup}} | \phi_{k'} \rangle \psi_{k'}(r) = 0$$

Coupled-channels equations

Coupled-channels equations

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equation for ψ_k

transition from ϕ_{κ} to $\phi_{k'}$

boundary condition:

$$\psi_n(r) \rightarrow e^{-ik_0r} - S_0 e^{ik_0r} \qquad (n = 0)$$
 $-S_n e^{ik_nr} \qquad (n \neq 0)$

$$P(E) = 1 - \sum_{n} |S_n|^2$$

$$k_n = \sqrt{2\mu(E - \epsilon_n)/\hbar^2}$$

Angular momentum coupling

$$H_0(\xi)\phi_{nIm_I}(\xi) = \epsilon_{nI}\phi_{nIm_I}(\xi)$$

Total ang. mom.: I+l=J

$$0.903$$
 $I^{\pi}=8^{+}$

$$0.544 - 6^{+}$$

$$0.082$$
 0^{+} 0^{+}

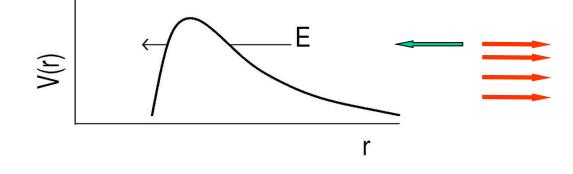
$$\Psi(r,\xi) = \sum_{k} \psi_{k}(r)\phi_{k}(\xi) = \sum_{n,l,I} \frac{u_{nlI}(r)}{r} [Y_{l}(\hat{r})\phi_{nI}(\xi)]^{(JM)}$$

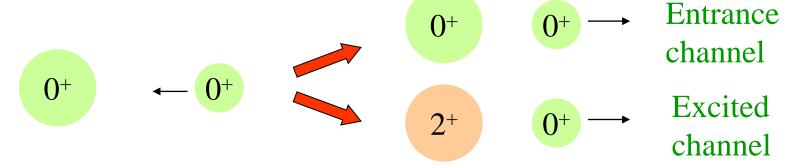
$$\langle [Y_l \phi_{nI}]^{(JM)} | H - E | \Psi \rangle = 0$$



$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V_0(r) - E + \epsilon_{nI} \right] u_{nlI}(r)
+ \sum_{n'l'I'} \langle [Y_l \phi_{nI}]^{(JM)} | V_{\text{coup}}(r) | [Y_{l'} \phi_{n'I'}]^{(JM)} \rangle u_{n'l'I'}(r) = 0$$

Boundary condition (with ang. mom. coupling)



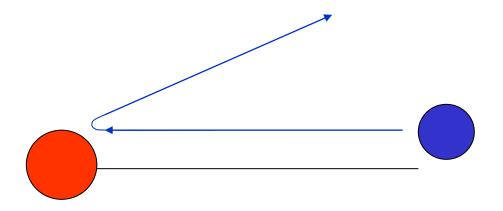


$$\Psi(r,\xi) = \sum_{n,l,I} \frac{u_{nlI}(r)}{r} [Y_l(\hat{r})\phi_{nI}(\xi)]^{(JM)}$$

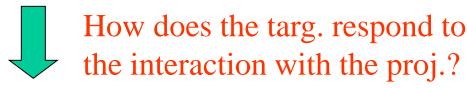
$$u_{nlI}(r) \to H_l^{(-)}(k_{nI}r)\delta_{n,n_i}\delta_{l,l_i}\delta_{I,I_i} - \sqrt{\frac{k_0}{k_nI}}S_{nlI}H_l^{(+)}(k_{nI}r)$$

$$P_l(E) = 1 - \sum_{nI} |S_{nlI}|^2$$
 $\sigma_{fus}(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1) P_l(E)$

Excitation structure of atomic nuclei



Excite the target nucleus via collision with the projectile nucleus



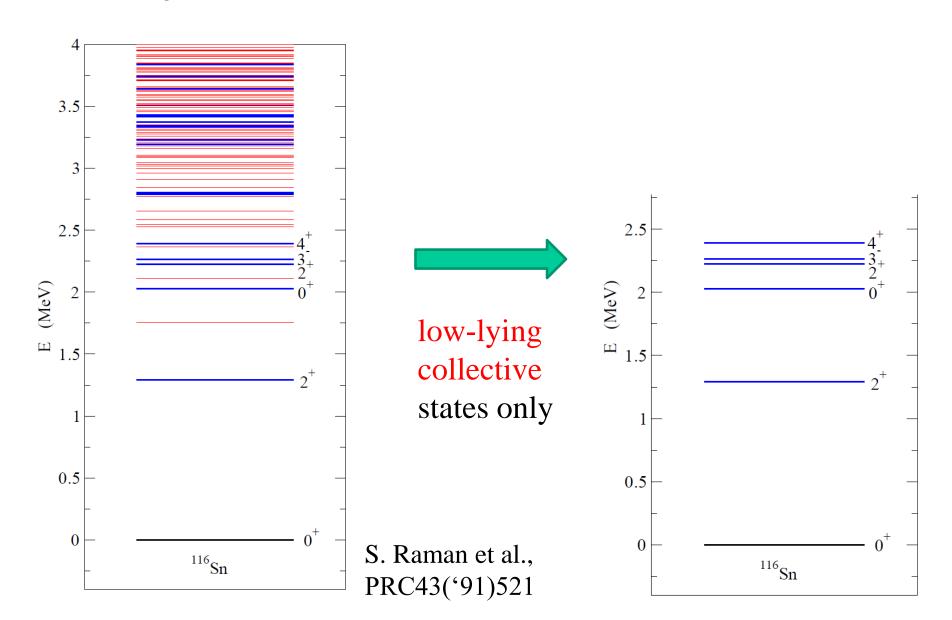
Standard approach: analysis with the coupled-channels method

- ➤ Inelastic cross sections
- **≻**Elastic cross sections
- Fusion cross sections



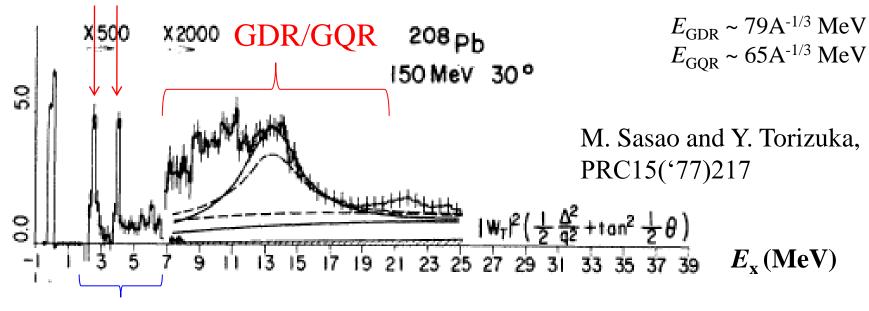
How to perform coupled-channels calculations?

1. Modeling: selection of excited states to be included



typical excitation spectrum: electron scattering data

low-lying collective excitations



low-lying non-collective excitations

- Giant Resonances: high E_x , smooth mass number dependence adiabatic potential renormalization
- •Low-lying collective excitations: barrier distributions, strong isotope dependence
- •Non-collective excitations: either neglected completely or implicitly treated through an absorptive potential

2. Nature of collective states: vibration? or rotation?

a) Vibrational coupling

excitation operator:
$$\hat{O} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{4\pi}}(a + a^{\dagger})$$

$$\langle n|O|n'\rangle = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \left(\sqrt{n'} \, \delta_{n,n'-1} + \sqrt{n'+1} \, \delta_{n,n'+1} \right)$$

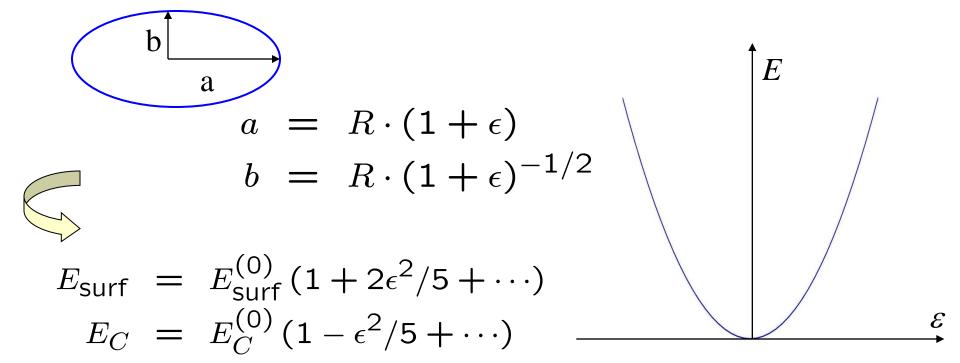
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F & 0 \\ F & \epsilon & \sqrt{2}F \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}F & 2\epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

Vibrational excitations

Bethe-Weizacker formula: Mass formula based on Liquid-Drop Model

(A, Z)
$$B(N, Z) = a_v A - a_s A^{2/3} - a_C \frac{Z^2}{A^{1/3}} - a_{\text{sym}} \frac{(N - Z)^2}{A}$$

For a deformed shape,





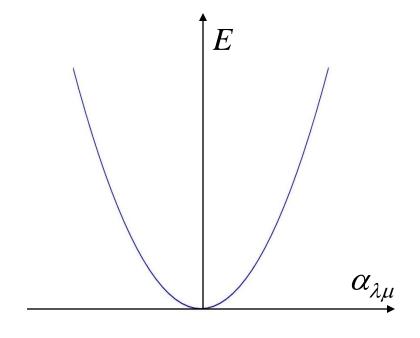
In general
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \left(1 + \sum_{\lambda, \mu} \alpha_{\lambda \mu} Y_{\lambda \mu}^* \right)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda,\mu} C_{\lambda} |\alpha_{\lambda\mu}|^2$$



Harmonic oscillation





λ =2: Quadrupole vibration

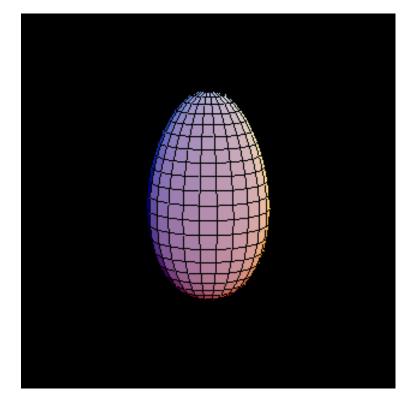
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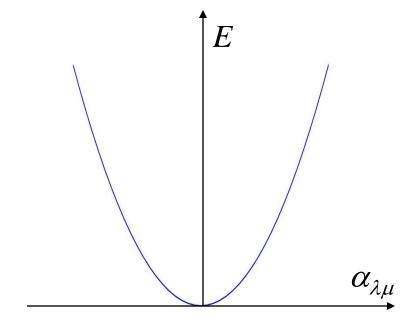


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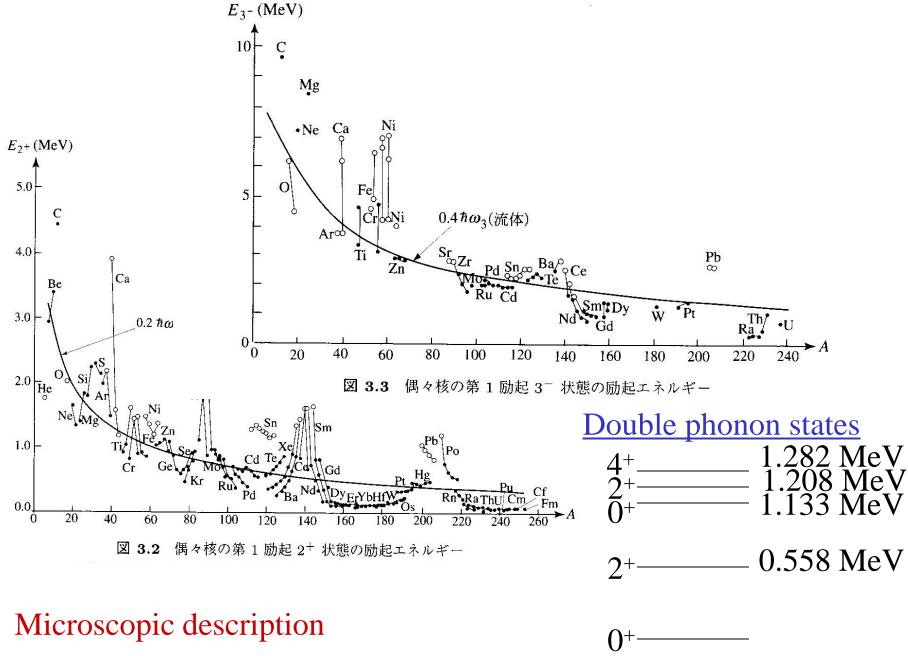






λ =3: Octupole vibration

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Random phase approximation (RPA)

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F & 0 \\ F & \epsilon & \sqrt{2}F \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}F & 2\epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Nature of collective states: vibration? or rotation?

b) Rotational coupling

excitation operator:
$$\hat{O} = \beta Y_{20}(\theta)(+\beta_4 Y_{40}(\theta) + \cdots)$$

$$\langle I|O|I'\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{5 \cdot (2I+1)(2I'+1)}{4\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} I & 2 & I' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{2}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F & 0 \\ F & \epsilon + \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{7}F & \frac{6}{7}F \\ 0 & \frac{6}{7}F & \frac{10\epsilon}{3} + \frac{20\sqrt{5}}{77}F \end{pmatrix}$$

Vibrational coupling

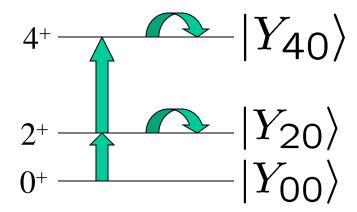
$$\widehat{O} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{4\pi}} (a + a^{\dagger})$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
0^{+},2^{+},4^{+} & \frac{(a^{\dagger})^{2}}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle \\
2^{+} & a^{\dagger}|0\rangle \\
0^{+} & |0\rangle
\end{array}$$

$$\left(egin{array}{ccc} 0 & F & 0 \ F & \epsilon & \sqrt{2}F \ 0 & \sqrt{2}F & 2\epsilon \end{array}
ight)$$

Rotational coupling

$$\widehat{O} = \beta Y_{20}(\theta)$$



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$$F = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{4\pi}}$$

cf. reorientation term

3. Coupling constants and coupling potentials

Deformed Woods-Saxon model:

$$V_{WS}(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0)/a]}$$
$$= -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_P + R_T)/a]}$$

$$R_T \to R_T \left(1 + \sum_{\mu} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} Y_{\lambda\mu}^*(\theta, \phi) \right)$$



excitation operator

$$V_{WS}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0 - R_T \alpha_\lambda \cdot Y_\lambda(\hat{\mathbf{r}}))/a]}$$

Coupling Potential: Collective Model

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_T \left(1 + \sum_{\mu} \alpha_{\lambda \mu} Y_{\lambda \mu}^*(\theta, \phi) \right)$$

➤ Vibrational case

$$\alpha_{\lambda\mu} = \frac{\beta_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{2\lambda+1}} (a_{\lambda\mu}^{\dagger} + (-)^{\mu} a_{\lambda\mu})$$

> Rotational case

Coordinate transformation to the body-fixed rame

$$\alpha_{\lambda\mu} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\lambda + 1}} \beta_{\lambda} Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta_d, \phi_d)$$
 (for axial symmetry)

In both cases
$$\beta_{\lambda} = \frac{4\pi}{3Z_T R_T^{\lambda}} \sqrt{\frac{B(E\lambda)\uparrow}{e^2}}$$

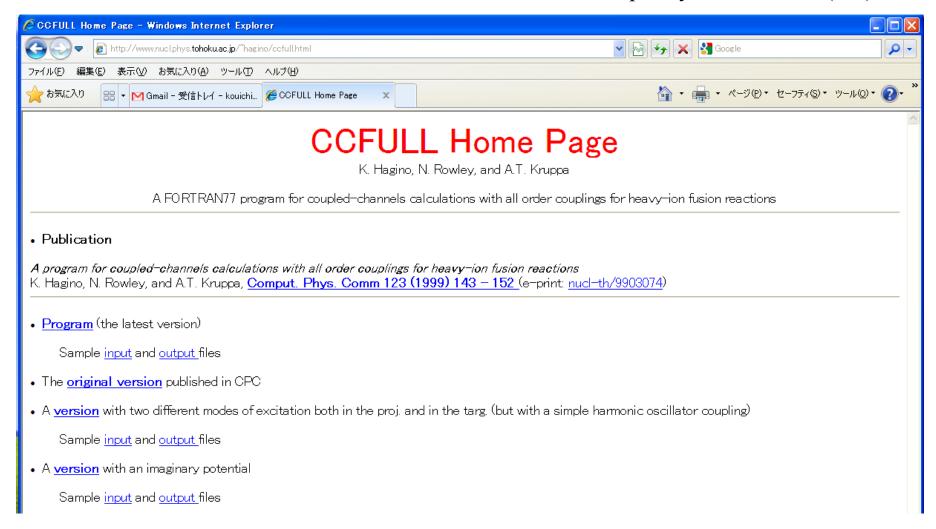
(note) coordinate transformation to the rotating frame ($\hat{r} = 0$)

$$\sum_{\mu} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} Y_{\lambda\mu}^*(\theta, \phi) \to \sqrt{\frac{2\lambda + 1}{4\pi}} \alpha_{\lambda 0}$$

Deformed Woods-Saxon model (collective model)

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i) all order couplings

$$V_{\text{coup}}(r, \hat{O}) = V_{\text{coup}}^{(N)}(r, \hat{O}) + V_{\text{coup}}^{(C)}(r, \hat{O})$$

Nuclear coupling:

$$V_{\text{coup}}^{(N)}(r,\hat{O}) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0 - R_T \hat{O})/a]}$$

Coulomb coupling:

$$V_{\text{coup}}^{(C)}(r,\hat{O}) = \frac{3}{2\lambda + 1} Z_P Z_T e^2 \frac{R_T^{\lambda}}{r^{\lambda + 1}} \hat{O}$$

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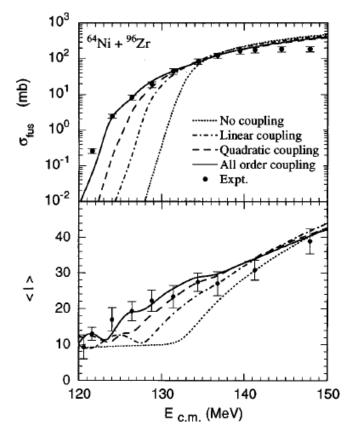
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 $\sim V_N(r) - R_T \hat{O} \frac{dV_N(r)}{dr}$

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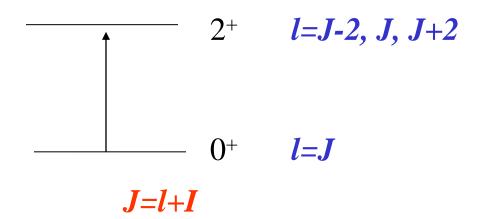


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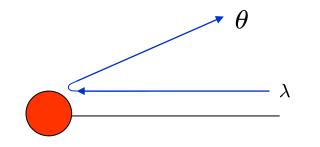
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ii) isocentrifugal approximation



Truncation	Dimension
2+	$4 \longrightarrow 2$
4+	$9 \longrightarrow 3$
6^+	$16 \longrightarrow 4$
8^+	$25 \longrightarrow 5$



<u>Iso-centrifugal approximation:</u>

 λ : independent of excitations

$$\frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} \to \frac{J(J+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2}$$

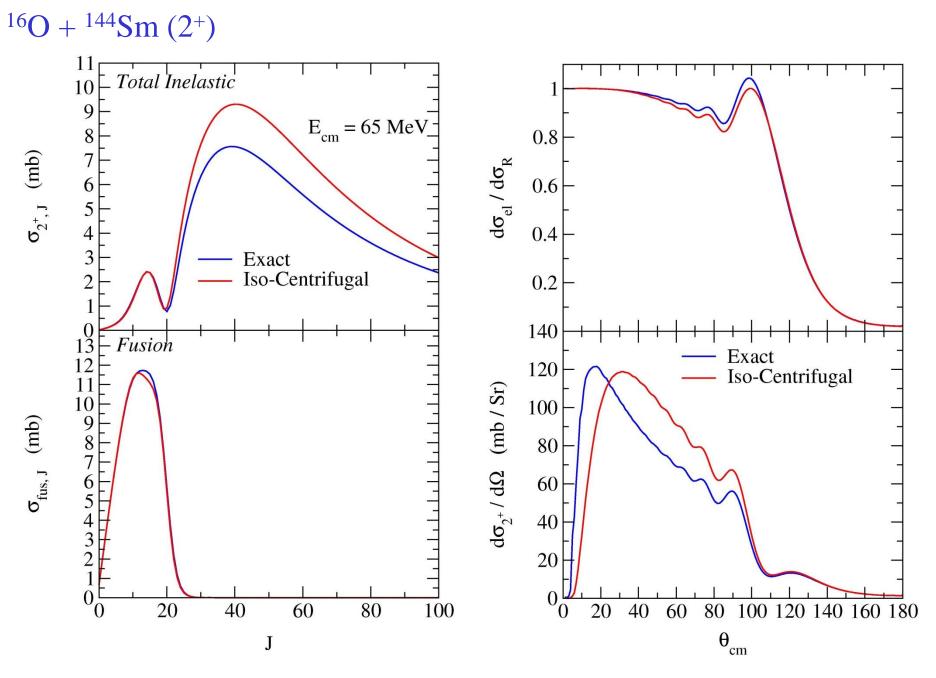
$$V_{\text{coup}}(r,\xi) = f(r)Y_{\lambda}(\hat{r}) \cdot T_{\lambda}(\xi)$$

transform to

the rotating frame

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2\lambda+1}{4\pi}}f(r)T_{\lambda}$$

"Spin-less system"



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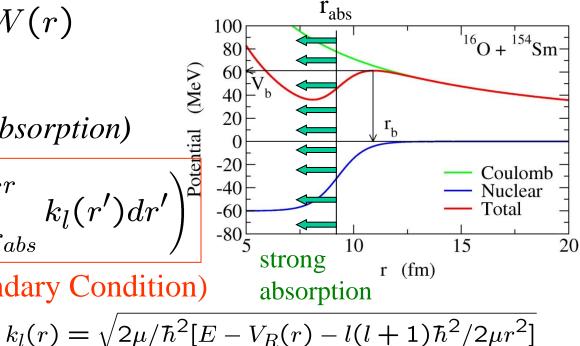
iii) incoming wave boundary condition (IWBC)

$$\sigma_{\text{fus}} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l} (2l+1) P_l \quad (P_l = 1 - |S_l|^2)$$

(1) Complex potential

$$V(r) = V_R(r) - iW(r)$$

(2) IWBC limit of large
$$W$$
 (strong absorption)
$$u_l(r) = T_l \exp\left(-i \int_{r_{abs}}^r k_l(r') dr'\right)^{\frac{20}{40}} - \frac{20}{40} - \frac{2$$

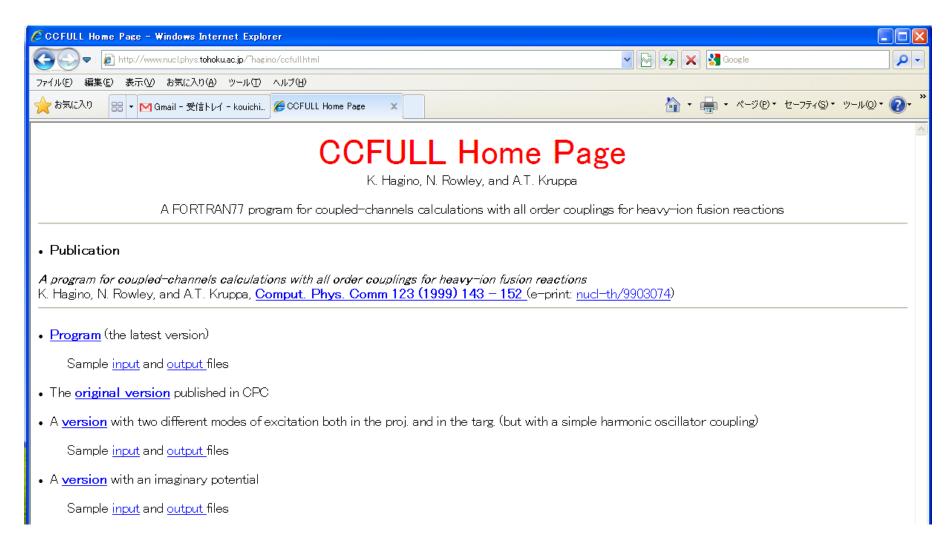


- Only Real part of Potential More efficient at low energies $P_l = |T_l|^2$

cf. $|S_I| \sim 1$ at low E

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reaction system $(A_p=16, Z_p=8, A_t=144, Z_t=62)$ r_p , Ivibrot, r_t , Ivibrot, (inert projectile, and vib. for targ.)

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r_p, Ivibrot_p, r_t, Ivibrot_t (inert projectile, and vib. for targ.)

$$V_{\text{coup}}^{(N)}(r,\hat{O}) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0 - R_T \hat{O})/a]}$$

If
$$Ivibrot_t = 0$$
: $O = O_{vib}$
 $Ivibrot_t = 1$: $O = O_{rot}$
 $Ivibrot_t = -1$: $O = 0$ (inert)

similar for the projectile

$$16.,8.,144.,62. \leftarrow (A_p=16, Z_p=8, A_t=144, Z_t=62)$$

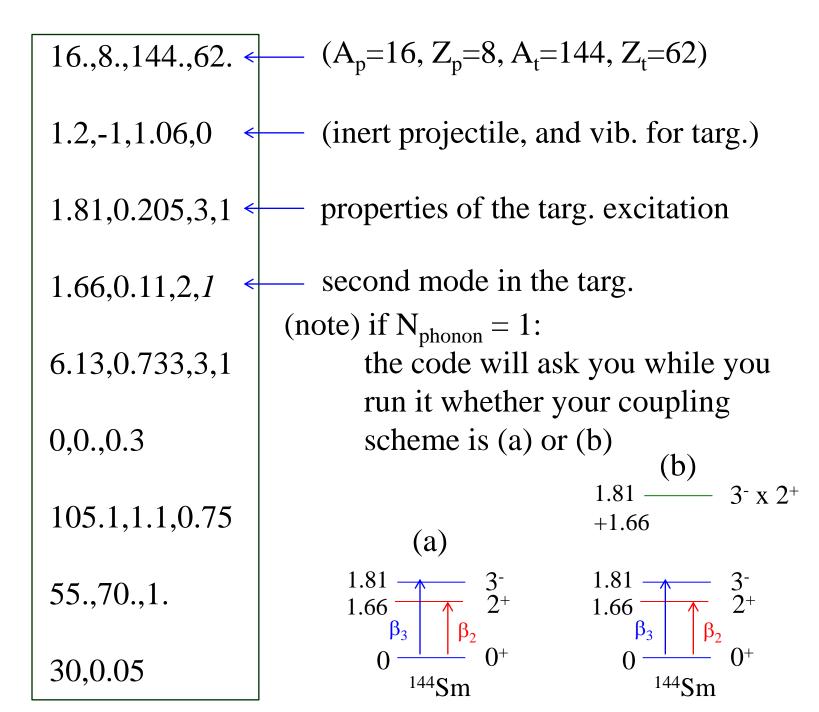
$$1.81,0.205,3,1 \leftarrow$$
 properties of the targ. excitation

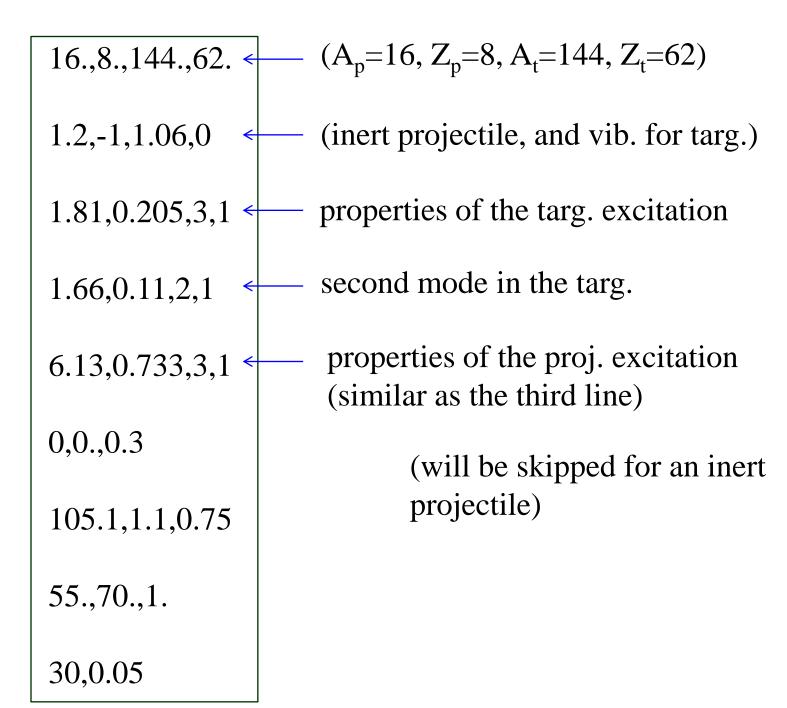
$$E_{1st} = 1.81 \text{ MeV}$$
 $\beta = 0.205$
 $\lambda = 3$
 $N_{phonon} = 1$
 0
 1.81
 0
 1.44
 0

coupling to 3^- vibrational state in the target with def. parameter $\beta = 0.205$

$$\alpha_{\lambda\mu} = \frac{\beta_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{2\lambda + 1}} (a_{\lambda\mu}^{\dagger} + (-)^{\mu} a_{\lambda\mu})$$
$$\beta_{\lambda} = \frac{4\pi}{3Z_{T}R_{T}^{\lambda}} \sqrt{\frac{B(E\lambda) \uparrow}{e^{2}}}$$

30,0.05





16.,8.,144.,62. (
$$A_p=16$$
, $Z_p=8$, $A_t=144$, $Z_t=62$)

1.2,-1,1.06,0 (inert projectile, and vib. for targ.)

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6.13,0.733,3,1 properties of the proj. excitation (similar as the third line)

0,0.,0.3 transfer coupling (g.s. to g.s.)

105.1,1.1,0.75

 $(A_p + A_t)$ $Q_{tr} = +3 \text{ MeV}$

55.,70.,1.

 $F_{tr}(r) = F \frac{dV_N}{dr}$ $(A_p' + A_t')$

* no transfer coup. for $F = 0$

16.,8.,144.,62. (
$$A_p=16$$
, $Z_p=8$, $A_t=144$, $Z_t=62$)

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105.1,1.1,0.75 potential parameters

 $V_N(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R_0)/a]}$
 $V_0 = 105.1 \text{ MeV}, a = 0.75 \text{ fm}$
 $R_0 = 1.1 * (A_p^{1/3} + A_t^{1/3}) \text{ fm}$

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0,0.,0.3

105.1,1.1,0.75

55.,70.,1.

30,0.05
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OUTPUT

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16O + 144Sm Fusion reaction
Phonon Excitation in the targ.: beta_N= 0.205, beta_C= 0.205,
          r0= 1.06(fm), omega= 1.81(MeV), Lambda= 3, Nph= 1
Potential parameters: V0= 105.10(MeV), r0= 1.10(fm),
                   a = 0.75(fm), power = 1.00
Uncoupled barrier: Rb=10.82(fm), Vb= 61.25(MeV),
                 Curv=4.25(MeV)
Ecm (MeV) sigma (mb) <1>
55.00000 0.97449E-02
                         5.87031
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               0.05489
                         5.94333
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               0.28583
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                         6.19272
59.00000
               5.84375
                         6.40451
69.00000
             427.60179 17.16365
70.00000
             472.46037
                        18.08247
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In addition, "cross.dat": fusion cross sections only

Coupled-channels equations and barrier distribution

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{J(J+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V_0(r) - E + \epsilon_n \right] u_n(r) + \sum_{n'} \langle \phi_n | V_{\text{Coup}}(r,\xi) | \phi_{n'}] \rangle u_{n'}(r) = 0$$

$$u_n(r) \to H_J^{(-)}(k_n r) \delta_{n,n_i} - \sqrt{\frac{k_0}{k_n}} S_n H_J^{(+)}(k_n r)$$

$$P_J(E) = 1 - \sum_n |S_n|^2$$
 $\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_J (2J+1) P_J(E)$

Calculate σ_{fus} by numerically solving the coupled-channels equations

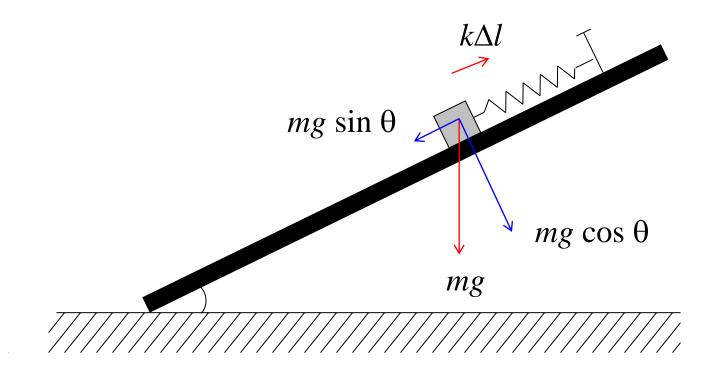


Let us consider a limiting case in order to understand (interpret) the numerical results

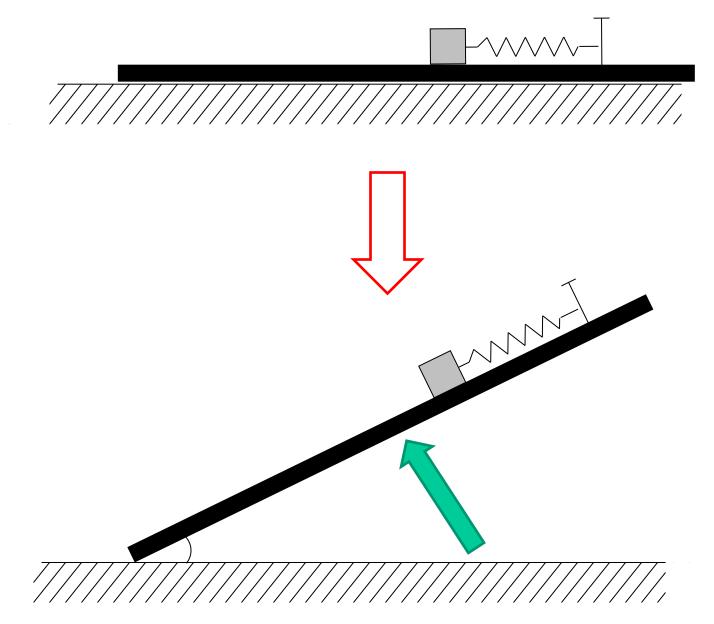
$$\begin{array}{ll} \bullet \ \epsilon_{nI} \text{: very large} & \textit{Adiabatic limit} \\ \bullet \ \epsilon_{nI} = 0 & \textit{Sudden limit} \end{array}$$

Comparison of two time scales

spring on a board



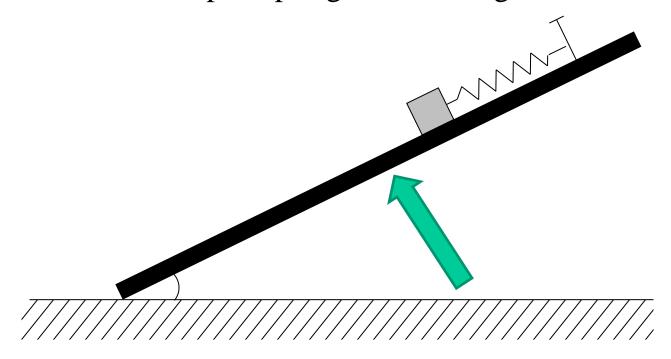
static case: $mg \sin \theta = k\Delta l$ $\rightarrow \Delta l = mg \sin \theta / k$



move very slowly? or move instantaneously?

Comparison of two time scales

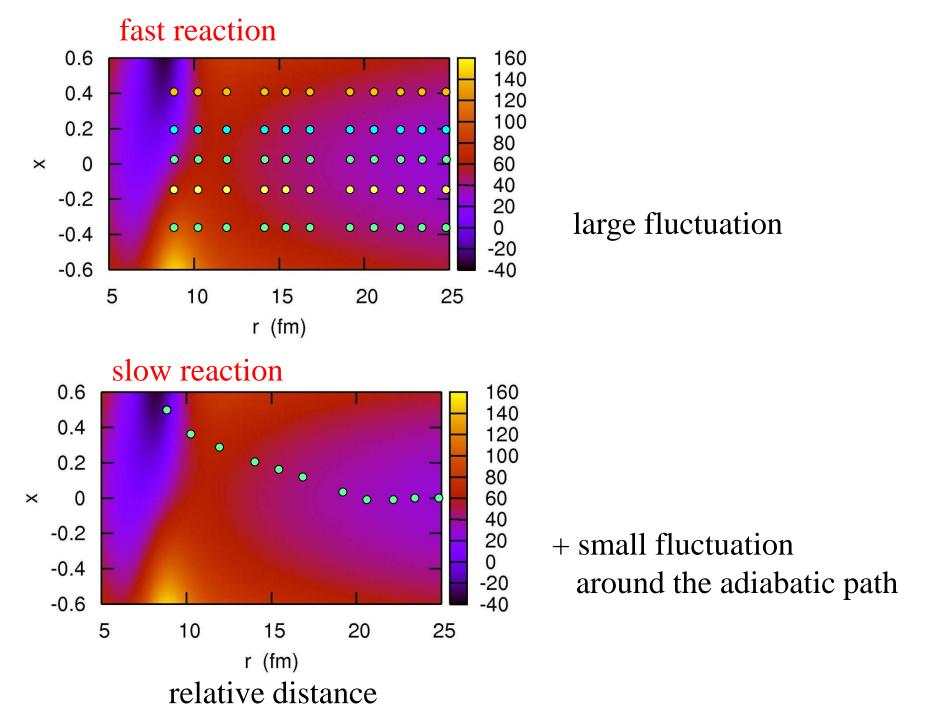
similar related example: spring on a moving board



move very slowly? or move instantaneously?

keep the original length ($\Delta l = 0$) "sudden limit"

always at the equilibrium length ($\Delta l = mg \sin \theta / k$) "adiabatic limit"



Two limiting cases: (i) adiabatic limit

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_0(r) + H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r, \xi)$$

much slower rel. motion than the intrinsic motion



much larger energy scale for intrinsic motion than the typical energy scale for the rel. motion

$$\hbar\Omega \ll \epsilon$$

(Barrier curvature v.s. Intrinsic excitation energy)

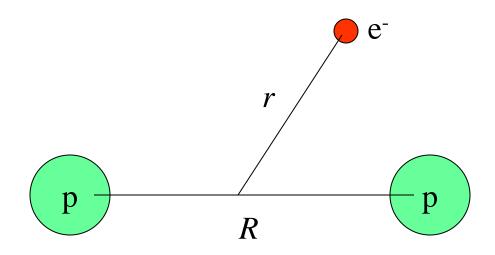


$$[H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(\mathbf{r}, \xi)]\varphi_0(\xi; \mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_0(r) \varphi_0(\xi; \mathbf{r})$$



$$H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r,\xi) \rightarrow \epsilon_0(r)$$

c.f. Born-Oppenheimer approximation for hydrogen molecule



$$[T_R + T_r + V(r,R)]\Psi(r,R) = E\Psi(r,R)$$

1. Consider first the electron motion for a fixed R

$$[T_r + V(r,R)]u_n(r;R) = \epsilon_n(R)u_n(r;R)$$

2. Minimize $\varepsilon_n(R)$ with respect to R

Or 2'. Consider the proton motion in a potential $\varepsilon_n(R)$

$$[T_R + \epsilon_n(R)]\phi_n(R) = E\phi_n(R)$$

Adiabatic Potential Renormalization

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_0(r) + H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r, \xi)$$

When ε is large,

$$H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r, \xi) \rightarrow \epsilon_0(r)$$

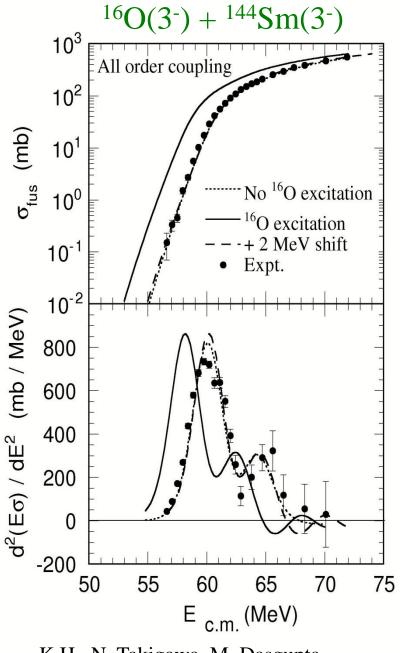
where

$$[H_0(\xi) + V_{\text{coup}}(r, \xi)]\varphi_0(\xi; r)$$
$$= \epsilon_0(r) \varphi_0(\xi; r)$$

Fast intrinsic motion

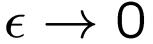
Adiabatic potential renormalization $V_{\text{ad}}(r) = V_0(r) + \epsilon_0(r)$

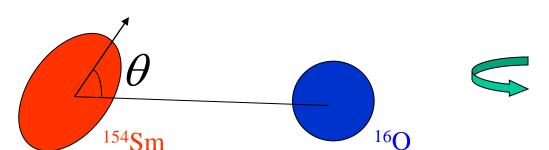
Giant Resonances, ¹⁶O(3⁻) [6.31 MeV]



K.H., N. Takigawa, M. Dasgupta, D.J. Hinde, J.R. Leigh, PRL79('99)2014

Two limiting cases: (ii) sudden limit





$$\epsilon_I = I(I+1)\hbar^2/2\mathcal{J}$$

$$\mathcal{J} \to \infty$$

$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E;\theta)$$

Coupled-channels:

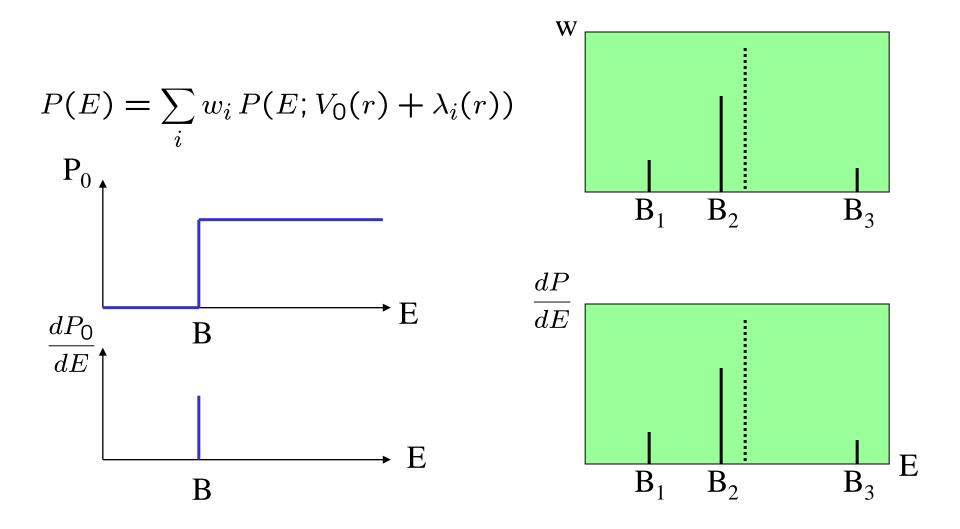
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & f(r) & 0 \\ f(r) & \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{7}f(r) & \frac{6}{7}f(r) \\ 0 & \frac{6}{7}f(r) & \frac{20\sqrt{5}}{77}f(r) \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{diagonalize}} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1(r) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3(r) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(E) = \sum_{i} w_{i} P(E; V_{0}(r) + \lambda_{i}(r))$$

Slow intrinsic motion

Barrier Distribution

Barrier distribution



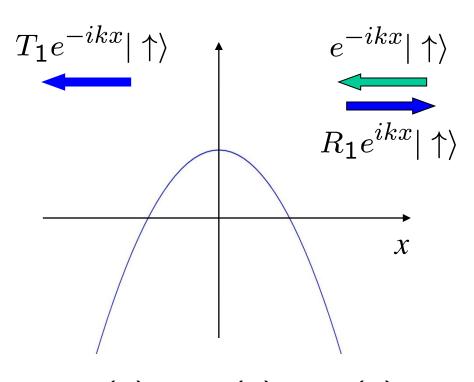
Barrier distribution: understand the concept using a spin Hamiltonian

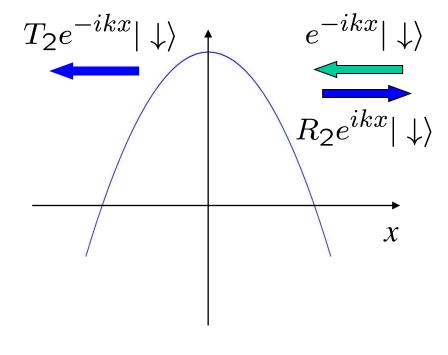
Hamiltonian (example 1):
$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0(x) + \hat{\sigma}_z \cdot V_s(x)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_z = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

For Spin-up

For Spin-down





$$V_1(x) = V_0(x) + V_s(x)$$

$$V_2(x) = V_0(x) - V_s(x)$$

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0(x) + \hat{\sigma}_z \cdot V_1(x)$$

Wave function
$$\Psi(x) = \psi_1(x) | \uparrow \rangle + \psi_2(x) | \downarrow \rangle$$
 (general form)
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(x) \\ \psi_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

The spin direction does not change during tunneling:

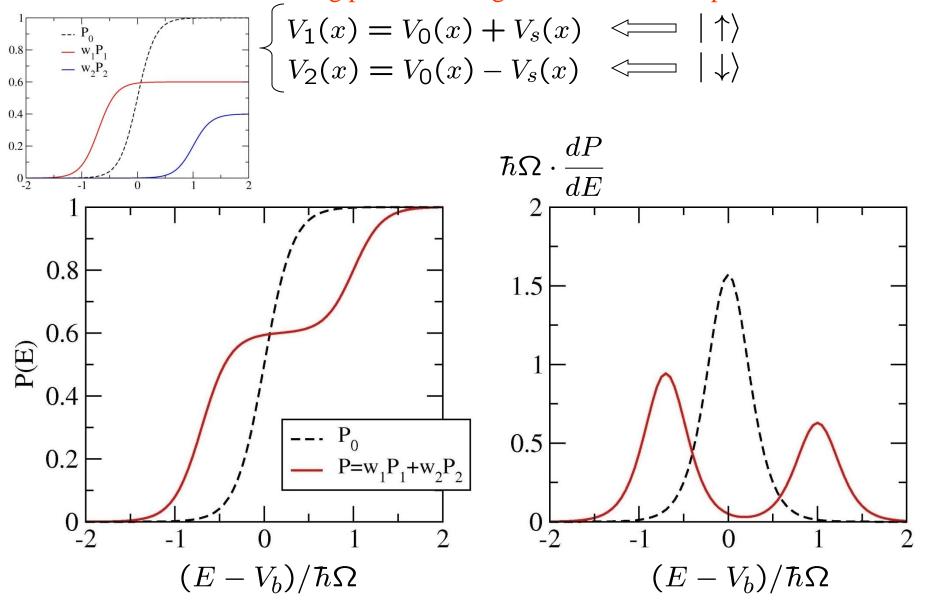


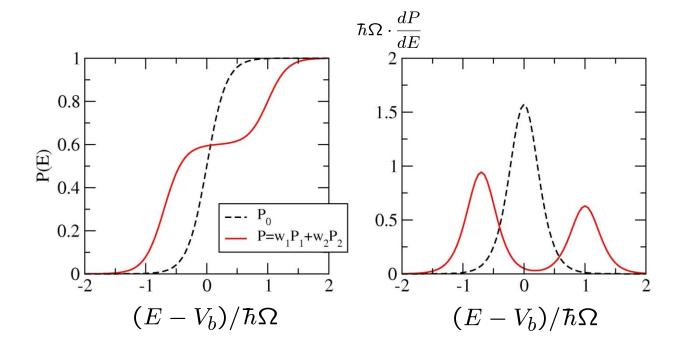
$$P(E) = w_{\uparrow} P_1(E) + w_{\downarrow} P_2(E)$$

$$w_{\uparrow} + w_{\downarrow} = 1$$

$$P(E) = w_{\uparrow} P_1(E) + w_{\downarrow} P_2(E)$$

Tunneling prob. is a weighted sum of tunnel prob. for two barriers





- Tunnel prob. is enhanced at $E < V_b$ and hindered $E > V_b$
- > dP/dE splits to two peaks \longrightarrow "barrier distribution"
- The peak positions of dP/dE correspond to each barrier height
- The height of each peak is proportional to the weight factor

$$P(E) = w_{\uparrow} P_1(E) + w_{\downarrow} P_2(E)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dE} = w_{\uparrow} \frac{dP_1}{dE} + w_{\downarrow} \frac{dP_2}{dE}$$

simple 2-level model (Dasso, Landowne, and Winther, NPA405('83)381)

entrance channel

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + V_l(r) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F \\ F & \epsilon \end{pmatrix} - E \right] \begin{pmatrix} u_0(r) \\ u_1(r) \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + V_l(r) + \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} - E \right] \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(r) \\ \phi_1(r) \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \phi_0(r) = \alpha \cdot u_0(r) + \beta \cdot u_1(r) \\ \phi_1(r) = \beta \cdot u_0(r) - \alpha \cdot u_1(r) \end{cases}$$

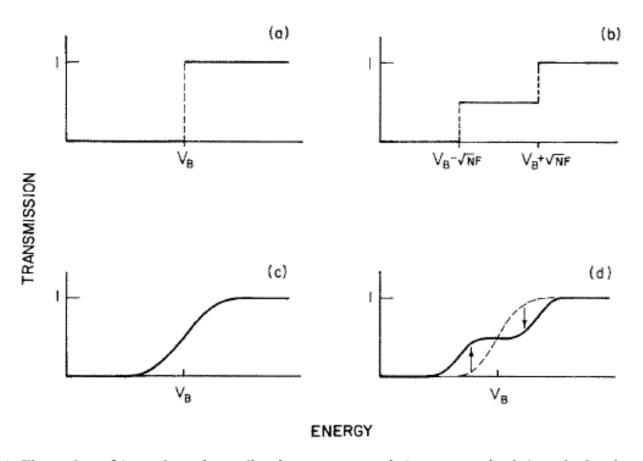


Fig. 1. Illustration of how channel coupling increases transmission at energies below the barrier and decreases it above. Parts (a) and (b) indicate the classical limits for no coupling and coupling, respectively, while parts (c) and (d) indicate how quantum mechanical effects modify the corresponding curves.

Sub-barrier Fusion and Barrier distribution method

$$\sigma_{\rm fus}(E) = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2E} R_b^2 \log \left[1 + \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(E - V_b)\right) \right]$$



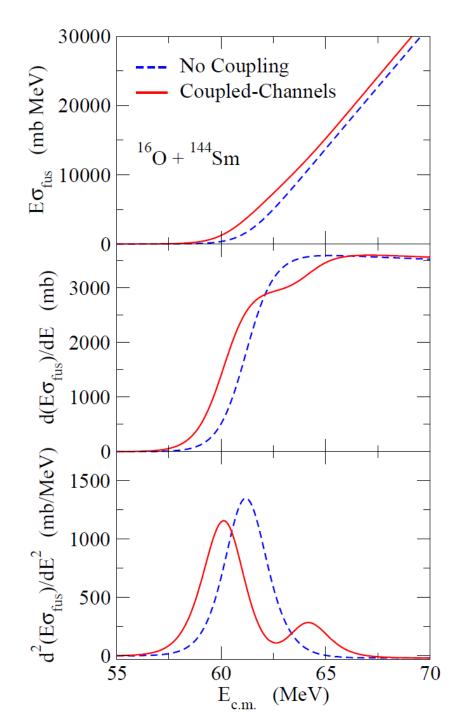
$$\frac{d(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE} = \frac{\pi R_b^2}{1 + \exp\left[\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(V_b - E)\right]} = \pi R_b^2 \cdot P_{l=0}(E)$$



$$D_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) \equiv \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}})}{dE^2} \simeq \pi R_b^2 \frac{dP_{l=0}}{dE}$$

(Fusion barrier distribution)

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$$\frac{d}{dE}[E\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E)] \propto P(E)$$

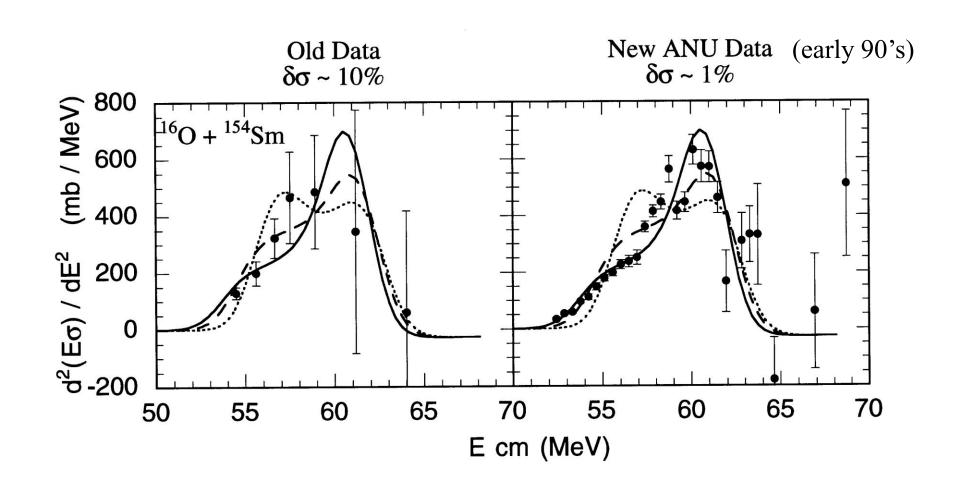
$$\frac{d^2}{dE^2}[E\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E)] \propto \frac{dP}{dE}$$

centered on $E=V_{\rm b}$

Barrier distribution measurements

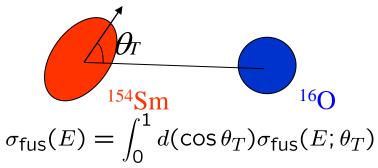
Fusion barrier distribution
$$D_{\text{fus}}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma)}{dE^2}$$

Needs high precision data in order for the 2nd derivative to be meaningful

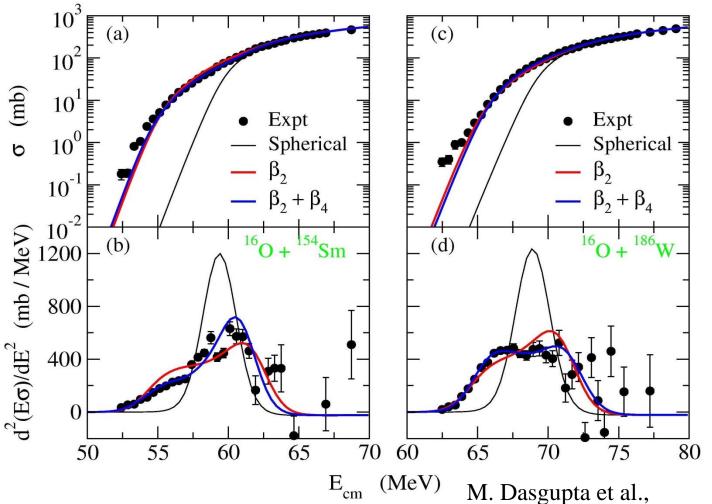


Experimental Barrier Distribution

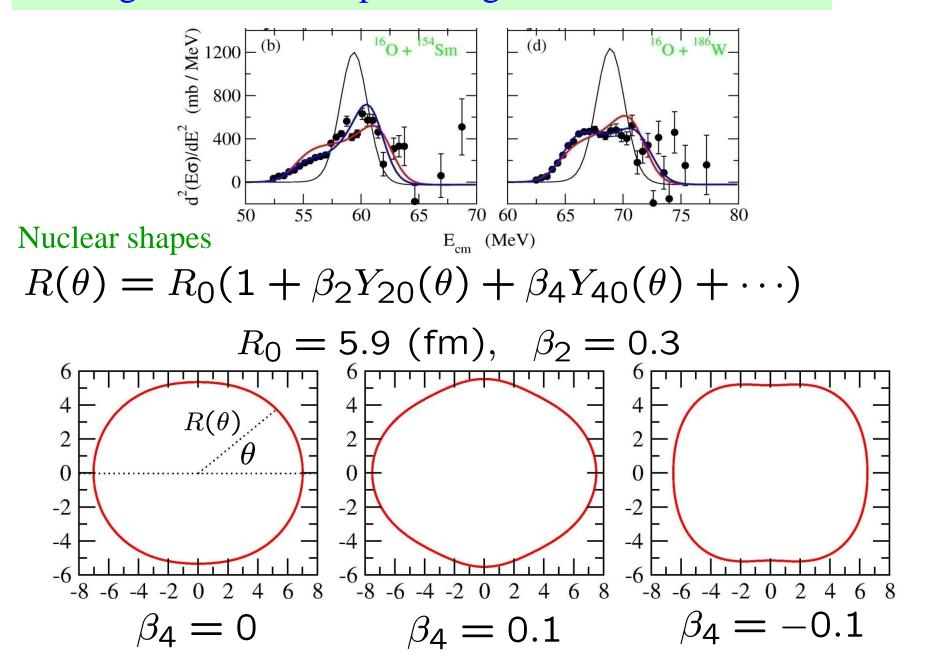
Requires high precision data

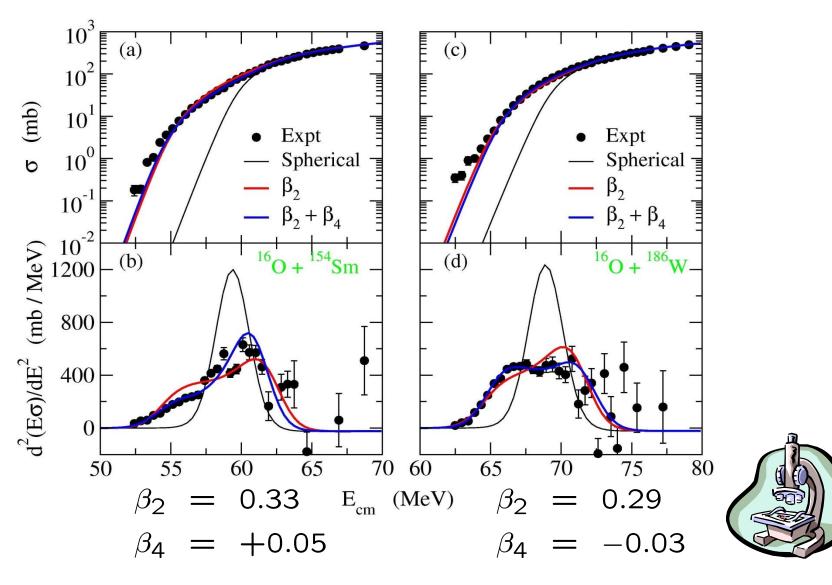


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Investigate nuclear shape through barrier distribution

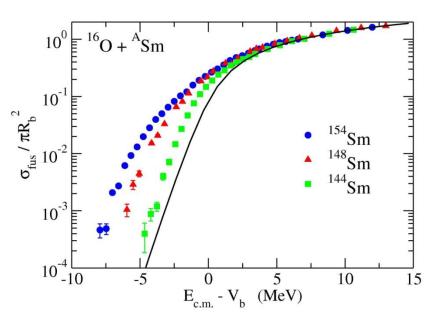




By taking the barrier distribution, one can very clearly see the difference due to β_4 !



Advantage of fusion barrier distribution



Fusion Cross sections



Very strong exponential energy dependence



Difficult to see differences due to details of nuclear structure



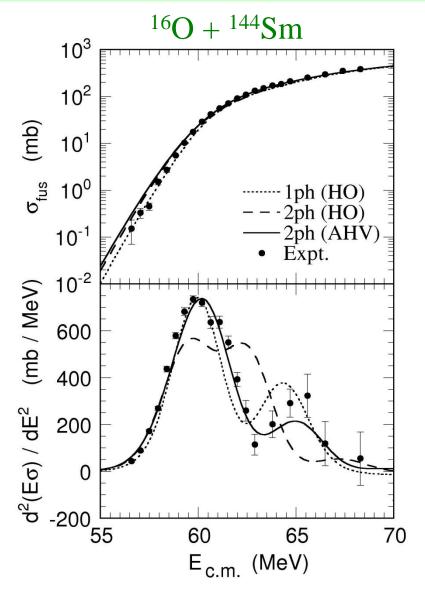
Plot cross sections in a different way: Fusion barrier distribution

$$D_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma)}{dE^2}$$

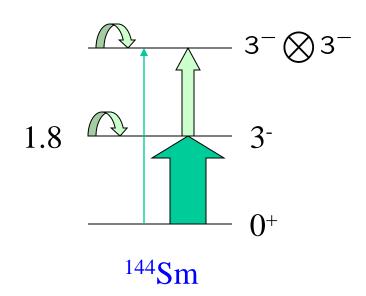
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— Function which is sensitive to details of nuclear structure

Example for spherical vibrational system



Anharmonicity of octupole vibration

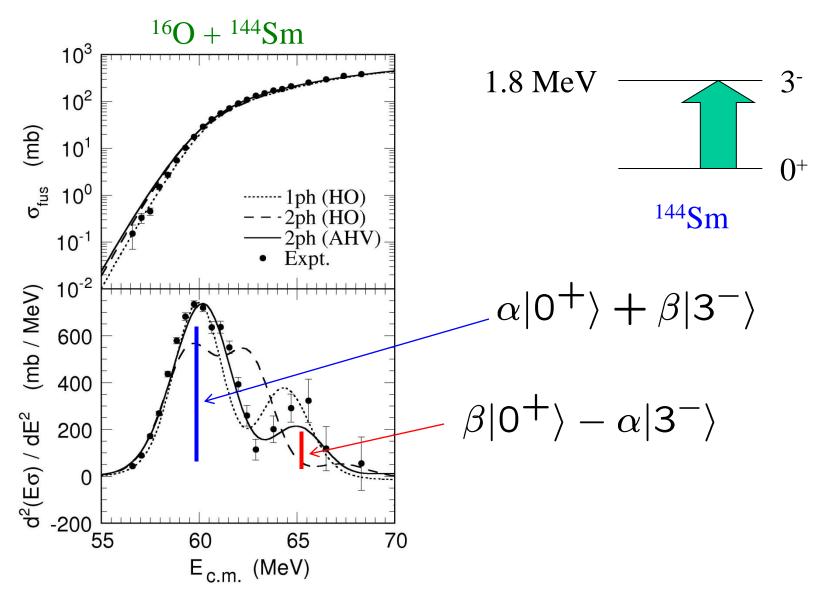


Quadrupole moment:

$$Q(3^-) = -0.70 \pm 0.02b$$

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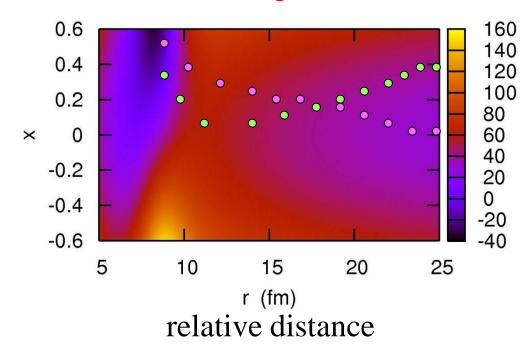
Barrier distribution



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Coupling to excited states — distribution of potential barrier

multi-dimensional potential surface

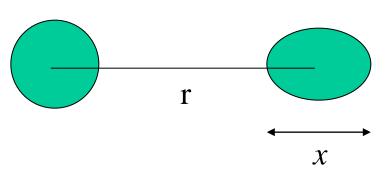


single barrier

a collection of many barriers

$$P(E) = P[E, V(r)]$$

$$\to P(E) = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} P[E, V_{\alpha}(r)]$$



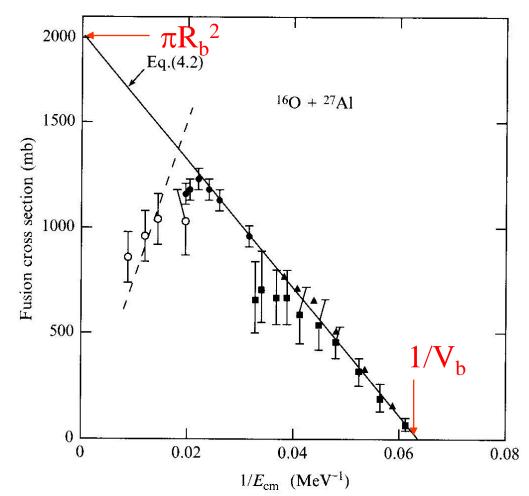
(intrinsic coordinate)

Representations of fusion cross sections

i) σ_{fus} vs 1/E (~70's)

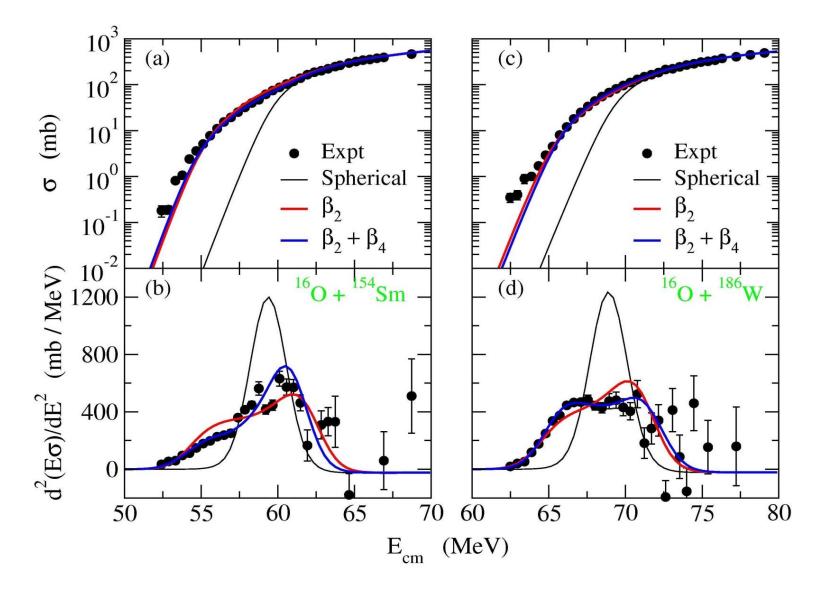
Classical fusion cross section is proportional to 1/E:

$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}^{cl}(E) = \pi R_b^2 \left(1 - \frac{V_b}{E} \right)$$



Taken from J.S. Lilley, "Nuclear Physics"

ii) barrier distribution (~90's)



M. Dasgupta et al., Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 48('98)401

iii) logarithmic derivative (~00's)

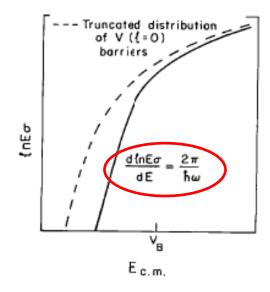
$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2E} R_b^2 \log \left[1 + \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(E - V_b)\right) \right]$$

$$\sim \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2E} R_b^2 \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}(E - V_b)\right) \qquad (E \ll V_b)$$

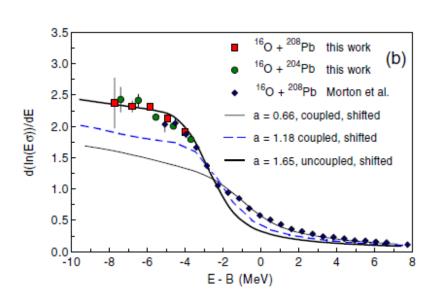


$$\frac{d}{dE}\log(E\sigma) = \frac{(E\sigma)'}{E\sigma} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar\Omega}$$

cf.
$$D_{\mathsf{fus}} = (E\sigma)''$$

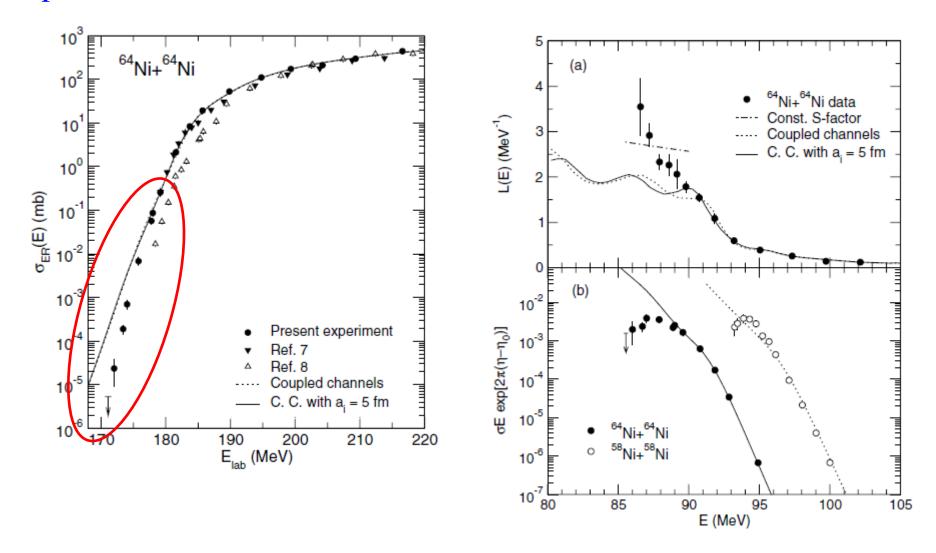


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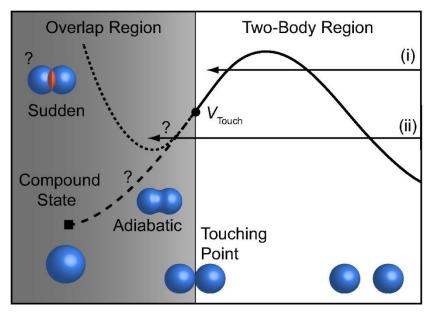
M. Dasgupta et al., PRL99('07) 192701

deep subbarrier hindrance of fusion cross sections



C.L. Jiang et al., PRL89('02)052701; PRL93('04)012701

Systematics of the touching point energy and deep subbarrier hindrance



Potential Energy

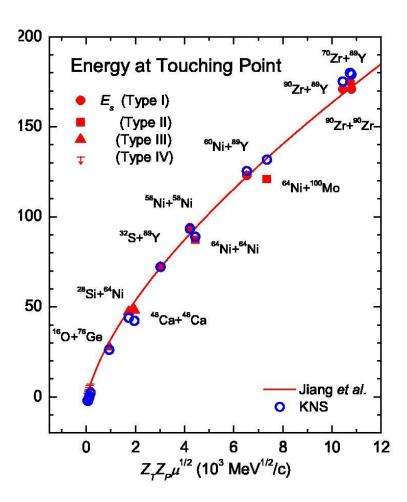
Center-of-Mass Distance r

mechanism of deep subbarrier hindrance:

not yet been fully understood

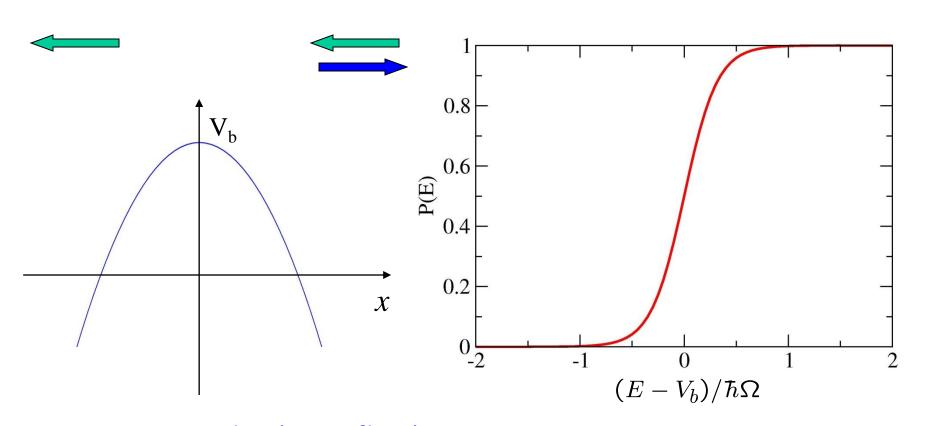


how to model the dynamics after touching?



T. Ichikawa, K.H., A. Iwamoto, PRC75('07) 064612 & 057603

Quantum reflection and quasi-elastic scattering



In quantum mechanics, reflection occurs even at $E > V_b$



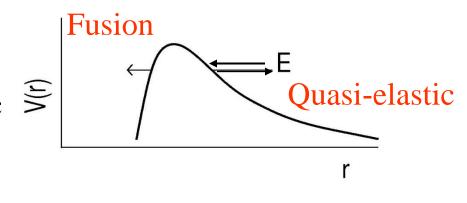
$$P(E) + R(E) = 1$$

Quantum Reflection

Reflection prob. carries the same information as penetrability, and barrier distribution can be defined in terms of reflection prob.

Quasi-Elastic Scattering

A sum of all the reaction processes other than fusion (elastic + inelastic + transfer +)





Detect all the particles which reflect at the barrier and hit the detector

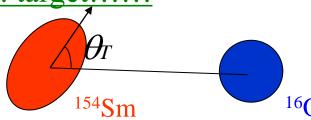


Related to reflection



Complementary to fusion

In case of a def. target.....



$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos \theta_T) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E; \theta_T)$$

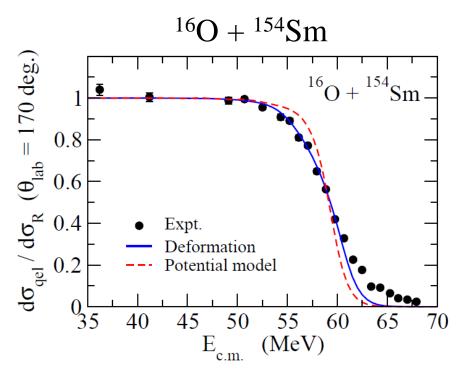
$$\sigma_{\text{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos \theta_T) \sigma_{\text{fus}}(E; \theta_T)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E, \theta) = \sum_I \sigma(E, \theta) = \int_0^1 d(\cos \theta_T) \sigma_{\text{el}}(E, \theta; \theta_T)$$

Subbarrier enhancement of fusion cross sections

10^2 σ_{fus} (mb) 10¹ 10^0 Expt. 10^{-1} Deformation Potential model $10^{-2} \frac{1}{50}$ 70 55 65 60 (MeV)

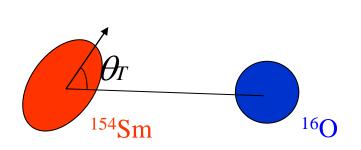
Quasi-elastic scattering (elastic + inelastic)



$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E;\theta)$$

$$\sigma_{\mathsf{qel}}(E, \theta) = \int_0^1 d(\cos \theta_T) \sigma_{\mathsf{el}}(E, \theta; \theta_T)$$

Quasi-elastic barrier distribution



$$\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos \theta_T) \sigma_{\mathsf{fus}}(E; \theta_T)$$

$$D_{\text{fus}}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E,\theta) = \sum_{I} \sigma(E,\theta) = \int_{0}^{1} d(\cos\theta_{T}) \sigma_{\text{el}}(E,\theta;\theta_{T})$$

Quasi-elastic barrier distribution:

$$D_{\text{qel}}(E) = -\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E, \pi)}{\sigma_R(E, \pi)} \right) \quad \text{H. Timmers et al.,}$$
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(note) Classical elastic cross section in the limit of strong Coulomb field:

$$\sigma_{\rm el}^{cl}(E,\pi) = \sigma_R(E,\pi)\theta(V_b - E)$$



$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{el}}^{cl}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_{R}(E,\pi)} = \theta(V_b - E) = R(E)$$

Quasi-elastic test function

Classical elastic cross section (in the limit of a strong Coulomb):

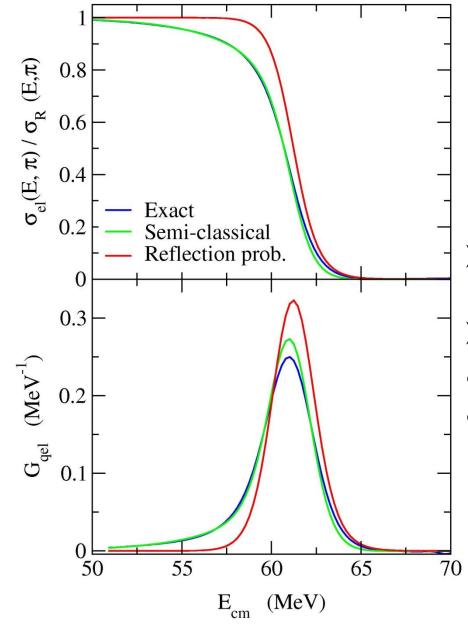
$$\sigma_{\rm el}^{cl}(E,\pi) = \sigma_R(E,\pi)\theta(V_b - E)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{el}}^{cl}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_{R}(E,\pi)} = \theta(V_{b} - E) = R(E)$$
$$-\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{el}}^{cl}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_{R}(E,\pi)}\right) = \delta(E - V_{b})$$

$$-\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{el}}^{cl}(E, \pi)}{\sigma_{B}(E, \pi)} \right) = \delta(E - V_b)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\mathsf{el}}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)} \sim \left(1 + \frac{V_N(r_c)}{ka} \frac{\sqrt{2a\pi k\eta}}{E}\right) \cdot R(E)$$

S. Landowne and H.H. Wolter, NPA351('81)171 K.H. and N. Rowley, PRC69('04)054610



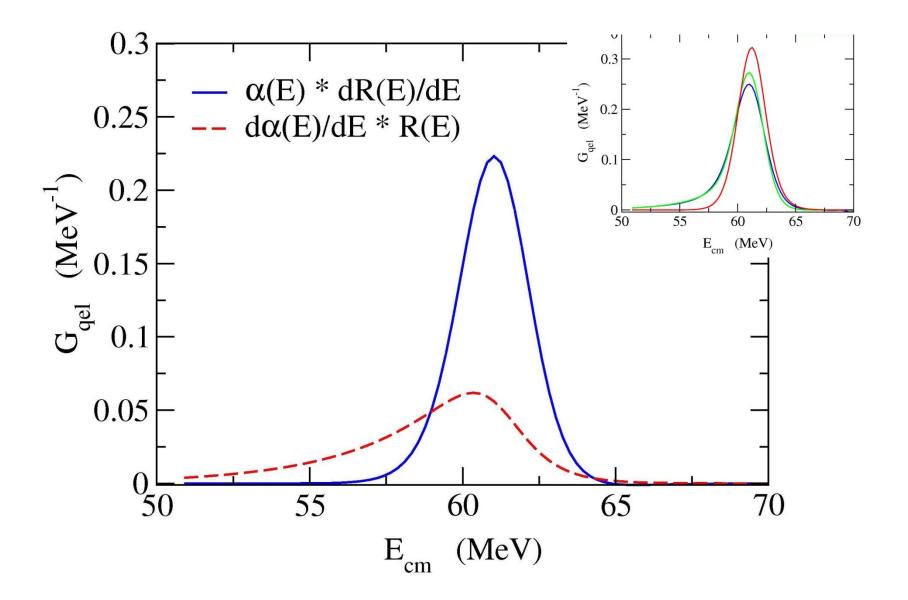
Quasi-elastic test function

$$G_{\text{qel}}(E) \equiv -\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{el}}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)} \right)$$

- The peak position slightly deviates from V_b
- ► Low energy tail
- Integral over E: unity
- Relatively narrow width



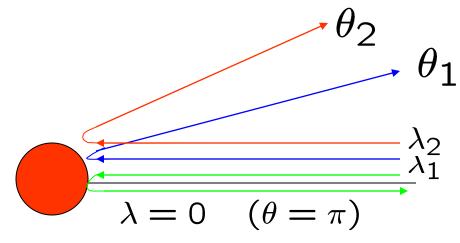
Close analog to fusion b.d.



Scaling property

Expt.: impossible to perform at $\theta = \pi$

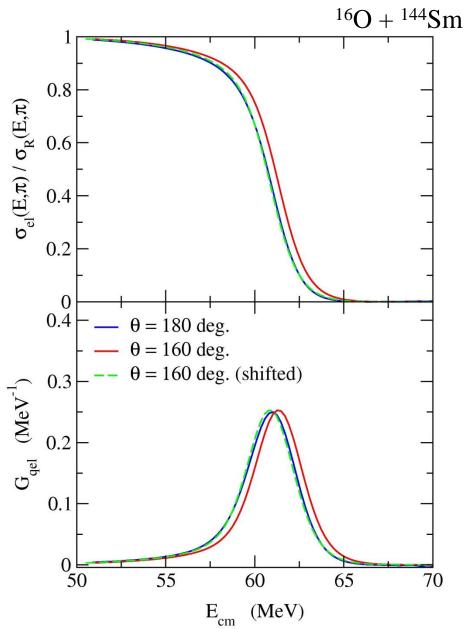
 \longrightarrow Relation among different θ ?



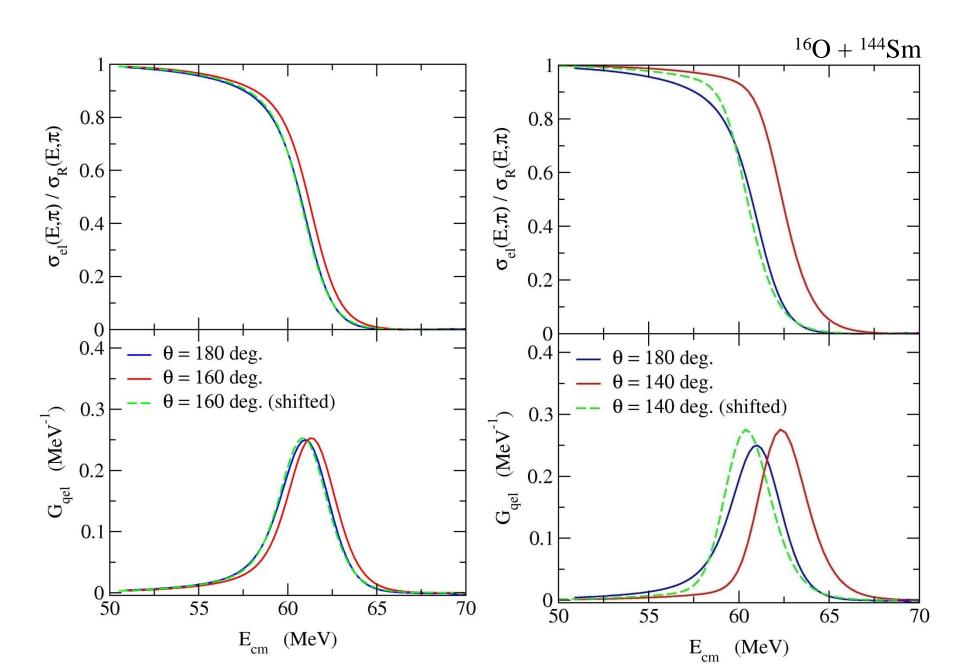
Effective energy:

$$E_{\mathrm{eff}} \sim E - \frac{\lambda_c^2 \hbar^2}{2\mu r_c^2}$$

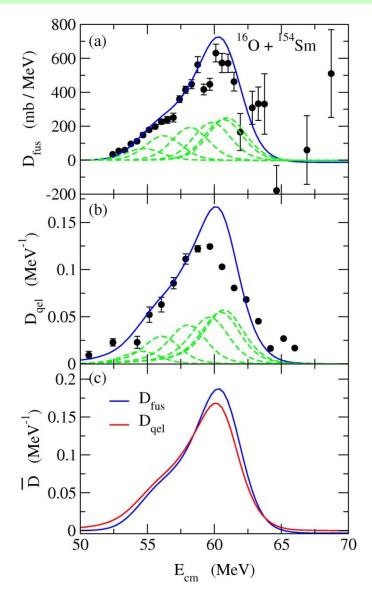
$$= 2E \frac{\sin(\theta/2)}{1 + \sin(\theta/2)}$$
 $D_{\mathrm{qel}}(E, \theta) \sim D_{\mathrm{qel}}(E_{\mathrm{eff}}, \pi)$



$$\lambda_c = \eta \cot(\theta/2)$$

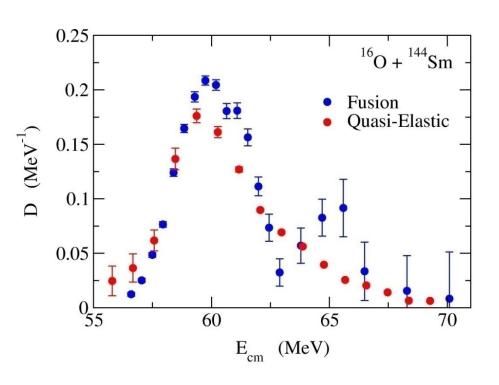


Comparison of D_{fus} with D_{qel}



Fusion
$$D_{\text{fus}}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE^2}$$

Quasi-elastic
$$D_{\text{qel}}(E) = -\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E, \pi)}{\sigma_R(E, \pi)} \right)$$



H. Timmers et al., NPA584('95)190

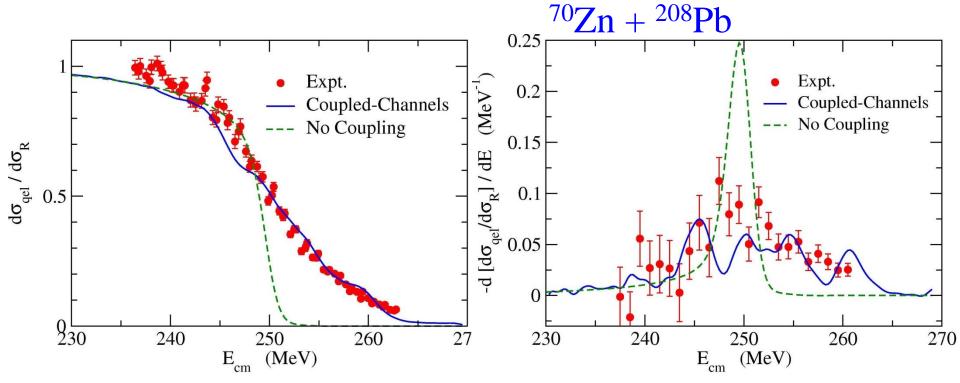
A gross feature is similar to each other

K.H. and N. Rowley, PRC69('04)054610

Experimental barrier distribution with QEL scattering

$$D_{\text{qel}}(E) = -\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E, \pi)}{\sigma_R(E, \pi)} \right)$$

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 70 Zn : $E_2 = 0.885$ MeV, 2 phonon, 208 Pb: $E_3 = 2.614$ MeV, 3 phonon

Muhammad Zamrun F., K. H., S. Mitsuoka, and H. Ikezoe, PRC77('08)034604.

Experimental Data: S. Mitsuoka et al., PRL99('07)182701

Experimental advantages for D_{qel}

$$D_{\text{qel}}(E) = -\frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E, \pi)}{\sigma_R(E, \pi)} \right) \qquad D_{\text{fus}}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE^2}$$

- less accuracy is required in the data (1st vs. 2nd derivative)
- much easier to be measured

Qel: a sum of everything

a very simple charged-particle detector

Fusion: requires a specialized recoil separator to separate ER from the incident beam

ER + fission for heavy systems

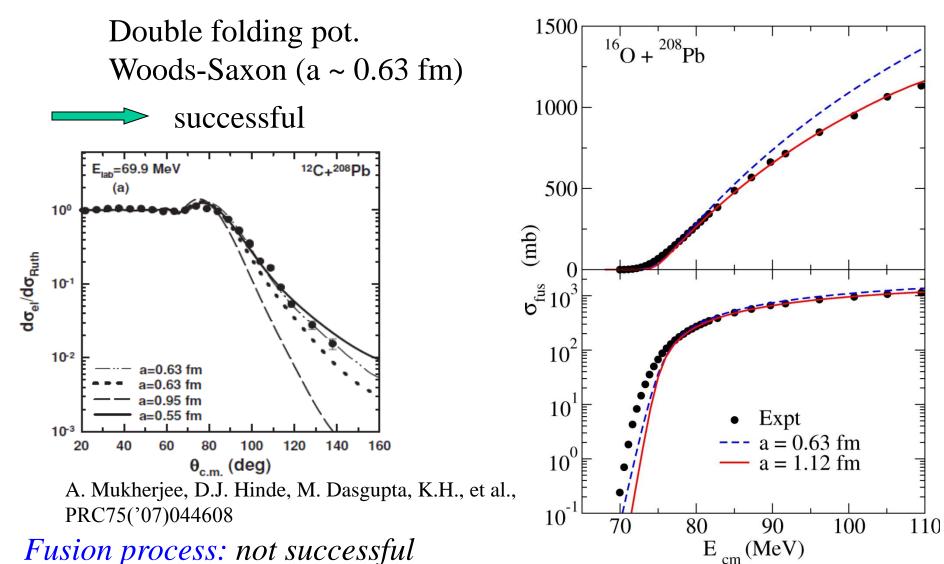
• several effective energies can be measured at a single-beam energy ←→ relation between a scattering angle and an impact

parameter

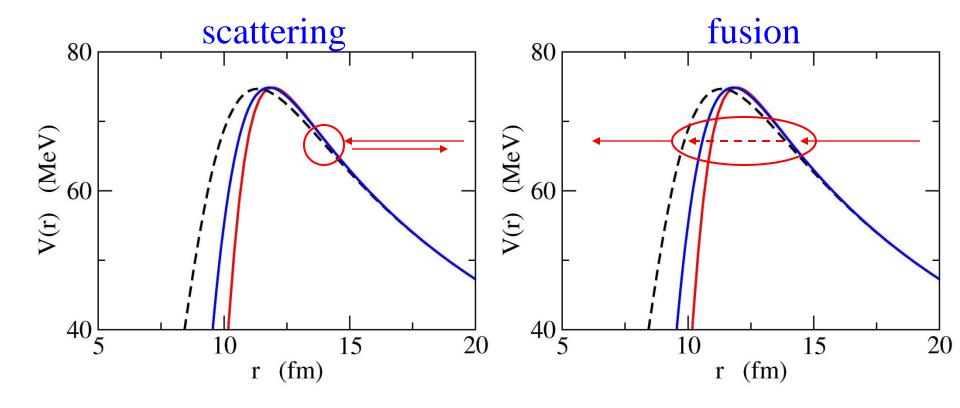
$$E_{\text{eff}} = 2E \sin(\theta/2)/[1 + \sin(\theta/2)]$$

Deep subbarrier fusion and diffuseness anomaly

Scattering processes:



 \rightarrow a ~ 1.0 fm required (if WS)

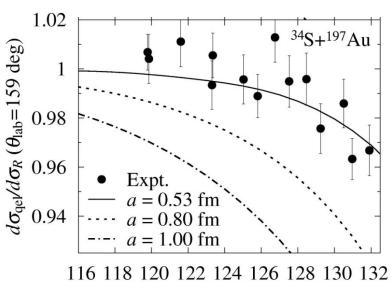


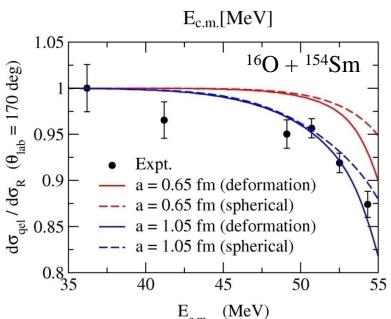
- •How reliable is the DFM/WS?
- •What is an optimum potential?



deduction of fusion barrier from exp. data? (model independent analysis?)

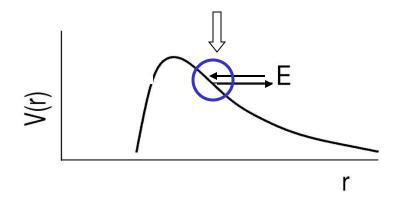
Quasi-elastic scattering at deep subbarrier energies?





K.H., T. Takehi, A.B. Balantekin, and N. Takigawa, PRC71('05) 044612K. Washiyama, K.H., M. Dasgupta, PRC73('06) 034607

QEL at deep subbarrier energies: sensitive only to the surface region



$$\frac{\sigma_{\rm el}(E,\pi)}{\sigma_R(E,\pi)} \sim \left(1 + \frac{V_N(r_c)}{ka} \frac{\sqrt{2a\pi k\eta}}{E}\right) \cdot R(E)$$

$$\sim 1 + \frac{V_N(r_c)}{ka} \frac{\sqrt{2a\pi k\eta}}{E}$$

Summary

Heavy-Ion Fusion Reactions around the Coulomb Barrier

♦Fusion and quantum tunneling

Fusion takes place by tunneling

♦Basics of the Coupled-channels method

Collective excitations during fusion

♦Concept of Fusion barrier distribution

Sensitive to nuclear structure

$$D_{\mathsf{fus}}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{\mathsf{fus}})}{dE^2}$$

♦ Quasi-elastic scattering and quantum reflection

Complementary to fusion

Computer program: CCFULL

http://www.nucl.phys.tohoku.ac.jp/~hagino/ccfull.html

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Hamiltonian (example 3): more general cases

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0(x) - \epsilon \sigma_z + \hat{\sigma}_x \cdot F(x)$$
$$= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0(x) + \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon & F(x) \\ F(x) & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U(x) \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon & F(x) \\ F(x) & \epsilon \end{pmatrix} U^{\dagger}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1(x) & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x \text{ dependent}$$



$$P(E) = \sum_{i} w_{i}(E) P(E; V_{0}(x) + \lambda_{i}(x))$$

$$E \text{ dependent}$$

E dependent

K.H., N. Takigawa, A.B. Balantekin, PRC56('97)2104 $w_i(E) \sim \text{constant}$

(note) Adiabatic limit:
$$\epsilon \to \infty \implies w_i(E) = \delta_{i,0}$$