Potential roots of deep sub-barrier heavy-ion fusion hindrance phenomenon within the sudden approximation approach

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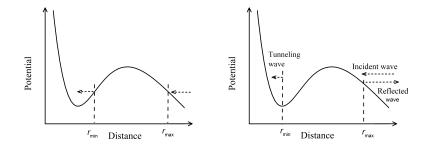
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Time independent sub-barrier quantum tunneling



There are generally two ways to get the tunneling probability:

• Semi-classical approaches: WKB et al.

$$P_l^{\text{WKB}}(E) = \exp[-2\int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} \sqrt{2\mu[V_l(r) - E]/\hbar^2} dr],$$

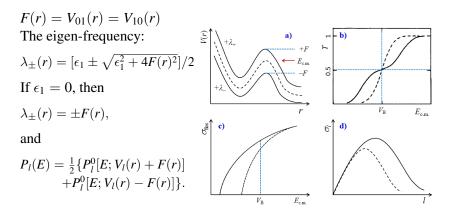
• Schrödinger equation under certain boundary conditions.

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V_N^{(0)}(r) + \frac{Z_P Z_T e^2}{r} - E\right]\psi(r) = 0$$

Physical idea of coupled-channels tunneling

Taking two energy levels as an example here

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V_l(r) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F(r) \\ F(r) & \epsilon_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_0(r) \\ u_1(r) \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} u_0(r) \\ u_1(r) \end{pmatrix}$$

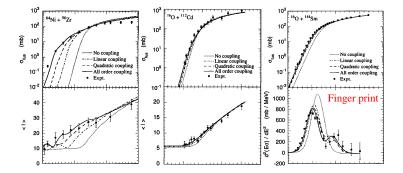


C. J. Lin, Heavy-ion nuclear reactions, (2015)P. Fröbrich, Theory of Nuclear Reactions, (1996)

Multi-channels problem for heavy-ion reactions

Taking into full order coupling in V_{nm} is important

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V_N^{(0)}(r) + \frac{Z_P Z_T e^2}{r} + \epsilon_n - E\right]\psi_n(r) + \sum_m V_{nm}(r)\psi_m(r) = 0$$



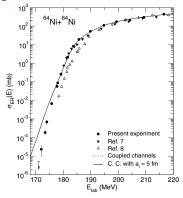
In CCFULL model, the full order couplings are considered.

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Discovery of deep sub-barrier fusion hindrance

B. B. Back, H. Esbensen, C. L. Jiang and K. E. Rehm (2014). Rev. Mod. Phys. 86: 317.

"The comparison with CC calculations using a Woods-Saxon potential allowed them to cleanly identify the fusion hindrance at the lowest energies."



Argonne National Laboratory Experiments: C. L. Jiang, H. Esbensen et al, Phys Rev Lett 89 (5), 052701 (2002); Phys Rev Lett 93 (1), 012701 (2004); Physical Review C 71(4): 044613 (2005) Physics Letters B 640(1): 18-22. (2006) Phys Rev Lett 113 (2), 022701 (2014).

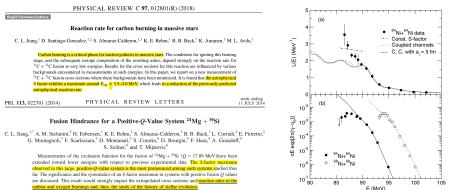
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M. Dasgupta, D. J. Hinde, A. Diaz-Torres, et al, Phys Rev Lett 99, 192701 (2007).

INFN Experiments:

G. Montagnoli, A. M. Stefanini, et al, Physical Review C 85(2): 024607. (2010); Physics Letters B 728: 639. (2014) Physical Review C 97(2): 024610.(2018) Physical Review C 100(4): 044619. (2019).

Deep sub-barrier fusion hindrance & S factor

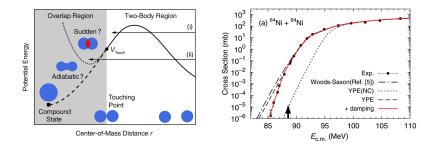


carbon and oxygen burnings and, thus, the study of the history of stellar evolution.

$$\langle \sigma \nu \rangle \approx (\frac{2}{\mu})^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Delta E_0}{(kT)^{3/2}} S(E_0) \exp(-\frac{3E_0}{kT}); \qquad S(E) = \sigma E \exp(2\pi\eta); \qquad \eta = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar u} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}$$

Fusion between light nuclei is of interest because its important roles in the late stages of massive star evolution.

Explanations: adiabatic approximation & deep potential



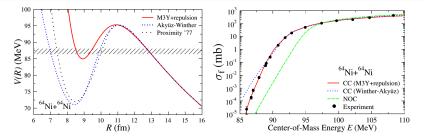
T. Ichikawa, K. Hagino and A. Iwamoto, Phys Rev C 75, 064612 (2007); Phys Rev Lett 103, 202701 (2009); T. Ichikawa, Phys Rev C 92 (6), 064604 (2015).

On top of the conventional CC method, an extra one-dimensional adiabatic potential barrier is assumed after the reacting nuclei contact with each other, considering the formation of the composite system.

• K. Hagino, A. B. Balantekin, N. W. Lwin et al, Phys Rev C 97, 034623 (2018).

Two Woods-Saxon potentials with different slopes.

Explanations: sudden approximation & shallow potential



Ş. Mişicu and H. Esbensen, Phys Rev Lett 96 (11), 112701 (2006); Phys Rev C 75, 034606 (2007);

Hindrance of Heavy-Ion Fusion due to Nuclear Incompressibility. Double-folding potential with M3Y forces supplemented by a repulsive core.

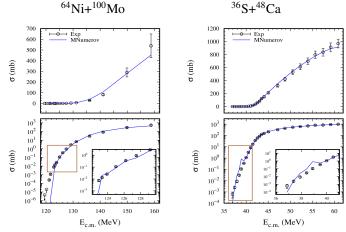
• C. Simenel, A. S. Umar, K. Godbey, et al, Phys Rev C 95, R031601 (2017).

Density constrained time dependent Hartree-Fock model. It is concluded that: "...to explain experimental fusion data at deep sub-barrier energies, then cannot be justified by an effect of incompressibility. It is more likely that it simulates other effects such as Pauli repulsion."

V. V. Sargsyan, G. G. Adamian, N. V. Antonenko et al, Eur Phys J A 56, 19 (2020).
 Extended quantum diffusion approach + Double folding potential.

The instability of the coupled channels model

There are fluctuations at deep sub-barrier energy region. "For shallow pocket potentials, however, the IWBC should be replaced by an imaginary potential at the potential pocket to avoid numerical instabilities."



C. Simenel, et al, Phys Rev C 95, R031601 (2017).

V.I. Zagrebaev et al, 2004 Phys. Atom. Nucl. 67 1462

About deep sub-barrier fusion hindrance:

• Whether could the CC calculation of the fusion cross section be stable at the deep sub-barrier energy region?

Some works used an extra imaginary potential around the potential minimum to eliminate the fluctuations of the conventional CC calculation. However, one has to add more parameters.

• Is Woods-Saxon potential able to describe the deep sub-barrier fusion hindrance phenomenon well enough?

It is said that it is not able to describe it in many works. And hybrid potential model, other potential models, and reaction mechanisms are widely used now.

• What's the mechanism of the fusion hindrance?

The shallow potential or deep potential.

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Import gradients for solving the coupled-channels equation

There are several parts to construct the coupled-channels approach:

Nuclear potential:

real potential (double folding, proximity, Woods-Saxon potential), complex potential

Oupled potential:

full order coupling, linear coupling, or the quadratic coupling

Boundary condition:

regular boundary condition, incoming wave boundary condition

Numerical method:

finite difference method (Numerov, three-point difference), finite element method (KANTBP), R-matrix method.

O. Chuluunbaatar, A. A. Gusev, *et al*, CPC. 177, 649 (2007)
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The nuclear potential

The Akyüz-Winther (AW) type Woods-Saxon potential as starting point:

$$V_N^{(0)}(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp((r - R_0)/a_0)}.$$

= $\frac{-16\pi\gamma a_0 \bar{R}}{1 + \exp[(r - R_P - R_T)/a_0]},$

A. Winther, Nucl. Phys. A 594, 203 (1995)

with

$$\frac{1}{a_0} = 1.17[1 + 0.53(A_P^{-1/3} + A_T^{-1/3})]$$

$$\bar{R} = \frac{R_P R_T}{R_P + R_T} \qquad R_i = 1.2A_i^{1/3} - 0.09, \ i = P, T$$

$$\gamma = 0.95\left(1 - 1.8\frac{(N_P - Z_P)(N_T - Z_T)}{A_P A_T}\right)$$

No free parameters and widely used for fusion reaction.

The coupled potential (full order coupling)

The nuclear coupling Hamiltonian can be generated by changing the potential radius to a dynamical operator $R_0 + \hat{O}$ with $\hat{O} | \alpha \rangle = \lambda_{\alpha} | \alpha \rangle$

$$\hat{O} = \frac{\beta_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{4\pi}} r_{\text{coup}} A_T^{1/3} (a_{\lambda 0}^{\dagger} + a_{\lambda 0}) \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{Bohr, A. and Mottelson, B. R.} \\ \text{Nuclear Structure II, (1969)} \end{array}$$

The nuclear coupling potential is given on top of the potential as

$$V'_N(r, \hat{O}) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp((r - R_0 - \hat{O})/a_0)}$$

It is considered with full order by diagonalizing the matrix \hat{O}

$$O_{nm} = \frac{\beta_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{4\pi}} r_{\text{coup}} A_T^{1/3} (\sqrt{m} \delta_{n,m-1} + \sqrt{n} \delta_{n,m+1})$$

The nuclear coupling matrix elements between phonon state $|n\rangle$ and $|m\rangle$ is

$$egin{array}{rcl} V_{nm}^{(N)} &=& \langle n | V_N'(r, \hat{O}) | m
angle - V_N^{(0)} \delta_{n,m} \ &=& \displaystyle{\sum_lpha} \langle n | lpha
angle \langle lpha | m
angle V_N'(r, \lambda_lpha) - V_N^{(0)} \delta_{n,m} \end{array}$$

H. Hagino et al, Comput. Phys. Commun. 123 143 (1999);

The incoming wave boundary condition

The incoming wave boundary conditions (IWBC)

$$\psi_n(r) = \begin{cases} T_n \exp\left(-ik_n(r_{\min})r\right), & r \le r_{\min} \\ H_l^-(k_n r)\delta_{n,0} - R_n H_l^+(k_n r), r \ge r_{\max} \end{cases}$$

Here $k_n = k_n(r \to +\infty)$, and $k_n(r)$ is the local wave number for *n*-th channel

$$k_n(r) = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2}} \left(E - \epsilon_n - \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} - V_N^{(0)}(r) - \frac{Z_P Z_T e^2}{r} - V_{nn}(r) \right)$$

There are problems in the previous boundary condition.

- The plane wave boundary condition at the left boundary r_{\min} involves only the diagonal part. This requires that the off-diagonal matrix elements tend to zero.
- However, at r_{\min} , the distance between two nuclei is so short that the off-diagonal matrix elements are usually not zero. There can be sudden noncontinuous changes in the left boundary.
- A linear transformation should be done at the left boundary.

V.V. Samarin, V.I. Zagrebaev, 2004 NPA 734 E9;
 V.I. Zagrebaev, V.V. Samarin, 2004 Phys. Atom. Nucl. 67 1462;

The new method KANTBP

The coupled-channels Schrödinger equation

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V_N^{(0)}(r) + \frac{Z_P Z_T e^2}{r} + \epsilon_n - E\right] \psi_{nn_o} + \sum_{n'=1}^N V_{nn'}(r)\psi_{n'n_o}(r) = 0, \quad (1)$$

with

- n_o is a number of the open entrance channel with a positive relative energy $E_{n_o} = E \epsilon_{n_o} > 0, n_o = 1, ..., N_o \le N.$
- $\{\psi_{nn_o}(r)\}_{n=1}^N$ are components of a desirable matrix solution.

Let **W** is the symmetric matrix of dimension $N \times N$

$$W_{nm} = W_{nm} = \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} \left[\left(\frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} + V_N^{(0)}(r) + \frac{Z_P Z_T e^2}{r} + \epsilon_n \right) \delta_{nm} + V_{nm}(r) \right].$$
(2)

Then the equation can be expressed as

$$-\psi_{nm}^{\prime\prime}(r) + \sum_{m'} W_{nm'}\psi_{m'm}(r) = \frac{2\mu E}{\hbar^2}\psi_{nm}(r), \qquad (3)$$

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Diagonalize the matrix at $r = r_{\min}$

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{W}}, \quad \{\tilde{\mathbf{W}}\}_{nm} = \delta_{nm}\tilde{W}_{mm}, \quad \tilde{W}_{11} \le \tilde{W}_{22} \ldots \le \tilde{W}_{NN}. \tag{4}$$

The functions $y_m(r)$ are solutions of the uncoupled equations

$$y_m''(r) + K_m^2 y_m(r) = 0, \quad K_m^2 = \frac{2\mu E}{\hbar^2} - \tilde{W}_{mm}.$$
 (5)

In open channels at $K_m^2 > 0, m = 1, ..., M_o \le N$ the solutions $y_m(r)$ have the form:

$$y_m(r) = \frac{\exp(-\imath K_m r)}{\sqrt{K_m}}.$$
(6)

In this case $\psi_{nn_o}(r)$ expressed by the linear combinations of the linear independent solutions

$$\psi_{nn_o}(r) = \sum_{m=1}^{M_o} A_{nm} y_m(r) \hat{T}_{mn_o}, \quad r = r_{\min}.$$
(7)

In this way, the off-diagonal matrix elements have been considered in the calculation.

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Summary of the boundary conditions for open channels

$$\psi_{mn_o}^{as}(r) = \begin{cases} \sum_{m=1}^{M_o} A_{nm} \frac{\exp(-iK_m r)}{\sqrt{K_m}} \hat{T}_{mn_o}, & r = r_{\min}, \\ \hat{H}_l^-(k_n r) \delta_{n,n_o} + \hat{H}_l^+(k_n r) \hat{R}_{nn_o}, & r = r_{\max}. \end{cases}$$
(8)

In this case the partial tunneling probability from the ground state ($n_o = 1$) is

$$P_l(E) \equiv T_{n_o n_o}^{(l)}(E).$$
(9)

At fixed orbital momentum *l*, it is given by summation over all possible intrinsic states:

$$T_{n_o n_o}^{(l)}(E) = \sum_{m=1}^{M_o} \left| \hat{T}_{m n_o} \right|^2, \quad R_{n_o n_o}^{(l)}(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_o} \left| \hat{R}_{n n_o} \right|^2, \quad T_{n_o n_o}^{(l)}(E) = 1 - R_{n_o n_o}^{(l)}(E)$$
(10)

The condition $T_{n_o n_o}^{(l)}(E) + R_{n_o n_o}^{(l)}(E) - 1 = 0$ fulfills with ten significant digits by the element method KANTBP.

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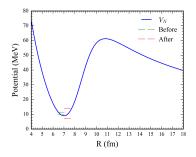
¹⁶O+¹⁴⁴Sm: A Benchmark calculation

When l = 0

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}W_{nm} = \left[\left(V_N + \epsilon_n \right) \delta_{nm} + V_{nm}(r) \right]$$

"Before": diagonal elements of $\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}W$

"After": diagonal elements of $\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\tilde{W}$

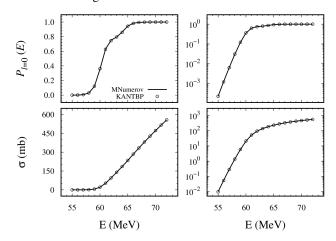


H. Hagino et al, 1999 CPC 123 143;

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57.00000	0.28583	6.05134
58.00000	1.36500	6.19272
59.00000	5.84375	6.40451
60.00000	20.59856	6.86092
61.00000	52.14435	7.81887
62.00000	94.62477	9.18913
63.00000	139.58988	10.65032
64.00000	185.55960	11.98384
65.00000	234.04527	13.13045
66.00000	283.93527	14.18620
67.00000	333.26115	15.21129
68.00000	381.21017	16.20563
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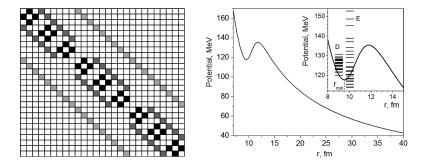
¹⁶O+¹⁴⁴Sm: A Benchmark calculation

Tunneling probability and fusion cross sections at linearizion and logarithmic scale for ${}^{16}\text{O}+{}^{144}\text{Sm}$.



Calculations by the KANTBP method agree well with the MNumerov method.

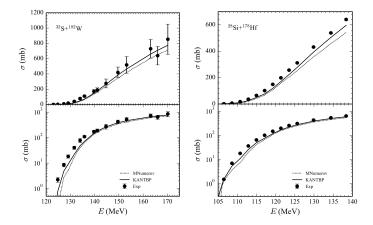
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There are many non-diagonal elements of $\hat{O}_{nm}(r)$ at r_{\min} .

³²S+¹⁸²W, ²⁸Si+¹⁷⁸Hf: Near barrier fusion

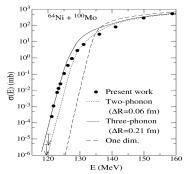
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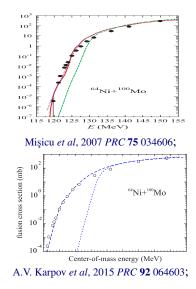
There are obvious differences in sub-barrier energy region.

⁶⁴Ni+¹⁰⁰Mo: Deep sub-barrier fusion

Jiang, C. L, et al, 2005 PRC 71 044613



about 7 MeV (for the same $\Delta R = 0.21$ fm). This is a general feature of coupled-channels calculations; and it is, therefore, very unlikely that any minor adjustment in the coupled-channels calculations would reproduce the steep falloff that the data exhibit at extreme sub-barrier energies. Thus, it appears that the fusion hindrance behavior, which now has been observed for many systems, is also present in the new data for $^{64}Ni + ^{100}Mo$. This will be shown more convincingly in the next section, where other representations of the fusion cross section are discussed.



The CC calculations with the M3Y+repulsion potential is usually used.

⁶⁴Ni+¹⁰⁰Mo, ²⁸Si+⁶⁴Ni: Deep sub-barrier fusion

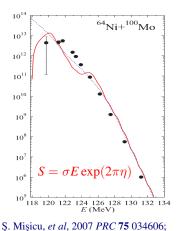
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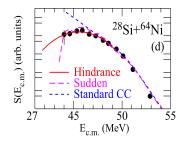
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Hindrance of Heavy-Ion Fusion due to Nuclear Incompressibility

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The M3Y+repulsion potential is usually used.

C.L. Jiang et al, 2018 PRC 97 012801

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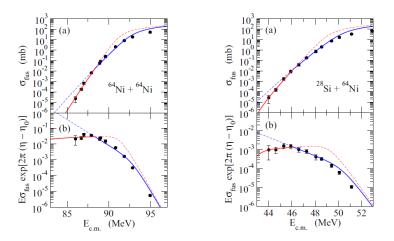
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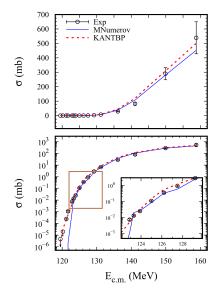
Two potentials including a larger (smaller) logarithmic slope at energies lower (higher) than the threshold energy

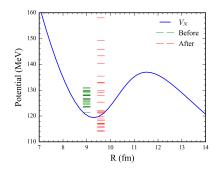
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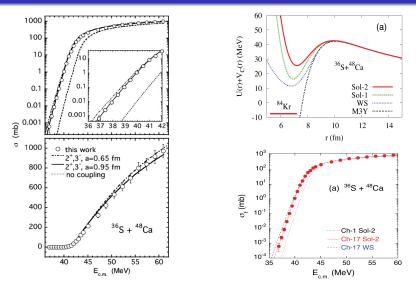


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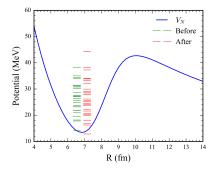


New calculations are more stable and agree with experimental data better



The M3Y+repulsion potential is usually used. The weak imaginary potential is adopted to eliminate some unwanted fluctuations.

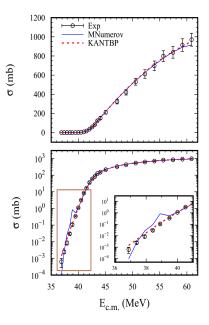
A.M. Stefanini, et al, 2008 PRC 78 044607; G. Montagnoli et al, 2013 PRC 87 014611



New calculations are more stable, and are higher than experimental data at deep sub-barrier energy.

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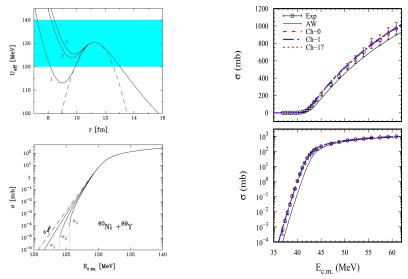


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R_0 (fm)	8.143	8.272	8.208	8.167	10	
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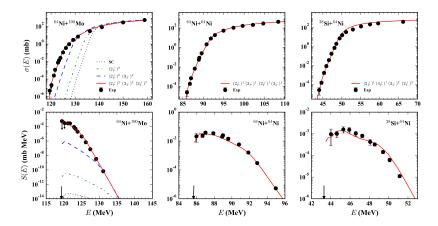
- This reaction can be fitted well by different set of WS parameters.
- The parameters are not far from AW potential parameters.

C.H. Dasso, et al, 2003 PRC 68 054604



The deep sub-barrier cross sections are sensitive to the potential pocket.

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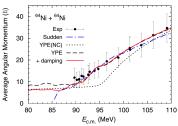


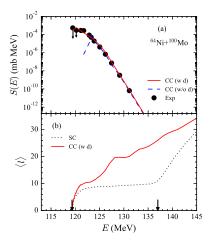
Woods-Saxon potential and multiphonon coupling are enough.

⁶⁴Ni+¹⁰⁰Mo: Potential details

TABLE I. Woods-Saxon potential parameters V_0 (MeV), a_0 (fm), and R_0 (fm) for 65 Ni + 105 Mo, 64 Ni + 64 Ni, and 28 Si + 64 Ni reaction systems. The potential barrier V_B and the minimum of the potential pocket V_P are also listed.

	⁶⁴ Ni + ¹⁰⁰ Mo	⁶⁴ Ni + ⁶⁴ Ni	²⁸ Si + ⁶⁴ N
V_0 (MeV)	79.938	65.829	53.529
a_0 (fm)	0.686	0.801	0.944
R_0 (fm)	10.190	9.239	7.790
V _B (MeV)	136.993	96.389	51.946
V _P (MeV)	119.344	85.699	43.298

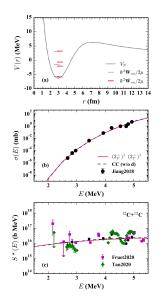


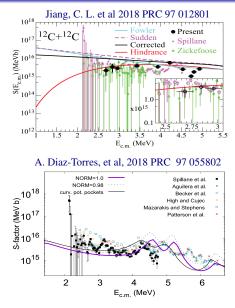


 $\langle l \rangle$ could be used as a probe to separate these two mechanisms.



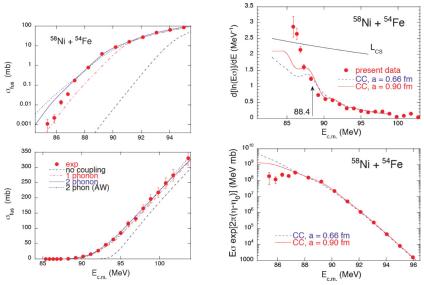
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Time dependent tunneling treatment is important.

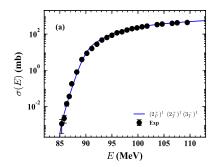
⁵⁸Ni+⁵⁴Fe experiment



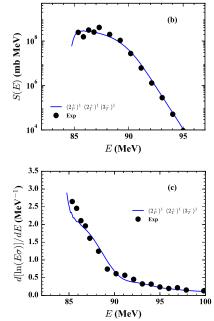
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⁵⁸Ni+⁵⁴Fe calculations (preliminary results)

The fitted WS potential parameters are V_0 = 51.312 MeV, R_0 = 9.268 fm, and a_0 = 0.688 fm.



The diffuseness parameter is normal.



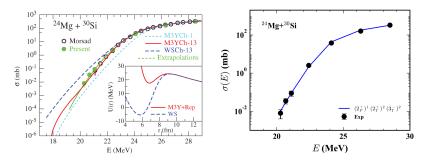
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Fusion Hindrance for a Positive-Q-Value System ²⁴Mg + ³⁰Si

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Measurements of the excitation function for the fusion of ${}^{24}Mg + {}^{30}Si$ (Q = 17.89 MeV)have been extended toward lower energies with respect to previous experimental data. The S-factor maximum observed in this large, positive-Q-value system is the most pronounced among such systems studied thus far. The significance and the systematics of an S-factor maximum in systems with positive fusion Q values are discussed. This result would strongly impact the extrapolated cross sections and reaction rates in the carbon and oxygen burnings and, thus, the study of the history of stellar evolution.



Introduction on deep sub-barrier fusion hindrance

The modified CC theoretical framework

3 Results and discussions



Potential answers to the previous questions based on sudden approximation:

• Whether could the calculation of the fusion cross section be stable at the deep sub-barrier energy region?

The calculations are stable now with the coupled-channels approach adopting the finite element method KANTBP with the improved boundary condition.

• Is Woods-Saxon potential able to describe the deep sub-barrier fusion hindrance phenomenon well enough?

The deep sub-barrier fusion cross sections, as well as the *S* facotr, of several typical reactions have been successfully described by using the most simple 3 parameter WS potential and multiphonon couplings.

What's the mechanism of the fusion hindrance?
 (*l*) could be used to clarify shallow or deep potential.

• What's the systematics of the maximum of fusion hindrance and *S* factor with respect to different reaction systems?

We have fitted several reactions with hindrance feature at deep subbarrier energy region, and are trying to see the systematics by fitting more reactions.

• The impact of the finite elements method on complex potential and regular boundary condition?

The current version of the high accuracy KANTBP is only suitable for real potential yet. Prof. S. I. Vinitsky, O. Chuluunbaatar, A. A. Gusev are working on this aspect.

• The role of other mechanisms like transfer or decoherence on deep subbarrier fusion hindrance?

Thank you for your attention !