Fusion and other reaction channels in the ¹⁶O+²⁰⁸Pb reaction at near-barrier energies

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Department of Nuclear Physics and Accelerator Applications, Australian National University <J²> Map fission angular dist. to <J²> Map $E_{\sigma_{cap}}$ vs. E to <J²>

QE Deep-sub-barrier quasielastic scattering: V_{nuc}

D(E) Fusion barrier distribution D(E)Coupled channels calculationsRequire transfer couplings in C.C. calculations

Transfer Sub-barrier transfer yields excitation energy spectra: energy dissipation?



Cross sections σ_{cap} vs. 1/E $\Rightarrow \langle V_B \rangle$

Cross sections σ_{cap} vs. E



<J²> from fission A



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Don't use approximate expression: Use q.m. d-functions

TSM uncertainties:

 \mathcal{I}_{eff} (Models: LDM, FRDM)

T (a_{f} , v_{pre} distribution) Use statistical model (No light ion calibration reaction)

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$$\langle l^2 \rangle = \{(2\mu R_B^2)/[\sigma_f(E)E\hbar^2]\} \int_{-\infty}^E dE' E' \sigma_f(E')$$



V_{nuc} (for C.C. calculations): deep-sub-barrier quasielastic scattering



Concept

K. Hagino, T. Takehi, A. B. Balantekin, and N. Takigawa, Phys.Rev. C **71**, 044612 (2005).

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 $^{16}O + ^{208}Pb$: (and many other systems)

Nuclear potential diffuseness a = 0.67 + 0.02

Agree with optical model analyses of above-barrier elastic scattering

Fusion barrier distribution D(E) $D(E) = d^2(E\sigma_{cap})/dE^2$



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MEASURING BARRIERS TO FUSION

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Coupled channels calculations using CCFULL: Nuclear potential diffuseness a = 0.67

Vibrational couplings: 3⁻, 3⁻x3⁻, 5⁻

Transfer channels: assumed g.s. transfers, optimised coupling strengths

With transfer, barrier distribution shape not bad



$<J^2>$ compared with C.C. calculations: a = 0.67 fm





Coupled channels formalism is really a model to describe scattering: What are the scattering characteristics at near-barrier energies?

Non-elastic backscattered events

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At $E/V_B = 0.80$, 3- state comprises most of the non-elastic yield (only ~4x10⁻⁴ of elastic yield)

At $E/V_B = 0.96$, 3- state comprises <5% of the non-elastic yield

What is all the rest? Transfer?



Transfer channels

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Transfer E_X distributions (Dominic Rafferty PhD thesis ANU 2020)



Sub-barrier transfer probabilities (Rafferty PRC 2016)



At the average barrier radius R_B (red line) $d\sigma_{QEL}/d\sigma_{Ruth} = P_{reflected} = 0.5$

At $R_B P_{Tr} = 0.2$ to 0.3

- Reflected flux ~ 50% transfer
- E_x up to 10 MeV

At
$$R_{B}+1$$
 fm, $P_{Tr} = 0.03$

At $R_B - 1$ fm, $P_{Tr} = ??$ very large....

First conclusion:

Including only the 3-, 5- vibrational states and g.s. transfer channels in CC calculations misses >95% of the non-elastic scattering at the barrier !

Resulting questions:

Should coupling to transfer at E_{χ} around 5 MeV be included in the C.C. framework in the same way as vibrational states?

Is all transfer coherent with the elastic channel? i.e. is all transfer reversible on the timescale of the scattering or tunneling process?

Should some transfers be treated as energy dissipative?

Systematic above-barrier fusion suppression (Newton 2004)



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How to identify thermalised energy loss following transfer

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Energy dissipation and suppression of capture cross sections in heavy ion reactions

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Concept: Use fission to signal thermalised energy following transfer Implementation: Reactions with ²³²Th target \implies Fission for $E_x > 6$ MeV (B_f)

Separation of capture-fission and transfer-fission (Jeung 2021)

Use fission source velocity relative to C.N. velocity Account for geometrical efficiency



Thermalised energy loss in transfer (Jeung 2021)



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Thermalised energy loss (dissipated energy) in transfer reactions:

Correlated with above-barrier suppression of capture Time scales of thermalisation and fusion? Above-barrier: classical modelling may be adequate

Effects of transfer on tunneling?

Need quantum model Need better understanding of nuclear potentials

- inner turning points
- channel-specific potentials

What happens in the tunneling regime?

Approaching the inner turning point, matter overlap increases. Do transfer channels continue to evolve, taking flux out of energetically favourable channels, reducing the fusion cross section?

Conclusions

Understanding heavy ion capture and fusion:

- (i) Capture excitation function: key observable Logarithmic σ below-barrier, or log derivative D(E) around the average barrier energy Linear σ above-barrier, vs. E or 1/E Not clear whether <J²> can bring independent information
- (ii) Full transfer information and energy dissipation are missing ingredients in understanding capture E_X distributions
- Q.M. modelling in more dimensions (N,Z,E_x), including transitioning from coherent to irreversible couplings (dissipation)

