Dissipation and

Coulomb barriers

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J.Leigh et al., PR C52(1995); M.Beckerman et al., PR C23(1981)1581





Proof of the quantal nature of the phenomenon:

even for undeformed nuclei...



A.M.Stefanini et al., PRL 74(1995)865

TUNNELING

In many branches of science tunneling through the barrier is influenced by environment (in nuclear phys. environment = nuclear structure)

The nuclear structure influences reaction channels and couplings between them → potential barrier splits into many barriers (lower and higher)

Usually this can be calculated by Coupled Channels method

According to the Coupled Channels Method (improved Optical Model),

collision partners emerge in a superposition of

a limited number of discrete (collective) quantum states,

explicitely taken into account in calculations

Presently the best model in nuclear reaction studies but there are some **problems**:

- parameters fitted (limited predictive power)
- different values of a_v for fusion and scattering
- problems with simultaneous description of σ_{fus} below and above the barrier

Our present motivation Testing the limits of the standard (coherent) Coupled Channels method and in particular the influence of dissipation on barier distribution



Two experimental methods:



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











Predictions of Coupled Channels Model for ²⁰Ne + ¹¹⁸Sn (CCFULL code)



 5α configuration of the basis intrinsic wave function in the α -¹¹C- α GCM; d is the distance between two α in ¹¹C-like core, and a and b are treated as the generator coordinates.







What causes smoothing of structure in the case of the Sn targets?

Why in the case of Ni target the structure is clearly seen, being in agreement with theory?

<u>Hypothesis</u>: disregarded in the CC calculations p, n, α **TRANSFERS** during ²⁰Ne scattering (stronger in the Sn than in the Ni case) 20 Ne + 90,92 Zr





Transfer probablity measurements: ICARE @ HIL









E. Piasecki et al., Phys.Rev. C80 (2009) 054613

Our hypothesis: we see here the effect of DISSIPATION i.e. excitation of many non-collective states

One can **FIT** imaginary potentials to describe both distributions, but what is the physics? (fusion + transfers + coll. & non-coll. excitations)



A. Diaz-Torres et al. (2007):

The Coupled Channels Model using Schrodinger equation describes reversible processes (coherent superposition of a few intrinsic states)

In reality we have irreversible damping of relative motion into many internal (collective and noncollective) degrees of freedom → dissipation

One can show that in quantum systems dissipation results in destruction of the coherent superposition (decoherence)





Double-slit type experiment with single electrons

Sonnentag & Hasselbach, PRL 98 (2007) 200402



According to A. Diaz-Torres we see here: the case of decoherence in nuclear physics

Proposed model of dissipative dynamics of open quantum systems: time dependent Coupled Channels Density-Matrix method which quantifies the role of quantum decoherence



One can prove that imaginary potential does not generate decoherence

Beyond the <u>standard</u> (coherent) CC model: Schrodinger equation → Lindblad equation, taking into account dissipation and decoherence Coupled Channels + Random Matrix Theory

S.Yusa, K.Hagino, N.Rowley Phys. Rev. C88(2013)054621 (improved)

1 parameter fitted for all cases





Test: ²⁰Ne + ^{58,60,61}Ni





Adopted energy levels from www.nndc.bnl.gov/nudat2

















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Conclusions:

- The weak (non-collective) couplings can considerably influence the barrier height distributions
- We can predict when the effect is dominated by transfers or s.p. excitations
- These couplings can also influence σ_{fus} and scattering angular distributions

·Open question: do we observe decoherence phenomenon?

• Theory:

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- necessity of improved taking into account dissipation (s.p. excitations) via coupling of Statistical Physics with Quantum Mechanics and/or
- taking into account also decoherence (time dependent dissipative dynamics of open systems)

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²⁴Mg + ⁹⁰Zr; P (rot): 3ph 2⁺; T: (vib): 2ph 2⁺ + 2ph 3⁻ V: Akyuz - Winther (corr.); 150 lev.; Blanpied: $β_2 = 0.59$; $β_4 = -0.03$; $r_0 = 0.94$

