The ⁴⁰Ca + ^{58,64}Ni fusion reactions : interplay between inelastic and transfer channels

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Outline

- Sub-barrier fusion in the Ca + Ni systems. Why?
- The fusion experiments and results
- Coupled-channels and Hartree-Fock calculations
- The transfer experiment and results
- Conclusions





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- Nuclear structure vs reaction dynamics in ⁴⁰Ca+^{58,64}Ni





• Ni + Ni and Ca + Ca



C.L. Jiang et al., Nucl.Phys. A834 (2010) M. Beckerman et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 45 (1980)

- ^{58,60,64}Ni vibrational, well known 1 and 2 phonon states
- ⁶⁴Ni+⁶⁴Ni 'a textbook example'



G. Montagnoli et al., Phys.Rev.C85(2012)

- ⁴⁸Ca 'stiff' / ⁴⁰Ca 'soft' (strong 3⁻)
- ⁴⁰Ca+⁴⁸Ca, hindrance shows up lower
- Qvalue (transfer) >0 for ⁴⁰Ca+⁴⁸Ca



- Effects of couplings on fusion well known for Ca and Ni
- Similar structure features for ⁵⁸Ni and ⁶⁴Ni / 6 neutrons



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XTU Tandem accelerator



International Nuclear Physics Conference Adelaide Convention Centre, Australia 11-16 September 2016 high-quality and intense ${}^{40}Ca$ beam of \approx 9 p nA intensity (\approx 6 x 10¹⁰ p s⁻¹)

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reaction chamber

 $^{58,64}\text{Ni}$ targets of 50 $\mu\text{g/cm}^2$ thickness deposited on a 20 $\mu\text{g/cm}^2$ ^{12}C backing

4 silicon detectors used as monitors



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detection system for the evaporation residues



International Nuclear Physics Conference Adelaide Convention Centre, Australia 11-16 September 2016 2 MCP detectors $t_{1,2}$ ionisation chamber: ΔE Si detector: E_R, t_3

$$TOF_1 = t_3 - t_1$$

 $TOF_2 = t_2 - t_1$
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TDHF + BCS calculations / 1 parameter (Skyrme) / dynamical effects at the mean-field level



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Time-Dependent Hartree-Fock + BCS calculations with the EV8 and

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Nucleon transfer channels in ⁴⁰Ca + ^{58,64}Ni

Transfer probability measurements from above to below the Coulomb barrier at INFN-LNL (Italy)



^{58,64}Ni beams / 3 p nA intensity (≈ 2 x 10¹⁰ p s⁻¹)

PRISMA magnetic spectrometer



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 CaF_2 target of 100 $\mu g/cm^2$ deposited on a 15 $\mu g/cm^2$ ^{12}C backing





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 $MWPPAC : t_f$ $TOF = t_f - t_i$

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ionisation chamber: ΔE , E



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Spectrum of A/q vs X_{fp}





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$$D = \frac{Z_{p} Z_{t} e^{2}}{2E_{c.m.}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sin(\theta_{c.m.} / 2)} \right)$$



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Back to coupled channels

 \rightarrow the parameters for the transfer coupling form factors are extracted from the measured transfer probabilities

 \rightarrow then these parameters are used in the coupled-channels calculations of fusion cross sections

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- the direct two-neutron transfer scheme does not seem to explain the importance of nucleon transfer channels for ${}^{40}Ca + {}^{64}Ni$ with $Q_{tr} > 0$
- underestimation of the sub-barrier fusion cross sections also observed for ⁴⁰Ca + ⁹⁶Zr with Q_{tr} > 0
 [G. Scamps and K. Hagino, Phys. Rev. C 92, 054614 (2015)]



Conclusions

- Study of ⁴⁰Ca+⁵⁸Ni and ⁴⁰Ca+⁶⁴Ni fusion reactions at energies above and below CB Nickel target nuclei : same structure features but different neutron numbers
- Influence of couplings to 2⁺, 3⁻ (⁴⁰Ca)
- Large influence of transfer channels in the ⁴⁰Ca+⁶⁴Ni system
- Transfer probabilities measured with the PRISMA spectrometer

... underestimated by CC calculations using form factors adjusted to transfer probabilities

- Challenges for the future
- Calculation including different parameters for the transfer channels
- complementary transfer probability measurements for ⁴⁰Ca + ⁵⁸Ni with Qtr < 0 around the Coulomb barrier
- New experimental setup for transfer measurements ?

... pave the way to exotic n-rich nuclei.



Collaboration

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Ni + ⁴⁰Ca fusion reactions



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System	+1n	+2n	+3n	+4n	-1p	-2p	-3p	-4p
$^{40}\text{Ca}+^{58}\text{Ni}$	-3.80	-2.52	-11.19	-14.21	-3.75	-3.60	-11.95	-15.97
$^{40}\text{Ca}+^{64}\text{Ni}$	-1.23	3.47	0.86	4.22	0.26	4.19	0.88	1.81



Transfer coupling form factors

C. H. Dasso and A. Vitturi, Phys. Lett. B **179**, 337 (1986) \rightarrow Q_{tr} and F_{tr} are adjusted to fit the measured fusion

$$F(r) = F_{tr} d \frac{V_N}{dr} \sim \frac{F_{tr} V_0}{a} e^{\frac{-(r-R_0)}{a}}$$
$$\left[F_{tr}\right] = fm, \left[V_0\right] = MeV, \left[a\right] = fm$$

G. Scamps and K. Hagino, Phys. Rev. C **92**, 054614 (2015) $\beta_{nn'}$ and $\alpha_{nn'}$ are adjusted to fit the measured transfer probabilities to be used in the coupled-channels calculations of fusion cross sections



