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• Bohr Hypothesis:

Compound reaction has relative decay probabilities independent of entrance channel.

• Weisskopf Ewing (1940):

 $\sigma(E) \propto \sigma_{inv}(E) E \rho(E^*-B-E)$ 

No *J* or  $\pi$  dependence

Often unreliable for smaller decay channels

• Hauser Feshbach (1952)

• Wolfenstein (1952):

$$\frac{\pi x^{2}}{(2I_{1}+1)(2I_{2}+1)} \left( \sum \frac{(2J+1)T_{in}T_{out}}{\sum T_{out}} \right)$$
  
Assume  $T_{in} = 1 \ \ell \le \ell_{max}$ 

$$T_{in}=0 \quad \ell > \ell_{\max}$$

Target and projectile spins are zero

Hauser Feshbach --Wolfenstein (continued):





## Spherical symmetry: Level States $m_{Z} = -J$ $m_{Z} = J$ $\sum = 2J + 1$ states Deformed nuclei: $\pm 5/2 = K$ 5/2 = J $\pm 3/2 = K$ 5/2 = J5/2 $\pm 1/2 = K$ 5/2 = J



New approach to Hauser Feshbach

$$T_{in} \rightarrow \langle \ell m_{\ell} J_{+} K_{+} | J_{c} K_{c} \rangle^{2} T_{in} \qquad J_{+} = J_{in}$$
  
$$T_{out} \rightarrow \langle \ell_{out} m_{\ell_{out}} J_{f} K_{f} | J_{c} K_{c} \rangle^{2} T_{out} \qquad K_{+} = K_{in}$$

Population distribution is similar Compound J distribution is similar K degeneracy is broken

Decay ratios differ

o, 2, 4, 6 sequence in spherical nucleus has 1:5:9:13 for population ratio
Deformed nucleus has K = 0 band so each level is non-degenerate
Ratio: 1:1:1:1



### **Fraction of Reaction Cross Section**

Neutron Energy (MeV)		G.S.	2+	4+	6+
0.3	Spherical Deformed	0.84 0.87	0.16 0.13		
0.6	Spherical Deformed	0.52 0.61	0.48 0.39		
0.9	Spherical Deformed	0.38 0.47	0.39 0.37	0.24 0.16	
1.2	Spherical Deformed	0.18 0.34	0.37 0.31	0.29 0.22	0.16 0.13
5	Spherical Deformed	0.00002 0.000075	0.00009 0.00008	0.00014 0.00009	0.00021 0.00012

## K Conservation

- •If  $\ell_{max}$  is not 0, will get multiple K values.
- •Distribution of K values is Gaussian
- •Difficult to identify consequence of mixing
- •Evaluate theoretical expectations
- •Mixing takes place between K and  $K \pm 1$  for given J
- •Mixing most obvious if level density for K is very

different than that for *K*+1 or *K*-1

K Conservation (cont)

- •This condition is only met for K large, where there are few levels
- •K mixing matrix elements are expected to be about 5 to 10 keV
- •At low energies (E < 4 MeV) level spacing inhibits mixing
- •At high energies, compound width is > 25 keV and inhibits mixing
- •Expect mixing for 5 < E < 25 MeV

Calculations show only few percent effect for complete mixing.

Find deformed code:

- •Enhances cross section for small J levels
- •Reduces cross sections for large J levels
- •Affects cross sections to resolved levels
- •Could affect (n,2n) and (n,n'f)
- •Ratios slightly larger for  $(n,\alpha)$  than (n,n')

Isospin Mixing:

Also involves addition of Clebsh-Gordon coefficients Proton incident on target with N > ZTarget isospin  $T_0 = T_7 = \frac{N-Z}{7}$ Proton has  $T = 1/2, T_7 = -1/2$ Coupling:  $\frac{1}{2T_0 + 1}$  to  $T = T_o + 1/2$  $T_Z = T_0 - 1/2$  $\frac{2T_0}{2T_0 + 1} \quad \text{to} \quad \begin{array}{c} T = T_0 - 1/2 \\ T_Z = T_0 - 1/2 \end{array}$ Decay of  $T = T_0 + 1/2$  is mostly protons

Decay of  $T = T_0 - 1/2$  is mostly neutrons

Ratio of level densities is large

Energy shift  

$$\Delta E = a_a \left[ -\frac{(N-Z)^2}{A} + \frac{(N-Z+2)^2}{A} \right] \cong \frac{24}{A} \left[ \frac{2(N-Z)+4}{A} \right]$$

for  $A \approx 40$   $\Delta E \approx 6 \text{ MeV}$  $A \approx 100$   $\Delta E \approx 9 \text{ MeV}$  $A \approx 200$   $\Delta E \approx 19 \text{ MeV}$ 

Level density ratio

 $A \approx 40 \qquad R = 60$  $A \approx 100 \qquad R = 2.2 \times 10^4$  $A \approx 200 \qquad R > 10^{10}$ 

All mixing is down

$$\frac{\frac{\sigma(p, p')}{\sigma(p, \alpha)}}{\frac{\sigma(\alpha, p)}{\sigma(\alpha, \alpha')}} > 1$$

for proton and alpha induced reactions through the same compound nucleus

## Angular Momentum Effects

- •Without isospin  $R \approx 1.15$
- •With isospin conserved  $(A \approx 60) R \approx 1.7$
- •Experiment  $R \approx 1.45$
- •Result: Mixing ~ 50% before decay
- •Measurements for  $E \sim 18\text{-}22 \ \mathrm{MeV}$
- •Show mixing is 40-60% for A ~ 60-70

## K mixing differs

- •Only two values of  $T-many\ values\ of\ K$
- •Big difference in branching ratios for two T values
- •Smaller difference for K
- •Mixing in both directions for  $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{only}$  one direction for  $\mathrm{T}$
- •These factors explain why mixing can be seen for T but not for K
- •K mixing likely occurs but has no obvious signature

## SUMMARY

- •New approach proposed for Hauser Feshbach calculations in deformed nuclei
- •Can accommodate both spherical and deformed nuclei in same calculation
- •Code is slower (~8x) than conventional HF
- •Cross sections for low J enhanced and for large J are reduced
- •Effects on (n,2n), (n,f), (n,n'f) still to be examined

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