

Microscopic approach to heavy-ion fusion: Effects of the Pauli exclusion principle

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« Pauli » Exclusion Principle

Edmund Clifton Stoner

"The distribution of electrons among atomic energy levels," The London, Edinburgh and Dublin Philosophical Magazine **47**, 1168 (1924)

Wolfgang Pauli

Z. Phys 31, 765 (1925)

« It shall be forbiden for more than one electron to have the same value of quantum numbers »





White dwarfs

Repulsion between composite systems of identical fermions at short distance



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Nucleon-Nucleon

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T. Fliessbach, Z. Phys. 247, 117 (1971).

Impact on fusion?



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=> Pauli repulsion negligible at the barrier

Jiang *et al.*, PRL (2002)



Impact on fusion?



=> Pauli repulsion expected to reduce sub-barrier fusion

Hartree-Fock (HF)

$$\delta \left< \Phi \right| \hat{H} \left| \Phi \right> = 0$$

Independent nucleons = Slater determinant (=> Pauli)



Occupied states 16**0** 1s1/2 1p1/2 2s1/2 1p3/21d3/2 1d5/2

 $E[\rho] \equiv E[\rho, \tau, \mathbf{J} \cdots] = \int d^3 r \,\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r})$

Frozen Hartree-Fock (FHF)

Brueckner et al., PR 173, 944 (1968)

$$V_{FHF}(R) = E[\rho_1 + \rho_2] - E[\rho_1] - E[\rho_2]$$
(No Pauli)

 $\rho_1(\mathbf{r}) + \rho_2(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R})$

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Density-Constrained Frozen Hartree-Fock (DCFHF)



Nucleus-nucleus potential

Pauli repulsion from DCFHF















Other hindrance mechanisms

- Incompressibility (Misicu & Esbensen, PRL2006)
- Adiabaticity (Ichikawa et al., PRL 2009)
- Decoherence (Dasgupta et al., PRL 2007)
- Dissipation (Evers et al., PRC 2011)
- Vibration damping (Ichikawa et al., PRC 2015)

- ...

=> Need for dynamical description

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¹⁶O+²⁰⁸Pb



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=> Dynamical potential (Washiyama, Lacroix, PRC 2008)

Density-Constrained Time-Dependent Hartree-Fock (DCTDHF)

Umar and Oberacker, PRC 74, 021601 (2006)

$$\delta \langle \Phi | \left[\hat{H} - \int d\mathbf{r} \,\lambda(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}) \right] |\Phi\rangle = 0$$



 $V_{DCTDHF}[R(t)] = \langle \Phi | \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle - E[\rho_1] - E[\rho_2]$ $\rho_{TDHF}(\mathbf{r}, t)$

Dynamics

Density-Constrained Time-Dependent Hartree-Fock (DCTDHF)



=> Energy-dependent potential (Washiyama, Lacroix, PRC 2008)

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Transfer contribution to the potential



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Conclusions

- Effect of Pauli exclusion principle on fusion
- New microscopic approach: *Density-Constrained Frozen Hartree-Fock* => bare potential *Density-Constrained Time-Dependent Hartree-Fock* => dynamical potential
- Pauli repulsion inside the fusion barrier
- Deep sub-barrier fusion hindrance

Perspectives

- Nucleosynthesis in stars, e.g., ¹²C+¹²C
- Energy-dependence
- Many-body tunnelling