# Weak channels and barrier distributions

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 (Tunneling in the presence of environment)

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#### Two experimental methods:





#### Are the methods equivalent?



H.Timmers et al., NPA 633(1998)421



 $^{16}O + ^{144}Sm$ 



H.Timmers et al., NP. A584(1995)195





Cluster model

5a configuration of the basis intrinsic wave function in the  $\alpha$ -<sup>11</sup>C- $\alpha$  GCM; d is the distance between two  $\alpha$  in <sup>11</sup>C-like core, and a and b are treated as the generator coordinates.

 $\beta_2 = 0.46$ **Shape of** <sup>20</sup>Ne  $\beta_3 = 0.39$  $\beta_4 = 0.27$ 



## First measurements – first surprises



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>: p, n, α **TRANSFER** during <sup>20</sup>Ne scattering

disregarded in the CC calculations

stronger in the Sn than in the Ni case

#### **Estimated from systematics**

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 Near-barrier energy





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



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

20Ne + 58,60,61Ni





# We see the limits of the standard CC Method

How to go beyond?

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#### A.Diaz-Torres, Phys. Rev. C82 (2010) 054617

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

Excitation of non-collective levels → irreversible damping of relative motion into many internal degrees of freedom

Moreover, interaction of quantum system with a complex environment results in destruction of the coherent superposition (decoherence)

Schrödinger  $\rightarrow$  Lindblad equation



## The Reality of Quantum Decoherence

#### Electron entanglement with a surface

Double-slit type experiment with single electrons



(m) 10-0. Semiconductor surface

Interference fringes

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Sonnentag & Hasselbach, PRL 98 (2007) 200402

 Decoherence – "dynamical dislocalization of quantum mechanical superpositions" (H.D. Zeh arXiv:quant-ph/0512078 v2) coherence shared with (lost in) environment





#### **Open questions and our planned experiments**

**1.** Is smoothing seen also in D<sub>fus</sub>?

Determination of  $D_{fus}$  for <sup>20</sup>Ne + <sup>90,92</sup>Zr

2. What is the beam energy dependence of non-collective excitations and testing the RMT predictions?

Measurement of Q-spectra for  ${}^{20}Ne + {}^{90,92}Zr$  for various  $E_{beam}$ 

- 3. Can "decoherence" be observed for other beams? Measurement of  $D_{qe}$  (&  $D_{fus}$ ?) for <sup>24</sup>Mg + <sup>90,92</sup>Zr Measurement of transfer cross-section in <sup>24</sup>Mg + <sup>90,92</sup>Zr
- 4. What is the angular distribution of non-collective excitations? Measurement of Q-spectra in function of scattering angle

#### Conclusions:

• The weak (non-collective) channels can considerably influence the barrier height distributions

•Limits of the standard CC method are seen: <u>nonreversibility results in decoherence</u> phenomenon, what means necessity of coupling Statistical Physics with Quantum Mechanics. Progress in this direction is significant;

• A.Diaz-Torres, Phys. Rev. C82 (2010) 054617

• S.Yusa et al., Phys. Rev. C88 (2013) 054621

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<sup>20</sup>Ne,<sup>24</sup>Mg + <sup>90</sup>Zr; Calculated (CCQEL)

 $^{20}$ Ne + X



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