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Dynamical description of fission

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Lack of theoretical prediction

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- Error of order of magnitudes on the life-time
- Lack of prediction for the charge/mass distribution

Prediction are necessary for :

- Astrophysics (r-process)
- Industrial applications, production of ions, reactors...

Lots of theoretical questions

- How to define the scission?
- What are the important degrees of freedom ?
- Shell effects?
- Effect of pairing? Odd-even effects?
- How the energy is split into the fragments ?

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State of the art :

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	Macroscopical model	Microscopical model
	Liquid drop	Mean-field theory with pairing,
Static	with shell correction	HF+BCS or HFB
		258 Fm (skm*)
	P. Moller, et al., Nature 409 (2001)	A. Staszczak, et al., PRC 80, (2009)
Dynamics	Stochastic motion	Dynamical mean-field
		TDHF+BCS
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	J. Randrup, PRL 106 (2011)	G. Scamps, et al, PRC 92 (2015)

Adiabatic approximation



Adiabatic path

Path that minimize the energy with respect to degrees of freedom orthogonal to the elongation.

TDHF or TDHF+BCS

All the degrees of freedom are taken into account

TDHF calculation, fission of ²⁶⁴Fm



C. Simenel and A. S. Umar, Phys. Rev. C 89, 031601(R), 2014

The adiabaticity approximation is assumed for the barrier crossing but is known to break down before scission.

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Conclusion

Total Kinetic energy = 241 MeV Excitation energy = $E^*_{\rm adiabatic}$ + $E^*_{\rm TDHF}$ = 34 MeV

Mean-field theory with pairing

TDHF

- Independent particle
- Initialisation : $\hat{h}_{MF} \ket{\phi_i} = \epsilon_i \ket{\phi_i}$
- Evolution : $i\hbar \frac{d\rho}{dt} = [h_{MF}, \rho]$

TDHFB

- Pairing correlation
- Quasi-particles : $|\omega_{\alpha}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} U_{\alpha} \\ V_{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$
- Evolution : $i\hbar \frac{d|\omega_{\alpha}\rangle}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} h & \Delta \\ -\Delta^* & -h^* \end{pmatrix} |\omega_{\alpha}\rangle$

TDHF+BCS

• Based on TDHFB with the approximation : $\Delta_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \Delta_i$

• Evolution :
$$i\hbar \frac{d\phi_i}{dt} = (\hat{h}_{MF} - \epsilon_i)\phi_i$$

 $i\hbar \frac{dn_i}{dt} = \Delta_i^* \kappa_i - \Delta_i \kappa_i^*$
 $i\hbar \frac{d\kappa_i}{dt} = \kappa_i (\epsilon_i - \epsilon_i) + \Delta_i (2n_i - 1)$

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Exemple

- -Stochastic TDHF+BCS,
- -Time dependent projected BCS,
- -Time dependent density matrix,
- -Time dependent multi-particles multi-holes,
- -TDQRPA.

Giant Dipole resonance





Giant Quadrupole resonance



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TDHF+BCS has an exploratory method : transfer reaction





G. Scamps, D. Lacroix, PRC 87, 014605 (2013)

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 ${}^{46}Ca + {}^{40}Ca$



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²⁵⁸Fm : Experimental results



FIG. 8. Mass distributions obtained by sorting fission events according to their total kinetic energies: (a) for events with TKE's < 220 MeV and (b) for those with TKE's ≥ 220 MeV.

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²⁵⁸Fm : Bimodal or trimodal fission ?



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Distribution of number of particles

Projection technique



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Proba} \ (\mbox{N part. on the left}) = \langle \Psi | \hat{P}_{left}(N) | \Psi \rangle \\ \mbox{TDHF}: \mbox{C. Simenel, PRL 105 (2010)} \\ \mbox{TDHF+BCS}: \mbox{G. Scamps and D. Lacroix, PRC 87, 014605 (2013)} \end{array}$



Conclusion

Reproduction of the odd-even effect with $\mathsf{TDHF}{+}\mathsf{BCS}$

Distribution of number of particles





Systematic comparison for actinide





Conclusion

 \rightarrow Good reproduction of the Z ${\simeq}54$ "magic" number

Lack of fluctuation with time-dependent mean field





TDHF with Balian-Vénéroni variational principle



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Conclusion

BV provides the fluctuations for the scission process Need initial fluctuations (second part of the talk)

Conclusion TDHF+BCS

Conclusion

- Good reproduction of the total kinetic energy
- Important effect of pairing on fission process (J. W. Negele, et al. (1978))
- Reproduction of the even-odd effects
- Reproduction of the Z \simeq 54 behavior
- Fluctuation obtained with Balian-Vénéroni method (for TDHF)

Prospects

- Finite temperature calculation
- Description of the evaporation
- Study of the collective excitation after the scission

Outlooks



Time-dependent generator coordinate method (TDGCM)



Time dependent Hill-Wheeler

$$|\Psi(t)
angle = \int d\mathbf{q} f(\mathbf{q},t) |\mathbf{q}
angle$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}g(i,j,t) = \sum_{k,l} H_{ij,kl}g(k,l,t)$$

H. Goutte Phys. Rev. C 71, 024316 (2005).



Dynamical description of tunneling effect

Aim of the study

Description of the fission dynamics under the barrier in a schematic model

Observables of interest

- Life-time
- Fluctuations after the barrier

Can we describe the tunneling process with Time-dependent theory?

Schematic model



CAP method



Complex absorbing potential method



With

$$W(R) = W_0 \Theta(R - R_a)(R - R_a)^2$$

Numerical solution

Iterative method

• Euler :

$$|\Psi(t+\delta t)
angle = (1-rac{i\delta t}{\hbar}H')|\Psi(t)
angle$$

- Rundge-Kutta
- Crank-Nicholson :

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Problem

 $\delta t \ll {\rm fission}$ life-time

Determination of the life-time

Integration of the equation

$$|\Psi(t)
angle=e^{-rac{i}{\hbar}t\hat{H}'}|\Psi_0
angle,$$

Hamiltonian eigenfunction basis :

$$H'|\varphi_i'\rangle = E_i|\varphi_i'\rangle$$
 and $\langle \varphi_i'|H' = E_i\langle \varphi_i'|.$

Closure relation :

$$|\varphi_i^r\rangle\langle\varphi_i^l|=1$$

Simple evolution :

$$|\Psi(t)
angle = \sum_{i} e^{-rac{i}{\hbar} t E_{i}} |arphi_{i}^{\prime}
angle \langle arphi_{i}^{\prime}|\Psi_{0}
angle$$

Complex energy

Evolution :

$$|\Psi(t)
angle = \sum_{i} e^{-rac{i}{\hbar}t \mathcal{E}_{i}} |arphi_{i}^{r}
angle \langle arphi_{i}^{l} |\Psi_{0}
angle$$

$$N(t) = \sum_{i} |\langle arphi_{i}^{i} | \Psi_{0}
angle|^{2} e^{-rac{2 \mathrm{Im}(E_{i})}{\hbar}}$$

Resonance state associated with the complex energy :

$$H'|\varphi_i^r\rangle = (E_i^r + i\frac{\Gamma}{2})|\varphi_i^r\rangle$$

 $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}$: width of the resonance



Dynamic



Decay





Dynamic



Decay





Dynamic





Dynamic





Comparaison of fission path



Sub-barrier dynamics



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Realistic microscopic calculation, ²⁵⁸Fm

Collective hamiltonian





Conclusion

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- Method to study very long tunneling processes
- Good agreement with the semi-classical theory

Prospect

• Application to realistic calculations

Thank you