

Study of sub-barrier fusion systematics

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Bohr's two stages model:

- Formation of compound nucleus (CN) from colliding nuclei. Nucleon-nucleon interactions lead to thermal equilibrium.
- Evaporation of α particles or nucleons from the excited compound nucleus followed by γ ray emission.

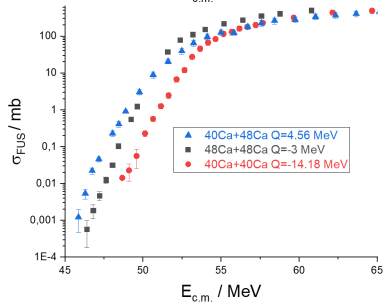
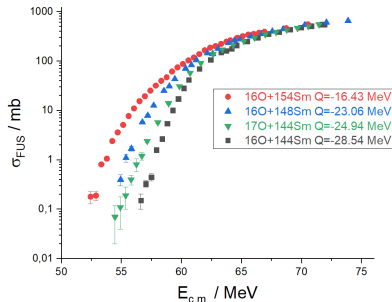
However, CN may not survive - fission!

- Fusion cross section (σ_{fus}) depends on the energy E and angular momentum l .
- Partial wave model: approach and contact of nuclei $\frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum (2l + 1)$, probability of tunneling partial l wave through the Coulomb barrier $T_l(E)$.
- However for sub-barrier fusion it is necessary to overcome Coulomb barrier → quantum tunneling.

Empirical model based on the partial wave summation [1].

[1] <http://nrv.jinr.ru/nrv/webnrv/fusion>

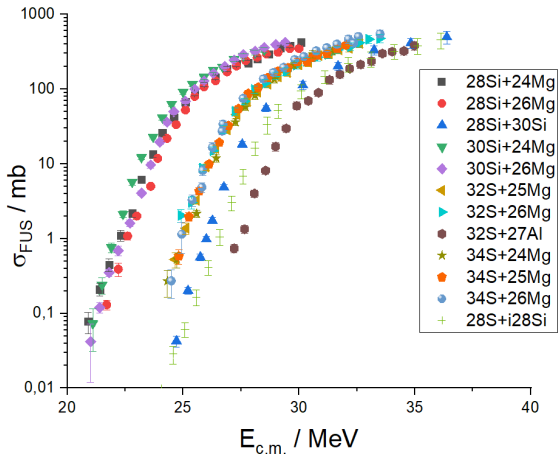
- At low energy the cross sections will be higher for systems with higher Q-value, "CN aspect" \rightarrow Q-value rule
- Excitation functions for different fusion systems \Rightarrow which obey Q-value rule. $E_{c.m.}$ is energy in center of mass frame.
- Excitation functions $\rightarrow 0$ if $Q \rightarrow Q_{(Threshold)}$.



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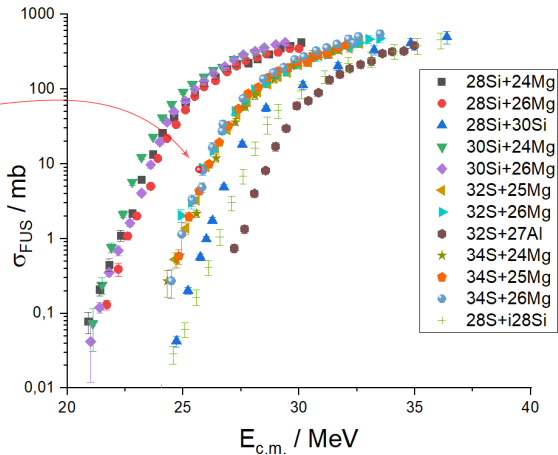
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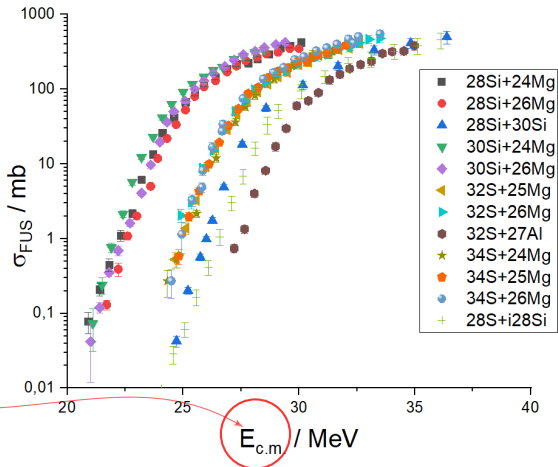
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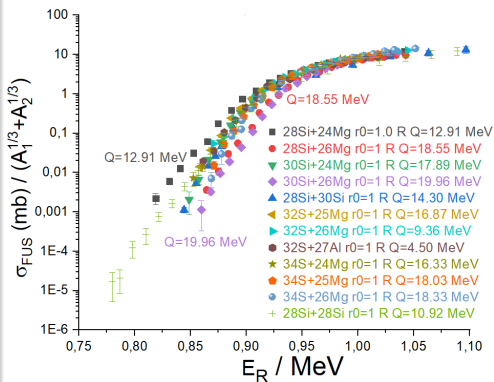
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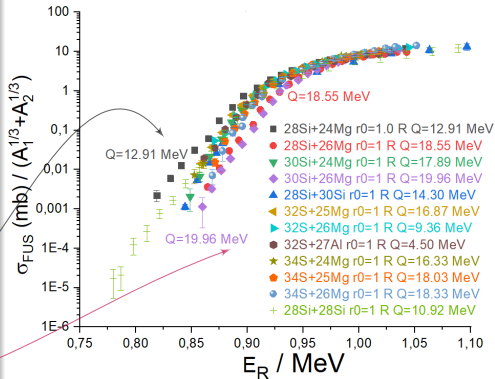
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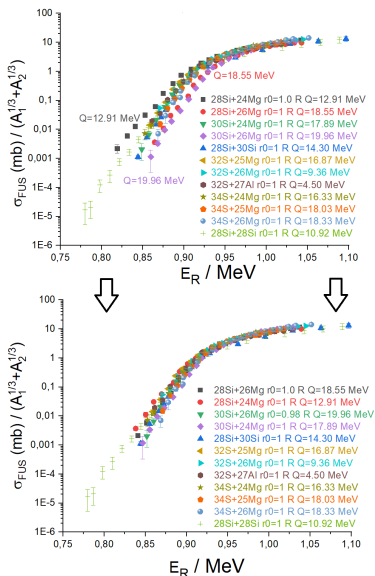


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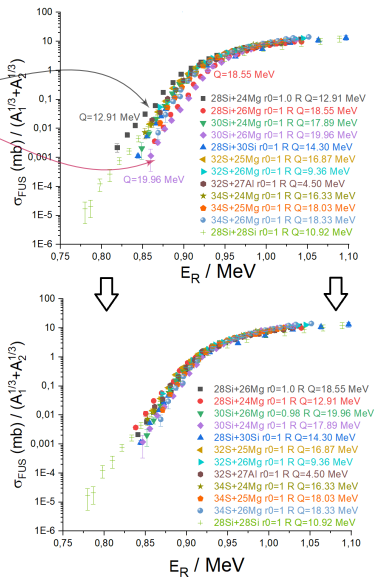
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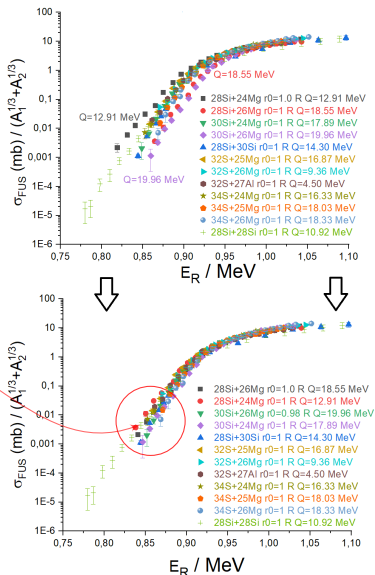
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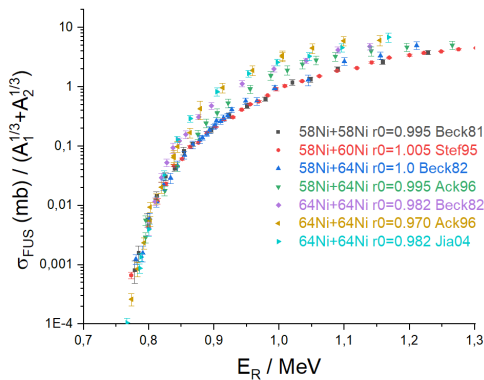
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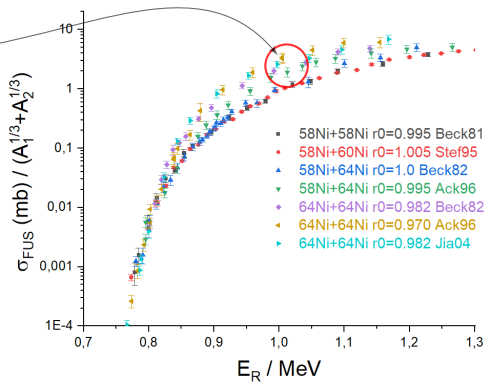
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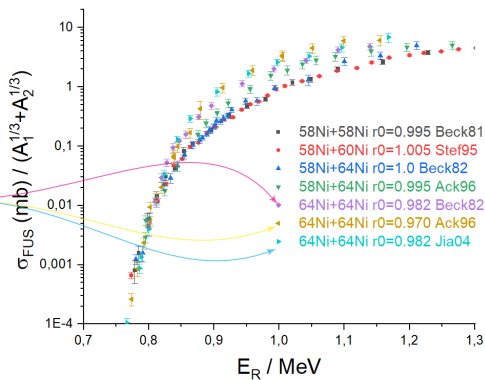
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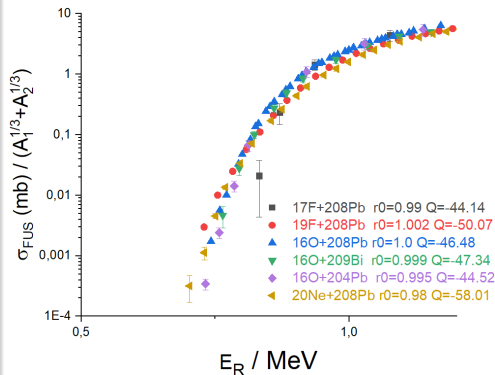
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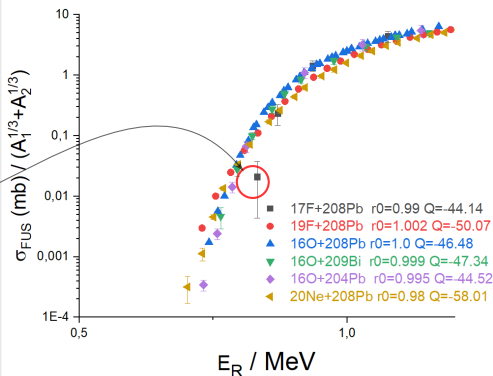
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- Reduced energy scaling can be used for comparison of different fusion systems.
- Furthermore, data inconsistencies can be identified by use of this energy reduced scaling.
- "Quality" of data can be evaluated even with this relatively simple approach.