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THE ROLE OF TRANSFER AND ENTRANCE CHANNEL IN THE FUSION CROSS-SECTION AND MEAN ANGULAR MOMENTUM FOR 46Ti+64Ni; ⁵⁰Ti+60Ni AND ¹⁹F+⁹³Nb IN THE BARRIER REGION

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There have been several measurements of fusion cross-sections around the coulomb barrier for various compound systems. They generally indicate a varying degree of enhancement in the experimental cross-sections at energies below the coulomb barrier, relative to the predictions of one-dimensional barrier penetration model (1-D BPM). Mechanism underlying the observed enhancement of fusion below the coulomb barrier has been described mainly by using the coupled channel approach¹). To understand the role of transfer channel in the enhancement of the fusion cross-sections at sub-barrier energies, the fusion measurements for ⁴⁶Ti + ⁶⁴Ni and ⁵⁰Ti + ⁶⁰Ni systems leading to the same compound nucleus ¹¹⁰Sn have been performed. The ground state transfer Q-values are quite different for the two systems. For ⁴⁶Ti + ⁶⁴Ni system the ground state Q-value of 2n-pickup is ~ +4 MeV, whereas for ⁵⁰Ti + ⁶⁰Ni system it is ~ - 6.2 MeV. Measurements on the near and sub-barrier fusion crosssections of very asymmetric ¹⁹F + ⁹³Nb system have also been performed in order to investigate the influence of entrance channel mass asymmetry in the fusion process. Few nucleon transfer probabilities were also measured for this system at sub-barrier energies. This fusion data has been compared with near symmetric entrance channel of ⁴⁸Ti + ⁶⁴Ni leading to the identical compound nucleus ¹¹²Sn. The above experiments were performed with ^{46,50}Ti and ¹⁹F beams provided by the 15UD Pelletron accelerator facility at the Nuclear Science Centre (NSC), New Delhi. The recoil mass separator at NSC viz., Heavy Ion Reaction Analyzer $(HIRA)^2$ was used for the identification of the various evaporation residues. The 1-D BPM and simple coupled channel calculations, coupling the lowest inelastic excited states (2⁺ and 3⁻ of both the target and projectile) and transfer probabilities have been done. From the above barrier data the barrier parameters have been extracted and compared with the systematics. The results of absolute efficiency of ER detection by HIRA, the absolute fusion cross-sections and the derivation of mean angular momenta from the measured cross-sections will be presented in the conference.

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