## **APPLICATION OF THE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD** IN THE COUPLED-CHANNELS CALCULATIONS FOR HEAVY-ION FUSION REACTIONS

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Fusion of two nuclei that occurs at strong coupling of their relative motion to surface vibrations is analyzed. To this aim a new efficient finite element method, that improves the KANTBP code [1], is used to solve numerically coupledchannels equations. With the aid of this method, the important role of boundary conditions, corresponding to the total absorption (e.g., [2,3]), is shown. A comparison of the presented results with available experimental data demonstrates the advantage of the modified KANTBP code with respect to the wildly used numerical method, known in literature as the CCFULL [4]. The deep sub-barrier fusion cross sections of some reaction systems have been successfully described. It is confirmed that multiphonon excitations play important role in the description of the spectroscopic factor (see Fig.1).

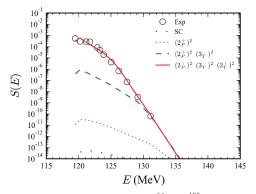


Fig. 1. Spectroscopic factor representation of the  $^{64}Ni + ^{100}Mo$  fusion reaction data. The circles denote the experimental data. The left two circles are the experimental upper limits. Different lines are the theoretical calculations considering different excitations.

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