

Investigation of the Cluster Structure of ${}^9\text{Be}$ by Reactions with a Deuteron Beam

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Abstract. Angular distributions of protons, deuterons, tritons and alpha particles emitted in the $d + {}^9\text{Be}$ reaction at $E_{lab}=19.5$ and 35.0 MeV are measured. The elastic channel is analysed in the framework of both the Optical Model and the Coupled Channel approach. Two kind of optical potentials are analysed: the semi-microscopic Double Folding potential and the phenomenological Woods-Saxon potential. The deformation parameter β_2 is obtained for the transition $\frac{5}{2}^- \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}^-$ in ${}^9\text{Be}$. The (d,p) and (d,t) one nucleon exchange reactions are analysed within the Coupled Reaction Channel approach in comparison with the DWBA calculations. The Spectroscopic Amplitudes for the nuclear reactions are calculated. Differential cross sections for the reaction channel ${}^9\text{Be}(d,\alpha){}^7\text{Li}$ has been calculated including both the deuteron and heavy cluster ${}^5\text{He}$ pickup reaction mechanisms. The contributions of two-step pickup processes of the $n+p$ and $n+\alpha$ systems to cross section of the ${}^9\text{Be}(d,\alpha){}^7\text{Li}$ nuclear reaction are demonstrated.

Keywords: cluster structure, optical model, CRC, DWBA, spectroscopic amplitudes, double folding, sequential transfer

1. Introduction

The cluster structure of nuclei arises from a correlated motion of nucleons inside a nucleus. In this regime a simple subgroup can be seen as a single particle. This kind of behaviour can give insights into numerous characteristics of the nucleus, as well as affect the processes of nuclear reactions. Investigation of the cluster structure in nuclei is still one of the priority problems of modern nuclear physics in connection with the intensive developments of experimental devices.

There is a row of stable nuclei exhibiting the cluster structure, but ${}^9\text{Be}$ is particularly worthy of attention due to the following reasons:

- stable nucleus with the low binding energies of neutron $S_n=1.665$ MeV, and α -particle $S_\alpha=2.462$ MeV [1];
- the deformed shape reflected in the nuclear quadrupole moment, $Q=+52.9$ mb [2];
- the Borromean structure of the ground state;

These aspects led to take ${}^9\text{Be}$ as a subject for applied researches as well as fundamental studies.

Regarding nuclear technologies, ${}^9\text{Be}$ is a good wall material in thermonuclear devices [3, 4]. For instance, for fusion device types a value of some dozens of percent of soft wall material is expected in the case of ${}^9\text{Be}$ [4]. The nucleus has been chosen as it represents the best compromise based on its ability to be well split into two energetic α -particles by γ and e^- , which are efficient promoters of thermonuclear burning. Since they can be confined by electromagnetic fields and their energy affects the temperature of the burning zone.

Scattering of the simplest projectile, such as ${}^1\text{H}$ or ${}^3\text{He}$, on a target is a standard tool for fundamental study the structure of nuclei. This method involves measuring the angular distribution of the nuclear reaction products. It is well known that the energy and angular distributions of projectile-like particles give information about internal structure of target-like nuclei.

In our previous works [5, 6, 7] the ${}^3\text{He}$ interaction with ${}^9\text{Be}$ was studied and angular distributions of the reaction products in the following exit channels: ${}^3\text{He}+{}^9\text{Be}$, ${}^5\text{He}+{}^7\text{Be}$, ${}^5\text{Li}+{}^7\text{Li}$, ${}^6\text{Be}+{}^6\text{He}$, and ${}^6\text{Li}+{}^6\text{Li}$, were measured. The obtained data were analysed within the framework of the Optical Model (OM), the Coupled Channel (CC) and the distorted wave Born approximation (DWBA) approaches. The performed

analysis of the experimental data showed that the potential parameters of the exit channels were quite sensitive. Moreover, these experiments were designed to study the breakup reactions with ${}^9\text{Be}$ in attempt to determine contributions of the channels through the ${}^8\text{Be}+n$ and ${}^5\text{He}+\alpha$ structure within the inclusive measurements. It was found that the ratio $2.7 \div 1$ could be assigned to the contributions of these two channels respectively. The determined value justifies that the ${}^5\text{He}+\alpha$ breakup channel plays an important role as well.

Based on the Borromean structure of ${}^9\text{Be}$, special attention was focused on the breakup processes resulting in the ${}^9\text{Be}({}^6\text{Li}, {}^6\text{Li}){}^9\text{Be}^*$ nuclear reaction [8, 9]. The excited nucleus ${}^9\text{Be}^*$ can decay either directly into the $\alpha + \alpha + n$ system or through one of the unstable nuclei, such as ${}^5\text{He}$ and ${}^8\text{Be}$. Thereby, these relatively recent experimental studies explicitly confirm the cluster structure of ${}^9\text{Be}$. The calculated branching ratios show that the low lying excited states, at $E_x < 4.0$ MeV, are mostly populated with the ${}^8\text{Be}+n$ configuration. In other case, the ${}^5\text{He}+\alpha$ configuration plays a significant role.

Another aspect of finding the cluster structure is its attendance in the nuclear reaction mechanisms. Indeed, since the papers of Detraz *et al* [10, 11], the multiparticle-multihole structures have been expected at rather low excitation energies in nuclei. In this case, it can be understood that the nucleons are transferred as a whole strongly correlated cluster, which has the internal quantum numbers of a free particle.

The interaction of deuteron and alpha particles with ${}^9\text{Be}$ was studied with regard to the cluster structure [12, 13]. The matter density distributions of each cluster was calculated using the three body wave function. Based on the matter density distribution function, the interaction of colliding nuclei was built within the framework of the double folding model. Approbation of the double folded potential was carried out within the optical model on elastic scattering at laboratory energies 10-30 MeV/nucleon. Then the optical potential was used for calculating one nucleon transfer reactions within the framework of DWBA. Comparison of theoretical cross sections with experimental data led to the applicability of the double folding potential based on the three body wave function.

The current work takes the responsibility to prove the cluster structure of the ${}^9\text{Be}$ nucleus by the example

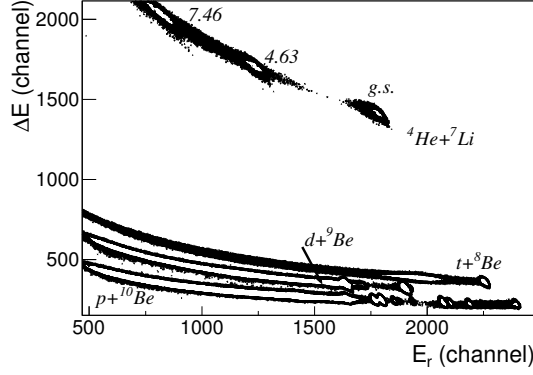


Figure 1. Particle identification plots for the products of the $^2\text{H}+^9\text{Be}$ reaction: p , d , t , and ^4He . ΔE is the energy loss and E_r is the residual energy. Excited states for the ^7Li reaction channel $^7\text{Li}+\alpha$ are indicated.

of nuclear reactions caused by a deuteron beam at 19 MeV and 35 MeV energies. In the exit channel the simplest particles, such as p , d , t , and α -particles, were registered and their angular distributions were obtained. Regarding the previous work [13], we have extended our studies by adding the $^9\text{Be}(d,\alpha)^7\text{Li}$ nuclear reaction, in which two-step processes can occur. A comparative analysis of experimental data and theoretical calculations has been performed.

2. Experimental Method

The experiment has been performed at the INP (Řež, Czech Republic) and in the Physics Department of Jyväskylä University (Jyväskylä, Finland). The beam energy of ^2H ions produced from the cyclotrons were at energies 19.5 and 35 MeV. The average beam current during the experiment was maintained at 20 nA. The self-supporting ^9Be target was prepared from a thin beryllium foil with the 99 % purity. A set of four telescopes was used with the purpose of registering the simplest particle of output channels. Each telescope was contained the ΔE_0 , ΔE , E_r detectors with the respective thickness of 12 μm , 100 μm and 3 mm. To detect reaction product in narrow divergence, telescopes were mounted at a distance of ~ 25 cm from the target. Each telescope was shielded by a Cu-Pb collimator with thickness of 3 mm and hole with diameter of 3 mm. The telescopes were mounted on rotating supports, which allow us to obtain data from $\theta_{lab} = 20^\circ$ to 107° in steps of $1-2^\circ$.

The particles were identified based on the energy-loss measurements of ΔE and the residual energy E_r , i.e., by the so-called ΔE - E_r method. An example of two-dimensional plots (yield vs. energy loss ΔE and residual energy E_r) is shown in Fig. 1.

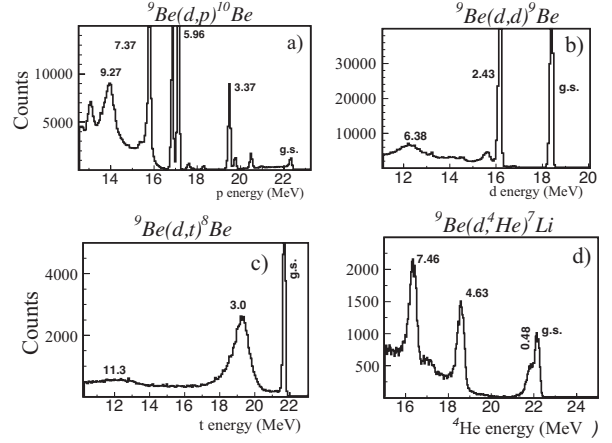


Figure 2. Total deposited energy spectra measured at $\theta_{lab}=32^\circ$ for the detected p (panel a), d (panel b), t (panel c), and α (panel d). The ground and the excited states of ^7Li for the detected complementary product α as well as the ground states and the excited states for ^8Be , ^9Be , and ^{10}Be in the case of detected t , d , and p , as complementary products, respectively, are unambiguously identified.

The capability of current experimental technique is in identification of the particles p , d , t , and α and in the determination of their total deposited energies. The spectra of total deposited energy are shown in Fig. 2. All the peaks from Fig. 2 has been identified and assigned to the ground and the excited states of the ^{10}Be , ^9Be , ^8Be , ^7Li nuclei as the complementary products for the detected particles p , d , t , α , respectively.

3. Data Analysis and Results

3.1. Elastic scattering

The theoretical calculations of the deuteron elastic scattering on ^9Be have been made in the framework of the Optical Model (OM). Both 19.5 and 35 MeV energies of the experimental data were considered in the analysis. The model suggests interaction between two colliding nuclei in the following way:

$$U(R) = -V^V(R) - iW^V(R) + iW^D(R) + V^{SO}(R)(1 \cdot \sigma) + V^C(R), \quad (1)$$

where V^V , $W^V(R)$, W^D , V^{SO} , and V^C are volume, imaginary volume and surface, spin-orbit and coulomb potentials, respectively. In this work for real part of the optical potential two types of the potential were considered: the Double Folding potential (DF)

$$V^V(R) = N_R V^{DF}(R) \quad (2)$$

with normalization factor N_R and the phenomenological potential as a Woods-Saxon (WS) potential:

$$V^V(R) = V_0^V f^{R_0^V, a_0^V}(R), \quad (3)$$

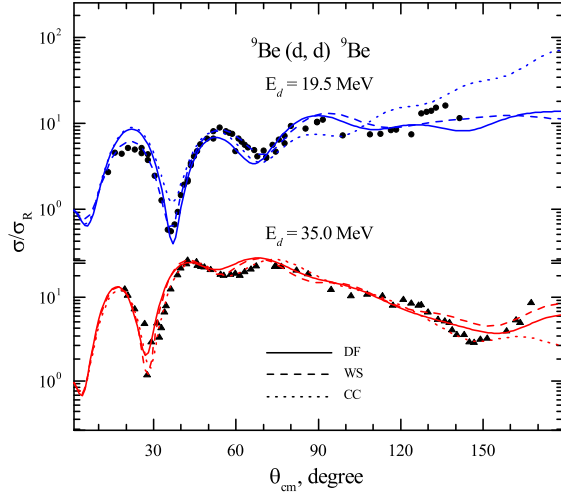


Figure 3. The angular distributions of elastic scattering data of d from ^9Be at laboratory energies 19.5 MeV (full circle) and 35 MeV (full triangle) in comparison with theoretical curves

$$f^{R_0, a_0}(R) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp \frac{R-R_0}{a_0}}. \quad (4)$$

The DF potential was deduced based on the effective M3Y-Paris nucleon-nucleon potential and the densities of projectile and target nuclei. For instance, the density distribution of ^9Be was undertaken within the framework of the three body model $\alpha + \alpha + n$ (see [12] for details).

The WS optical potential parameters were obtained by fitting the theoretical cross sections to the experimental data at 19.5 MeV and 35 MeV energies. As a starting point, the global parametrizations were used from Ref. [14].

The imaginary volume term is parametrized with the Wood-Saxon potential as well, while the surface and spin orbit terms have standard a form

$$W^D(R) = -4a_0^D W_0^D \frac{d}{dR} f^{R_0^D, a_0^D}(R), \quad (5)$$

$$V^{SO}(R) = V_0^{SO} \left(\frac{\hbar}{m_\pi c} \right)^2 \frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dR} f^{R_0^{SO}, a_0^{SO}}(R). \quad (6)$$

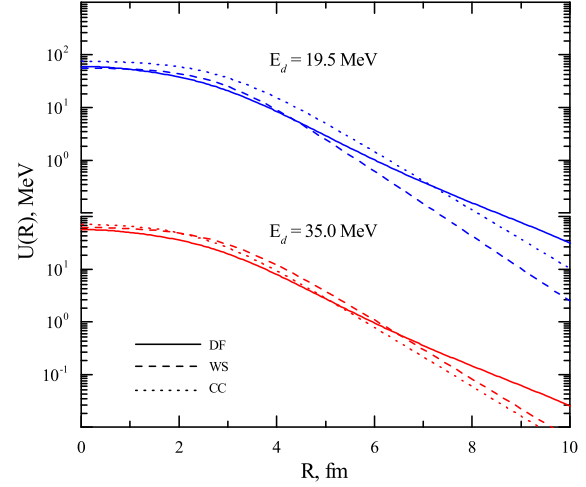


Figure 4. Radial dependence of the optical potentials used in the elastic scattering analysis.

The Coulomb term has been taken as the interaction of a point-charge with a uniformly charged sphere

$$V^C(R) = \begin{cases} \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{2R_C} \left(3 - \frac{R^2}{R_C^2} \right) & \text{for } R \leq R_C \\ \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{R} & \text{for } R > R_C \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

The values of elastic scattering in Fig. 3 are plotted in the scale of the ratio to Rutherford cross section in comparison with the theoretical curves. Theoretical analyses were made within the optical model calculations using the DF potential (solid curve) and the WS potential (dashed curve). Figure 4 shows the optical potentials used in the analysis of elastic scattering. The potential of double folding was as a real part of the optical potential, and its imaginary part was chosen empirically.

A distinctive feature of the DF potential relative to empirical potentials is its slow convergence starting from ~ 6 fm. This is due to the matter density distribution of the neutron in ^9Be , which also converges slowly (see [12]). It also should be noted that the

Table 1. Potential parameters of the d+ ^9Be system used in the OM, the CC and the DWBA calculations.

E_d MeV	The potential	V_0 , fm	r_V , fm	a_V , MeV	W_D , fm	r_D , fm	a_D , MeV	V_{SO} , fm	r_C
19.5	DF		$N_R = 1.93^a$		14.89	0.63^b	0.854	5.56	0.809
	WS	57.32	0.846	0.602	7.27	0.702	1.094	—	0.809
	CC	77.87	0.87	0.78	7.92	0.816	0.802	2.8	0.809
35.0	DF		$N_R = 1.81^a$		14.27	0.63	0.88	5.56	0.809
	WS	64.03	0.859	0.77	14.58	0.762	0.736	—	0.809
	CC	73.9	0.75	0.77	8.93	0.816	0.802	2.8	0.809

^{a)} The DF potential was taken as a real volume part of the optical potential with the N_R parameter.

^{b)} Radii were taken as $r = \left(A_p^{\frac{1}{3}} + A_t^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{-1} R$.

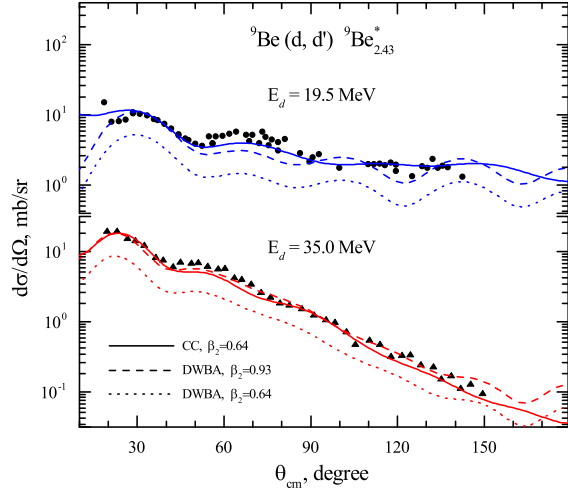


Figure 5. The cross sections of inelastic scattering ${}^9\text{Be}(d,d){}^9\text{Be}^*$ ($E_{exc}=2.43$ MeV) at laboratory energies 19.5 MeV (full circle) and 35 MeV (full triangle). Theoretical description explained in the text.

potentials have almost identical behaviour in the region of the contact of colliding nuclei $\sim 3.5 - 4.0$ fm. The potentials obtained in this way perfectly describe the elastic scattering cross section. The obtained potential parameters are listed in Table 1.

3.2. Inelastic scattering

The CC and the DWBA approaches have been applied to analyse inelastic scattering data with the target excitation of the $J^\pi = \frac{5}{2}^-$ band. Calculations proceeded by means of the *FRESCO* code [15] and the *NRV* project [16].

Spin reorientation effects of both the ground and excited states of ${}^9\text{Be}$ as well as the band $\frac{7}{2}^-$ of ${}^9\text{Be}$ were included into the coupling scheme. It is suggested that the bands $\frac{5}{2}^-$ and $\frac{7}{2}^-$ mostly have a rotational nature. According to the CC approach, the interaction is modified taking into account the collective excitation by form factor:

$$V_\lambda(R) = -\frac{\beta_\lambda}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \frac{dU(R)}{dR}, \quad (8)$$

where β_λ is the deformation parameter of λ multipole describing the target-nucleus form.

The calculated cross sections for inelastic scattering are presented in Fig. 5. The theoretical analyses were made within the CC approach (solid curve) and within the DWBA approach (dashed and dot dashed curves) using different values of the deformation parameter β_2 . The potential used in the CC approach was taken in a such way that reproduces the cross section of inelastic scattering as well as elastic scattering data well (see Fig. 3). The parameters of the CC potential are listed in Table 1.

The theoretical calculations made by means of the CC approach demonstrate good agreement with experimental data of angular distributions of inelastic scattering at energies 19.5 MeV and 35 MeV. The obtained quadrupole deformation parameter from the CC approach β_2 for the excited band $\frac{5}{2}^-$ reproduces data well and it is $\beta_2 = 0.64 \pm 0.03$, which corresponds to the previous studies [5, 17].

The DF potential was used in the DWBA calculations for both the entrance channel and the exit channel. The DWBA calculations using the deformation parameter $\beta_2 = 0.64 \pm 0.03$ obtained by the CC calculations underestimate experimental data. However, it must be noted that in spite of the DWBA discrepancy the curve of this approach gives identical behaviour of the experimental data, which means the applicability of the DF potential.

In order to get the best fit with the experimental cross section of inelastic scattering in the framework of the DWBA approach, the deformation parameter must be increased up to $\beta_2 = 0.93 \pm 0.03$, or in the scale of deformation length up to $\beta R = 0.93 \cdot 1.25 A^{1/3} = 2.418$ fm. Similar large values were also been reported in studies of Szczurek *et al* $\beta R = 3.7$ fm [18], Votava *et al* $\beta R = 2.63$ fm [19] in the framework of the DWBA approach.

It is well known the fact that taking into account the couplings of channels and the effects of spin re-orientation enhances the cross section. It leads to the reduction of the value of the deformation parameter. However, the DWBA approach is not able to cover these effects. Therefore, the value of the deformation parameter must be increased in order to compensate the difference of the DWBA cross sections with experiment.

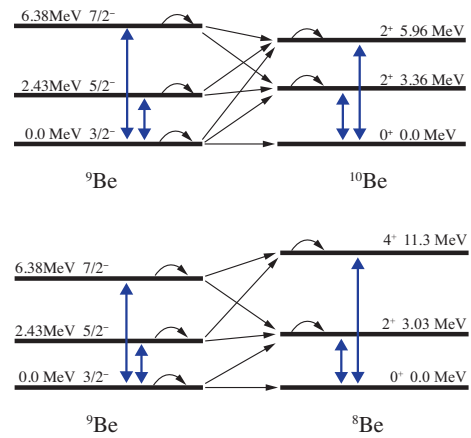


Figure 6. The target coupling schemes in the ${}^9\text{Be}(d,p){}^{10}\text{Be}$ (upper) and the ${}^9\text{Be}(d,t){}^8\text{Be}$ (lower) nuclear reactions. The bold two headed arrows indicate $E\lambda$ transitions. The spin re-orientation effects are indicated as back pointing arrows.

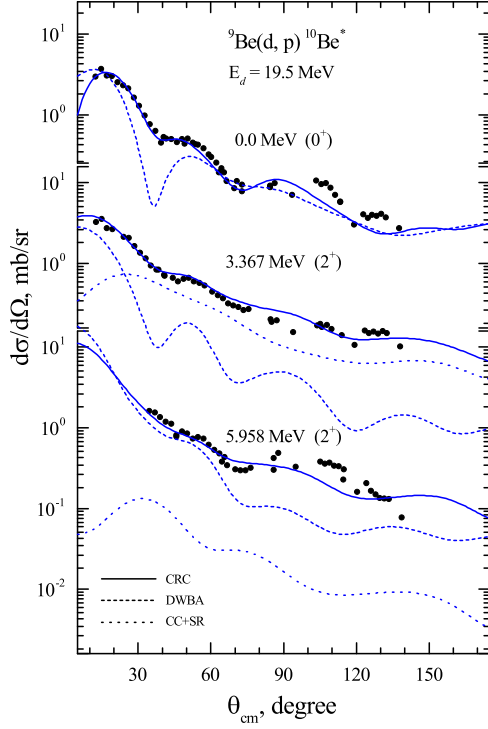


Figure 7. Differential cross sections for the ground and low-lying excited states of ^{10}Be produced in the $d + ^9\text{Be}$ nuclear reaction at 19.5 MeV. Experimental data are in comparison with theoretical curves obtained with the CRC and the DWBA methods.

3.3. One nucleon transfer reactions

Rearrangement nuclear reactions with one nucleon have been analyzed within the framework of both the Coupled Reaction Channels (CRC) and the DWBA approaches.

The DF potential was assigned as a potential for the entrance channel for DWBA calculations, and the global optical parametrizations for the exit channels were used from Ref. [20, 21]. The DWBA transition amplitude in the framework of this approach has been taken in prior form for both reactions. Wave functions of relative motion between the transferred particle and the core have been built on the Woods-Saxon potential with a depth fitted to the bound energy, radius $R = 1.25A_{com}^{1/3}$ and diffuseness $a = 0.65$. The depth of the potential was applied 0.1 MeV in exceptional cases when the valence was not bound, as it was suggested in Ref. [17]. If the core and the composite nuclei have internal excitation energies, a renewed binding energy BE^* of the transferred particle is expressed by the formula:

$$BE^* = BE - E_{com}^* + E_{core}^* \quad (9)$$

where BE – the binding energy of the transferred particle, E_{com}^* , E_{core}^* – excitation energies of the composite and core nuclei, respectively.

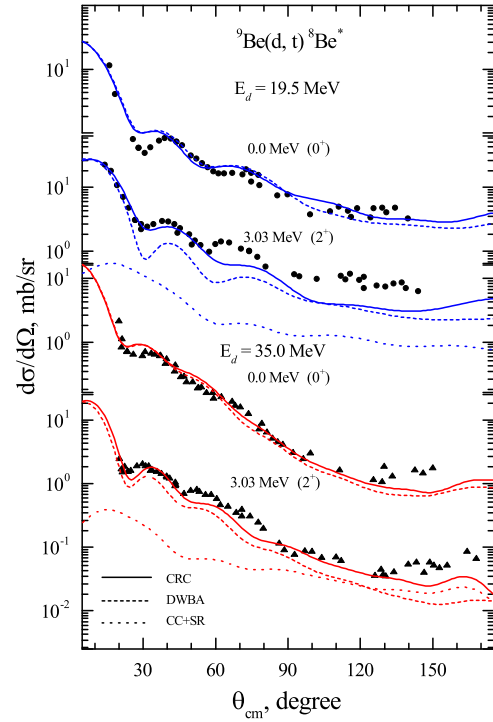


Figure 8. Differential cross sections of the ground and low-lying excited states of ^8Be produced in the $d + ^9\text{Be}$ reaction at both 19 MeV and 35 MeV energies. The experimental data are shown in comparison with theoretical curves calculated within the CRC and the DWBA methods.

The spectroscopic amplitudes for one particle states were calculated by means of the *ANTOINE* code [22] using the effective Cohen-Kurath interaction for p -shell nuclei [23]. In particular, the spectroscopic amplitude S for an addition of nucleon from a specific initial state J' to a specific final state J is related to the matrix element of the creation operator \hat{a}^\dagger or the destruction operator \hat{a} [24]:

$$S = \frac{\langle J k^n \| \hat{a}^\dagger \| J' k^{n-1} \rangle}{\sqrt{2J+1}} = (-1)^{j+J-J'} \frac{\langle J' k^{n-1} \| \hat{a} \| J k \rangle}{\sqrt{2J+1}}. \quad (10)$$

where k stands for the set of single-particle quantum numbers nlj . The calculated spectroscopic amplitudes for the one nucleon transfer reactions are listed in Tab.2.

The CC potentials were used in the CRC calculations for the entrance channel. The coupling schemes of target nuclei for the $^9\text{Be}(d,p)^{10}\text{Be}$ and $^9\text{Be}(d,t)^8\text{Be}$ reactions are illustrated in Fig. 6. The states of ^{10}Be , 2_1^+ and 2_2^+ , as well as the low-lying excited states of ^8Be , 2^+ and 4^+ , were implemented to the coupling scheme. Also, the schemes take into account the spin reorientation effects of states on the condition $J \neq 0$.

Angular distributions of the $^9\text{Be}(d,p)^{10}\text{Be}$ and $^9\text{Be}(d,t)^8\text{Be}$ nuclear reactions are shown in the Fig. 7

Table 2. Spectroscopic amplitudes used in CRC calculations for the Composite = Core + Cluster system. The one nucleon Spectroscopic Amplitudes calculated by means of the *ANTOINE* code [22]. The alpha spectroscopic amplitudes were taken from [25, 26].

Composite	2J _{com}	Core	2J _{core}	Cluster	2J	SA	Composite	2J _{com}	Core	2J _{core}	Cluster	2J	SA
⁹ Be	3	⁸ Be	0	n	3	-0.761	⁹ Be	3	⁸ Li	2 ₁	p	1	-0.444
⁹ Be	3	⁸ Be	4	n	3	0.816	⁹ Be	3	⁸ Li	6	p	3	-0.592
⁹ Be	3	⁸ Be	4	n	1	-0.242	⁹ Be	3	⁸ Li	2 ₂	p	3	-0.236
⁹ Be	5	⁸ Be	4	n	3	0.986	⁹ Be	3	⁸ Li	2 ₂	p	1	0.036
⁹ Be	5	⁸ Be	4	n	1	-0.417	⁹ Be	5	⁸ Li	4	p	3	0.593
⁹ Be	5	⁸ Be	8	n	3	-0.374	⁹ Be	5	⁸ Li	4	p	1	0.515
⁹ Be	7	⁸ Be	4	n	3	-0.457	⁹ Be	5	⁸ Li	2 ₁	p	3	-0.672
⁹ Be	7	⁸ Be	8	n	3	0.919	⁹ Be	5	⁸ Li	6	p	3	-0.571
⁹ Be	7	⁸ Be	8	n	1	-0.429	⁹ Be	5	⁸ Li	6	p	1	-0.171
⁸ Be	0	⁷ Li	3	p	3	-1.204	⁹ Be	5	⁸ Li	2 ₂	p	3	0.2
⁸ Be	0	⁷ Li	1	p	1	0.736	⁹ Be	7	⁸ Li	4	p	3	-0.323
⁸ Be	4	⁷ Li	3	p	3	-0.748	⁹ Be	7	⁸ Li	6	p	3	-0.899
⁸ Be	4	⁷ Li	3	p	1	-0.612	⁹ Be	7	⁸ Li	6	p	1	-0.564
⁸ Be	4	⁷ Li	1	p	3	0.667	⁷ Li	3	⁶ Li	2	n	3	0.657
⁸ Be	4	⁷ Li	7	p	3	0.624	⁷ Li	3	⁶ Li	2	n	1	-0.538
⁸ Be	4	⁷ Li	5 ₂	p	3	0.079	⁷ Li	3	⁶ Li	6	n	3	0.744
⁸ Be	4	⁷ Li	5 ₂	p	3	-0.146	⁷ Li	3	⁶ Li	4	n	3	-0.032
⁸ Be	8	⁷ Li	7	p	3	0.864	⁷ Li	3	⁶ Li	4	n	1	0.399
⁸ Be	8	⁷ Li	7	p	1	0.687	⁷ Li	1	⁶ Li	2	n	3	-0.925
⁸ Be	8	⁷ Li	5 ₂	p	3	0.374	⁷ Li	1	⁶ Li	2	n	1	0.197
⁸ Li	4	⁷ Li	3	n	3	-0.988	⁷ Li	1	⁶ Li	4	n	3	-0.555
⁸ Li	4	⁷ Li	3	n	1	0.237	⁷ Li	7	⁶ Li	6	n	3	-0.936
⁸ Li	4	⁷ Li	1	n	3	0.43	⁷ Li	7	⁶ Li	6	n	1	0.645
⁸ Li	4	⁷ Li	7	n	3	-0.496	⁷ Li	7	⁶ Li	4	n	3	-0.456
⁸ Li	4	⁷ Li	5	n	3	-0.665	⁷ Li	5 ₂	⁶ Li	2	n	3	-0.650
⁸ Li	4	⁷ Li	5 ₂	n	1	-0.275	⁷ Li	5 ₂	⁶ Li	6	n	3	0.732
⁸ Li	2 ₁	⁷ Li	3	n	3	0.567	⁷ Li	5 ₂	⁶ Li	6	n	1	0.549
⁸ Li	2 ₁	⁷ Li	3	n	1	0.351	⁷ Li	5 ₂	⁶ Li	4	n	3	0.200
⁸ Li	2 ₁	⁷ Li	1	n	3	0.905	⁷ Li	5 ₂	⁶ Li	4	n	1	-0.114
⁸ Li	2 ₁	⁷ Li	1	n	1	0.331	⁶ Li	2	d	2	α	0	0.907
⁸ Li	2 ₁	⁷ Li	5 ₂	n	3	0.767	⁶ Li	2	d	2	α	4	0.077
⁸ Li	6	⁷ Li	3	n	3	0.581	⁶ Li	6	d	2	α	4	0.943
⁸ Li	6	⁷ Li	5 ₂	n	3	-0.66	⁶ Li	6	d	2	α	8	0.028
⁸ Li	6	⁷ Li	5 ₂	n	1	-0.541	⁶ Li	4	d	2	α	4	0.929
⁸ Li	6	⁷ Li	7	n	3	0.973	⁹ Be	3	⁵ He	3	α	0	-0.925
⁸ Li	6	⁷ Li	7	n	1	-0.404	⁹ Be	3	⁵ He	3	α	4	0.784
⁸ Li	2 ₂	⁷ Li	3	n	3	-0.617	⁹ Be	5	⁵ He	3	α	4	0.974
⁸ Li	2 ₂	⁷ Li	3	n	1	-0.841	⁹ Be	5	⁵ He	3	α	8	-0.26
⁸ Li	2 ₂	⁷ Li	1	n	3	0.178	⁹ Be	7	⁵ He	3	α	4	0.882
⁸ Li	2 ₂	⁷ Li	1	n	1	0.331	⁹ Be	7	⁵ He	3	α	8	-0.737
⁸ Li	2 ₂	⁷ Li	5	n	3	0.231	⁷ Li	3	t	1	α	1	0.970
⁹ Be	3	⁸ Li	4	p	3	-0.947	⁷ Li	1	t	1	α	1	0.961
⁹ Be	3	⁸ Li	4	p	1	-0.319	⁷ Li	7	t	1	α	3	0.952
⁹ Be	3	⁸ Li	2 ₁	p	3	0.454	⁷ Li	5 ₂	t	1	α	3	0.223

and 8, respectively. Theoretical calculations with the use of CRC approach are in excellent agreement with experimental data. The analysis shows the importance of taking into account the channel coupling and spin reorientation effects, if one excludes the direct DWBA transitions: ${}^9\text{Be}^{gs} \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be}^*$ and ${}^9\text{Be}^{gs} \rightarrow {}^{10}\text{Be}^*$. The contribution of these components are indicated as CC+SR in Fig. 7-8.

The investigation of two-step transfer mechanism of the ${}^9\text{Be}(\text{d,p}){}^{10}\text{Be}$ nuclear reaction at $E_d=15$ MeV was conducted in Ref. [27]. The study revealed a dominant contribution of the two step process, i.e. neutron pickup and dineutron stripping, at

the forward scattering angles. Compared to this theoretical description, our approach to the analysis of the ${}^9\text{Be}(\text{d,p}){}^{10}\text{Be}$ nuclear reaction provides better agreement with the experimental data.

The applicability of the CRC approach to the ${}^9\text{Be}(\text{d,p}){}^{10}\text{Be}$ and ${}^9\text{Be}(\text{d,t}){}^8\text{Be}$ nuclear reactions, including the excited states and spin reorientations, points to the fact that there are strong coupling channel effects in both entrance and exit channels. This kind of effects was also enhanced in Ref. [17, 28].

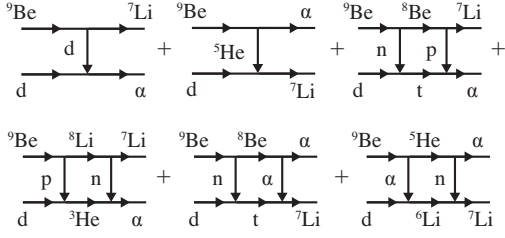


Figure 10. The scheme illustrating mechanisms in the ${}^9\text{Be}(d,\alpha){}^7\text{Li}$ reaction for the CRC calculations.

3.4. Cluster transfer reaction

Differential cross sections for the nuclear reaction ${}^9\text{Be}(d,\alpha){}^7\text{Li}$ are of particular interest. The reason is in abnormality at large scattering angle. This fact gives a suggestion of heavy cluster transfer ${}^5\text{He}$. Moreover, the cross section calculated within the DWBA approach gives underestimated values even at forward angles of scattering. Therefore, in order to cure the distinction between theory and experiment, the following transfer mechanisms are suggested (see Fig. 10):

- direct transfer: d , ${}^5\text{He}$;
- sequential transfer of systems: n - p , p - n , n - α and α - n ;

The transition amplitudes of transferring the heavy cluster ${}^5\text{He}$, the n - α system and the α - n system have been inverted depending on the scattering angles:

$$f_I(\theta) = f_{{}^5\text{He}}(\pi - \theta) + f_{n-\alpha}(\pi - \theta) + f_{\alpha-n}(\pi - \theta) \quad (11)$$

while the amplitudes of transferring d , the n - p and p - n systems is

$$f_{II}(\theta) = f_d(\theta) + f_{n-p}(\theta) + f_{p-n}(\theta) \quad (12)$$

The resulting differential cross section for the nuclear reaction ${}^9\text{Be}(d,\alpha){}^7\text{Li}$ is given by a coherent sum of amplitudes from Eq.11 and Eq.12

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f_I(\theta) + f_{II}(\theta)|^2. \quad (13)$$

The quantum numbers of transferred clusters NL_J have been constructed by conservation of the total number of oscillation quanta \mathcal{N} [29]

$$\mathcal{N} = 2(N - 1) + L = \sum_i (2(n_i - 1) + l_i), \quad (14)$$

where i – the number of each constituent nucleon in the cluster, $n_i l_i$ – the quantum numbers of i -indexed nucleon, and by the triangle law of inequality:

$$|J_{com} - J_{core}| \leq J \leq |J_{com} + J_{core}|, \quad (15)$$

where J_{com} , J_{core} are the spin numbers of composite and core nuclei, respectively.

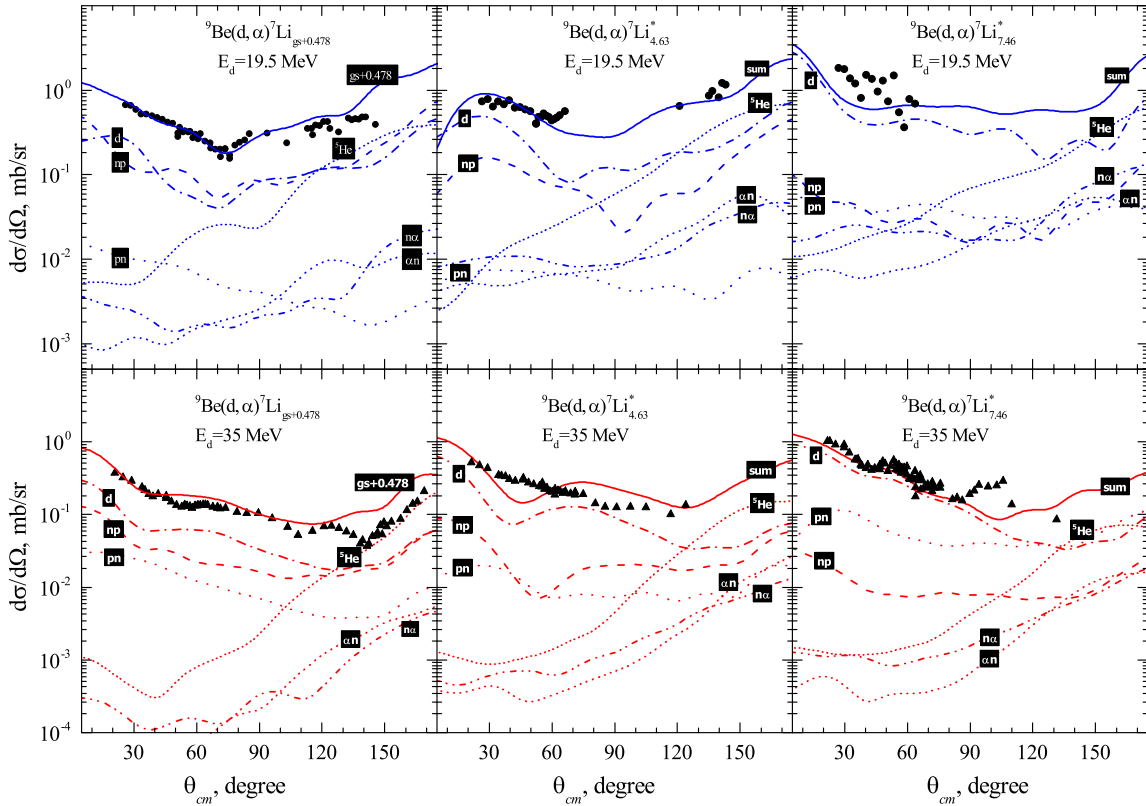


Figure 9. Differential cross sections for the ground and low-lying excited states of ${}^7\text{Li}$ produced in the $d + {}^9\text{Be}$ reaction at both 19.5 MeV and 35 MeV.

The CC potential (see Tab. 1) for the entrance channel and global optical potential parametrizations from Ref. [21, 30, 31] for intermediate and exit channels have been used in analysis. For two-step transfer reactions, the transition amplitudes were calculated in the prior form for the first coupling, then in the post form for the second coupling. The spectroscopic amplitudes for d and ${}^5\text{He}$ were taken from Ref. [32]; for one nucleon and alpha transfer transitions are shown in Tab. 2.

Figure 9 shows the results of calculations of the angular distributions for the ${}^9\text{Be}(d,\alpha){}^7\text{Li}$ nuclear reaction with low-lying excited states of the ${}^7\text{Li}$ nucleus. The cross sections are calculated for energies at 19 MeV (upper part) and 35 MeV (lower part). In fig.9 it can be seen that in all the channels the transfer of the deuteron has mainly the dominant contribution. Despite the fact that the spectroscopic amplitude of the deuteron 0.558 with quantum numbers $1D_3$ [18] in the ${}^9\text{Be}$ nucleus is not of great importance, a noticeable cross section is due to the large value of the deuteron spectroscopic amplitude 1.732 with the configuration $1S_1$ in ${}^4\text{He}$. It should be noted that the contribution of the deuteron transfer mechanism to the cross section mainly occurs with the wave $1D_3$ in the background with other waves, such as $2S_1, 1D_1, 1D_2$. It is important to note that the behaviour of the $1D_3$ wave converges very slowly with respect to the angle, which is almost identical to the angular distribution of evaporation residues.

In all channels starting from angle 120, the transfer of the ${}^5\text{He}$ cluster has a predominant contribution. It is interesting to note that the transfer of the ${}^5\text{He}$ cluster basically occurs simultaneously in exit channels with all excited states of ${}^7\text{Li}$. The first such results were obtained in Ref. [18]. In this paper, an analysis of the nuclear reaction with a laboratory energy of 7 MeV was carried out with the assumption that the ${}^5\text{He}$ cluster is transferred simultaneously, neglecting the sequential transfer. Using the CRC method, we could estimate the contribution of the sequential transfer of the ${}^5\text{He}$ cluster, which is not represented anywhere. It turned out that the n- α and the α -n transfer processes really had a smaller contribution by an order of magnitude lower than the simultaneous transfer. Simultaneous transfer of the ${}^5\text{He}$ cluster was also represented as a dominant process than the sequential one by Jarczyk *et al* [33] on the example of the ${}^{12}\text{C}({}^{11}\text{B}, {}^6\text{Li}){}^{17}\text{O}$ and ${}^{12}\text{C}(d, {}^7\text{Li}){}^7\text{Be}$ nuclear reactions. Nevertheless, it should be noted that the n- α and the α -n transfer processes are beginning to have a significant contribution as the excitation energy of ${}^7\text{Li}$ increases, where they should not be ignored.

The next mechanism, which has a rather noticeable contribution to the cross section, is the

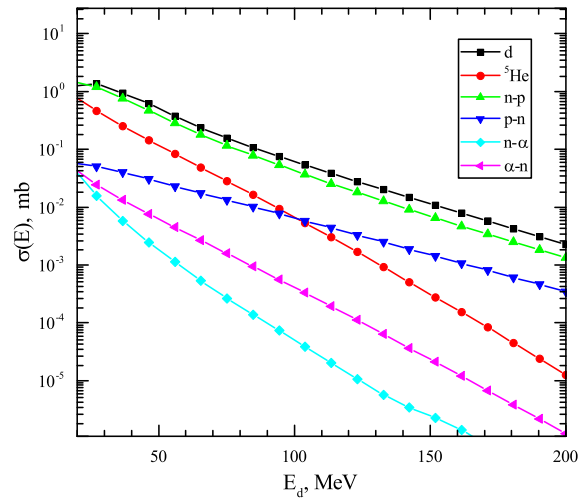


Figure 11. Integrated cross sections depending on laboratory energy E_d for each mechanism: d, ${}^5\text{He}$, n-p, p-n, n- α and α -n.

transfer of the n-p system. A significant contribution is due to the cluster structure of the ${}^9\text{Be}$ nucleus, i.e. the weakly bound neutron. The results of calculations show that the contribution of transfer of the p-n system is much lower than the contribution of the n-p system. It is interesting to note that similar results were obtained in Ref. [34]. In this paper, the treatment of the DWBA discrepancy in the ${}^{98}\text{Mo}(d,\alpha){}^{96}\text{Nb}$ direct deuteron transfer reaction was gained by coherently adding the two-step processes. In particular, the calculations have shown that the $(d,t;t,\alpha)$ process prevails over the $(d,{}^3\text{He};{}^3\text{He},\alpha)$ process.

Figure 11 shows the results of calculations of the integrated cross sections for each mechanism in the ${}^9\text{Be}(d,\alpha){}^7\text{Li}$ nuclear reaction. The contribution to the cross section can be made in the following order: direct transfer of the deuteron, transfer of the n-p system, transfer of a heavy ${}^5\text{He}$ cluster, and sequential transfer of the p-n, α -n, and n- α systems. However, the order of the contribution of the p-n and ${}^5\text{He}$ mechanisms changes when the laboratory energy reaches a value of 100 MeV.

4. Conclusion

In the present work, the nuclear reactions induced by interaction of deuteron with ${}^9\text{Be}$ have been analysed. The following conclusions can be made during the analysis:

- The double-folding potential, which is characteristic of the interaction of deuteron with ${}^9\text{Be}$, differs from phenomenological optical potentials;
- The deformation parameter has been obtained for the excited state 2.43 MeV of ${}^9\text{Be}$;

- The strong coupling effects in the nuclear reactions with one nucleon transfer have been revealed;
- It was found that in the ${}^9\text{Be}(d,\alpha){}^7\text{Li}$ nuclear reaction the ${}^5\text{He}$ heavy cluster is transferred mainly simultaneously, and the contribution of its sequential transfer is an order of magnitude lower;
- The importance of taking into account the mechanism of sequential transfer of the n-p system has been revealed.

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