

THE PARTICIPATION OF f-PROTONS IN THE COMPOUND MODEL OF THE
REACTION ${}^7\text{Li}(p, \alpha){}^4\text{He}$ AT LOW ENERGIES

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The processing of experimental data of angular distributions is made by the method of least squares. The expression for the angular distribution is given as

$$\sigma(E) = C(E) [1 + A(E) \cos^2\theta + B(E) \cos^4\theta] \quad (1)$$

where the contribution of the p-protons is represented by the coefficient A, and f-protons by B. This is in agreement with the theory of Inglis and other authors^{1,2)}.

In this experiment the distribution of α -particles is analysed with an incident beam of low-energy protons of 150, 300 and 600 keV. The experimental data used in order to determine the coefficients A, B and C of expression (1) are given in the table 1.

TABLE 1.

E_p [keV]	150	300	600
A^{exp}	0.969	0.639	1.660
A^{theor}	0.178	0.756	1.796
B^{exp}	-0.225	-0.185	0.045
B^{theor}	-0.044	-0.116	-0.326
C^{exp}	0.432 $\left(\frac{\text{mb}}{\text{sr}}\right)$	2.64 $\left(\frac{\text{mb}}{\text{sr}}\right)$	13.45 $\left(\frac{\text{mb}}{\text{sr}}\right)$

The coefficients A^{theor} and B^{theor} are calculated from the expression given in ref.¹⁾.

Comparing the experimental and theoretical coefficients in the table it is obvious that a general agreement with the conclusions given in the ref.¹⁾ takes place, being almost perfect at 300 keV. Nevertheless it has to be mentioned that the

experimental results slightly enhance the contribution of f-protons which has no counterpart in the theory. The experimental data in the table show a lack of monotony of the dependence of B with energy and does not allow an unambiguous conclusion concerning the proportionality of the cross section with the energy which could have been expected on the basis of ref.¹⁾.

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