

1.69 On the T_R -Type Tensor Potential in Deuteron Elastic Scattering at 56 MeV

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Through the experiments on deuteron elastic scattering with vector and tensor polarized beams and their analyses in terms of an optical model, the T_R -type tensor potential has been investigated^{1,2)}. This type of tensor potential is correlated with the deuteron D-state, and its strength is predicted by a folding model³⁾. Much attention has been concentrated on the point whether the strength of T_R tensor potential obtained from the optical model analysis is consistent with the folding model because the central and spin-orbit potentials are roughly in accordance with the folding model. Up to date, following results on the T_R tensor potential have been obtained from the optical model analyses of the experimental data at 10-13 MeV¹⁾ and 20 MeV²⁾.

- 1) The imaginary T_R potential (W_{TR}) is consistent with the folding model^{1,2)}.
- 2) The real T_R potential (V_{TR}) is smaller than the folding model. Very small values of V_{TR} are obtained in ref. 1) for $A = 46 \sim 90$ nuclei. In ref. 2), a mass number dependence of V_{TR} is reported: some strength of V_{TR} is needed for lighter nuclei than ^{65}Cu , but for ^{144}Sm and ^{208}Pb the experimental data are explained without V_{TR} .

The reason why the strength of V_{TR} is reduced compared with the folding model and with W_{TR} is not yet understood.

In order to see what strength of T_R tensor potential is needed at higher energy, we have measured the differential cross section σ , vector and tensor analyzing powers, A_y , A_{xx} , A_{yy} and A_{xz} , for elastic scattering of 56 MeV deuterons on several nuclei from ^{12}C to ^{208}Pb . The experiments were carried out at RCNP, Osaka University. The details of the experimental method is described elsewhere⁴⁾. For the measurement of A_{xz} , a horizontally polarized deuteron beam was used.

Optical model analyses were carried out using the codes MAGALI⁵⁾ (without T_R potential) and DDTP⁶⁾ (with T_R potential). The form factor of the T_R tensor potential used in the DDTP code was of the form

$$V_{TR}(r) = -\lambda_{\pi}^2 V_{TR} r \frac{d}{dr} \left\{ \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f(x_{TR}) \right\},$$

$$W_{TR}(r) = \lambda_{\pi}^2 W_{TR} r \frac{d}{dr} \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left\{ 4 \frac{d}{dx_{TW}} f(x_{TW}) \right\} \right],$$

which were suggested by a folding model³⁾. Here $f(x_i) = (1+e^{-x_i})^{-1}$ and $x_i = (r-r_i A^{1/3})/a_i$. The calculations without the T_R potential did not reproduce the tensor analyzing power A_{xz} and the quantity X_2 over the whole angular region. The quantity X_2 is $(2A_{xx} + A_{yy})/\sqrt{3}$. This quantity, as well as the tensor analyzing power A_{xz} , is derived as an observable which is sensitive to the tensor potential⁷⁾. The inclusion of the T_R tensor potential in the optical model analyses greatly improved the fits to A_{xz} and X_2 data, and this fact clarified the necessity of the tensor potential.

The results of present optical model analyses are summarized as follows.

- 1) The central and spin-orbit potentials are roughly in accordance with the folding model.

- 2) The effect of W_{TR} potential is clearly seen on A_{xz} and X_2 data, and the strength of W_{TR} obtained is consistent with the folding model for all nuclei studied.
- 3) The folding V_{TR} potential overestimates A_{xz} and X_2 data, but V_{TR} potentials with following features are obtained. For lighter nuclei than ^{58}Ni , a V_{TR} potential is needed with a smaller diffuseness but with a comparable depth compared with the folding model. In these nuclei, the effect of V_{TR} potential is seen at forward and backward angles for A_{xz} and X_2 . For heavier nuclei than ^{90}Zr , a V_{TR} potential is favoured with a strength of more than one half of the folding model. Fig. 1 shows examples of optical model calculations with a complex T_R potential and with only an imaginary T_R potential for ^{118}Sn and ^{208}Pb . The inclusion of V_{TR} potential improves the fits to A_{xz} and X_2 data: the 'phase' of the calculations to A_{xz} data, and the 'amplitude' to X_2 data are improved at forward angles.

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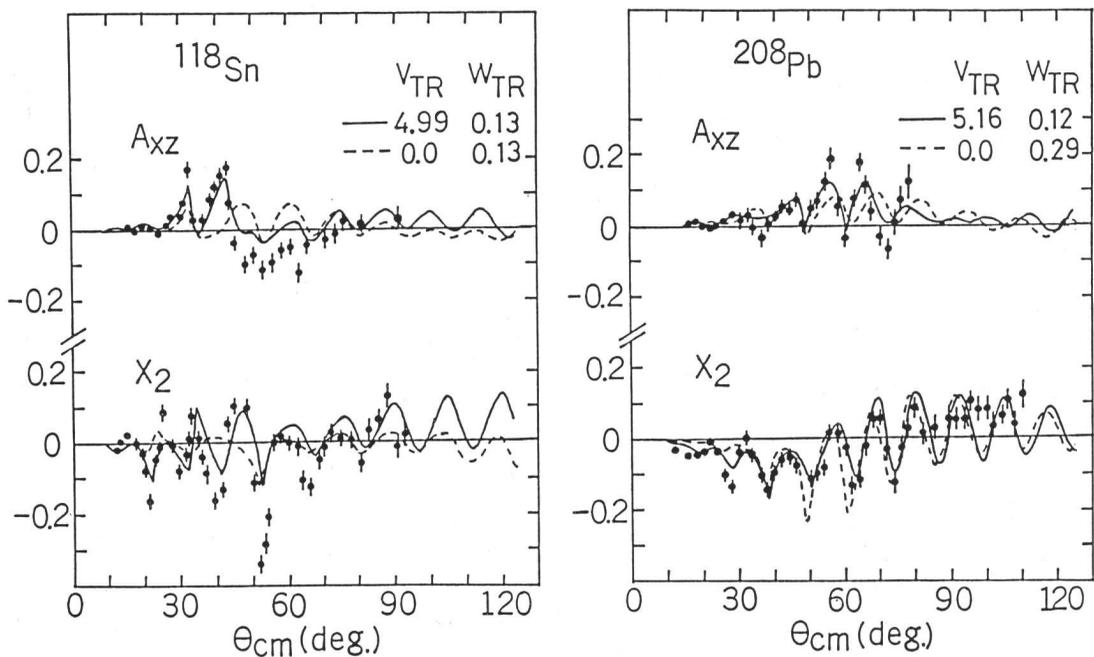


Fig. 1. Tensor analyzing power A_{xz} and the quantity X_2 for elastic scattering of 56 MeV deuterons on ^{118}Sn and ^{208}Pb . The solid and dashed curves are the results of best fit optical model calculations including complex T_R potential and only imaginary T_R potential, respectively.