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A Dynamical Origin of Momentum-Dependent Tensor Potentials in Elastic Scattering*

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As is well known¹⁾, three types of tensor potentials, T_R , T_L and T_p , are allowed kinematically in elastic scattering of a projectile with spin one, in addition to central and spin-orbit potentials. Such a consideration is also relevant to ${}^7\text{Li}$ elastic scattering from 0^+ nuclei, and a rank-3 tensor potential, T_3 , is possible in this scattering. It has been shown that the T_R potential can be derived in folding procedures for both deuteron and ${}^7\text{Li}$ elastic scatterings, while the T_L and the T_p potentials have not been established by a simple folding model calculation and are still being investigated by several authors²⁾.

Coupled channel calculations including excited states of the projectile have made it clear that peculiar features of analyzing powers in ${}^7\text{Li}$ elastic scattering are induced mainly by projectile excitation process^{3), 4)}, thus generating dynamical optical potentials. Thereby, it may be possible to find momentum dependent tensor potentials.

In this note we show that the T_p and other potentials can arise from a dynamical effect of a projectile-virtual-excitation process if we include spin-orbit interactions in transitions between the excited state and the ground state. With this model we estimate the magnitudes of T_L , T_p and T_3 tensor potentials for ${}^{58}\text{Ni}({}^7\text{Li}, {}^7\text{Li}){}^{58}\text{Ni}$.

We postulate that ${}^7\text{Li}$ is well described by $\alpha + t$ cluster model.

For present aim we need to evaluate the second-order matrix element for projectile virtual excitation, that is the dynamical optical potential

$$V(dy) = (0 | vGv | 0), \quad (1)$$

where 0 means the ground state channel, G a Green's function in the excited state of ${}^7\text{Li}$, and v the sum of the $\alpha - {}^{58}\text{Ni}$ interaction and the $t - {}^{58}\text{Ni}$ central and spin-orbit interactions, denoted by $v^{(c)}(r, \varphi)$, and $v_L^{(c)}(r, \varphi)$ and $v_L^{(LS)}(r, \varphi) \mathbf{L}_t \cdot \mathbf{s}_t$, respectively. Further

$$\mathbf{L}_t \cdot \mathbf{s}_t = \frac{\hbar}{i} (\mathbf{r} + d\varphi) \times (\beta \nabla_r + \nabla_\varphi) \cdot \mathbf{s}_t, \quad (2)$$

as defined in Ref. (3).

To simplify descriptions, we define an operator $O^{(K)}$ which relates to the matrix element of v as

$$(L', (\ell's) I'; JM | v | L, (\ell s) I; JM) = \sum_K (-1)^{I'+J+K} \begin{Bmatrix} L' & I' & J \\ I & L & K \end{Bmatrix} (L' || O^{(K)} || L), \quad (3)$$

where ℓ (ℓ') is an inner angular momentum which couples with triton spin s to total spin $I=3/2$ ($I'=1/2$) in the ground(excited) state, L (L') is orbital angular momentum, and J total angular momentum in scattering. Inserting eq. (3) into eq. (1), and extracting the potential depth $V^{(K)}(r)$ of rank K by applying a sum rule on 6-j symbol, one can get the following formula for the rank- K potential $V^{(K)}(r) ([I]^{(K)} \cdot \mathbf{R}^{(K)})$,

$$V^{(K)}(r) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \hat{K} \sum_{k_1 k_2} W(k_1 k_2 II: KI') \frac{(L' || [O^{(k_1)}_x O^{(k_2)}_y] || L)}{(L' || \mathbf{R}^{(K)} || L) (I' || \mathbf{I}^{(K)} || I)}, \quad (4)$$

where $\mathbf{R}^{(K)}$ denotes a radial operator of rank K , $\mathbf{R}^{(2)} = [\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{L}]^{(2)}$ for T_L potential, $\mathbf{R}^{(2)} = [\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p}]^{(2)}$ for T_p , and $\mathbf{R}^{(3)} = [\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{L}]^{(3)}$ for T_3 tensor potential.

For ${}^7\text{Li}$ scattering, we show the operator $O^{(K)}$ explicitly.

$$O^{(1)} = g_1^{(LS)}(r) \mathbf{L}, \quad (5)$$

$$O^{(2)} = g_2^{(LS)}(r) [\mathbf{c}_1 \times \nabla_r]^{(2)} + g_3^{(LS)}(r) [\mathbf{c}_3 \times \nabla_r]^{(2)} + f^{(c)}(r) \mathbf{c}_2, \quad (6)$$

where $g^{(LS)}(r)$ ($f^{(C)}(r)$) represents the integrated term of multipole j of the spin-orbit(central) interaction $v_j^{(LS)}(r, p)$ ($v_j^{(C)}(r, p)$) with the inner wave functions.

In the derivation of eq.(4) the adiabatic approximation was used for simplicity,

$$G_L(r, r') = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \delta(r-r'), \quad (7)$$

ε is the excitation energy of $I^\pi=1/2$ state in ${}^7\text{Li}$.

Now we can calculate the magnitude of each kind of the dynamical potential. As an example, we show the explicit expression for the strength of T_P potential;

$$V_{T_P}(r) = \frac{1}{1000} \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 \frac{r^2}{\varepsilon} [-48 \left\langle \frac{\alpha \rho}{r} v_1^{(LS)} - v_2^{(LS)} \right\rangle^2 + 10 \left\langle -v_2^{(LS)} + \frac{\alpha \rho}{r} \right. \\ \times v_3^{(LS)} \rangle^2 + 5 \left\langle \frac{\alpha \rho}{r} v_1^{(LS)} - v_2^{(LS)} \right\rangle \left\langle -v_2^{(LS)} + \frac{\alpha \rho}{r} v_3^{(LS)} \right\rangle], \quad (8)$$

where α is $4/7$ and $v_j^{(LS)}$ denotes multipole term of j in the spin-orbit interaction, and $\langle v \rangle = \int u_f^\dagger v u_i d\rho$.

Fig. 1 displays the resultant momentum-dependent tensor potentials V_{T_P} , V_{T_L} and V_{T_3} calculated by the parameter set of the triton- and the alpha- ${}^{58}\text{Ni}$ potential, same as in Ref. (3).

One can see that the 3rd-rank tensor potential is relatively larger than the other two. The reason is that the T_P and T_L potentials are generated only from the spin-orbit force, while the T_3 potential arises from both the central and the spin-orbit forces in the present model. The dynamical T_3 potential may affect polarization observables, especially third-rank tensor analyzing powers, of ${}^7\text{Li}$ elastic scattering.

The details will be published elsewhere.

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Fig. 1. The strength of dynamical optical potentials of ${}^7\text{Li}$ from virtual excitation process including spin-orbit transition interaction.

