Breakup and finite-range effects on the ${}^{8}B(d, n){}^{9}C$ reaction

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In order to determine the reaction rate of the astrophysical reaction ${}^{8}B(p, \gamma){}^{9}C$, which ignites the hot pp chain [1], an indirect determination of the rate using the ${}^{8}B(d, n){}^{9}C$ reaction was done [2]. However, because a reaction model in their analysis is rather primitive, in terms of neglect of excitation to the continuum states of both d and ${}^{9}C$ in particular, a reanalysis with a precise model which takes into account the excitation is demanded.

We carry out the coupled-channels Born approximation (CCBA) calculation employing the continuumdiscretized coupled-channels (CDCC) [3] method based on the $p + n + {}^{8}B$ three-body model. The CDCC describes the scattering of the $d{}^{8}B$ ($n{}^{9}C$) system including the breakup of d (${}^{9}C$) into p + n ($p + {}^{8}B$) in the initial (final) channel. As explained in detail in Ref. [4] we adopt phenomenological interactions for each subsystems.

In Fig. 1 the calculated cross section with including (neglecting) the breakup of both d and ${}^{9}C$ is shown by the thick solid (thin solid) line. We can see that both breakup significantly enhance the angular distributed cross section by about 58% at $\theta = 0^{\circ}$, where θ is the emitting angle of n. From a detailed analysis we find that the breakup effect of d (${}^{9}C$) is about 23% (38%) on the cross section at the forward angles as shown by the dashed (dotted) line. By comparing the calculated cross section with the experimental data [2], we extract the asymptotic normalization coefficient (ANC) of ${}^{9}C$ in the $p{}^{-8}B$ configuration as 0.59 ± 0.15 fm⁻¹. It corresponds to the astrophysical factor S_{18} at zero energy of 22 ± 6 eVb. This value is almost half of the previous one [2] which is extracted from the same transfer reaction as in the present work. We have clarified that, due to the breakup effects of d and ${}^{9}C$, the resulting value of S_{18} becomes small compared with the previous work. However this value is not consistent with other values evaluated from ${}^{9}C$ breakup reactions [5–7]. Further investigation, for example the CCBA analysis of the mirror reaction ${}^{8}\text{Li}(d, p){}^{9}\text{Li}$ [8], is necessary. In Ref. [4] a new procedure of the finite-range correction to the zero-range form factor also has been proposed.



Figure 1: Breakup effects of d and ${}^{9}C$ on the cross section of ${}^{8}B(d, n){}^{9}C$ at 28.8 MeV. The thick solid and thin solid lines are the results with and without the continuum states of both d and ${}^{9}C$, respectively. The dashed (dotted) line shows the result with the breakup states of d (${}^{9}C$) only.

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