

FOUR- AND THREE-BODY DYNAMICS IN ${}^6\text{Li}$ SCATTERING

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We investigate four-body dynamics of ${}^6\text{Li}$ elastic scattering on heavy targets ($n+p+\alpha+T$; $T=\text{target}$) and clarify the projectile-breakup mechanism. Since the $n+p$ subsystem of ${}^6\text{Li}$ has a bound state as deuteron (d), in the scattering, there exist not only four-body breakup processes (${}^6\text{Li}+T\rightarrow n+p+\alpha+T$) but also three-body breakup processes (${}^6\text{Li}+T\rightarrow d+\alpha+T$). This makes reaction dynamics more complicated in ${}^6\text{Li}$ scattering than in scattering of Borromean systems such as ${}^6\text{He}$ ($n+n+\alpha+T$). In order to take into account both the breakup processes explicitly, we adopt the four-body version of continuum-discretized coupled-channels method (four-body CDCC) based on the $n+p+\alpha+T$ model. Four-body CDCC reproduces measured elastic cross sections without introducing any adjustable parameter. Therefore, we can clearly investigate which of four- and three-body breakup processes is favored in ${}^6\text{Li}$ scattering. Our analyses show that the coupling between the elastic and three-body breakup channels is strong, whereas the coupling between the elastic and four-body channels is negligibly small. This suggests that ${}^6\text{Li}$ is mainly broken up into $d+\alpha$ and hardly into $n+p+\alpha$ in scattering. We refer to this property as $d\alpha$ -dominance. Using $d\alpha$ -dominance, we also propose an effective three-body model that simulates full four-body CDCC calculations. The three-body model is quite useful since the treatment is much easier than four-body one.