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Four-body Continuum Effects in $d+^{11}\text{Be}$ Elastic Scattering

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The main goal of the Continuum Discretized Coupled Channel (CDCC) method is to solve the Schrödinger equation for reactions where the projectile presents a cluster structure, and a low dissociation energy. The CDCC method has been introduced forty years ago [1] to describe deuteron induced reactions. Owing to the low binding energy of the deuteron, it was shown that including continuum channels significantly improves the description of d +nucleus elastic cross sections [1, 2]. The simplest variant of CDCC describes scattering of a two-body nucleus with a structureless target, but extensions to three-body projectiles have been performed recently (see, for example, ref. [3]). The projectile continuum is approximated by a finite number of square-integrable states, up to a given truncation energy.

We present here a new development of the CDCC method, which aims at describing reactions where the projectile and the target have a low separation energy. This leads to four-body (or more) calculations. Since continuum states are included in both colliding nuclei, the number of channels can be extremely large. We solve the coupled-channel system by using the R-matrix method on a Lagrange mesh [4].

A first application is presented for $d+^{11}\text{Be}$ elastic scattering and breakup, which have been measured recently at $E_{\text{cm}}=45.5$ MeV [5]. The ^2H and ^{11}Be nuclei are defined by $^2\text{H}=p+n$ and $^{11}\text{Be}=^{10}\text{Be}+n$ structures. We choose the Minnesota potential [6] as nucleon-nucleon interaction, and the Koning-Delaroche global potential [7] as nucleon- ^{10}Be optical potentials. We show that including continuum states of ^2H and of ^{11}Be is necessary to reproduce well the experimental data.

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