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Far-side Dominance of the Reaction Amplitude Observed in Large & transfer (d,p) Reactions at Intermediate Energy

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The experimental cross section angular distributions for the 116 Sn(d,p) 117 Sn reaction at 79 MeV show a distinct change as a function of increasing orbital angular momentum transfer ℓ . In addition, the reaction vector (A_y) and tensor (A_{yy}) analysing powers reveal a very marked j-dependence at large angles¹). As part of an analysis to understand these phenomena a decomposition of the transfer amplitude into near-side and far-side contributions has been performed.

To accomplish this we replace the associated Legendre function P_L^M (cos θ) in the partial wave sum for the transfer amplitude by

$$P_{\rm L}^{\rm M}(\cos\theta) = Q_{\rm LM}^{(+)}(\theta) + Q_{\rm LM}^{(-)}(\theta) , \qquad (1)$$

$$Q_{LM}^{(\perp)}(\theta) = 1/2 \left[P_{L}^{M}(\cos\theta) \pm 2i\pi Q_{L}^{M}(\cos\theta)\right], \qquad (2)$$

where Q_L^M (cos θ) is the irregular Legendre function. In the limit of large L the $Q_{LM}^{(+)}(\theta)$ and $Q_{LM}^{(-)}(\theta)$ correspond to travelling waves in the + θ and - θ sense,

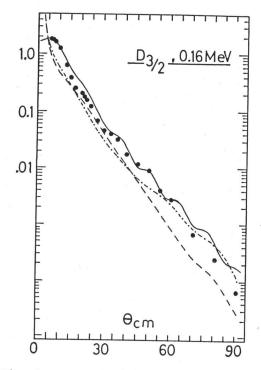


Fig. 1. Near-side (dashed) and far-side (dot-dashed) contributions to the full (solid) calculated cross section (in mb/sr) for the 116 Sn(d,p) 117 Sn(3/2⁺, 0.16 MeV) transition at E_d = 79 MeV.

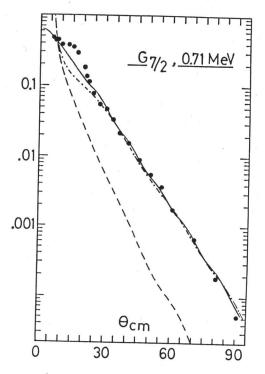


Fig. 2. As for Fig. 1 but for the $^{116}Sn(d,p)^{117}Sn(7/2+, 0.71 \text{ MeV})$ transition.

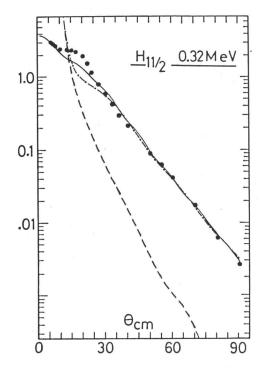


Fig. 3. As for Fig. 1 but for the $^{116}Sn(d,p)^{117}Sn(11/2^-, 0.32 \text{ MeV})$ transition.

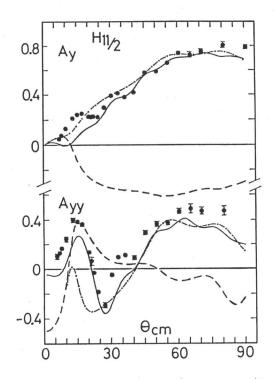


Fig. 4. Near-side (dashed) and far-side (dot-dashed) contributions to the calculated analysing powers in the ¹¹⁶Sn(d,p)¹¹⁷Sn(11/2⁻) transition.

respectively. The $Q_{LM}^{(+)}$ and $Q_{LM}^{(-)}$ partial wave contributions are added independently and the resultant amplitudes are interpreted as the contribution to the full transfer amplitude from the far-side (-ve Madison Convention x-axis) and near-side of the nucleus²), respectively.

In Figs. 1 to 3 we show the decomposition of the cross section into near (dashed curves) and far-side (dash-dotted curves) components. The figures are ordered in terms of increasing ℓ transfer for the states indicated in the ¹¹⁶Sn(d,p)¹¹⁷Sn reaction at 79 MeV. All calculations are exact finite range calculations which include the deuteron D-state and S-wave breakup effects through the Johnson-Soper adiabatic prescription for stripping³). The d_{3/2} transition is oscillatory at all angles reflecting the interference of the comparably sized near- and far-side amplitudes. For the larger ℓ and better orbital angular momentum matched transitions the far-side amplitude is seen to completely dominate the reaction at large angles producing the required smooth fall off with angle. In Fig.4 we use the 11/2⁻ transition to show that the same far-side dominance applies in the consideration of the reaction analysing powers.

We have seen that realistic reaction calculations demonstrate, for the first time, the phenomenon of far-side dominance in large ℓ (d,p) transitions at intermediate energy. From this observation the j-dependence exhibited by the reaction vector and tensor analysing powers is understood¹). In addition, far-side dominance implies strong constraints upon spin-dependent observables which when compared with data can be used to test the underlying reaction model.

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