Reexamination of the astrophysical S factor for the $\alpha+d\rightarrow^6$ Li+ γ reaction

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Recently, a new measurement of the ⁶Li (150 A MeV) dissociation in the field of ²⁰⁸Pb has been reported [1] to study the radiative capture $\alpha+d\rightarrow^6\text{Li}+\gamma$ process. However, the dominance of the nuclear breakup over the Coulomb one prevented the information about the $\alpha+d\rightarrow^6$ Li+ γ process from being obtained from the breakup data. The astrophysical $S_{24}(E)$ factor has been calculated within the α -d twobody potential model with potentials determined from the fits to the α -d elastic scattering phase shifts. However, the scattering phase shift, according to the theorem of the inverse scattering problem, does not provide a unique α -d bound-state potential, which is the most crucial input when calculating the $S_{24}(E)$ astrophysical factor at astrophysical energies. In this work, we emphasize the important role of the asymptotic normalization coefficient (ANC) for ${}^6{\rm Li}{\to}\alpha + d$, which controls the overall normalization of the peripheral $\alpha + d \rightarrow {}^{6}\text{Li} + \gamma$ process and is determined by the adopted $\alpha - d$ bound-state potential. Since the potential determined from the elastic scattering data fit is not unique, the same is true for the ANC generated by the adopted potential. However, a unique ANC can be found directly from the elastic scattering phase shift, without invoking intermediate potential, by extrapolation the scattering phase shift to the bound-state pole [2]. We demonstrate that the ANC previously determined from the α -d elastic scattering s-wave phase shift [2], confirmed by ab initio calculations, gives $S_{24}(E)$, which at low energies is about 38% less than the other one reported [1]. We recalculate also the reaction rates, which are lower than those obtained in that same study [1]. The paper has been published in Phys. Rev. C 83, 055805 (2011).

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