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In this report, we study a range of reactions induced by the interactions ${}^7\text{Li}+p$, ${}^7\text{Be}+n$ and ${}^6\text{Li}+d$. Special attention is paid to the low-energy region in the input channels of reactions that take into account the dynamics of synthesis and decay of ${}^6\text{Li}$, ${}^7\text{Li}$ and ${}^7\text{Be}$ nuclei. This study is performed within a microscopic three-cluster model, which allows us to involve all binary channels of the ${}^8\text{Be}$ decay. Besides, this model takes into account polarizability of interacting nuclei (clusters) [1, 2]. In Ref. [3], this model was successfully applied to study the structure of the ${}^8\text{Be}$ nucleus and the nature of high-energy resonance states of ${}^8\text{Be}$.

Within the framework of our model, the astrophysical S-factors of the reactions ${}^7\text{Be}(n,\alpha){}^4\text{He}$, ${}^7\text{Be}(n,p_0){}^7\text{Li}$ and ${}^7\text{Be}(n,p_1){}^7\text{Li}$ in the energy range $E_{cm}=0-2$ MeV were calculated. The dependence of the astrophysical S-factors on the form and intensity of the nucleon-nucleon interaction was investigated in detail. For the astrophysical S-factor of ${}^7\text{Be}(n,\alpha){}^4\text{He}$ reaction, the partial 2^+ wave dominates over the entire energy range, and is then enhanced by the 0^+ wave. The calculated S-factors for ${}^7\text{Be}(n,\alpha){}^4\text{He}$ reaction are further decomposed into contributions from reactions with ${}^7\text{Be}$ in its ground and first excited states. For ${}^7\text{Be}(3/2^-)(n,\alpha){}^4\text{He}$ reaction, the 2^+ wave has a maximum that is due to resonance. In our microscopic model, this 2^+ resonance state appears at energy $E\approx 1.27$ MeV above ${}^7\text{Be}+n$ decay threshold, which is in good agreement with the experimental data obtained in [4].

For ${}^7\text{Be}(n,p_0){}^7\text{Li}$ reaction, the 3^+ partial wave dominates in the region of the maximum at $E_{cm}=0.5$ MeV, while the 2^- partial wave determines the behavior at low and high energies. For ${}^7\text{Be}(n,p_1){}^7\text{Li}$ reaction, the 1^- partial wave dominates in the entire energy range and together with the $^+$, 2^- , 2^+ states provide the main contribution to the astrophysical S-factor. It was demonstrated that the cluster polarization has a large impact on value and energy dependence of the S-factor for the ${}^7\text{Be}(n,p){}^7\text{Li}$ reaction.

The calculated astrophysical S-factors for the reactions ${}^7\text{Be}(n,\alpha){}^4\text{He}$ and ${}^7\text{Be}(n,p){}^7\text{Li}$ are in good agreement with experimental data from leading laboratories. Our partial astrophysical S-factors for the ${}^7\text{Be}+n$ reactions are compared with calculations in the R-matrix theory and with data in the ENDF database.

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