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Abstract

A model for statistical multistep direct and multistep compound reactions is presented. It predicts (double-differential) neutron and proton spectra including equilibrium, preequilibrium, direct (collective and non-collective) as well as multiple particle emission processes. Calculations for nucleon-induced reactions has been performed for about 30 nuclei at incident energies between 5 and 26 MeV without any parameter fit.

I. INTRODUCTION

Over the years nuclear rection mechanism has been investigated within the theoretical concepts of statistical multistep compound $(SMC)^{1-7}$ and statistical multistep direct (SMD) processes. Till now a lot of experimental data are compared either within a pure SMC model^{2,11-13} or within a pure SMD approach^{8,14}. But ın nucleon-nucleus reactions at bombarding energies between 5 and 30 MeV (which is of interest for nuclear engineering) both SMC and SMD processes are important. For this purpose, a SMD/SMC model including direct collective excitations was proposed in Ref.15. In subsequent papers^{10,17} this model was improved and derived from Green's function formalism³ and random matrix physics^{1,18}. In this respect we try to overcome the gap between refined theories (which are too complicated for application) and simple-to-handle models for nuclear data evaluation.

In this paper we limit ourselves to the basic ideas of the SMD/SMC model. A brief foundation of this model and comparisons with other approaches are given in Sec.II. After discussion of the first-chance emission process (Sec.III) this model will be generalized for multiple particle emission (MPE) in Sec.IV. Finally, it will be applied for calculations of neutron and proton (doubledifferential) emission cross sections. The results covering a quite large range of nuclear masses (A>27) and incident energies (5 to 26 MeV) are presented in Sec.V.

II. SMD/SMC MODEL

A. Basic formalism

The differential cross section for a reaction (a,b) is given by

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ab}(E_a)}{dE_b} = \frac{4\pi^3}{k_a^2} |T_{ab}|^2 \delta(E_a - E_b)$$
(1)

where the T-matrix can be written as

$$T_{ab} = \sum_{n''} c_{nvb}^{b*} \langle \varphi_{nvb}^{(-)} | T | \varphi_{a}^{(+)} \rangle$$
(2)

Here, the final wave function is decomposed into states of exciton classes n=p+h (of the composite system A); v is a running index in class n. In many-body theory¹⁹ the transition operator T is expanded in powers of the irreducible effective interaction \hat{I} ,

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{\tilde{I}} + \mathbf{\tilde{I}} \mathbf{\tilde{G}}_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{T} .$$
 (3)

The irreducible interaction $I_{n,n}$, is a sum of different Feynman graphs (containing the bare NN-interaction) which can not be cut into parts by just cutting n lines. The Green's function (GF) in Eq.(3) is a product of n single-particle (s.p.) GF's. It has the spectral representation

$$G_{o}(n,n) = \sum_{v} \frac{\varphi_{nv} \varphi_{nv}}{E - e_{nv}} + \sum_{vc} \frac{\varphi_{nvc}^{(+)} \varphi_{nvc}^{(+)*}}{E - E_{nvc} + i\eta} = G_{B}(n,n) + G_{v}(n,n)$$
(4)

where φ_{nv} , $\varphi_{nvc}^{(+)}$ are bound and unbound eigenfunctions of $H_0 + \hat{I}_{n,n}$ with eigenvalues e_{nv} and $E_{nvc} = e_{n-1,v} + E_c + B_c$, respectively. Here, $E_c = \hbar^2 k_c^2 / 2m$ and B_c are the kinetic and binding energies of the unbound nucleon.

It is especially convenient if both the bound and unbound GF's in Eq.(4) are splitted into one pole part and one smoothly energy dependent regular part. Then we may convert¹⁹ Eq.(3) to an expression which contain the pole parts of G_{α} only,

$$T = I + I (G_{u}^{(+)} + G_{B}^{(+)}) T,$$
 (5)

while the regular parts of G_{o} are used for a renormalization of the effective interaction,

$$I = \hat{I} + \hat{I} \left(G_{U}^{R} + G_{B}^{R} \right) I .$$
(6)

This effective ineraction in form of (mean) squared matrix elements enters the further treatment as a main ingredient. According to the splitting in Eq.(4) we have to distinguish between four types of elements, I_B , I_{BU} , I_{UB} , and I_U denoting the coupling between bound and/or unbound states.

In nuclear physics it becames customary to decompose Eq.(5) into two parts,

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{U}} + \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{B}}^{(+)} \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{U}} + \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{B}} , \qquad (7)$$

where the multistep direct part is given by the Born series,

$$\mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{I} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{U}}^{(+)} \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{U}} , \qquad (8)$$

and the multistep compound part has the form

$$T^{B} = T^{U} G_{B}^{(+)} T^{U} + T^{U} G_{B}^{(+)} T^{U} G_{B}^{(+)} T^{U} + \dots$$
 (9a)

Similar (approximative) expressions were derived either within a shell-model approach⁴ or projection operator formalism². However, by some authors^{2,3} the approximation $T^{U} \equiv I$ was used in Eq.(9a). Following Ref 1 we extend this approximation by an additional term, $IG_{in}^{(+)}I$, which yields the matrix element

$$\mathbf{T}_{ab}^{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{UB}} \left[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{B}}^{(+)} - \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{B}} - \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{BU}} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{U}}^{(+)} \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{UB}} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{BU}} .$$
(9b)

In contrast to the multistep direct processes, Eq.(8), the multistep compound series in Eqs.(9) describe processes in which the nuclear system undergoes at least one transition to stages in which all particles occupy bound orbitals characterized by $G_{B}^{(+)}$. Thus, a single-step contribution occurs only in Eq.(8).

B. Statistical assumptions

For complex nuclei and sufficient high incident energies the cross section in Eq.(1) can not be evaluated microscopically. Analytical expressions are obtained for energy-averaged cross sections only This fact is also governed by the finite energy resolution of the experimental facilities. The energy uncertainty of the incident beam leads to an average over quasibound levels of the composite system A, while the finite detector resolution causes an exit channel averaging, i.e., it averages over the eigenstates in the residual nucleus, A-1.

It is well known¹⁰ that incident-energy averages taken 'over levels of the A-body system yield the decomposition

$$T_{ab}(E_a) = \overline{T_{ab}(E_a)}^A + T_{ab}^{fl}(E_a) \quad \text{with} \quad \overline{T_{ab}^{fl}} = 0^{\prime} . \quad (10)$$

Since Eq.(8) is assumed to depend smoothly on incident energy we have

$$\frac{1}{T_{ab}(E_a)} \simeq T_{ab}(E_a + i\Delta_a) \simeq T_{ab}^{U}(E_a)$$
(11)

where the averaging width is taken as $\Delta_a \simeq 0.1...1.0$ MeV. Comparing Eqs.(7) and (10) it yields $T_{ab}^{fl} \simeq T_{ab}^{B}$ and via Eq.(1) also

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ab}}{dE_{b}} = \frac{4\pi^{3}}{k_{a}^{2}} \left\{ |T_{ab}^{U}|^{2} + \overline{|T_{ab}^{B}|^{2}} \right\} \delta(E_{a} - E_{b}) \quad .$$
(12)

Now, if we take an exit-channel average (denoted by a bar carrying the index (A-1)) we arrive at analytical expressions for both the SMD and SMC cross sections,

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ab}}{dE_{b}} = \frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{SMD}}{dE_{b}} + \frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{SMC}}{dE_{b}}$$
(13)

The statistical assumptions are defined by treating the effective interaction as a random matrix taken from $GOE^{1,0,10}$ Then, the first moments of all elements (mean value) vanish and the second moments are defined by

$$\vec{I}_{n\upsilon n'\upsilon'} \vec{I}_{m\mu m'\mu'} = (\delta_{nm} \delta_{\upsilon\mu} \delta_{n'm}, \delta_{\upsilon'\mu'} + \delta_{nm}, \delta_{\upsilon\mu'} \delta_{n'm} \delta_{\upsilon'\mu}) \vec{I}_{\mathbf{B}}^{\mathbf{Z}}(n, n'). (14a)$$

Equation (14a) is defined for the bound-bound case. Similarly we have for other cases (in a more compact prescription)

$$I_{UB} I_{UB} = I_{UB}^{2} (nc,n') , \qquad I_{BU} I_{BU} = I_{BU}^{2} (n,n'c') , \qquad (14b)$$

$$I_{\mathbf{U}} I_{\mathbf{U}}^{*} = \overline{I_{\mathbf{U}}^{2}}(nc, n'c') . \qquad (14c)$$

Here; the upper contraction lines denote an averaging over the A-body ensemble while the bottom lines indicate (A-1)-body ensemble averaging. Further both ensembles are assumed to be statistically uncorrelated.

The channel index $c=\{E_c, \Omega_c, \upsilon \text{ or } \pi\}$ will be chosen as kinetic energy, direction, and particle type (neutron or proton) of the unbound particle. Further, $E=E_a+B_a$ and $U=E-B_b-E_b$ are the excitation energies of the composite and residual systems.

Ç. Restricțed partial state densities

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The partial (or exciton) state density of the composite system results from the pole part of the bound GF (after averaging),

$$\frac{1}{\pi} G_{\mathbf{g}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{n},\mathbf{n}) \longrightarrow \sum_{\upsilon} \delta(\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{n}\upsilon}) = \sum_{\{\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{k}}\}} \delta(\mathbf{E} - \sum_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{k}}}) = \frac{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{g}\mathbf{E})^{\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{i}}}{\mathbf{p}!\mathbf{h}!(\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{1})!} \equiv \rho_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{E})$$
(15)

and is given in the independent-particle model (IPM) by the Ericson

formula²⁰. Here, the density of the mean-field single particle and hole states j_k of energy e_{j_k} is approximated by g, i.e., the s.p. state density at Fermi energy $e_F \simeq 40$ MeV. By the same token, the exciton state density $\rho_{p-1}(U)$ of the residual system is obtained from $G_U^{(+)}$ All this results are derived from the assumption that the effective interaction changes the exciton number without any restriction.

The formulas alter drastically if k-body forces are assumed which change the exciton number by $\Delta n = n_f - n_i = -k, -k+2, \dots, k-2, k$. As a consequence, $\rho_n(E)$ and $\rho_{n-1}(U)$ tend to the restricted partial state densities $\rho_n^{(\Delta n)}(E)$ and $\rho_n^{(\Delta n-1)}(U)$, respectively. They are defined by

$$\rho_{n}^{(\Delta n-\iota)}(\$) = \rho_{n}^{-1}(E) \sum_{\substack{p_{i} \in J_{k}}} \sum_{k=1}^{\delta(E-\sum_{j=1}^{k}e_{j})} \int_{0}^{\delta(t)} dt \,\,\$(t-\sum_{k=1}^{k}e_{j})\delta(\$-t-\sum_{k=1}^{k}e_{j}) \,\,(16)$$

where $n_i = p_i + h_i$ and $n_f = p_f + h_f$ denote the numbers of active particles and holes before and after the collision. Mathematically, the k-body assumption is connected with a transition from GOE to the Embodded GOE (EGOE)¹⁰. Comparing Eqs.(15) and (16) the GOE and EGOE quantities are related by

$$\rho_{n}(E) = \sum_{(\Delta n)} \rho_{n}^{(\Delta n)}(E)$$
(17)

where the sum runs in two-steps over all values $\Delta n \leq |n|$.

Starting out from Eq.(16) and assuming 2-body forces we obtain the (2-body) restricted partial state densities of both the composite system, $\rho_n^{(\Delta n)}(E)$, and the residual system, $\rho_n^{(\Delta n-1)}(U)$. The former enter the damping widths $\Gamma_n^{(\Delta n)}$ and were firstly suggested by Williams²¹ (cf. also Ref.22). The latter which enter the escape widths $\Gamma_{nb}^{(\Delta n)}(E_b)\hat{\uparrow}$ are pointed out firstly in Ref.2.

The explicit values of all mean squared matrix elements defined in Eqs.(14) are obtained in three steps: (i) The dependence on exciton number is absorbed into the (2-body) restricted partial state densities introduced above. (ii) All types of unbound mean squared matrix elements are reduced to bound-bound ones, $\overline{I_B^2} = (V_0/A)^2$, where V_0 is the strength of the residual interaction, $V(r_1, r_2) = -V_0 \frac{4}{3}\pi r_0^3 \delta(r_1 - r_2)$. (iii) Finally, V_0 is found by equating the OM reaction cross section to the same quantity evaluated from the particle-hole concept.

The reduction to $\overline{I_B^2}$ is realized (approximately) by

$$I_{BU}^{2}(E_{b}) = I_{B}^{2} (2s+1) \rho(E_{b}) \equiv I_{B}^{2} \rho^{(out)}(E_{b})$$
(18a)

(cf. Ref.23) as well as

$$= \overline{I_{UB}^2}(E_a) = \rho^{(LD)}(E_a) \overline{I_B^2}$$
(18b)

$$\overline{I_{\mathbf{U}}^{\mathbf{z}}}(\mathbf{E}_{a}, \mathbf{E}_{b}) = \rho^{(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{n})}(\mathbf{E}_{a}) \overline{I_{\mathbf{B}}^{\mathbf{z}}} \rho^{(\mathbf{out})}(\mathbf{E}_{b}) , \qquad (18c)$$

where

$$\rho^{(1n)}(E_{c}) = (2s+1)^{-1} (k_{c}R)^{-2} \rho(E_{c}) . \qquad (19a)$$

Here,

$$\rho(E_{c}) = \frac{2}{3} \sum_{1}^{2} (21+1) \frac{R}{\pi} \frac{1}{\hbar v_{c}} = \frac{4\pi \ \mathscr{V} \ \mathrm{mk}_{c}}{(2\pi)^{3} \hbar^{2}}$$
(20)

is the s.p. state density in the nucleus volume, $\mathscr{V} = 4\pi R^3/3$, and $R=r_o A^{1/3}$. The value of the radius parameter $r_o = 1.40$ fm was obtained from the relation (in MeV⁻¹)

2 (2s+1)
$$\rho(\varepsilon_{r}) \equiv g = A / 13$$
 (21)

where the factor 2 contains the isospin degeneracy.

If a surface delta interaction is assumed,

$$V(r_{1}-r_{2}) = -V_{0} \frac{4\pi}{3} r_{0}^{4} \delta(r_{1}-r_{2}) \delta(r_{1}-R) , \qquad (22)$$

then Eq.(19a) changes into

$$\rho_{\text{surf}}^{(\text{in})}(E_c) = [r_o/R]^2 \rho^{(\text{in})}(E_c) . \qquad (19b)$$

Even this parametrization rather than Eq.(19a) provides a correct A-dependence of the OM reaction cross section (for neutrons and $E_a \ge 5$ MeV)

$$\sigma_{i}^{OM}(E_{a}) = (4\pi^{3}/k_{a}^{2}) \overline{I_{UB}^{2}}(E_{a}) \rho_{i}^{(\Delta_{D}=2)}(E)$$
(23)

which is the formation cross section of a 2p1h-doorway state starting out from a 1p-configuration. Using

$$\rho_{i}^{(\Delta n=2)}(E) = [g_{N}^{2} + g_{Z}^{2}] \int dE_{c} (E-E_{c}) (2s+1) \rho(E_{c} + \varepsilon_{F} + B_{c})$$
(24)

and $g_{N} = (N/A)g$, $g_{Z} = g - g_{N}$, the value $V_{O} \simeq 19.4$ MeV was obtained from Eq (23). [This value together with Eq.(19b) coincide with the parametrization given in Ref.17]. It will be used for all SMD calculations.

Coulomb effects, i.e., the dependence of unbound mean squred matrix elements on particle type v and π are treated in a simple way Eq.(20) should be multiplied by a penetration factor, $\mathcal{P}_{c}(E_{c})$, defined in Ref.15.

E. SMC processes

According to Eq.(13) the SMC cross section is obtained 16,17 from Eq.(9b) using the contraction technique as

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{SMC}(E_{a})}{dE_{b}} = \frac{4\pi^{3}}{k_{a}^{2}} \overline{T_{ab}^{B}} T_{ab}^{B*} \delta(E_{a}-E_{b})^{A-1}$$

$$= \sigma_{a}^{SMC}(E_{a}) \sum_{n} \frac{\tau_{n}}{\hbar} \left[\Gamma_{nb}^{(o)}(E_{b}) \uparrow + \Gamma_{nb}^{(-)}(E_{b}) \uparrow \right]$$
(25)

where τ_{\perp} satisfies the time-integrated master equation,

$$-\hbar \delta_{nn} = \Gamma_{n-2}^{(+)} \tau_{n-2} + \Gamma_{n+2}^{(-)} \tau_{n+2} - \Gamma_{n} \tau_{n} .$$
(26)

The superscripts (+), (0), and (-) refer to $\Delta n = +2,0,-2$, respectively. Here, the damping and escape widths are given by

$$\Gamma_{n}^{(\Delta n)} = 2\pi \overline{I_{B}^{2}} \rho_{n}^{(\Delta n)}(E)$$
(27)

$$\Gamma_{nb}^{(\Delta n)}(E_b) \hat{\Gamma} = 2\pi \overline{I_{BU}} \rho_n^{(\Delta n-1)}(U)$$
(28a)

$$\Gamma_{nb}^{(\Delta n)} \uparrow = \sum_{b=v, \pi \ o} \int dE_{b} \Gamma_{nb}^{(\Delta n)}(E_{b}) \uparrow .$$
(28b)

The total width is $\Gamma_n = \Gamma_n^{(+)} \downarrow + \Gamma_n^{(-)} \downarrow + \Gamma_n^{(0)} \uparrow + \Gamma_n^{(-)} \uparrow$ Notice that an escape mode $\Gamma_n^{(+)} \uparrow$ is absent since it is impossible from energetical arguments. The sum over exciton number in Eq.(25) runs from $n_0=3$ up to $(2gE)^{1/2}$ which includes the equilibrium stage $\overline{n} \simeq (1.4gE)^{1/2}$. It is an advantage of the parametrization in Eq.(18a) that all I_B^2 cancel exactly within the sum of Eq.(25). Thus, the shape of the SMC emission spectra becomes independent of I_B^2 .

Finally, the normalization constant in Eq.(25) is approximated by

$$\sigma_{a}^{SMC}(E_{a}) \equiv \sum_{b} \sigma_{ab}^{SMC}(E_{a}) = \sigma_{a}^{OM}(E_{a}) - \sum_{b} \sigma_{ab}^{SMD}(E_{a})$$
(29)

which is dictated by flux conservation. Here, σ_{ab}^{SMD} signifies the (energy-integrated) SMD cross section given below.

F. SMC versus exciton model

For the sake of completness we have to mention in which sense the SMC model, Eq.(25), differs from the phenomenological exciton $model^{24,25}$ (EM),

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{EM}(E_a)}{dE_b} = \sigma_a^{OM}(E_a) \sum_n \frac{\tau_n}{\pi} \Gamma_{nb}^{EM}(E_b) \uparrow .$$
(30)

Within the EM the escape widths,

$$\Gamma_{nb}^{EM}(E_{b}) \hat{T} = \frac{(2s+1)}{\pi^{2}h^{2}} mE_{b} \sigma_{n}^{Lnv}(E_{b}) \frac{p(n-1)}{gE} \left(\frac{U}{E}\right)^{n-2}, \qquad (31)$$

are obtained from detailed balance principle. Therein the inverse cross section is approximated by the OM reaction cross section,

$$\sigma_{\rm n}^{\rm L\,nv}({\rm E}_{\rm b}) \simeq \sigma_{\rm b}^{\rm OM}({\rm E}_{\rm b})$$
 (32)

However, this is not always true since the exciton number dependence is ignored. More precisely, the inverse cross section should be defined as

$$\sigma_{n}^{L n v}(E_{b}) = (4\pi^{3}/k_{b}^{2}) \overline{I_{BU}^{2}}(E_{b}) \rho_{n}^{(0)}(E)$$
(33)

rather than Eq.(32) After inserting Eq.(33) into Eq.(31) the relation¹⁶

$$\Gamma_{nb}^{EM}(E_b) \uparrow \simeq \Gamma_{nb}^{(0)}(E_b) \uparrow$$
(34)

is found. Hence, the EM follows immediately from the SMC model if (i) The backward escape mode is neglected, $\Gamma_{nb}^{(-)}(E_b)\uparrow \equiv 0$. (ii) Direct reactions are absent, $\sigma_{ab}^{SMD} \equiv 0$, which yields in Eq.(29) $\sigma_a^{SMC} = \sigma_a^{OM}$. It is clear from the above that the approximation in Eq.(32) prohibits a cancellation of $\overline{I_B^2}$ within the EM. Thus, $\overline{I_B^2}$ is treated as

a fit parameter in the EM.

G. SMD processes

The SMD cross section follows from Eq.(8) as

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{SMD}(E_{a})}{dE_{b}} = \frac{4\pi^{3}}{k_{a}^{2}} \frac{T_{ab}^{U} T_{ab}^{U*} \delta(E_{a}-E_{b})}{T_{ab}^{U*} \delta(E_{a}-E_{b})} = \sum_{r=1}^{A-1} \frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{(r)}(E_{a})}{dE_{b}} .$$
 (35)

Before evaluating Eq.(35) we have to distinguish¹⁰ between the sudden and adiabatic approximations. However, whithin the IPM and using the parametrization in Eqs.(19) both approximations

coincide¹⁷. Thus, for the one-step and two-step processes we have (despite a kinematical factor $4\pi^3/k_a^2$)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{(1)}(E_{a})}{dE_{b}} = \overline{I_{u}^{z}}(E_{a}, E_{b}) \rho_{1}^{(+)}(E_{a} - E_{b})$$
(36a)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{(2)}(E_{a})}{dE_{b}} = \int \frac{dE_{i}}{4\pi} \, \overline{I_{u}^{2}}(E_{a}, E_{i})$$

$$2\pi^{2} \, \rho_{i}^{(+)}(E_{a}-E_{i}) \, \overline{I_{u}^{2}}(E_{i}, E_{b}) \, \rho_{i}^{(+)}(E_{i}-E_{b}) \quad (36b)$$

with the restricted partial state densities $\rho_i^{(+)}(U) = (g_N^2 + g_Z^2)U$. To include collective modes (of multipolarity λ , energy ω_{λ} , and deformation parameter β_{λ}) we decompose¹⁵⁻¹⁷ the transition probability,

$$\overline{I_{U}^{2}} \rho_{i}^{(+)}(U) \longrightarrow \overline{I_{U}^{2}} \rho_{i}^{(+)}(U) + \sum_{\lambda} \overline{I_{\lambda}^{2}} \delta(U - \omega_{\lambda}) .$$
(37)

The ansatz for the particle-vibration coupling,

$$\overline{I_{\lambda}^{2}} = \widehat{\beta_{\lambda}^{2}} \nabla_{R}^{2} (k_{a}R)^{-2} \rho(E_{a}) \rho(E_{b}) , \qquad (38)$$

can be obtained after replacing in Eq.(22) the quantity $V_0 r_0^{\delta}(r-R)$ by $\hat{\beta}_{\lambda} V_R R\delta(r-R)$ where $\hat{\beta}_{\lambda} \equiv [4\pi(2\lambda+1)]^{-1/2} \beta_{\lambda}$. Here, $V_R \simeq 48$ MeV is the real potential depth.

Starting out from Eqs.(36), (37), and (19b) we finally obtain simple expressions for the SMD cross section,

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{(\alpha)}(E_{a})}{dE_{b}} = \left(\frac{m^{\varphi}}{2\pi\hbar^{2}}\right)^{2} \frac{4\pi}{(k_{a}R)^{2}} \left[\alpha\right] \frac{k_{b}}{k_{a}} \mathcal{P}_{a}(E_{a})\mathcal{P}_{b}(E_{b}) , \qquad (39)$$

where [a] symbolizes 2 one-step and 4 two-step contributions, denoted according to the sequence of exciton and phonon excitations,

$$[ex] = \mathcal{R}_{ab} \left(V_{o} A^{-4/3} g \right)^{2} U \qquad (40a)$$

$$[v_{1b}] = \delta_{ab} \sum_{\lambda} \hat{\beta}_{\lambda}^{2} V_{R}^{2} \delta(U - \omega_{\lambda})$$
(40b)

$$[2ex] = \mathcal{R}_{ab} \mathcal{R}_{bb} (V_{a} A^{-4/3} g)^{4} q_{1} U^{3}/6$$
(41a)

$$[ex,vib] = [vib,ex] = \mathcal{R}_{ab} (V_0 A^{-4/3}g)^2 q_1 \sum_{\lambda} \widehat{\beta}_{\lambda}^2 V_R^2 (U-\omega_{\lambda})$$
(41b)

$$[2v_{1b}] = \delta_{ab} \sum_{\lambda,\lambda'} \hat{\beta}_{\lambda}^{2} \hat{\beta}_{\lambda}^{2}, \quad V_{R}^{4} q_{1} \delta(U - \omega_{\lambda} - \omega_{\lambda'}) . \qquad (41c)$$

The combinatorial factor is given by

$$A^{2}\mathcal{R}_{ab} = \delta_{ab} (N^{2} + Z^{2}) + (1 - \delta_{ab}) (N^{2} \delta_{bv} + Z^{2} \delta_{b\pi}) .$$
and $q_{i} = \frac{1}{2} \pi (k_{i} R)^{-2} \rho(E_{i}).$
(42)

III. FIRST-CHANCE EMISSION

The first-chance emission will be evaluated within the SMD/SMC model as

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma_{a,b}(E_a)}{dE_b d\Omega_b} = \frac{d \sigma_{ab}^{SMD}(E_a)}{dE_b} \sum_{L=0}^{2L+1} \frac{2L+1}{4\pi} a_L(E_b) P_L(\cos\theta) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{d \sigma_{ab}^{SMC}(E_a)}{dE_b} . (43)$$

Here, the angular distribution of SMC emission is assumed to be isotropic, while for SMD processes the empirical systematics of Kalbach and Mann²⁶ are adopted.

Since the SMD process terminates after a few collisions we restrict ourselves to one-step and two-step contributions for the incident energy range below 30 MeV All SMD calculations are performed with the residual interaction strength $V_0=19.4$ MeV. In case of phonon excitations we restrict ourselves to two low-lying vibrational states of multipolarity $\lambda^{\pi} = 2^+$ and 3^- For odd-mass nuclei the weak coupling model²⁷ was adopted The phonon parameters β_2 , ω_2 are taken from Ref.28 (expect for ⁹⁹Nb where Ref.29 was used). Otherwise, ω_9 are received from Refs.27, 30, and 31. All β_9 -parameters are calculated from

$$\beta_{\lambda}^{2} = (2\lambda + 1) \omega_{\lambda} / 2C_{\lambda}$$
(44)

with $C_3 = 500$ MeV. In summary, all parameters used in calculations are listed in Table 1 Moreover, the delta functions entering Eqs.(40b)

Target	ω _z (MeV)	ß ₂	ω ₃ (MeV)	ßa
²⁷ Al, ²⁸ Si	1.78	0.41	6.88	0 <u>.22</u>
4 € Ti	0.98	0.27	3.00	0.14
V*C	1.55	0.17	3.00	0.14
⁵² Cr	1.43	0.22	4.59	0.18
55 _{Mn}	0.83	0.25	4.60	0.18
so Fe	0.85	0.24	4.52	0.1 <u>8</u>
58 _{Ni}	1.45	0.18	4.47	0.18
5°Co	1.33	0.21	4.05	0.17
حت Cu	1.35	0.18	3 70	0 16
⁹⁴ Zr	2.19	0.09	2.25	0.13
es Nd	0.93	0.13	2.30	0.18
^{S4} Zr	0.92	0.09	2.12	0 12
94 Mo	0.87	0 15	2.53	0.13
Mo	0.78	0.17	2.24	0.13
98 Mo	0 79	0 17	2.50	0.13
100 Mo	0.54	0.23	1.91	0.12
107 Ag	0.51	0 23	2.07	0.12
112Cd, 113Cd	0.35	0 22	1.97	0.12
115 In	1.29	0.11	1.95	0.12
118 Sn	1.30	0.11	2.32	0.13
¹²¹ Sb	1.17	0.11	2.39	0.13
127 I	0.44	0 18	2 30	0.13
129 Te	0.74	0.14	2.50	• 0.13
¹⁸¹ Ta	0.09	0.07	1.50	0.10
180 W	0.12	0.08	1.50	0.10
²⁰⁸ Pb, ²⁰⁹ B1	4.08	0.05	2.62	0.14

TABLE 1 Energy and deformation parameter of two low-lying phonon states of multipolarity 2^+ and 3^-

and (41c) are replaced by Gaussians of width 1 MeV simulating both the limited (exit channel) energy resolution in experiments and the spreading of spectroscopic strength

The SMC processes are calculated adopting the restricted partial state densities of Refs.2 and 21. Both Pauli and pairing corrections are considered by an energy shift³²,

$$a_{ph}^{A} = A_{ph} \left(1 + \left[2g\Delta(A)/n \right]^{2} \right)^{1/2} + \frac{g}{4} \left(\Delta_{0}^{2}(A) - \Delta^{2}(A) \right) , \qquad (45)$$

where $A_{ph} = (p^2 + h^2 + p - 3h)/4g$. The ground-state correlation function $\Delta_o(A) = \Delta_o(N,Z)$ depends on the neutron and proton numbers in the nuclear system. This quantity can be obtained from the condensation energy, $C(N,Z) = g\Delta_o^2/4$, inferred from odd-even (o/e) mass differences. More explicitly, $C(e,e) = \Delta_N + \Delta_Z - \delta$, $C(e,o) = \Delta_N$, $C(o,e) = \Delta_Z$, and C(o,o) = 0 where Δ_N , Δ_Z , δ are taken from the systematics in Ref.33. Thereafter, the excited-state correlation function $\Delta(n,U)$ will be calculated analytically³² from Δ_o .

The energy shift defined in Eq.(45) enters the restricted partial state densities in different modifications. More precisely, we have

$$\rho_{n}^{(+)}(E) = \frac{g^{3}(E-a_{p+1,h+1}^{A})^{2}}{2(n+1)} \left(\frac{E-a_{p+1,h+1}^{A}}{E^{*}}\right)^{n-1}$$
(46a)

$$\rho_{n}^{(-)}(E) = \frac{gph(n-2)}{2} \left(\frac{E-a_{p-1,h-1}}{E^{*}} \right)^{n-1}$$
(46b)

which enter the damping widths in Eq.(27) and $E^*=E-a_{ph}^A$. Similarly, the residual excitation energy U which enters $\rho_n^{(\Delta n-4)}(U)$ in the escape widths should be replaced by

$$U = E - B_b - E_b - a_{p+\Delta p, h+\Delta h}^{A-b}$$
(47)

whereas the energy denominator, E, in Eqs.(5.16) to (5.18) of Ref.2 should be changed into E^* . In Eq.(47) the abbreviation $\Delta p = \Delta n/2 - 1$ and $\Delta h = \Delta n/2$ hold.

IV. EMISSION SPECTRA

' A. General considerations

The double-differential cross section (DDX) for the reaction (ax,b) is given by

$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma_{a,\times b}(E_{a})}{dE_{b}d\Omega_{b}} = \frac{d\sigma_{a,\times b}(E_{a})}{dE_{b}} \sum_{L=0}^{2L+1} f_{L}^{(a,\times b)}(E_{a},E_{b}) P_{L}(\cos\theta)$$
(48)

where the differential cross section (energy spectrum),

$$\frac{d\sigma_{a,xb}(E_a)}{dE_b} = \frac{d\sigma_{a,b}}{dE_b} + \sum_c \frac{d\sigma_{a,cb}}{dE_b} + \sum_{c,d} \frac{d\sigma_{a,cdb}}{dE_b} + \dots, \qquad (49)$$

is a sum of first-chance emission, second-chance emission, etc. Assuming isotropic multiple particle emission (MPE) the Legendre coefficients in Eq.(48) simplifies to ($L \ge 1$)

$$\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{L}}^{(a, \times b)}(\mathbf{E}_{a}, \mathbf{E}_{b}) = \left(\frac{d\sigma_{ab}^{SMD}(\mathbf{E}_{a})}{d\mathbf{E}_{b}} / \frac{d\sigma_{a, \times b}(\mathbf{E}_{a})}{d\mathbf{E}_{b}}\right) \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{L}}(\mathbf{E}_{b}) .$$
(50)

Henceforth, the particle-type indices a,b = n, p and γ denote neutron, proton (it should not be confused with exciton and particle number introduced above) and γ -ray.

The following (model-independent) relations for energy-integrated cross sections should be satisfied (at incident energy E_)

$$\sigma_{a,xb} = \sigma_{a,\bar{b}} + \sum_{c} \sigma_{a,cb} + \sum_{c,d} \sigma_{a,cdb} + \dots$$
(51)

where the partial cross sections are given by

$$\sigma_{a,b} = \sum_{c} \sigma_{a,bc}$$
 and $\sigma_{a,bc} = \sum_{d} \sigma_{a,bcd}$, etc. (52a)

In this context the OM reaction cross section is defined as

$$\sigma_{a}^{OM}(E_{a}) = \sum_{b} \sigma_{a,b}(E_{a}) . \qquad (52b)$$

Now, adopting Eqs.(52) the total emission cross section in Eq.(51)

can be cast into a form which contains excitation functions (e.g., measured by activation technique) only,

$$\sigma_{a,xb} = \sigma_{a,b\gamma} + \sum_{c} \left[\sigma_{a,bc\gamma} + \sigma_{a,cb\gamma} \right] + \\ + \sum_{c,d} \left[\sigma_{a,bcd\gamma} + \sigma_{a,cbd\gamma} + \sigma_{a,cdb\gamma} \right] + \dots \quad (53)$$

where b,c,d $\neq \gamma$. Neglecting charged-particle emission Eq.(53) reduces to

$$\sigma_{a, xn} = \sum_{\upsilon = 1}^{\upsilon} \upsilon \sigma_{a, \upsilon n} .$$
 (54)

Otherwise, for example, the $(a, 2n\gamma)$ -excitation function can be calculated by the relation

$$\sigma_{a,2n\gamma} = \sigma_{a,2n} - \sigma_{a,3n}$$
 (55)

B. Multiple particle emission

The MPE is treated as a pure SMC approach. Hence, Eq (25) will be used, but it should be modified in two respects:

(i) The residual excitation energy U given in Eq.(47) which enters the escape widths should be replaced by

$$U = E - B_{c} - B_{cb} - E_{b} - a_{p+\Delta p, h+\Delta h}^{A-c-b}$$
(56a)

for the second-chance emission (a,cb), and by

$$U = E - B_{c} - B_{cd} - B_{cdb} - E_{b} - a_{p+\Delta p, h+\Delta p}^{A-c-d-b}$$
(56b)

for the third-chance emission (a,cdb), respectively. The quantities B_{cb} and B_{cdb} are the binding energies of particle b in the residual systems (A-c) and (A-c-d).

(ii) The normalization constant in Eq.(25) should be replaced by $(\sigma_{a,c}-\sigma_{a,c\gamma})$ for the (a,cb) process and by $(\sigma_{a,cd}-\sigma_{a,cd\gamma})$ for the (a,cd) process, respectively. Approximative expressions for the γ -emission processes are

$$\sigma_{a,c\gamma}(E_a) = \int dE_c \left(d\sigma_{a,c}(E_a)/dE_c \right) , \qquad (57a)$$

$$E^{-B_c^{B$$

$$\sigma_{a,cd\gamma}(E_{a}) = \int_{E^{-B}c^{-B}cd} dE_{d} \left(d\sigma_{a,cd}(E_{a})/dE_{d} \right) .$$
(57b)
$$E^{-B}c^{-B}cd^{-B}cd\upsilon$$

All other SMC-quantities entering Eqs.(25) and (26) remain the same as in the first-chance emission case, i.e., the damping widths given by Eqs.(27) and (46) as well as the energy-denominator within the escape widths are both referred to $E^*=E-a_{ph}^A$. Since the escape widths for MPE via Eqs.(57) become much smaller compared to the first-chance emission the mean life-times τ_n in the master Equation (26) increase rapidly. Notice that τ_n is here the mean life-time of exciton class n in the composite system A with reference to the emission of more than one particle.

In comparison with other MPE approaches³⁴ in our simple formalism the master equation has to be solved one time only for each MPE process ($\sigma_{a,cb}$, $\sigma_{a,cdb}$, etc.). Formally, this model looks very similar to a simple cascade-evaporation procedure where an average emission-energy shift (caused by the previous emitted particle) in Eqs.(56) is roughly simulated by the Pauli and pairing corrections a_{ab}^{A}

V. RESULTS

To prove the consistency of the predicted SMD/SMC model neutron and proton spectra (n,xn), (n,xp), as well as (p,xn) including three decays of the compound system are calculated by code EXIFON³⁵ for about 30 nuclei between A=27 and 209 at incident energies between 5 and 26 MeV. Using throughout the same parameters (g=A/13, $r_0=1.40$ fm, $V_{g}=48$ MeV, and $V_{o}=19.4$ MeV which is the surface-delta interaction strength in Eq.(22)) a global description was performed. Further, all binding energies are taken from Ref.36. The OM reaction cross sections are calculated analytically³⁷ (Wilmore-Hodgson for neutrons; Becchetti-Greenlees for protons) All phonon parameters are listed in Table 1 (cf. Sec.III). The running time on personal



FIG. 1a Angle-integrated (n,xn) spectra for various nuclei at 14 MeV incident energy. Experimental data from Ref.38 (open circles), Ref.39 (closed circles), and Ref.40 (crosses). For denotations see text

computer (IBM AT) is 5 to 50 seconds per nucleus depending on incident energy.

The results are depicted and compared with experimental data 29,30,38-48 in Figs.1 to 9. (The meaning of the curves is the same in all Figures. Dot-dashed line: first-chance emission;



FIG. 1b Same as Fig.1a

dot-dot-dashed line first-chance plus second-chance emission; long dashed line: SMD or SMC separatly, short dashed line: [ex]-contribution; dotted lines [vib] and [2vib]-contributions separately; solid line: total emission spectrum). ₩e see that despite the great simplicity of the model it 15 successful in reproducing experimental emission spectra for both different incident energies and different nuclei. This holds for energy as well as angular distributions. The latter for neutron are shown (Fig 3b) and proton emissions (Fig.8b) in form first of the two Legendre coefficients.







(2vib)

E_n(MeV)

15



FIG 3a Same as Fig.1a but at 25.7 MeV incident energy. Experimental data from Ref 41

In summary, the following conclusions can be drawn:

(i) Ignoring shell effects a fair description of emission spectra was obtained adopting global parameters only. However, special care is required for magic nuclei where the s.p. state density g strongly deviates from the global value A/13. This is the main reason for the discrepancy in the description of ²⁰⁸Pb and ²⁰⁹Bi at 14 Mev in Fig.1e. The influence of the emission spectrum on g is demonstrated in Fig.9 where calculations for ²⁰⁸Pb with g=A/13 and A/26 are compared.



FIG 3b Legendre coefficients f_1 and f_2 of (n,xn) spectra depicted in Fig.3a

(ii) Whereas for the SMC description no nuclear structure information is used (e.g., cancelation of $\overline{I_B^2}$) the calculation of SMD processes, e.g. the excitation of collective modes requires spectroscopic values $(\beta_{\lambda}, \omega_{\lambda})$.



6 0 MeV

70 MeV

80MeV

En(MeV)



FIG. 5 Angle-integrated (n,xn) spectra for ⁵⁹Co, ⁹⁰Mo, ¹⁰¹Ta at 8 MeV incident energy Experimental data from Ref 43 For denotations see text





27



FIG. 7 Same as Fig.6 but for ⁹⁴Zr at different incident energies. Experimental data from Ref 45

(11i) Whereas the proposed MPE model predicts the rigth spectral (cf. shape for the second- and third-chance emissions Fig 6) the magnitude of MPE-calculation in the threshold energy region overestimates the experimental data. Here, the magnitude of MPE as well as SMC cross section is determined only а normalization by constant in Eq.(25). For MPE the latter 15 too high since in Eqs.(57) so far a correct γ -competition is absent. Also (n, α) processes are ignored. Thus especially for ligth and medium nucleı



FIG. 8b

and f

(n, xp)

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Legendre

coefficients f

of

Nb at

14 MeV incident

spectrum

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FIG. 9 Angle-integrated (n,xn) spectra for ²⁰⁸Pb at 14.1 MeV for g=A/13 (solid line) and g=A/26 (broken line)

(²⁷Al, ⁵⁶Fe, ⁵⁹Co, and ⁶⁵Cu in Figs.1 and 2) discrepancies in the low emission-energy region occure.

(1v) As shown in Figs.6 and 8a for (p,n) and (n,p) reactions the calculated one-step direct contribution which influences the high-energy tail of the spectra overestimates the experiments. It results from Eq (40a) which is a rather crude approximation for charge-exchange processes

To this end we continue with some general remarks of how a (n,n') process is composed of

(1) The ratio of SMD to SMC contributions increases with incident energy and is close to 1 at 30 MeV incident energy.

(ii) The one-step contribution dominates. It is about 18% (30%) of the OM reaction cross section at 14 (26) MeV incident energy.
Otherwise, for the two-step contributions we have 3% (10%) at 14
(26) MeV. The ratios are independent of mass number.

(111) While the integral contribution of direct particle-hole excitations rises with incident energy ([ex] ~ $A^{2/9}E_a$ and [2ex] ~ $A^{4/9}E_a^3$) it decreases for phonon excitations. At about 10 MeV we have [ex] ~ [vib].

(iv) The ratio of two-phonon to one-phonon excitations is almost independent of A and E_a . It takes the value $[2vib]/[vib] \simeq 0.1$. (v) Direct three-step processes, e.g. [3vib], are very small and thus can be neclected for incident energies below 26 MeV

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