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Independent-particle and independent-event calculations for 1.5 MeV/amu O⁸⁺-Li collisions¹ LASZLO GULYAS, Institute of Nuclear Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (ATOMKI), NARIMAN KHAZAI, TOM KIRCHNER, York University — In a recent experiment, ionization in 1.5 MeV/amu O⁸⁺-Li collisions was considered [1]. The measured spectra exhibit two distinct peaks, which were identified as being due to the removal of the 2s- and the removal of one of the 1s-electrons, respectively. Since a continuum-distorted wave with eikonal initial state (CDW-EIS) calculation for Li(1s) ionization did not agree with the measured electron-energy differential cross section associated with the second peak, it was concluded that it may be due to a two-electron excitation-ionization process not accounted for in the calculation. In order to test this interpretation we have combined single-particle CDW-EIS calculations for ionization with basis generator method calculations for excitation using both independent-particle and independent-event models. We find that the proposed two-electron process, in which a 1s electron is promoted to an excited state while the 2s electron is ionized, does contribute, but cannot fully explain the experimental cross section. Rather, one has to consider the sum of various processes in which a vacancy is created in the Li K-shell to obtain acceptable agreement with the data.

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