

Recoil Properties of $\text{Bi}^{209}(p, p xn)$ Spallation Products*

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Recoil properties of products of $\text{Bi}^{209}(p, p xn)$ reactions at a bombarding proton energy of 450 MeV have been measured and compared with those predicted from the Monte Carlo cascade calculations of Metropolis *et al.* Agreement is good, although it appears that the calculation overestimates the transverse momentum component. The effect on the results caused by scattering of the recoiling nuclei during the stopping process is shown to be important. Approximate values for the yield ratios $\text{Bi}^{205}/\text{Bi}^{206}$, $\text{Po}^{205}/\text{Bi}^{206}$, and $\text{Po}^{206}/\text{Bi}^{206}$ are presented. The latter two seem higher than those previously reported.

I. INTRODUCTION

REACTIONS of nuclei with particles of kinetic energy of the order of 100 MeV are thought to proceed by a two-step process first suggested by Serber.¹ In the first step, commonly called the cascade, or prompt cascade, the incident particle makes collisions with individual nucleons and generates a prompt shower or cascade of fast nucleons, some of which may escape the nucleus. The residual nucleus is left with excitation energy, usually much less than the bombarding energy, and some kinetic energy. The second step is the loss of excitation energy by particle evaporation and gamma-ray emission. Fission may occur during de-excitation. Monte Carlo calculations of the cascade step have been performed² for a variety of nuclei and bombarding energies in order to provide a basis for testing this description of high-energy nuclear reactions. These calculations can be made to yield estimates for the probabilities (cross sections) for formation of the various possible product nuclei and the momenta of these nuclei, provided that the effects of the de-excitation step are considered. Cross-section measurements have been made³⁻⁷ and many have been compared with the Monte

Carlo calculations. However, the momentum predictions^{8,9} of the Monte Carlo calculations² have been less extensively studied.⁸⁻¹² The purpose of the work reported in this paper is to obtain recoil data¹³ for certain spallation products, as a test of the momentum predictions of the Monte Carlo calculations. The products of $\text{Bi}^{209}(p, p xn)$ reactions {where the notation $(p, p xn)$ signifies also all other reactions which lead to the same products— $(p, p \pi^0 xn)$ or $[p, \pi^+(x+1)n]$, for example} at a bombarding proton energy of 450 MeV were investigated. The results obtained are consistent with the results of earlier experiments¹⁴ and in fair agreement with the Monte Carlo predictions.^{8,9}

II. EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

The irradiations, 2 h in length, were done in the circulating beam of the 450-MeV proton synchrocyclotron of the University of Chicago. The recoil target assemblies irradiated may be distinguished as “thick target” or “thin target,” depending on whether W , the thickness of the bismuth target, is large or very small compared to the ranges of the recoil nuclei.

Both types of assemblies employed catcher foils of sufficient thickness to stop all recoil nuclei which escape from the bismuth. The two types of assemblies are depicted in Figs. 1 and 2, where T indicates the bismuth targets, F and B (or U and D) the forward and backward (or up and down) catchers, respectively, A the activation

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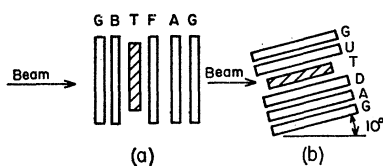


FIG. 1. Thick-target assemblies, showing the two orientations used for studying recoil behavior: (a) forward-backward and (b) perpendicular. G, guard foil; B, backward catcher foil; T, target; F, forward catcher foil; A, activation foil.

foils, and G the guard foils. The whole assembly was wrapped in 1-mil aluminum. The thick bismuth targets (Fig. 1) were prepared by rolling 5.5-mil bismuth ribbon, with frequent heating, down to about 1.2 to 1.8 mil ($W \sim 30$ to 45 mg/cm²) and cutting out pieces from this with a template, usually 1.5 cm \times 2.0 cm. The targets prepared in this way are not brittle and appear to have very smooth surfaces. The value of W was determined by weighing and dividing by the known area, and should be accurate to about 2%, exclusive of inhomogeneities.

The catcher foils were either of 6.9 mg/cm² (1 mil) aluminum or 2.6 mg/cm² (0.05 mil) gold, of dimensions adequate (2.0 cm \times 2.5 cm) to overlap the edges of the bismuth targets in the assembly and thus catch all recoils escaping the bismuth. Activation foils identical to the catchers were included for correcting for impurities in the catchers which might give rise to the product activities being scrutinized. Guard foils of gold were used in those cases in which the catchers were gold; otherwise they were dispensed with, since the wrapper of the assembly was of the same material as the catchers. The possibility of effects arising from thin places or pinholes in the gold foils was checked by carrying out an experiment with a stack of these foils as catchers. The results showed no evidence of these effects.

The thin-bismuth targets were prepared by evaporating a thin film (about 0.2 μ g/cm²) of bismuth, 2.5 cm \times 2.5 cm, onto 3.2 cm \times 3.2 cm aluminum or gold foils. These latter foils served as catcher foils, as shown in Fig. 2. Since targets sufficiently thin to allow escape of more than about 95% of the recoils could not be achieved, it was necessary to have two complete sub-assemblies in each thin-target assembly, with the target evaporated onto the backward catcher in one sub-assembly and onto the forward catcher in the other, as shown. The evaporations were carried out for both targets simultaneously and in such a way that the thicknesses deposited were always within 10% of each other as estimated from the total activity produced. With this arrangement, it was a simple matter to correct for the effect of thickness of the target, by subtracting the calculated target activity from the activity of the foil on which the target had been deposited.

The bismuth used in the thick-target experiments was cleaned before rolling and again afterwards by washing in $0.5M$ HNO₃, water, and acetone. After the target assembly had been put together, it was stored in vacuum until bombardment time. Failure to observe these

precautions and to clean the rollers carefully ordinarily led to large errors. For example, allowing a target assembly to stand in the open air for about 6 months prior to bombardment resulted in a reduction of about 15% in the amount of activity escaping from the target.

There is some evidence from this laboratory¹⁵ that increases in catcher-foil activity may be observed in thick-target experiments on magnesium, phosphorus, and potassium recoils from a copper target if the target foil has a rough surface of coarseness comparable to the recoil ranges being measured. Measurements for Bi²⁰³ using rough and smooth bismuth targets did not show this effect. Of greater importance were high values of catcher-foil activity in thick-target experiments when the target was so thick (~ 5 mil) that the number of recoil nuclei escaping from the edges of the target foil was appreciable. Most of these recoils are stopped in the catcher foils; for 5.5-mil bismuth targets this results in catcher-foil activity values some 5 to 10% higher than the correct values in the case of the backward catcher foil, and 1 to 2% in the case of the forward catcher foil. This effect is not serious for the target thicknesses (~ 1.5 mil) used in these experiments.

The thick-target assemblies were oriented as shown in Fig. 1(a) for the "forward-backward" experiments, and as shown in Fig. 1(b) for the "perpendicular" experiments. For the latter experiments, the plane of the assembly is canted at 10° to the incoming beam rather than parallel to it, in order to avoid a decrease of the beam intensity deep inside the target from multiple scattering. If this precaution is not taken, the measured catcher-foil activities are higher than they should be.

The maximum intensity of the circulating beam for thick-target runs was about $\frac{1}{3}$ full beam, so chosen to avoid melting the bismuth. Lower beam intensities gave the same recoil results, indicating that thermal effects are unimportant at $\frac{1}{3}$ full beam. On the other hand, it was apparent from comparison of thin-target runs at various intensities that the recoil results in that case were independent of beam intensity; consequently the thin-target assemblies were irradiated at full beam.

After irradiation, the assembly was taken apart; the foils were dissolved; and a known weight of bismuth carrier was added to each solution. Separation of bismuth (see Appendix) was begun immediately in order to minimize the contribution of polonium precursors. Later steps in the separation were delayed until the bismuth isotopes of mass $A < 203$ had mostly decayed away. The final precipitates were weighed in order to determine the radiochemical yield. These precipitates



FIG. 2. Thin-target assembly. G, guard foil; B, backward catcher foil; T, target; F, forward catcher foil; A, activation foil.

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then were dissolved and known weights of lead carrier were added. The lead daughters 52-h Pb^{203} and 68-min Pb^{204m} were then removed from their bismuth parents (both about 12 h) after an appropriate period (about 33 h for Pb^{203} , 4 h for Pb^{204m}) and purified (see Appendix), and the yields determined gravimetrically. The bismuth parent fraction was then precipitated about 5–6 days later for the determination of Bi^{205} and Bi^{206} . The samples, normally about 10 mg/cm² thick, were mounted on aluminum cards and counted with gamma-ray spectrometers.

Decay of Pb^{203} generally was followed for about 7 half-periods. Decay-curve analysis was necessary for Pb^{204m} , Bi^{205} , and Bi^{206} . The latter two species were counted for about four months, beyond which time background problems made it impracticable to continue. Duplicate analyses were usually done on all but the backward-catcher and activation foils, and agreement was usually better than 1% for the bismuth samples and 4% for the lead samples.

The determination of the recoil properties of Bi^{203} (via Pb^{203}), Bi^{205} , and Bi^{206} was made with $\frac{1}{8}$ -in.-thick $\times 1\frac{1}{2}$ -in.-diam NaI(Tl) crystals as detectors. The single-channel spectrometers were set to accept the K x rays accompanying the electron-capture decay of these species. For Bi^{204} (via Pb^{204m}), a $\frac{7}{8}$ -in.-thick $\times 1\frac{1}{2}$ -in.-diam NaI(Tl) crystal was used and the spectrometer was set for the peak of the 375-keV gamma ray which follows the isomeric transition. The energy selection and the use of crystals of minimal thickness, together with shielding, reduced the background to 3.3 to 8 counts/min, depending on the crystal and channel setting. The phototubes used (EMI 9536B) have no measurable gain dependence on counting rate, at least over the range of rates encountered in this investigation. The instruments were checked frequently with appropriate standards, and minor electronics adjustments were made as needed to keep the window of the single-channel analyzer centered at the proper energy and of the proper width. Simultaneous counting of the gross activity was performed with another scaler, the purpose of which was the determination of the coincidence correction ($\tau \sim 6 \mu\text{sec}$) and the parallel collection of data.

The results of these experiments are reported in the following terms: If F_X equals the activity of a given species in catcher foil X divided by the total activity of that species in the entire assembly, then for the thick-target experiments (see Fig. 1) the quantities F_{FW} , F_{BW} , F_{UW} , F_{DW} (and the average F_{FW} of F_{UW} and F_{DW}) are given. For the thin-target experiments (Fig. 2) the quantity F_F is given ($F_B = 1 - F_F$ for $W = 0$).

III. RESULTS

A. Preliminary Experiments

Preliminary experiments were conducted for the purpose of ascertaining the extent that thermal effects (during bombardment) and polonium precursors affect the results.

TABLE I. Ratios of yields of bismuth and polonium isotopes of masses 205 and 206.

Ratio ^a	No. of deter- mina- tions	Ratios from literature data	
		Bennett ^b	Hunter and Miller ^c
$\text{Bi}^{205}/\text{Bi}^{206}$	0.93 ± 0.20^d	1	1.014 ± 0.186
$\text{Po}^{205}/\text{Bi}^{205}$	0.39 ± 0.06	2	0.133 ± 0.192
$\text{Po}^{206}/\text{Bi}^{206}$	0.28 ± 0.15	2	0.125 ± 0.115

^a Most of the quoted error arises from uncertainties in the half-periods or, for $\text{Bi}^{205}/\text{Bi}^{206}$, relative counting efficiencies.

^b Reference 3. This work was done with 375- and 450-MeV protons.

^c Reference 4. This work was done with 380-MeV protons.

^d Counting efficiencies for Bi^{205} and Bi^{206} were assumed to be equal, within $\pm 20\%$ (see text).

1. Thermal Effects

As mentioned earlier, bombardments conducted with high- and low-intensity beams were found to give the same recoil results, indicating that thermal effects were of no consequence in this work. The following experiment was performed to make this point more secure.

A foil of bismuth was irradiated with 450-MeV protons for 2 h and then clamped between several sheets of 2.6 mg/cm² Au. This stack of foils was allowed to stand for a few hours at room temperature, 100 and 200°C, counting the gold foils after each period. Noticeable activity was found in the gold foils after heating at 100°C, and considerably more after heating to 200°C, with substantial amounts appearing in the farther foils. Gamma-ray spectra of the foils indicated that the chief component was probably the K x ray of an element in the neighborhood of bismuth; subsequent chemical separations showed that the activity was not bismuth. Therefore, thermal effects play no role in the case of bismuth, but this may not be true for recoil nuclei of nearby elements.

2. Polonium Precursors

Polonium was removed as soon as practicable (about 1 h) after bombardment (see Appendix). Nonetheless, a sizable part of the observed bismuth activity is formed from decay of polonium, judging from cross-section data.^{3,4,7} Therefore, it was deemed advisable to test the effect of polonium precursors on the bismuth recoil results. This was done by isolating a set of Bi^{205} and Bi^{206} samples at the usual time, and comparing the F_{FW} values with the F_{FW} values obtained from a set in which the chemical separation of bismuth from polonium was delayed several days.

The contribution of polonium precursors caused the activity in the second set of samples to be some 13 to 14% (depending on the time) higher than that in the first set. The F_{FW} for Bi^{205} was 0.7% lower, which is not significant. However, the F_{FW} for Bi^{206} was 6% lower, which implies that the F_{FW} for Po^{206} must be about half that for Bi^{206} . The accuracy ($\pm 2\%$) of the measure-

TABLE II. Recoil results.

Nuclide	Species counted	Thick target, Al and Au catchers				Thin target, Al catchers		
		F_{FW}	F_{BW}	F_{UW}	F_{DW}	F_{FW}^a	F_F/F_B	
Bi ²⁰⁸	52-hr Pb ²⁰⁸	0.0434 ± 0.0004 ^b	0.0057 ± 0.0002	0.0261 ± 0.0009	0.0217 ± 0.0007	0.0239 ± 0.0006	0.8275 ± 0.0027	4.80 ± 0.08
Bi ²⁰⁴	68-min Pb ^{204m}	0.0366 ± 0.0024	0.0053 ± 0.0004					
Bi ²⁰⁶	15-day Bi ²⁰⁶	0.0275 ± 0.0003	0.0053 ± 0.0002	0.0200 ± 0.0005	0.0160 ± 0.0006	0.0180 ± 0.0004	0.774 ± 0.004	3.42 ± 0.06
Bi ²⁰⁶	6.0-day Bi ²⁰⁶	0.0220 ± 0.0004	0.0054 ± 0.0002	0.0163 ± 0.0004	0.0142 ± 0.0005	0.0153 ± 0.0003	0.745 ± 0.004	2.92 ± 0.05

^a F_{FW} is taken as the average of F_{UW} and F_{DW} . The influence of the 10° angle between the target plane and the beam is responsible for the differences between these latter quantities.

^b Errors quoted are random errors. For systematic errors, see text.

ments limits the F_{FW} disparity between Po²⁰⁵ and Bi²⁰⁵ to ≤ 25%.

From these results it follows that polonium has a negligible effect on the F_{FW} of Bi²⁰⁶ determined in the usual way (i.e., with samples separated soon after bombardment), because only about 0.16% of the Bi²⁰⁶ in that case is formed by Po²⁰⁶ decay. The error in F_{FW} for Bi²⁰⁵ as normally measured is less than 4%, estimated from the measured Po²⁰⁵/Bi²⁰⁵ yield ratio and the aforementioned limit of disparity in F_{FW} between Po²⁰⁵ and Bi²⁰⁵. (About 18% of the Bi²⁰⁵, when separated at the usual time, is formed from Po²⁰⁵ decay.)

If the isobaric yield ratio and difference in recoil behavior between polonium and bismuth at mass number 205 are typical of mass numbers 204 and 203, then the maximum errors in F_{FW} attributable to polonium precursors should be about 3% and 7% for Bi²⁰⁴ and Bi²⁰³, respectively. However, the data for mass numbers 205 and 206 suggest that the disparity in F_{FW} between polonium and bismuth might decrease with mass number, in which case the errors for Bi²⁰⁴ and Bi²⁰³ would be less than these figures.

Half-periods adopted for these calculations are: 15 day for Bi²⁰⁵ and 6.0 day for Bi²⁰⁶, as determined in the present work; 1.8 h for Po²⁰⁵ and 8.8 day for Po²⁰⁶, from the *Nuclear Data Sheets*.¹⁶

The yield ratios Po²⁰⁵/Bi²⁰⁵, Po²⁰⁶/Bi²⁰⁶, and Bi²⁰⁵/Bi²⁰⁶ were calculated from these experiments and are presented in Table I. For the Bi²⁰⁵/Bi²⁰⁶ yield ratio, it was necessary to make an assumption regarding the counting efficiencies. Equal counting efficiencies (within ± 20%) were assumed for the two species with the counting arrangement used (counting K x rays with the source 0.1 cm from a $\frac{1}{8}$ -in.-thick crystal). The Bi²⁰⁵/Bi²⁰⁶ ratio is concordant with earlier work.⁴ The Po²⁰⁵/Bi²⁰⁵ and Po²⁰⁶/Bi²⁰⁶ yield ratios are, however, higher than those calculated from published^{3,4} data. The only other yield data⁷ on these reactions are for polonium products at a proton energy of 135 MeV; the Po²⁰⁵ and Po²⁰⁶ yields are much higher (about 70 mb) than those found by Hunter and Miller⁴ (about 10 mb) at 380 MeV.

B. Recoil Measurements

The experimental data are presented in Tables II and III. Three determinations of thick-target F_{FW} values

¹⁶ *Nuclear Data Sheets*, compiled by K. Way *et al.* (Printing and Publishing Office, National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council, Washington 25, D. C., 1958).

for composite samples of Bi²⁰⁵ and Bi²⁰⁶ with aluminum catcher foils gave results identical with values obtained from three similar experiments with gold catcher foils. Therefore, Table II shows the thick-target data averaged without regard to the catcher-foil material. However, the results of the thin-target experiments depend strongly on the catcher-foil material, as is apparent in Table III. Therefore, Table II shows the thin-target data for aluminum catchers only. The errors quoted in the tables are the estimated standard deviations of the mean due to random errors. They do not include systematic errors due to polonium precursors or, for thick-target experiments, target surface effects. The number of acceptable determinations made for the F_{FW} and F_{BW} values given in Table II are: mass 203, 3; mass 204, 3; masses 205 and 206, 6; for the F_{FW} values of Table II: mass 203, 4; masses 205 and 206, 1; and for the F_F values: masses 203, 205, and 206, 1 each.

For the data of Table III, an initially pure bismuth fraction was isolated at the same time after the end of bombardment in each case (6 h) and counted about 2 h later. In this way the several decay chains present (mostly mass numbers 203 and 204, with some 201 and 202) were always present in the same proportions for each run at the time of counting, enabling the effect of the catcher-foil material to be studied without having to isolate any particular nuclide. The number of acceptable determinations made for the quantities given in Table III are: Al_B-Al_F, 6; Al_B-Au_F, 2; Au_B-Au_F, 1; Au_B-Al_F, 1.

TABLE III. Thin-target experiments showing effect of use of gold instead of aluminum for the catcher foils. Activity measured is a mixture of mass chains 201, 202, 203, and 204 isolated in identical manner in each experiment.

Catcher foil		Calculated F_F/F_B from Monte Carlo ^a				
Backward	Forward	Experimental F_F/F_B	Uncorrected	Corrected for:		
				Scattering	Evap.	Scatt. and evap.
Al	Al	4.5 ± 0.2	7.2	7.2	4.7	4.7
Al	Au	2.9 ± 0.2	7.2	2.8	4.7	2.6 ^b
Au	Au	3.1 ± 0.2	7.2	3.3	4.7	3.1 ^b
Au	Al	4.6 ± 0.2	7.2	10.1	4.7	5.0 ^b

^a The calculated F_F/F_B value in each case is obtained by averaging the f_F/f_B values for all events which ultimately lead to bismuth nuclei of mass numbers 199–207 inclusive, making estimates of the number of particles evaporated after the knock-on cascade.

^b Because of deficiencies of the evaporation and scattering models used, the total correction had to be estimated by combining the evaporation and scattering corrections as independent distributions, which is not a valid procedure unless one effect is very small relative to the other.

IV. THE MONTE CARLO CALCULATION

The quantities sought from the calculation for comparison with experiment are $F_F W$, $F_B W$, and $F_P W$ of each nuclide for thick-target experiments, and F_F and F_F/F_B for thin-target experiments. First, the quantities $f_F W$, $f_B W$, $f_P W$, and f_F for each recoil are obtained from the calculation. The value of $F_F W$, etc., for any nuclide (Z, A) will then be the average $f_F W$, etc., of all recoils which are destined to become final nuclei of that Z and A . ("Final nucleus" is used to signify the nucleus remaining after the evaporation process.)

The method for calculating $f_F W$, etc., of a given recoil, and for determining the Z and A of the final nucleus, is as follows.

The original outputs² of the Monte Carlo calculation are: the identity (Z, A) and excitation energy (E^*) of the residual nucleus (i.e., the nucleus remaining after the knock-on cascade), the kinetic energy of each emitted cascade particle (proton, neutron, and pion) as measured inside the nucleus, and two of the three direction cosines for each cascade particle. Starting with the cascade-particle energies and direction cosines, and accounting for the nuclear potential energy, Porile⁹ has computed the component of momentum along the beam for each residual nucleus. He could not compute the transverse momentum component exactly, because the Monte Carlo calculation had not kept track of the sign of the third direction cosine for each particle. Therefore, he made a computation of the transverse momentum component by choosing the sign of the third direction cosine randomly, which amounts to assuming that there is no angular correlation, about the axis defined by the proton beam, between the particles in the cascade.

From the two components, the magnitude of the total momentum P_0 and its direction θ_0 relative to the beam can be computed for each residual nucleus. The excitation energy E^* of each residual nucleus is also known from the Monte Carlo data, from which one can estimate the number of particles evaporated and, hence, the Z and A of each final nucleus.

For our calculations, the estimate of the number of particles evaporated was made without considering the evaporation of particles other than neutrons. Jackson's calculations^{17,18} on heavy elements indicate that proton evaporation should be small for final nuclei differing less than 10 mass numbers from the target, i.e., for excitations less than about 100 MeV.

There are, however, other evaporation calculations which indicate that, depending upon the values chosen for various input parameters, proton evaporation might be quite common. For example, using a value of 10 for the level density parameter a , one finds that the evaporation calculation of Dostrovsky *et al.*¹⁹ would lead to the prediction that at 100 MeV of initial excitation

one residual nucleus out of three will evaporate a proton, and a small fraction will evaporate other charged particles. This calculation was performed with a radius parameter r_0 of 1.3×10^{-13} cm. Even more extensive proton (and α -particle) evaporation is predicted by a more recent evaporation calculation,²⁰ which indicates that charged-particle evaporation will occur most of the time from bismuth nuclei at such initial excitations and that charged-particle evaporation is significant (i.e., one nucleus out of five) even at 40–50 MeV of initial excitation. This latter calculation was performed with a more recent program²¹ which allows corrections for pairing and shell effects. Possibly this calculation,²⁰ choosing 1.7×10^{-13} cm for the radius parameter and using Cameron's²² pairing corrections, overestimates the extent of charged-particle evaporation, since the observed yields⁴ of the lighter bismuth nuclei do not seem to be relatively low as predicted by the calculation. It does demonstrate that evaporation calculations do not provide a sound basis for ignoring proton evaporation.

The number of neutrons evaporated is calculated in the present work on the assumption that each neutron evaporation removes 11.4 MeV of excitation energy, the average amount obtained from Jackson's¹⁸ evaporation calculations. The number of neutrons evaporated is thus specified by the excitation of the residual nucleus. (The general features of the results of the calculations are not very sensitive to the assumption taken, as indicated by calculations made with a choice of 10 MeV/nucleon.) For residual nuclei of less than 11.4-MeV excitation, one neutron is assumed to evaporate if the excitation is greater than the neutron binding energy.²² For excitations between 11.4 and 22.8 MeV, one neutron evaporates; for excitations between 22.8 and 34.2 MeV, two neutrons; and so on. The number of neutrons specified in this way is frequently not the maximum number that could evaporate, nor the minimum number (see references 17, 23, and 24). In particular, one calculation²⁰ suggests a rather wide spread of residual nuclei for a given final nucleus. However, consideration of the various actual competing processes at a given excitation, rather than what amounts to an average process, should have little effect on the results.

If the effect of momentum imparted by evaporation is ignored, the velocity of the final nucleus can be taken to be that of the residual nucleus. If scattering is also ignored, then the value of thin-target F_F for a specific nuclide may be ascertained just from the θ_0 values for the recoils leading to that nuclide.

The thick-target fW value (mg/cm² Bi) for the final

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²² A. G. W. Cameron, Can. J. Phys. **35**, 1021 (1957); Atomic Energy of Canada Limited Report CRP-690.

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²⁴ M. Lindner and A. Turkevich, Phys. Rev. **119**, 1632 (1960).

nucleus is given by the following expressions if scattering and evaporation recoil are ignored:

$$f_F W = R_0 \cos \theta_0 \quad \left(\text{for } \theta_0 < \frac{\pi}{2}; \text{ zero for } \theta_0 > \frac{\pi}{2} \right), \quad (1)$$

$$f_B W = -R_0 \cos \theta_0 \quad \left(\text{for } \theta_0 > \frac{\pi}{2}; \text{ zero for } \theta_0 < \frac{\pi}{2} \right), \quad (2)$$

$$f_P W = (R_0 \sin \theta_0) / \pi. \quad (3)$$

Here θ_0 is the angle between the beam and the direction of motion of the residual nucleus as given by the Monte Carlo calculation (which is also, in this case, θ_0 for the final nucleus), and the range R_0 of the final nucleus (mg/cm² Bi) is obtained from the kinetic energy E_0 by use of a range-energy relation,

$$R = 0.15E. \quad (4)$$

The value of E_0 is given by

$$E_0 = \frac{A}{A_0} \times \frac{P_0^2}{2 \times 931.1 \times A_0}, \quad (5)$$

with A_0 the mass number of the residual nucleus, A the mass number of the final nucleus, and P_0 the momentum of the residual nucleus in MeV/c as given by the Monte Carlo calculation. Due to evaporation recoil, the actual θ , R , E , and P of the final nucleus may be quite different from the θ_0 , R_0 , E_0 , and P_0 obtained from the Monte Carlo calculation alone.

The effects of evaporation recoil and scattering will now be discussed.

1. *Evaporation correction.* Evaporation was assumed to be isotropic in the frame of the moving nucleus. Each evaporated neutron was assigned a momentum P_e of 80 MeV/c, corresponding to a kinetic energy of 3.4 MeV as dictated by the evaporation assumptions made earlier. Expressions were then derived for calculating f and fW values for each final nucleus.

The expression for thin-target f_F for a recoil with θ_0 less than $\pi/2$ (or for $1 - f_F$ if θ is greater than $\pi/2$) is

$$f_F = 1, \quad \text{if } nP_e < P_0 \cos \theta_0, \quad (6)$$

$$f_F = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_{P_0 \cos \theta_0}^{nP_e} \left(1 - \frac{P_0}{P_1} \cos \theta_0 \right) S_n(P_1) dP_1, \quad \text{if } nP_e > P_0 \cos \theta_0. \quad (7)$$

Here n is the number of neutrons evaporated, P_1 is the magnitude of the resultant of the P_e vectors, and $S_n(P_1) dP_1$ is the fraction of the P_1 vectors with magnitudes between P_1 and $P_1 + dP_1$; $S_n(P_1) dP_1$ is given exactly and in Gaussian approximation by Hsiung *et al.*²⁵ (For $n=5$ the Gaussian approximation is in good agreement with the exact expression and was used for all cases of $n > 5$.) Similarly, for thick targets, $f_F W$ and $f_B W$ are given by the sum of the following approximate expressions for $\theta_0 < \pi/2$ and P_1 in the three ranges specified. Here, P_1 (max) is equal to P_0 or nP_e , whichever is smaller.

$$f_F W(1) = \int_0^{P_1(\text{max})} R_0 \cos \theta_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{P_1}{P_0} \right)^2 \right\} S_n(P_1) dP_1 \quad \text{for } P_1 < P_0 \cos \theta_0, \quad (8)$$

$$f_B W(1) = 0$$

$$f_{(F)} W(2) = \int_{P_0 \cos \theta_0}^{P_1(\text{max})} \left(\frac{R_0 \cos \theta_0}{2} \right) \left(\frac{P_0}{P_1} \right) \left\{ \frac{\cos \theta_0}{2} \pm \left(\frac{P_1}{P_0} \right) + \frac{(P_1/P_0)^2 \cos^2 \theta_0}{2 \cos \theta_0} - \frac{3(P_1)^2}{12} + \frac{2(P_1)^3}{4(P_0)} \cos \theta_0 \pm \frac{2(P_1)^3}{3(P_0)} \right\} S_n(P_1) dP_1$$

$$\text{for } P_0 \cos \theta_0 < P_1 < P_0, \quad (9)$$

$$f_{(F)} W(3) = \int_{P_0}^{nP_e} \frac{R_0}{4} \left(\frac{P_1}{P_0} \right)^2 \left\{ 1 \pm \frac{8}{3} \left(\frac{P_0}{P_1} \right) \cos \theta_0 + \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta_0} + 5 \right) \left(\frac{P_0}{P_1} \right)^2 \cos^2 \theta_0 \right\} \times S_n(P_1) dP_1 \quad \text{for } P_1 > P_0. \quad (10)$$

The F and FW values for each nuclide were then obtained by averaging over all the appropriate final nuclei as before. In these derivations, the small mass change of the nucleus during evaporation was neglected.

If proton evaporation is extensive, then it will affect the calculation. A proton will normally evaporate with a higher kinetic energy than a neutron, because of the potential barrier. One consequence of this is that the evaporation process will tend to give the nucleus a much larger momentum than would be expected without

proton evaporation. Another consequence of ignoring proton evaporation is that a proton generally will remove more excitation than would a neutron, thus causing the total number of particles evaporated to be smaller than would otherwise be the case. Thus, proton evaporation results in a final nucleus shifted, not only one unit down in Z , but a few units upwards in A and, on the average, with a higher evaporation-recoil momen-

²⁵ C.-H. Hsiung, H.-C. Hsiung, and A. A. Gordus, *J. Chem. Phys.* **34**, 535 (1961).

tum. Thus, whether or not there are any differences in recoil behavior between isobaric $Z=83$ and $Z=84$ residual nuclei, proton evaporation from $Z=84$ residual nuclei may very well cause the recoil properties of the $Z=83$ final nuclei to be somewhat different from what they would be if proton evaporation did not occur. One mitigating factor in this problem is that the total number of $Z=84$ residual nuclei from the Monte Carlo cascade calculation is smaller than the total number of $Z=83$ residual nuclei so that the bulk of the $Z=83$ final nuclei will come from $Z=83$ residual nuclei, for any amount of proton evaporation which might be reasonably expected, even for the highest excitations in this work, ~ 130 MeV.

The foregoing statements also apply for the evaporation of deuterons and tritons, which are expected¹⁹ to evaporate less frequently. [Emission of such particles in the cascade was also ignored.²]

Similar effects will result from the evaporation of high-energy neutrons. A recent calculation²⁰ indicates that, at high excitations, the probability of such neutrons may not warrant ignoring them.

2. *Scattering correction.* The recoil nuclei are brought to rest by collisions with atoms of the material through which they pass. This gives rise to straggling along the initial path, the extent of which is commonly given in terms of a straggling parameter ρ , viz.:

$$\rho = \sigma/R, \quad (11)$$

where R is the mean range of the particle. The probability that the particle will come to rest at some point \bar{R} is commonly expressed by a Gaussian of standard deviation σ about R , i.e.,

$$W(\bar{R})d\bar{R} = \frac{1}{\rho R(2\pi)^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\bar{R}-R}{\rho R}\right)^2\right\} d\bar{R}. \quad (12)$$

The distribution is, in fact, not Gaussian^{26,27} at low energies, but consists of an asymmetric peak at a value smaller than R , followed by a pronounced exponential tail. The more nearly equal the masses of the colliding particles, the more the distribution deviates from a Gaussian.

The values of ρ reported^{28,29} and the theoretical predictions of ρ available^{30,31} are for the distribution along the direction of initial motion of the particle. No measurements have been made upon the distribution perpendicular to the direction of the initial motion. For the recoils involved in the present study, the average $\sin\theta_0$ from the Monte Carlo calculation is 0.82, so that

the lateral component of scattering is important. The following assumptions will be used in the calculations:

(1) If the stopping material is bismuth or gold, the distribution of stopped bismuth recoils along any axis is a Gaussian distribution with $\rho=0.41$, independent of recoil energy.

(2) If the stopping material is aluminum, scattering is ignored in the thin-target case.

It can be shown that when $M_1=M_2$, isotropic scattering will not lead to a spherically symmetric distribution as assumed in (1). In order that (2) be valid, it is only necessary that none of the distribution lie in the backward foil. This condition is very nearly met in the thin-target case, because the average energy transfer and deflection per collision are both small for bismuth moving through aluminum ($M_1 \gg M_2$).

The case where aluminum catchers are used with a thick bismuth target or where, in the thin-target case, one catcher is aluminum and the other is gold, presents a special problem in that stopping is taking place in media of $M_1 \sim M_2$ as well as $M_1 \gg M_2$. Further assumptions had to be made for the case of thick target and aluminum catchers. For example, straggling in aluminum, both along and across the line of flight, was assumed to be negligible; the other assumptions will be omitted from the discussion for the sake of brevity.

For the thin-target case where one catcher is aluminum and the other is gold, the following is assumed:

(3) If a recoil from the thin target initially enters the gold catcher, f_F and f_B are the same whether the other catcher is gold or aluminum. (If it enters the aluminum catcher, assumption (2) applies, i.e., f_F and f_B are the same as if both catchers were aluminum.)

This assumption implies that assumption (1) still holds even if the tail of the Gaussian scatter distribution lies in aluminum rather than in gold. Thus, the foils should act independently in their effect on F_F and F_B . If this is true, then it should be possible to determine any one of the F_F/F_B ratios in Table III from the other three. Within experimental error this is the case.

The justification for (3) is as follows: If the recoil enters the gold catcher, then $M_1 \sim M_2$, so that the recoil undergoes a deflection of $\pi/4$ and gives up half its energy in each collision, on the average. Since at these energies total path length is roughly linear with energy,^{26,27,31-32} the recoil travels one-half its total path length before making the first collision, on the average, half the remainder before the second, etc. The final stopping place for the recoil is thus determined by the first few collisions. For a recoil moving initially into the gold catcher foil and then coming to rest in the other foil, the first few collisions will have taken place in the gold foil

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²⁷ J. A. Davies and G. A. Sims, *Can. J. Chem.* **39**, 601 (1961).

²⁸ R. B. Leachman and H. Atterling, *Arkiv Fysik* **13**, 101 (1957).

²⁹ L. Winsberg and J. M. Alexander, *Phys. Rev.* **121**, 518 (1961).

³⁰ N. Bohr, *Kgl. Danske Videnskab. Selskab, Mat. Fys. Medd.* **18**, No. 8 (1948).

³¹ J. Lindhard and M. Scharff, *Phys. Rev.* **124**, 128 (1961).

³² K. O. Nielsen, in *Electromagnetically Enriched Isotopes and Mass Spectrometry*, edited by M. L. Smith (Academic Press Inc., New York, 1956), p. 68.

and the influence of the other foil will be relatively unimportant. Hence, assumption (3).

Finally, for calculating $f_P W$ it proved difficult to use the Gaussian distribution of (1), so the following assumption was made:

(4) For $f_P W$, the recoils end up on the surface of a sphere of radius $0.41R$ centered at R .

This assumption applies for gold catchers. No experiments or calculations for $f_P W$ with aluminum catchers were made. If this assumption is used for calculating $f_F W$ or $f_B W$, it leads to scattering corrections only about 30% as great as those calculated with the Gaussian distribution, on the average, and it shows also that, on the average, the effect of scattering on the value of $f_P W$, in terms of a percent of $f_P W$, is about twice as great as the effect on $f_F W$, as a percent of $f_F W$. The scattering correction calculated for $f_P W$ is, therefore, smaller than it should be.

Using the foregoing assumptions, expressions were obtained for calculating f and fW for a specific recoil from the Monte Carlo calculation. Here θ is the angle between the beam and the initial direction of motion of the recoil. Because of scattering, R is no longer unique but is the mean of a distribution. Because of evaporation

recoil, R and θ may differ considerably from the range R_0 and angle θ_0 obtained from the Monte Carlo calculation alone.

(a) For thin target, aluminum forward catcher, f_F is unity.

(b) For thin target, gold forward catcher,

$$f_F = \frac{1}{\rho R (2\pi)^{1/2}} \int_{-R \cos\theta}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\rho^2 R^2}\right) dx. \quad (13)$$

(c) For thick target, gold catchers,

$$f_F W = R \cos\theta + \delta, \quad (14)$$

$$f_B W = \delta, \quad (15)$$

where

$$\delta = \frac{\rho R}{(2\pi)^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\cos\theta}{\rho}\right)^2\right] - \frac{R \cos\theta}{\rho R (2\pi)^{1/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{-R \cos\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\rho^2 R^2}\right) dx. \quad (16)$$

The above expressions apply for a recoil with $\theta < \pi/2$. For a recoil with $\theta > \pi/2$, they apply with F and B interchanged. Finally, for any value of θ ,

$$f_P W = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4\pi} (R^2 \sin^2\theta - r^2)^{1/2} + \frac{1}{4\pi r} (R^2 \sin^2\theta + 2r^2) \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{r}{R \sin\theta}\right) & \text{if } \sin\theta > \frac{r}{R}, \\ \frac{R^2 \sin^2\theta}{8r} + \frac{r}{4} & \text{if } \sin\theta < \frac{r}{R}, \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

$$f_P W = \frac{R^2 \sin^2\theta}{8r} + \frac{r}{4} \quad \text{if } \sin\theta < \frac{r}{R}, \quad (18)$$

where $r=0.41R$ is the radius of the spherical scattering distribution in accordance with assumption (4).

Equations (14) and (15) show that δ , the scattering correction for a given recoil, is the same for both $f_B W$ and $f_F W$. It can be shown that, regardless of the shape of the distribution, for a thick target where the atoms of the target and the catcher material have the same mass, the scattering correction δ is always the same for both $f_F W$ and $f_B W$. It can also be proved that δ is greater than zero if part of the distribution lies behind the point where the recoil originates, measuring along a direction perpendicular to the interface, and that otherwise δ is zero.

The validity of expressions (13) through (18) requires that the mean of the distribution along the beam axis be $R \cos\theta$, and similarly $R \sin\theta$ for the perpendicular projection. This requirement is met as long as the distribution is symmetric about some axis.

Associated with the problem of straggling is the determination of R itself. After a review of the experi-

mental^{13,27,29,33} and theoretical^{31,32} work bearing on the subject, the assumption was adopted that R is proportional to kinetic energy for these recoil energies, with a proportionality factor of 0.15 as given in Eq. (4).

Inclusion of evaporation recoil and scattering in the calculations produces a large effect, as may be seen from the last three columns of Table III for the thin-target case and in Figs. 3 and 4 for the thick-target case. Combining the scattering and evaporation-recoil effects is difficult, first, because the distribution of recoils from scattering is not truly Gaussian, as used in the calculation. Second, the distribution of the projection of recoils resulting from the evaporation is quite skewed except for large values of R . Third, the effects are not independent, in that the σ of the scattering distribution is not fixed for a given recoil but varies with the

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resultant of the Monte Carlo momentum and the various possible momenta from evaporation recoil.

Accordingly, there is no really valid way to combine the two corrections. For the thin-target case (Table III), the effects are combined by assuming that the square of the combined effect for F_F is equal to the sum of the squares of the two independently. The error of doing this is not too serious, since one effect or the other is always dominant in the thin-target case—scattering when the forward catcher is gold, evaporation when it is aluminum. Scattering predominates for F_{BW} in the thick-target case (Fig. 4); however, for F_{FW} (Fig. 3) scatter-

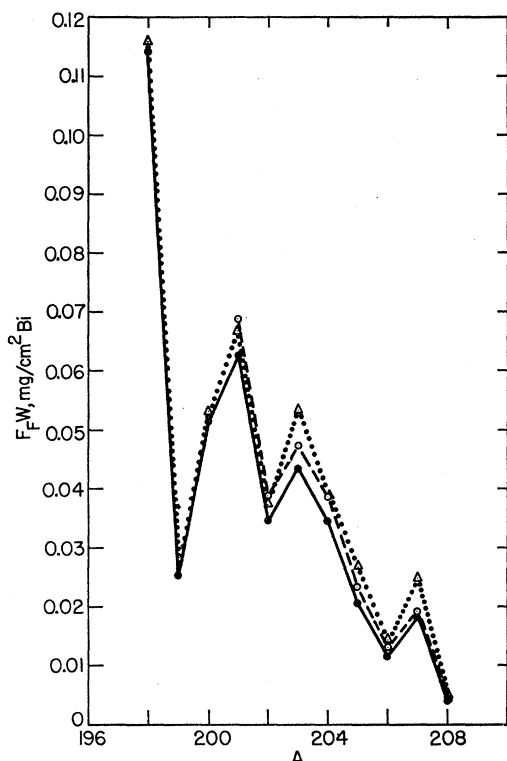


FIG. 3. Monte Carlo calculations of F_{FW} , showing effects of inclusion of scattering (gold catchers) and evaporation recoil in the calculations. (Error flags are omitted.) $\Delta \cdots$, corrected for scattering only; $\circ \text{---}$, corrected for evaporation only; $\bullet \text{---}$ uncorrected.

ing and evaporation effects are comparable, so this procedure cannot be used. Therefore, the calculation is corrected only for scattering in the thick-target case.

V. COMPARISON OF CALCULATION AND EXPERIMENT

The thin-target data reported in Table III for the $\text{Bi}^{201-204}$ mixture demonstrate that scattering is important. Included in the table for comparison are values from the Monte Carlo calculation for a $\text{Bi}^{199-207}$ mixture, which should be a good representation for the $\text{Bi}^{201-204}$ mixture. (The latter is mostly 203 and 204.) In the

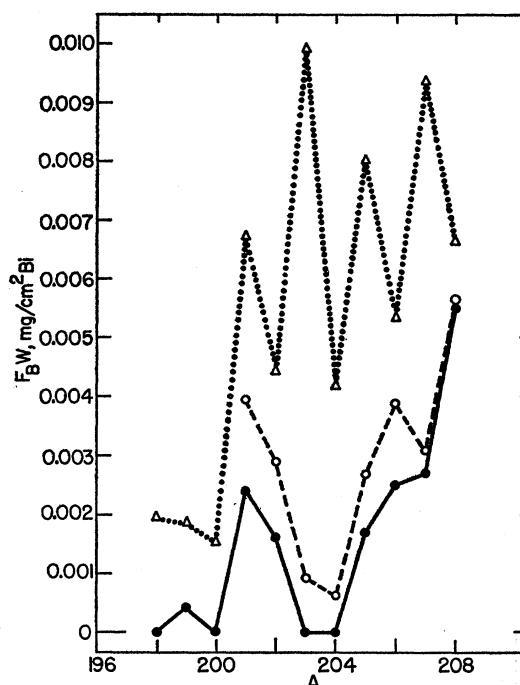


FIG. 4. Monte Carlo calculations of F_{BW} , showing effects of inclusion of scattering (gold catchers) and evaporation recoil in the calculations. (Error flags are omitted.) $\Delta \cdots$, corrected for scattering only; $\circ \text{---}$, corrected for evaporation only; $\bullet \text{---}$ uncorrected.

column headed "uncorrected" is the F_F/F_B value calculated for this mixture with no correction for evaporation recoil or scattering. The next column shows this value with scattering taken into account. The

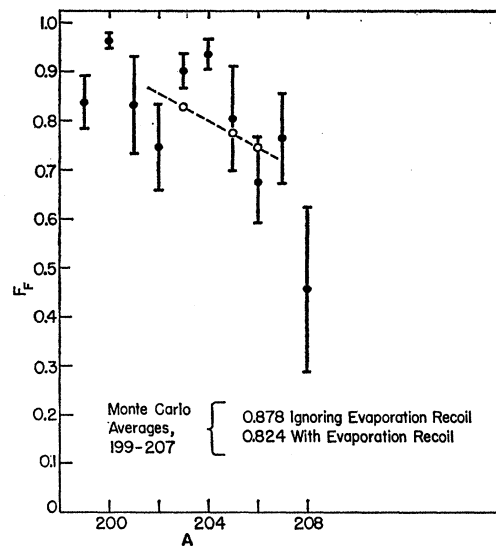


FIG. 5. Comparison of experimental and calculated thin-target F_F values (see Table IV), aluminum catchers. Evaporation recoil is included in the calculation, and scattering is assumed to have a negligible effect. \bullet , Monte Carlo calculation, corrected for evaporation recoil; \circ , experimental value.

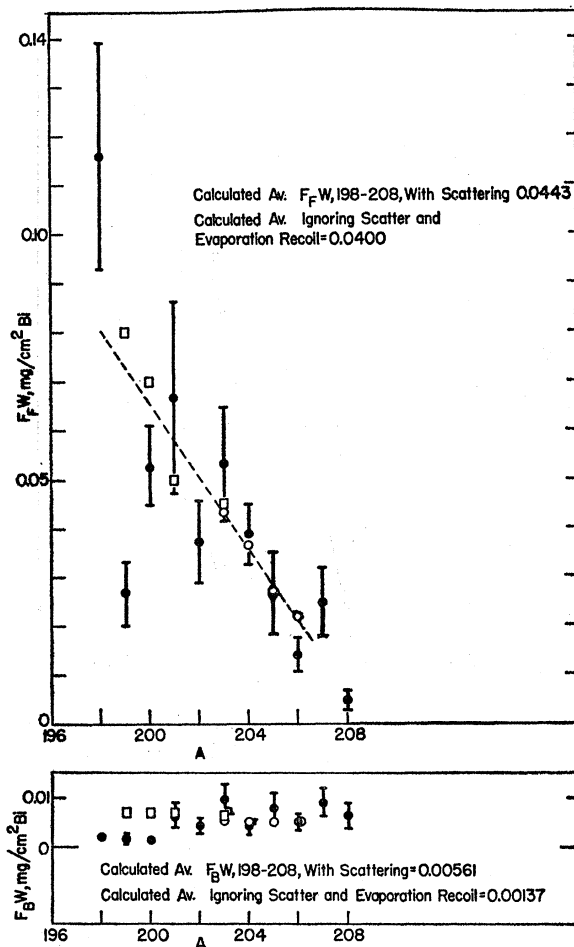


FIG. 6. Comparison of experimental and calculated $F_F W$ and $F_B W$ (see Table IV). A Gaussian scattering distribution is assumed in the calculation, with $\rho=0.41$ along all axes. Momentum transfer from evaporation is ignored. (Error flags show only the spread of the calculated data, and do not include errors associated with approximations and assumptions used in the calculation.) ●, calculated, with scattering correction but no evaporation recoil correction; ○, experiment this work (errors not shown); □, experiment, Sugarman *et al.* (reference 14). Values at $A=200$ and 201 are for mixed Bi and Pb recoils.

value with consideration of evaporation recoil alone is shown in the following column. In the last column are estimates of the F_F/F_B values with evaporation recoil and scattering both considered. The difficulties of combining the effects have already been discussed. The F_F/F_B value which would be obtained with a more proper combining procedure would probably differ from the listed values by less than 0.3. The rather good agreement between the experimental results and the figures of this last column suggests that the effects of evaporation recoil and scattering are adequately treated by the methods used in the calculation for dealing with them.

Calculated and experimental values of F_F for aluminum catchers (Fig. 5 and Table IV) are in good agree-

ment, both in the magnitudes of F_F and in their trend with mass number.

Calculation and experiment are in good accord for $F_F W$ and $F_B W$ with gold catchers (Fig. 6 and Table IV), both in magnitude and in trend with mass number. It appears that $F_B W$ is due almost entirely to scattering, which explains why its value is about 0.0055, irrespective of mass number.

However, the scattering model is not successful in predicting the experimental fact that there is no difference between the values of $F_F W$ and $F_B W$ obtained with gold catchers and those obtained with aluminum catchers. Any reasonable evaluation of scattering leads to the prediction that there should be an observable difference, particularly for $F_F W$ (say, 10%). The deficiency of the model might be the result of the neglect of straggling in aluminum along the initial direction of motion, which may have a large effect in the thick-target case even if it does not have a significant effect in the thin-target case where all the recoils originate at the interface.

Experimental and calculated $F_P W$ data are compared in Fig. 7 and Table IV. There appears to be only fair agreement between the calculated and experimental data. The calculated values are somewhat higher than the experimental ones and the discrepancy would be even larger if evaporation recoil corrections and more realistic scattering corrections had been included.

A better comparison of calculation and experiment is afforded by Fig. 8, which shows calculated and experimental $F_P W/F_F W$ ratios. The calculated ratio at a given mass number was obtained from the $F_F W$ and $F_P W$ values corrected in the same manner, i.e., *without* evaporation recoil correction for *either*, and *with* "ball model" scattering correction for *both*. The ratio thus

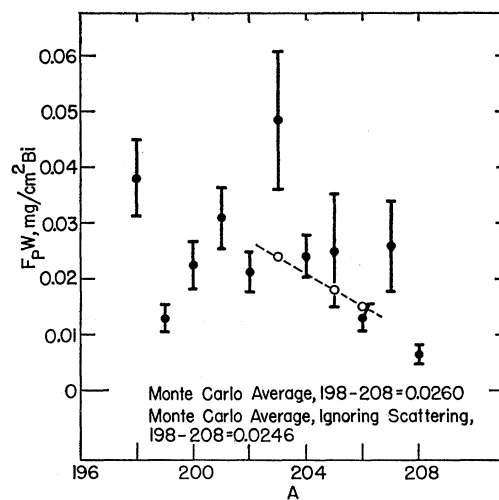


FIG. 7. Comparison of experimental and calculated $F_P W$ (see Table IV). A "ball model" scattering is assumed in the calculation, with $\rho=(6)^{-1/2}$. Recoil from evaporation is ignored. ●, Monte Carlo calculation, corrected for scattering; ○, experimental value.

TABLE IV. Results of the calculation for bismuth recoils.

Mass No. of No. events	F_{FW}		$F_B W$		$F_P W$		F_P	
	Calc. ^a	Expt.	Calc. ^a	Expt.	Calc. ^b	Expt.	Calc. ^c	Expt.
198 15	0.11609 ± 0.02329 ^d	...	0.00194 ± 0.00046	...	0.03803 ± 0.00682	...		
199 11	0.02675 ± 0.00655	0.08 ^e	0.00184 ± 0.00104	0.007 ^e	0.01293 ± 0.00246	...	0.838 ± 0.054	...
200 12	0.05291 ± 0.00809	0.07 (Bi+Pb) ^e	0.00152 ± 0.00043	0.007 (Bi+Pb) ^e	0.02242 ± 0.00437	...	0.963 ± 0.015	...
201 10	0.06686 ± 0.01950	0.05 (Bi+Pb) ^e	0.00670 ± 0.00259	~0.007 (Bi+Pb) ^e	0.03089 ± 0.00559	...	0.831 ± 0.099	...
202 12	0.03733 ± 0.00847	...	0.00440 ± 0.00147	...	0.02130 ± 0.00372	...	0.746 ± 0.089	...
203 17	0.05325 ± 0.01168	0.0434 ± 0.0004 ^f	0.00990 ± 0.00316	0.0057 ± 0.0002 ^f	0.04836 ± 0.01234	0.0239 ± 0.0006 ^f	0.901 ± 0.035	0.8275 ± 0.0027 ^g
204 11	0.03893 ± 0.00619	0.0366 ± 0.0024 ^f	0.00417 ± 0.00144	0.0053 ± 0.0004 ^f	0.02411 ± 0.00388	...	0.935 ± 0.031	...
205 9	0.02681 ± 0.00818	0.0275 ± 0.0003 ^f	0.00799 ± 0.00343	0.0053 ± 0.0002 ^f	0.02510 ± 0.01030	0.0180 ± 0.0004 ^f	0.804 ± 0.107	0.774 ± 0.004 ^g
206 15	0.01432 ± 0.00348	0.0220 ± 0.0004 ^f	0.00533 ± 0.00178	0.0054 ± 0.0002 ^f	0.01300 ± 0.00237	0.0153 ± 0.0003 ^f	0.675 ± 0.084	0.745 ± 0.004 ^g
207 18	0.02508 ± 0.00695	...	0.00936 ± 0.00294	...	0.02593 ± 0.00815	...	0.764 ± 0.092	...
208 7	0.00500 ± 0.00204	...	0.00663 ± 0.00260	...	0.00648 ± 0.00165	...	0.456 ± 0.168	...

^a Calculation for gold catchers; includes Gaussian scattering model, no evaporation recoil.

^b Calculation for gold catchers; includes "ball-model" scattering, no evaporation recoil.

^c Calculation for aluminum catchers; ignores scattering and includes evaporation recoil.

^d Calculated errors reflect only the spread of the data, and do not include errors associated with the approximations and assumptions used in the calculation.

^e Experimental data of Sugarman *et al.* (reference 14) using aluminum catchers.

^f Results of this work using gold catchers.

^g Results of this work using aluminum catchers.

calculated differs but little from that calculated without correction for scattering. (One advantage of plotting the ratio, rather than the FW values alone, is that the ratio is less sensitive to the assumptions, approximations, and extraordinarily large or small recoil momenta in the calculations, as well as to systematic errors in the experiments.) It may be seen in Fig. 8 that the experimental ratios in the mass range 203 to 206 are lower than the calculated ones, a consequence of experimental $F_P W$ values lower than calculated ones. This means that the calculation⁹ overestimates the average transverse momentum imparted in the knock-on cascade.

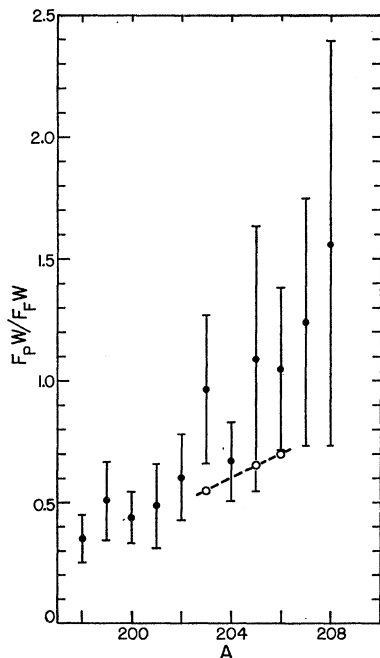


FIG. 8. Comparison of experimental and calculated $F_P W / F_P W$ ratios (with "ball model" scattering). ●, Monte Carlo calculation; O, experimental value.

The difficulty may lie in the assumption⁹ that there is no directional correlation, about the beam axis, between emitted cascade particles. If instead the particles are correlated, as is obviously the case for a cascade in which two particles collide and leave the nucleus without further collisions, then the assumption will lead to calculated $F_P W$ values which are too large. For more extensive cascades, which generally lead to final nuclei of lower mass number, the correlation among emitted particles should be weaker and, hence, the assumption should lead to less difficulty at the lower mass numbers.

Measurements of transverse momentum for other species^{34,35} appear to be in good agreement with the calculations.⁹ The Monte Carlo calculations⁹ have been repeated¹² for the $\text{Al}^{27}(p, 3pn)\text{Na}^{24}$ reaction at 360- and 1840-MeV bombarding energy, anticorrelating the directions of the first two cascade particles. The results for $F_P W$, as well as for F_W and $F_B W$, are in poor agreement with the experimentally established values at 1840 MeV (reference 12; see also references quoted therein). Agreement at 360 MeV is better, but angular distribution measurements¹² indicate that this agreement is only accidental.

Measurements of the average forward momentum imparted to uranium nuclei by 460- and 660-MeV protons give values^{35,36} somewhat lower than the calculated⁹ ones. This has been interpreted⁹ to mean that the Monte Carlo calculation fails to predict sufficient probability for collisions of bombarding particle and

³⁴ V. I. Ostroumov, Zh. Eksperim. i Teor. Fiz. **32**, 3 (1957) [translation: Soviet Phys.—JETP **5**, 12 (1957)].

³⁵ A. I. Obukhov, Zh. Eksperim. i Teor. Fiz. **35**, 1042 (1958) [translation: Soviet Phys.—JETP **8**, 727 (1959)].

³⁶ N. A. Perfilov, N. S. Ivanova, O. V. Lozhkin, V. I. Ostroumov, and V. P. Shamov, in *Proceedings of the Conference of the Academy of Sciences U.S.S.R. on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, July 1955* (Akad. Nauk SSSR, Moscow, 1955) [translation by the Consultants Bureau Enterprises, Inc., New York: Atomic Energy Commission Report TR-2435, 1956], p. 55; N. S. Ivanova and I. I. P'ianov, Zh. Eksperim. i Teor. Fiz. **31**, 416 (1956) [translation: Soviet Phys.—JETP **4**, 367 (1957)].

target with transfer of very small amounts of forward momentum (and excitation). The present work does not bear upon this interpretation, since it is not clear how the recoil properties should be affected in consequence of this interpretation. Measurements of forward momentum imparted to emulsion nuclei^{34,37} seem to concur with the calculations.⁹

Use of the data as a more severe test of present concepts of high energy nuclear reactions must await a better treatment of the stopping process and a Monte Carlo calculation with more events and with explicit transverse momentum information.

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APPENDIX I: CHEMICAL PROCEDURES

The foils were dissolved in appropriate acids (conc. HNO₃ for Bi, conc. HCl for Al, aqua regia for Au) and known weights of bismuth carrier added. The solutions were then diluted and portions were taken for analysis. Lead holdback carrier was added and bismuth was isolated from these solutions by the following steps: BiOCl precipitation, CuS scavenge from 6*N* HCl (removes Po, which would come through otherwise, and

³⁷ E. W. Baker, S. Katcoff, and C. P. Baker, Phys. Rev. **117**, 1352 (1960).

Mo), Bi₂S₃ precipitation from 2.4*N* HCl, two Bi₂S₃ precipitations with NH₄S_x (removes Sn), a second CuS scavenge from 6*N* HCl, a second Bi₂S₃ precipitation from 2.4*N* HCl, two PbCrO₄ scavenges from a buffered (NH₄Ac-HAc) solution, two more BiOCl precipitations, and a BiPO₄ precipitation from 0.5*N* HNO₃. This last step offers no decontamination of any importance but is quantitative and fast so that all samples may be precipitated simultaneously, gives a stoichiometric and easily filtered precipitate suitable for weighing, and leaves Pb in solution so that subsequent Pb growth will be from an initially pure parent fraction. Decontamination from Pb is afforded by the BiOCl, Bi₂S₃ (from 2.4*N* HCl), and BiPO₄ precipitations and the PbCrO₄ scavenges. Yields were about 80%.

For the subsequent separation of lead daughters, the BiPO₄ precipitate was dissolved in HCl, Pb carrier added, and Bi was removed by a BiOCl precipitation. Then PbO(H₂O)_x was precipitated with NH₃ and purified by a BiPO₄ scavenge, a PbSO₄ precipitation, and a PbCrO₄ precipitation from buffered solution. The Pb was weighed and counted as PbCrO₄. Yields were about 80%.

The bismuth activity, as BiOCl from the lead separation, was dissolved in HCl and decontaminated from daughter activities by two precipitations of BiOCl and one of BiPO₄, in which form it was weighed and counted.

The effectiveness of these procedures was checked by tracer experiments on the various steps and by taking gamma-ray spectra, with a multichannel analyzer, of samples separated from irradiated target and catcher foils. Activation corrections were rather constant, say 1% of F_{BW} for thick target and gold catchers.