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# Fusion of ${}^6\text{Li}$ with ${}^{159}\text{Tb}$ at near barrier energies

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Complete and incomplete fusion cross sections for  ${}^6\text{Li}+{}^{159}\text{Tb}$  have been measured at energies around the Coulomb barrier by the  $\gamma$ -ray method. The measurements show that the complete fusion cross sections at above-barrier energies are suppressed by  $\sim 34\%$  compared to the coupled channels calculations. A comparison of the complete fusion cross sections at above-barrier energies with the existing data of  ${}^{11,10}\text{B}+{}^{159}\text{Tb}$  and  ${}^7\text{Li}+{}^{159}\text{Tb}$  shows that the extent of suppression is correlated with the  $\alpha$ -separation energies of the projectiles. It has been argued that the Dy isotopes produced in the reaction  ${}^6\text{Li}+{}^{159}\text{Tb}$ , at below-barrier energies are primarily due to the  $d$ -transfer to unbound states of  ${}^{159}\text{Tb}$ , while both transfer and incomplete fusion processes contribute at above-barrier energies.

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