Study of neutron-rich nuclei via heavy-ion double-charge exchange reactions

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Neutron-rich nuclei

🟺 Exotic phenomena

- disappearance of conventional magic numbers
- neutron skin and halo structures
- intruder states

experimental approach for neutron-rich nuclei



Double-Charge eXchange (DCX) reactions



Heavy-Ion DCX (HIDCX)

HIDCX reactions can transfer spin and isospin by two units.

- Missing mass measurement
 ground state
 bound and/or unbound states
 - → one shot measurement
- HIDCX at an intermediate energy
 - simple reaction process
 - angular distributions
 - sensitive to multipolarities
- 🗳 As a First step

¹²C,⁹Be(¹⁸O,¹⁸Ne)¹²Be,⁹He



¹²Be and ⁹He

The nucleus ¹²Be
 disappearance of the N=8 magicity
 intruder 1⁻ state
 low-energy isomer state
 extensively studied

- ✓ The nucleus ⁹He
 - large A/Z ratio (= 4.5)
 - unbound nucleus
 - spin-parities are not fixed





(¹⁸O,¹⁸Ne) reaction

- Ground states of ¹⁸O and ¹⁸Ne are among the same super-multiplet.
 - simple transition process
 - large transition probability
- ¹⁸O is a stable isotope.
 - high intensity



¹²C,⁹Be(¹⁸O,¹⁸Ne) experiment @ RCNP



Particle Identification



Excitation energy spectrum of ¹²Be

Ground and some excited states were clearly observed.
The first observation of the states via the HIDCX at an intermediate energy.



Capability of spin-parities assignment

Sensitive to multipolarities

If the projectile transition is restricted between initial 0⁺ state and final 0⁺ state ($\Delta L=0$, $\Delta S=0$), only natural parity states are excited in the residual nuclei.



\rightarrow spin-parity assignment

Reaction calculation of the HIDCX



Dominance of double Gamow-Teller transition



Probing configuration mixing



Mixing degree between p- and sd-shell configurations in 0⁺ states of ¹²Be

The larger cross section for the second 0^+ state is qualitatively consistent with earlier studies.

Future, MD analysis enables us the more quantitative discussion. $\rightarrow p$ -shell contribution to the 0⁺ states in ¹²Be can be deduced.

Result of ⁹He



Small $B(GT) \times B(GT)$ value

Overview of our HIDCX studies



Summary

- We have developed β^+ -type HIDCX reaction as another probe for light neutron-rich nuclei.
- ➡ First experiment, ¹²C(¹⁸O,¹⁸Ne)¹²Be reaction measurement, was succeeded.
 - **–** Ground and some excited states of ¹²Be were observed.
 - The angular distributions have the sensitivity to multipolarities.
- Final The development of the reaction calculation method for the HIDCX reaction is in progress.
- Any states in ⁹He were not observed due to the small B(GT) value.
- Final The HIDCX reaction can be a powerful spectroscopic tool for unstable nuclei. The present study is the first step.

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