

In-flight resonance decay of ¹⁰Be, ¹⁶C and ¹²C at intermediate energies

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- Clustering in non self-conjugated nuclei;
- The state of art of ¹⁰Be and ¹⁶C nuclei structure;

Experimental details

- Exotic beam production and tagging at INFN-LNS: The FRIBs facility;
- The 4π CHIMERA multi-detector array;
- Helium break-up of self-conjugated nuclei as experimental test;

Experimental results

- ⁴He-⁶He correlations: the ¹⁰Be structure;
- ⁶He-¹⁰Be correlations: the ¹⁶C structure;

Conclusions and future perspectives

Exotic structures in light nuclei: an interesting scenario

Complexity of nuclear force \rightarrow **dominant** phenomena of nucleon-nucleon *correlations* which determine a spatial re-organization of the nucleons in bounded **sub-units** \rightarrow the *constituent clusters*.



Very big variety of physical phenomena that need investigations

The ¹⁰Be case





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Rotational band in dimeric structure \rightarrow very interesting case

The ¹⁶C case





possible cluster configurations → AMD calculations Ref. [1]







Experimental evidence still missing!



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Identification (Δ E-ToF) plot FRIBs cocktail beam \rightarrow good performances. High exotic beams intensity:

- ¹⁶C (49,5 *MeV*/*u*) $10^5 pps$;
- ¹³B (49,5 *MeV*/*u*) $5 \cdot 10^4$ *pps*;
- ¹⁰Be (56,0 MeV/u) 4 · 10⁴ pps;

Complete cocktail beam identification

The CHIMERA 4π multi-detector



CHIMERA (Charged Heavy Ion Mass Energy Resolving Array) [1,2]

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- 1192 ∆E-E telescopes (~300µm Si + CsI(TI) scintillator);
- 9 forward rings $(1^{\circ} \le \theta \le 30^{\circ});$
- 17 rings sphere $(30^{\circ} < \theta \le 176^{\circ});$





 \triangle E-E identification technique \rightarrow particles and fragments identification.

ΔE -E identification \rightarrow good isotopic separation

Check on self-conjugated nuclei

As a starting check → correlations between helium break-up fragments from selfconjugated nuclei

2 α correlations \rightarrow the ⁸Be spectroscopy:

MonteCarlo simulation \rightarrow good agreement with the experimental data for the 91,8 keV peak (⁸Be_{gs}) \rightarrow good consistency of the procedure.

Possible contaminations of ⁹Be neutron decay \rightarrow ghost peaks?



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 3α correlations \rightarrow the ¹²C spectroscopy:



3 body correlations \rightarrow good agreement with the literature \rightarrow ¹²**C Hoyle state**.

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Good test for the experimental technique



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background contribution →

event mixing procedure.

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Smooth efficiency for both the possible target nuclei (¹²C and ¹H from the polyethylene CH₂ target used) → MonteCarlo simulation with exponential angular distribution in the anelastic scattering center of mass frame:

> $\frac{d\sigma}{d\sigma} \propto e^{\frac{\theta_{cm}}{\alpha}}$ $\overline{d\Omega_{cm}}$ α fall-of factor 12°-16°

Possible evidence of a new excited state at about 13.5 MeV not reported in literature.



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Possible 6⁺ further member of the K=0⁺ molecular band \rightarrow low statistics \rightarrow new experiments are needed.

Continuation of the ¹⁰Be molecular band

As a final test \rightarrow complete MonteCarlo simulation with the 13.5 MeV state (shadowed histogram) \rightarrow nice agreement with the experimental data (black points)



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The ¹⁰Be spectroscopy







N. I. Ashwood et al., Phys. Rev. C 70, 0644607 (2004)
 P.J. Leask et al., Jour. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 27, B9 (2001)

Low statistics results \rightarrow 20,6 MeV bump





Experimental data
 Efficiency ¹H target
 Efficiency ¹²C target

Enhancement at about 20.6 MeV → possible agreement with the previous low statistics measurement s [1][2]→ more statistics required to confirm the suggestion.

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 Δ E-E identification plot with FARCOS DSSSD (1500 μ m) vs CsI fast ¹⁶O+C @ 55 MeV/u CLIR (Clustering in Light Ion Reactions) February– June 2015 → new investigation of cluster structures in nuclear reactions induced by FRIBs beams at INFN-LNS

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Data analysis in progress...

- We have performed a spectroscopic investigation of ¹⁰Be and ¹⁶C via cluster breakup reactions at intermediate energies at INFN-LNS.
- The cocktail beam was provided by the FRIBs facility \rightarrow particle by particle identification \rightarrow tagging system coupled to CHIMERA 4 π multi-detector.
- ⁶He-⁴He correlations → structure of ¹⁰Be → new possible 6⁺ state at about 13.5 MeV excitation energy → possible agreement with a recent R-matrix calculation [1] (resonant elastic scattering data) → energetic compatibility with a 6⁺ further member of the ¹⁰Be molecular band.
 - ⁶He-¹⁰Be correlations \rightarrow structure of ¹⁶C \rightarrow very low statistics data \rightarrow agreement with previous experiment enhancement at about 21 MeV excitation energy.

Future Perspectives: **CLIR experiment** INFN-LNS February 2015 – June 2015 Data Analysis still in progress...

[1] G. Rogachev et al., J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 569, 012004 (2014)

Thank you for your attention.

Further Slides

The ¹⁰Be case



Future Perspectives: the CLIR experiment @ INFN-LNS





[2] G. Verde et al., J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 420, 0112158 (2013)



¹²C \rightarrow study of branching ratios for cluster disintegration $\rightarrow {}^{12}C^* \rightarrow {}^{8}Be_{as}^* + \alpha \rightarrow 3\alpha$ counts 9.641 MeV (3 $^{12}\text{C}^{\star} \rightarrow 3\alpha$ No evidence of Equal **Energy Sharing (EES)** 654 MeV (0⁺) Hoyle state Global (gaussian + background) for the Hoyle state 12.71 MeV (1⁺ 80 Signal (background subtracted) 10.84 MeV (1[¯]) 11.83 MeV (2 $^{12}C^* \rightarrow \alpha + {}^{8}Be_{\alpha s} \rightarrow 3\alpha$ Signal (background subtracted) 60 40 E_{exc} [MeV] $\Gamma_{\alpha_0}/\Gamma_{\alpha}$ Refs $\Gamma_{\alpha_0}/\Gamma_{\alpha_0}$ Present Work 20 > 0,995 [1,2]; 7,654 ≈ 1,00 $0,83 \pm 0,05$ [3] 9,641 $0,82 \pm 0,09$ 0,972 [4] 10 12 8 16 18 20 14 11,83 $0,10 \pm 0,21$ ≈ 0 [4] [1] O.S. Kirsebom et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 202501 (2012). 12,71 $0,22 \pm 0,24$ ≈ 0 [4]

[2] J. Manfredi et al., Phys. Rev. C 85, 037603 (2012). [3] Ad.R. Raduta et al., Phys. Lett. B 705, 65 (2011). [4] M. Freer et al., Phys. Rev. C 76, 034320 (2007).

Superior limit for EES decay < 2%!!!

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¹⁶C 3 body disintegration \rightarrow ⁶He+⁶He+⁴He break-up channel \rightarrow low statistics data \rightarrow no data present in literature .



Very low statistics → no data in literature

Tagging system layout



Q-value spectrum for ⁶**He**+⁴**He decay**



M. Freer et al., Phys. Rev. C 63, 034301 (2001) [1]



from ref. S. Marsh and W.D.M. Rae, Phys. Lett. B 153, 21 (1985)

Perspectives with N=Z nuclei: ¹²C case

¹²C case: structure of the Hoyle State (sequential vs direct emission) in vacuo and in medium \rightarrow signature of BEC ???



	Experiment	DDE (%)	DD4 (%)	DDL (%)	DD (%)	C.L. (%)
V	Freer et al				< 4	99.5
m	Raduta et al	7.5 ± 4.0		9.5 ± 4.0	17.0 ± 5.0	
v	Manfredi et al	< 0.45	$1.3 \pm 0.9 \; (< 3.9)$			99.75
V	Kirsebom et al	< 0.09	< 0.5	< 0.09	< 0.5	95
v	Rana et al	0.3 ± 0.1	0.60 ± 0.09	< 0.1	0.91 ± 0.14	99.75
V	Itoh et al	< 0.08	< 0.2		< 0.2	95

from Itoh et al, PRL 113 (2014)

Could we shed light on this situation?

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¹²C case: idea on a *high resolution* new measurement at *low energy*



Branching ratios of other ¹²C* states

Experimental method: sequential break-up reactions



molecular structures suggested near the disintegration thresholds \rightarrow lkeda scheme \rightarrow Basic Idea:

projectile sequential **break-up reactions** to explore ¹⁰Be and ¹⁶C cluster structure.

Sequential break-up reaction: anelastic excitation of projectile nucleus above the particle emission threshold \rightarrow sequential disintegration of projectile nucleus



To obtain the **spectroscopy** of break-up nucleus \rightarrow relative energy analisys:

$$E_{exc} = E_{rel} + E_{thr}$$

A powerful investigation method

Correlations: a tool for spectroscopy

In Flight beams \rightarrow short living RI \rightarrow inelastic scattering or reactions on targets followed by break-up \rightarrow cluster decay of nuclei \rightarrow correlations (high energy and angular resolution)



Correlations \rightarrow ¹⁰Be and ¹⁶C structure