

Excitations of the giant dipole resonance in ${}^4\text{He}$ via a (p,p') reaction

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Recently we observed dipole resonances in ${}^6\text{Li}$ and ${}^7\text{Li}$ at $E_x \sim 27$ and 29 MeV, respectively via the (p,p') reaction at 300 MeV [1]. We also observed their analogs in ${}^{6,7}\text{Be}$ and ${}^{6,7}\text{He}$ via the $({}^3\text{He},t)$ and $({}^7\text{Li},{}^7\text{Be})$ reactions, respectively [2]. Based on the comparison of the observed resonance shapes with resonance shape reported in the ${}^4\text{He}(\gamma,n)$ reaction [3] we concluded that the dipole resonances are the giant dipole resonance (GDR) in the α cluster of ${}^{6,7}\text{Li}$ and their analogs [1]. It is very interesting to compare the resonances with the intrinsic GDR in ${}^4\text{He}$ excited via the same (p,p') reaction in order to understand the medium effect on the α cluster in nuclei.

The 300 -MeV proton beams from the ring cyclotron at the Research Center for Nuclear Physics (RCNP), Osaka University bombarded a ${}^4\text{He}$ gas target. To increase the target thickness a cryogenic refrigerator cooled down the ${}^4\text{He}$ gas to 11.17 ± 0.01 K [4]. The gas shell has windows of Aramide foils with a thickness of $12 \mu\text{m}$. The thickness of the target was 3.9 mg/cm^2 with a pressure of 1.474 ± 0.002 atm. We analyzed scattered protons using the magnetic spectrograph "Grand Raiden" and detected with the focal plane detector system. We measured the spectra of the ${}^4\text{He}(p,p')$ reaction in an angular range from $\theta_L = 2.7^\circ$ to 30° and the excitation-energy region of $E_x = 0 \sim 60$ MeV. We monitored the beam intensity and the target thickness during the measurement by observing proton yields for the elastic scattering off ${}^4\text{He}$ with the Large Acceptance Spectrograph at the angle of $\theta_L = 59.0^\circ$.

We observed the GDR as a broad peaks at $E_x \sim 25$ MeV in ${}^4\text{He}$. At the lower excitation side of the GDR the excitation of the spin dipole, 2^- ($T=1$) state at $E_x \sim 23$ MeV was seen. The excitation of the 0^+ ($T=0$) state at $E_x = 20.21$ MeV is not apparent. Detailed analysis is in progress.

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