Manifestation of α -clustering in ¹⁰Be via α -knockout reaction

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Despite the remarkable successes achieved by the cluster models, the physical observables that are directly related to the cluster degree of freedom is not available until very recent studies of α -transfer reactions and α -knockout reactions [1, 2].

For the first time, we introduce the microscopic structure models into the theoretical frameworks for α -knock out reactions to probe the α -clusters in ¹⁰Be nucleus [3]. In this work, we integrate the THSR wave function and the distorted wave impulse approximation (DWIA) framework, and make the first calculation for the ¹⁰Be(p,p α)⁶He reaction. The α -cluster reduced width amplitude is extracted from the microscopic wave function of ¹⁰Be via an approximated approach [4]. Optical potentials are determined by folding the density distributions of ¹⁰Be. The triple differential cross sections (TDX) is predicted for the ¹⁰Be(p,p α)⁶He knockout reaction at 250 MeV, as shown in Fig. 1. We further construct artificial states with extreme shell-model like or gas like states for the target nucleus ¹⁰Be. The differences between structures of these states are discussed by comparing the density distributions in the intrinsic frame. We find strong dependence of the TDX observable on the α -clustering structure by calculation of corresponding α -knock out reactions, as shown in Fig. 1.



Figure 1: The TDX of the ${}^{10}\text{Be}(p,p\alpha)^6\text{He}$ reaction at 250 MeV. Kinetic energy of incident proton is fixed at 180 MeV and its emission angle is set to $(\theta_1, \phi_1) = (60.9^\circ, 0^\circ)$. Emission angle ϕ_2 for daughter nuclei is fixed at 180° and θ_2 is varied around 51°. P_R is the recoiled momentum.

With this new framework, we relate directly the microscopic description of α -clustering structure to the reaction observables in the (p,p α) knockout reaction, and provide reliable manifestation of the α -clustering in the ¹⁰Be nucleus.

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