論文の内容の要旨

論文題目 Study of tetra-neutron system via exothermic double-charge exchange reaction ⁴He(⁸He,⁸Be)4n

(発熱型2重荷電交換反応 4He(⁸He,⁸Be)4n による4中性子系の研究)

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Tetra-neutron systems have attracted considerable attention since candidates of bound tetra-neutron system were reported. While recount of latest theoretical paper using ab-initio calculations suggests that bound tetra-neutron does not exist, the possibility of the tetra-neutron system forming a resonance state is still an open and fascinating question. We performed missing-mass spectroscopy of the four-neutron system via an exothermic double-charge exchange reaction ⁴He(⁸He,⁸Be)4n. The experiment was carried out at the RI Beam Factory at RIKEN using the SHARAQ spectrometer and the liquid He target system. The secondary beam, ⁸He at 186 MeV/u, had a large mass excess, since it was possible to produce the 4n system in small momentum transfer of less than 20 MeV/c. In order to obtain the missing- mass spectrum, we measured momentum of the incident beam of ⁸He with the High-Resolution Beamline and momenta of outgoing two alpha particles, which were the decay products of the ⁸Be ejectile, with the SHARAQ spectrometer.

We selected the events produced by ⁴He(⁸He,⁸Be)4n reaction in precise analysis to detect two alpha-particle in coincidence at the final focal plane of the SHARAQ spectrometer. Further more, a method for treating to trajectory reconstruction for more than two particle under high beam rate condition (2 MHz) was developed.

We obtained 38 events in the the missing-mass spectrum of four-neutron system. The spectrum had a strength of at low excitation energy region at 0 < E_{4n} <2 MeV, which consist of 4 events. The other events made an continuum spectrum at the 0 < E_{4n} < 60 MeV region. The estimated background events in the spectrum were 2.32 ± 1.01 events, which was small enough. We discussed the shape of the spectrum in comparison a theoretical calculation assuming the effective range theory including the correlation between di-neutron clusters. There was an possibility of the resonance state of the tetra-neutron system.