

Study of light nuclei cluster structure with nuclear track emulsion

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BECQUEREL at the JINR Nuclotron is devoted systematic exploration of clustering features of light stable and radioactive nuclei.



The fragmentation of a large variety of light nuclei was investigated using the emulsions exposed to few A GeV nuclear beams at JINR Nuclotron. A nuclear track emulsion is used to explore the fragmentation of the relativistic nuclei.

Angular measurements









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Secondary nuclear fragment beams for investigations of relativistic fragmentation of light radioactive nuclei using nuclear photoemulsion at Nuclotron

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Detailed study of relativistic ${}^{9}Be \rightarrow 2\alpha$ fragmentation in peripheral collisions in a nuclear track emulsion^{*}

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Role of the Nuclear and Electromagnetic Interactions in the Coherent Dissociation of the Relativistic ⁷Li Nucleus into the ³H + ⁴He Channel

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FIG. 1: Experimental and theoretical cross sections for (C) Coulomb and (N) nuclear diffraction dissociations of the ⁷Li nuclei.

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 $^{12}C \rightarrow 3\alpha$

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Coherent Dissociation ¹²C → 3α in Lead-Enriched Emulsion at 4.5 GeV/c per Nucleon

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¹²C(n,n') 3α , $E_n = 14.1$ MeV <u>http://neutrontech.ru</u>

DVIN - explosives detector on the basis of fast tagged neutron method for complex program for population safety in transport





experiment

model (Geant4, CHIPS list)



${}^{9}\text{Be} \rightarrow 2\alpha$ (1.2 A GeV)



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Figure 1. The opening Θ angle distribution of α particles in the ${}^{9}\text{Be}\rightarrow 2\alpha$ fragmentation reaction at 1.2 A GeV energy. On the intersection: the Θ range from 0 to 15×10^{-3} rad.– a). The invariant energy $Q_{2\alpha}$ distribution of α particle pairs in the ${}^{9}\text{Be}\rightarrow 2\alpha$ fragmentation reaction at 1.2 A GeV energy. On the intersection: the $Q_{2\alpha}$ range from 0 to 1 MeV –b).



Θ, mrad	<o>, mrad</o>	σ_{Θ} , mrad	Fraction (Events)
$\Theta_n \left(0 - 10.5\right)$	4.4 ± 0.2	2.1 ± 0.2	0.56 ± 0.04 (164)
$\Theta_w (15.0 - 45.0)$	27.0 ± 0.6	5.9 ± 0.6	$0.44 \pm 0.04 (130)$

Fractions of events Θ_n and Θ_w demonstrate compliance with weights 0^+ and 2^+ states of a ⁸*Be* core, adopted in the two-body model, $\omega_{0+} = 0.535$ and $\omega_{2+} = 0.465$ [1,2]. They indicate the presence of these states as components of the ground state of the ⁹*Be* nucleus.

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12N(in mixed beam of ¹²N+¹⁰C+⁷Be at 1.2 A GeV), 2006





Table 2. Distribution of the number of white stars (N_{ws}) among the dissociation channels where the total charge of fragments is $\sum Z_{fr} = 7$ and where the measured charge of the beam track is $Z_{pr} = 7$

Channel	N _{ws}		
Channel	$ heta_{ m fr} < 11^\circ$	$ heta_{ m fr} < 6^\circ$	
He + 5H	9	2	
2He + 3H	24	12	
3He + H	2	2	
⁷ Be + 3H	10	5	
⁷ Be <mark>+</mark> He + H	9	8	
⁸ B + 2H	11	9	
⁸ B + He	3	3	
C + H	4	4	
Σ	72	45	

 $^{10}C \rightarrow 2\alpha + 2p$ $(1.2 \,\mathrm{A}\,\mathrm{GeV})$



Charge-topology distribution of fragments from white stars, $N_{\rm ws}$, where the total charge of relativistic fragments is $\sum Z_{\rm fr} = 6$, and from $\sum Z_{\rm fr} = 6$ events, $N_{\rm tf}$, accompanied by target fragments or product mesons

Channel	$N_{ m ws},\%$	$N_{ m tf},\%$	
2He + 2H	186 (81.9)	361 (57.6)	
He+4H	12 (5.3)	160 (25.5)	
3He	12(5.3)	15(2.4)	
6H	9(4.0)	30(4.8)	
Be + He	6(2.6)	17 (2.7)	
B + H	1 (0.4)	12(1.9)	
Li + 3H	1(0.4)	2(0.3)	
${}^{9}C + n$		30(4.8)	



Fig. 6. Distributions of ${}^{10}C \rightarrow 2\alpha + 2p$ events with respect to the (a) energy $Q_{2\alpha}$ of alpha-particle pairs and (b) energy $Q_{2\alpha p}$ of the $2\alpha + p$ three-particle systems. The insets show enlarged distributions of $Q_{2\alpha}$ and $Q_{2\alpha p}$.

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Modeling of ¹⁰C fragmentation with Geant4

 $^{10}C + Em \rightarrow 2\alpha + 2p$



$$Q_{2\alpha} = M_{2\alpha} - 2 \cdot m_{\alpha}$$





⁷Be $\rightarrow \alpha + {}^{3}He(2{}^{3}He)$ ⁷Be $\rightarrow {}^{6}Be \rightarrow \alpha + 2p$ (1.2 A GeV)

⁷Be→2He



Channel	2He		Total event	Fragme
	n _b =0	n _b >0	number	4 9
⁴ He+ ³ He	32	24	56	⁴ He + ³ ³ He + ³
³ He+ ³ He	14	9	23	

Fragmentation channel	2He		Total event	
1 raginentation enamer	$n_b = 0$	$n_b > 0$	number	
⁴ He + ³ He	30	11	41	
³ He + ³ He	11	7	18	

 ${}^{12}C \rightarrow {}^{7}Be ({}^{12}N + {}^{10}C + {}^{7}Be \text{ at } 1.2 \text{ A GeV}, 2006)$

 $^{7}\text{Li}\rightarrow^{7}\text{Be} (1.2 \text{ A GeV}, 2004)$

The coherent dissociation of ⁷Be nuclei is mainly attributable to two-cluster structure ${}^{3}He + {}^{4}He$.

³*He* clusters contribution is twice of the ⁴*He* one, indicating the strong manifestation of ³*He* clustering in relativistic processes.

This type of clustering is most pronounced in channel ${}^{4}He + {}^{3}He$ in coherent dissociation of ${}^{7}Be$ nuclei, not accompanied by the emission of neutrons





Fig. 2. Distribution of the ${}^{4}\text{He} + {}^{3}\text{He}$ events in *E*. The numbers near the arrows are the excitation energies in the ${}^{7}\text{Be}$ nucleus in MeV.

$$Q_{4_{He+^{3}He}} = M_{4_{He+^{3}He}} - m_{4_{He}} - m_{3_{He}} + 1,59\,MeV$$
²²

⁷Be→He+2H



 $^{7}Be \rightarrow ^{6}Be + n \rightarrow ^{4}He + 2^{1}H + n$



Data modeling of ⁷Be EM dissociation at 1.2 A GeV



G4EMDissociation G4EMDissociationCrossSection Started: 3000 of ⁷Be nuclei at 1.2 A GeV Produced: 7 events of $^{7}Be \rightarrow ^{6}Be+n$;

⁶Be

Atomic Mass: 6.0197258 + 0.0000059 amu Excess Mass: 18374.465 + 5.468 keV Binding Energy: 26924.058 ± 5.468 keV Spin: 0+ Half life: 92 keV (5.0·10⁻⁶ fs) Mode of decay: 2 Proton to He-4 Decay energy: 1.372 MeV



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Geant4 is a toolkit for the simulation of the passage of particles through matter. Its areas of application include high energy, nuclear and accelerator physics, as well as studies in medical and space science. The two main reference papers for Geant4 are published in Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 506 (2003) 250-303, and IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science 53 No. 1 (2006) 270-278.

Applications

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 $^{7}Be \rightarrow {}^{6}Be \rightarrow {}^{4}He + 2 p$



$$Q_{4_{He+2p}} = M_{4_{He+2p}} - m_{4_{He}} - 2m_{p}$$

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Mean free path of studied nuclei in NTE



Summary

The presented observations serve as an illustration of prospects of the Nuclotron and NTE for nuclear physics researches.

Due to a record space resolution the emulsion technique provides unique entirety in studying of light nuclei, especially, neutron-deficient ones. Providing the 3D observation of narrow dissociation vertices this classical technique gives novel possibilities of moving toward more and more complicated nuclear systems.

The results of an exclusive study of the interactions of relativistic ^{7,9}Be, ^{10,12}C nuclei lead to the conclusion that the known features of their structure are clearly manifested in very peripheral dissociations.

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