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Prediction of cluster states in light nuclei (Ikeda Diagram)



Typical mysterious **0**⁺ states in nuclear structure problem

 O_2^+ state of ¹²C (Hoyle state) indispensable to ¹²C production in stars

Ab initio non-core shell model calculation





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$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \phi^3(\alpha) | H - E | \mathcal{A}[\chi(s, r) \phi^3(\alpha)] \rangle = 0 \\ & \text{M. Kamimura, NPA 351, 456 (1981).} \end{aligned} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{A} \end{aligned}$$

| | Exp. | RGM |
|---|---------|------|
| Energy (MeV) | 7.65 | 7.74 |
| αdecay width (eV) | 8.7±2.7 | 7.7 |
| $M(O_2^+ \rightarrow O_1^+)$ (fm ²) | 5.4±0.2 | 6.7 |
| $B(E2: 0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+) (e^2 fm^4)$ | 13±4 | 5.6 |

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3α clustering also appears starting without assumption of α 's by FMD & AMD

M. Chernykh, T. Neff et al., PRL 94, 032501 (2007).

Y. Kanada-En'yo, PTP 117, 655 (2007).

E



Very nice reproduction by THSR w.f. (BEC)

``BEC'' from Y.F.et al., EPJA 28, 259(2006)

Direct information of alpha condensation for the Hoyle state



T. Yamada and P. Schuck, EPJA 26, 185 (2005).



Analogue to the Hoyle state in ¹⁶0?



Fully solving 4 α -particles relative motions (4 α OCM)

Present: Larger model space $\varphi_{\ell m}(\mathbf{r}, v) = N_{\ell}(v)r^{\ell} \exp(-vr^2)Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{r})$ Gaussian basis (GEM) E. Hiyama et al. Prog. Part. Phys. 51, 223(2003).

Approximately taken into account



Adopted angular momentum channels: $[[I_1,I_2], I_3] (I_3+I_2+I_1 \leq 8)$ (up to now, ≤ 5) Including $I_3, I_2, I_1 = 4$

Total w.f.

$$\Psi_{\text{OCM}}(J_{k}^{\pi}) = \sum_{\{l\}\{\nu\}} A_{l_{1},l_{2},l_{12},l_{3}}^{(k)}(\nu_{1},\nu_{2},\nu_{3}) \hat{S} \left[\left[\varphi_{\ell_{1}}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1},\nu_{1}), \varphi_{\ell_{2}}(\boldsymbol{r}_{2},\nu_{2}) \right]_{l_{12}}, \varphi_{\ell_{3}}(\boldsymbol{r}_{3},\nu_{3}) \right]_{J}$$

$$A_{l_{1},l_{2},l_{12},l_{3}}^{(k)}(\nu_{1},\nu_{2},\nu_{3}): \text{ Determined by diagonalizing Hamiltonian}$$

Hamiltonian of $4\alpha OCM$

$$H = T + \sum_{i < j} \left[V_{2\alpha}(r_{ij}) + V_{2\alpha}^{Coul}(r_{ij}) \right] + V_{3\alpha} + V_{4\alpha} + V_{Pauli}$$



Pauli forbidden state: h.o,w.f.

2-body force (folding MHN force)

$$V_{2\alpha}(r) = \sum_{n} V_{n}^{(2)} \exp\left(-\beta_{n}^{(2)}r^{2}\right)$$

Coulomb force $V_{2\alpha}^{Coul}(r) = \frac{4e^2}{r} \operatorname{erf}(ar)$

Phenomenological 3-body force (repulsive) $V_{3\alpha} = V^{(3)} \sum_{i < j < k} \exp\left[-\beta(r_{ij}^2 + r_{jk}^2 + r_{ki}^2)\right]$

 $V^{(3)} = 87.5 \text{ MeV}, \quad \beta = 0.15 \text{ fm}^{-2}$ **Phenomenological 4-body force (repulsive)** $V_{4\alpha} = V^{(4)} \exp\left[-\beta(r_{12}^2 + r_{13}^2 + r_{14}^2 + r_{23}^2 + r_{24}^2 + r_{34}^2)\right]$ $V^{(4)} = 12000 \text{ MeV}, \quad \beta = 0.15 \text{ fm}^{-2}$

| Energies | from | $4 \alpha th$ | reshold |
|----------|------|---------------|---------|
| | | | |

| | Cal. (MeV) | Exp. (MeV) | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| ¹² C(g.s.) | -7.32 | -7.28 | | |
| $^{12}C(2_{1}^{+})$ | -4.88 | -2.84 | | |
| $^{12}C(4_{1}^{+})$ | 2.06 | 6.43 | | |
| $^{12}C(0_{2}^{+})$ | 0.70 | 0.38 | | |
| ¹⁶ O(g.s.) | -14.2 | -14.44 | | |

 $\left|\left\langle V_{3\alpha}\right\rangle\right|, \left|\left\langle V_{4\alpha}\right\rangle\right| < \frac{7}{100} \left|\left\langle V_{2\alpha}\right\rangle\right|$

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Large monopole matrix element can be the evidence of cluster states.

T. Yamada, Y. F. et al., PTP120, 1139 (2008).

| | | Experimental data | | 4α OCM | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| | E _x [MeV] | R [fm] | M(E0) [fm²] | Г [MeV] | R [fm] | M(E0) [fm²] | Г [MeV] |
| 0 + ₁ | 0.00 | 2.71 | | | 2.7 | | |
| 0 ⁺ ₂ | 6.05 | | 3.55 | | 3.0 | 3.9 | |
| 0 + ₃ | 12.1 | | 4.03 | | 3.1 | 2.4 | |
| 0 ⁺ ₄ | 13.6 | | no data | 0.6 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 0.60 |
| 0 ⁺ ₅ | 14.0 | | 3.3 | 0.185 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 0.20 |
| 0 ⁺ ₆ | 15.1 | | no data | 0.166 | 5.6 | 1.0 | 0.14 |
| over 15% of total EWSR | | | | 20% of total I | EWSR | | |







Y.F. S. Ohkubo et al., in preparation.





Hoyle + alpha, 2-body scattering solutions.

Momentum inertia is reduced. Signature of superfluidity ??

S. Ohkubo and Y. Hirabayashi, PLB 684, 127 (2010).

Summary

Investigation of loosely bound alpha gas states in heavier nuclei than ¹²C.

- More α particle condensate states very likely to exist. Analogue state in ¹⁶0 to the Hoyle state (found with 4α0CM calc.) as the sixth 0+ state Assigned to 15.2 MeV state? More experimental information is needed.
- Hoyle analogs for non-zero spin states are promising. likely Hoyle + alpha rotational band sign of condensate

Problem is continuum mixing

On going issue: beyond bound state approximation

4-alpha CSM (Complex Scaling Method) with T2K-TsuKuba (up to 512cpu's)



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