Tetraneutron states populated by ⁴He(⁸He, ⁸Be) reaction

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We have found a candidate tetraneutron resonant state via a double-charge exchange (DCX) reaction 4 He(8 Be) at 190 A MeV by using the SHARAQ spectrometer at the RIBF facility in RIKEN 1).

Production mechanism with kinematical consideration for the present exotic reaction is introduced and analysis for obtaining missing-mass spectrum is presented.

The observed missing-mass spectrum consists of a continuum consistent with a prediction assuming direct decay from a wave packet produced just after the DCX reaction and a peak just above the 4n threshold.

The energy of the peak is $0.83\pm0.65(\text{stat.})\pm1.25(\text{syst.})$ MeV with a significance level of 4.9σ ,

which is a candidate of a tetraneutron resonance.

Three-body forces relevant for formation of tetraneutron resonance are discussed for consistent understanding of few-body systems.

Further experimental approaches for the tetra-neutron system at the RIBF are also shown.

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