A New Study of ⁵H

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Motivation:

- "Super-heavy" hydrogen is the most neutron rich system we can observe
- Close to tetra-neutron
- ⁵H has been studied for 50 years with inconclusive results
- Wide variety of energies and widths for the ground state resonance of ⁵H from theory and experiment

Previous Studies of ⁵H



The ⁶He(d,³He)⁵H reaction is our choice for studying ⁵H



Only the ground state should be populated in this reaction.

E_{res}=2.2 ±0.3MeV, Γ≈2.5MeV [Ref.] G.M. Ter-Akopian, Eur.Phys.J. A 25, Supplement 1, 315 (2005)

Particle energy range in the ⁶He(d,³He)⁵H reaction



There is a large dynamic range of energies of the particles in inverse kinematics: ³He particles are 10-12MeV, while ⁵H decay products are 140-300MeV

The complementary ⁶He(d,t)⁵He reaction



⁵He is well understood from studies of ⁴He(d,p)⁵He, making this a good comparison for the ⁵H results

Position and Energy detection is provided by the HiRA¹ array

- 2 layers of Si detectors
- 4 Csl detectors





- Si layer one: 65µm, 32 strips
- Si layer two: 1500µm, double sided strip detector
- DSSD pixels subtend 0.13 degrees in laboratory

Ref. [1] M. S. Wallace et al., Nucl. Instrum. and Meth. A 583, 302 (2007) Ref. [2] https://groups.nscl.msu.edu/hira/pdf/HIRA_final.pdf



Simulations of recoil energy



Q-Value Dependence from DWBA

The figure (a) shows the yield Q-value dependence from DWBA calculations for

 E_d =110 MeV, 0°-10° averaged, E_d =44 MeV, 0°-10° averaged, E_d =44 MeV, 20°-40° averaged

The figure (b) illustrates the effects of Q-value dependence on an intrinsic line shape for different deuteron energies



Results

Kinetic energy of the ejectile

Missing mass spectrum with our best fit profile results: E_R=2.4±0.4MeV Γ=4.8±0.4MeV

Line shapes used in red Monte Carlo histograms. The blue line shape is for a narrow ⁵H peak, which is inconsistent with our data.



Conclusions

- A clear ⁵H signature was observed
- The data are consistent with a broad resonance
- Comparison to ⁵He results supports broad resonance
- Resonance and width consistent with some (not all) theoretical calculations and some experimental data

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Di-Neutron vs. Sequential emission

- The black curve shows simulated energy distribution of the triton for di-neutron emission
- The red curve shows simulated sequential emission through a broad ⁴H state
- Monte Carlo simulations of the two extreme cases compared to data in blue





VMC Spectroscopic Overlaps for ⁶He(0⁺)->⁵H+p



Reference	Method	E_R (MeV)	Γ (MeV)
[30]	Cluster, GCM	≈ 3	\approx 1-4
[19]	3Body	2.5-3	3-4
[31]	Cluster complex scaling	1.59	2.48
[3]	Cluster MWS	2-3	4-6
[32]	Cluster, ACCC	$1.9{\pm}0.2$	$0.6{\pm}0.2$
[29]	cluster 3body adiabatic expansion	1.57	1.53
[26, 27]	Cluster Jmatrix RGM	1.39	1.60

Calculations of ⁵H from various theories

Table 1. States in ⁵H relative to the t + n + n threshold (energies and widths of the states are given in MeV).

Method	$1/2^+$		$3/2^+$		$5/2^{+}$	
	E	Г	E	Г	E	Г
Shell model [10]	5.5					
Shell model [11]			10.5		7.4	
HH, 5-body [12]					6	~ 6
RGM [13]	~ 6	>4				
HH, $3 \rightarrow 3$ [8]	~ 2.7	~ 3	~ 6.6	~ 8	~ 4.8	~ 5
GCM [14]	~ 3	1 - 4				
HH, 5-body [9]	~ 2					

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Comparison to ⁶He+¹²C

This Experiment

⁶He+¹²C with our intrinsic lineshape







60

50

- ⁶He(*p,pp*)⁵H
- ¹²C(⁶He,X)⁵H
- ³H(*t*,*p*)⁵H

• ⁶He(*d*,³He)⁵H

E=1.7 \pm 0.3MeV Γ =1.9 \pm 0.5MeV[ref A.A. Korsheninnikov 2001 PRL 87 number 9]



• ⁶He(*d*,³He)⁵H

E=2.5-3MeV, Γ=3-4MeV [ref M. Meister 2003 PRL 91 number 16]



E=1.8 ± 0.1MeV Γ≤0.5MeV [ref M.S. Golokov 2003 PLB 566 70-75]



Same spectrum, different analysis [ref L.V. Grigorenko 2004 EPJA 20, 419-427]