

Cluster Effective Field Theory calculation of electromagnetic breakup reactions with Lorentz Integral Transform method

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The inverse process of ${}^9\text{Be}$ photo-disintegration, including both sequential and direct reactions combining two α and a neutron into ${}^9\text{Be}$, is a reaction of astrophysical interest, because it represents an alternative path to the ${}^{12}\text{C}$ formation in a neutron-rich environment. Here we present the study of the inclusive reaction $\gamma + {}^9\text{Be} \rightarrow \alpha + \alpha + n$, in the low-energy regime, where the cross section is calculated using the Lorentz Integral Transform method [1]. Furthermore, we calculate the ${}^9\text{Be}$ three-body binding energy via the Non-Symmetrized Hyperspherical Harmonics (NSHH) method [2].

The shallow binding of ${}^9\text{Be}$ below the $\alpha\alpha n$ three-body threshold and the deep binding of α indicates a clear separation of energy scales, therefore, in the low energy regime, we are allowed to study ${}^9\text{Be}$ as a three-body *clustering* system interacting through *effective* potentials. In the literature one finds calculations where α - α and α - n potentials of phenomenological character have been used; here we present an attempt to use potentials derived from Halo Effective Field Theory (EFT) [3].

In order to quantify the contributions of the one- and *higher*-body nuclear currents to the reaction cross section, we compute the nuclear current matrix element using either the one-body convection current [4] or the dipole operator matrix element. The reason for this twofold calculation is that, at low energy, the latter includes the contributions of the one-body convection current as well as that of *higher*-body currents (Siegert theorem). We will discuss the results focusing on the interplay between these two contributions, driven by the EFT parameters, and in connection with the experimental results.

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