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Revealing the structures of extremely neutron-rich Helium-9 and Helium-10

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Nuclear resonant states far from the stability line provide a stringent test of nuclear forces at extreme isospin asymmetry. Nowadays, it is possible to make ab initio nuclear-structure calculations for very light nuclei. In this talk, I will report on the low-lying resonant states of extremely neutron-rich ^9He and ^{10}He populated via the proton induced knockout reactions from 2n-halo nucleus ^{11}Li at ~ 250 MeV/nucleon. The obtained ^9He spectrum shows a clear peak at 1.3 MeV with a width of ~ 1 MeV, which is probably a p-wave resonance. The resonance parameters play a key role to understand the elusive ^8He -neutron interactions. The ^{10}He spectrum was obtained from the three-body invariant mass of $^8\text{He}+2\text{n}$, with much higher statistics and better sensitivities than previous measurements. The spectrum was compared to the theoretical calculation that combines the coupled-channel three-body model of ^{11}Li and the quasi-free knockout (p, 2p) reaction model. Two low-lying 0^+ resonant states of ^{10}He were identified at ~ 1 MeV and at ~ 2 MeV, which have a $[s1/2 s1/2]0^+$ configuration and a $[p1/2 p1/2]0^+$ configuration, respectively. Unique features of these newly identified states will be discussed.

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