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Search for the high-spin members of the α :2n: α band in ${}^{10}\text{Be}$

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There is strong evidence that some states in ¹⁰Be exhibit a molecular-like α :2n: α configuration. Based on theoretical studies, it appears that the 6.179 MeV 0⁺ state in ¹⁰Be has a pronounced α :2n: α configuration with an α - α inter-distance of 3.55 fm [Itagaki and Okabe, (2000)]. This is 1.8 times more than the corresponding value for the ¹⁰Be ground state. The 2⁺ at 7.542 MeV in ¹⁰Be is believed to be the next member of this rotational band. The state at 10.2 MeV was identified as a 4⁺ member in recent experiments. The algebraic model predicts that the terminating member of this band is the 6⁺ state that should be found around 13 MeV. We performed an experiment to search for the 6⁺ state in ¹⁰Be at around 13 MeV excitation energy in the excitation function for ⁶He+ α scattering. Stringent limits on the properties of such a state have been established using Monte Carlo methods. The results of this study will be presented.

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