

¹⁵Be

An unbound resonance of ¹⁵Be was first reported by Snyder et al. in “First observation of ¹⁵Be” in 2013. (2013Sn02). It was populated using a neutron transfer reaction from a deuterated polyethylene target with a 59 MeV/u ¹⁴Be secondary beam from the Coupled Cyclotron facility at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at Michigan State University. The Modular Neutron Array (MoNA) was used to detect neutrons in coincidence with ¹⁴Be fragments deflected by a large-gap dipole magnet: “Neutrons were measured in coincidence with outgoing ¹⁴Be particles and the reconstructed decay energy spectrum exhibits a resonance at 1.8(1) MeV.” ¹⁵Be was expected to be unbound with respect to neutron emission because the heavier isotone ¹⁶B had been shown to be unbound (1974Bo05). A previous search for an unbound resonance in ¹⁵Be was unsuccessful (2011Sp01).

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