

**$^{13}\text{O}$   $\varepsilon+\beta^+$  decay 2005Kn02**

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Parent:  $^{13}\text{O}$ :  $E=0$ ;  $J^\pi=3/2^-$ ;  $T_{1/2}=8.58$  ms 5;  $Q(\varepsilon)=17770$  10;  $\% \varepsilon + \% \beta^+$  decay=100

All daughter levels deexcite mainly by proton decay, except the ground state. The 3501 keV level has a small  $\%I_\gamma=0.0011$  branch compared to it's main  $\%p \approx 100$  decay. Consequently, there is no observable  $\gamma$  emission following  $^{13}\text{O}$   $\beta^+$  decay.

**1965Mc09**:  $^{13}\text{O}(\beta+p)$ , [from  $^{14}\text{N}(p,2n)$ ], measured delayed p spectrum; analyzed proton groups at  $E_p=6.06$  and 6.65 MeV; deduced  $E_x=8.77$  4 and 9.49 4 MeV.

**1970Es03**:  $^{13}\text{O}(\beta+p)$ , [from  $^{14}\text{N}(p,2n)$ ], measured delayed p spectrum, analyzed  $E_p$  groups; deduced  $I_p$ ,  $E_p$ ,  $I_p$ ,  $I_\beta$  and Log ft. (\*Expected but not observed).

$E_{c.m.}=1.565$  MeV from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(3.509)$  with  $I_{rel}=100$ ;

$E_{c.m.}=1.01(*)$  MeV and 5.48 MeV 5 from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(7.387)$  with  $I_{rel}=0.33$  10;

$E_{c.m.}=2.56$  MeV 5 and 6.98 MeV from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(8.92)$  with  $I_{rel}=1.5$  3 and 3.5 3, resp.;

$E_{c.m.}=3.12$  MeV 5 and 7.58 MeV from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(9.52)$  with  $I_{rel}=0.43$  15 and 0.8 1, resp.;

and  $E_{c.m.}=3.97$  5 and 8.41(\*) MeV from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(10.35)$  with  $I_{rel}=0.13$  7.

**1990As01**:  $^{13}\text{O}(\beta+p)$  [from  $^{14}\text{N}(p,2n)$ ], measured  $\beta$  delayed  $I_p$ ,  $E_p$ ,  $I_p$ ,  $I_\beta$ .

$E_{c.m.}=1.568$  MeV from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(3.511)$  with  $I_{p,rel}=100$ ;

$E_{c.m.}=0.994$  MeV and 5.433 MeV  $^{13}\text{N}^*(7.387)$  with  $I_{p,rel}=1.7$  8 and 0.17 7, resp.;

$E_{c.m.}=2.536$  MeV and 6.975 MeV from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(8.918)$  with  $I_{p,rel}=1.44$  25 and 4.83 51, resp.;

$E_{c.m.}=3.094$  MeV and 7.533 MeV from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(9.476)$  with  $I_{p,rel}=0.61$  15 and 0.98 14, resp.;

$E_{c.m.}=3.97$  MeV 5 and 8.42 MeV from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(10.36)$  with  $I_{p,rel}=0.12$  8 and 0.05 3. resp. Analyzed total  $I_\beta$  along with  $I_p$  from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(3.51)$  to obtain an absolute  $I_p(3.51)=I_\beta(3.51)=9.8\%$  20; this implies  $I_\beta(\text{g.s.})=89.2\%$  22.

**2005Kn02**:  $^{13}\text{O}$  ions were produced at the IGISOL facility via the  $^{14}\text{N}(p,2n)$  reaction by impinging an  $E_p=45$  MeV beam on a 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> target. The  $^{13}\text{O}$  ions recoiled out of the target and were collected in a helium carrier gas which delivered them to the mass separator. The ions were then implanted into a 30  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  carbon foil. The implantation target was surrounded by three position sensitive  $\Delta E-E$  Si detector telescopes, which triggered the DAQ; the ISOLDE Si ball was not included in the trigger due to a high sensitivity to  $\beta$  particles.

The delayed-proton energy spectrum was analyzed using Breit-Wigner shapes, the analysis deduced relative  $I_p$  and  $I_\beta$  values, which were normalized to  $I_p(3.51)=I_\beta(3.51)=9.8\%$  20 from (1990As01).

The (2005Kn02) data set has the highest statistical relevance and covers a broader energy range than other measurements (1965Mc09, 1970Es03, 1990As01). Furthermore, the discussion on the line-shape analysis suggests the results of (2005Kn02) should be adopted. Noteworthy differences between other measurements are for decay from  $^{13}\text{N}^*(8.918)$ ; (2005Kn02) observe a stronger  $p_1$  branch than earlier measurements. Second, no evidence is seen for decay of  $^{13}\text{N}^*(10.360)$ ; the difference is attributed to the more sophisticated line-shape analysis in (2005Kn02).

A subtle note to understanding the (2005Kn02) manuscript: in Table 2 for  $\%I_\beta$  for  $^{13}\text{N}^*(15.065)$ , the value includes unobserved contributions from  $\gamma$  decay, proton decay and  $\alpha$  decay.

**2023Bi03,2024Bi01**: A 15.1 MeV  $^{13}\text{O}$  beam from the Texas A&M MARS facility was implanted into the TexAT TPC. The  $\beta$ -delayed charged-particle emission events producing  $3\alpha p$  events were analyzed. A total of 149 events ( $\% \beta 3\alpha p \approx 0.078$  6) mainly included decay via  $^{13}\text{N}^* \rightarrow p + [^{12}\text{C}^*(7.65 \text{ MeV}) \rightarrow \alpha + ^8\text{Be}_{\text{g.s.}}]$  and  $^{13}\text{N}^* \rightarrow \alpha + [^9\text{B}^* \rightarrow p + ^8\text{Be}_{\text{g.s.}}]$ ; three low-lying  $^9\text{B}$  states appear to be involved.

From the 149  $3\alpha p$  events, 102 events were fully reconstructed. The remaining 47 events were incomplete, for example, because they involved high energy  $\alpha$ -particles that could not be fully characterized by the active volume of the TexAT TPC, for example, feeding to high-lying states that decay to  $^9\text{B}_{\text{g.s.}} + \alpha$ . In general, the decay energy was deduced using momentum conservation and the excitation energies of related  $^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^9\text{B}$ , and  $^{12}\text{C}$  were obtained from an invariant mass analysis.

The authors found evidence for population of  $^{13}\text{N}^*$  states at 11.3, 11.8, 12.4, 13.1, and 13.7 MeV; only the 11.8 MeV state was previously reported. These states show significant clustering. The evaluator notes that for  $1.9 \times 10^5$  decays, 17 events should have proceeded through the  $^{13}\text{N}^*(15.1 \text{ MeV})$  IAS state and resulted in  $3\alpha p$  events.

In Table I, (2024Bi01) clarifies the deduced decay modes. Some interpretation of the (2005Kn02)  $^{13}\text{O}$   $\beta$ - $p_0$  results are included in the present analysis. A state at 11.3 MeV mainly decays to  $^9\text{B}_{\text{g.s.}}$ ; the authors suggest this new state may have been overlooked by

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(2005Kn02) where a narrow peak is visible at  $E_p=8.64$  MeV that was attributed to the peak corresponding to  $p_2$  decay from  $^{13}\text{N}^*$  (15.1 MeV) at  $E_p=8.68$  MeV; this new state also has a component to  $^{12}\text{C}$ (7.65 MeV). Authors suggest the  $E_x=11.8$  MeV group corresponds to the known  $J^\pi=3/2^-$   $E_x=11.74$  state; it is mainly seen in the  $p_2$  channel and the present analysis associates the (2005Kn02)  $E_p\approx 9.78$  MeV counts with this state. A new state at  $E_x=12.4$  MeV is found to decay mainly to  $^9\text{B}$  via  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  with a small component to  $^{12}\text{C}$ (7.65 MeV). Authors suggest a strong  $^9\text{B}(1/2^+)\otimes\alpha$  configuration. A state at  $E_x=13.1$  MeV appears to decay mainly via  $\alpha_3$  emission; in such a case a  $^9\text{B}(5/2^+)\otimes\alpha$  configuration would be likely; however involvement of  $^9\text{B}(2.78$  MeV:  $1/2^-$ ) cannot be ruled out which would suggest  $J=1/2^-$ . Authors suggest possible evidence of a peak at  $E_p=6.20$  MeV in (2005Kn02) that could correspond to  $p_0$  decay to this level. This state is associated with a state previously reported at 13.26 MeV. Lastly, a state at  $E_x=13.7$  is reported to decay via  $p_2$ , and  $\alpha_0,1,3$ ;  $J^\pi=3/2^-$  or  $5/2^-$  are permitted, but  $L=3$  would be required for  $p_2$  decay so  $3/2^-$  is preferred.

*Theory:*

1993Ch06: Shell model analysis of  $\beta$ -decay.

2003Sm02: Analysis of B(GT) rates.

2012Sa50: Global analysis of isospin-breaking corrections in superallowed decays.

Studies relevant to  $^{13}\text{O}$  properties include: (1996Ma37, 1996Ma38, 1999Ma46).

$^{13}\text{N}$  Levels

$E(\text{level})^\dagger$	$J^\pi^\ddagger$	$\Gamma^\ddagger$	Comments
0	$1/2^-$	9.9584 min 36	
3500.4 8	$3/2^-$	55.0 keV 6	$\Gamma$ : See 63 keV 4 in (2005Kn02). $\%I\beta-p_0=9.8$ 20; this implies $\%p_0=100$ .
7377 6	$5/2^-$	66 keV 9	$\Gamma$ : See 104 keV 20 in (2005Kn02). $\%I\beta-p_0=0.009$ 4 and $\%I\beta-p_1=0.235$ 29; this implies $\%p_0=3.6$ and $\%p_1=96.4$ .
8918 11	$1/2^-$	278 keV 16	$\Gamma$ : From (2005Kn02). $\%I\beta-p_0=0.519$ 40 and $\%I\beta-p_1=0.441$ 29; this implies $\%p_0=54.1$ and $\%p_1=45.9$ .
9476 8	$3/2^-$	30 keV	$\Gamma$ : See 143 keV 18 in (2005Kn02). $\%I\beta-p_0=0.137$ 12 and $\%I\beta-p_1=0.104$ 11; this implies $\%p_0=56.9$ and $\%p_1=43.1$ .
$11.3\times 10^3\#$ 1	$[3/2^-]^\#$	<200 keV	$\Gamma$ : Deduced in (2024Bi01); if this state is observed in (2005Kn02) (2024Bi01) suggest $\Gamma<40$ keV.
11700 30	$5/2^-$	115 keV 30	Suggested to decay via $\alpha_0+^9\text{B}_{g.s.}$ , $p+^{12}\text{C}_{g.s.}$ and $p+^{12}\text{C}(7654.7$ MeV). $\Gamma$ : See 315 keV 112 (2005Kn02). $J^\pi$ : In (2024Bi01), decay to $p+^{12}\text{C}(7654.7$ MeV) is reported for a state in this energy region; they suggest the $J^\pi=3/2^-$ state near $E_x=11.8$ MeV was involved. $I\beta-p_0=0.015$ 4 and $\%p_1\leq 0.002$ ; this implies $\%p_0=100$ . A small branch via $p_2$ decay is reported in (2024Bi01).
$12.4\times 10^3\#$ 1 12937 24	$[3/2^-]^\#$	>400 keV	Suggested to decay via $\alpha_0+^9\text{B}_{g.s.}$ , $\alpha_1+^9\text{B}(1.8$ MeV) and $p+^{12}\text{C}(7.6547$ MeV). $E(\text{level})$ : See 13.26 MeV 10 deduced from $E_p$ in (2005Kn02). $\Gamma$ : See 521 keV 210 (2005Kn02). $J^\pi$ : See (-) in (2005Kn02). $\%I\beta-p_0=0.011$ 3; this implies $\%p_0=100$ .
$13.1\times 10^3\#$ 1	$[1/2^-, 5/2^-]^\#$		$J^\pi$ : $1/2^-$ for $\alpha_4$ decay through $^9\text{B}(2.78:1/2^-)$ is preferred. Suggested to decay via $\alpha_1+^9\text{B}(1.8$ MeV), $\alpha_0+^9\text{B}(2.75$ MeV) or $\alpha_0+^9\text{B}(2.78$ MeV) and $p+^{12}\text{C}_{g.s.}$ .
$13.7\times 10^3\#$ 1	$[3/2^-]^\#$		Suggested to decay via $\alpha_0+^9\text{B}_{g.s.}$ , $\alpha_1+^9\text{B}(1.8$ MeV), $\alpha_0+^9\text{B}(2.75$ MeV) and $p+^{12}\text{C}(7654.7$ MeV).
15064.56 40	$3/2^-$	0.932 keV 28	$\%I\beta-p_0=0.0048$ 7, $\%I\beta-p_1=0.0029$ 5 and $\%I\beta-p_2=0.0011$ 2; when $\gamma$ and $\alpha$

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$^{13}\text{N}$  Levels (continued)

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J <sup>π</sup> <sup>†</sup>	Γ <sup>‡</sup>	Comments
15.30×10 <sup>3</sup> 20	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.35 MeV 14	decay are considered, this implies %γ=4.9%, %α=53.4, %p <sub>0</sub> =22.8, %p <sub>1</sub> =14.0 and %p <sub>2</sub> =4.9. E(level): deduced from E <sub>p</sub> . J <sup>π</sup> : If populated in this (2005Kn02), the transition is allowed and π=-; however the evaluator expresses reservations upon consideration of the background near where perhaps three or four counts attributed to this broad state are identified. The evaluator discounts the merit of any J <sup>π</sup> constraints based on the suggestion this is an allowed transition. %Iβ-p0=0.004 3 and %p <sub>1</sub> ≤0.0004; this implies %p <sub>0</sub> =100.

<sup>†</sup> From Adopted Levels, except where noted.

<sup>‡</sup> From fit to β-p spectrum from  $^{13}\text{O}$  β<sup>+</sup> decay (2005Kn02).

# Four new states are suggested at  $^{13}\text{N}^*$  (11.3, 12.4, 13.1 and 13.7 MeV) (2023Bi03, 2024Bi01). The authors indicate an independent branching-ratio measurement from the number of implants is not reliable due to sizeable noise in some detectors; using their reported count rates the evaluator could suggest %Iβ on the order of 0.01-0.02% for each state. No intensity is assigned in the present evaluation. Assuming these are allowed decays, J<sup>π</sup> arguments are given based on the various decay modes.

ε,β<sup>+</sup> radiations

εK, εL, εM, εN: [Additional information 1](#).

av Eβ: [Additional information 2](#).

E(decay)	E(level)	Iβ <sup>†‡</sup>	Iε <sup>‡</sup>	Log ft	I(ε+β <sup>+</sup> ) <sup>‡</sup>	Comments
(2.47×10 <sup>3</sup> 20)	15300	0.004 3	7×10 <sup>-6</sup> 7	3.56 45	0.004 3	av Eβ=6.0×10 <sup>2</sup> 9; εK=0.0016 9; εL=1.2×10 <sup>-4</sup> 7 The deduced Iβ differs slightly from (2005Kn02) Iβ=0.004 2.
(2705 10)	15064.56	0.019 4	2.07×10 <sup>-5</sup> 44	3.16 9	0.019 4	av Eβ=710.9 46; εK=0.001011 35; εL=7.79×10 <sup>-5</sup> 27
(4833 26)	12937	0.011 3	1.06×10 <sup>-6</sup> 29	4.96 12	0.011 3	av Eβ=1718 13; εK=8.95×10 <sup>-5</sup> 33; εL=6.90×10 <sup>-6</sup> 26 The I <sub>p,rel</sub> (p <sub>0</sub> )=0.11 9 and I <sub>p,rel</sub> (p <sub>1</sub> )≤0.09 given in (2005Kn02) are incompatible with %Iβ=0.011 3 given in their table II; after considering Fig. 2, the evaluator takes I <sub>p,rel</sub> (p <sub>0</sub> )=0.11 3 rather than I <sub>p,rel</sub> (p <sub>0</sub> )=0.11 9, and uncertainty from p <sub>1</sub> is neglected.
(6070 32)	11700	0.015 4	6.4×10 <sup>-7</sup> 17	5.38 12	0.015 4	av Eβ=2319 16; εK=3.93×10 <sup>-5</sup> 14; εL=3.03×10 <sup>-6</sup> 11 The deduced Iβ differs slightly from (2005Kn02) Iβ=0.015 8.
(8294 13)	9476	0.24 2	3.53×10 <sup>-6</sup> 30	4.919 36	0.24 2	av Eβ=3407 6; εK=1.366×10 <sup>-5</sup> 29; εL=1.053×10 <sup>-6</sup> 23
(8852 15)	8918	0.96 5	1.14×10 <sup>-5</sup> 6	4.469 23	0.96 5	av Eβ=3681 7; εK=1.105×10 <sup>-5</sup> 24; εL=8.52×10 <sup>-7</sup> 19 The deduced Iβ differs slightly from (2005Kn02) Iβ=0.96 4.
(10393 12)	7377	0.24 3	1.71×10 <sup>-6</sup> 22	5.44 5	0.24 3	av Eβ=4440 6; εK=6.62×10 <sup>-6</sup> 13; εL=5.11×10 <sup>-7</sup> 11 The deduced Iβ differs slightly from (2005Kn02) Iβ=0.24 2.

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<u>E(decay)</u>	<u>E(level)</u>	<u><math>I\beta^+</math> †‡</u>	<u><math>I\varepsilon</math> ‡</u>	<u>Log <math>ft</math></u>	<u><math>I(\varepsilon + \beta^+)</math> ‡</u>	<u>Comments</u>
(14270 10)	3500.4	9.8 20	$2.7 \times 10^{-5}$ 5	4.55 9	9.8 20	av $E\beta=6353.1$ 49; $\varepsilon K=2.524 \times 10^{-6}$ 47; $\varepsilon L=1.946 \times 10^{-7}$ 38
(17770 10)	0	88.7 20	$1.287 \times 10^{-4}$ 37	4.088 10	88.7 20	av $E\beta=8083.0$ 49; $\varepsilon K=1.347 \times 10^{-6}$ 24; $\varepsilon L=1.038 \times 10^{-7}$ 20 $I\beta^+$ : From 100%- $\Sigma$ (decay to excited states).

† Normalized to absolute  $I_p(3.51)=I\beta(3.51)=9.8\%$  20 from (1990As01).

‡ Absolute intensity per 100 decays.