
 ${}^9\text{Be}({}^{40}\text{Ar}, {}^{16}\text{Be})$ [2003Ba47](#)

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[2003Ba47](#): The authors analyzed the ${}^{40}\text{Ar}+{}^9\text{Be}$ fragmentation products in search of evidence for particle bound states in ${}^{16}\text{Be}$. A beam of 140 MeV/nucleon ${}^{40}\text{Ar}$ ions, from the NSCL coupled cyclotron facility, impinged on a 1.5 g/cm^2 ${}^{\text{nat}}\text{Be}$ target. The resulting fragmentation products were momentum analyzed using the A1900 fragment separator. The products were detected using a position sensitive PPAC, a $500\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ thick Si ΔE detector and a stopping thickness plastic E scintillator that were located at the final focal plane of the device. The time difference between a thin plastic scintillator located at the intermediate image of the separator and the thick stopping detector were compared to determine the the time-of-flight (ToF) between the two image planes. The particle identification at the focal plane was determined using both $\Delta\text{E-E}$ and $\Delta\text{E-ToF}$ techniques. No events corresponding to ${}^{16}\text{Be}$ were observed. By comparison, ${}^6,8\text{He}$, ${}^9,11\text{Li}$, ${}^{12,14}\text{Be}$, ${}^{17,19}\text{B}$ and ${}^{20}\text{C}$ nuclides were observed at the focal plane. The measured intensity of ${}^{19}\text{B}$ was expected to be an order of magnitude lower than that of ${}^{16}\text{Be}$. As a result, the authors conclude ${}^{16}\text{Be}$ is unbound. See also ([2004Th15](#)).