

Adopted Levels 2010Sp02

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$Q(\beta^-)=2.693\times 10^4$ 18; $S(n)=-5$ 5 [2012Wa38](#)

The particle instability of ${}^{18}\text{B}$ was established with the failure to observe ${}^{18}\text{B}$ nuclei in the fragmentation products of 44 MeV/nucleon ${}^{40}\text{Ar}$ ions on a Ta target ([1985La03](#),[1986Po13](#)), or in the fragmentation products of 12 MeV/nucleon ${}^{56}\text{Fe}$ ions on a Be target ([1984Mu27](#)). Its neutron separation energy is well known as $S(n)<10$ keV, hence the uncertainty in its mass excess ($\Delta M=51850$ keV 170) is mainly determined by uncertainty in the ${}^{17}\text{B}$ mass ($\Delta M=43770$ keV 170) ([2012Wa38](#)).

Theoretical Predictions:

The s-wave neutron emission, observed in ([2010Sp02](#)), is consistent with a $J^\pi=2^-$ spin assignment for ${}^{18}\text{B}$. The shell model calculations of ([1992Wa22](#)) predict $J^\pi=2^-$ for the ground state with the first three excited states at 0.45, 0.52, 0.839 MeV with $J^\pi=4^-, 2^-, 3^-$; an update of this calculation is given in ([2010Sp02](#)). On the other hand, ([1985Po10](#)) predicted the ${}^{18}\text{B}$ ground state to have $J^\pi=4^-$ and to have excited states at 0.62, 0.86, and 1.59 MeV with $J^\pi=1^-, 2^-$ and 2^- ([1985Po10](#)). As discussed in ([2010Sp02](#)), the inability to definitively identify the ${}^{18}\text{B}$ and ${}^{17}\text{B}$ states participating in the observed decay leaves some uncertainty in the J^π assignment.

See other general predictions in ([1997Ba54](#),[2004La24](#),[2006Ko02](#),[2012Yu07](#)).

 ${}^{18}\text{B}$ LevelsCross Reference (XREF) Flags

A ${}^9\text{Be}({}^{19}\text{C}, {}^{18}\text{B})$

E(level)	J^π	XREF	Comments
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