

$^9\text{Be}(^{20}\text{Mg},2\text{p}17\text{ne})$ 2012Mu05

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Proton unbound states in ^{19}Mg and ^{18}Na were measured by fragmenting a ^{20}Mg beam in a ^9Be target and analyzing the p_1 - p_2 , p_1 - ^{17}Ne and p_2 - ^{17}Ne particle correlations.

A beam of ^{20}Mg ions (produced by fragmenting a 450 MeV/A ^{24}Mg beam) impinged on a 2 g/cm² ^9Be target at the midplane of the GSI FRS. The target was surrounded by an array of four position sensitive detector telescopes that measured the breakup particle charged particle angular correlations (p_1 - p_2 , p_1 - ^{17}Ne and p_2 - ^{17}Ne). Two prominent peaks appear in the p - ^{17}Ne angular correlation distribution; first is a peak consistent with 2p decay of the $^{19}\text{Mg}_{g.s.}$ directly to $^{17}\text{Ne}+2\text{p}$ with $E_{\text{res}}=0.75$ MeV 5, second is a peak corresponding to ^{19}Mg excited states decaying sequentially through proton unbound states in ^{18}Na .

The excited states in ^{19}Mg appear as "arc bands" in the $\theta(p_1$ - $^{17}\text{Ne})$ vs. $\theta(p_2$ - $^{17}\text{Ne})$ angular correlation spectrum. Analysis of events along a fixed or constant radius provides details about the initial ^{19}Mg state and the ^{18}Na states populated in the sequential decay to $^{17}\text{Ne}_{g.s.}+2\text{p}$; Monte Carlo simulations are used to extract "best fit" values for energies and widths of ^{19}Mg and ^{18}Na states.

Arguments based on the extracted widths and the Wigner Limits are used to constrain J^π values.

Also see (2007Mu15,2008Mu13,2009Mu17).

Theoretical analysis of the systematics for 2p emission in nuclear decay using the T- and Y- Jacobi coordinate systems is given in (2000Gr16,2001Gr16, 2001Gr29,2003Gr24,2010Gr06). See also (2003Gr01,2003Gr04).

 ^{19}Mg Levels

E(level)	J^π	Γ	Comments
0	$1/2^-$	1.14×10^{-4} eV	from $Q(p+^{17}\text{Ne})=0.76$ MeV 6. Decays to $^{17}\text{Ne}+2\text{p}$.
1.38×10^3 24	$(3/2^-)$	0.4 MeV 2	from $Q(p+^{17}\text{Ne})=2.14$ MeV 23. Decays to $^{18}\text{Na}^*(0,320)$.
2.14×10^3 21	$(5/2^-)$	0.6 MeV 6	Γ : 0.6 MeV +6-4. from $Q(p+^{17}\text{Ne})=2.9$ MeV 2. Decays to $^{18}\text{Na}^*(320,854)$.
2.84×10^3 21	$(3/2^-)$	<0.2 MeV	from $Q(p+^{17}\text{Ne})=3.6$ MeV 2. Decays to states in ^{18}Na .
4.74×10^3 21	$(3/2^-)$	2.0 MeV 8	from $Q(p+^{17}\text{Ne})=5.5$ MeV 2. Decays to $^{18}\text{Na}^*(320)$.