

$^{12}\text{C}(^{22}\text{N},19\beta\text{n})$  2018Le18

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In the case of  $^{20}\text{B}$  population, a beam of  $E_{\text{effective}}=225$  MeV/nucleon (target midpoint)  $^{22}\text{N}$  ions, from the RIKEN/RIBF facility, impinging on a  $1.8$  g/cm<sup>2</sup> carbon slate that was located at the target position of the SAMURAI spectrometer. The  $^{19}\text{B}$  reaction products were momentum analyzed using the SAMURAI focal plane, while the momentum of coincident neutrons was determined using the 120 module NEBULA plastic scintillator array. A prevalent peak near  $E(n+^{19}\text{B})\approx 2.5$  MeV was observed in the relative energy spectrum, which was determined by analysis of invariant mass spectrum; note: the absence of  $^{19}\text{B}$  excited states simplifies the analysis. No similar peaks were observed in  $n+^{19}\text{B}$  pairs resulting from 1p-removal reactions from  $^{22}\text{C}$ .

A straightforward analysis of the relative energy spectrum is consistent with a peak at  $E(n+^{19}\text{B})=2.44$  MeV <sup>9</sup> with  $\Gamma=1.2$  MeV <sup>4</sup>; however, shell model expectations suggest a different plausible explanation of the data that also provide a reasonable fit of the spectrum. (2018Le18) argues that since single proton removal from  $^{22}\text{N}$  almost exclusively populates  $^{21}\text{C}_{\text{g.s.}}(J^{\pi}=1/2^{+})$ , then the two-proton removal should favor population of a  $J^{\pi}=1^{-},2^{-}$  doublet (i.e. valence neutron coupled to a  $0p_{3/2}$  proton hole). The  $(n+^{19}\text{B})$  relative energy spectrum is well fitted by assuming a doublet near 2.5 MeV rather than one single peak; in this case, the prominence of a third peak near  $E(n+^{19}\text{B})=5$  MeV becomes a relevant issue. Resonances with  $J^{\pi}=0^{-}$  and/or  $3^{-}$  could be expected in the  $E(n+^{19}\text{B})=5$  MeV region. In summary, the analysis favors three resonances at  $E_{\text{res}}=1.56, 2.50$  and  $4.86$  MeV.

 $^{20}\text{B}$  Levels

$E(\text{level})^{\ddagger}$	$J^{\pi}\dagger$	$\Gamma$	$E_{\text{rel.}}(n+^{19}\text{B})$ (MeV)	Comments
0	$(1^{-},2^{-})$	<500 keV	1.56 <sup>15</sup>	%n=100
$0.94\times 10^3$	$(1^{-},2^{-})$	0.9 MeV <sup>3</sup>	2.50 <sup>9</sup>	%n $\approx$ 100
$3.30\times 10^3$	$(0^{-},3^{-})$	<500 keV	4.86 <sup>25</sup>	%n $\approx$ 100

<sup>†</sup> From shell model systematics.

<sup>‡</sup> E.g.s. from  $E_{\text{res}}(^{19}\text{C}+n)=1.56$  MeV <sup>15</sup>.