

⁹Be(³¹Ar,³⁰Ar) 2018Xu04,2015Mu13

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⁹Be(²⁰Mg,¹⁹Mg) reaction, and subsequent 2p-decay of ¹⁹Mg to ¹⁷Ne was used as a reference for determination of detection efficiency, angular and half-life resolutions. Evidence for three-body (²⁸S+p+p) and sequential 1p decays in the decay of ³⁰Ar.

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Observed peaks “D to H” in range of 3.5 to 15 MeV in the ²⁸S+p+p spectrum of Fig. 2c, and peaks #3, #4 and #5 in the range of 2.5-5 MeV in the ²⁸S+p spectrum of Fig. 3 in **2015Mu13** correspond to higher excitations in ³⁰Ar and ²⁹Cl, which the authors relegate to forthcoming publications.

³⁰Ar Levels

| E(level) [†] | J ^{π‡} | T _{1/2} | Comments |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 0 | 0 ⁺ | <10 ps | %2p=100 (2015Mu13) Decays by 2p decay to ²⁸ S ground state. From analysis of proton distribution spectrum from 2p decays of ³⁰ Ar, 2015Mu13 conclude that the process is a combination of the two decay processes: “true” or simultaneous 2p emission, and sequential 1p emissions; see Fig. 4b and Fig. 7 in 2015Mu13 . E(level): the ground state is deduced at E(2p)=2.45 MeV +5–10 from analysis of peak “B” in ²⁸ S+p+p spectrum in Fig. 7 of 2018Xu04 (also analyzed as peak #2 in authors’ Fig. 9), implying S(2p)(³⁰ Ar)=–2.45 MeV +5–10 i.e. ground state is unbound towards 2p emission. E(level): the ground state is deduced at E(2p)=2.25 MeV +15–10 from analysis of peak “B” in ²⁸ S+p+p spectrum in Figs. 2c and 4b of 2015Mu13 , implying S(2p)(³⁰ Ar)=–2.25 MeV +15–10 i.e. ground state is unbound towards 2p emission. Note that in 2012Wa38 S(2p)=–2840 530 from systematic trend. T _{1/2} : from 2015Mu13 based on analysis of ²⁸ S+p+p events. Another estimate from consideration of different decay mechanisms (sequential as well as simultaneous or “true” 2p decay) gives T _{1/2} =0.1-1 fs (2015Mu13). |
| 0.53×10 ³ 22 | (2 ⁺) | | %p=100 E(level): the excited state is 0.45 MeV +30–14, deduced from analysis of observed peak “C” with E(2p)=2.9 MeV +3–1 in ²⁸ S+p+p spectrum in Fig. 7 of 2018Xu04 (also analyzed as peaks #3 in authors’ Fig. 9). Other: 0.7 × 10 ³ (2015Mu13) – the excited state is deduced from analysis of observed peak “A” with E(2p)=1.4 MeV, and peak “C” with E(2p)=2.9 MeV in ²⁸ S+p+p spectrum in Fig. 2c of 2015Mu13 , the latter also analyzed as peaks #1 and #2 in authors’ Fig. 4c. This state decays by two branches of sequential 1p emissions via the lowest states in ²⁹ Cl, finally to the ground state and first excited 2 ⁺ state in ²⁸ S, as shown in Fig. 5 of 2015Mu13 . This state decays by two branches of sequential 1p emissions via the lowest states in ²⁹ Cl, finally to the ground state and first excited 2 ⁺ state in ²⁸ S, as shown in Fig. 10 of 2018Xu04 . |

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$^9\text{Be}(^{31}\text{Ar}, ^{30}\text{Ar})$ 2018Xu04,2015Mu13 (continued) ^{30}Ar Levels (continued)

| $E(\text{level})^\dagger$ | J^π^\ddagger | Comments |
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| $\approx 1.5 \times 10^3$ | (0^+) | $\%p=100$ This state decays by two branches of sequential 1p emissions via the lowest states in ^{29}Cl , finally to the ground state and first excited 2^+ state in ^{28}S , as shown in Fig. 10 of 2018Xu04. E(level): the excited state is 1.45 MeV +190–20, deduced from analysis of observed peak “D1” with $E(2p)=3.9$ MeV +19–2 in $^{28}\text{S}+p+p$ spectrum in Fig. 7 of 2018Xu04. |
| 1.78×10^3 17 | | $\%p=100$ This state decays by two branches of sequential 1p emissions via the lowest states in ^{29}Cl , finally to the ground state in ^{28}S , as shown in Fig. 10 of 2018Xu04. E(level): the excited state is 1.75 MeV +20–14, deduced from analysis of observed peak “D2” with $E(2p)=4.2$ MeV +2–1 in $^{28}\text{S}+p+p$ spectrum in Fig. 7 of 2018Xu04. |
| 3.13×10^3 12 | | $\%p=100$ This state decays by two branches of sequential 1p emissions via the lowest states in ^{29}Cl , finally to the ground state in ^{28}S , as shown in Fig. 10 of 2018Xu04. E(level): the excited state is 3.15 MeV +10–14, deduced from analysis of observed peak “E” with $E(2p)=5.6$ MeV 1 in $^{28}\text{S}+p+p$ spectrum in Fig. 7 of 2018Xu04. |
| 5.3×10^3 1 | | $\%p=100$ This state decays by two branches of sequential 1p emissions via the lowest states in ^{29}Cl , finally to the ground state in ^{28}S , as shown in Fig. 10 of 2018Xu04. E(level): the excited state is 5.45 MeV +80–110, deduced from analysis of observed peak “F1” with $E(2p)=7.9$ MeV +8–11 in $^{28}\text{S}+p+p$ spectrum in Fig. 7 of 2018Xu04. |
| 6.8×10^3 19 | | $\%p=100$ This state decays by one branch of sequential 1p emission via the lowest states in ^{29}Cl , finally to the ground state in ^{28}S , as shown in Fig. 10 of 2018Xu04. E(level): the excited state is 6.95 MeV +170–210, deduced from analysis of observed peak “F2” with $E(2p)=9.4$ MeV +17–21 in $^{28}\text{S}+p+p$ spectrum in Fig. 7 of 2018Xu04. |
| 10.1×10^3 11 | | $\%p=100$ This state decays by two branches of sequential 1p emissions via the lowest states in ^{29}Cl , finally to the ground state in ^{28}S , as shown in Fig. 10 of 2018Xu04. E(level): the excited state is 10.15 MeV +100–120, deduced from analysis of observed peak “G” with $E(2p)=12.6$ MeV +10–12 in $^{28}\text{S}+p+p$ spectrum in Fig. 7 of 2018Xu04. |

† From 2018Xu04.

‡ From analogy with the corresponding mirror states in ^{30}Mg .