

C( ${}^{41}\text{Al}, {}^{40}\text{Mg}\gamma$ ) **2019Cr02**

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Includes H( ${}^{41}\text{Al}, {}^{40}\text{Mg}$ ), as the target is polyethylene ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ )<sub>n</sub>.

First report of observation of two  $\gamma$  rays in  ${}^{40}\text{Mg}$ , and a tentative excited state in  ${}^{40}\text{Mg}$ , populated through one-proton knockout from  ${}^{41}\text{Al}$ .

**2019Cr02:**  ${}^{41}\text{Al}$  secondary beam was produced in  ${}^9\text{Be}({}^{48}\text{Ca}, \text{X})$ ,  $E=345$  MeV/nucleon primary reaction at RIBF-RIKEN facility.

Rotating  ${}^9\text{Be}$  target was  $2.8$  mg/cm<sup>2</sup> thick. Projectile-like secondary fragments were selected using  $B\rho$ - $\Delta E$ - $B\rho$  method through the BigRIPS fragment separator. Cocktail beam (consisting of  ${}^{41}\text{Al}$  and  ${}^{40}\text{Al}$ ) was incident on  $3.82$  g/cm<sup>2</sup> thick polyethylene ( $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_n$ ) target placed at the focal point of the ZeroDegree spectrometer (ZDS). Outgoing particles were identified in A/Q and Z through event-by-event analysis by the  $B\rho$ - $\Delta E$ -TOF method using the ZDS spectrometer, and  $\gamma$  rays were detected using DALI2 array of 186 NaI(Tl) detectors. Measured  $E_\gamma$ ,  $I_\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  rays in coincidence with incoming  ${}^{41}\text{Al}$  beam particles and  ${}^{40}\text{Mg}$  outgoing particles. Deduced level and  $J^\pi$  in  ${}^{40}\text{Mg}$ . Comparison with shell-model calculations.

 ${}^{40}\text{Mg}$  Levels

| E(level) | $J^\pi$ | Comments   |
|----------|---------|--|
| 0        | $0^+$   |  |
| 500 14   | $(2^+)$ | E(level), $J^\pi$ : tentative level proposed by <b>2019Cr02</b> . Authors note that energy is $\approx 20\%$ lower than that predicted by shell-model calculations and experimental systematics of ${}^{38}\text{Mg}$ and ${}^{36}\text{Mg}$ (Fig. 3 in <b>2019Cr02</b> ). |

 $\gamma({}^{40}\text{Mg})$ 

| $E_\gamma$          | $E_i(\text{level})$ | $J_i^\pi$ | $E_f$ | $J_f^\pi$ | Comments  |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|---|
| 500 14              | 500                 | $(2^+)$   | 0     | $0^+$     | Observed counts=74 15(stat) 9(syst). As this $\gamma$ ray is more intense by $\approx 2.5$ times than the 670 $\gamma$ , it is assigned from the first excited state.   |
| <sup>x</sup> 670 16 |                     |           |       |           | Observed counts=30 10(stat) 5(syst).<br>Due to limited statistics, coincidence relationship of 500 $\gamma$ and 670 $\gamma$ could not be determined.<br>Several scenarios were considered by <b>2019Cr02</b> for the placement of this $\gamma$ ray. From model calculations and experimental systematics of the first $2^+$ and $4^+$ states, a possible $4^+$ state at 1170 keV, assuming cascade of 670 $\gamma$ and 500 $\gamma$ , was rejected, as the level energy, and $E(\text{first } 4^+)/E(\text{first } 2^+)$ ratio of 2.34 were lower than expected. An oblate excited $0^+$ state at 1170 keV was also considered unlikely by the authors, on the basis of level energy and systematics of proton removal cross sections in neighboring nuclides. Second excited $2^+$ state at 1170 keV was also considered, but then there should be an 1170 $\gamma$ to the g.s. with an intensity comparable to that of the 670 $\gamma$ , or expected 5 2 counts, which could not be ruled out within the experimental uncertainties. |

<sup>x</sup>  $\gamma$  ray not placed in level scheme.

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Level Scheme

