

Adopted Levels

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$Q(\beta^-)=2.166\times 10^4$  9;  $S(n)=-2.0\times 10^2$  13 [2017Wa10](#)

As the following theoretical and experimental articles indicate, the ground state of  ${}^5\text{H}$  has  $J^\pi=1/2^+$  and is located around 2 MeV above the  ${}^3\text{H}+2n$  threshold and has a width greater than 1 MeV. Broad and nearly degenerate excited states with  $J^\pi=3/2^+$  and  $5/2^+$  are predicted a few MeV above the ground state; however, the experimental results are not sufficient to describe the excited states in great detail.

*Suggestion of a bound  ${}^5\text{H}$  ground state:*

In the theoretical work of [Blanchard and Winter, Phys. Rev. 107 (1957) 774 ] titled "*Is  ${}^5\text{H}$  Particle Stable*", it was suggested that  ${}^5\text{H}_{\text{g.s.}}$  may be bound and observable with  $E_\beta\approx 19$  MeV followed by a delayed neutron emission. Subsequent searches for  $\beta$  unstable  ${}^5\text{H}$  were carried out utilizing  ${}^7\text{Li}(\gamma,2p)$  ([1962Ce03](#): Berkeley, [1963Ne02](#): Purdue, [1964Sh18](#): Orsay, [1965Ar04](#): Frascati),  ${}^7\text{Li}(p,3p)$  reactions (Taufest, Phys. Rev. 111 (1958) 1162 and [1958Ta03](#): Berkeley, [1964Sc02](#): Brookhaven),  ${}^7\text{Li}(\pi^-,d)$  ([1968Bo32](#): Univ. Chicago) and analysis of the  ${}^{235}\text{U}(n,f)$  yields ([1964An06](#): USSR).

An erroneous result obtained in the  $E_{\text{brem.}}(\gamma)=320$  bombardment of  ${}^{\text{nat}}\text{Li}$  at Purdue suggested population of a  $T_{1/2}=110$  ms  $30\beta$  emitter with  $E_\beta>15$  MeV that was attributed to  ${}^5\text{H}$  ([1963Ne02](#)). The experiments following ([1963Ne02](#)) mainly searched for a reasonably narrow and bound  ${}^5\text{H}$  ground state. However, no evidence of  $\beta$  unstable  ${}^5\text{H}$  was found in any subsequent study. The sentiment is well represented in the title *Still another unsuccessful search for  ${}^5\text{H}$* : ([1968Bo32](#)).

*General theoretical analyses, favoring an unbound  ${}^5\text{H}_{\text{g.s.}}$  are given in* ([1960Go36](#), [1960Ze03](#), [1963Ar06](#), [1964Go25](#), [1968Go36](#), [1975Be49](#), [1981Av02](#), [1981Be10](#), [1981Ka39](#), [1989Go24](#), [2001Fi24](#), [2002Ti05](#), [2004Ao05](#), [2004Gr03](#), [2004Ti02](#), [2018Gr02](#)).

See a broad review of the experimental data in ([2004Gr17](#)).

It is pointed out in ([2017Wu03](#)) that the structure of  ${}^5\text{H}$  plays an important role in the hypernucleus  ${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}$ . See the discussion in the following reaction  ${}^2\text{H}({}^6\text{He},{}^3\text{He})$ .

**Theory:**

$J^\pi$	1/2 <sup>+</sup>	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	3/2 <sup>+</sup>	
Ref. <sup>a</sup>	E; $\Gamma^b$	E; $\Gamma^b$	E; $\Gamma^b$	Method
<a href="#">1985Po10</a>	2.7	5.1	7.0	(0+1) $\hbar\omega$ shell model
<a href="#">1985Po10</a>	2.7	6.2	5.5	(0+2) $\hbar\omega$ shell model
<a href="#">2000Sh23</a>	2.5-3.0;3-4	4.6-5.0;5	6.4-6.9;8	hyperspherical harmonics
<a href="#">2001De02</a> , <a href="#">2002De68</a>	$\approx 3;1-4$			generator coordinate
<a href="#">2003Ar18</a>	1.59;2.48	2.9;4.1	3.0;4.8	three body cluster model
<a href="#">2007De18</a>	1.57;1.53	2.82;2.51	3.25;3.89	complex scaled expansion
<a href="#">2007Br18</a> , <a href="#">2010Ne06</a>	1.39;1.60	2.11;2.87	2.10;3.14	modified J-matrix
<a href="#">2008Ad16</a>	1.9(2);0.6(2)		4(1);0.6(1)	generator coordinate

<sup>a</sup> Also see [2003Ba99](#) (R matrix).

<sup>b</sup> E; $\Gamma$  in MeV.

 ${}^5\text{H}$  LevelsCross Reference (XREF) Flags

<b>A</b>	${}^1\text{H}({}^6\text{He},{}^2\text{He})$	<b>E</b>	${}^7\text{Li}(\pi^-,d)$	<b>I</b>	${}^9\text{Be}(\alpha,{}^8\text{B})$
<b>B</b>	${}^2\text{H}({}^6\text{He},{}^3\text{He})$	<b>F</b>	${}^7\text{Li}({}^6\text{Li},{}^8\text{B})$	<b>J</b>	${}^9\text{Be}({}^{11}\text{B},{}^{15}\text{O})$
<b>C</b>	${}^3\text{H}(t,p)$	<b>G</b>	${}^9\text{Be}(\pi^-,pt)$	<b>K</b>	${}^{11}\text{B}(\pi^-,D4\text{HE}),{}^{10}\text{B}(\pi^-,P4\text{HE})$
<b>D</b>	${}^6\text{Li}(\pi^-,p)$	<b>H</b>	${}^9\text{Be}(\pi^-,dd)$	<b>L</b>	$\text{C}({}^6\text{He},{}^5\text{H})$

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**Adopted Levels (continued)** ${}^5\text{H}$  Levels (continued)

<u>E(level)</u>	<u>J<sup>π</sup></u>	<u>T<sub>1/2</sub></u>	<u>E<sub>res</sub>(<sup>3</sup>H+2n)(MeV)</u>	<u>XREF</u>		<u>Comments</u>
0	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> )	5.3 MeV 4	2.4 3	ABC	L	%2n≈100 E(level): From (2017Wu03) see discussion in <sup>2</sup> H( <sup>6</sup> He, <sup>3</sup> He); other reported values are E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=1.7 MeV 3 (1997Ko07); E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=1.8 MeV 2 (2004St18); E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=2.2 MeV 3 (2005Te05); E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)≈1.8 MeV (2005Go46) and E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)≈3 MeV (2003Me11,2003Me18). T <sub>1/2</sub> : From (2017Wu03); Other reported values are Γ=1.9 MeV 4 (1997Ko07); Γ=1.3 MeV 5 (2004St18); Γ≈2.5 MeV (2005Te05); Γ≈1.3 MeV (2005Go46) and Γ≈6 MeV (2003Me11,2003Me18).
3.1×10 <sup>3</sup> 6		5.3 MeV 5	5.5 3	GH	K	%2n≈100 E(level): From average of E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=5.2 MeV 3 (2005Gu17), E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=6.1 MeV 4 (2005Gu17) and E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=5.6 MeV 1 (2009Gu03). T <sub>1/2</sub> : From average of Γ=5.5 MeV 5 (2005Gu17), Γ=4.5 MeV 12 (2005Gu17) and Γ=4 MeV 2 (2009Gu03).
8.1×10 <sup>3</sup> 6		6.8 MeV 6	10.5 4	DE	GHI K	%2n≈100 E(level): From average of E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=11.8 MeV 7 (1990Am04), E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=9.1 MeV 7 (1990Am04), E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=10.4 MeV 3 (2005Gu17), E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=11.4 MeV 7 (2005Gu17), E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=9.7 MeV 10 (2009Gu03) and E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=11.5 MeV 10 (2009Gu03). T <sub>1/2</sub> : From average of Γ=5.6 MeV 9 (1990Am04); Γ=7.4 MeV 6 (1990Am04), Γ=7.4 MeV 6 (2005Gu17), Γ=5 MeV 1 (2005Gu17), Γ=7.3 MeV 30 (2009Gu03) and Γ=8.2 MeV 30 (2009Gu03).
16.1×10 <sup>3</sup> 5		4.8 MeV 17	18.5 4	GH		%2n≈100 E(level): From average of E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=18.7 5 (2005Gu17) and E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=18.3 MeV 5 (2005Gu17). T <sub>1/2</sub> : From average of Γ=3.9 MeV 20 (2005Gu17) and Γ=5.5 MeV 17 (2005Gu17).
24.4×10 <sup>3</sup> 5		3.5 MeV 14	26.8 4	GH		%2n≈100 E(level): From average of E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=26.8 MeV 4 (2005Gu17) and E <sub>res</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> H+2n)=26.5 MeV 10 (2005Gu17). T <sub>1/2</sub> : From average of Γ=3.0 MeV 14 (2005Gu17) and Γ=6 MeV 3 (2005Gu17).