

Adopted Levels

$Q(\beta^-)=23.1\times 10^3$  SY;  $S(n)=0.8\times 10^3$  SY 2017Wa10

As discussed in 2003Ko11, it is unlikely that  ${}^7\text{H}$  exists as a bound state, but a resonant state near the  ${}^3\text{H}+4n$  threshold with

$J\pi=1/2^+$  seems likely. Such a state would likely decay either into five outgoing particles ( ${}^3\text{H}+4n$ ) or two particles ( ${}^3\text{H}+{}^4n$ ) if the tetra-neutron exists.

An early shell model calculation (1985Po10) obtained  $J\pi=1/2^+$  for the  ${}^7\text{H}$  ground state in two different models. Calculations using the hyperspherical functions method (2002Ti05,2004Ti02) predicted a  ${}^7\text{H}$  resonance several MeV above the  ${}^3\text{H}+4n$  threshold. A coupled channels calculation is reported in 2004Ao05 treating  ${}^7\text{H}$  as a combination of both a triton plus four neutrons and as a proton plus three dineutrons. The calculated ground state binding energy is about 1.5 MeV, which is about 7 MeV above the  ${}^3\text{H}+4n$  threshold. A calculation reported in 2009Ao03 using the generator coordinate method that included basis states with a triton and two dineutrons as well as basis states with a triton and 4 neutrons obtained a  ${}^7\text{H}$  ground state with a binding energy of about 3 MeV, which is about 5.5 MeV above the  ${}^3\text{H}+4n$  threshold. Four neutron emission by  ${}^7\text{H}$  is discussed in 2011Gr13.

Note: Present observations indicate a  ${}^7\text{H}$  ground state that lies near the  ${}^3\text{H}+4n$  threshold; this threshold corresponds to a binding energy of about 8.5 MeV. In the following reactions, resonance energies in  ${}^7\text{H}$  are given relative to the  ${}^3\text{H}+4n$  threshold.

 ${}^7\text{H}$  LevelsCross Reference (XREF) Flags

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|---|---|---|--|
| A | ${}^1\text{H}({}^8\text{He},pp)$            | D | ${}^9\text{Be}(\pi^-,pp)$                        |
| B | ${}^2\text{H}({}^8\text{He},{}^3\text{He})$ | E | ${}^{11}\text{B}(\pi^-,p{}^3\text{He})$          |
| C | ${}^7\text{Li}(\pi^-,\pi^+)$                | F | ${}^{12}\text{C}({}^8\text{He},{}^{13}\text{N})$ |

| <u>E(level)</u>  | <u>J<math>\pi</math></u> | <u><math>\Gamma</math></u> | <u><math>E_{\text{res}}({}^3\text{H}+4n)(\text{MeV})</math></u> | <u>XREF</u> | <u>Comments</u>   |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------|---|
| 0                | (1/2 <sup>+</sup> )      | 0.09 MeV +94-6             | 0.57 42   | A EF        | Decay mode not specified. Decay is either to ${}^3\text{H}+4n$ or to ${}^3\text{H}+{}^4n$ .<br>E(level): From $E_{\text{res}}({}^3\text{H}+4n)=0.57$ MeV +42-21. Using $E_{\text{res}}=0.57$ MeV +42-21 and assuming the observed resonance is the ${}^7\text{H}$ ground state, the ${}^7\text{H}$ mass excess is $\Delta M=47.81$ +42-21 MeV; this compares with $\Delta M=49.14$ 100 MeV given in 2017Wa10. The corresponding binding energy is $E_b=7.91$ +21-42 MeV.<br>Using $\Gamma=0.09$ MeV +94-6, the half life is $0.51\times 10^{-20}$ +152-4 s; this compares with $T_{1/2}=0.500\times 10^{-21}$ s given in 2016 NUBASE (2017Au03).<br>$J\pi$ : Given that ${}^9\text{Li}$ with 3 protons and 6 neutrons has $J\pi=3/2^-$ and ${}^{11}\text{B}$ with 5 protons and 6 neutrons also has $J\pi=3/2^-$ as expected for two s 1/2 protons and one and three p 3/2 protons respectively, it is reasonable to assume that ${}^7\text{H}$ ground state with 1 proton and 6 neutrons would have $J\pi=1/2^+$ . |
| $15\times 10^3?$ |                          | 2 MeV                      | 16  | D           |   |
| $20\times 10^3?$ |                          | 5 MeV                      | 21  | D           |   |

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 ${}^1\text{H}({}^8\text{He},\text{pp})$  [2003Ko11,2003Ko68](#)

[2003Ko11,2003Ko68](#): A kinematic reconstruction of the 2p momenta permitted a reconstruction of the  ${}^7\text{H}$  excitation spectrum; a resonant state is found near the  ${}^3\text{H}+4\text{n}$  threshold. This is the first report of a resonant state in  ${}^7\text{H}$ .

 ${}^7\text{H}$  Levels

| <u>E(level)</u> | <u><math>J^\pi</math></u> | <u><math>T_{1/2}</math></u> | <u>Comments</u>   |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 0               | (1/2 <sup>+</sup> )       | $23 \times 10^{-24}$ s      | $T_{1/2}$ : from estimated (by <a href="#">2003Au02</a> ) $\Gamma=20$ MeV 5 from figure 5 of <a href="#">2003Ko11</a> . |

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${}^2\text{H}({}^8\text{He}, {}^3\text{He})$     [2004Go26,2010Ni10](#)

[2004Go26](#): Deduced that the lower limit for the  ${}^7\text{H}$  breakup energy is 50-100 keV above the  ${}^3\text{H}+4\text{n}$  threshold.

[2007Te12](#): Structure in missing mass spectrum includes possible  ${}^7\text{H}$  state in 0-3 MeV range.

[2007GoZY](#): No clear evidence for  ${}^7\text{H}$  resonances is seen.

[2010Ni10,2010NiZT](#): The missing mass spectrum exhibits a shoulder at around 2 MeV, relative to the  ${}^3\text{H}+4\text{n}$  threshold, as well as a maximum around 10.5 MeV.

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${}^7\text{Li}(\pi^-, \pi^+)$  1981Ev01, 2007Fo05

**1981Ev01:** In this early study of the  ${}^7\text{Li}(\pi^-, \pi^+){}^7\text{H}$  reaction no evidence of resonances in  ${}^7\text{H}$  was seen in the spectrum of outgoing  $\pi^+$ , but the histogram of the outgoing  $\pi^+$  favored a final state as a triton +  ${}^4\text{n}$  (tetra-neutron) over a triton+4 neutrons or a proton+six neutrons.

**2007Fo05:** Some structure in the cross section is reported, but there is no explicit mention of  ${}^7\text{H}$  states.

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 ${}^9\text{Be}(\pi^-, pp)$  **2009Gu17**

[2000Ko46](#), [2007Gu24](#), [2009Gu17](#): The missing mass spectrum did not show a resonance near zero but showed evidence of two possible broad resonances near 16 and 21 MeV, with  $\Gamma=2$  and 5 MeV, respectively.

 ${}^7\text{H}$  Levels

| <u>E(level)</u>   | <u><math>\Gamma</math></u> | <u><math>E_{\text{res}}({}^3\text{H}+4n)(\text{MeV})</math></u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|
| $15 \times 10^3?$ | 2 MeV                      | 16  |
| $20 \times 10^3?$ | 5 MeV                      | 21  |

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 ${}^{11}\text{B}(\pi^-, \text{p}^3\text{He})$  2007Gu24,2009Gu17

2007Gu24,2009Gu17: The missing mass spectrum shows a possible  ${}^7\text{H}$  resonance just above threshold.

 ${}^7\text{H}$  LevelsE(level)

0?

${}^{12}\text{C}({}^8\text{He}, {}^{13}\text{N})$  2008Ca22

2007Ca28,2007Ca47,2008Ca22: Using a , The  ${}^{12}\text{C}({}^8\text{He}, {}^{13}\text{N}){}^7\text{H}$  proton transfer reaction was studied by impinging an  $E({}^8\text{He})=15.4$  MeV/nucleon beam on a  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$  gas target. The  ${}^{13}\text{N}$  and tritium (from  ${}^7\text{H}$  decay) charged reaction products were detected in coincidence mode. Seven events were associated with  ${}^7\text{H}$ . The energy of the ground state  ${}^7\text{H}$  resonance was determined to be  $E_{\text{res}}=0.57 +42-21$  MeV above the  ${}^3\text{H}+4\text{n}$  breakup threshold with a width of  $\Gamma=0.09$  MeV  $+94-6$ . The uncertainties in  $E_{\text{res}}$  and  $\Gamma$  are large because of the small number of observed events.

 ${}^7\text{H}$  Levels

| <u>E(level)</u> | <u><math>\Gamma</math></u> | <u><math>E_{\text{res}}({}^3\text{H}+4\text{n})(\text{MeV})</math></u> | <u>Comments</u>  |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| 0               | 0.09 MeV $+94-6$           | 0.57 42  | E(level): The resonance at 0.57 MeV $+42-21$ above the ${}^3\text{H}+4\text{n}$ threshold.<br>$\Gamma$ : $\Gamma=0.09$ MeV $+94-6$ gives half-life of $0.44 \times 10^{-21}$ s to $15 \times 10^{-21}$ s.<br>$d\sigma/d\Omega=40$ $\mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$ $+58-31$ . |

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