

Adopted Levels

S(p)=-966 80; [2014Wa09,2012Wa38](#)

Theoretical works:

[2013Fo01](#): Analyzed mirror N=8, 10 and Z=8, 10 nuclides to develop a parametrization based on the difference in the 2-neutron/2-proton separation energies ($S_{2p}-S_{2n}$) and the amount of S^2 strength in the ground state wavefunction.

[2013Ti01](#): Developed an improved Kelson-Garvey mass relations analysis, which relates the mass difference systematics of similar sets of mirror nuclides to predict unknown masses.

[2000Po32](#): Calculated mass excesses by comparison with mirror nuclides.

 ^{15}Ne LevelsCross Reference (XREF) Flags

A $^{12}\text{C}(^{17}\text{Ne}, ^{15}\text{Ne})$

<u>E(level)[†]</u>	<u>J^π</u>	<u>Γ</u>	<u>XREF</u>	<u>Comments</u>
0	(3/2 ⁻)	0.59 MeV	A	%2p=100 E(level): First observation at E($^{13}\text{O}+2\text{p}$)=2522 keV 66. This corresponds to a mass excess=40215 keV 69. J ^π : From mirror symmetry with ^{15}B . Decays via 3-body $^{14}\text{O}+2\text{p}$ decay.
1.90×10^3	8 (5/2 ⁻)	<100 keV	A	E(level): From E($^{13}\text{O}+2\text{p}$)=4.42 MeV 4.

[†] Excited states deduced using ^{13}O and p mass excesses from ([2012WA38](#)).

$^{12}\text{C}(^{17}\text{Ne}, ^{15}\text{Ne})$ 2014Wa09

The authors analyzed the kinematic relations between $^{13,14,15}\text{O}+2\text{p}$ coincidences and deduced information on $^{15,16}\text{Ne}$ levels. The main emphasis was on the first observation of ^{15}Ne .

A beam of 500 MeV/A ^{17}Ne ions was produced by fragmenting ^{20}Ne nuclei on a Be target. The ^{17}Ne ions impinged on either carbon or polyethylene targets that were positioned at the ALADIN large-gap dipole magnet target position. The protons and oxygen isotope reaction products were detected in separate arrays, which determined their momenta following ^{17}Ne breakup.

The relative energy spectra of $2\text{p}+^{13,14,15}\text{O}$ products were analyzed to determine the $^{15,16,17}\text{Ne}$ states populated in the reactions.

Analysis of $^{15}\text{O}+2\text{p}$ events, which involved $^{17}\text{Ne}^*(1764 \text{ keV})$ with $E(^{15}\text{O}+2\text{p})=831 \text{ keV}$ 12 (observed at $E(^{15}\text{O}+2\text{p})=881 \text{ keV}$ 5), was used as a calibration reaction. A systematic correction of the relative energy spectrum based on the analysis (detailed in F. Warmers, private communication, May 28, 2014) was applied to all relative energy spectra. Analysis of the $^{14}\text{O}+2\text{p}$ products, which populated $^{16}\text{Ne}^*(1.4, 3.2 \text{ MeV})$, provided a verification of the method.

The $^{13}\text{O}+2\text{p}$ relative energy spectrum revealed three structures: a peak at $E(^{13}\text{O}+2\text{p})=2.522 \text{ MeV}$ that is associated with $^{15}\text{Ne}_{\text{g.s.}}$, a peak at $E(^{13}\text{O}+2\text{p})=4.42 \text{ MeV}$ that is associated with the first excited state and a broad group at $E(^{13}\text{O}+2\text{p}) \approx 6-9 \text{ MeV}$ that is associated with multiple unresolved states.

Analysis of the $^{13}\text{O}+2\text{p}$ and $2\text{p}+^{13}\text{O}$ correlations indicates that the $^{15}\text{Ne}_{\text{g.s.}}$ decay proceeds via 3-body decay to the continuum.

Therefore sequential decay via ^{14}F , and 2p decay do not play a role in the decay.

 ^{15}Ne Levels

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1.90×10^3	$(5/2^-)$	<100 keV	E(level): From $E(^{13}\text{O}+2\text{p})=4.42 \text{ MeV}$ 4.
5×10^3		2.5 MeV	E(level): Broad structure attributed to multiple unresolved states, $E(^{13}\text{O}+2\text{p})=6-9 \text{ MeV}$.

† Excited states deduced using ^{13}O and p mass excesses from (2012WA38).

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