

1-n neutron and 2-protons pick-up reactions to study the unbound nucleus ${}^7\text{He}$

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The unbound nucleus ${}^7\text{He}$ has attracted the interest of several research groups in recent years. However, despite a significant number of experiments, an unambiguous information about ${}^7\text{He}$ excited states is still lacking, in particular for the first excited $1/2^-$ state [1-5]. This state is considered the spin-orbit partner of ${}^7\text{He}$ ground state. The importance of the spin-orbit interaction in the vicinity of the neutron drip line for shell model calculation highlights the need of additional experimental investigations.

In this talk we will report a measurement performed at the LLN facility using a ${}^6\text{He}$ beam at 16.8 MeV impinging on a highly pure and self-supporting ${}^9\text{Be}$ target. The detection system consisted of two arrays of silicon-strip detectors covering 5-12 degrees and 22-70 degrees in the laboratory system. In these different angular ranges diverse mechanisms may be predominant. Indeed, the ${}^7\text{He}$ states can be populated via both 1-neutron (${}^6\text{He}, {}^7\text{He}$) and 2-protons (${}^6\text{He}, {}^8\text{Be}$) transfer reactions. In both cases, thanks to the signature provided by the decay of the outgoing ${}^8\text{Be}$, the decay energy spectrum for ${}^7\text{He}$ was obtained via the resonant particle spectroscopy technique. The energy spectrum has been analysed combining an extended Monte Carlo simulation with the R-Matrix theory.

This work will present the spectroscopic information obtained from the decay energy spectrum for ${}^7\text{He}$.

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