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A few years ago we observed anomalous electron-positron angular correlations for the 18.15~MeV M1 transition of 8Be [1]. This was interpreted as the creation and decay of an intermediate bosonic particle with a mass of $m_0c^2=16.70(35)(\text{stat})(50)(\text{sys})$ MeV, which is now called X17. The possible relation of the X17 boson to the dark matter problem triggered an enormous interest in the wider physics community. We then re-investigated the 8Be anomaly with an improved, and independent setup, and confirmed the signal of the assumed X17 particle [2,3].

We also observed a similar anomaly in 4He [4], which could be described also by the creation and subsequent decay of the same X17 particle. Our results agree well with the present ab initio calculations of Viviani et al., [5].

Very recently, the 11B proton capture reaction was used for exciting the 17.2 MeV broad ($\Gamma=1.15$ MeV) resonance in 12C and studying their internal pair creation decay. Significant anomalies were observed in the angular correlation of the electron-positron pairs, at three different bombarding energies, which provides kinematic evidence for the X17 particle and supports their vector boson and fifth force explanation.

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