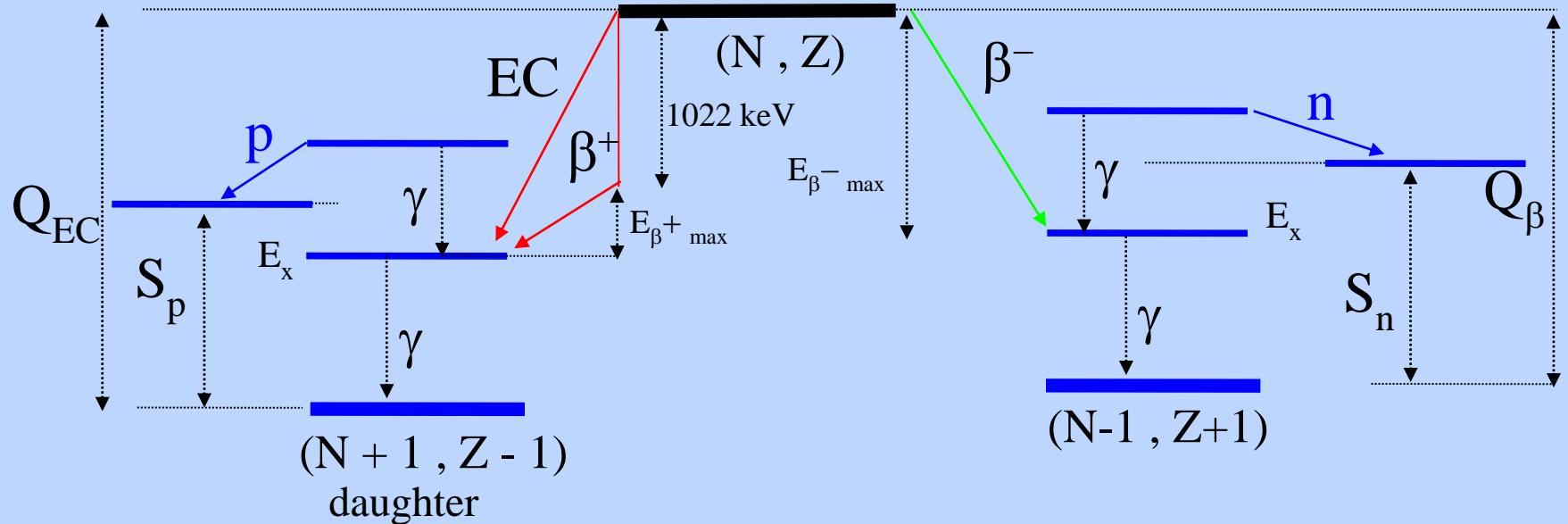


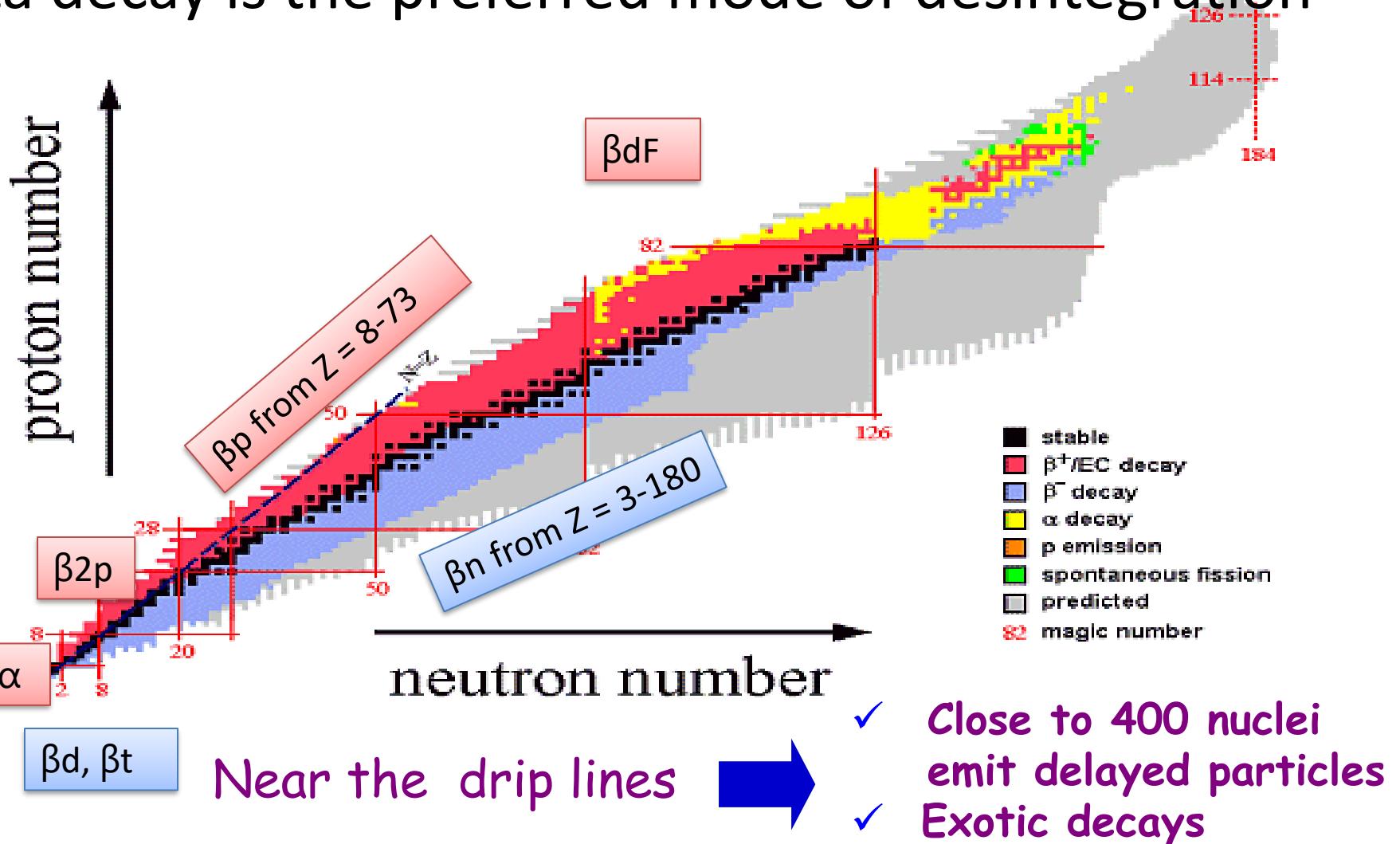
Introduction

Process mediated by the weak interaction between two isobars



Beta Delayed Particle Emission

Beta decay is the preferred mode of desintegration



Planning and References

■ Beta delayed Particle emission

■ Mechanisms of Breakup

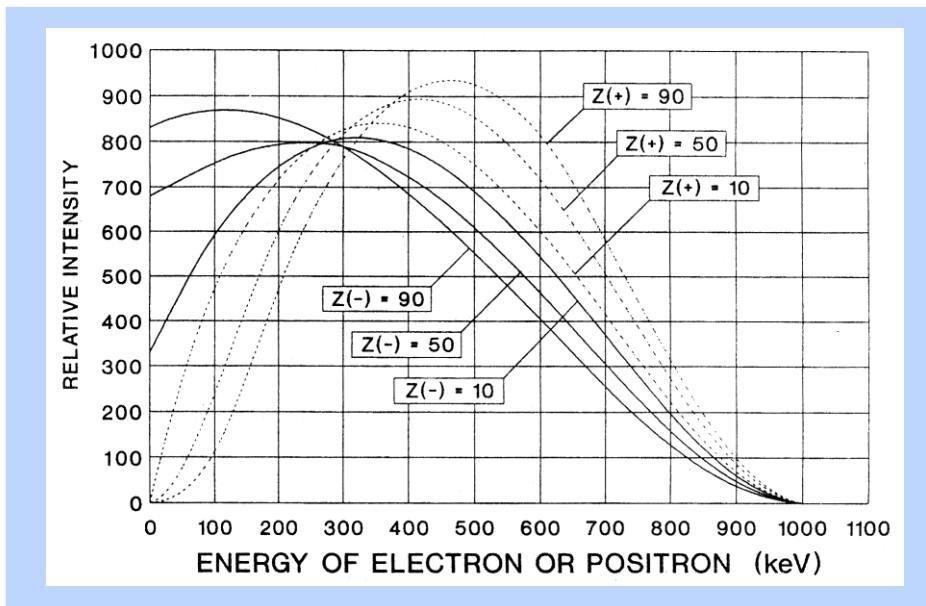
■ Analysis technique

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Rev. Mod. Phys, ArXiV:1111.0482
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“Decay Studies of N~Z Nuclei”, E. Roeckl,
[École Joliot-Curie de Physique Nucléaire, 2002](#)

Reminder

Spectra β^\pm



Expand in a large E-scale

$$E_\beta = 2,6 \text{ keV} (^{187}\text{Re}, \beta^-)$$

$$E_\beta = 22800 \text{ keV} (^{22}\text{N}, \beta^-)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= M(Z, N) - M'(Z+1, N-1) - \\ m_e c^2 &= T_{M'} + T_e + T_\nu \\ N(p) &\propto p^2(Q - T_e - T_\nu) \end{aligned}$$

Half-life

$$T_{1/2} : \text{ms} \rightarrow 10^{15} \text{ years}$$

$$^{35}\text{Na}, T_{1/2} = 1,5 \text{ ms}$$

$$^{50}\text{V}, T_{1/2} = 10^{17} \text{ y}; (^{115}\text{In}, 10^{14} \text{ y}; ^{113}\text{Cd}, 10^{15} \text{ y})$$

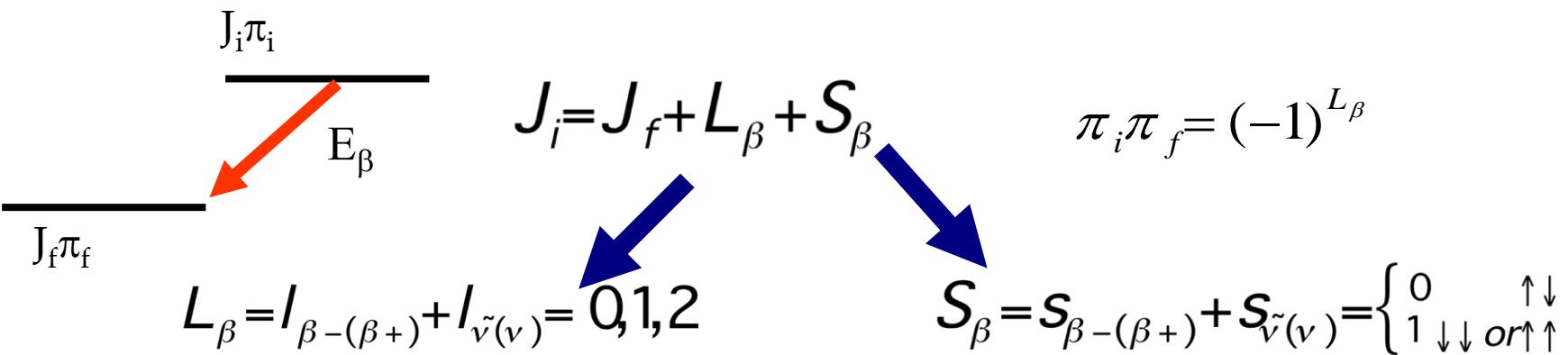
Emission of delayed particles

$$P_p = 6 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } (^{151}\text{Lu}) \text{ to } 100 \% \text{ } (^{31}\text{Ar})$$

$$\beta p, \beta 2p, \beta 3p, \dots \beta n, \beta 2n \dots$$

$$P_n = 5,5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ } (^{79}\text{Ge}) \text{ to } 99 \% \text{ } (^{11}\text{Li})$$

Classification of β -decay transitions



L_β defines the degree of forbiddenness

allowed

forbidden

when $L_\beta=0$ and $\pi_i \pi_f=+1$

$$\Delta I = |I_i - I_f| \equiv 0, 1$$

when the angular momentum conservation requires that

$$L_\beta > 0 \text{ and/or } \pi_i \pi_f = -1$$

Practical example

$$t \equiv T_{1/2}^{\beta_i} = \frac{T_{1/2}^{\text{exp}}}{P_{\beta_i}}$$

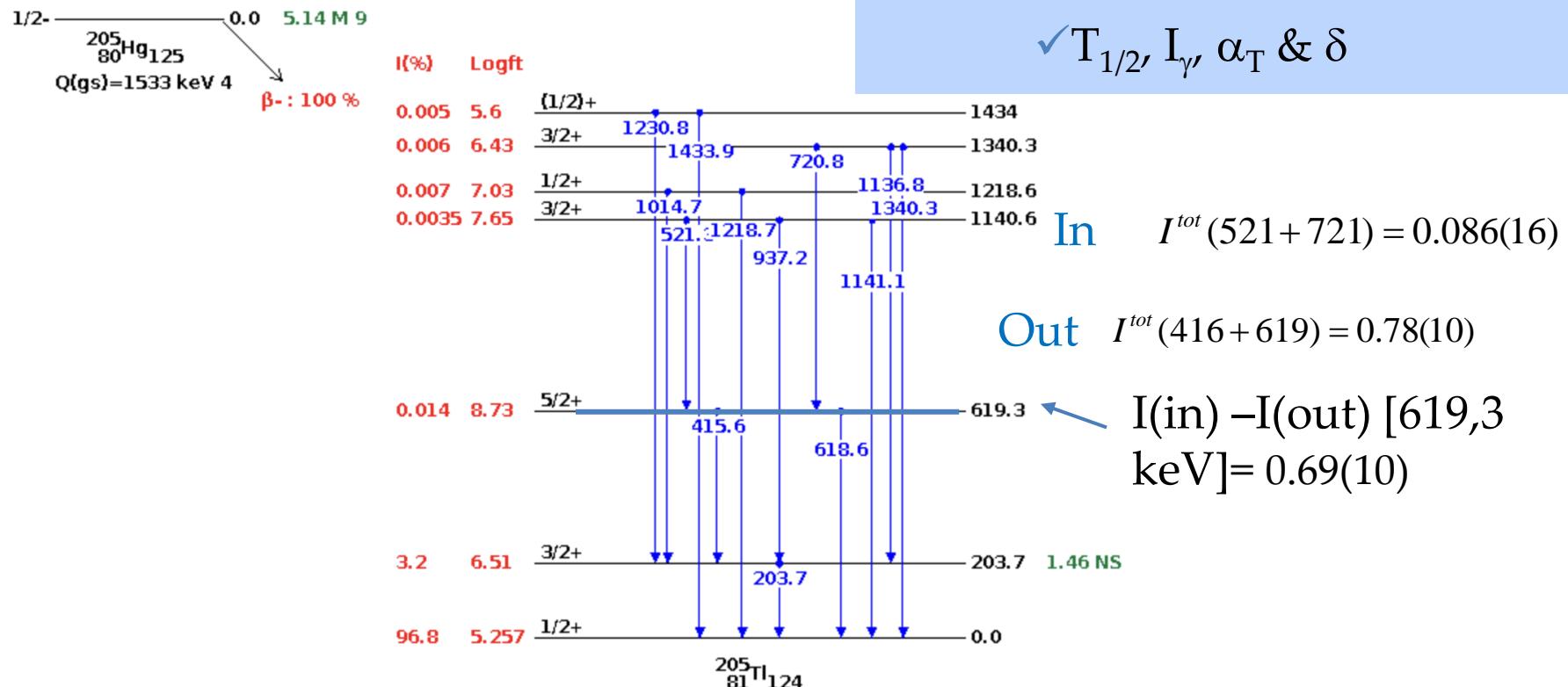
$$P_{\beta_i} = \eta [I^{tot}(out) - I^{tot}(in)]$$

$$I^{tot}(out/in) = \sum I_{\gamma_i} (1 + \alpha_{T_i})$$

$$\alpha_T(M1+E2) = \frac{\alpha_T(M1) + \delta^2 \alpha_T(E2)}{1 + \delta^2}$$

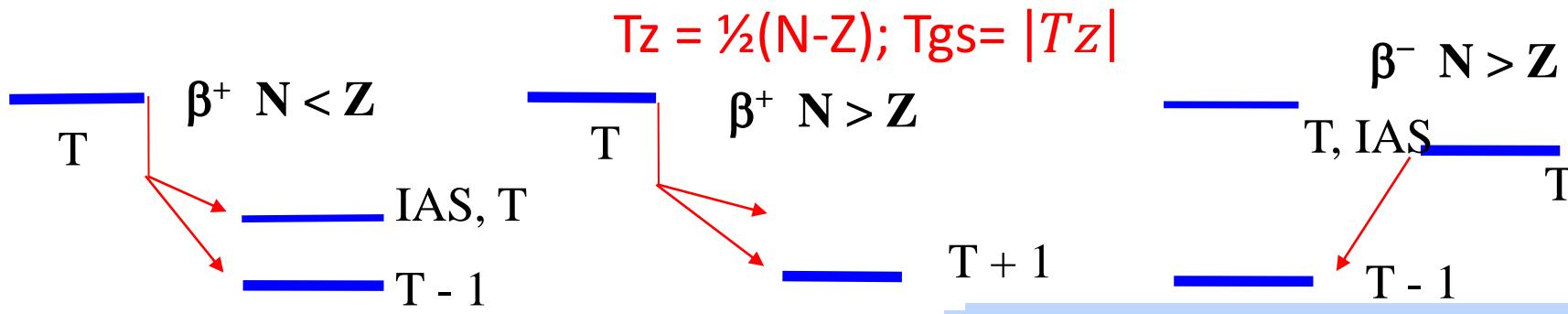
□ What we want to know accurately

✓ $T_{1/2}$, I_{γ} , α_T & δ

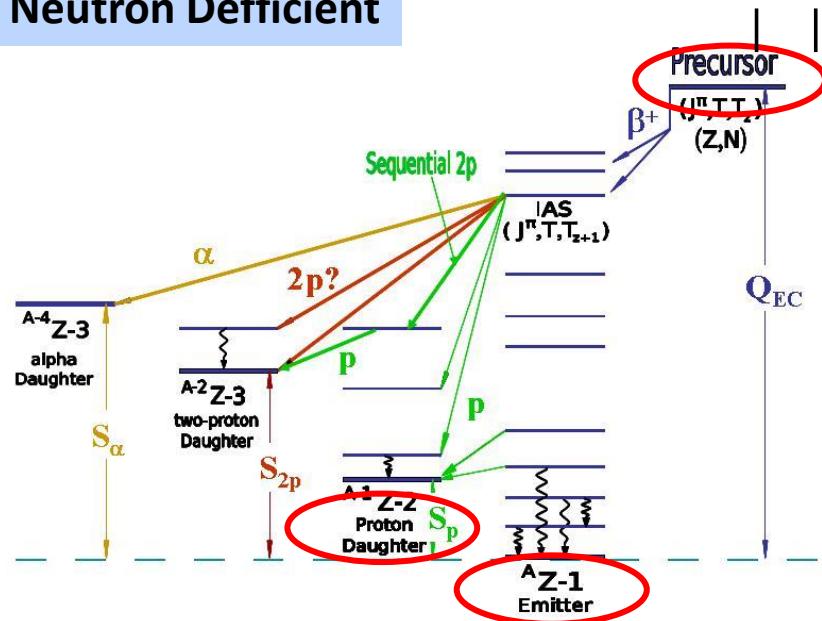


$$\eta = 0.0022 \rightarrow t = 2.056 \times 10^6 [s] \rightarrow \log t = 6.31 \rightarrow \log f = 2.386 \rightarrow \log ft = 8.7$$

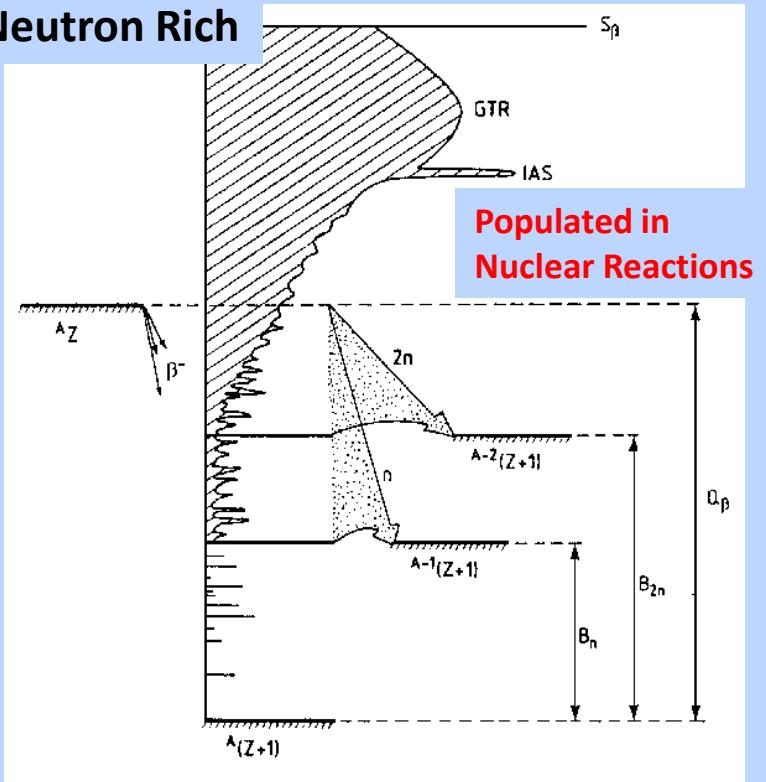
Beta Transitions



Neutron Deficient



Neutron Rich



Decay properties of exotic nuclei

➤ Global properties

- Short half-lives ($\sim ms$)

- High Q_β values
- Low $S_{p/n}$ values

→ β -delayed particle emission

- Reduced transition probability:

$$ft = f * \frac{T_{1/2}}{B.R.} = \frac{K}{G_V^2 |\tau|^2 + G_A^2 |\sigma\tau|^2} = \frac{C}{B(F) + B(GT)}$$

$$K/G_V^2 = 6144(1) \text{ s} = C \text{ and } (G_A/G_V)^2 = (-1,2695(29))^2$$

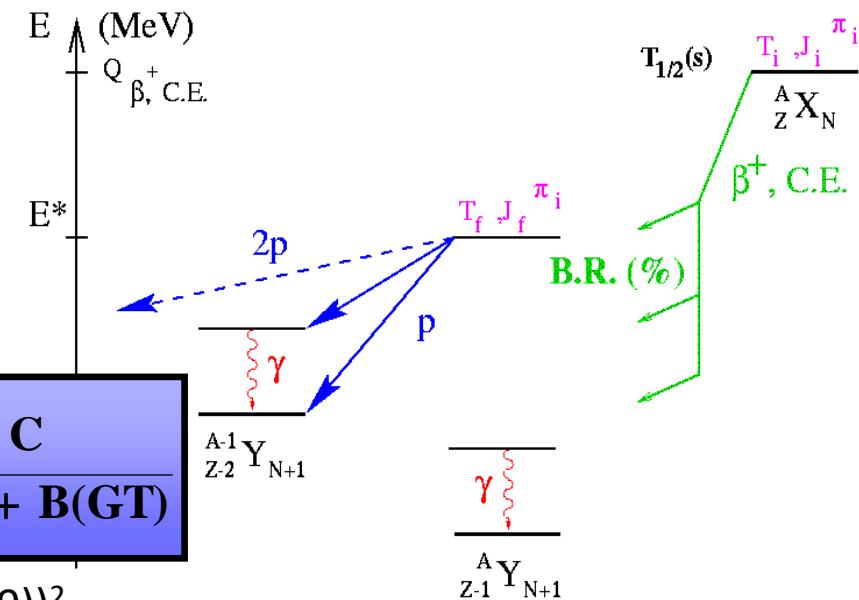
Fermi Strength independent of Nuclear Structure

$$B_F^+ - B_F^- = Z - N \quad B_F = T(T+1) - T_{zi} T_{zf}$$

Gamow-Teller strength obeys the Ikeda sum Rule

$$\Sigma B_{GT}^- - \Sigma B_{GT}^+ = 3(N-Z)$$

- 1916 Rutherford & Wood $\beta\alpha$ [Philos. Mag. 31 (1916) 379]
 1963 Barton & Bell identified ^{25}Si as βp

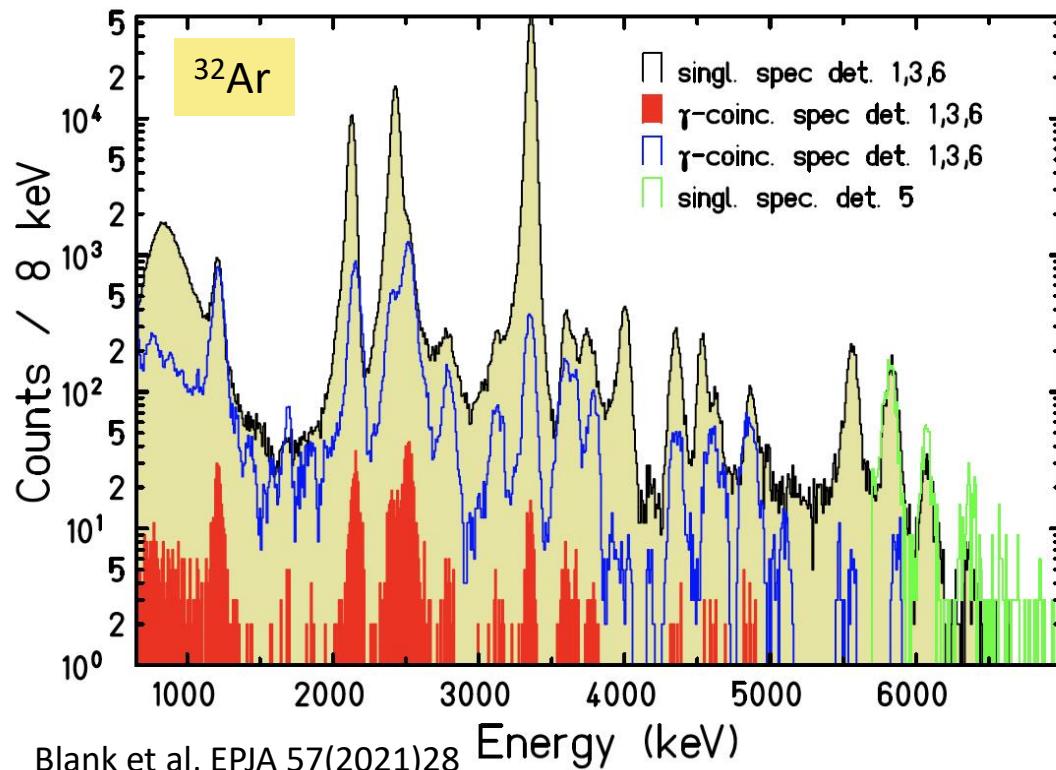


$$I_p^{if} = f(B_F^i + B_{GT}^i) \frac{\Gamma_p^{if}}{\Gamma_p^i + \Gamma_\gamma^i}$$

E, Γ
 Level density
 Spin, Isospin
 β -decay properties

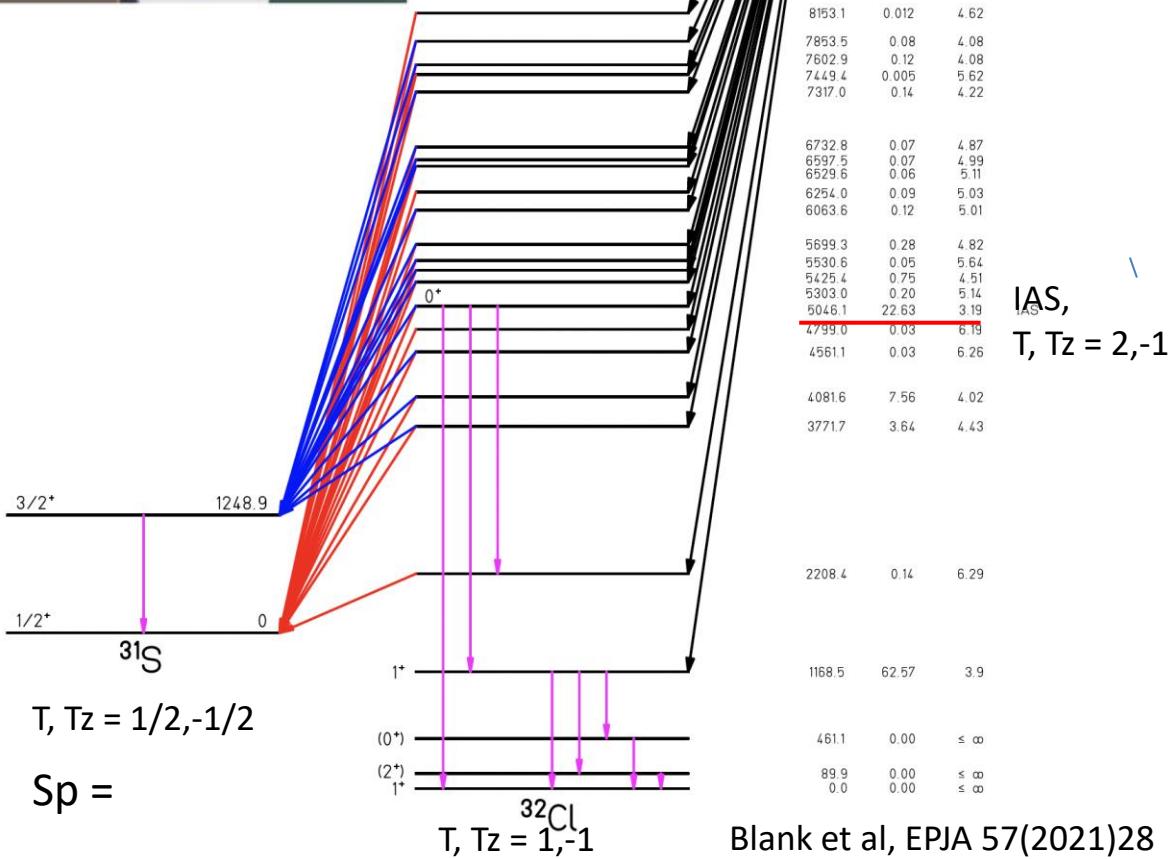
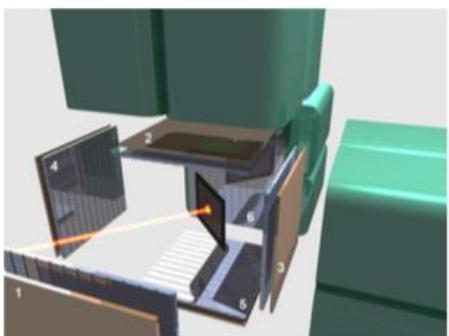
Beta-proton emitters

- ✓ More than 160 precursors identified
- ✓ For every element up to $Z = 73$ at least one proton precursor
- ✓ The βp spectrum depends on the Z and A of the precursor and differs in the different mass region due to differences in level density in the Q-Sp window
- ✓ Properties of βp well understood → large variety of spectroscopic information



- ✓ For light nuclei with $Z \geq 8$, the IAS within the Q_{EC} window.
- ✓ From βp energy of IAS $\rightarrow Q_{EC}$ -Sp deduced.
- ✓ Test Isobaric Multiplet Mass eq.
$$M(A, T, T_z) = a + bT_z + cT_z^2 + \delta(dT_z^3 + eT_z^4)$$
- ✓ If strength to IAS $\neq B_F \Leftrightarrow$ Isospin Mixing
- ✓ If IAS in the middle of the Q_{EC} large part of the GTGR available \Rightarrow quenching factor deduced
- ✓ Test of Mirror Symmetry

$^{32}\text{Ar}(Z=18, N=14) \rightarrow ^{32}\text{Cl} (Z=17, N=15)$



- By $\beta p \rightarrow$ study up to 8153 keV \rightarrow 73% of energy window
 - 22.6% feeding IAS \rightarrow logft = 3.19
- $$\Gamma_p / \Gamma_\gamma(\text{IAS}) = 11.2(11)$$
- $$\Gamma = \Gamma_p + \Gamma_\gamma = 20(5) \text{ eV}$$

The width of the IAS is very narrow as the proton emisión is isospín forbidden, facilitating the emisión of M1 transition of the 5.046 MeV IAS

$$B(F) = T(T+1) - T_{zi} T_{zf} = 2 \times 3 - (-2)(-1) = 6 - 2 = 4$$

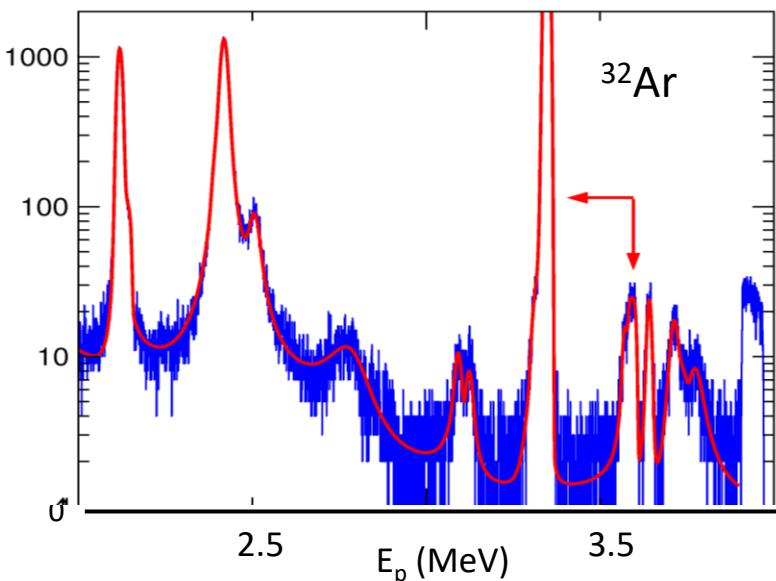
Predicted mixing with 0^+ $T=1$ states \rightarrow No strong feeding observed to states nearby.

Closest E = 5425 keV ($\Delta E = 379$ keV)

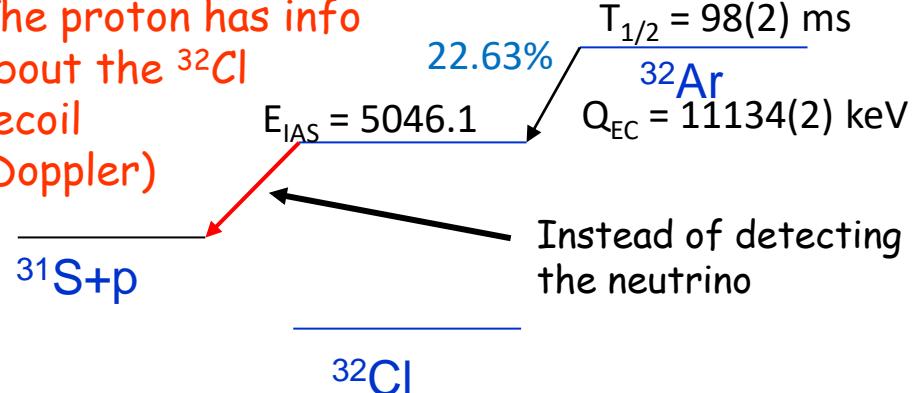
Electron-Neutrino Correlations (βp emitters)

- ✓ $\beta\nu$ correlation depends of the type of the transition
- ✓ Important probe of the nature of weak interaction

The V-A character of β -decay was determined by measuring the recoil energy spectrum of ${}^6\text{He}$
[Johnson et al, PR132(63)1149]



The proton has info
about the ${}^{32}\text{Cl}$
recoil
(Doppler)

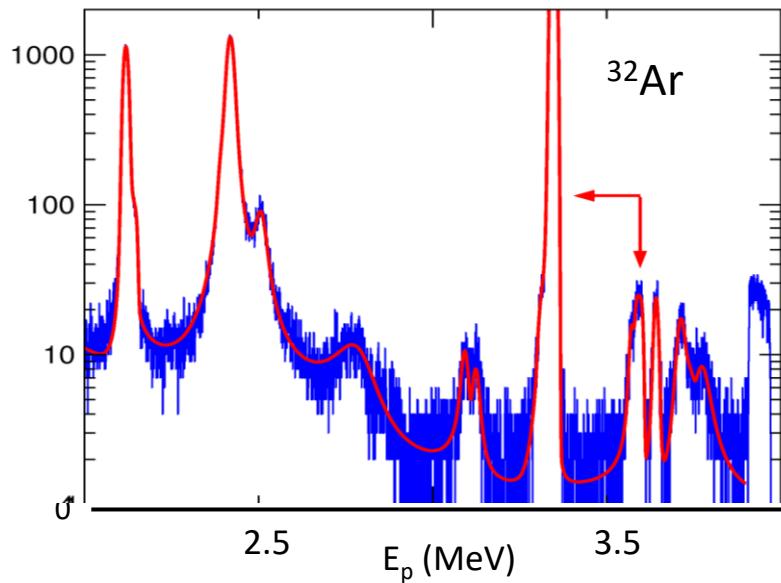


Study of the proton line shape

- Physics beyond the SM
- Isospin mixing in Fermi decays
- Configuration mixing
- Lever interferences
- Spin assignment
- Excitation energies

Schardt & Riisager, Z. Phys. A 345 (1993) 265
Adelberger & Garcia, Hyp. Int 129 (2000) 237

$\beta\nu$ correlation studies: Search for New Physics



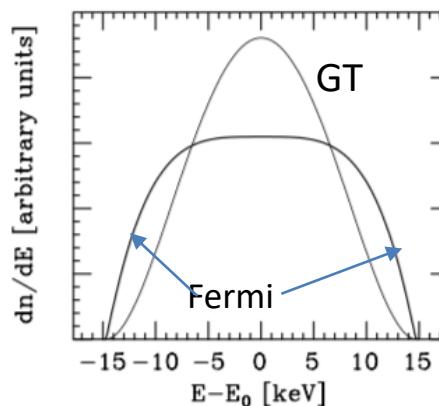
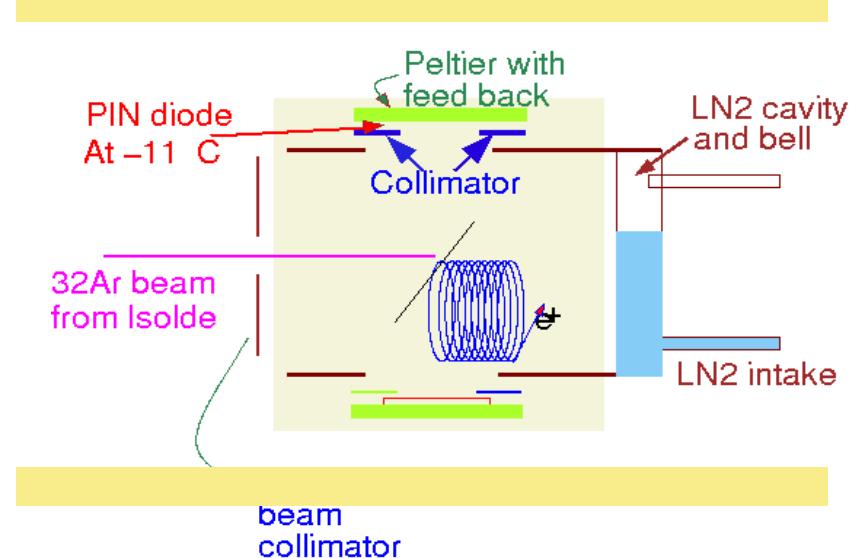
- If $\beta\bar{p}$ emitter \Rightarrow measurement of e-ν correlation \Rightarrow F/GT nature of transition **from the broadening of proton peak.**

- Limit for scalar component in beta decays

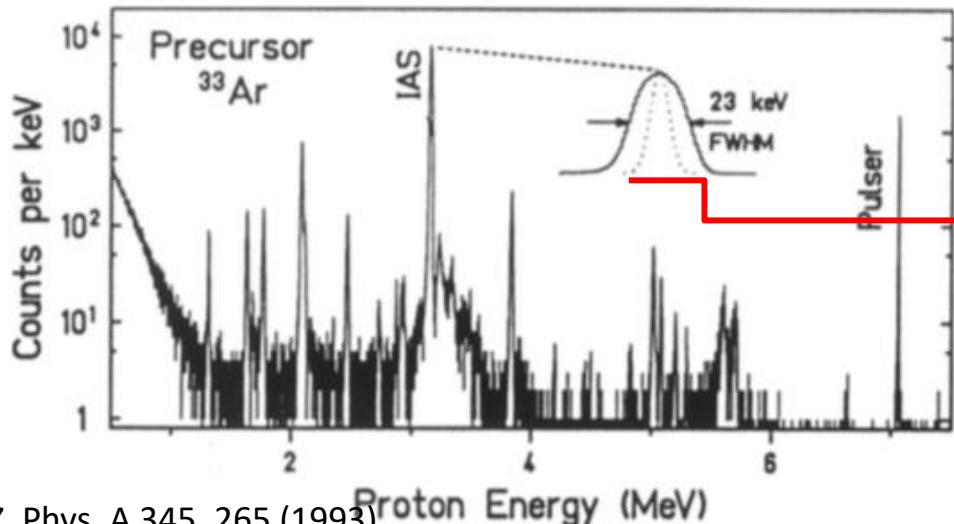
$$M_S \geq 4.1 M_W$$

Adelberguer et al., PRL (1999)

- Set-up to avoid β -summing @ ISOLDE

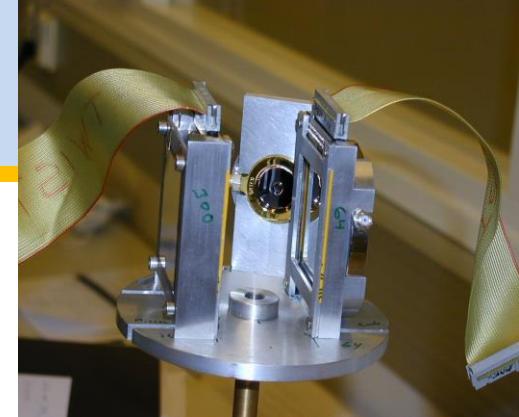


$^{32,33}\text{Ar}$ – β decay



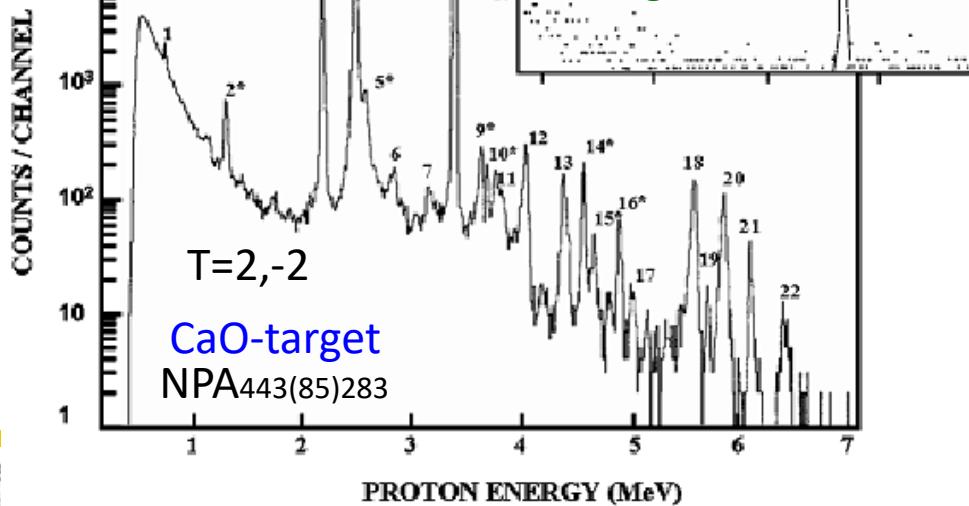
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E-resolution
= 8 keV

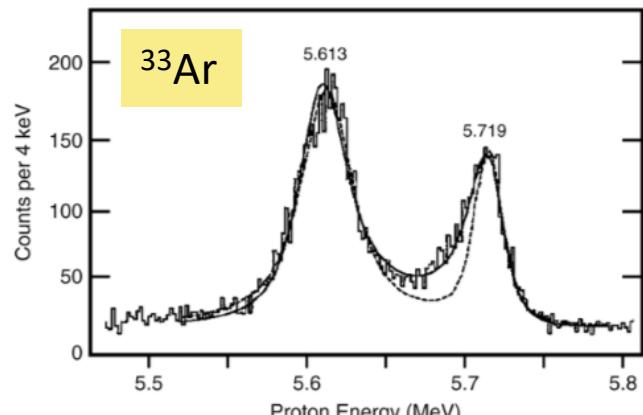


Angular correlations between e^+ and ν in the Fermi and GT transitions → the Doppler effect larger recoil broadening of the proton lines for Fermi than for GT decay (Emission before the recoil daughter comes to rest)

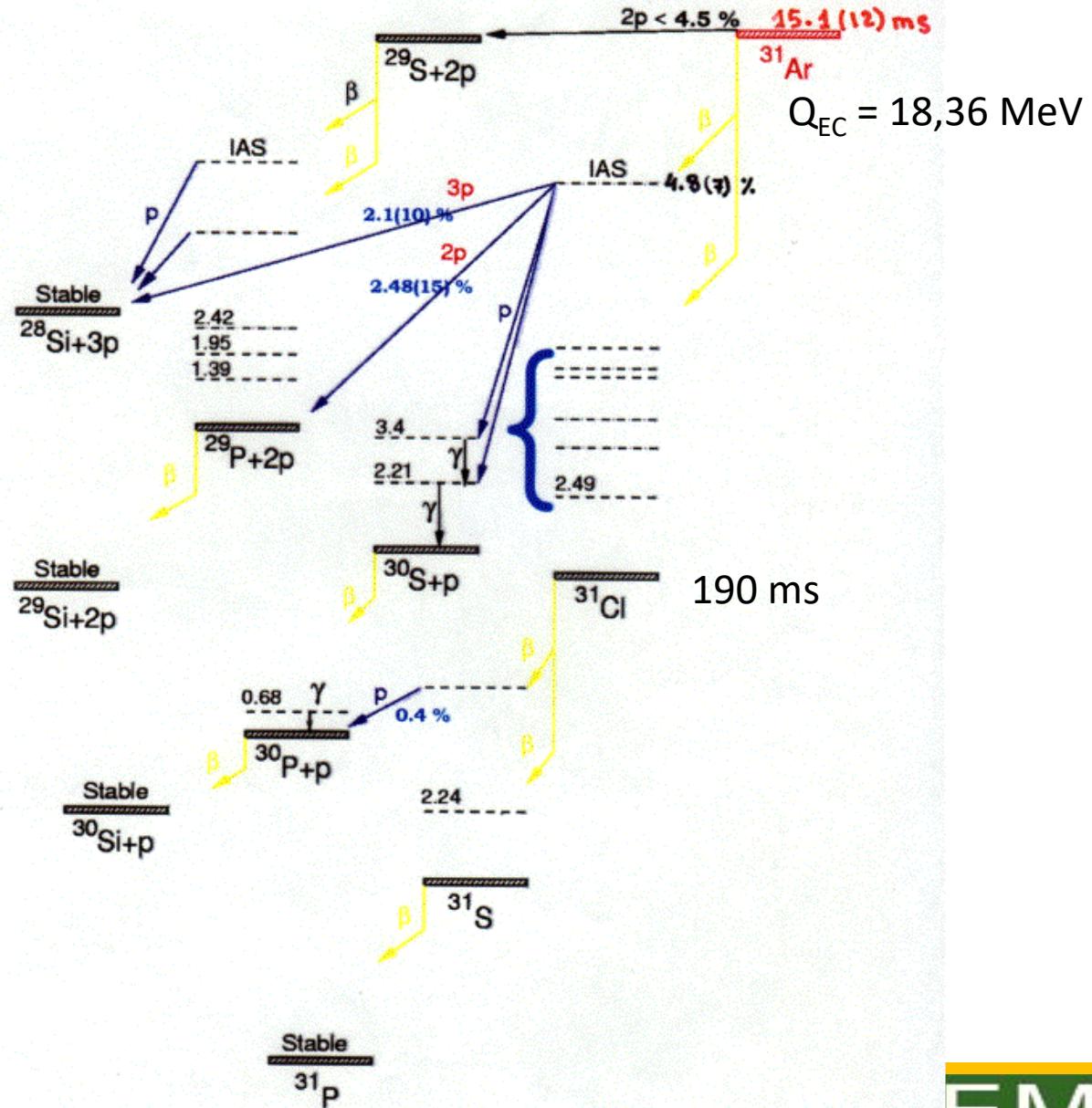
$$E^* = E_p(\text{CM}) + S_p(33\text{Cl}) = \frac{\Delta M(32S) + \Delta M(p)}{\Delta M(32S)} + S_p(33\text{Cl})$$



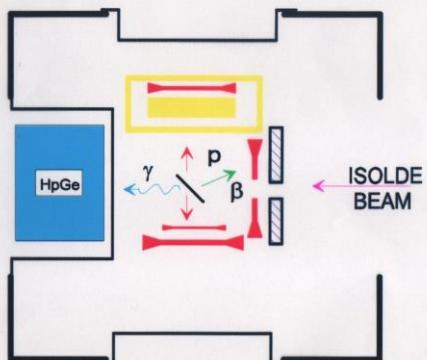
Beta decay studies



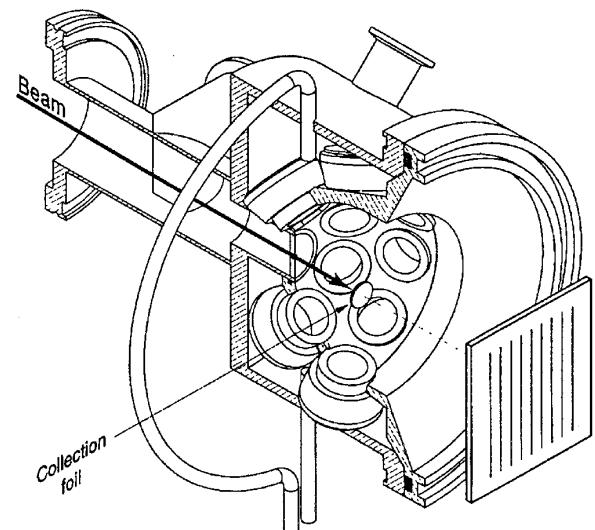
The decay of ^{31}Ar



β -delayed 2p emission from ^{31}Ar

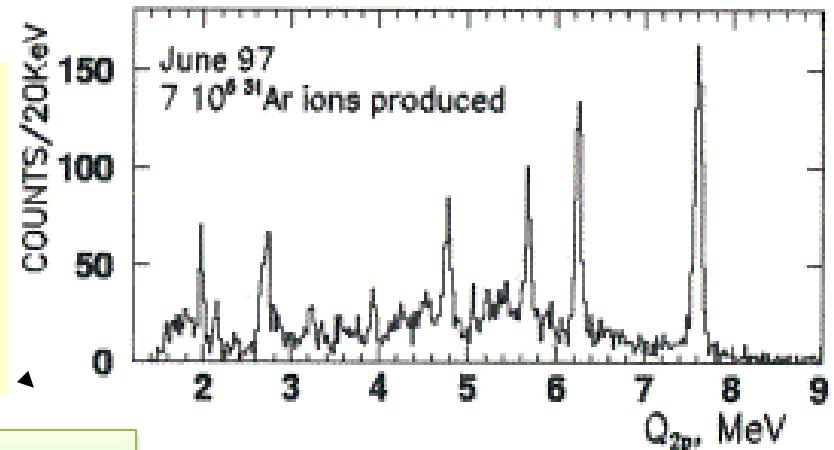
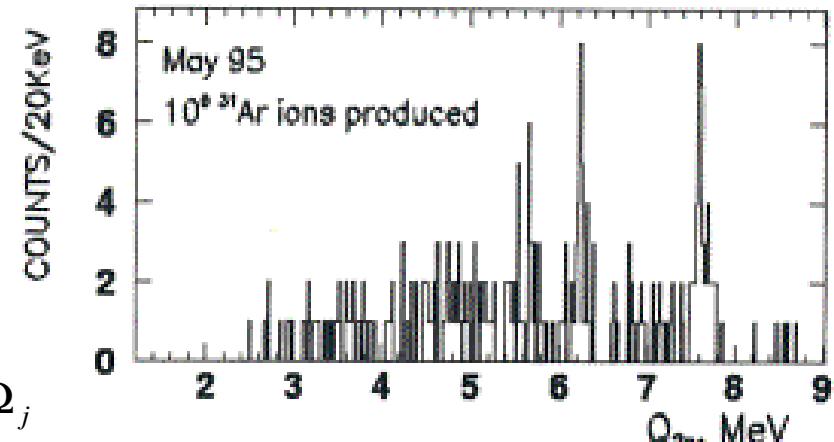


$$\varepsilon_{2p} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \Omega_i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \Omega_i^2 + 2 \sum \Omega_i \Omega_j$$



Yield	2 atom/s
Solid angle	14 + 11 %
ε_{1p}	23.7 %
ε_{2p}	5.2 %
ε_{3p}	1.3 %

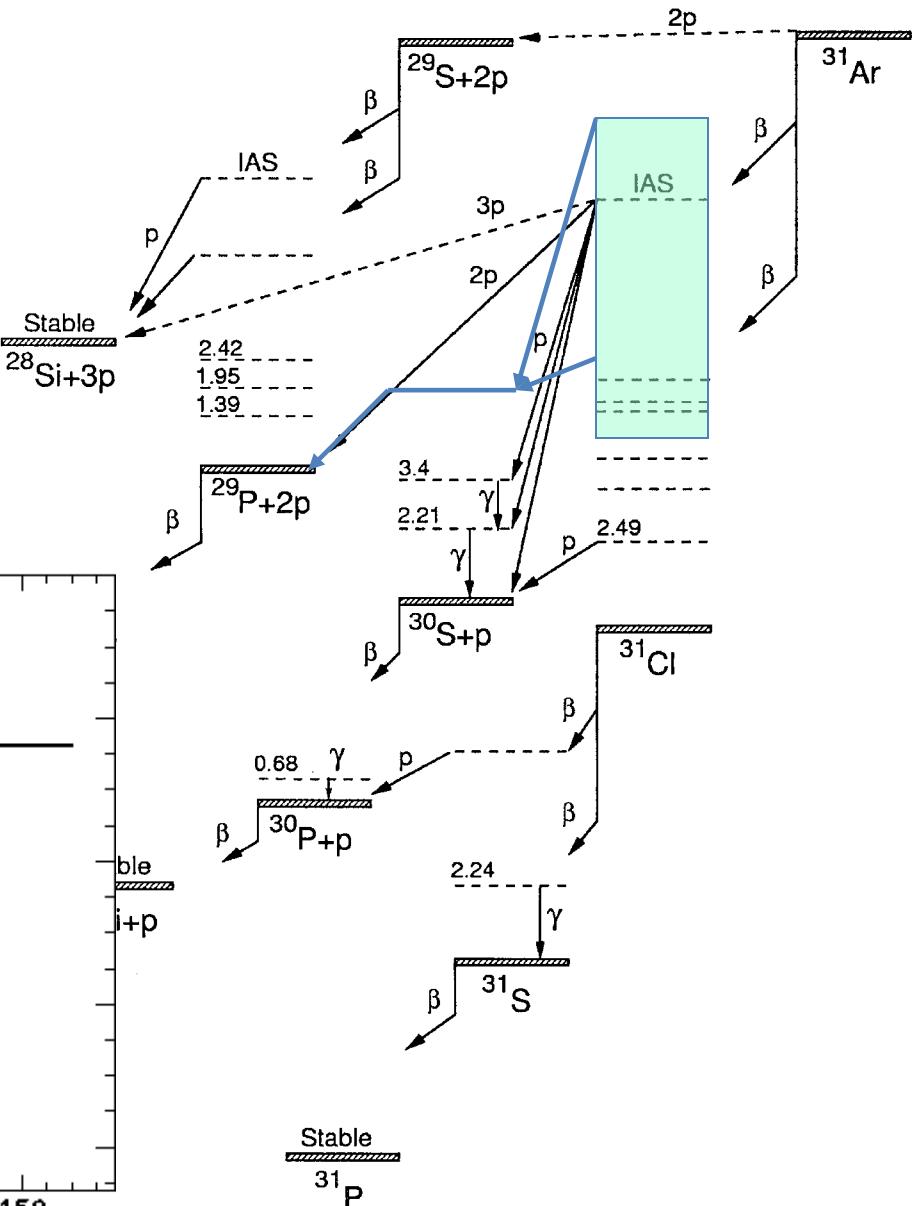
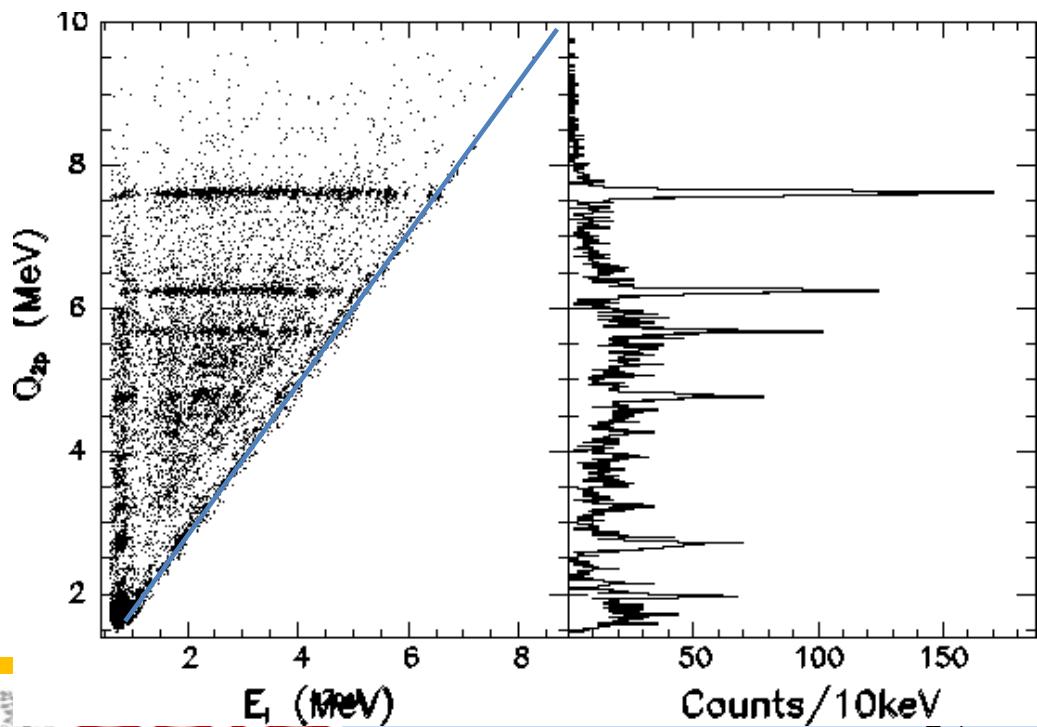
Granularity Increases
Multiparticle Efficiency



Diagonal from decays via single intermediate state from many initial states fed in beta-decay

$$E_1 = \frac{M_{D1}}{M_{D1} + m_p} Q$$

$$M_{D1} = M(^{30}\text{S})$$



decay studies

IEM

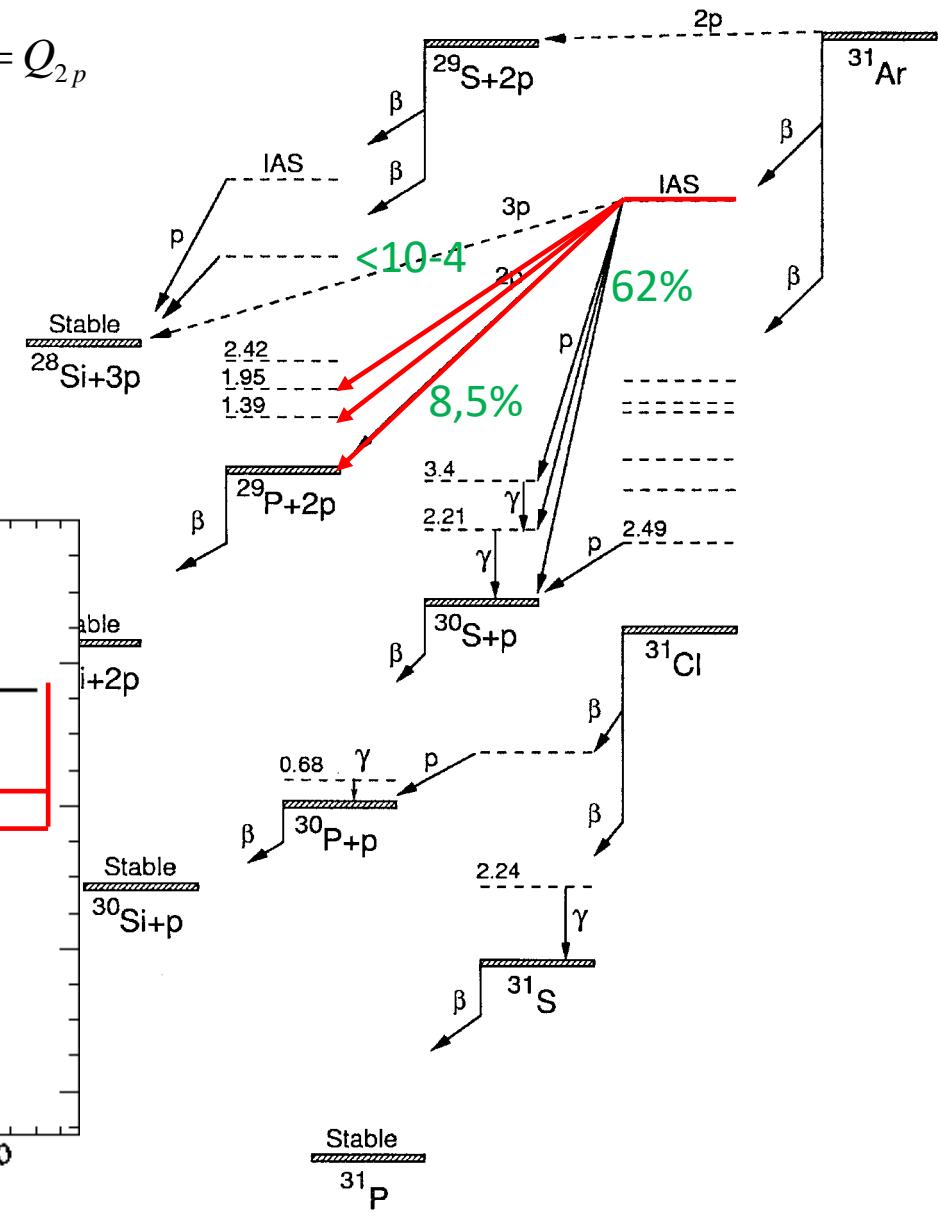
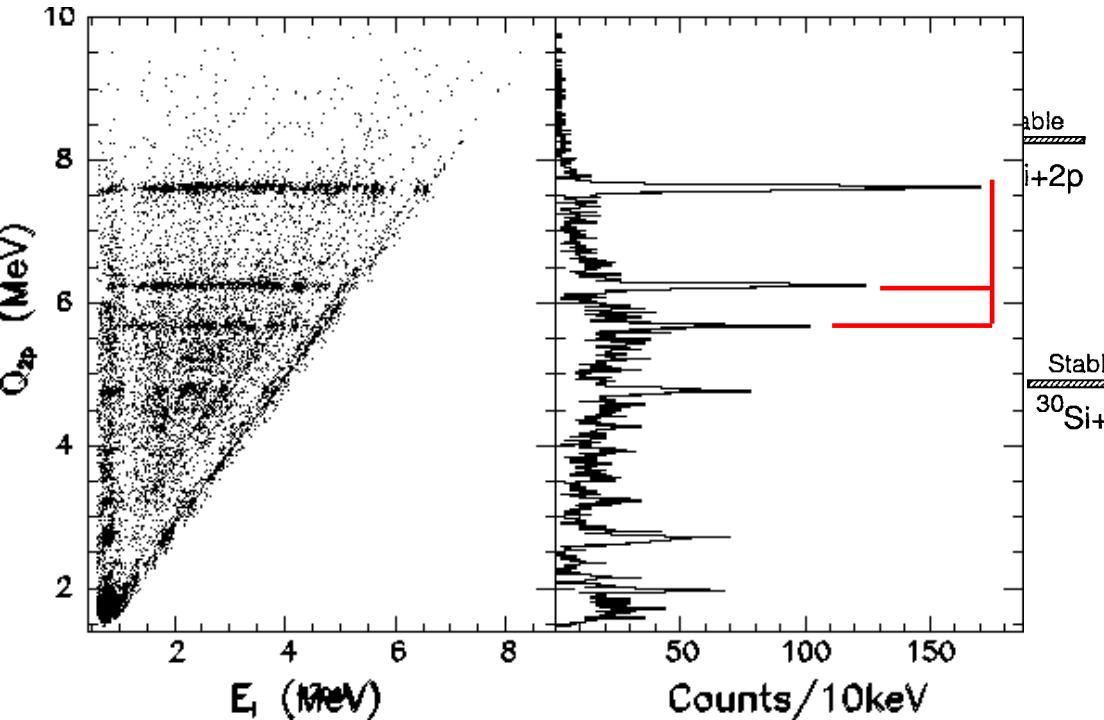
2p emission from ^{31}Ar IAS

a) Energy Conservation

$$\frac{\vec{P}_1}{2m_P} + \frac{\vec{P}_2}{2m_P} + \frac{\vec{P}_r}{2m_r} = Q_{2p}$$

b) Momentum Conservation $\vec{P}_1 + \vec{P}_2 + \vec{P}_r = 0$

$$Q_{2p} = E_1 + E_2 + \frac{m_p}{m_r} (E_1 + E_2 + 2\sqrt{E_1 E_2} \cos\theta_{2p})$$



Individual proton projections from β 2p in ^{31}Ar

In sequential two-proton emission the energy of the first proton is

$$E_1 = \frac{M_{D1}}{M_{D1} + m_p} Q$$

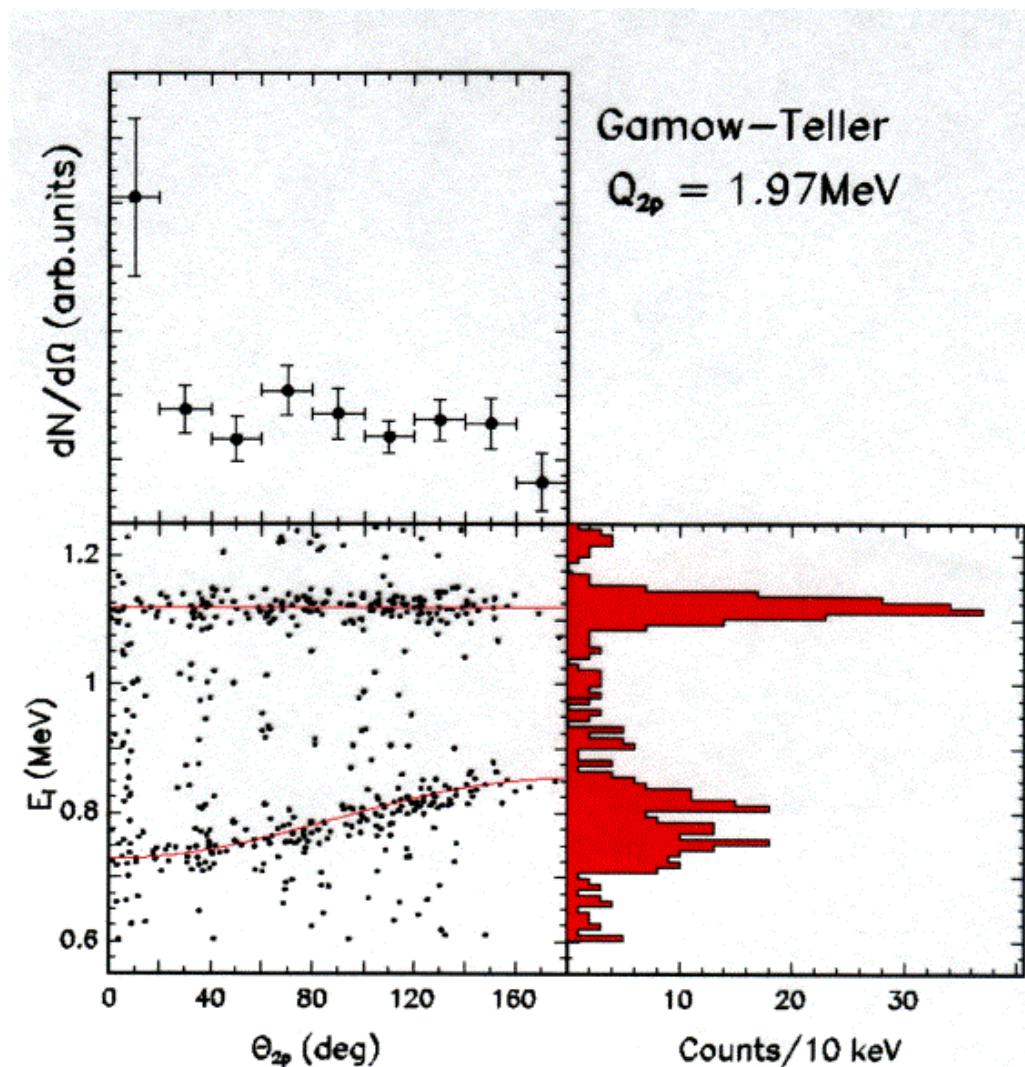
$$M_{D1} = M(^{30}\text{S})$$

$$Q_1 = E(^{31}\text{Cl}) - E(^{30}\text{S}) - S_{pl}$$

$$E'_2 = \frac{M_{D2}}{M_{D2} + m_p} Q_2$$

$$Q_2 = E(^{30}\text{S}) - E(^{29}\text{P}) - S_{p2}$$

$$E_2 = E'_2 + \left(\frac{m_p}{M_{D1}} \right)^2 E_1 - \frac{m_p}{M_{D1}} \sqrt{E_1 E'_2} \cos \theta_{2p}$$



Decay of the IAS of ^{31}Ar ($Z=18, N=13$)

$E_{\text{IAS}} = 12322(2)(50)$ keV from Q2p

$$Q_{\text{EC}} = E_{\text{IAS}} + \Delta E_{\text{C}} - \Delta n_{\text{p}}$$

$$\checkmark \Delta E_{\text{C}} = 1448.8 [Z A^{-1/3}] - 1026.3 \text{ keV}$$

Antony & Pape [ADNDT 34 (86) 279]

$$\checkmark \Delta E_{\text{C}} = 7045 \text{ keV}$$

Leaving the coef. free and using exp.
Coulomb energy shifts

between $^{32,33,34}\text{Cl}$ and $^{32,33,34}\text{Ar}$

$$\Delta E_{\text{C}} = 6950(90) \text{ keV} \Rightarrow$$

$$Q_{\text{EC}} = 18,49(11) \text{ MeV}$$

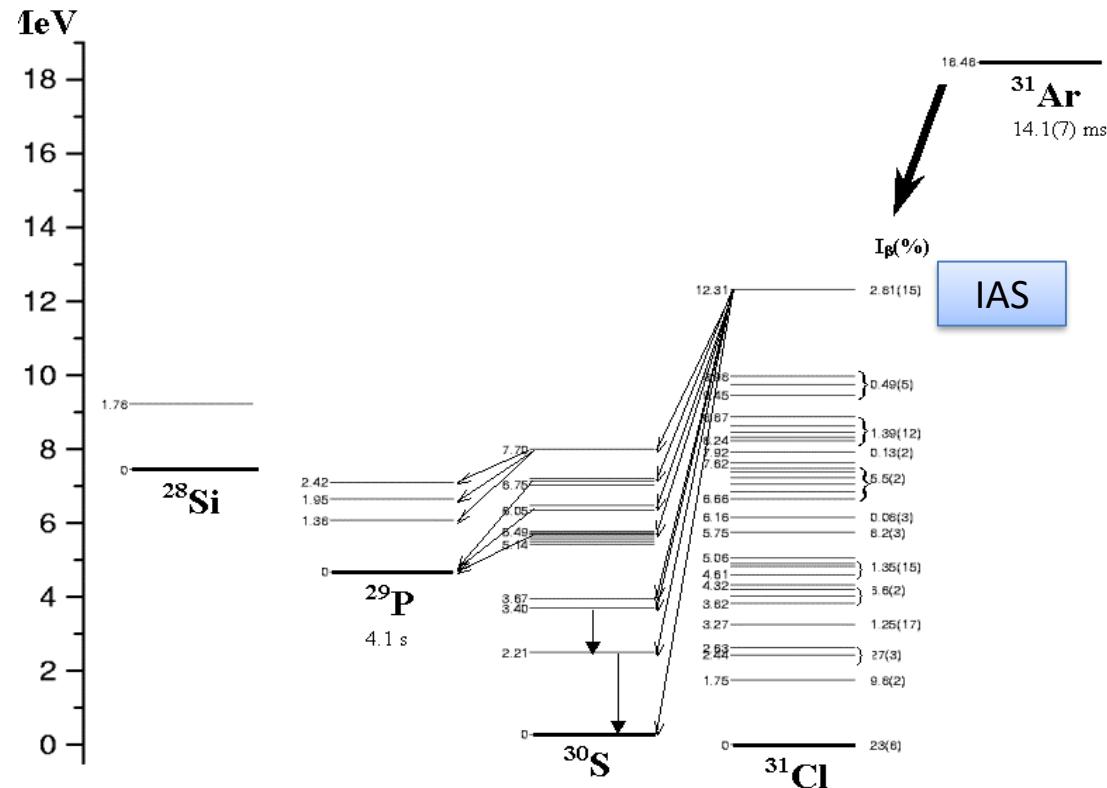
$$f(E_{\beta\text{IAS}})t_{\text{IAS}} = 6145(4) \text{ s} / [B(F) + B(GT)]$$

$$\text{b.r. (IAS)} = T_{1/2} / t_{\text{IAS}}$$

$$B(F) = [T(T+1) - T_{zi} T_{zf}] \delta_{if} = 5$$

$$\text{Expected b.r. (IAS)} = 4.35(31)\%$$

$$\text{Experimentally: b.r. (IAS)} = 4.25(30) \%$$



$$\beta 2p/\beta 1p (\text{IAS}) \sim 9$$

Fynbo et.al. NP A677(2000)38

Mapping of Neutron Deficient nuclei $22 < Z < 28$

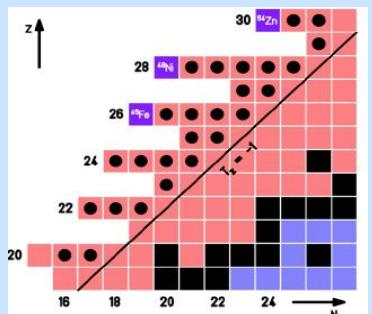
Spectroscopy studies with β -p- γ , β - γ

✓ 23 isotopes Studied

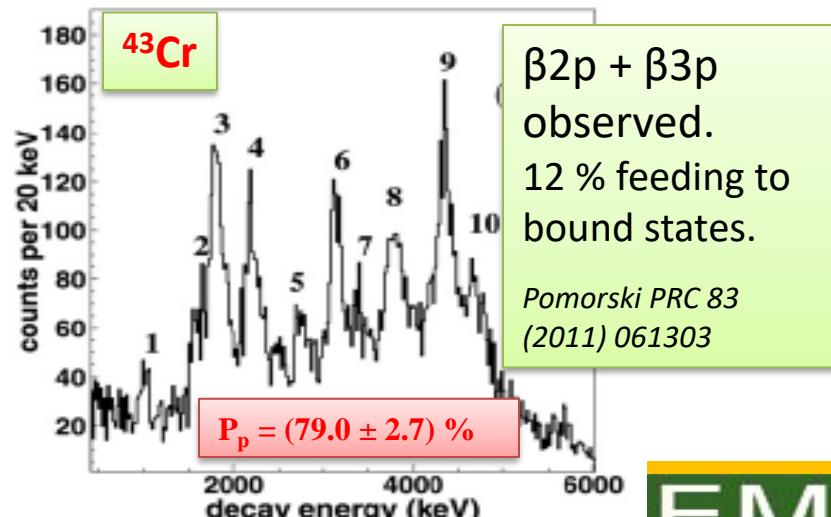
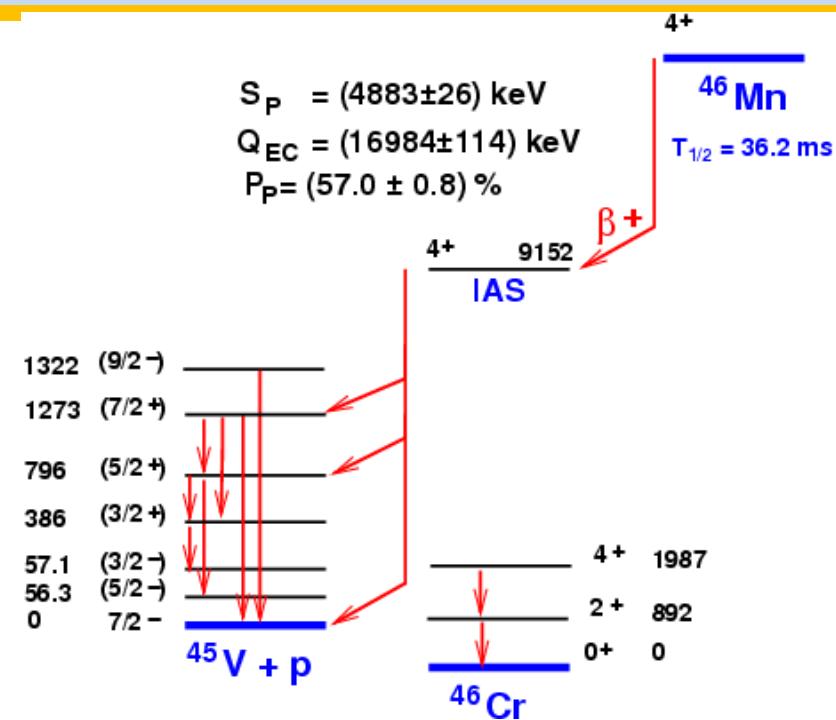
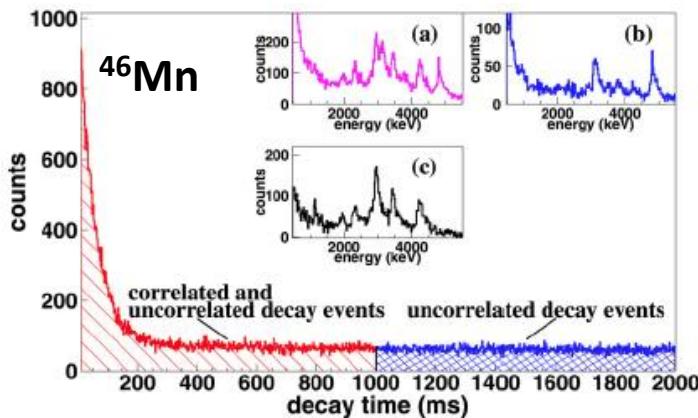
✓ Macroscoopy Properties : $T_{1/2}$, P_p

✓ Spectroscopy:

- Partial Decay scheme
- IAS Identification
- IMME



Dossat et al., NPA702 (2007) 18

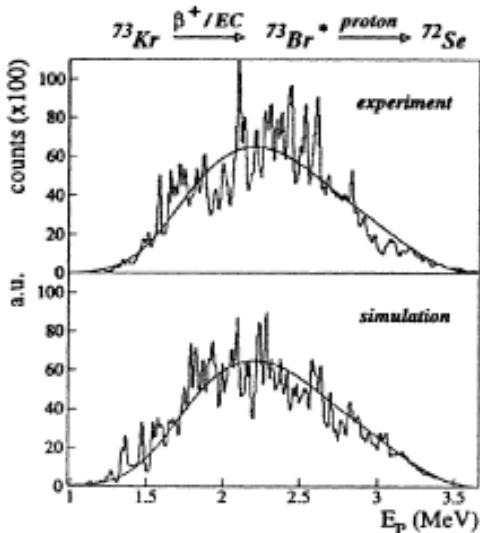


From peaks to continua (Hardy, Cargese, 1976)

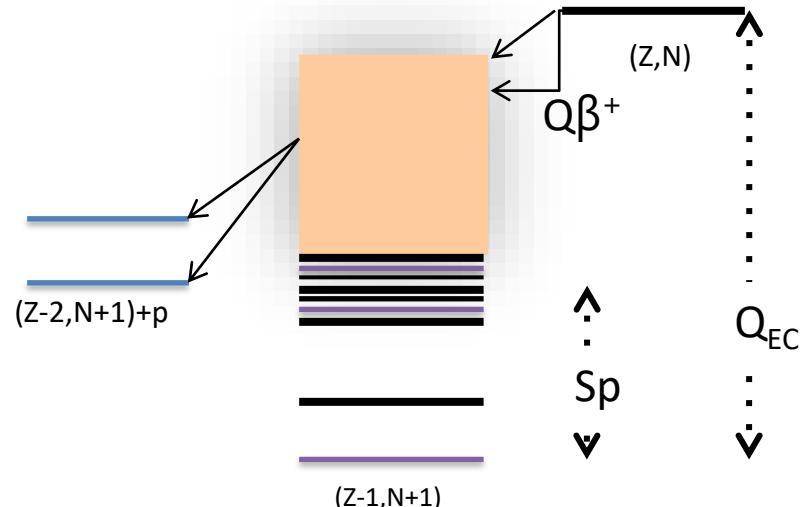
βp explored high excitation energy in the daughter => individual transition are not longer resolved

$$I(Ep) = \sum_{i,f} f(Z, Q - E^i) S_\beta(E^i) \frac{\Gamma_p^{ij}}{\Gamma_p^i + \Gamma_\gamma^j}$$

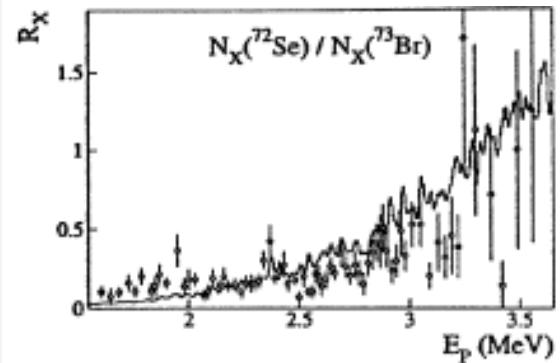
To fit the proton spectrum average of the above quantities are considered.



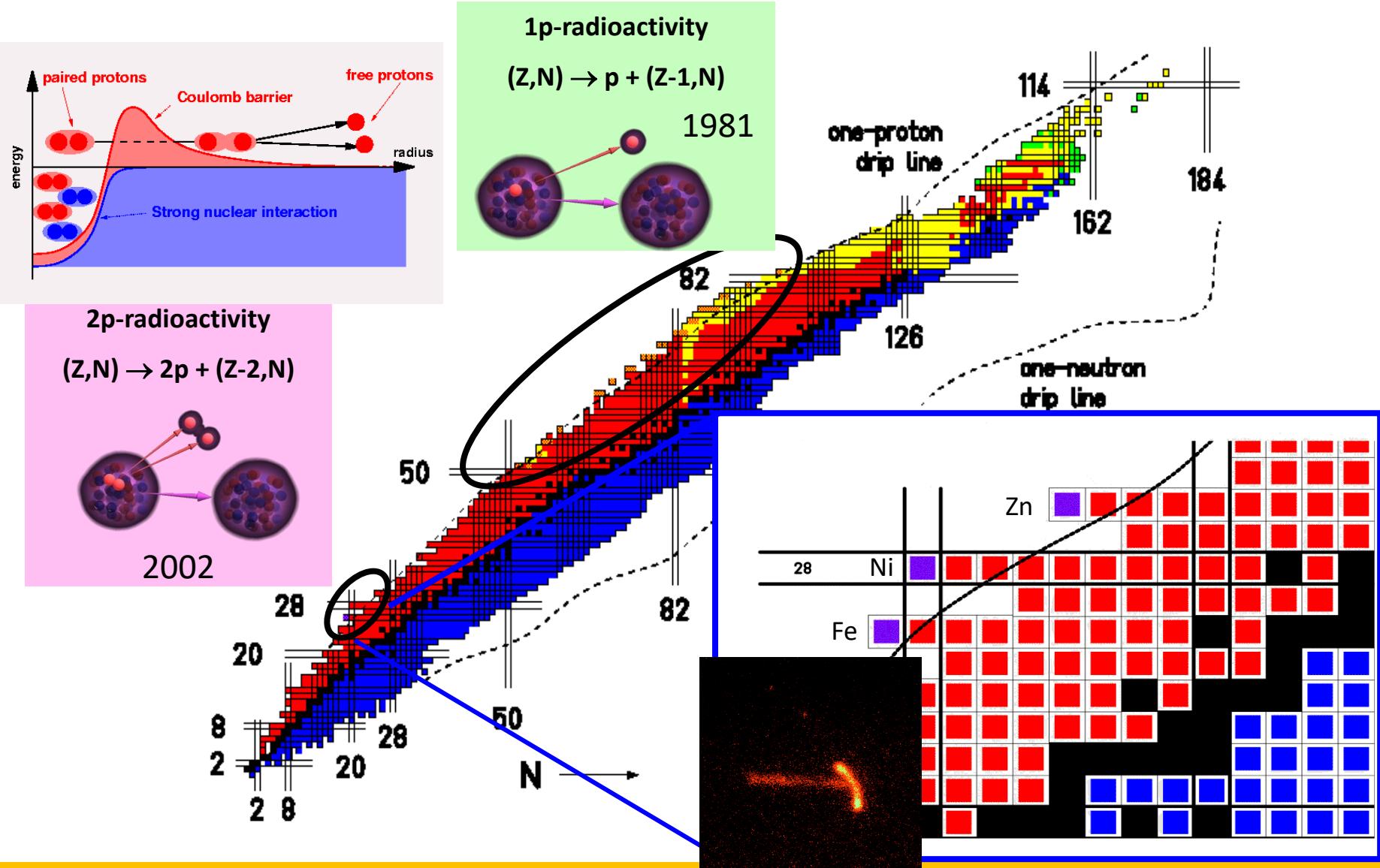
Giovinazzo et al, NPA674 (2000) 394



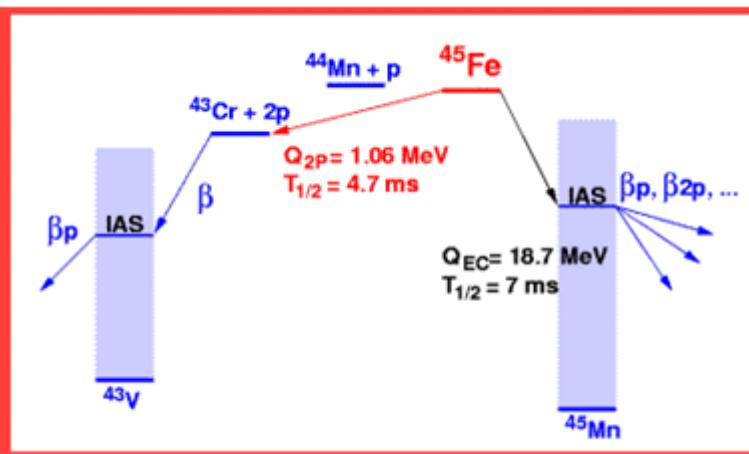
$\beta p + X$ -Ray ratio strongly constraint the level density distribution
Good estimate of proton and gamma widths for exotic nuclei of interest for nucleosynthesis
The Porter Thomas distribution accounts of the fluctuations observed in the spectrum



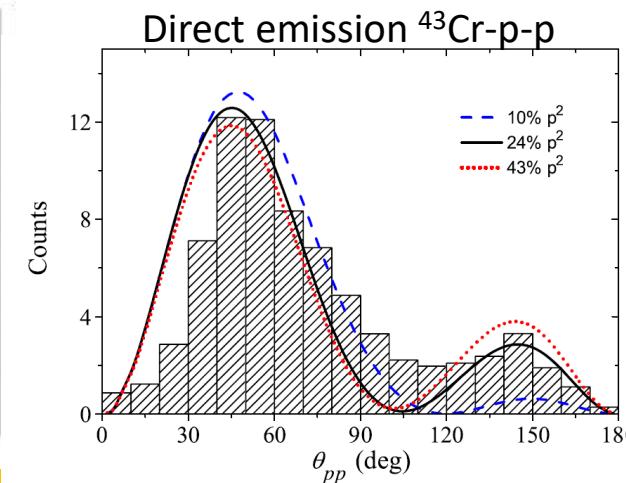
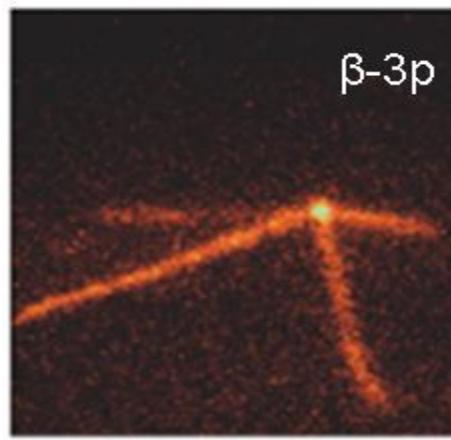
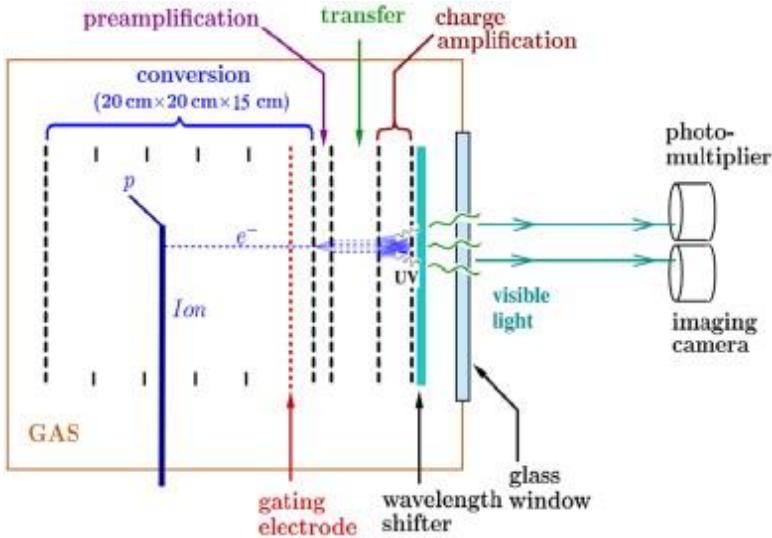
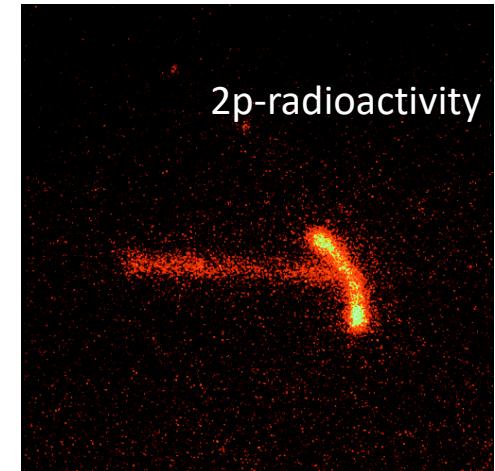
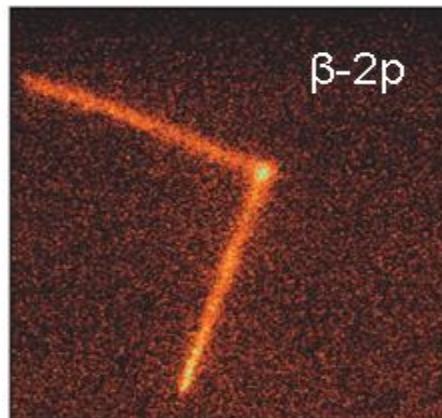
Exotic Radioactivities



2p-correlation measured for first time in ^{45}Fe

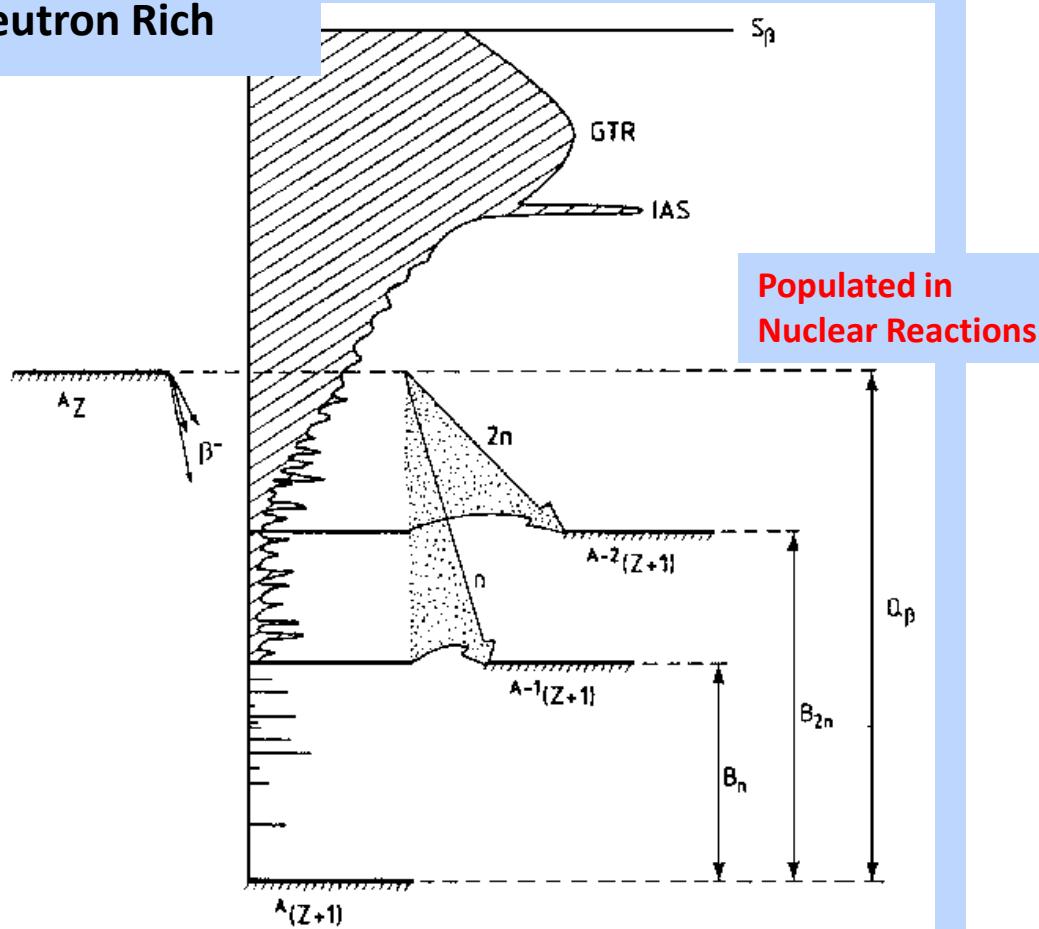


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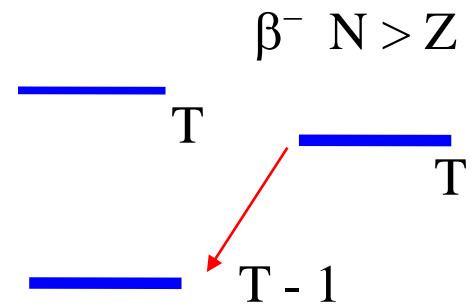


Beta-delayed Neutron Emission

Neutron Rich

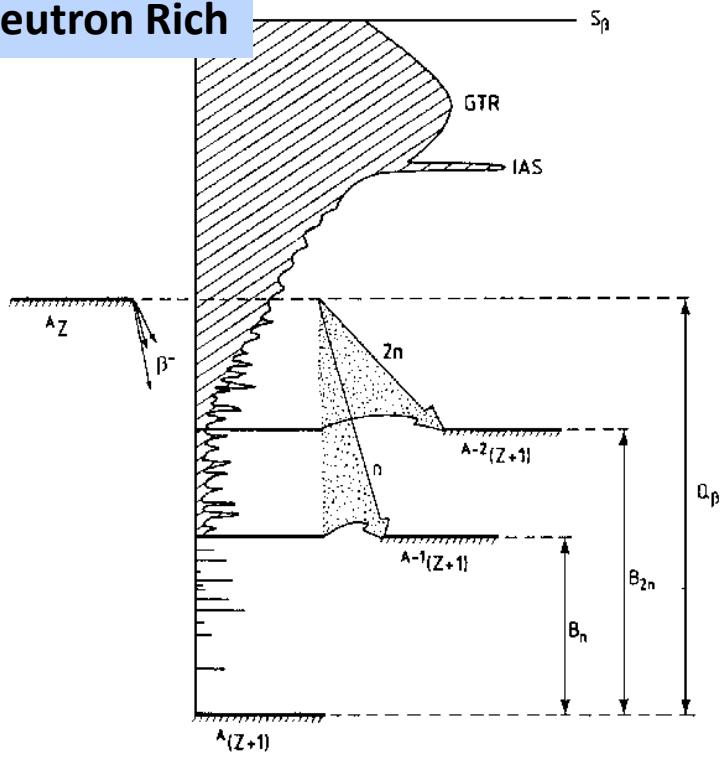


Populated in
Nuclear Reactions



Beta-delayed Neutron emitters

Neutron Rich



About 220 cases measured,
Mainly $T_{1/2}$ and P_n -values
Spectroscopy hampered by
Detection system.

Compilation for fission products $26 < Z < 58$,
Pfeiffer, Kratz, Möller, Prog. Nucl. Energy 41(2002)39

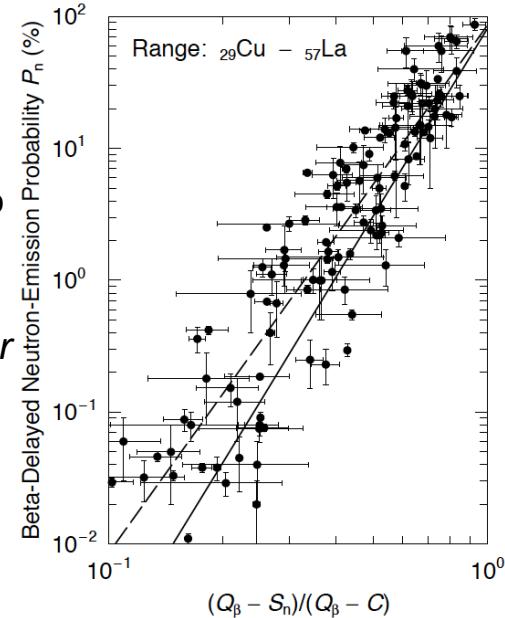
$$1/T_{1/2} = \sum_{E_i \geq 0} S_\beta(E_i) \times f(Z, Q_\beta - E_i)$$

$$P_n = \frac{\sum_{B_n}^{Q_\beta} S_\beta(E_i) f(Z, Q_\beta - E_i)}{\sum_0^{Q_\beta} S_\beta(E_i) f(Z, Q_\beta - E_i)}$$

Kratz-Hermann formula

$$P_n \approx a [(Q_\beta - S_n)/(Q_\beta - C)]^b$$

Where C is the parameter of pairing, depending of even or odd character of daughter nucleus



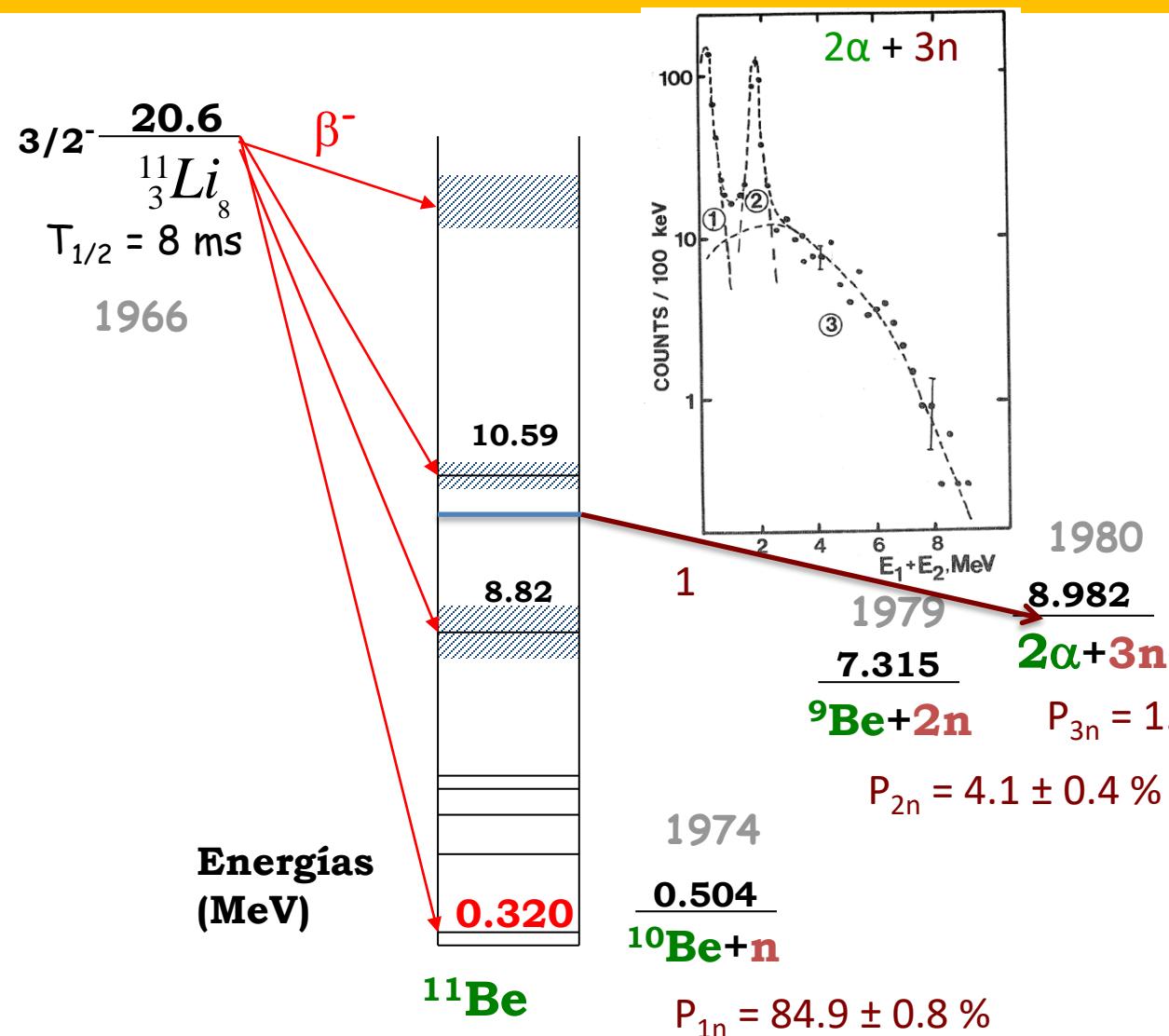
$29 \leq Z \leq 57$	a	b	regr	a	b	χ^2
	85.16	3.99	0.83	80.58	4.72	78.23
				± 20.72	± 0.34	

Measurement of Neutrons & βn

- Long Counter: reduced energy to thermal values by scattering in parafine.
- Time-of-Flight, giving signals in plastic scintillator. Energy of neutron deduced.
- βn can be deduce by obsevation of γ -ray transition in the beta-delayed neutron daughter.

Talk on Neutron detection by JL Tain

Beta decay of an exotic n-rich nuclei



Identification of
2n & 3n by time
correlations
*Azuma et al., PLB 96
(1980) 31*

Beta delayed particle emitters

For β^- -delayed x-neutron emission of A_Z

$$BE(A,Z) = ZMpc^2 + NMnc^2 - M'(AZXN)c^2$$

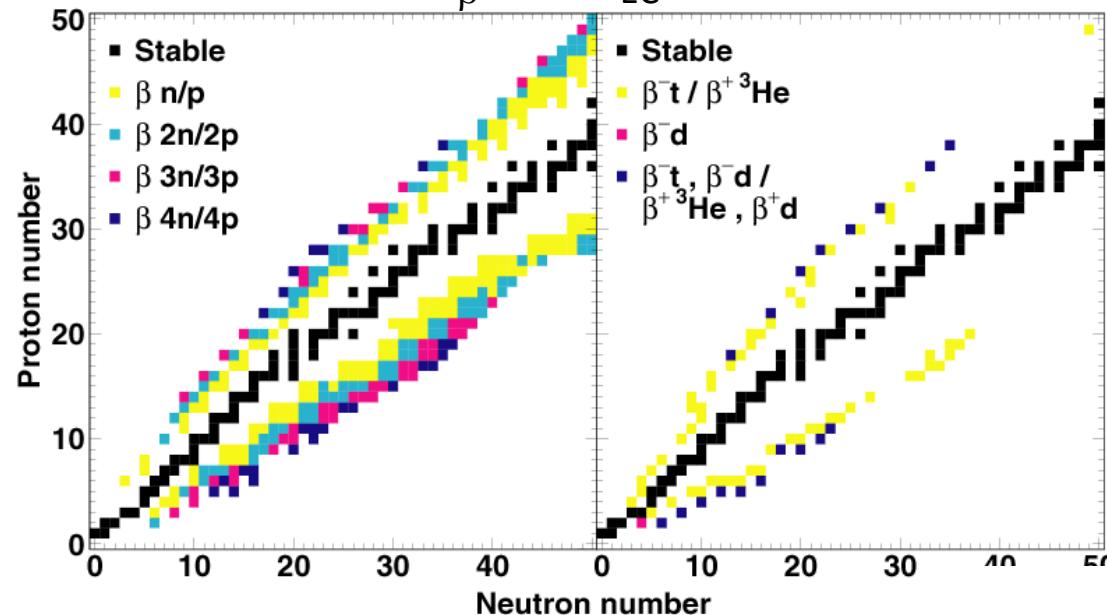
Using the Bethe-Weizsäcker mass equation for $BE(A,Z)$

$$M'(AZXN)c^2 = (ZMp + NMn)c^2 - a_v A + a_s A^{2/3} + a_c Z(Z-1)A^{-1/3} + a_A (A-2Z)^2/A - a_p A^{-1/2}$$

$$Q_{\beta nx} = Q_\beta - S_{xn}({}^A(Z+1)) = Q_\beta ({}^{A-x}Z) - S_{xn}$$

For β^+ -delayed x-proton emission of A_Z $Q_{\beta^-} \rightarrow Q_{EC}$

N-5	N-4	N-3	N-2	N-1	N
$\beta 4n$	$\beta 3n$	$\beta 2n$	βn	β	$Z+1$
			βt	βd	Z
			$\beta \alpha$		$Z-1$



B.Jonson & K. Riisager, NPA693 (2001) 77

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2001-03-01

Exotic decays

			^{17}Ne $\beta, \beta\text{p}, \beta\alpha$					
					^{17}F β	^{18}F β	^{19}F stable	
	Z=8		^{12}O 2p	^{13}O $\beta, \beta\text{p}$	^{14}O β	^{15}O β	^{16}O stable	^{17}O stable
			^{10}N p?	^{11}N p	^{12}N $\beta, \beta\alpha$	^{13}N B, noy	^{14}N stable	^{15}N stable
			^8C 2p	^9C $\beta, \beta\text{p}, \beta\alpha$	^{10}C β	^{11}C B, noy	^{12}C	^{13}C
			^7B p	^8B $\beta, \beta 2\alpha$	^9B p	^{10}B	^{11}B	^{12}B B, $\beta\alpha$
			^6Be 2p	^7Be β	${}^{\circ}\text{Be}$ α	^9Be	^{10}Be B, noy	^{11}Be B, $\beta\alpha$
			^4Li p	^5Li p	^6Li	^7Li	^8Li $\beta, \beta 2\alpha$	^9Li $\beta, \beta n, \beta\alpha$
			^3He	^4He	^5He unbound	^6He $\beta, \beta d$	^7He unbound	^8He $\beta, \beta n, \beta t$
			^1H	^2H	^3H β			
			n 10.25 m		N=2			
						$Q_{\beta d} = 3 - S_{2n}$ (MeV): $^6\text{He}, ^{11}\text{Li}, ^{14}\text{Be}, ^{17}\text{B}, ^{19}\text{B}, ^{22}\text{C}$		
						$Q_{\beta t} = 9264 - S_{3n}$ (MeV): $^8\text{He}, ^{11}\text{Li}, ^{14}\text{Be}, ^{16}\text{B}, ^{17}\text{B}, ^{19}\text{C}, ^{20}\text{C}$		
						$Q\alpha \rightarrow Q\alpha p : ^9\text{C}, ^{13}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{Ne}, ^{21}\text{Mg}, ^{23}\text{Si}$		

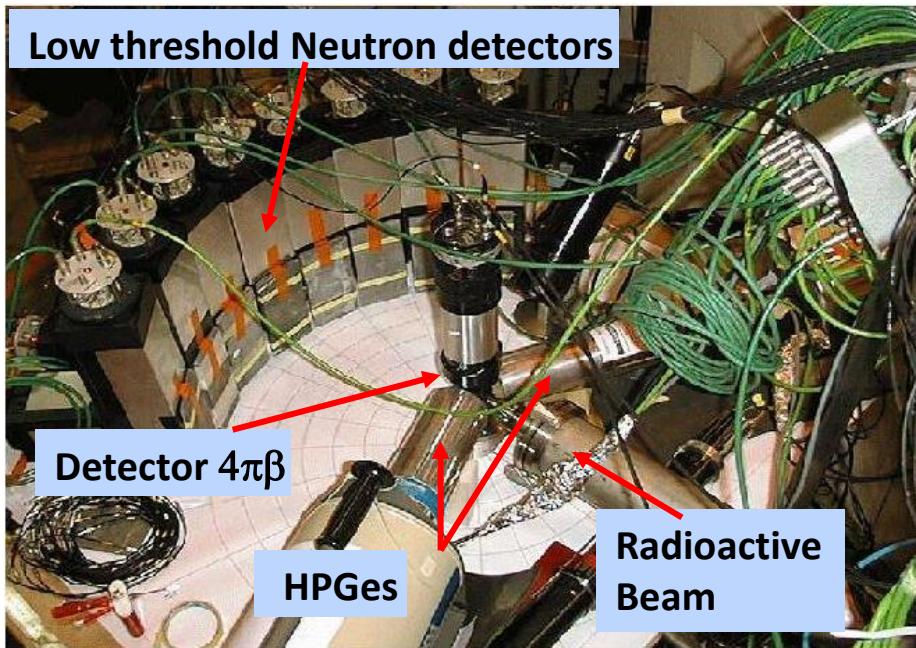
Decay Scheme → Structure Information (N= 20)

^{33}Na

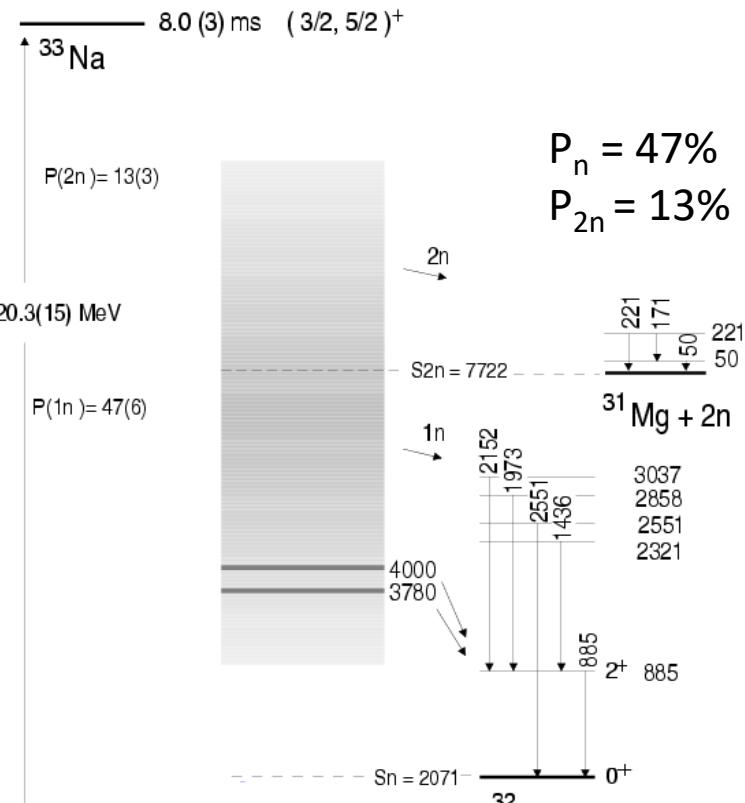
ISOLDE

fragmentation U (46g/cm^2) 2000°

1,4 GeV protons $3 \cdot 10^{13}$ / pulse (1,2s) ^{33}Na 2 at / s



exp. : coinc. β neutrons $\beta.\gamma.n$



^{33}Na $T_{1/2} = 8.0 (3) \text{ ms}$

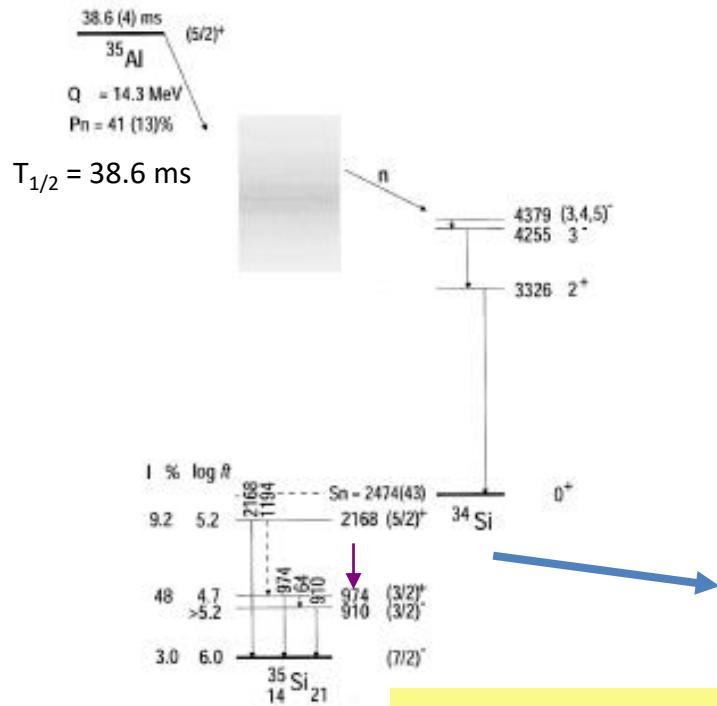
Detailed Level Scheme

inversion of $3/2^+$ $7/2^-$ orbits in ^{33}Mg

M. Langevin et al NP A414 151 (1984)

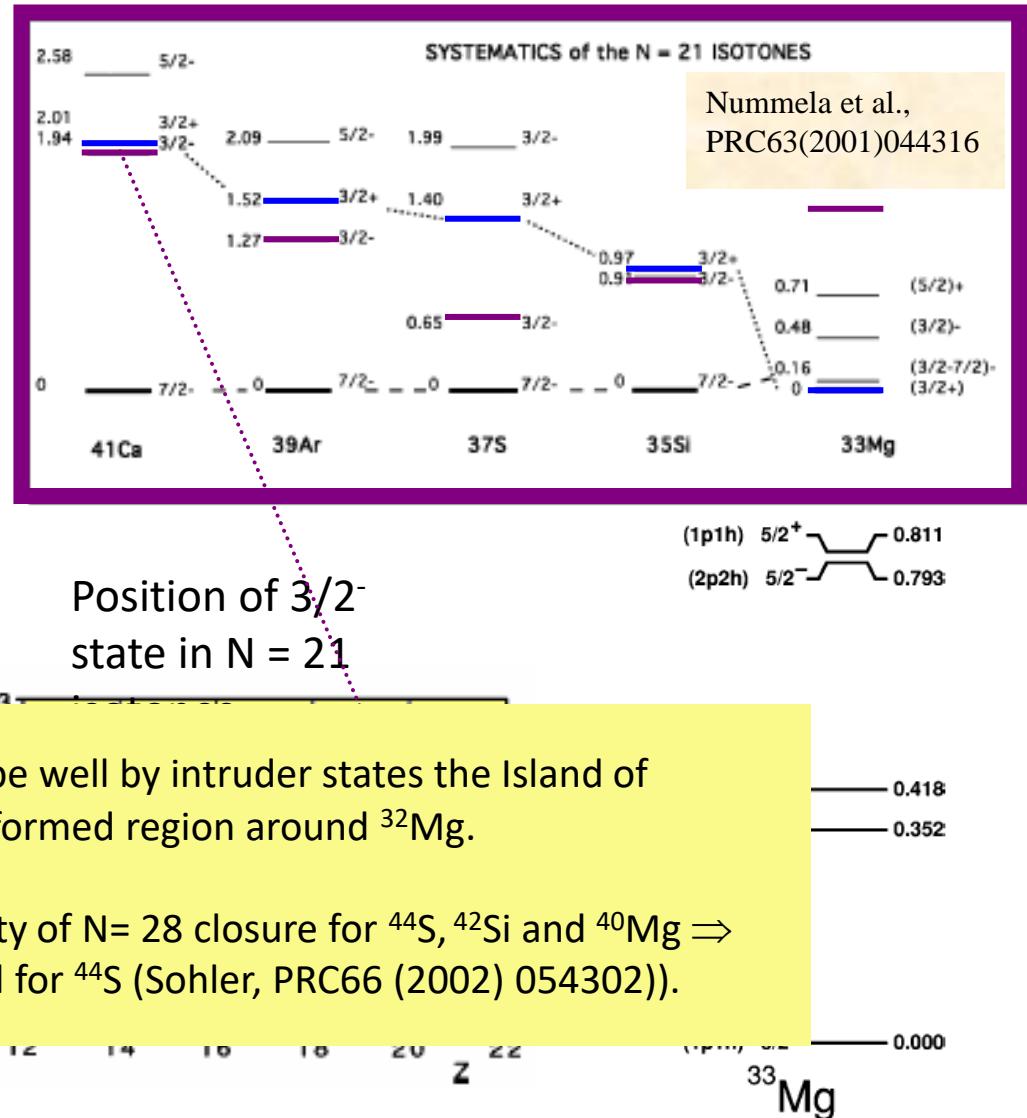
S. Nummela et al PRC64 054313 (2001)

Intruder states & Effective interaction in sd-pf shell



Nummela et al., PRC63(2001)

Fix the single particle energy
the effective interaction



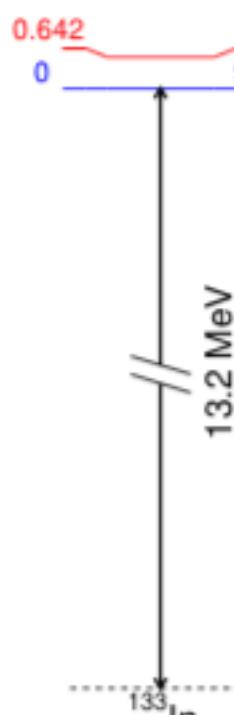
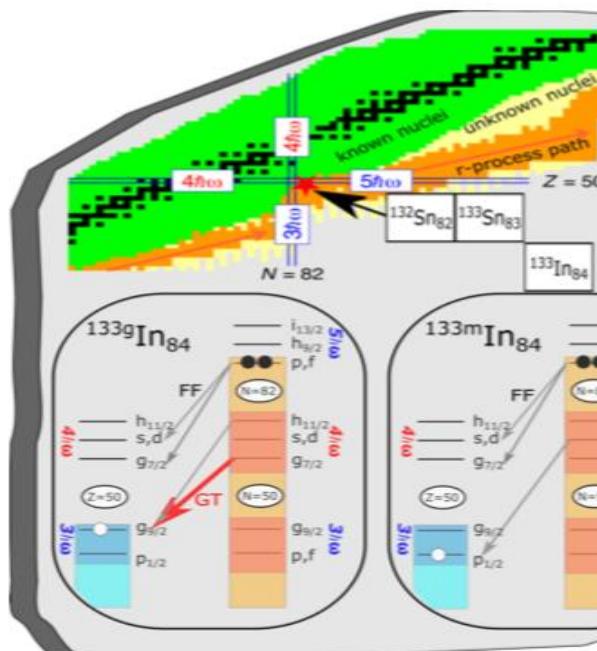
- Shell Model describe well by intruder states the Island of Inversion and the deformed region around ^{32}Mg .

- Predicts vulnerability of $N=28$ closure for ^{44}S , ^{42}Si and $^{40}\text{Mg} \Rightarrow$ confirmed for ^{44}S (Sohler, PRC66 (2002) 054302)).

βn from $^{133g}\text{In}(9/2^+)$ and $^{133m}\text{In}(1/2^-) \rightarrow ^{133}\text{Sn}$ study

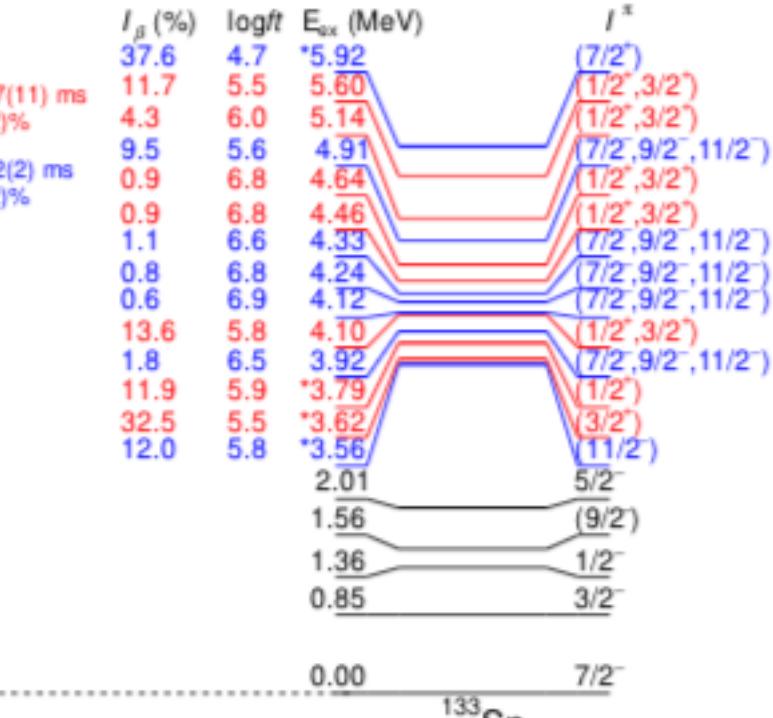
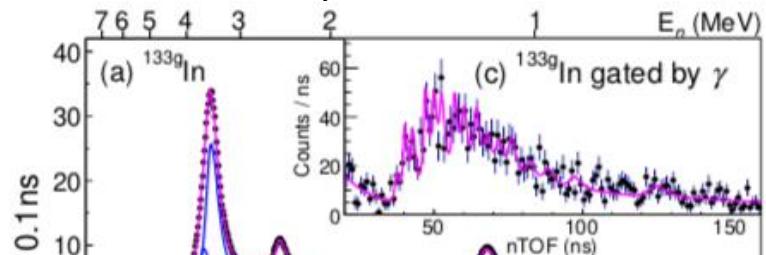
^{133}In is a key nucleus for

- Astrophysics due to its placement on the r-process bottleneck regions in most scenarios.
- its proximity to the doubly magic ^{132}Sn (50 protons and 82 neutrons) offers a uniquely simple β -decay system to validate nuclear theories.
- $\beta, \gamma, n, \beta n, \beta n \gamma$ measured

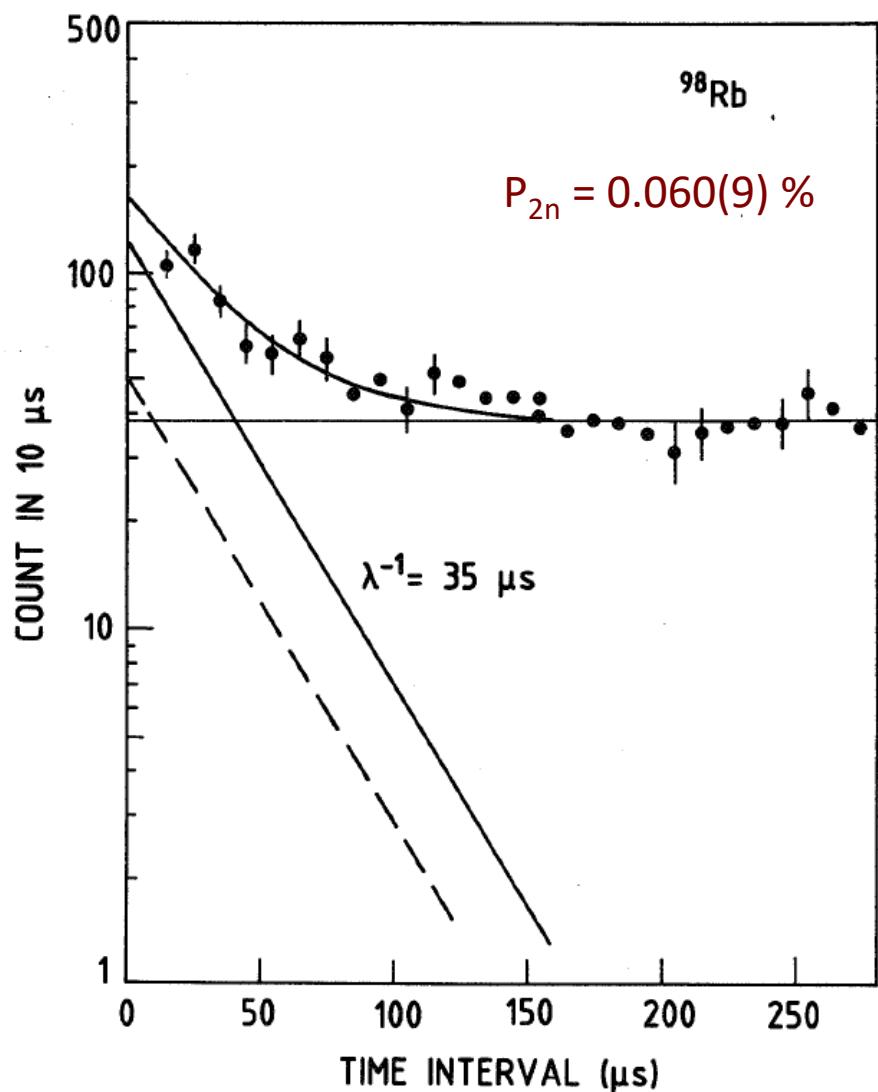


High resolution laser tuning allowed separate the contribution from gs and isomer ^{133}In

Neutron ToF Spectrum from VANDLE



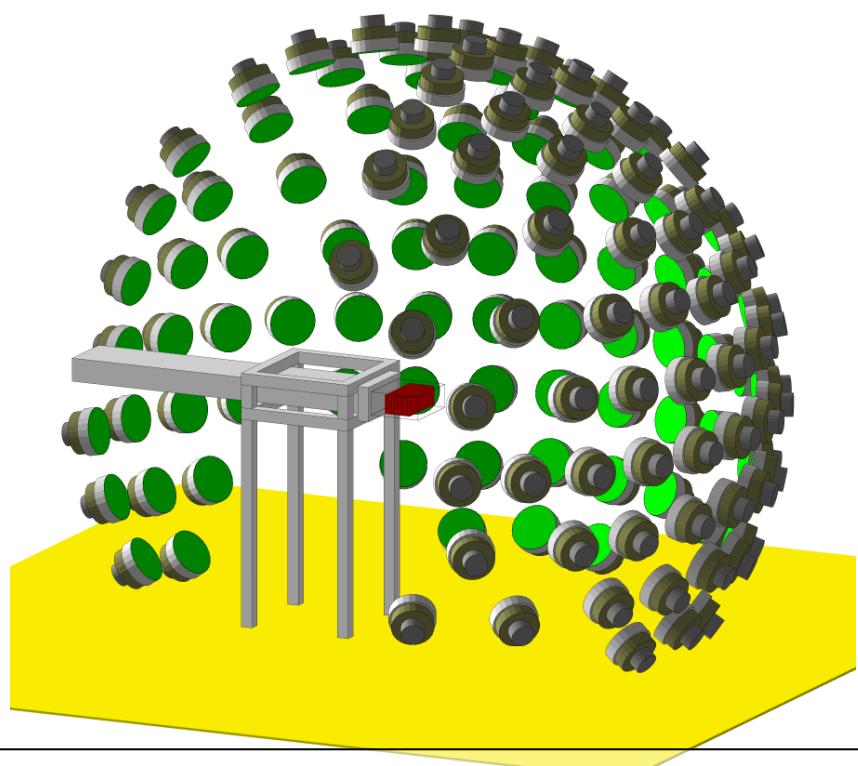
Neutron Detection systems



Measured

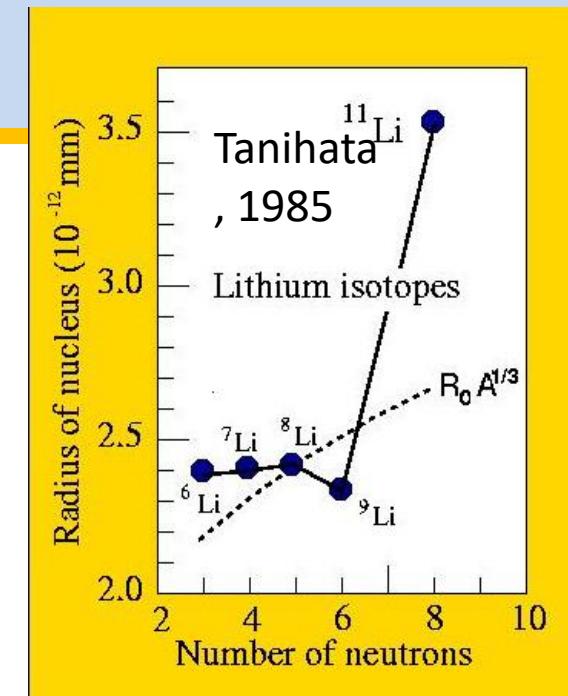
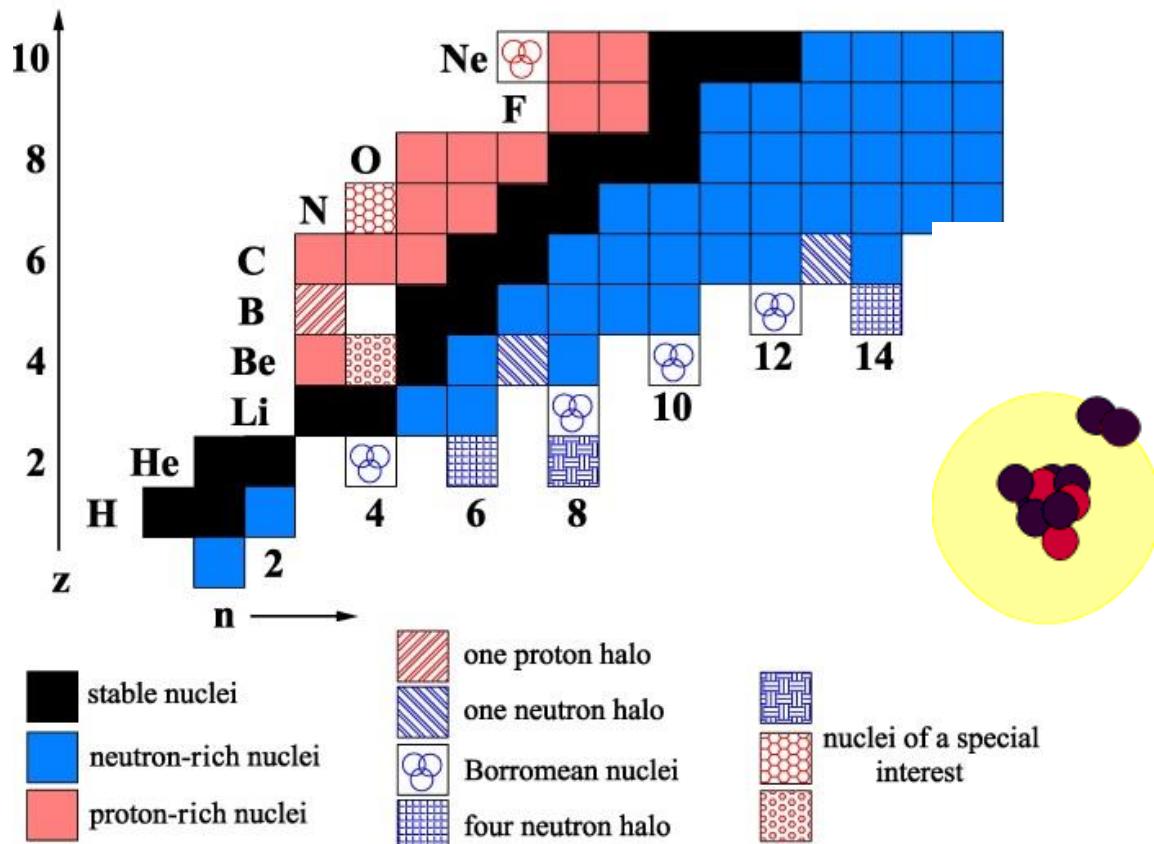
4π Counter

With 40 ^3He tubes embedded in parafine with 59 % efficiency.



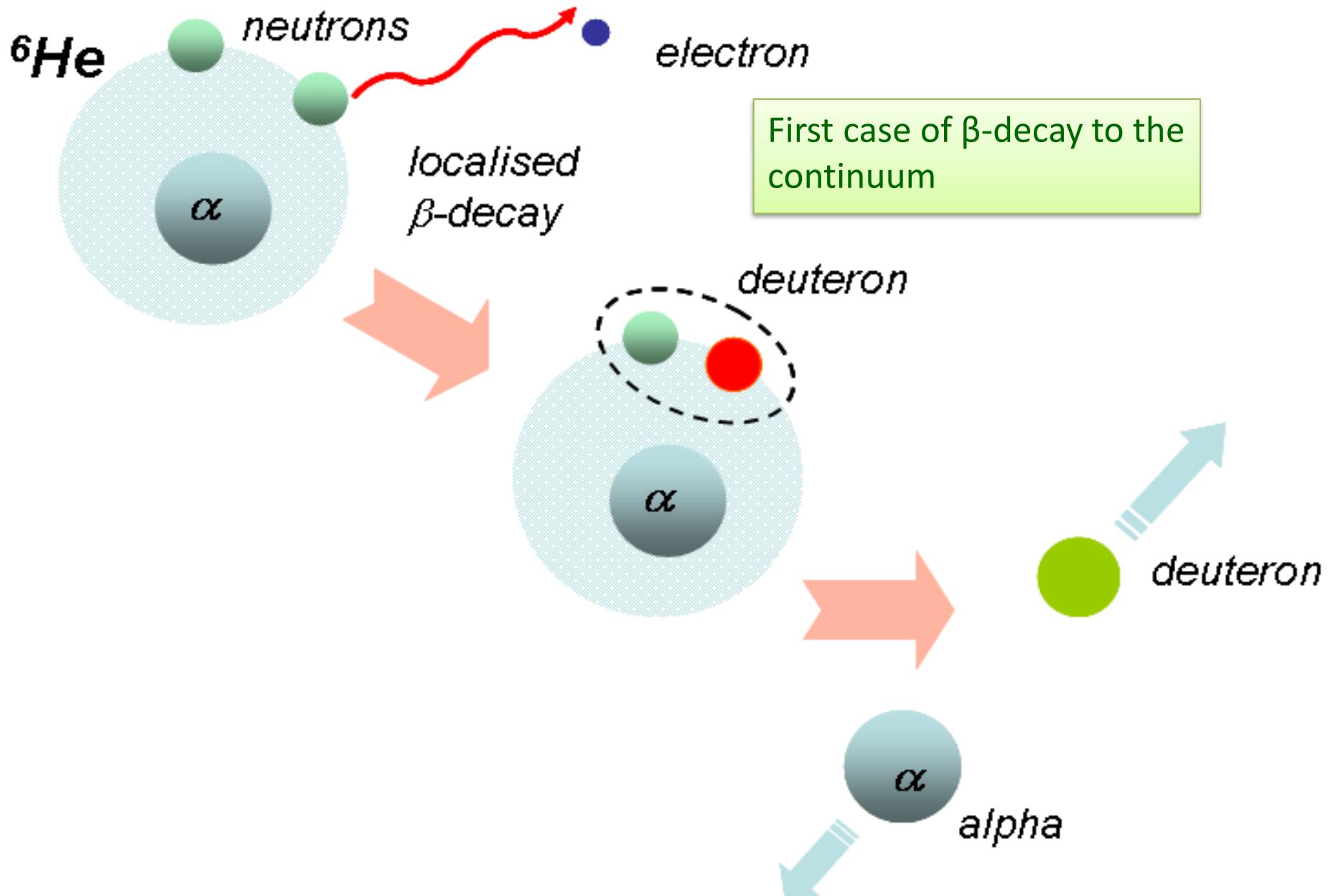
TOF spectrometer: array of liquid scintillators (BC501A)

Halo nuclei

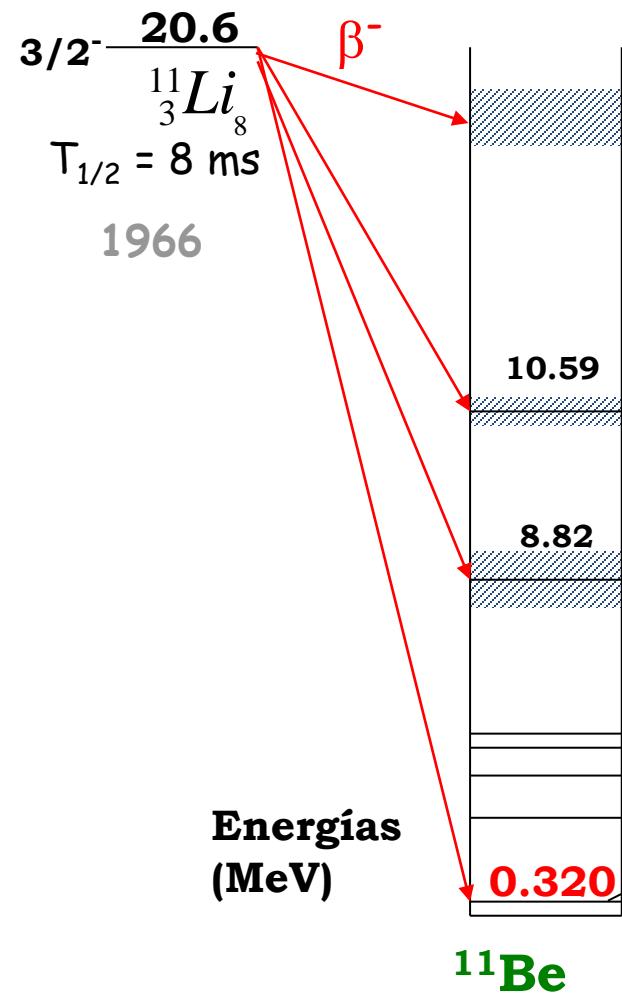


- ✓ Energy threshold effect
- ✓ Highlight by nuclear reactions
- ✓ Effects in beta decay

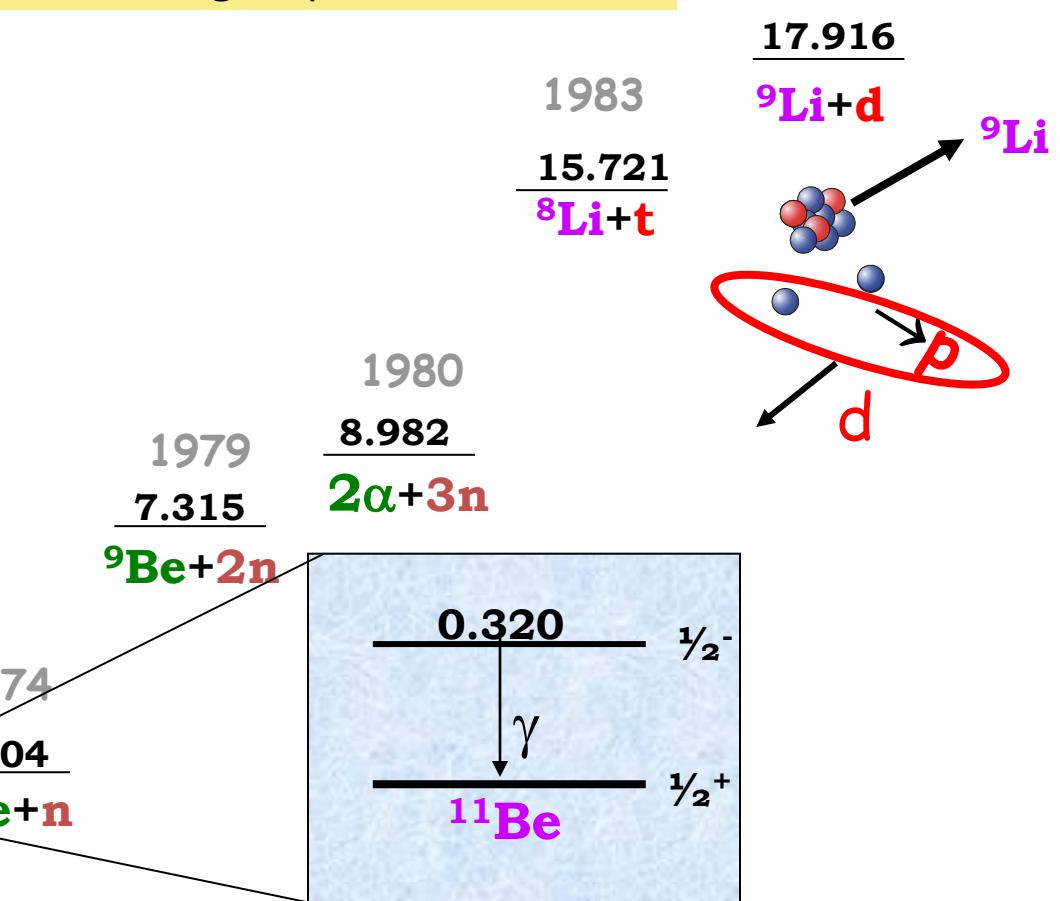
Beta-delayed deuterons



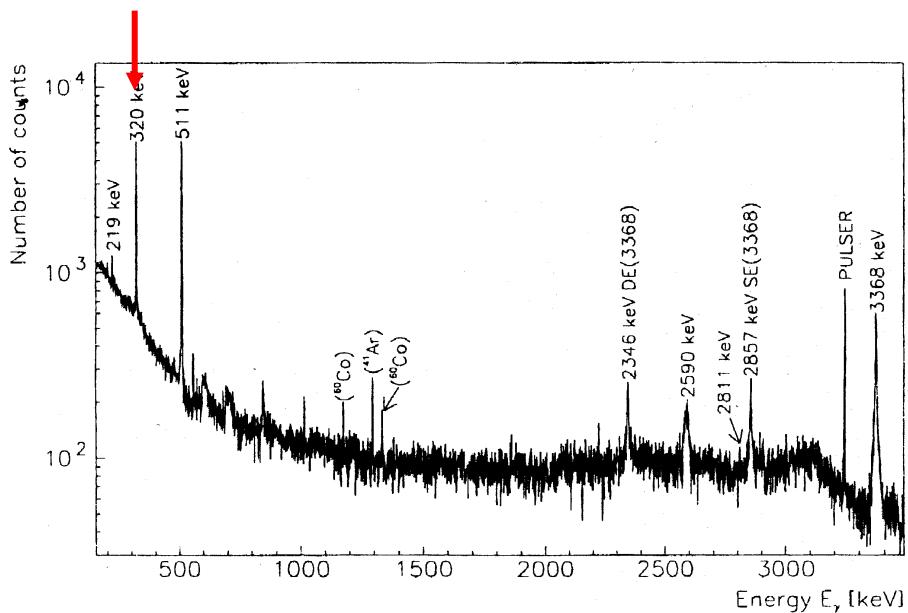
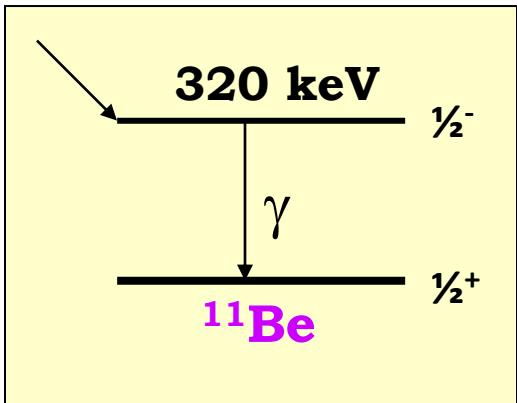
Beta decay of an exotic nuclei



Even a neutron rich - nuclei emit charged particles



^{11}Li , gamma rays

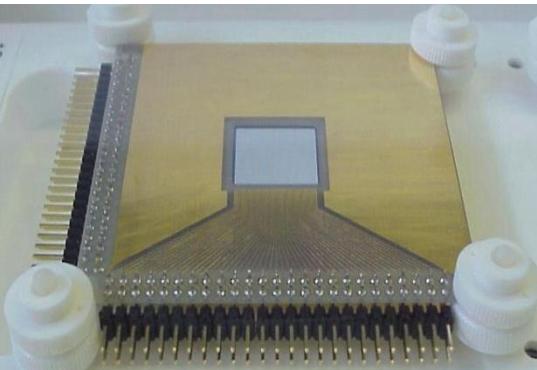


M.J.G. Borge et al., PRC55 (97) R8
N. Aoi et al., NPA616 (97) 181c
D. Morrisey et al., NPA627 (97) 222

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= 20.62 \text{ MeV}, T_{1/2} = 8.2 \text{ ms} \\ b(320) &= 6.3(6) \% \\ \log ft &= 5.73 \end{aligned}$$

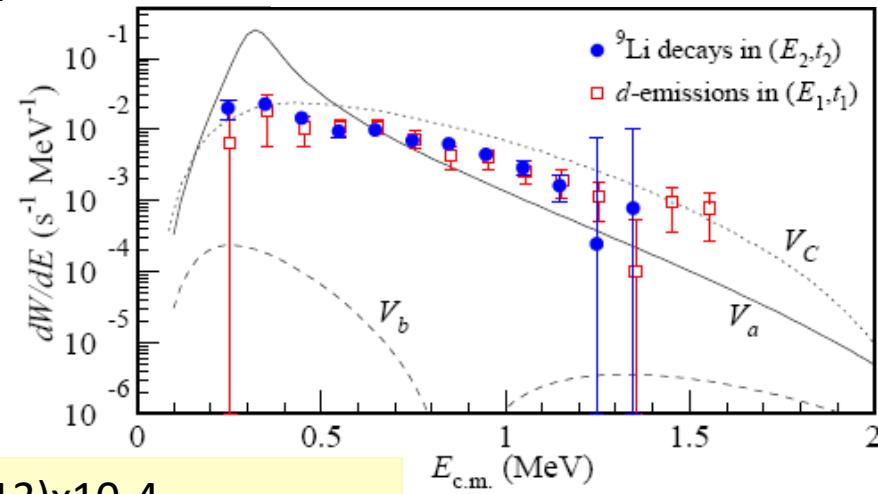
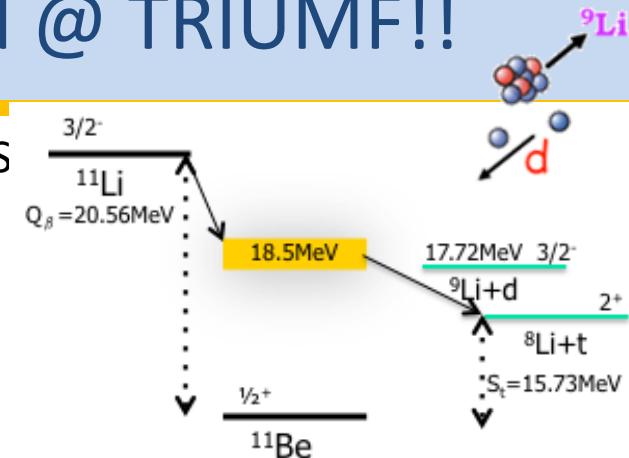
$$(1s_{1/2})^2/(0p_{1/2})^2 \sim 1$$

^{11}Li βd spectrum finally measured @ TRIUMF!!



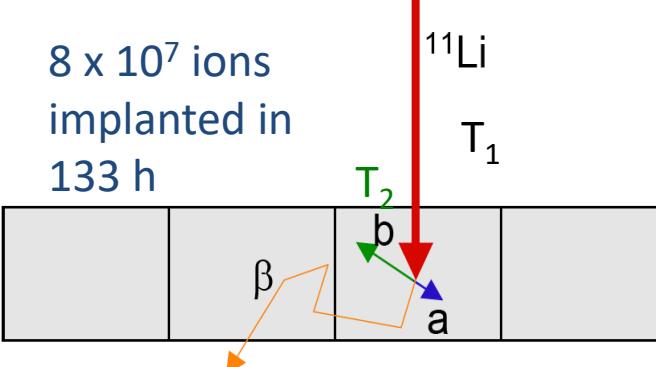
DSSSD $16 \times 16 \text{ mm}^2$, $70\mu\text{m}$ thick
 48×48 strips, $300 \mu\text{m}$, 2304 pixels
J. Büscher et al., NIM B 266 (2008) 19

- Implantation of ^{11}Li beam on DSSS Detector
- Very precise B.R.
- Low detection threshold
- Low beta background
- History of each decay



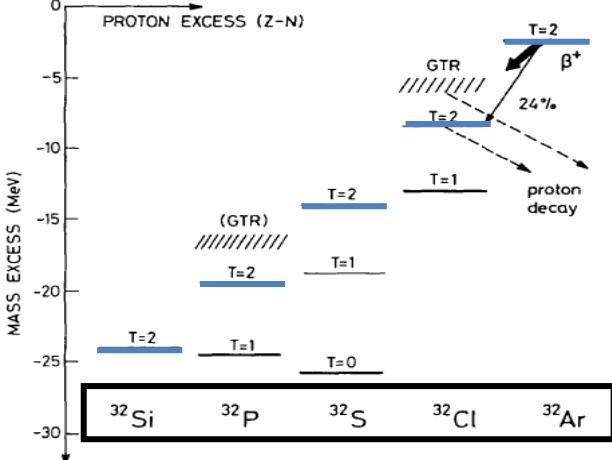
B.R. = $1.30(13) \times 10^{-4}$
 $E_{\text{cm}} > 200 \text{ keV}$
Deuteron Spectrum
Decay to the continuum confirmed !

Raabe et al, PRL 101 (2008) 212501



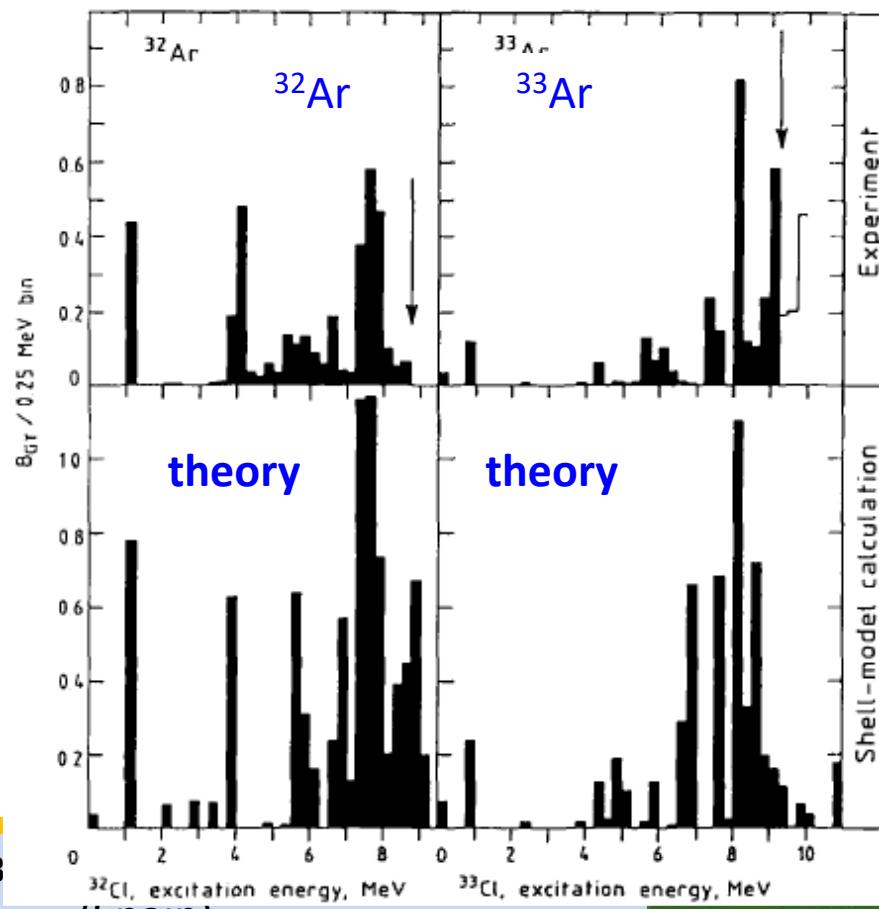
Stringent test of Nuclear Models

- ✓ Test Isobaric Multiplet Mass eq.
- $M(A, T, T_z) = a + bT_z + cT_z^2 + \delta(dT_z^3 + eT_z^4)$
- ✓ If 2-body forces responsible of charge dependence in nuclei IMME to T_z^2
- ✓ $B_F = T(T+1) - T_{Zi}T_{Zf}$
- ✓ If strength to IAS $\neq B_F \Leftrightarrow$ Mixing

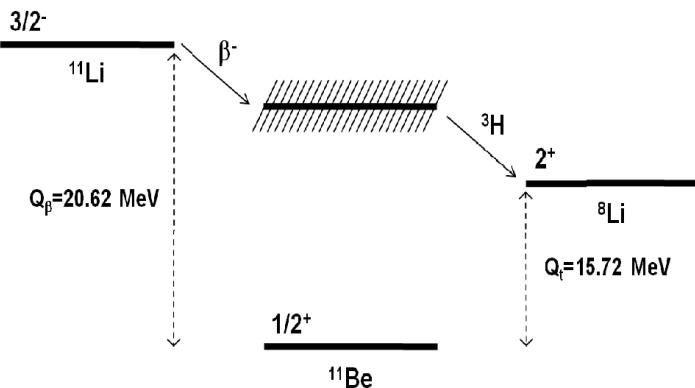


Quintet test $\rightarrow d = 0.89(11)$ keV

- ✓ Impressive reproduction of the B_{GT} distribution by Shell Model calculation
- ✓ Quenching factor close to one, sensitive to the placement of the GTGR

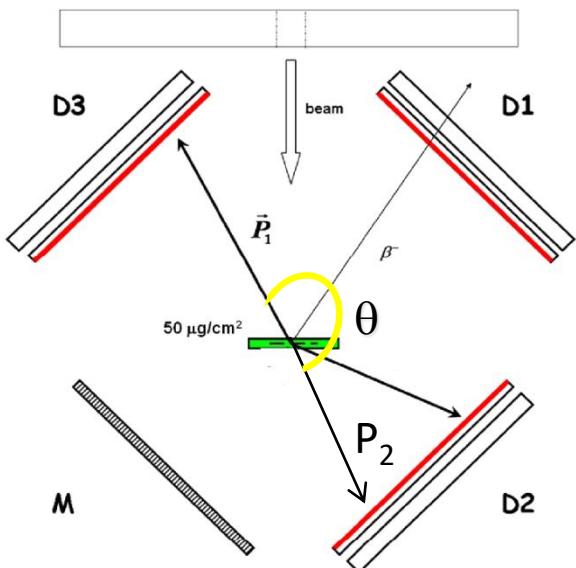


Kinematic identification of β^-t emission in ^{11}Li

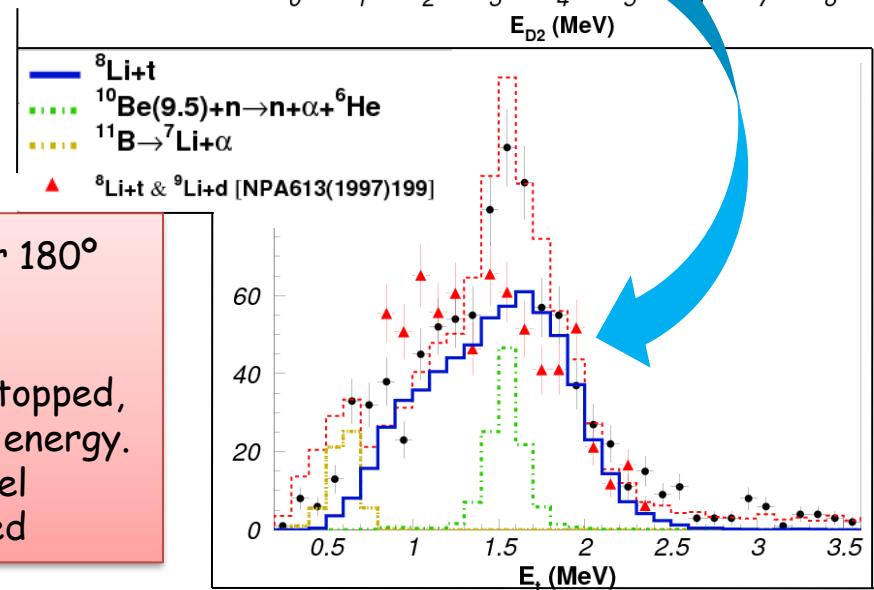
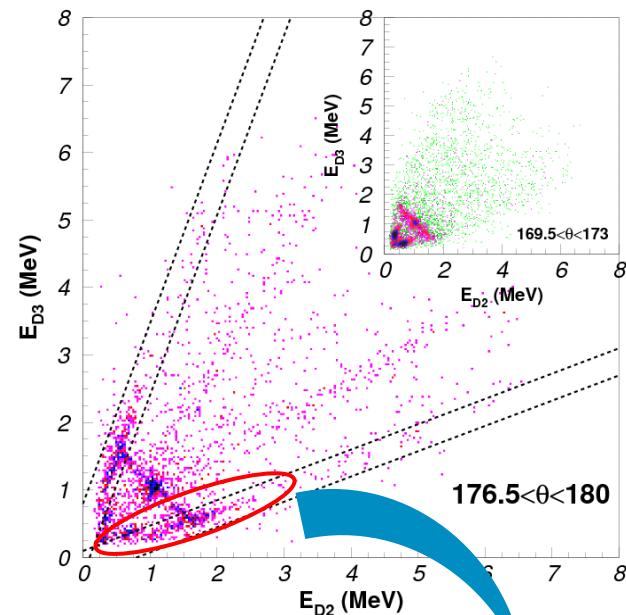


$$Q_{\beta t} = \Delta M(^{11}\text{Li}) - \Delta M(^8\text{Li}) - \Delta M(t) = 4822(5) \text{ keV}$$

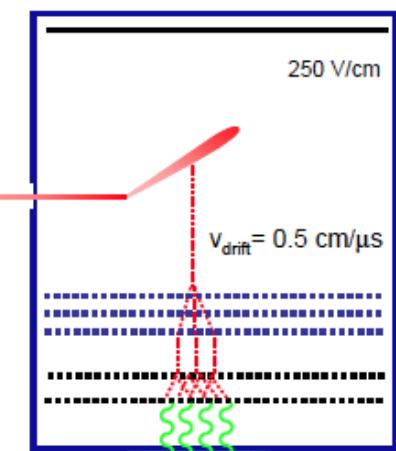
Madurga et al., Eur. Phys. J A42 (2009)415



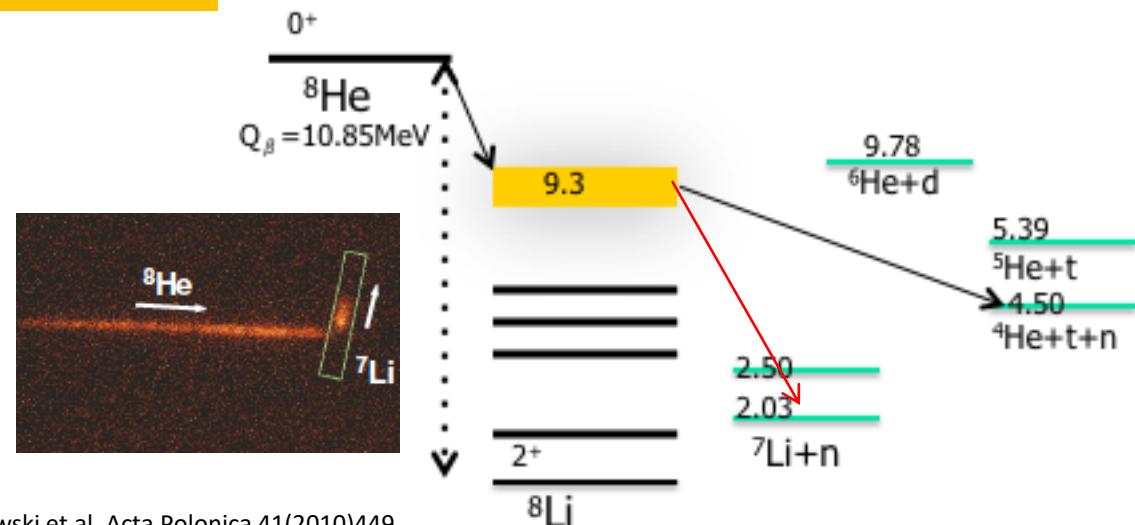
- Kinematics near 180° between charged particles.
- $^9\text{Li}+d$ channel stopped, ^9Li too low recoil energy.
- The $^8\text{Li}+t$ channel uniquely separated



Viewing β -delayed triton emission

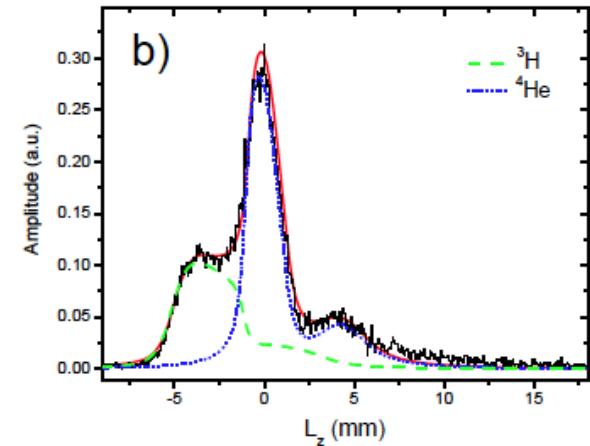
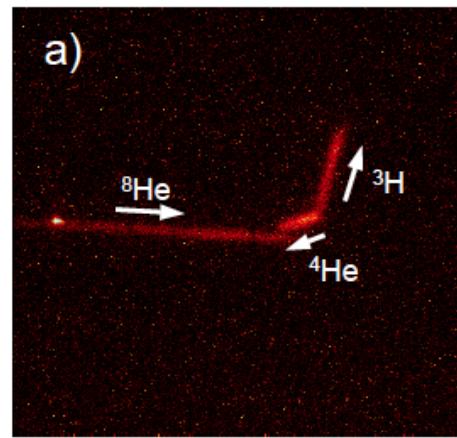


active volume
95% He + 5% N₂
} 3xGEM
amplification
} light detection



Optical Time Projection Chamber

The strong βt branch allowed to identify feeding to a highly excited state in ^{8}Li .
New branch βn from this state confirming the character of super-allowed transition



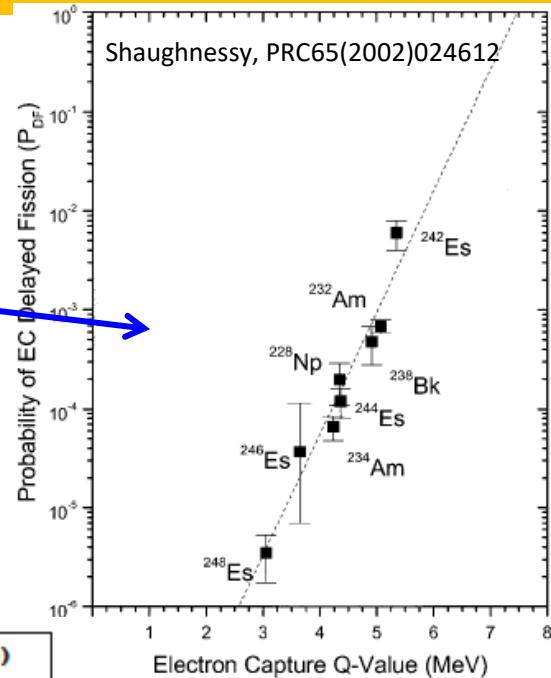
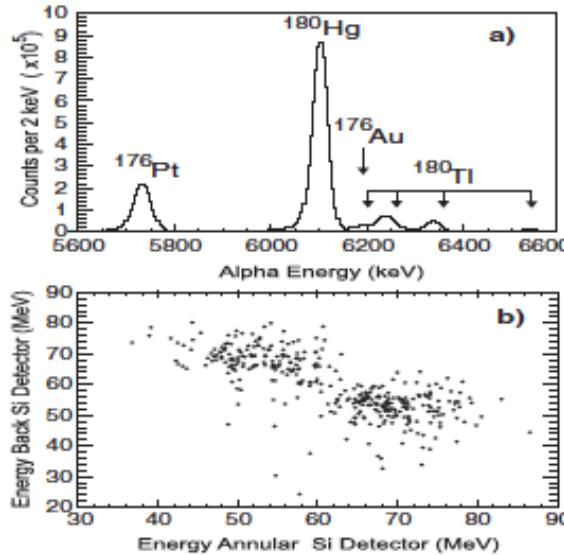
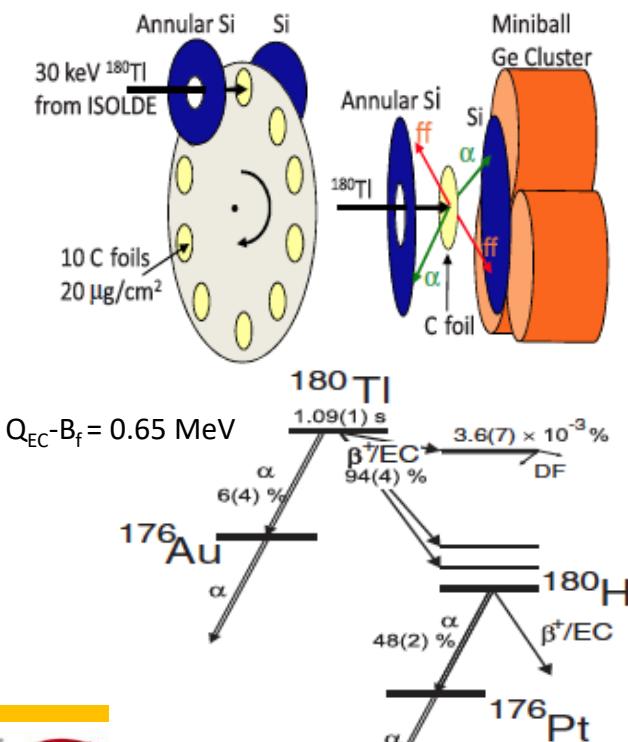
Beta-delayed Fission in the Pb-region

Discover in Dubna in $^{232,234}\text{Am}$ in 1966

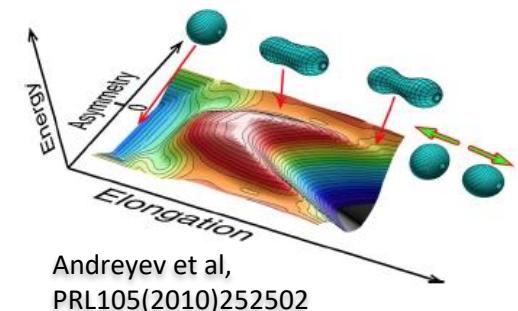
Allows to study low energy fission properties at unusual N/Z ratios

Max energy of fissioning nucleus < Q_{EC} of precursor

Two region : 12 cases identified in the U-region neutron deficient Pb-region



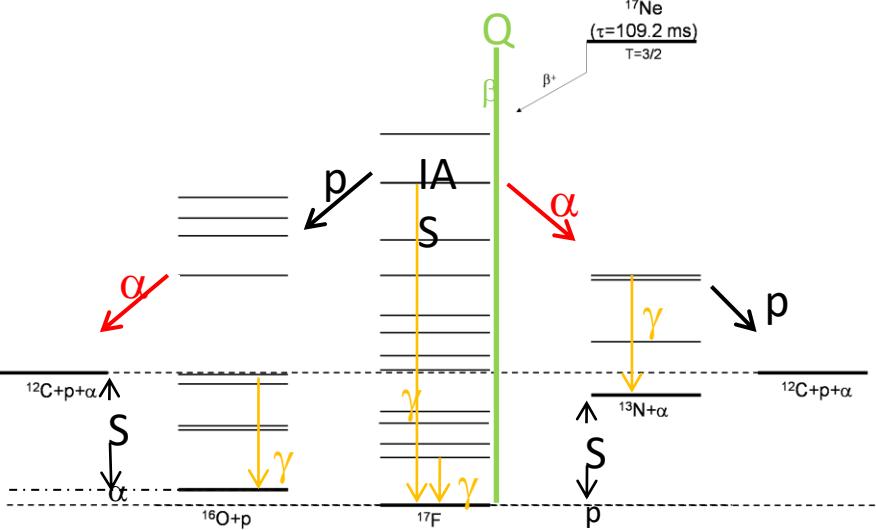
Unexpected Asymmetric Fission Fragments !



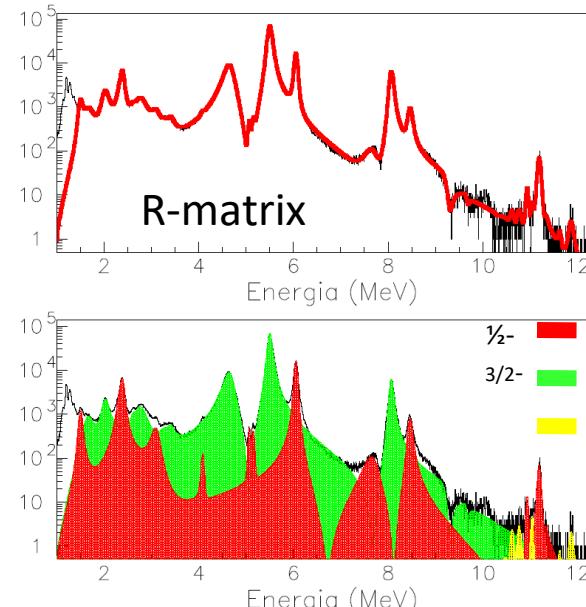
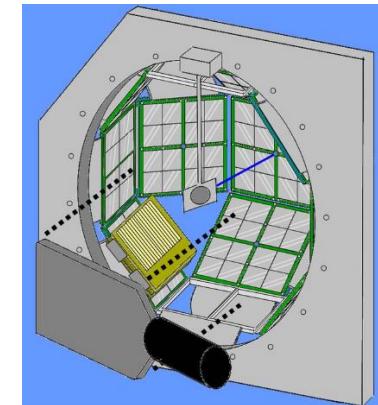
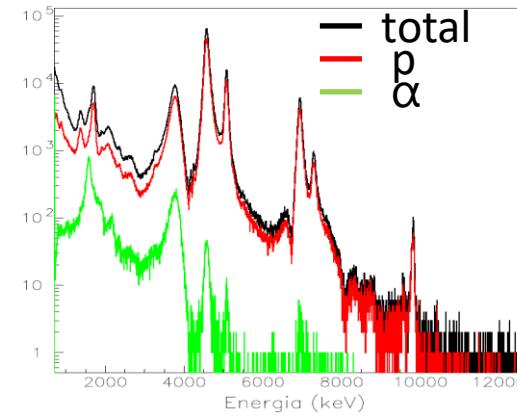
Beta-alpha emission

- $\beta\alpha$ -Identified first in Natural radioactivity
- $\beta\alpha$ favoured in light nuclei with $T_z = -1$: 8B , ^{12}N , ^{20}Na ...
- In cases where both $\beta\alpha$ and βp are allowed $\Rightarrow \beta p$ dominates due to barrier penetrabilities
- Branches of $\beta\alpha > 1\%$ are only observed in nuclei $A < 20$ and ^{118}I
- Some of these states are of astrophysical relevance
 - For instance the $^{16}N(\beta\alpha)$ helped to elucidate the $^{12}C(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}O$
- $\beta\alpha$ or $\beta\alpha p$ is a decay mode open for 9C , ^{13}O , ^{17}Ne , ^{21}Mg and ^{23}Si
 - Only identified 9C and ^{17}Ne
 - 9C special as the daughter is unbound to p-emission.
Expectacular asymmetry in some of the mirror transitions with 9Li
 - ^{17}Ne astrophysical relevance to learn about the E2 capture rate in stellar $^{12}C(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}O$ reaction

Beta-decay of ^{17}Ne

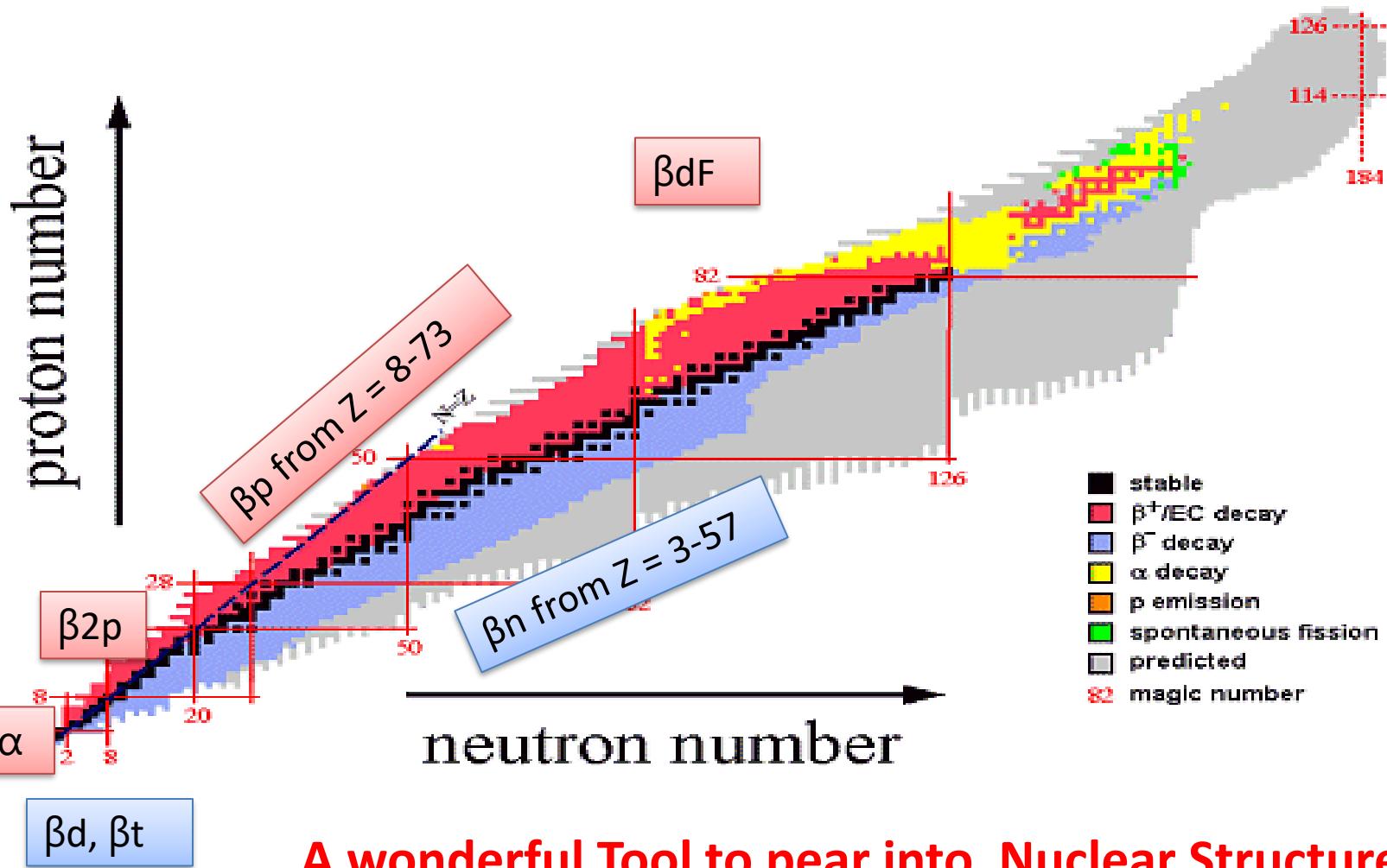


Characterization of the α -width of the subthreshold states of ^{16}O at 6.9 and 7.1 MeV of interest for the $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ capture rate.



- Separation of βp , $\beta\alpha$ channels with ΔE - E and ToF techniques, allowing independent analysis of the two spectra.
- Bp and Ba branches confirmed previous values with higher precision.
- Treatment of the full proton spectrum using R-Matrix.
- Feeding to subthreshold ^{16}O states, study of their partial α -widths on progress.

Beta Delayed Particle Emission



$\beta\nu$ correlation studies: peering into Nuclear Structure

$$W(\theta) = 1 + a \frac{p_\beta}{E_\beta} \cos(\theta_{\beta\nu}), \quad \text{with} \quad a = \frac{g_V^2 B_F - \frac{1}{3} g_A^2 B_{GT}}{g_V^2 B_F + g_A^2 B_{GT}}.$$

If the decay is followed by particle emission, the recoil of the daughter shifts the energy of the delayed particle by about 10 keV that it is easy to measure.

✓ First used to deduced the nature of the decay of ${}^8\text{Li}$ $\beta 2\alpha$

$$W = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(3a - A) \frac{p_\beta}{E_\beta} \cos\theta_{\beta\nu} + \frac{3}{2}(A - a) \frac{p_\beta}{E_\beta} \cos\theta_{p\beta} \cos\theta_{p\nu}$$

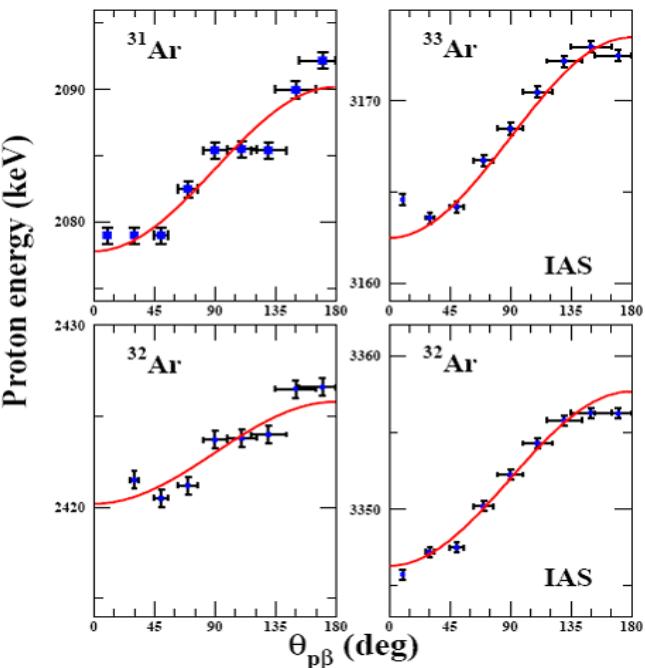
$$A = \frac{g_V^2 B_F - (\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{30}\tau\Theta) g_A^2 B_{GT}}{g_V^2 B_F + g_A^2 B_{GT}} \quad \Theta\tau \neq 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{GT} \\ \text{Ip} \neq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$\beta - \nu$
correlations
allow to extract

Spins: ${}^{31}\text{Ar}$
Fermi / GT character
Intrinsic widths of levels
Final state (gs/excited) of
delayed particle

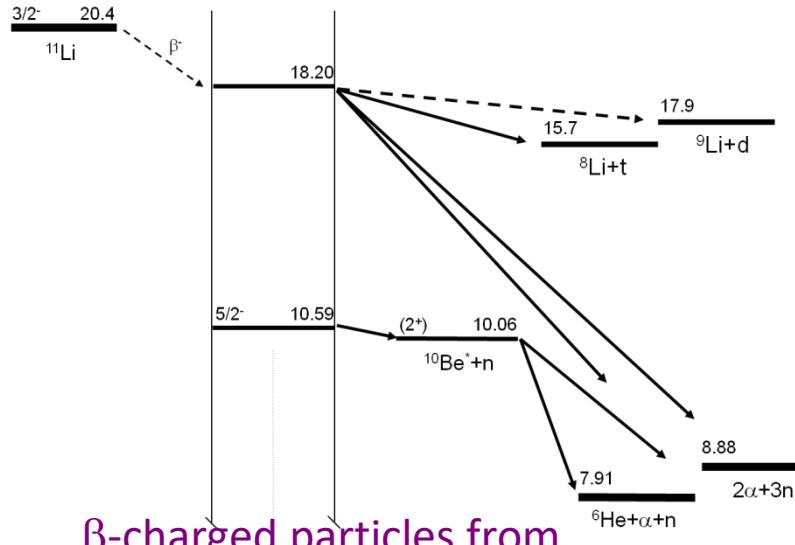
The energy shift in the delayed particle averaged over the neutrino angles

$$\langle t \rangle_\nu = -k \cos\theta_{p\beta} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} A \frac{p_\nu c}{E_\beta} \right) p_\beta c$$

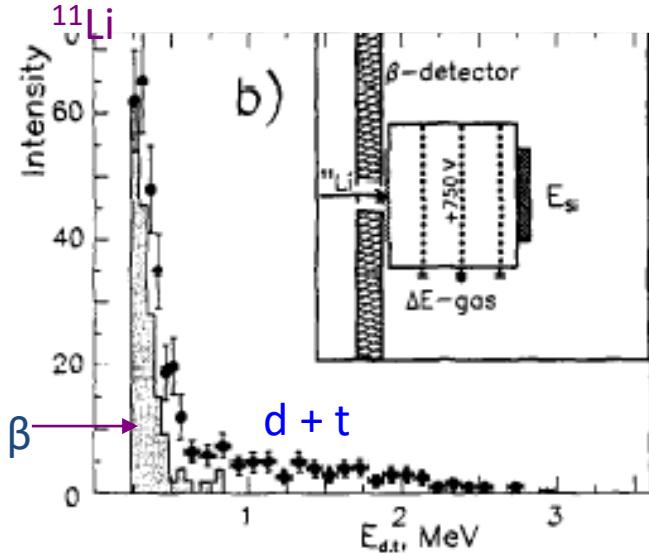


Thaysen et al, Phys. Lett B 467 (1999) 194

^{11}Li (βd) @ ISOLDE



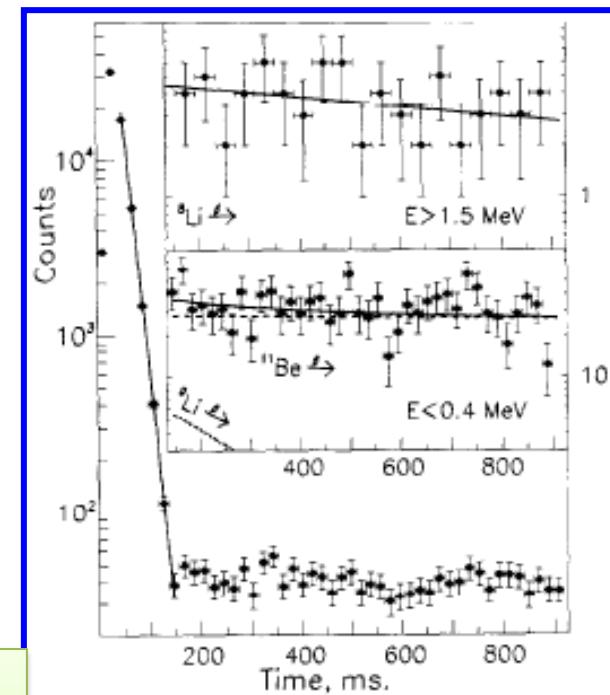
β -charged particles from ^{11}Li



- ✓ Complicated decay
- ✓ B.R. of $\beta\text{d} \sim \beta\text{t} \sim 10^{-4}$
- ✓ Used of pulsed structure of ISOLDE beam

Identification of the βd branch by energy and time correlation

Time correlation



Study of correlation between the $Z = 1$ particles ($T < 0.06$ ms) and delayed alphas between $0.15 < T < 0.9$ s

B.R. (βd) $\sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$
Mukha et al., PLB367 (96) 65