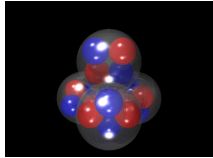
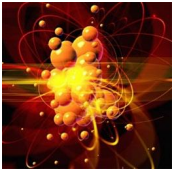
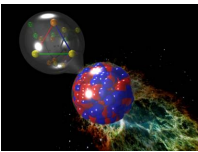
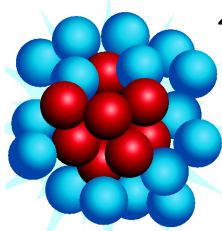
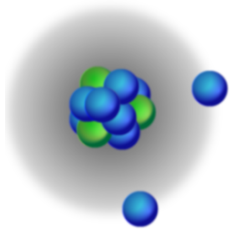
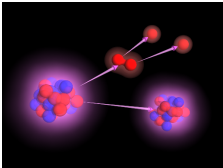
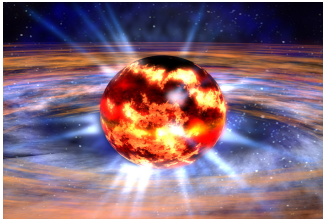


Particle Spectroscopy



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Great Tool: LISE++

The screenshot displays the LISE++ software interface. On the left, a configuration panel shows parameters for a projectile fragmentation experiment: Projectile $^{40}\text{Ar}^{18+}$ at 140 MeV/u, 1 pA, and a fragment $^{32}\text{S}^{16+}$. The target is Be and the stripper is Be. The setup includes four degraders (D1-D4) and two spectrometers (S1, S2). The FRIB logo is visible at the bottom left.

The main window shows a 3D visualization of the projectile fragmentation process. A statistics window for ^{35}P is open, displaying the following data:

statistics: 35P		
35P	Beta- decay (Z=15, N=20)	Phosphorus
AME2012 index	15020	error
Mass excess, [MeV]	-24.8578	0.0019
Binding energy	295.6170	0.0019
Beta- decay	3.9884	0.0019
Beta+ decay	-10.4974	0.0384
S (2n)	14.6631	0.0022
S (2p)	30.9675	0.0756
Q (alpha)	-12.3277	0.0204
S (n)	8.3804	0.0020
S (p)	12.1900	0.0142
T 1/2	47.3 sec	0.8
Q-reaction (b+t -> f1+f2) -1.70 MeV (error=0.0019 MeV)		

The statistics window also includes a sidebar with buttons: Print, LISE++ database, Decay analysis, Z-wallet NNDC, A, Z NNDC, A, Z JAEA-10, A, Z TOrI (Se), Chemistry - P, File Save, and Discovery.



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O. Tarasov, <http://lise.nsl.msui.edu>

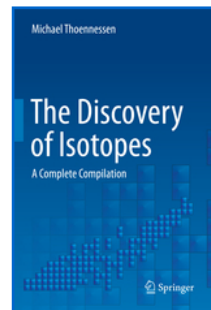
Discovery of Isotopes

Discovery of Nuclides Project

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Book on the Discovery of Isotopes published



My book **The Discovery of Isotopes** was published earlier this month by Springer.

New rankings for 2015 compiled

The new rankings for the last year are listed below. In addition to

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Discovery of the cerium isotopes

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ABSTRACT

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Discovery of Nuclides - Windows Internet Explorer

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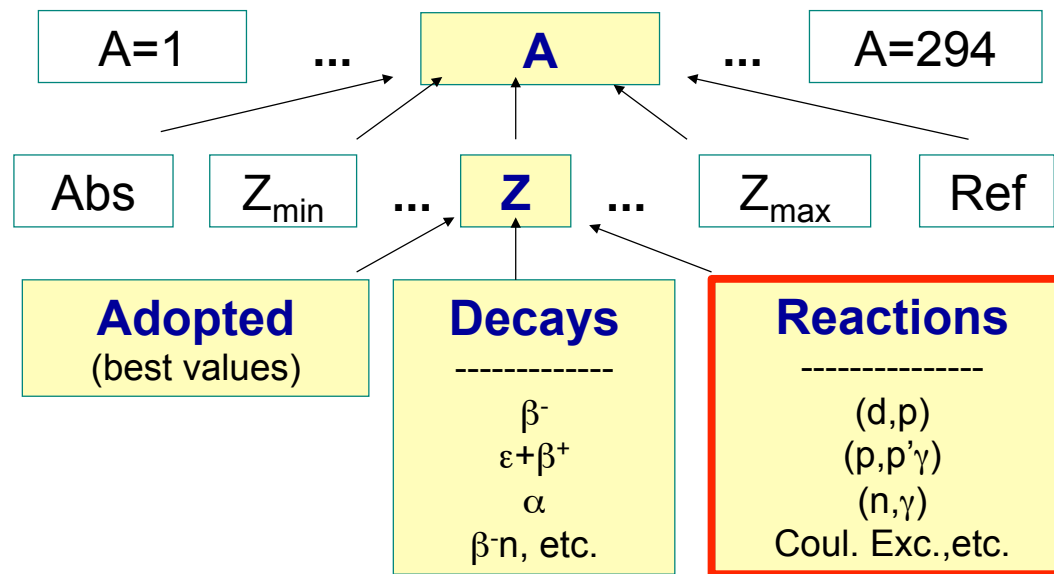
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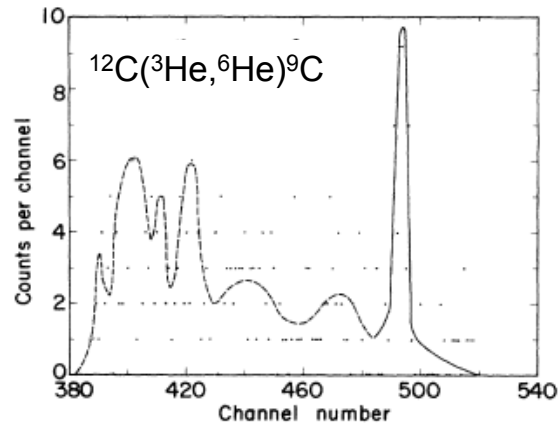
ENSDF Schematic



Missing Mass Spectra

← ${}^9\text{C}$ excitation energy (Q-value)

→ Ejectile (${}^6\text{He}$) energy



→ Position in spectrometer focal plane

Most transfer reactions (d,p, p,t, etc.) with spectrometers are basically missing mass measurements.

- Ejectile energy – Excited states energy (Calibration)
- Angular distr. – Level spin (Optical model)
- Intensity – Spectroscopic factor (reaction dependent)



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J. Cerny et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 13 (1964) 726

Application to “exotic nuclei”?

“Nuclei with ratios of neutron number N to proton number Z much larger or much smaller than those of nuclei found in nature.”

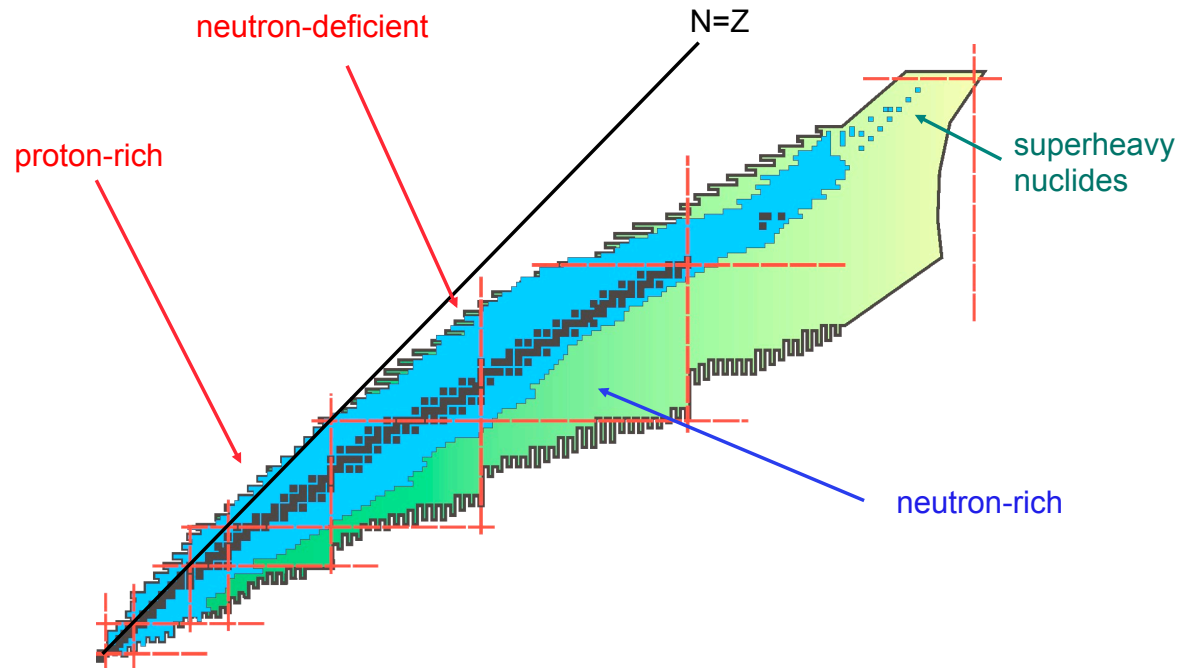
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Terminology:

- Exotic nuclei?
- Rare isotopes?
- Radioactive nuclei?
- Nuclei/Nuclides/Isotopes



Reaching the extremes



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Nucleus - Nuclide - Isotope

Nucleus: The nucleus is the small, dense region consisting of protons and neutrons at the center of an atom.

Nuclide: A nuclide is an atomic species characterized by the specific constitution of its nucleus, i.e., by its number of protons Z , its number of neutrons N , and its nuclear energy state.

Isotopes: Different nuclides having the same atomic number are called isotopes.

A species of atoms identical as regards atomic number (proton number) and mass number (nucleon number) should be indicated by the word 'nuclide', not by the word 'isotope'.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclide>
E.R. Cohen and P. Giacomo,
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Different types of nuclides?

Stable: Nuclides which do not decay
(What about ^{128}Te : $T_{1/2} = 2.2 \cdot 10^{24}$ years)



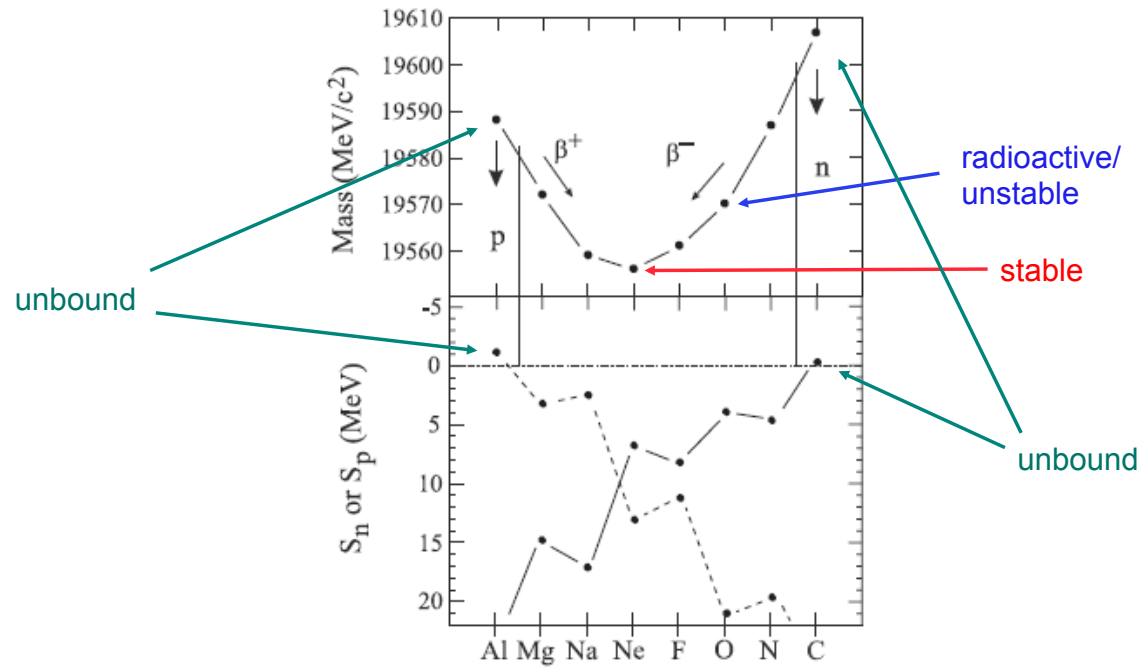
Radioactive: Nuclides which decay with a half-life longer than about 10^{-12} s
(^8Be is unstable:
 $T_{1/2} = 82$ as ($8.2 \cdot 10^{-17}$ s)



Bound: With respect to neutron or proton emission



A = 21 isobars



Decay of proton-rich nuclei

Unbound nuclides can still be radioactive:

^{121}Pr : $T_{1/2} = 12 \text{ ms}$ (proton emitter)



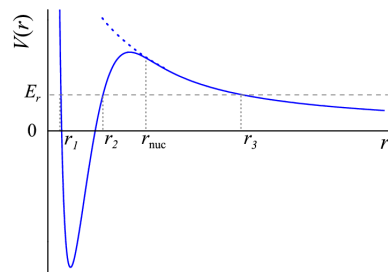
Unbound nuclides do not have to decay by proton emission:

^{135}Tb : $T_{1/2} = 1 \text{ ms}$
 $S_p = -1.19 \text{ MeV}$ - β^+ emitter



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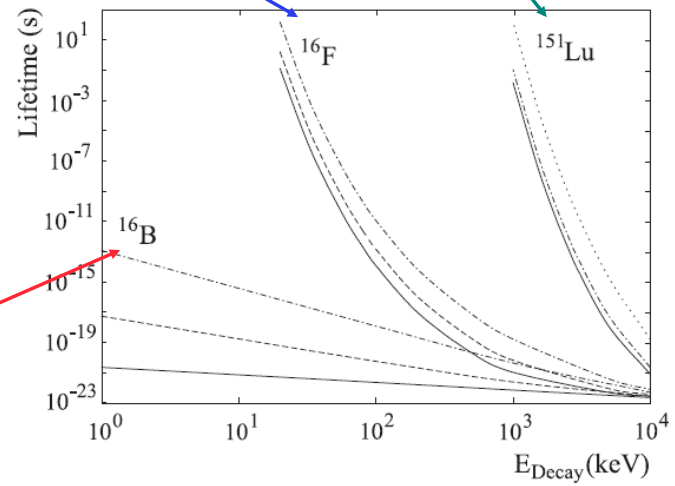
Coulomb/angular momentum barrier



proton unbound

proton radioactive

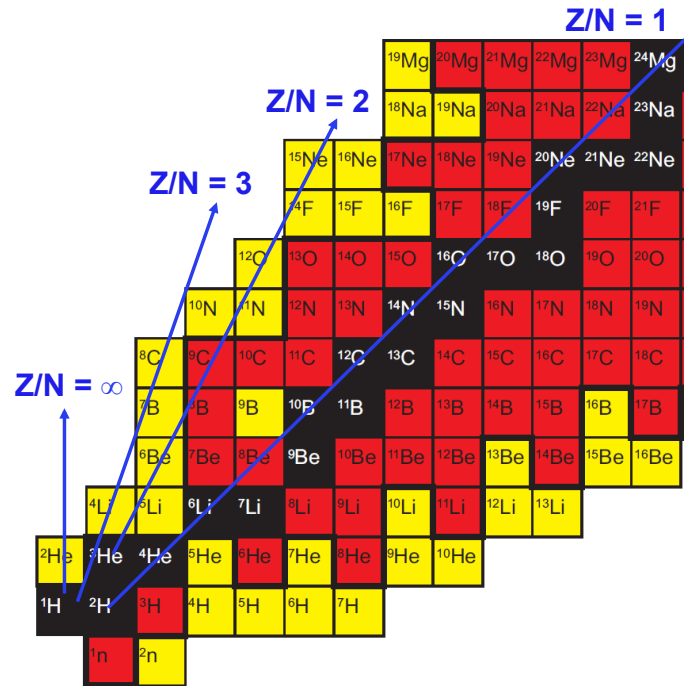
neutron unbound



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Unbound proton-rich exotic nuclides

$Z/N = 3$: ${}^4\text{Li}, {}^8\text{C}$



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First new isotope produced with an accelerator

Disintegration of Lithium by Swift Protons

IN a previous letter to this journal¹ we have described a method of producing a steady stream of swift protons of energies up to 600 kilovolts by the application of high potentials, and have described experiments to measure the range of travel of these protons outside the tube.

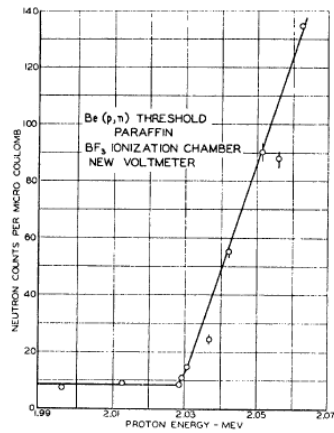


The brightness of the scintillations and the density of the tracks observed in the expansion chamber suggest that the particles are normal α -particles. If this point of view turns out to be correct, it seems not unlikely that the lithium isotope of mass 7 occasionally captures a proton and the resulting nucleus of mass 8 breaks into two α -particles, each of mass four and each with an energy of about eight million electron volts.

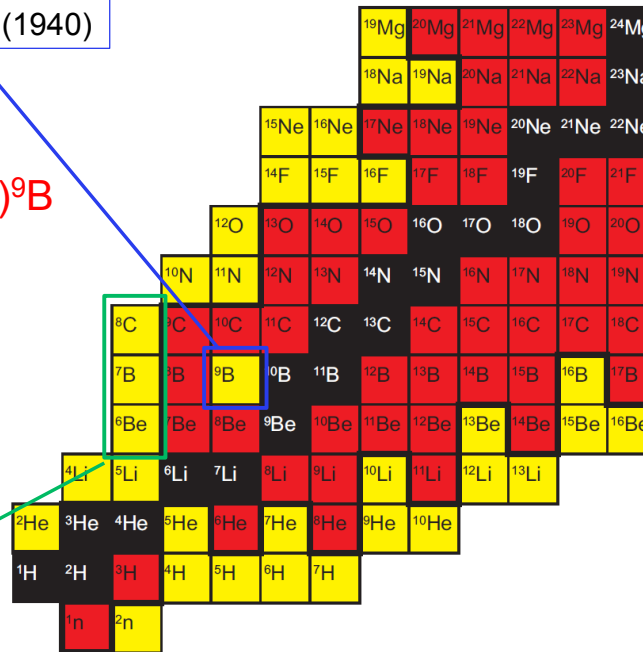


Proton-unbound nuclei

^9B : First proton unbound isotope (1940)



^6Be , ^7B , and ^8C :
2, 3, and 4-proton
unbound isotopes



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R.O. Haxby et al., Phys. Rev. 58 (1940) 1035

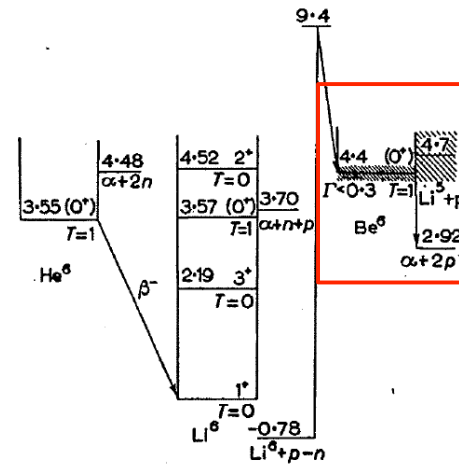
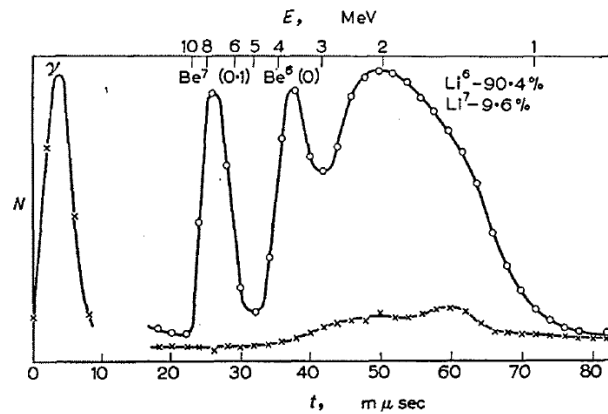
Two-proton unbound nucleus: ${}^6\text{Be}$

THE (p,n) REACTION ON LITHIUM AND THE GROUND STATE OF THE ${}^6\text{Be}$ NUCLEUS*

G. F. BOGDANOV, N. A. VLASOV, S. P. KALININ, B. V. RYBAKOV and V. A. SIDOROV

${}^6\text{Li}(p,n){}^6\text{Be}$

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G.F. Bogdanov et al., J. Nucl. Ener. 8 (1958) 148

Three-proton unbound nucleus: ${}^7\text{B}$

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UNBOUND NUCLIDE ${}^7\text{B}^\dagger$

Robert L. McGrath and Joseph Cerny

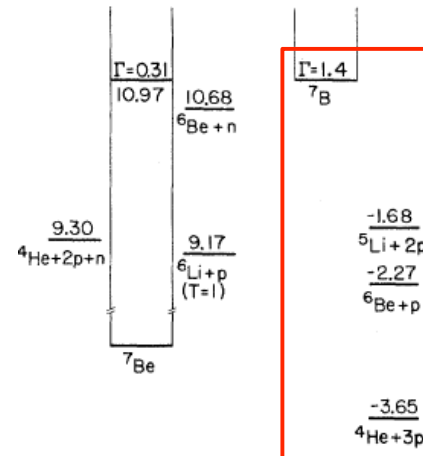
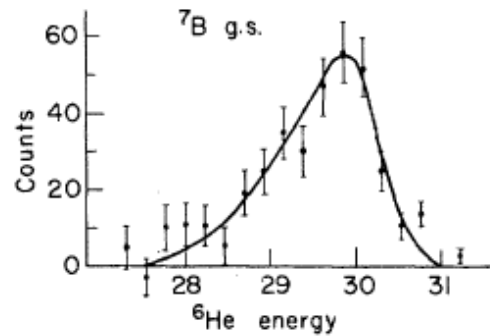
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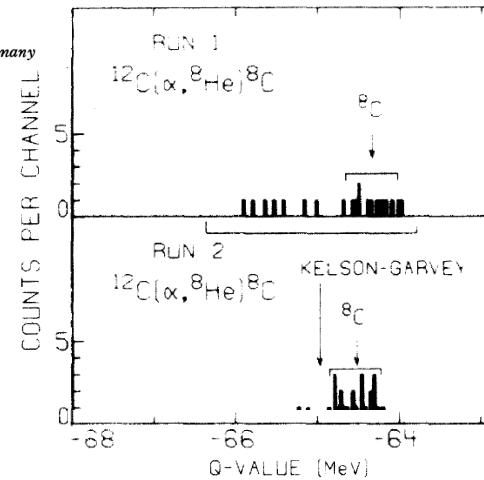
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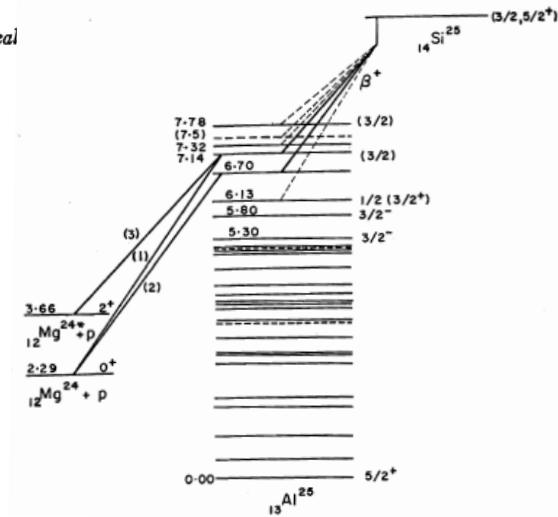
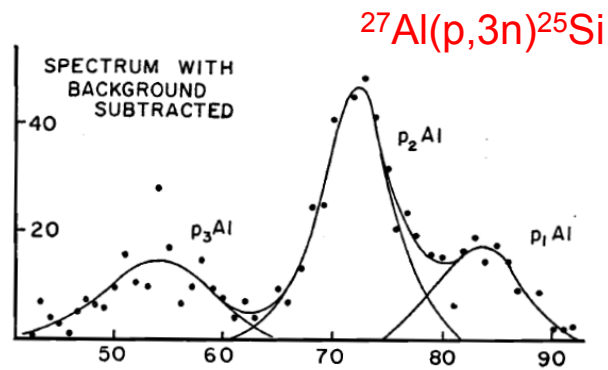
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Beta-delayed protons

OBSERVATION OF DELAYED PROTON RADIOACTIVITY

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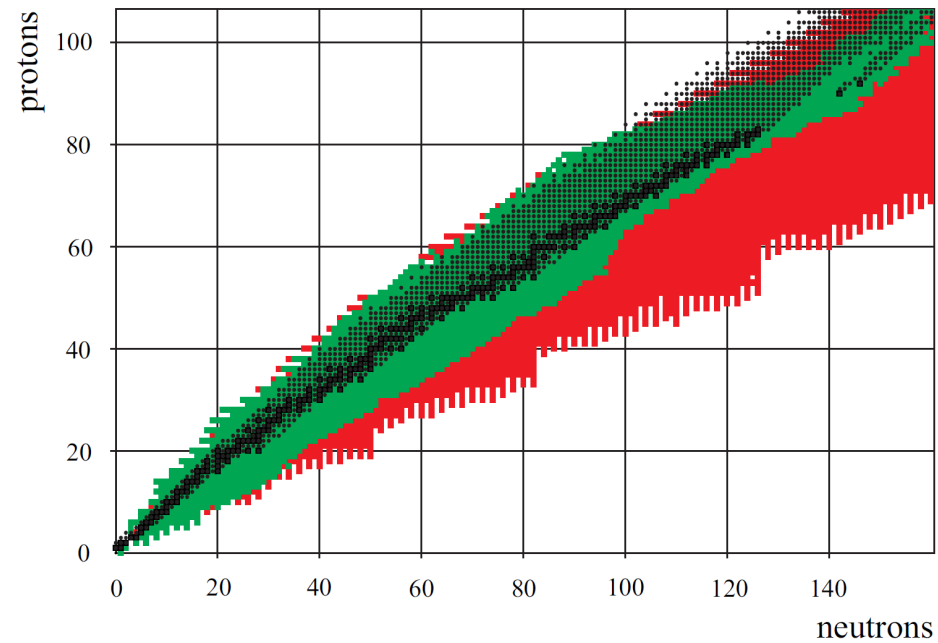
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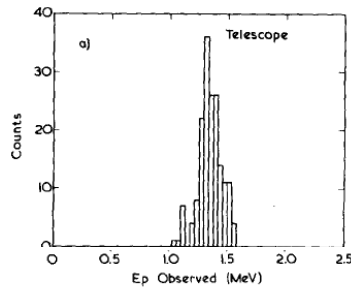
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1970: Proton radioactivity



$^{16}\text{O}(^{40}\text{Ca},p2n)^{53}\text{Co}$

$^{53}\text{Co}^m$: A PROTON-UNSTABLE ISOMER[†]

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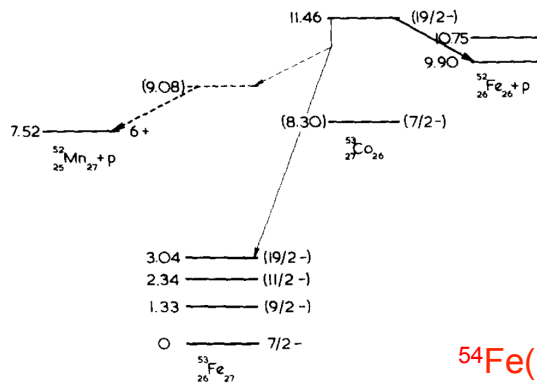
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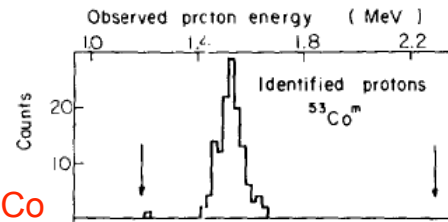
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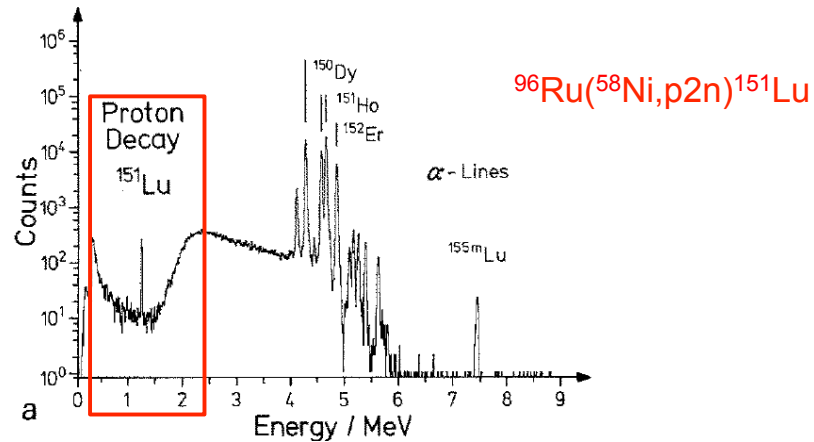
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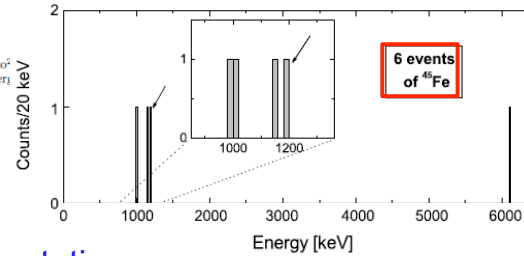
First evidence for the two-proton decay of ^{45}Fe

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600 MeV/A ^{58}Ni fragmentation



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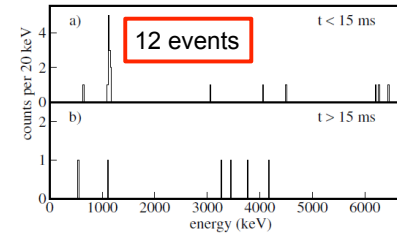
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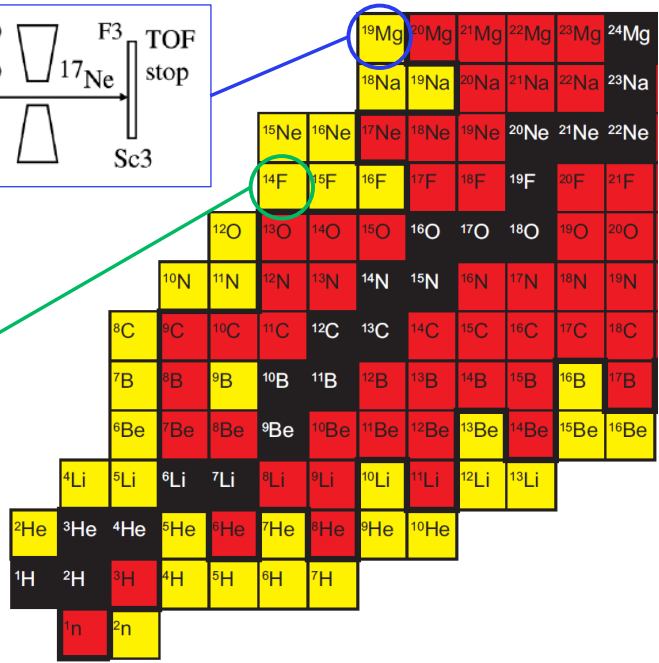
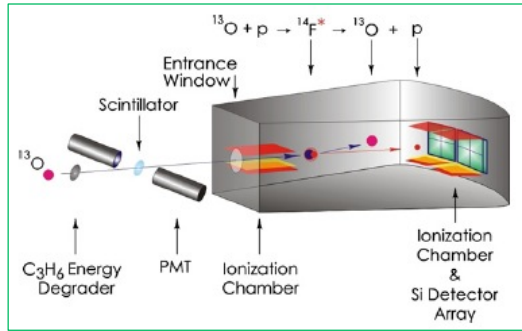
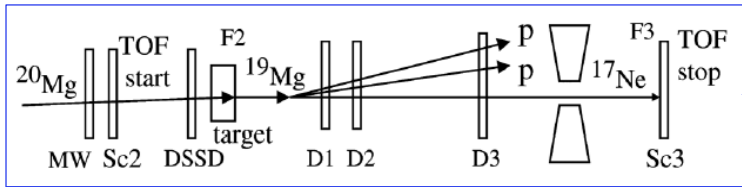
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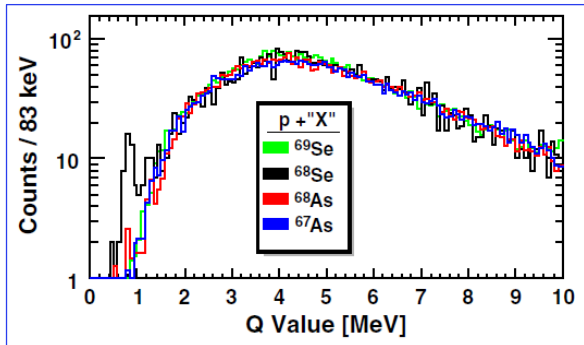
Mapping the proton dripline: Z<13



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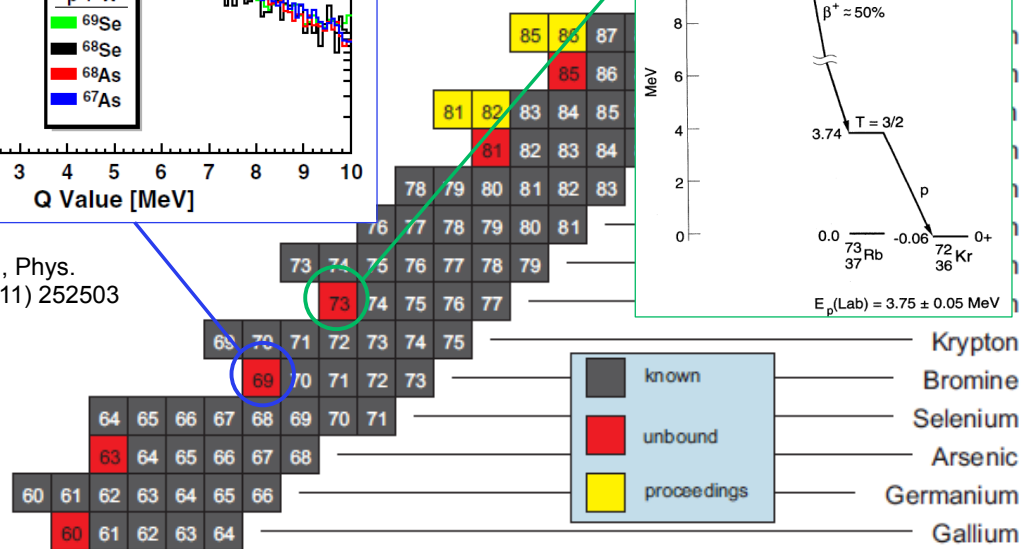
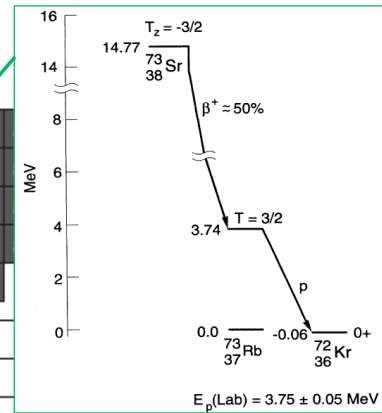
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Formation and Studies of New Proton Emitters via Intermediate-Energy Fragmentation of Heavy-Element Beams

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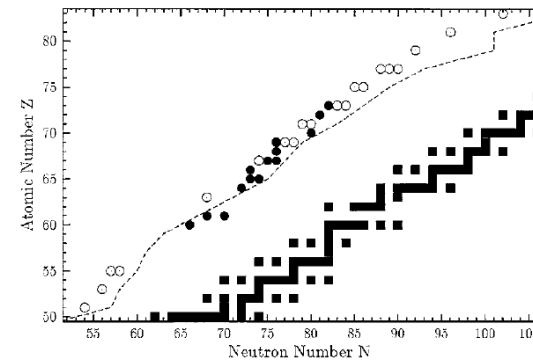
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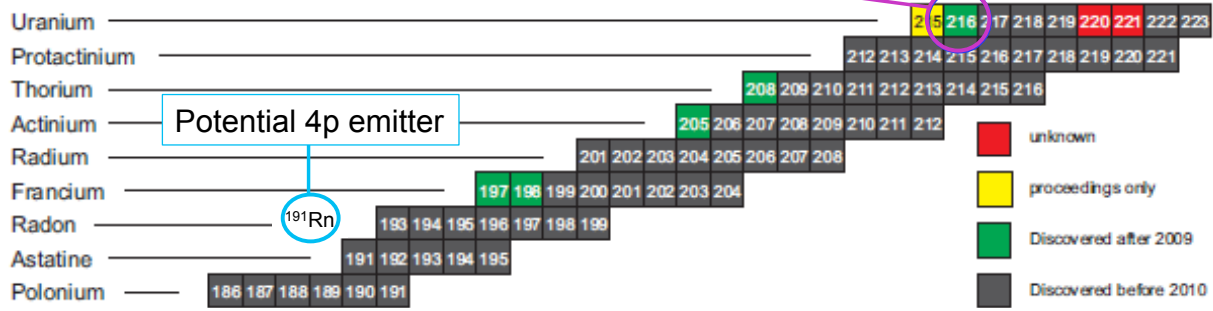
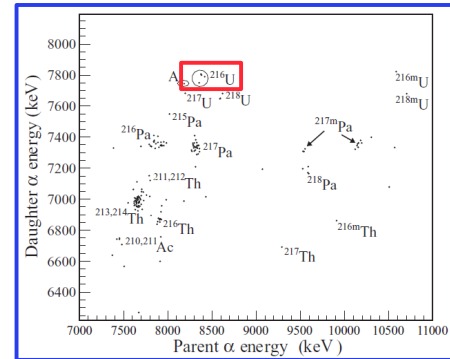
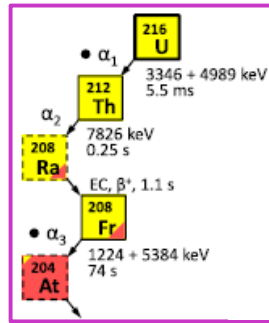
The possibility of generating and studying new proton-emitting nuclei using projectile fragmentation of very-heavy beams is investigated in this work. The charge, mass and velocity distributions of heavy residues from the interaction of 30 MeV/nucleon ^{197}Au projectiles with ^{90}Zr have been measured with high-resolution using the MSU A1200 fragment separator. A broad range of proton-rich nuclei are produced in this reaction. A number of new p-rich nuclei (14, of which 6 are expected to be proton emitters) are observed in the region $Z = 60 - 73$. The opportunity of studying proton rich nuclei produced by this approach is discussed.

MSU A1200 fragment separator



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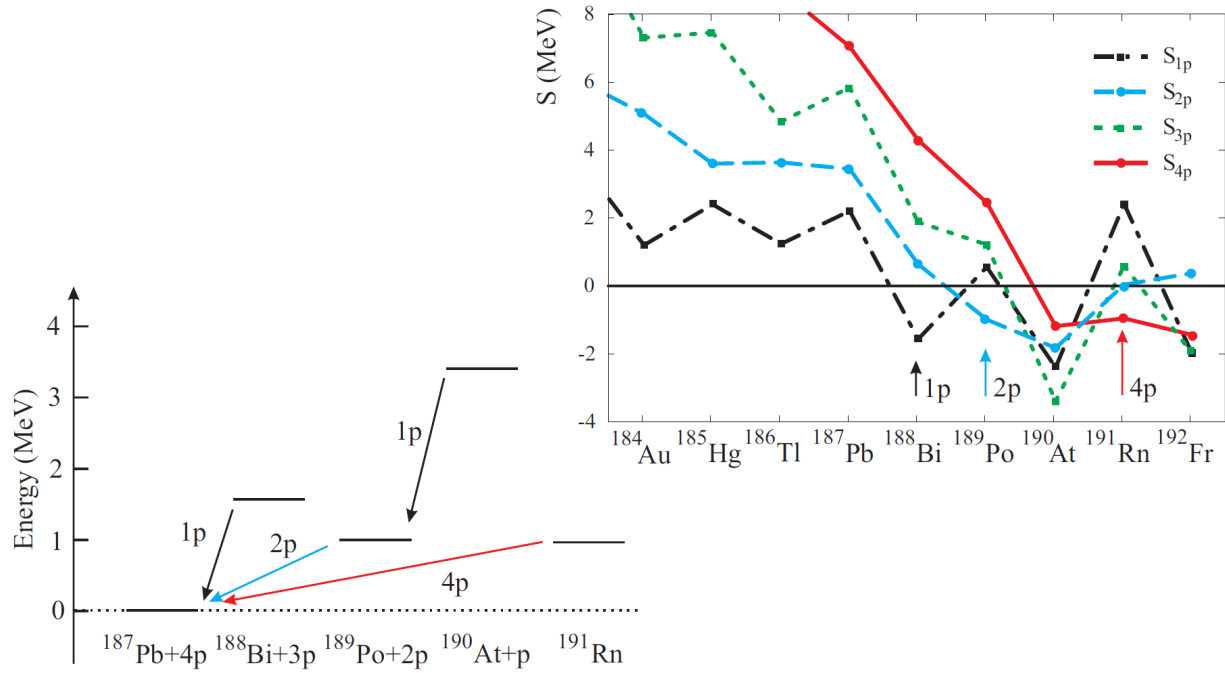
83 < Z < 93



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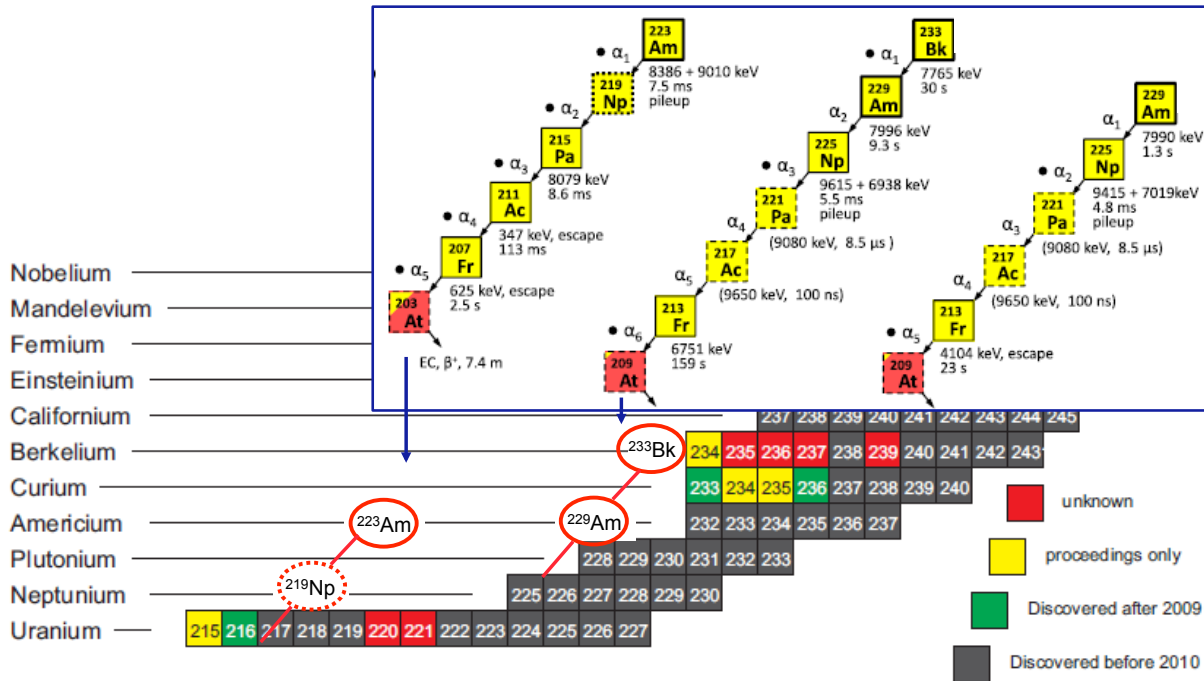
Four-proton radioactivity



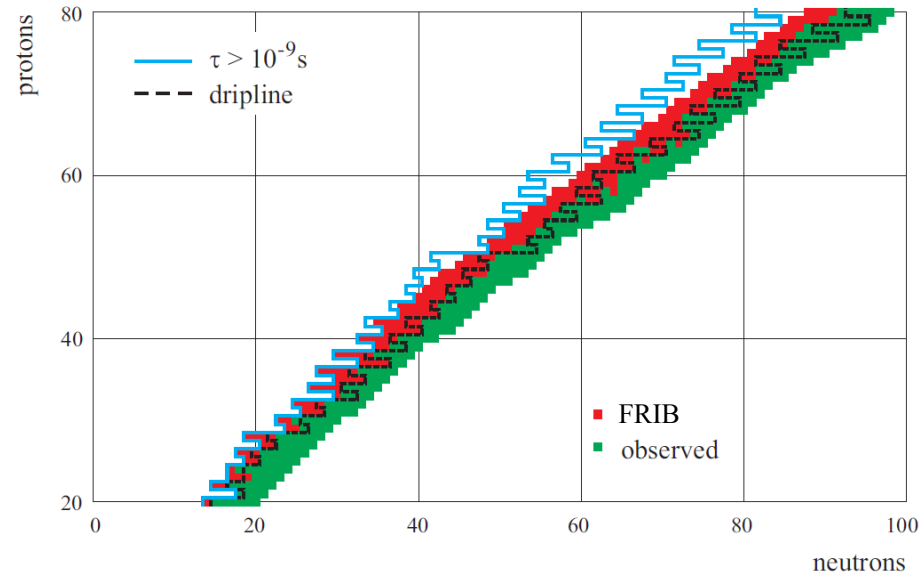
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M. Thoennessen, Rep. Prog. Phys. 67 (2004) 1187

92 < Z < 103



At and beyond the proton dripline

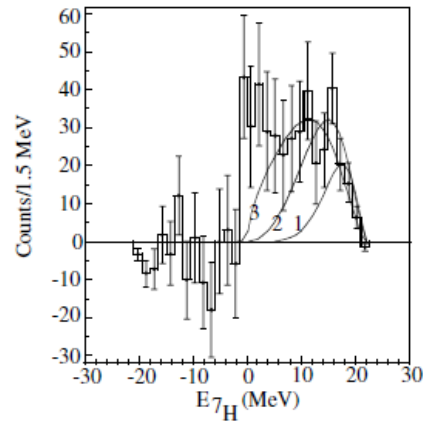


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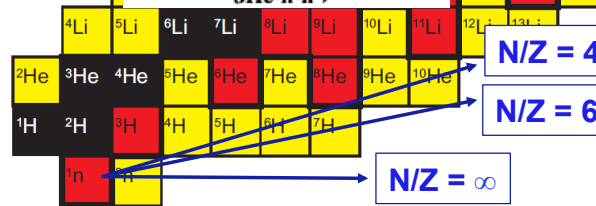
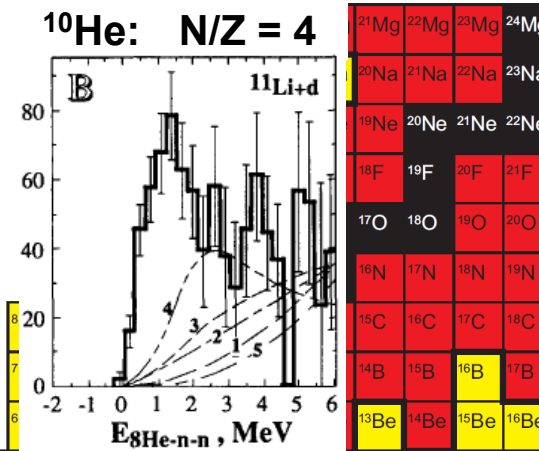
Including unbound nuclides

${}^7\text{H}$: $N/Z = 6$



$\Gamma \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$ $T_{1/2} = 9 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ s}$

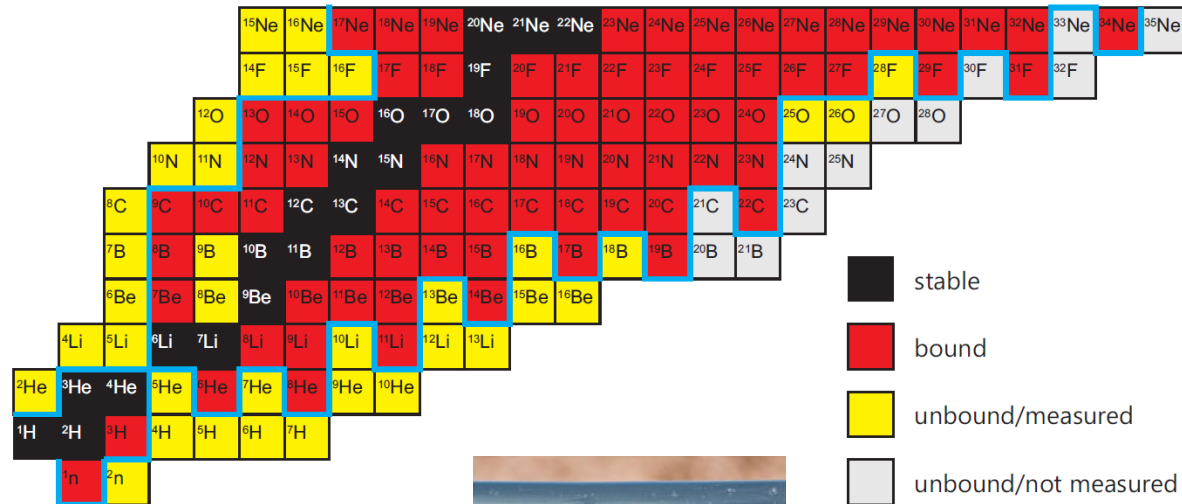
${}^{10}\text{He}$: $N/Z = 4$



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Neutron emitting nuclei

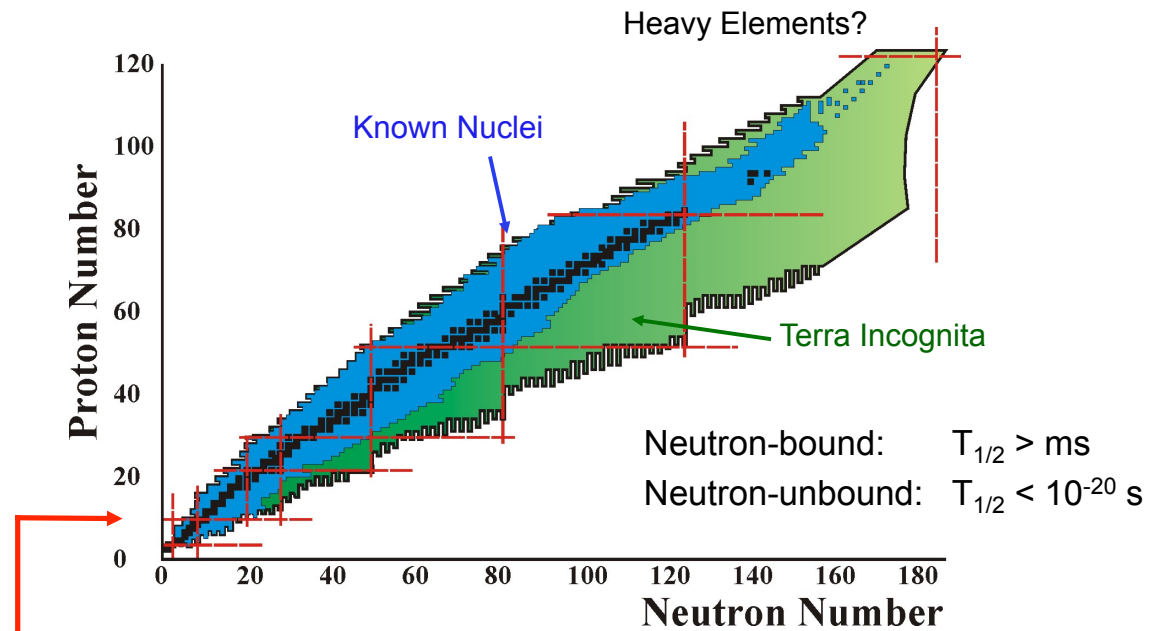


Dripline!



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Limits of Nuclear Stability

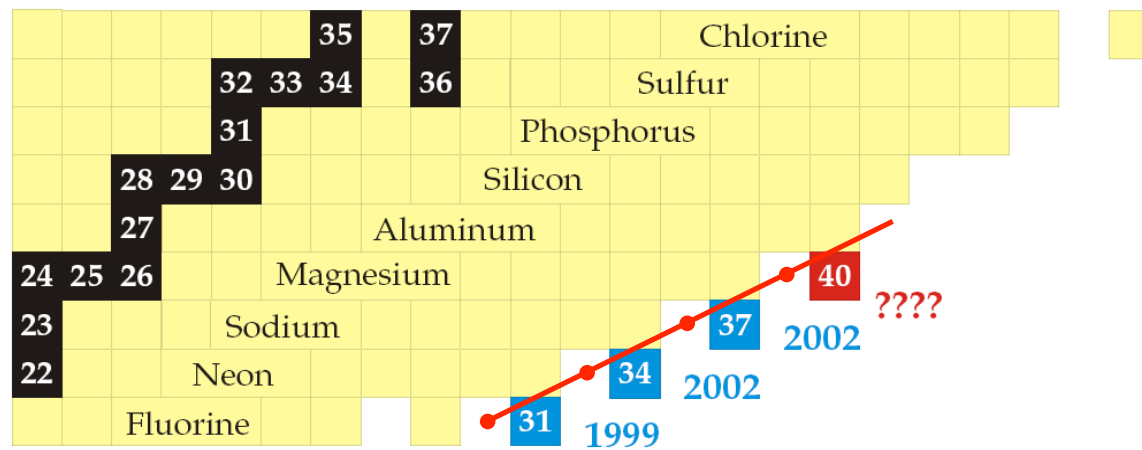


The neutron-rich limit is only known up to oxygen



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Quest for ^{40}Mg



H. Sakurai et al., PLB 448 (1999) 180

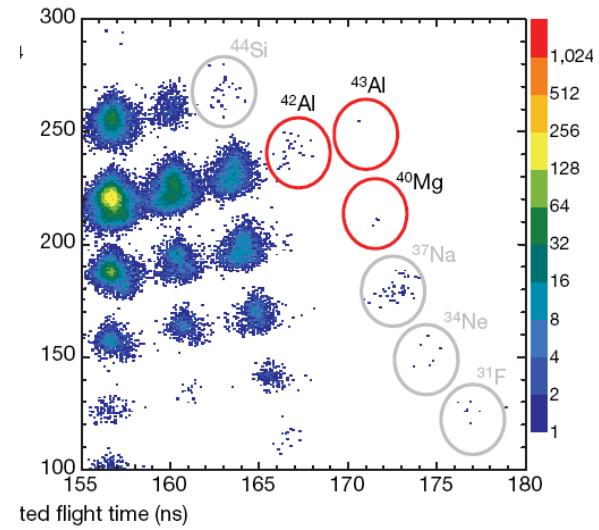
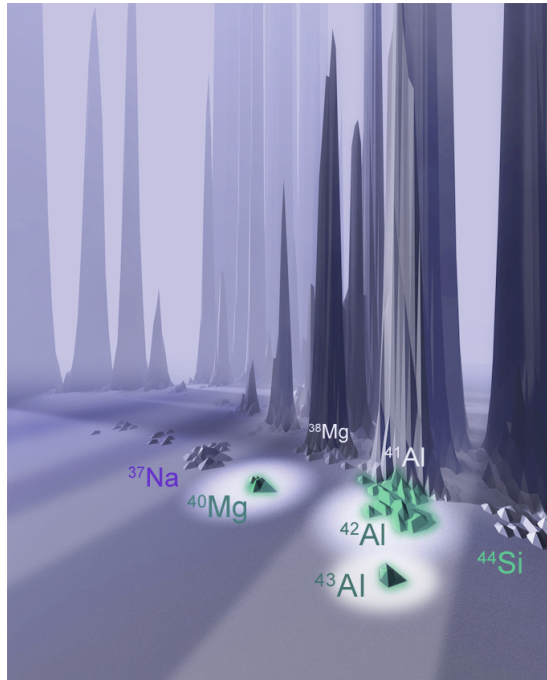
M. Notani et al., PLB 542 (2002) 49

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First Observation of ^{40}Mg



^{40}Mg production:

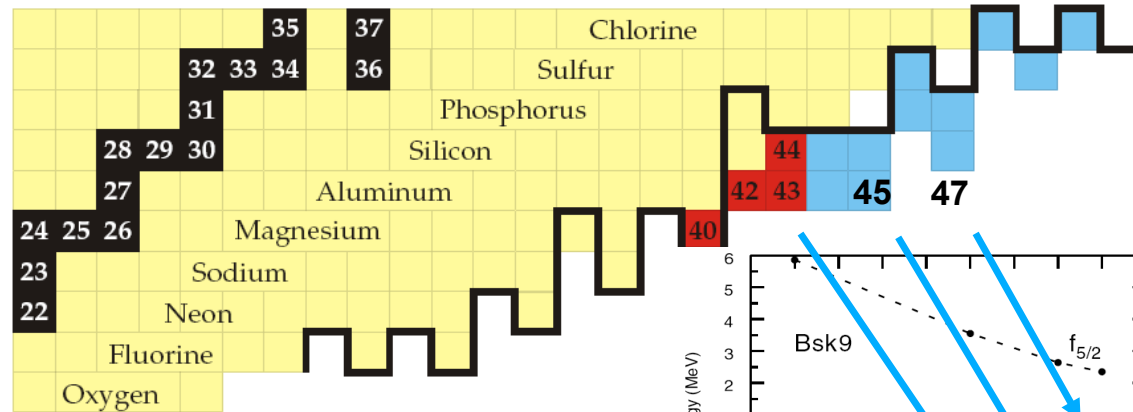
1 in 10^{17} ^{48}Ca beam particles !



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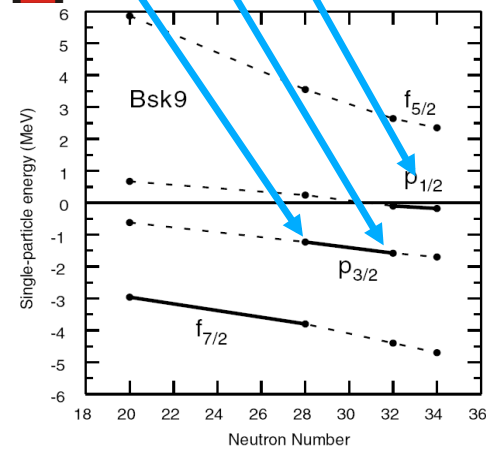
T. Baumann *et al.*, Nature **449** (2007) 1022

Dripline Extends Further than Believed



— FRDM
 ■ HFB14

Starting with ^{42}Al the $p_{3/2}$ shell is filled, indicating that ^{45}Al is bound; and even ^{47}Al could be bound ($p_{1/2}$)



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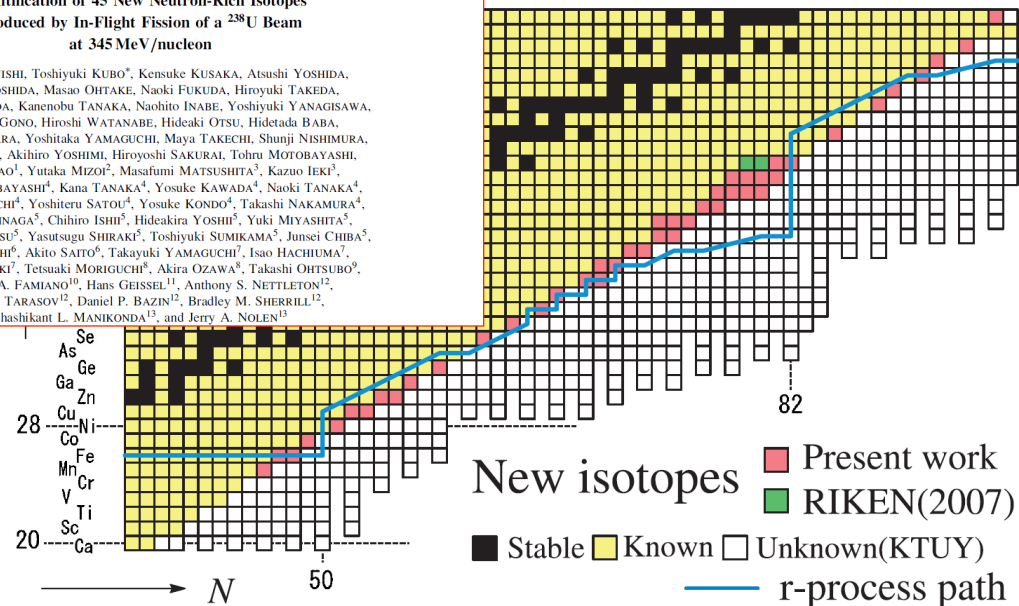
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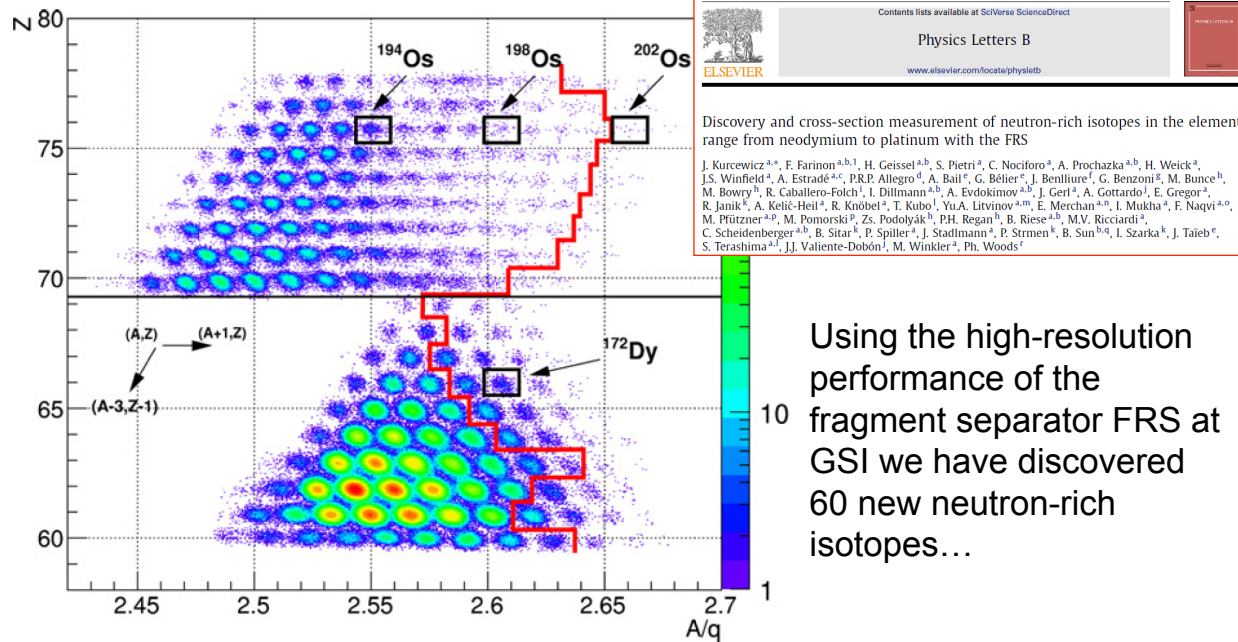
Identification of 45 New Neutron-Rich Isotopes Produced by In-Flight Fission of a ^{238}U Beam at 345 MeV/nucleon

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Using the high-resolution performance of the fragment separator FRS at GSI we have discovered 60 new neutron-rich isotopes...



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Production cross sections from ^{82}Se fragmentation as indications of shell effects in neutron-rich isotopes close to the drip-line

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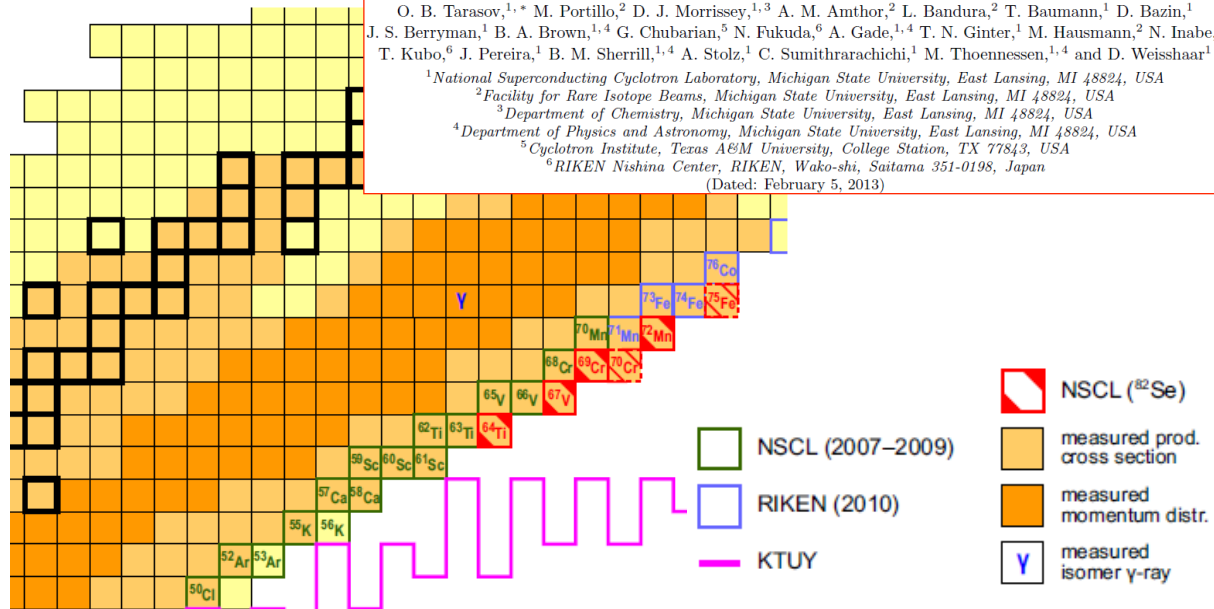
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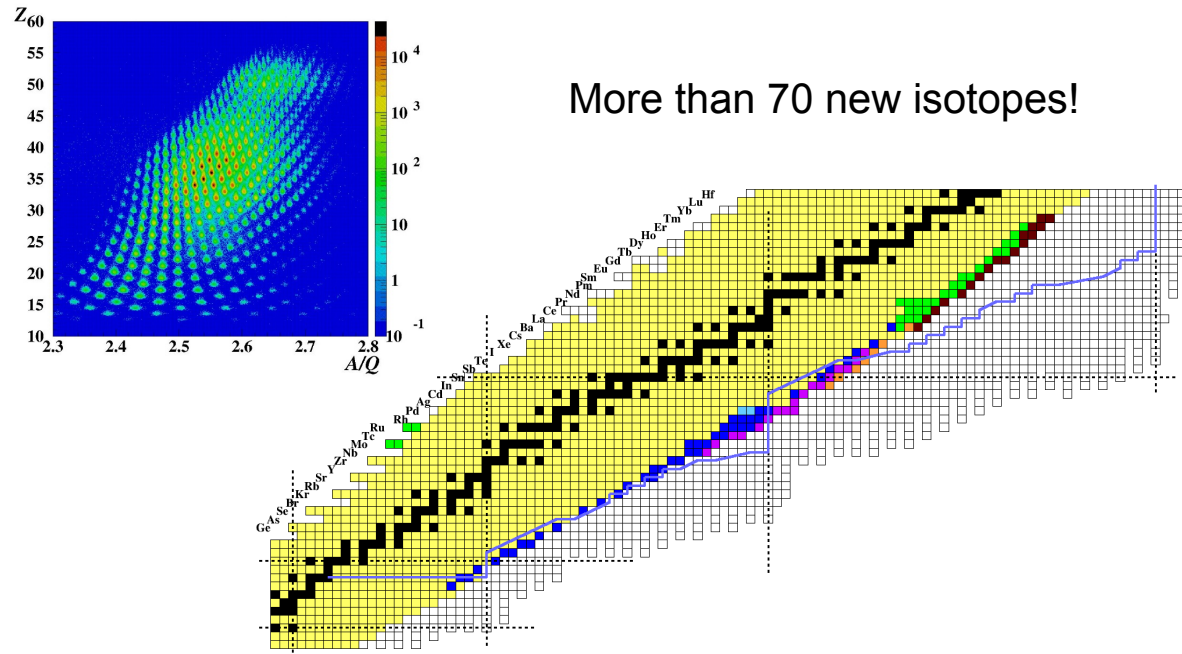
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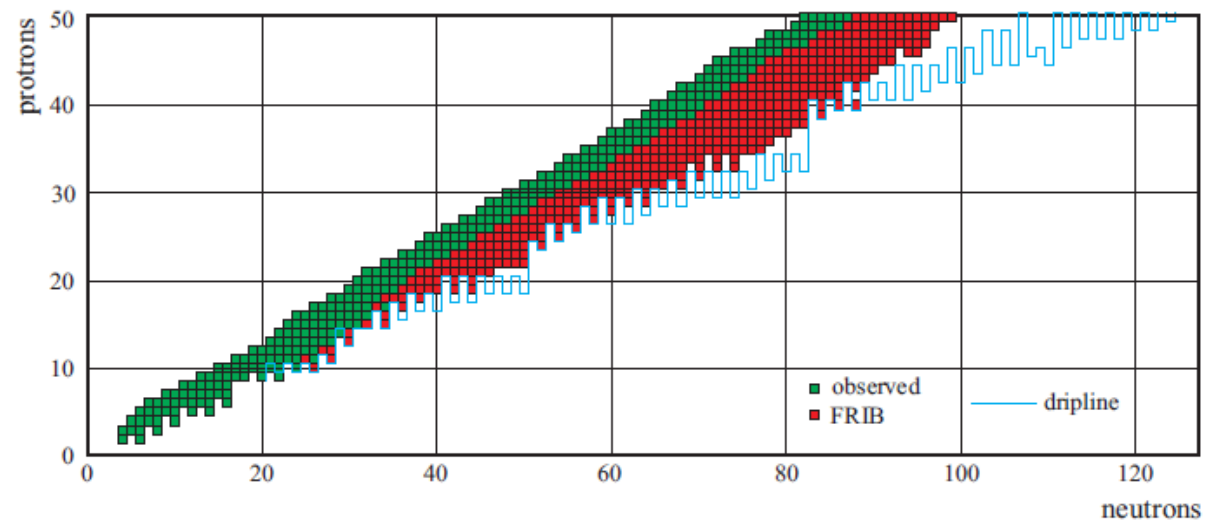
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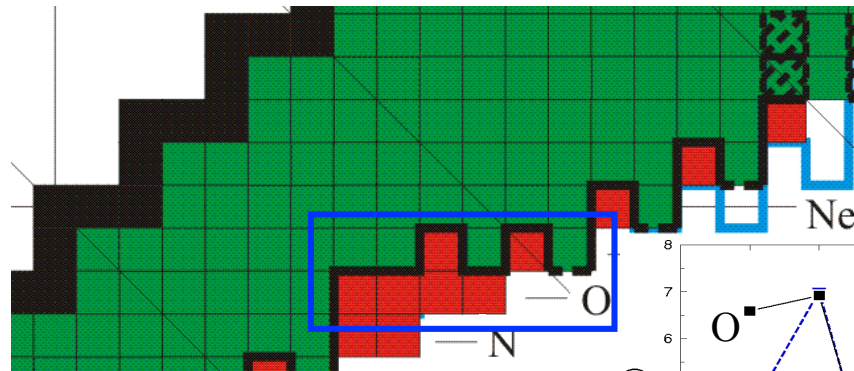
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Reaching the neutron dripline

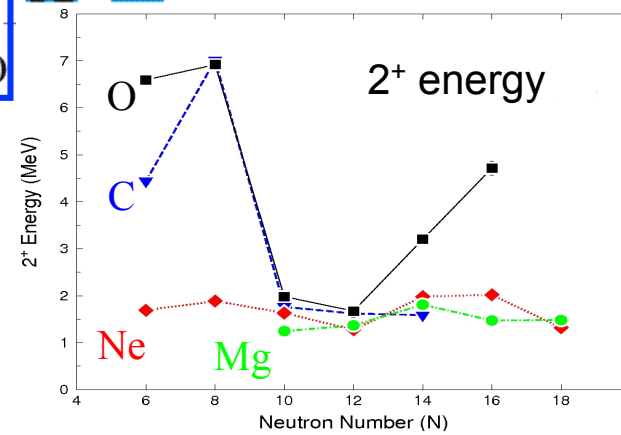


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Going Beyond the Dripline



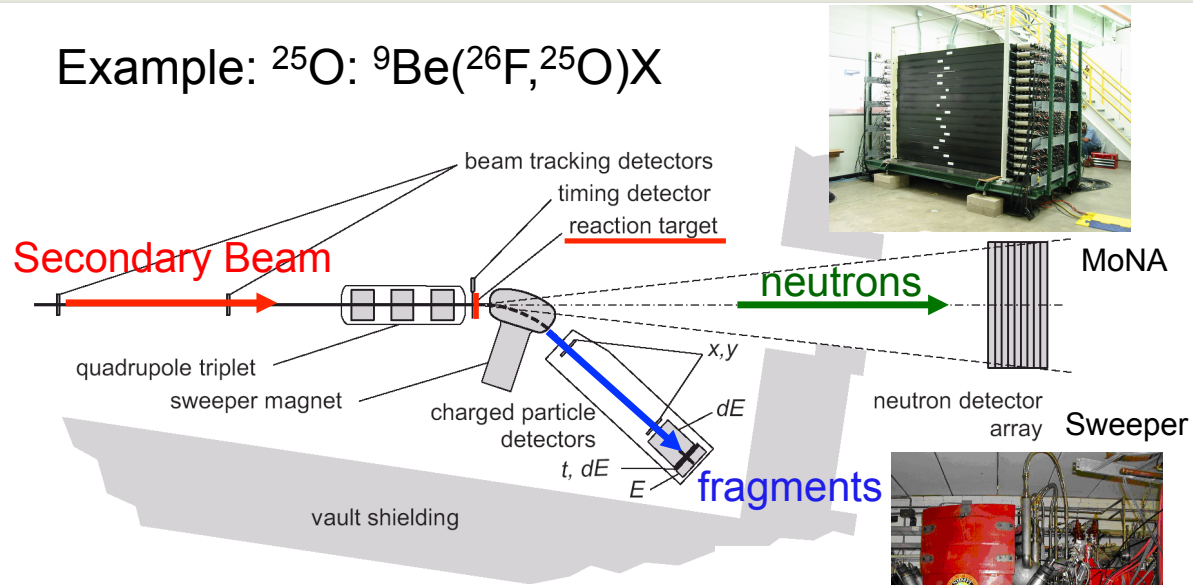
Add protons to the $0d_{5/2}$: $\nu 0d_{3/2} - \pi 0d_{5/2}$ interaction changes the $N=16$ shell gap



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Invariant mass spectroscopy

Example: $^{25}\text{O}: ^9\text{Be}(^{26}\text{F}, ^{25}\text{O})\text{X}$

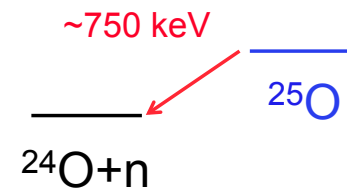
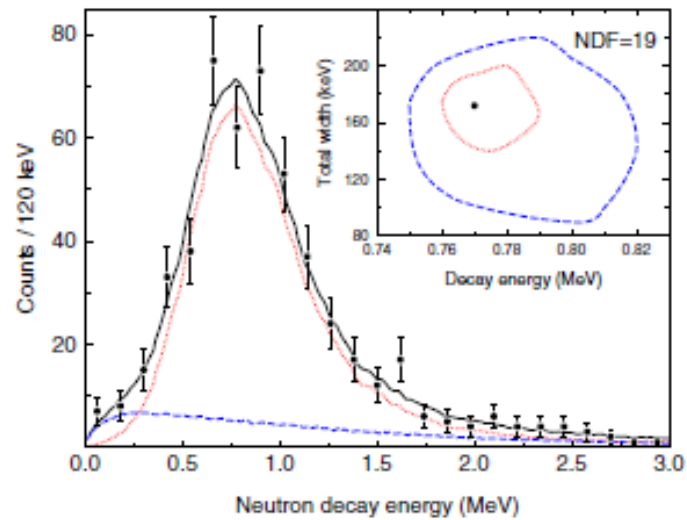


$$E_{\text{decay}} = \sqrt{m_f^2 + m_n^2 + 2[E_f E_n - p_f p_n \cos(\Theta_{\text{open}})]} - m_f - m_n$$



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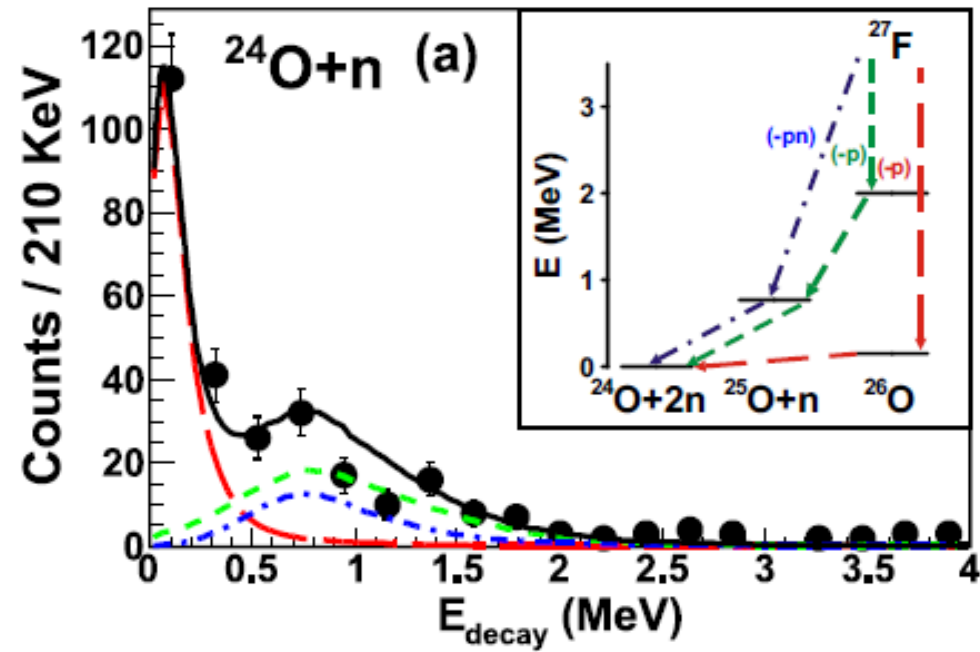
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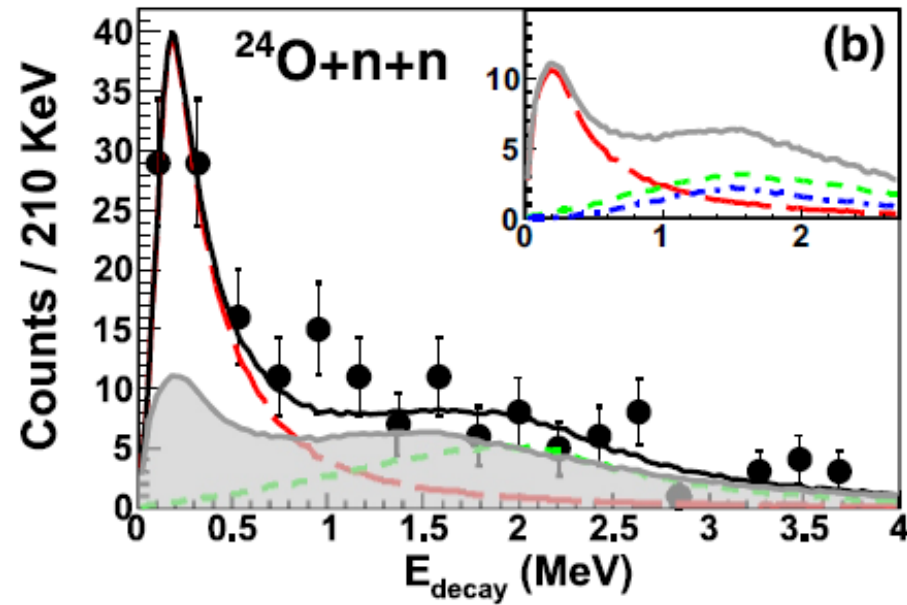
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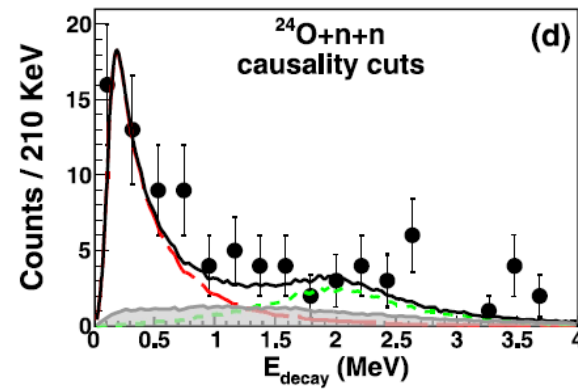
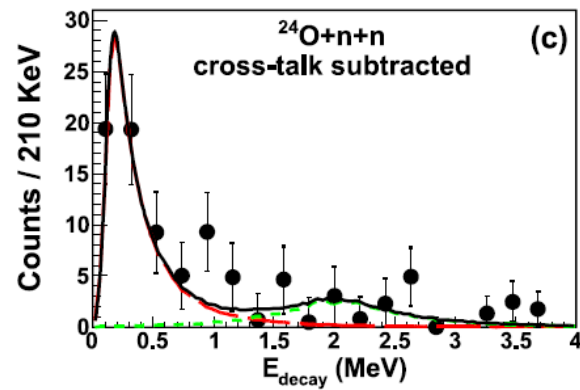
Reconstructing ^{26}O



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Identifying real two-neutron events



$$E_{\text{rel}} = 150^{+50}_{-150} \text{ keV}$$

Causality cuts:

- $\Delta v = 7 \text{ cm/ns}$
- $\Delta d = 25 \text{ cm}$



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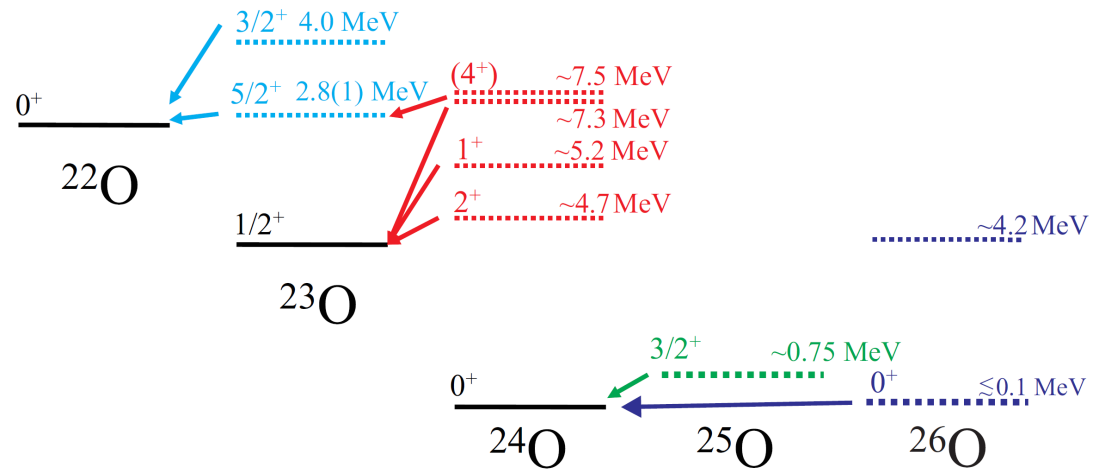
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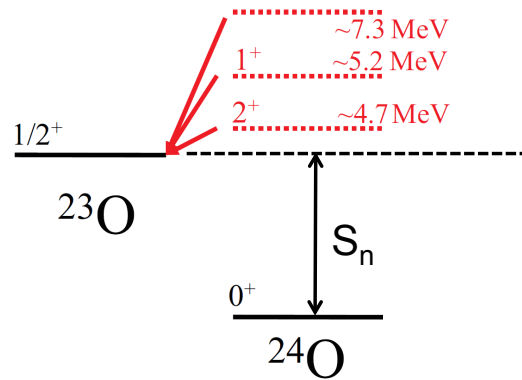
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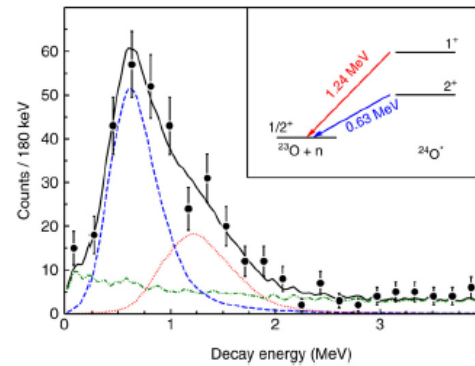


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From decay energy to excitation energy



$$E^* = E_{\text{decay}} + S_n$$



$$E^*(2^+) = 4.72(11) \text{ MeV}$$

However, ENSDF: $E^*(2^+) = 4.82(11) \text{ MeV}$



S_n is largest source of uncertainty

Download: [ENSDF file for this dataset](#)

^{24}O levels

$E_{\text{level}}^{\#}$	$J^{\pi@}$	Γ	L	Comments
0.0	0+			
4.82×10^3 11	(2+)	$0.05 \text{ MeV}^{\&} +21-5$		E_{level} : from measured decay energy=630 40 (2009Ho01).
5.43×10^3 12	(1+)	$0.03 \text{ MeV}^{\&} +12-3$		E_{level} : from measured decay energy=1240 70 (2009Ho01).
$\approx 7.6 \times 10^3$	(+)	0.1 MeV	(2)	E_{level} : from observed resonance at ≈ 0.6 (2011Ho05) deduced from the invariant mass equations in coincidence with another decay at $E(n) < 0.1 \text{ MeV}$, considered as corresponding to a previously observed decay of a 2.8 MeV, (5/2+) state (45 keV 2 resonance) in ^{23}O to the ground state of ^{22}O . L, Γ : from Monte-Carlo simulations, both resonances (0.6 MeV in ^{24}O and 45 keV in ^{23}O) have $L=2$ ($0d_{3/2}$ neutron decay) and $\Gamma=0.1 \text{ MeV}$. Decays by a two-neutron sequential cascade to ^{22}O g.s.

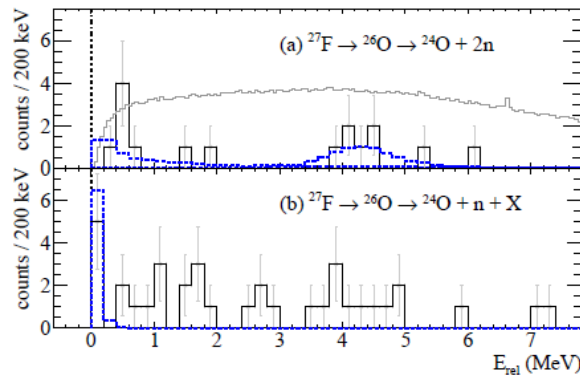
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$@$ From L values deduced from Breit-Wigner line-shape fit to the experimental decay spectrum and comparison with shell-model calculations.

$\&$ For decay to $1/2+$ g.s. in ^{23}O ; deduced from Breit-Wigner line-shape analysis of ^{23}O -neutron coincidence spectrum.



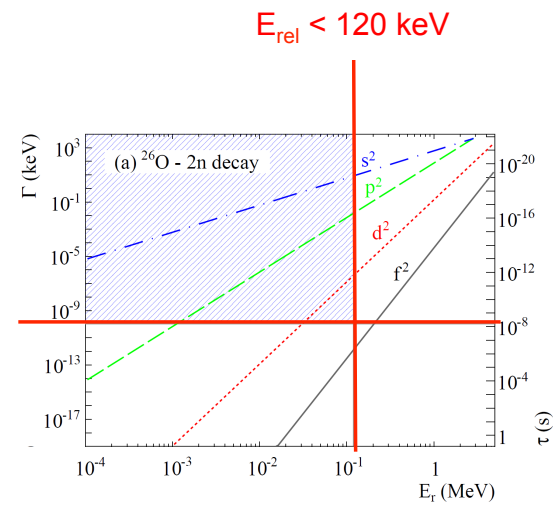
Results confirmed by R³B-LAND



Lifetime limit: $\tau < 5.7 \text{ ns}$

$$E_d = 100 \text{ keV} \leftrightarrow T_{1/2} \approx 10^{-11} \text{ ps}$$

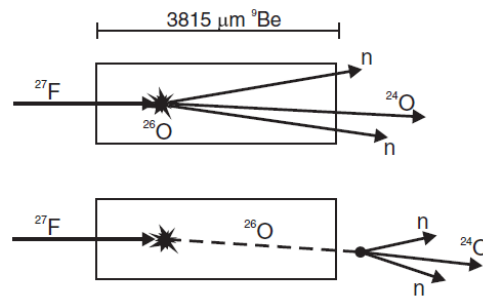
$$E_d = 600 \text{ keV} \leftrightarrow T_{1/2} \approx 10^{-16} \text{ ps}$$



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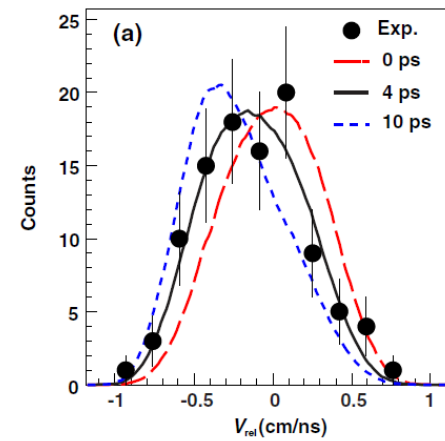
C. Caesar et al., Phys. Rev. C 88 (2013) 034313
L.V. Grigorenko et al., Phys. Rev. C 84 (2011) 021303

Lifetime measurement



improved lifetime limit: $\tau < 5.6$ ps

Lifetime: $\tau = 4.5^{+1.1}_{-1.5}$ (stat) ± 3 (syst) ps



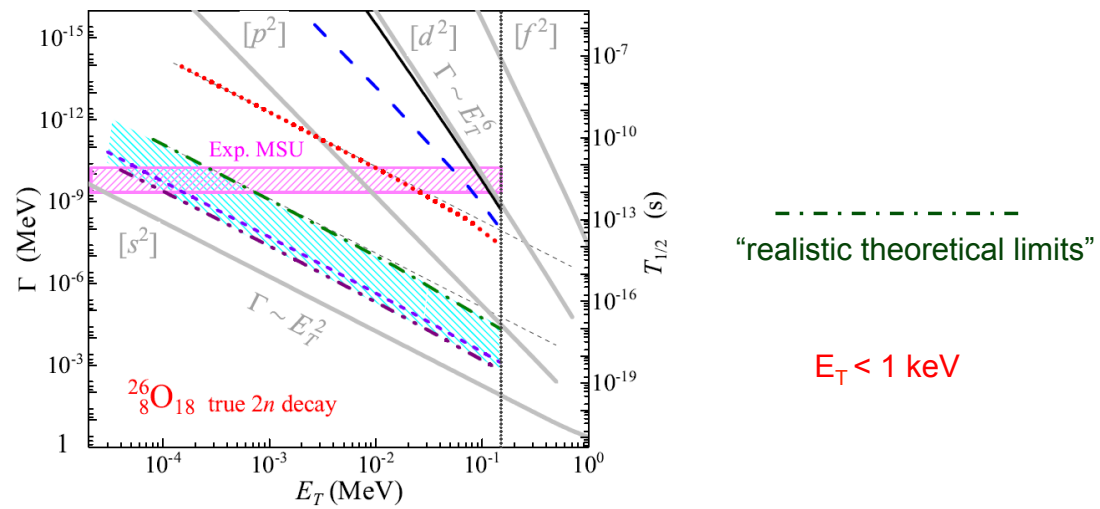
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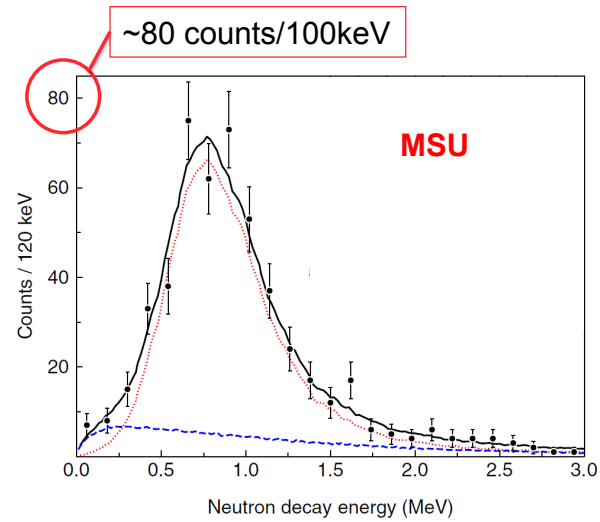
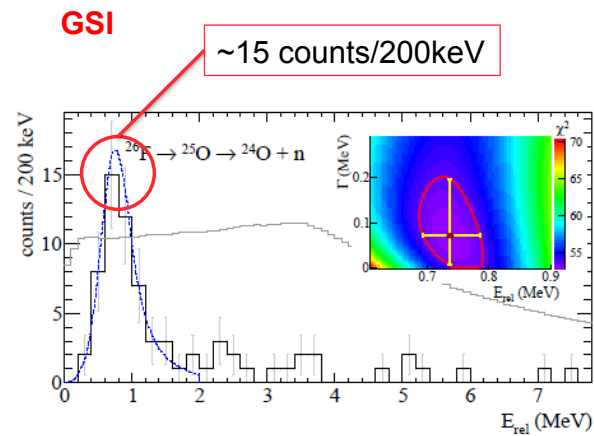
New lifetime calculations



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Limits of beam intensity (^{26}F to ^{25}O)



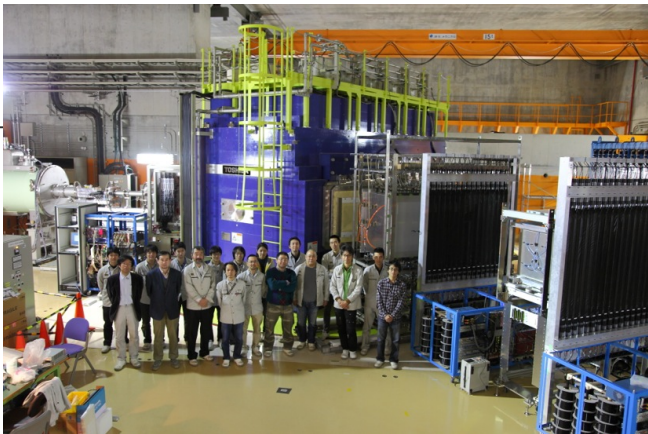
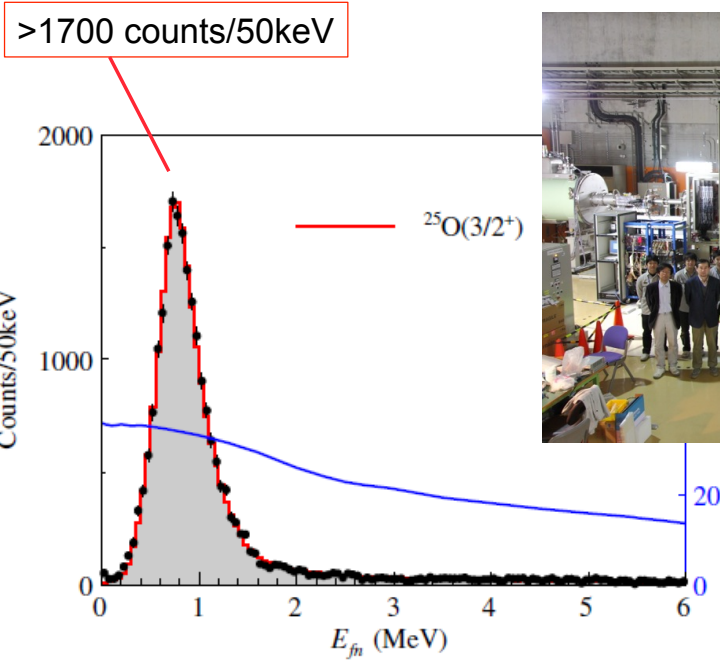
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Recent results from RIBF on ^{25}O



Factor of ~40
intensity increase
compared to MSU



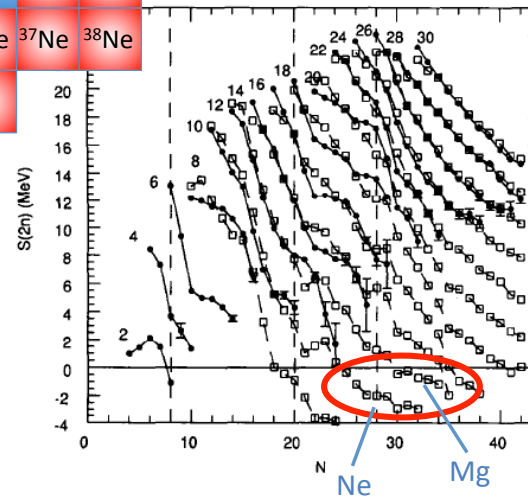
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Beyond the dripline in the *pf*-shell

³⁰ Al	³¹ Al	³² Al	³³ Al	³⁴ Al	³⁵ Al	³⁶ Al	³⁷ Al	³⁸ Al	³⁹ Al	⁴⁰ Al	⁴¹ Al	⁴² Al
²⁹ Mg	³⁰ Mg	³¹ Mg	³² Mg	³³ Mg	³⁴ Mg	³⁵ Mg	³⁶ Mg	³⁷ Mg	³⁸ Mg	³⁹ Mg	⁴⁰ Mg	⁴¹ Mg
²⁸ Na	²⁹ Na	³⁰ Na	³¹ Na	³² Na	³³ Na	³⁴ Na	³⁵ Na	³⁶ Na	³⁷ Na	³⁸ Na	³⁹ Na	
²⁷ Ne	²⁸ Ne	²⁹ Ne	³⁰ Ne	³¹ Ne	³² Ne	³³ Ne	³⁴ Ne	³⁵ Ne	³⁶ Ne	³⁷ Ne	³⁸ Ne	
²⁶ F	²⁷ F	²⁸ F	²⁹ F	³⁰ F	³¹ F	³² F	³³ F	³⁴ F	³⁵ F			

- The single particle energies within the $f_{7/2+}$ orbit change very little with increasing neutron number
- The separation energies stay almost constant
- Potential for several neutron unbound isotopes with low decay energy

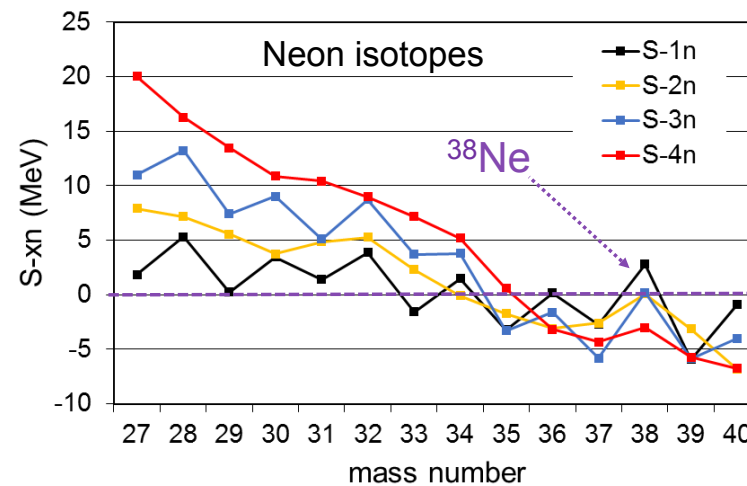


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Four-neutron emitter

- The FRDM predicts ^{38}Ne and ^{44}Mg to be direct four neutron emitters.
- They are bound with respect to 1-, 2-, and 3-neutron emission but unbound with respect 4-neutron emission.



Summary and outlook

- There are still hundreds of proton-rich isotopes left to be discovered
- On the neutron-rich side there are probably a few thousands isotopes reachable in the foreseeable future
- The driplines are not the limit. Spectroscopic information for nuclides beyond the dripline can be extracted from particle spectroscopy measurements
- The sophisticated setup require detailed simulations to extract the physical quantities
- It is important for the evaluators to understand the strengths and limitations of the various techniques

