

Two proton decay of ^{48}Ni with ACTAR TPC.

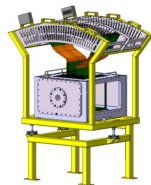
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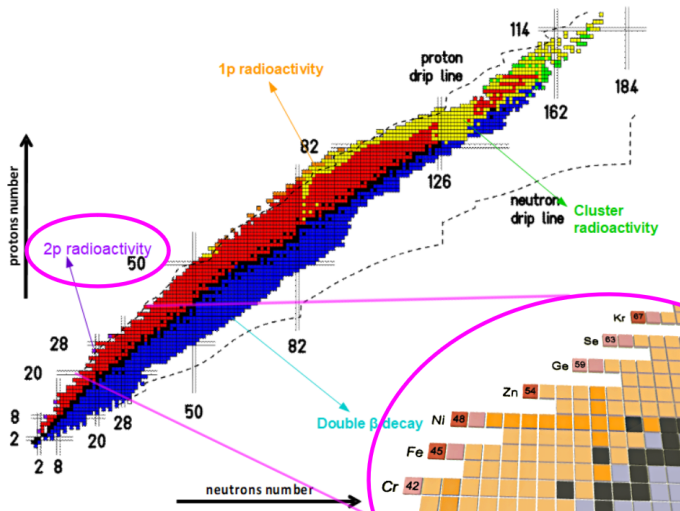
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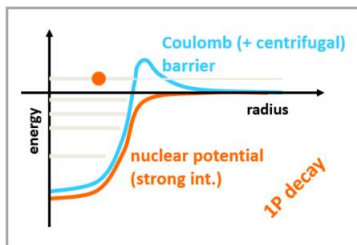
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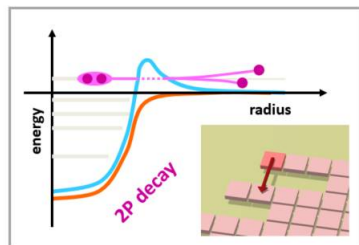
Exotic decays



Proton(s) radioactivity



odd -Z isotope



even-Z isotope

- Pairing energy : There is an extra binding energy if the number of protons are even.
- The system is strongly correlated inside and completely unbound outside (Interesting information about nuclear structure)

Theoretical models

- **3 body model** → Dynamical description of the process.
Agreements with (^{45}Fe) experiments
- **Hybrid model** → Mixes both dynamics (3-body model) and structure (shell-model amplitudes) descriptions.
Agreements for (^{45}Fe , ^{54}Zn , ^{48}Ni)

Angular distribution
Half life

Half life

Disagreements (^{67}Kr) → Two new hypothesis:

- **Semi-analytical R-matrix calculation** → ^{67}Kr is in an intermediate situation between 2p emission and a sequential decay process depending on the position of the intermediate state.
(L.V. Grigorenko, PRC 2017)
- **Gamow Coupled Channels** → takes into account the ^{67}Kr deformation.
(S.M. Wang & W. Nazarewicz, PRL 2018)

Proton energies

Angular distribution
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Theoretical models

Availability of the models

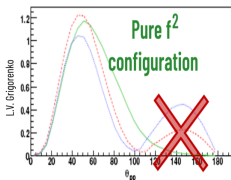
Model	Observable	^{48}Ni	^{67}Kr
3 body	$T_{1/2}, \theta_{pp}$	extrapolation	-
Hybrid	$T_{1/2}$	yes	Doesn't work
R-Matrix	$E_{p1/Q2p}$	-	yes
GCC	$T_{1/2} \& \theta_{pp}$	yes	yes

Why ^{48}Ni ?

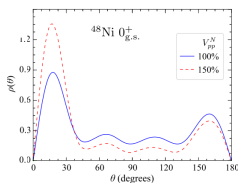
- Accesible today (GANIL)
- Different theory models available
- Spherical (benchmark for GCC model)
- Double magic nuclei (more stable)

3-body model

(extrapolation from ^{45}Fe and ^{54}Zn)



Gamow Coupled Channels (GCC) model



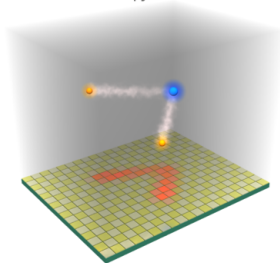
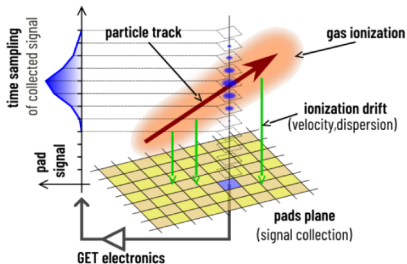
→ Measurement of $2p$ angular distribution for ^{48}Ni

ACTive TARget Time Projection Chamber

Thomas ROGER

ACTAR TPC:

performances,
achievements
and future upgrades

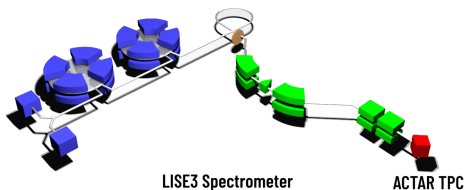


- **ACTive TARget:** Gas=target and detector
- **Time Projection Chamber:** The signal on each pad is sampled in time for full 3D reconstruction
- 16384 channels (128 x 128 pads)

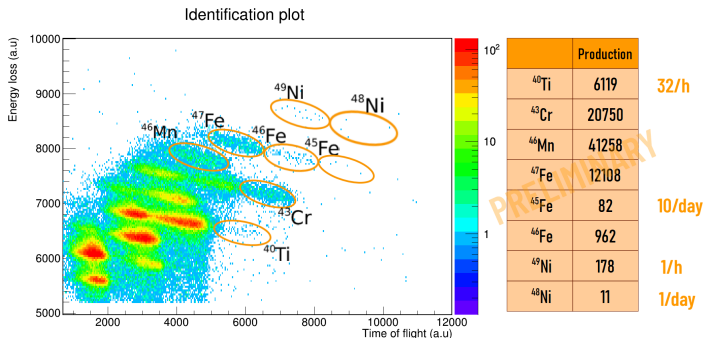
Preliminary results

E791 experiment

(GANIL-May 2021)



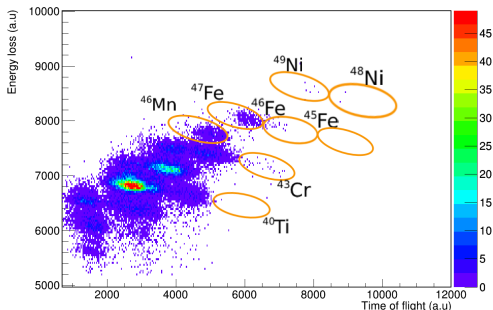
Production



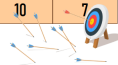
- Produced by fragmentation by a $^{58}\text{Ni}^{26+}$ beam with an intensity of about $5\mu\text{A}$ on a $210\mu\text{m}$ thick ^{nat}Ni target.
- Exotic fragments selected using the LISE3 spectrometer.

Implantation

Identification plot (implanted in ACTAR)



	Production	Seen in ACTAR	Correctly implanted in ACTAR
^{40}Ti	6119	5707	362
^{43}Cr	20750	19132	4330
^{46}Mn	41258	4913	4773
^{47}Fe	12108	2312	2264
^{45}Fe	82	75	13
^{46}Fe	962	794	553
^{49}Ni	178	72	68
^{48}Ni	11	10	7

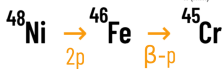
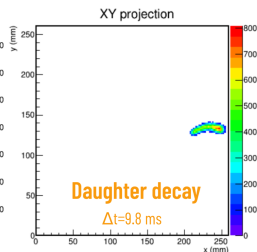
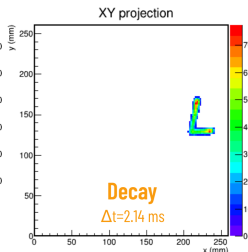
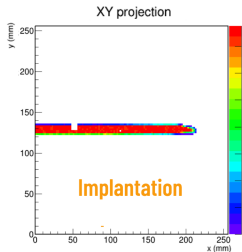
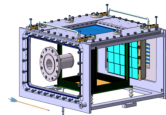


- Optimized for ^{48}Ni .
- Long tuning time due to a low production rate of exotic nuclei .

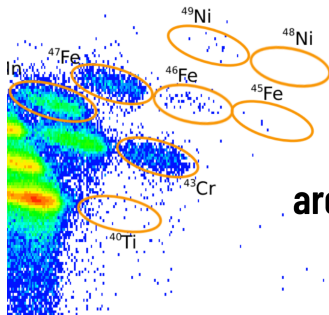
^{48}Ni events

	Production	Seen in ACTAR	Correctly implanted in ACTAR	Decay seen in ACTAR	2-proton decay	β -1p decay	β -3p decay
^{48}Ni	11	10	7	5	2	2	1

- $T_{1/2}(\text{average}) = 3.2 \text{ ms}$
- $T_{1/2}(\text{literature}) = 2.1 \text{ ms}$



Not enough statistic to build an angular distribution

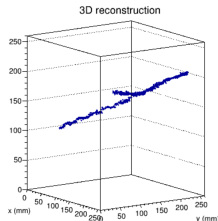
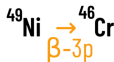
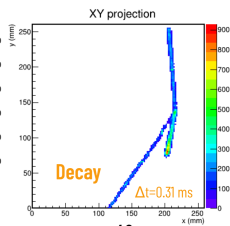
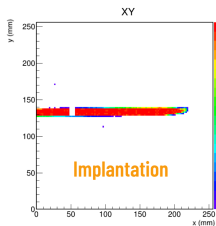
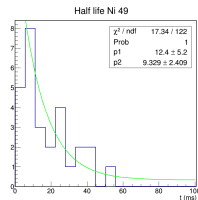


But other data
in this exotic
neighborhood
are **REALLY** interesting

^{49}Ni events

	Production	Seen in ACTAR	Correctly implanted in ACTAR	Decay seen in ACTAR	β -1p decay	β -2p decay	β -3p decay
^{49}Ni	178	72	68	60	38	18	1

- 2 events potential 2-p candidates from ^{48}Ni
- 1 event not well identified
- $T_{1/2}(\text{exp}) = 9.3 \pm 2$ ms
- $T_{1/2}(\text{literature}) = 7.5 \pm 1$ ms



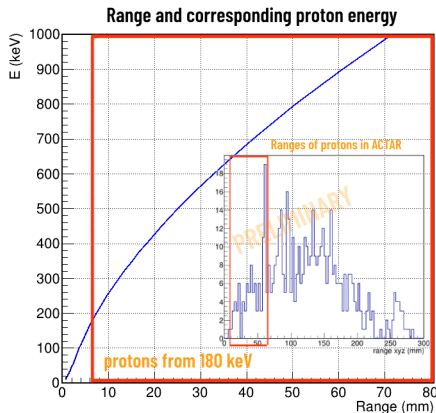
Branching ratios

- 66 % β -p
- 32 % β -2p
- 2% β -3p

FIRST OBSERVATION!

^{46}Mn , ^{47}Fe events

- $\beta - 2p$ decays for both ^{46}Mn , ^{47}Fe found for the first time
- Low energy protons (below 1 MeV) from $\beta - p$ emissions of ^{46}Mn measured for the first time



- Give information about unreachable excited states of ^{46}Cr , that enable the study of the inverse reaction

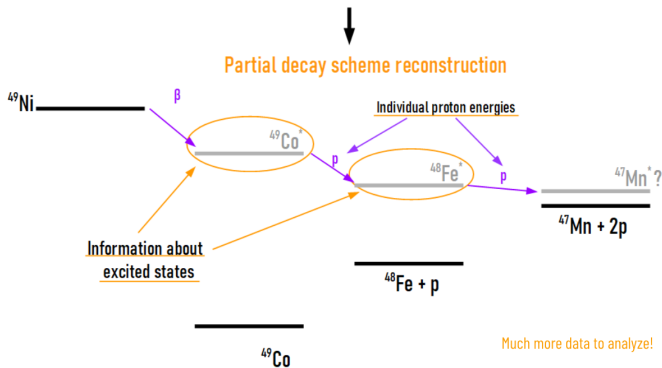
$$^{46}\text{Cr}^* \leftarrow ^{45}\text{V} + p$$
 , an important missing ingredient for Supernova of type II models.

(Proposal A.M.Sánchez-Benítez)



Expected further results

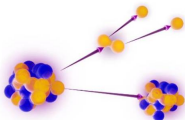
- Study of individual proton's energies (1p emission, 2p emission, 3p emission) for the nuclei of interest.
- Branching ratios $\beta - p$, $\beta - 2p$, $\beta - 3p$ for the different nuclei ^{43}Cr , ^{46}Mn , ^{47}Fe , ^{46}Fe , ^{45}Fe , ^{40}Ti



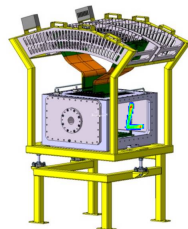
Do not forget: these results are **PRELIMINARY**

- Idea of production and implantation events during the experiment
- Some ^{48}Ni events with $2 - p$ emission (but too few), also for ^{45}Fe
- ^{49}Ni half life and branching ratio β -1p, β -2p, β -3p
- Observed for the first time:
 $^{49}\text{Ni} \rightarrow \beta$ -3p, $^{47}\text{Fe} \rightarrow \beta$ -2p, $^{46}\text{Mn} \rightarrow \beta$ -2p, low energy protons

Thanks for your attention



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