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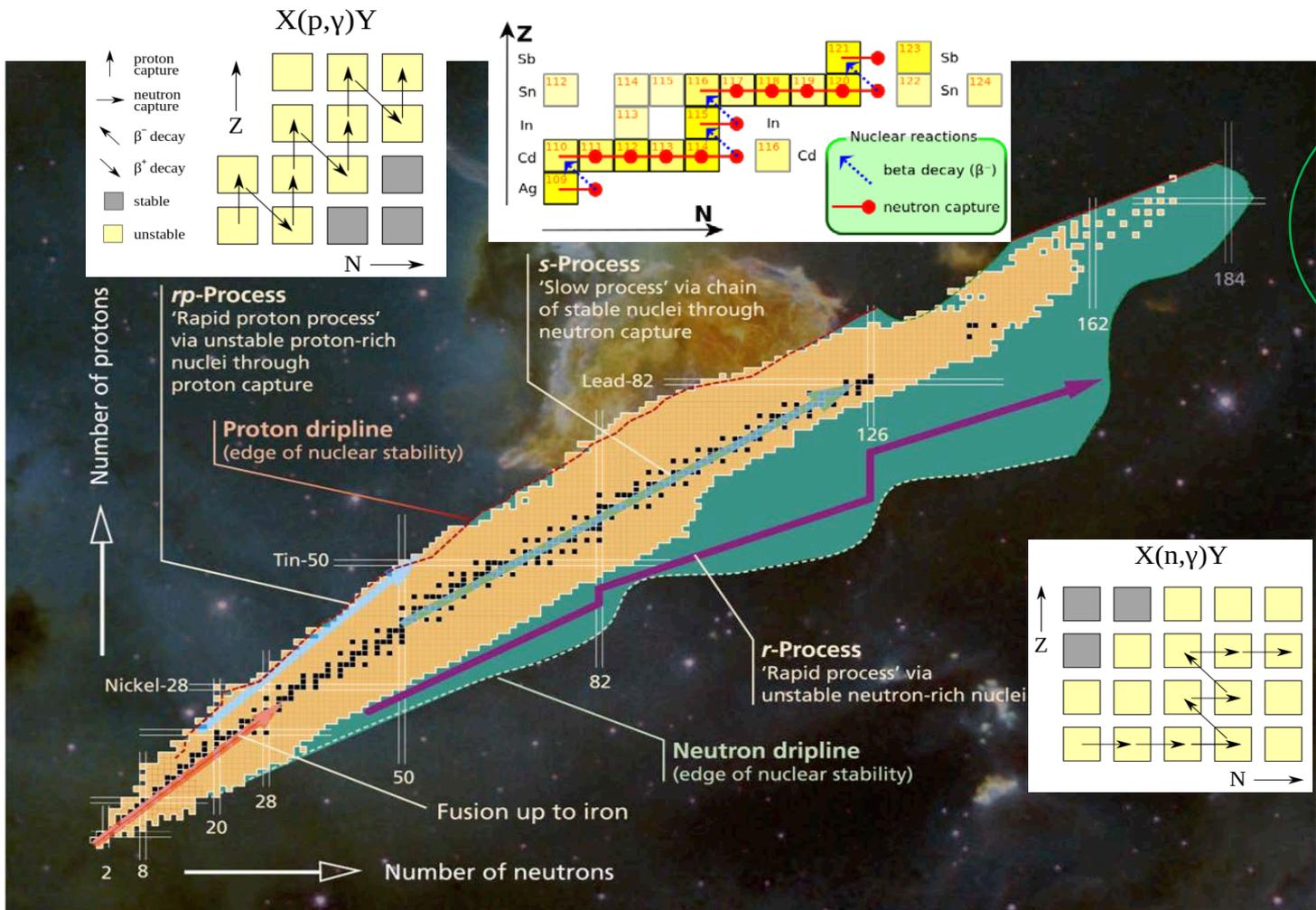
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β -decay spectroscopy of exotic nuclei

- Powerful tool to study the structure of **n-deficient nuclei around the N=Z line**
- Information of great interest for both **Nuclear Structure** and **Nuclear Astrophysics**



Relevance of β -decay data for rp-process and X-Ray bursts: talk by E. Nacher

β -decay transition strengths

β -decay spectroscopy provides a direct access to the absolute values of the β -decay strengths

$$B(F) \propto \left| \langle \psi_f^* | \tau | \psi_i \rangle \right|^2$$

Fermi ($\Delta S = 0$)

$$B(GT) \propto \left| \langle \psi_f^* | \sigma \tau | \psi_i \rangle \right|^2$$

Gamow Teller ($\Delta S = 1$)

Measured in β -decay experiments

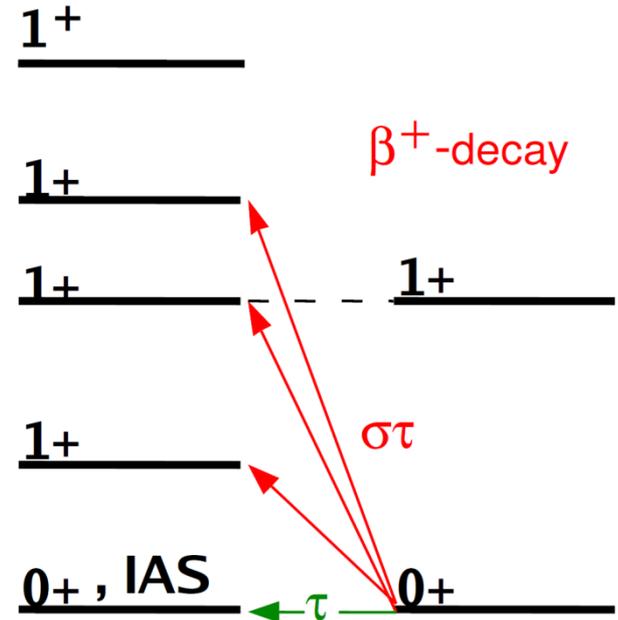
Beta feeding to states
in the daughter nucleus

$$B_j(GT)^\beta = \frac{K}{\lambda^2} \frac{I_\beta^j(E_j)}{f(Q_\beta - E_j, Z) T_{1/2}}$$

$\lambda = g_A/g_V$

Parent half-life

$$B(F)^\beta = K \frac{I_\beta(E)}{f(Q_\beta - E, Z) T_{1/2}}$$



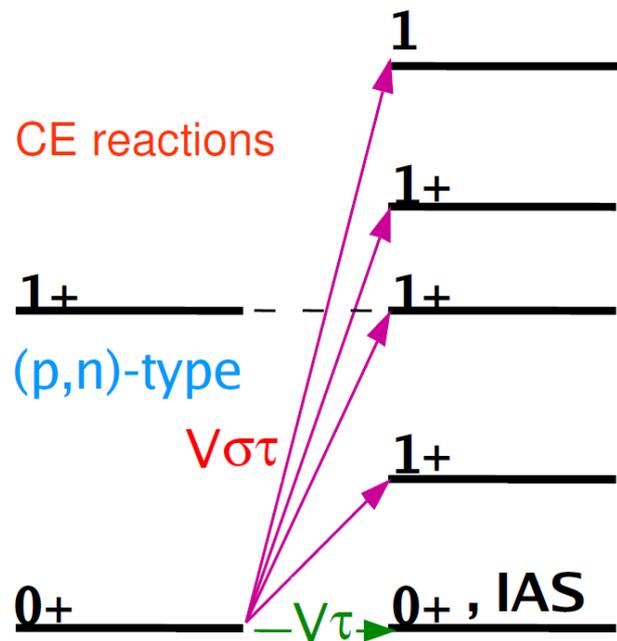
$T_Z=0$

$T_Z=-1$

Advantage: absolute normalization of the strength

Charge Exchange (CE) reactions

Complementary **(p,n)-type CE reactions**, which are the mirror strong interaction process, also provide information on the β -decay transition strengths



$T_Z = +1$

$T_Z = 0$

- The CE cross section measured at 0° is proportional to the β -decay strengths (relative values)

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma_{GT}^{CE}}{d\Omega} (0^\circ) \right|_j \cong \hat{\sigma}_{GT} (0^\circ) B_j(GT)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_F^{CE}}{d\Omega} (0^\circ) \cong \hat{\sigma}_F (0^\circ) B(F)$$

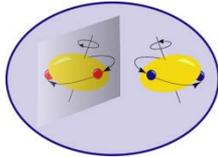
T.N. Taddeucci et al., NPA 469 (1987) 125-172

- Advantage: highly excited states can be accessed

Complementarity of β decay and CE reactions

β decay and CE experiments are complementary

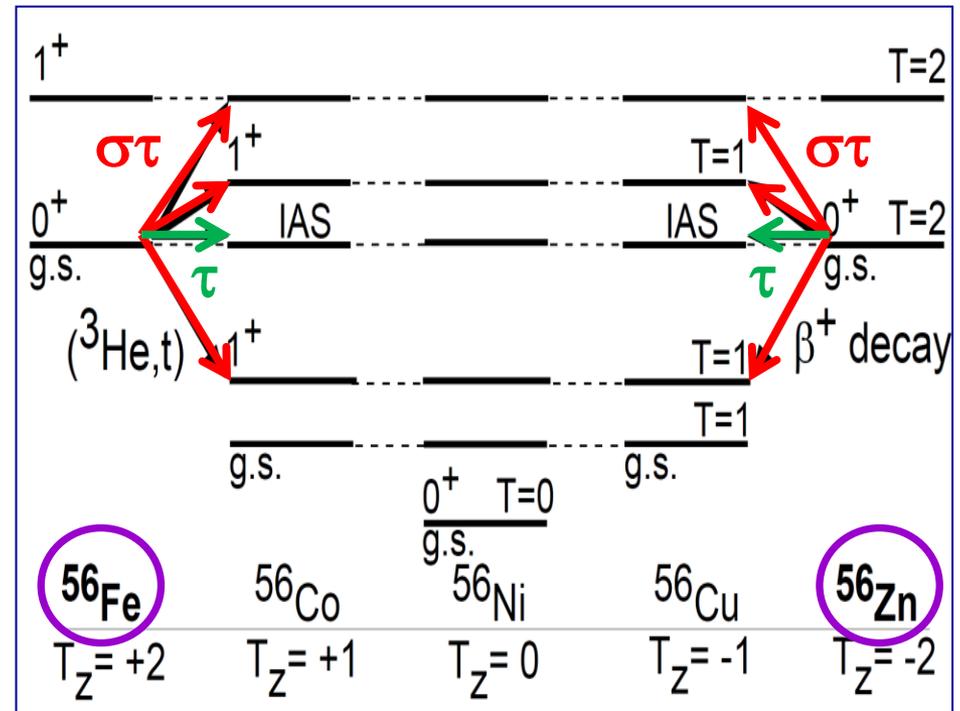
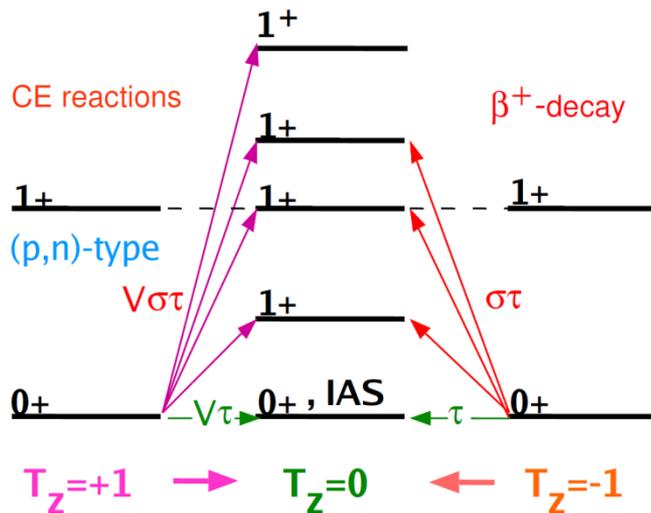
- Under the assumption of **isospin symmetry**, starting from **mirror nuclei**, the two processes should populate the same states in the daughter with same probability



Y. Fujita, B. Rubio, W. Gelletly, PPNP 66 (2011) 549-606

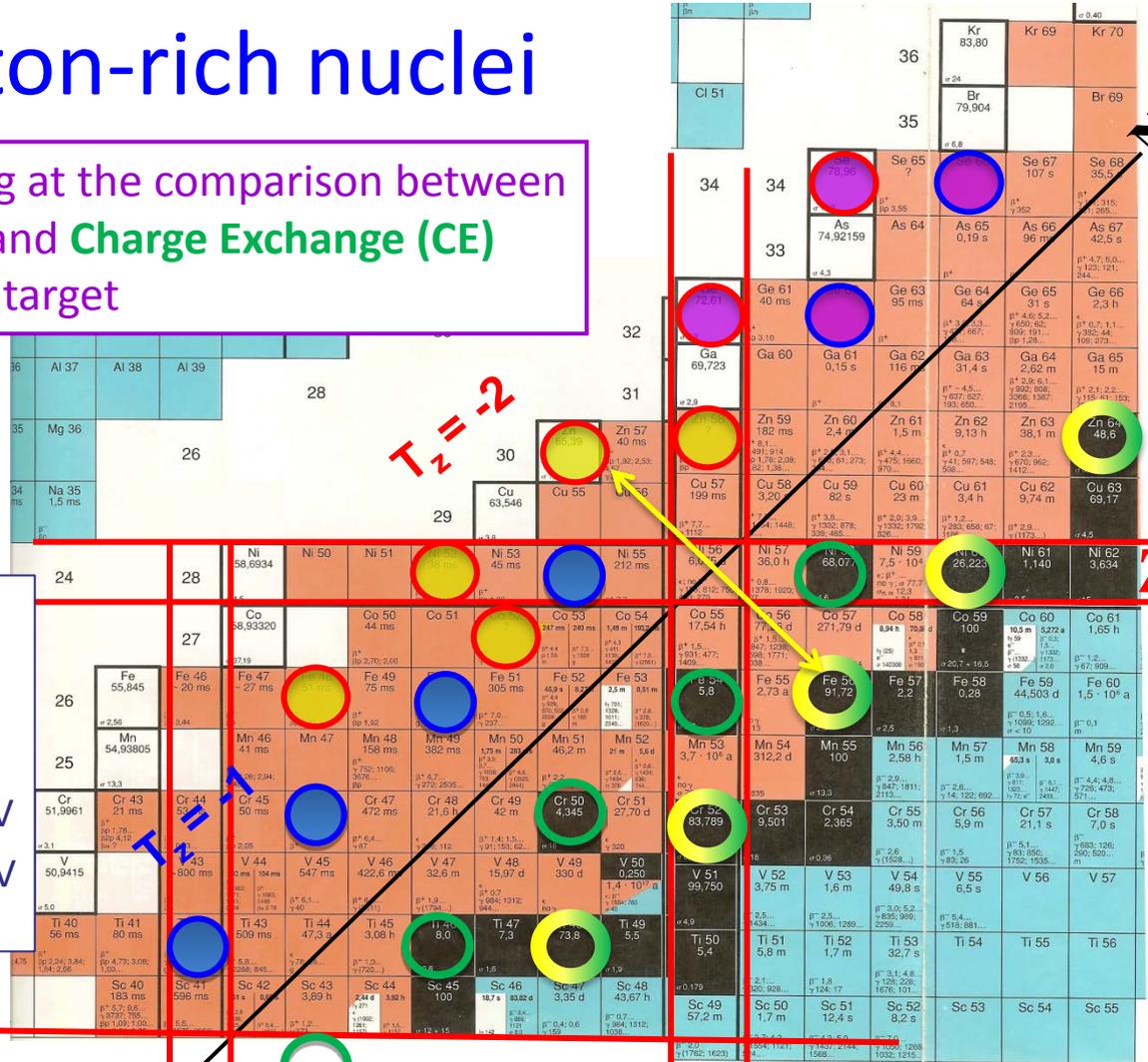
The $T=2$ isospin multiplet:
the final nucleus is not identical

The $T=1$ isospin multiplet:
the final state is identical



β decay of proton-rich nuclei

Series of experiments aiming at the comparison between β decay in proton-rich nuclei and Charge Exchange (CE) reactions on the stable mirror target



$N=Z$

$T_z = -2$

$Z=28$

Primary beams for RIB production



RIKEN

• ^{78}Kr @345 AMeV



GANIL

• ^{58}Ni @75 AMeV



GSI

• ^{64}Zn @79 AMeV

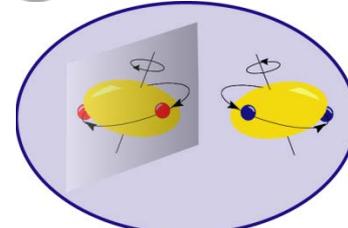
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RCNP Osaka



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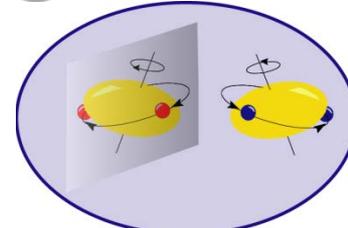
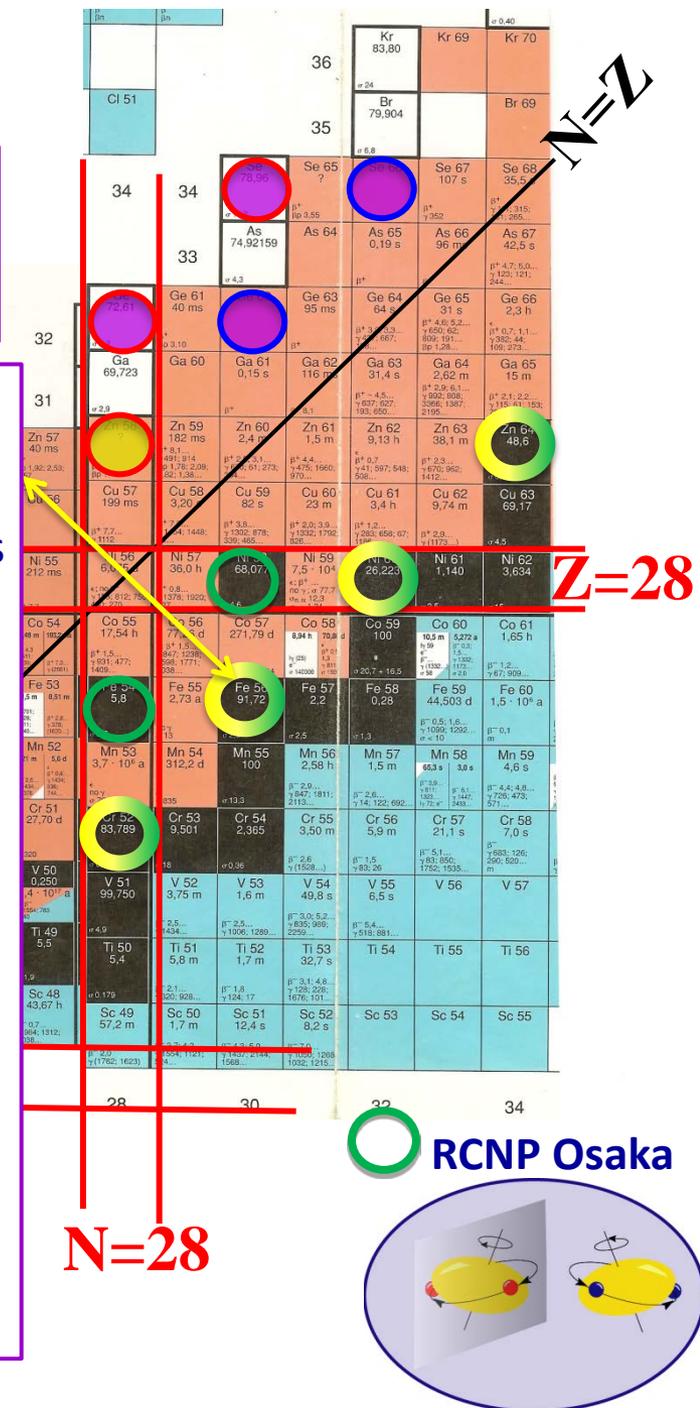
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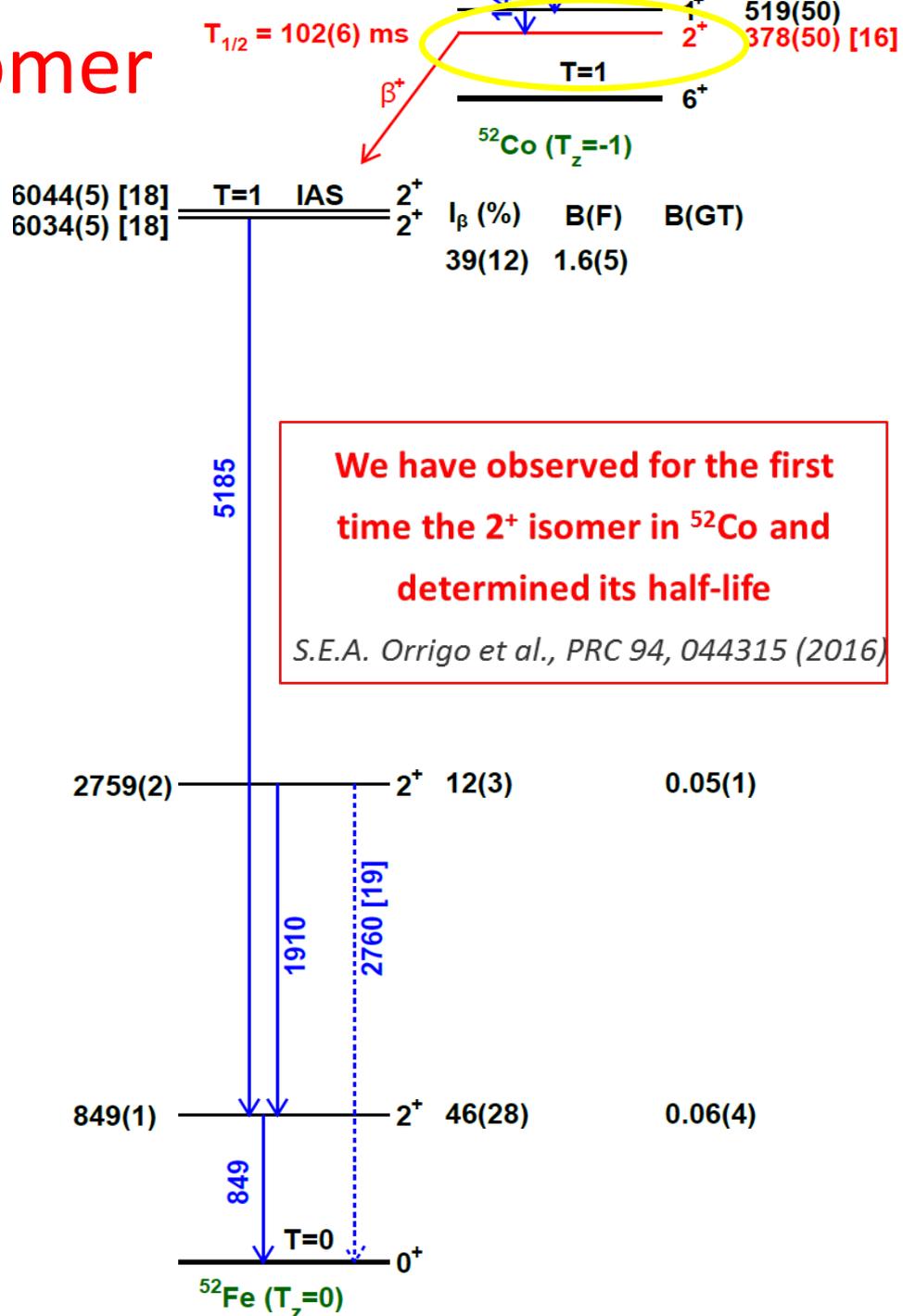
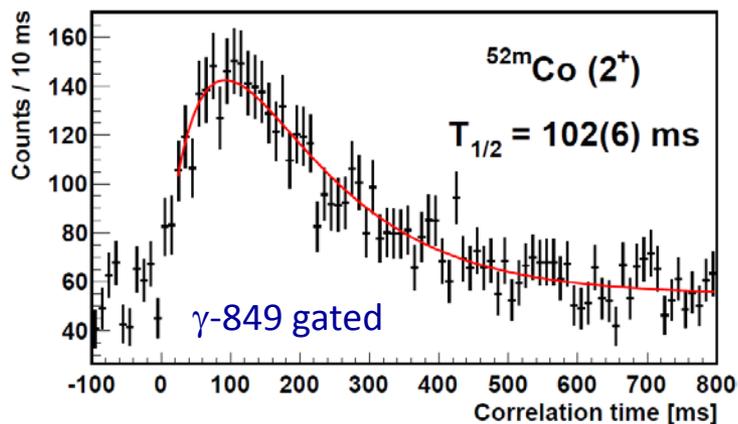
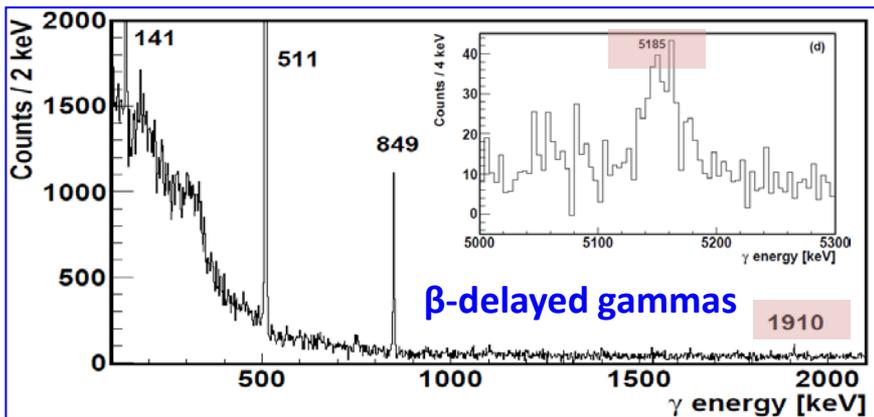
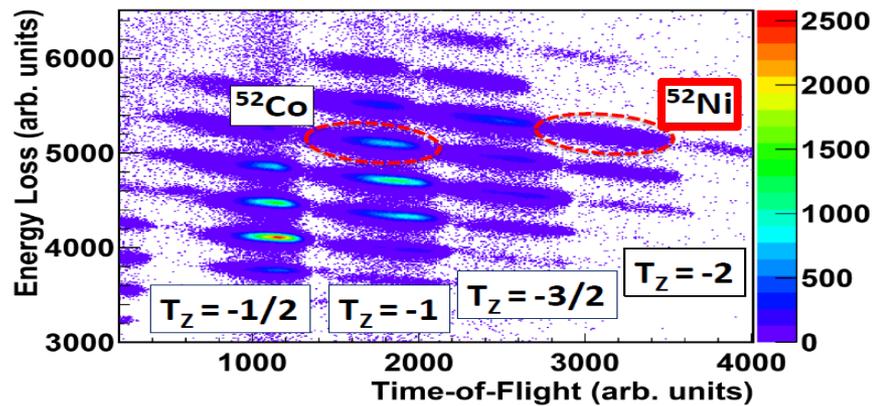
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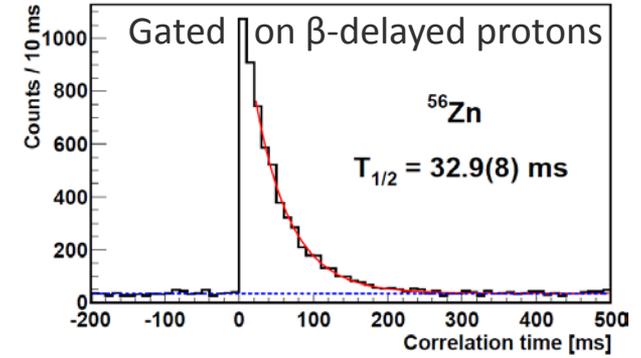
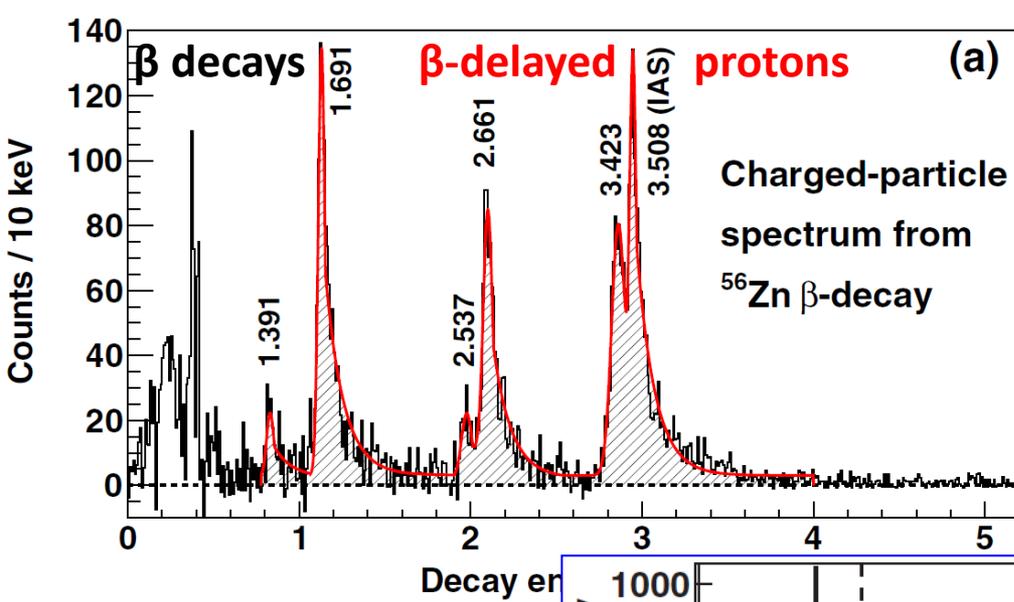


$T_{1/2}$ of the $^{52m}\text{Co}(2^+)$ isomer



We have observed for the first time the 2^+ isomer in ^{52}Co and determined its half-life
S.E.A. Orrigo et al., PRC 94, 044315 (2016)

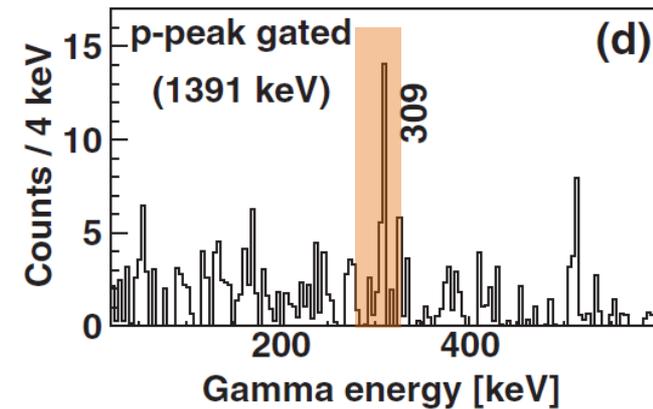
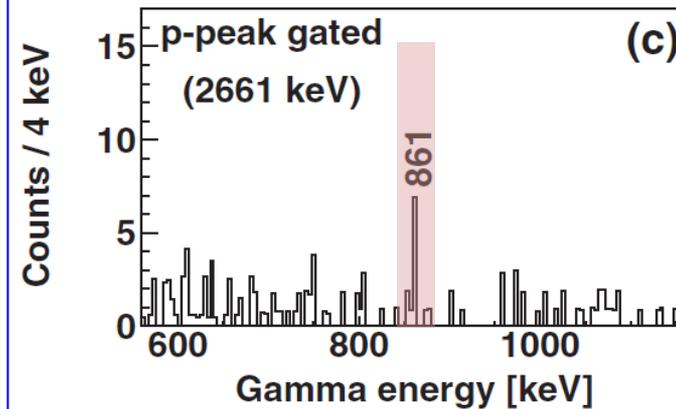
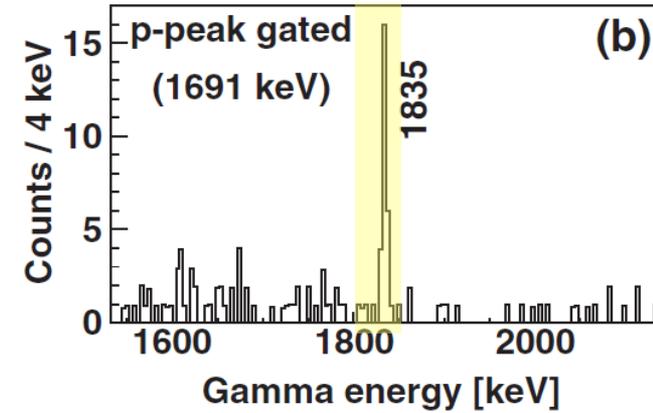
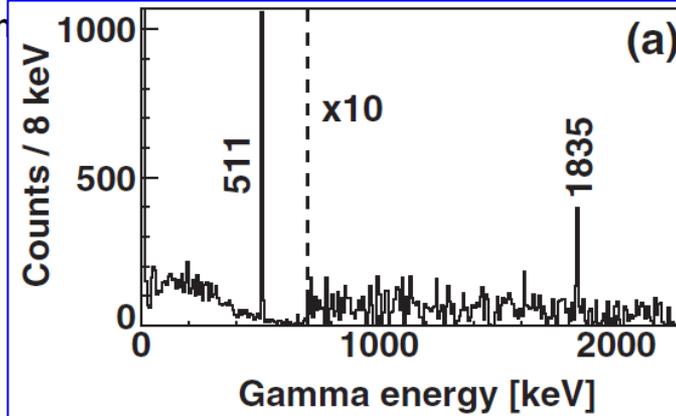
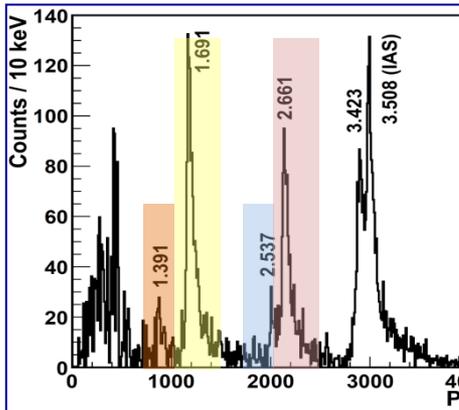
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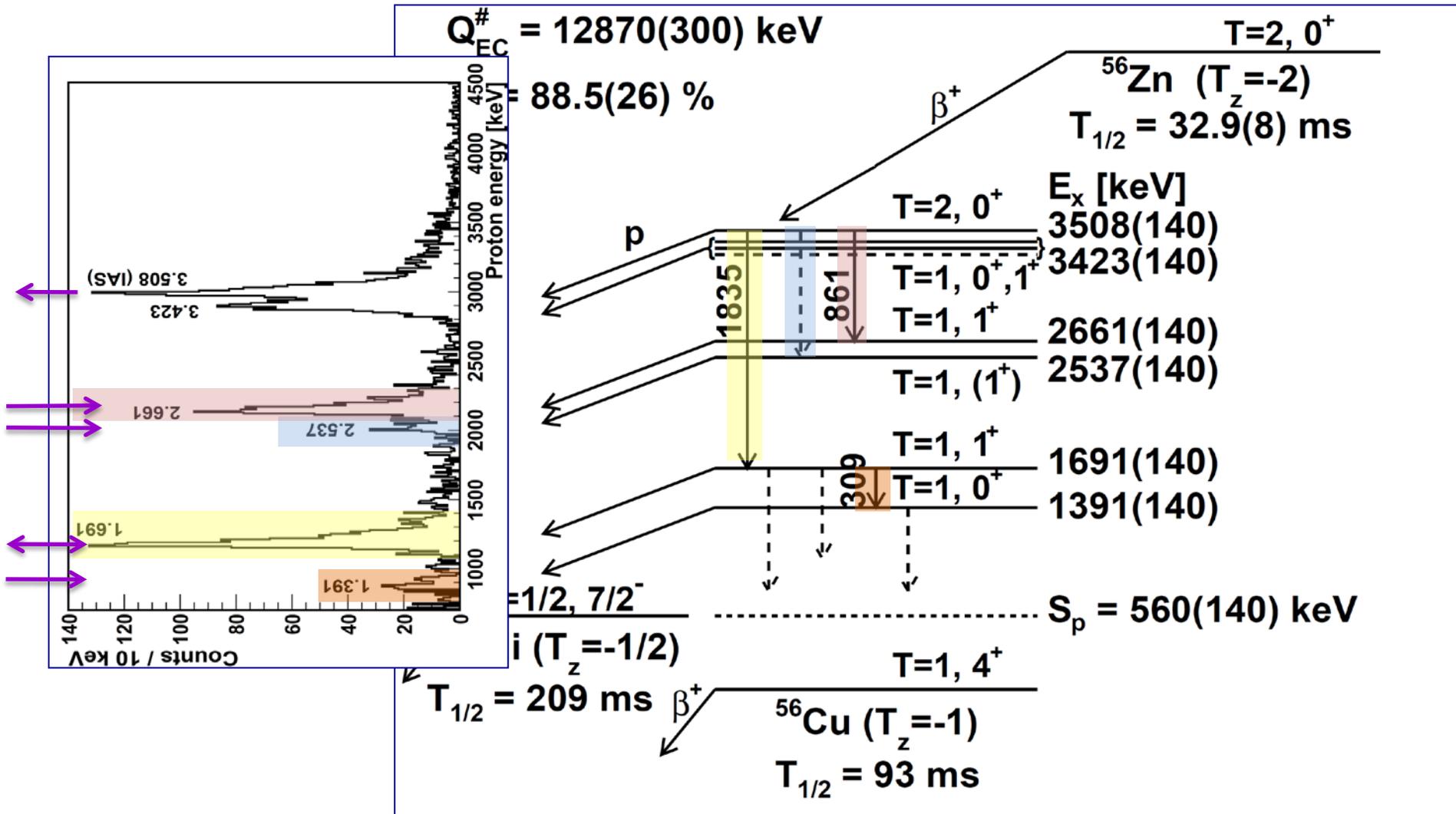
Proton-gamma coincidences

Gates on protons



*S.E.A. Orrigo et al.,
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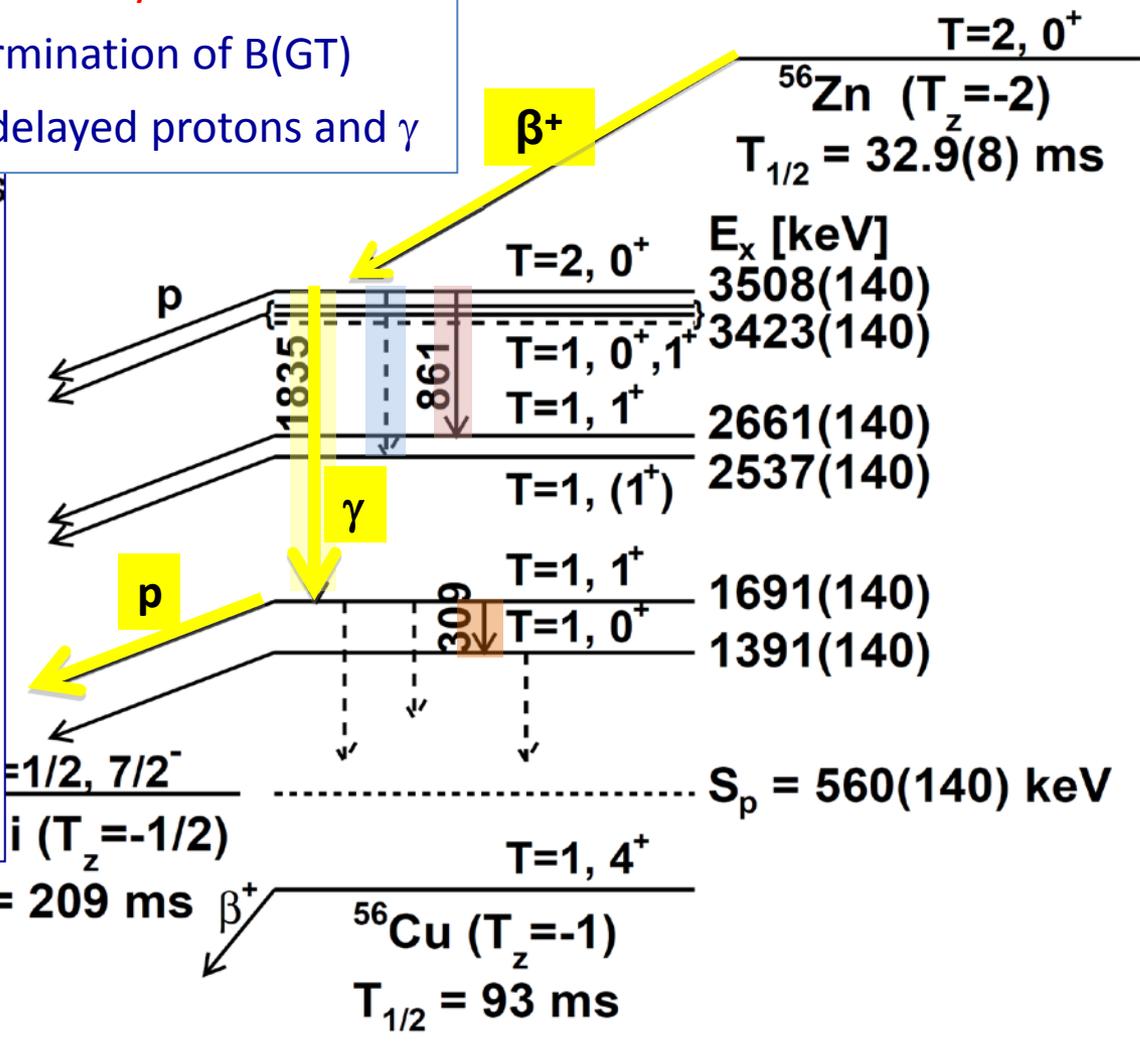
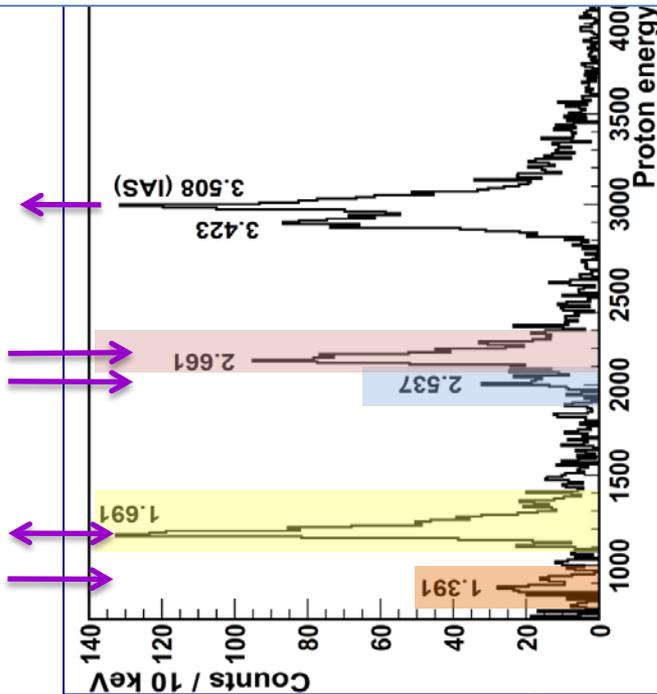
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1st observation of β -delayed γ -proton decay

- In the fp -shell in three branches \rightarrow very exotic !!
 - It affects the conventional determination of B(GT)
- \Rightarrow Important to measure both β -delayed protons and γ

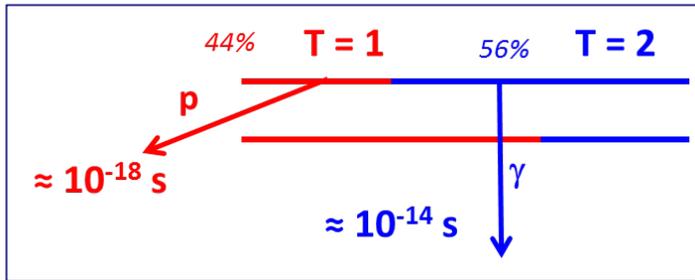


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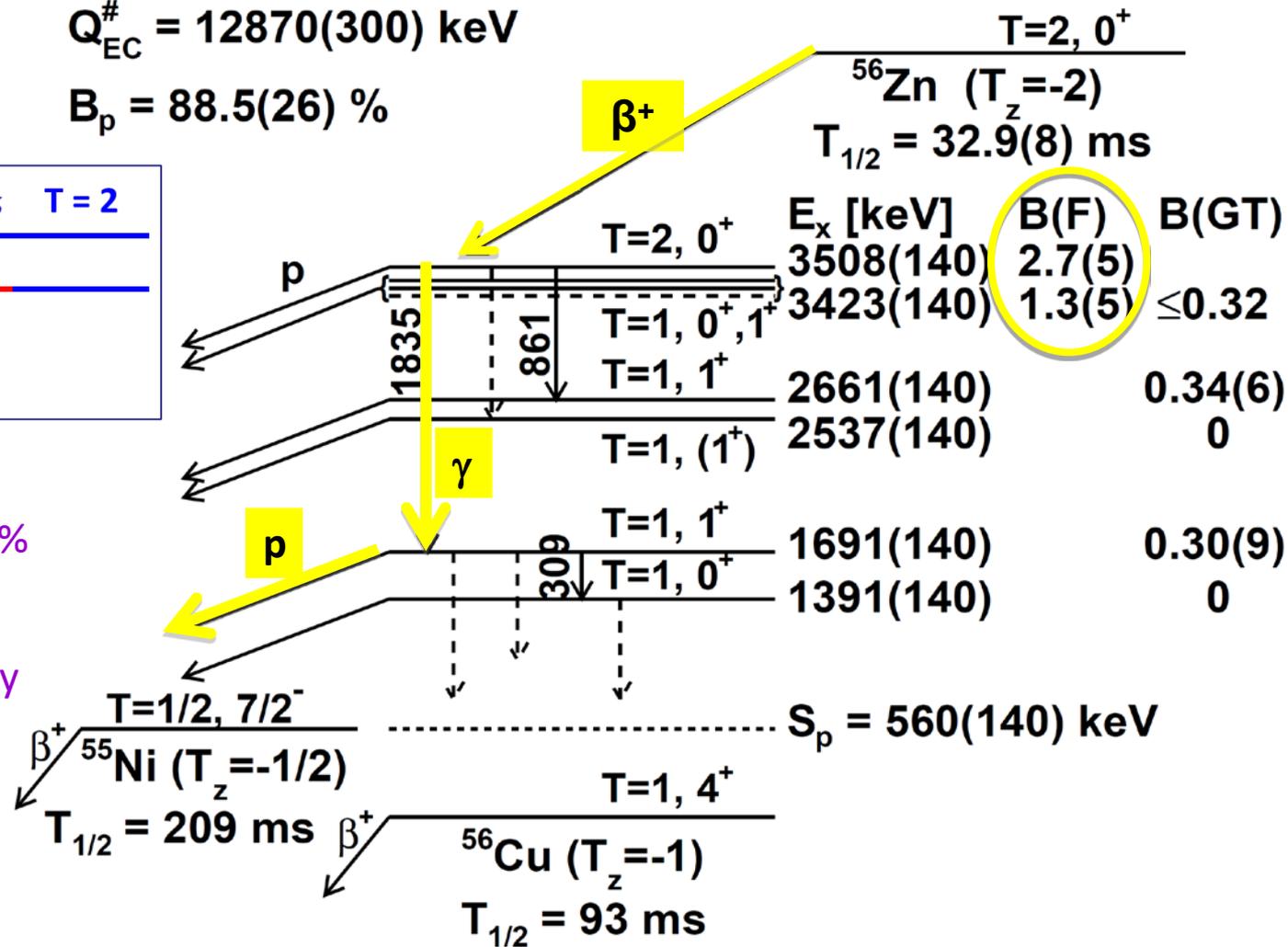
β decay of ^{56}Zn : many exotic features!

$$Q_{\text{EC}}^{\#} = 12870(300) \text{ keV}$$

$$B_p = 88.5(26) \%$$



- Fragmentation of $B(F)$
- Isospin mixing $\alpha^2 = 33_{10}\%$
- Competition β_p / β_γ
- 10^3 hindrance of p-decay



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- 2 independent SM calculations: p-decay hindered by 10^3 ; isospin mixing reproduced

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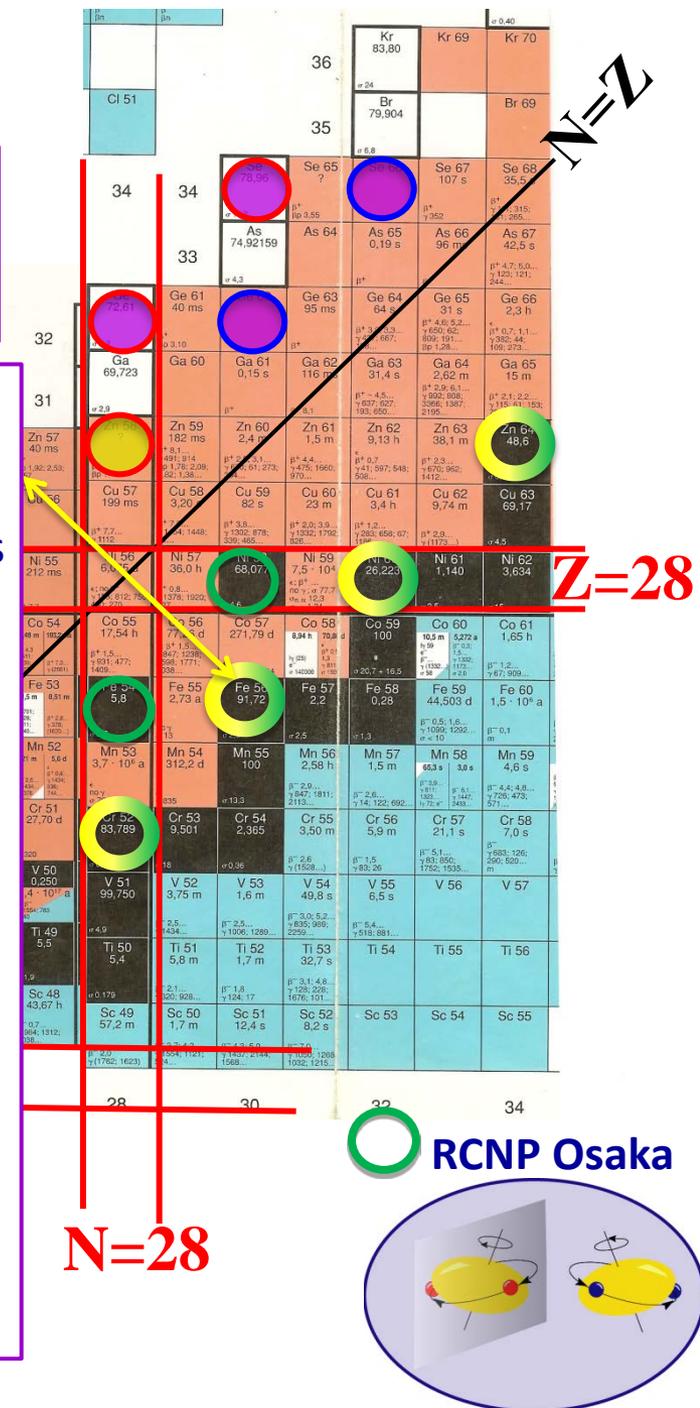
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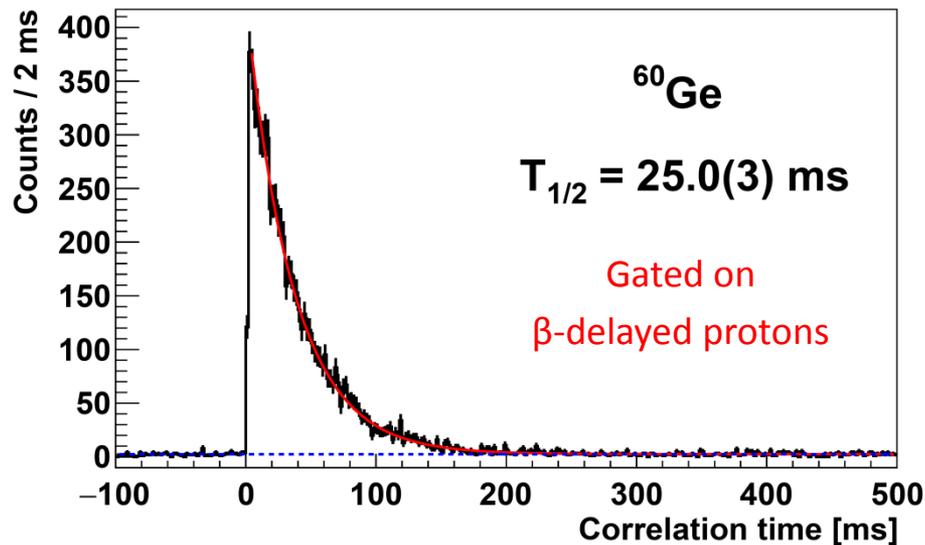
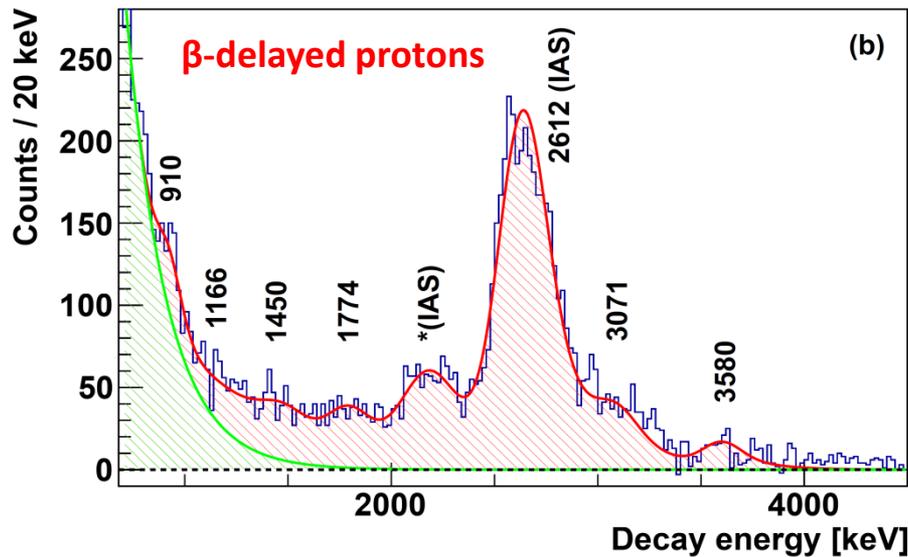
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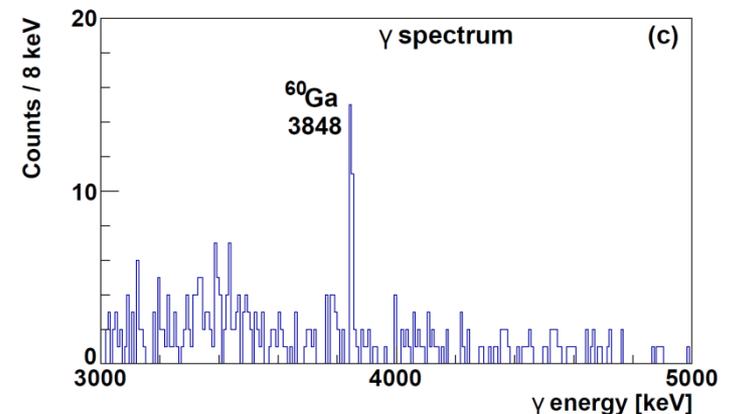
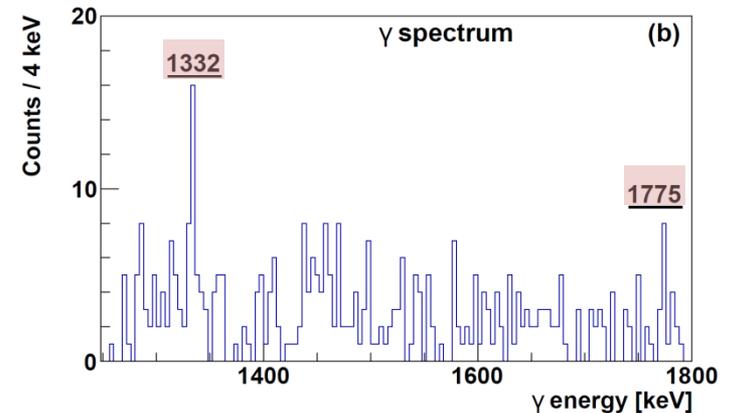
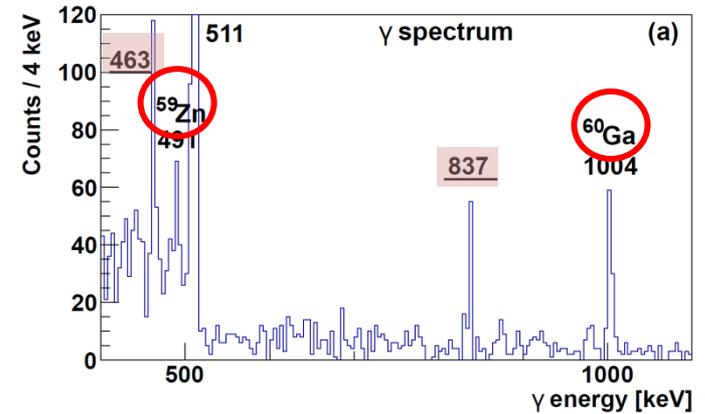


N=20

β decay of ^{60}Ge

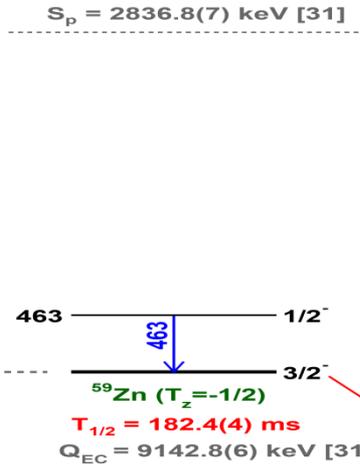
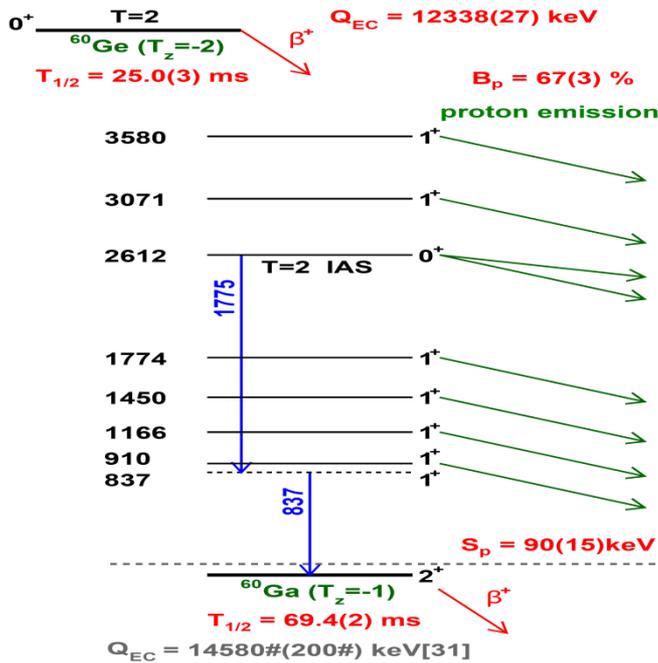


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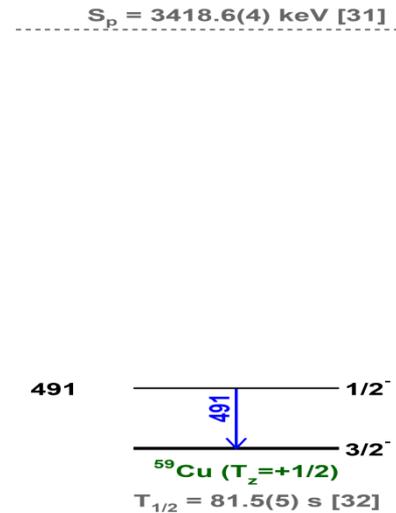
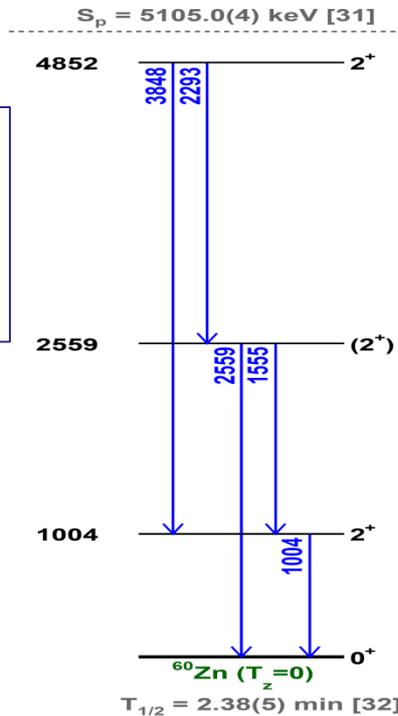
E_X (keV)	I_β (%)	$B(F)$	$B(GT)$
3580(27)	1.9(2)		0.14(1)
3071(28)	3.2(3)		0.18(2)
2611.8(9) ^a	45.3(20)	3.1(1)	
1774(23)	4.2(3)		0.11(1)
1450(25)	5.1(4)		0.11(1)
1166(28)	4.0(5)		0.074(9)
910(20)	2.8(4)		0.044(6)
837.2(2)	7(2)		0.11(3)

^aIAS.

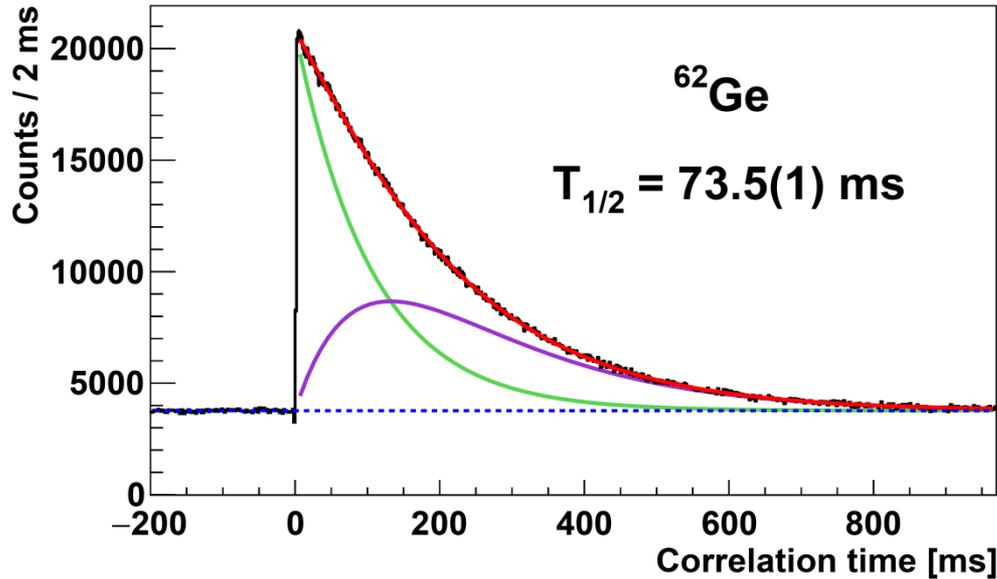


^{60}Ga

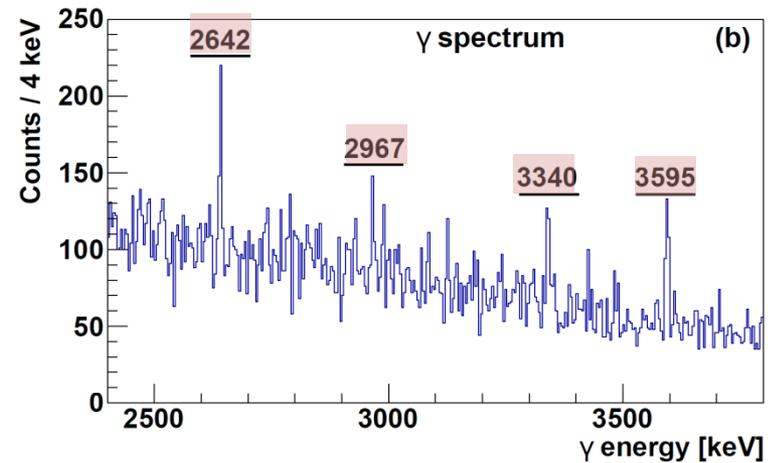
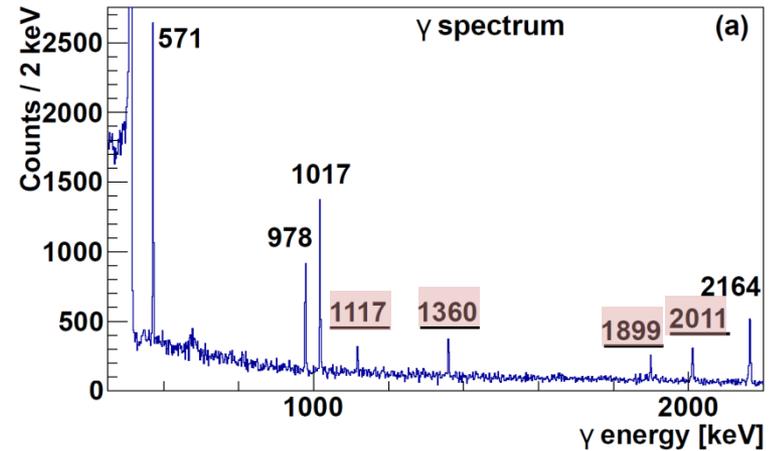
Nucleus at the p-dripline
 New decay scheme:
 totally unknown before



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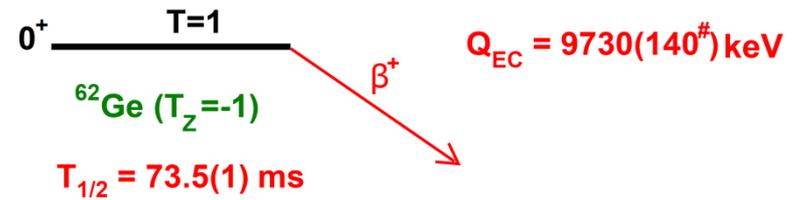


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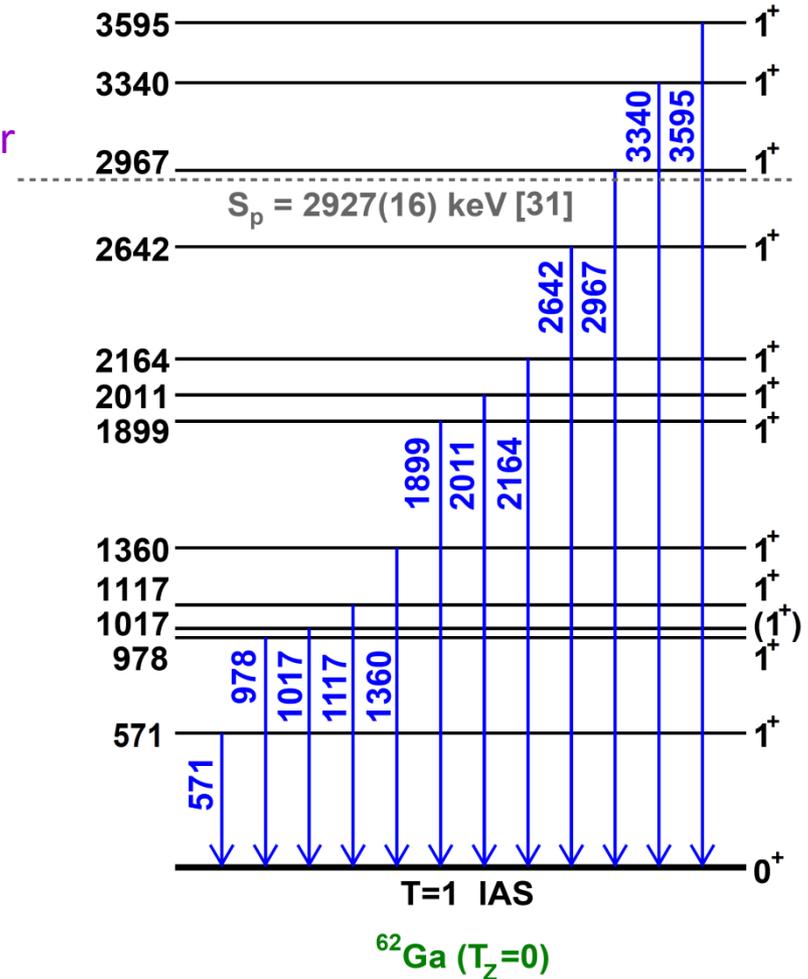
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▣ No $1^+ \rightarrow 1^+$ transitions \Rightarrow confirmed the *quasi-rule* of Warburton and Weneser (suppression of M1 isoscalar transitions between $J^\pi = 1^+, T = 0$ states)

▣ No evidence of enhanced low-lying Gamow-Teller strength in ^{62}Ga due to isoscalar p-n pairing [E. Grodner et al., PRL 113, 092501 (2014)]



E_Y (keV)	I_Y (%)	E_X (keV)	I_β (%)	$B(F)$	$B(GT)$
3594.7(5)	0.6(1)	3594.7(5)	0.6(1)		0.07(1)
3339.6(5)	0.30(6)	3339.6(5)	0.30(6)		0.030(7)
2966.8(5)	0.35(6)	2966.8(5)	0.35(6)		0.028(5)
2641.8(5)	0.4(1)	2641.8(5)	0.4(1)		0.029(7)
2164.1(4)	2.6(2)	2164.1(4)	2.6(2)		0.13(1)
2010.9(4)	0.96(8)	2010.9(4)	0.96(8)		0.045(5)
1899.3(4)	0.58(6)	1899.3(4)	0.58(6)		0.025(3)
1359.7(2)	0.70(5)	1359.7(2)	0.70(5)		0.022(2)
1117.4(2)	0.41(4)	1117.4(2)	0.41(4)		0.011(2)
1017.1(1)	2.6(1)	1017.1(1)	2.6(1)		0.067(6)
978.3(1)	1.8(1)	978.3(1)	1.8(1)		0.047(4)
571.3(1)	3.4(1)	571.3(1)	3.4(1)		0.068(6)
		g.s. ^a	85.3(3) ^b	2.0	

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^bThe ground state-to-ground state feeding is $I_\beta^{\text{IAS}} = (100 - \sum_i I_\beta^i)$.

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