

# $\beta$ -decay properties of neutron rich Ag and Cd isotopes: new data from TETRA neutron detector

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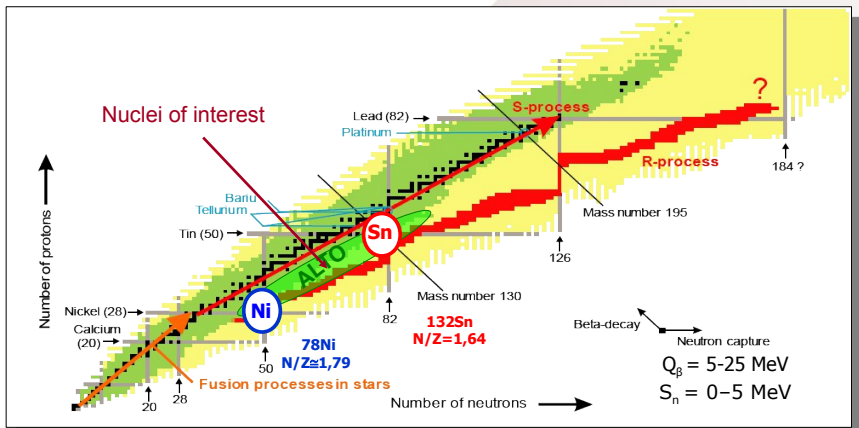
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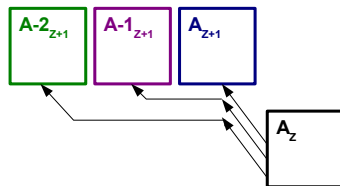
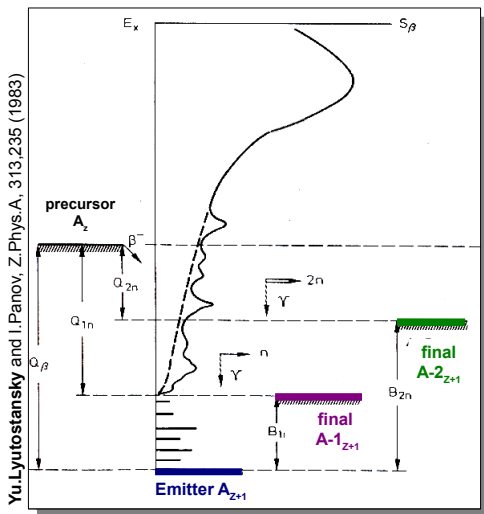
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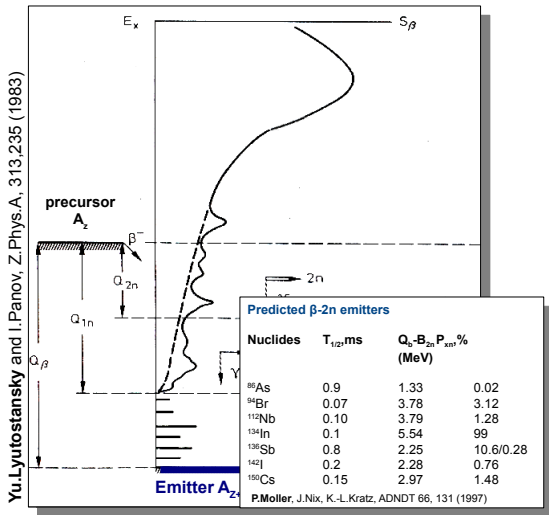
# Beta decay of neutron rich nuclei



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## Known β-2n emitters

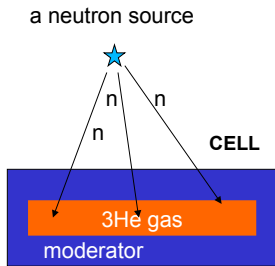
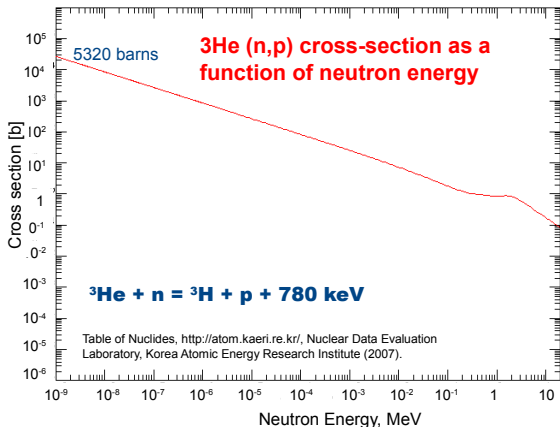
Nuclides	$T_{1/2}, \text{ms}$	$xn$	$P_{xn}, \%$
<sup>11</sup> Li	8.5	2n	4.1(4)
		3n	1.9(2)
<sup>14</sup> Be	14.5	2n	0.80(8)
		3n	0.2(2)
<sup>15</sup> B	10.4	2n	0.4(2)
<sup>17</sup> B	5.1	2n	11(7)
		3n	3.5(7)
		4n	0.4(3)
<sup>30</sup> Na	48	2n	1.17(16)
<sup>32</sup> Na	13.5	2n	8(2)
<sup>34</sup> Na	5.5	2n	~ 50
<sup>86</sup> Ga	43(20)	2n	20(10)

Oak Ridge, Oct 2013  
(Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 132502 2013)

<sup>98</sup> Rb	110	2n	0.38(6)
<sup>100</sup> Rb	51	2n	2.7(7)

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Phys. Rev. Lett. 1981. V.47 P.483  
Nucl. Phys. 1960. V19. P482  
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## Detectors with $^3\text{He}$ filled counters



As can be seen, the cross-section is much larger for thermal neutrons ( $\sim 0.0253 \text{ eV}$ ) than for fast neutrons ( $\sim 1 \text{ MeV}$ ). Neutrons are born fast. Thus, to maximize the efficiency of the  $^3\text{He}$  tubes, the neutrons must be slowed (or moderated) to thermal energies. Neutron moderation is most often achieved via elastic scattering collisions with hydrogenous material. For this reason,  $^3\text{He}$  tubes are often embedded in high-density polyethylene ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}$ ).

# Neutron detector **TETRA**

Zero energy threshold

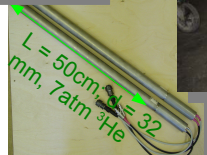
Zero cross-talk(multiplicity)

Perfect gamma separation

Easy in use/ geometry

High efficiency

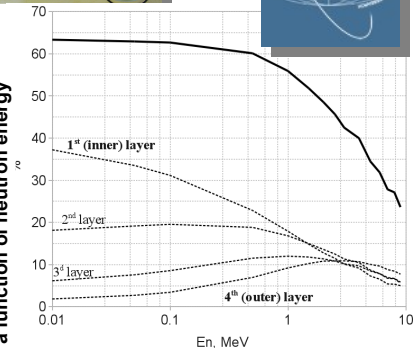
Low internal background

 $^3\text{He}$  7 atm x 80 counters  
 Eff.  $\varepsilon \sim 60\%$  ( $< 1$  MeV)


	$^3\text{He}$ detector	Scintillator
Neutron energy range	$< 1.5$ MeV	$< 20$ MeV
Neutron energy	no	yes
Threshold	0	$\sim 30 \div 300$ keV
Cross talk	no	yes
Efficiency	30-60%	10-30%
Multiplicity	yes	?
Angl. correlation	yes	?
Time scale	$\mu\text{s}$	ns

D. Testov et al., Physics of Atomic Nuclei 72, 1 (2009)

Calculated efficiency of TETRA as a function of neutron energy



# Smart efficiency calibration

M. Dakowski et al., *Nucl. Instr&Meth.* **113**, 195 (1973)

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^n K_{n\nu} P_{\nu} = F_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, n_{max}$$

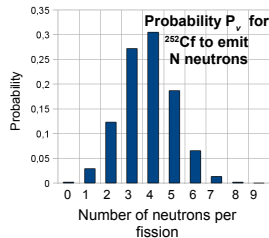
$$K_{n\nu} = \frac{\nu!}{n!(\nu - n)!} \varepsilon^n (1 - \varepsilon)^{\nu - n}$$

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$F_n$  probability to detect  $n$  neutrons

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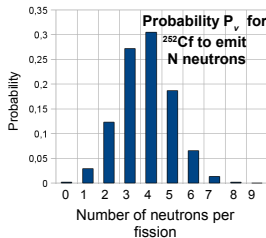
$N_j$  number of events with  $j \neq i$  neutrons emitted within  $N_{dec}$ :

$$N_i = N_{dec} * F_i = N_{dec} \sum_{\nu=i}^{\nu_{max}} \frac{\nu!}{i!(\nu - i)!} \varepsilon^i (1 - \varepsilon)^{\nu - i} P_{\nu}$$

$N_{dec}$  number of decays

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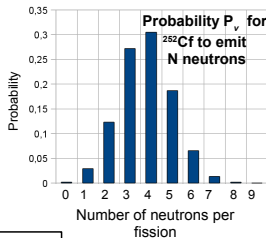
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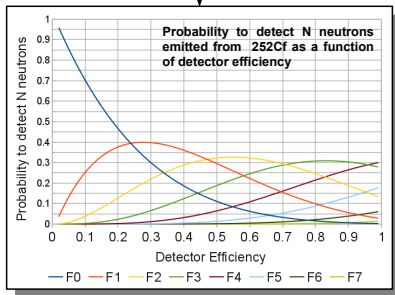
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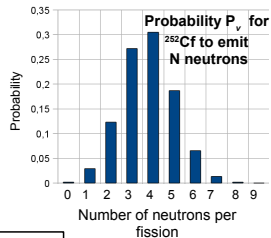
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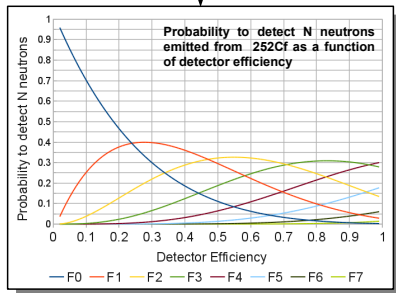
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Eff	N2/N3	N2/N4	N3/N4
exp.	1.58(1)	4.10(3)	2.59(2)
0.51	1.62	4.49	2.77
0.52	1.58	4.26	2.69
0.53	1.54	4.04	2.63
0.54	1.5	3.83	2.56
0.55	1.46	3.64	2.5

calculated



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# ALTO ISOL facility

Target ion-source ensemble



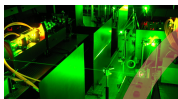
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 $\sim 5.10^{11}$   
fissions/s



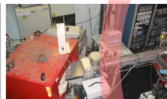
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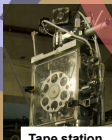
## RIB production at ALTO



Laser ion source



PARRNe mass separator



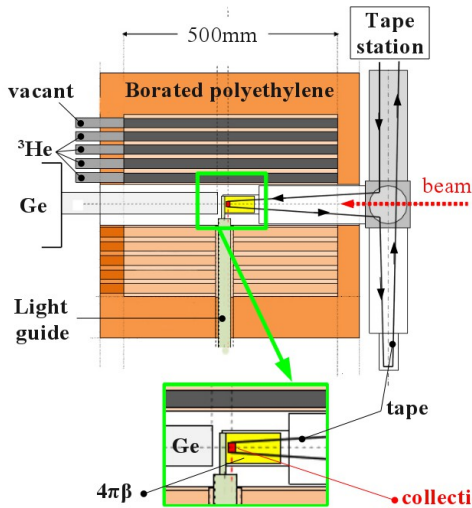
Tape station



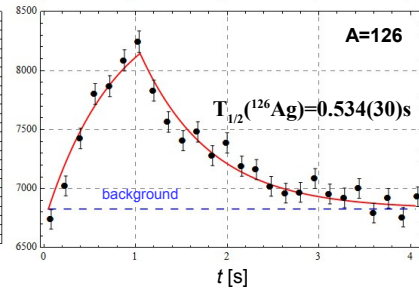
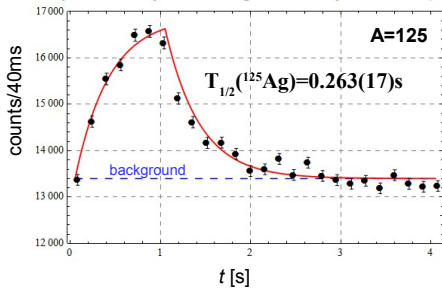
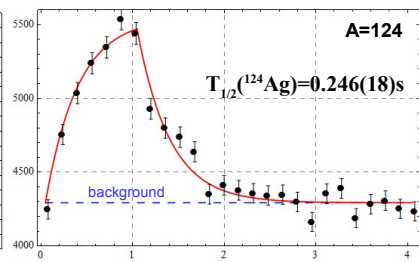
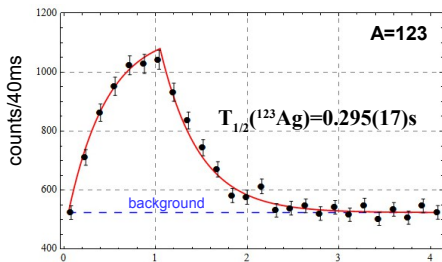
TETRA



## Experimental setup



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Results:  $^{123-125}\text{Ag}$ ,  $^{126}\text{Cd}$ 

## Comparison to previously quoted

	$T_{1/2}$ , [s]	method	$P_n$ , [%]	comment
$^{123}\text{Ag}$	0.295(17)	n	0.60(25)	present
	0.272(24)	b	1.0(5)	MSU, [1]
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	0.172(5)	n	-	ISOLDE, [4]
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$^{125}\text{Ag}$	0.263(17)	n	-	present
	0.166(7)	n	-	ISOLDE, [4]
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	0.600(30)	$\gamma$	-	Studvik, [5]
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