Nuclear structure beyond the proton drip line

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How exotic are these nuclei?



Properties of exotic nuclei test models far from stability

How exotic are these nuclei?



How hard are they to study?

Cross sections

Half-lives



Low cross sections => selectivity & efficiency Few events – beware of background!! Short half-lives can help with selection

Mass Analysing Recoil Apparatus

MARA – fusion-evaporation reactions



Efficiency ~40 % Flight time ~0.5 µs

J. Uusitalo, et al., Acta Physica Polonica B50 (2019) 319

J. Sarén et al., NIMB 541 (2023) 33

Maximising sensitivity





JYTube (with APPA)

A = 149 A = 149 A = 149 A = 149 q = +30 q = +29 q = +28 q = +27



MARA Focal Plane Detectors

Double-sided Silicon Strip Detector 128 mm × 48 mm × 300 μ m Strip pitch 0.67 mm = 13824 "pixels" Digitised "traces"

Proton emission from ¹⁴⁹Lu



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Nanosecond-Scale Proton Emission from Strongly Oblate-Deformed ¹⁴⁹Lu

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β

New α emitter ¹⁶⁰Os & β emitter ¹⁵⁶W



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Cleanly correlated decay chains

	Chain #	E ₁ (keV)	t ₁ (μs)	E ₂ (keV)	t ₂ (ms)	E ₃ (keV)	t ₃ (ms)	E ₄ (keV)	t ₄ (ms)	E ₅ (keV)	t ₅ (ms)	JYTube Fold
ĺ	1	8911	27	5886ª	1285	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	2	8894	31	472^{h}	43	165^{i}	1498	5883 ^a	55	4820 ^e	1139	0
	3	8868	31	180 ⁱ	1605	7801 ^b	1	-	-	-	-	0
	4	8878	205	1016 ^c	256	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	5	8850	15	341 ^{<i>h</i>}	256	5904 ^a	1285	-	-	-	-	0
	6	8888	28	156^{h}	28	7741 ^b	923	-	-	-	-	0
	7	8891	166	867 ^h	314	7716 ^b	48	-	-	-	-	0
	8	8852	14	218^{h}	108	7811 ^b	662	-	-	-	-	0
	9	8847	102	5839 ^a	864	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	10	8888	181	204^{h}	712	7791 ^b	307	1345	314	-	-	0
	11	8929	27	245^{h}	48	7765 ^b	578	-	-	-	-	0
	12	8851	52	425 ^g	312	974 ^c	226	215	840	-	-	0
	13	8871	57	5864 ^a	800	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	14	8856	13	1131^{d}	916	5577 ^f	1096	-	-	-	-	1
	15	7108	112	878 ^h	88	7812^{b}	70	-	-	-		0
	16	7069	105	5879 ^a	489	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	17	7144	13	7756 ^b	82	1871	1414	4815 ^e	4721	-	-	0
١.	18	7049	364	7767 ^b	481	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

 E_{α} $t_{1/2}$ 7092 keV 8890 keV 97 + 97 +15 - 9 μS ιS



N = 84 energy level systematics





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Background in spectrum (c)



Summary

Proton emitter ¹⁴⁹Lu New α emitter ¹⁶⁰Os New β emitter ¹⁵⁶W

More new results to come!



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