⁹Be(¹⁸Ne, ¹⁷Ne) **2004Ze05**

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2004Ze05: The two-proton decay of excited ¹⁷Ne states was studied by analyzing the decay of states populated in 1-neutron removal reactions from ¹⁸Ne. The 36 MeV/nucleon ¹⁸Ne beam was produced at the GANIL/SISSI-α facility by fragmenting a ²⁴Mg beam on a ¹²C production target. The incident trajectories of ¹⁸Ne ions were traced as they impinged on a 47 mg/cm² Be foil placed at te SPEG spectrometer target position. Unbound ¹⁷Ne states decayed by 2-proton emission to ¹⁵O+2p. The momenta of protons were determined using the eight telescope MUST array, that covered θ_{lab}≈2°−25°. The heavier ¹⁵O recoils were momentum analyzed using the SPEG spectrometer, which was positioned along θ=0°. Excitation energies were deduced from analysis of the invriant mass (ΔE≈250 keV). Low statistics prevented an analysis of discrete states. The first excited state is not observed. The 2nd and 3rd excited states are observed around ΔM=19 MeV; and their decays are consistent with emission of uncorrelated protons. Groups corresponding to other states with ΔM>20.2 MeV are analyzed together; their decay is consistent with emission of correlated protons: (28 9)% sequential and (72 12)% ²He decay. See further discussion on 2p correlations in (2004B119).

¹⁷Ne Levels

E(level) [†]	Comments
1764	Decay is consistent with isotropic sequential 2-p decay.
1908	Decay is consistent with isotropic sequential 2-p decay.
X	X≥3500 keV.
	Decay is consistent with (28 9)% sequential and (72 12)% ² He emission.

[†] All levels are unresolved.