

High-resolution $^{50}\text{Cr}(p,t)^{48}\text{Cr}$ coincidence measurements using the K600 and CAKE setup at iThemba LABS

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The observation of γ -ray decays from the radioactive isotope ^{44}Ti makes it one of the significant isotopes in the diagnosis of core-collapse supernovae (CCSNe) explosions. The abundance of ^{44}Ti from CCSNe explosions has been shown to be strongly dependent on the $^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha, p)^{47}\text{V}$ reaction rate, which destroys ^{44}Ti . Direct measurements of the $^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha, p)^{47}\text{V}$ reaction within the Gamow window ($E_{\text{c.m.}} = 2 - 6$ MeV) have been challenging due to the low cross sections and insufficient radioactive ion beam intensities. As a result, the reaction rate is still based on statistical models, which may not be reliable for α -induced reactions on $N=Z$ nuclei due to the lower effective level density in the compound nucleus. To get the necessary experimental constraints of the $^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha, p)^{47}\text{V}$ reaction such as the level density and branching ratios of the compound nucleus, ^{48}Cr , a high-resolution 0° $^{50}\text{Cr}(p, t)^{48}\text{Cr}$ coincidence measurement was performed using the K600 magnetic spectrometer and an array of five double-sided silicon detectors called CAKE. Preliminary results from the coincidence measurements will be presented.

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