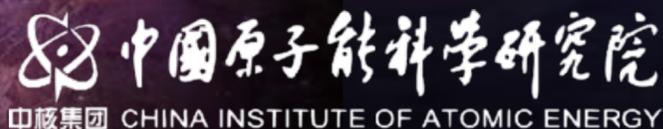


# Probe element synthesis in star with JUNA in deep underground

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JUNA chief scientist JUNA  
CIAE/SUSTech

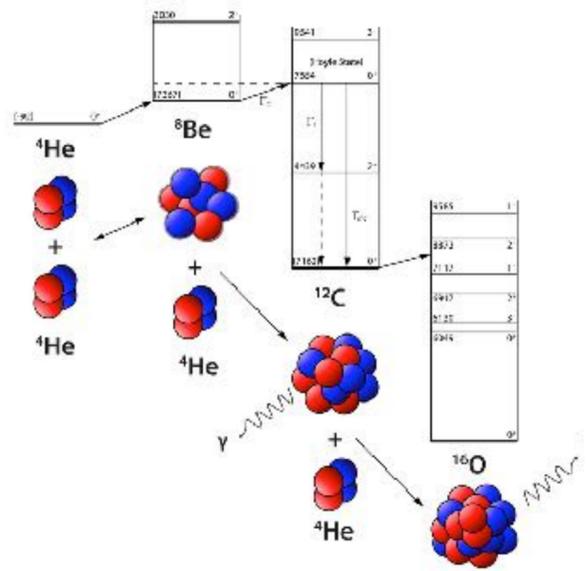
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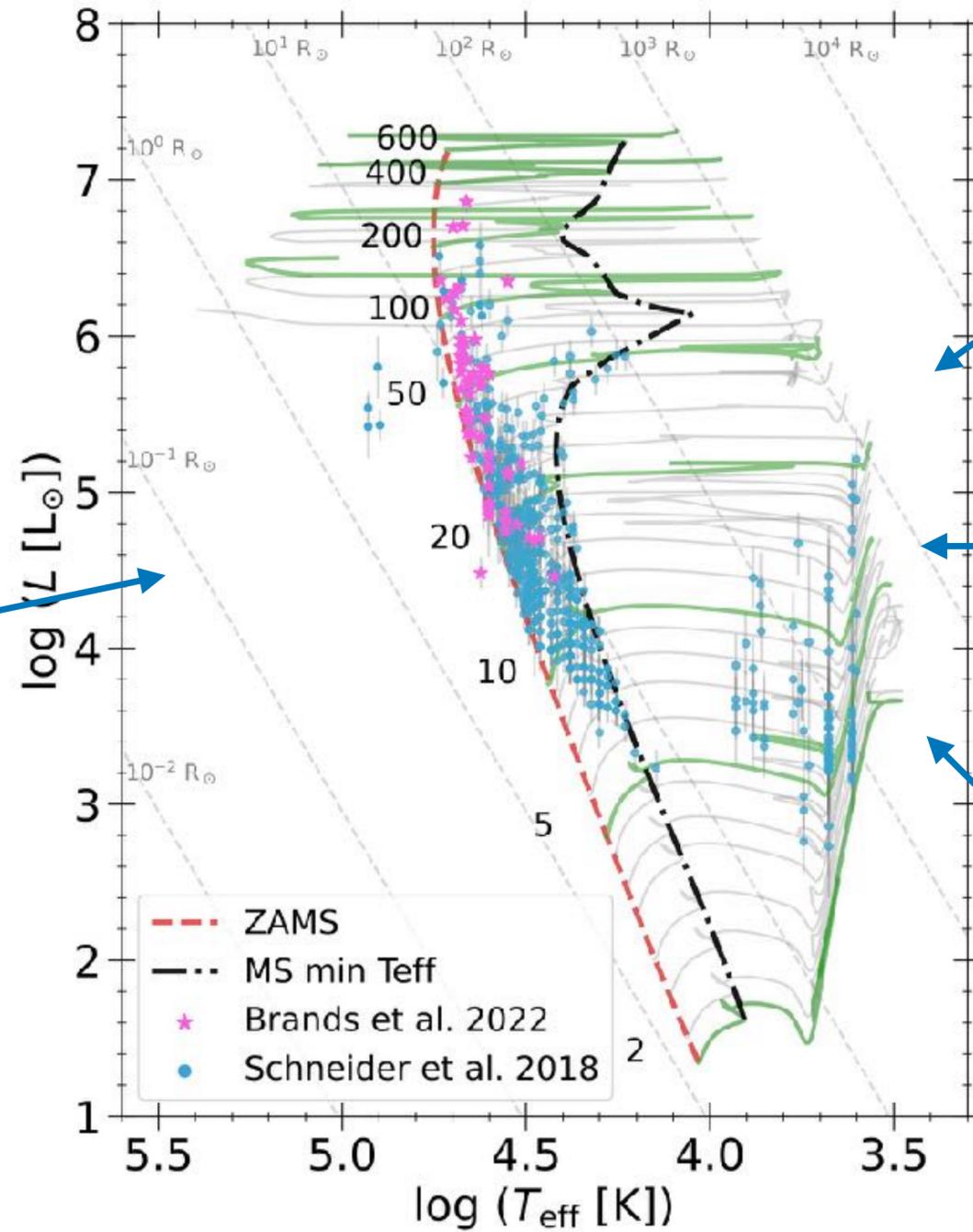
# Input to simulations and important reactions

## nuclear reactions

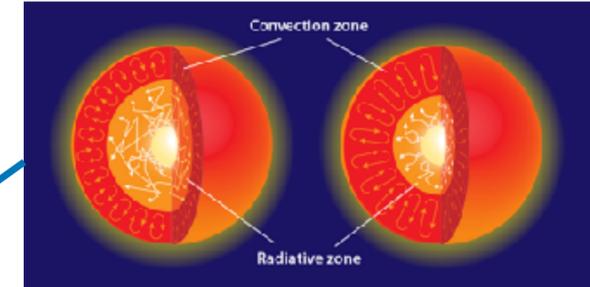


Reaction
$p(p, \beta^+ \nu)D$
$p(D, \gamma) {}^3\text{He}$
${}^3\text{He}({}^3\text{He}, \gamma) 2p + {}^4\text{He}$
${}^4\text{He}({}^3\text{He}, \gamma) {}^7\text{Be}$
${}^7\text{Be}(e^-, \gamma) {}^7\text{Li}$
${}^7\text{Li}(p, \gamma) {}^4\text{He} + {}^4\text{He}$
${}^7\text{Be}(p, \gamma) {}^8\text{B}$
${}^{12}\text{C}(p, \gamma) {}^{13}\text{N}$
${}^{13}\text{C}(p, \gamma) {}^{14}\text{N}$
${}^{14}\text{N}(p, \gamma) {}^{15}\text{O}$
${}^{15}\text{N}(p, \gamma) {}^4\text{He} + {}^{12}\text{C}$
${}^{15}\text{N}(p, \gamma) {}^{16}\text{O}$
${}^{16}\text{O}(p, \gamma) {}^{17}\text{F}$
${}^{17}\text{O}(p, \gamma) {}^4\text{He} + {}^{14}\text{N}$
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${}^{19}\text{F}(p, \gamma) {}^{20}\text{Ne}$
${}^4\text{He}({}^2{}^4\text{He}, \gamma) {}^{12}\text{C}$
${}^{12}\text{C}({}^4\text{He}, \gamma) {}^{16}\text{O}$
${}^{14}\text{N}({}^4\text{He}, \gamma) {}^{18}\text{F}$
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${}^{16}\text{O}({}^4\text{He}, \gamma) {}^{20}\text{Ne}$
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${}^{20}\text{Ne}({}^4\text{He}, \gamma) {}^{24}\text{Mg}$
${}^{22}\text{Ne}({}^4\text{He}, \gamma) {}^{26}\text{Mg}$
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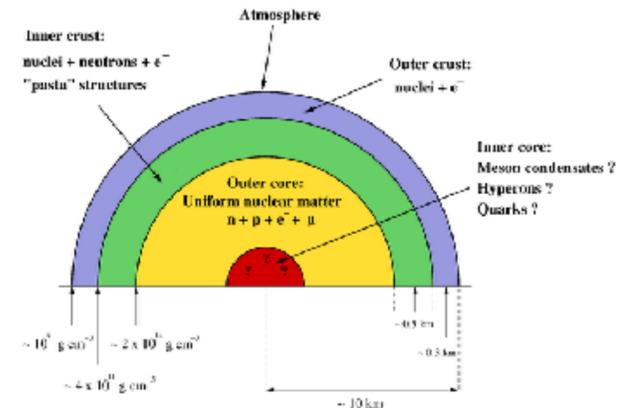
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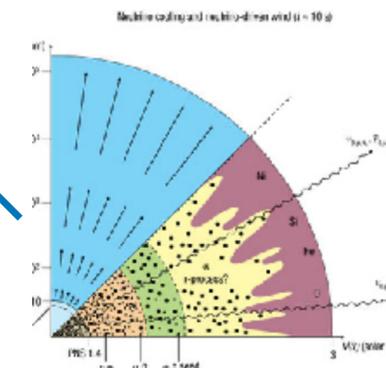
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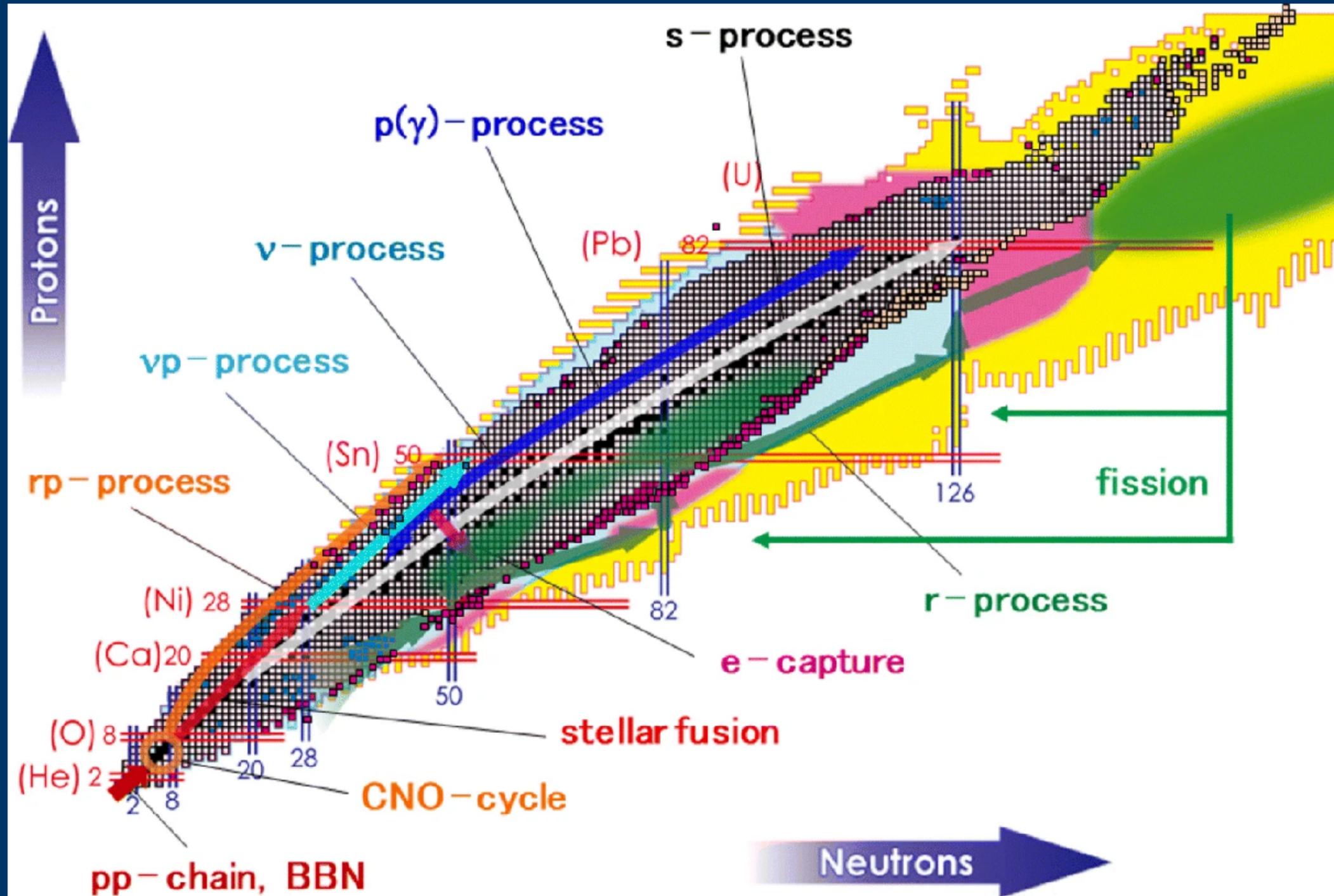
## equation of state



## energy loss by $\nu_e$



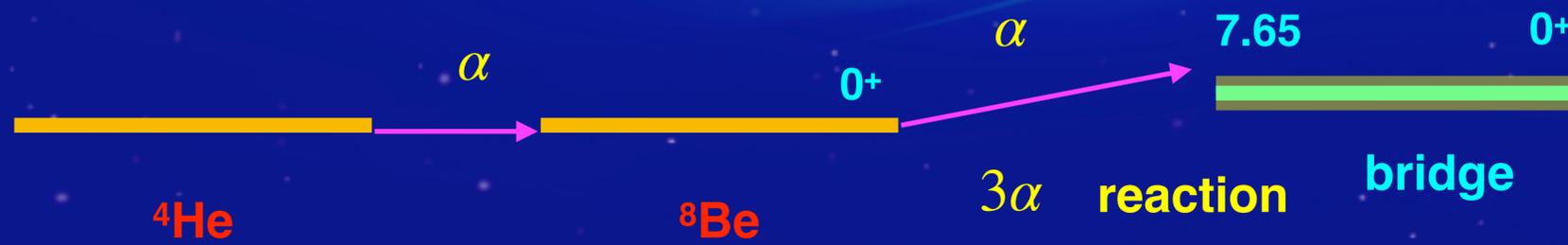
# Major astrophysics process



- **Benchmark:**  
 ${}^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^8\text{B}$ ,  ${}^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma){}^{20}\text{Ne}$
- **Bottleneck:**  
 ${}^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{16}\text{O}$ ,  ${}^{12}\text{C}+{}^{12}\text{C}$
- **Neutron source:**  
 ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n){}^{16}\text{O}$ ,  ${}^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,n){}^{25}\text{Mg}$
- **Many more:**  
**by sensitivity**

• Progress in nuclear astrophysics of east and southeast Asia...Toshitaka Kajino\*, ..., WPL\*, ..., Xiaodong Tang\*,... et al., AAPPBulletin (2021) 31:18

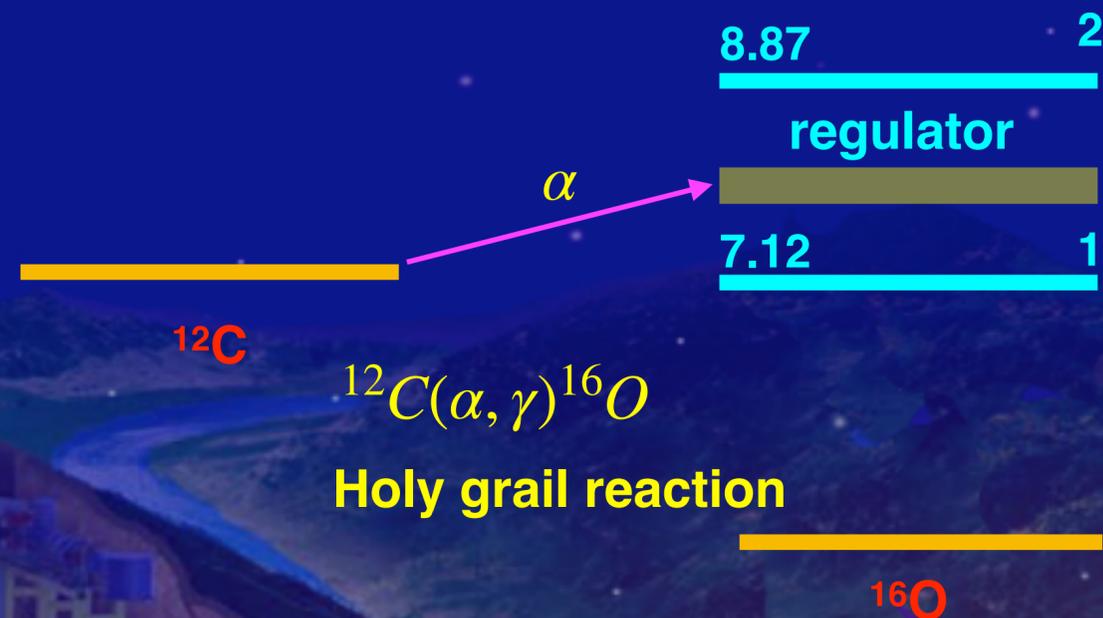
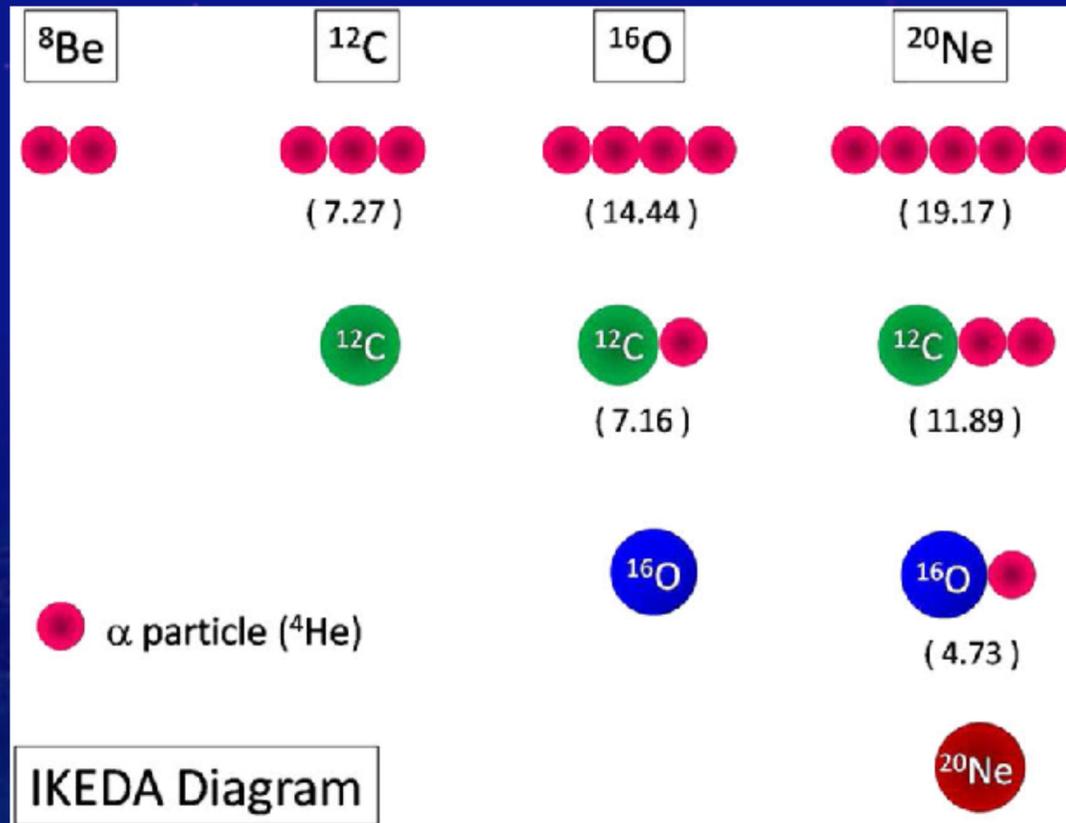
# $\alpha$ cluster, state of nuclei, fate of star



1954, Hoyle state, large amount of Carbon



Fred Hoyle (1915-2001)  
APJS 1(1954)121



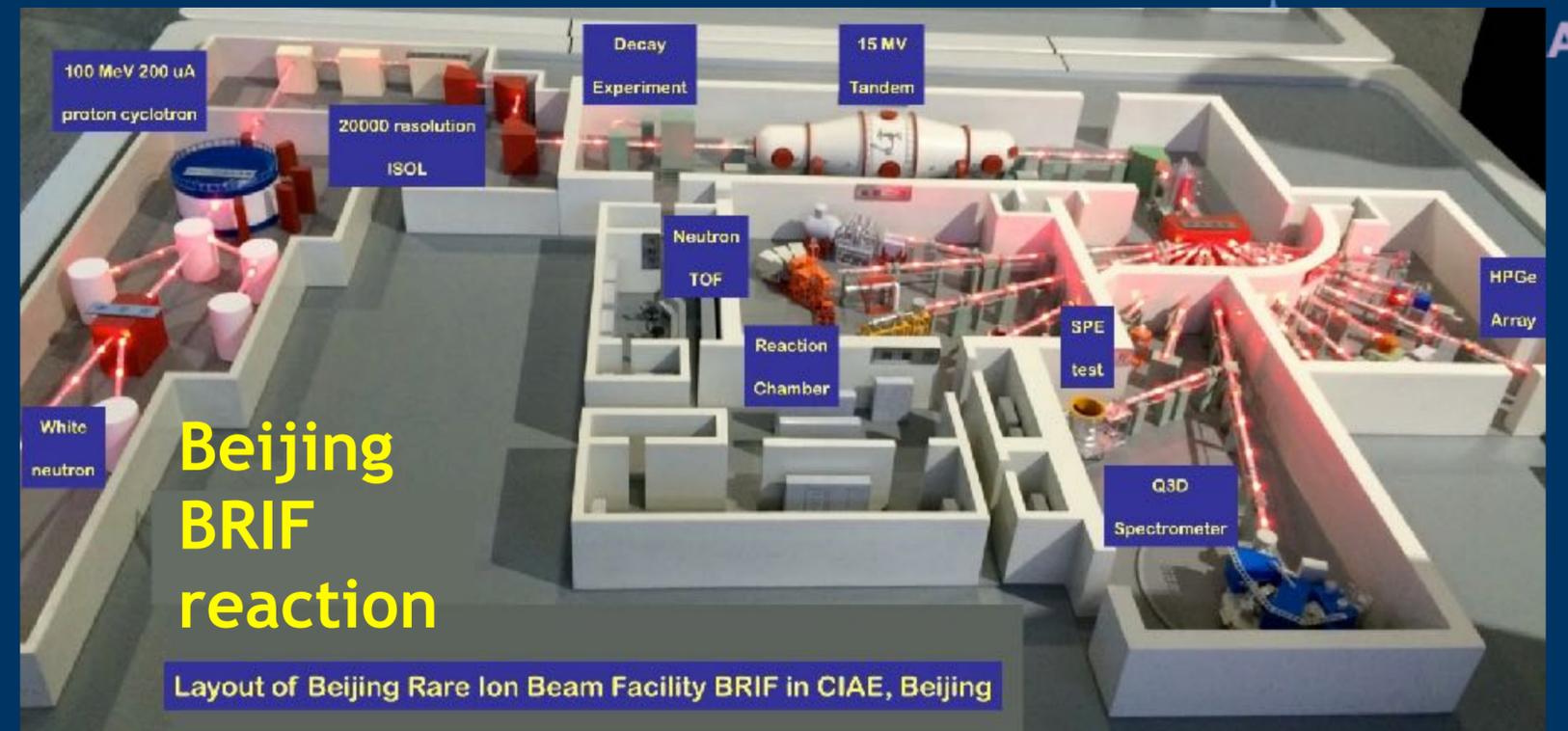
Adequate amount: for sun burn long, for human live

# Major facilities in China

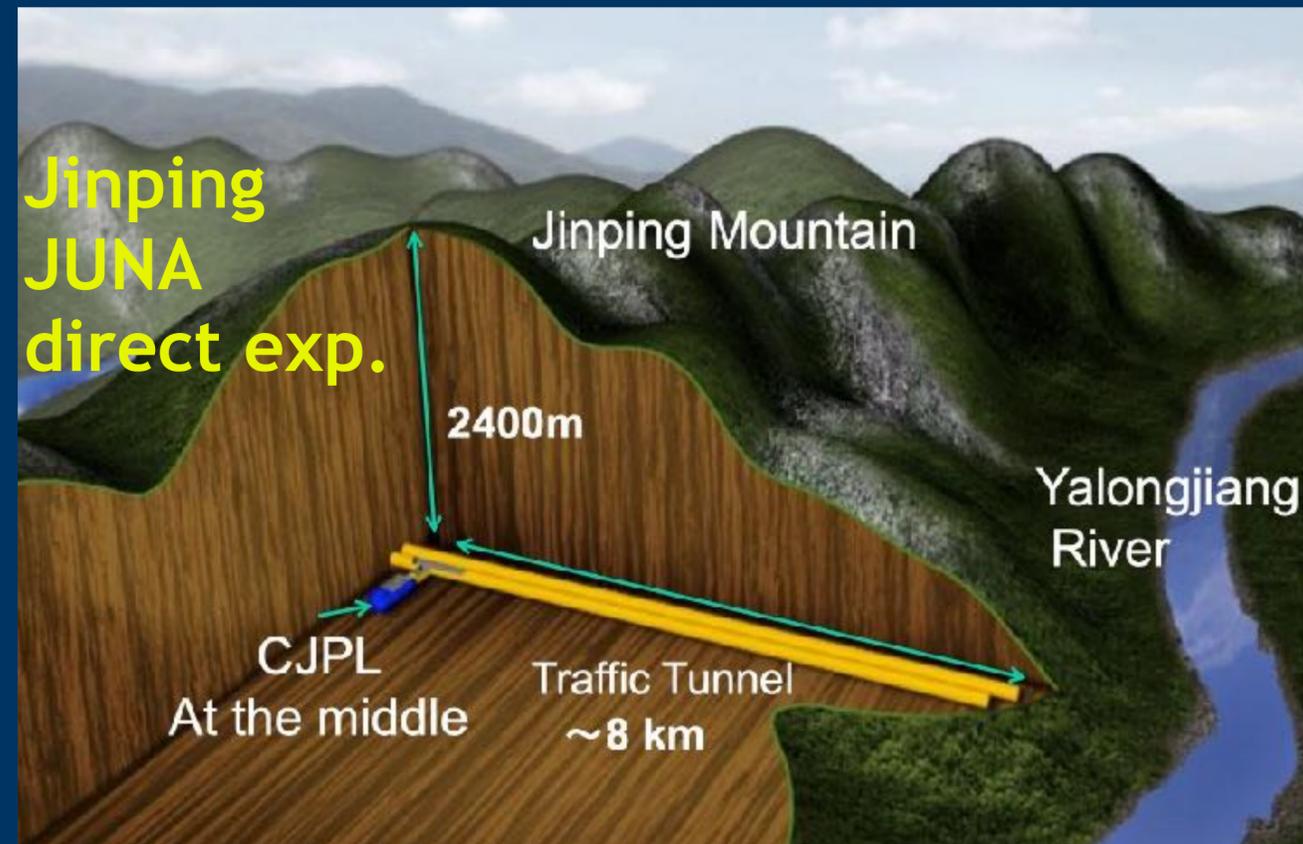
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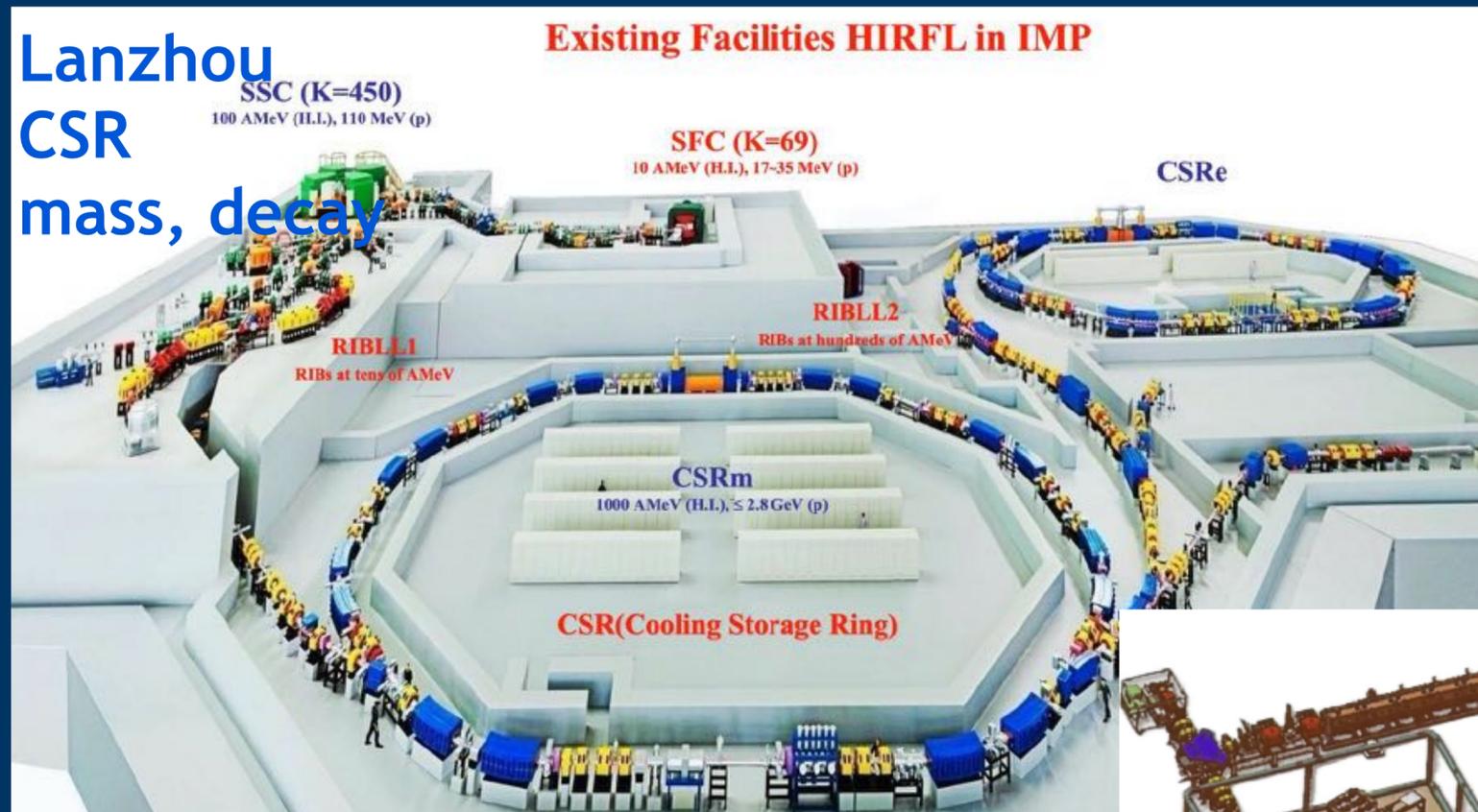
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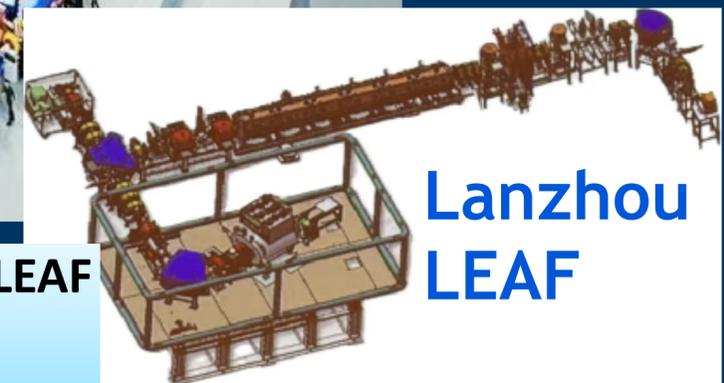
Jinping  
JUNA  
direct exp.



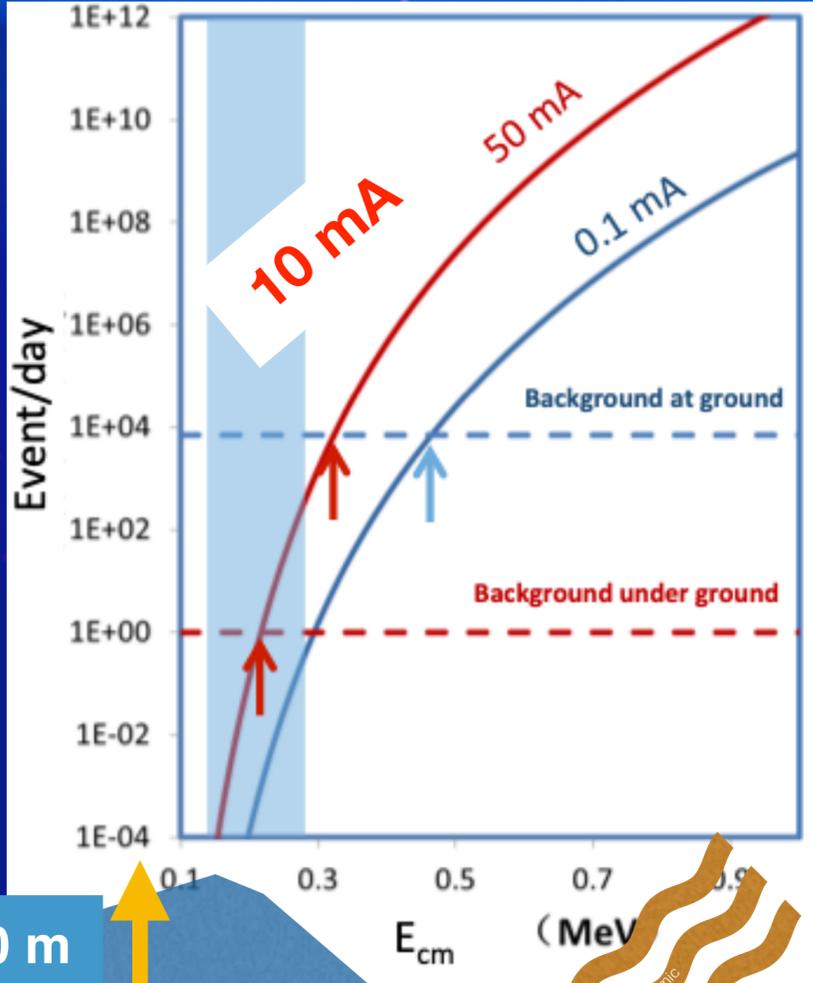
Lanzhou  
CSR  
mass, decay



In this NIC, LEAF  
C+C, Li



# low bkg+high intensity



>1000 m  
Shielding

Cosmic ray

beam bkg

Acc.

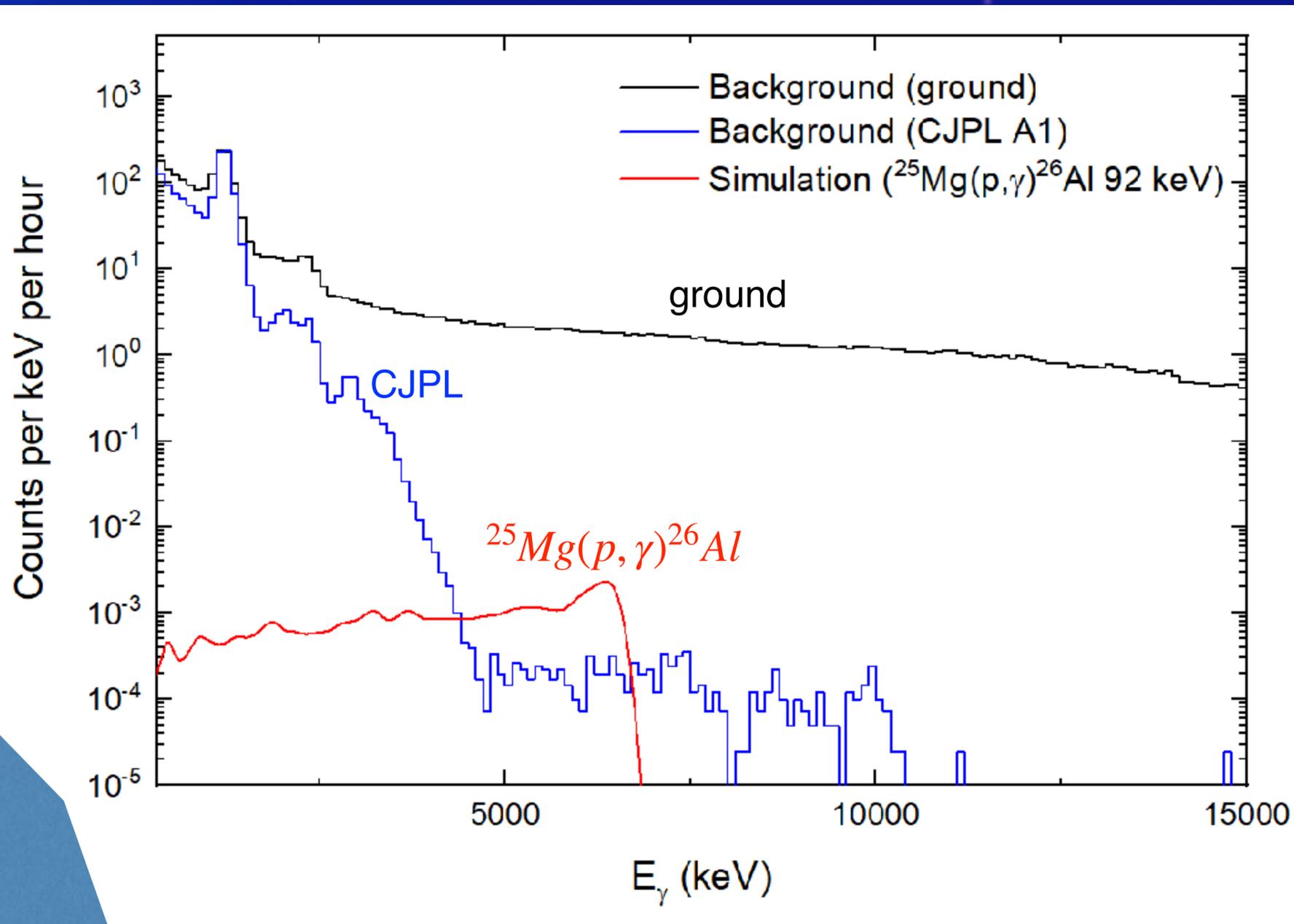
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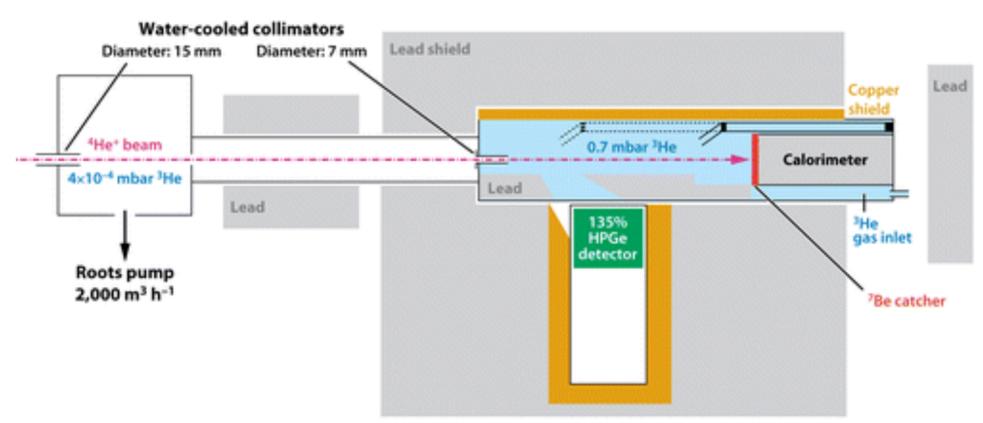
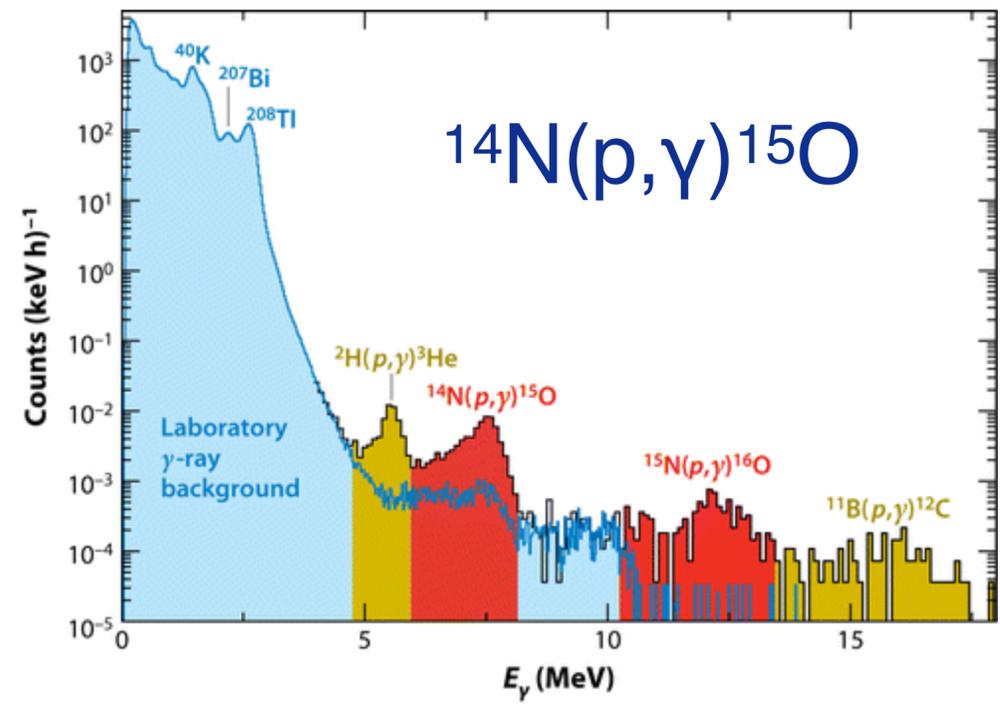
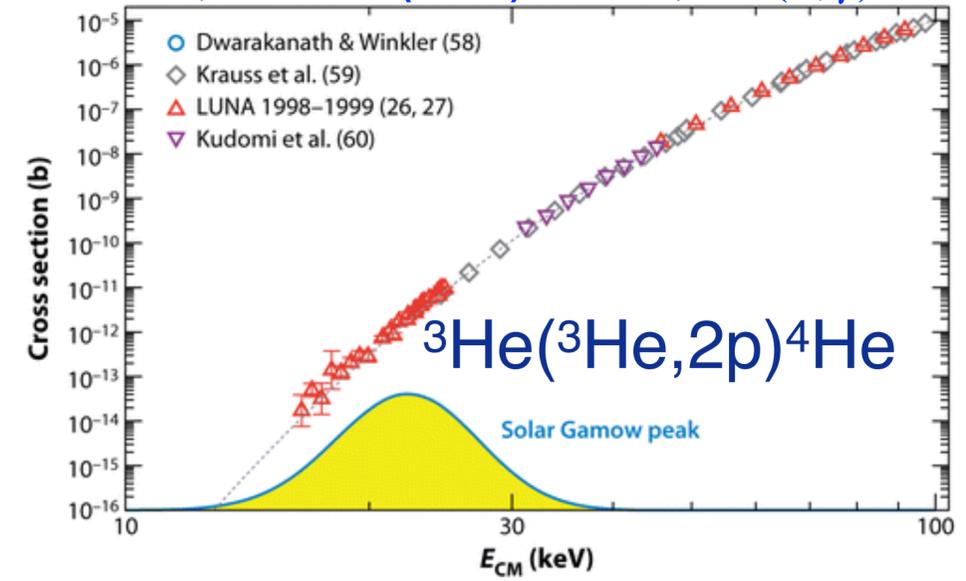
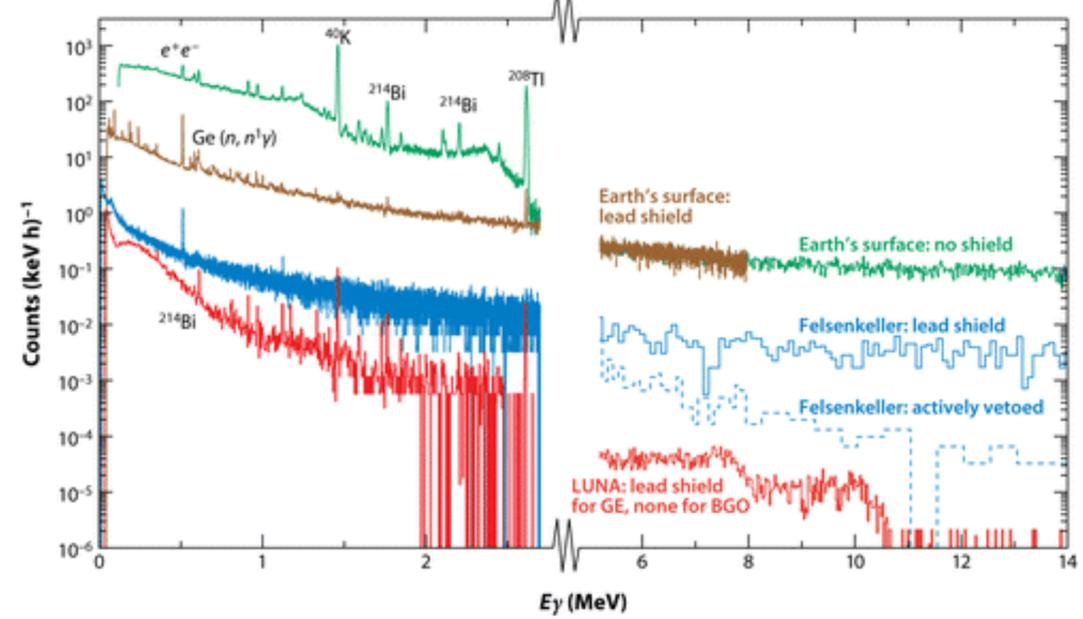


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- A. C. Dombos et al., PRL 128(2022)162701,  $^{18}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{22}\text{Ne}$

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PRL82(1999)5205
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PLB482(2000)43
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- $^{15}\text{N}(p, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$   
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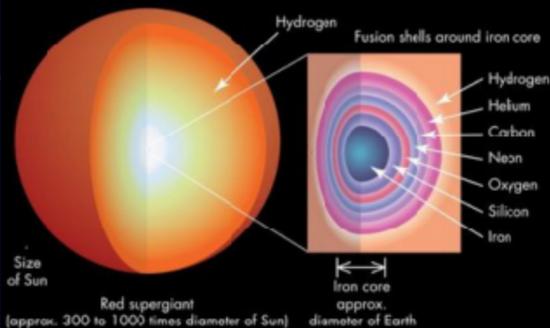
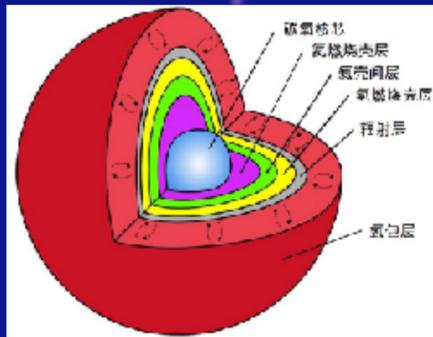
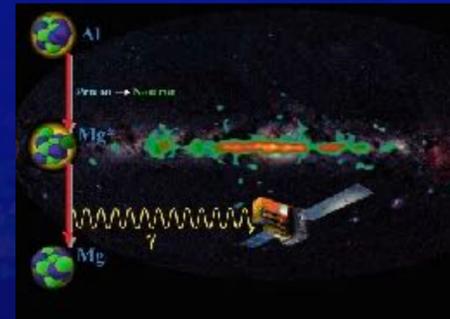
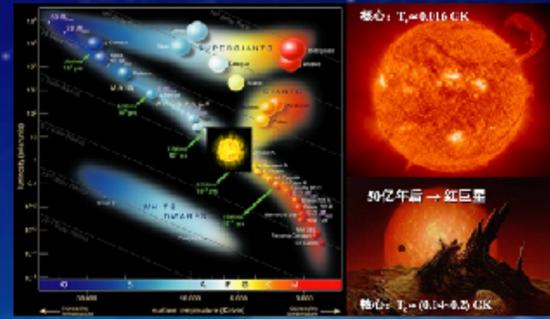
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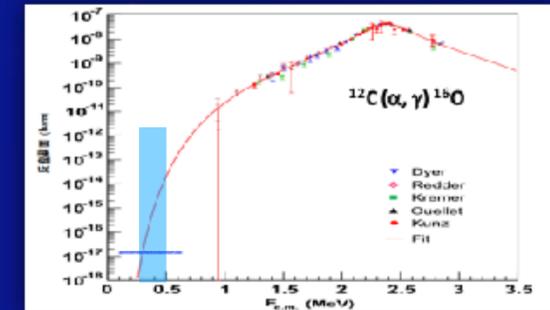
Felsenkeller  
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In this NIC, LUNA  
 $^{14}\text{N}(p, \gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ , Gyruky  
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 LUNA MV, Junker  
 and posters

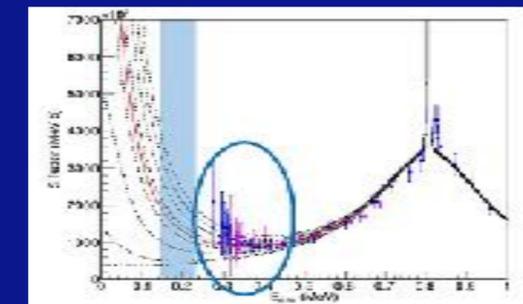
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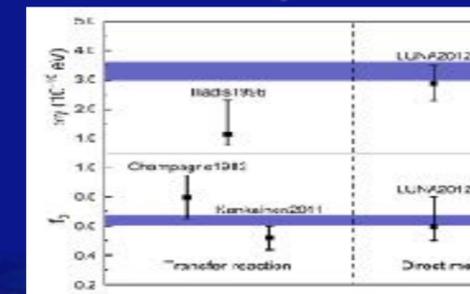
Physics	Reaction	Current	Desired
 <p>Massive star</p>	$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$	60% 890 keV	20% 220-380 keV
 <p>s-process neutron source</p>	$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$	60% 230 keV	10% 140-230 keV
 <p>Galaxy <math>^{26}\text{Al}</math> source</p>	$^{25}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$	20% 92 keV	5% 50-300 keV
 <p>F abundance</p>	$^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha)^{16}\text{O}$	80 % 189 keV	5 % 50-250 keV



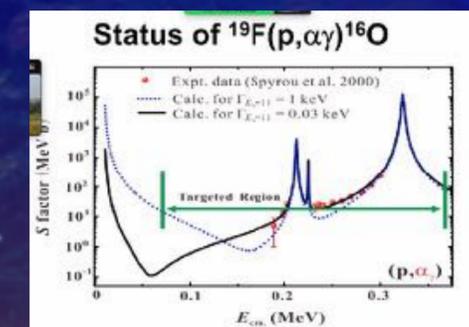
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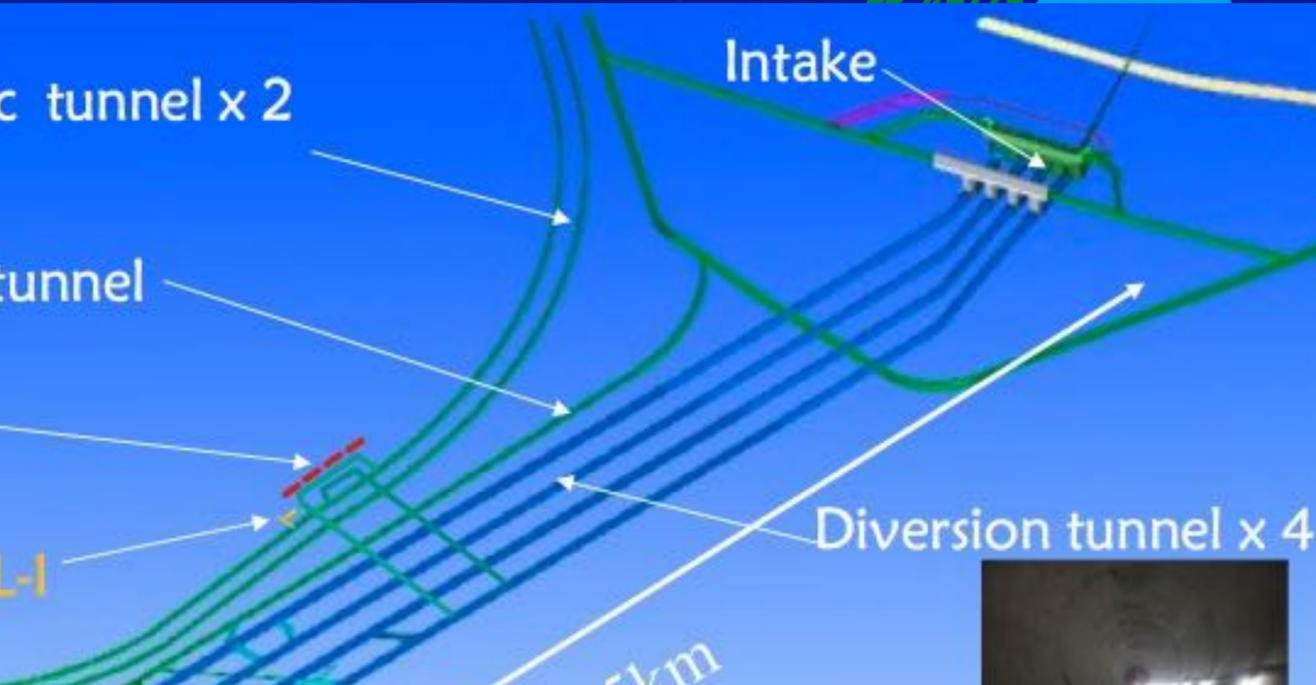
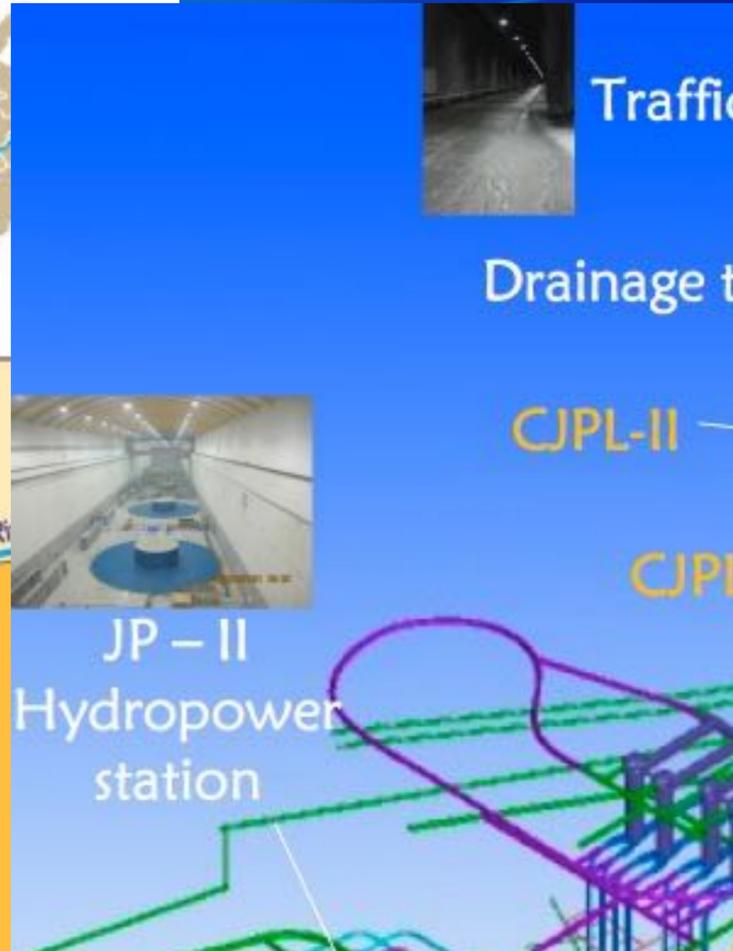


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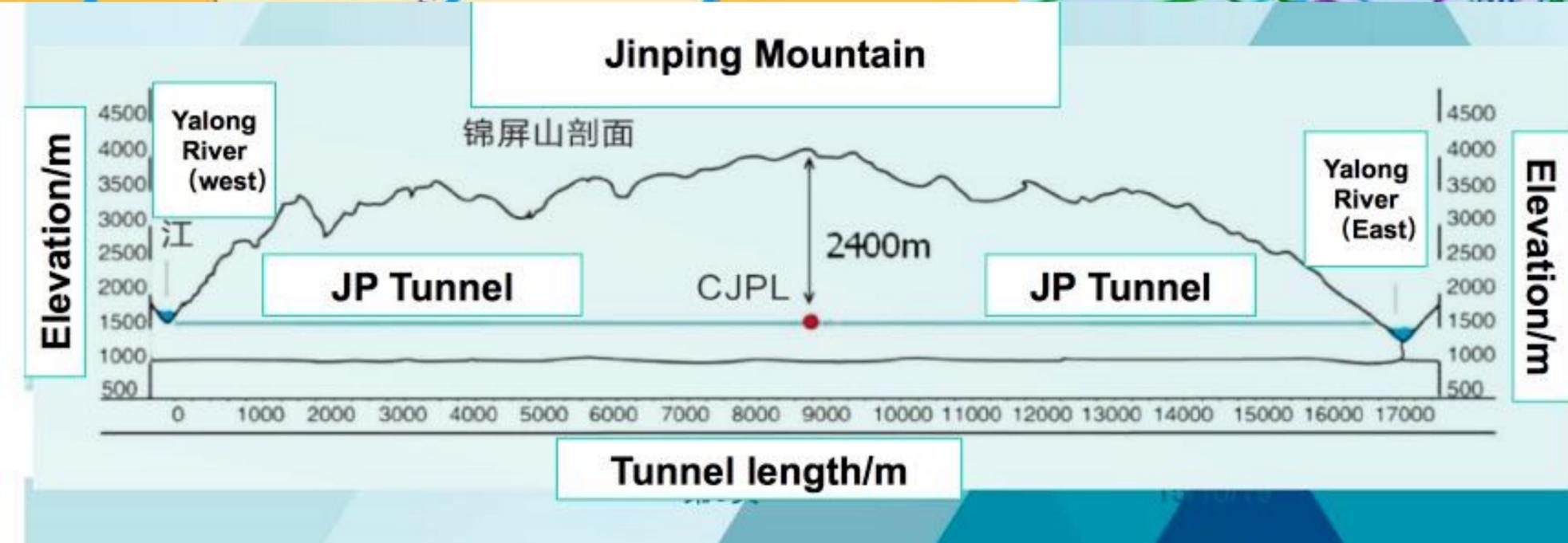
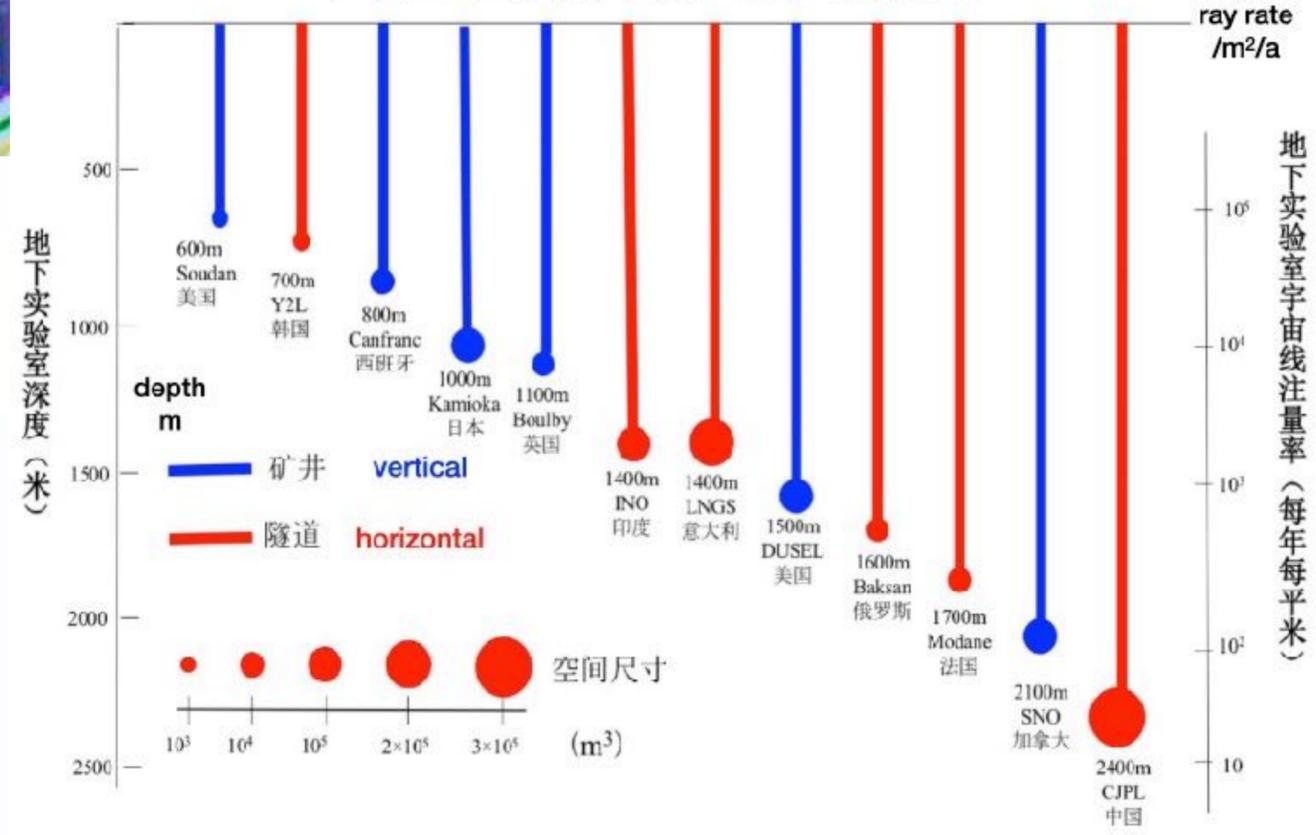


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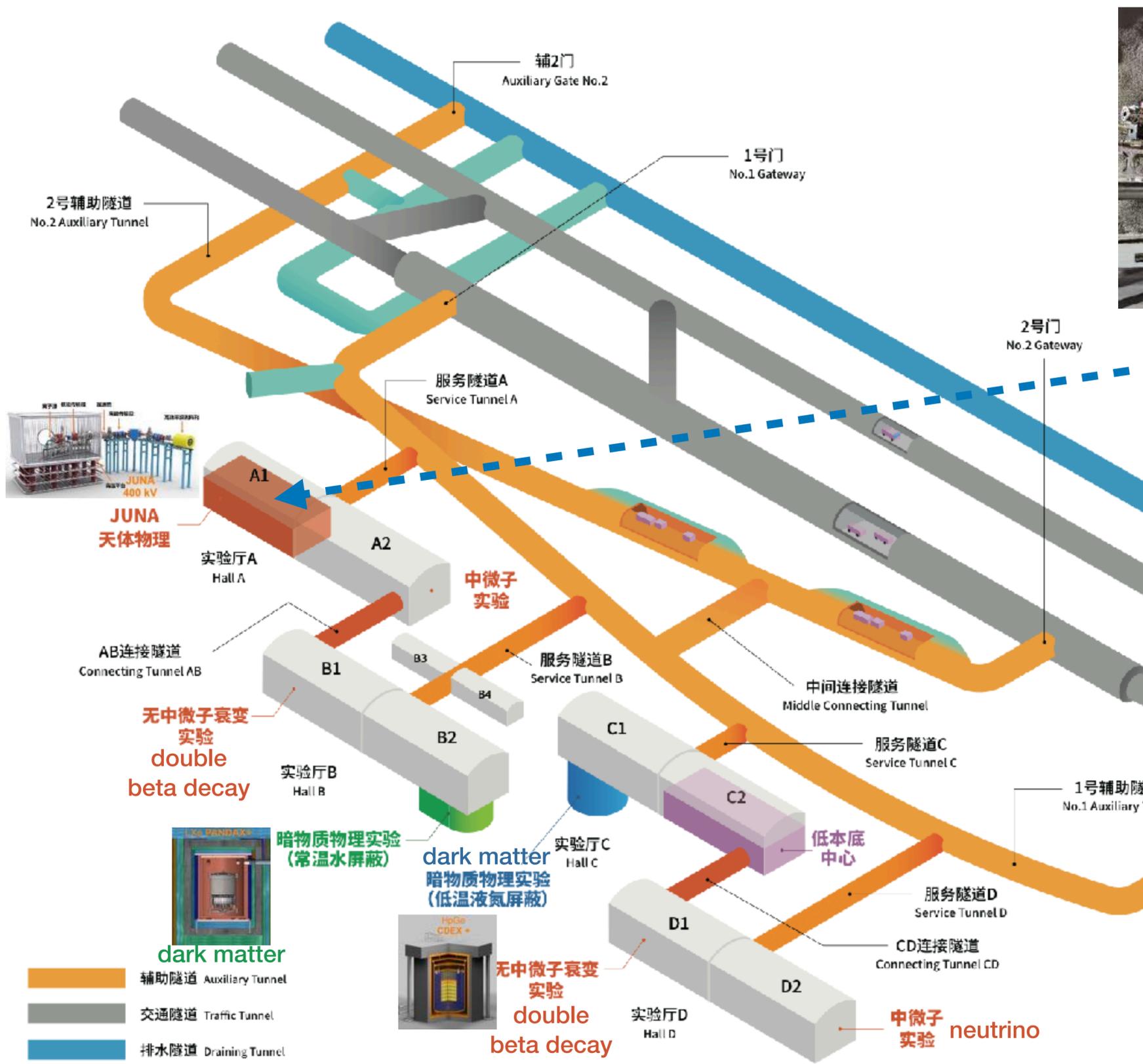
# China Jinping: CJPL



Comparison of world underground laboratory  
世界上重要的地下实验室比较图



# Most silent location: CJPL



JUNA in CJPL A1, Jan. 2021



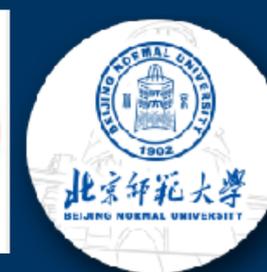
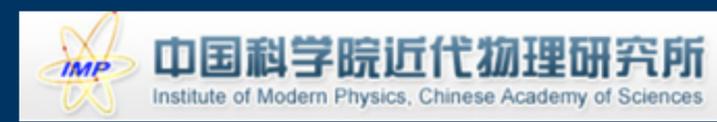
# JUNA dream team



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**Yangping Shen, CIAE**  
**Jun Su, BNU**  
**PI**



**Acc. installation**  
**Arjun Li**

**A1 construction**  
**Hongwei Yang**



**Site support**  
**Xiaopan Cheng**



**Acc. operation**  
**Long Zhang**



**Bing Guo**  
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**Xiaodong Tang**  
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**Jianjun He**  
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**BNU**



**Gang Lian**  
**Lab. exp. sup.**  
**CIAE**



**Bao Quncui, CIAE**  
**Liangting Sun, IMP**  
**Ion source and acc.**



**Shuo Wang**  
 $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$   
**SDU**

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# JUNA Milestone



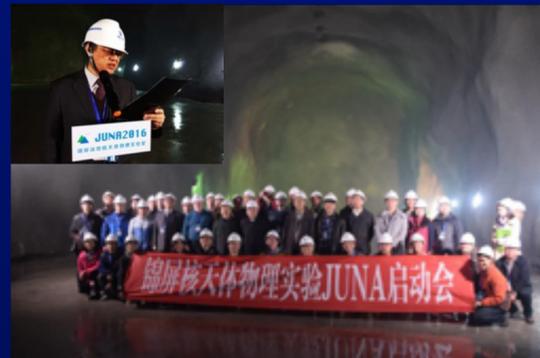
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Kickoff  
meeting



Jan. 2015  
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inauguration



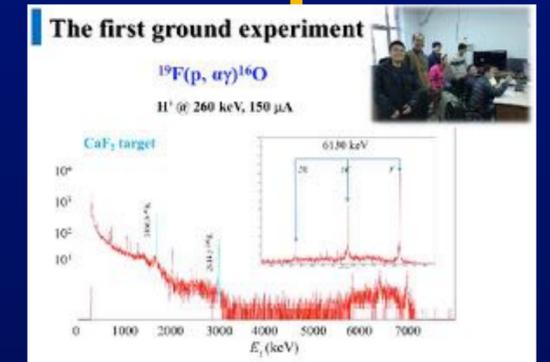
Mar. 2016  
On site start



May 2017  
Beam on  
ground



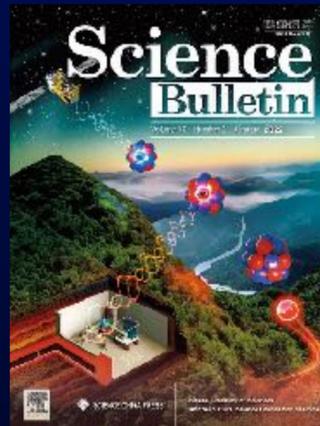
Dec. 2017  
3 mA on ground



May 2025  
Upgrading got 2  
mA He<sup>1+</sup> ready for  
run2



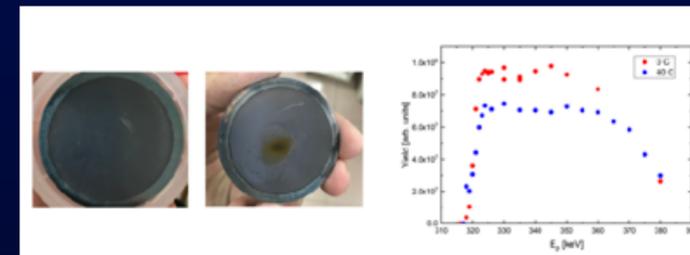
April 2021  
<sup>25</sup>Mg, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>13</sup>C  
and <sup>13</sup>C run 1



Dec. 2020  
Beam  
underground



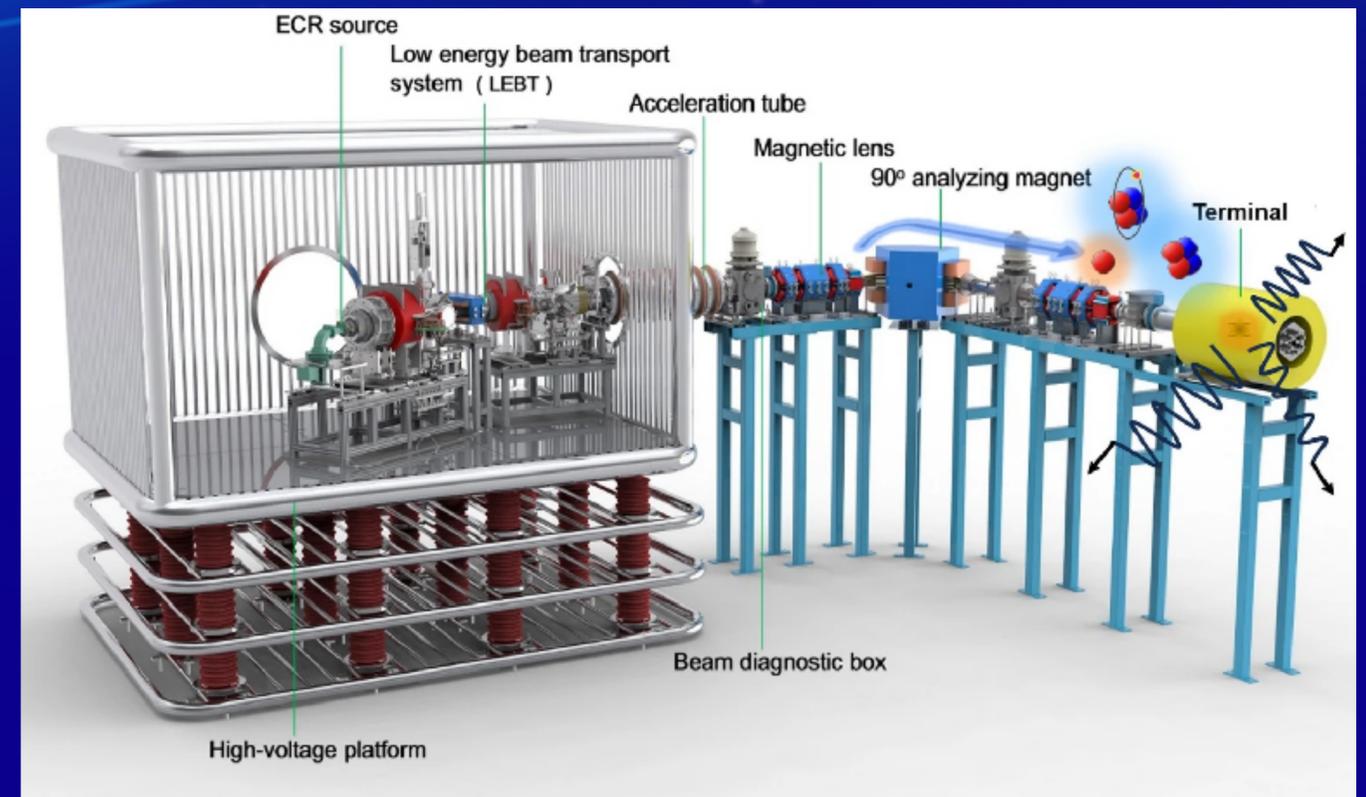
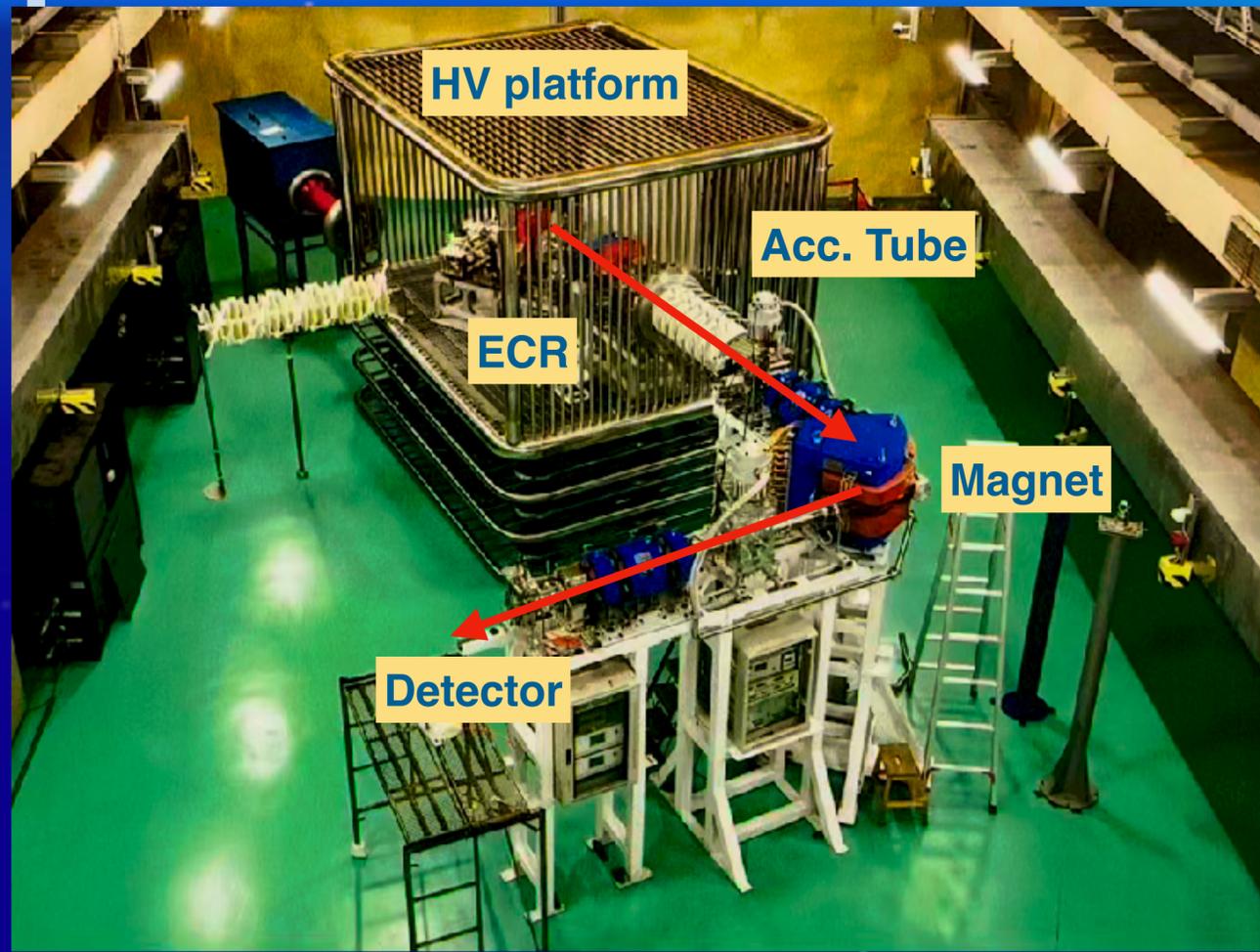
April 2019  
Target ready  
Acc. Ready



Dec. 2018  
Der. Ready  
Beam 10 mA

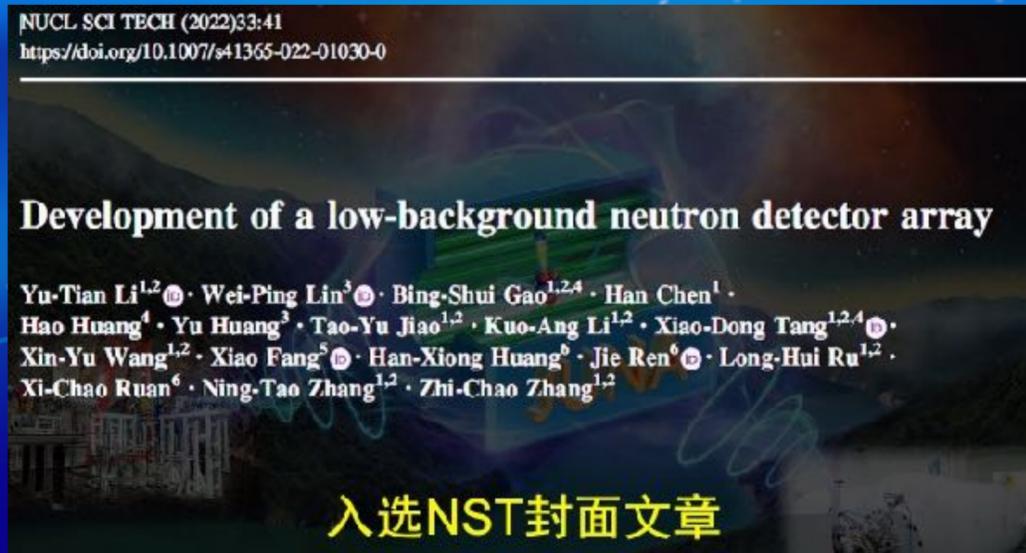


# JUNA accelerator

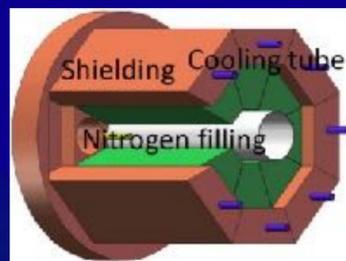
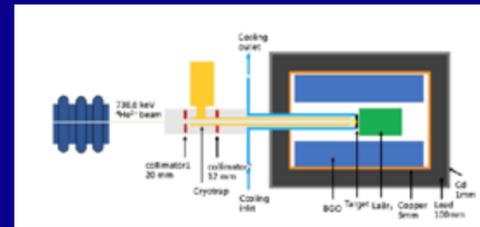


	lab depth m	cosmic $\mu$ bkg ( $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	beam energy (keV)			beam intensity (emA)			energy stability
			H <sup>+</sup>	He <sup>+</sup>	He <sup>2+</sup>	H <sup>+</sup>	He <sup>+</sup>	He <sup>2+</sup>	
LUNA	1400	$2 \times 10^{-8}$	50-400	50-400	3.5 MV	0.3~1	0.3~0.8	---	0.05%
CASPAR	1500	$4 \times 10^{-9}$	100-1000	100-1000	1 MV	0.1	0.1	---	0.05%
<b>JUNA</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b><math>2 \times 10^{-10}</math></b>	<b>50-400</b>	<b>50-400</b>	<b>100-800</b>	<b>2-10</b>	<b>2-10</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0.04%</b>
Felsenkeller	45	$\sim 10^{-7}$			5 MV		30 $\mu$ A		

# Detector tech.



屏深地核天体物理实验  
 g Underground Nuclear Astrophysics Experiment



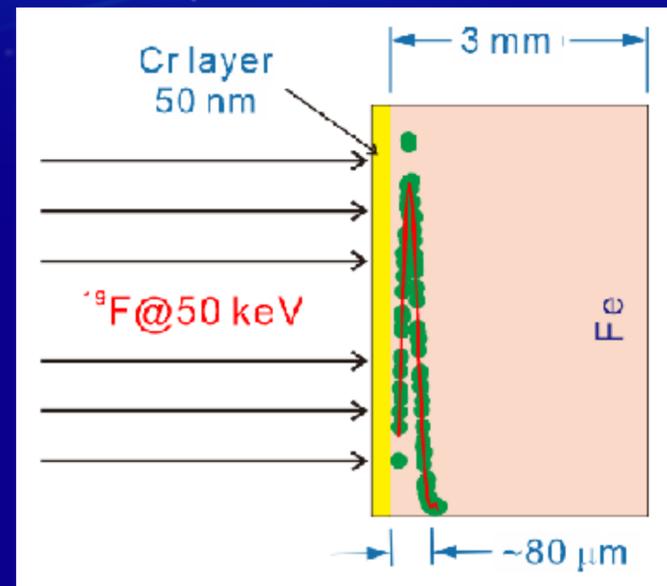
reaction	technology	publication	world best	JUNA
<sup>12</sup> C	BGO+LaBr		down to 891 keV	down to 552 keV
<sup>25</sup> Mg	BGO array X8	Atomic ST 52(2018)140	resolution 17 %	11 %
<sup>13</sup> C	<sup>3</sup> He array X24	NST33(2022) 41, cover story	Extrapolation	Self consistent
<sup>19</sup> F	Charged particle array		170 keV	down to 100 keV

# High radiation resistant target

3-10 X better than previous targets

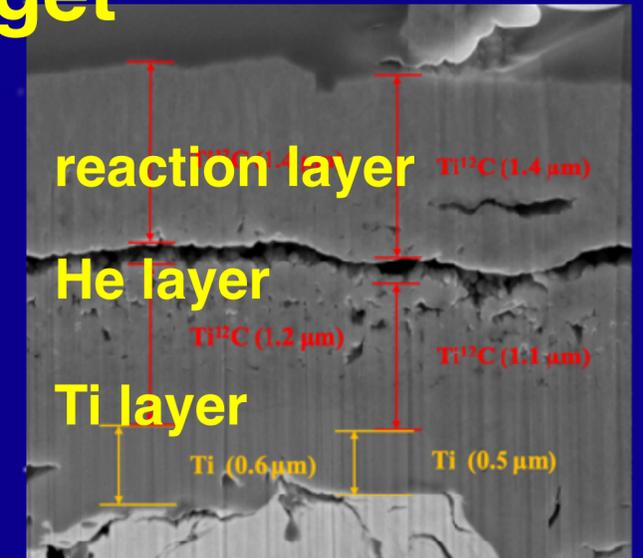
## $^{19}\text{F}$ Implantation

- High-purity iron substrate
- Magnetron chrome plating
- 100 C



## $^{12}\text{C}$ Deposit target

- FCVA
- $^{12}\text{C}$  99.99%
- 400 C



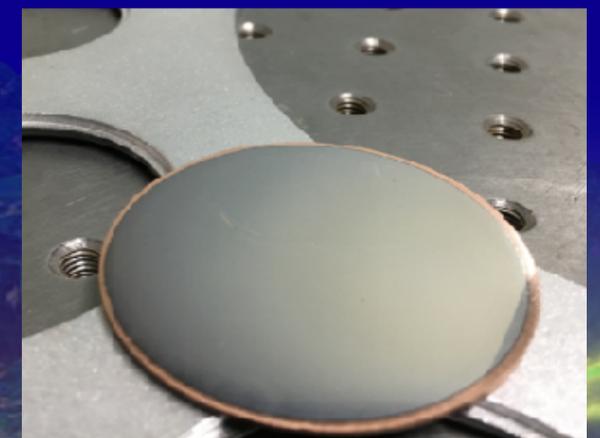
## $^{13}\text{C}$ Thick target

- High-temperature and high-pressure sintering
- 0.5kW/cm<sup>2</sup>
- 400 C



## $^{25}\text{Mg}$ Hybrid layers

- Cr+Mg+Cr
- rotating coating
- 300 C

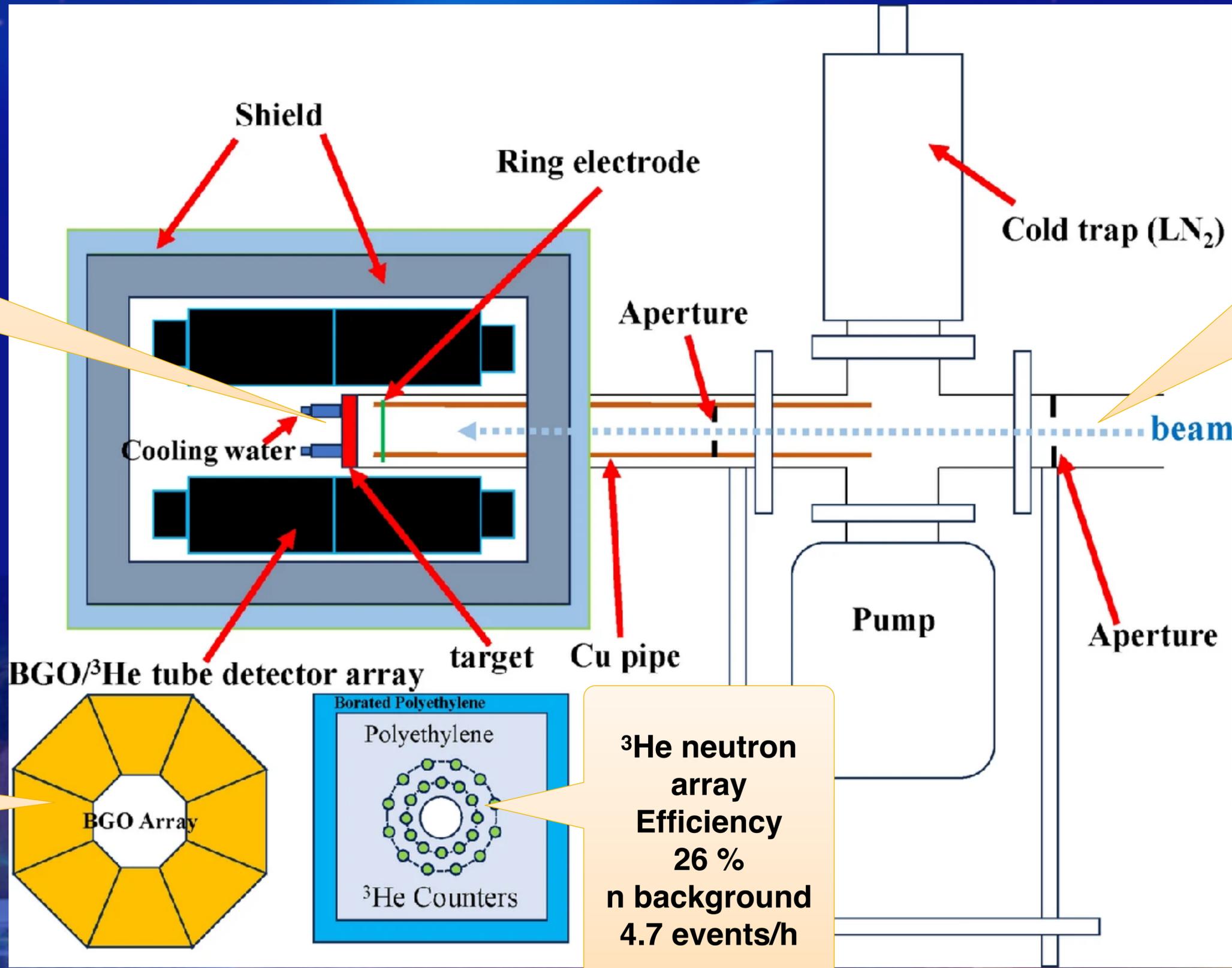


# JUNA detector setup

Target  
thick target  
2 mm  
thin target  
50 g/cm<sup>2</sup>

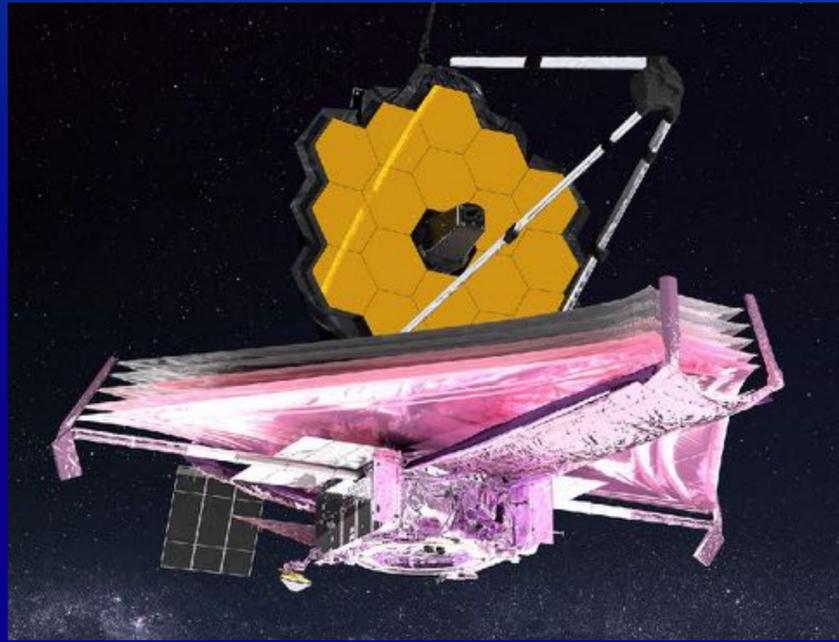
Beam  
proton  
alpha  
1-2 emA

BGO gamma  
array  
Resolution  
6-10 %  
Efficiency  
60 %  
background  
10<sup>-4</sup> /keVh  
@ 6-8 MeV

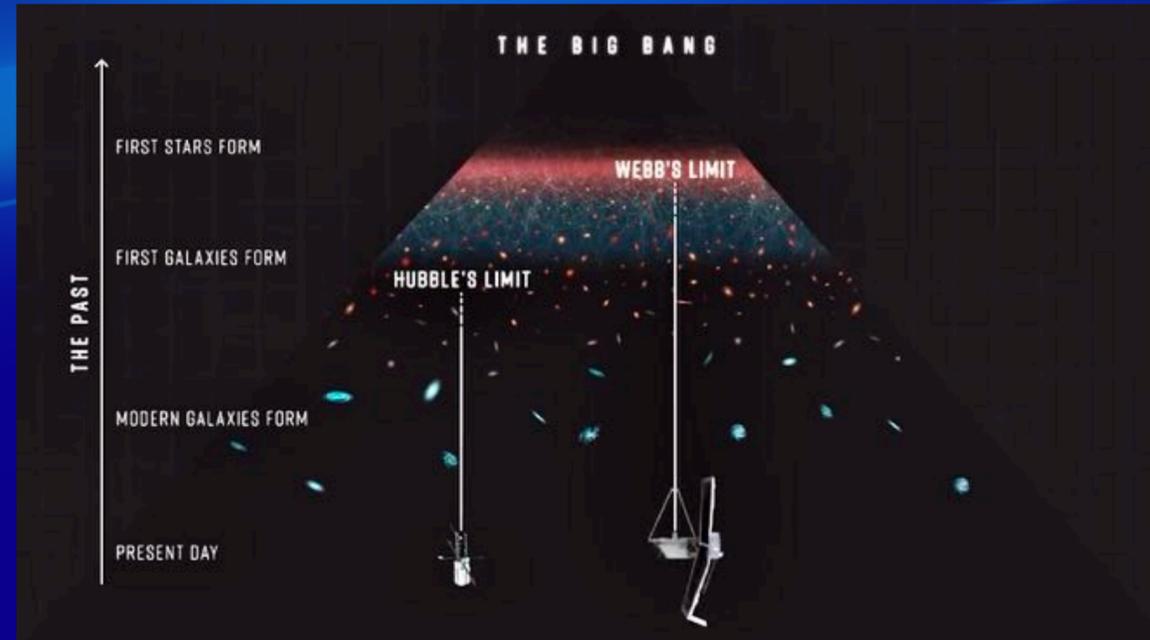


<sup>3</sup>He neutron  
array  
Efficiency  
26 %  
n background  
4.7 events/h

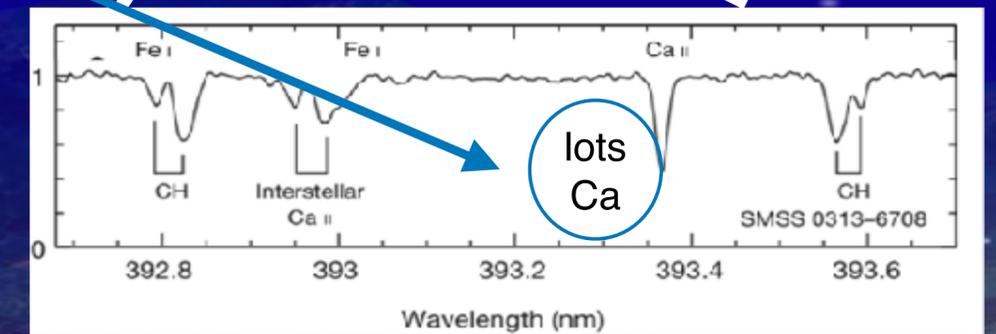
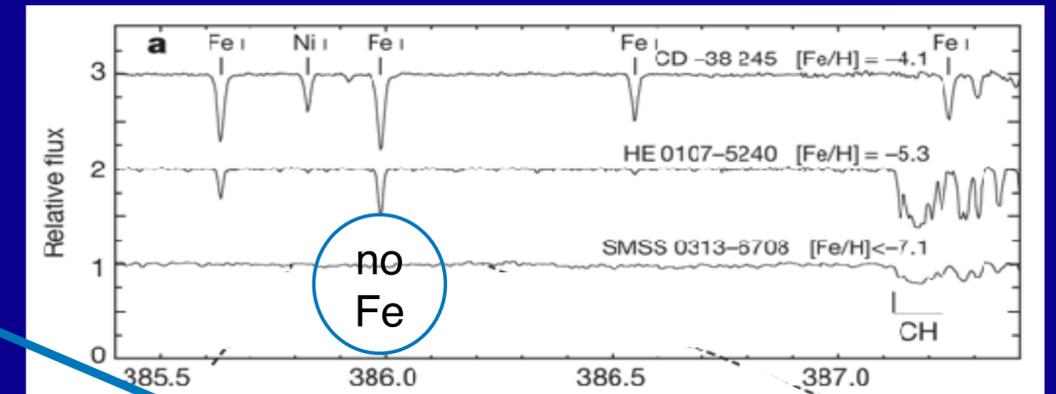
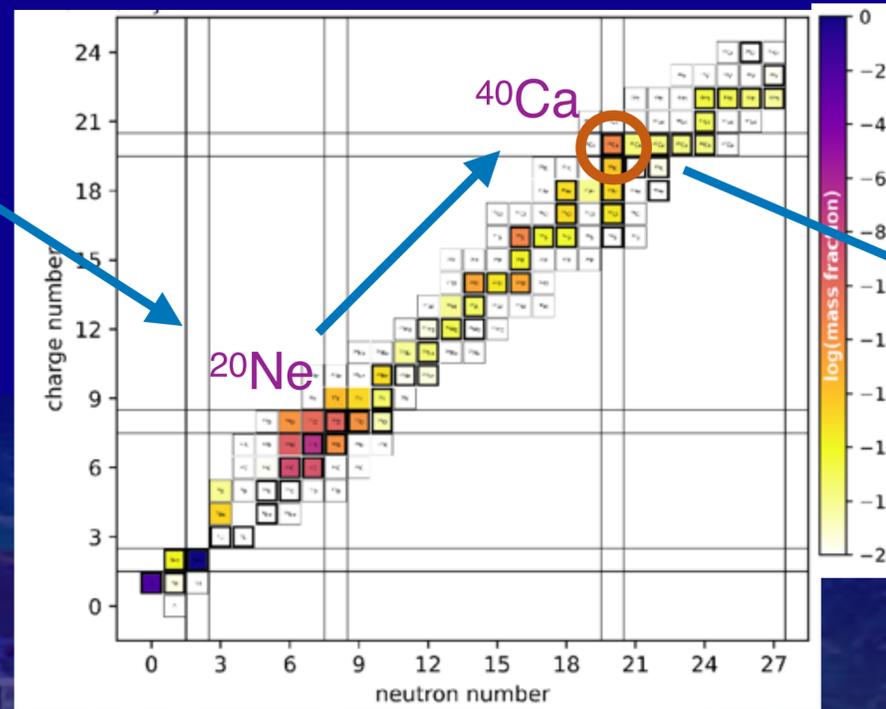
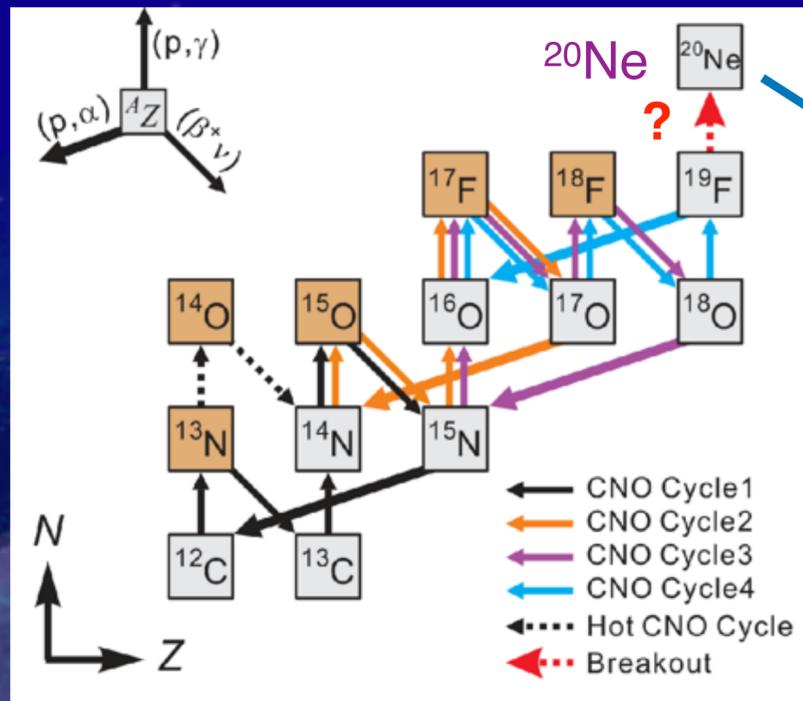
# $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ : HCNO break, explain Ca in oldest star?



JWST



S.C. Keller et al., Nature 506 (2014) 463



Solution:  $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$  rate one order large?

SMSS 0313-6708: lots of Ca, but no Fe?

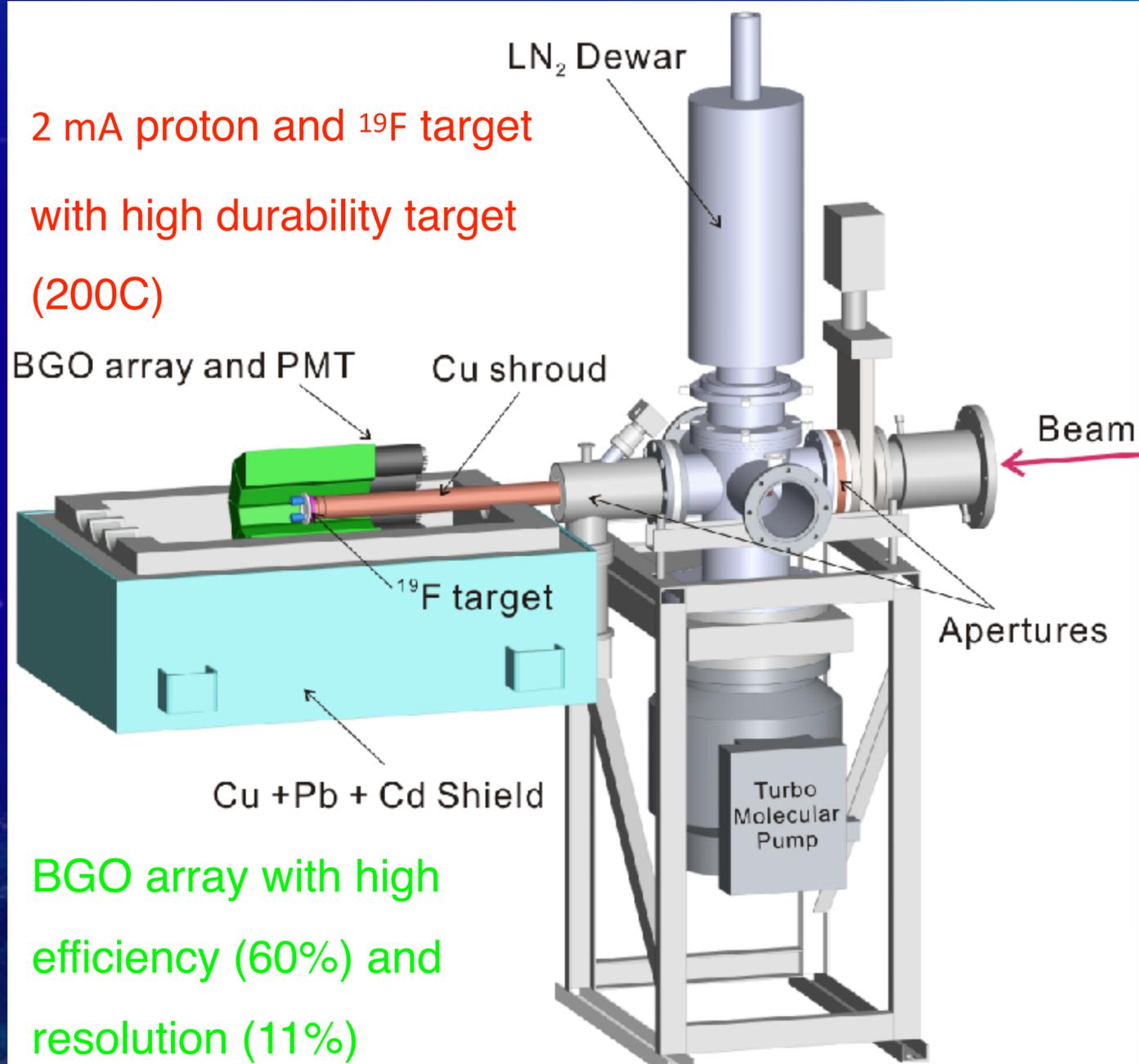
# Experiment setup



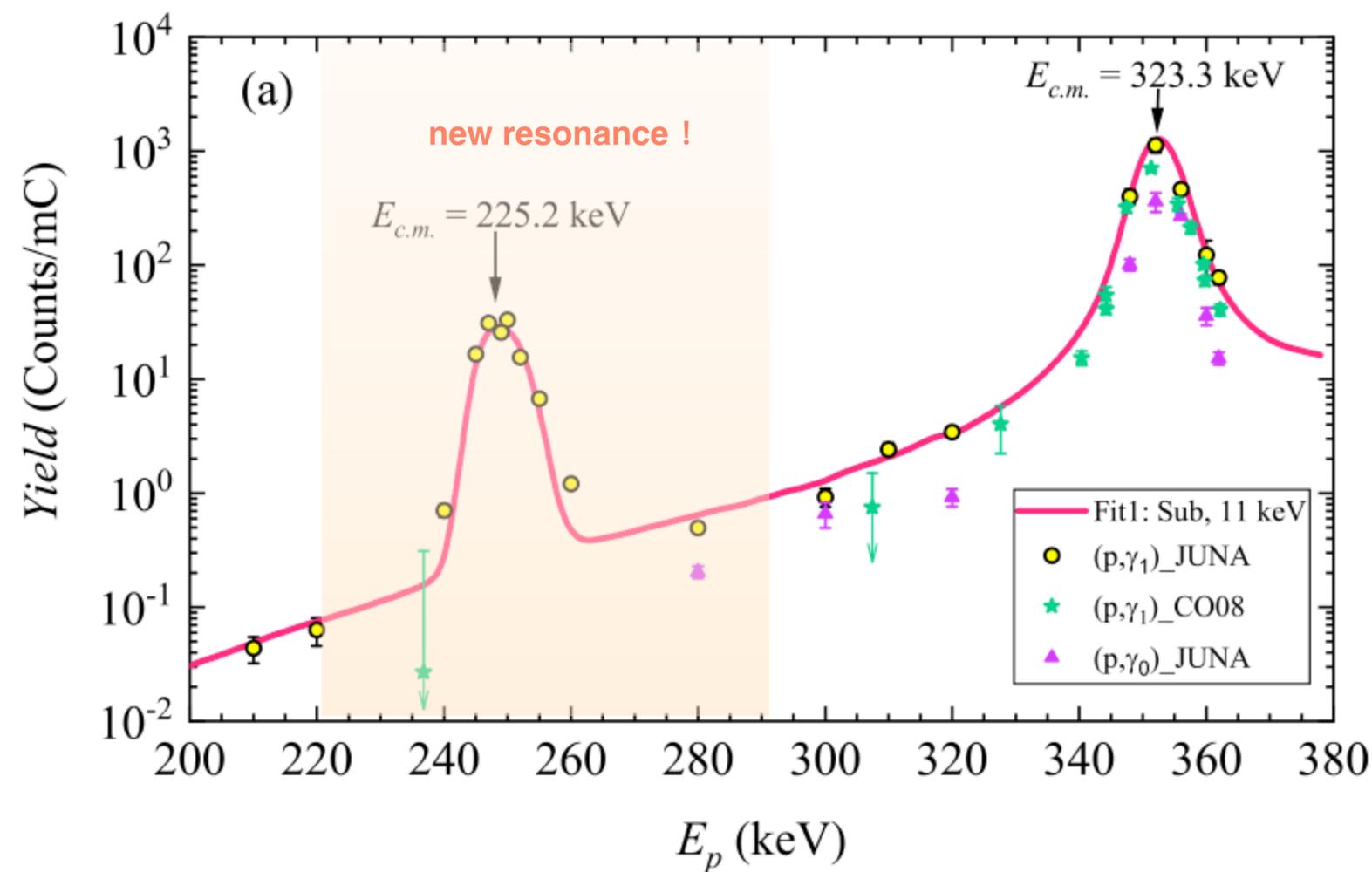
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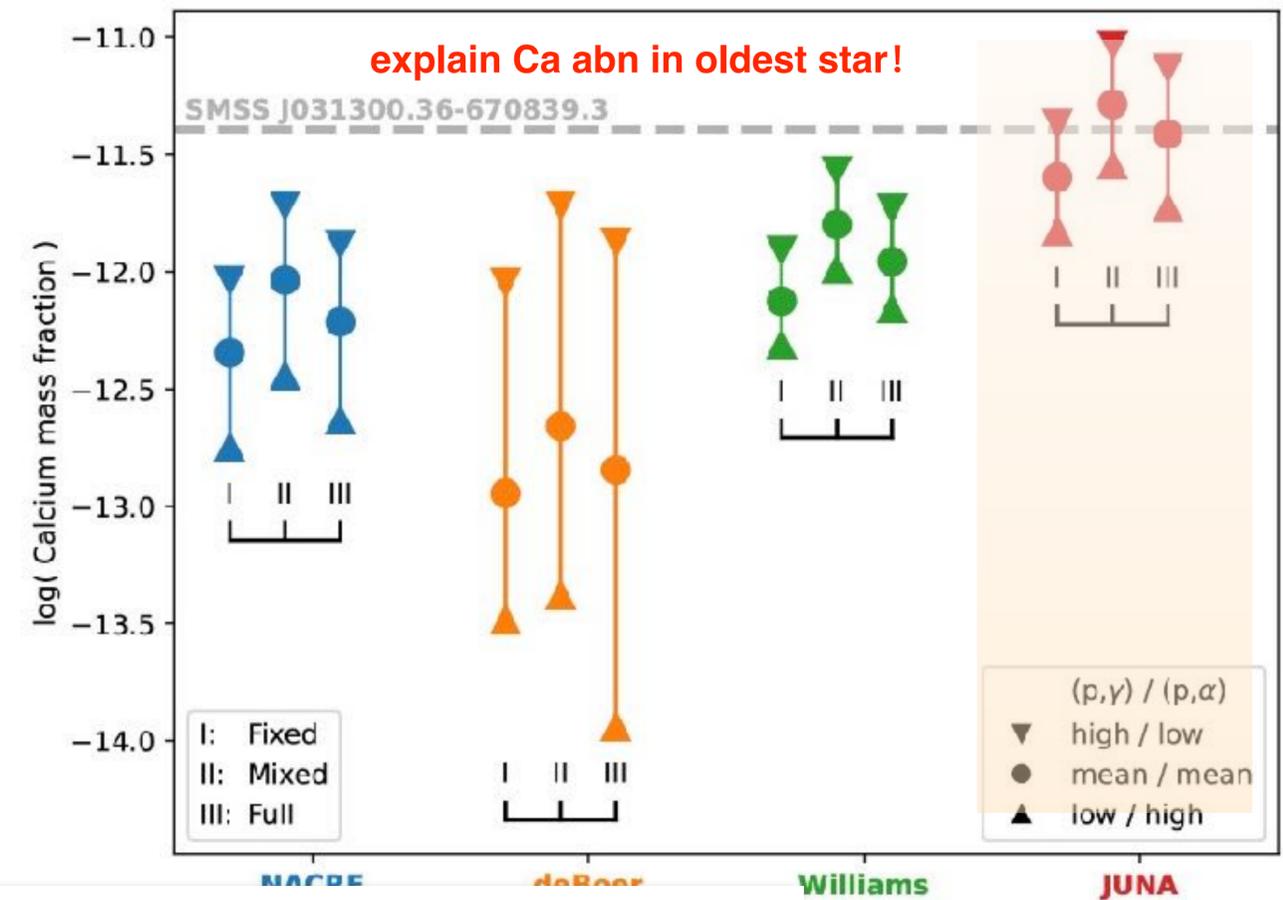
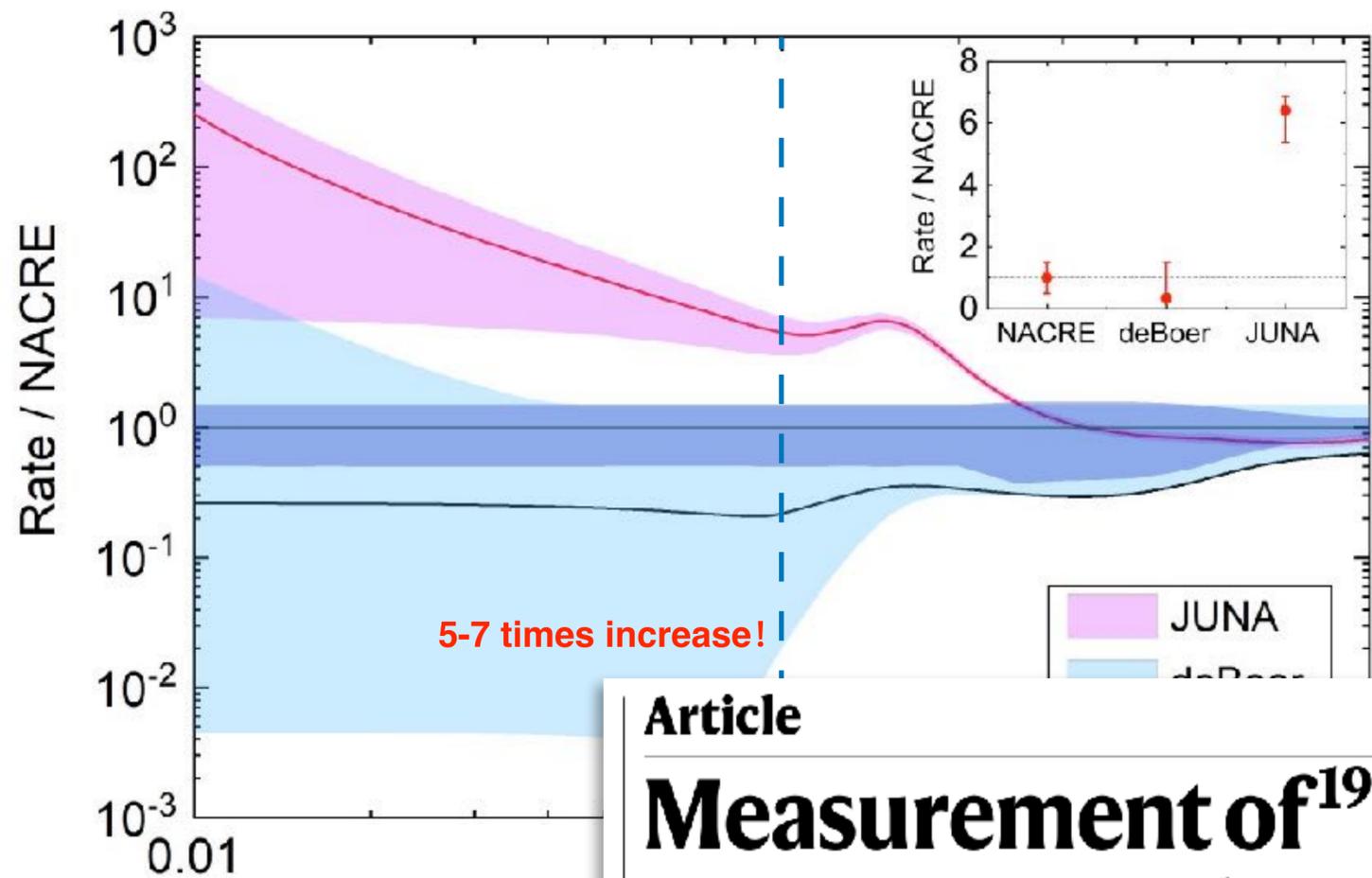
2 mA proton and  $^{19}\text{F}$  target  
with high durability target  
(200C)



BGO array with high  
efficiency (60%) and  
resolution (11%)



# $^{19}\text{F}(p, \gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ implications



## Article

# Measurement of $^{19}\text{F}(p, \gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ reaction suggests CNO breakout in first stars

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# $^{25}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$ : gamma astronomy

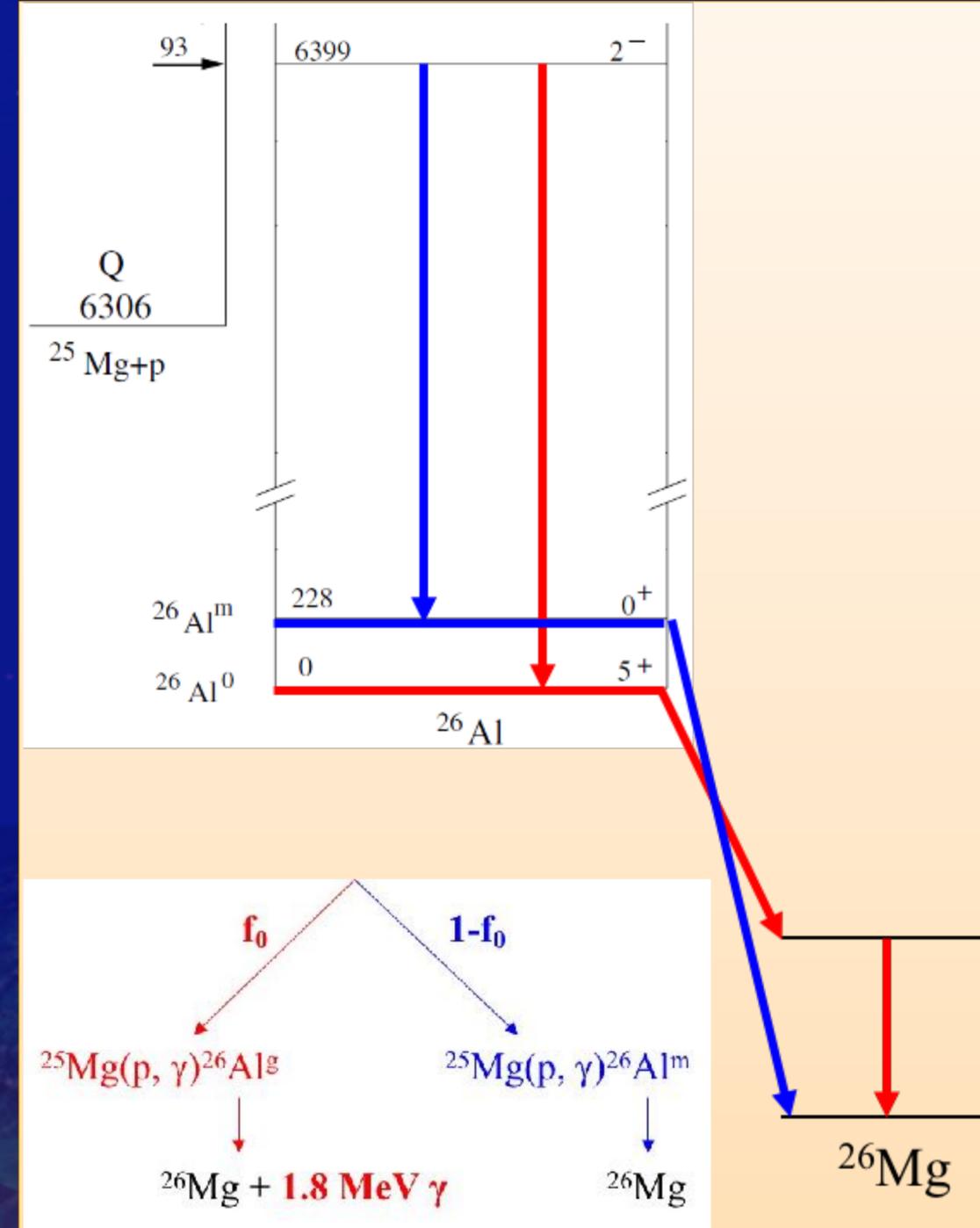
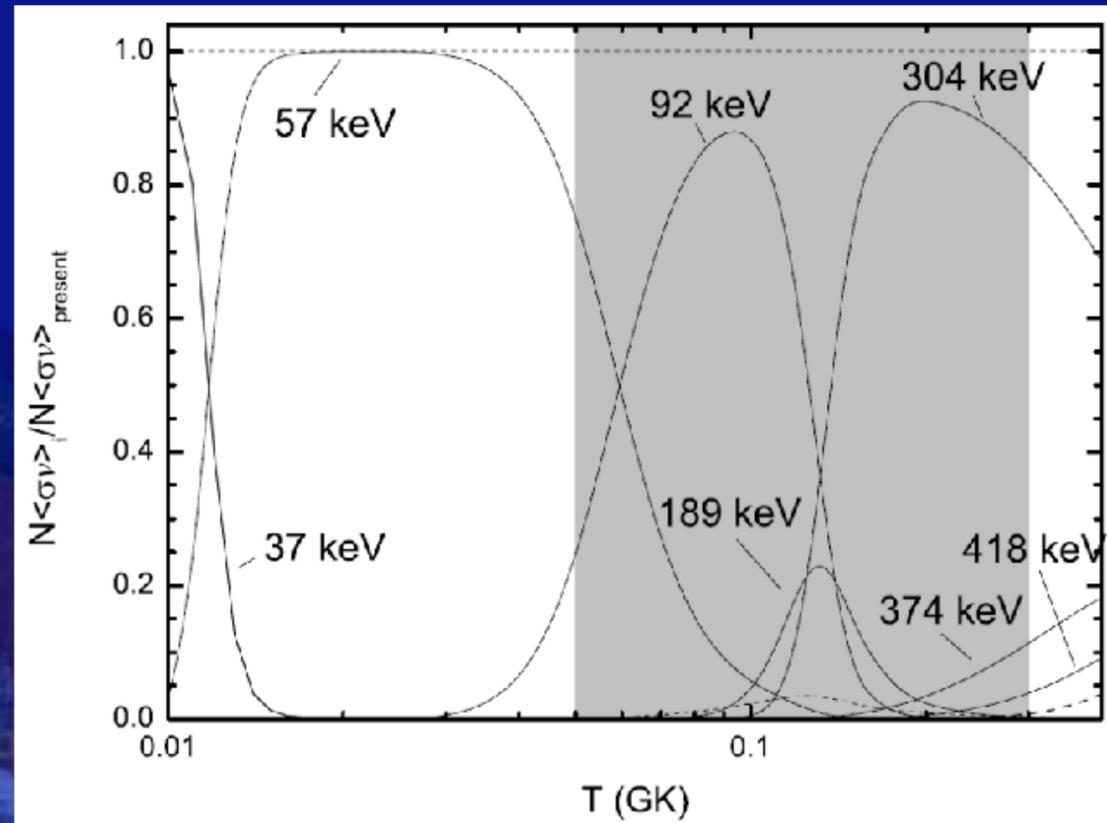
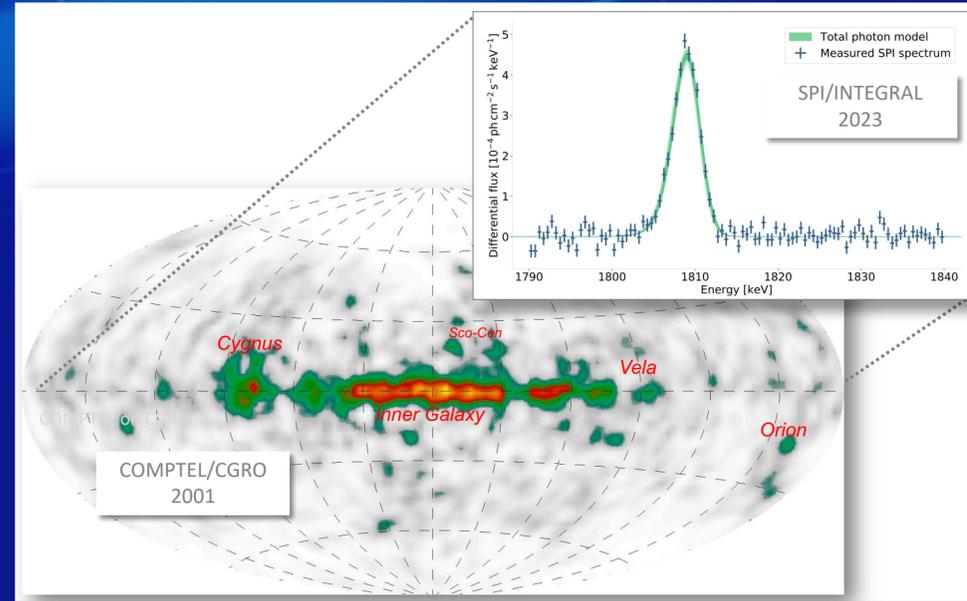
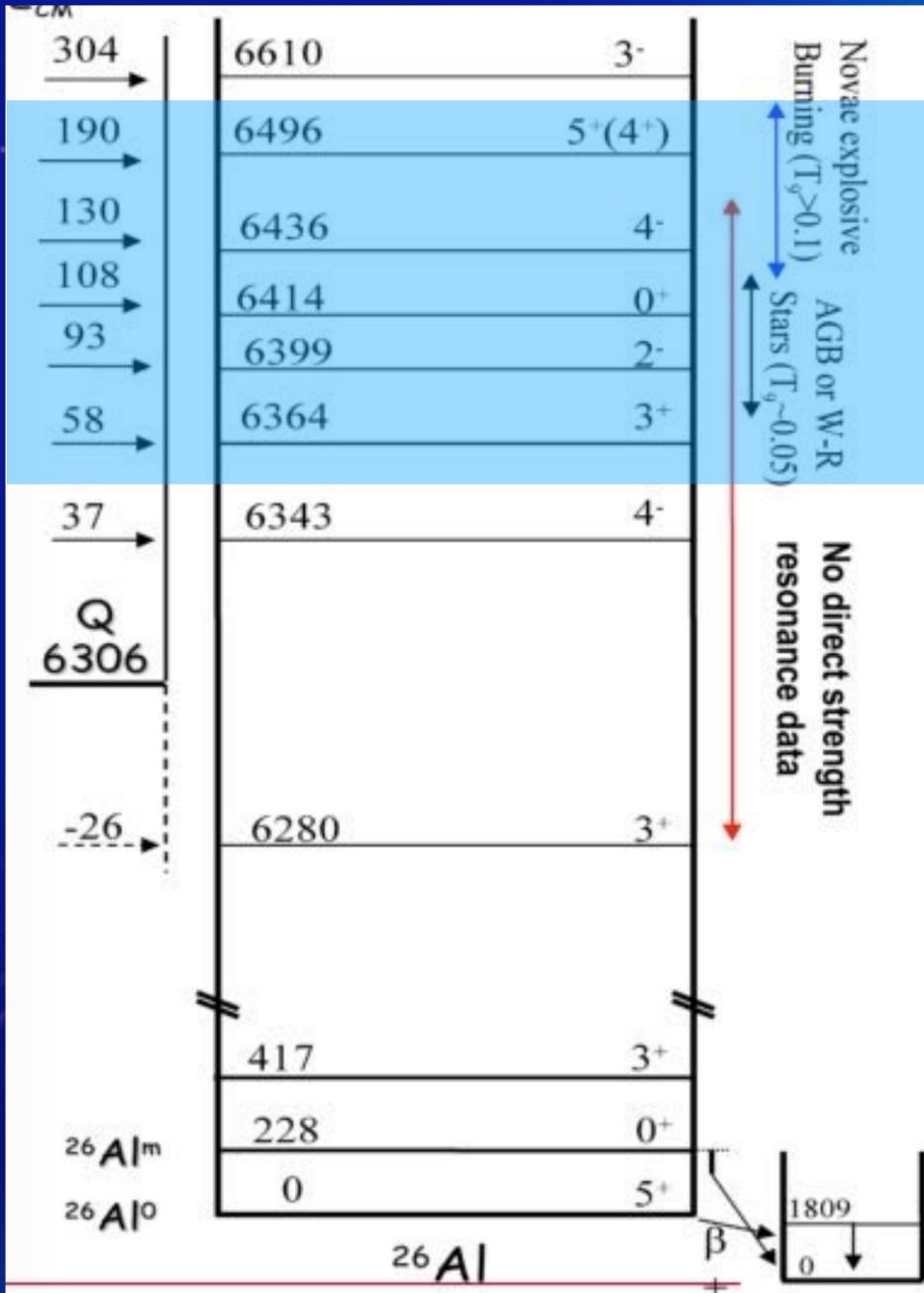
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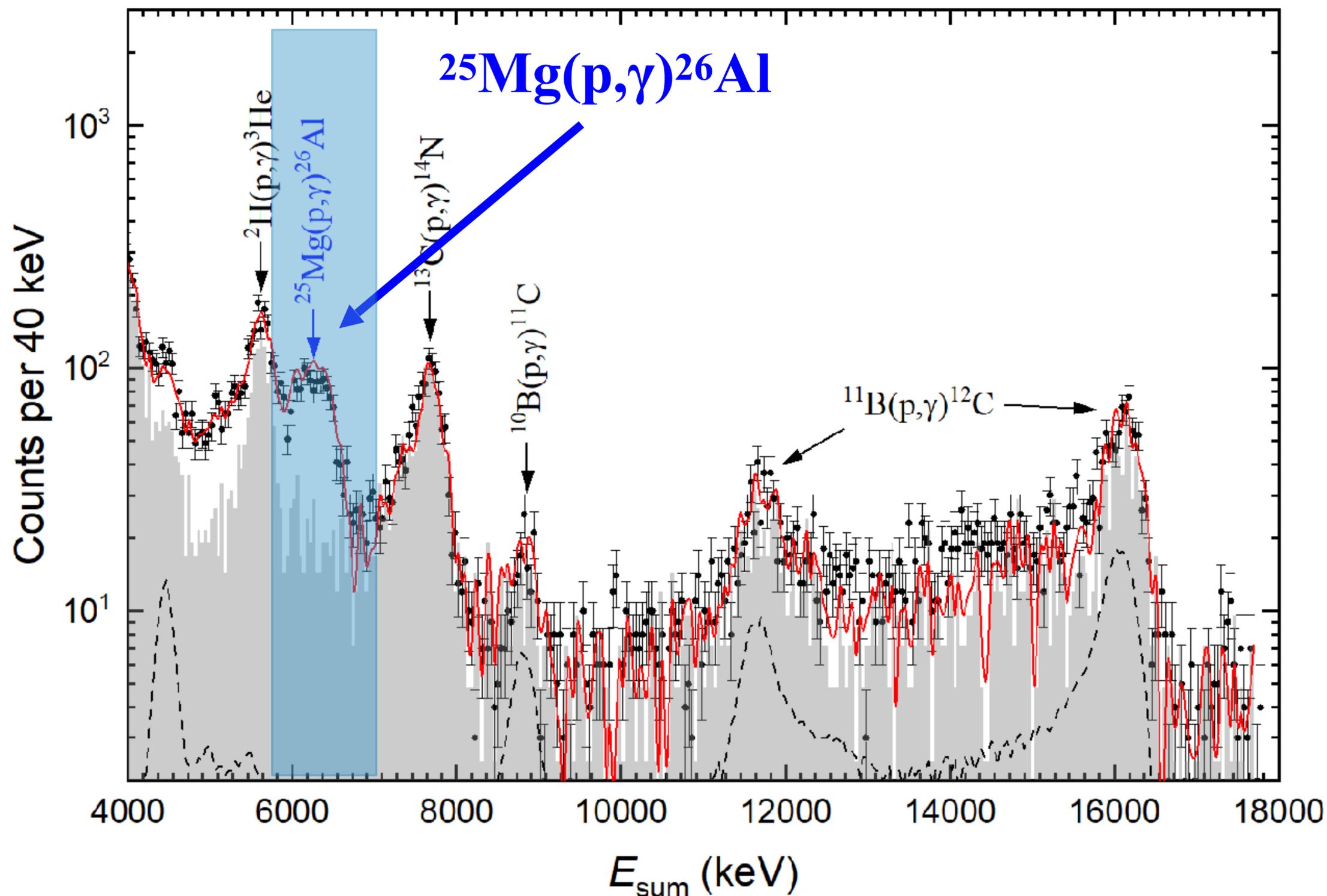


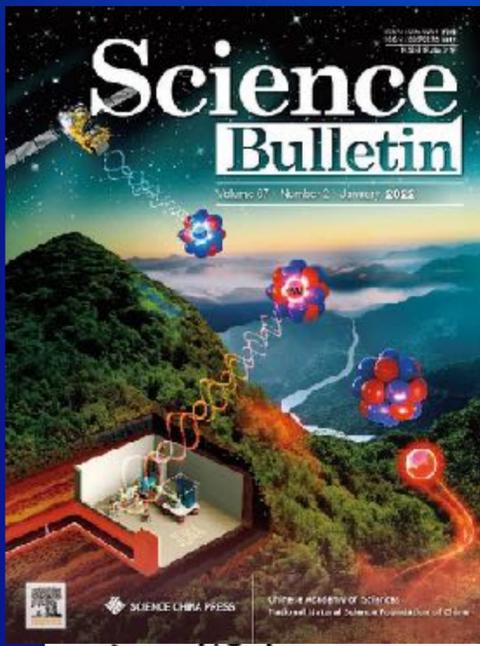
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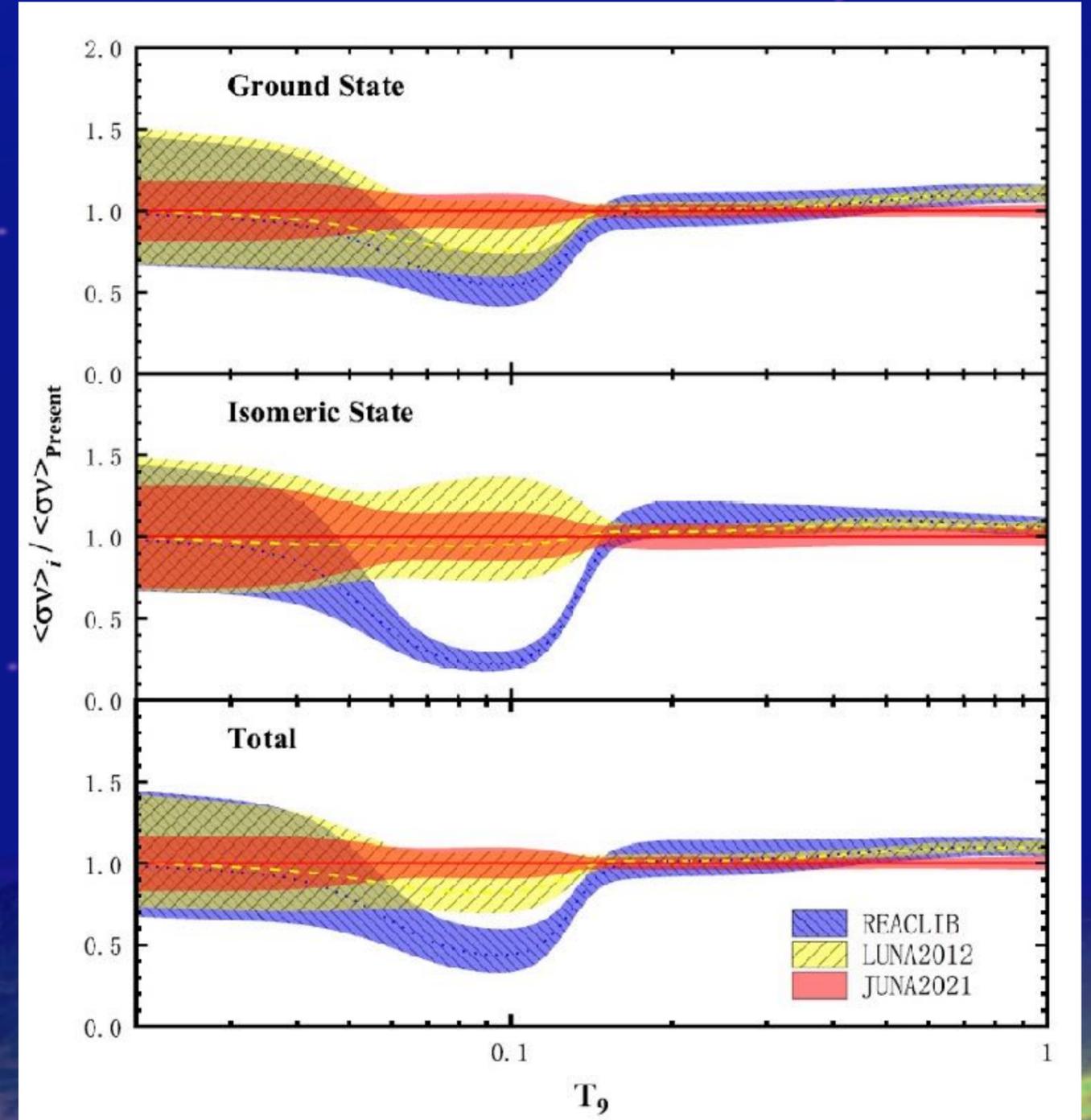
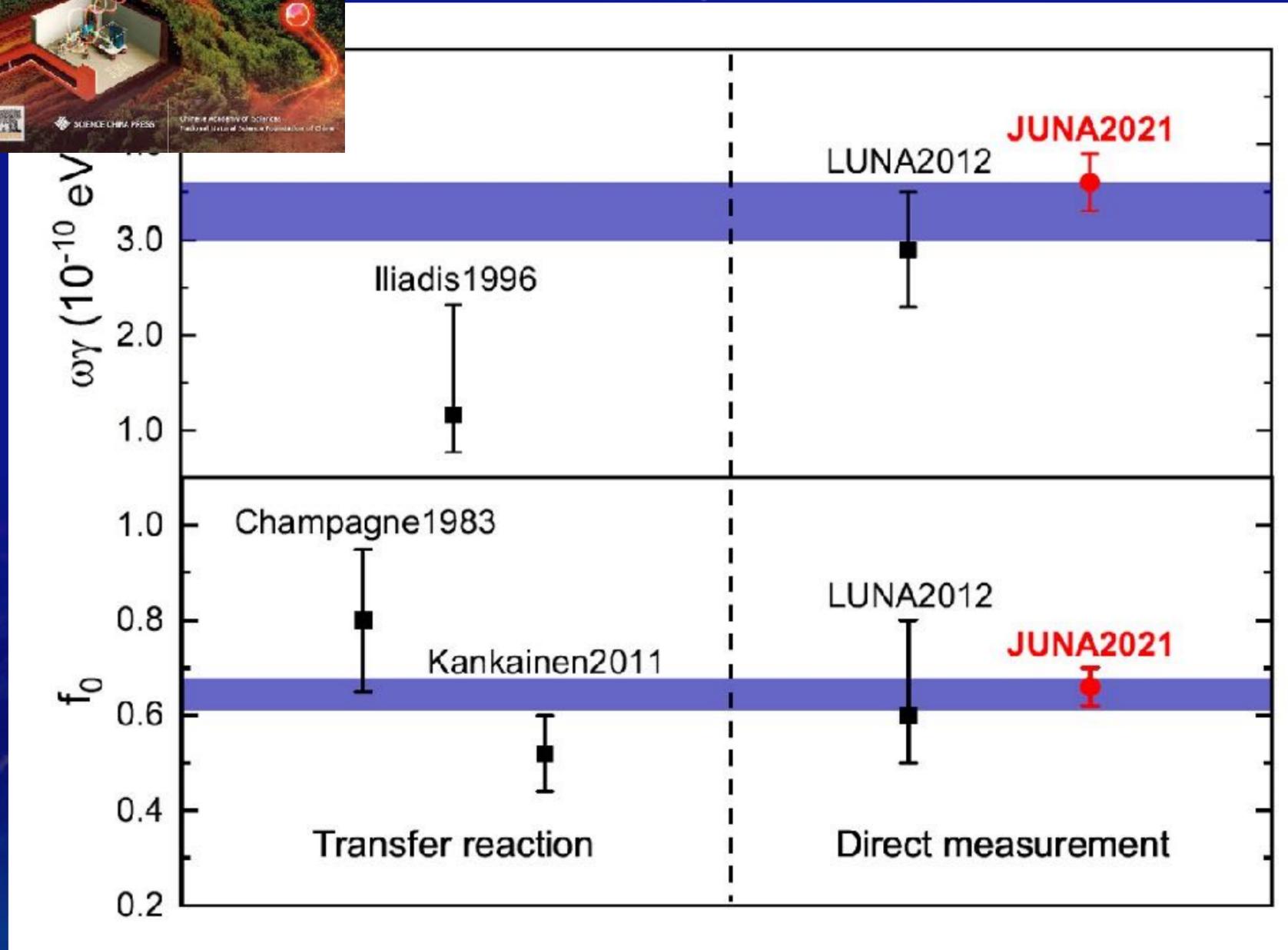
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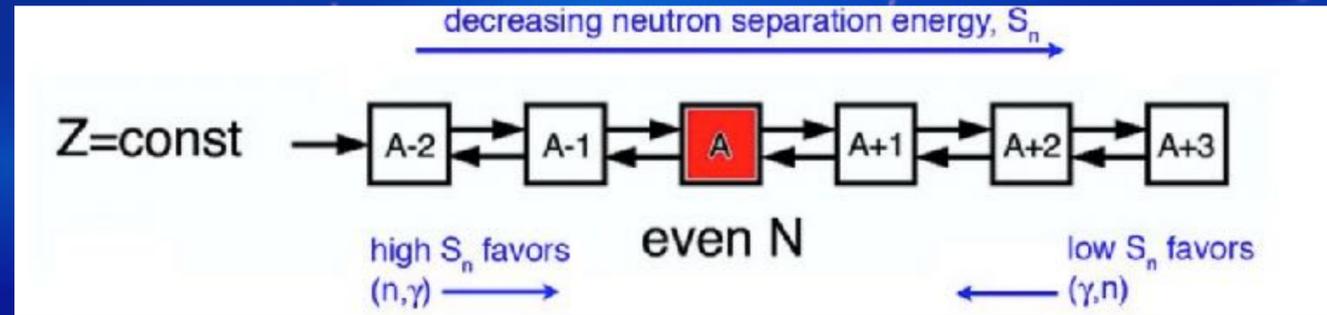




# JUNA result of $^{25}\text{Mg}(p, \gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$



# $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ neutron source reaction for heavy elements



Main s-process  $\sim 90 < A < 210$

TP-AGB stars

shell H-burning  
 $T_9 \sim 0.1$  K  
 $10^7 - 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

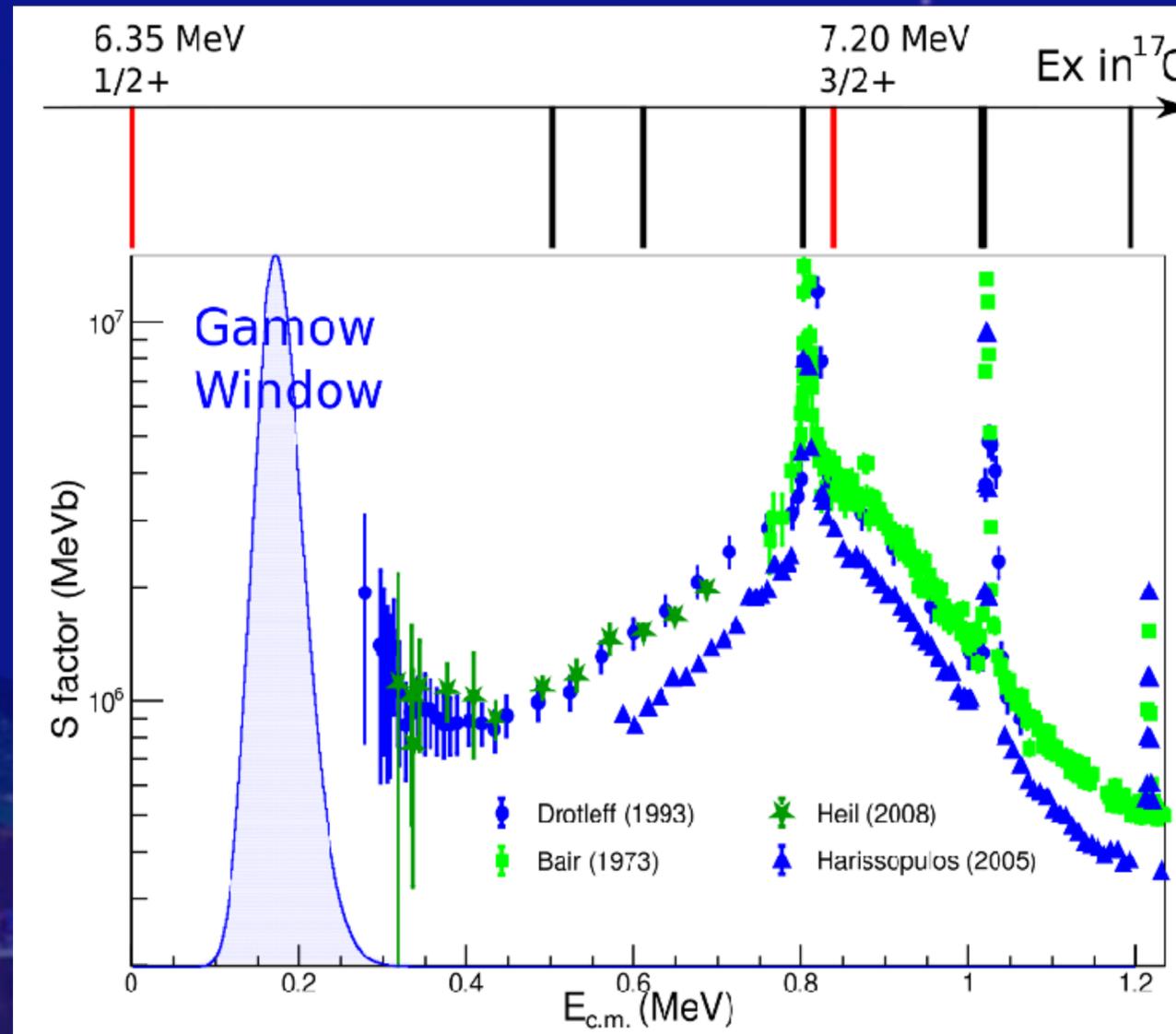
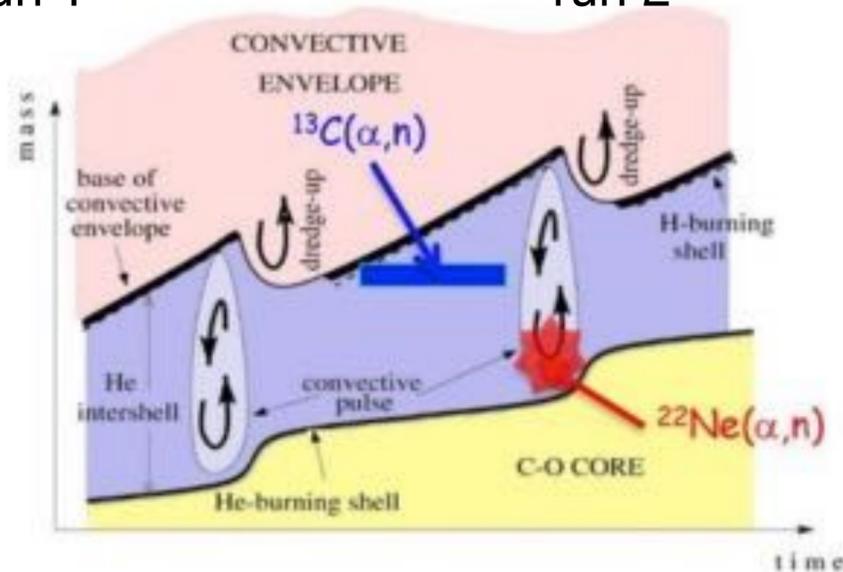
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$

run 1

He-flash  
 $0.25 \leq T_9 \sim 0.4$  K  
 $10^{10} - 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n)^{25}\text{Mg}$

run 2



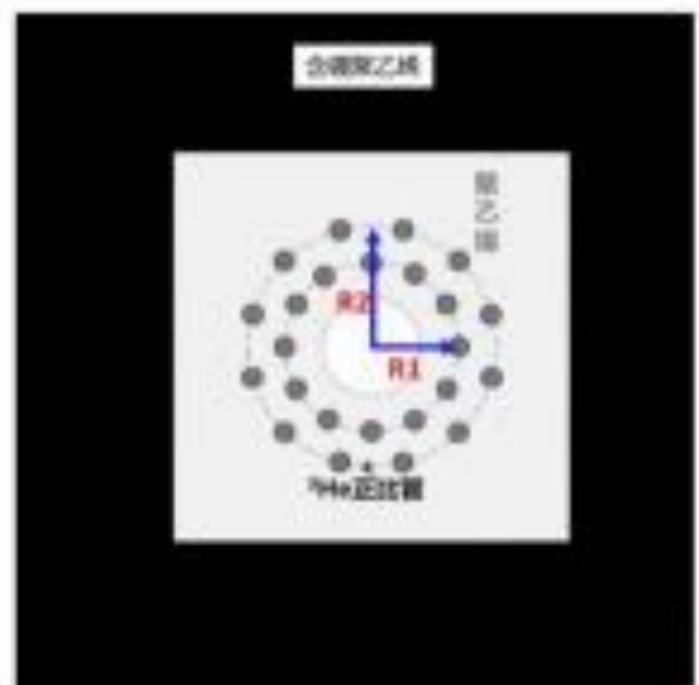
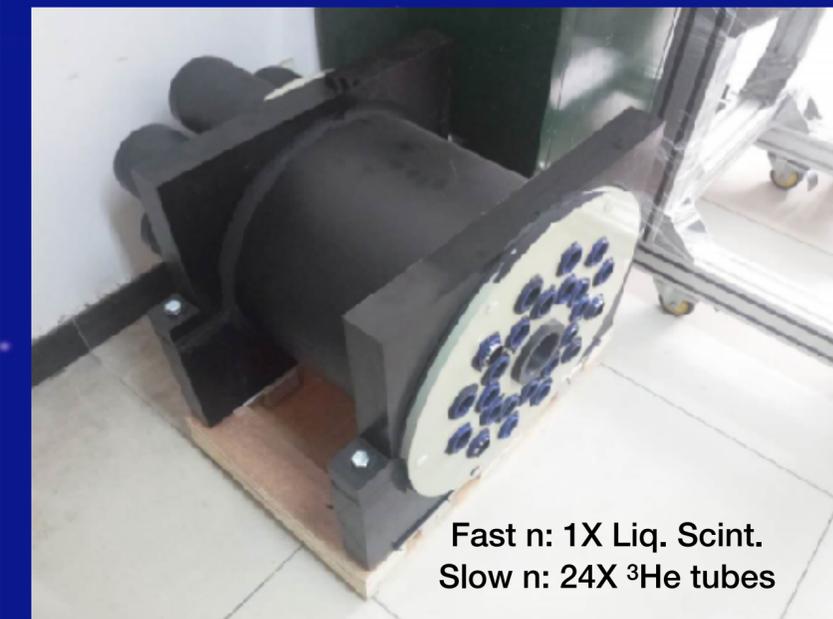
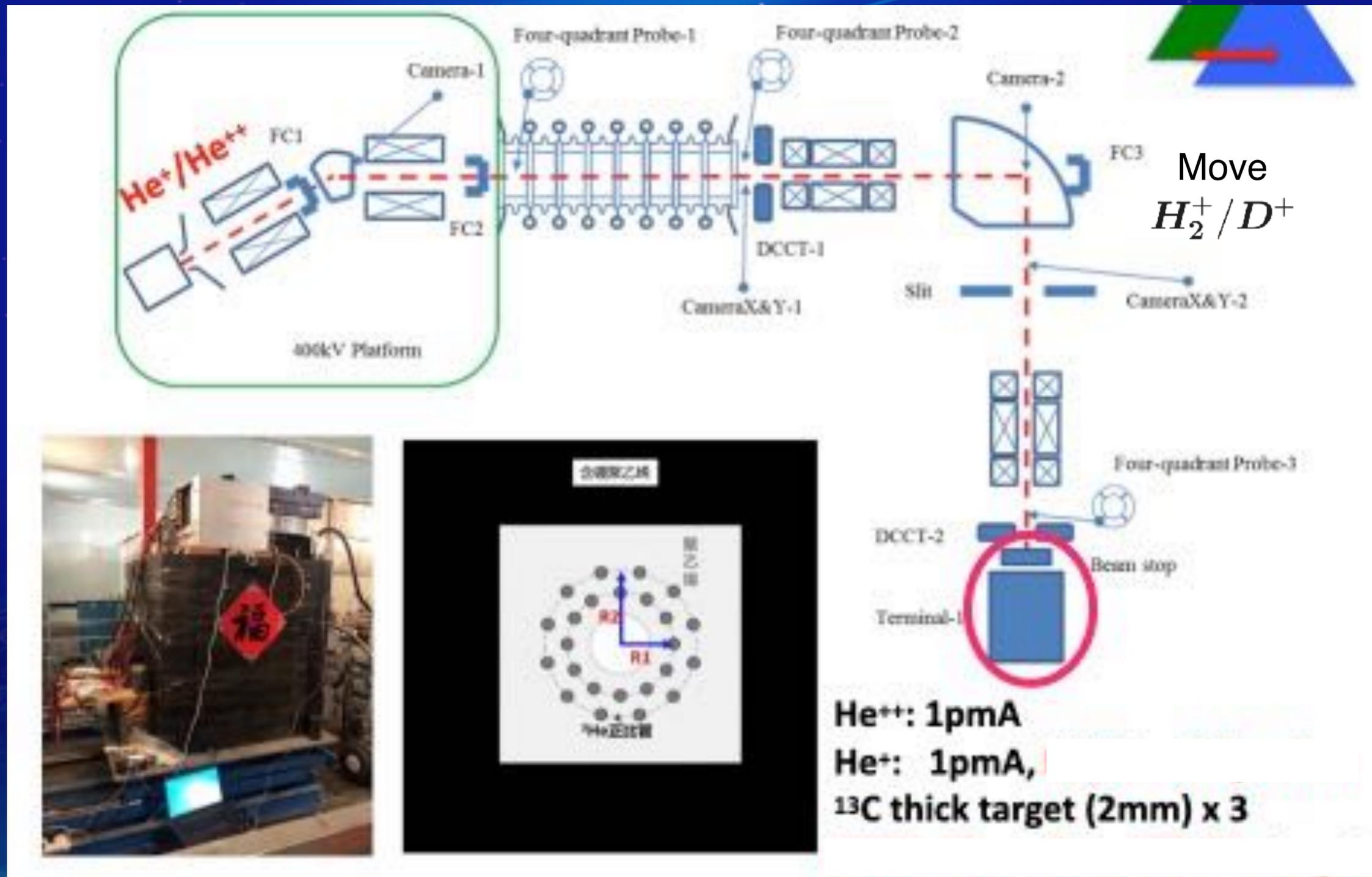
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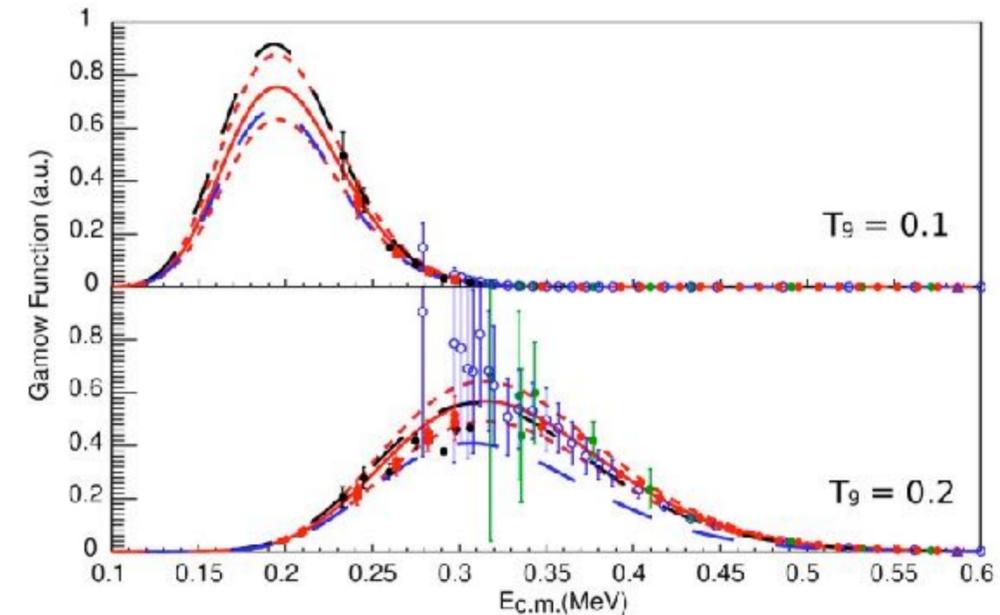
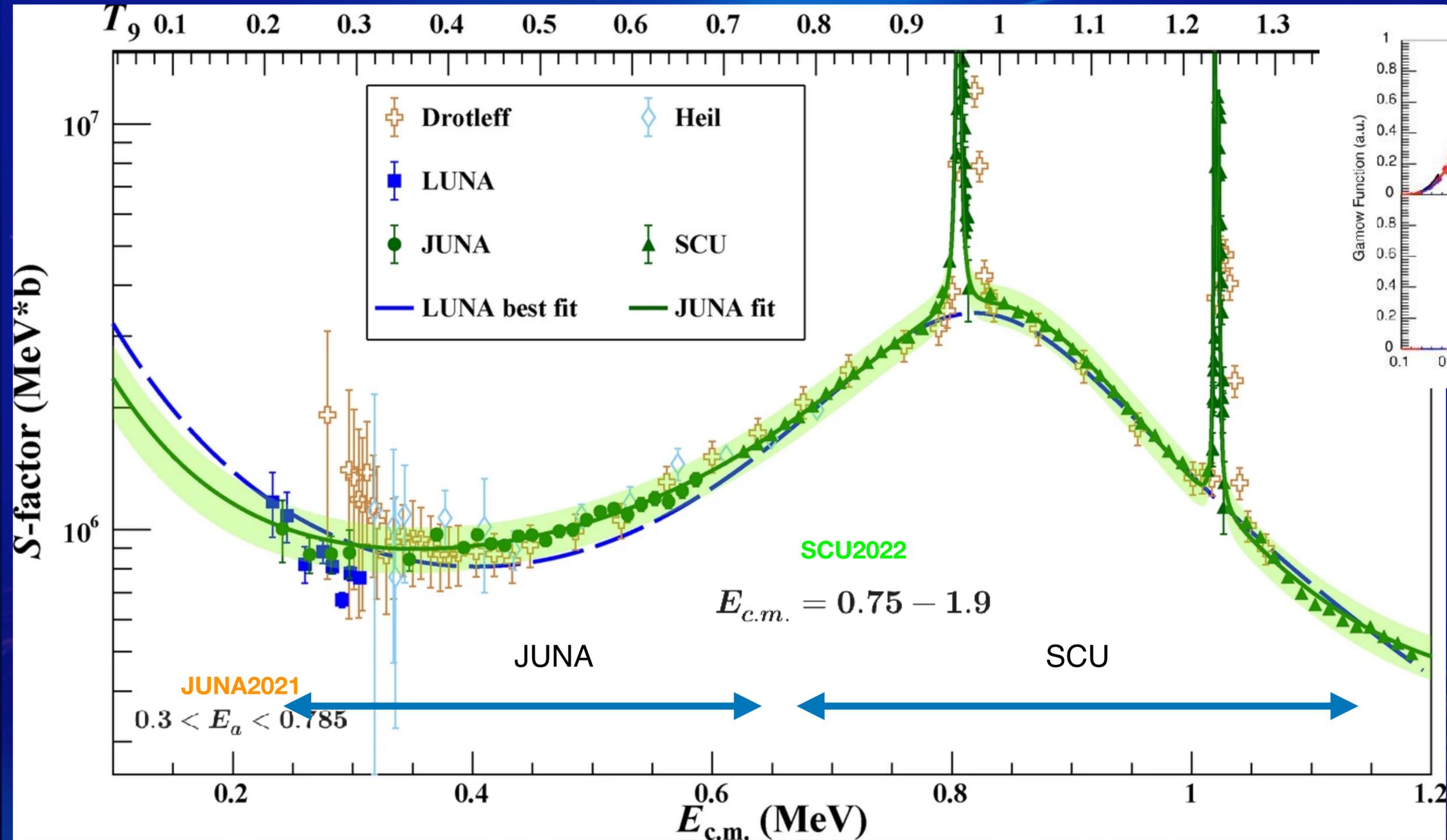
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# $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ neutron detection



# $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ results



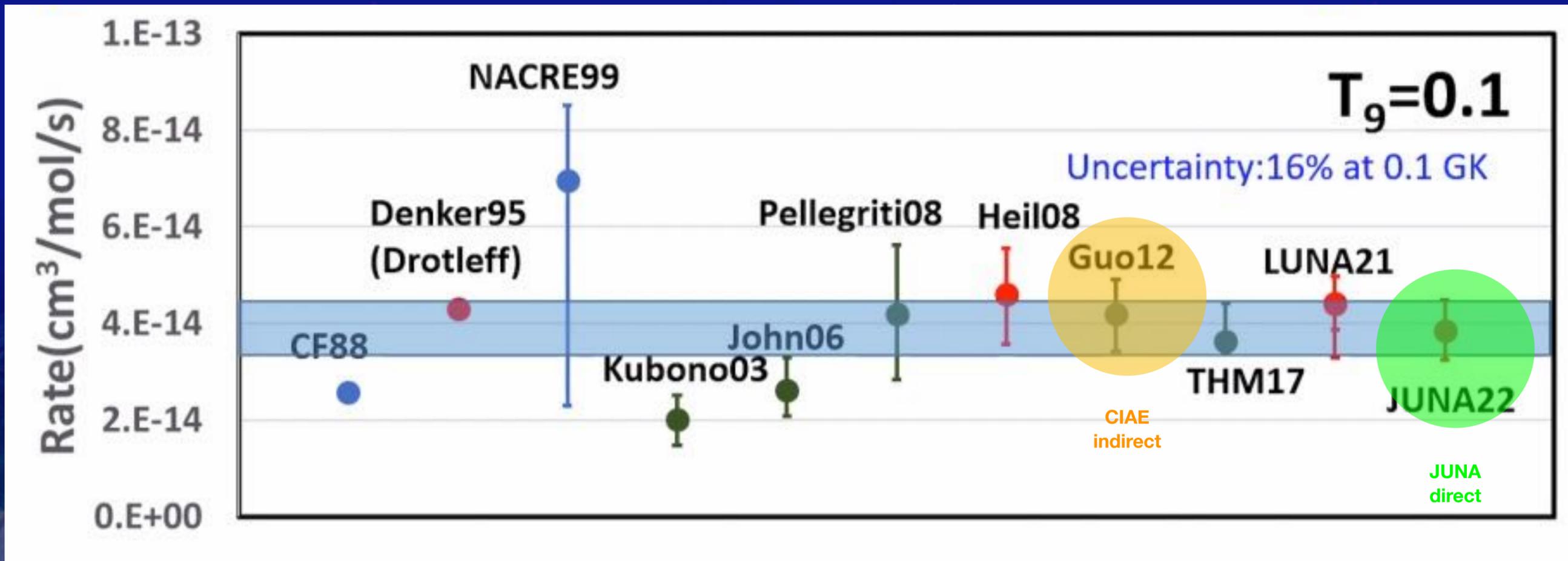
- mA thick target, differential method to pin down thickness
- magnetic removal of  $\text{He}^{2+}$ , cover 0.4 MeV to 0.8 MeV (JUNA), cover i-process; to 1.2 MeV tandem, calibration of eff., cross check other data
- n background 5/hour, 2.5 MeV eff. 25%, good S/N

# Resolve conflict in 30 years research

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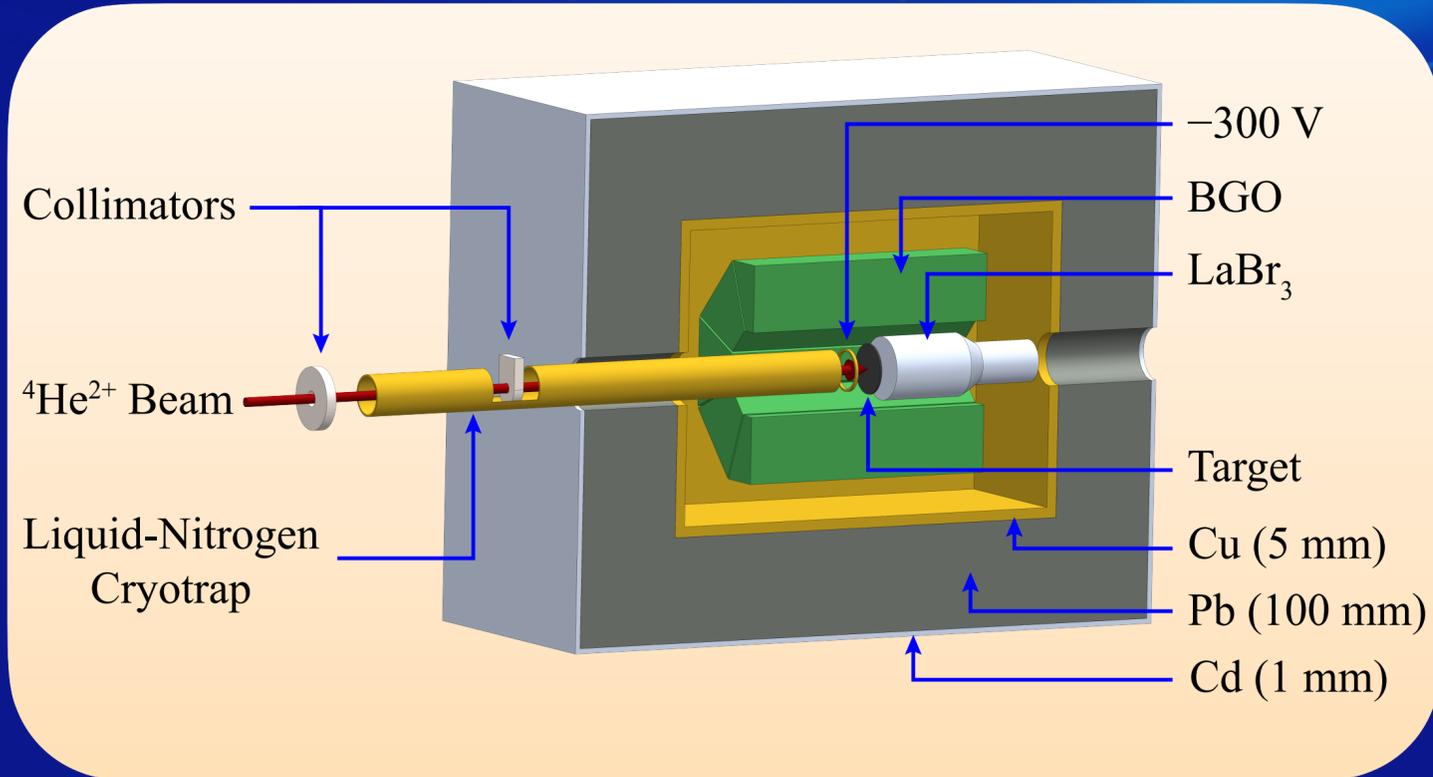
Recent studies of the low-energy range of the  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction rate at the deep underground accelerator facilities of LUNA in Italy (83) and JUNA in China (84) have removed most of the uncertainties in the extrapolation of the previous higher-energy data [the NACRE II compilation (85)]. The low-energy data match well the prediction of a recent R-matrix analysis (86)



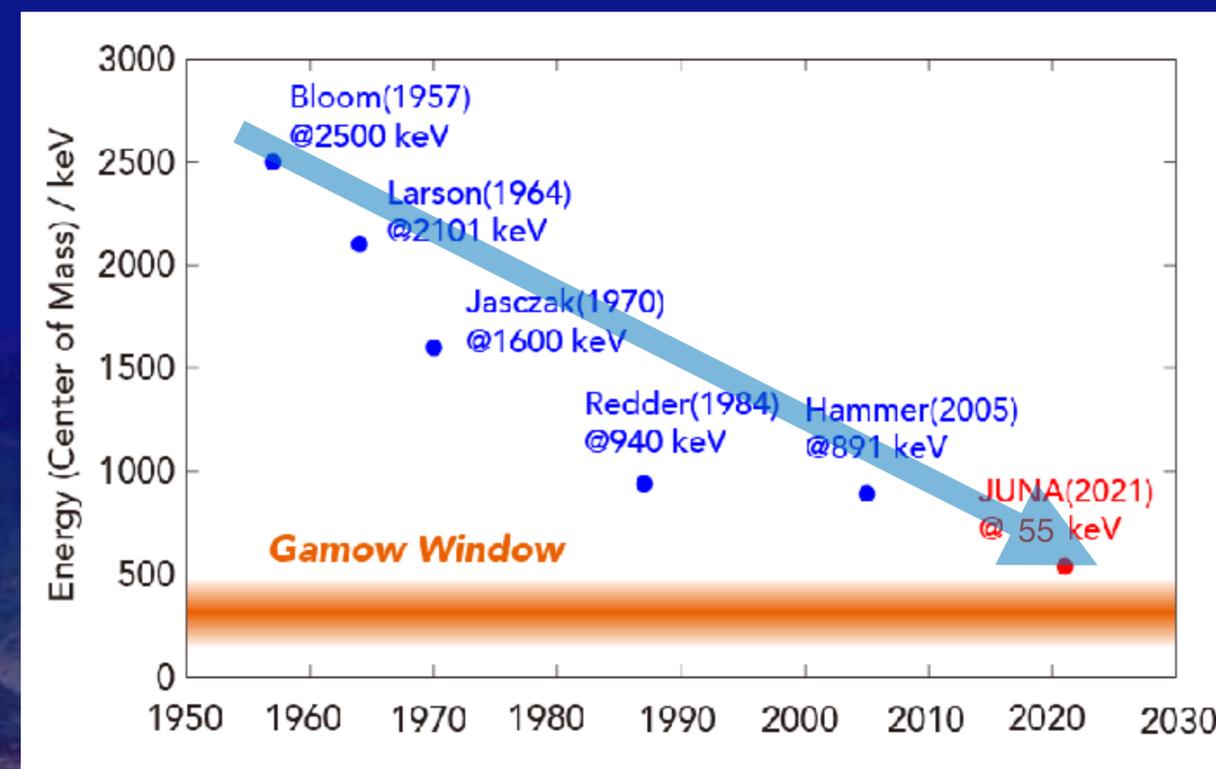
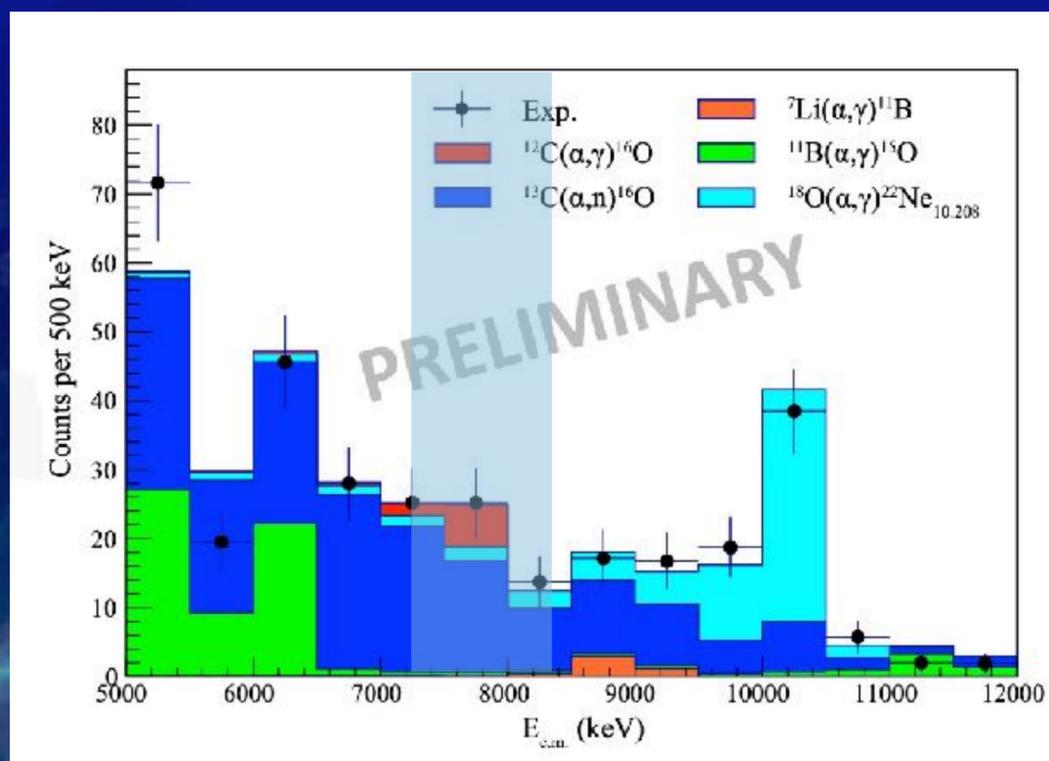
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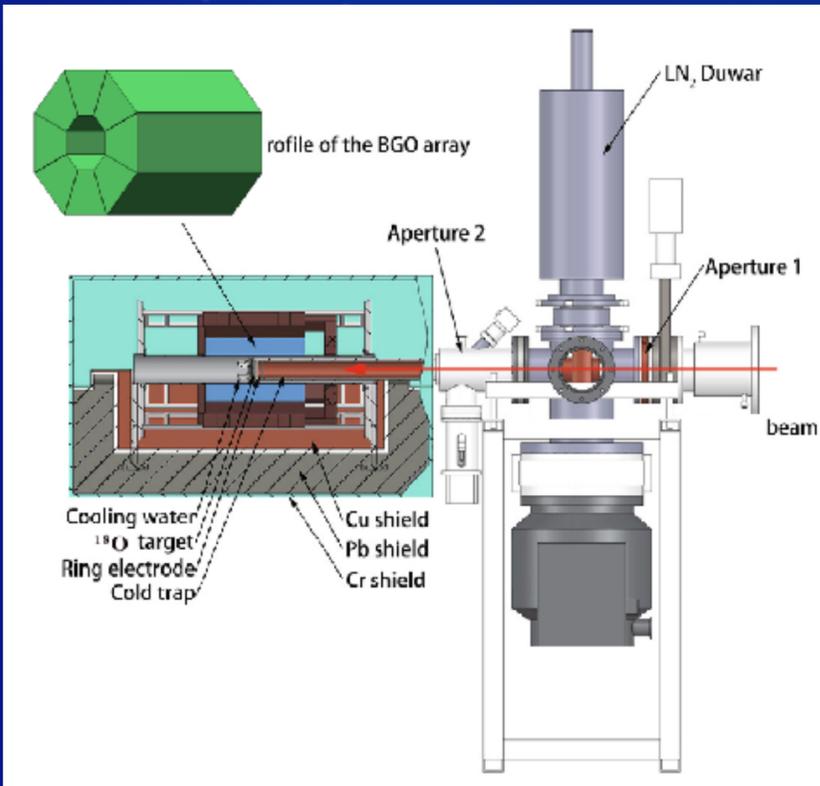
# Status for $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ , see Y. P. Shen talk



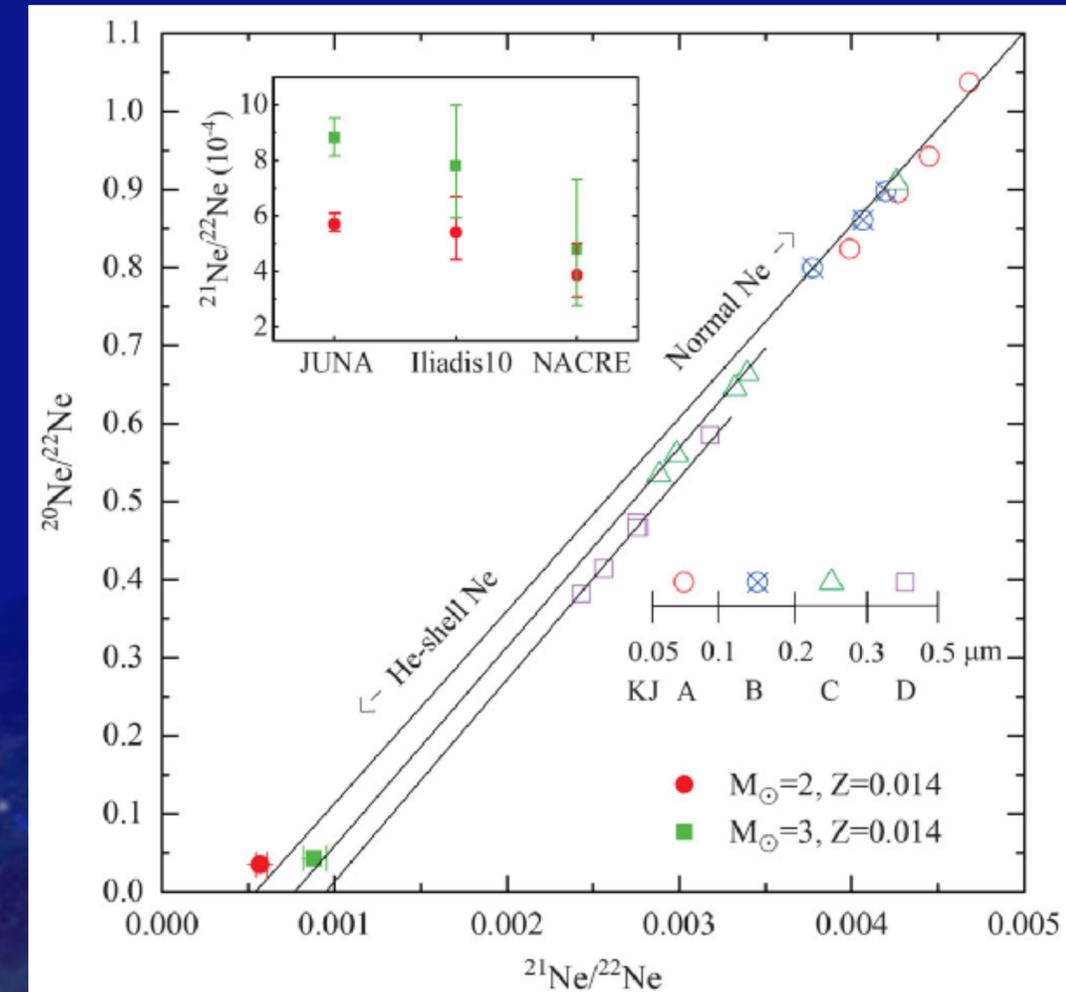
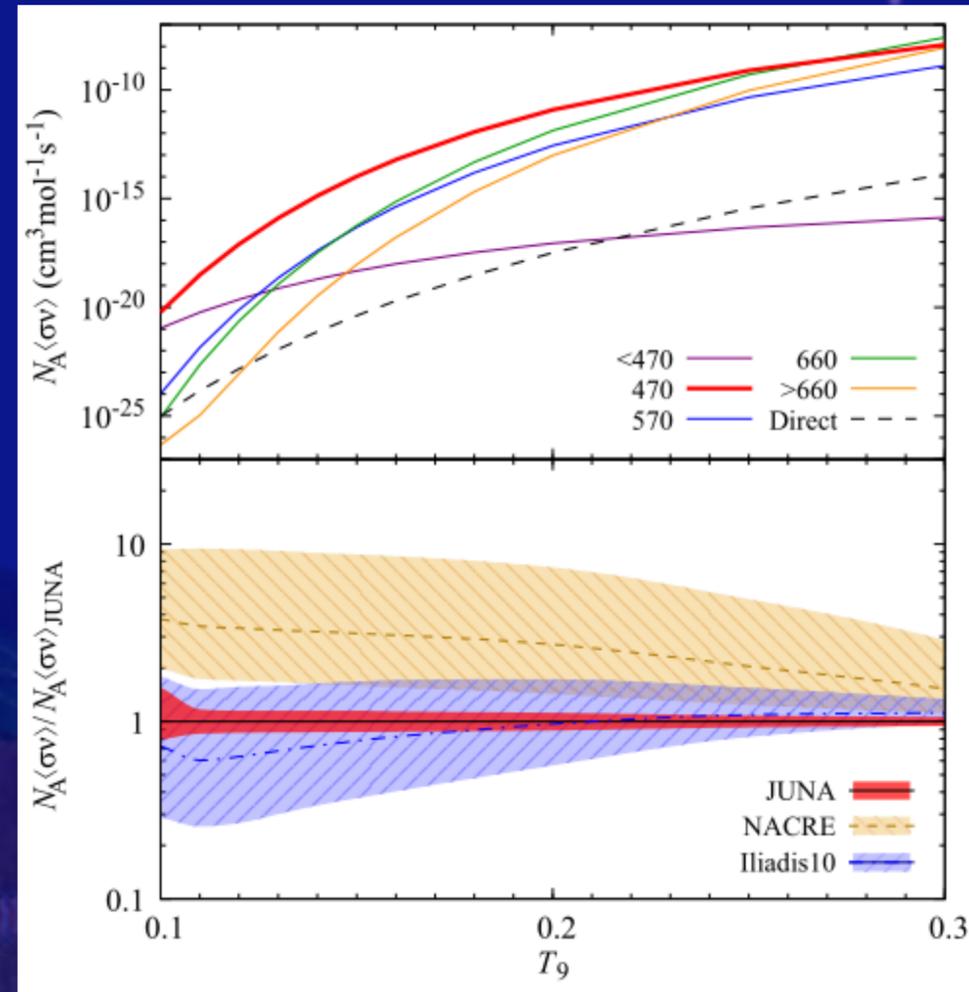
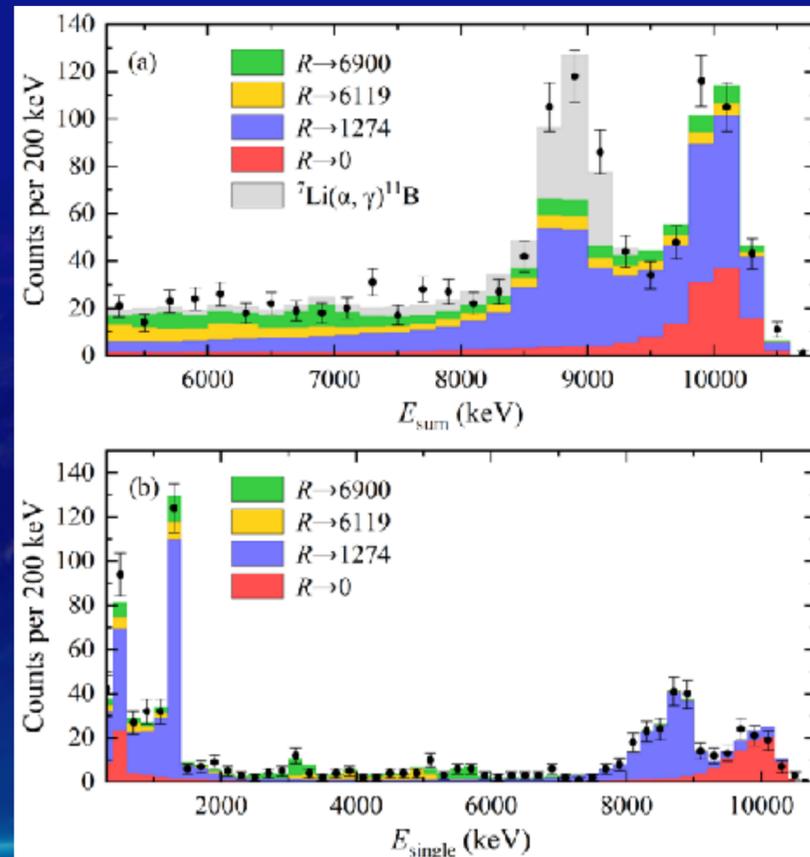
- $>1000$  C @552, 582 and 612 keV  $\text{He}^{2+}$ , with FCVA CTi targets
- BGO+LaBr<sub>3</sub> veto
- Sensitivity of  $10^{-12}$  b @ $E_{\text{c.m.}} = 552$  keV, with  $1 \sigma$  confidence
- Confidence aiming at  $3 \sigma$ , by run 2 with high efficiency +60%, and diamond target in 2025-2026



# $^{18}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{22}\text{Ne}$ reaction and SiC grains



- $^{21}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$  in SiC grains, aintershell of AGB star
- $^4\text{He}^{2+}$  beam with 0.5 mA at 470-800 keV,  $\text{Ti}^{18}\text{O}$  target and BGO array
- Improved  $E_R$  and  $\omega\gamma$ , precise reaction rates
- SiC from the He shell, and  $^{22}\text{Ne}$  is significantly enhanced



# JUNA results from Run-1

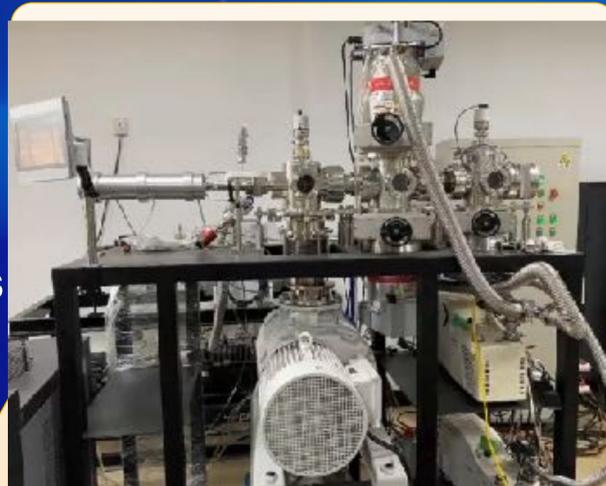


Reaction	Quantities	Best data before	JUNA data	Publication
Holy grail $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$	Lowest energy/keV	891	<b>552</b>	<b>Feasibility by run 1</b>
	Cross section/b	$10^{-11}$	<b><math>10^{-12}</math></b>	
Neutron source $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$	Energy range/keV	230-300	<b>240-1900</b>	<b>PRL 129(2022)132701</b>
	s-process	50%	<b>20%</b>	
$^{26}\text{Al}$ abundance $^{25}\text{Mg}(p, \gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$	Uncertainty	21%	<b>8%</b>	<b>Science Bulletin 67(2022)2 Cover paper</b>
F abundance $^{19}\text{F}(p, \alpha \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$	Lowest energy/keV	189	<b>72</b>	<b>PRL 127(2021)152702 Editor suggestion</b>
	Uncertainty	80%	<b>5%</b>	
Ne isotope ratio $^{18}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{22}\text{Ne}$	Uncertainty	$472 \pm 18$ keV	<b><math>474.1 \pm 1.1</math> keV</b>	<b>PRL 130(2023)092701</b>
CNO breakout $^{19}\text{F}(p, \gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$	Lowest energy/keV	300	<b>200</b>	<b>Nature 610(2022)656 News and views</b>

# Ready for JUNA Run-2



- CJPL IAC highly recommend JUNA and gave green lights for next 5 years and support JUNA using A1 space
- High density radiation hard target and gas target, higher efficiency neutron and gamma detectors
- Run 2 proposal evaluated and approved from July 2025 to February 2026



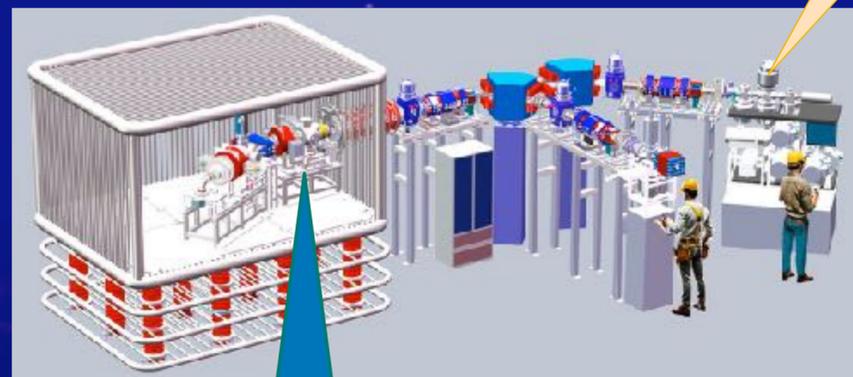
Gas jet target



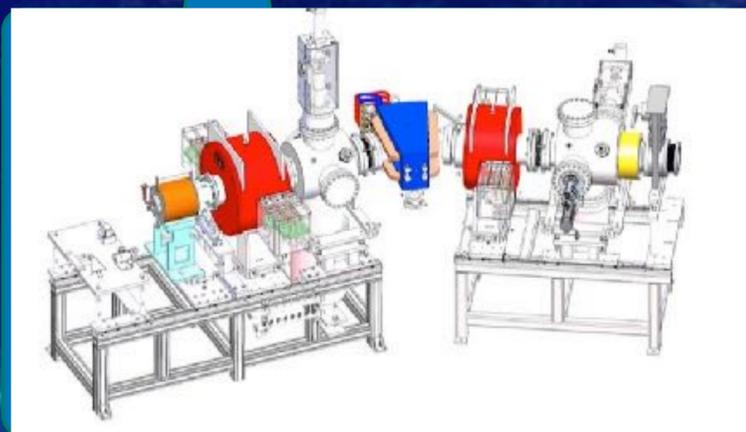
Run-2 kickoff meeting April 24, 2024



Run-2 plan approved May 15, 2025



New beam line for JUNA Run-2



Improved ion source



Sept., 2024, OMEG, CJPL-II A1 ready

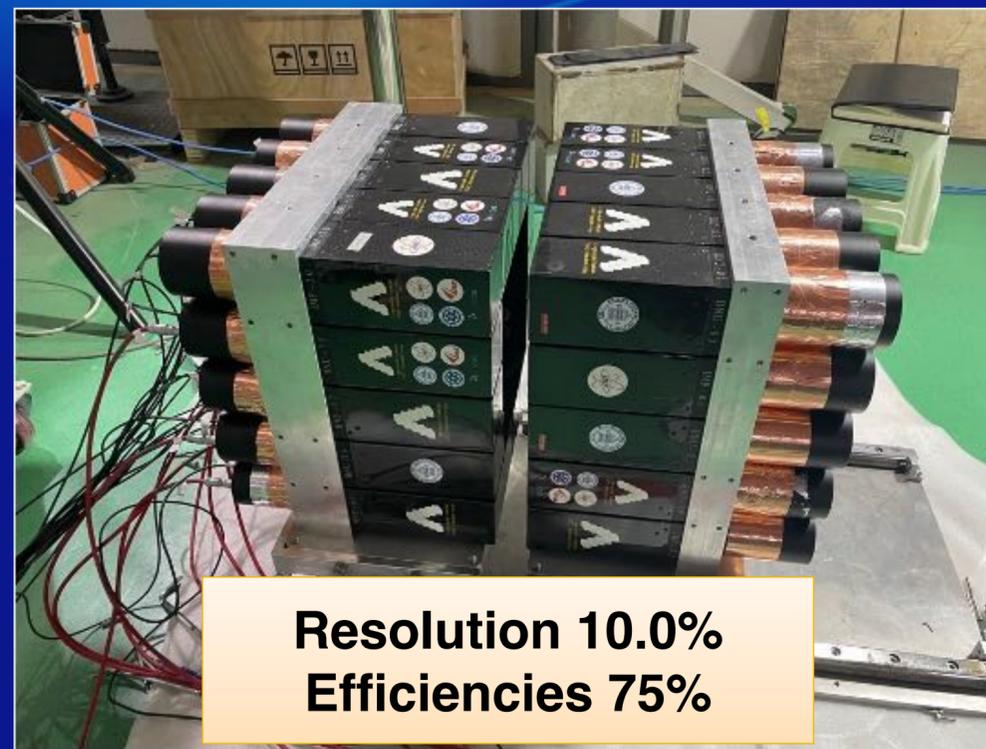
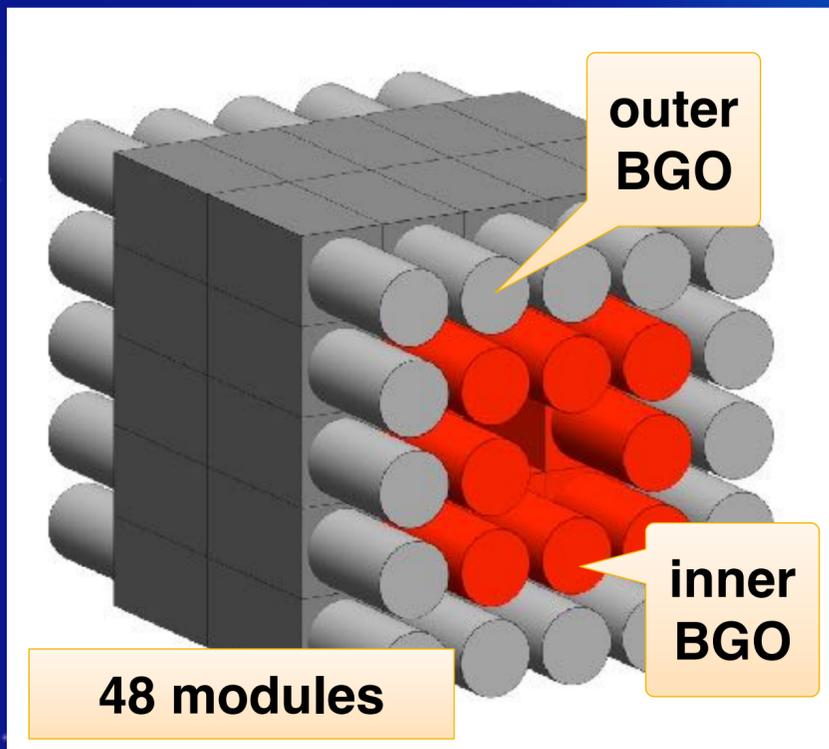


October, 2024 Accelerator in A1

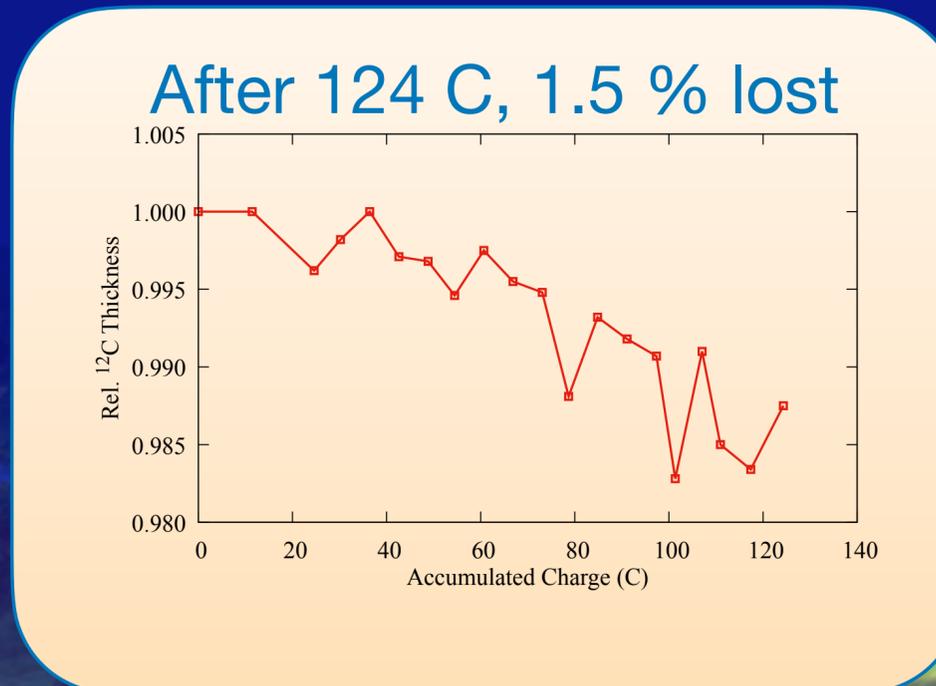
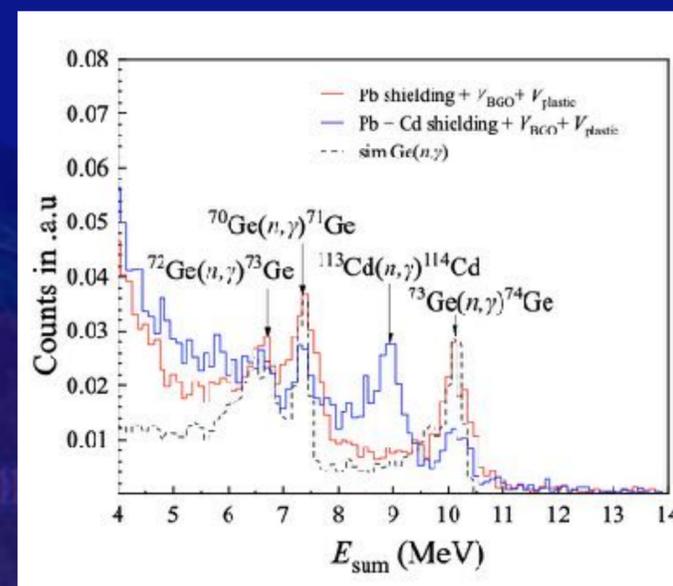
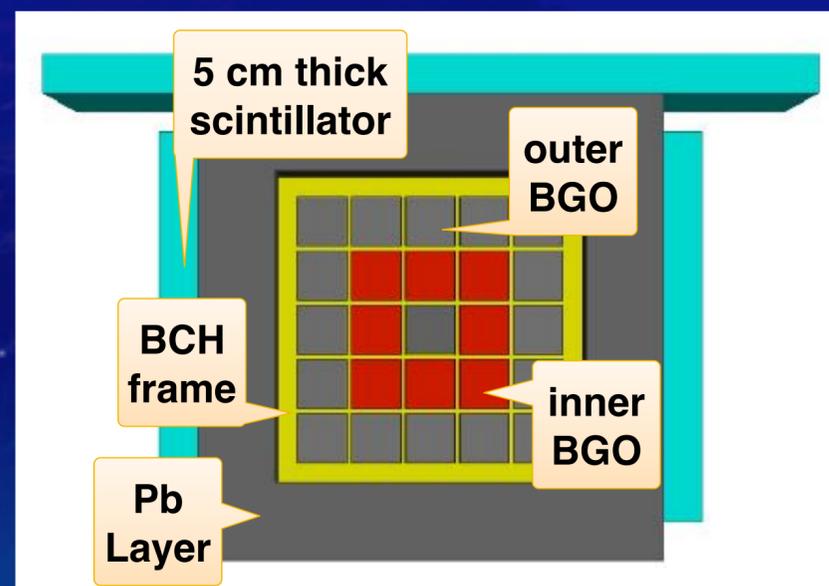
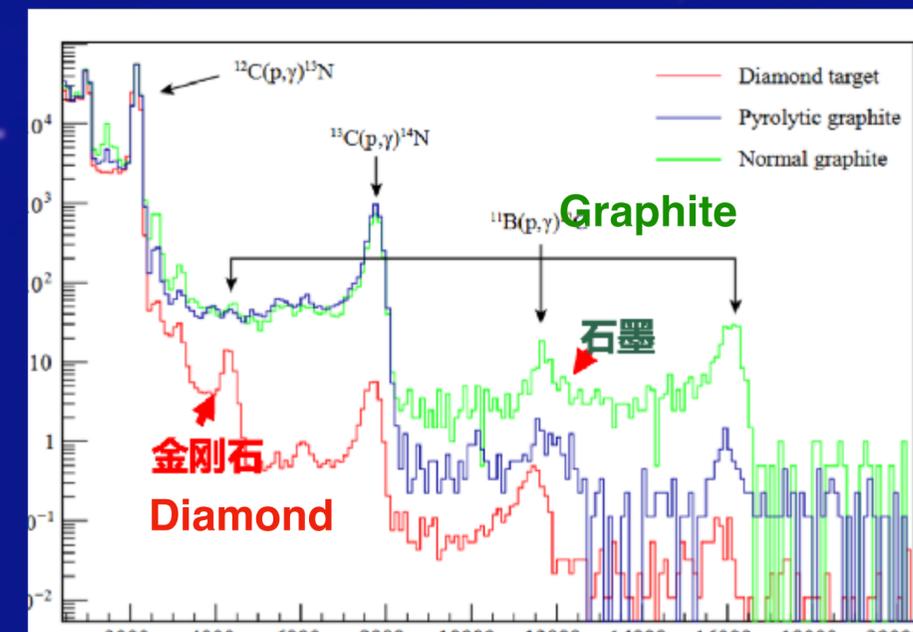


May, 2025 Accelerator ready for beam

# LAMDA-II array and diamond target test



BKG: 2-10 X than Graphite



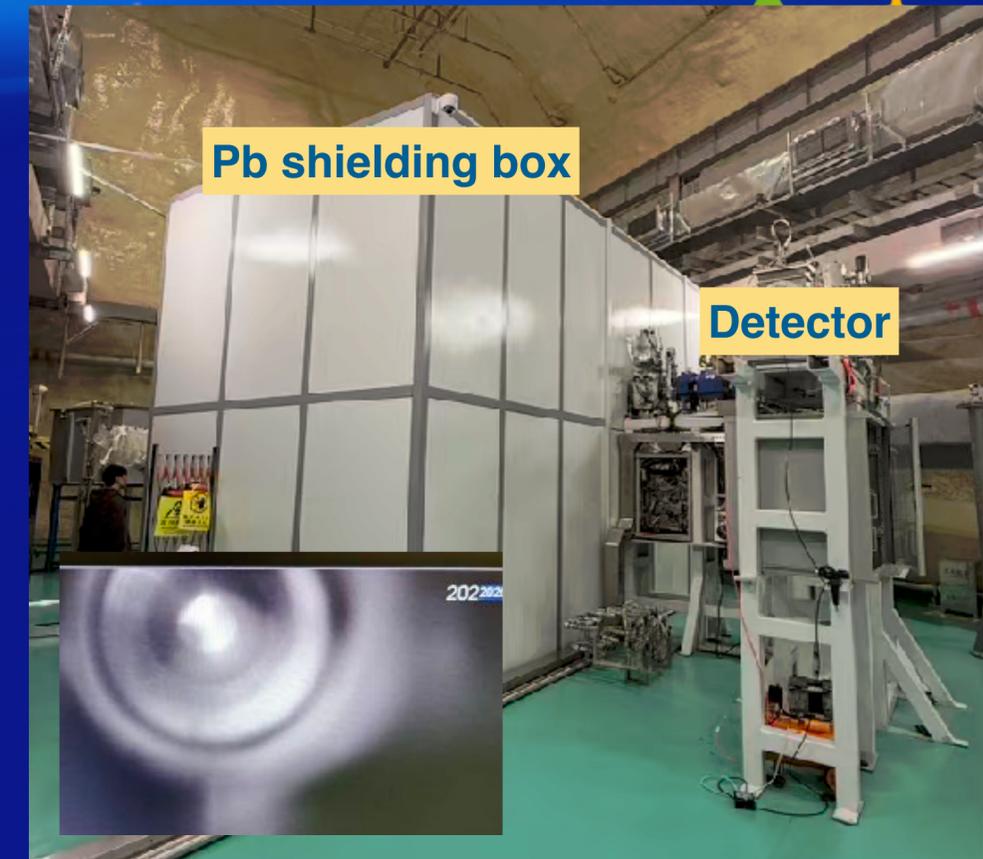
# JUNA Run-2 Exp.: 2025-2027

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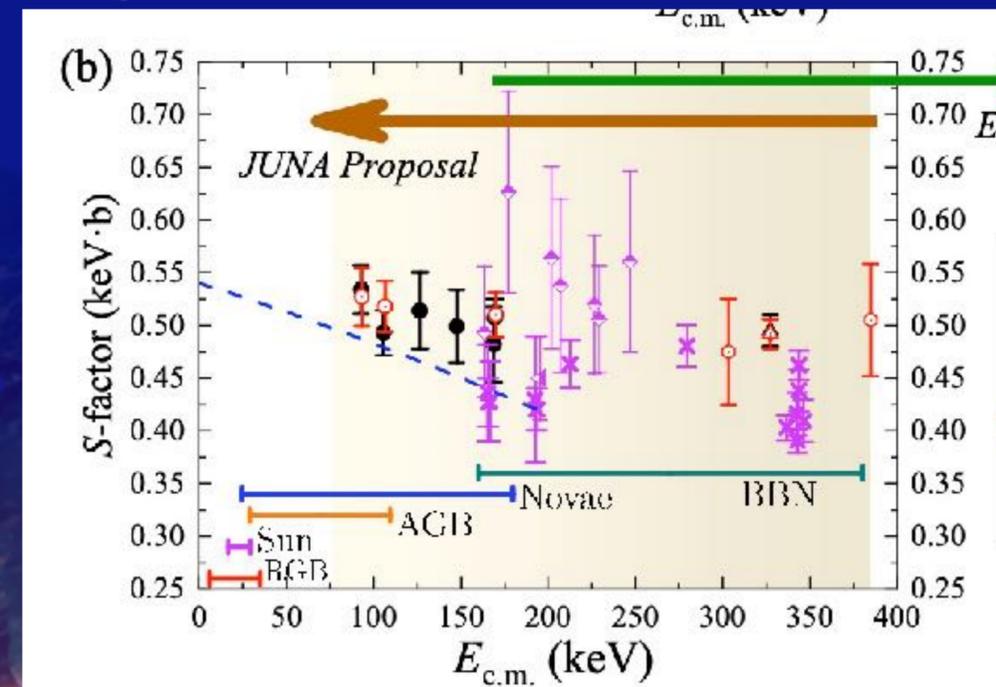
- $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ , confidence from  $1\sigma$  to  $3\sigma$
- $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ , full coverage of s-process
- $^{19}\text{F}(p, \gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ , cover 80-150 keV with high precision
- $^{14}\text{N}(p, \gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ , Solar neutrino

- Using gas target

- $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n)^{25}\text{Mg}$ , weak s-process n source
- $^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma)^7\text{Be}$ , solar metallicity, Li abundance, 80-380 keV



Run-2 is coming! May 22, 2025,  
2 mA 230 keV He<sup>1+</sup> beam!



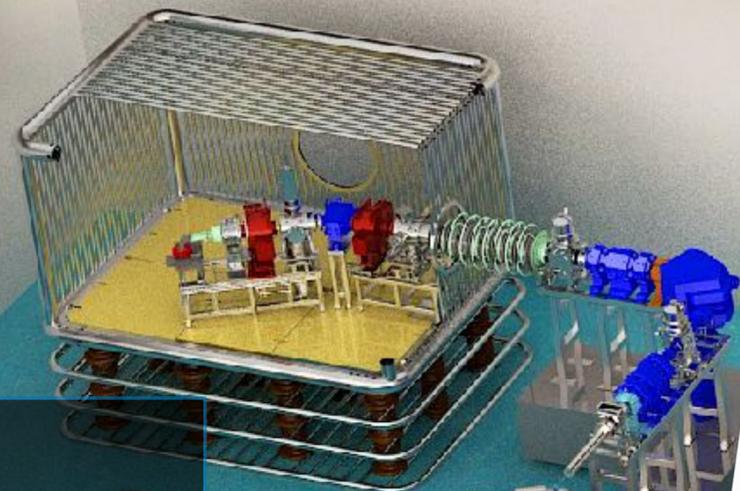


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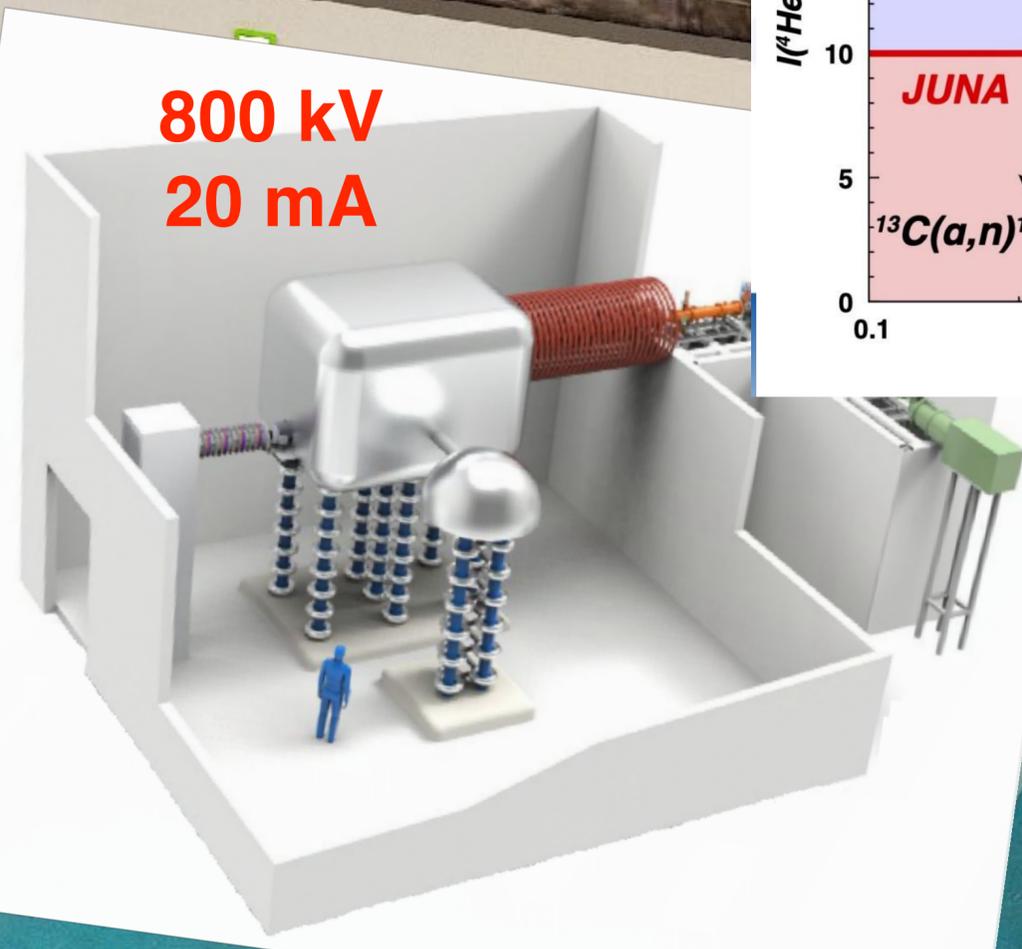
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# JUNA

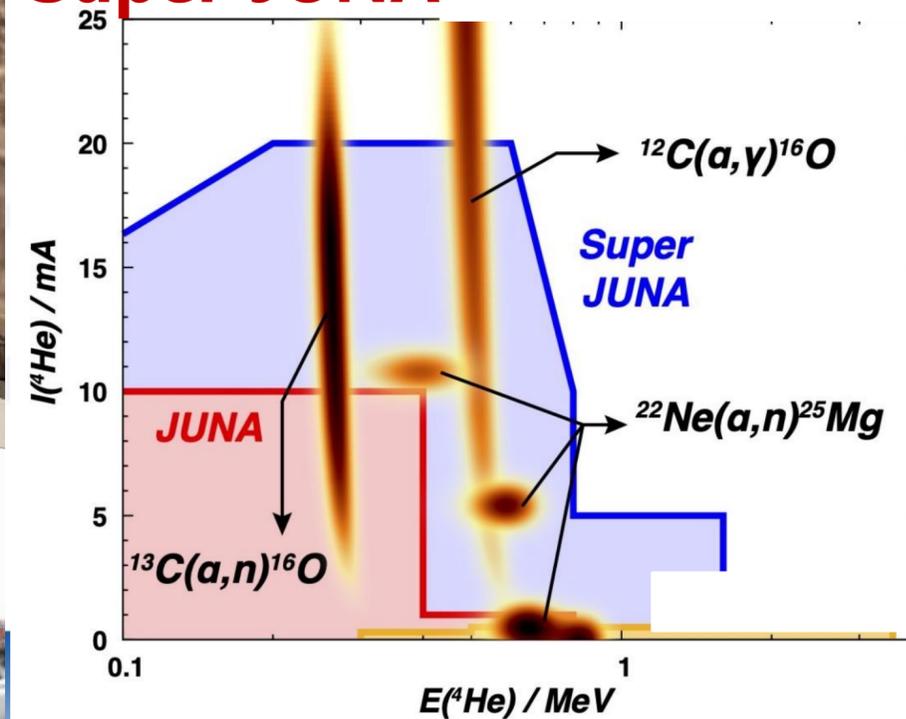
400 kV  
1-10 mA



800 kV  
20 mA



## Super-JUNA



Intensity

Super JUNA

JUNA

LUNA

LUNA MV

Energy

- Double beam time
- More close to Gamow window
- Connect to higher energy range

# Super JUNA

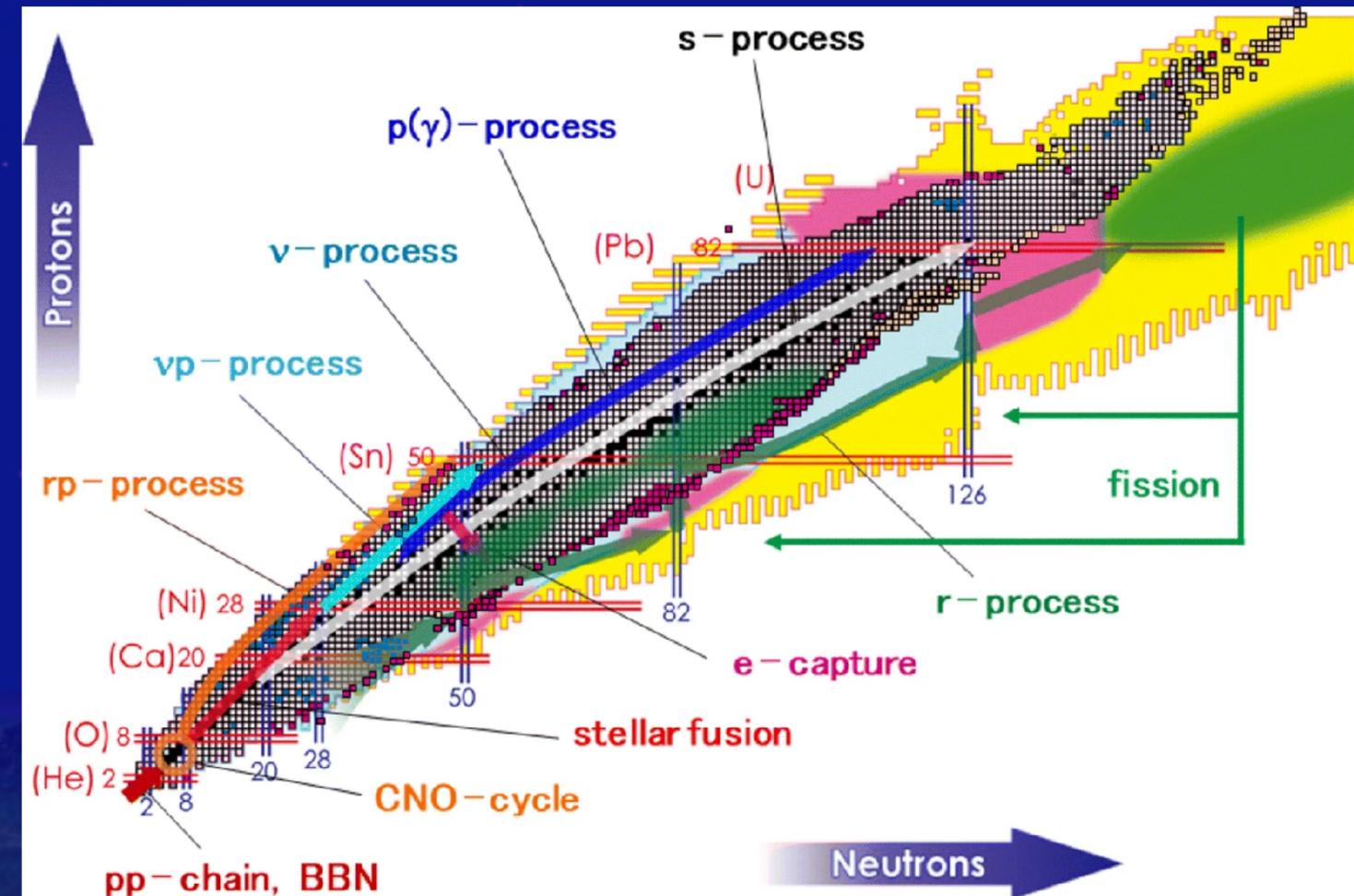
# Future study of nuclear astrophysics



- Underground, LUNA, CASPAR, JUNA,...
- Explosive process, RIBLL, RIBF, FRIB, TRIUMF, BRIF,...
- Mass, ESR, CSR, RI-Ring,...
- Decay, RIBF, RIBLL, BRIF, ISOLDE,...
- Neutron capture, CERN n-tof, CSNS, ....
- Novel approach, SLEGES, ELI-NP, Laser facilities,...
- Theory, simulation, ...
- Space based, gamma observatory,...

• Progress in nuclear astrophysics of east and southeast Asia...Toshitaka Kajino\*, ..., WPL\*, ..., Xiaodong Tang\*,... et al., AAPPSP Bulletin (2021) 31:18

**Future: FRIB, RAON, FAIR, HIAF, ELI-NP, BISOL, Super JUNA..., will open up new opportunities!**



# Take home message from JUNA



- Nuclear astrophysics is a frontier in nuclear physics and rapid developing in China, thank to to the progress of BRIF and HIRFL, and JUNA from 2020, for reaction, mass and decay
- JUNA started online reactions from Jan. 2021 by Run 1, with mA p and He beams with 400 kV open platform with keV precision, BGO and  $^3\text{He}$  array, 100 C duration target
- With JUNA Run 1,  $^{25}\text{Mg}(p, \gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$  reached high precision,  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$  showed feasibility, 225 keV resonance in  $^{19}\text{F}(p, \gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$  explained Ca abundance of oldest star, and discrepancies of neutron source  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$  resolved
- JUNA reinstalled in new A1 hall CJPL Spet. 2024 with He beam May 2025, Run-2 will start by July 2025, with experimental plan approved, eg.,  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$
- From 2026, we will open proposals by Run 3 for international users with support from NSFC, please join us in CJPL, and also lots of job opportunities in Chinese universities !

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