

(α,γ) & (α,n) key reaction studies
using
($^7\text{Li},t$) alpha-transfer reactions

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Why studying (α,γ) & (α,n) reactions via α -transfer reactions?

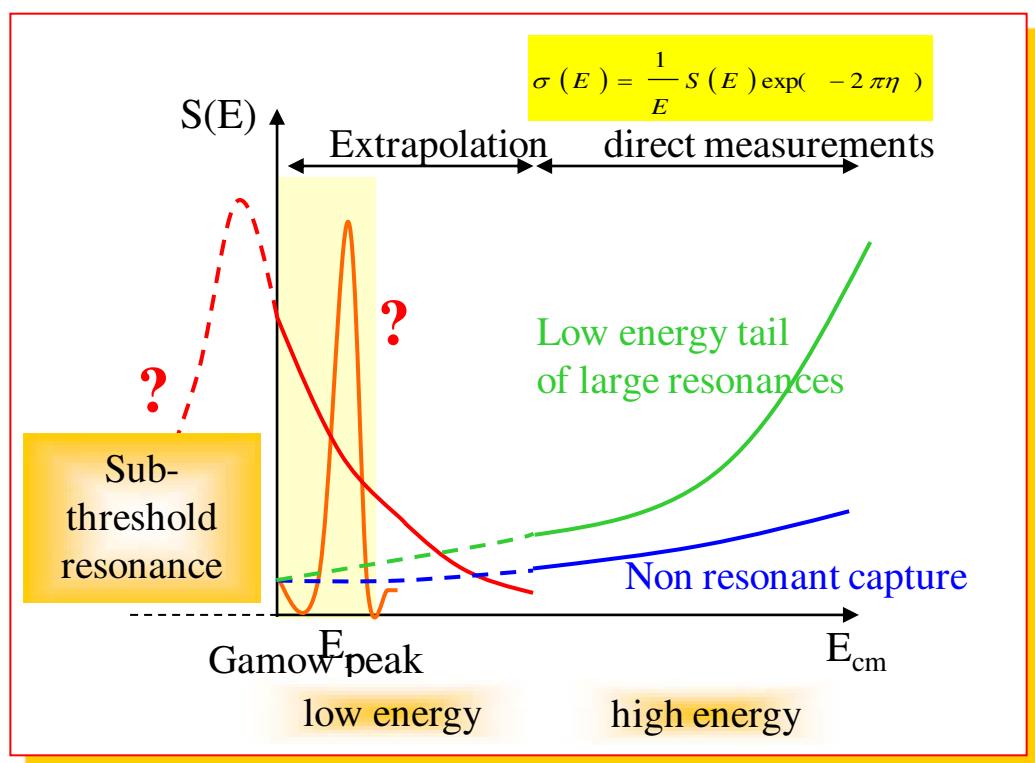
- $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ (massive stars), $^{14}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{18}\text{O}$ (AGB stars & ^{19}F)
 - $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$
 - $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,n)^{25}\text{Mg}$, $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,\gamma)^{25}\text{Mg}$
 - $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha,n)^{20}\text{Ne}$, $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{21}\text{Ne}$
 - $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$
 - $^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha,p)^{21}\text{Na}$
- } Type I X-ray bursts
- } s-process in AGB & massive stars

$T=0.1\text{-}1 \text{ GK}$

→ hundreds keV- MeV $\ll E_C$

→ $\sigma(E)$ very weak (0.01 fb- $\sim 100 \text{ pb}$)

→ Direct measurements are very challenging or impossible

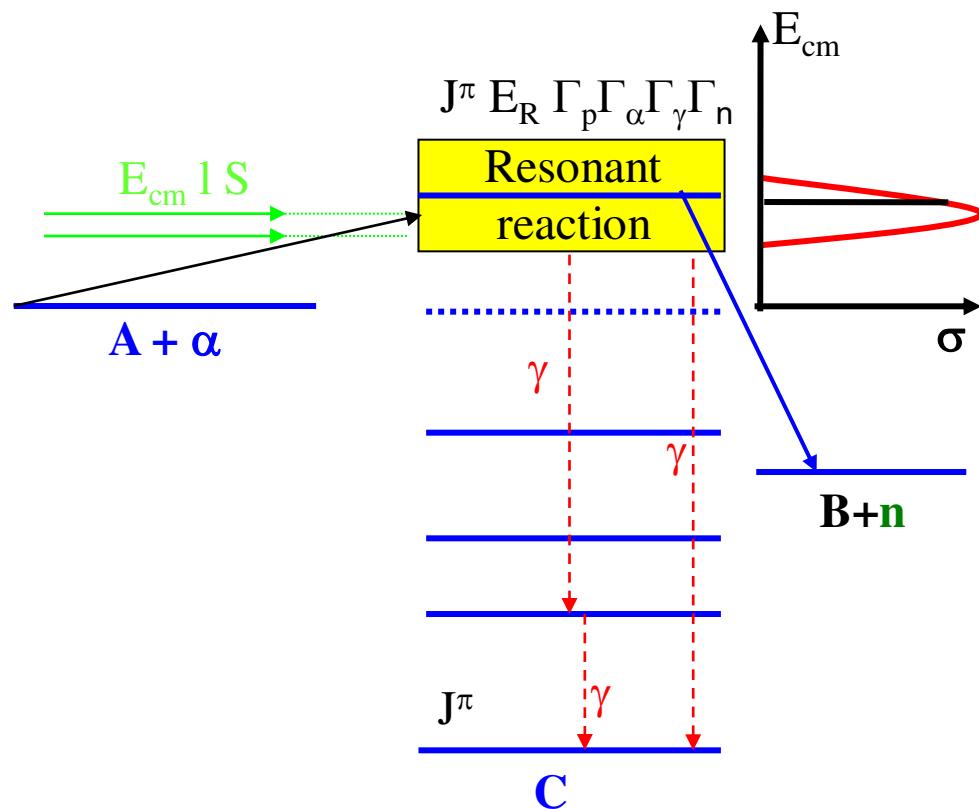


➤ In case of stable nuclei:
Direct measurements of $\sigma(E)$ at high energies
then extrapolation at stellar energies

But:
Problems with extrapolation: resonances at
very low energy, sub-threshold resonances

➤ In case of radioactive nuclei:
Low beam intensities ($\sim 10^5$ - 10^7 p/s)
→ direct measurements challenging

Resonant (α,γ) & (α,n) reaction cross-sections



Resonant capture only possible for energies:

$$E_{cm} = E_R = E_x - Q$$

$$\sigma(E) = \pi \hbar^2 \frac{2J_c + 1}{(2J_A + 1)(2J_x + 1)} \frac{\Gamma_x \Gamma_y}{(E - E_R)^2 + \Gamma_{tot}^2 / 4}$$

$x = \alpha$,
 $y = n$ or γ

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\mu kT} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \hbar (\omega \gamma)_R \exp\left(-\frac{E_R}{kT}\right)$$

$$\rightarrow (\omega \gamma)_R = \frac{2J_c + 1}{(2J_A + 1) \cdot (2J_x + 1)} \frac{\Gamma_x \Gamma_y}{\Gamma_{tot}}$$

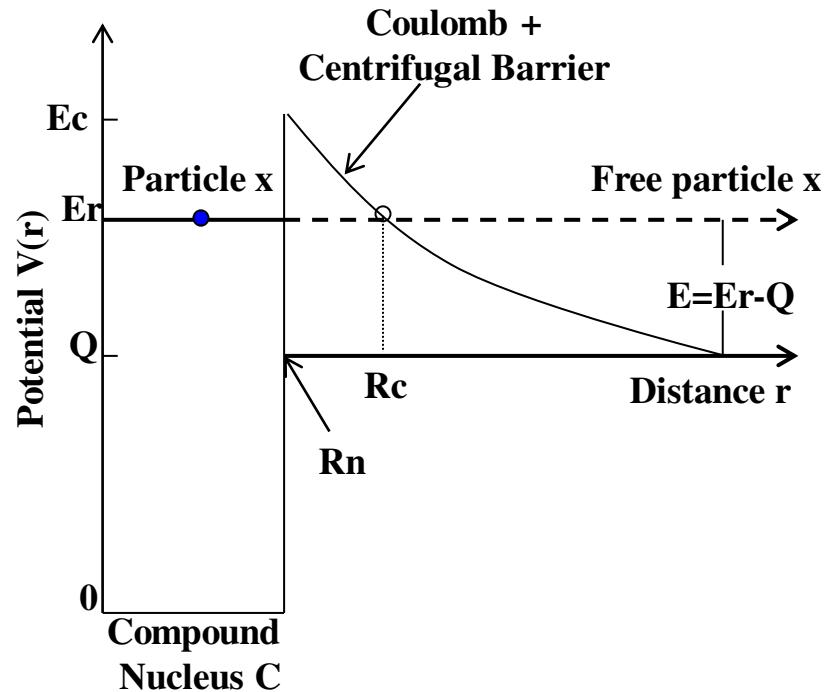
- The resonant reaction rates can be calculated if the resonant parameters ($E_R, J_i, \Gamma_{x,y}$) are known



experiments can be performed to extract these spectroscopic information

Transfer reactions to evaluate the decay partial widths

Let's assume a compound nucleus C in an excited state E_r which has a pure core-particle configuration $\Psi = |A \oplus \alpha\rangle$

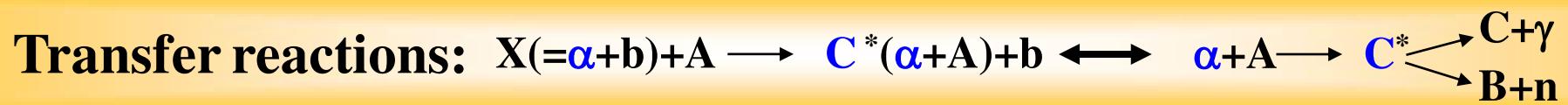


The single-particle decay partial width of C into $A+\alpha$ is given by
(See. Illiadis: Nuclear physics of stars)

$$\Gamma_{\alpha}^{s.p} = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{\mu} \right) R P_l(E, R) |\phi(R)|^2$$

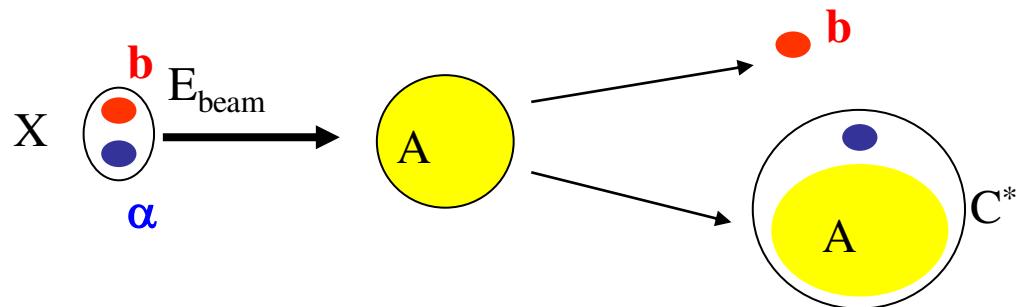
P_l = penetrability factor
 $\phi(R_n)$ radial wave function of the particle α .

- For a state with a pure core-particle configuration, $\Gamma_{\alpha}^{s.p}$ can be calculated
- In most of cases Ψ is a mixture of configurations and we have $\Gamma_{\alpha} = S_{\alpha} \Gamma_{\alpha}^{s.p}$
 - S_{α} is a measure of the overlap between the initial and final state
- By determining the spectroscopic factor $S_{\alpha} = \langle C^* | A \otimes \alpha \rangle^2$ via transfer reactions, we can calculate Γ_{α} .



- Populate the states of interest in the compound nucleus C^* formed by $\alpha+A$ by transferring the particle α from a high-energy projectile X assumed to be composite ($X=\alpha+b$) (typical $E \sim$ few tens of MeV $>>$ V_{coul}) to the target nucleus A

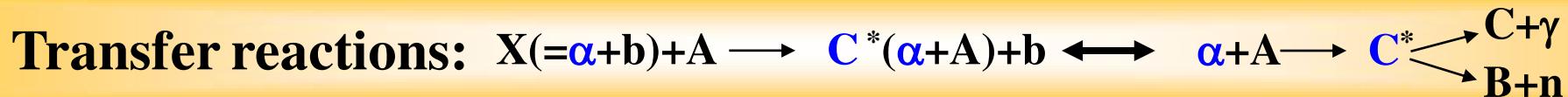
What do we measure by detecting b?



- By measuring the energy and angle of the emitted particle b
⇒ Excitation Level energies of the populated states in C^* : E_x (kinematics calculations)
- Differential cross-sections of each populated state: $d\sigma/d\Omega$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{lab}^{\exp} = \frac{Yield(\theta_{lab})}{N_p N_T \Delta\Omega}$$

- Yield = Number of b particles measured at each θ
- N_p = number of projectile ions
- N_T = number of target atoms/cm², $\Delta\Omega$ = Solid angle

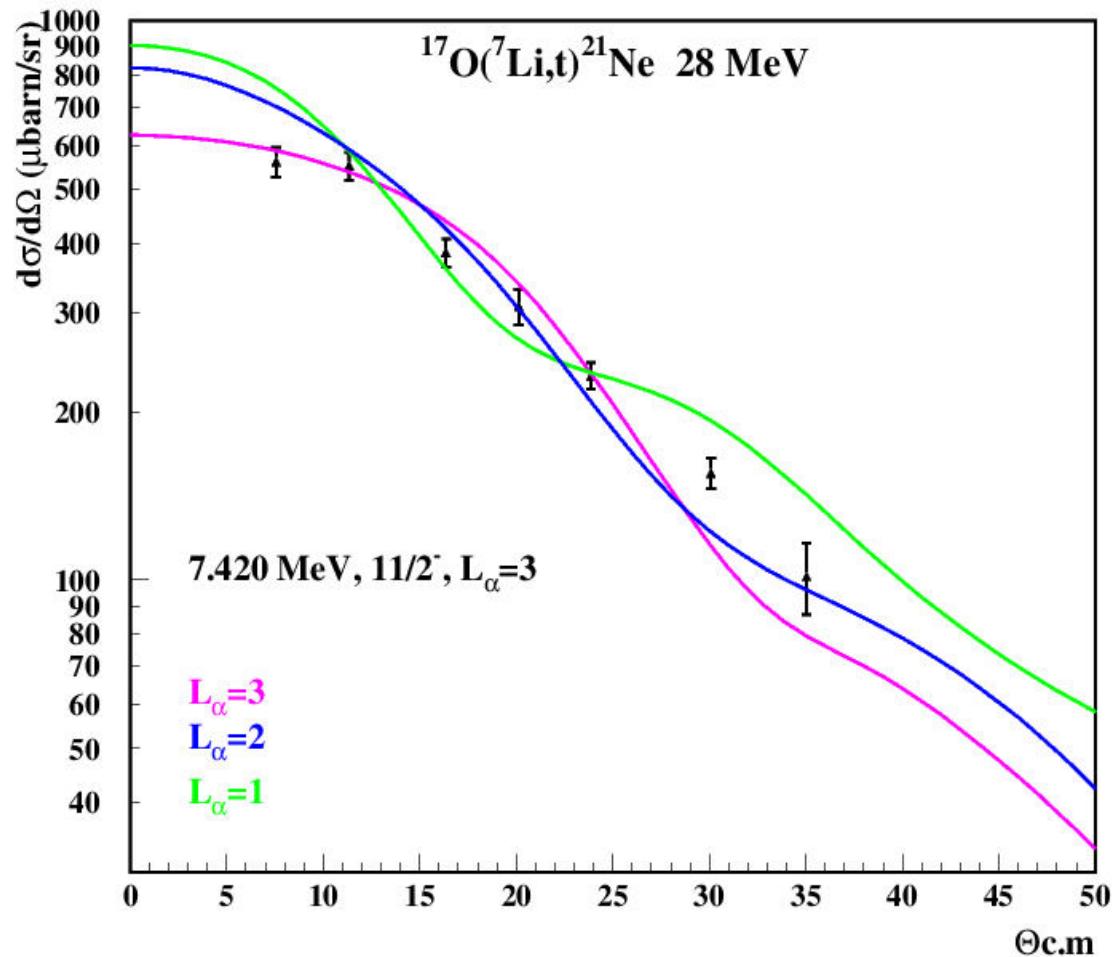


- From the **shape** of the angular distribution & comparison to a theoretical calculation
 - Angular momentum of the transferred particle
 - ⇒ **Orbital angular momentum l** of the single particle bound state
- From the **normalisation** of the calculations to the data
 - **Alpha spectroscopic factor**

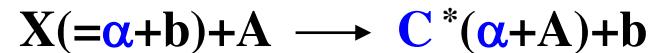
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{exp}} = C^2 S'_{\alpha} S_{\alpha} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{Th}}$$

$$S'_{\alpha} = \langle {}^7Li | t \otimes \alpha \rangle = 1 \quad \text{Kubo et al PRC 1978}$$

$$S_{\alpha} = \langle C | A \otimes \alpha \rangle$$



Theoretical description of transfer reaction



The Model used to describe transfer reactions in general is: **DWBA** (Distorted Wave Born Approximation) & beyond

DWBA main assumptions:

- Nucleon or cluster transfer occurs directly between the two active channels X+A and C+b: the transferred nucleon or cluster is directly deposited on the final state (no rearrangement in the final nucleus)
- The entrance and exit channels processes are dominated by the elastic scattering → **Distorted waves**
- The transfer process is weak enough to be treated as a first order perturbation → **Born Approximation**

DWBA cross section for a transfer reaction can be written as : $\sigma_{tra} \propto \left| \left\langle \chi_f | I_{\alpha A}^C | \hat{V} | I_{b\alpha}^X | \chi_i \right\rangle \right|^2$

$\chi_{i,f}$ The distorted wave functions of the initial and final state

\hat{V} Transition operator

$I_{\alpha A}^C(r_{\alpha A})$ & $I_{b\alpha}^X(r_{b\alpha})$ the overlapping functions of the bound states C/X formed by α and A/b

The radial part $I_{\alpha A}^C$ is approximated : $I_{\alpha A}^C(r_{\alpha A}) = S^{1/2} \varphi_{\alpha A}(r_{\alpha A})$ **S** is the spectroscopic factor

$\varphi_{\alpha A}$ Is the radial part of the bound state wave function describing the relative motion $\alpha+A$ in C

From α spectroscopic factors to α -decay reduced widths γ_{α}^2 or ANCs \tilde{C}^2

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{exp}} = C^2 S_{\alpha}^C S_{\alpha}^X \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{DW}} \quad S_{\alpha}^X = \langle X | b \otimes \alpha \rangle \approx 1 \text{ (in most cases)}$$

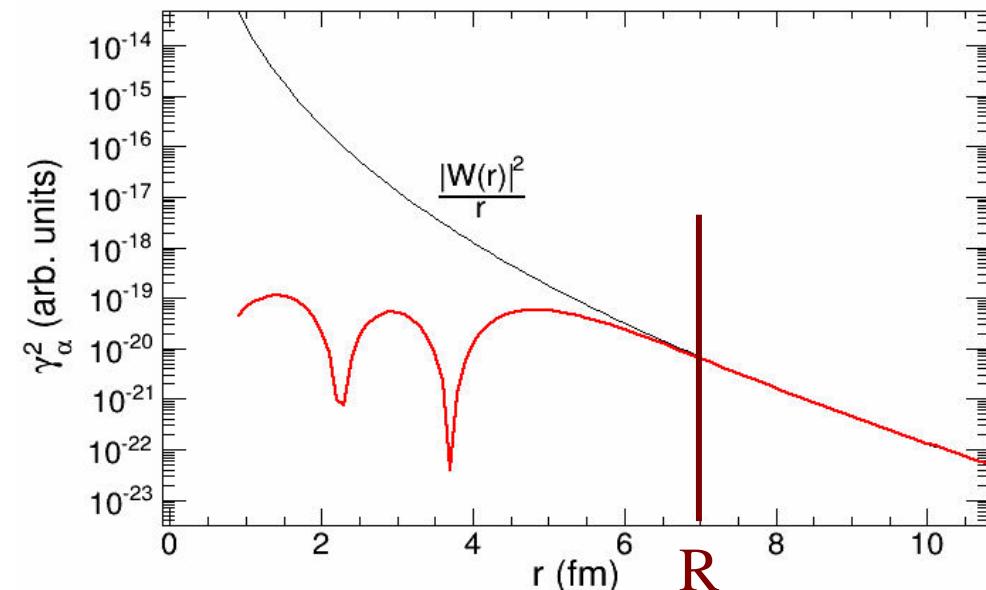
$$S_{\alpha}^C = \langle C | A \otimes \alpha \rangle$$

$$\gamma_{\alpha}^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 R}{2\mu} S_{\alpha}^C |\phi(R)|^2$$

$$\tilde{C}^2 = S_{\alpha}^C \frac{R^2 |\phi(R)|^2}{W(R)^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma_{\alpha} = 2 P_l \gamma_{\alpha}^2$$

$W(R)$: Whittaker function



The calculation has to be done @ a radius R
where $\phi(R)$ reaches its
Coulomb asymptotic behavior

DWBA calculations

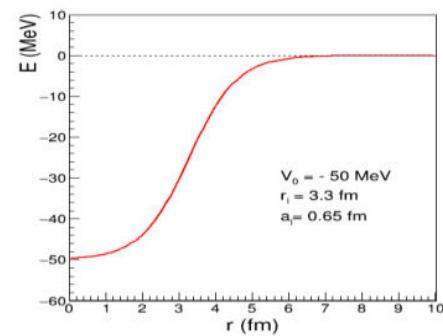
- Codes: FRESCO, DWUCK, ... [Thomson, Compt. Phys. Rep. 7, 167 \(1988\)](#), P.D. Kunz spot.Colorado.edu/~kunz/DWBA.html)

- DWBA ingredients:

- Appropriate choice of **optical potential** parameters to describe the **entrance & exit** channels
 - Elastic scattering measurements → $X(A,A)X$, $C(b,b)C$ or global optical model parametrizations for a given range of mass & energy ([Perey & Perey Atom. nucl. Data Tabl. 17 \(1976\)](#), [Daehnick et al. PRC 21,6 \(1980\)](#),...)
- **Binding potential** parameters describing the interaction of the transferred particle with the core in the final & initial nucleus
 - The depth **V** is adjusted to reproduce the **binding energy** of the bound state
 - Geometry of potential (r_i , a_i) → uncertainty on spectroscopic factor

Wood-Saxon $\longrightarrow V(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp(\frac{r-r_i}{a_i})}$

V_0 : depth of the potential (MeV)
 r_i : radius
 a_i : diffusivity



Which alpha transfer reactions?

➤ **($^7\text{Li},\text{t}$), ($^6\text{Li},\text{d}$) alpha transfer reactions:** → to evaluate (α,n) & (α,γ) reactions by extracting $S_\alpha \rightarrow \Gamma_\alpha$

Note: - $(^7\text{Li},\text{t})$ → less affected by multi-step effects F.H and N. de Sérerville, fphy.2020.602920 & references therein

→ cross-sections to low spin states enhanced because of the non-zero α -angular momentum in ${}^7\text{Li}$:

$$J^\pi({}^7\text{Li})=1/2^+ \quad J^\pi(\text{t})=3/2^+ \Rightarrow L_\alpha=1 \quad \rightarrow \text{less momentum mismatch}$$

→ angular distributions → stronger direct features: more forward pronounced maxima

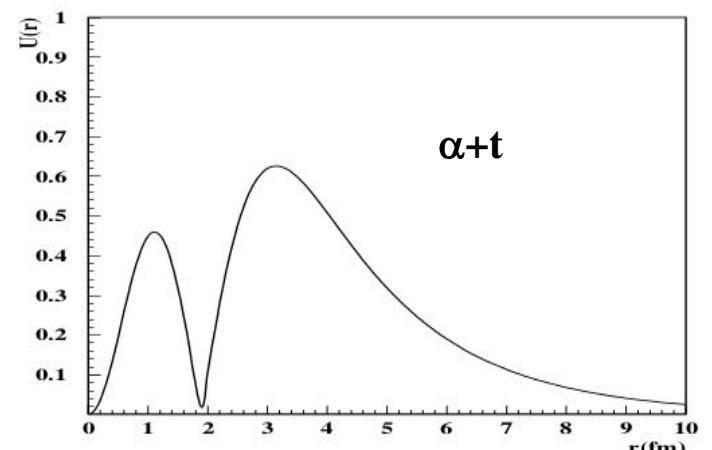
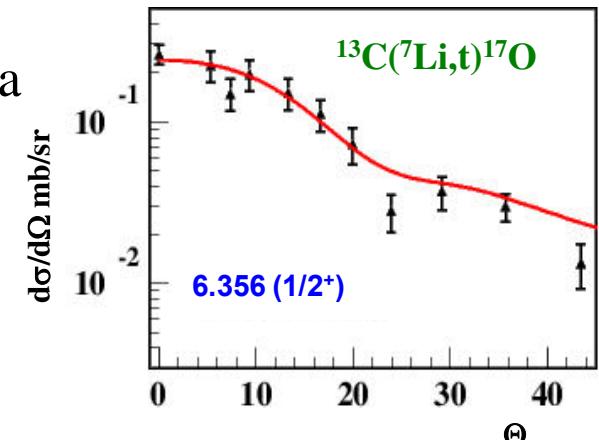
→ populate more selectively states with α structure

• e.g.: - ${}^{13}\text{C}({}^7\text{Li},\text{t}){}^{17}\text{O}$ for ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,\text{n}){}^{16}\text{O}$ Pellegriti et al. PRC (R) 2008

${}^{12}\text{C}({}^7\text{Li},\text{t}){}^{16}\text{O}$ for ${}^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{16}\text{O}$ Oulebsir et al. PRC 2012

${}^7\text{Li}({}^{22}\text{Ne},\text{t}){}^{26}\text{Mg}$ (ANC) for ${}^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,\text{n}){}^{25}\text{Mg}$ Jayatissa et al. PRC 2020

→ Cluster transfer ⇒ Describe the interaction potential of $\langle \alpha+\text{t} | {}^7\text{Li} \rangle$ overlaps for $({}^7\text{Li},\text{t})$ transfer → Finite range DWBA (FR-DWBA)



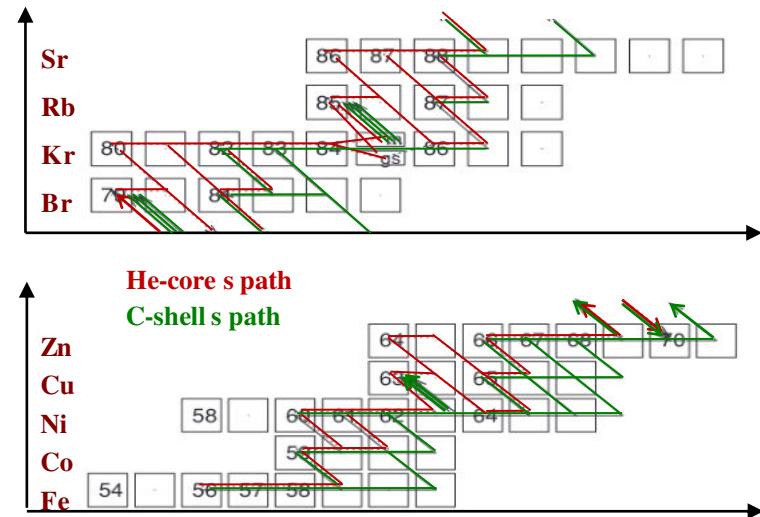
s-process in rotating metal-poor massive stars



- s-process nucleosynthesis → half of the abundance of heavy elements in Universe
- $60 < A < 90$ (weak s-process component) → massive stars $M > 8M_{\odot}$

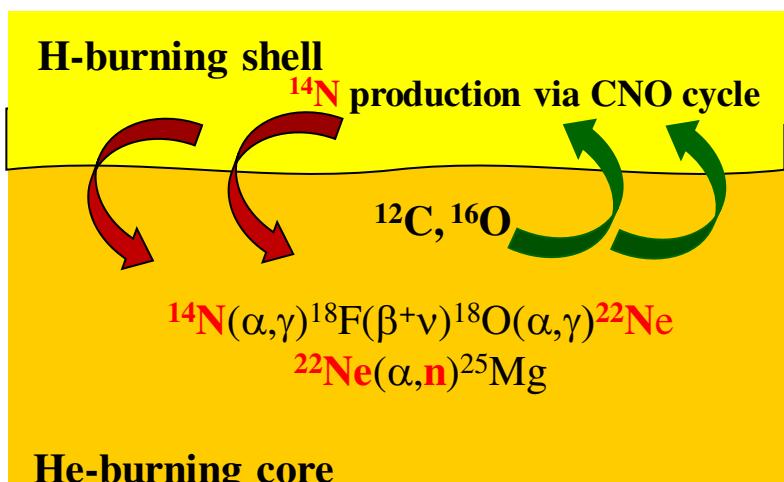
Core He burning ($T \sim 3 \cdot 10^8$ K, $N_n = 10^6$ cm $^{-3}$)
 &
 shell Carbon burning ($T \sim 10^9$ K, $N_n = 10^{11}$ cm $^{-3}$)

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Pignatari+ 2010

- Metal-poor massive stars → negligible s-process production (low ^{22}Ne & Fe seed abundance)
- With fast rotation induced mixing → ^{22}Ne production in He core strongly enhanced Nishimura+16, Chojalin+18



→ large production of s-elements between Strontium & Barium $90 < A < 140$

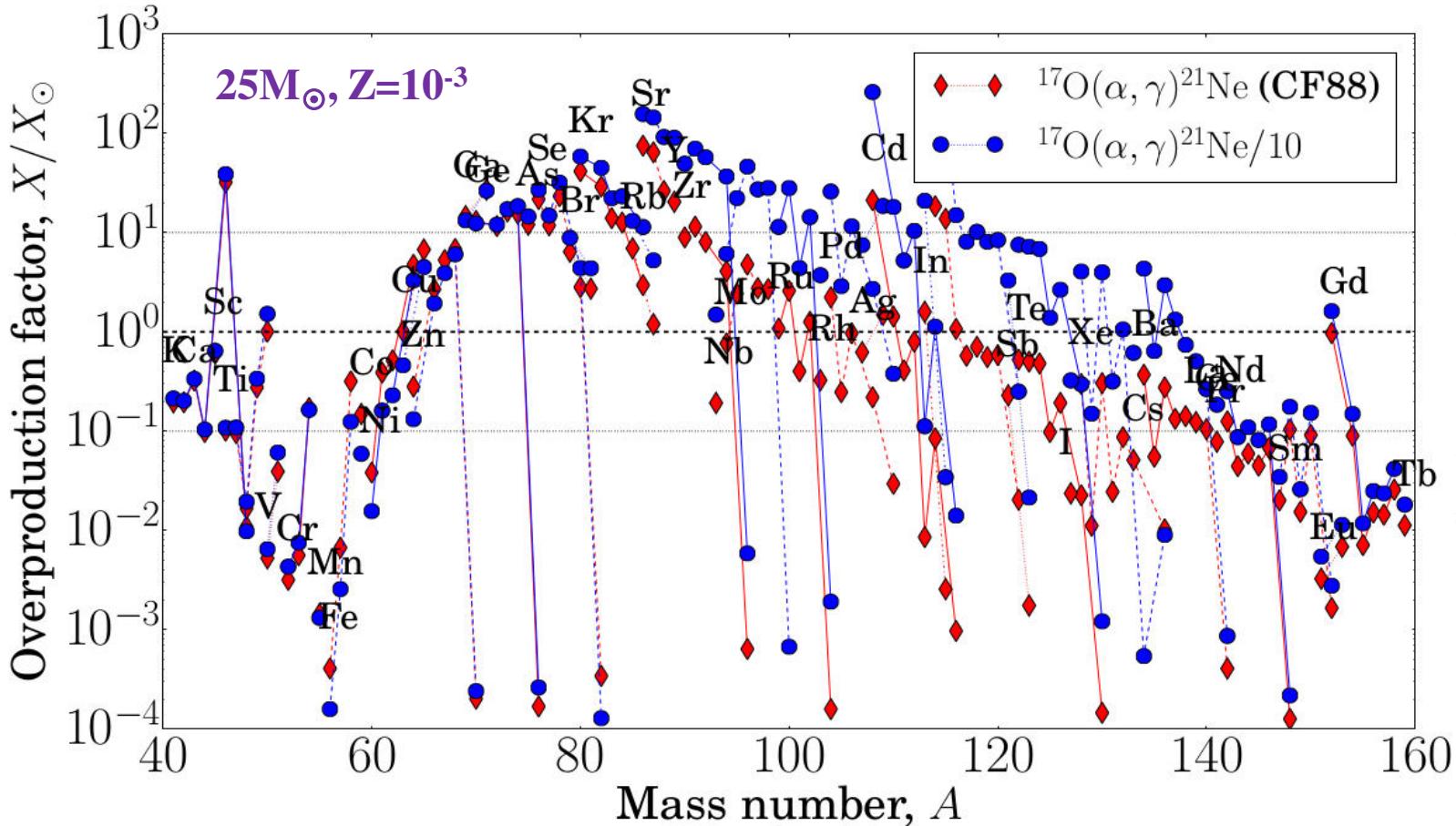
- Enhanced weak s-process (es-process) Frischknecht+16
 → Important impact on chemical enrichment in early galaxies.
- Source of heavy elements such as Barium in early universe? Barbuy+14
- Origin of the observed enhanced s-elements in globular cluster NGC6522 Barbuy+09 & in CEMP stars Beers+05 ?

s-process in rotating metal-poor massive stars

But the final abundances of the enhanced weak s-process strongly depends on:

$^{16}\text{O}(\text{n},\gamma)^{17}\text{O}$ neutron poison effect & $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha,\text{n})/^{17}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)$ reaction rate ratio

→ neutron recycling efficiency



Calculation with $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha,\text{n})^{20}\text{Ne}$ Nacre adopted rate & $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{22}\text{Ne}$ CF88 rate

Present status on $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha, \text{n})^{20}\text{Ne}$ and $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{21}\text{Ne}$

- Core He burning: $T \sim 0.2\text{-}0.3 \text{ GK} \rightarrow E_{\text{c.m.}} \sim 0.297\text{-}0.646 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow E_x = 7.64\text{-}8.00$ in ^{21}Ne
- Shell Carbon burning: $T \sim 1 \text{ GK} \rightarrow E_{\text{c.m.}} \sim 0.783\text{-}1.5 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow E_x = 8.13\text{-}8.85$ in ^{21}Ne

$^{17}\text{O}(\alpha, \text{n})^{20}\text{Ne}$ & $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{21}\text{Ne}$ direct measurements:

- Denker+1994, Best+2013 $\rightarrow 0.63 \leq E_{\text{cm}} \leq 1.8 \text{ MeV}$
 - Best +2011, Taggart+2019
 - Williams+2022
- $\left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} 0.63 \leq E_{\text{cm}} \leq 1.33 \text{ MeV}$

- No direct measurements @ $E_{\text{cm}} < 0.63 \text{ MeV}$ (Core He burning)

- Spectroscopy of ^{21}Ne : E_x , S_α or Γ_α , J^π , $\Gamma_\gamma/\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$, $\Gamma_n \dots$

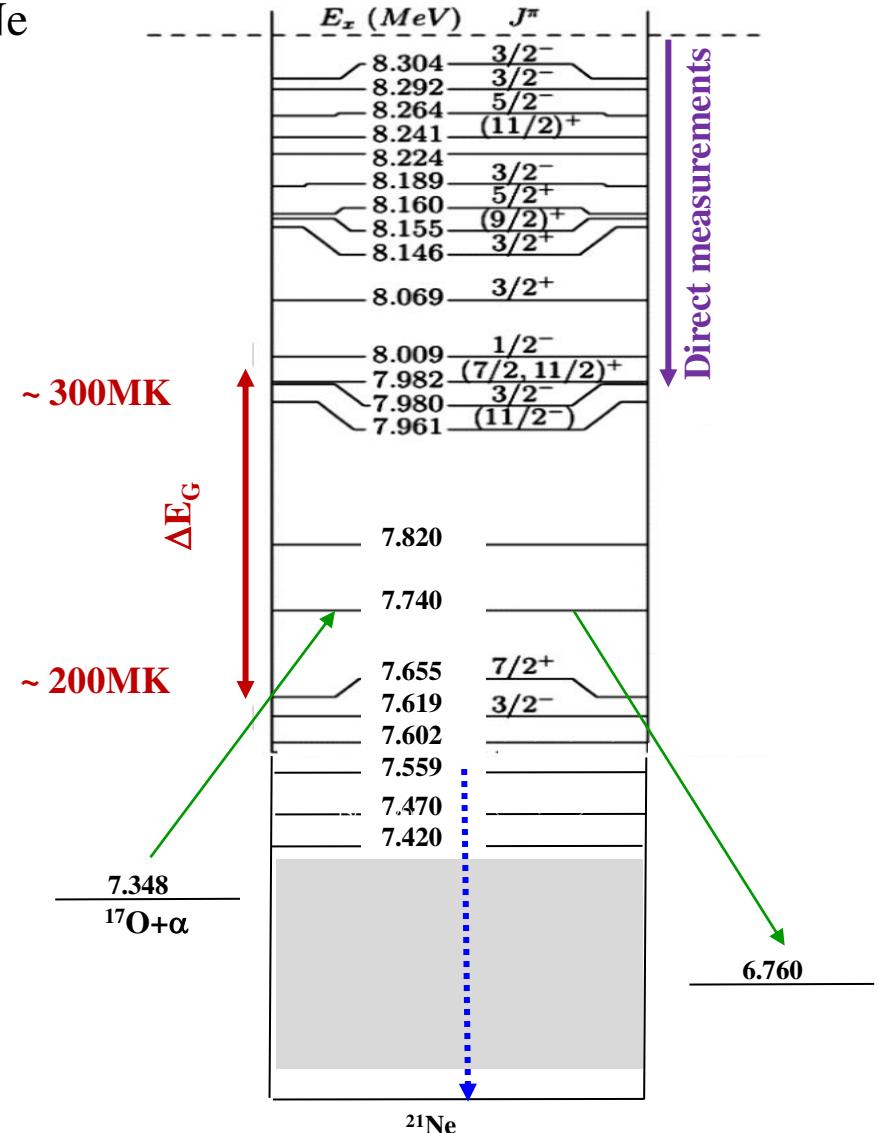
↳ $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha, \text{n})$ and $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)$ rates (core He burning)

→ Unknown or poorly known $S_\alpha (\Gamma_\alpha)$ & Γ_n , $\Gamma_\gamma/\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$

→ Few have spin-parity assignments

- Neutron transfer reaction $\rightarrow S_n \rightarrow \Gamma_n$ Frost-Schenk+MNRAS2022

- α -transfer reaction $\rightarrow S_\alpha \rightarrow \Gamma_\alpha$ (present work/MLL-exp)



Study of ^{21}Ne states via $^{17}\text{O}(^{7}\text{Li},\text{t})^{21}\text{Ne}$ α -transfer reaction

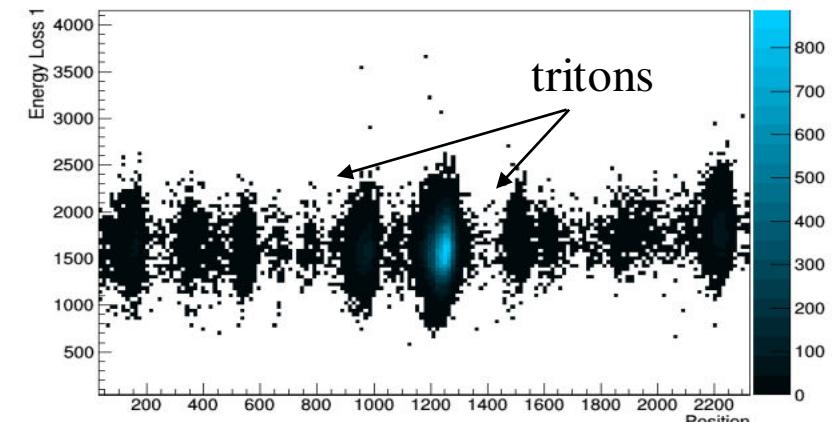
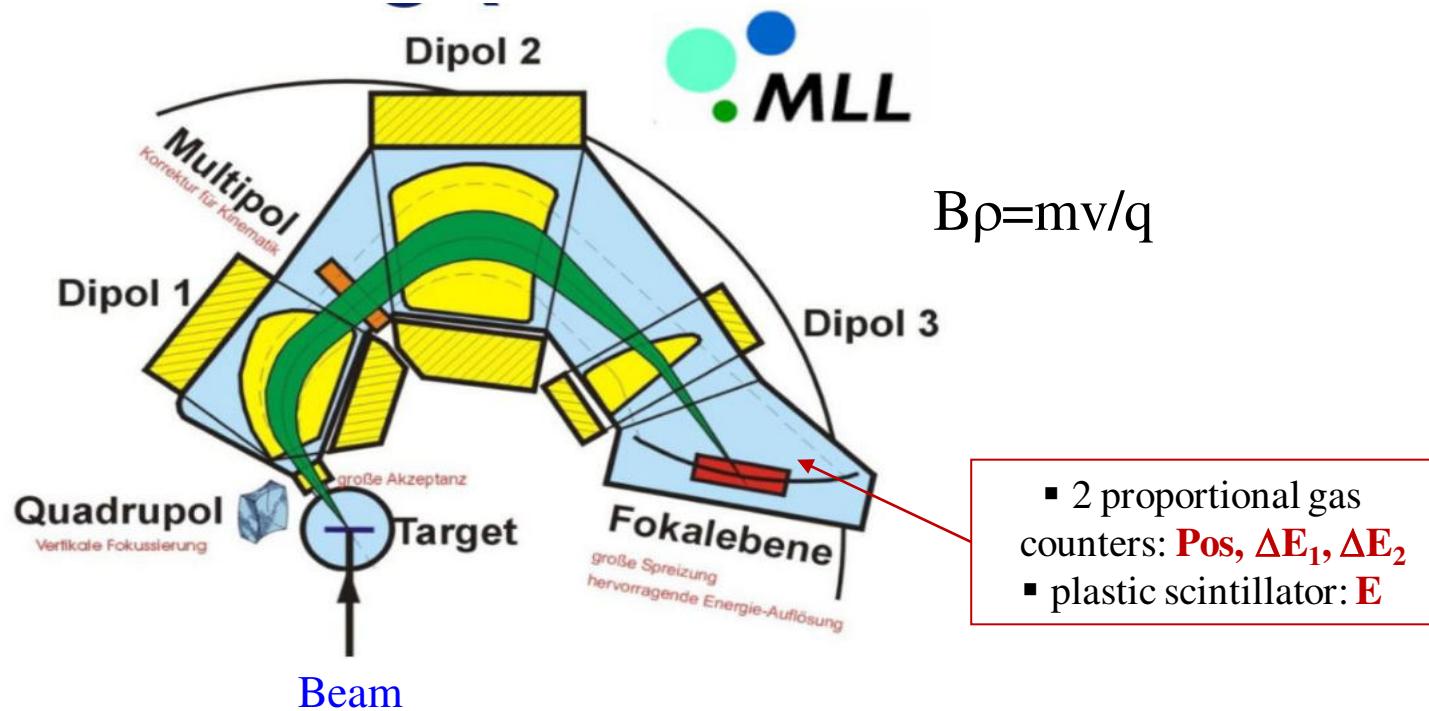
Q3D spectrometer (MLL)

- Beam ^{7}Li : $E=28 \text{ MeV}$
 $I=100 \text{ nAe}$
- Targets:
 - W^{17}O_3 ($41 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) enriched at 35% on ^{nat}C
 - W^{nat}O_3 ($39 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) on ^{nat}C
- Solid angle: 6 to 12.4 msr
- Energy resolution $\Delta E/E \sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$

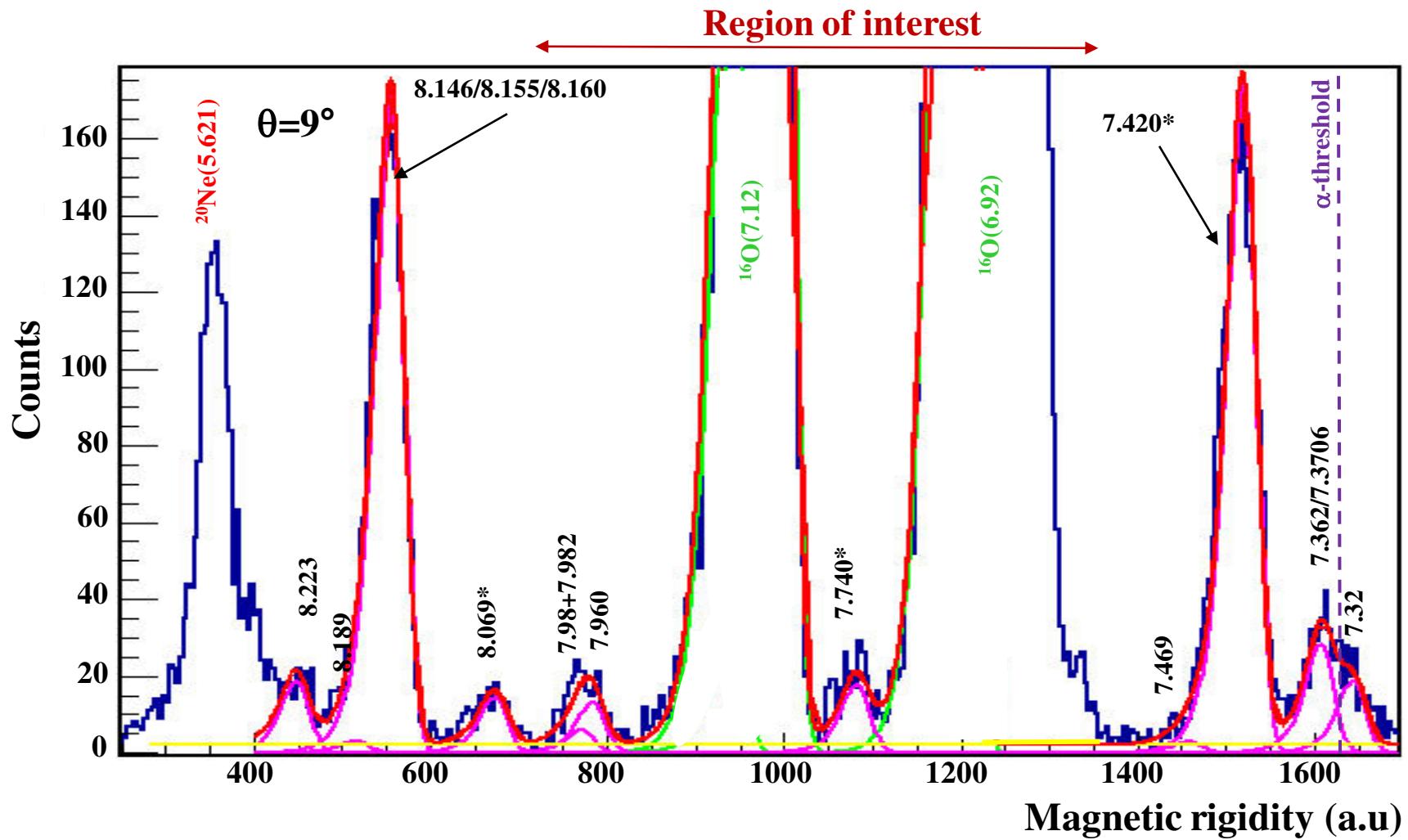
$d\sigma/d\Omega$ measurements:

- 9 angles $\theta_{lab}=6^\circ-36^\circ \Rightarrow \theta_{cm} \rightarrow 7.5^\circ-45^\circ$
- on W^{17}O_3 & on W^{nat}O_3 for calibration & background evaluation
- At 3 different times at 6° to check the stability of the target

F.H, P. Adsley, L. Lamia, S. Harrouz, N. de Séreville+coll



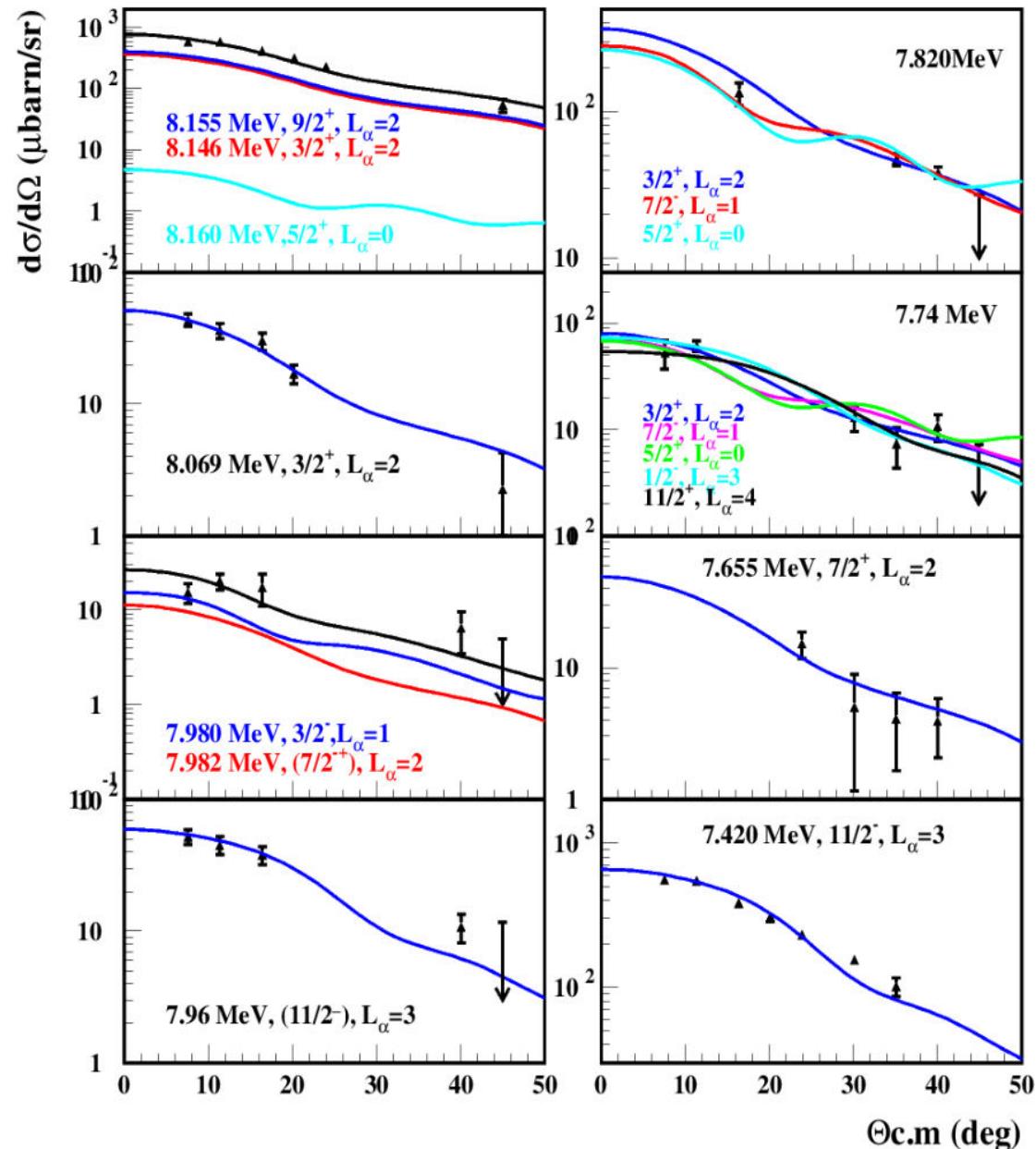
Excitation energy spectrum of ^{21}Ne



- Fit with multiple skewed gaussians with common width & exponential factor

Experimental energy resolution (FWHM) : $\sim 30 \text{ keV} (6^\circ) - 71 \text{ keV} (36^\circ)$

FR-DWBA calculations



- Good description of the data by DWBA → Direct transfer mechanism

- Triplet 8.160/8.155/8.146: Fit with 3 components
→ S_α of 8.146 & 8.160 MeV derived from Γ_α **Best+2013**
 $\Rightarrow S_\alpha(8.155 \text{ MeV}) = 0.15$ (present work)

- Doublet 7.980/7.982 MeV: Fit with 2 components
→ S_α of 7.98 MeV deduced using $\omega\gamma(\alpha, n)$ **Denker+94**
 $\Rightarrow S_\alpha(7.982 \text{ MeV}) = 0.005$ (present work)

- 7.820 MeV
→ Best χ^2 for $L_\alpha=0,1$ & good for $L_\alpha=2$
→ $L_\alpha=0 \rightarrow S_\alpha = 0.61$ (unlikely)

$$S_\alpha \rightarrow \Gamma_\alpha = 2P_l \frac{\hbar^2 R}{2\mu} S_\alpha |\phi(R)|^2$$

@ R=7.5 fm

- Γ_α uncertainty: 3- 40% (stat), **35%** (optical pot)

$^{17}\text{O}(\alpha, \text{n})$ & $^{17}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)$ reaction rates & $(\alpha, \text{n})/(\alpha, \gamma)$ rate ratio

Rates calculations:

RateMC code [Longland+2013](#)

- For $E_r < 721 \text{ keV}$ & $E_r = 807 \text{ keV}$: Γ_α ([present work](#))

Γ_α (7.82 MeV) for $L_\alpha=1$ ($L_\alpha=0$ in [Best+2013](#))

Γ_α (7.74 MeV) for $L_\alpha=0$ (as in [Best+2013](#))

$\rightarrow \Gamma_n$ [Frost-Schenk+2022](#)

- For $E_r \geq 721 \text{ keV}$:

$\rightarrow \Gamma_\alpha$ & Γ_n ([Best+2013](#) direct measurement)

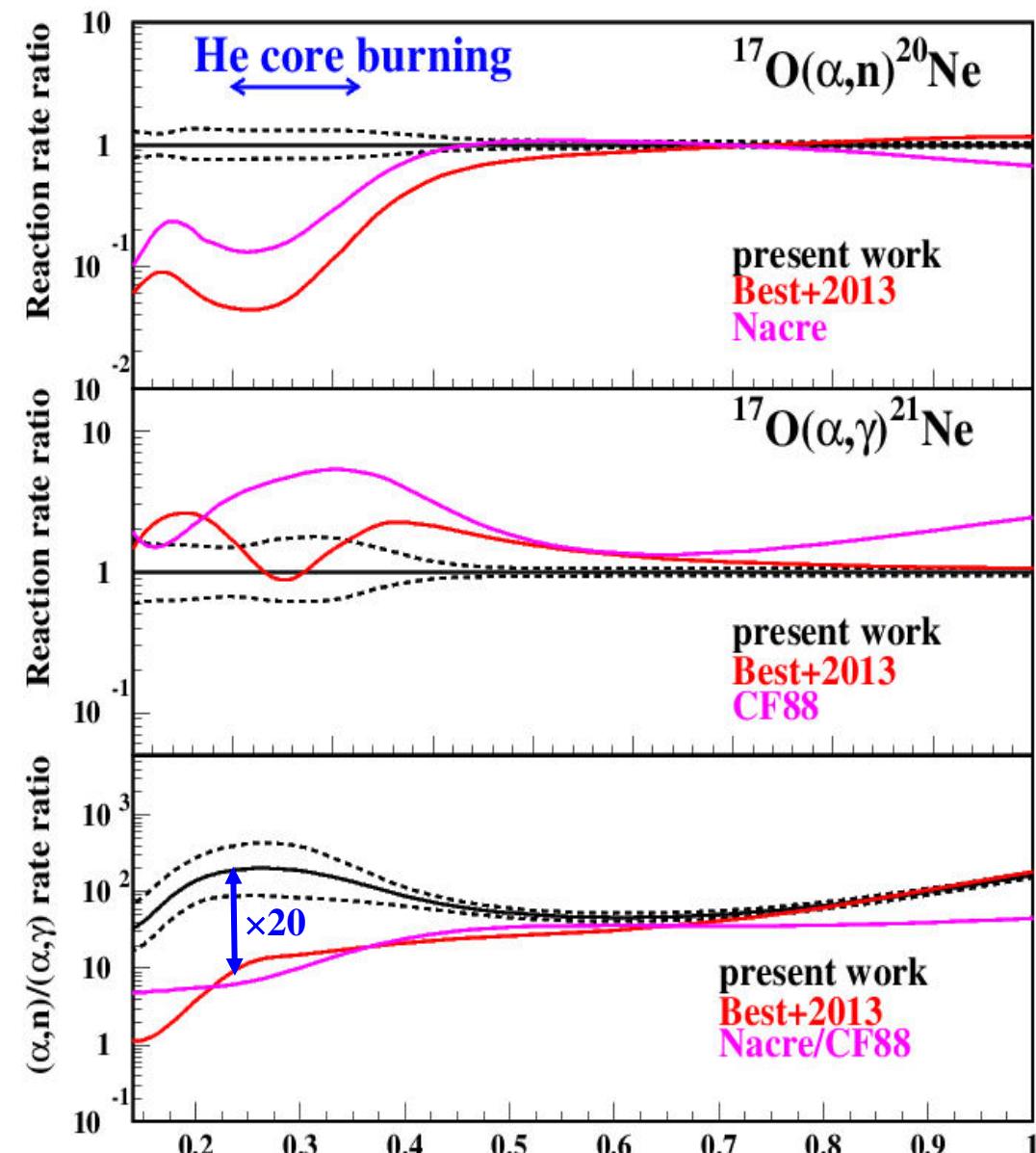
- Γ_γ from:

\rightarrow systematics of $\langle \tau \rangle_{\text{meas}}$ ([Rolfs+72](#))

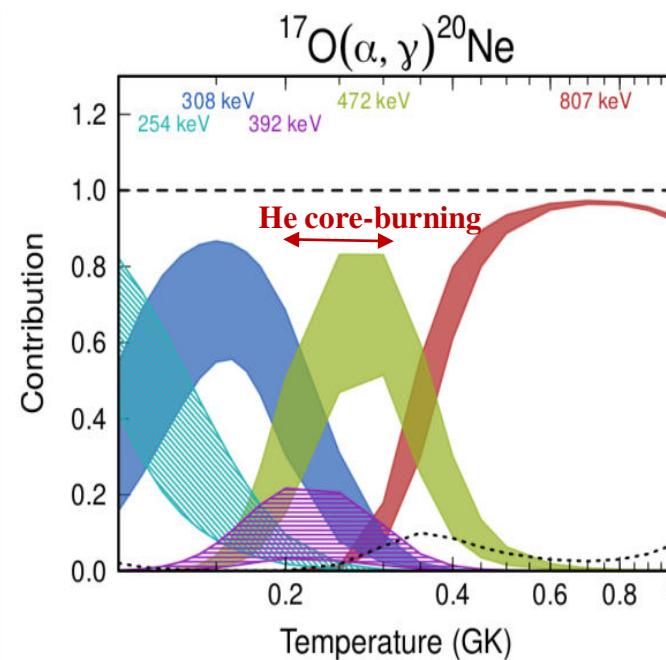
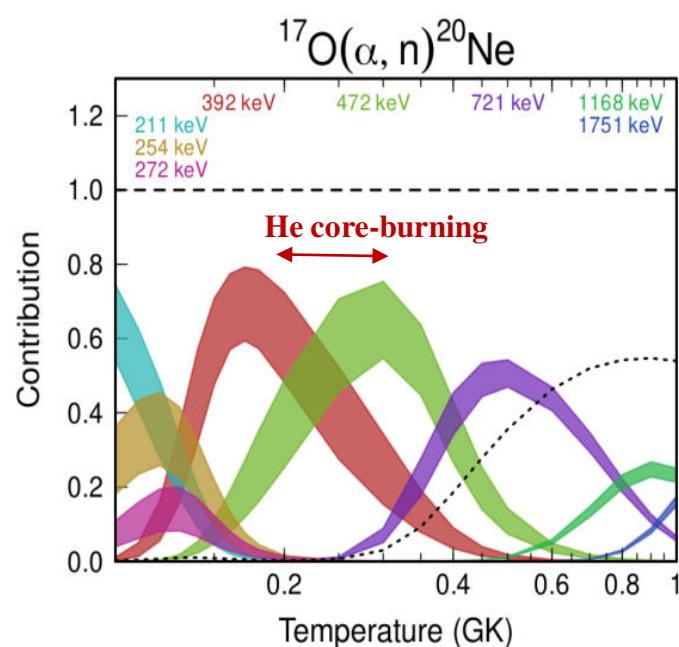
$\rightarrow \omega\gamma(\alpha, \gamma)$ [Williams+2022](#) combined with present Γ_α & Γ_n ([Frost Schenk+22](#))

\rightarrow when no $\Gamma_n \rightarrow \Gamma_\gamma/\Gamma_n$ [Best+2013](#)

→ Better neutron efficiency recycling with a factor of about 20 with the [present rates](#) than [Best+2013](#) rates



Resonances contribution to the rates



- Er=392 (Ex=7.74 MeV) & 472 keV (Ex=7.82 MeV) contribute the most to the (α, n) rate
- Er=308 (Ex=7.65 MeV) & 472 keV (Ex=7.82 MeV) contribute the most to the (α, γ) rate

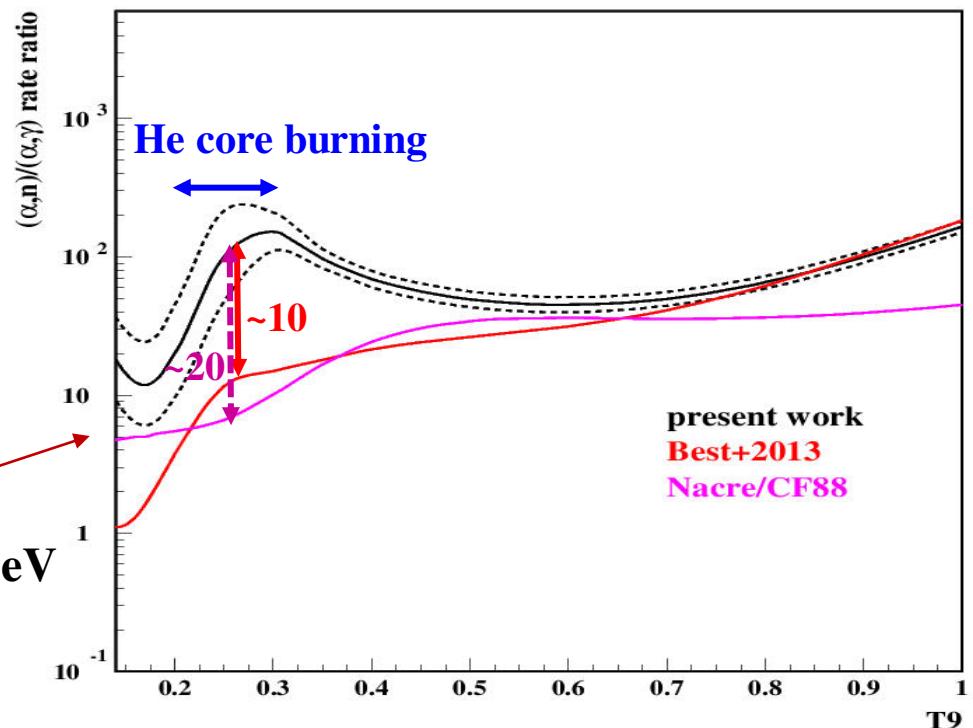
→ Ex=7.74 MeV unknown L_α & J^π
 → Ex=7.82 MeV $L_\alpha=0,1,2$ & $L_n=2,3 \Rightarrow J^\pi=5/2^+, 7/2^-, 3/2^+$

Key resonances
 \downarrow
 J^π need to be constrained

With the least favorable case: 7.82 MeV $L_\alpha=2 \rightarrow 3/2^+$ or $7/2^+$ & no 7.74 MeV

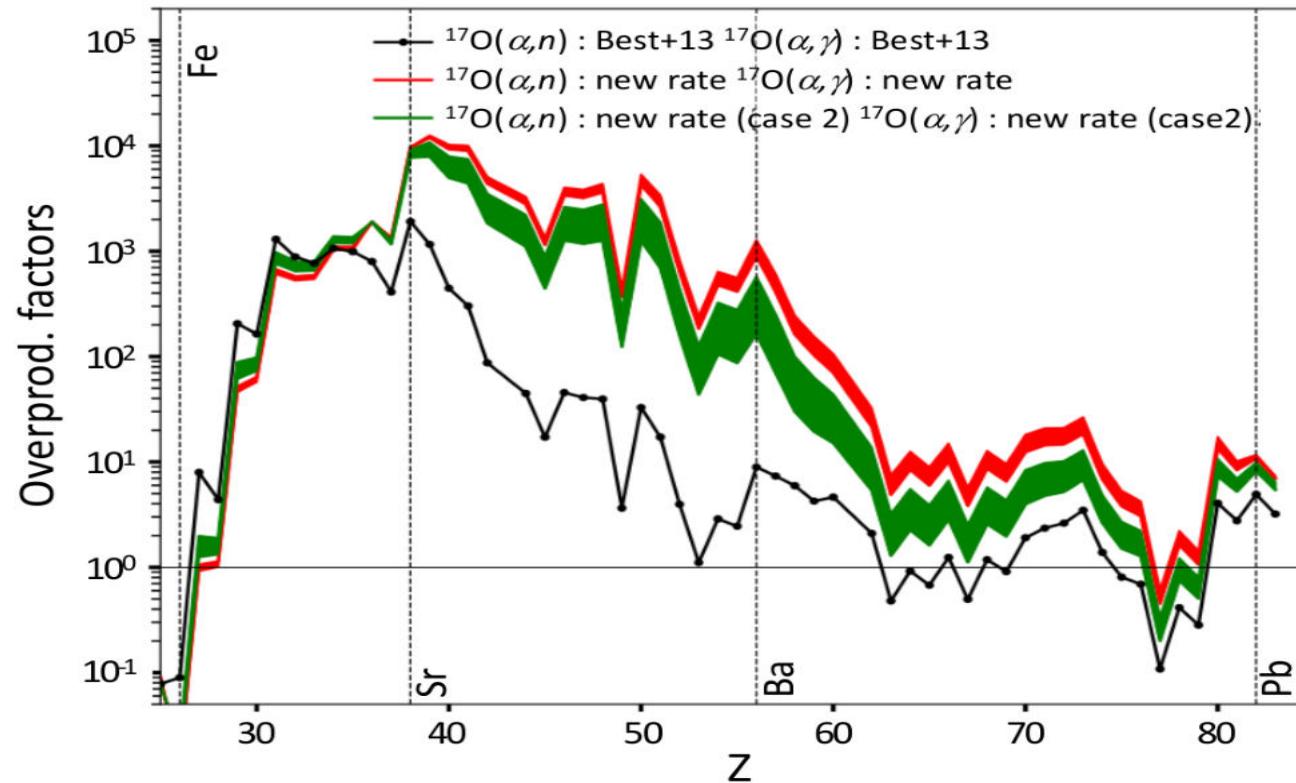


Present $(\alpha, \text{n})/(\alpha, \gamma)$ rate ratio $\sim 10 \times$ rate ratio Best+2013



Impact on the s-process in rotating poor-metal massive stars

- One-zone nucleosynthesis calculation mimicking the core He-burning phase of a low metallicity rotating massive star ($Z=0.001$, $M=25 M_{\odot}$)

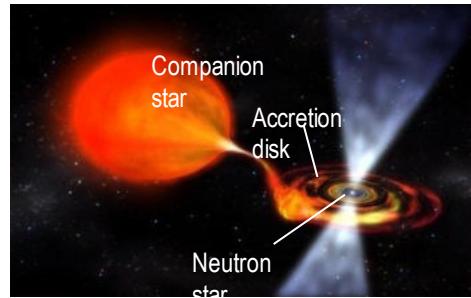


→ Large enhancement (>1.5 dex (>1.3 dex)) of elements $40 < Z < 60$ with the present new rates in comparison to Best+13 rates

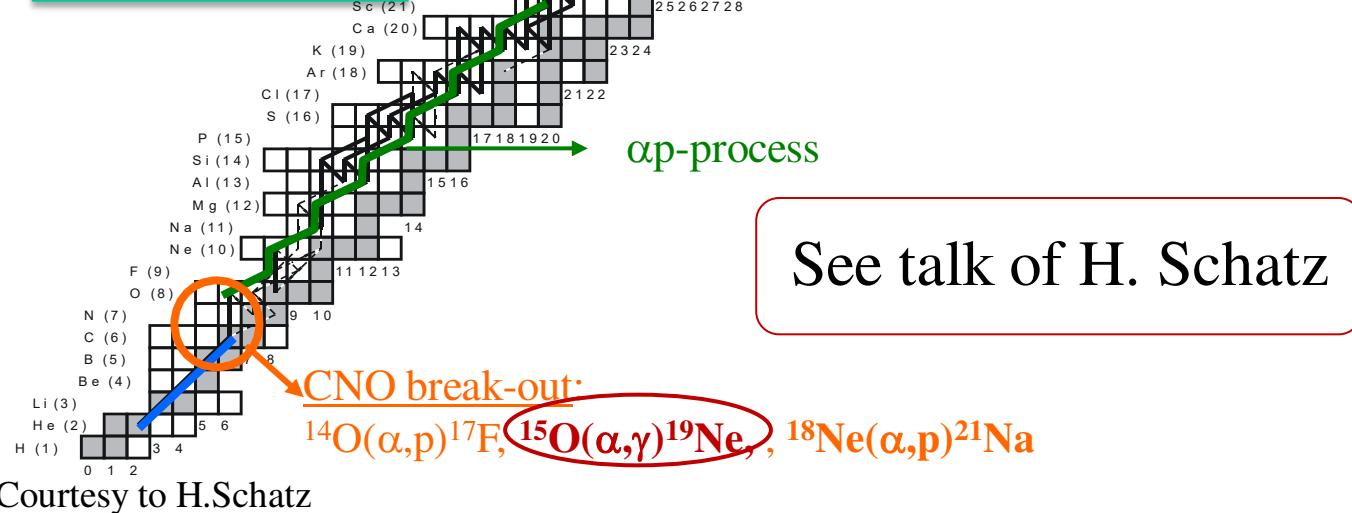
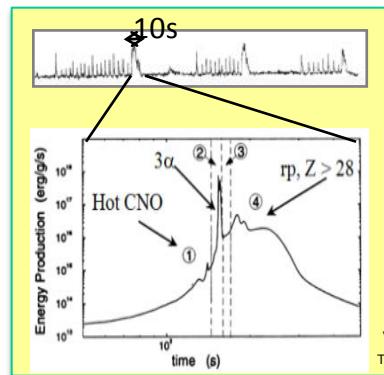
→ Two order of magnitude (~1.5 dex (case2)) on Barium : largest effect

Case II:

$^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$ & X-ray burst nucleosynthesis



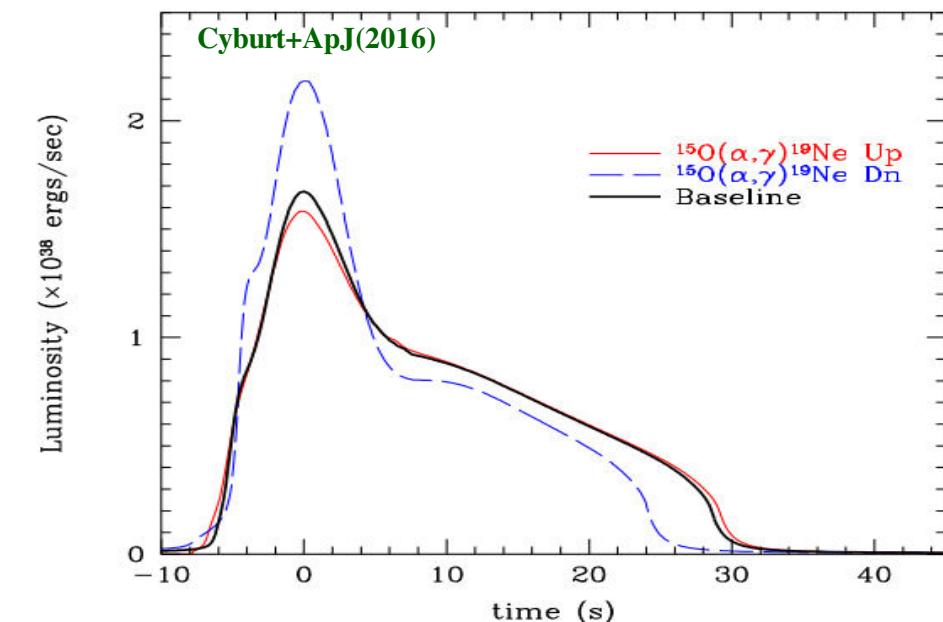
$T \sim 10^9 \text{ K}$
 $\rho \sim 10^6 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$



- Triggered by $3\alpha \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C}$ reaction & Hot CNO break-out
- (α,p) process: $(\alpha,\text{p})(\text{p},\gamma)$ - Up to $A < 60$
- rp-process: (p,γ) & β^+ decay up to $A \sim 80 - 100$

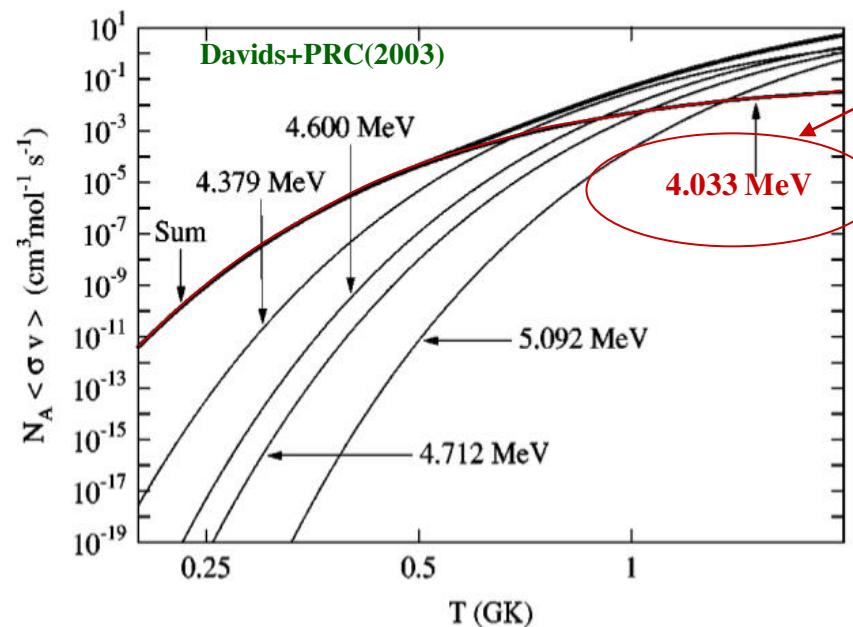
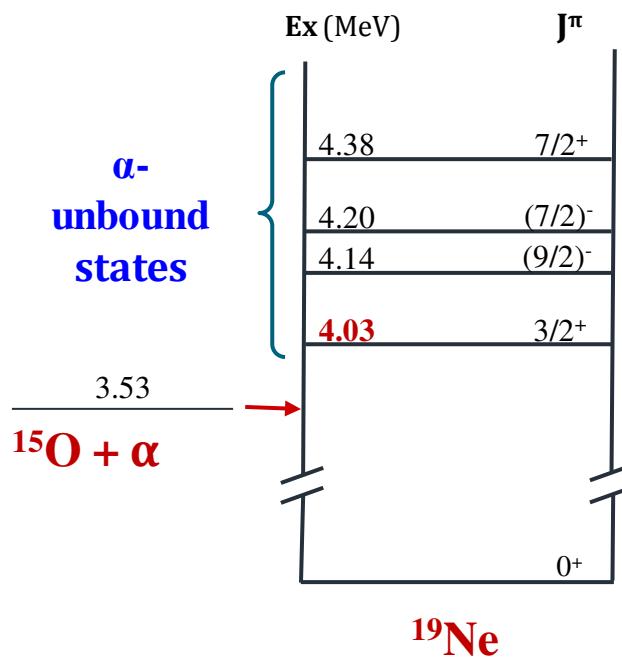
Sensitivities studies: Cyburt+(2016), A. Parikh+ (2013)

- Strong impact of $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$ on total luminosity
 - Regulates flow between HCNO cycle and rp-process
 - Drives X-ray burst energy and light curves.



$^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$:

Present Status & strategy

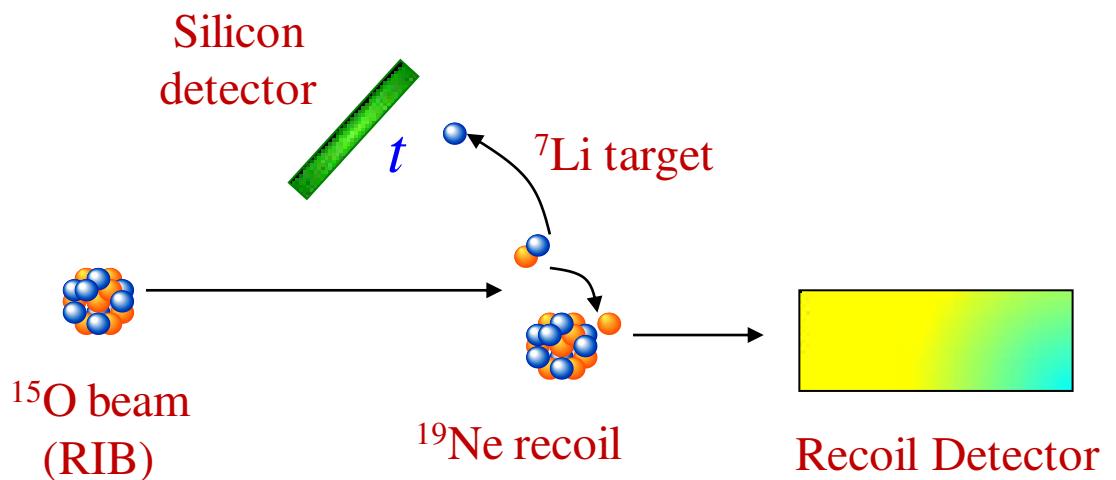


- Biggest contribution to $N_A < \sigma v >$
- $\omega \gamma_\alpha \propto \Gamma_\alpha$ determination consistent with zero at 90% confidence level
Tan+PRL07 & PRC05
- Direct measurement very challenging
→ Small cross section & radioactive nuclei ($T_{1/2}(^{15}\text{O})=122 \text{ s}$)

Alternative:

Measure $\sigma(\alpha, \gamma)$ via $^{15}\text{O}(^{7}\text{Li}, t)^{19}\text{Ne}$ transfer reaction in **inverse kinematics**

→ Forward $\theta_{\text{cm}} \leftrightarrow$ backward θ_{lab}



Experimental characteristics for α -transfer reactions with RIB

$$Y = N/t = N_{\text{proj}} \times N_{\text{target}} \times d\sigma/d\Omega \times \Delta\Omega$$

($^7\text{Li}, t$) with stable beam

- $I_{\text{beam}} \sim 100 \text{ pA}$, $q = 3+ \rightarrow N_{\text{proj}} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ pps}$ $\rightarrow N_{\text{proj}} \times N_{\text{target}} \times \Delta\Omega \sim 4 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ mb}^{-1} \text{ sr}$
- target thickness $\sim 100 \mu\text{g/cm}^2 \rightarrow N_{\text{target}} \sim 4 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ at/cm}^2$
- $\Delta\Omega \sim 5 \text{ msr}$ (e.g. Split-pole, Q3D magnetic spectrometers)

($^7\text{Li}, t$) with RIBs

- Beam intensity: Typical 10^5 pps [$^{15}\text{O} \sim 10^7 \text{ pps}$] \rightarrow 6 orders of mag. less wrt stable beams 😞
- Light particle detection system (tritons)
 - \rightarrow need of large coverage detection system : silicon array $\Delta\Omega \sim 2\pi \text{ sr}$
 - \rightarrow 3 orders of mag. higher wrt stable beams 😊
- Target thickness
 - \rightarrow Typical $\sim \text{mg/cm}^2$ (one order of mag. higher)
 - \rightarrow Compromise between statistics and energy resolution 😊 😞

$$\rightarrow N_{\text{proj}} \times N_{\text{target}} \times \Delta\Omega \sim 0.04 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ mb}^{-1} \text{ sr}$$

Very challenging experiments...
but feasible!

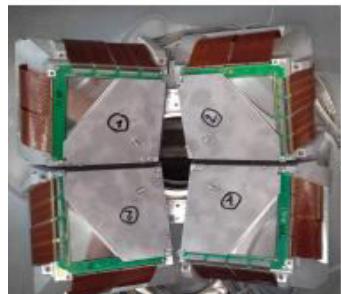
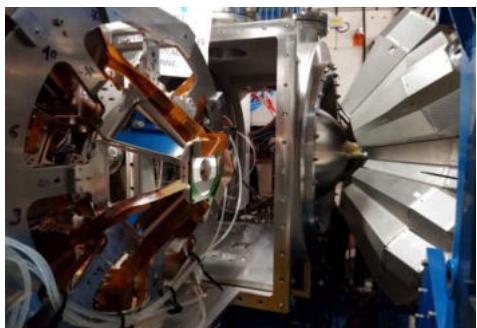
- Relatively long: ~ 10 days
- Relatively “low” statistics

$^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$ case:

Experiment & results

⇒ Studied via $^7\text{Li}(^{15}\text{O},\text{t})^{19}\text{Ne}^*(\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$ @ SPIRAL1/GANIL

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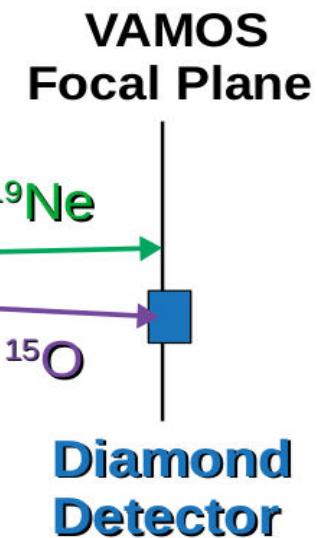
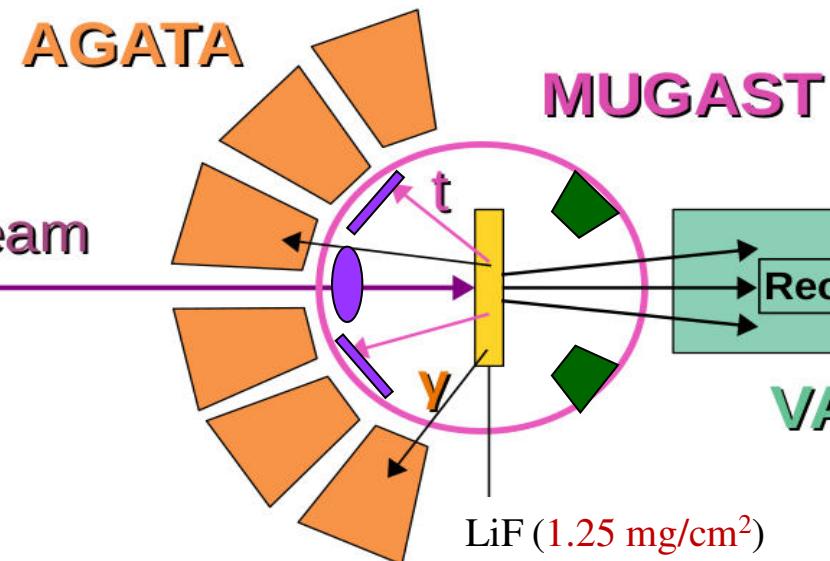
AGATA @ 18 cm

- 37 crystals
- $\epsilon(1 \text{ MeV}) \sim 8\%$ w/ add-back

^{15}O Beam
4.7 MeV/u
 $\sim 10^7$ pps

MUGAST

- DSSSD 500 μm
- Trapezoid (x5), annular (x1) and square (x2) shapes
- 128+128 strips



➤ **Triple coincidence:**
AGATA – HPGe for **prompt- γ** &
MUGAST-DSSDE for **light**
particle t & VAMOS-
Spectrometer for ^{19}Ne recoil



VAMOS @ 0°2

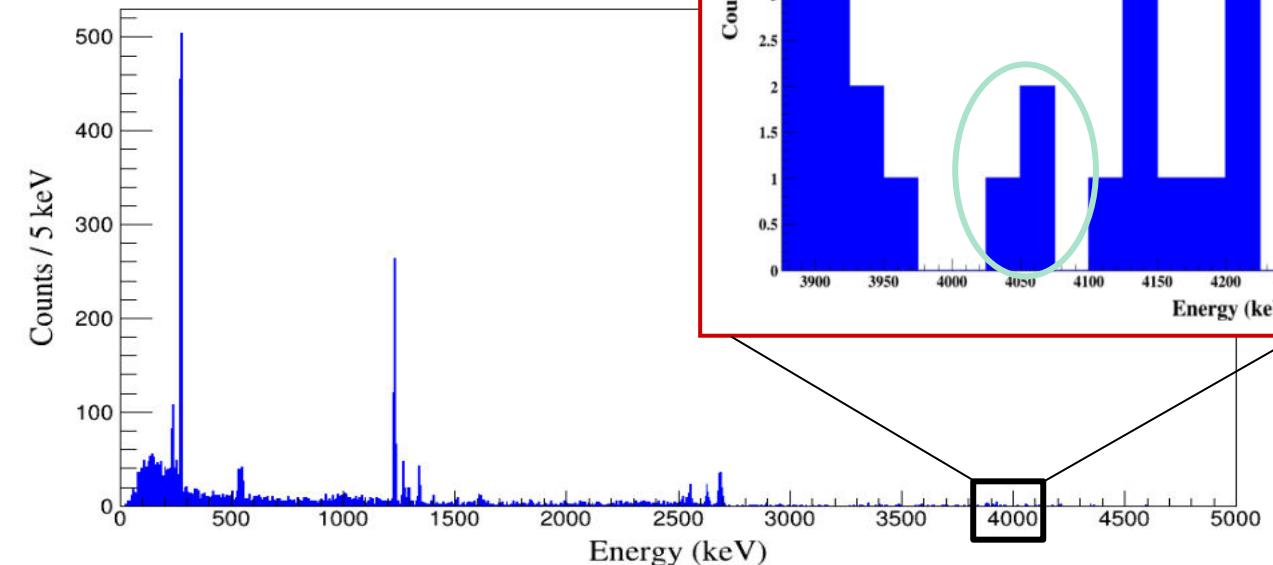
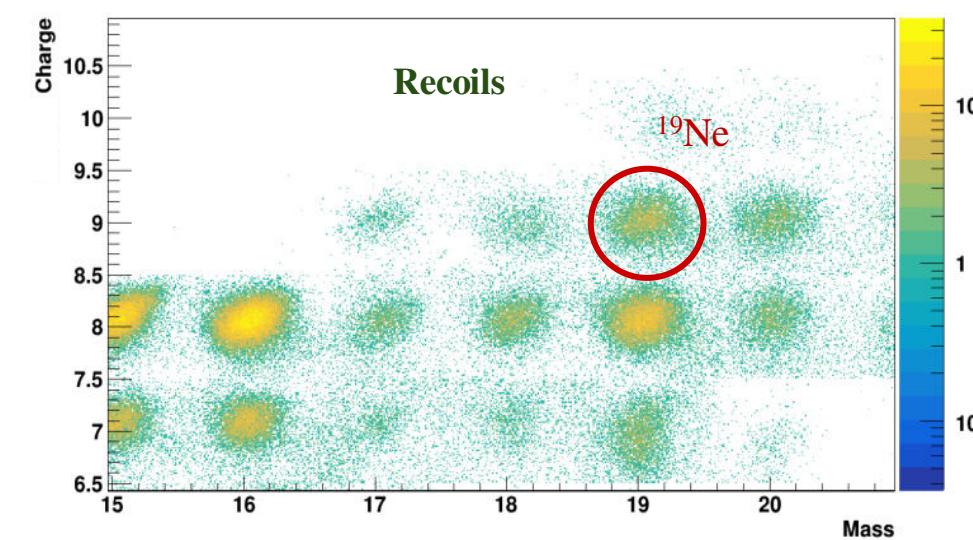
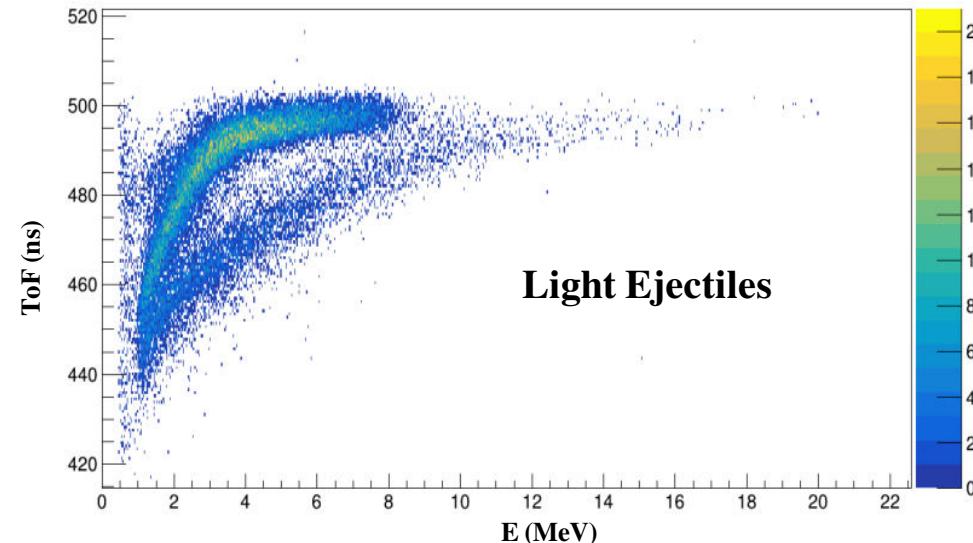
- $\Delta\Theta \pm 7^\circ$
- $\Delta B\rho \pm 10^\circ (\sim)$

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$$N = 3^{+2.9}_{-1.6}$$

Not consistent with zero at 95% confidence level!

→ $\omega\gamma_\alpha$ (present work) $<$ $\omega\gamma_\alpha$ (previous) by a factor 5

- $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$ reaction rate smaller than previous estimations
- $^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha,\text{p})^{21}\text{Na}$ the competitive breakout channel...

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Summary

Advantages of alpha-transfer reactions

- 😊 High cross sections
- 😊 Can be used to extract alpha partial widths (spectroscopic factors) , angular momenta, resonance energy of key resonant reaction cross-sections

Limitations & warnings

- 😢 Sensitivity of the spectroscopic factors to potential parameters → **30-40%** uncertainty
- 😢 Be aware about other possible reaction mechanisms:
 - Multi-step transfer
 - Compound nucleus : Hauser-Feschbach calculations (statistical model) needed

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$^{17}\text{O}(^7\text{Li},\text{t})^{21}\text{Ne}$ experiment

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