

# *ANCs from nuclear breakup for nuclear astrophysics*

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*Breakup of loosely bound nuclei at intermediate energies  
for nuclear astrophysics*

*... and the development of a position sensitive microstrip detector  
system and its readout electronics using ASICs technologies*

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And proposal NP0609 RIBF13:

- Texas A&M University
- RIKEN Nishina Center, CNS Univ of Tokyo
- LPC Caen, IFIN-HH Bucharest, INFN Pisa, ...

Proposal accepted at RIBF NP-PAC-05, June 2009

*yesterday (Brain Roeder and Rebecca Shane)*

# Motivation

- Overlapping science interests with RIKEN groups, complementary methods and possibilities:
  - Nuclear astrophysics
  - indirect methods w RNBs:
    - Coulomb dissociation – RIKEN: T. Motobayashi and group:  $^8\text{B}$ ,  $^9\text{C}$ ,  $^{23}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{27}\text{P}$ ,  $^{12}\text{N}$ ,  $^{13}\text{N}$ ,  $^{13}\text{O}$ ,  $^{11}\text{Li}$ ,  $^{17}\text{B}$ ,  $^{19}\text{C}$ , etc...
    - Nuclear dissociation – TAMU et al:  $^8\text{B}$ ,  $^9\text{C}$ ,  $^{23}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Si}$ , ... or transfer:  $^{12}\text{N}$ ,  $^{13}\text{O}$ ,  $^{14}\text{O}$ , ...
  - Facilities:
    - RIBF for RNBs  $E > 100\text{-}345\text{A MeV}$  vs.
    - MARS & TREX (Texas Reaccelerated EXotics) at TAMU  $E=10\text{-}50\text{A MeV}$
  - from p-capture studies to n-capture and n-rich nuclei
  - **Advanced detection systems**
- Develop knowledge and tools for future use in rare isotope beam research in US and Japan
- Involve also scientists from Europe, experts and theoreticians

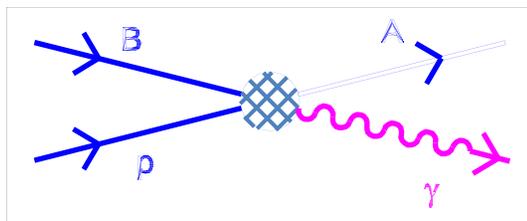
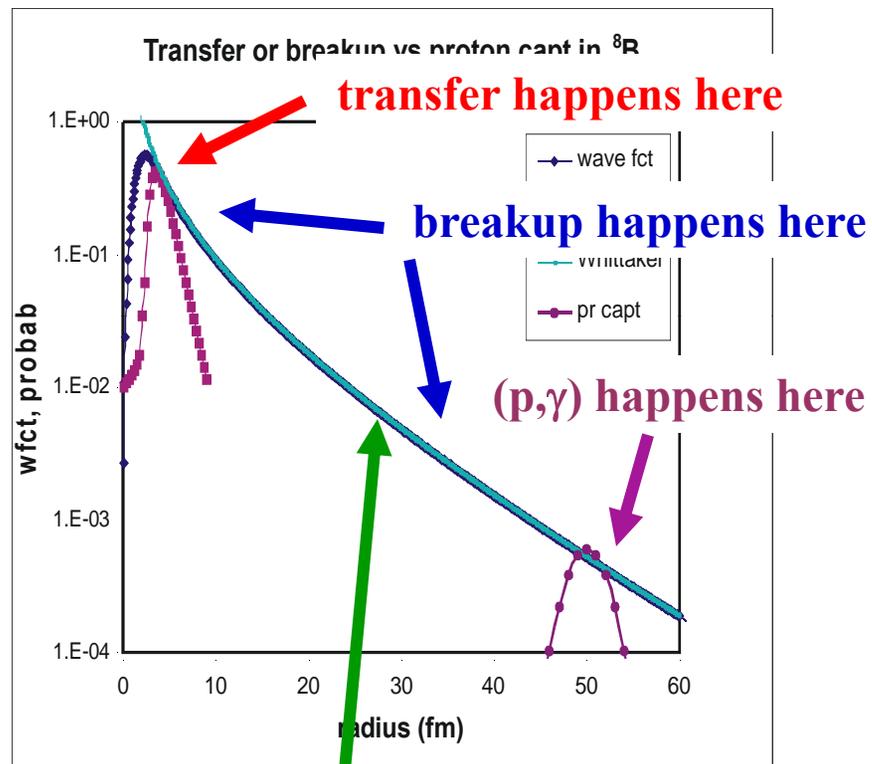
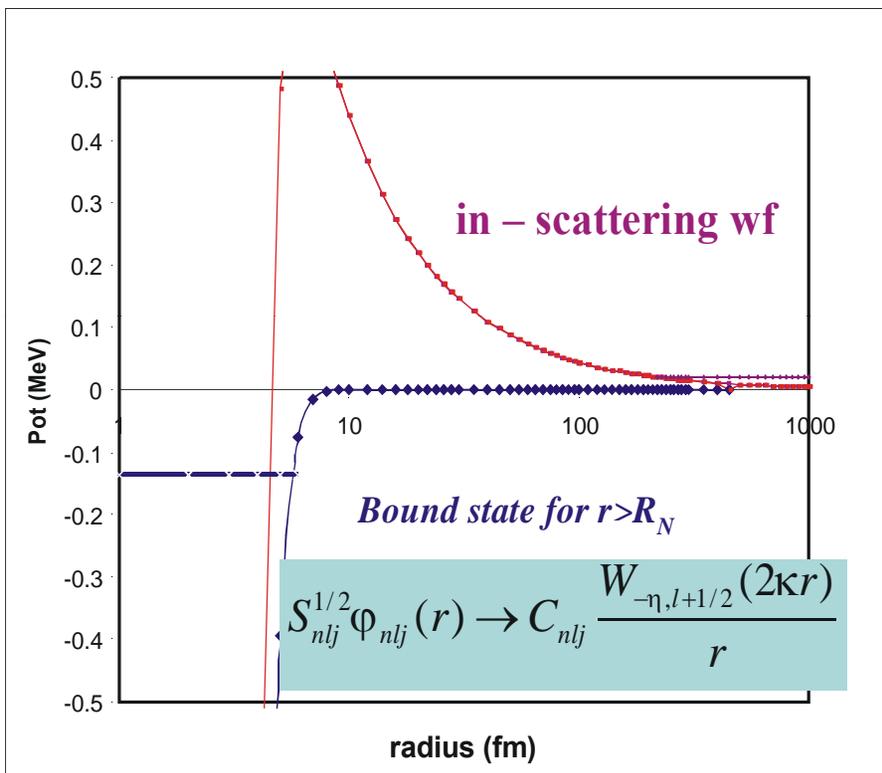
# Nuclear astrophysics - indirect measurements

- One-nucleon-removal reactions – tool to study the single particle structure of unstable nuclei:
  - Use it to determine **ANC** and from there **(p, $\gamma$ ) rates for nuclear astrophysics**
- Obtain data to check theoretical models:
  - Momentum distributions
  - Configuration mixing
  - breakup mechanisms (stripping or dissociation)
- **Proposed nuclear breakup experiments @ 100 MeV/u (on light targets):**
  - **$^9\text{C}$  one- and two-proton removal**
    - Measure at 100 MeV/u on Be (or C) target **to obtain ANC**
    - Measure **nuclear and Coulomb dissociation at 300 MeV/u** to obtain direct and resonant S-factor (Be and Pb targets) for  $^8\text{B}(p,\gamma)^9\text{C}$
    - Measure momentum distributions for one- and two-proton removal to study the reaction mechanism
  - **$^{17}\text{F}$  one-proton removal**
    - **To test method** by comparison with ANC extracted from transfer
    - Test method by **comparison with S-factors from existing direct measurements**  
 $^{16}\text{O}(p,\gamma)^{17}\text{F}$
  - **$^{27}\text{P}$  one-proton removal**
    - *For ANC to assess  $^{26}\text{Si}(p,\gamma)^{27}\text{P}$  reaction rate (direct component) for explosive H-burning (p-process, XRB, ...)*
    - *Determine **configuration mixing** in  $^{27}\text{P}$  g.s.*

# Nuclear astrophysics case

- Explosive H-burning
  - ${}^8\text{B}(p,\gamma){}^9\text{C}$  – a possible path to hot *pp-IV* chain and rapid alpha proc *rap I* – at high temp and densities
  - ${}^{26}\text{Si}(p,\gamma){}^{27}\text{P}$  – bottleneck in H-burning in novae.
    - Part of the effort to have ALL reaction rates from experimental data – for novae
- Use  ${}^9\text{C} \rightarrow {}^8\text{B}+p$  and  ${}^{27}\text{P} \rightarrow {}^{26}\text{Si}+p$  to determine the **relevant structure parameters** of  ${}^9\text{C}$ ,  ${}^{27}\text{P}$  g.s.
- ${}^{17}\text{F} \rightarrow {}^{16}\text{O}+p$  - **to test method** (exp and calc)

# ANC in peripheral reactions: radiative proton capture, transfer and breakup

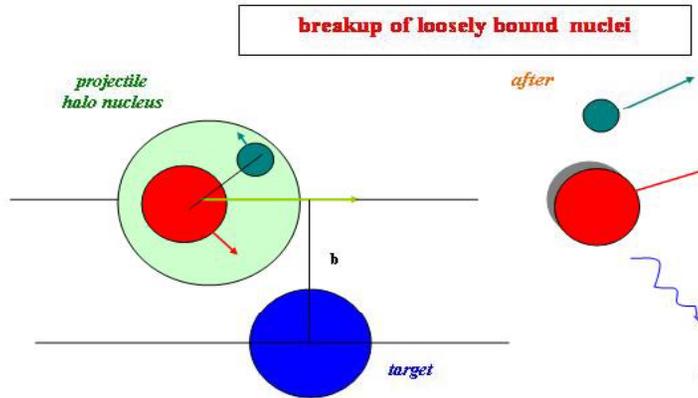


$$(T + V_{coul})Y(\hat{r})\varphi(r) = -\varepsilon Y(\hat{r})\varphi(r)$$

Shape in asymptotic region given by Whittaker fct.  
Only normalization (**ANC**) unknown and needed!

# Breakup reactions for nuclear astrophysics

## Breakup



breakup of loosely bound nuclei

Spectroscopic factors:

$$S_{nlj} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{exp}}}{\sigma_{\text{calc}}}$$

or ANC:

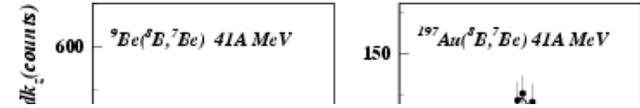
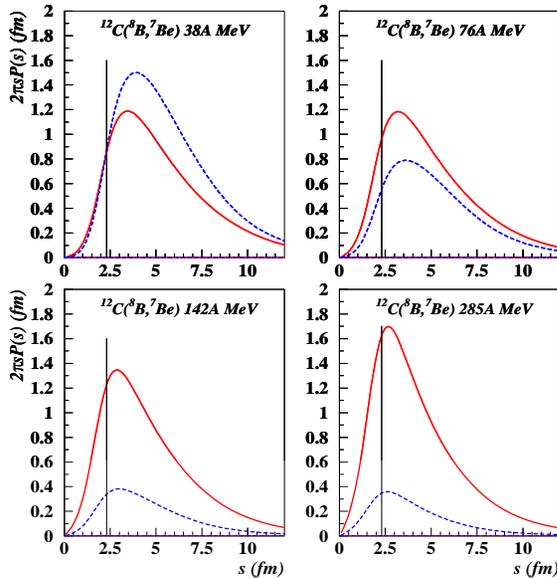
$$C_{nlj}^2 = b_{nlj}^2 \frac{\sigma_{\text{exp}}}{\sigma_{\text{calc}}}$$

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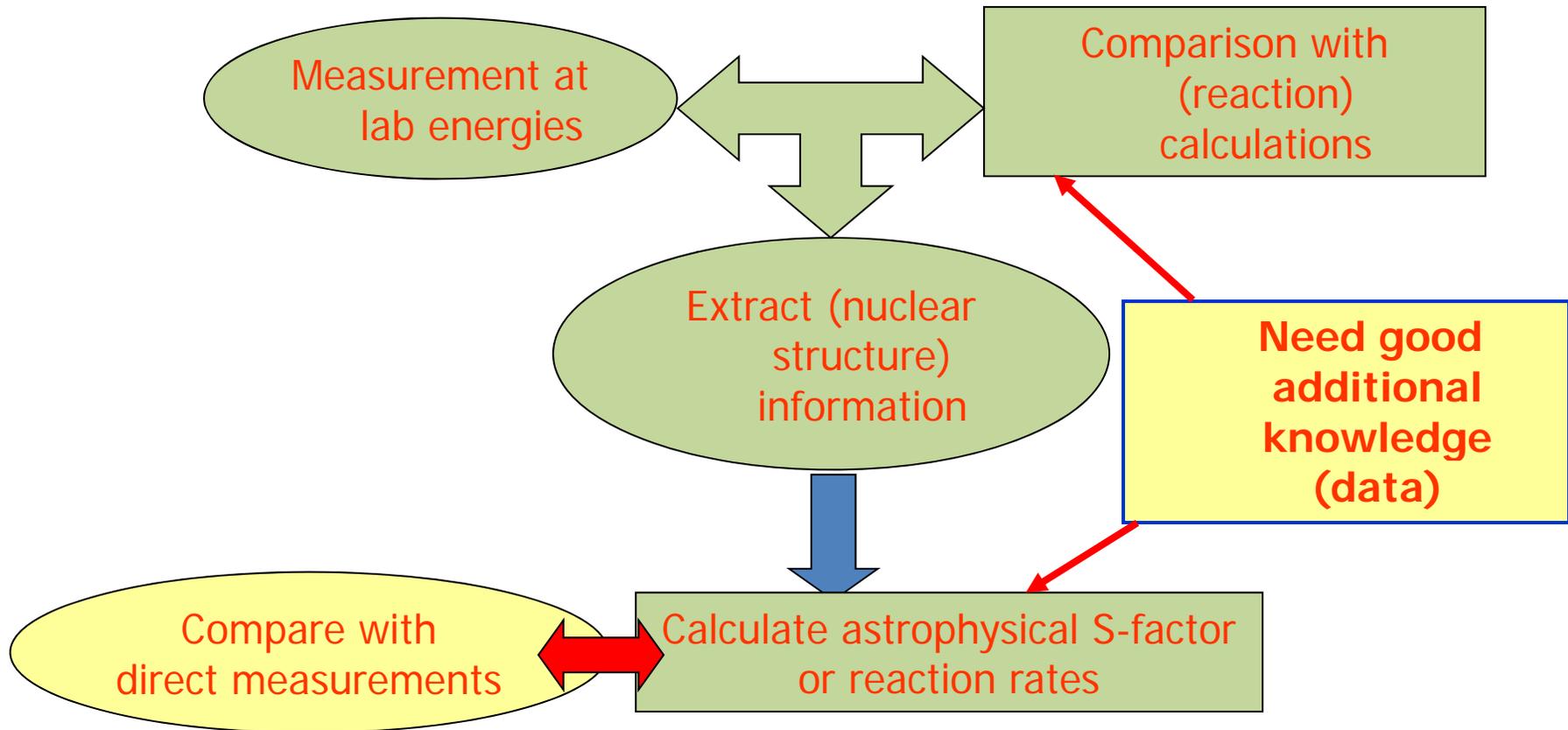
Need good experimental data!

Need good, reliable, calculations!!!

p-target      core-target  
and reaction mechanism model



# Indirect methods for nuclear astrophysics



## Example: Summary of the **ANC** extracted from **$^8\text{B}$ breakup** with different interactions

Data from:

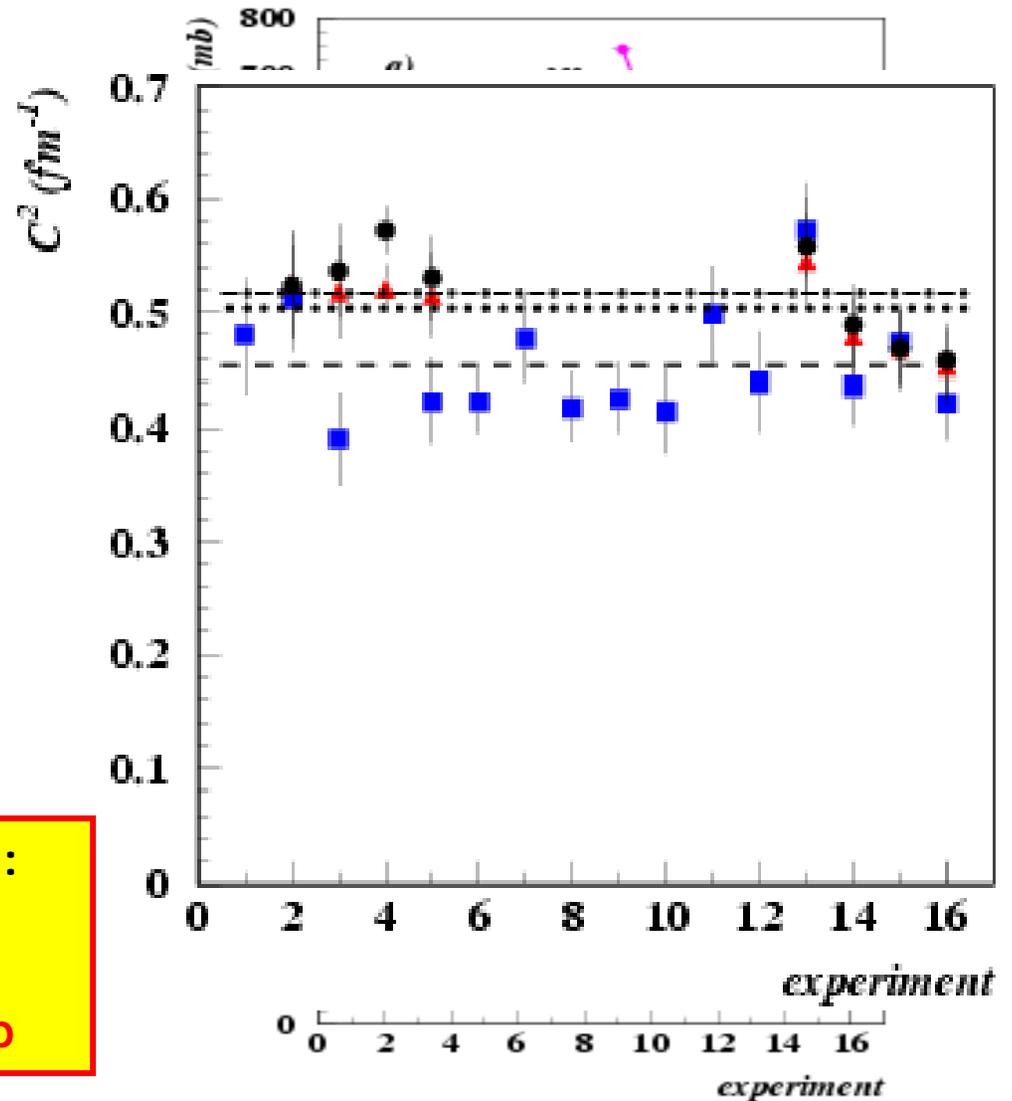
- F. Negoita et al, *Phys Rev C* **54**, 1787 (1996)
- B. Blank et al, *Nucl Phys A* **624**, 242 (1997)
- D. Cortina-Gil et al, *EuroPhys J.* **10A**, 49 (2001).
- R. E. Warner et al. – *BAPS* **47**, 59 (2002).
- J. Enders et al., *Phys Rev C* **67**, 064302 (2003)

All available breakup cross sections on targets from C to Pb and energies 27-1000 MeV/u give consistent ANC values!

Summary of results:

The calculations with 3 different effective nucleon-nucleon interactions

**$^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma)^8\text{B}$  (solar neutrinos probl.):**  
**p-transfer:  $S_{17}(0) = 18.2 \pm 1.7$  eVb**  
**Breakup:  $S_{17}(0) = 18.7 \pm 1.9$  eVb**  
**Direct meas:  $S_{17}(0) = 20.8 \pm 1.4$  eVb**



# Coulomb Dissociation vs direct

- pioneering  ${}^6\text{Li} \rightarrow \alpha + d$ ,  ${}^7\text{Li} \rightarrow \alpha + t$  ...
- CD of  ${}^8\text{B} \rightarrow {}^7\text{Be} + p$  at GSI, GANIL, MSU, RIKEN, ...
- CD gives results comparable with direct capture  ${}^7\text{Be}(p, \gamma){}^8\text{B}$  measurements
- Important: **uncertainties are totally different => reliable data for input in solar model**
- More CD: w. other nuclei – determine the energy dependence of  $S(E)$ , including resonances and their location and strength

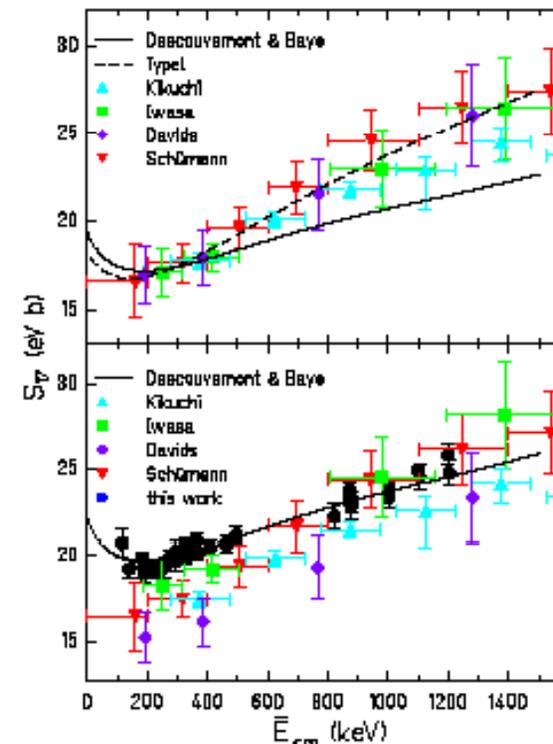
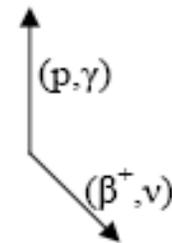
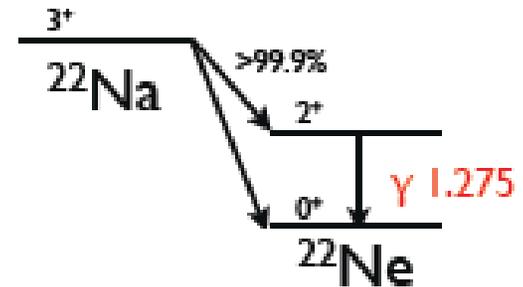
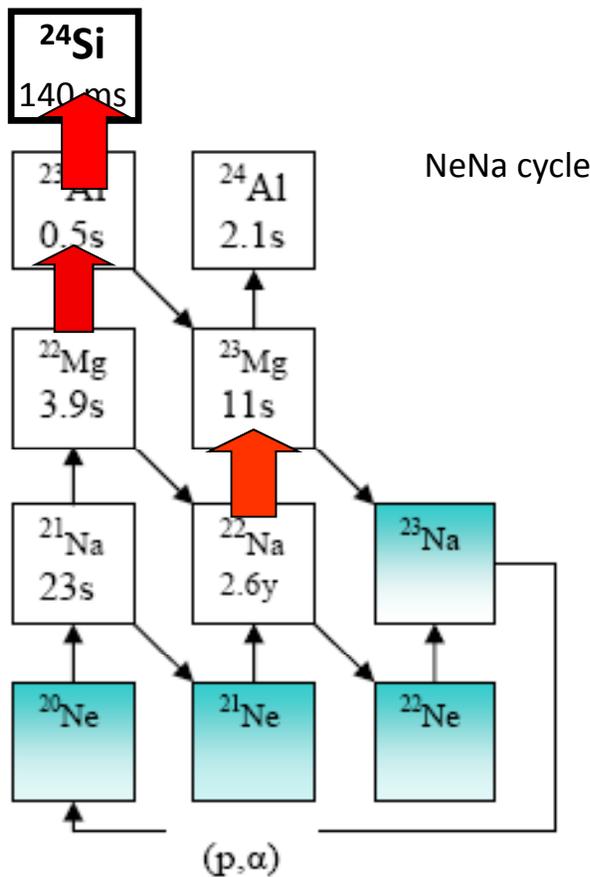


FIG. 19:  $E1$   ${}^7\text{Be}(p, \gamma){}^8\text{B}$  S-factors inferred from Coulomb dissociation (CD) experiments. Bottom panel: absolute CD S-factors, together with our direct results (with the  $1^+$  resonance subtracted) and the best-fit DB curve to our direct low-energy data. Top panel: CD data plotted with a common normalization based on the mean value of  $19.3$  eV b for  $S_{17}(0)$  determined by fitting each data set to the DB theory below  $400$  keV. Solid curve: DB calculation; dashed curve: Typel calculation. The experimental error bars shown in all cases are relative, and do not include scale-factor uncertainties.

# Explosive H-burning in novae: “<sup>22</sup>Na puzzle”

- novae: explosive H-burning of accreting material in binaries star-WD. ~ 30/yr.
- E=1.275 MeV  $\gamma$  ray following the decay of <sup>22</sup>Na predicted, but not observed by space gamma-ray telescopes



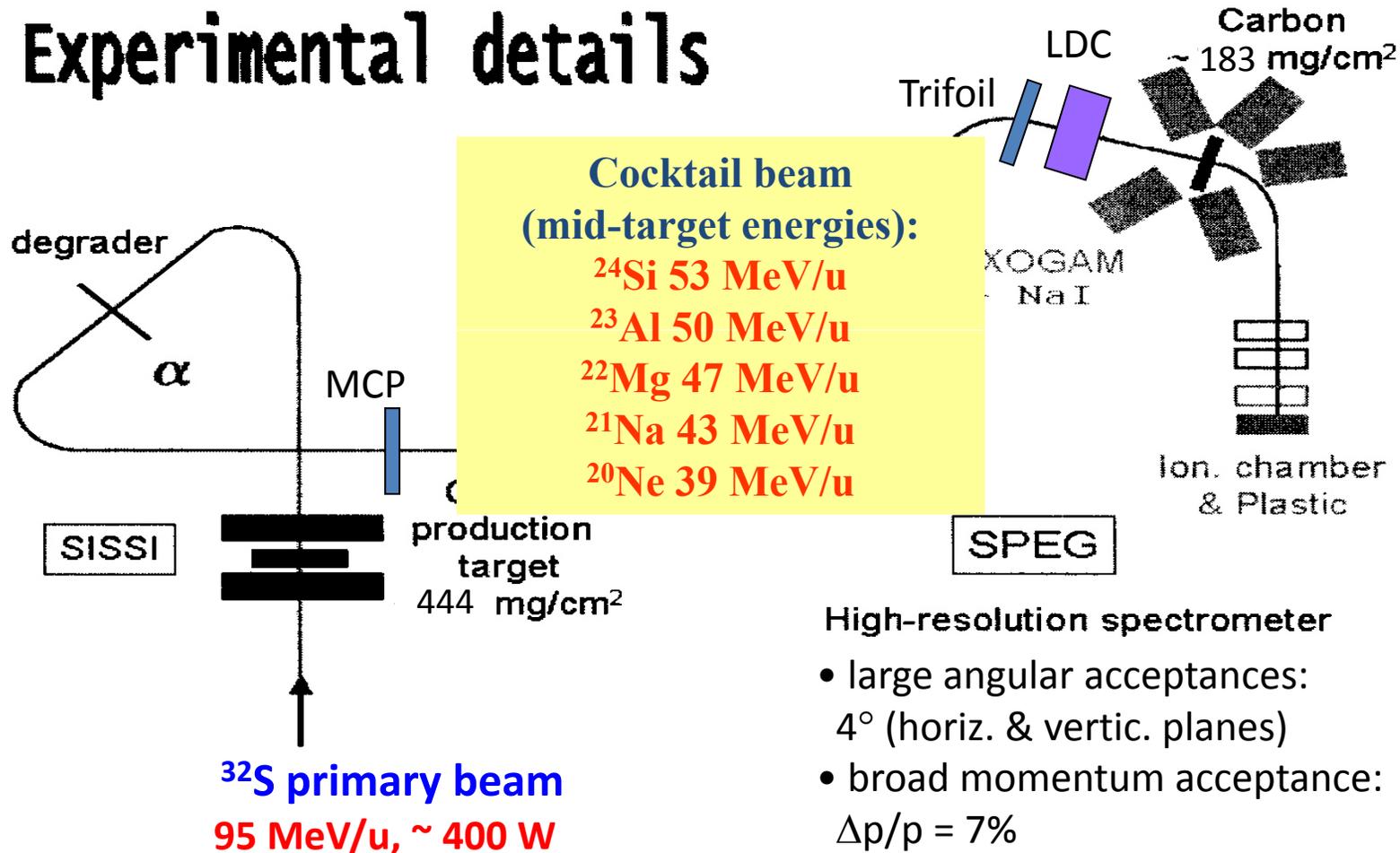
**<sup>22</sup>Na depletion in novae: how does it happen?**

Depleted via?  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^{22}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma){}^{23}\text{Al} \leftrightarrow \text{direct \& res. capture} \\ {}^{22}\text{Na}(p,\gamma){}^{23}\text{Mg} \leftrightarrow \text{resonant capture} \end{array} \right.$

- what are the stellar reaction rates for the <sup>22</sup>Mg(p,  $\gamma$ )<sup>23</sup>Al and <sup>22</sup>Na(p,  $\gamma$ )<sup>23</sup>Mg?
- what about <sup>23</sup>Al(p,  $\gamma$ )<sup>24</sup>Si?

# E491 exp. @ GANIL

## Experimental details



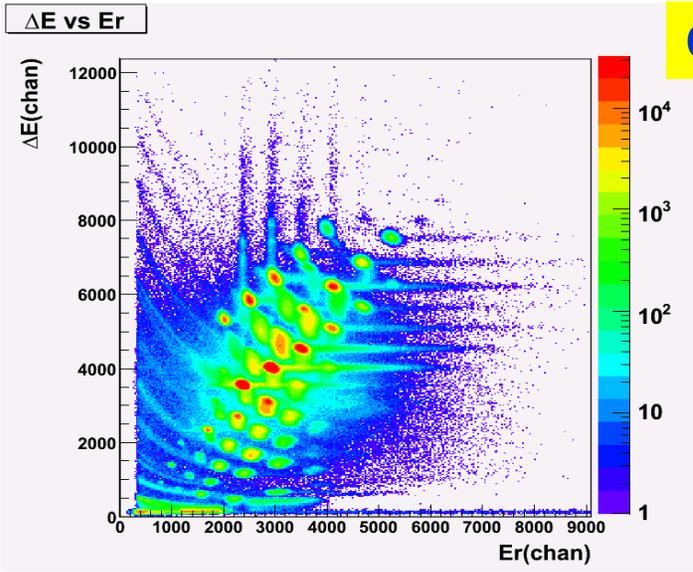
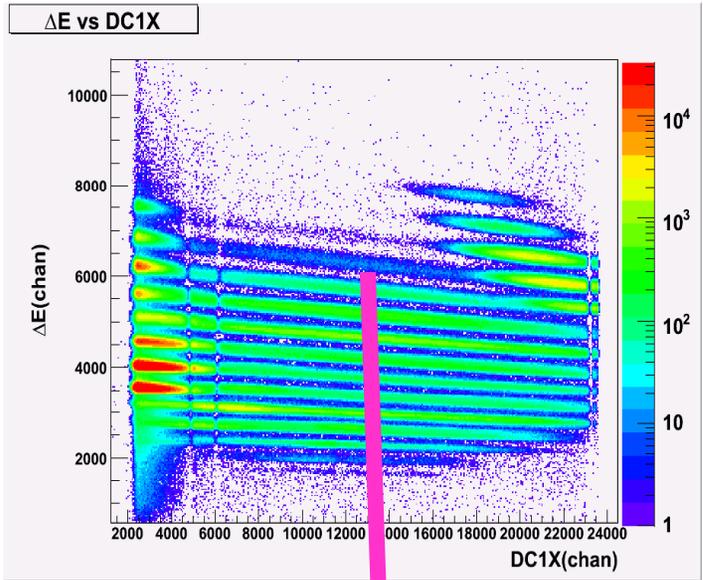
With Nigel Orr et al.

A. Banu et al., NIC10 Symposium  
2008 & to be published

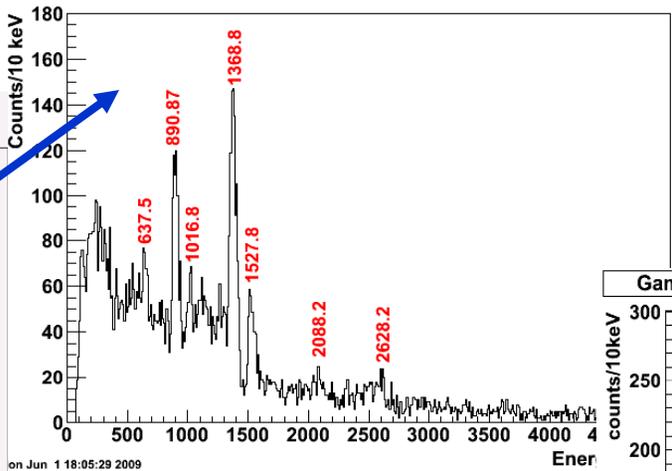
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**GANIL E491 exp**

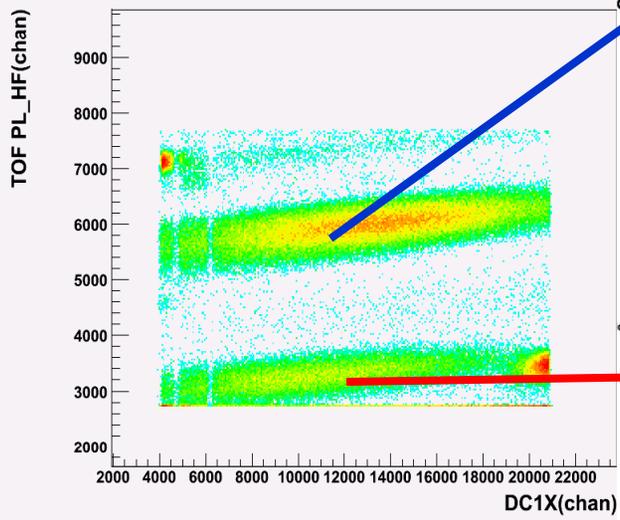


Gamma lines in  $^{22}\text{Na}$  fragment

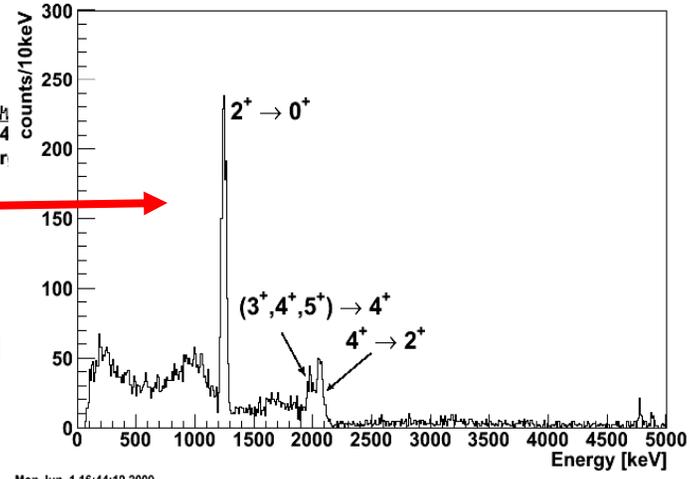


$^{12}\text{C}(^{22}\text{Mg}, ^{22}\text{Na})^{12}\text{N}$   
 Charge exchange  
 (new & unexpected)

TOF PL\_HF vs DC1X



Gamma lines in  $^{22}\text{Mg}$  core fragment



$^{23}\text{Al} \rightarrow ^{22}\text{Mg} + p$   
 Proton removal  
 (sought)

# Results from $^{23}\text{Al}$ breakup

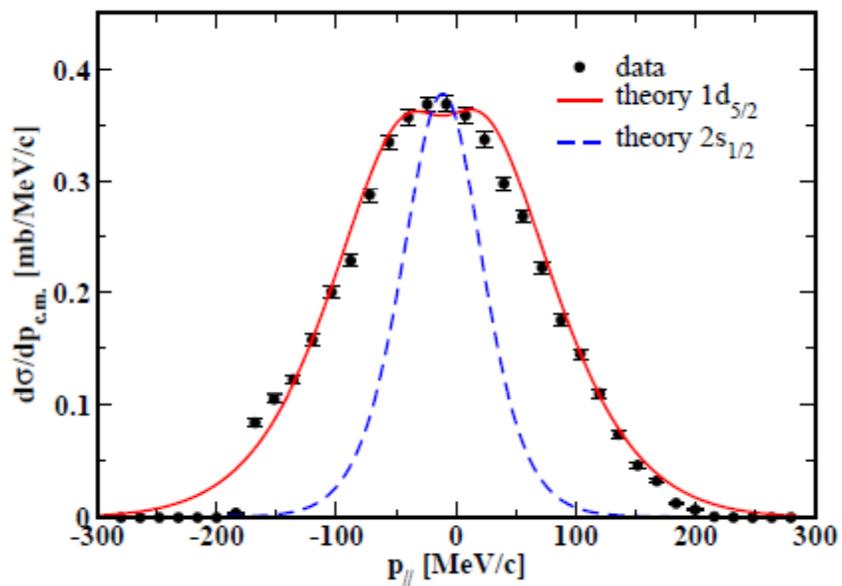
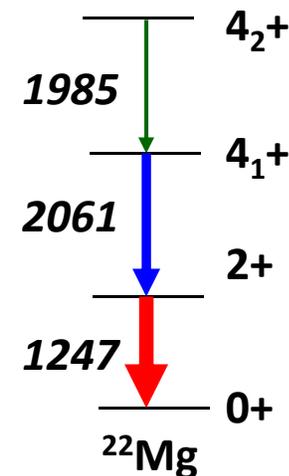


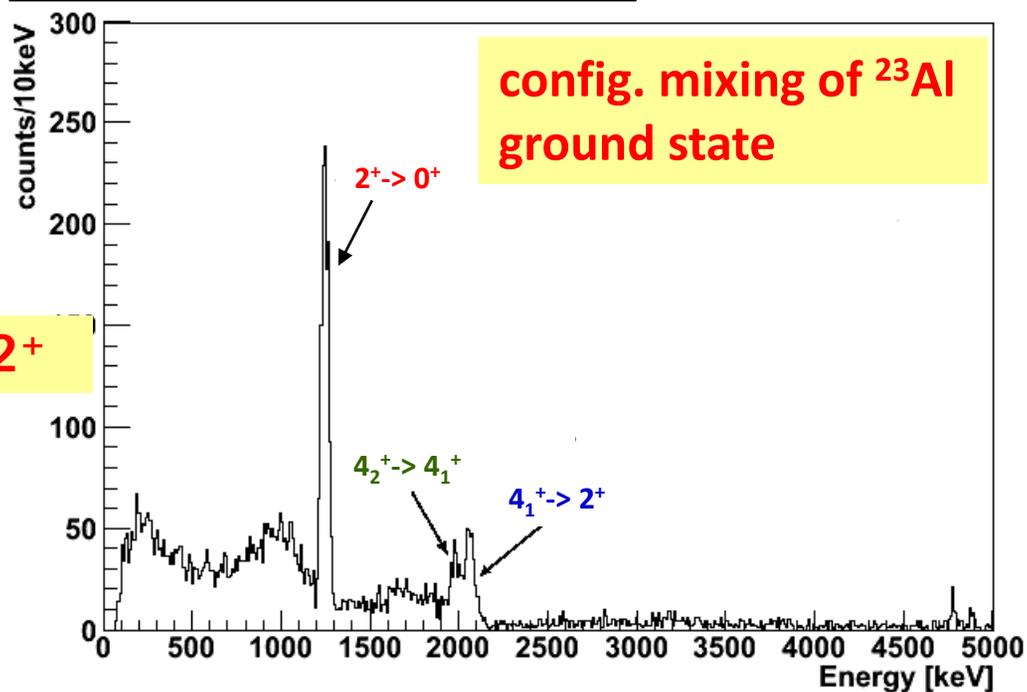
FIG. 1. (Color online) Experimental inclusive momentum distribution of  $^{22}\text{Mg}$  cores (points), in the center-of-mass

$\Gamma(^{23}\text{Al}) \sim 200 \text{ MeV}/c$  and  $J^\pi = 5/2^+$

A. Banu et al, PRC, submitted



Gamma lines in  $^{22}\text{Mg}$  core fragment



config. mixing of  $^{23}\text{Al}$  ground state

# Complementarities: Coulomb and nuclear dissociation

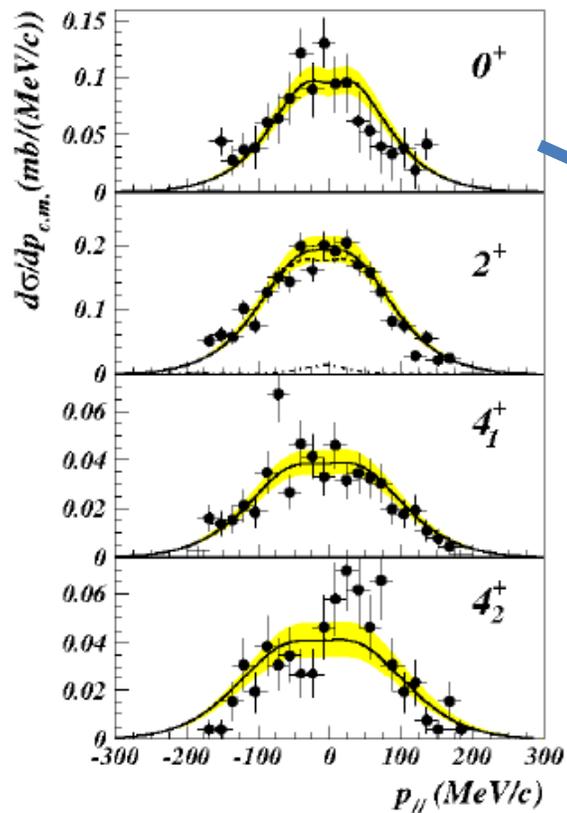


FIG. 3. (Color online) Experimental exclusive momentum distributions determined in the center-of-mass frame for  $^{22}\text{Mg}$

$\Gamma_\gamma = 7.2 \pm 1.4 \times 10^{-7}$  eV, which was obtained from the Coulomb dissociation of  $^{23}\text{Al}$  at 50 MeV/u [46], is adopted here to evaluate the resonant reaction rate, which is given by

$$N_A \langle \sigma v \rangle = 0.12 T_9^{-3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{4.47}{T_9}\right). \quad (9)$$

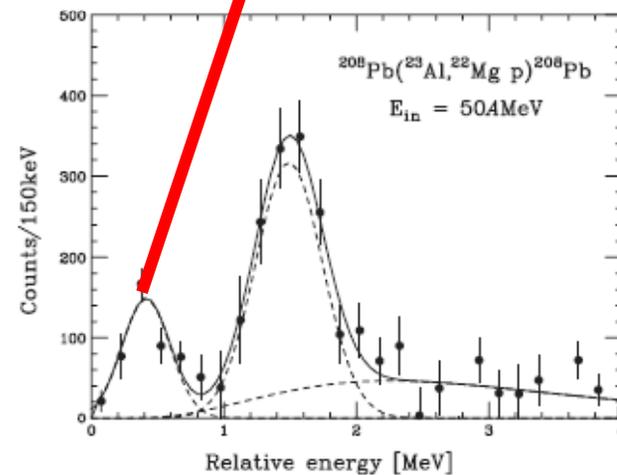
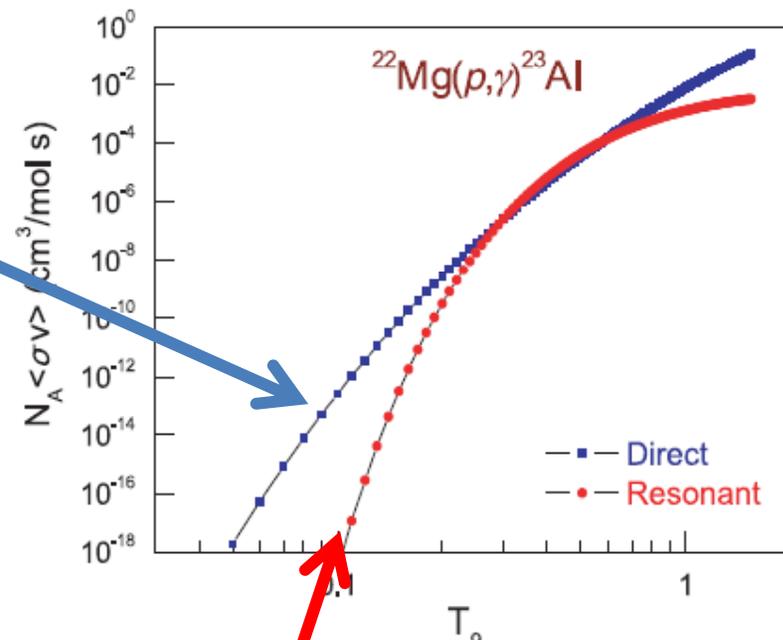
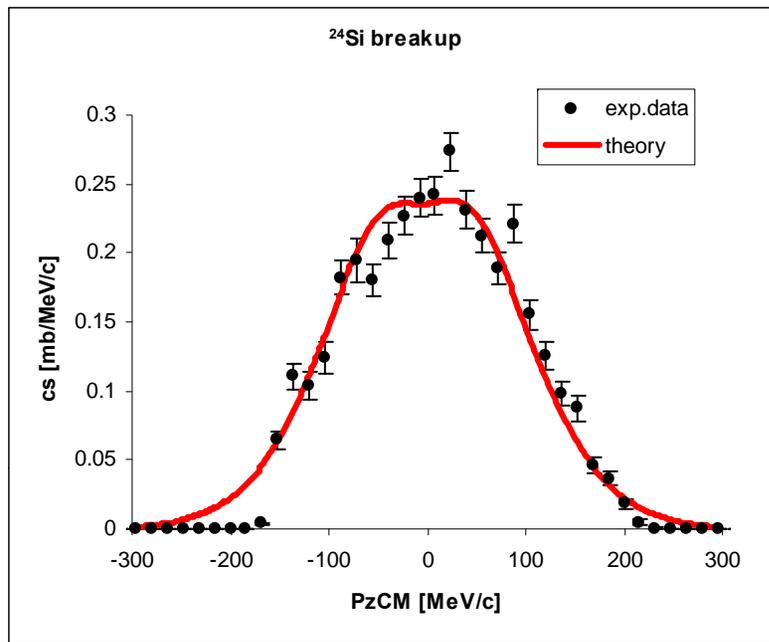


Figure 2. Relative energy spectrum between  $^{22}\text{Mg}$  and proton obtained for the  $^{23}\text{Al} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$  reaction. The solid curve represents the result of a fit with two Gaussian functions and a distribution assuming a non-resonant component. The dashed curves show each component.

[46] T. Gomi, T. Motobayashi et al, JPG 31 (2005)

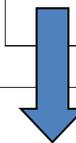
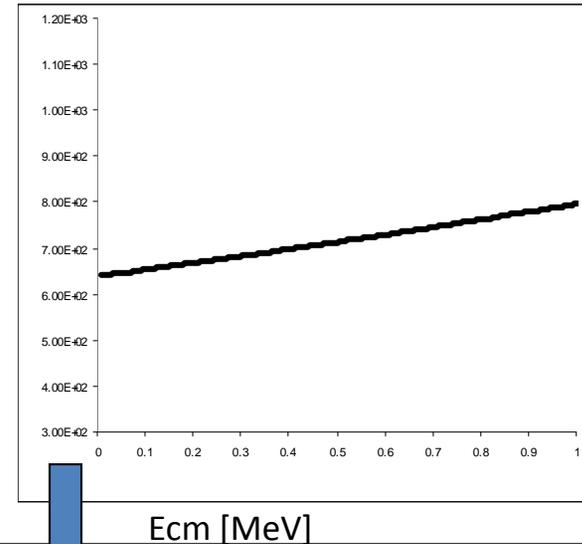
# Results for $^{24}\text{Si}$ breakup



Astroph S-factor for  $^{23}\text{Al}(p,\gamma)^{24}\text{Si}$

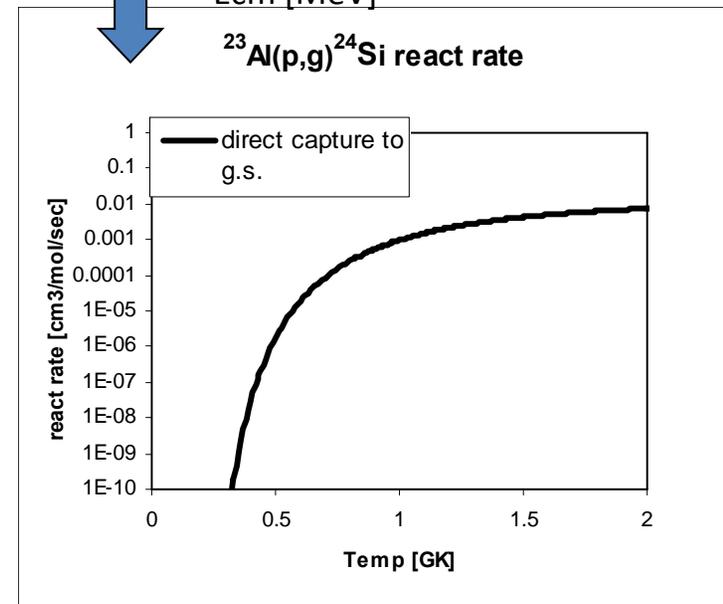


S factor [evb]

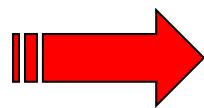


$E_{cm}$  [MeV]

$^{23}\text{Al}(p,g)^{24}\text{Si}$  react rate



$$SF = \frac{\sigma_{\text{exp}}}{\sigma_{\text{th}}}$$

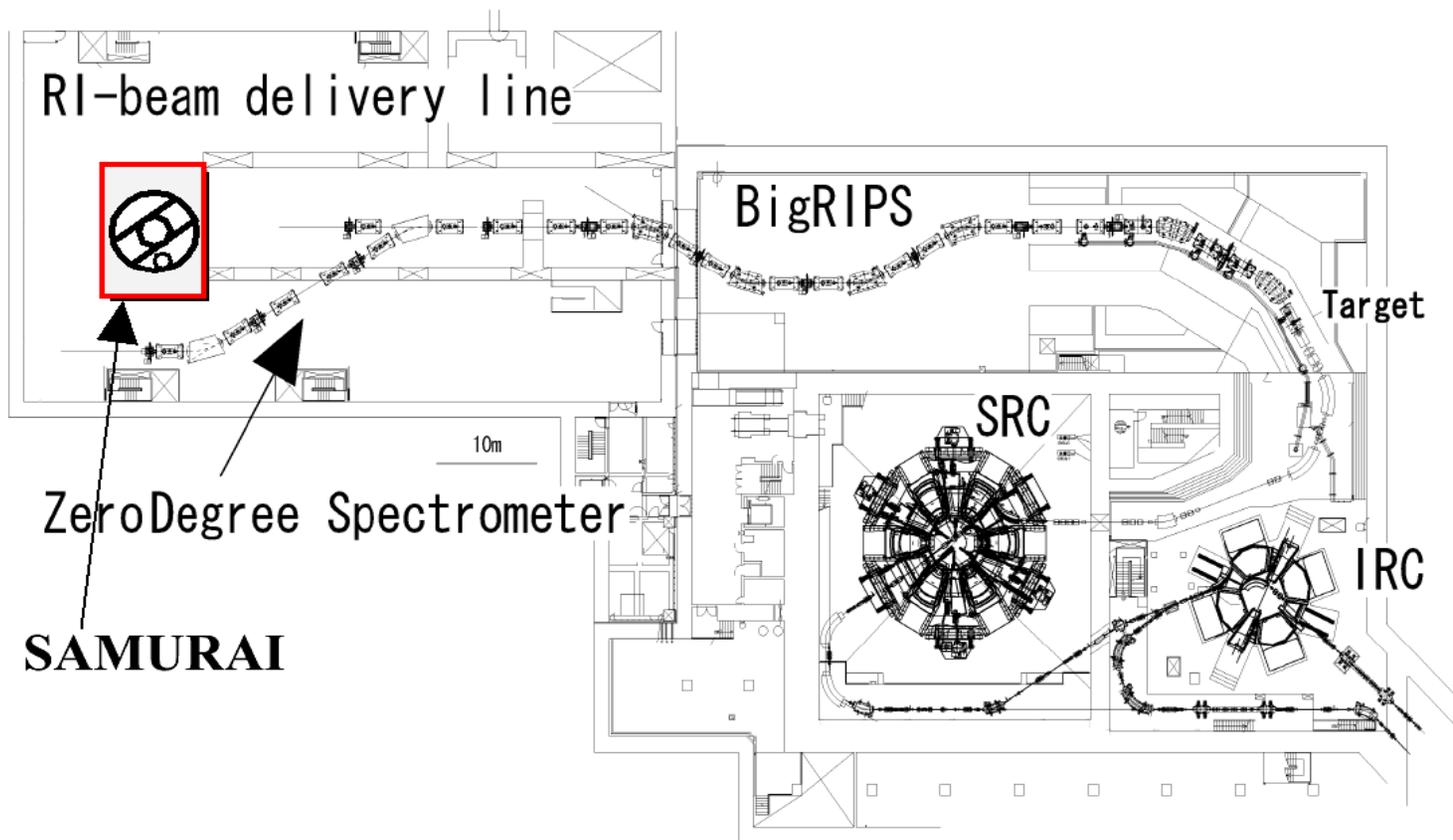


$SF = 2.5-2.9$   
(spect. factor)

$$C^2(^{24}\text{Si}_{gs}) = 62.4 \pm 7.1 \text{ fm}^{-1}$$

=> first exp det of direct comp of  $^{23}\text{Al}(p,\gamma)^{24}\text{Si}$

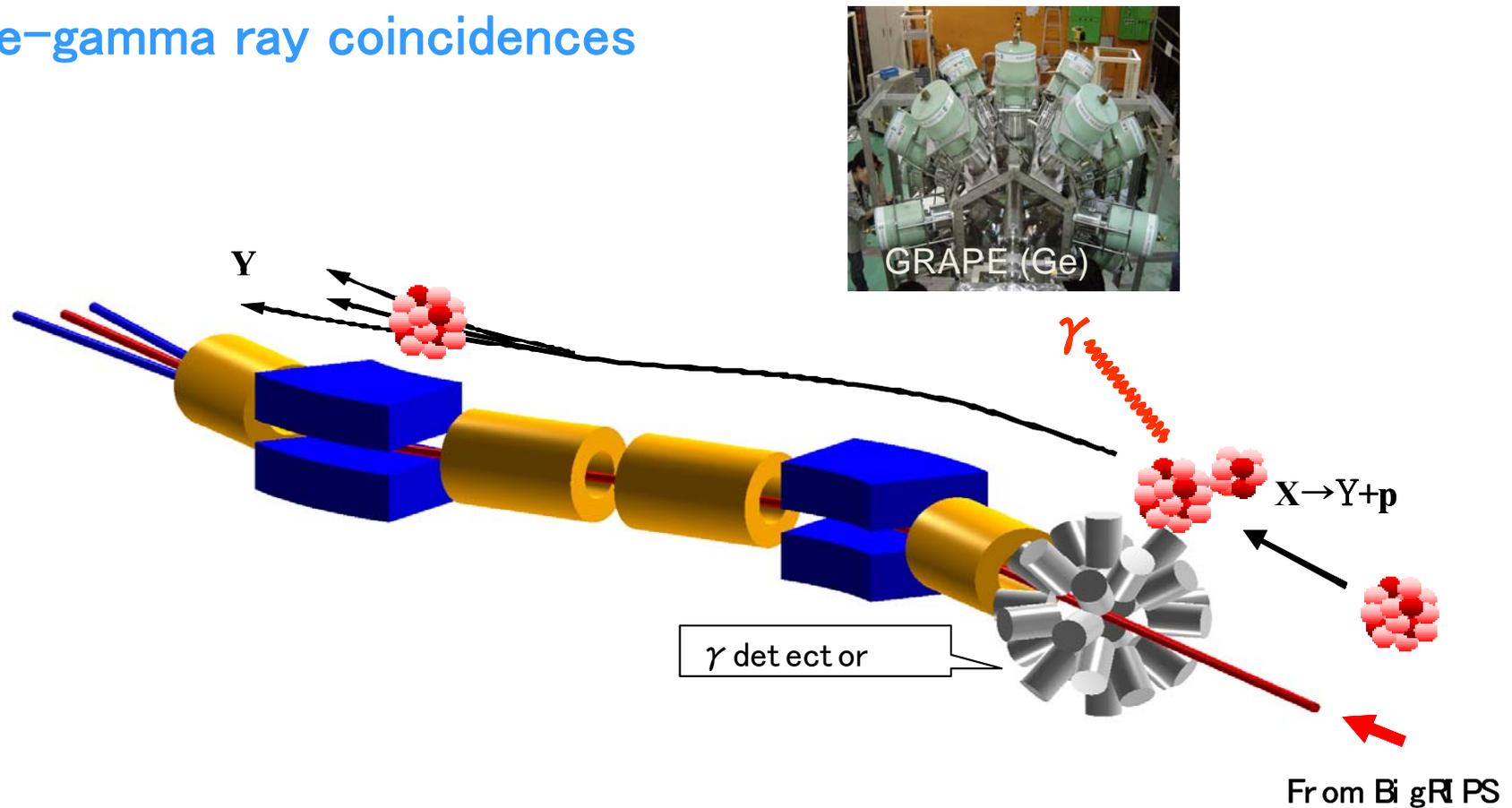
# Measurements at BigRIPS-ZD and SAMURAI



SAMURAI – allows separation of stripping and dissociation mech.

# Zero Degree Spectrometer

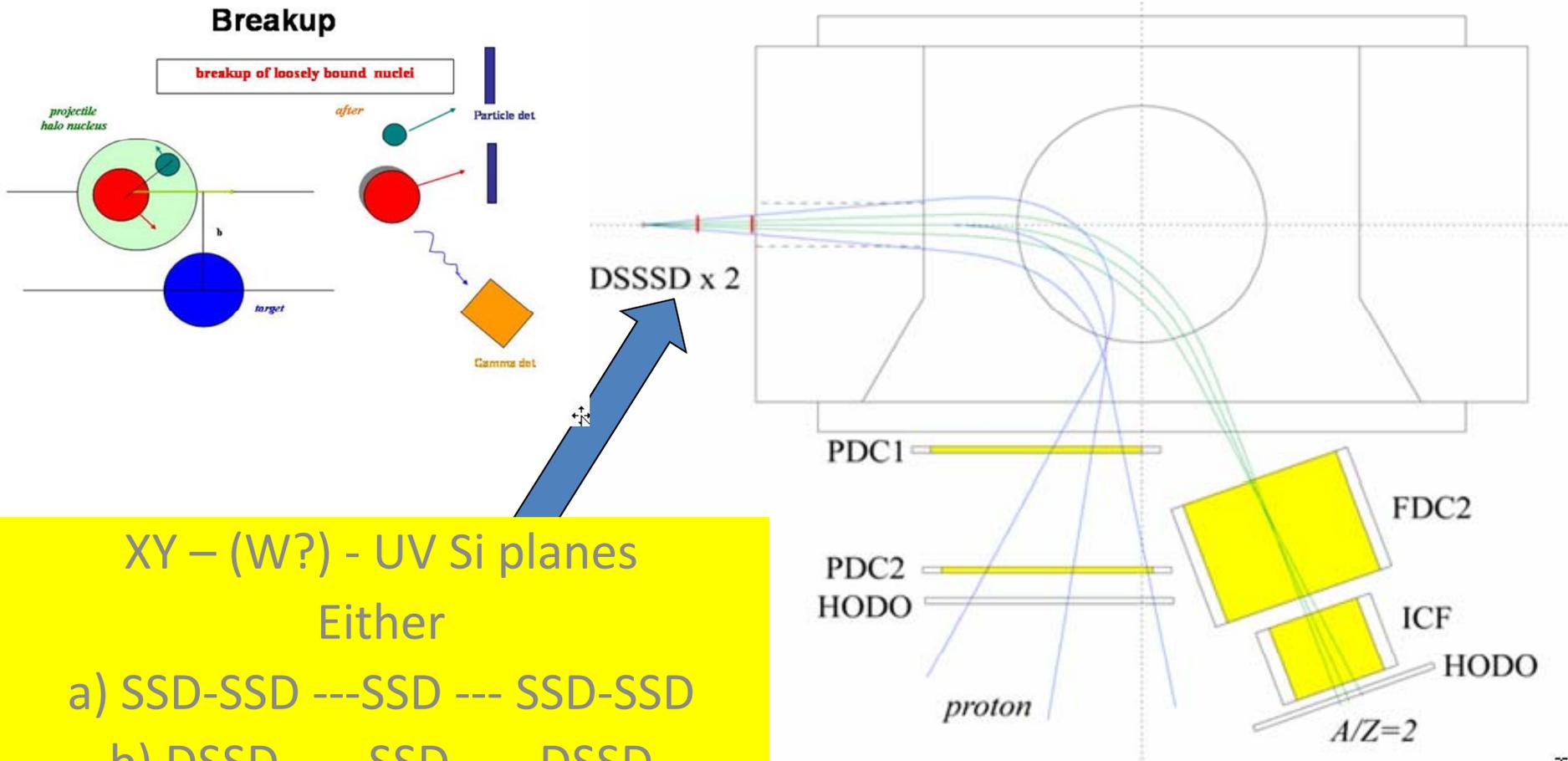
particle ID / momentum analysis  
Core-gamma ray coincidences



*(from T. Motobayashi, OMEG07)*

# AT RIKEN

Secondary beam → target → LI + HI tracking → SAMURAI → proton and HI hodoscopes



XY – (W?) - UV Si planes  
 Either  
 a) SSD-SSD ---SSD --- SSD-SSD  
 b) DSSD ---- SSD ---- DSSSD  
 b) Preferred due to:  
 i) Delta e- problem & ii) p threshold issue

# Test rigs at WU and TAMU with existing PCB mounting

We have started to test with the 2D TTT (300  $\mu\text{m}$ )

AREA  $\rightarrow$  97.3 x 97.3 mm

# strips  $\rightarrow$  128 x 128  $\rightarrow$  256 per Si, 512 per pair

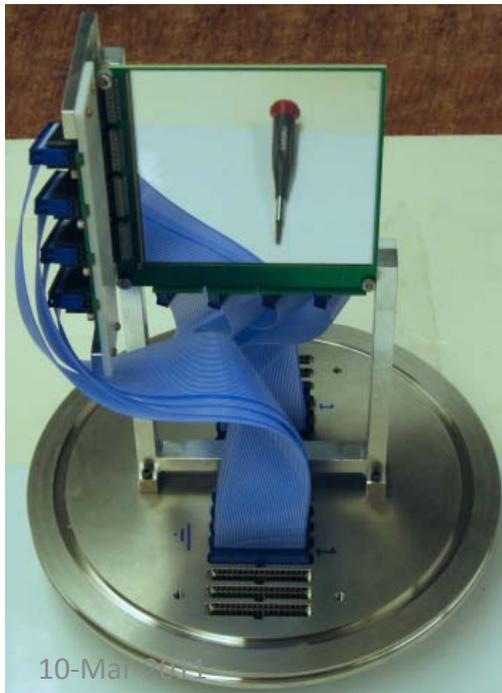
Pitch  $\rightarrow$  756  $\mu\text{m}$

Si type  $\rightarrow$  available in both n and p (intrinsic). We have one of each

Thickness  $\rightarrow$  available in both 300 and 500  $\mu\text{m}$ , we have 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

pf  $\rightarrow$  300  $\mu\text{m}$ : 0.35 pf/mm<sup>2</sup> = 26 pf/st; 500  $\mu\text{m}$ : 0.21 pf/mm<sup>2</sup> = 15.4 pf/st

**Si -TTT (WU)**

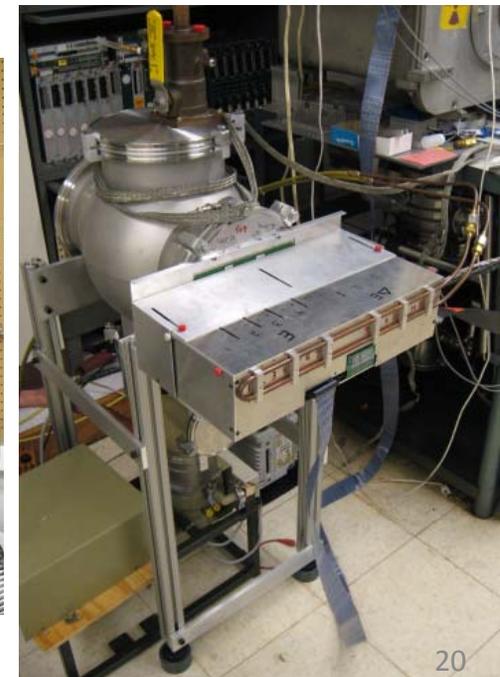


**Si in chamber (TAMU)**

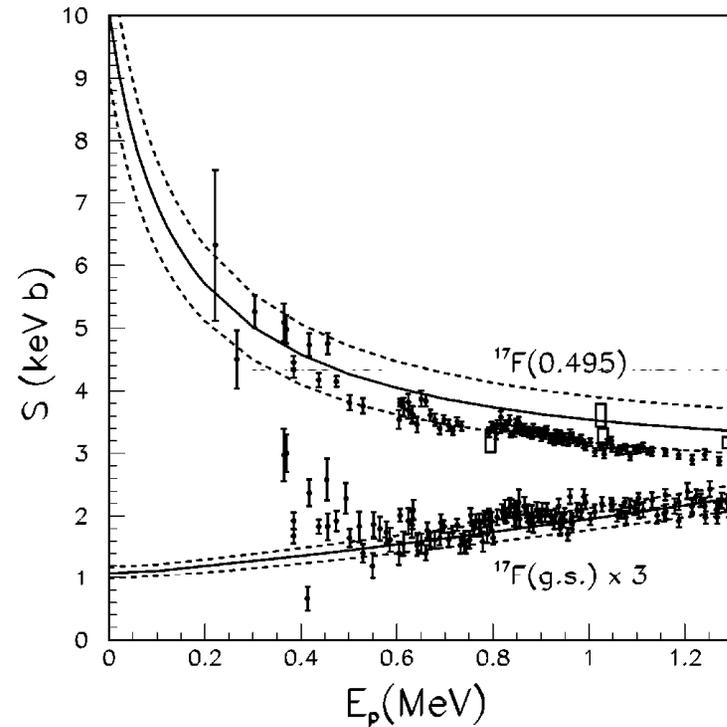
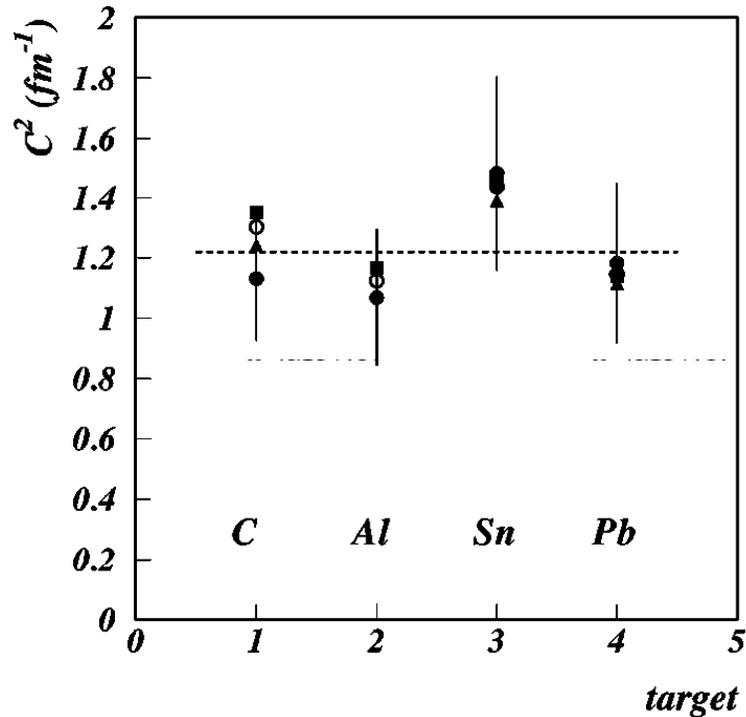


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**External view (WU)**



$^9\text{C}$ ,  $^{17}\text{F}$  breakup @ 100MeV/u. Theor estimates by F. Carstoiu



**Note:  $^9\text{C} \rightarrow ^7\text{Be} + 2\text{p}$  large cs**  
 Calculations with two different geometries of the binding potential for the last proton are shown (see text for details).

Calculated momentum distributions from 1p-breakup of  $^{17}\text{F}$  at 100 MeV/u on a  $^{12}\text{C}$  target. Calculations with two different geometries of the binding potential for the last proton are shown (see text for details).

**Interested in the accuracy of absolute values of cross sections.  
 What different models, parameters, codes (and theoreticians) give?!**

# ${}^9\text{C} \rightarrow {}^8\text{B} + \text{p}$ breakup for ${}^8\text{B}(p, \gamma){}^9\text{C}$

The reaction is important in the hot pp chains, in **explosive H burning**, at large temperatures, for creating alternative paths across the  $A=8$  mass gap (see e.g. M. Wiescher et al., Ap. J. 343 (1989)352.)

pp IV  ${}^8\text{B}(p, \gamma){}^9\text{C}(\beta^+ \nu){}^9\text{B}(p){}^8\text{Be}(\alpha){}^4\text{He}$  and  
 rap I  ${}^8\text{B}(p, \gamma){}^9\text{C}(\alpha, p){}^{12}\text{N}(p, \gamma){}^{13}\text{O}(\beta^+ \nu){}^{13}\text{N}(p, \gamma){}^{14}\text{O}$ .

Use breakup of  ${}^9\text{C} \rightarrow {}^8\text{B} + \text{p}$  at intermediate energies to obtain  ${}^8\text{B}(p, \gamma){}^9\text{C}$  at astrophysical energies.

Analyze existing data from

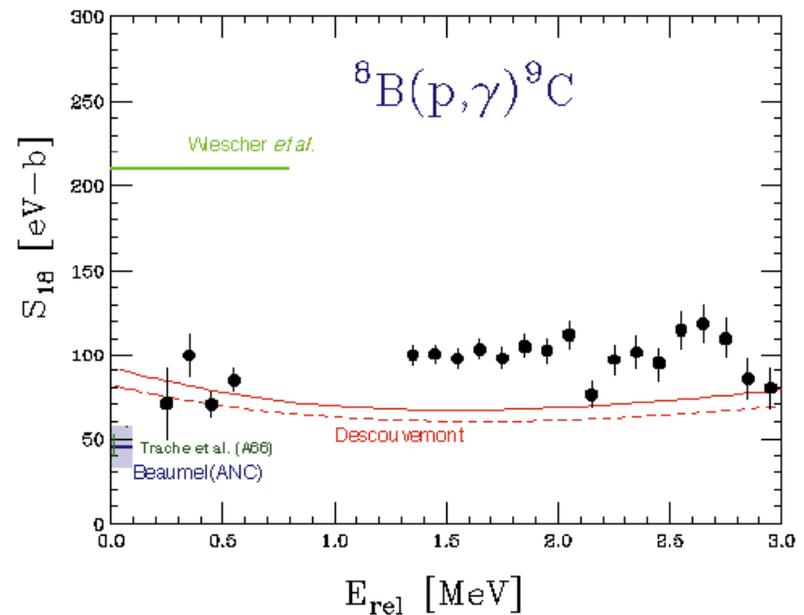
B. Blank et al., Nucl Phys A624 (1997) 242  
 ${}^9\text{C}$  @285 MeV/u on C, Al, Sn and Pb targets

Find new reaction rate:

$$R = N_A \langle \sigma v \rangle = T_9^{-2/3} \exp\left(-\frac{B}{T_9^{1/3}}\right) (A_0 + A_1 T_9^{1/3} + A_2 T_9^{2/3}) \text{ cm}^3/\text{s/mol}$$

with  $B=11.94$ ,  $A_0=6.64\text{e}5$ ,  $A_1=8.50\text{e}4$ ,  $A_2=-2.41\text{e}5$ .

## Astrophysical S-factor



T Motobayashi

## More complementarities:

- ${}^9\text{C} \rightarrow {}^7\text{Be} + \text{p} + \text{p}$  at TAMU?  $E \sim 25\text{A MeV}$
- ${}^{13}\text{C}({}^{26}\text{Mg}, {}^{27}\text{Mg})$  n-transfer at  $10\text{A MeV}$   
& mirror symmetry for  ${}^{26}\text{Si}(\text{p}, \gamma){}^{27}\text{P}$
- Combine nuclear and Coulomb breakup  
to get  $S(0)$  and resonance widths  $\Gamma_\gamma$
- Reaction theory developments
  - C. Bertulani, K. Ogata (Kyushu Univ), F Carstoiu, A Bonaccorso, D. Brink

# Reaction theory advances (promised, some done already)

- Reaction theories and codes need improvements to treat r. with marginally stable and short-lived nuclear systems
- Better connection structure-reactions
- Study of approximations and effective interactions used; effect of truncations in Hilbert space and of antisymmetrization; coupling to continuum
- Relativistic corrections, kinematic and dynamical

# Team

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- S. Shimoura, E. Ideguchi, S. Go – *CNS, Univ Tokyo*
- C. Bertulani – *Texas A&M Univ Commerce (JUSTIPEN participant)*
- N. Orr, J. Gibelin, L. Achouri - *LPC Caen*
- F. Carstoiu – *IFIN Bucharest*
- A. Bonaccorso – *INFN Pisa*



= studied at TAMU



= planned

also <sup>38</sup>Ca, <sup>46</sup>V, <sup>57</sup>Cu, <sup>62</sup>Ga, ...

