

Prospects for Nuclear Astrophysics Experiments in Korea

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 - Experimental groups
 - Selected experiments

- RIB accelerator (RAON)
 - Introduction of the facility
 - Proposed NAP experiments

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85 Years of Nuclear Astrophysics

A Story of Success

1928 Gamow-Factor
George Gamow

1931 Stellar Structure & Theory of White Dwarfs
Subramanyan Chandrasekhar

1938 CNO Cycle - C. F. von Weizsacker
CNO Cycle, pp Chain - Hans Bethe

1957 Nucleosynthesis of Elements in Stars
Margaret & Geoffrey Burbidge, William
Fowler and Fred Hoyle = B²FH

1983 Nobel Prize: William Fowler
Subramanyan Chandrasekhar

2002 Nobel Prize for Neutrino Detection
Raymond Davis & Masatoshi Koshiba
X-ray Astronomy - Riccardo Giacconi

Experimental Nuclear Astrophysics

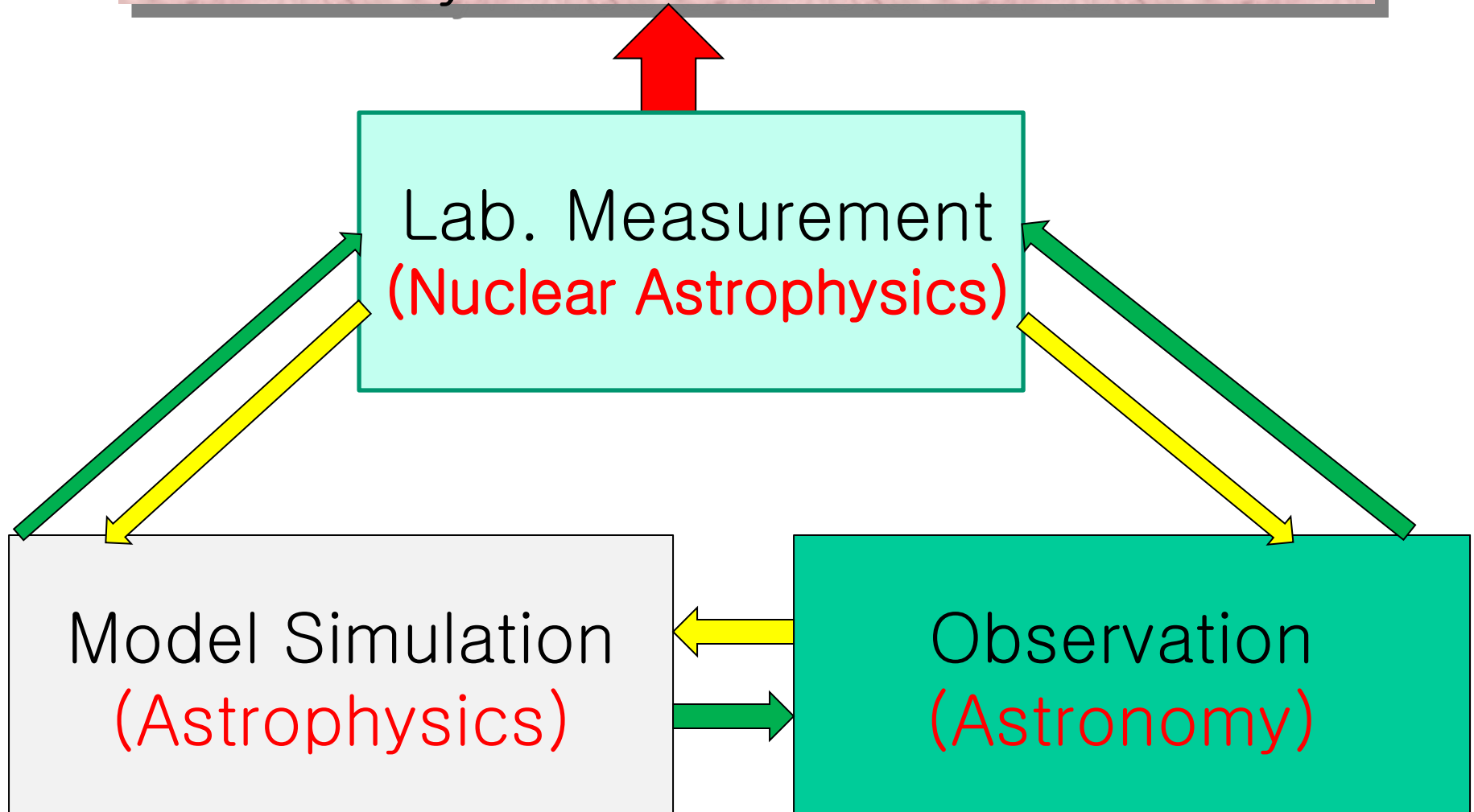


Nuclear reactions in stars

⇒ **produce energy**

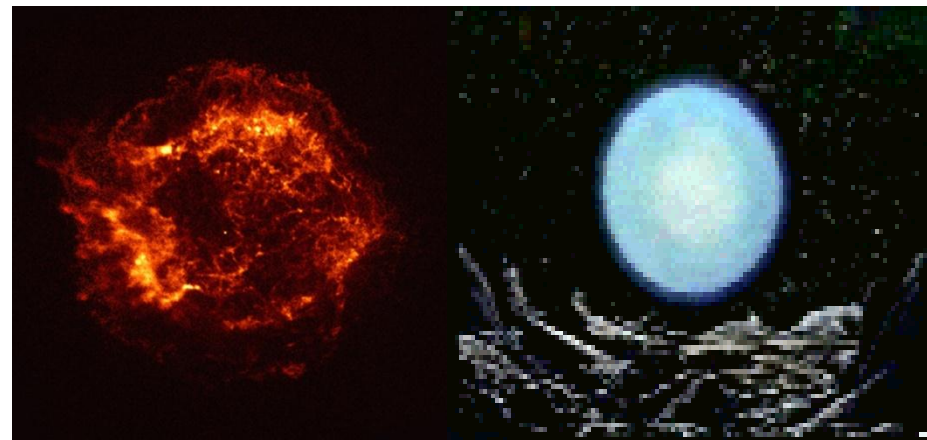
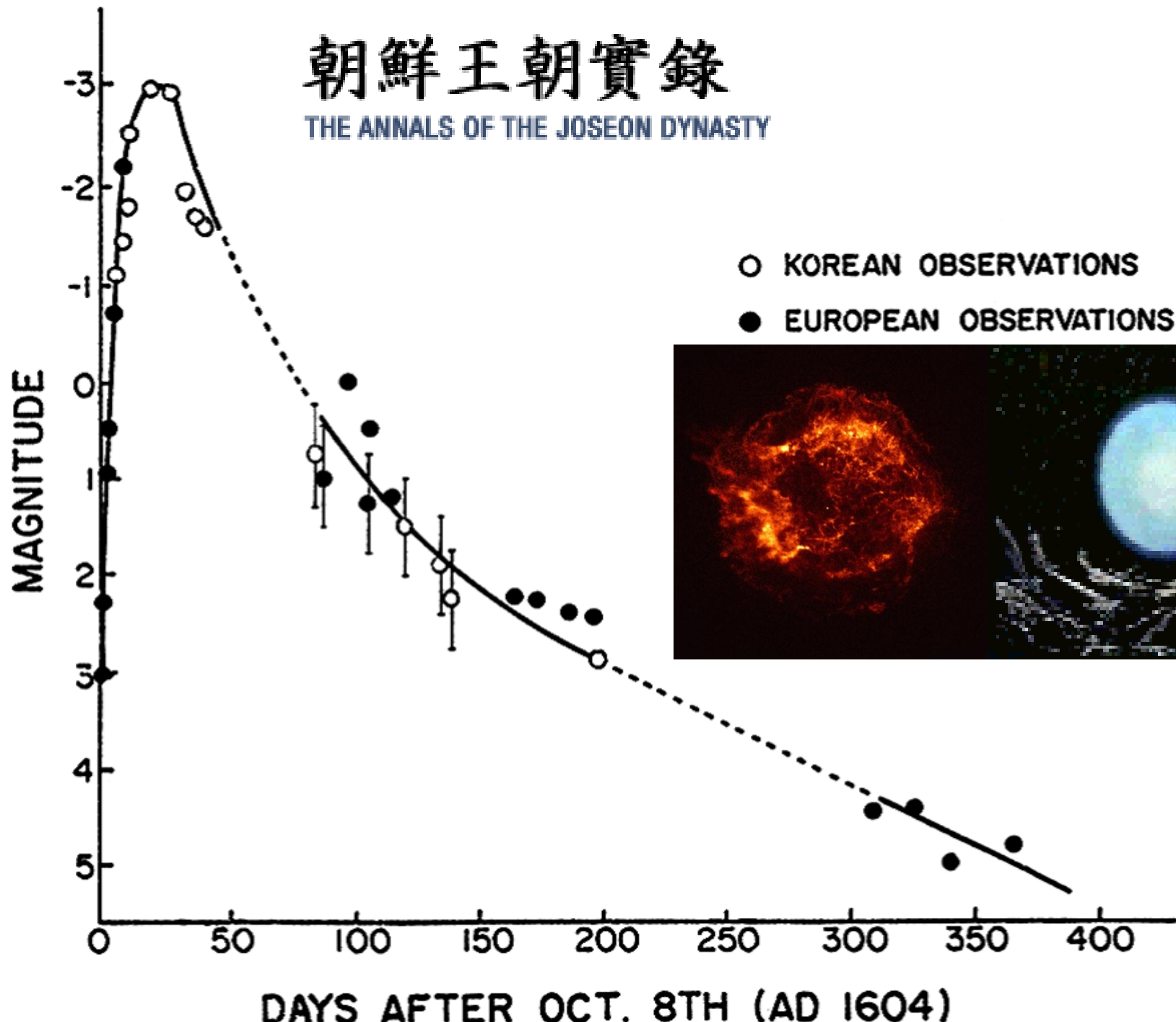
⇒ **generate the elements**

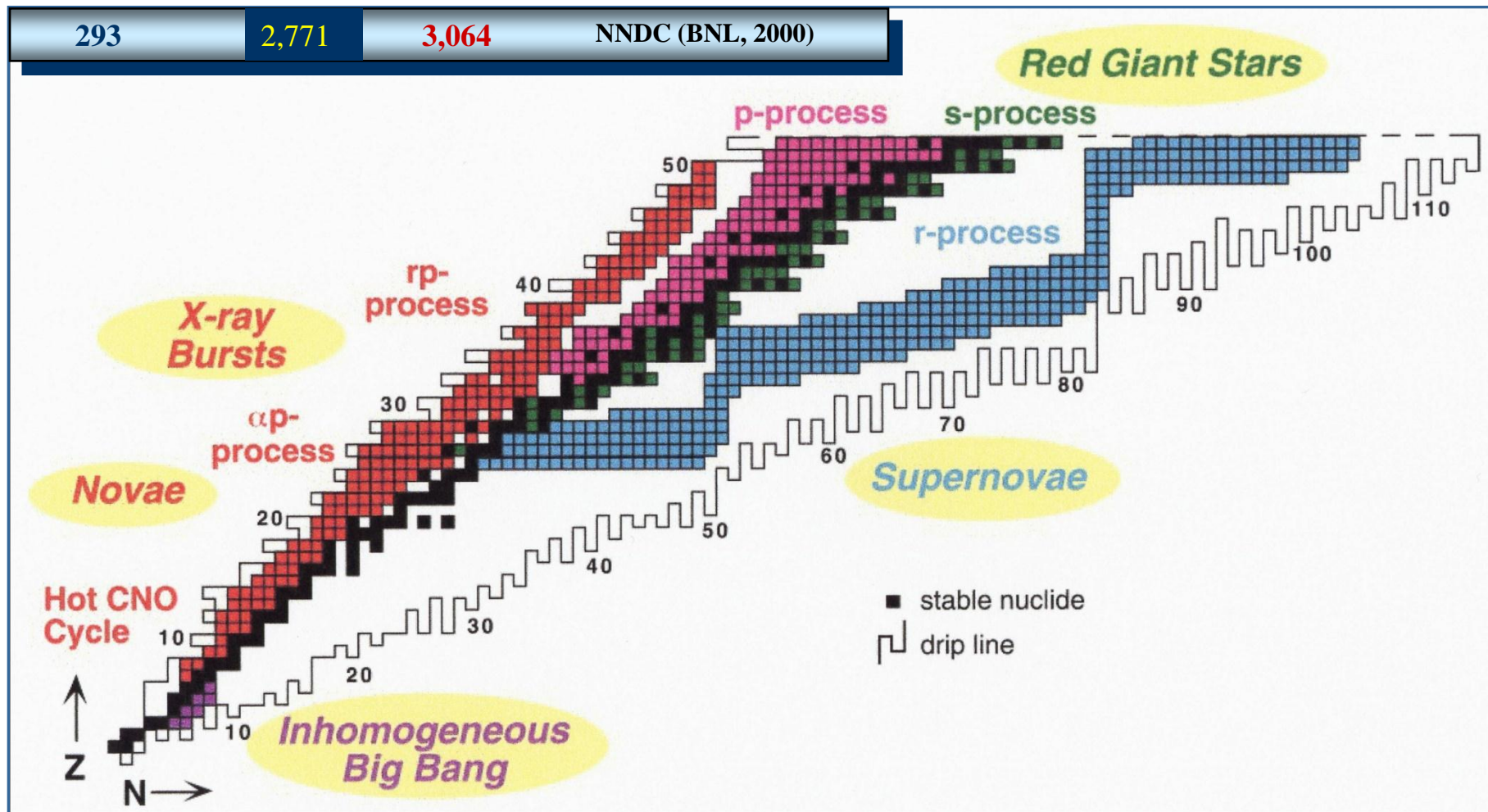
Evolution of the stars
Synthesis of elements



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In many cosmic phenomena, radioactive nuclei play an influential role,
hence the need for Radioactive Ion Beams

1985 by Fowler (Nobel prize 1983)

- “We stand on the verge of one of those exciting periods which occur in science from time to time. ...there is an urgent need for data on the properties and interactions of **radioactive nuclei** ... for use in nuclear astrophysics.”



Experimental considerations

Nucleosynthetic reactions are typically dominated by Coulomb barriers

$$E_B = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{R} = \frac{1.44 Z_1 Z_2}{R(\text{fm})} \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_T \approx kT = 8.62 \times 10^{-8} T \text{ keV}$$

- For $T=10^9$ K, $kT=86$ keV – a pretty low energy!
- Coulomb and/or angular momentum barriers are important
- Neutrons: Energies $\sim kT$ most important for determining reaction rate
- Charged particles: Energies significantly higher than kT needed due to Coulomb barrier (Gamow Energy / Gamow Window)
 - Example: $\alpha+^{12}\text{C}$ @ $T=2 \times 10^8$ K \rightarrow $E_0=0.3$ MeV

Thermonuclear reactions in stars

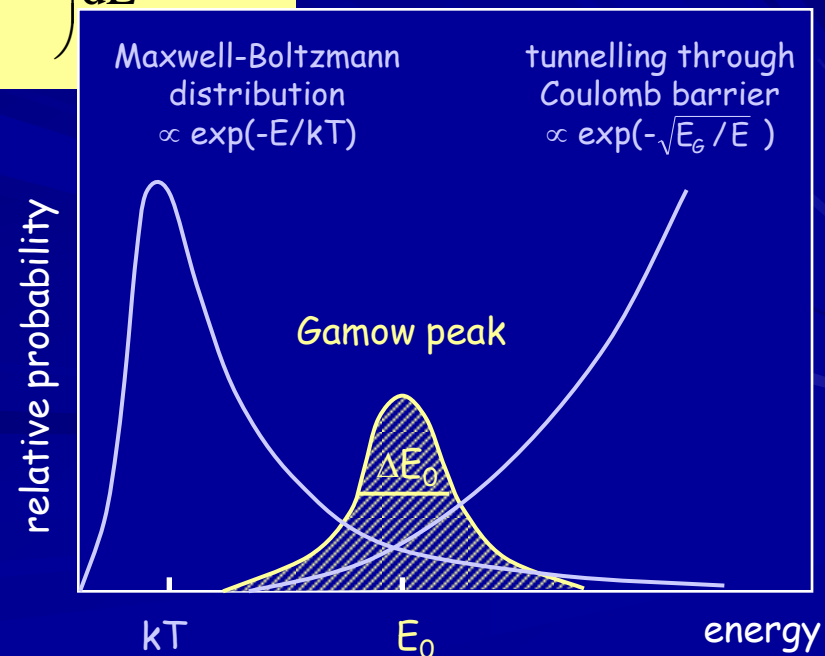
$$S(E) \equiv \sigma(E)E \exp\left(\frac{2\pi Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{\hbar v}\right)$$

$$\lambda = \langle \sigma v \rangle = \int_0^\infty \sigma(E) v(E) \Psi(E) dE$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{S(E)}{E} \exp(-bE^{-1/2}) \sqrt{\frac{2E}{\mu}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{E}{kT} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{kT}\right) \frac{dE}{(kTE)^{1/2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{8}{\mu\pi}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{(kT)^{3/2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{S(E)}{E} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{kT} - bE^{-1/2}\right) dE$$

Indirect measurement
vs.
Direct measurements

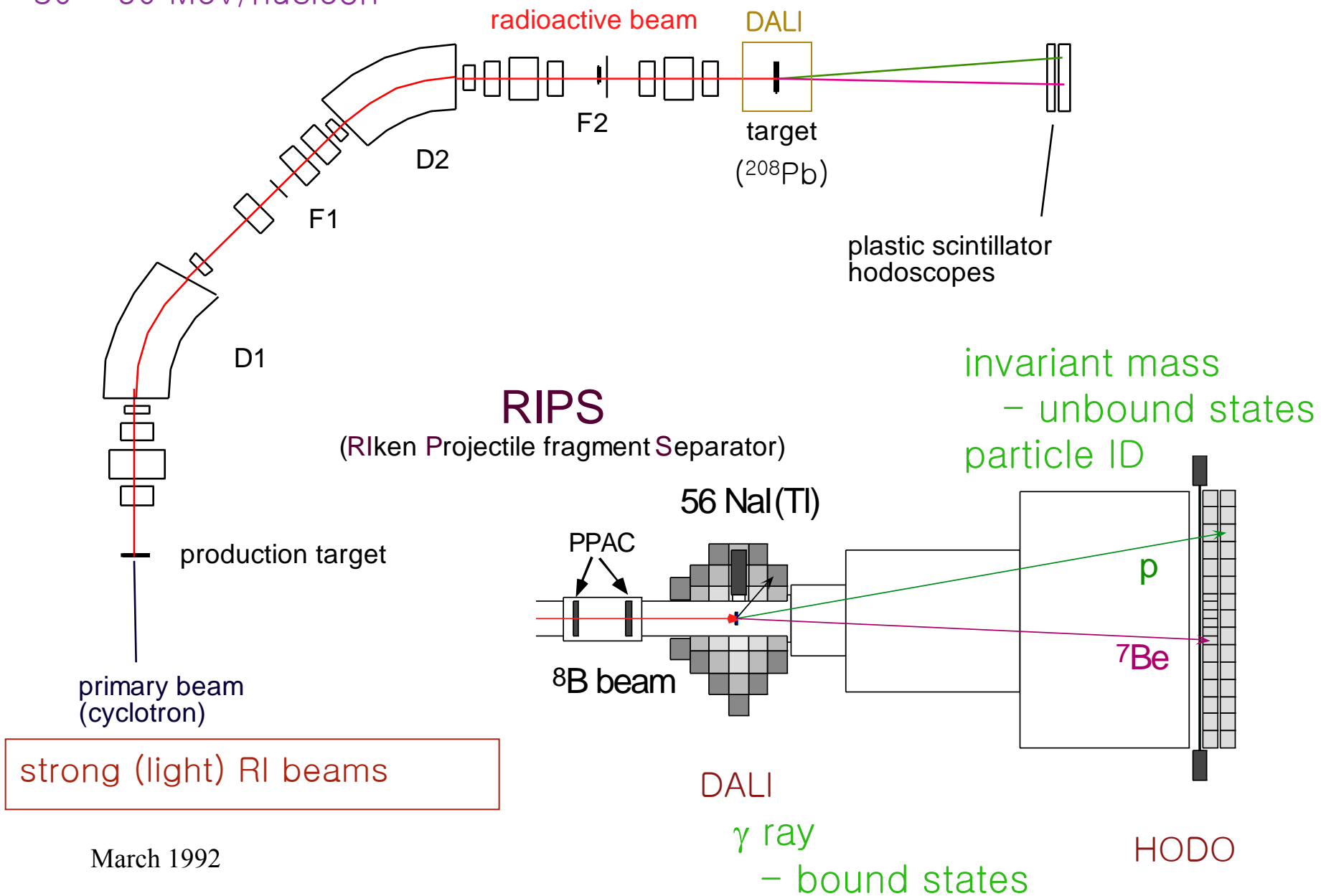


Experimental Nuclear Astrophysics Group

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Y. K. Kwon	RISP	CNS	
J. H. Lee	RISP	CNS	
J. Y. Moon	RISP		
C. S. Lee	Chungang Univ.	CNS, ORNL	27Al, 26Si, 18F
C. B. Moon	Hoseo Univ.	RIKEN	11Li
S.H. Choi	SNU	CNS/RIKEN	
A. Kim	SNU	CNS	14O(a,p)
S. H. Park	KAERI	TRIUMF, U. W	7Be(p,g)
K. Y. Chae	SKKU	ORNL	18F, 17F
K. I. Hahn	Ewha Womans Univ.	Yale, CNS, ORNL	18Ne, 8B, 3H
S. C. Jeong	KEK	KEK, RIKEN	
H. Y. Lee	Los Alamos	Notre Dame, ANL	
H. S. Jung	Notre Dame	CNS	

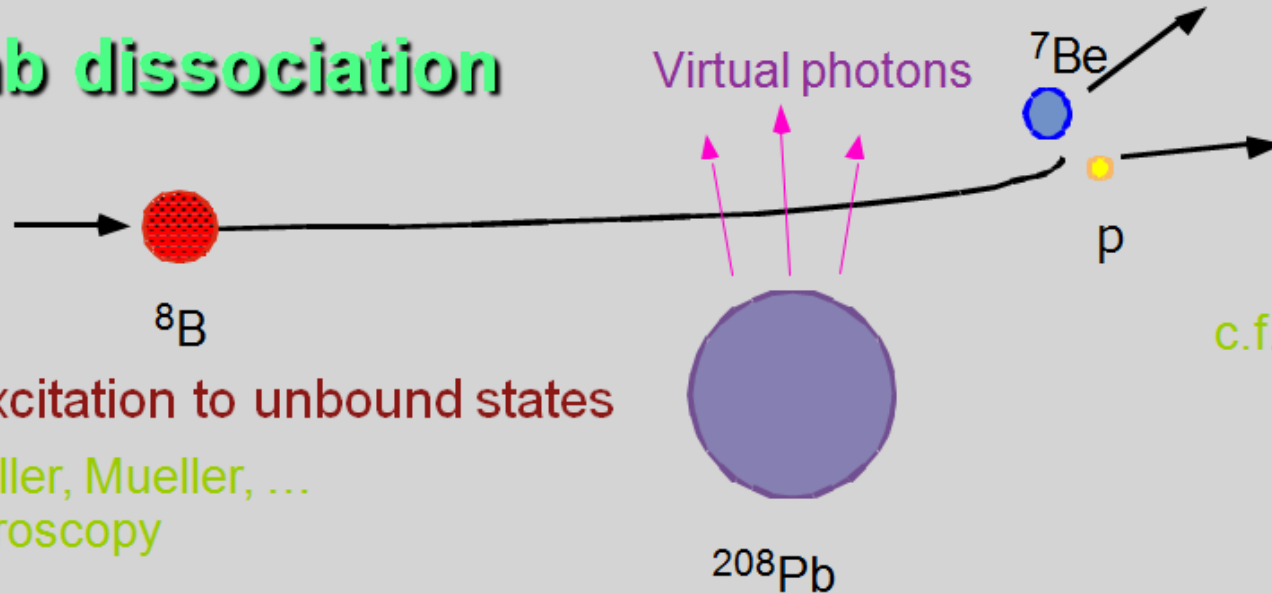
^8B CD Experiment at RIKEN

50 – 90 MeV/nucleon



March 1992

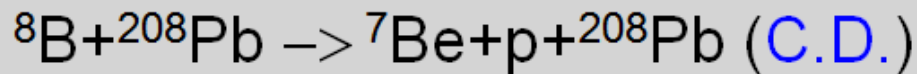
Coulomb dissociation



c.f. Nakamura
halo nuclei

= Coulomb excitation to unbound states

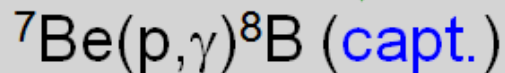
c.f. Mueller, Mueller, ...
spectroscopy



↓ virtual photon theory or DWBA



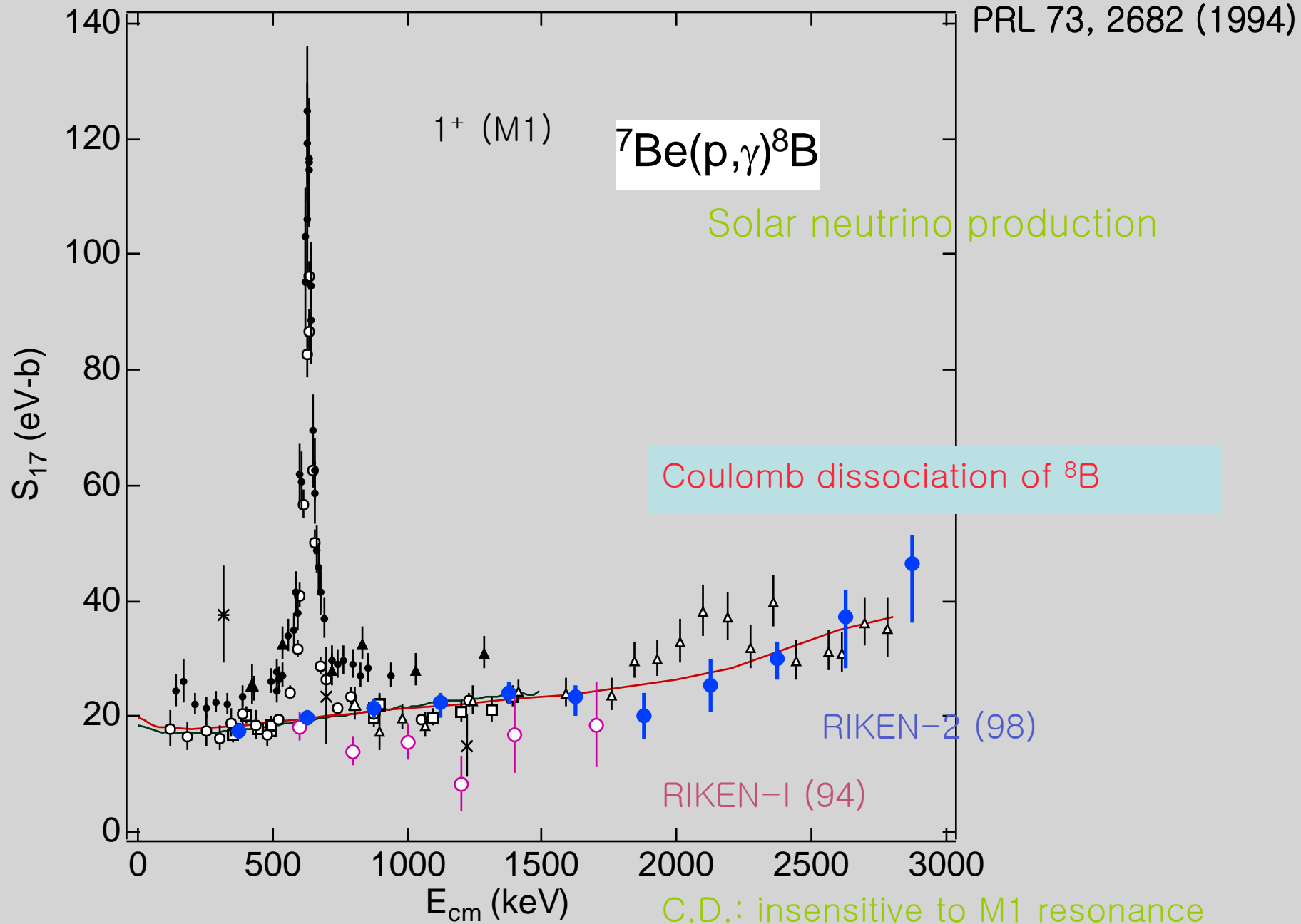
↓ detailed balance



large σ

thick target (intermediate energy)

experiments with R.I. beams



some of the theorists in (Nuclear) Astrophysics

M. K. Cheoun @ Soongsil Univ.

- . Neutrino Reaction in Nuclear Astrophysics
ν-processes in Nucleosynthesis

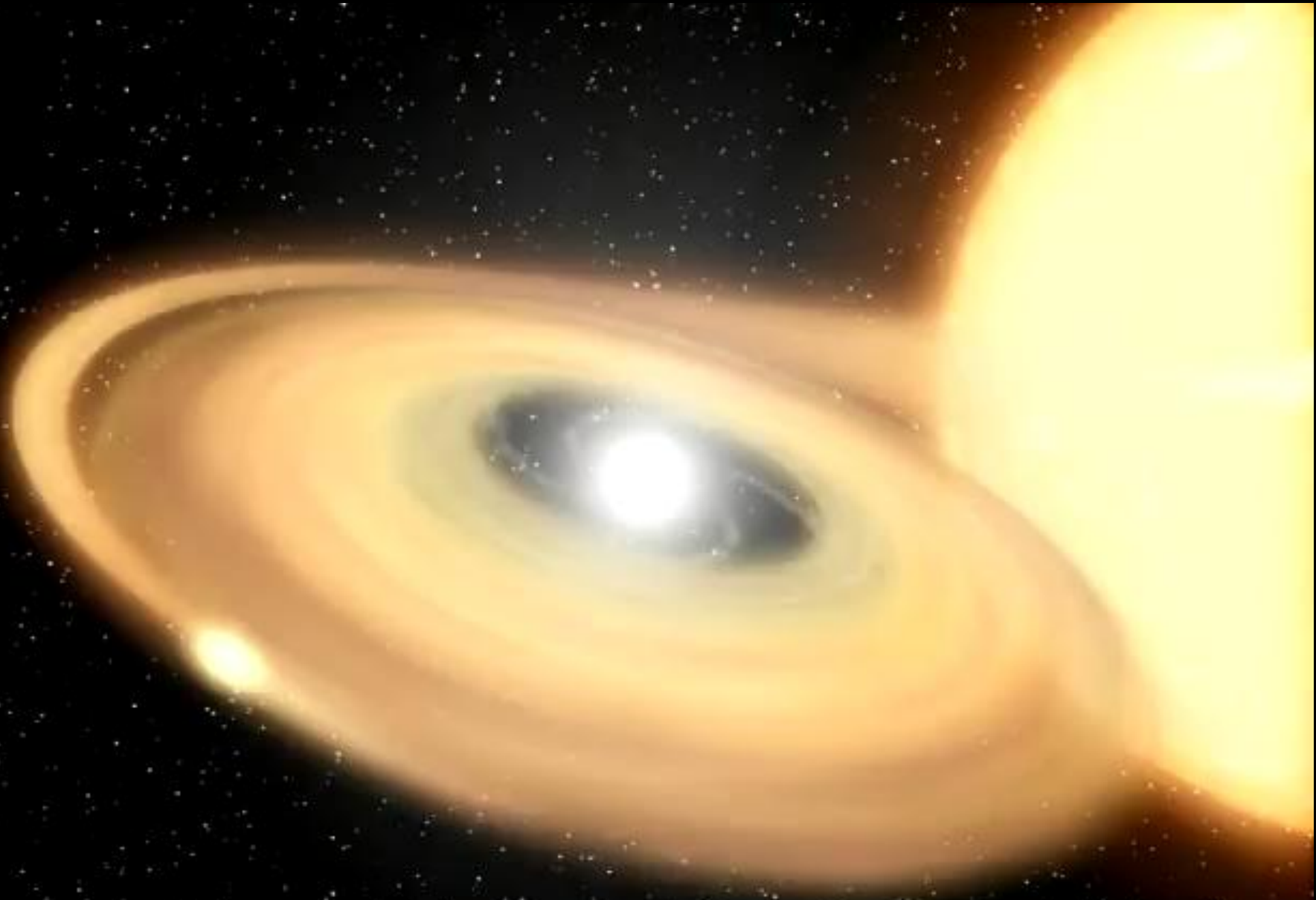
H. K. Lee @ Hanyang Univ.

- . Nuclear Symmetry Energy and Compact Stars

C. H. Lee @ Pusan Univ.

- . Gamma-ray burst, Hypernovae, Supernovae,
neutron star

Nova models



xrayburst

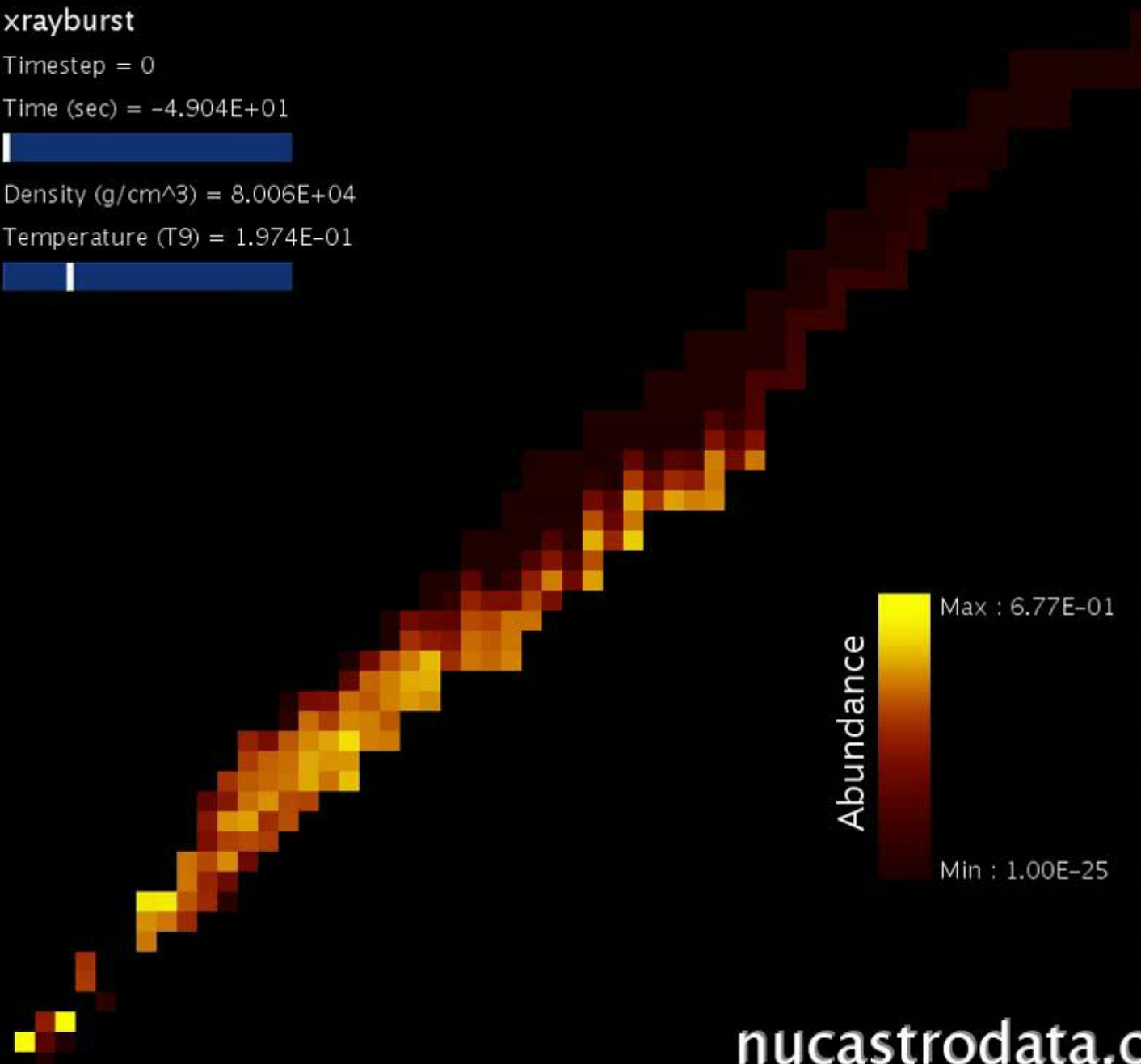
Timestep = 0

Time (sec) = $-4.904E+01$



Density (g/cm³) = $8.006E+04$

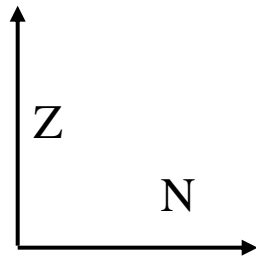
Temperature (T9) = $1.974E-01$



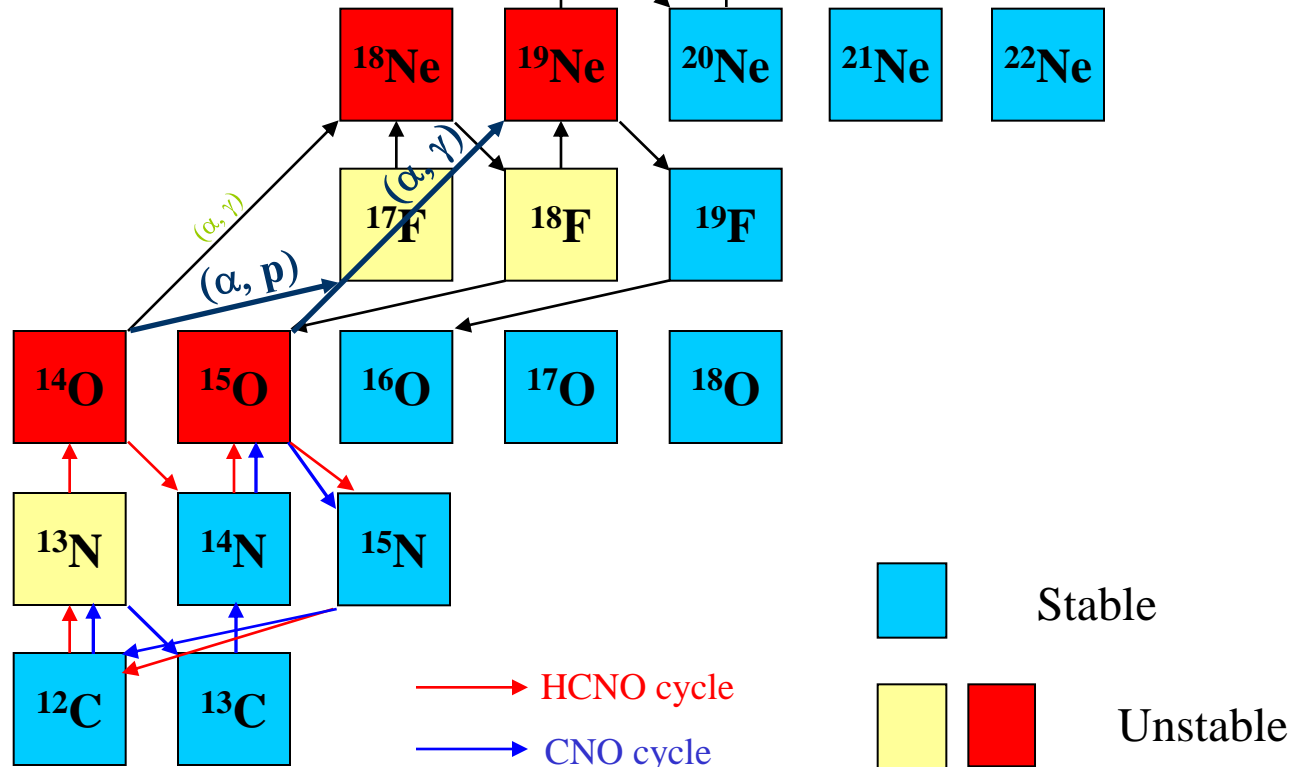
Abundance

Max : $6.77E-01$

Min : $1.00E-25$



CNO cycle : $T_9 < 0.2$
 HCNO cycle: $0.2 < T_9 < 0.5$
 rp process : $T_9 > 0.5$

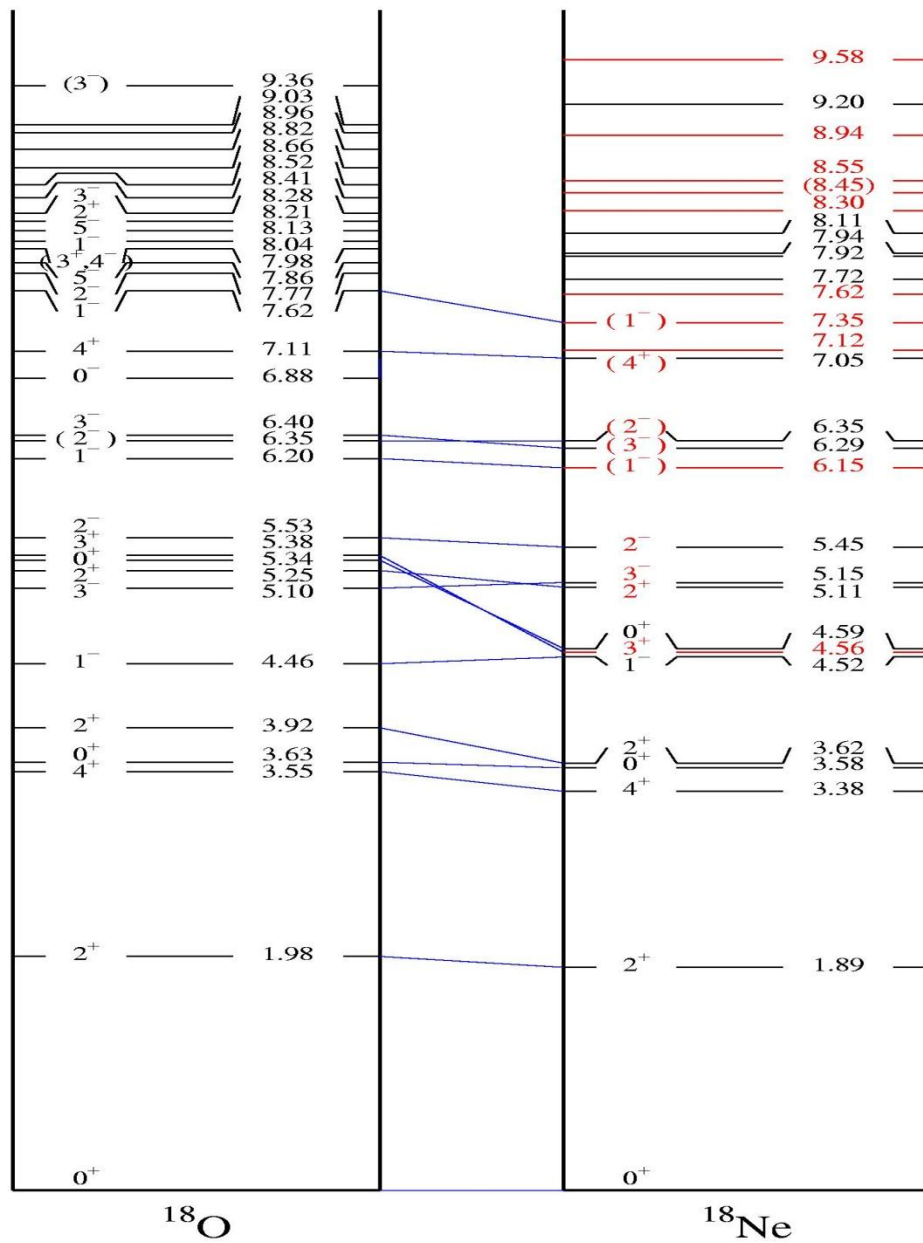


Measurements

- Direct measurements are desirable ways to measure the $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$ and $^{14}\text{O}(\alpha,p)^{17}\text{F}$ reactions over indirect methods.
- Only became possible after new generation of accelerators that can make $^{14,15}\text{O}$ and ^{17}F beams in the late 90's.
- There are still large uncertainties of the reaction relevant to X-ray burst and novae.

Measurements

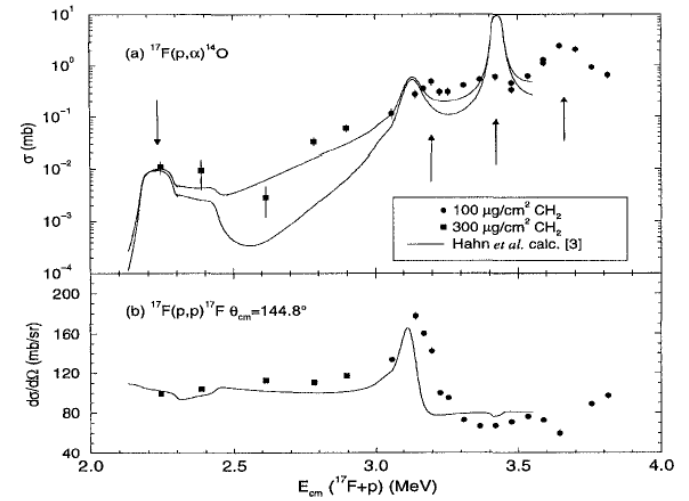
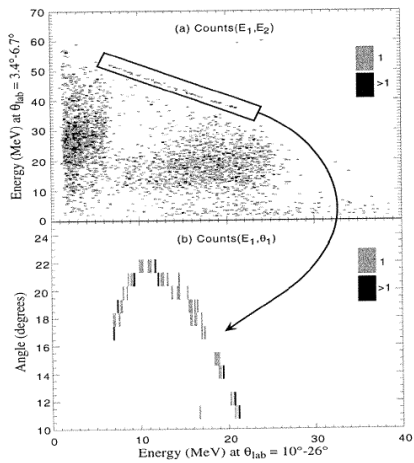
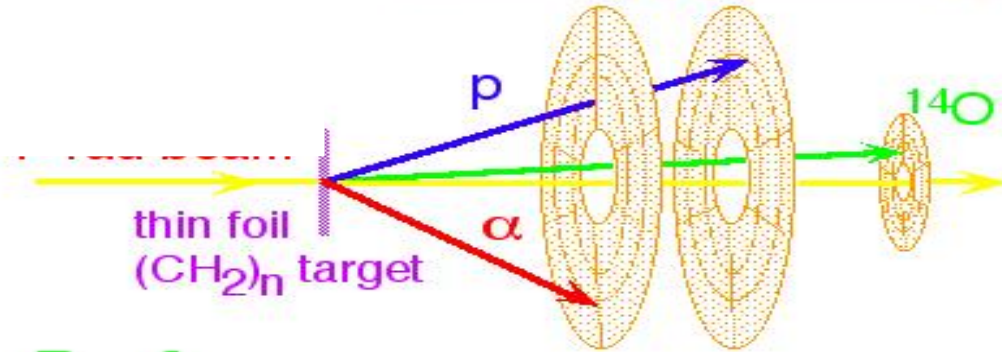
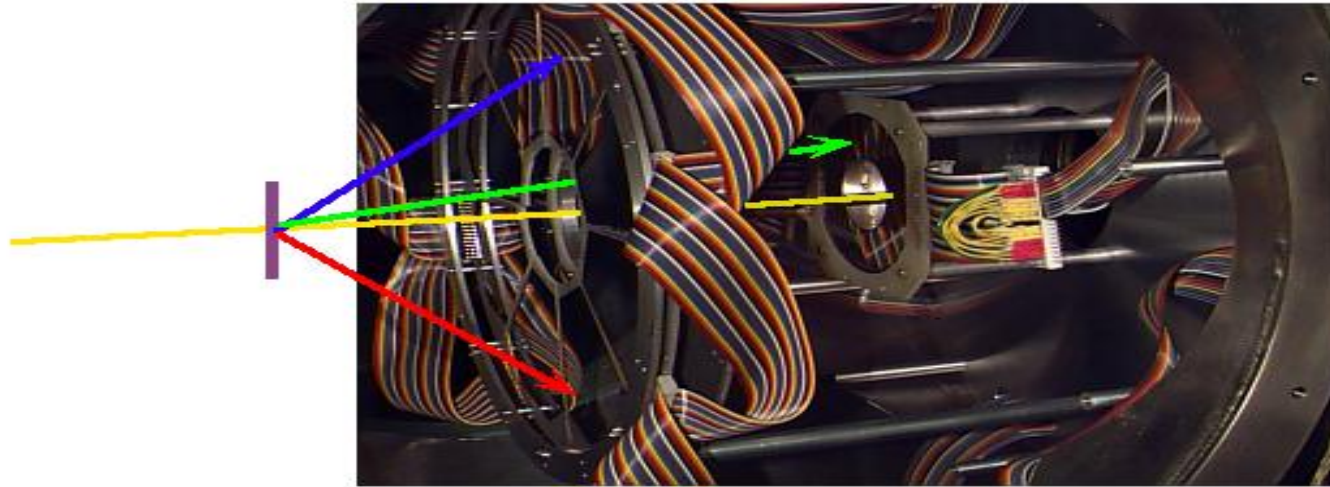
- Direct measurements have a serious problem due to their very low cross sections
- Indirect measurements
 - Transfer reactions (selectivity, resolution)
 - $^{20}\text{Ne}(p,t)^{18}\text{Ne}$, $^{16}\text{O}(^3\text{He},n)^{18}\text{Ne}$,
 $^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C},^6\text{He})^{18}\text{Ne}$,
 $^{19}\text{F}(^3\text{He},t)^{19}\text{Ne}$, $^{16}\text{O}(^6\text{Li},t)^{19}\text{Ne}$, etc.
 - Resonant elastic scattering
 - $^4\text{He}(^{14}\text{O},\alpha)^{14}\text{O}$ and $^4\text{He}(^{15}\text{O},\alpha)^{15}\text{O}$

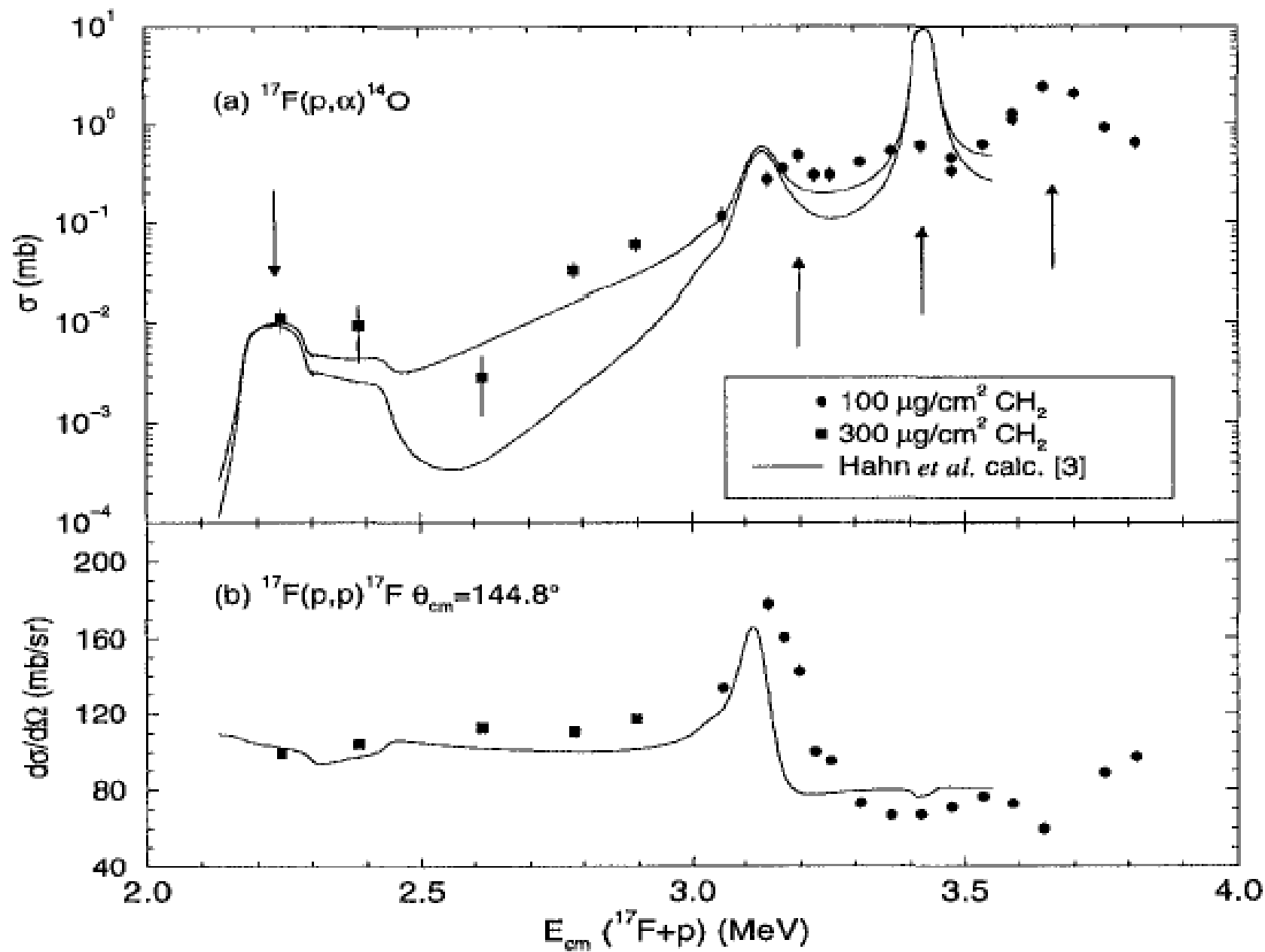


$\frac{5.114}{^{14}\text{O} + \alpha}$
 ← 4.592 PRL 83 (1999)

$\frac{3.922}{^{17}\text{F} + p}$

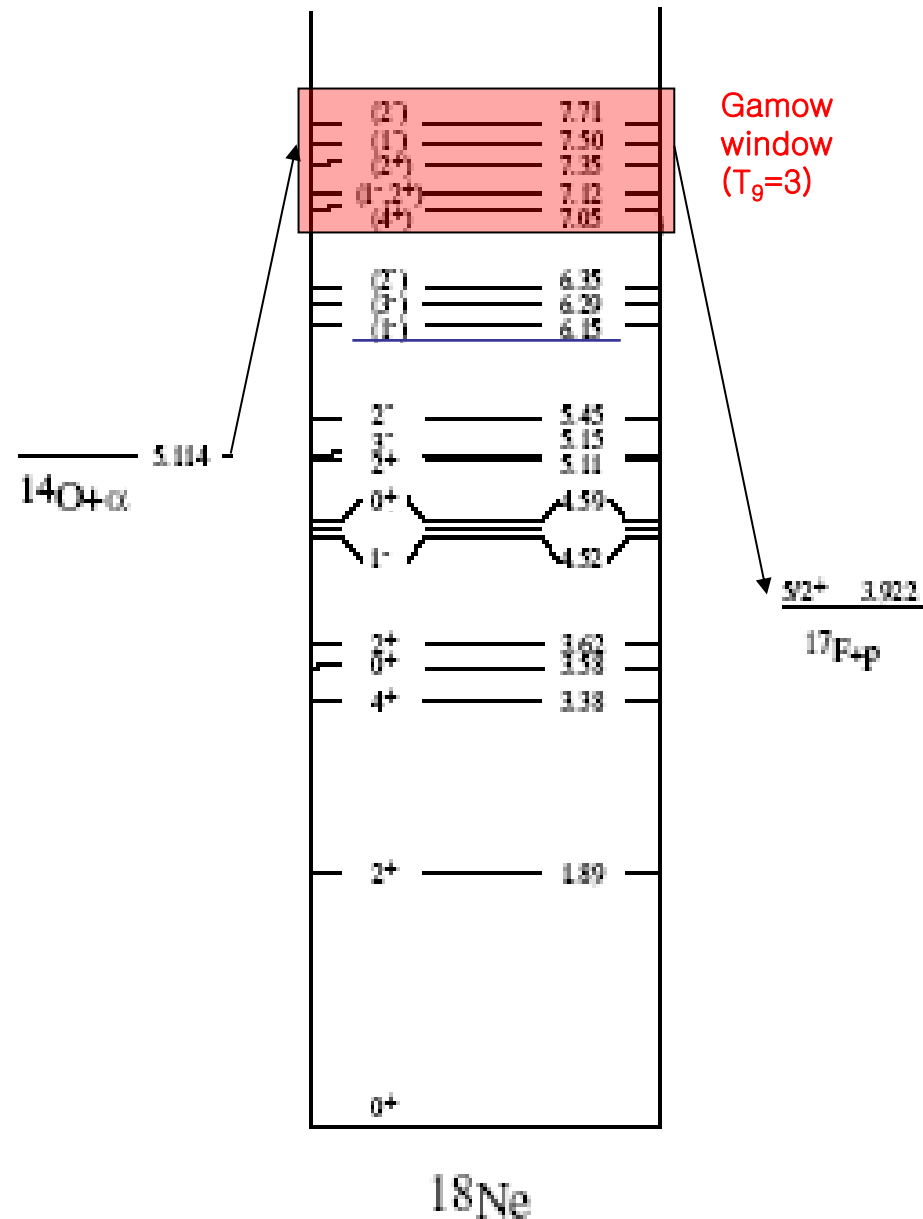
$p(^{17}\text{F}, ^{14}\text{O})\alpha$ Experiment at ORNL



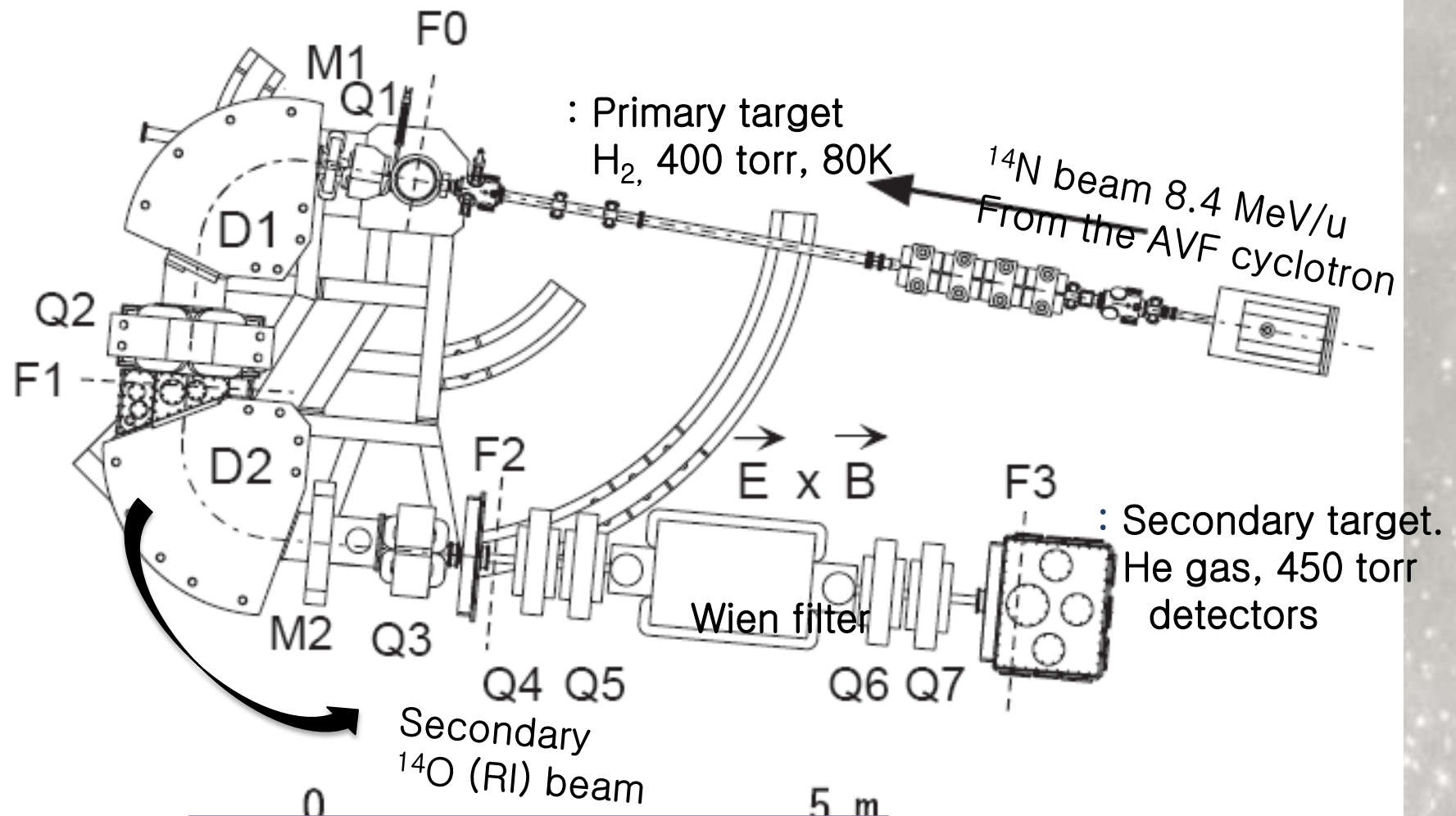


- $^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, p)^{17}\text{F}$ reaction rate is strongly affected by resonant states of ^{18}Ne .
- However, there are large uncertainties in $^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, p)^{17}\text{F}$ reaction rate.
- People have measured the time-reverse reaction $^{17}\text{F}(p, \alpha)^{14}\text{O}$.
- Previous other measurements were indirect experiments, which were to measure the resonance properties of ^{18}Ne .

→ We performed direct measurement of $^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, p)^{17}\text{F}$ and $^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, \alpha)^{14}\text{O}$.



We measured the $^{14}\text{O} + \alpha$ experiment in June, 2008

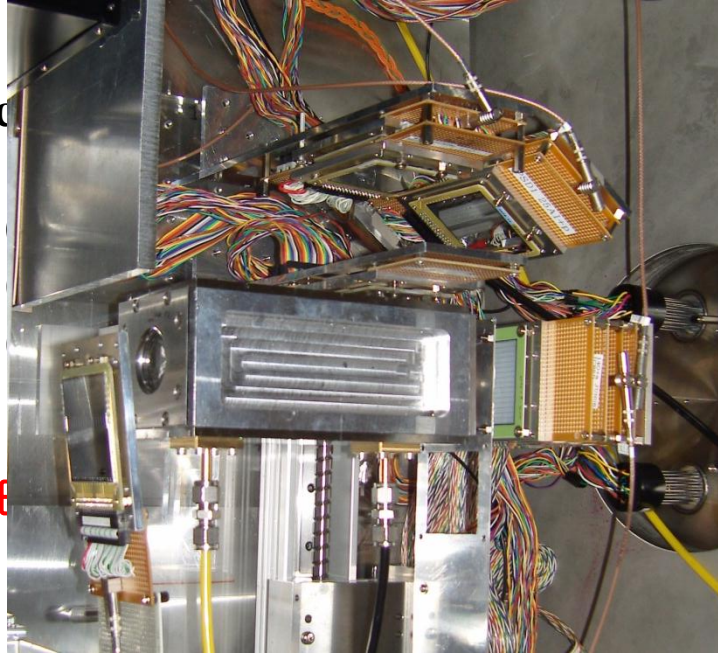


^{14}O secondary beam was produced through reaction $^{14}\text{N}(p,n)^{14}\text{O}$

- Secondary beam of

count rate: $\sim 10^5$ /s
 energy: 24.0 MeV
 36.0 MeV

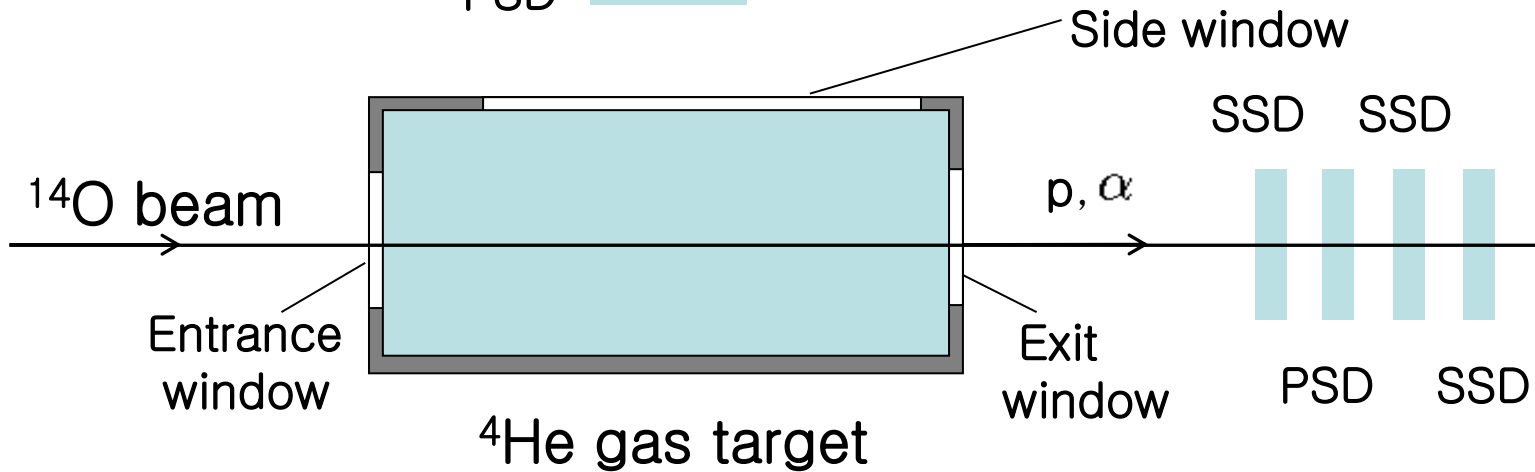
->



Secondary target (^4He gas)

radius: 150mm (room temp., 440 torr)
 thickness: 0.1 g/cm²

scanned.



- **Secondary beam condition (^{14}O)**

count rate: $\sim 10^5$ /s (on target)

energy: 24.0 MeV (low energy)

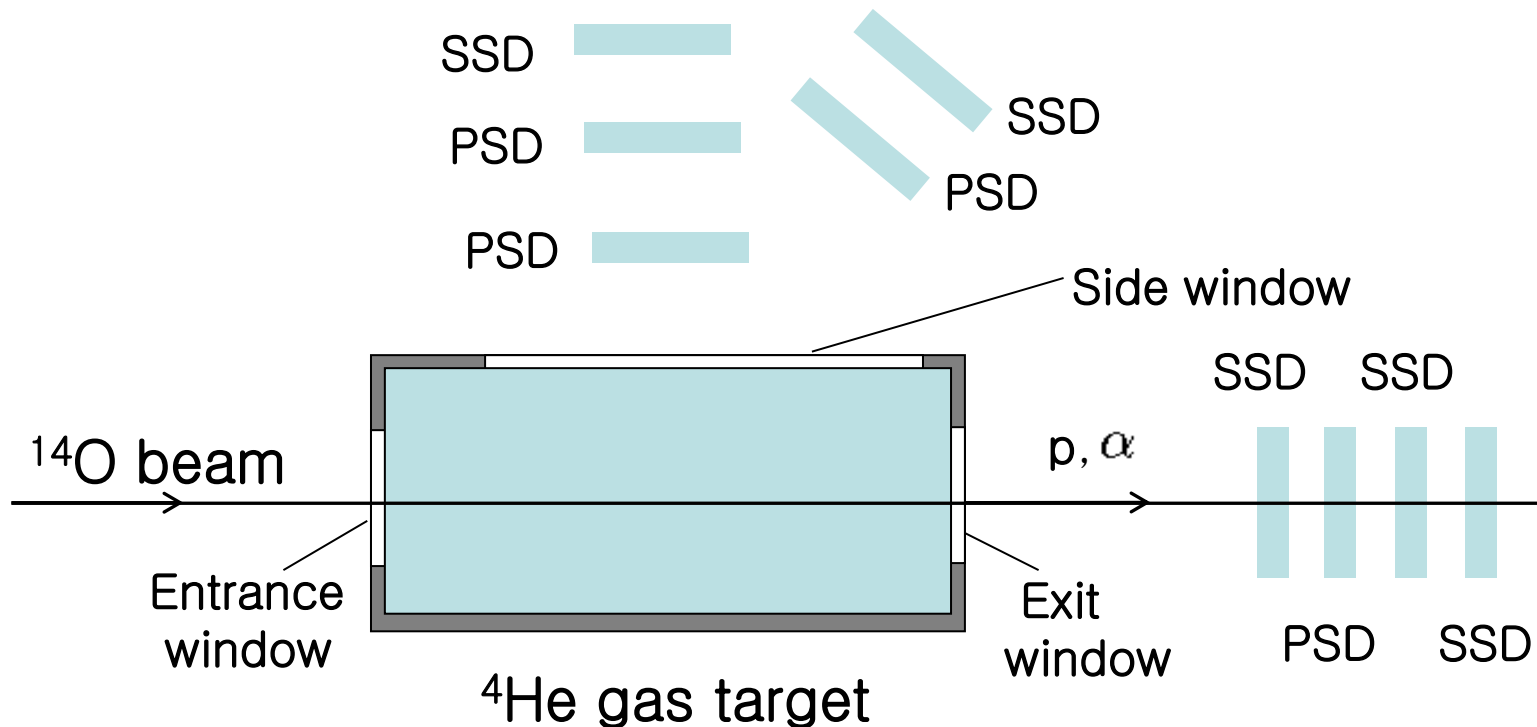
36.0 MeV (high energy)

- **Secondary target (^4He gas)**

thickness: 150mm (room temp. ,440 torr)

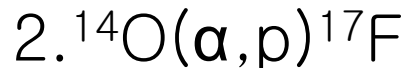
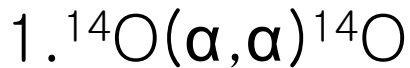
->1.43mg/cm²

-> $E_x = 7.2 \sim 13.1$ MeV in ^{18}Ne was scanned.



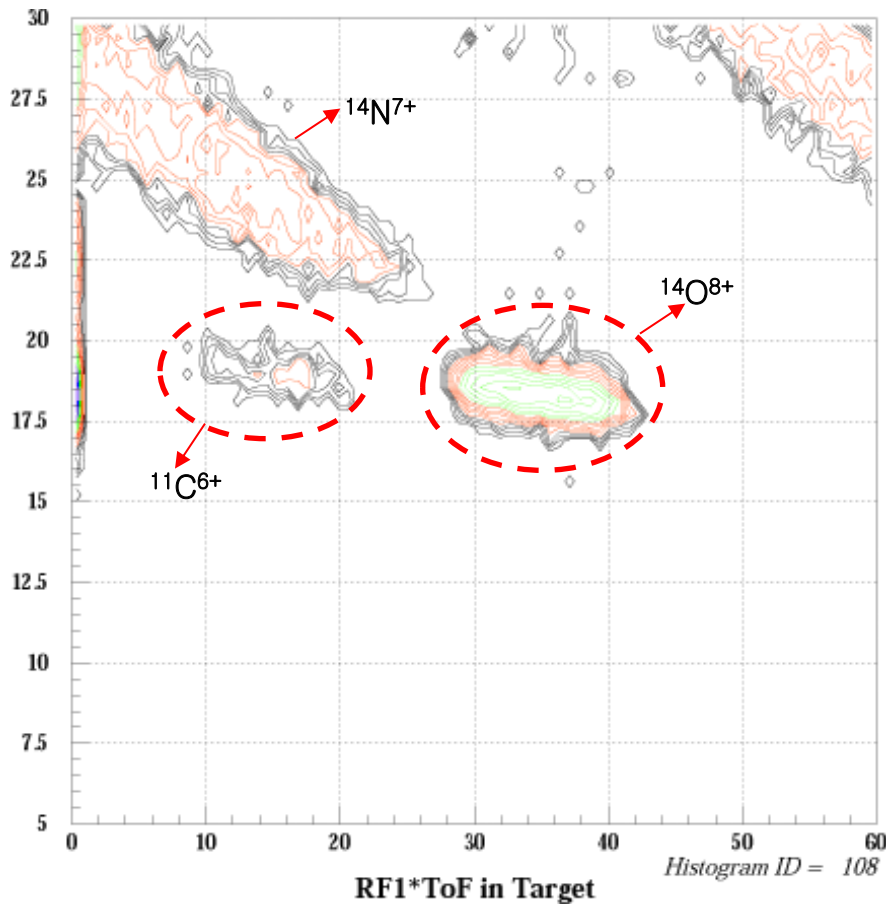
Analysis & Results

- Reconstruction of recoiled particles spectrum
 - : thick target method (effective thickness & solid angle)
 - relativistic kinematics



- Energy calibration of detector
 - : alpha source , proton beam and ^{14}N beam
- Background subtraction
 - : empty target run, Ar gas run

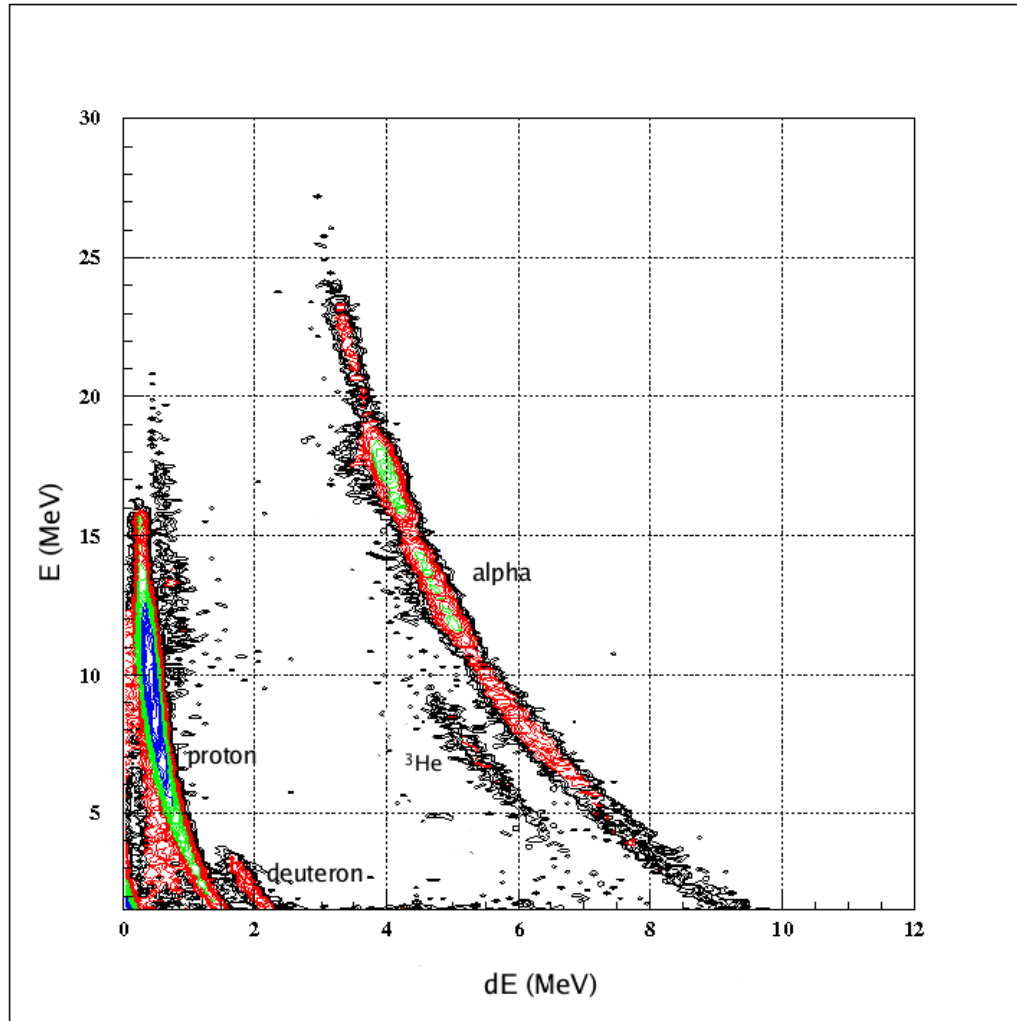
Separation of secondary beam



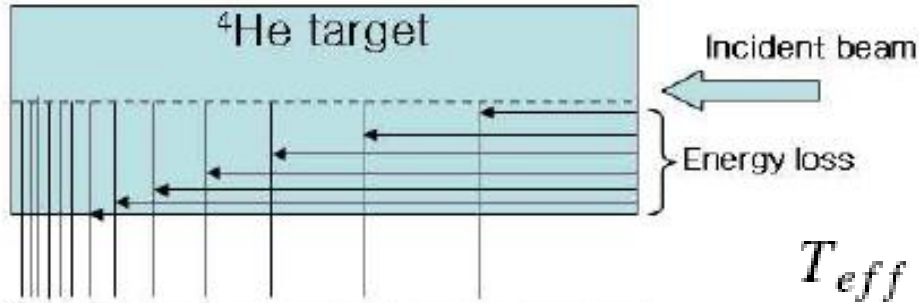
^{14}O beam was distinguished very cleanly.

Two dimensional plot of
RF1 vs TOF at F3

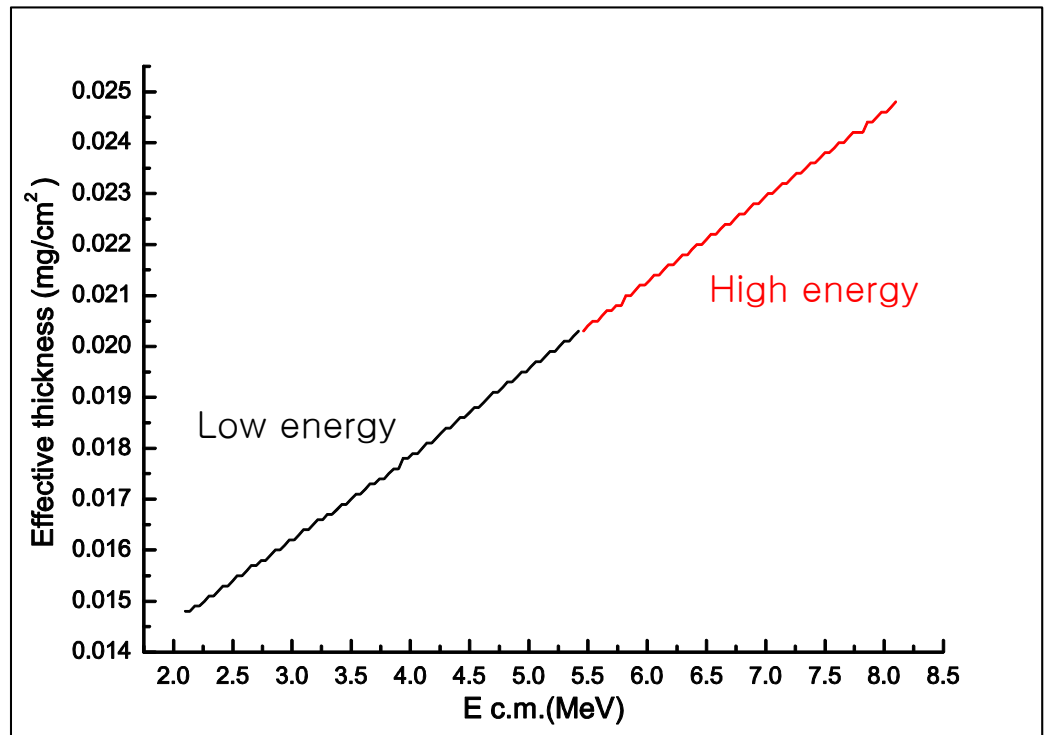
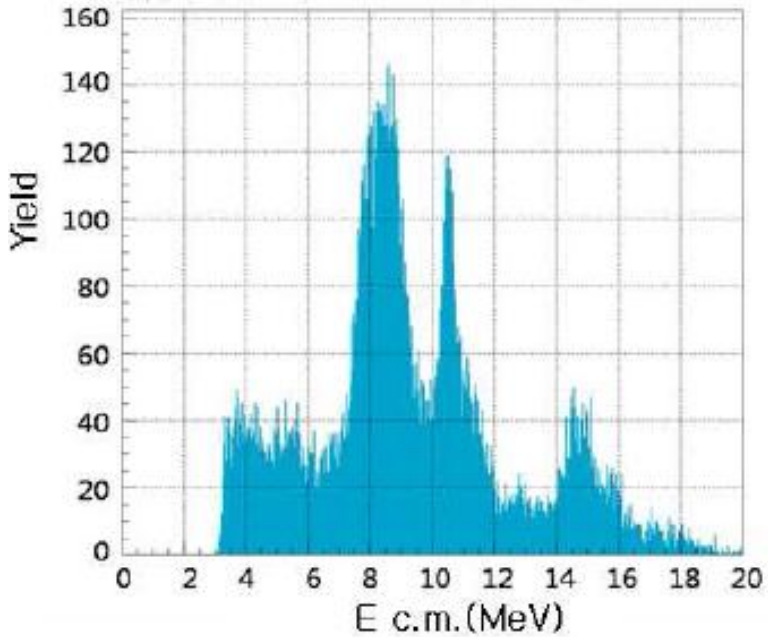
dE-E plot of recoiled particles



Effective thickness



$$T_{eff} = Range(E_n) - Range(E_{n-1})$$



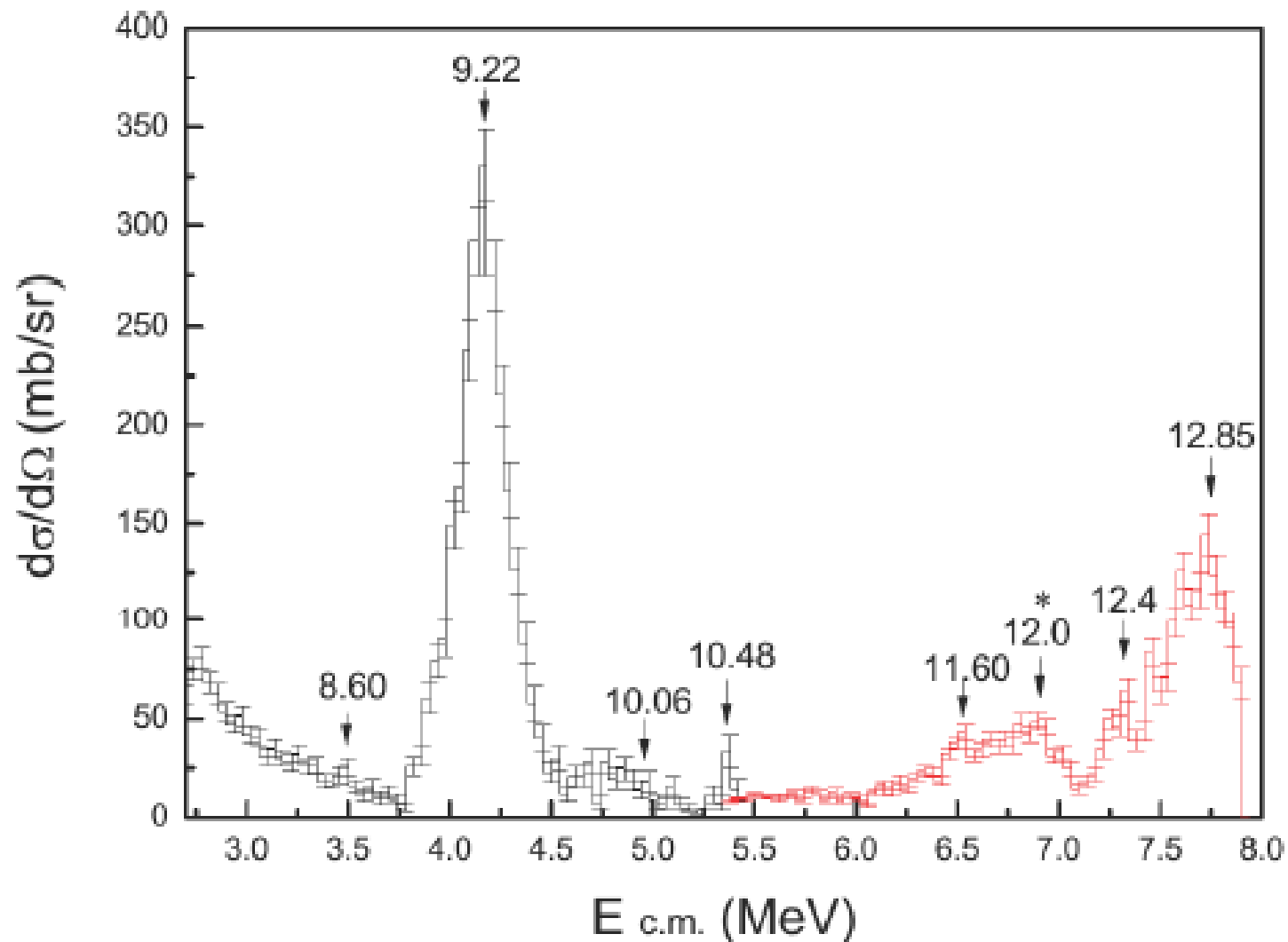
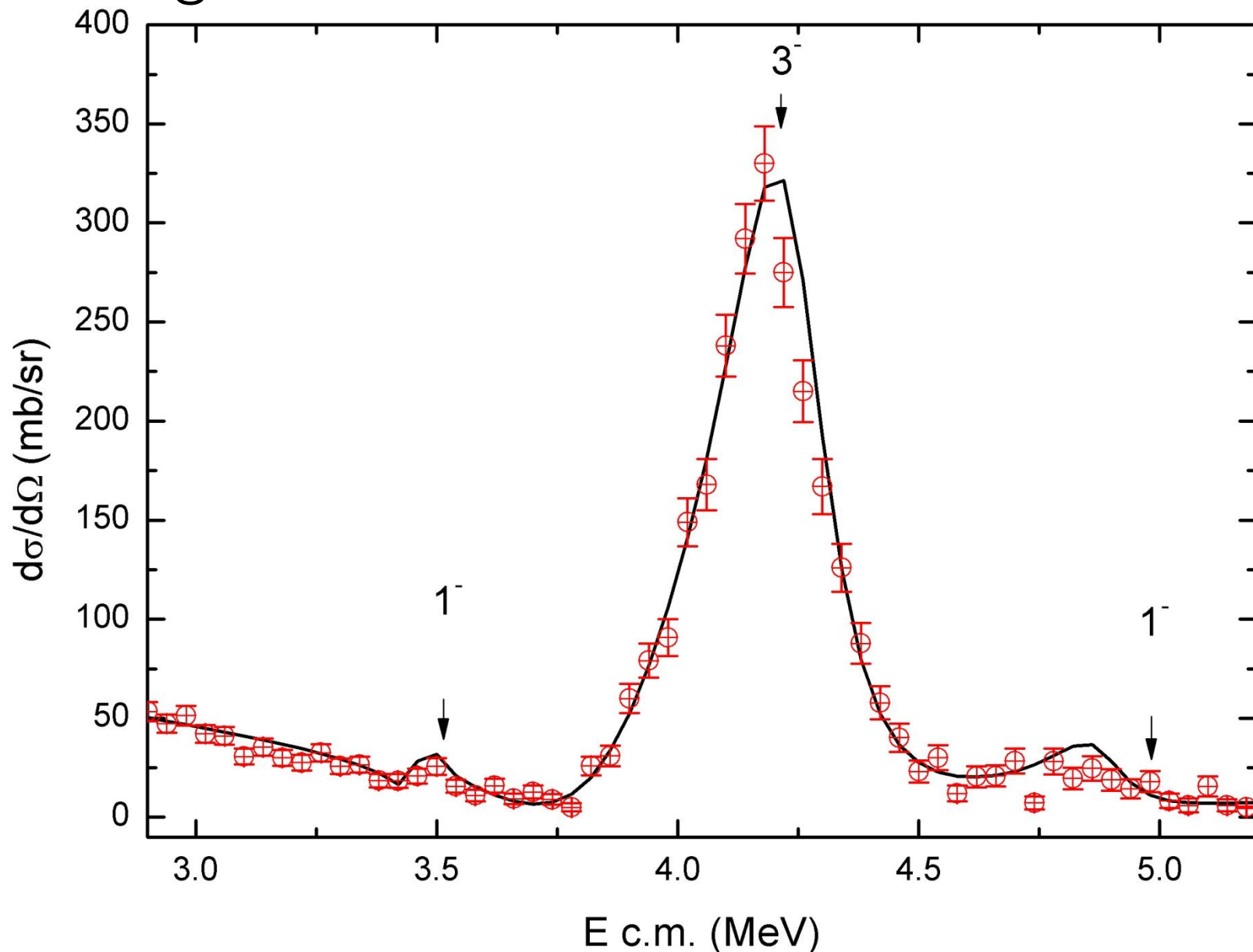


Fig. 5. (Color online) Excitation function of the $^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, \alpha)^{14}\text{O}$ reaction at the 0 degrees telescope. The level marked by * has not been seen before.

Fitting result

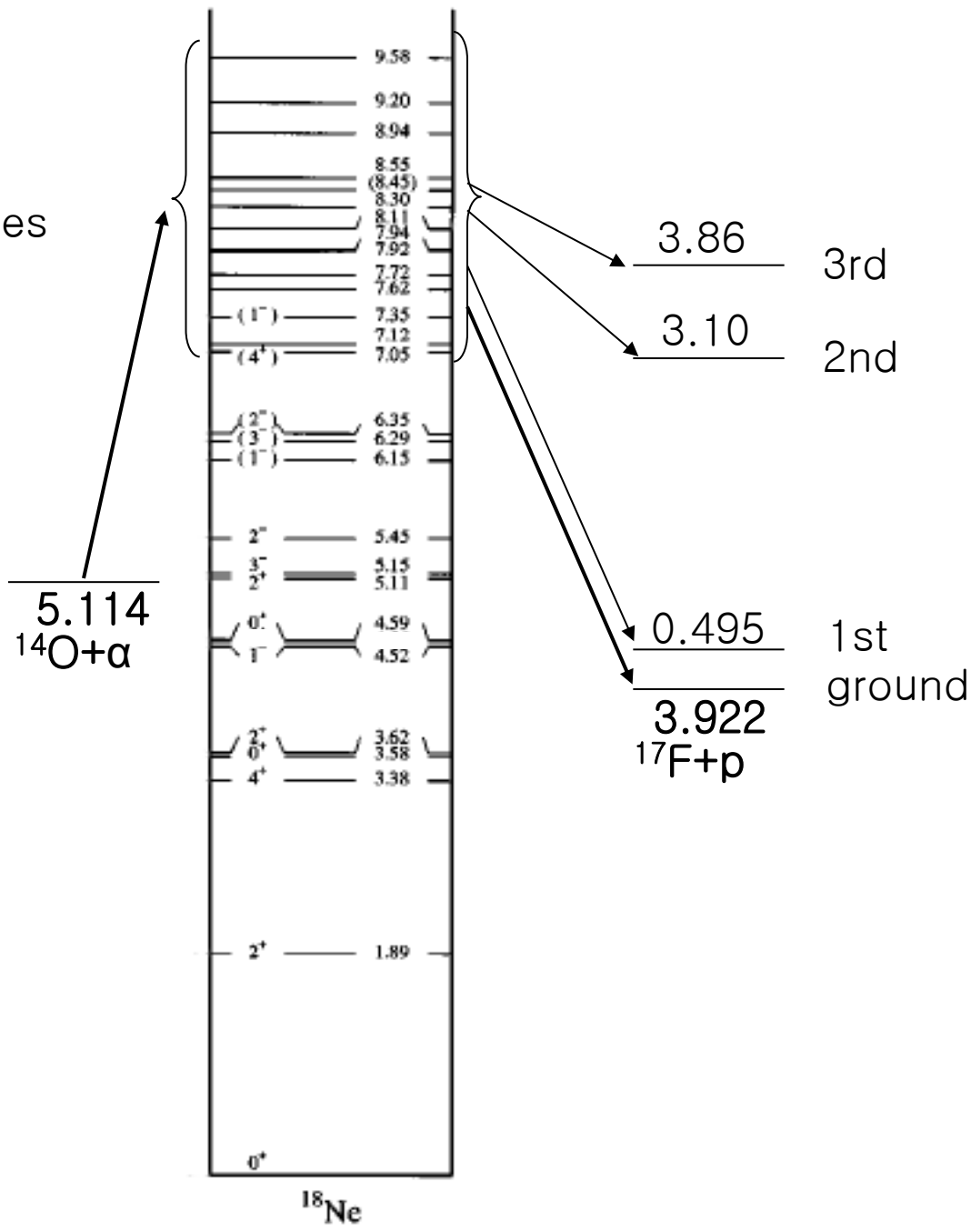


Reconstruction of proton spectra

Distinction Of proton decay branches of $^{18}\text{Ne}^*$ by using the thick target method.

TOF vs. Energy

Protons have different TOF value according to the energy.



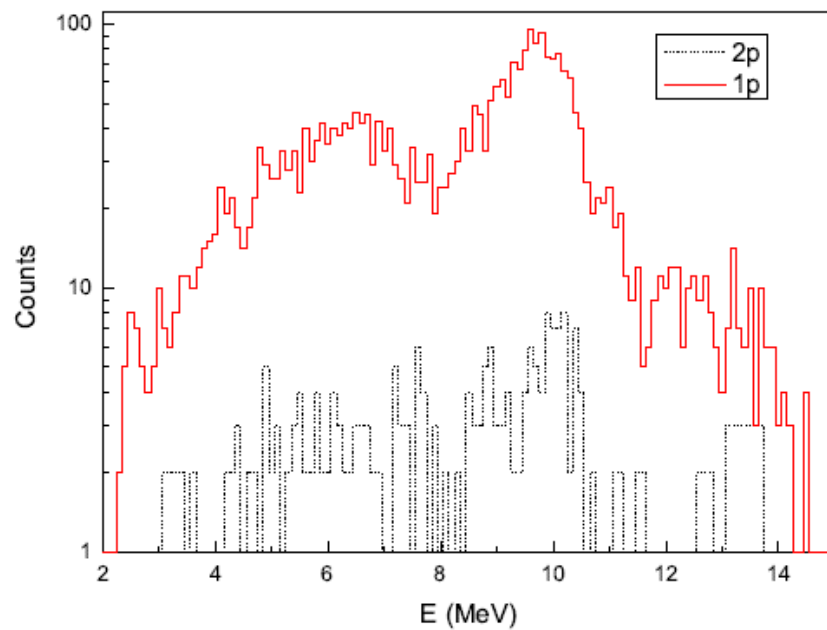
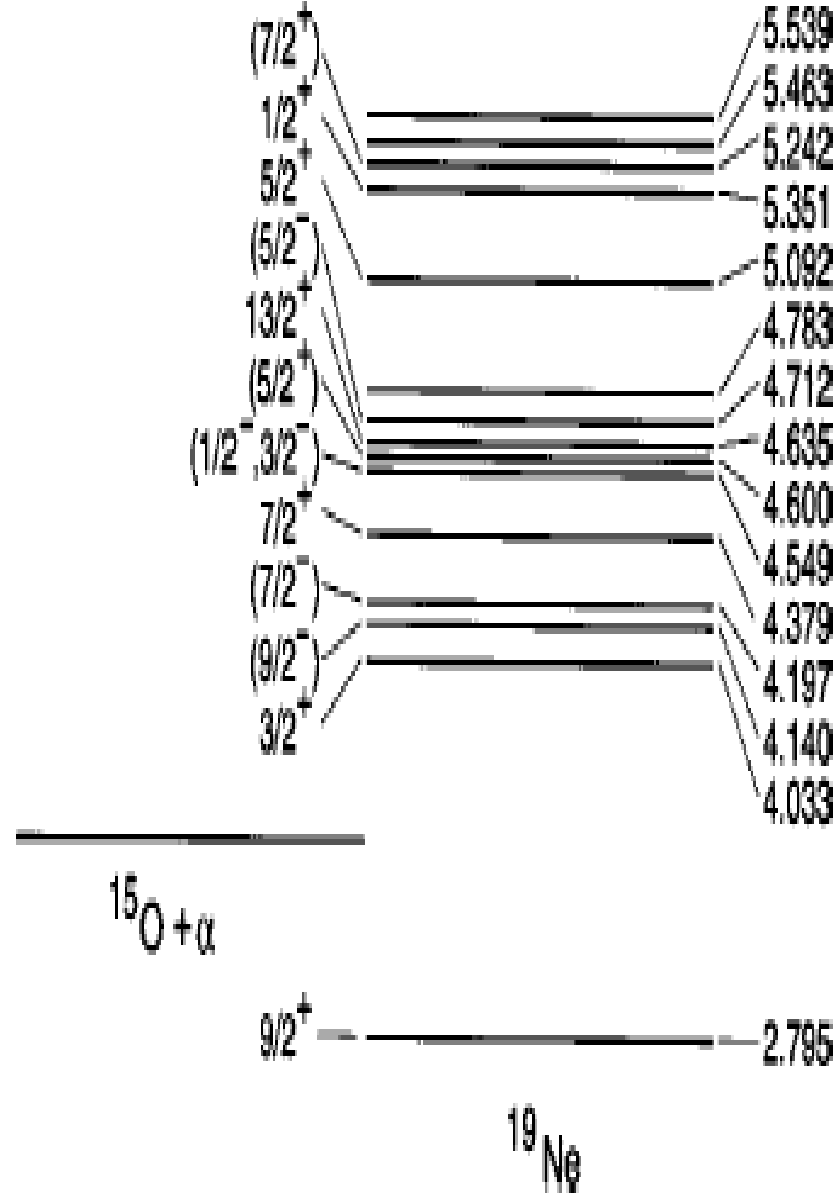
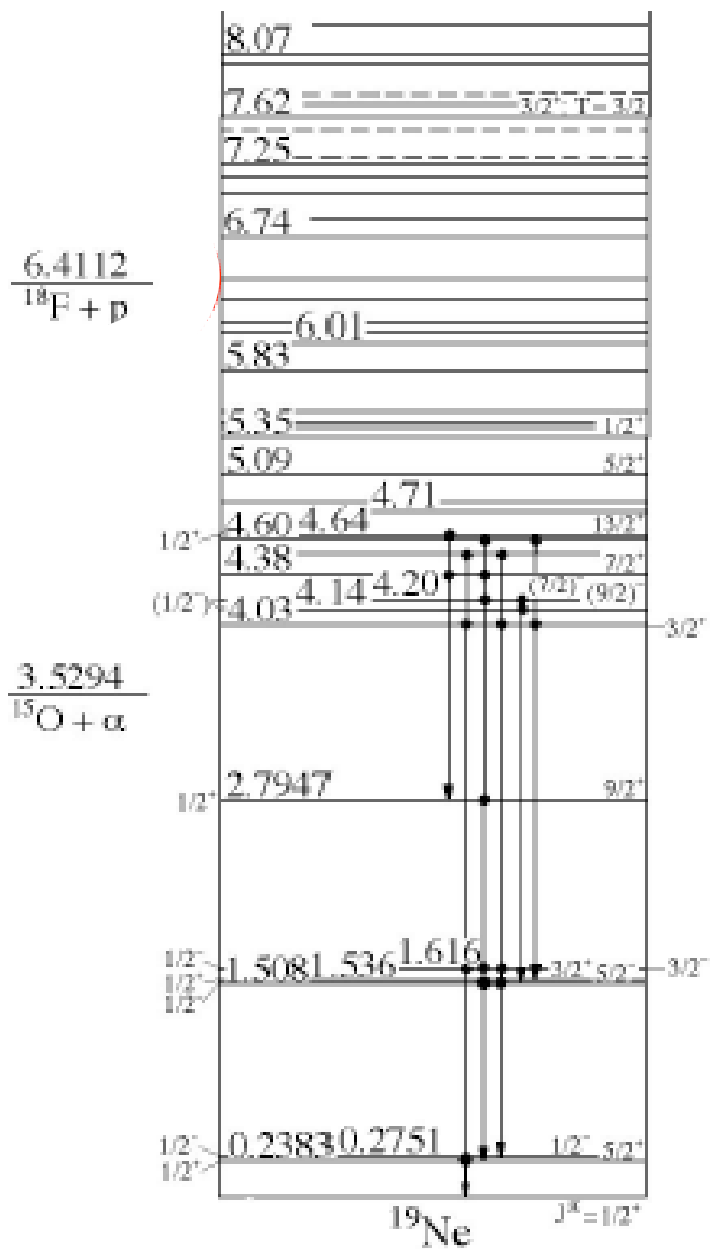


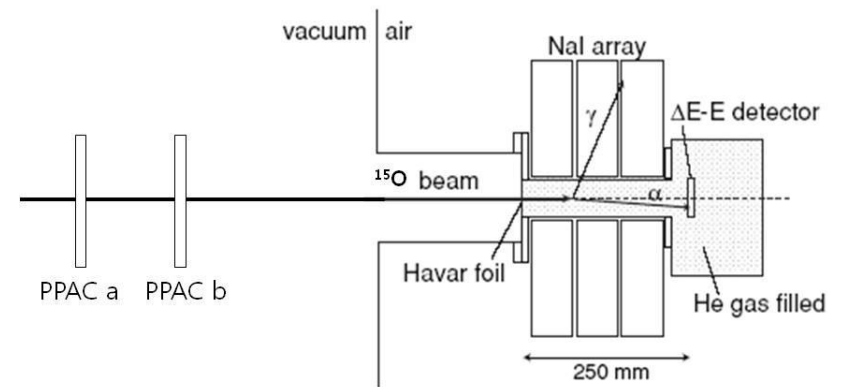
FIG. 4. The energy distribution of single and double proton events. The x axis represents the energy summation of ΔE -E detector. The scale of y axis is logarithmic.



Run Plan

- ^{15}O + alpha test experiment in 2013

Energy of ^{15}O ($E_{\text{th}}=3.529\text{MeV}$)	He gas pressure	To scan Energy region up to 6 MeV
Before the window 37 MeV	0.1 atm	1500 mm ($2.49 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$)
After the window 28.6 MeV	0.5 atm	300 mm ($12.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$)



Expected excitation function of $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \alpha)^{15}\text{O}$

Rare Isotope Accelerator

- Korea will build a RIB accelerator facility
 - KoRIA → RAON
- Superconducting Linear Accelerator
 - various charged particles (p~U)
 - U : 200 MeV/u with 8 p microA
 - In-flight fragmentation / fission
- Cyclotron
 - Proton : 70 MeV with 1mA
 - ISOL
- Re-acceleration of RIB from ISOL

Physics Objectives

■ Nuclear Physics

- New Radioactive Isotopes
- New, comprehensive understanding of nuclei

■ Nuclear Astrophysics

- Properties of radioactive isotopes
- Cross section measurements with RIB
- **Origin of elements in the Universe**

RISP(Rare Isotope Science Project) Status and Plan

- **Conceptual Design Report (Mar. 2010 - Feb. 2011)**
- **IAC review (Jul. 2011 – Oct. 2011)**
- **Rare Isotope Science Project started in IBS (Dec. 2011)**
 - Director : Prof. S. K. Kim
 - Deputy Director: Prof. Y. K. Kim
- **Conceptual Design of the Building and Conventional Facilities (May 2012)**
- **Baseline Design Summary (by July 2012)**
- **Technical Design Report (by July 2013)**
- **Ground Breaking (2014)**

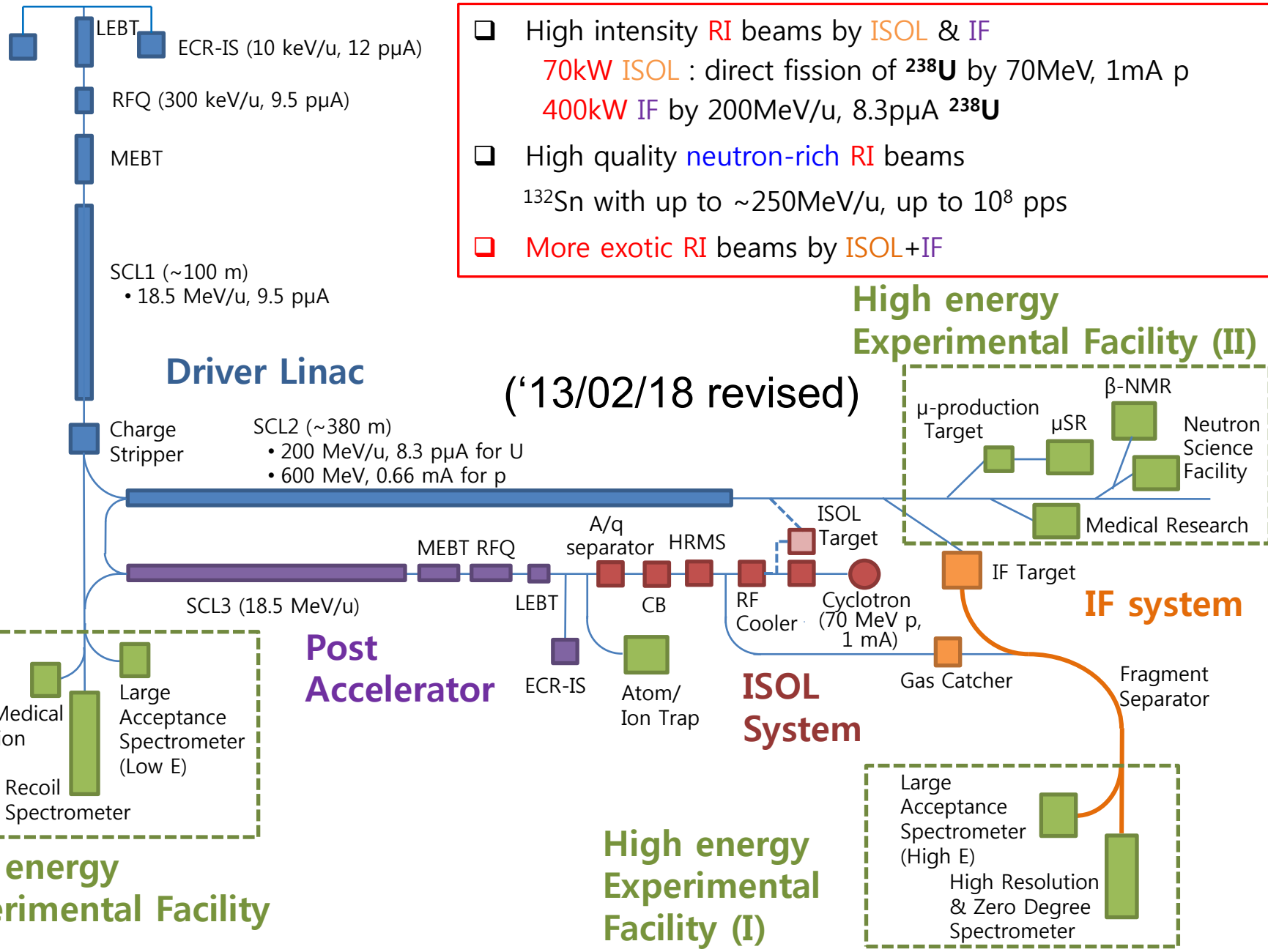
Location



**RAON [raon] is
the new name of the Korean Rare Isotope
Accelerator**



RAON : RISP Accelerator Complex



Accelerator System

Beam Requirement of Accelerator System

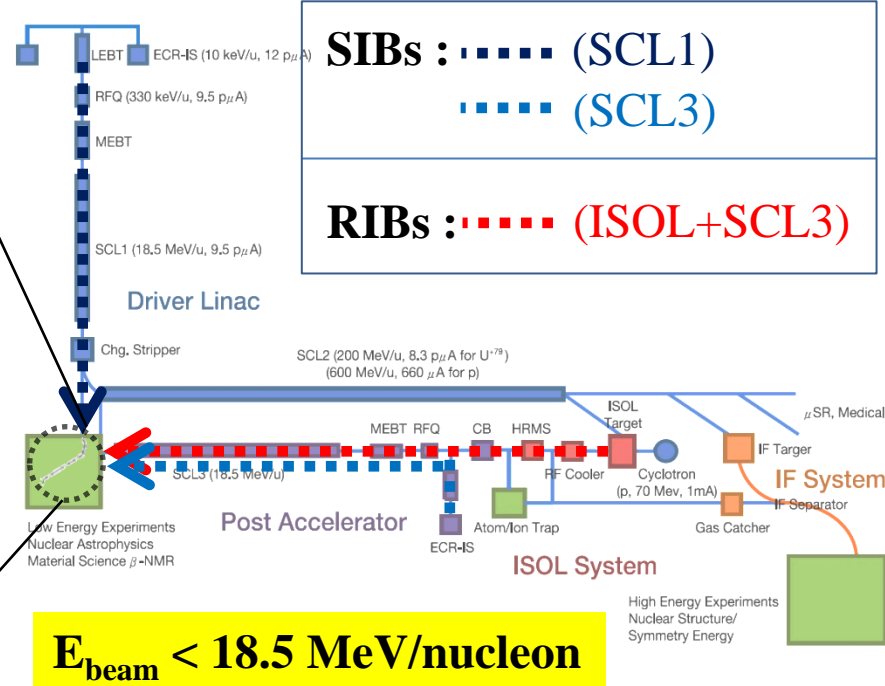
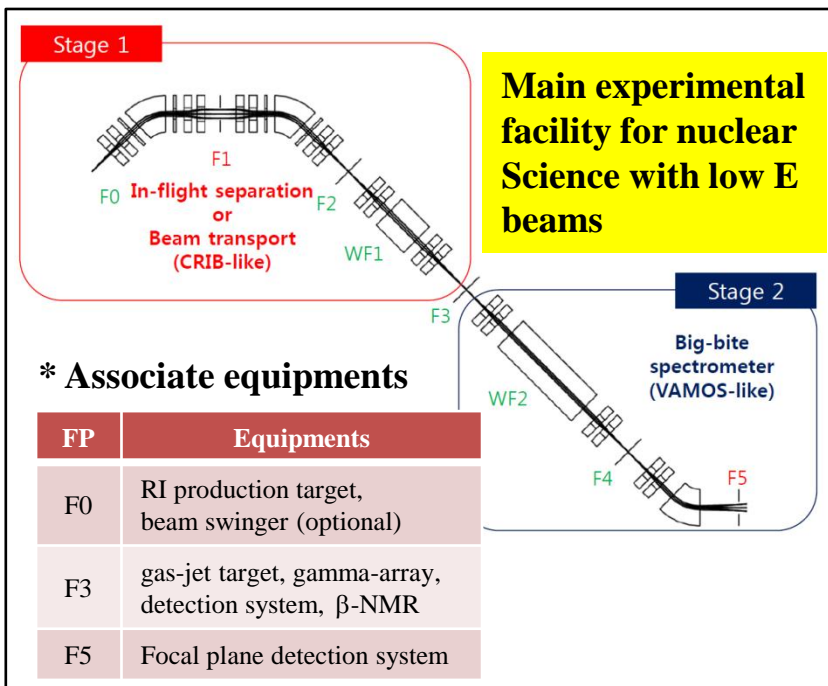
Accelerator	Driver Linac		Post Acc.	Cyclotron
Particle	proton	U^{+79}	RI beam	proton
Beam energy	600 MeV	200 MeV/u	18.5 MeV/u	70 MeV
Beam current	660 μ A	8.3 p μ A	-	1 mA
Power on target	400 kW	400 kW	-	70 kW

KOBRA (Korea Broad acceptance Recoil spectrometer and Apparatus)

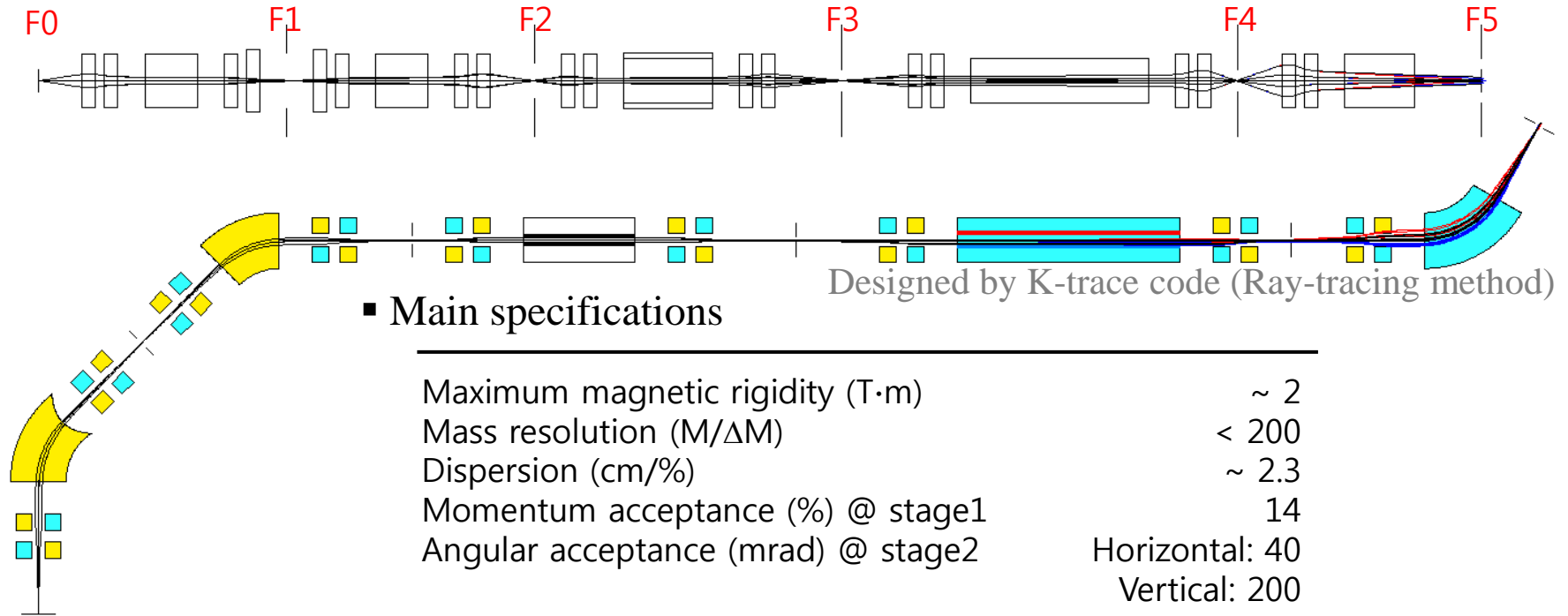
KOBRA
High performance spectrometer with detection system

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RAON
High quality & Low Energy stable and radioactive ion beams



Concept of the KOBRA



■ Two stage

- Stage 1 (F0~F3) : Production and separation of RIBs via In-Flight method with high intensity SIBs from LINAC
- Stage 2 (F3~F5) : Big-bite spectrometer with Wien filter

■ Secondary target is located at F3

- Enough space around F3 (~3m) : In-beam gamma-ray spectroscopy, symmetry energy, SHE, spin physics, charged particle spectroscopy etc



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

✧ Motivation

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

: breakout path from hot-CNO to rp-process

: key reaction to understand nucleosynthesis under explosive stellar environments

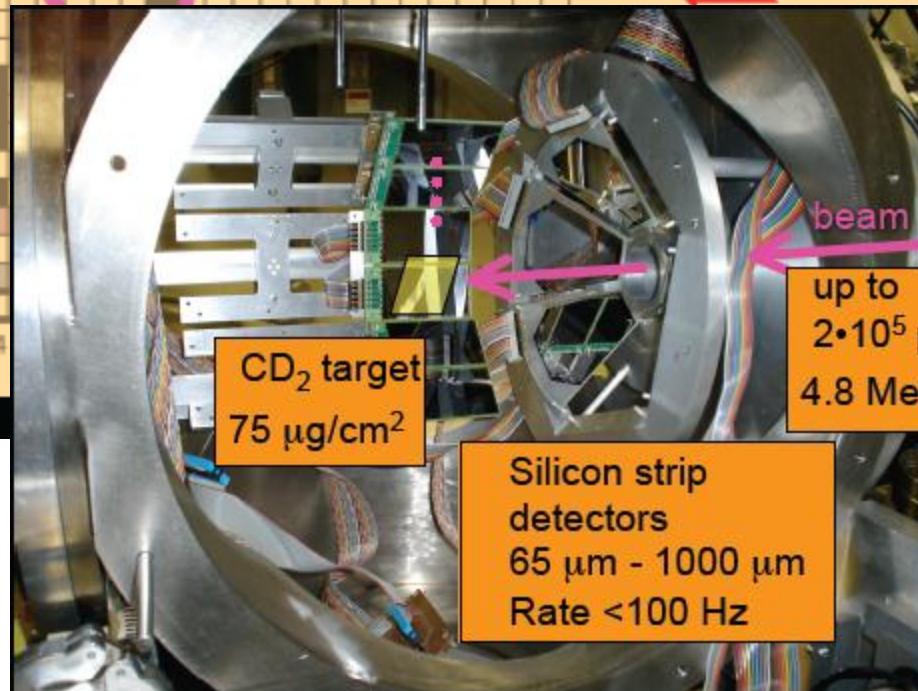
✧ Experimental Challenges

- For direct measurement of cross section we need

: ^{15}O RI beam intensity $> 10^{10}$ pps, Helium-4 target density $> 10^{18}$ atoms/cm², recoil detection efficiency $> 40\%$ → then **~1 counts/hr**

Measurement	Required RIB intensity	Beam production	Expected outputs
$^{15}\text{O} + \alpha$: elastic scattering	$> 10^6$ pps	IF @KOBRA	Resonant parameters
$^{15}\text{O}(^6\text{Li},d)^{19}\text{Ne}$: alpha transfer reaction	$> 10^8$ pps	IF @KOBRA	Spectroscopic factors from angular distribution
Direct measurement	$> 10^{10}$ pps	ISOL	Reaction rates (final goal!!)

r-process reactions



CD₂ target
75 μg/cm²

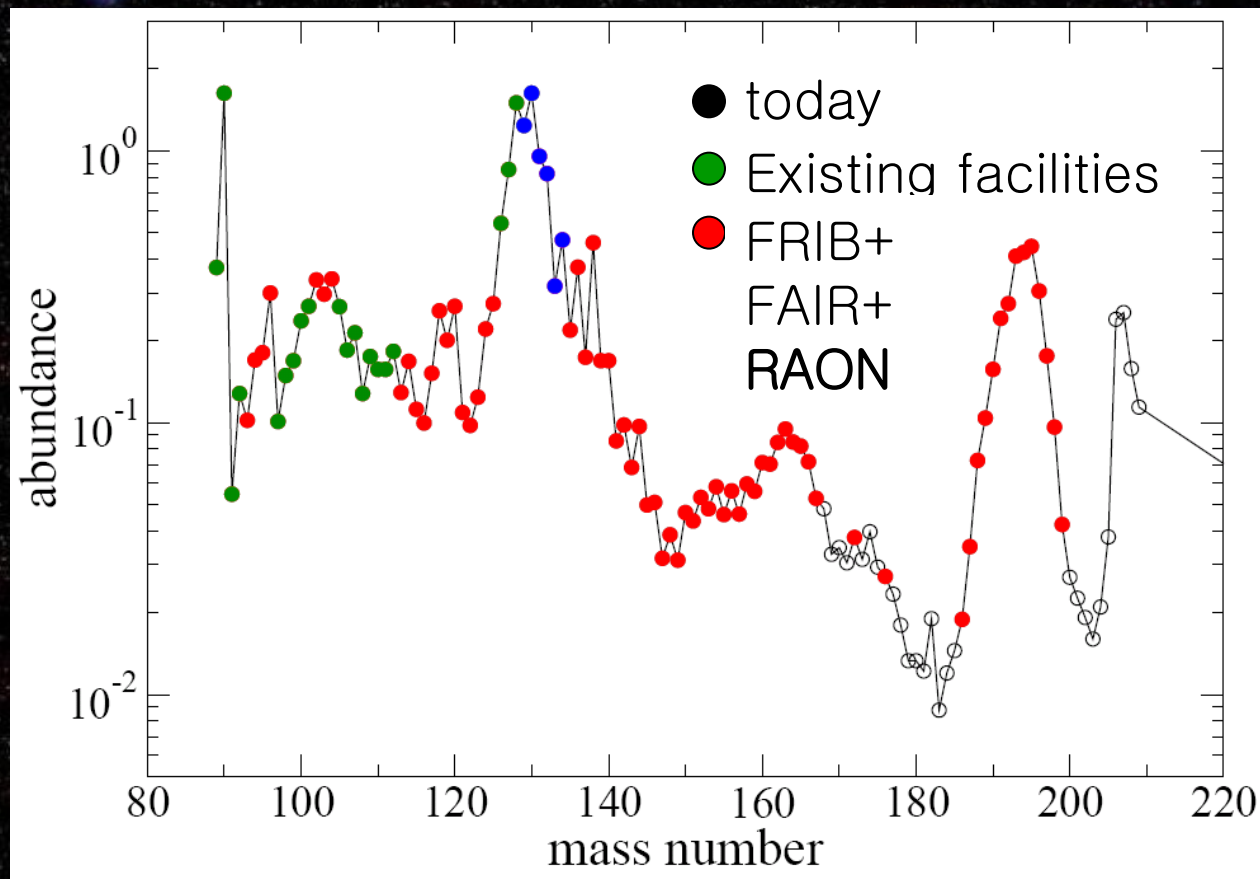
Silicon strip
detectors
65 μm - 1000 μm
Rate <100 Hz

up to
2·10⁵ pps
4.8 MeV/u

New Era due to RIB Facilities

At present, except for a few cases (blue), output of models cannot be matched to measured abundances.

Future RIB facilities will allow one to constrain r-process models using abundance data



Constrain r-process environment by comparison of simulations with observation!

Summary

- Alpha resonant scattering ^{14}O , and direct measurements of $^{17}\text{F}(p,\alpha)$ and $^{14}\text{O}(\alpha,p)$ were successfully performed using radioactive ion beams.
- Measurements using RI beams will give us a deeper understanding of explosive stellar sites
 - X-ray burst, novae, supernovae etc
- There will be a lot of opportunities for nuclear astrophysics at RAON