#### <u>Resonances in <sup>19</sup>Ne with relevance</u> <u>to the astrophysically important</u> <sup>18</sup>F(p,α)<sup>15</sup>O reaction









- The Experiment
- Preliminary Results
- Conclusions



#### rtance of <sup>18</sup>F

in novae

 $^{18}F \rightarrow ^{18}O + e^+ + \upsilon$ 

- $t_{1/2} \sim 110$  mins
- <sup>18</sup>F responsible for majority of gamma rays emitted in novae (~511keV)
- Satellites searching for such gamma rays...





• Destruction by (p,α):

$$^{18}F + p \rightarrow ^{19}Ne^* \rightarrow ^{15}O + \alpha$$



## <sup>9</sup>Ne

excited states of the compound

shold can be explored





<sup>9</sup>Ne

ins of states will directly rate of destruction of <sup>18</sup>F

$$J^{\pi} \left( {}^{18}F_{gs} \right) = 1^{+}, J^{\pi} \left( p \right) = \frac{1}{2}^{+}$$
$$\left| J\left( p \right) - J\left( {}^{18}F_{gs} \right) \right| \le J \left( {}^{19}Ne \right) \le J \left( p \right) + J \left( {}^{18}F_{gs} \right)$$

- Hence, 'easiest' states to observe have + parity and J = 1/2, 3/2
- May also see  $l_p=1$  or 2





$$^{1}H(^{19}Ne,p)^{19}Ne^{*}(p)^{18}F$$

• 1.452MeV above <sup>18</sup>F + p threshold

# k: Descouvemont tates



[2] Dalouzy et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 162503 (2009)



"Its presence provides a clear signature in the cross section, and should be observable in future experiments" Dufour/Descouvemont [1]

[1] Dufour and Descouvemont, Nucl. Phys. A 785 (2007) 381–394
[3] Murphy *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 79, 058801 (2009)



- Energy on  $CH_2 \sim 2MeV/u$  (~1.9MeV CM)
- Higher energy than any previous works
- Beam stops in target
- Carried out at GANIL, Caen from 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010:

Experc

#### **ECLAN Chamber**





### ary Results







- Results of R Matrix analysis carried out using DREAM code from P. Descouvemont
- Comparison references:
  - 1. Nesaraja *et al.* PRC 75, 055809 (2007)
  - Murphy *et al.* PRC 79, 058801 (2009)
  - Dalouzy *et al.* PRL 102, 162503 (2009)

## ary Results





- Well known '665keV' state
- Cross sections scaled to this state

## y Results (A)





- Reported by Nesaraja/Dalouzy
- Significantly weaker than Dalouzy
- Rough agreement with Nesaraja

## y Results (B)





- C reported by Murphy narrower
- C and D reported by Dalouzy/Nesaraja at different strengths
- Enhanced resolution reveals alternate relative strengths

## Results (C & D)





- Previously reported by Nesaraja and Murphy
- Agreement in spin with Murphy
- No agreement in strength
- Required to fit bottom of state F

## y Results (E)





- Observed by Murphy, much broader in proton channel
- New strength accounts for addition of new broad state (G)

## y Results (F)





• Descouvemont state?

## y Results (G)





- Observed by Dalouzy and Murphy
- Different spin
- Analysis significantly hampered by statistics at this energy

## y Results (H)





predicted in proton channel

- Factor of 2 *broader* than predicted in alpha channel
- Rough agreement in total width (287keV) with Dalouzy (292keV) and prediction (296keV)
- Broad state <u>is required</u> to fit to data

#### uvemont State??





- New work finds candidate for a crucial, newly predicted, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>+ state in limited agreement with previous measurement
- Precision of extracted parameters is constrained by limited statistics



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