

Indirect Techniques (I):  
**Asymptotic Normalization Coefficients**  
and the  
**Trojan Horse Method**



**NIC IX**

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# Why use **Indirect Techniques**?

Get cross sections difficult for direct studies!  
Including:

- Reaction rates on **radioactive nuclei**
- Capture through **subthreshold states**
- **Direct capture** to add to resonant capture
- **Screening** and low-energy extrapolations

# Some Indirect Techniques

[focus on reaction rates]

- **Widths** ( $\gamma$  and 'p') of resonance rates
  - populate resonance state and measure decay
- **Resonance energies** – determine  $E_R$
- **Coulomb dissociation** (T. Motobayashi)
- **Trojan Horse Method** ✓\*\*
  - unique way to understand screening
- **Asymptotic Normalization Coefficients** ✓
  - use with stable and radioactive beams

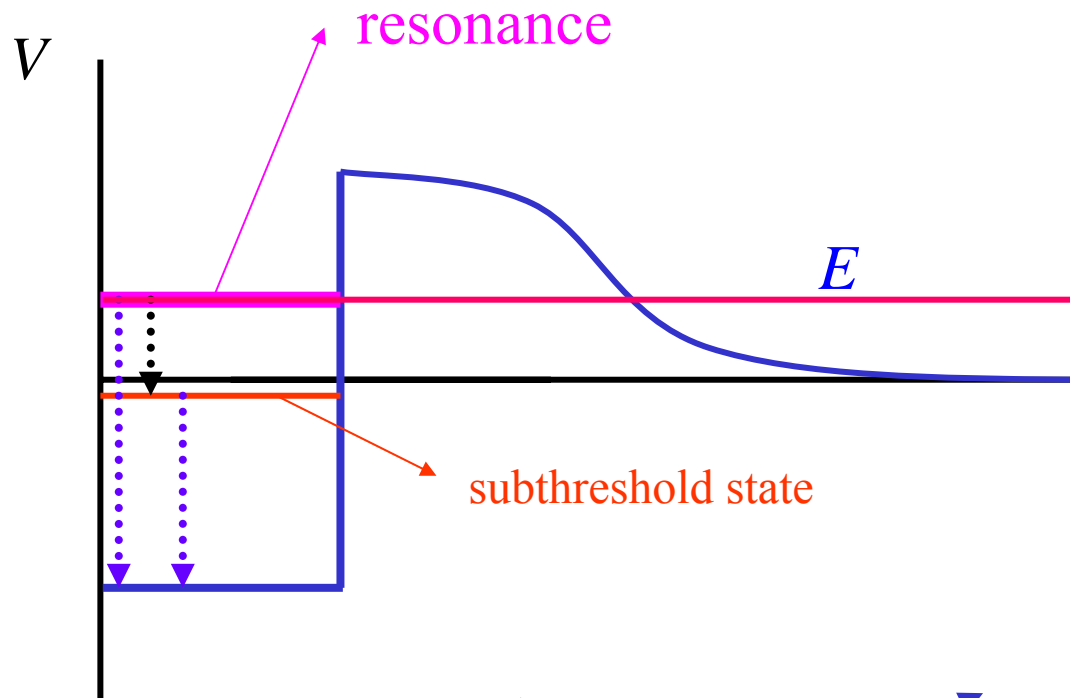
} resonant capture

\*\*Experts in audience for detailed questions!

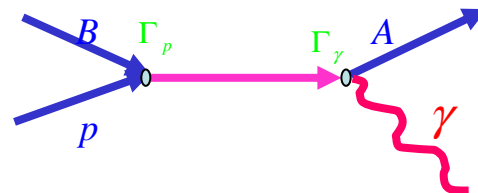


# Radiative [p( $\alpha$ )] Capture with resonant and subthreshold states: ANCs

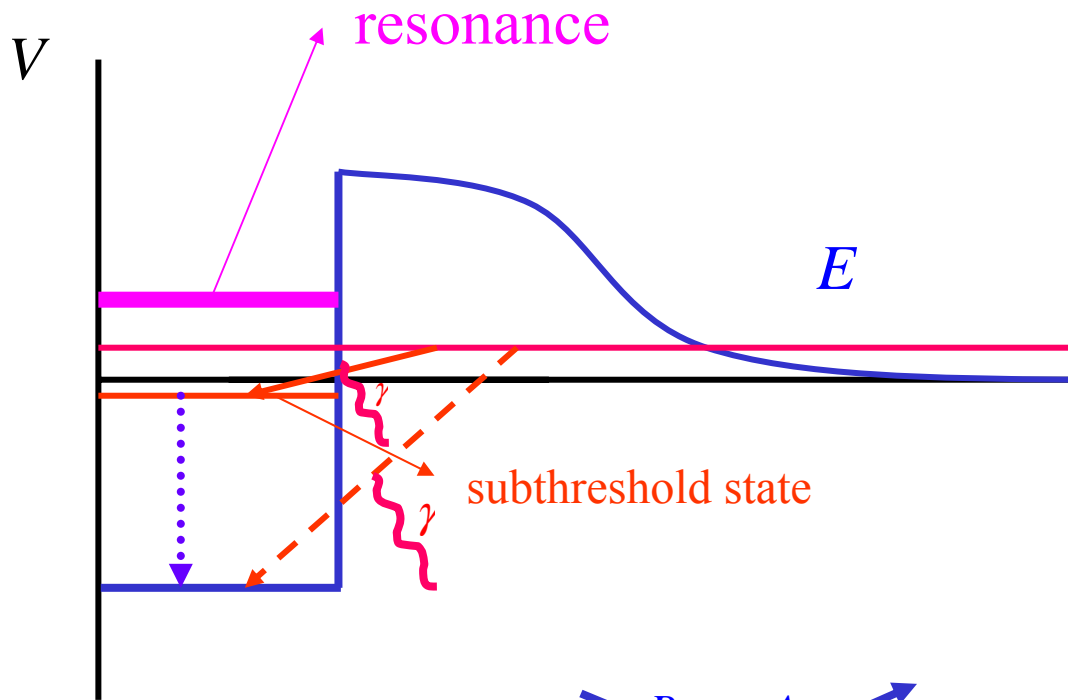
Capture **through resonance**



$$M \propto \frac{\Gamma_p^{1/2} \Gamma_\gamma^{1/2}}{E - E_0 + \frac{i\Gamma}{2}}$$

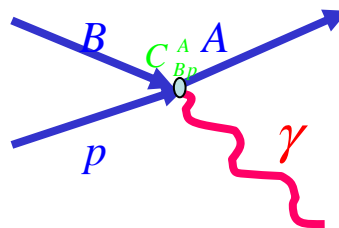


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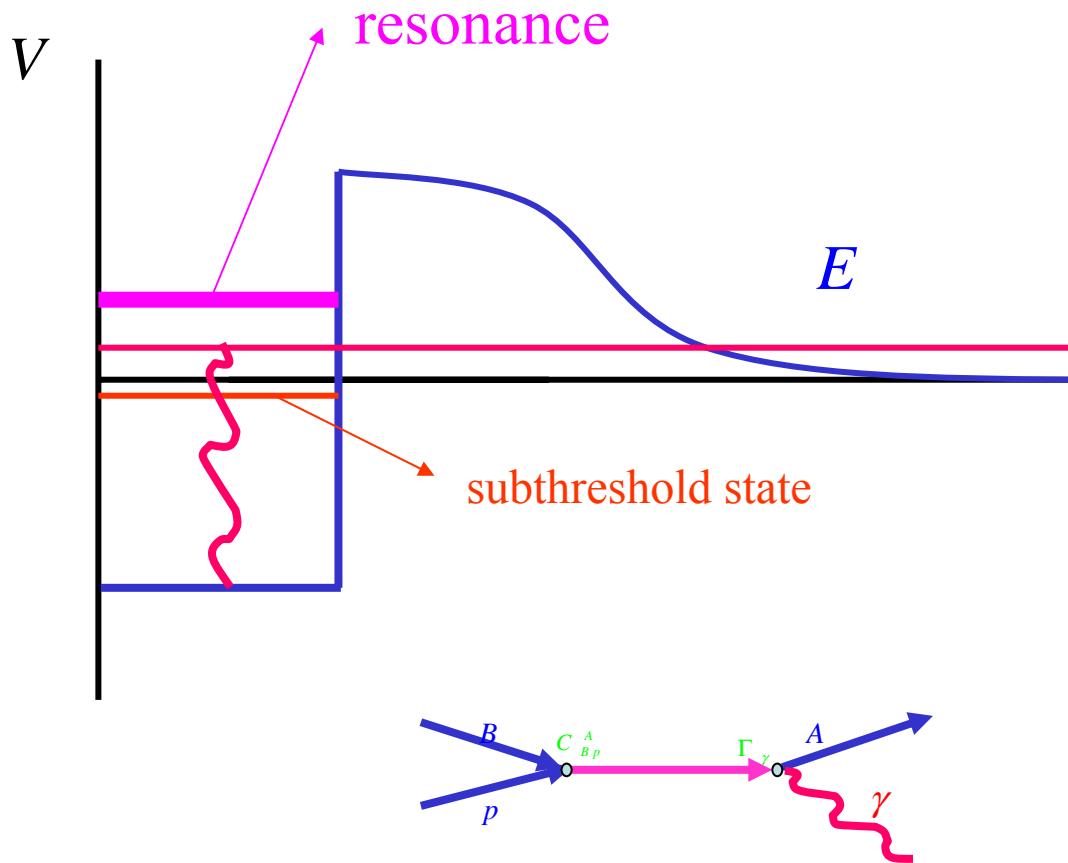


**Direct** capture

$$M \propto C_{Bp}^A$$



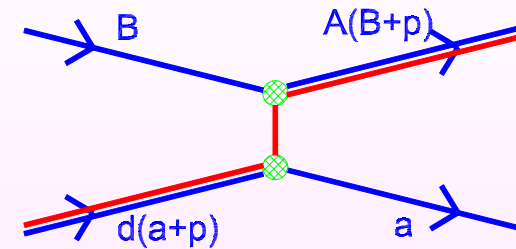
# Radiative [p( $\alpha$ )] Capture with resonant and subthreshold states: ANCs



Capture to ground state through subthreshold state

$$M \propto \frac{C_{Bp}^A \Gamma_\gamma^{1/2}}{E + \varepsilon^* + \frac{i\Gamma}{2}}$$

# Measuring ANCs: Transfer Reactions



Transition amplitude:

$$M = \sum \langle \chi_f^{(-)} I_{Bp}^A | \Delta V | I_{ap}^d \chi_i^{(+)} \rangle$$

Peripheral transfer:

$$I_{Bp}^A \approx C_{Bp}^A \frac{W_{-\eta_A, l+1/2}(2\kappa_{Bp} r_{Bp})}{r_{Bp}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = (C_{Bp l_A j_A}^A)^2 (C_{ap l_d j_d}^d)^2 \frac{\sigma_{l_A j_A l_d j_d}^{DW}}{b_{Bp l_A j_A}^2 b_{ap l_d j_d}^2}$$

$$[S = C^2/b^2]$$

## ANC Examples:

capture at stellar energies

**DC:**

- ${}^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^8\text{B}$  and  ${}^7\text{Be} + p \leftrightarrow {}^8\text{B}$
- ${}^{22}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma){}^{23}\text{Al}$  and  ${}^{22}\text{Ne} + n \leftrightarrow {}^{23}\text{Ne}$

**DC** through subthreshold state:

- ${}^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma){}^{15}\text{O}$  and  ${}^{14}\text{N} + p \leftrightarrow {}^{15}\text{O}$
- ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n){}^{16}\text{O}$  and  ${}^{13}\text{C} + \alpha \leftrightarrow {}^{17}\text{O}$  (2 posters)

**DC** and resonance interference:

- ${}^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma){}^{14}\text{O}$  and  ${}^{13}\text{N} + p \leftrightarrow {}^{14}\text{O}$



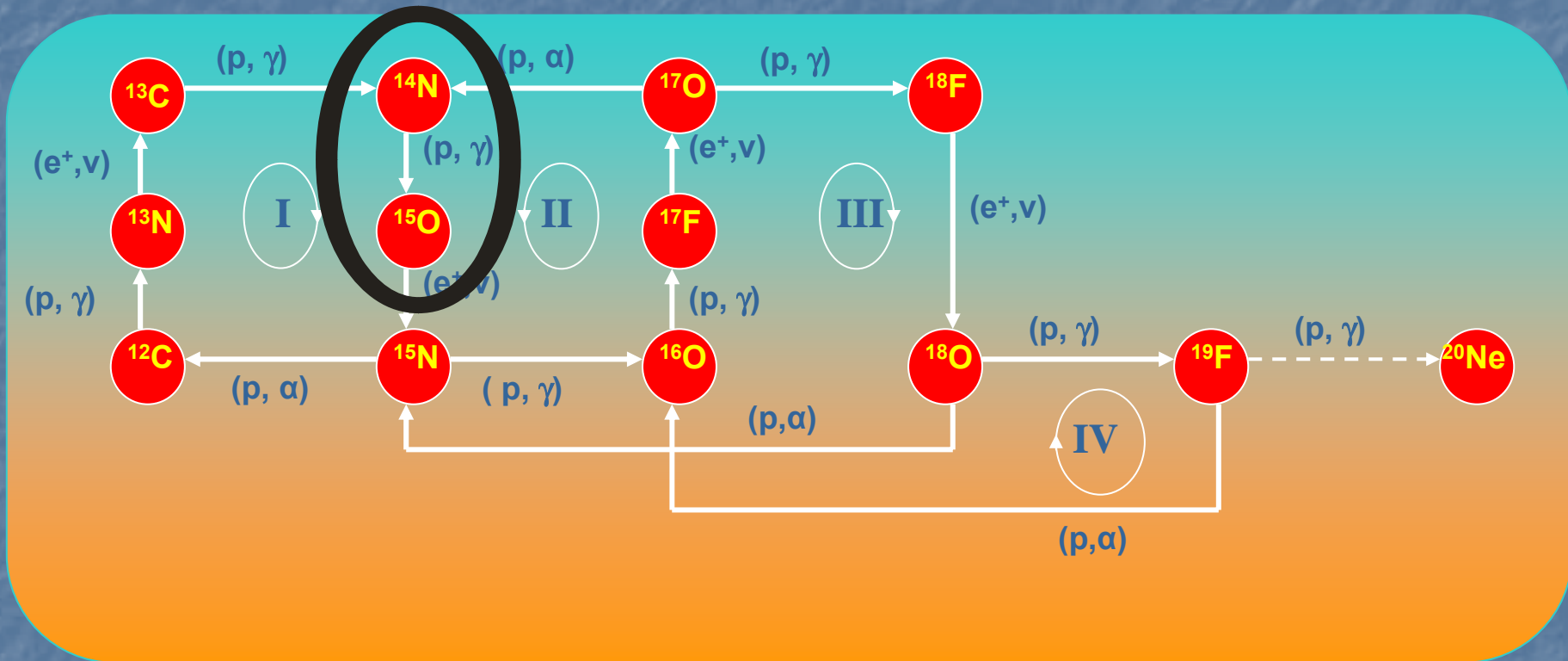
# **S factor** for ${}^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^8\text{B}$

- **S factor** dominated by **direct capture**—our published value via **ANCs** from two ( ${}^7\text{Be}, {}^8\text{B}$ ) transfer reaction studies:

$$S(0) = 18.0 \pm 1.9 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{b}$$

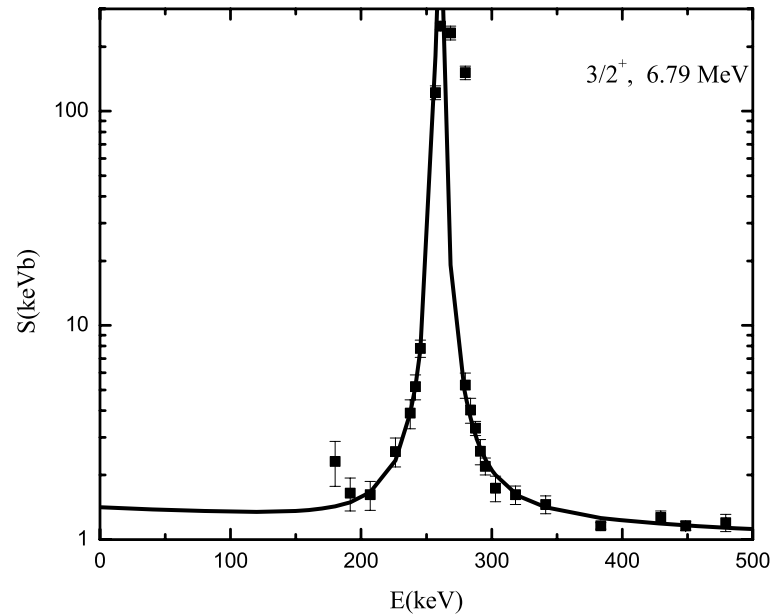
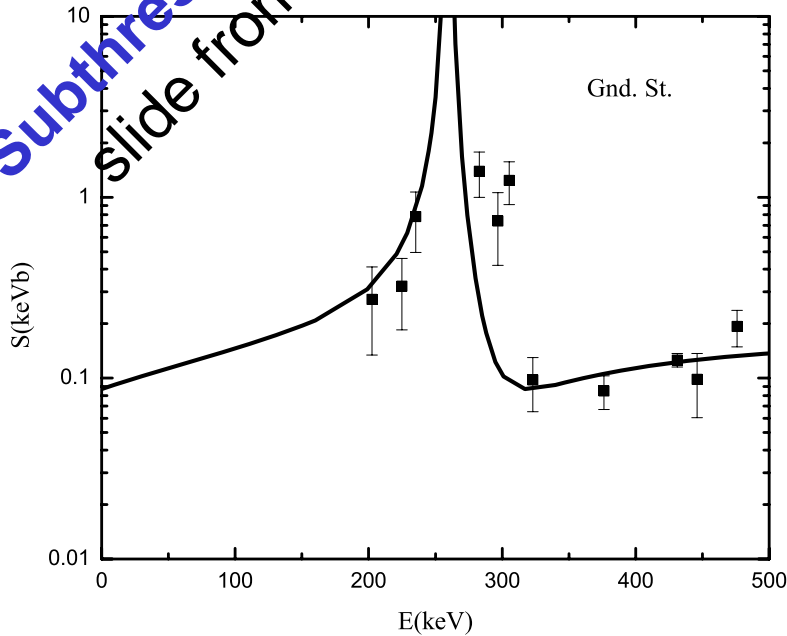
- Result low by about  $2\sigma$  compared to most recent direct measurement (?)
- Details about  ${}^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^8\text{B}$  from C.D. in later talk

# CNO Cycles



Subthreshold state:  
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# S factor for $^{14}\text{N}(p, \gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ some preliminary results



- $C^2(E_x=6.79 \text{ MeV}) \approx 27 \text{ fm}^{-1}$  [non-resonant capture to this state dominates S factor]
- $S(0) \approx 1.41 \pm 0.24 \text{ keV}\cdot\text{b}$  for  $E_x=6.79 \text{ MeV}$
- $S_{\text{tot}}(0) \approx 1.62 \pm 0.25 \text{ keV}\cdot\text{b}$

# **S factor** for $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$

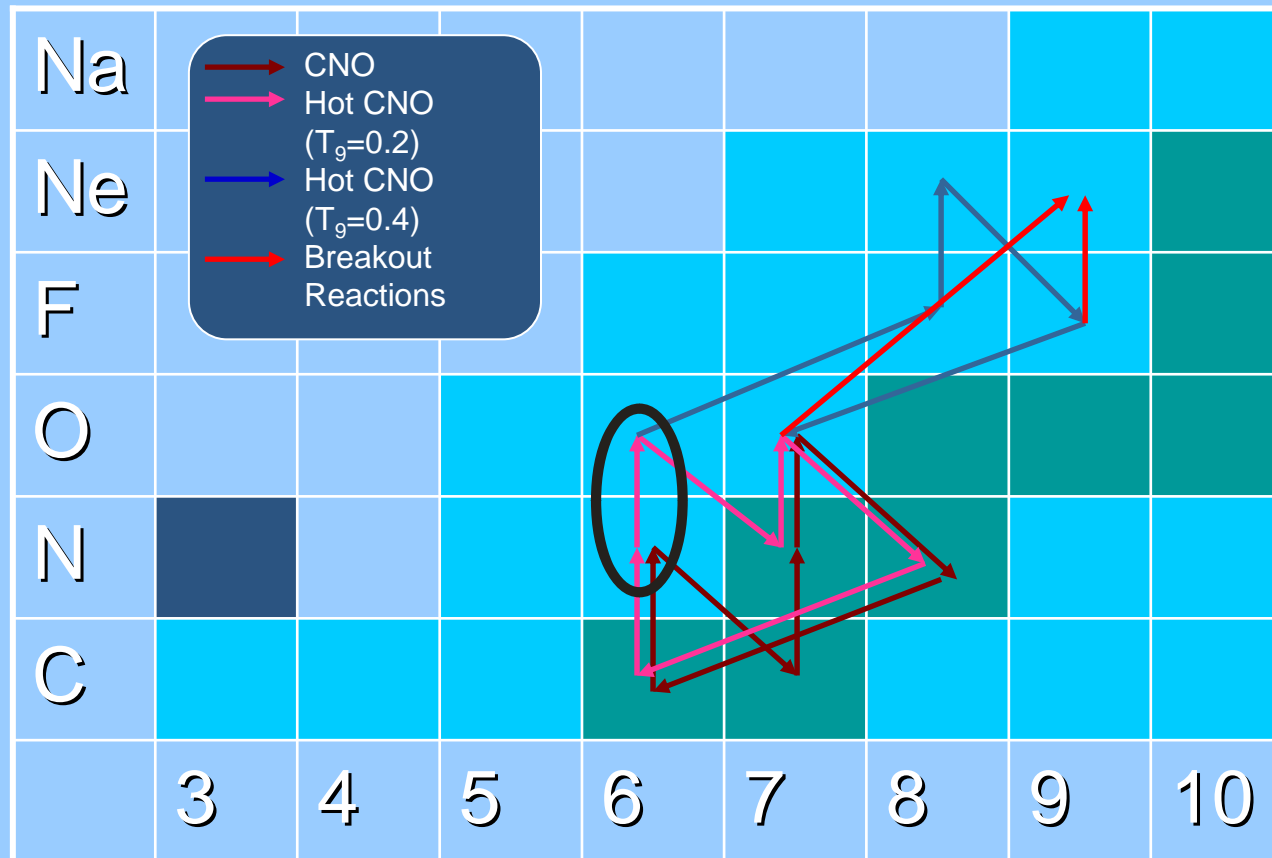
- **S factor** dominated by **direct capture** to the **subthreshold state**—our published value

$$S(0) = 1.62 \pm 0.25 \text{ keV}\cdot\text{b}$$

**reduces previous results by  $\approx 2$**

- New direct measurements from **LUNA** ( $1.7 \pm 0.2$ ) and **LENA** ( $1.68 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.16$ ) in **excellent agreement** with this
- Impacts stellar luminosity at transition period to red giants and ages of globular clusters by about 1 Gyr

# Hot CNO Cycle and $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$



<http://csep10.phys.utk.edu/guidry/NC-State-html/cno.html>

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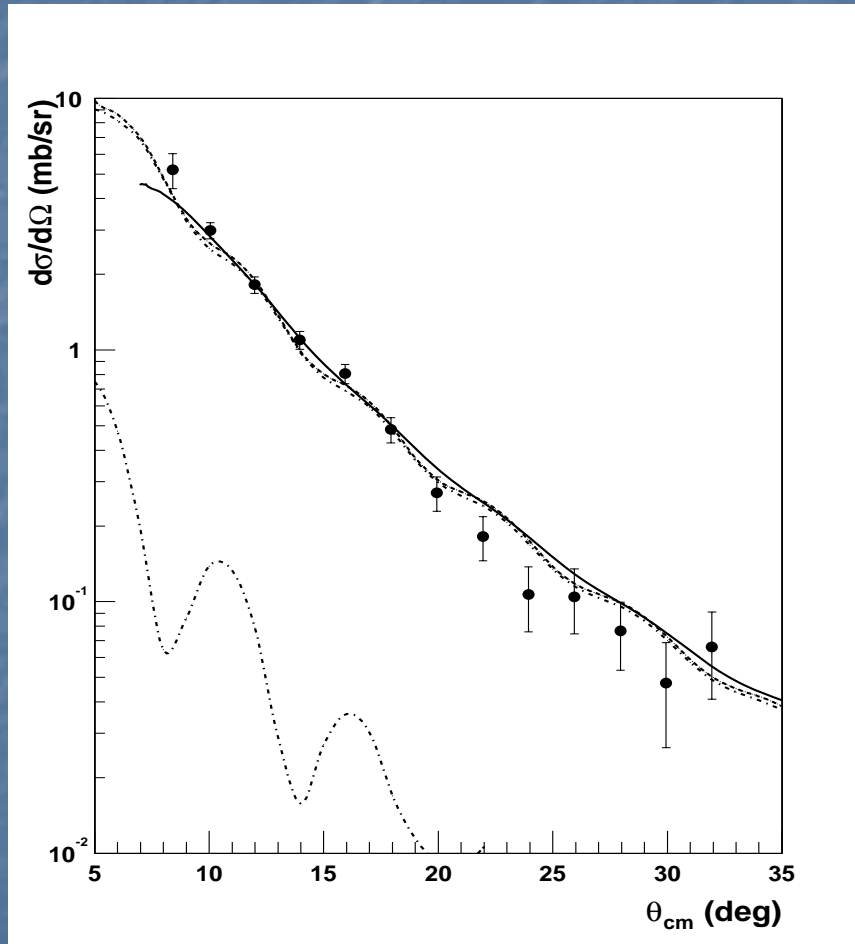
### PC1

After star runs out of pp chain fuel, CNO cycle would take over. When  $T_9 > 0.1$ , the p capture rate on  $^{13}\text{N}$  could become of the same order or faster than its beta decay. As a result, hot CNO cycle will replace the normal CNO cycle to operate. So  $^{13}\text{N}(p,g)^{14}\text{O}$  is a important reaction which determine the transition condition from CNO to hotCNO.

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# $^{14}\text{N}(^{13}\text{N}, ^{14}\text{O})^{13}\text{C}$

(ANC for  $^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{C} + p$ )



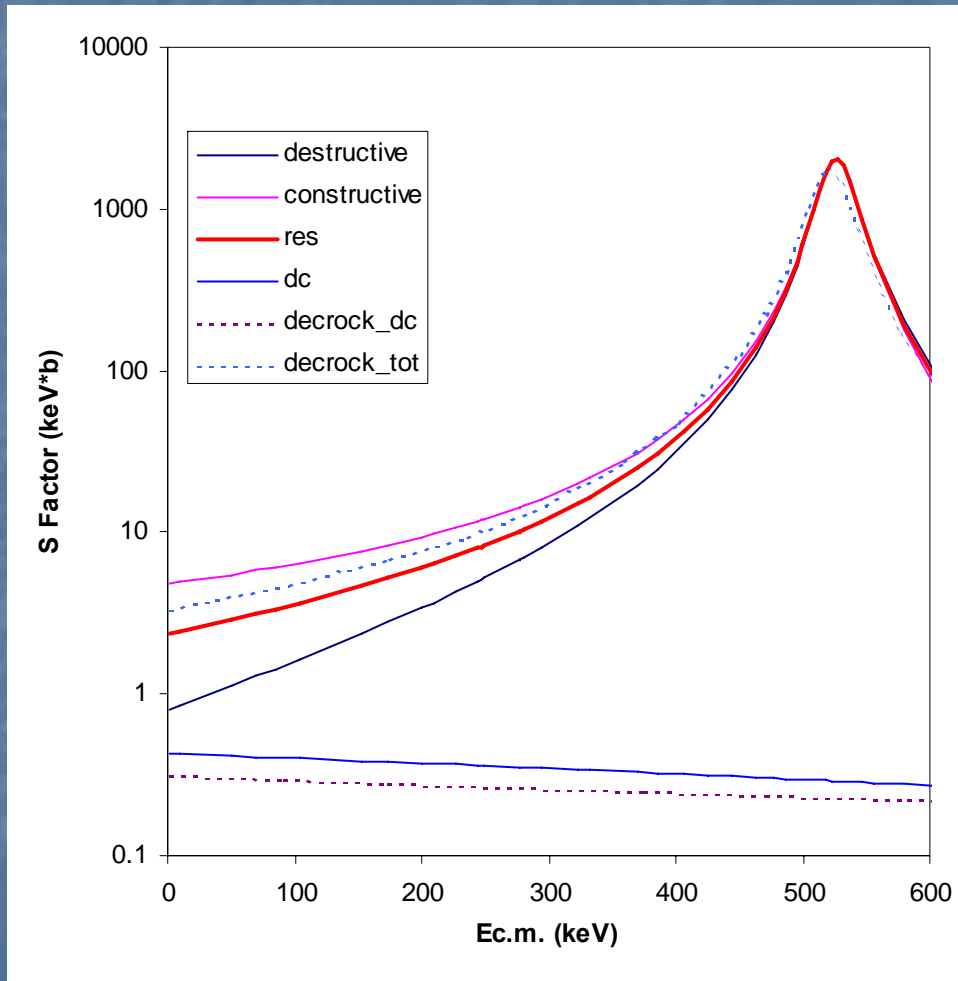
DWBA by FRESCO

$$\sigma_{\text{exp}} = \left( C_{^{13}\text{C} \frac{1}{2}^{-1}}^{^{14}\text{O}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{C_{^{13}\text{C} \frac{3}{2}^{-3}}^{^{14}\text{N}}}{b_{^{13}\text{C} \frac{3}{2}^{-3}}^{^{14}\text{N}} b_{^{13}\text{N} \frac{1}{2}^{-1}}^{^{14}\text{O}}} \right)^2 \sigma_{\frac{1}{2}^{-1} \frac{3}{2}^{-3}}^{\text{DW}}$$

$$+ \left( \frac{C_{^{13}\text{C} \frac{1}{2}^{-1}}^{^{14}\text{N}}}{b_{^{13}\text{C} \frac{1}{2}^{-1}}^{^{14}\text{N}} b_{^{13}\text{N} \frac{1}{2}^{-1}}^{^{14}\text{O}}} \right)^2 \sigma_{\frac{1}{2}^{-1} \frac{1}{2}^{-1}}^{\text{DW}}$$

$$C^2 = 29.0 \pm 4.3 \text{ fm}^{-1}$$

# S Factor for $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$

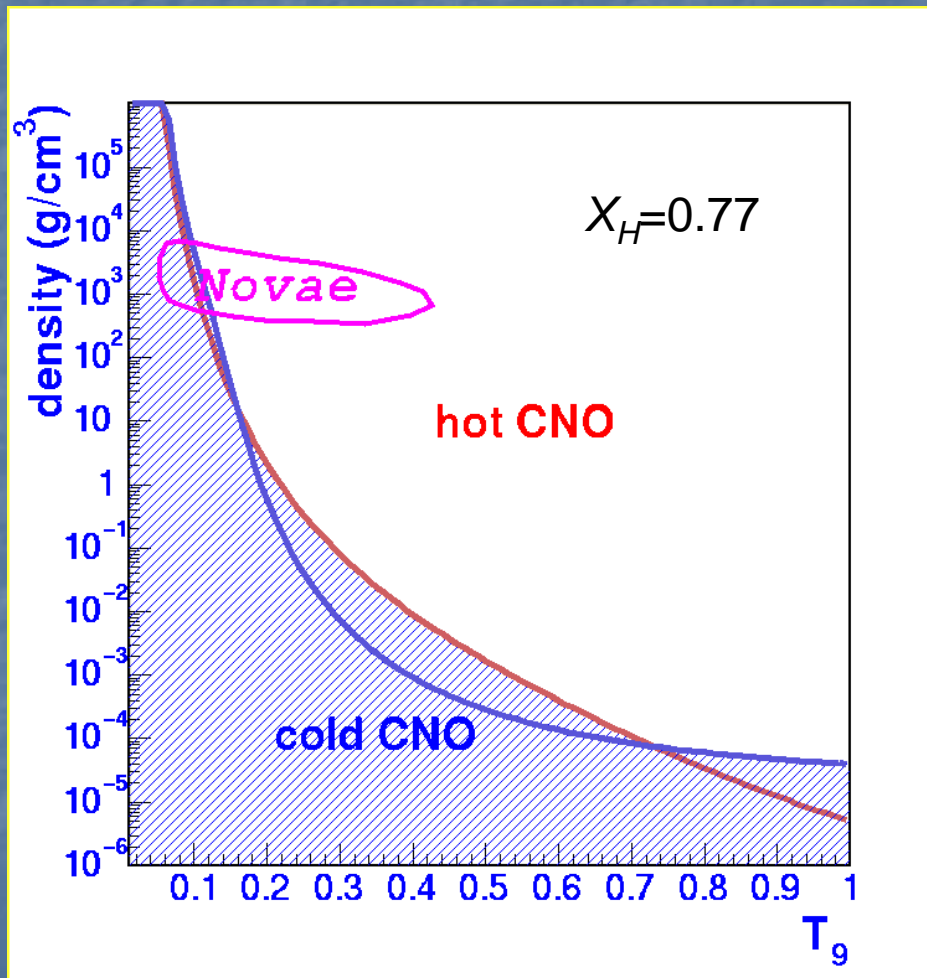


For Gamow peak at  $T_9=0.1$ ,

- $\text{DC}/\text{Decrock\_dc} = 1.4$
- $\text{Constructive}/\text{Decrock\_tot} = 1.4$
- $\text{Constructive}/\text{Destructive} = 4.0$   
( expected constructive interference for lower energy tail, useful to check)



# Transition from CNO to HCNO



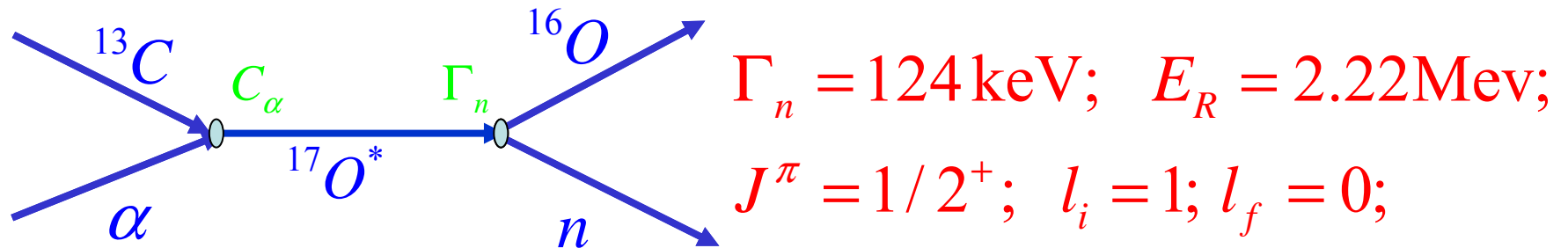
Crossover at  $T_9 \approx 0.2$

- $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$  vs  $\beta$  decay
- $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$  vs  $\beta$  decay

For novae find that  $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$  slower than  $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$ ;  
 $\therefore ^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$  dictates energy production

# **S factor** for $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ and s-process neutrons

**S factor** dominated by **subthreshold state** ( $E_x=6.356$  MeV)



**ANC** from  $^6\text{Li}(^{13}\text{C}, d)^{17}\text{O}$  – sub Coulomb transfer  
(recent result from Florida State University and TAMU, earlier result - Kubono)

**ANC** +  $\Gamma_n$  gives  $S(0) = 2.36 \pm 0.52 \times 10^6$  Mev·b  
Factor of  $\approx 10$  below present NACRE value

[posters on this topic!]

# S factor for $^{22}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{23}\text{Al}$

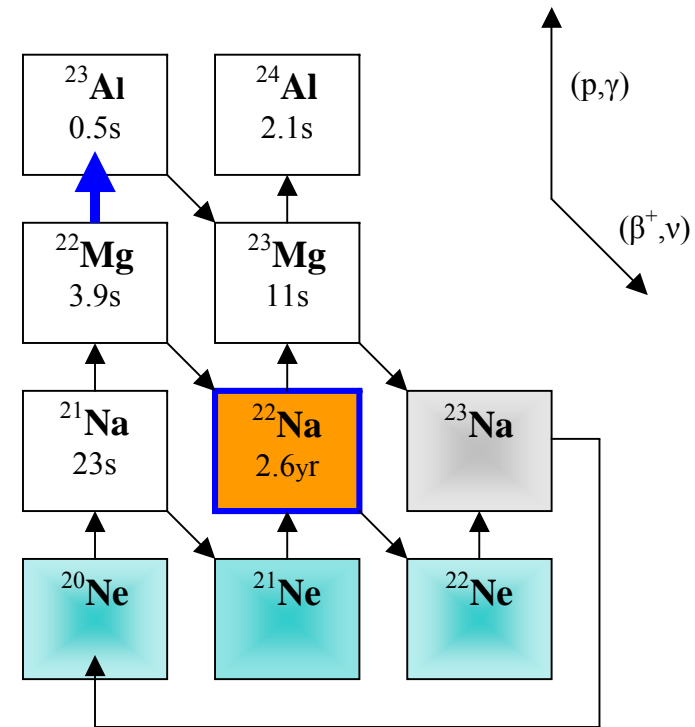
S factor dominated by **direct capture** up to  $T_9 \approx 0.2$

$^{22}\text{Mg}$  produced in ONe novae in Ne-Na cycle  $\Rightarrow$  source of  $^{22}\text{Na}$

$\beta$  decay or **p capture** dominate?

Use charge symmetry for **ANC**:

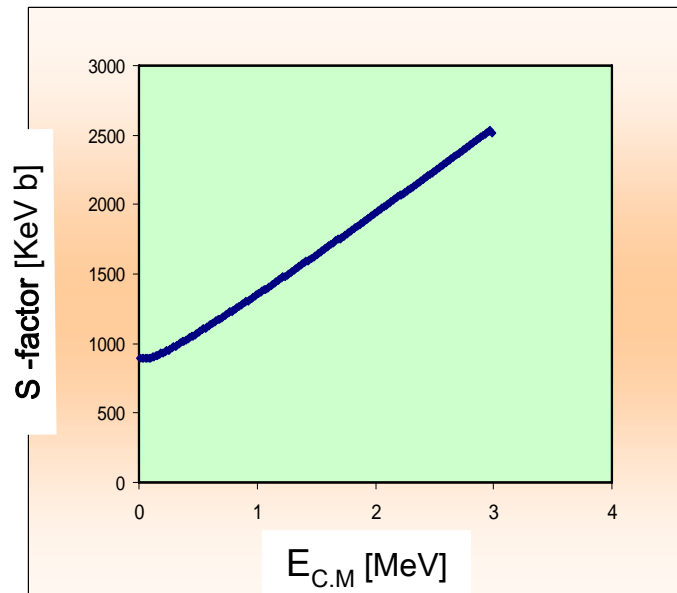
$$C_{d_{5/2}}^2(^{23}\text{Al}) = C_{d_{5/2}}^2(^{23}\text{Ne}) \frac{b_{d_{5/2}}^2(^{23}\text{Al})}{b_{d_{5/2}}^2(^{23}\text{Ne})}$$



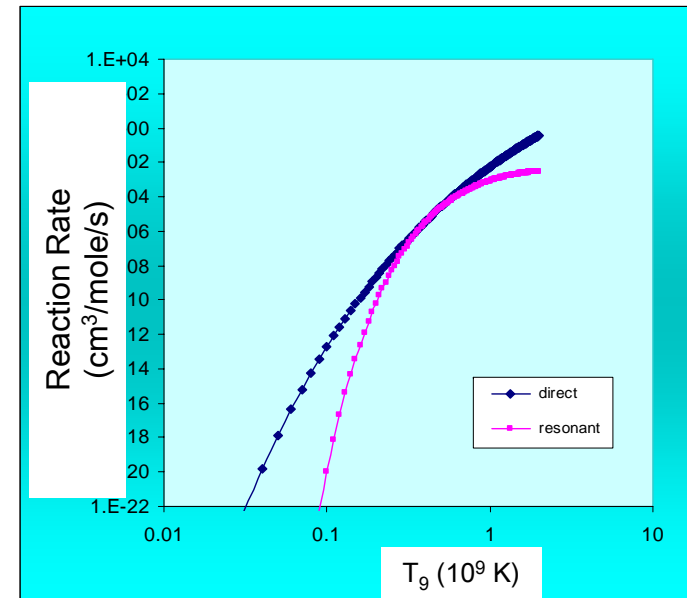
$\beta$ -decay of  $^{23}\text{Al} \Rightarrow$  gnd. state is  $5/2^+$

# $^{22}\text{Mg} (p, \gamma) ^{23}\text{Al}$ Reaction Rate

$$C^2(^{23}\text{Al}) = (1.22 \pm 0.12) * 10^4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$$



S(E) – Direct Capture reaction rate



$$\rho = 10^6 \text{ gm/cm}^3, T_9 = 0.4$$

$^{22}\text{Mg}(p, \gamma) ^{23}\text{Al}$  competes with  $\beta^+$  rate

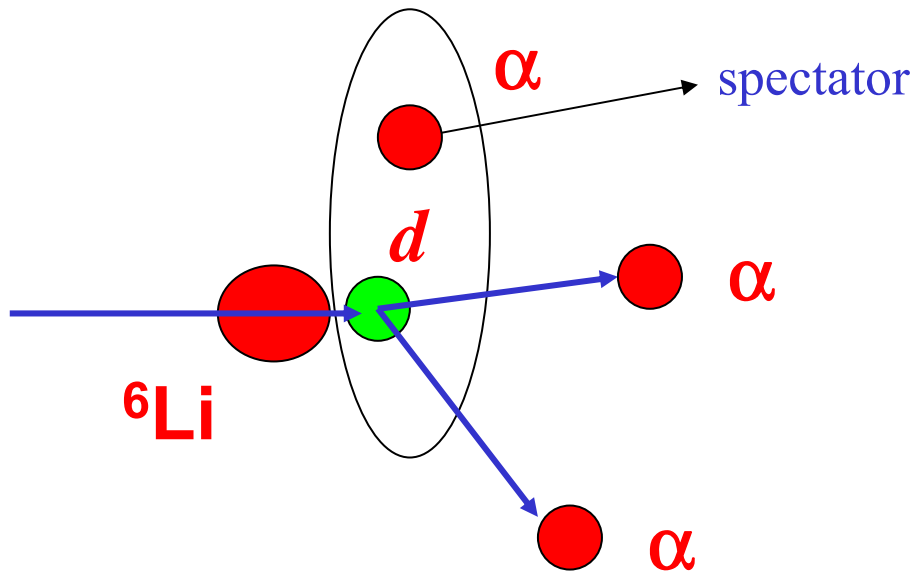
but photodisintegration is issue

# Charged Particle Capture: the Trojan Horse Method I

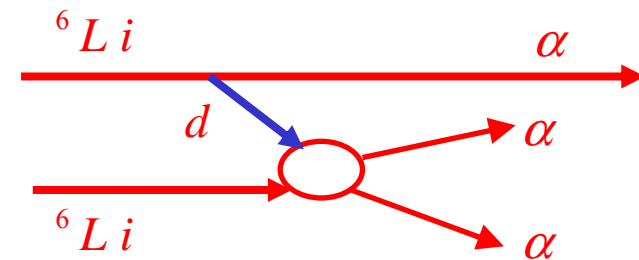
- Many charged-particle reaction rates important in stellar evolution
- Laboratory measurements  $\Rightarrow$  **Coulomb barrier** issues (e.g. electron screening) making extrapolation difficult
- **THM** (Baur – 1986) uses surrogate to remove Coulomb effects

# THM - Example

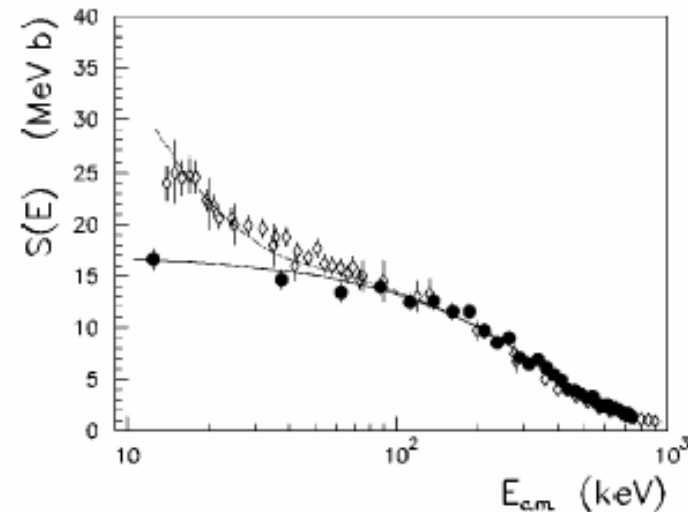
Consider a reaction  ${}^6\text{Li}(d,\alpha){}^4\text{He}$   
**THM**  $\Rightarrow$  use  ${}^6\text{Li}({}^6\text{Li},\alpha\alpha){}^4\text{He}$



${}^6\text{Li}({}^6\text{Li},\alpha\alpha){}^4\text{He}$  for  
 ${}^6\text{Li}(d,\alpha){}^4\text{He}$



THM - Spitaleri et al.  
 Direct data Englster et al.



# Charged Particle Capture: the Trojan Horse Method II

- Issues:
  - transferred particle is off energy shell
  - initial and final state effects important
  - no absolute normalization
  - must have quasi-free kinematics
  - analysis with PWIA and MPWIA

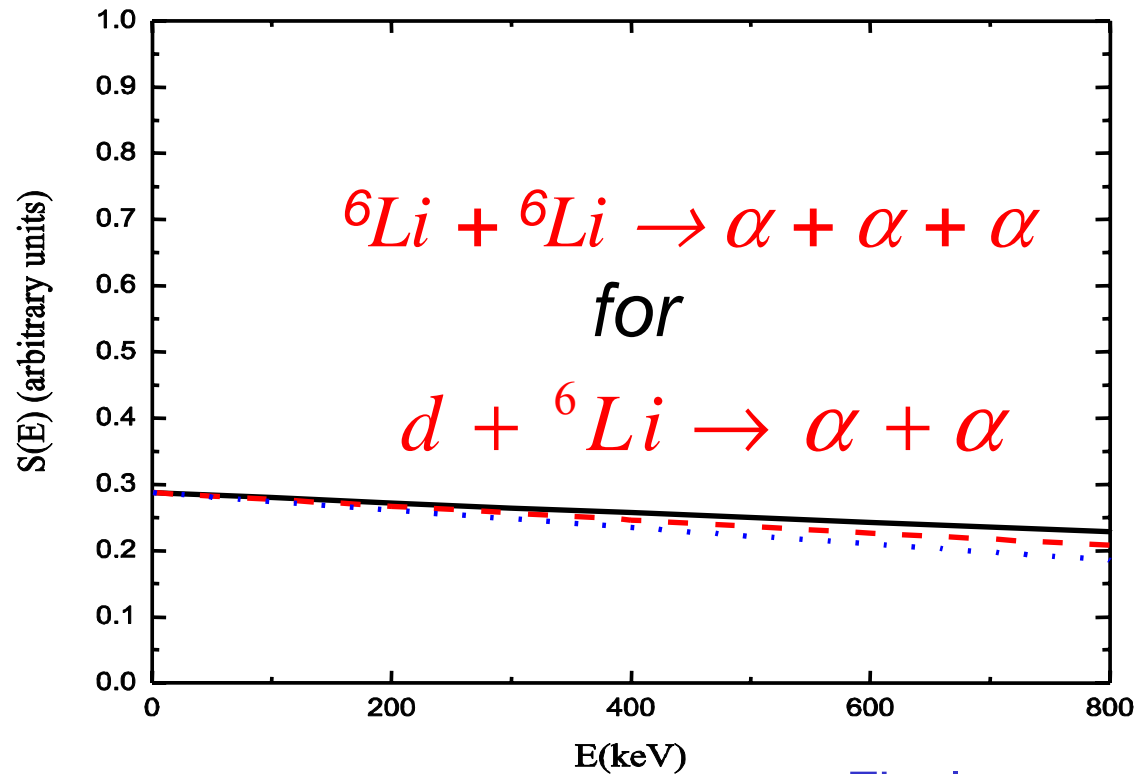
# Some Reaction Mechanism Issues

Three calculations (spectator  $\alpha$  ignored) as a function of  $\Delta=(p_{\alpha d})^2/(\mu_{\alpha d})^2$

‘on shell’ transfer  $\Rightarrow \Delta=0$  (black)

‘half off shell’ with QF kinematics  $\Rightarrow \Delta=m_{\alpha}+m_d-m_{Li}= BE$  (red)

‘half off shell’ with  $\Rightarrow \Delta= 1.5\times BE$  (blue)



Coulomb effects included

Final state effects also not important!



# THM Applications

- Direct Capture:
  - extrapolation to  $S(0)$  without e-screening
  - extraction of screening potential
- Resonant capture:
  - extrapolation to  $S(0)$  with small uncertainty
- Subthreshold Capture:
  - observe effects at very low relative energy

# Direct Capture



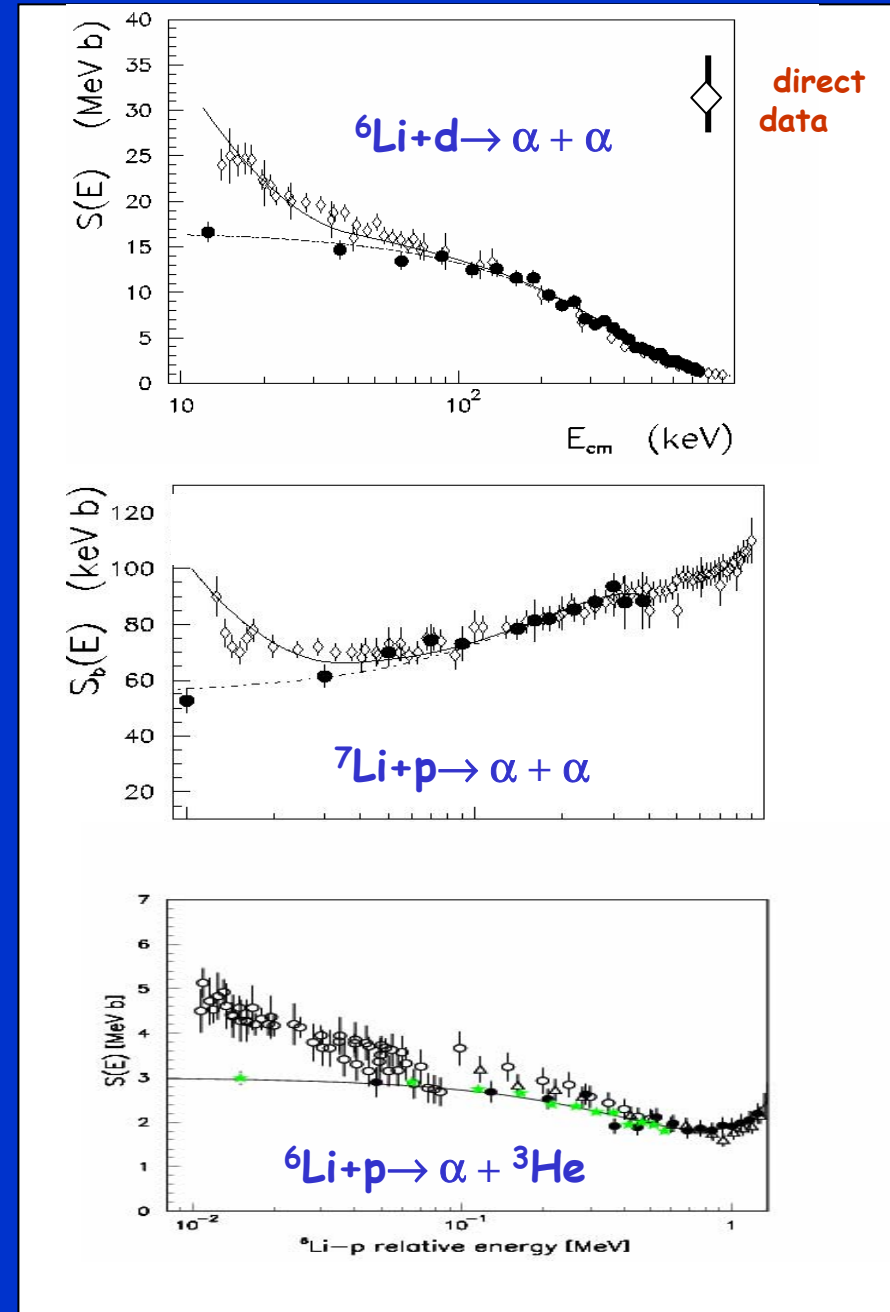
$U_e$ (ad)	$U_e$ (Dir) ${}^6\text{Li}+d$
186 eV	$330 \pm 120 \text{ eV}$



$U_e$ (ad)	$U_e$ (Dir) ${}^7\text{Li}+p$
186 eV	$300 \pm 160 \text{ eV}$



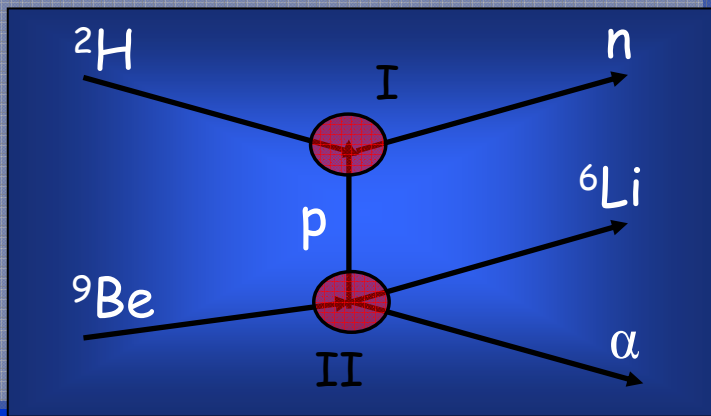
$U_e$ (ad)	$U_e$ (Dir) ${}^6\text{Li}+p$
186 eV	$440 \pm 80 \text{ eV}$



From C.S.

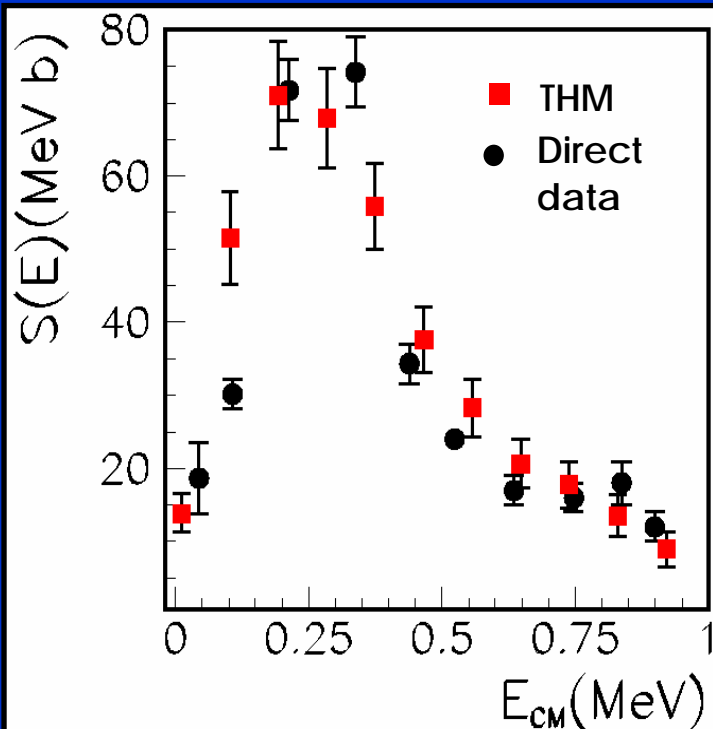
# Resonant Capture

The  ${}^9\text{Be}(p, \alpha){}^6\text{Li}$  reaction via  ${}^2\text{H}({}^9\text{Be}, \alpha){}^6\text{Li}n$



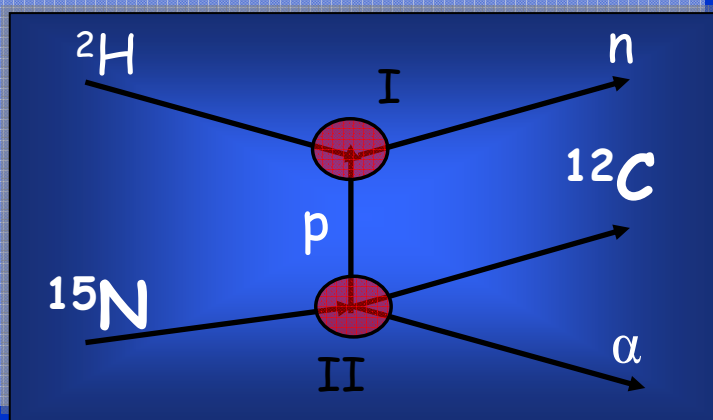
Laboratory: Tandem: LNS  
INFN-Catania

Energy:  $E_{{}^9\text{Be}} = 22 \text{ MeV}$



Reaction important for  
depletion of light nuclei

# The $^{15}\text{N}(p,\alpha)^{12}\text{C}$ reaction via $d(^{15}\text{N},\alpha^{12}\text{C})n$

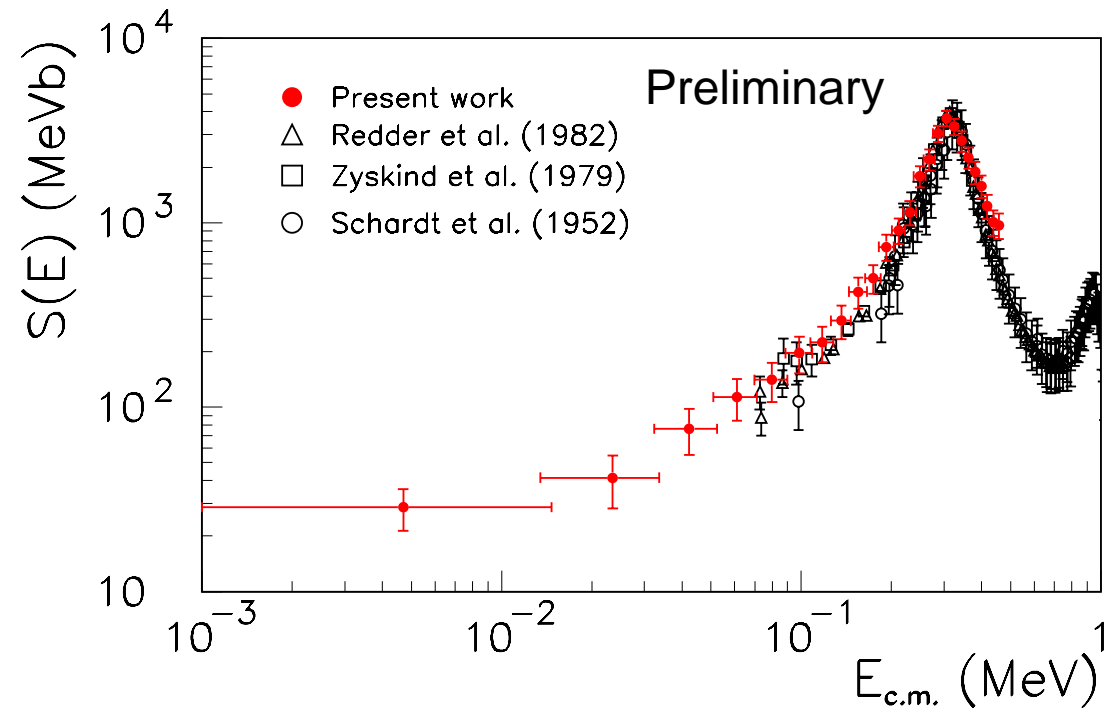


Destroys  $^{15}\text{N} \Rightarrow$  reduces  $^{19}\text{F}$  production in AGB stars

**Laboratory:**  
TAMU (K500 cyclotron)

$^2\text{H}(^{15}\text{N},\alpha^{12}\text{C})n$   
 $E_{\text{beam}} = 60 \text{ MeV}$

$S(0) \approx 37 \text{ MeVb}$  [about 1/2 NACRE value]



# Summary

- Indirect techniques  $\Rightarrow$  valuable tools in N.A.
- Useful for range of reaction types
- $S(0)$  with different extrapolation systematics
- Can provide auxiliary information
- Yield cross sections difficult to get otherwise!

Challenge for the future:

find new techniques to understand  $(n,\gamma)$  rates



# Collaborators

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