

HEAVY ION FUSION REACTIONS IN STARS

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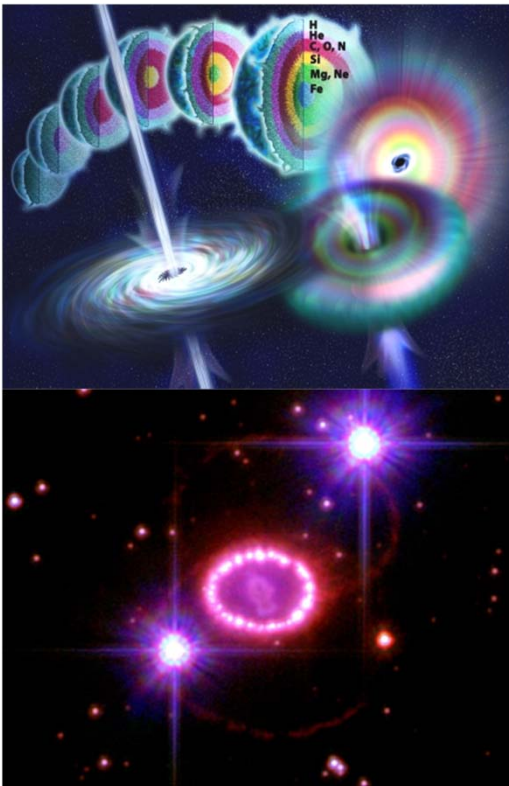
Outline

- Heavy ion fusion reactions in stars
- Review of $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ at stellar energies
 - Total cross section
 - Resonance at 2.14 MeV
 - Branching ratio
- Fusion reaction with n-rich beams
- Summary

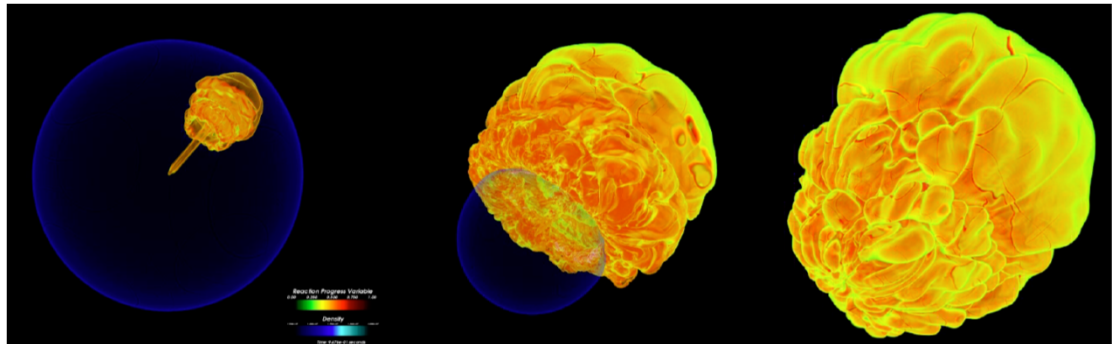
Famiano, HIRSCHL...’s talks

Carbon burning in the universe

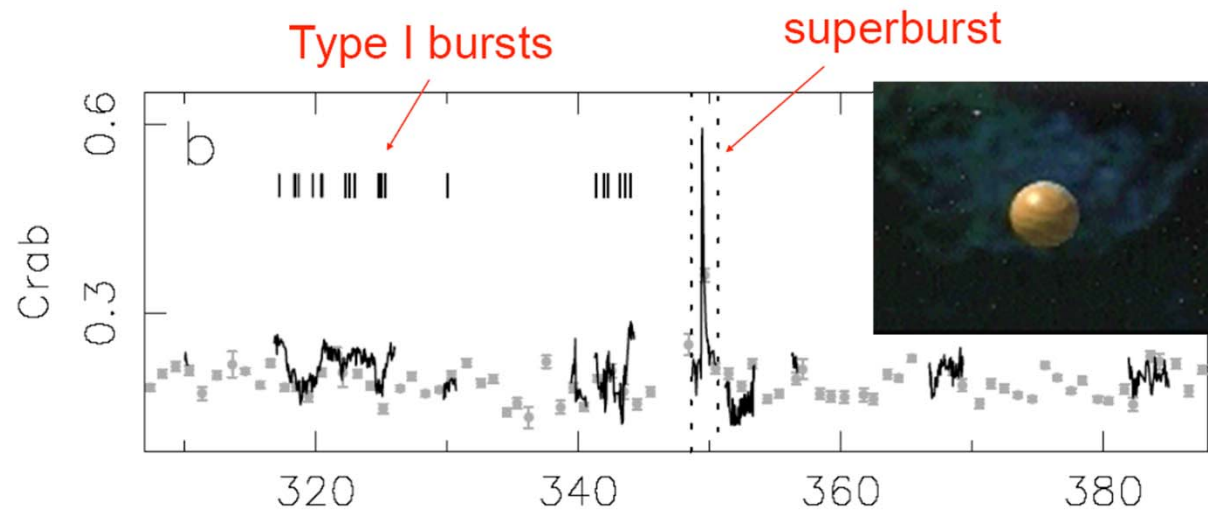
Nucleosynthesis in massive stars



Ignition conditions in type Ia supernovae



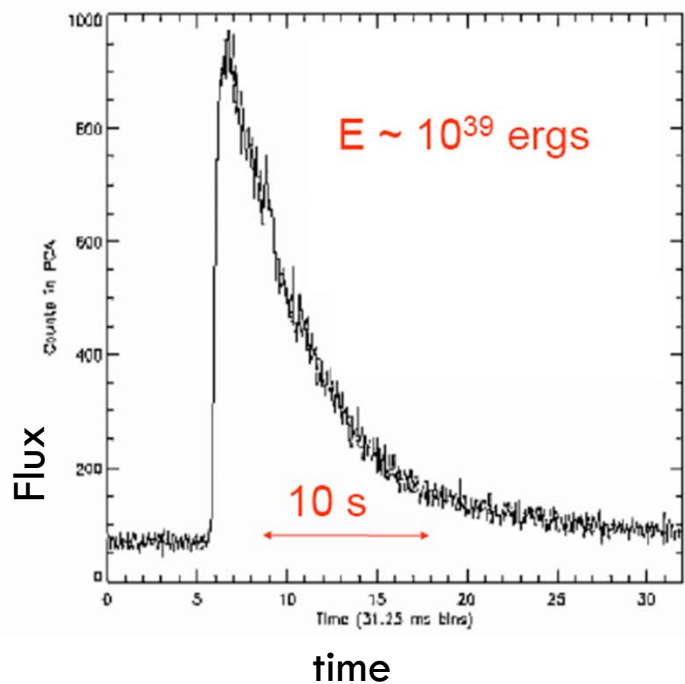
Candidate for Superburst ignition



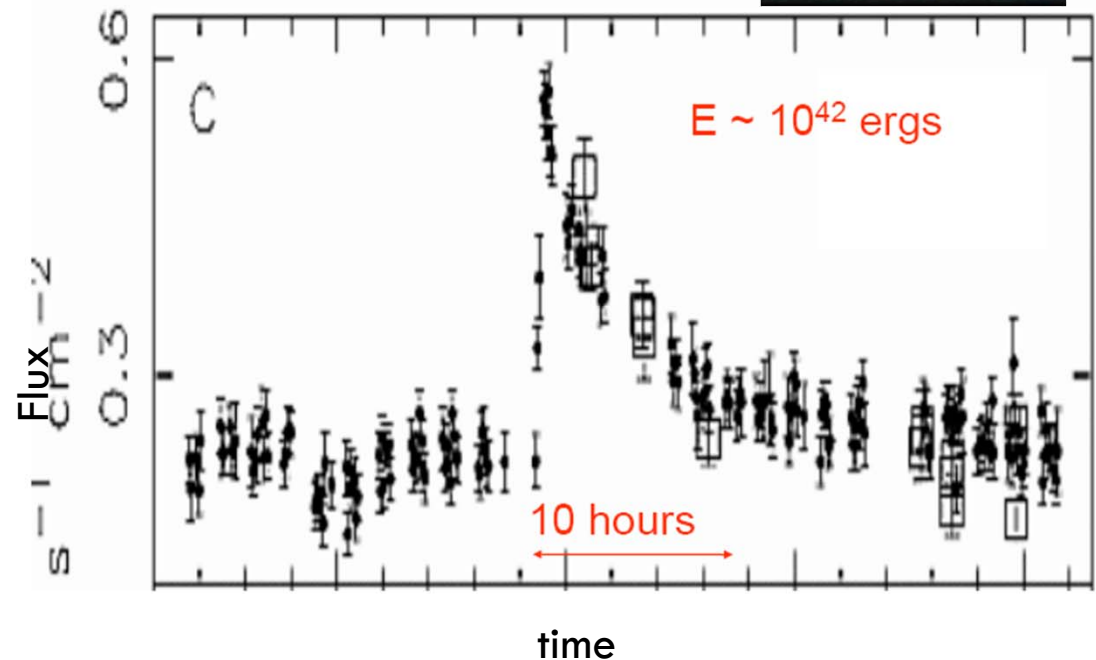
Superburst

- Rare, long duration bursts
- Recurrence times 1-2 years, energies 10^{42} ergs.
- Triggered by $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ fusion in the ashes left over after the rp-process

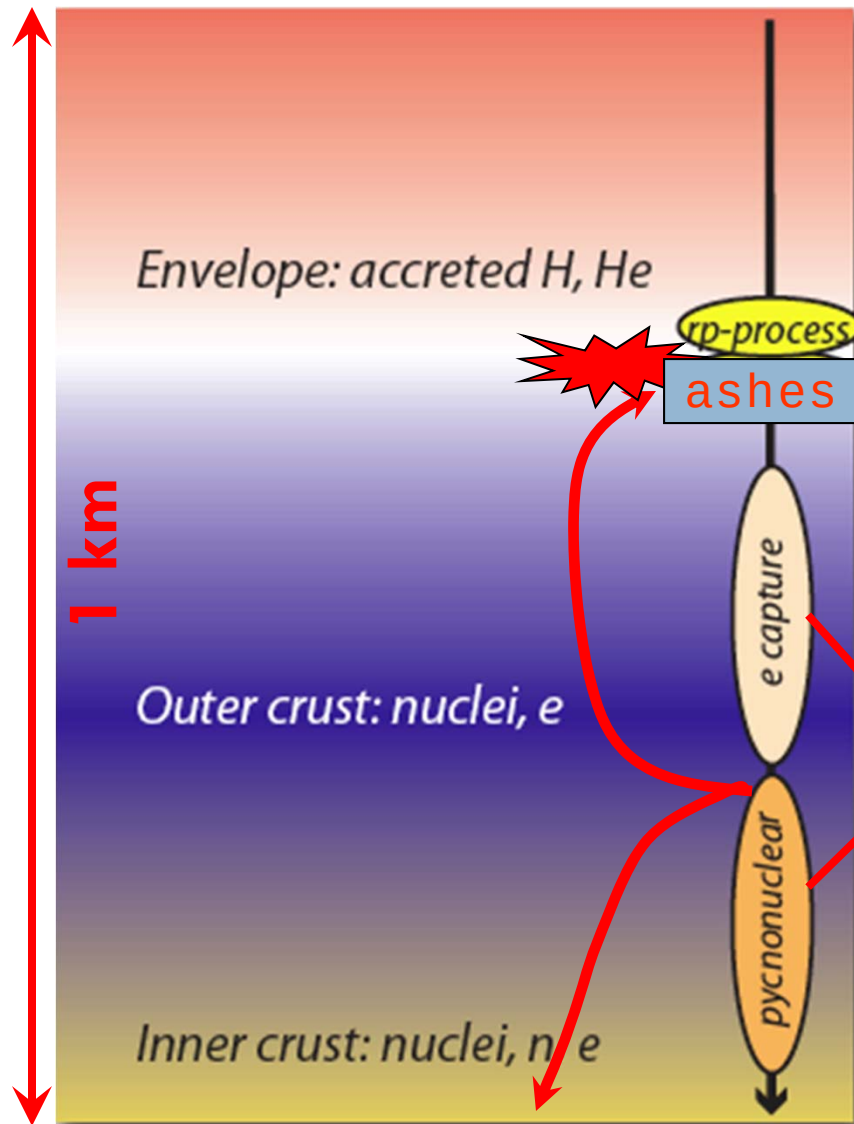
Normal Type Ia X-Ray Burst



Superburst



Superburst: ignited by Carbon burning



Ashes from rp process (He burning) deposit in the outer crust.

Key problem: With the standard rate (CF88), the crust temperature is too low to ignite the carbon fuel! ☹

Crust processes
(EC, **pycnonuclear fusion**)
→ crust heating and cooling
→ crust conductivity

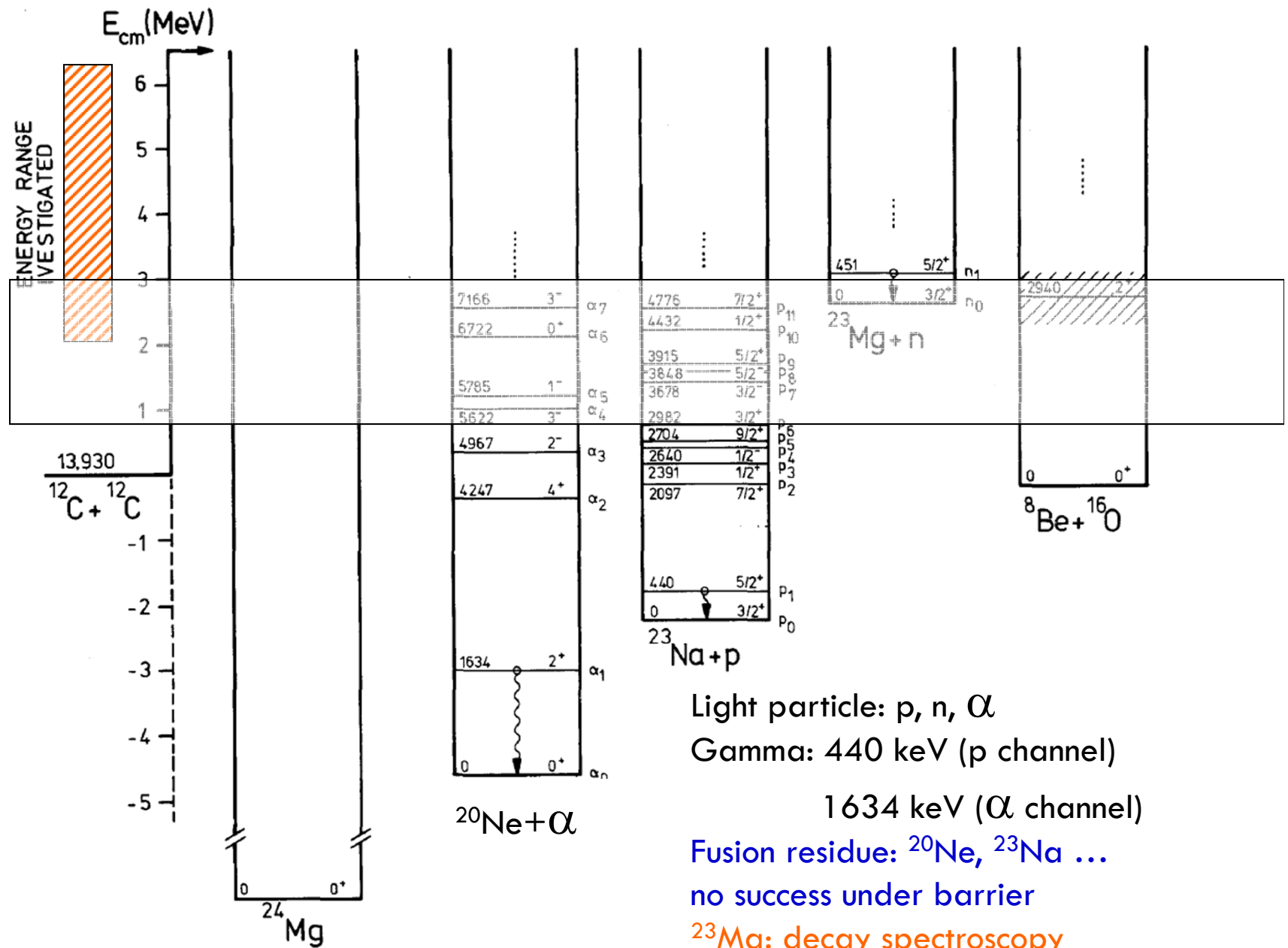


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Picture by E. Brown (MSU)



$^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ in laboratories

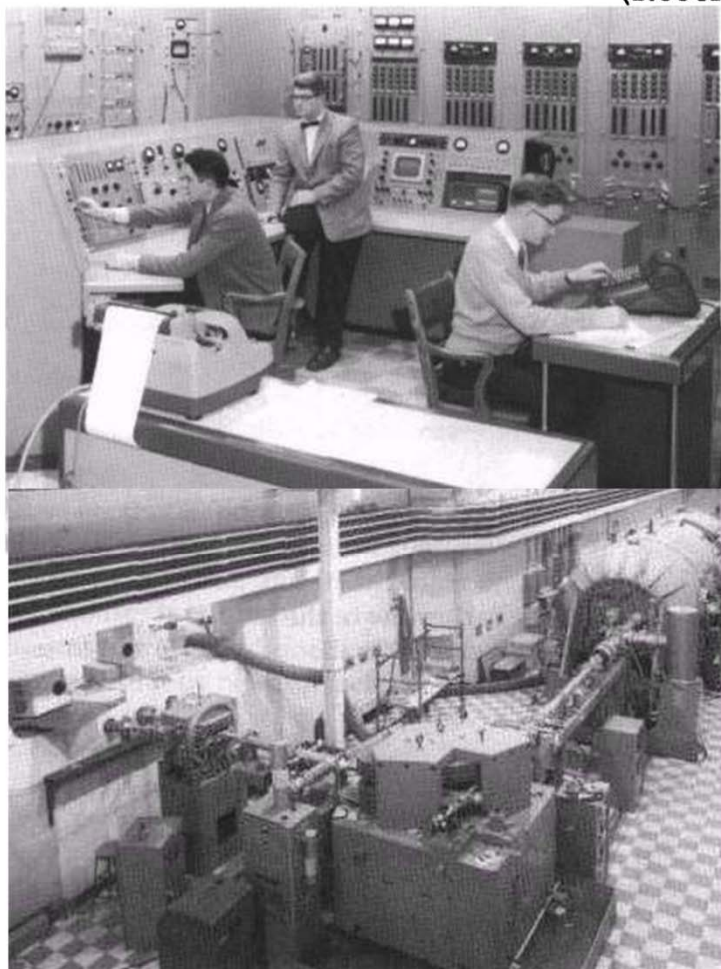


RESONANCES IN C^{12} ON CARBON REACTIONS

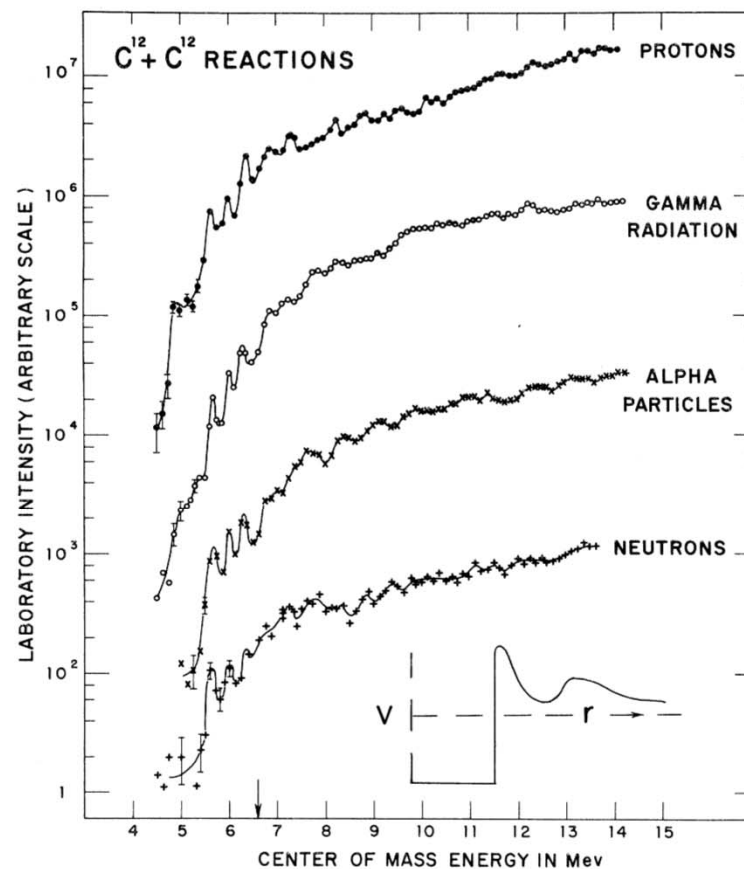
E. Almqvist, D. A. Bromley, and J. A. Kuehner

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, Chalk River Laboratories, Chalk River, Ontario, Canada

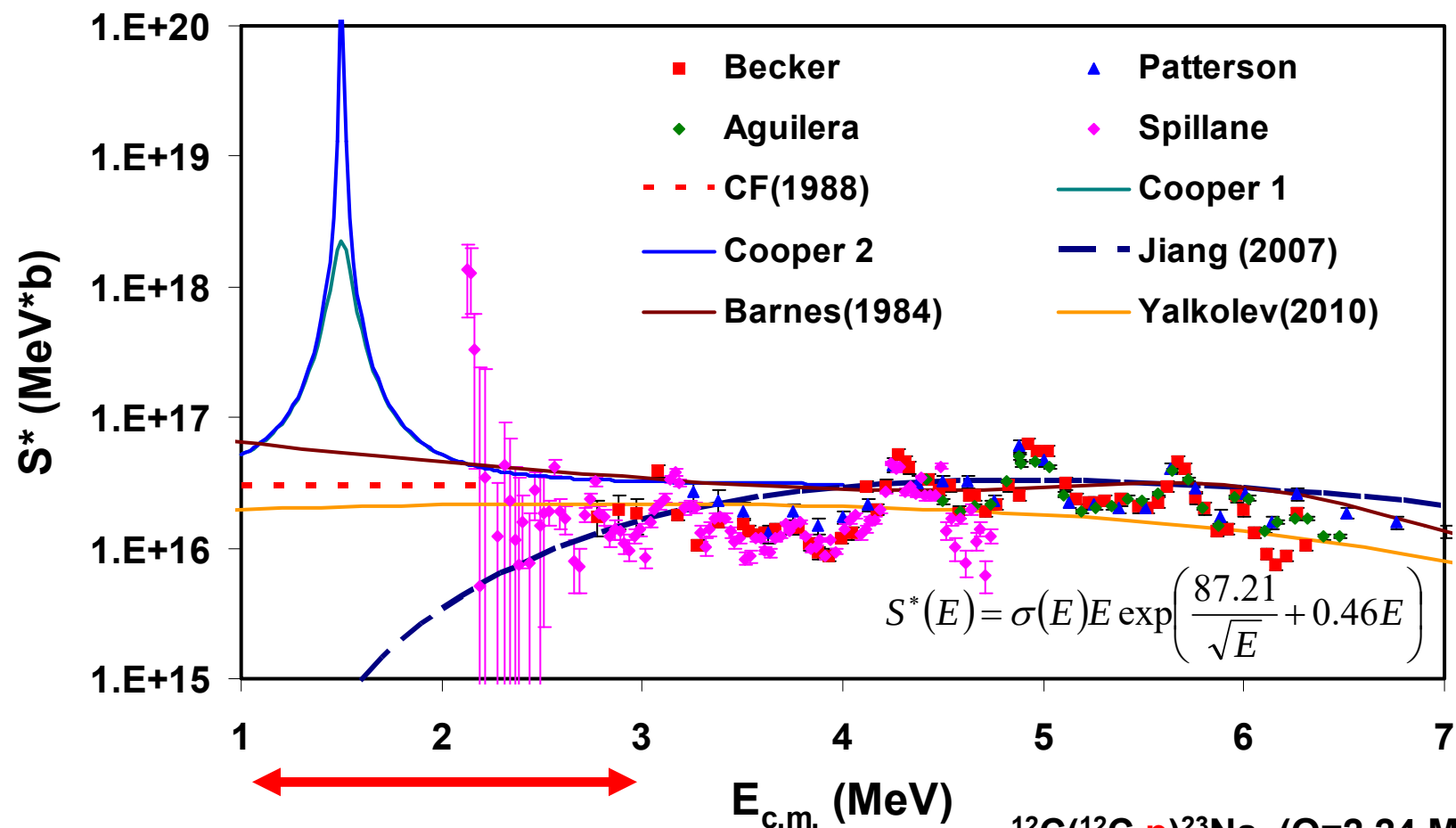
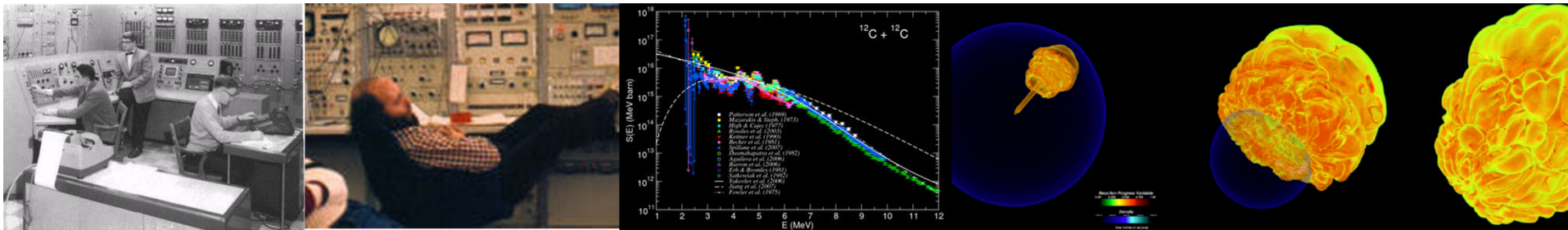
(Received March 28, 1960)



The world's first tandem accelerator installed at Chalk River in 1959.



Molecular resonances in the $^{12}C+^{12}C$ fusion reaction measured by Almqvist et al., in 1960



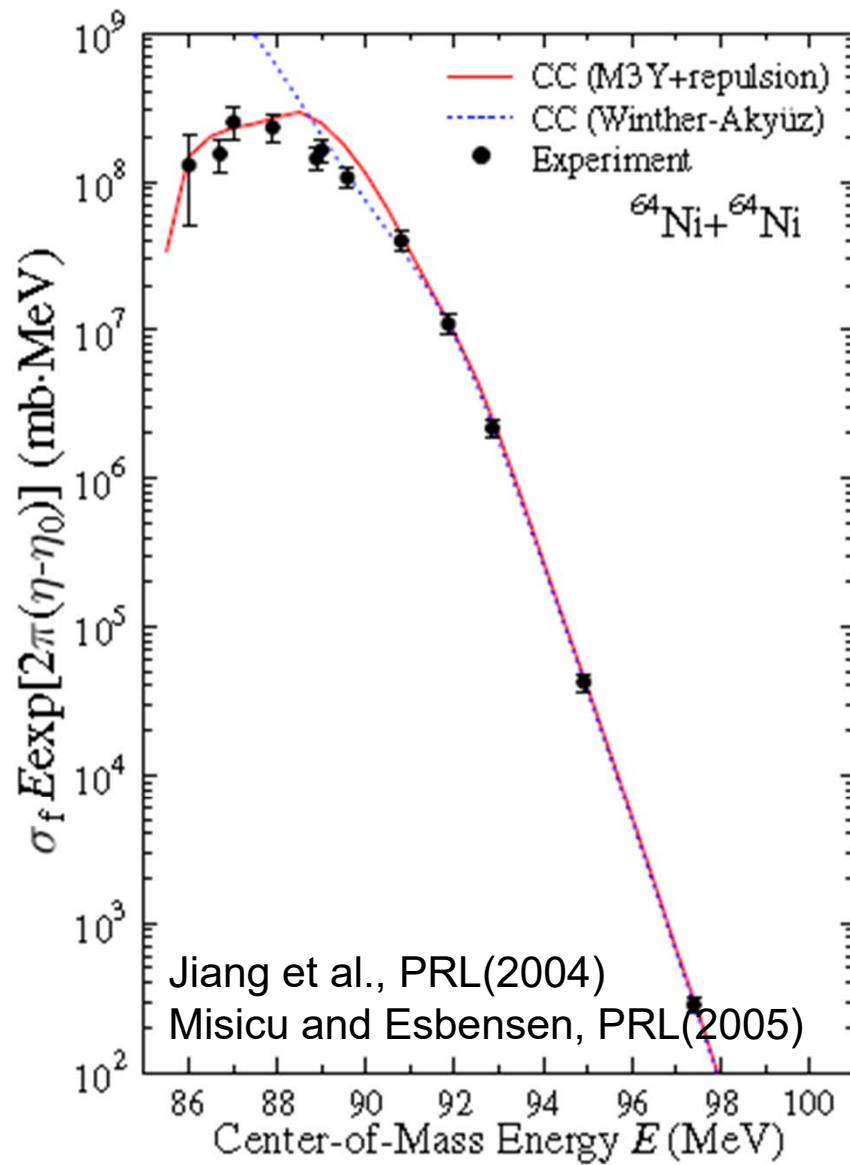
10⁻²² b

10⁻⁷ b

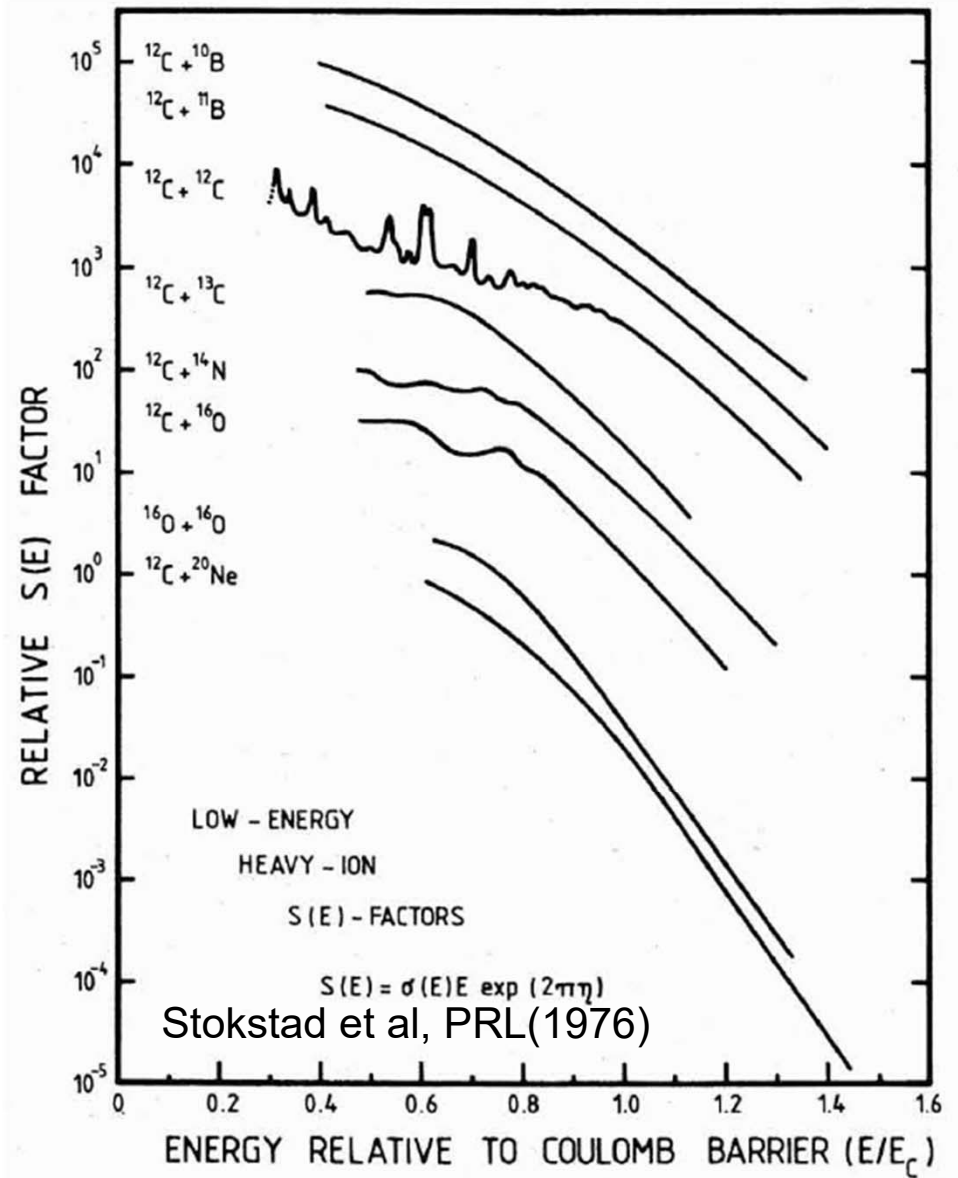
¹²C(¹²C,p**)²³Na (Q=2.24 MeV)**

¹²C(¹²C,α**)²⁰Ne (Q=4.62 MeV)**

¹²C(¹²C,n**)²³Mg (Q=-2.62MeV)**



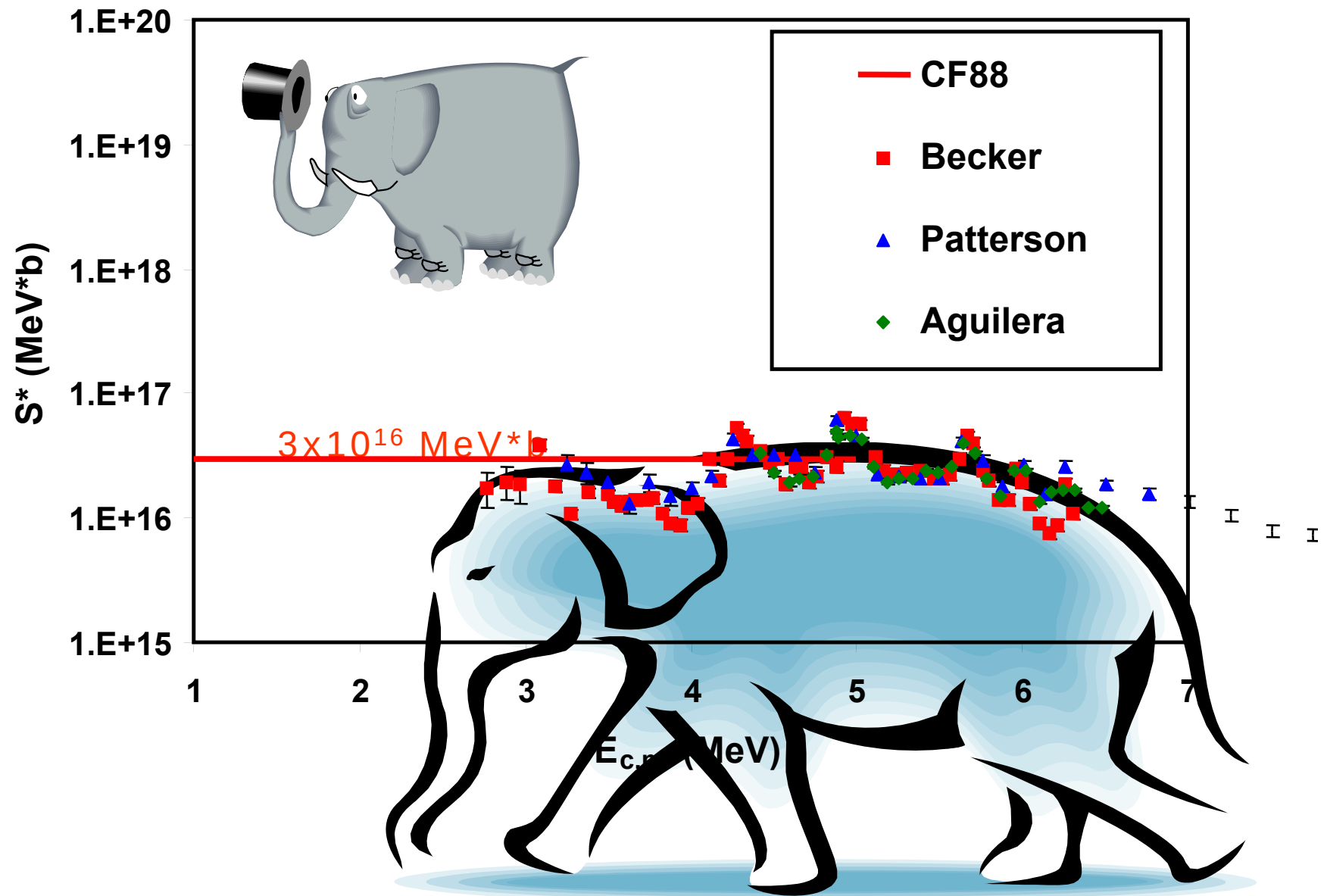
$^{64}\text{Ni} + ^{64}\text{Ni}$



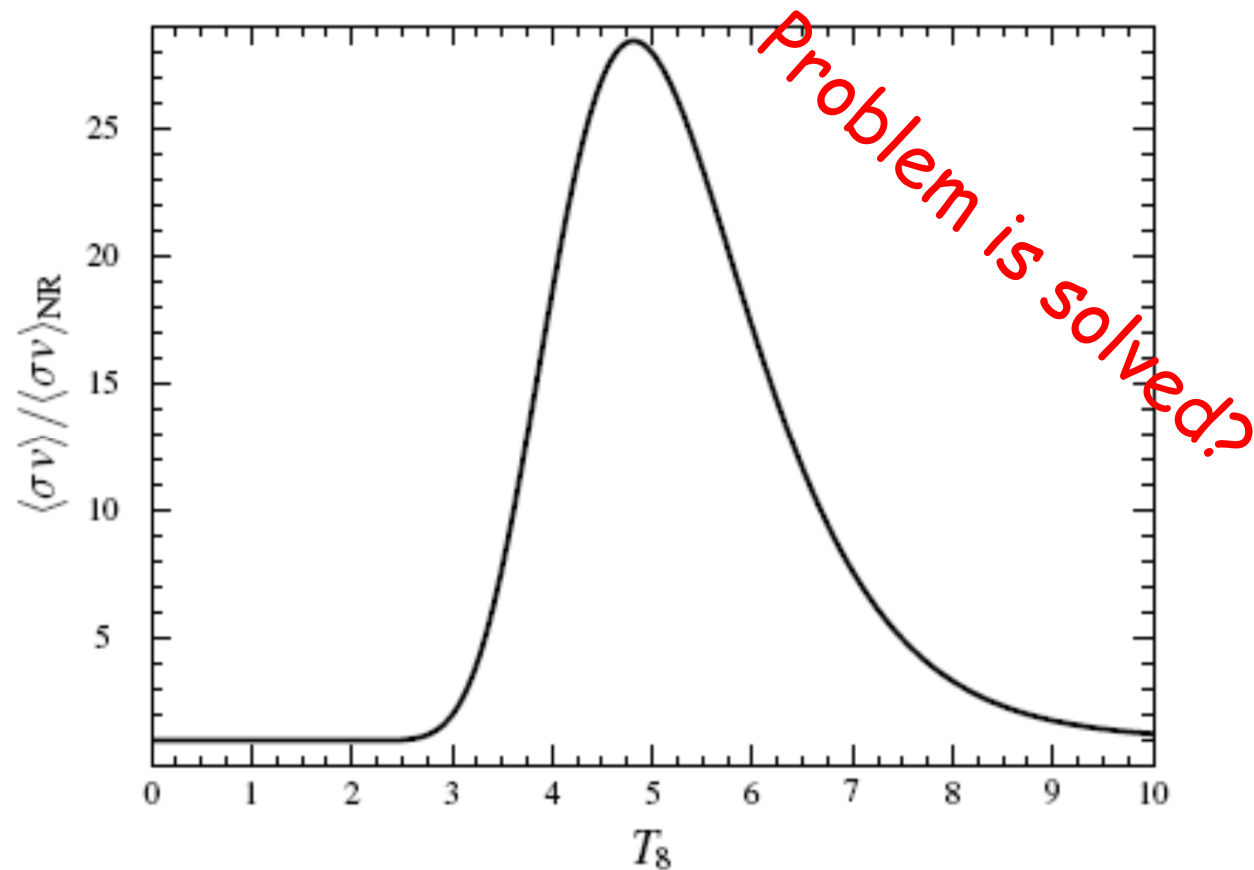
$A < 20$

Origin is under debate. Pauli exclusion, dissipative effects,...

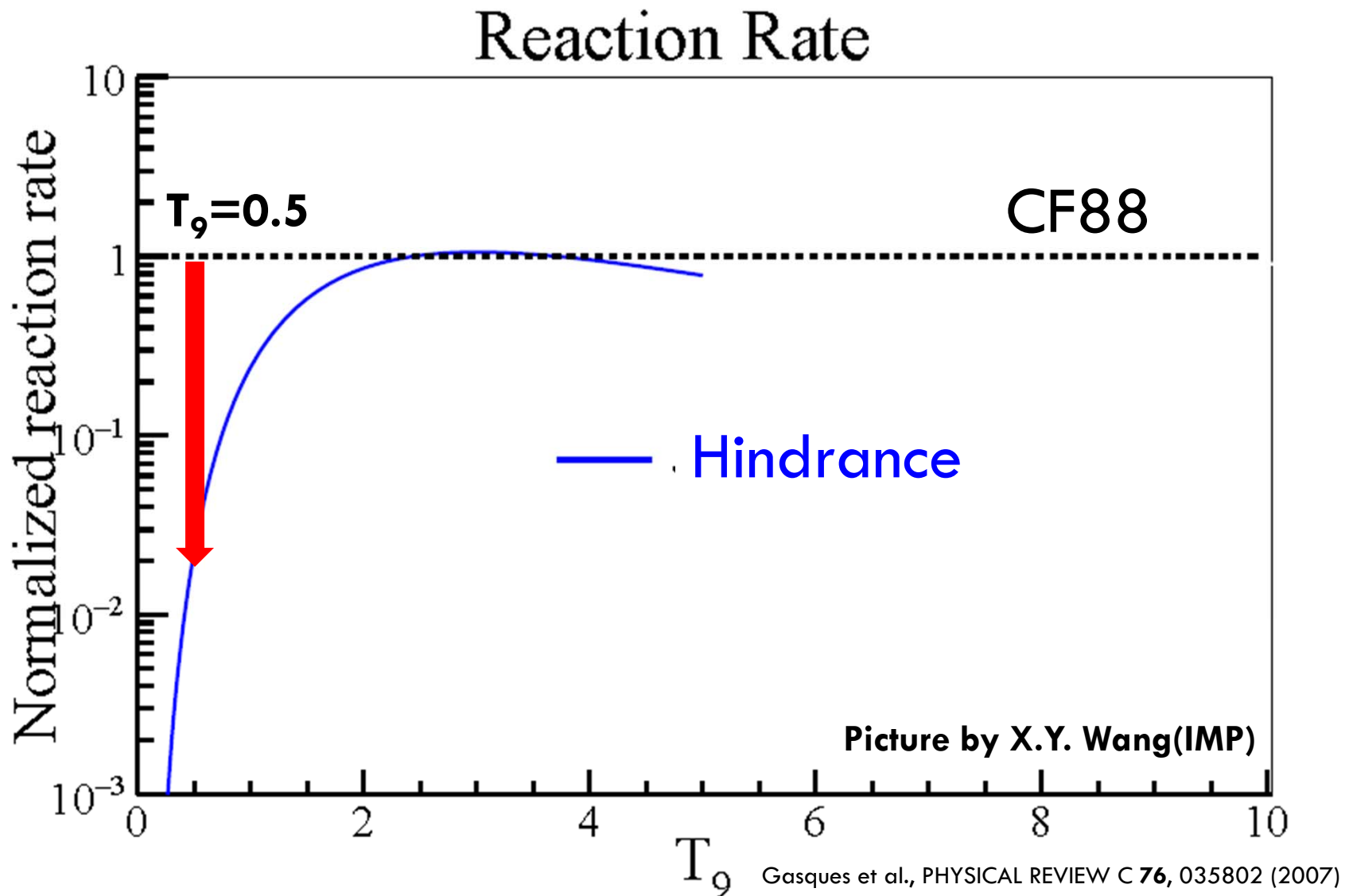
$$S^*(E) = \sigma E e^{(87.21/\sqrt{E} + 0.46E)}$$



Solving the superburst problem with an artificial resonance at $E_{\text{c.m.}} = 1.5$ MeV

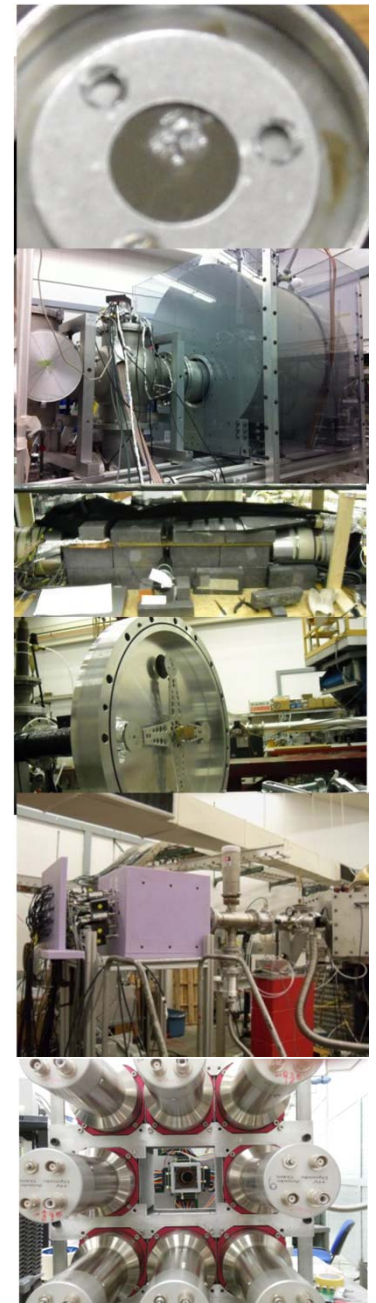
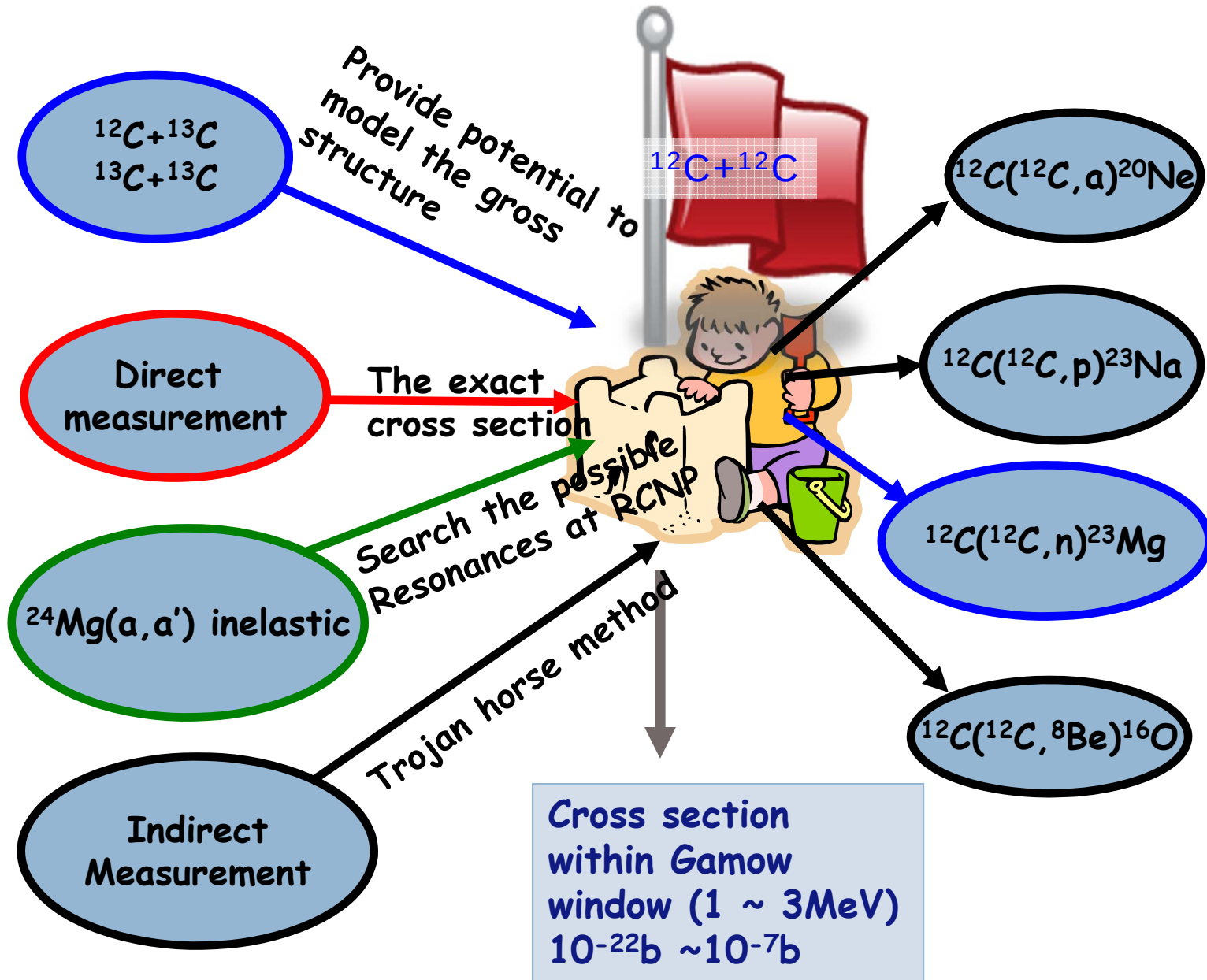


R. Cooper et al., APJ (2009) 702, 660

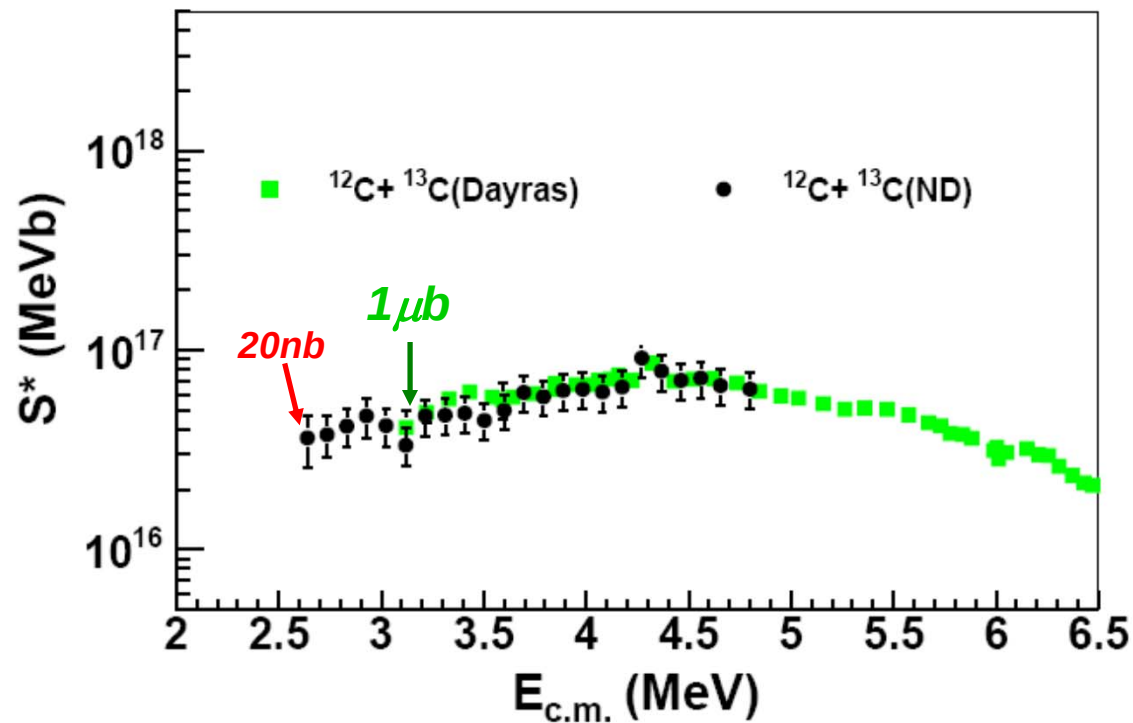


- **More difficult to ignite $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ in superburst**
- **Shut off the pycnonuclear reactions in neutron crust**
- **Change ^{60}Fe , ^{26}Al production yields in massive stars**

Carbon fusion reaction

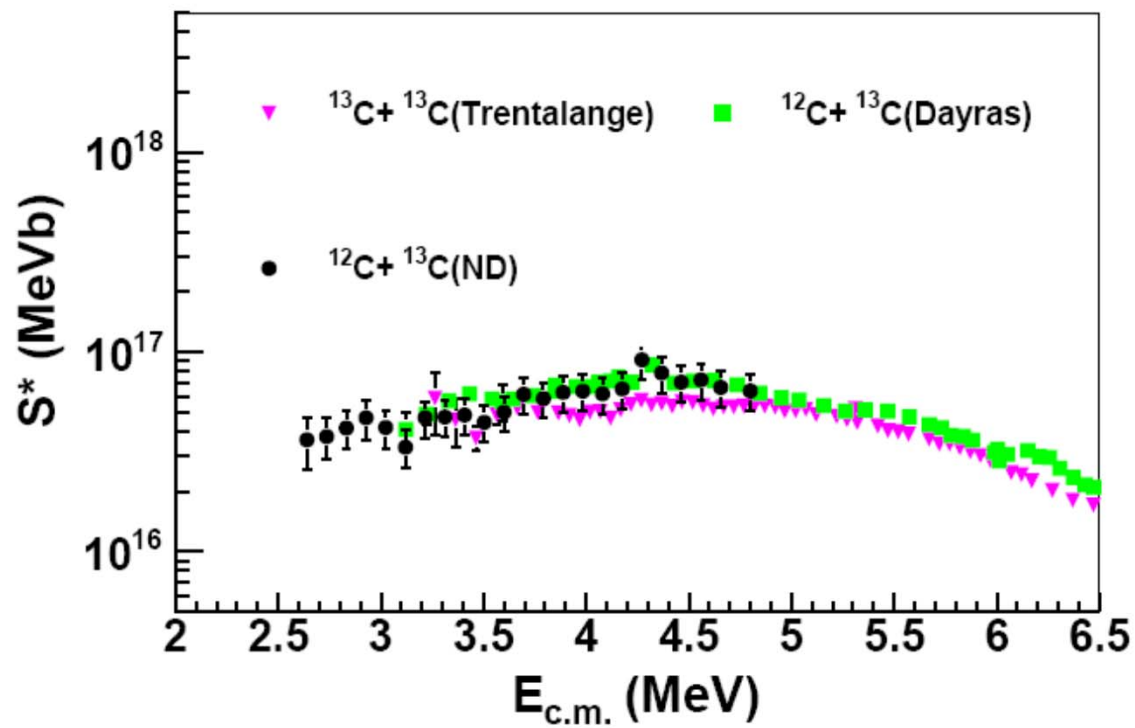


Upper limit of $12C+12C$



$$S^*(E) = \sigma E e^{(87.21/\sqrt{E} + 0.46E)}$$

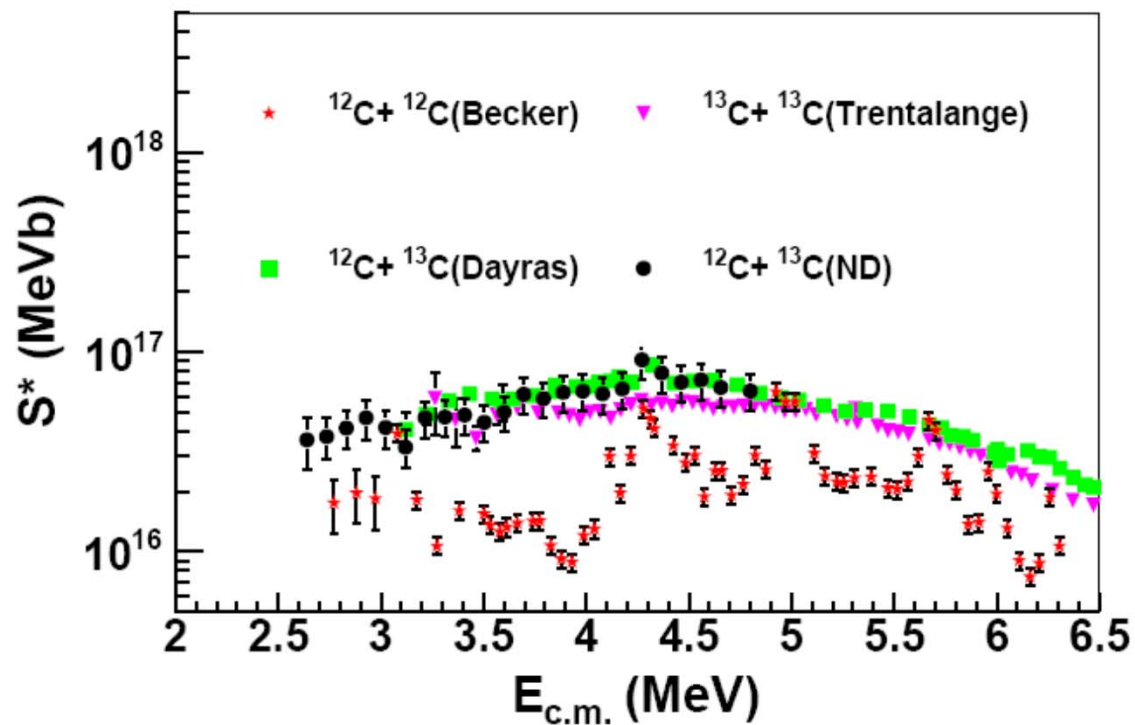
- *The new $^{12}\text{C}+^{13}\text{C}$ data follows the trend of the old data.*
- *The smallest cross section has been pushed down by a factor of 50.*



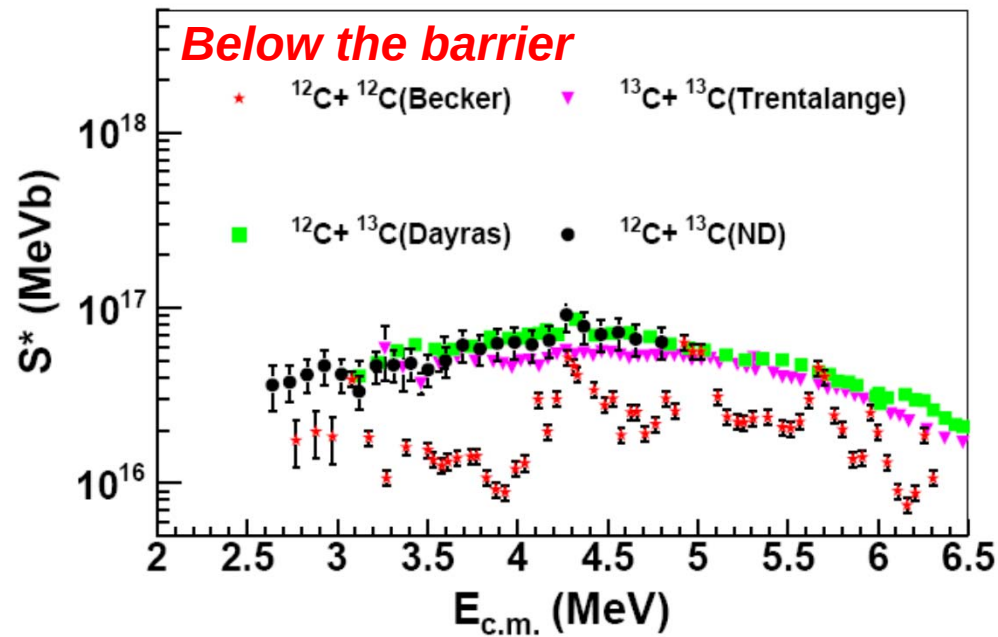
• $^{13}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$ agrees with $^{12}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$!

• The isotope effect (difference in radius, mass) is negligible within the observed energy range!

• Where will the $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ data show up?



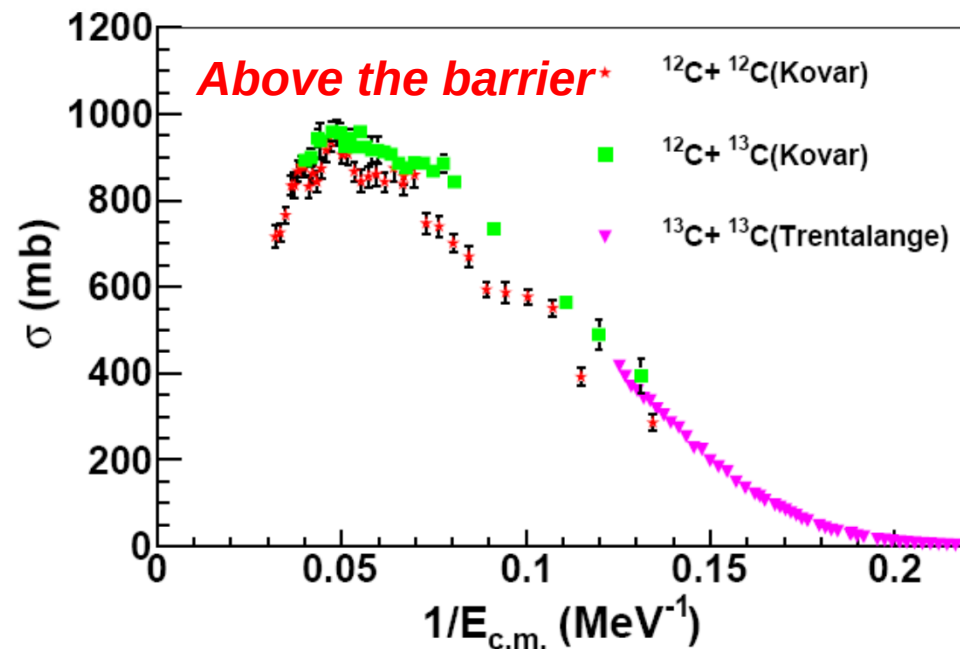
- For most energies, *the $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ cross sections are suppressed!*
- Only at resonant energies, *the $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ cross sections matches with those of $^{12}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$ and $^{13}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$!*



A simple pattern for complicated resonances



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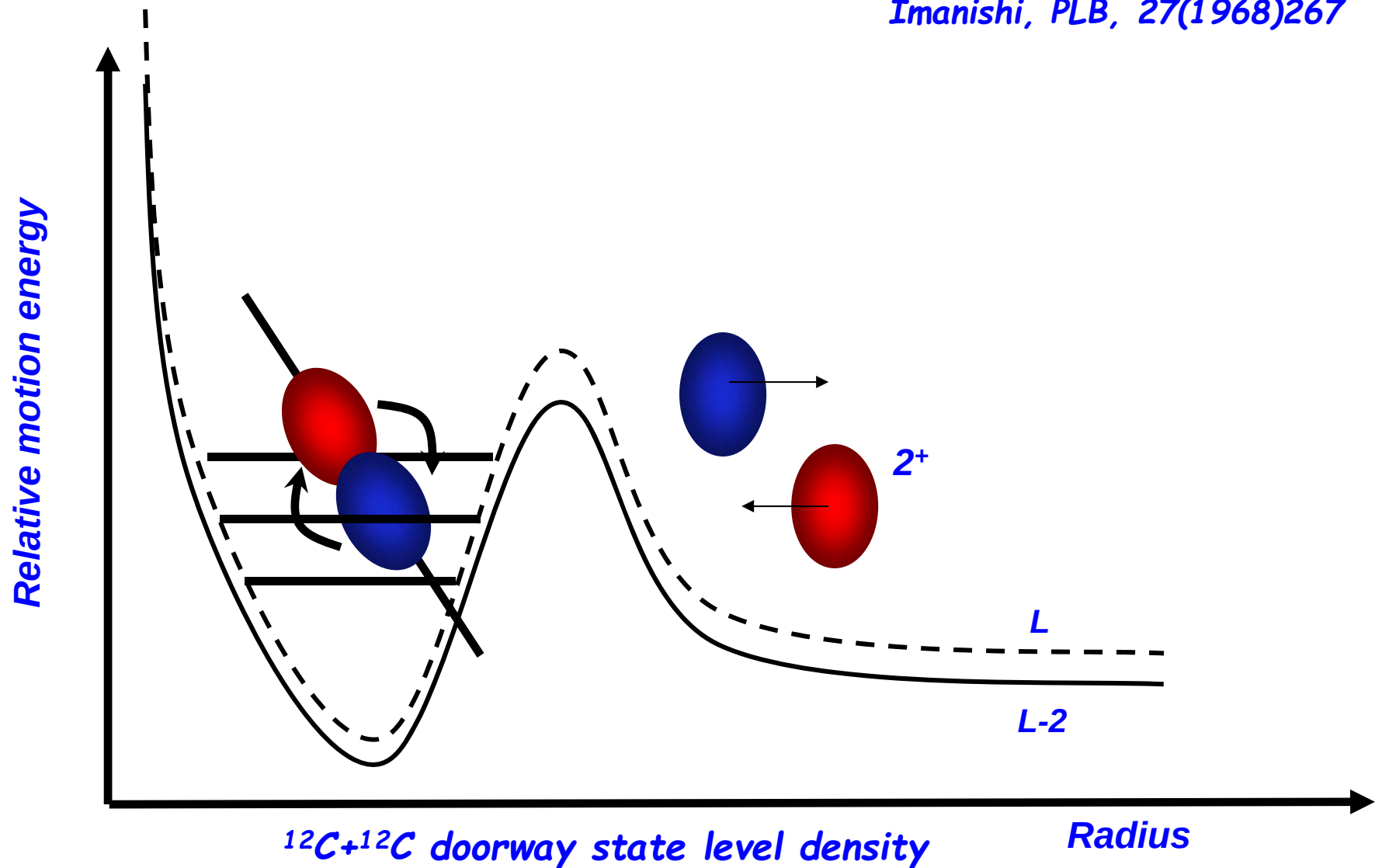


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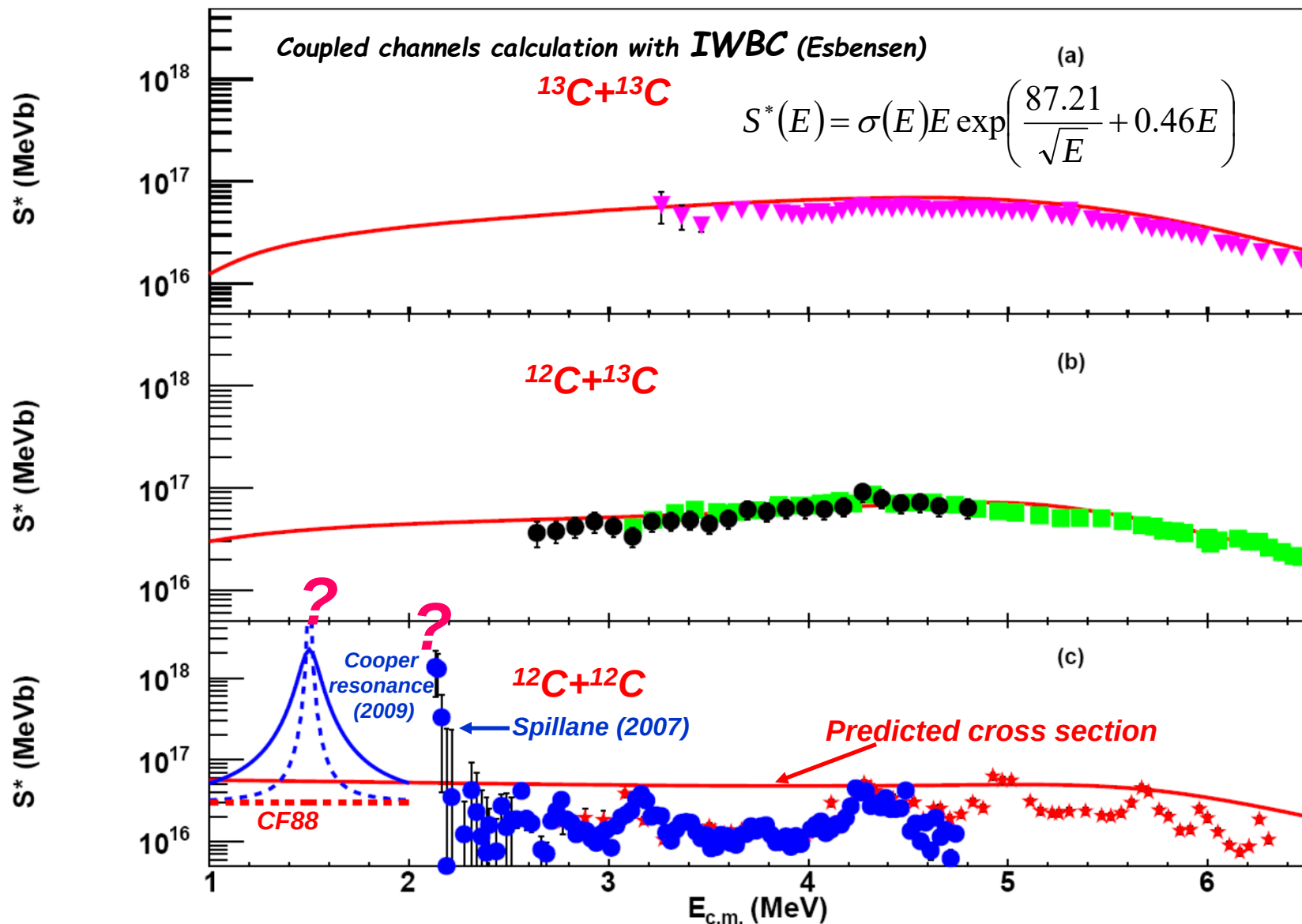
Why?

Nogami-Imanishi Model

Imanishi, PLB, 27(1968)267



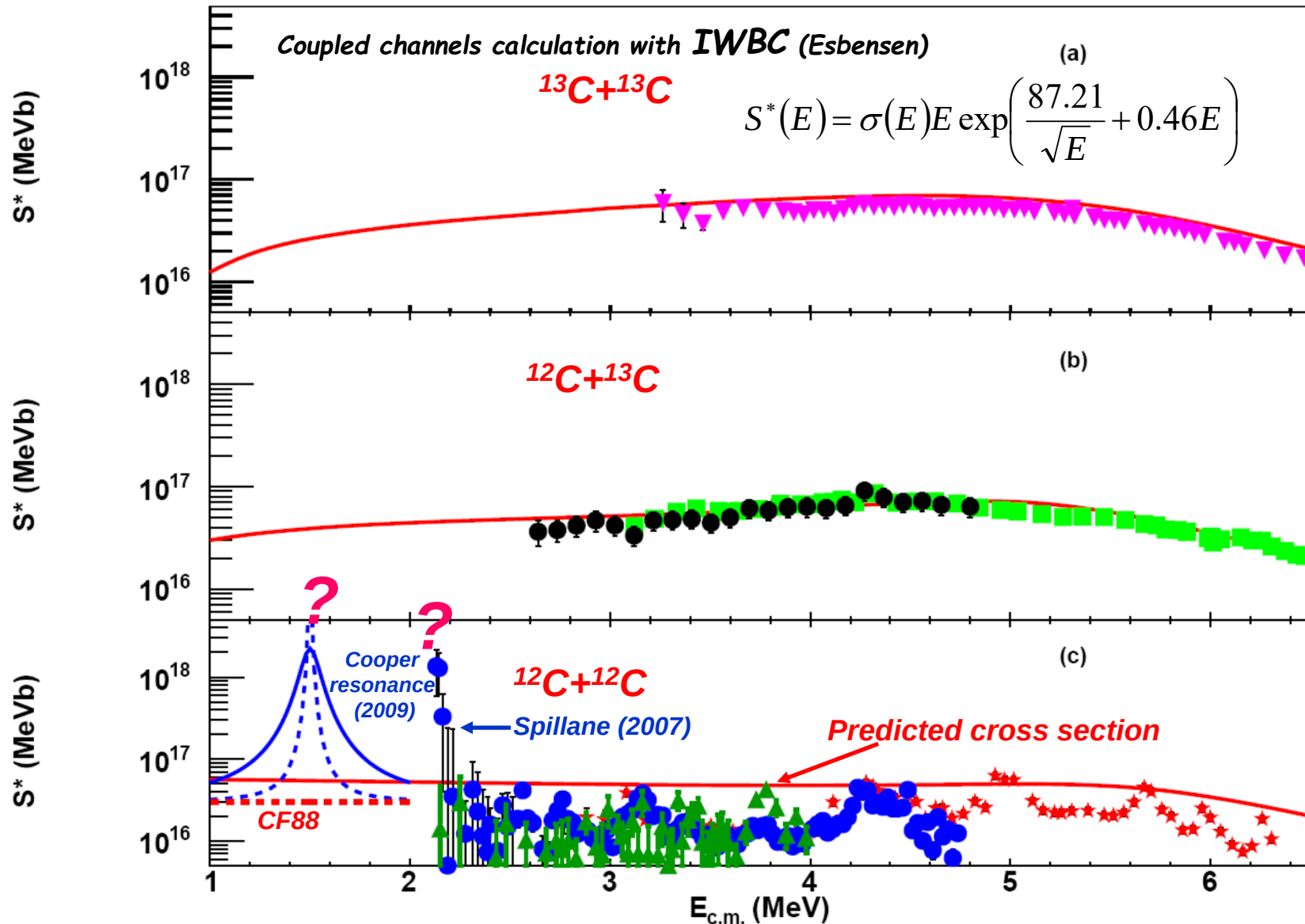
Predict $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ cross sections with a constrained potential



H. Esbensen et al., Phys. Rev. C 84, 064613 (2011); Jiang et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 072701 (2013)

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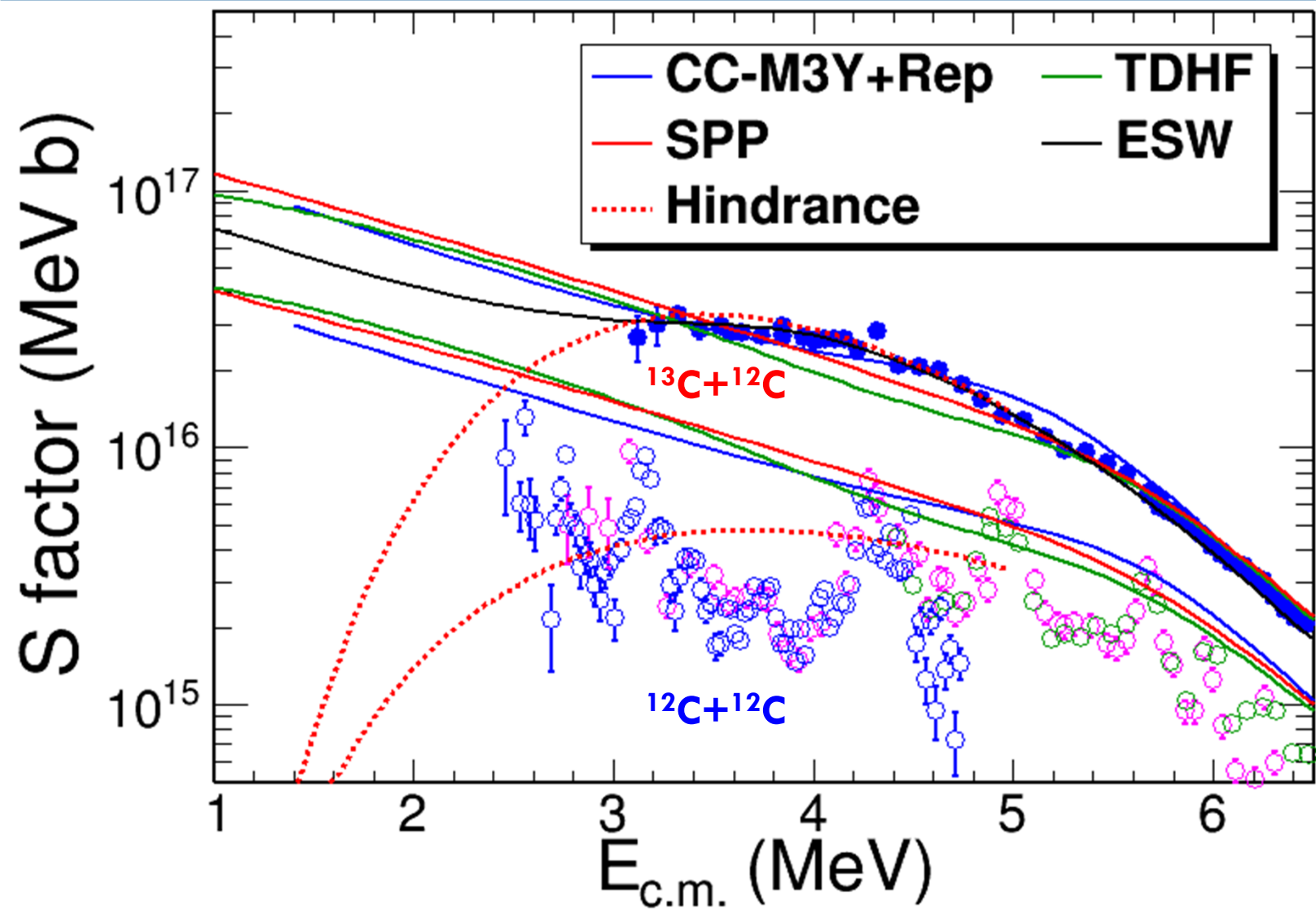


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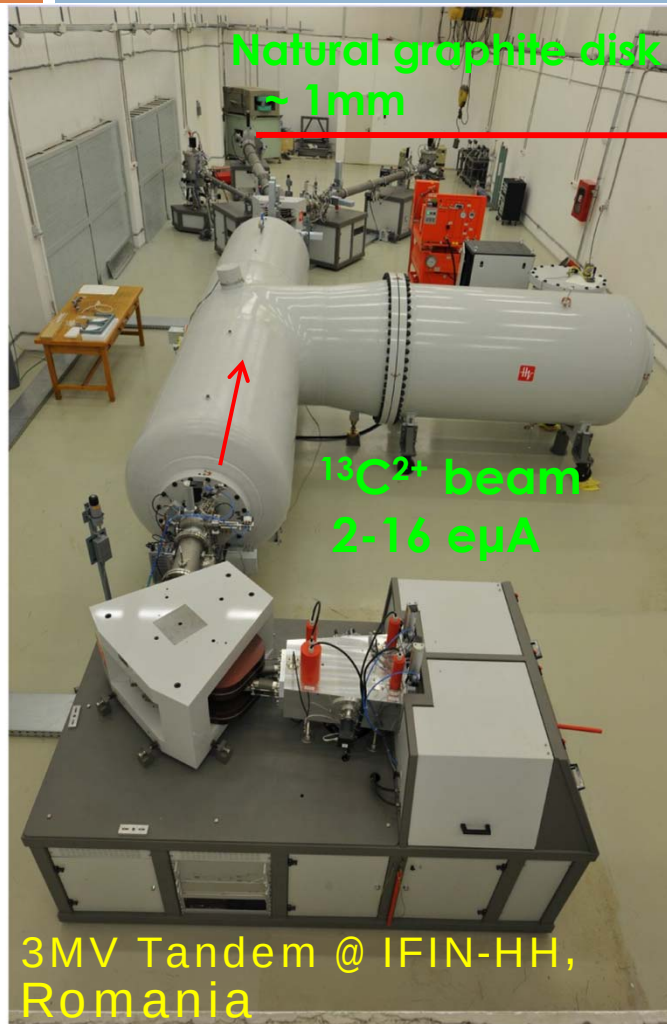
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Test of predictive power of models

Test of Predictive Power

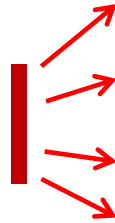


$^{13}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ Experiment



3MV Tandem @ IFIN-HH,
Romania

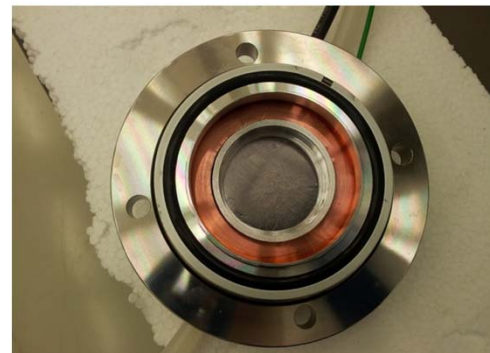
Online irradiation



$^{12}\text{C}(^{13}\text{C}, p)^{24}\text{Na}$

^{24}Na : $T_{1/2} = 15 \text{ hr}$

1369-2754 keV γ rays



- HF theory calibrated by exp. $\rightarrow$ Branching ratio
- Obtaining the total fusion cross section

$^{13}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ Experiment



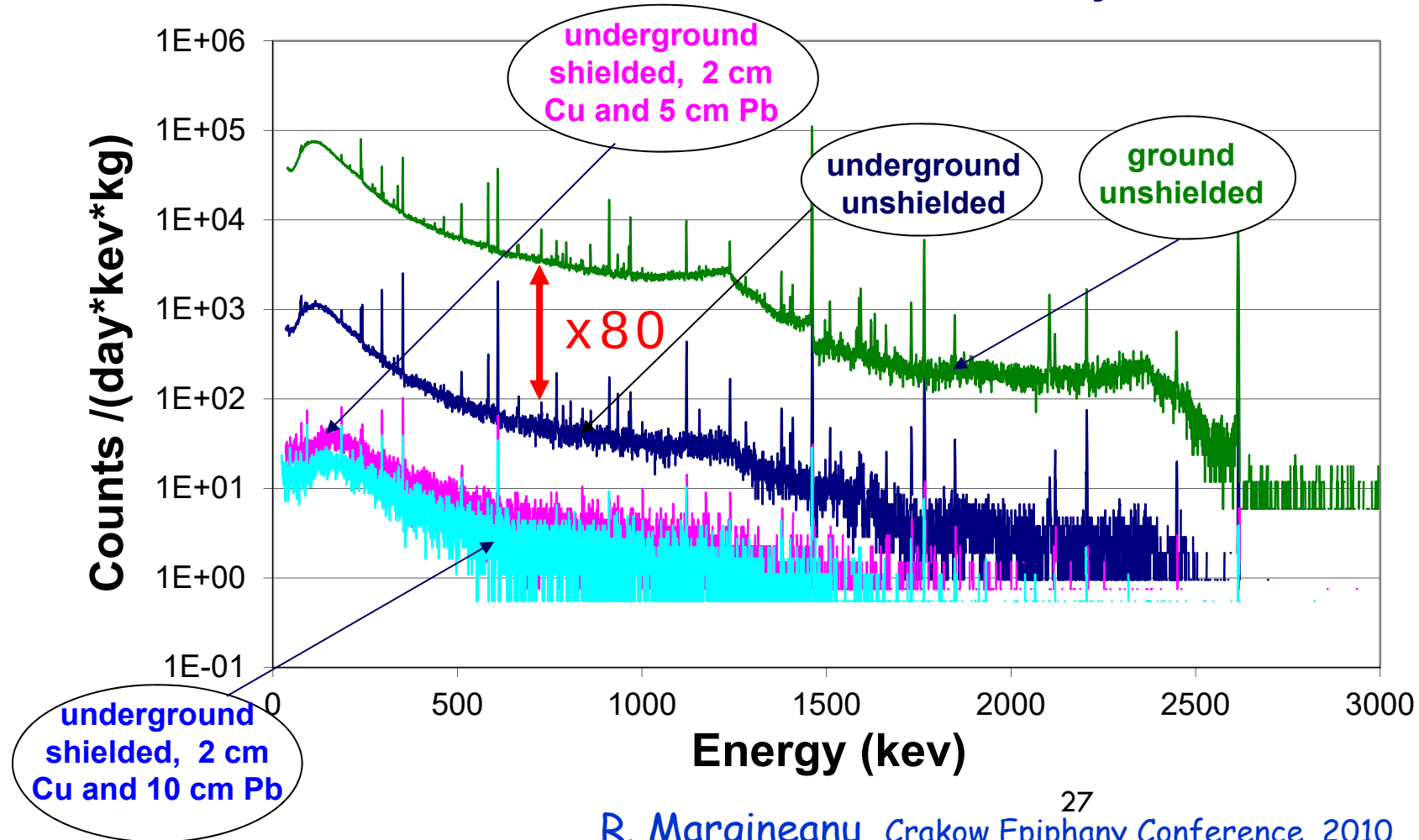
Underground counting station



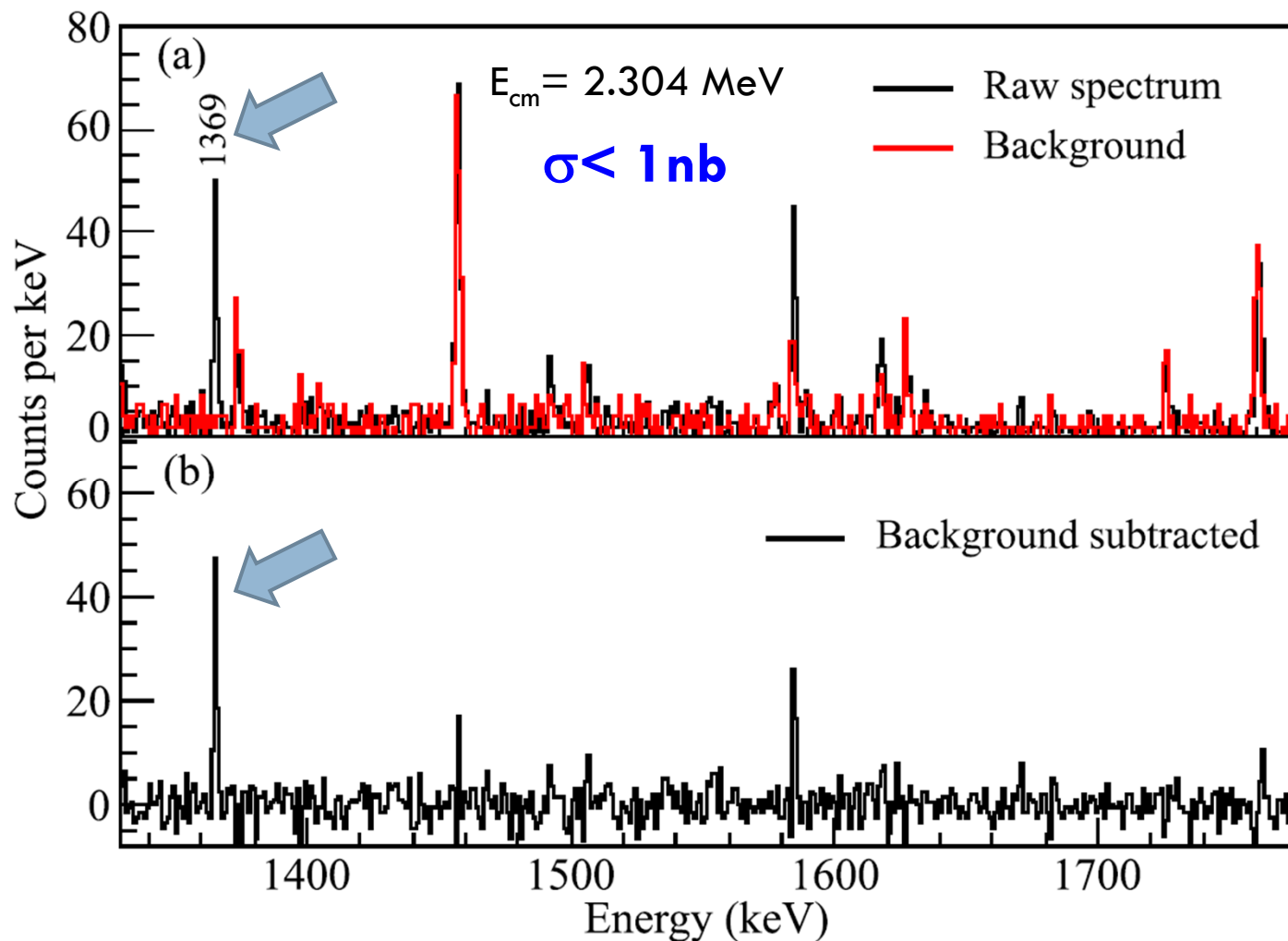
Offline γ -ray counting

Background in the underground

Background spectra collected with a CANBERRA HPGe detector with 22.8% rel. efficiency



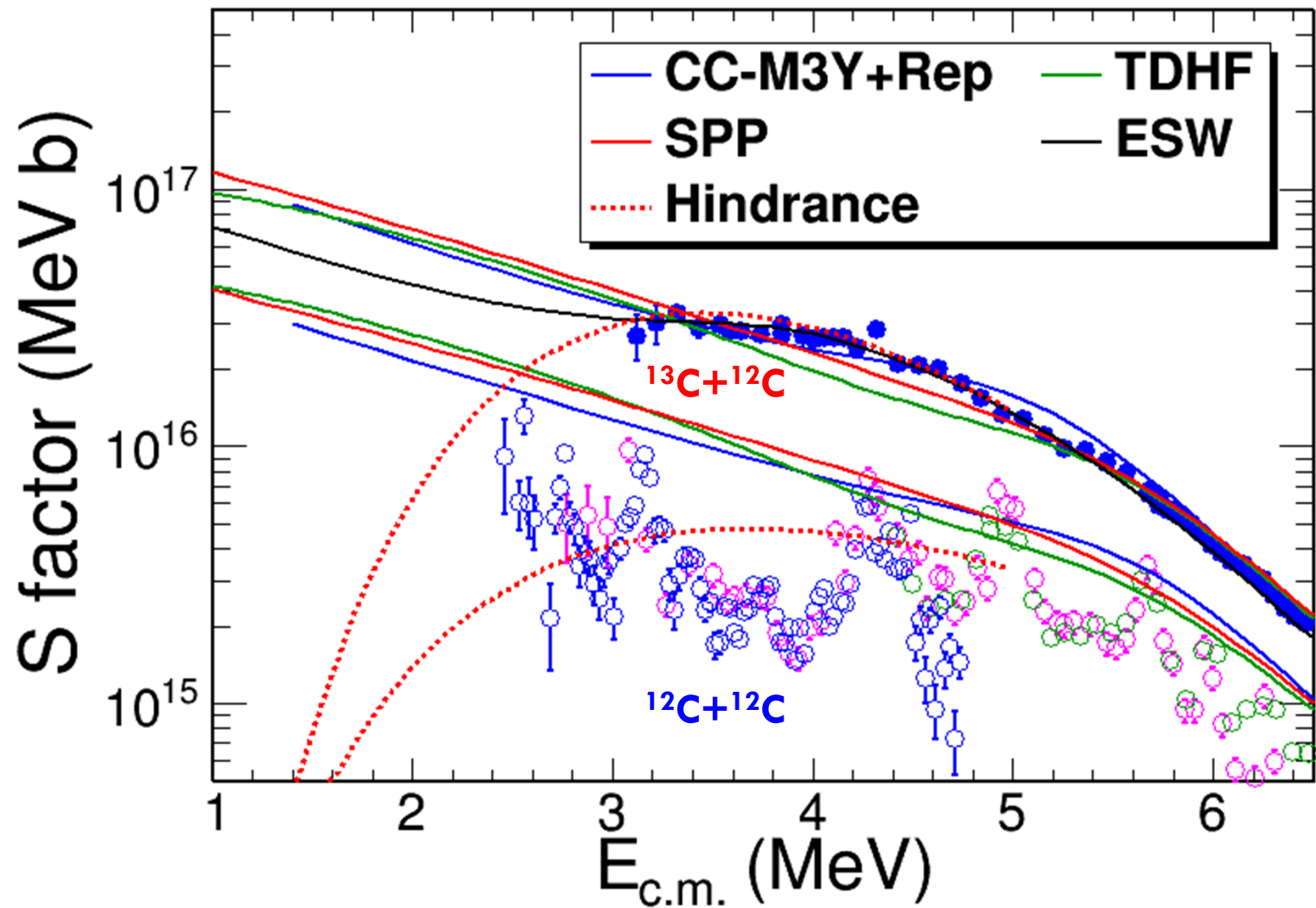
Low level background counting



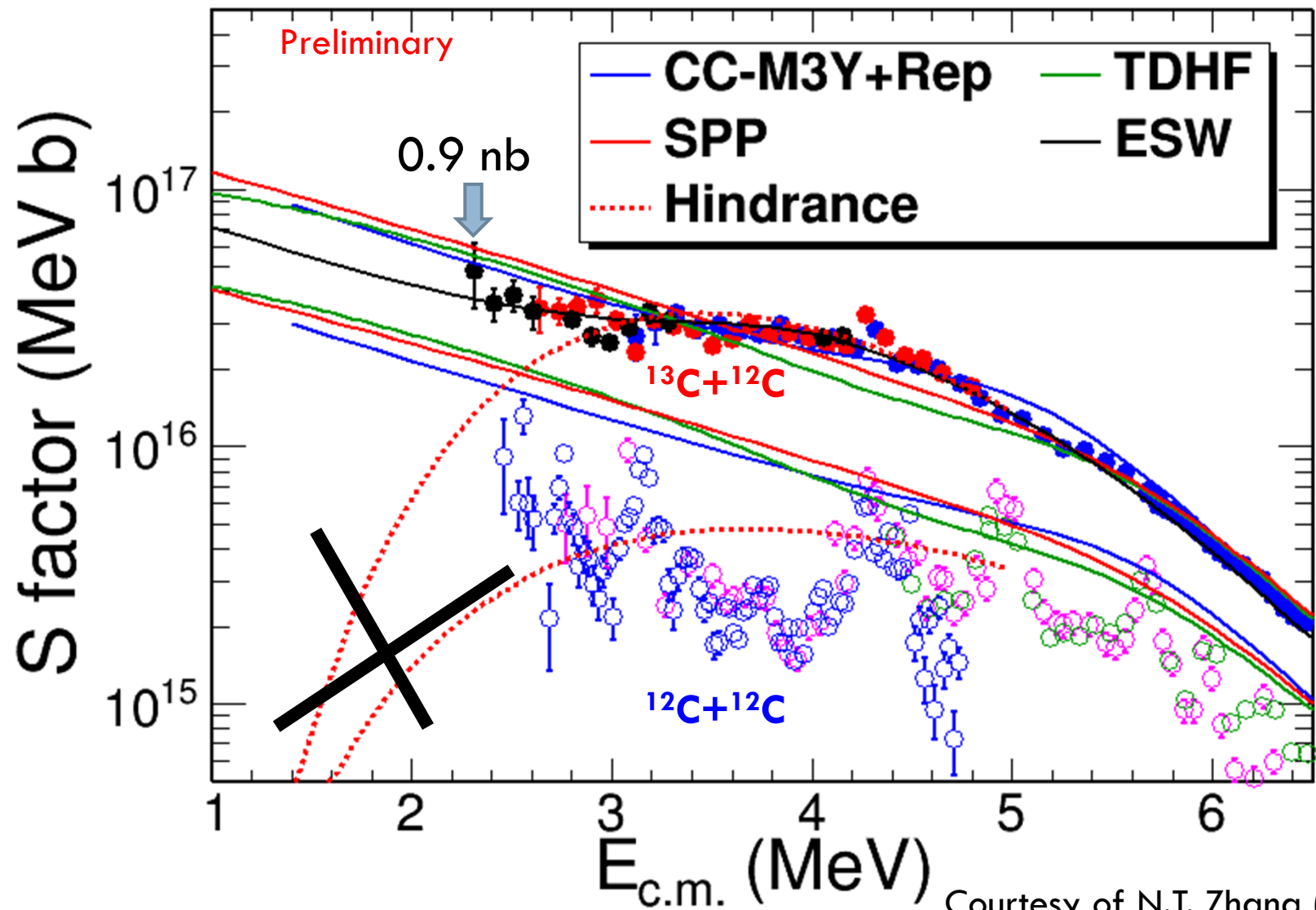
Radiations: 3.4 days

measurements: 3.9 days

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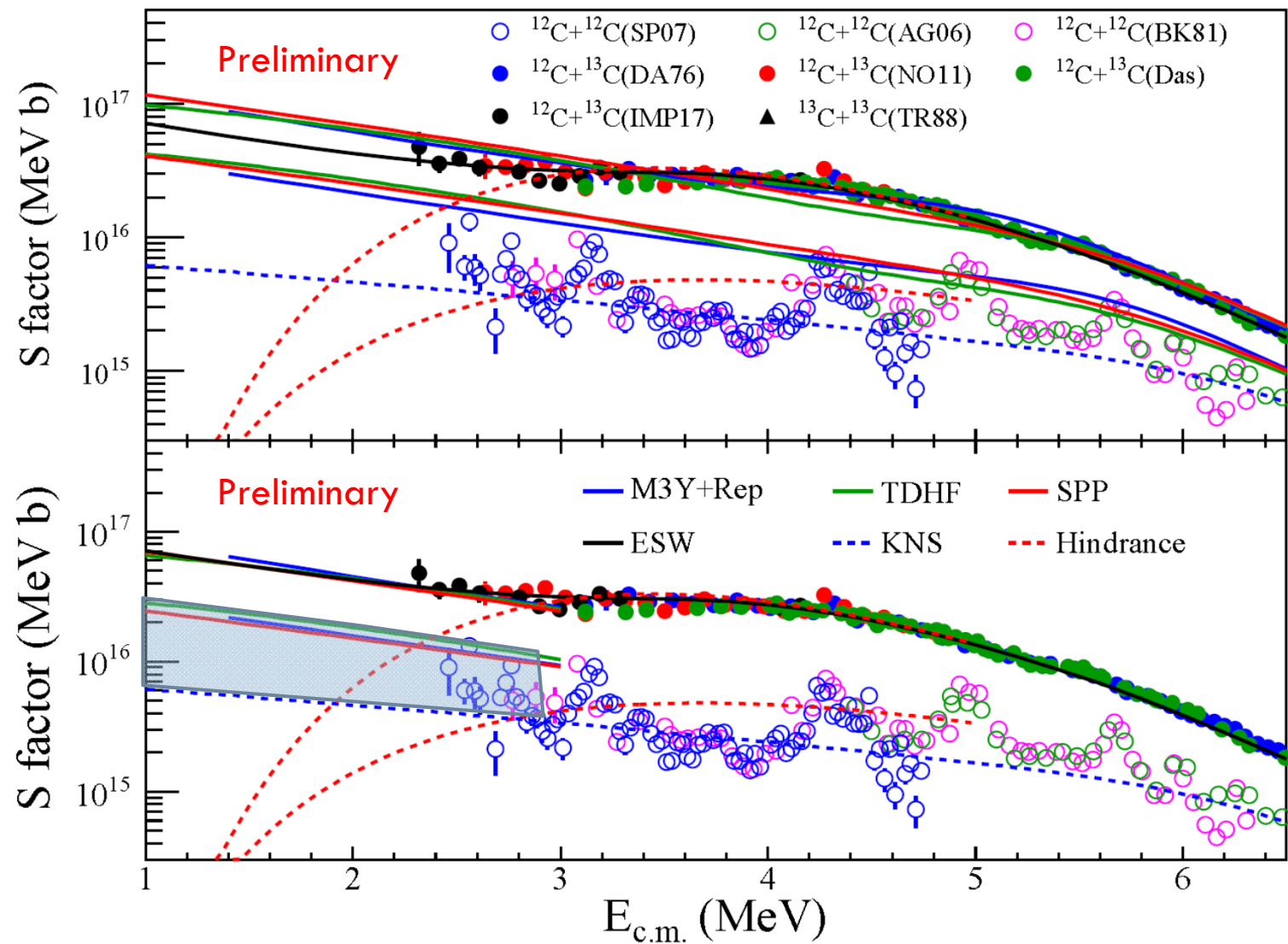


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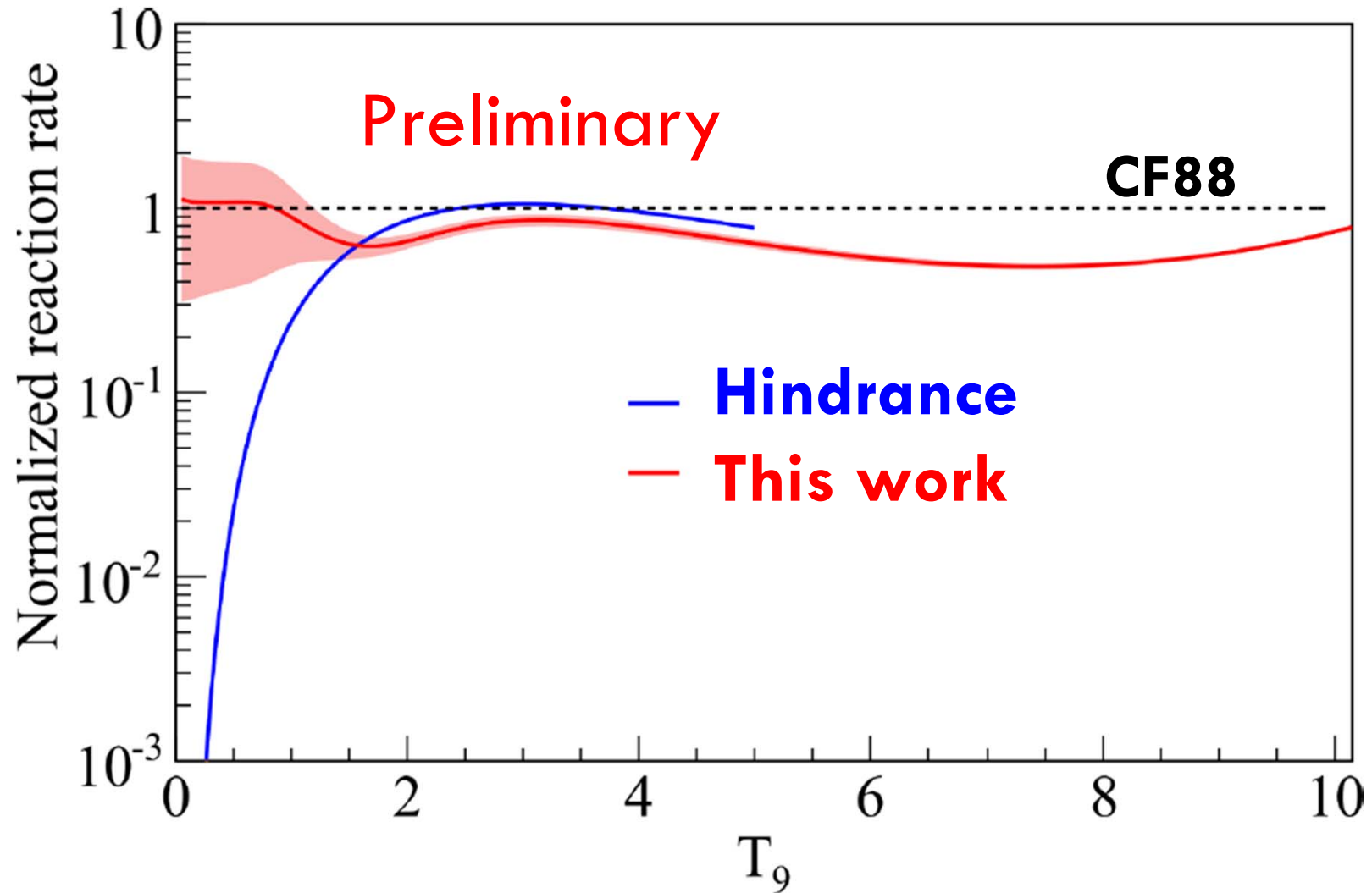
Courtesy of N.T. Zhang (IMP)

Upper and lower limits



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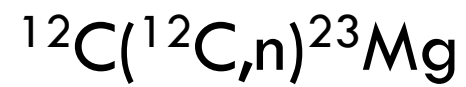
Reaction rate recommendation

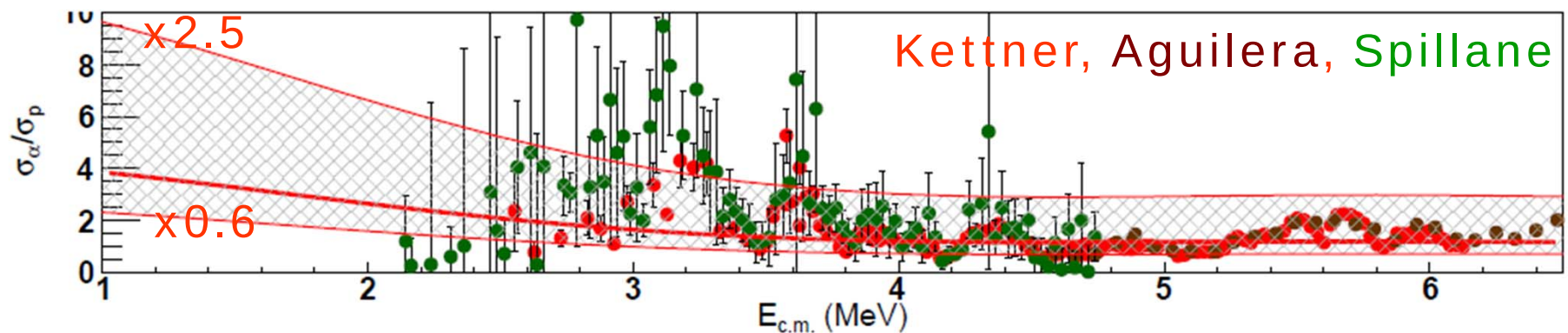
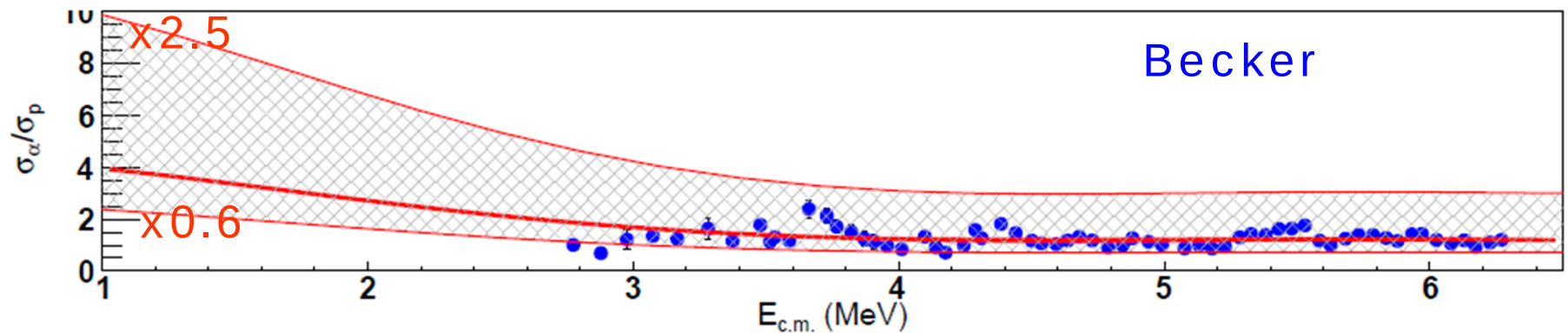
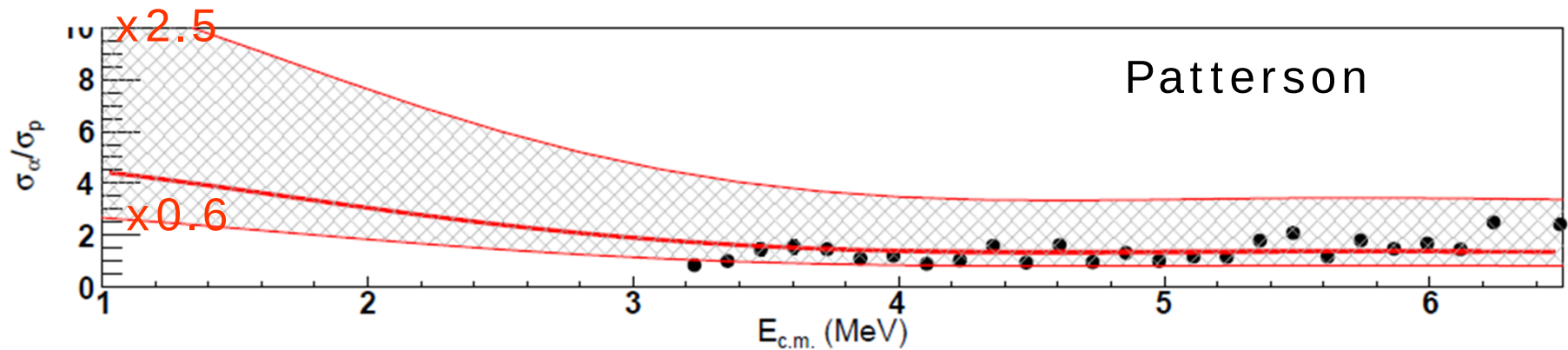


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Resonances in $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$

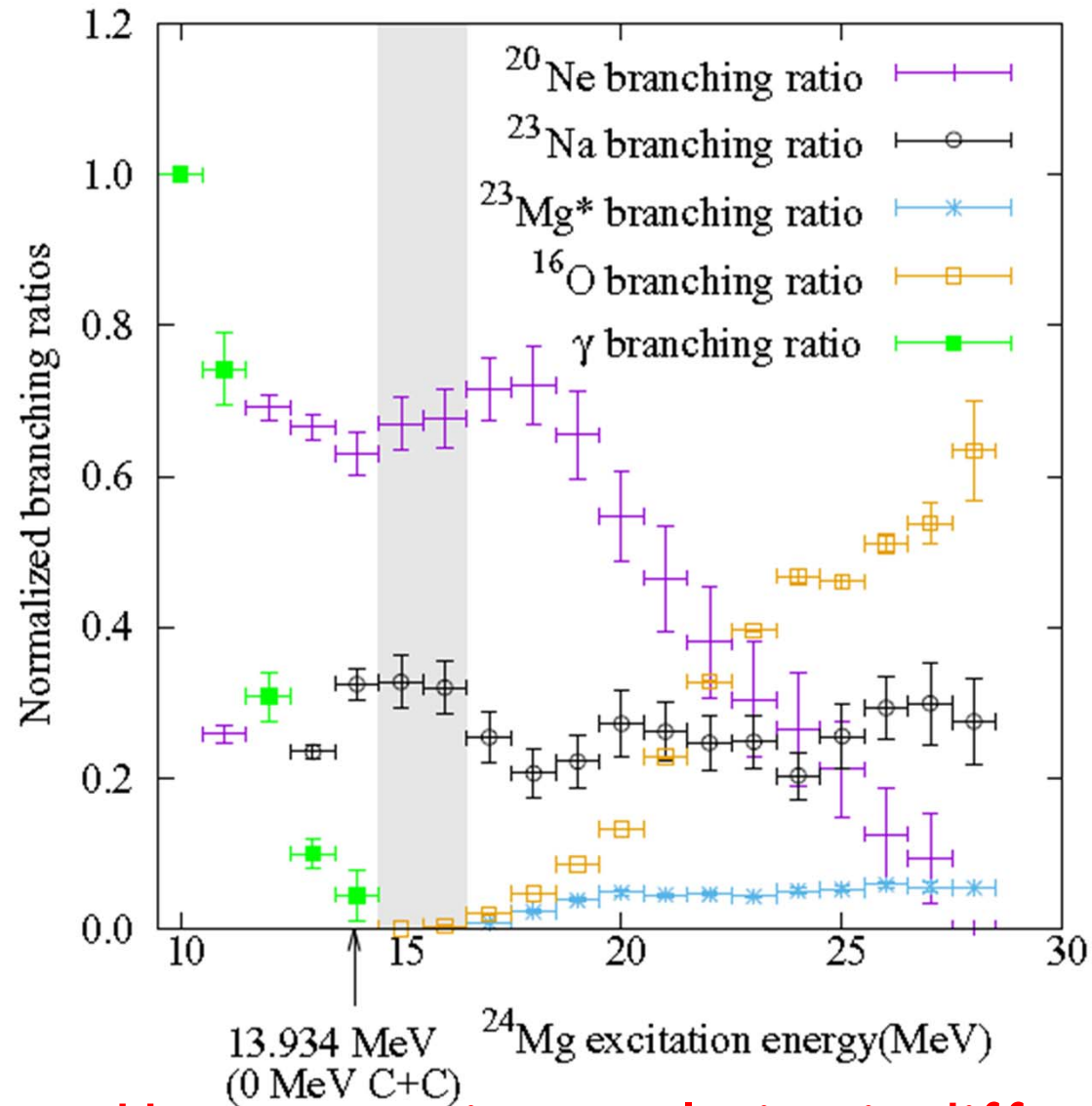
Branching ratio:





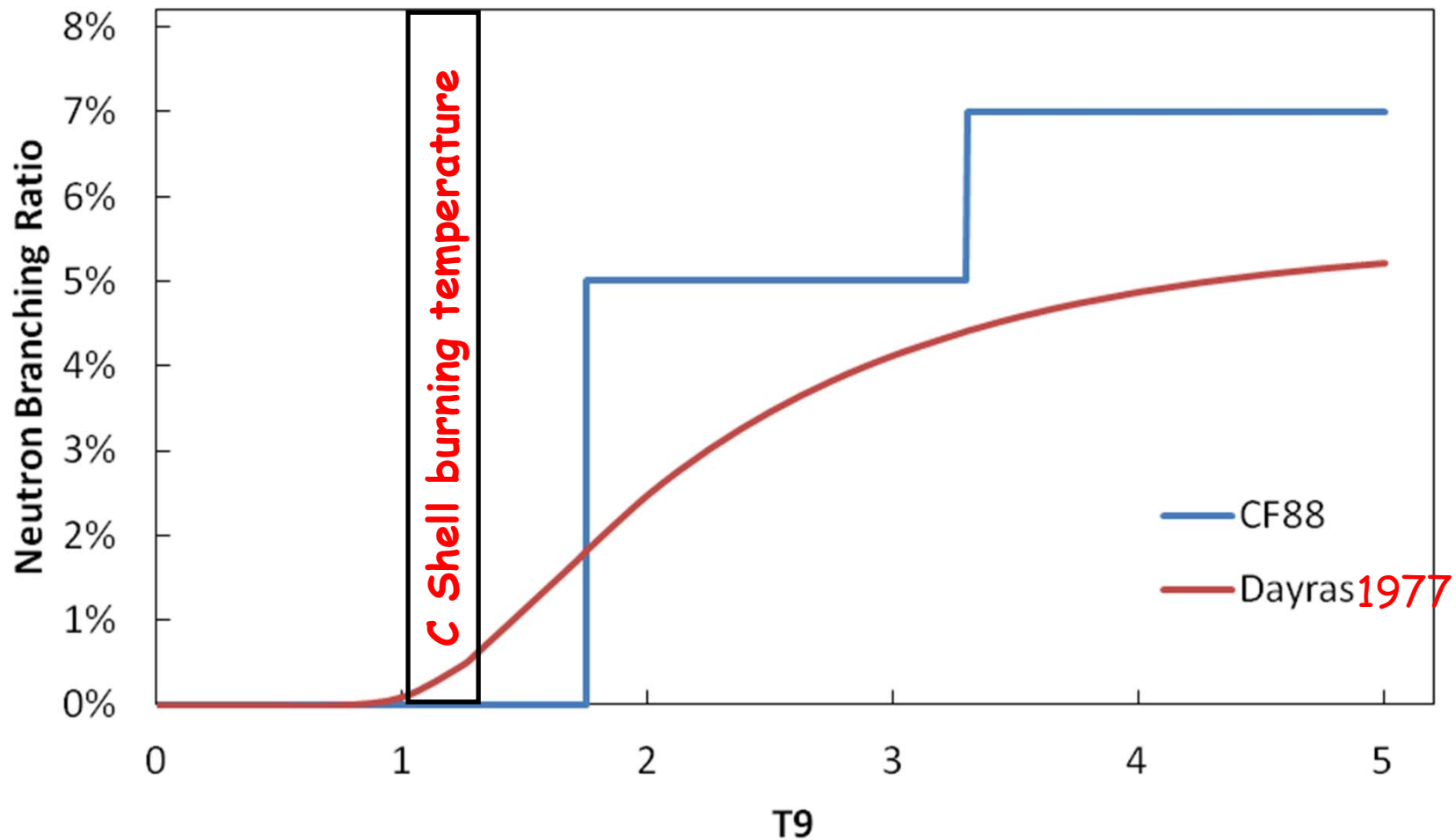
- CF88 recommends $s_a/s_p=1.3$; But It may not be true.
- The Spillane resonance is too strong to fit in this fig

Decay branching ratios of excited ^{24}Mg



However, spin population is different

Branching ratio of $^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C},n)$ is not zero! Check your rate!



- Important for ^{23}Na , ^{27}Al productions 200 solar mass Pop-III star
- Modest impact to weak S process in 18 solar mass Pop-I star

Bucher et al., PRL 114, 251102 (2015)

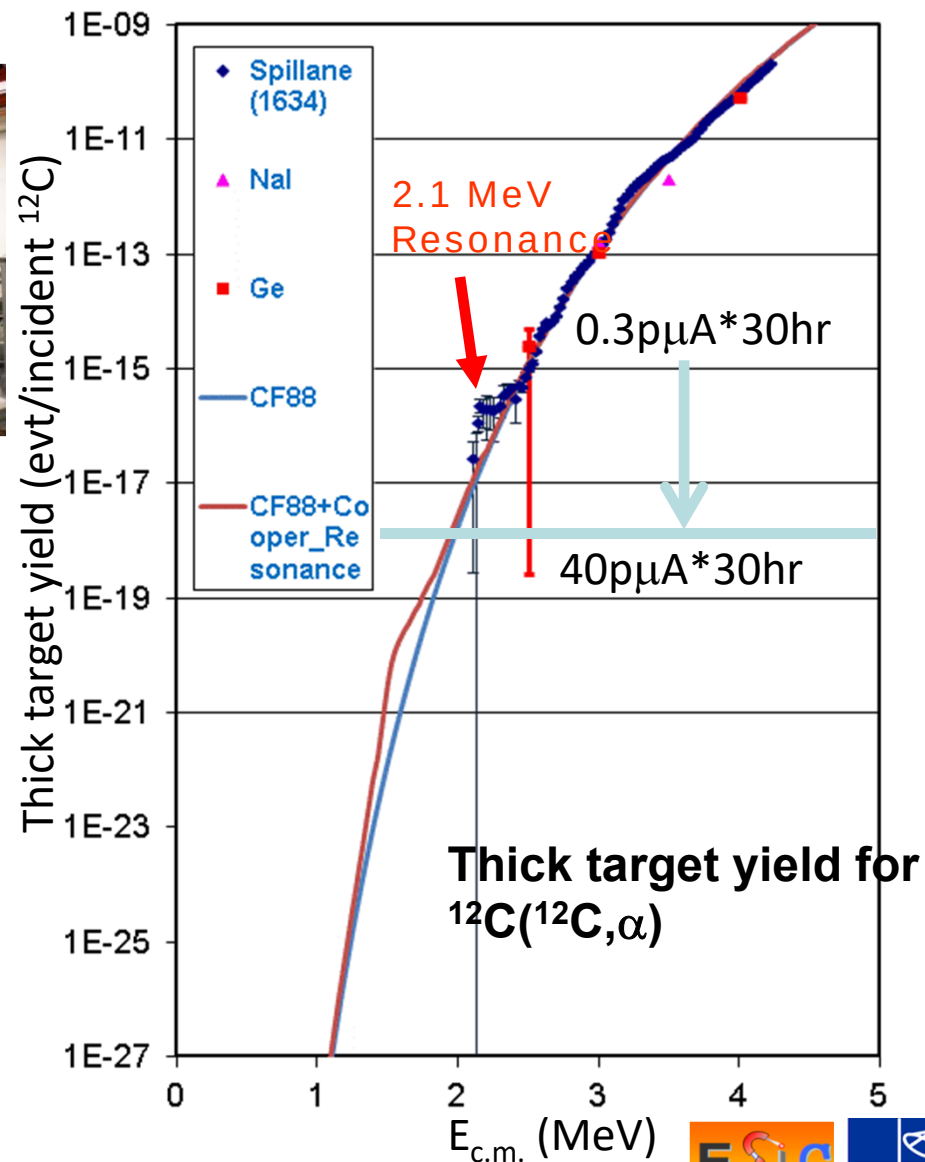
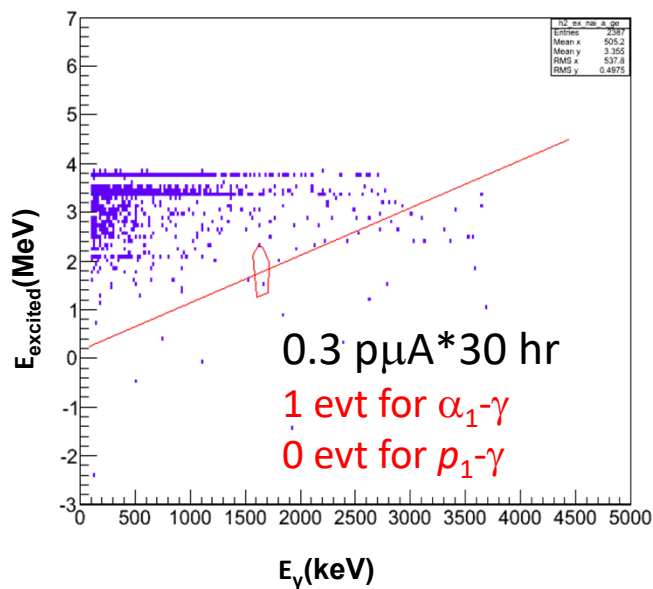
New method to measure $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$
at stellar energies

Carbon Fusion Project

Approach with particle-gamma coincidence



Ex vs. Ge (a)

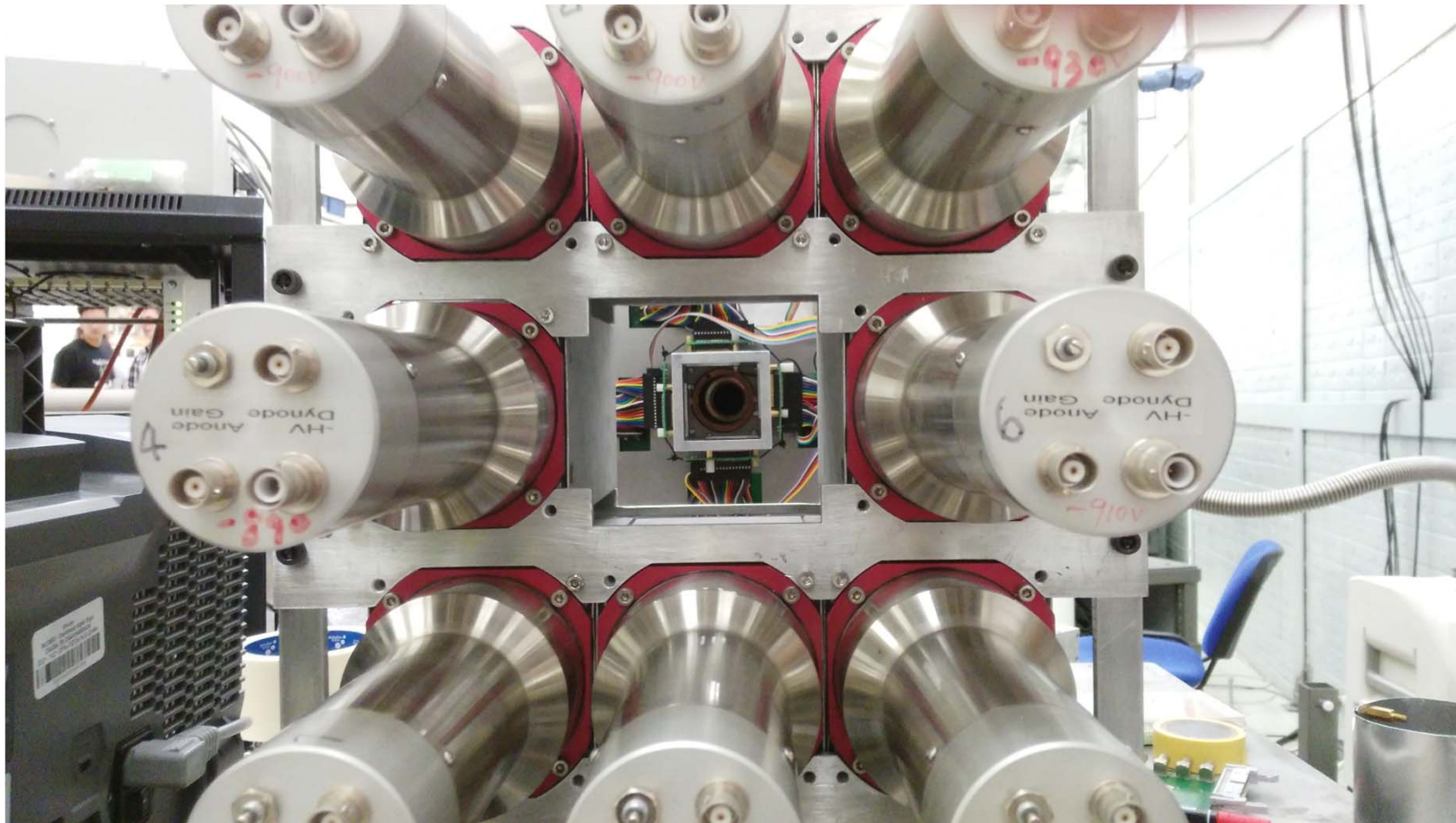


Using ASIC readout system provided by UW

Proposed by Jiang et al., NIMA (2012)



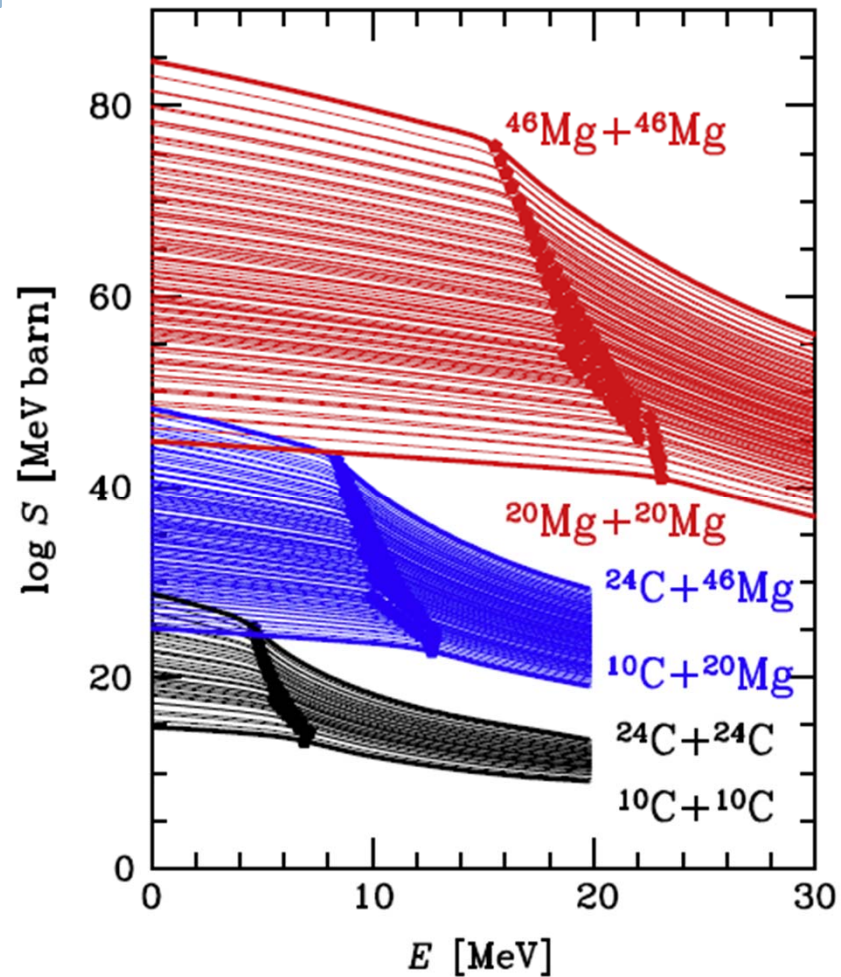
Measurement of $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$



Silicon+NaI array (IMP and IFIN-HH collaboration)

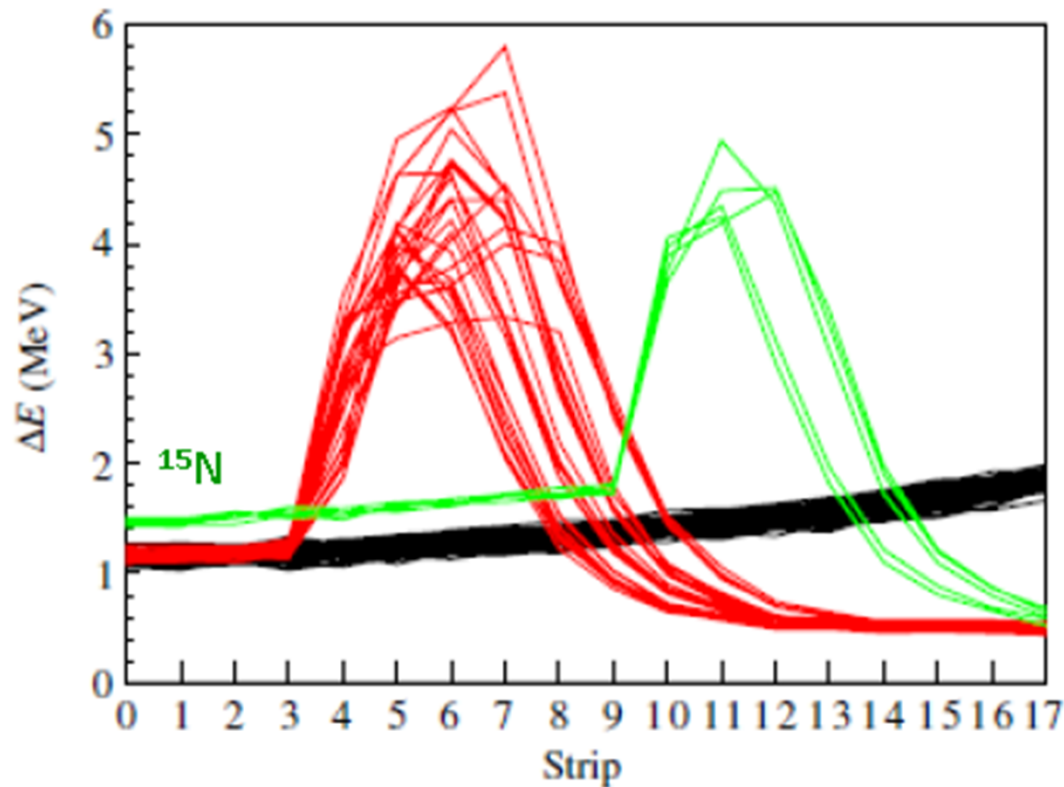
Fusion reactions of n-rich nuclei

H.I. Fusion in crust

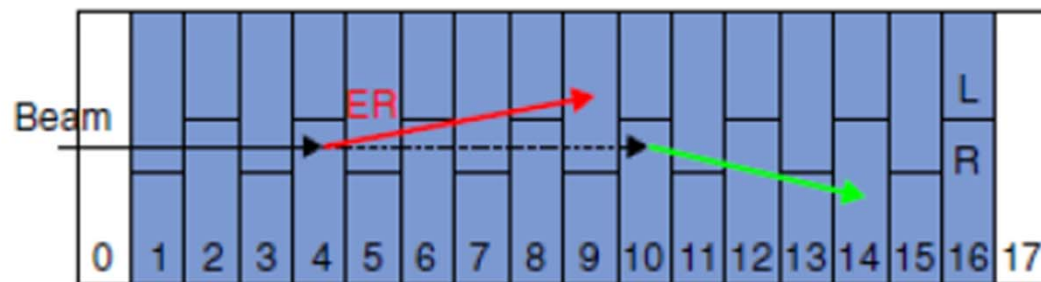


M. Beard et al. / Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables 96 (2010) 541–566

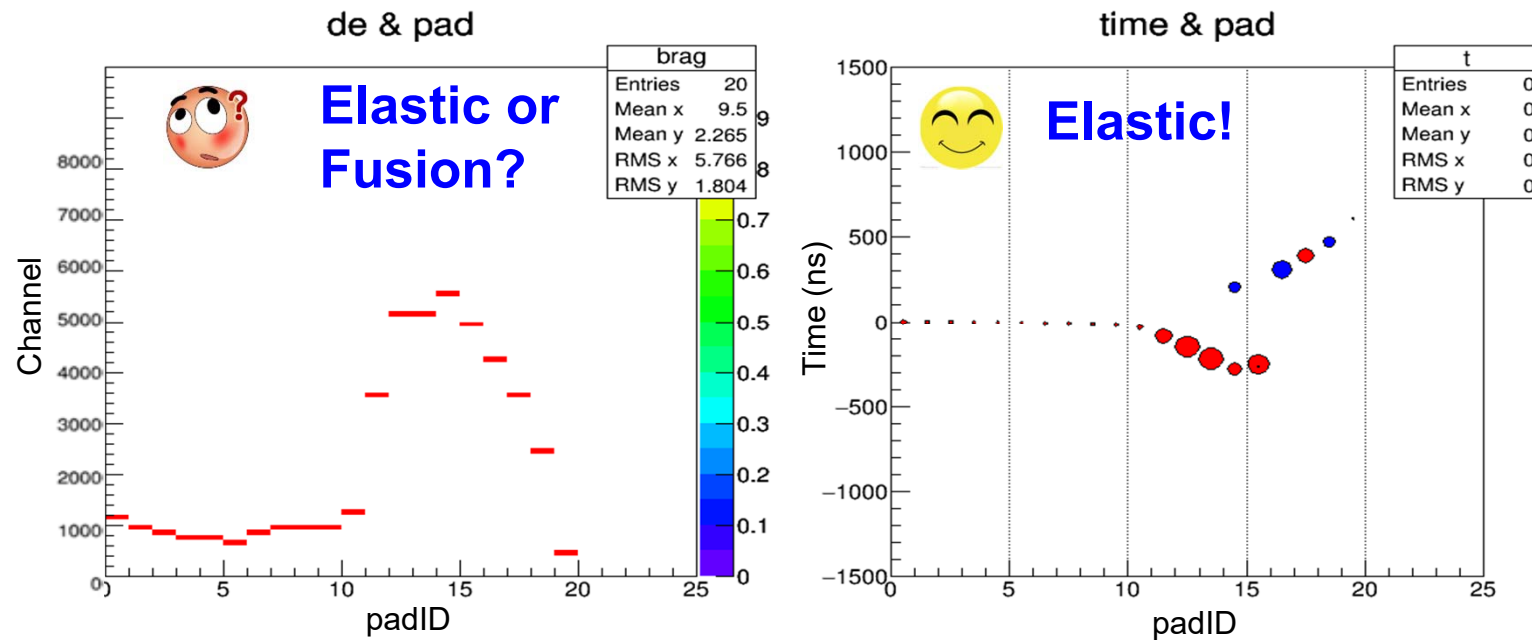
Fusion $^{15}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C} (\text{CH}_4)$



Black: beam of ^{15}C
 Red: Fusion between ^{15}C and ^{12}C
 Green: fusion between ^{15}N and ^{12}C

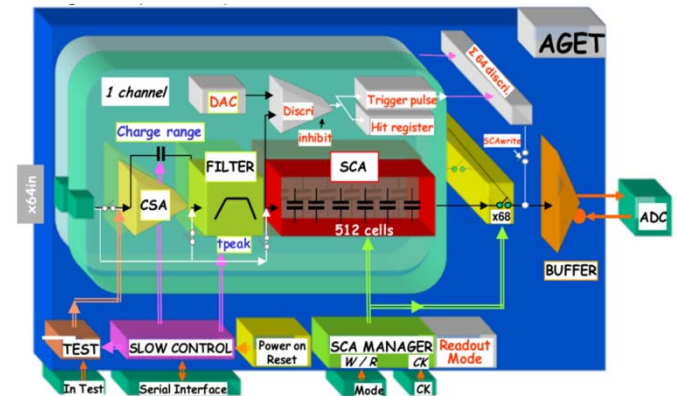
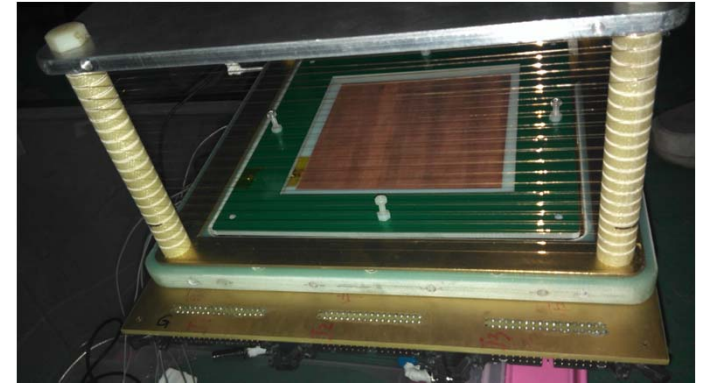
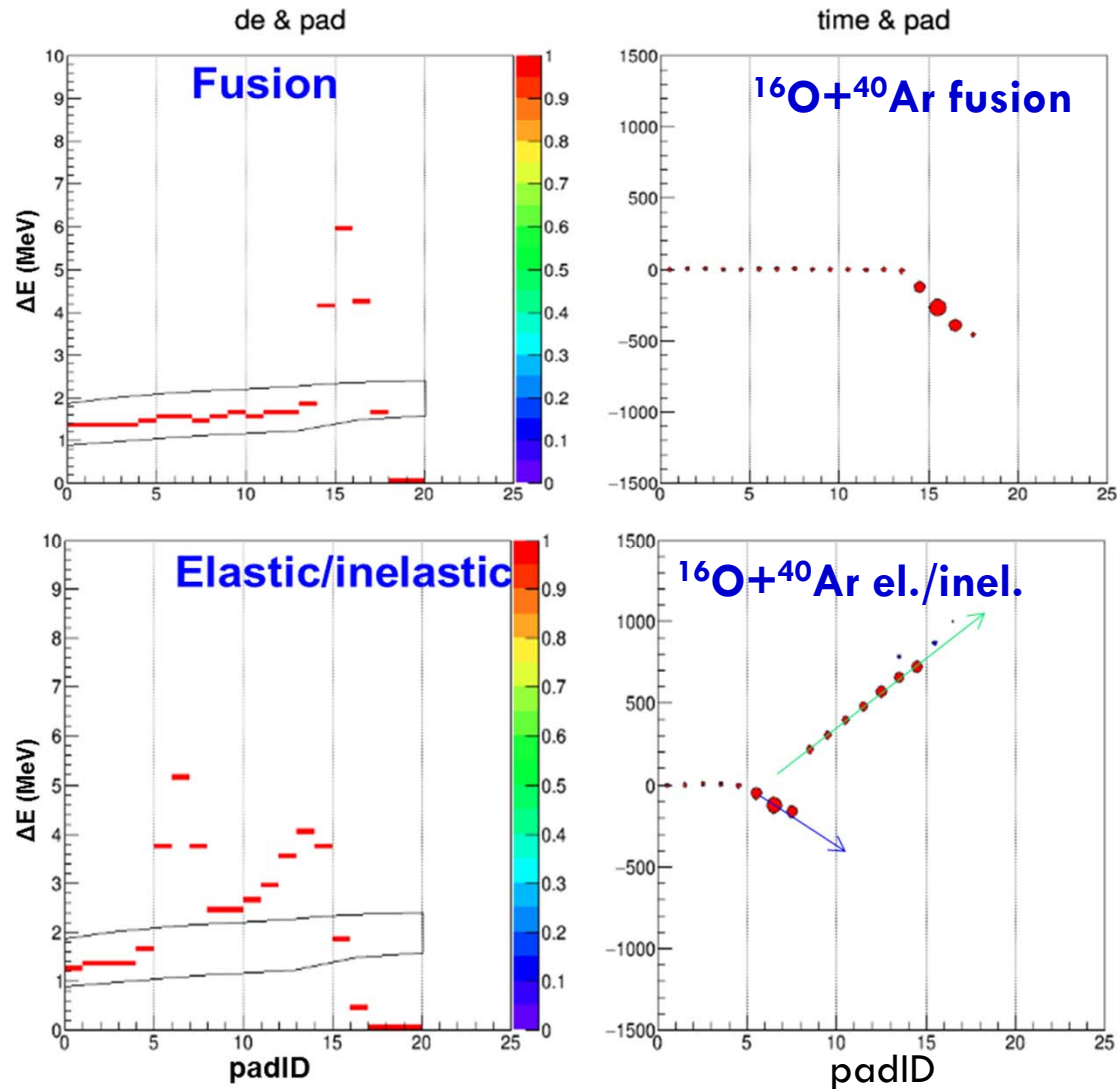


Limitation of MUSIC



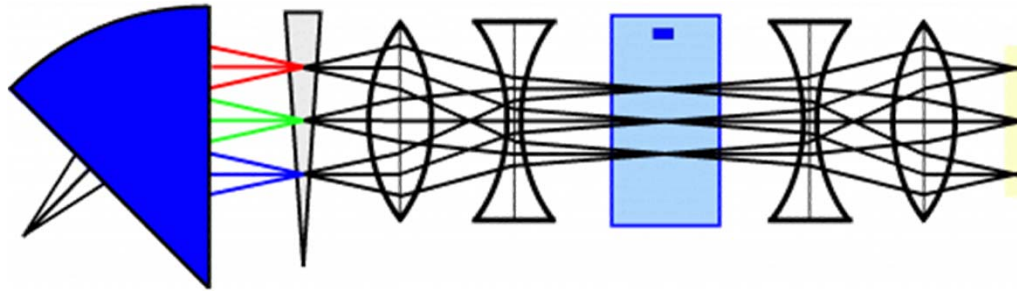
With drift time, the fusion cross section of $^{13}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ could be pushed down to 6 MeV. About 17% systematic error is due to misjudge of elastic scattering.

EXPLOSIVE BURNING (fusion with n-rich beam)

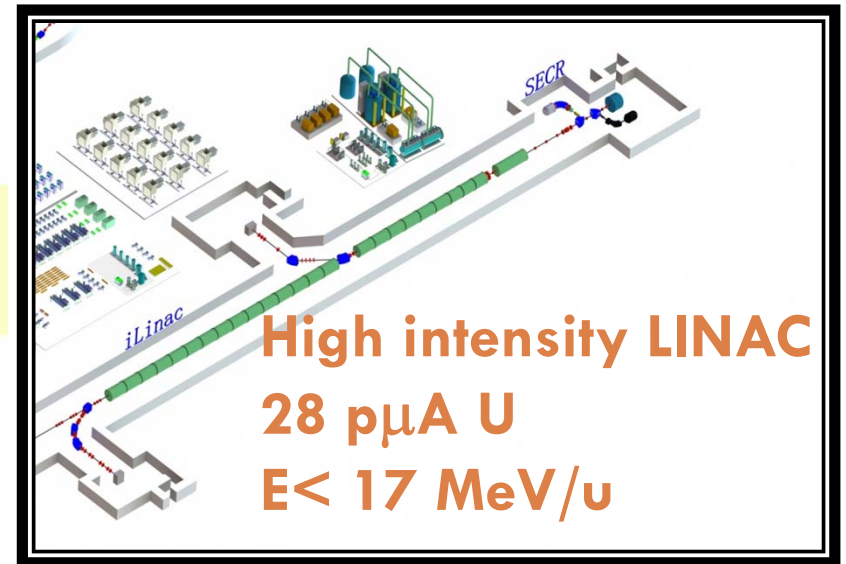


- The first TPC experiment at HIFRL
- Fusion inside of neutron star crust: $^{24}\text{O}+^{24}\text{O}$

Low energy n-rich beam facilities



RIBLL1 at IMP, CRIB(CNS) at RIKEN
OEDO (CNS) at RIKEN (Present)



KOBRA

(Korea
Broad acceptance
Recoil Spectrometer and
Apparatus)



KOBRA at RAON (2021)



TSR at HIAF (2022)



High Intensity heavy ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF)

The approved budget is 1.5 billion CNY for machine construction

Booster Ring:

Circumference: 471 m

Rigidity: 34 Tm

Beam accumulation

Beam cooling

Beam acceleration

Spectrometer Ring:

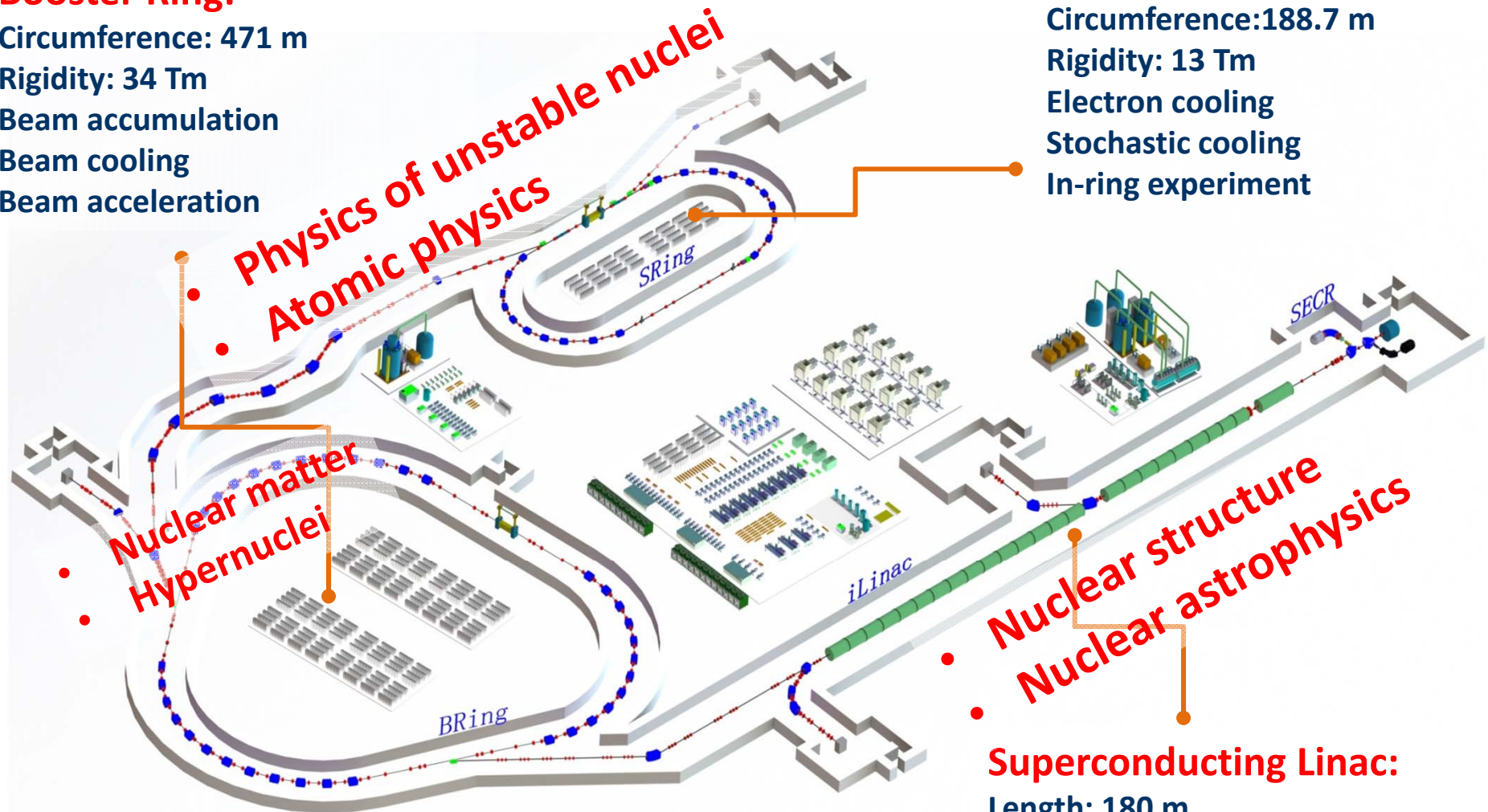
Circumference: 188.7 m

Rigidity: 13 Tm

Electron cooling

Stochastic cooling

In-ring experiment



Superconducting Linac:

Length: 180 m

Energy: 17 MeV/u (U^{34+})

CW and pulse modes

Courtesy of X.H. Zhou

Summary

- $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$

- Hindrance model based on systematics does not work

- Upper and lower limits are proposed

- New techniques needed

- Fusion with neutron-rich beams at new facilities

- Collaboration will end up with better science!

