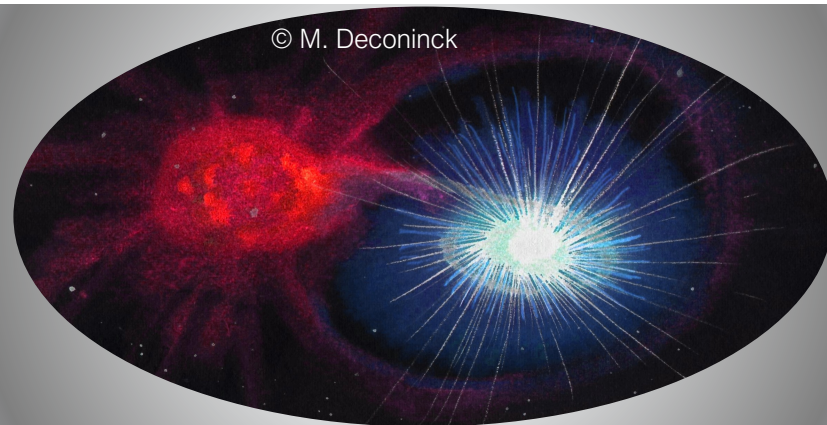


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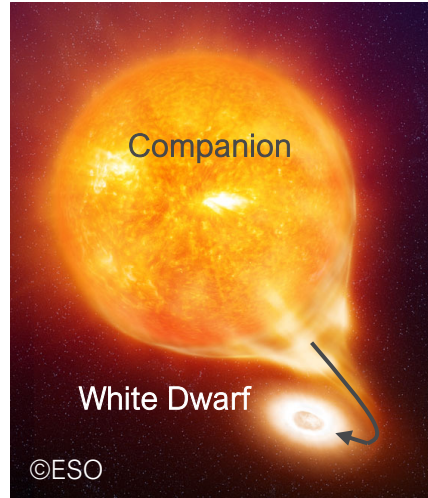
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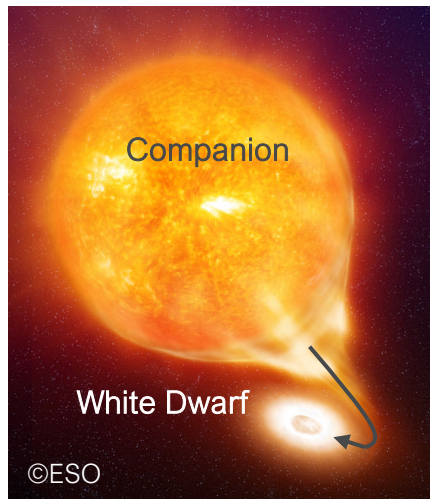
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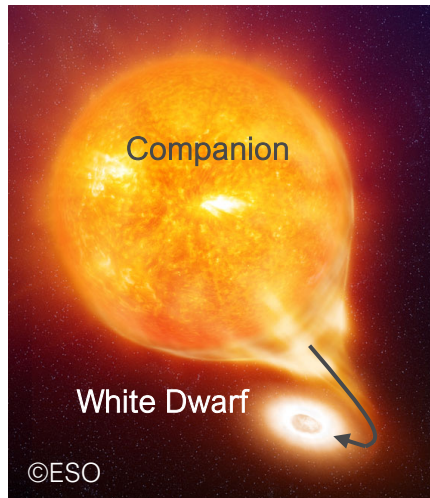
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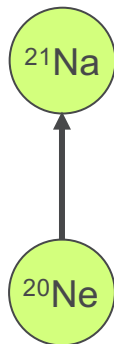
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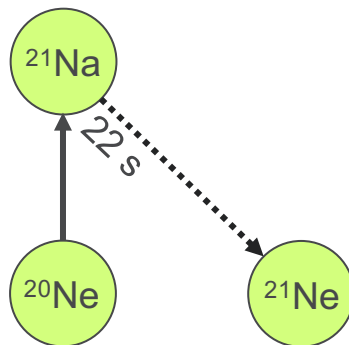
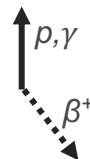
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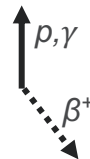
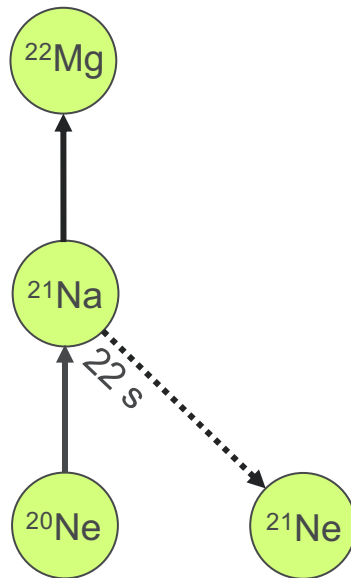
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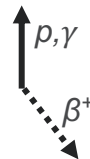
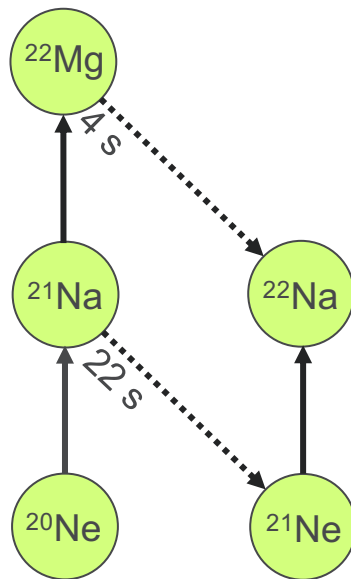
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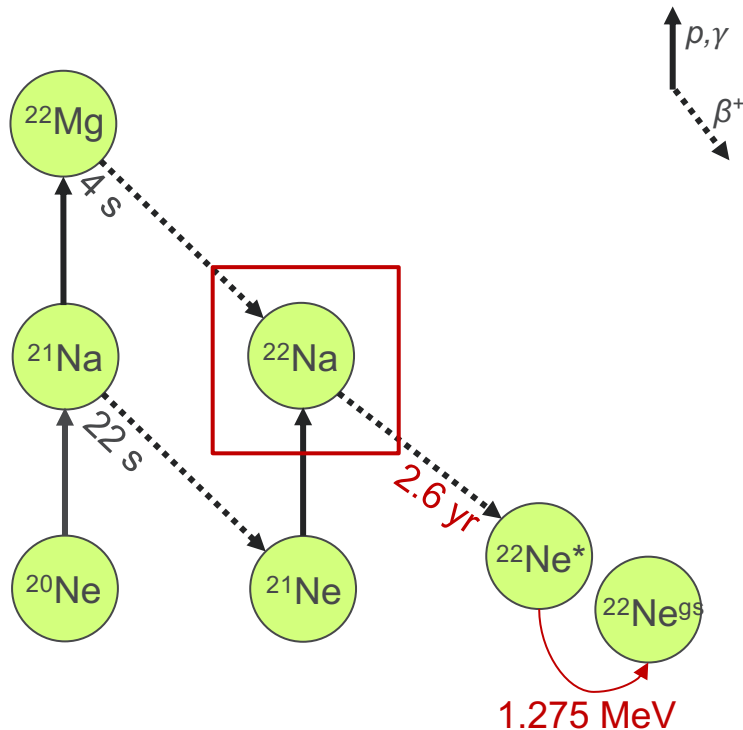
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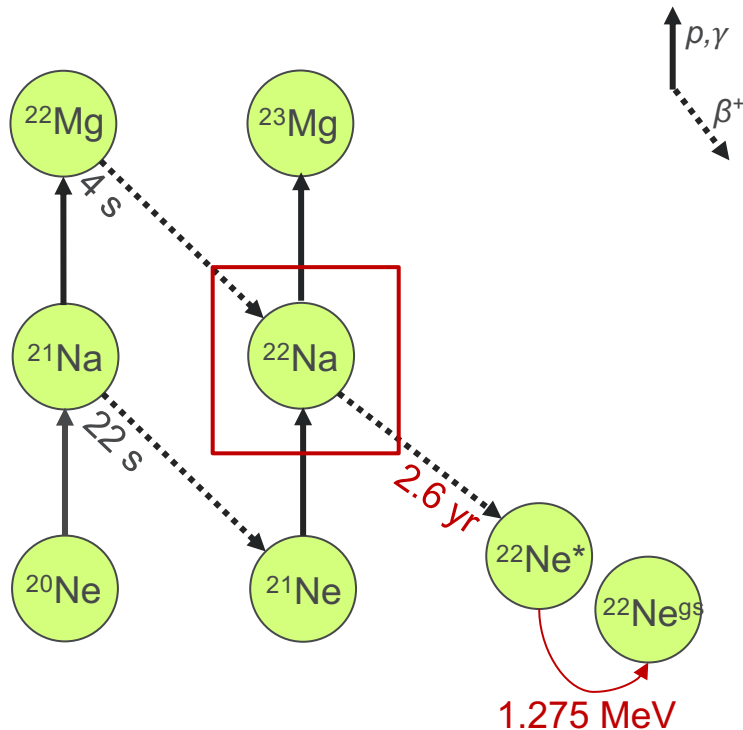
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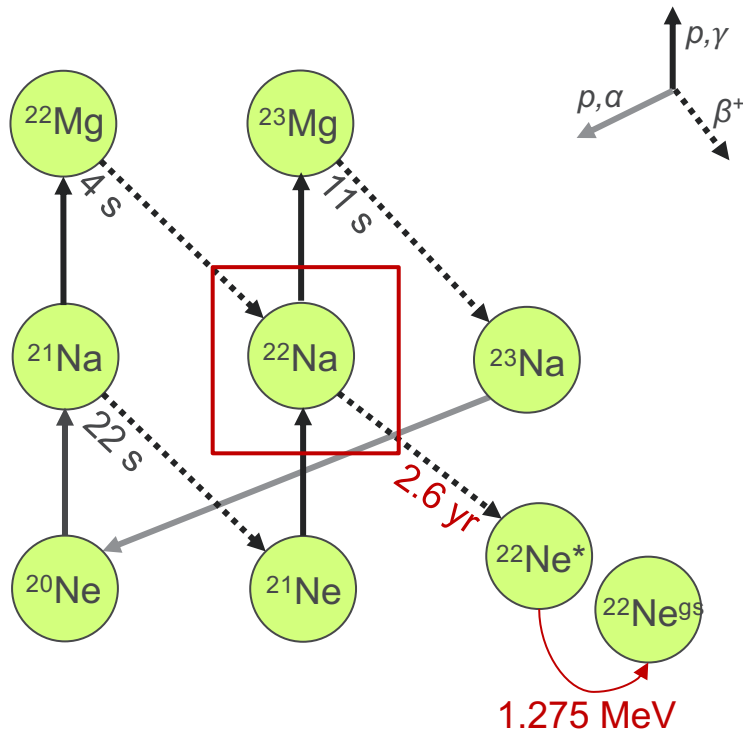
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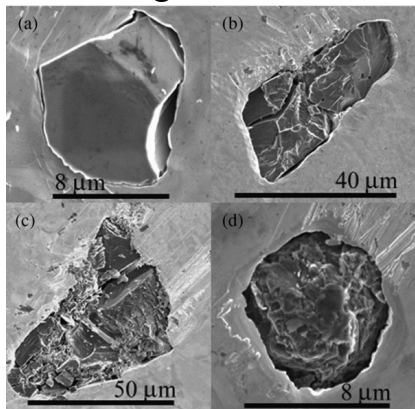
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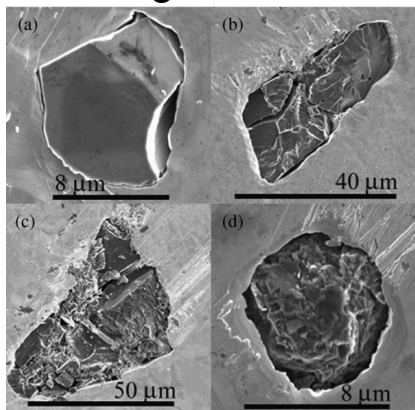
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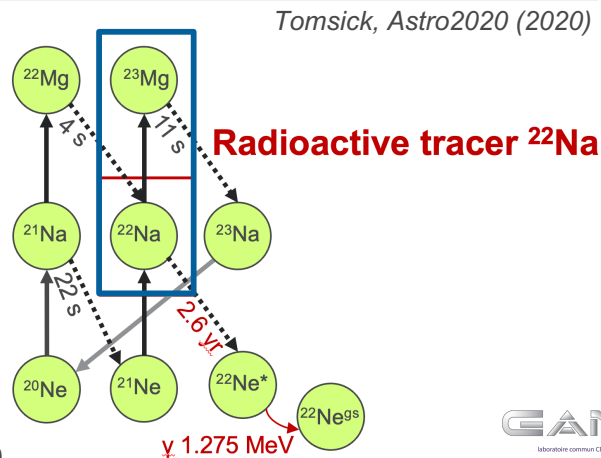
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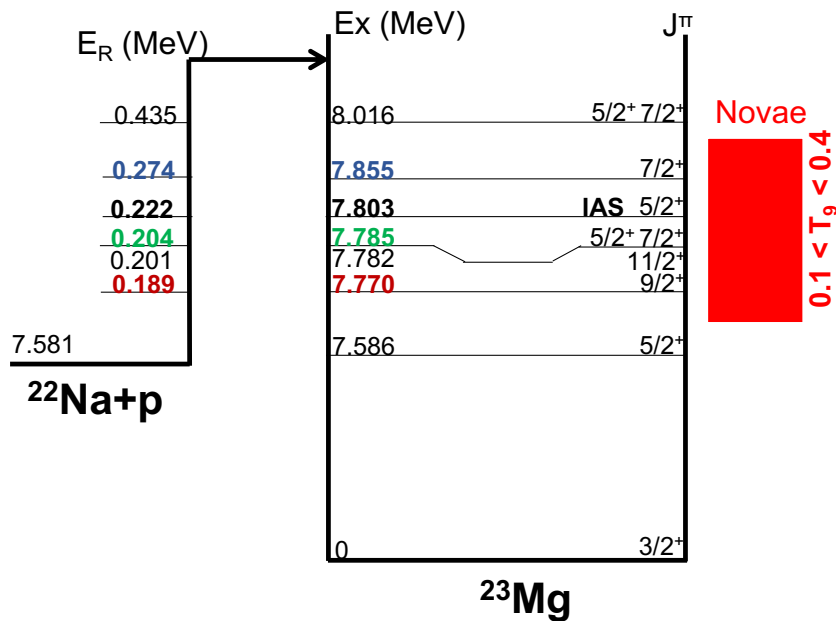
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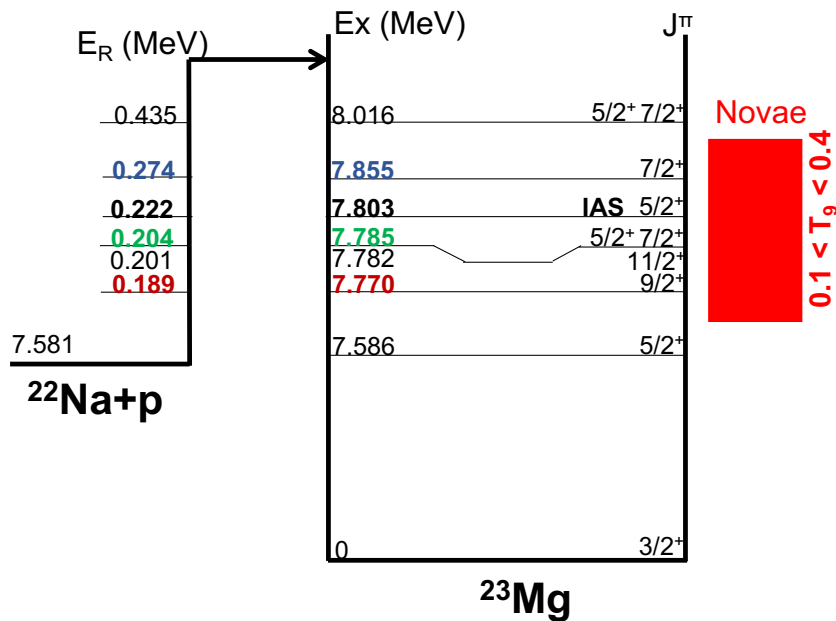
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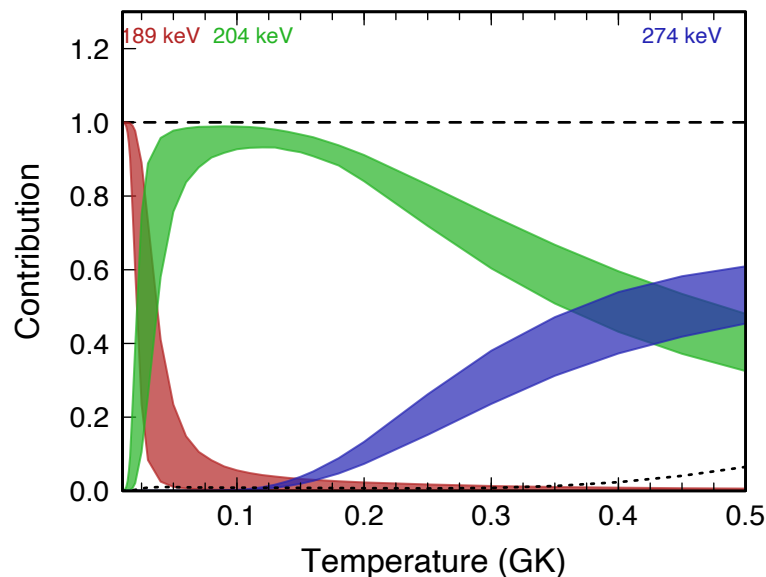
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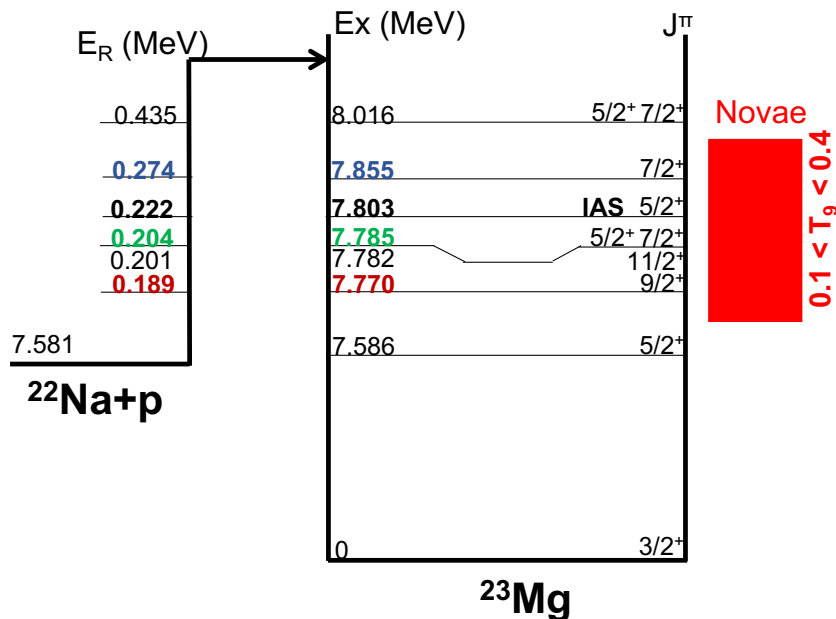
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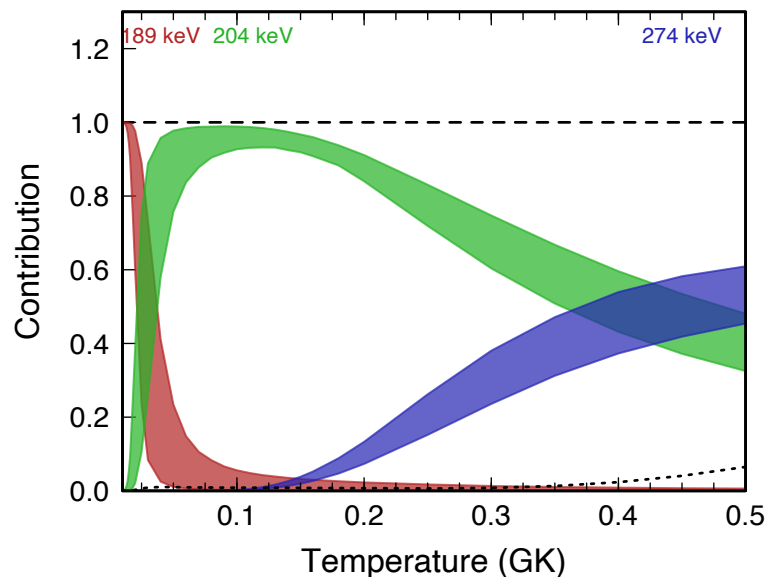
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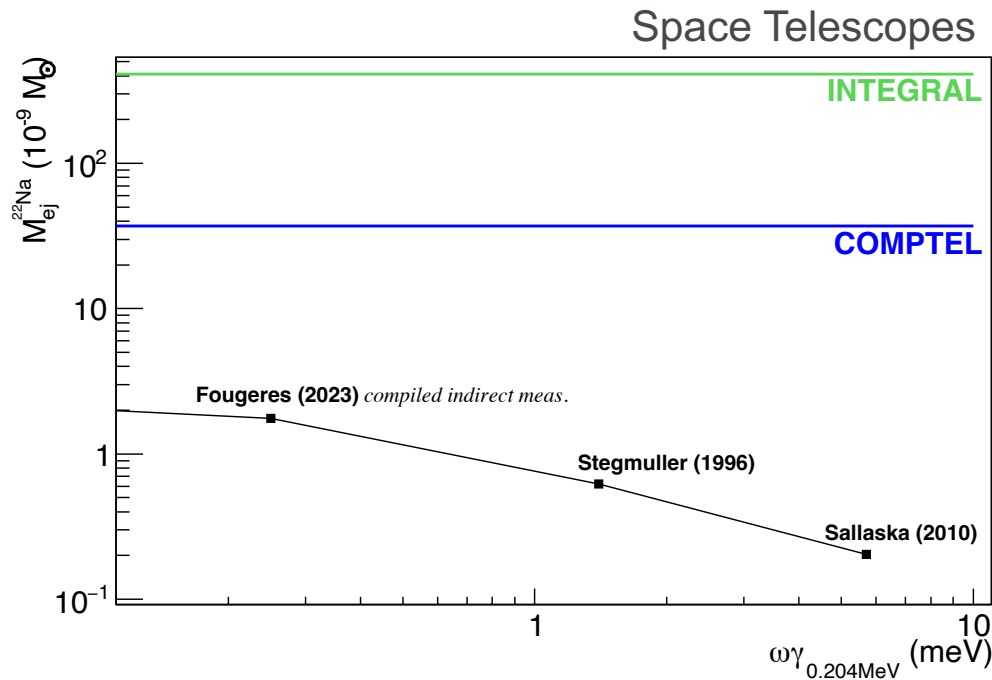


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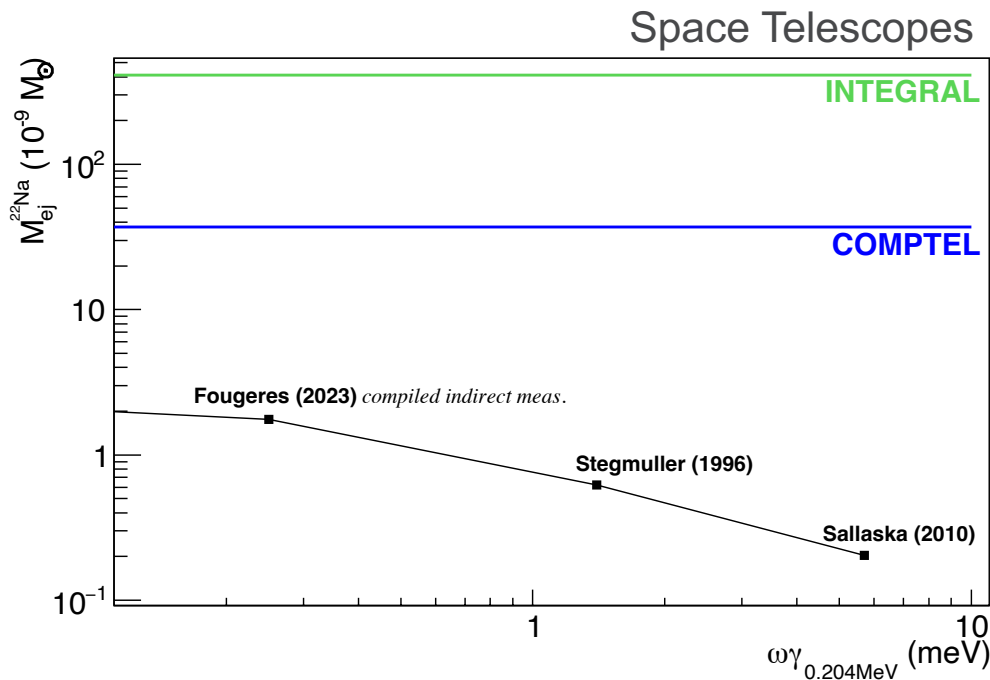
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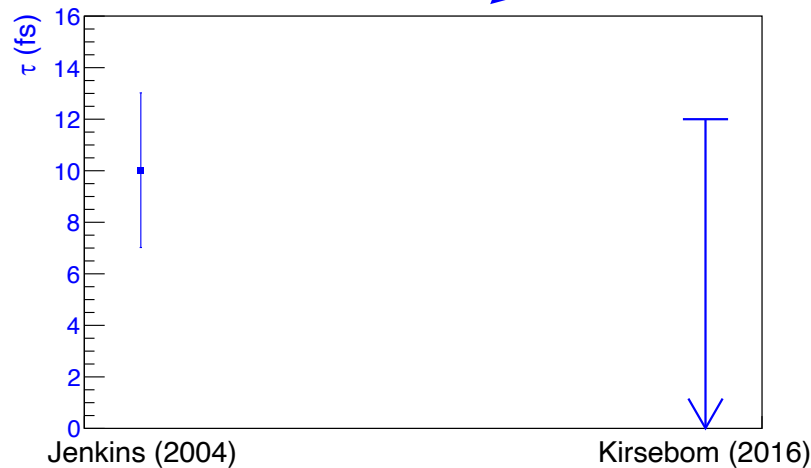
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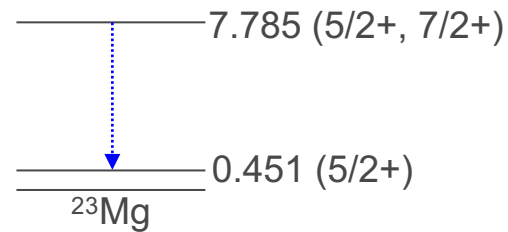
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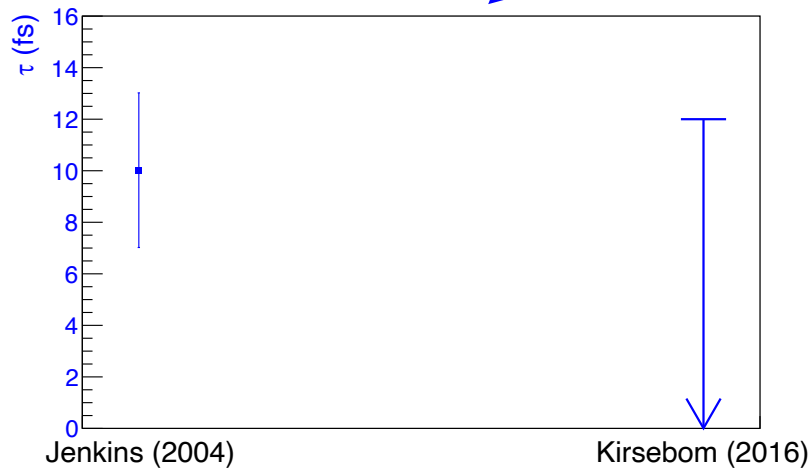
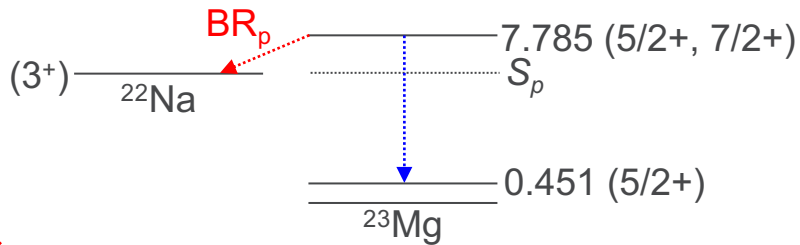


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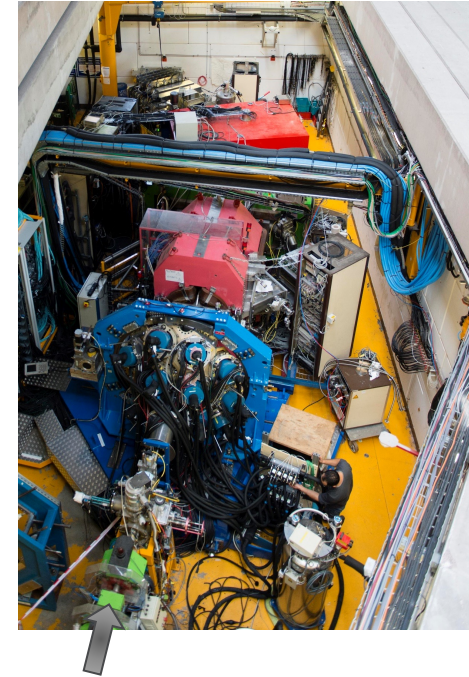
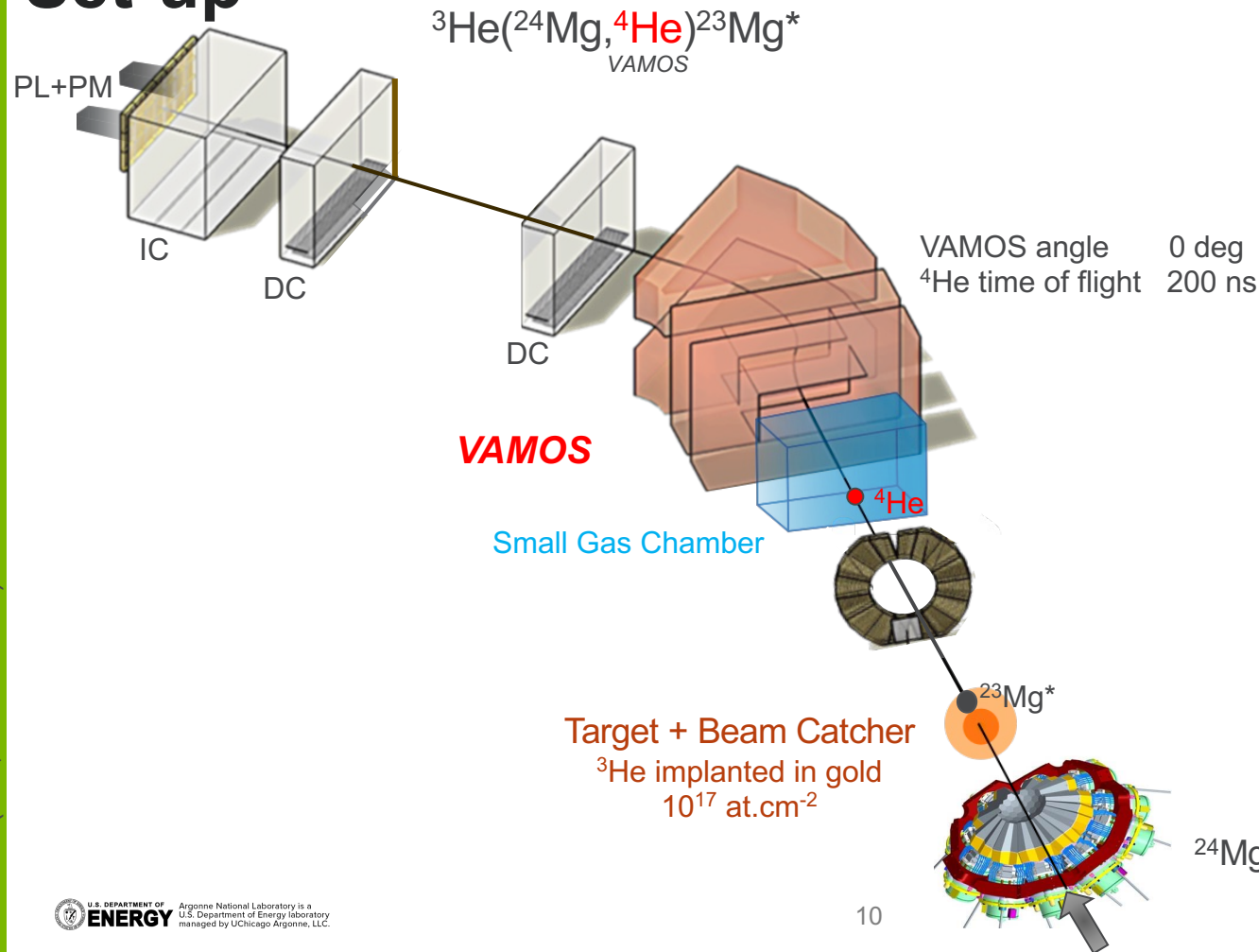
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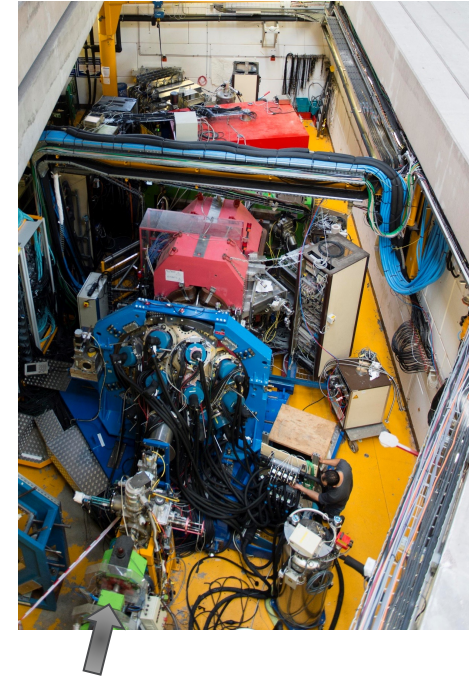
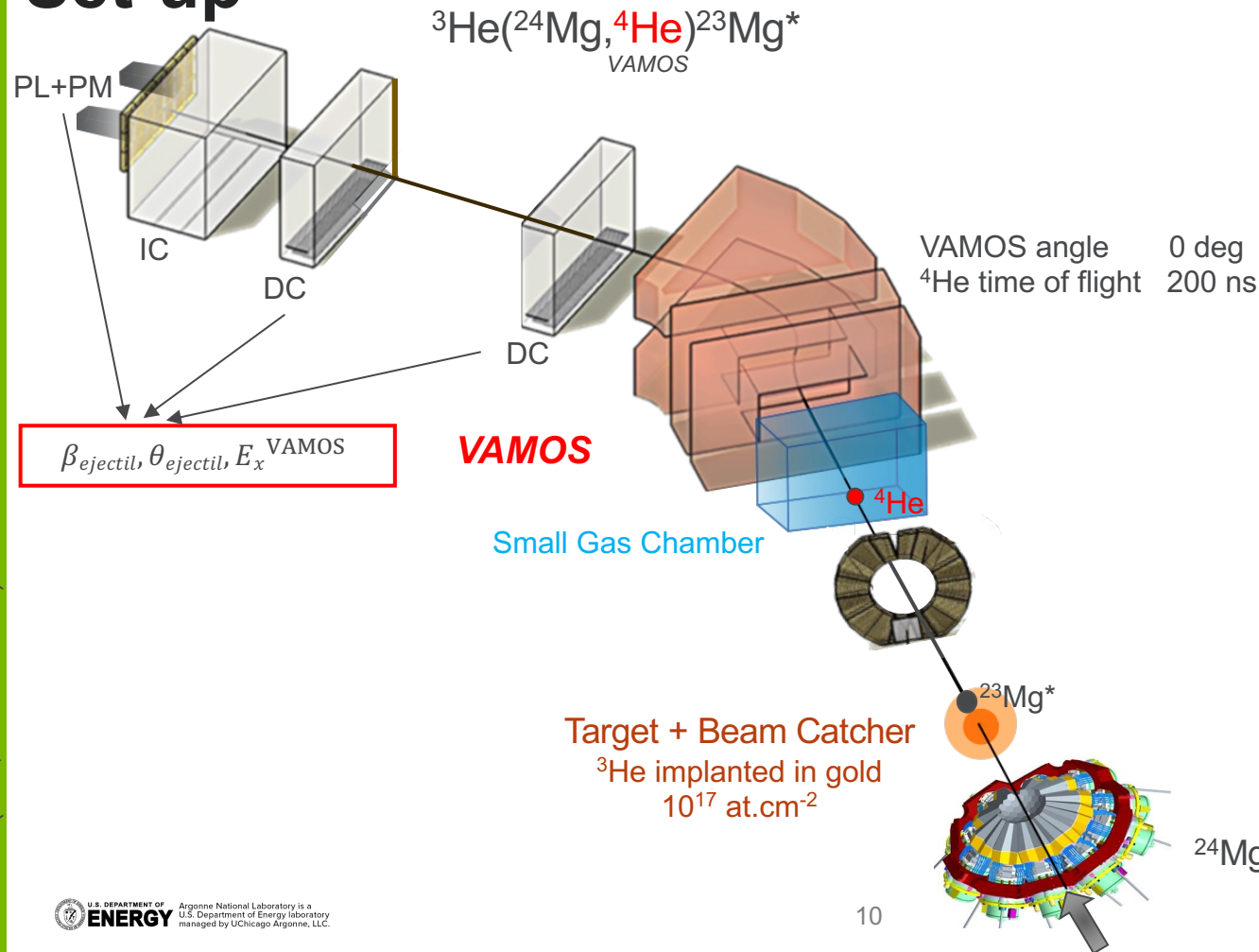
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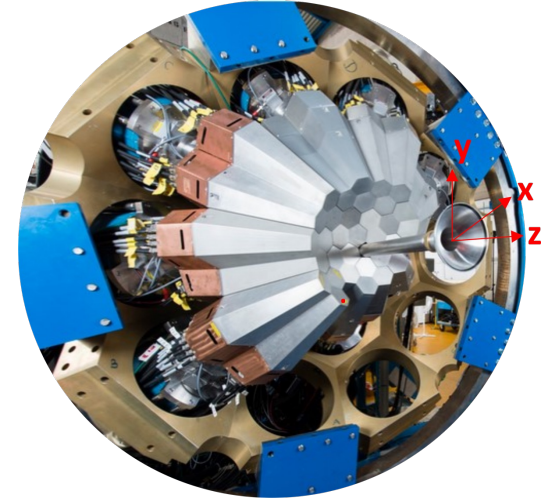
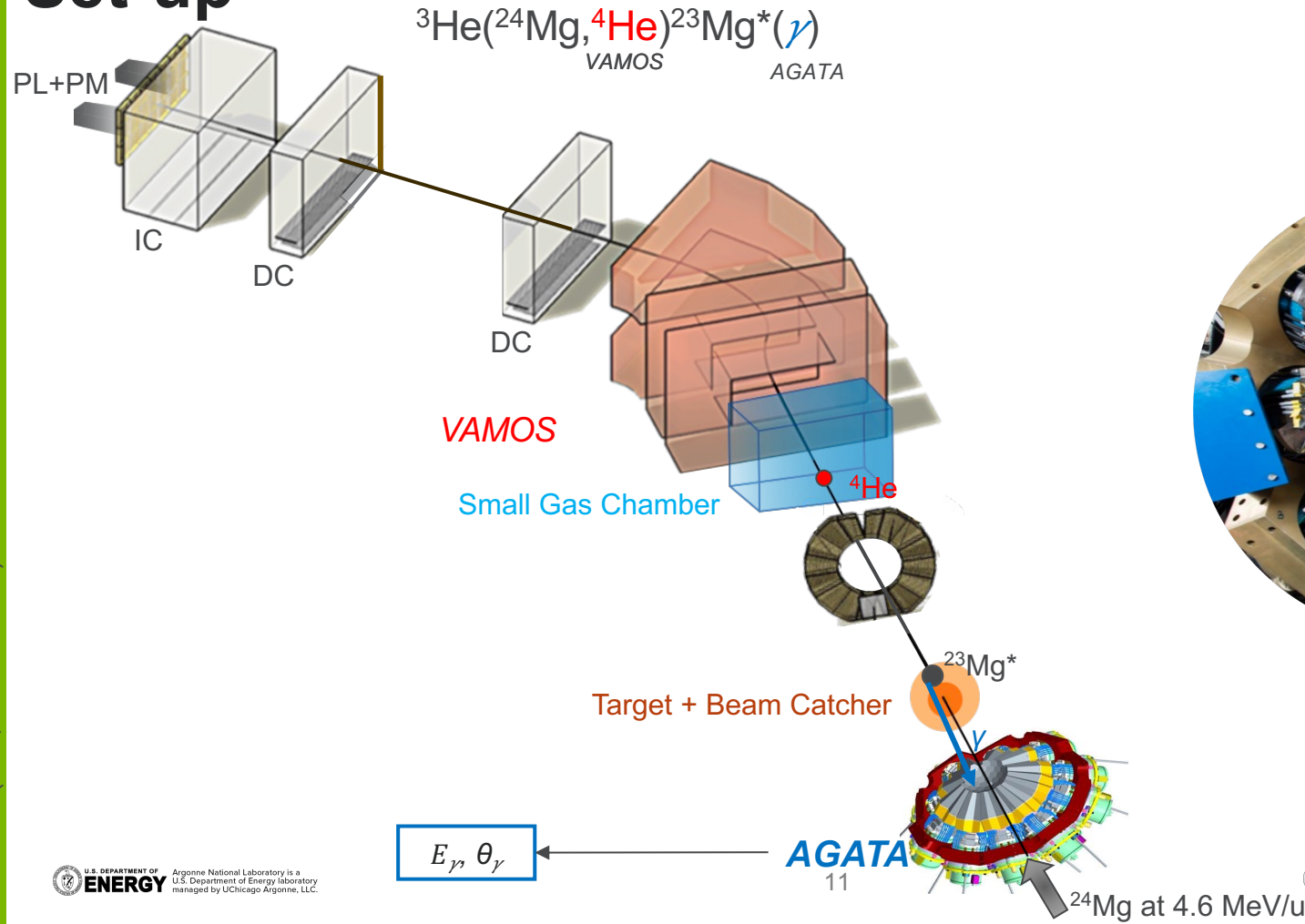
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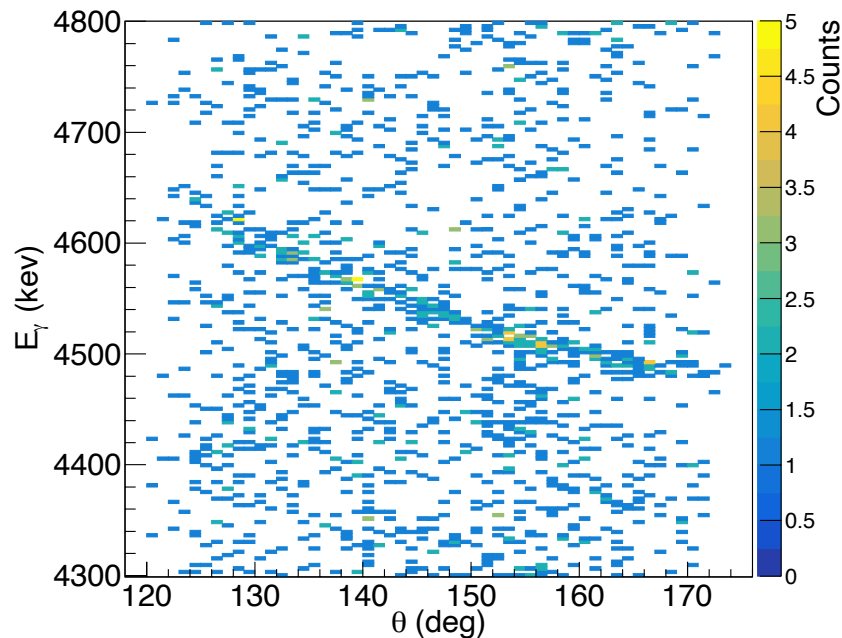


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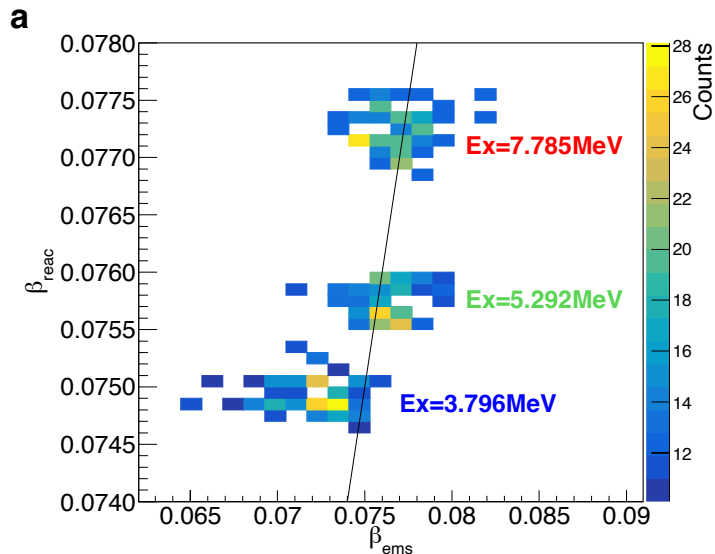
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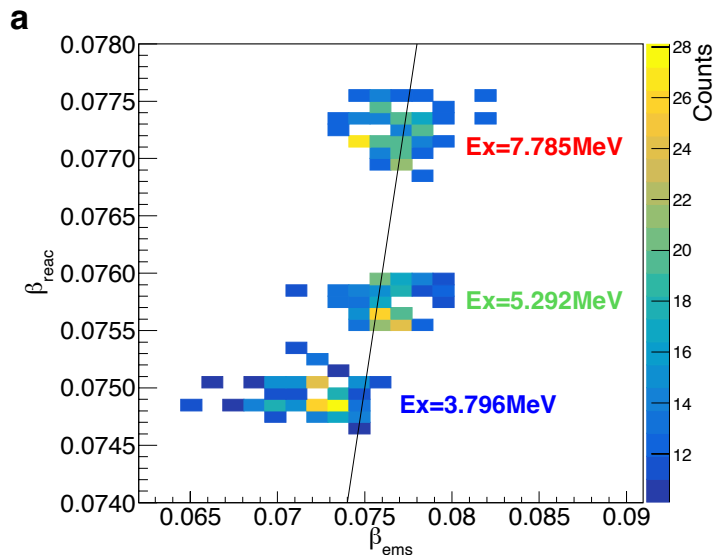


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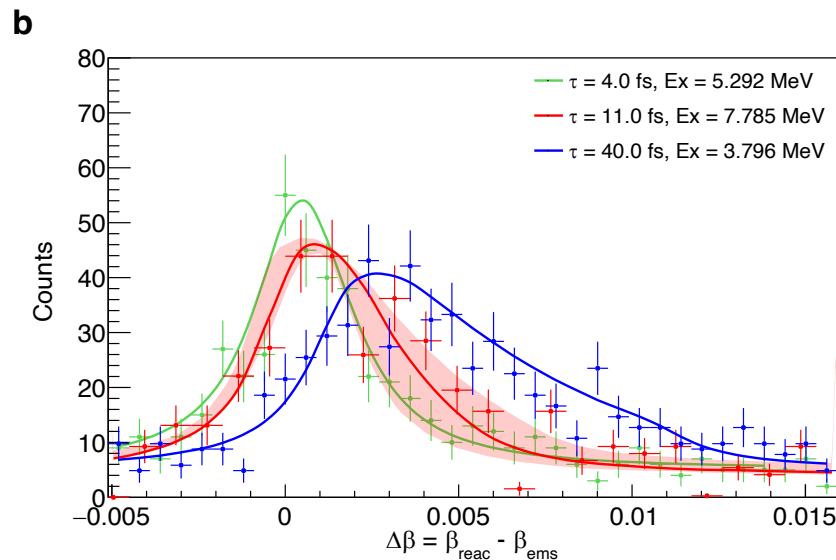
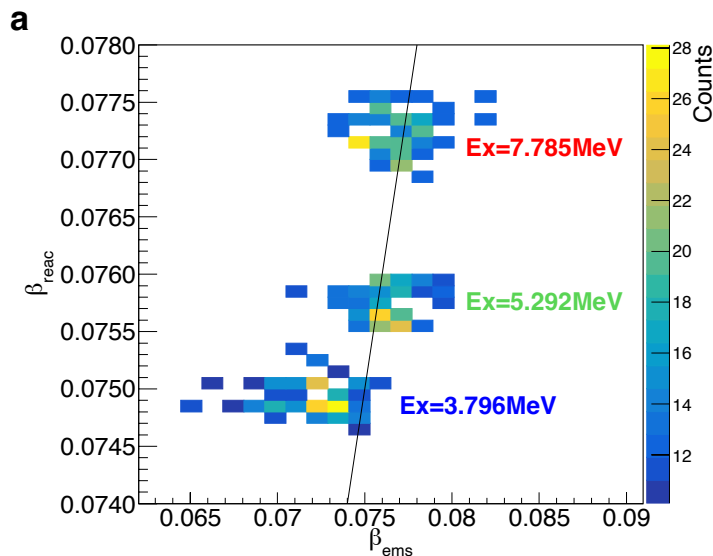


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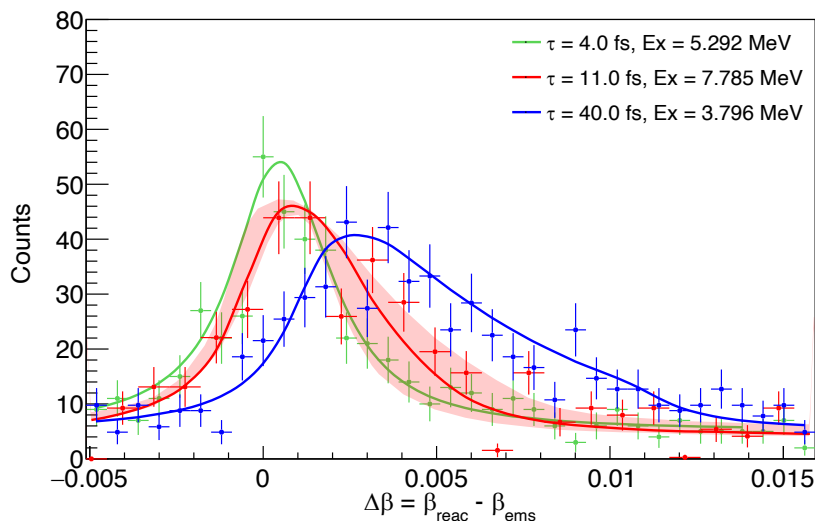


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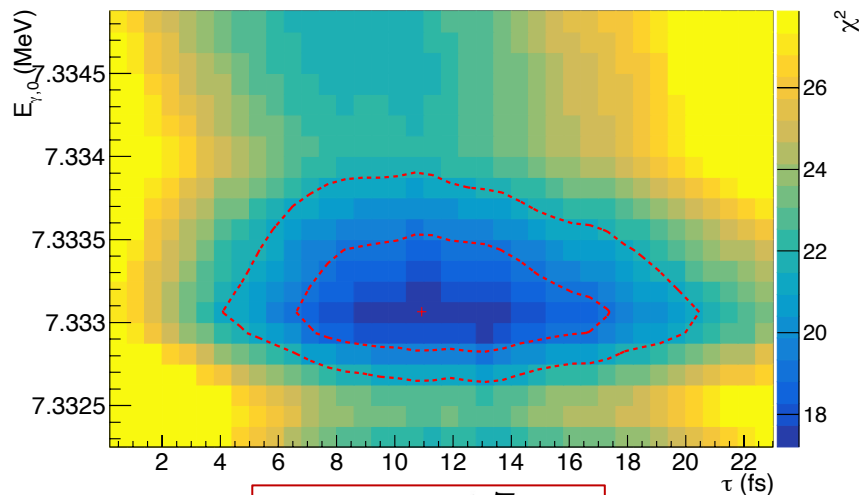
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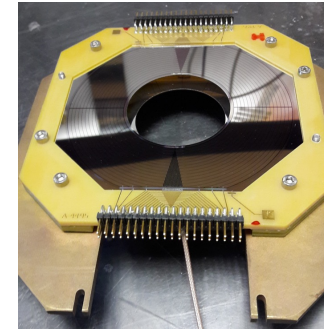
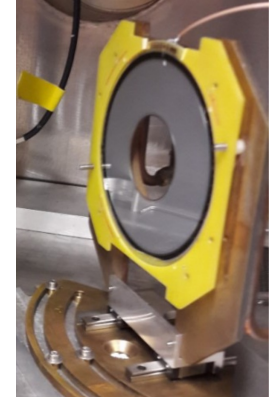
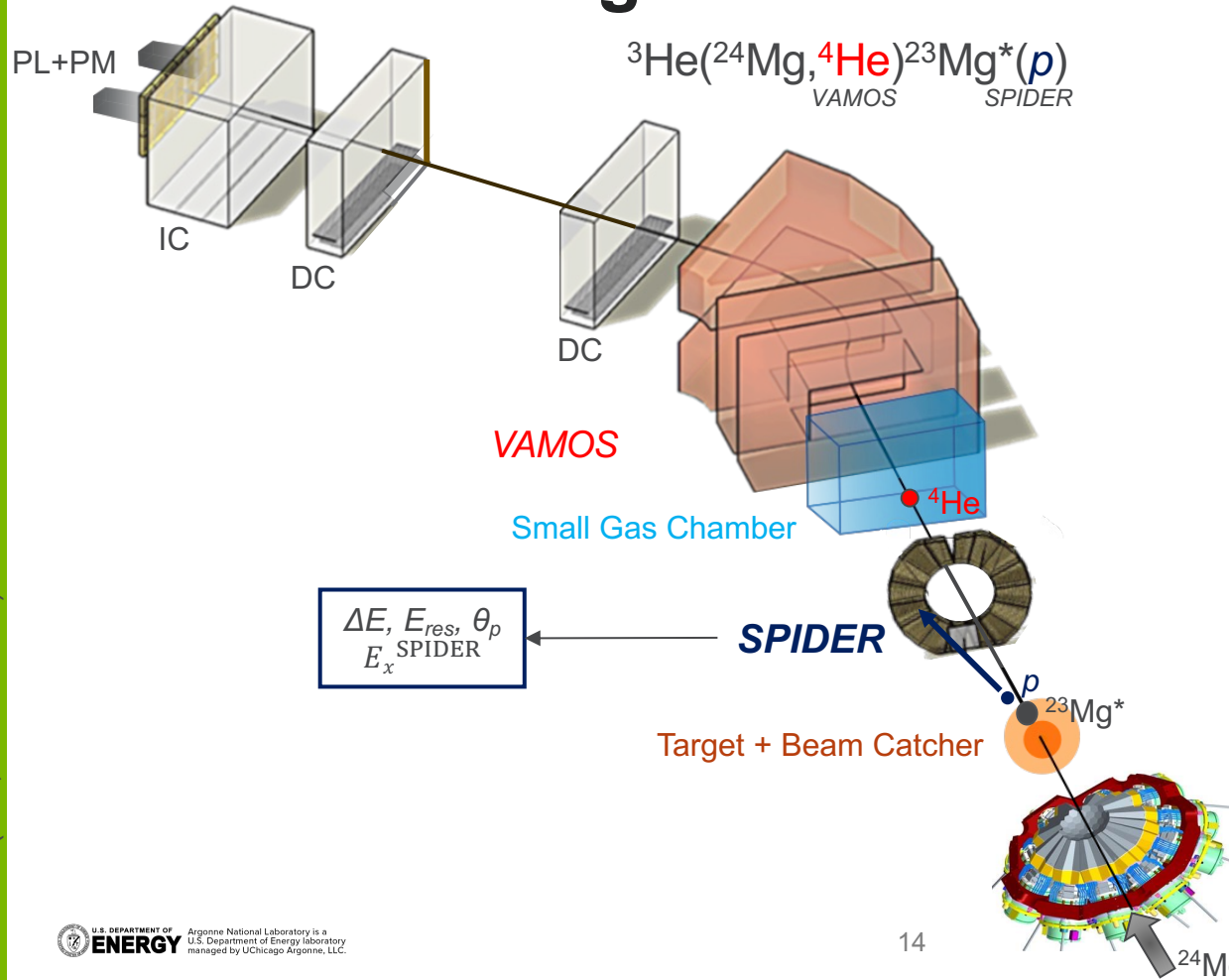


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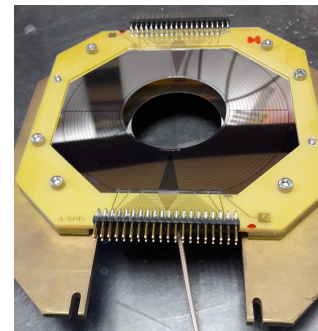
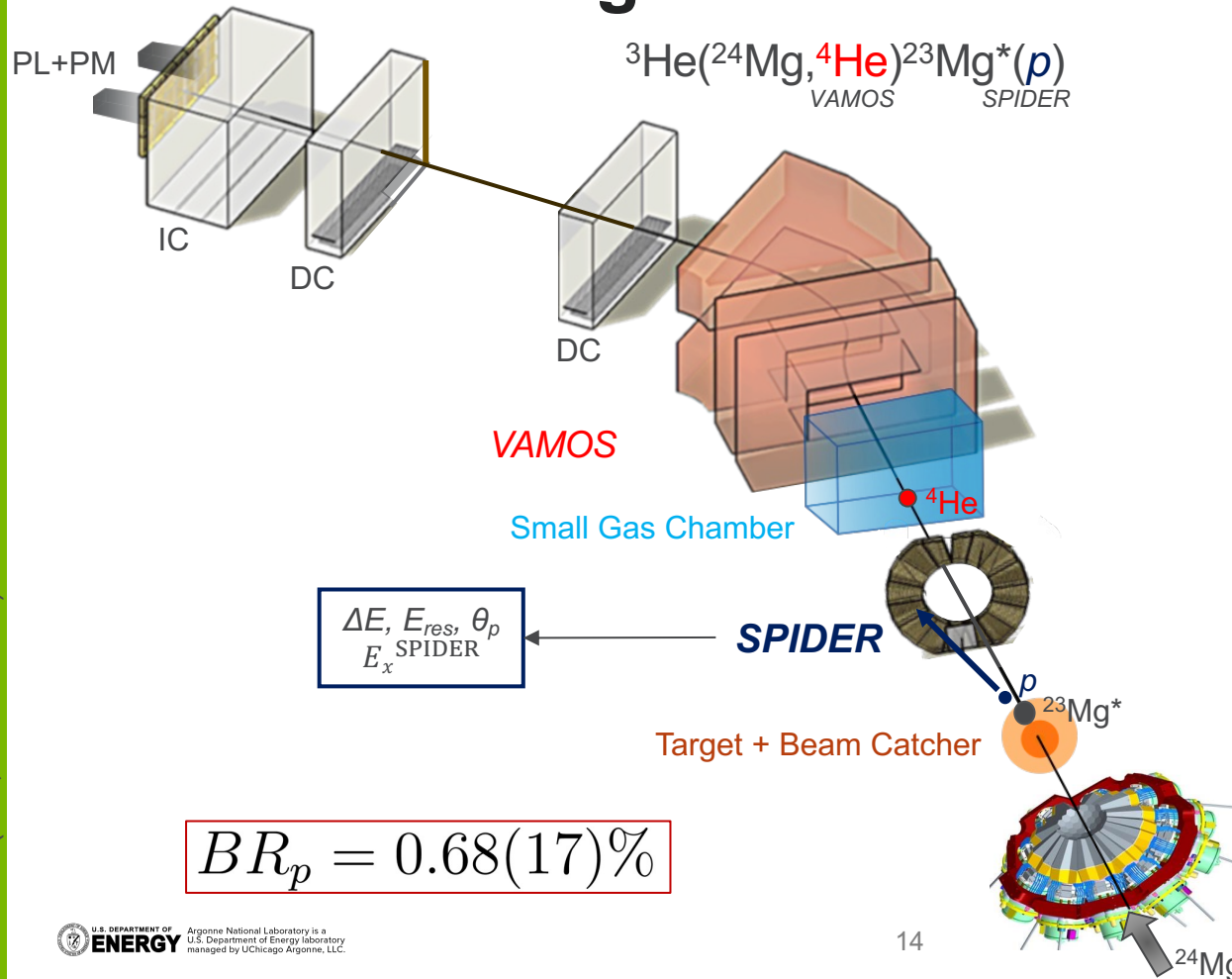


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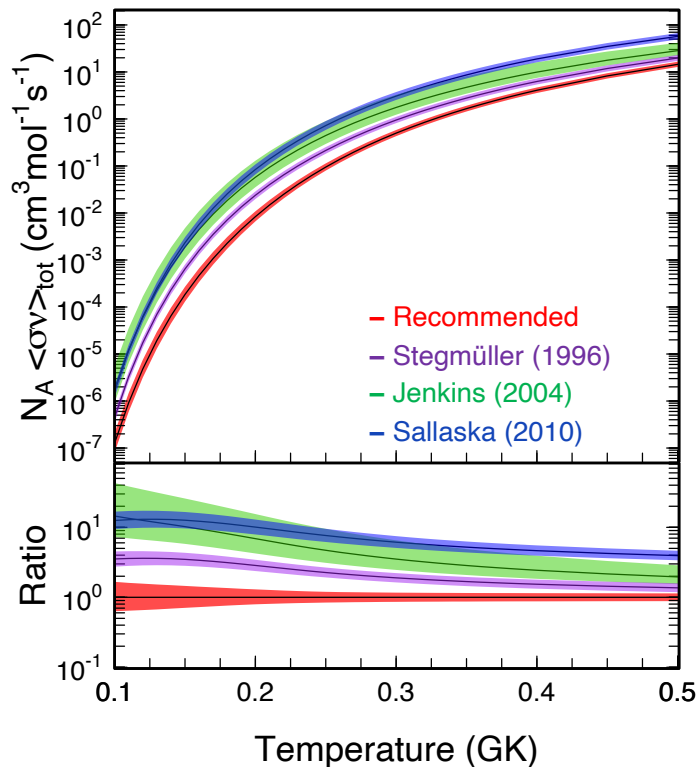
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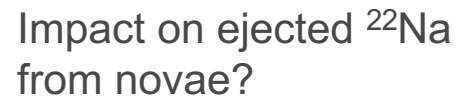
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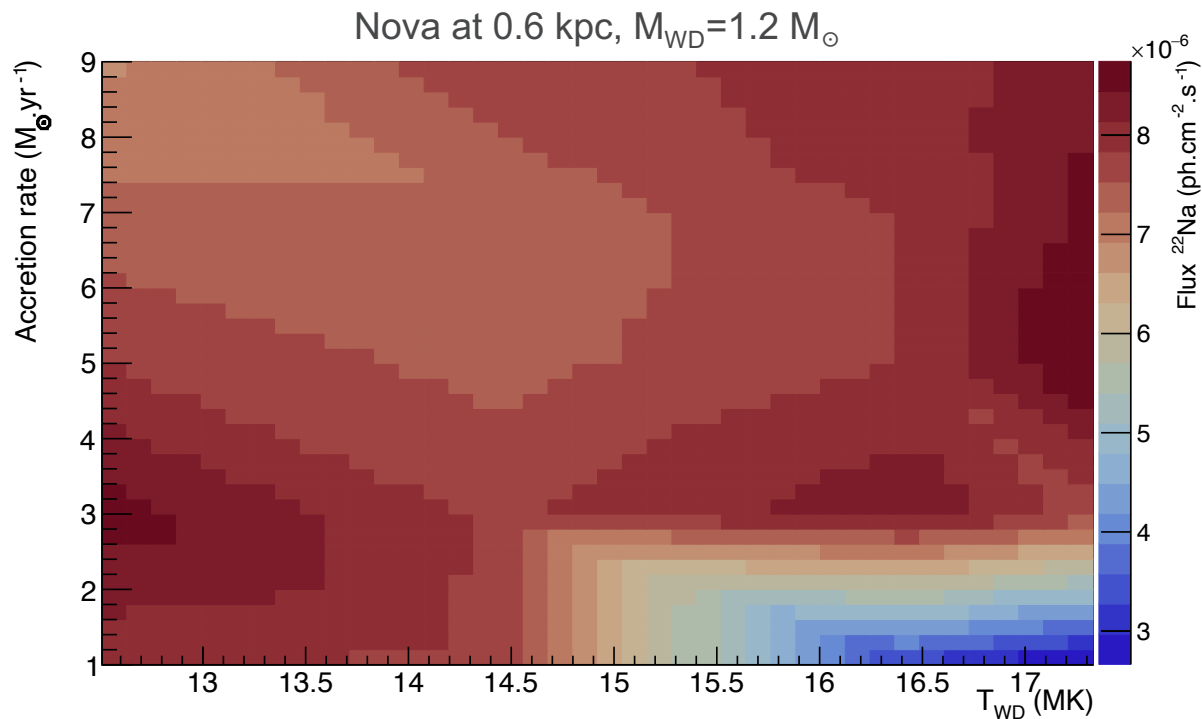
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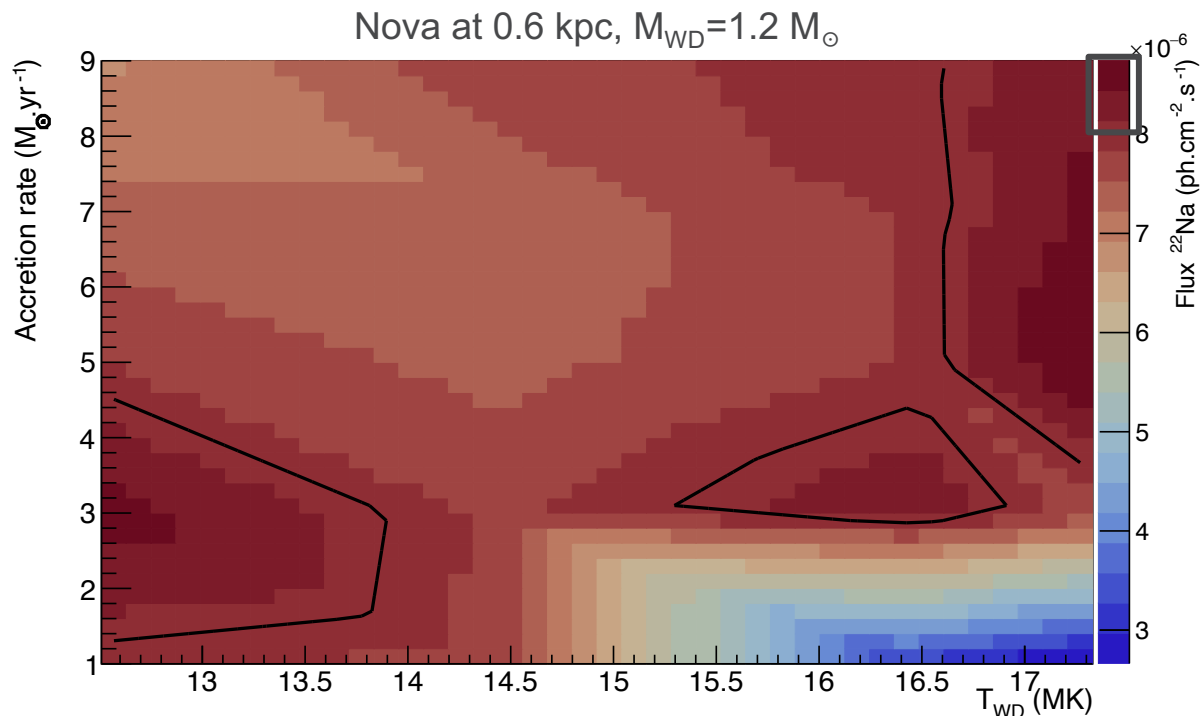
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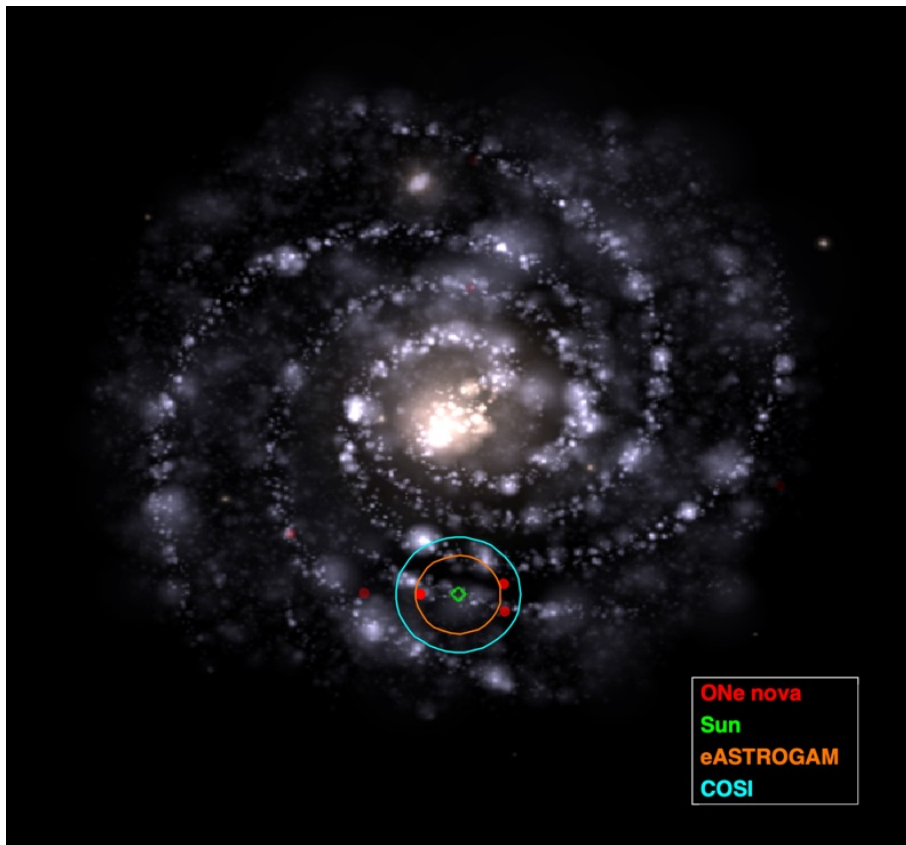
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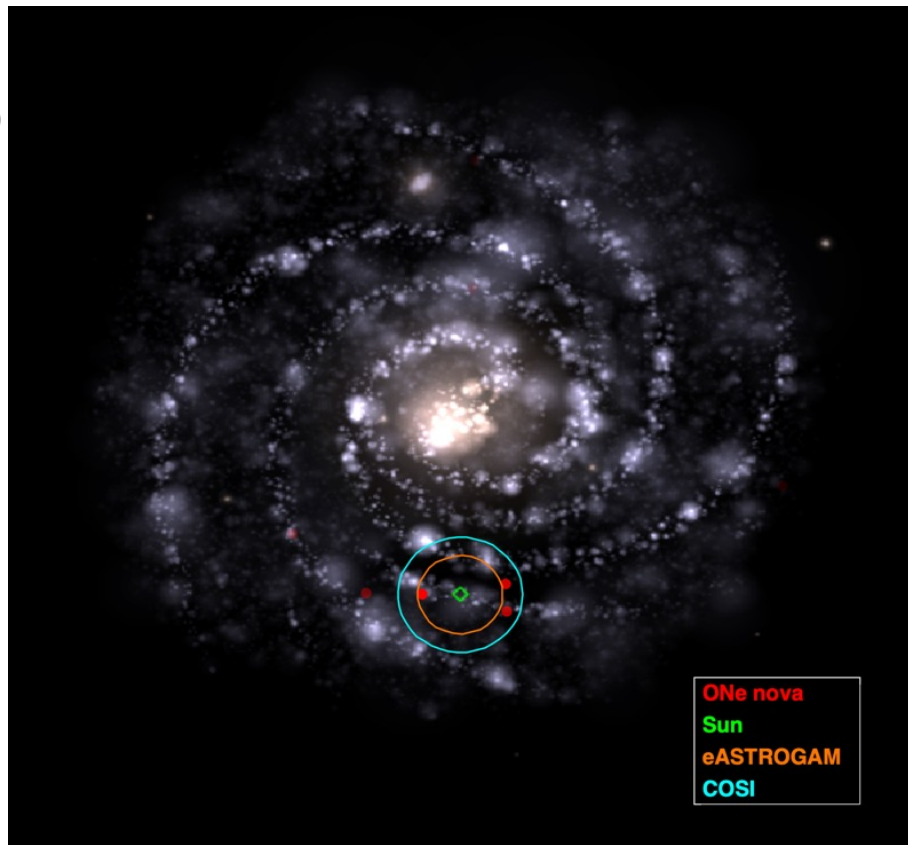
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Detection frequency

(^{22}Na)

≥ 1 event / 60 yr

≥ 1 event / 20 yr

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Status of $\omega\gamma$ at $E_R=0.204$ MeV



Disagreement in $\omega\gamma$

Experiment choice: indirect strength determination

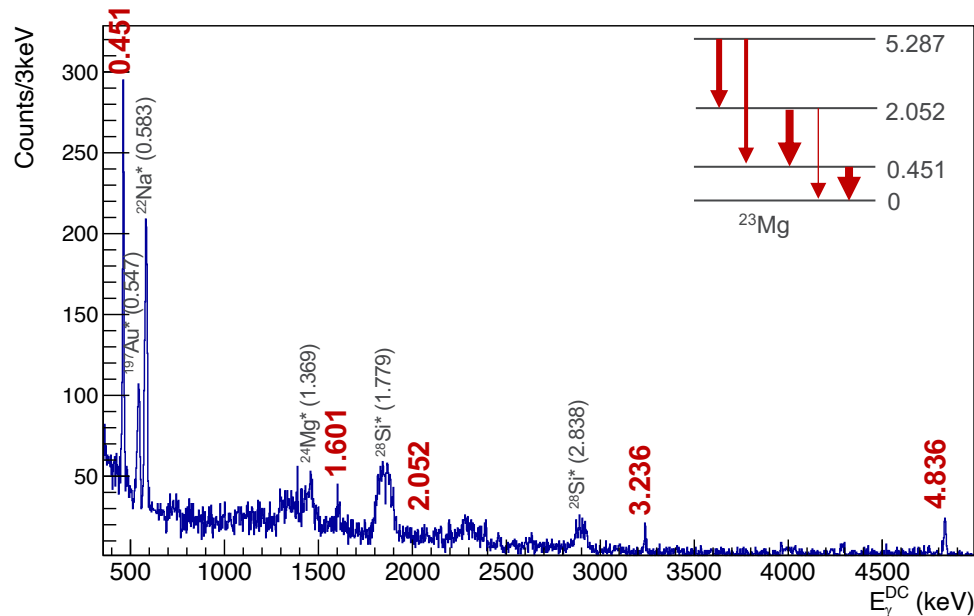
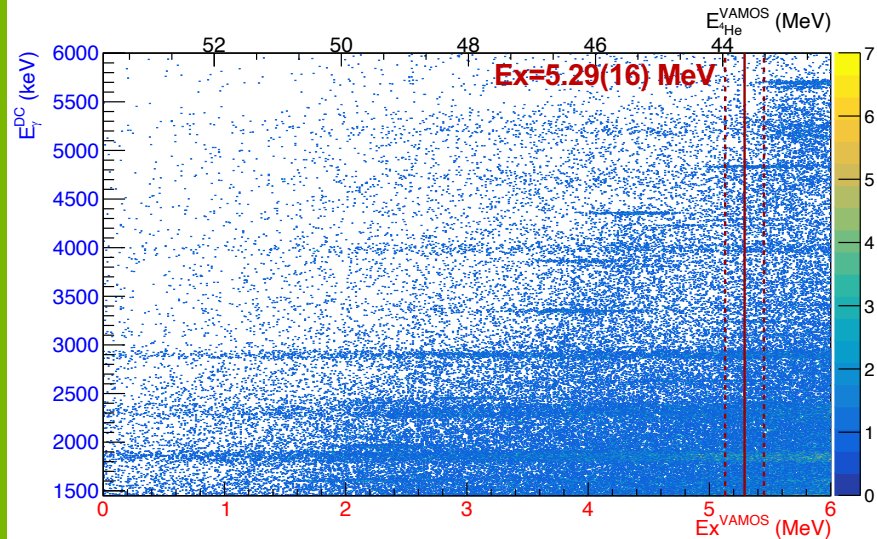
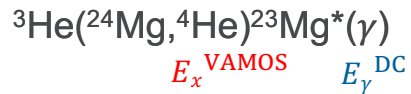
$$\omega\gamma = \frac{2J_{^{23}\text{Mg}} + 1}{(2J_{^{22}\text{Na}} + 1)(2J_{\text{p}} + 1)} \times \frac{\hbar}{\tau} \times \text{BR}_{\text{p}}(1 - \text{BR}_{\text{p}})$$



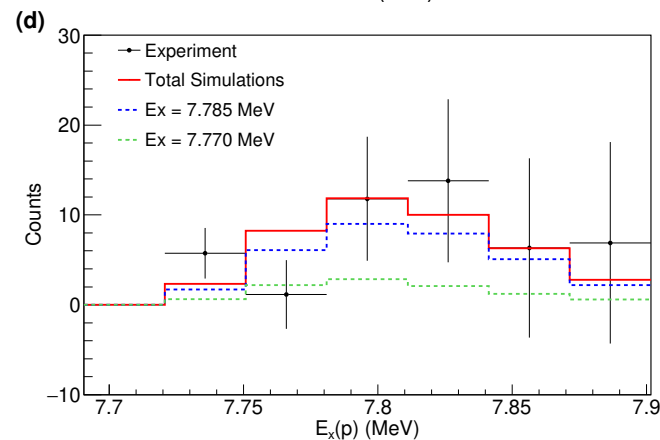
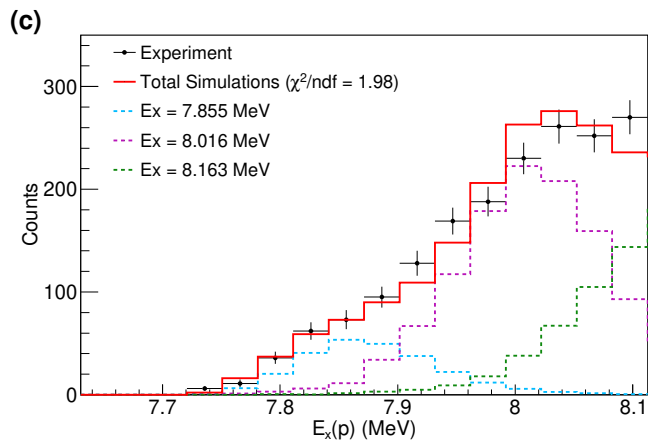
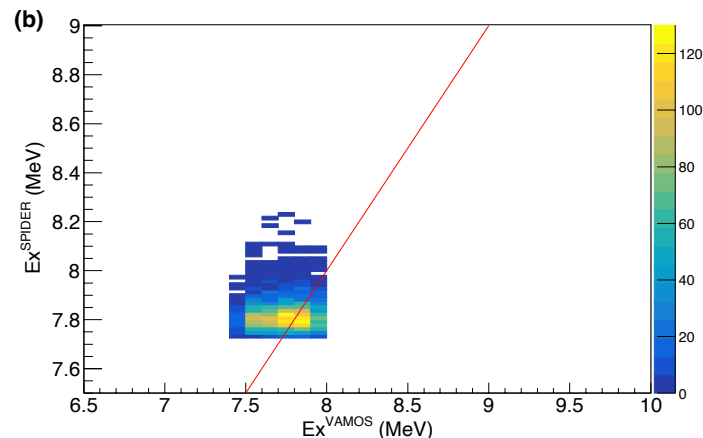
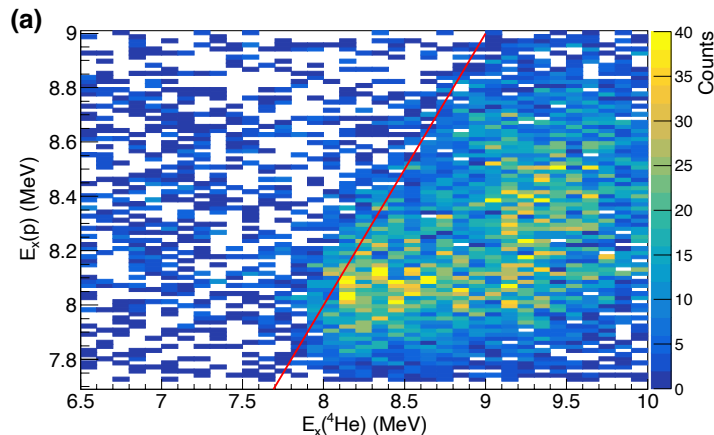
Aim: (τ , BR_{p}) of the $E_{\text{x}}=7.785\text{MeV}$ state in $^{23}\text{Mg}^*$
Fs resolution required

Shell model ~ 1 fs

Identification of populated states

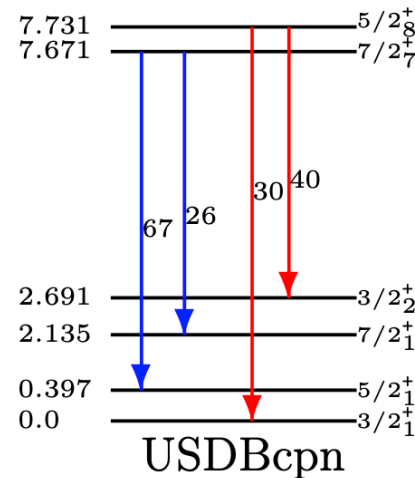
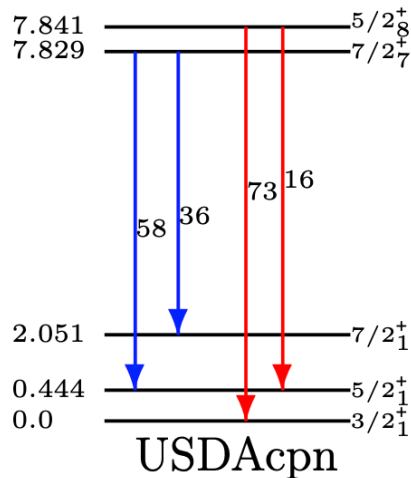
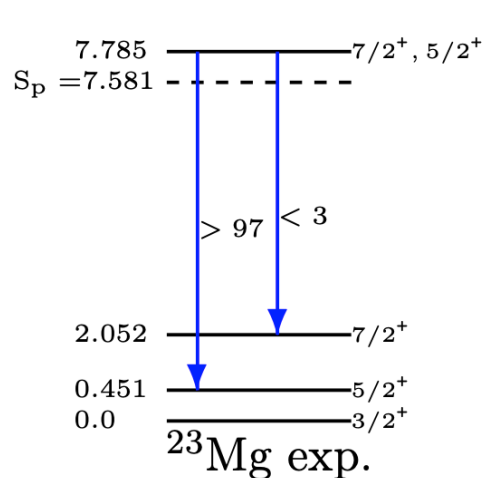


Proton branching ratio: plots



Shell model insights: spin

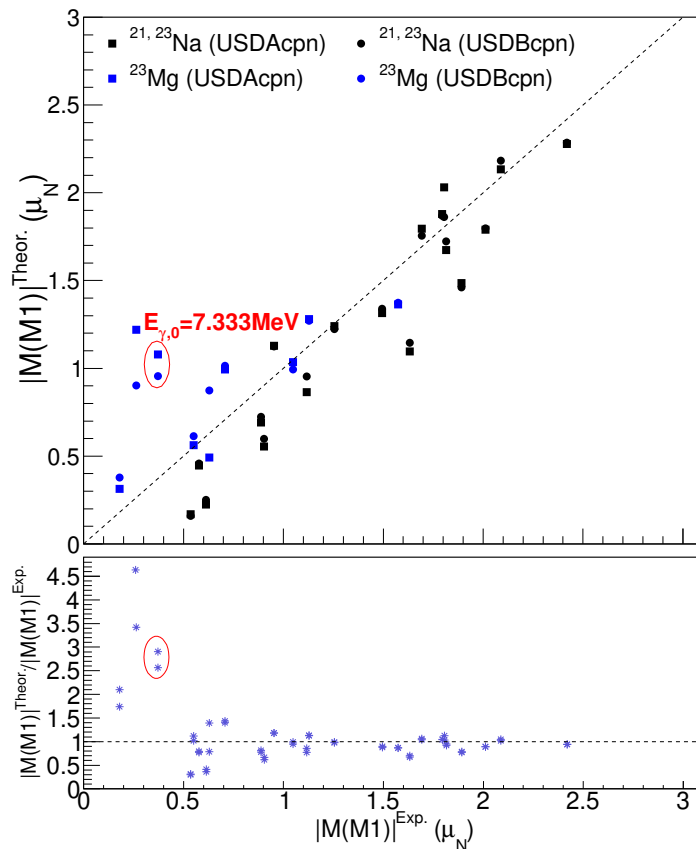
1. γ -ray decay path $\rightarrow 7/2^+$



2. β -delayed probability $\rightarrow (5/2, 7/2)^+$ $\log_{10}(ft)=3.305(23)$ vs

3. No mixing with the $E_x=7.801$ MeV IAS. $\rightarrow 7/2^+$

Shell model insights: reduced M1 matrix element



Proton branching ratio measurement

$$\omega\gamma = \frac{2J_{23\text{Mg}} + 1}{(2J_{22\text{Na}} + 1)(2J_p + 1)} \times \frac{\hbar}{\tau} \times \text{BR}_p (1 - \text{BR}_p)$$

Present work



New status on $\omega\gamma_{0.204\text{ MeV}}$

Present work

