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Experimental nuclear astrophysics (stable beam experiments and underground)

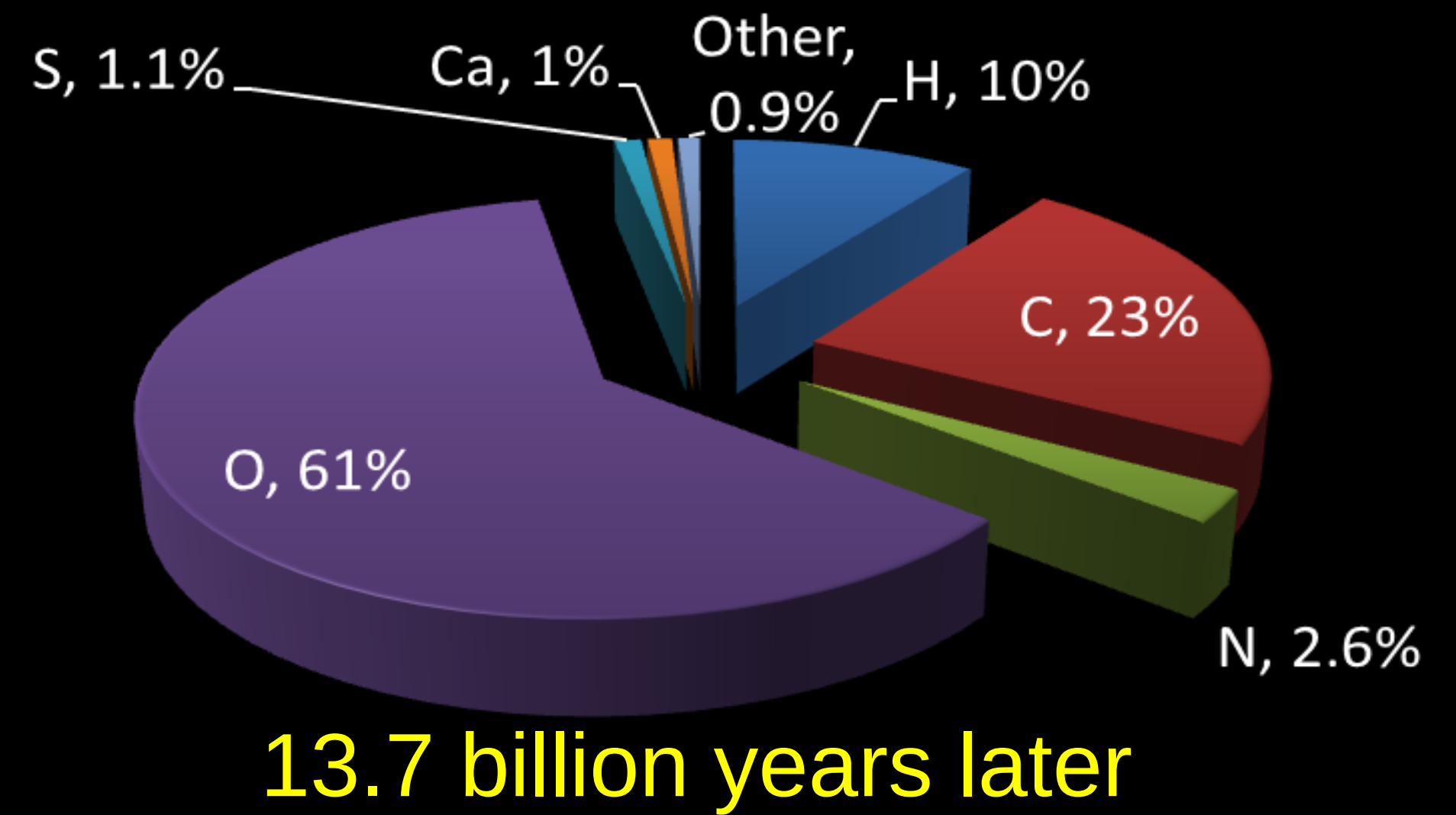
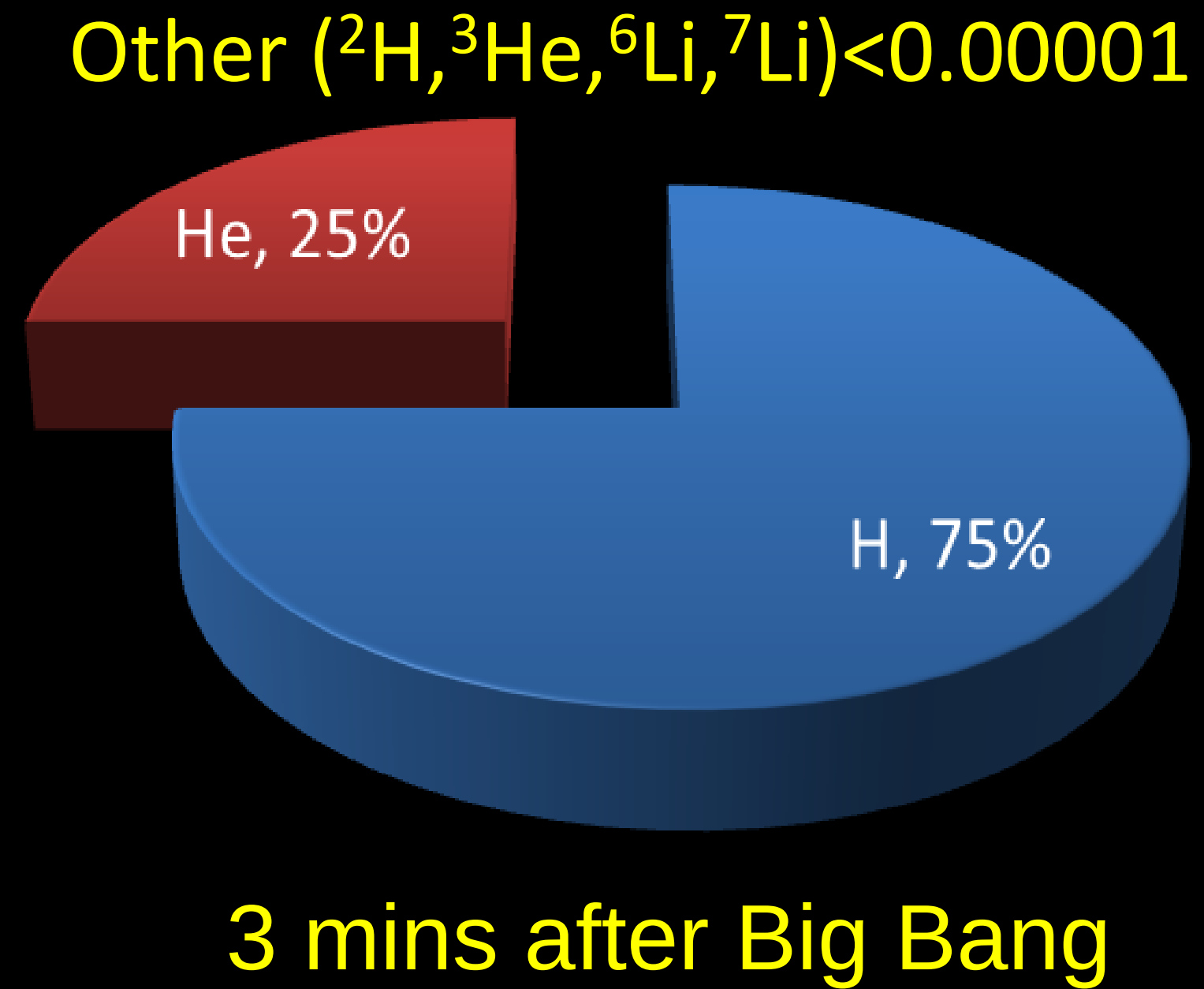
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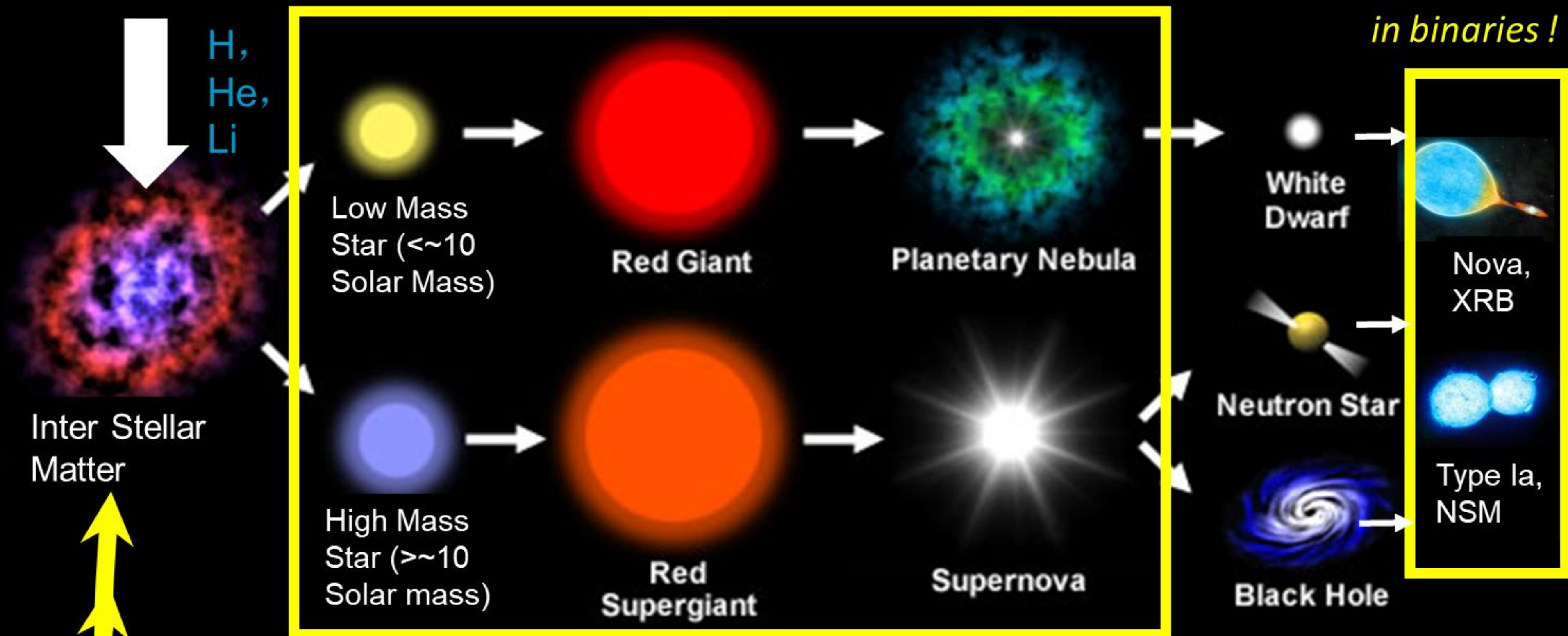
Origin of Elements



Chemical Element Enrichment

Big Bang

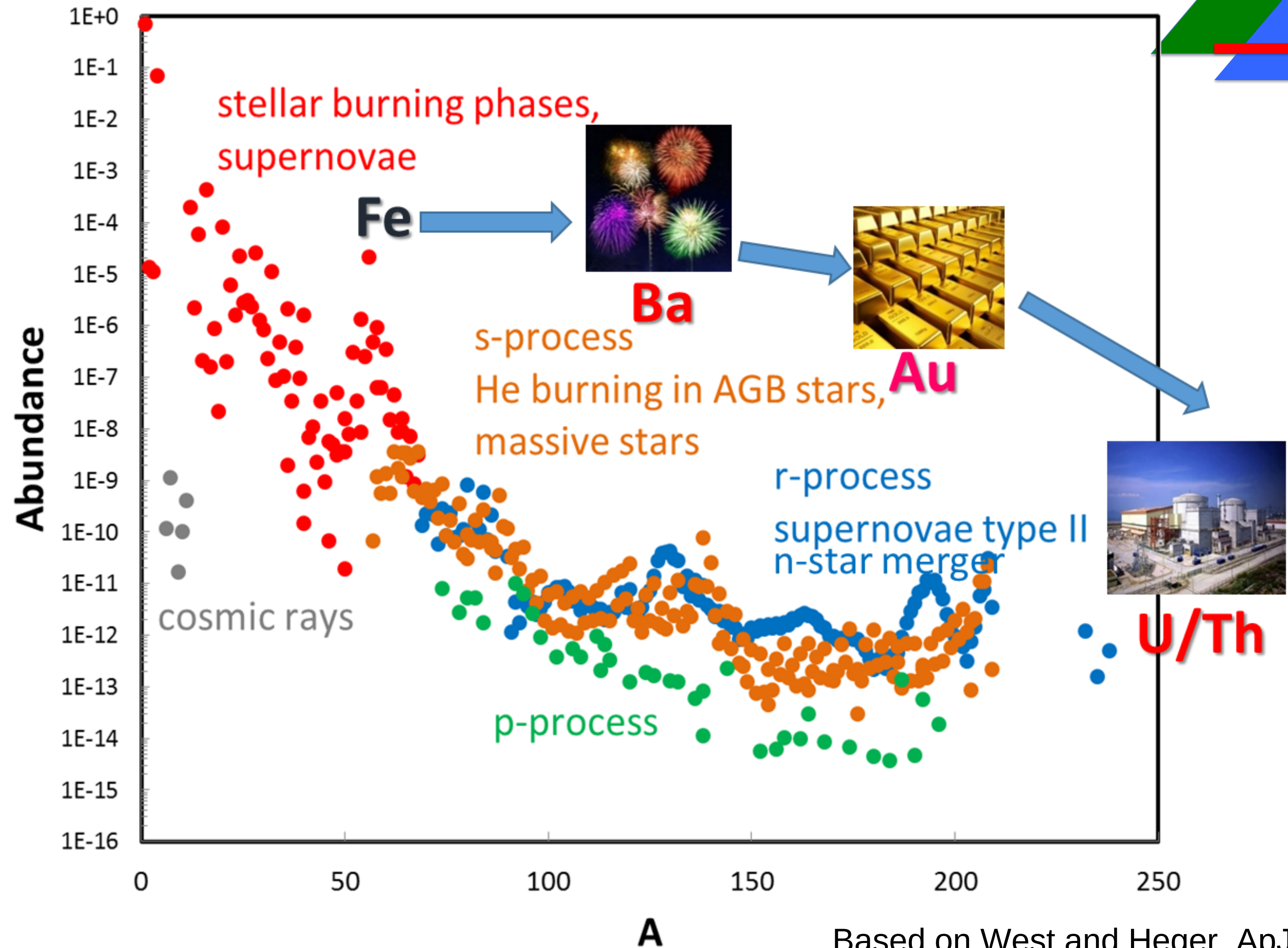
➤ 0.4 billion years later, first stars appear



Nucleosynthetic products (C, O, Si, Fe, ... Th, U)

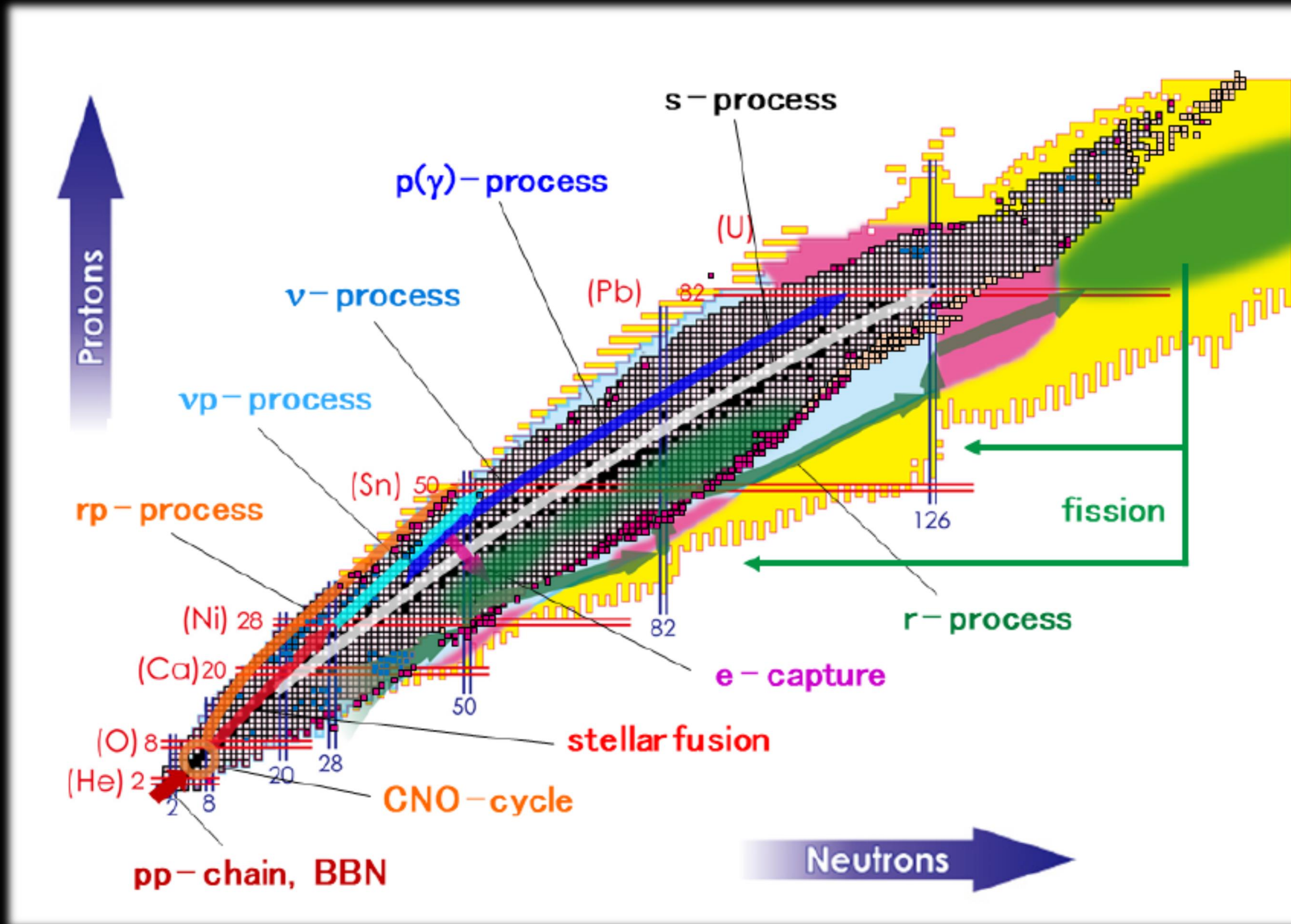
Origin of elements

The total number of primordial nuclides is then 251 (the stable nuclides) plus the 35 radioactive primordial nuclides, for a total of 286 primordial nuclides.



Based on West and Heger, ApJ(2013)

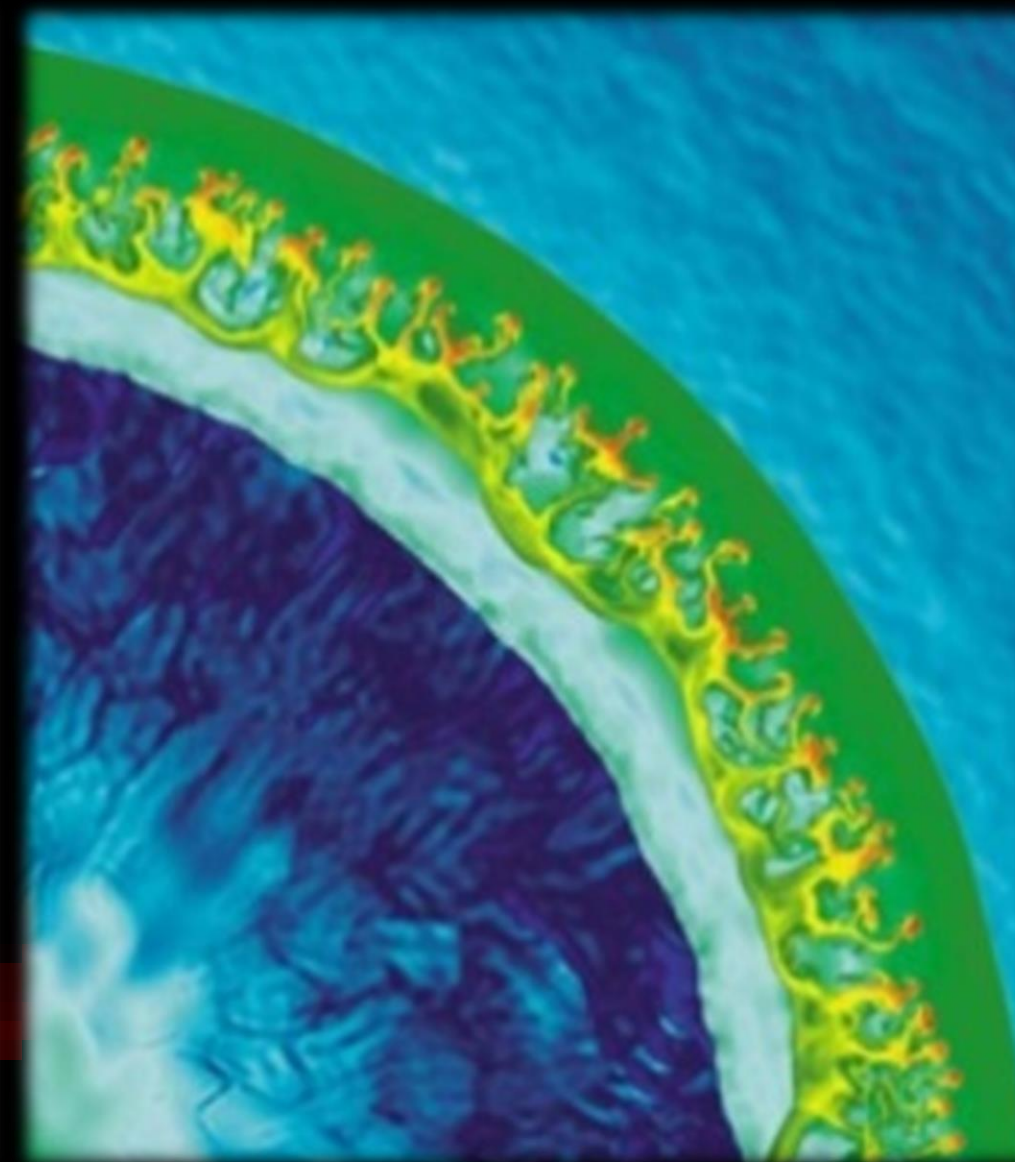
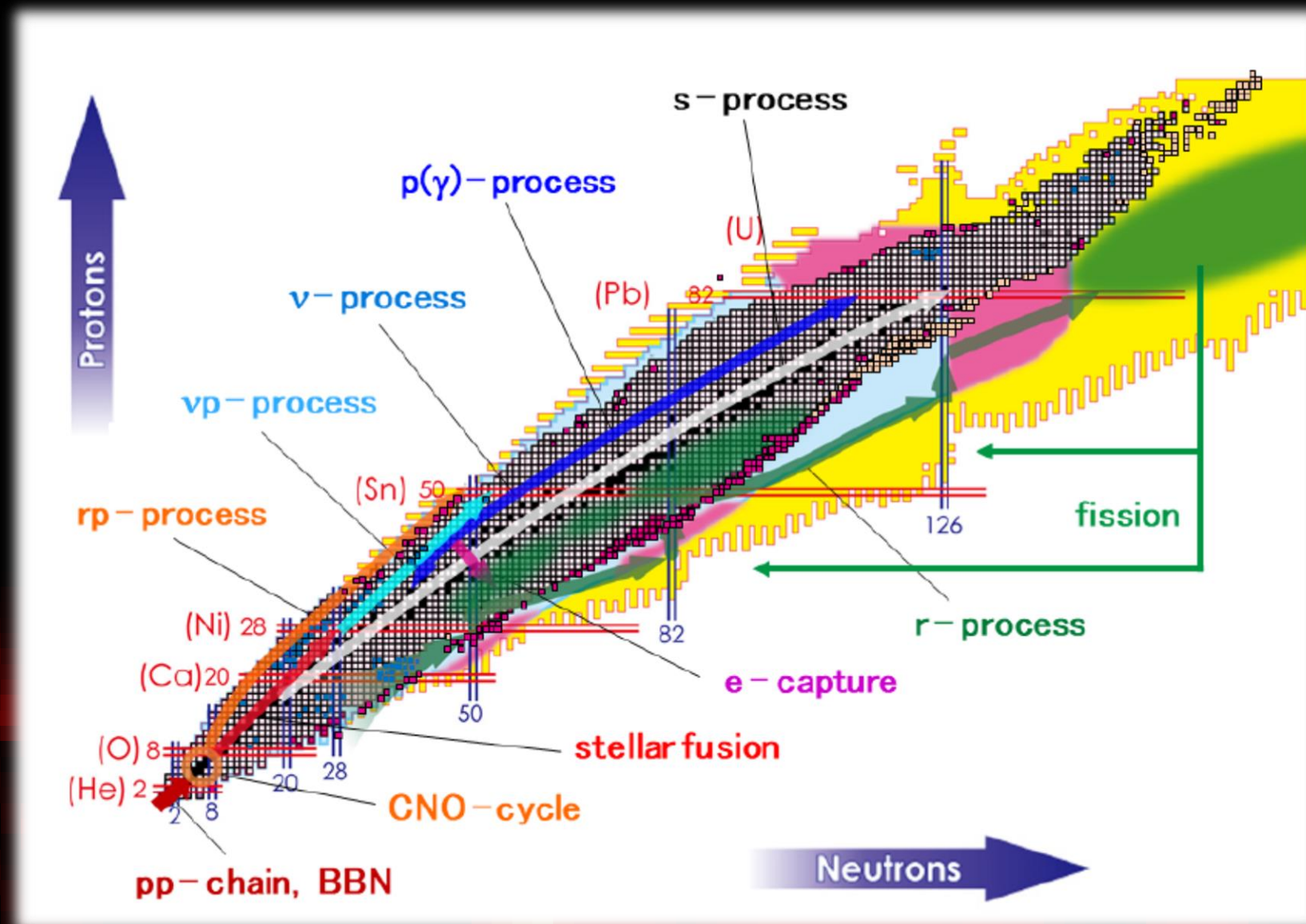
Nucleosynthesis in stars



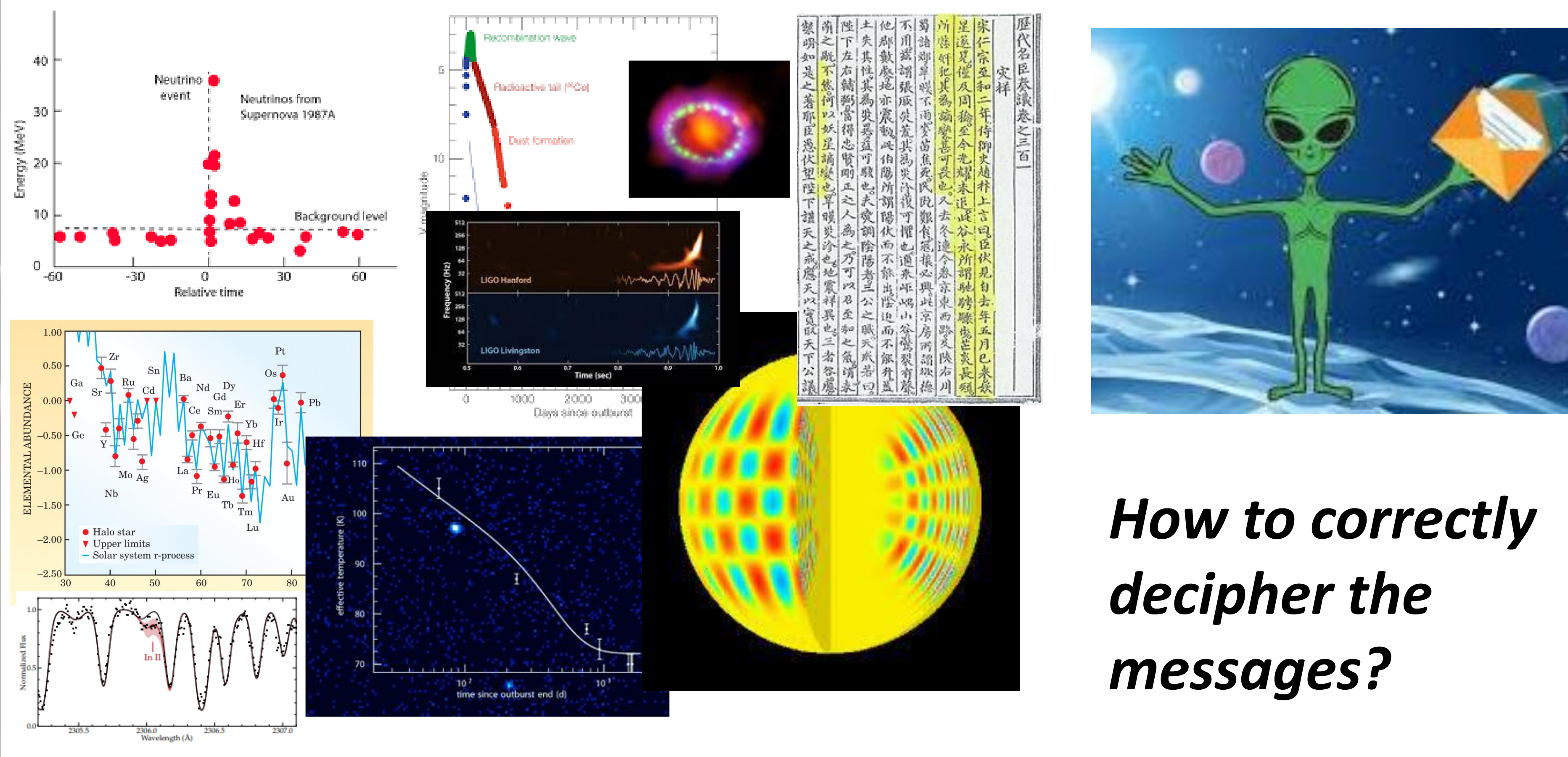
- 1) Big bang
- 2) Stellar quiescent burning
(pp-chain, stellar fusion, s-process)
- 3) Stellar explosive burning
(r-, vp-, v-, p-, rp-processes)
- 4) Cosmic Ray spallation

- What is the origin of the elements in the cosmos?
- What are the nuclear reactions that drive the evolution of stars and stellar explosions?

“Progress in Nuclear Astrophysics of East and Southeast Asia”, AAPPS bulletin(2021) 31:18



We are building the nuclear engines to drive the stellar evolution and explosion



How to correctly decipher the messages?



Multi-Messenger

(Visible light, X-ray, Neutrino, Gravitational wave etc.)

Precise knowledge of the critical nuclear physics inputs and reliable stellar models are urgently needed to decipher the encoded messages correctly.

Solar Neutrino "Problem"

New discovery beyond standard model in particle physics



Experiment	Detector medium	Observation /prediction
Homestake	^{37}Cl	0.33 ± 0.03
Kamiokande	water	0.57 ± 0.07



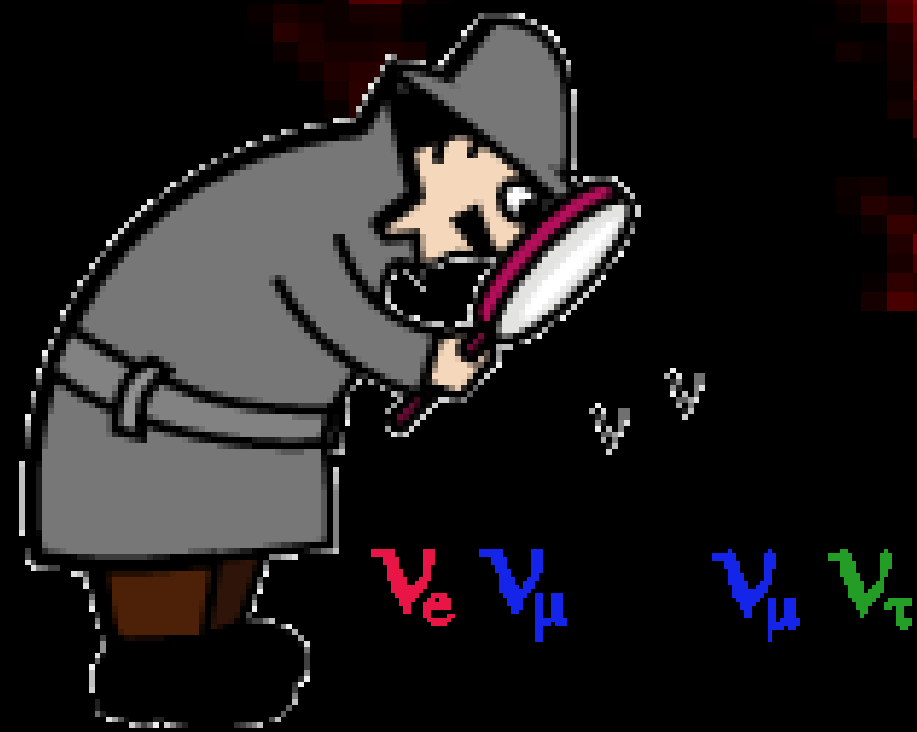
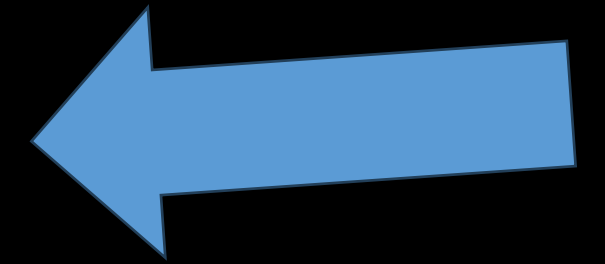
KAMIOKAND-
 H_2O (Koshi ba)



2002 Nobel prize in physics
"for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, in particular for the detection of cosmic neutrinos"

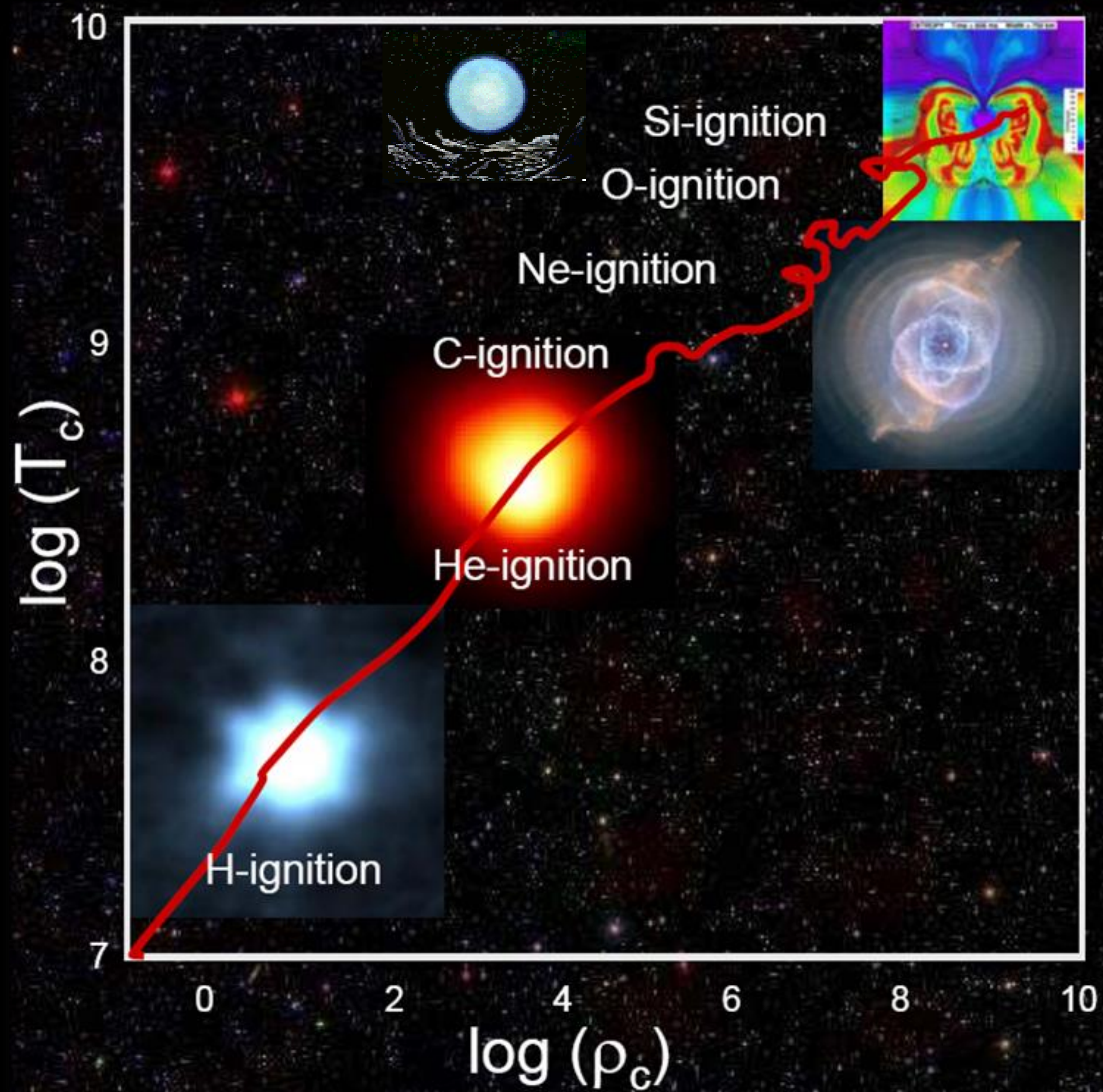
Solar Neutrino "Problem"

- Solar model
- Important cross sections: ${}^3\text{He}({}^3\text{He}, 2p){}^4\text{He}$, ${}^3\text{He}({}^4\text{He}, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$, ${}^7\text{Be}(p, \gamma){}^8\text{B}$
- Unknown neutrino physics - neutrino oscillation???



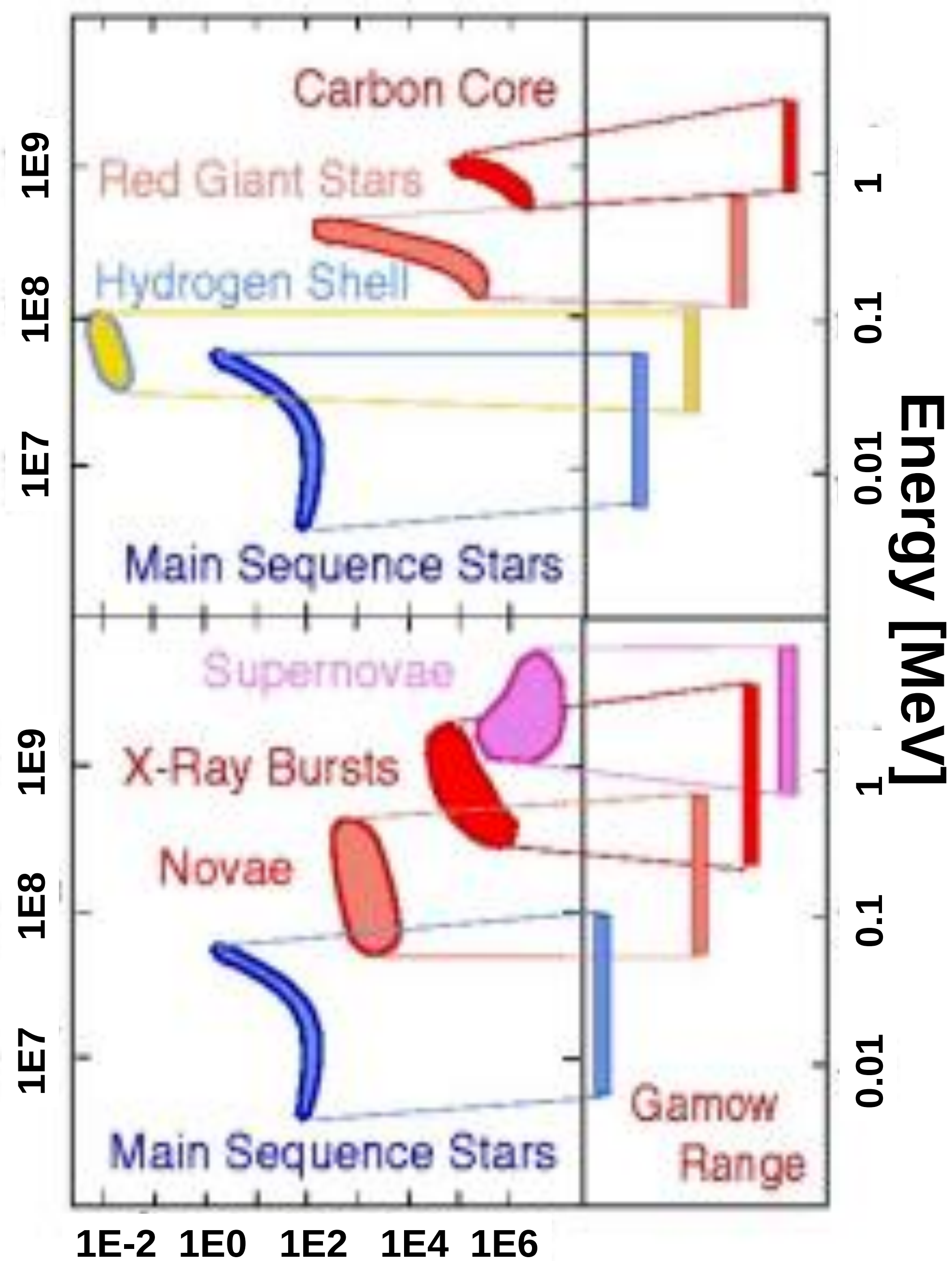
"Most likely, the solar neutrino problem has nothing to do with particle physics. It is a great triumph that astrophysicists are able to predict the number of ${}^8\text{B}$ neutrinos to within a factor of 2 or 3..."

Howard Georgi and Michael Luke (1990)



Woosley, Heger, and Weaver, Evolution and explosion of massive stars,
Rev. Mod. Phys. (2002)

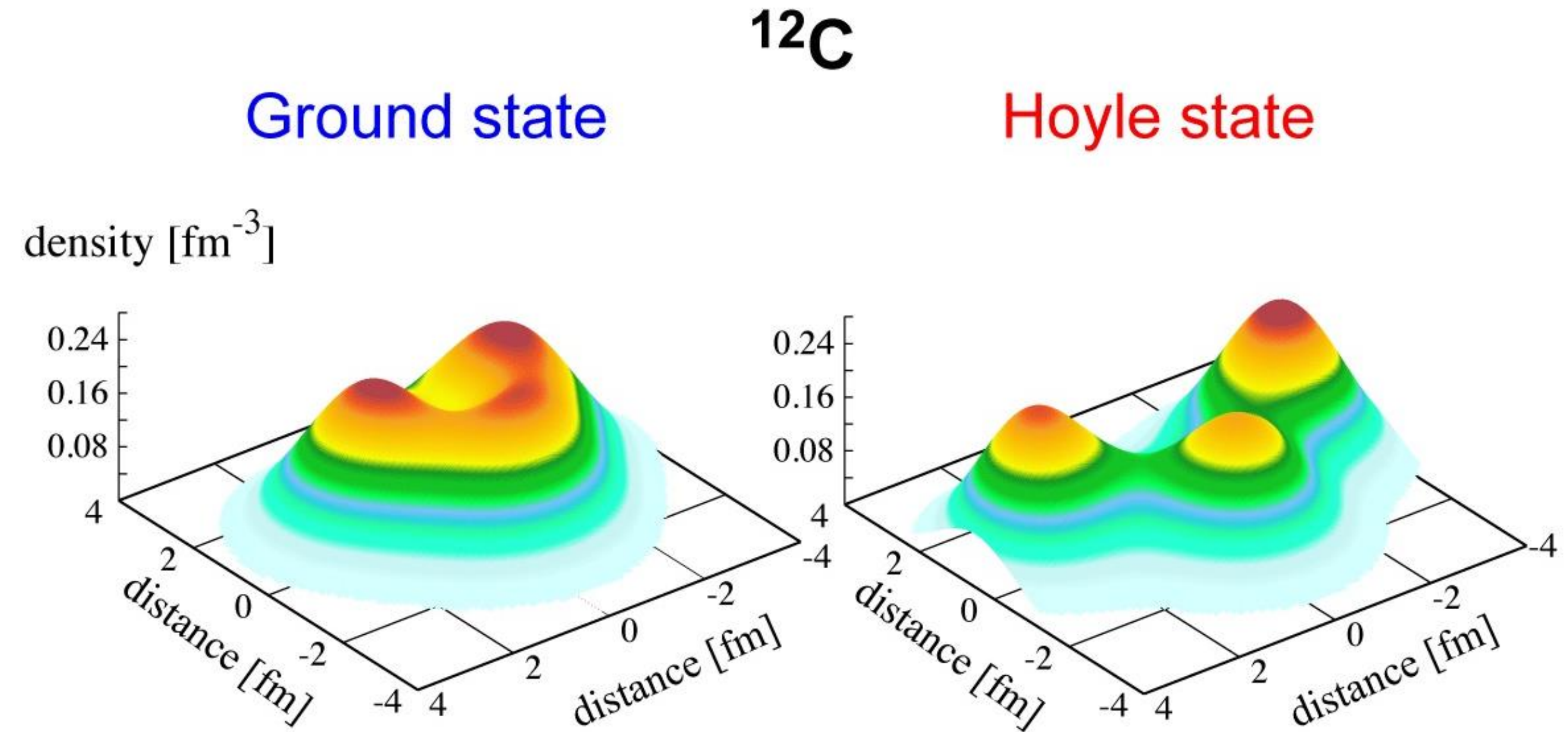
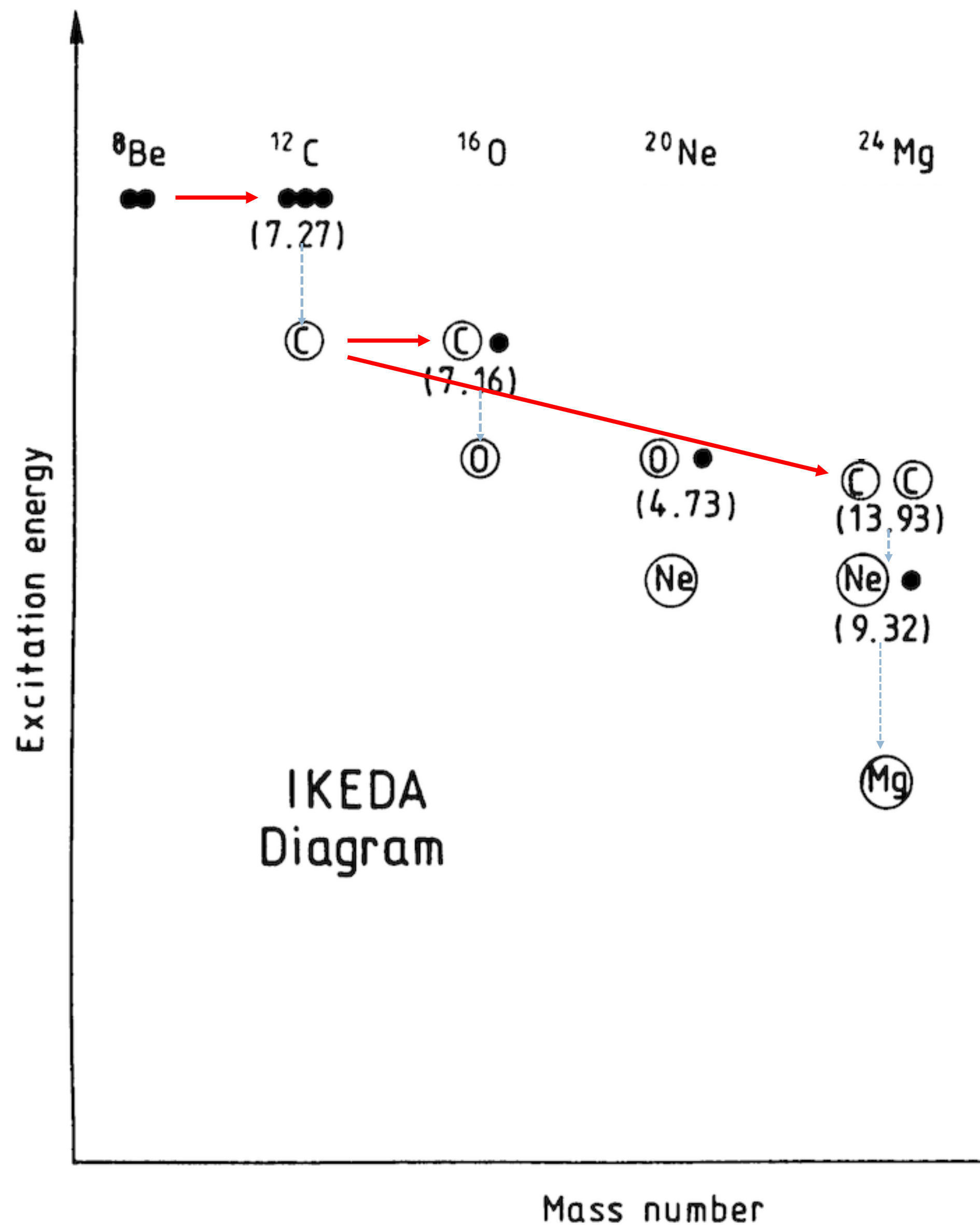
Temperature [K]



Density [g/cm³]

Conclusions of a Town Meeting held at the
University of Notre Dame 7-8 June 1999

Nuclear clusters as stepping stones in stars



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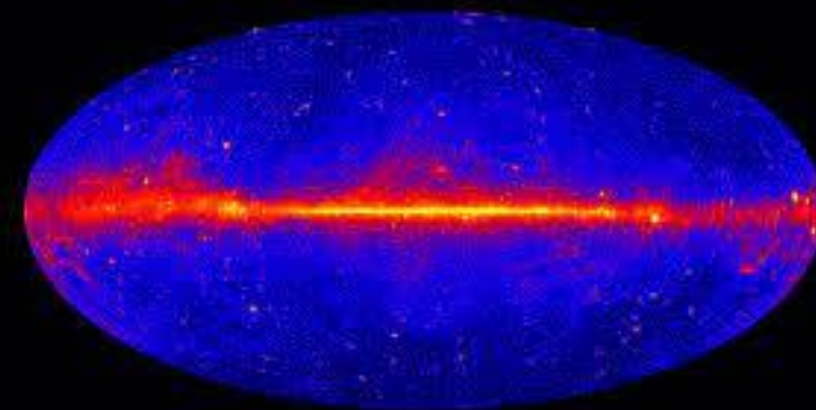
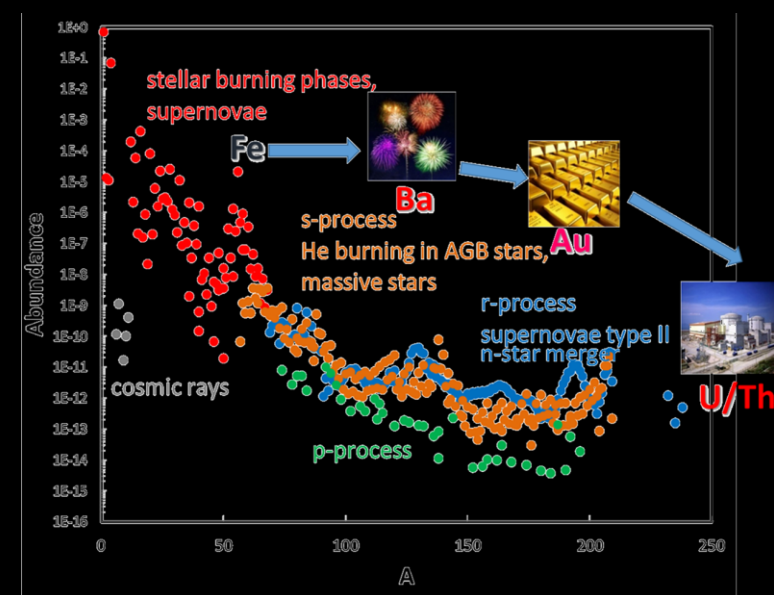
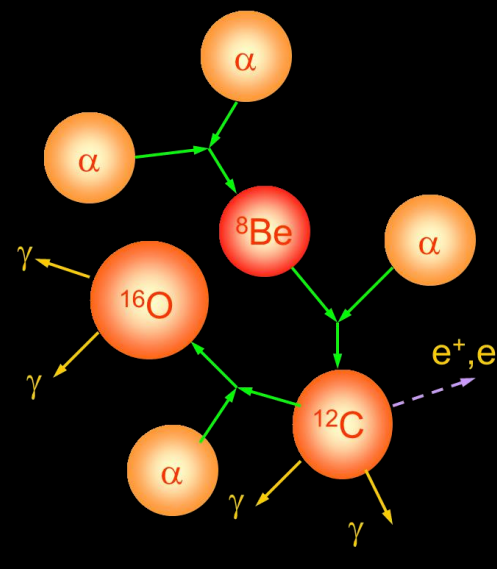
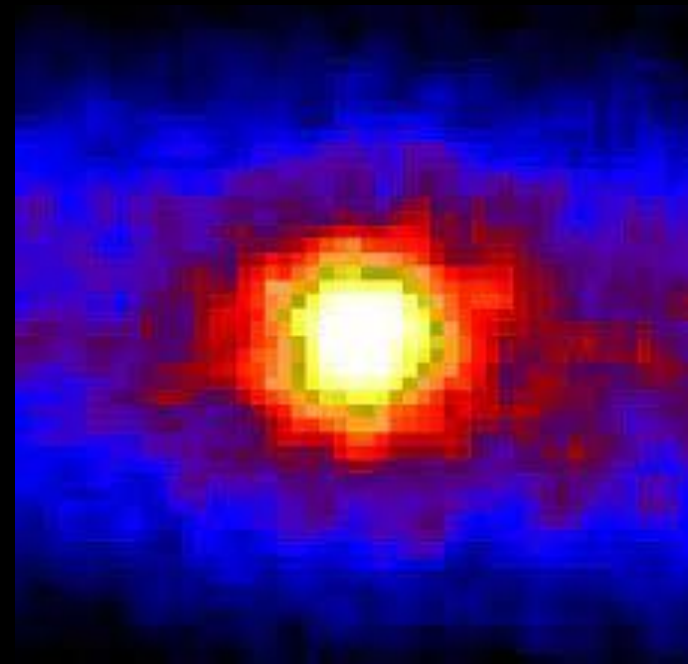
α -Clustering in atomic nuclei from first principles with statistical learning and the Hoyle state character

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My journey as a nuclear alchemist

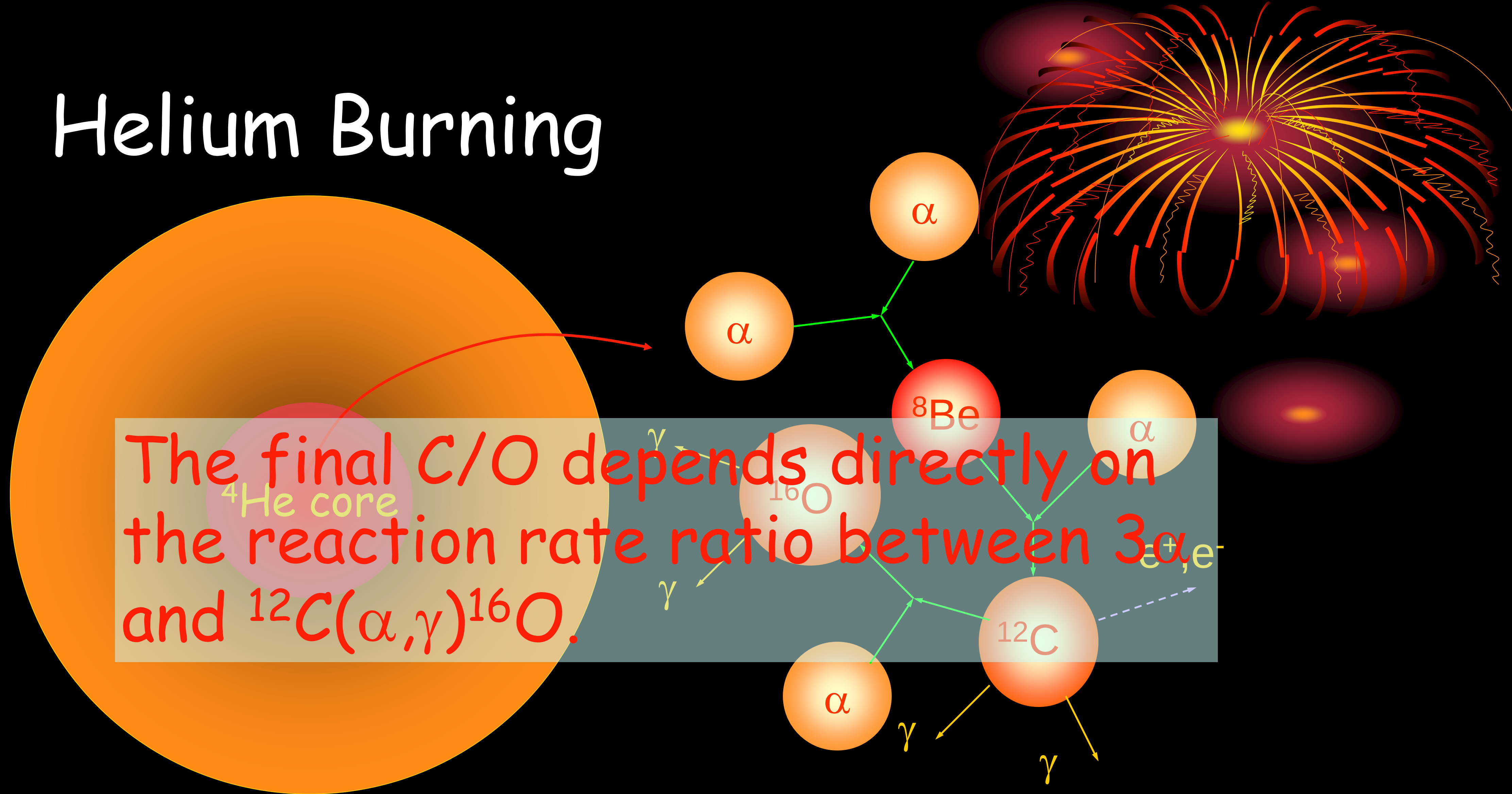
- ${}^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^8\text{B}$: “Solar neutrino problem”
- ${}^{11}\text{C}(p,\gamma){}^{12}\text{N}$: Production of carbon in first stars
- ${}^{59}\text{Fe}$ stellar decay rate: gamma ray astronomy
- ${}^{16}\text{N}$ decay (${}^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{16}\text{O}$): Origin of carbon and oxygen
- ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n){}^{16}\text{O}$: Neutron source of heavy element nucleosynthesis
- Carbon fusion reaction (${}^{12}\text{C}+{}^{12}\text{C}$): Evolution of massive star, ignition of Type Ia supernova and Superburst



Helium Burning

The final C/O depends directly on the reaction rate ratio between $3\alpha \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C} + \gamma$ and ${}^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma){}^{16}\text{O}$.

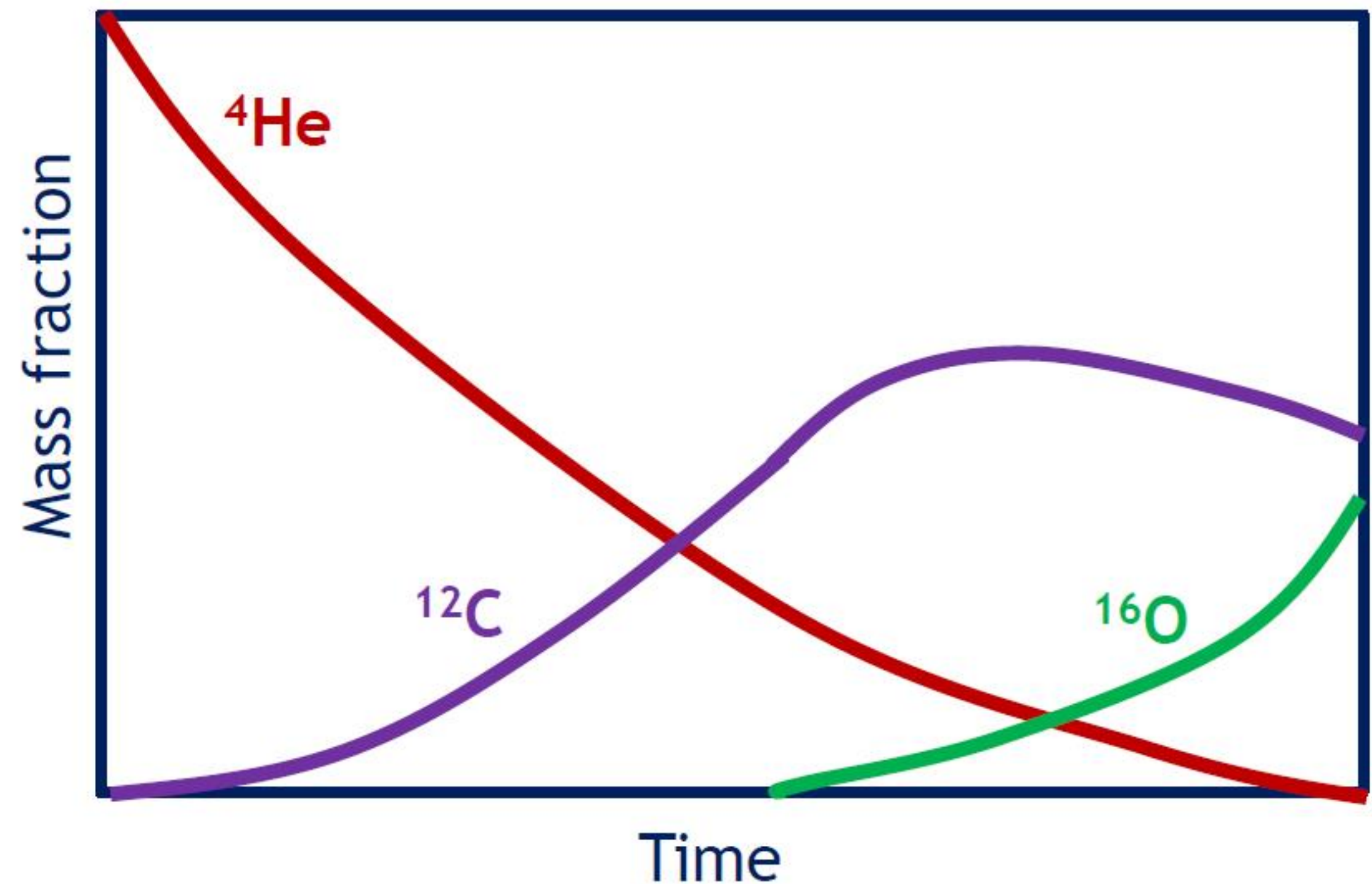
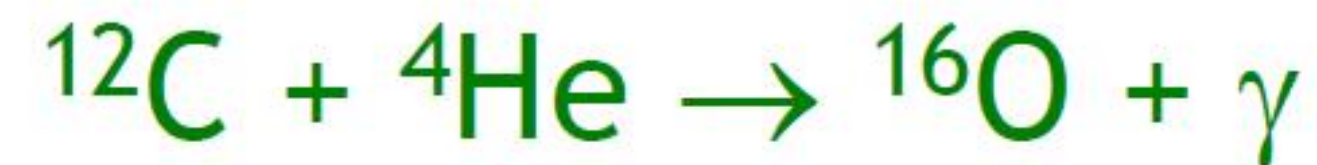
$T \sim 0.2$ billion Kelvin



Core He Burning

- Helium burns into ^{12}C via triple alpha:
- But ^4He can also fuse with ^{12}C :
- So **He decreases** and **C increases**..
- ..until **C decreases** and **O increases**...
- Final C/O depends on the rate of the $^{12}\text{C} + \alpha$ reaction.

AND density! (WHY)



time

Hydrogen Burning (${}^4\text{He}/{}^{14}\text{N}$)

Helium Burning ($\text{C}, \text{O}/{}^{18}\text{O}, {}^{22}\text{Ne}$)



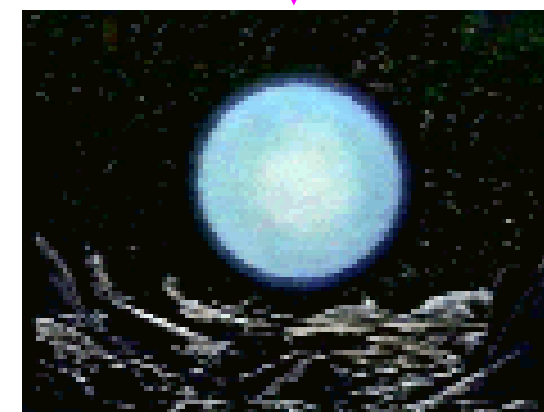
3- α process VS. *4- α process*

Carbon Burning ($\text{Ne}, \text{Mg}/\text{Na}$)

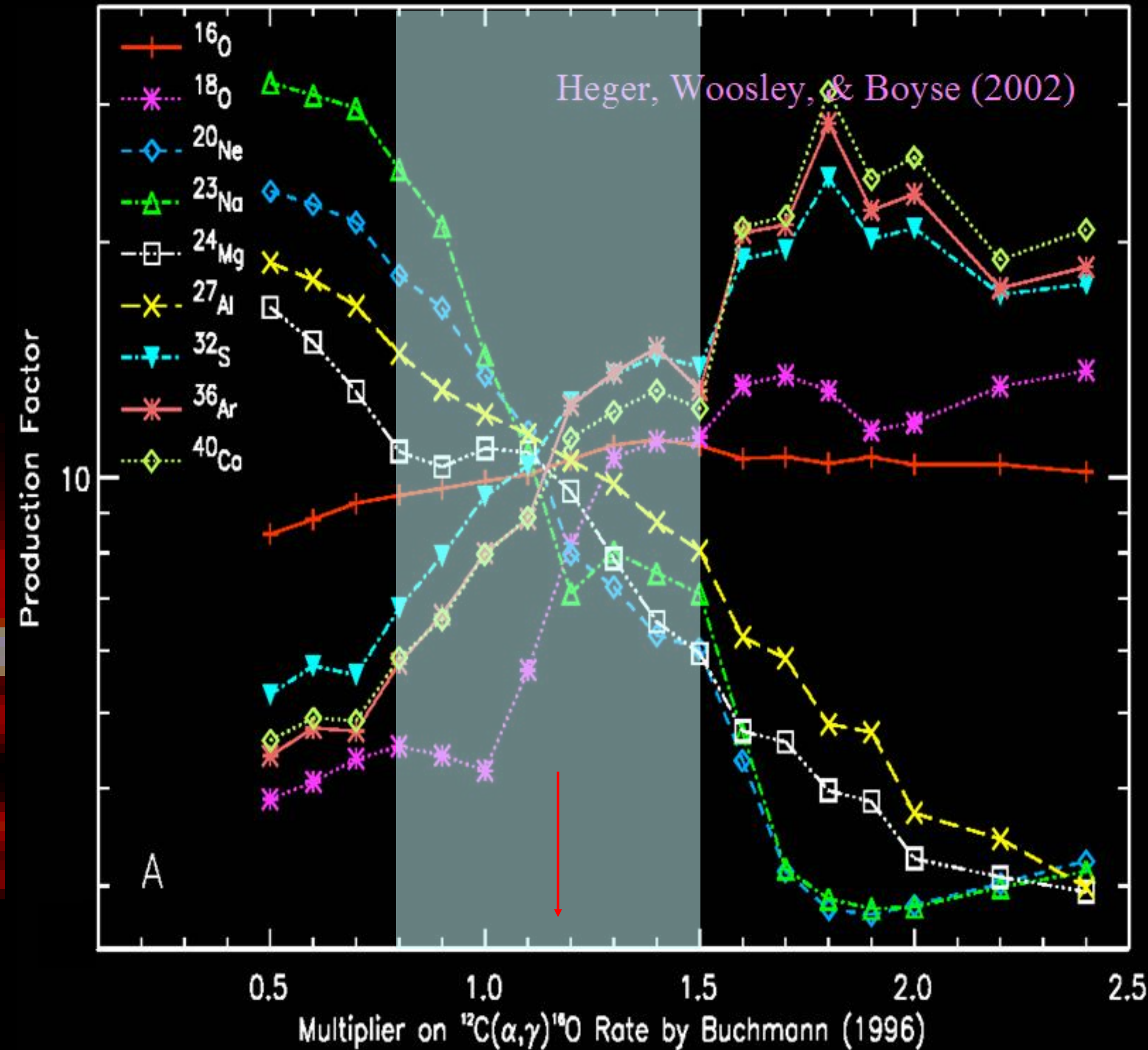
Neon Burning ($\text{O}, \text{Mg}/\text{Al}, \text{P}$)

Oxygen Burning ($\text{Si}, \text{S}/\text{Cl}, \text{Ar}, \text{K}, \text{Ca}$)

Silicon Burning ($\text{Fe}/\text{Ti}, \text{V}, \text{Cr}, \text{Mn}, \text{Co}, \text{Ni}$)

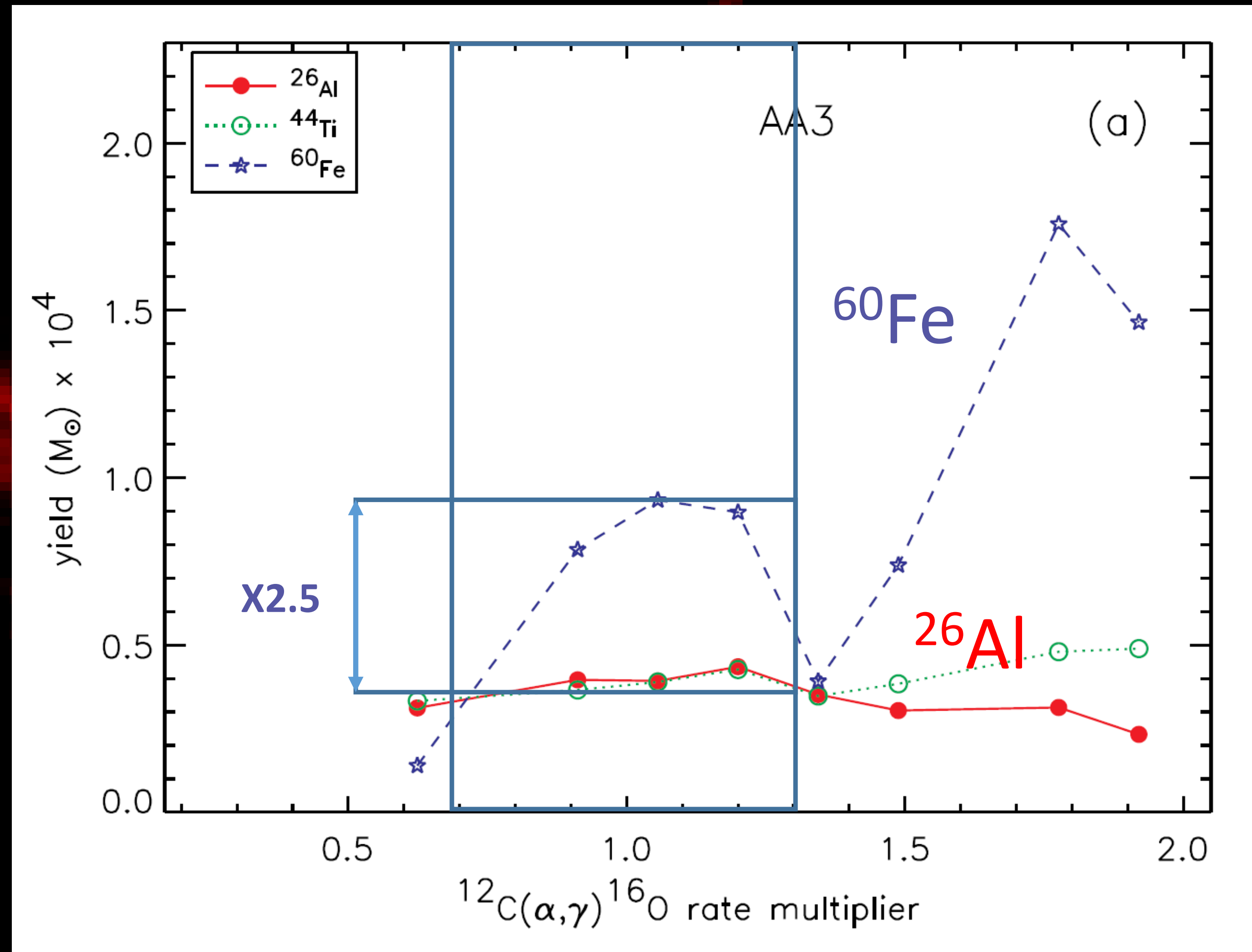
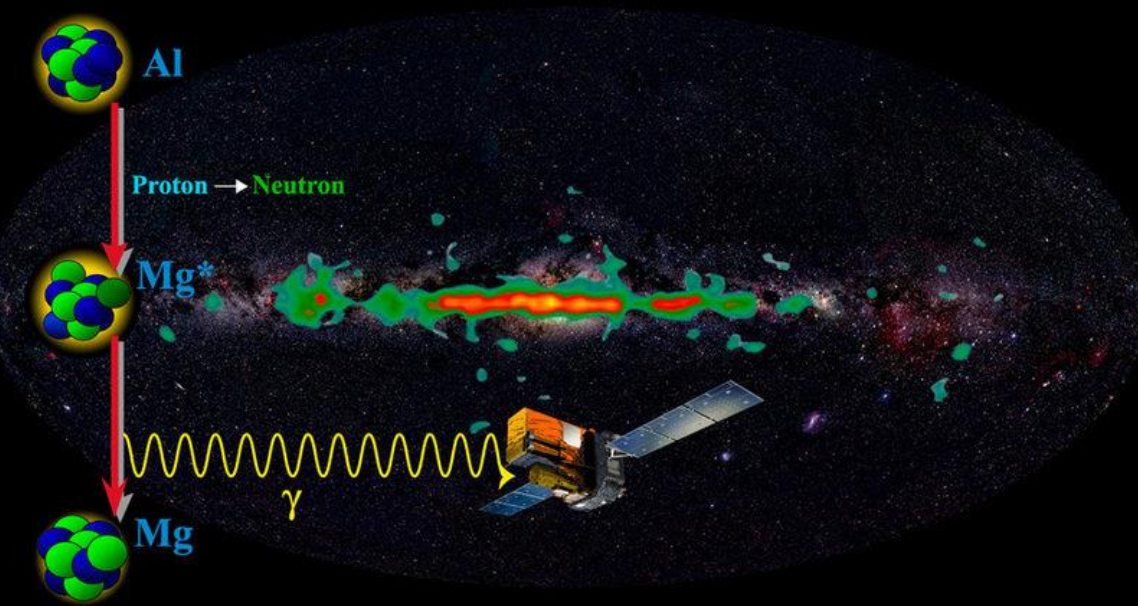


Impact on nucleosynthesis

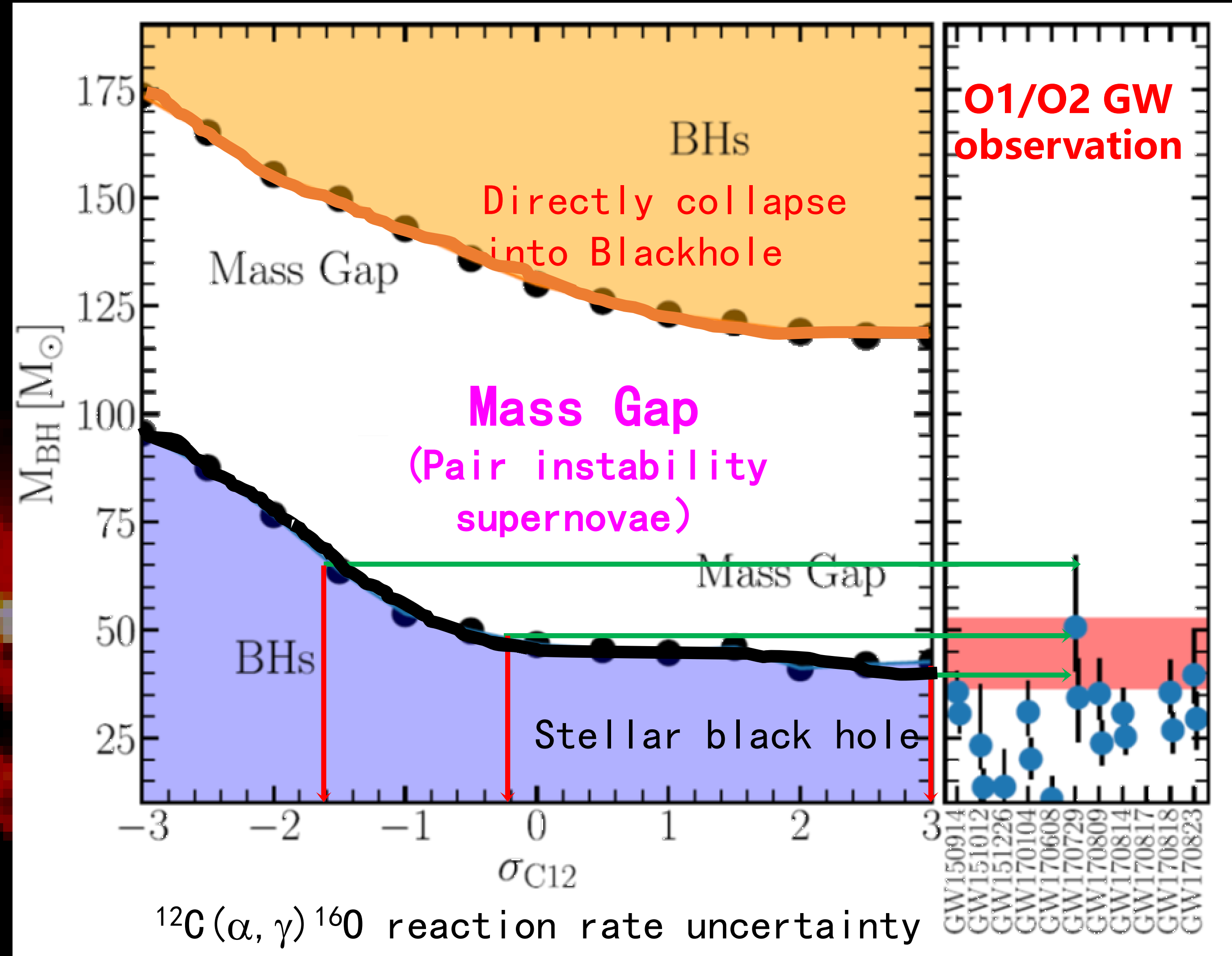
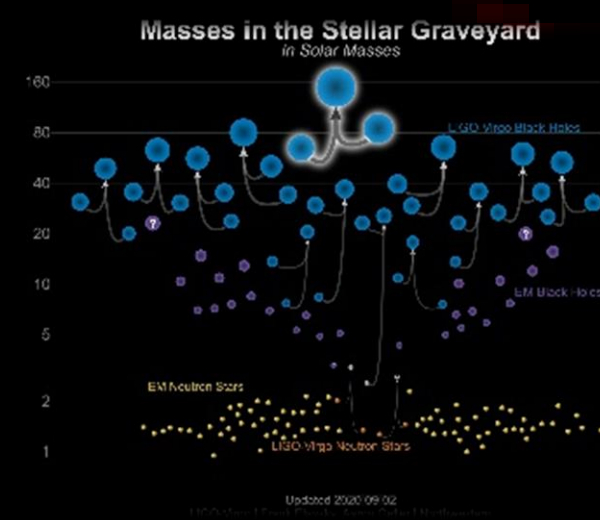
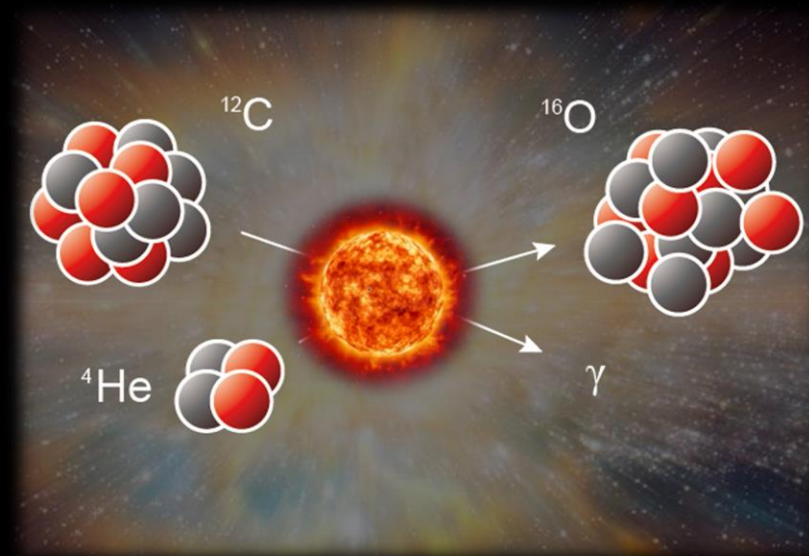


$S(300)=170 \text{ keVb}$

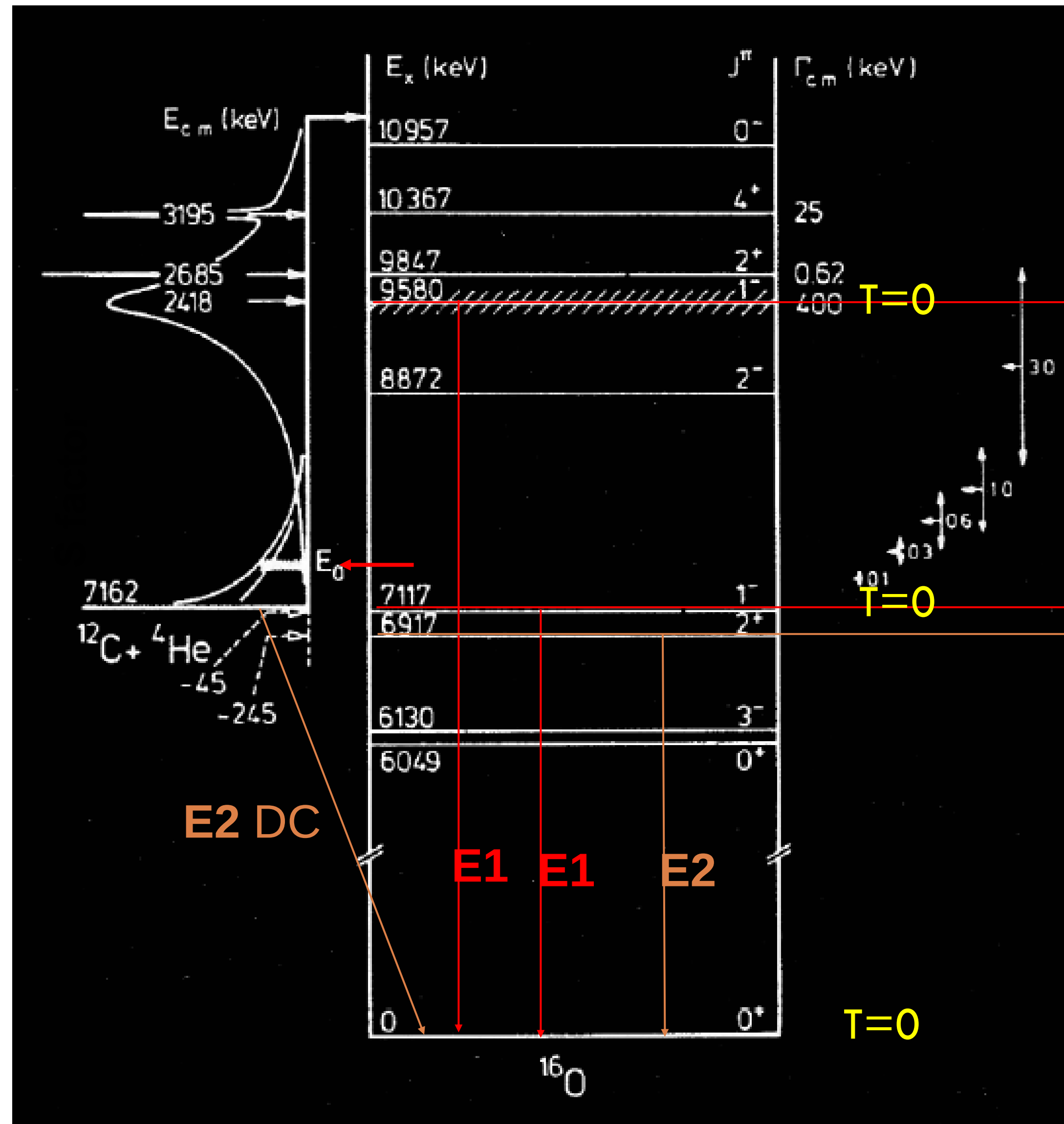
Impact on production of galactic radioactivity



Uncertainty Limits Prediction on Mass Gap of Black holes



Complicated reaction mechanism



- 3 resonances
- 1 direct capture

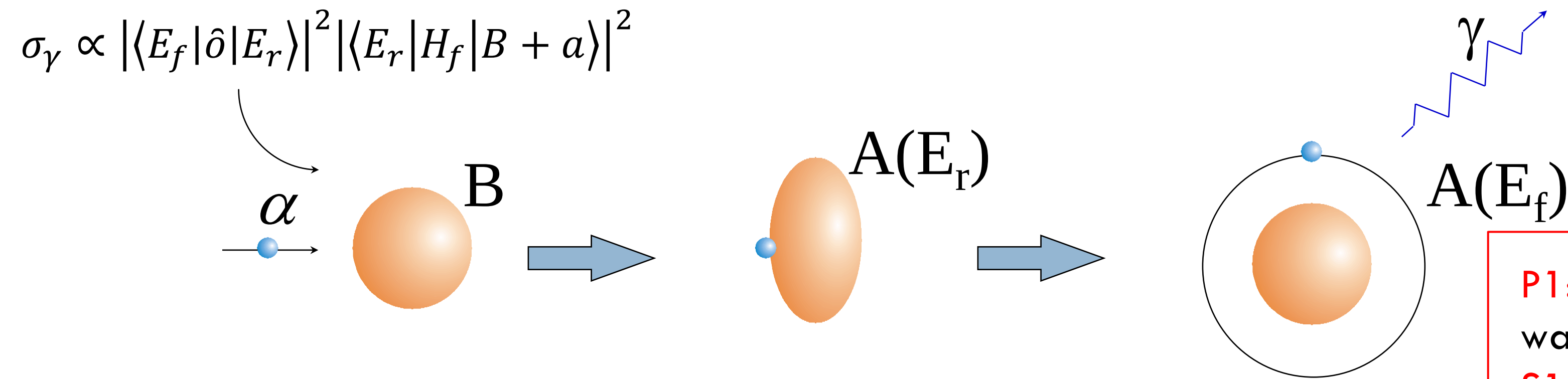
resonance
(high lying)

resonance
(sub threshold)

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(sub threshold)

Isospin selection rules suppress the E1 component of the ground state cross section, creating a unique situation where the E1 and E2 contributions are of nearly equal amplitudes.

Resonant Radiative capture



$$\sigma_{E1}(E) = \frac{6\pi}{k_\alpha^2} P_1 \left| \frac{\sum_{\lambda=1}^{q_1} \frac{\gamma_{\lambda 1} \Gamma_{\lambda \gamma}^{1/2}}{E_{\lambda 1} - E}}{1 - (S_1 - B_1 + iP_1)R_1} \right|^2$$

P1: Penetration factor of p-wave

S1: Shift function of p-wave

B1: Boundary condition of p-wave

P1, S1 and B1 can be calculated with Coulomb wave function at channel radius (a)

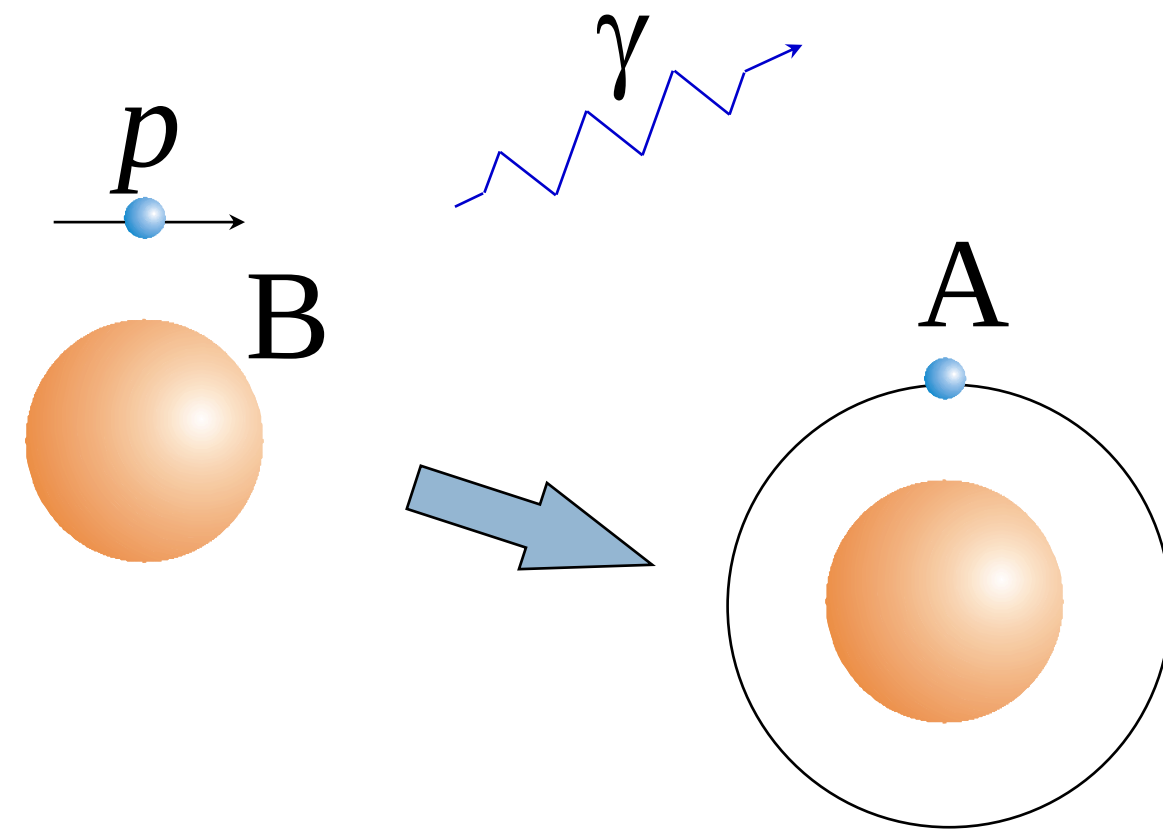
$$R_\ell(E) = \sum_{\lambda=1}^{q_\ell} \frac{\gamma_{\lambda \ell}^2}{E_{\lambda \ell} - E}$$

For sub-threshold states:

- Γ_γ is measured by gamma spectroscopy

- Particle width** $\gamma_\alpha^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 R_c}{2\mu} S_\alpha \phi(R_c)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu R_c} \tilde{C}^2 \tilde{W}(R_c)^2$, Asymptotic Normalization Coefficient (ANC)

Direct Radiative proton capture



$$\sigma_{\gamma} \propto |\langle A | \hat{o} | B + p \rangle|^2$$

$$\sigma \propto |M|^2 \quad [S(E) = E e^{2\pi\eta} \sigma]$$

M is:

$$M = \left\langle \phi_A(\xi_B, \xi_p, \xi_{Bp}) \left| \hat{O}(r_{Bp}) \right| \phi_B(\xi_B) \phi_p(\xi_p) \psi_i^{(+)}(r_{Bp}) \right\rangle$$

Integrate over ξ :

$$M = \left\langle I_{Bp}^A(r_{Bp}) \left| \hat{O}(r_{Bp}) \right| \psi_i^{(+)}(r_{Bp}) \right\rangle$$

Initial scattering state:
Hard sphere wave function

Low B.E.:

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

Find:

$$\sigma_{\text{capture}} \propto (C_{Bp}^A)^2$$

Asymptotic Normalization
Coefficient (ANC)

R-Matrix with Asymptotic Normalization Coefficient

???

$$\sigma \propto \left| M_{DC} \pm i e^{-i\phi} \frac{\Gamma_p^{1/2} \Gamma_\gamma^{1/2}}{(E - E_R) + i\Gamma/2} \right|^2$$

$$M_{DC} \propto C_{lj} \quad \Gamma_p \propto (C_{lj})^2$$

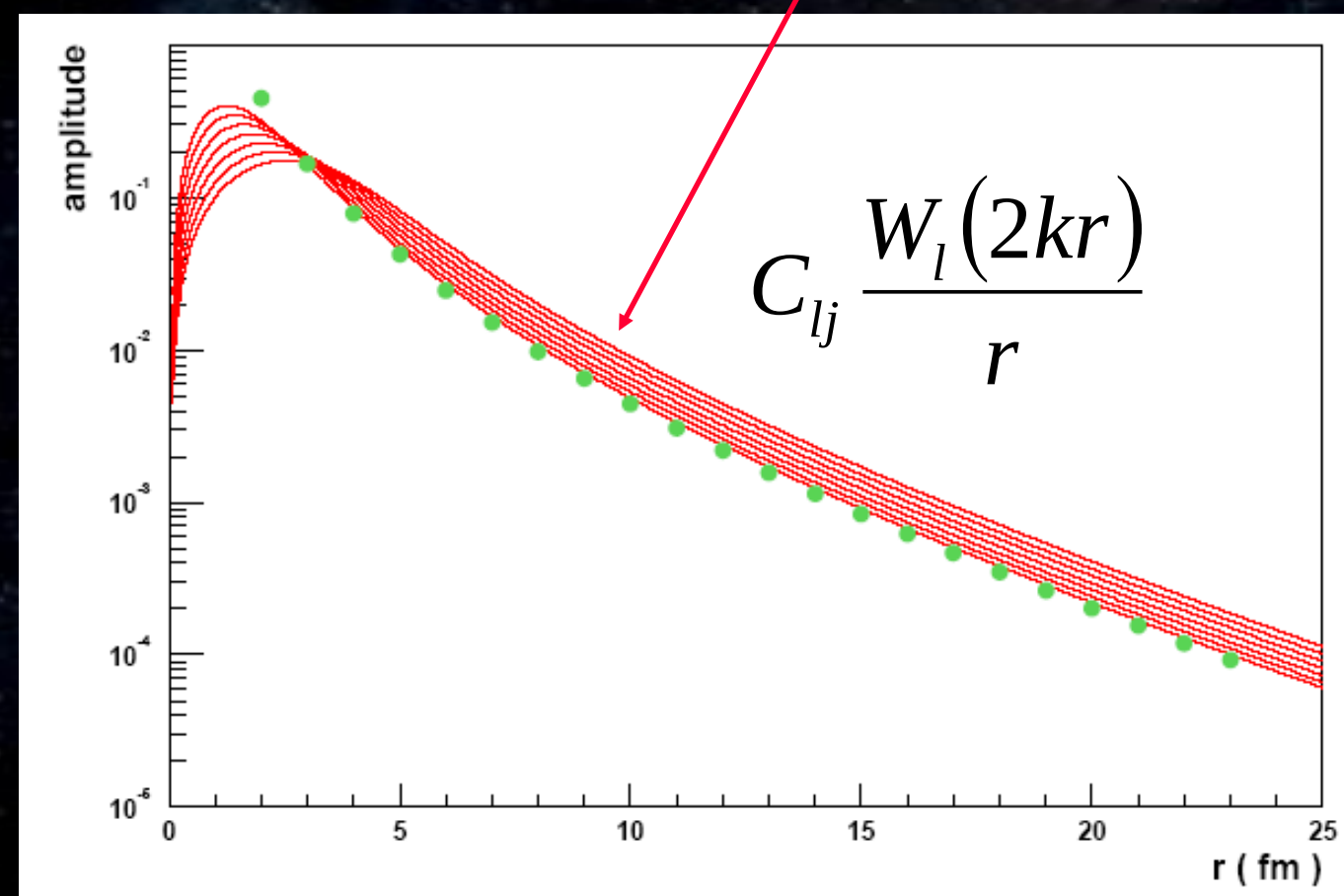
Nucleus interior

For narrow resonance:

$$\Gamma_p \ll \Gamma_\gamma, \quad \omega\gamma = \omega\Gamma_p$$

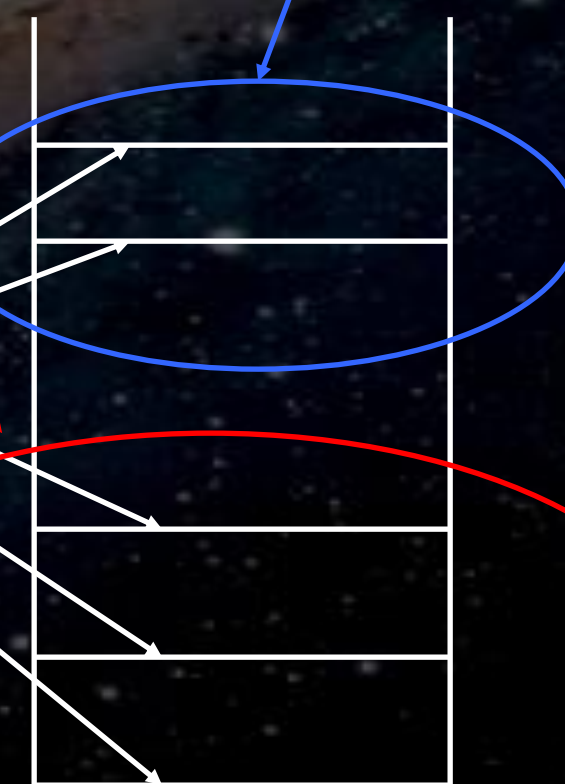
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Bound state wave-function ($E_b < 0$)

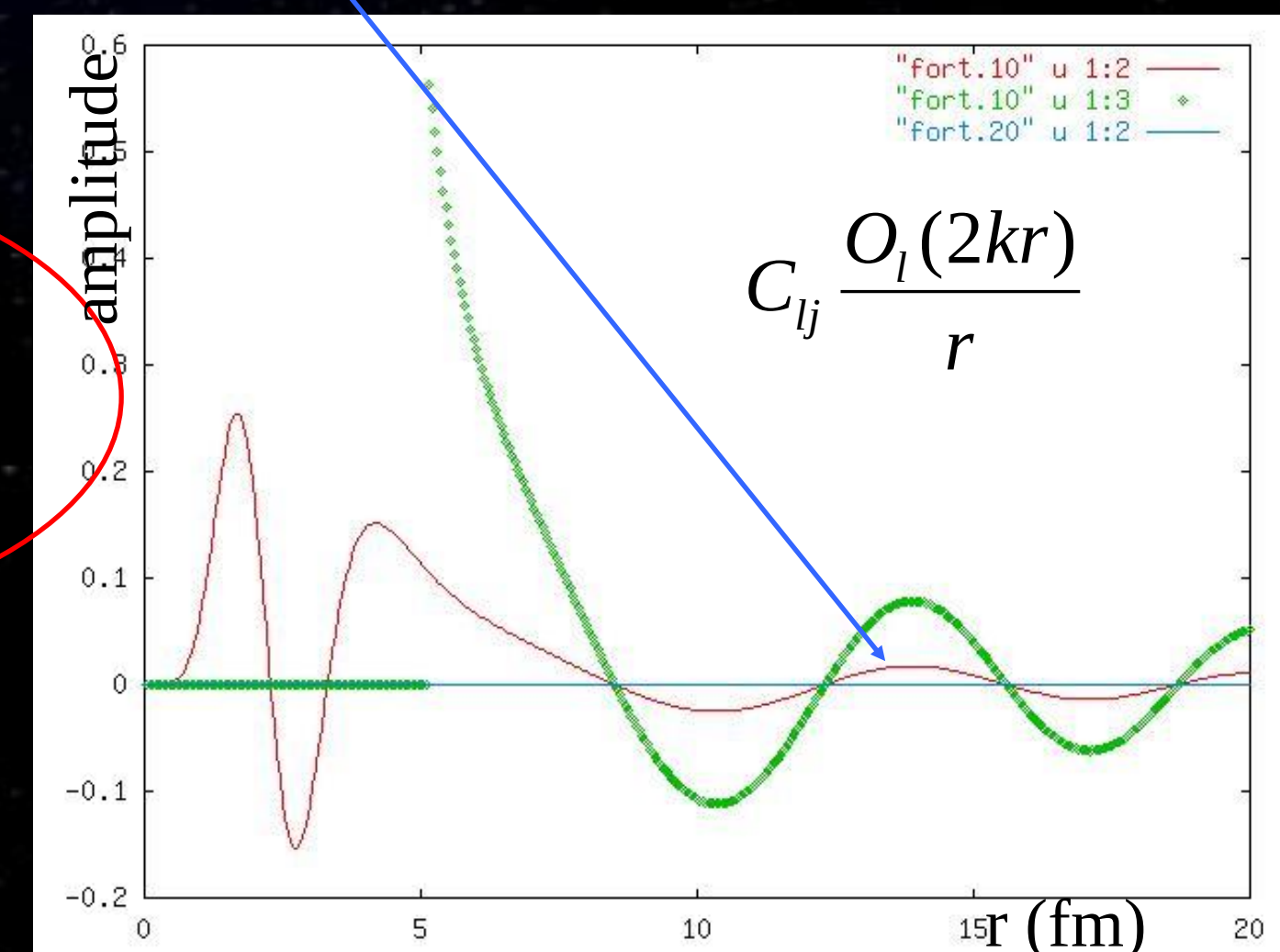


p+B

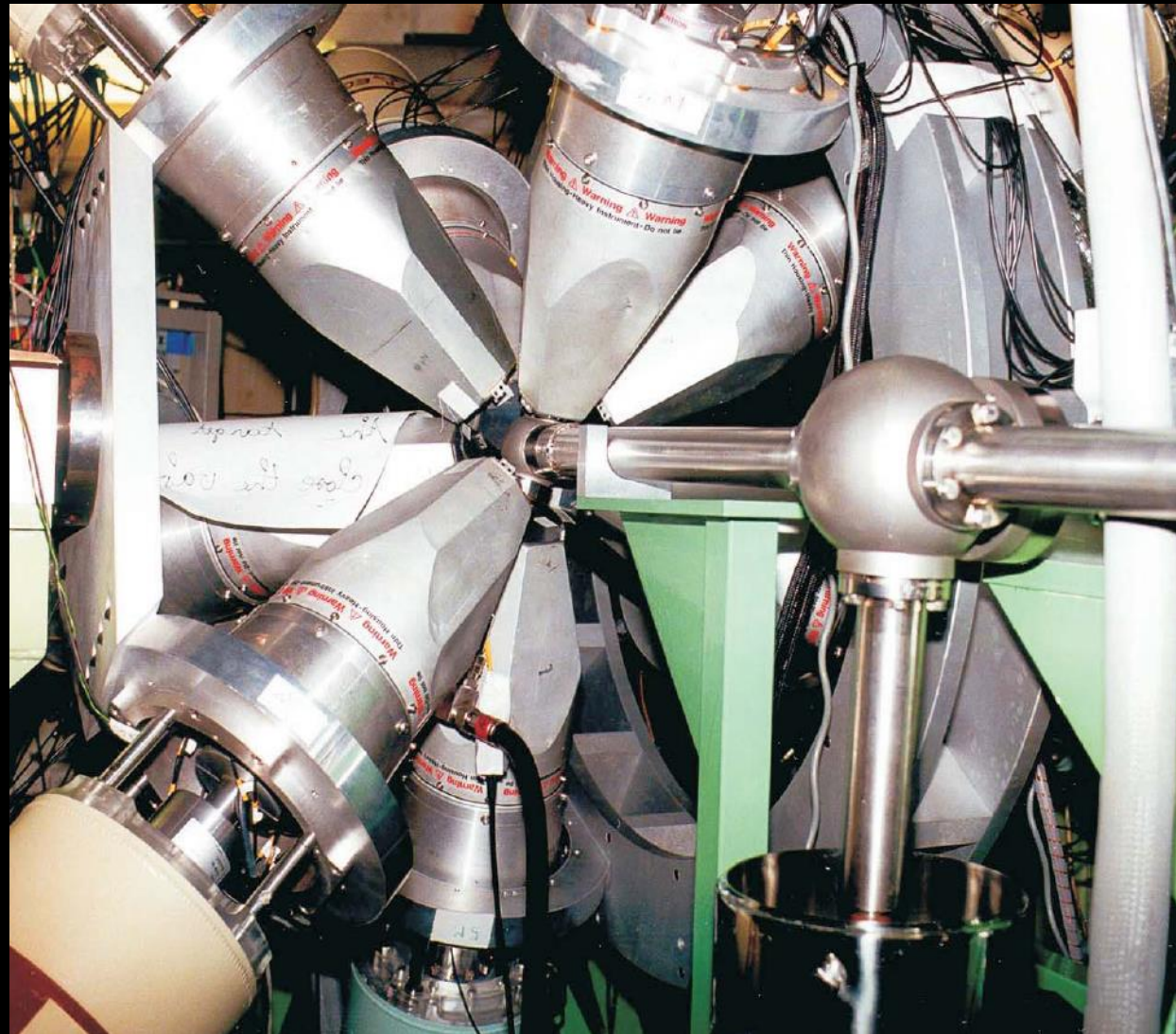
$A(p+B)$



Quasi-bound state wave-function ($E_b > 0$)

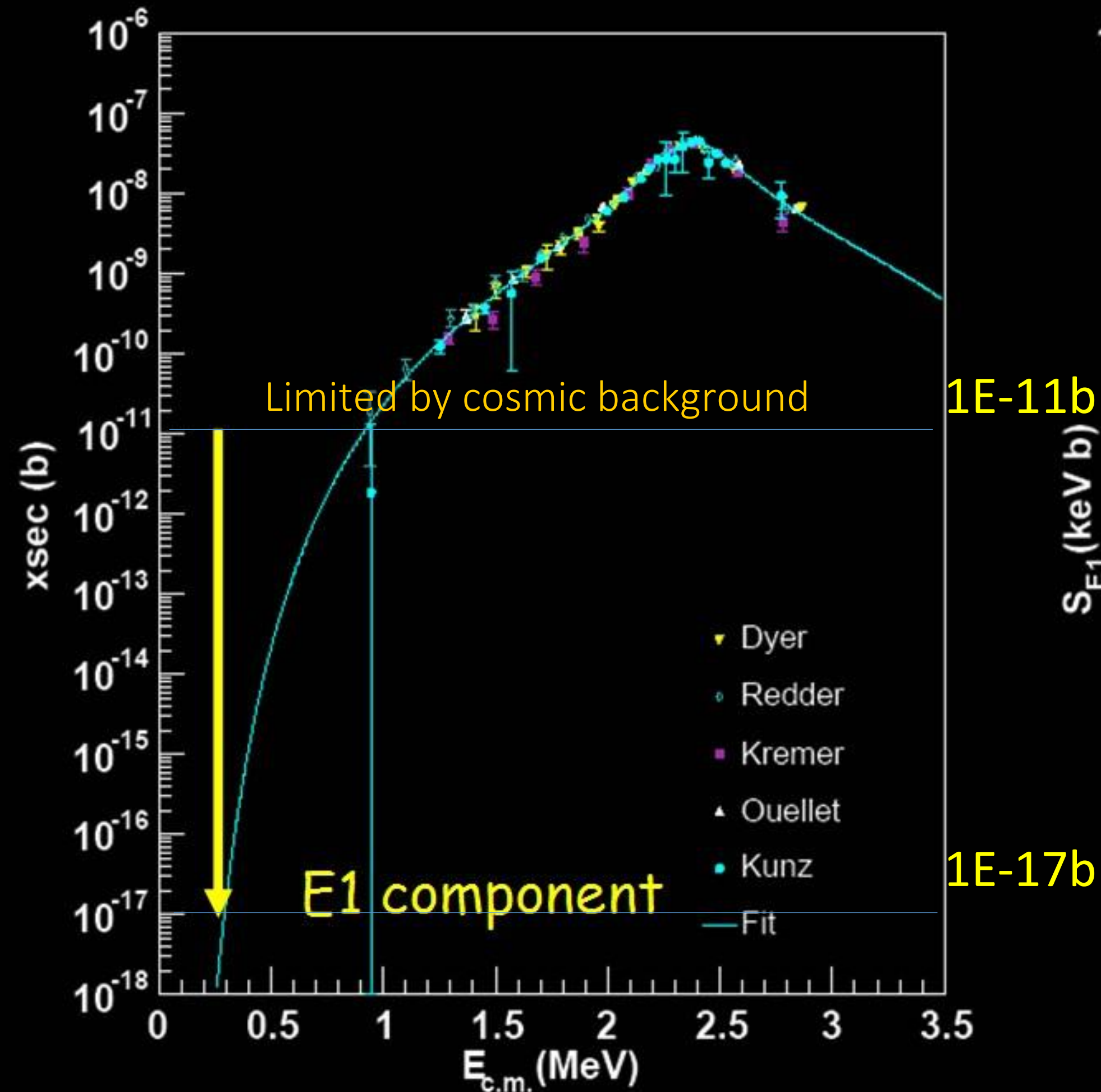


Direct measurement of $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ (1974-)

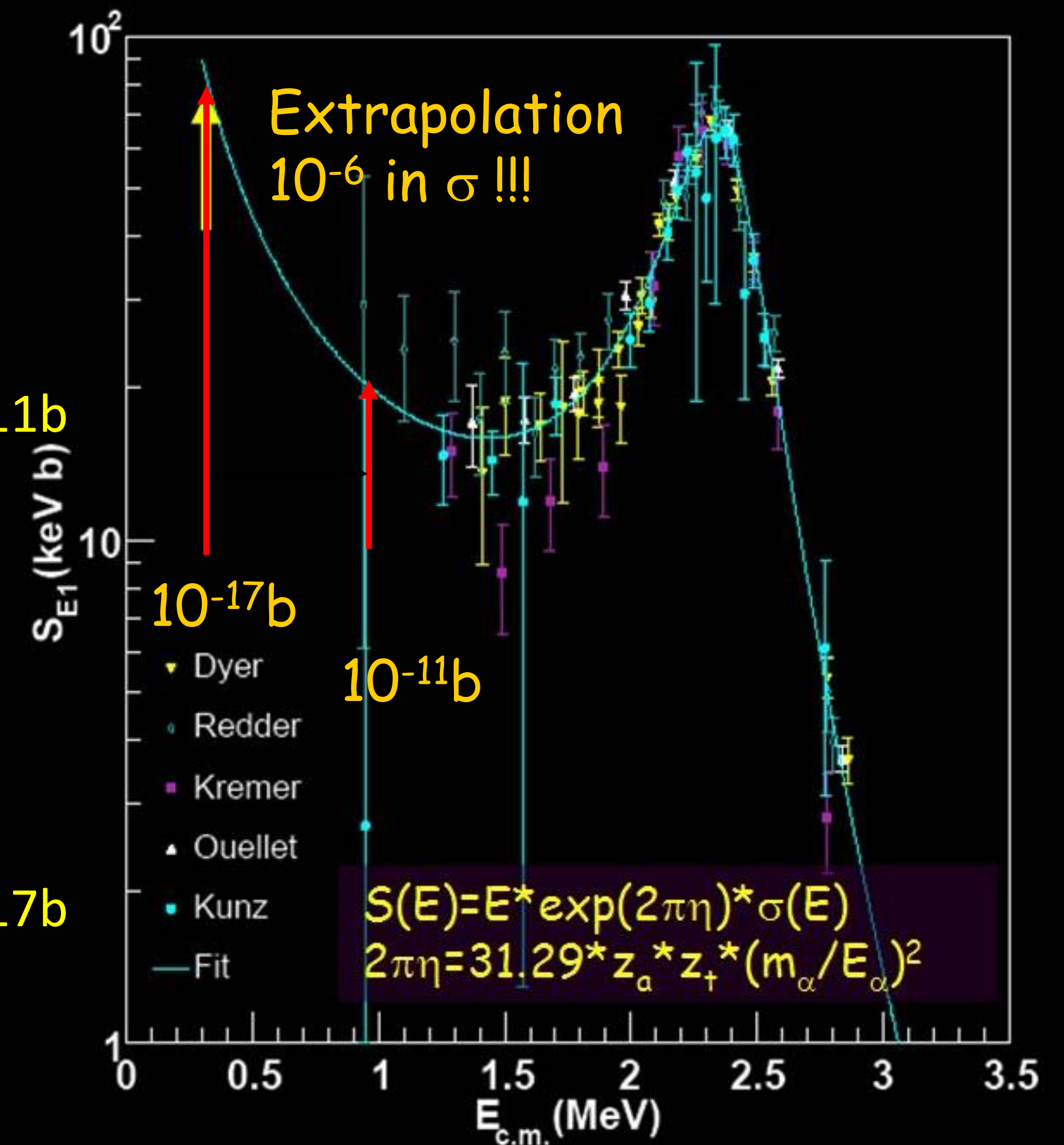


Setup at University
of Stuttgart

From Dr. Hammer



1 barn = 10^{-24} cm^2



Experimental and theoretical nuclear astrophysics: the quest for the origin of the elements*

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Ad astra per aspera et per ludum



TABLE I.

DEFINITION OF THE S FACTOR (BETHE, 1967) AS A FUNCTION OF REACTION ENERGY (E)

$$\sigma(E) = \pi\lambda^2 \times P \times \text{INTRINSIC NUCLEAR FACTOR}$$

$$\pi\lambda^2 \propto E^{-1} \quad \lambda = \text{DE BROGLIE WAVELENGTH}/2\pi$$

$$P(E) = \text{GAMOW PENETRATION FACTOR}$$

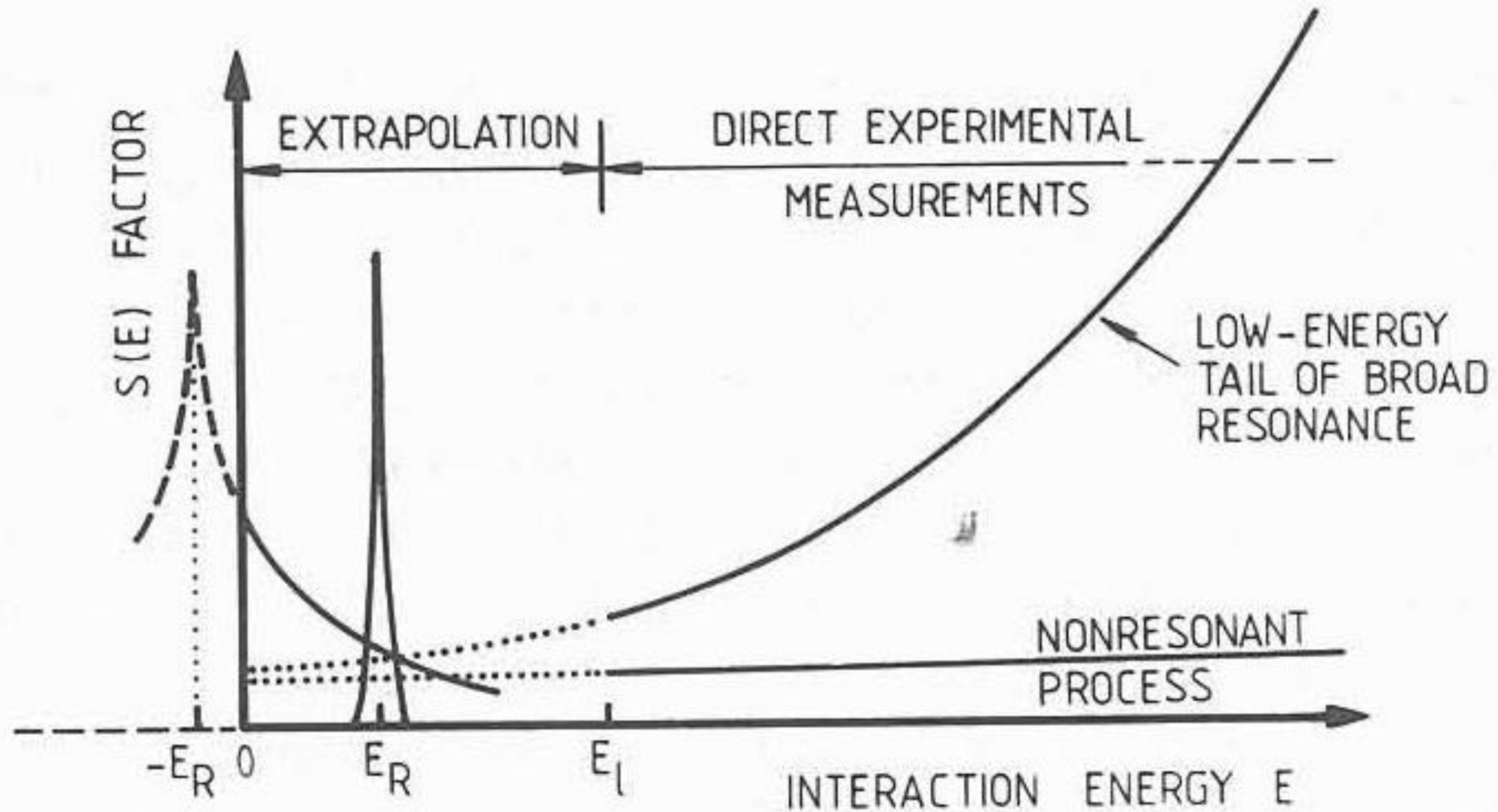
$$\propto \exp(-E_G^{1/2}/E^{1/2}) \quad E_G \approx Z_0^2 Z_1^2 A \text{ MeV}$$

$$S(E) \equiv E\sigma(E) \exp(+E_G^{1/2}/E^{1/2})$$

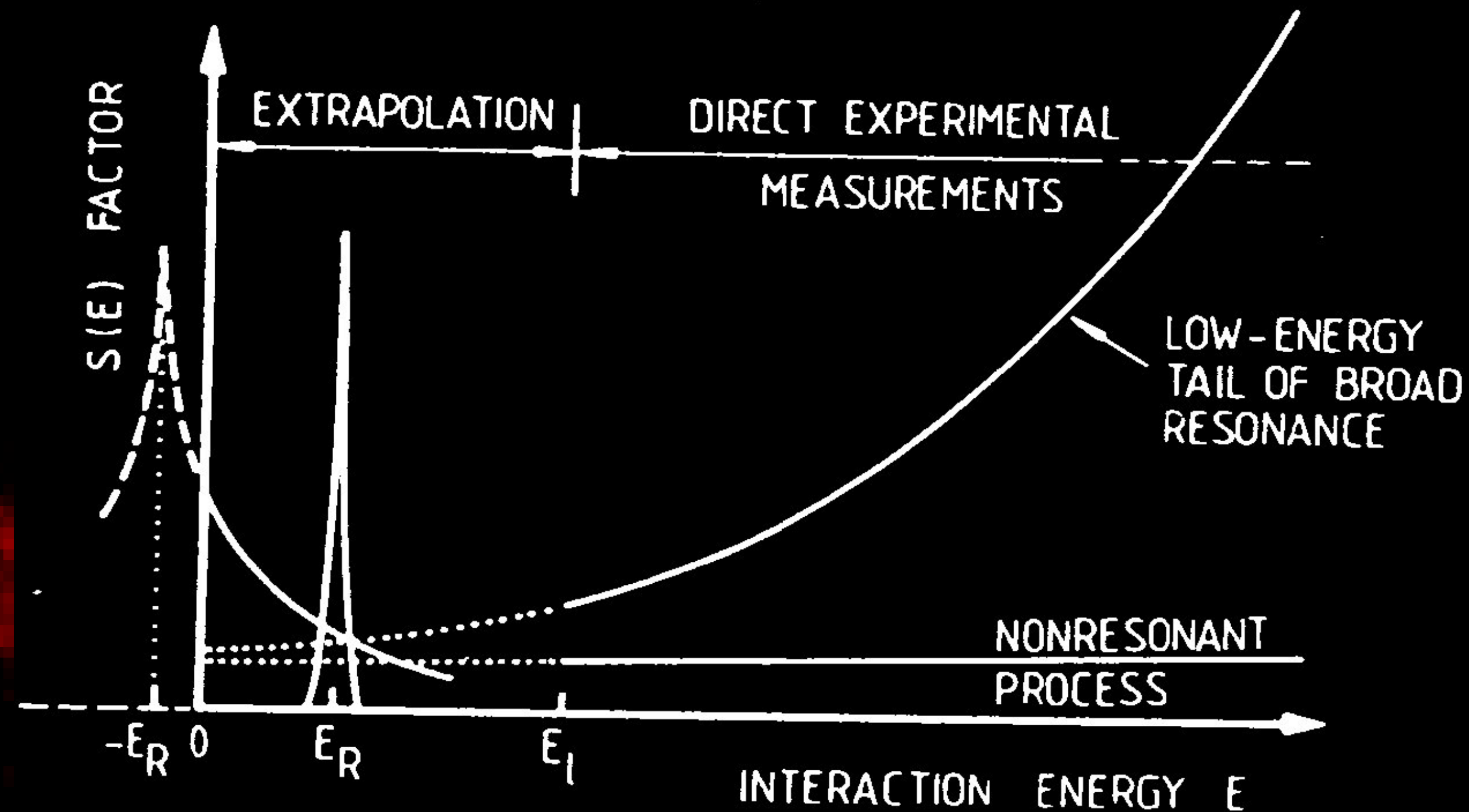
$$S(E) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PERMITS MORE PRECISE EXTRAPOLATION FROM} \\ \text{LOWEST ENERGY MEASUREMENTS IN LABORATORY} \\ \text{TO VERY LOW EFFECTIVE STELLAR ENERGIES} \end{array} \right.$$

← s-wave !

Challenging extrapolation

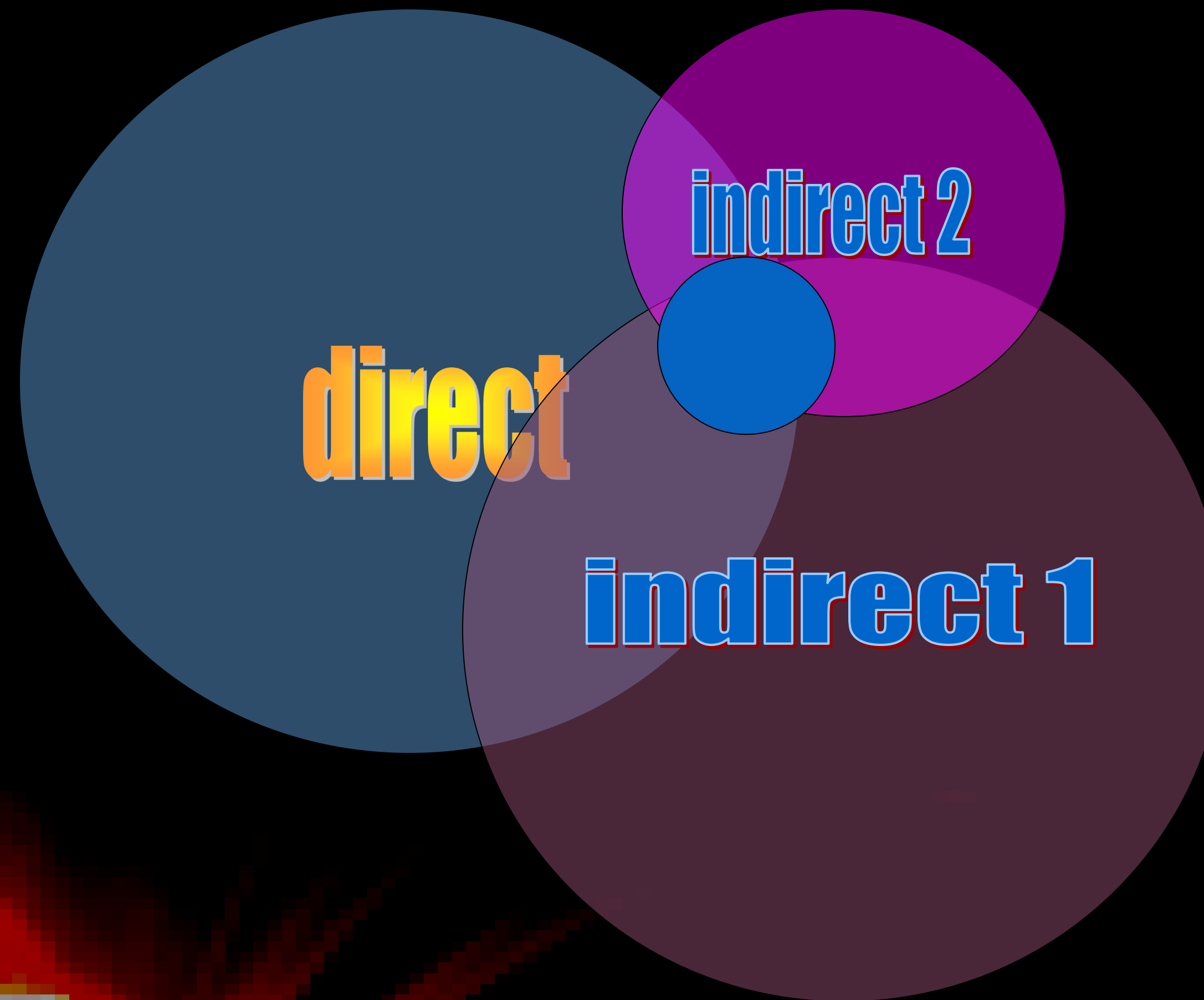


Approaching the stellar energies



- Better experimental technologies, lower energies
- Hard to reach stellar energy regions, especially for RNB
- Extrapolation is inevitable for most cases

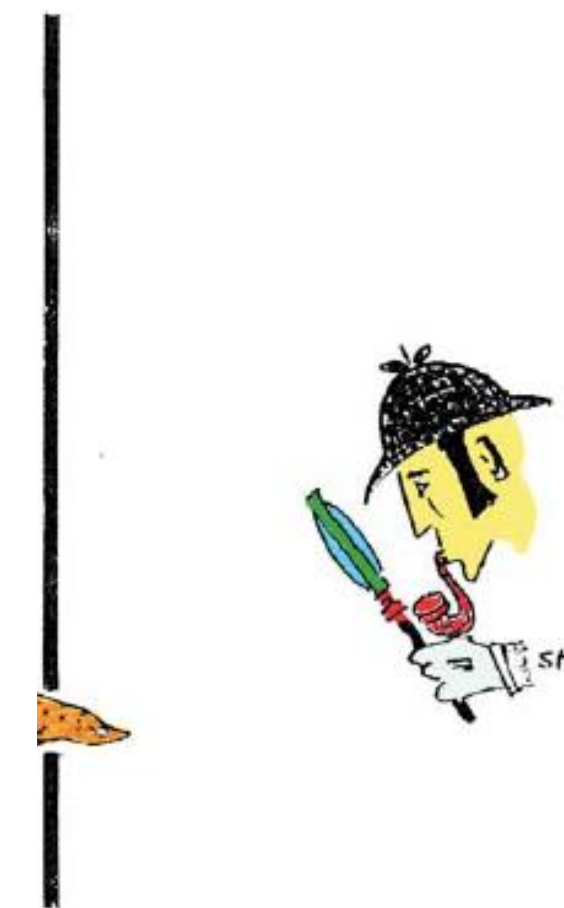
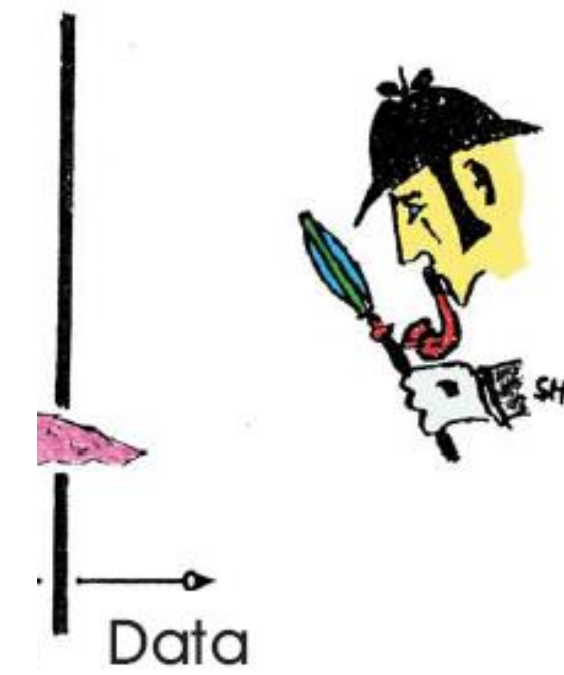
Direct + Indirect



Reduce the overall uncertainty by combining various approaches, with assurance that systematic uncertainties are independent.

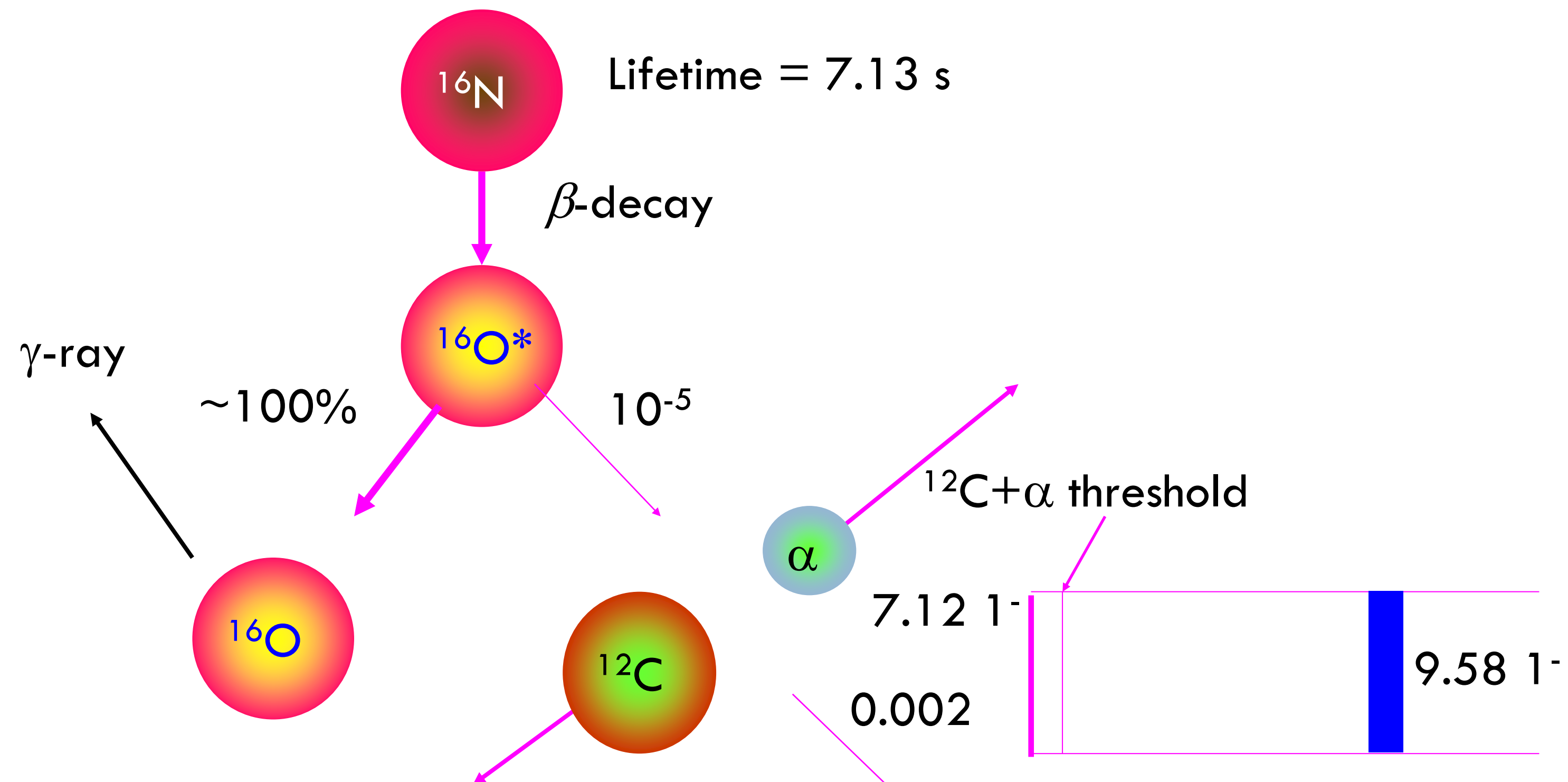
The case of subthreshold resonances

detective
work

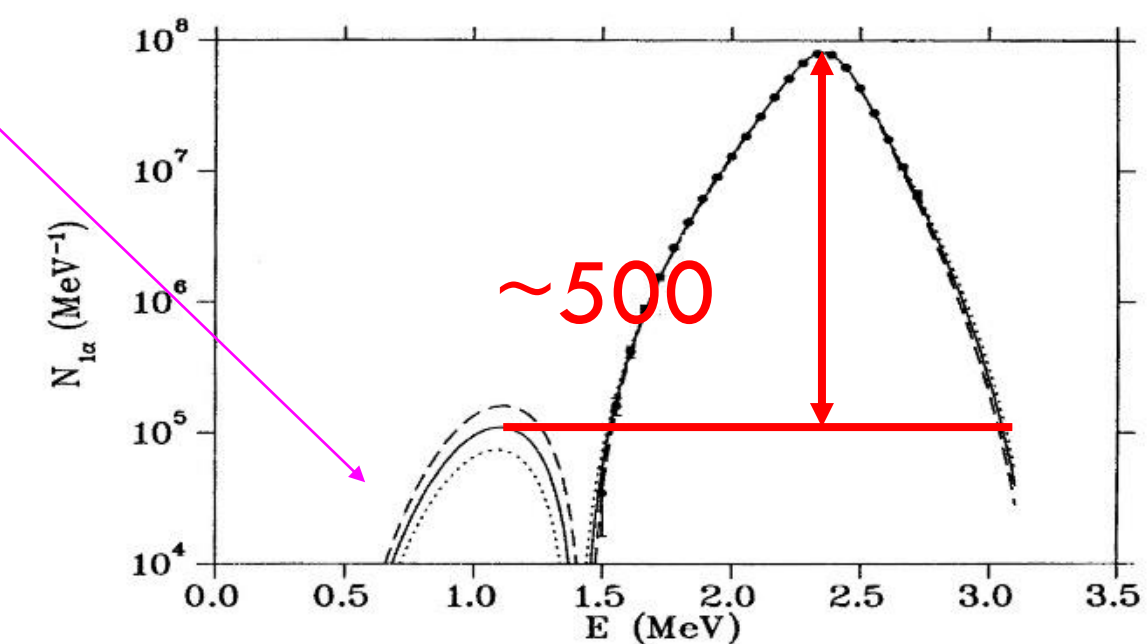


By C. Rolf

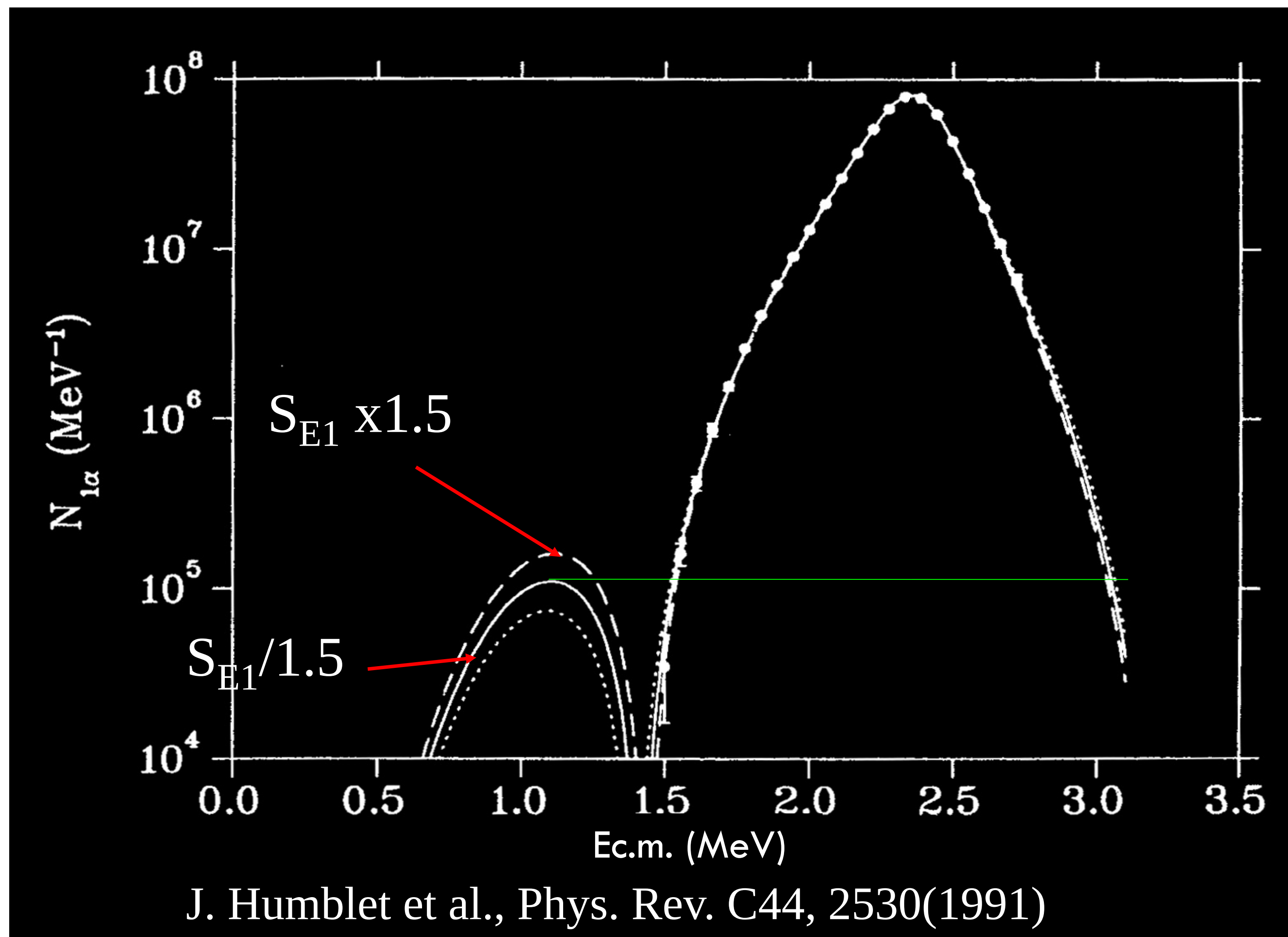
^{16}N β -delayed α decay

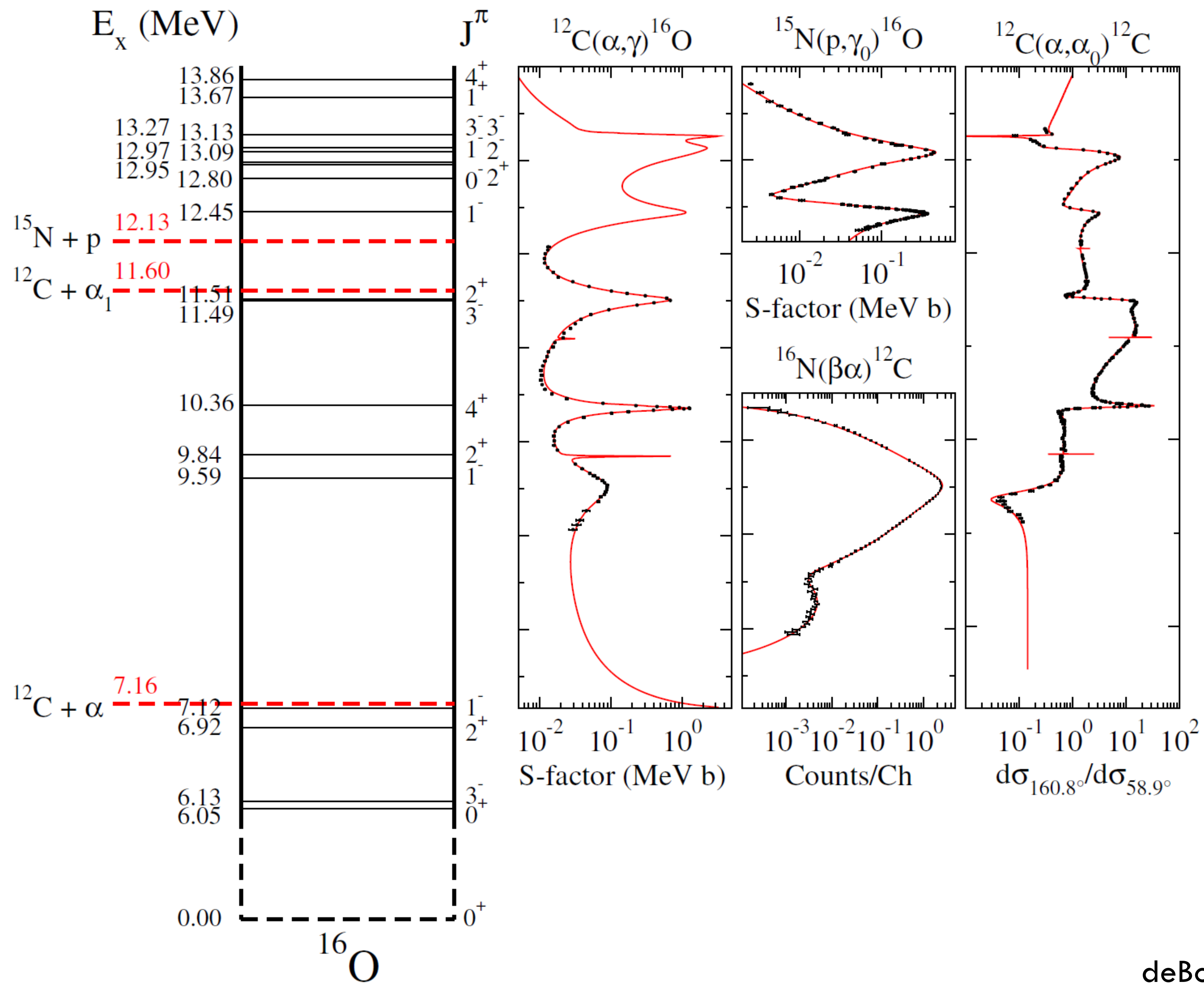


Baye & Descouvemont predicted the interference peak in 1988 !!!
NPA458(1988)445



Interference between the allowed and subthreshold
1⁻ states in the ¹⁶N β delayed α decay.





Subthreshold resonance:

From $^{12}\text{C}(^6\text{Li},d)^{16}\text{O}$ to $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$

$$C_i^2 = \frac{2\mu a}{\hbar^2 W^2(a)} \left(\frac{\gamma_i^2}{1 + \gamma_i^2 \frac{dS}{dE}} \right),$$

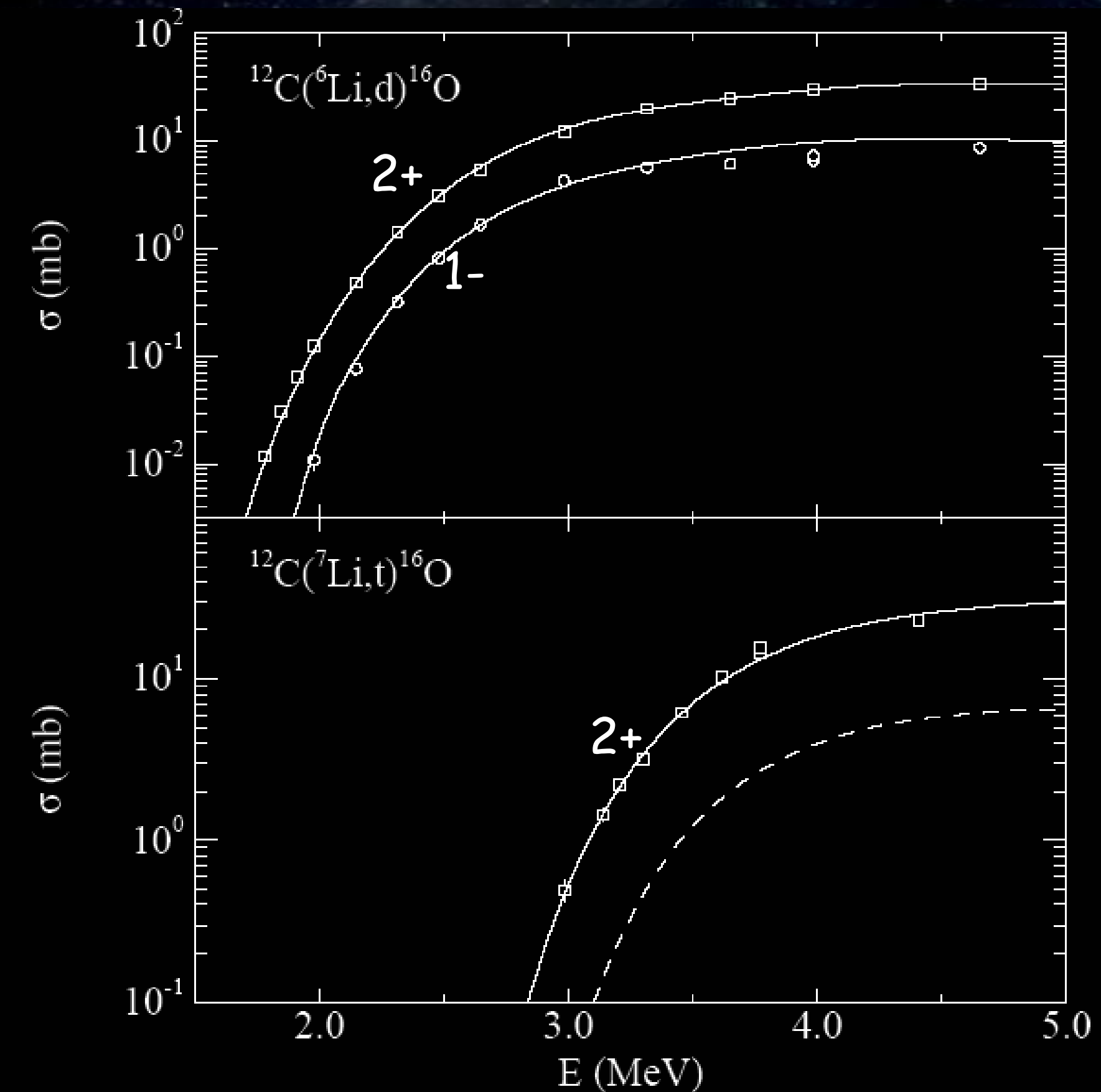
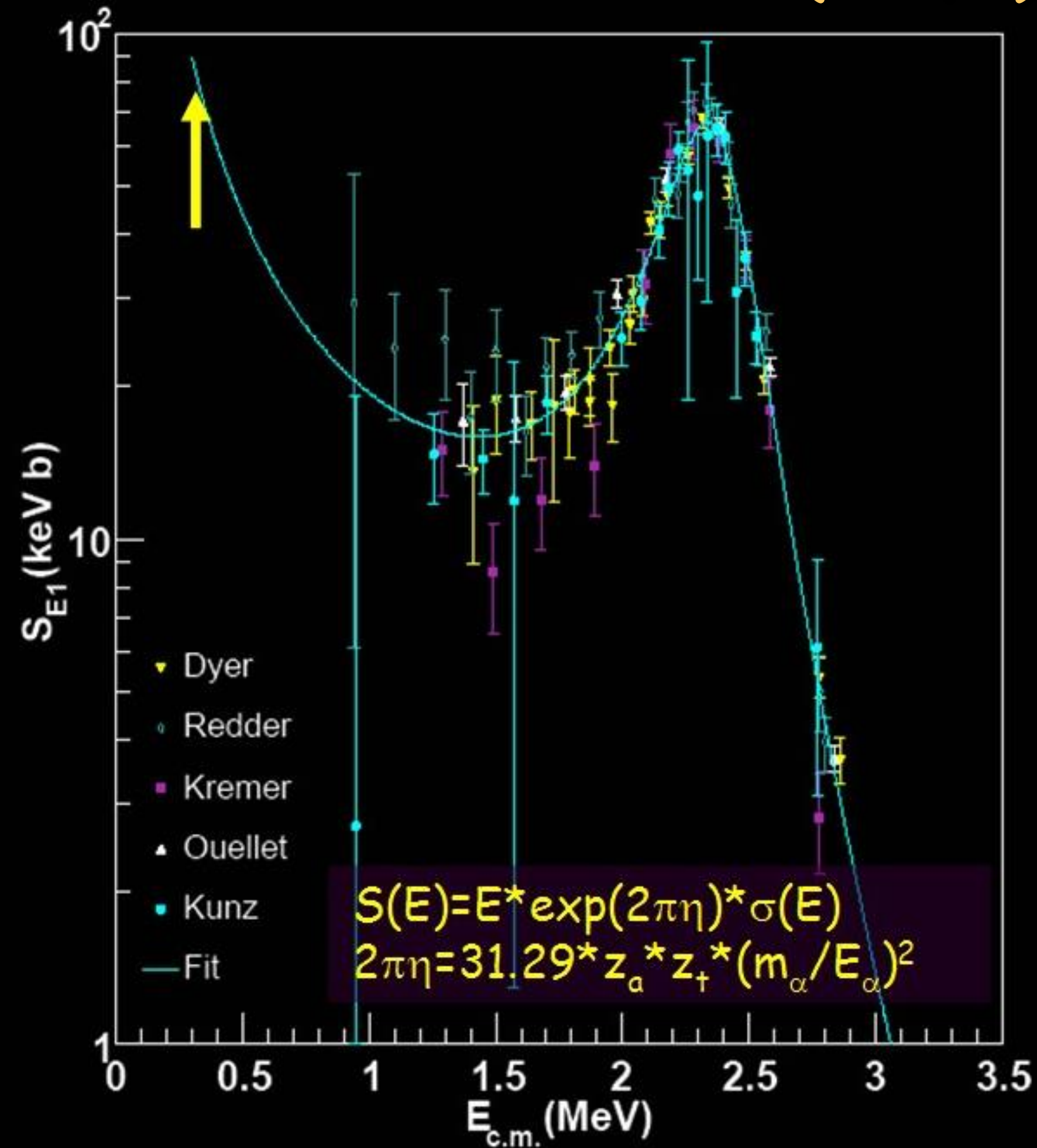
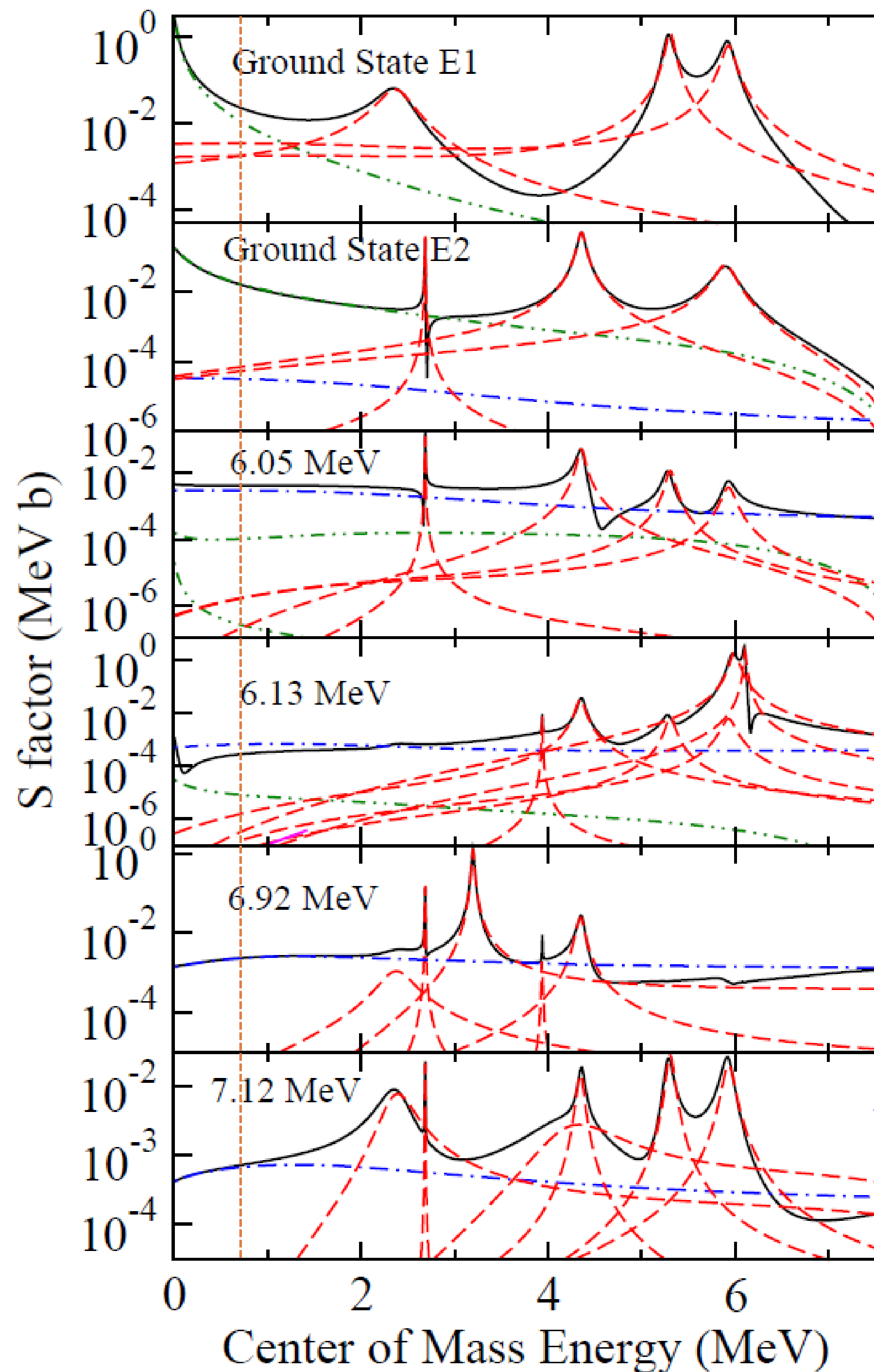


FIG. 2. Total cross sections measured using ^6Li (upper panel) and ^7Li (lower panel) beams for the 6.92-MeV 2^+ state of ^{16}O ($\square$) and the 7.12-MeV 1^- state ($\circ$, ^6Li beam only). The solid curves are DWBA calculations normalized to the data; the dashed curve is described in the text.



Critical alpha widths (or ANCs) below the thresholds

J^π	E_x (MeV)	Γ_α (keV) / ANC ($\text{fm}^{-1/2}$)	Γ_{γ_0} (meV)
0^+	0	58	
0^+	6.05	1560	
2^+	6.92	1.14×10^5	97
1^-	7.12	2.08×10^{14}	55
1^-	9.586	382	-15
2^+	11.5055	83	-490

- 6.05 MeV, 6.13 MeV, 6.92 MeV, 7.12 MeV:
Sub-barrier transfer reaction: ($^6\text{Li}, d$), ($^7\text{Li}, t$) [Brune 1999, Avila 2015]
- 7.12 MeV:
 ^{16}N beta delayed alpha decay: [Azuma 1994, Zhao 1993, Tang2010]
- Ground state:
Above-barrier transfer reaction: ($^{11}\text{B}, ^7\text{Li}$) [Y.P. Shen 2021]

Red dashed lines: individual resonance contributions

blue dashed-dot lines: direct capture

Green dashed-dot-dot lines: subthreshold contributions

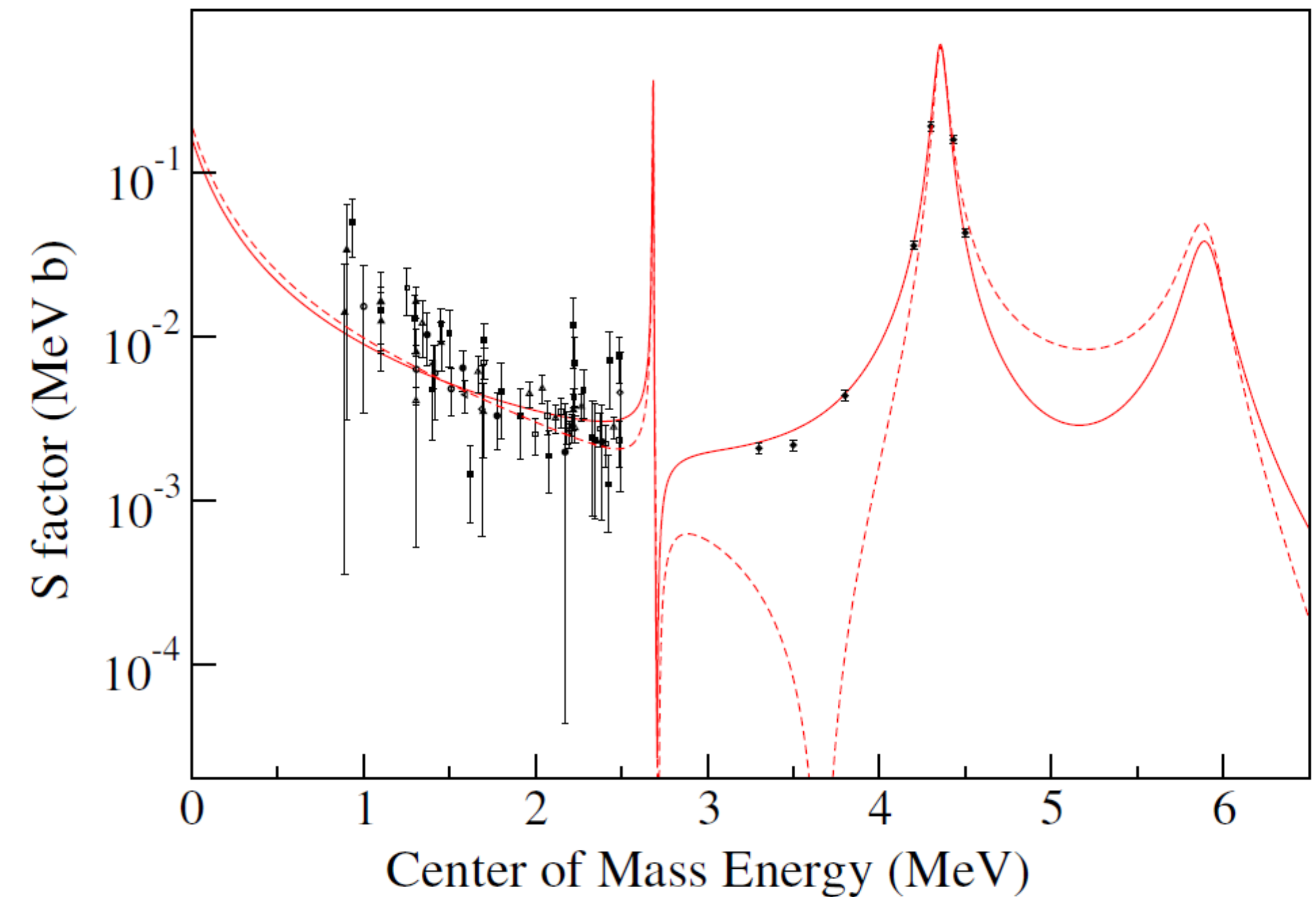
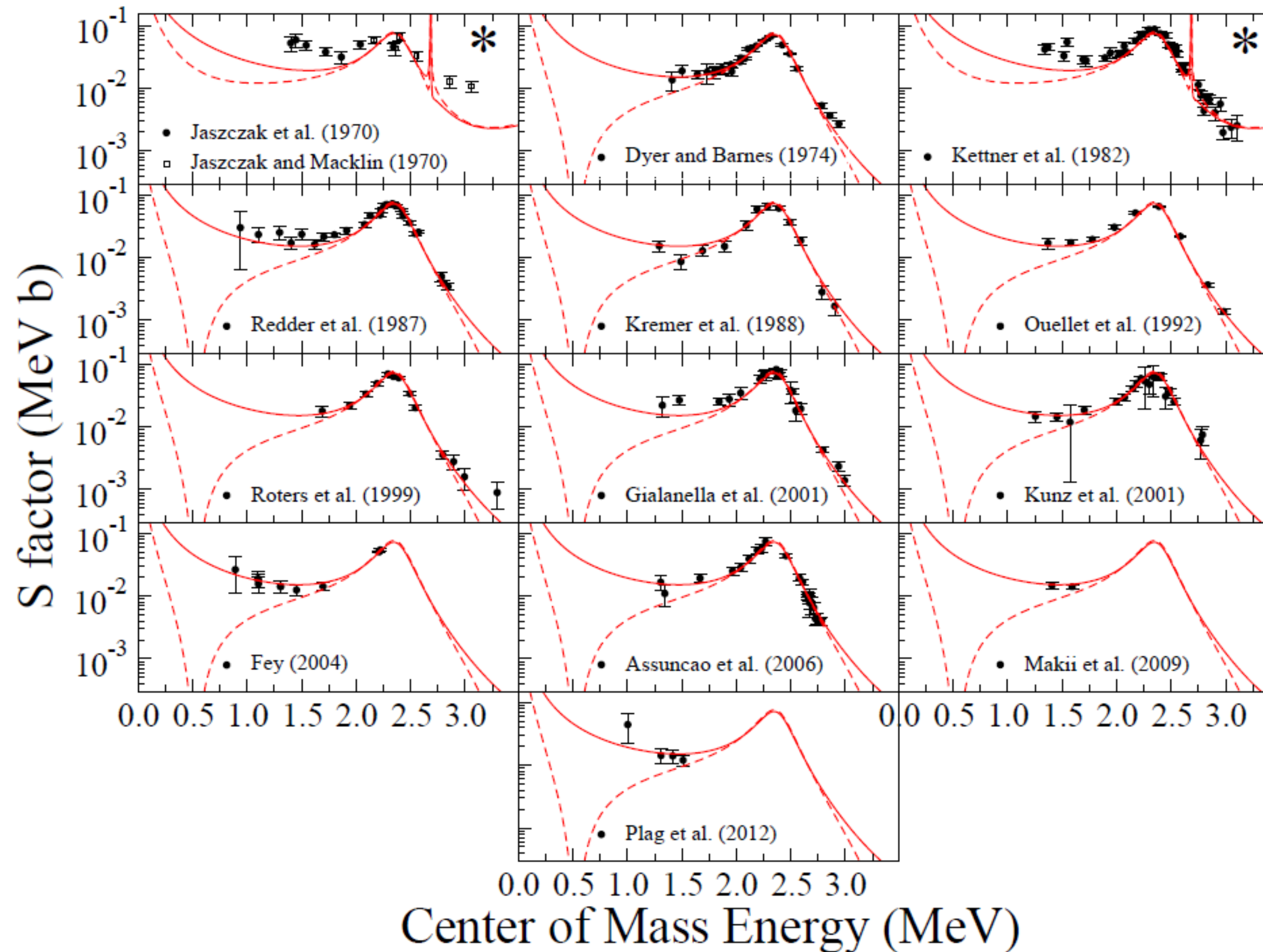
Solid black lines: the total with interferences included

Another complication: Interference

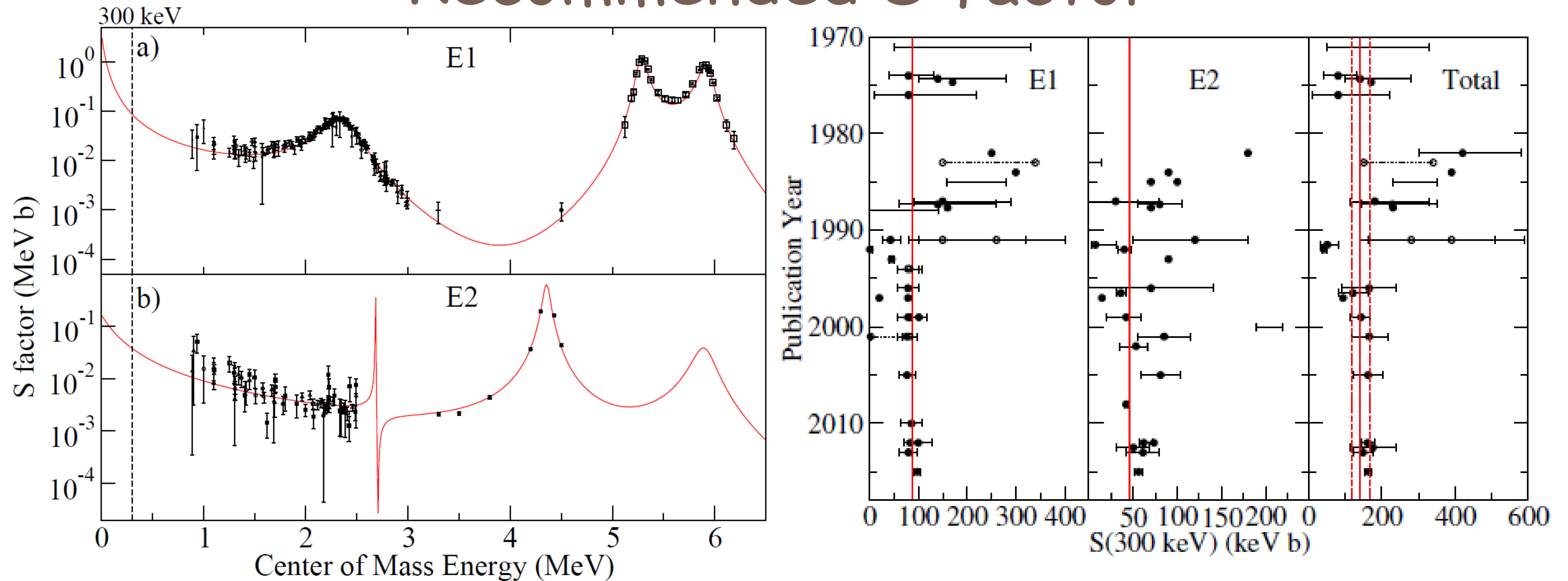
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E1

E2



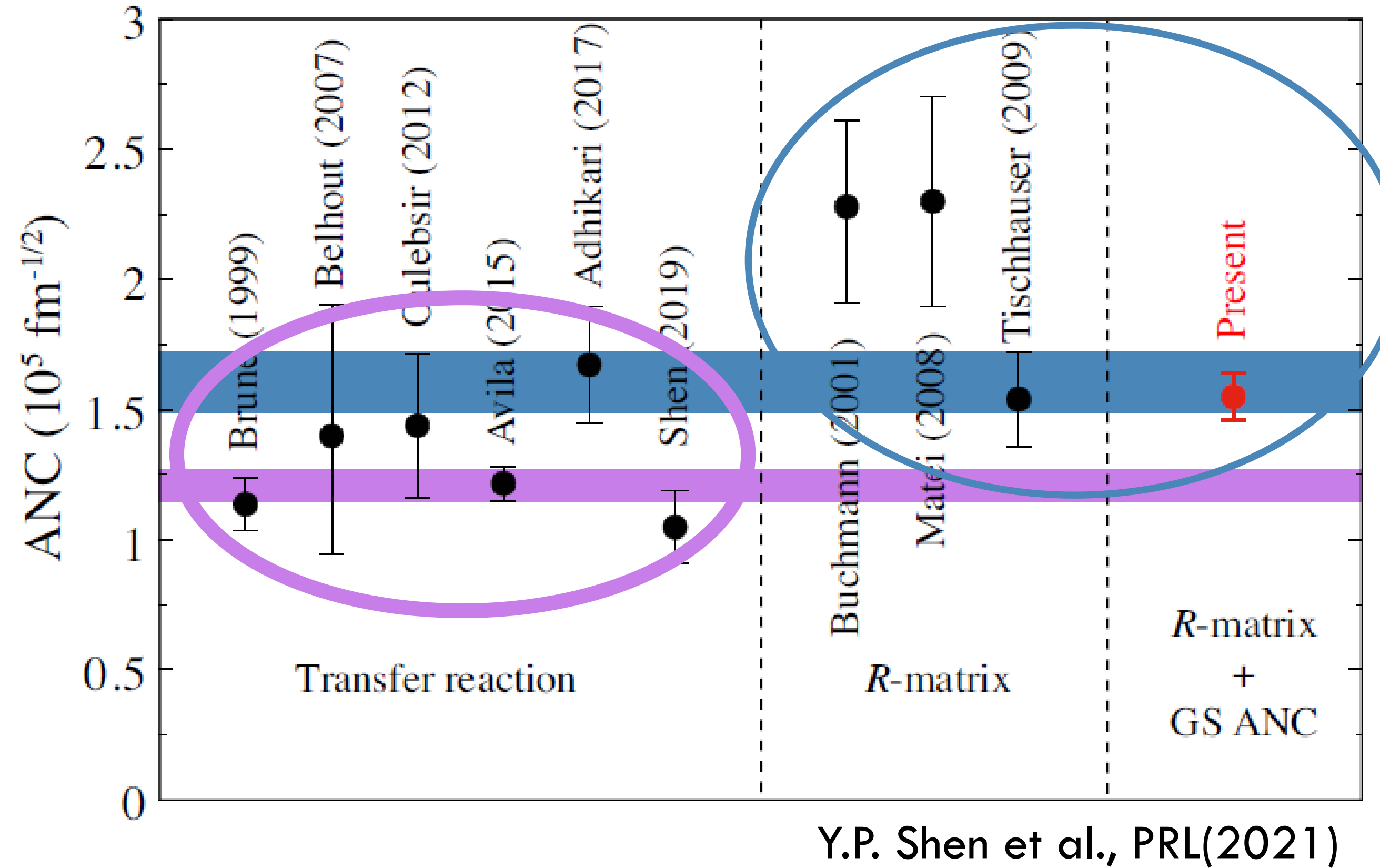
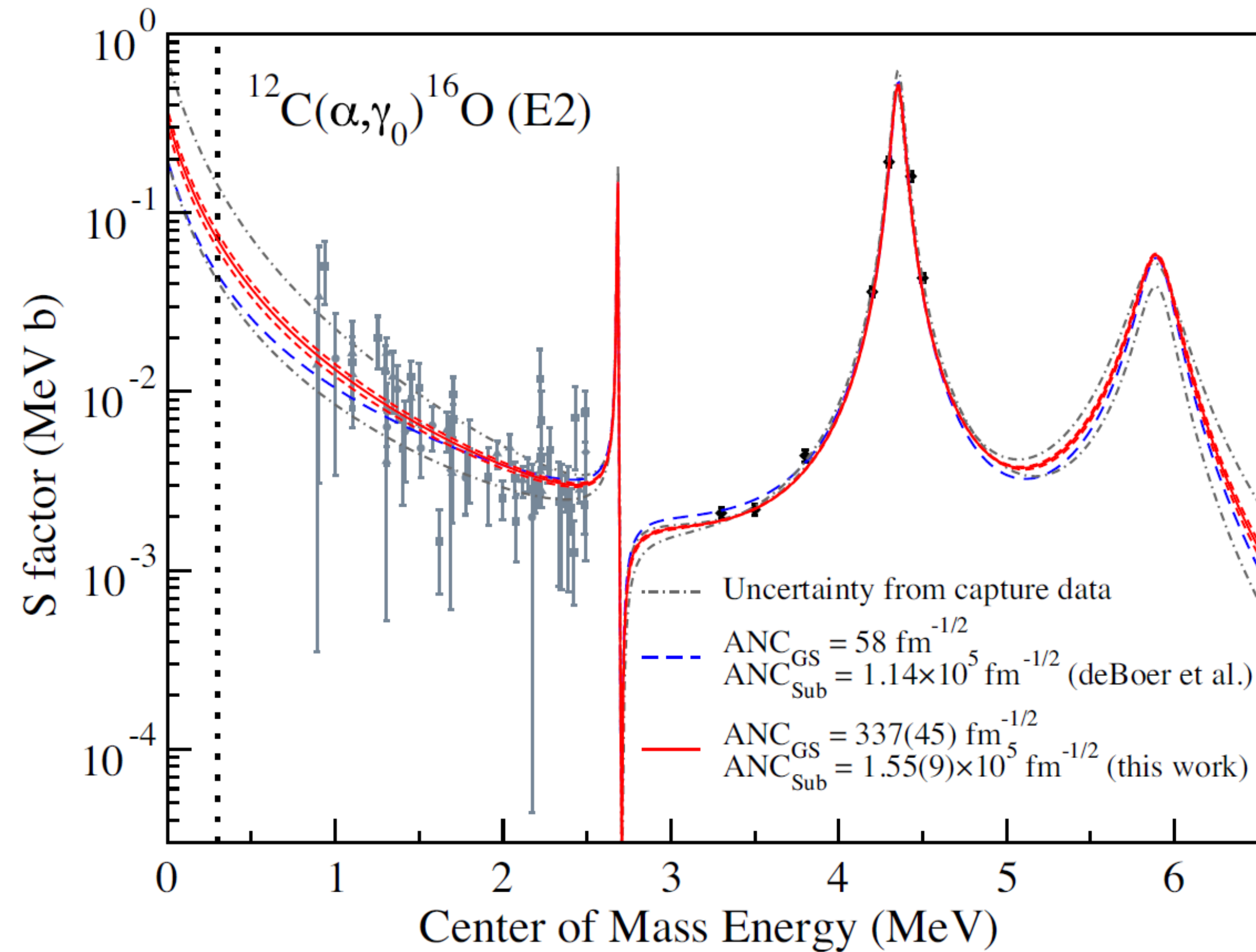
Recommended S factor



$S(E1)=86.3 \text{ keVb}$; $S(E2)=45.3 \text{ keVb}$; $S(\text{cascade})=7 \text{ keVb}$

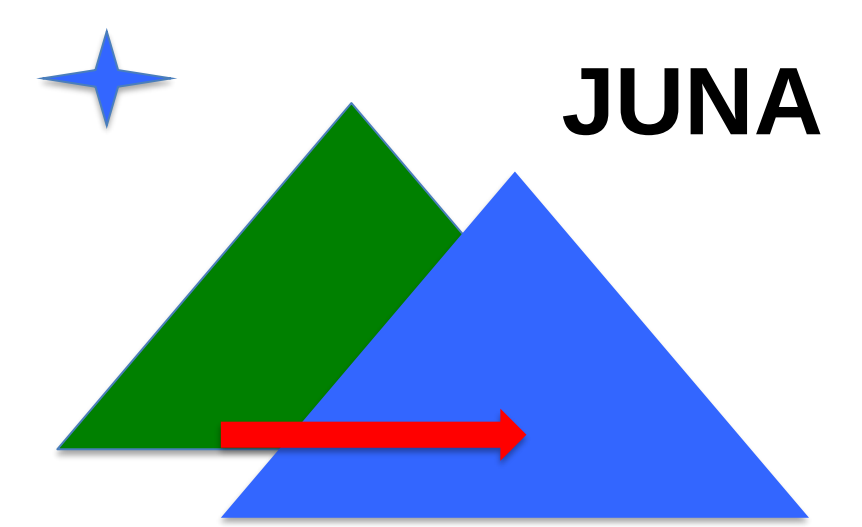
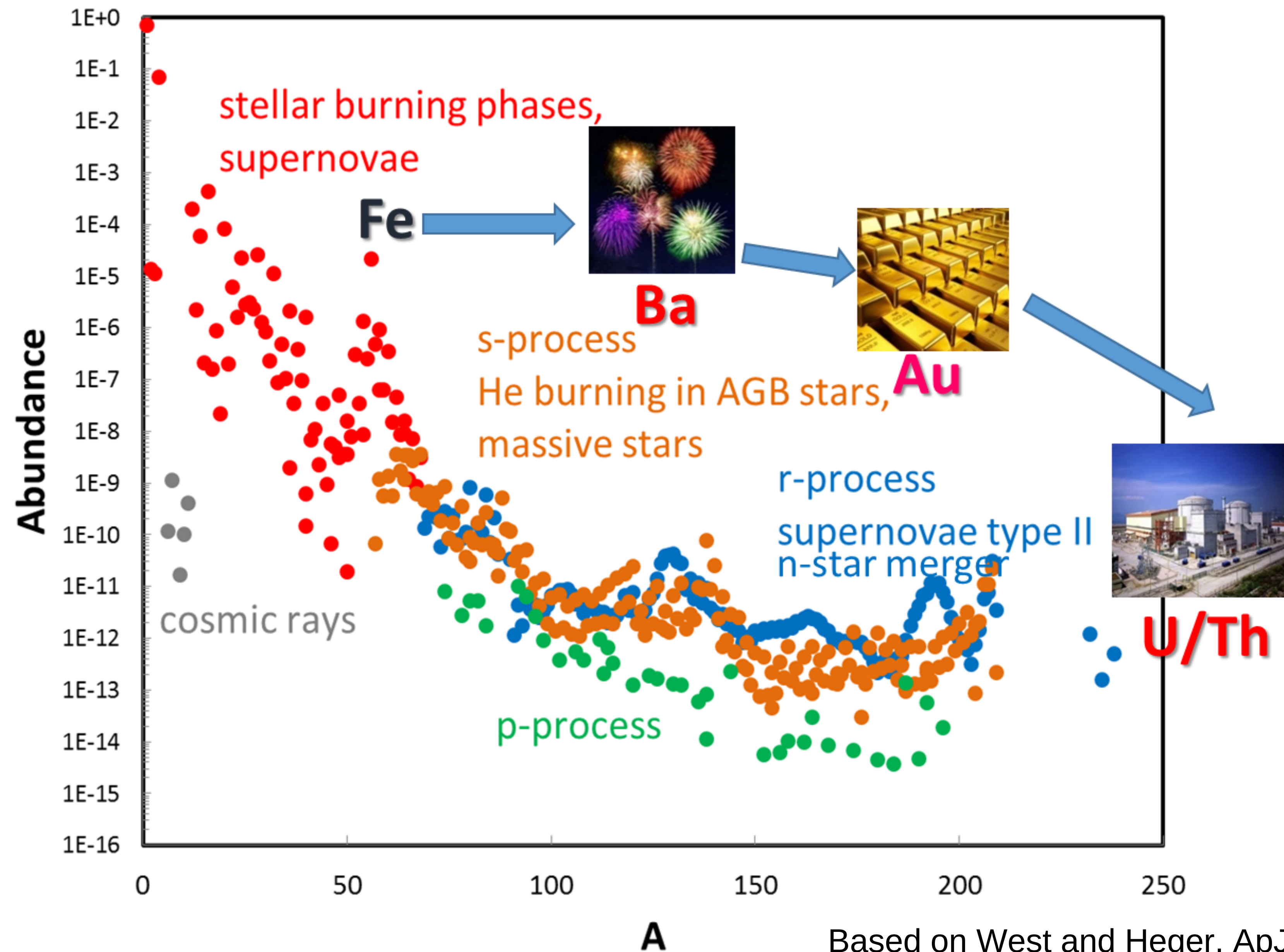
Total S factor = $140 \pm 21_{(\text{MC})}^{+18}_{-11(\text{model})} \text{ keV b.}$

Growing discrepancy between sub-barrier transfer reaction and other approaches



- ANCs of 6.92 MeV(2^+) and the ground state (GS) correlate with each other (degenerated solutions with direct measurements)
- $^{12}\text{C}(^{11}\text{B}, ^7\text{Li})^{16}\text{O}$ at energies above barrier increases the ANC of G.S., increasing ANC of 6.92 MeV(2^+) from $1.14\text{E}5$ to $1.55\text{E}5 \text{ fm}^{-1/2}$ → tension between transfer and R-matrix (Problem of E2 measurement or systematic error of transfer?)
- $S(\text{E}2)$ increases from 45 keVb to $70 \pm 7 \text{ keVb}$ → Total S factor = 162 keVb agreeing with $170 \pm 20 \text{ keVb}$ by Woosley

Origin of Heavy elements



Pioneering works



ORIGIN OF ANOMALOUS ABUNDANCES OF THE ELEMENTS IN GIANT STARS

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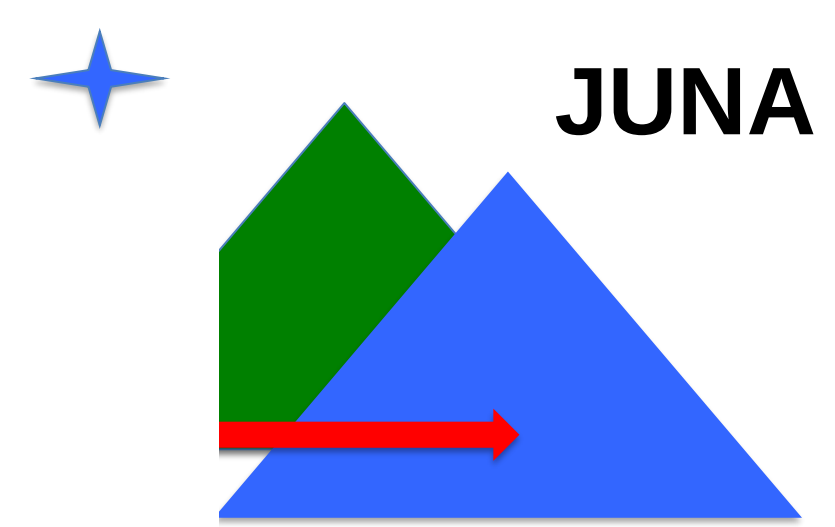
ABSTRACT

Following the exhaustion of hydrogen in the cores of certain massive stars, it appears that the cores contract and the envelopes expand, the stars becoming red giants. When the central temperature and density have increased sufficiently, thermonuclear reactions involving the helium in the core can take place with the nuclei which have taken part in the carbon cycle. The rate of the $C^{13}(\alpha, n)O^{16}$ reaction is calculated; it is found to produce neutrons rapidly at a temperature of 10^8 ° K and a density of 5×10^4 gm/cm³. These neutrons are slowed down until they reach thermal equilibrium with their surroundings (neutron energies of about 10 kev) and are then captured by the surrounding nuclei in proportion to their cosmic abundances and neutron-capture cross-sections. The latter quantities are estimated for neutron energies of 10 kev as a function of the mass number of the capturing nucleus. The heavier nuclei each appear to capture many neutrons (about 35 neutrons at mass number 100). Nuclei with closed shells of 50, 82, and 126 neutrons have much smaller cross-sections and become concentrated by the neutron-capture processes. With the assumption of a moderate amount of mixing between core and envelope of the star, it is thus found that the distinctive features of S-type and *Ba* II-type spectra can be explained. The further evolution of the star should then lead to the production of excess carbon by the Salpeter reactions, and the spectrum should gradually turn into that of type R or N.

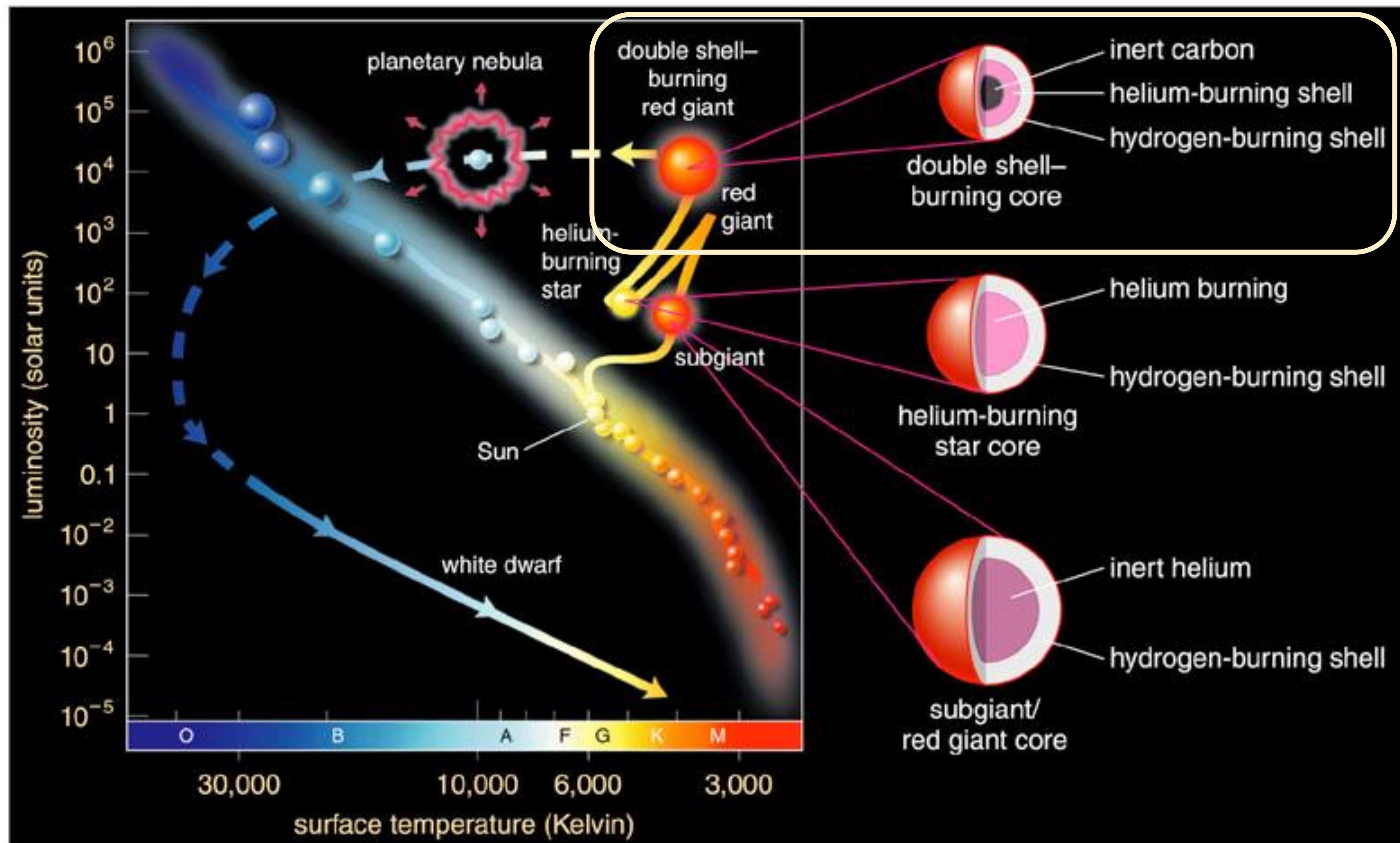
The first stellar neutron source was proposed by Greenstein (Gr54) and by Cameron (Ca54, Ca55), namely the *exothermic* reaction:



S factor = 3.9×10^3 MeV*barn
~1/1000 of the present value

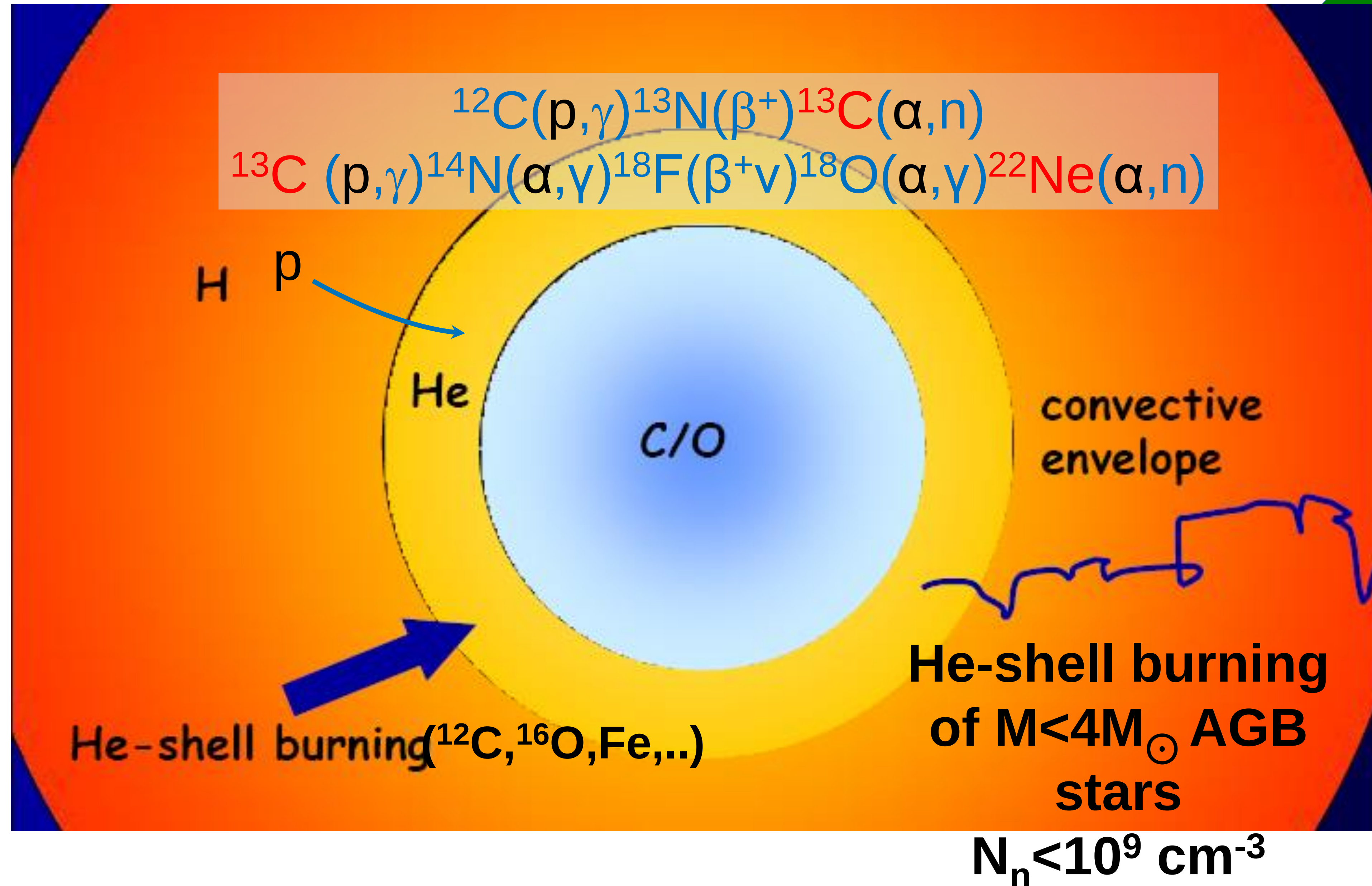
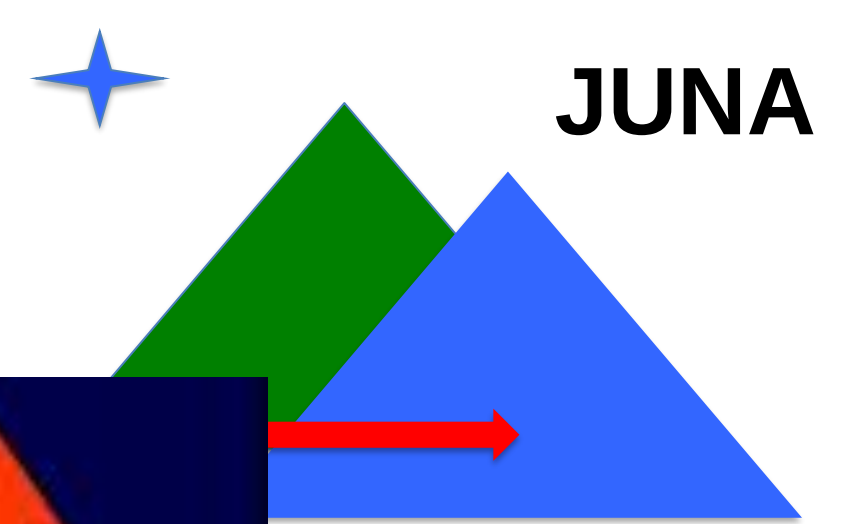


Asymptotic Giant Branch star

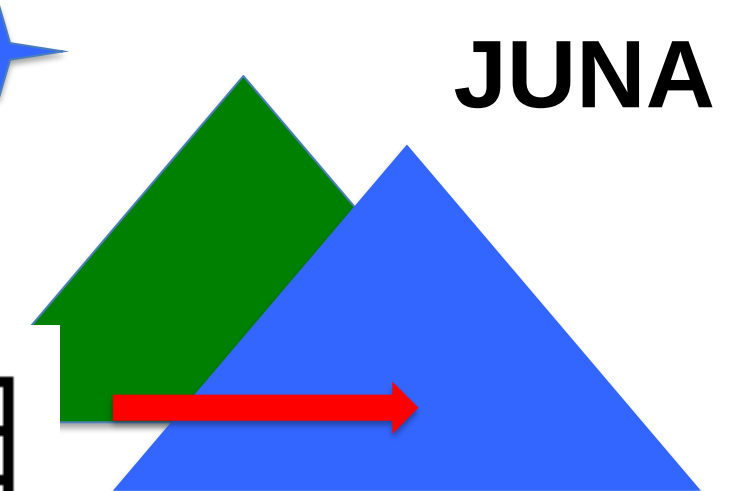
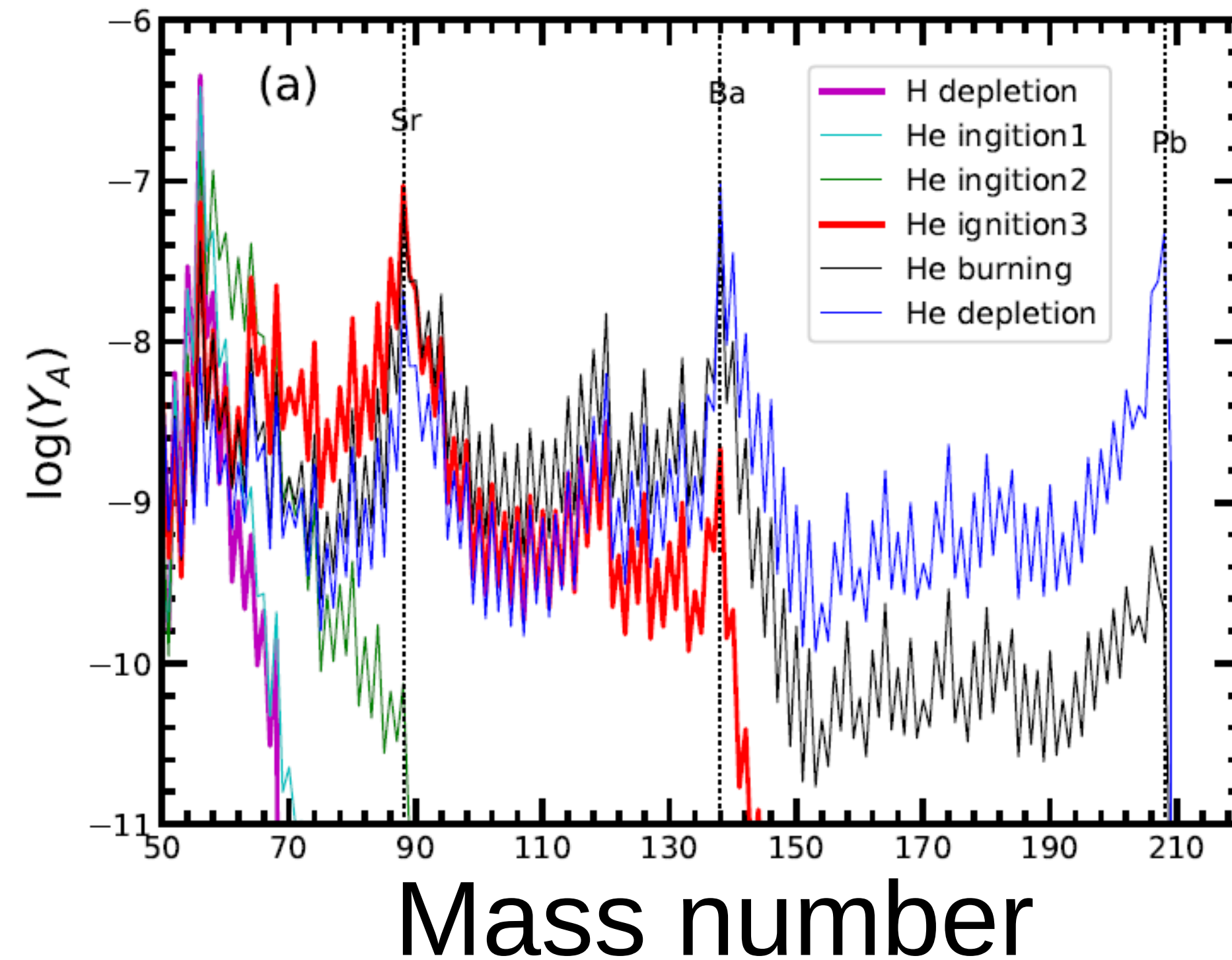
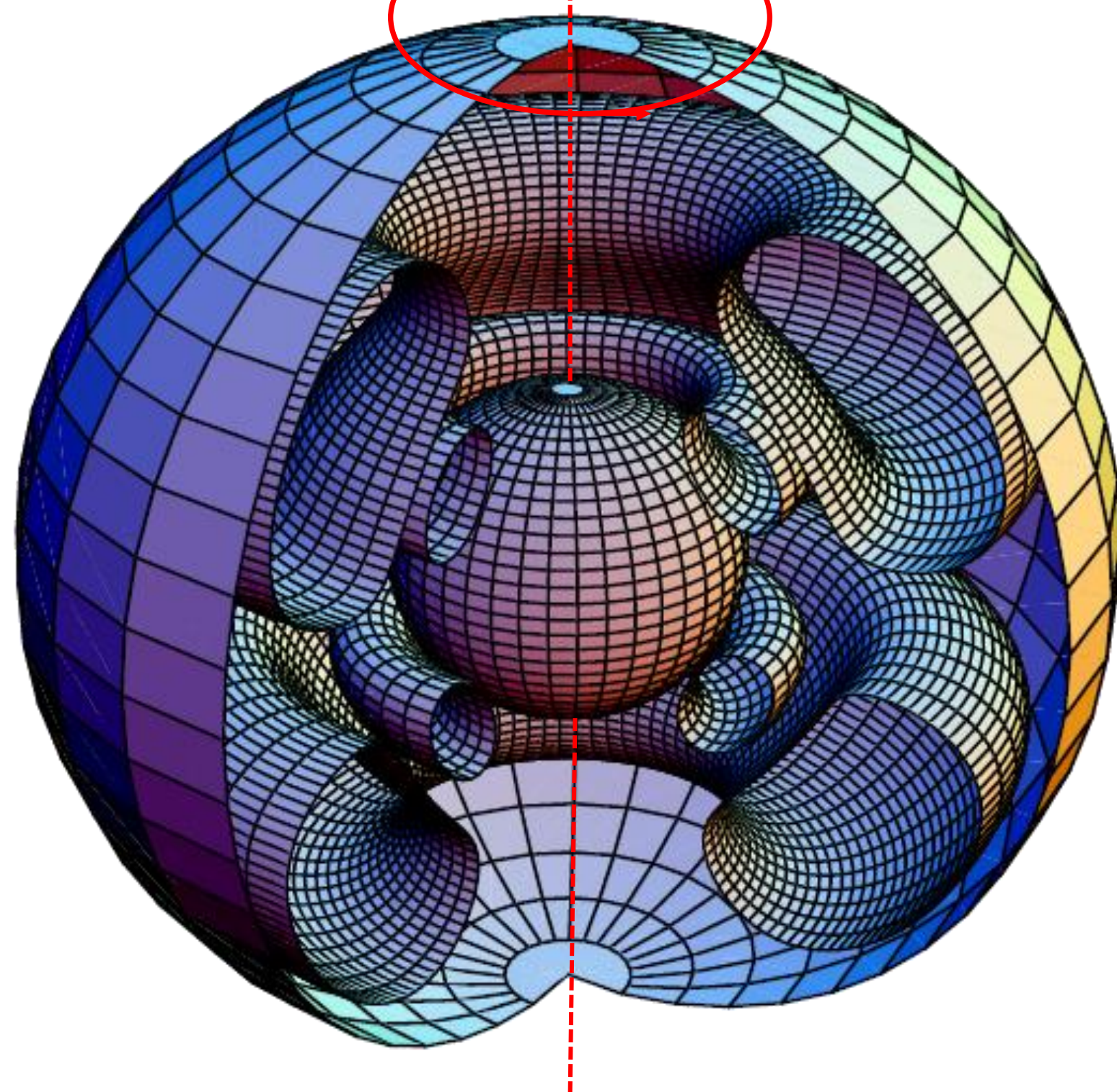


Stars with <10 solar mass go through the asymptotic giant branch (AGB) before becoming white dwarfs. *Taken from Lugaro's lecture*

Neutrons in Asymptotic Giant Branch

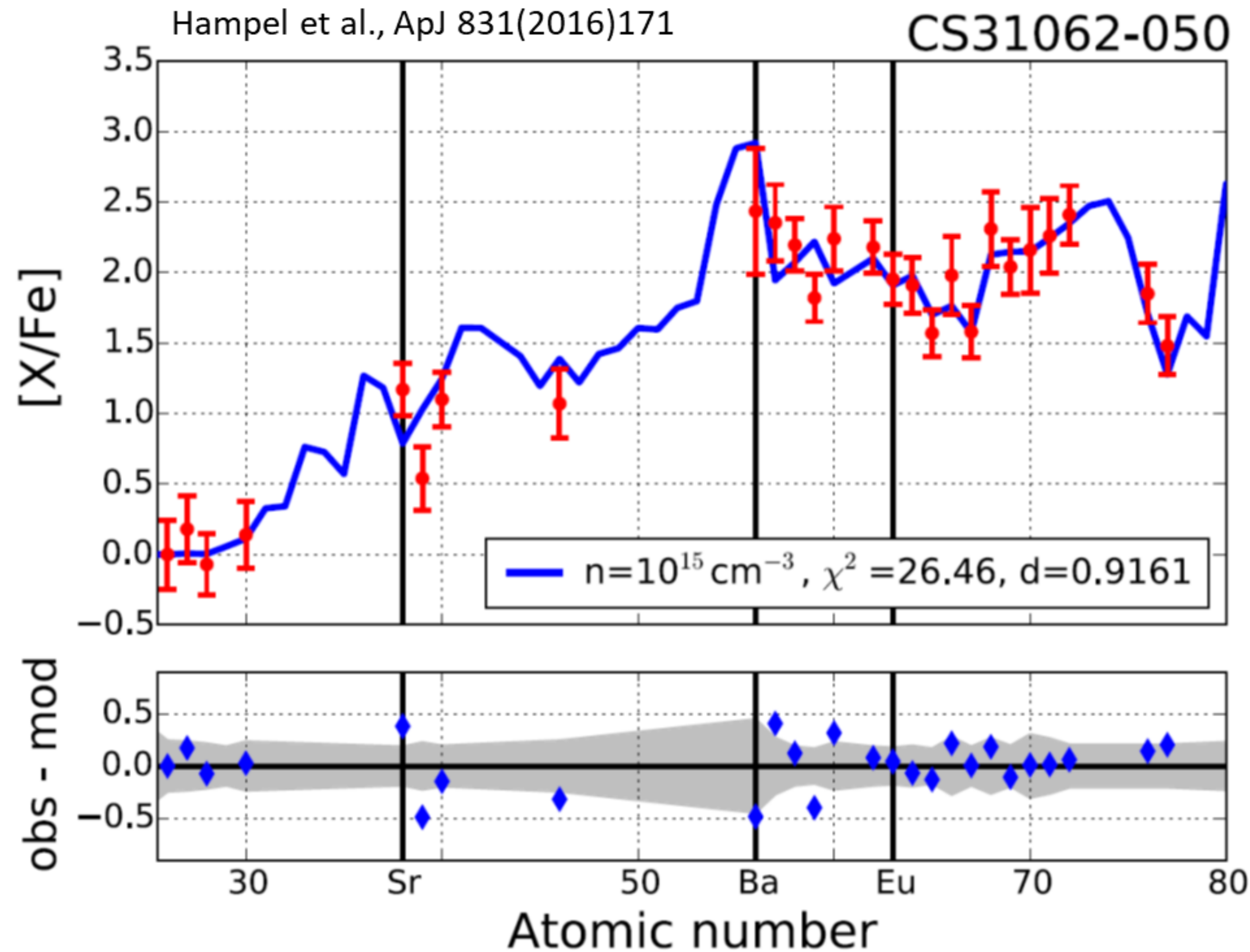
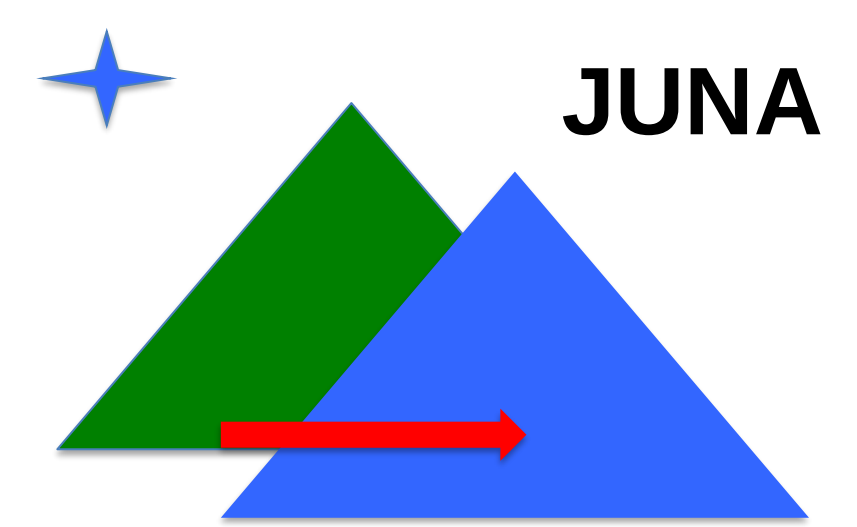


Rotating star: new site for s-process



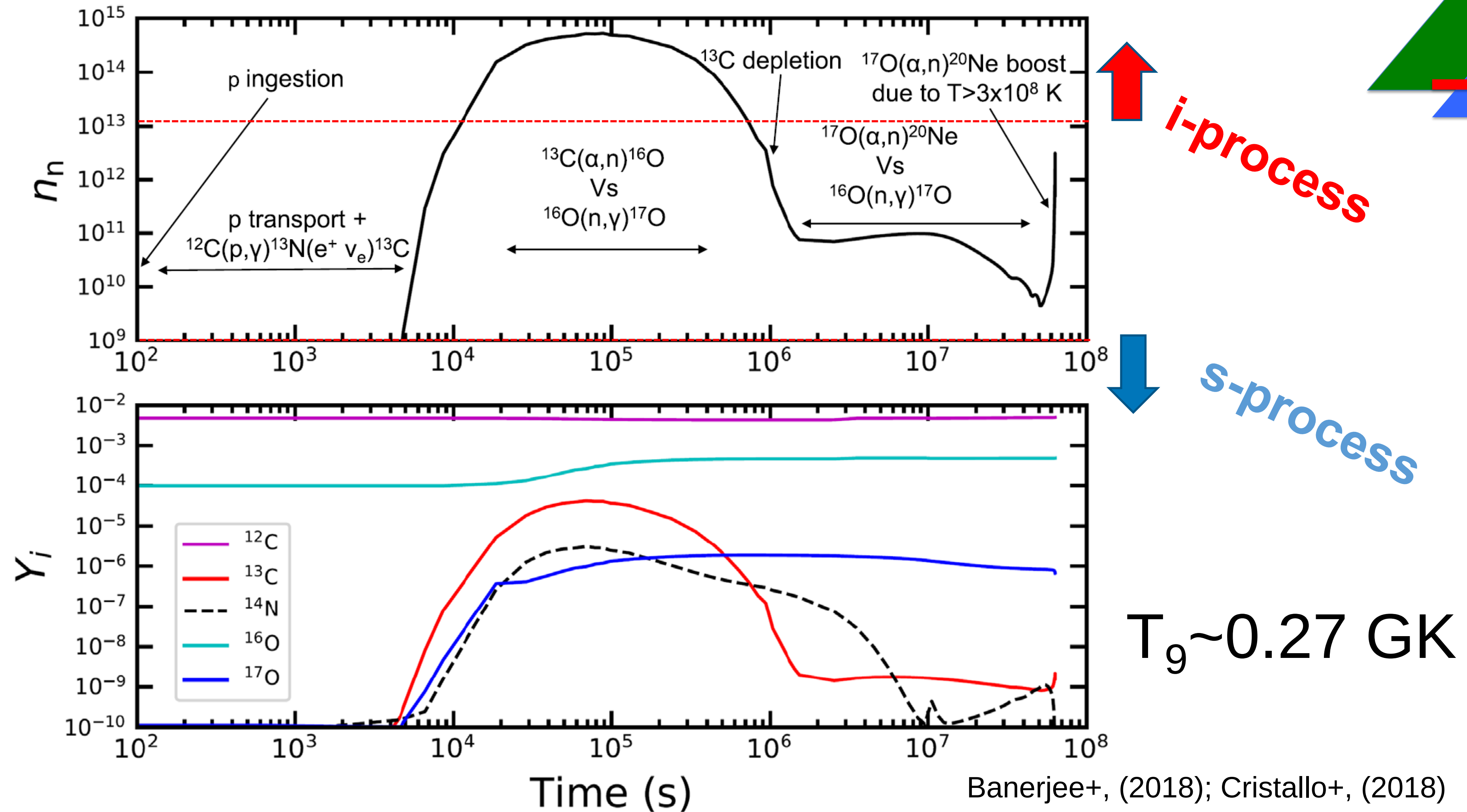
- Stars more massive than about $1.5 M_{\odot}$ **rotate fast** but “standard model” ignores the rotation
- **Rotation-induced mixing** results in primary production of ^{13}C , which subsequently makes neutrons via $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ during core He burning
- **New site** for the main s-process: **rotating metal-poor massive stars**

Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor(CEMP) stars



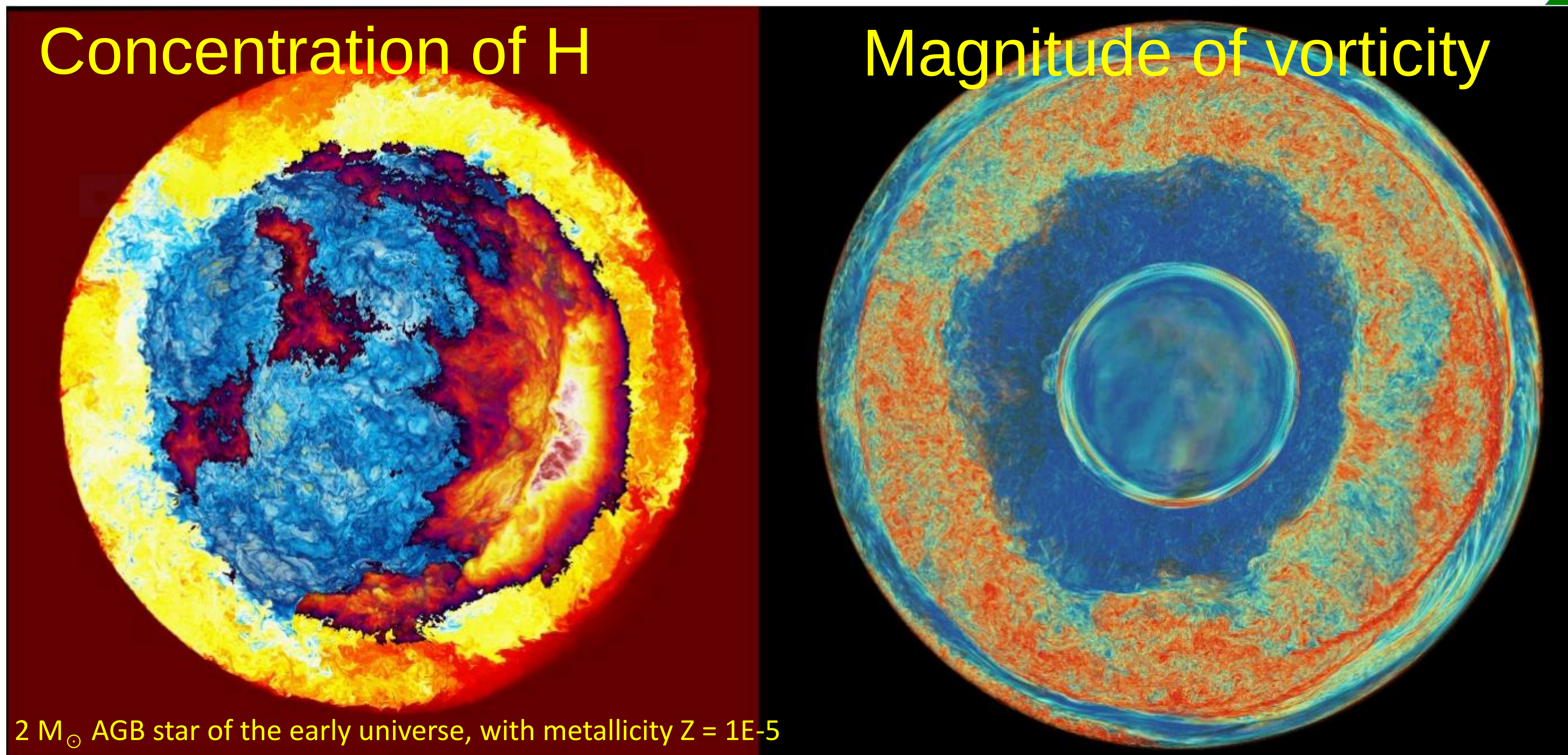
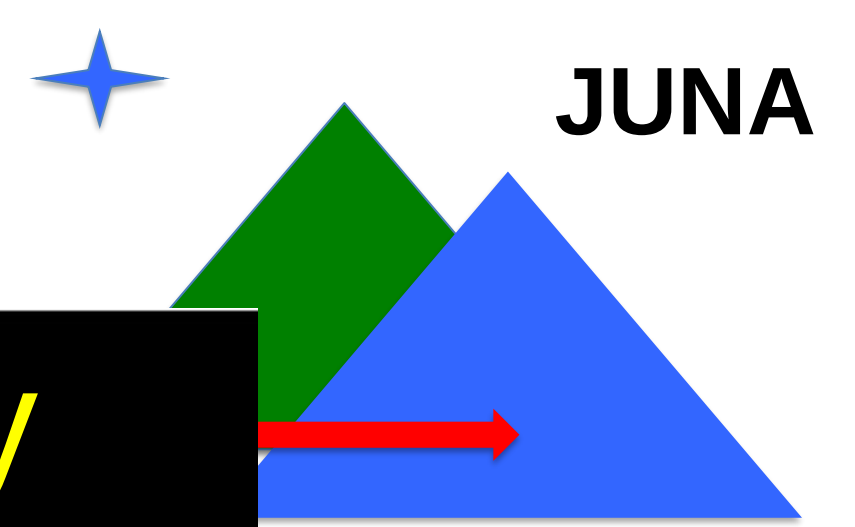
- **R-process:** $\sim 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ **S-process:** $< 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- **Intermediate-process (i-process):** $10^{13} - 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ is the neutron source (AGB? Metal-poor star?...)

Proton Ingestion in Pop-III and Pop-II



- Accurate 3D modeling of proton ingestion and subsequent mixing in He shells of metal-free and metal-poor massive stars
- Accurate nuclear physics cross sections: $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}(n,\gamma)^{17}\text{O}(\alpha,n)$

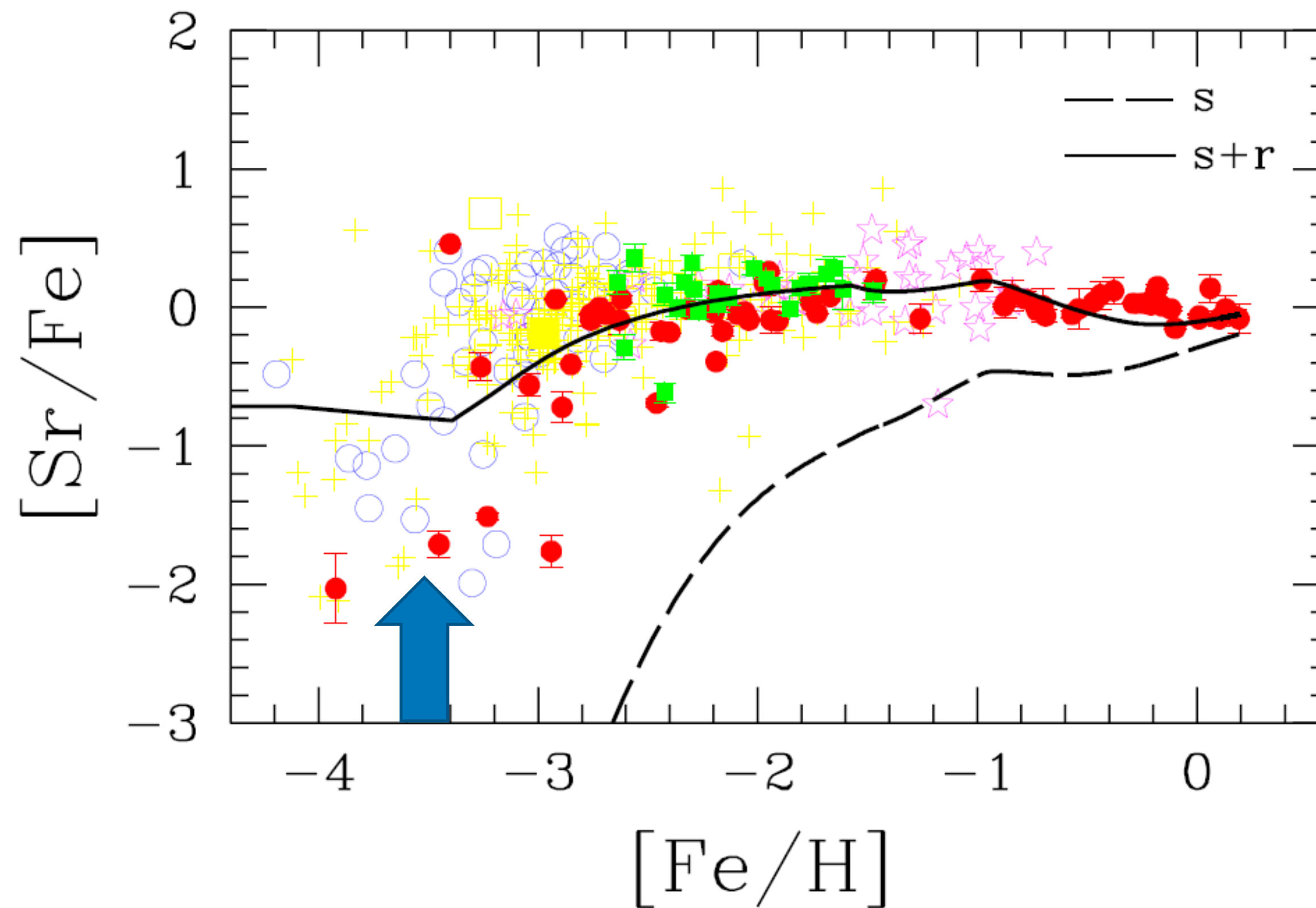
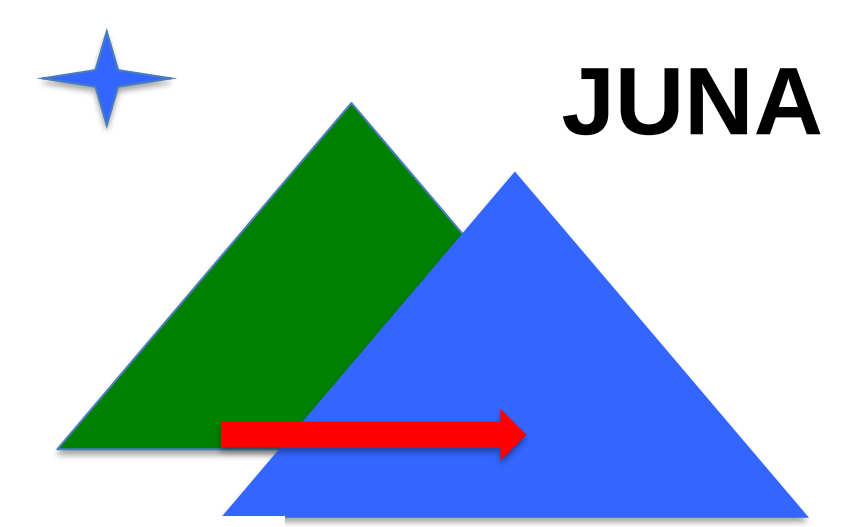
Proton Ingestion in Pop-III and Pop-II



Credit: Woodward, Herwig, Wetherbee

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Impact on Galactic Chemical Evolution



This model matches the solar composition of Sr with yields from s- and r-processes alone.

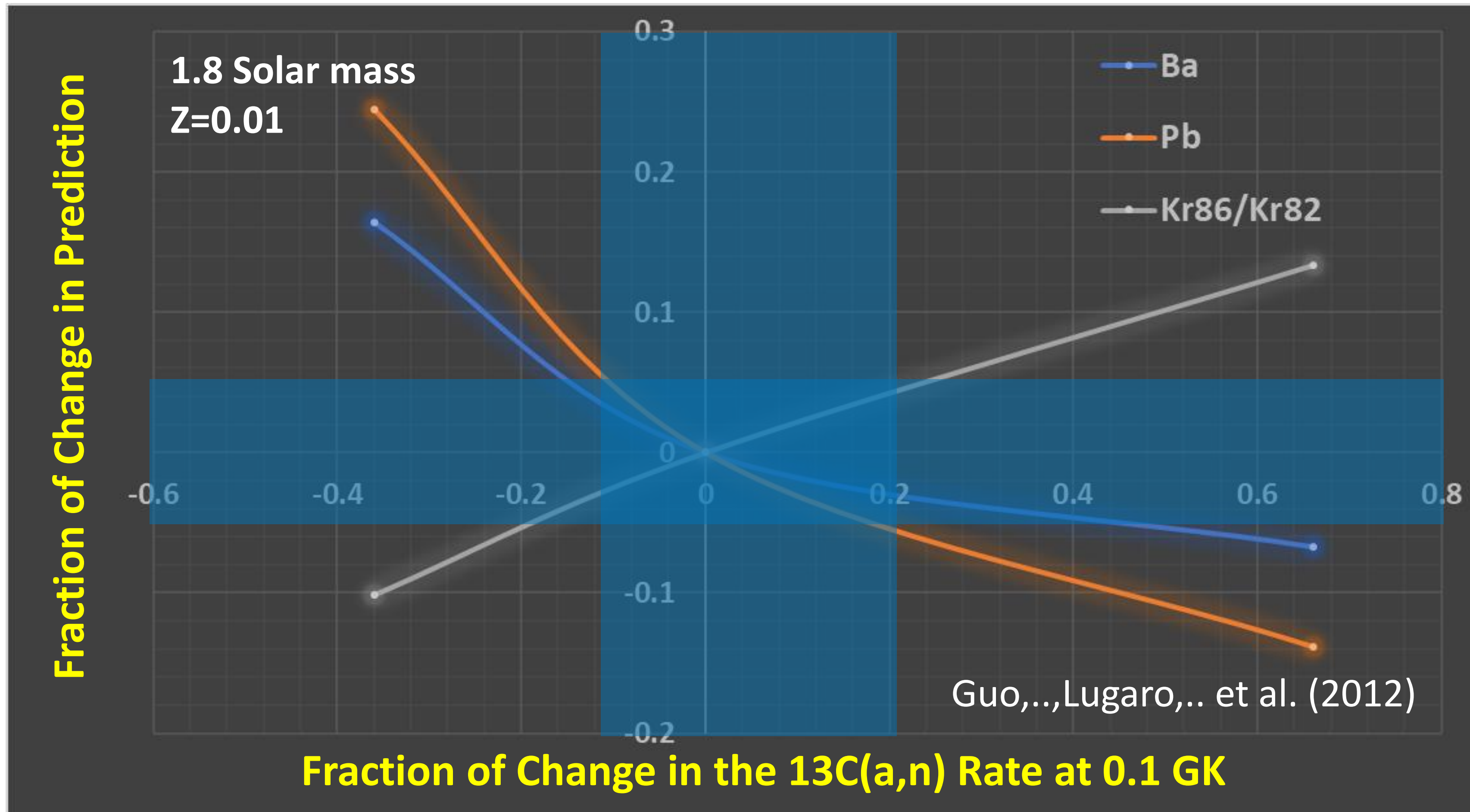
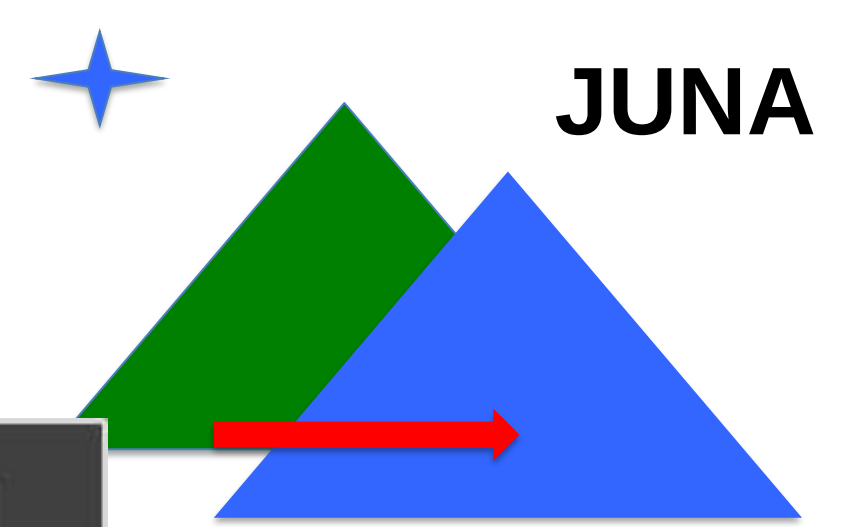
Do we even need an i-process?
Maybe, at low metallicities?

Côté et al. 2018
suggests important for
the first s-process peak
(Sr, Y, Zr)

From Kobayashi, Karakas & Lugaro (2020)

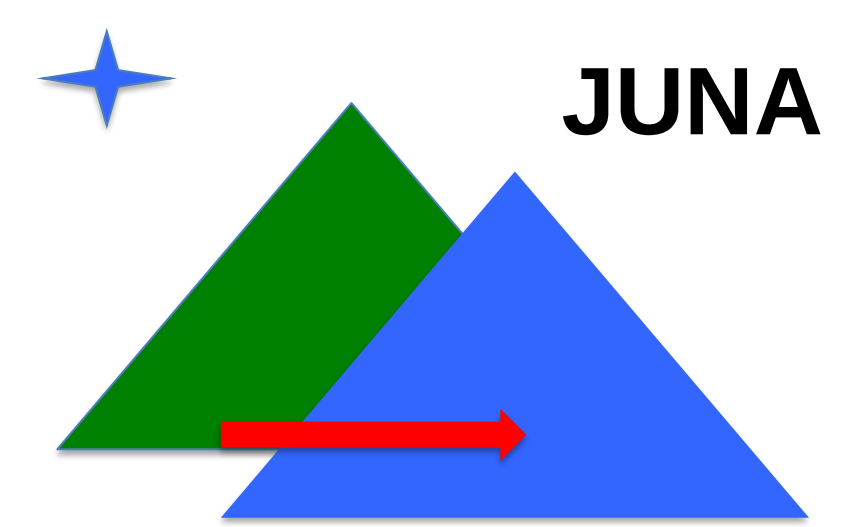
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Sensitivity study on s-process in AGB

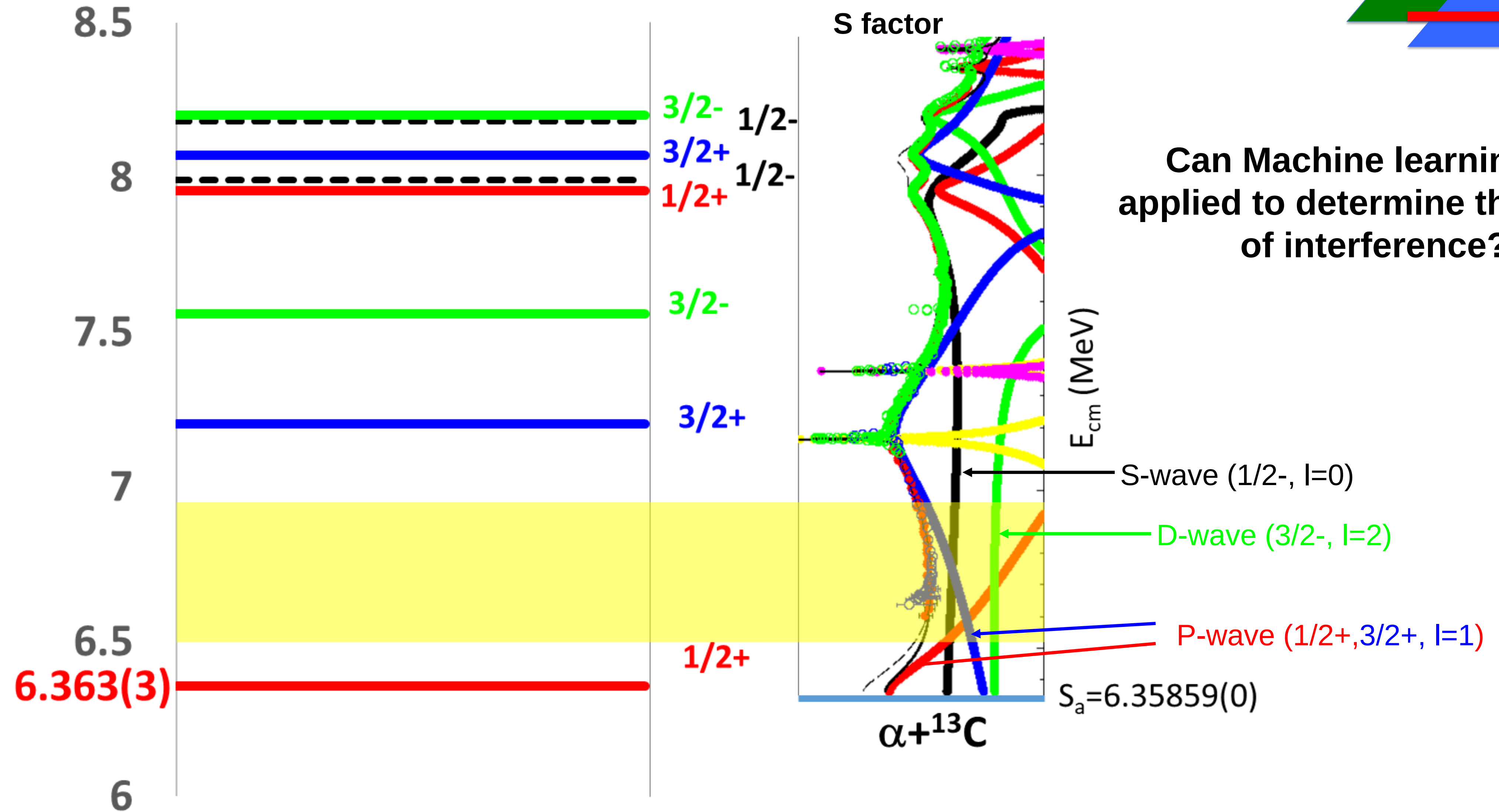


- +20%/−12% in Reaction Rate at 0.1GK requires
- +/− 5% in the s-process yield → could be large for r-process yield
- Should consider both uncertainties: $^{22}\text{Ne}(a,n)$ and $^{13}\text{C}(a,n)$
Observed solar abundance = s-process + r-process + p-process

Complicated Reaction



Need consistent measurements in a wide energy range



Faestermann et al. PRC(2015)

Importance of the threshold state

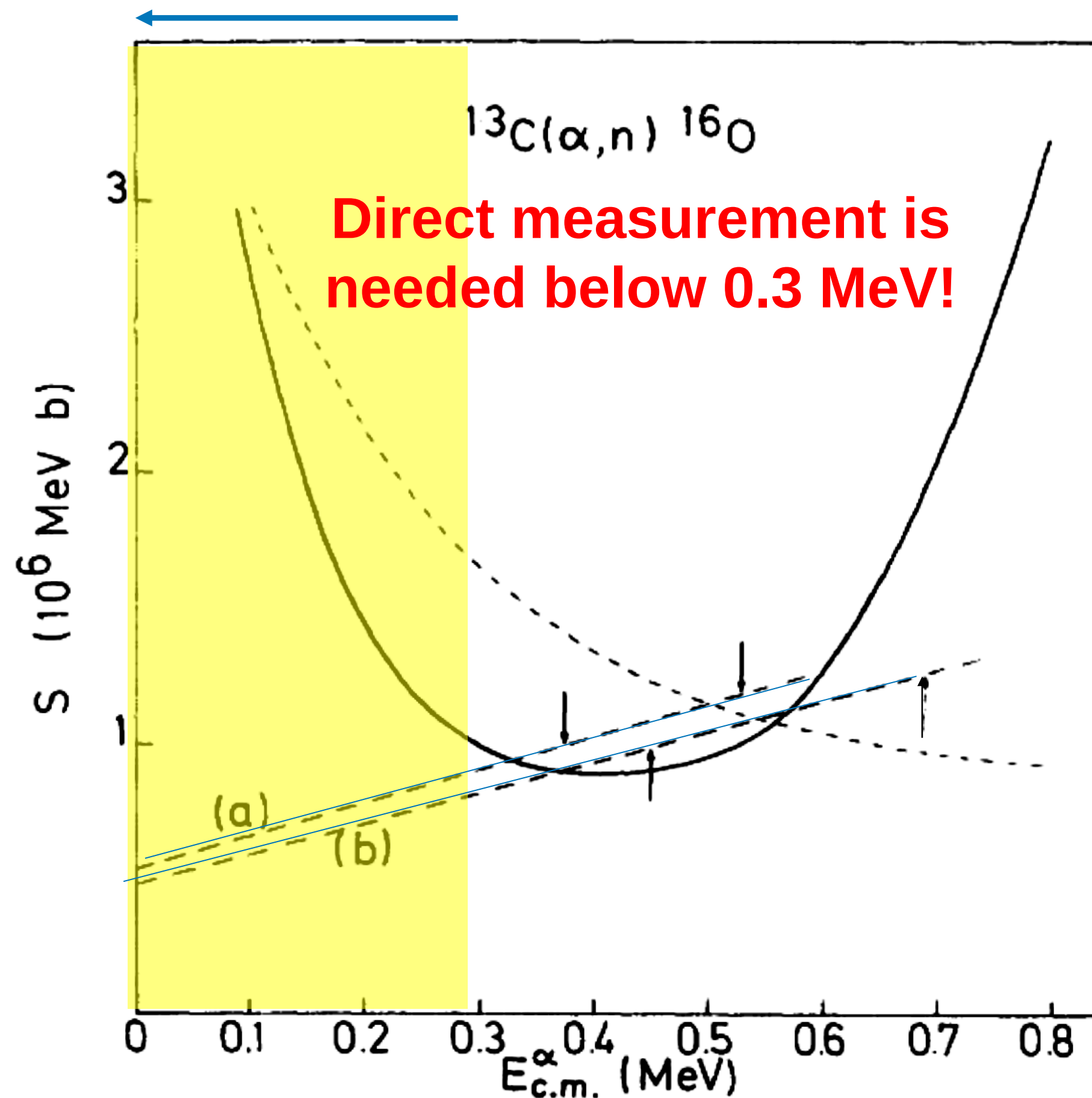
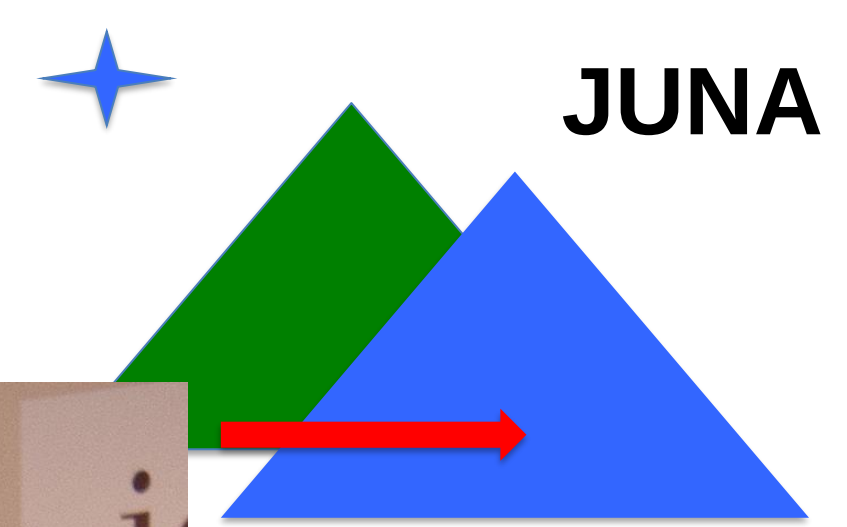
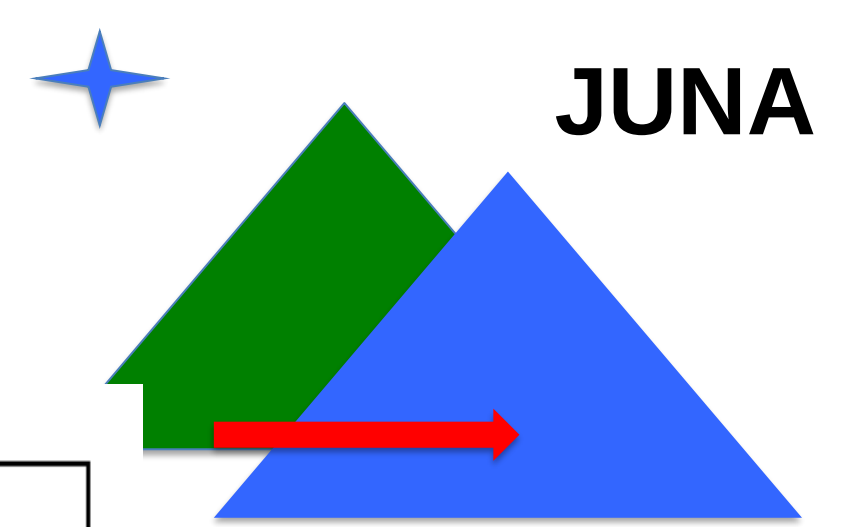
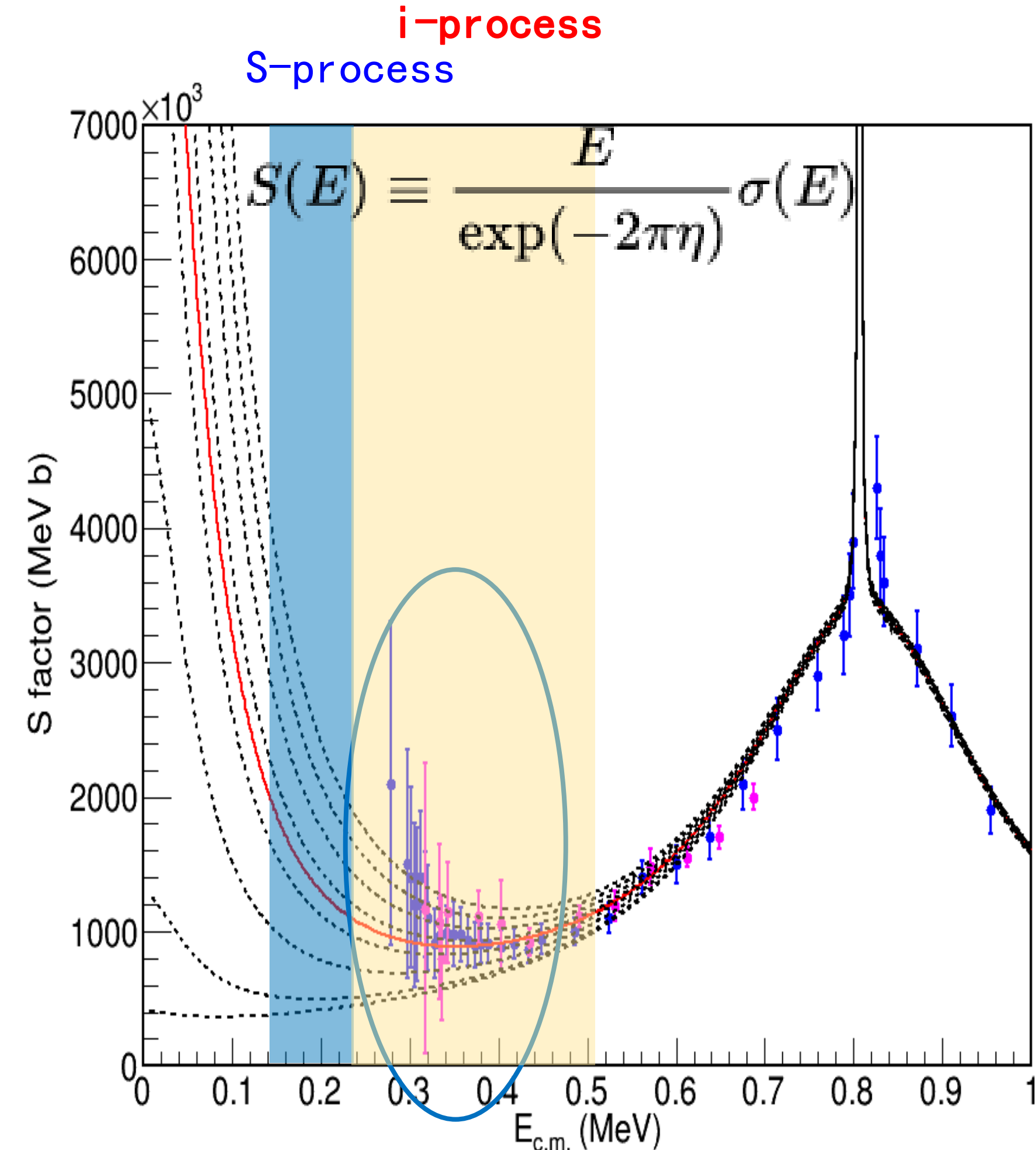
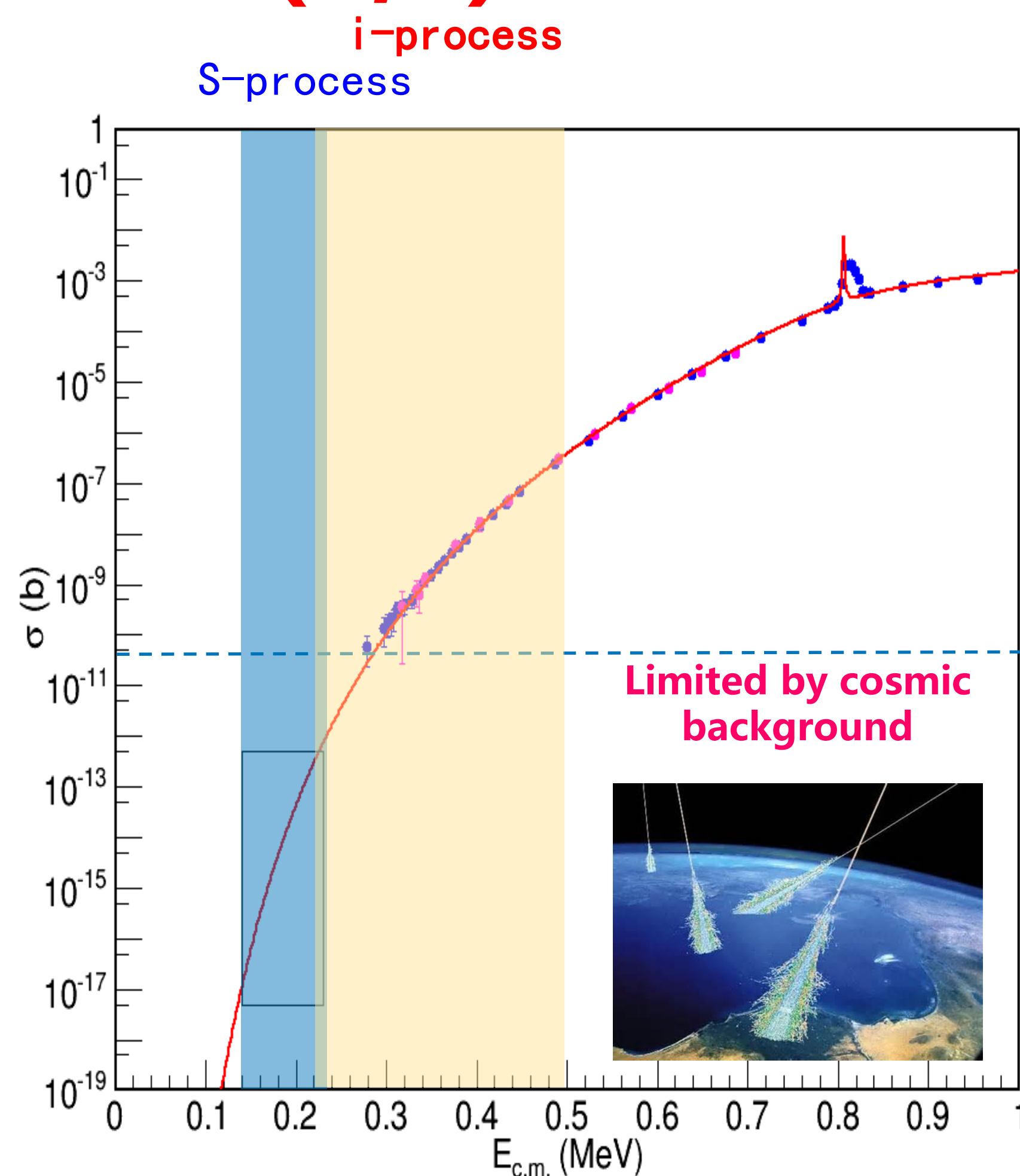


FIG. 6. $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ S factor. The dotted line represents the GCM result; the full line is obtained with the Breit-Wigner parametrization (see text); the dashed lines are the experimental data taken from Ref. 3 (a) and Ref. 4 (b). The arrows indicate the energy range where the experiments are carried out.

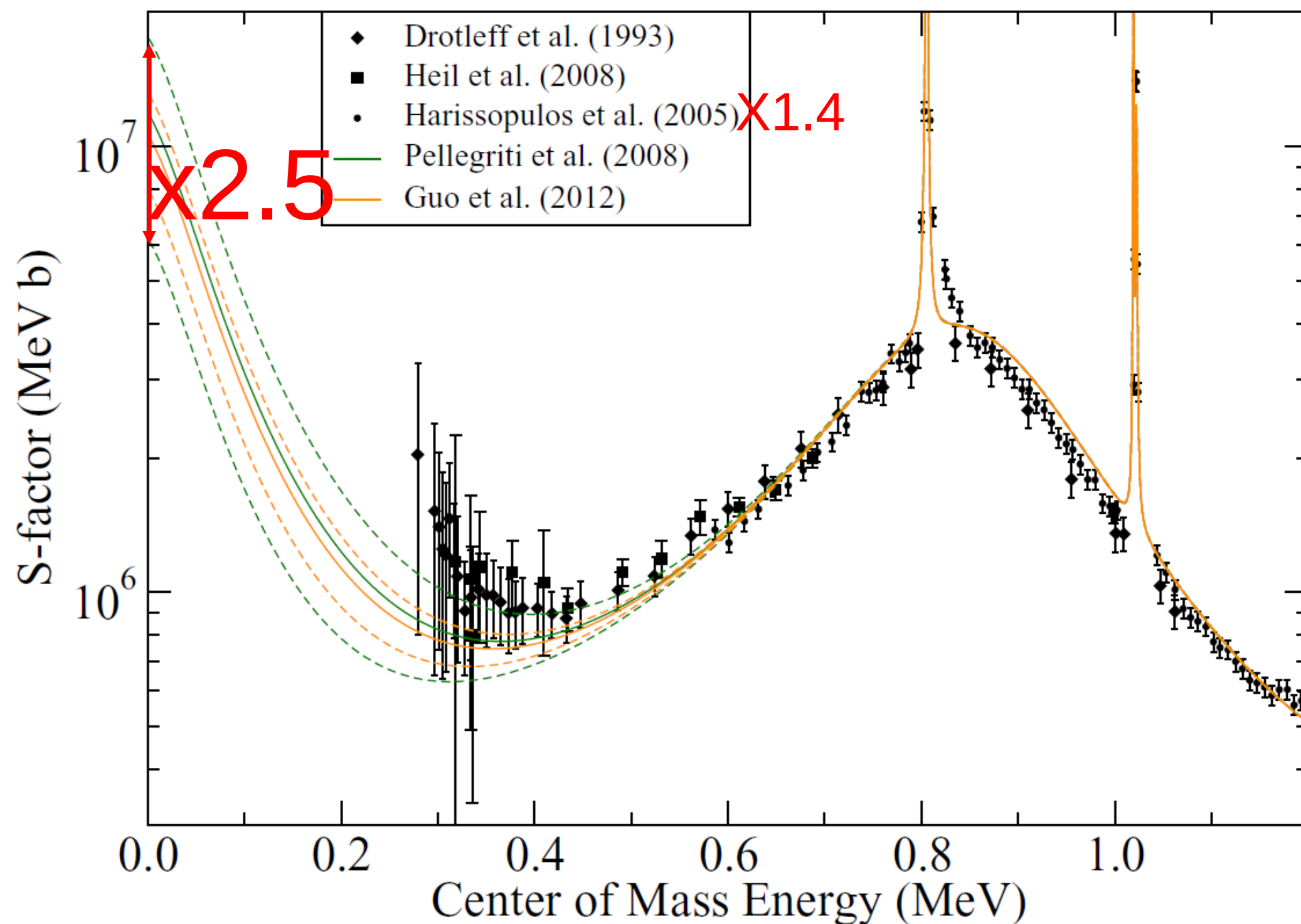
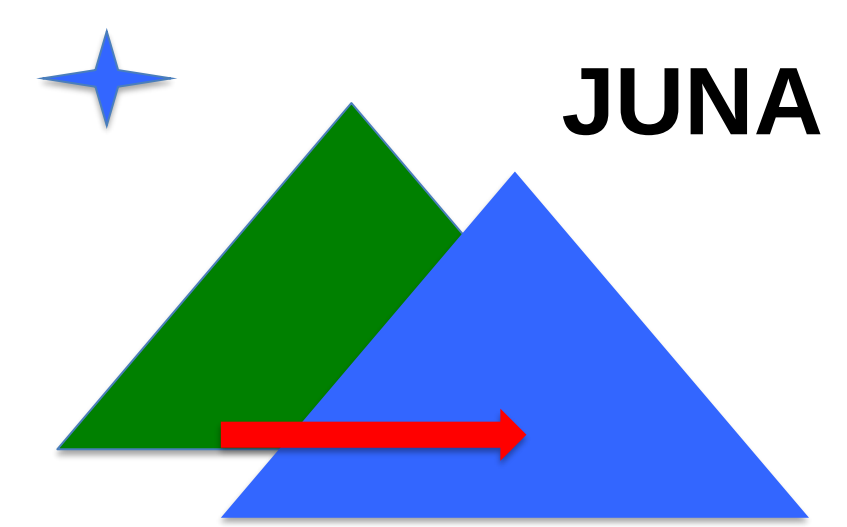


$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ measurements



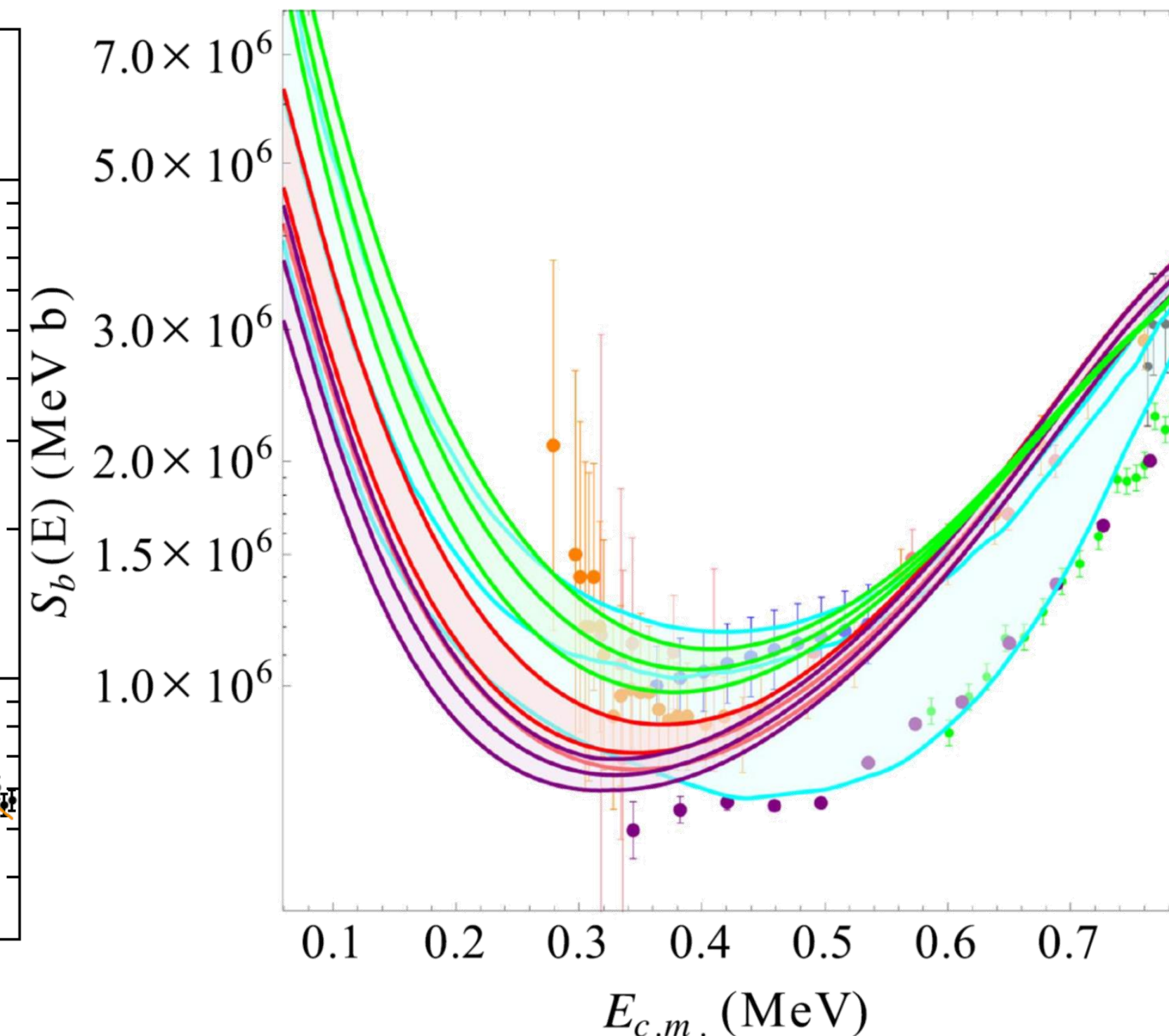
- Ground based experiments are limited by cosmic rays
- Errors (~70%) are too large to constrain contribution of threshold state

Indirect approaches



Asymptotic Normalization Coefficient (ANC)

See deBoer (2020) for a summary



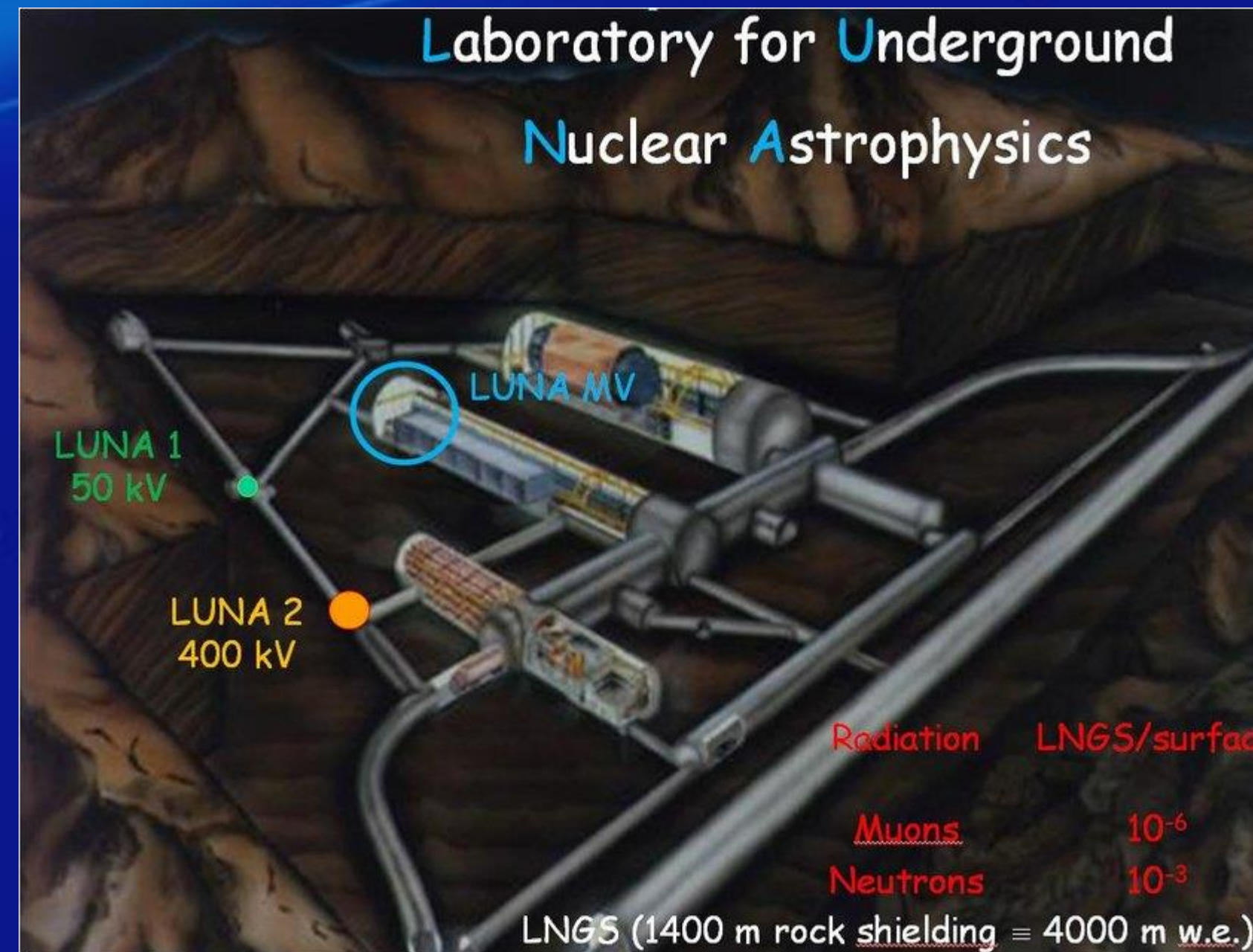
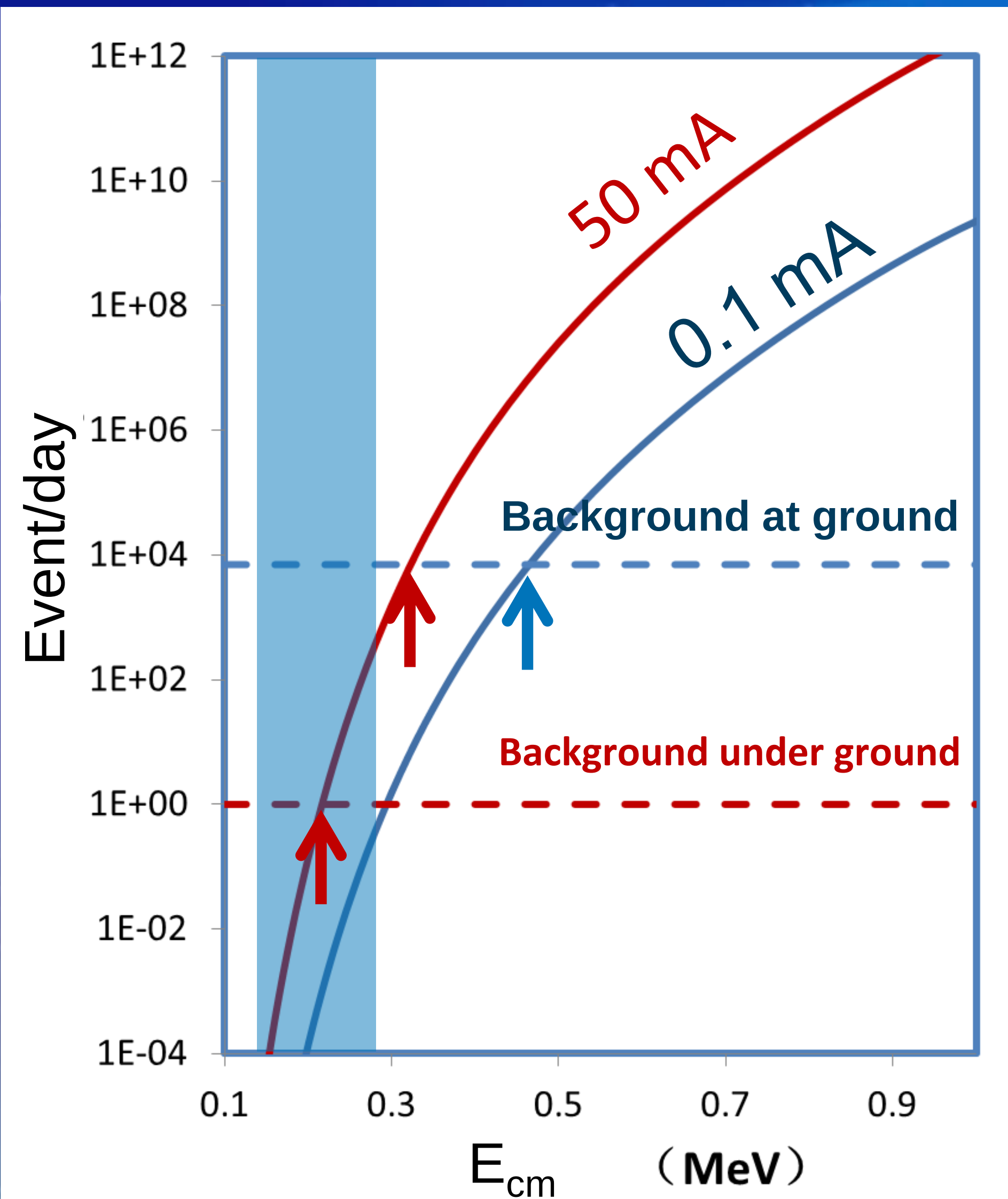
Trojan Horse Methode (THM)

Trippella & Cognata (2017)

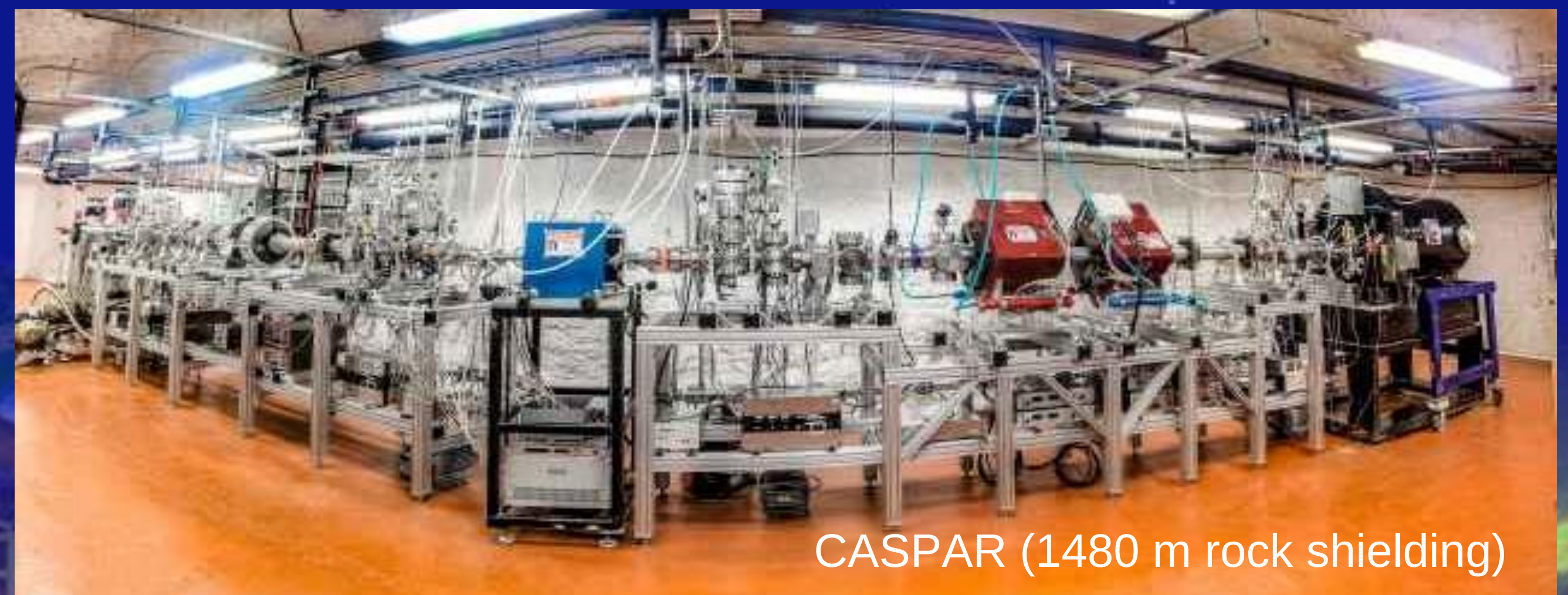
Mukhamedzhanov et al (2017)

- Systematic error is difficult to be correctly evaluated
- Inconsistency of direct measurements limits the precision of extrapolation
- Need direct measurement at low energies to validate the results

Challenging the tiny cross sections

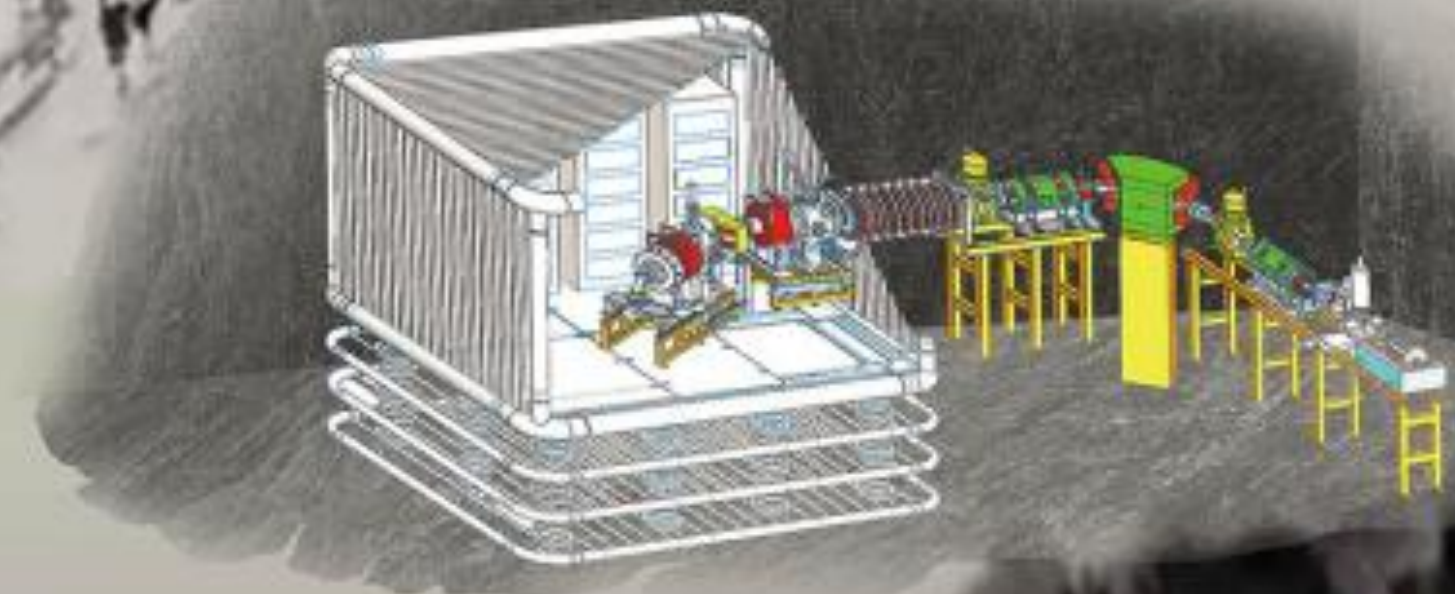


Complemented
with indirect
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Jinping Underground Nuclear Astrophysics experiment



China Jinping Underground Laboratory(CJPL)



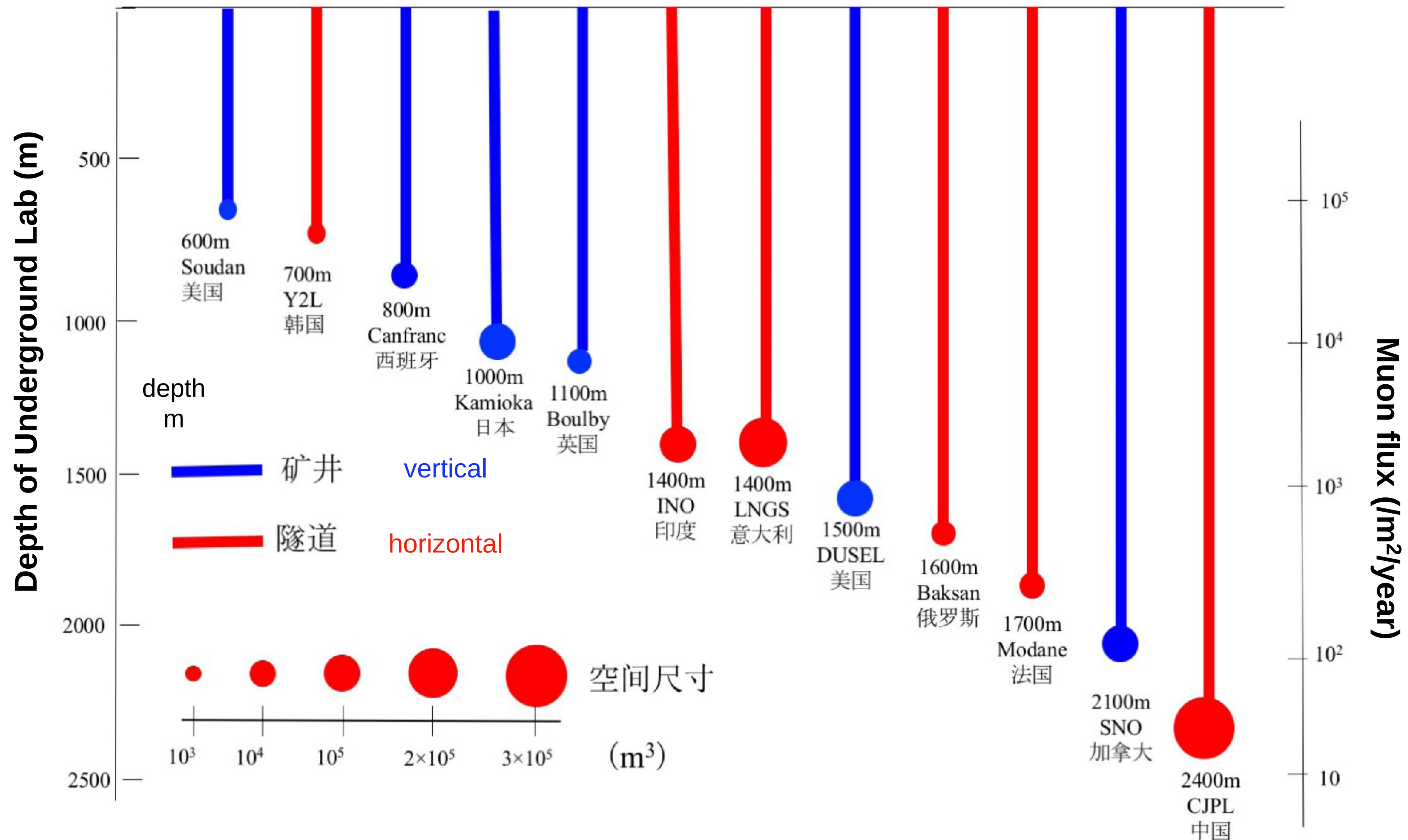




Major underground laboratories

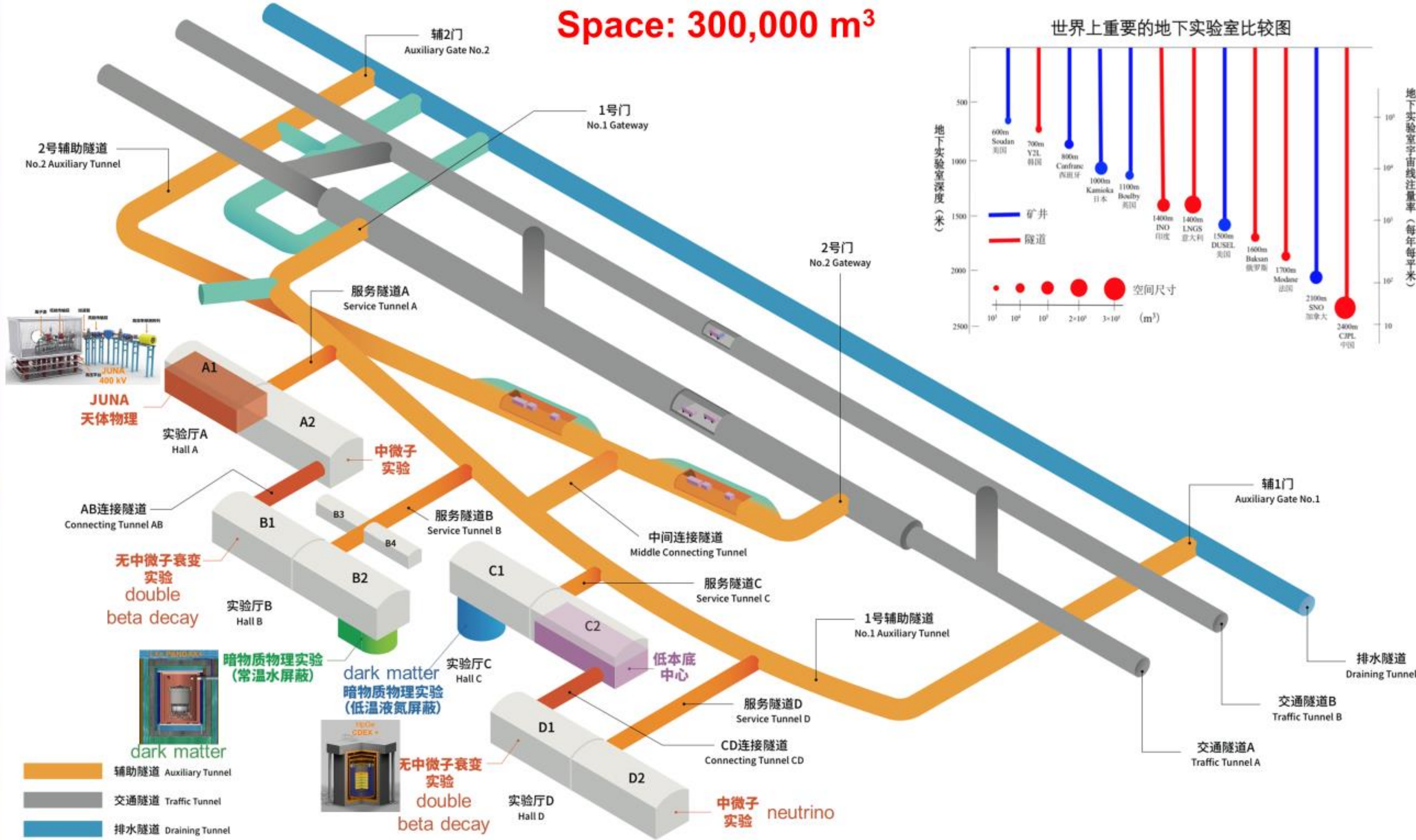
Comparison of world underground laboratory

世界上重要的地下实验室比较图



CJPL-II

Space: 300,000 m³

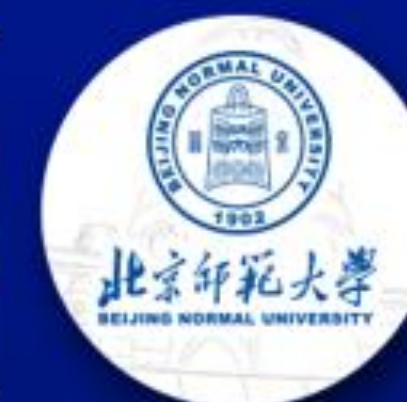
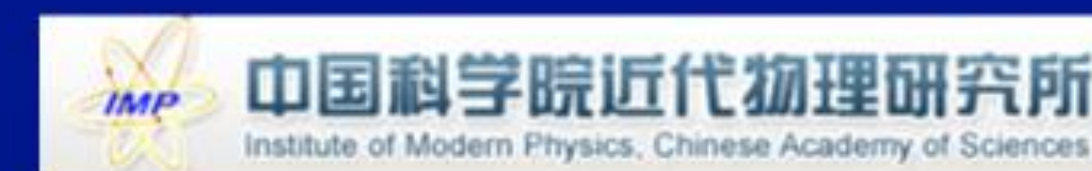


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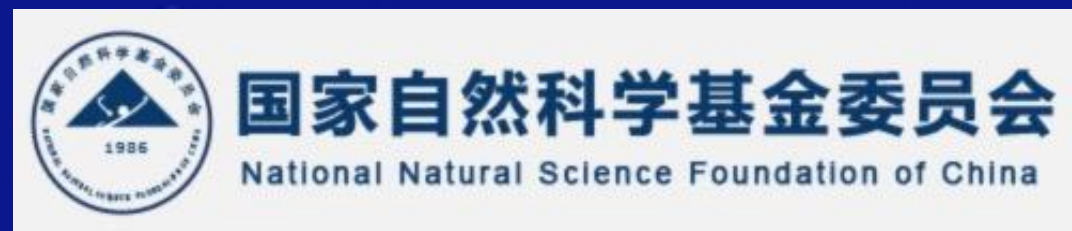
Detectors (NSFC \$1.3M)

Electronics, shielding (NSFC \$1.0M)

Ion source (CAS \$0.65M)
accelerator (CNNC \$1.6M)

Lab CJPL II (CNNC, Tsinghua, NSFC \$3+M)

total \$8+ M



Will apply for SUPER JUNA and international collaborations are warmly welcome!

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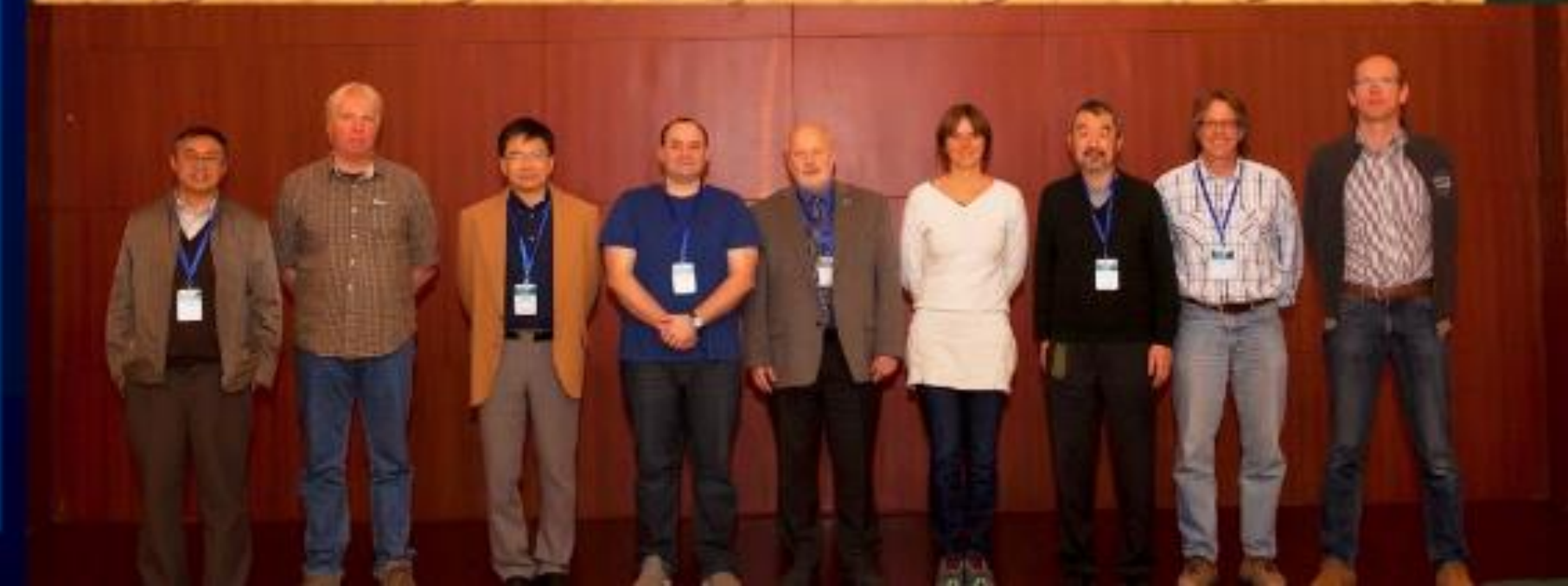
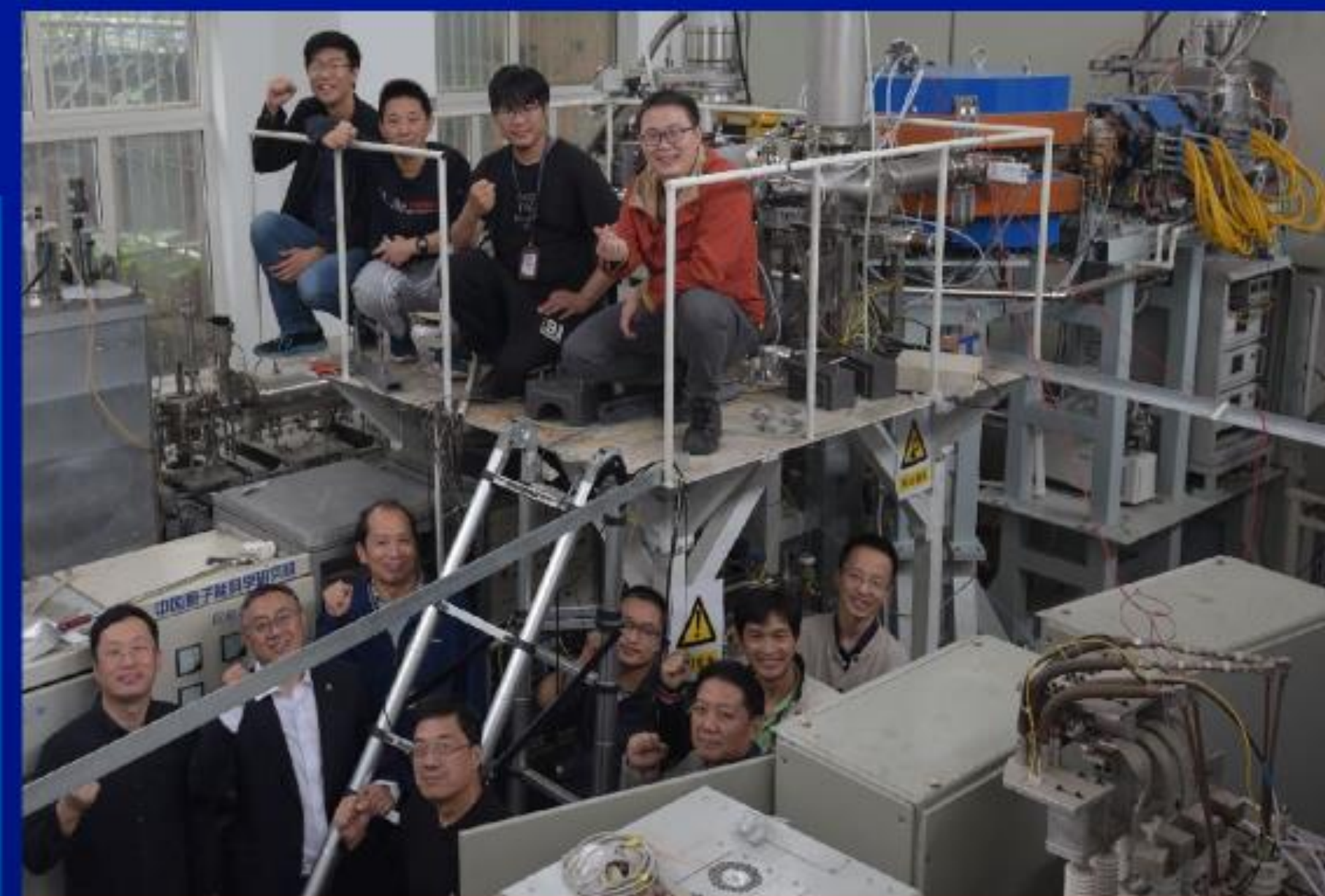
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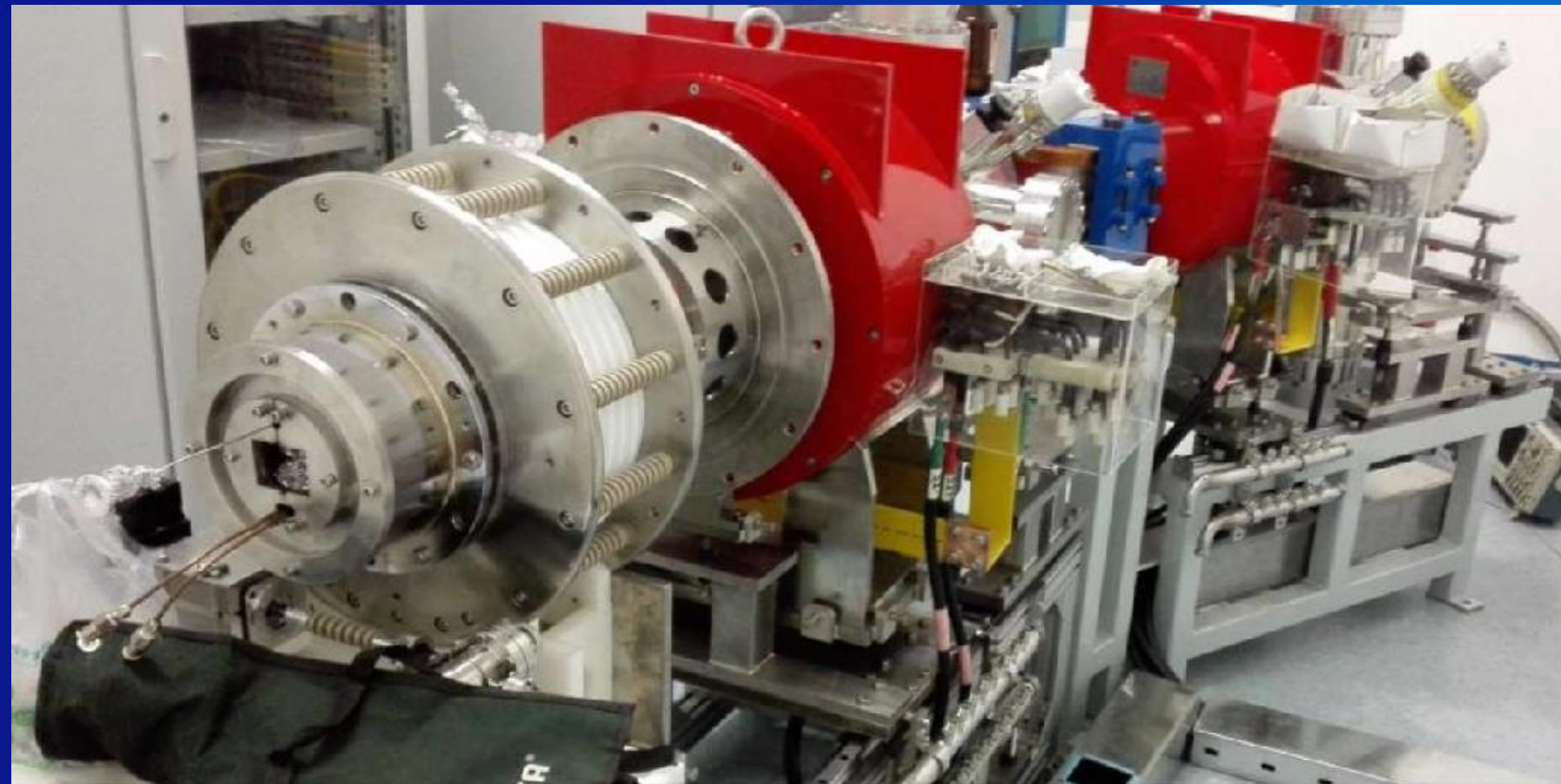
IAC, CJPL, Mar. 1, 2016



Mini IAC, Shanghai, Sept. 19, 2017

1st meeting July 2015, 1st formal IAC meeting March, 2016, 2nd mini meeting Sept. 2017

Ion source and accelerator



Ion source 1 mA in Jul. 2016, 16 mA in Oct.



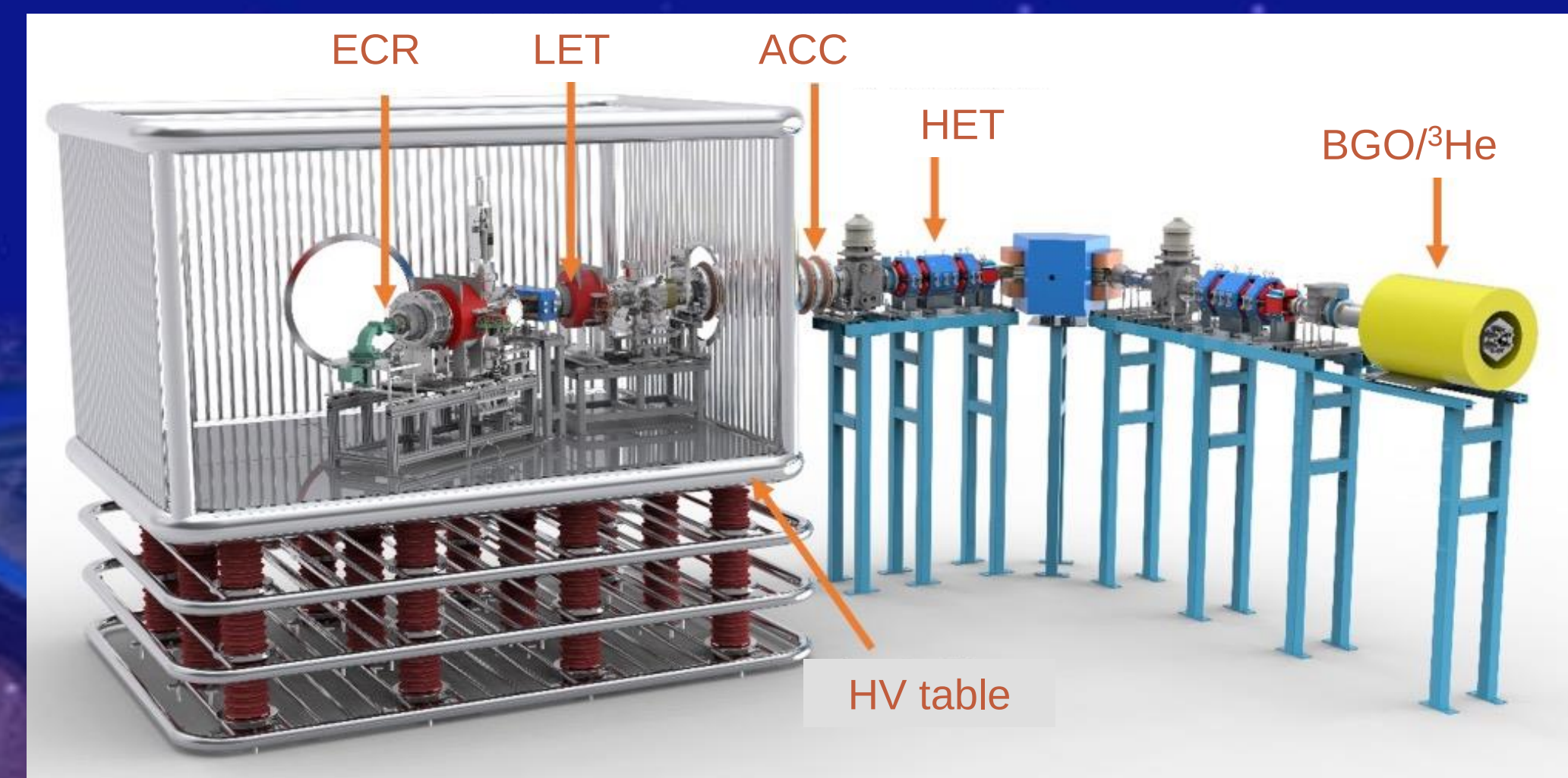
Accelerator HV platform installed in Aug. 2016



First proton beam of 260 keV and 3 mA in May 2017

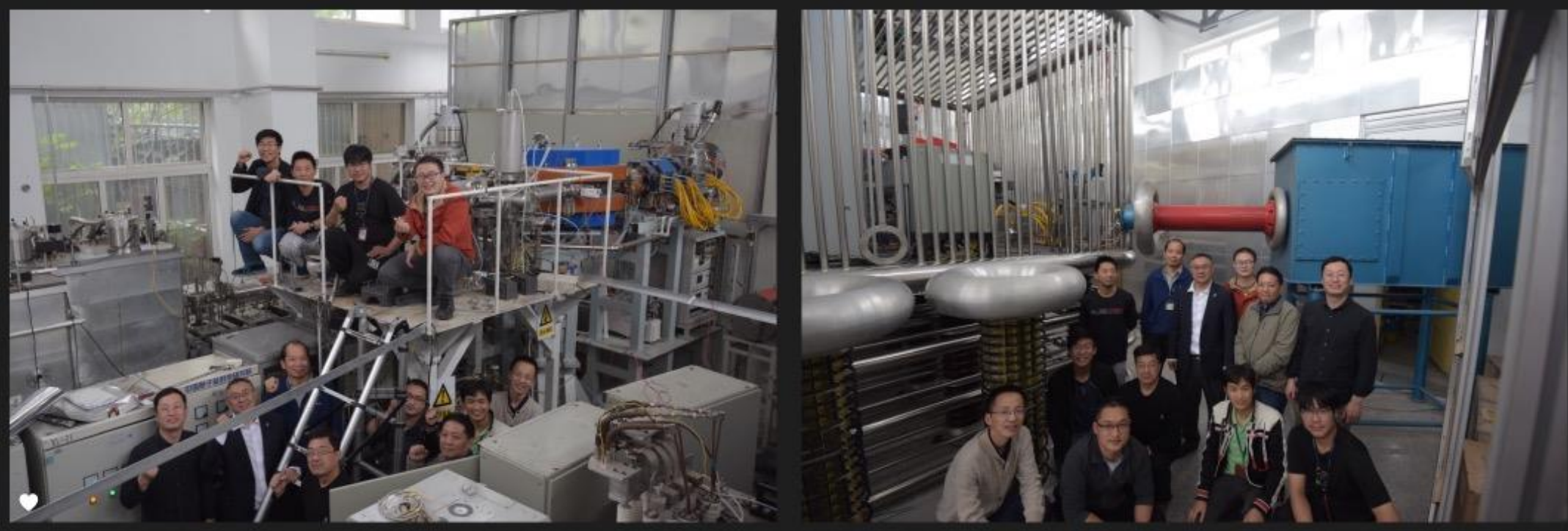
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H ⁺	12	400	2.45
He ⁺	10	400	2.45
He ⁺⁺	1	800	14.5

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farewell party above ground



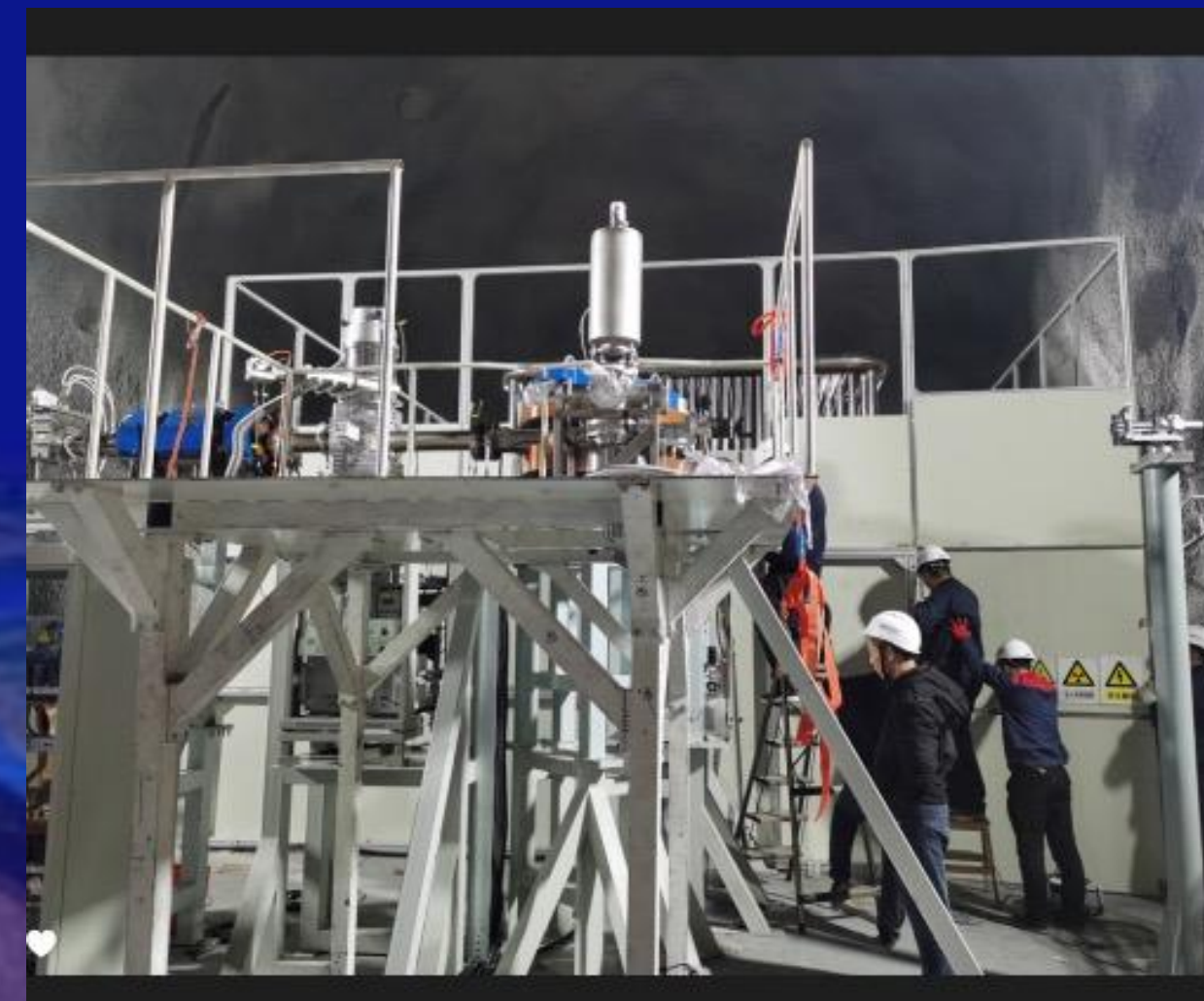
disassemble and transport from Beijing to Xichang



setup JUNA lab in CJPL II A1

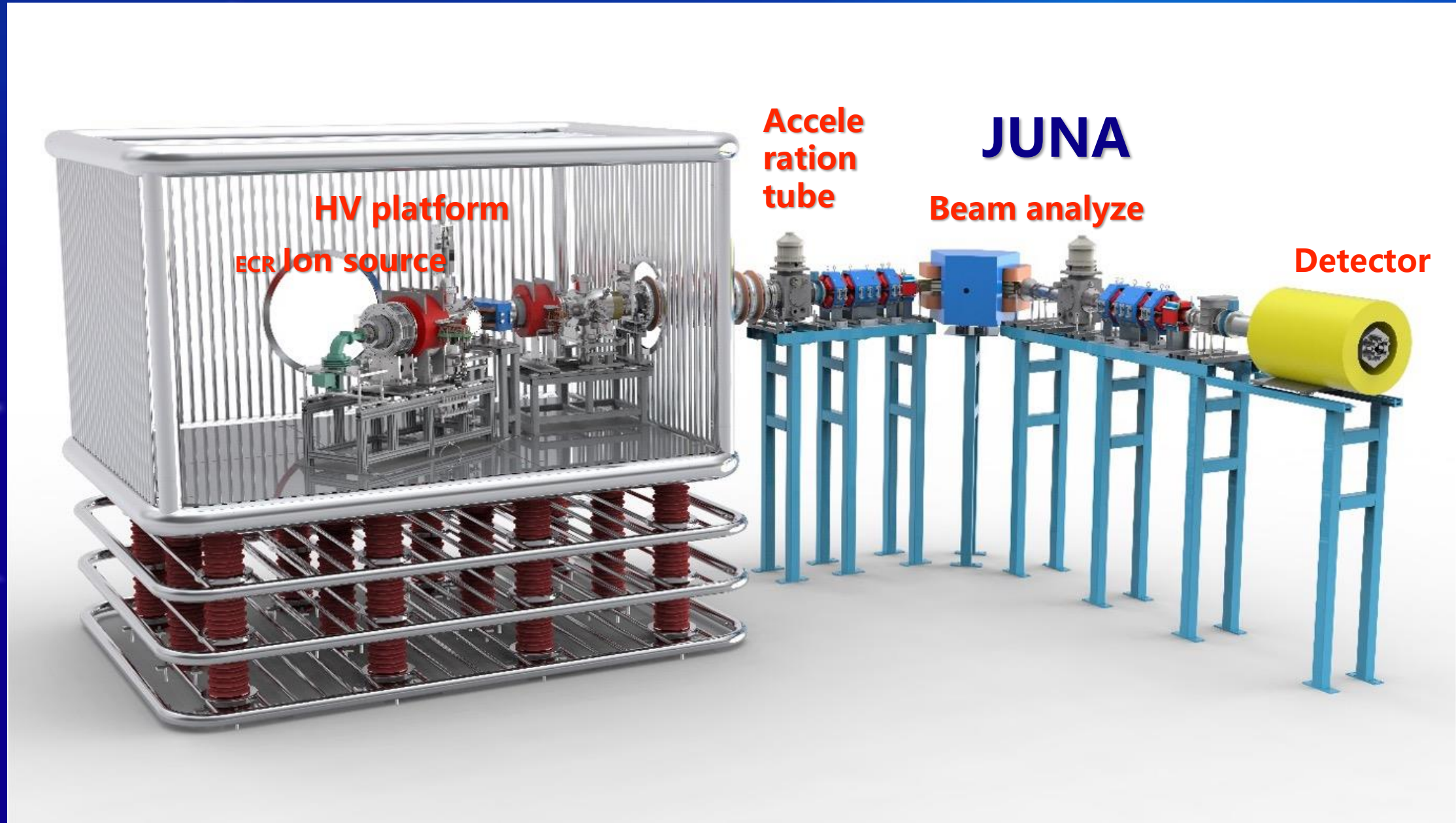


ECR source and acceleration tube



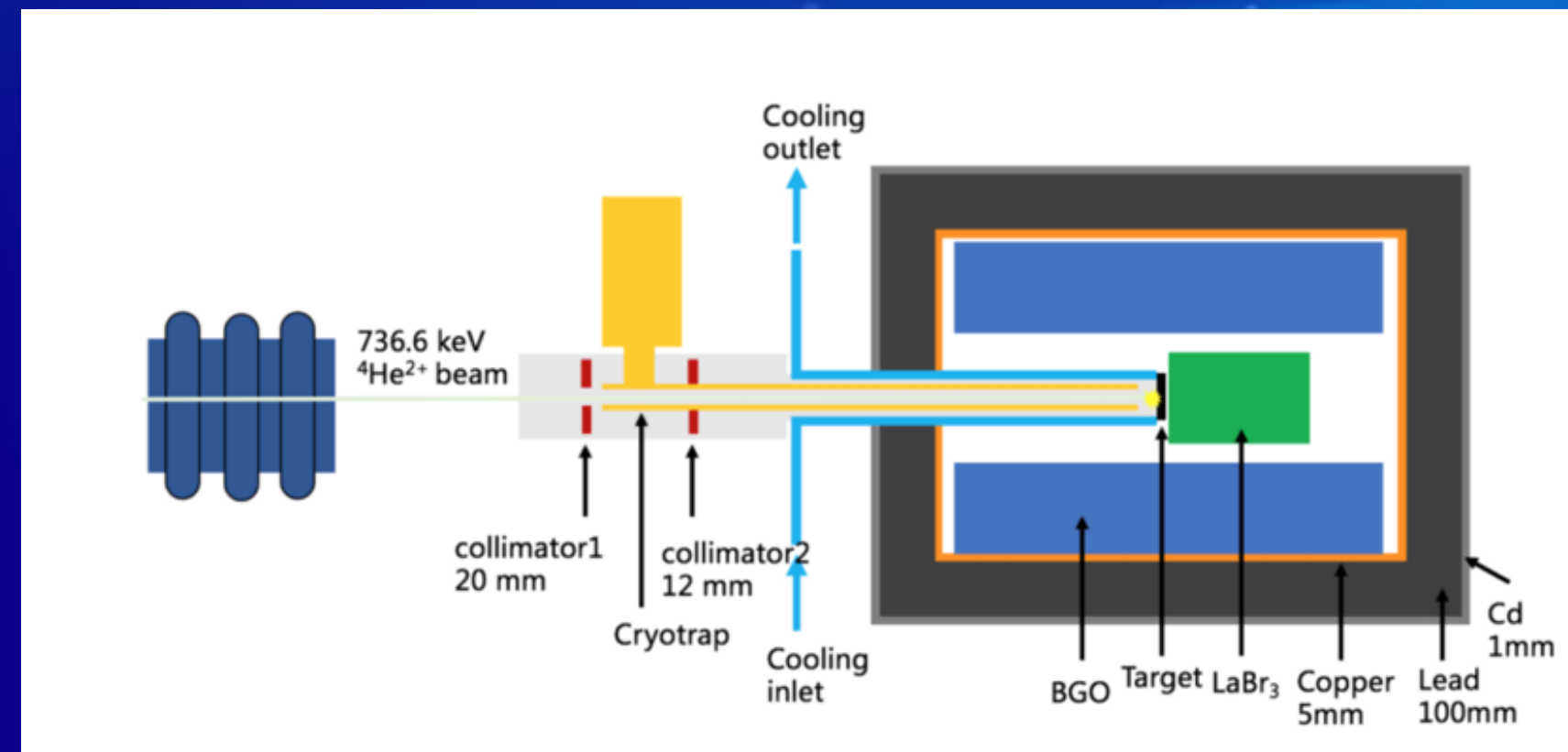
beam transport and detector

Unique capabilities

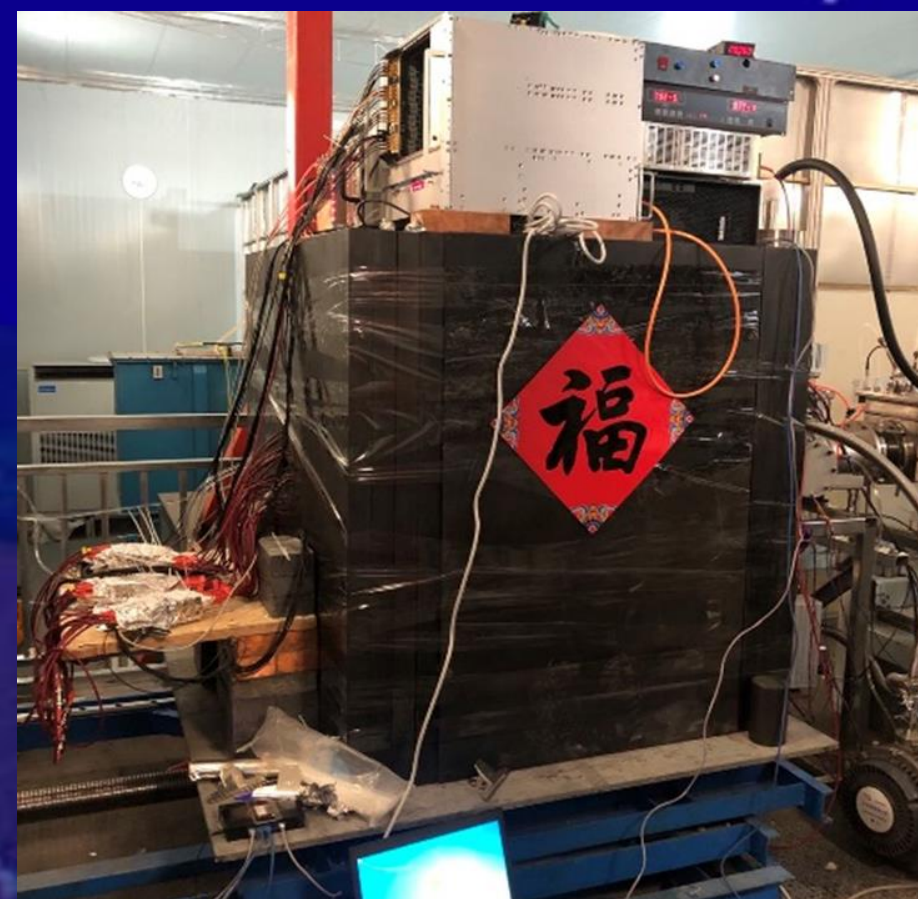
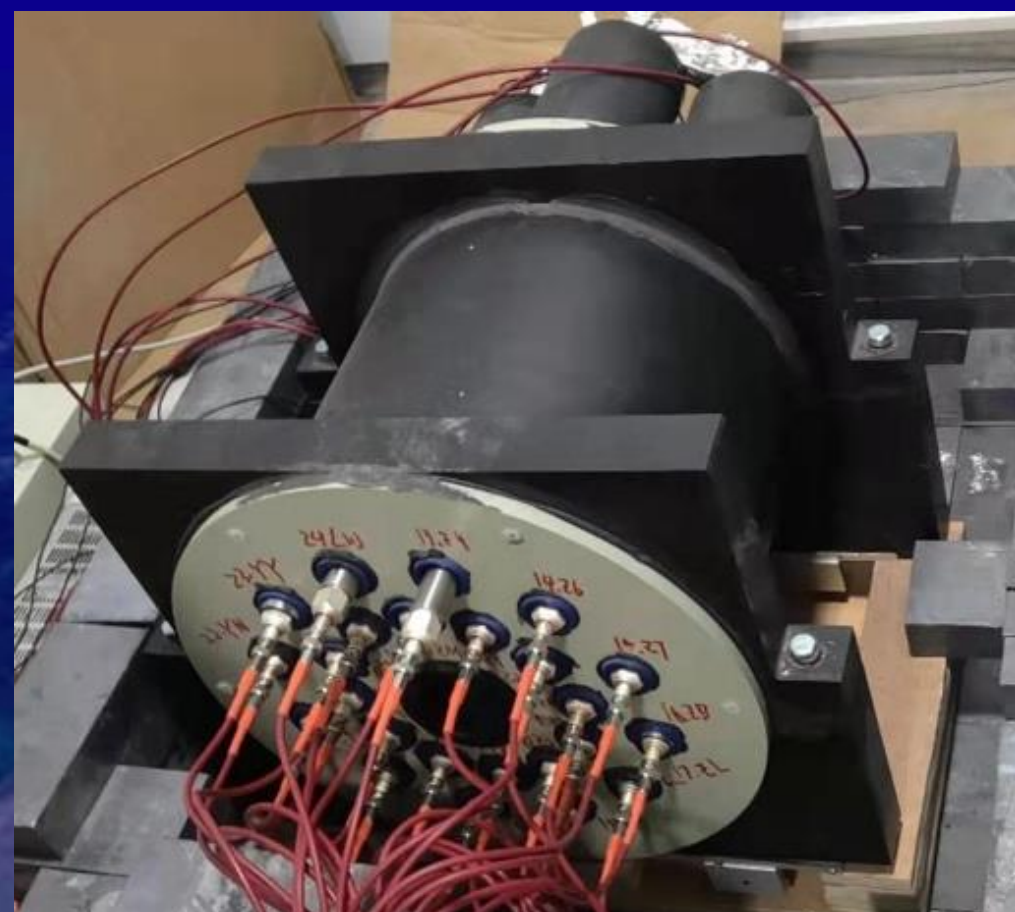
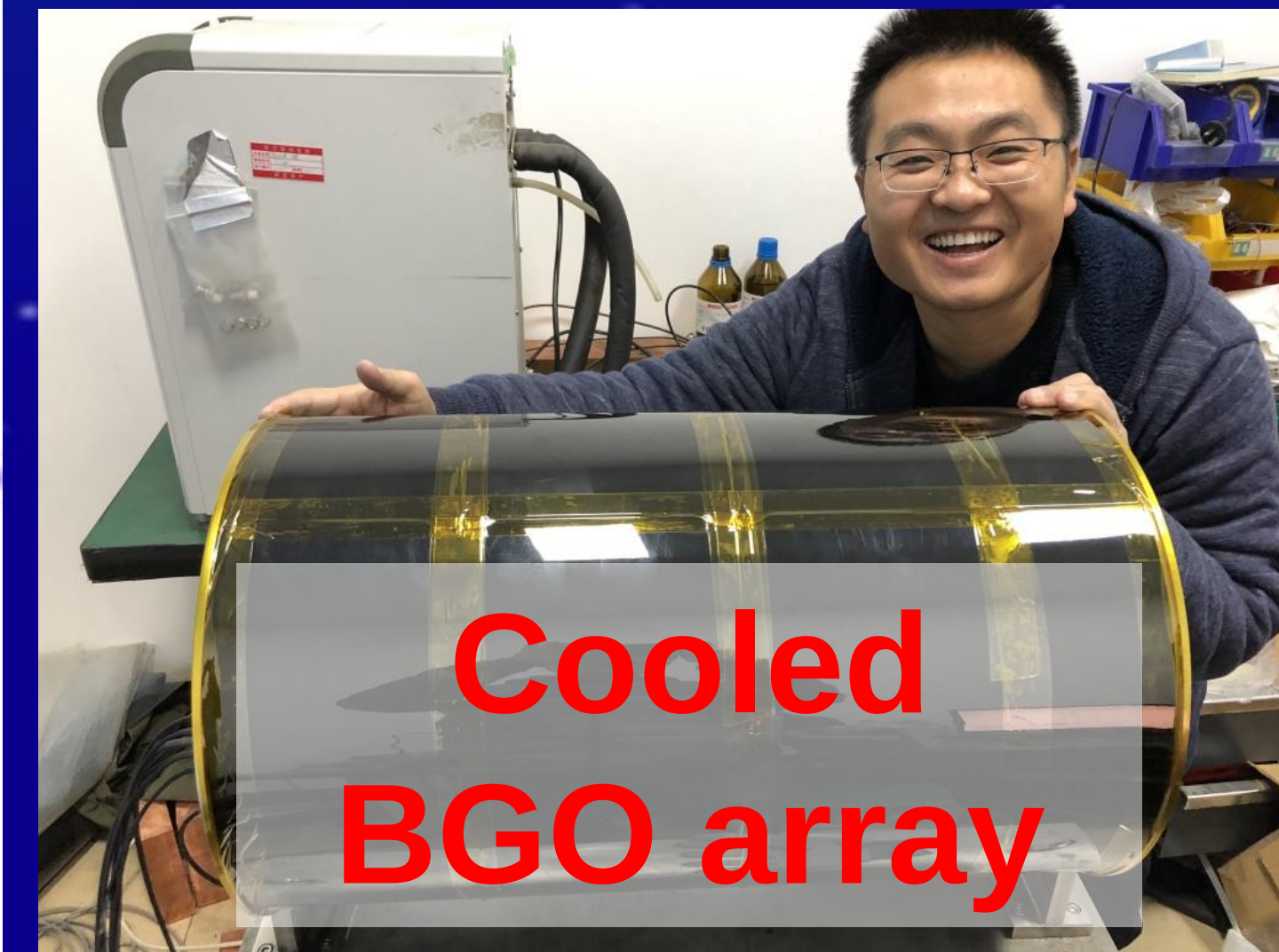
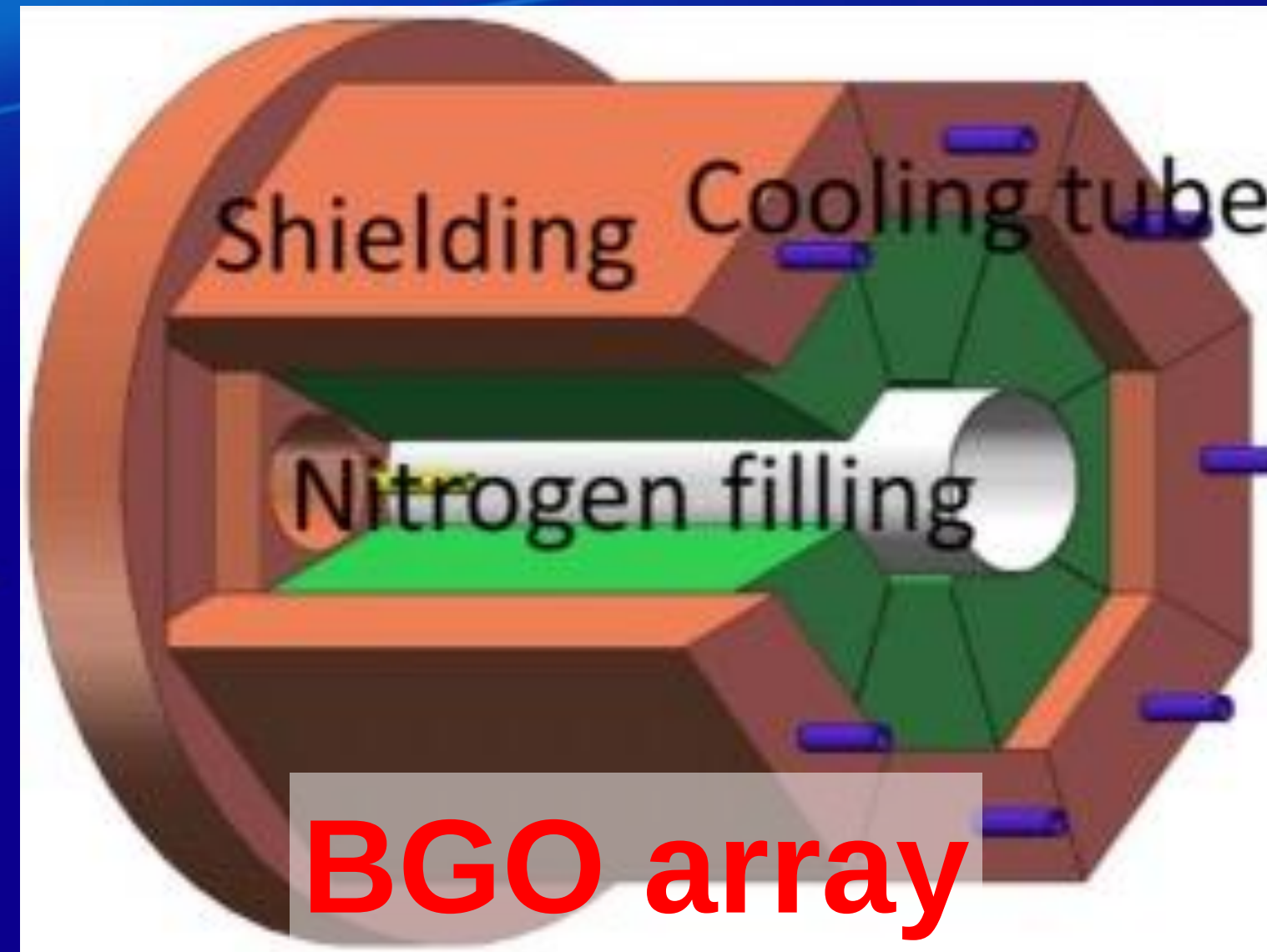


	cosmic muon bkg (cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)	beam energy (keV)			beam intensity (emA)			energy stability
		H ⁺	He ⁺	He ²⁺	H ⁺	He ⁺	He ²⁺	
LUNA	2×10 ⁻⁸	50-400	50-400	---	0.3~1	0.3~0.8	---	0.05%
CASPAR	4.4×10 ⁻⁹	100-1000	100-1000	---	0.1	0.1	---	0.05%
JUNA	2×10 ⁻¹⁰	50-400	50-400	100-800	10	10	2	0.04%

Detection systems



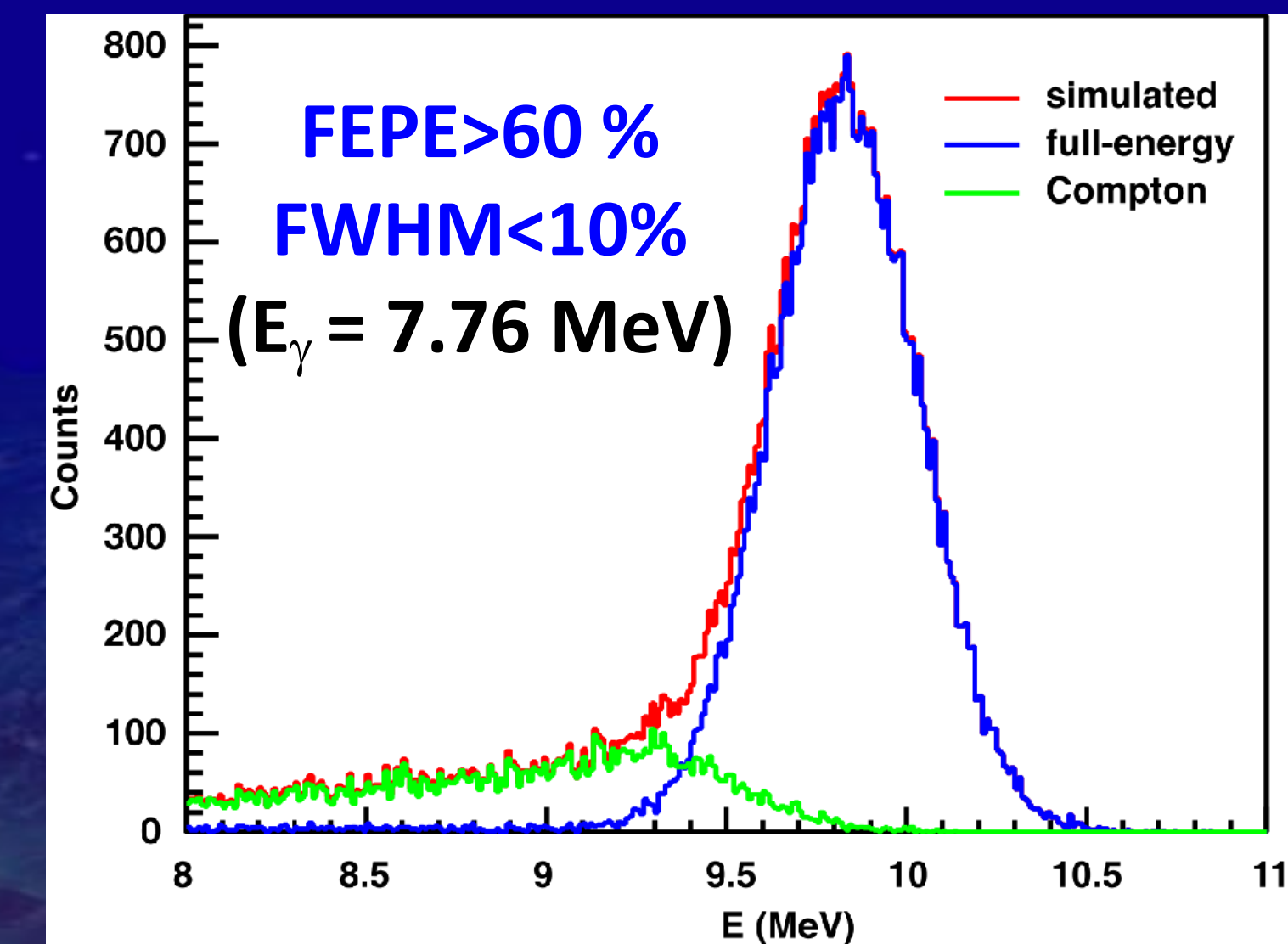
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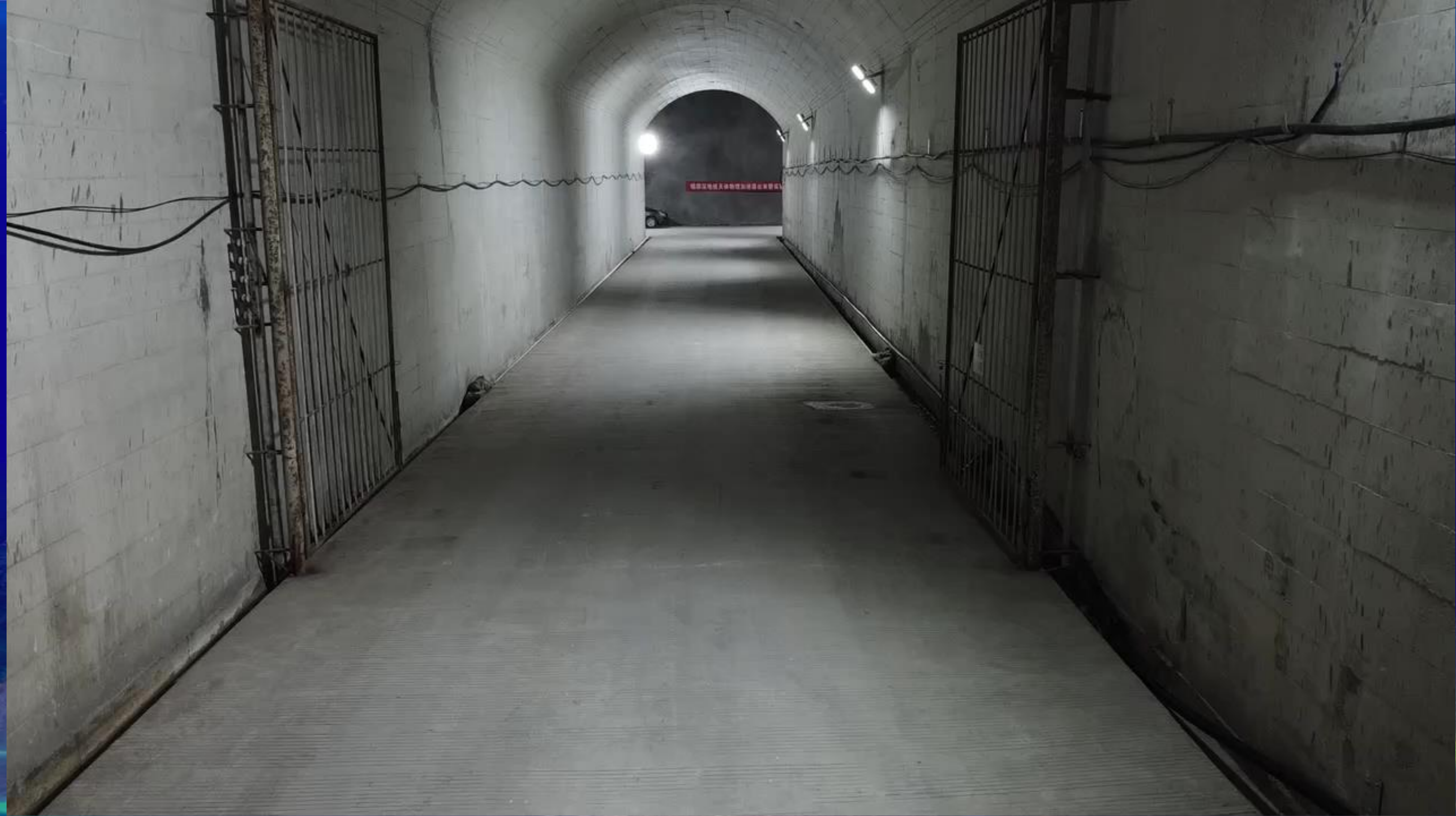


³He detector array
26% @ 2.5 MeV neutron

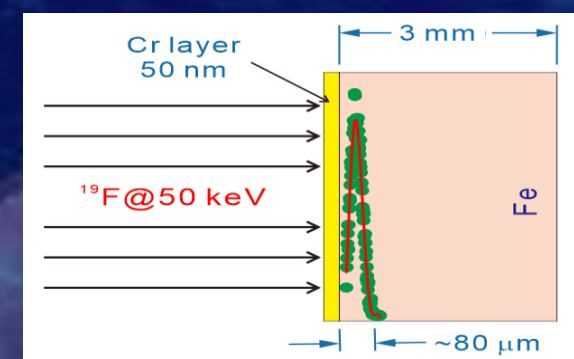
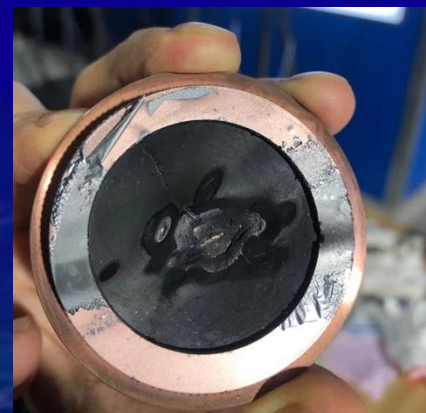
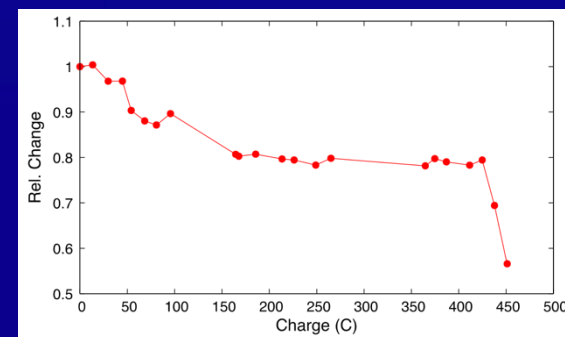


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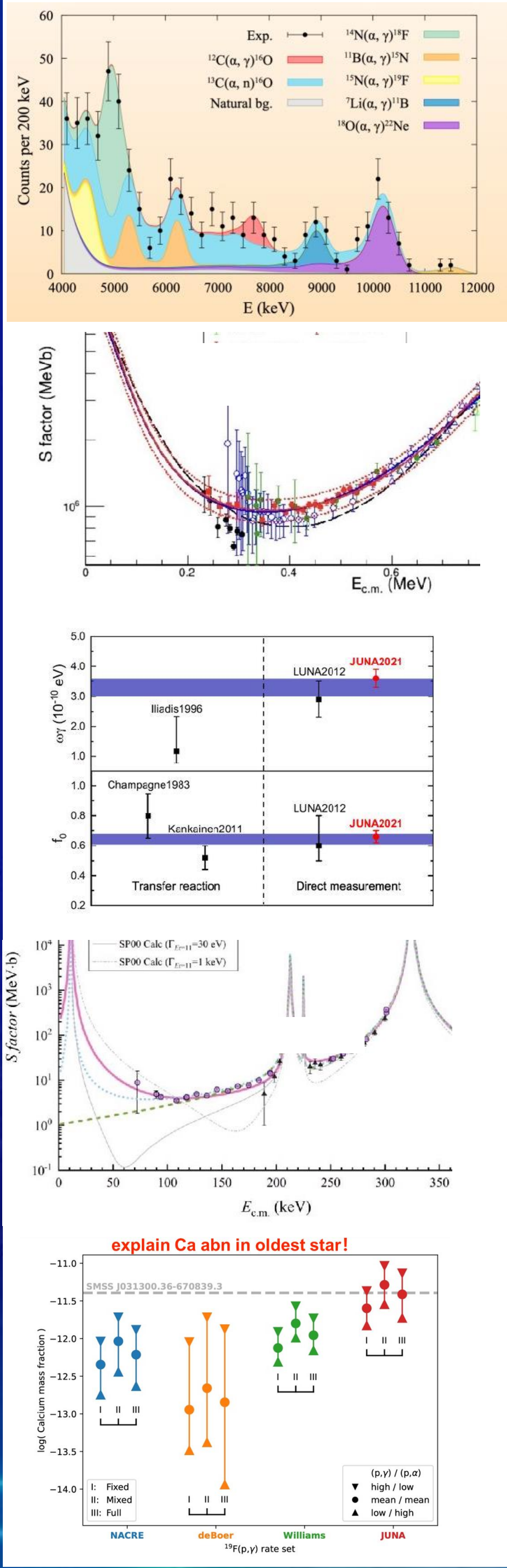


Target technologies



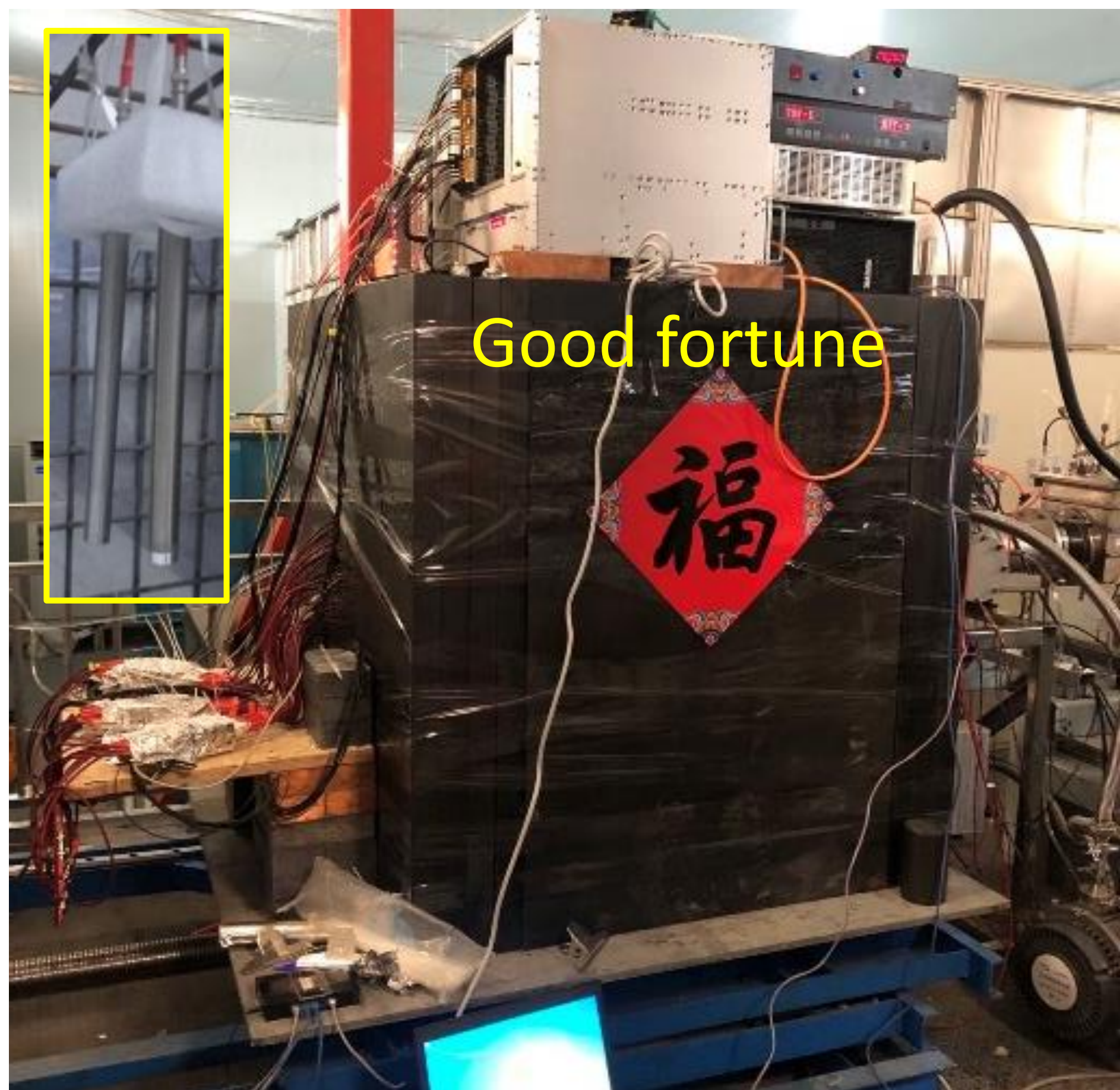
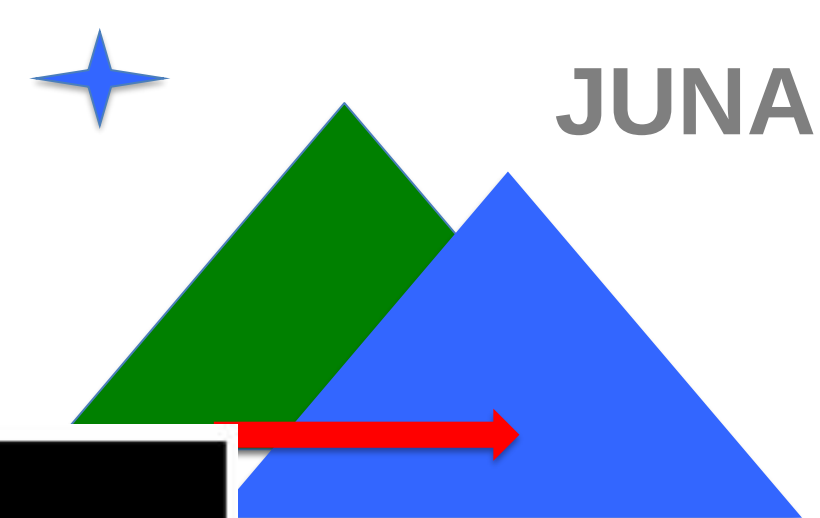
Target	Technology	Publication	Previous record	JUNA
¹² C	Filter cathodic vacuum arc FCVA	1 patent	100 C	400 C
²⁵ Mg	rotation+ Cr coating	NST31(2020)91	20 C	300 C
¹³ C	Enriched thick	In preparation	>100 targets	3 targets ~500 W
¹⁹ F	Implantation+ Cr coating	NIMB 438(2019)48 496(2012)9	0.02 mA	1 mA

Summary of first campaign (2022.1-2022.4)

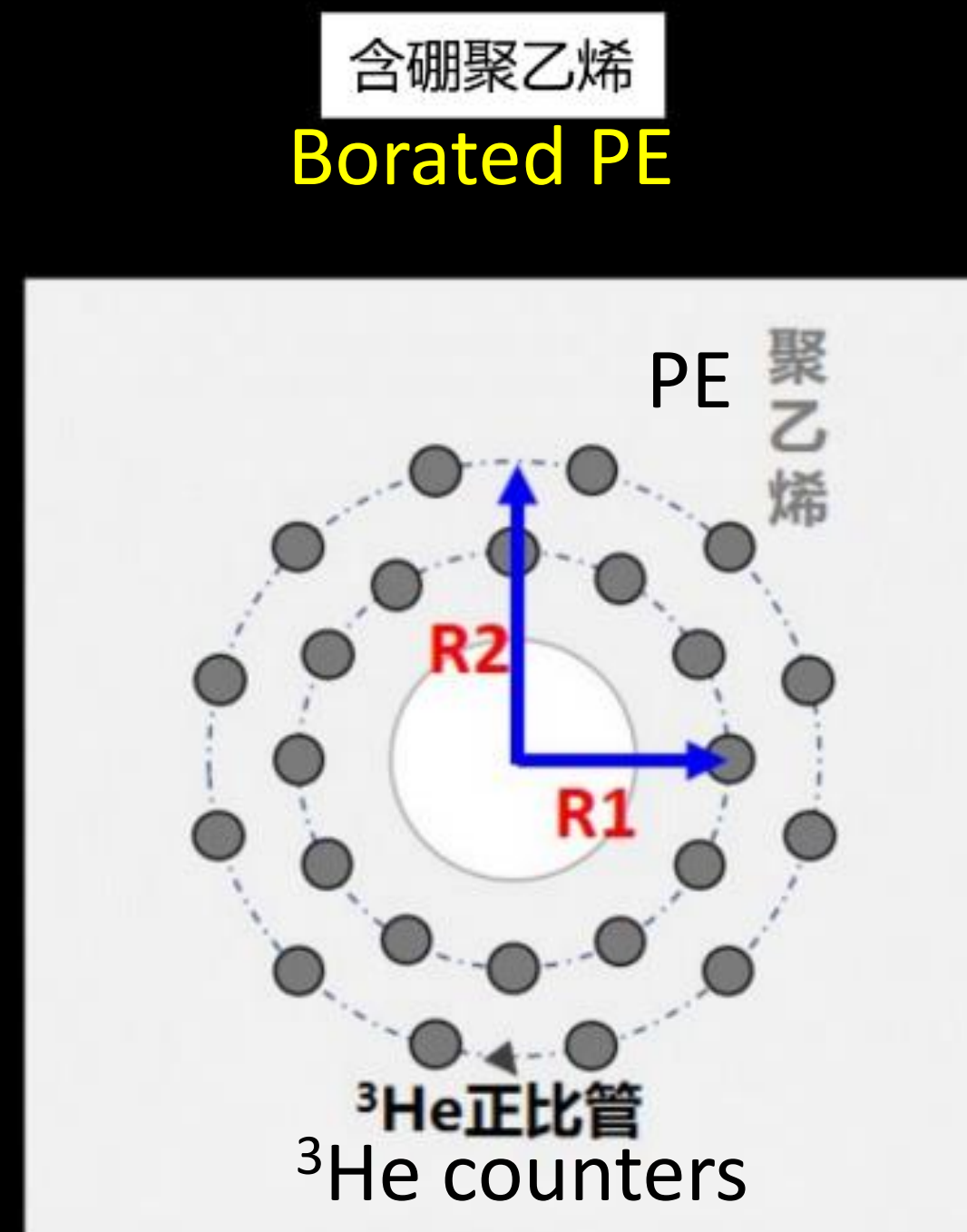


reaction	previous status	JUNA results	exposure C	intensity, mA
$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ $(^{18}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{22}\text{Ne}, \text{PRL } 130(2023)092701)$	60% 890 keV $\sim 10^{-11}$ b	Upper limit 552 keV $\sim 10^{-12}$ b	1034	1.0
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$ PRL 129, 132701 (2022)	60% 230-300 keV	$\sim 15\%$ 240-1900 keV	350	0.5-2.0
$^{25}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$ Sci Bull, 67(2022)125	21% 92 keV	8% 92 keV	1225	1.5
$^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ Nature (2022) PRL 127(2021)152702	80 % 189 keV 300 keV	5 % 72 keV 200 keV		1.0

Low background neutron detector

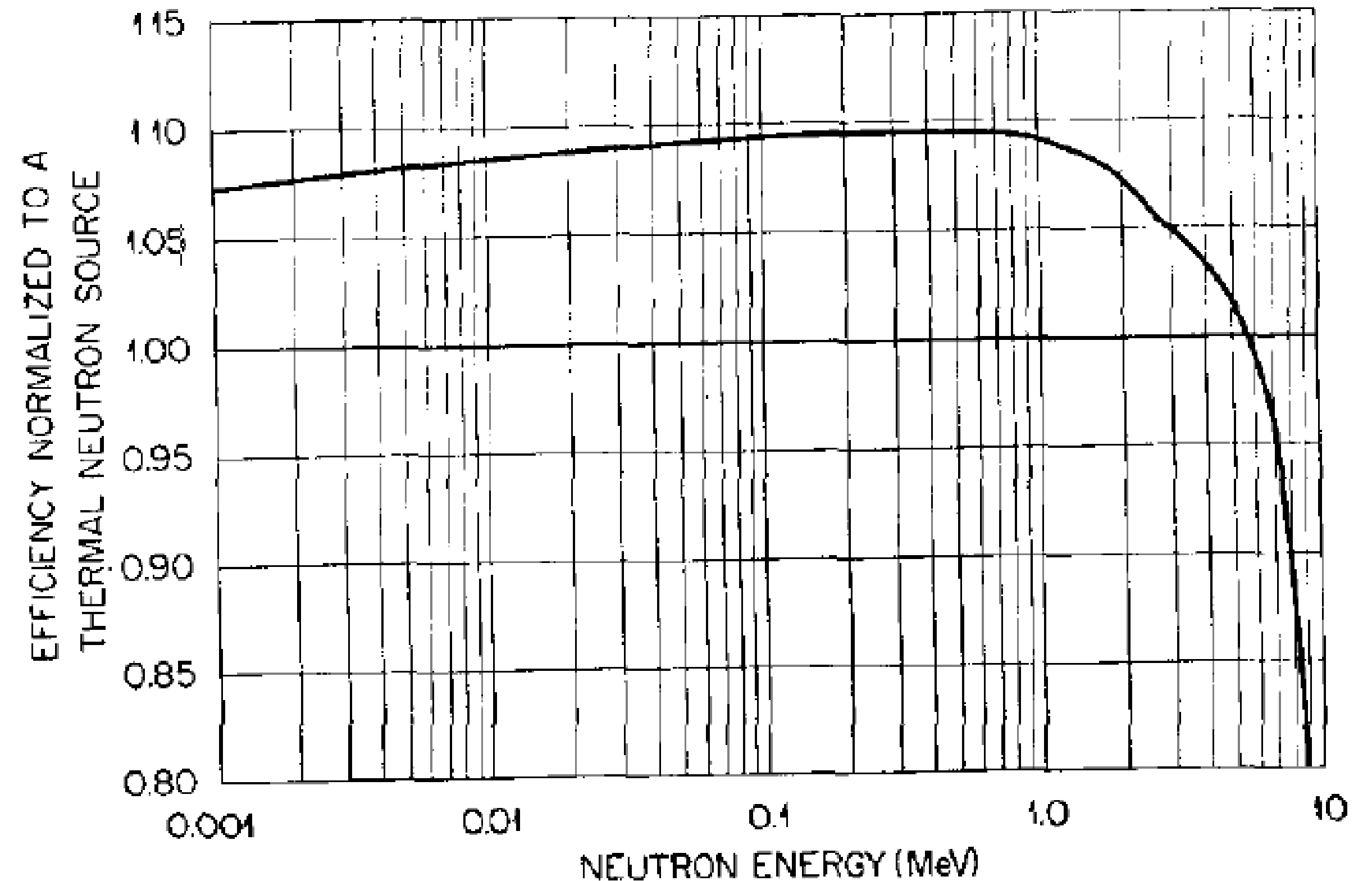
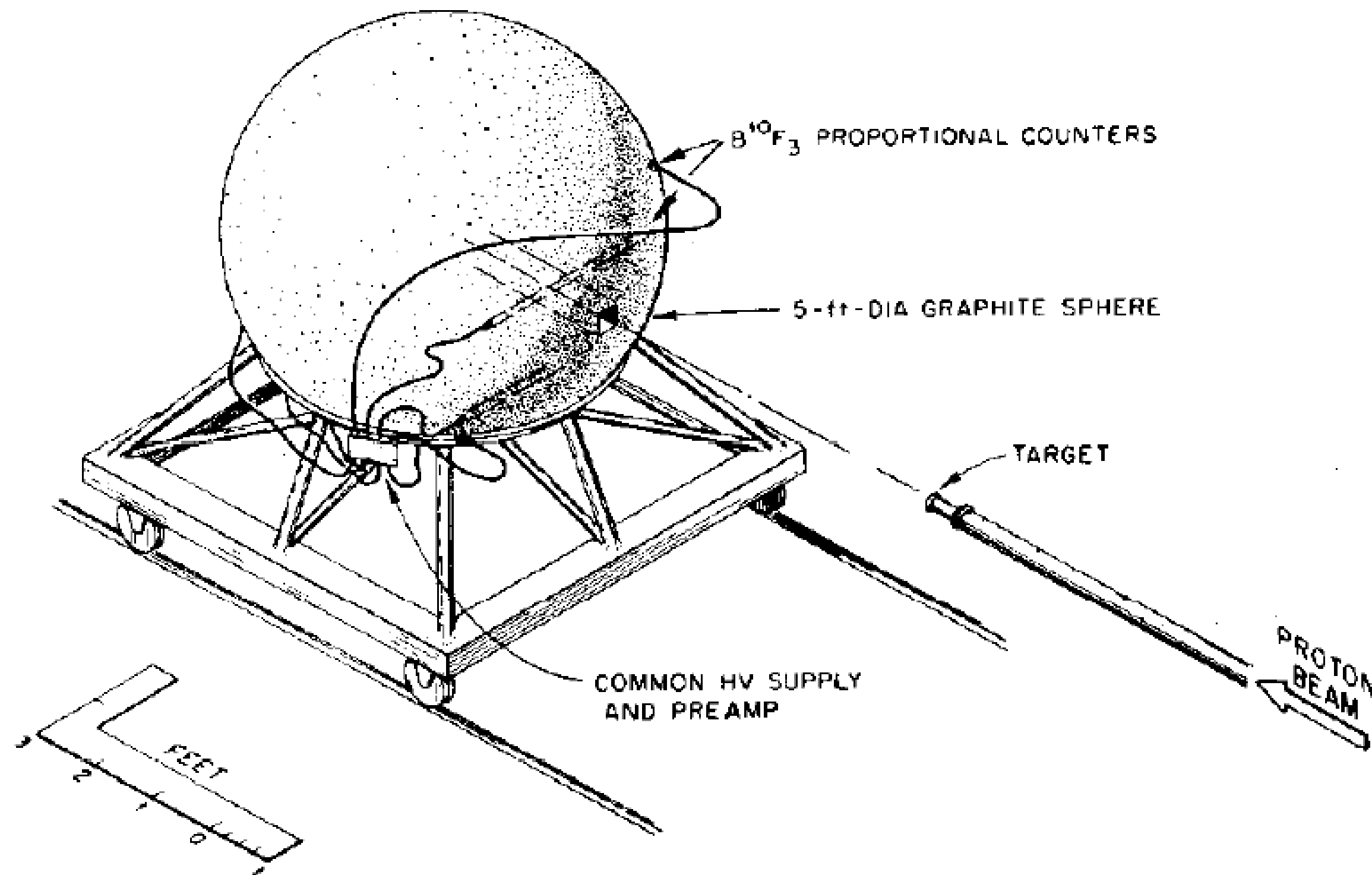
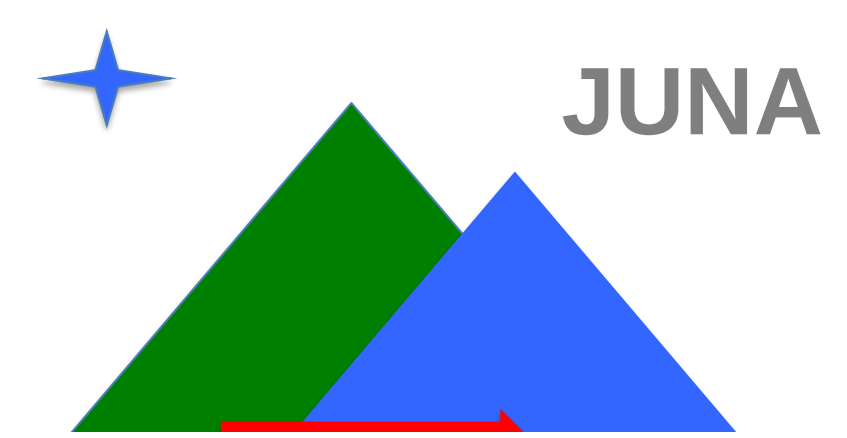


Good fortune



24x ^3He counter + High Density PE + Borated PE

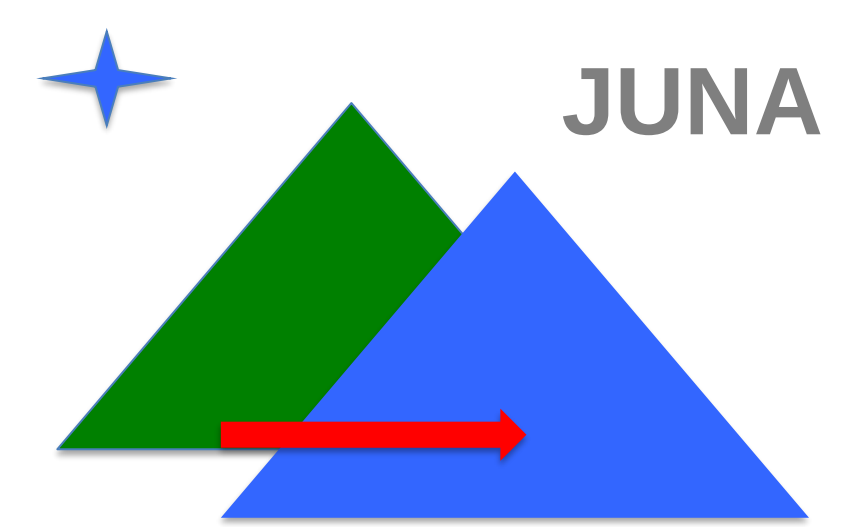
GRAPHITE SPHERE NEUTRON DETECTOR



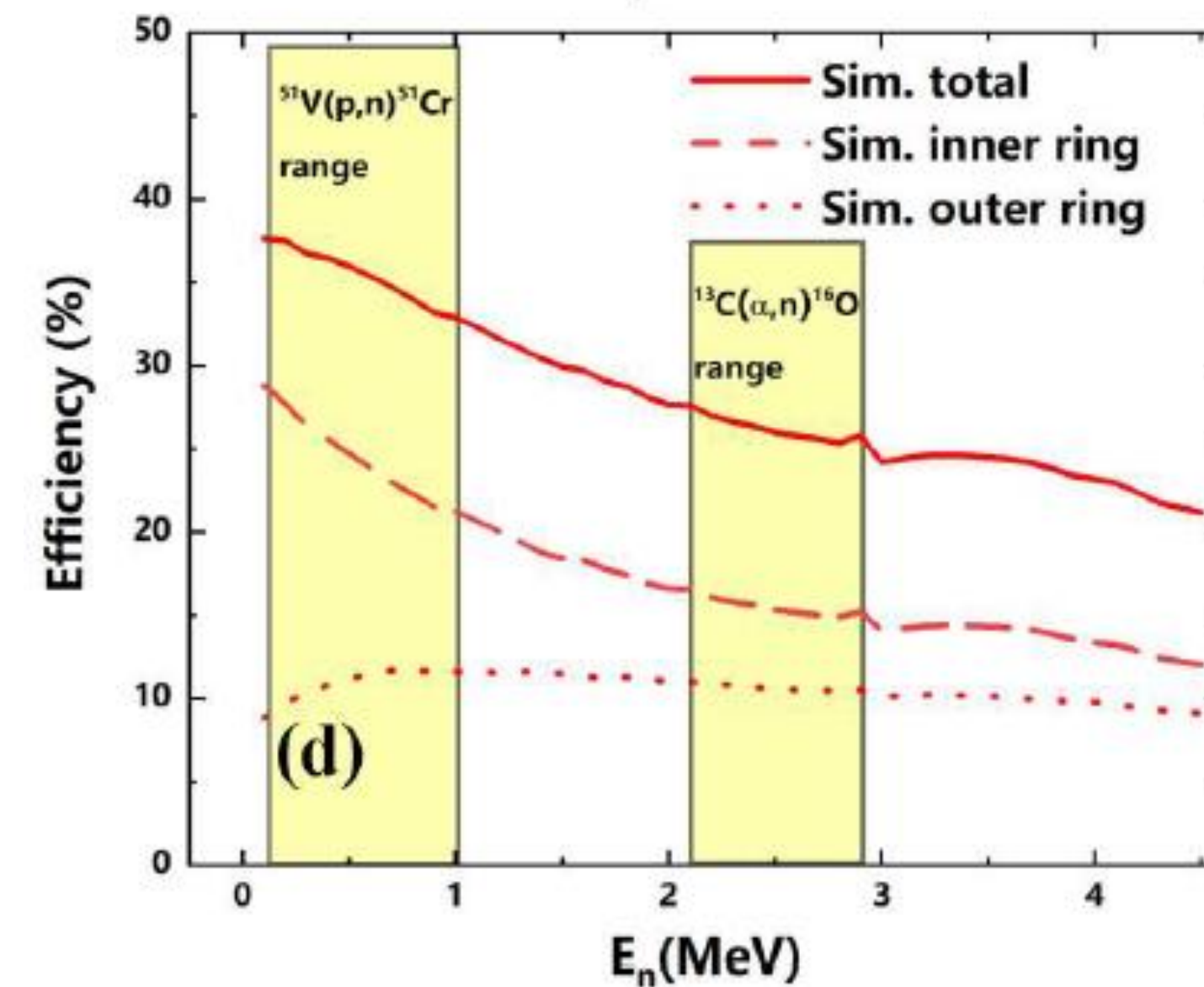
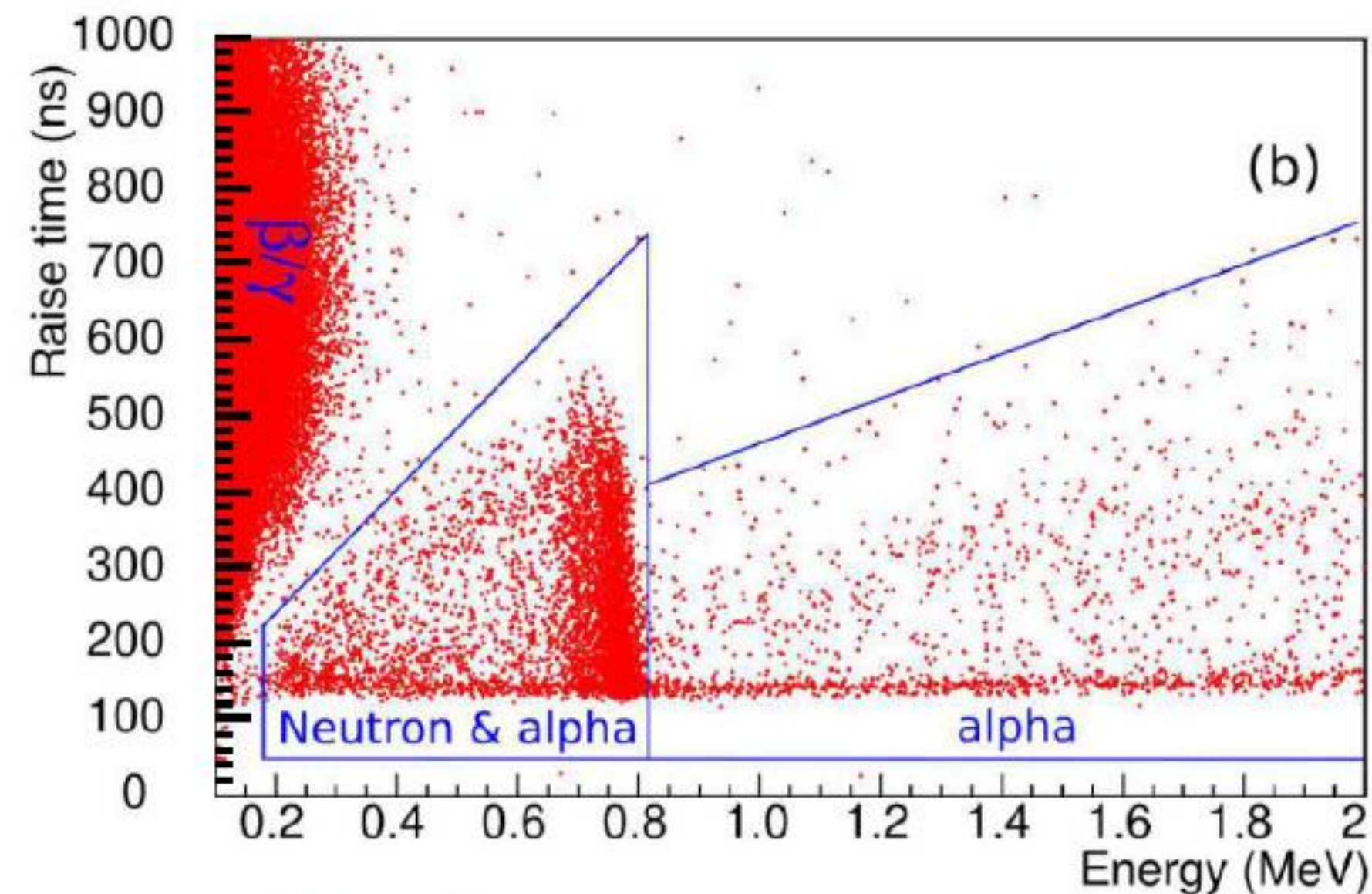
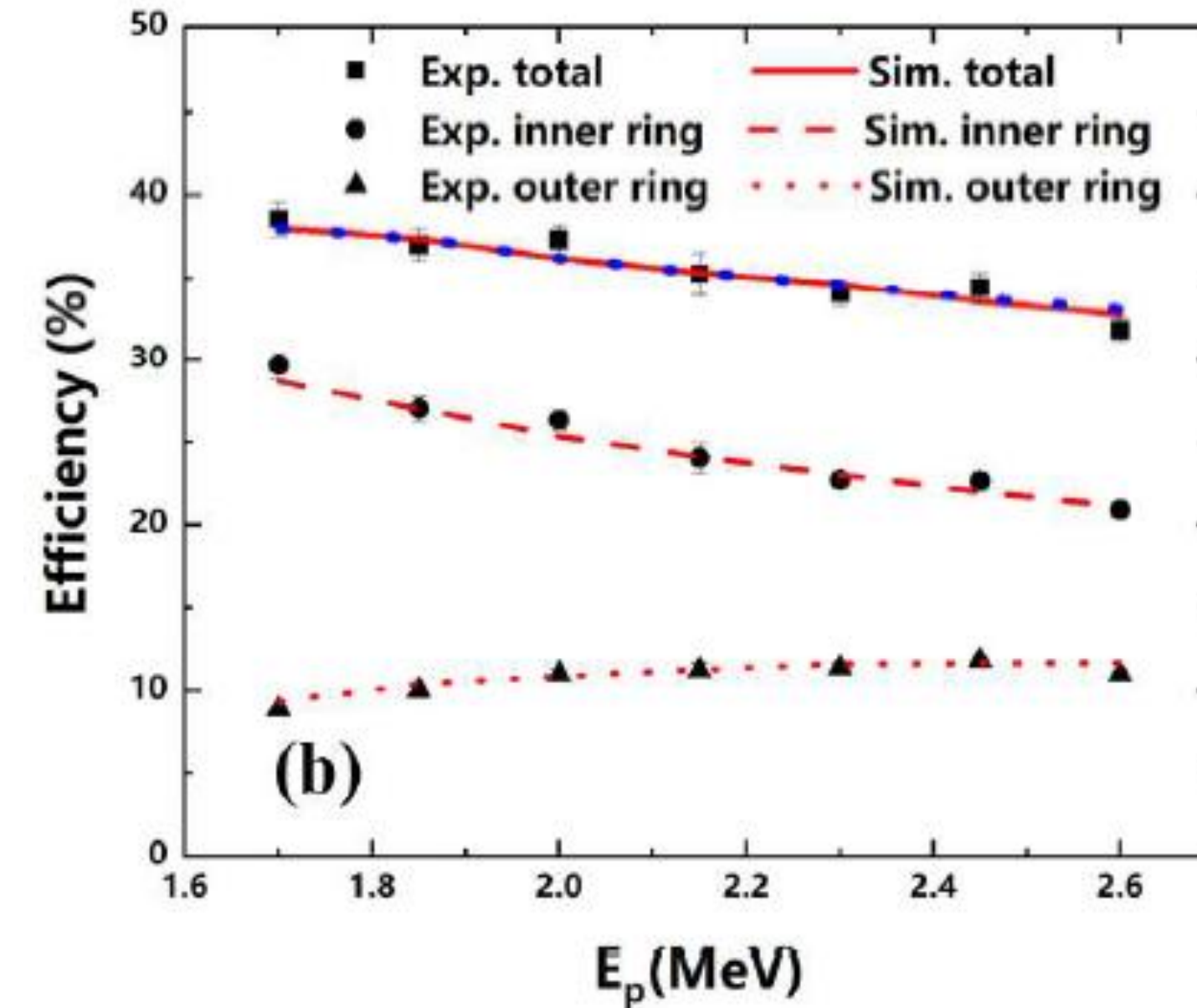
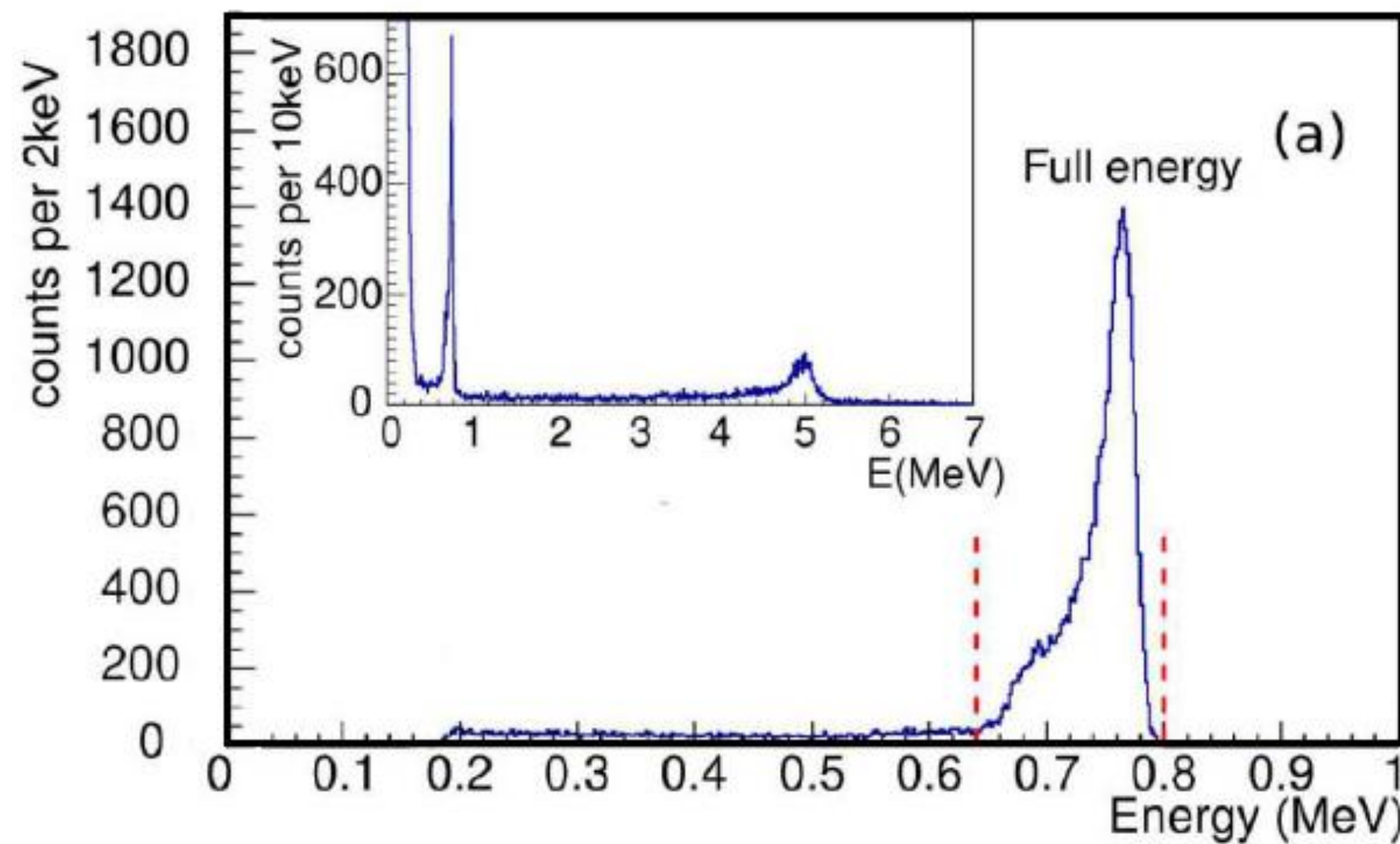
Relative Efficiency of Graphite Sphere with Central Neutron Source. $a = 80.0$ cm; $r = 69.7$ cm; $L = 48.8$ cm; $\rho = 1.652$ g/cm³

An absolute calibration of a (NBS) standardized Sb-Be neutron source was performed by measuring the exit current of thermal neutrons with a thin wafer of ⁶LiI(Eu) scintillator.

Efficiency calibration w $^{51}\text{V}(\text{p},\text{n})^{51}\text{Cr}$

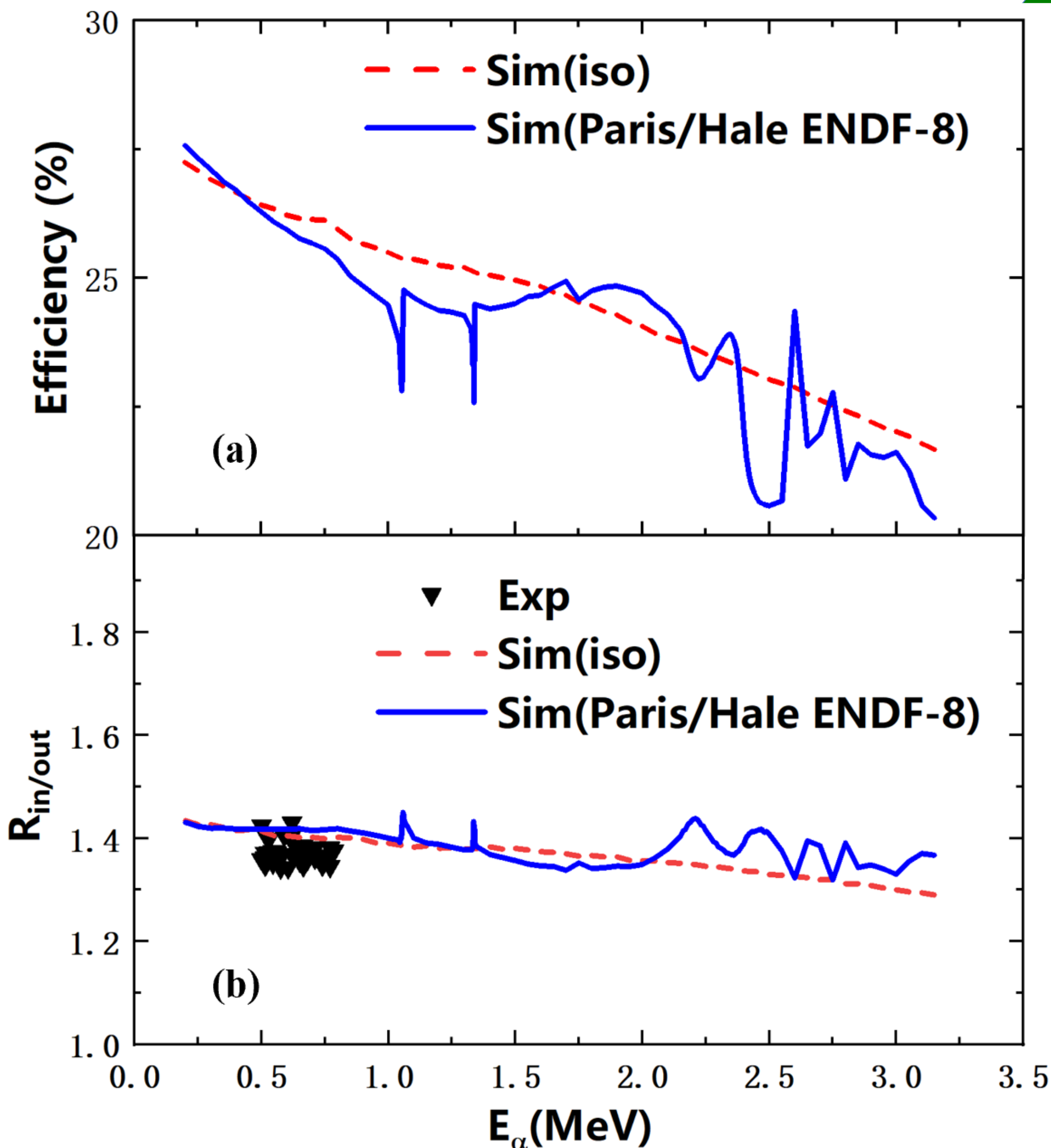
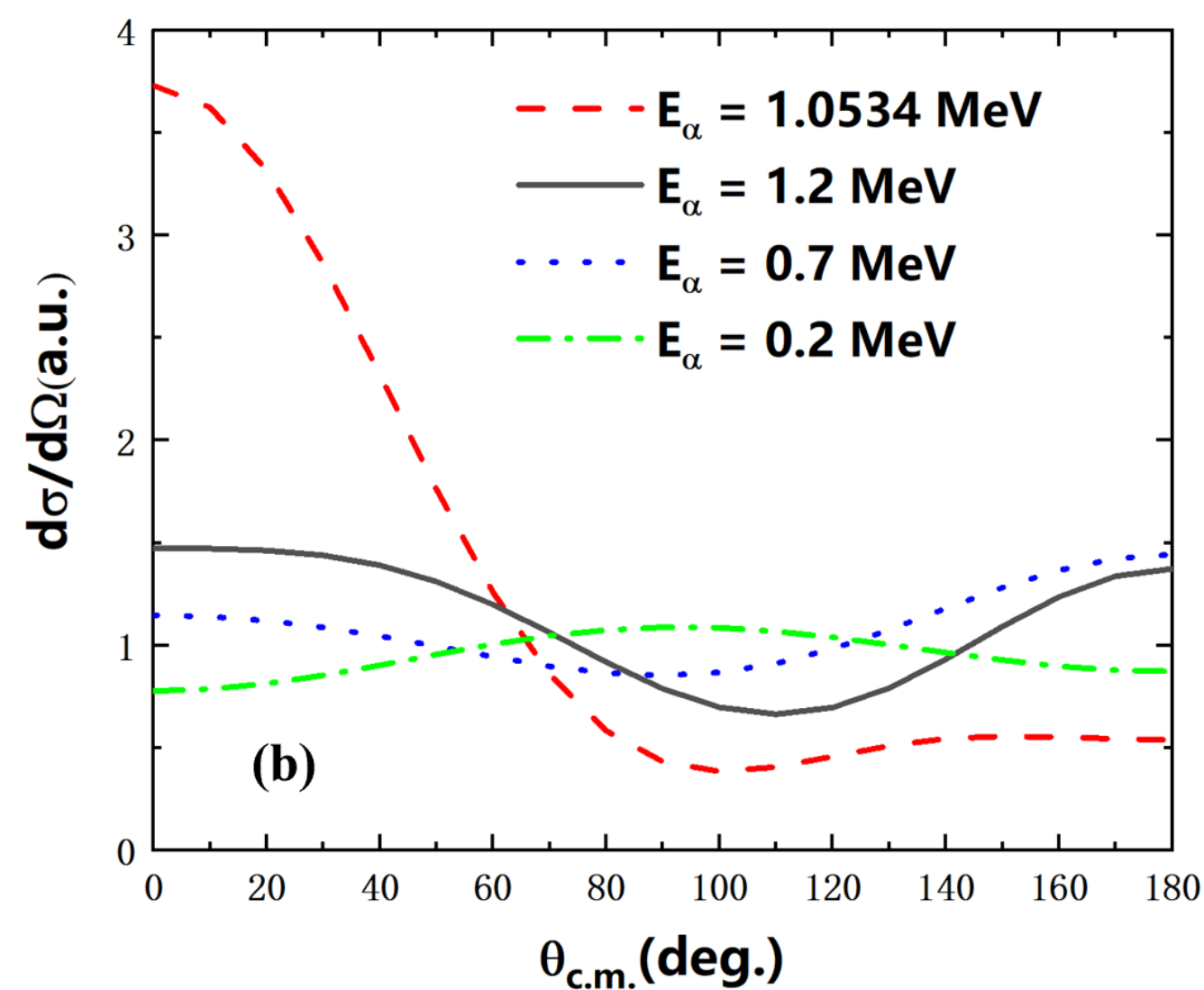
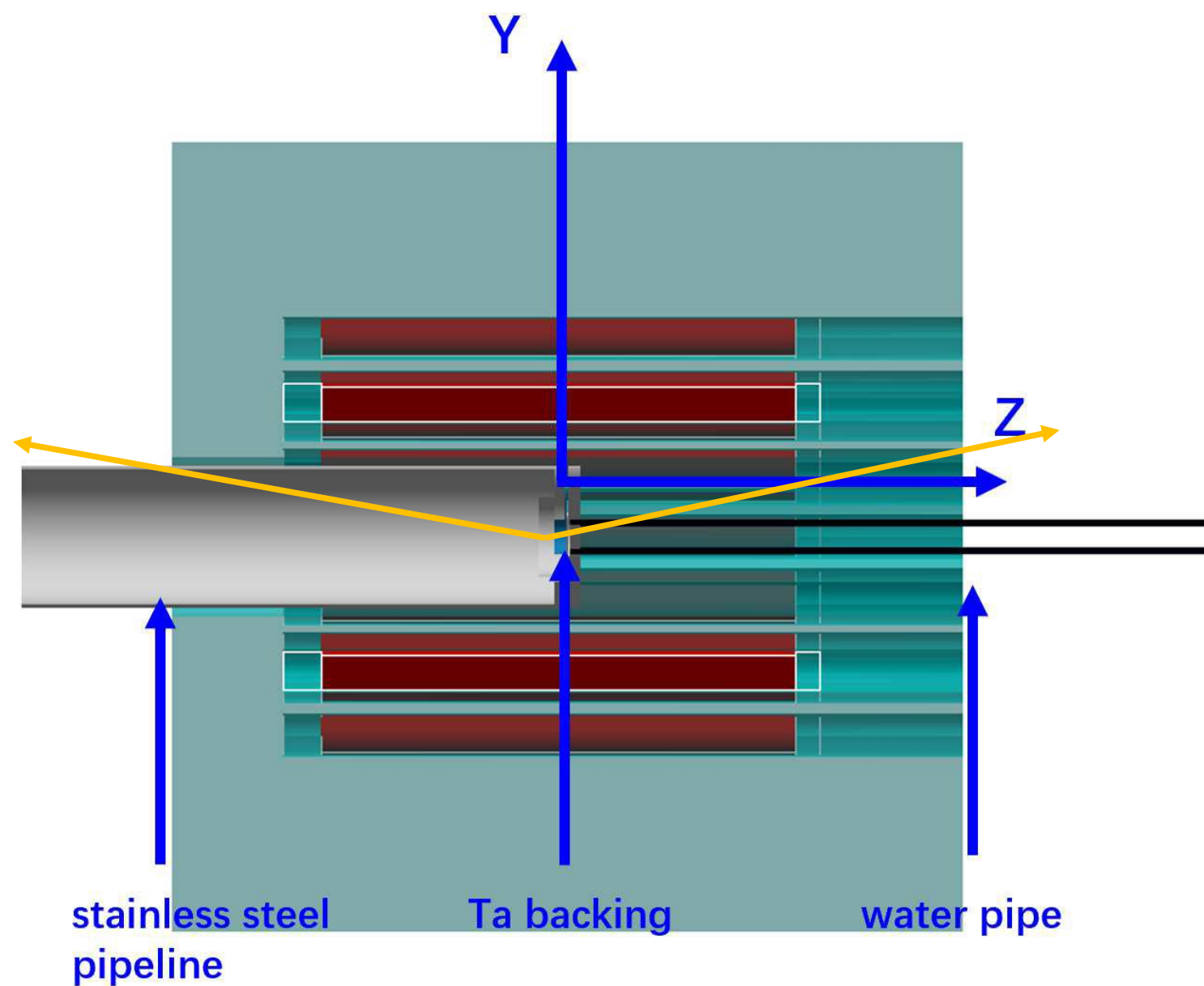
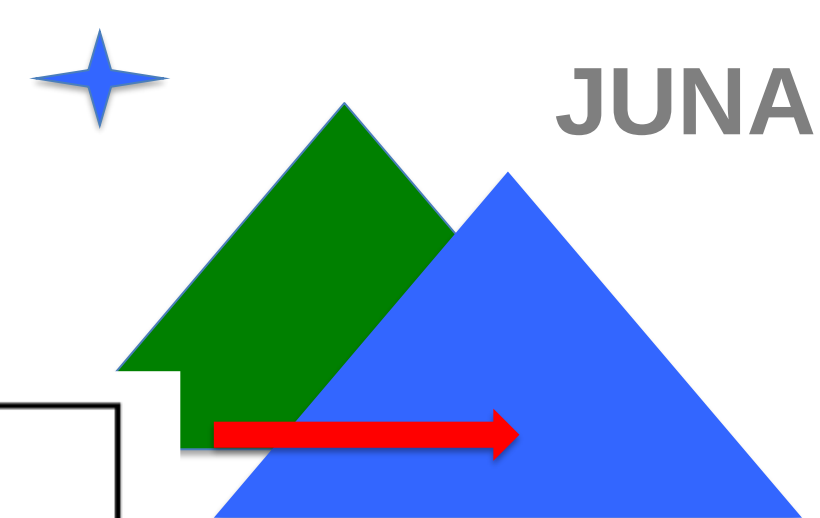


Any information
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of $^{51}\text{V}(\text{p},\text{n})^{51}\text{Cr}$?

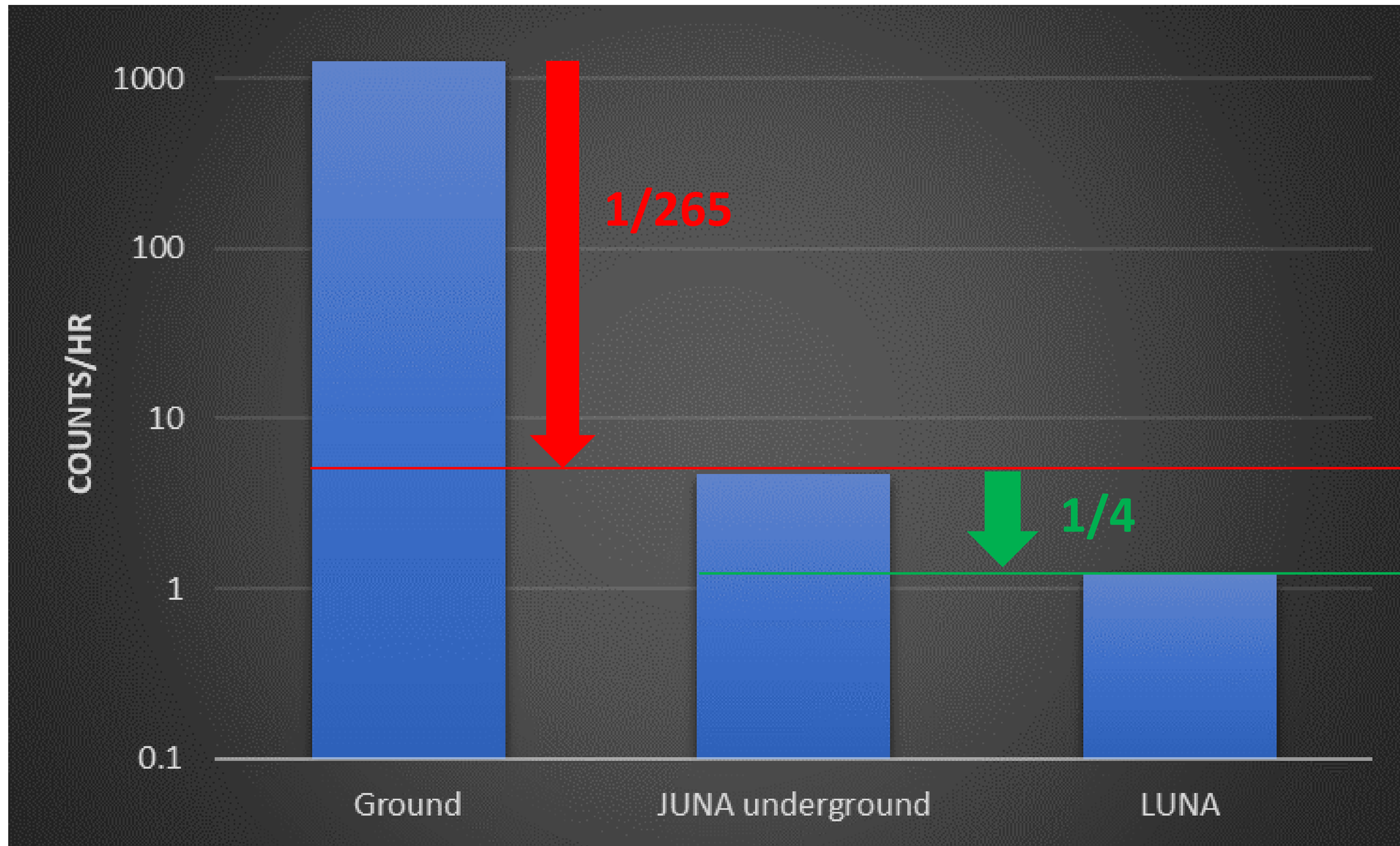
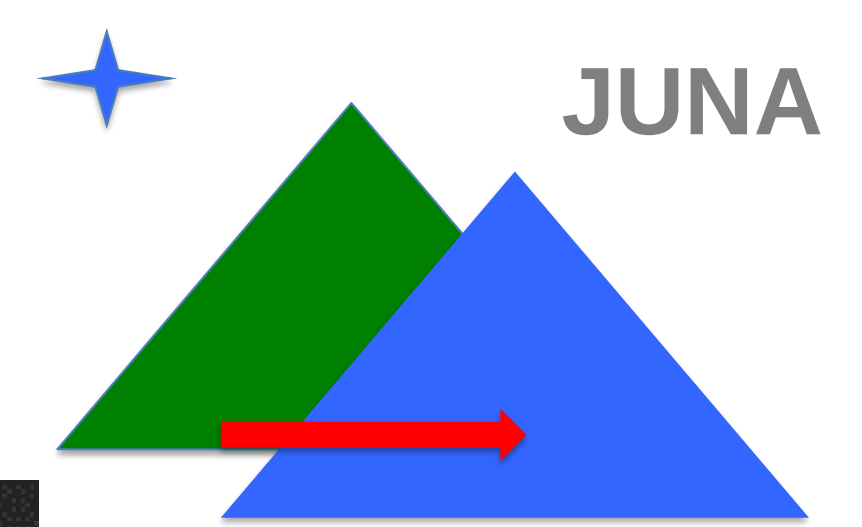


How to estimate
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Effect of angular distribution



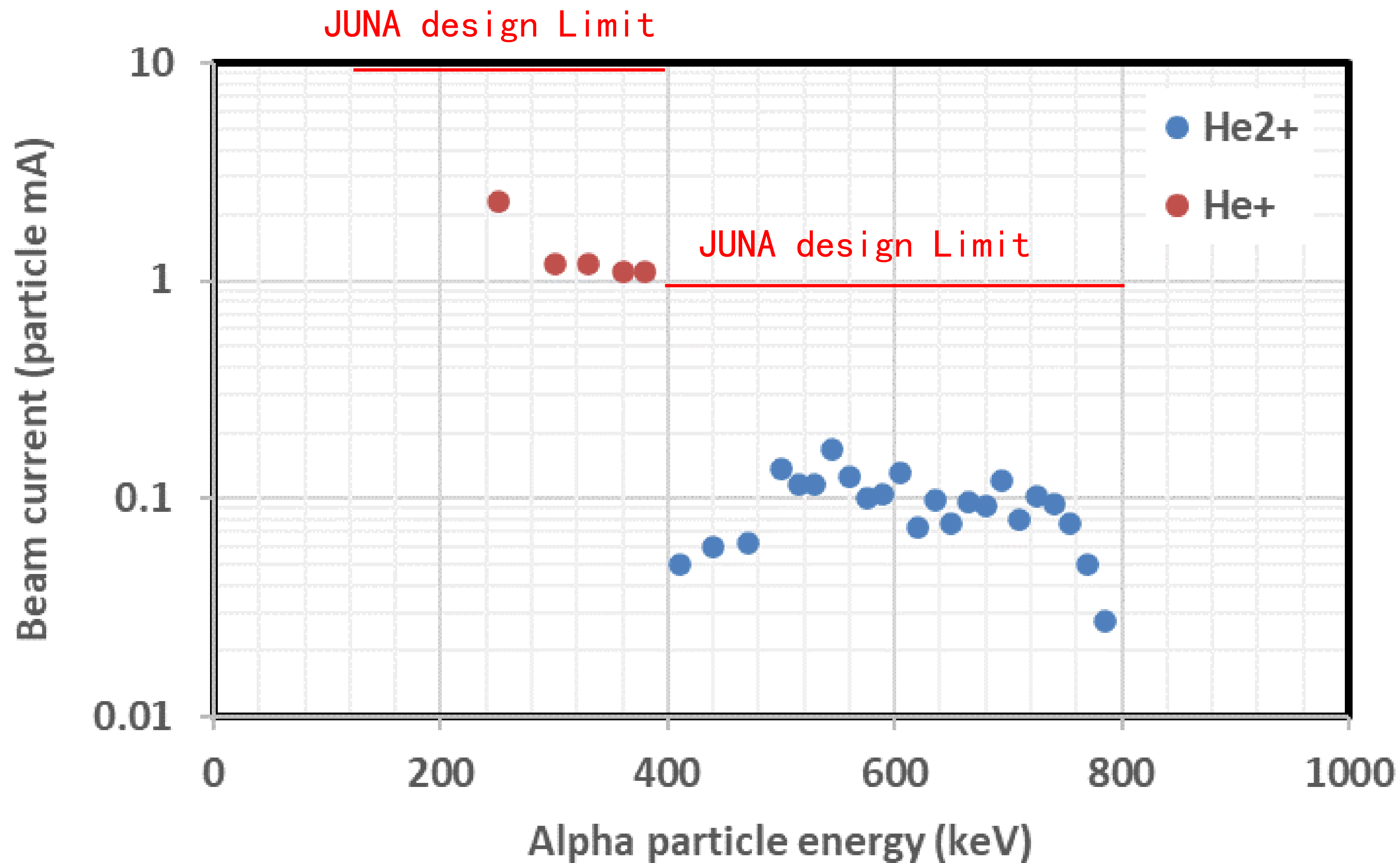
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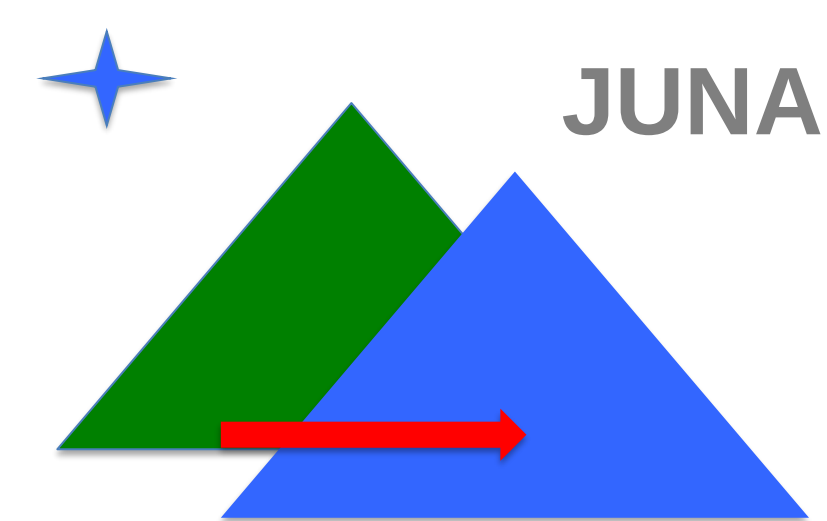
LUNA, Csedreki NIMA (2021)

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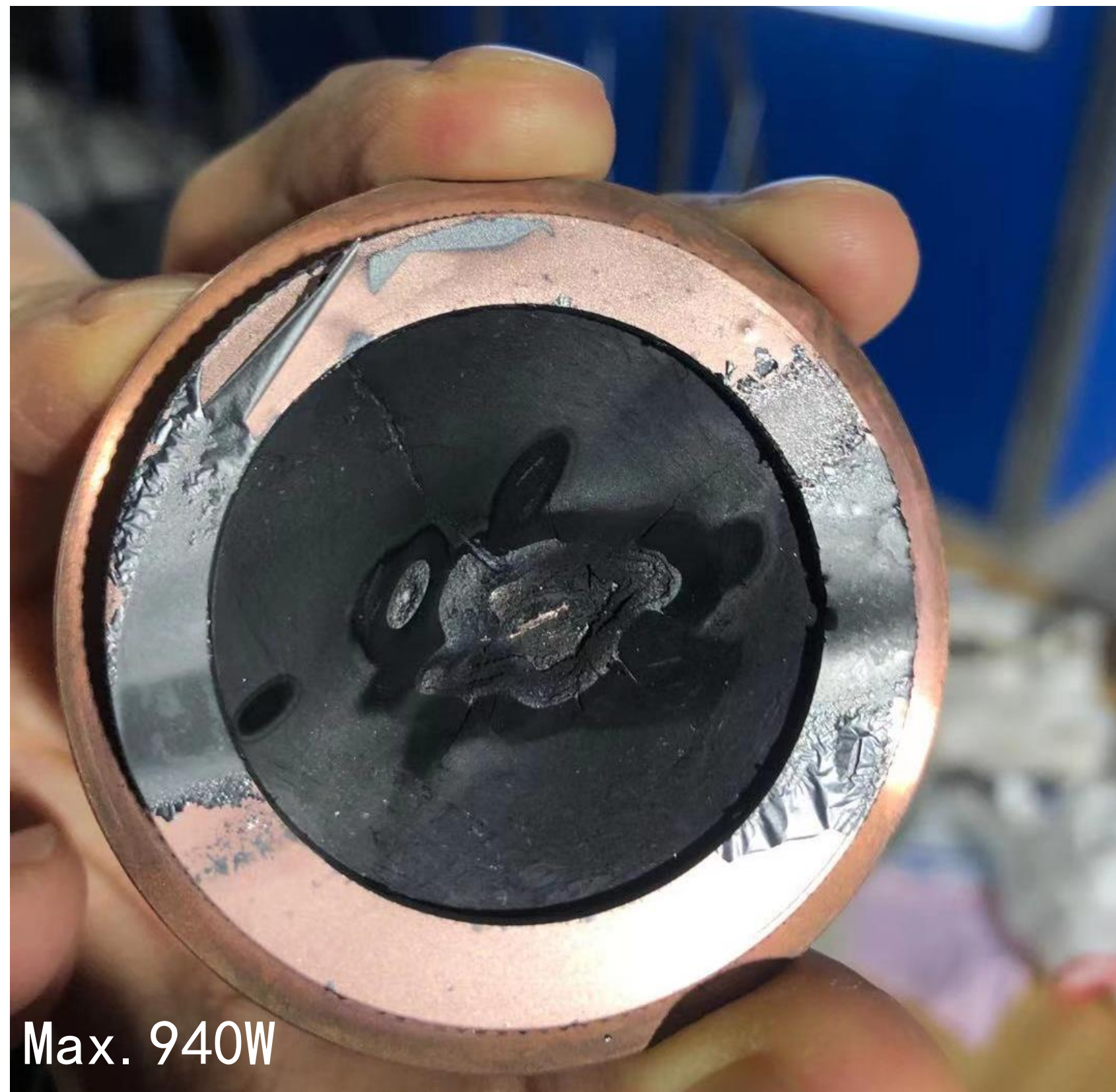
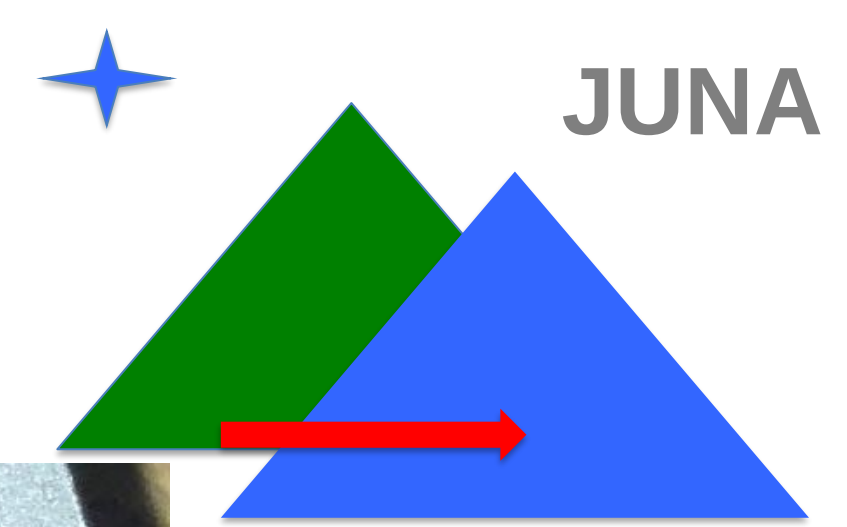
Highest beam current



Preparation + Beam time: Jan. 27 to Feb. 16, 2021

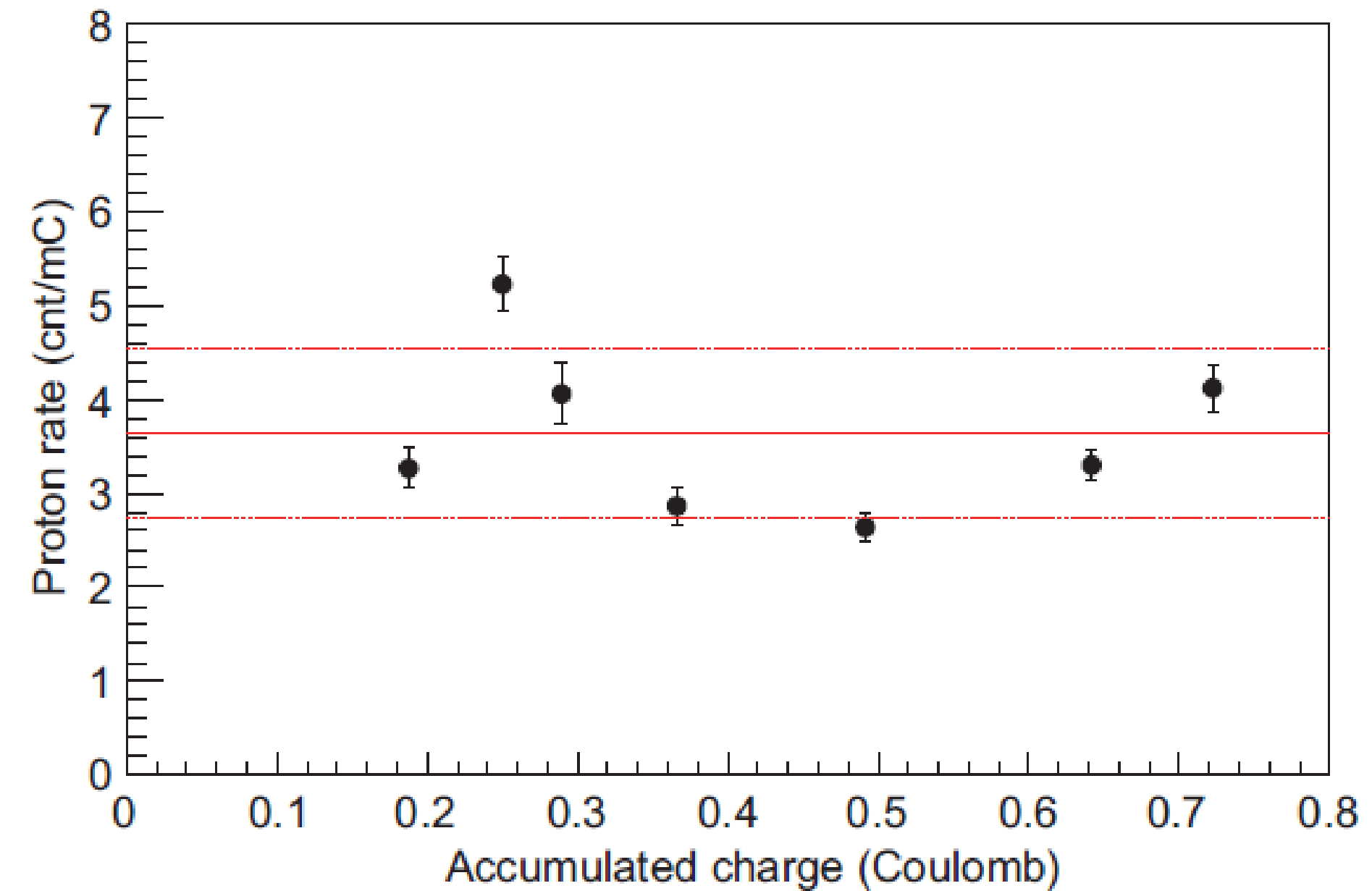
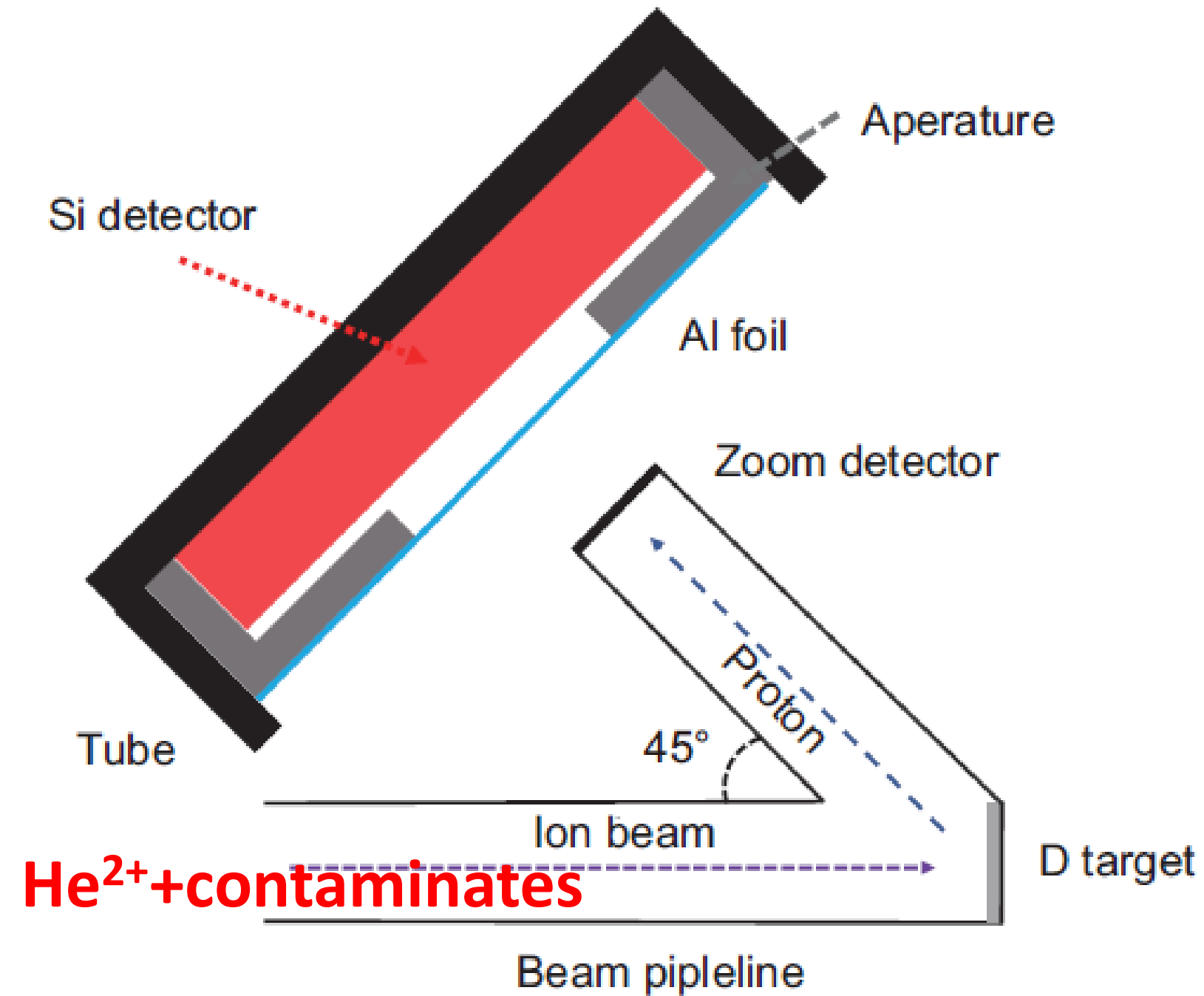
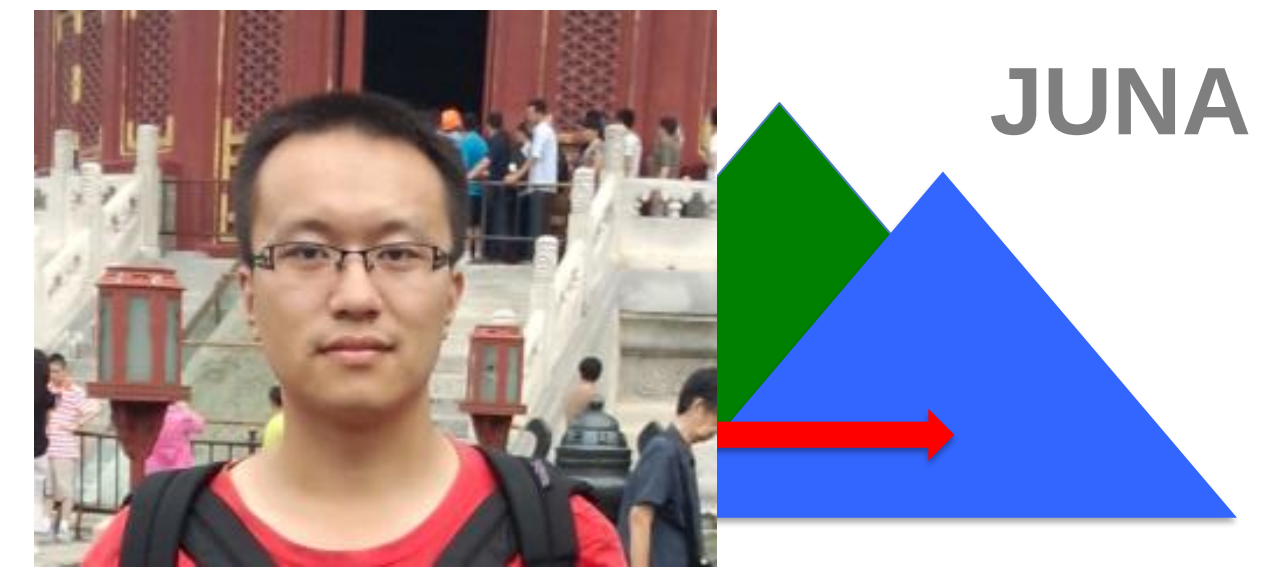


^{13}C -enriched thick target



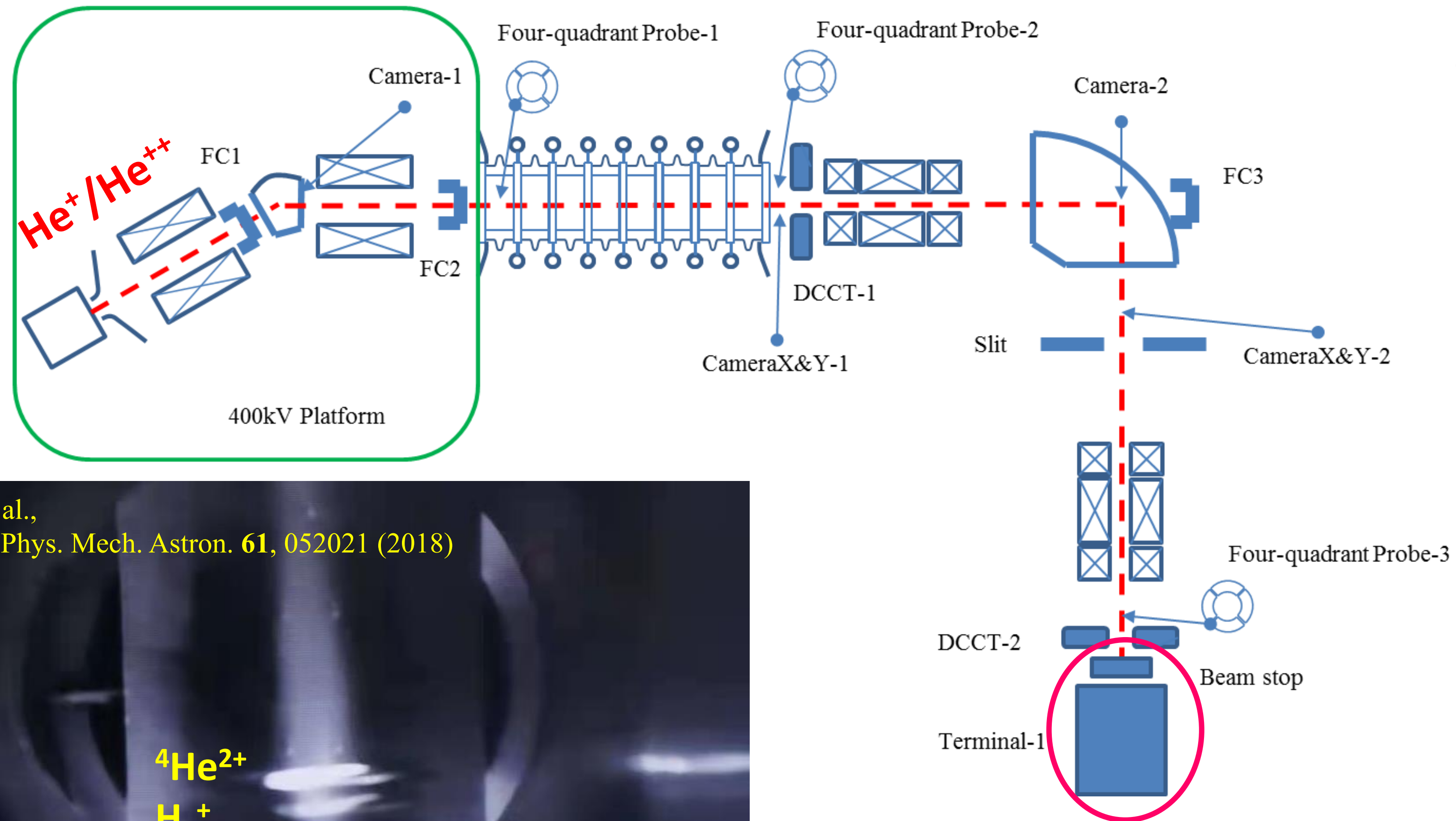
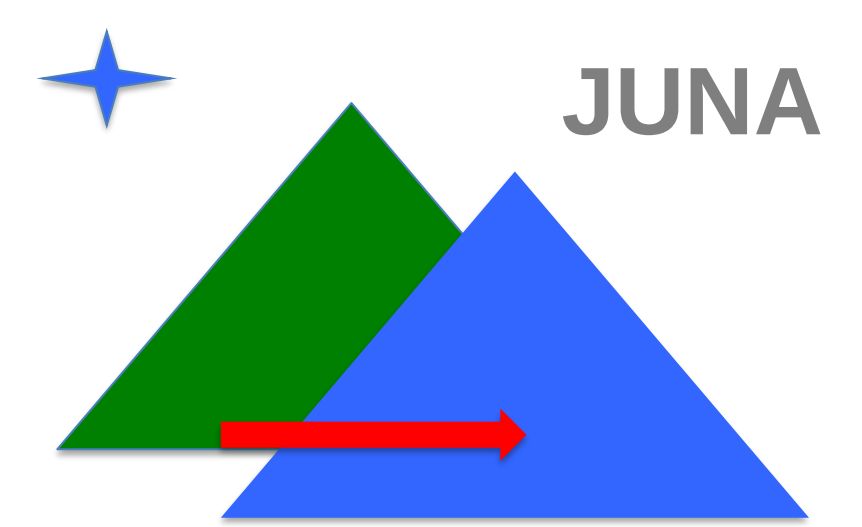
- **2mm-thick, max. power >500W**
- **Improving the thermal contact**
- **Will use beam wobbler to reduce the beam power density**

Deuterium impurity in the He²⁺ beam



- Impurity analysis Using D(d,p)t reaction : $\frac{I_{D^+}}{I_{He^{2+}}} = (7.1 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$
- 1.25 emA He²⁺ mixed with 9 pA of Deuterium
- Estimating $D_2^+ / {}^4\text{He}^+ \sim 10^{-9}$

JUNA accelerator



H. Chen et al.,
Sci. China-Phys. Mech. Astron. **61**, 052021 (2018)

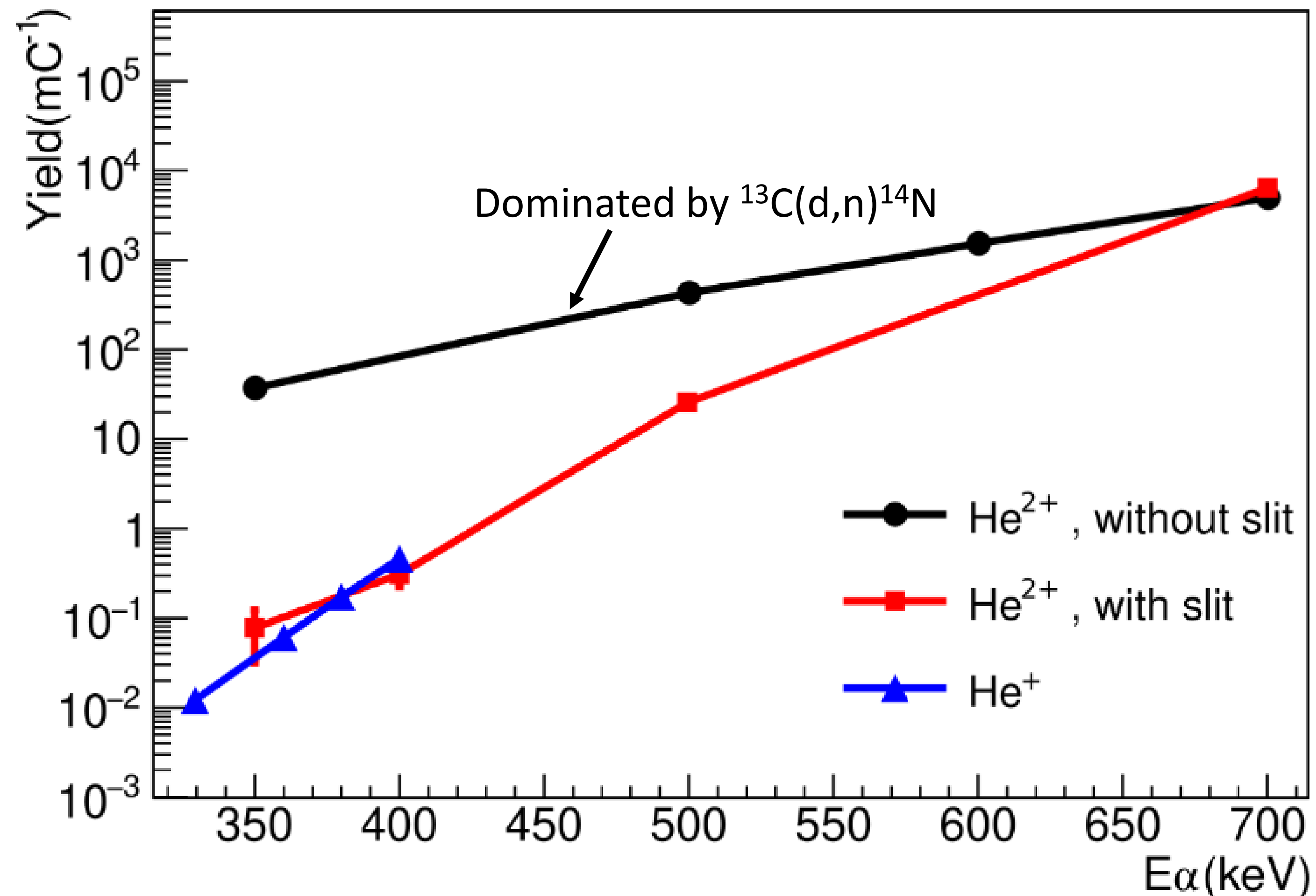
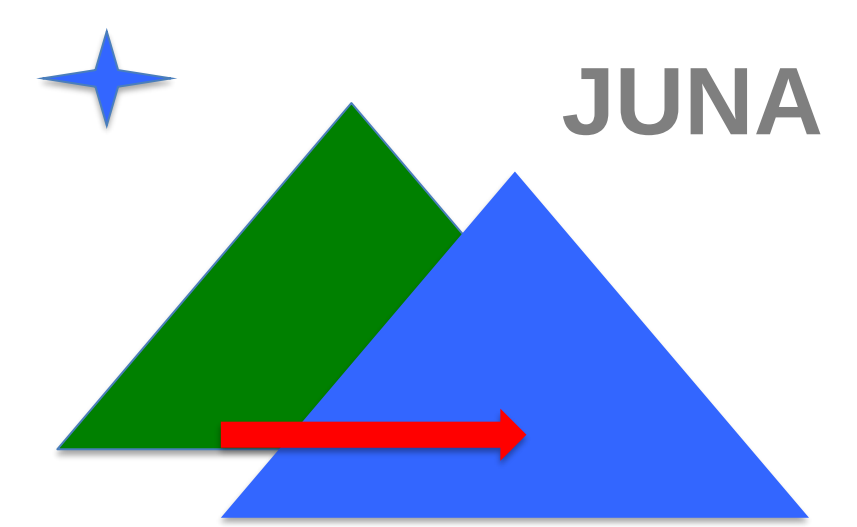
$^4\text{He}^{2+}$
 H_2^+

run3142 30+235kV start

14.5 GHz ECR: 1 pmA He^{++}

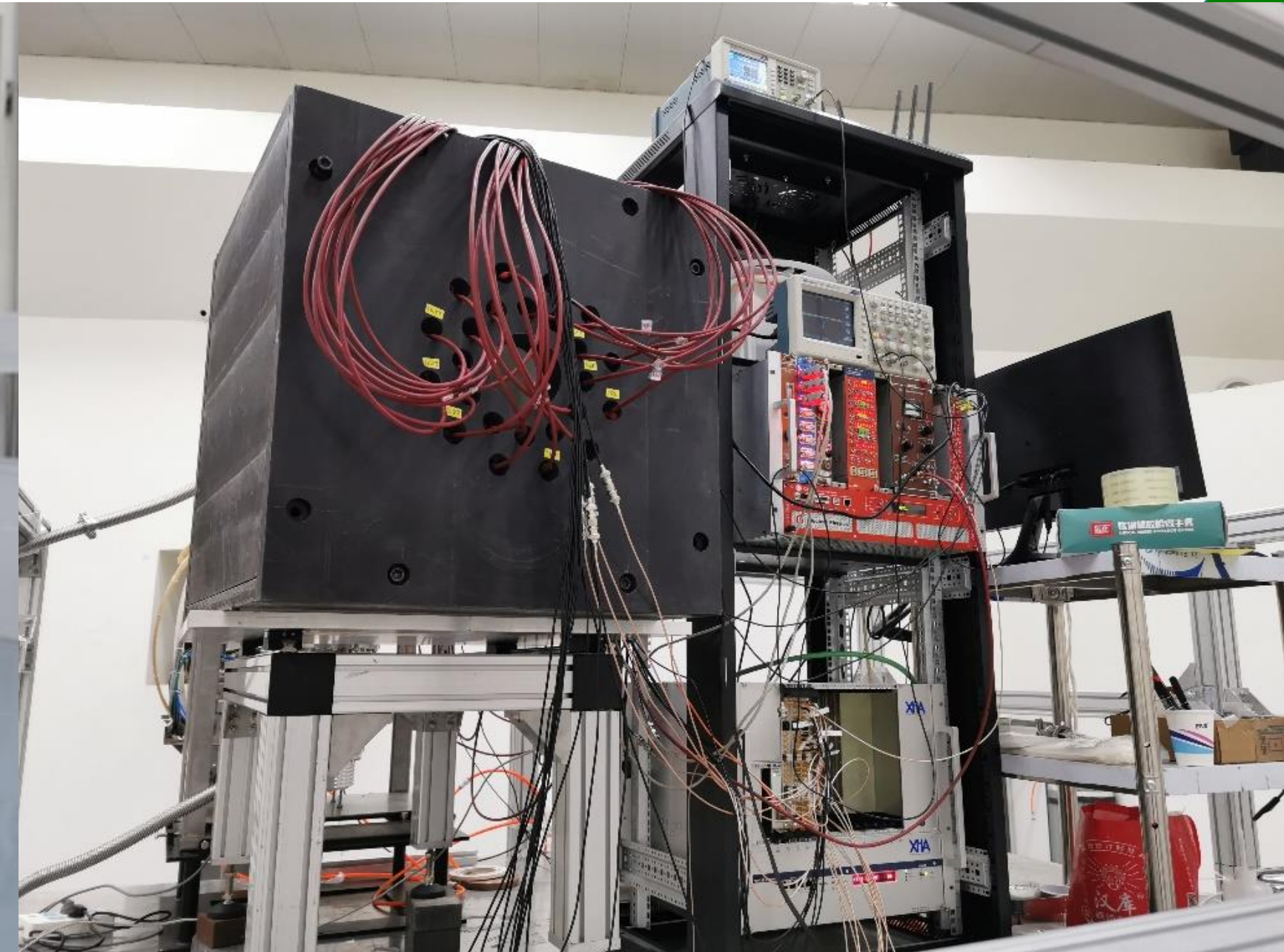
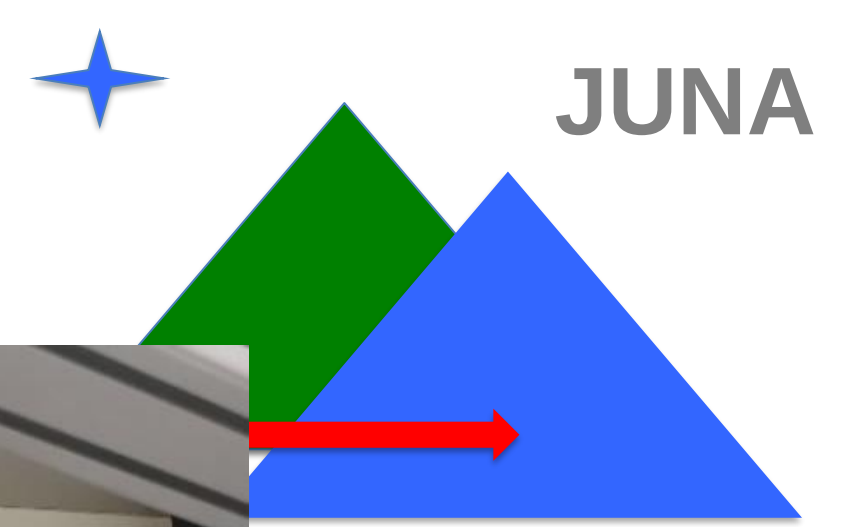
2.45 GHz ECR: 10 pmA He^+

Beam induced background



Yield at E α =250 keV using He⁺ is **0.05(8) cnts/Coulomb**, being consistent with the zero

Consistent measurement at $E_\alpha = 0.8\text{--}2.52\text{ MeV}$

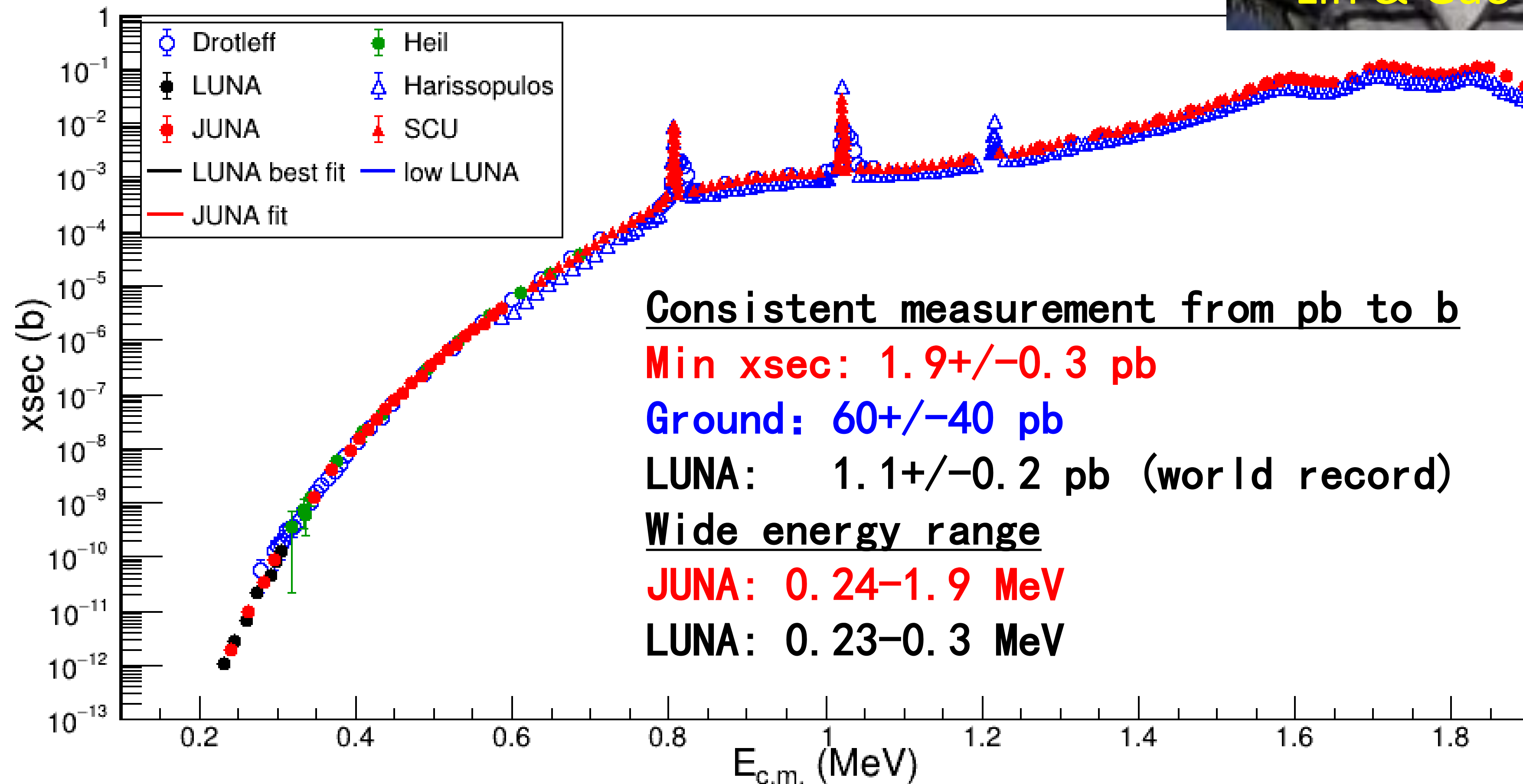
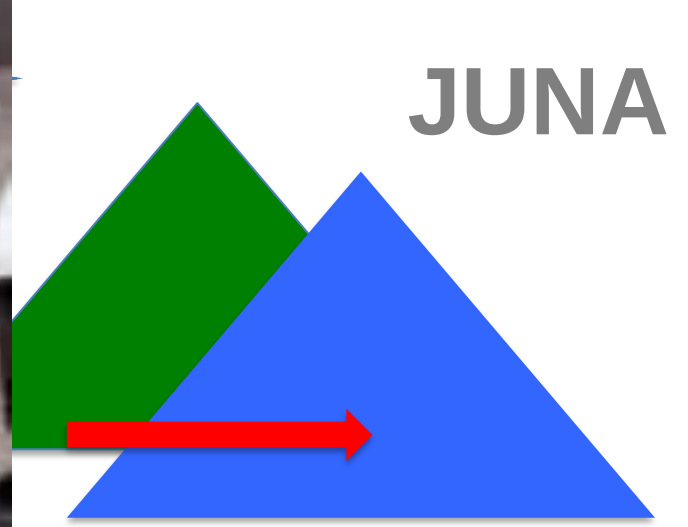


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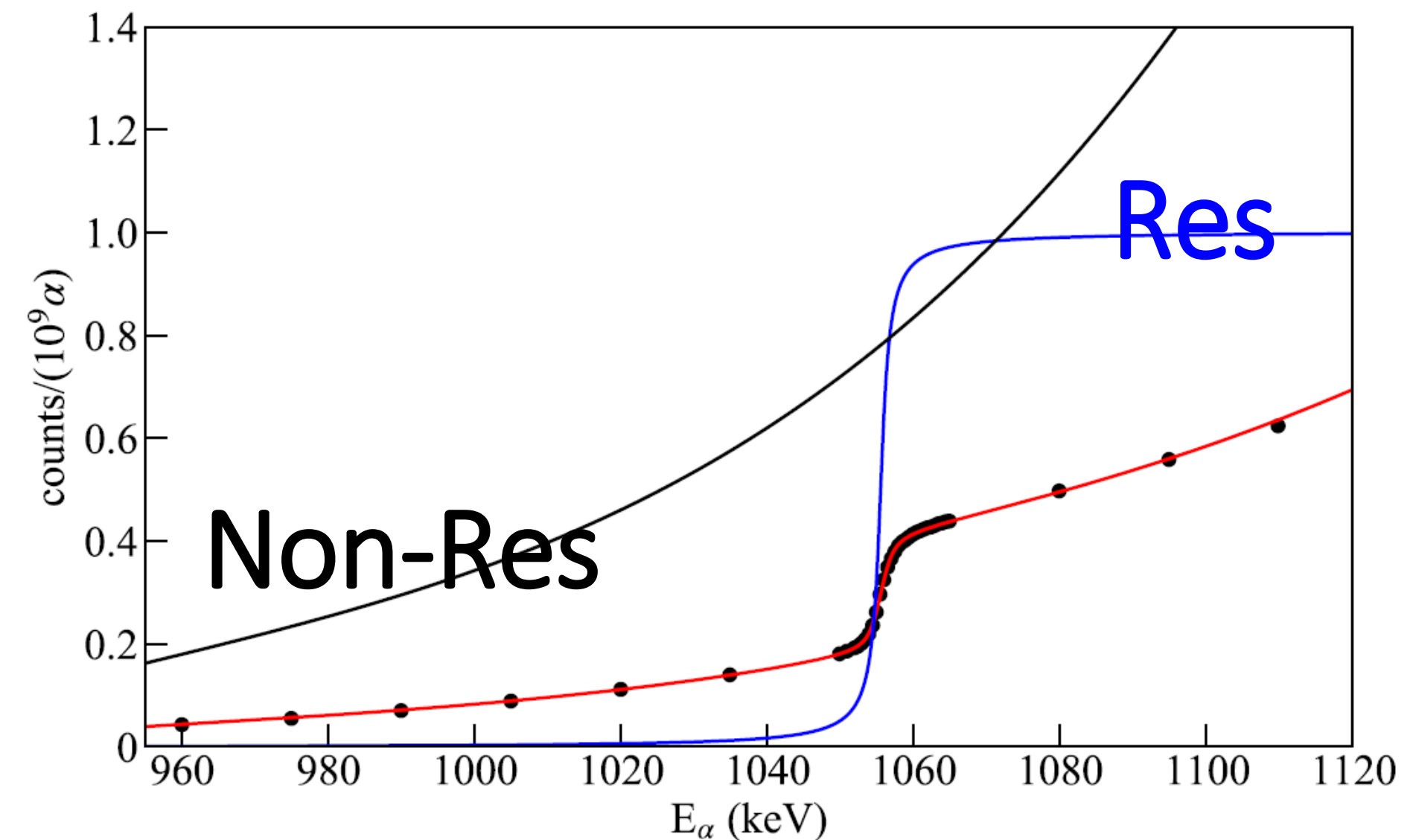
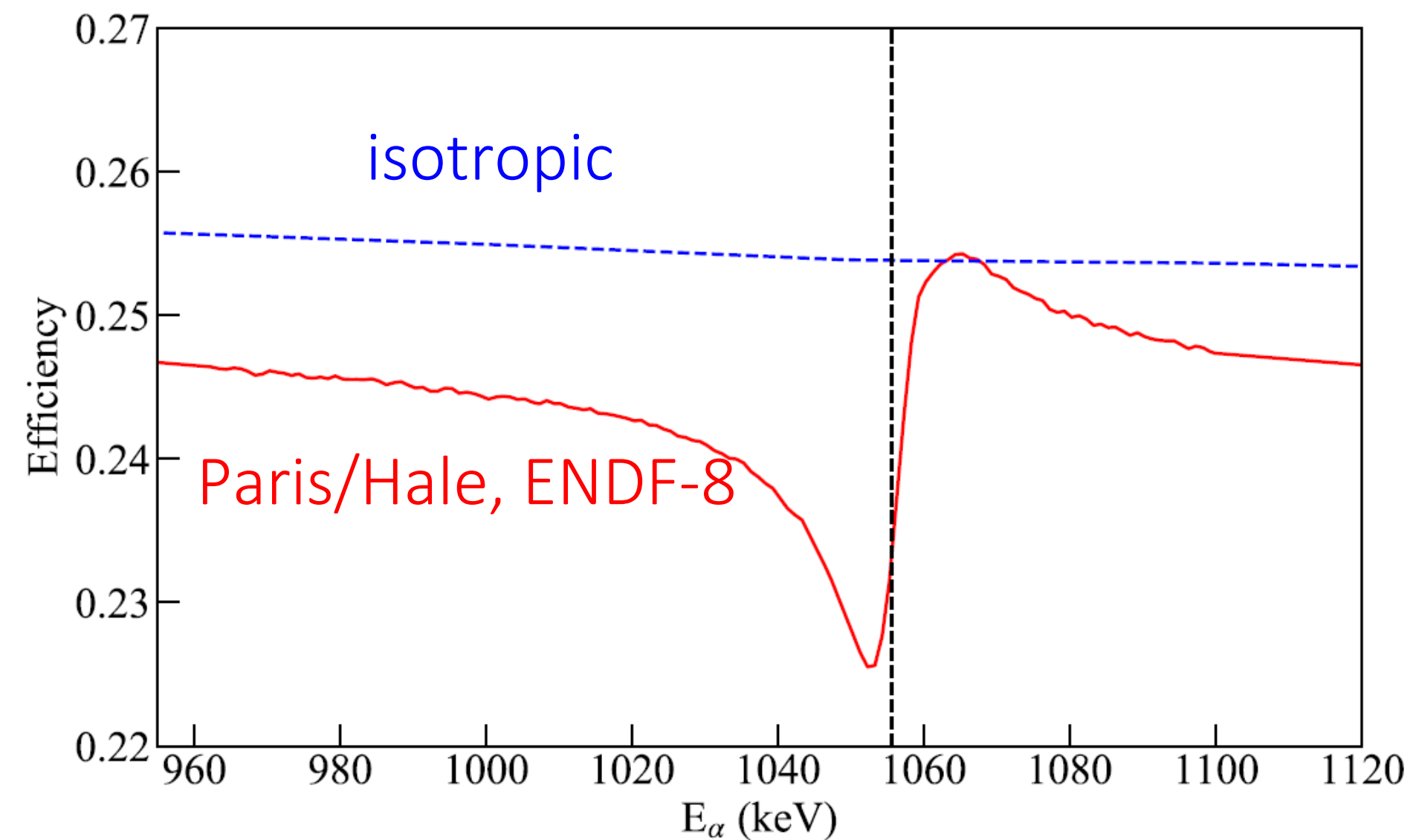
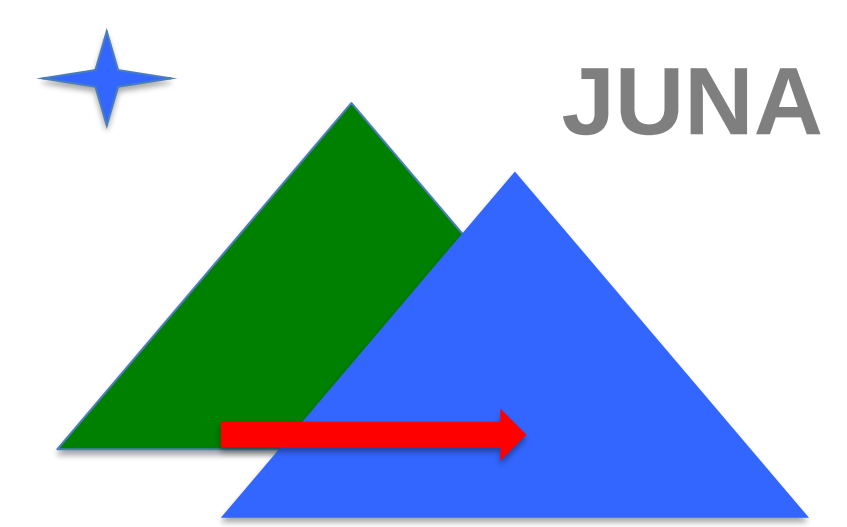
Cross section of $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$



- JUNA data analyzed by B.S. Gao (IMP)
- SCU data analyzed by W.P. Lin(SCU)

Normalization standard #1

Thick target yield of resonance at $E_\alpha = 1055.63$ keV



- **Pros: thick target yield does not depend on target thickness and stopping power**
- **Con: Angular distribution effect needs correction (5%-10%)**

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Normalization standard #1

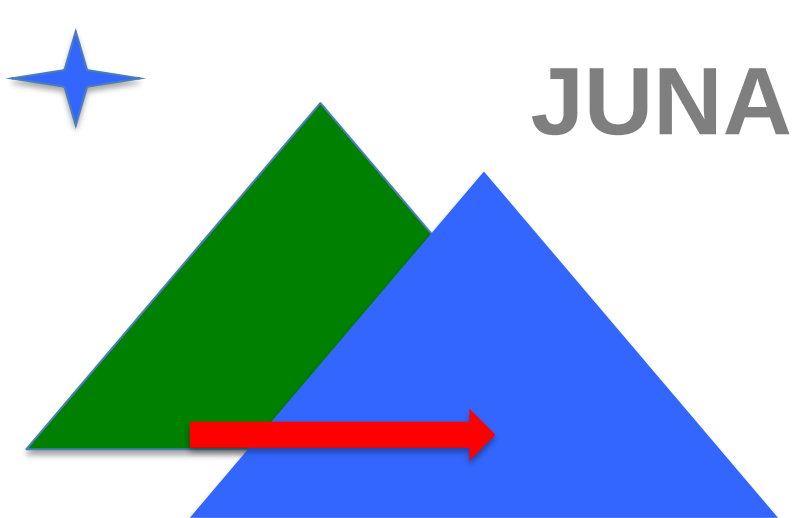


TABLE II. Resonance strength and the thick target yield of the $E_{\alpha} = 1055.63$ keV resonance.

Reference	$\omega\gamma / eV$	$Y_{\max} (n/\mu C)^a$
This work	16.9 ± 0.4^b	6460 ± 152^c
Bair <i>et al.</i>	12.9 ± 0.6^d	4475 ± 223
Brune <i>et al.</i>	11.9 ± 0.4^e	4410 ± 170
Harissopulos <i>et al.</i>	12.1 ± 0.6	

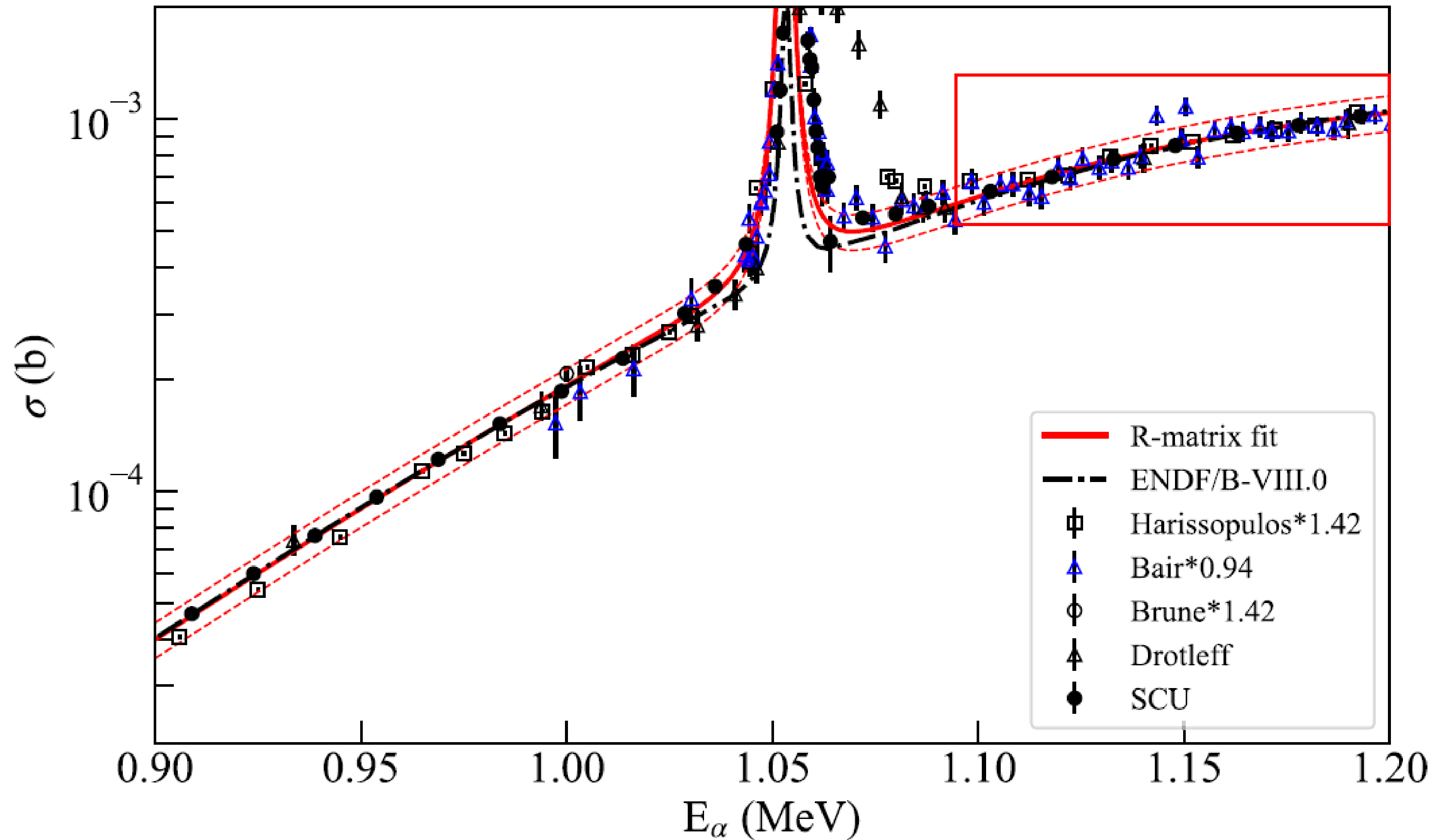
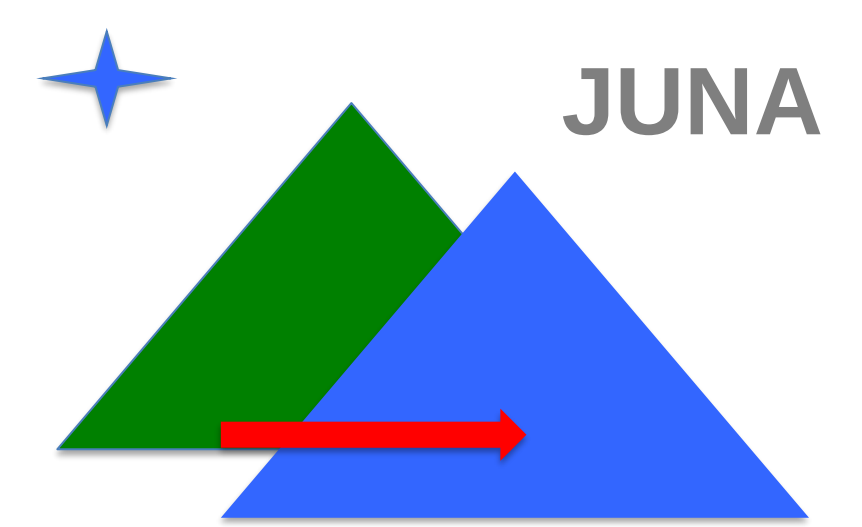
^aCalculated for a pure ^{13}C target.
^bSystematic uncertainty (10%) is not included.
^cSystematic uncertainty (8.6%) is not included.
^dDerived using $S(E) = 39.2/(10^{15} \text{ atoms/cm}^2)$ [7].
^eDerived using $S(E) = 36.9/(10^{15} \text{ atoms/cm}^2)$ [16].

beam current integration (5%), detection efficiency (7%), and stopping power (5%).

Thick target yield (sys. Err. 8.6%)

Resonance strength/cross section (sys. Err. 10%)

Normalization standard #2



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Recommendation of normalization

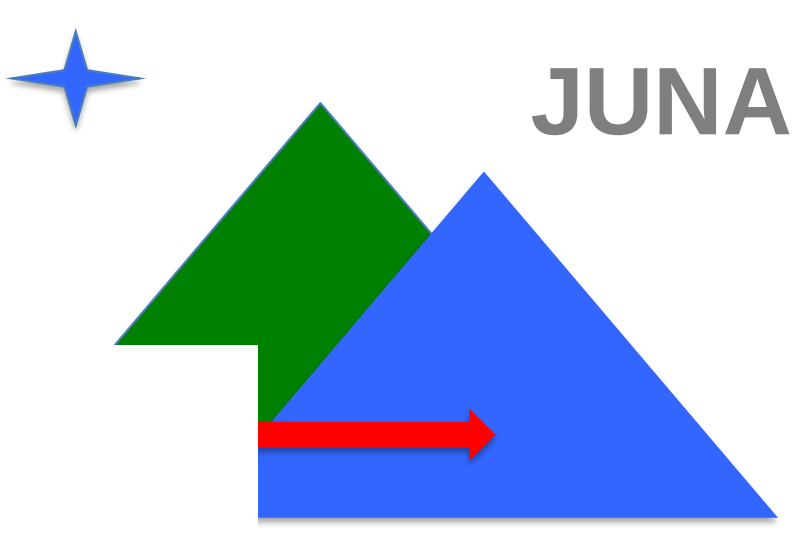
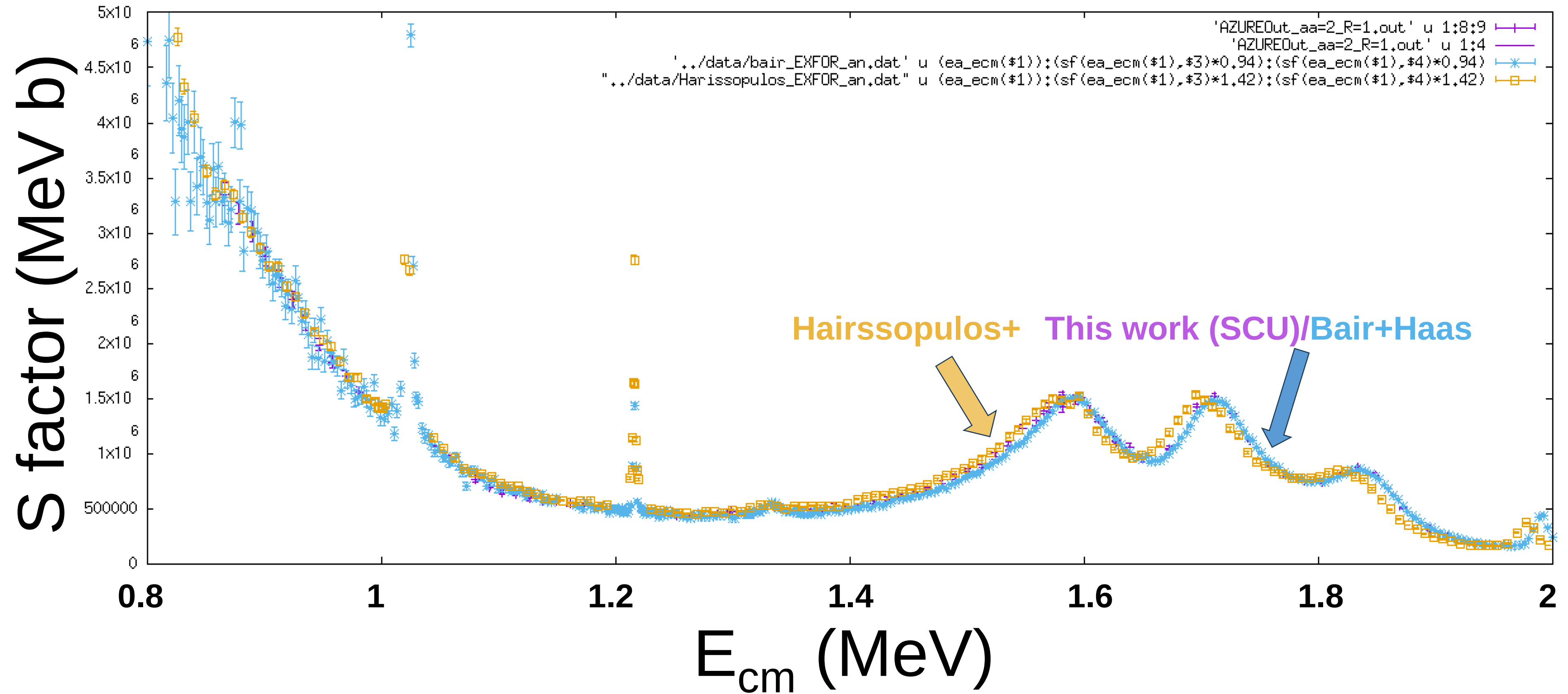
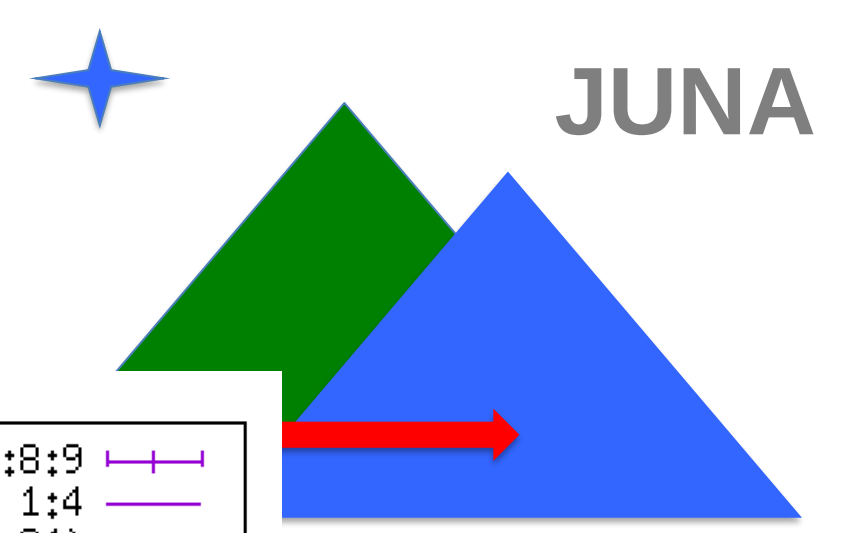


TABLE III. Comparisons of the normalization factors.

Measurements	CIELO	Pigni	Norm1 ^a	Norm2 ^b
Bair <i>et al.</i>	0.95	0.80	1.05(5) ^c	0.94(1)
Harissopulos <i>et al.</i>	1.36	1.15	1.40(8)	1.42(1)
Brune <i>et al.</i>			1.42(6)	

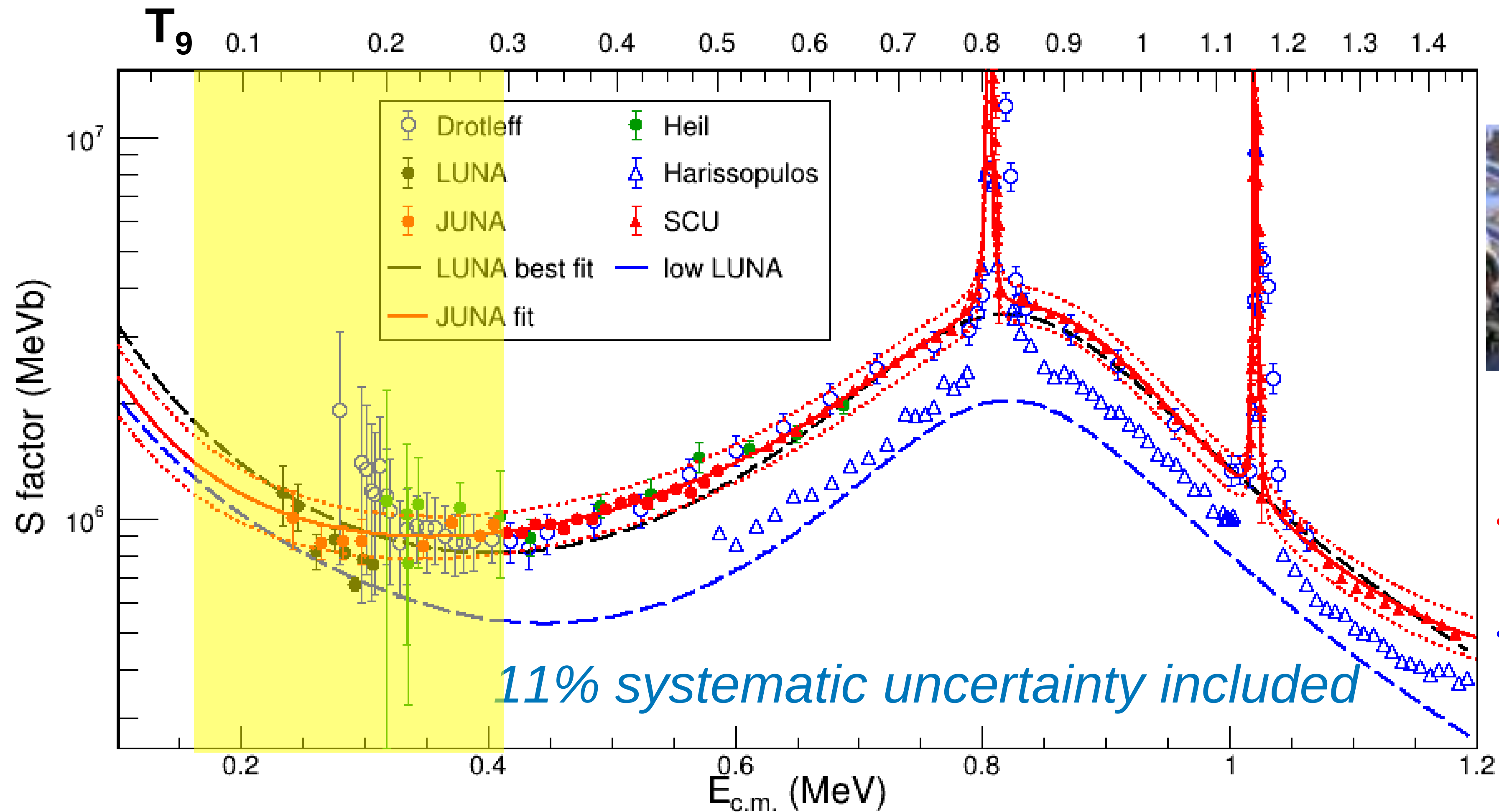
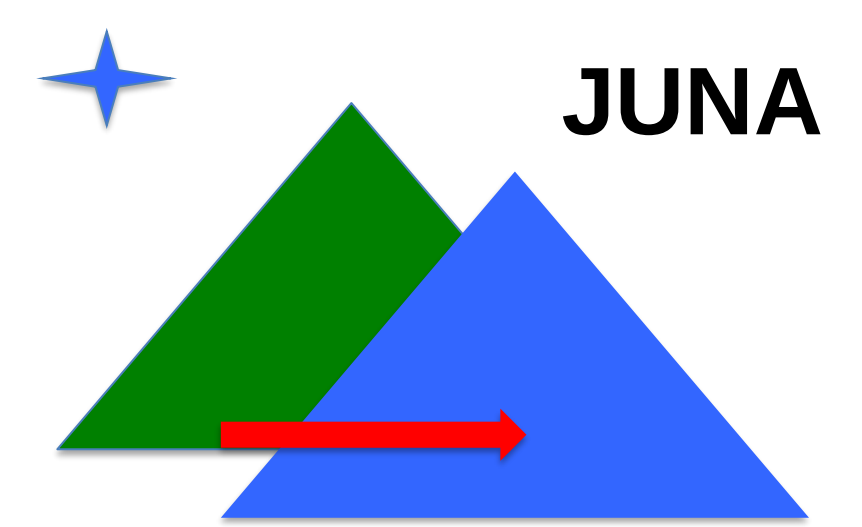
Our normalization factors agree with the recommendation of the ENDF/B-VIII.0 evaluation and the CIELO project.

Some other problems remain



- Energy calibration
- Target thickness correction
- Energy dependence of simulated efficiency

$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$: neutron source of s- and i- processes

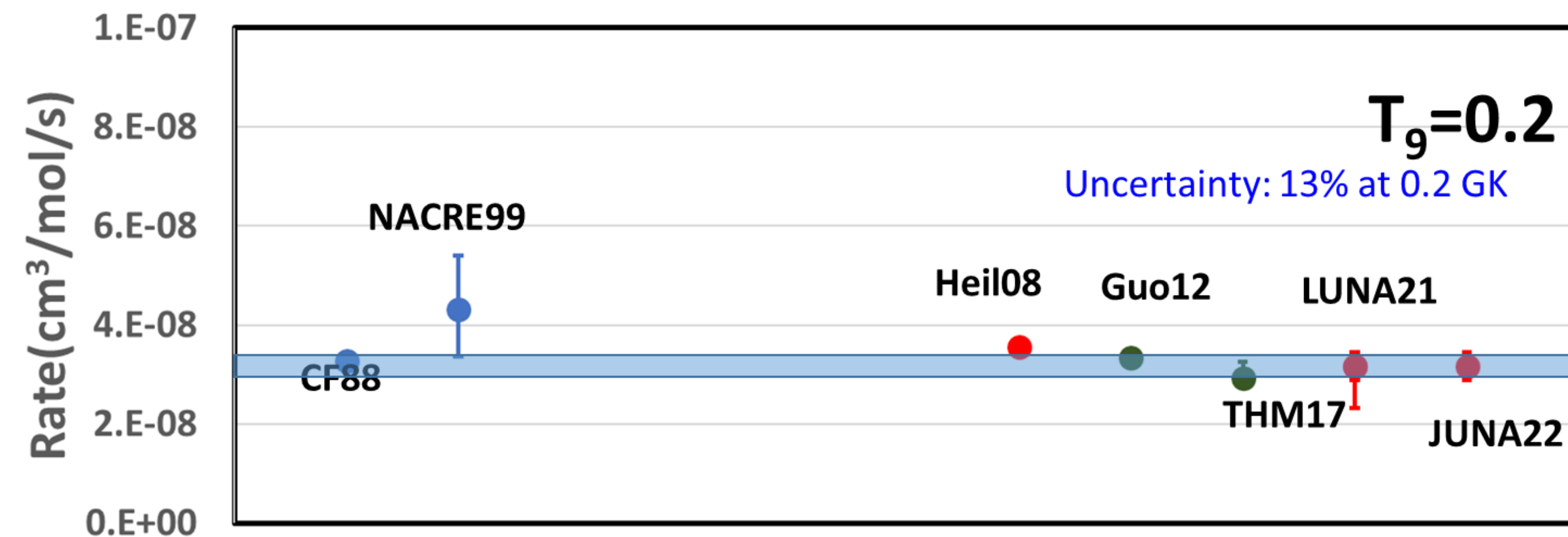
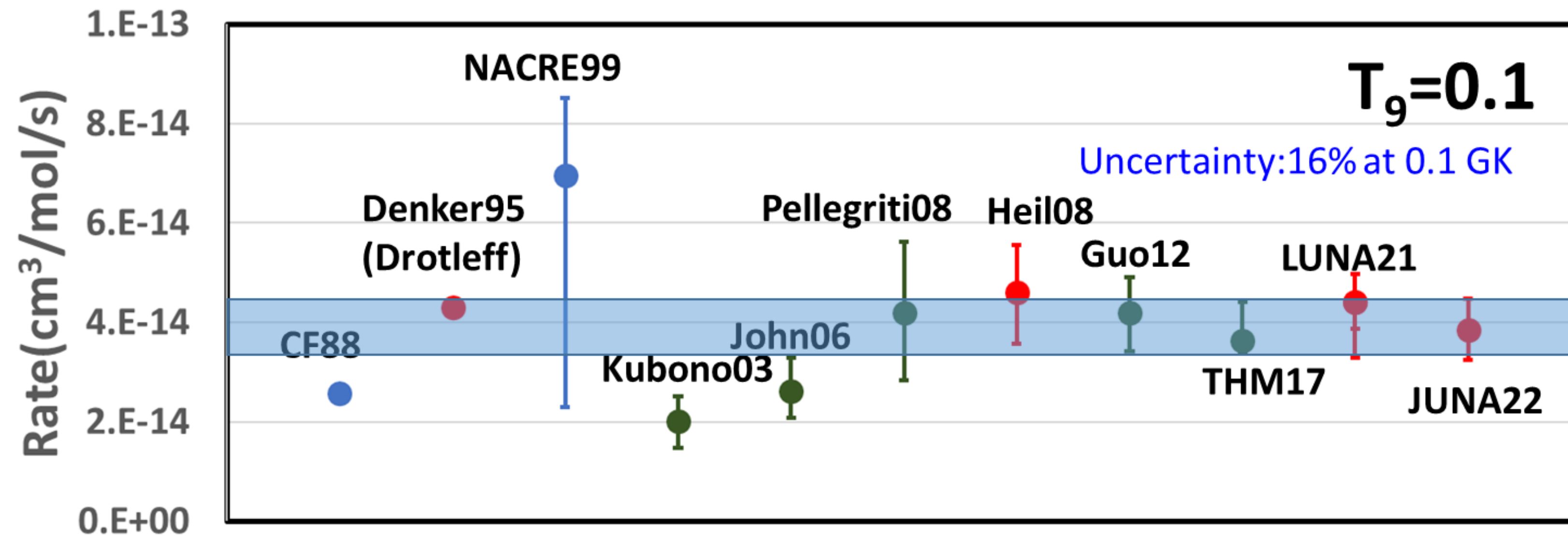


- JUNA data analyzed by B.S. Gao (IMP)
- SCU data analyzed by W.P. Lin(SCU)

- Consistent measurement from 0.24-1.9 MeV resolves the existing discrepancy
- Fit with AZURE2 agrees with the best LUNA fit at $E_{\text{cm}} > 0.2$ MeV and the “low LUNA” fit at $E_{\text{cm}} < 0.2$ MeV
- 15% systematically higher than the LUNA data

$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction rate

B. S. Gao et al., PRL129(2022) 132701

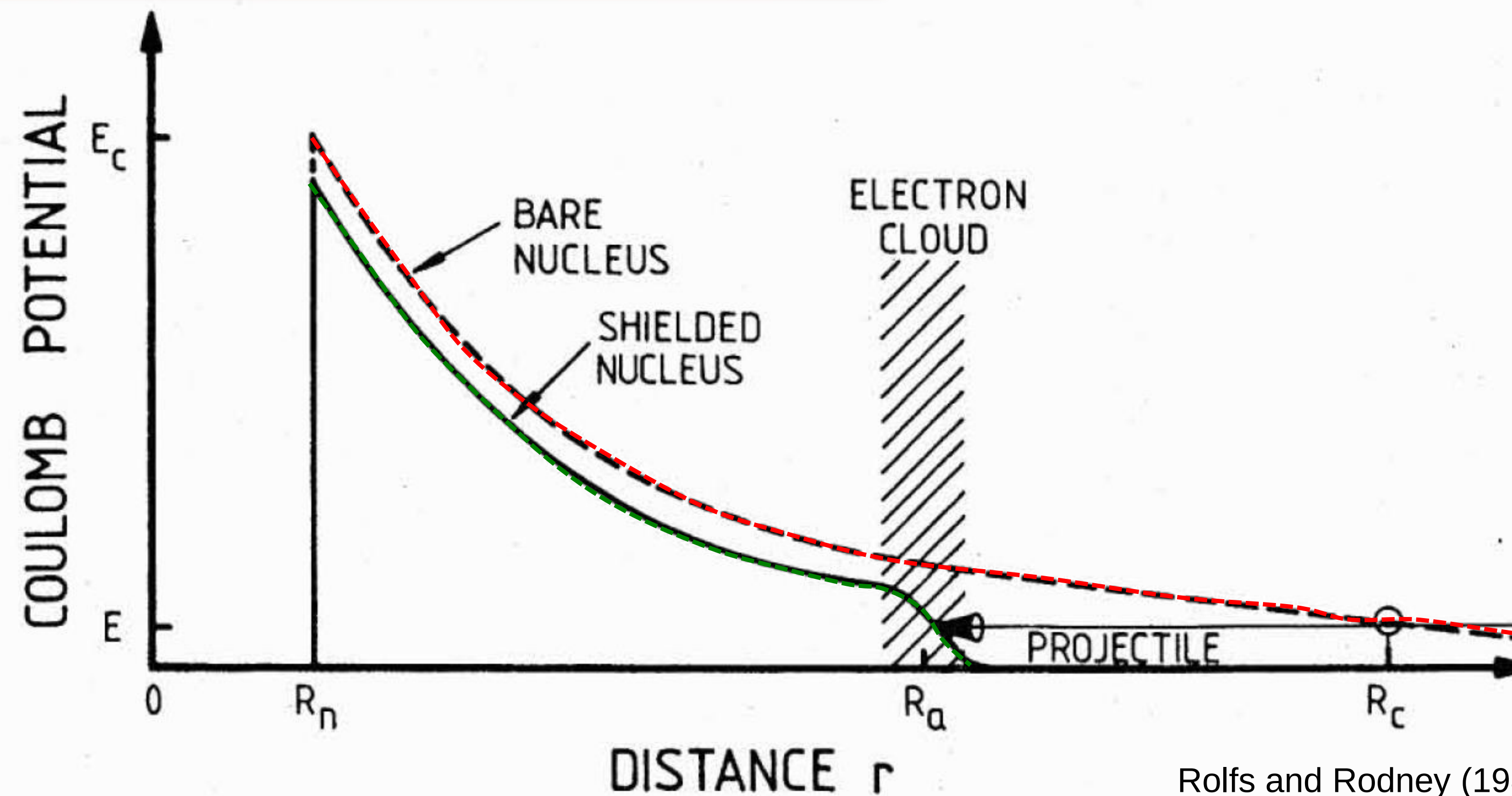
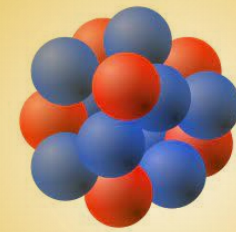
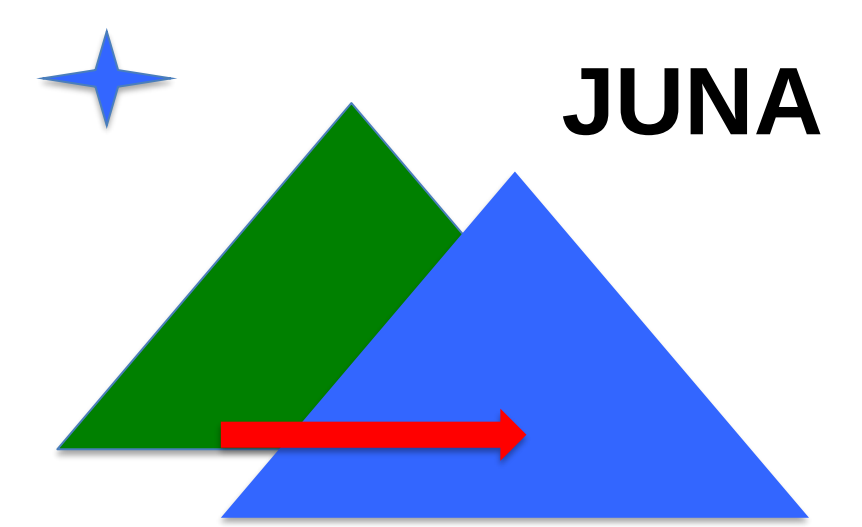


- Indirect measurement in Green
- Direct measurement in Red
- Compilation in Blue

Screening effect

U_e : Screening potential

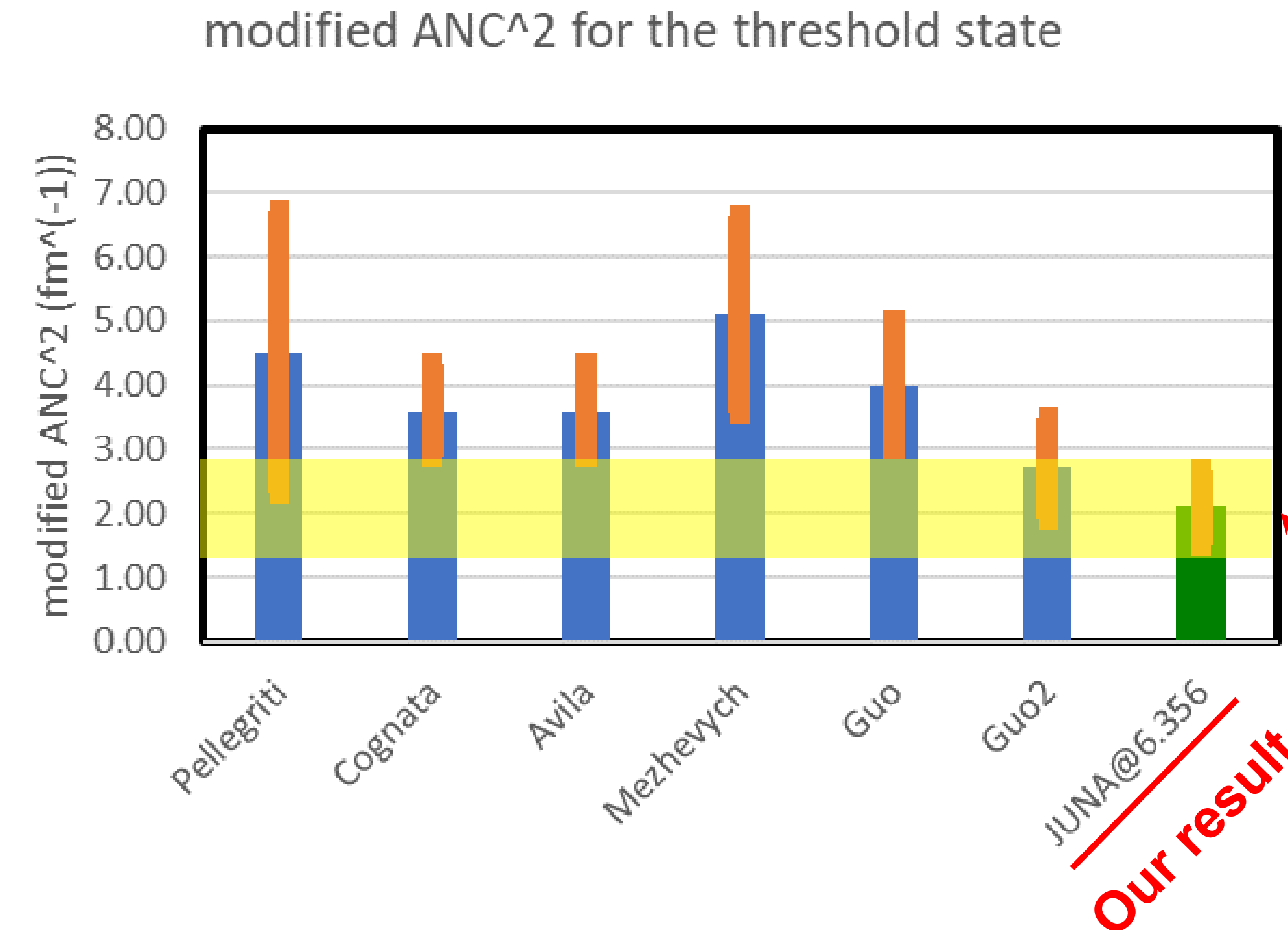
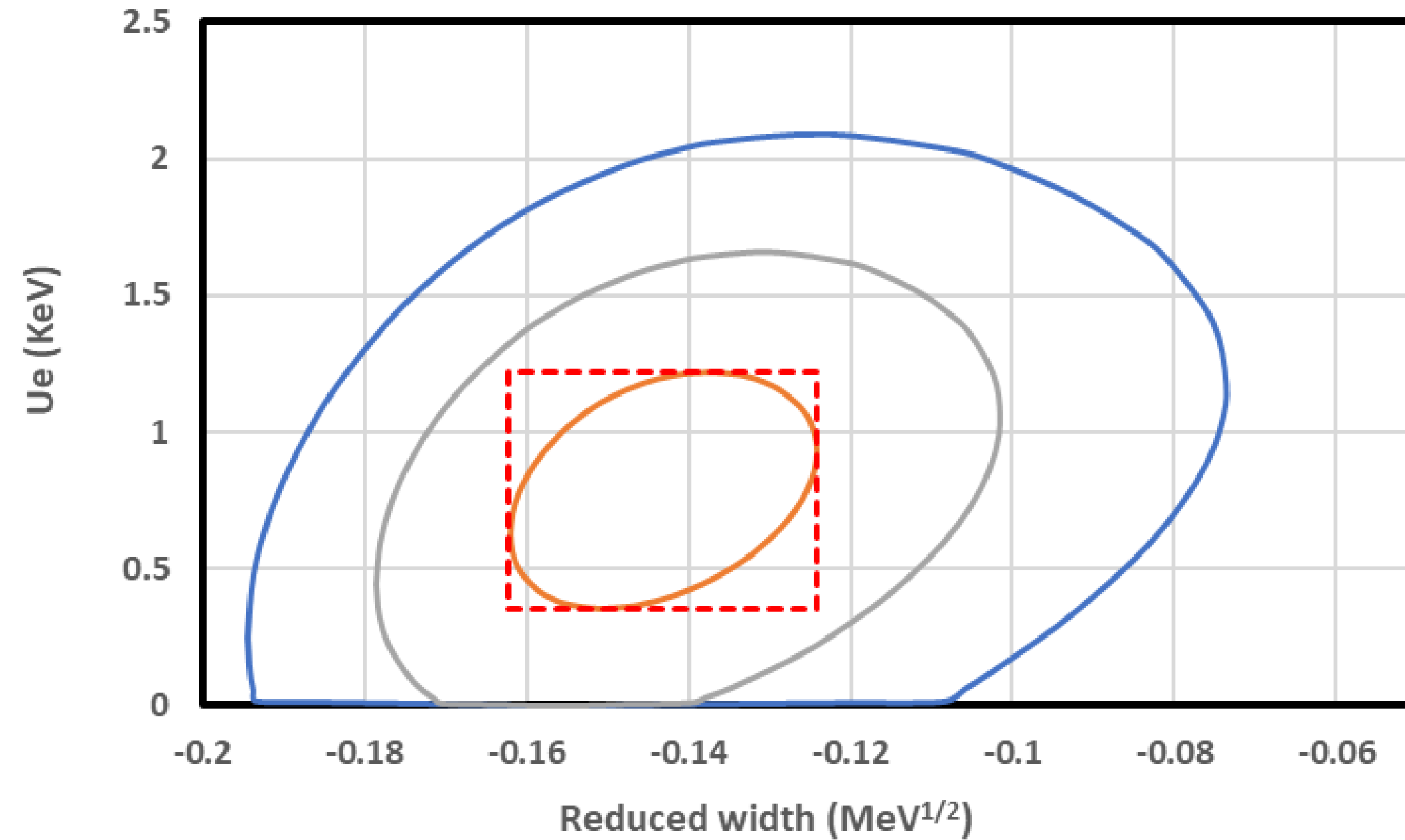
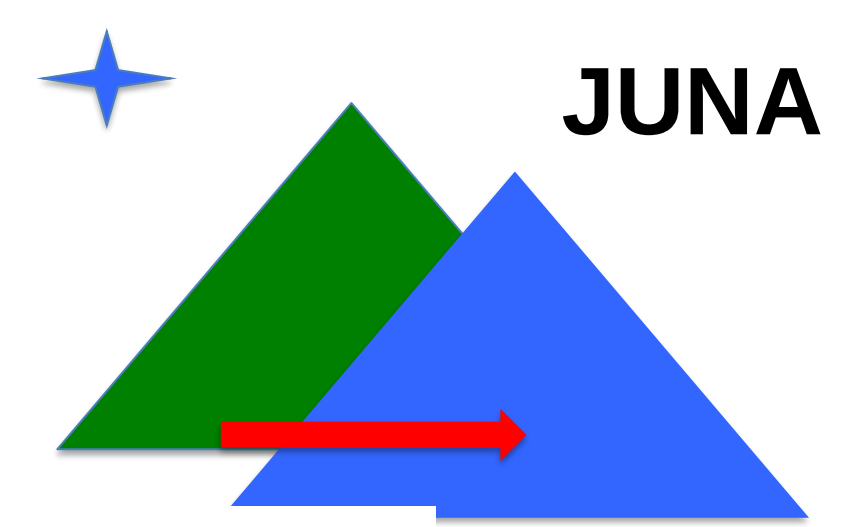
$$f_{\text{lab}}(E) = \sigma_s(E) / \sigma_b(E) \approx \exp(\pi\eta U_e/E) \geq 1$$



Rolfs and Rodney (1988)

Assenbaum, Langanke and Rolfs, Z. Phys. A327, 461 (1987)

Alpha Strength of the Threshold and Screening Potential



- JUNA reduced width = $-0.145 \pm 0.019 \text{ MeV}^{1/2}$ at $R=6.684 \text{ fm}$, modified $ANC^2=2.1 \pm 0.6 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ with $E_x=6.356 \text{ MeV}$
- $U_e=0.78 \pm 0.43 \text{ keV}$ agrees with $U_e=0.937 \text{ keV}$ predicted using the adiabatic limit, rules out other predictions.

Guo2 taken from Shen, Guo et al., PLB(2020)

A journey of 36 years (1987-2023)

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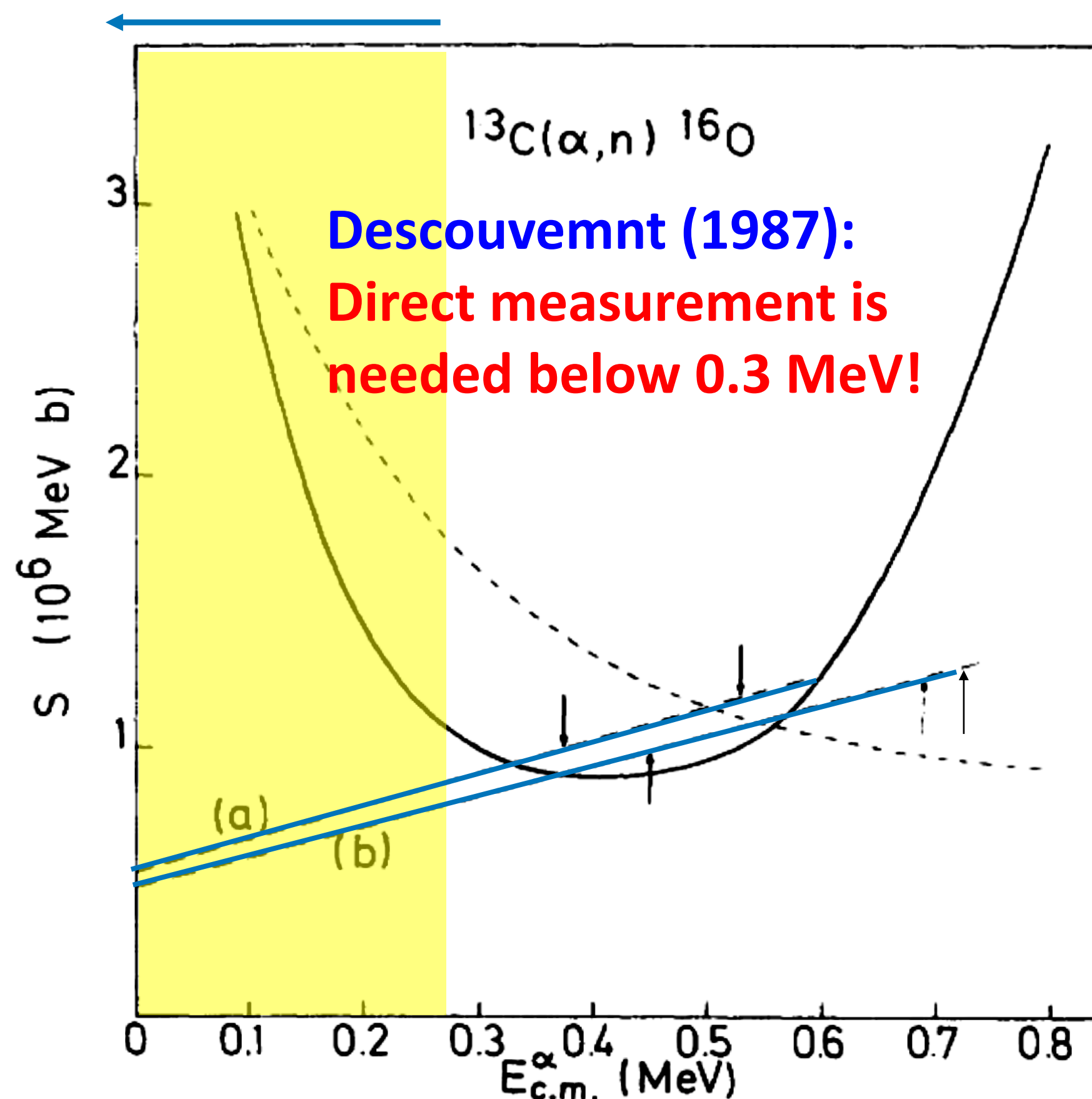
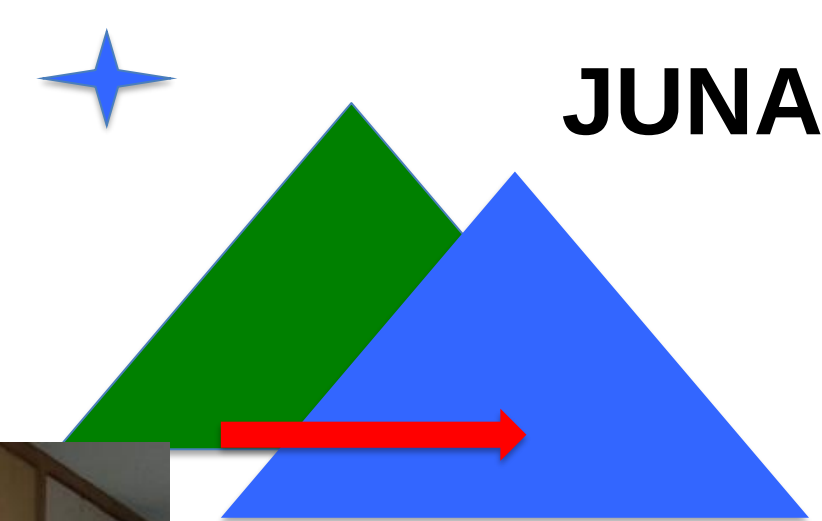
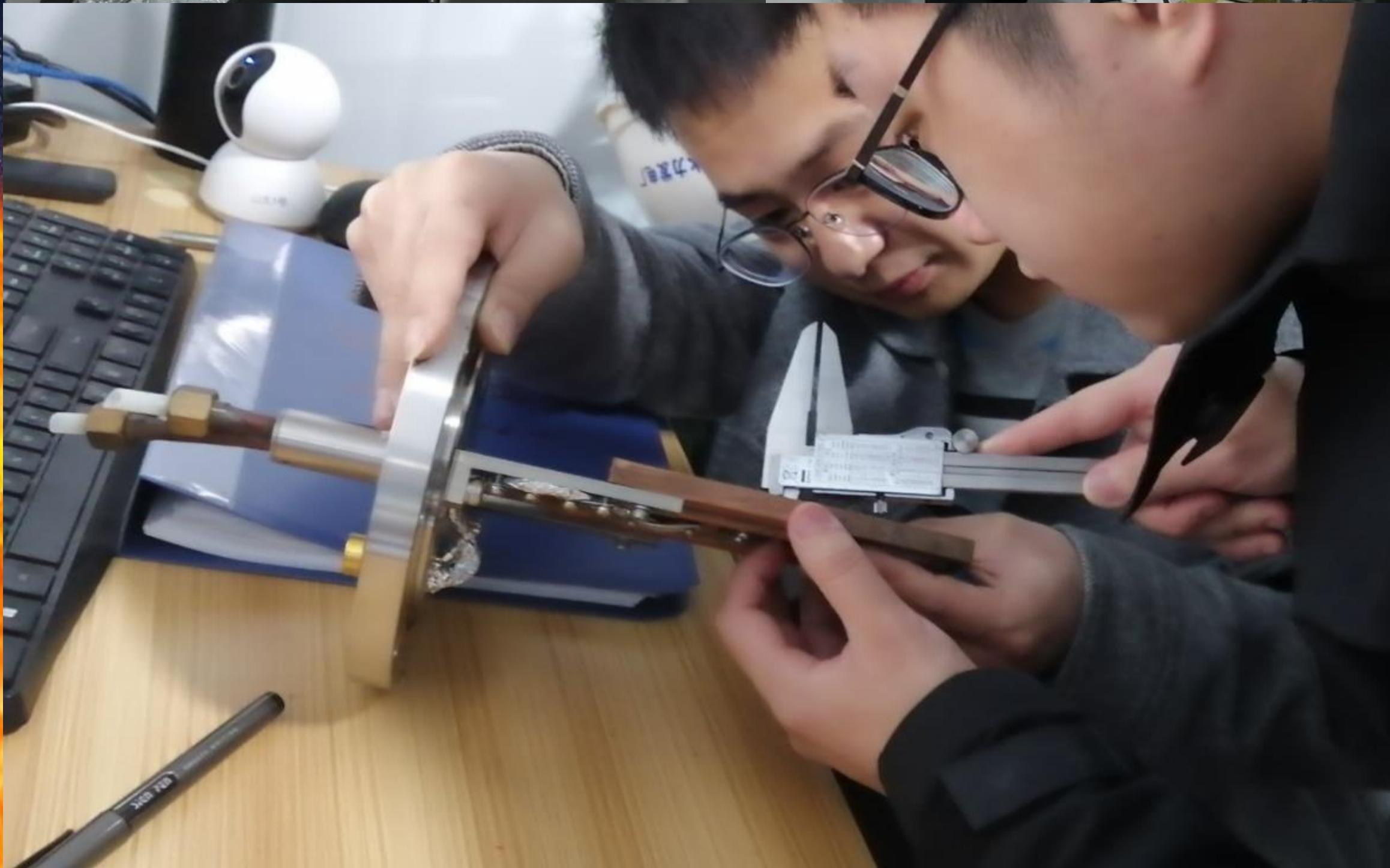
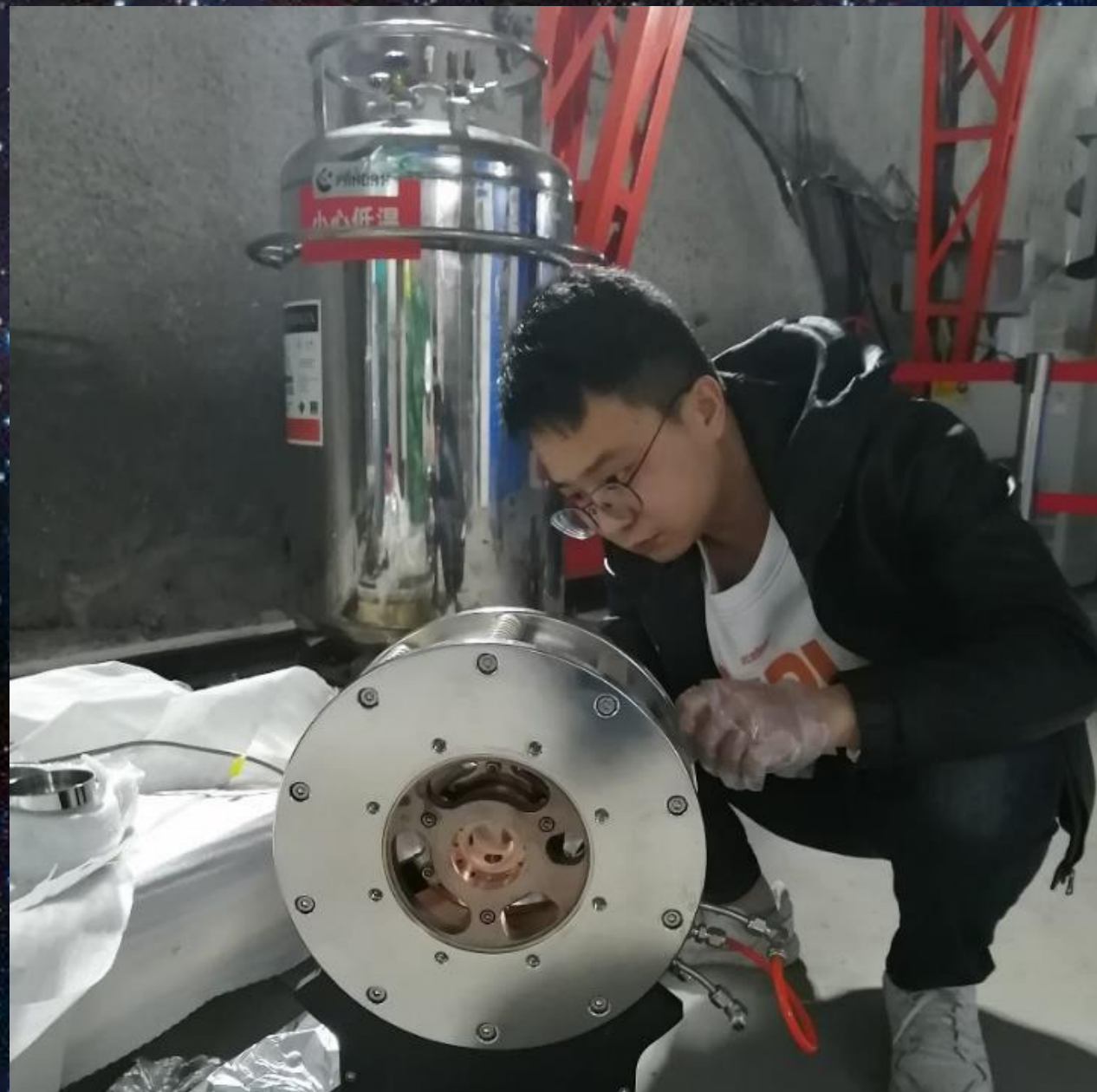


FIG. 6. $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n) ^{16}\text{O}$ S factor. The dotted line represents the GCM result; the full line is obtained with the Breit-Wigner parametrization (see text); the dashed lines are the experimental data taken from Ref. 3 (a) and Ref. 4 (b). The arrows indicate the energy range where the experiments are carried out.



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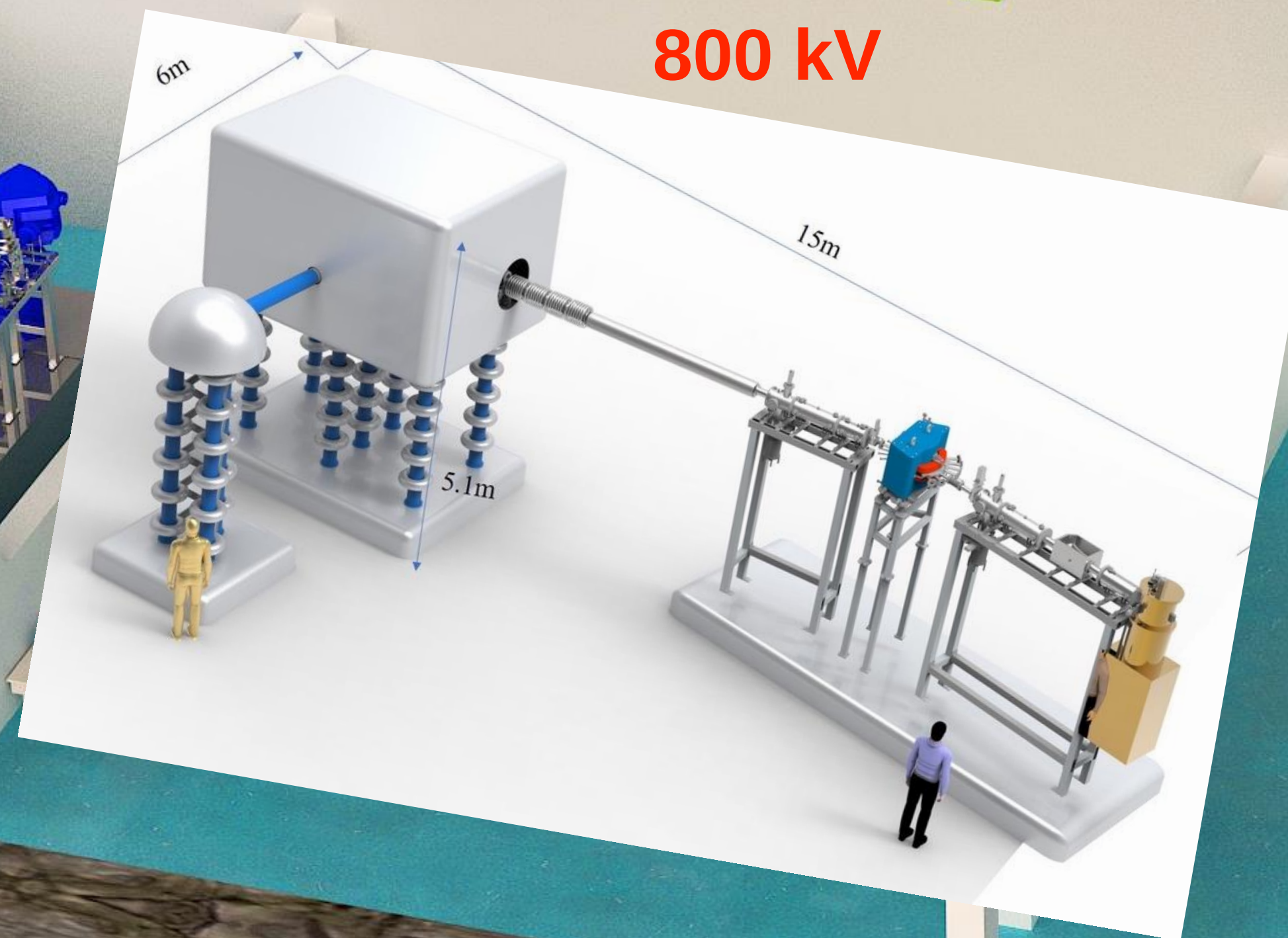
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ experiment (Feb. 27, 2021–March 16, 2021)



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800 kV

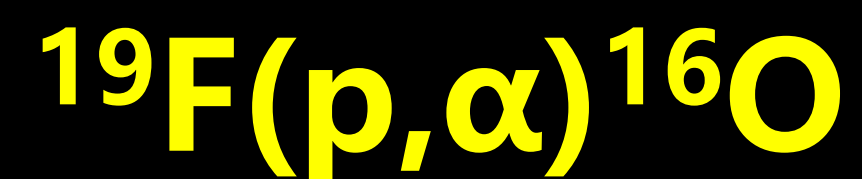


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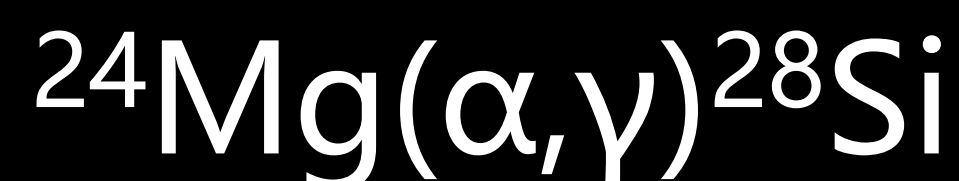
Super JUNA

JUNA and Super JUNA coverage

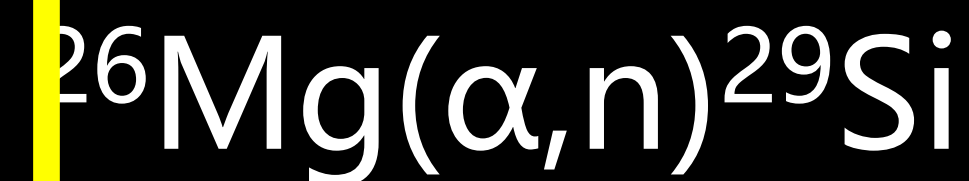
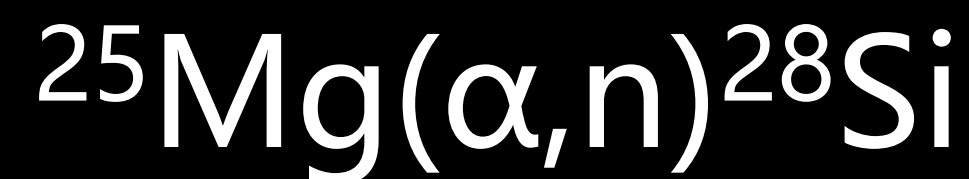
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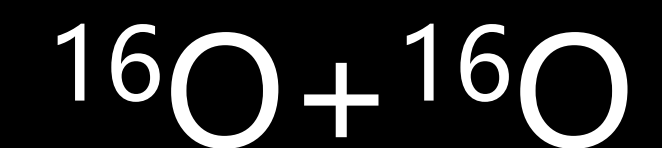
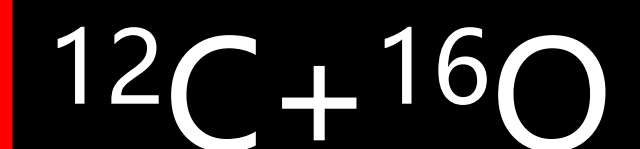
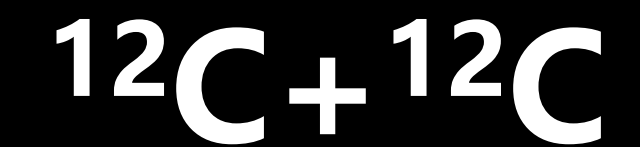
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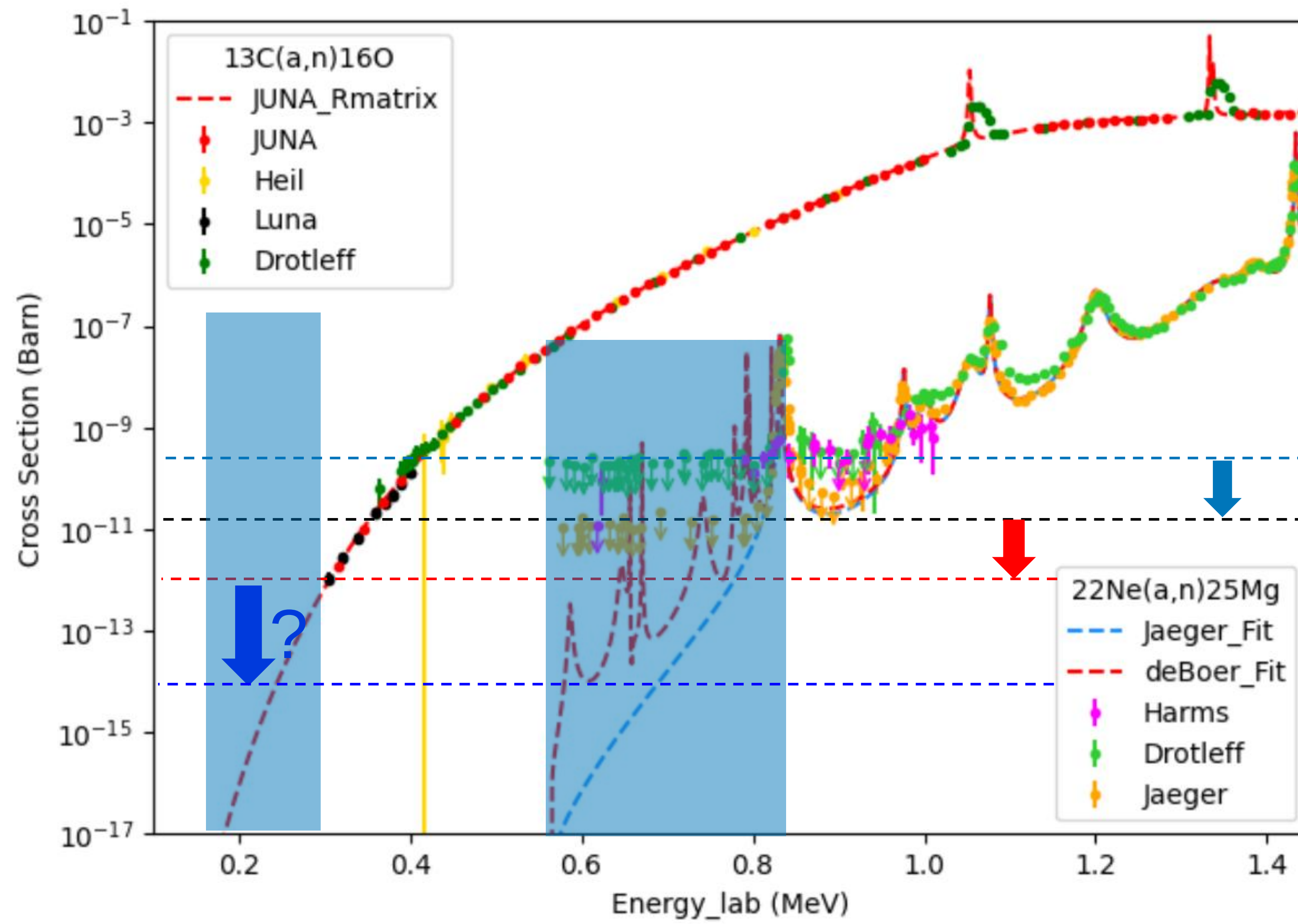
γ astronomy



JUNA achieved



Super JUNA proposed



1993 Drotleff et al.

2001 Jaeger et al.

2021 LUNA+JUNA

Increase intensity
Lower the background

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Summary

- Nuclear structure near threshold is crucial to the nucleosynthesis inside of stars
- Both direct and indirect approaches are indispensable.
- JUNA is becoming an advanced deep astrophysics platform
 - Gamma-ray astronomical reaction rate has reached the highest precision
 - astrophysical holy grail reaction has achieved the highest sensitivity
 - new resonances revealing the origin of heavy element abundance in the oldest stars in JWST
 - Discrepancies of neutron source reactions was resolved
- There are still questions to be addressed
- Welcome to join JUNA collaboration and submit your proposals deep underground!

