



# ISAC's continuing mission to explore the stars

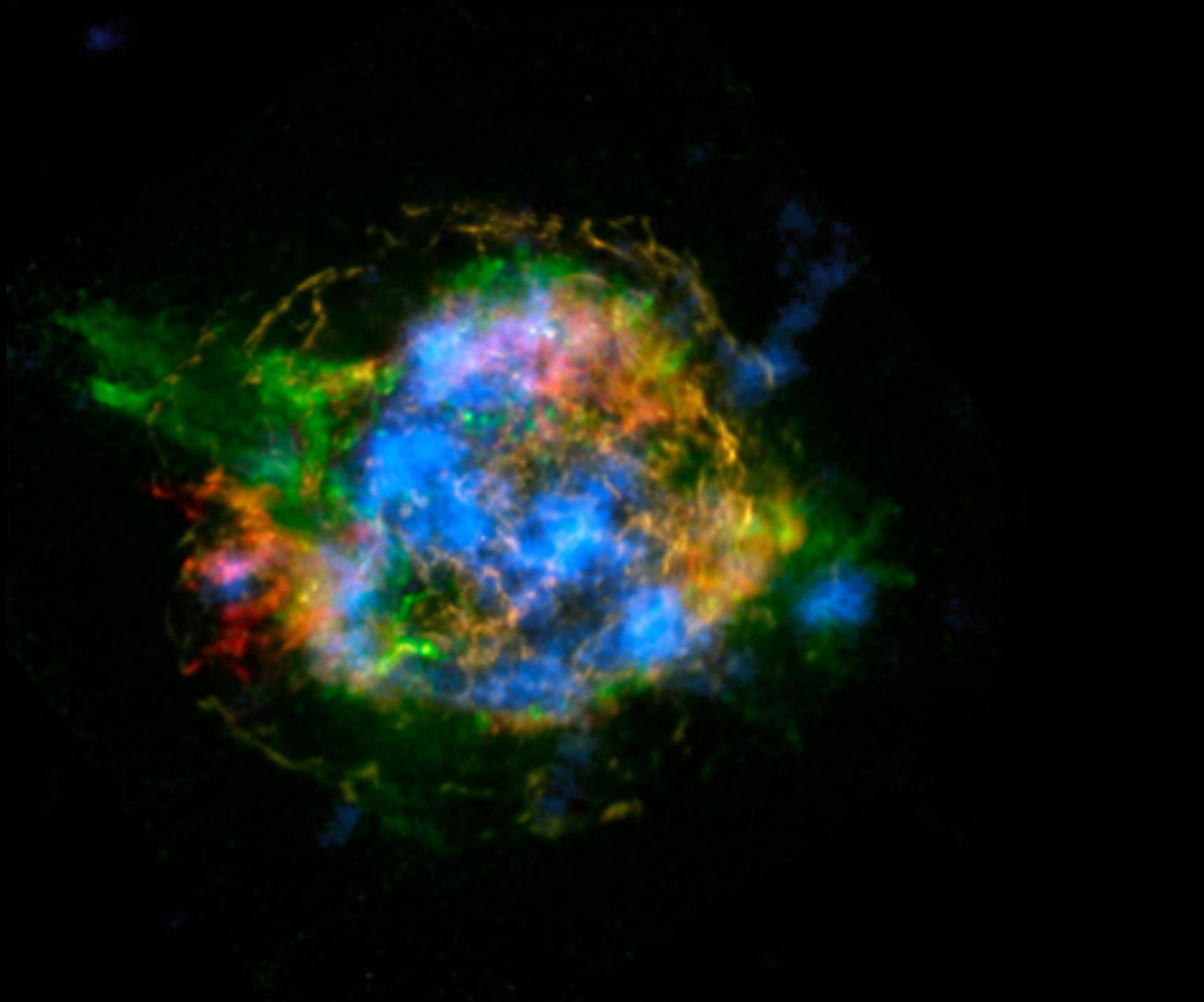
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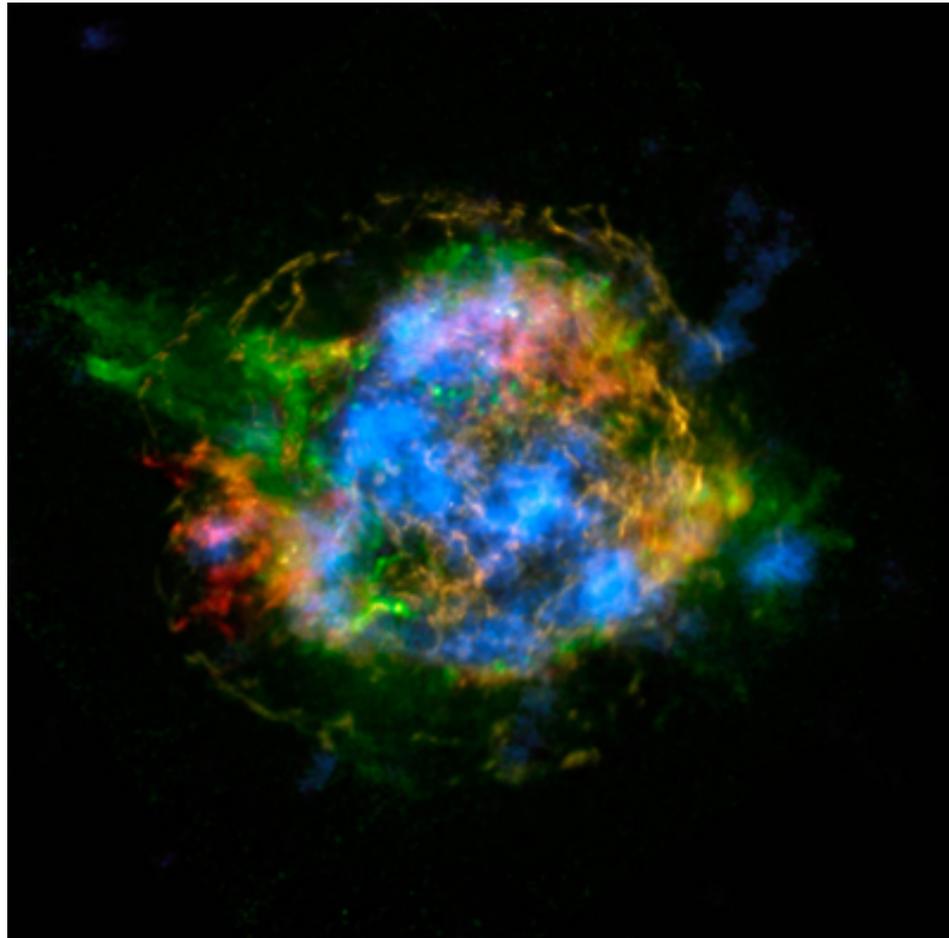
# Outline

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- ISAC's unique fleet
- The first mission ...
- Pushing the limits
- The continuing mission
- Summary





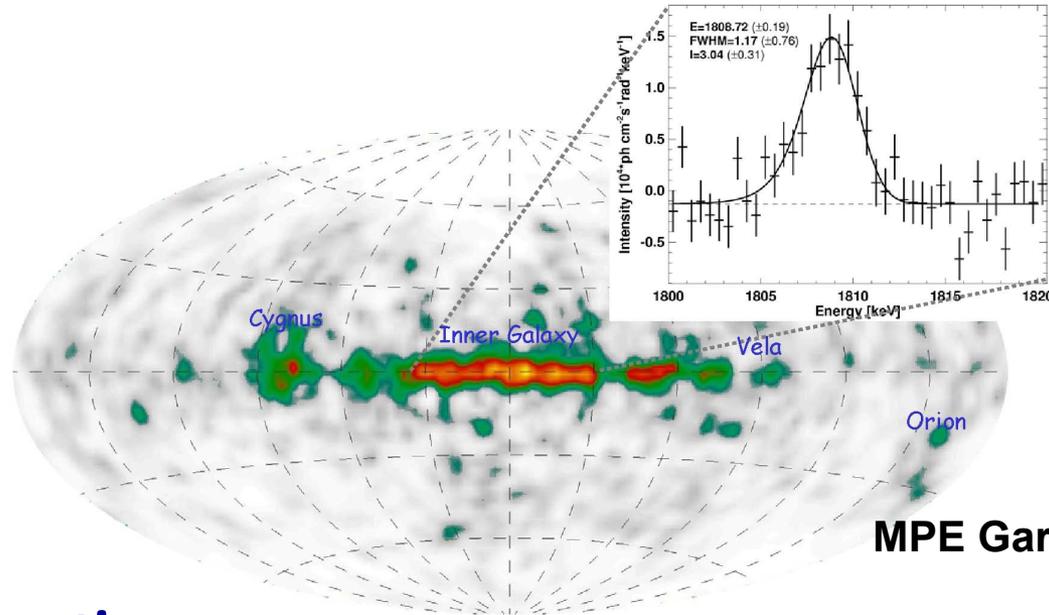
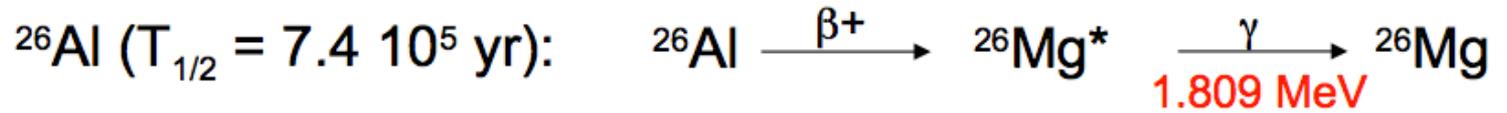
# NuSTAR observations of Cassiopeia A



- Image of Cas A from NuSTAR – red shows Fe, blue is Ti, green is Si
- ⇒ can study relative Ti/Ni yields in specific regions
  - ⇒ explosion is highly asymmetric (also abundance highly asymmetric)
  - ⇒ can use relative yields (not just total) to probe explosion characteristics
  - ⇒ need robust (and consistent) nuclear physics input



# $^{26}\text{Al}$ in the Galaxy



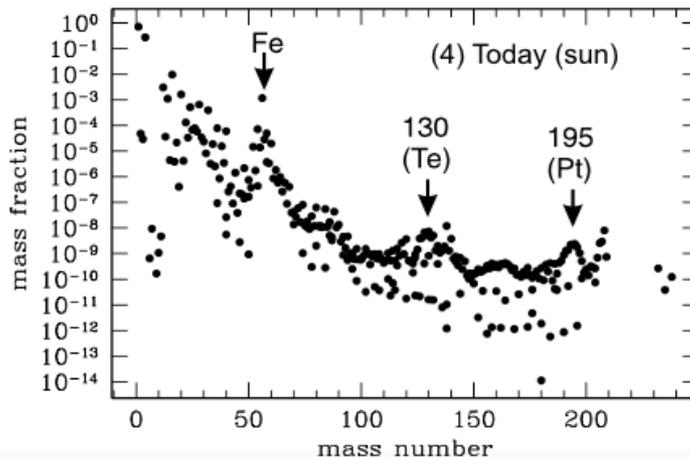
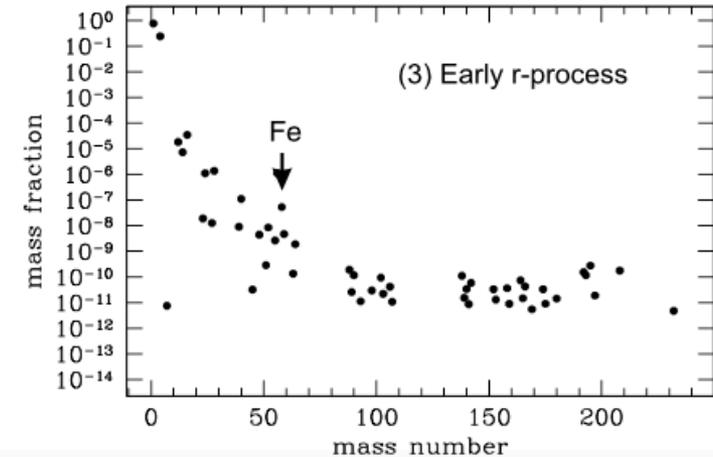
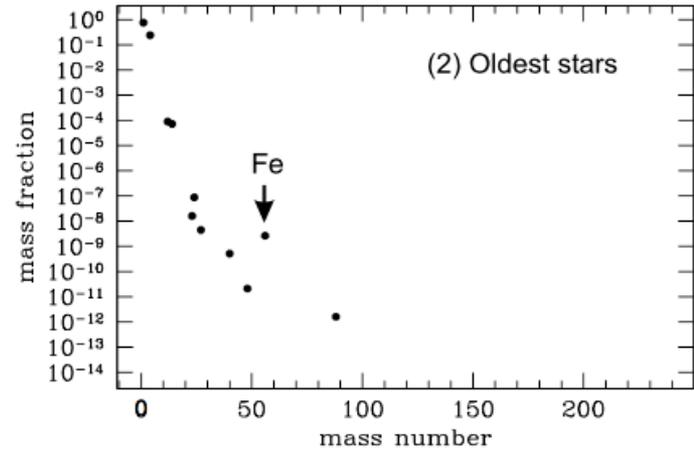
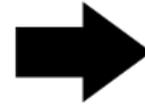
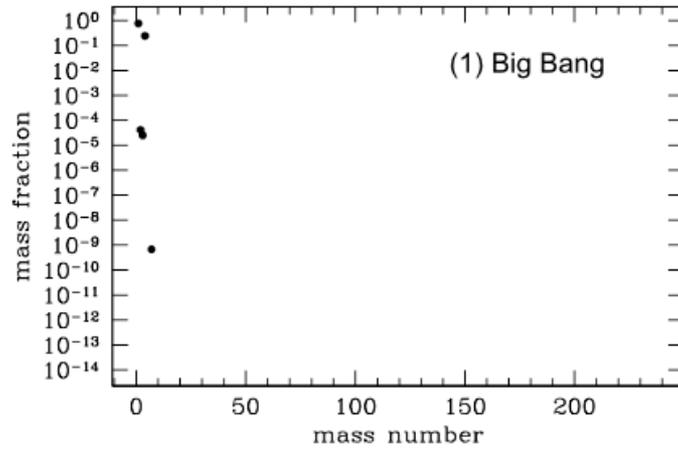
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## $\gamma$ -ray observations

- COMPTEL@CGRO, SPI@INTEGRAL
- synthesised throughout Galaxy
- 2-3 solar masses equilibrium mass
- Doppler shift of line indicates co-rotation with Galaxy

=> *Unambiguous direct evidence for nucleosynthesis in stars*

# Evolution of chemical elements



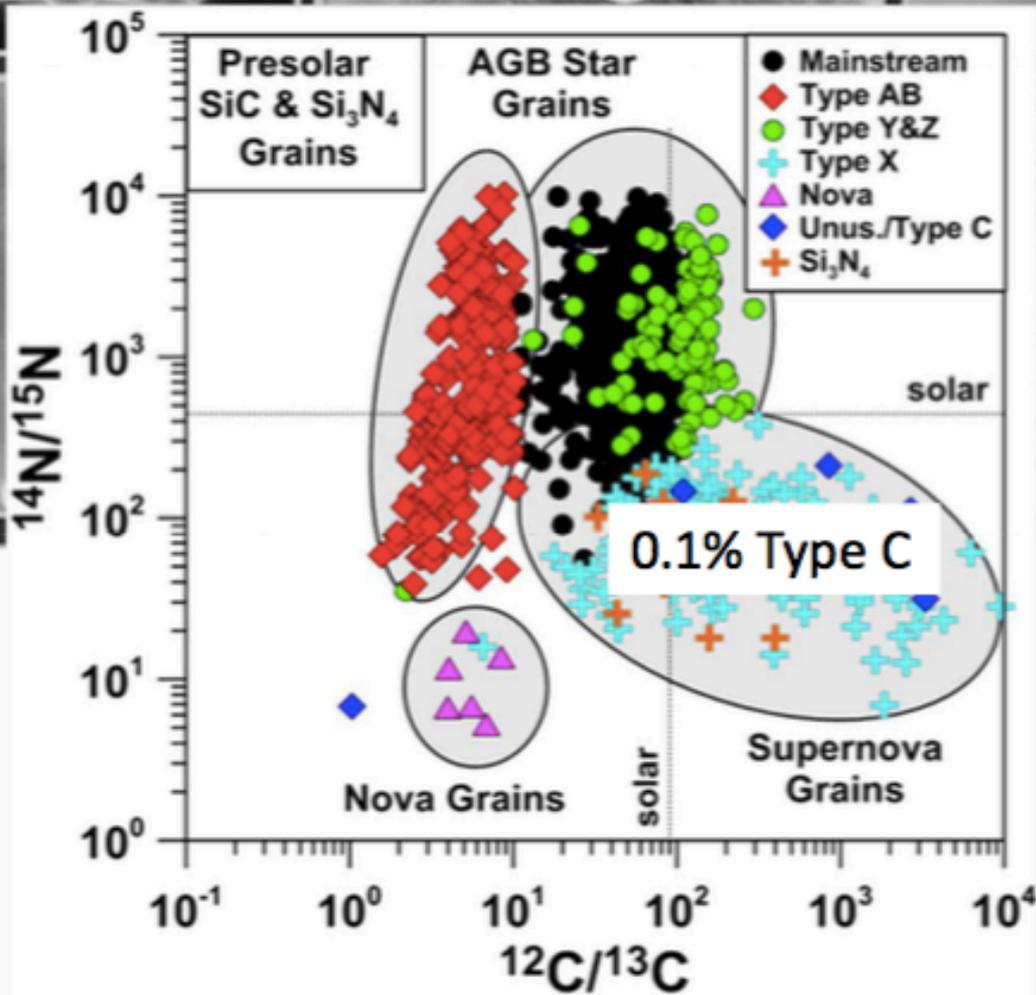
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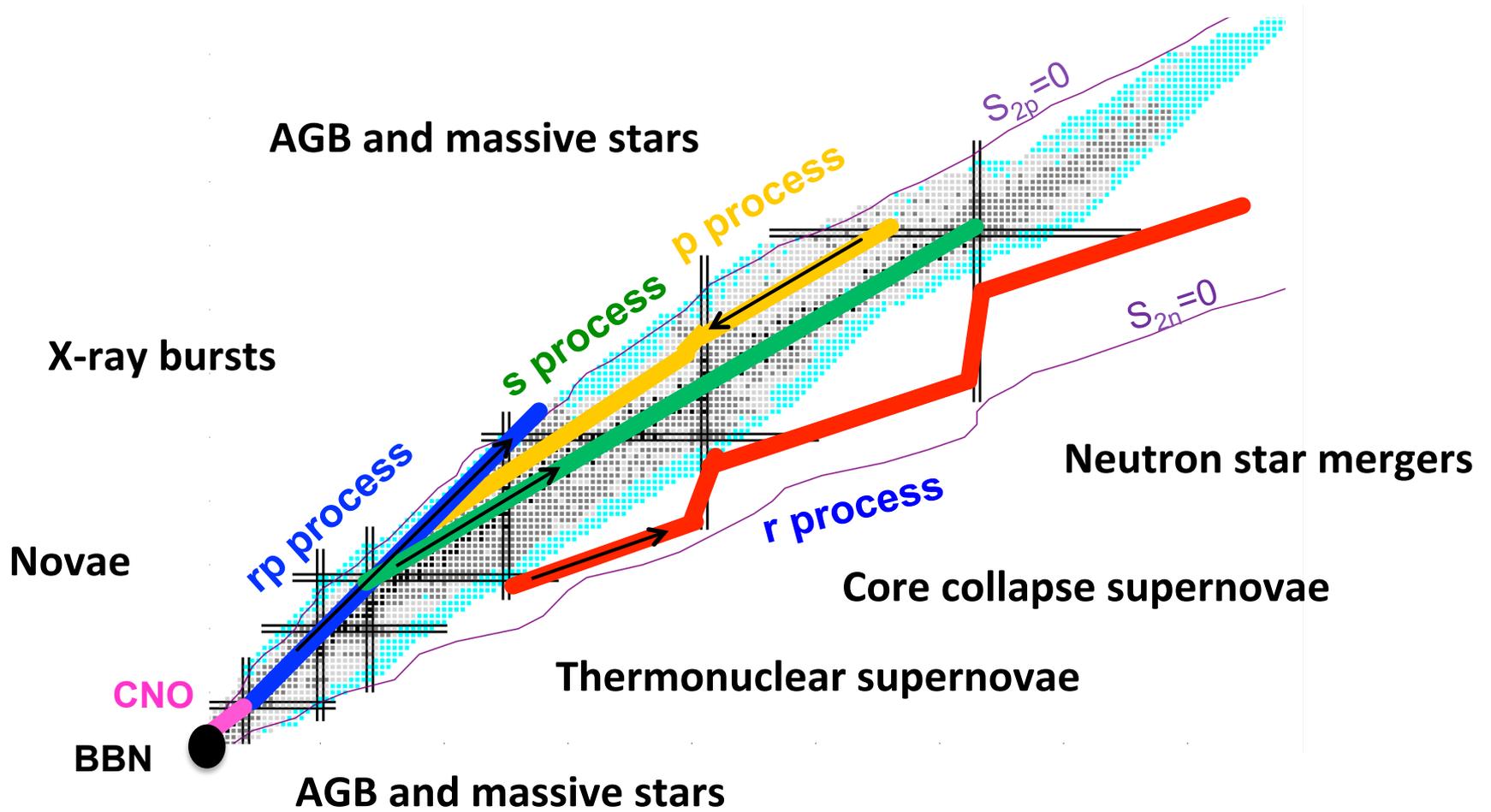
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Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

1 μm



WU Presolar Grain Data Base



To model these stars and stellar explosions, the models need the **thermonuclear reaction rate**.

In the case of individual, narrow resonances dominating the rate, then

$$N_A \langle \sigma v \rangle = 1.54 \times 10^{11} (\mu T_9)^{-3/2} \omega \gamma \exp\left(-11.605 \frac{E_R}{T_9}\right)$$

Otherwise we measure the **cross section** over the appropriate energy range (Gamow window) for the temperature of the environment.





## ISAC's unique fleet

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Indeed, several stable beam measurements have also resulted in high profile papers.



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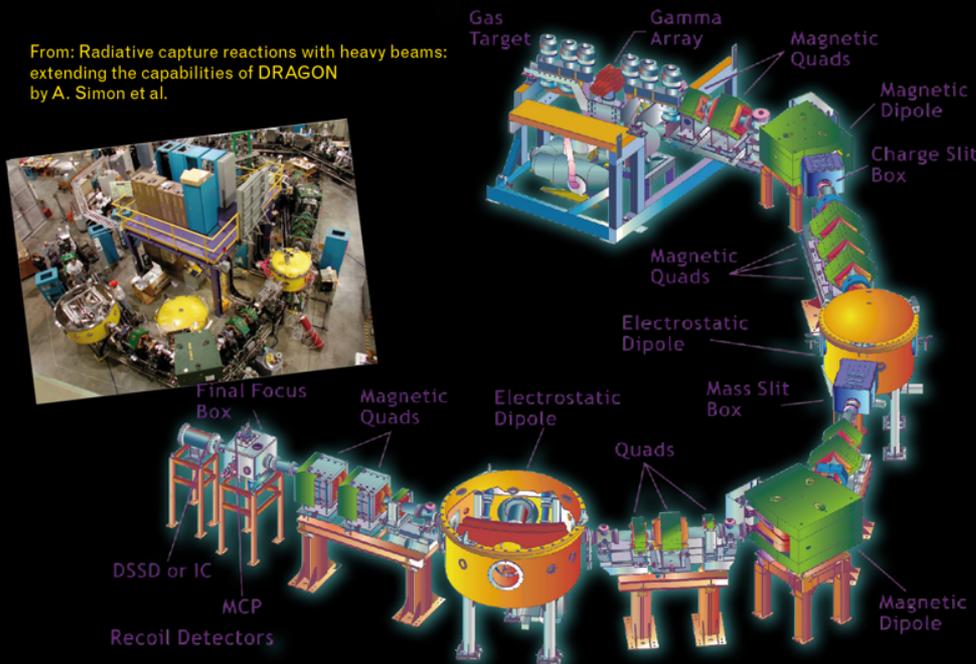
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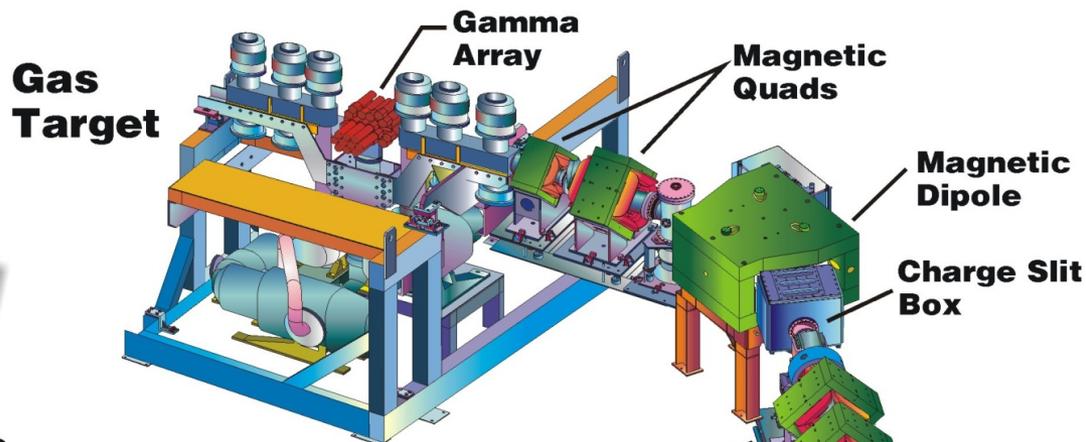


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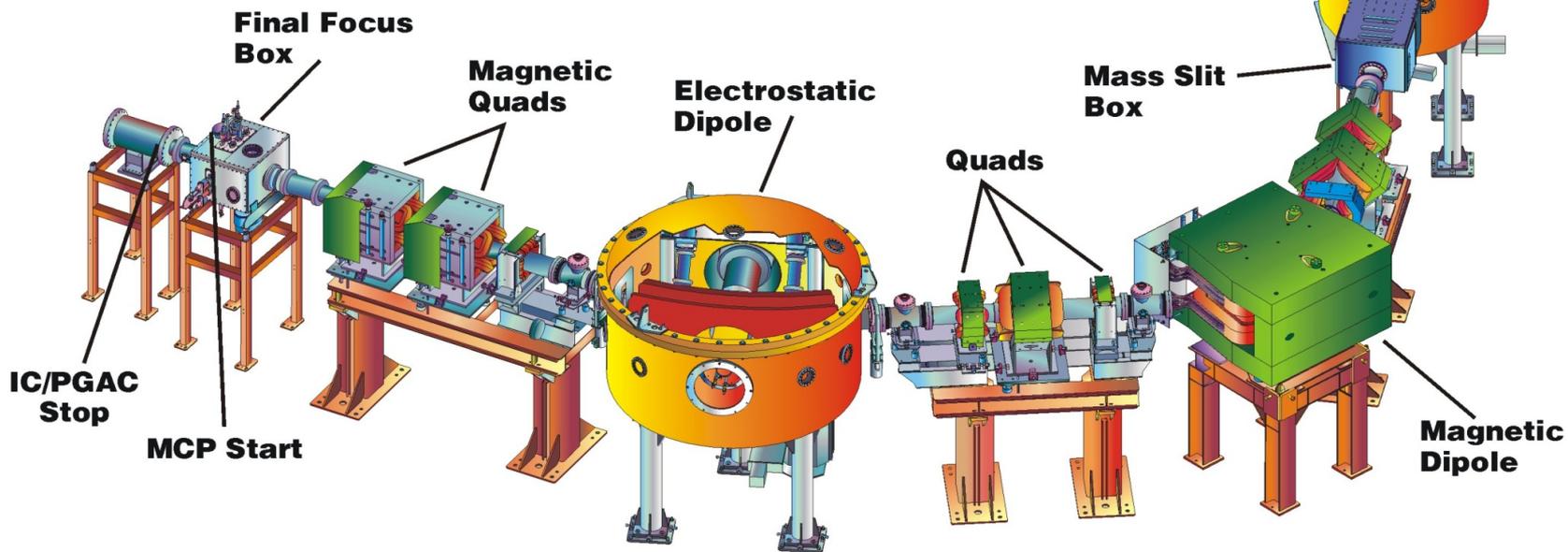
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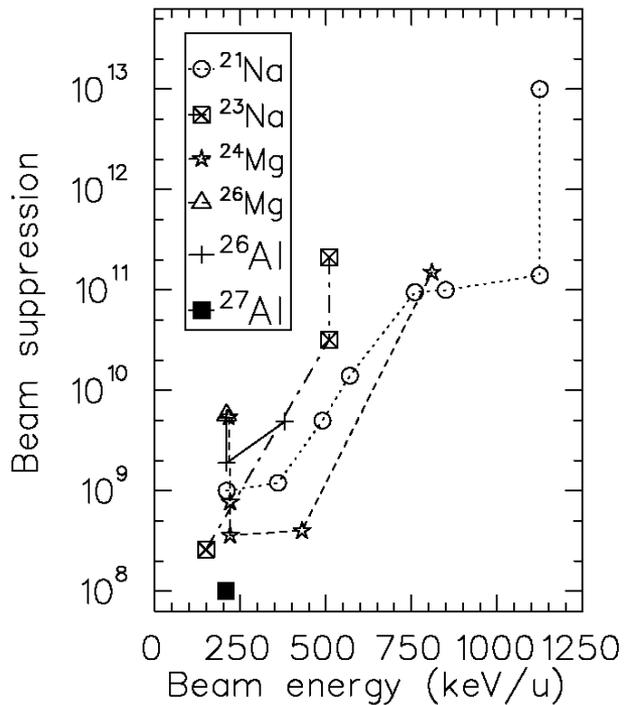
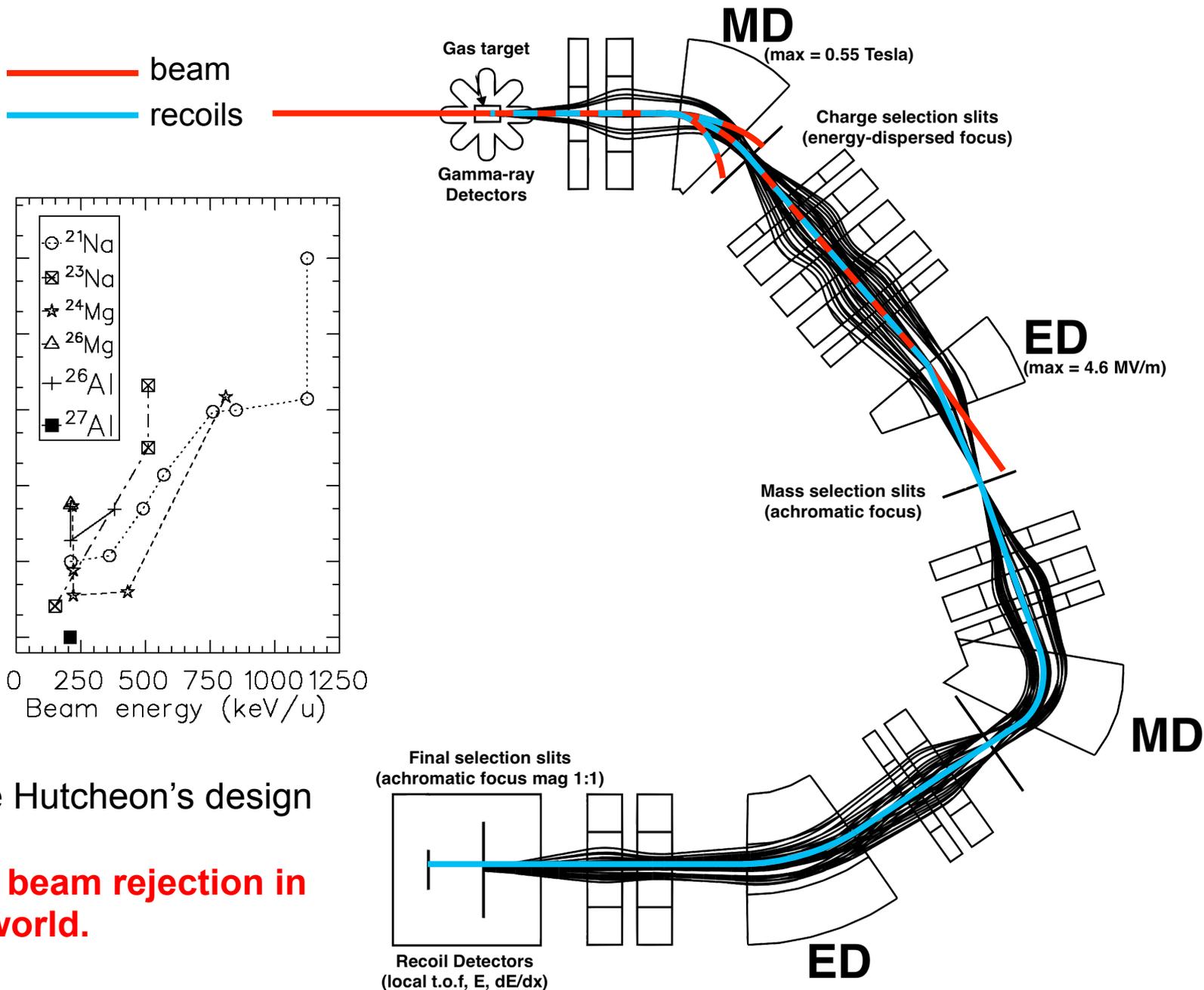
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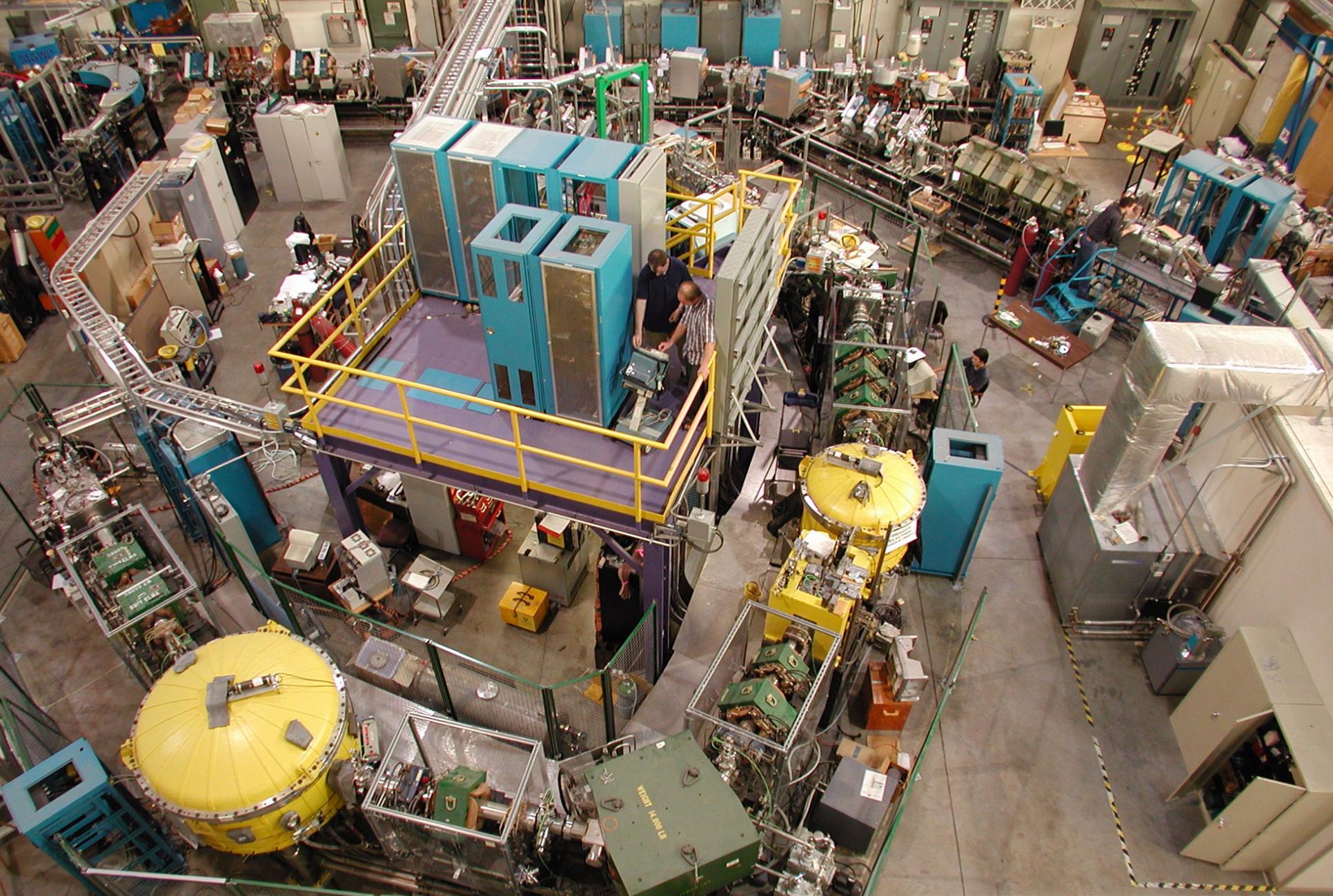
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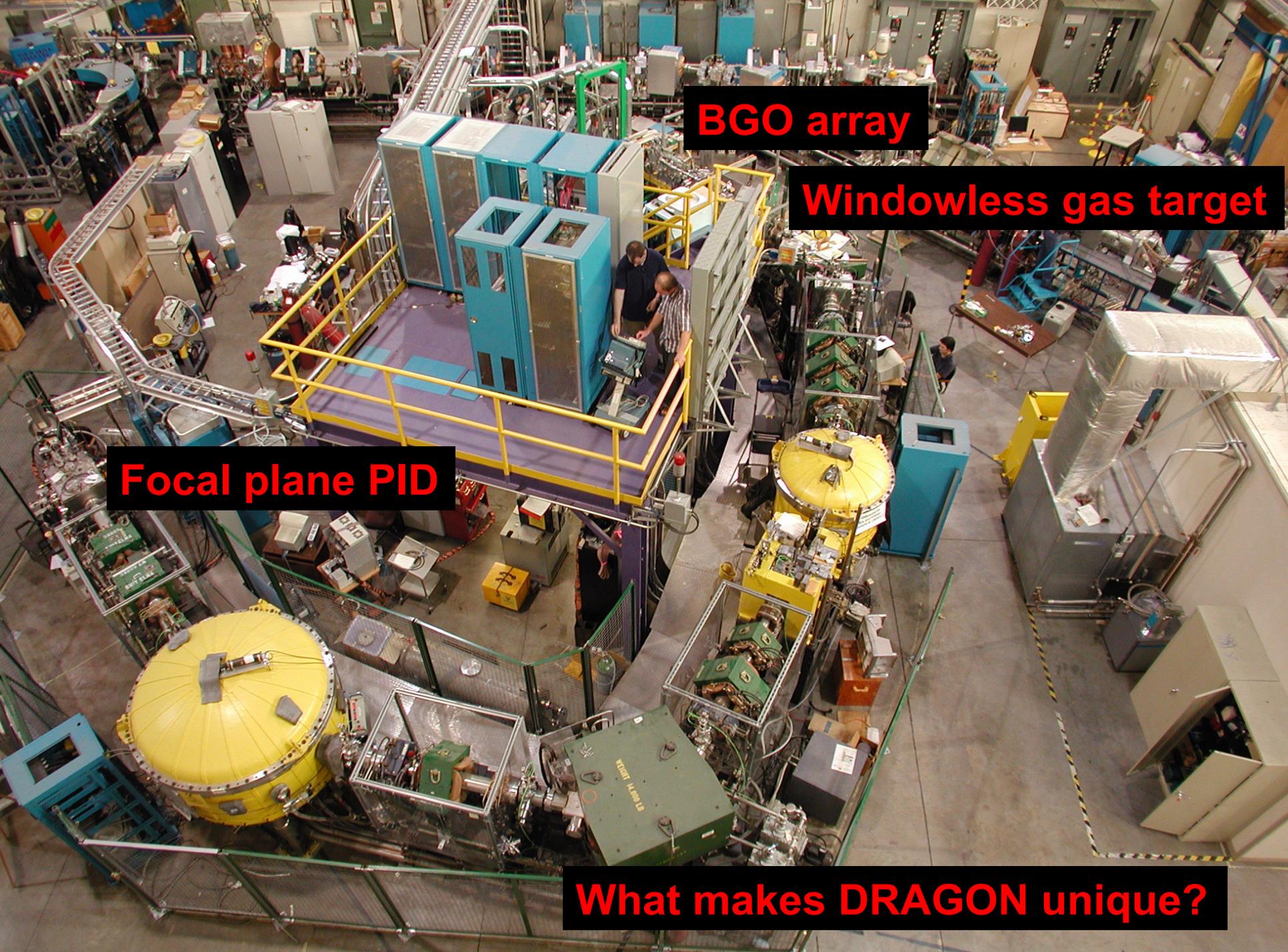


Dave Hutcheon's design

**Best beam rejection in the world.**



**What makes DRAGON unique?**



**BGO array**

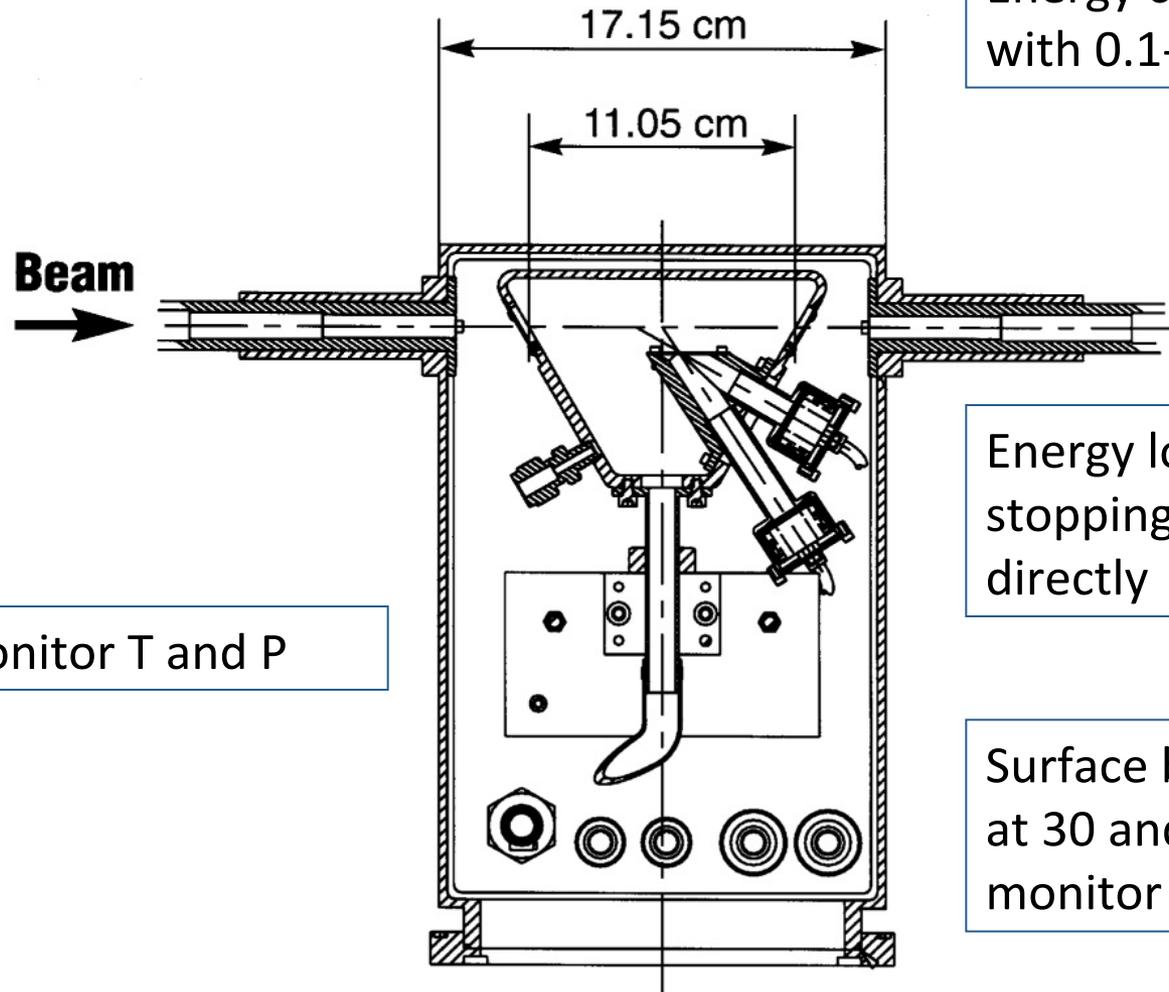
**Windowless gas target**

**Focal plane PID**

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# DRAGON gas target

**Windowless**, differentially pumped, recirculating **gas target** (H<sub>2</sub> or He)  
 1-10 mbar (pumping constraints) →  $\lesssim 6 \times 10^{18}$  at/cm<sup>2</sup> H<sub>2</sub>  
 LN<sub>2</sub> cooled zeolite cleaning trap



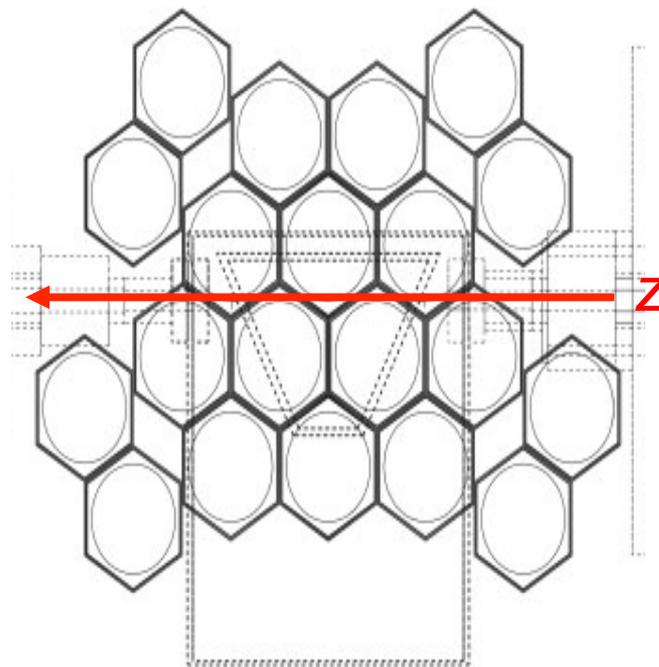
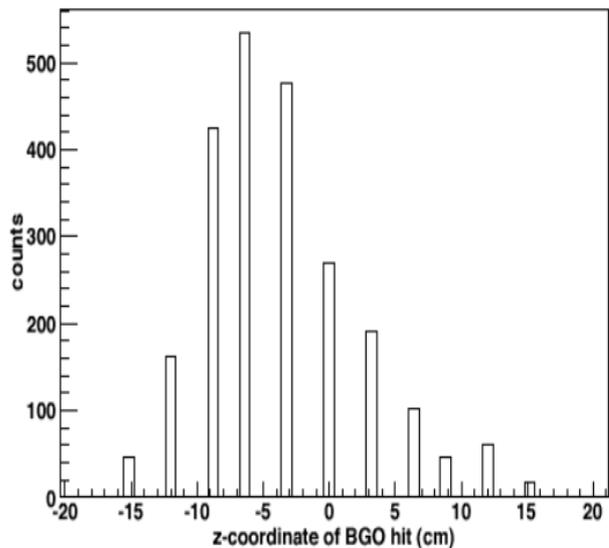
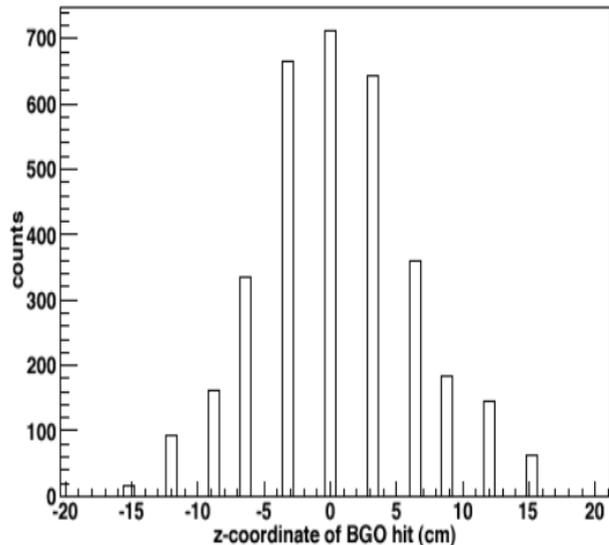
Energy can be measured with 0.1-0.2 % accuracy

Energy loss & therefore stopping power measured directly

Monitor T and P

Surface barrier detectors at 30 and 57 deg. to monitor elastic scattering.





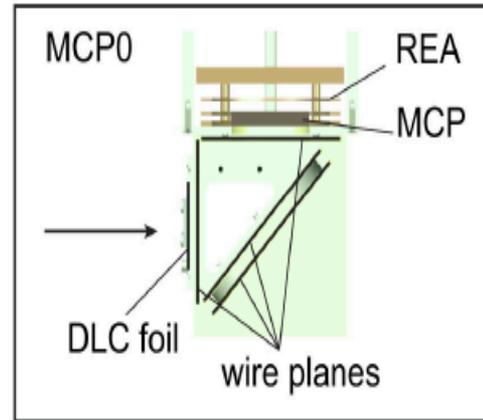
BGO array 'tags' recoil at focal plane.  
Very high efficiency (40-90%!).

Use BGO crystal z-coordinate to extract  
resonance position within extended gas  
target.



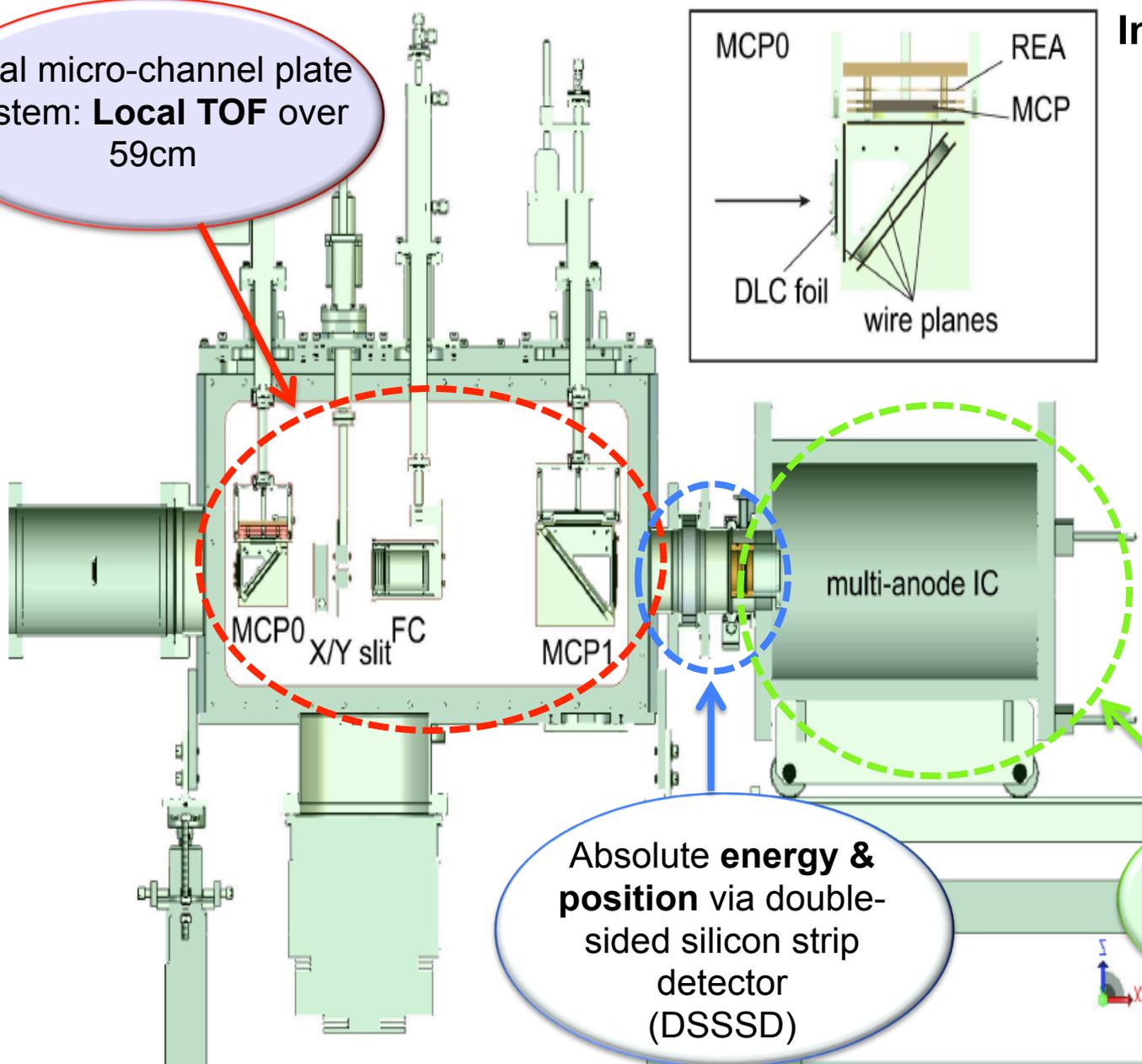
# Focal plane detectors - PID

Dual micro-channel plate system: **Local TOF** over 59cm



**Interchangeable end detectors**  
**IC or DSSSD**  
(Depending on reaction)

- Particle ID
- Local TOF
- $\Delta E/E$ , Total E

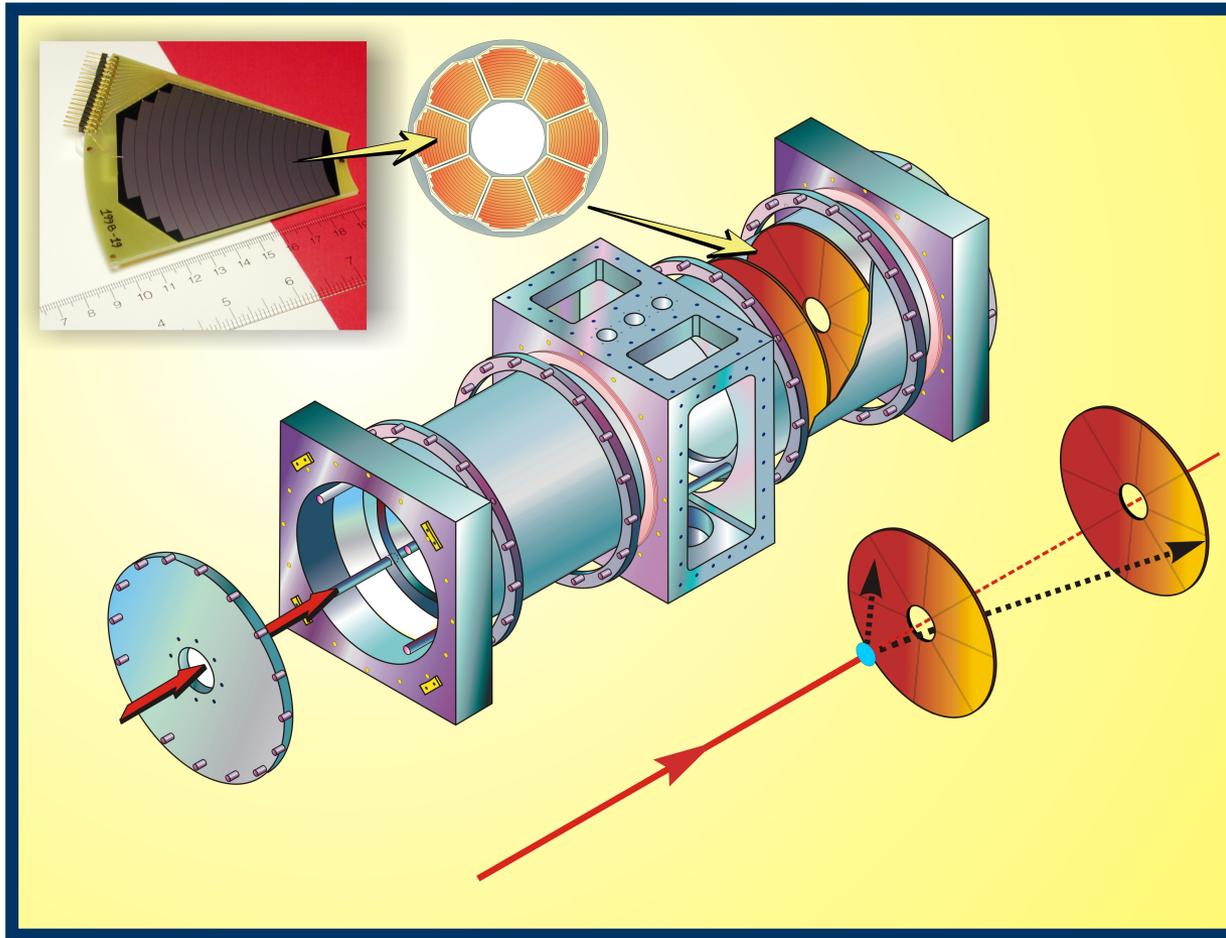


**Absolute energy & position** via double-sided silicon strip detector (DSSSD)

**$\Delta E-E$  in ionization chamber for Z-identification**



# TRIUMF UK Detector Array



**Versatile charged particle detection**, based on silicon strip detector and high-linearity, low noise electronics.

Highly configurable setup, can be optimised for reaction under study.  
High efficiency, high resolution.

512 separate detector channels, giving energy, timing and angle/position.  
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**In the beginning....**



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there was  $^{21}\text{Na}$ ...and lots of it!**

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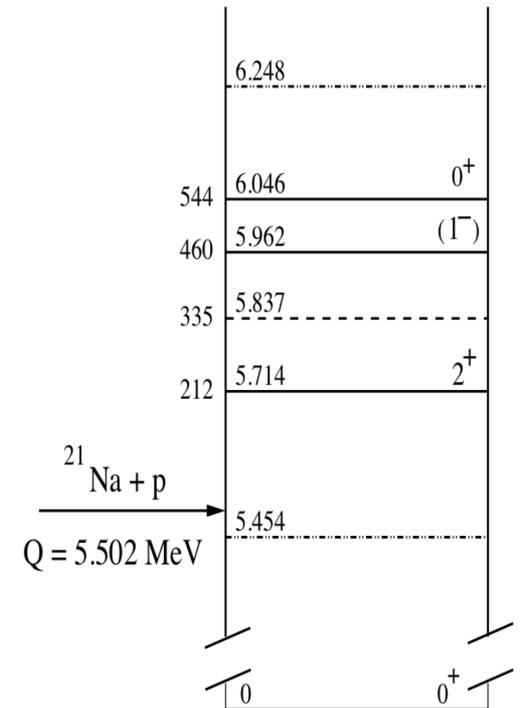
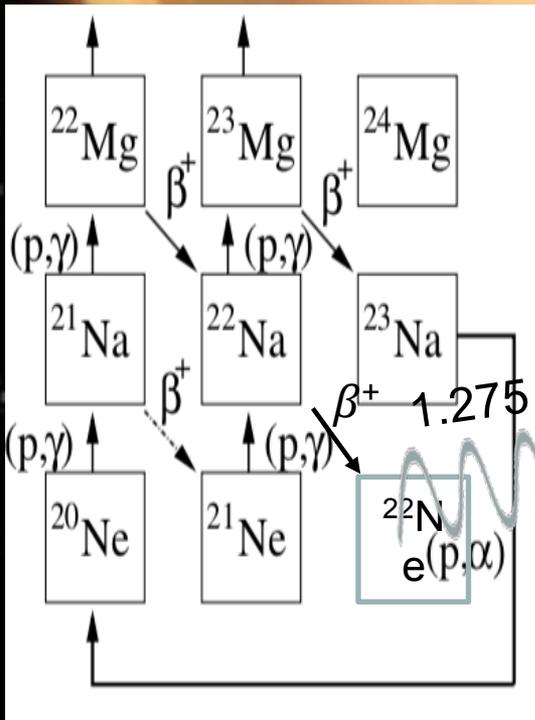
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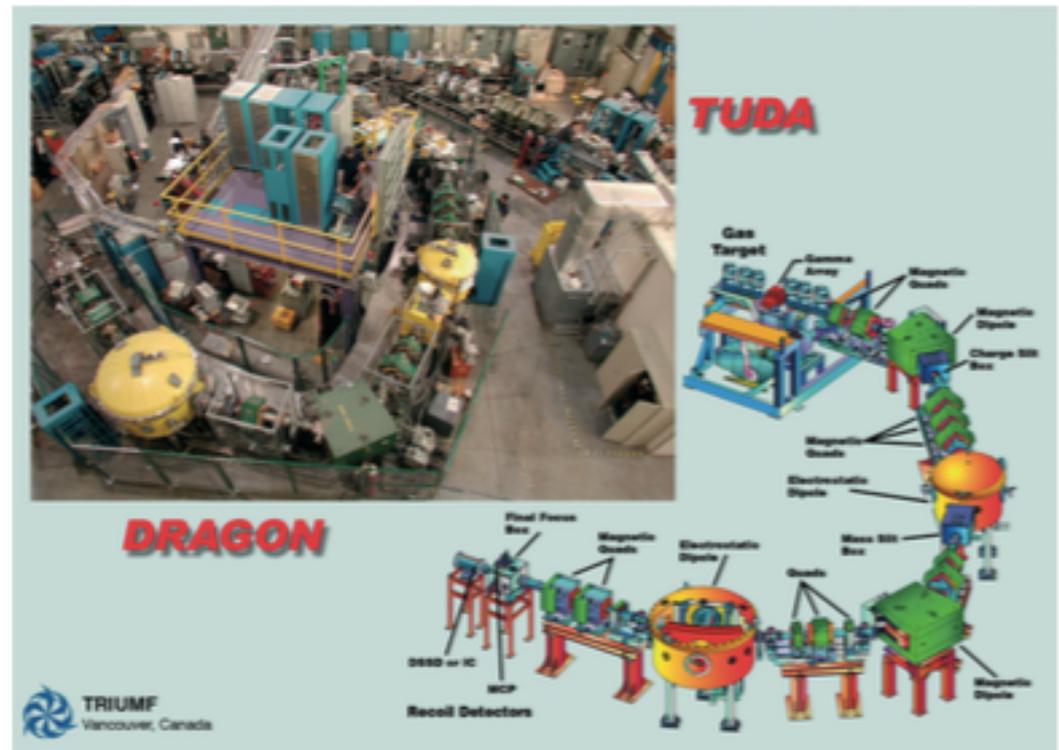
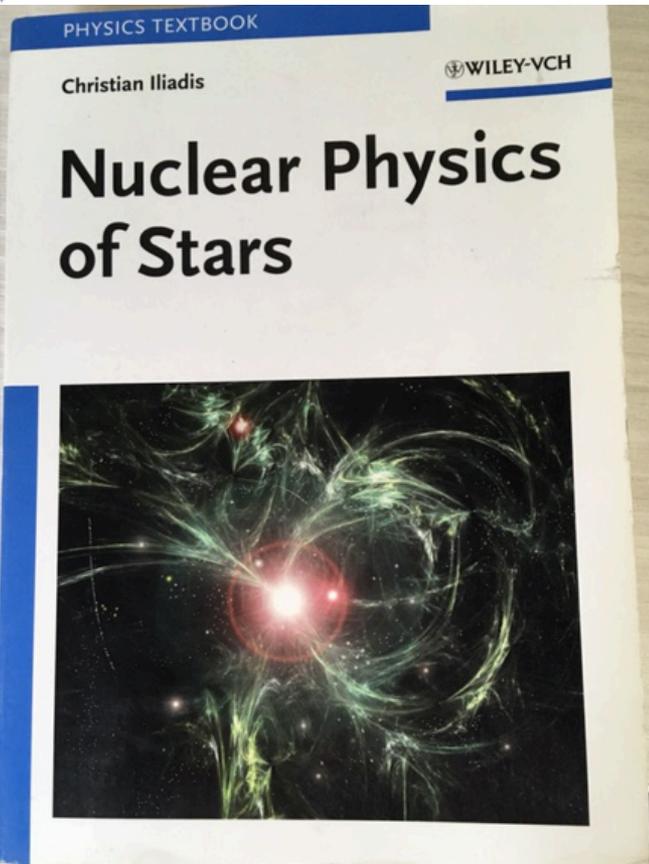
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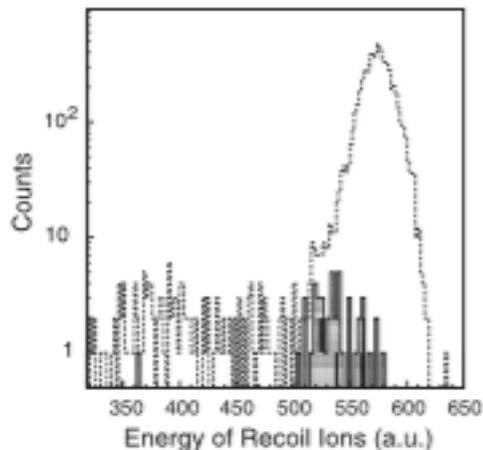


**Fig. 12** The nuclear astrophysics facilities of ISAC at the TRIUMF laboratory in Vancouver, Canada. The radioactive ion beam exits the accelerator in the top left-hand corner of the photo and enters either the **DRAGON** recoil spectrometer or the TUDA beamline. For radiative proton- and  $\alpha$ -capture reactions, the 21-m long **DRAGON** facility (photo, center) is used. The drawing shows the major components of **DRAGON**, including the windowless gas target surrounded by a 30-element  $\gamma$ -ray detection array, the two independent stages of elec-

tromagnetic separators that suppress the beam by a factor of  $< 10^{13}$ , and the appropriately configured recoil detector. For other nonradiative-capture measurements, such as direct reactions and elastic or inelastic scattering, TUDA is employed. The TUDA chamber and shielded electronics room (photo, right-hand side) allow for multiple arrangements of various detectors specifically chosen for the reaction of interest. Credit: Dave Hutcheon, Chris Ruiz, Götz Ruprecht, Mike Trinczek, Christof Vockenhuber and TRIUMF.

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**Fig. 4.41** Pulse height spectrum of heavy ions detected at the focal plane of a recoil separator in the study of the  $E_7^{\text{cm}} = 207$  keV resonance in  $^{21}\text{Na}(p,\gamma)^{22}\text{Mg}$ . The dashed histogram shows the singles spectrum and is dominated by  $^{21}\text{Na}$  beam particles leaking through the separator. The shaded spectrum displays those heavy ions which are in coincidence with prompt  $\gamma$ -rays detected

in a BGO array surrounding the hydrogen gas target. These correspond to the reaction products  $^{22}\text{Mg}$  since  $^{21}\text{Na}$  beam particles are not in coincidence with prompt  $\gamma$ -rays. Reprinted with permission from J. M. D'Auria et al., *Phys. Rev. C*, Vol. 69, 065803 (2004). Copyright Physical Society of Japan.

The  $^{21}\text{Na}(p,\gamma)^{22}\text{Mg}$  reaction is important for the production of the long-lived  $\gamma$ -ray emitter  $^{22}\text{Na}$  in classical novae (Section 5.2.2). The reaction was directly measured (D'Auria et al. 2004) at the TRIUMF-ISAC facility (see color Fig. 12 on page 642), located in Vancouver, Canada, in the energy range of the nova Gamow peak ( $E_0 \pm \Delta/2 = 270 \pm 100$  keV at  $T = 0.3$  GK). A 500 MeV proton beam of  $\leq 30$   $\mu\text{A}$  intensity from the TRIUMF cyclotron bombarded a thick SiC production target. Spallation reactions on Si produced  $^{21}\text{Na}$  which diffused from the hot target through a transfer tube and was ionized in a surface ionization source. After mass separation, the low-energy  $^{21}\text{Na}$  beam was accelerated to energies variable between 0.15 and 1.5 MeV/u by using a radiofrequency quadrupole (RFQ) accelerator and a drift-tube linac. The intensity of the  $^{21}\text{Na}$  beam delivered to the experiment amounted up to  $10^9$   $^{21}\text{Na}$  ions per second. The radioactive  $^{21}\text{Na}$  beam was then incident on a windowless hydrogen gas target. Prompt  $\gamma$ -rays were detected in an array of 30 BGO scintillator detectors, packed tightly around the gas target, with an almost  $4\pi$  coverage of the solid angle. The  $^{22}\text{Mg}$  nuclei were separated from the intense beam by using the **DRAGON** recoil separator (Engel et al. 2005) and were de-



# DRAGON highlights

# $^{26}\text{Al}(p,\gamma)^{27}\text{Si}$ : $^{26}\text{Al}$ galactic map

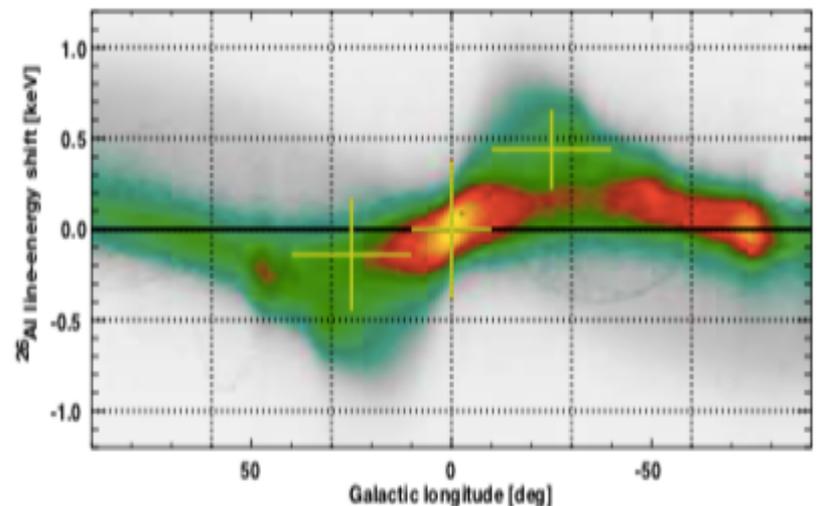
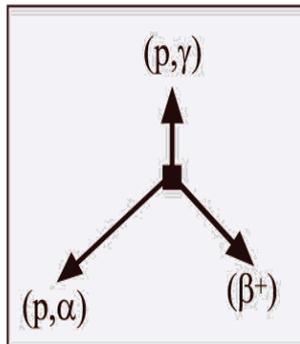
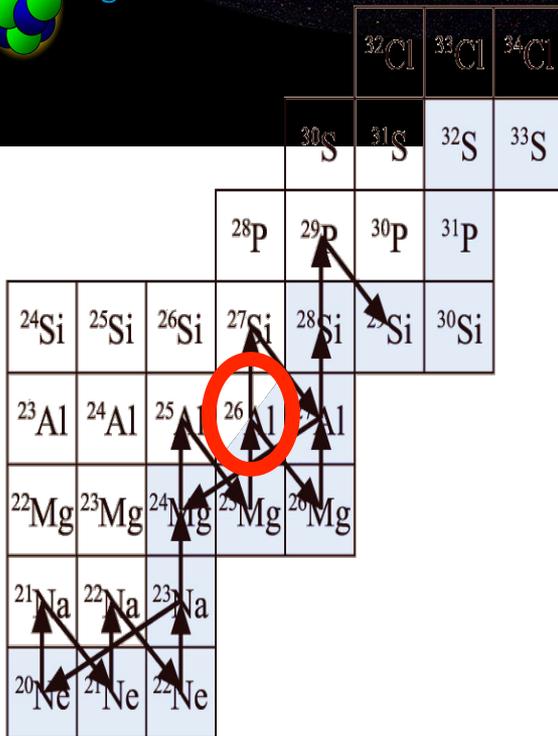
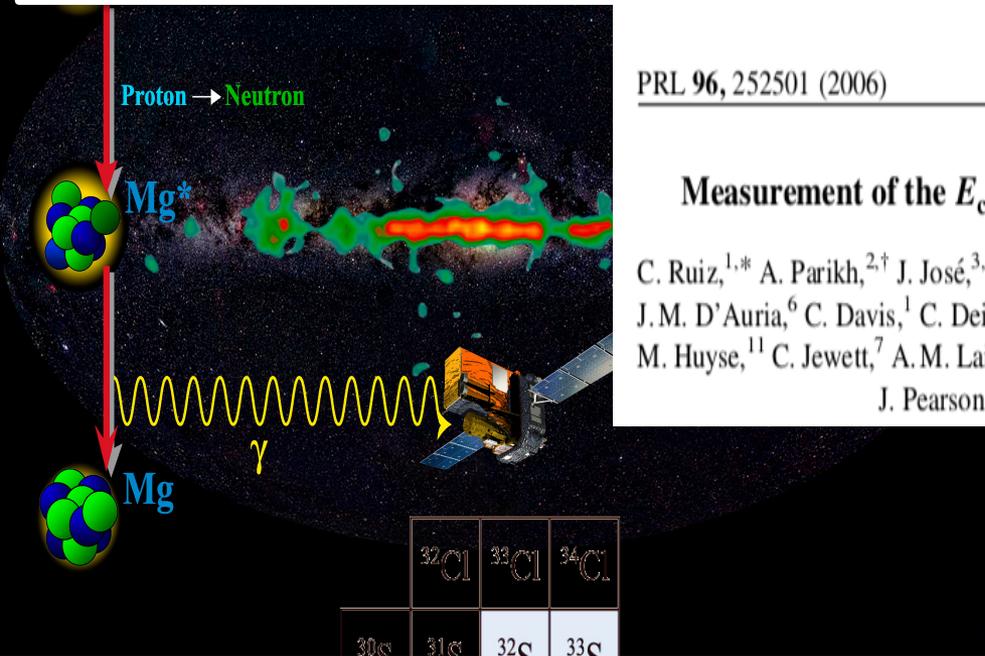
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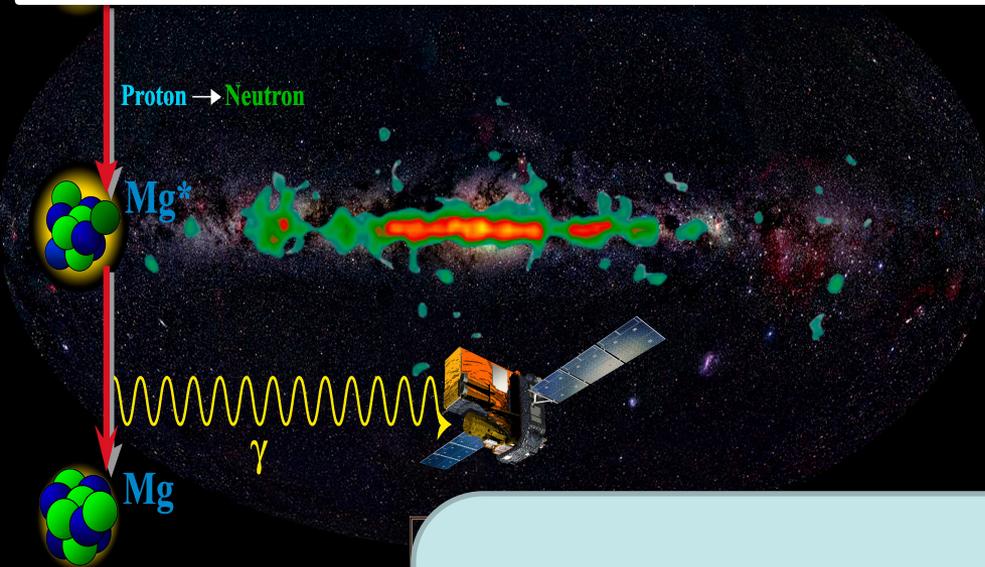
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## Measurement of the $E_{c.m.} = 184$ keV Resonance Strength in the $^{26}\text{Al}(p,\gamma)^{27}\text{Si}$ Reaction

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# $^{26}\text{Al}(p,\gamma)^{27}\text{Si}$ : $^{26}\text{Al}$ galactic map



Conclusions: up to 20% of  $^{26}\text{Al}$  observed in Galaxy could be from novae.... (but no more)

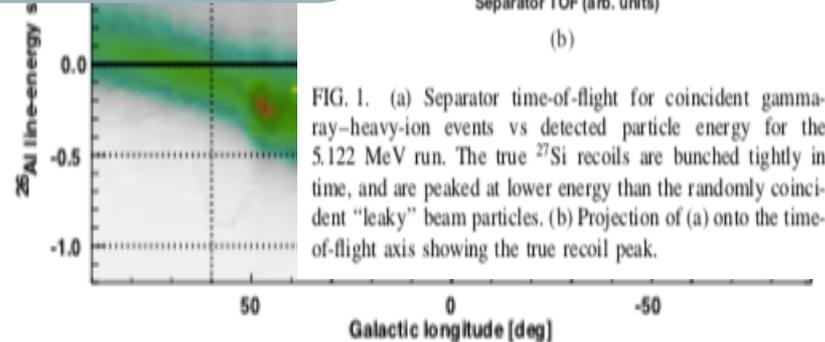
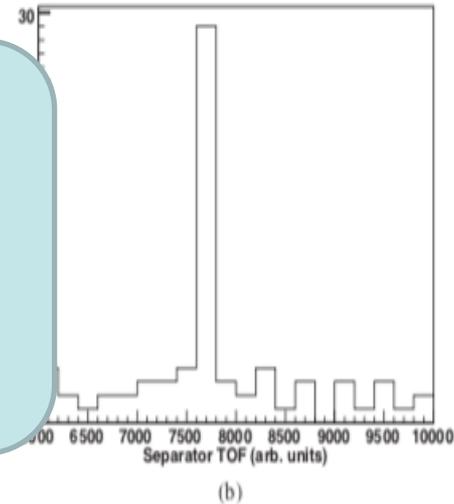
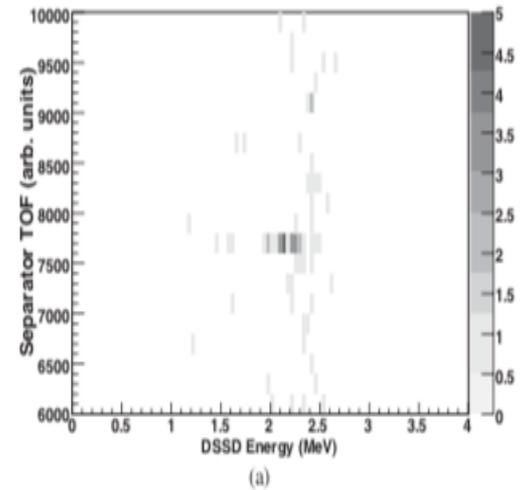
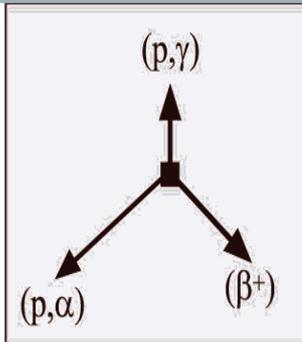
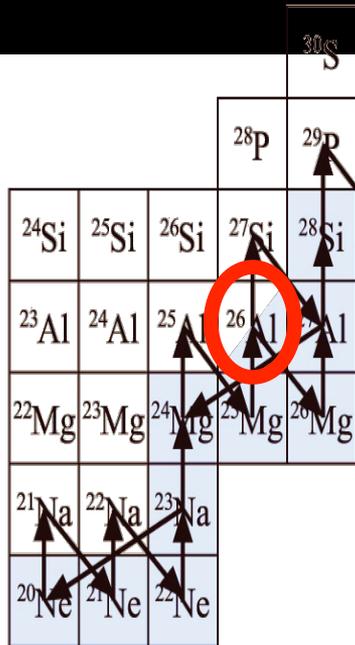


FIG. 1. (a) Separator time-of-flight for coincident gamma-ray-heavy-ion events vs detected particle energy for the 5.122 MeV run. The true  $^{27}\text{Si}$  recoils are bunched tightly in time, and are peaked at lower energy than the randomly coincident "leaky" beam particles. (b) Projection of (a) onto the time-of-flight axis showing the true recoil peak.

# $^{40}\text{Ca}(\alpha, \gamma)^{44}\text{Ti}$ : $^{44}\text{Ti}$ SN remnant map

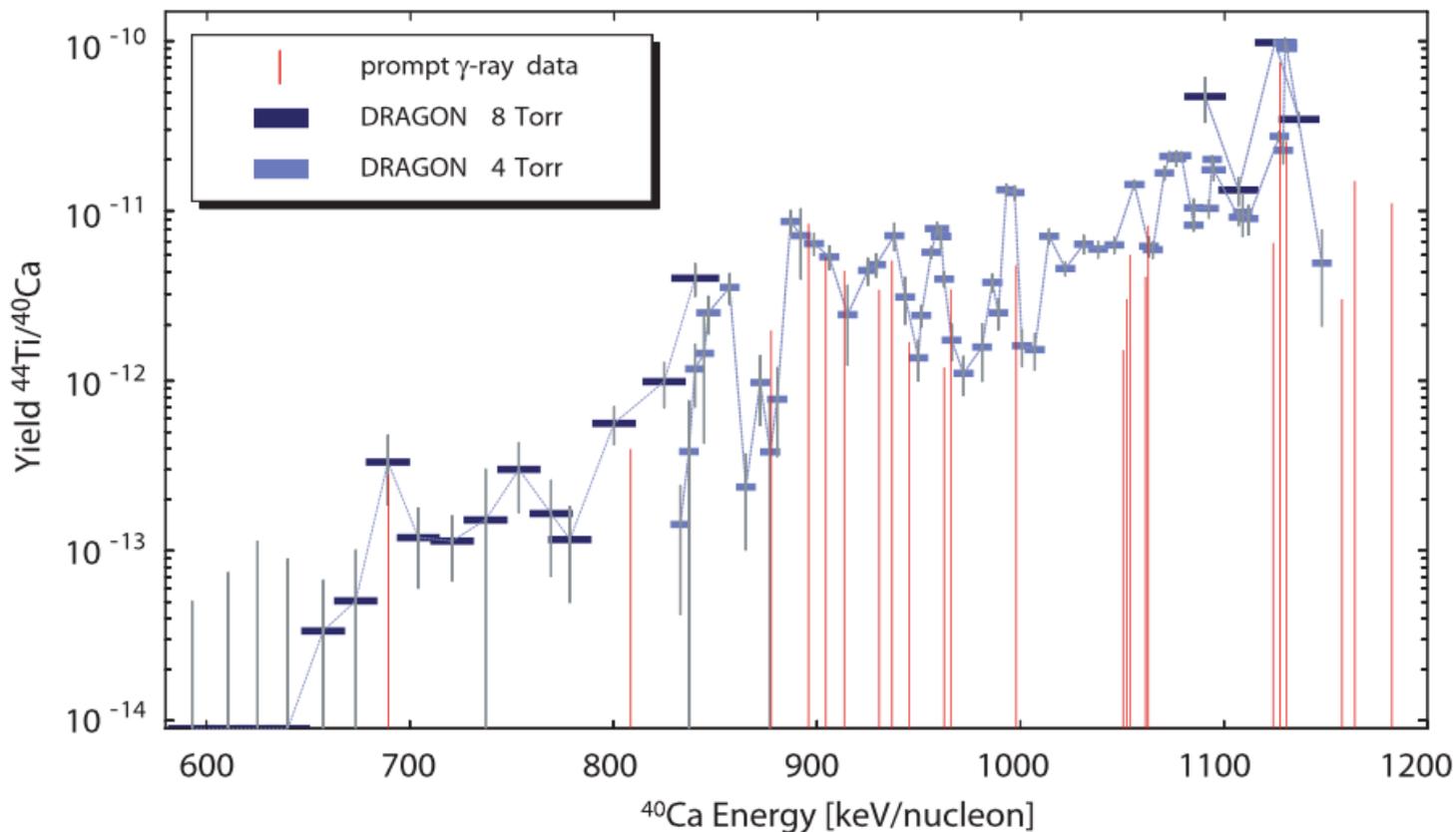
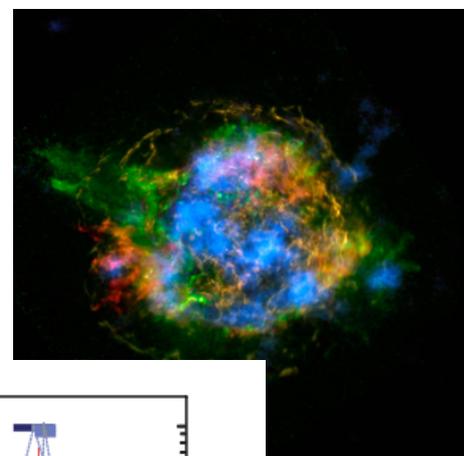


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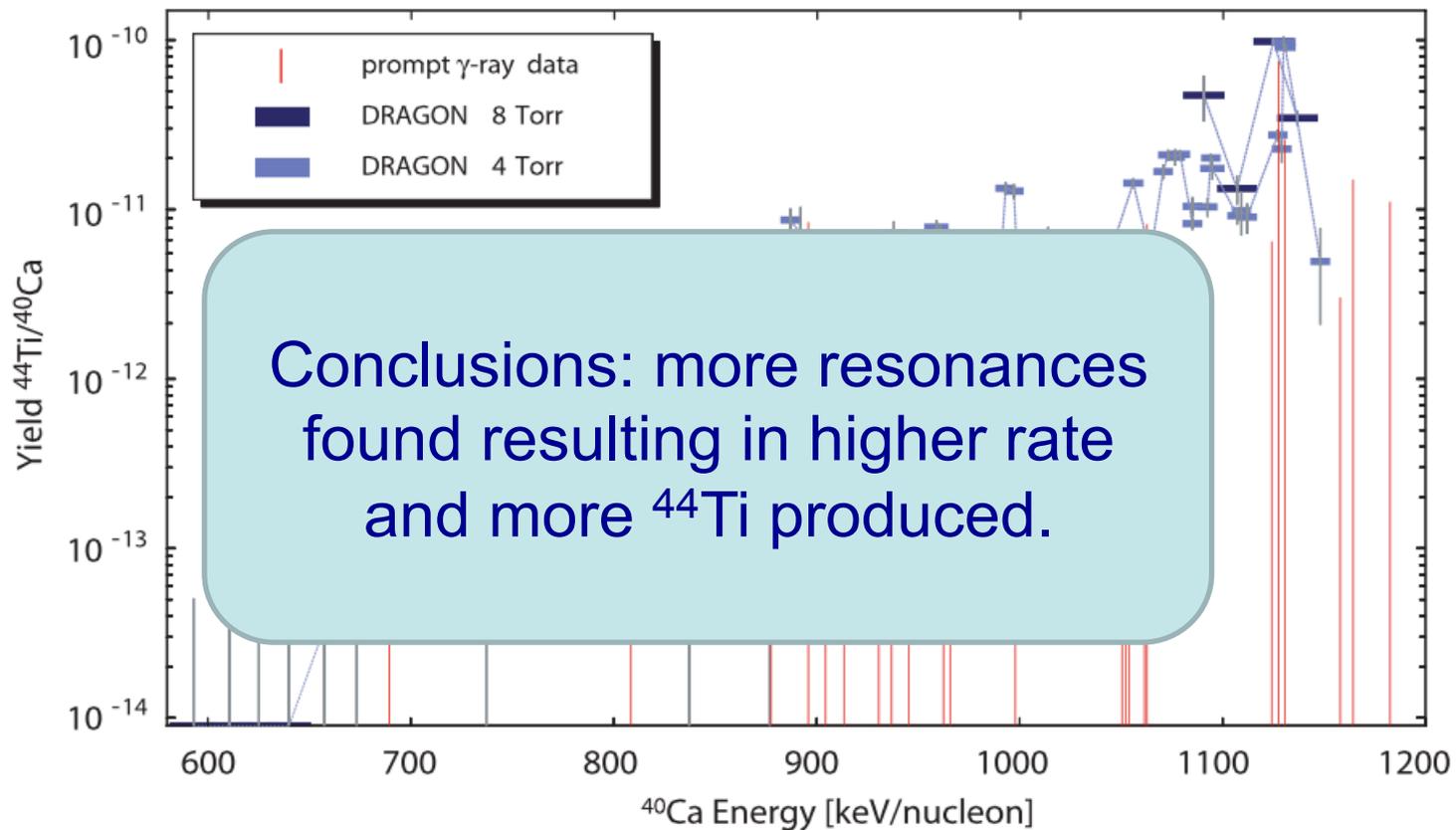
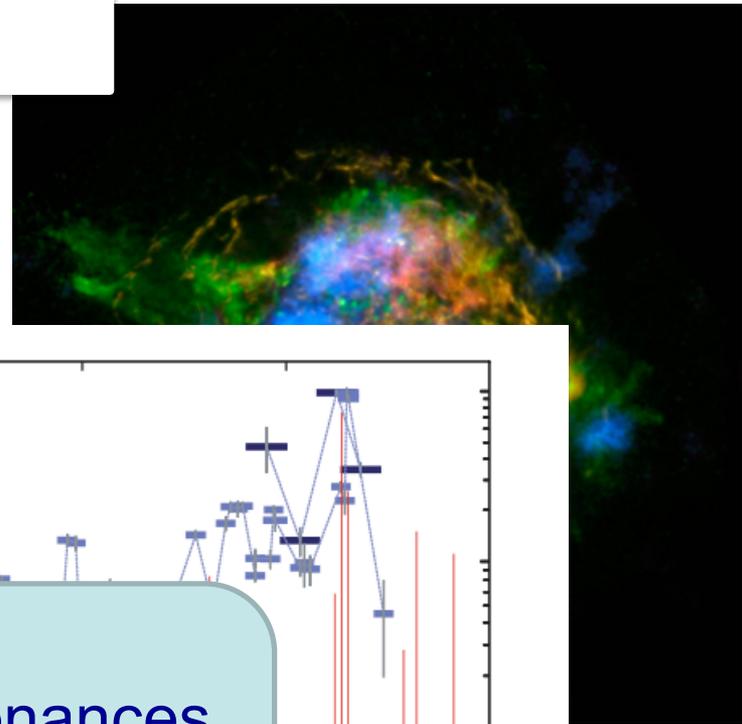


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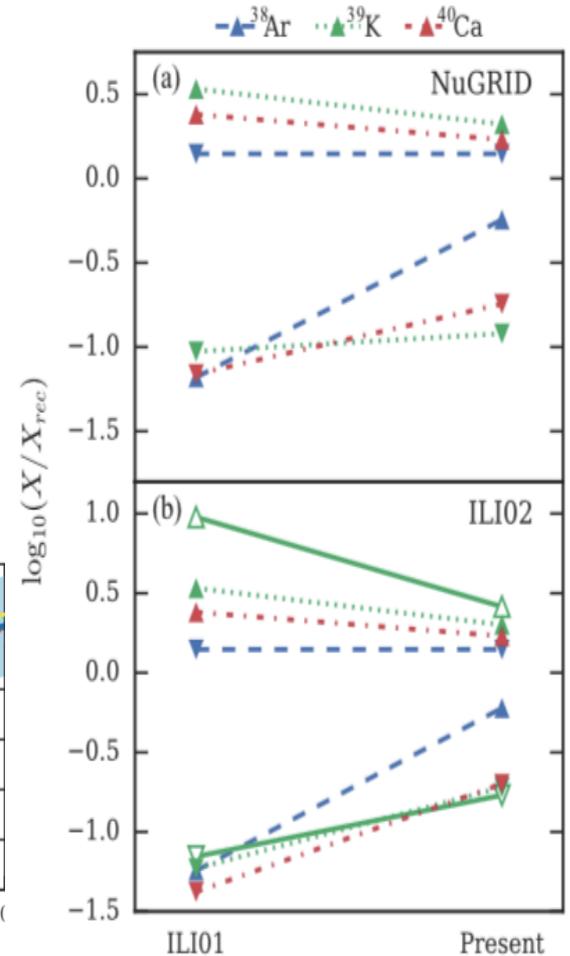
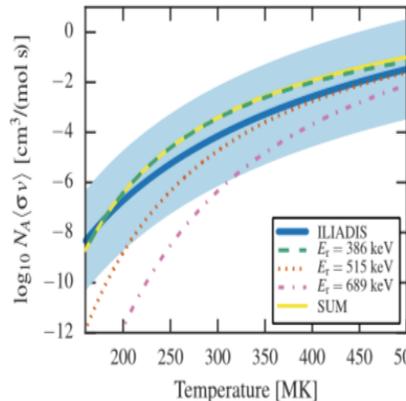
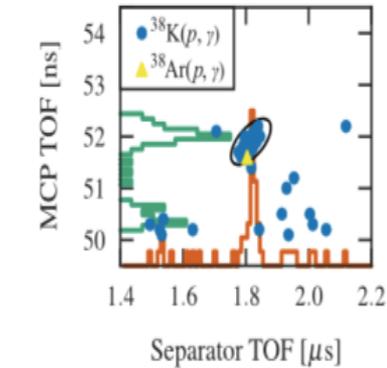
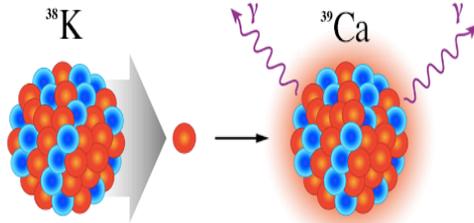
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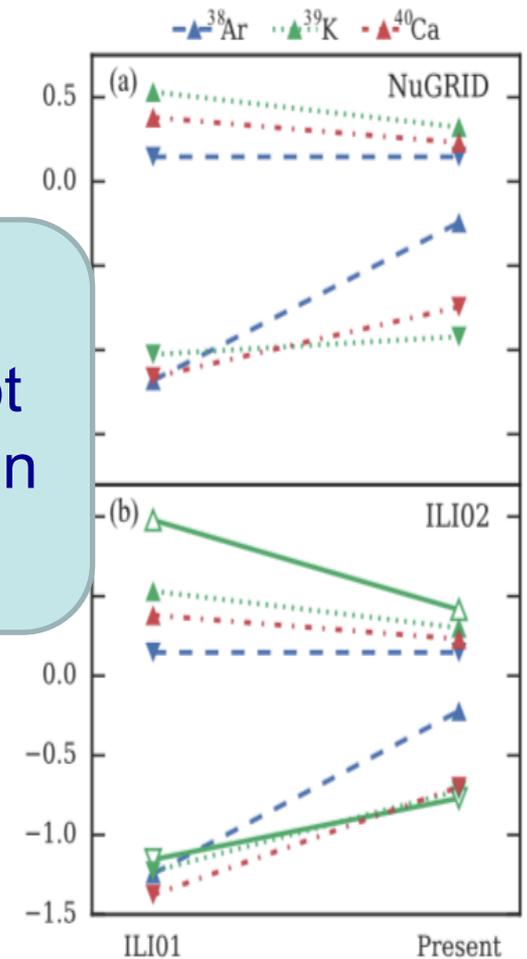
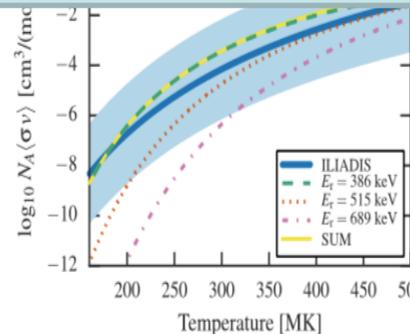
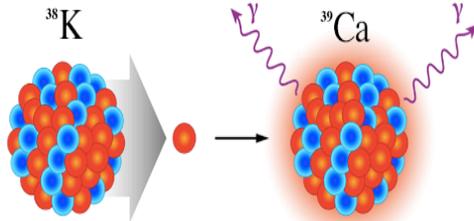
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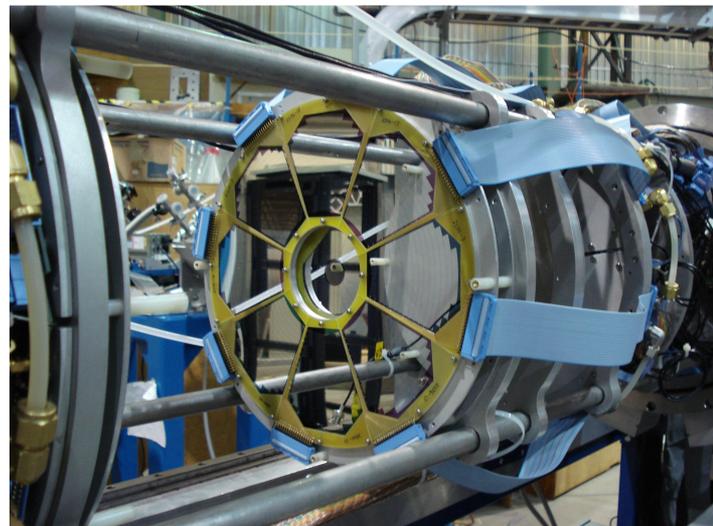
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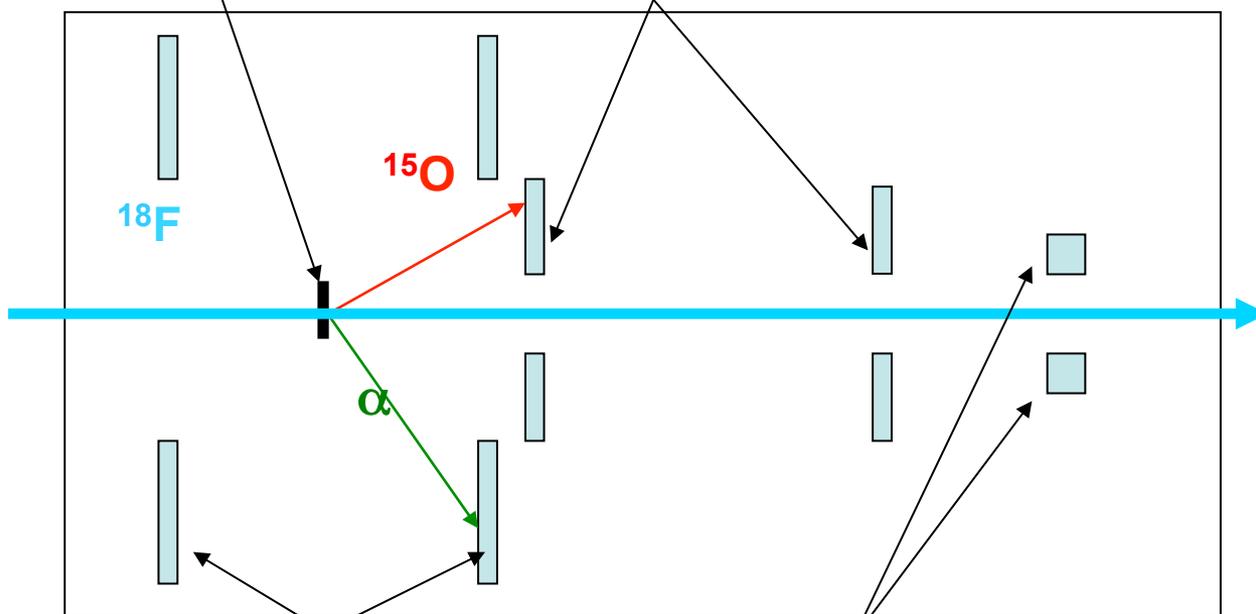
# TUDA highlights

# $^{18}\text{F}(p,\alpha)^{15}\text{O}$ for $^{18}\text{F}$ destruction in classical novae



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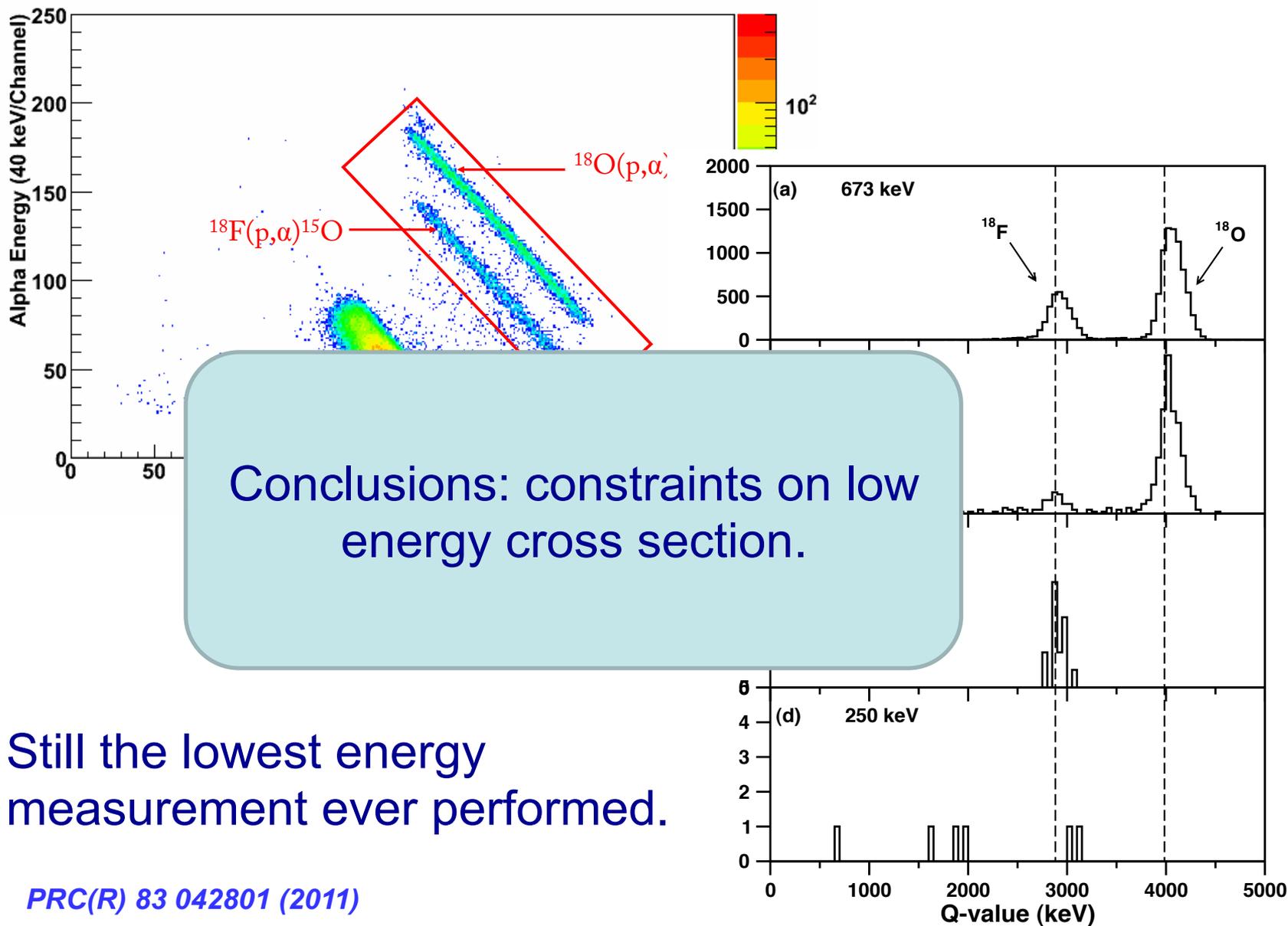


LEDA Detectors

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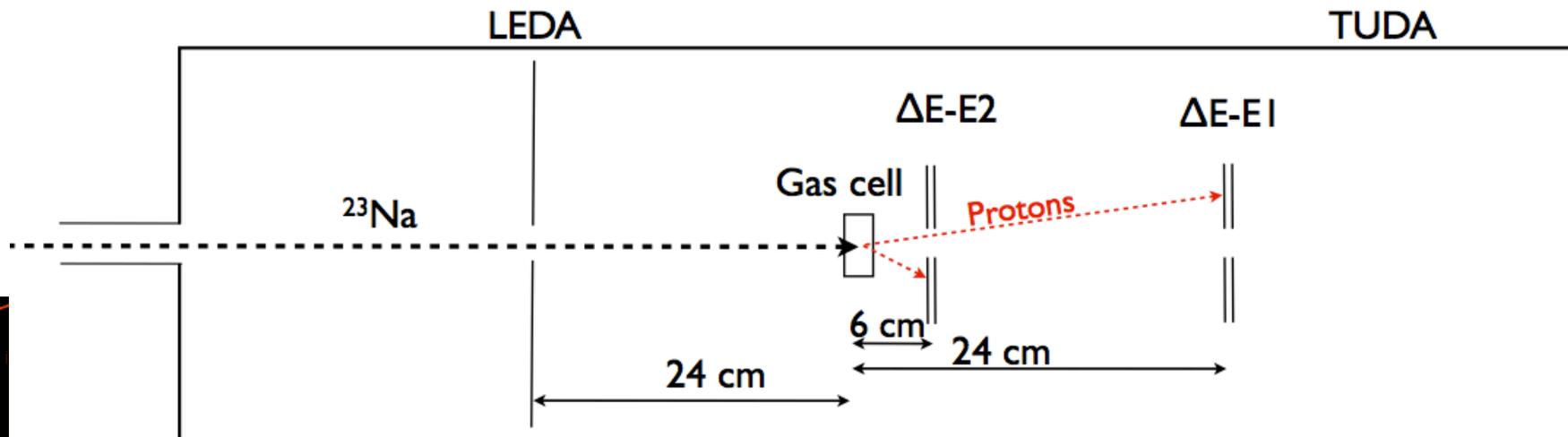


# The $^{18}\text{F}(p,\alpha)^{15}\text{O}$ data



Still the lowest energy measurement ever performed.

# $^{23}\text{Na}(\alpha, p)^{26}\text{Mg} - ^{26}\text{Al}$ in massive stars



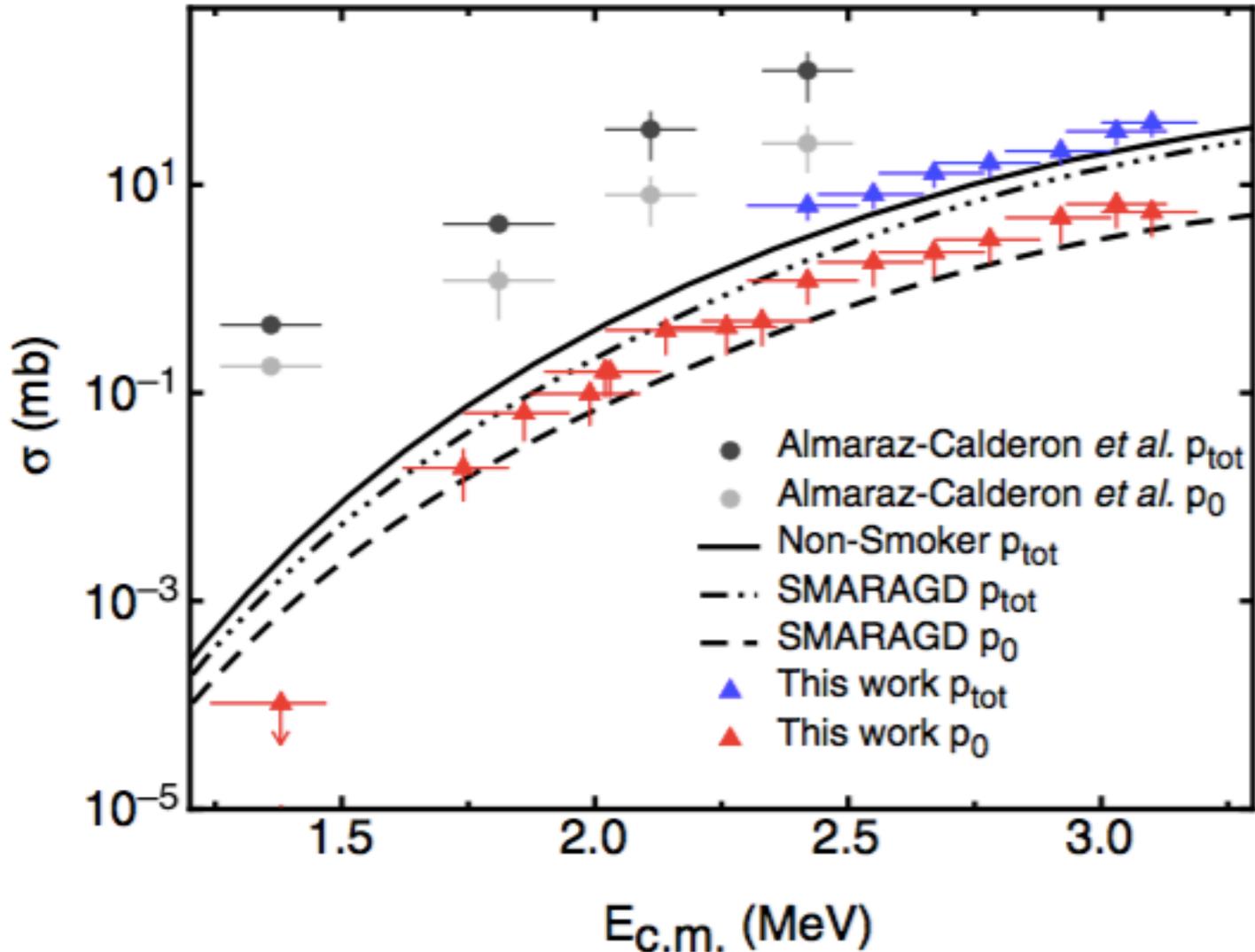
### Gas cell target:

110 Torr of  $^4\text{He}$ .  
 Entrance window 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  Nickel.  
 Exit window 6  $\mu\text{m}$  Nickel.  
 Cell length window to window = 2cm.

### Silicon Detector Arrays:

DE-E2 covers  $\sim 9^\circ - 39^\circ$   
 DE-E1 covers  $\sim 3^\circ - 8.9^\circ$

PD on target ladder to measure energy loss through window material at each incident beam energy.



Similar setup used for  $^{21}\text{Na}(\alpha, p)^{24}\text{Mg}$  (*publication in preparation*) and for planned  $^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha, p)^{21}\text{Na}$  measurement  $\rightarrow$  key reaction in X-ray bursts.



# Pushing the limits

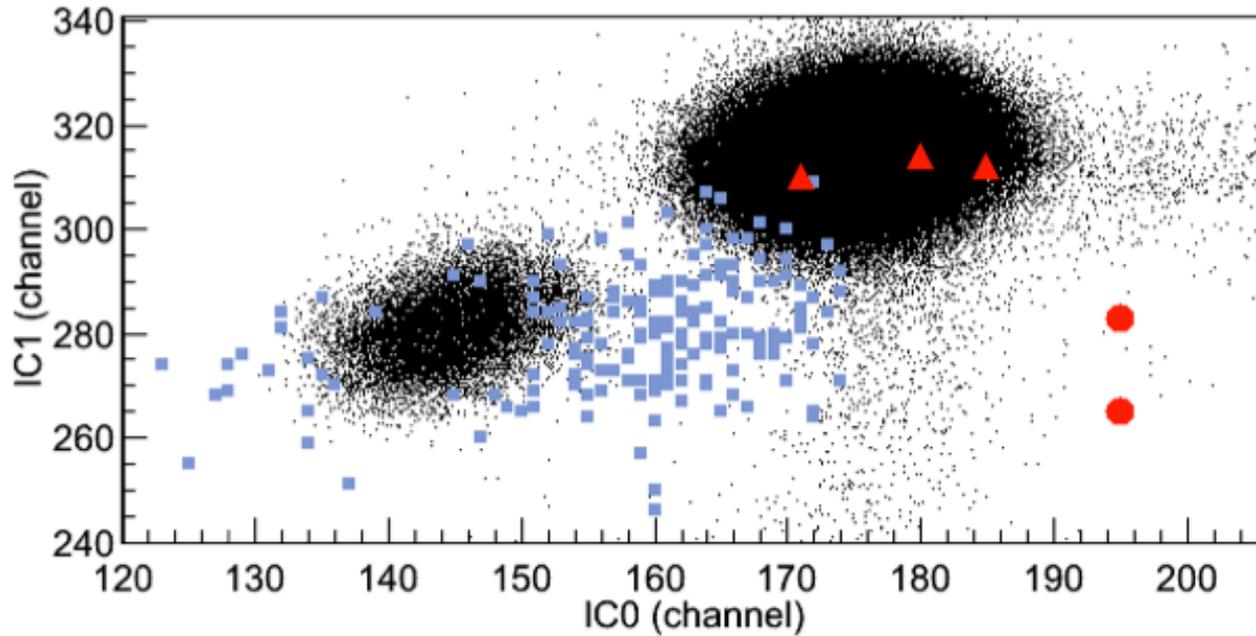
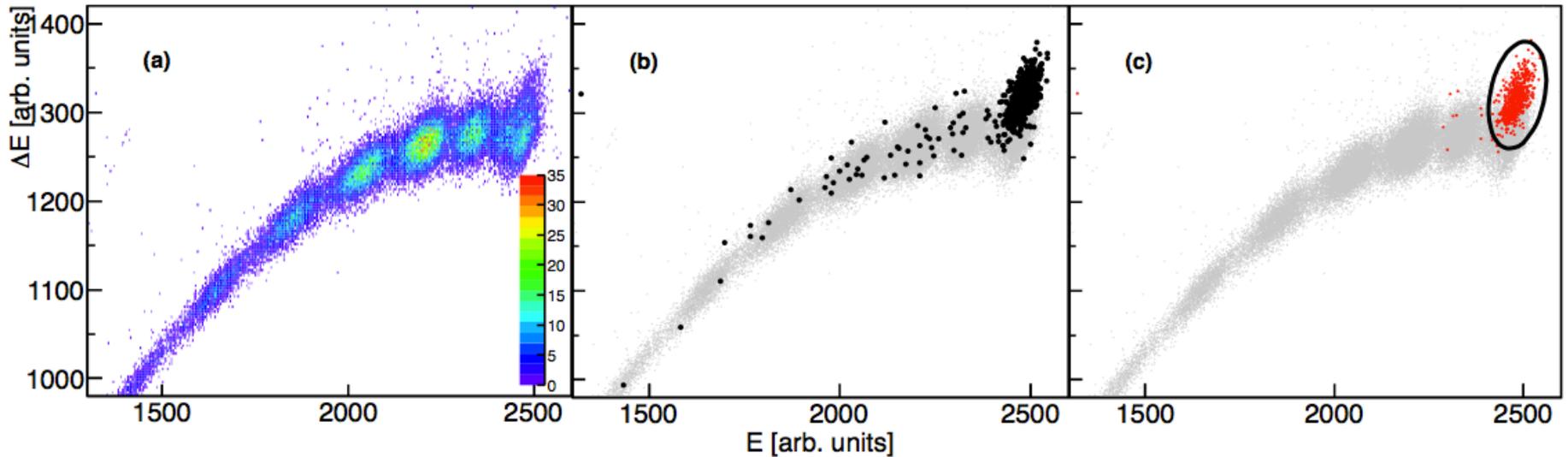
$^{18}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$  – low intensity limit

FIG. 1. Energy loss vs. energy loss plot obtained from the first two anodes in the IC. The attenuated beam run is shown in black and two well-separated loci are clearly visible signifying the presence of both  $^{18}\text{F}$  and  $^{18}\text{O}$ . Circles (triangles), both red online, correspond to observed  $^{19}\text{Ne}$  ( $^{18}\text{F}$ ) events when the separator was tuned to recoils. Squares (blue online) correspond to  $^{19}\text{F}$  recoils during the separate  $^{18}\text{O}$  beam run.

Beam intensity  $\sim 10^6$  pps – too low for reliable FC reading.  
Normalisation using elastic scattering and simulations.

# $^{58}\text{Ni}(p,\gamma)^{59}\text{Cu}$ measurement – high mass limits



**Fig. 2.** Energy loss vs. total energy for (a) singles, (b) recoils coincident with  $\gamma$ -rays (black circles) and (c) recoils coincident with  $\gamma$ -rays with additional condition on separator and MCP time-of-flight (red squares). In panels (b) and (c) the shaded area denotes the singles histogram plotted for reference. Black contour denotes the range of true events

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**$^{76}\text{Se}(\alpha,\gamma)^{80}\text{Kr}$  publication in preparation**

## Radiative capture reactions with heavy beams: extending the capabilities of DRAGON

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## THE EFFECTS OF THERMONUCLEAR REACTION-RATE VARIATIONS ON NOVA NUCLEOSYNTHESIS: A SENSITIVITY STUDY

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TABLE 12

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Department of Physics and Triangle Universities ke.edu	<sup>17</sup> O(p, γ) <sup>18</sup> F.....	<sup>18</sup> F	
	<sup>17</sup> O(p, α) <sup>14</sup> N.....	<sup>17</sup> O, <sup>18</sup> F	
	<sup>18</sup> F(p, α) <sup>15</sup> O.....	<sup>18</sup> F	
Departament de Física i la Geltrú, Barcelona, Spain; and Institut d'Estudis de Física Nuclear de Barcelona, Spain; jjose@ieec.fcr.es	<sup>22</sup> Ne(p, γ) <sup>23</sup> Na.....	<sup>22</sup> Ne, <sup>23</sup> Na, <sup>24</sup> Mg, <sup>25</sup> Mg, <sup>26</sup> Al	
	<sup>23</sup> Na(p, γ) <sup>24</sup> Mg.....	<sup>24</sup> Mg	
	<sup>26</sup> Mg(p, γ) <sup>27</sup> Al.....	<sup>26</sup> Mg	
	<sup>26</sup> Al <sup>g</sup> (p, γ) <sup>27</sup> Si.....	<sup>26</sup> Al	
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	<sup>17</sup> O(p, α) <sup>14</sup> N.....	<sup>17</sup> O, <sup>18</sup> F	
Scientific Computing and Stanford University tupper@sccm.stanford.edu	<sup>17</sup> F(p, γ) <sup>18</sup> Ne.....	<sup>17</sup> O, <sup>18</sup> F	
	<sup>18</sup> F(p, α) <sup>15</sup> O.....	<sup>16</sup> O, <sup>17</sup> O, <sup>18</sup> F	
	<sup>21</sup> Na(p, γ) <sup>22</sup> Mg.....	<sup>21</sup> Ne, <sup>22</sup> Na, <sup>22</sup> Ne	
	<sup>22</sup> Ne(p, γ) <sup>23</sup> Na.....	<sup>22</sup> Ne	
	<sup>23</sup> Na(p, γ) <sup>24</sup> Mg.....	<sup>20</sup> Ne, <sup>21</sup> Ne, <sup>22</sup> Na, <sup>23</sup> Na, <sup>24</sup> Mg, <sup>25</sup> Mg, <sup>26</sup> Mg, <sup>26</sup> Al, <sup>27</sup> Al	
	<sup>23</sup> Mg(p, γ) <sup>24</sup> Al.....	<sup>20</sup> Ne, <sup>21</sup> Ne, <sup>22</sup> Na, <sup>23</sup> Na, <sup>24</sup> Mg	
	<sup>26</sup> Mg(p, γ) <sup>27</sup> Al.....	<sup>26</sup> Mg	
	<sup>26</sup> Al <sup>g</sup> (p, γ) <sup>27</sup> Si.....	<sup>26</sup> Al	
	<sup>26</sup> Al <sup>m</sup> (p, γ) <sup>27</sup> Si.....	<sup>26</sup> Mg	
	<sup>29</sup> Si(p, γ) <sup>30</sup> P.....	<sup>29</sup> Si	
	<sup>30</sup> P(p, γ) <sup>31</sup> S.....	<sup>30</sup> Si, <sup>32</sup> S, <sup>33</sup> S, <sup>34</sup> S, <sup>35</sup> Cl, <sup>37</sup> Cl, <sup>36</sup> Ar, <sup>37</sup> Ar, <sup>38</sup> Ar	
	<sup>33</sup> S(p, γ) <sup>34</sup> Cl.....	<sup>33</sup> S, <sup>34</sup> S, <sup>35</sup> Cl, <sup>36</sup> Ar	
	<sup>33</sup> Cl(p, γ) <sup>34</sup> Ar.....	<sup>33</sup> S	
	<sup>34</sup> S(p, γ) <sup>35</sup> Cl.....	<sup>34</sup> S, <sup>35</sup> Cl, <sup>36</sup> Ar	
	<sup>34</sup> Cl(p, γ) <sup>35</sup> Ar.....	<sup>34</sup> S	
	<sup>37</sup> Ar(p, γ) <sup>38</sup> K.....	<sup>37</sup> Cl, <sup>37</sup> Ar, <sup>38</sup> Ar	
	<sup>38</sup> K(p, γ) <sup>39</sup> Ca.....	<sup>38</sup> Ar	



TABLE 12

INFLUENCE OF REACTION-RATE VARIATIONS ON ISOTOPIC ABUNDANCES IN NOVA NUCLEOSYNTHESIS<sup>a</sup>

THE EFFECTS ON NOVA	Reaction-Rate Variation <sup>b</sup>	Isotopic Abundance Change <sup>c</sup>	TIONS ON NOVA
CO Nova Models			
Department of Physics and Triangle Universities Center for Astrophysics	$^{17}\text{O}(p, \gamma)^{18}\text{F}$ .....	$^{18}\text{F}$	ke.edu
	$^{17}\text{O}(p, \alpha)^{14}\text{N}$ .....	$^{17}\text{O}, ^{18}\text{F}$	
	$^{18}\text{F}(p, \alpha)^{15}\text{O}$ .....	$^{18}\text{F}$	
Departament de Física i Institut d'Estudis Avançats de la Geltrú, Barcelona, Spain; Institut de Ciències de l'Espai, Barcelona, Spain; jjose@ieec.fcr.es	$^{22}\text{Ne}(p, \gamma)^{23}\text{Na}$ .....	$^{22}\text{Ne}, ^{23}\text{Na}, ^{24}\text{Mg}, ^{25}\text{Mg}, ^{26}\text{Al}$	mer.starrfield@asu.edu
	$^{23}\text{Na}(p, \gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$ .....	$^{24}\text{Mg}$	
	$^{26}\text{Mg}(p, \gamma)^{27}\text{Al}$ .....	$^{26}\text{Mg}$	
	$^{26}\text{Al}^g(p, \gamma)^{27}\text{Si}$ .....	$^{26}\text{Al}$	
ONe Nova Models			
Department of Physics and Stanford University Center for Stellar and Planetary Astrophysics	$^{17}\text{O}(p, \gamma)^{18}\text{F}$ .....	$^{17}\text{O}, ^{18}\text{F}$	tupper@sccm.stanford.edu
	$^{17}\text{O}(p, \alpha)^{14}\text{N}$ .....	$^{17}\text{O}, ^{18}\text{F}$	
	$^{17}\text{F}(p, \gamma)^{18}\text{Ne}$ .....	$^{17}\text{O}, ^{18}\text{F}$	
	$^{18}\text{F}(p, \alpha)^{15}\text{O}$ .....	$^{16}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}, ^{18}\text{F}$	
	$^{21}\text{Na}(p, \gamma)^{22}\text{Mg}$ .....	$^{21}\text{Ne}, ^{22}\text{Na}, ^{22}\text{Ne}$	
	$^{22}\text{Ne}(p, \gamma)^{23}\text{Na}$ .....	$^{22}\text{Ne}$	
	$^{23}\text{Na}(p, \gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$ .....	$^{20}\text{Ne}, ^{21}\text{Ne}, ^{22}\text{Na}, ^{23}\text{Na}, ^{24}\text{Mg}, ^{25}\text{Mg}, ^{26}\text{Mg}, ^{26}\text{Al}, ^{27}\text{Al}$	
	$^{23}\text{Mg}(p, \gamma)^{24}\text{Al}$ .....	$^{20}\text{Ne}, ^{21}\text{Ne}, ^{22}\text{Na}, ^{23}\text{Na}, ^{24}\text{Mg}$	
	$^{26}\text{Mg}(p, \gamma)^{27}\text{Al}$ .....	$^{26}\text{Mg}$	
	$^{26}\text{Al}^g(p, \gamma)^{27}\text{Si}$ .....	$^{26}\text{Al}$	
	$^{26}\text{Al}^m(p, \gamma)^{27}\text{Si}$ .....	$^{26}\text{Mg}$	
	$^{29}\text{Si}(p, \gamma)^{30}\text{P}$ .....	$^{29}\text{Si}$	
	$^{30}\text{P}(p, \gamma)^{31}\text{S}$ .....	$^{30}\text{Si}, ^{32}\text{S}, ^{33}\text{S}, ^{34}\text{S}, ^{35}\text{Cl}, ^{37}\text{Cl}, ^{36}\text{Ar}, ^{37}\text{Ar}, ^{38}\text{Ar}$	
	$^{33}\text{S}(p, \gamma)^{34}\text{Cl}$ .....	$^{33}\text{S}, ^{34}\text{S}, ^{35}\text{Cl}, ^{36}\text{Ar}$	
	$^{33}\text{Cl}(p, \gamma)^{34}\text{Ar}$ .....	$^{33}\text{S}$	
	$^{34}\text{S}(p, \gamma)^{35}\text{Cl}$ .....	$^{34}\text{S}, ^{35}\text{Cl}, ^{36}\text{Ar}$	
	$^{34}\text{Cl}(p, \gamma)^{35}\text{Ar}$ .....	$^{34}\text{S}$	
$^{37}\text{Ar}(p, \gamma)^{38}\text{K}$ .....	$^{37}\text{Cl}, ^{37}\text{Ar}, ^{38}\text{Ar}$		
$^{38}\text{K}(p, \gamma)^{39}\text{Ca}$ .....	$^{38}\text{Ar}$		





# The continuing mission



${}^7\text{Be}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{11}\text{C}$  – starts tomorrow!

${}^{11}\text{C}(\text{p},\gamma){}^{12}\text{N}$  – link between pp-chains and CNO

${}^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{19}\text{Ne}$  – alternative approach to  ${}^{18}\text{F}(\text{p},\gamma)$

${}^{18}\text{F}(\text{p},\alpha){}^{15}\text{O}$  – reduce uncertainties in  ${}^{18}\text{F}$  destruction

${}^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha,\text{p}){}^{21}\text{Na}$  – key reaction in X-ray bursts

${}^{37}\text{Ar}(\text{p},\gamma){}^{38}\text{K}$  – nova nucleosynthesis

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Need to keep developing high intensity ISOL beams.  
DRAGON and TUDA continue to be competitive.



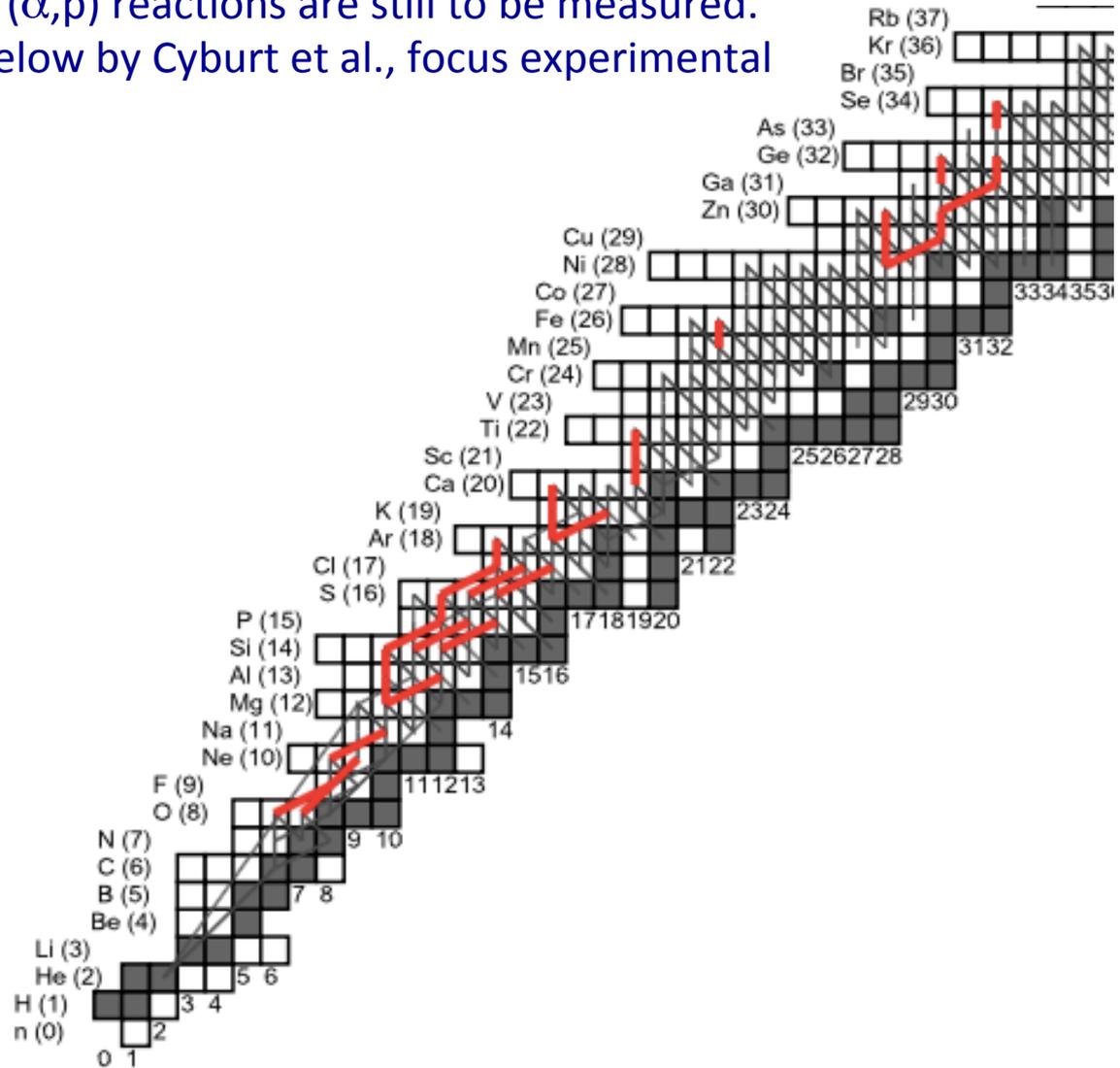
# To be continued .... X-ray bursts

In X-ray bursts, key (p, $\gamma$ ) and ( $\alpha$ ,p) reactions are still to be measured. Sensitivity studies, such as below by Cyburt et al., focus experimental effort.

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**Table 2**  
Reactions that Impact the Burst Light Curve  
in the Multi-zone X-ray Burst Model

Rank	Reaction	Type <sup>a</sup>	Sensitivity <sup>b</sup>
1	$^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$	D	16
2	$^{56}\text{Ni}(\alpha, p)^{59}\text{Cu}$	U	6.4
3	$^{59}\text{Cu}(p, \gamma)^{60}\text{Zn}$	D	5.1
4	$^{61}\text{Ga}(p, \gamma)^{62}\text{Ge}$	D	3.7
5	$^{22}\text{Mg}(\alpha, p)^{25}\text{Al}$	D	2.3
6	$^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, p)^{17}\text{F}$	D	5.8
7	$^{23}\text{Al}(p, \gamma)^{24}\text{Si}$	D	4.6
8	$^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha, p)^{21}\text{Na}$	U	1.8
9	$^{63}\text{Ga}(p, \gamma)^{64}\text{Ge}$	D	1.4
10	$^{19}\text{F}(p, \alpha)^{16}\text{O}$	U	1.3
11	$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$	U	2.1
12	$^{26}\text{Si}(\alpha, p)^{29}\text{P}$	U	1.8
13	$^{17}\text{F}(\alpha, p)^{20}\text{Ne}$	U	3.5
14	$^{24}\text{Mg}(\alpha, \gamma)^{28}\text{Si}$	U	1.2
15	$^{57}\text{Cu}(p, \gamma)^{58}\text{Zn}$	D	1.3
16	$^{60}\text{Zn}(\alpha, p)^{63}\text{Ga}$	U	1.1
17	$^{17}\text{F}(p, \gamma)^{18}\text{Ne}$	U	1.7
18	$^{40}\text{Sc}(p, \gamma)^{41}\text{Ti}$	D	1.1
19	$^{48}\text{Cr}(p, \gamma)^{49}\text{Mn}$	D	1.2



ISAC's fleet of facilities ideally suited to tackling these reactions.

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ISAC's capabilities remain world-leading and ideally suited to tackle the new demands and challenges in nuclear astrophysics.



Thank you for your attention.  
Merci.



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TUDA



John D'Auria  
1939-2017  
TISOL → ISAC  
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# Successful ISAC programme

Reaction	Motivation	Intensity (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Purity (beam:cont.)
<b><sup>21</sup>Na(p,γ)<sup>22</sup>Mg</b>	1.275 MeV line emission in ONe novae	5 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	100%
<b><sup>12</sup>C(α,γ)<sup>16</sup>O</b>	Helium burning in red giants	3 x 10 <sup>11</sup> to 1 x 10 <sup>12</sup>	
<b><sup>26g</sup>Al(p,γ)<sup>27</sup>Si</b>	Nova contribution to galactic <sup>26</sup> Al	3 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	30,000:1
<b><sup>12</sup>C(<sup>12</sup>C,γ)<sup>24</sup>Mg</b>	Nuclear cluster models	3 x 10 <sup>11</sup>	
<b><sup>40</sup>Ca(α,γ)<sup>44</sup>Ti</b>	Production of <sup>44</sup> Ti in SNI	3 x 10 <sup>11</sup>	10,000:1 – 200:1
<b><sup>23</sup>Mg(p,γ)<sup>24</sup>Al</b>	1.275 MeV line emission in ONe novae	5 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	1:20 – 1:1,000
<b><sup>17</sup>O(α,γ)<sup>21</sup>Ne</b>	Neutron poison in massive stars	1 x 10 <sup>12</sup>	
<b><sup>18</sup>F(p,γ)<sup>19</sup>Ne</b>	511 keV line emission in ONe novae	2 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	100:1
<b><sup>33</sup>S(p,γ)<sup>34</sup>Cl</b>	S isotopic ratios in nova grains	1 x 10 <sup>10</sup>	
<b><sup>16</sup>O(α,γ)<sup>20</sup>Ne</b>	Stellar helium burning	1 x 10 <sup>12</sup>	
<b><sup>17</sup>O(p,γ)<sup>18</sup>F</b>	Explosive hydrogen burning in novae	1 x 10 <sup>12</sup>	
<b><sup>3</sup>He(α,γ)<sup>7</sup>Be</b>	Solar neutrino spectrum	5 x 10 <sup>11</sup>	
<b><sup>58</sup>Ni(p,γ)<sup>59</sup>Cu</b>	High mass tests (p-process, XRB)	6 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	
<b><sup>26m</sup>Al(p,γ)<sup>27</sup>Si</b>	SNI contribution to galactic <sup>26</sup> Al	2 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	1:10,000
<b><sup>38</sup>K(p,γ)<sup>39</sup>Ca</b>	Ca/K/Ar production in novae	2 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	1:1
<b><sup>19</sup>Ne(p,γ)<sup>20</sup>Na</b>	<sup>19</sup> F abundance in nova ejecta	2 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	1:1 to 4:1
<b><sup>22</sup>Ne(p,γ)<sup>23</sup>Na</b>	NeNa cycle; explosive H burning in classical novae	2 x 10 <sup>12</sup>	
<b><sup>7</sup>Be(α,γ)<sup>11</sup>C</b>	ν-p process		1:200 to 1:1000

