

Nuclear reactions in stars

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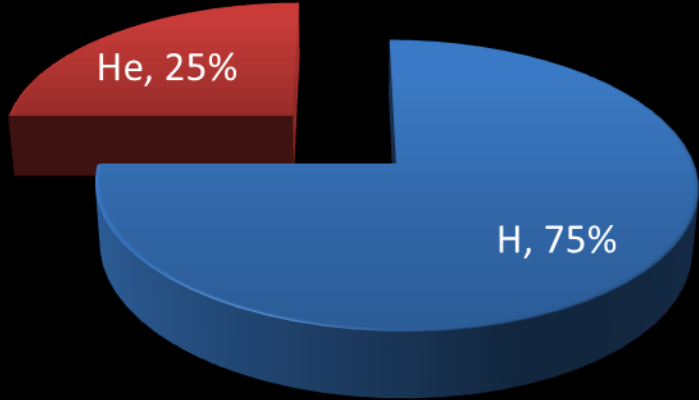
OUTLINE

- **Direct measurement at underground (why go underground)**
- **Carbon fusion reaction**
- **^{59}Fe decay in star**
- **Research with Heavy Ion Research Facility at Lanzhou (HIRFL)**
- **Research with High Intensity Accelerator Facility (HIAF)**

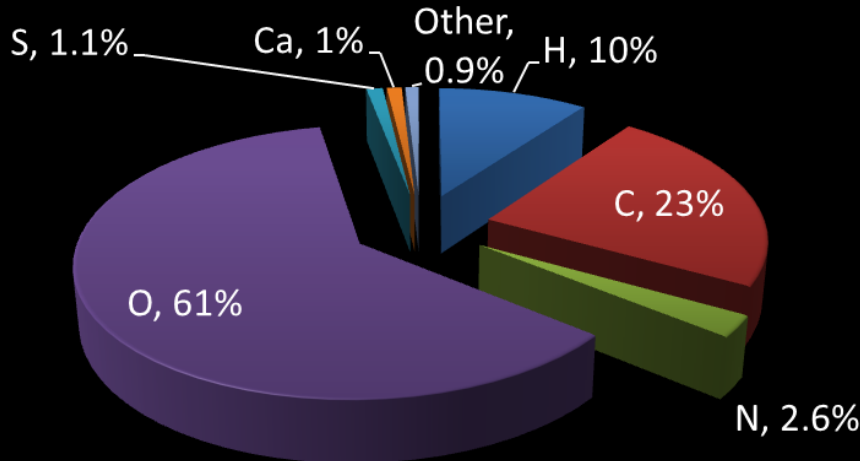
Origin of elements



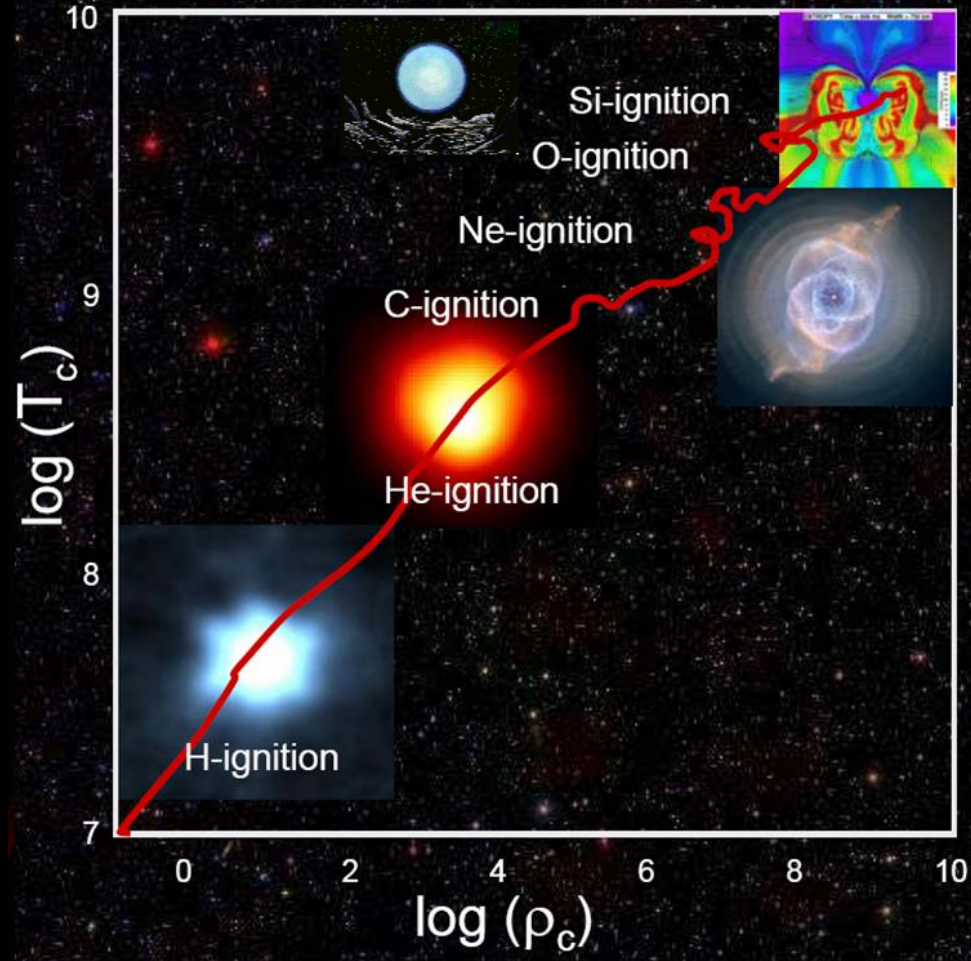
Others ($^2\text{H}, ^3\text{He}, ^6\text{Li}, ^7\text{Li}$) < 0.00001



3 mins after BBN



13.4 billions years latter,
Elements within our bodies

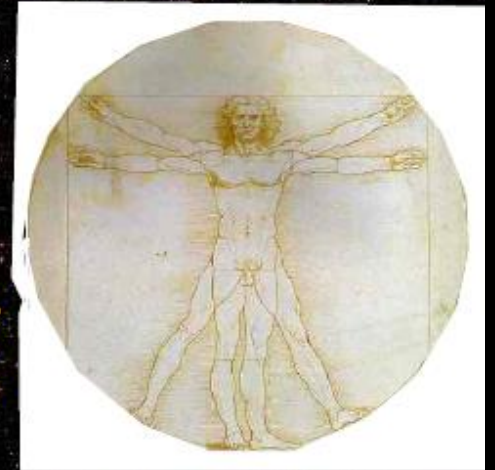


We are made of starstuff.

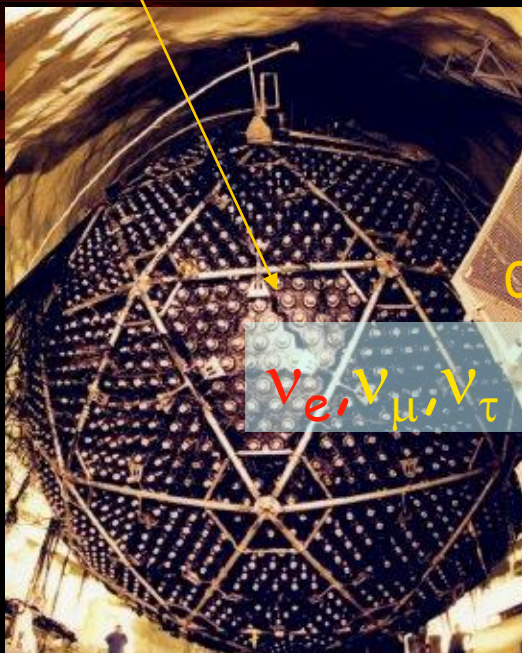
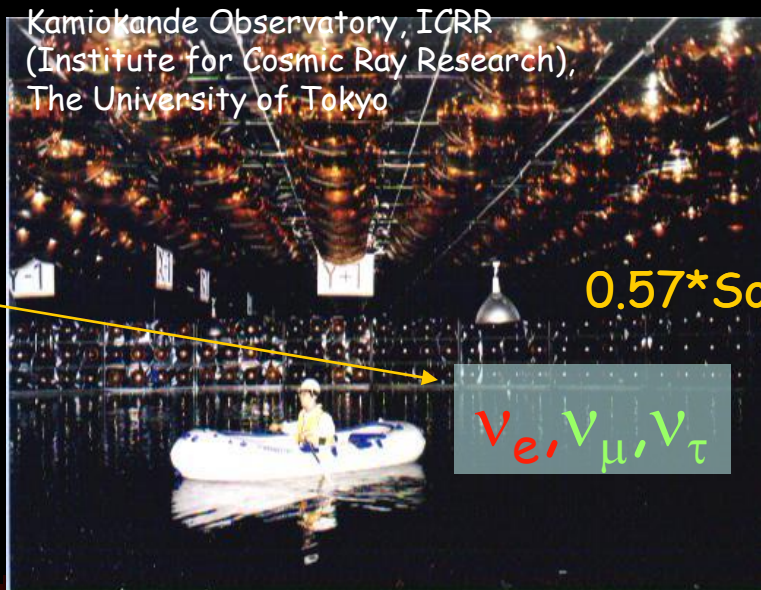
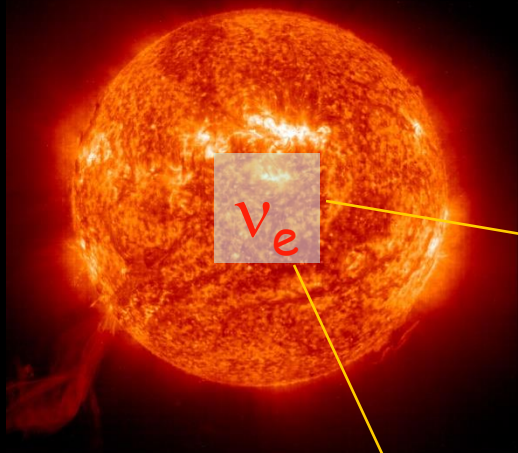
From big bang to De Vinci

Each heavy atom in our body was build and processed through ~100-1000 star generations since the initial Big Bang event!

We are made of star stuff
Carl Sagan

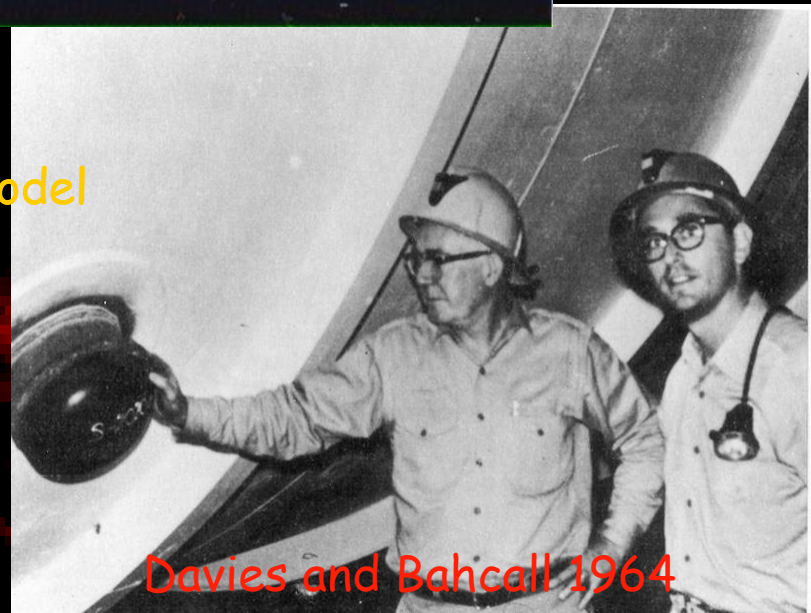


Impact on fundamental physics



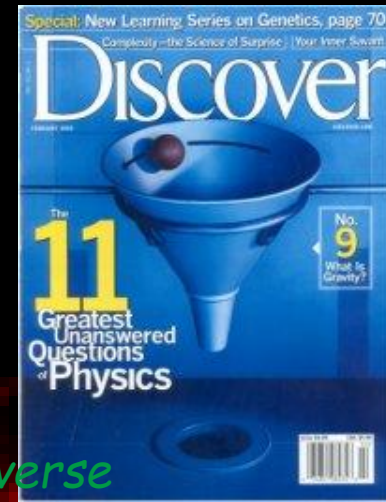
The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory

0.32* Solar Model



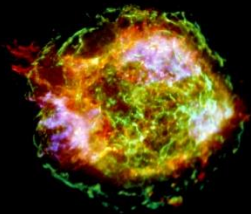
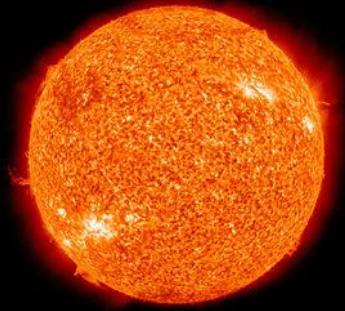
11 physics questions for the new century

1. What is dark matter?
2. What is dark energy?
3. How were the heavy elements from iron to uranium made?
4. Do neutrinos have mass?
5. Where do ultra-energy particles come from?
6. Is a new theory of light and matter needed to explain what happens at very high energies and temperatures?
7. Are there new states of matter at ultrahigh temperatures and densities?
8. Are protons unstable?
9. What is gravity?
10. Are there additional dimensions?
11. How did the Universe begin?



Hydrostatic burning in stars

High intensity, low energy, stable beam facility

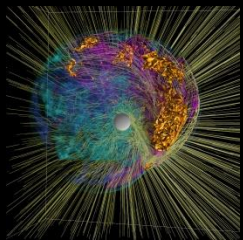


Explosive nucleosynthesis (supernova, X-ray burst)

Radioactive ion beam facility

S-process in AGB stars and massive stars

Neutron facility



Stellar Neutrino (hydrostatic and explosive)

Neutrino facility

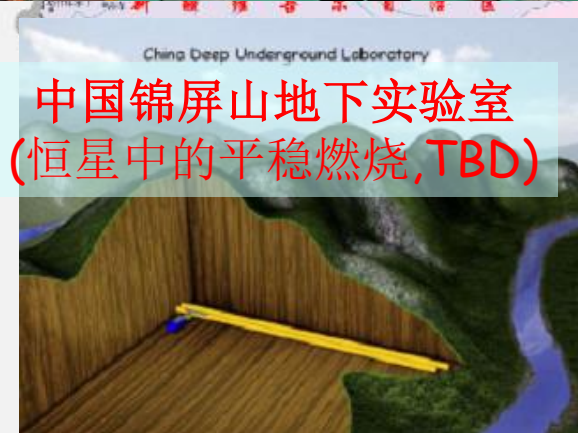
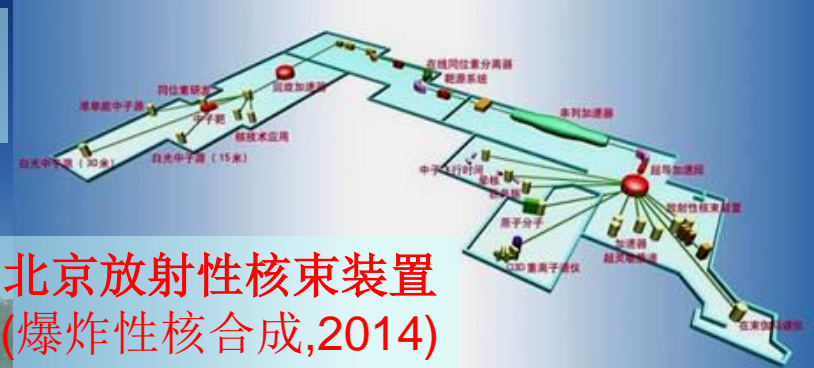


兰州重离子装置
(爆炸性核合成)

LAMOST
(大型巡天计划)



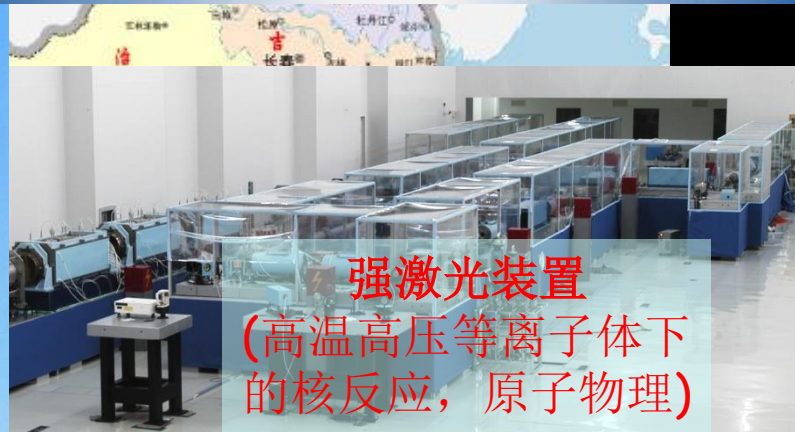
北京放射性核束装置
(爆炸性核合成, 2014)



China Deep Underground Laboratory
中国锦屏山地下实验室
(恒星中的平稳燃烧, TBD)



北大
4.5 MV
单端加速器



强激光装置
(高温高压等离子体下的核反应, 原子物理)



中国散裂中子源
(白光中子源, 恒星中的s过程)
(中微子过程)
(2018)



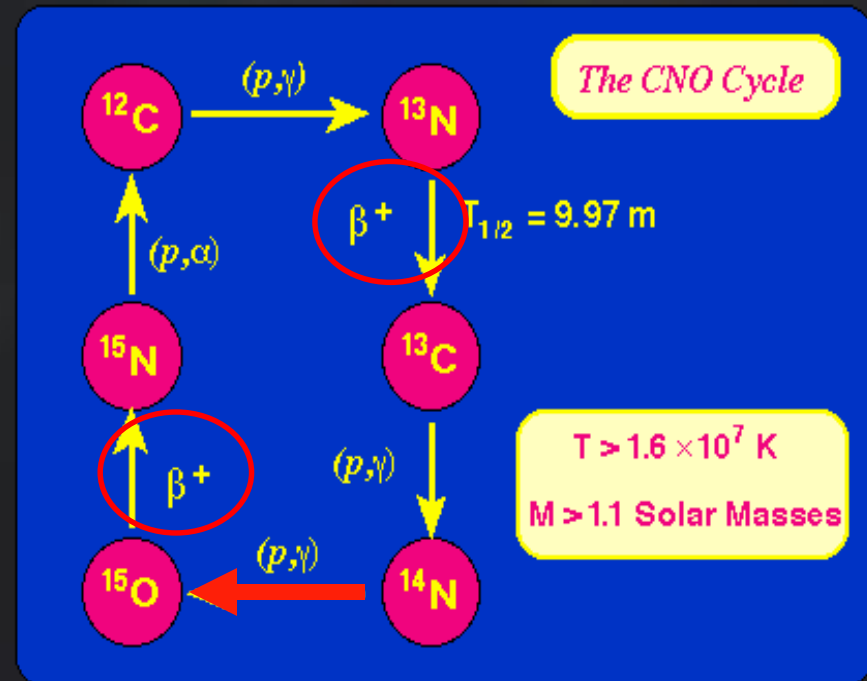
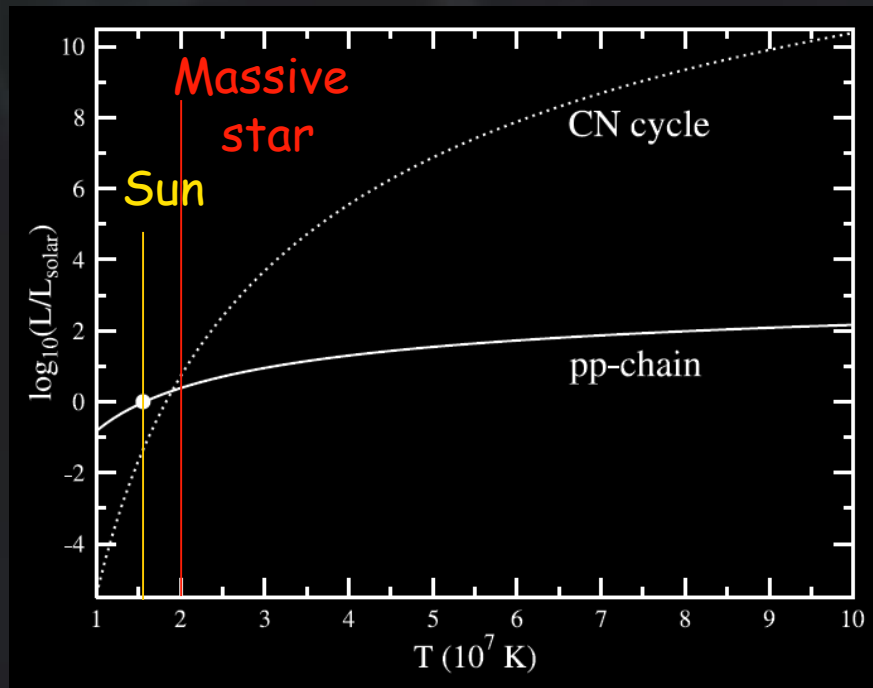
上海光源
(光核反应)

Why go to underground lab



$^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$: slowest reaction in the CN cycle

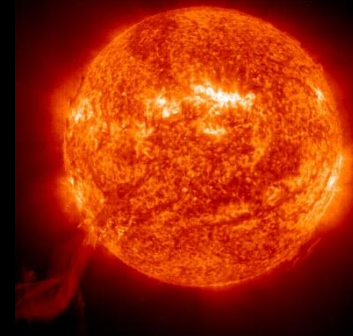
Fuel	Primary Products	Secondary products	Approximate temperature (10^9 K)	Approximate duration
Hydrogen \rightarrow ^4He		^{14}N	0.02	10^7 yr



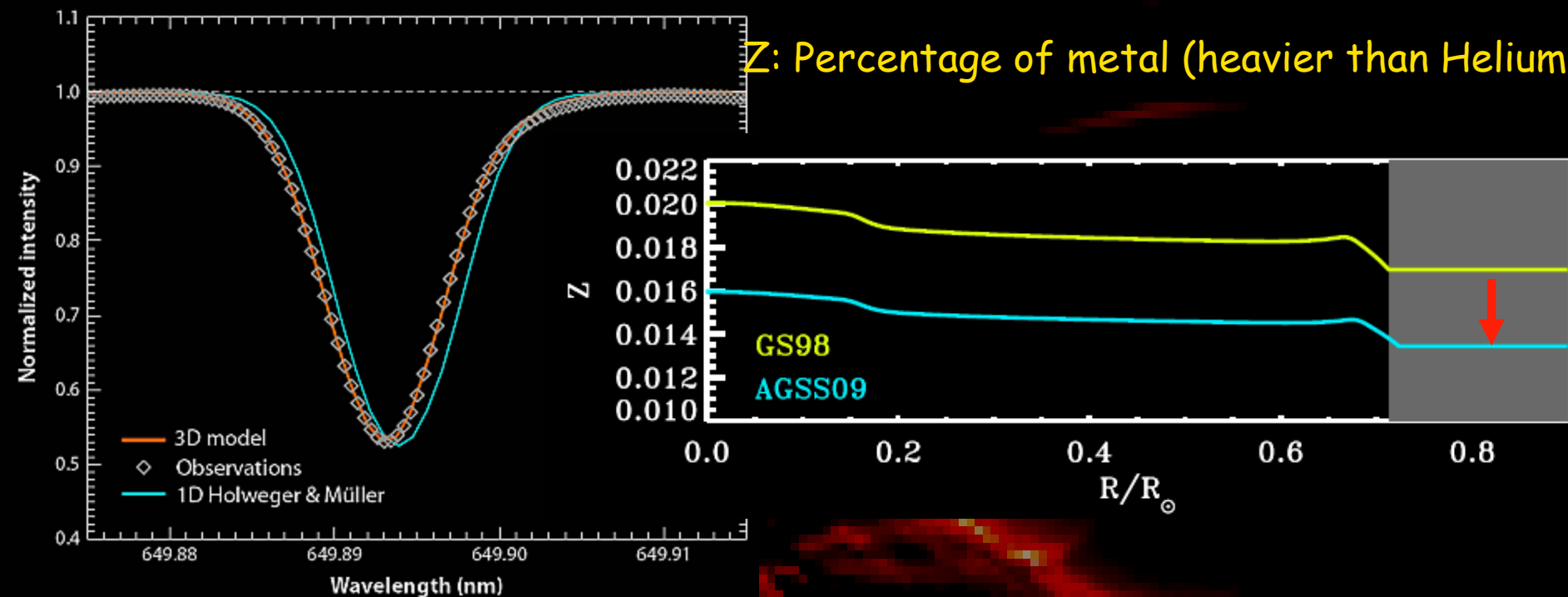
• Massive MS stars: energy production and their lifetime

solar metallicity puzzle

- New 3D hydrodynamic models of the solar atmosphere
- Parameter free
- significantly improving consistency of line analysis
- Makes sun more consistent with similar stars in local neighborhood

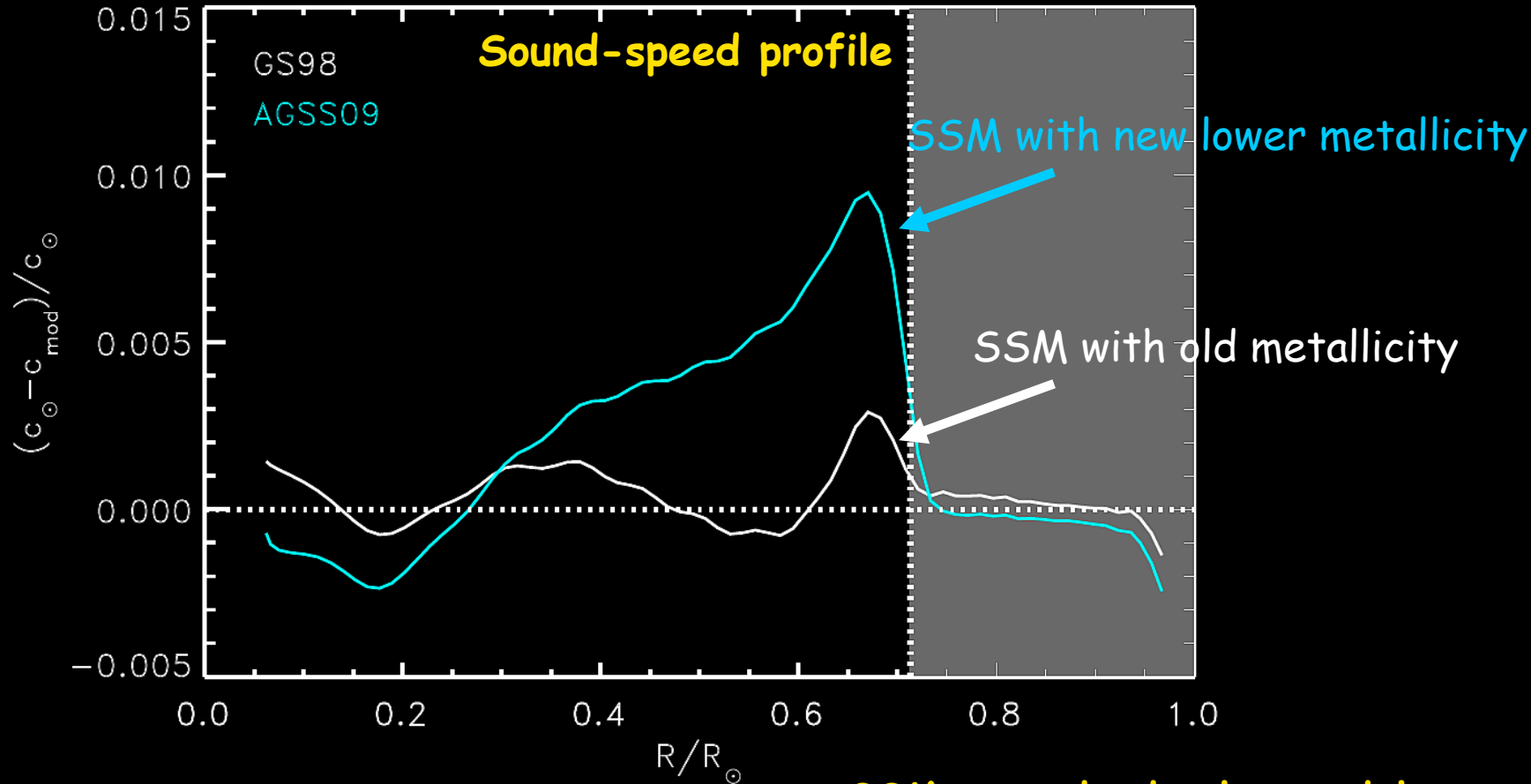
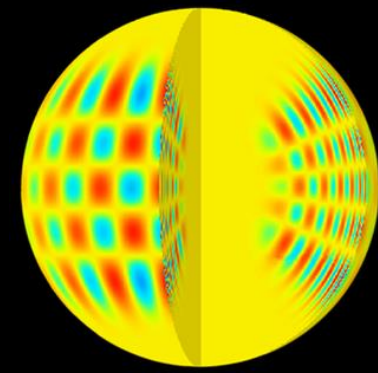


Z: Percentage of metal (heavier than Helium)



But abundances in the photosphere significantly reduced Z: 0.0169 \Rightarrow 0.0122

Better determined metallicity leads to problems



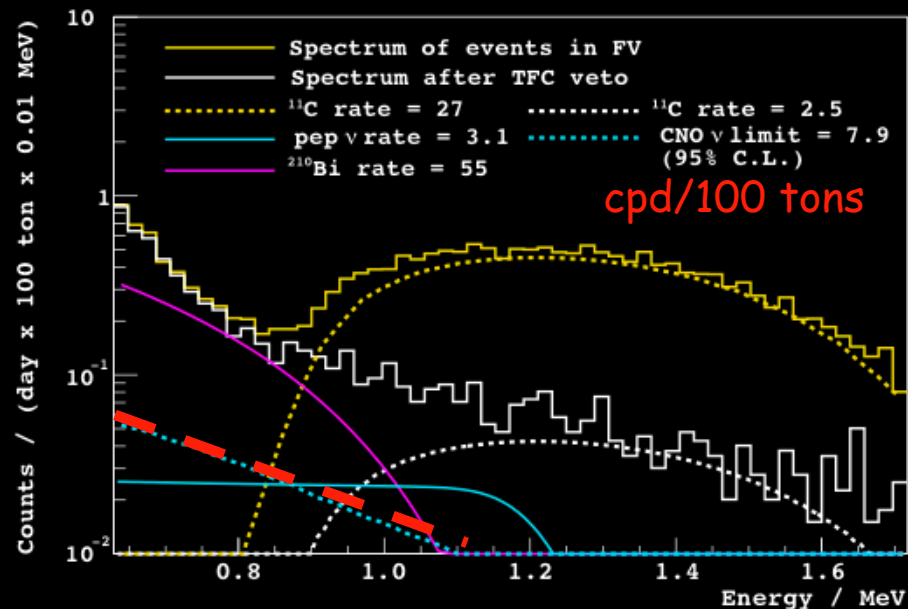
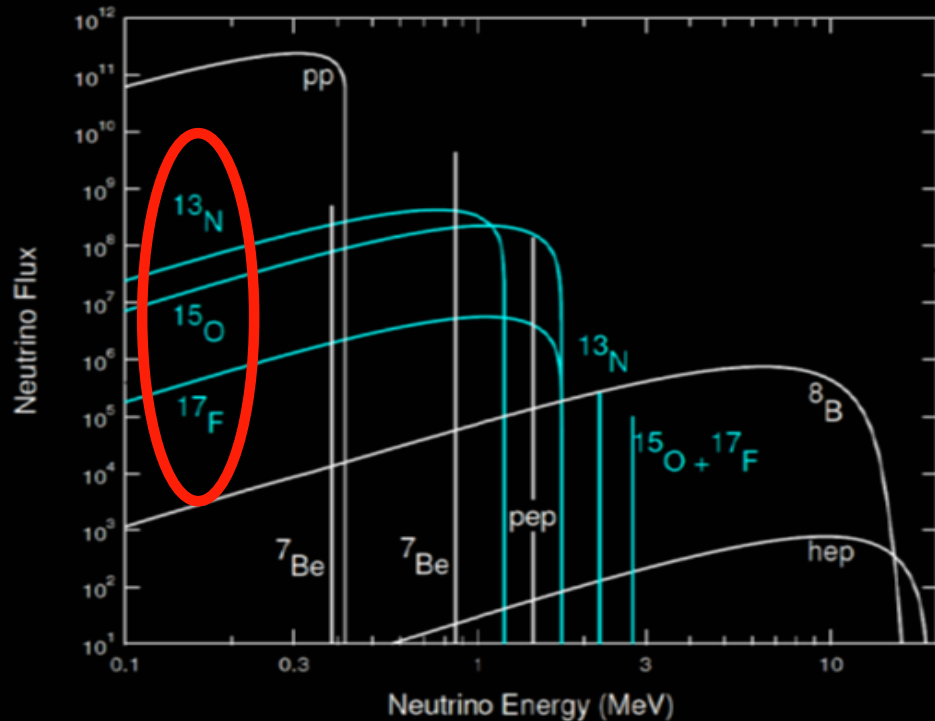
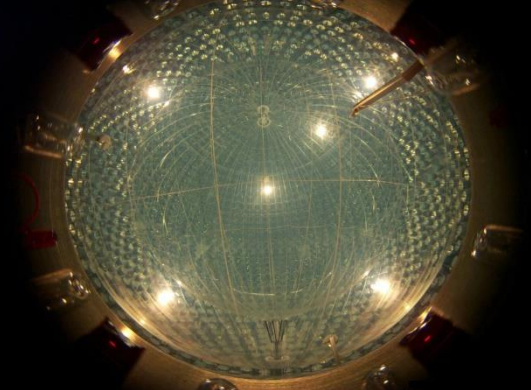
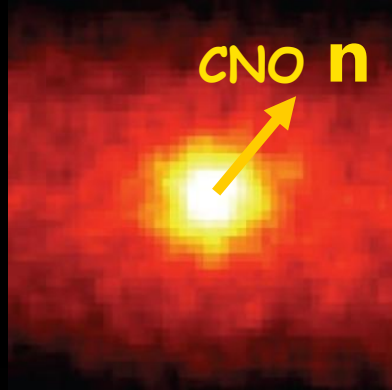
Sound speed - Precision 10^{-4}

SSM: standard solar model

Serenelli, Haxton, Peñay-Garay (2011)



key to solve the mystery



Neutrino observed by Borexino

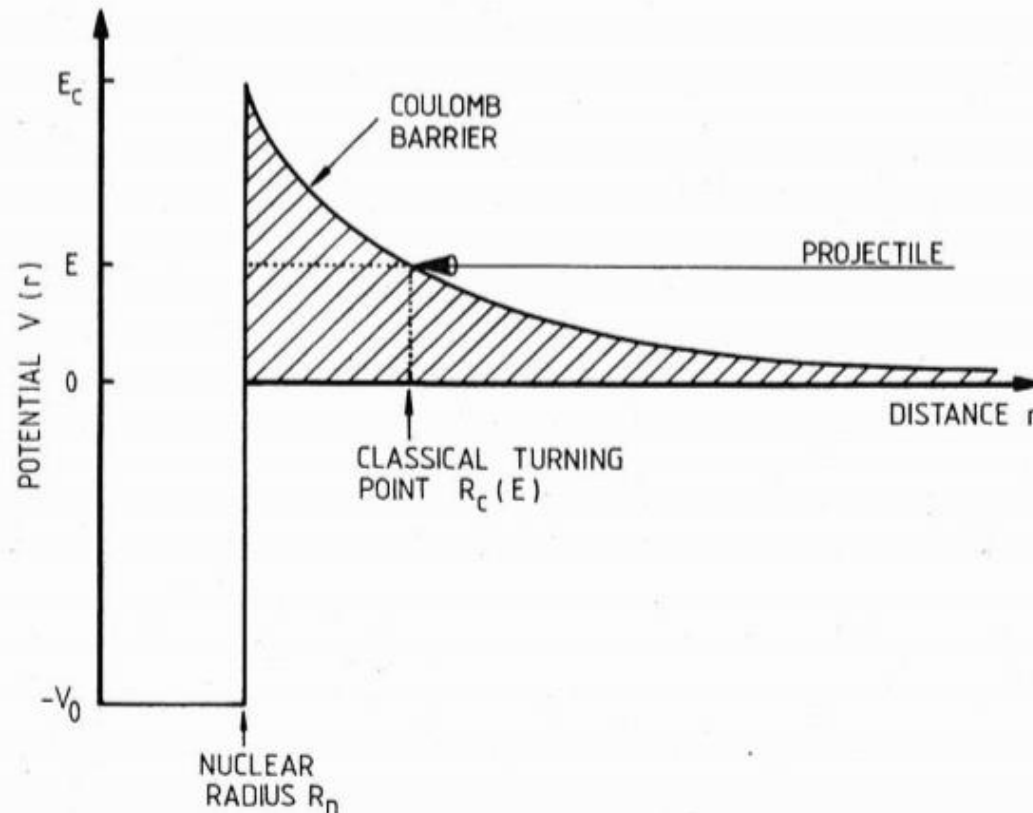
$$\phi_{\nu}^{\text{CN}} = F[S_{^{14}\text{N}+p}; T; \theta_{12}; \text{CN}]$$

$S_{^{14}\text{N}+p}$: $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ S factor

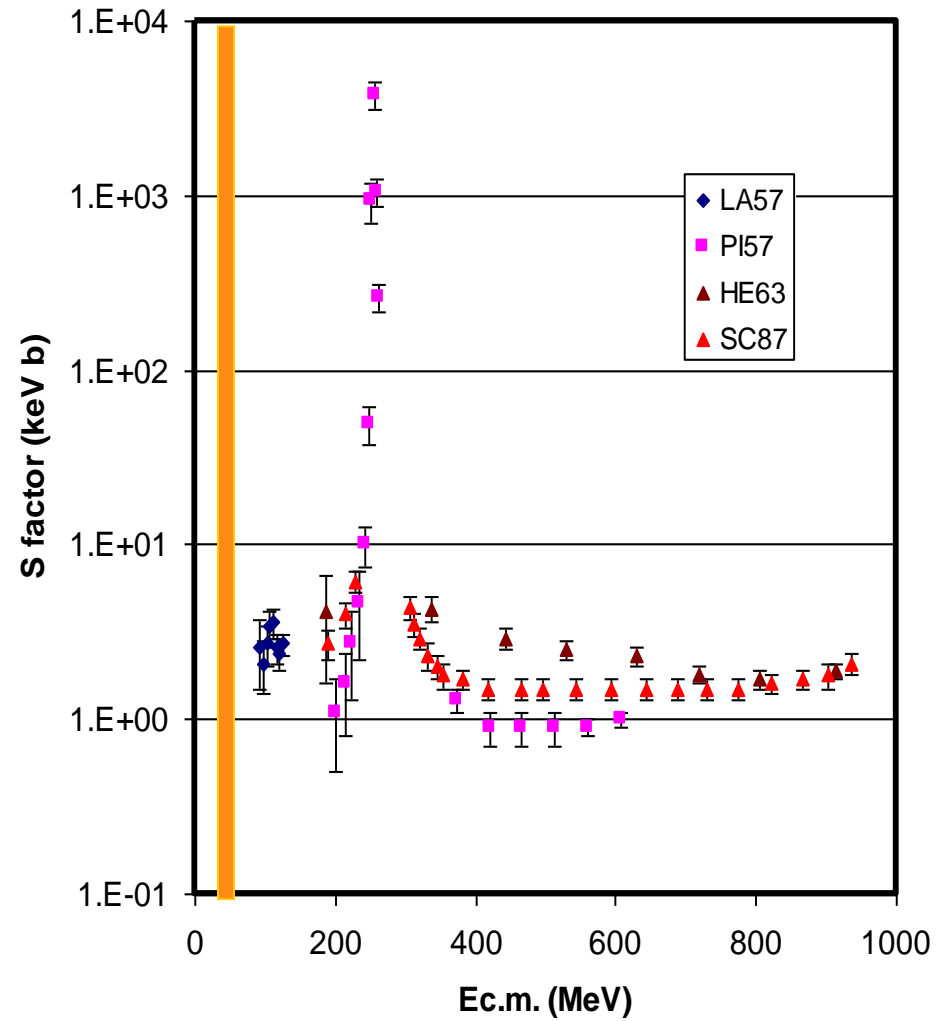
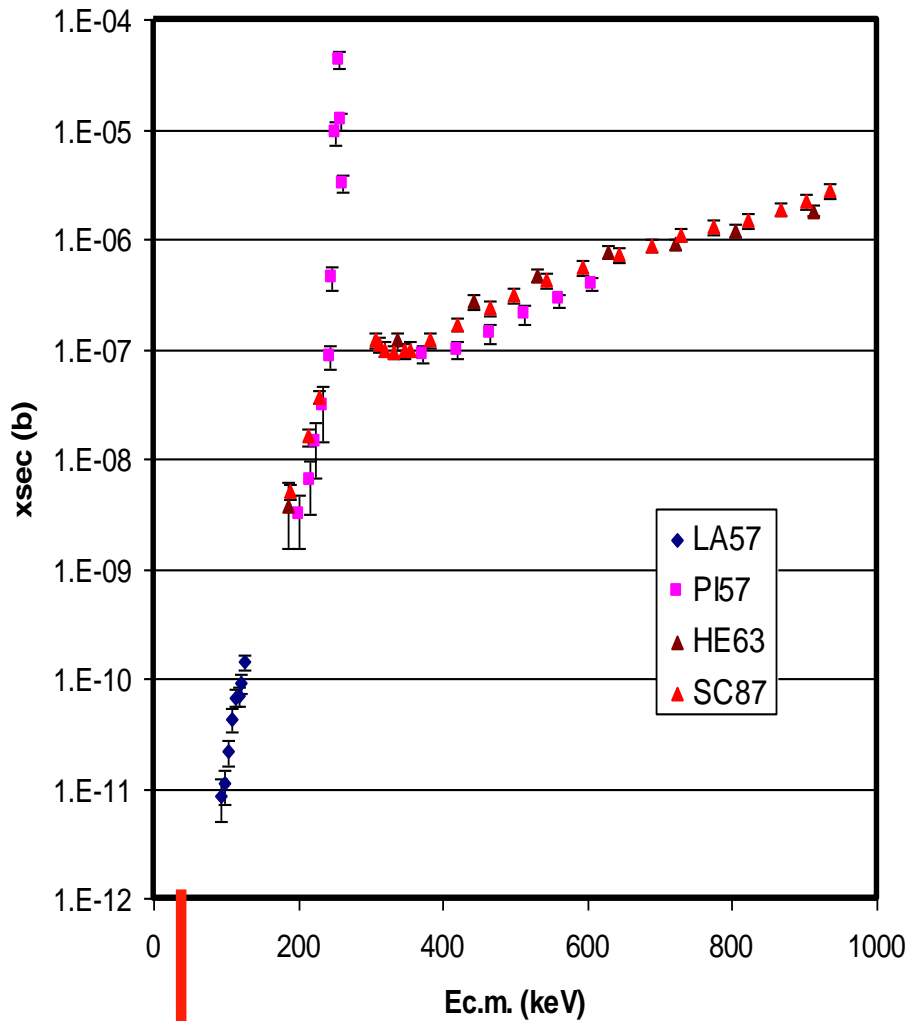
• solar CNO neutrino flux \rightarrow solar core metallicity

Coulomb barrier: enemy at low energy

$$V_C(r) = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{r},$$



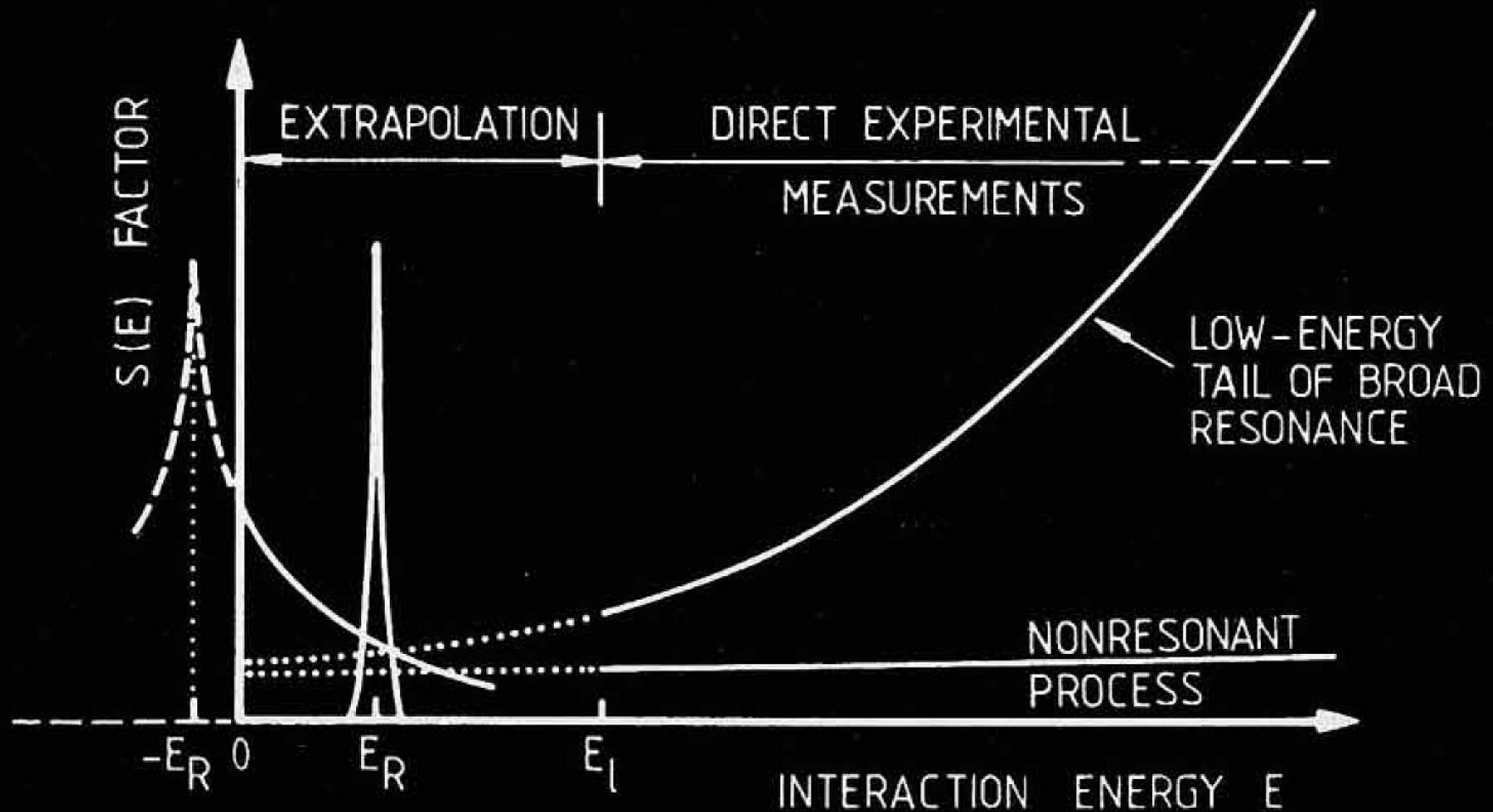
$^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ before Underground Lab



$$S(E) = E \cdot \exp(2\pi\eta) \cdot \sigma(E)$$

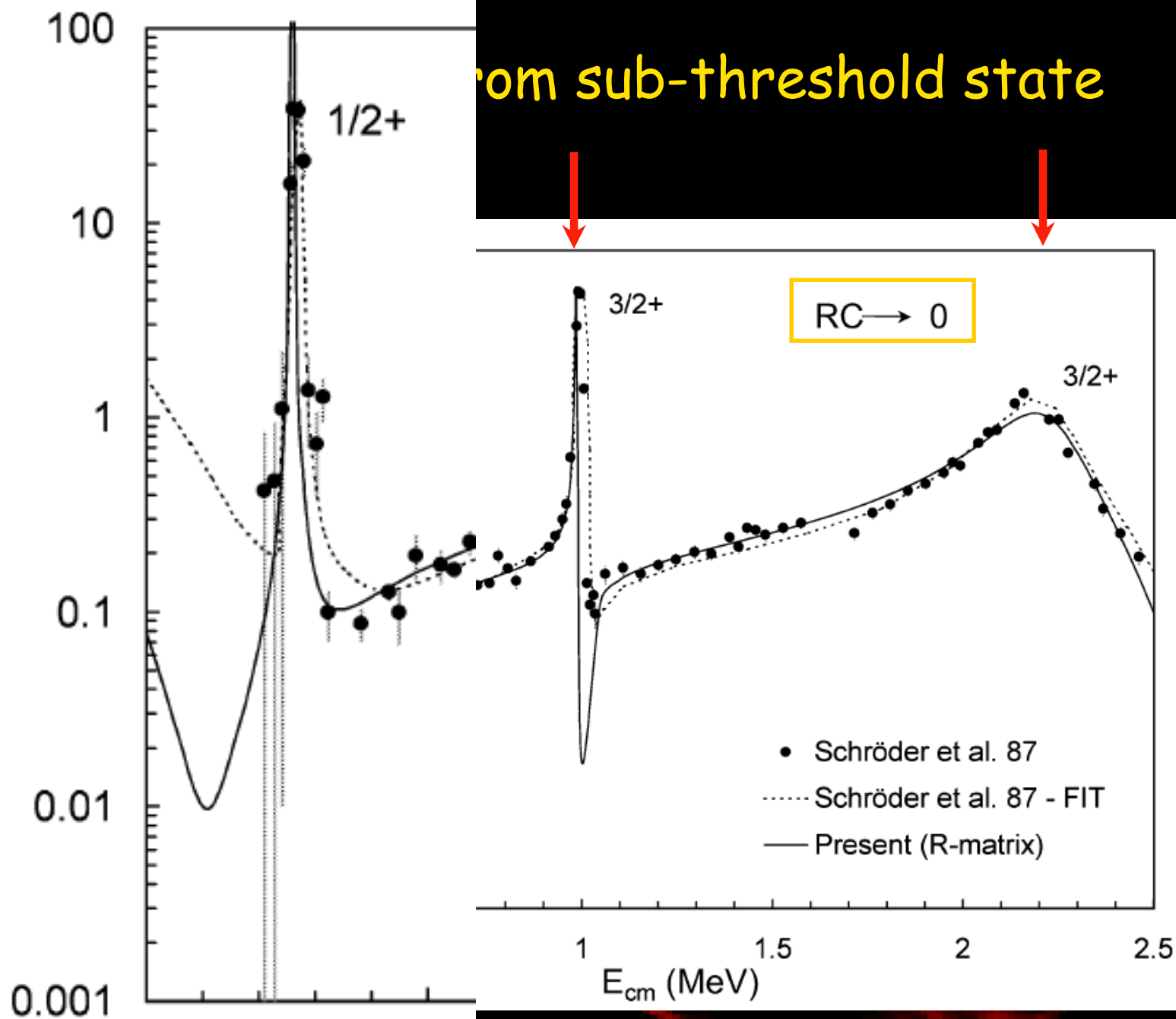
$$2\pi\eta = 31.29 \cdot Z_1 \cdot Z_2 \cdot (m_1/E_1)^2$$

Extrapolation and its risk

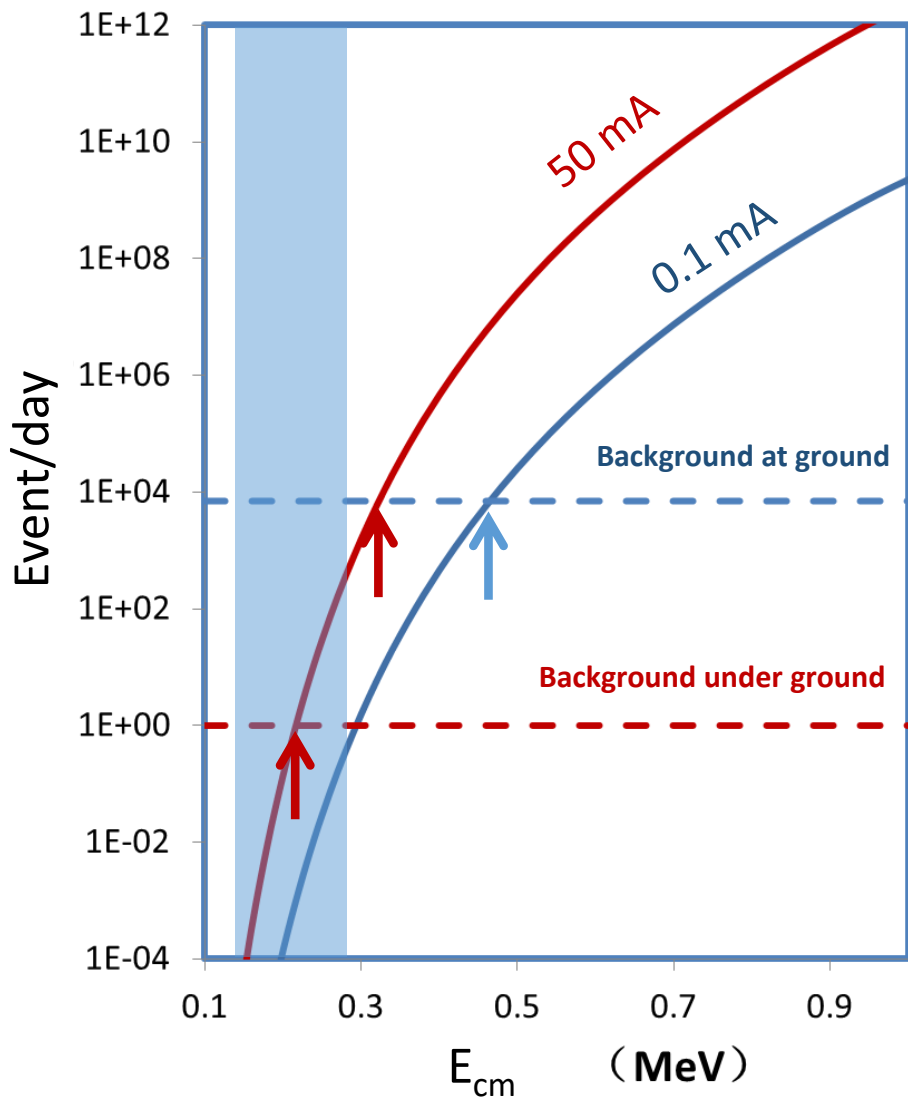


Adopted from "Cauldrons in Cosmos"

from sub-threshold state



Challenging the tiny cross sections

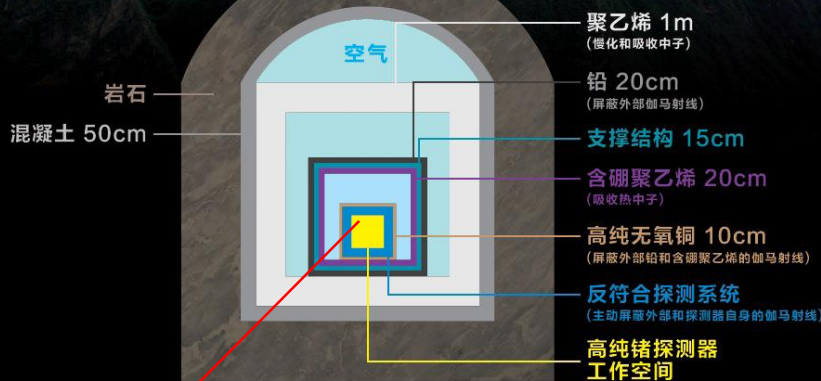


CJPL 中国锦屏地下实验室
China Jinping Underground Laboratory

ground : $\sim 7 \times 10^6$ n/m²/day

LUNA: reduced by 1000

CDEX整体屏蔽结构



CJPL: reduced by 10,000

Background reduction in LNGS (shielding \equiv 4000 m w.e.)

Radiation	LNGS/surface
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Muons	10^{-6}
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Neutrons	10^{-3}
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Photons	10^{-1}
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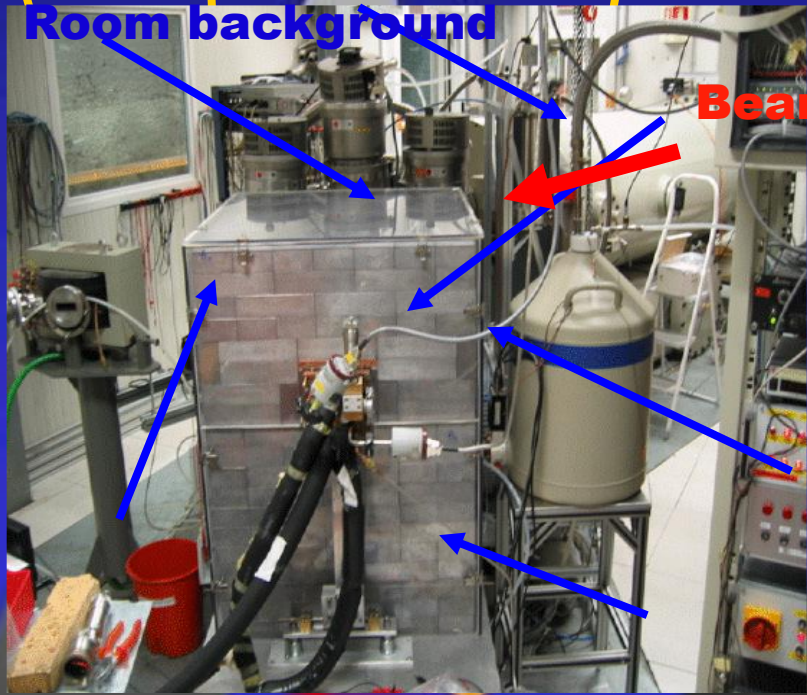
Gran Sasso

underground halls



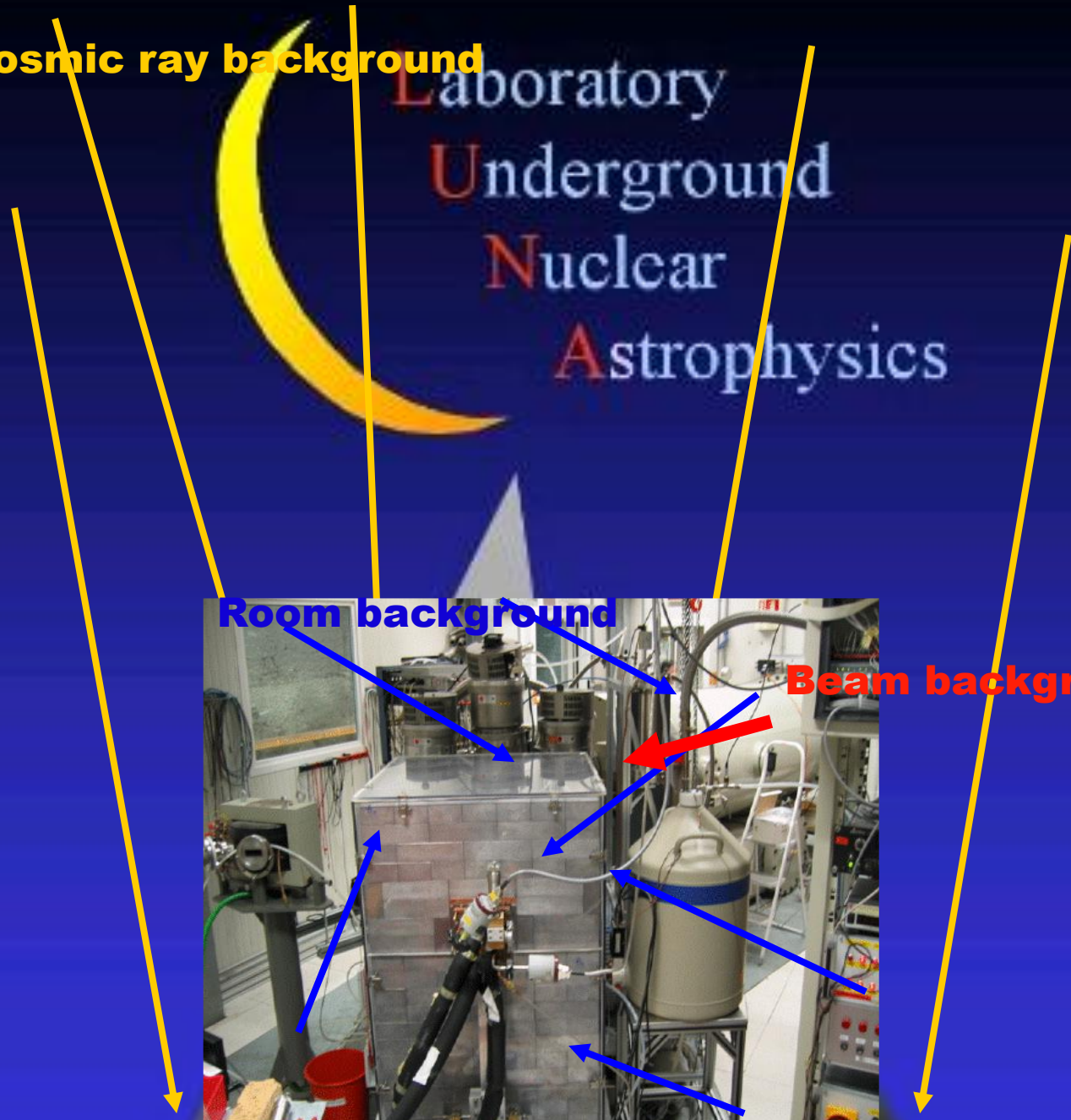
Cosmic ray background

Laboratory
Underground
Nuclear
Astrophysics

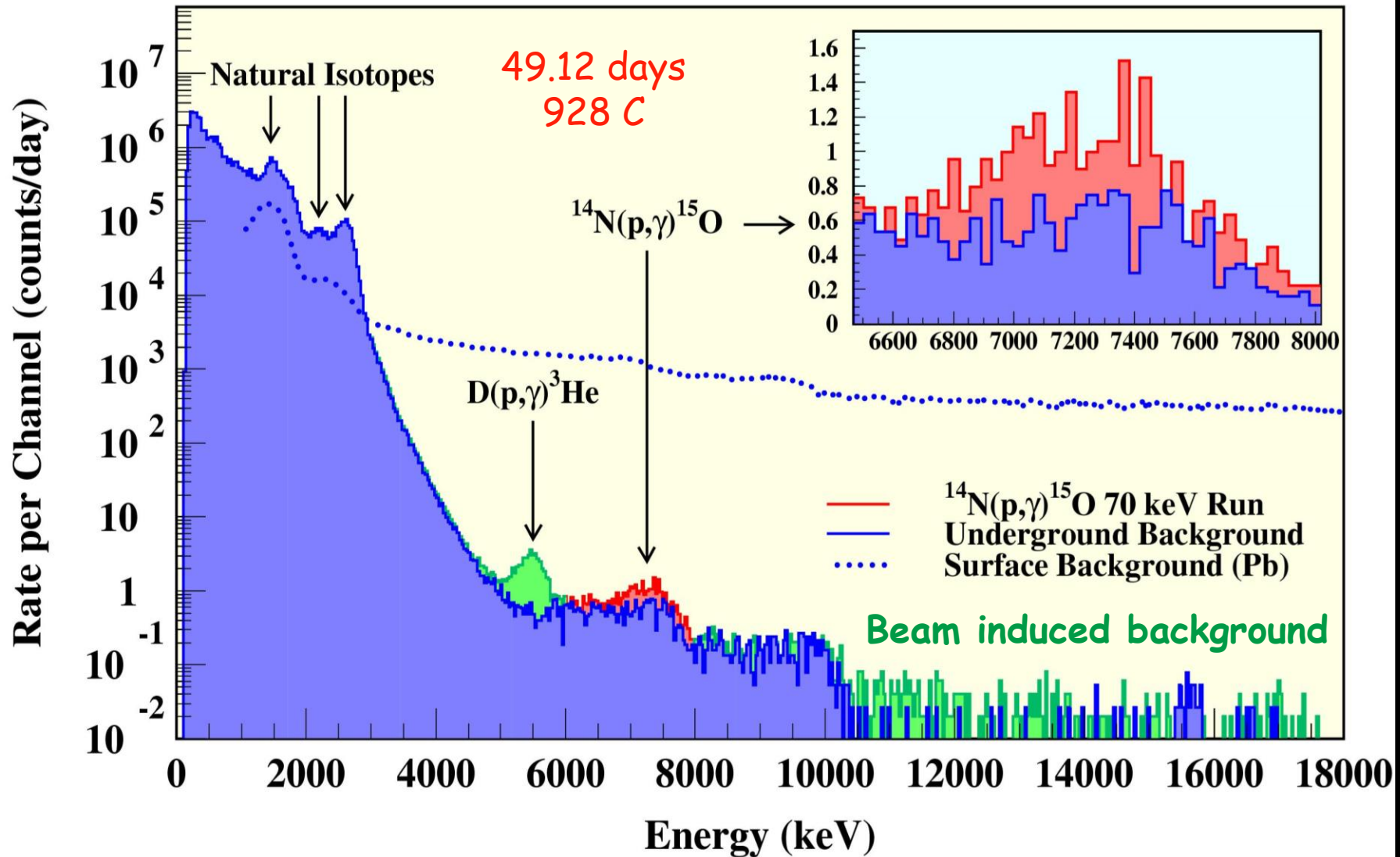


Room background

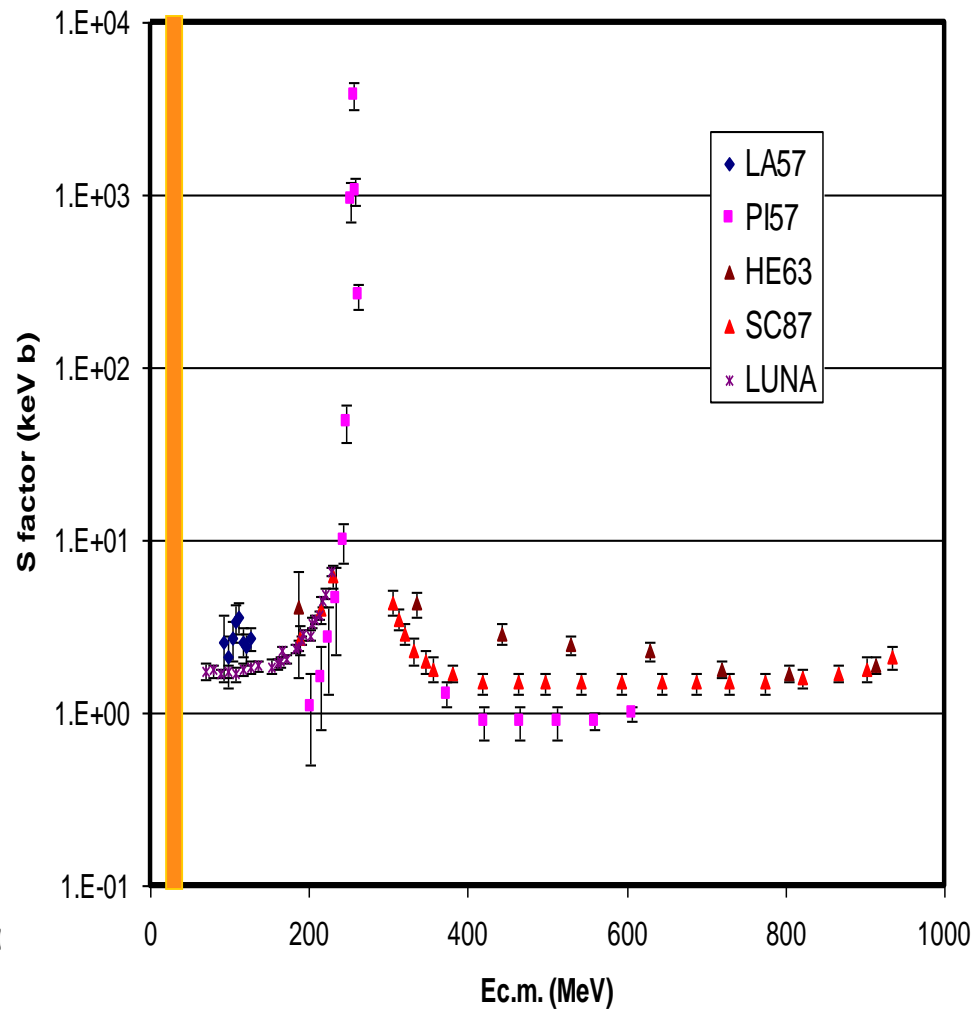
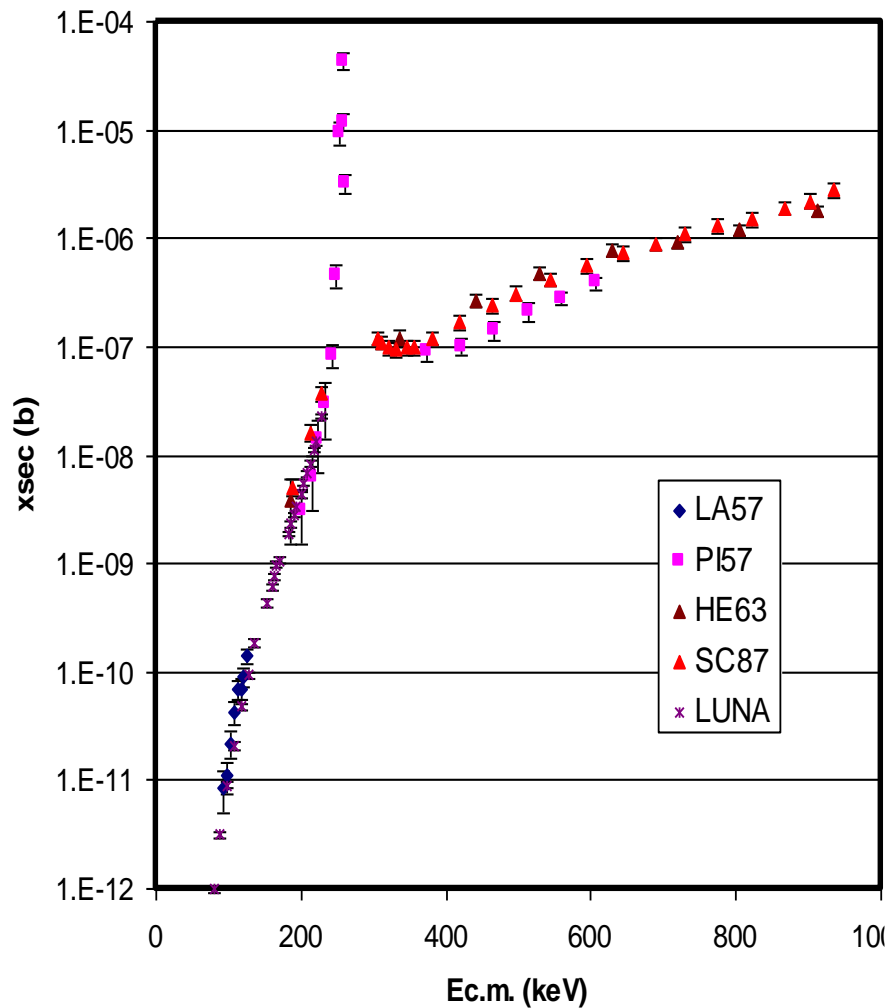
Beam background

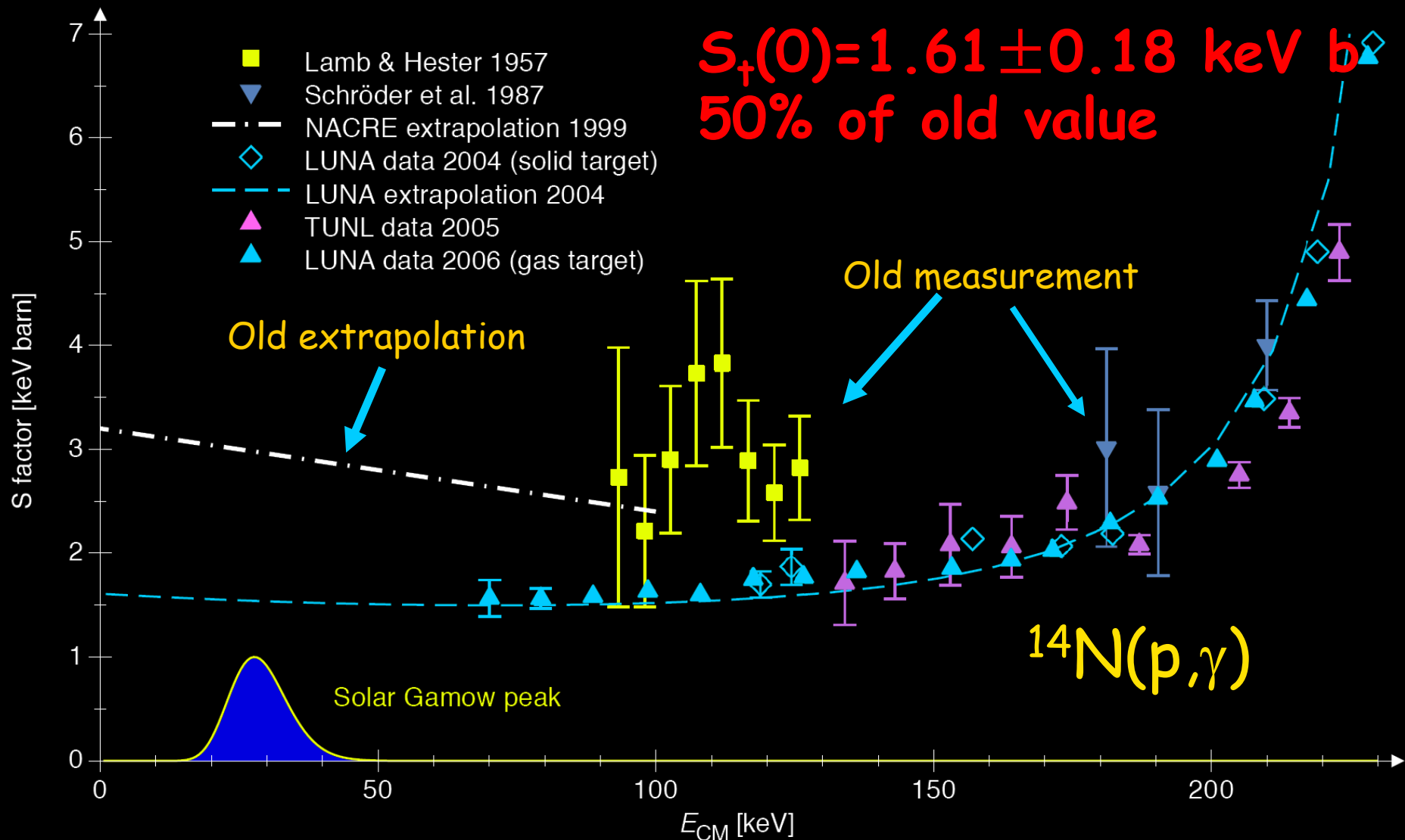


Backgrounds at the lowest energy



$^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$

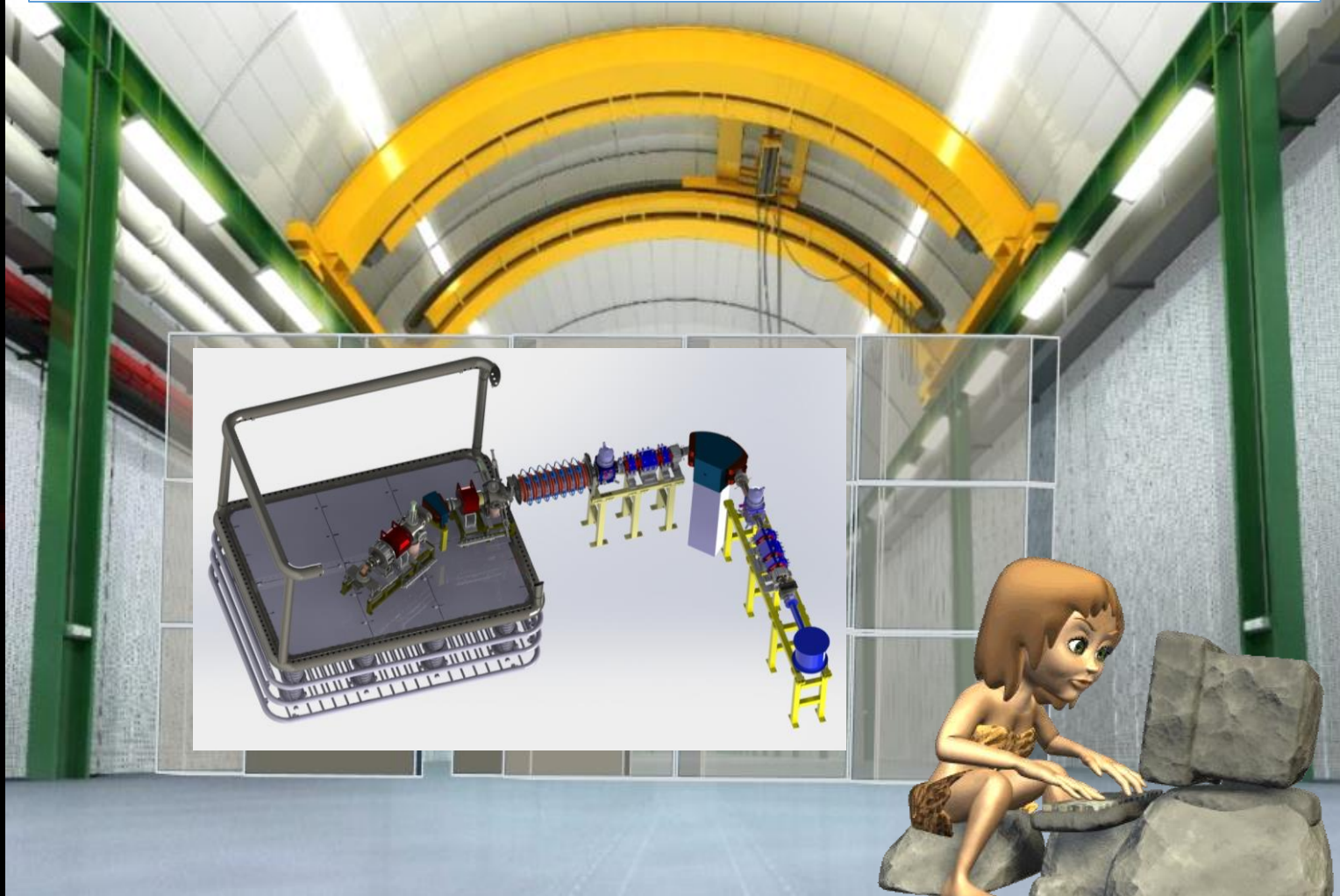




v_{cno} reduced by ~ 2 with 8% error (precise core metallicity)
 Globular cluster age increased by 0.7-1 Gy

Phys. Lett. B591 (2004) 61-68/Nuclear Physics A 779 (2006) 297-317

**Jinping Underground laboratory for Nuclear Astrophysics (JUNA)
the deepest underground lab**



2017: installation of accelerator in Jinping

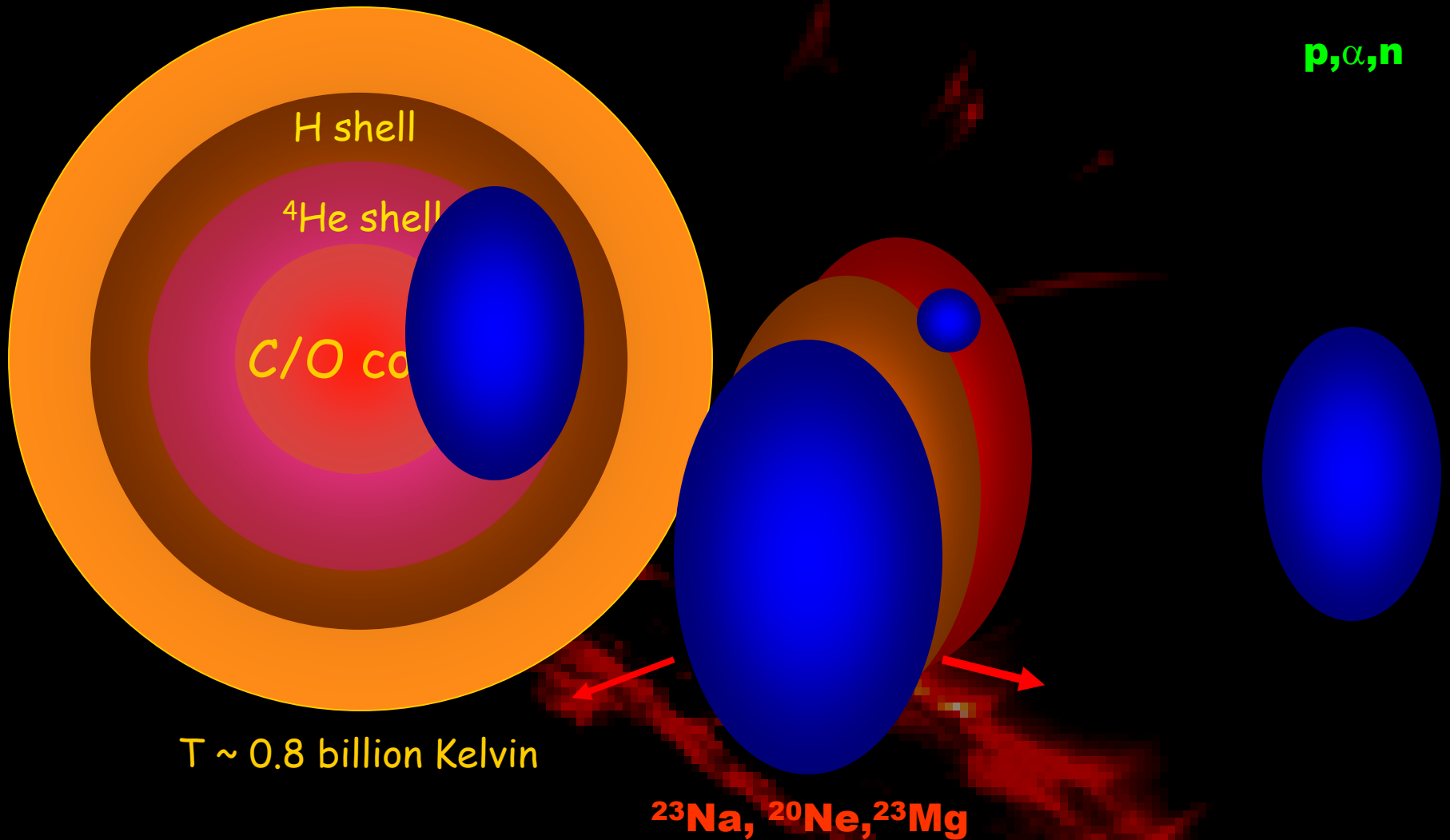
2018-2019: $^{19}\text{F}(p,a)$, $^{25}\text{Mg}(p,g)$, $^{13}\text{C}(a,n)$, $^{12}\text{C}(a,g)$ (see W.P. Liu's talk)

Life of a 20 solar mass star

Fuel	Primary Products	Secondary products	Approximate temperature (10 ⁹ K)	Approximate duration
Hydrogen	⁴ He	¹⁴ N	0.02	10 ⁷ yr
Helium	C, O	¹⁸ O, ²² Ne s-process	0.2	10 ⁶ yr
Carbon	Ne, Mg	Na	0.8	10 ³ yr
Neon	O, Mg	Al, P	1.5	3 yr
Oxygen	Si, S	Cl, Ar, K, Ca	2.0	0.8 yr
Silicon	Fe	Ti, V, Cr Mn, Co, Ni	3.5	1 week

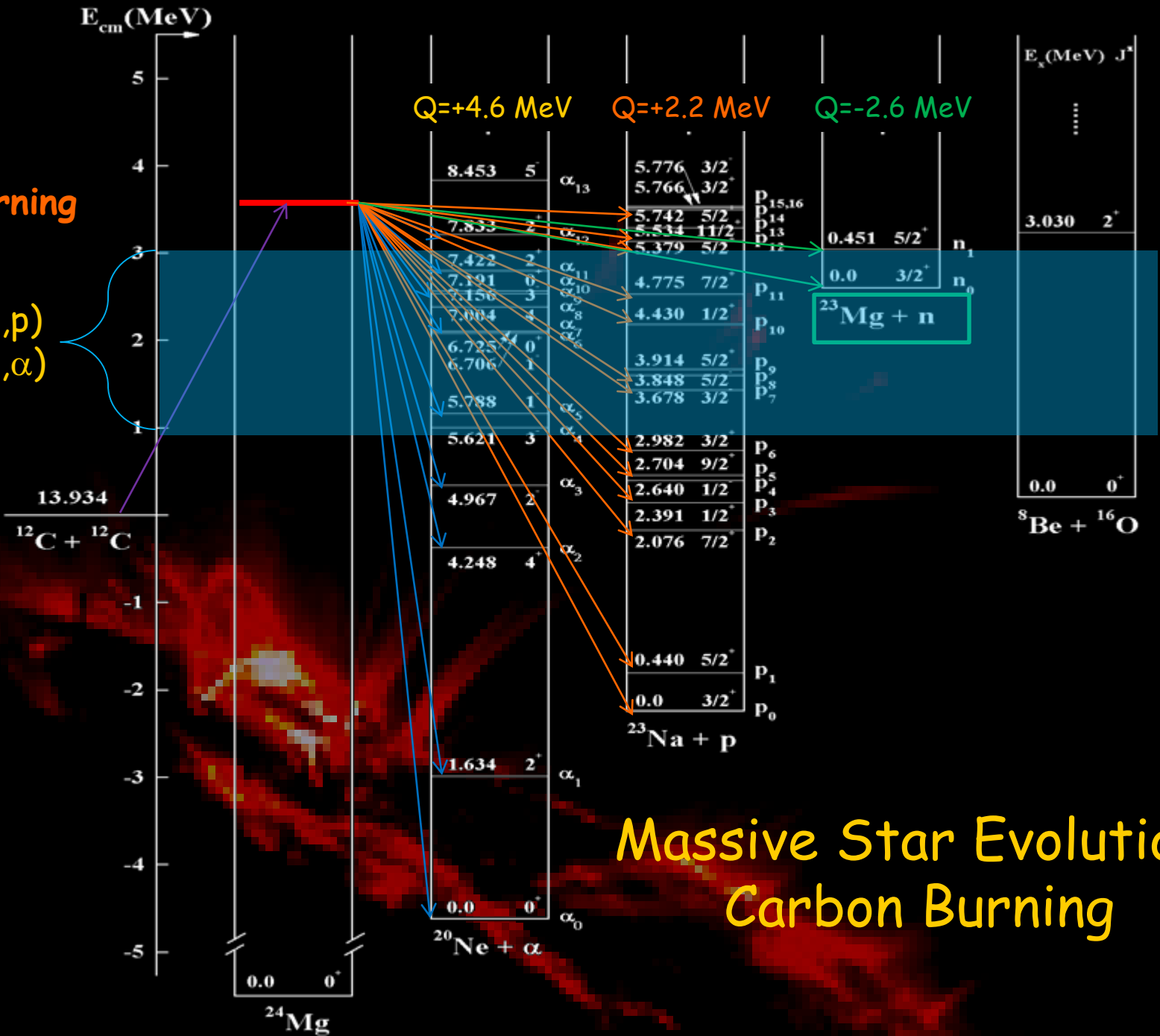


Carbon burning



Shell burning

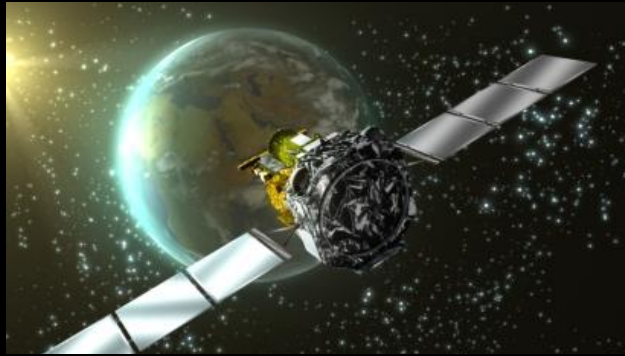
$^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C},p)$
 $^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C},\alpha)$



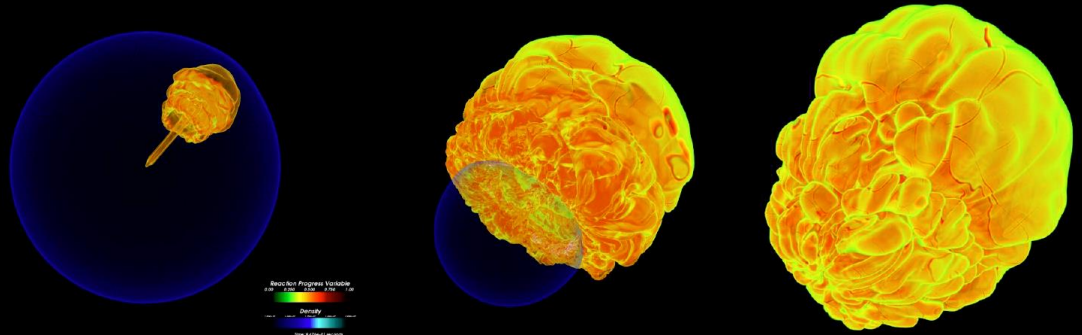
Massive Star Evolution:
 Carbon Burning

$^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$: a reaction of paramount importance

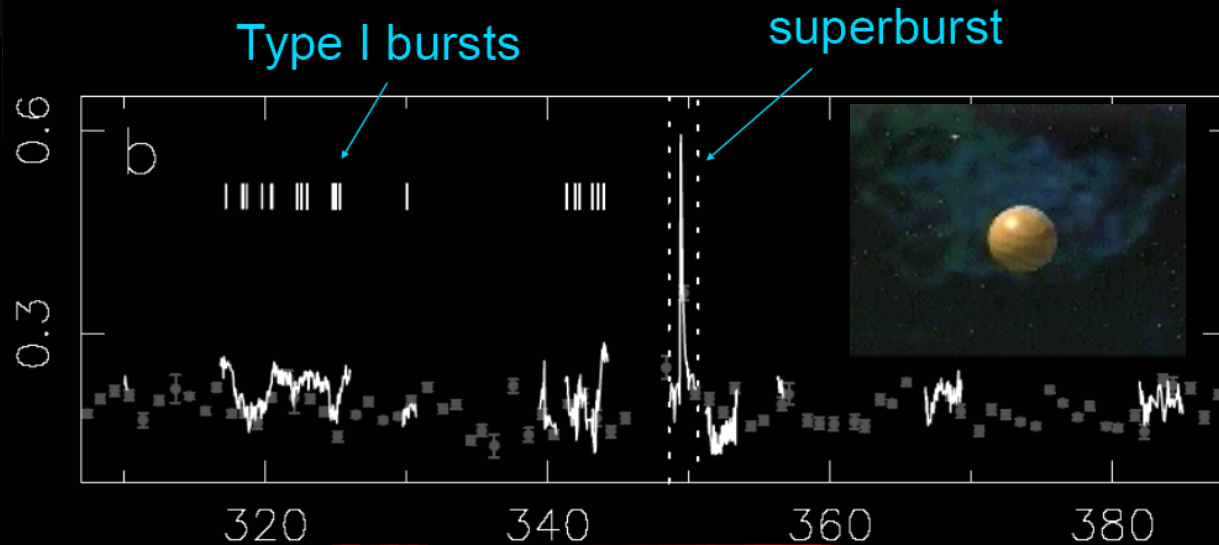
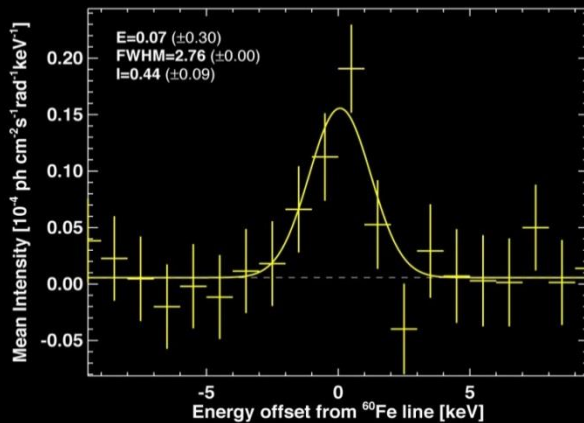
^{60}Fe Production in supernovae

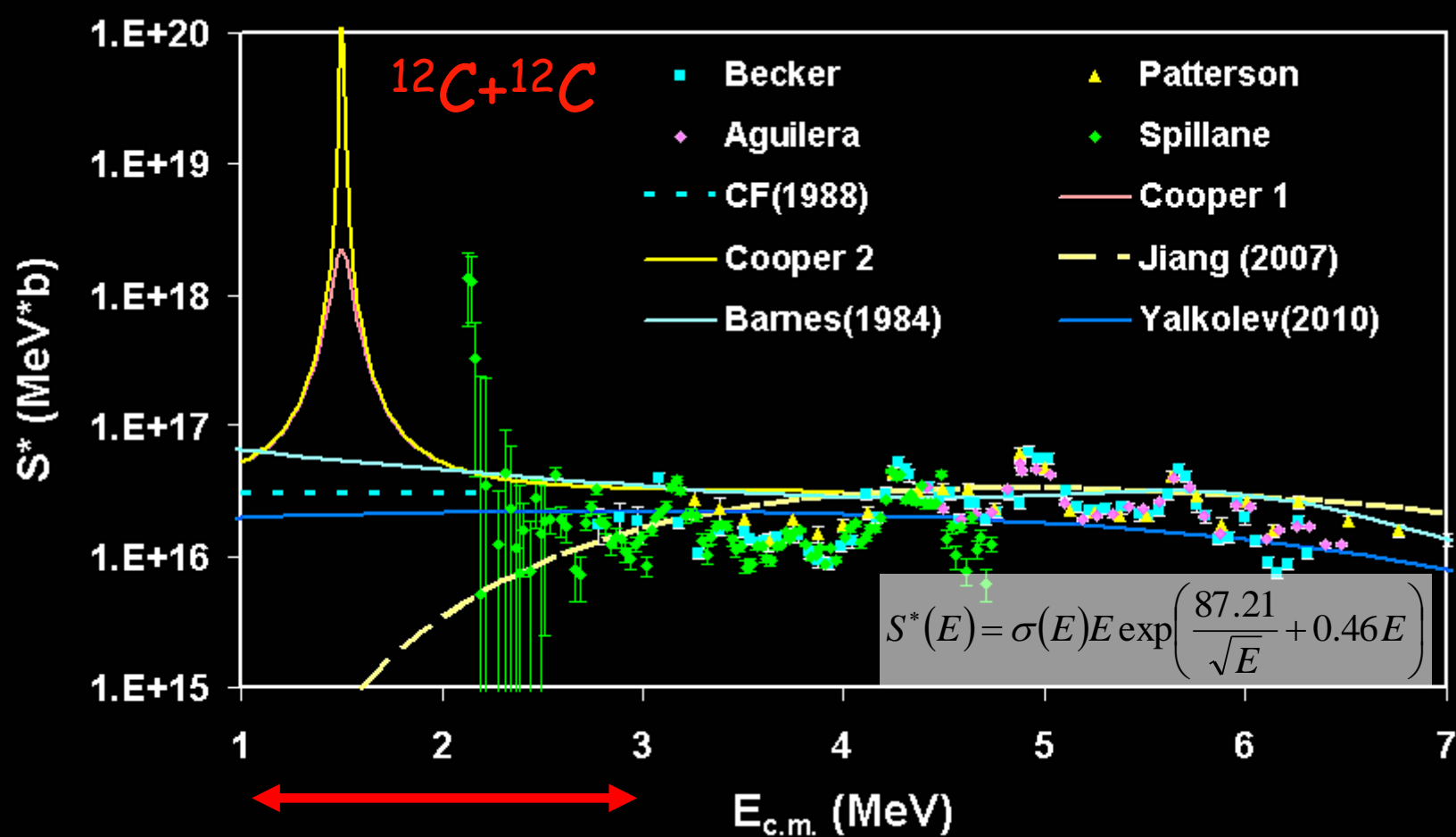
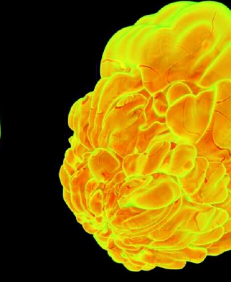
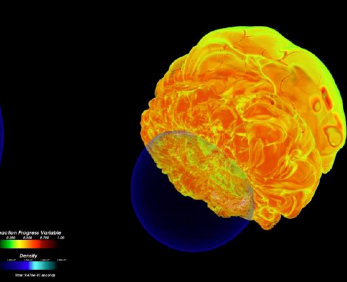
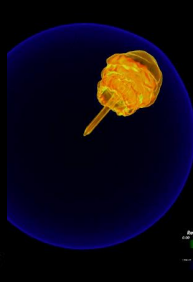
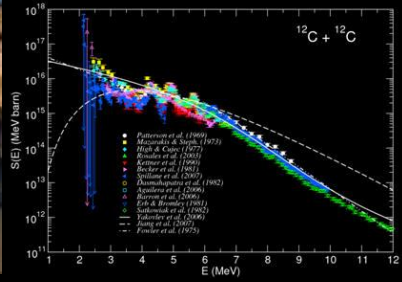


Ignition conditions in type Ia supernovae



Candidate for Superburst ignition



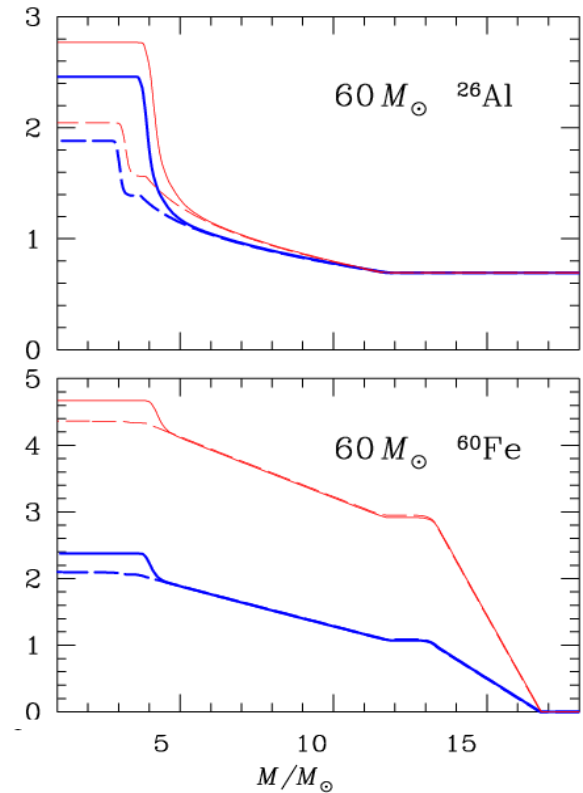
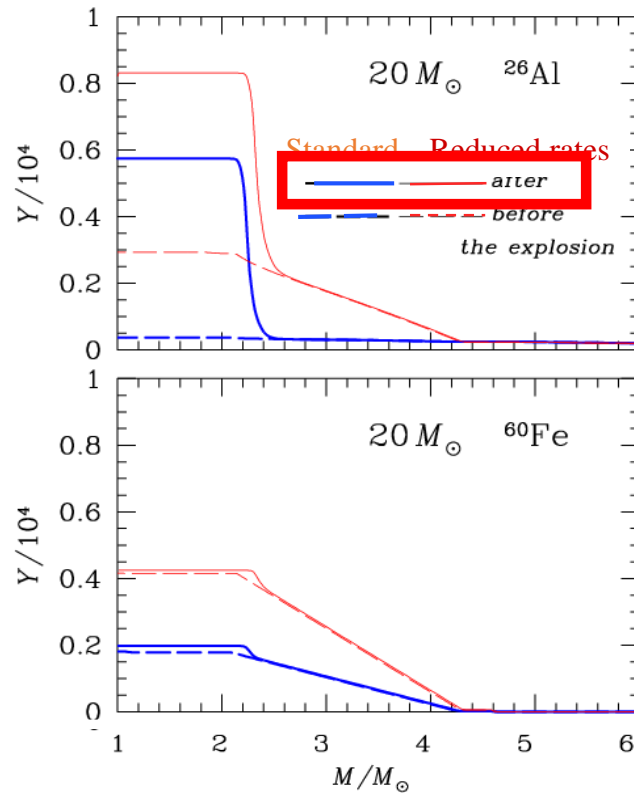
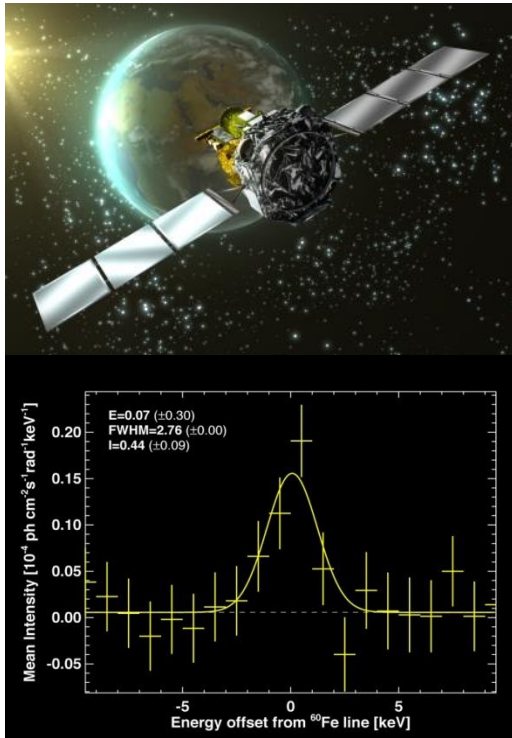
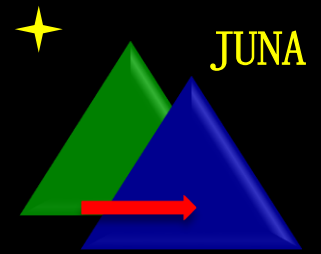


10^{-22} b

10^{-7} b

$^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C},\text{p})^{23}\text{Na}$ (Q=2.24 MeV)
 $^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C},\alpha)^{20}\text{Ne}$ (Q=4.62 MeV)
 $^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C},\text{n})^{23}\text{Mg}$ (Q=-2.62MeV)

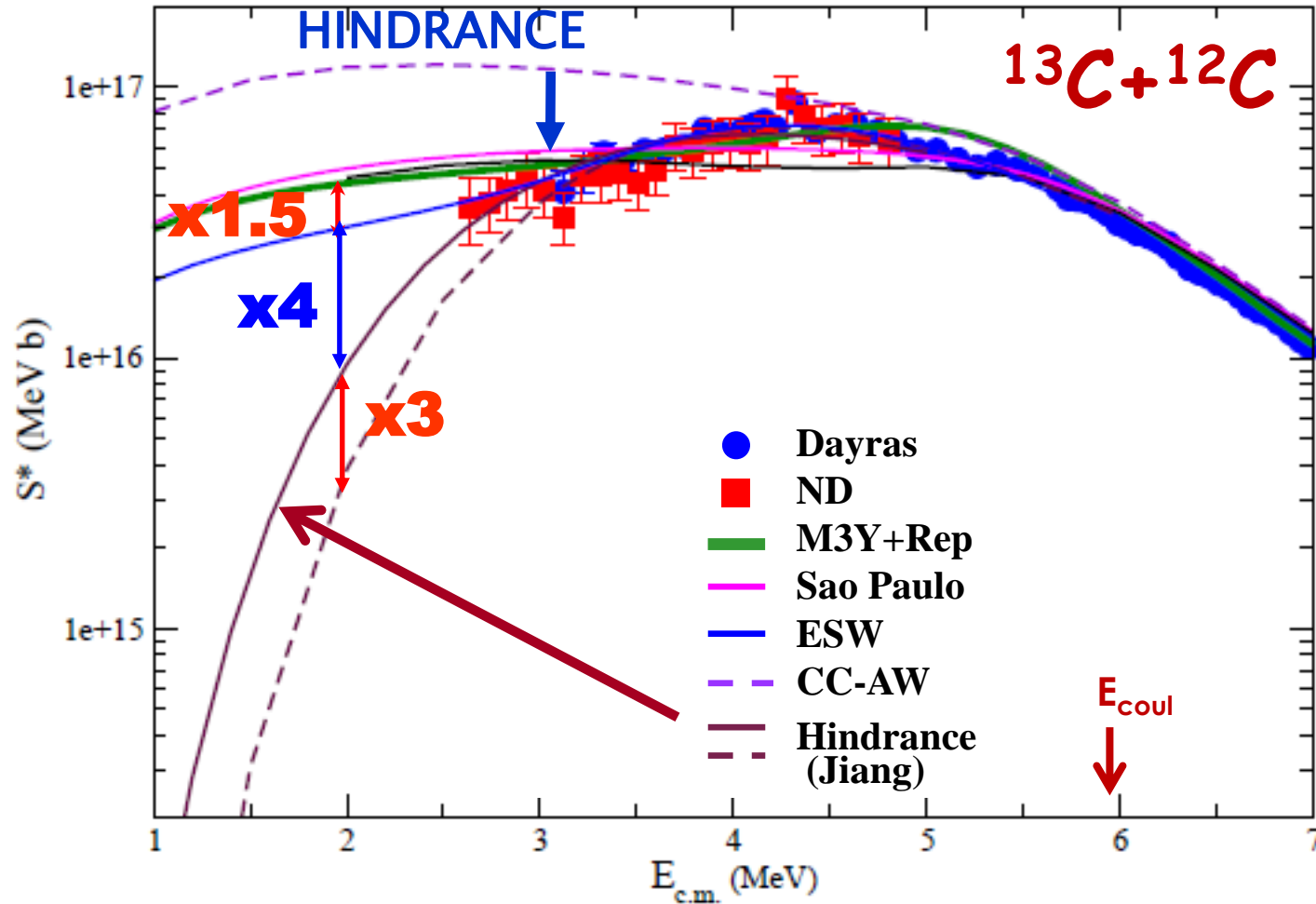
Impact to nucleosynthesis



Chieffi, Limongi, *ApJ* 647 (2006) 483

Gasques et al. *PRC* 76 (2007) 035802

Test of extrapolating model



Courtesy of N.T. Zhang

IMP+IFIN experiments (2014,2015)

Online irradiation

Natural graphite disk
~ 1mm



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

1369-2754 keV γ rays

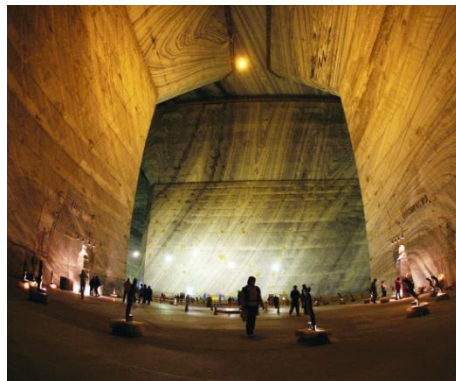
Offline activity measurement

Underground, μBq lab

IFIN-HH GamaSpec

^{13}C beam
2-15 μA

3MV Tandem @ IFIN-HH

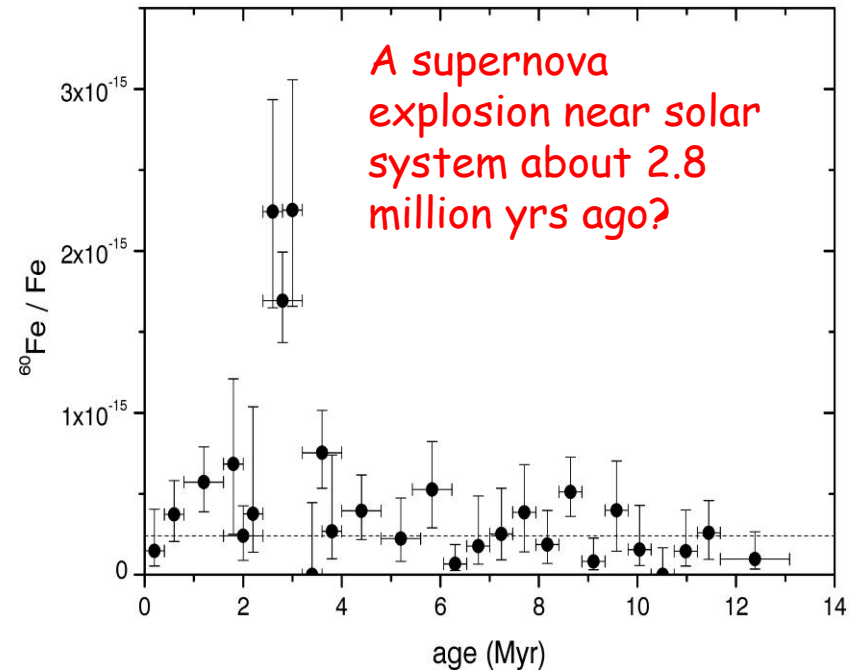
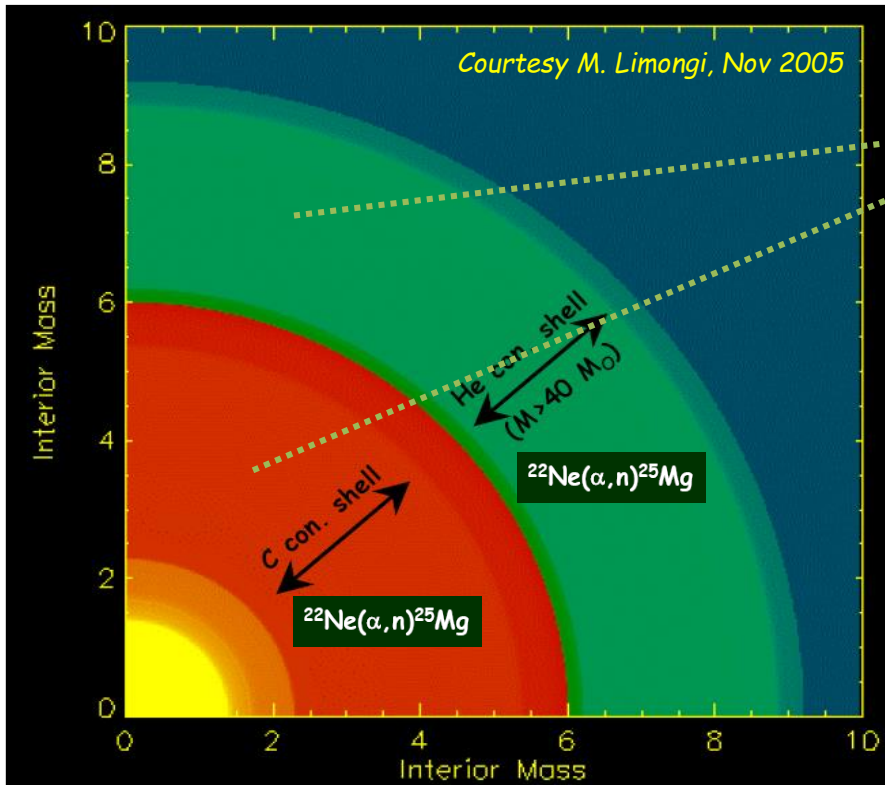


Slanic-Prahova salt mine

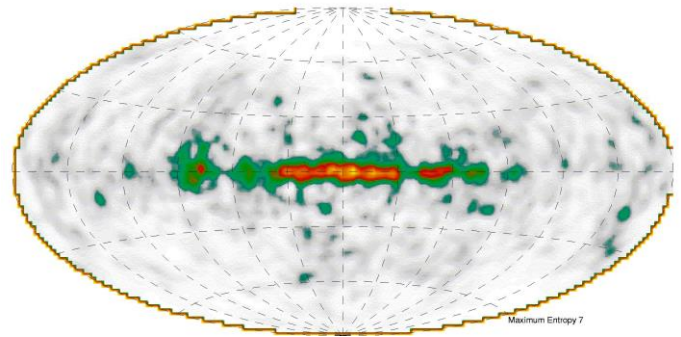
Basement

Courtesy of N.T. Zhang

Cosmic gamma emitter



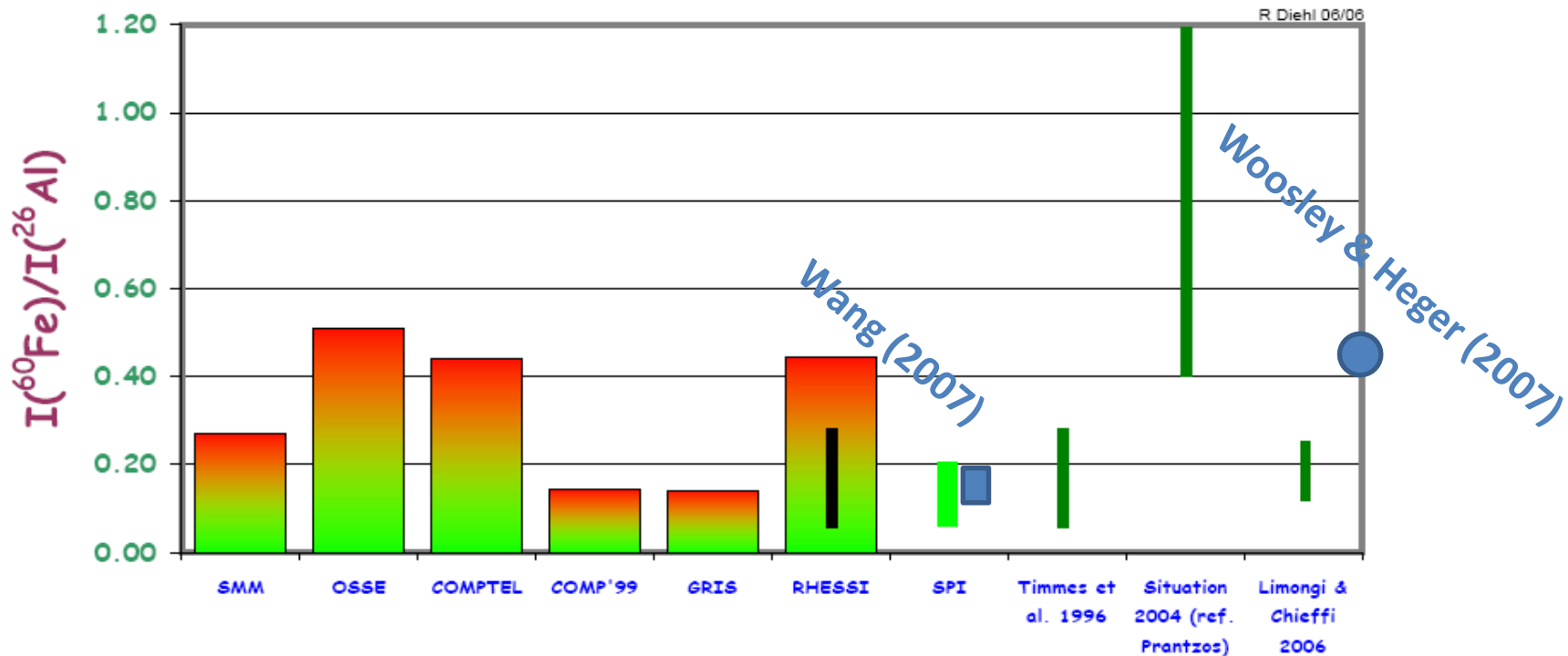
Milky Way:



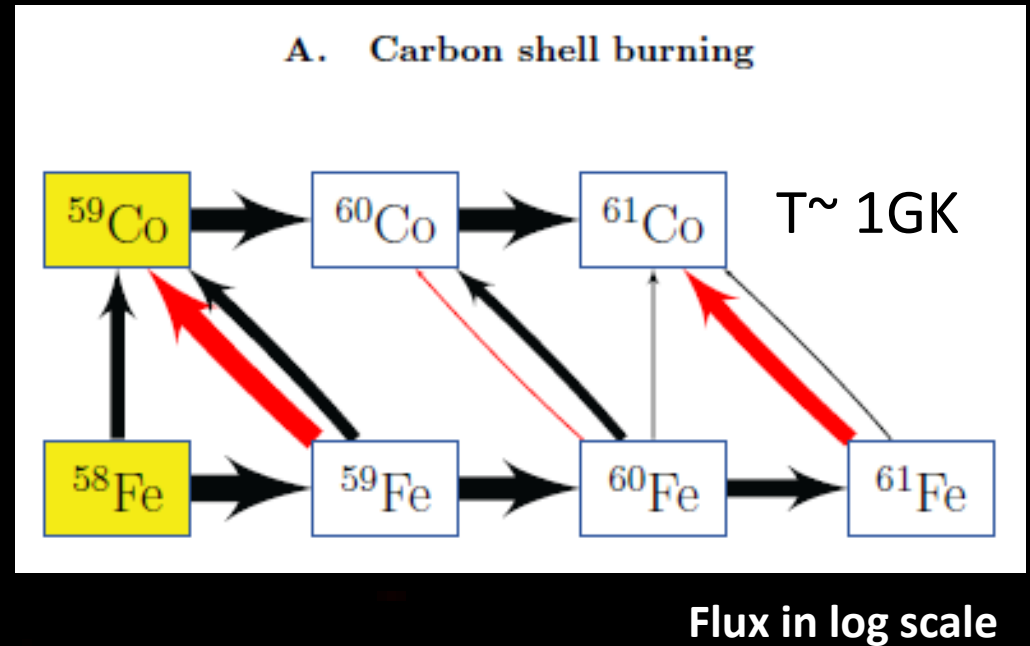
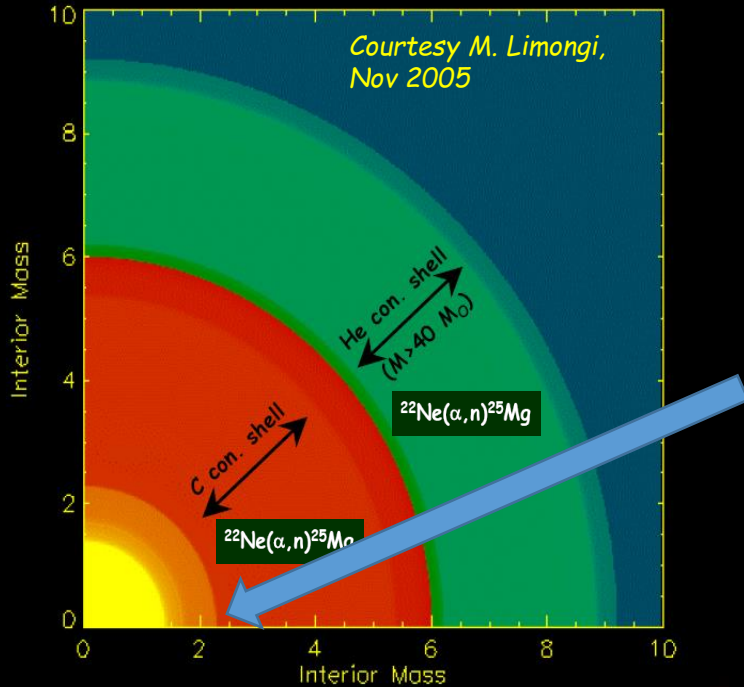
$${}^{60}\text{Fe}/{}^{26}\text{Al} = 0.15 \pm 0.04$$

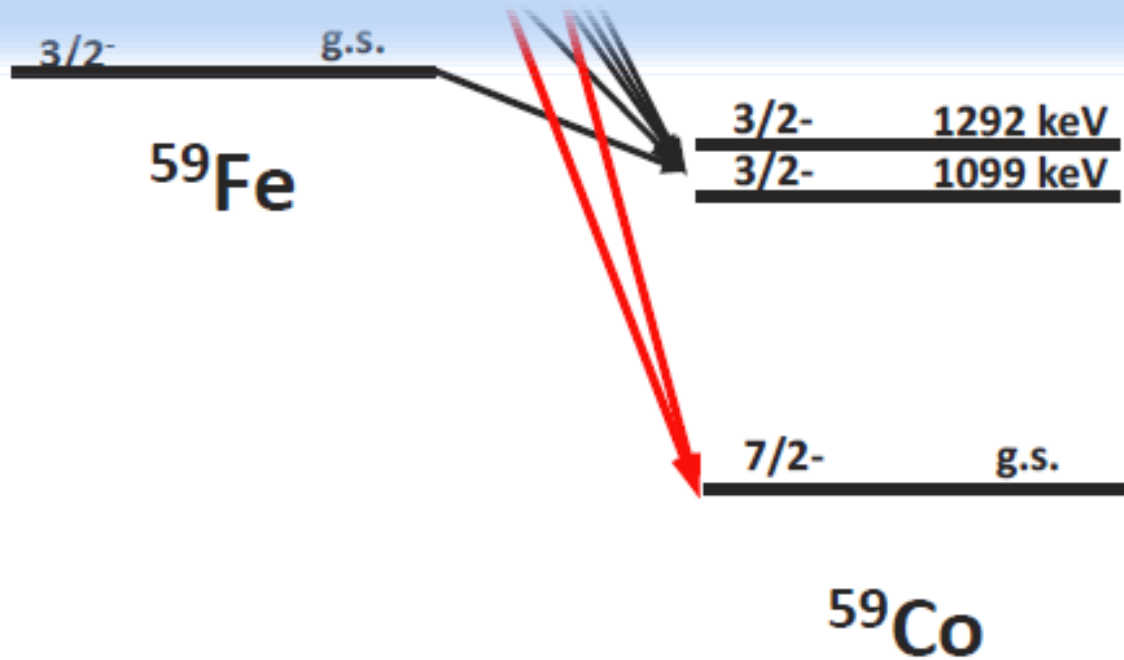
(Wang et al. 2007)

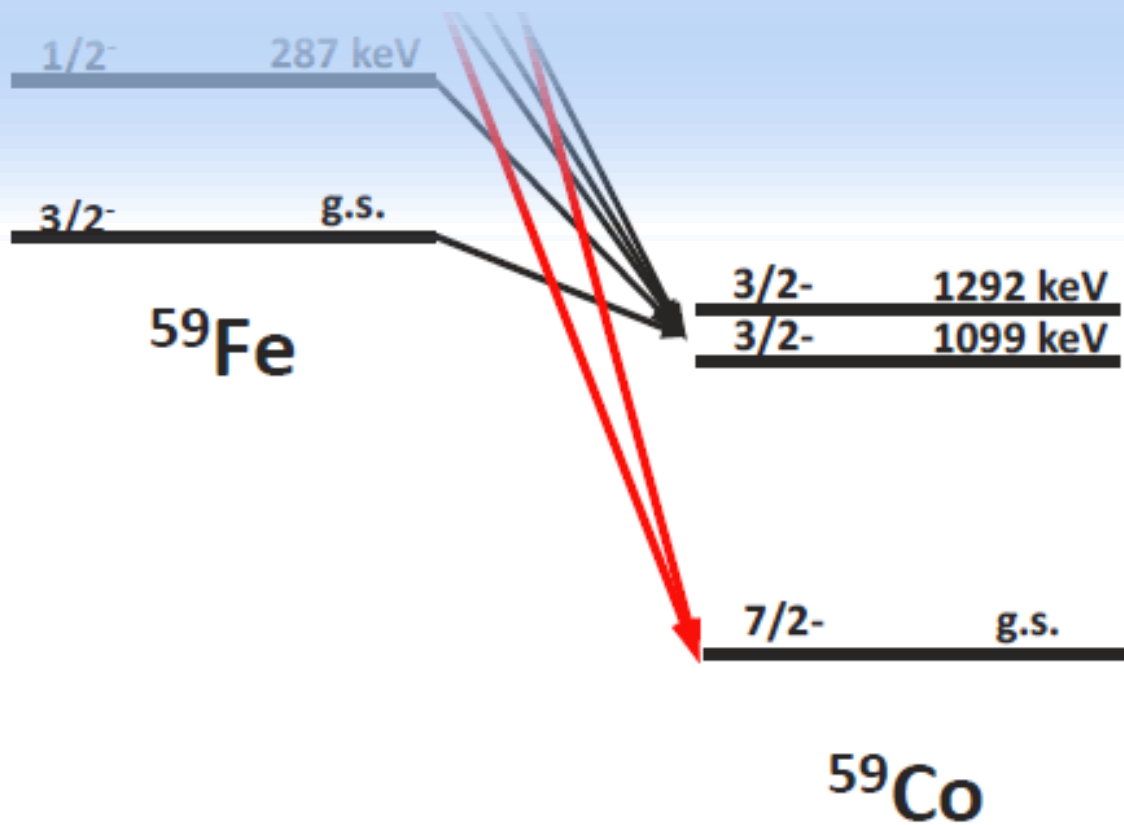
${}^{60}\text{Fe}/{}^{26}\text{Al}$ Flux Ratio: Observations versus Theory



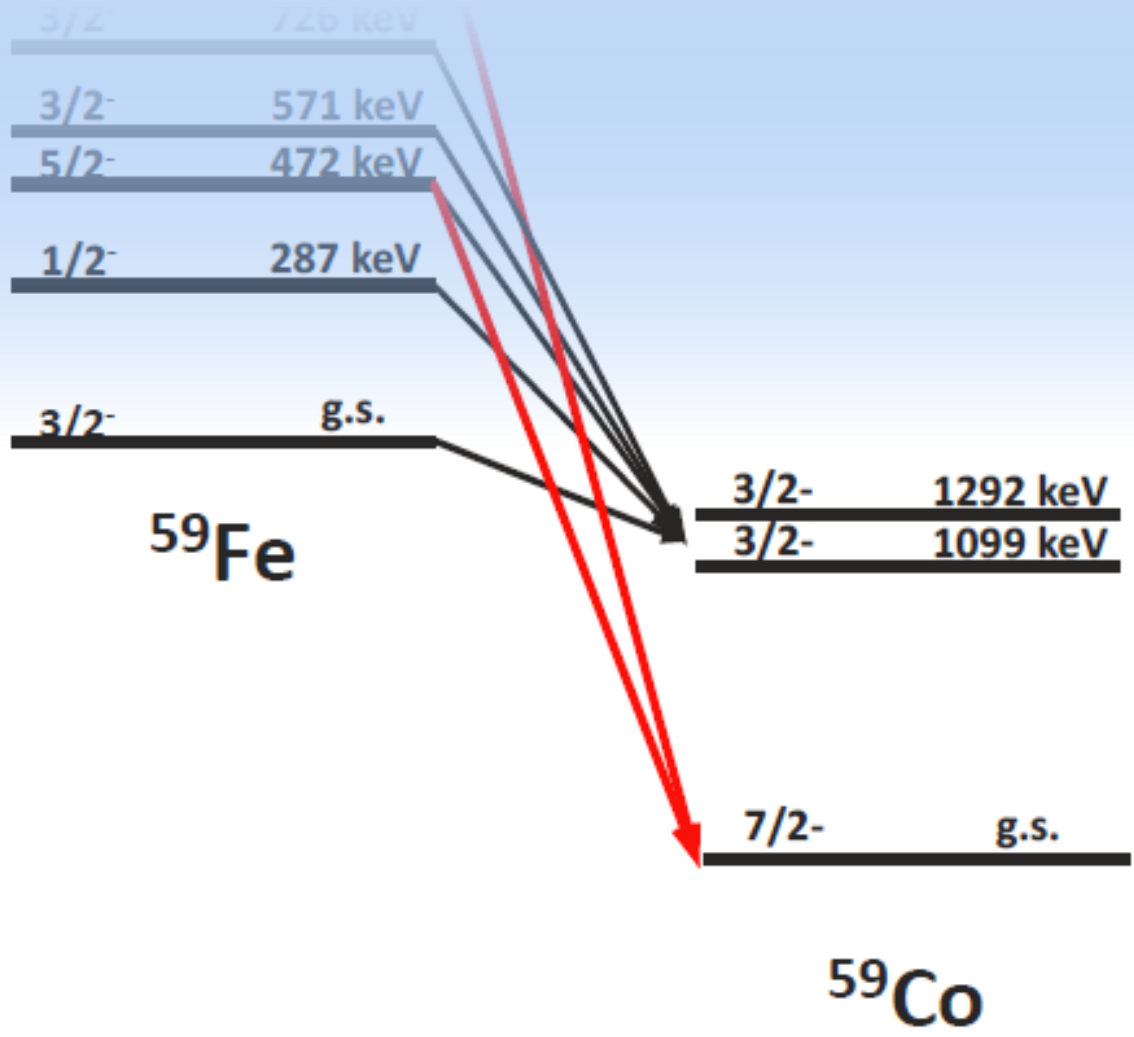
^{59}Fe decay in carbon shell burning



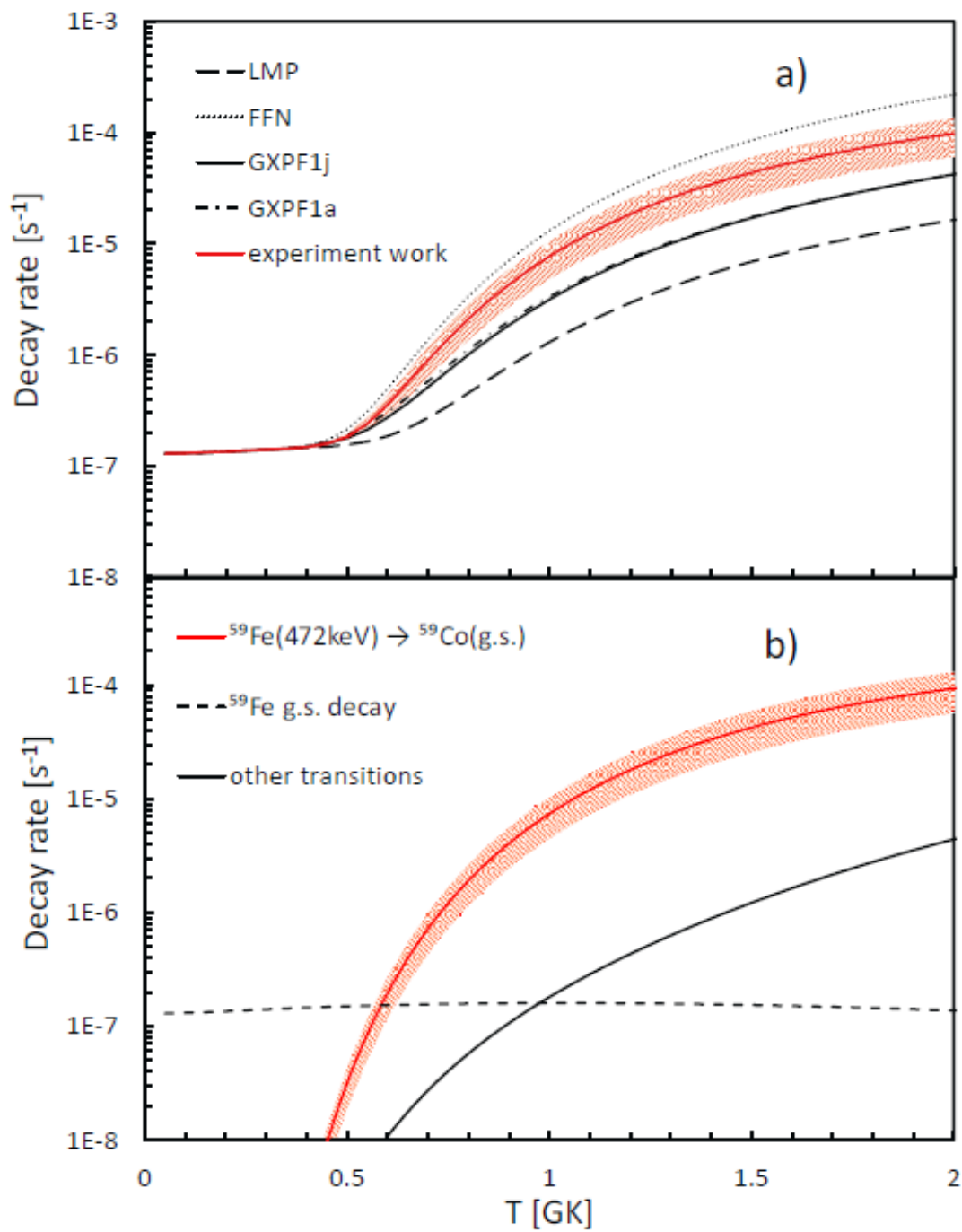


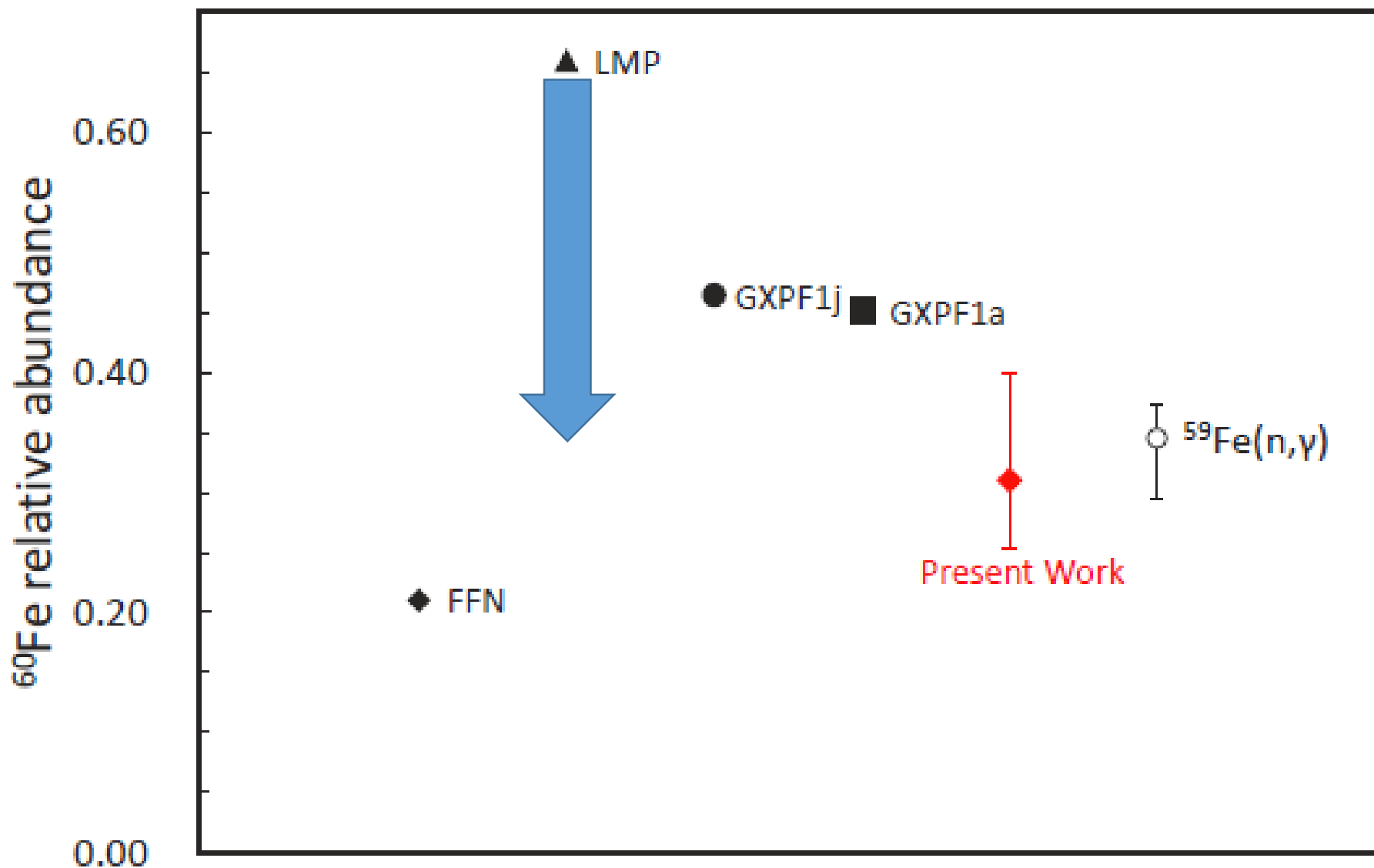


Star (low temperature)



Star (higher temperature)







High Intensity heavy ion Accelerator Facility in Lanzhou (HIRFL)

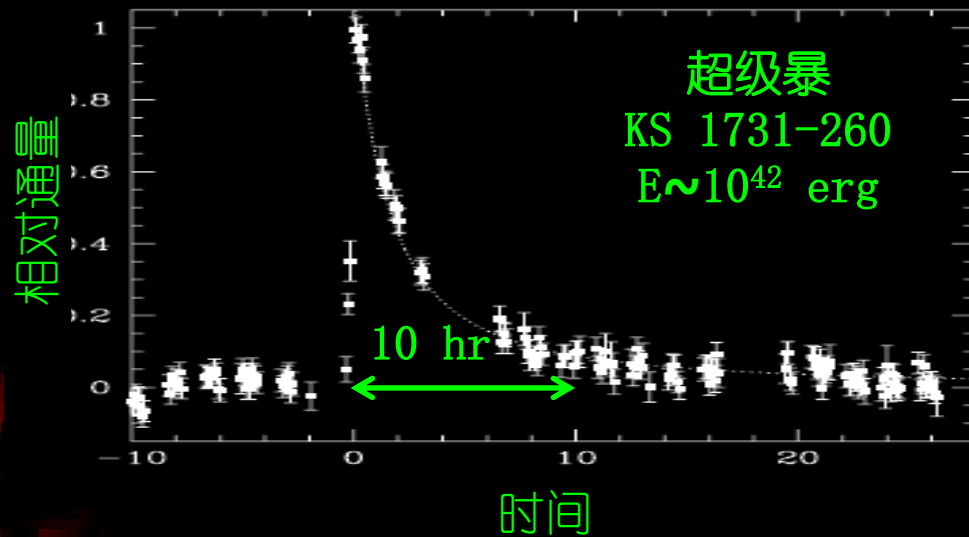
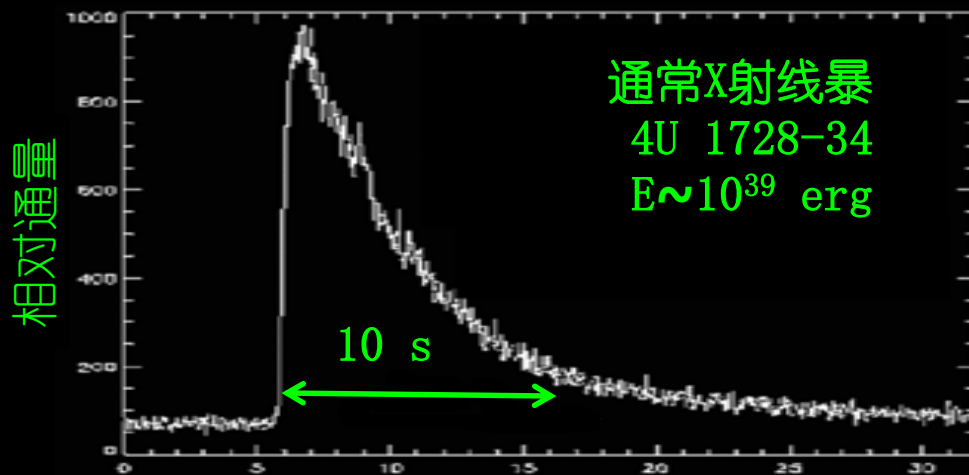
Currently ongoing activities

X-Ray burst

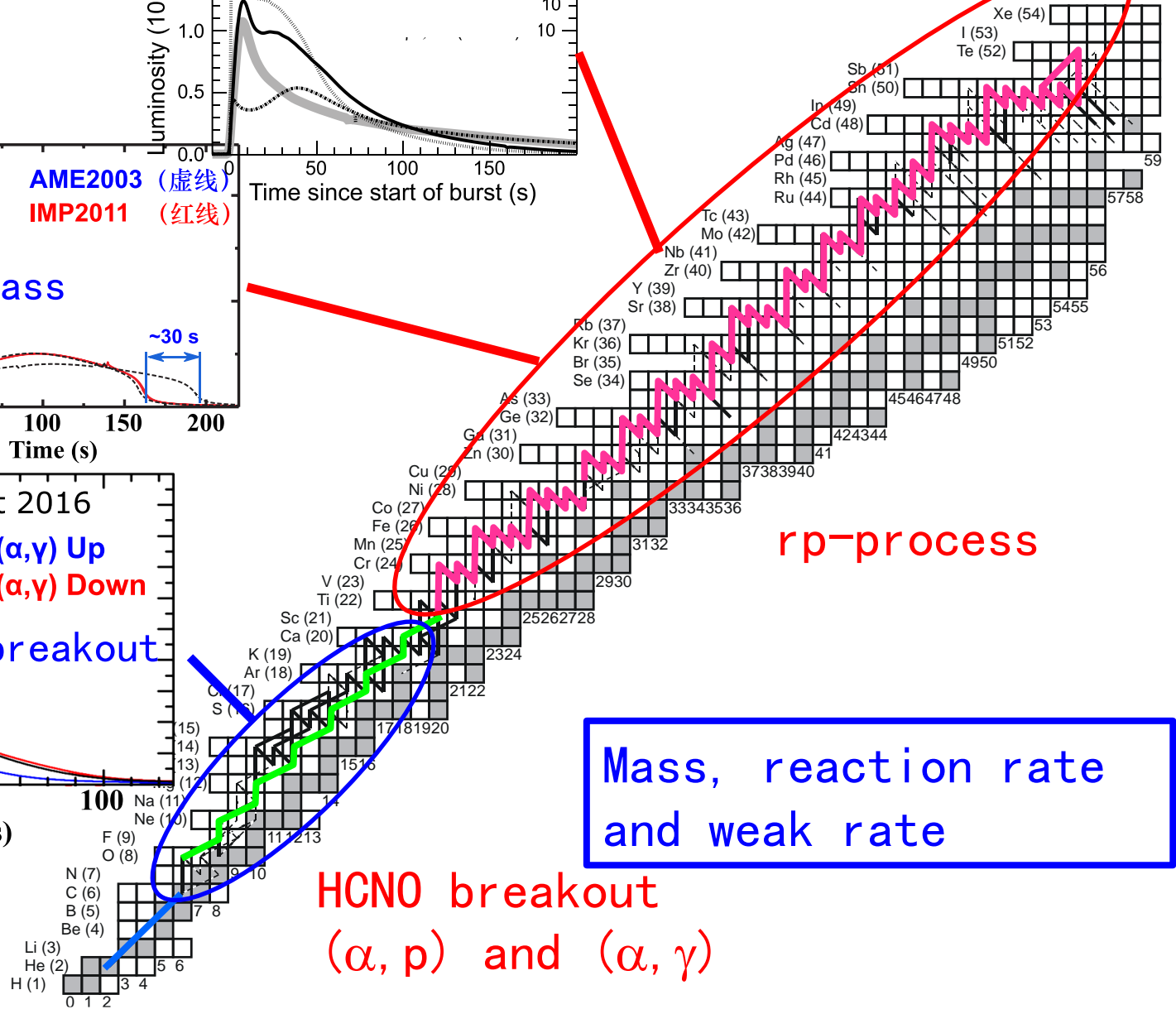
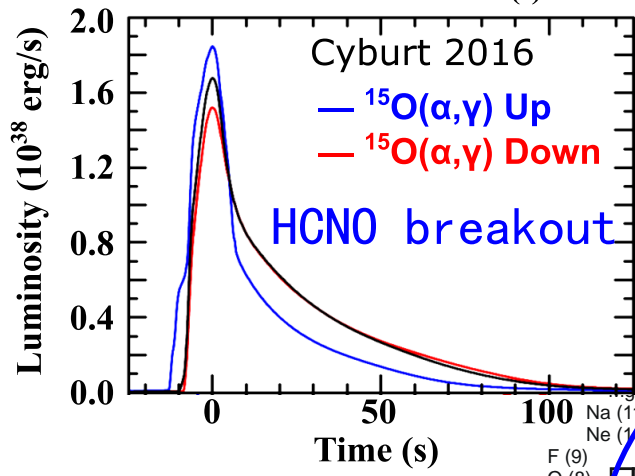
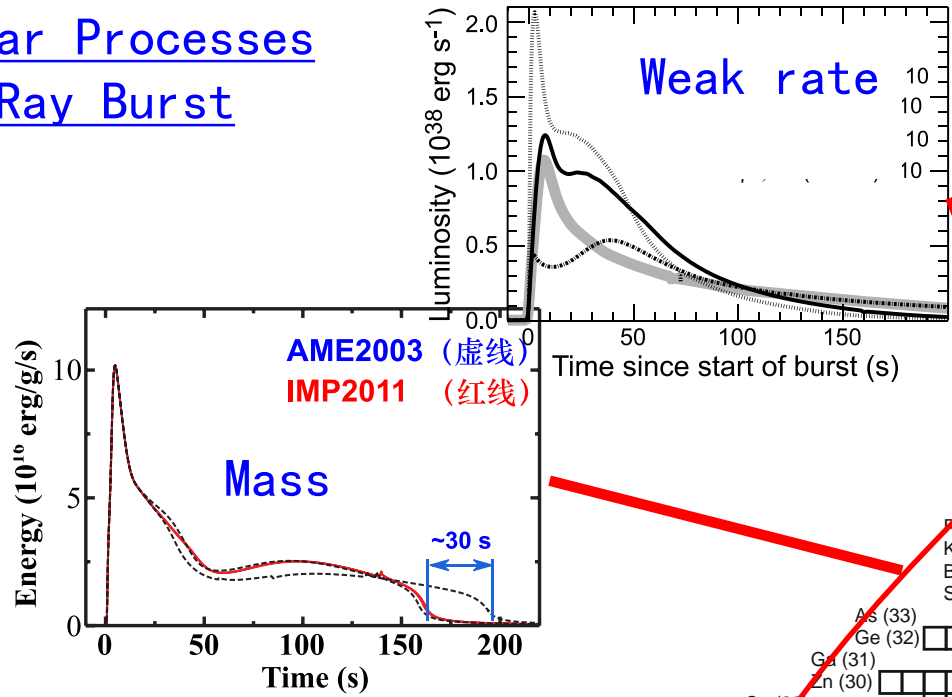


Companion star

Neutron star



Nuclear Processes in X-Ray Burst



HCNO breakout
(α, p) and (α, γ)

Nuclear Astrophysics at HIRFL



RIBLL1

RIBs at tens of AMeV

CSRe

RIBLL2

RIBs at hundreds of AMeV

CSRm

1000 AMeV (H.I.), ≤ 2.8 GeV (p)

Heavy Ion Research
Facility at Lanzhou



Nuclear Astrophysics at HIRFL



CSRe: Mass measurement



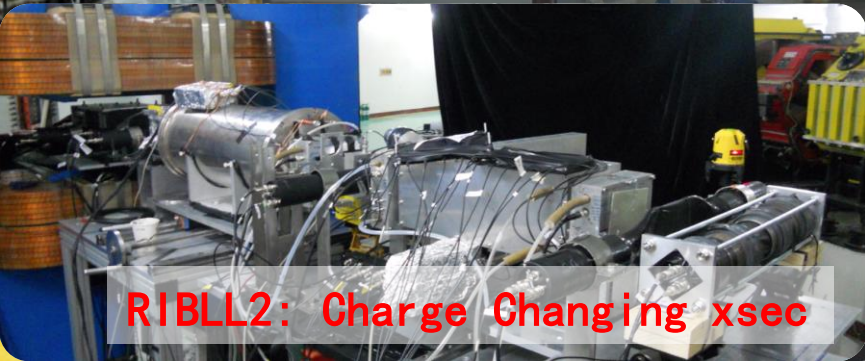
CSRe

RIBLL2

hundreds of AMeV

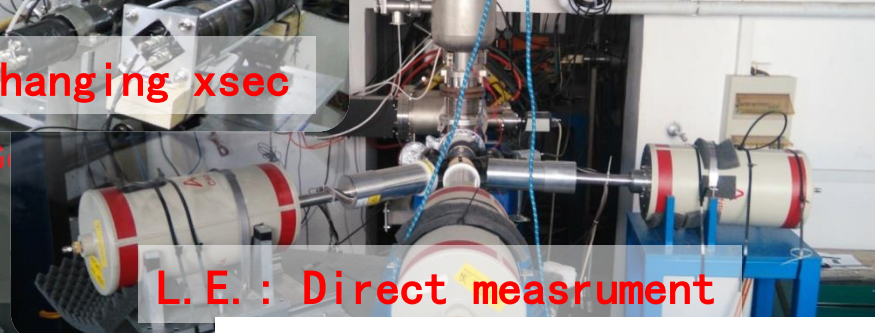


RIBLL1: HCNO breakout



RIBLL2: Charge Changing xsec

V (H.I.), ≤ 2.8 G



L.E.: Direct measurement

Heavy Ion Research Facility at Lanzhou

Providing ion beams from H to U in the range of keV/u to GeV/u



New experimental initiatives

2016-2021

6 million USD awarded



RIBLL1



RIBLL2

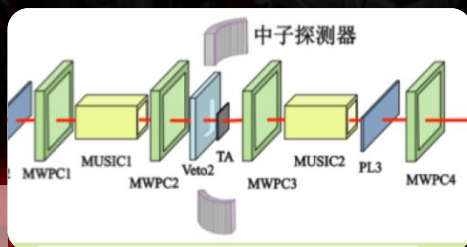


Cooler Storage Ring



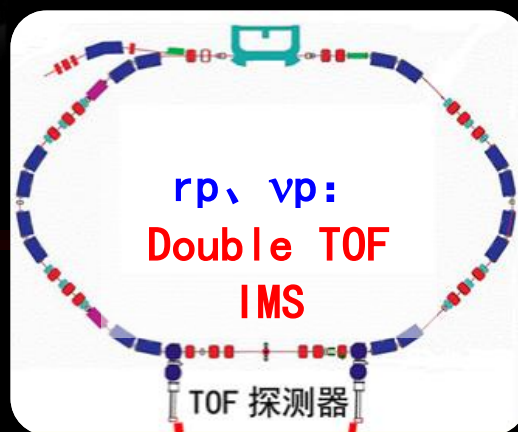
HCNO break out:
Active Target
TPC

Reaction



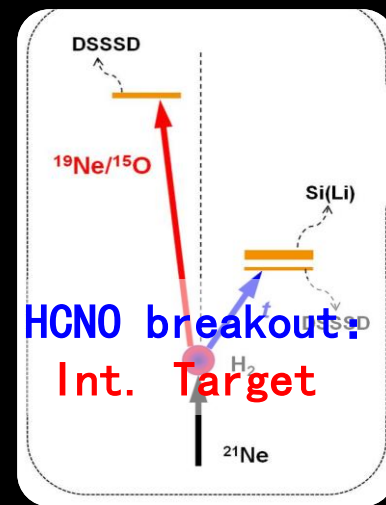
Weak rate:
Charge
Exchange

Weakrate



rp、vp:
Double TOF
IMS

Mass



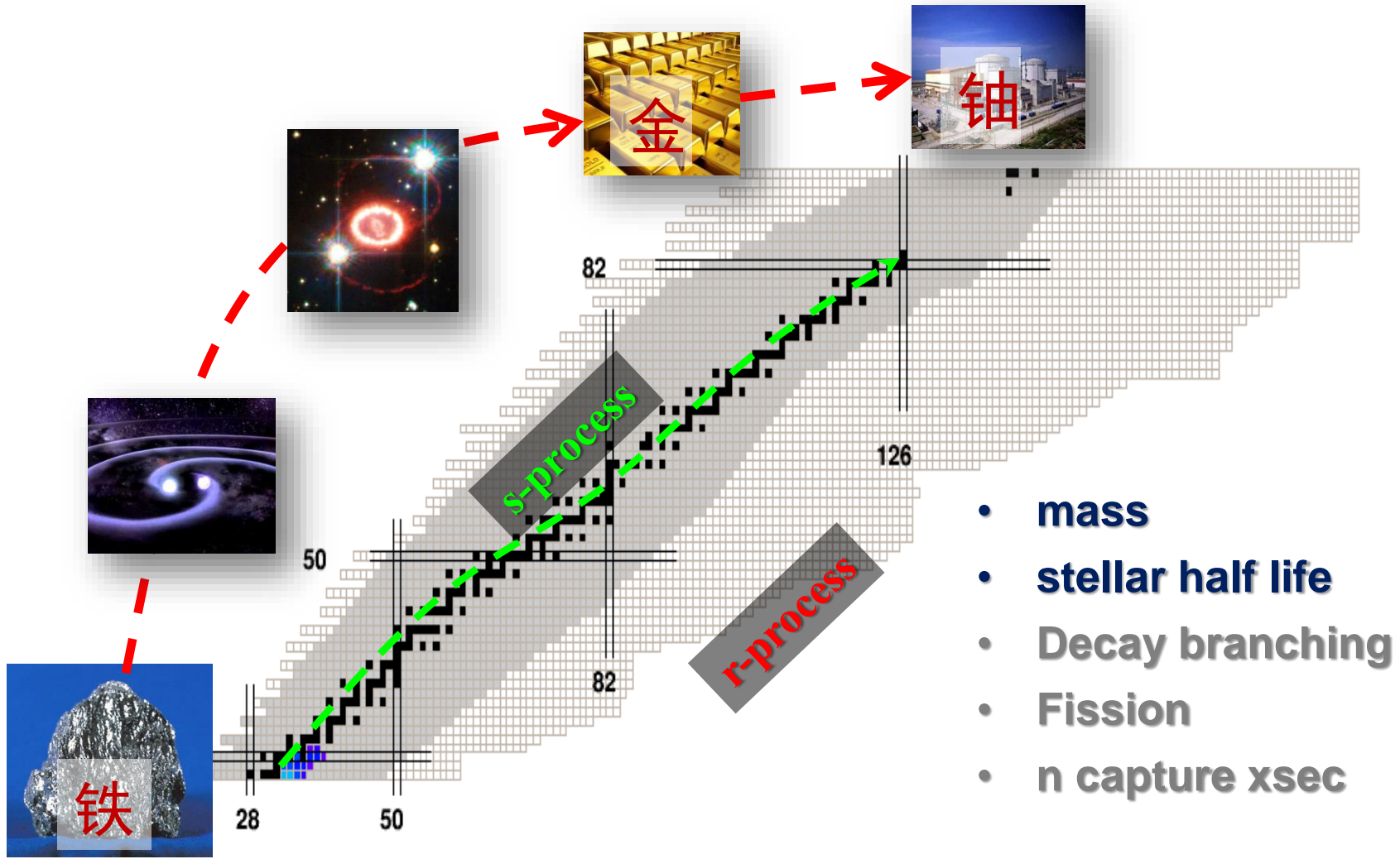
HCNO break out:
Int. Target

Reaction

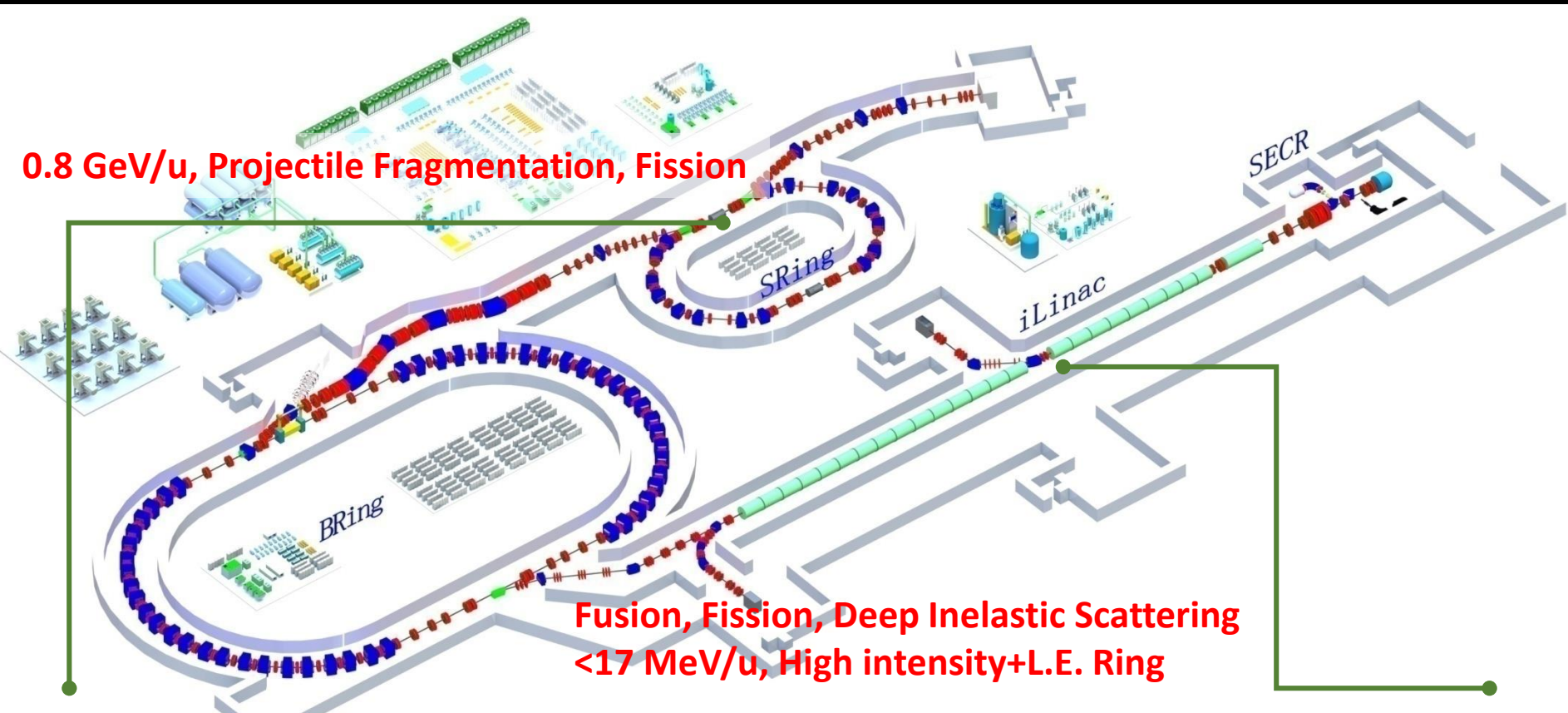
High Intensity Accelerator Facility (HIAF)

**A recently funded new Chinese
project funded**

How were the heavy elements from iron to uranium made?



Nuclear Astrophysics with High Intensity Accelerator Facility



- Mass
- Decay
- Internal target experiment
- Reactions with deaccelerated RI beams

Recoil Separator

Nuclear Reaction
(Direct reaction, Fusion, Fission, DIS)

Separator

Gas Catcher

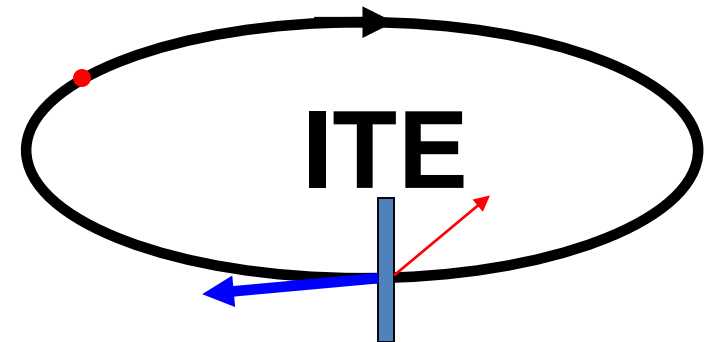
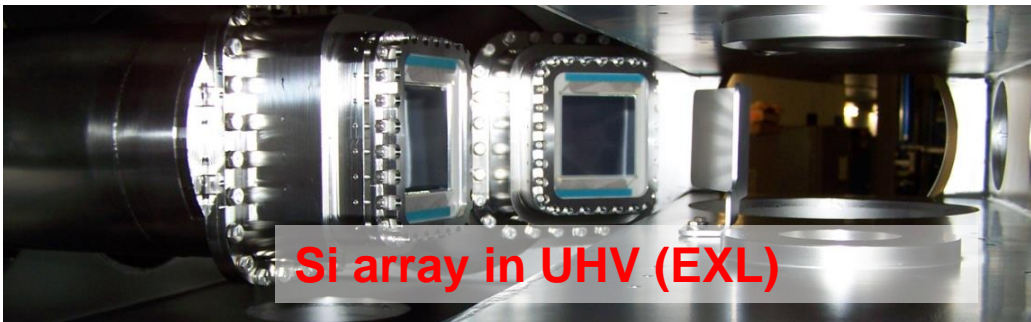
Mass Ring
MRTOF

Laser+decay
Spectroscopy



Internal target experiment

- Boost beam current (10^8 particles, 10^6 Hz \rightarrow max effective intensity : 10^{14} pps)
- Free of beam induced background
- Ultra-thin target (10^{13} atoms/cm²)
Conventional target: $10 \mu\text{g/cm}^2$ Carbon foil $\rightarrow >10^{17}$ atoms/cm²
- Allow low energy particle escaping from the target
- Minimize beam particle energy loss in target





^{132}Sn ($T_{1/2}=40$ s)

- HIAF: $3.5\text{E}6$ pps \rightarrow stored ion: $2.2\text{E}8$ particles

Effective intensity: $2.2\text{E}14$ pps

- RIBF: $3\text{E}6$ pps
- FRIB: $1\text{E}8 - 1\text{E}9$ pps
- EURISOL: $4\text{E}11$ pps
- BEIJING ISOL(CARIF): $5\text{E}10$ pps



Light ion induced direct reactions

elastic scattering (p,p) , (α,α) , ...

nuclear matter distribution $\rho(r)$, skins, halo structures

inelastic scattering (p,p') , (α,α') , ...

giant resonances, deformation parameters, $B(E2)$ values, transition densities

charge exchange reactions (p,n) , $(3\text{He},t)$, $(d, 2\text{He})$, ...

Gamow-Teller strength

transfer reactions (p,d) , (p,t) , $(p, 3\text{He})$, (d,p) , ...

single particle structure, spectroscopic factors

spectroscopy beyond the driplines

neutron pair correlations

nuclear structure relevant to nuclear reactions at stellar energy (ANC, energy, spin, J^π , decay branching ratio)

knock-out reactions $(p,2p)$, (p,pn) , $(p,p 4\text{He})$...

ground state configurations, nucleon momentum distributions, cluster correlations



- **In-flight beta-decay of light exotic nuclei**
- **Laser spectroscopy of rare isotopes with the TSR**
- **Capture reactions for the astrophysical process**
- **Nuclear astrophysics through transfer reactions**



Summary and Outlook

- Nuclear reactions plays important role in the stars
- Chinese community is growing
- Welcome to China!

