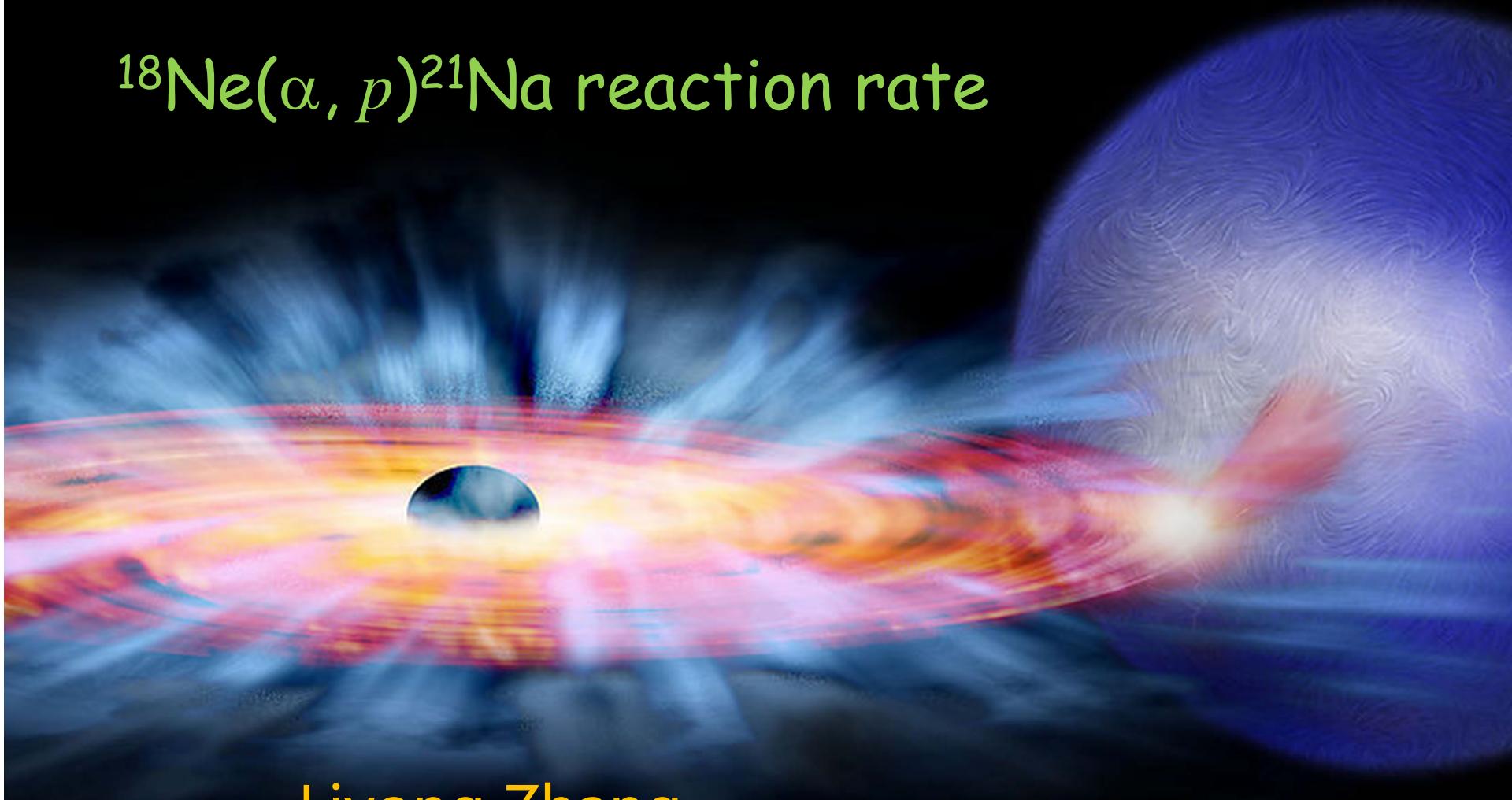
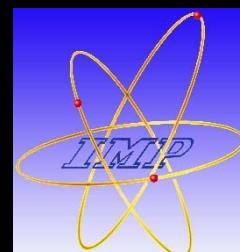


# Indirect measurement of the $^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha, p)^{21}\text{Na}$ reaction rate

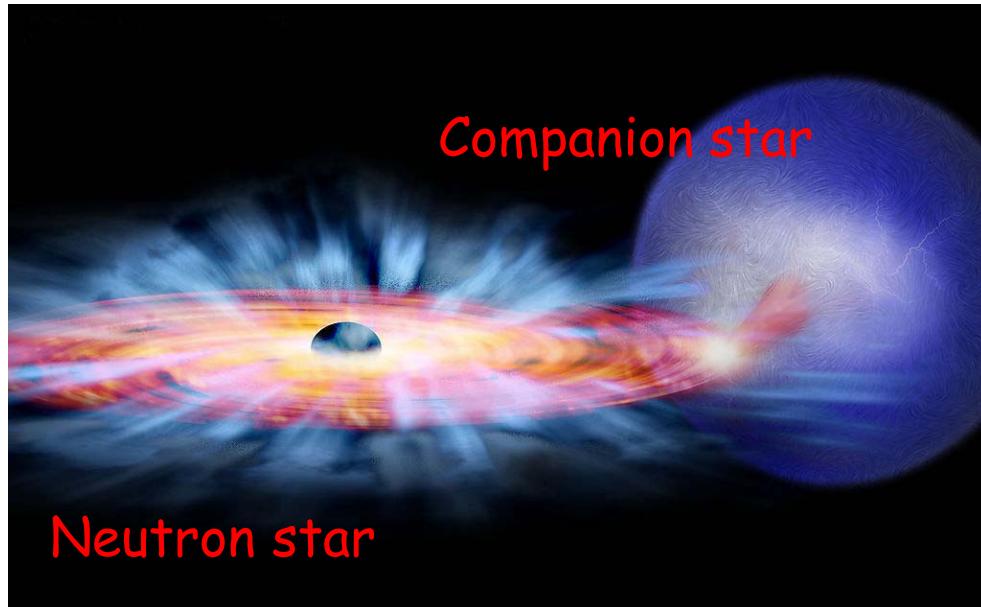


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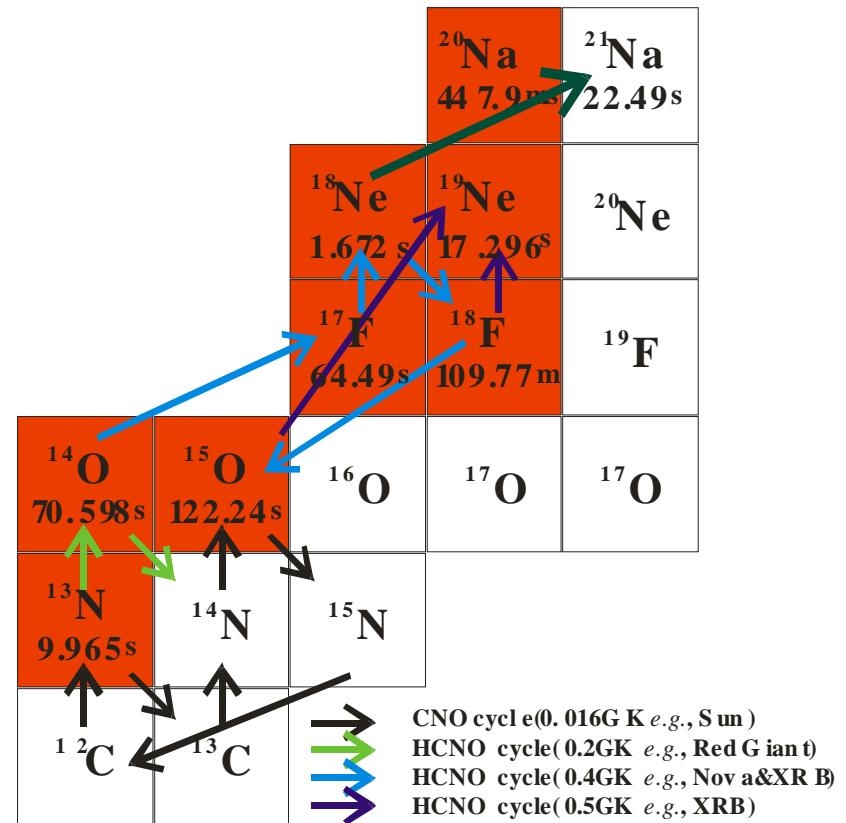


# Scientific Motivation



$^{12}\text{C}(p, \gamma)^{13}\text{N}(p, \gamma)^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, p)$   
 $^{17}\text{F}(p, \gamma)^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha, p)^{21}\text{Na}$

Explosive hydrogen and helium burning



# Reaction Mechanism:

- Resonance reaction rate:

$$N_A \langle \sigma v \rangle = 1.54 \times 10^{11} (\mu T_9)^{-3/2}$$

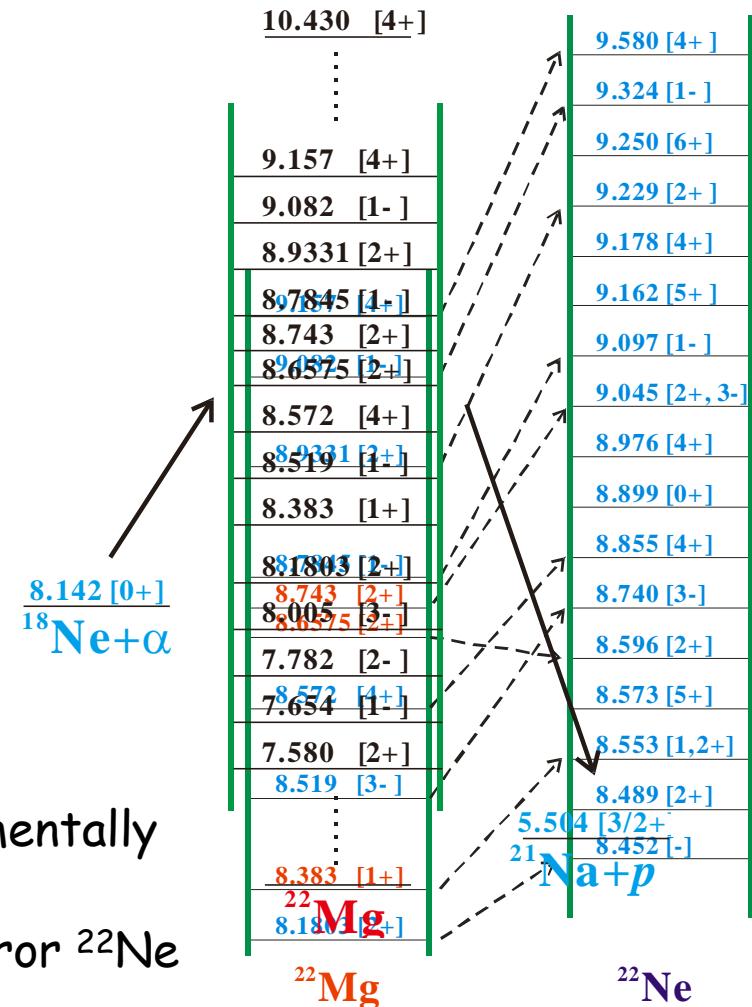
$$\sum_i (\omega\gamma)_i \times \exp(-11.605 E_i/T_9) [cm^3 s^{-1} mol^{-1}]$$

$$\omega\gamma \approx \frac{2J_{22Mg}+1}{(2J_p+1)(2J_{21Na}+1)} \Gamma_\alpha$$

$$\Gamma_\alpha = \frac{3\hbar^2}{\mu R_n^2} C^2 S_\alpha \times P_l(E_i)$$

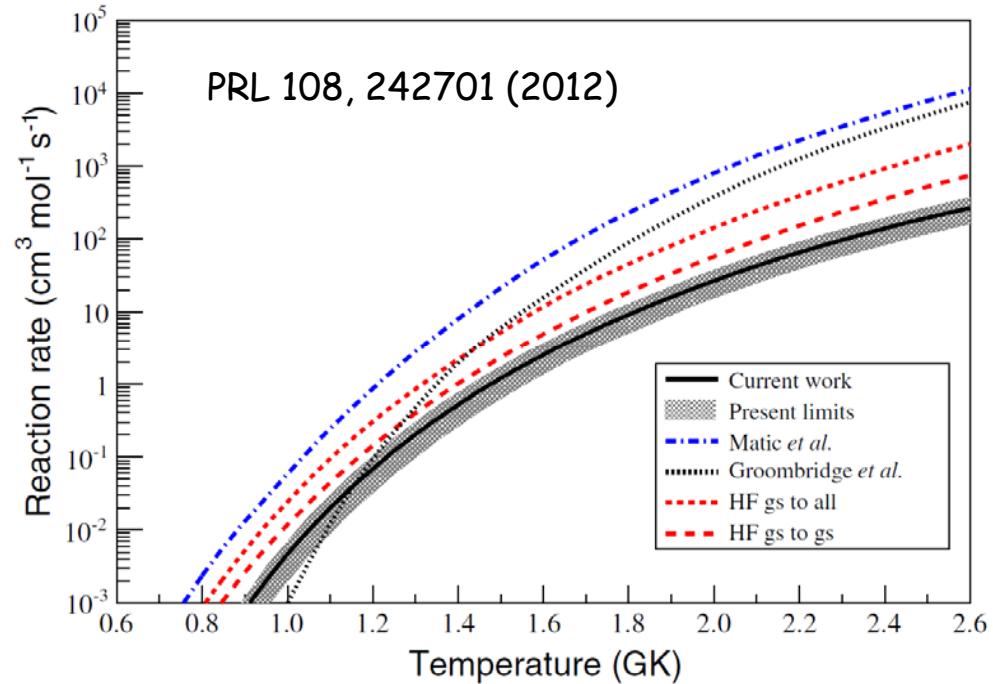
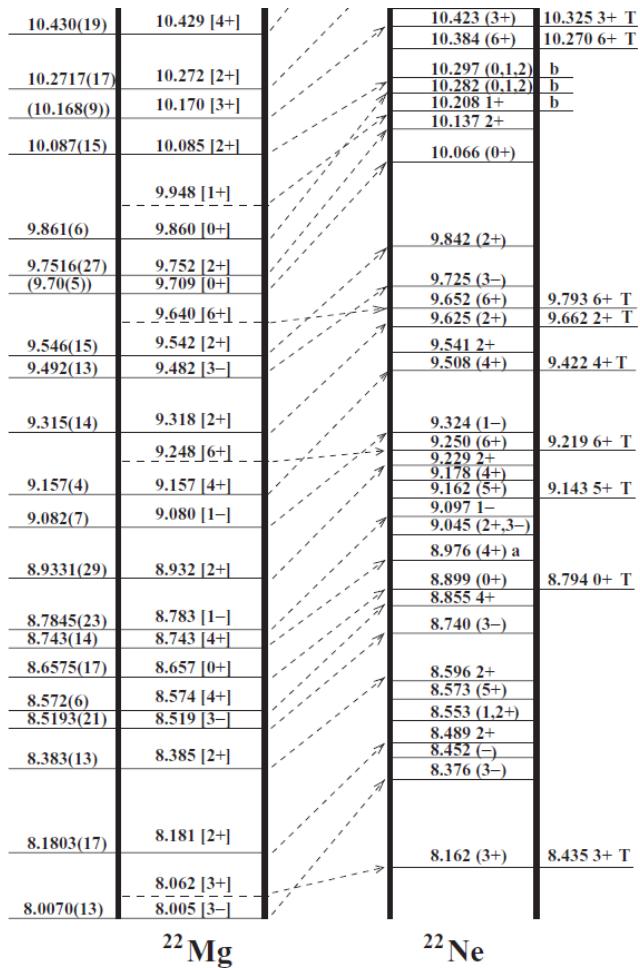
- Indirect measurement:

1. Determine  $E_i$  and  $J^\pi$  of  $^{22}\text{Mg}$  levels experimentally
2. The  $S_\alpha$  factors were adopted from the mirror  $^{22}\text{Ne}$



# Present Status

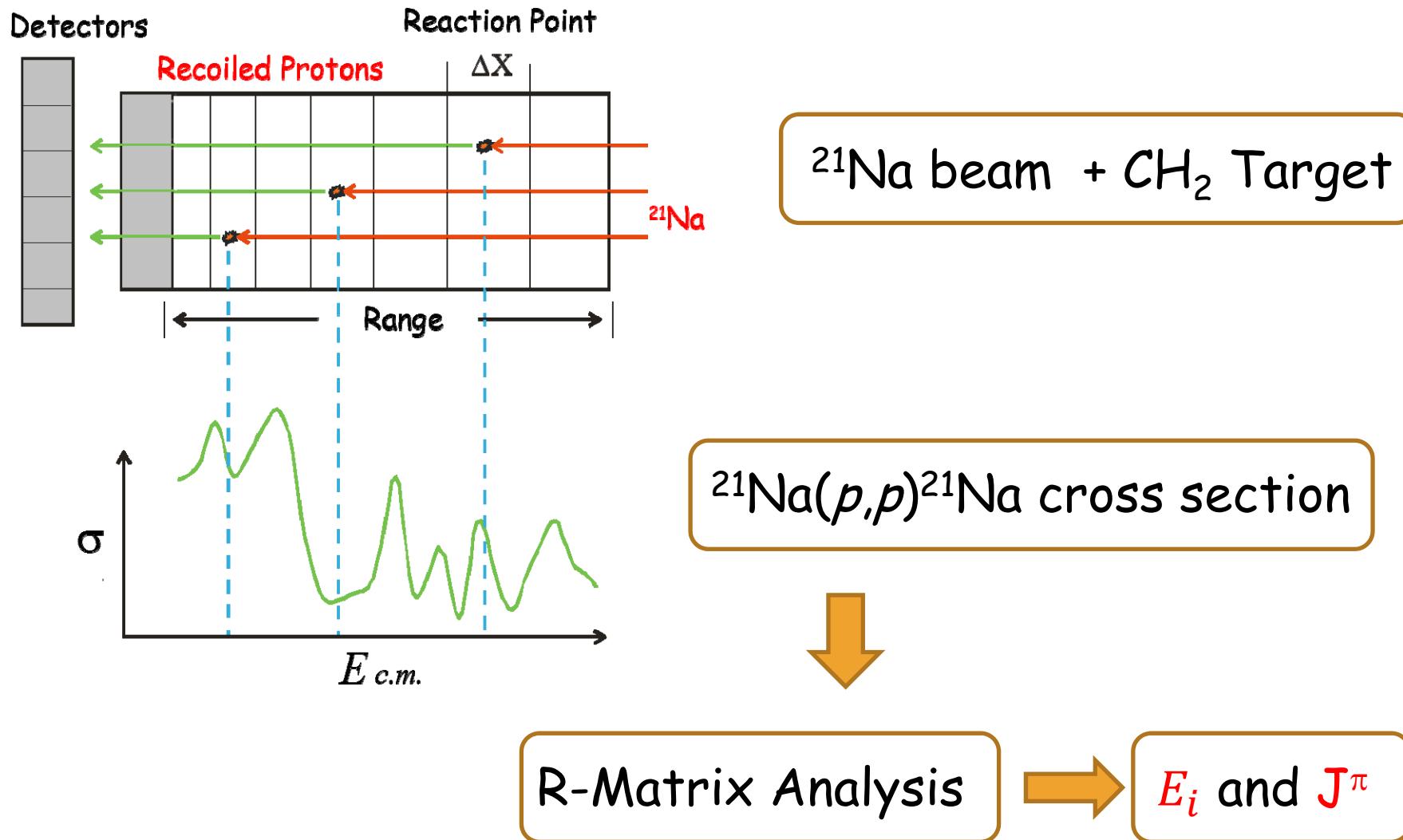
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Indirect Measurement  
 $^{24}\text{Mg}(p,t)^{22}\text{Ne}$

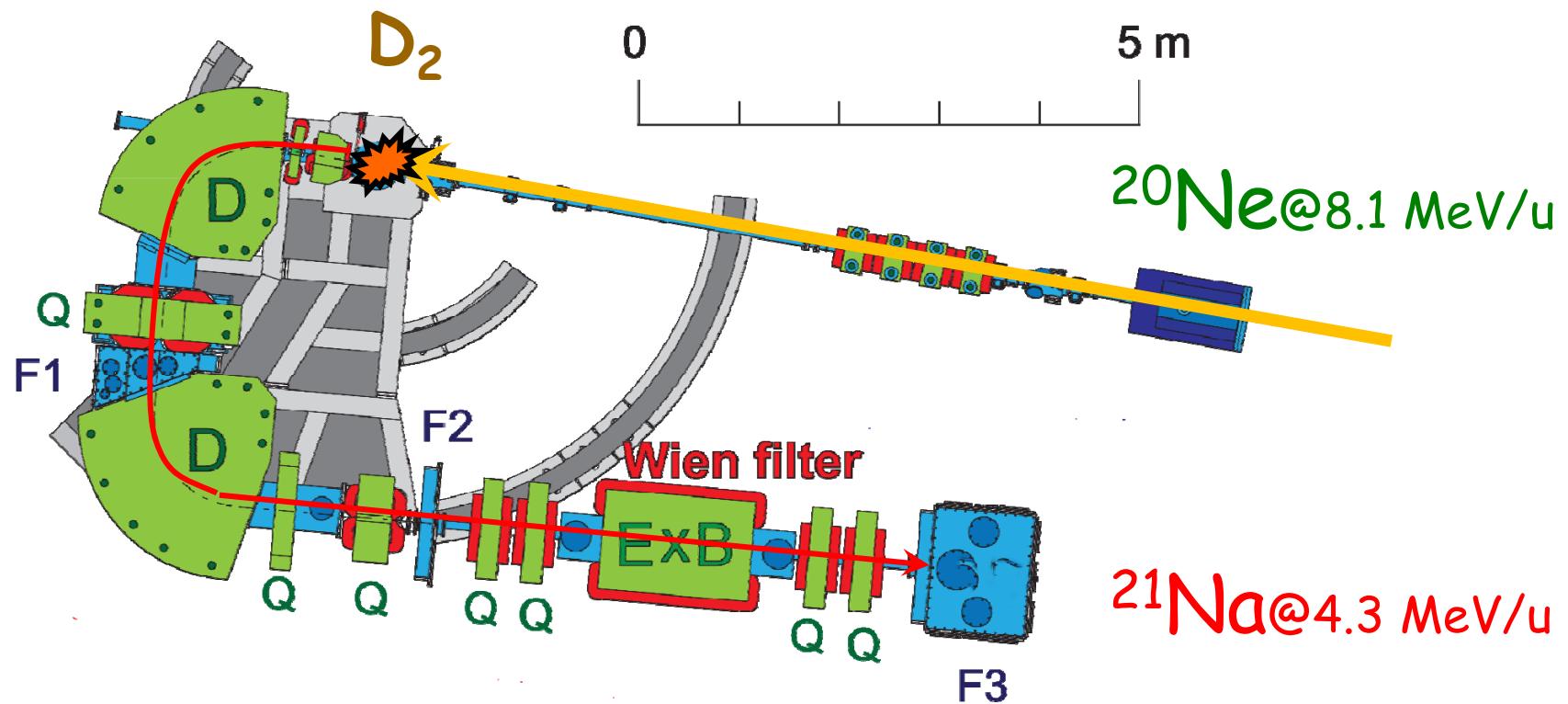
Direct Measurement  
 $^{21}\text{Na}(p,\alpha)^{18}\text{Ne}$

# Thick Target Method:



# Beam Production

**CRIB**(CNS low-energy Radioactive-Ion Beam) separator

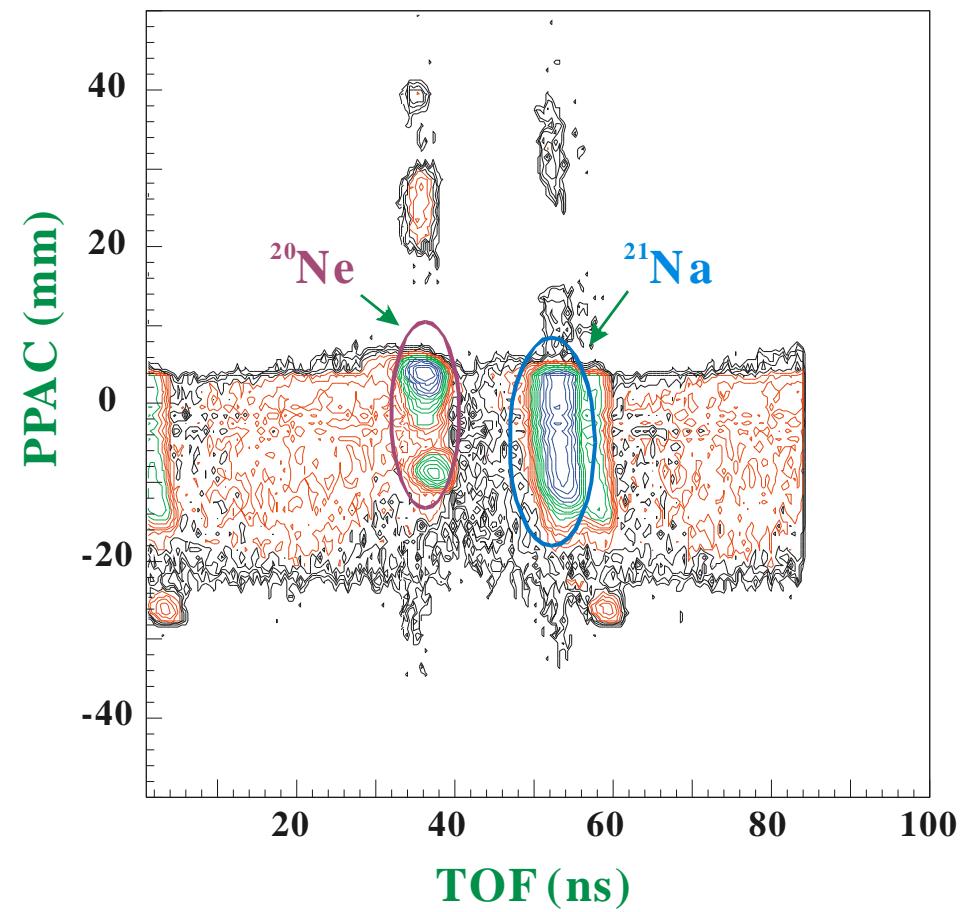
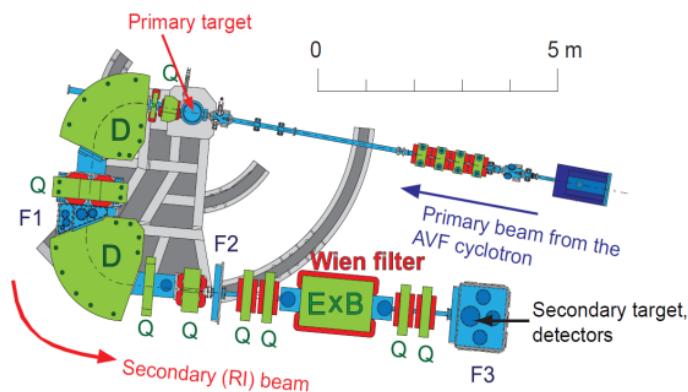


# Beam Particle Identification

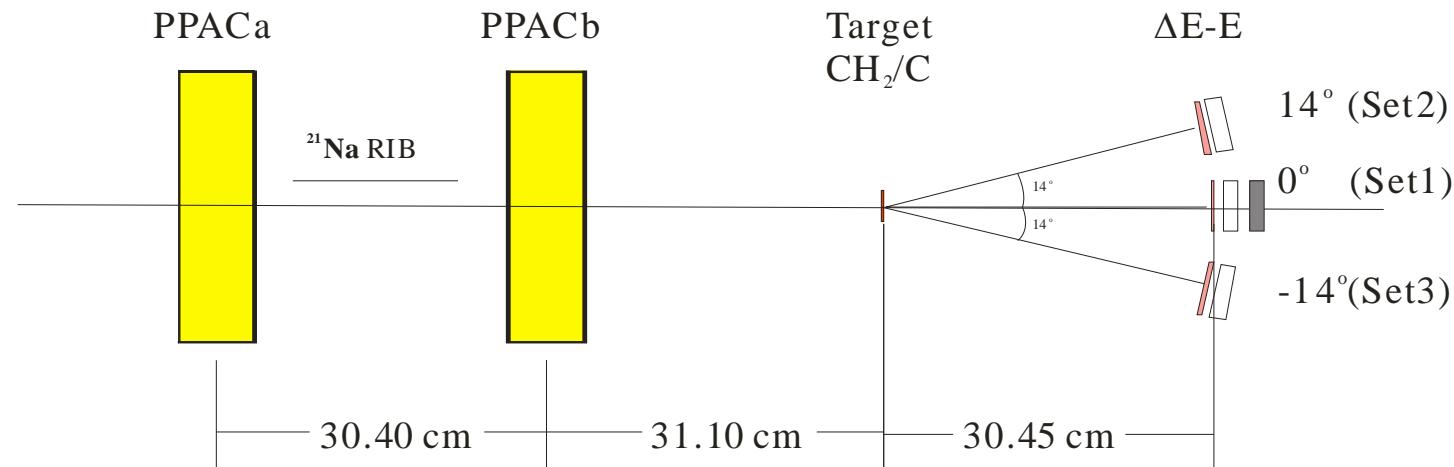
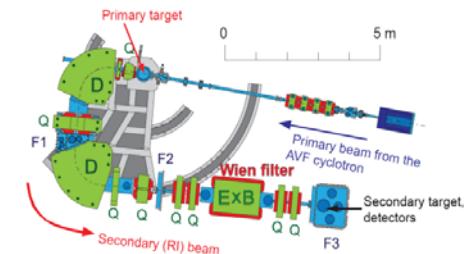
Beam intensity:  $2 \times 10^5$  pps

Purity: 70%

Spot size :  $9.5 \times 4.8$  mm (FWHM)



# Experimental Setup



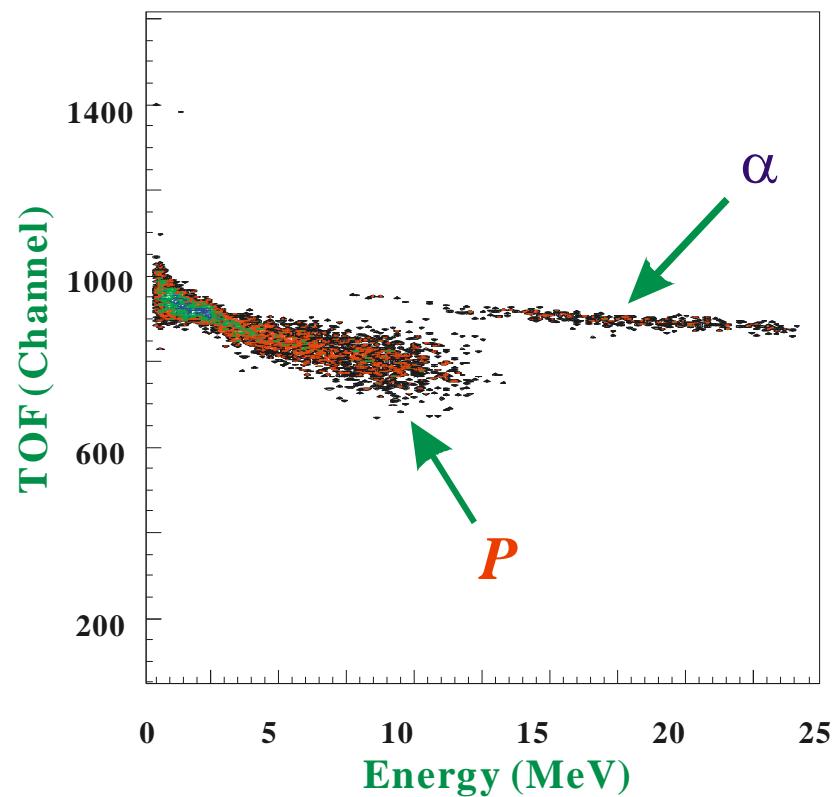
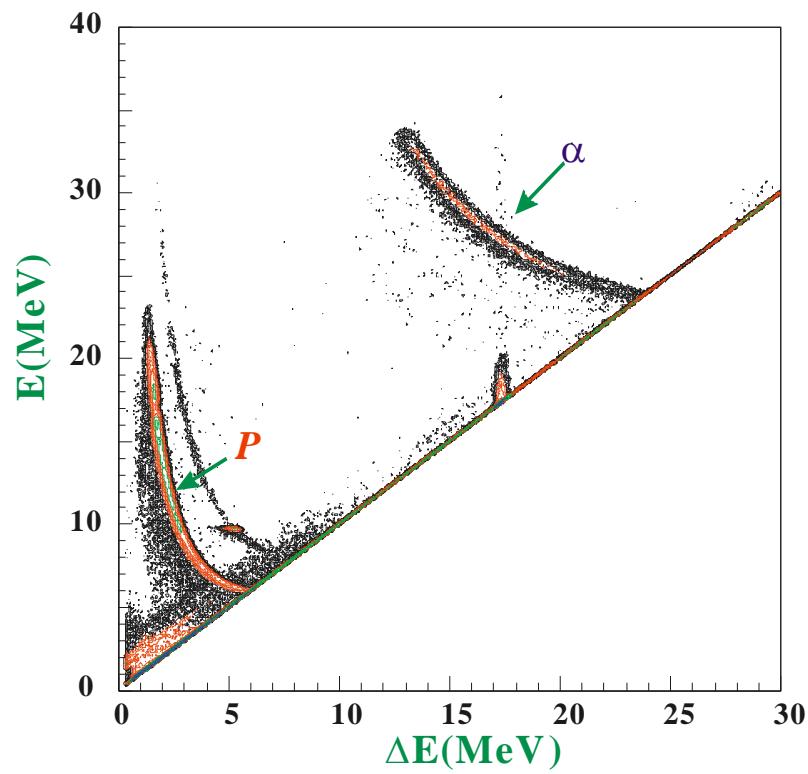
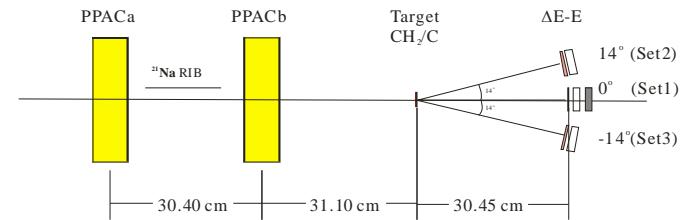
**PPACs**  
Position Resolution: 1 mm  
Count Rate:  $10^6$  pps

**Target**  
 $\phi=30\text{ mm}, 90\text{ }\mu\text{m } \text{CH}_2$   
 $\phi=30\text{ mm}, 50\text{ }\mu\text{m C}$

**Si Telescopes**  
Size:  $5\times 5\text{ cm}$   
 $\Delta E: 300/65\text{ }\mu\text{m}$   
 $E: 1.5\text{ mm}$

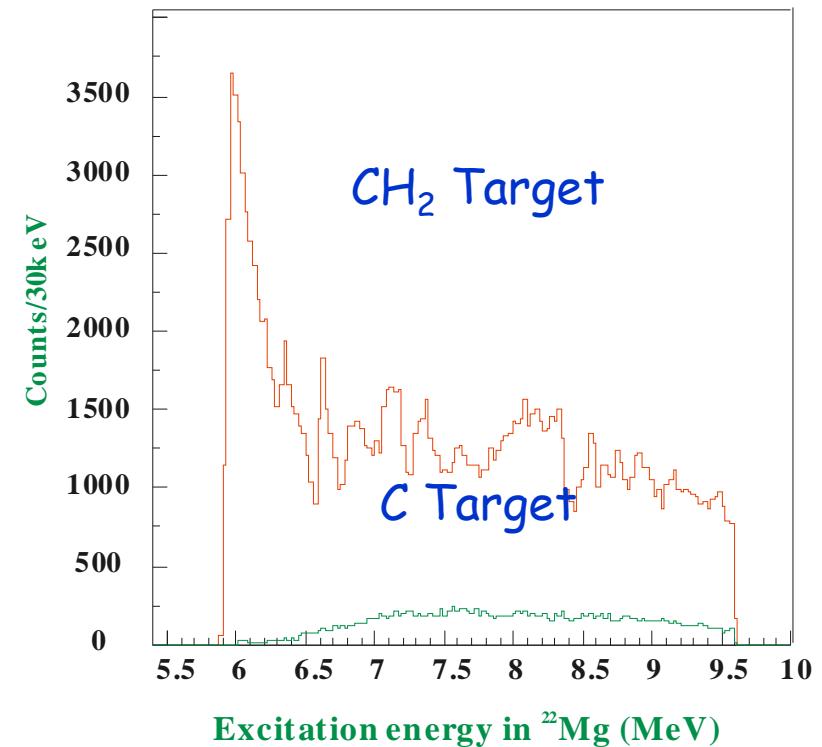
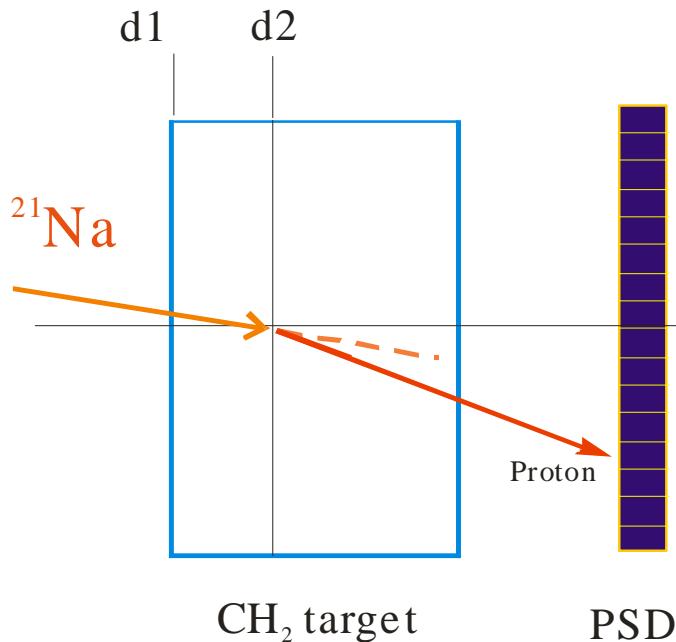
# Reaction Product PID

$\Delta E_E$  and  $TOF_E$  method



# Reconstruction of the $E_{c.m.}$ Spectrum

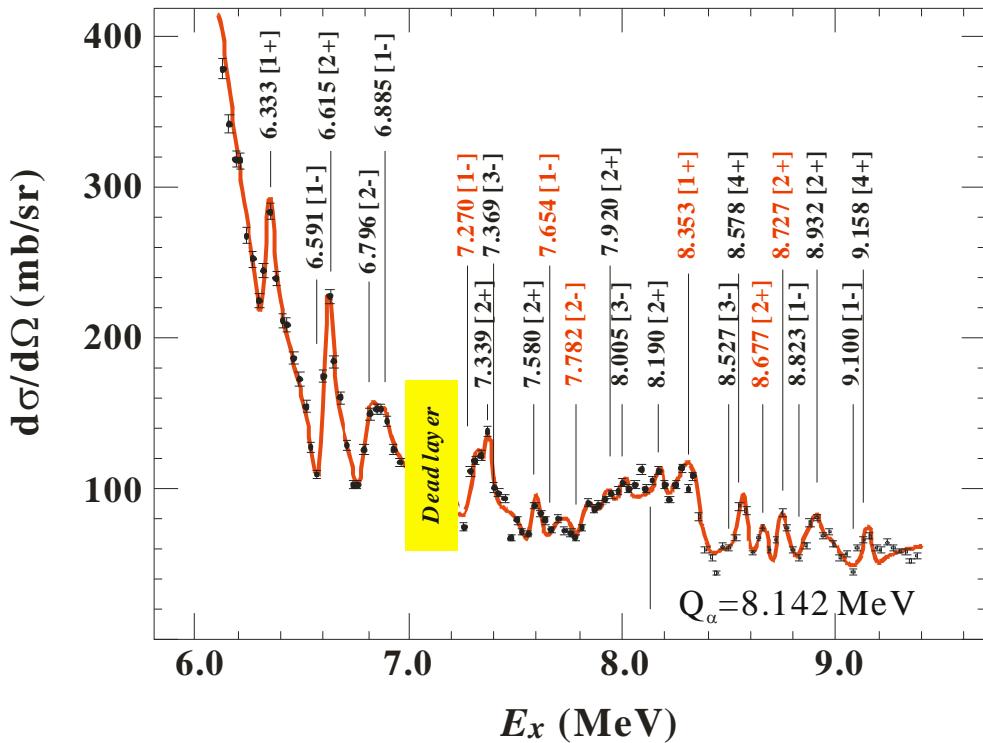
The reaction point is reconstructed



The Carbon background is subtracted

# R-Matrix Fitting

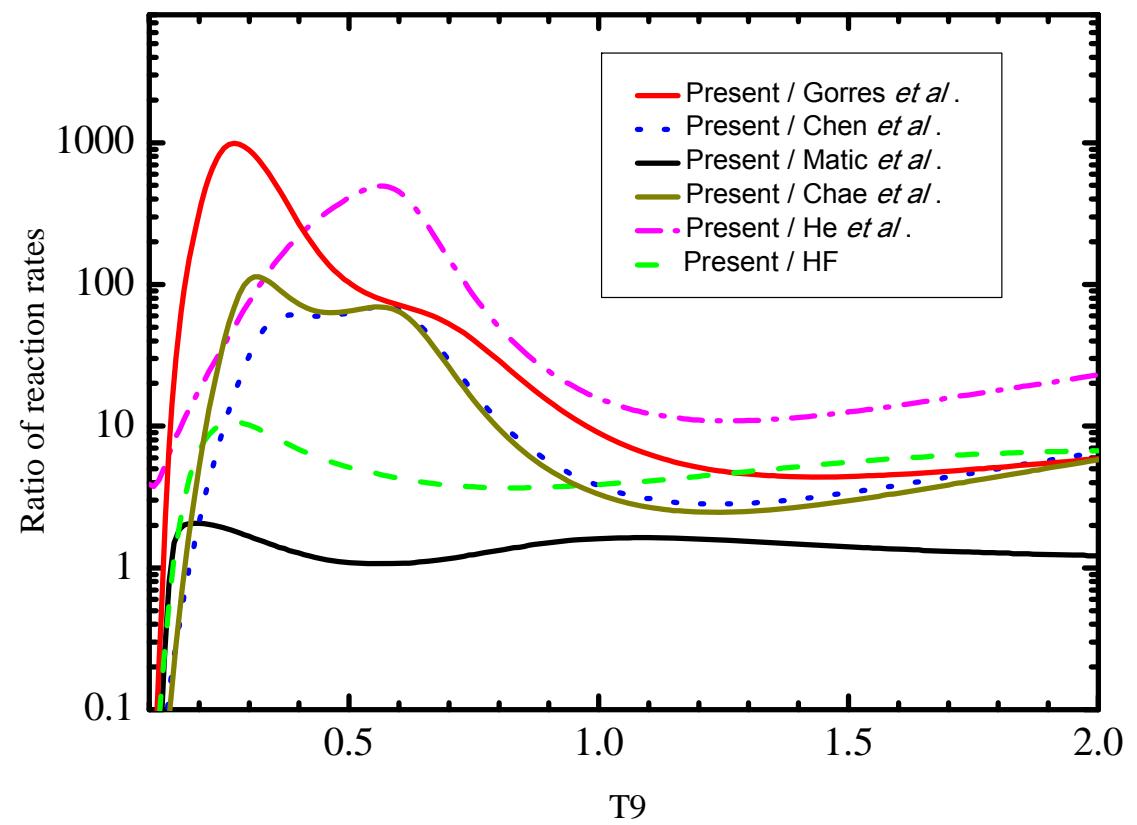
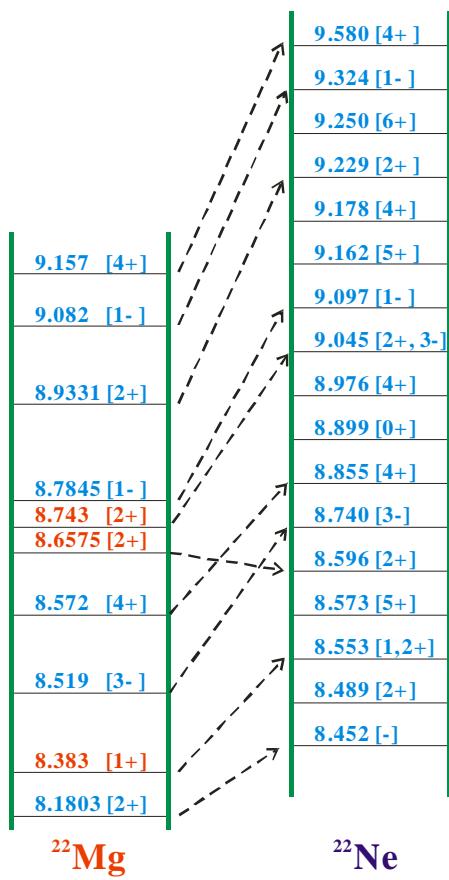
The Visual edition of the  
MULTI Program



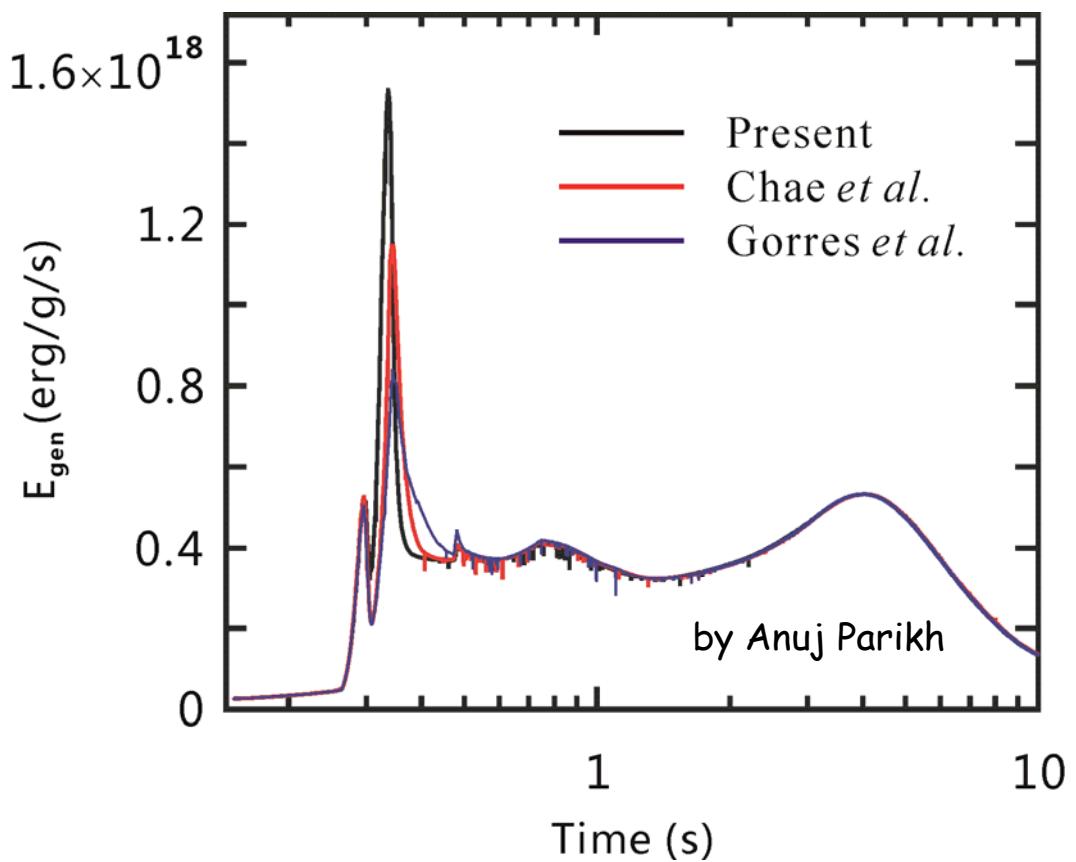
These spin-parity values  
were used to calculate the  
 $^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha, p)^{21}\text{Na}$  rate

# Results: Calculated reaction rate

$$N_A \langle \sigma v \rangle = 1.54 \times 10^{11} (\mu T_9)^{-3/2} \sum_i (\omega \gamma)_i \times \exp(-11.605 E_i / T_9) [cm^3 s^{-1} mol^{-1}]$$



# Results: Astrophysical impacts



One-zone postprocessing x-ray burst calculations

The peak energy generation rate increase by a factor of 1.4-1.8

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# Summary

- The  $^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha,p)^{21}\text{Na}$  reaction rate was indirectly measured via a  $^{21}\text{Na}(p,p)^{21}\text{Na}$  experiment
- The resonance properties were determined via an R-Matrix analysis
- The  $^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha,p)^{21}\text{Na}$  reaction rate is recalculated, which is 10 to 100 times larger than previous ones
- The peak energy generation rate increased by a factor of 1.4-1.8

Thank you

- typical temperature = 0.4 – 2.0 GK
- Corresponding Energy Region
  - $E_{cm}^{\alpha}$  = 0.7 - 2.1 MeV
  - $E_x(^{22}\text{Mg})$  = 8.8 -10.2 MeV
- LLN, Belgium (Edinburgh Group, PRC)
  - $E_{cm}^{\alpha}$  = 1.7 - 3.01 MeV
  - $^{18}\text{Ne}$  beam +  $^4\text{He}$  gas target
- ANL, USA (S. Sinha et al., ANL Annu. Report)
  - $E_{cm}^{\alpha}$  = 1.2 – 2.5 MeV,
  - $^{21}\text{Na}$  beam +  $\text{CH}_2$  target
- CNS (J.J. He et al., PRC)
  - $E_{cm}^{\alpha}$  ~ 0.76 MeV,
  - $^{21}\text{Na}$  beam +  $\text{CH}_2$  target
- Our results:  $E_{cm}^{\alpha}$  = 0 – 1.6 MeV

# Experimental Setup

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- + 1 primary beam  $^{20}\text{Ne}^{8+}$ 
  - Energy: 8.1 AMeV
  - Intensity: 300 pnA
- + 2 Production Target: D<sub>2</sub>
  - Length: 80 mm
  - Temperature: 80 K (液氮冷却)
  - Pressure: 500 Torr
  - Thickness: 2.4 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>