

HEAVY ION FUSION REACTIONS IN STARS

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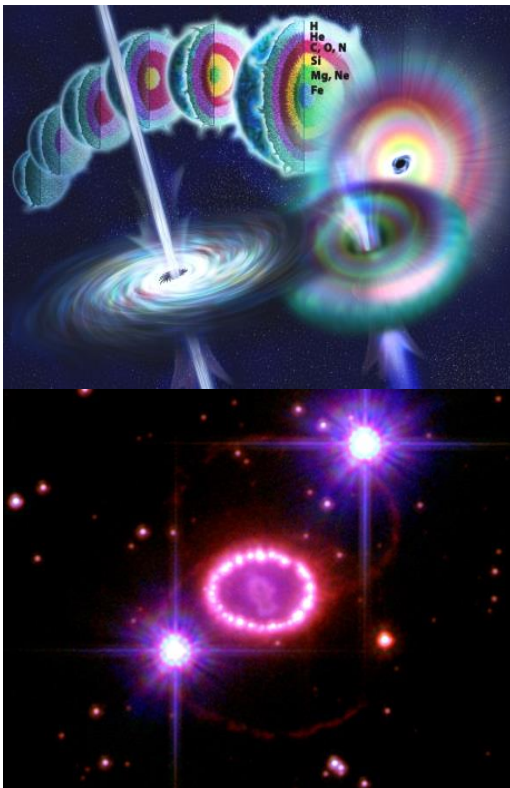
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Outline

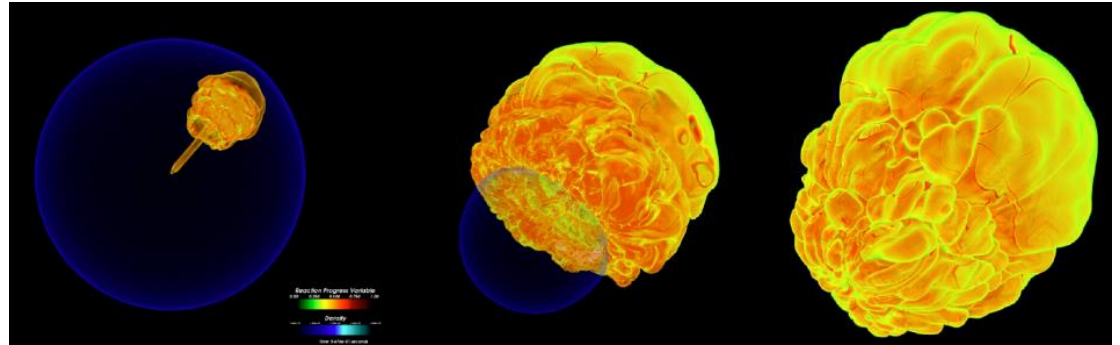
- Heavy ion fusion reactions in stars
- $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ at stellar energies
 - Brief review
 - Correlation between carbon isotopes
 - Upper limit
 - Test of the predictive power of models
- Fusion reaction with n-rich beams
- Summary

Carbon burning in the universe

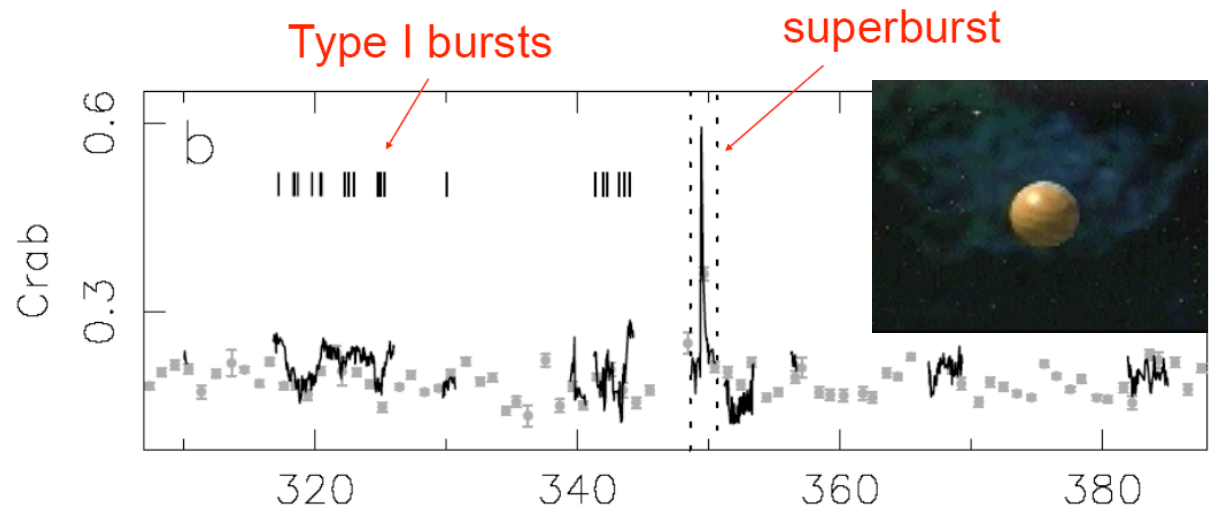
Nucleosynthesis in massive stars



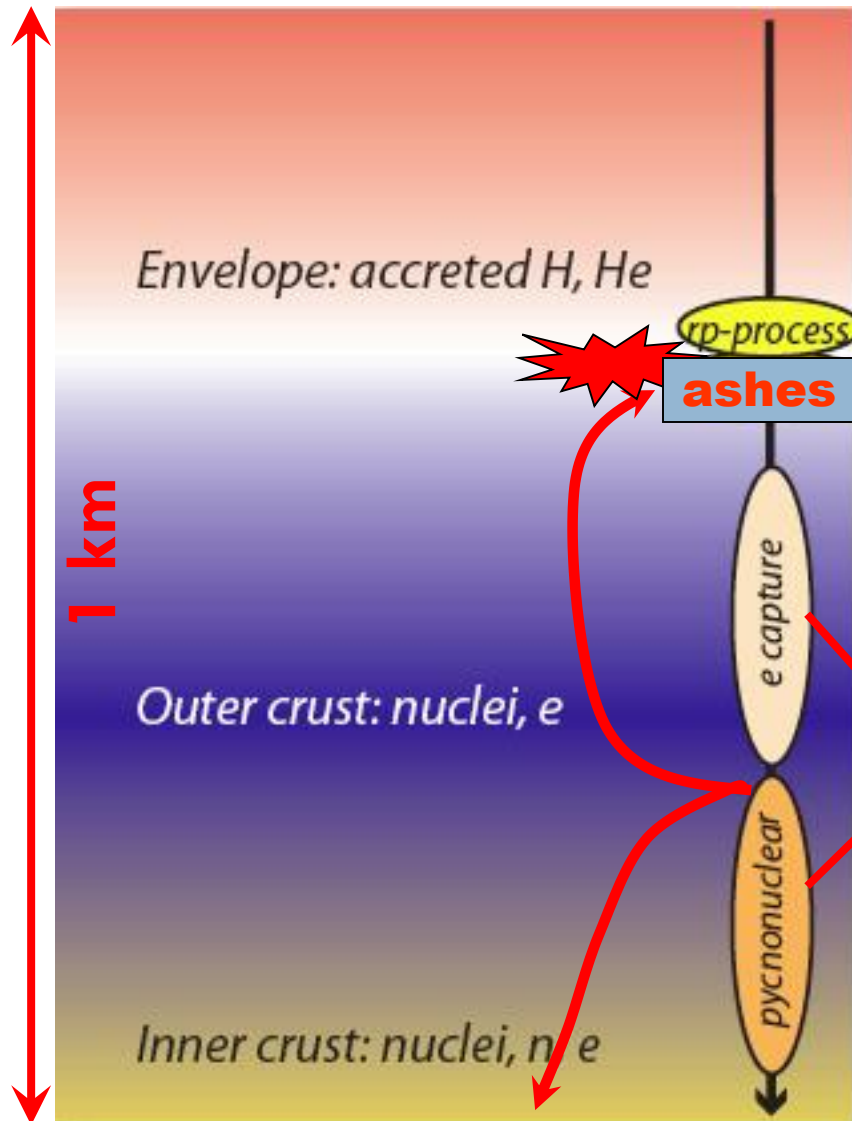
Ignition conditions in type Ia supernovae



Candidate for Superburst ignition



Superburst: ignited by Carbon burning



Ashes from rp process (He burning) deposit in the outer crust.

Key problem: With the standard rate (CF88), the crust temperature is too low to ignite the carbon fuel! ☹

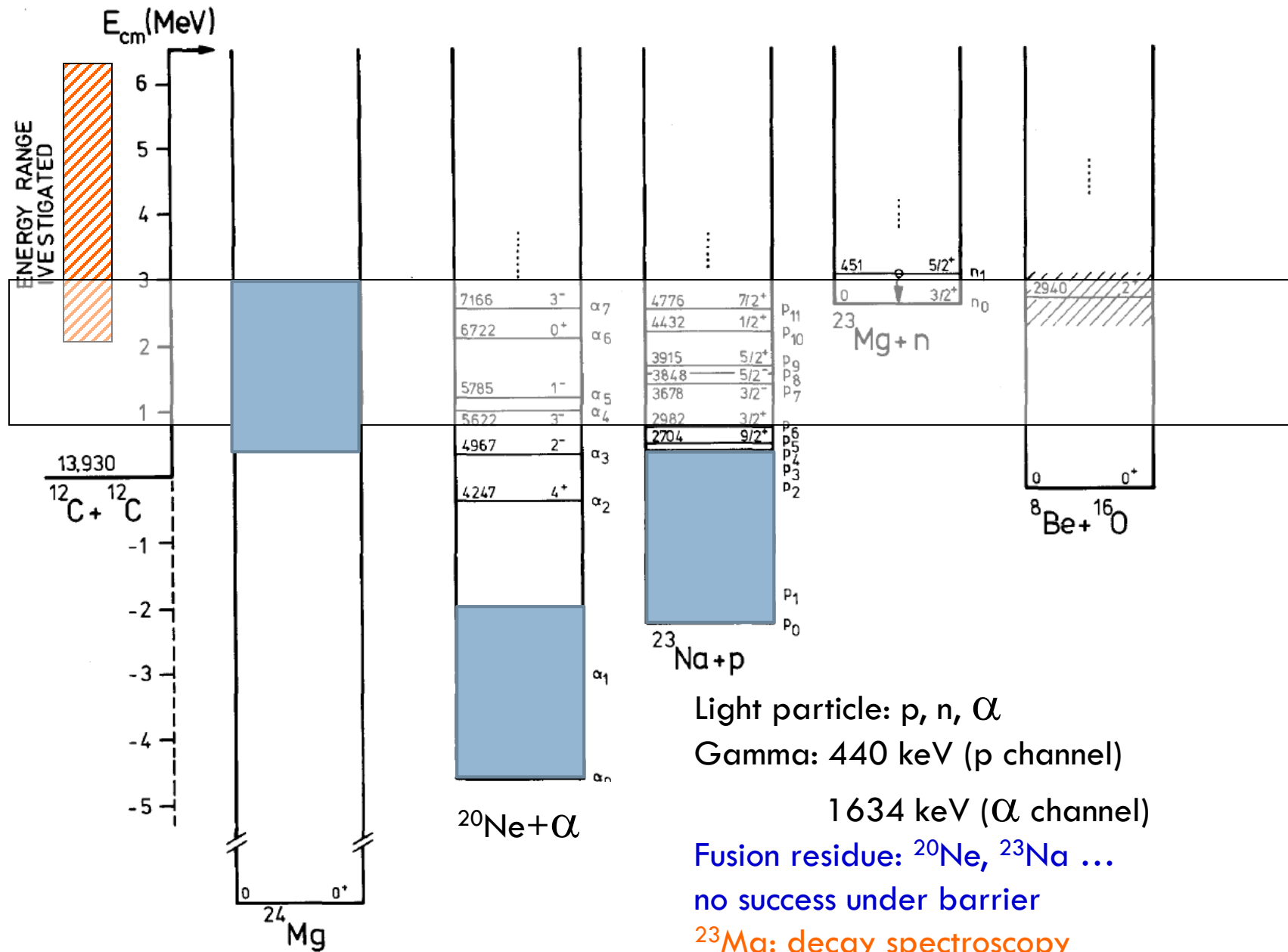
Crust processes
(EC, **pycnonuclear fusion**)
→ crust heating and cooling
→ crust conductivity



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Picture by E. Brown (MSU)





RESONANCES IN C^{12} ON CARBON REACTIONS

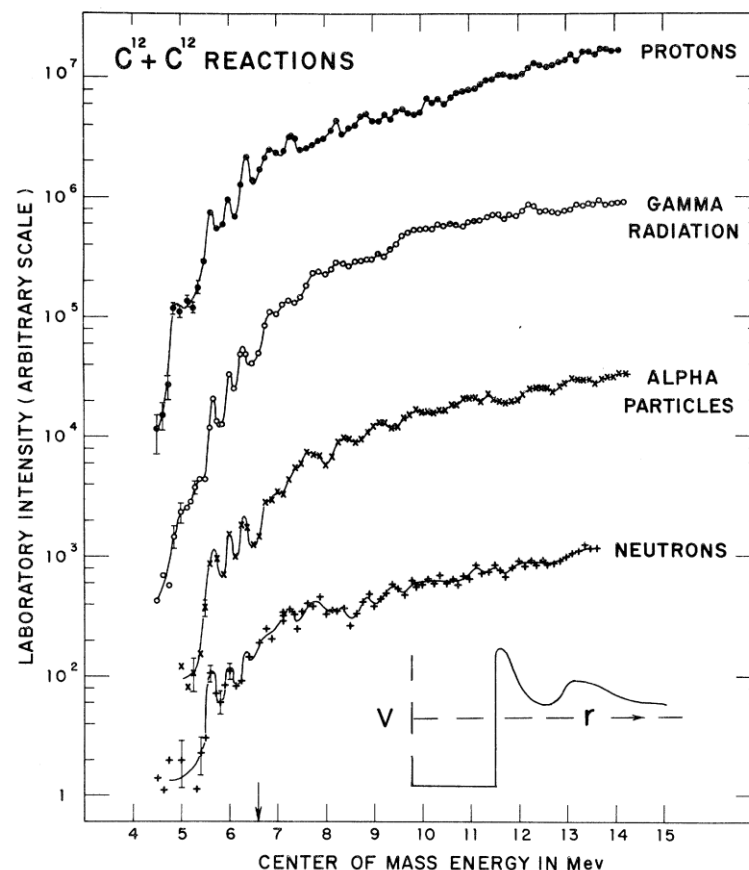
E. Almqvist, D. A. Bromley, and J. A. Kuehner

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, Chalk River Laboratories, Chalk River, Ontario, Canada

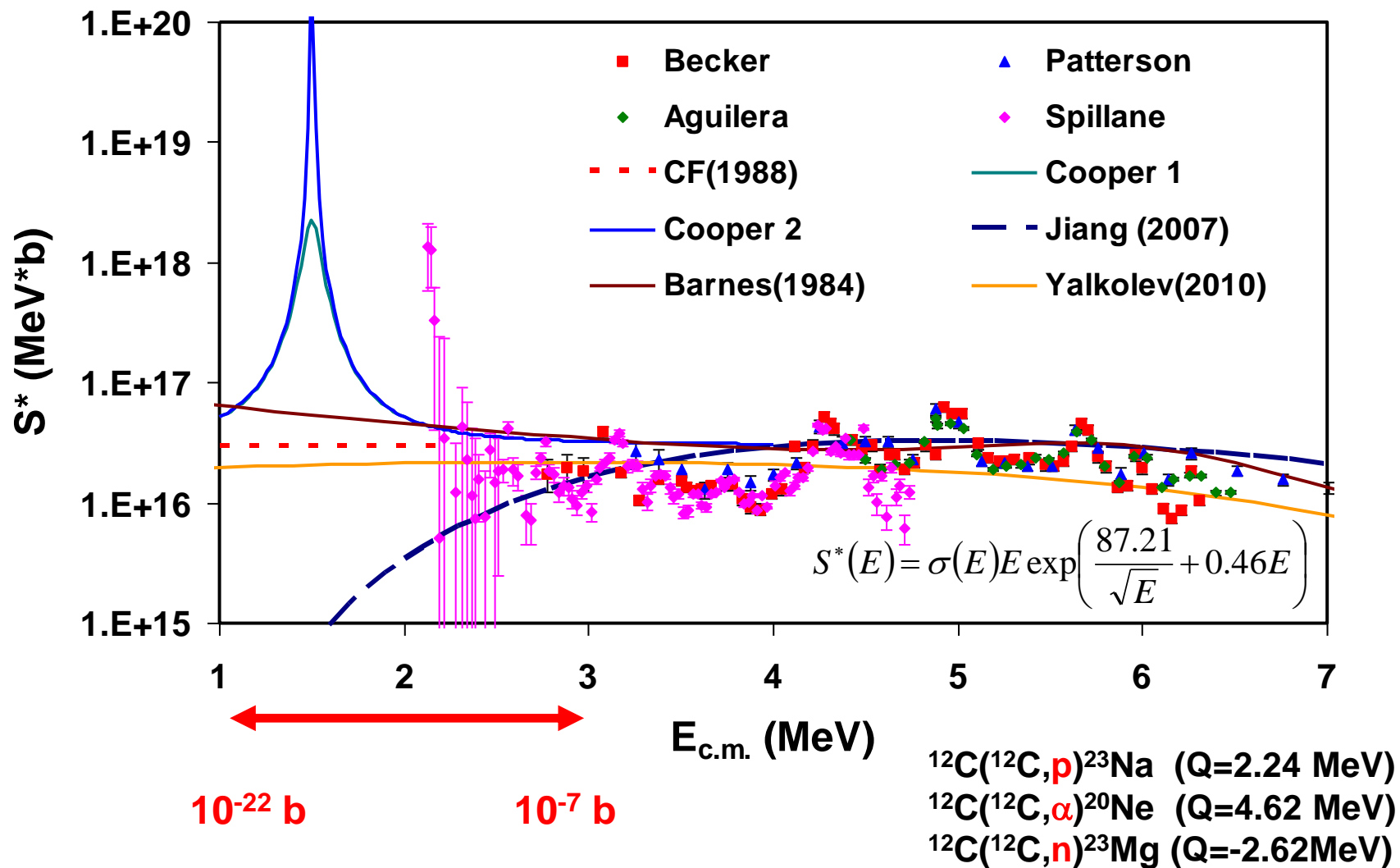
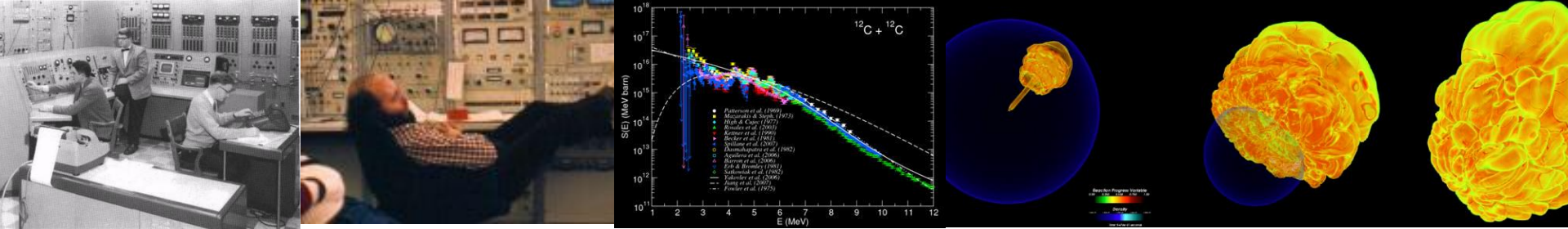
(Received March 28, 1960)

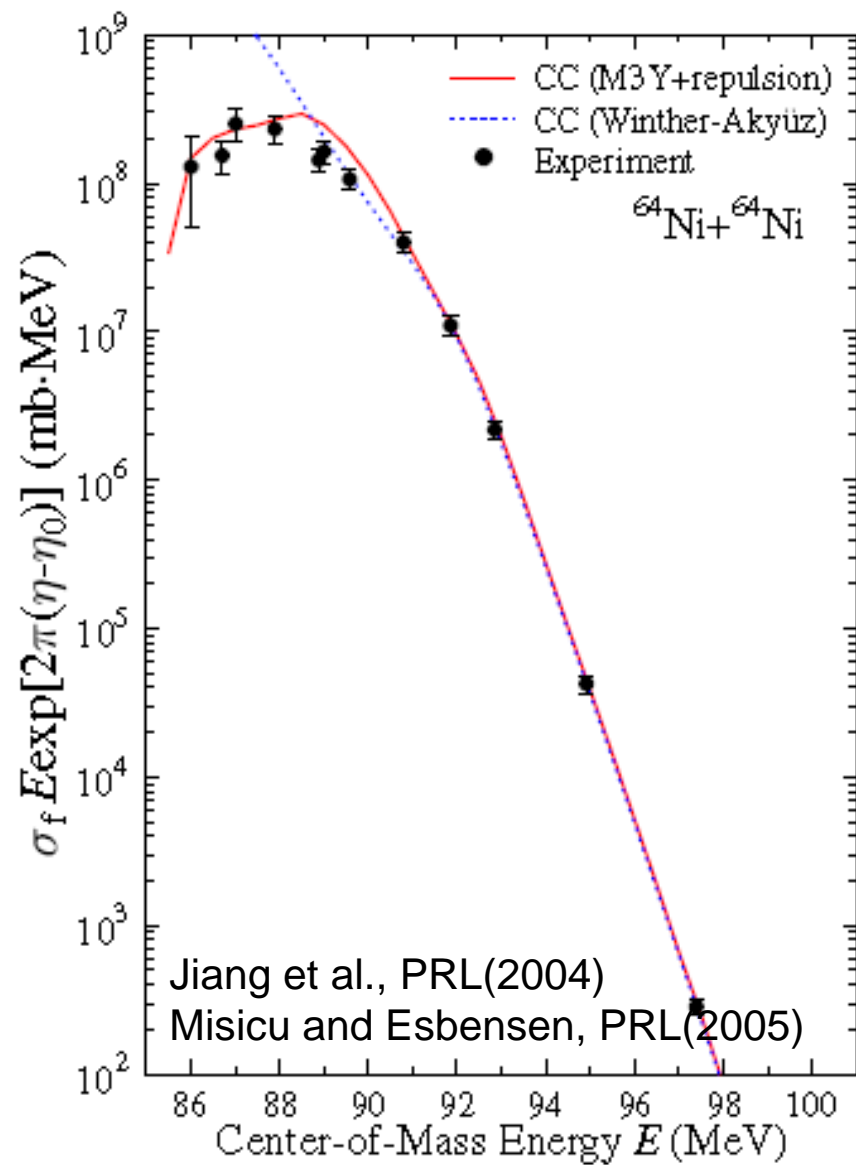


The world's first tandem accelerator installed at Chalk River in 1959.

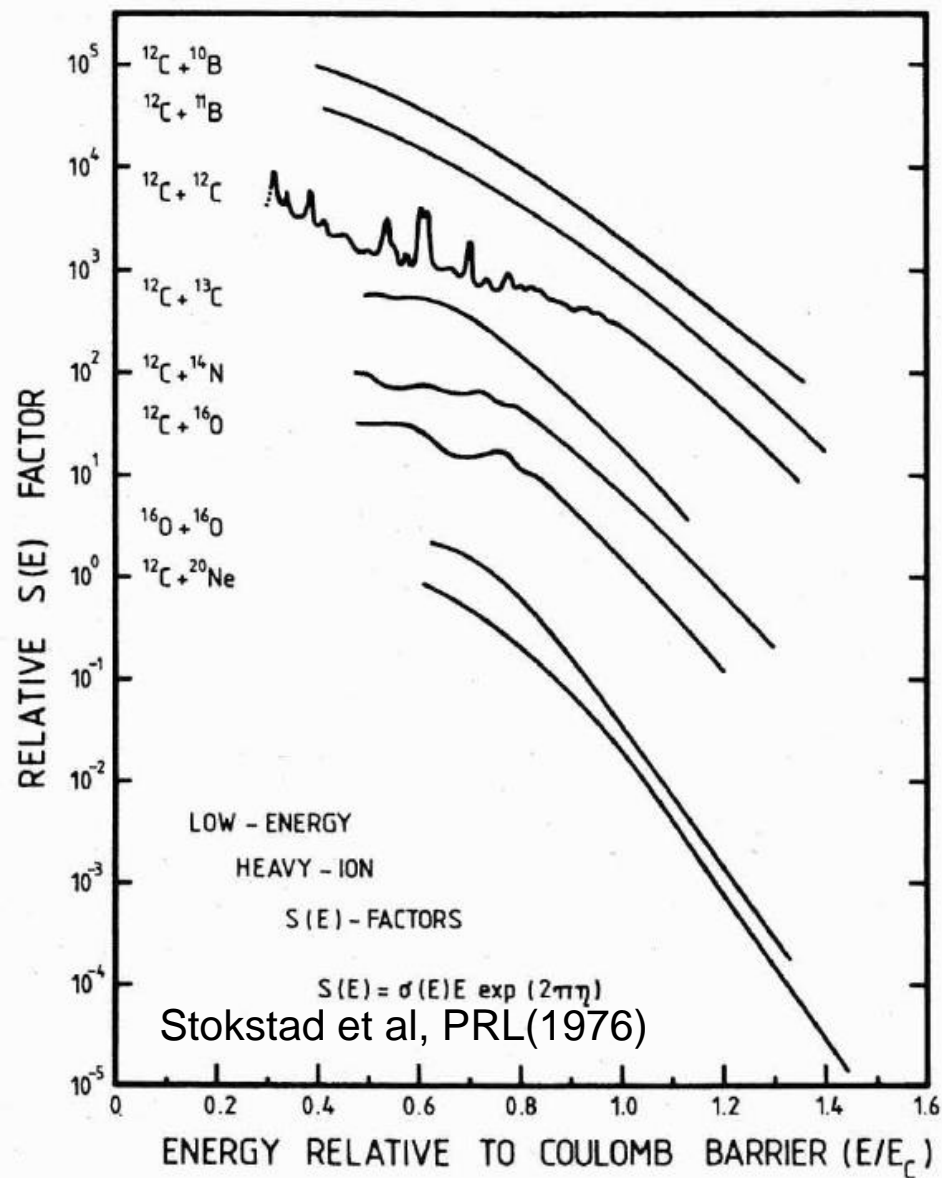


Molecular resonances in the $^{12}C+^{12}C$ fusion reaction measured by Almqvist et al., in 1960



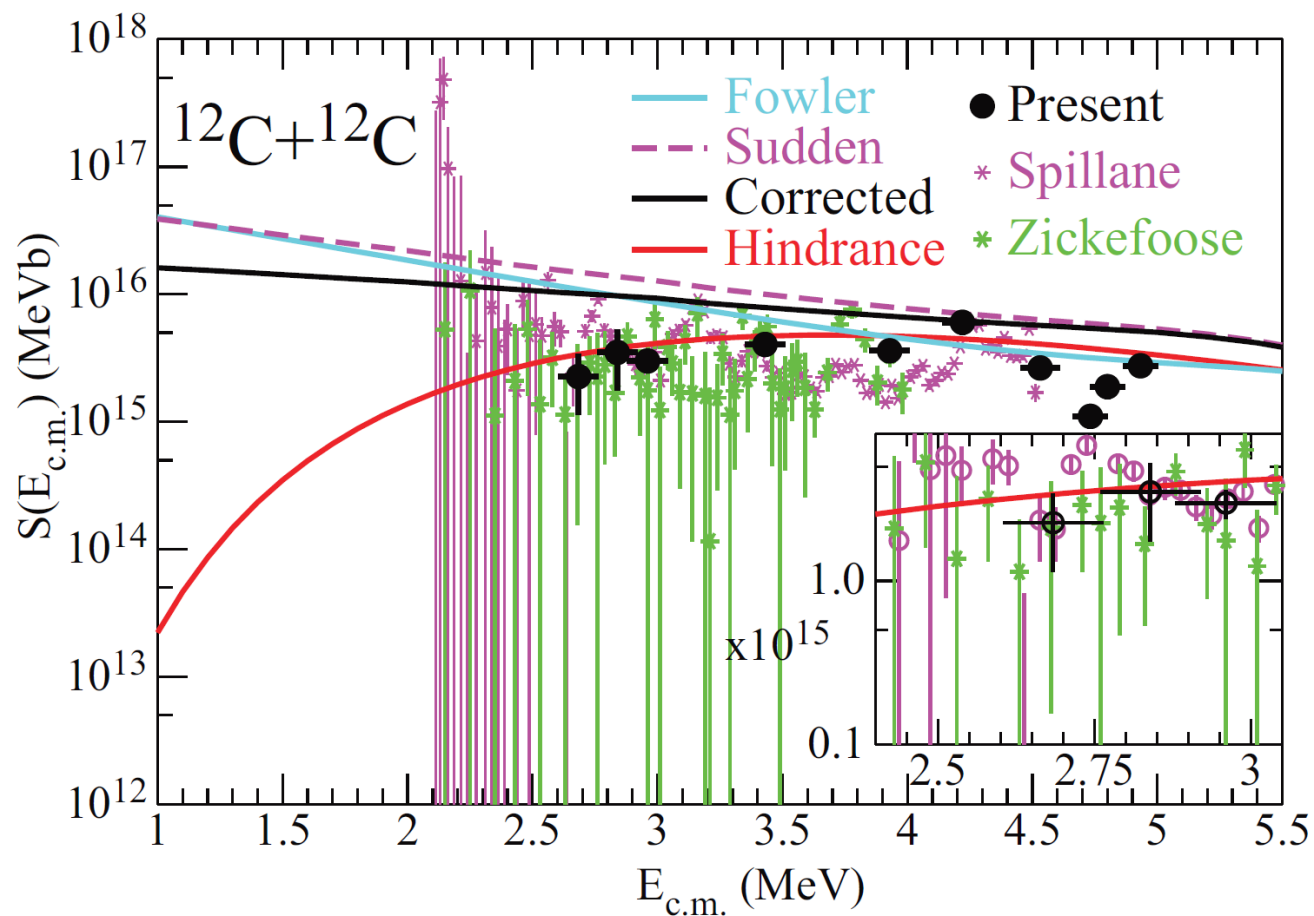
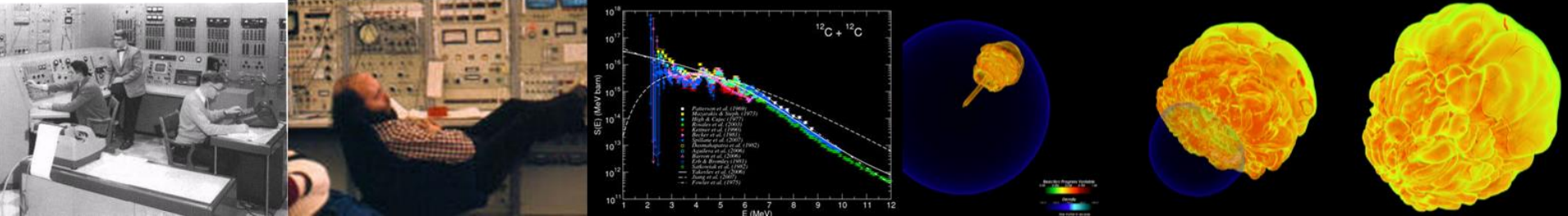


$^{64}\text{Ni} + ^{64}\text{Ni}$



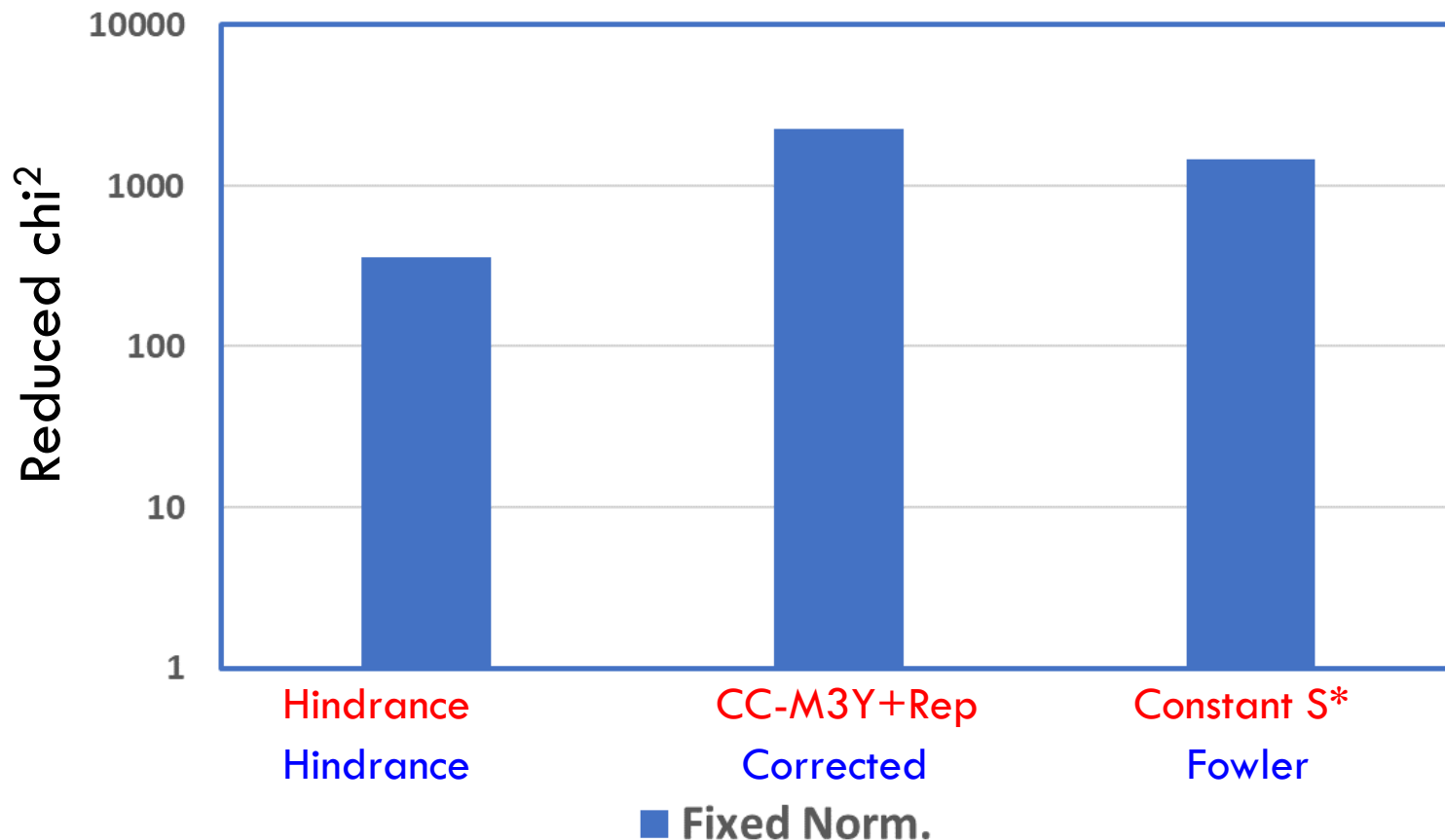
$A < 20$

Origin is under debate. Pauli exclusion, dissipative effects,...



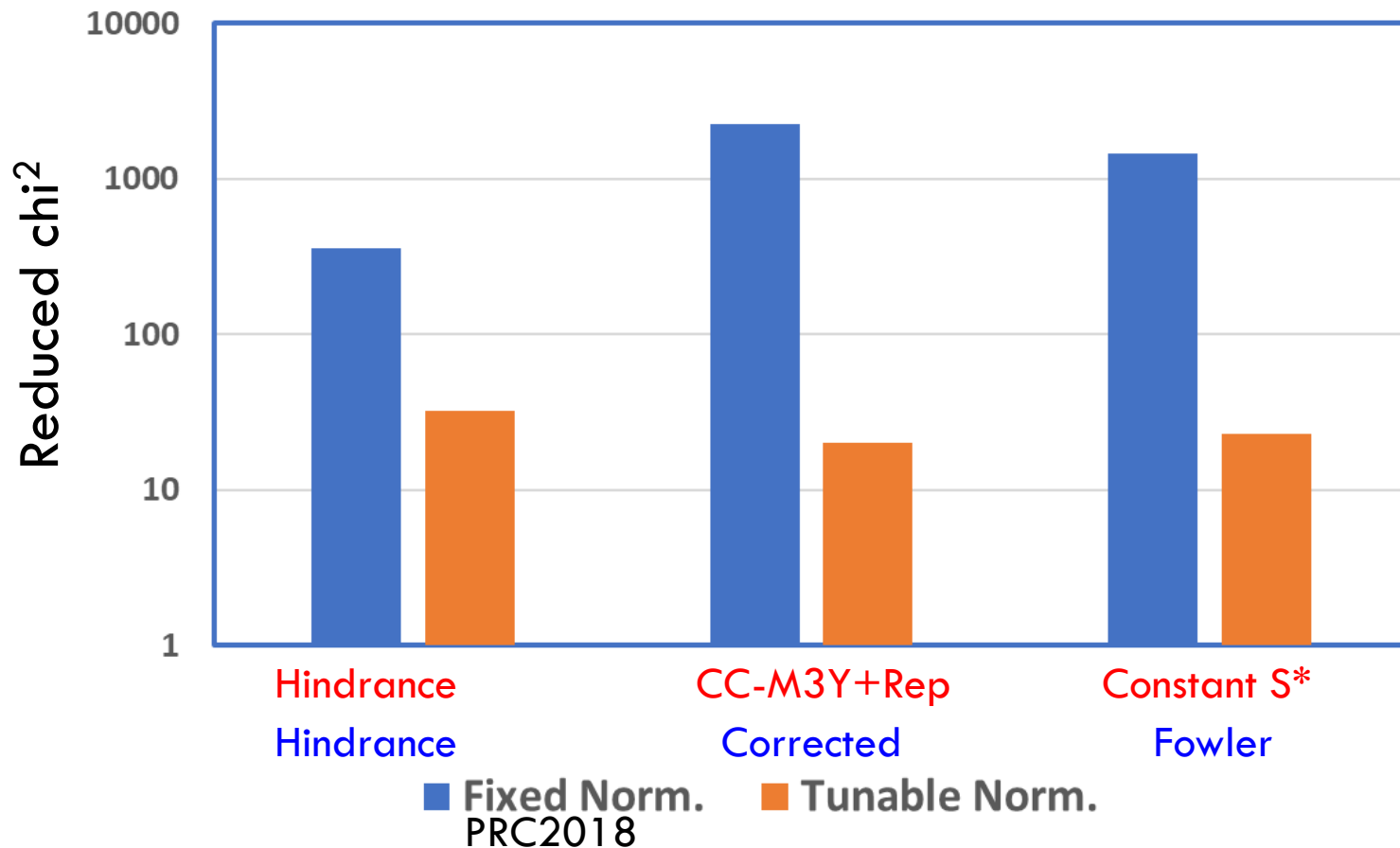
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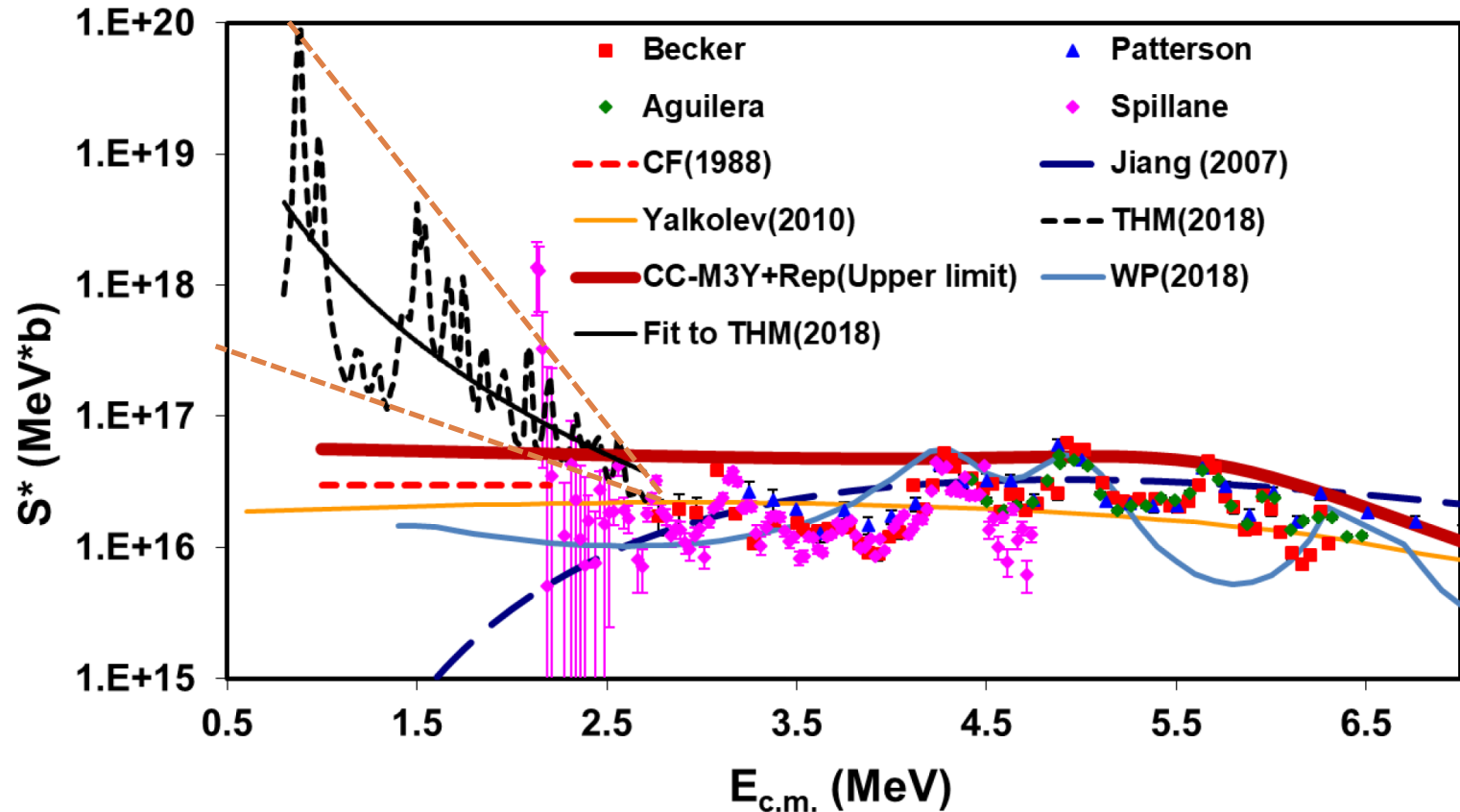
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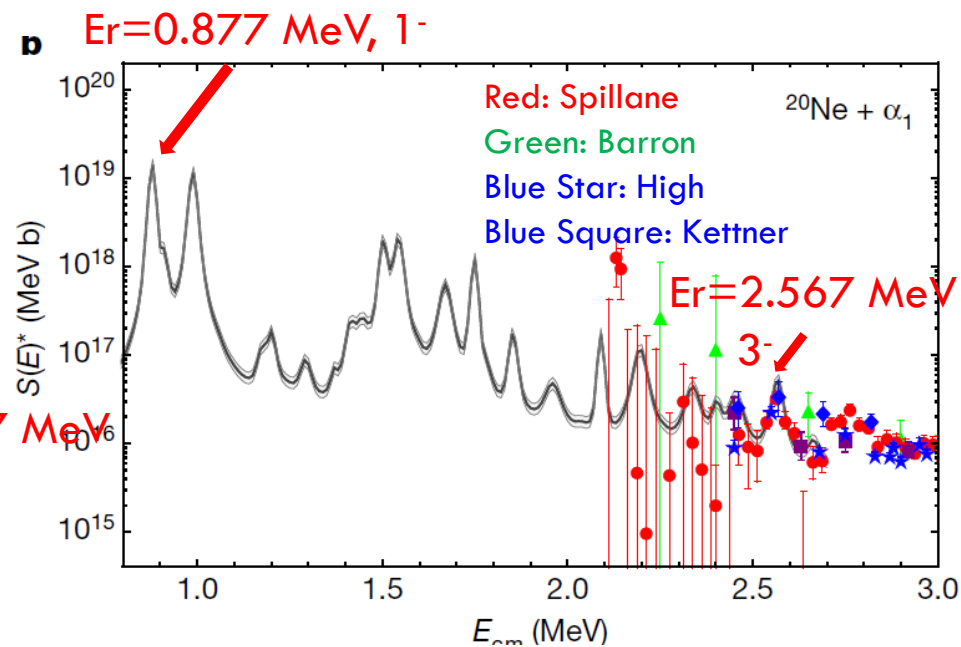
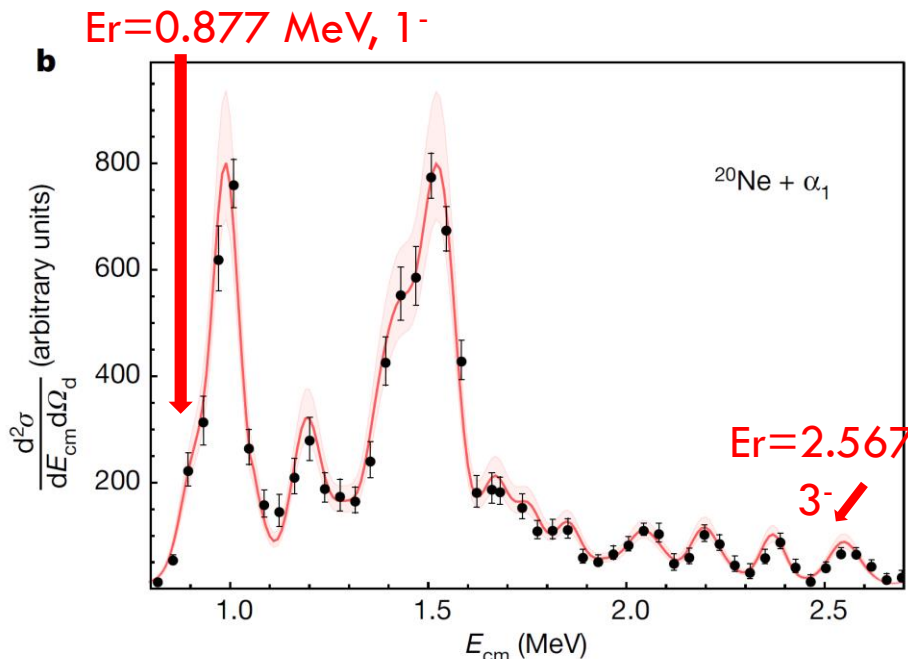
The complicated structure does not favor any model !

INDIRECT MEASUREMENT using Trojan Horse Method



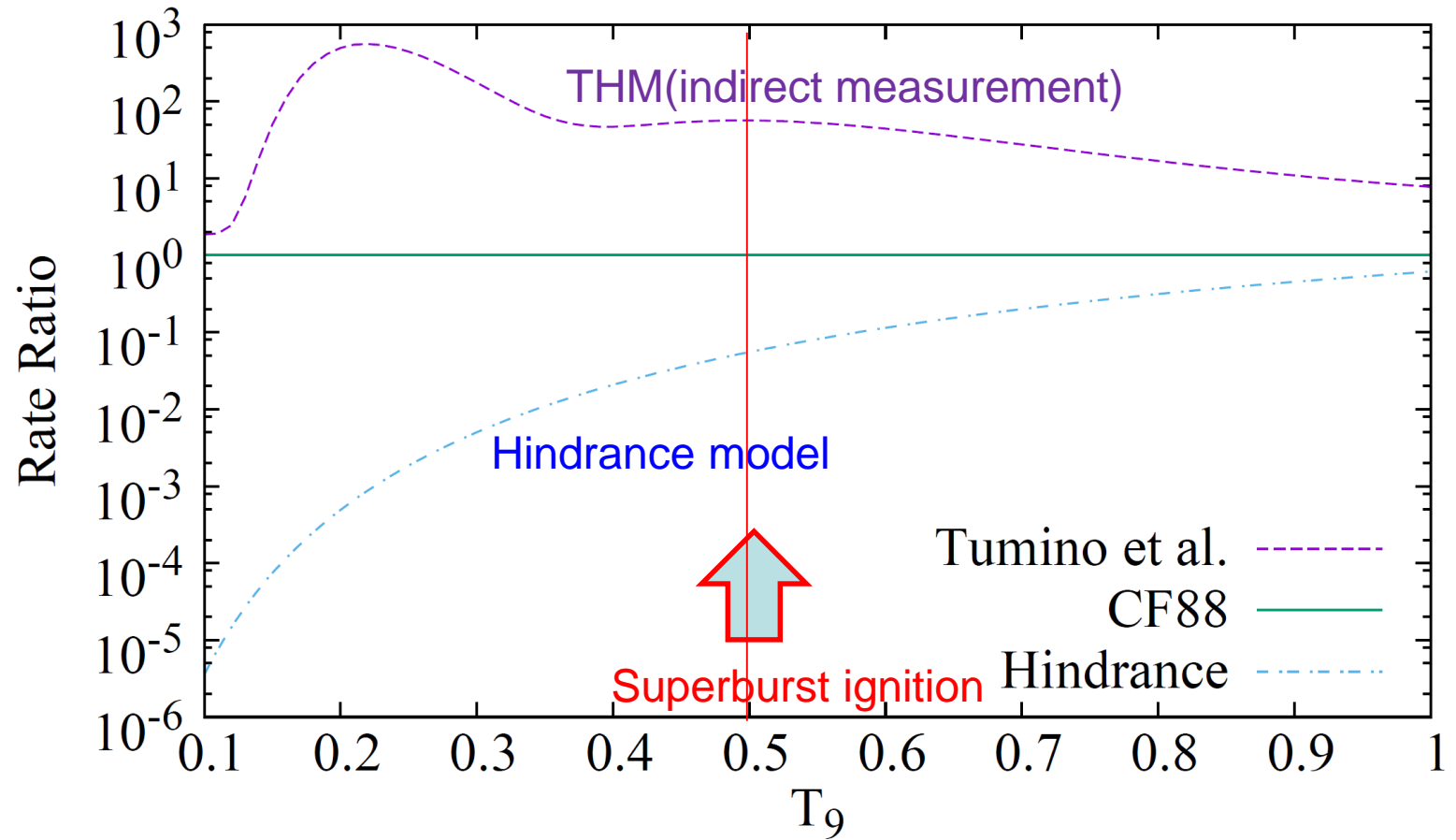
Why are the resonances obtained by THM **so special** that they may change the slope?

THM measurement, Tumino et al., Nature (2018)

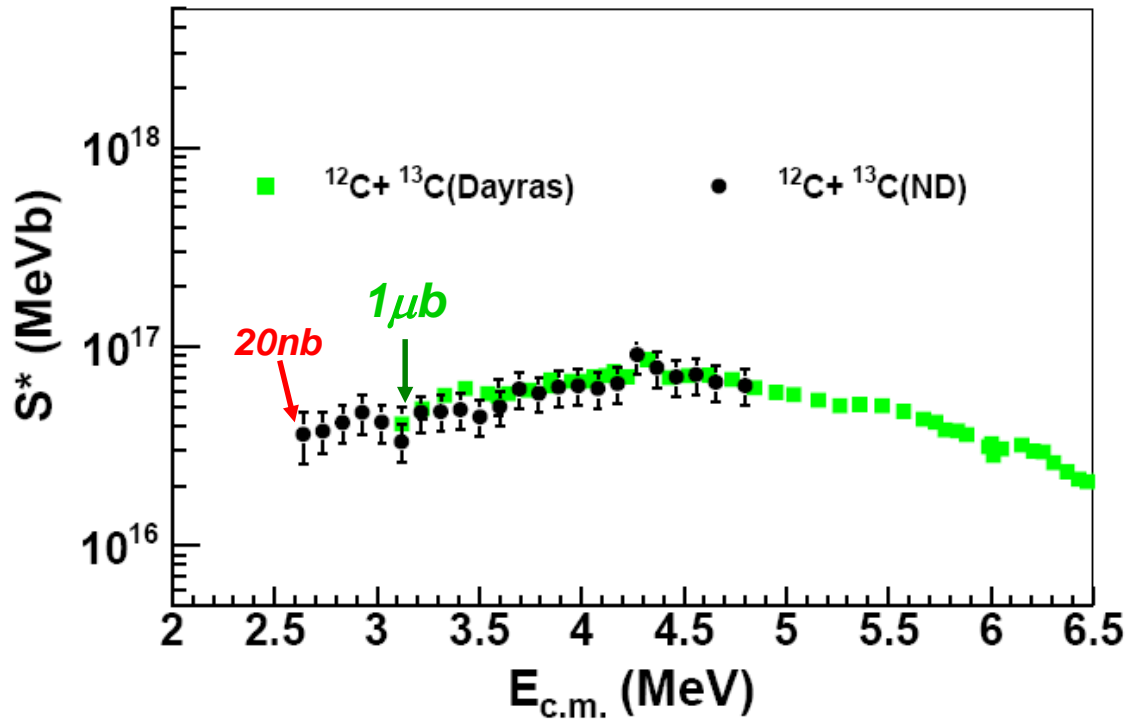


$$S(E) \sim \underbrace{KF(E)}_{\text{DWBA}} \frac{d^2\sigma^{THM}}{dE d\Omega_{\mathbf{k}_s F}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\frac{d\sigma^{DW}(E, \cos\theta_s)}{d\Omega_{\mathbf{k}_s F}}}}_{\text{3-body interaction}} \frac{e^{\pi(\eta_{sb} + \eta_{sB} - \eta_{sF})}}{|N(E)|^2}$$

- Inclusion of $1^-, 3^-, \dots$ violates QM \rightarrow Does THM really populate the $12\text{C}+12\text{C}$ res.
- Unreliable J^π assignment \rightarrow unreliable KF factor (P_i depends on l and R)
- Simple plane wave approximation does not work!
- $E_{cm}(12\text{C}+12\text{C})=2.66$ MeV: $E_{cm}(d+24\text{Mg}^*)=0.90$ MeV \rightarrow under the barrier
- $E_{cm}(12\text{C}+12\text{C})=0.8$ MeV: $E_{cm}(d+24\text{Mg}^*)=2.75$ MeV \rightarrow above the barrier
- Interaction of $d\text{-}24\text{Mg}^*$ in the intermediate state and final state 3-body interaction should be considered

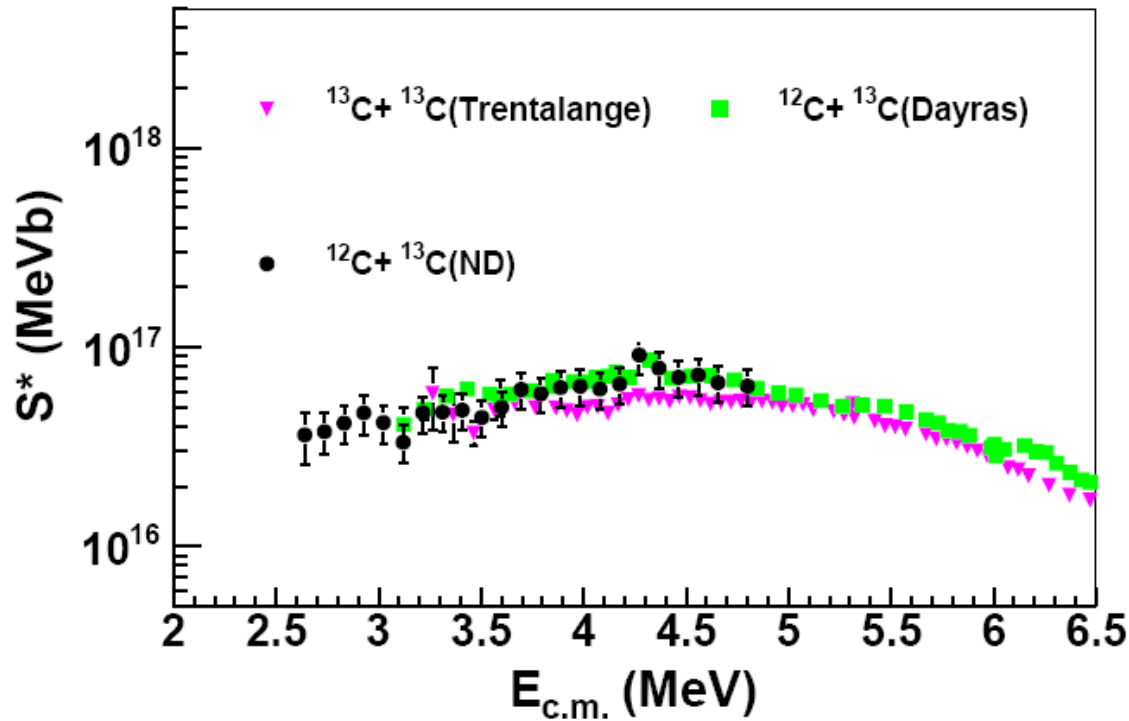


Correlation between carbon isotope systems

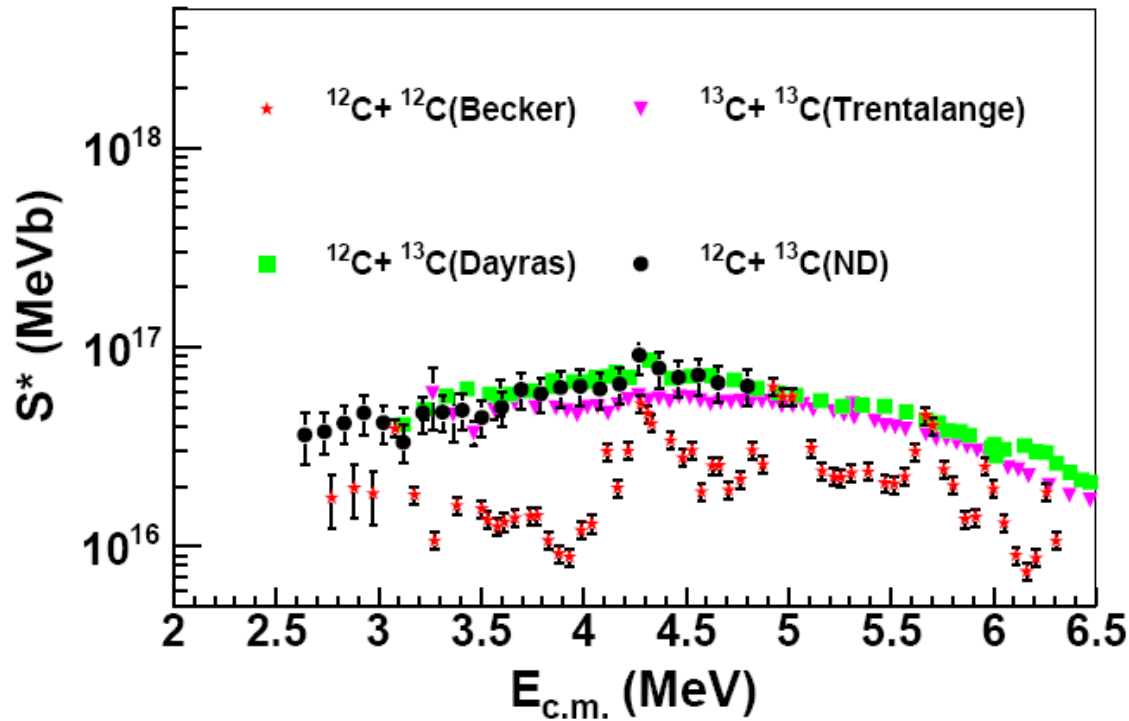


$$S^*(E) = \sigma E e^{(87.21/\sqrt{E} + 0.46E)}$$

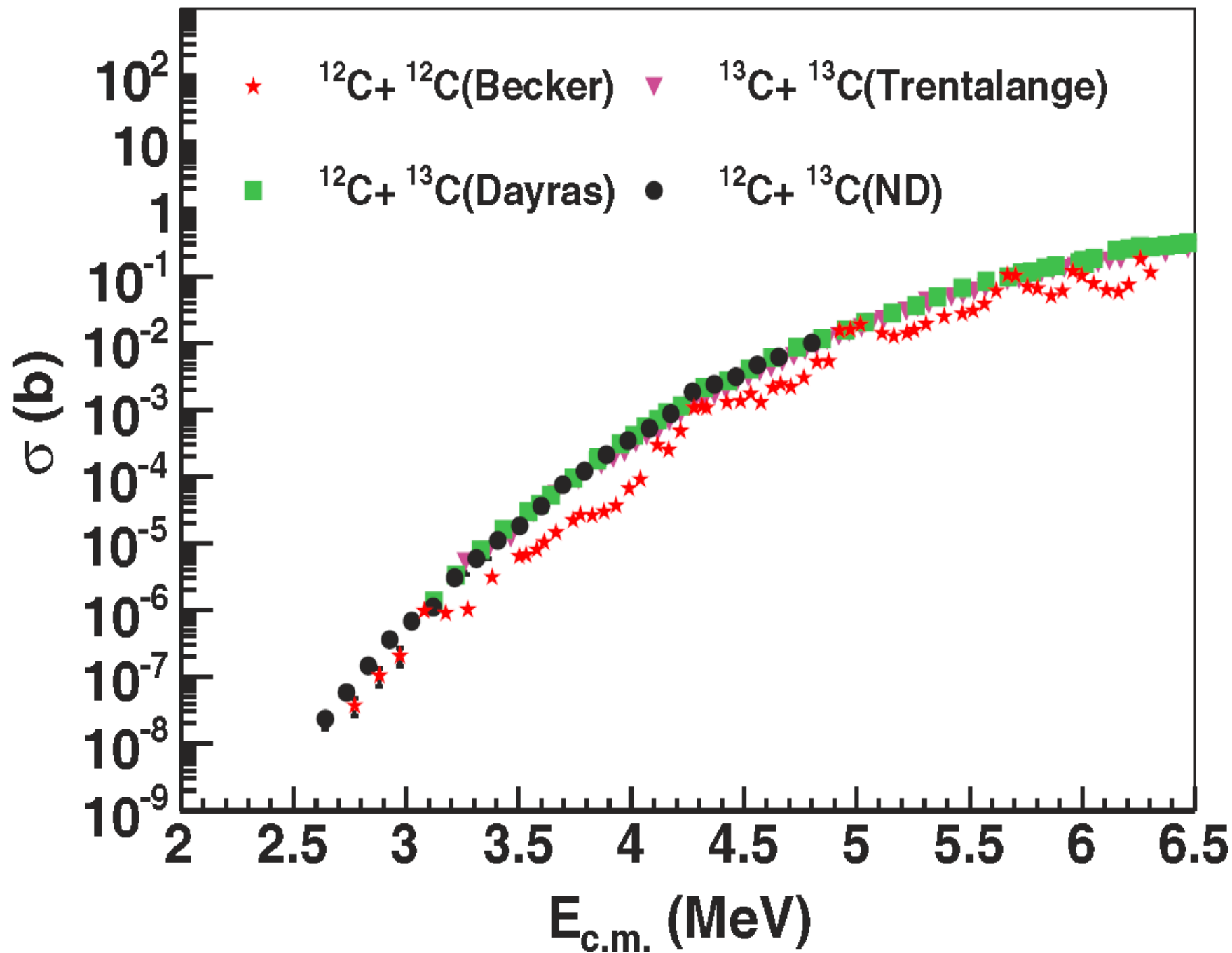
- *The new $12\text{C} + 13\text{C}$ data follows the trend of the old data.*
- *The smallest cross section has been pushed down by a factor of 50.*



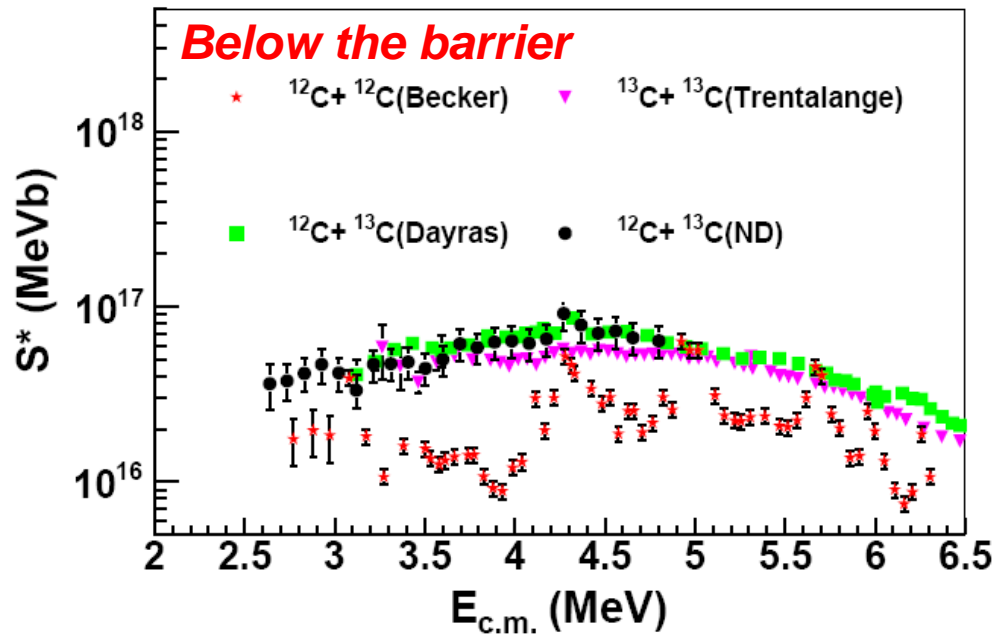
- $^{13}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$ agrees with $^{12}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$!
- The isotope effect (difference in radius, mass) is negligible within the observed energy range!
- Where will the $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ data show up?



- For most energies, **the $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ cross sections are suppressed!**
- Only at resonant energies, **the $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ cross sections matches with those of $^{12}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$ and $^{13}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$!**



Below the barrier

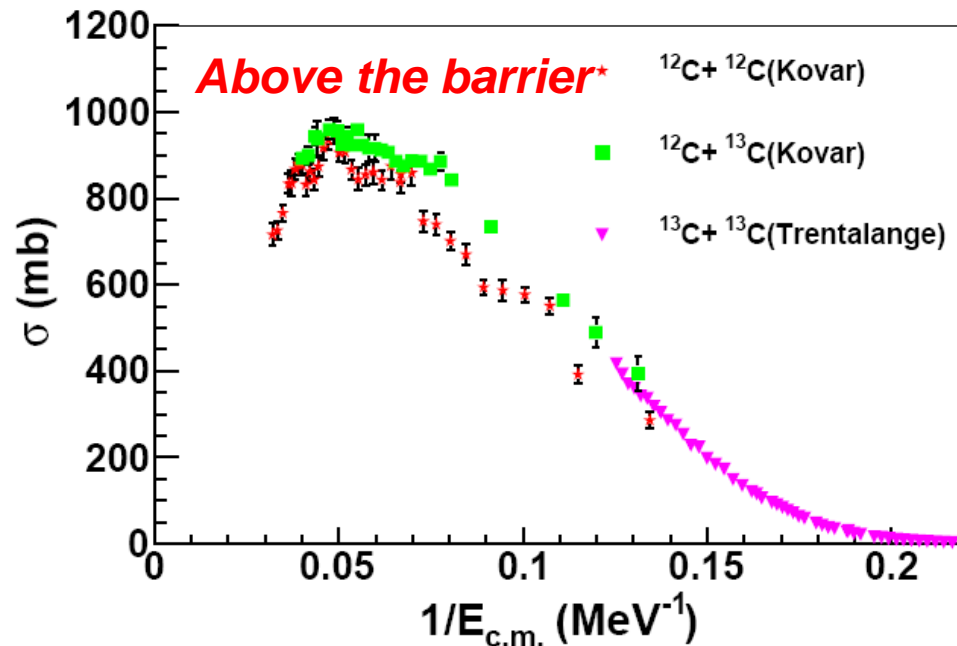


A simple pattern for complicated resonances



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Above the barrier*



Only at resonant energies, the $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ cross sections matches with those of $^{12}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$ and $^{13}\text{C} + ^{13}\text{C}$!

Why?

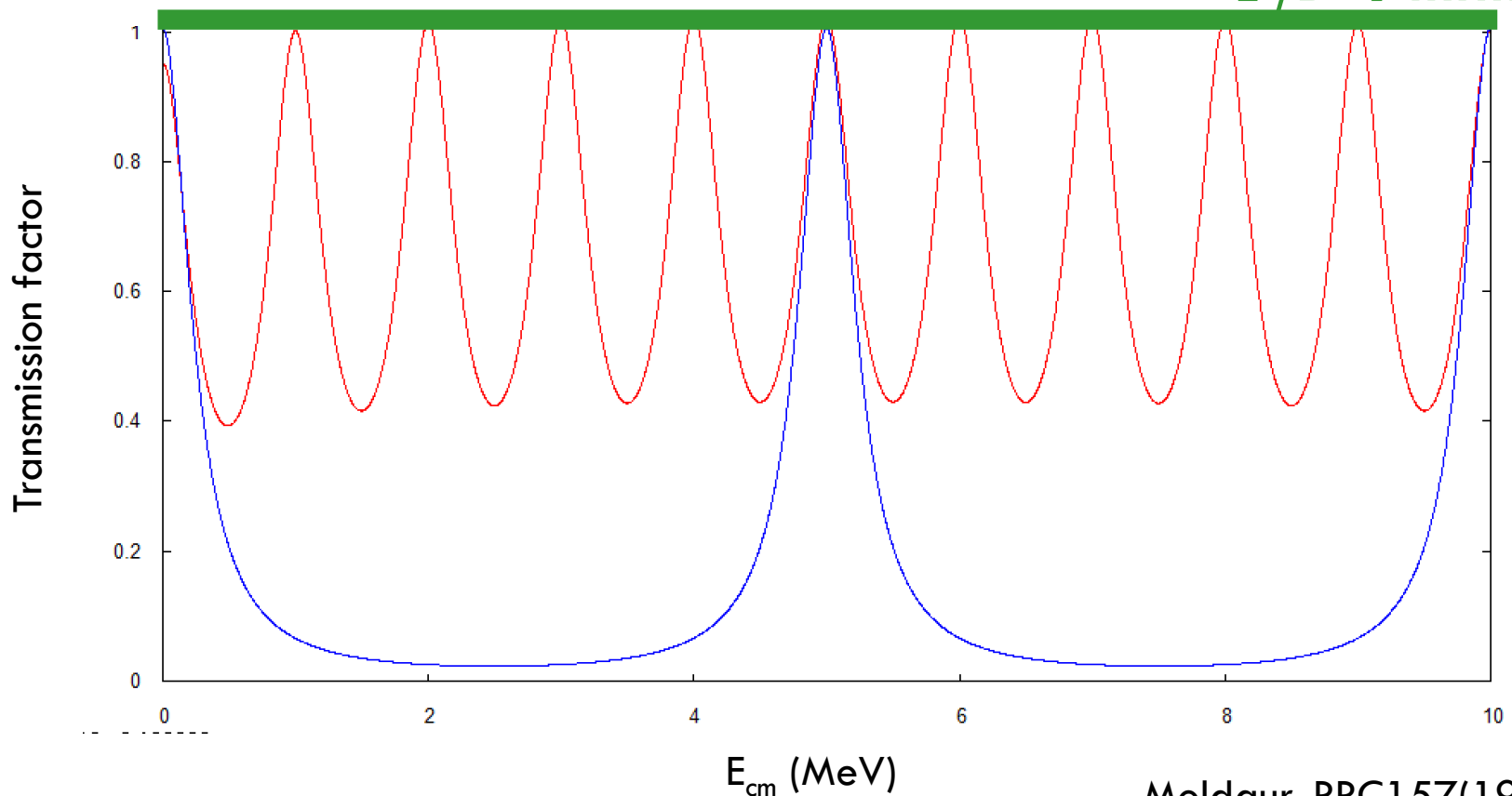
Correlation between carbon isotopes

$$T = 1 - \exp(-2\pi\bar{\Gamma}/D)$$

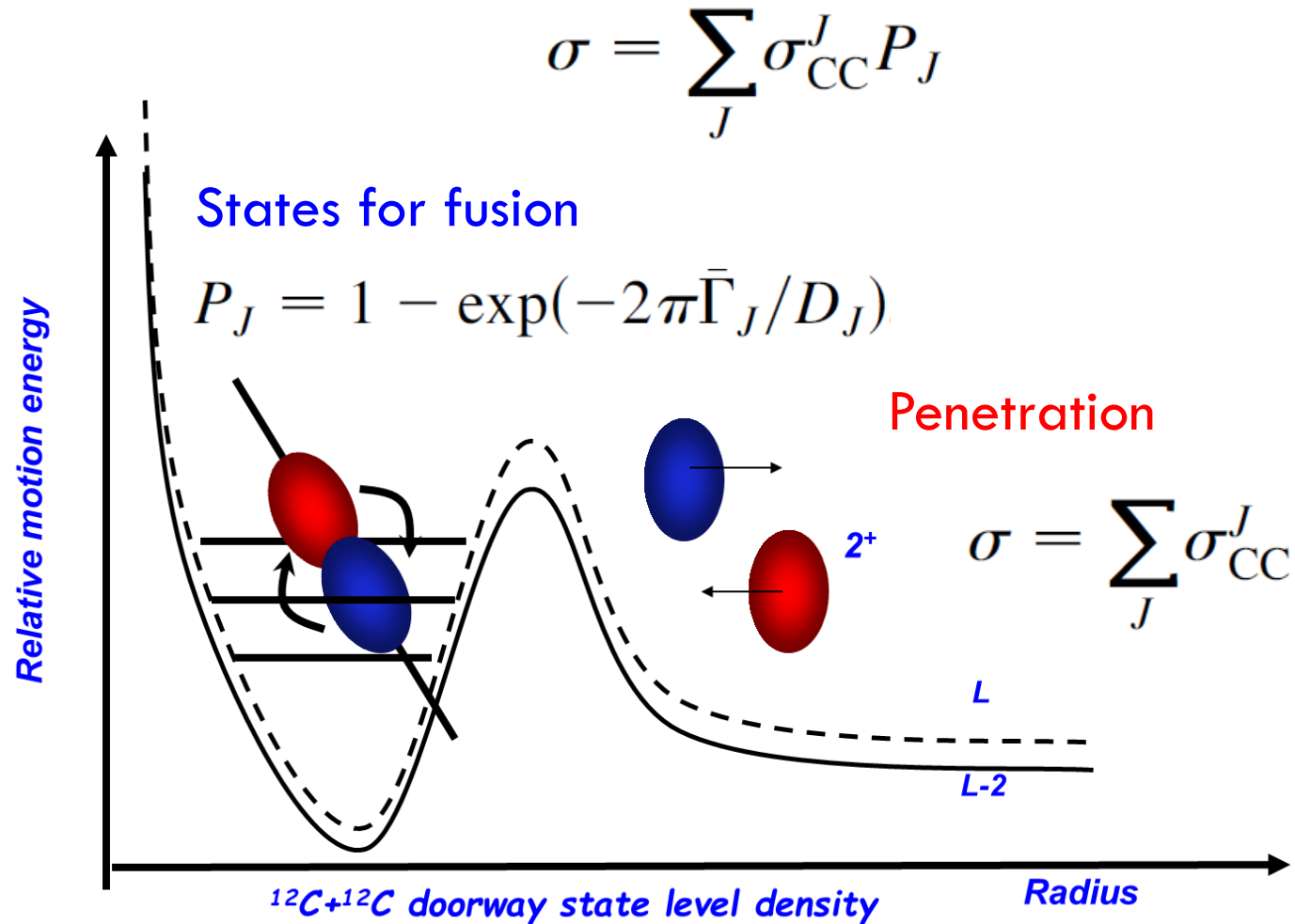
$\Gamma/D=0.1$

$\Gamma/D=0.5$

$\Gamma/D \rightarrow \text{infinity}$



Correlation between carbon isotopes



Correlation between carbon isotopes

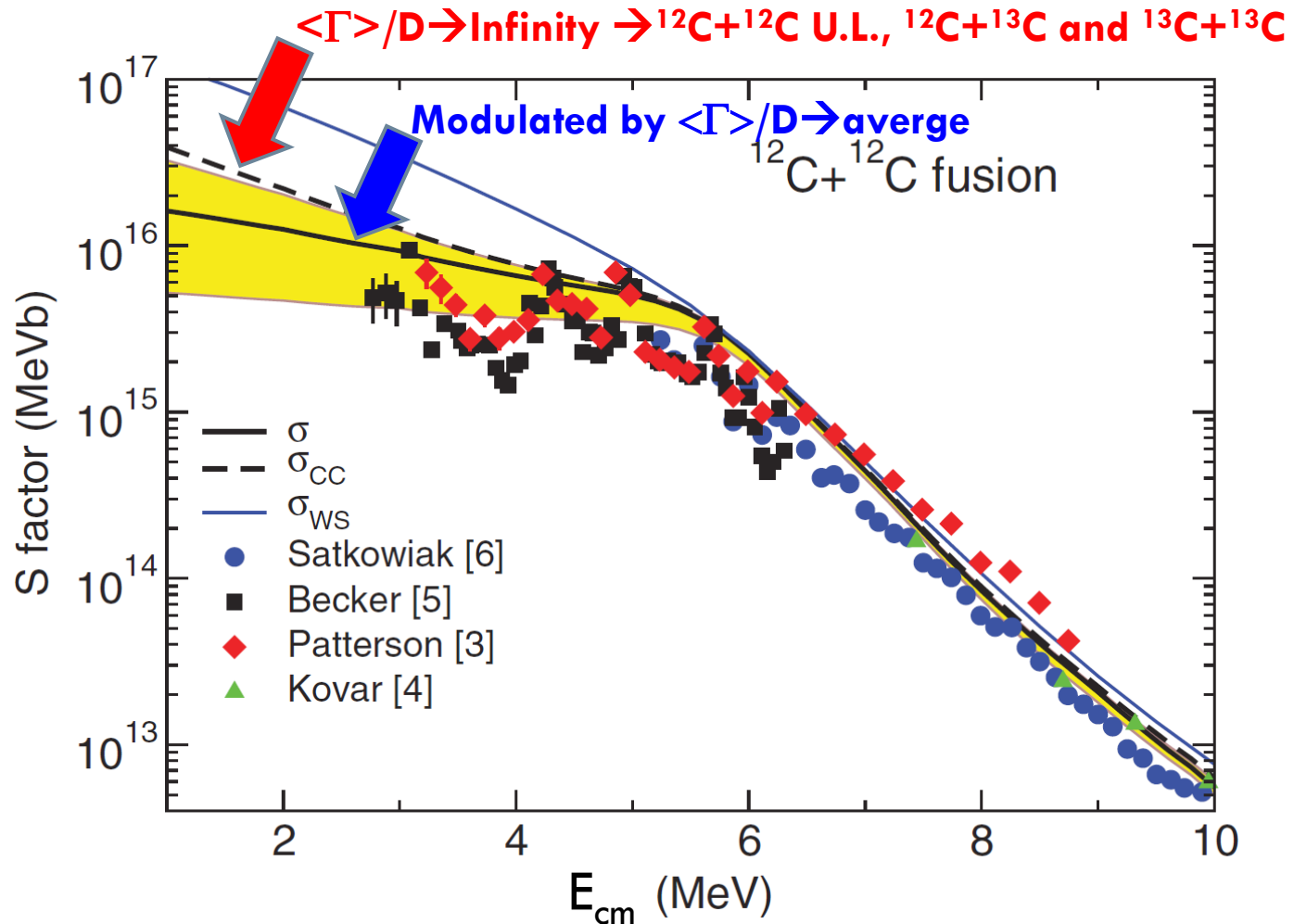
$$\sigma = \sum_J \sigma_{\text{CC}}^J P_J \quad P_J = 1 - \exp(-2\pi\bar{\Gamma}_J/D_J)$$

High level density systems: $^{12}\text{C}+^{13}\text{C}$, $^{13}\text{C}+^{13}\text{C} \rightarrow P_J=1$

Low level density system: $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$

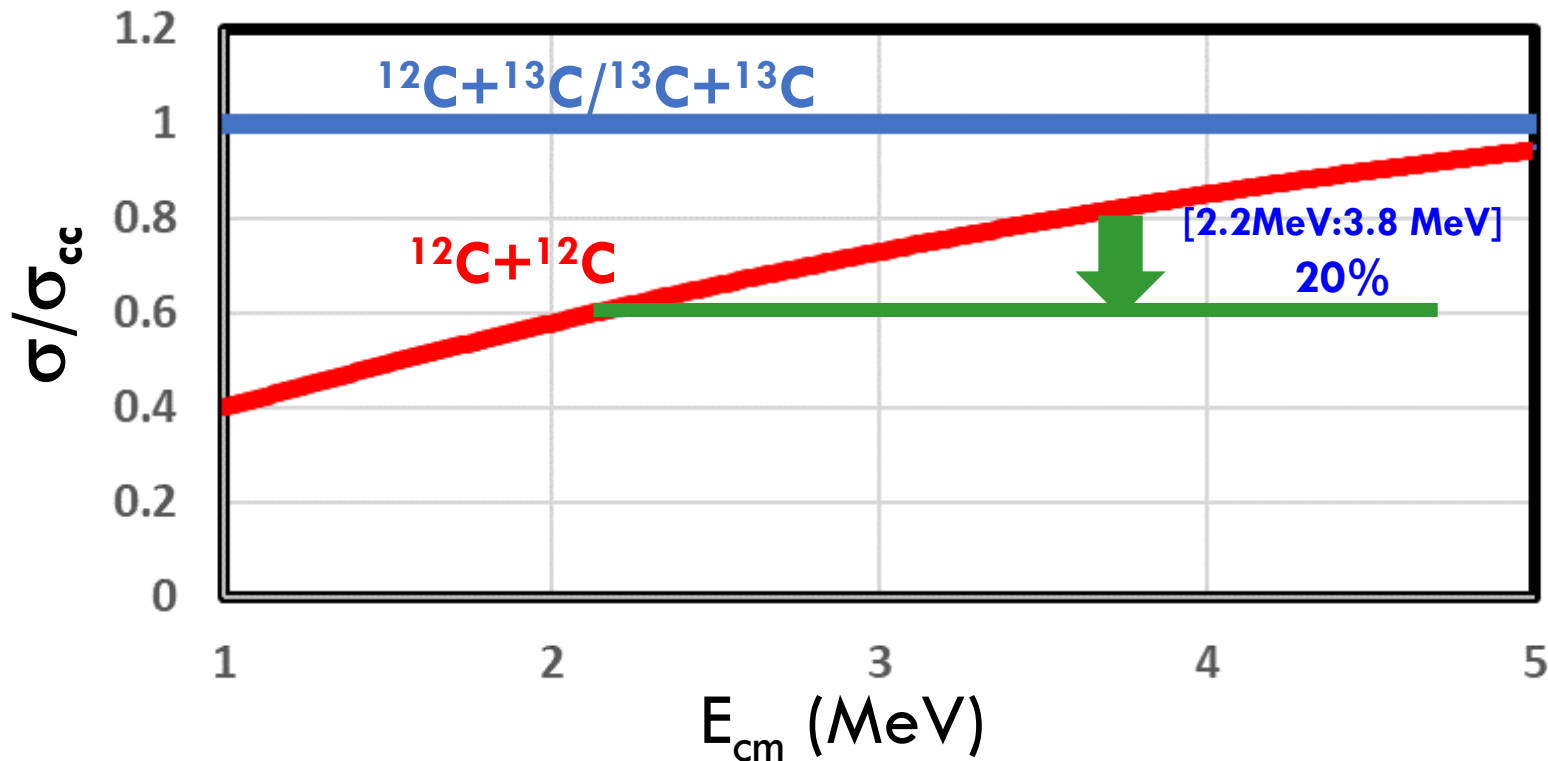
System	Q(MeV)	Vc(MeV)	(Γ/D)c
$^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$	13.9	6.7	0.7
$^{12}\text{C}+^{13}\text{C}$	16.3	6.56	120
$^{13}\text{C}+^{13}\text{C}$	22.5	6.48	2210

Correlation between carbon isotopes



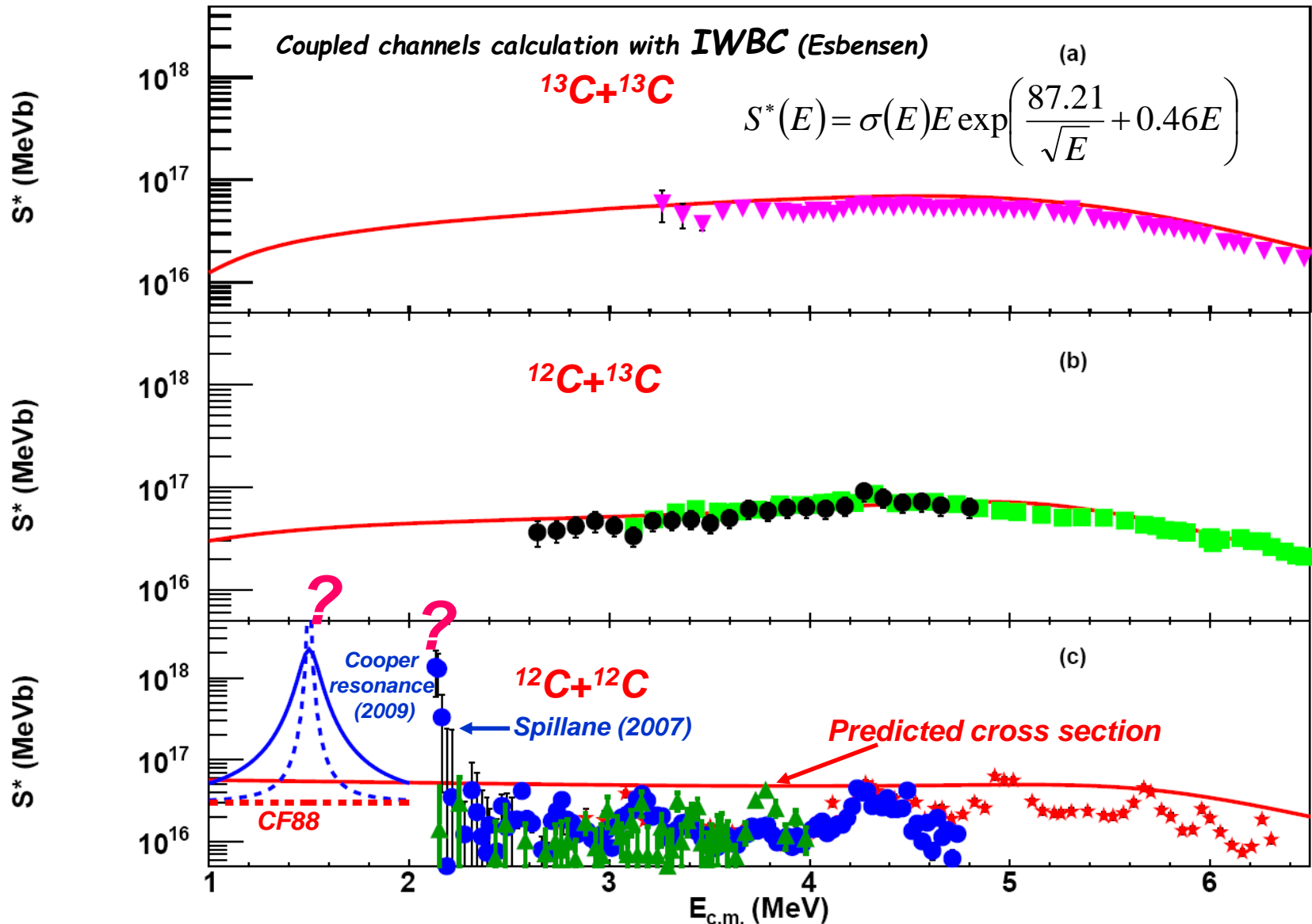
C.L. Jiang et al., PRL 110, 072701 (2013)

Correlation between carbon isotopes



- Suppression of low level density is a slow varying effect
- Shape of averaged xsec is mostly determined by upper limit

Predicting $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ upper limit with a constrained potential



H. Esbensen et al., Phys. Rev. C 84, 064613 (2011); Jiang et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 072701 (2013)

M. Notani et al., Phys. Rev. C 85, 014607 (2012)

Test of predictive power of models

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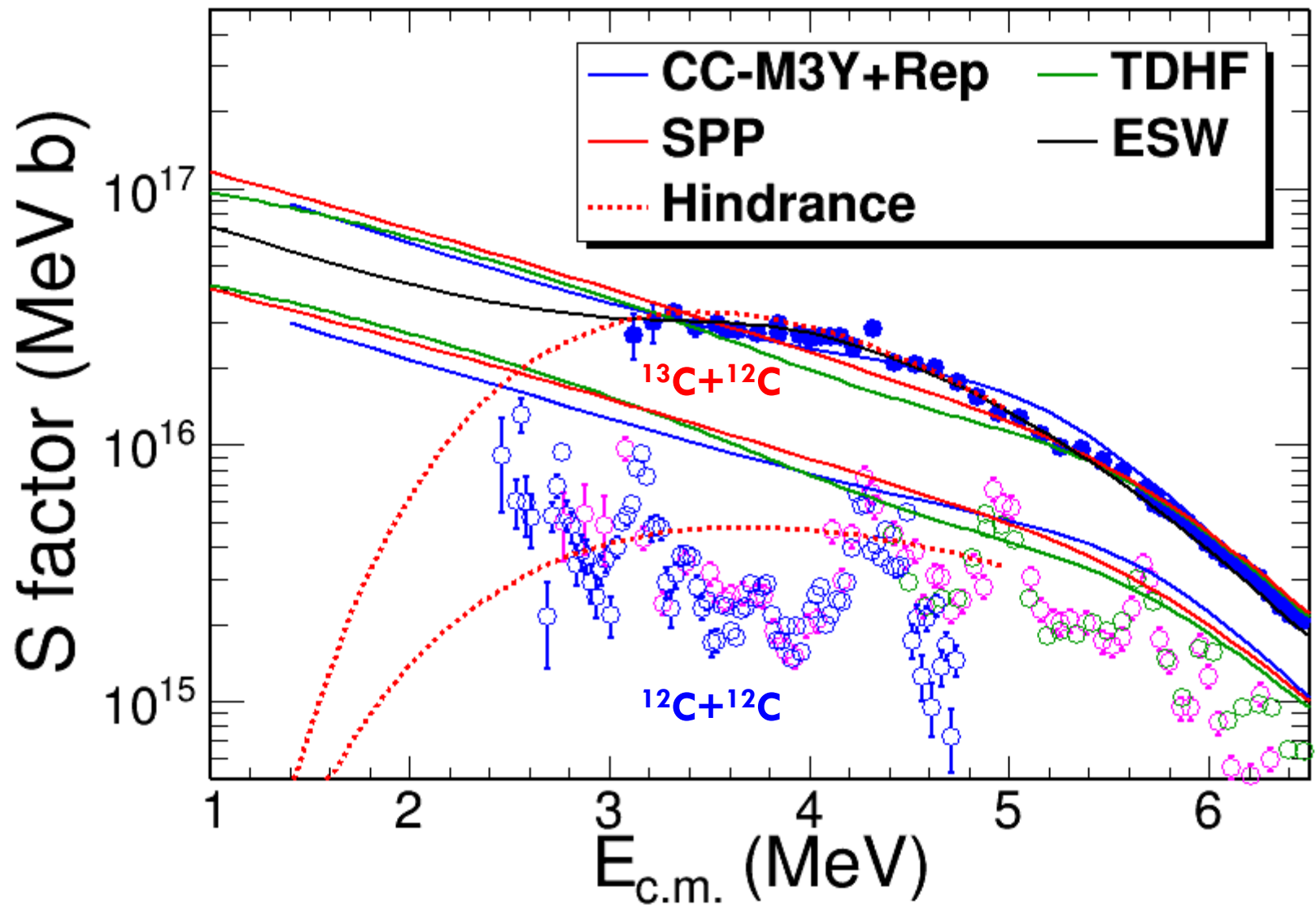
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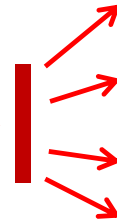
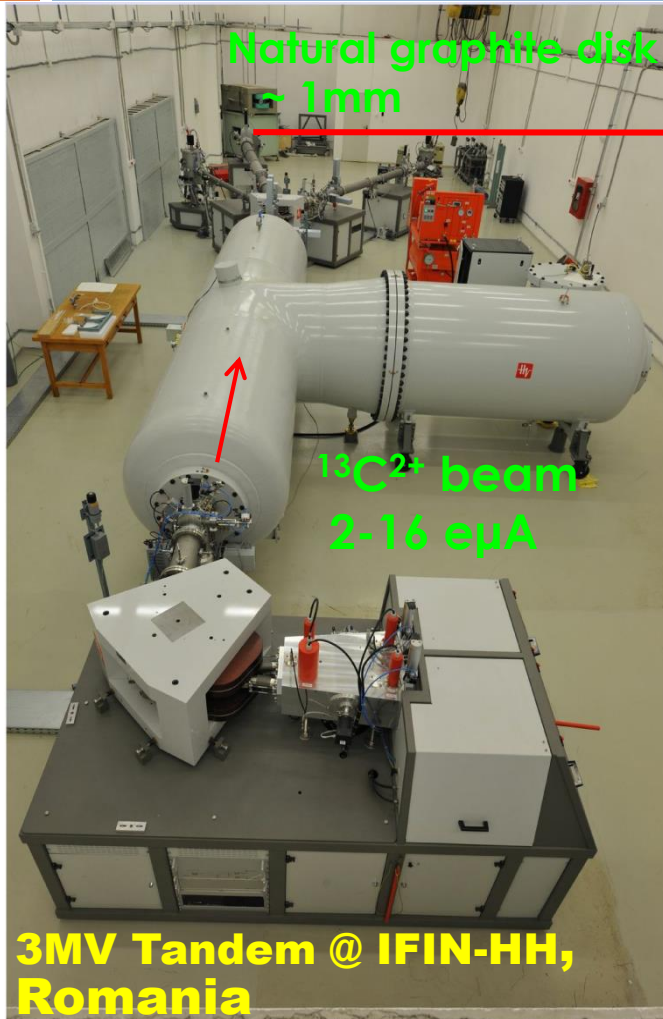
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Test of Predictive Power

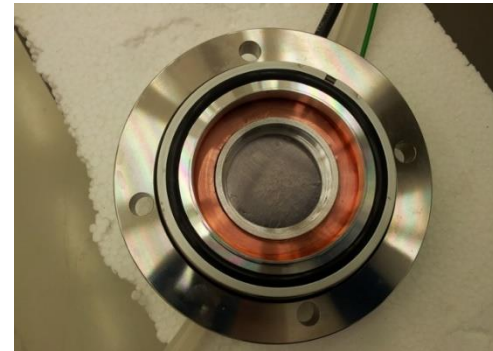


$^{13}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ Experiment



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

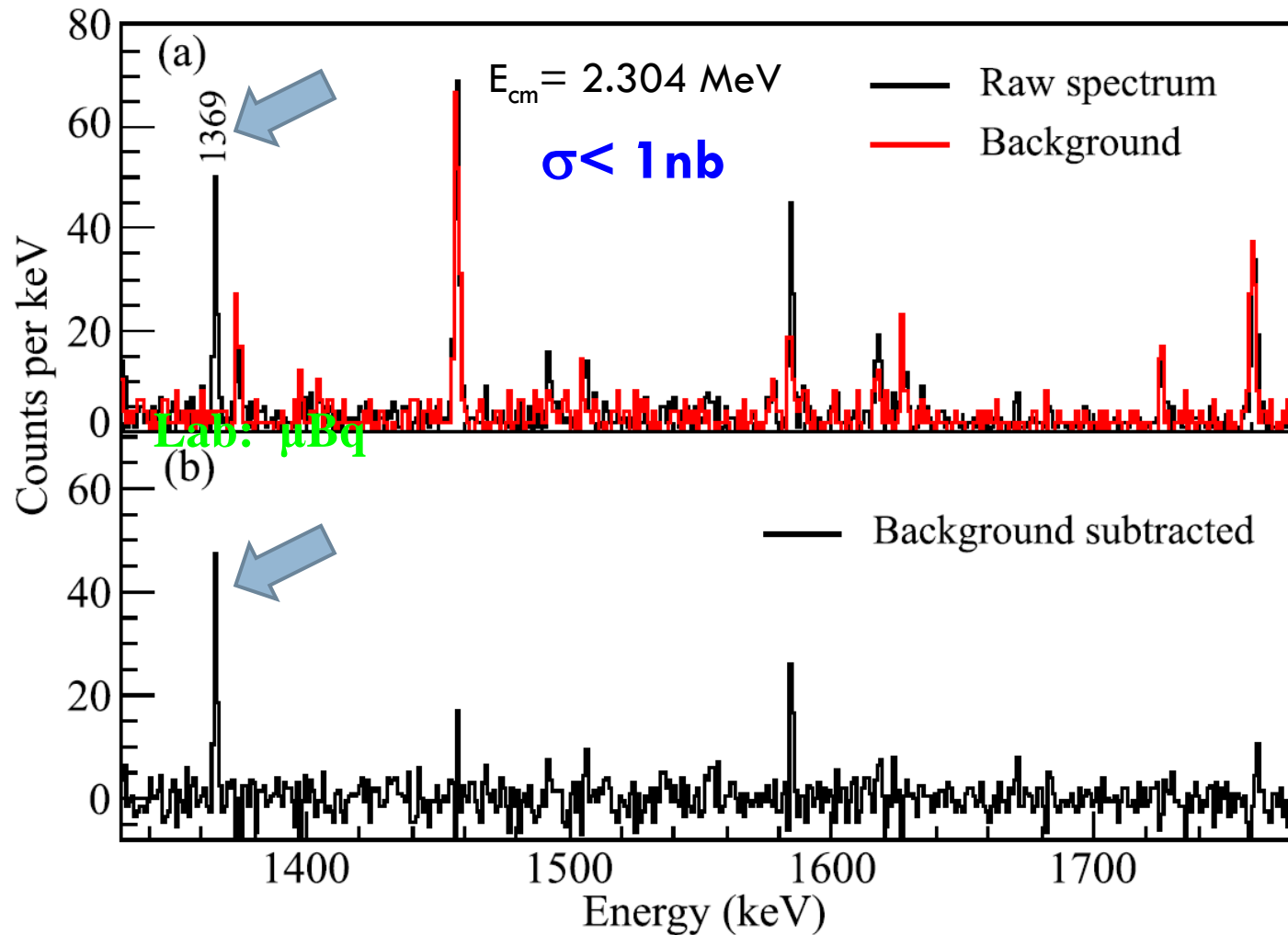
1369-2754 keV γ rays



- HF theory calibrated by exp. \rightarrow Branching ratio
- Obtaining the total fusion cross section

Online irradiation

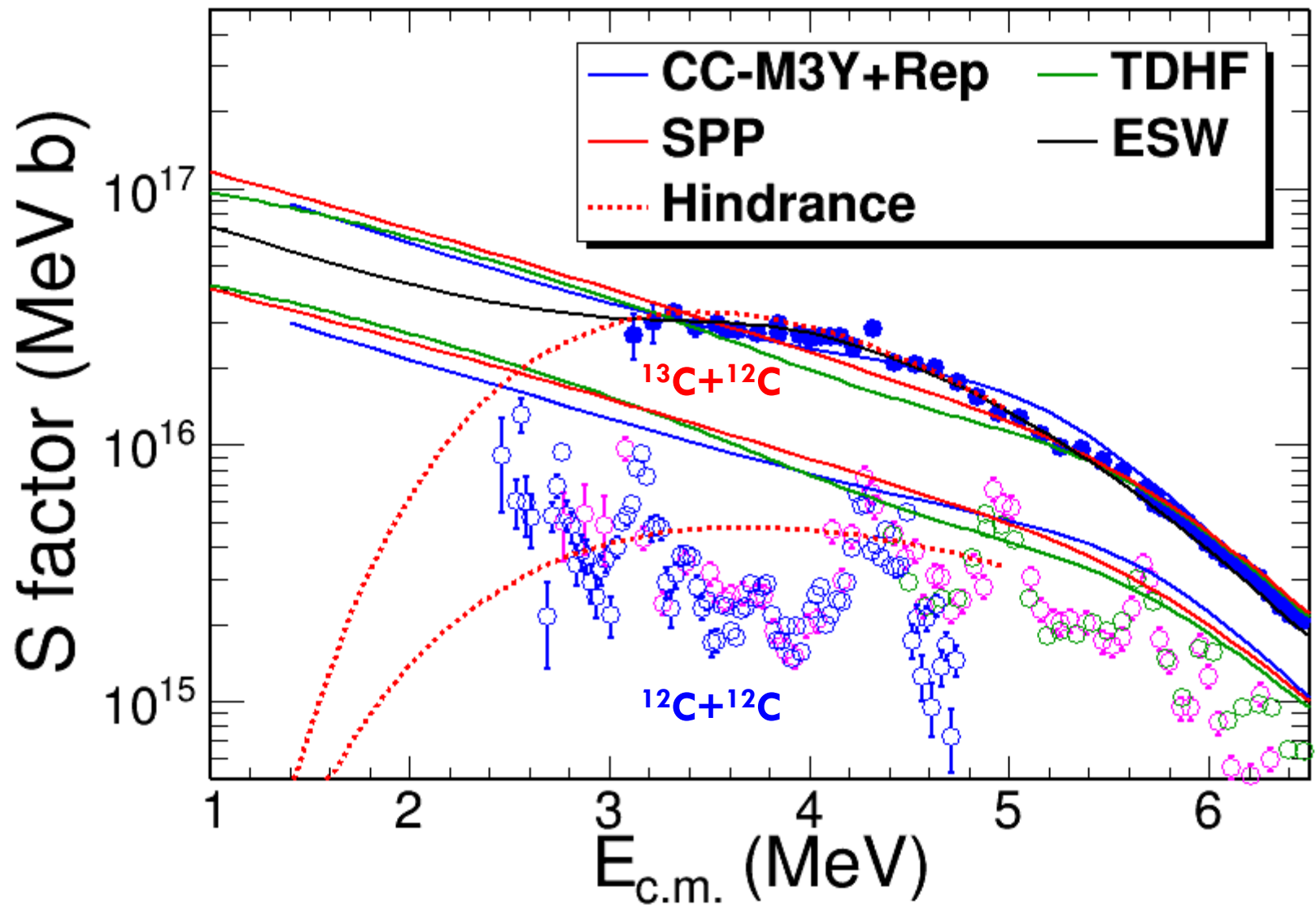
Low level background counting



Radiations: 3.4 days

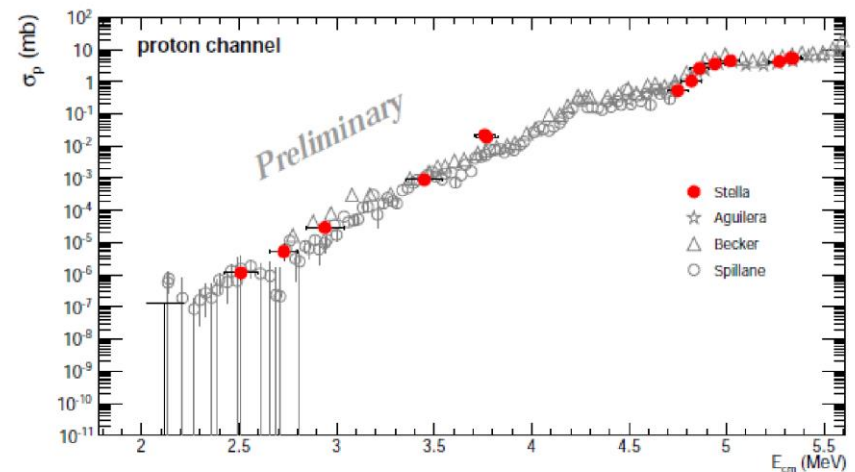
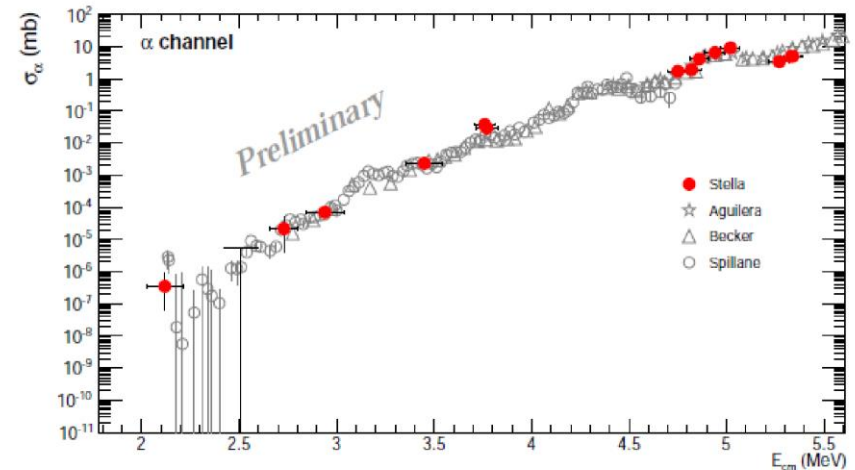
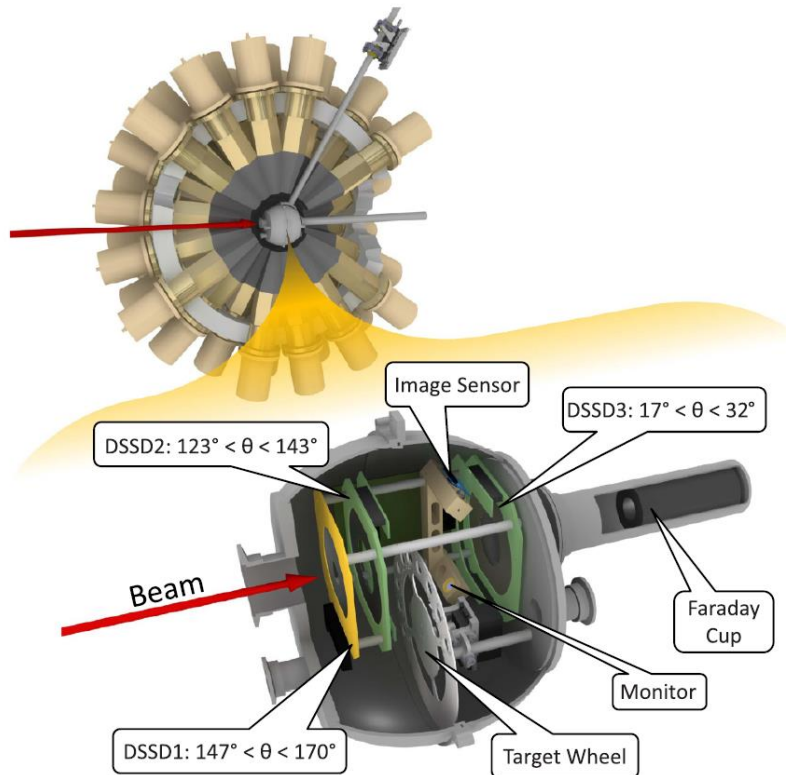
measurements: 3.9 days

Test of Predictive Power



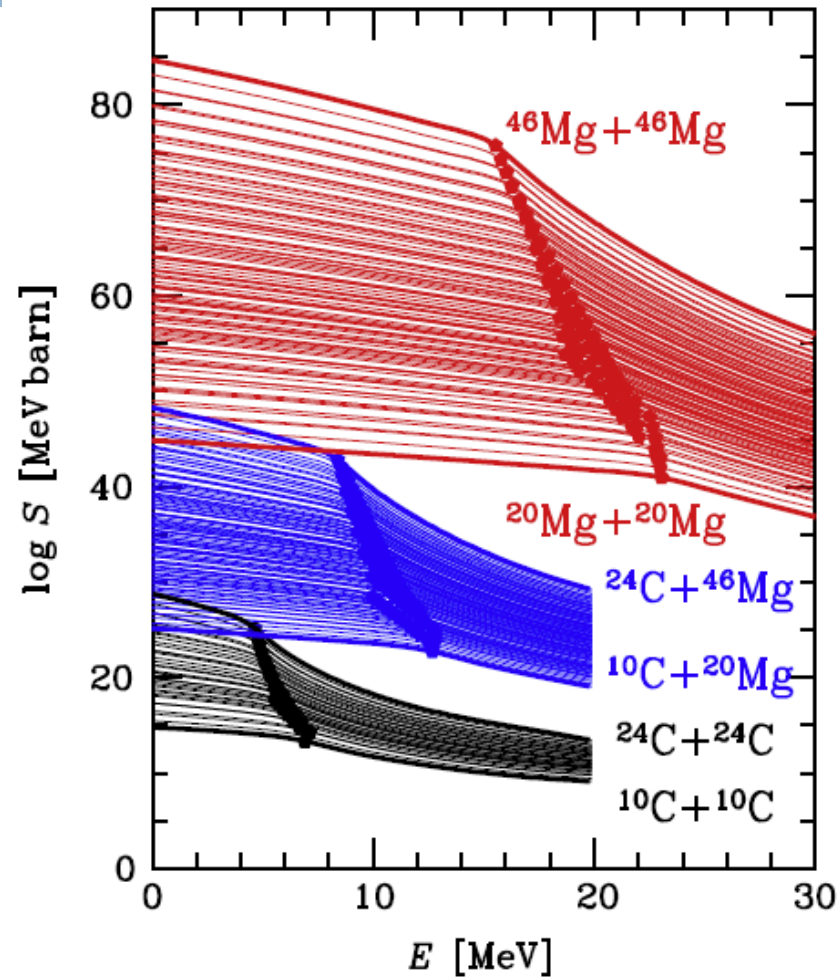
Particle-Gamma Coincidence

- Developed at ANL for the study of $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ (Silicon array + GammaSphere)
- New experiment at France (Silicon array + LaBr)

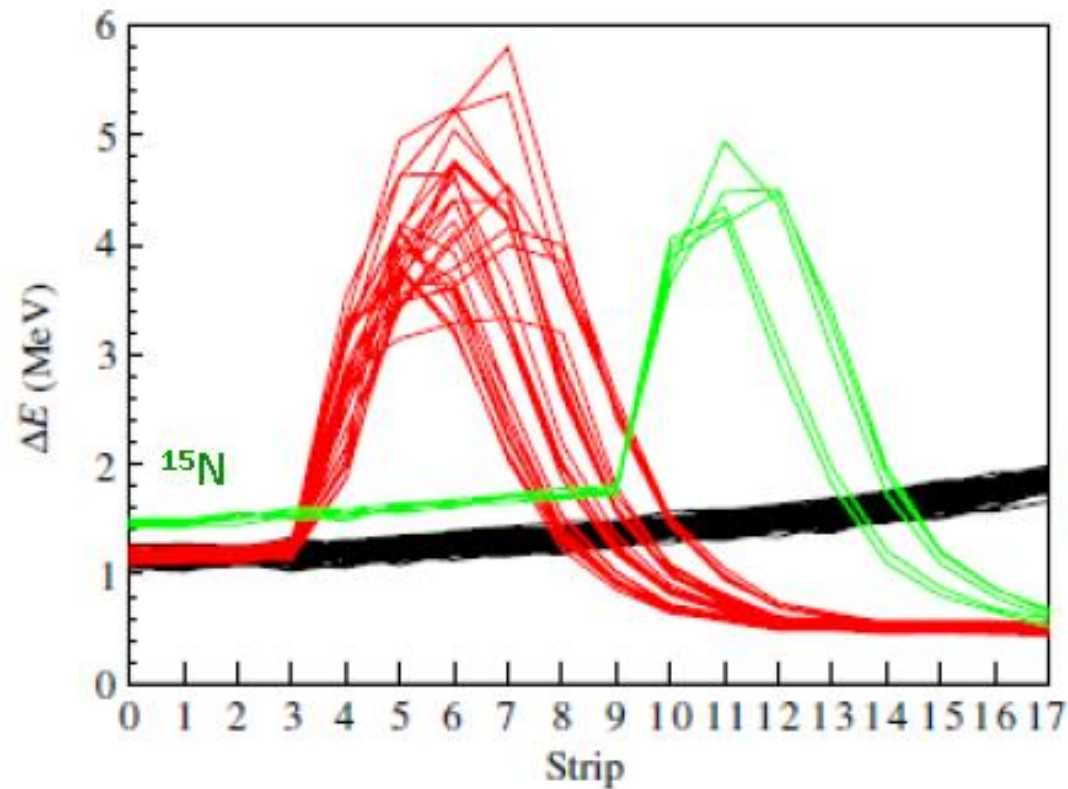


Fusion reactions of n-rich nuclei

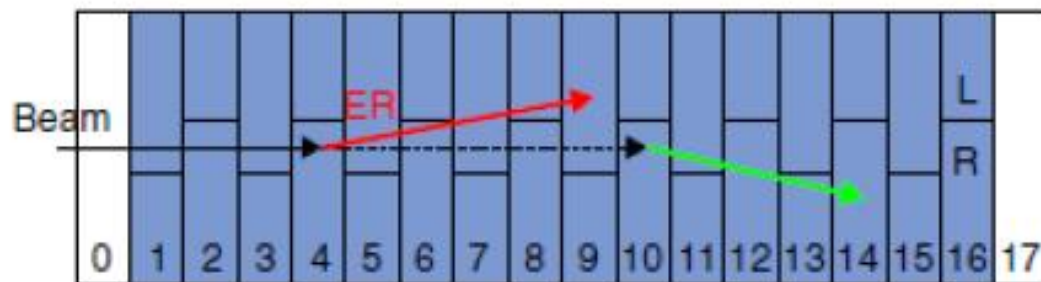
H.I. Fusion in crust



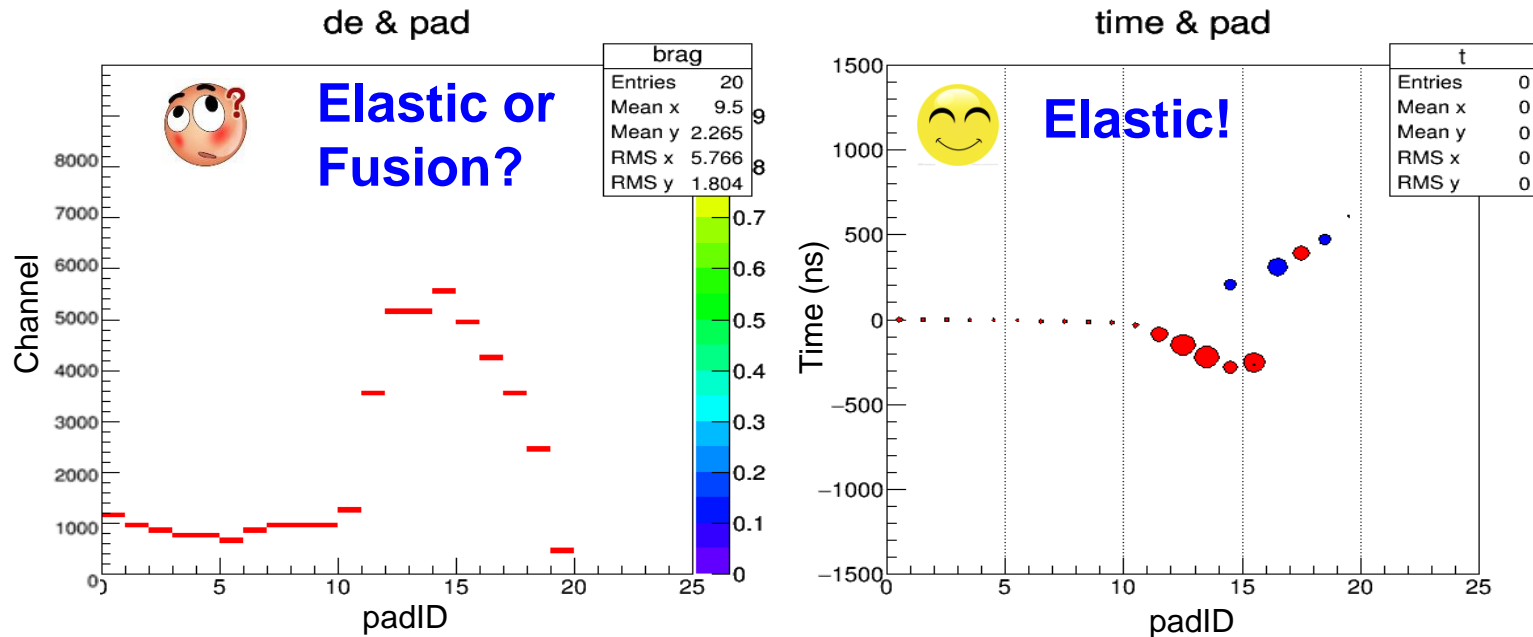
Fusion $^{15}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C} (\text{CH}_4)$



Black: beam of ^{15}C
Red: Fusion between ^{15}C and ^{12}C
Green: fusion between ^{15}N and ^{12}C

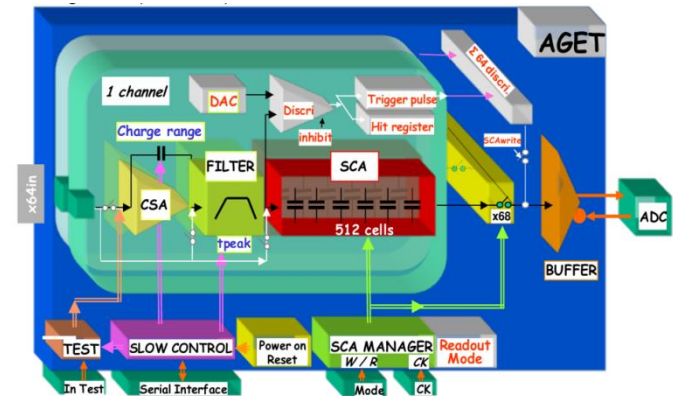
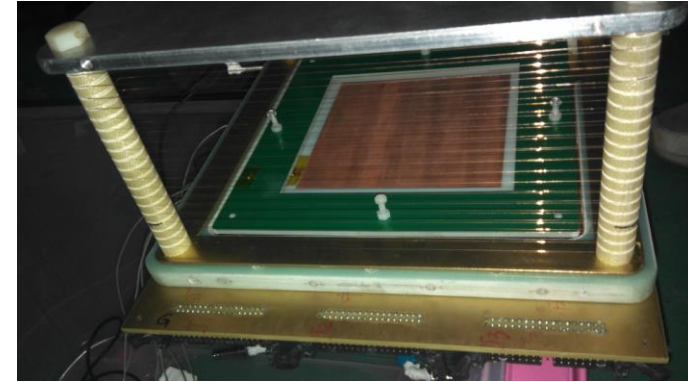
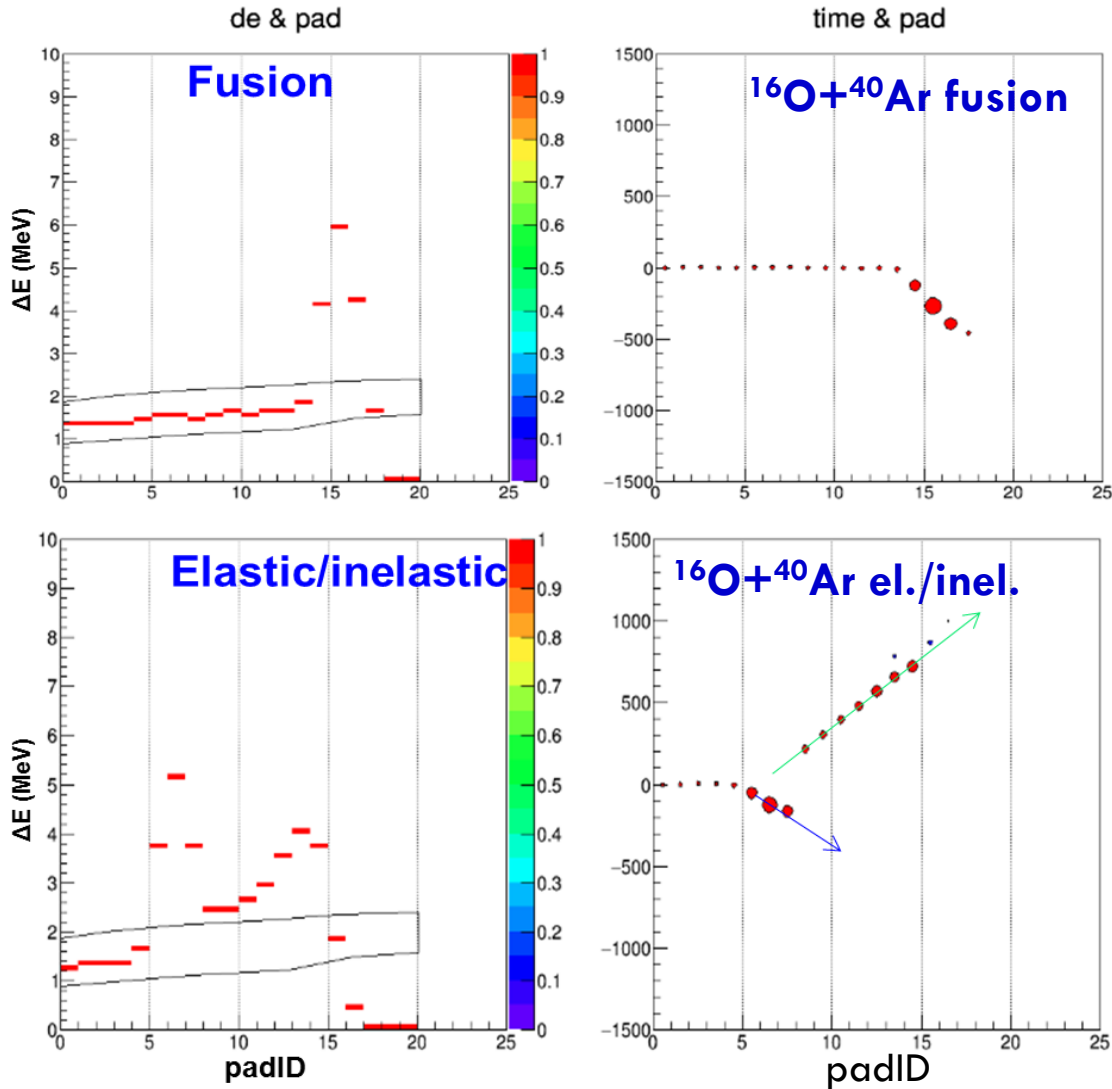


Limitation of MUSIC



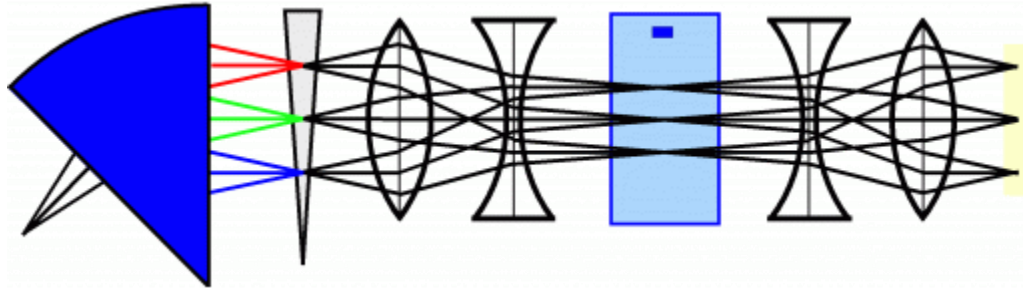
With drift time, the fusion cross section of $^{13}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ could be pushed down to 6 MeV. About 17% systematic error is due to misjudge of elastic scattering.

EXPLOSIVE BURNING (fusion with n-rich beam)



- The first TPC experiment at HIFRL
- Fusion inside of neutron star crust: $^{24}\text{O}+^{24}\text{O}$

Low energy n-rich beam facilities



RIBLL1 at IMP, CRIB(CNS) at RIKEN
OEDO (CNS) at RIKEN (Present)



KOBRA

(Korea
Broad acceptance
Recoil Spectrometer and
Apparatus)



KOBRA at RAON (2021)



TSR at HIAF (2022)



High Intensity heavy ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF)

HIAF: 2018-2025

Booster Ring:

Circumference: 471 m

Rigidity: 34 Tm

Beam accumulation

Beam cooling

Beam acceleration

Physics of unstable nuclei
Atomic physics

Nuclear matter
Hypernuclei

Spectrometer Ring:

Circumference: 188.7 m

Rigidity: 13 Tm

Electron cooling

Stochastic cooling

In-ring experiment

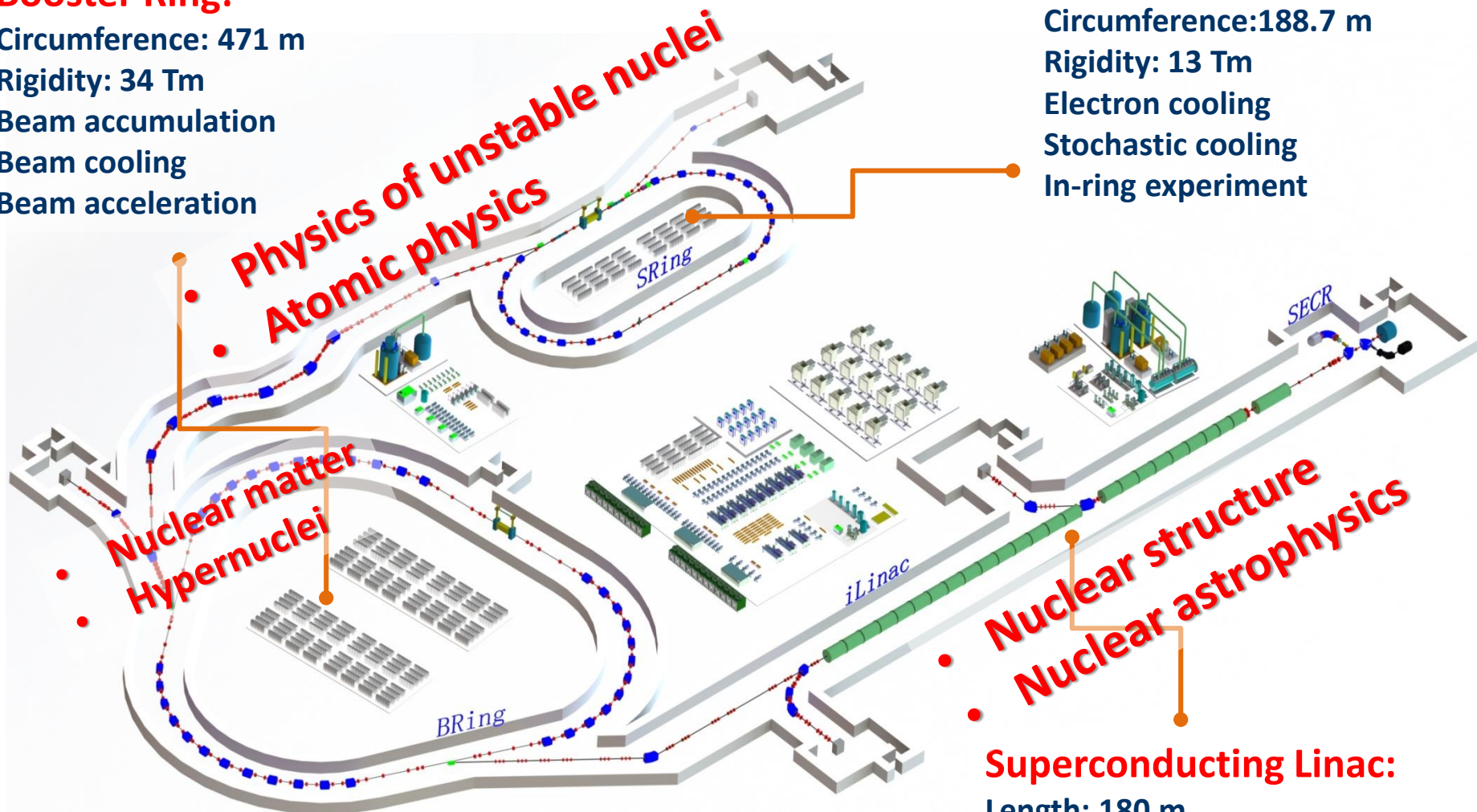
Nuclear structure
Nuclear astrophysics

Superconducting Linac:

Length: 180 m

Energy: 17 MeV/u (U^{34+})

CW and pulse modes (1 emA)



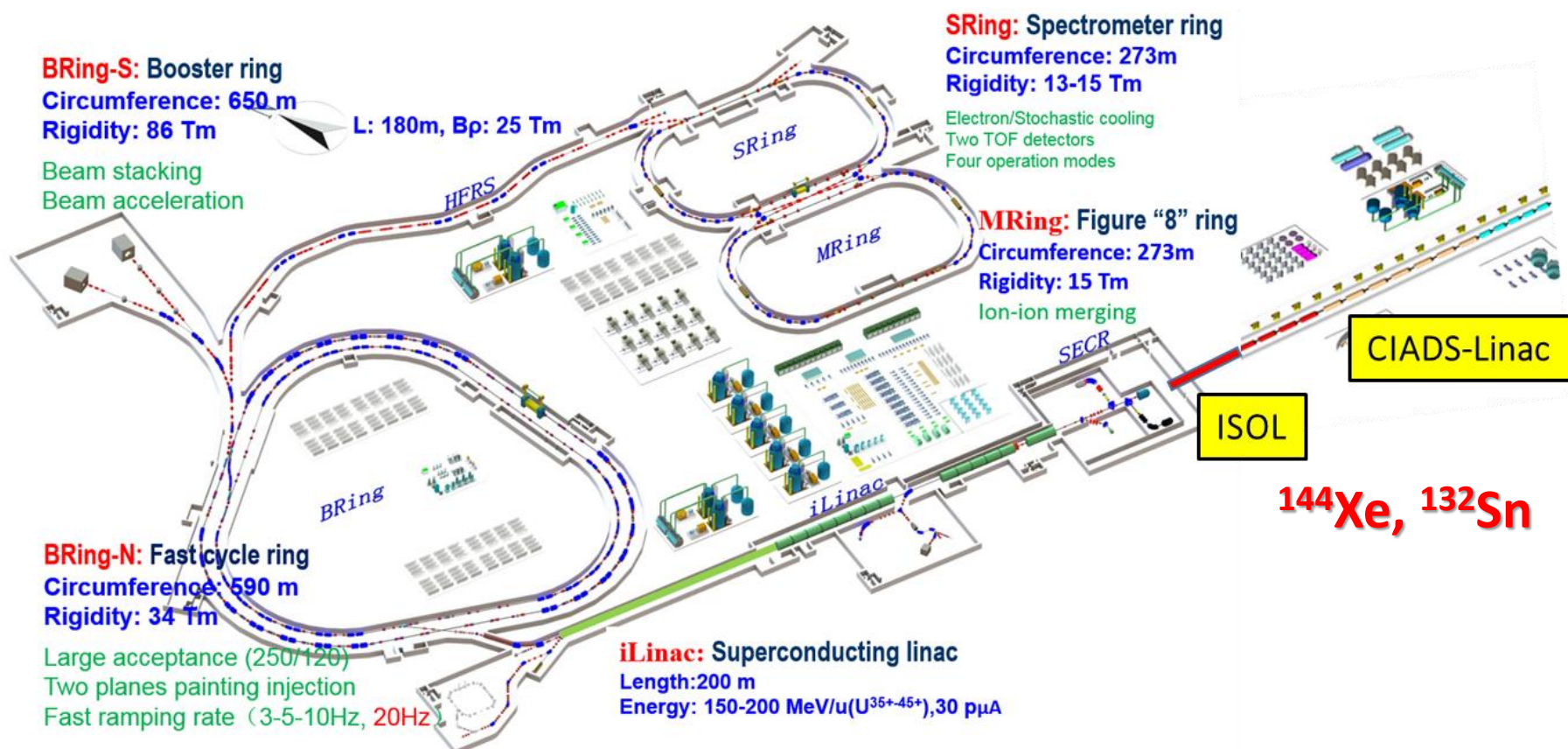
Courtesy of X.H. Zhou



High Intensity heavy ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF)

HIAF-U: 2023-2028

Merging beam: $^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{132}\text{Sn}$



MNT, PF, Fusion with n-rich beams

Summary

- $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$

- Hindrance model is not a good global model

- Reliable upper limit is established

- Fusion with neutron-rich beams at new facilities

- Collaboration will end up with better science!

