

JUNA progress: Jinping underground nuclear astrophysics experiment

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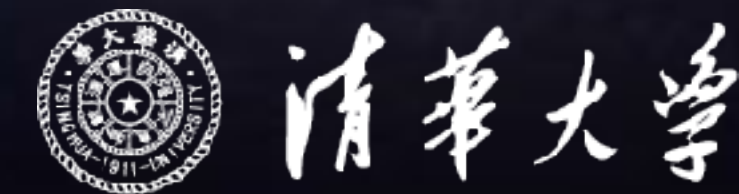
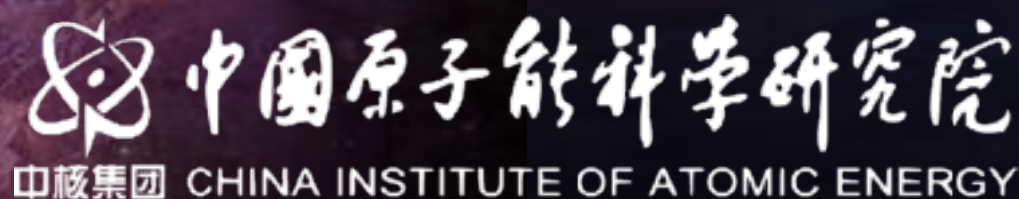
JUNA chief scientist

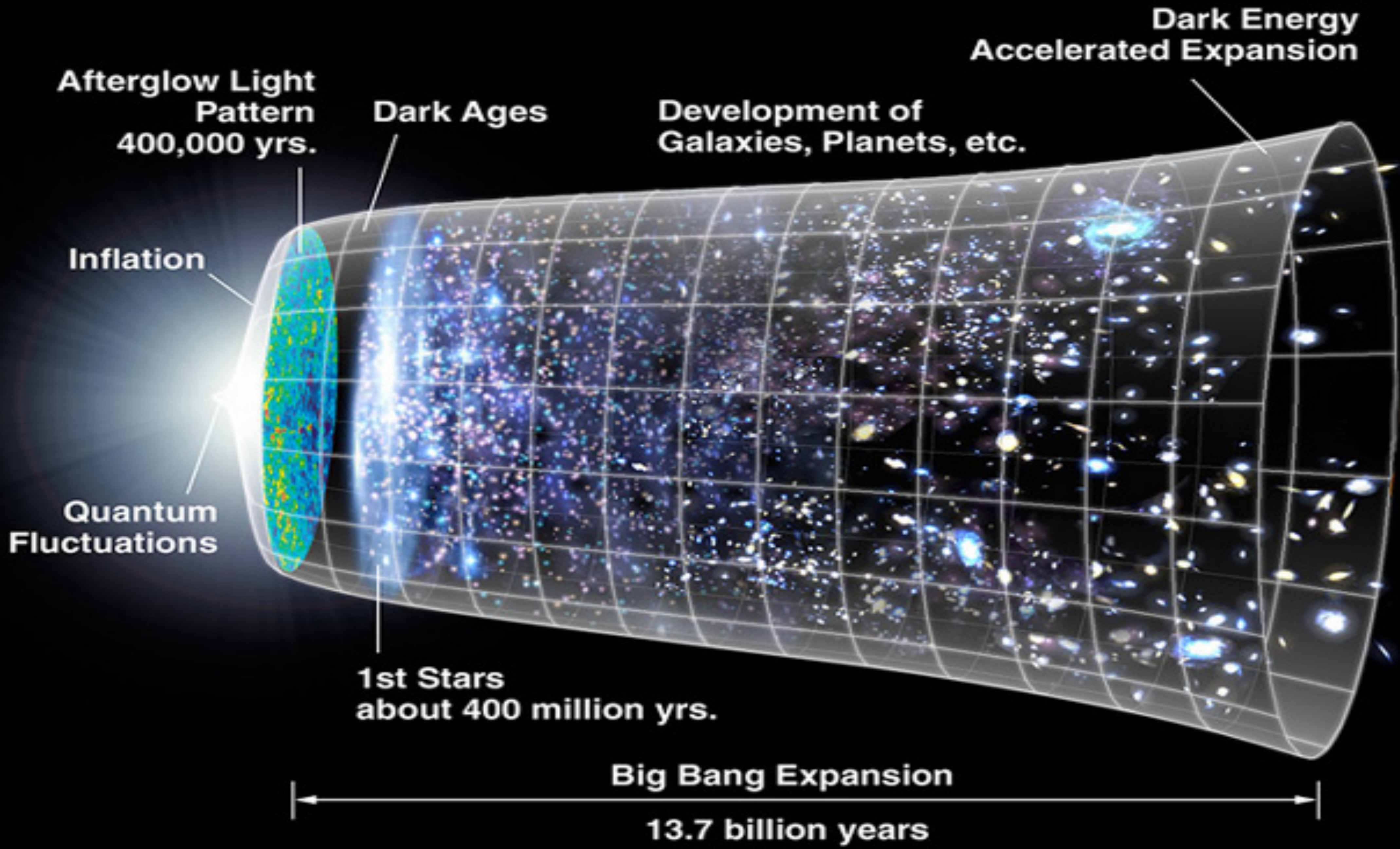
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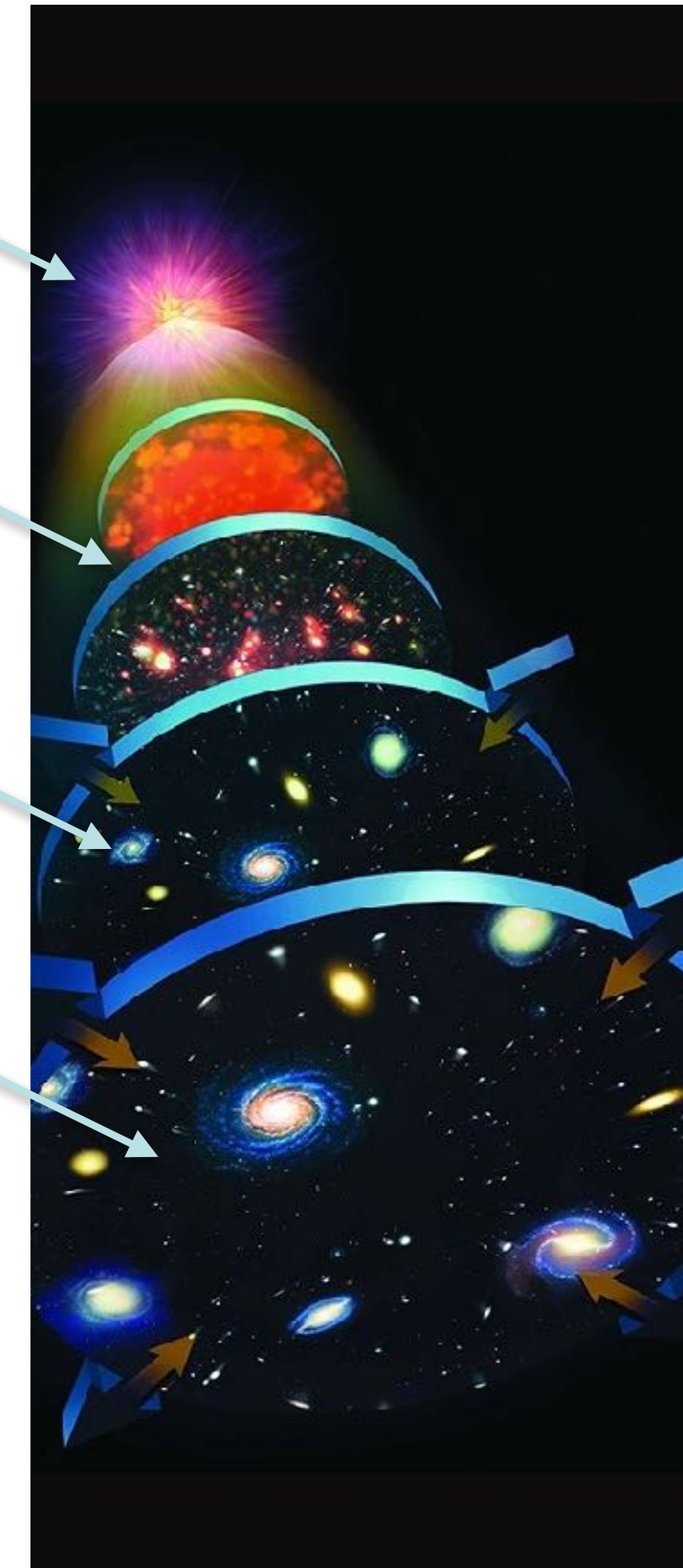
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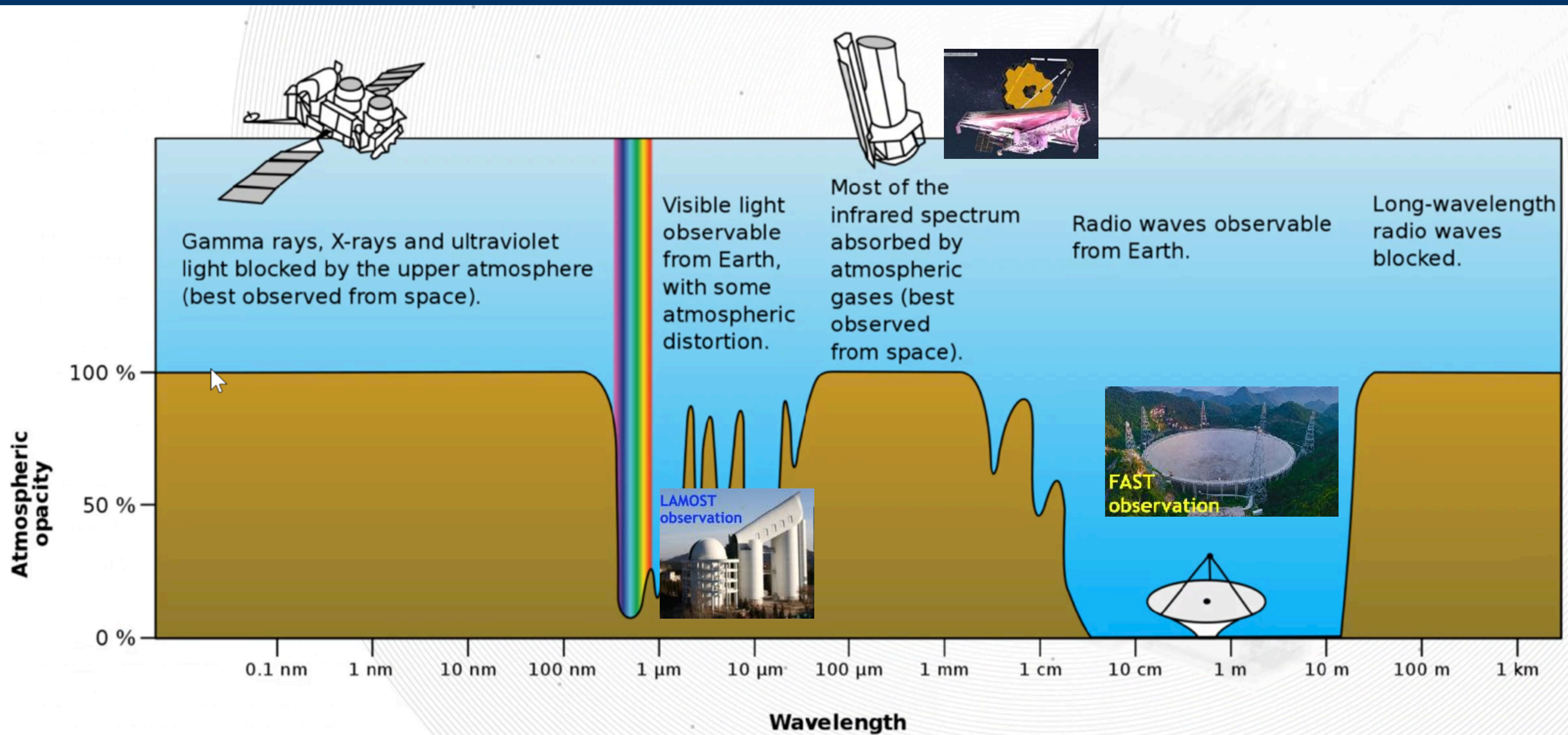


Important discoveries in nuclear astrophysics

- 3K cosmic microwave background radiation, 1965, experimental evidence for big bang theory
- Understanding of solar neutrinos, 1960, triggers neutrino oscillation hypothesis
- ^{26}Al γ -ray detection, 1980, Direct support for explosive nuclear processes, Birth of γ -ray astronomy
SB 67(2022)125
- Detection of SN1987A supernova explosion, 1987, understanding of origin of heavy elements
PRL 2022, in press
- Experimental explanation for missing of solar neutrinos, 2003, confirmation of neutrino oscillations
PRL 77(1996)611
- Detection of gravitational waves, 2016, the birth of multi-messenger astronomy

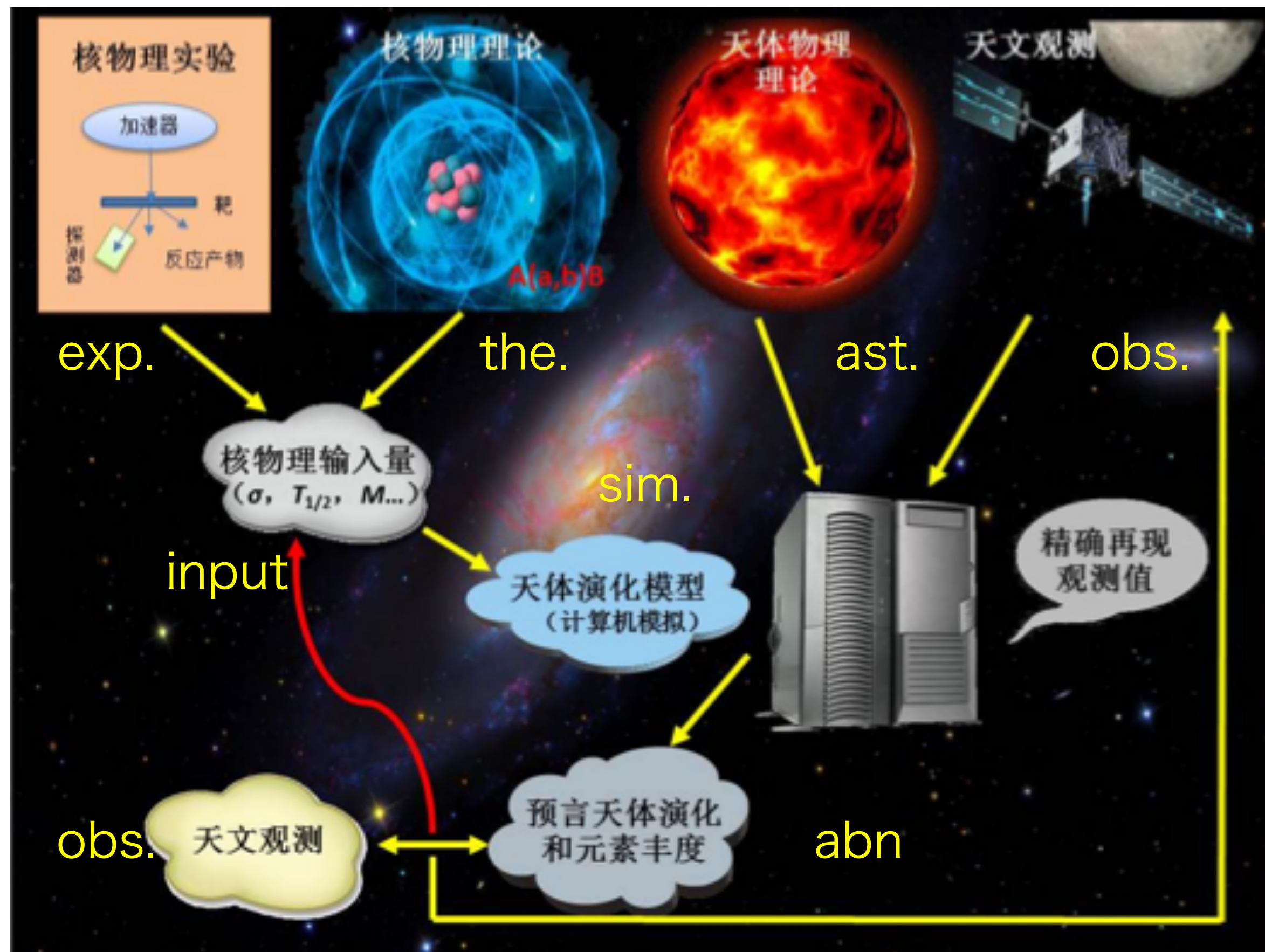


我们所能看到的



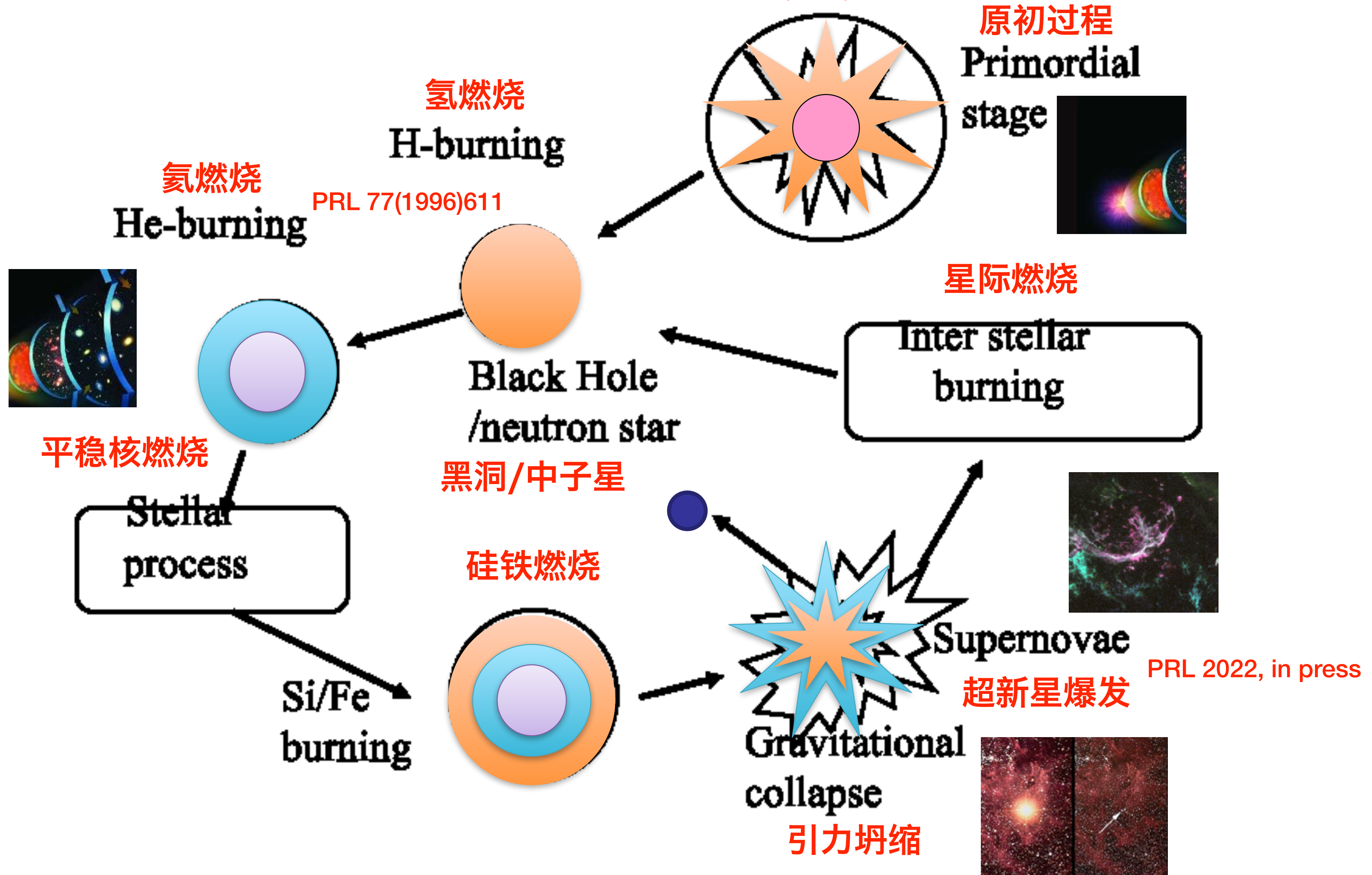
nuclear astrophysics: 解释我们所看到的

- NP, microscopic, 10^{-15} m, \rightarrow observation, cosmic, 10^{14} m, truly interdisciplinary
- For energy production and element synthesis in star



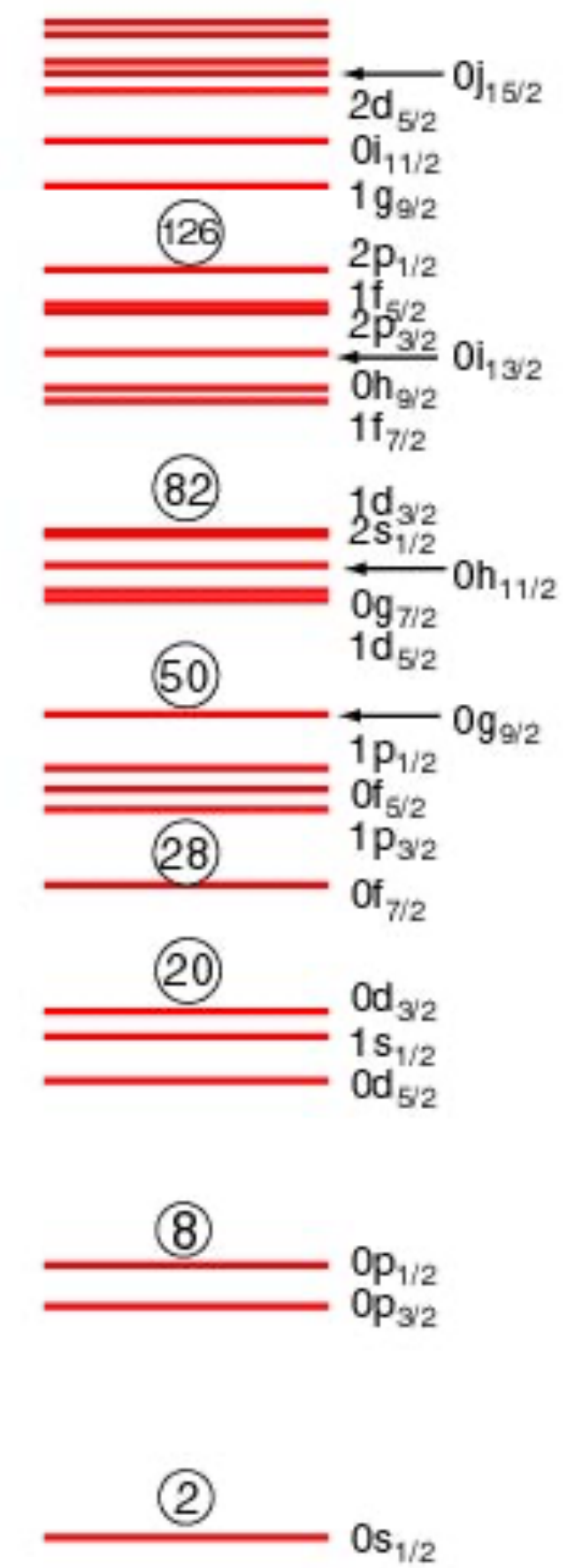
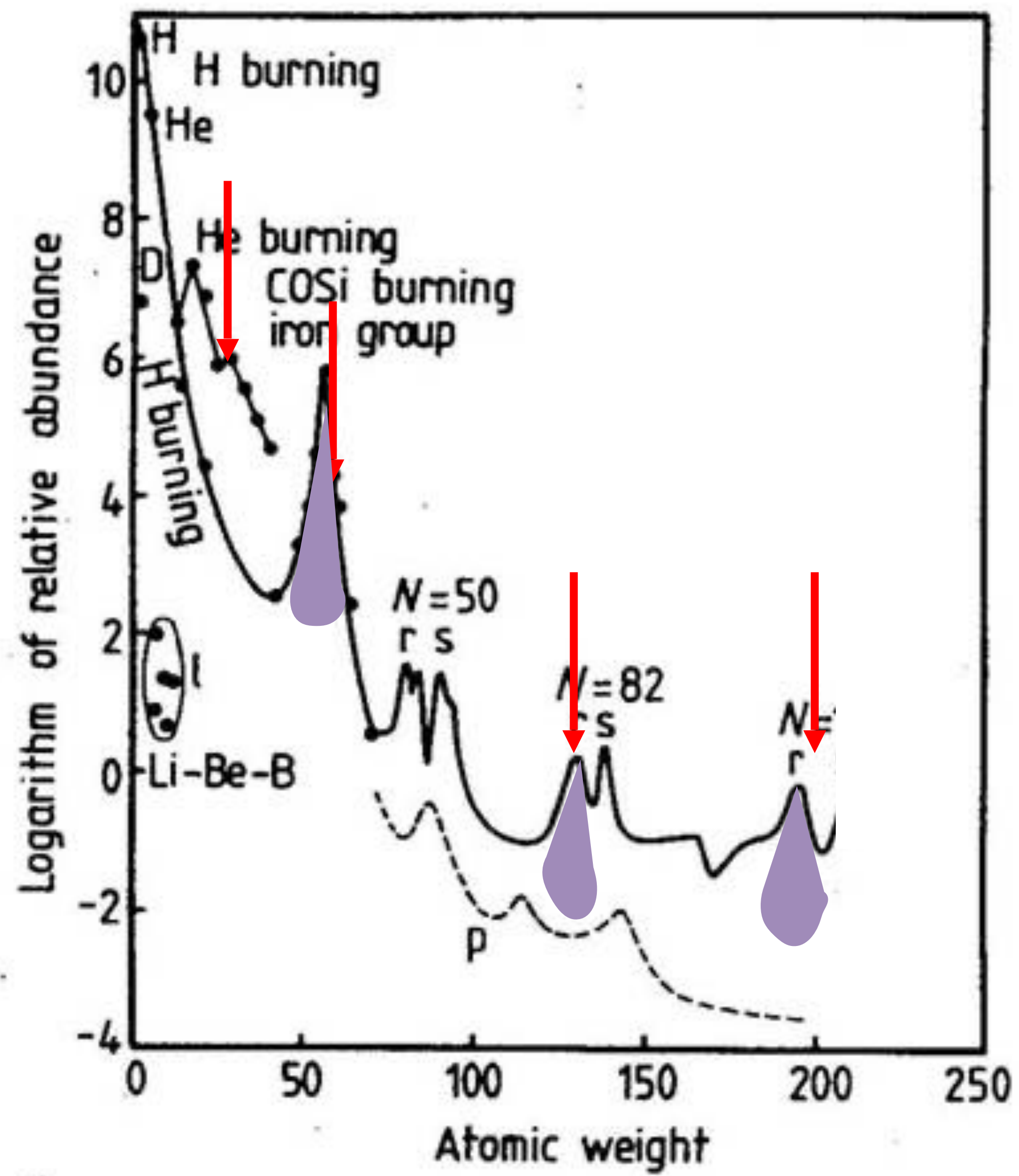
Life of star

PRC 71(2005)052801R



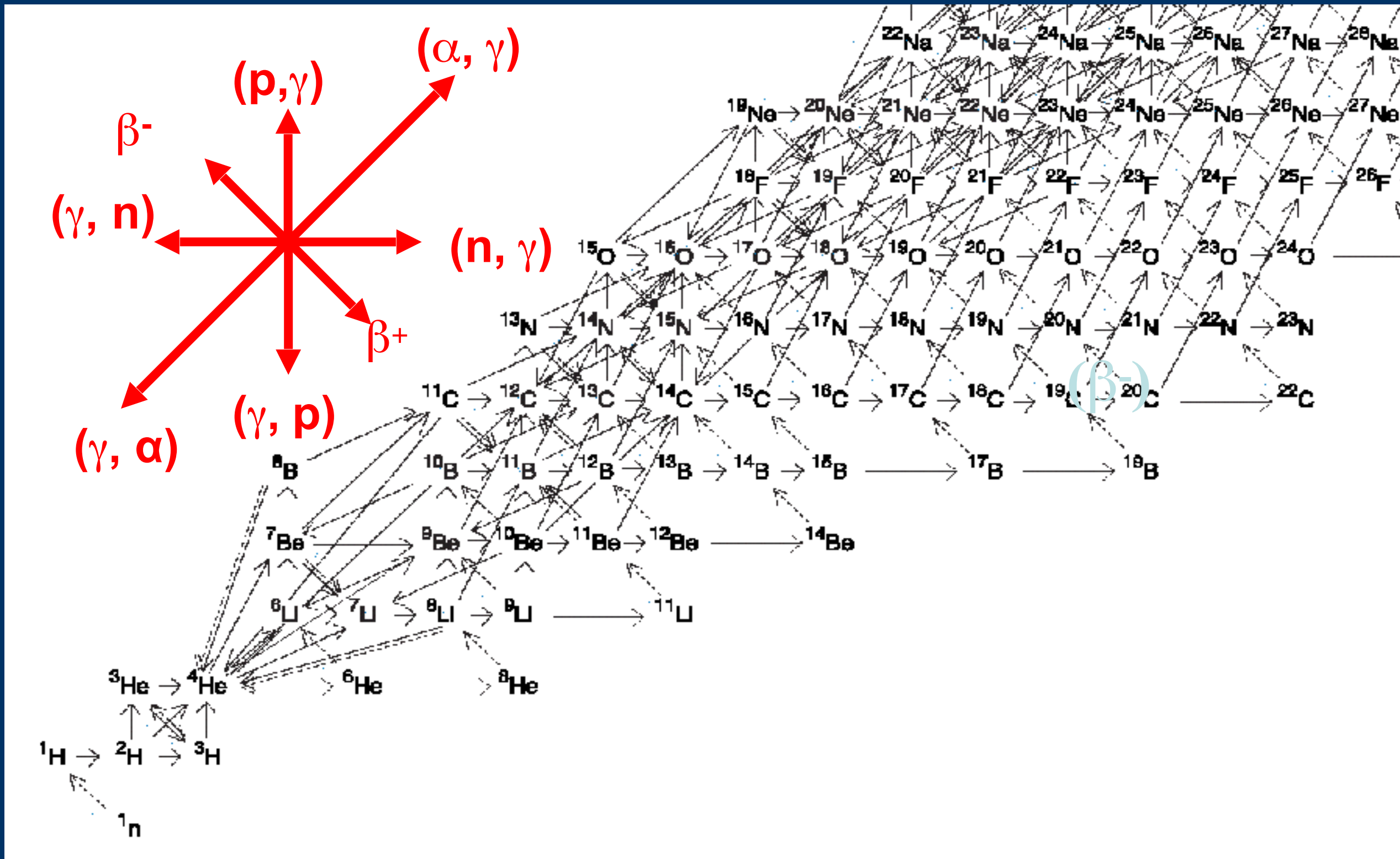
Nuclear Reactions: Alchemists in the Universe

Peaks are the birthmark of nuclear physics: the magic number of the nuclear shell model



Shell Model of Nuclei

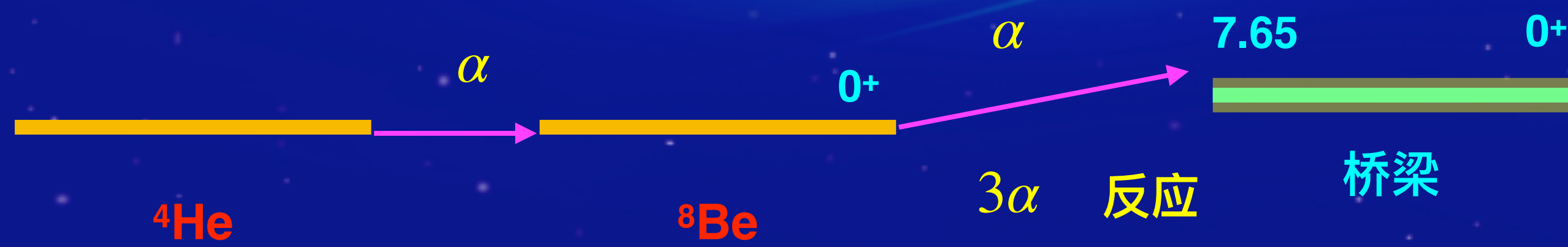
Element synthesis network



Cross section

$$\frac{dY_i}{dt} = \sum_j N_j^i \lambda_j Y_j + \sum_{j,k} N_{j,k}^i \rho N_A \langle \sigma V \rangle_{jk,i} Y_j Y_k + \sum_{j,k,l} N_{j,k,l}^i \rho^2 N_A^2 \langle \sigma V \rangle_{jkl,i} Y_j Y_k Y_l$$

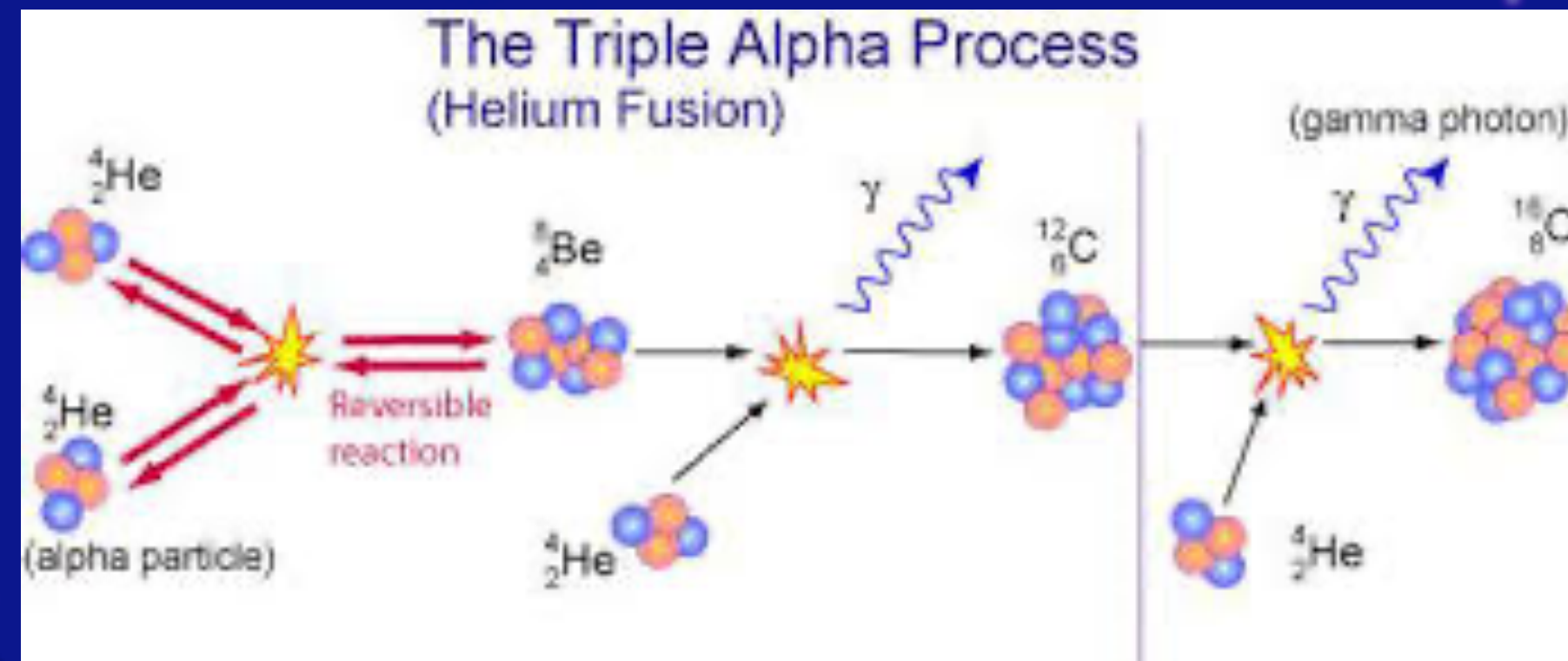
几个原子核的能级决定了宇宙和人类的命运!



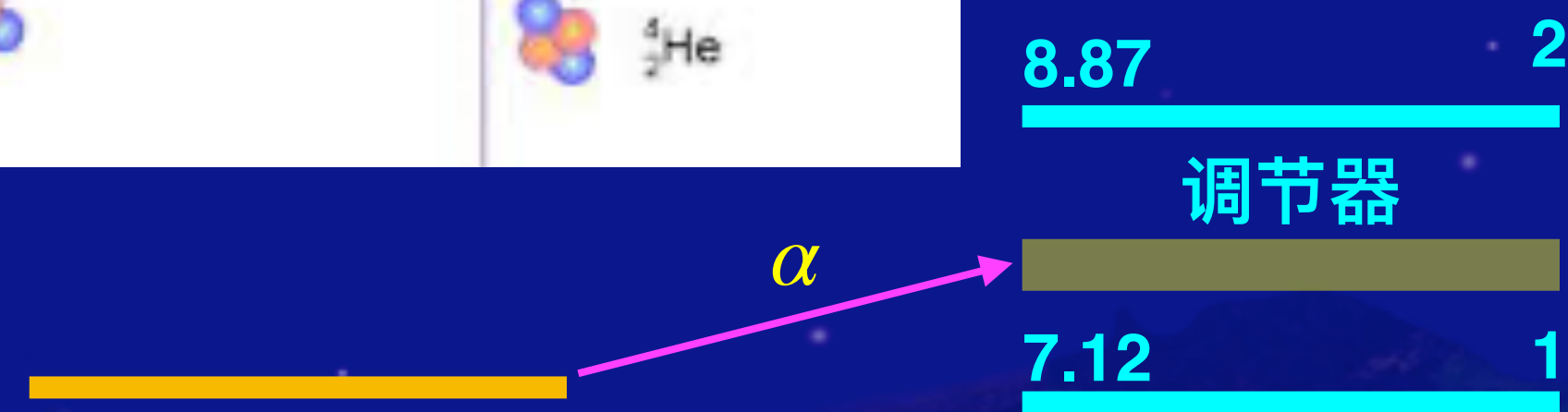
1954, Hoyle态, 很舒服, 有了碳基生命



Fred Hoyle (1915-2001)



William A. Fowler (1911-1995)
Rev.Mod.Phys. 56 (1984) 149-179



很合适, 太阳可以燃烧数十亿年; 我们也有足够氧气呼吸

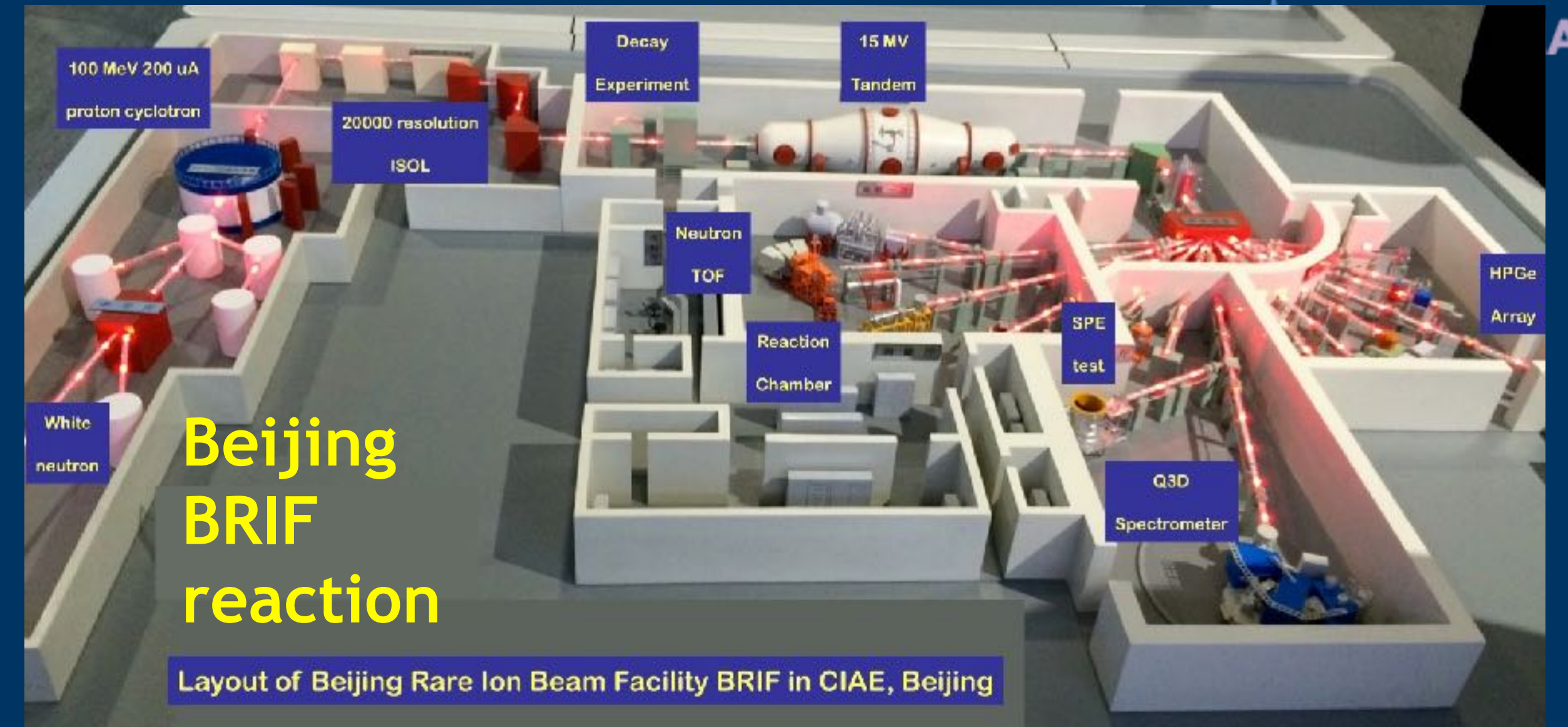
from "Cladon in the universe"

Major facilities in China

LAMOST
observation



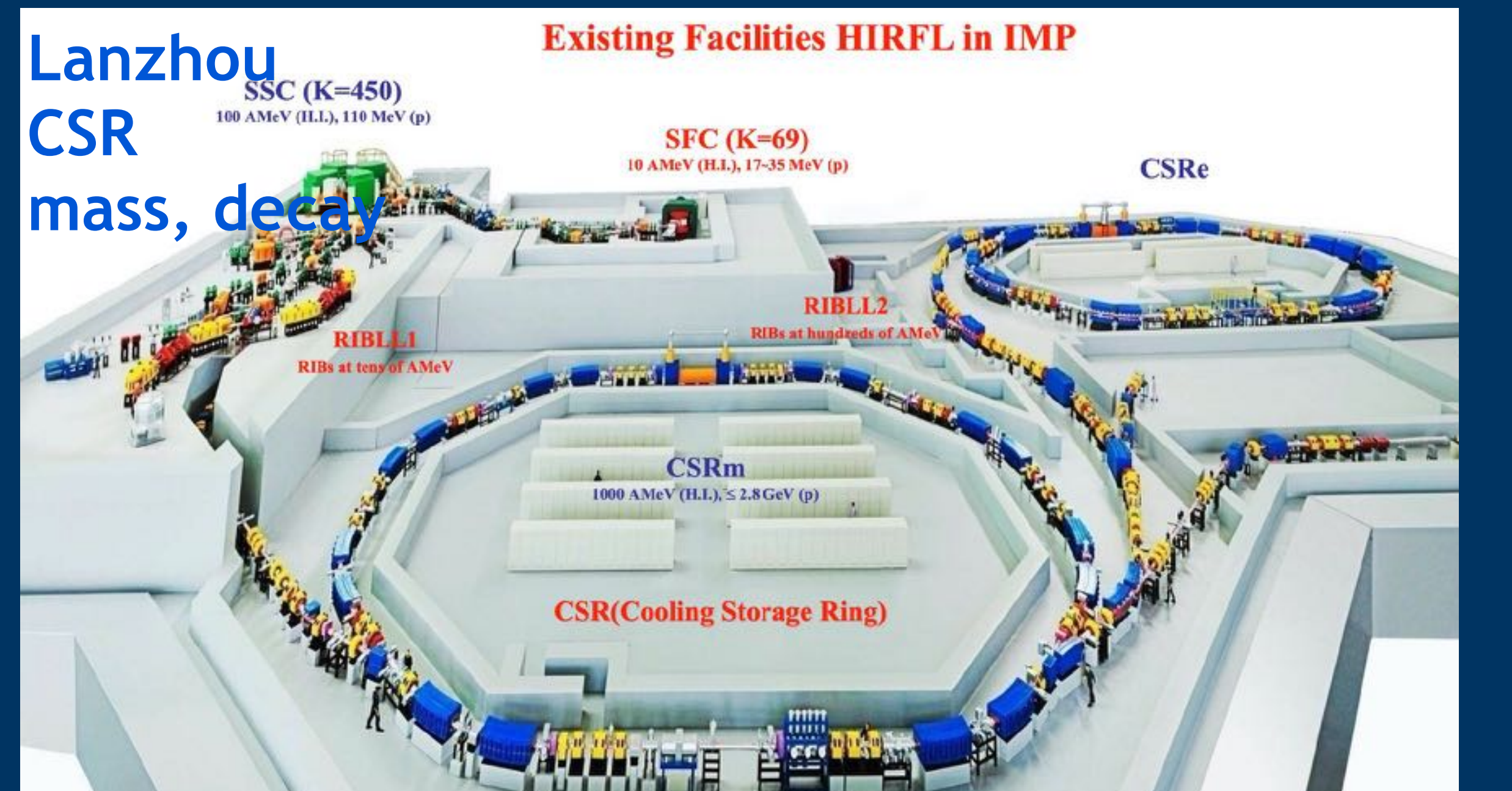
FAST
observation



Jinping JUNA
direct exp.



Lanzhou CSR
mass, decay



Joint efforts 方法论



Reaction

LUNA, CASPAR, JUNA...

Direct in Gamow window
(underground)

TRIUMF, NSCL,...

Direct in higher energy

CIAE, TAMU, CNS...

In-direct measurements

RIBF, CSR, NSCL...

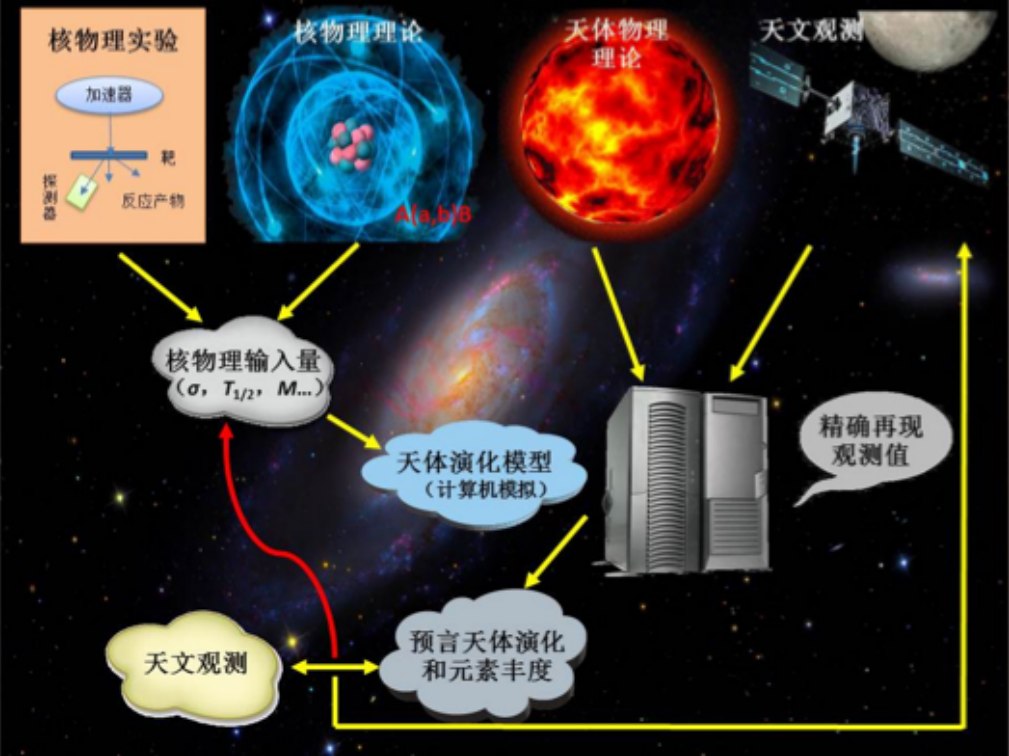
Nuclear decay

CSR, GSI, TRIUMF...

Nuclear mass

Nuclear astrophysics and sensitivity study

Shell model and mean field calculation



Shell model and mean field calculation

Reaction rate database

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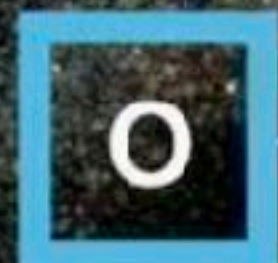
Nuclear input database

AME...

Mass and decay rate database

人体元素组成与天体核合成过程

The four ingredients below are essential parts of the body's protein, carbohydrate and fat architecture.



OXYGEN
65.0%
Critical to the conversion of food into energy.



CARBON
18.5%
The so-called backbone of the building blocks of the body and a key part of other important compounds, such as testosterone and estrogen.



HYDROGEN
9.5%
Helps transport nutrients, remove wastes and regulate body temperature. Also plays an important role in energy production.



NITROGEN
3.3%
Found in amino acids, the building blocks of proteins; an essential part of the nucleic acids that constitute DNA.

(Percentage of body weight. Source: *Biology*, Campbell and Reece, eighth edition.)

其他关键元素

Calcium 1.5%
Lends rigidity and strength to bones and teeth; also important for the functioning of nerves and muscles, and for blood clotting.

Phosphorus 1.0%
Needed for building and maintaining bones and teeth; also found in the molecule ATP (adenosine triphosphate), which provides energy that drives chemical reactions in cells.

Potassium 0.4%
Important for electrical signaling in nerves and maintaining the balance of water in the body.

Sulfur 0.3%
Found in cartilage, insulin (the hormone that enables the body to use sugar), breast milk, proteins that play a role in the immune system, and keratin, a substance in skin, hair and nails.

Chlorine 0.2%
Needed by nerves to function properly; also helps produce gastric juices.

Sodium 0.2%
Plays a critical role in nerves' electrical signaling; also helps regulate the amount of water in the body.

Magnesium 0.1%
Plays an important role in the structure of the skeleton and muscles; also found in molecules that help enzymes use ATP to supply energy for chemical reactions in cells.

Iodine (trace amount)
Part of an essential hormone produced by the thyroid gland; regulates metabolism.

Iron (trace amount)
Part of hemoglobin, which carries oxygen in red blood cells.

Zinc (trace amount)
Forms part of some enzymes involved in digestion.

我们从哪里来，到哪里去？ Where



The Cosmic Dark Age

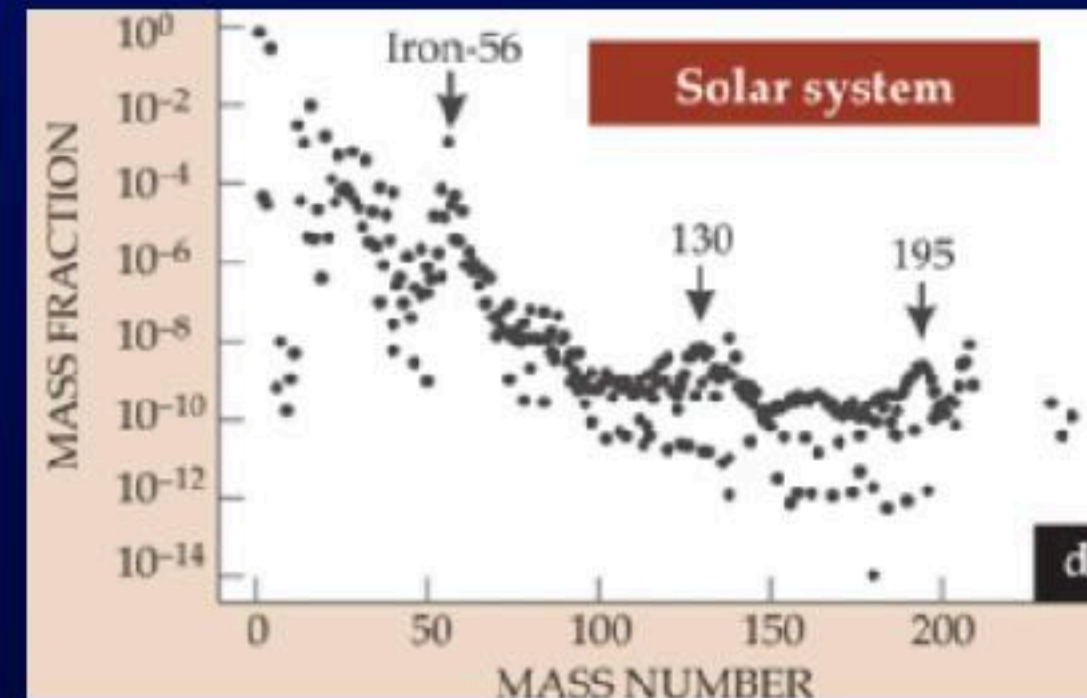
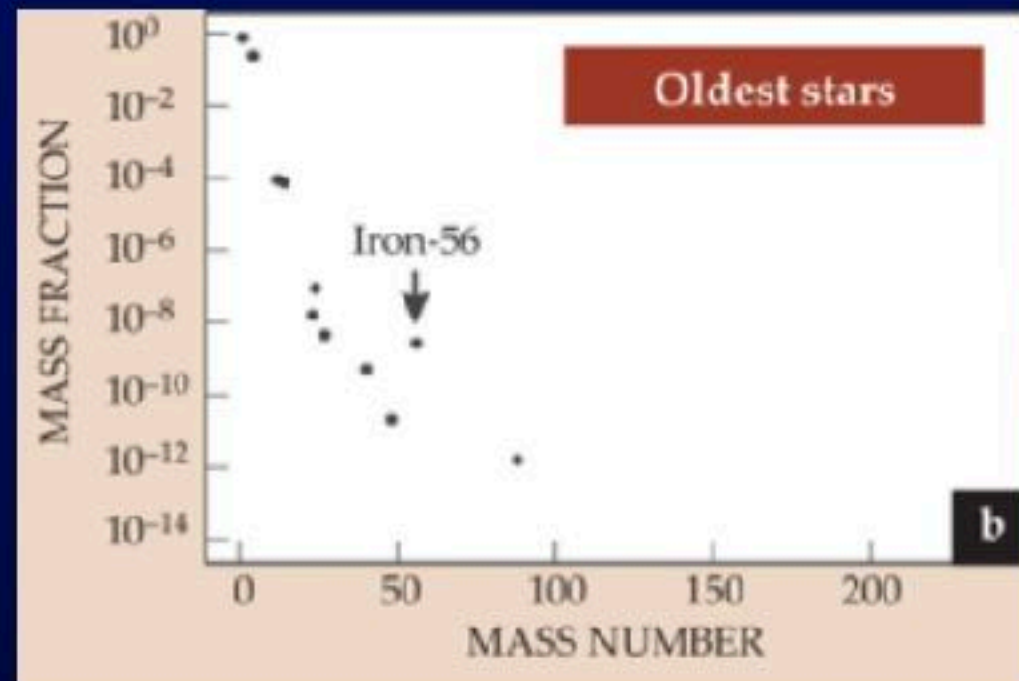
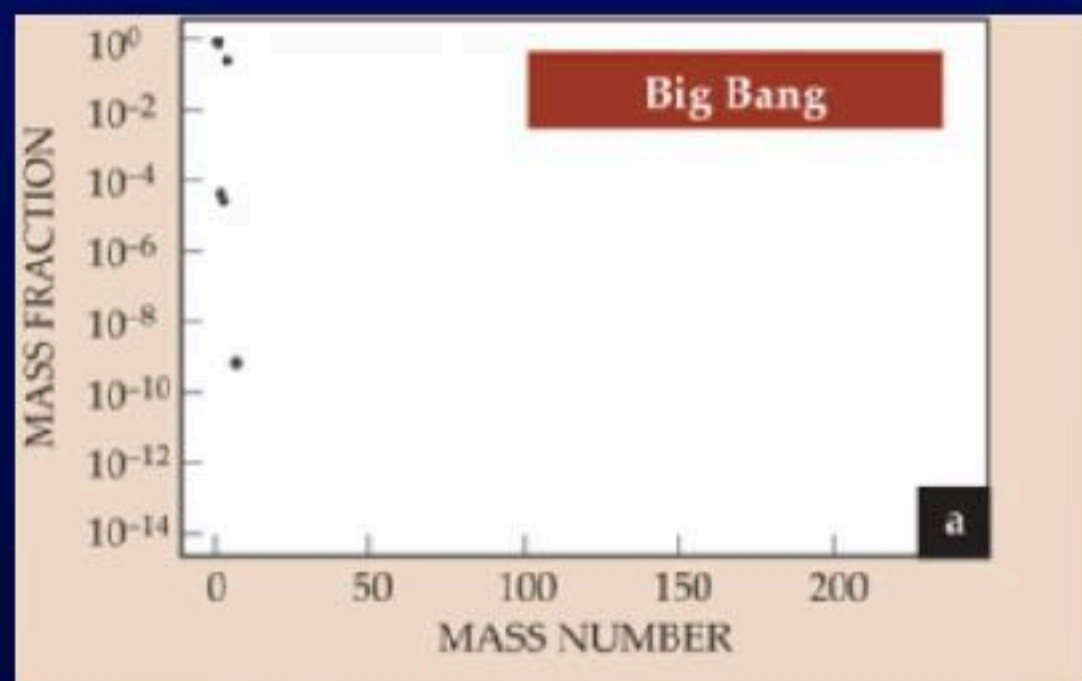
大爆炸三十分钟

4亿年

138亿年，今天

The First Star within it

(Alexander Hegar 2013)



桥梁



粮食

需要超大曝光 High exposure



$$\sigma(E) = S(E) e^{-2\pi\eta} \frac{1}{E}$$

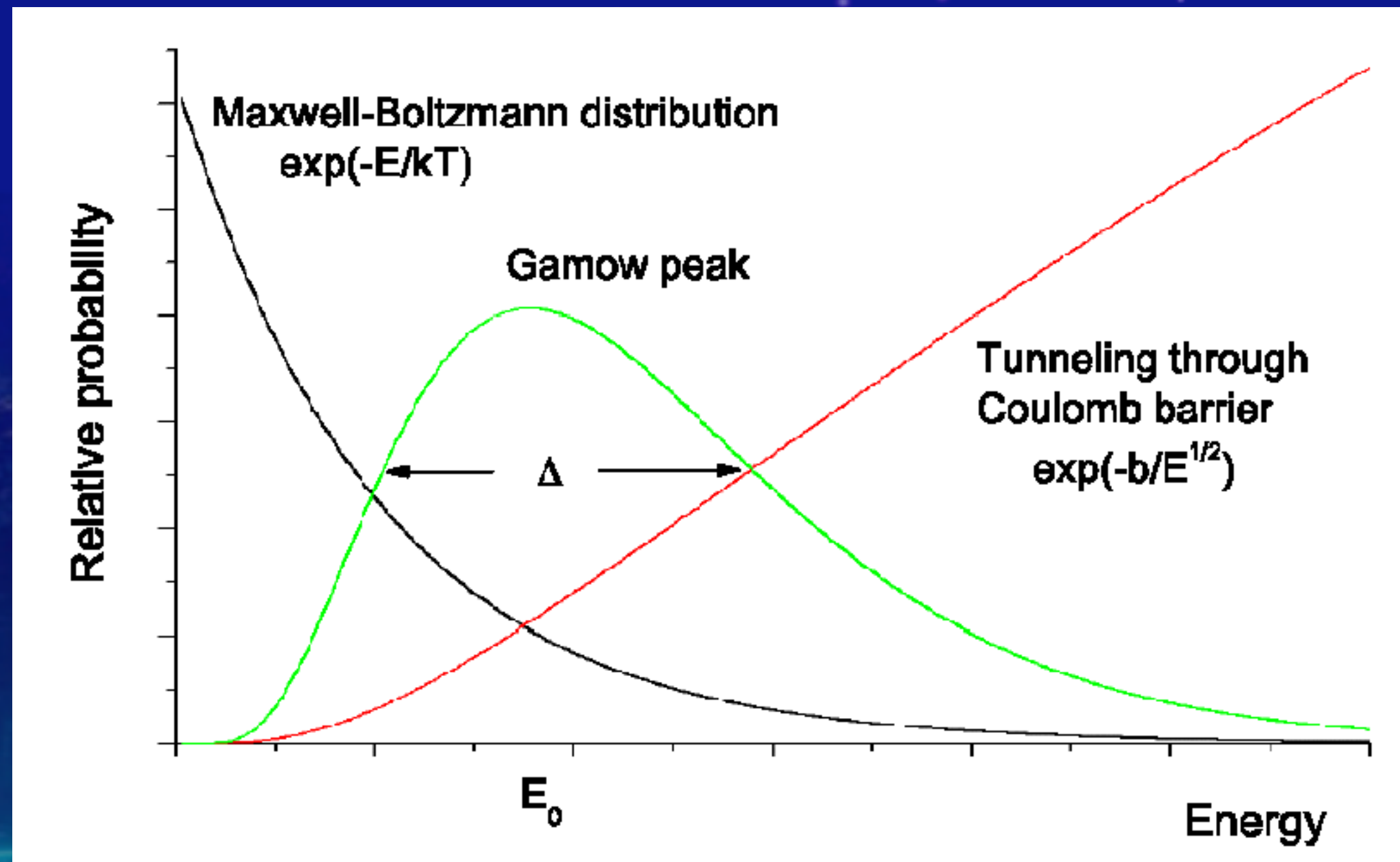
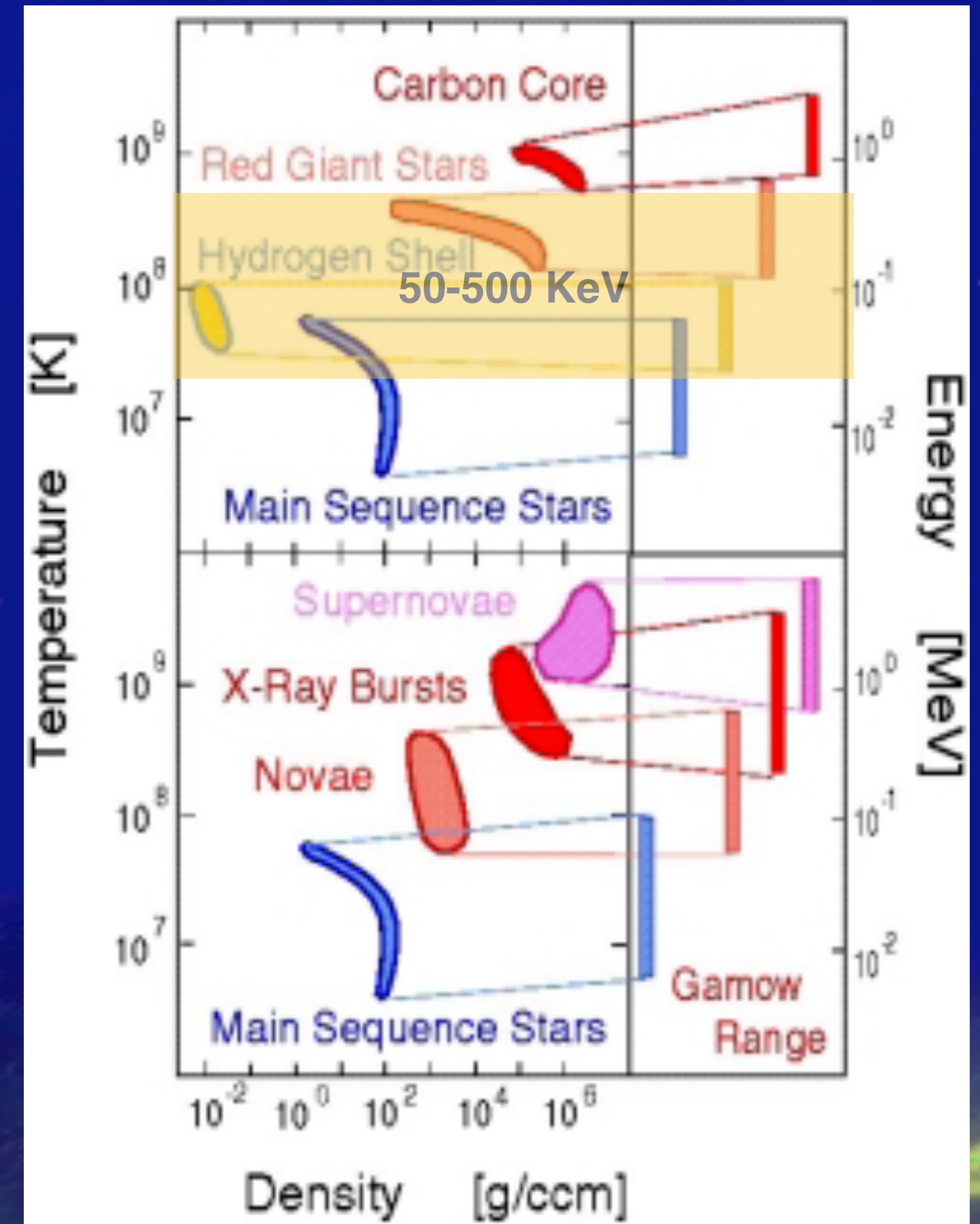
coulomb term

astrophysical s factor

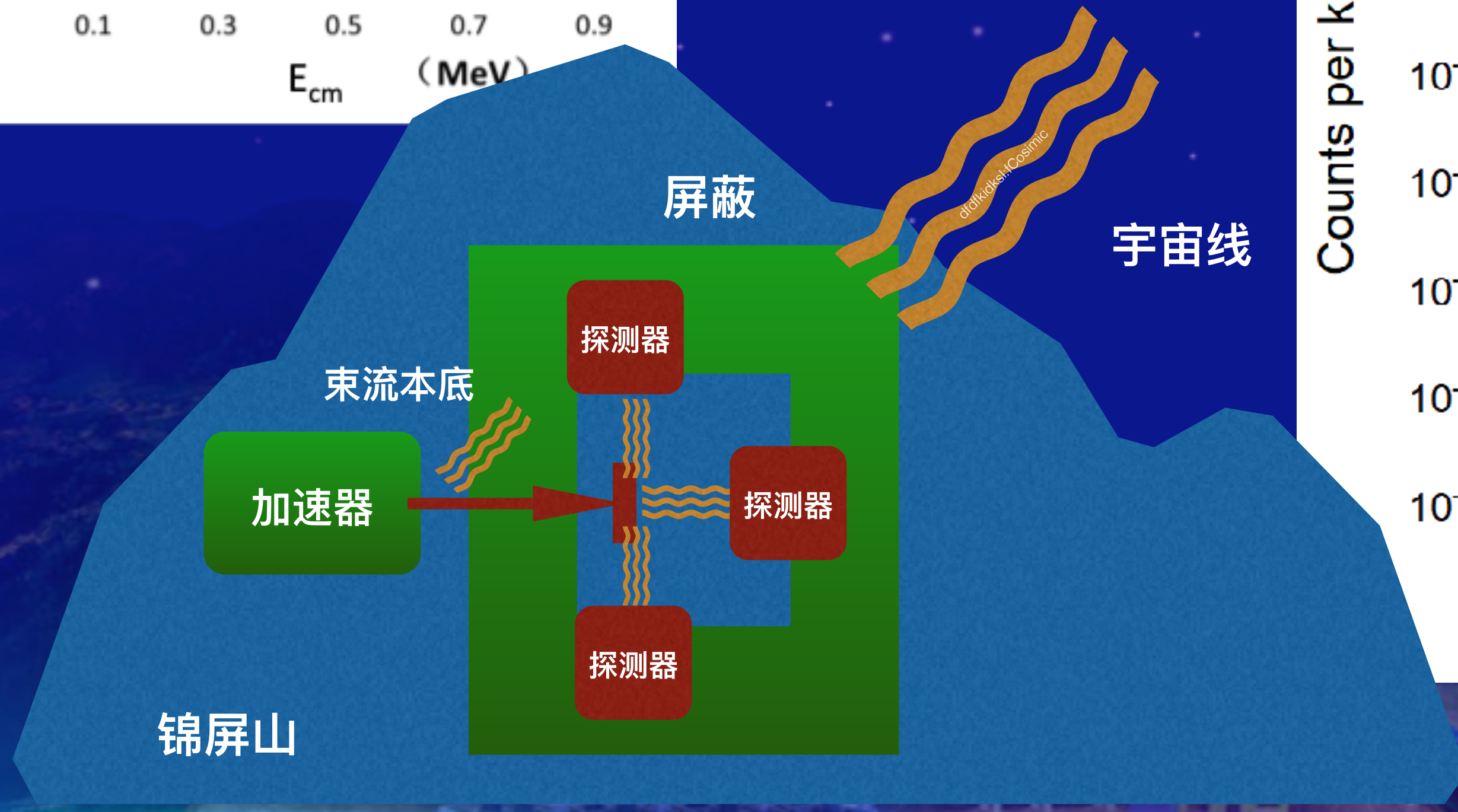
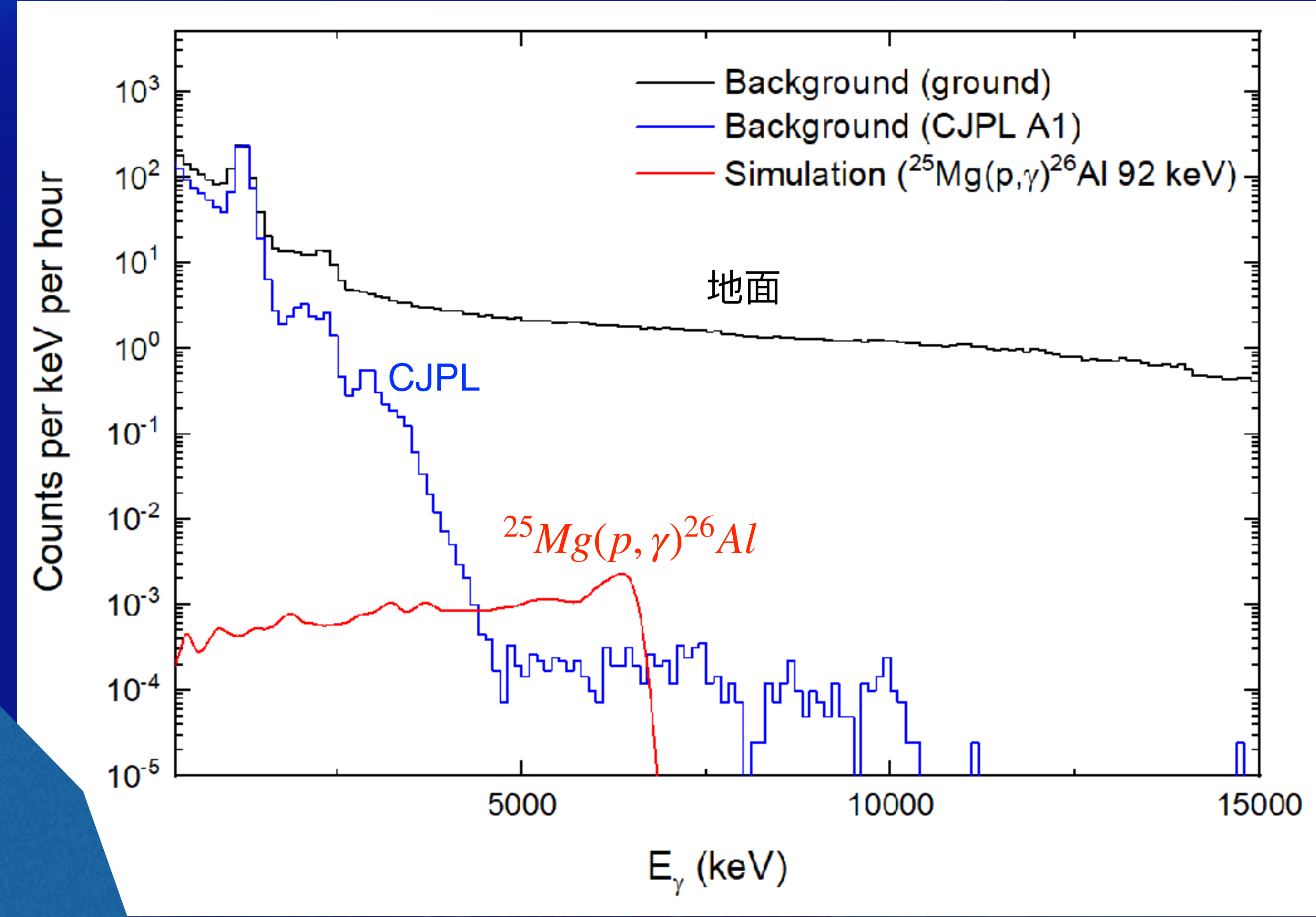
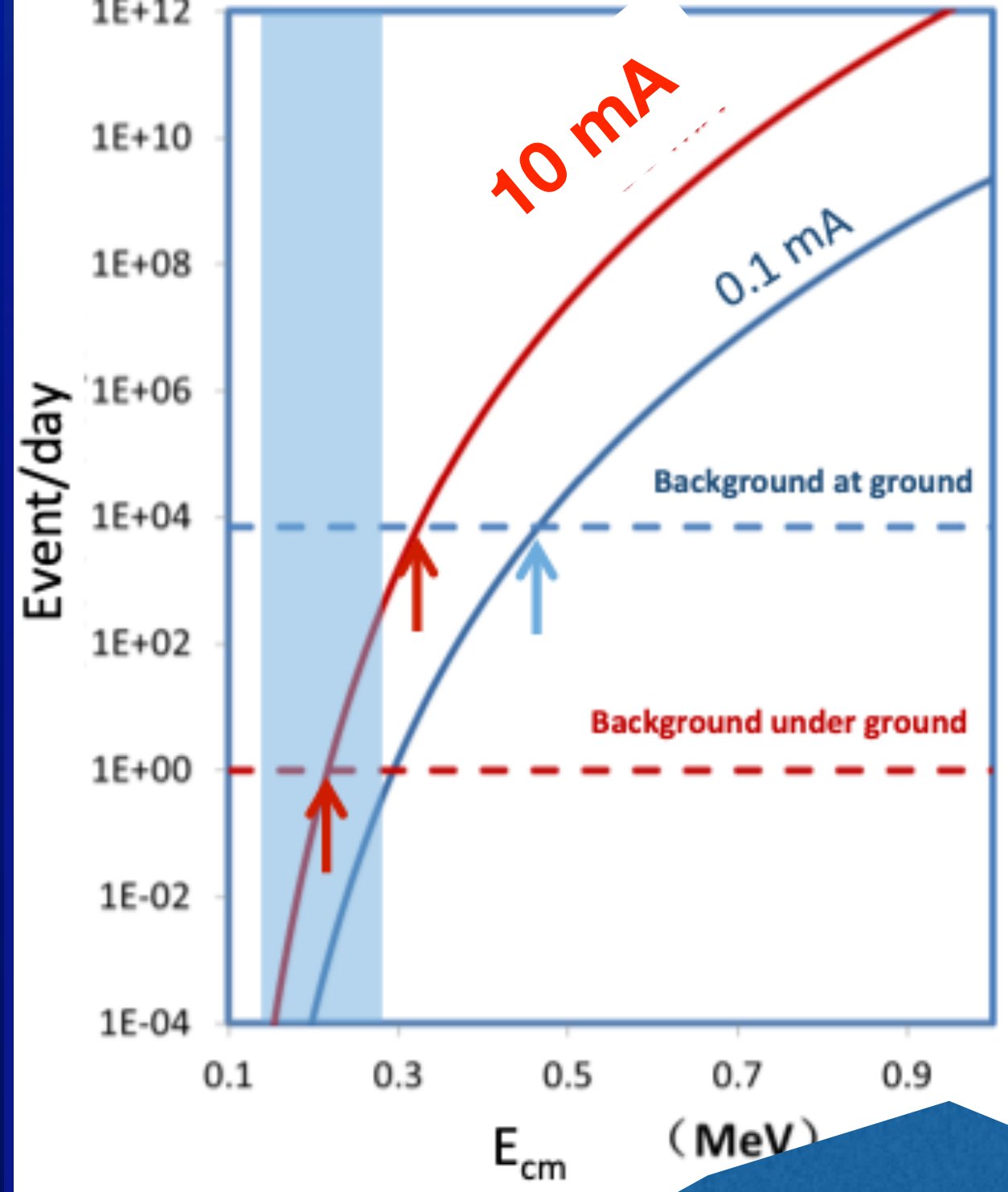
$$\eta = 0.1575 Z_1 Z_2 \sqrt{M/E}$$

$$E_0 = 0.1220 \left(Z_0^2 Z_1^2 \frac{M_0 M_1}{M_0 + M_1} T_9^2 \right)^{1/3} \text{ (MeV)}$$

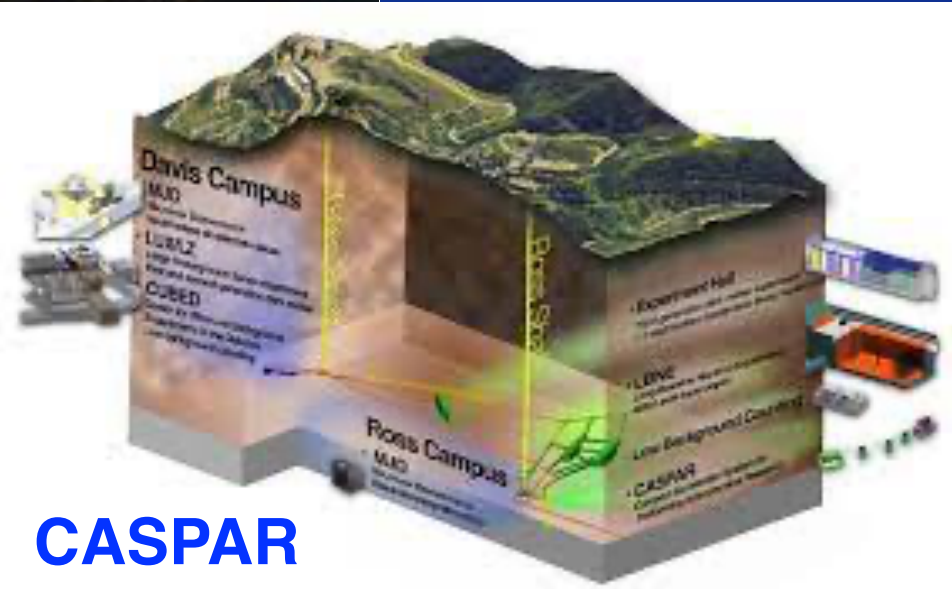
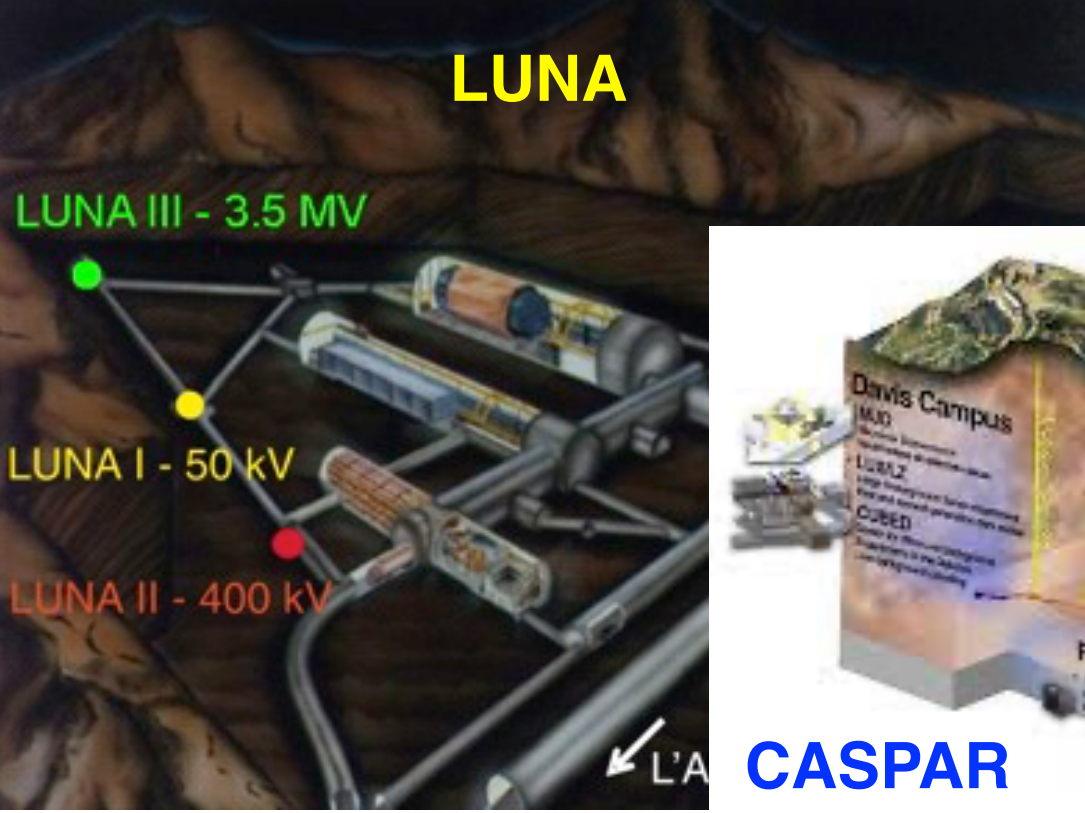
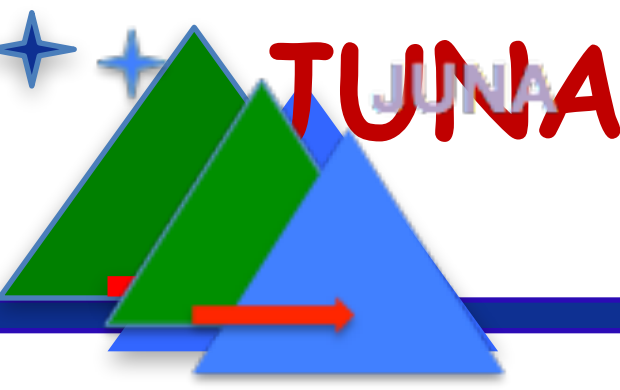
Gamow window



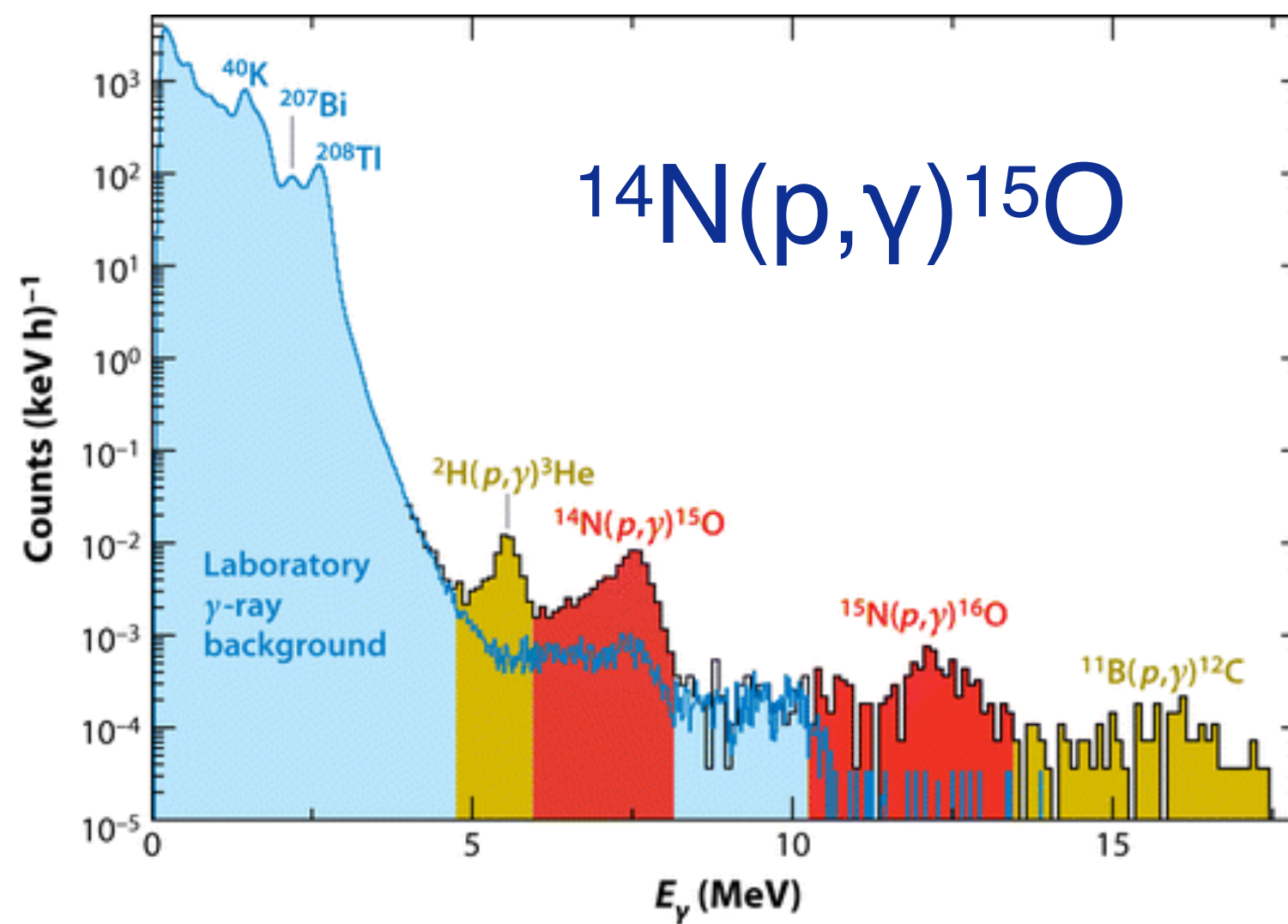
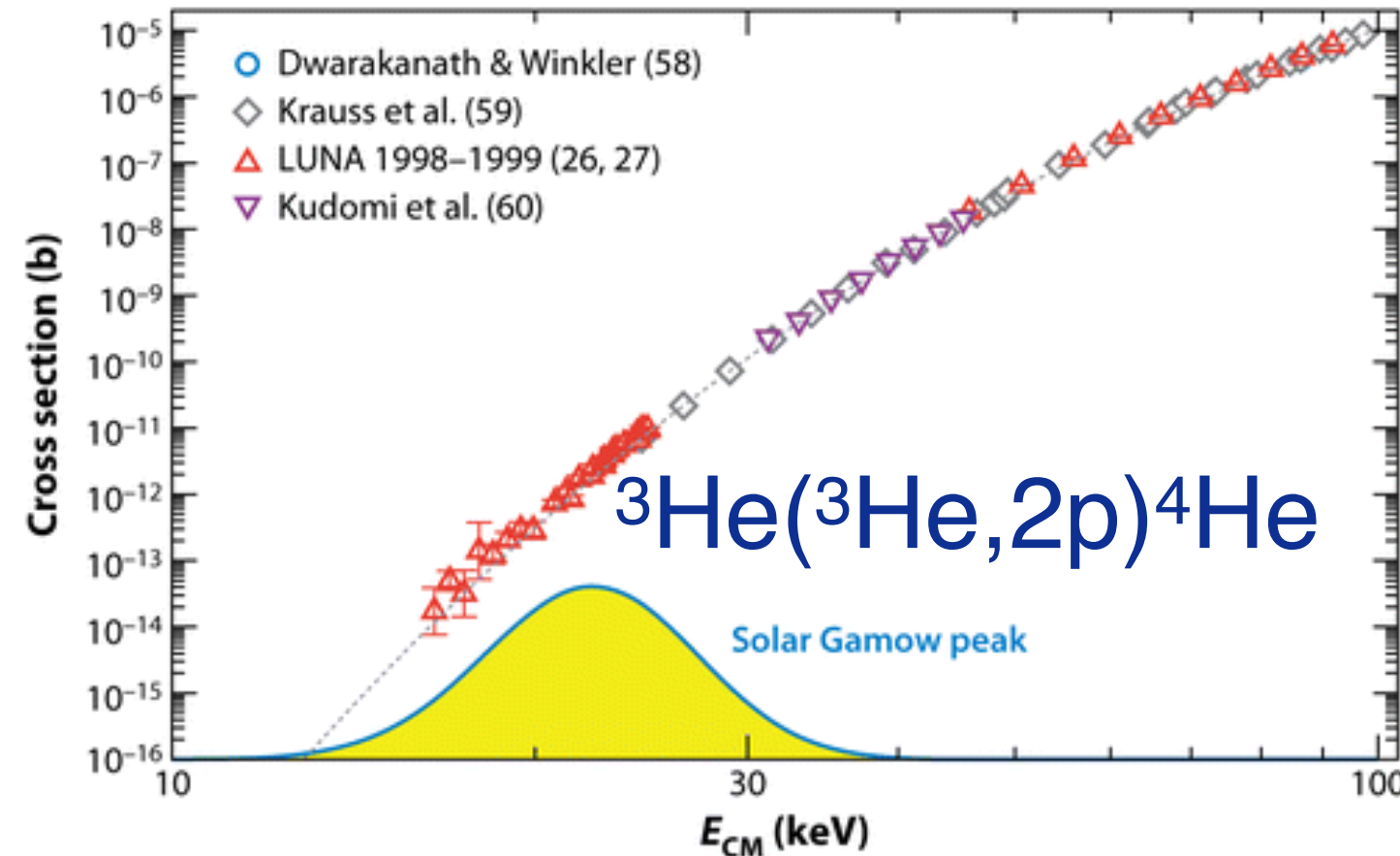
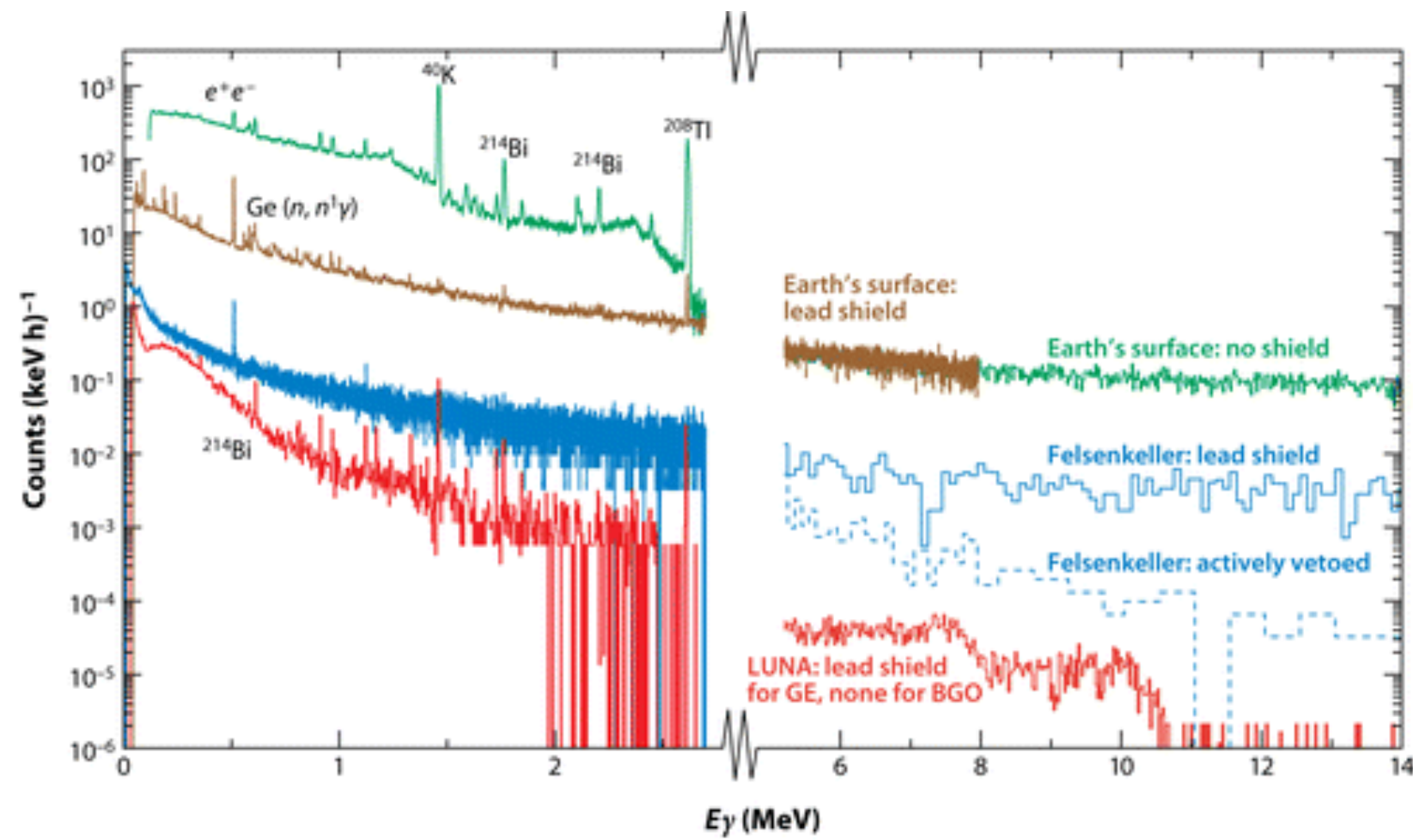
需要大海捞针 Why underground



LUNA and CASPAR nuclear astrophysics



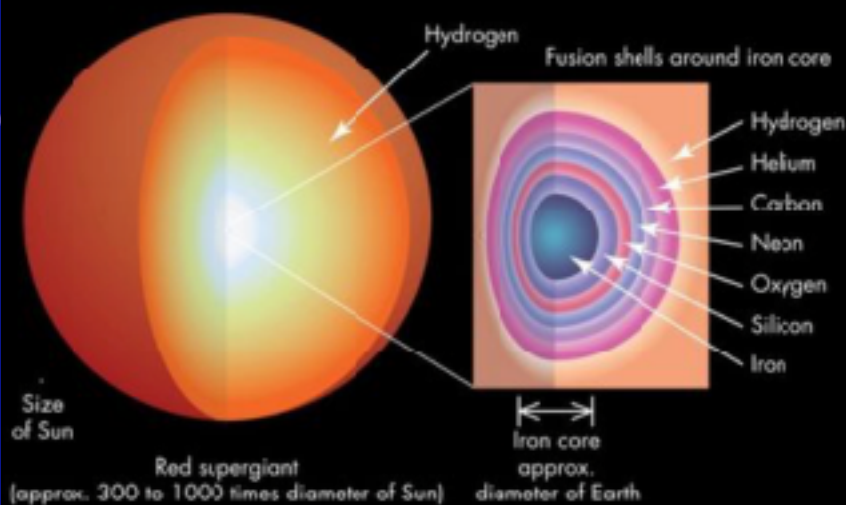
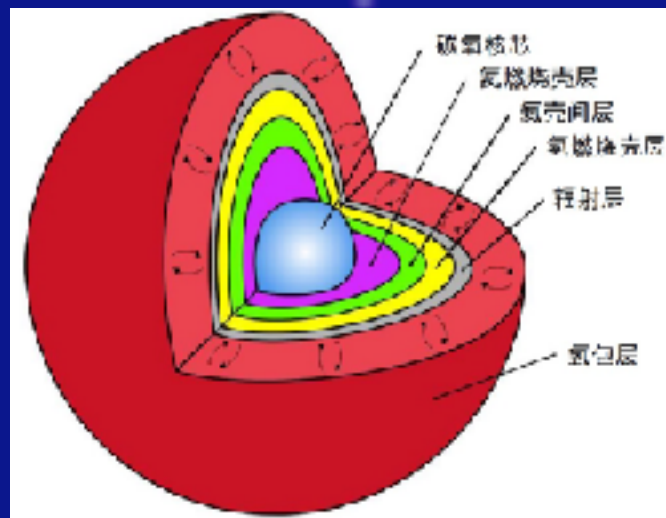
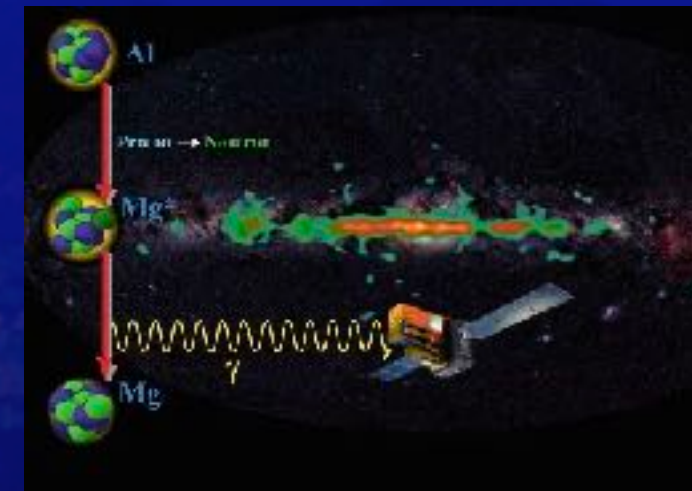
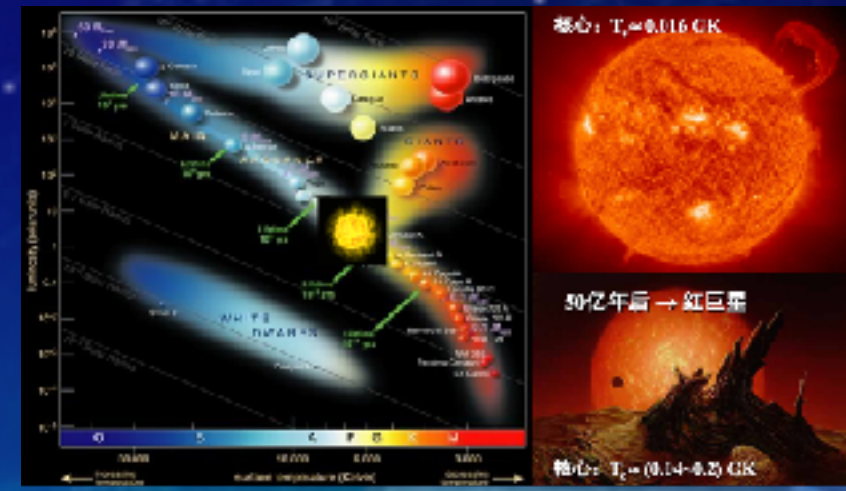
- F. Cavanna et al., PRL 115(2015)252501, $^{22}\text{Ne}(p, \gamma)^{23}\text{Na}$.
- F. Ciani et al. PRL 127(2021)152701, $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$
- V. Mossa et al., Nature 587(2020)210, $D(p, \gamma)^3\text{He}$
- A. C. Dombos et al., PRL 128(2022)162701, $^{18}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{22}\text{Ne}$

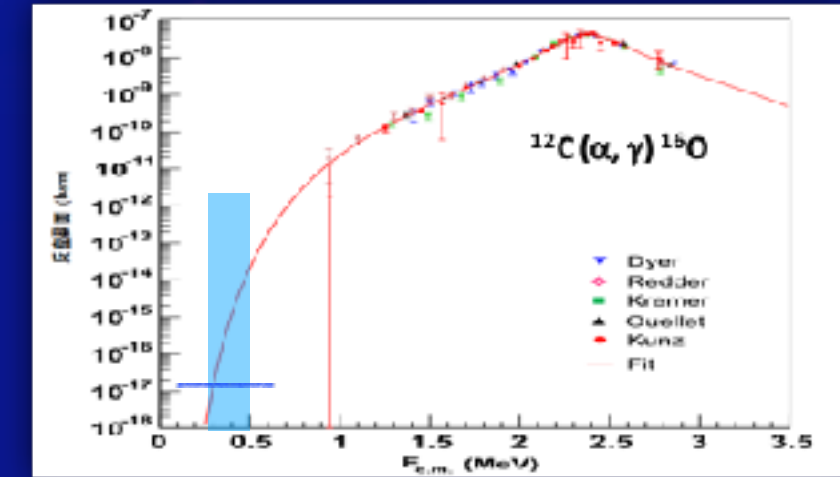


- $^3\text{He}(^3\text{He}, 2p)^4\text{He}$
PRL 82(1999)5205
PLB 482(2000)43
- $^2\text{H}(^3\text{He}, p)^4\text{He}$
NPA 706(2002)203
- $^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma)^7\text{Be}$
PRL 97(2006)122502
- $^{14}\text{N}(p, \gamma)^{15}\text{O}$
PLB 591(2004)61
- $^{15}\text{N}(p, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$
PRC 82, 055804(2010)
- $^{17}\text{O}(p, \gamma)^{18}\text{F}$
PRL 109, 202601(2012)
- $^{25}\text{Mg}(p, \gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$
PLB 707(2012) 60

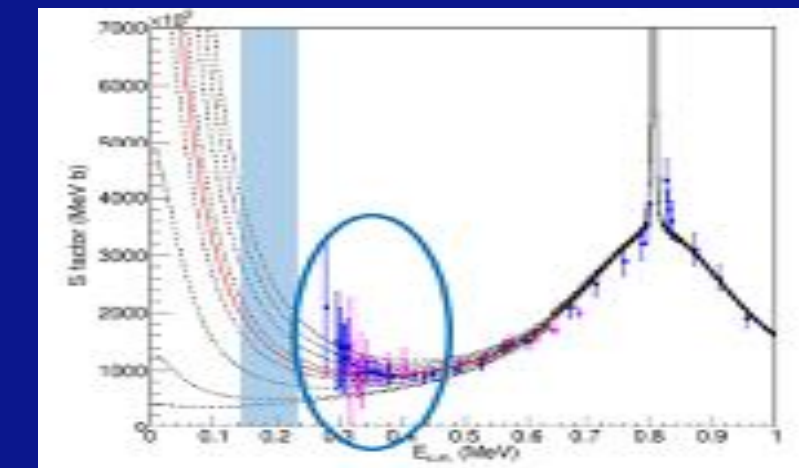
Uncertainty remained for key reactions 天时



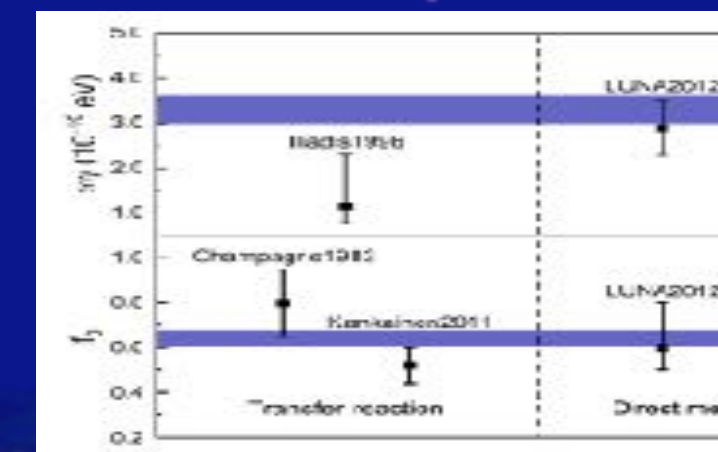
Physics	Reaction	Current	Desired
 <p>Massive star</p>	$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$	60% 890 keV	20% 220-380 keV
 <p>s-process neutron source</p>	$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$	60% 230 keV	10% 140-230 keV
 <p>Galaxy ^{26}Al source</p>	$^{25}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$	20% 92 keV	5% 50-300 keV
 <p>F, Ca abundance</p>	$^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha)^{16}\text{O}$ $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$	80 % 189 keV upper limit 240keV	5 % 50-250 keV 5 % 200 keV



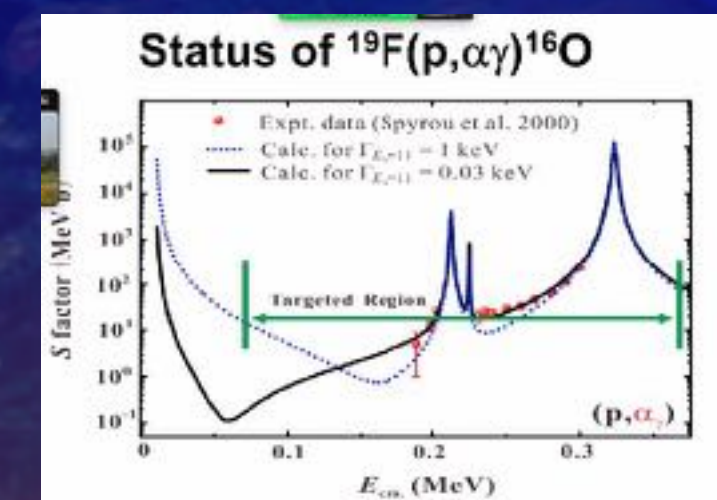
R. J. deBoer et al., RMP vol. 89, 2017



Y. P. Shen, B. Guo, WPL, PPNP 119(2021)103857

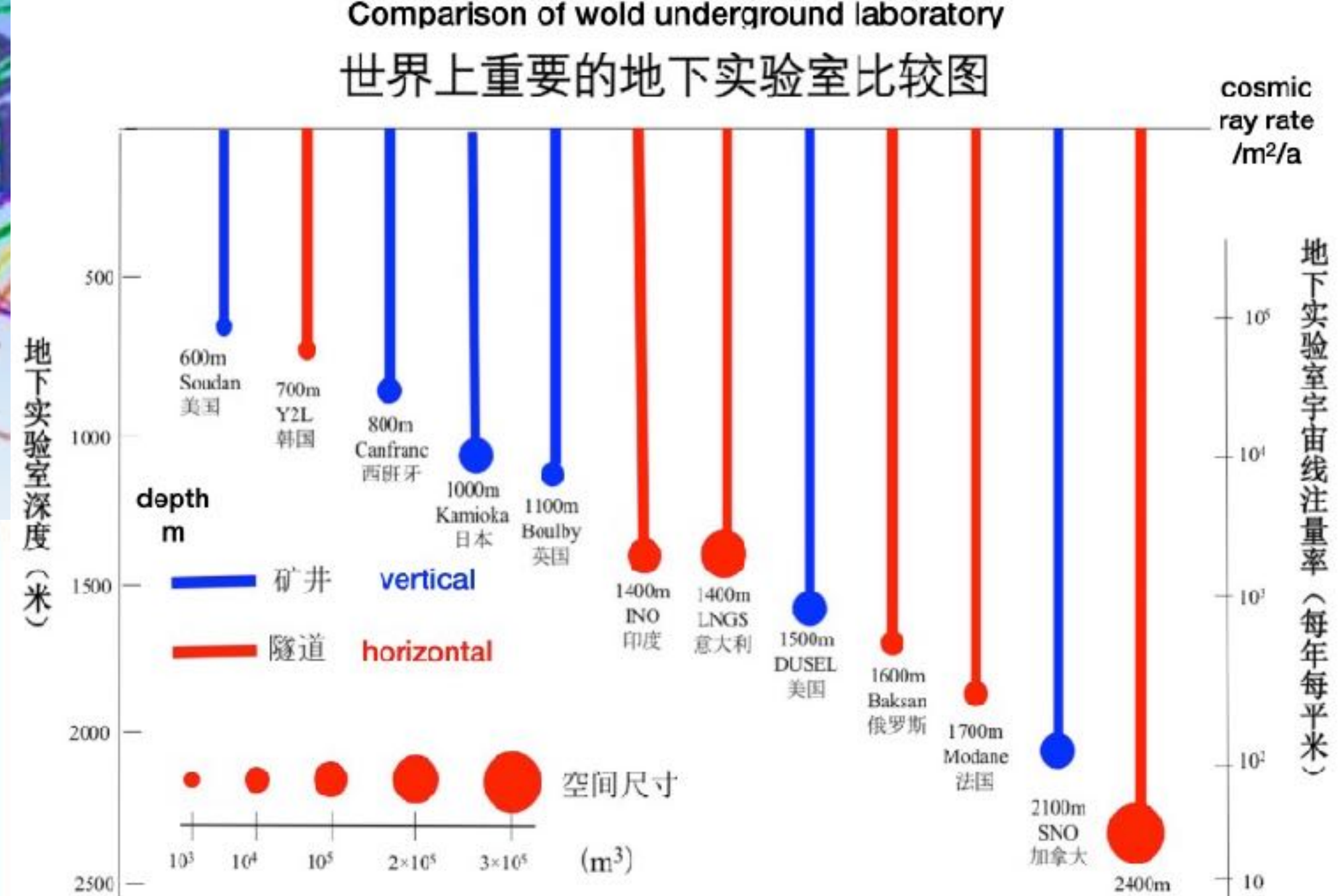
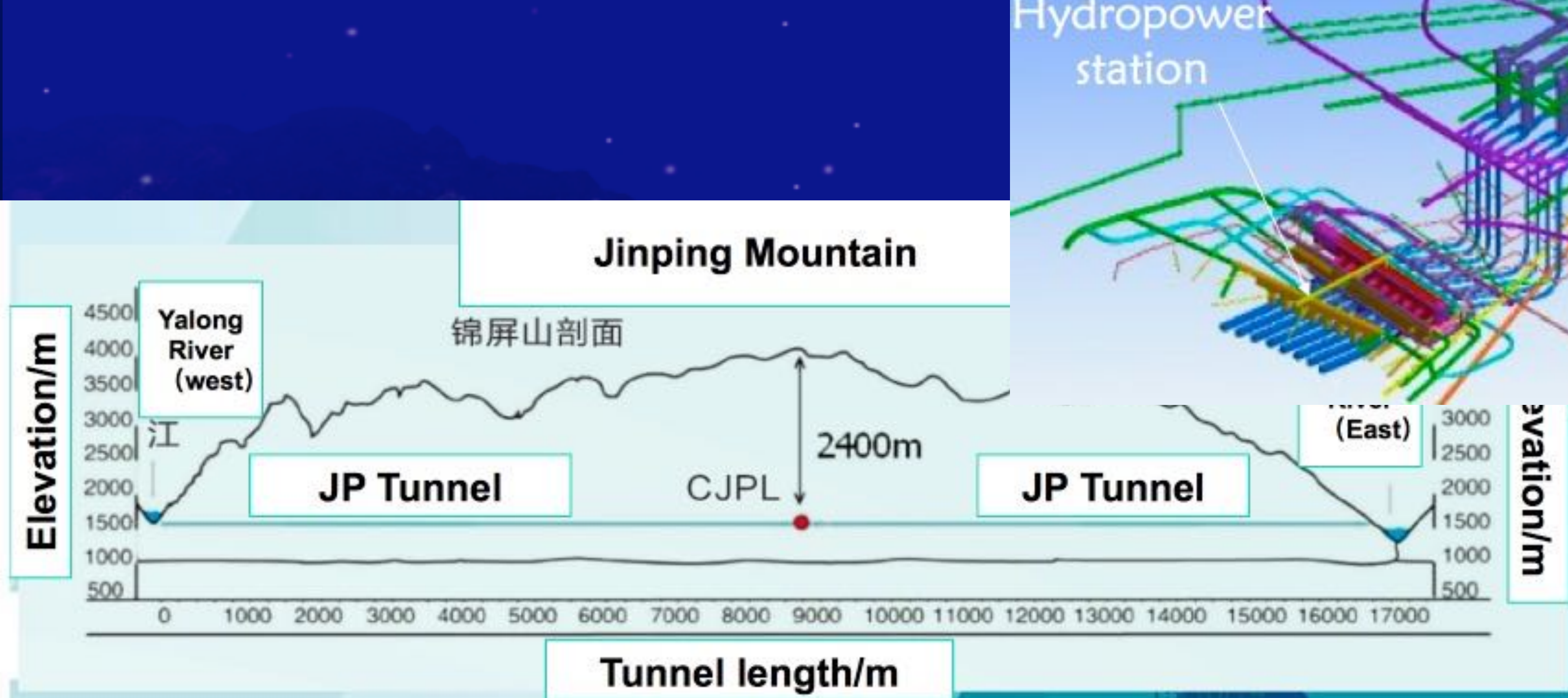
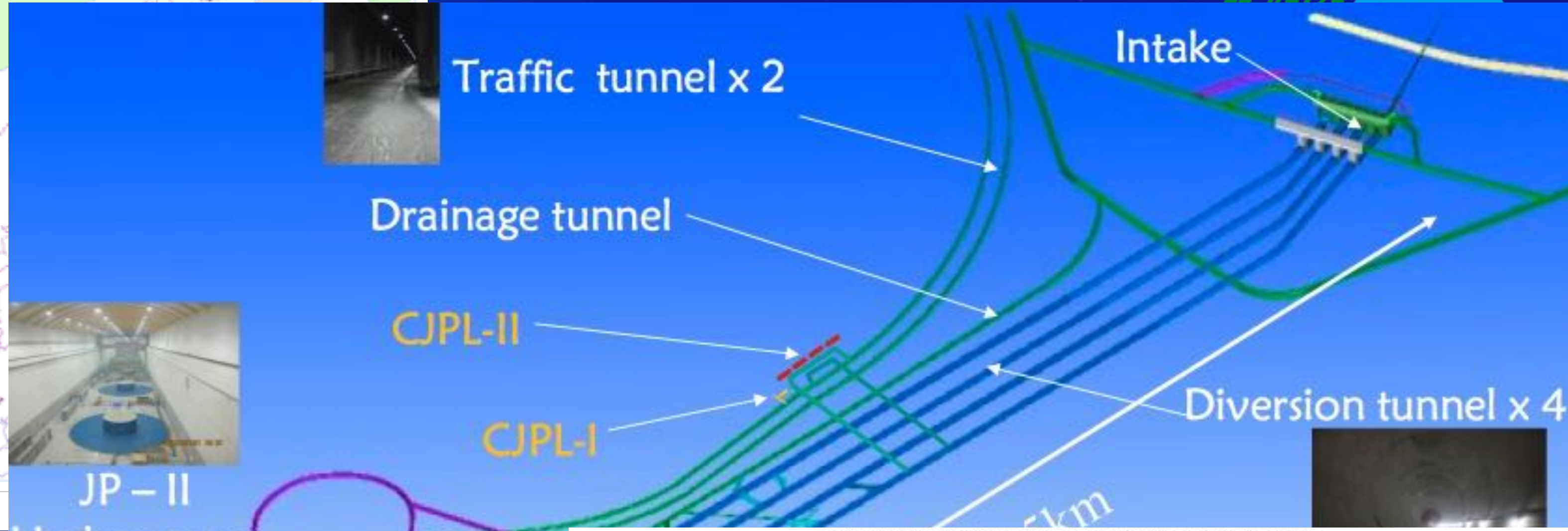


G.F. Ciani et al. PRL 127(2021)152701

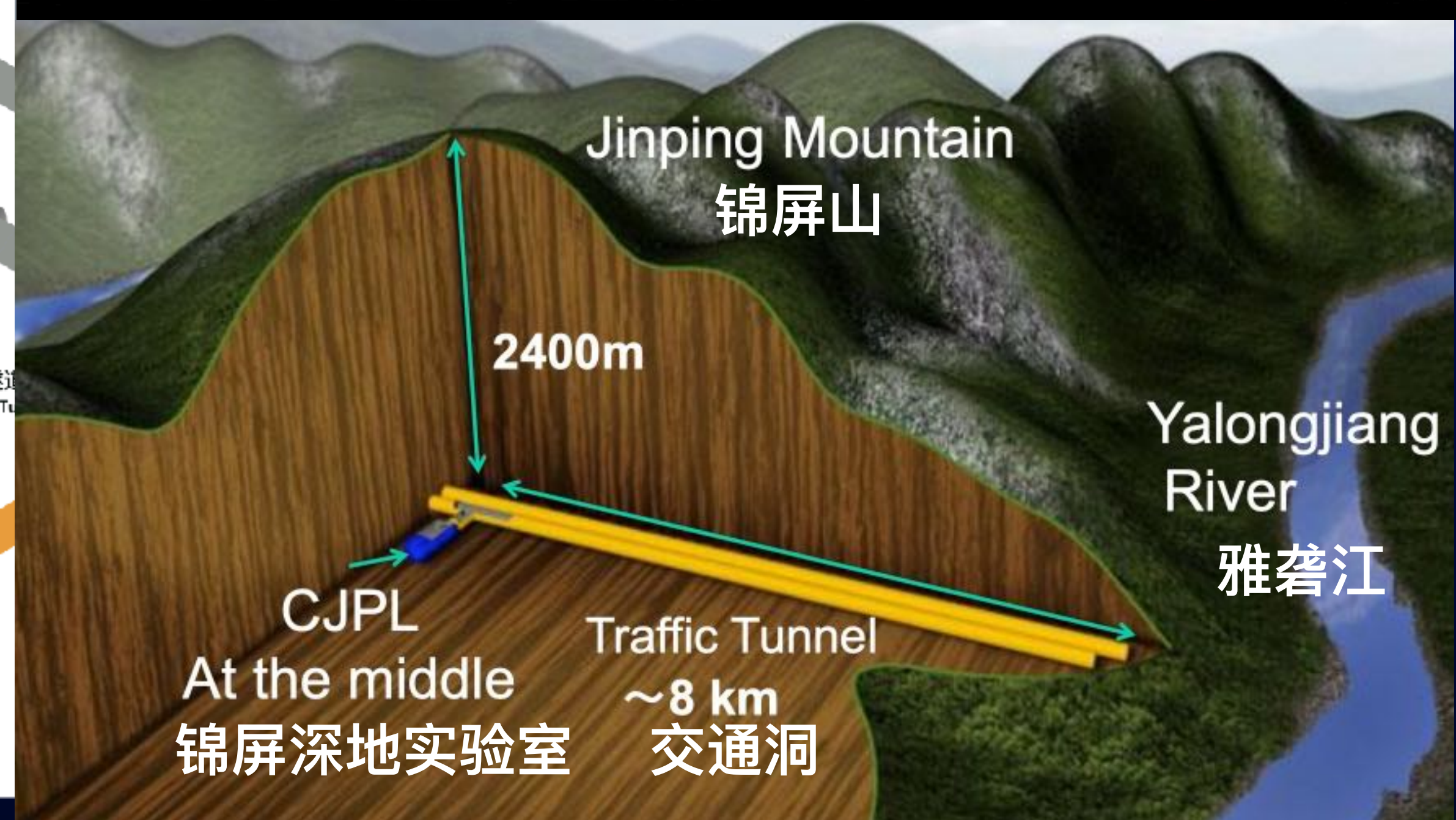
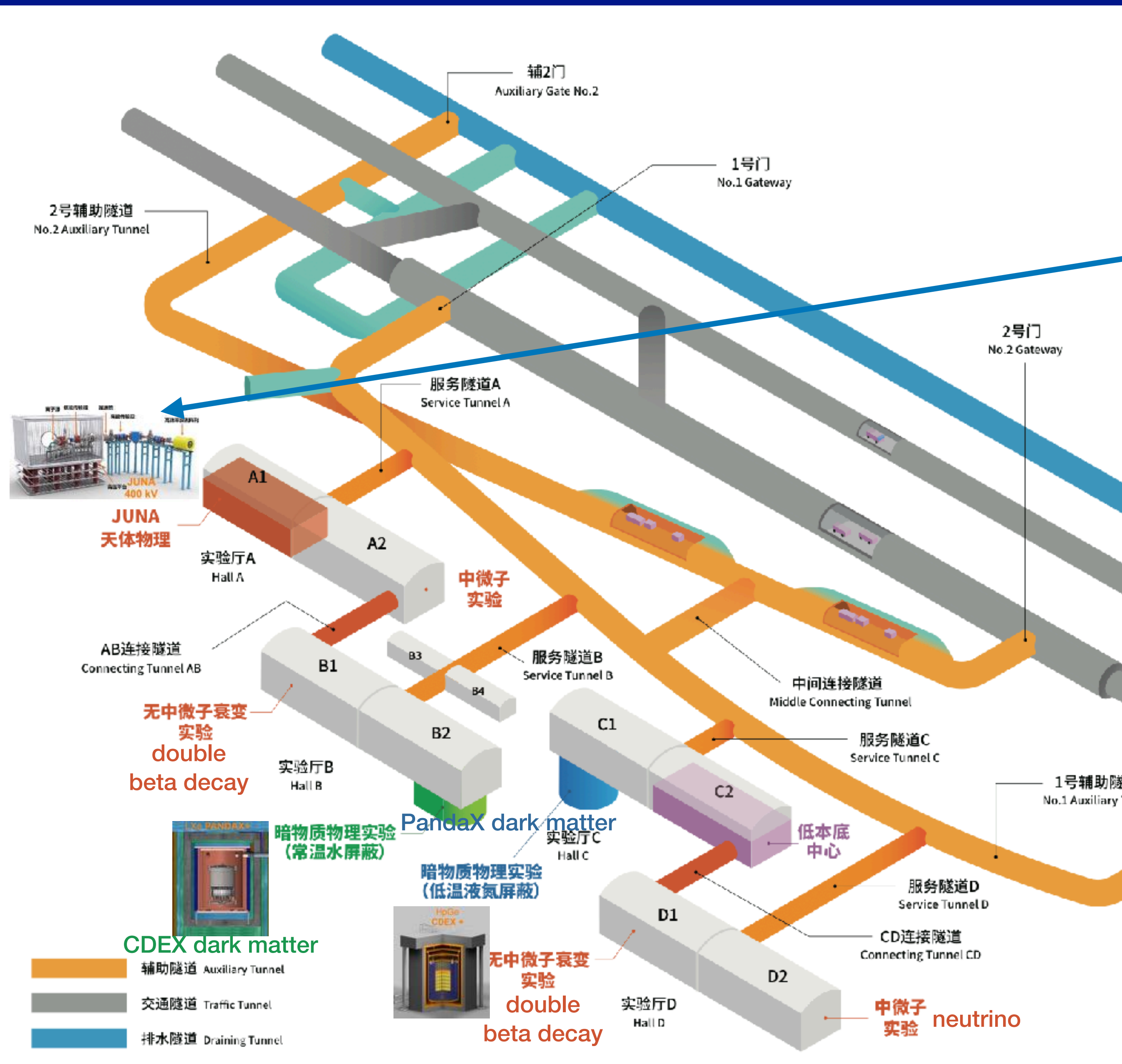


J. J. He et al., Sci. China Phys 59 (2016) 652001

CJPL



Most silent location: CJPL



JUNA dream team

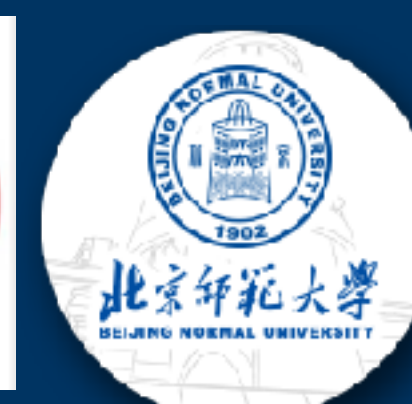
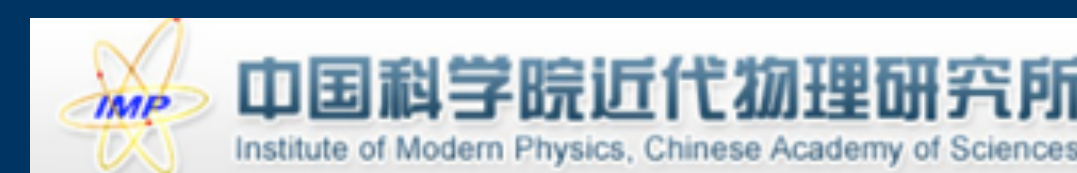
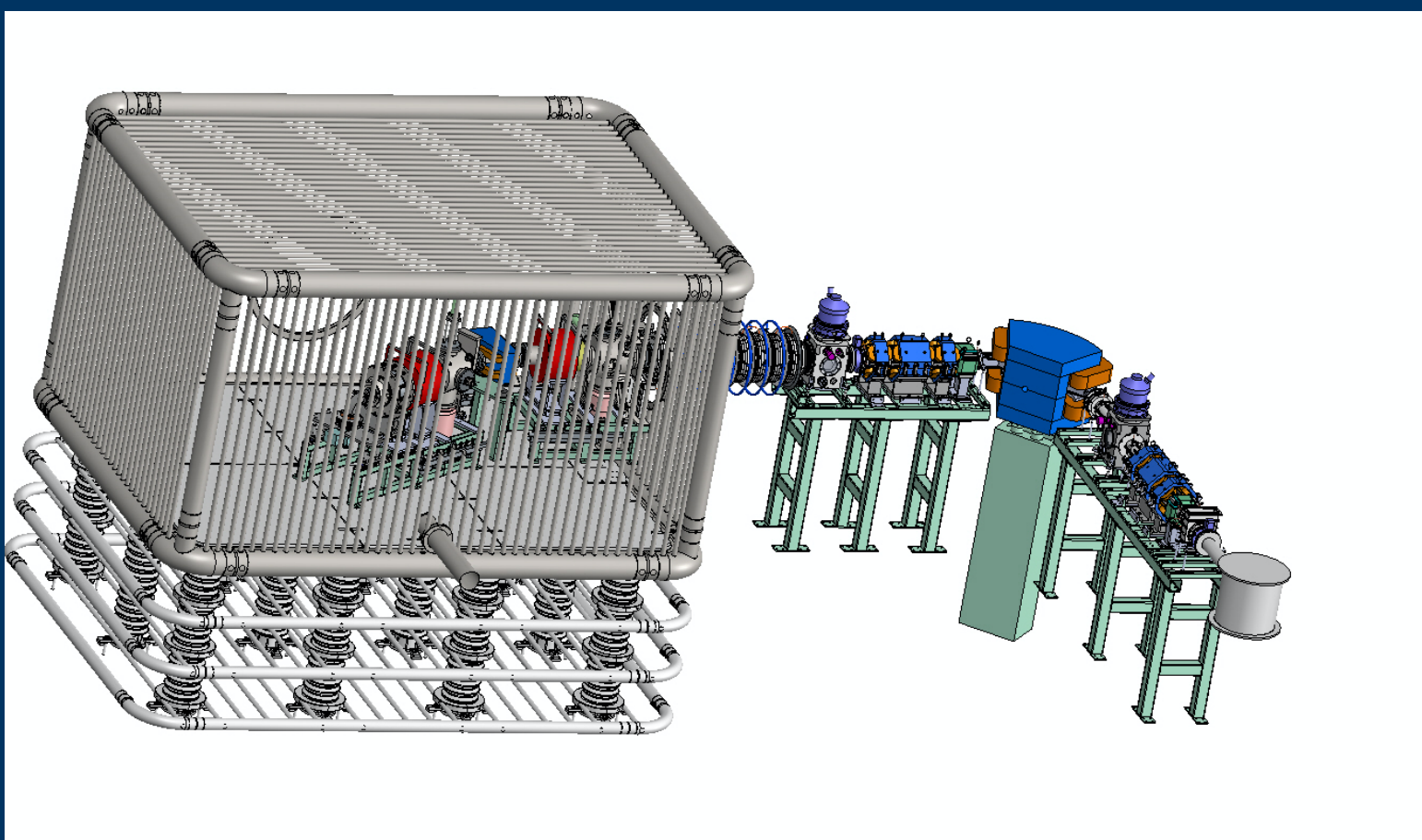


Group leader



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$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$
Yangping Shen, CIAE
Jun Su, BNU
PI



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Arjun Li

A1 construction

Hongwei Yang

Site support

Xiaopan Cheng

Acc. operation

Long Zhang

Bao Quncui, CIAE

Liangting Sun, IMP
Ion source and acc.



Bing Guo
 $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,n)^{25}\text{Mg}$
CIAE



Xiaodong Tang
 $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$
Ion source **IMP**



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W. P. Liu, 2022, NuSYS

JUNA Milestone



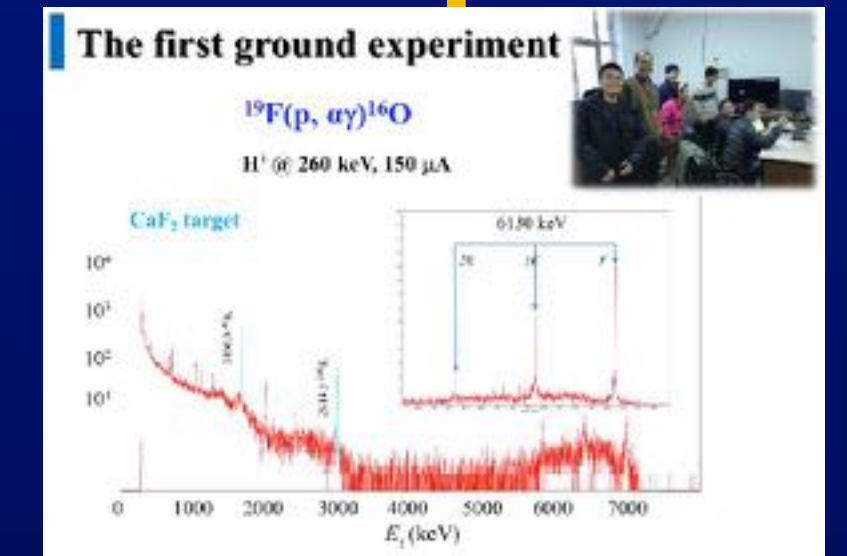
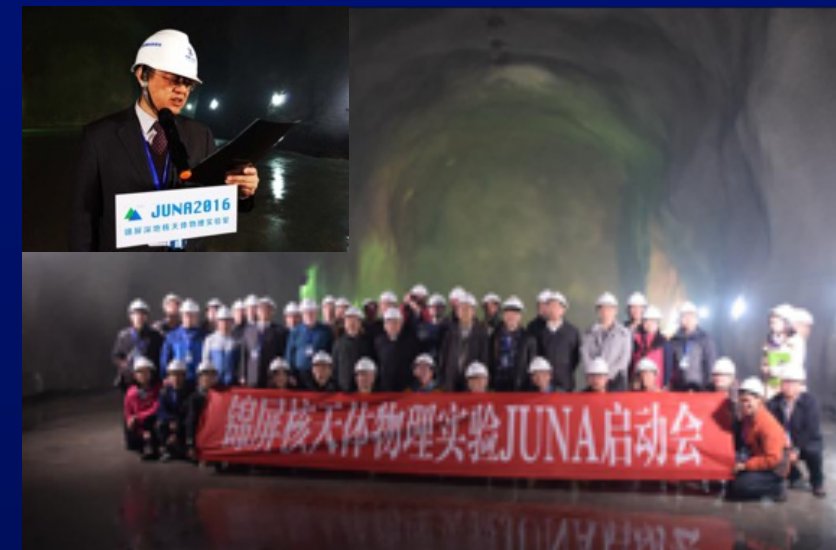
Aug. 2013
Startup
meeting

Jan. 2015
Project
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Mar. 2016
On site start

May 2017
Beam on
ground

Dec. 2017
3 mA on ground



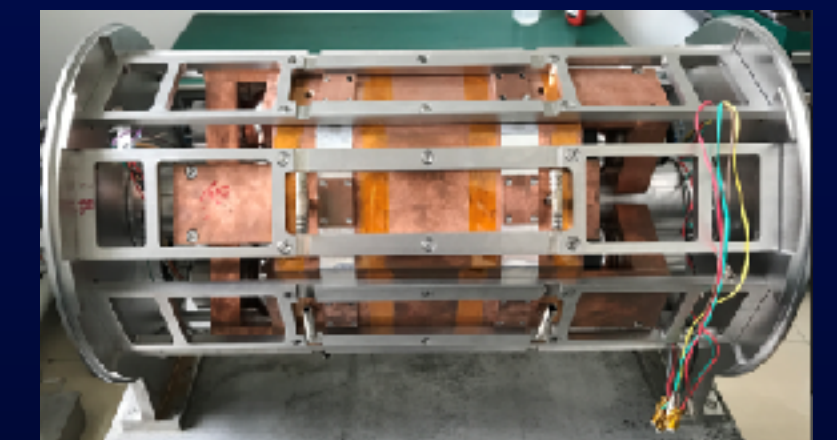
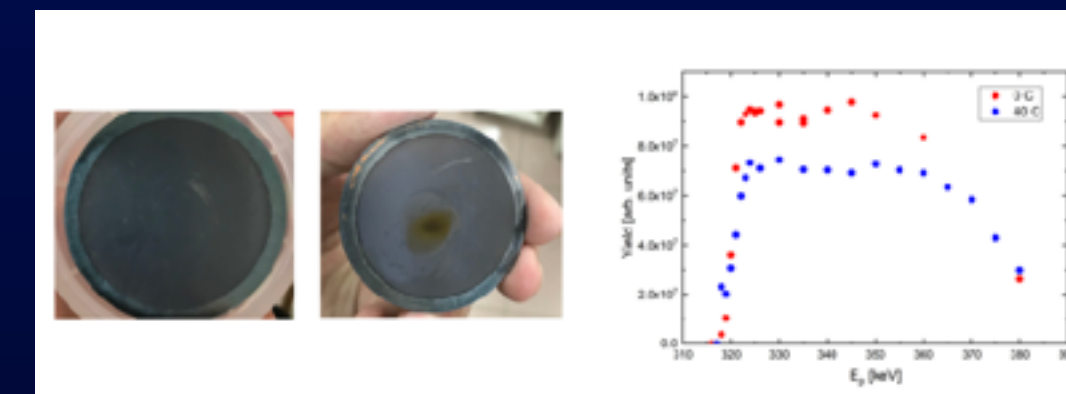
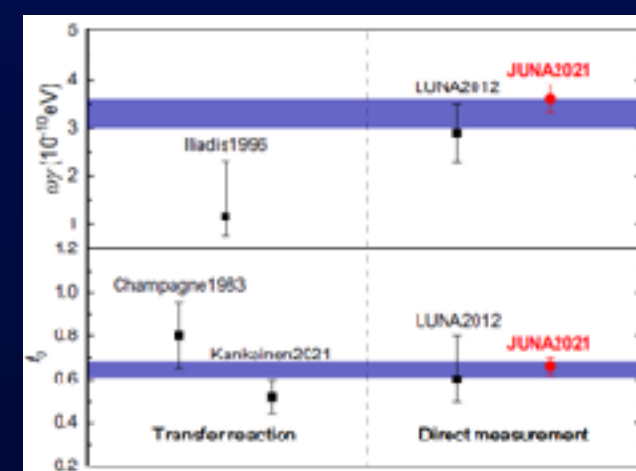
Dec. 2021
Project
commission

May 2021
 ^{25}Mg , ^{19}F , ^{13}C
and ^{12}C data
ready

Dec. 2020
Beam
underground

April 2019
Target ready
Acc. Ready

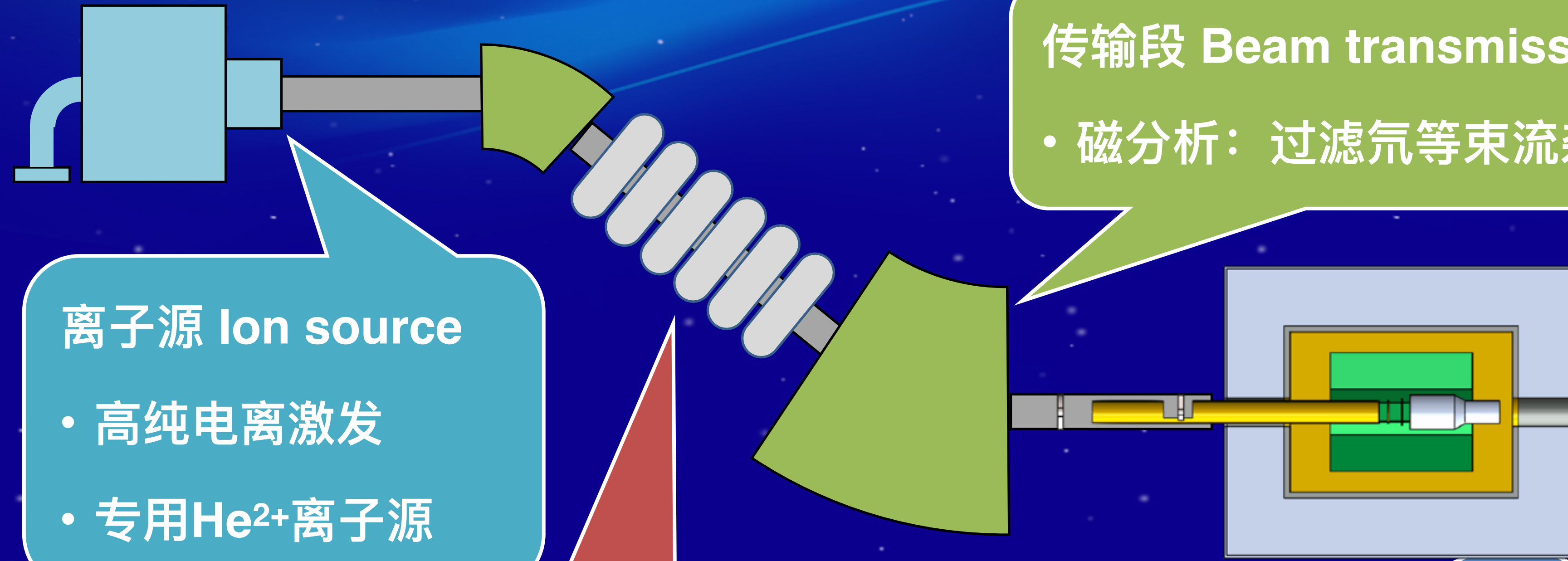
Dec. 2018
Det. Ready
Beam 10 mA



极低本底获得—全面的本底控制 Ultra-low background



PI: G. Lian, CIAE



离子源 Ion source

- 高纯电离激发
- 专用 He^{2+} 离子源

加速段 Accelerator tube

- 选用低本底材料
- 提高传输效率 (>90%)

传输段 Beam transmission

- 磁分析：过滤氦等束流杂质

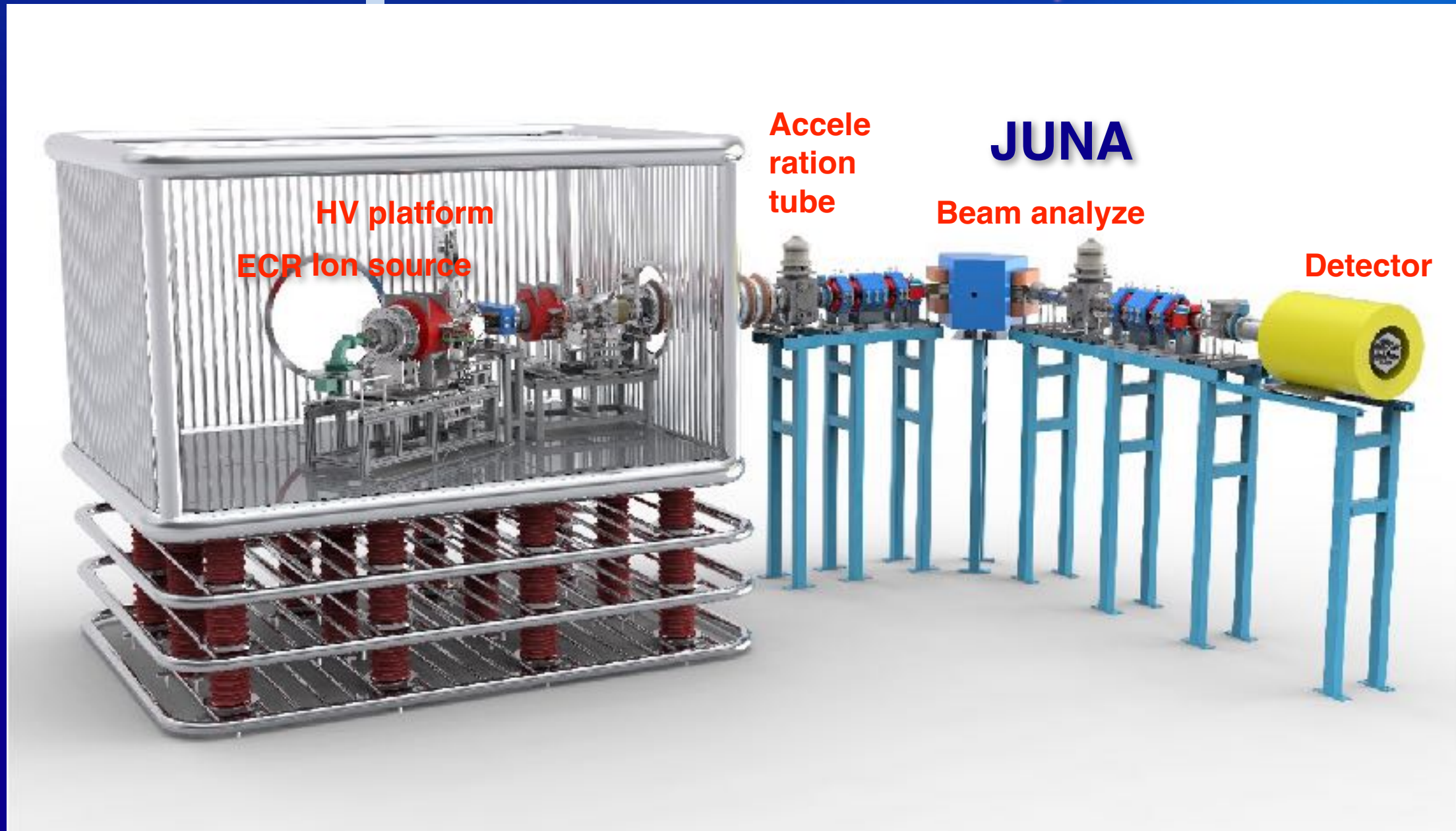
实验终端 Experimental terminals

- 铅、铜、镅等复合材料屏蔽
- 高纯度同位素靶 (99.99%)
- 波形甄别技术
- 多重数反符合探测技术

国际最强流深地核天体物理JUNA experiment

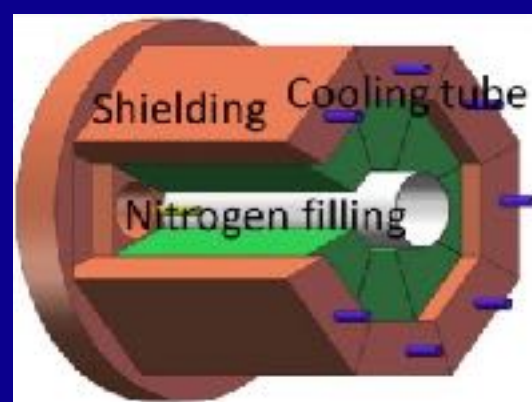
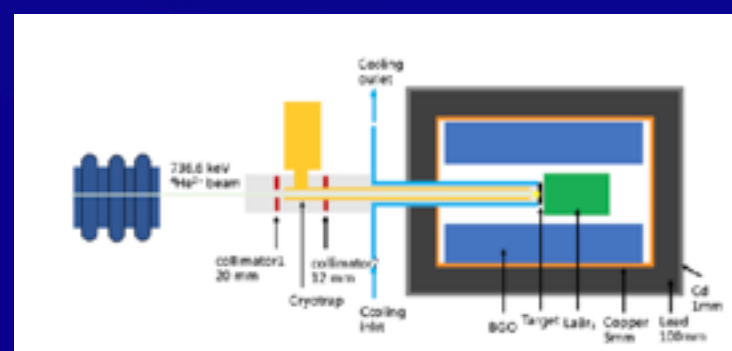


锦屏深地核天体物理实验
Jinping Underground Nuclear Astrophysics Experiment



	cosmic μ bkg ($\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	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%

先进探测器技术 Detector tech.



核反应 reaction	采用技术 technology	发表文章 publication	国外记录 world best	我们达到 JUNA
^{12}C	BGO+LaBr		down to 891 keV	down to 552 keV
^{25}Mg	BGO array X8	Atomic ST 52(2018)140	resolution 17 %	11 %
^{13}C	^3He array X24	NST33(2022) 41, cover story	Extrapolation	Self consistent
^{19}F	Charged particle array		170 keV	down to 100 keV

第一代恒星 First stars

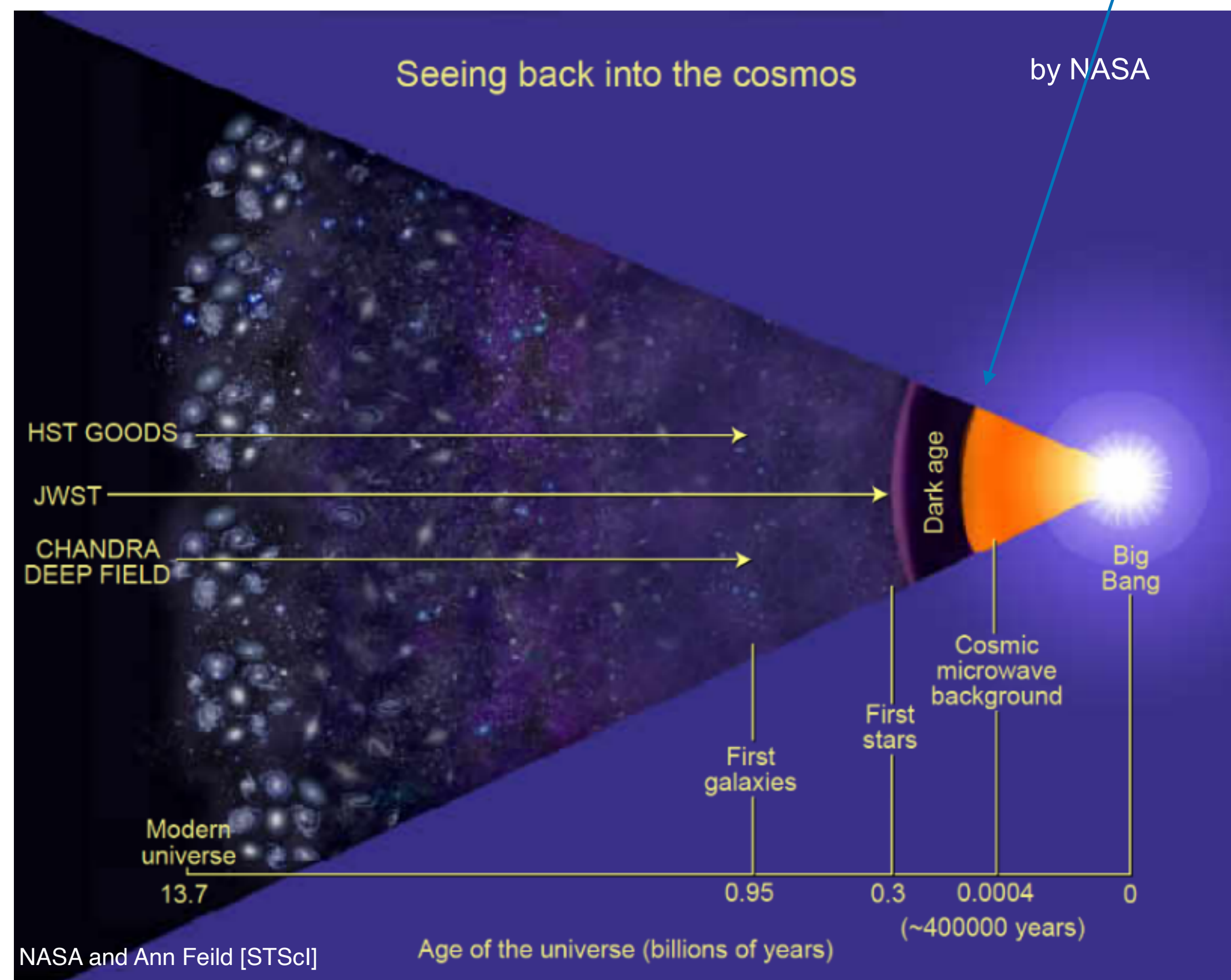


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L. Y. ZHANG, BNU

- 产生重元素，形成新的恒星 Produce heavy elements
- 重新点亮宇宙，结束宇宙“黑暗时代” End of “Dark age”

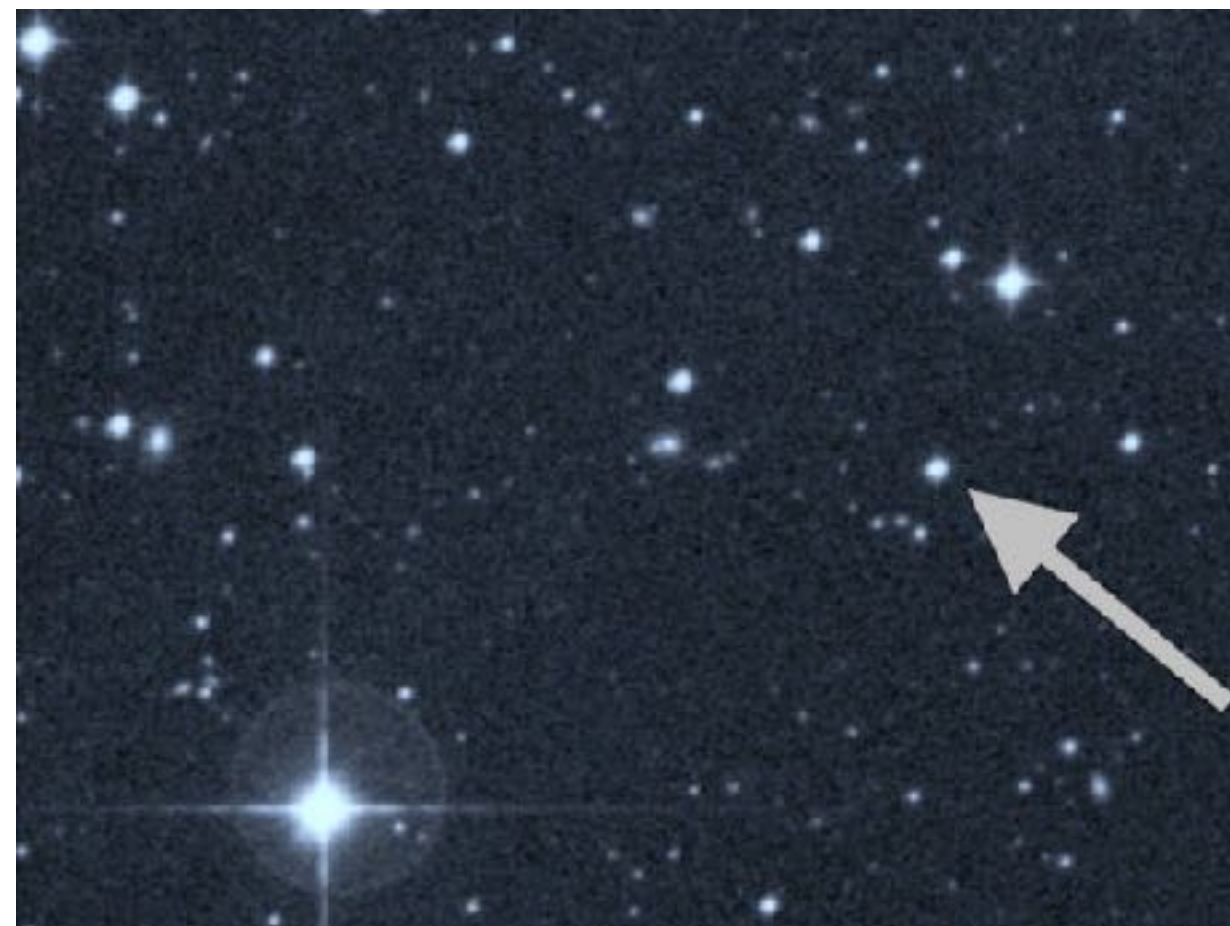


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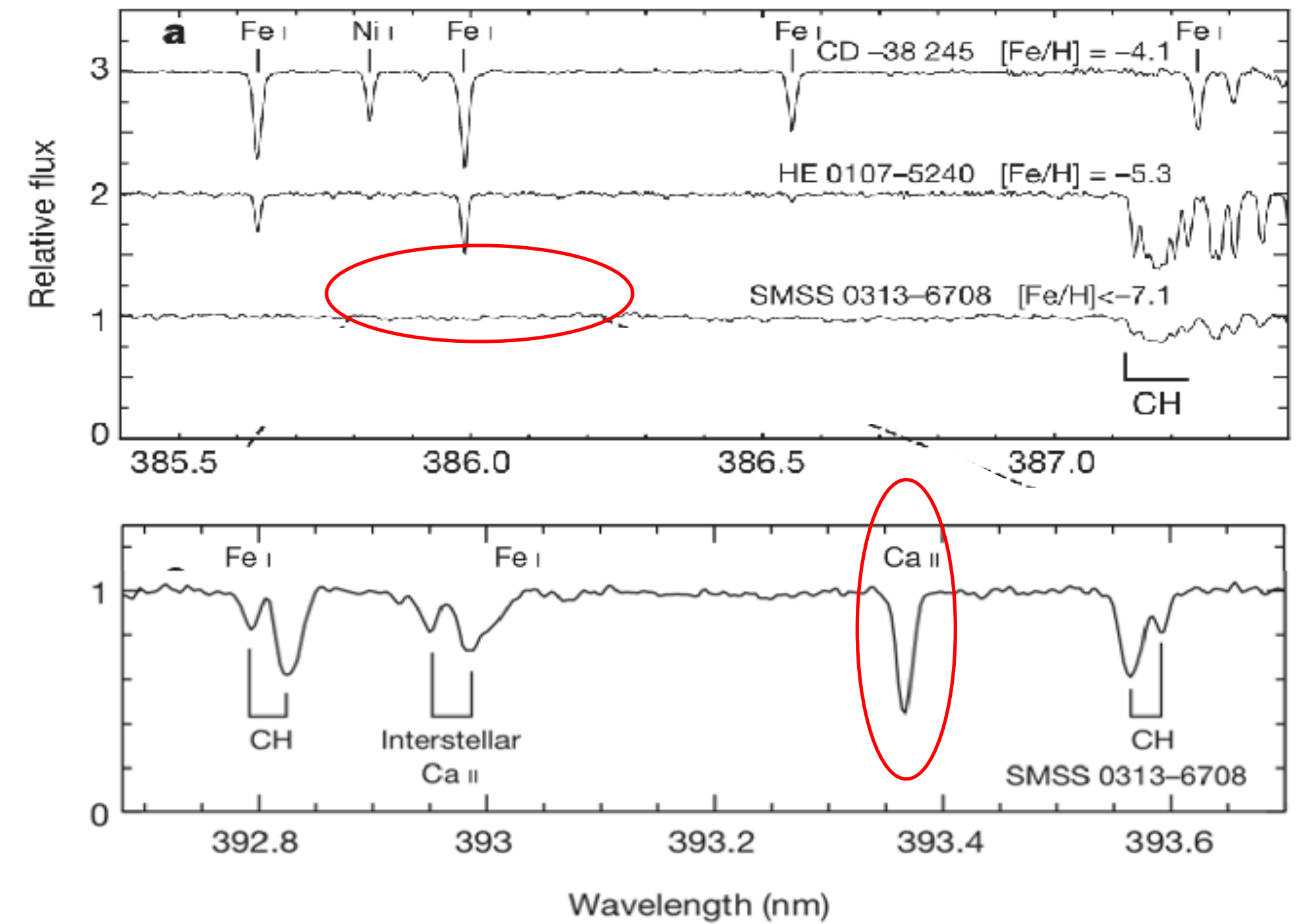
- 探索宇宙黑暗时代后的第一缕曙光 First lights
- 星系形成和演化 Galaxy evolution
- 恒星及其行星系统形成和演化 Star evolution

天文观测发现钙元素 Where is Ca come from?

第一代恒星 -> 超新星爆发 -> 星云 -> 第二代恒星
(SMSS 0313-6708, 红巨星)



最古老的恒星，距地球6000光年。是一颗K型红巨星，其内部重元素主要来自于第一代恒星
Oldest star



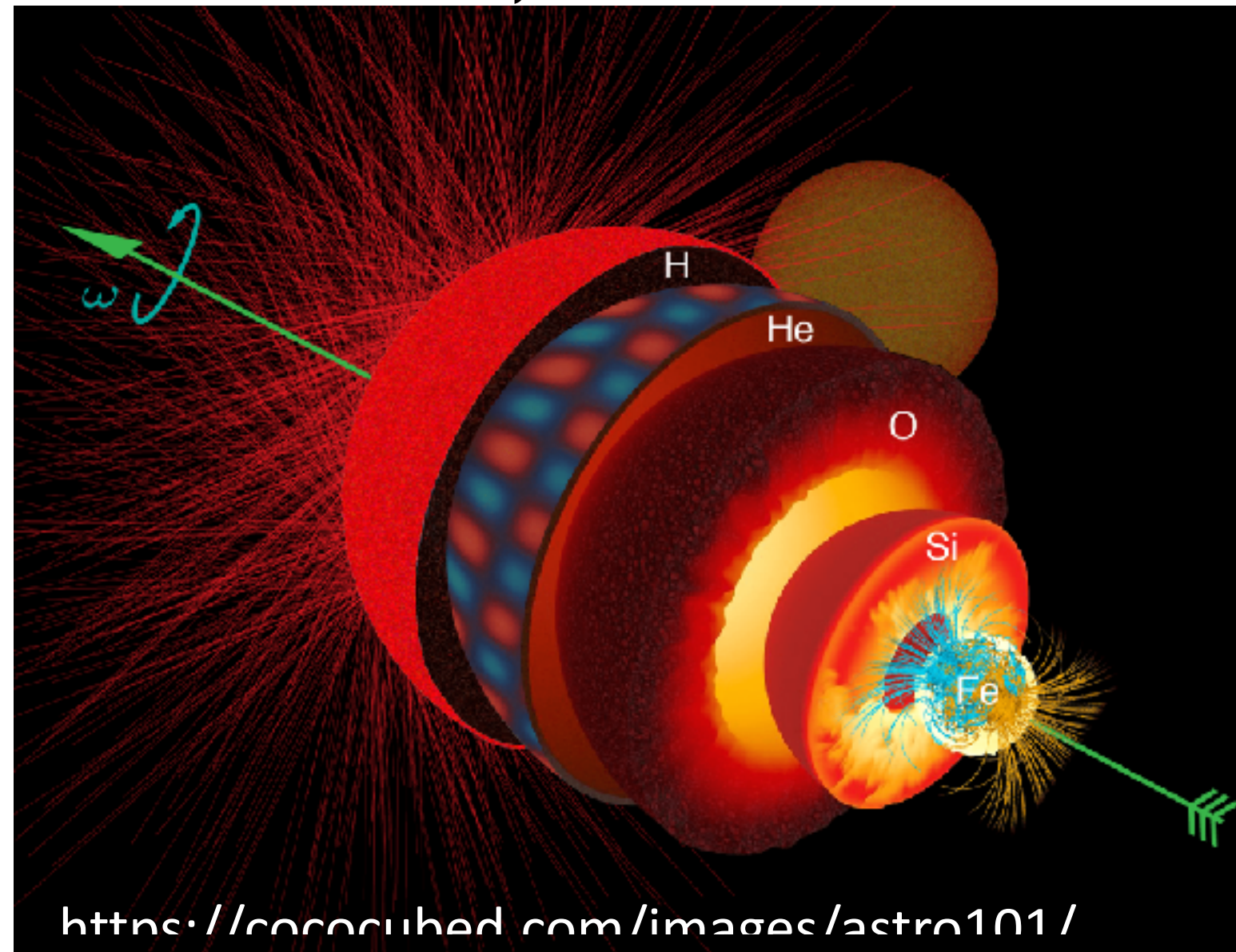
最古老的恒星， SMSS 0313-6708：

- 观测到了Ca峰，但没有看到铁 See Ca, but not Fe
- Ca来自于超新星爆发？氢燃烧？

钙元素合成机制 Two ways to make Ca

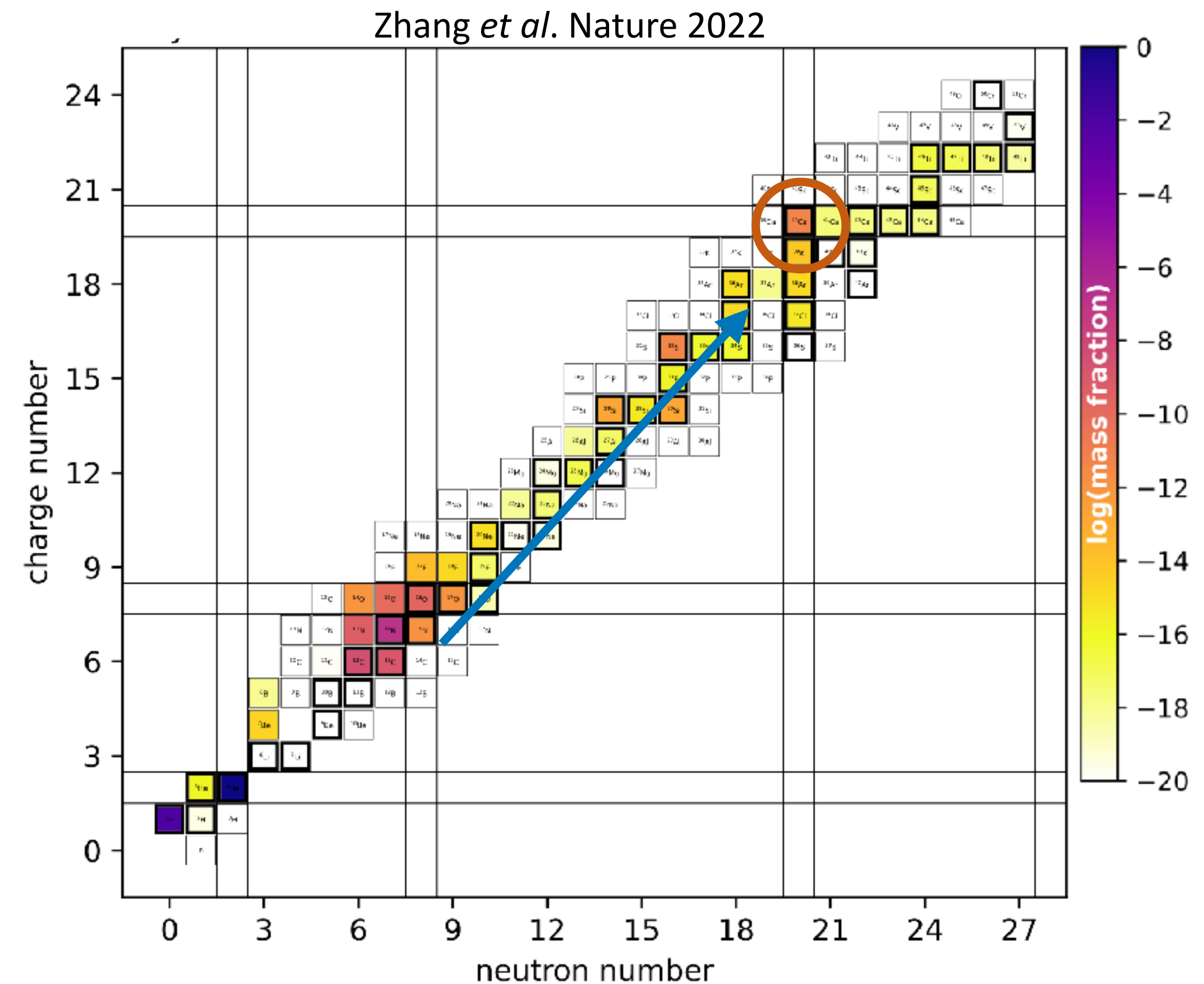
No. 1: Ca 可以产生恒星演化末期的硅燃烧壳层，并通过超新星爆发抛散到宇宙空间 From Si burning with Fe

爆发能量大，内层物质被抛散出去，**会同时产生其它重元素，比如铁**



Interestingly, the calcium released in our model of a 60 M progenitor is not synthesized in the supernova explosion itself; rather it is produced during the stable hydrogen-burning phase. In the metal-free progenitor, thermal equilibrium is obtained only once the core of the star obtains significantly higher temperature and density compared with metal-rich stars. Under such conditions the triple-alpha process enables the synthesis of small amounts of carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen that subsequently catalyse the CNO energy production cycle. **Calcium production is the result of breakout from the CNO-cycle.**

S.C. Keller et al., Nature 506 (2014) 463

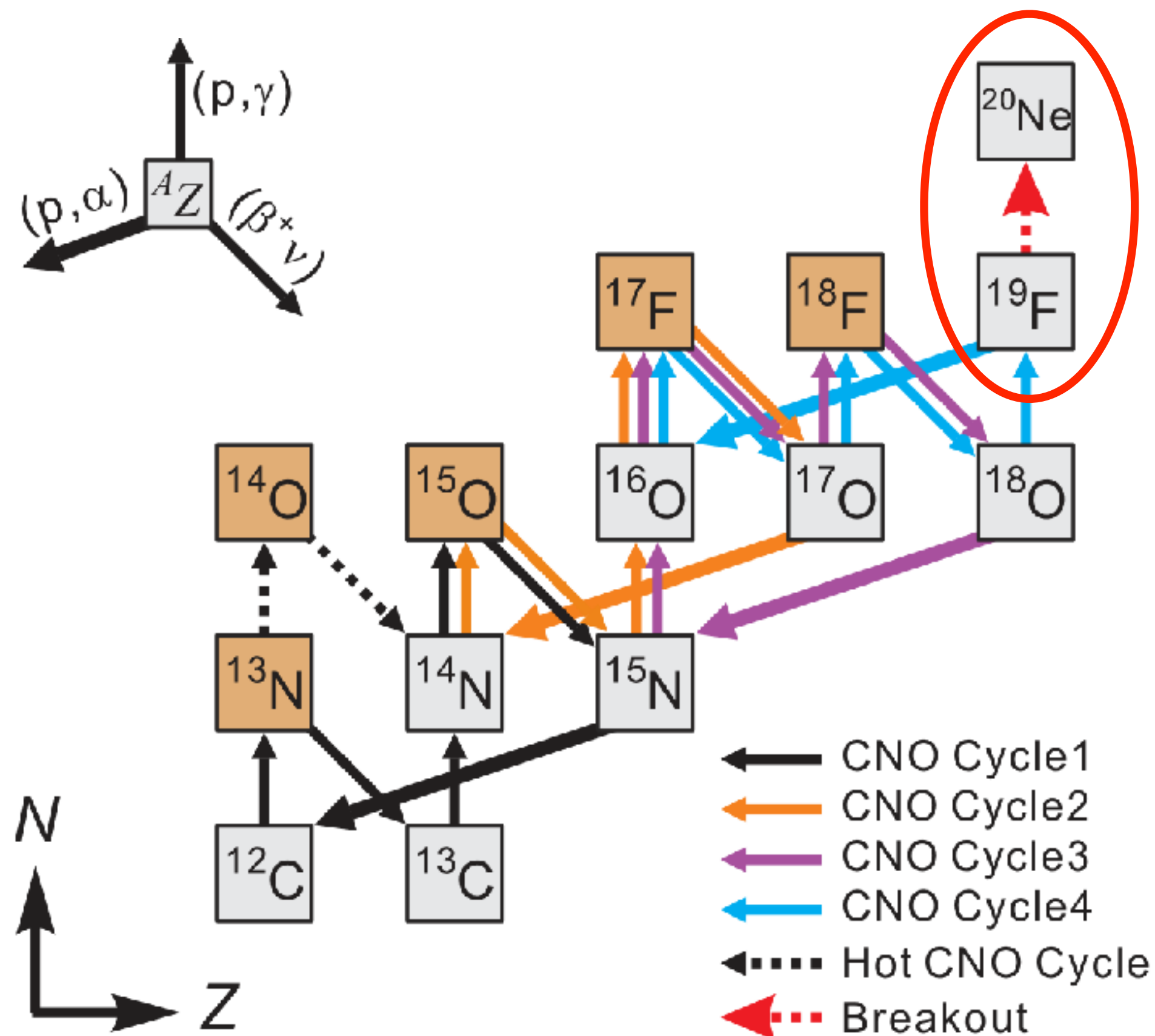


No. 2: Ca也可以产生自恒星的氢燃烧阶段，超新星爆发时只需要抛散外层物质即可，爆发能量小，**不会产生重元素** From H burning no Fe: most likely

第一代恒星中的氢燃烧 But seeds not enough?

Ca计算丰度比天文观测值低10-100倍, much less Ca with extrapolation

精确测量 $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ 反应截面, 重现天文观测丰度 need to measure!



碳氮氧循环CNO cycles: Why $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$?

- 绝大部分反应率被限制在CNO附近
- 少量反应流通过一系列(p,γ)反应以及β⁺衰变进入重核区, 并最终合成双幻核 ^{40}Ca
- $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ 是从CNO循环突破到NeNa循环的唯一通道, 对最终合成的 ^{40}Ca 丰度有决定性影响

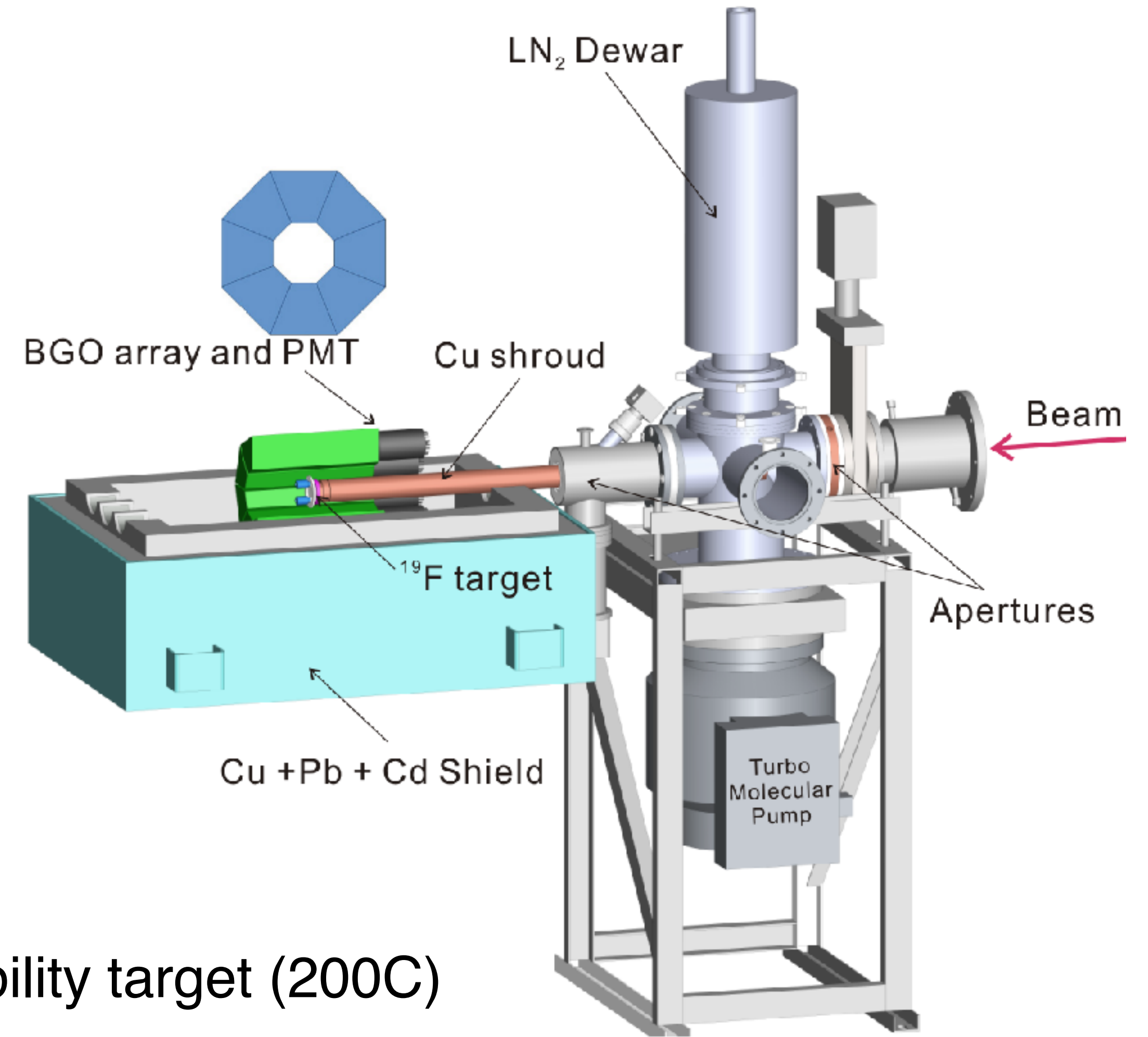
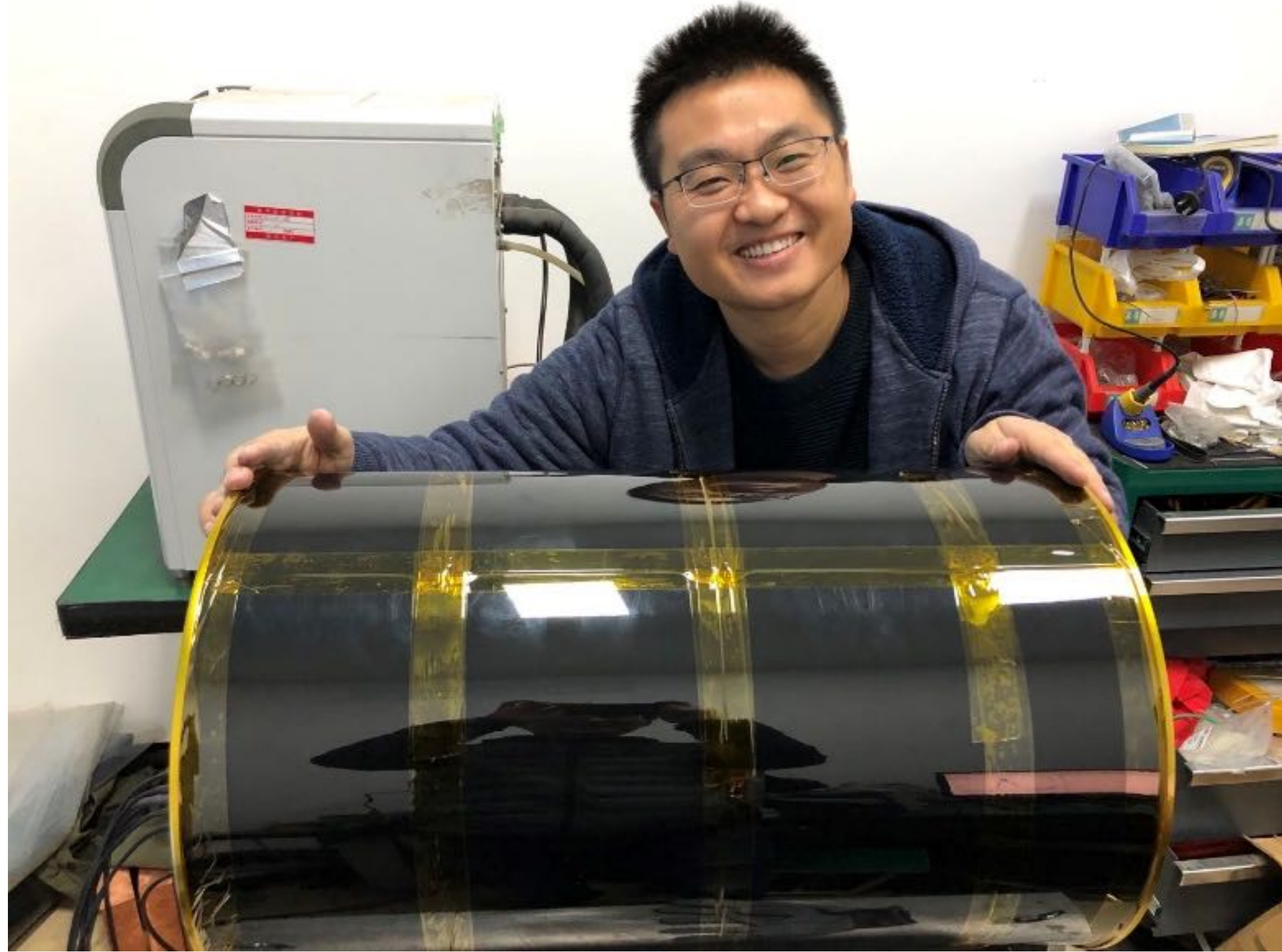
Experimental information is sparse about the competing $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ reaction which would trigger the break-out from the CNO cycles. While it is generally believed that this reaction channel is negligible compared with the (p, α) channel [79], this claim still needs to be experimentally confirmed. The measurements are difficult because of the enormous background count rate from the $^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction. The presently tabulated reaction rate is estimated to be weaker by about four orders of magnitude and therefore, is only scaled to

TOPICAL REVIEW

Break-out reactions from the CNO cycles

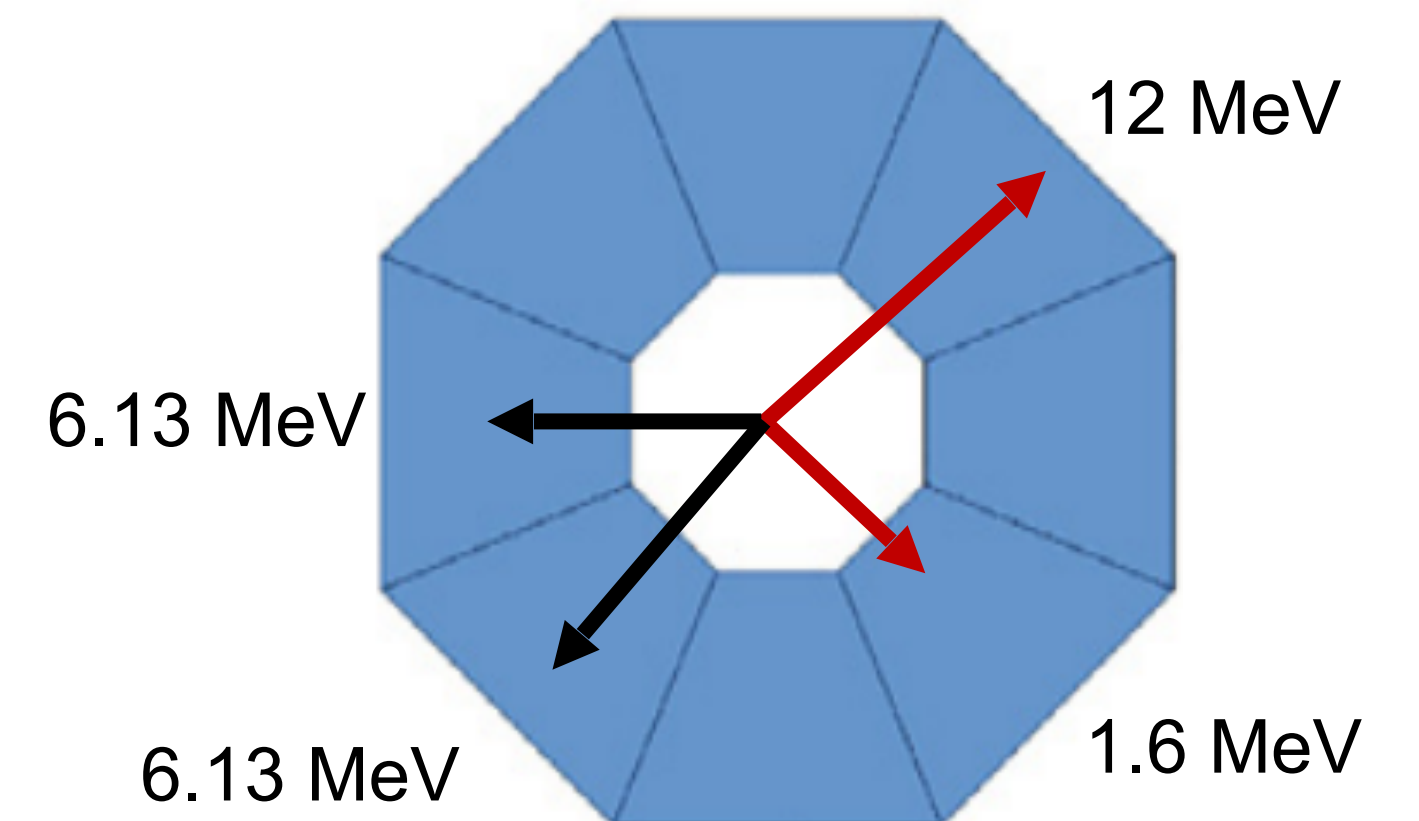
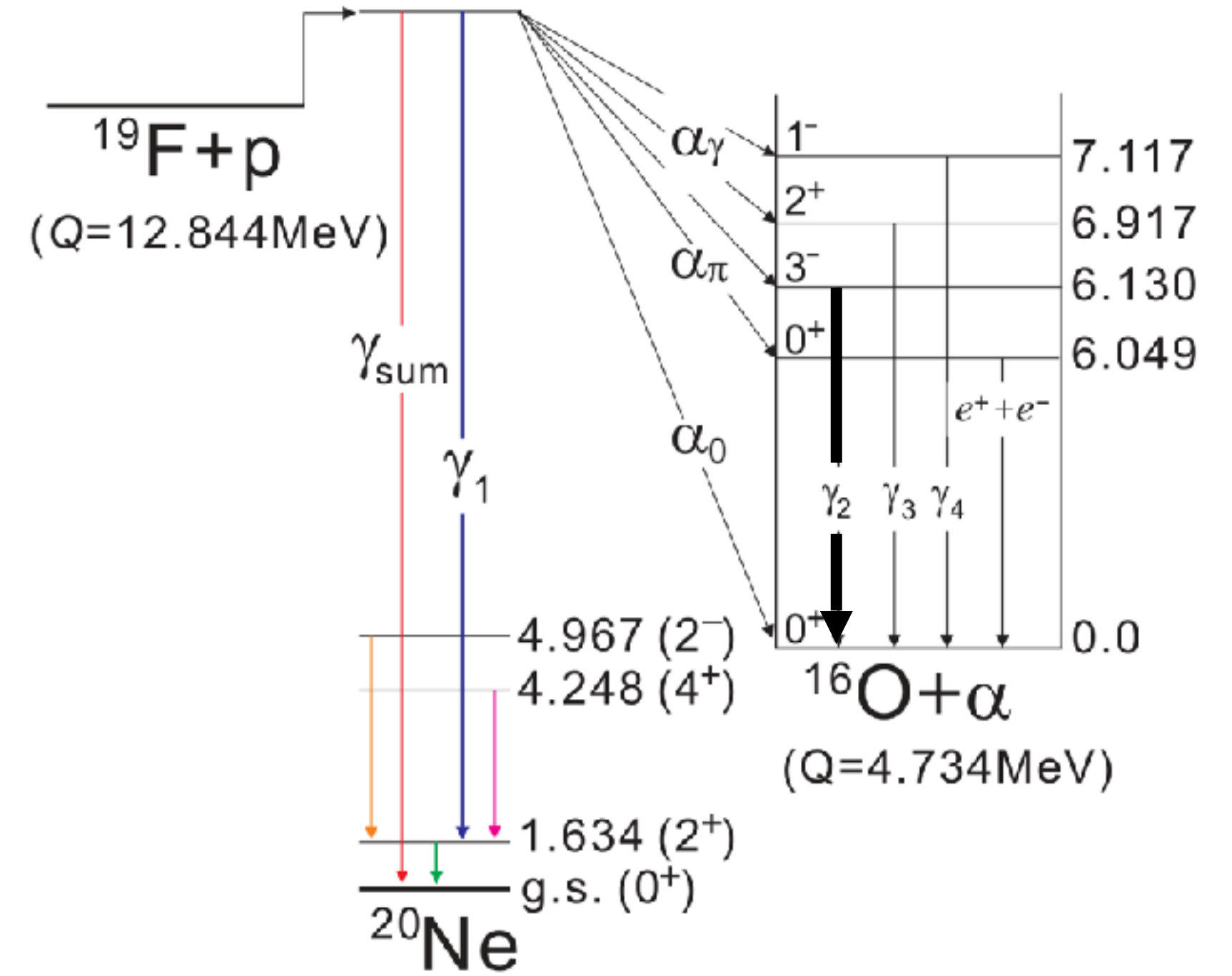
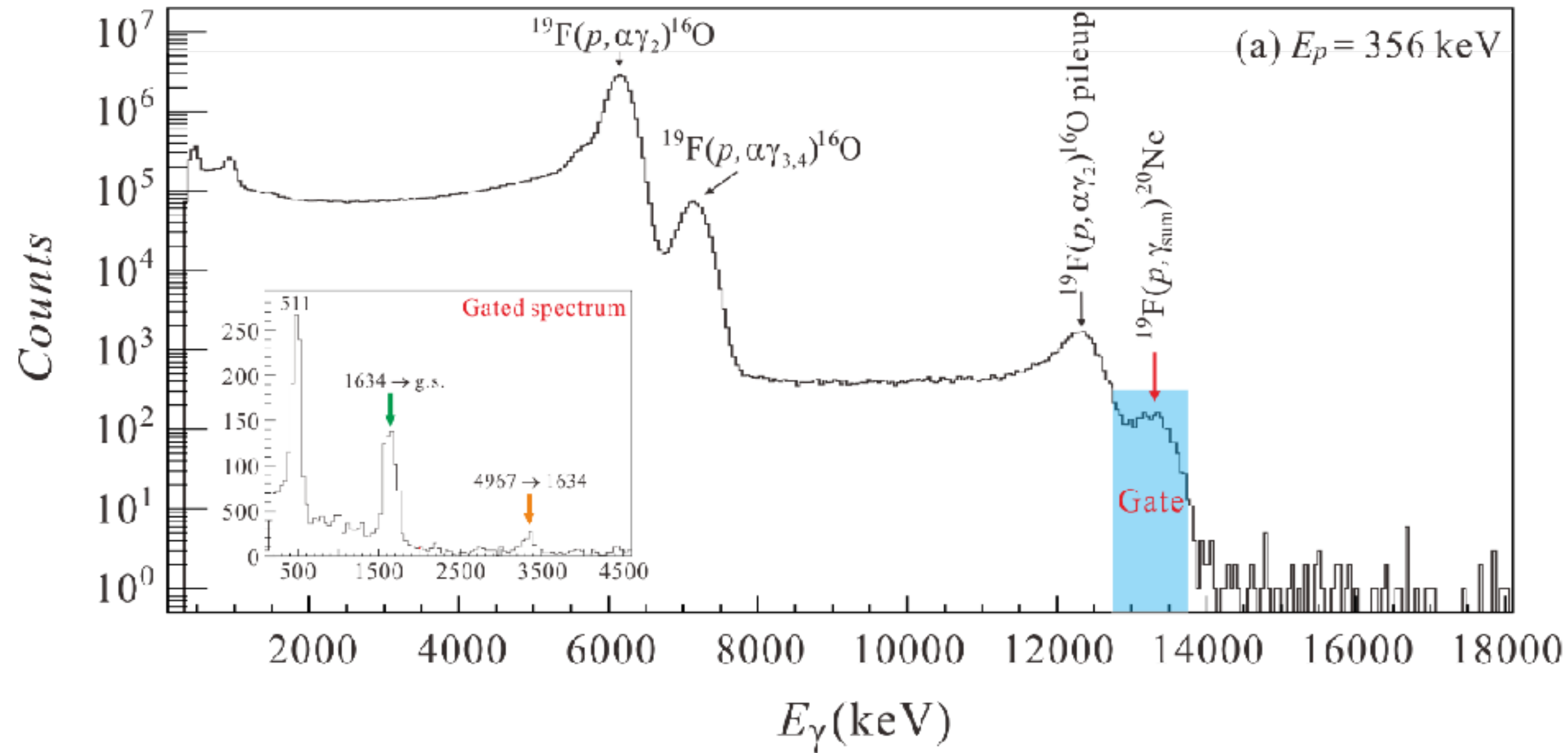
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$^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ 实验装置 key to success



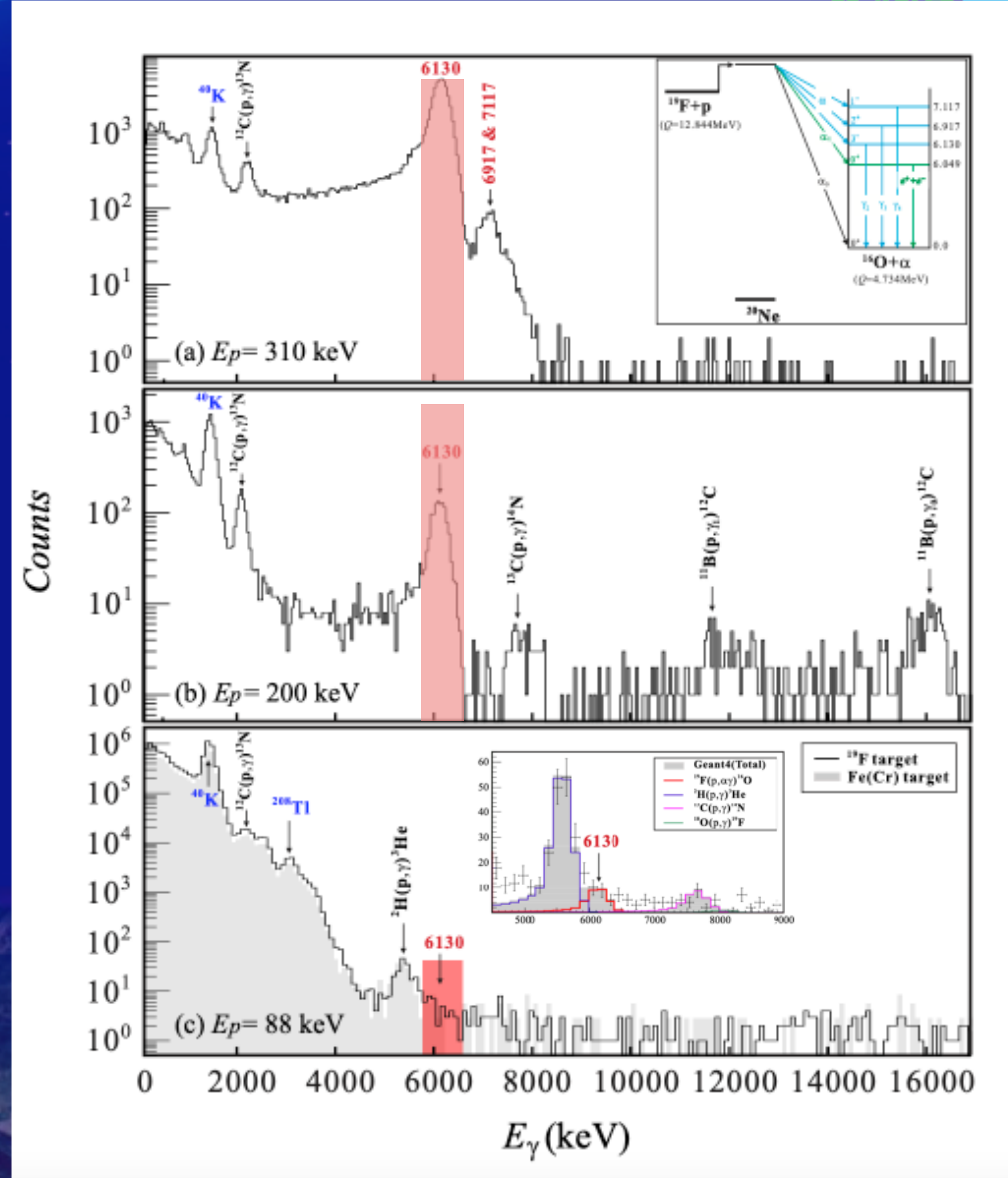
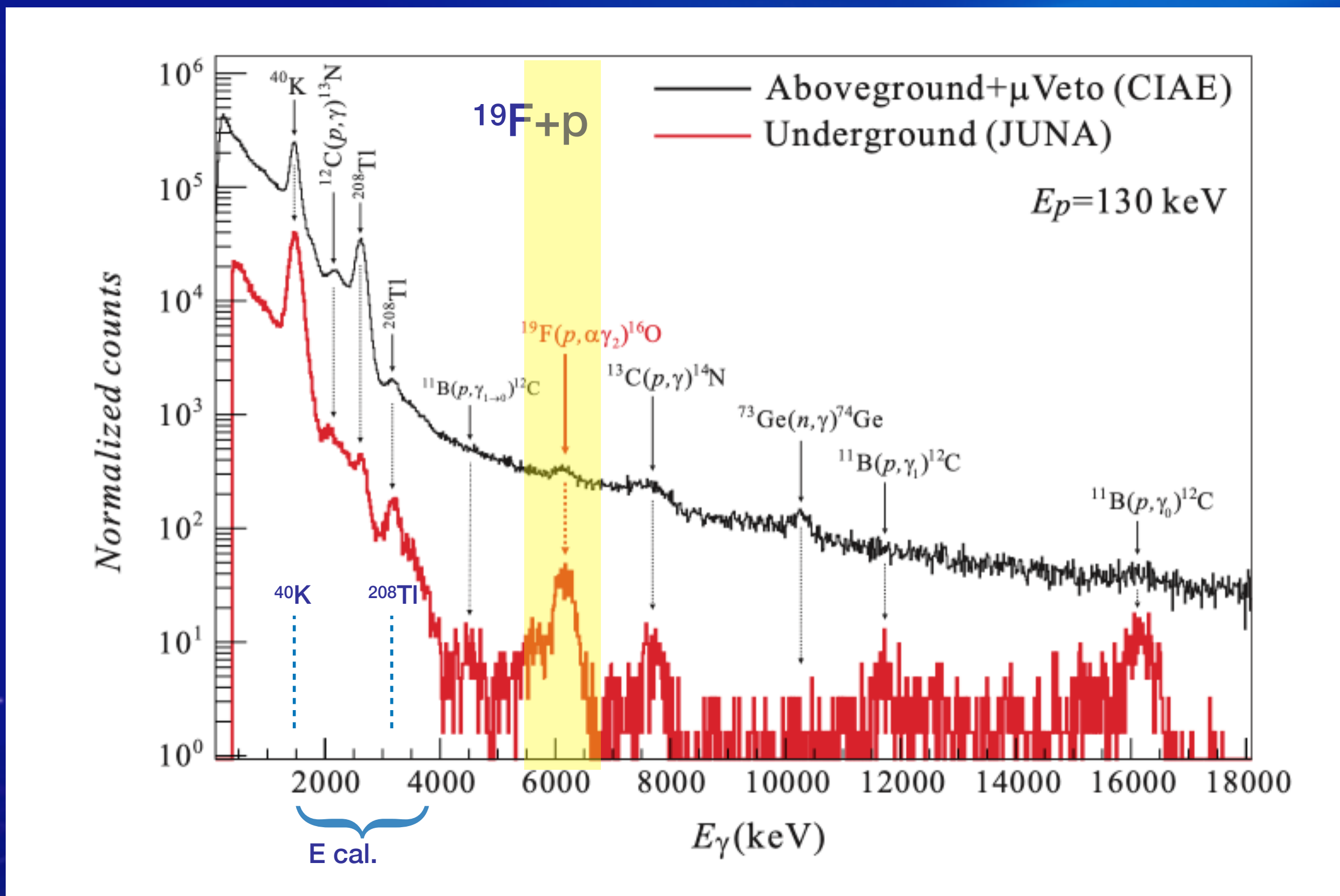
- CJPL-II A1 ultra low cosmic ray
- 2 mA质子束轰击 ^{19}F 靶 high intensity beam, high durability target (200C)
- BGO测量 γ 射线 segmented BGO with high efficiency (60%) and resolution (11%)

符合测量方法 coincidence method



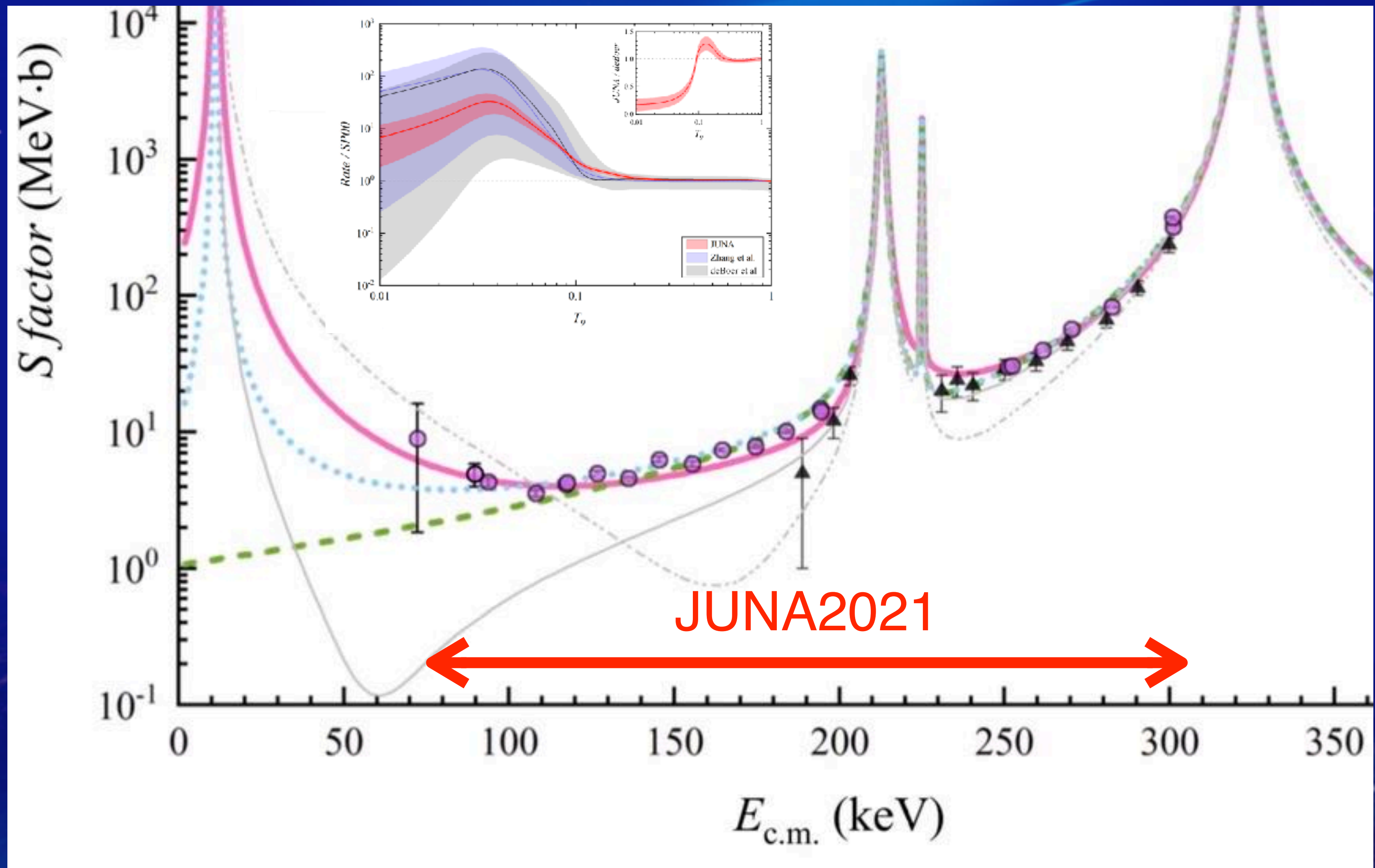
- 通过第一激发态级联衰变
- 单谱与总谱符合测量，降低堆积和本底

$^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ data



- ^{19}F implantation+ Cr coding, long durability with 2 mA
- L.Y. Zhang, Y.J. Chen, J.J. He* et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. B 496(2021)9

$^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ reaches Gamow window



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Direct Measurement of the Astrophysical $^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ Reaction in the Deepest Operational Underground Laboratory

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Physics SYNOPSIS

Pinning Down the Fate of Fluorine

The first results from the Jinping Underground Nuclear Astrophysics particle accelerator refine a key reaction rate for the destruction of fluorine in stars.

By Christopher Crockett

The origin of fluorine is puzzling. The element is absent in the main nuclear reactions in stars, making it hard to figure out how it is formed. Fluorine is also easily destroyed by run-ins with protons and helium nuclei, destructive reactions whose contribution to fluorine's lifecycle have yet to be pinned down because of difficulties in measuring the requisite reaction rates. A new particle accelerator in China could help in solving that problem, as its first results provide sharply reduced uncertainties in one fluorine reaction, fluorine atoms and protons convert to oxygen and helium atoms and gamma rays [1]. While many of the details of fluorine's origin and fate remain a mystery, these new reaction rates will help refine ongoing calculations of this element's abundance in the cosmos.

The Jinping Underground Nuclear Astrophysics (JUNA) experimental facility is a recent addition to the deepest operational particle physics lab in the world. Sitting beneath 2430 meters of rock, JUNA's accelerator is well shielded from the cosmic rays that have hindered other attempts to directly measure a particular transformation of fluorine to oxygen at the proton energies relevant to the interiors of stars.

For their inaugural experiment, researchers bombarded two fluorine targets with proton beams that had energies as low as 76.2 keV—an unprecedentedly small value—and recorded the ensuing shower of gamma rays. From those measurements, they calculated that fluorine converts to oxygen via that reaction channel at a rate ranging from $1.23 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ to $1.29 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ depending on the reaction temperature. Over the temperature range of interest in astrophysics, the error in the measurements was below 10%, down from orders of magnitude, because of the ultra-low cosmic-ray background and high intensity of the proton beam.

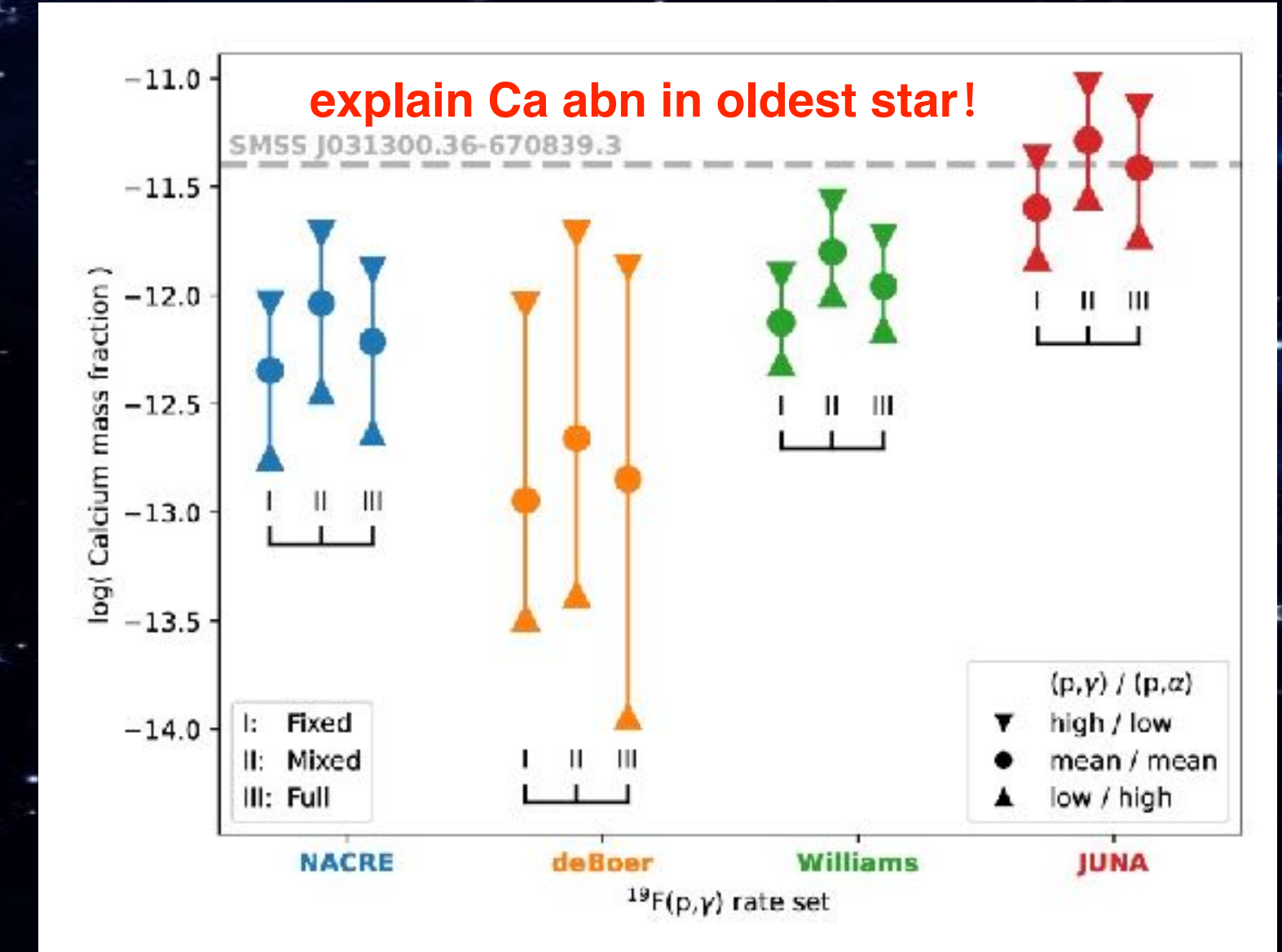
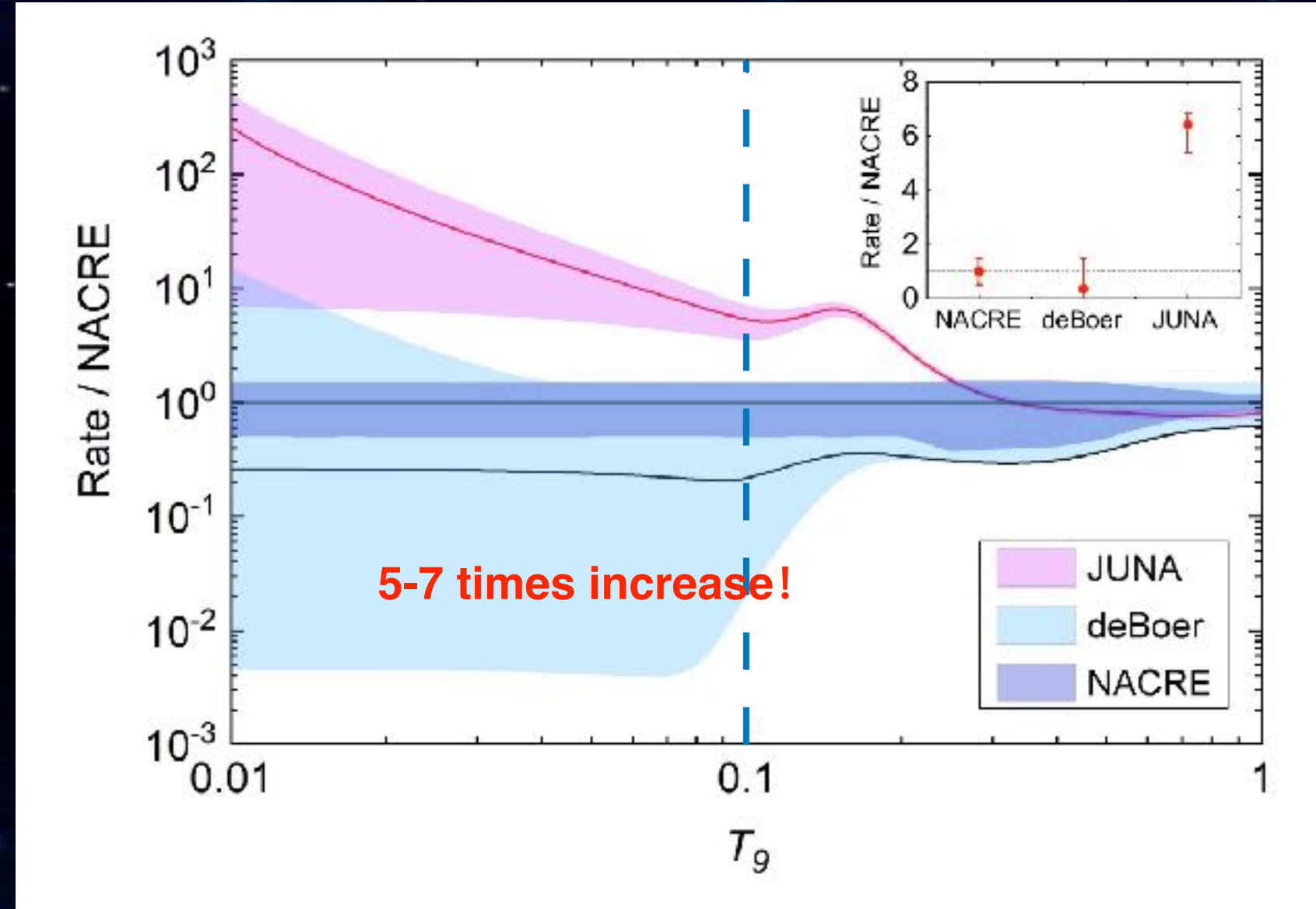
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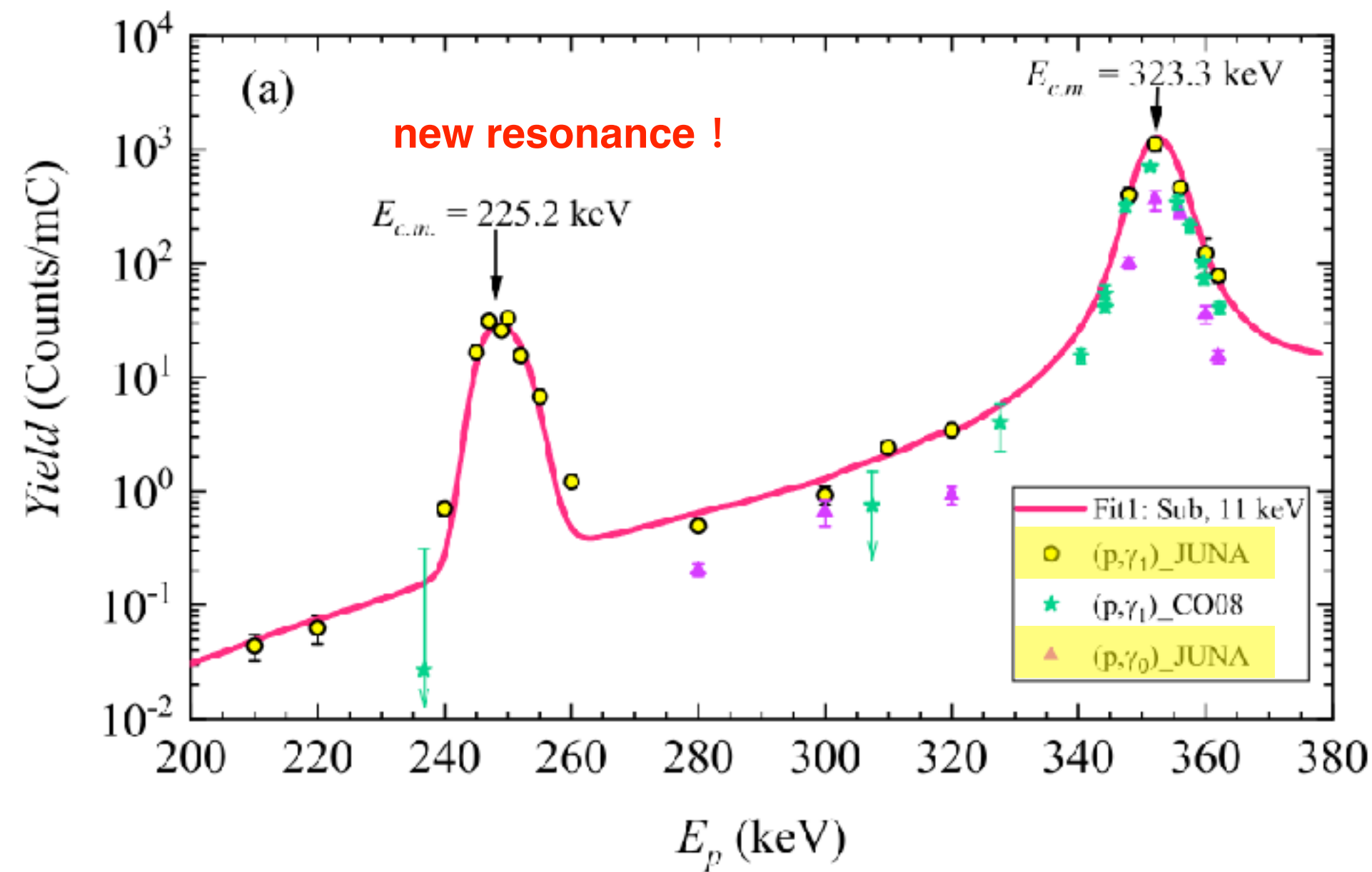
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New excitement from JUNA $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$: CNO break out, explain Ca in oldest known star



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Measurement of $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ reaction suggests CNO breakout in first stars

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Nuclear physics is the reason to explain Ca abundance in oldest known star! And this will help to support more JWST followup results!

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2006诺贝尔物理奖获得者约翰·马瑟John C. Mather:

祝贺你们的新测量，我觉得它们相当重要。



Dear Weiping Liu,

Congratulations on your new measurements; they seem quite important.

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I'm cc'ing my NASA email address for further discussions.

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天文学家对产生钙和其他元素的来源感到的困惑，现在可以在深地实验找到解决方案。该实验可以对古老恒星SMSS0313-6708的化学丰度提供解释—这还将我们对宇宙中其他恒星的产生产生影响。

该工作是JUNA首批实验之一，这些实验已经为模拟宇宙中的恒星提供了宝贵的信息。JUNA实验现在可以达到改进模拟所需的精度并将它们与天文观测进行比较，这一事实表明，对于探索宇宙中恒星的演化来说，确实是一个激动人心的时代。

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An underground route to grasping the Milky Way's oldest stars

Nuclear-fusion experiments performed deep under Earth's surface reveal one possible scenario that could have resulted in the chemical abundances found in an ancient star in the Milky Way.

Marco Pignatari & Athanasios Psaltis

When the first stars in the Milky Way formed around 13 billion years ago, they consisted mainly of hydrogen and helium. But other chemical elements – the heaviest being calcium – have been detected in the atmosphere of one of the oldest-known stars, an amazing object known as SMSS0313-6708 that lies just 1,800 parsecs from Earth¹. Astronomers and astrophysicists were puzzled, and started to look for ways in which calcium and the other elements could have been made. The solution, it seems, might be found under Earth's surface. In a paper in *Nature*, Zhang *et al.*² report nuclear-physics experiments that could support one explanation for the chemical abundances found in SMSS0313-6708 – with implications for our understanding of other stars in the Universe.



Marco Pignatari



Athanasios Psaltis

Zhang and colleagues' work was one of the first experiments planned for JUNA¹⁵. Such underground nuclear laboratories are already producing invaluable information for researchers simulating stars in the cosmos. The fact that these experiments can now achieve the precision necessary to improve the simulations and compare them with astronomical observations shows that this is an exciting era indeed for probing the evolution of stars in the Universe.

$^{25}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$ physics 伽马天文反应

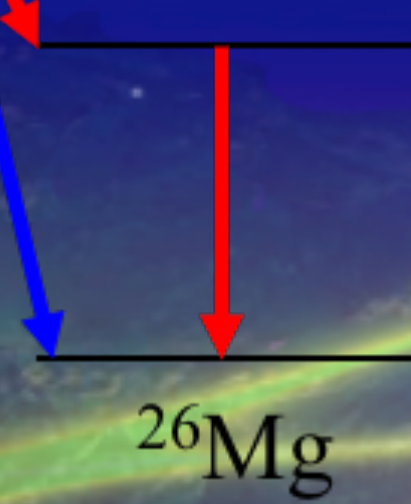
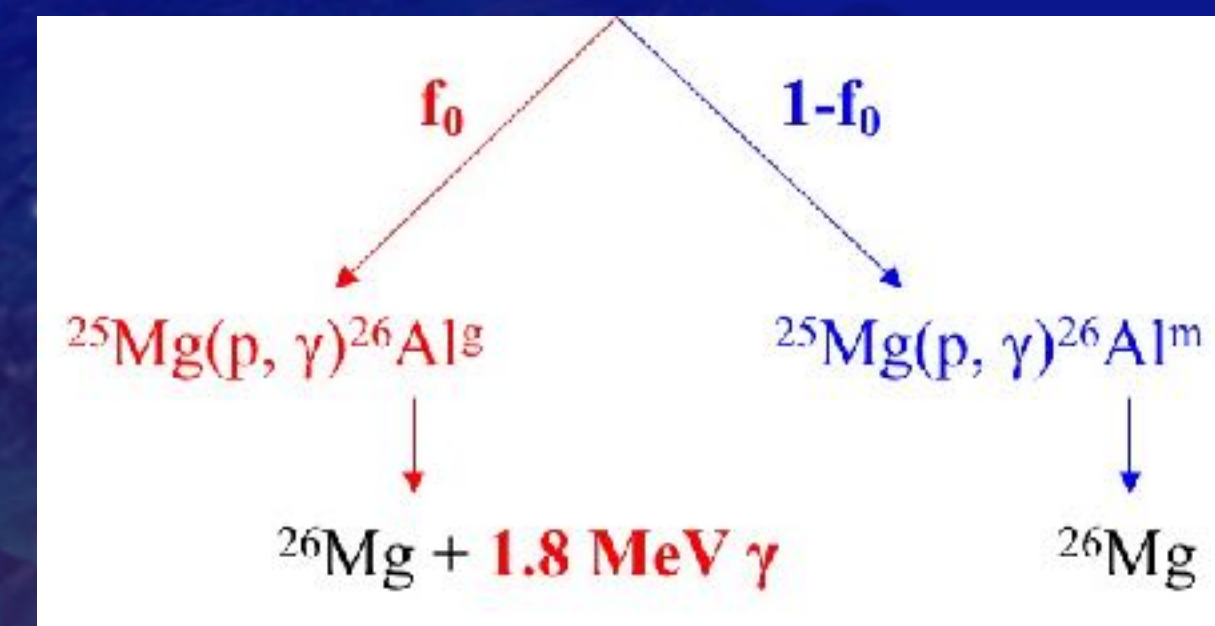
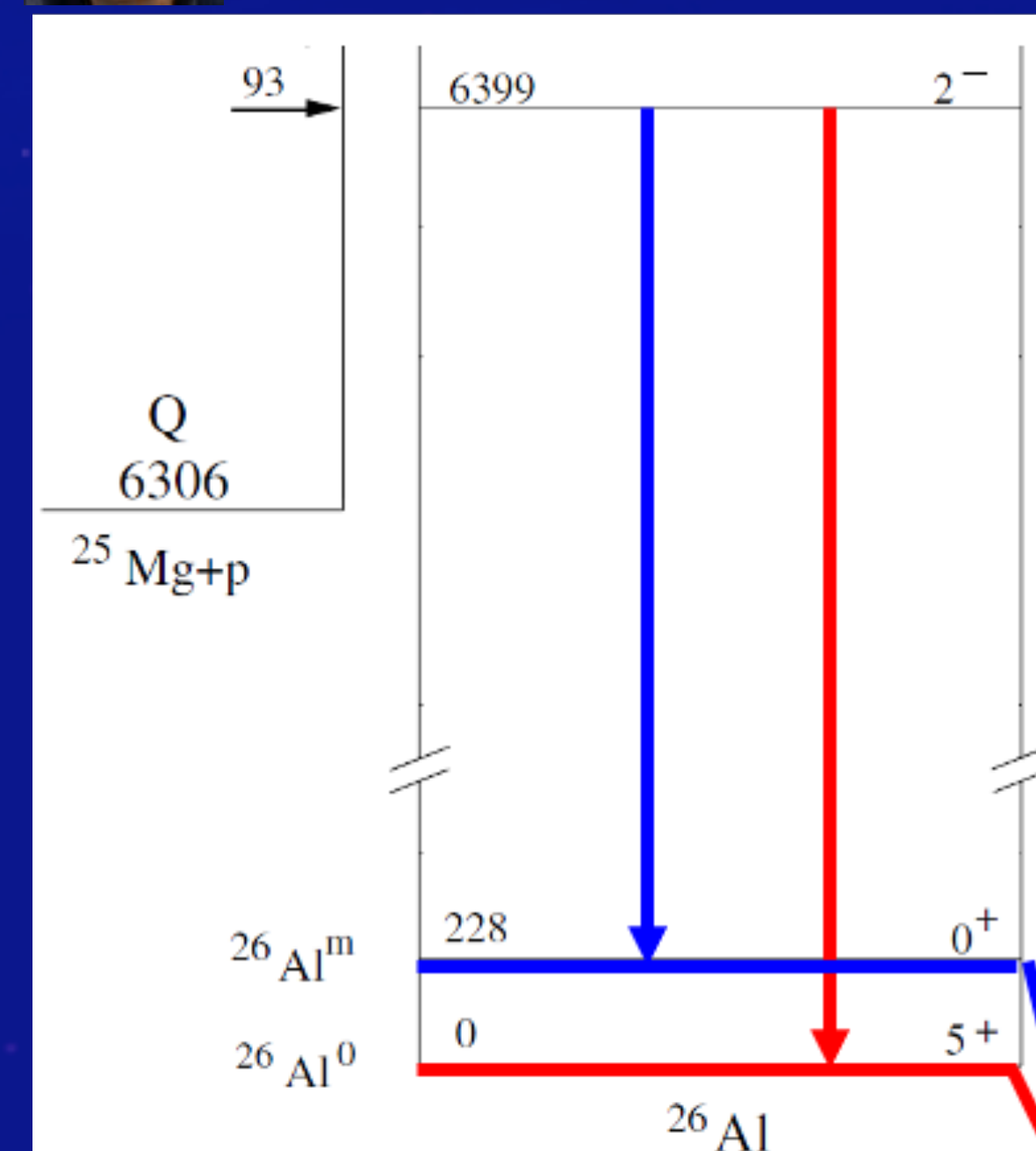
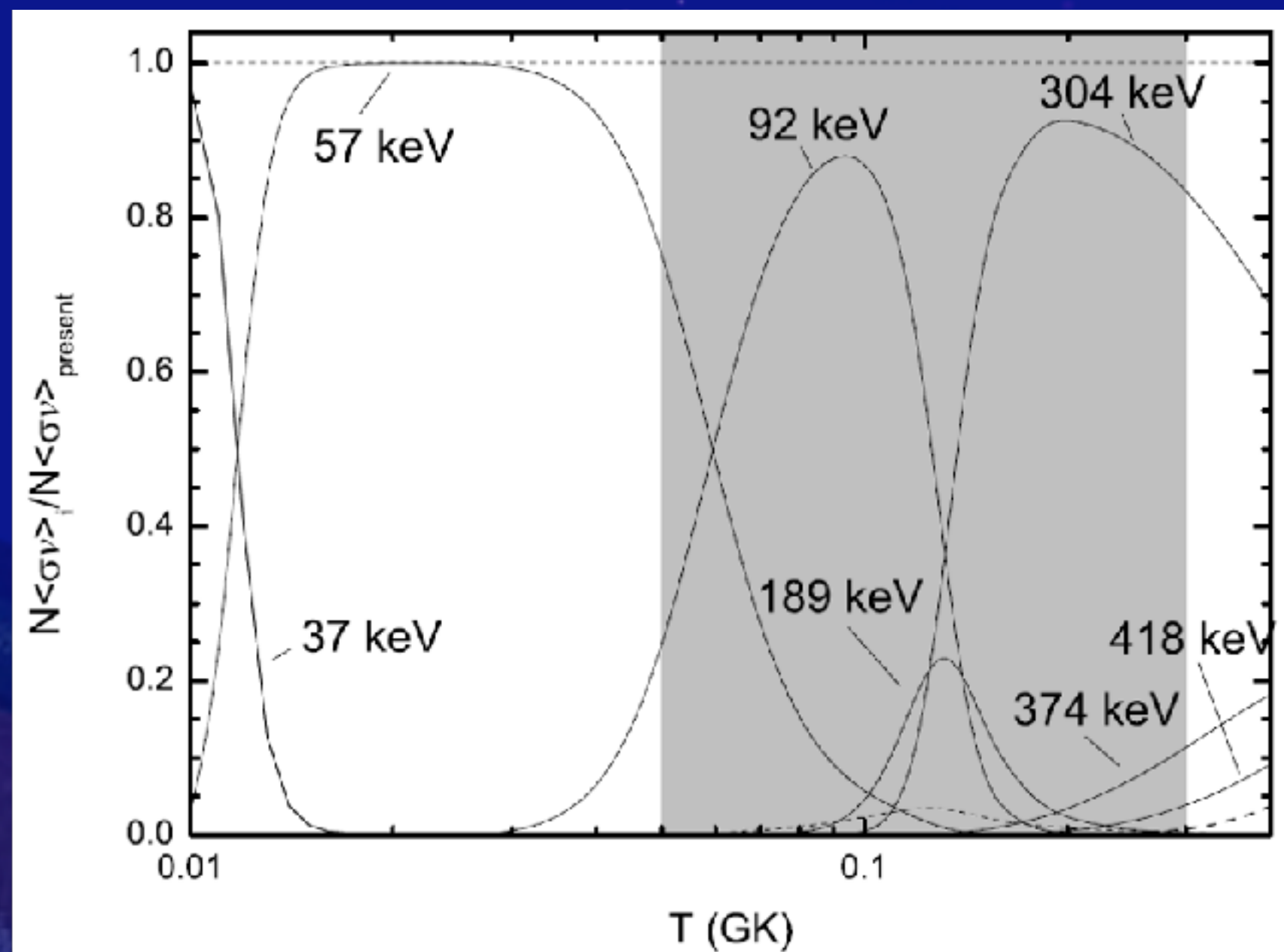
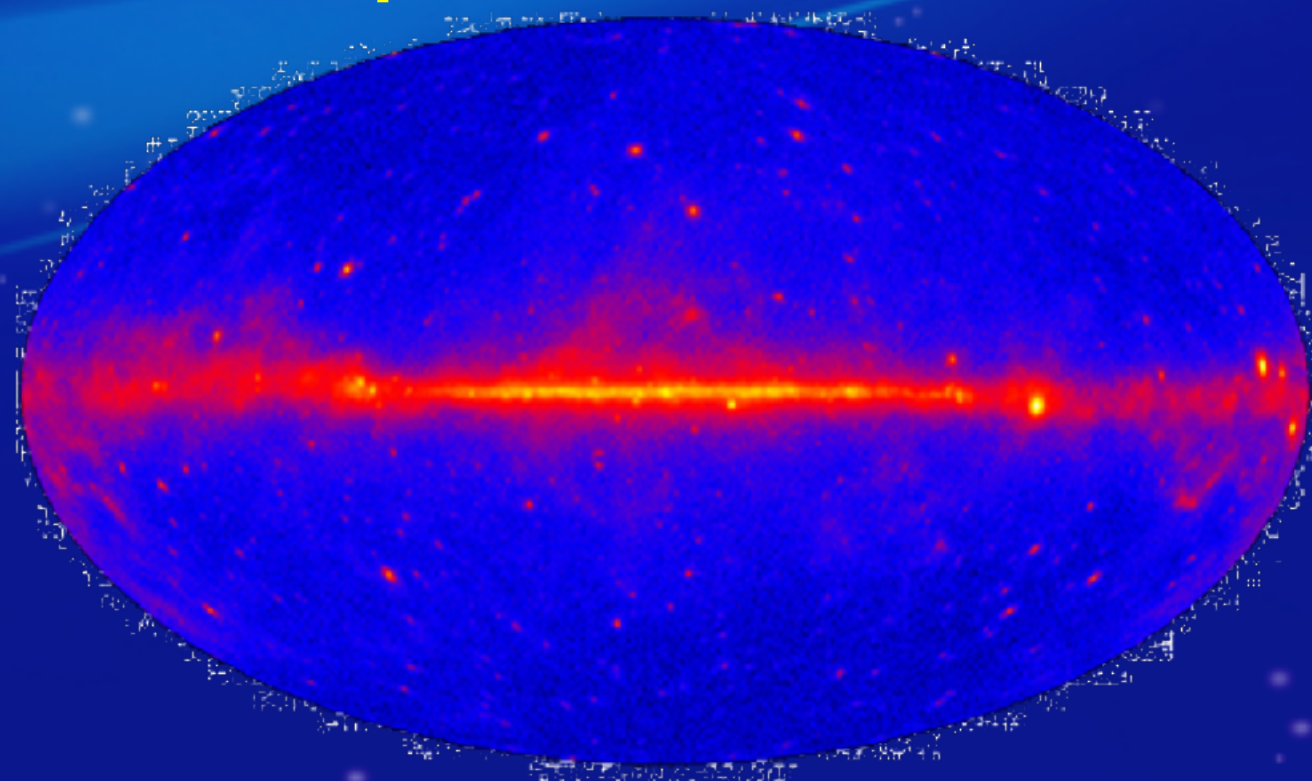
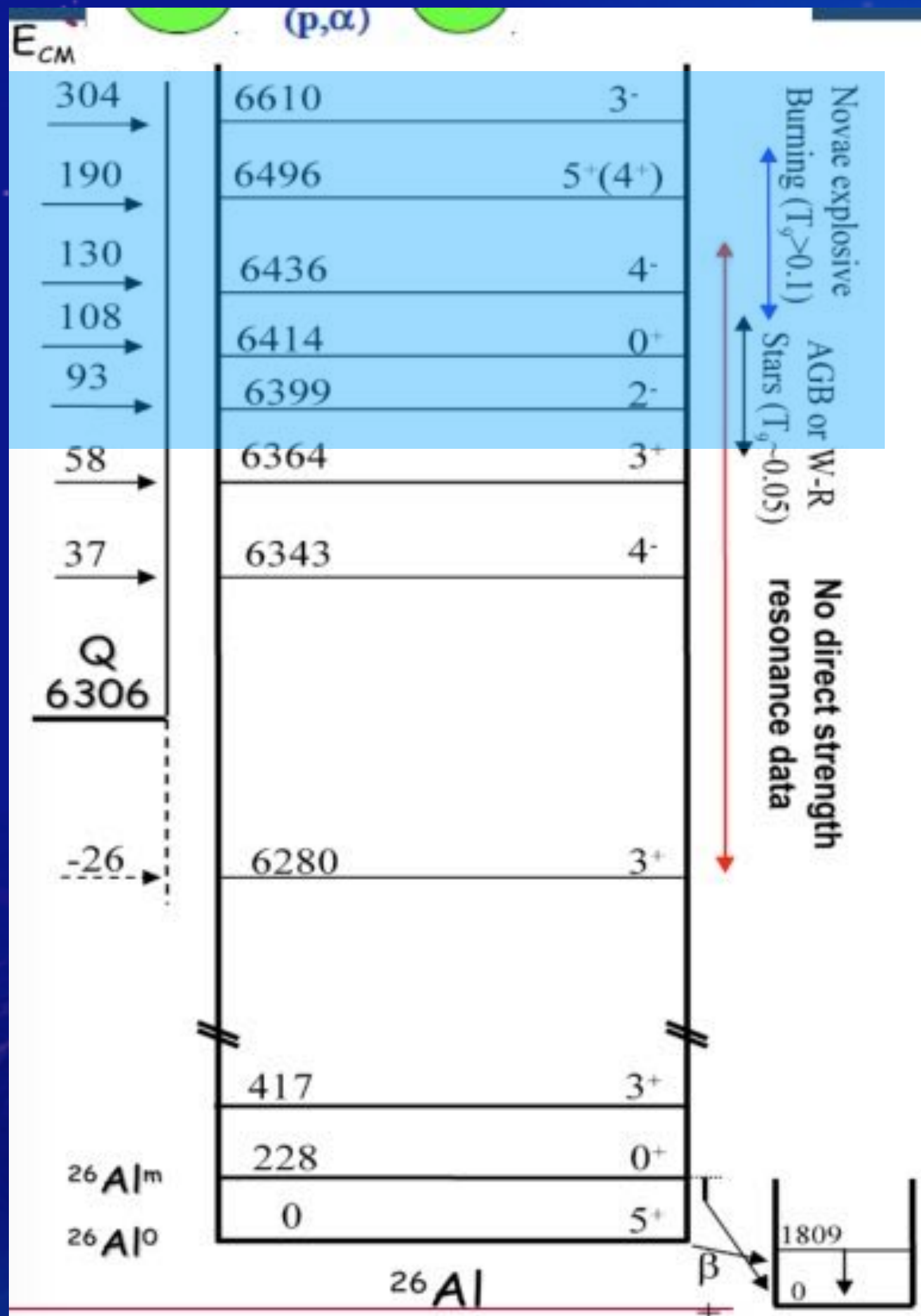
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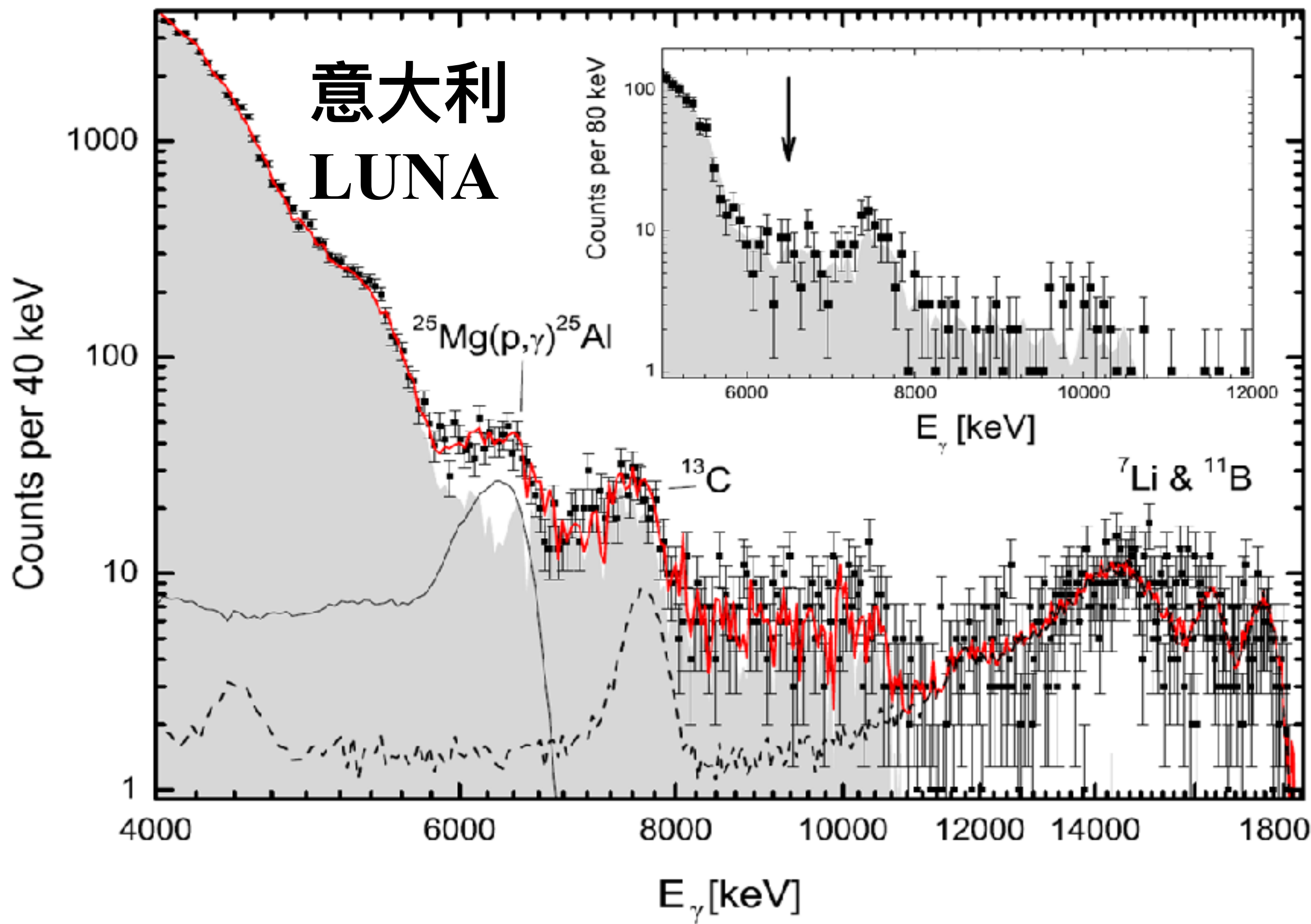


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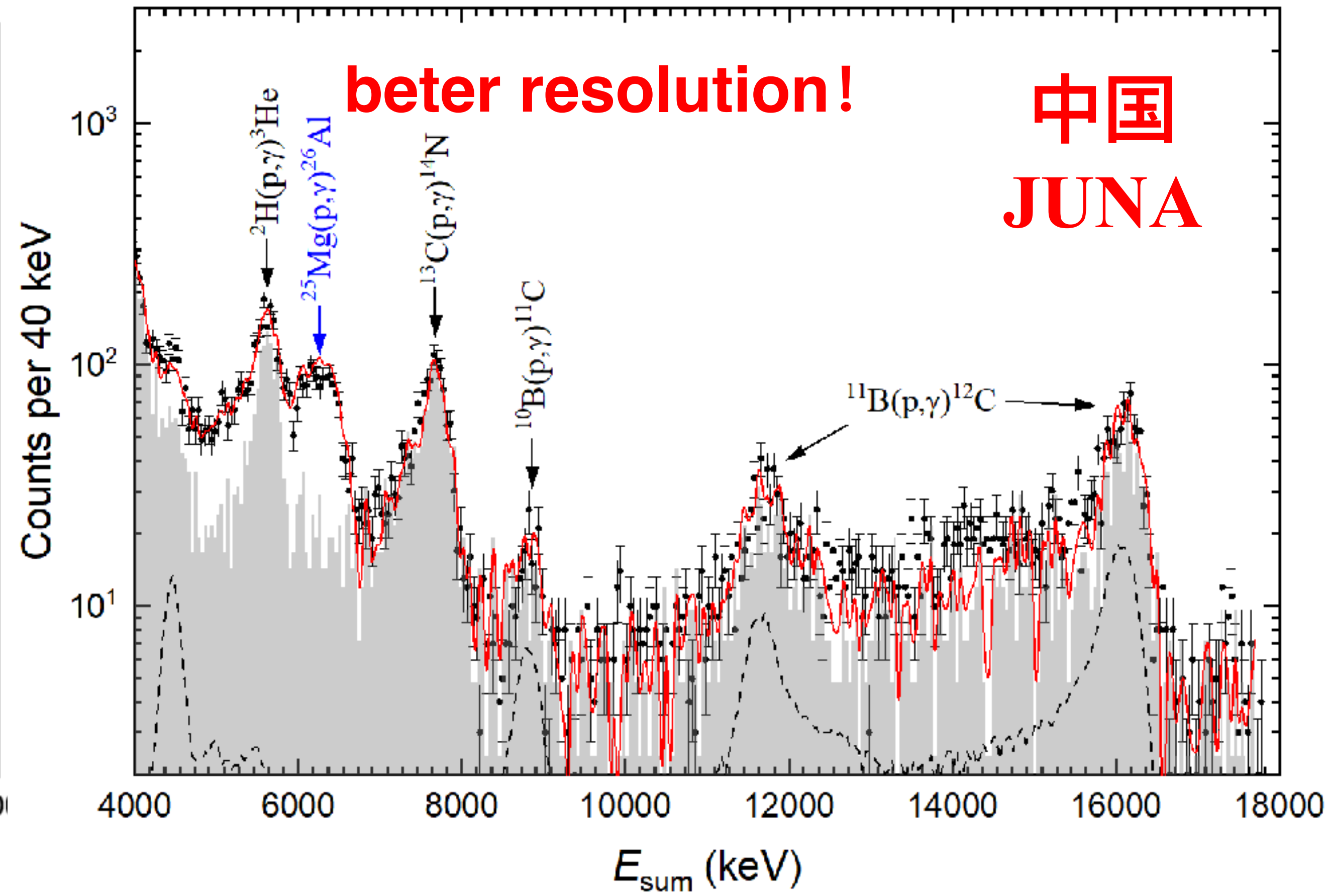




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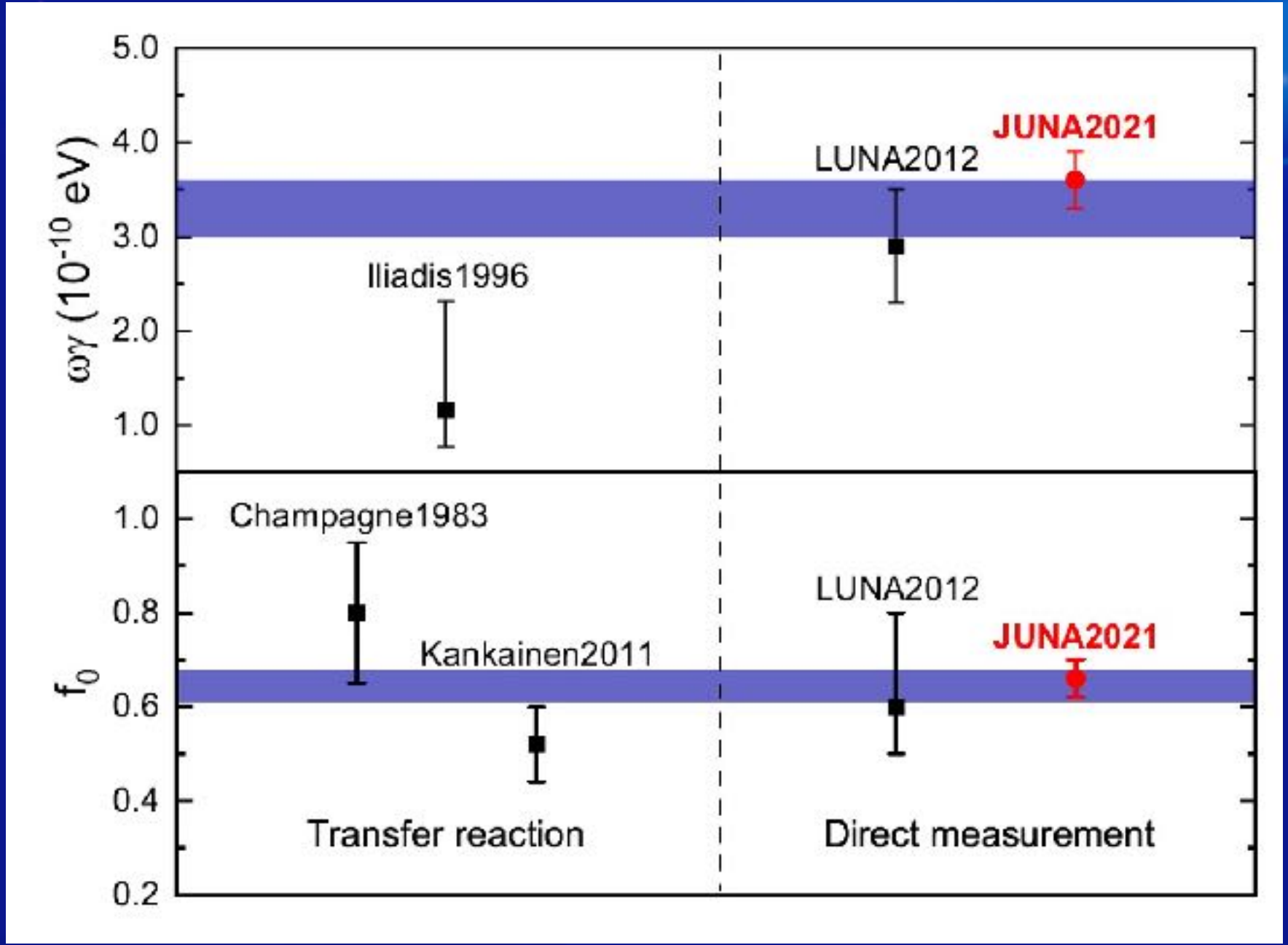


52 days (S+N), 370 C
signal: 410
strength: $2.9 \pm 0.6 \times 10^{-10}$ eV

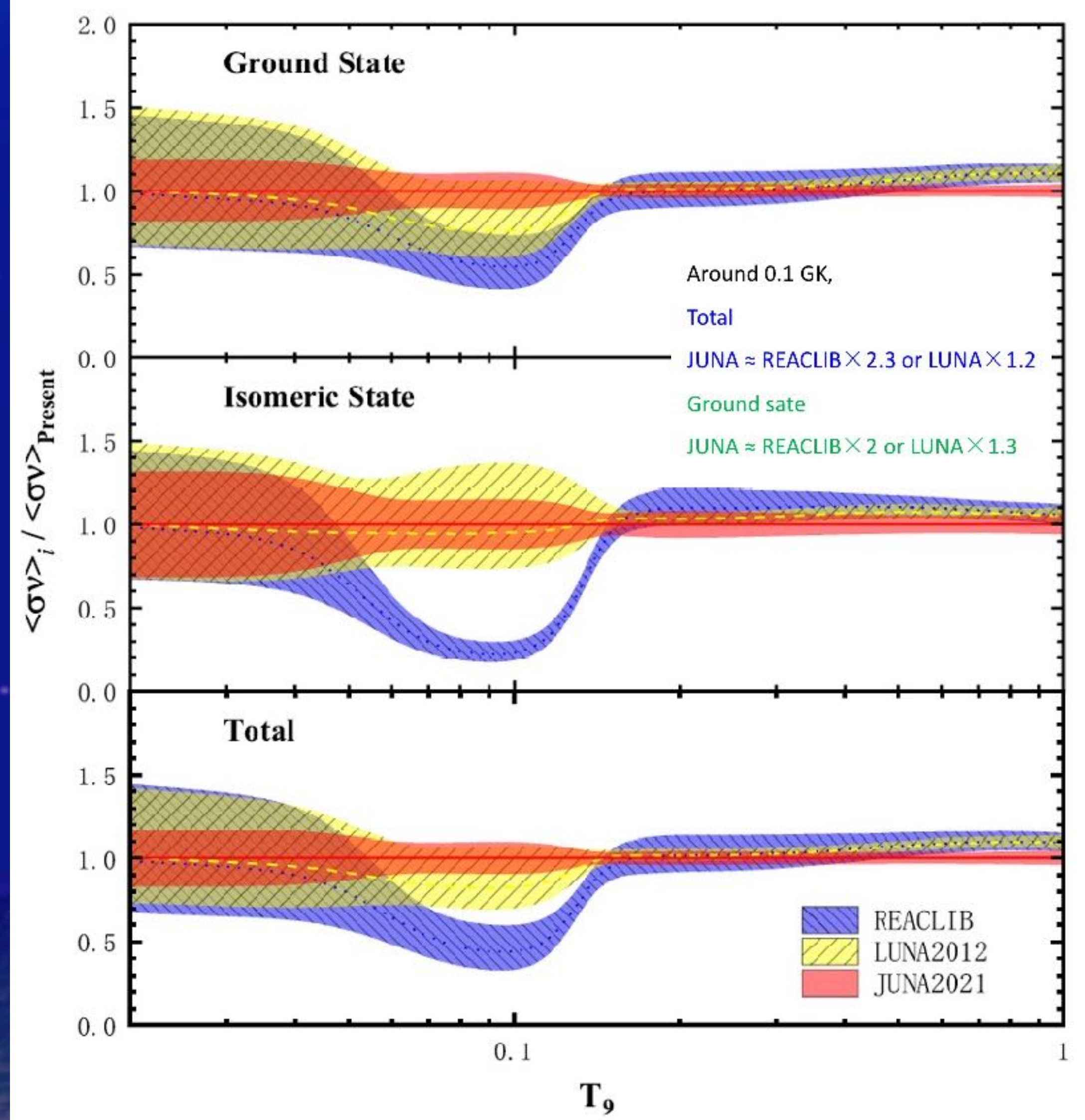


15 days (S+N), 1008 C
signal: 1225
strength: $3.8 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-10}$ eV

Results and implication 最精确



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Y. J. Li, Z. H. Li, E. T. Li, X. Y. Li, T. L. Ma, Y. P. Shen, J. C. Liu, L. Gan, Y. Su, L.-H. Qiao, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **102**, 025804 (2020).

E_x (keV) ^a	$\omega\gamma$ (eV)	f_0
37.1 ± 0.1	$(4.5 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-22b}$	0.79 ± 0.05^b
57.7 ± 0.1	$(2.9 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-13c}$	0.81 ± 0.05^b
92.1 ± 0.2	$(3.8 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-10d}$	0.66 ± 0.04^d
189.6 ± 0.1	$(9.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-7b}$	0.75 ± 0.02^b
304.1 ± 0.1	$(3.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2e}$	0.859 ± 0.01^e

JUNA underground

JUNA ground

J. Su, Z. H. Li*, ..., WPL*, Science Bulletin, 67(2022)2, cover paper

$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ 中子源反应 neutron source reaction



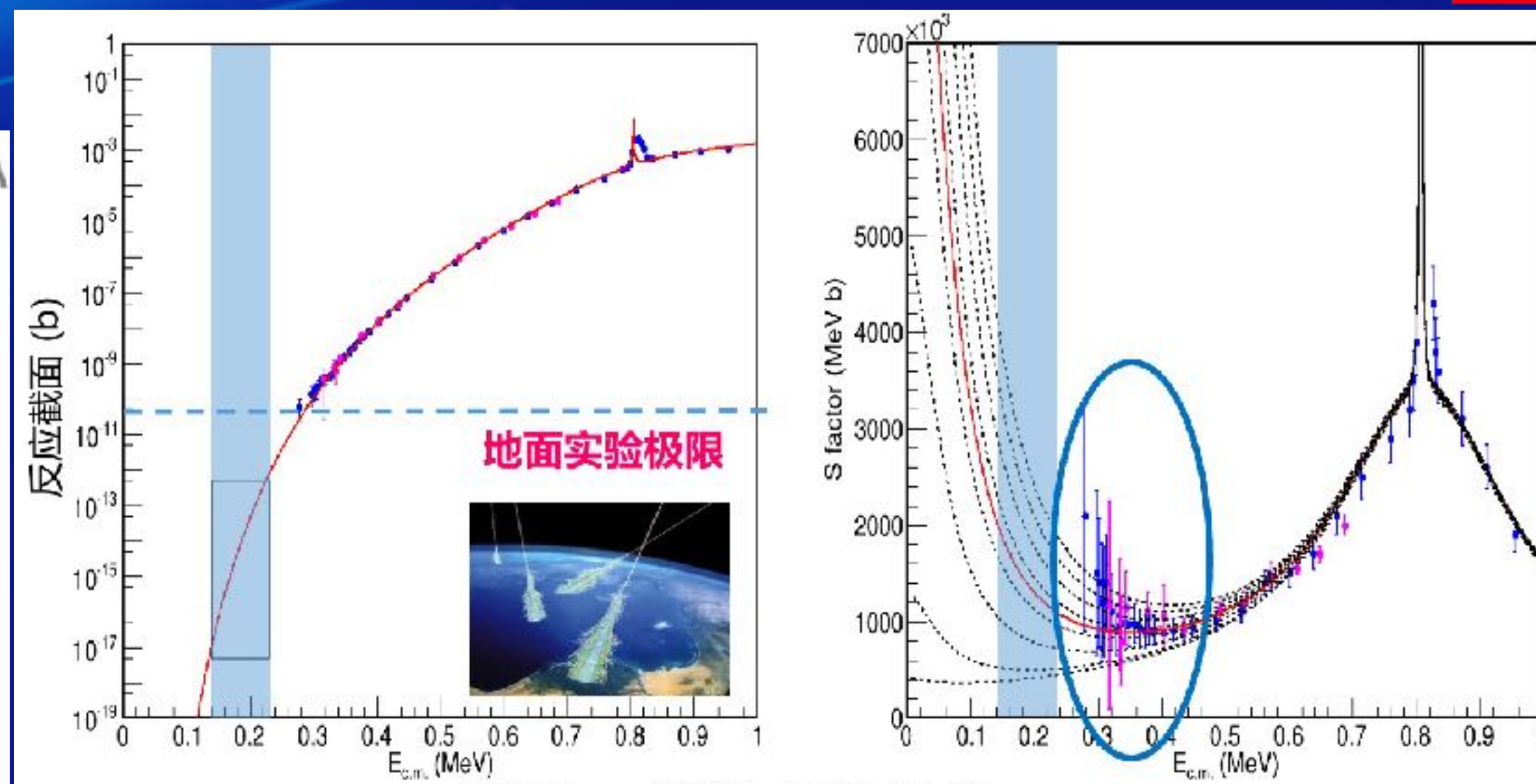
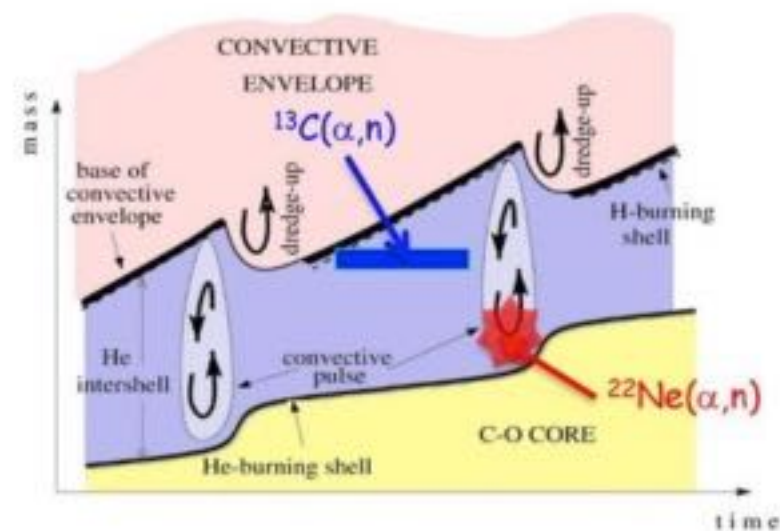
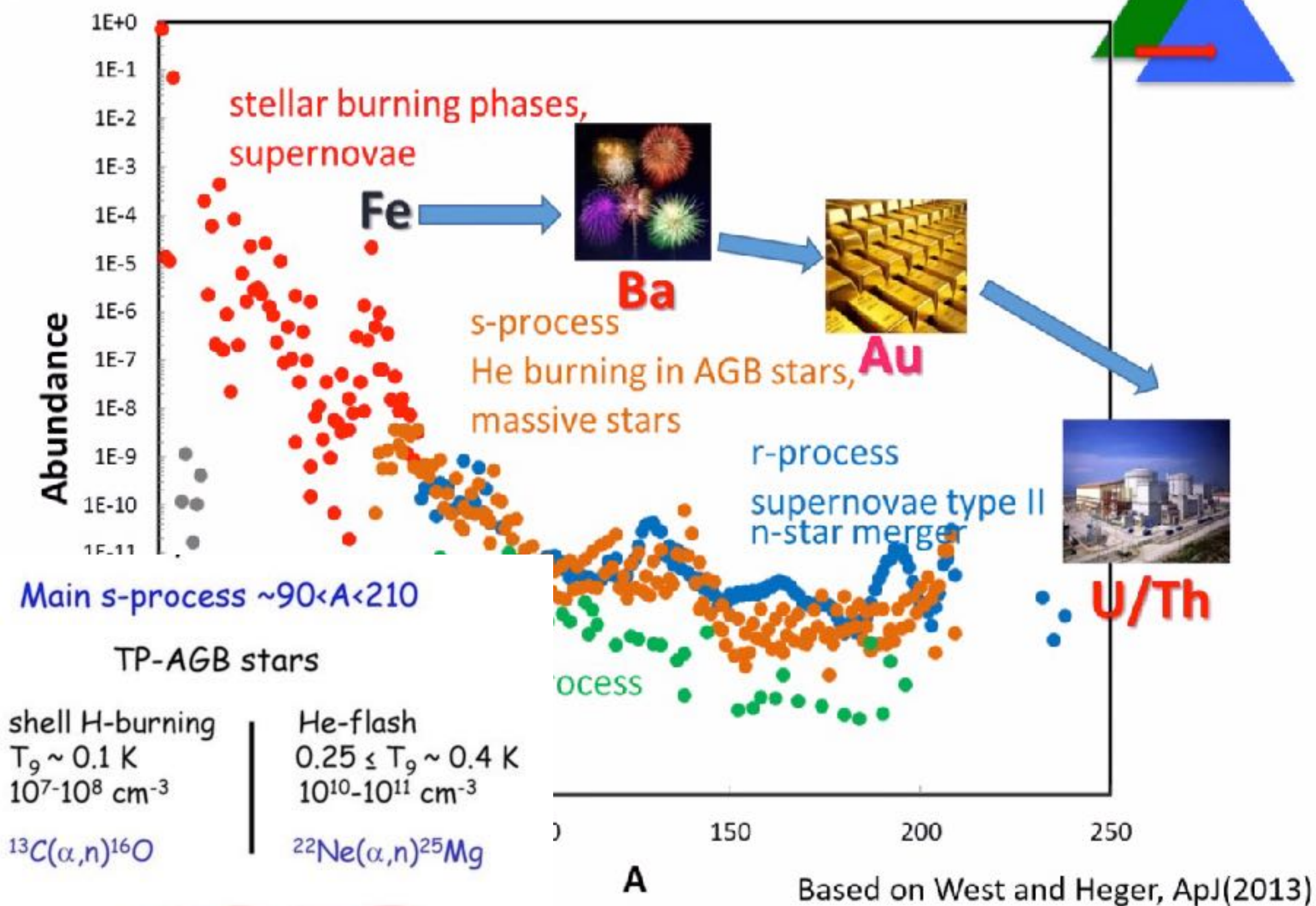
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Origin of Heavy elements



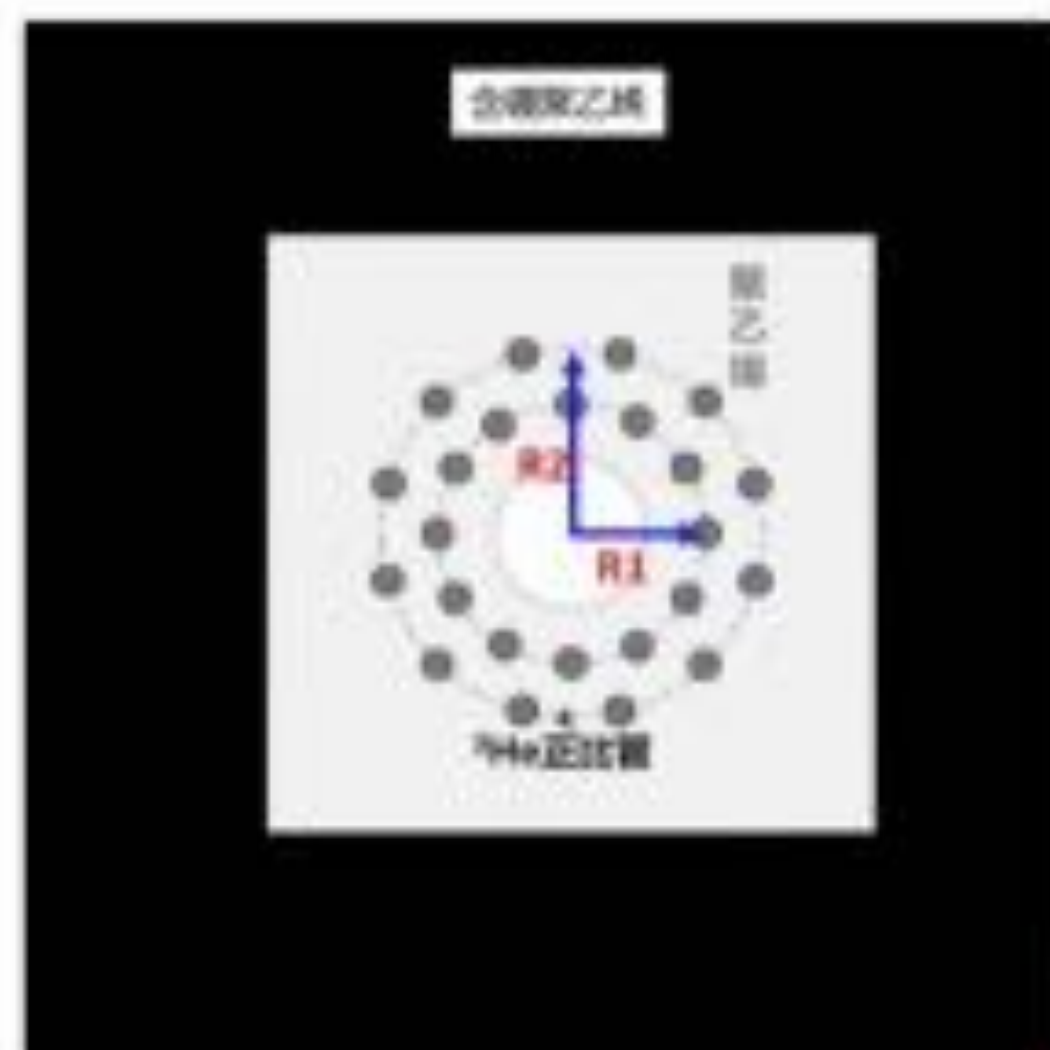
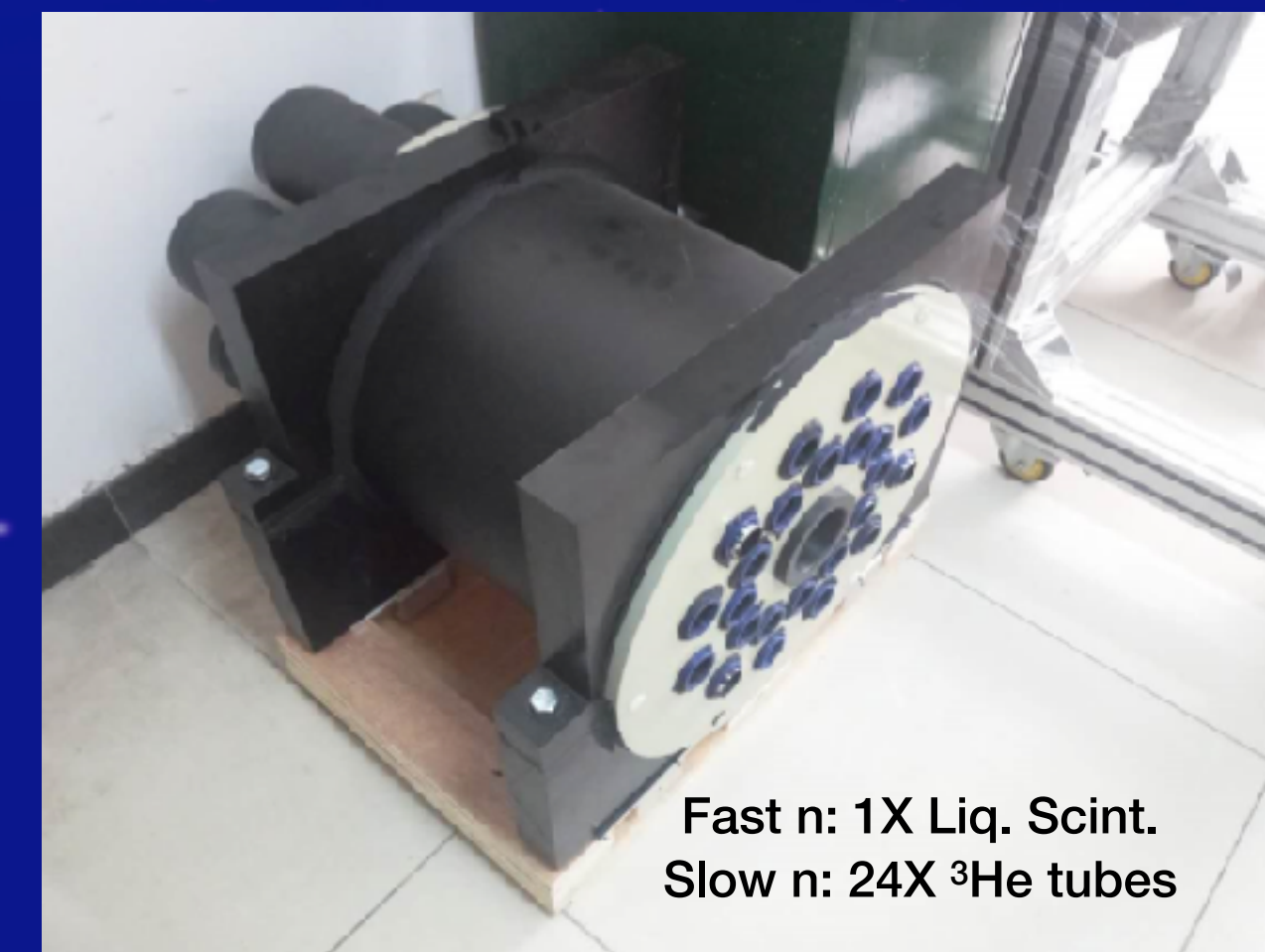
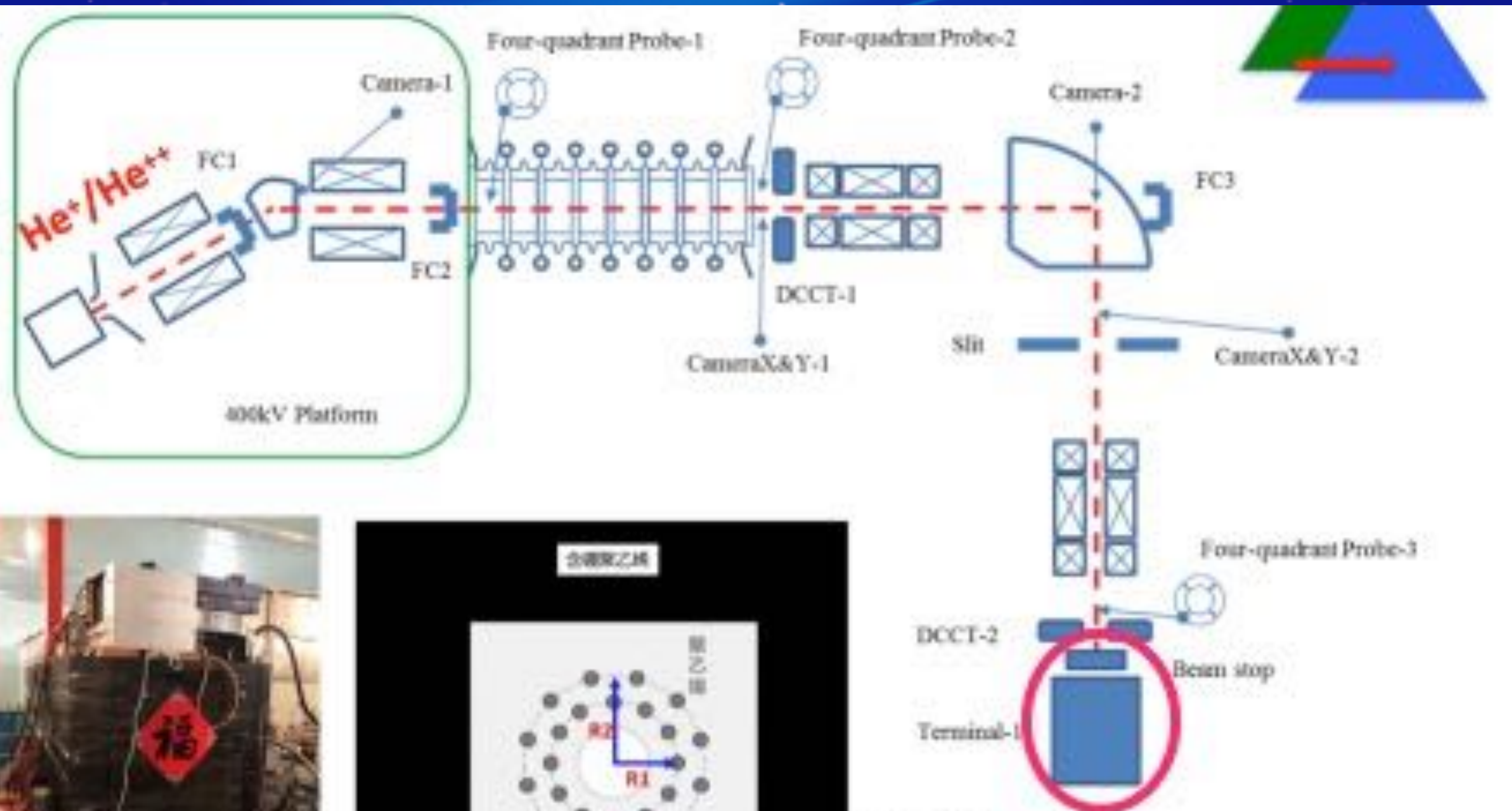
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ 实验条件

指标	LUNA (意大利)	JUNA (中国)
束流强度 beam (粒子毫安)	~0.15	~2
靶数目 target	>100	3
能区 (MeV) energy	0.23-0.31	0.24-1.2
束流时间 (天)	240	14

流强优势、高功率厚靶技术、低本底多电荷态离子源使我们用更短时间 (1/17的时间), 在更宽的能区 (0.24-1.2 MeV) 提供基准数据

B. Gao, ..., Y. D. Tang*, ..., WPL*, $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$, PRL 129(2022)132701

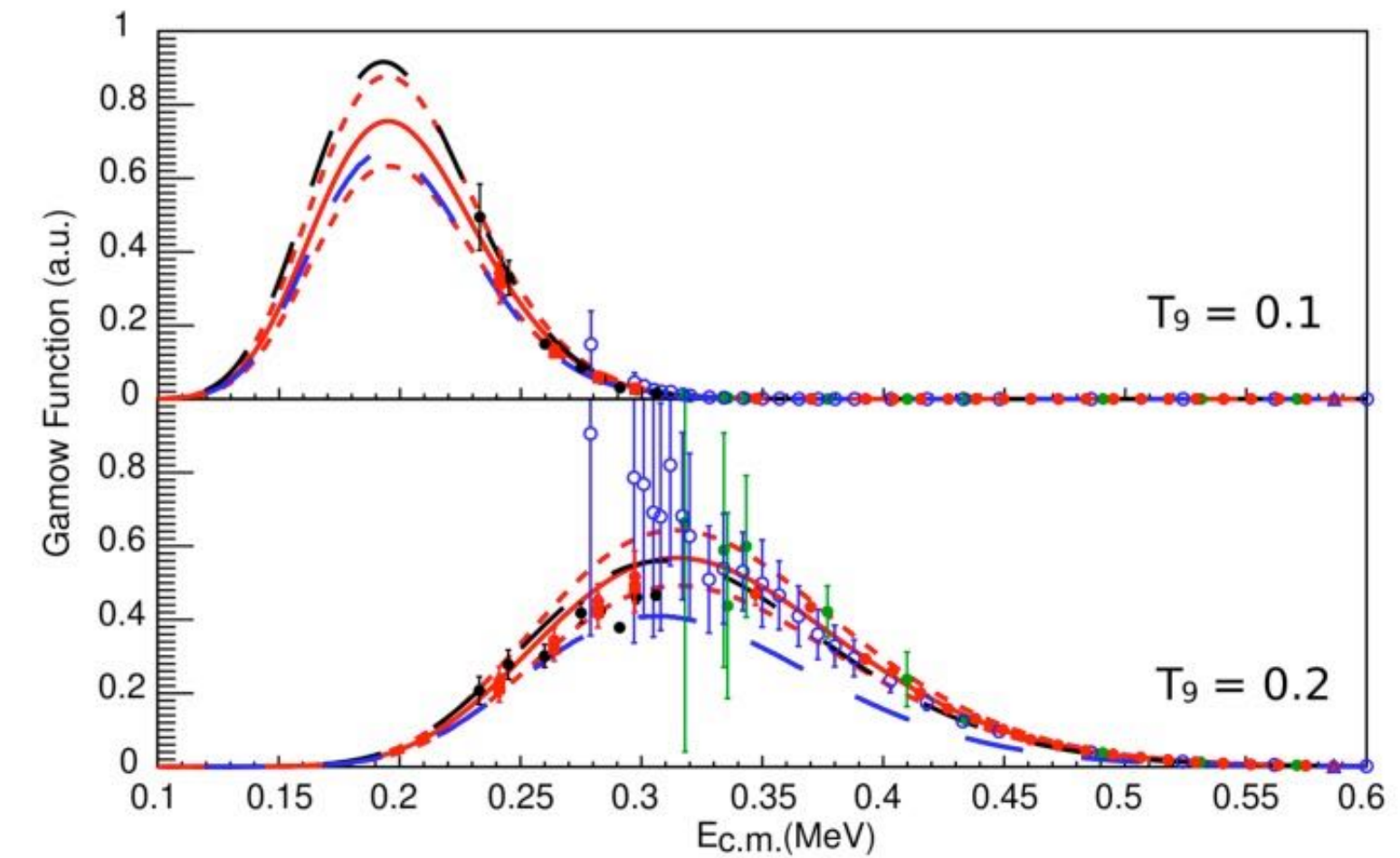
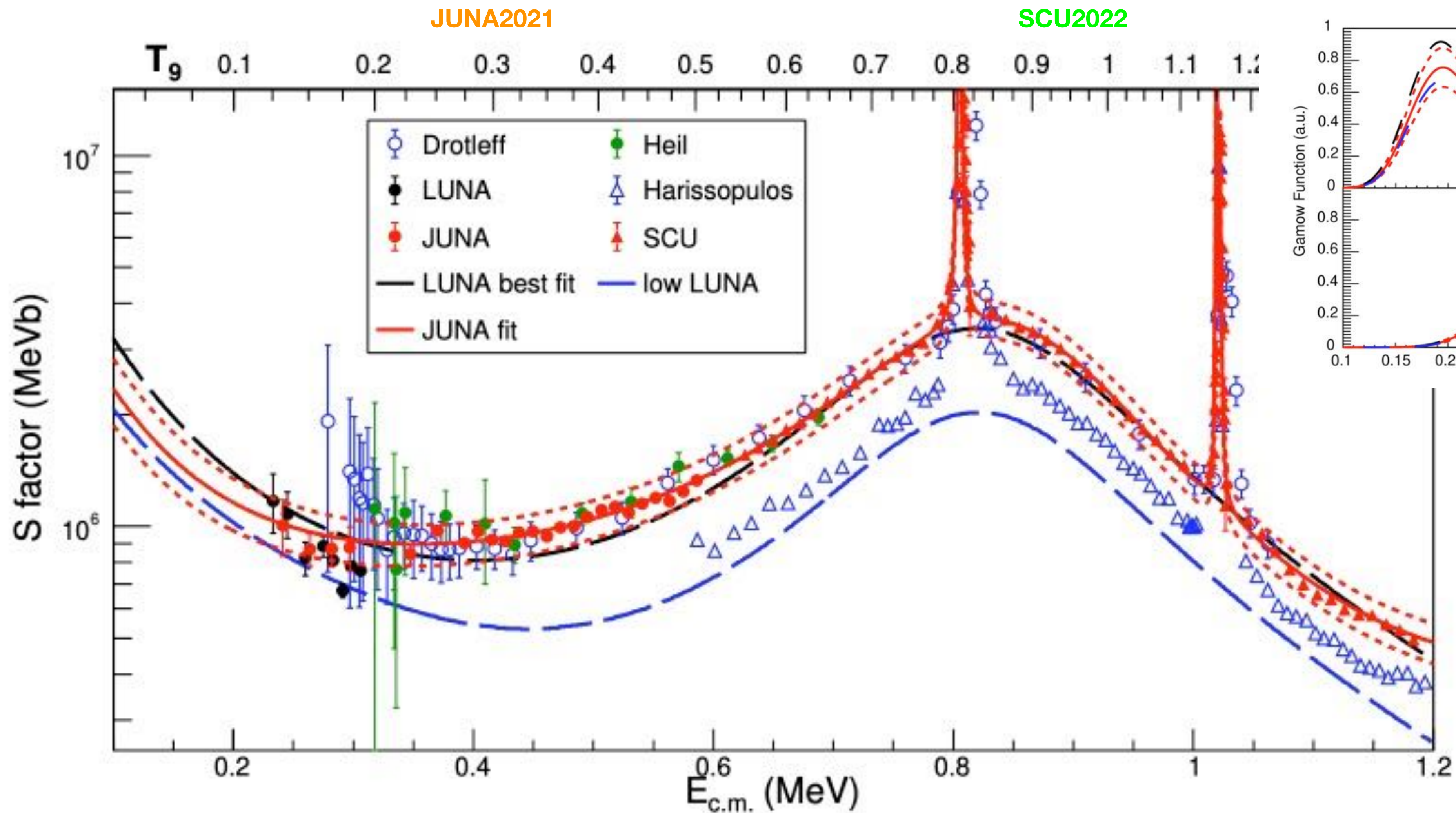
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ status



He⁺⁺: 1pA
He⁺: 1pA,
 ^{13}C thick target (2mm) x 3

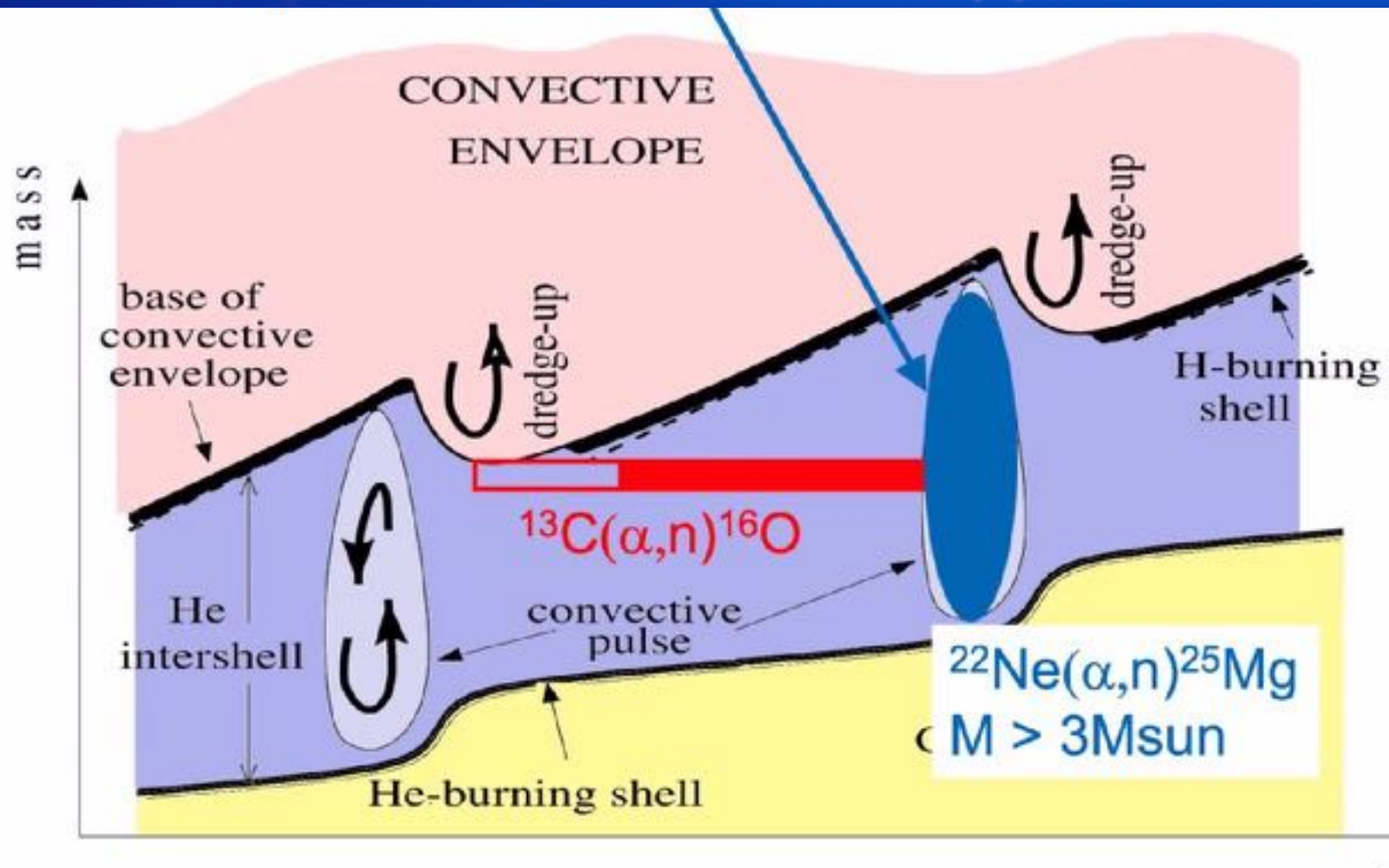


$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$: solve the uncertainty



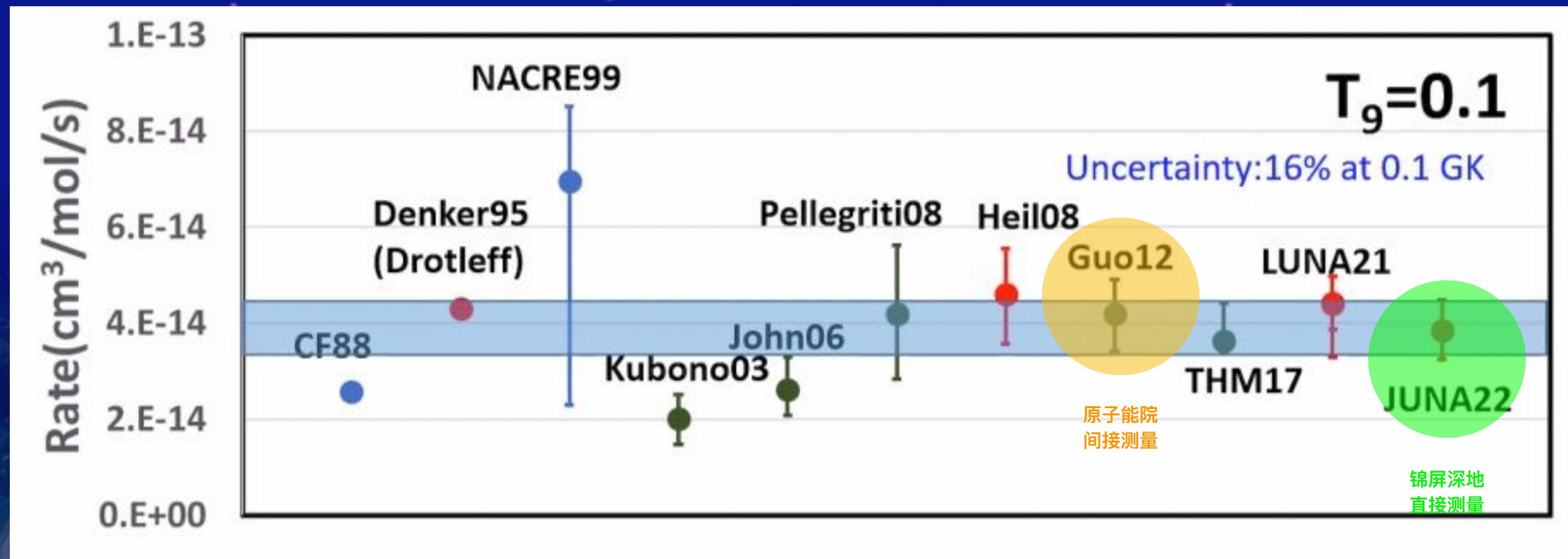
- mA thick target, differential method to pin down thickness
- magnetic removal of He²⁺, cover 0.4 MeV to 0.8 MeV (JUNA), cover i-process; to 1.2 MeV tandem, calibration of eff., cross check other data
- n background 5/hour, 2.5 MeV eff. 25%, good S/N

恒星中子源30年探寻30 years research



The significant reduction in uncertainty is fantastic. Now I believe that the work is a major achievement in experimental nuclear astrophysics ...

the new underground and new above ground measurements are smoothly continuous over a large energy range, thereby providing a much improved and more precise s-factor than previously available



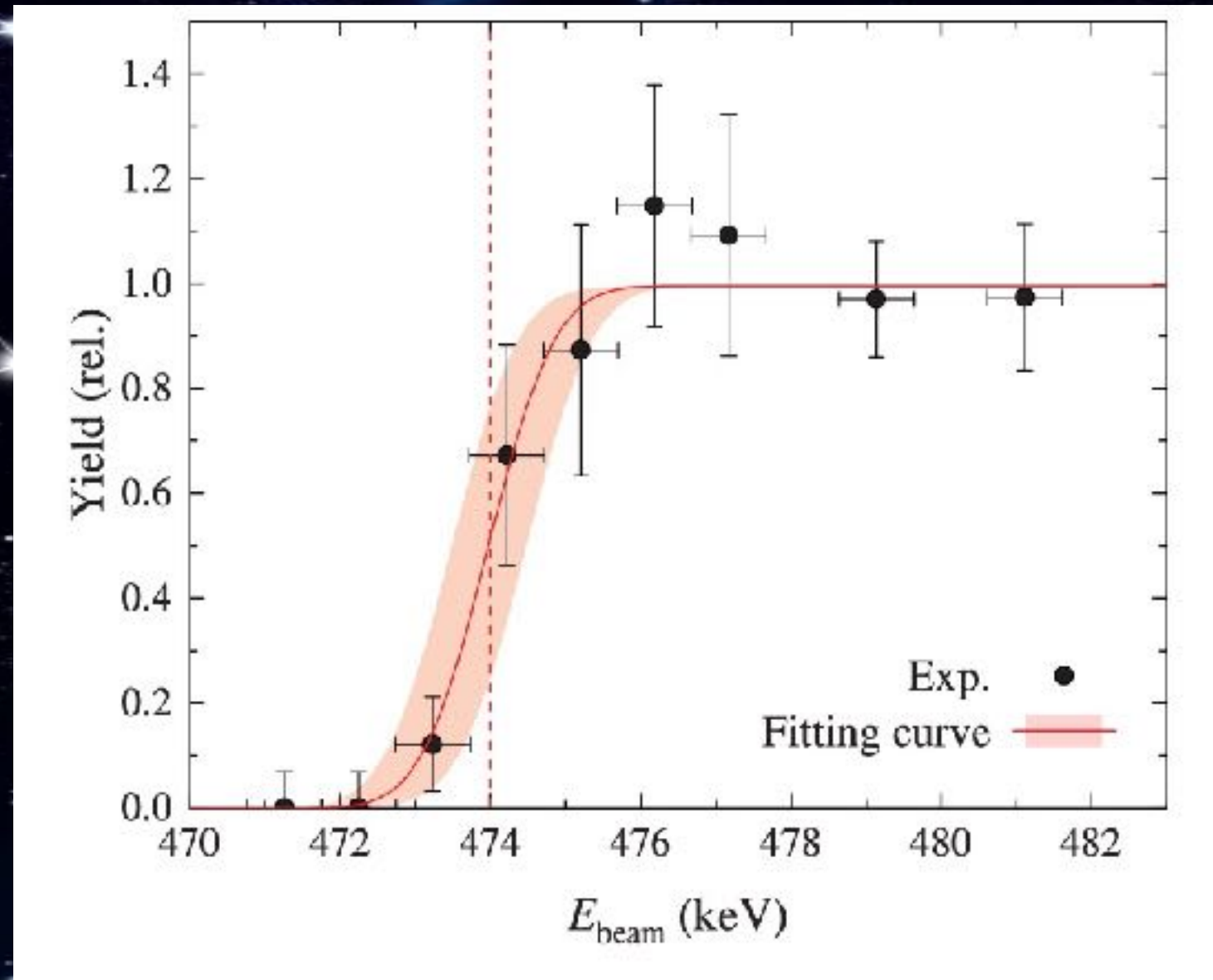
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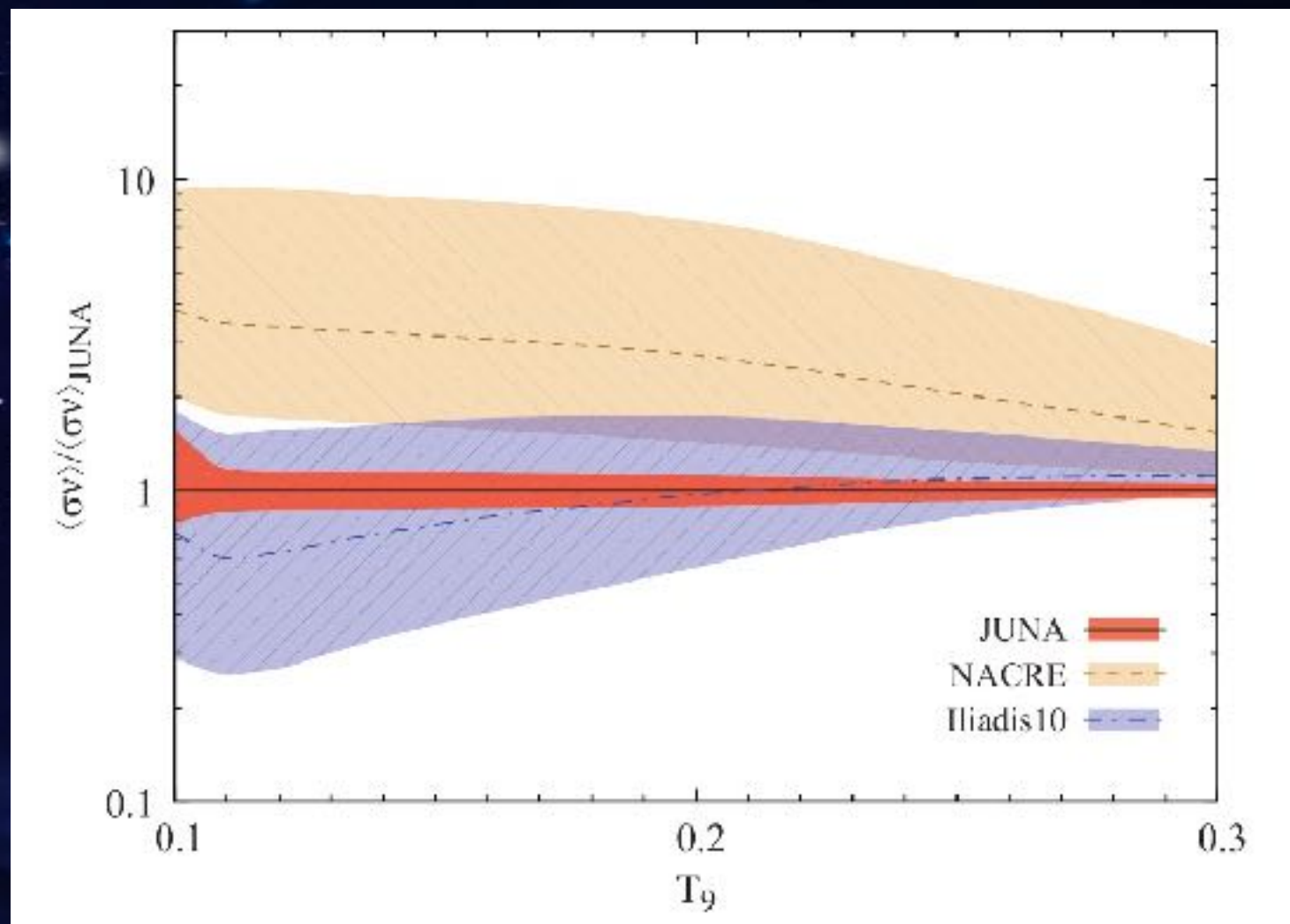
New result from JUNA $^{18}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{22}\text{Ne}$: trace back AGB mass via SiC radius



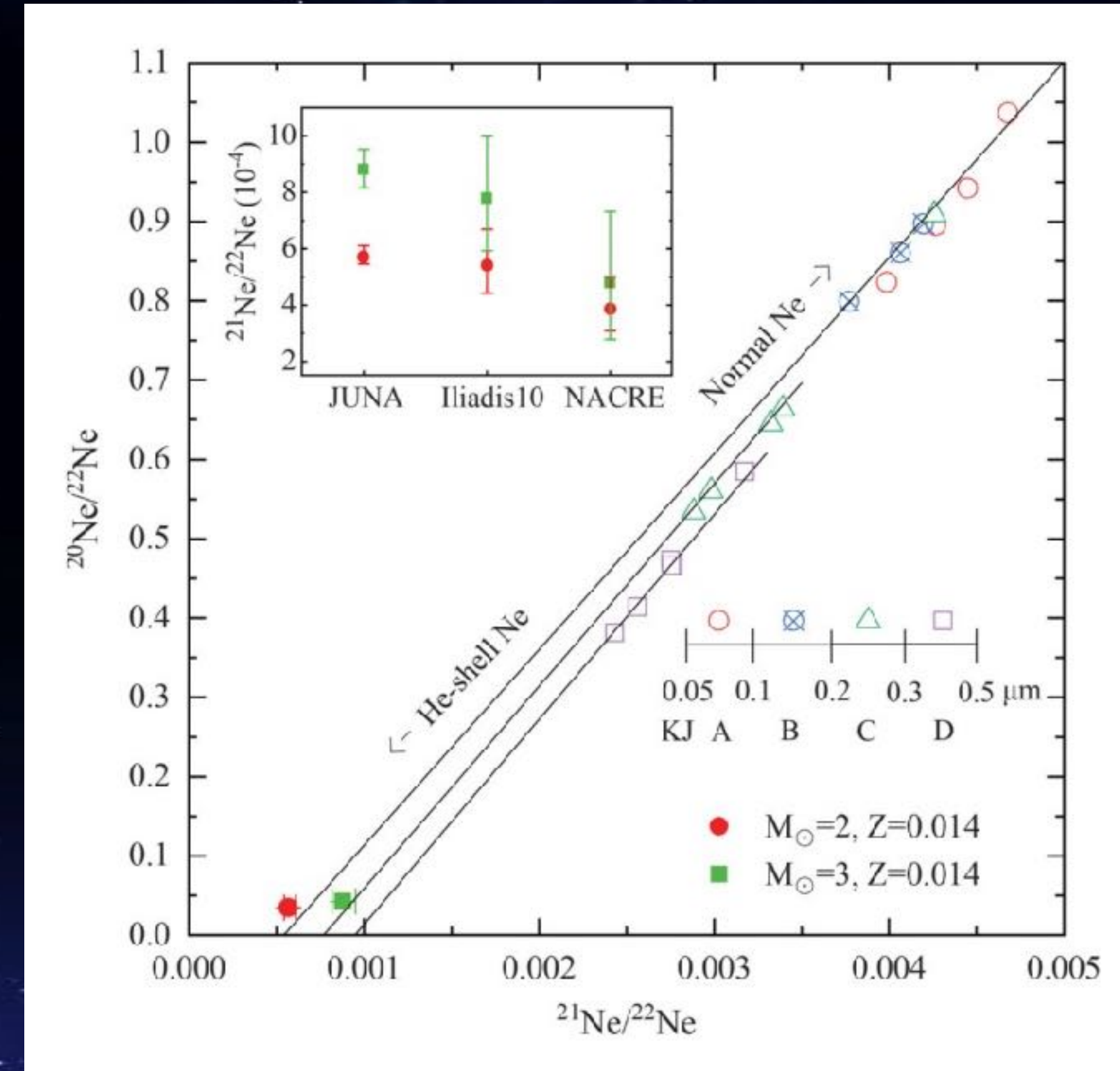
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Thick target yield curve of the 470 keV resonance.



JUNA results with previous values reported by NACRE and Iliadis

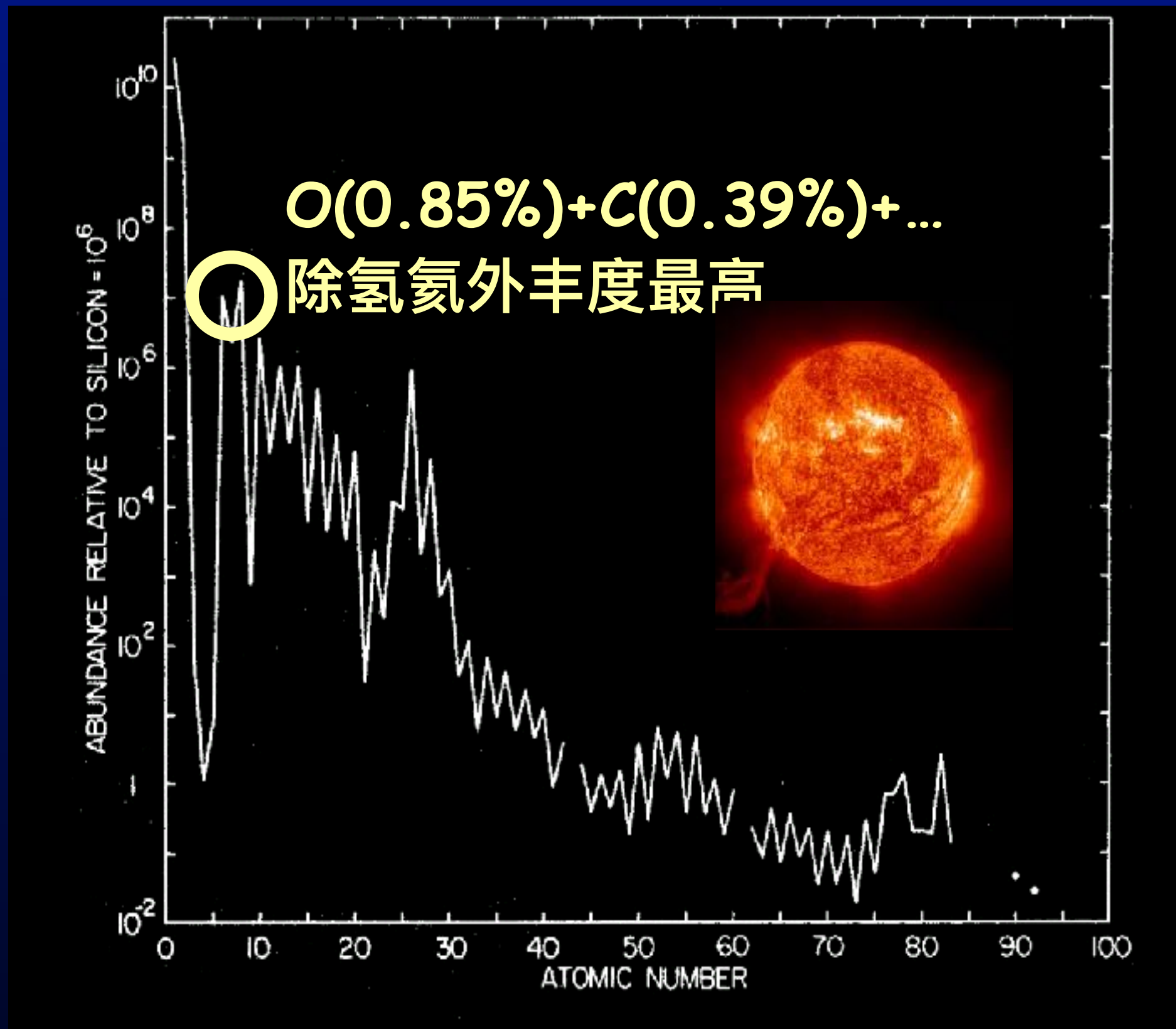


Ne isotope ratios in AGB models (filled symbols) using the JUNA rates and meteoritic stardust SiC grains of different sizes from Lewis et al. (open symbols). The top-left inset shows the $^{21}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$ ratios calculated with different reaction rates.

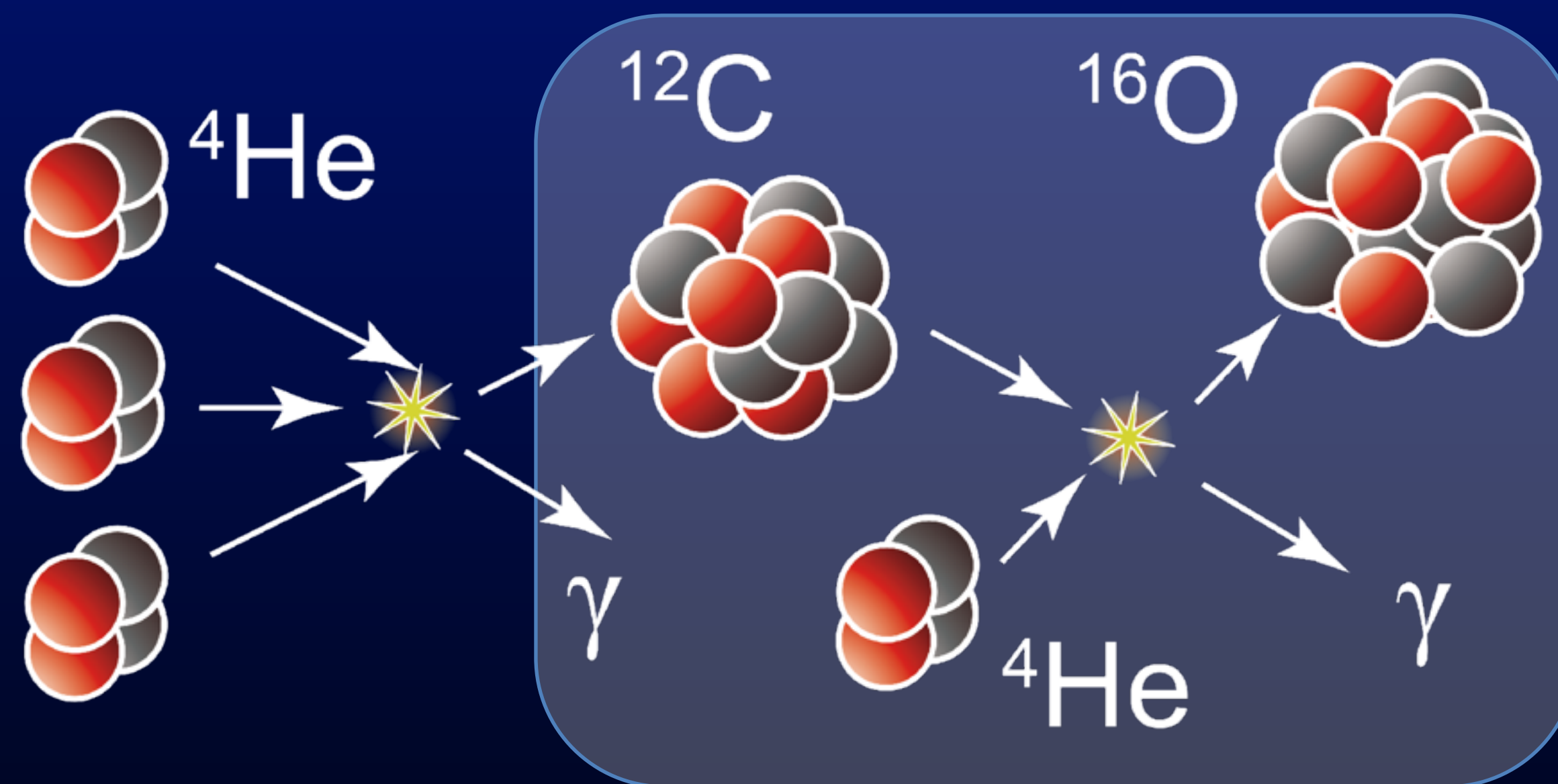
圣杯反应 $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ 首个深地直接测量

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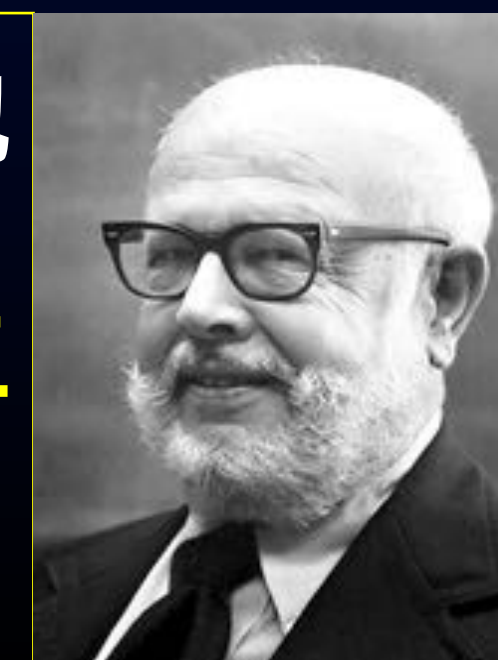


- $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ 决定**碳氧比例**
- 影响恒星演化和几乎全部核素丰度
- 被称为“**圣杯反应**”



我们人体中绝大部分是碳和氧。在化学和生物的层面上，我们已经基本上理解了他们。可是在核天体物理的层面上，我们还并不理解我们身体中的碳和氧是怎么产生的。

William A. Fowler, 1983年诺贝尔物理奖得主



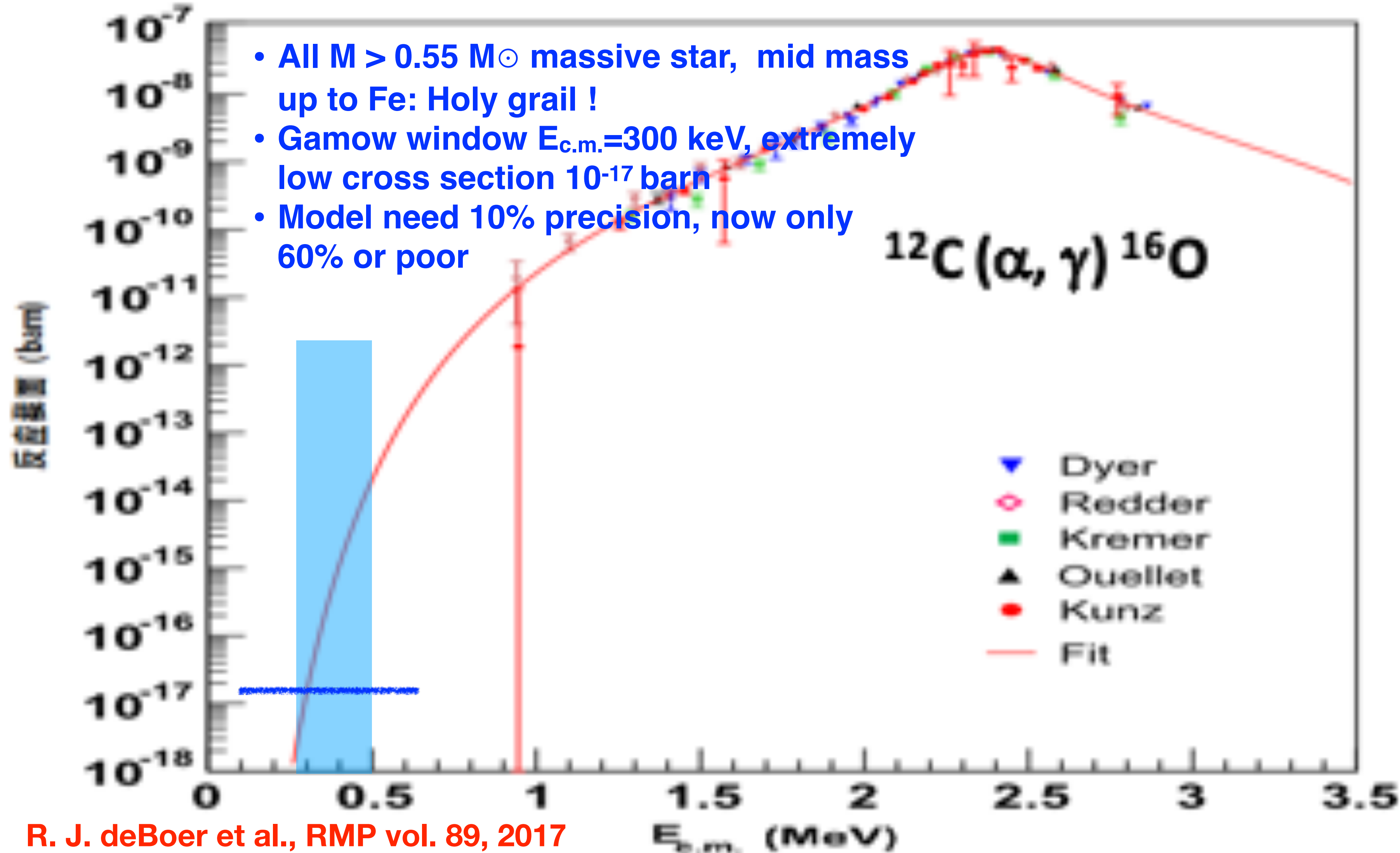
Big question, big impact, big challenge 圣杯



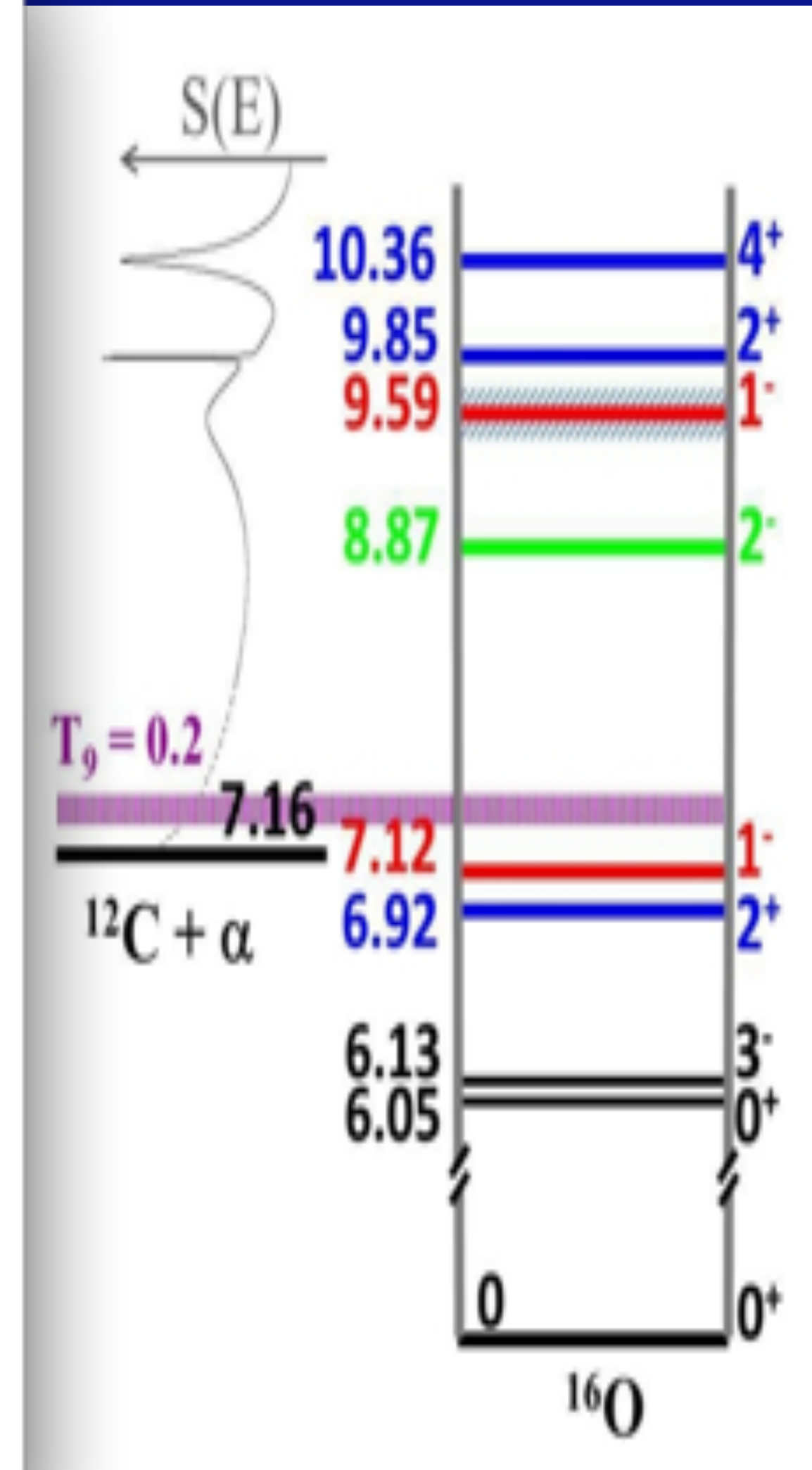
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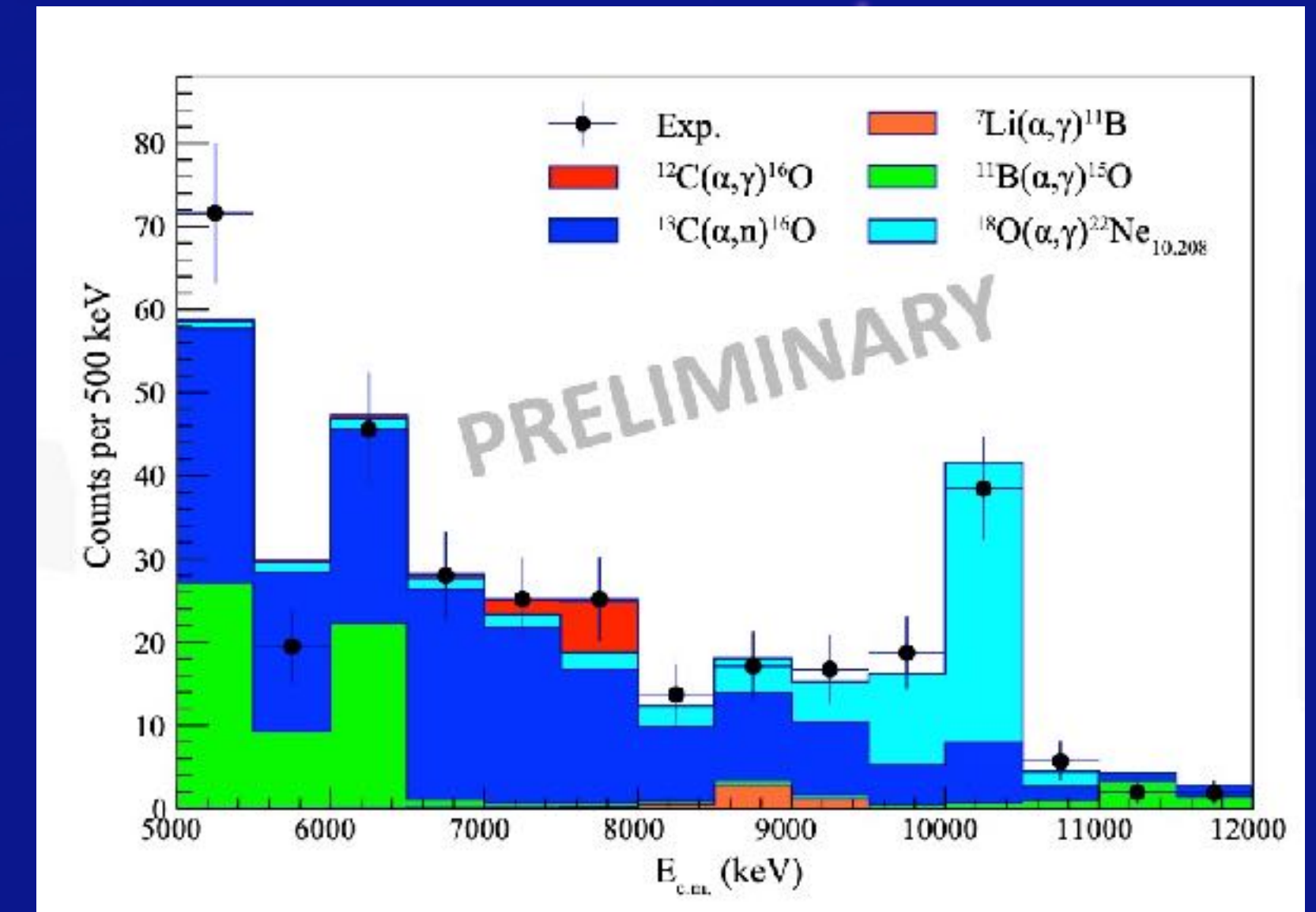
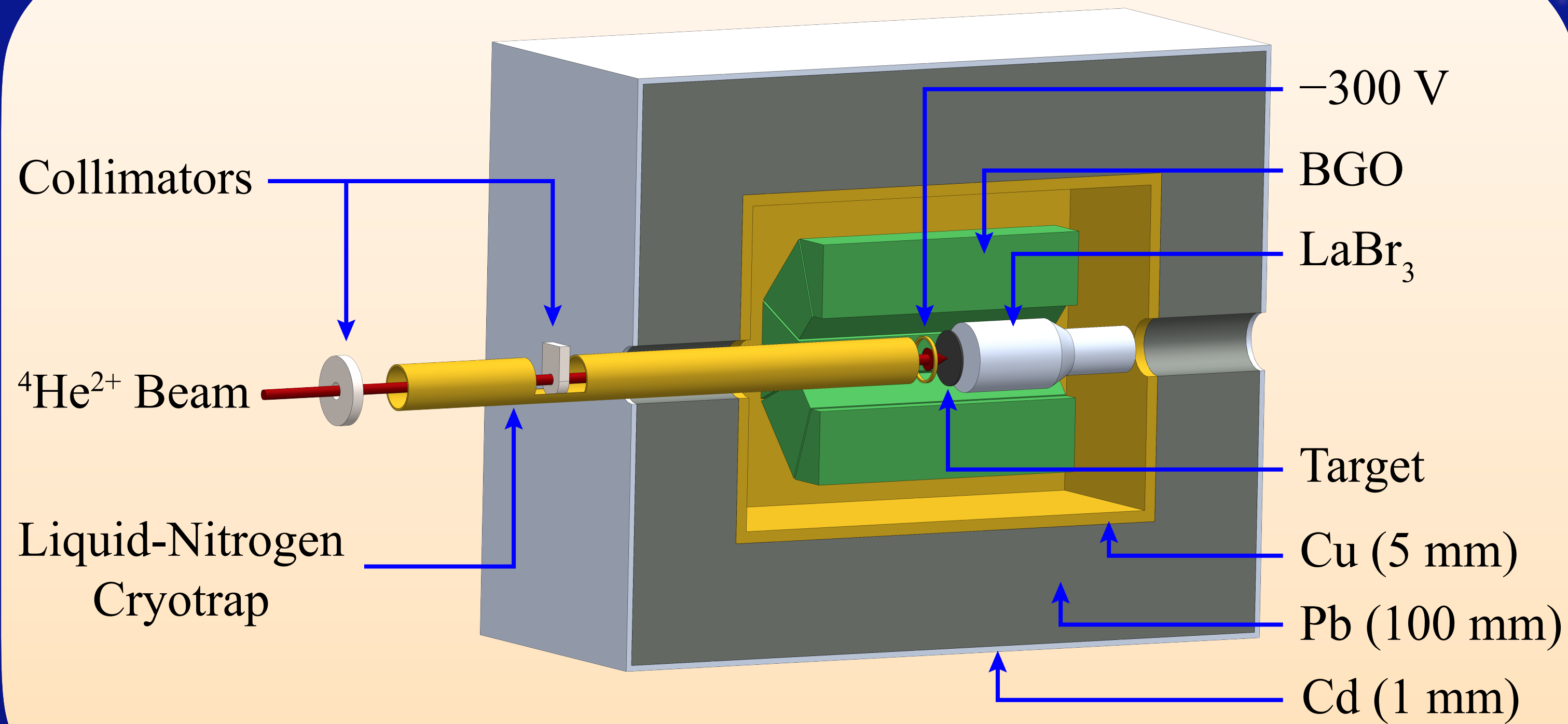
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$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$: more sensitivity 最灵敏

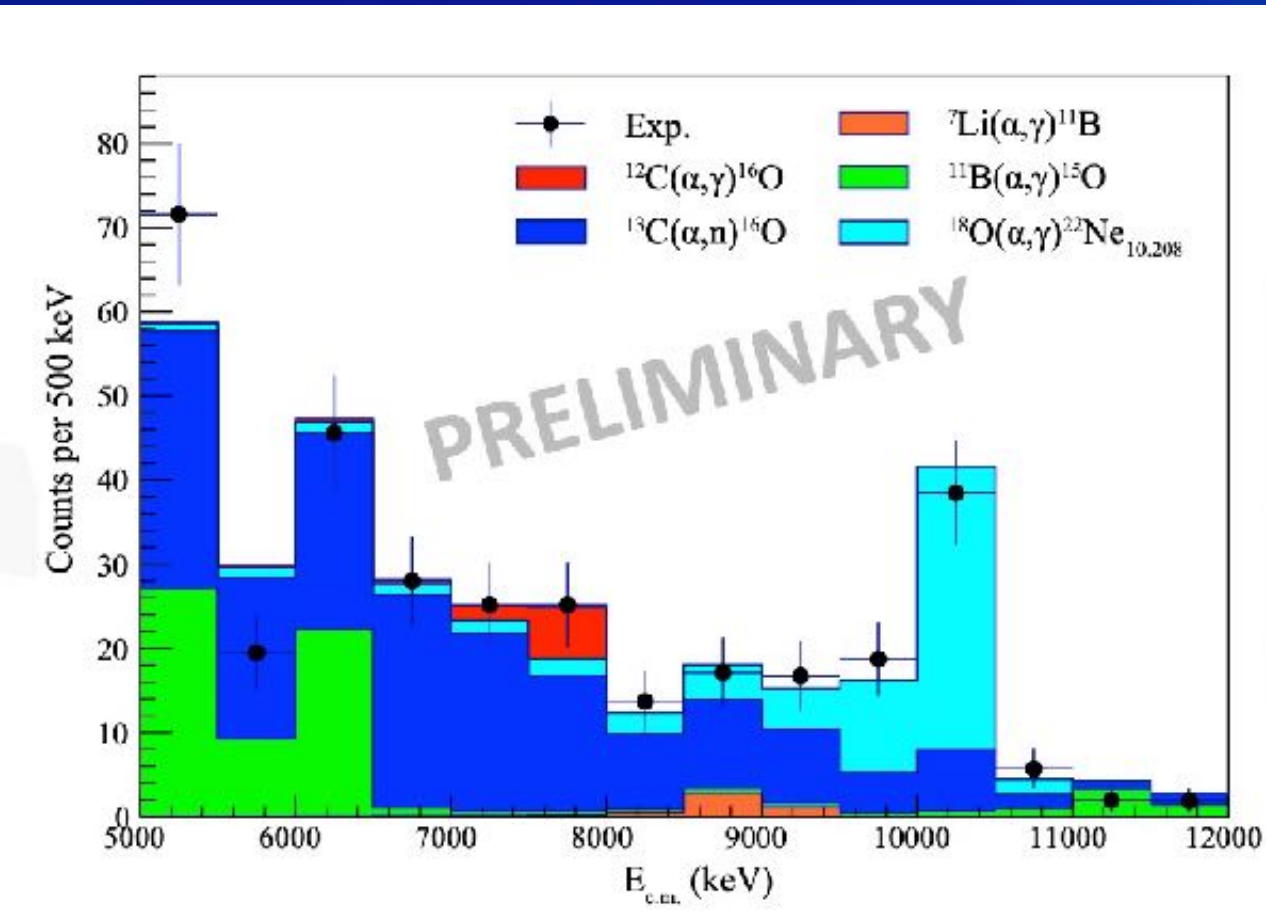


- FCVA implantation CTi thick targets
- durability $>280\text{ C}$ @ 800 keV He^{2+} , with only 25% loss
- BGO+LaBr₃ (Lanthanum bromide) veto
- wide energy search for best S/N, 552 keV is best, other suffer from $^{18}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{22}\text{Ne}$ contaminations
- sensitivity of 10^{-12} b @ $E_{c.m.} = 552\text{ keV}$

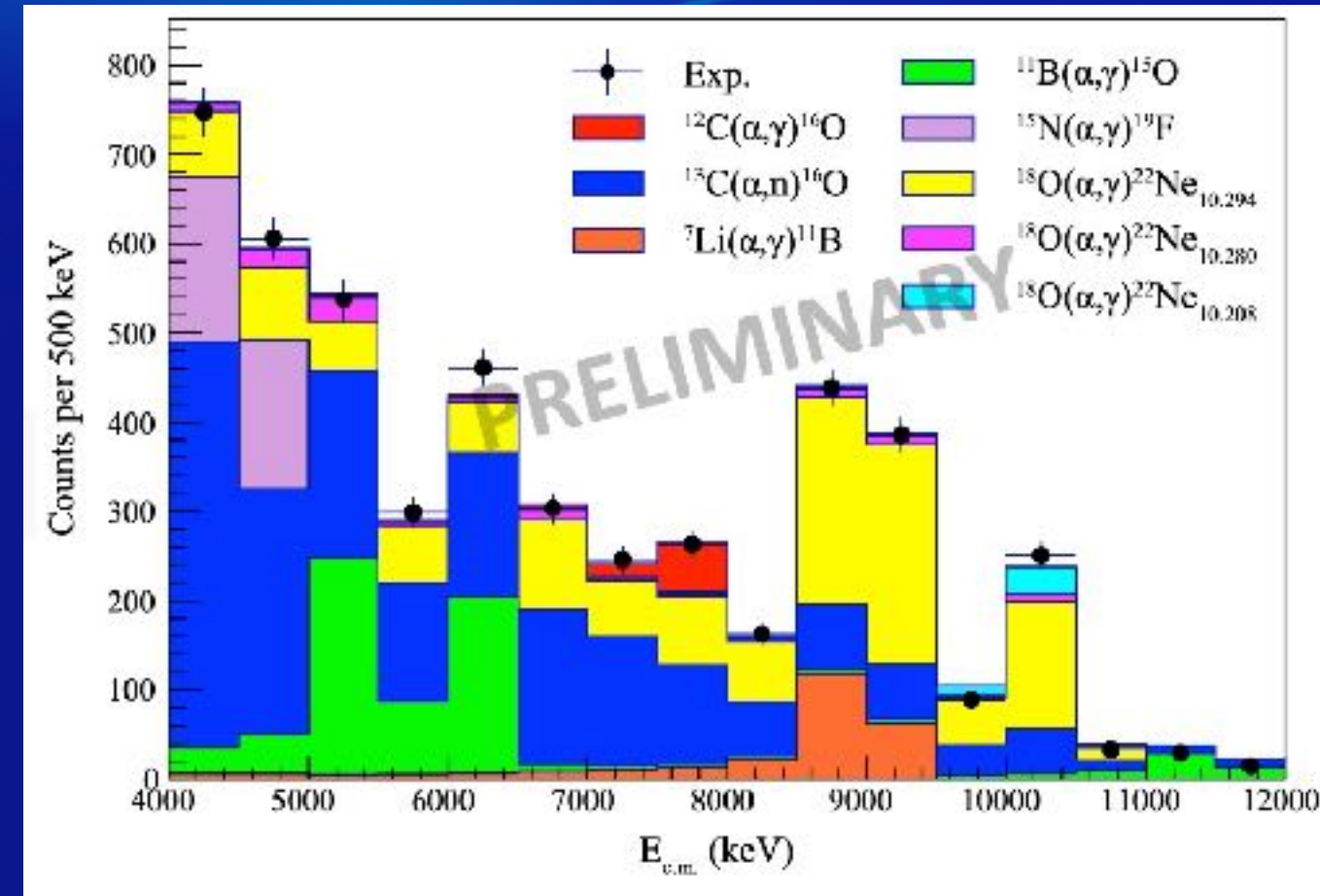
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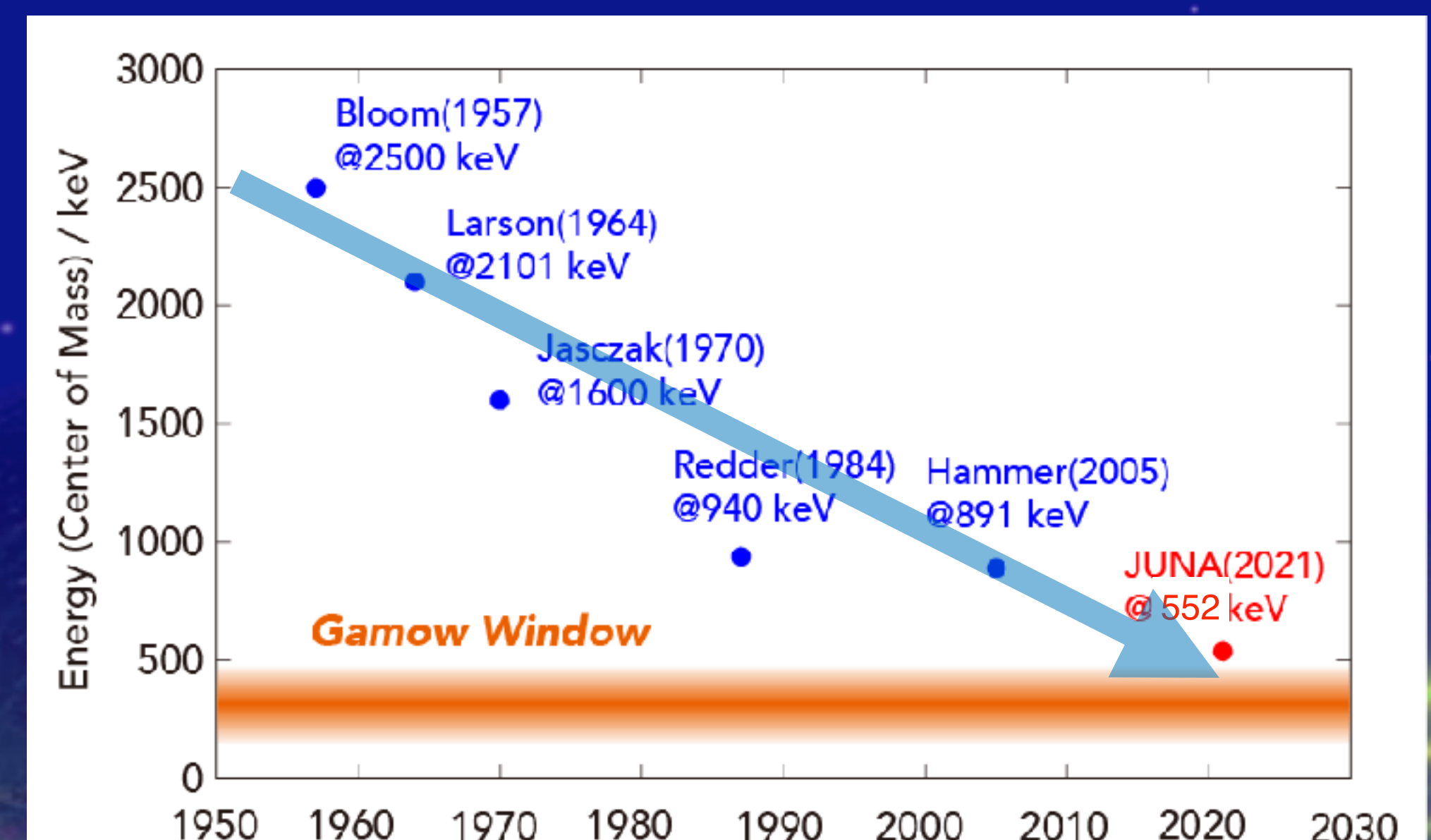
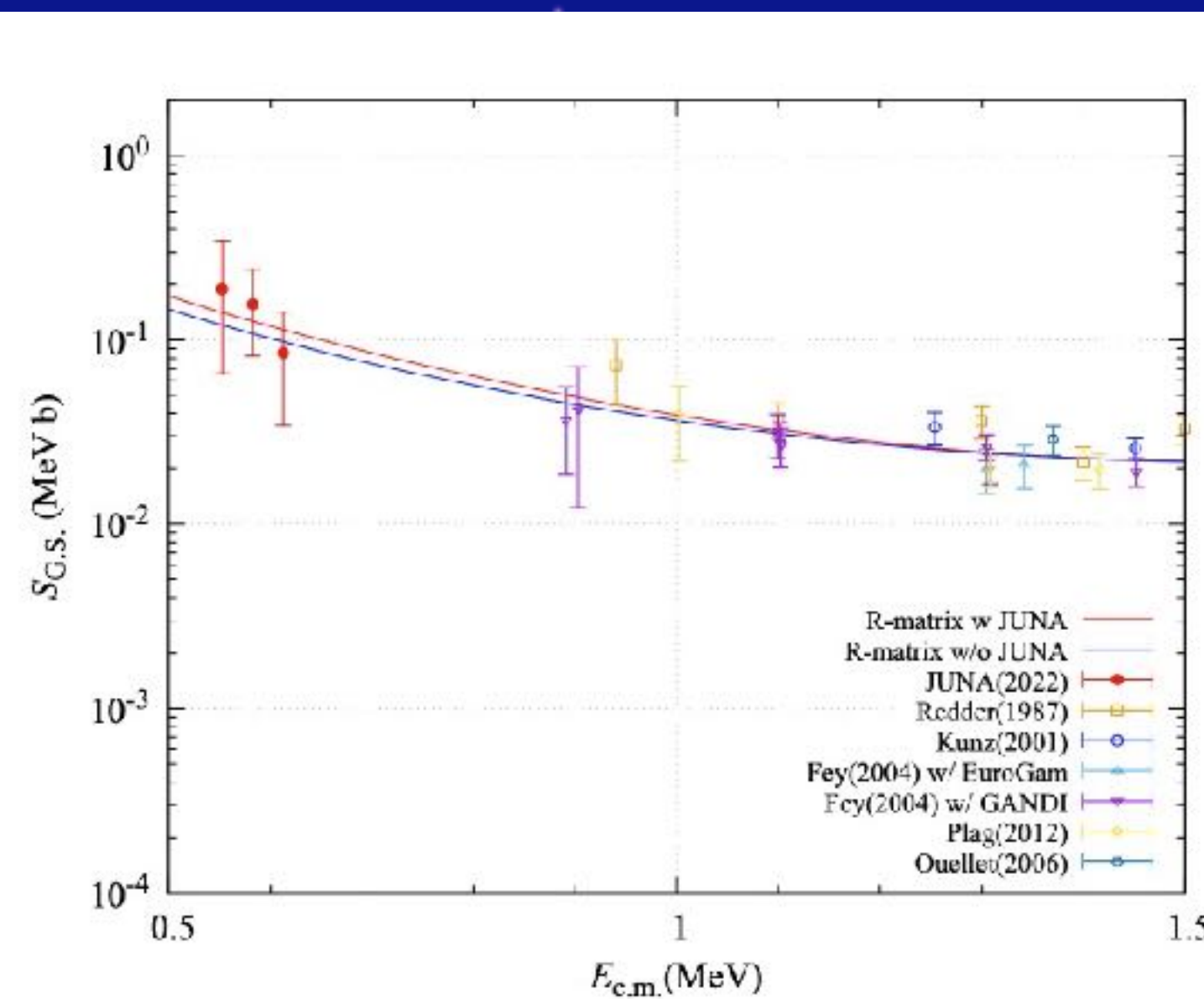
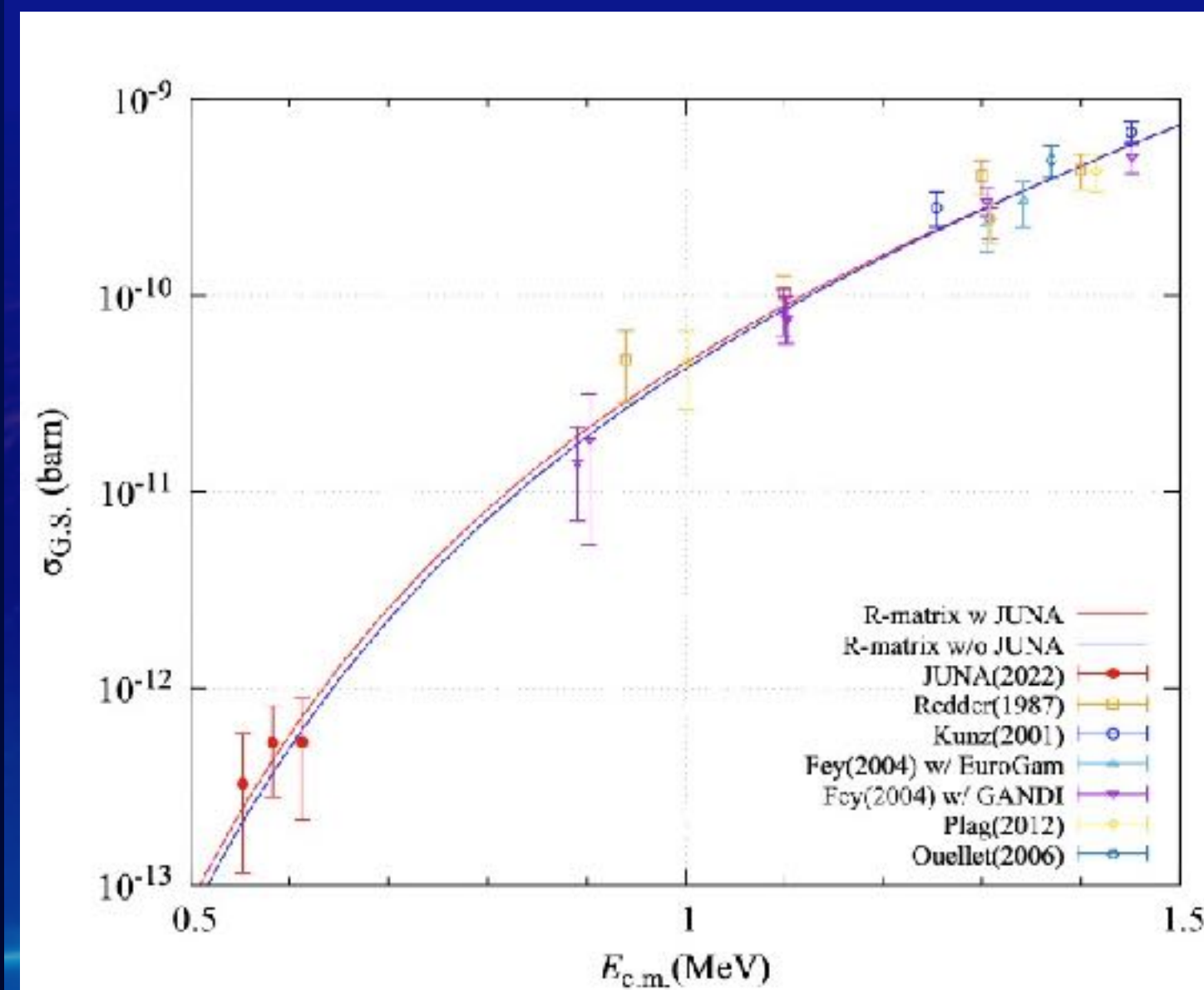
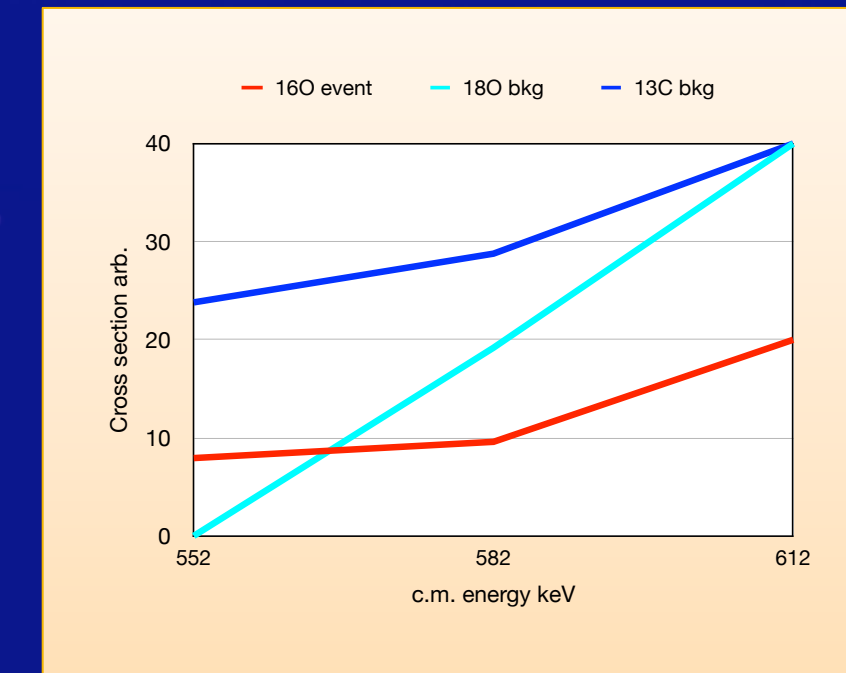
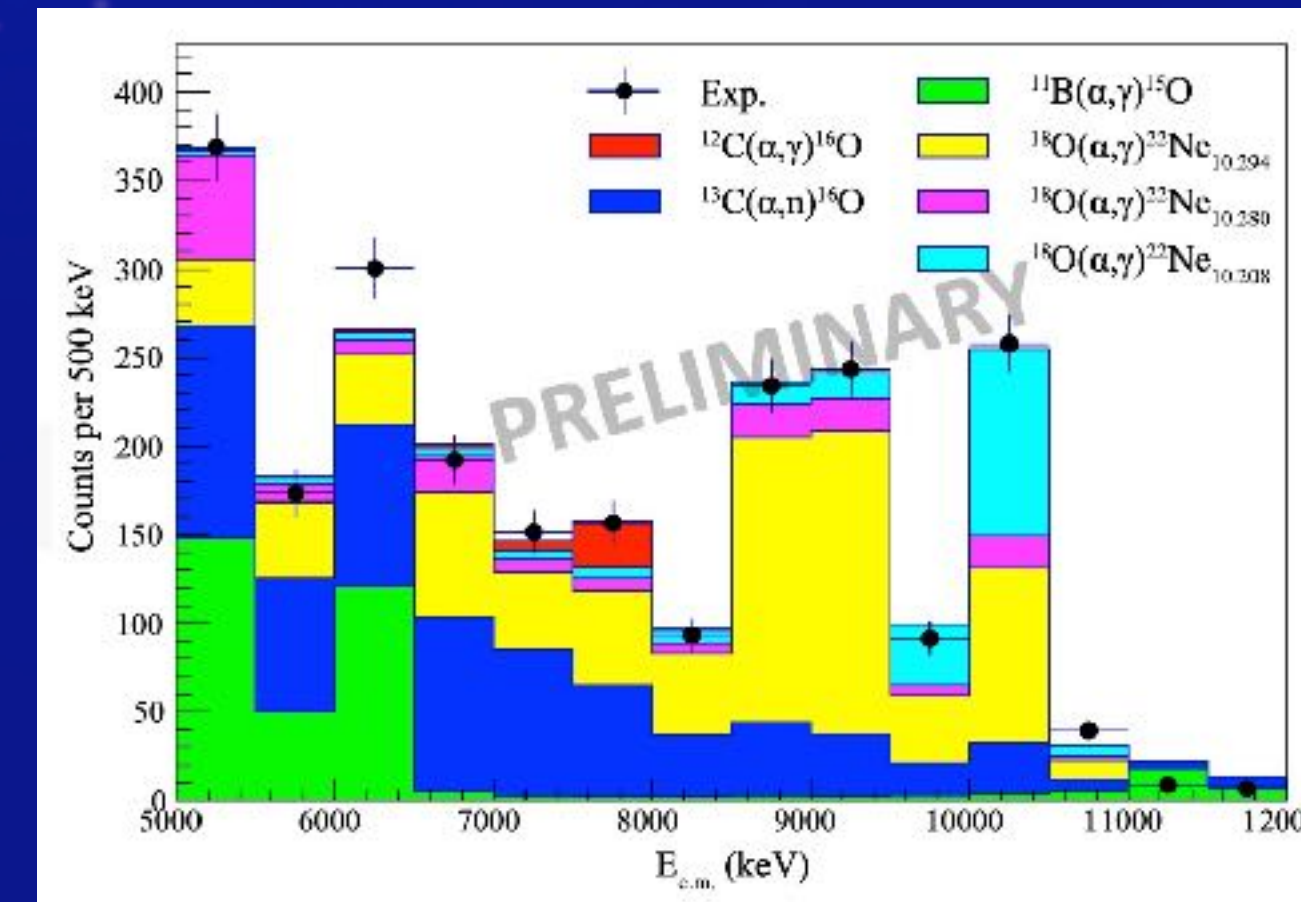
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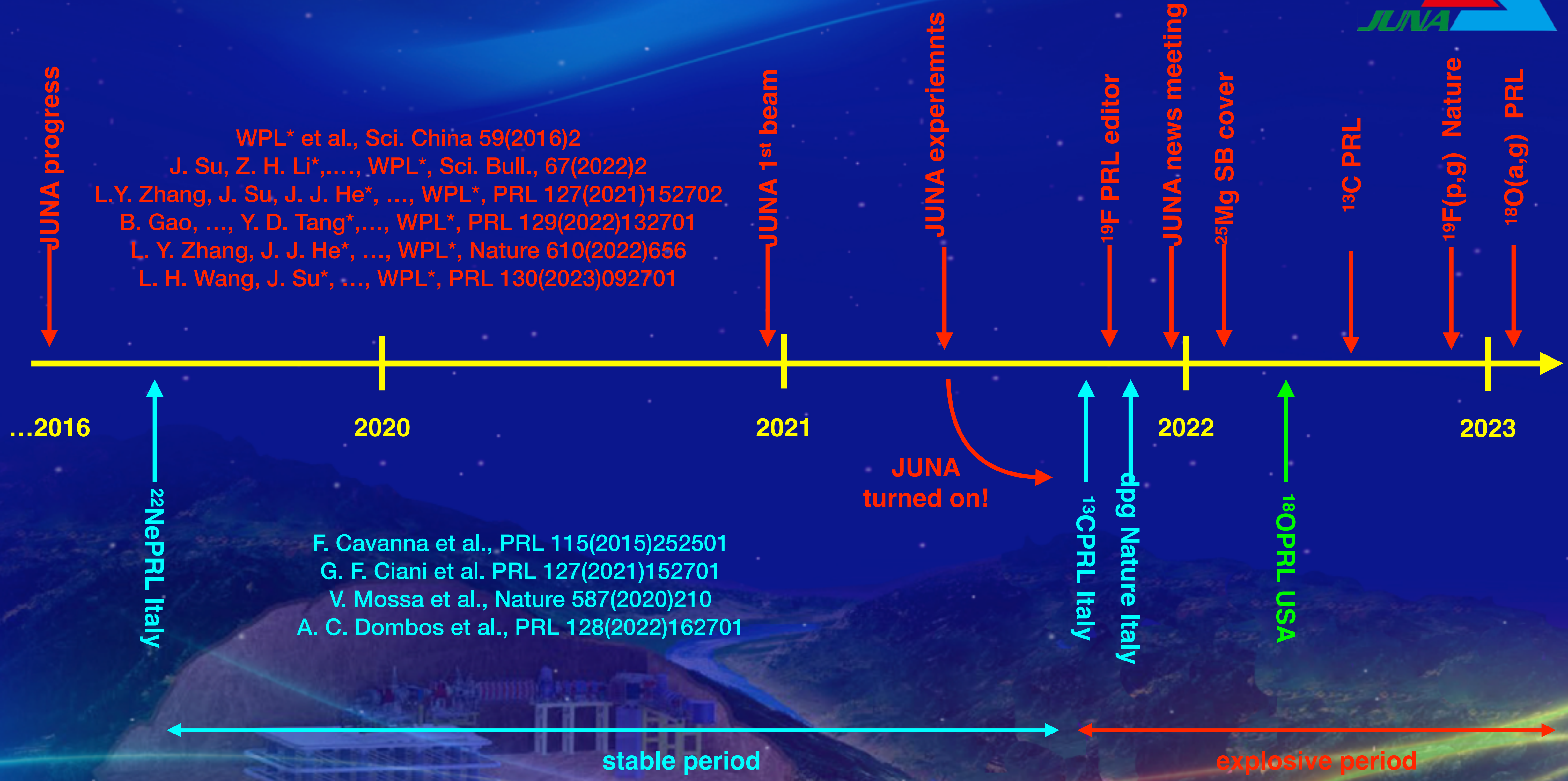
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612 keV, 200 C



激发国际深地核天体物理发展 simulating effect



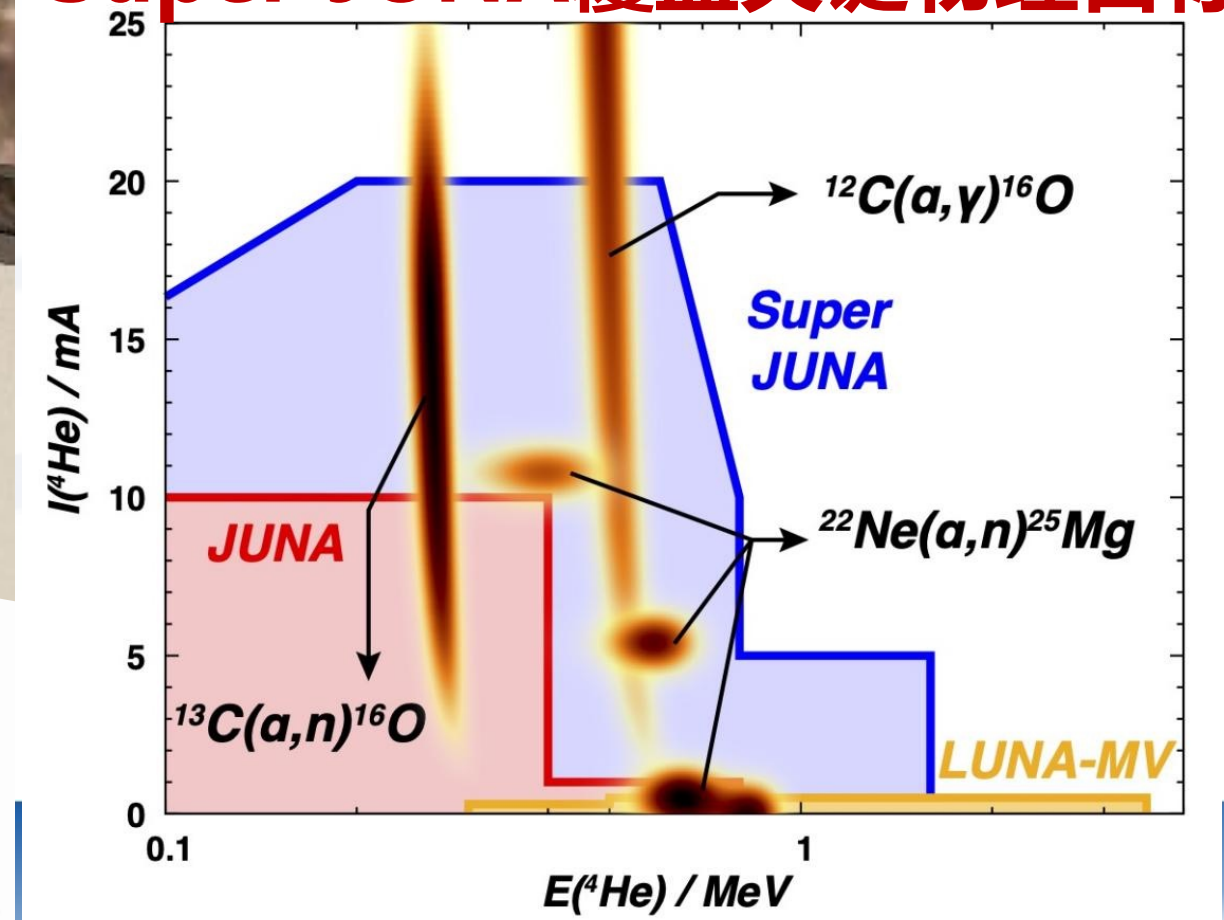
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锦屏深地核天体物理实验

Jinping Underground Nuclear Astrophysics Experiment

Super-JUNA覆盖关键物理目标



400 kV

800 kV

6m

1.5m

5.1m

JUNA

Super JUNA

JUNA and Super JUNA coverage

H burning



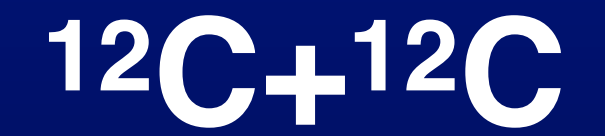
He burning



N source



C/O burning



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JUNA achieved



Super JUNA proposed

2025-2030 JUNA 和 Super-JUNA 5年计划

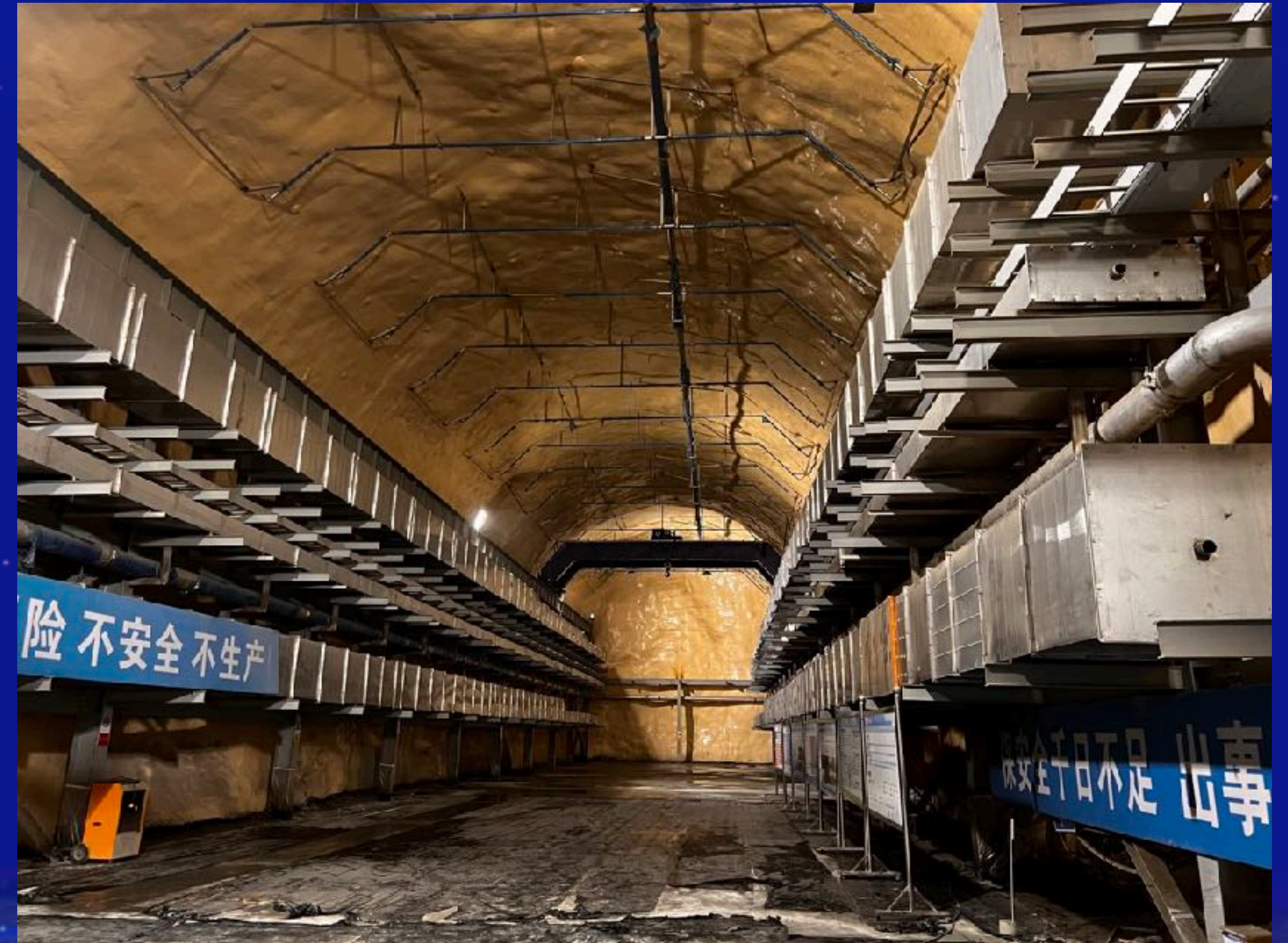


	JUNA	Super-JUNA	JUNA 实验	Super-JUNA 实验
2025	运行	项目支持, 部件完成, 离子源地面出束	(a,n) 核 (a,g) 气体靶实验	
2026	运行	组装, 离子源深地出束	正常实验	
2027	升级	加速器深地出束	升级后实验	(p,g) 测试实验
2028	运行	全面运行	正常实验	(a,g), (a,n) 实验
2029	运行	全面运行	正常实验	(a,g), (a,n) 实验
2030	运行	全面运行	正常实验	(a,g), (a,n) 实验

希望和兄弟院校合作的科学问题



- 垒下极低能量辐射俘获反应的理论计算
- 高密度高耐辐射同位素反应靶研发
- 高效率高分辨中子和伽马探测技术
- 元素丰度数值模拟计算



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JUNA summary 研究成果总结



- 天体物理伽莫夫能量下的核反应概率极低，对其精确测量是制约恒星重元素合成研究的重大科学问题。
- JUNA团队攻克强流带电粒子高效传输和永磁电子回旋共振离子源等关键技术，建成强流低本底JUNA平台，JUNA平台建成使我国成为国际第三个具备开展深地核物理实验能力的国家，入选2021年两院院士大会“战略高技术领域取得新跨越”成果
- 通过极低本底伽莫夫窗口精密能量扫描，首次发现碳氮氧循环突破反应 $^{19}\text{F}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$ 在225 keV存在共振，这导致该反应率较国际NACRE评价数据提高6倍，从而解释了最古老恒星钙丰度超出之谜，成果在Nature上发表并入选该刊亮点文章，为该刊首次刊登我国中低能核物理装置成果
- 通过高精度基态分支比和能级宽度测量，使 $^{25}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$ 伽马射线反应达到最高精度，入选Sci. Bull.封面文章；首次在伽莫夫窗口精确测量 $^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ 氟丰度反应，排除了该反应导致氟超丰可能，入选PRL编辑推荐和APS重要论文；通过深地多电荷态束流和地下与地面双加速器组合，使恒星中子源反应 $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$ 首次覆盖天体物理i过程能区，澄清了国际30多年的分歧；天体物理圣杯 $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ 反应达到国际最低能区，灵敏度提高了一个量级。
- 通过JUNA的继续运行和Super-JUNA的建设，我国核天体物理深地直接测量将可以继续保持国际领先地位

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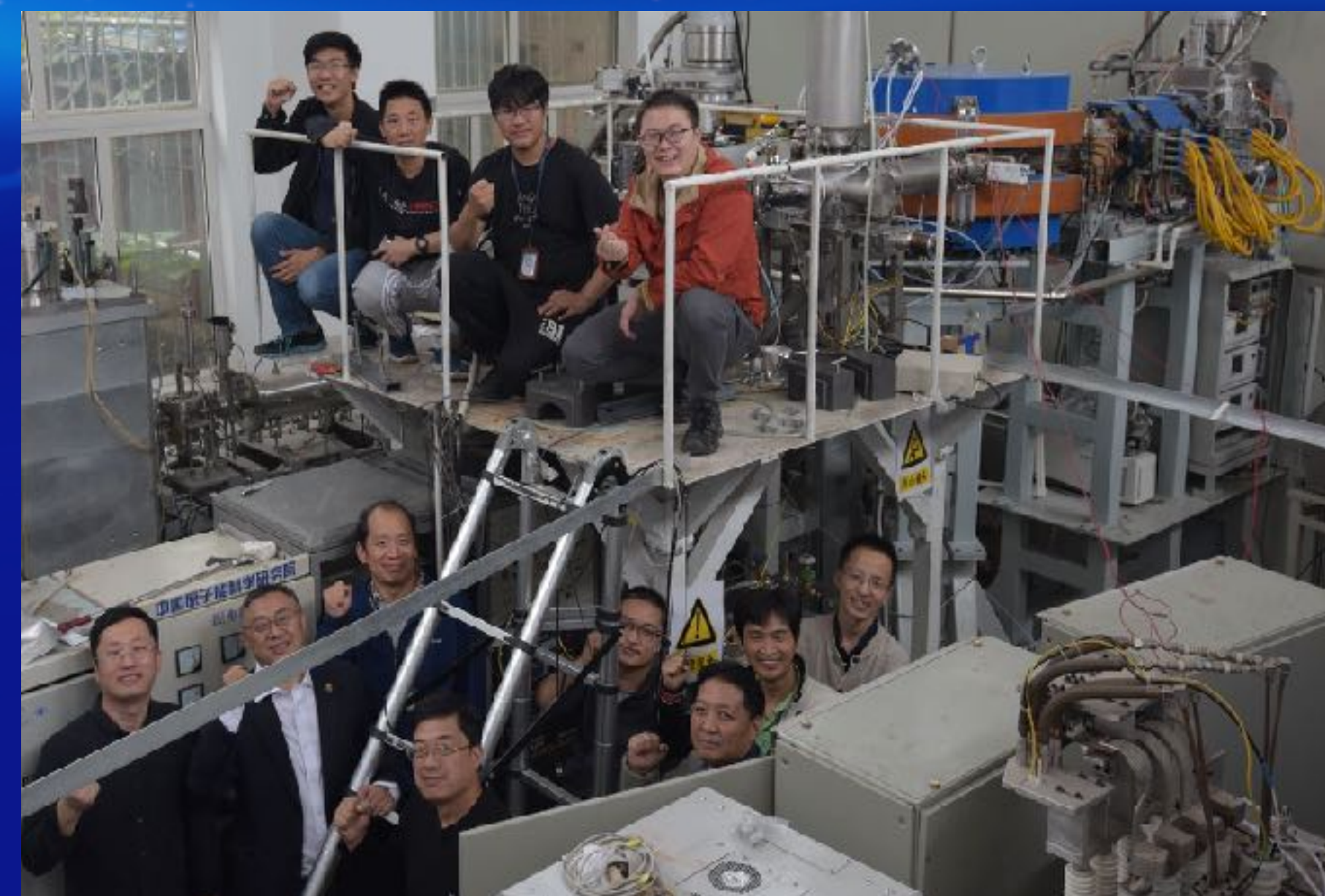
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