# H/He burning reactions on unstable nuclei for Nuclear Astrophysics

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### **Explosive H/He burning in Binary Stars**





Isaac Newton, Principia Mathematica (1666): 'from this fresh supply of new fuel those old stars, acquiring new splendour, may pass for new stars'

## Elemental abundances in novae ejecta



J. José, M. Hernanz, C. Iliadis. Nucl Phys A, 777, (2006), 550-578

# **Presolar grains**

- Grains of nova origin are thought to have a large <sup>30</sup>Si/<sup>28</sup>Si ratio.
- Abundance of <sup>30</sup>Si is determined by the competition between the <sup>30</sup>P β<sup>+</sup> decay and the <sup>30</sup>P(p,γ)<sup>31</sup>S reaction rate.



# **Novae Nucleosynthesis**



### Sensitivity to uncertainty in ${}^{30}P(p,\gamma){}^{31}S$ reaction rate



C. Iliadis, A. Champagne, J José et al., Astrophys. J. Suppl. Ser. 142, 105 (2002)



Reaction rate often dominated by a few resonances in Gamow burning window

# Known <sup>31</sup>S level scheme



D.G. Jenkins et al, Phys. Rev. C. 72. (2005)

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#### Key Resonances in the ${}^{30}P(p, \gamma){}^{31}S$ Gateway Reaction for the Production of Heavy Elements in ONe Novae

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### <sup>4</sup>He + <sup>28</sup>Si $\rightarrow$ <sup>31</sup>S + n fusion reaction



#### Pairing of new levels with analog states in mirror nucleus



#### $^{30}P(p,\gamma)^{31}S$ reaction rate using new resonance data



However, key resonance strengths,  $\omega_{\gamma}$ , based on systematic values for proton spectroscopic factors



use transfer reactions to estimate  $\Gamma_p$  for (p, $\gamma$ ) reactions where resonance has  $\Gamma_p << \Gamma_\gamma$ ,  $\omega_\gamma$  is proportional to  $\Gamma_{p.}$  $\Gamma_p \alpha P_1$  (barrier penetration factor) X S(spectroscopic factor)



P.J. Woods, A Kankainen, H. Schatz, et al. (d,n) transfer reaction cross-section measurements as a surrogate for  $(p,\gamma)$ 



Primary beam: 18+ 150 MeV/u Ar

# Particle identification: <sup>31</sup>S



## <sup>31</sup>S $\gamma$ -ray energy spectrum



#### Levels above the proton threshold energy in <sup>31</sup>S



Calculations of extracted  $\Gamma_p$  values from cross-section data being performed by F Nunes (MSU)

#### Galactic abundance distribution of the cosmic γ-ray emitter <sup>26</sup>Al

INTEGRAL satellite telescope - 2.8(8) M<sub>sun</sub> of <sup>26</sup>Al in our galaxy [R. Diehl, *Nature* **439** 45(2006)]





## Supernova Cycle



# Stellar Life



#### For a 25 solar mass star:

Stage	Duration
H → He	7x10 <sup>6</sup> years
He → C	7x10 <sup>5</sup> years
C <b>→</b> O	600 years
O → Si	6 months
Si → Fe	1 day
Core Collapse	1/4 second

## Hydrogen burning in Mg – Al Cycle



# ISAC at TRIUMF





destruction of <sup>26</sup>AI burning in massive stars?

#### Identification of Key Astrophysical Resonances Relevant for the ${}^{26g}Al(p, \gamma){}^{27}Si$ Reaction in Wolf-Rayet Stars, AGB stars, and Classical Novae

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# High resolution d(<sup>26g</sup>Al,p)<sup>27</sup>Al study of analog states of <sup>27</sup>Si resonances using Edinburgh TUDA Si array @ Triumf



## 150 MeV <sup>26g</sup>Al → $(CD_2)_n$ target I<sub>beam</sub>~ 5\*10<sup>8</sup> pps





 $\rightarrow$  Lower energy resonance strength much higher than expected?

# The <sup>15</sup>O(α,γ)<sup>19</sup>Ne reaction: the nuclear trigger of X-ray bursts



## The Hot CNO Cycles



## A NEW ESTIMATE OF THE <sup>19</sup>Ne(p, $\gamma$ )<sup>20</sup>Na AND <sup>15</sup>O( $\alpha$ , $\gamma$ )<sup>19</sup>Ne REACTION RATES AT STELLAR ENERGIES

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<sup>15</sup>O( $\alpha$ ,γ)<sup>19</sup>Ne reaction rate predicted to be dominated by a single resonance at a CoM energy of 504 keV

Key unknown - α-decay probability from excited state at 4.03 MeV in <sup>19</sup>Ne compared to γ-decay, predicted to be ~  $10^{-4}$ 

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 67, 065808 (2003)

#### Astrophysical rate of ${}^{15}O(\alpha, \gamma){}^{19}Ne$ via the (p, t) reaction in inverse kinematics

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## **Detector Pocket**



•16x16 strips

## Particle ID plot for DSSD









**TSR@ISOLDE – Injection of RIBs into ring at MeV/u energies** 

**Spokesperson: K Blaum (Heidelberg)** 

**Deputies:** R Raabe(Leuven), PJW (Edinburgh)



#### entire issue of EPJ 207 1-117 (2012)

# ISOLDE site (west) side



- Installation above the CERN infrastructure-tunnel

#### Future <sup>26m</sup>AI(d,p)<sup>27</sup>AI study on TSR storage ring@ISOLDE



In-ring DSSD System for ultra-high resolution (d,p), (p,d) and (<sup>3</sup>He,d) transfer studies of astrophysical resonances
→ Newly funded UK ISOL-SRS project (Spokesperson PJW)



Figure 1: Illustration of upstream or downstream assembly of 4 DSSDs about beam axis

For ultra high resolution mode resolution should be entirely limited by transverse beam emittance

 $\rightarrow$  resolutions approaching 10 keV FWHM attainable

# Pioneering new technique on ESR (Heil, Reifarth) – heavy recoils detected with double-sided silicon strip detector (Edinburgh)



New DSSD system developed (Edinburgh/GSI/Frankfurt) for p-process capture reactions in Gamow burning window → CRYRING@GSI

#### Puzzle of the origin of heavy 'p-nuclei' – abundant proton-rich isotopes eg <sup>92</sup>Mo and <sup>96</sup>Ru



## Summary

We are entering an exciting phase of development combining a variety of different experimental approaches to determine key H/He burning reaction rates for explosive astrophysical scenarios such as Novae, Supernovae and X-ray bursts.