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NPI variable-energy cyclotron U-120M



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ND for IFMIF, IAEA Technical Meeting , Karlsruhe

Facilities of Nuclear reactions department of NPI Řež

Cyclotron : protons 12 - 24 MeV

deuterons 12 - 17 MeV

 3 He – ions 20 – 52 MeV

 4 He – ions 20 – 40 MeV

posibility of axial injection

Tandem :4 MV, ECR source, heavy ions availableexploatation during next two years fornuclear physics research

Aparatus :

- achromatic magnetooptical system AMOS for ,,zero-angle measurements (up to 20 deg)
- target chamber for angular cross sections measurements
- gas target chamber
- $\Delta E E$ telescopes with semiconductor detectors
- spectroscopical electronic for multiparameter registration
- fast on-line CAMAC system for multiparameter easurements
- neutron generators NG 1 and NG 2 for activation xperiments and application research
- neutron spectrometers











GAS TARGET CONTROL SYSTEM



NG2 target station of NPI high-power neutron source



NG2 target station of NPI quasi-monoenergetic neutron source



? p+⁷Li(C backing) source reaction 11-37 MeV proton beam

- ? target set-up:
 2 mm thick ⁷Li foil
 12 mm thick graphit stopper cooling by 5°C alcohol stream 300W beam-power operated
- ? quasi-monoenergetic spectrum $E_n = 10-35 \text{ MeV}$ flux density $10^9 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$ (in peak) calculated for 30 MeV/10 µA at t-s distance of 50 mm

January 18-19, Karlsruhe

Nuclear astrophysics

The most important results for the period 1999 – 2006

Development of the new method for indirect determination of the astrophysical *S* – **factors**

Method of Asymptotic Normalization Coefficients was developed in cooperation with Texas A&M University

The main test of ANC method was realized in INP at Řež using ¹⁶O(³He,d)¹⁷F reaction. Publications :

Phys.Rev.C56(1997)1302

Phys.Rev.C59(1999)1149

Few-Body Syst.Suppl.12(2000)102

Czech.J.Phys.54(2001)



Determination of astrophysical *S* – **factor for** ⁸**B synthesis**

This work was implemented on ⁷Be radioactive beam in TAMU as a joint experiment. Reactions ¹⁰B(⁷Be,⁸B)⁹Be and ¹⁴N(⁷Be,⁸B)¹³C were studied. The necessary complementary measurements of the⁹Be(³He,d)¹⁰B and ¹³C(³He,d)¹⁴N reactions were performed on the³He beam of cyclotron NPI.

The most important published results :

Phys.Rev.Lett.82(1999)3960

Phys.Rev.C60(1999)055803

Phys.Rev.C62(2000)024320

Phys.Rev.C63(2001)055803

Phys.Rev.C66(2002)027602

Phys.Rev.C73(2006)025808



Determination of the reaction rate for $^{14}N + p \rightarrow ^{15}O$ synthesis

The reaction ¹⁴N(³He,d)¹⁵O was studied on cyclotron NPI at beam energy 26.3 MeV.The direct capture to the subthreshold bound state of ¹⁵O dominates in this key reaction of all CNO cycle.

Up to now,the most accurate value of the total S – factor for the ¹⁴N(p, γ)¹⁵O radiative capture was obtained.

The main published results :

Phys.Rev.C67(2003)065804

Nucl.Phys.A718(2003)147

Nucl.Phys.A725(2003)279



Measurement of the *S* – factor for ${}^{11}C(p,\gamma){}^{12}N$ reaction

S – factor was determined by the ANC method using

the ¹⁴N(¹¹C,¹²N)¹³C reaction. Effect of the distant resonances was analysed in R – matrix approach. It was shown that value of the

S – factor is much higher than the present theoretical predictions.

It increases the probability of successive generating of the CNO cycle in supermassive stars and their stabilization against the gravitational collapse into a black hole. Such stars explode in the final stage of their evolution as supernovae.

The main published result :

Phys.Rev.C67(2003)015804



Determination of ANC from ²⁰Ne(³He,d)²¹Na reaction and S factor for ²⁰Ne(p,γ)²¹Na

The ANCs for ${}^{20}Ne(p,\gamma)$ capture were obtained on cyclotron of NPI at laboratory energy 25 MeV.

Measurements were realized on gas target of isotopic ²⁰Ne. Analysis was given for all bound states up to the threshold. The main results were published at international meetings : Catania, March 20, 2003, Italy Conf. of American Physical Society, Oct. 29, 2003, Tuscon, Arizona and in Phys. Rev. C 73(2006)035806



Trojan-Horse Indirect method Validity test of the T–H method on cyclotron ³He beam Coincidence measurements of ⁷Li +p $\rightarrow \alpha + \alpha$ reaction via the ³He break – up **Published** : Intern. Conf. Debrecen, Hungary, 2005 Intern. Conf.FINUSTAR 2005, Kos, Greece, 2005 **Accepted in European Phys. Journal**



Research program until the year 2010

-proton transfer reactions of the CNO and NeNa cycles will continue on the NPI cyclotron . The main goal – to find out intensities of reactions leading to synthesis of heaviest nuclei

-transfer reactions will be studied also at TAMU with heavy ions⁸B, ¹²N, ¹³N and ²²Ne to determine the direct components of the capture reactions important for evolution of the supermassive stars and for relation between reactions in standard and "hot"CNO cycles

-the other indirect technique, Trojan-Horse method, was developed by Catania group. Using a ³He beam of our cyclotron and in cooperation with LNS we study the possibility of absolutization of this method by its combination with ANC one.

-in LNS Catania we realized a study of alpha transfer reactions on the Libeam to test our ANC method for the case of alpha particle captureprocesses.

-Results of ¹²C(⁶Li,d)¹⁶O are under way



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Publications 1999 – 2006 International journals : 45 International conferences : 60 Preprints and Reports : 24

Citations 1999 – 2006 International journals : 170



S factor for ⁹Be(p, γ)¹⁰B

- ANC's ⇐ ⁹Be(³He, *d*)¹⁰B and ⁹Be(¹⁰B, ⁹Be)¹⁰B
- R-Matrix fit to ground plus excited states (includes interference)
- Data from Zahnow, . . ., Rolfs et. al (1995)
- Uses known values for ${\sf E}_{\sf r}$ and $\Gamma_{\!\gamma}$



S factor for ${}^{13}C(p,\gamma){}^{14}N$



NPI Cyclotron-based Fast Neutron Facility



• R-Matrix fits to data from King, et al.

Target station	NG1	NG2
Particles energy	Protons 12-24 MeV	Protons 16-36 MeV
	Deuterons 12-17 MeV	Deuterons 8-18 MeV
	^{3,4} He -ions 20-40 MeV	
Beam current up to	2 μA	20 µA
Targets	Gaseous (He,D)	
	Thick Solid (Li, Be,)	Thick Solid (Be)
	Liquid (D ₂ O)	Liquid (D ₂ O stream)
Neutron spectrum	White	White
mean energy	4-15 MeV	7 / 15 MeV
energy range	? 32 MeV	?16 / ? 33 MeV
Source strength	? 5x10 ¹⁰ n/s	? $3x10^{12}$ n/s

S factor for ${}^{14}N(p, \gamma){}^{15}O$

- ANC's ⇐ ¹⁴N(³He, *d*)¹⁵O
- NRC to subthreshold state at $E_x = 6.79 \text{ MeV}$
- Subthreshold resonance width from Bertone, *et al.*
- R-Matrix fits to data from Schröder, et al.



S factor for ${}^{14}N(p, \gamma){}^{15}O$



- $C^2(E_x=6.79 \text{ MeV}) \approx 27 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ [non-resonant capture to this state dominates S factor]
- S(0) \approx 1.41 \pm 0.24 keV·b for E_x=6.79 MeV
- $S_{tot}(0) \approx 1.62 \pm 0.25 \text{ keV-b}$



ANC's via transfer reactions using radioactive (rare isotope) beams

 ⁷Be + p ↔ ⁸B [$^{10}B(^{7}Be, ^{8}B)^{9}Be$] {TAMU} [$^{14}N(^{7}Be, ^{8}B)^{13}C$] {TAMU} [$^{d}(^{7}Be, ^{8}B)n$] {Beijing}
 ¹¹C + p ↔ ¹²N [$^{14}N(^{11}C, ^{12}N)^{13}C$] {TAMU}
 ¹³N + p ↔ ¹⁴O [$^{14}N(^{13}N, ^{14}O)^{13}C$] {TAMU}
 ¹⁷F + p ↔ ¹⁸Ne [$^{14}N(^{17}F, ^{18}Ne)^{13}C$] (ORNL (TAMU collaborator)}

beams $\approx 10 - 12 \text{ MeV/u}$



ANC's for ${}^{11}C + p \leftrightarrow {}^{12}N$

reaction:

¹⁴N(¹¹C,¹²N)¹³C

K500: ¹¹B beam \approx 144 MeV MARS: ¹¹C beam \approx 110 MeV



¹⁴N(¹¹C,¹²N)¹³C angular distribution

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{(C_{^{11}Cp1\frac{1}{2}}^{^{12}N})^2} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_{exp}} \left(\left(\frac{C_{^{14}N}^{^{14}N}}{b_{^{13}Cp1\frac{1}{2}}^{^{12}N}b_{^{11}Cp1\frac{1}{2}}^{^{12}N}} \right)^2 \sigma_{1\frac{1}{2}1\frac{1}{2}}^{DW} + \left(\frac{C_{^{13}Cp1\frac{3}{2}}}{b_{^{13}Cp1\frac{1}{2}}^{^{12}N}b_{^{11}Cp1\frac{3}{2}}^{^{12}N}} \right)^2 \sigma_{1\frac{1}{2}1\frac{1}{2}}^{DW} \\ &+ \mathcal{S} \left(\frac{C_{^{14}N}^{^{14}N}}{b_{^{13}Cp1\frac{3}{2}}^{^{12}N}b_{^{11}Cp1\frac{1}{2}}^{^{12}N}} \right)^2 \sigma_{1\frac{3}{2}1\frac{1}{2}}^{DW} + \mathcal{S} \left(\frac{C_{^{14}N}^{^{14}N}}{b_{^{13}Cp1\frac{3}{2}}^{^{12}N}b_{^{11}Cp1\frac{3}{2}}^{^{12}N}} \right)^2 \sigma_{1\frac{3}{2}1\frac{1}{2}}^{DW} + \mathcal{S} \left(\frac{C_{^{14}N}^{^{14}N}}{b_{^{13}Cp1\frac{3}{2}}^{^{12}N}b_{^{11}Cp1\frac{3}{2}}^{^{12}N}} \right)^2 \sigma_{1\frac{3}{2}1\frac{3}{2}}^{DW} \right), \end{split}$$

Normalization(beam⌖)	6.5%
Optical Model	8%
ANCs of ¹⁴ N	6.4%
Statistical Error	3%
MC parameters	2%
Total	12.7%





S factor for ${}^{11}C(p,\gamma){}^{12}N$





Updated Reaction rates

