

HEAVY ION FUSION REACTIONS IN STARS

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Outline

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Diaz-Torres, Monday Montagnoli, Tueday Jenkins, Tuesday Tumino, Wednesday **Stefanini, NOW!**

Carbon burning in the universe

Nucleosynthesis in massive stars



Ignition conditions in type Ia supernovae



Candidate for Superburst ignition



Superburst: ignited by Carbon burning



Picture by E. Brown (MSU)

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

²⁴O+²⁴O ³⁴Ne+³⁴Ne



RESONANCES IN C¹² 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





Fragmented resonances



- Hindrance: Coupled channel with standard potential overpredicts
- S-factor maximum found in ¹²C+²⁴Mg(Montagnoli); How about lighter system?



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





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The complicated structure does not favor any model !

INDIRECT MEASUREMENT using Trojan Horse Method



 THM exhibits: Rich resonances(0⁺,2⁺,4⁺,6⁺,...); Different trend from the direct measurements observed at higher energies

Tumino et al., Nature (2018); A. Mukhamedzhanov, X. Tang, and D. Pang, (2018), arXiv:1806.05921 [nucl-ex] A. M. Mukhamedzhanov and D. Y. Pang, (2018), arXiv:1806.08828 [nucl-th]; A. Tumino et al., (2018), arXiv:1807.06148 [nucl-ex]



Kanji Mori et al, arXiv:1810.01025, MNRAS (2018)



•The new ¹²C+¹³C data follows the trend of the old data.

•The smallest cross section has been pushed down by a factor of 50.



•¹³C+¹³C agrees with ¹²C+¹³C!

•The isotope effect (difference in radius, mass) is negligible within the observed energy range!

•Where will the ¹²C+¹²C data show up?





•For most energies, the ¹²C+¹²C cross sections are suppressed!

•Only at resonant energies, the ¹²C+¹²C cross sections matches with those of ¹²C+¹³C and ¹³C+¹³C!







¹²C+¹²C doorway state level density

Radius





C.L. Jiang et al., PRL110, 072701 (2013)

$$\sigma = \sum_{J} \sigma_{\rm CC}^{J} P_{J} \qquad P_{J} = 1 - \exp(-2\pi \bar{\Gamma}_{J}/D_{J})$$

High level density systems: ${}^{12}C+{}^{13}C$, ${}^{13}C+{}^{13}C \rightarrow P_{J}=1$ Low level density system: ${}^{12}C+{}^{12}C$

System	Q(MeV)	Vc(MeV)	(Γ/D)c
12C+12C	13.9	6.7	0.7
12C+13C	16.3	6.56	120
13C+13C	22.5	6.48	2210

C.L. Jiang et al., PRL110, 072701 (2013)





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

Predicting ¹²C+¹²C 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)

S* (MeVb)

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Sketch of ¹²C+¹²C by An Experimentalist



- Upper limit: constrained by the isotope systems
- Intermediate structure: constrained by the sum of all the observed channels
- Fine structure: a+²⁰Ne, ²⁴Mg(a,a').....

Test of predictive power of models

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Test of Predictive Power



¹³C+¹²C Experiment



Online irradiation

¹²C(¹³C, p) ²⁴Na ²⁴Na: T_{1/2}=15 hr

1369-2754 keV y rays



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

Low level background counting



¹²C+¹⁶O: S factor maxima?



• There might be a s-factor maxima. But resonant-like structure complicates....

• Studying of ${}^{13}C+{}^{16,17,18}O$, ${}^{12}C+{}^{17,18}O$ will be highly valuable

X. Fang et al., PRC(2018)

Particle-Gamma Coincidence

- Developed at ANL for the study of ¹²C+¹²C (Silicon array + GammaSphere)
- New experiment at France (Silicon array + LaBr)





G. Fruet, Ph. D Thesis, Universite de Strasbourg

Spin population at Lower Energies



A. Diaz-Torres and M. Miescher, PRC 97, 055802 (2018)

Branching ratio for ground state transitions Only gamma detection is not sufficient.....



New approaches: Time Projection Chamber

 $^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C,a}_{0})$ at $\text{E}_{\text{cm}}\text{=}3~\text{MeV}$









- LINAC: High Intensity beam up to few hundreds of puA
- TPC: Ultra sensitive tracking detector
- Background: zero background in 10 hour

N.T. Zhang, C.G. Lu, Z.C. Zhang, X.Y. Wang et al, IMP

New approaches: Efficient Thick Target





E(MeV)



A clear identification of reaction channel such as STELLAR

- possible to determine the reaction energy of ¹²C using the proton energy and angle
- 10 energy pt. scanning \rightarrow 1 fixed energy

X.D. Tang, X. Fang, B, Bucher, W.P. Tan et al. Arxiv1905.02054; Accepted by NST

Fusion reactions of n-rich nuclei

H.I. Fusion in crust



M. Beard et al. / Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables 96 (2010) 541–566



Limitation of MUSIC



With drift time, the fusion cross section of ¹³C+¹²C 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: ²⁴O+²⁴O

Low energy n-rich beam facilities



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







KOBRA at RAON (2021)

High Intensity heavy ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF)

HIAF: 2018-2025



Courtesy of X.H. Zhou

Length: 180 m Energy: 17 MeV/u (U³⁴⁺) CW and pulse modes (1 emA)

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Summary

- \Box ¹²C+¹²C
- →S-factor maximum does not exit in carbon isotope systems
 →Confirm other model prediction→More reliable upper and lower limits
- \rightarrow New techniques needed
- Fusion with neutron-rich beams at new facilities
- Collaboration will end up with better science!

