Big Three #3 ²²Ne(a,n)²⁵Mg - Experiments





S process meeting in Naples, Feb 24

- Conveners: Phil Adsley, Andreas Best
- Experimental talks:
 - Phil Adsley, mostly overview of Chetec paper
 - Chemseddine Ananna, UniNA/LNGS SHADES (direct, in progress): low E + 832 keV
 - Richard DeBoer, Notre Dame direct 832 keV, under review
 - Christian Massimi, n_tof/GELINA ²⁵Mg(n, g/tot)
 - Shuya Ota, TAMU alpha transfer
 - Frank Strieder, CASPAR, direct 832 keV
- Obviously very strong connection between n and g channels



What's the problem?

- Z relatively high -> quite low cross section
- External background (on surface) too strong
- Low Z (13C, 10/11B, 9Be etc.) much stronger -> small impurities can bomb the data
- Are there significantly strong lower-energy resonances?



Adsley – synthesis of indirect data

- Meant to add new input and update/replace Longland et al evaluation
- Adley, Lotay, Talwar, Ota, Jayatissa
- a, p, (d,p), (⁶Li, d) -> Energy, Jpi of states
- May states, some discrepancies between measurements, n/g width of 832 resonance?





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SHADES – UniNa/LNGS @ LUNA MV

- Direct, deep underground, gas target
- Scintillators + ³He counters
- Sensitivity increase > 2 o.o.m. + energy sensitivity
- First neutron runs w/ natural gas April 24
- Good: saw neutrons. Bad: saw wrong neutrons (BIB)
- Upgrades for next beam time in July





deBoer – Notre Dame 832 keV resonance

Strength measurement of the $E_{\alpha}^{lab} = 830$ keV resonance in ${}^{22}Ne(\alpha, n){}^{25}Mg$ reaction using a stilbene detector

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- Direct, stilbene detector, implanted ²²Ne in Ta
- Only on-resonance data
- 22% uncertainty

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• Confirms literature average





Massimi – (n, g) & (n, tot)

- Neutron capture @ n_tof and GELINA
- Very comprehensive dataset and R matrix, extracted widths , E_x , Jpi
- Identified nat. parity states < 832 keV
- Confusion about 832 res.: width, Energy?





²⁶Mg+γ

10.615 MeV

 $\alpha + 22 Ne$

11.093 MeV

²⁵Mg+n

Ota: TAMU alpha transfer

- Ota PRC 2021, Jayatissa PLB 2020, Ota PLB 2020
- ²²Ne(⁶Li, d): detection of recoils + light particles + gammas (few)
- Discrepancies with Talwar et al. and direct 832 keV strength
- "Ex=11.17 MeV resonance is likely negligible"

• "Ex=11.12 MeV resonance is negligible as well"









Strieder: 832 keV direct underground @ CASPAR

- Gas target, JN accelerator deep underground @ Homestake
- Moderating detector with ³He counters
- Counters have high intrinsic BG
- Scan of 832 keV resonance
- **Preliminary** wg = 180 ueV (multiple sigma above recent others)







Underground measurement of low energy resonances for the ${}^{22}Ne(\alpha, n){}^{25}Mg$ reaction

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Summary and outlook

- Large number of studies, some consistencies, some inconsistencies
- 832 keV resonance still deemed to be most important, but open questions on identification, exact strength, n/g widths
- Upcoming indirect measurements
 - Adsley, Best, Laird ²²Ne(⁷Li, t) @ TRIUMF (EMMA, TIGRESS)
 - Hammache ²²Ne(⁷Li, t) proposal at Ganil?
- Waiting for publication of CASPAR result
- SHADES direct low energy ongoing, give us a bit more time ③