In the coming year, the existing electronics will be replaced by the GET digitized electronics so that the drift time for each particle of scattering events can be separated clearly. 256-channel readout pads will be employed for detailed information to enhance the discrimination. With these developments, it can be expected to identify the scattering and fusion events more effectively.

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2 - 16 Experimental Study of ${}^{13}N(\alpha,p){}^{16}O$ at the Stellar Energies*

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The presolar SiC grains^[1] carry the original stellar nucleosynthesis signature. Their isotopic anomalies compared to the sun are the strong constrains in the supernovae (SN) model calculations. The ¹⁵N-excess in some SiC-AB grains (¹²C/¹³C<10 and ¹⁴N/¹⁵N<272) is one of the challenges of core-collapse supernovae (CCSNe) models^[2]. Recently, Pignatari pointed out that the entrainment of H-rich material into the He shell before the SN explosion allows the coproduction of ¹³C, ¹⁵N and ²⁶Al, which provides a new production scenario for SiC-AB grains^[2]. In the He shell nucleosynthesis, the ¹³C is produced through ¹²C(p, γ)¹³N($\beta^+\nu$)¹³C reaction. The ¹⁴N is synthesized through ¹³N(n, γ) and ¹³C(p, γ) reactions. In the SN He shell buring temperature ($T \sim 0.4 \sim 0.8$ GK), ¹³N(α ,p)¹⁶O reaction is the main destruction of ¹³N. Since there is no experimental reaction rate at the stellar low energy region (0.4~1.2 MeV), the reaction rate predicted by the statistic model exists large uncertainty^[3,4], which affects the abundance of ¹³C and ¹⁴N significantly. Therefore, it is important to determine the reaction rate from experimental reaction cross section at the stellar low energy region.

The direct measurement of ${}^{13}N(\alpha,p){}^{16}O$ at $E_{cm}=0.4\sim1.2$ MeV is still limited by the ${}^{13}N$ beam intensity (<10⁵pps). Statistic model calculation predicts that the probability of ${}^{13}N(\alpha,p){}^{16}O^*$ is four orders of magnitude less than ${}^{13}N(\alpha,p){}^{16}O$. Thus, the inverse reaction measurement is a better choice. Here we propose to measure ${}^{16}O(p, \alpha){}^{13}N$ reaction cross section in the corresponding range, $E_{cm}=5.7\sim6.3$ MeV, where the main contribution is from the resonance at $E_{cm}=5.96$ MeV ($E_x=6.56$ MeV, $J^{\pi}=1/2^+$) and deduce the ${}^{13}N(\alpha,p){}^{16}O$ reaction cross section using detail balance principle and R-Matrix calculation.

The experiment was performed at RIBLL1 in IMP. A 114 MeV ¹⁶O beam, produced by SFC and improved by RIBLL1, was irradiated to a 6.7 mg/cm² thick $(CH_2)_n$ target. One Single Si Detector (SSD) and a telescope, consisting of a SSD and a Double-sided Si Strip Detector (DSSD), were placed at the forward angles to measure ¹³N and α particles, respectively, as shown in Fig. 1(a). The energy correlation of ¹³N and α is presented in Fig. 1(b). The band inside the area enclosed by the open circles in the figure is the strong correlation band of ¹³N and α . Using the two particle energies and the emitting angle of α recorded by DSSD, the reaction kinematic was



Fig. 1 (color online) (a) The experimental setup. (b) The energy correlation of α and ¹³N.

reconstructed. After the geometry efficiency correction, the normalized center of mass cross section of ${}^{16}O(p, \alpha){}^{13}N$ for $E_{\rm cm} < 6.7$ MeV is presented in Fig. 2. A very good agreement was found for our result and that of Nero^[5]. For the lack of statistics, few events were observed around $E_{\rm cm}=5.96$ MeV, corresponding to the ${}^{17}F$ ($E_{\rm x}=6.56$ MeV). The $(CH_2)_n$ target used in the current experiment limited the beam intensity and introduced background due to the carbon in the target. To improve the statistics, we are developing a pure hydrogen target and hope to achieve more statistics at the resonance at $E_{\rm cm}=5.96$ MeV.



Fig. 2 (color online) The ${}^{16}O(p, \alpha){}^{13}N$ reaction cross section as a function of center of mass energy. The solid circles are the experimental data from Nero^[5]. The histogram is the normalized cross section from present experiment. The arrow indicates the expected resonance of $E_x = 6.56$ MeV of ${}^{17}F$.

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2 - 17 Method for Determination of Deuterium Impurity in Helium Beam^{*}

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JUNA (Jinping Underground laboratory for Nuclear Astrophysics) is planing to measure the ${}^{13}C(\alpha, n){}^{16}O$ and some other important reactions at or close to stellar energies using intense helium beam out of an ECR driven accelerator in Jinping Underground laboratory^[1]. Deuterium impurity in ion source will produces significant amount of neutrons, limiting the background level. To control the deterium impurity, we have developed a method to measure the deuterium impurity within Helium beam using the d(d,p)t reaction.

A test experiment has been done by using the 320 kV HV platform at IMP He²⁺ beam was produced by an ECR source and post-acclerated to 275 keV/q after it was filtered by a 90 ° magnet. The beam bombarded a deterium implantation target with a titanium substrate. The atom density of its effective layer is 1.98×10^{19} atoms/cm² and the ratio of D/Ti is 1.5. The protons produced by the d(d,p)T reaction was detected by a 300 µm thick silicon detector located at 135°. The distance between the detector and the target is 20 cm and a aluminium foil with thickness of 7 µm was placed before the silicon detector to stop the scattered He²⁺ particles. The reaction chamber was electrically isolated from the beam line and the incident total charge was recorded with a beam current integrator.

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