# Measurement of the <sup>26</sup>Al(d,p)<sup>27</sup>Si Reaction to constrain the <sup>26</sup>Al(p,γ)<sup>27</sup>Si rate at stellar temperatures

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- Astrophysical significance of <sup>26</sup>AI
- Previous constraints
- <sup>26</sup>Al(d,p) measurement
- Astrophysical implications



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# <sup>26</sup>AI - Background



5+ gs

0<sup>+</sup> isomeric state at 228 keV

N. Prantzos, R. Diehl. Physics Reports 267 1-69 (1996)



- <sup>26</sup>Al nucleus was the first radioisotope detected in the interstellar medium
- Half life of 7.2x10<sup>5</sup> years
- Observation of γ rays associated with its decay provides evidence of nucleosynthesis
- Temperatures 0.03 0.3 GK, the <sup>26g</sup>Al(p,γ)<sup>27</sup>Si reaction is expected to contribute to the destruction of <sup>26</sup>Al

### Tracing <sup>26</sup>Al sources



Starlight (nearby hot stars)





#### A multiwavelength comparison of COMPTEL 1.8 MeV <sup>26</sup>Al line data

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#### Astron. Astrophys. 344, 68-82 (1999)



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### Orion region – tracing massive star ejecta



>30 M<sub>O</sub> stars – develop strong stellar winds blowing material into space







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#### Population synthesis models for <sup>26</sup>Al production in starforming regions

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# <sup>26</sup>AI(p,γ)<sup>27</sup>Si – states and mirrors

$E_x$ (keV)	$E_{res}$ (keV)	$J^{\pi}$	$\omega\gamma~({ m meV})$	$^{27}$ Al $E_x$ (keV)
7469	6	$(1/2, 5/2)^+$	$< 2.3 \times 10^{-66} \ [2]^{a}$	7 <mark>6</mark> 76
(7491)	(28)	$(3/2^+)$	-	7799
7532	<sup>69</sup> Upmoo	$5/2^+$ ell=2	$< 2.3 \times 10^{-13} \ [2]^{\rm a}$	7790
$(7557)^{\rm b}$	(94) Onneas	$(3/2^+)$	$< 1.9 \times 10^{-10} \ [2]^{\rm a}$	7858
7590	127	<sub>9/2+</sub> ell=0	$< 5.9 \times 10^{-6} \ [3]^{c}$	7807
7652	189	$11/2^{+}$	0.055(9) [4], $0.035(7)$ [5]	7950
7694	<sup>231</sup> Measu	$1 = \frac{5}{2^+}$	$\leq 0.010$ [4]	7722
7704	241	7/2-	0.010(5) [4]	7900
7739	276	$9/2^{+}$	3.8(10) [6], $2.9(3)$ [4]	7998



### 127 keV resonance strength from the <sup>26</sup>Al(<sup>3</sup>He,d)<sup>27</sup>Si reaction



# <sup>26</sup>Al(d,p)<sup>27</sup>Al Experimental Details

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## <sup>26</sup>Al(d,p)<sup>27</sup>Al – Internal energy calibration

![](_page_7_Figure_1.jpeg)

### <sup>26</sup>Al(d,p)<sup>27</sup>Al – background runs

![](_page_8_Figure_1.jpeg)

Run on carbon foil to determine form of background from reactions on carbon

![](_page_8_Figure_3.jpeg)

Run with <sup>26</sup>Mg beam (5+) to determine background peaks from reactions <sup>26</sup>Mg(d,p)

## <sup>26</sup>Al(d,p)<sup>27</sup>Al – Astrophysically important states

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Constraint of the Astrophysical ${}^{26g}Al(p,\gamma){}^{27}Si$ Destruction Rate at Stellar Temperatures

![](_page_10_Figure_4.jpeg)

<sup>a</sup>From SMEC calculations using the USD-b effective interaction, using a continuum coupling constant of -650 MeV fm<sup>3</sup>.

![](_page_11_Figure_3.jpeg)

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# <sup>26</sup>AI(d,p)<sup>27</sup>AI Experiment at TRUIMF

![](_page_12_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Comparison of HRIBF and TRIUMF results

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#### Other astrophysically-interesting states – parity of 189 keV resonance

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![](_page_15_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### (preliminary) Speculation on 276 keV resonance

![](_page_16_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Summary

- <sup>26</sup>Al extremely well-studied astronomical signature (first detected radioisotope, first Galactic map)
- Low lying resonances for the  ${}^{26}AI(p,\gamma){}^{27}Si$  destruction mechanism (massive stars) poorly constrained
- Measured single-particle SFs of mirror levels via <sup>26</sup>Al(d,p) for constraining stellar reaction rate
  - 127-keV resonance strength constrained, ~4 times stronger than previously adopted upper limit
  - First experimentally-derived upper limit for 68 keV resonance (order of magnitude reduction)
  - 127-keV resonance dominates at temperatures for massive stars
  - Excellent agreement with Edinburgh/TRIUMF result
  - Support the reassignment of 189 keV resonance to negative parity
  - Evidence for ell = 0 strength around 8 MeV, but centroid at 8039 keV –perhaps 8046 9/2- state really 9/2+? (mis-assignment of 7832 (<sup>27</sup>Si) and 8046 (<sup>27</sup>Al) keV pair, given (<sup>3</sup>He,d) distribution?)
- Really want gamma rays in (d,p) measurement for these studies

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![](_page_18_Picture_6.jpeg)

#### Cross checks on other resonances – 231 keV and 189 keV

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