







## Nuclear Astrophysics, Near-threshold Resonances and Continuum Effects

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- Development of a <sup>44</sup>Ti beam at FSU for a measurement of the <sup>44</sup>Ti(α,p)<sup>47</sup>V reaction with Encore.
- Contribution of low-lying isomers to stellar nucleosynthesis <sup>26</sup>Al and <sup>34</sup>Cl.
- Detailed spectroscopy studies using CATRiNA + Clarion-2 arrays for Nuclear Astrophysics.
- Near-threshold resonances and continuum effects.







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#### <sup>44</sup>Ti in Supernova explosions



Satellite based observations of <sup>44</sup>Ti help OPEN ACCESS understand the physics in SN explosions. <sup>44</sup>Ti is produced near the core, in  $\alpha$ -rich regions and can be link to the hydrodynamics of the star. NAL, 961:187 (24pp), 2024 February 1 S.W. Grefenstetteet al. The Continuum Astrophysical Journal,834:19 (2017). Ionization State Si/Mg Jet Normalized B.W. Grefenstetteet al.. Nature 506, 339 (2014). <sup>⁴</sup>Ti Ejecta



The spatial distribution of  $^{44}$ Ti in *Cas A* compared with the other bright X-ray features as seen by NuSTAR.

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#### JWST MIRI/Medium Resolution Spectrograph (MRS) Observations and Spectral Models of the Underluminous Type Ia Supernova 2022xkg

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#### <sup>44</sup>Ti in Supernova explosions



The amount of <sup>44</sup>Ti ejected is a gauge for the position of the mass cut of the star. The final amount of <sup>44</sup>Ti depends mostly on the <sup>44</sup>Ti( $\alpha$ ,p)<sup>47</sup>V reaction.

Order of Importance of Reactions Producing <sup>44</sup>Ti at  $\eta = 0.002$ **REACTION RATE MULTIPLIED BY 1/100 REACTION RATE MULTIPLIED BY 100** <sup>44</sup>Ti Change <sup>44</sup>Ti Change Rank Reaction Reaction (percent) (percent)  $^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha, p)^{47}\text{V}$ +208 $^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha, p)^{47}\text{V}$ -931 .....  $^{12}C(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}O$  $^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha, \gamma)^{48}\text{Cr}$ 2 ..... -72-66 $^{40}Ca(\alpha, \gamma)^{44}Ti$  $^{27}$ Al( $\alpha$ , *n*)<sup>30</sup>P 3 ..... -66-60 ${}^{30}\text{Si}(\alpha, n){}^{33}\text{S}$  $^{20}$ Ne( $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ )<sup>24</sup>Mg 4 ..... -16-33 ${}^{30}\text{Si}(p, \gamma){}^{31}\text{P}$  $^{12}C(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}O$ 5 ..... -9.2+18 ${}^{36}Ar(\alpha, p){}^{39}K$ -7.9 ${}^{40}Ca(\alpha, \gamma){}^{44}Ti$ +156 ..... <sup>59</sup>Ni(p, n)<sup>59</sup>Cu  $^{23}$ Na( $\alpha$ , p) $^{26}$ Mg 7 ..... -4.7-4.7 ${}^{59}Ni(p, \gamma){}^{60}Cu$  $^{39}$ K( $\alpha$ , p) $^{42}$ Ca -4.7+4.78 .....  $^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha, \gamma)^{48}\text{Cr}$  $^{27}Al(p, \gamma)^{28}Si$ 9 ..... +2.8+4.3 $^{27}Al(\alpha, n)^{30}P$  $^{24}Mg(\alpha, \gamma)^{28}Si$ +2.7+4.210.....

S.E. Boggs et al. Science 348, 670 (2015). 5×10<sup>-5</sup> **Rest Frame** 4×10<sup>-</sup> Cts sec<sup>-1</sup> keV<sup>-1</sup> 3×10<sup>-</sup> 2×10<sup>-</sup> 10  $-1 \times 10$ 65 70 75 60 80 55 Energy (keV)

SN1987A 55- to 80-keV backgroundsubtracted spectrum measured with NuSTAR.

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#### Development of a <sup>44</sup>Ti beam at FSU



#### Several unsuccessful attempts at ANL for making a <sup>44</sup>Ti beam [In-flight production ANL#1659 ECR2 and ECR3 ANL#1876]



VOLUME 84, NUMBER 8PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS21 FEBRUARY 2000The  $^{44}$ Ti( $\alpha, p$ ) Reaction and its Implication on the  $^{44}$ Ti Yield in SupernovaeA. A. Sonzogni, <sup>1</sup> K. E. Rehm, <sup>1</sup> I. Ahmad, <sup>1</sup> F. Borasi, <sup>2</sup> D. L. Bowers, <sup>1</sup> F. Brumwell, <sup>1</sup> J. Caggiano, <sup>1</sup> C. N. Davids, <sup>1</sup><br/>J. P. Greene, <sup>1</sup> B. Harss, <sup>1</sup> A. Heinz, <sup>1</sup> D. Henderson, <sup>1</sup> R. V. F. Janssens, <sup>1</sup> C. L. Jiang, <sup>1</sup> G. McMichael, <sup>1</sup> J. Nolen, <sup>1</sup><br/>R. C. Pardo, <sup>1</sup> M. Paul, <sup>3</sup> J. P. Schiffer, <sup>1</sup> R. E. Segel, <sup>2</sup> D. Seweryniak, <sup>1</sup> R. H. Siemssen, <sup>1</sup> J. W. Truran, <sup>4</sup> J. Uusitalo, <sup>1</sup><br/>I. Wiedenhöver, <sup>1</sup> and B. Zabransky<sup>1</sup> $II FEBRUARY 2000Was mixed with 50 mg of <math>^{nat}$ TiO<sub>2</sub> and placed inside a cop-

was mixed with 50 mg of <sup>nat</sup>TiO<sub>2</sub> and placed inside a copper insert for a negative-ion Cs-sputter source. The <sup>44</sup>Ti activity from the pellet was measured to be  $\sim$ 38  $\mu$ Ci.

From the ion source a beam of <sup>44</sup>TiO<sup>-</sup> was extracted and injected into the tandem accelerator at ATLAS. After stripping in the terminal of the tandem, a <sup>44</sup>Ti<sup>8+</sup> beam was



#### **Development of a <sup>44</sup>Ti beam at FSU**

## Several unsuccessful attempts at ANL for making a <sup>44</sup>Ti beam



We will use SNICS source + Tandem accelerator at FSU to produce an <sup>44</sup>Ti beam using the original cathodes from (~20 yrs ago) for a measurement of the <sup>44</sup>Ti( $\alpha$ ,p) reaction.





#### Measurement of the <sup>44</sup>Ti( $\alpha$ ,p)<sup>47</sup>V reaction with Encore at FSU

- Encore active target was developed at FSU (B. Asher), it has been used to measure fusion and (α,p) reactions.
- MUSIC at ANL has been successfully used to measure several (α,p) reactions.







# Ben Asher is now a staff scientists at PNNL

B.W. Asher, SA, et al. Phys. Rev. C 103, 044615 (2021).B.W. Asher, SA, et al. NIM A 1014, 165724 (2021).B.W. Asher, SA, et al. Eur. Phys. J. A 57, 272 (2021).

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#### **Undergraduate Research**







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Bajron Alvin Zenelaj, FSU Honor's thesis 2023. "Fusion Reaction Measurements with the Encore Active Target Detector".

Attended CEU @ APS-DNP in New Orleans, LA. Alvin is now a grad student at University of North Carolina (UNC).



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#### Measurement of the <sup>44</sup>Ti(α,p)<sup>47</sup>V reaction with Encore at FSU

In the proposed measurement, the <sup>44</sup>Ti beam will be delivered to the Encore detector which will be filled with helium gas for a direct measurement of the <sup>44</sup>Ti( $\alpha$ ,p)<sup>47</sup>V reaction in the Gamow window. <sup>4</sup>He @ 400 Torr.

<sup>44</sup>Ti @ ~ 4 MeV/u with an expected beam rate of a few kHz.



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G.S. Andrew Peters



#### Isomeric contributions to stellar nucleosynthesis: <sup>26</sup>Al



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Decay chain	Mean life* (yr)	Line energies (MeV) (Branching ratios)	Site [Detected]	Nuclea process
$^{7}\text{Be} \rightarrow ^{7}\text{Li}$	0.21	0.478 (0.1)	Novae	Expl.H
${}^{56}\text{Ni} \rightarrow {}^{56}\text{Co}^+ \rightarrow {}^{56}\text{Fe}$	0.31	<u>0.847</u> (1.0) <u>1.238</u> (0.68)	SN	NSE
		2.598 (0.17) 1.771 (0.15)	[SN1987A]	
			[SN1991T]	
$57$ Co $\rightarrow 57$ Fe	1.1	0.122(0.86) 0.136(0.11)	SN	NSE
			[SN1987A]	
$^{22}\text{Na}^+ \rightarrow ^{22}\text{Ne}$	3.8	1.275 (1.0)	Novae	Expl.H
$^{44}\text{Ti} \rightarrow {}^{44}\text{Sc}^+ \rightarrow {}^{44}\text{Ca}$	89	<u>1.157</u> (1.0)	SN	$\alpha$ -NSE
		$\underline{0.068}(0.95)$ $\underline{0.078}(0.96)$	[Cas A]	
$^{26}\text{Al}^+ \rightarrow ^{26}\text{Mg}$	$1.04 \times 10^{6}$	<u>1.809</u> (1.0)	WR, AGB	St.H
			Novae	Expl.H
			SNII	St.Ne
			[inner Galaxy,Vela,	Expl.N
			Cygnus, Orion]	ν
${}^{60}\text{Fe} \rightarrow {}^{60}\text{Co} \rightarrow {}^{60}\text{Ni}$	$2.2 \times 10^{6}$	$\underline{1.332}(1.0)$ $\underline{1.173}(1.0)$	SN	n-capt
			[Galaxy]	
e <sup>+</sup>	$10^{5} - 10^{7}$	0.511	SNIa	$\beta^+$ -de
			[Galactic bulge]	



R. Diehl, et al. A&A 522, A51 (2010).

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Allende Meteorite – Large <sup>26</sup>Mg content



#### Isomeric contributions to stellar nucleosynthesis: <sup>26</sup>Al



#### Isomeric contributions to stellar nucleosynthesis: <sup>26</sup>Al Study of the ${}^{26m}AI(p,\gamma){}^{27}Si$ via the <sup>26m</sup>Al(d,p)<sup>27</sup>Al reaction <sup>28</sup>Si 26Si 27Si PHYSICAL REVIEW C 104, 065807 (2021) ILIADIS ET AL. E<sub>v</sub> (keV) Experimental study of the <sup>24</sup>Na<sup>m</sup>(d, p) <sup>25</sup>Na reaction and implications for the influence of the <sup>24</sup>Al<sup>m</sup> isomer on rp-process nucleosynthesis 2070 N. Gerken<sup>®</sup>, S. Almaraz-Calderon, B. W. Asher, E. Lopez-Saveedra, L. T. Baby, K. W. Kemper, A. Morelock, J. F. Perello, A. Volva, and I. Wiedenhöver Department of Physics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306, USA (p, y) (p.α) ke< β<sup>+</sup>(7.2s) actor Isomeric Kinematics Counts/100 USDB L=0 C<sup>2</sup>S 0 USDB L=2 $C^2S$ Experimental L=0 C<sup>2</sup>S Nate Gerken is now at Spectrosc 23Na Diehl et al. PAS PlatinumEdge solutions 0.84 Me uclear Inst. and Methods in Physics Research, A 899 (2018) 6-9 Contents lists available at ScienceDirect (private company) Nuclear Inst. and Methods in Physics Research, A 0.2 journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/nima مماللممطللمة Development of an Isomeric beam of 26Al for nuclear reaction studies B.W. Asher<sup>a</sup>, S. Almaraz-Calderon<sup>a,\*</sup>, O. Nusair<sup>b</sup>, K.E. Rehm<sup>b</sup>, M.L. Avila<sup>b</sup>, A.A. Chen<sup>d</sup>, C.A. Dickerson<sup>b</sup>, C.L. Jiang<sup>b</sup>, B.P. Kay<sup>b</sup>, R.C. Pardo<sup>b</sup>, D. Santiago-Gonzalez<sup>c,b</sup>, R. Talwar Energy (MeV) Isomer on the Destruction of <sup>26</sup>Al in the Galaxy S. Almaraz-Calderon,<sup>1,\*</sup> K. E. Rehm,<sup>2</sup> N. Gerken,<sup>1</sup> M. L. Avila,<sup>2</sup> B. P. Kay,<sup>2</sup> R. Talwar,<sup>2</sup> A. S. Bottoni,<sup>2</sup> A. A. Chen,<sup>3</sup> C. M. Deibel,<sup>4</sup> C. Dickerson,<sup>2</sup> K. Hanselman,<sup>1</sup> C. R. Hoffmar <sup>27</sup>Al Apparent Excitation Energy (MeV) S. A. Kuvin,<sup>5</sup> O. Nusair,<sup>2</sup> R. C. Pardo,<sup>2</sup> D. Santiago-Gonzalez,<sup>4,2</sup> J. Sethi,<sup>2</sup> and C.

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#### Constraint of the <sup>26</sup>Al<sup>g</sup>(n,p)<sup>26</sup>Mg and <sup>26</sup>Al<sup>g</sup>(n,α)<sup>23</sup>Na reactions





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#### Isomeric contributions to stellar nucleosynthesis: <sup>34</sup>Cl



https://www.phy.anl.gov/atlas/pac/app\_exp.html

The <sup>34</sup>Cl(p,γ)<sup>35</sup>Ar reaction relevant in nova environments and in the classifications of presolar grain.
 (Sulfur isotopic ratios, production of <sup>34</sup>S)

33Ar 173.0 ms ε = 100.00% εp = 38.70%	34Ar 844.5 ms ε = 100.00%	35Ar 1.7756 s ε = 100.00%	36Ar STABLE 0.3336%	37Ar 35.04 d ε = 100.00%
32Cl 298 ms ε = 100.00% εα = 0.05% εp = 0.03%	33Cl 2.511 s ε = 100.00%	34Cl 1.5264 s ε = 100.00%	35CI STABLE 75.76%	36Cl 3.01E+5 y β <sup>-</sup> = 98.10% ε = 1.90%
31S	325	33S	34S	35S
2.5534 s	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	87.37 d
ε = 100.00%	94.99%	0.75%	4.25%	β <sup>-</sup> = 100.00%
30P	31P	32P	33P	34P
2.498 min	STABLE	14.268 d	25.35 d	12.43 s
ε = 100.00%	100%	β <sup>-</sup> = 100.00%	β <sup>-</sup> = 100.00%	β <sup>-</sup> = 100.00%

Ground and isomeric state information for $^{34}_{17}CI$				
E(level) (MeV)	Јп	Mass Excess (keV)	T <sub>1/2</sub>	Decay Modes
0.0	0+	-24440.09 5	1.5264 s <i>14</i>	ε = 100.00%
0.1464	3+	-24293.69 5	32.00 min 4	ε = 55.40% IT = 44.60%

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#### Astromers: Nuclear Isomers in Astrophysics

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#### The CATRiNA neutron detector array





32 -  $C_6D_6$  liquid scintillators detectors (EJ315). Pulse shape discrimination.  $E_n$  via Time-of-flight. Structure in the Pulse-height.



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Now a Nuclear Physicist at Los Alamos, APS Bridge Program Grad Says Nuclear Security is His Calling

"[My mom] was my savior," says Jesus Penello. "She said, "Listen, you did not go this far just to quit."

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## Nuclear Astrophysics studies with CATRiNA



- Detailed resonance spectroscopy of  ${}^{26}$ Si needed for determination of the  ${}^{25}$ Al(p, $\gamma$ ) ${}^{26}$ Si reaction rate.
- States in <sup>26</sup>Si were populated via the <sup>24</sup>Si(<sup>3</sup>He,n) reaction.
- A n/ $\gamma$  coincidence measurement was performed using CATRiNA detectors and a set of HPGe detectors.





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#### Spectrum unfolding with CATRiNA





Using a statistical Bayesian inference method to analyze the pulse-height spectra.

Characterization and description of a spectrum unfolding method for the CATRiNA neutron detector array

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Fabio Rivero, FSU Honor's thesis, 2020.

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 "Neutron Spectrum Unfolding with Deuterated Liquid Scintillator Detectors".
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#### Unfolding vs ToF with CATRiNA







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#### **Resonance spectroscopy, CATRiNA + CHARON**

Breakout of the Hot CNO cycle via the  ${}^{14}O(\alpha,p){}^{17}F \rightarrow$  resonances in  ${}^{18}Ne$ .

---> rp-process

Breakout I

-------> Breakout II ······>> HCNO I



Neutron and charged-particles were measured in coincidence with CATRINA + CHARON.



## **Resonance spectroscopy, CATRiNA + CHARON**

# Breakout of the Hot CNO cycle via the ${}^{14}O(\alpha,p){}^{17}F \rightarrow$ resonances in ${}^{18}Ne$ .



#### **Undergraduate Research**



Valarie Milton, FSU BSc. 2023. "Commissioning of the neutron - chargedparticle coincidence setup at FSU". Attended CEU @ APS-DNP in New Orleans, LA. Valarie is now a grad student at Louisiana State University (LSU).

#### **Resonance spectroscopy, CATRiNA + Clarion-2**



- <sup>34</sup>Ar → Waiting point in the rp-process
   (<sup>33</sup>Cl(p,γ)<sup>34</sup>Ar) and αp-process (<sup>30</sup>S(α,p)<sup>33</sup>Cl).
- Presolar grain characterization.
- Final abundances and energy output in XRBs.
- → Resonance parameters largely undetermined!

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THE NUCLEAR REACTION WAITING POINTS:  $^{22}\rm{Mg},\,^{26}\rm{Si},\,^{30}\rm{S},\,AND$   $^{34}\rm{Ar}$  and bolometrically double-peaked type I X-ray bursts

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Deibel et al. PRC 84, 045802 (2011). Long et al. PRC 97, 054613 (2018). Kennington et al. PRL 124, 252702 (2020).

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G.S. Matthew Mestayer

→ Perform a measurement of the <sup>32</sup>S(<sup>3</sup>He,n)<sup>34</sup>Ar reaction.

→ <sup>3</sup>He beam and ~200  $\mu$ g/cm<sup>2</sup> <sup>32</sup>S(ZnS) Use **CATRiNA + Clarion + Charged-particle** coincidences to study the resonance structure in <sup>34</sup>Ar.





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Figure from K. Fossez.



At low excitation energies, well-bound nuclei can be considered as closed quantum systems.

Moving towards drip lines, or higher in excitation energy, the continuum coupling becomes gradually more important, changing the nature of weakly bound states.

Couplings to the continuum states play a significant role in the structure and reactions of these systems.

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, <u>T. Nilsson <sup>h</sup></u> .R. Winkler <sup>t</sup>



Experimental studies of the <sup>11</sup>Be/<sup>10</sup>Be branching ratio obtained unexpectedly high results that raised questions about the decay mechanism and led to speculations about a possible nuclear dark decay channel.



Elkamhawy, et al. PL B, 821,136610 (2021).

 $0.30_{f}$ 

0.25

 $E_{R}$  [MeV]



Measurement of the <sup>10</sup>Be(d,n)<sup>11</sup>B\* $\rightarrow$ p/ $\alpha$  reaction in Inverse Kinematics at Florida State University.

Using a <sup>10</sup>Be beam from RESOLUT produced via the <sup>9</sup>Be(d,p)







#### **Open questions**

- Does the p-resonance have an alpha strength?
- Is there a close 3/2<sup>+</sup> state responsible for the β<sup>-</sup>α decay?
- Is it a threshold effect consequence of coupling with the continuum?
- $\rightarrow$  New Experiments to study the mirror nucleus <sup>11</sup>C

The <sup>7</sup>Li(<sup>7</sup>Li,t)<sup>11</sup>B reaction with Super Enge Split Pole Spectrograph (SE - SPS) at FSU.



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$\beta^-$ p and $\beta^-\alpha$ decay of the <sup>11</sup> Be neutron halo ground state
J Okołowicz <sup>4,1</sup> 🕩, M Płoszajczak <sup>2</sup> and W Nazarewicz <sup>3</sup> 🝺
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To be continued ... Further studies on <sup>11</sup>B and <sup>11</sup>C

#### Near-threshold resonances and continuum effects

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The proton dripline nucleus <sup>8</sup>B has a very small Sp ~ 138 keV.  $\rightarrow$  it presents an ideal case to study nuclear OQS, and continuum effects!





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Halo structure of <sup>8</sup>B determined from intermediate energy proton elastic scattering in inverse kinematics

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A <sup>7</sup>Be beam from RESOLUT to measure the <sup>7</sup>Be(d,n)<sup>8</sup>B reaction and the decay from resonances in halo nucleus <sup>8</sup>B.

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#### Structure of a triplet of Near-threshold resonances in <sup>15</sup>F

The observation of a unique triplet of narrow resonances between 2p- and 3p-emission thresholds in <sup>15</sup>F requires further characterization to understand their properties.



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A study on the mirror <sup>15</sup>C will also be pursued via the <sup>°</sup> <sup>13</sup>C(t,p) reaction using the newly developed *triton beam*.<sup>°</sup>



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## Summary

- Development of a <sup>44</sup>Ti beam at FSU for a measurement of the  ${}^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha,p){}^{47}\text{V}$  reaction with Encore.
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- Detailed spectroscopy studies of the <sup>34</sup>Ar waiting point nucleus using CATRiNA + Clarion-2 arrays.
- Near-threshold resonances and continuum effects <sup>11</sup>B, <sup>8</sup>B, and <sup>15</sup>F.

Thank you!