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and

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Outline

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- Need for a new 80 Se(n, γ) measurement
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- i-TED Commissioning
- Summary & Outlook



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Motivation and Introduction: MSs & Temperature evolution



Currents, rotation, mixing

Temperature: a key ingredient in stellar structure and evolution







N.Nishimura, et al. 2017 MNRAS



The massive-star nuclear-thermometer

17 m

⁹Se





The massive-star nuclear-thermometer

letters to nature

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S-process krypton of variable isotopic composition in the Murchison meteorite

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- → Objective of HYMNS-ERC Project (LoI, CERN INTC 2014)
 - → Improvements in the detection system: i-TED
 - \rightarrow Accurate (n,g) CSs of neighbouring nuclei







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G. Walter et al., Astron. Astrophys. 167, 186 (1986)

- → Low energy cut-off at 3 keV
- → Limited En-resolution
- \rightarrow (Probably with strong n-sensitivity bias)

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⁸⁰Se(n, γ) at n_TOF EAR1



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Total protons requested:		4.5x1018		

Need of new developments: illustrated @ $^{93}Zr(n,\gamma)$

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The 93 Zr (n, γ) reaction up to 8 keV neutron energy

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- HERMES observations of Nb and Zr in S-type stars
- Determination of the s-process temperature directly in evolved low-mass GSs, using Zr and Nb abundances, independent of stellar evolution models.

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LETTER



The temperature and chronology of heavy-element synthesis in low-mass stars

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The present determination of the s-process temperature relies on a single assumption, namely that the equilibrium approximation is valid along the Zr isotopic chain, which is known to be true locally¹. For this reason, the uncertainties in the method are mainly those in the derived abundances and in the experimental Zr cross-section^{14,15}, that is, about 5% for the stable Zr isotopes and 11% for ⁹³Zr. Reducing the ⁹³Zr error would constrain the s-process operation temperature even more.



Adapted from P. Neyskens et al., Nature 517, 174-176 (2015)

The i-TED project



i-TED Commissioning: Motivation 79 Se(n, γ)

Radioactive sample

Small (n,g) vs. (n,n)



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i-TED Commissioning: Motivation

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Energy resolution (spectroscopy resol.) means higher selectivity



8 Energy(eV)

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i-TED: imaging-Total Energy Detector



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Technical commissioning i-TED Prototype (OK)





i-TED Demonstrator (i-TED2)

Performance commissioning needed \rightarrow i-TED2

- Technical validation of the detectors
- Technical validation of readout electronics
- PS-Trigger signal correctly implemented
- Efficiency
 - Estimate from tech. Comm.
 - Enhancement due to improved detector design and larger A

Objectives for the i-TED Commissioning

- Proof-of-concept demonstration via a true / realistic (n,g) measurement (in the low energy range where CS is larger)
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- Evaluate the intrinsic neutron sensitivity of i-TED, via the C-sample measurement
- Explore the i-TED performance in EAR2

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Remaining technical i-TED tests / 2018 (with parasitic neutron beam/n_TOF detector test):

6-7 days of test-beam requested for:

- Effect of sample-detector distance, how close we can come with i-TED (its Sdetector) to the sample → Efficiency / high En
- Possibility to use a veto time-gate in our readout electronics to go higher in neutron energy, for the case that the detector is affected by the gamma-flash
- Combined **capture & gamma-source measurement** to develop sample-activity rejection algorithms
- Effect of the LiH moderator for reducing intrinsic neutron sensitivity
- i-TED response tests at EAR2