

Further measurement of the β -delayed α -particle emission of ^{16}N

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We measured the β -delayed α -particle emission spectrum of ^{16}N with a sensitivity for β -decay branching ratios of the order of 10^{-10} . The ^{16}N nuclei were produced using the $d(^{15}\text{N}, ^{16}\text{N})p$ reaction with 70 MeV ^{15}N beams and a deuterium gas target 7.5 cm long at a pressure of 1250 torr. The ^{16}N nuclei were collected (over 10 s) using a thin aluminum foil with an areal density of $180 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ tilted at 7° with respect to the beam. The activity was transferred to the counting area by means of a stepping motor in less than 3 s with the counting carried out over 8 s. The β -delayed α -particles were measured using a time-of-flight method to achieve a sufficiently low background. Standard calibration sources (^{148}Gd , ^{241}Am , $^{208,209}\text{Po}$, and ^{227}Ac) as well as α particles and ^7Li from the $^{10}\text{B}(n, \alpha)^7\text{Li}$ reaction were used for an accurate energy calibration. The energy resolution of the catcher foil (180–220 keV) was calculated and the time-of-flight resolution (3–10 nsec) was measured using the β -delayed α -particle emission from ^8Li that was produced using the $d(^7\text{Li}, ^8\text{Li})p$ reaction with the same setup. The line shape was corrected to account for the variation in the energy and time resolution and a high statistics spectrum of the β -delayed α -particle emission of ^{16}N is reported. However, our data (as well as earlier Mainz data and unpublished Seattle data) do not agree with an earlier measurement of the β -delayed α -particle emission of ^{16}N taken at TRIUMF after averaging over the energy resolution of our collection system. This disagreement, among other issues, prohibits accurate inclusion of the f-wave component in the R-matrix analysis.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction is of critical importance for understanding stellar evolution [1]. It competes with the $^8\text{Be}(\alpha, \gamma)^{12}\text{C}$ reaction (that forms carbon) to yield oxygen during stellar helium burning, together determining the carbon/oxygen (C/O) ratio at the end of helium burning. The C/O ratio is of major importance for understanding type II [2] and apparently also the light curve of type Ia [3] supernovae. Because the $^8\text{Be}(\alpha, \gamma)^{12}\text{C}$ reaction is comparatively well known ($\pm 12\%$), the $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction provides the principle uncertainty in the C/O ratio at the end of helium burning.

The β -delayed α -particle emission of ^{16}N (i.e. α -particles emitted from the continuum of ^{16}O populated by the β -decay of ^{16}N) has been predicted to provide a constraint on the cross section of this reaction [4–8], but it requires a measurement of a β -decay of ^{16}N with a sensitivity for a branching ratio (BR) of the order of 10^{-9} . In particular, the low-energy portion of

the α -particle spectrum has been predicted to be sensitive to the reduced α -particle width of the bound 1^- state in ^{16}O ; however, it cannot directly determine the mixing phase in the $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction of the two interfering states at 7.12 MeV and 9.58 MeV in ^{16}O .

The ^{16}N β -decay branching ratios are 26% to the ground state of ^{16}O , 68% to the 3^- state at 6.13 MeV, 5% to the 1^- states at 7.12 MeV, and 1.2×10^{-5} to the 1^- state at 9.63 MeV. The β -delayed α -particle emission from the 1^- state located at 9.63 MeV yield a peak at approximately 2.45 MeV with an integrated yield that corresponds to the branching ratio of 1.2×10^{-5} . Note that due to the large width of this state the branching ratio of the individual highest yield data points are at the level of 10^{-6} . The secondary minimum was predicted (prior to observation) and is measured to be at branching ratio of the order of 10^{-9} [4–8]. The experimental sensitivity is defined by the experimental error bar of the lowest measured data point of approximately 10%, leading to an experimental sensitivity for a branching ratio of the order of 10^{-10} .

In the early 1970s F. C. Barker [4,5] proposed the use of the β -delayed α -particle emission spectrum of ^{16}N to constrain S_{E1} , the p -wave component of the astrophysical cross section factor. At the time of these calculations [4,5], a single β -delayed α -particle emission spectrum with very

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high statistics (>36 million counts) existed. These data were measured at Mainz [9–11] in a successful measurement of the parity violating 1.281 MeV α -particle decay. However, these data were only listed in numerical form in private communications [12]. Unfortunately, this spectrum excluded the energy region of the interference peak predicted at 1.1 MeV.

In the early 1990s three additional measurements of this spectrum were made: at TRIUMF [13], at Yale [14,15], and at the University of Washington at Seattle (unpublished) [16]. The experiment reported here [17,18] is a continuation and improvement of the original Yale-UConn experiment [14,15]. We refer the reader to the appendix of Ref. [18], where all available data from each of these experiments, including the unpublished Seattle experiment [16] and the old Mainz experiment [9–11], are listed in tabular form.

Recently a renewed interest in the spectrum of the β -delayed α -particle emission of ^{16}N has been generated by a new experiment carried out at the Argonne National Lab [19]. The primary purpose of this article is to publish a detailed account of the data from our improved experiment that were already shown in the literature [17]. In addition we include in the appendix of this article the same numerical listing as included (by permission) in Ref. [18] of the Seattle data [16] as well as the Mainz data [9–11]. The Seattle and Mainz data have been repeatedly discussed by a number of authors that quoted Ref. [18] as the source for these data, and we consider it advantageous to list it here in numerical form. We compare these data sets and demonstrate that our data agrees with the Mainz and Seattle data but not with the TRIUMF data. We also note that the preliminary reported data of the Argonne group [19] agree with our data. We discuss the relevance of this disagreement for the global R-matrix fit of the data.

II. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

The experiments were performed using 150–250 pA 70 MeV ^{15}N beams from the Yale ESTU tandem van de Graff accelerator and a deuterium gas target to produce ^{16}N using the $d(^{15}\text{N}, ^{16}\text{N})p$ reaction. The produced ^{16}N nuclei emerged from the gas target and were stopped in aluminum catcher foils, as shown in Fig. 1. These foils were then rotated into a counting area to measure the decays of ^{16}N . The use of reversed kinematics allowed for the ^{16}N to be kinematically focused into a forward cone of about 7° . The ^{16}N nuclei were implanted into thin aluminum catcher foils located at the ends of an approximately 1-m-long arm that rotated about its center. After each production cycle, the arm rotated 180° , placing the implanted catcher foil between two detector arrays that measured the β and α particles in coincidence.

We used a deuterium gas target, composed of a copper cylinder 7.5 cm long and 1.9 cm in diameter with 0.3 cm thick walls cooled with an alcohol cooling system to -40°C . Thin beryllium pressure foils ($25\mu\text{m}$) were attached with Araldite AW 106/HV 953 epoxy from CIBA-GEIGI (good for very low temperatures) to the ends of the cylinder. To reduce plural scattering, beryllium was chosen for the pressure windows as it has a low Z ($Z = 4$). The target was filled with approximately 1250 torr of deuterium gas and was placed close to the catcher

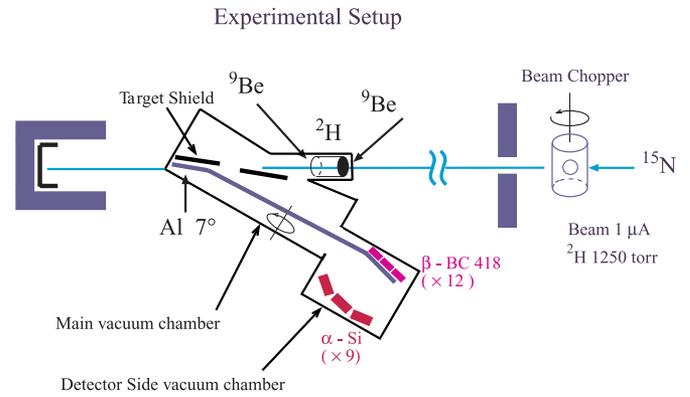


FIG. 1. (Color online) Diagram of the experimental setup showing the rotating arm and the two stations (collection and counting). The beam chopper is far upstream and is well shielded from the experimental hall where the data were collected. Figure is not drawn to scale.

foils with its exit window only 7.5 cm from the edge of the catcher foil.

The ^{16}N emerged from the target with a broad distribution of energies (of order 7 MeV) of which the catcher foils collected the lowest 1 MeV portion. To allow the capture of these ions while retaining useful α -particle energy resolution, the catcher foils were made of thin ($180\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) aluminum tilted at 7° with respect to the beam, see Fig. 1, to increase their effective catching thickness by a factor of 8.

The foils were attached to aluminum frames with epoxy and had open areas of 5×20 cm. Inside the chamber, see Fig. 1, a tantalum shield was positioned less than 1 mm from the catcher foil to prevent ^{16}N from hitting the catcher frames. Very precise alignment of the shields and catcher foils was necessary to ensure that the ^{16}N was stopped in the catcher foils and not elsewhere, where it would produce a low energy tail in the α -particle spectrum. The alignment was tested using empty catcher foil frames. The ^{15}N beam was confined to travel through the system using two sets of beam defining slits: one slit located several meters upstream and the second one about a meter upstream. The beam position was also constrained by two additional tantalum collimators, the target itself, and the shield, discussed above.

During the collection period the neutron background was very large hence the data acquisition system was turned off during irradiation. The experiments were run in 21 sec cycles, to maximize detection efficiency given the 10 second lifetime of ^{16}N . The first 10 sec of each cycle was the production period during which the ^{16}N was produced in the target and collected in the catcher foils. At the end of this time, a tantalum beam chopper blocked the beam far upstream followed by the arm carrying the catcher foil rotating 180° in slightly less than 3 sec. Three seconds after the rotation began, the data acquisition system was activated for 8 sec. To protect the catcher foil frames from the beam, the position of the beam chopper was read back into the control room, and the arm rotation did not begin until the beam chopper was fully in place. Because catcher foils were located at both ends of the

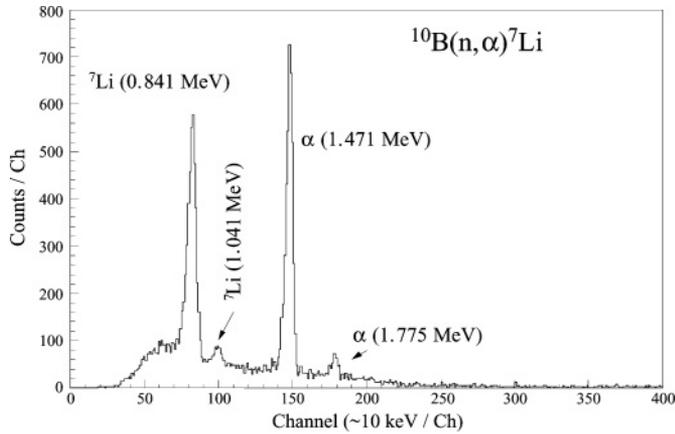


FIG. 2. Typical $^{10}\text{B}(n, \alpha)^7\text{Li}$ calibration spectrum used in this study.

arm, it was not necessary to rotate the arm at the end of the cycle and a second (10 sec) collection period commenced.

The principle detectors in this experiment were nine silicon surface barrier (SSB) detectors located in a square array and used to detect α particles. Each detector had an active area of 450 mm^2 and a $50 \mu\text{m}$ thick active region to minimize deposition of energy from β particles. Canberra 2003B preamps, which had been modified to match the high capacitance of the detectors, were used. The measured energy resolution of the detectors was about 55 keV , and the array was located 83 mm from the catcher foil.

The secondary detector array (the β array) was composed of 12 plastic scintillation detectors made of BC418 fast plastic scintillator and Hamamatsu H3165 and H3171 photomultipliers and was used to detect β particles. The central six detectors were $2.5 \times 2.5 \times 0.6 \text{ cm}$, whereas the outer six detectors were $5.0 \times 5.0 \times 0.6 \text{ cm}$. The detectors were optically isolated from one another using aluminum foil and were covered by a 0.02 mm aluminized Mylar film to prevent the detection of α particles or ^{12}C recoils. The β -array subtended approximately 30% of 4π , as shown in Fig. 1.

The data were collected event by event and written to Exabyte tapes by a Concurrent 3230 computer running the Oak Ridge data acquisition system [18]. Each event was started

by one of the α -detectors firing. For each β detector that fired, a delayed relative timing signal was recorded using a Lecroy 2228A time-to-digital converter. Thus for each event one α -particle energy and 12 α - β relative time measurements were recorded.

The energy calibration of the α detectors was performed using α -particles from five different standard calibration sources: ^{148}Gd , ^{241}Am , ^{208}Po , ^{209}Po , ^{227}Ac , and α particles as well as ^7Li emitted in the $^{10}\text{B}(n, \alpha)^7\text{Li}$ reaction, yielding 11 α -particle energies from 1.471 to 7.386 MeV . Energy loss in these calibration sources and the $^{10}\text{B}(n, \alpha)^7\text{Li}$ source were negligible and did not affect the energy calibration. A typical $^{10}\text{B}(n, \alpha)^7\text{Li}$ calibration spectrum is shown in Fig. 2. In addition, the detectors were implanted with small amounts of polonium and actinium, leading to a continuous online energy calibration throughout the experiment. These online calibration lines did not perturb the time-of-flight (TOF) coincidence spectra.

III. DATA ANALYSIS

The detector timing was calibrated using $22 \text{ MeV } ^7\text{Li}$ beams and the $^2\text{H}(^7\text{Li}, ^8\text{Li})^1\text{H}$ reaction. The ^8Li undergoes β -delayed α -particle emission with a lifetime just under 1 sec . The measured ^8Li spectra were plotted in 108 (one for each α - β detector pair) two-dimensional histograms with time along the x axis and detected α -particle energy along the y axis, as shown in Fig. 3. Each ^8Li histogram was initially cut into sixteen 100 keV wide slices that were projected onto the time axis, similar to the (50 keV) slices shown in Fig. 4; the resulting 1728 spectra were each fit using the Oak Ridge data analysis program SAMGR with skewed Gaussians to determine the TOF peak positions and shapes; see Fig. 4. For each detector pair, these TOF centroids were fit as a function of energy; centroid = $\sqrt{m_\alpha / (2 \times \text{energy})} \times d + B$, where d is the distance from the α -particle source to the detector, as shown in Fig. 5. The fitted values of d were consistent with the distances measured directly (about 8.3 cm). The obtained TOF parameters were used for matching the ^8Li spectra. The TOF resolution was determined from these ^8Li spectra and the energy resolution was determined by using Ziegler's formulae [20] with the known effective thickness measured

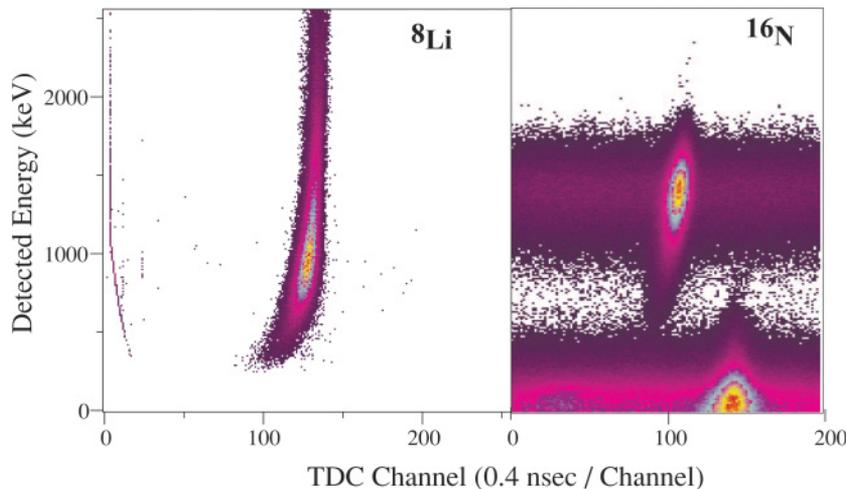


FIG. 3. (Color online) Typical two-dimensional energy vs. TOF spectra for ^8Li and ^{16}N data.

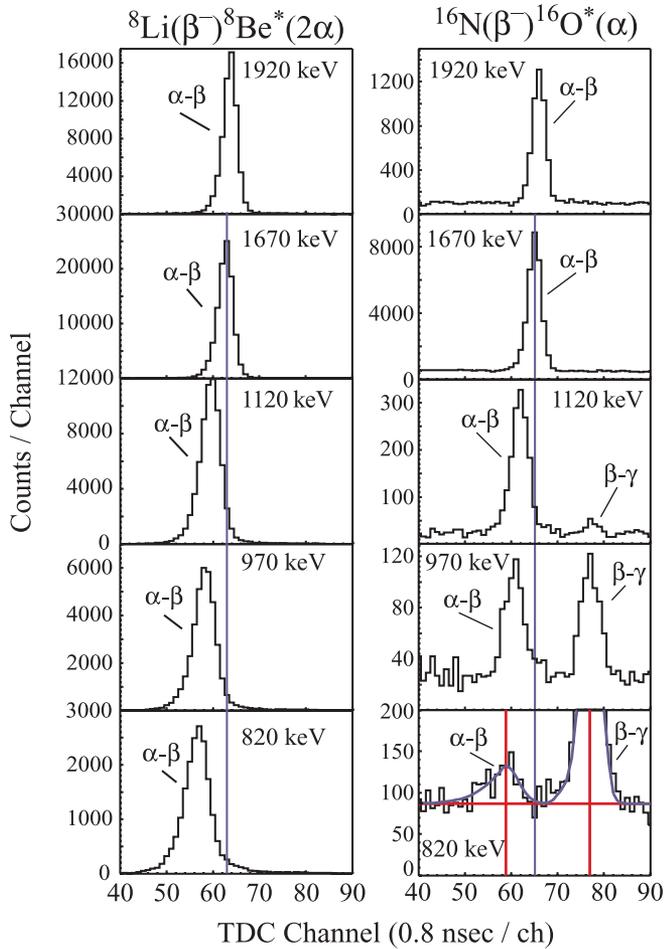


FIG. 4. (Color online) Typical 50 keV wide slices from the two-dimensional ^8Li and ^{16}N energy vs. time plots (see Fig. 3), projected on the time axis. The slices are labeled by the high-energy end of the slice from which an effective center-of-mass energy is determined using the known energy loss. The α - β coincidence peak is well separated from the β - γ peak at low energies and, due to the kinematics, is also distinguishable from signals caused by partial charge collection in the α detector. The 1670 keV slice is at the central peak for ^{16}N and the line drawn through it (which represents the expected TOF location of a low energy tail) is clearly separated from the α - β coincidence peak at lower energies. The ^8Li slices are located at slightly lower channels due to the different leading edge threshold of the higher energy β particles in the lithium decay.

in situ using a ^{148}Gd source. The time and energy resolutions are shown in Fig. 5.

A β -delayed α -particle emission spectrum of ^{16}N was obtained with approximately 1.3 million α particles in singles using the following procedure. After matching the spectra using the results of the ^8Li calibration as discussed above, the ^{16}N spectra were combined into one two-dimensional histogram, as shown in Fig. 3. This summed two-dimensional spectrum was then cut into 50 keV wide slices that were individually analyzed using the Oak Ridge software (see Fig. 4) and corrected for the measured β -particle efficiency of the β array. One of the β detectors failed during the experiment and was not used in the analysis. For purely geometric reasons

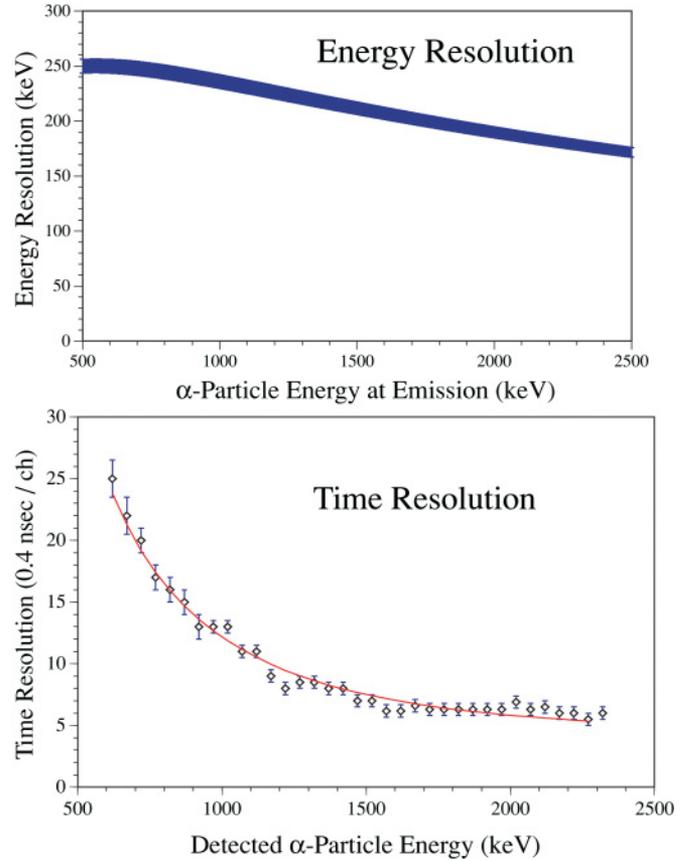


FIG. 5. (Color online) The energy and time resolution (FWHM) as a function of energy. The energy resolution is determined by the thickness of the aluminum catcher foil in which the ^{16}N is embedded. The time resolution is based on measurements from the decay of ^8Li .

approximately one third of the remaining detector pairings were not used in our analysis, as their timing resolutions were insufficient to separate out the background (discussed below).

The effective energy of the emerging α particles for each data point was calculated using the expected variation of the yield over the energy width of the catcher foil for each slice. The effective center-of-mass (c.m.) energy was calculated and is listed as $E_{c.m.}$ in Table I. Note that due to fast variation in the yield, the effective α -particle energy is not the one due to α particles emitted from the center of the catcher foil.

The measured spectral line shape was corrected for distortions caused by the variability of our time and energy resolutions; see Fig. 5. For a spectrum constant in energy, the yield measured at each point in that spectrum is directly proportional to the energy integration interval. This conclusion holds for a spectrum in any physical variable. In the case of this experiment, the data are integrated over both time and energy with the integration intervals being the time and energy resolutions. The fact that these vary considerably over the energy range of the detected α particles causes a significant distortion in the line shape. The data were normalized by dividing by the effective integration intervals, i.e. the time and energy resolutions as shown in Fig. 5, to correct this distortion. The energy resolution of the experiment (the thickness of

TABLE I. The currently measured Yale(96) data.

| $E_{c.m.}$ | cts./ch | $E_{c.m.}$ | cts./ch | $E_{c.m.}$ | cts./ch | $E_{c.m.}$ | cts./ch |
|------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| 975 | 46.1(175) | 1563 | 517.0(313) | 2149 | 19856.7(14335) | 2739 | 5241.7(4095) |
| 1040 | 67.5(104) | 1628 | 799.5(461) | 2215 | 26832.3(19323) | 2804 | 3082.4(2593) |
| 1105 | 72.5(114) | 1693 | 1227.0(683) | 2280 | 33244.0(23917) | 2869 | 1700.9(1584) |
| 1171 | 63.6(95) | 1758 | 1961.1(1500) | 2345 | 36684.7(26388) | 2936 | 958.3(1238) |
| 1236 | 85.1(95) | 1823 | 2907.9(2183) | 2412 | 35711.0(25700) | 3001 | 479.1(1684) |
| 1301 | 75.3(84) | 1889 | 4382.8(3244) | 2477 | 29550.8(21319) | 3067 | 238.0(939) |
| 1367 | 135.2(109) | 1853 | 6725.9(4928) | 2542 | 21181.2(15364) | 3132 | 123.5(906) |
| 1432 | 207.1(147) | 2019 | 9778.2(7116) | 2608 | 13623.0(9989) | | |
| 1497 | 315.3(206) | 2084 | 14568.2(10545) | 2673 | 8626.0(6462) | | |

the aluminum catcher foils) is considerably larger than the intrinsic resolution of the SSB detectors. These resolutions are based on the measured time resolutions from the ^8Li data and the measured thickness of the catcher foils [18] determined by using Ziegler's formulae [20] upon the known effective thickness measured *in situ* using a ^{148}Gd source. The final spectrum, with these resolutions divided out, is shown in Fig. 6 and listed in tabular form in Table I. Before correcting the line shape for distortions caused by our variable resolutions, the number of counts per slice in the secondary peak was between 200 and 300. Combined with uncertainties from background subtraction (see Fig. 4), this results in uncertainties of approximately 10% in the region of interest.

There are two principle sources of background in this experiment. The first is β - γ coincidences; these occur when a β particle is detected in an α detector in coincidence with a γ -ray detected in a β detector. Most of these β - γ coincidences arise from activated ^{28}Al created by neutron capture on the aluminum capture foils. The second source of background is due to partial charge collection in the SSB. In both cases the background coincidence is well separated from the data due to the fast timing requirements, as shown in Fig 4.

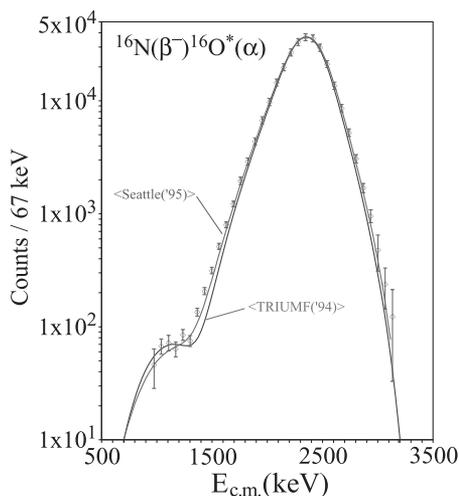


FIG. 6. The β -delayed α -particle emission spectrum of ^{16}N obtained in this work. The TRIUMF and Seattle R-matrix fitted curves [13,16] averaged over the energy resolution of our experiment (shown in Fig. 5) are compared to our data.

IV. DISCUSSION

In addition to our experiment there were three high-statistics data sets for the β -delayed α -particle emission of ^{16}N . The first (containing approximately 32 million events) was taken in Mainz, Germany, by K. Neubeck *et al.* [11], in a successful measurement of the 1.2825 MeV α particles from the parity-violating α -particle decay of the 8.8719 MeV 2^- state in ^{16}O . The second (containing approximately 1.25 million events) was taken in the TRIUMF laboratory in Canada [13]. The third (containing approximately 0.1 million events) was taken at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, by Z. Zhao *et al.* [16].

Due to the thickness of our catcher foils, the inherent energy resolution of our experiment is significantly poorer than that of the previous experiments. Thus, to do a proper comparison, the previous data sets must be averaged over our variable energy resolution. To do this, the published R-matrix fitted curves from the Seattle and TRIUMF data sets were used to minimize end-effects in the averaging process. The use of the R-matrix fit curve is appropriate as the fitted curves reproduce the data quite well [13,16] and it allows us to extend beyond the region of measured data for a meaningful averaging.

In Fig. 6 we show a comparison of our data with the averaged fitted curves of Seattle and TRIUMF. Our data agree fairly well with the Seattle averaged fit curve with a χ^2 per data point of 1.4, while disagreeing with the TRIUMF averaged fit curve with a χ^2 per data point of 7.2. In Fig. 7 we show a comparison of the Mainz data with the Seattle and TRIUMF fit curves. These three data sets were measured with comparable energy resolution and in this comparison there is no need to employ energy averaging. The Mainz data also agree with the Seattle fit curve with a χ^2 per data point of 2.5, while badly disagreeing with the TRIUMF fit curve with a χ^2 per data point of 123.

The disagreement with the TRIUMF data is manifestly due to a difference in the width of the primary peak and not in the height of the secondary low energy peak. The agreement on the height of the low-energy peak in and of itself demonstrates the viability of the TOF method used in this experiment and negates a claim of a low-energy tail in our data. The disagreement could quite possibly be due to over subtraction of ^{18}N contamination in the TRIUMF data.

In the case of β -delayed α -particle emission of ^{16}N the R-matrix fit includes an additional partial wave, the f -wave,

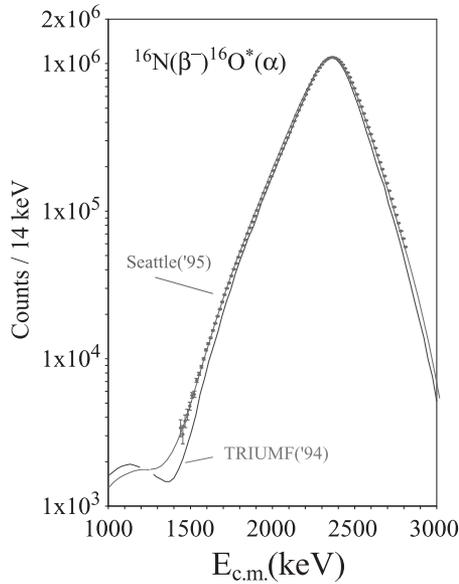


FIG. 7. TRIUMF and Seattle R-matrix fitted curves [13,16] compared with the Mainz data [9–12].

that affects the ^{16}N results, while not playing any role in the astrophysical $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction. The f -wave component is determined primarily through the depth of the interference minimum around 1.4 MeV, which is also dependent on the width of the primary peak. The disagreement in the region of the interference minimum around 1.4 MeV is sufficient

to change the f -wave component and leads to imprecise determination of the p -wave contribution to the ^{16}N spectrum.

V. CONCLUSION

We report on our improved measurement of the β -delayed α -particle emission of ^{16}N with results that are in agreement with the old Mainz data and the new unpublished Seattle data but in disagreement with the TRIUMF data. The disagreements are entirely caused by differences in the width of primary peak and the depth of the interference minimum. Without precise knowledge of this minimum, the f -wave component cannot be determined with high accuracy and the corresponding p -wave spectrum cannot be extracted with high precision.

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APPENDIX

We include numerical values of other measured β -delayed α -particle emission data sets:

TABLE A.I. Mainz(71) data set [9–12] with β background subtracted.

| $E_{c.m.}$ | cts./14 keV | $E_{c.m.}$ | cts./14 keV | $E_{c.m.}$ | cts./14 keV | $E_{c.m.}$ | cts./14 keV |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| 1440 | 3405(450) | 1793 | 48833(221) | 2146 | 444856(667) | 2499 | 682050(826) |
| 1454 | 3077(433) | 1807 | 53503(231) | 2160 | 483692(695) | 2514 | 620224(788) |
| 1468 | 4188(346) | 1821 | 58701(242) | 2174 | 526321(725) | 2528 | 563602(751) |
| 1482 | 4188(346) | 1835 | 64079(253) | 2189 | 571892(756) | 2542 | 510728(715) |
| 1496 | 4772(303) | 1849 | 70676(266) | 2203 | 618339(786) | 2556 | 459941(678) |
| 1510 | 5642(256) | 1863 | 77366(278) | 2217 | 670463(819) | 2570 | 413566(643) |
| 1524 | 5747(266) | 1878 | 84753(291) | 2231 | 724409(851) | 2584 | 371361(609) |
| 1538 | 7140(213) | 1892 | 92990(305) | 2245 | 780412(883) | 2598 | 333038(577) |
| 1553 | 7894(207) | 1906 | 101301(318) | 2259 | 835509(914) | 2613 | 299558(547) |
| 1567 | 8809(187) | 1920 | 110729(333) | 2273 | 887989(942) | 2627 | 268149(518) |
| 1581 | 9956(177) | 1934 | 120862(348) | 2287 | 940716(970) | 2641 | 240195(490) |
| 1595 | 11465(166) | 1948 | 133076(365) | 2302 | 990074(995) | 2655 | 214700(463) |
| 1609 | 12659(163) | 1962 | 144569(380) | 2316 | 1035270(1017) | 2669 | 192662(439) |
| 1623 | 13843(165) | 1977 | 157468(397) | 2330 | 1067060(1033) | 2683 | 173030(416) |
| 1637 | 15536(164) | 1991 | 171864(415) | 2344 | 1093030(1045) | 2697 | 154921(394) |
| 1651 | 17367(166) | 2005 | 188071(434) | 2358 | 1102330(1050) | 2711 | 137601(371) |
| 1666 | 19393(167) | 2019 | 204918(452) | 2372 | 1103420(1050) | 2726 | 121153(348) |
| 1680 | 21678(172) | 2033 | 223316(473) | 2386 | 1090340(1044) | 2740 | 106848(327) |
| 1694 | 24254(177) | 2047 | 243641(494) | 2401 | 1065430(1032) | 2754 | 94373(307) |
| 1708 | 27143(184) | 2061 | 264433(514) | 2415 | 1027410(1014) | 2768 | 83053(288) |
| 1722 | 30005(185) | 2075 | 289202(538) | 2429 | 983372(992) | 2782 | 73408(271) |
| 1736 | 32645(195) | 2090 | 314792(561) | 2443 | 928649(964) | 2796 | 65206(255) |
| 1750 | 36425(191) | 2104 | 342694(585) | 2457 | 869743(933) | 2810 | 57211(239) |
| 1765 | 40454(201) | 2118 | 374401(612) | 2471 | 808732(899) | | |
| 1779 | 44290(210) | 2132 | 407842(639) | 2485 | 743730(862) | | |

TABLE A.II. Seattle(95) data set [16] as listed (by permission) in Ref. [18].

| $E_{c.m.}$ | cts./27 keV |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 835 | 8(3) | 1454 | 25(5) | 2073 | 2141(46) | 2691 | 1142(34) |
| 868 | 13(4) | 1486 | 28(5) | 2105 | 2706(52) | 2724 | 821(29) |
| 900 | 16(4) | 1519 | 55(7) | 2138 | 3214(57) | 2757 | 643(25) |
| 933 | 10(3) | 1551 | 68(8) | 2170 | 3964(63) | 2789 | 466(22) |
| 965 | 12(3) | 1584 | 64(8) | 2203 | 4801(69) | 2822 | 395(20) |
| 998 | 11(3) | 1617 | 111(11) | 2235 | 5681(75) | 2854 | 256(16) |
| 1030 | 13(4) | 1649 | 120(11) | 2268 | 6533(81) | 2887 | 188(14) |
| 1063 | 12(3) | 1682 | 161(13) | 2301 | 7348(86) | 2919 | 118(11) |
| 1096 | 20(4) | 1714 | 232(15) | 2333 | 7870(89) | 2952 | 111(11) |
| 1128 | 10(3) | 1747 | 236(15) | 2366 | 8056(90) | 2985 | 72(8) |
| 1161 | 21(5) | 1779 | 352(19) | 2398 | 7777(88) | 3017 | 43(7) |
| 1193 | 7(3) | 1812 | 392(20) | 2431 | 7083(84) | 3050 | 34(6) |
| 1226 | 16(4) | 1845 | 546(23) | 2463 | 6000(78) | 3082 | 17(4) |
| 1258 | 13(4) | 1877 | 675(26) | 2496 | 4851(70) | 3115 | 10(3) |
| 1291 | 9(3) | 1910 | 862(29) | 2529 | 4038(64) | 3147 | 6(2) |
| 1323 | 15(4) | 1942 | 979(31) | 2561 | 3180(56) | 3180 | 1(1) |
| 1356 | 14(4) | 1975 | 1241(35) | 2594 | 2430(49) | 3212 | 0(1) |
| 1389 | 17(4) | 2007 | 1468(38) | 2627 | 1894(44) | 3245 | 1(1) |
| 1421 | 16(4) | 2040 | 1753(42) | 2659 | 1503(39) | | |

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