

# Study of <sup>22</sup>Ne(<sup>6</sup>Li,t)<sup>25</sup>Mg three particle transfer reaction using TIARA and MDM spectrometer

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## Why?

- <sup>6</sup>Li known to have <sup>3</sup>He + <sup>3</sup>H and <sup>4</sup>He + *d* clustering properties
  - (<sup>6</sup>Li,*t*) reaction could be powerful tool to study nuclear physics
    - <sup>3</sup>He clustering states of some nuclei
  - three particle transfer reaction mechanism not studied well
    - <sup>22</sup>Ne(<sup>6</sup>Li,t)<sup>25</sup>Mg in inverse kinematics never been studied before







## Set-Up

- Transfer and Inelastic scattering All-angle Reaction Array (TIARA)
  - Si (segmented) and Ge detectors
- Multipole-Dipole-Multipole (MDM)
- Oxford detector
  - isobutane (35 Torr)
  - wire chamber (micromegas)







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#### How?

- look at coincidences using MDM spectrometer, Si, and Ge detectors
  - measurements of t energy and scattering angles to get <sup>25</sup>Mg excitation energy
- various gates on variables such as Delta E - E and x-position
  - extract Mg
  - extract <sup>25</sup>Mg
  - extract (<sup>6</sup>Li, *t*) direct reaction
  - obtained <sup>25</sup>Mg excitation spectrum from <sup>22</sup>Ne(<sup>6</sup>Li,t)<sup>25</sup>Mg



Left: Segmented backward annular detector (HYBALL). Right: Barrel.





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#### Conclusion

- observed strong selectivity of (<sup>6</sup>Li,t) three particle transfer reaction in <sup>22</sup>Ne(<sup>6</sup>Li,t)<sup>25</sup>Mg experiments
  - negative parity states are strongly populated
  - spectroscopic factor is observed for 3.4 MeV state (= 0.22 +- 0.04)

## What's Next?

- finalize determining spectroscopic factors
  - other high energy states
  - error analysis
- compare to shell model theory calculations



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#### Normalization

#### ELab vs. ThetaLab



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#### **Oxford Detector**







#### Multipole-Dipole-Multipole Spectrometer (MDM)

