Astrophysical 26Si(a,p)29P nuclear reaction rate study

X-ray bursts are interesting astrophysical phenomena that occur in binary star systems of neutron stars and companion stars. As the results of the X-ray bursts, the heavy elements up to the Sn-Te region can be synthesized within only a few seconds. The ${}^{26}\text{Si}(\alpha,p){}^{29}\text{P}$ nuclear reaction rate plays a crucial role in understanding the X-ray burst phenomena, since the reaction rate significantly affects the X-ray light curves and the abundances of heavy nuclei. To estimate the reaction rate at stellar temperatures, the ${}^{26}\text{Si} + \alpha$ scattering experiment was performed at Center for the Nuclear Study Radioactive Ion Beam Separator (CRIB) of the University of Tokyo. The 26Si radioactive ion beam was produced through the ${}^{3}\text{He}({}^{24}\text{Mg},{}^{26}\text{Si})n$ reaction by In-flight method. The wide energy range in ${}^{30}\text{S}$ was investigated by adopting the thick target method. The ${}^{26}\text{Si}$ radioactive ion beams were monitored by two PPACs. The recoiling α particles were detected by silicon detector telescope. The detail of experiment will be discussed.

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