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The ¹³C(α, n)¹⁶O reaction and the effect of $1/2^+$ threshold level on its astrophysical *S*-factor¹ FNU SHUBHCHINTAK, Texas AM University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas 75429, A. M. MUKHAMEDZHANOV, Cyclotron Institute, Texas AM University, College Station, Texas 77843, C. A. BERTULANI, Texas AM University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas 75429 — The ¹³C(α, n)¹⁶O reaction is a neutron generator in asymptotic giant branch stars and is considered as the main source of neutrons for the *s*-process. However, there are controversies about its *S*-factor at astrophysical relevant energies (around 140-230 keV) where it is controlled by the $1/2^+$ (6.356 MeV) threshold level. In this context, using *R*-matrix based formalism of Trojan Horse (TH) mechanism we will present our calculations of astrophysical *S*-factor to reanalyze the recent TH data using both assumptions that the threshold level is a subthreshold bound state or a resonance state.

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