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Absolute measurement of the ${}^7\text{Be}(p,g){}^8\text{B}$ cross section with the recoil separator ERNA

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${}^7\text{Be}(p,g){}^8\text{B}$ still represents one of the major uncertainties on the predicted high energy component of solar neutrino flux and it has also a direct impact on the ${}^7\text{Li}$ abundance after the Big Bang Nucleosynthesis. Previous experiments producing data with useful precision were performed in direct kinematics, using an intense proton beam on a radioactive ${}^7\text{Be}$ target. The complicated target stoichiometry and the deterioration under beam bombardment might possibly be the origin of the discrepancies observed between the results of different measurements. Inverse kinematics, i.e. a ${}^7\text{Be}$ ion beam and a hydrogen target, would shed light on systematic effects. Unfortunately, efforts attempted so far were limited by the low ${}^7\text{Be}$ beam intensity. We present here a new experiment, exploiting a high intensity ${}^7\text{Be}$ beam in combination with a windowless gas target and the recoil mass separator ERNA (European Recoil mass separator for Nuclear Astrophysics) at CIRCE (Center for Isotopic Research on Cultural and Environmental heritage), Caserta, Italy. Aim of the experiment is the measurement of the total reaction cross section by means of the direct detection of the ${}^8\text{B}$ recoils. The experimental setup as well as results and their astrophysical impact will be illustrated.

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