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This contribution presents the production and the characterization of ${}^7\text{Be}$ targets used for the measurement of the ${}^7\text{Be}(n, \alpha){}^4\text{He}$ and the ${}^7\text{Be}(n, p){}^7\text{Li}$ cross sections in the energy range of interest for the Big-Bang nucleosynthesis.

In particular, two targets of 25 GBq and one of 4 GBq of ${}^7\text{Be}$ were produced via molecular plating and via droplets deposition at PSI-Switzerland. These targets were used for the measurements of the ${}^7\text{Be}(n, \alpha){}^4\text{He}$ cross section at n_TOF – CERN – Switzerland and at SARA – Israel facilities. The thickness and the uniformity of the obtained targets were characterized by measuring the energy dependence of the cross sections with the spectroscopic simulation program (AASI).

One target, used to measure the ${}^7\text{Be}(n, p){}^7\text{Li}$ cross section at n_TOF – CERN facility, was obtained via implantation of ${}^7\text{Li}$ ions. The activity in the target and its spatial distribution were measured at PSI-Switzerland.

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