The impact of nuclear physics on the UHECR and neutrino production

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The Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECRs) interact with the photon fields of the sources in which they are produced and with the background photons of the extra-galactic space. We show\cite{1} the experimental situation on photo-nuclear cross section data and demonstrate that the available measurements are sparse in the relevant mass range for the UHECRs. Moreover, the theoretical models that describe the photo-nuclear interactions show differences with respect to the available measurements. We also discuss the impact of different photo-nuclear models in the emitted cosmic-ray nuclei and neutrinos from candidate sources. We also emphasize the need of new inputs from nuclear physics in order to reduce the current uncertainties.

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\cite{1} D. Boncioli, A. Fedynitch, W. Winter, Scientific Reports 7, Art. No. 4882 (2017)