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Asymptotic giant branch stars (AGB) represent an important phase in stellar evolution, because of the important physical processes involved in describing their internal structure and evolution. About half of the heavy elements beyond iron were produced during their peculiar evolutionary phases. Furthermore, the diversity of the nuclear processes determining the nucleosynthesis in these stars have initiated experimental activities to measure relevant reaction rates needed to determine the nuclear energy production and nucleosynthesis. The present contribution is primarily aimed at appreciating the effort and contribution of Prof. Maruzio Busso and collaborators that helped developing this exciting subject in astrophysics. After a short description of the basic characteristics of the AGB stars, a list of essential nucleosyntheses processes will be highlighted.

Session

Stellar nucleosynthesis

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