Reazioni di cattura su elementi leggeri

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OUTLOOK

- ${}^{16}O(n,\gamma){}^{17}O$, weak s process, r-process
- ${}^{10}Be(n,\gamma){}^{11}Be, r-process$
- ¹¹B(n, γ)¹²B, r-process, connection to ⁸Li(α ,n)¹¹B cross section puzzle

r-PROCESS NUCLEOSYNTHESIS

- The exact site of r-process is still unconfirmed however due to the conditions necessary: high neutron density, high temperature
- Supernovae, collapsars and neutron-star mergers are the viable candidate astrophysical sites for the r-process elements

T. Kajino, W. Aoki, A.B. Balantekin, R. Diehl, M.A. Famiano, G. J. Mathews, Current status of r -process nucleosynthesis, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 107 (2019) 109



Solar-system isotopic r-process abundance pattern. Observation (black dots) vs. theoretical calculation which consists of the r-process in magneto hydrodynamic jet supernova model (blue), neutrino-heated supernova model (green), binary neutron-star merger model (red) and total sum (black).

The "universality" of r-process abundances (elemental abundances in many metal-poor stars with a pattern similar to that of the solar system r-process distribution) is quite naturally explained by supernova r-process.

Shibagaki, T. Kajino, G. J. Mathews, S. Chiba, S. Nishimura, and G. Lorusso Relative contribution of the weak, main and fission-recycling r-process, Astrophys. J 816 (2016) 79

Though the importance of neutron-star mergers has been recently questioned to be the source of early Galaxy r-process, however they can contribute, with a delay by cosmological time scale of about ~100 My with respect to SN, to the solar system r-process "isotopic" pattern.

Yuta Yamazaki, Toshitaka Kajino, Grant J. Mathews, Xiaodong Tang, Jianrong Shi, Michael A. Famiano

Contribution of collapsars, supernovae, and neutron star mergers to the evolution of r-process elements in the Galaxy arXiv:2102.05891

Sensitivity of r-process nucleosynthesis to the light mass nuclear reactions

Kyungil Kim, Toshitaka Kajino, Shota Shibagaki, Youngman Kim, CENuM-RULiC Workshop, Nov. 1, 2019



¹⁶O(n, γ)¹⁷O reaction

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Nuclear Structures of ¹⁷O and Time-dependent Sensitivity of the Weak *s*-process to the ${}^{16}O(n,\gamma){}^{17}O$ Rate

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¹⁶O(n, γ)¹⁷O reaction



¹⁰Be(n, γ)¹¹Be reaction

Neutron reactions ...

Coulomb dissociation of ¹¹Be: results

The ground-state of ¹¹Be has a dominant configuration of type $|^{10}\text{Be}(0^+)\otimes 2s_{1/2}; J^{\pi} = 1/2^+\rangle$. The Coulomb dissociation process proceeds through a direct E1 transition with strength proportional to

 $|\langle \psi_c(l=1)_{1/2^-,3/2^-}||\hat{E}1||\phi_b(l=0)_{1/2^+}\rangle|^2$



CERN-Geneve, October 1999

Neutron reactions ...

Neutron capture cross section by $^{10}\mathrm{Be}$: a proposal

- Motivation 1: establish the E1 strength regardless of the reaction mechanism
- \bullet Motivation 2: measure the E1 strength leading to the 1st excited state in $^{11}\mathrm{Be}$
- Motivation 3: application to astrophysics (reaction rate needed for primordial nucleosynthesis estimation)
- ${}^{10}\mathrm{Be}$ half-life: 1.6×10^6 yr
- ground state transition: $p \rightarrow s$ (E1)
- 1st excited state transition: $s \rightarrow p$ (E1)



CERN-Geneve, October 1999

Courtesy of A. Mengoni



¹⁰Be(n,γ)¹¹Be reaction

Total cross-sections of the $^{10}Be(n,\gamma)^{11}Be$ radiative capture



-black points represent data from Mengoni et al. 1996 (CD) -solid blue line represents calculation from Dubovichenko 2019 -the dotted black line shows the cross sections of the transition to the 1st excited state

Nuclear structure investigation: 2α +3n, ⁸Be+3n, ⁹Be+2n





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Influence of resonances on the ${}^{11}B(n,\gamma){}^{12}B$ capture reaction rate. Capture to the ground state of ${}^{12}B$

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¹¹B(n,γ)¹²B reaction

Total cross-sections of the ${}^{11}B(n,\gamma){}^{12}B$ radiative capture



STATE OF THE ART OF ⁸Li(α , n)¹¹B EXPERIMENTAL DATA

The source of the discrepancy between the **exclusive** (obtained by measuring in coincidence both the neutron and ¹¹B ejectiles) and **inclusive** data (measuring just the *n*channel or the ¹¹B) is unclear and represents a really open question.

INVERSE REACTION : $n(^{11}B, ^{8}Li)\alpha$

T. Paradellis et al., Z. Phys. A 337 (1990) 211

INCLUSIVE MEASUREMENT: 11B

R. N. Boyd, Phys. Rev. Lett.68, 1283 (1992) X. Gu et al., Phys. Lett. B 343, 31 (1995)

EXLUSIVE MEASUREMENT : n + ¹¹B

Y. Mizoi et al., Phys. Rev. C 62, 065801 (2000) H. Ishiyama et al., Phys. Lett. B640, 82 (2006) S. K. Das et al., Phys. Rev. C 95, 055805 (2017)

INCLUSIVE MEASUREMENT: n

S. Cherubini et al., Euro. Phys. J. A 20, 355 (2004) M. La Cognata et al., Phys. Lett. B 664, 157 (2008)

NEW INCLUSIVE (11B) MEASUREMENT with ACTAR 800 700 600 500 (qm) 400 b 300 200 100 00

das

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Proposed set-up for a global picture of ¹²B

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lpha - channel

n, n' (elastic and inelastic scattering →backward angles and energy detection with tof)

Plastic little

direct γ capture



Conclusions

- ¹⁶O(n, γ)¹⁷O, stable target and ejectile, recent measurement in 2020
- ¹⁰Be(n, γ)¹¹Be, radioactive target and ejectile, low energy gammas
- ¹¹B(n,γ)¹²B, stable target to be enriched in ¹¹B, radioactive ejectile, multichannels experiment to study ¹¹B and ¹²B properties