

THE 26AL PRODUCTION IN MASSIVE STARS

The synthesis occurring in stars of the radioactive nuclide 26Al, characterized by a half-life of 0.72Myr, plays a pivotal role in enhancing our comprehension of the genesis of our solar system and the evolution of stars and galaxies, and is a subject of interest in both gamma-ray astrophysics and cosmochemistry. Massive stars (and their death as core-collapse supernovae) are the considered the principal site of production for 26Al, contributing to approximately 70% of the observed live 26Al in the Milky Way. In this talk, I will overview the main production channels of this peculiar nuclear species, discussing the impact of reaction rates, of stellar properties such as rotation and initial mass, and of the core-collapse supernova explosion on the 26Al nucleosynthesis.

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