



AGB star nucleosynthesis: when new data from nuclear physics help to solve puzzles

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+ Low mass star contribution to the chemical evolution of galaxies



 50% of nuclei are produce by low mass stars.



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The lower is the mass, the larger is the number of stars





IRC+10216 C-star is the brightest object on the sky at at mid infrared

+ Grains & challenges from RGB & AGB stars





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+ Reaction rates from determined by THM



ωγ (eV)	THM	Chafa et al. 2007	NACRE
65 keV	$3.4 \pm 0.6 \ 10^{-6}$	4.7±0.8·10 ⁻⁹	5.5 ^{+1.8} -1.0 ·10 ⁻⁹
183 keV	1.16 ± 0.1 10 ⁻³	$1.66 \pm 0.1 \ 10^{-3}$	5.8 ^{+5.2} -5.8 ·10 ⁻⁵

ωγ (eV)	ТНМ	NACRE
20 keV	8.3 +3.8 -2.6 10-19	6 ⁺¹⁷ ₋₅ 10 ⁻¹⁹
90 keV	$1.8 \pm 0.3 \ 10^{-7}$	$1.6 \pm 0.5 \ 10^{-7}$



+ ¹⁸O(p, α)¹⁵N and the challenging Nitrogen isotopic ratio in SiC grains





+ ¹⁷O+p reaction rates and Oxide grains





- Low mass RGB stars (M_{\star} <2 M_{\odot}) are progenitor of group 1 grains
- Extra-mixing in AGB stars account for isotopic composition of Group 2 oxide grains

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- Mass range of stellar progenitors of group 2 oxide grains is $1M_{\odot} < M_{\star} < 1.2M_{\odot}$
- Group 2 grains might be divided in 2 subgroups because of the progenitor mass

+ Aluminum isotopic ratio: a possible solution from nuclear physics?





How to reach ²⁶Al/²⁷Al>0.02 shown by part of group 2 grains?

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- The measurement of
 ²⁵Mg(p, γ)²⁶Al excludes that a solution coming from nuclear data (Strieder et al. 2012)
- Extra-mixing Convective

envelope

H-burning shell

What about the mixing profile?







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A new estimation of ⁷Be life-time in Stellar Conditions Li

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Solar fusion cross sections. II. The pp chain and CNO cycles

E.G. Adelberger, A. García, R.G. Hamish Robertson, and K.A. Snover

$$R(^{7}\text{Be} + e^{-}) = 5.60(1 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-9} (\rho/\mu_{e}) \times T_{6}^{-1/2} [1 + 0.004(T_{6} - 16)] \text{ s}^{-1}, \qquad (40)$$

valid for $10 < T_6 < 16$, is identical to Eq. (26) of Solar Fusion I. Here ρ is the density in units of g/cm³, T₆ is the

The Poisson–Boltzmann approach (the other "classical" one) does not hold outside the conditions of the solar nucleus. In particular, at lower temperatures and densities, where a large part of the Li production occurs (because the competing proton captures on ⁷Be become ineffective)

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THEORETICAL ESTIMATES OF STELLAR e⁻ CAPTURES. I. THE HALF-LIFE OF ⁷Be IN EVOLVED STARS

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Sun:

RGB & AGB:

 $T = 5 \times 10^7 - 2 \times 10^6 K$

 $\rho = 0.01 - 100 \text{ g/cm}^3$

 $T = 1.57 \times 10^7 K$

 $\rho = 160 \text{ g/cm}^3$

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In nuclear astrophysics

- Sometimes solutions come from nuclei (¹⁷O/¹⁶O in grains)
- Sometimes solutions come from stars (²⁶Al/²⁷Al in grains)
- Other times we do not know yet (¹⁴N/¹⁵N in grains and the Li problem)
- In any case it is necessary to collaborate



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THANK YOU!