

RIB in experimental Nuclear Astrophysics

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1. What is nuclear astrophysics?

Why stars shine?

What are the stars made of?

Are stars moving or changing?





1 - Source of stellar energy: gravitational

• The virial theorem describes enegetically the gravitational contraction:

 $K = -1/2 U_g$

K internal energy Ug= gravitational potential energy

For the Sun:

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\begin{split} &U_g \sim 3G \ M^2 / (5R) \ \sim 4 \cdot 10^{-10} \ (2 \cdot 10^{30})^2 \, / \, (7 \cdot 10^8) \, J \sim \ 2 \cdot 10^{42} \, J \\ &L \sim 1.3 \cdot 10^3 \, 4\pi / DW \sim 3.8 \cdot 10^{26} \, J / s \\ &U_g / (2L) \sim 2.5 \, \cdot 10^{15} \, s \sim 30 \, My \, (Kelvin-Helmholtz) \end{split}
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So, gravitation can account for a lifetime of the order of 10 My, consistent with the (wrong) estimate of Earth's age (Lord Kelvin's estimate)





Credit: http://chandra.harvard.edu/graphics/edu/formal/variable_stars/HR_diagram.jpg

Luminosity mass relation in MS



V. Castellani "Astrofisica stellare" Zanichelli, 1985



Stellar quiescent burning

hydrostatic equilibrium

heat transport

mass continuity

energy conservation



The Sources of Stellar Energy.

WHENCE comes the store of energy which is continually radiated into space by the Sun and stars? The answer usually given is that by the gradual shrinkage of the star great quantities of gravitational energy are converted into heat, which replaces the

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2. Source of stellar energy: nuclear

• Nuclear binding energy per nucleon is BE~ 8MeV

 $U_n = 1.9 \cdot 10^{30} / 1.6 \cdot 10^{-27} 8 1.6 \cdot 10^{-13} J \sim 1.5 \cdot 10^{45} J$

 $U_n/L \sim 100 \text{ Gy}$

But kT<< U_c

 $U_c = 1.44 Z_1 Z_2 / (R_1 + R_2 + R_n) MeV \sim Z_1 Z_2 / (A_1^{1/3} + A_2^{1/3}) MeV$

p+p in the Sun

 $U_c \sim 0.7 \text{ MeV}$ kT ~ 8.6 10⁻⁵ 1 10⁷ eV ~ 1 keV



Zur Quantentheorie des Atomkernes.

Von G. Gamow, z. Zt. in Göttingen.

Mit 5 Abbildungen. (Eingegangen am 2. August 1928.)

Es wird der Versuch gemacht, die Prozesse der α-Ausstrahlung auf Grund d Wellenmechanik näher zu untersuchen und den experimentell festgestellten Z sammenhang zwischen Zerfallskonstante und Energie der α-Partikel theoretisch : erhalten.





PHYSICAL REVIEW

Energy Production in Stars*

H. A. BETHE Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (Received September 7, 1938)

§6. TRIPLE COLLISIONS OF ALPHA-PARTICLES

In the preceding section, we have shown that collisions with protons alone lead practically always to the formation of α -particles. In order that heavier nuclei be formed, use must therefore certainly be made of the α -particles themselves. However, collisions of an α -particle with one other particle, proton or alpha, do not lead to stable nuclei. Therefore we must assume triple collisions, of which three types are conceivable:

$$He^4 + 2H = Be^6, \tag{31}$$

$$2He^4 + H = B^9$$
, (32)

$$3\text{He}^4 = C^{12}$$
. (33)

The considerations of the last two sections show that there is no way in which nuclei heavier than helium can be produced permanently in the interior of stars under present conditions.

Mass gap A=5, 8





Edwin Hubble PNAS 1929;15:168-173



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FIG. 5.—The velocity-distance relation. The circles represent mean values for clusters or groups of nebulae. The dots near the origin represent individual nebulae, which, together with the groups indicated by the lowest two circles, were used in the first formulation of the velocity-distance relation.

Hubble's law (1929)

$$Mpc=3.1 \ 10^{19} \text{ km}$$
 $H^{-1}=13.8 \text{ Gy}$

V=Hd con H=71±7 km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis



200

250

But there was no way to ovecome the gap at A=5, 8



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Synthesis of the Elements in Stars*

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but stellar nucleosynthesis alone cannot account for the abundances of light elements





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http://www.astro.ucla.edu/~wright/BBNS.html

Nuclear reactions in stars

X + a



if v is the relative velocity

 $Y = N_a N_X \sigma v$

since *v* has a distribution P(v)

$$Y = \int_0^\infty N_a N_X \sigma P(v) v dv = N_a N_X \langle \sigma v \rangle$$



P(*v*) -> Maxwell Boltzmann distribution

$$<\sigma v>=\left(\frac{8}{\pi\mu}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{1}{(kT)^{\frac{3}{2}}}\int_{0}^{\infty}\sigma(E)Eexp\left[-\frac{E}{kT}\right]dE$$

$$\begin{split} N_a N_X &< \sigma v >= Y \\ \frac{dN_X}{dt} = -\frac{N_a < \sigma v >}{Y} \cdot N_X = -\lambda_{X,a} N_x \\ \tau_{X,a} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{X,a}} \end{split}$$







Probability density



Same temperature but larger coulomb barrier





Same Coulomb barrier but higher temperature





Since σ is dominated by the penetrability of the coulomb barrier, it is usual to factorize it out and define the S factor

$$\sigma(\mathbf{E}) = \frac{\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{E})}{\mathbf{E}} \cdot P_s(E)$$

So, $E_0 = f(Z_1, Z_2, T)$: that is the reason for separate, subsequent burnings

$$Sun : T_6 = 15$$

Reaction	$E_0(keV)$	Integral
p+p	5.9	7 10-6
$^{4}\text{He}^{+12}\text{C}$	56	5.9 10 ⁻⁵⁶
¹⁶ O+ ¹⁶ O	237	2.5 10-237





CHAIN I	CHAIN II	CHAIN III	CHAIN IV
$Q_{eff} = 26.20 \text{ MeV}$	Q_{eff} = 25.66 MeV	Q_{eff} = 19.67 MeV	Q_{eff} = 16.84 MeV



Solar neutrino energy spectrum





HOT PROTON-PROTON CHAINS





M. Wiescher et al, ApJ 1989

Hydrogen burning at high temperature and metallicity





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Hot NeNa and MgAl cycles ($T_9 \sim 0.1$)



+ other paths (e.g. ²¹Na(p,γ)²²Mg, ²²Mg(p,γ) ²³Al, ²³Mg(p,γ) ²⁴Al ->²⁴Mg)



26Al Comptel-Integral/SPI



After Hydrogen exhaustion, core contracts and star expands



Helium burningT₉~0.1-0.3



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Triple-alpha process and the anthropically allowed values of the weak scale

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Stellar Production Rates of Carbon and Its Abundance in the Universe

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The bulk of the carbon in our universe is produced in the triple-alpha process in helium-burning red giant stars. We calculated the change of the triple-alpha reaction rate in a microscopic 12-nucleon model of the ¹²C nucleus and looked for the effects of minimal variations of the strengths of the underlying interactions. Stellar model calculations were performed with the alternative reaction rates. Here, we show that outside a narrow window of 0.5 and 4% of the values of the strong and Coulomb forces, respectively, the stellar production of carbon or oxygen is reduced by factors of 30 to 1000.



Advanced burnings







 $^{20}Ne+^{20}Ne->^{16}O+^{24}Mg$











http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/nucene/nucbin.html

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HST- NASA, ESA, "Crab Nebula" J. Hester and A. Loll (Arizona State University)



	Evolutionary Stage		
Stage	Core Temperature [K]	Core Density [kg/m ³]	Duration of Stage
Hydrogen burning	$4 imes 10^7$	5 × 10 ³	$7 imes 10^6$ years
Helium burning	$2 imes 10^8$	7×10^5	$7 imes 10^5$ years
Carbon burning	$6 imes 10^8$	$2 imes 10^8$	600 years
Neon burning	1.2×10^{9}	$4 imes 10^9$	1 year
Oxygen burning	1.5×10^{9}	10 ¹⁰	6 months
Silicon burning	2.7×10^{9}	$3 imes 10^{10}$	1 day
Core collapse	5.4×10^{9}	$3 imes 10^{12}$	3 second
Core bounce	2.3×10^{10}	4×10^{15}	milliseconds
Explosion (supernova)	~ 10 ⁹	varies	10 seconds

http://www.physics.byu.edu/faculty/christensen

s, r, and p processes

p process

 $i \in \mathcal{N}$

s pro	cess
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r process



s process

- low neutron density $\rho_n \sim 10^{7-8} \text{ n/cm}^3$
- seed from advanced burnings
- neutron sources in burning shells with dredge up : ${}^{12}C(p, \gamma){}^{13}N(\beta^+\nu){}^{13}C(\alpha, n){}^{16}O$
- $^{14}N(\alpha,\gamma)^{18}F (\beta^{+}\nu)^{18}O(\alpha,\gamma)^{22}Ne(\alpha,n)^{25}Mg$
- neutron traps, p.e.¹⁴N
- nucleosintesis close to the valley of stability up to A~208

 $\tau_n(A) > \tau_\beta(A)$



r-process

- high neutron density $\rho_n \,{\sim} 10^{20}\,n/cm^3$
- yields depend somwhat on seed nuclei fron advanced burning
- neutron sources: SNII, neutron-star mergers, neutrino-driven winds following core collapse
- $\tau_n(A) << \tau_\beta(A)$, except that at shell closures
- It stops for spontaneous or induced fission at $A \square \sim 260$

- Lot of exotic nuclear physics (halflives, masses, fusion barriers for neutron rich nuclei)

p and rp processes

- production of proton rich nuclei
- rp process via (p,γ) in hot cycles (CNO, NeNa, MgAl) in Novae

- r process via (γ ,n) at higher temperatures in SN1, SNII (halflives, masses)

Nucleosynthesis in the r-process





A key feature of r-process: nice movies

http://compact-merger.astro.su.se/movies.html

httpcompact-merger.astro.su.semovies.html.avi







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Nuclear reactions in the laboratory





Reaction yield





α particles in C SRIM calulation www.srim.org NOTE: σ depend on E, and E is not constant through the target





$$E(x) = E_0 - \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dE}{dx'} dx'$$

α particles in C SRIM calulation





$$Y = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} N_p \frac{n_t \sigma(E)}{F} F dx = \int_{E_1}^{E_0} N_p n_t \sigma(E) \frac{1}{\frac{dE}{dx}} dE$$

Case of a single resonance



E_r=1.4 MeV Γ=30 keV

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 ΔE_t =3 to 680 keV)



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resonant+not resonant





Effective energy for the cross section extracted from a yield There are 3 recipes found in the literature

1
$$\int_{E_0 - \Delta E}^{E_{eff}} \sigma(E) dE = \frac{1}{2} \int_{E_0 - \Delta E}^{E_0} \sigma(E) dE$$

$$2 \qquad E_{eff} = \frac{\int_{E_0 - \Delta E}^{E_0} \sigma(E) E dE}{\int_{E_0 - \Delta E}^{E_0} \sigma(E) dE}$$

$$3 \frac{N_r}{N_p N_t} = \frac{\int_{E_0 - \Delta E}^{E_0} \sigma(E) dE}{\Delta E} = \sigma_{eff}$$

$$\sigma(E_{eff}) = \sigma_{eff}$$













Experimental determination of reaction cross sections

Direct methods:

very low cross sections ->
measure outside Gamow window
cosmic radiation + nat. roombckg
Beam/target induced bckg

For RIB: low beam intensity

key improvements:

- Beams (obvious)
- Targets
- Detectors

-> low counting rates

-> extrapolation (reaction mechanism



Radiative captures reactions





Cosmic background Natural radioactivity



$^{12}C(^{4}He,\gamma)$ ^{16}O Stuttgart

•⁴He beam on ¹²C solid target •Targets: (low-energy) ion beam implantation •¹²C/¹³C separation of accelerated ions •Array of Ge detectors • Eurogam •Ge surrounded by BGO crystals (active shielding) •Compton suppression •Cosmic ray suppression beam Gialanella



Stuttgart-Eurogam



Stuttgart-Eurogam





Eγ [MeV]

M. Fey, PHD Thesis and Assuncao et al.



Laboratory for Underground Nuclear Astrophysics

LNGS (shielding = 4000 m w.e.)

LUNA 1 (1992-2001) 50 kV

> LUNA 2 (2000→...) 400 kV

LUNA collaboration

LUNA MV 2016->..

Radiation LNGS/surface

Muons Neutrons 10⁻⁶ 10⁻³



Ey[keV] courtesy LUNA collaboration

RMS : working principle



$$\begin{split} \mathbf{N}_{\text{recoils}} &= \mathbf{N}_{\text{projectiles}} \times \mathbf{n}_{\text{target}} \times \sigma \times \mathbf{T}_{\text{ERNA}} \times \Phi_{q} \times \varepsilon_{\text{part}} \\ \mathbf{N}_{\text{gamma}} &= \mathbf{N}_{\text{recoils}} \times \varepsilon_{\gamma} \end{split}$$



Recoil Separators basic principles

Angular and energy broadening by γ-ray emission

 $p_{\gamma} = E_{\gamma} / c$



Full angular broadening



-> ø52 mm after 1 m !

 $\vartheta_{\gamma} = 0^{\circ} / 180^{\circ}$

Full energy broadening





<u>Recoil Separators</u> basic separation principles



Combine to
$$\frac{m}{q}$$
 filtering

RMS for Nuclear Astrophysics













Next to come: SECAR at FRIB



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Small beam emittance


Angular acceptance along the gas target

Energy acceptance

Change beam energy





Why is acceptance so important? An example: ${}^{12}C(\alpha,\gamma){}^{16}O$ at $E_{cm}=1$ MeV

Required acceptance:27 mrad Actual acceptance: 24 mrad



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L. G. and D. Schuermann ENA VI - POS 2011

Angular acceptance - experimental





Energy acceptance - experimental



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Recoil detection and identificationz

Mass identification



 $\Delta E \cdot E \propto MZ^2$



 $\Delta t = L \ (m/2E)^{1/2}$



Recoil detection

Full acceptance

 $\frac{\text{Suppression}}{\text{Separator: } 10^{-10}\text{-}10^{-11}}$ $\text{Detector: } 10^{-3}\text{-}10^{-6}$









$^{3}\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma)^{7}\text{Be} - \gamma$ measurements



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 $^{3}\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma)^{7}\text{Be} - \gamma$ measurements



$$\begin{split} S_{17}(0) &= 20.8 \pm 0.7 (\mathrm{expt}) \pm 1.4 (\mathrm{theor}) ~\mathrm{eV} ~\mathrm{b}. \\ & \text{Adelberger et al } 2011 \end{split}$$



ERNA at CIRCE, Caserta, Italy

- High intensity ion beams
- Medium lived RIB
- Applied physics
- Basic research
- Service





⁷Be beam current vs time





Hydrogen gas target

Eur. Phys. J. A (2013) 49: 80





Hydrogen gas target profile

Eur. Phys. J. A (2013) 49: 80









⁷Be beam: 10⁹ p/s (up to 10¹⁰ p/s)

Five energies 600-800 KeV >10% statistics



Outlook

RIB are an essential tool in Nuclear Astrophysics:

- r-process: half lives, neutron capture far from stability, surrogate reactions
- explosive burnings (novae, supernovae Type I, Xray burst) p-rich nuclei, low energy

Key experimental issues are:

- beam intensity
- detection apparatuses

I did not present indirect methods, that provide very important information (e.g. Coulomb excitation, TMH, transfer reactions, and others)

A final remark: new large scale facilities for RIB are promisingly growing, but stable beams and small facilities are very important in this field.

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•Very important: all original works



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