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Spectroscopic Study of ${}^9\text{Be}(p, \gamma){}^{10}\text{B}$ at Astrophysical Conditions

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Prelude

- ❖ Capture rates are quantities of crucial importance in nuclear astrophysics and considerable attempts have been devoted in the last decades to calculate them.
- ❖ The ${}^9\text{Be}(p, \gamma){}^{10}\text{B}$ reaction is important for the determination of Lithium, Beryllium and Boron abundances and spectroscopic study of Boron.
- ❖ The reaction ${}^9\text{Be}(p, \gamma){}^{10}\text{B}$ is investigated within the energy range (0--0.6) MeV using the potential model.
- ❖ The total cross-section is taken as the sum of direct and resonance transitions.
- ❖ Based on the computed cross-section we calculate the capture rates within the selected range of temperature $T_9 = (0.006 - 1)^*$. Our model-based capture rates and cross-sections show a satisfactory agreement with the previously published results, specially towards high T_9 values.

* $T_9 = 10^9$ Kelvin



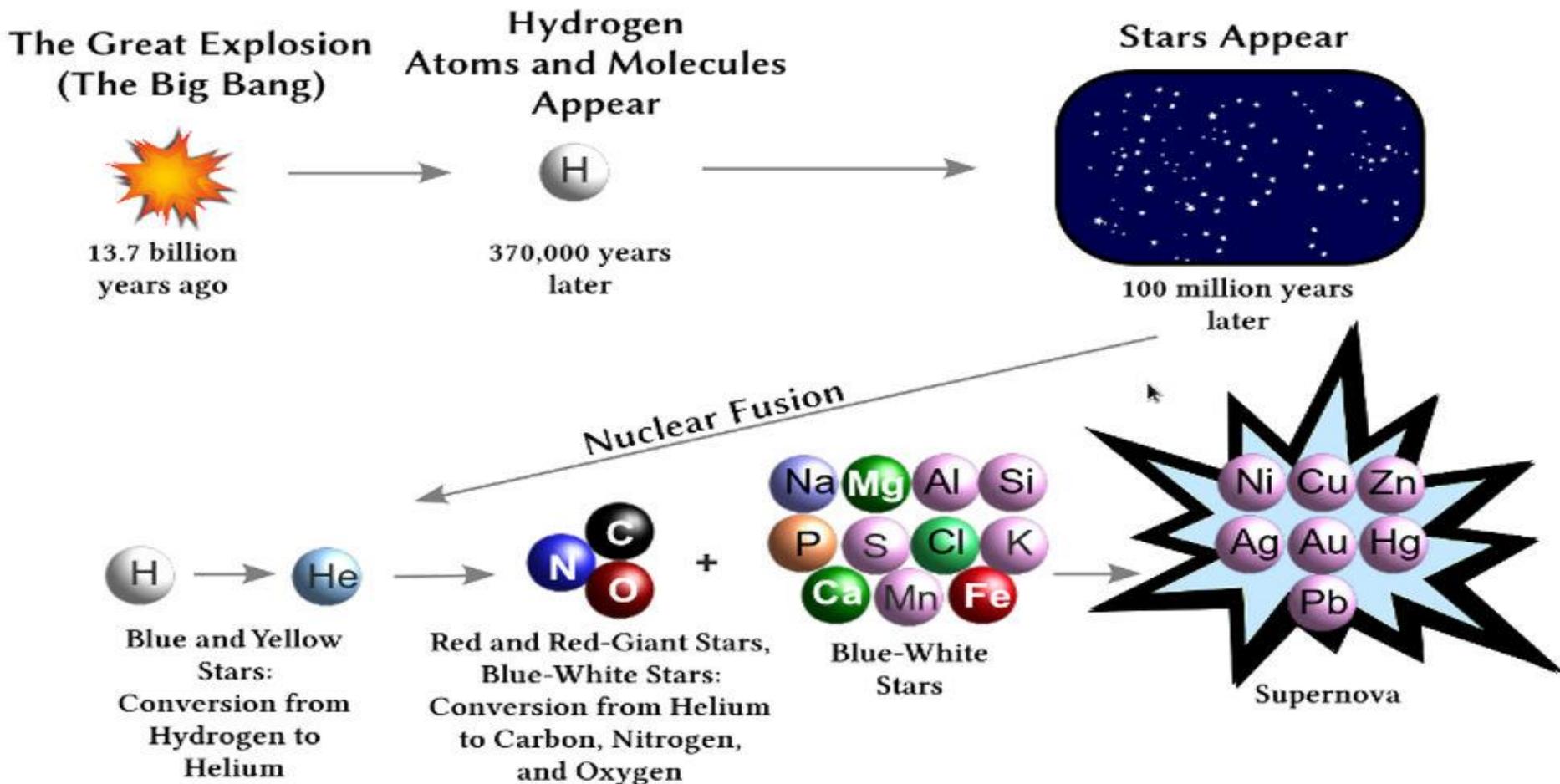
Background

□ There are at least three nucleosynthesis sites

- ✓ The Big Bang where Hydrogen and Helium were produced.
- ✓ Stars where all elements from Carbon to Uranium are synthesized.
- ✓ Interstellar medium in galaxies where Lithium (part of), Beryllium and Boron are made by non-thermal processes.

Background

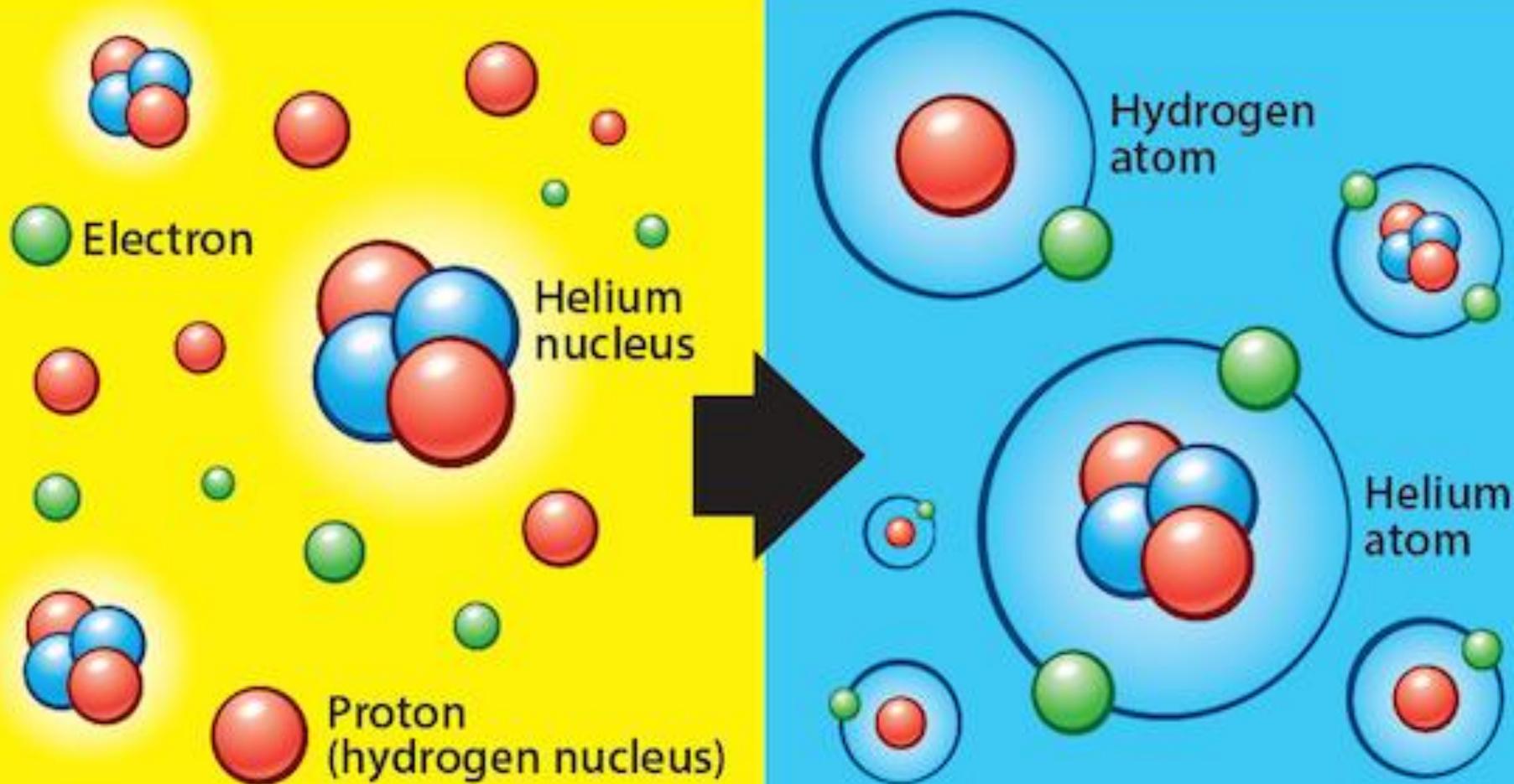
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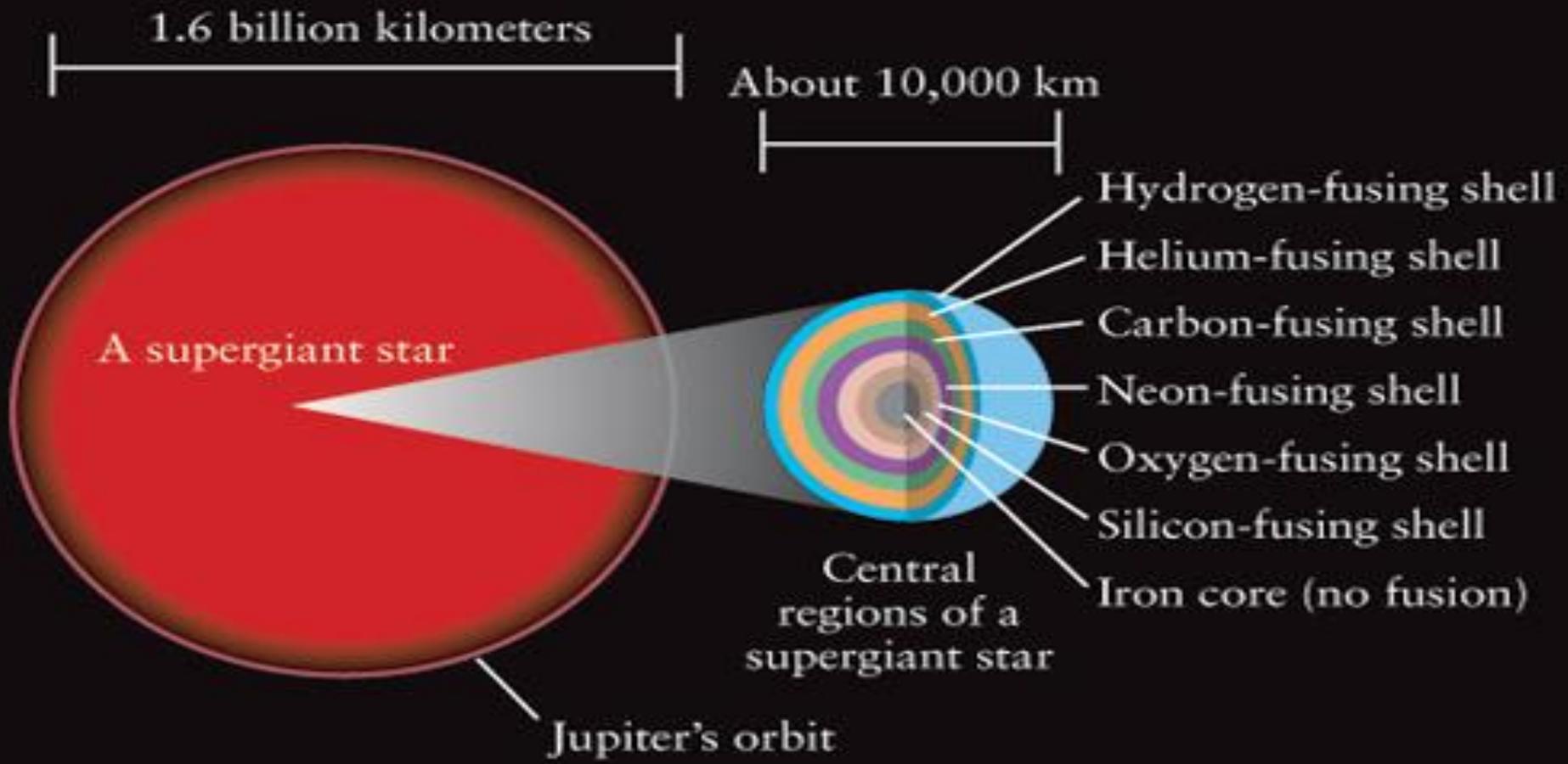


<https://astronomy.com/magazine/ask-astro/2018/12/the-first-element>



Background

Elements, all made in stars



https://sites.ualberta.ca/~pogosyan/teaching/ASTRO_122/lect18/lecture18.html



Background



Background

Elemental classification

B Big Bang	L Large stars	\$ Super-novae
C Cosmic rays	S Small stars	M Man-made

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Background

Lithium-Beryllium-Boron (LiBeB): Origin and Evolution

The origin and evolution of Lithium-Beryllium-Boron (LiBeB) is a crossing point between different astrophysical fields

- Galactic evolution and non-thermal nucleosynthesis
- Stellar nucleosynthesis

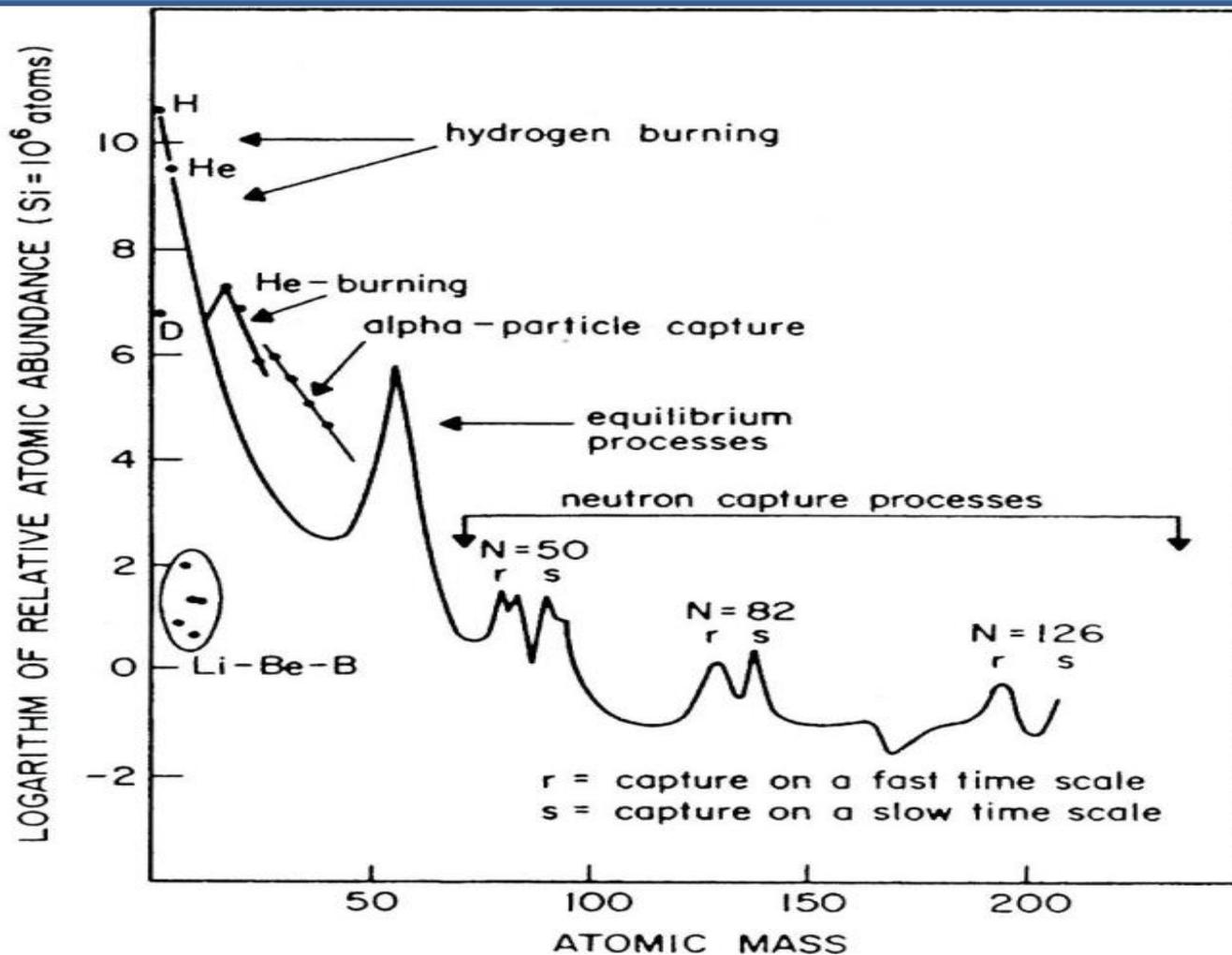
Light element nucleosynthesis is important in nuclear astrophysics.

Specifically, the fragile nuclei, LiBeB are not generated in the normal course of stellar nucleosynthesis. Except ${}^7\text{Li}$, LiBeB is destroyed in stellar interiors. This characteristic is reflected in the low abundance of these nuclei.



Background

(LiBeB) Abundance



C. Iliadis, *Nuclear physics of stars*. John Wiley & Sons, 2015.



Background

Lithium-Beryllium-Boron (LiBeB): Origin and Evolution

The isotopes of Lithium, ${}^6\text{Li}$ and ${}^7\text{Li}$, have a special nucleosynthetic status. However, their origins are quite different. The story of ${}^7\text{Li}$ is perhaps better-known, as this nuclide dominates by far the Li production in the Big Bang. Unlike ${}^7\text{Li}$, the less abundant ${}^6\text{Li}$ has long been recognized as a nucleosynthetic “orphan”.

- ❑ ${}^6\text{Li}$ is made neither in the Big Bang nor in stars
- ❑ The stellar thermonuclear processes destroy ${}^6\text{Li}$

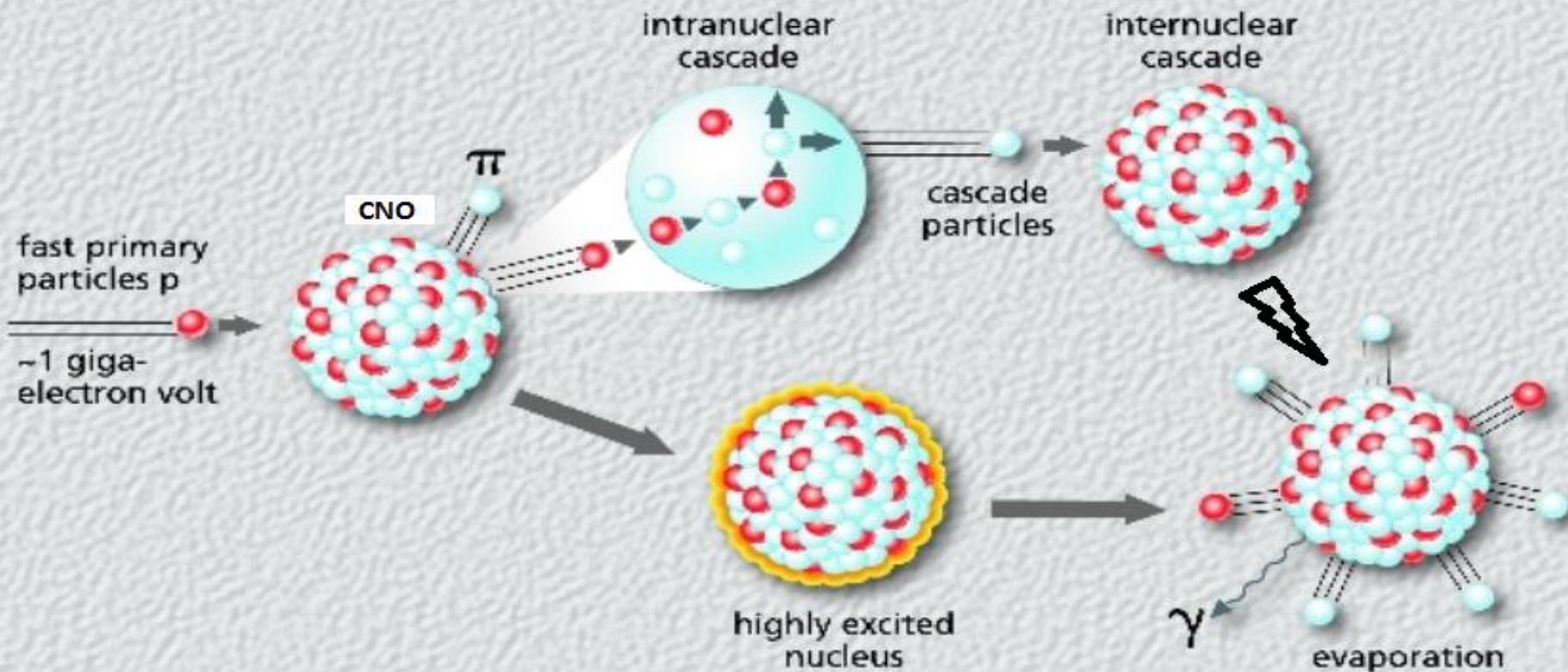
${}^6\text{Li}$, ${}^9\text{Be}$ and ${}^{10}\text{B}$ are pure spallative products. Be is very precious to astrophysics since it is one stable isotope. Among LiBeB, Li and B have two stable isotopes (${}^7\text{Li}$ and ${}^{10}\text{B}$).



Background

Nuclear Spallation: The high-energy nuclear reaction in which a target nucleus struck by an incident particle of energy greater than about 50 million electron volts (MeV) ejects numerous lighter particles and becomes a product nucleus correspondingly lighter than the original nucleus.

spallation

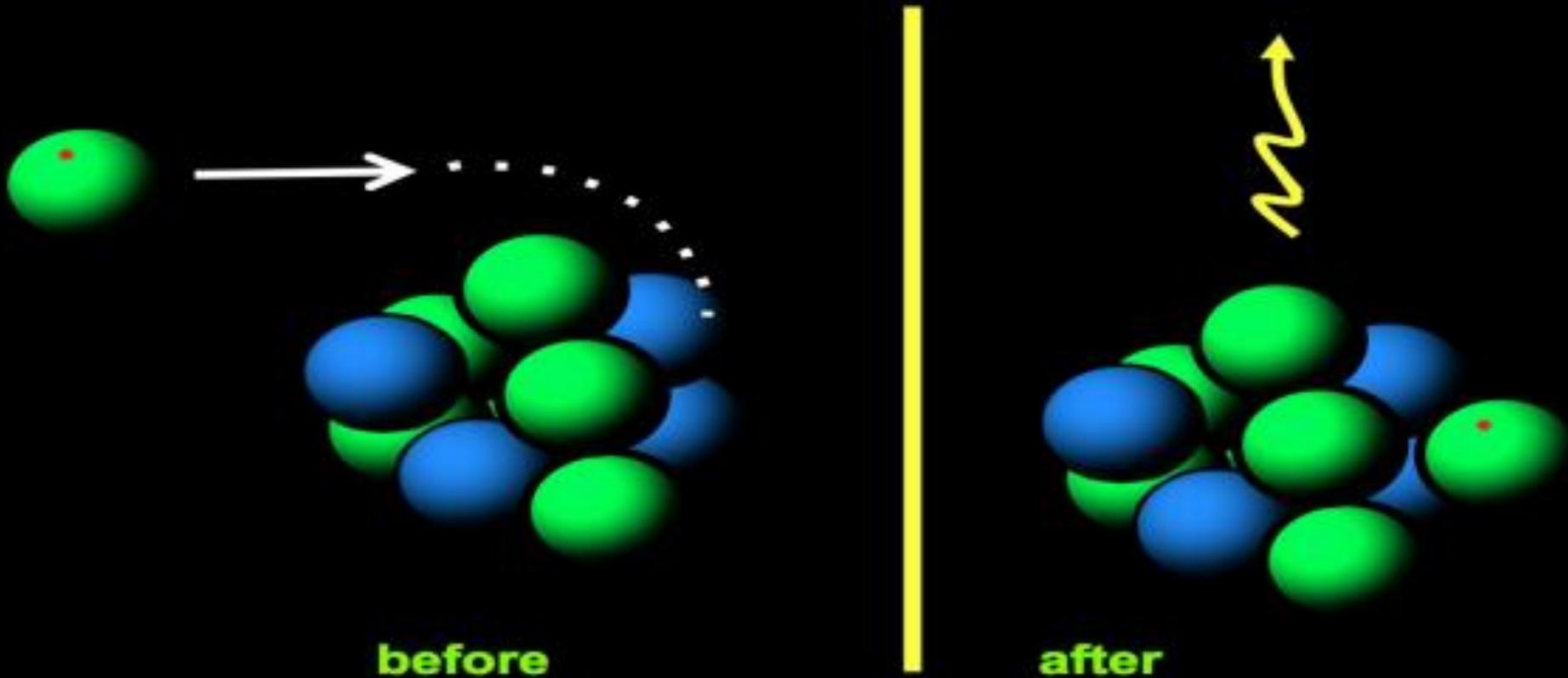


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Objective of present study

Radiative Capture Reaction: The reaction in which an atomic nucleus fuses with one or more nucleons or nuclei with the emission of electromagnetic radiation.

Capture Reaction



<https://www.phy.ornl.gov/groups/astro/measurements/capture.html>



Motivation

Among the LiBeB we have considered the formation of ^{10}B by the radiative capture process

- ❑ ^{10}B is formed either by the spallation process or by the radiative capture process
- ❑ The radiative capture process is responsible for the low abundance of ^9Be
- ❑ The $^9\text{Be}(p, \gamma)^{10}\text{B}$ reaction might act as an intermediate pathway between the p-p chain and the CNO cycle . It also plays a role in stellar nucleosynthesis of light elements in the p shell
- ❑ We applied the potential model (PM) to study the $^9\text{Be}(p, \gamma)^{10}\text{B}$ reaction, the nuclear structure of ^{10}B and the role of the associated reaction in LiBeB abundance determination
- ❑ The PM assumes that the interacting nuclei are two structure-less particles, which are interacting via the potential



Motivation

- ❑ The solution obtained by employing the PM is often simpler and it is good enough for the calculation of nuclear cross-section
- ❑ For the first time, we employed the modified form of Woods-Saxon potential for the calculation of bound state wave functions of ^{10}B while for the scattering state, we used the conventional Woods-Saxon potential
- ❑ We have considered the transitions from resonance states $^{\pi}J = -2$ and $^{\pi}J = -1$ to the ground and first three excited states, respectively, in the ^{10}B
- ❑ In contrast to other models, the computed results, based on the modified form of Woods-Saxon potential, show a better comparison with the experimental data



Formalism

Model for Calculations

We used the potential model for the calculation of proton capture cross-section and associated nuclear rates of ${}^9\text{Be}(p, \gamma){}^{10}\text{B}$ reaction. PM reduces many-particle system into two structure-less-particle system. For calculation of proton capture cross-section by PM, the total potential of the colliding particles is considered as

$$V(r) = V_N(r) + V_C(r), \quad (1)$$

$$V_N(r) = \left[V_0 + V_{LS}(L \cdot S) \frac{1}{m_\pi^2 r} \frac{d}{dr} \right] \frac{1}{1 + q \cdot \left(\exp \frac{r - R_N}{a} \right)}, \quad (2)$$

Eq. (2) is the modified form of Woods-Saxon potential. We introduce the q (the modification parameter in Wood-Saxon potential) for the first time to calculate the bound state wave function for the radiative capture processes. It is to be noted that for higher value of q the Woods-Saxon potential approaches the Gaussian potential.



Formalism

Model for Calculations

$$V_C(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{\hbar c}{2} \frac{Z_1 Z_2 \alpha}{R_c} \left(3 - \frac{r^2}{R_c^2}\right) & \text{if } r \leq R_c, \\ \hbar c \frac{Z_1 Z_2 \alpha}{r} & \text{if } r \geq R_c, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Eq. (3) is the Coulomb part of the total potential $V(r)$

$$\frac{d^2}{dr^2} \varphi_L(r) + \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} \left[E - V(r) - \frac{\hbar^2 L(L+1)}{2\mu r^2} \right] \varphi_L(r) = 0, \quad (4)$$

Eq. (4) is the radial parts of Schrodinger equation including the bound state energy E , total potential $V(r)$. The asymptotic behavior of the bound state wave function is defined as

$$\varphi_L(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} C_w W_{-\eta_0, L + \frac{1}{2}}(2\kappa_0 r), \quad (5)$$

where C_w is the Asymptotic normalization constant and $W_{-\eta_0, L + \frac{1}{2}}(2k_0 r)$ is the Whittaker function.

$$\varphi_L(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \cos \delta_L F_L(kr) + \sin \delta_L G_L(kr), \quad (6)$$

Eq. (6) is the scattering wave function with scattering phase shift (δ_L). $F_L(kr)$ and $G_L(kr)$ are the regular and irregular function.



Formalism

Astrophysical S-factor $S(E)$

The astrophysical S-factor $S(E)$ is a rescaling of a nuclear reaction cross-section $\sigma(E)$ to account for the Coulomb repulsion between the charged reactants. S-factor determines the rates of nuclear fusion reactions that occur in the core of stars.

$$S(E) = \sigma(E)E \exp(2\pi\eta), \quad (7)$$

In Eq. (7) E is the center of mass energy for the interacting particles and η is Sommerfeld parameter

$$\eta = Z_1 Z_2 e^2 / \hbar v, \quad (8)$$

The cross-section is sum over the total angular momentum J_f and electric multipolarity λ

$$\sigma(E) = \sum_{J_f, \lambda} \sigma_{\lambda, J_f}(E), \quad (9)$$



Formalism

Model for Calculations

The summation term of Eq. (9) is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\lambda, J_f}(E) = & 8\pi\alpha \frac{c}{vk^2} \left[Z_1 \left(\frac{A_2}{A} \right)^\lambda + Z_2 \left(-\frac{A_1}{A} \right)^\lambda \right]^2 C^2 S_{J_f} \times \\ & \sum_{J_i, I, l_i} \frac{(\kappa_\gamma)^{2\lambda+1}}{[(2\lambda+1)!!]^2} \frac{(\lambda+1)(2\lambda+1)}{\lambda} \times \\ & \frac{(2l_i+1)(2l_f+1)(2J_f+1)}{(2I_1+2)(2I_2+1)} \begin{pmatrix} l_f & \lambda & l_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2 \times \\ & \left\{ \begin{matrix} J_i & l_i & I \\ l_f & J_f & \lambda \end{matrix} \right\}^2 (2J_i+1) \left(\int_0^\infty \varphi_i(r) r^\lambda \varphi_f(r) dr \right)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The $C^2 S_{J_f}$ is called the spectroscopic factor (SF), which plays an important role in nuclear astrophysics. It is the ratio of measured cross-section to the computed cross-section. λ ($J_f - J_i$) is the multipolarity. It is the angular momentum that is carried by the emitted photon.



Formalism

Model for Calculations

The nuclear rates for the $p + {}^9\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^{10}\text{B} + \gamma$ process is defined below,

$$N_A \langle \sigma v \rangle = N_A \left(\frac{8}{\pi \mu (k_B T)^3} \right)^{1/2} \times \int_0^{E_0} \sigma(E) E \exp(-E/k_B T) dE. \quad (11)$$

- ❖ The major step for the calculation of the astrophysical S-factor is to analyze the elastic scattering phase shift of a given data or similar data as a function of energy
- ❖ The potential is introduced for the analysis of phase shift and binding energies
- ❖ The total cross-section of the radiative capture process is calculated as a function of energy for the selected potential
- ❖ Finally, the astrophysical S-factor $S(E)$ and nuclear rate of the thermonuclear reaction are calculated



Results and Discussion

Electric Dipole Transitions

- ❑ The emitted electromagnetic radiation can be classified according to the change in angular momentum, if the angular momentum changes by 1, 2, ... (dipole transition, quadrupole transition,...)
- ❑ Further dipole transition may either be electric (parity is not conserved) or magnetic (parity conserved)
- ❑ Among them the electric dipole transitions (*E1*) are more intense than magnetic dipole transitions (*M1*). From these assumptions one obtains the Weisskopf estimates for the γ -ray transition probabilities, which we mention below*

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_W(E1)\hbar &= 6.8 \times 10^{-2} A^{2/3} E_\gamma^3, & \lambda_W(M1)\hbar &= 2.1 \times 10^{-2} E_\gamma^3 \\ \lambda_W(E2)\hbar &= 4.9 \times 10^{-8} A^{4/3} E_\gamma^5, & \lambda_W(M2)\hbar &= 1.5 \times 10^{-8} A^{2/3} E_\gamma^5 \\ \lambda_W(E3)\hbar &= 2.3 \times 10^{-14} A^2 E_\gamma^7, & \lambda_W(M3)\hbar &= 6.8 \times 10^{-15} A^{4/3} E_\gamma^7 \end{aligned}$$

*C. Iliadis, *Nuclear physics of stars*. John Wiley & Sons, 2015.



Results and Discussion

Spectroscopic Study of ${}^9\text{Be}(p, \gamma){}^{10}\text{B}$

- ❑ The aim of our present studies is to know about the spectroscopic properties of ${}^{10}\text{B}$ using the PM approach
- ❑ For the calculation of astrophysical S-factor we used Eq. (7)
- ❑ We considered only the $E1$ transitions from the initial state to low-lying states of the ${}^{10}\text{B}$
- ❑ There are three low-lying bound states in ${}^{10}\text{B}$ where $E1$ resonance transitions (depends on the nuclear potential) are possible from the scattering state ${}^\pi J = -1$. We further considered the $E1$ direct transition (described by the regular Coulomb function) with zero phase shift from the scattering ${}^\pi J = -2$ to the ground state of ${}^{10}\text{B}$
- ❑ The potential parameters were selected for $V(r)$ to regenerate the experimental data of the astrophysical S-factor. The parameters are mentioned in Table 2
- ❑ Finally, we used the computed data of the S-factor and calculate the nuclear rates (Eq. 11)



Results and Discussion

Spectroscopic Study of ${}^9\text{Be}(p, \gamma){}^{10}\text{B}$

Table. 1: The low-lying bound states of ${}^{10}\text{B}$ *

Bound states	Binding energy	Proton orbital
πJ_f	\mathcal{E}_f (MeV)	L_{Jf}
+3	6.58	$P_{3/2}$
+1	5.86	$P_{3/2}$
+0	4.84	$P_{3/2}$
+1	4.42	$P_{3/2}$

* <https://nucldata.tunl.duke.edu/>



Results and Discussion

Parameters for the calculation of nuclear cross-section and nuclear rates

Table. 2: The parameters of potentials Eq. (1). The first column represents the states while the subsequent columns represent the binding energy, depth of central potential, spin-orbit potential, diffuseness parameter, the nuclear and Coulomb radii, respectively. The last column gives the modification parameter in Woods-Saxon potential.

State	ϵ_f MeV *	V_0 MeV	V_{LS} MeV	a fm	R_N fm	R_C fm	q
Bound +1	5.86	112.66	12.4	0.55	2.371	2.371	05.0
+1	4.84	170.50	12.4	0.50	2.413	2.413	08.0
+1	4.23	234.66	12.4	0.50	2.336	2.336	10.0
Resonance -1		63.5 0		65	2.600	2.600	1

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Results and Discussion

Parameters for the calculation of nuclear cross-section and nuclear rates

Table. 3: The parameters of potentials Eq. (1) for the direct transitions. The first column represents the states while the subsequent columns represent the binding energy, depth of central potential, spin-orbit potential, diffuseness parameter, the nuclear and Coulomb radii, respectively. The last column gives the modification parameter in Woods-Saxon potential.

State	ϵ_f MeV*	V_0 MeV	V_{LS} MeV	a fm	R_N fm	R_C fm	q
Bound +3	6.5867	60.68	12.4	0.55	2.69	2.69	1.2
Resonance -2		70.20		0.50	2.58	2.58	1

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Results and Discussion

Possible $E1$ Transitions

Table. 4: Possible $E1$ transitions to the ground and bound states from the resonance states

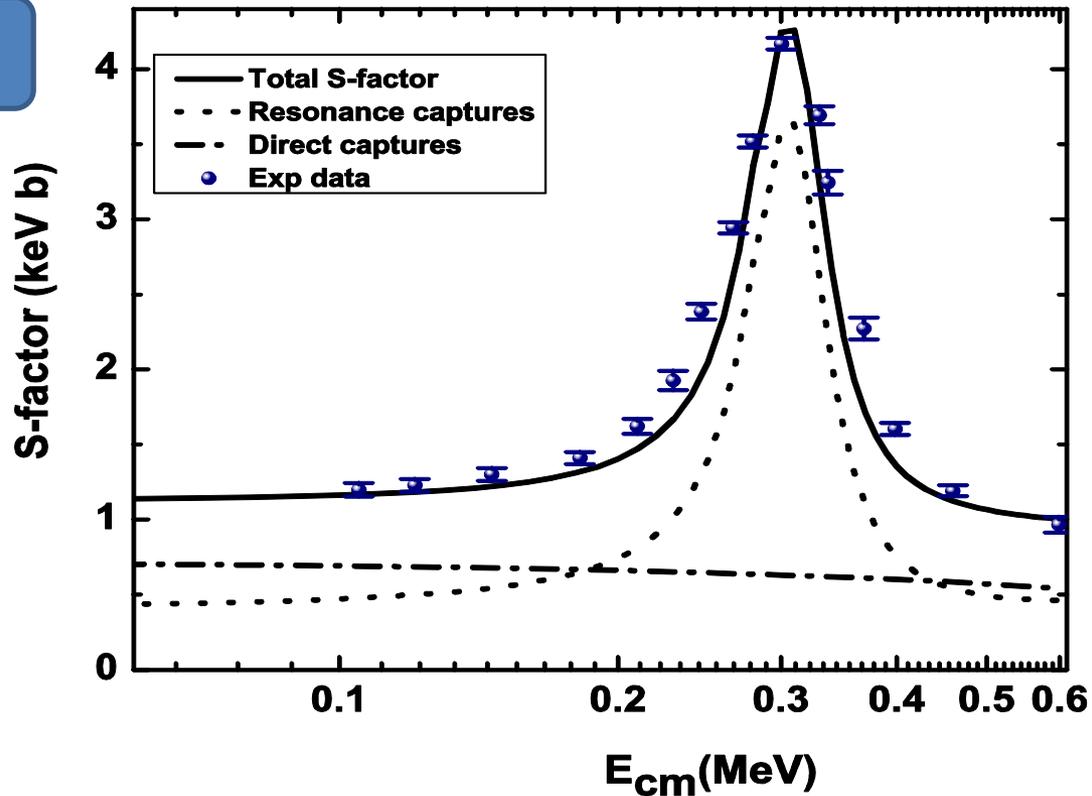
Resonance States				Bound states		
πJ_i	E_r MeV	Width keV	l_i	πJ_f	ϵ_f MeV	l_f
-1	0.30	120	s	+1	5.86	P
				+0	4.84	P
				+1	4.23	P
-2	0.90	210	S	+3	6.58	p

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Results and Discussion

Astrophysical S-factor



The solid line shows our calculated S-factor (the sum of direct and resonance transitions), the filled circles show the experimental results, the dotted line shows the resonance transitions from $\pi J = -1$ to first three excited states of ^{10}B and the dash-dotted line show the direct capture transitions from $\pi J = -2$ to the ground state.

D. Zahnow, et al., Nucl. Phys. A 589 (1995) 95



Results and Discussion

The Spectroscopic Factor (SF)

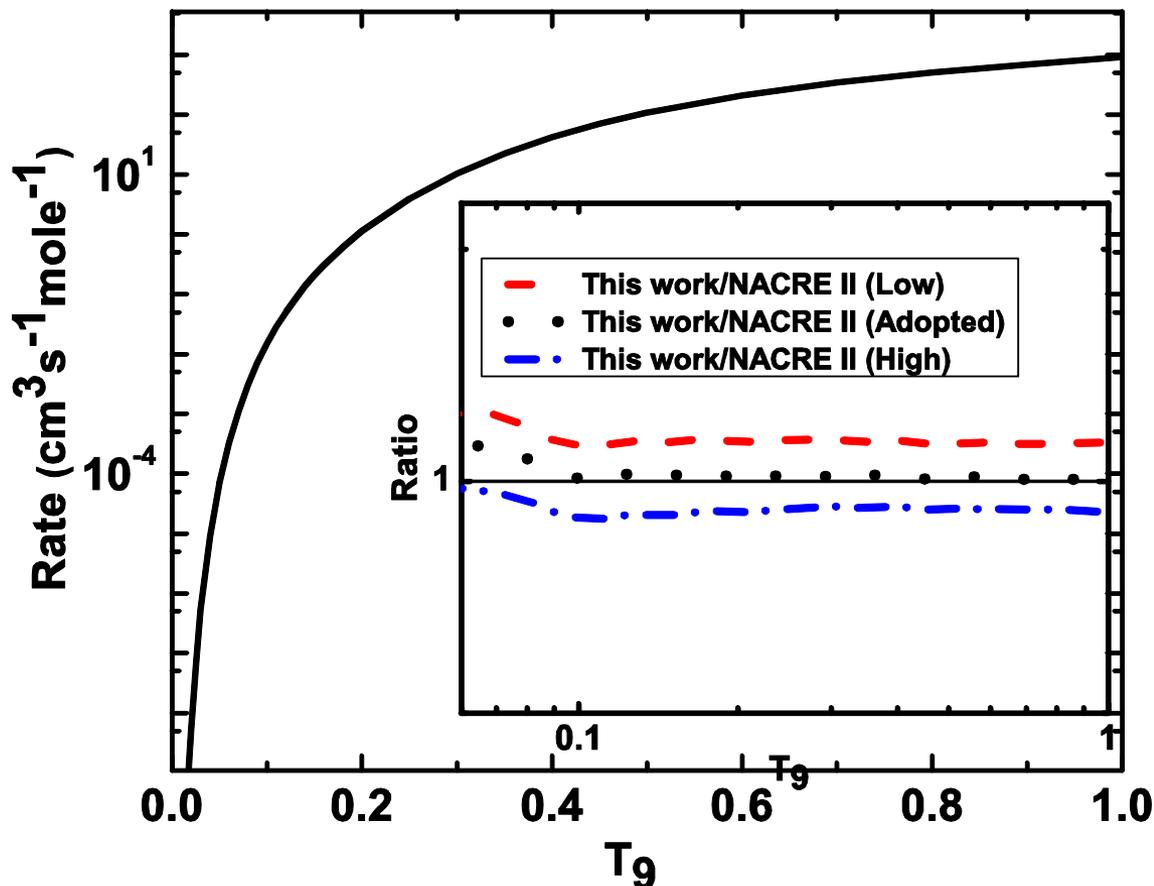
- The $C^2S_{J_f}$ shows the extent up to which a theoretical model behaves like a single particle
- The present value of SFs for the transitions $\pi J = -1$ to the first, second and third excited state of ^{10}B are **0.44**, **0.36** and **0.11**, respectively
- In contrast the reported data of NACRE II* obtained the SFs **0.018**, **0.017** and **0.018**, respectively
- Therefore, the present calculations for cross-section/astrophysical S-factor of $^9\text{Be}(p, \gamma)^{10}\text{B}$, based on the modified form of Woods-Saxon potential, are in better compassion with the experimental results

*Y. Xu, et al., Nucl. Phys. A 918 (2013) 61



Results and Discussion

Capture rates



The solid line show our calculated rates. The dashed (red), dotted (black), and dash-dotted (blue) lines show the ratio of our calculated rates to the low, adopted and high rates of NACRE II*, respectively.

*Y. Xu, et al., Nucl. Phys. A 918 (2013) 61



Conclusion

- ❑ In this work, we used the PM for the calculation of the astrophysical S-factor for both resonant and direct transitions.
- ❑ For the calculation of bound state wave functions, we modified the Woods-Saxon potential while for the scattering wave function we used the conventional form of Woods-Saxon potential where the modification parameter was equal to unity.
- ❑ The computed result for astrophysical S-factor shows a better agreement with the experimental data.
- ❑ Based on the astrophysical S-factor, we computed the nuclear rates for the ${}^9\text{Be} (p, \gamma) {}^{10}\text{B}$ reaction which shows a better comparison with the adopted rates of NACRE II at high temperatures.



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