Nuclear Physics in the Cosmos

Understand nuclear processes that

- Power the stars
- Synthesize the elements
- Mediate explosive phenomena

Determine

- Nature of stellar evolution
- Sites of astrophysical processes
- Properties of universe
- Neutrino properties



http://www.nscl.msu.edu/~austin/ nuclear-astrophysics.pdf

An Intellectual Opportunity

This is a special time

- Wealth of new astronomical observations--require new nuclear data for a credible interpretation
- New accelerators of radioactive nuclei to provide this data
- Growing computational power to simulate the phenomena



Outline of the Lectures:

The observables: Cosmic abundances, abundances in the solar system and elsewhere

Nature of the nuclear processes involved:

- Reaction rates
- Resonant and non-resonant processes
- Technical details: Gamow peak, S-factor, etc.

The Big Bang and the Nature of the Universe

Baryons, dark matter, dark energy

Stellar evolution with some digressions

- Quasistatic evolution, solar neutrinos, s-process, stellar onion
- Explosive phenomena: supernovae, r-process, neutrinos
- Binary systems: x-ray bursters and x-ray pulsars, the surface of neutron stars.

Outline-Continued

What nuclear physics do we need to know?

- Throughout the presentation
- Theoretical and experimental needs, and their coordination with astrophysicists

Nature of experiments at low and high energy facilities

- High energy approaches to low energy astrophysics
- The NSCL--an extant fast-radioactive-beam-facility
- The proposed RIA facility



Some Quotes to Keep in Mind

Simplicius (Greek 6th AD) on ideas of Leucippus (5th BC):

"The atoms move in the void and catching each other up jostle together, and some recoil in any direction that may chance, and others become entangled with on another in various degrees according to the symmetry of their shapes and sizes and positions and order, and they remain together and thus the coming into being of composite things is affected."

King Lear, Act IV, scene 3: "It is the stars, the stars above us govern our condition"

Arthur Eddington, 1928

I ask you to look both ways. For the road to a knowledge of the stars leads through the atom; and important knowledge of the atom has been reached through the stars"

Mark Twain, Life on the Mississippi

"There is something fascinating about science. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of such a trifling investment of fact."

Willy Fowler:

"We got to get all this theory out of things".





Populations I, II and III

What about elsewhere?



In the halo of the galaxy find (old) stars (**Pop II stars**) with small abundances of metals (A > 4) compared to the solar system values typical of **Pop I stars**.

Pop II stars

- Reflect processes in the early galaxy
- Investigation of Pop II stars is a hot area of astrophysics

What are Pop III stars?

- Stars that produce the material from which Pop II are made.
- Probably very large (> 100 M_{sun}) fast evolving stars made from products of the Big Bang.



Supernova remna N132D-LMC Star Forming Regio DEM192-LMC

Back to the Big Bang Universe began as a hot, sense primeval fireball-Big Bang • It then cooled: $T \propto 1/t^{1/2}$ • Light elements were made • Galaxies and stars formed ▼ Creation of matter **Elementary particles TEMPERATURE (K)** 10²⁰ LIME **√**quark/gluon →hadron 1010 ► Light elements UCLEAR-**Stars** 1 **Now** KSIC: 30 1010 years 10-10 **10**⁻²⁰ **10**²⁰ 1040 1 TIME AFTER BIG BANG (seconds)

Element Production in the Big Bang

Assumptions:

- General relativity
- Universe isotropic, homogeneous
- $T_{now} = 2.735 \text{ K (CBR)}$

Production of elements

- 10-300 sec after BB
- $T \approx 10^{10}$ K, $\rho \approx 1$ g/cm³
- Big Bang produces only ^{1,2}H,^{3,4}He, ⁷Li
- Yield depends on density $\rho_{\rm B}$ of baryons

Reaction network

Need to know noted reactions-

Poorly known reactions



Can we Determine the Baryon Density from the Big Bang?

Method

- Find ρ_B where predicted and observed abundances equal.
- If ρ_B same for all nuclides, it assume it is the universal density

Result

OK, EXCEPT for ⁷Li. Perhaps predicted abundance wrong (poor cross sections) or primordial Li higher (star destroyed).



It's Close, Why Does It Matter?

Cosmic Background Radiation

- Surrounds us, Planck distribution (T~2.7 K), remnant of early BB
- Fluctuations (at 10^{-5} level) give information on total density of Universe and on $\rho_{B.}$

It implies

Universe is just bound $\Omega_{tot} = 1$

- Baryon density $\rho_B \sim 0.05$
- Dark matter density, $\rho_D \sim 0.3$ perhaps WIMPS, weakly interacting massive particles
- Dark energy

 $\rho_{\Lambda} \sim 0.65$

Era of precision cosmology

- Far reaching conclusions must be checked and the value of ρ_B is the best possibility.
- Need more accurate cross sections for several reactions affecting ⁷Li.

What energy source powers the stars?



Must provide solar luminosity for >4.6 x 10⁹ yrs $L_{sun} = 3.826 x 10^{33} \text{ erg/sec}$ $M_{sun} = 1.989 x 10^{33} \text{ g}$

Of the possibilities

$$f_{\text{chemical}} \approx 1.5 \ x \ 10^{-10} \implies 2200 \ yrs$$
$$f_{\text{gravity}} \implies 10^7 \ yrs$$

f nuclear $\approx 0.007 \qquad \Rightarrow 10^{11} \text{ yrs}$

Only nuclear remains

Other evidence

Technetium is seen in stellar spectra. BUT the longest lived isotope is unstable--lifetime of 4×10^6 yrs. Must have been synthesized in the star.

Reaction Rates and Energy Scales

Reaction Rate

- Ionized gas (plasma) with N_i /cm³ of species "i"
- Assume species x moving at velocity v through species y at rest. Rate of reactions r_{xy} is $r_{xy} = N_x N_y v \sigma_{xy}$
- Average over velocity distribution (Max. Boltz.)

$$\mathbf{r}_{xy} = \mathbf{N}_{x}\mathbf{N}_{y}(1+\delta_{xy})^{-1} \langle \mathbf{v}\sigma_{xy} \rangle$$

of pairs/cm³

Environment

- $k = 8.6171 \text{ x } 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$
- $T = 10^7 10^{10} \text{ K} \implies \text{kT} = 1-900 \text{ keV}$
- Coulomb barriers MeV range
- Reactions are far sub-coulomb



 $\sigma_{xy}(E) \propto$ tunneling probability for point coulomb charge



What Energies are Important?

S contains the nuclear structure information-At what energy do we need to determine it?



Gamow Peak:

Maximum in product of MB distribution and penetrability of Coulomb barrier

$$E_0 = 5.9 \text{ keV } p + p$$

 $27 \text{ keV } p+^{14}N$

56 keV $\alpha + \alpha$

237 keV ¹⁶O+¹⁶O

Cross sections at E_o too small to be measured

S for Resonant and Non-Resonant Phenomena

Resonance in Gamow Peak dominates the rate

No resonance--Rate characterized by slowly varying S factor at low energy.

Role of High-E facilities

- Rate $\propto \Gamma_{\rm p} \Gamma_{\gamma} / (\Gamma_{\rm p} + \Gamma_{\gamma}) \cdot \exp(-E_{\rm r}/kT)$
- Measure: Γs , $E_r \Rightarrow Rate$.
- Γ s may be strong functions of E
- Classic expts. with low-E accelerators: small σ 's at low-E
- Measure cross sections to low-E, extrapolate to E_o to extract S-Factor.
- Long used for resonant rates, esp. E_r
- Recent emphasis on new techniques to measure non-resonant rates.
 Subject of this talk and several talks at this meeting.

Nature of Stellar Evolution



How it looks! Image of Sun: Goddard Space Flight Center

(http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/image/9709/solprom1 _eit_big.jpg)

How it works!

Gravity pushes inward, but the center of the sun in heated by nuclear reactions, making a high pressure that pushes outwards. They balance, and the sun just sits there burning its nuclear fuel. This has gone on for 4.5 billion years and will continue for another 5 billion years.

"Energy Production in Stars"

A Scenario-H.A. Bethe (CNO Cycles) Physical Review 55, 103(L) 1939.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Energy Production in Stars

In several recent papers,1-3 the present author has been quoted for investigations on the nuclear reactions responsible for the energy production in stars. As the publication of this work which was carried out last spring has been unduly delayed, it seems worth while to publish a short account of the principal results.

The most important source of stellar energy appears to be the reaction cycle:

> $C^{12} + H^1 = N^{13}(a), N^{13} = C^{12} + e^+(b)$ $C^{13} + H^1 = N^{14} (c)$ $N^{14} + H^1 = O^{16}$ (d), $O^{16} = N^{16} + e^+$ (e) $N^{15} + H^1 = C^{12} + He^4 (f).$

In this cycle, four protons are combined into one a-narticle (plus two positrons which will be annihilated by two is a very good approximation to reality gives 2.03×107 electrons). The carbon and nitrogen isotopes serve as degrees.7 The same calculation gives 50.2 for the density catalysts for this combination. There are no alternative reactions between protons and the nuclei C12C13N14; with N16, there is the alternative process

 $N^{16} + H^1 = O^{16}$

but this radiative capture may be expected to be about 10,000 times less probable than the particle reaction (f). Thus practically no carbon and nitrogen will be consumed and the energy production will continue until all protons in the star are used up. At the present rate of energy production, the hydrogen content of the sun (35 percent by weight⁴) would suffice for 3.5×10^{10} years.

The reaction cycle (1) is preferred before all other nuclear reactions. Any element lighter than carbon, when reacting with protons, is destroyed permanently and will not be replaced. E.g., Be9 would react in the following way:

Be⁹+H¹=Li⁰+He⁴ Li⁶+H¹=Be⁷ $Be^{7} + \epsilon^{-} = Li^{7}$ $Li^{7} + H^{1} = 2He^{4}$

Therefore, even if the star contained an appreciable amount of Li, Be or B when it was first formed, these elements would have been consumed in the early history of the star. This agrees with the extremely low abundance of these elements (if any) in the present stars. These considerations apply also to the heavy hydrogen isotopes H² and H^a

The only abundant and very light elements are H and He4. Of these, He4 will not react with protons at all because Li^a is unstable, and the reaction between two protons, while possible, is rather slows and will therefore be much less important* in ordinary stars than the cycle (1). Elements heavier than nitrogen may be left out of

consideration entirely because they will react more slowly with protons than carbon and nitrogen, even at temperatures much higher than those prevailing in stars. For the same reason, reactions between α -particles and other nuclei are of no importance.

To test the theory, we have calculated (Table I) the energy production in the sun for several nuclear reactions, making the following assumptions:

(1) The temperature at the center of the sun is 2×10^7 degrees. This value follows from the integration of the



* "+f." means that the energy production in the reactions following the one listed, is included. E.g. the figure for the N¹⁴+H¹ includes the complete chain (1).

Eddington equations with any reasonable "star model."" The "point source model" with a convective core which at the center of the sun. The central temperature is prob ably correct to within 10 percent. (2) The concentration of hydrogen is assumed to be 35

percent by weight, that of the other reacting element 10 percent. In the reaction chain (1), the concentration of N14 was assumed to be 10 percent.

(3) The ratio of the average energy production to the production at the center was calculated7 from the temperature-density dependence of the nuclear reaction and the temperature-density distribution in the star. It is evident from Table I that only the nitrogen reac-

tion gives agreement with the observed energy production of 2 ergs/g sec. All the reactions with lighter elements would give energy productions which are too large by many orders of magnitude if they were abundant enough, whereas the next heavier element, O18, already gives more than 10,000 times too small a value. In view of the extremely strong dependence on the atomic number, the agreement of the nitrogen-carbon cycle with observation is excellent

The nitrogen-carbon reactions also explain correctly the dependence of mass on luminosity for main sequence stars. In this connection, the strong dependence of the reaction rate on temperature ($\sim T^{18}$

massive stars have much greater slightly higher central temperature T=3.2×107 and e=1200 ergs/g sec With the assumed reaction chair

transmutation of hydrogen into hel is more general than the reaction c to the commonly accepted "Aufbau A detailed account of these inve lished soon.

Cornell University. Ithaca, New York, December 15, 1938.

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 Ohly for very cool stars (red dwarfs) ¹ The author is indebted to Mr. Marshak

One Page-One Nobel-1967

... for his contributions to the theory of nuclear reactions, especially his discoveries concerning energy production in stars.

The most important source of stellar energy appears to preciable change in the abundance be the reaction cycle:

$$C^{12} + H^{1} = N^{13} (a), N^{13} = C^{13} + \epsilon^{+} (b)$$

$$C^{13} + H^{1} = N^{14} (c)$$

$$N^{14} + H^{1} = O^{15} (d), O^{15} = N^{15} + \epsilon^{+} (e)$$

$$N^{15} + H^{1} = C^{12} + He^{4} (f).$$
(1)



Observing the Center of the Sun with Solar Neutrinos

Problem

- Can't look with telescopes
- Light is absorbed in L, reemitted in random direction.
- Drunkard's walk: Distance covered = $(N)^{1/2} L$
 - N number of steps;
 - L length of a step.



Result:

For sun, L = 0.1 cm, D = 6.96 x 10^{10} cm. Takes: 5×10^4 yr

Look at emitted neutrinos

- Made in solar cycle, escape without hindrance
- $N_v \sim T^{18}$, measuring flux measures T at center of sun

But it's hard

- vs hardly interact
- Need a huge detector

Solar Neutrino Spectra-Detector Thresholds



First experiment-R. Davis (1968)

The Detector

- 100,000 gallons cleaning fluid (perchlorethylene C₂Cl₄), Homestake gold mine, S.D.
- $\nu + {}^{37}Cl \rightarrow e + {}^{37}Ar$ Inverse β -decay
- Collect by bubbling He through tank (every 30 days)-count radioactive ³⁷Ar

Motivation

"To see into the interior of a star and thus verify directly the hypothesis of nuclear energy generation."



Implications of the Davis Experiment

Results

- Expected 2 ³⁷Ar per day. Got 0.5/day-a shocker!
- "Solar neutrino problem", a *one-number* problem
- Solution in solar physics? nuclear physics? particle physics?
- Motivated a search for the cause: 1968 to present
- Better solar models, improved input nuclear physics.

New Experiments-different neutrino energy sensitivities

- Davis(Cl)-----⁸B, ⁷Be V_e
- Gallex/Sage (Ga)--p-p, ⁷Be v_e
- SNO (D₂O)-----⁸B ν_e, ν_x
- Super-K(H₂O)-----⁸B V_e , (V_x)

Others yet to come, see

http://www.sns.ias.edu/~jnb

The Super-Kamiokande Detector Japan, US, Korea, Poland

Properties

- 50,000 tons H₂O, 11200 P.M.s
- 1000m underground, Mozumi mine, Kamioka Mining Co.
- Observe v_e-e scattering (mainly)-via Ĉerenkov light





SNO—The Sudbury Neutrino Detector

Unique characteristics

- 1000 tons heavy water (D_2O)
- See electron neutrinos and muon and tau neutrinos
- Charged current (CC) $v_e + D \rightarrow p + p + e^{-1}$
- Neutral current (NC) $v_x + D \rightarrow v_x + p + n$
- $v_x + e \rightarrow v_x + e$ (ES)

Location

- 6800 feet under ground, Creighton mine Sudbury, Ontario.
- Canada, US, UK





How might this happen

Flaws in the physics input?

- Stellar physics--no, details to be settled. A check from Helioseismology
- Nuclear Physics--no, but better prediction of fluxes needed .
- Properties of neutrinos--the consensus culprit

Neutrino oscillations

- Neutrinos have mass. Oscillate into another type of neutrino. (ν_e→ν_µ)
- Detector not sensitive to these neutrinos
- Probability of survival: $P(v_e \rightarrow v_e)$
- $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{e}} \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{e}}) = \mathbf{1} \cdot (\sin^2 \Theta_{\mathbf{V}}) \sin^2(\mathbf{a} \Delta \mathbf{m}^2 \mathbf{d} / \mathbf{E})$ $\Delta \mathbf{m}^2 = (\mathbf{m}_1^2 - \mathbf{m}_2^2)$
- Passage through matter changes the constraints-resonant conversion.

Determining Δm^2 and Θ_v

Survival Probability

- Show two cases: large mixing angle (now favored) and small mixing angle.
- Analysis is complex and subtle

Example

- Extracted values depend on reaction rates for
 - ${}^{7}\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^{8}\text{B}, (S_{17})$
 - ${}^{3}\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{7}\text{Be}$
- H. Schlattl, *et al.*, PRD 60, 113002 (1999)



Neutral Currents from SNO

First results (with S-K)

- Ascribe difference in SNO CC rate (v_e) and S-K ES rate ($v_e + v_x$) to v_x
- Extract v_x –agrees with Standard Solar Model (SSM)

New from SNO

Combine all three SNO detection modes CC, NC, ES

Results

- $\phi(v_e) = 1.76 \text{ x } 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{sec}^{-1}; \quad \phi(v_\mu + v_\tau) = 3.41 \text{ x } 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{sec}^{-1}$
- Good agreement with SSM- solar neutrino problem is no more



Need Better Nuclear Data

Why

- Explanation of solar neutrino problem is still imprecise
- Extracted values of Δm^2 and Θ_v depend on the cross sections for certain nuclear reactions

Important cases

- ${}^{3}\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{7}\text{Be}$
- ${}^{7}Be(p,\gamma){}^{8}B, (S_{17})$

How the Sun Evolves

Core hydrogen burning ends

- Consumed central 10% of sun
- No heat source, pressure decreases, gravity wins
- Core collapses, releases gravitational energy which heats the core

Core helium burning starts

- Core hot-allows fusion of two a's (Z=2)
- Helium fuses to ¹²C, ¹⁶O
- Hydrogen burns in shell



What's next for the Sun?

It's the end of the line

- Helium burning ends after 10⁸ years, C and O core
- Gravitational collapse, BUT, never reach sufficient T to fuse C + C.
- Collapse continues to 10⁷ g/cm³--electron pressure stops collapse
- Shells still burning, unstable, blow off planetary nebula

Star becomes a white dwarf (e.g. Sirius B).

Property	Earth	<u>Sirius B</u>	Sun
Mass (M _{sun})	3x10 ⁻⁶	0.94	1.00
Radius(R _{sun})	0.009	0.008	1.00
Luminosity(L _{sun})	0.0	0.0028	1.00
Surface T (K)	287	27,000	5770
Mean r (g/cm ³)	5.5	2.8×10^{6}	1.41
Central T (K)	4200	2.2×10^{7}	1.6×10^{7}
Central r (g/cm ³)	9.6	3.3×10^{7}	160



Ring nebula in Lyra-NGC 6720—a planetary nebula


Heavy Stars--The Stellar Onion



But now, when He is exhausted in the core and the core collapses, it does get hot enough to burn carbon and oxygen.

The successive stages in the core are $H \rightarrow He$, gravity, $He \rightarrow C,O$, gravity, $\rightarrow C,O \rightarrow$ Mg, Si, gravity, Si \rightarrow Fe.



Supernovae Core Collapse

Fe (Iron) is special Core of our stellar onion is "Fe", most tightly bound nucleus. Result of fusing two "Fe's" is heavier than two "Fe's"; costs energy to fuse them. No more fusion energy is available.

Core collapses, keeps on collapsing, until reach nuclear density. Then nuclei repel, outer core bounces.

Outgoing shock wave forms



Evolutionary Stages of a 25 M _{sun} Star Weaver et al., 80			
Burning Stage	Time Scale	T(K) x 10 ⁹	ρ (g/cm ³)
Η	7 x 10 ⁶ y	0.006	5
He	5 x 10 ⁵ y	0.23	700
С	600 y	0.93	$2 \ge 10^5$
Ne	1 y	1.7	$4 \ge 10^{6}$
Ο	0.5 y	2.3	1 x 10 ⁷
Si	1 d	4.1	3 x 10 ⁷
Core collapse	Seconds	8.1	3×10^9
Core Bounce	Millisec	34.8	$3 \ge 10^{14}$
Explosive	0-1-10 sec	1.2-7.0	

What Next?

We know that

- Shock blows off outer layers of star, a supernova
- 10⁵¹ ergs (1foe) visible energy released (total gravitational energy of 10⁵³ ergs mostly emitted as neutrinos).

Theoretically

- Spherical SN don't explode
- Shock uses its energy dissociating "Fe", stalls
- Later, v's from proto-neutron star deposit energy, restart the shock. Still no explosion.

1-D model (T. Mezzacappa)



The Question—How do we get from here to an explosion?



SN 1987a in Large Magallanic Cloud

Non-Spherical Calculations

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Is sphericity the problem?

- Now have 3-D calculations which explode, but have only a part of the detailed microphysics. Their stability against such changes is not known we return to this later.
- See, e.g.
 Fryer and M. Warren, Astrophysical Journal, 574:L65-L68
- Find 2-D, 3-D similar



What's Produced in a Supernova

Model

- Evolve the Pre-SN star
- Put in a piston that gives the right energy to the ejecta (Don't know how explosion really works).
- Calculate what is ejected
- Calculate explosive processes as hot shock passes.
- Example: Wallace and Weaver, Phys. Rep. 227,65(93)



Find

- Elements, mass 20-50, generally reproduced at same ratio to solar.
- Modifications by explosive processes are small



Some important Nuclear Rates for SN Synthesis

$^{12}C(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}O$

- $r_{3\alpha} = 170 \pm 20$ keV-b (300 keV) describes abundances (last slide)
- Experiment: 100-200, preference near 150, but uncertain.
- High priority reaction
- ¹²C + ¹²C for Carbon burning
- ²²Ne(α , γ), ²²Ne (α , n)

Production of light slow neutron capture (s-process) nuclides--A= 60=88 **Weak decay rates for gamma line emitters.** E.g. ⁶⁰Fe

Charged particle reactions on N=Z nuclei for production of pprocess nuclei

For more details

R.Hoffmann et al. UCRL-JC-146202 and many references at:

http://www.ucolick.org/~alex/ nucleosynthesis/



How Weak Strength Affects the SN Core

Core size depends on Y_e= <**Z**/**A**>

- Starts near 0.5
- Reduced by electron capture
- As Y_e decreases, β⁻ decay becomes important.
- Competition of EC and β^{-} stabilizes Y_{e} near 0.45
- When EC and β⁻ compete we have the possibility of a cyclic process-the URCA process.

Urca process (named after a Casino da Urca in Rio de Janeiro that takes your money slowly but surely)



- ${}^{Z}A + e^{-} \rightarrow {}^{Z-1}A + v$ ${}^{Z-1}A \rightarrow {}^{Z}A + e^{-} + v$
- Net result: production of two neutrinos removes energy from the core
- T reduced



More Weak Interaction Results

Effects

- Larger, lower entropy "Fe" pre-collapse core
- More e-'s (Y_e larger), lower T core.
- Larger homologous core These changes tend to make explosions easier

How can we improve rates?

Heger results also determine which nuclei are most important



Improving Weak Interaction Strengths

Most important nuclei-Heger et al.

- Generally closer to stability than predicted earlier.
- Stable and radioactive nuclei important



Can't rely on exp't

- Need many rates
- Some transitions are from thermally excited states

Need

- Reliable calculations
- Experiments to verify accuracy
- Measurements for the most crucial cases, if possible

Present Situation

Experimental data

- (n,p) measurements at TRIUMF
- ^{58,60,62,64}Ni, ^{54,56}Fe, ⁵¹V, ⁵⁵Mn, ⁵⁹Co
- Resolution: 1MeV

Compare to Shell Model

Results fairly good, not perfect (?)

Need

- Data on other nuclei, some radioactive
- Better resolution and detail



The Experimental Possibilities

For stable targets

For EC, (t, ³He), (d,²He) best candidate reactions E>120 MeV/nuc desirable

First (t, ³He)

- secondary t beams 10⁶/sec at MSU/NSCL, Daito et al., PLB 418, 27(98)
- Resolution: 160 keV, has been achieved at 117 MeV/nuc
- 50 keV resolution possible (d, ²He)-KVI, 80 MeV/nuc





Some possibilities

Some possibilities

- (p,n) expts are feasible.
 Require many small n detectors for good E resolution.
- EC expts have outgoing charged articles at low E. Detect heavy particle.
- Best possibility: $({}^{7}\text{Li}, {}^{7}\text{Be})$ ${}^{7}\text{Li}({}^{56}\text{Ni}, {}^{7}\text{Be}(1/2^{-})){}^{56}\text{Co},$ Coincidence with deexcitation γ -ray => S = 1 (GT).



Proposed GT Strength Experiments-NSCL

High Resolution (from γ 's)

 $^{7}\text{Li}(^{56}\text{Ni},^{56}\text{Co})^{7}\text{Be}(1/2^{-}) =>S=1$

- S800 spectograph: ID 56 Co, determine $\Theta_{c.m.}$
- Detect γ's from ⁷Be, ⁵⁶Co* de-excitation, to reconstruct the ⁵⁶Co states reached
- 3 x 10⁶ ⁵⁶Ni/sec-present intensity

Low resolution

⁷Li(⁵⁵Fe,⁵⁵Mn) ⁷Be(1/2⁻) =>S=1

- Complex level structure of ⁵⁵Mn prevents reconstruction of levels reached
- Detect γ 's from ⁷Be
- S800: ID 55Mn, determine

 $\Theta_{c.m.}$ Measure E => thin target





Properties of R-Process Nuclei



The r-Process and Nuclear Shells

Predictions-(not verified by experiment)

- Shell gaps smaller near drip line
- Changes beta decay lifetimes, masses
- r-process abundance models are sensitive to gaps
- Need measuremnts of t_{β} , masses on r-process path to check



Experimental opportunities at Rare Isotope Facilities Example: fast beams

Need:

- masses
- decay properties
- fission barriers
- neutron capture rates



Waiting Point Lifetimes with Fragmentation Facilities

Why fragmentation?

- Lifetime measurements can be done with beams from low energy facilities
- But, fragmentation facilities have advantages:
 - Use beams of mixed nuclides--Identification on event by event basis
 - Greater reach toward dripline-see figure
 - NSCL,RIKEN, and RIA will cover a large part of r-process path





Explosive Hydrogen Burning-Accreting Binary Systems





First X-ray burst: 3U 1820-30 (Grindlay et al. 1976) with ANS



The Model

Neutron stars: 1.4 M_o, 10 km radius (average density: ~ 10¹⁴ g/cm³)

Neutron Star

Donor Star ("normal" star)

Accretion Disk

Typical systems:

- accretion rate 10⁻⁸/10⁻¹⁰ M_o/yr (0.5-50 kg/s/cm²)
- orbital periods 0.01-100 days
- orbital separations 0.001-1 AU's

Mass transfer by Roche Lobe Overflow





Energy generation: gravitational energy

$$E = \frac{G M m_u}{R} = 200 MeV/u$$

Ratio gravitation/thermonuclear ~ 30 - 40



Nuclear reactions on accreting neutron stars



Need nuclear physics to answer and to understand observations



Crust reactions in accreting neutron stars

From Haensel & Zdunik 1990



<u>Need to measure:</u> • Masses (Exp 1035 Santi, Ouellette at S800)

• Electron capture rates (Exp 1038 Sherrill at S800) (Charge exchange in inverse kinematics (⁷Li,⁷Be))

Models: Typical reaction flows



Schatz et al. 2001 (M. Ouellette) Phys. Rev. Lett. 68 (2001) 3471

Endpoint: Limiting factor I – SnSbTe Cycle




X-ray burst: Importance of waiting points-points where the flow is hampered by slow decay or weakly bound nuclei

• Luminosity:

• Abundances of waiting points

• H, He abundance



What Next?

Several Topics Briefly

- Trojan Horse measurements of low energy cross Sections
- ANCs and S-Factors
- L=1 Forbidden Weak Strength
- Is there a Chance that $\sigma(\text{CEX}) \propto B(L=1)$?
- Coulomb Breakup measurements (more detailed)

Trojan Horse Method (Bauer, Typel, Wolter)

Principle

- Obtain 2-body σ from 3body reaction
- Example: ⁷Li ($p \alpha$) α from ²H(⁷Li, $\alpha\alpha$)n

Results (Lattuada et al., Ap.J. tbp)





- Large rates, no screening correction
- Norm to 2-body, extend to low-E
- Compare to direct ⇒ screening correction near 250 eV. Larger than usual theory.





ANCs and S-Factors

Measure ANC \Rightarrow S(E =0) for (p, γ), (α , γ) reactions

Principle:

- Low-E (x,γ) reactions occur far from the nuclear surface
- $\sigma \propto |\psi(\text{large } r)|^2 \propto ANC^2$



Experiments: Transfer reactions at low energies measure ANC

- Detailed work: Texas A&M(Ajhari, Gagliagardi, Mukhamedzhanov, Tribble, *et al.*) ${}^{7}Be(p,\gamma){}^{8}B$, ${}^{13}C(p,\gamma)$, ${}^{16}O(p,\gamma)$.
- Issues: Require accurate OM Potentials, limits accuracy to about 10%; checked to 10% against ¹⁶O(p,γ)
- Example ¹⁰B(⁷Be,⁸B)⁹Be, ¹⁴N(⁷Be,⁸B)¹³C at 85 MeV \Rightarrow S(⁷Be(p, γ)) to 10%, Ogata, 6 Dec.

S factor for ¹⁶O(p, g)¹⁷F—A test of the ANC Method

Test case-known from Direct Capture

- ANC's for $^{16}O(^{3}\text{He},d)^{17}\text{F}$
 - $(C^2)_{gnd} = 1.08 \pm .10 \text{ fm}^{-1}$
 - $(C^2)_{ex} = 6490 \pm 680 \text{ fm}^{-1}$
- Direct Capture data from Morlock, et. Al
- Agree within the relative errorsthe 10% level





Forbidden (L = 1) **Strength**

GDR

SDR

SDR

Why we need to know

- Neutrino's excite spin-dipole (L = 1, S =1) resonance--emitted nucleon(s) lead to formation of rare nuclides (⁷Li, ¹¹B, ¹⁹F...)
- Neutrino reactions modify distribution of r-process nuclides
- Need to calibrate flavor sensitive supernovae neutrino detectors

What's known?

- For GT (L = 0) transitions, σ(p, n) ∝ B(GT) within, typically, 5-10%. Little similar evidence for L = 1 transitions.
- The maximum strength of the SDR lies below the GDR
- Radioactive beams will permit measurements nearer the dripline

Is there a Chance that $\sigma(\text{CEX}) \propto B(\text{L=1})$?

Questions we ask (Dmitriev, Zelevinsky, Austin, PRC) :

- Is σ(CEX) ∝ B(L=1) when both are calculated with the same wave functions?
- What range of momentum transfer is important in the transition form factor F(q')?

Sample case: ${}^{12}C(p, n){}^{12}N$ at $E_p = 135$ MeV

- Eikonal model taking into account real and imaginary parts of OM Potential (Compare to DWIA)
- Define sensitivity function: $T(q) = T_{PW} + \int dq' S(q,q')F(q')$
- Characterizes range of q' in F(q') which contribute at a given asymptotic momentum q.



F(q') and Sensitivity Function

Results

- For $B_J > 0.1 \text{fm}^2$, $B_J \propto \sigma(p,n)$ within 10-15%
- Sensitivity function S(q, q') shows main contribution is in range where the transition form factors have the same shape

To generalize to other systems

- Are F_J(q') similar for important q'?
- Is S(q, q') localized for heavier nuclei, strongly absorbed probes?



Coulomb Breakup-Detailed Example

Principle

- Breakup of fast projectile by Coulomb field of a high-Z nucleus.
- Inverse of radiative capture. Detailed balance ⇒ S-factor for radiative capture. Inverse cross section is larger.
- Advantages-Thick targets, large $\sigma \Rightarrow$ high rates. Universal technique, accuracy probably 5-10%.
- Issues--Nuclear breakup if E_{γ} large, contributions of other multipoles, complex theory.

Early Experiments

Motobayashi, *et al.*: ¹³N(p, γ)¹⁴O, ⁷Be(p, γ)⁸B, breakup of ⁸B, ¹⁴O GSI, NSCL: ⁷Be(p, γ)⁸B, ⁸Li(n, γ)⁹Li















Extracting S₁₇—Some Issues

Reaction Model

•First order perturbation theory--Esbensen, Bertsch

•Continuum Discretized Coupled Channels (CDCC)--Thompson, Tostevin

E2 Contributions

- Use results from inclusive experiments
- For most of E_x range < 5%, large for E_x < 130 keV

Nuclear contributions

• From CDCC, less than 4% for $E_x < 400 \text{ keV}$

Continuum Discretized Coupled Channel Calculations

Basic Picture

- Breakup populates excitations up to $E_{rel} = 10 \text{ MeV}$
- E_{rel} range divided into bins-discretized
- Bin wavefunctions are orthonormal basis for coupled channels solution of ⁷Be+p+target three-body w.f.

Details

- Partial waves: $L_{max} = 15,000$, radii to 1000 fm
- $l_{rel} \leq 3, \lambda \leq 2$
- Pure $p_{3/2}$ single particle state (⁷Be inert)
- Consider nuclear interactions

The Importance of Higher Order Processes-More on L=2

Beyond perturbation theory

- This analysis done in P.Theory
- Underestimates the E2strength. (Esbensen-Bertsch)
- Recent calculations by Mortimer et al. in CDCC, find that E2 amplitude must be 1.6 times single particle estimate to fit asymmetries.
- Recent calculations (S. Typel) using the time dependent Schroedinger Eq., find a similar result.







A Plea to Nuclear Theorists

Theoretical uncertainties for these difficult experiments are now comparable to experimental error even for extrapolations from 250 keV—can we get a better theory?







New Experiment—Coulomb breakup of ⁷Be—Matt Cooper, et al.





Analysis should be straight forward—E2 cross section small.



Production of radioactive beams

ISOL (ISOLDE, ISAC, Oak Ridge, Louvain-la-Neuve, ...):



Fragmentation (NSCL, GSI, RIKEN, GANIL, ...):



Summary Fast/Slow beam experiments for nuclear astrophysics

	slow	fast
Direct rate measurements	X	
Half-lives	X	X
Bn decay	X	X
Masses	X	X
Coulomb Excitation	X	X
Transfer reactions	X	X
Coulomb breakup		X
Charge exchange		X

If both techniques are applicable then consider on case by case basis:

- beam intensity (production cross section, release and transport times)
- target thickness (higher for fast beams)
- selectivity (signal/background) (fast: ~100%, slow: depends)
- method efficiency

National Superconducting Cyclotron Facility at Michigan State University



- •First fully accelerated beams, Oct/00 !
- •First Radioactive Ion Beams, Jun/01
- •First PAC experiment, Nov/01





NSCL S800 Spectrometer

 $dp/p \sim 10^{-4}$ possible



SPEG GANIL achieved mass measurements at 10⁻⁵ level

