

# The ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^7\text{Be}$ reaction rate, solar ${}^7\text{Be}$ and ${}^8\text{B}$ neutrino fluxes, and the production of ${}^7\text{Li}$ during the Big Bang

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The  ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^7\text{Be}$  reaction plays an important role both in determining the predicted fluxes of  ${}^7\text{Be}$  and  ${}^8\text{B}$  neutrinos from our Sun, and in the calculation of primordial  ${}^7\text{Li}$  production. In light of the highly precise determination of the baryon-to-photon ratio from the cosmic microwave background data [1], it is necessary to re-determine primordial  ${}^7\text{Li}$  production.

Recent experimental nuclear astrophysics work has led to an improved determination of the  ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^7\text{Be}$  cross section, with several experiments clustered at  $E = 0.5$  MeV center-of-mass energy and above [2, and references therein]. On the other hand, precisely calibrated  ${}^7\text{Be}$  and  ${}^8\text{B}$  neutrino fluxes from the Sun are now available [3, 4]. Assuming the accepted solar central temperature to be correct, the neutrino flux data can be used to determine the  ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^7\text{Be}$  cross section [5] at the solar Gamow peak,  $E = 0.03$  MeV.

The energy range relevant for Big Bang  ${}^7\text{Li}$  production lies just between 0.03 and 0.5 MeV. The poster aims to use the two above described levels in order to improve the precision of the predicted primordial abundance of  ${}^7\text{Li}$ . It updates a previous work [6] that appeared before the new cross section, solar neutrino and microwave background data were available.

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