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Uncertainties in the determination S34

The rate of ³He(a,g)⁷Be plays a key role in the production of ⁷Li during the Big Bang Nucleosynthesis as well as in stellar hydrogen burning, where it has a strong influence on the high energy component of the solar neutrino spectrum. In the last decades several experiments exploited either the detection of the prompt gamma-rays or the off-line determination of the number of ⁷Be atoms collected in the target, in few cases both. Recently the total cross section has been measured also through the direct detection of the ⁷Be recoils using the recoil mass separator ERNA. Although analyses based on single experiments achieve a precision of 3% a combined analysis of the existing data sets, on a large energy window, is needed in order to select among the several available theoretical models. In this framework the uncertainty on S_34 is critically reviewed and discussed.

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