Measurement of the ³⁶Cl production cross sections in X-wind irradiation models

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Short-lived radionuclides in meteorites

An important result concerning the formation of the solar system is the discovery of several short-lived nuclides (with half-lives varying from ~10⁵ to ~10⁸ years) in meteorites (¹⁰Be, ²⁶Al, ³⁶Cl, ⁴¹Ca, ⁶⁰Fe, ⁵³Mn....)

There are 2 generally accepted possible models for the production of short-lived radionuclides at the formation of Calcium-Aluminium-rich inclusions (CAIs).

They either originated from the ejecta of a nearby supernova



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They originated in the in-situ irradiation of nebular dust by energetic particles (mostly, p, α , ³He: X-wind irradiation model

Provides a model for the formation of both CAIs and Chondrules in primitive solar nebula

The X-wind model



FIG. 1.—Schematic drawing of the X-wind model for the formation of CAIs and chondrules. On either side of a dead zone (the middle third of the magnetic flux trapped by the X-region) the field lines bend sufficiently inward or outward to force electrically conducting gas in the X-region to be funneled toward the star or to be expelled in an X-wind. The case shown assumes that an outflow of hot plasma in a coronal wind from the star and disk has helped magnetocentrifugal effects to open the field lines in the dead zone, but the dead zone field lines could also be closed, as are those below the helmet dome, without much affecting the discussion of our model. (After Shu et al. 1997).

Short lived ³⁶Cl in CAI-rich inclusions from the Ningqiang Carbonaceous chrondrite

 ${}^{36}\text{Cl: t}_{1/2} = 0.3\text{Myr}$ decays to ${}^{36}\text{S}$



Excesses of sulfur-36 in sodalite, a chlorine-rich mineral, in a calcium- and aluminum-rich inclusion from the Ningqiang carbonaceous chondrite linearly correlate with chorine/sulfur ratios, providing direct evidence for the presence of short-lived ³⁶Cl in the early solar system.

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Production of ³⁶Cl

Adopted nuclear cross section from Hauser-Feshbach codes

In a first step we will study the ${}^{36}S(p, n){}^{36}Cl$ and ${}^{33}S(\alpha, p){}^{36}Cl$ reaction at energies < 10MeV/A and down



FIG. 2.—Adopted nuclear cross sections for the proton- (*thick line*), α - (*dotted line*), and ³He-induced (*dashed line*) reactions for the production of ³⁶Cl. The cross sections are based on numerical simulations using fragmentation and Hauser-Feshbach codes. In the absence of experimental data points, the input parameters have been chosen so that the calculations reproduce data obtained for lower and higher masses (e.g., Al, Ca, Fe) for which some data exist.

ND AMS system





$$< B \rho > \propto mv / \overline{q} \propto m / f(z)$$

 $\overline{q} = f(z) \bullet v$

Detection System

PPAC and Ionisation Chamber (IC) for position and energy determinationBoth containing Isobutane gasThin Mylar windows, low energy lossTOF can aid in particle identification







Experimental layout



First AMS Measurements



Implantation and AMS measurement

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Raytrace predictions (GFmode)



Search for ⁹³Zr in carbonaceous chondrites

⁹³Zr: t_{1/2}=1.53 Myr

Like ⁶⁰Fe, ⁹³Zr is produced by neutron capture and has approximately the same half-life however unlike ⁶⁰Fe it is mainly an s-process isotope. We are developing in collaboration with the research group of Michael Paul from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem an AMS detection method at ND that would enable us to measure ⁹³Zr in sediment samples. This program is driven by a number of reasons :

(a) It is the most promising isotope a priory, after ⁵³Mn and ⁶⁰Fe to be detected in sediments,

(b) It is expected t be produced by the same processes and in the same locations in massive stars as ⁶⁰Fe,

(c) There are a number of sediment samples available.

(d) This will privide an opportunity to measure 92Zr(n, g)93Zr using activation followed by AMS