

## <sup>10</sup>B + $\alpha$ reactions at low energies

Nucleosynthesis in primordial stellar environments may lead to a substantial production of <sup>10</sup>B isotopes, which either are converted by the <sup>10</sup>B(p,  $\alpha$ )<sup>7</sup>Be reaction to <sup>7</sup>Be or processed further by <sup>10</sup>B+ $\alpha$  reactions towards the carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen range. This paper focuses on low energy studies of the <sup>10</sup>B( $\alpha$ , p)<sup>13</sup>C and <sup>10</sup>B( $\alpha$ , d) <sup>12</sup>C reactions to determine the low energy cross section and the reaction rates in stellar environments





using *R*-matrix analysis techniques. The experimental results cover a broad energy range, from 0.21 MeV up to 1.4 MeV in the center of mass frame, extending down to the Gamow energy range. A substantial increase in the reaction rate compared to previous predictions is found, due to the identification of near threshold  $\alpha$ -cluster resonance structures.



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