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⁷Be electron and proton capture in astrophysical conditions.

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 7 Be plays an important role in several astrophysical scenarios. In stellar hydrogen burning, the competition of its proton and electron captures determines the high-energy component of the solar neutrino spectrum. In BBN, its ultimate abundance determines the amount of 7 Li observed in primordial matter. Its 3 He(4 He, γ) 7 Be and 7 Be(p, γ) 8 B production and destruction processes have been studied by the ERNA collaboration using a recoil mass separator. Recently, a new project was initiated to study the electron capture decay of 7 Be in different charge states for the first time under controlled conditions.

A review of this topic will be presented, with illustrations of recent experiments.

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