

# ISOTOPIC DEPENDENCE OF GCR FLUENCE BEHIND SHIELDING

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### **Abstract:**

In this paper we consider the effects of the isotopic composition of the primary galactic cosmic rays (GCR), nuclear fragmentation cross-sections, and isotopic-grid on the solution to transport models used for shielding studies. Satellite measurements are used to describe the isotopic composition of the GCR. For the nuclear interaction data-base and transport solution, we use the quantum multiple-scattering theory of nuclear fragmentation (QMSFRG) and high-charge and energy (HZETRN) transport code, respectively. The QMSFRG model is shown to accurately describe existing fragmentation data including proper description of the odd-even effects as function of the iso-spin dependence on the projectile nucleus. The principle finding of this study is that large errors ( $\pm 100\%$ ) will occur in the mass-fluence spectra when comparing transport models that use a complete isotopic-grid ( $\sim 170$  ions) to ones that use a reduced isotopic-grid, for example the 59 ion-grid used in the HZETRN code in the past, however less significant errors ( $< \pm 20\%$ ) occur in the elemental-fluence spectra. Because a complete isotopic-grid is readily handled on small computer workstations and is needed for several applications studying GCR propagation and scattering, it is recommended that they be used for future GCR studies.

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## INTRODUCTION

An important goal for NASA's Space Radiation Health Program is to develop a predictive capability to predict the GCR fluence spectra to within a  $\pm 25\%$  accuracy (Annon. 1998). NASA has developed the HZETRN (high-charge and energy transport) code (Wilson, 1977; Wilson and Badavi, 1986; Wilson *et al.*, 1991) as a science application and engineering design tool (Wilson *et al.*, 1993) to be used in space radiation shielding studies. HZETRN has been validated in its ability to predict total dose and dose equivalent behind several materials in space to within  $\pm 20\%$  on multiple space missions in Earth orbit (Cucinotta *et al.*, 2000a, Badhwar and Cucinotta, 2000, Badhwar *et al.*, 2001). However, interest in fluence-based approaches to risk assessment (Cucinotta *et al.*, 1995a, 1996a) suggests that more stringent tests of transport code accuracy be made, and the quantities dose and dose equivalent are deemed as necessary, but not sufficient tests of their accuracy. In this regard, we note that dose and dose equivalent are integral quantities that receive contributions from many GCR charge groups. There currently exist large uncertainties in biological response models for GCR (Cucinotta, *et al.*, 2001) and methodologies to estimate health risks such that dose and dose equivalent may be insufficient as tests of transport code accuracy. The use of ion fluence as a basis for tests for accuracy provides for sufficient generality to ensure accuracy in GCR transport models including under the circumstances of revision of radiation quality factors or integration of alternative risk assessment approaches in the future.

In the description of the transport of the galactic cosmic rays (GCR) in shielding materials or tissue, a common approximation is to consider only the elemental composition of the primary GCR and a reduced isotopic-grid for the secondary nuclei produced in nuclear fragmentation. In this paper we analyze the role of the isotopic dependence of the GCR primary composition and nuclear fragmentation in predicting the fluence of the GCR behind arbitrary shielding configurations. Our study is an important milestone in achieving NASA's goal of accurate GCR transport codes, since for the first-time a complete isotopic-grid has been achieved in a GCR transport model and we document the error inherent in former approaches. Also, for applications that will consider radioactive isotopes produced in the atmosphere or shielding, our study provides

a useful tool to perform such analyses. Other applications where non-stable nuclei are considered are studies of the origin or the GCR where so-called cosmic-ray “clocks” consider the primary or secondary GCR with life-times on the order of confinement time in the galaxy ( $\sim 1$  M-yrs) (Yanasak *et al.*, 1999). Several GCR “clock” nuclei including  $^{10}\text{Be}$  and  $^{26}\text{Al}$  were not considered in the grid used in HZETRN in the past. Finally new data on the GCR near Mars are being collected by the MARIE experiment on the Odyssey spacecraft (Zeitlin *et al.*, 2004), and our study provides an opportunity to begin new investigations on the accuracy of computational models used to describe the GCR.

Historically the HZETRN code grew from a 29-ion isotopic grid used in the 1980’s and early 1990’s (Wilson, *et al.*, 1991) to an extension to a 32-ion isotopic grid made in 1993 in order to include all light ions (Cucinotta, 1993). Because of the limitations of random access memory present on the computer workstations of the early 1990’s, sensitivity studies were made for mono-energetic ion beams to study the minimum number of isotopes for convergence resulting in the use of 59-isotopic grid (Kim, *et al.*, 1994), and all GCR studies since 1994 have used the 59-isotopic grid (Shinn, *et al.*, 1994). However, there are several reasons to re-consider the use of the full isotopic-grid for GCR transport problems. First, the isotopic dependence of the primary GCR has not been considered in past shielding studies and may lead to errors in the description of both primary ion attenuation and secondary particle production including the role of high-energy neutron production from the many neutron rich species that occur. Secondly, the studies of Kim *et al.* (1994) used the NUCFRG2 model of fragmentation (Wilson *et al.*, 1994), which does not provide a correct description of the even-odd effect observed in fragment production or of the projectile iso-spin dependence observed experimentally (Knott *et al.*, 1996, 1997; Zeitlin *et al.*, 2001). Thirdly, the sensitivity studies made by Kim *et al.* (1994) used a “calibration” of the isotopic-grid to  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  beams; however a larger isotopic grid occurs when all GCR projectile nuclei are considered. Fourth, the error in the range-energy and stopping powers that results from the use of a reduced isotopic grid, although expected to be small for large mass number,  $A \gg 1$ , is an unnecessary one for transport calculations. Finally, the improved computational speed and memory available on current small

computer workstations, makes the inclusion of a complete isotopic-grid in the HZETRN code to be readily implemented at this time.

In this paper the implementation of the HZETRN code to include the full isotopic dependence of the primary GCR is described. The physics of isotopic effects in GCR transport are described and the fragmentation parameters are a key component of this description. The quantum multiple scattering theory of nuclear fragmentation (QMSFRG) is used as the generator for fragmentation cross-sections used in our study. An empirical model of the isotopic composition of the primary GCR including its solar modulation is also described. For GCR problems an isotopic grid of 170 ions is identified and comparisons made to previous HZETRN results using the reduced-grid of 59 isotopes are made. The present code includes all of the abundant nuclei in the GCR environment with fluxes greater than about  $10^2/\text{cm}^2/\text{yr}$  and nuclei produced in fragmentation events with production cross-sections greater than about 1 mb. Several nuclei with smaller primary abundances or production cross-sections, which are of interest for scientific reasons are also included in the expanded HZETRN model described herein. The resultant code includes many neutron rich nuclei that have been ignored in the past with iso-spin components ranging from  $T_z = +3/2$  to  $T_z = -3$ .

## **ISOTOPIC COMPOSITION OF THE GCR**

NASA currently uses the GCR model of Badhwar and O'Neill (1992) to describe the elemental composition and energy spectra of the GCR including their modulation by the sun's magnetic field. In this GCR representation, only the most abundant GCR nuclei is considered for each element and other isotopes of identical charge are counted as the abundant isotope. However, theoretical models and satellite measurements of the GCR have long considered the isotopic composition of the GCR and their modification through transport in interstellar space including estimating the primary nuclear composition at stellar sources (Parker, 1965, Webber *et al.*, 1990a, Fields *et al.*, 1994). The approach used here is to estimate an energy-independent isotopic fraction,  $f_j$  from satellite measurements, which are constrained to obey the sum-rule

$$(1) \quad \phi(Z, E) = \sum_{A_j} f_j(A_j, Z) \phi(A_j, Z, E)$$

where the left-hand side of eq. (1) is the elemental spectra from the Badhwar and O'Neill model and  $\sum_j f_j = 1$ . Equation (1) is used herein as an initial estimate of the influence of the primary isotopic composition on GCR shielding calculations. Experimental studies have included measurements on the Pioneer, Voyager, and Ulysses spacecraft. A survey of such data (Hesse *et al.*, 1991; Lukasiak, *et al.*, 1993, 1995; Webber *et al.*, 1985, 1990; Wiedenback *et al.*, 1981, 1985) was made with the results shown in **Table-1**.

The GCR path-length distribution represents the mean amount of inter-stellar and inter-planetary material intersected by cosmic rays prior to their arrival in the near-Earth environment. This distribution is currently estimated to vary between 3 and 20 g/cm<sup>2</sup> with the inter-planetary gas approximately 90% H and 10% He. Variability in estimates between various studies arise because of differences in model nuclear fragmentation parameters, cosmological interaction terms, and factors related to the near-Earth or deep space measurements including energy and mass resolution of the detectors as well as position in the solar cycle. In most current models, the GCR path-length distribution is estimated to be velocity and rigidity dependent (i.e., energy dependent). Of note is that based on the solar modulation theory of Parker (1965), the inter-planetary portion of this distribution would be modulated over the solar cycle suggesting the form

$$(2) \quad \lambda(\Phi, R) = \lambda_{Inter-stellar} + \lambda_{Inter-planetary}(\Phi, R)$$

where  $\Phi$  is the solar modulation parameter and  $R$  (in A.U.) is the radial distance from the sun. It then follows that the amount of fragmentation in the inter-planetary media and the isotopic abundances are dependent on the modulation parameter and radial distance. Based on the results of Lukasiak *et al.* (1993) the following formula is used to describe the dependence of the isotopic ratio (near-Earth) on the solar cycle including a dependence on the modulation parameter  $\Phi$ (MV)

$$(3) \quad f(A, Z) = f_{Source}(A, Z) + [\exp(\gamma\sqrt{\Phi}) - 1]$$

where  $\gamma$  is found by interpolating from the source and near solar maximum values. The second term in Eq.(3) can be positive or negative as dependent on the conditions for a net gain or reduction in the cosmic nuclei during transit from the galactic sources (Fields *et al.*, 1994) to the inner heliosphere. In **Table-1** we have used data on isotopic fractions near solar maximum where the isotopic fraction for nuclei produced within the heliosphere are expected to be at a maximum (Hesse *et al.*, 1991; Lukasiak *et al.*, 1993; Webber *et al.*, 1985, 1990; Wiedenback *et al.*, 1981, 1985). For several elements listed in **Table-1**, information on solar modulation was not available and isotopic fractions for near-Earth and GCR source were set identical using the near-Earth estimate.

We represent the primary (near-Earth)  $^2\text{H}$  and  $^3\text{He}$  spectra as

$$(4a) \quad \phi_{3He}(E) = \{0.0764 + 0.097 \exp[-0.5(\ln(E/1660)/1.306)^2]\} \phi_{4He}(E)$$

$$(4b) \quad \phi_{2H}(E) = 0.2 \phi_{4He}(E)$$

where  $\phi_{3He}(E)$  and  $\phi_{2H}(E)$  are subtracted from the Badhwar and O'Neill model (1992) for  $\phi_{4He}(E)$  and  $\phi_{1H}(E)$ , respectively. **Figure-1** shows the assumed dependence of the isotope abundance scaling as a function on the solar modulation parameter described by equation (3) for  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{15}\text{N}$ . Similar results are found for other primary isotopes listed in **Table-2**. Examples of the GCR energy spectra for hydrogen and helium are shown in **Figure-2a** and for the isotopes of Ne, Si, and Fe at solar minimum in **Figure-2b**.

## ISOTOPIC EFFECTS IN GCR TRANSPORT

The reduction of the full 3-dimensional Boltzmann transport equation within the straight-ahead and continuous slowing down approximations and assuming velocity conservative fragmentation events accurately describes the transport of GCR heavy ions (Wilson *et al.*,

1986, 1991, 1995). In this model the heavy ion flux,  $\phi_j(E, x)$  of an ion  $j$  with mass number  $A_j$ , charge number  $Z_j$ , energy  $E$  (in units of MeV/u) at shielding depth  $x$  (in units of g/cm<sup>2</sup>) is determined by the partial differential equation (Wilson *et al.*, 1991)

$$(5) \quad \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{S_j(E)} \frac{\partial}{\partial E} + \sigma_j(E) \right] \phi_j(x, E) = \sum_k \sigma_{j,k}(E) \phi_k(E, x)$$

where  $\sigma_j(E)$  is the energy-dependent absorption cross-section (cm<sup>-1</sup>) and  $\sigma_{jk}(E)$  is the fragmentation cross-section for producing an ion  $j$  from  $k$ . The solution to eq. (5) in the HZETRN code is found using the methods of characteristics where the coordinate transformation

$$(6a) \quad \eta_j = x - R_j(E); \quad \xi_j = x + R_j(E)$$

and the scaled flux

$$(6b) \quad \chi_j(\eta_j, \xi_j) = S_j(E) \phi_j(x, E)$$

are introduced leading to the transport equation

$$(7) \quad \left[ 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_j} + \sigma_j \right] \chi(\eta_j, \xi_j) = \sum_k \sigma_{j,k} \frac{v_j}{v_k} \chi(\eta_k, \xi_k)$$

where  $S_j(E)$  is the stopping power of ion  $j$ ,  $v_j = Z_j^2/A_j$ ,  $\sigma_j$  the total absorption cross-section, and  $\sigma_{jk}$  the fragmentation cross-section to produce isotope  $j$  from projectile isotope  $k$ . The numerical solution to Eq.(7) uses a marching procedure (Wilson *et al.* (1990)). The solution of the transport equation for light ions and neutrons is distinct from Eq.(7) because of the broad re-distribution of energy in collision events and is described elsewhere (Wilson *et al.*, 1991, Cucinotta *et al.*, 1995b, and Cloudsley *et al.*, 2000).

Because Eq.(7) is a coupled integro-differential equation for the many GCR primary and secondary nuclei, required computer memory allocations increase rapidly as the number of ion species is increased and was an important consideration in the early 1990's.



However, such practical limitations no longer exist, even on small computer workstations with sufficient RAM (e.g. Pentium III or higher with 0.5 Giga-bytes or more), and an unrestricted isotopic-grid can presently be implemented with no memory or storage problems. When using a reduced isotopic grid, fragments not contained in the grid are assigned to a nearby mass of identical charge number. This introduces two types of errors: First the range-energy and stopping powers are altered from their true values. This error is expected to be small at high-energies for  $A \gg 1$  since here ion ranges are well described by  $A_j/Z_j^2$  scaling factors. The second type of error occurs in the absorption and fragmentation cross-sections. Here because of the re-assignment of the mass number when using a reduced grid, an error is introduced by the change in neutron number from its true values. The fluence spectra of high-energy neutrons produced in fragmentation events is also modified by forcing the physics onto a reduced isotopic-grid. This latter error is expected to be small for heavy target nuclei ( $A > 16$ ) because neutron production is dominated by light-particle ( $n, p, d, t, h, \text{ and } \alpha$ ) interactions on target nuclei, but may be non-negligible for light target atoms ( $A \leq 16$ ) (Cucinotta *et al.* 1998a). Since materials with high-hydrogen content are known to be the optimal shielding materials, the changes in the neutron fluence due to the use of a full isotopic-grid should be considered.

## QUANTUM FRAGMENTATION MODEL

We next discuss the quantum multiple scattering description of heavy ion fragmentation (QMSFRG), which has been quite successful in describing the physics of the abrasion – ablation model of fragmentation and experimental data (Cucinotta, *et al.* 1992, 1994a, 1997, 1998b). For inclusive reactions where a single fragment originating in the projectile is measured, closure is performed on the final target state with a momentum vector denoted  $\mathbf{p}_X$  used to represent these states. The total momentum transfer is  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p}_T - \mathbf{p}_X$  where  $\mathbf{p}_T$  is the initial target momentum. The pre-fragment,  $F^*$  excitation spectrum following nucleon or alpha particle abrasion can be represented in terms of an impact parameter dependent convolution of the pre-fragment excitation response for a transition of the pre-fragment core from state  $n$  to  $n'$  and the project fireball response (Cucinotta *et al.*, 1994a, 1998b)

$$(8) \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dE_{F^*}} = \langle T | \int d^2q d^2b d^2b' e^{i\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{b}')} P_{n,n'}(b,b') \Lambda_{n,n'}(q,b,b,E_{F^*}) | T \rangle$$

where  $b$  ( $b'$ ) is the impact parameter, and  $q$  the momentum transfer. The abrasion response is defined as the interaction of the projectile fireball with the target after performing closure over the final fireball states

$$(9) \quad \Lambda_{n,n'}(b,b',E_{if}) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}_R}{(2\pi)^3} \langle R' | Q_{RT}^+(b') | R \rangle \langle R | Q_{RT}(b) | R' \rangle \delta(E_i - E_f)$$

where the  $Q_{RT}$  represent the fireball-target profile operator, and  $k_R$  the projectile fireball momentum vector. The abrasion-response represents a complicated many-body operator that is solved by approximation using closure over the target and fireball states for evaluating the pre-fragment distribution. The one-particle abrasion response has been evaluated using the shell model response functions (Cucinotta and Dubey, 1993). The pre-fragment excitation is described in terms of the transition matrix

$$(10) \quad P_{n,n'}(b,b',E_{F^*}) = \langle F_n^* | Q_{F^*T}^+(b') | F_{n'}^* \rangle \langle F_{n'}^* | Q_{F^*T}(b) | F_n^* \rangle$$

where matrix elements for the pre-fragment excitation are evaluated over the many-body profile operators,  $Q_{FT}$ . In the model a convolution approach is used to derive the multi-knockout spectrum from the single-fragmentation term (Cucinotta and Dubey, 1994a). The resulting excitation spectrum is broad with a shape similar to a log-normal distribution with mean energies from 20 to 30 MeV for one-nucleon removal (Cucinotta and Dubey, 1993; 1994a).

The de-excitation of the pre-fragments in nuclear ablation is described in a stochastic process using a Master equation for nuclear de-excitation by particle emission (Cucinotta and Wilson, 1996b). If  $f^b(E,t)$  is the probability of finding the nuclei  $b$  at time  $t$  with excitation energy  $E_b$  and  $P_k^b(E)$  be the probability that the nuclei,  $b$  will emit ion  $k$  with energy  $E$ , then the Master equation is

$$(11) \quad \frac{df^b(E_b^*, t)}{dt} = \sum_j \int dE f^a(E_a^*, t) P_j^a(E) - \sum_k \int dE f^b(E_b^*, t) P_k^b(E)$$

In Eq.(11) the first-term on the right corresponds to gains by decays  $a \rightarrow b+j$  and the second term from losses due to decays  $b \rightarrow c+k$  where the  $j$  (or  $k$ ) are light-particle emissions ( $n, p, d, t, h, \text{ or } \alpha$ ). Equation (11) is solved by iteration up to excitation energies of 150 MeV and by approximation for higher values (Cucinotta *et al.* 1996b, 1997a). Important features of this solution is the correct description of the nuclear level-density including nuclear-shell effects at low-excitation energies, and the use of measured values for the nuclear masses. The fragmentation cross-section is then evaluated from as

$$(12) \quad \sigma_F(A_F, Z_F) = \sum_{A_{F^*}, Z_{F^*}} \int dE_{F^*} \frac{d\sigma_{F^*}}{dE_{F^*}} f(A_{F^*}, Z_{F^*} \longrightarrow A_F, Z_F)$$

where  $f(A_{F^*}, Z_{F^*} \longrightarrow A_F, Z_F)$  is the solution to Eq.(11).

The iso-spin dependence in fragmentation cross-sections enters in several ways. First, in the many-body profile functions, the energy-dependent two-body nucleon interaction parameters are summed over the possible projectile and target nucleon scattering combinations. Second, the nuclear wave-functions are dependent on shell structure. The largest contribution to iso-spin effects occur in the nuclear ablation process (de-excitation) where the pre-fragments formed and their level spectra are greatly influenced by the projectile or pre-fragment iso-spin. The model uses Coulomb trajectories (Cucinotta *et al.*, 1997a) and in-medium nucleon-nucleon interaction (Tripathi *et al.*, 2000), which are important at lower energies (<200 MeV/u).

## RESULTS

We first illustrate the accuracy of the QMSFRG model and the effects of iso-spin on fragmentation cross-sections. **Figures 3 and 4** show comparisons of the model to experimental data for the elemental distributions of fragments for several nuclei of

similar mass number where nearby isotopes are chosen for comparison. The data of Webber *et al.* (1998) used fragmentation of a primary beam and steering magnets to form several less abundant nuclei, and we note the beams are only about 90% pure for  $^{29}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{46}\text{Sc}$ , and  $^{46}\text{Ti}$  results shown. In all comparisons the one-nucleon removal cross-sections by electro-magnetic dissociation are included (Norbury *et al.*, 1988). The iso-spin,  $T_z=0$  nuclei display large odd-even effects, which are reduced for the  $T_z \neq 0$  nuclei. The odd-even effects are present for all target nuclei, however smaller for hydrogen targets due to the reduced abrasion probability for large mass removal on hydrogen. One of errors that results from transporting ions using a reduced mass-grid is seen by comparing fragmentation cross-sections for nearby projectiles where large differences in many of the production cross-sections occur for neighboring projectile nuclei. The model accurately reproduces the effects observed in the experiments. **Figures-5** show comparisons of QMSFRG predictions to experimental data for the isotopic distribution of fragments from  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  and  $^{56}\text{Fe}$ , and **Figures 6-8** correlations between the model and experimental data for  $^{20}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{32}\text{S}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Ar}$ , and  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  and  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  elemental production cross sections . The results show good agreement between theory and experiments with the QMSFRG model within 25% percent of the experimental values for over 90% of the data in the literature.

For our extension of the HZETRN code, **Table-2** shows the isotopic table of 170 nuclei developed as a complete list of GCR primary and secondary nuclei to be used in GCR transport problems. We have also listed in the **Table-2** the iso-spin, and half-life for the unstable nuclei along with the decay mode. This table of nuclei includes all nuclei of significant abundance with iso-spin +3/2 to -3 that appear in GCR transport problems. By contrast early versions of the HZETRN code used a much smaller ion table. The expanded grid used here will allow for improved description of the physics, and to discuss many applications where unstable nuclei are central to understanding. Also listed in the first column of **Table-2** is the index scheme that is used in the HZETRN code, which is used to label the shielding-depth and energy dependent fluence matrix. The index for the nuclei are ordered by increasing mass number,  $A$  followed by charge number,  $Z$  for a given  $A$ .

The GCR nuclei are completely stripped and therefore the decay mode and half-life for unstable nuclei could be differential from those observed in laboratories on Earth. Garcia-Munoz *et al.* (1987) has noted the following differences: 1) electron capture branches, which are inactive for GCR nuclei relative to  $\beta$ -decay, 2) for non-stripped nuclei there will be two S-shell electrons that participate in electron capture that will not be available in the decay of GCR nuclei, and 3) changes in screening effects. They have made estimates of the elongation of the half-time for fully stripped nuclei due to these processes, which indicate an approximate doubling of the decay time observed for laboratory nuclei that normally decay by electron capture. Since these decay times are much longer than the transit time of nuclei in shielding they are not considered here. However, it will be useful in the future to further consider these processes when studying the effects of stopping GCR nuclei on planetary atmospheres or surfaces and in tissues.

**Figure-9** shows results from the HZETRN code at solar minimum ( $\Phi=428$  MV) behind 5 g/cm<sup>2</sup> of aluminum shielding. Comparison of the mass-flux spectra for a 59-isotope grid and the 170-isotope grid are shown. The 170-isotope grid was developed by considering the fragmentation cross-sections for a large number of GCR primary nuclei and dominant fragments in several materials. In **Figure-9** we have scaled the flux by the square of the ion charge as a measure of the ionization power of each mass group. Large differences are seen for many nuclei. **Figure-10a** shows the percent error in the mass-fluence spectra resulting from the use of the reduced grid for depths of 5 and 20 g/cm<sup>2</sup> of aluminum. Errors greater than 100% are seen for many nuclei, however in most cases such large errors only occur for the less abundant nuclei. The probability of biological effects are expected to increase in a manner proportional to  $Z^2$  for a given energy, and the elemental-flux distribution may be a sufficient test of transport models for supporting exploration studies. In **Figure-10b** we show a similar comparison to that of **Figure-10a**, however here for the elemental-fluence spectra. The errors are indeed less substantial than those of the mass-fluence spectra, yet are larger than 10% in several cases. Similar comparisons near solar maximum conditions are shown in **Figures-11**. In **Table-3** results for the elemental and neutron excess dependence of the point dose equivalent behind aluminum shielding are shown. The  $Y<-1$  nuclei are not significant, while all other cases make

important contributions. **Table-4** shows the fluence at several depths for several of the cosmic-ray clock nuclei and other less abundant nuclei of interest for scientific studies.

## DISCUSSION

It has been recognized for many years that for the description of GCR transport in shielding, theoretical models and experimental data describing the nuclear interactions and propagation of protons, heavy ions and their secondaries, leading to accurate and computational efficient transport codes are needed. In the last 25 years such descriptions have improved dramatically with major milestones that include the development of an accurate free space GCR model (Badhwar and O'Neill, 1992), the HZETRN code (Wilson, 1977; Wilson, et al., 1990), the measurement of a significant number of fragmentation cross-sections (Brechtmann and Heinrech, 1988; Webber *et al.*, 1990b Knott *et al.* 1996, 1997; and Zeitlin *et al.*, 1997, 2001, 2002), and the development of an accurate nuclear fragmentation model (Cucinotta *et al.*, 1998a). Laboratory (Shimmerling *et al.*, 1989), and spaceflight (Badhwar and Cucinotta, 2000) validation data have also become available during this time period. The combination of the GCR model of Badhwar and O'Neill, QMSFRG cross section data base, and HZETRN transport code have been shown to agree with flight measurements of GCR dose and dose equivalent within  $\pm 15\%$  on several space vehicles. However, further spectral data sets, both in space and at heavy ion accelerators, are needed to fully validate these codes.

The implementation of heavy ion transport models has progressed from models that did not satisfy unitarity (Letaw *et al.*, 1983), to the current fully energy-dependent models with accurate absorption cross-sections (Shinn *et al.*, 1994; Wilson *et al.*, 1993; Cucinotta, 1993). Future work may still be required for light-particle transport ( $n$ ,  $p$ ,  $d$ ,  $t$ ,  $h$ ,  $\alpha$ , and mesons and their decays), including establishing production cross-section models and data, and understanding the role of angular deflections, which are more important for neutrons than for heavy ion transport. However, the heavy ion problem is in much better shape with many of the remaining task ones of implementation. One exception may be improvements in fragmentation cross-sections and laboratory validation for the  $Z=1$  to 5 nuclei produced from the heavier projectile nuclei ( $Z>10$ ).

The present paper addressed two implementation tasks; the use of a free-space GCR model, which includes the isotopic composition of the primaries, and the extension of the HZETRN code to a complete isotopic-grid. The problem of the isotopic distribution of the primary GCR and their modulation during the solar cycle has been treated in a parametric way in this paper. In this approach, we maintain the accuracy of the GCR modulation model for the GCR elemental spectra from Badhwar and O'Neill (1992), however re-distribute the fluence of each element amongst its isotopes using estimates from satellite data. The coupling of the HZETRN code to the Leaky Box Model is a possible approach to a more exact treatment of this problem including the description of the energy dependence of the isotopic fractions. However, for shielding applications these effects are expected to be small based on the current study. The use of the complete isotopic grid of nuclei allows HZETRN applications on the study of the so-called cosmic ray "clocks" with lifetimes similar to the time spent by GCR nuclei in the galaxy (~1 M-yr) as well as studies of signature nuclei from the decay of GCR nuclei in the Mars atmosphere or planetary surfaces. Because the use of a reduced-grid leads to error and there are no practical limitations in using a complete isotopic-grid at this time, we recommend it be used when initiatives to design space exploration vehicles begin. Future tasks that remain are to implement physical models of the GCR isotopic environment and to continue to refine the QMSFRG model including comparisons to new fragmentation data as they become available. For the many deformed and highly deformed projectile nuclei considered herein, methods to consider this deformation in the abrasion process are needed. Other considerations for future work is to study the isotopic effects for other materials and to consider the decay of radioactive isotopes produced as GCR secondaries in the Mars atmosphere, shielding materials or tissue.

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**Table 1a:** Isotopic Composition of GCR Elements Z=3 to 12.

<i>Isotope</i>	<i>Near-Earth Fraction</i>	<i>Source Fraction</i>
<i>Z=3</i>		
<sup>6</sup> Li*	0.5	0.5
<sup>7</sup> Li	0.5	0.5
<i>Z=4</i>		
<sup>7</sup> Be*	0.5	0.5
<sup>9</sup> Be	0.35	0.35
<sup>10</sup> Be	0.15	0.15
<i>Z=5</i>		
<sup>10</sup> B	0.31	0.2
<sup>11</sup> B	0.69	0.8
<i>Z=6</i>		
<sup>12</sup> C	0.92	0.999
<sup>13</sup> C	0.08	0.001
<i>Z=7</i>		
<sup>14</sup> N	0.48	0.78
<sup>15</sup> N	0.57	0.22
<i>Z=8</i>		
<sup>16</sup> O	0.946	0.985
<sup>17</sup> O	0.027	0.008
<sup>18</sup> O	0.027	0.007
<i>Z=10</i>		
<sup>20</sup> Ne	0.55	0.68
<sup>21</sup> Ne	0.10	0.0
<sup>22</sup> Ne	0.35	0.32
<i>Z=12</i>		
<sup>24</sup> Mg	0.64	0.74
<sup>25</sup> Mg	0.18	0.14
<sup>26</sup> Mg	0.18	0.13

\*Data on solar modulation was not found and thus near-Earth and source composition are set equal.

**Table 1b:** Isotopic Composition of GCR Elements Z=13 to 20.

<i>Isotope</i>	<i>Near-Earth Fraction</i>	<i>Source Fraction</i>
<i>Z=13</i>		
<sup>26</sup> Al	0.02	0.0
<sup>27</sup> Al	0.98	1.0
<i>Z=14</i>		
<sup>28</sup> Si	0.84	0.902
<sup>29</sup> Si	0.08	0.054
<sup>30</sup> Si	0.08	0.044
<i>Z=16</i>		
<sup>32</sup> S	0.69	0.96
<sup>33</sup> S	0.15	0.02
<sup>34</sup> S	0.16	0.02
<i>Z=17</i>		
<sup>35</sup> Cl	0.52	1.0
<sup>36</sup> Cl	0.41	0.0
<sup>37</sup> Cl	0.26	0.0
<i>Z=18</i>		
<sup>36</sup> Ar	0.64	1.0
<sup>37</sup> Ar	0.03	0.0
<sup>38</sup> Ar	0.30	0.0
<sup>40</sup> Ar	0.03	0.0
<i>Z=20</i>		
<sup>40</sup> Ca	0.4	1.0
<sup>41</sup> Ca	0.2	0.0
<sup>42</sup> Ca	0.2	0.0
<sup>43</sup> Ca	0.2	0.0
<sup>44</sup> Ca	0.2	0.0

**Table 1c:** Isotopic Composition of GCR Elements Z=22 to 26.

<i>Isotope</i>	<i>Near-Earth Fraction</i>	<i>Source Fraction</i>
<i>Z=22</i>		
<sup>46</sup> Ti*	0.27	0.27
<sup>47</sup> Ti	0.31	0.31
<sup>48</sup> Ti	0.30	0.30
<sup>49</sup> Ti	0.09	0.09
<sup>50</sup> Ti	0.03	0.03
<i>Z=23</i>		
<sup>49</sup> V*	0.53	0.53
<sup>50</sup> V	0.24	0.24
<sup>51</sup> V	0.23	0.23
<i>Z=24</i>		
<sup>50</sup> Cr*	0.26	0.26
<sup>51</sup> Cr	0.26	0.26
<sup>52</sup> Cr	0.48	0.48
<i>Z=25</i>		
<sup>53</sup> Mn*	0.43	0.43
<sup>54</sup> Mn	0.17	0.17
<sup>55</sup> Mn	0.40	0.40
<i>Z=26</i>		
<sup>54</sup> Fe	0.076	0.055
<sup>55</sup> Fe	0.084	0.078
<sup>56</sup> Fe	0.763	0.792
<sup>57</sup> Fe	0.076	0.075

\*Data on solar modulation was not found and thus near-Earth and source composition are set equal.

**Table 2a.** Isotopic Grid Used in Present HZETRN Calculations for Elements Z=0-11.

<i>Index, j</i>	<i>Nuclei</i>	<i>Tz</i>	<i>Lifetime</i>	<i>Decay</i>	<i>Index, j</i>	<i>Nuclei</i>	<i>Tz</i>	<i>Lifetime</i>	<i>Decay</i>
1	<sup>1</sup> n	-1/2	614.6 s	β-	24	<sup>12</sup> N	+1	0.0111 s	e+, β+
2	<sup>1</sup> H	+1/2	Stable		27	<sup>13</sup> N	+1/2	9.965 m	e+, β+
3	<sup>2</sup> H	0	Stable		29	<sup>14</sup> N	0	Stable	
4	<sup>3</sup> H	-1/2	12.33 y	β-	32	<sup>15</sup> N	-1/2	Stable	
5	<sup>3</sup> He	+1/2	Stable		34	<sup>16</sup> N	-1	7.13 s	β-
6	<sup>4</sup> He	0	Stable		36	<sup>17</sup> N	-3/2	4.173 s	β-
7	<sup>6</sup> He	-1	0.807 s	β-	30	<sup>14</sup> O	+1	70.606 s	e+, β+
8	<sup>6</sup> Li	0	Stable		33	<sup>15</sup> O	+1/2	122.24 s	e+, β+
9	<sup>7</sup> Li	-1/2	Stable		35	<sup>16</sup> O	0	Stable	
11	<sup>8</sup> Li	-1	0.838 s	β-	37	<sup>17</sup> O	-1/2	Stable	
13	<sup>9</sup> Li	-3/2	0.178 s	β-	39	<sup>18</sup> O	-1	Stable	
10	<sup>7</sup> Be	+1/2	53.12 d	e	42	<sup>19</sup> O	-3/2	26.91 s	β-
14	<sup>9</sup> Be	-1/2	Stable		45	<sup>20</sup> O	-2	13.51 s	β-
16	<sup>10</sup> Be	-1	1.51x10 <sup>6</sup> y	β-	38	<sup>17</sup> F	+1/2	64.49 s	e+, β+
19	<sup>11</sup> Be	-3/2	13.81 s	β-	40	<sup>18</sup> F	0	0.1098 s	e+, β+
12	<sup>8</sup> B	+1	0.770 s	β+	43	<sup>19</sup> F	-1/2	Stable	
15	<sup>9</sup> B	+1/2	0.54 keV	2αp	46	<sup>20</sup> F	-1	11.0 s	β-
17	<sup>10</sup> B	0	Stable		48	<sup>21</sup> F	-3/2	4.158 s	β-
20	<sup>11</sup> B	-1/2	Stable		41	<sup>18</sup> Ne	+1	1.672 s	e+, β+
22	<sup>12</sup> B	-1	0.0202 s	β-	44	<sup>19</sup> Ne	+1/2	17.22 s	e+, β+
25	<sup>13</sup> B	-3/2	0.01736 s	β-	47	<sup>20</sup> Ne	0	Stable	
18	<sup>10</sup> C	+1	19.255 s	e+, β+	49	<sup>21</sup> Ne	-1/2	Stable	
21	<sup>11</sup> C	+1/2	0.0204 s	e+, β+	51	<sup>22</sup> Ne	-1	Stable	
23	<sup>12</sup> C	0	Stable		53	<sup>23</sup> Ne	-3/2	37.24 s	β-
26	<sup>13</sup> C	-1/2	Stable		56	<sup>24</sup> Ne	-2	3.38 m	β-
28	<sup>14</sup> C	-1	5730 y	β-	50	<sup>21</sup> Na	+1/2	22.49 s	e+, β+
31	<sup>15</sup> C	-3/2	2.449 s	β-	52	<sup>22</sup> Na	0	2.6019 y	e+, β+
					54	<sup>23</sup> Na	-1/2	stable	
					57	<sup>24</sup> Na	-1	14.959 h	β-
					59	<sup>25</sup> Na	-3/2	59.1 s	β-
					62	<sup>26</sup> Na	-2	1.072 s	β-

**Table 2b.** Isotopic Grid Used in Present HZETRN Calculations for Elements Z=12-18.

<i>Index, j</i>	<i>Nuclei</i>	<i>Tz</i>	<i>Lifetime</i>	<i>Decay</i>	<i>Index, j</i>	<i>Nuclei</i>	<i>Tz</i>	<i>Lifetime</i>	<i>Decay</i>
55	<sup>23</sup> Mg	+1/2	11.317 s	e+, β+	78	<sup>30</sup> S	+1	1.178 s	e+, β+
58	<sup>24</sup> Mg	0	stable		81	<sup>31</sup> S	+1/2	2.572 s	e+, β+
60	<sup>25</sup> Mg	-1/2	stable		84	<sup>32</sup> S	0	Stable	
63	<sup>26</sup> Mg	-1	stable		87	<sup>33</sup> S	-1/2	Stable	
66	<sup>27</sup> Mg	-3/2	9.458 m	β-	90	<sup>34</sup> S	-1	Stable	
69	<sup>28</sup> Mg	-2	20.91 h	β-	93	<sup>35</sup> S	-3/2	87.32 d	β-
61	<sup>25</sup> Al	+1/2	7.183 s	e+, β+	96	<sup>36</sup> S	-2	Stable	
64	<sup>26</sup> Al	0	7.17x10 <sup>5</sup> y	e+, β+	99	<sup>37</sup> S	-5/2	5.05 m	β-
67	<sup>27</sup> Al	-1/2	stable		103	<sup>38</sup> S	-2	170.3 m	β-
70	<sup>28</sup> Al	-1	2.241 m	β-	88	<sup>33</sup> Cl	+1/2	2.511 s	e+, β+
72	<sup>29</sup> Al	-3/2	6.56 m	β-	91	<sup>34</sup> Cl	0	1.5264 s	e+, β+
75	<sup>30</sup> Al	-2	3.60 s	β-	94	<sup>35</sup> Cl	-1/2	Stable	
65	<sup>26</sup> Si	+1	2.234 s	e+, β+	97	<sup>36</sup> Cl	-1	3.01x10 <sup>5</sup> y	β-
68	<sup>27</sup> Si	+1/2	4.16 s	e+, β+	100	<sup>37</sup> Cl	-3/2	Stable	
71	<sup>28</sup> Si	0	stable		104	<sup>38</sup> Cl	-2	37.34 m	β-
73	<sup>29</sup> Si	-1/2	stable		108	<sup>39</sup> Cl	-5/2	55.60 m	β-
76	<sup>30</sup> Si	-1	stable		95	<sup>35</sup> Ar	+1/2	1.775 s	e+, β+
79	<sup>31</sup> Si	-3/2	0.1573 s	β-	98	<sup>36</sup> Ar	0	Stable	
82	<sup>32</sup> Si	-2	150 y	β-	101	<sup>37</sup> Ar	-1/2	35.04 d	e
85	<sup>33</sup> Si	-5/2	6.18 s	β-	105	<sup>38</sup> Ar	-1	Stable	
74	<sup>29</sup> P	+1/2	4.140 s	e+, β+	109	<sup>39</sup> Ar	-3/2	269 y	β-
77	<sup>30</sup> P	0	2.498 m	e+, β+	112	<sup>40</sup> Ar	-2	Stable	
80	<sup>31</sup> P	-1/2	stable		115	<sup>41</sup> Ar	-5/2	109.34 m	β-
83	<sup>32</sup> P	-1	14.262 d	β-	118	<sup>42</sup> Ar	-3	32.9 y	β-
86	<sup>33</sup> P	-3/2	25.34 d	β-					
89	<sup>34</sup> P	-2	12.43 s	β-					
92	<sup>35</sup> P	-5/2	47.3 s	β-					



**Table 2c.** Isotopic Grid Used in Present HZETRN Calculations for Elements Z=19-28.

<i>Index, j</i>	<i>Nuclei</i>	<i>Tz</i>	<i>Lifetime</i>	<i>Decay</i>	<i>Index, j</i>	<i>Nuclei</i>	<i>Tz</i>	<i>Lifetime</i>	<i>Decay</i>
102	<sup>37</sup> K	+1/2	1.226 s	e+, β+	134	<sup>46</sup> V	0	0.422 s	e+, β+
106	<sup>38</sup> K	0	7.636 m	e+, β+	137	<sup>47</sup> V	-1/2	32.6 m	e+, β+
110	<sup>39</sup> K	-1/2	Stable		140	<sup>48</sup> V	-1	15.9735 d	e+, β+
113	<sup>40</sup> K	-1	1.277x10 <sup>9</sup> y	β-	143	<sup>49</sup> V	-3/2	330 d	e
116	<sup>41</sup> K	-3/2	Stable		146	<sup>50</sup> V	-2	1.4x10 <sup>17</sup> y	e+, β+
119	<sup>42</sup> K	-2	12.36 h	β-	149	<sup>51</sup> V	-5/2	Stable	
122	<sup>43</sup> K	-5/2	22.3 h	β-	152	<sup>52</sup> V	-3	3.743 m	β-
107	<sup>38</sup> Ca	+1	0.440 s	e+, β+	141	<sup>48</sup> Cr	0	21.56 h	e+, β+
111	<sup>39</sup> Ca	+1/2	0.8596 s	e+, β+	144	<sup>49</sup> Cr	-1/2	42.3 m	e+, β+
114	<sup>40</sup> Ca	0	Stable		147	<sup>50</sup> Cr	-1	>1.8x10 <sup>17</sup> y	e
117	<sup>41</sup> Ca	-1/2	1.03x10 <sup>5</sup> y	e	150	<sup>51</sup> Cr	-3/2	27.7025 d	e
120	<sup>42</sup> Ca	-1	Stable		153	<sup>52</sup> Cr	-2	Stable	
123	<sup>43</sup> Ca	-3/2	Stable		155	<sup>53</sup> Cr	-5/2	Stable	
125	<sup>44</sup> Ca	-2	Stable		158	<sup>54</sup> Cr	-3	Stable	
128	<sup>45</sup> Ca	-5/2	162.61 d	β-	148	<sup>50</sup> Mn	0	0.284 s	e+, β+
131	<sup>46</sup> Ca	-3	Stable		151	<sup>51</sup> Mn	-1/2	0.0462 s	e+, β+
121	<sup>42</sup> Sc	0	0.681 s	e+, β+	154	<sup>52</sup> Mn	-1	5.591 d	e+, β+
124	<sup>43</sup> Sc	-1/2	3.891 h	e+, β+	156	<sup>53</sup> Mn	-3/2	3.74x10 <sup>6</sup>	e
126	<sup>44</sup> Sc	-1	3.927 h	e+,β+	159	<sup>54</sup> Mn	-2	312.3 d	e+, β+
129	<sup>45</sup> Sc	-3/2	stable		161	<sup>55</sup> Mn	-5/2	Stable	
132	<sup>46</sup> Sc	-2	83.79 d	β-	157	<sup>53</sup> Fe	-1/2	0.00851 s	e+, β+
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138	<sup>48</sup> Sc	-3	43.67 h	β-	162	<sup>55</sup> Fe	-3/2	2.73 y	e
127	<sup>44</sup> Ti	0	63 y	e	164	<sup>56</sup> Fe	-2	Stable	
130	<sup>45</sup> Ti	-1/2	184.8 m	e+, β+	167	<sup>57</sup> Fe	-5/2	Stable	
133	<sup>46</sup> Ti	-1	Stable		163	<sup>55</sup> Co	-1/2	17.53 h	e+,β+
136	<sup>47</sup> Ti	-3/2	Stable		165	<sup>56</sup> Co	-1	77.27 d	e+, β+
139	<sup>48</sup> Ti	-2	Stable		168	<sup>57</sup> Co	-3/2	271.79 d	e
142	<sup>49</sup> Ti	-5/2	Stable		166	<sup>56</sup> Ni	0	6.077 d	e+, β+
145	<sup>50</sup> Ti	-3	Stable		169	<sup>57</sup> Ni	-1/2	35.60 h	e+, β+
					170	<sup>58</sup> Ni	-1	Stable	

**Table 3a:** Elemental (Z) and Neutron excess (Y) dependence on GCR dose equivalent behind 0 g/cm<sup>2</sup> of Aluminum Shielding.

<b>GCR Dose Equivalent per Year for near Solar Minimum</b>							
Z	Y<0	Y=0	Y=1	Y=2	Y=3	Y>3	Total-Z
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	9.15	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.37
2	0.50	3.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.11
3	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08
4	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.10
5	0.00	0.23	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60
6	0.00	3.72	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.03
7	0.00	0.74	0.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.73
8	0.00	11.26	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00	11.90
9	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38
10	0.00	2.33	0.45	1.48	0.00	0.00	4.26
11	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33
12	0.00	6.89	1.86	1.88	0.00	0.00	10.63
13	0.00	0.12	2.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.46
14	0.00	11.22	1.08	1.06	0.00	0.00	13.36
15	0.00	0.00	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.85
16	0.00	2.87	0.59	0.65	0.00	0.00	4.11
17	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.41	0.26	0.00	1.19
18	0.00	1.37	0.06	0.68	0.00	0.05	2.15
19	0.00	0.00	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.71
20	0.00	1.57	0.00	0.78	0.78	0.78	3.92
21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
22	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.02	1.17	1.59	3.78
23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.89	1.88
24	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.02	1.02	1.89	3.93
25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.26	1.67	2.92
26	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.05	2.26	22.50	26.80
27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10
28	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.45	0.00	0.00	1.45
Total-Y	9.70	46.18	13.22	12.81	8.85	29.35	120.11

**Table 3b:** Elemental (Z) and Neutron excess (Y) dependence on GCR dose equivalent behind 5 g/cm<sup>2</sup> of Aluminum Shielding.

GCR Dose Equivalent per Year near Solar Minimum							
Z	Y<0	Y=0	Y=1	Y=2	Y=3	Y>3	Total-Z
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65
1	15.03	2.56	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.33
2	2.48	15.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.08
3	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09
4	0.05	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.12
5	0.00	0.23	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.58
6	0.03	3.14	0.29	0.01	0.00	0.00	3.47
7	0.01	0.62	0.83	0.01	0.00	0.00	1.48
8	0.07	8.67	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00	9.28
9	0.01	0.03	0.31	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.37
10	0.03	1.69	0.37	1.10	0.01	0.00	3.20
11	0.01	0.06	0.99	0.04	0.01	0.00	1.11
12	0.05	4.71	1.33	1.34	0.01	0.00	7.44
13	0.01	0.15	1.66	0.03	0.01	0.00	1.87
14	0.06	7.46	0.77	0.75	0.01	0.00	9.06
15	0.00	0.02	0.60	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.70
16	0.02	1.86	0.42	0.48	0.02	0.01	2.82
17	0.00	0.02	0.38	0.32	0.21	0.01	0.93
18	0.01	0.89	0.08	0.51	0.04	0.06	1.59
19	0.00	0.02	1.12	0.04	0.04	0.04	1.27
20	0.01	1.03	0.03	0.58	0.57	0.58	2.81
21	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.70	0.08	0.85
22	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.72	0.81	1.12	2.69
23	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.71	0.66	1.44
24	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.68	0.73	1.33	2.77
25	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.88	1.23	2.18
26	0.00	0.00	0.03	1.34	1.50	13.90	16.77
27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.08
28	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.87	0.00	0.00	0.88
Total-Y	17.88	48.84	11.80	9.95	6.37	19.03	113.88

**Table 3c:** Elemental (Z) and Neutron excess (Y) dependence on GCR dose equivalent behind 20 g/cm<sup>2</sup> of Aluminum Shielding.

<b>GCR Dose Equivalent per Year near Solar Minimum</b>							
Z	Y<0	Y=0	Y=1	Y=2	Y=3	Y>3	Total-Z
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
1	18.95	3.09	2.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.24
2	2.67	17.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.69
3	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
4	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.10
5	0.00	0.13	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35
6	0.05	1.51	0.13	0.02	0.00	0.00	1.72
7	0.02	0.41	0.38	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.83
8	0.11	3.69	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.00	4.02
9	0.01	0.04	0.17	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.26
10	0.04	0.75	0.16	0.46	0.01	0.00	1.43
11	0.01	0.09	0.45	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.62
12	0.08	1.84	0.52	0.50	0.01	0.00	2.95
13	0.02	0.12	0.69	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.89
14	0.08	2.57	0.29	0.26	0.02	0.01	3.22
15	0.01	0.04	0.26	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.39
16	0.03	0.71	0.15	0.18	0.03	0.02	1.12
17	0.00	0.02	0.19	0.12	0.08	0.02	0.44
18	0.01	0.34	0.07	0.19	0.05	0.04	0.70
19	0.00	0.03	0.39	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.58
20	0.02	0.47	0.05	0.20	0.19	0.19	1.11
21	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.07	0.29	0.10	0.49
22	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.30	0.33	0.46	1.14
23	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.30	0.31	0.71
24	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.26	0.31	0.55	1.16
25	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.36	0.55	1.00
26	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.43	0.53	4.13	5.13
27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.04
28	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.25
Total-Y	22.15	32.94	6.69	5.73	2.68	6.45	76.64

**Table 4:** Annual fluence of several unstable GCR nuclei versus depth of aluminum shielding near solar minimum ( $\Phi=428$  MV).

Nuclei	<i>Fluence per cm<sup>2</sup> per year</i>			
	<b>0, g/cm<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2, g/cm<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5, g/cm<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>20, g/cm<sup>2</sup></b>
<sup>6</sup> He	0.0	9.1x10 <sup>1</sup>	2.1x10 <sup>2</sup>	5.6x10 <sup>2</sup>
<sup>8</sup> Li	0.0	1.0x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.2x10 <sup>3</sup>	5.4x10 <sup>3</sup>
<sup>9</sup> Li	0.0	3.0x10 <sup>1</sup>	7.2x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.8x10 <sup>2</sup>
<sup>10</sup> Be	8.8x10 <sup>3</sup>	9.1x10 <sup>3</sup>	9.3x10 <sup>3</sup>	8.8x10 <sup>3</sup>
<sup>14</sup> C	0.0	7.1x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.7x10 <sup>3</sup>	3.4x10 <sup>3</sup>
<sup>18</sup> O	9.9x10 <sup>3</sup>	9.3x10 <sup>3</sup>	8.4x10 <sup>3</sup>	5.1x10 <sup>3</sup>
<sup>26</sup> Al	5.7x10 <sup>2</sup>	7.6x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.4x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.0x10 <sup>3</sup>
<sup>36</sup> Cl	8.1x10 <sup>2</sup>	7.7x10 <sup>2</sup>	7.1x10 <sup>3</sup>	4.4x10 <sup>2</sup>

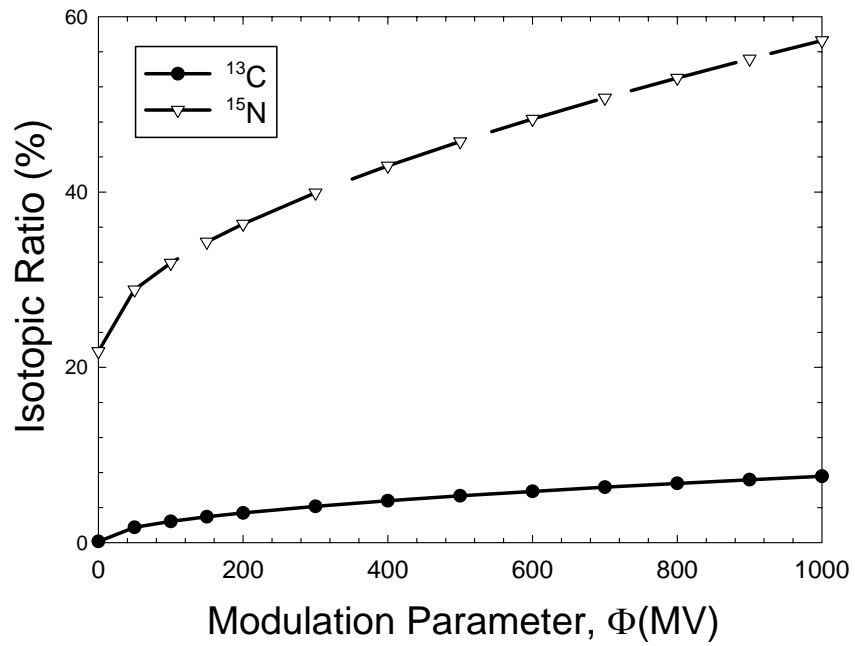


Figure 1: Parametric model for describing the change in isotopic composition with the solar modulation parameter,  $\Phi$ (MV).

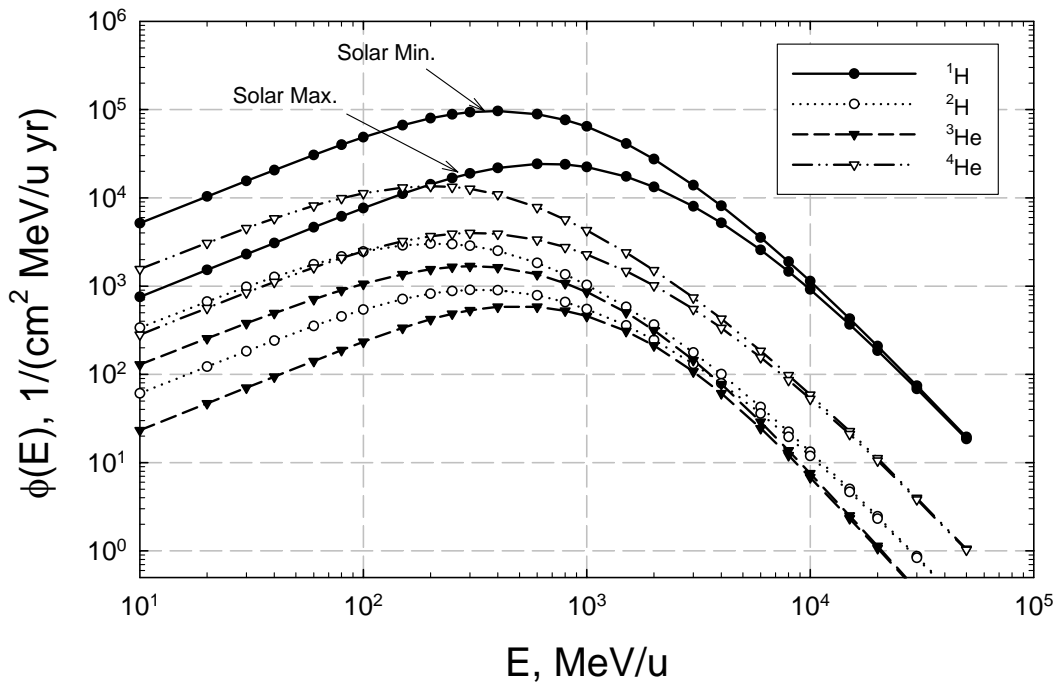


Figure 2a: Energy spectra for hydrogen and helium isotopes near solar minimum ( $\Phi=428$  MV) and solar maximum ( $\Phi=1050$  MV).

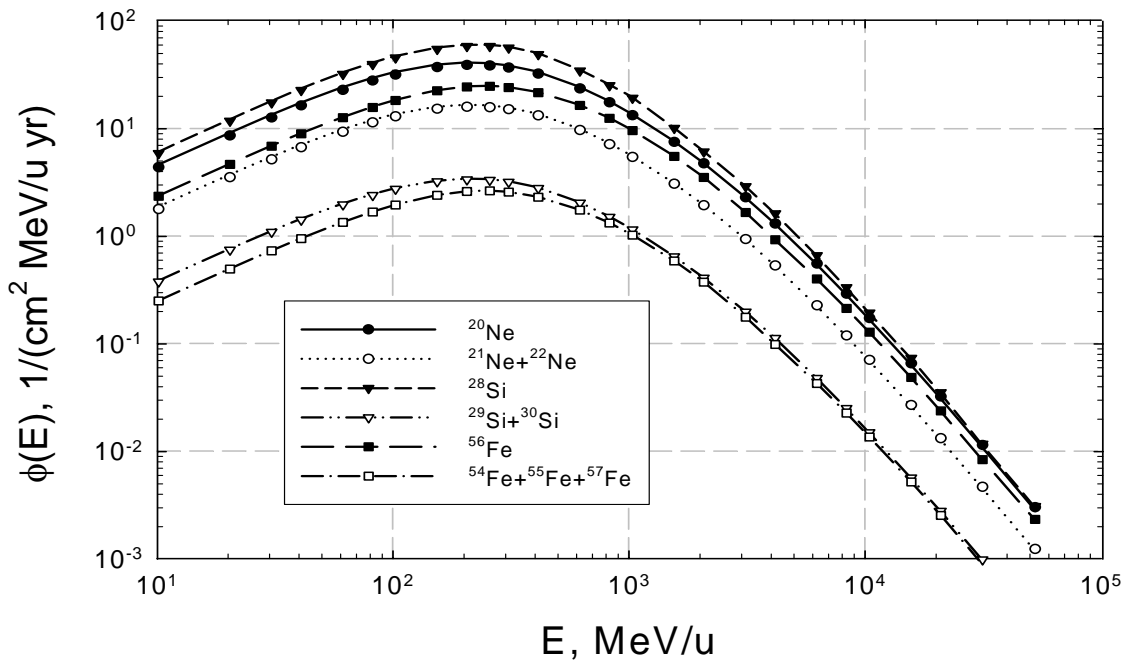


Figure 2b: Energy spectra for Ne, Si, and Fe isotopes near solar minimum ( $\Phi=428$ ) showing contributions from different isotopes to primary GCR composition.

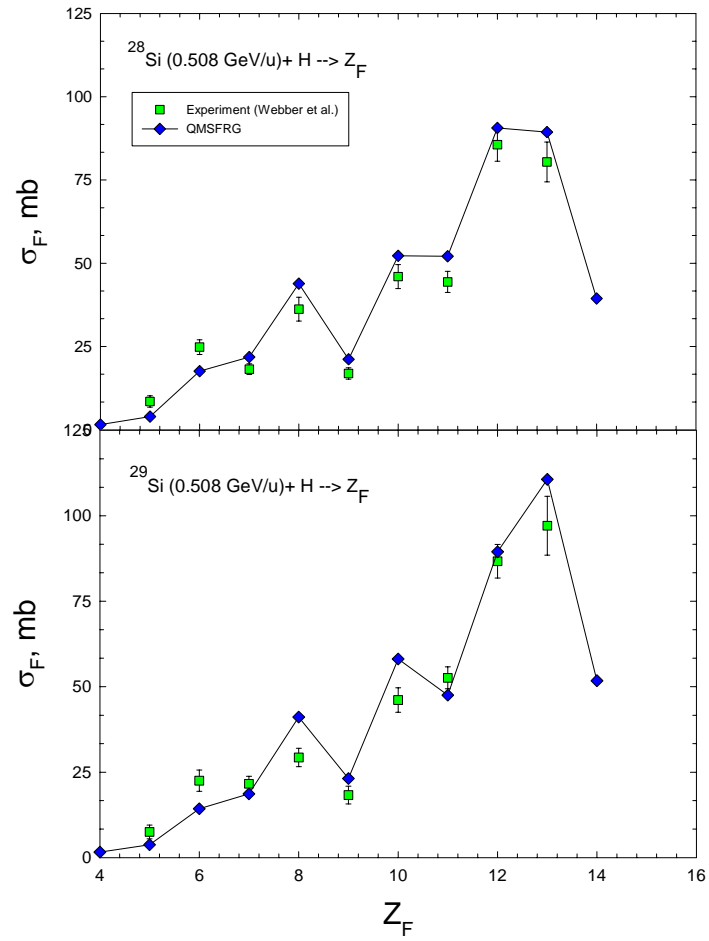


Figure 3: Comparisons of the QMSFRG model to experiment for elemental fragment distribution for  $^{28}\text{Si}$  and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  on H at 0.51 GeV/u. Experimental data from Webber *et al.* (1998).



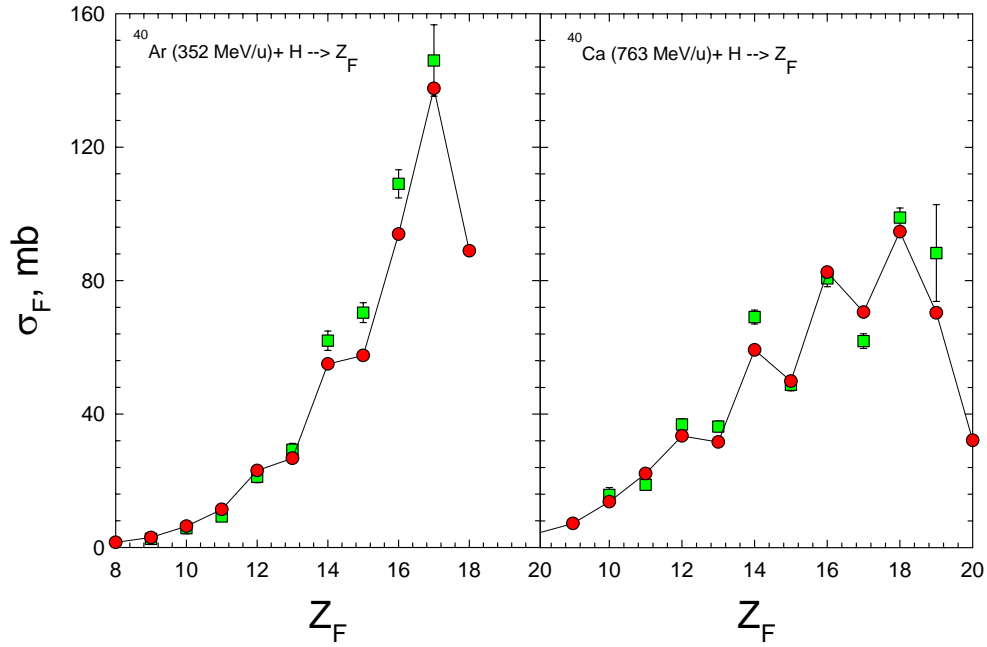


Figure 4a: Comparisons of the QMSFRG model to experiment for fragmentation of (left)  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  on H at 0.35 GeV/u and for (right)  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  on H at 0.76 GeV/u (Knott *et al.* (1996)).

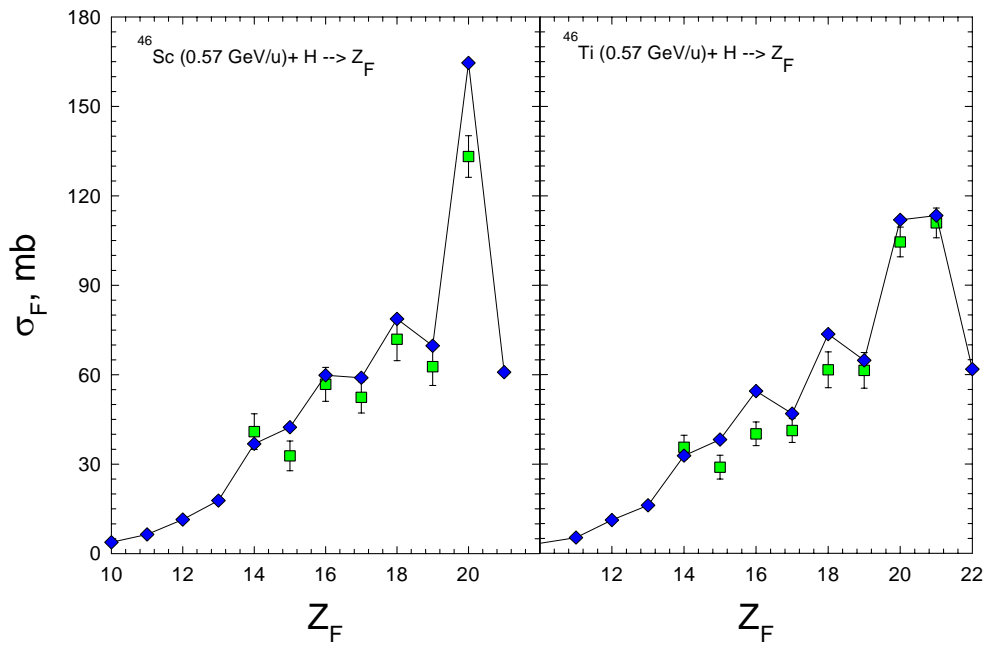


Figure 4b: Comparisons of the QMSFRG model to experiment for fragmentation of (left)  $^{46}\text{Sc}$  on H at 0.57 GeV/u and for (right)  $^{46}\text{Ti}$  on H at 0.57 GeV/u (Webber *et al.* (1998)).

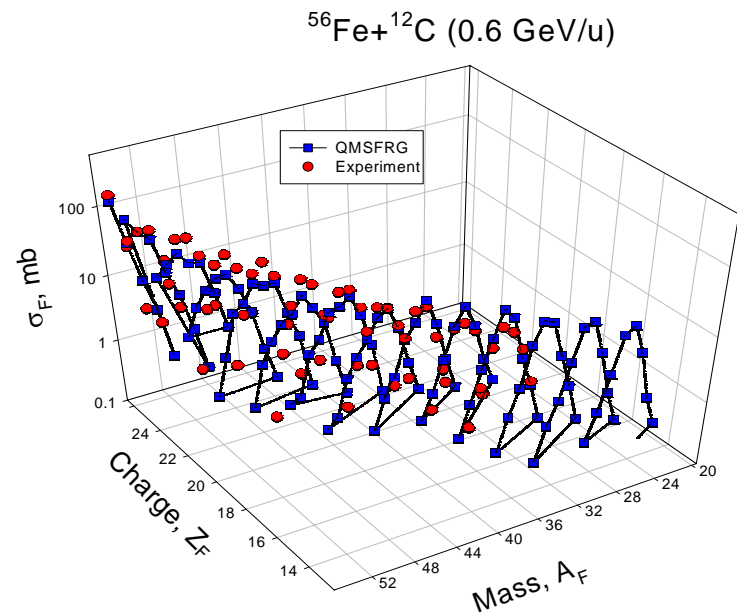
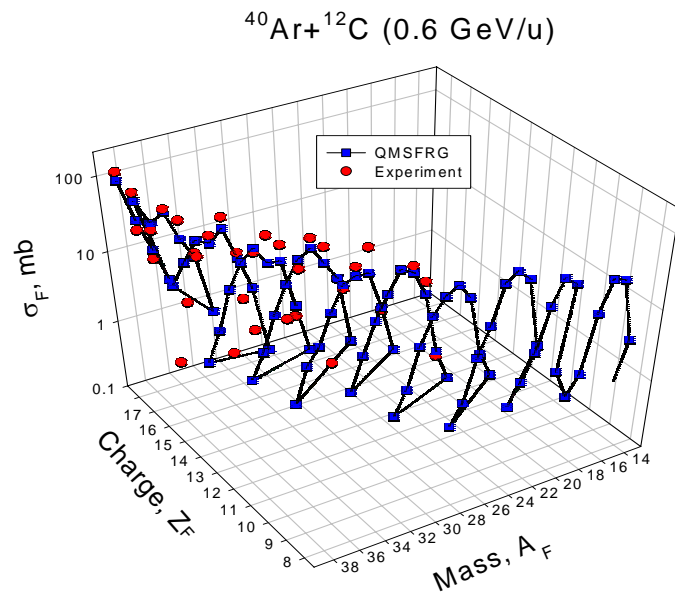


Figure 5: Comparisons of the QMSFRG model to experiment for isotopic distribution of fragments for a)  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  on  $^{12}\text{C}$  at 0.6 GeV/u. and b)  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  on  $^{12}\text{C}$  interactions at 0.6 GeV/u. Experimental data from Webber *et al.* (1990b).

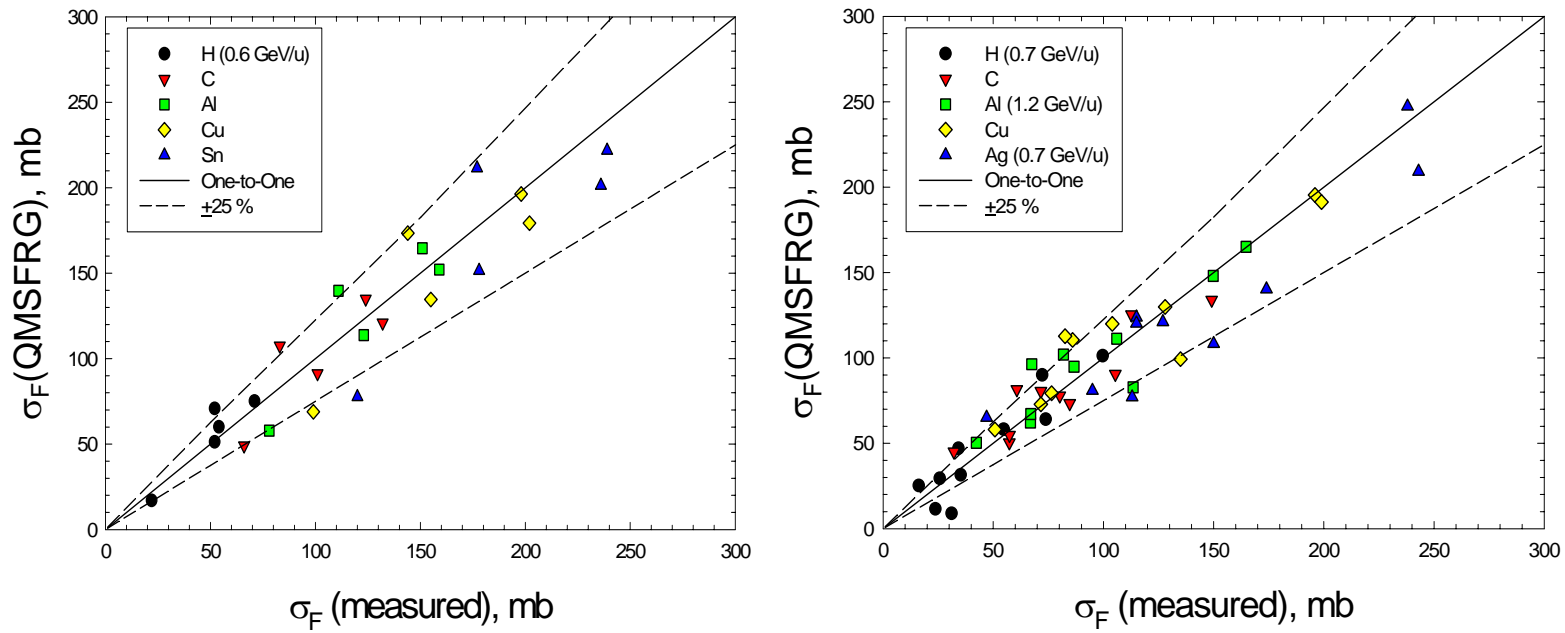


Figure 6: a) Comparison of QMSFRG to data of Zeitlin et al. (2001) for  $^{20}\text{Ne}$  fragmentation on several targets at 0.6 GeV/u. And b) comparison to data of Brechtmann et al. (1997) for  $^{32}\text{S}$  fragmentation on several targets at 0.7 or 1.2 GeV/u.

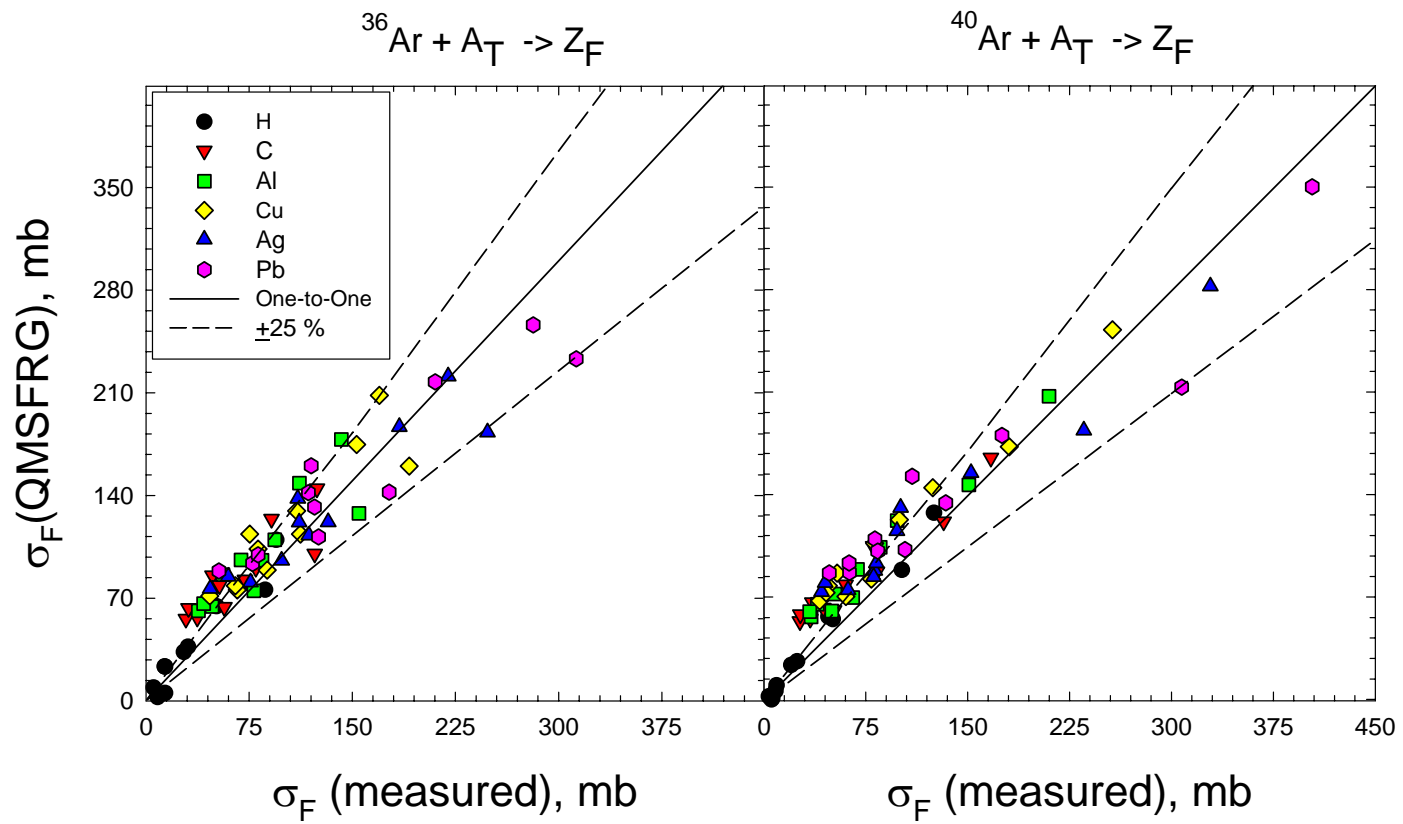


Figure 7: Comparison of QMSFRG to data of Iancu et al. (2005) for  $^{36}\text{Ar}$  or  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  fragmentation on several targets at 0.34 GeV/u.

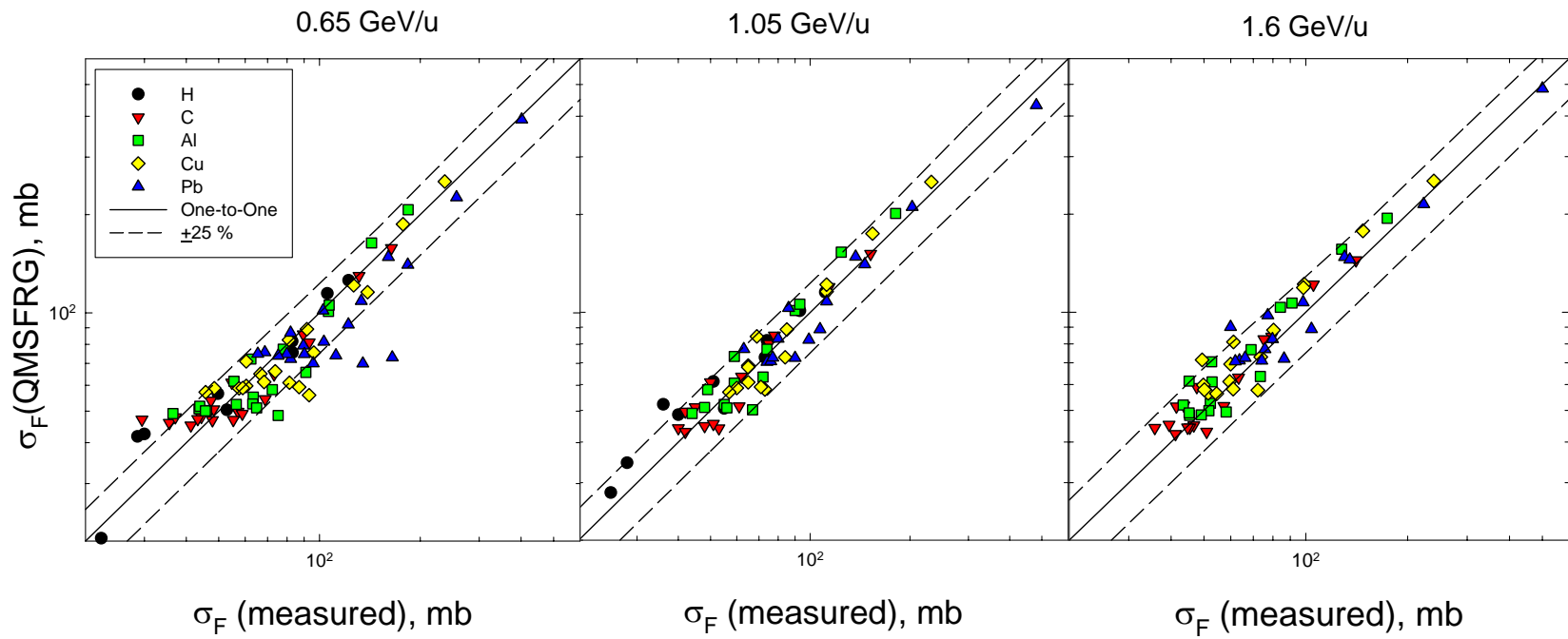


Figure 8: Comparison of QMSFRG model to experimental data for  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  fragmentation on several targets at 0.65 GeV/u (Flesch *et al.* (1999)), 1.05 GeV/u (Zeitlin *et al.* (1997)), and 1.6 GeV/u (Cummings *et al.*, 1990).

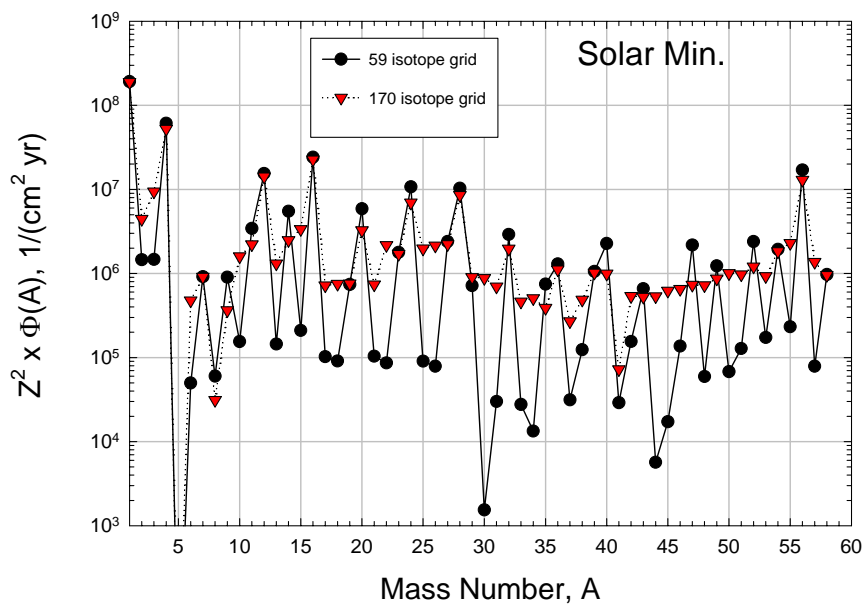


Figure 9: Comparisons of results from the HZETRN Code for the mass flux distribution behind 5 g/cm<sup>2</sup> of aluminum shielding for solar minimum conditions comparing transport with the reduced 59-isotope grid to transport with a full 170-isotope grid (proton fluence shown for A=1).

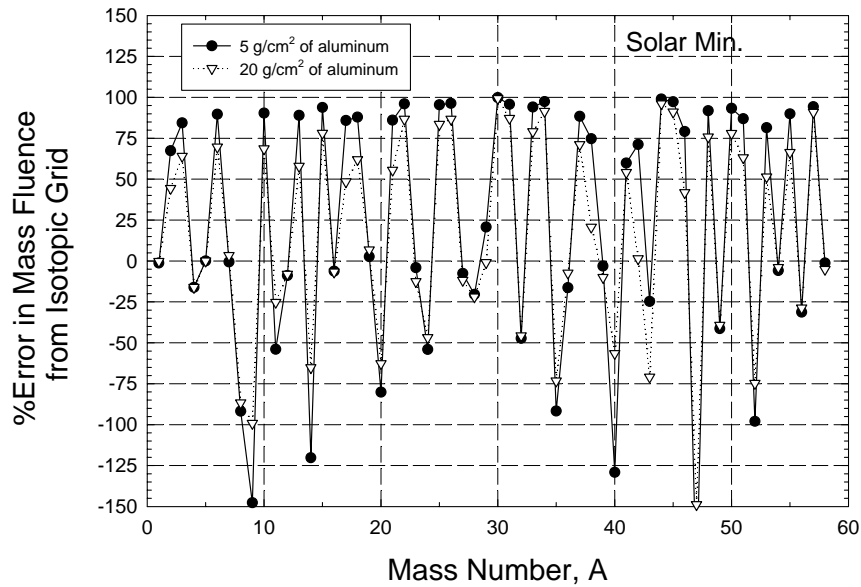


Figure 10a: Comparisons of the error that results from the HZETRN Code for the mass fluence distribution near solar minimum when using a reduced 59-isotope grid compared to transport with a 170-isotope grid.

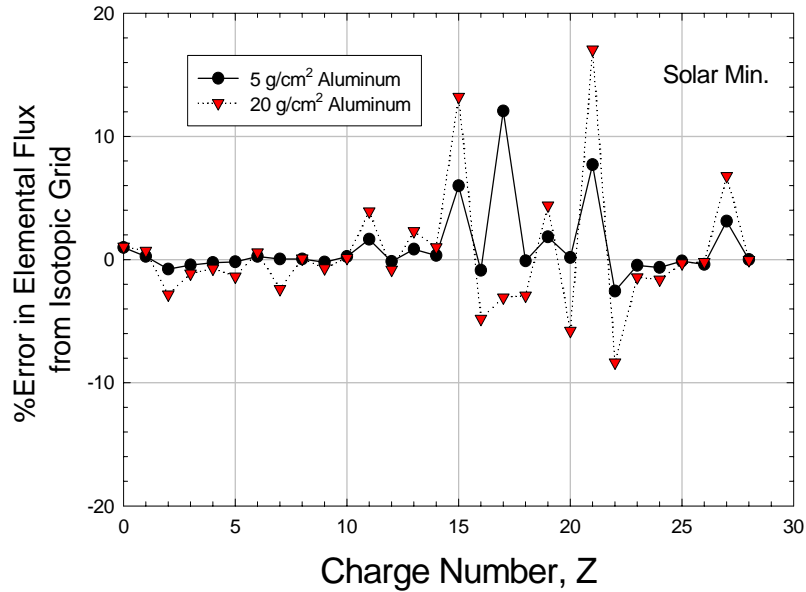


Figure 10b: Comparisons of the error that results from the HZETRN Code for the elemental fluence distribution near solar minimum when using a reduced 59-isotope grid compared to transport with a 170-isotope grid.

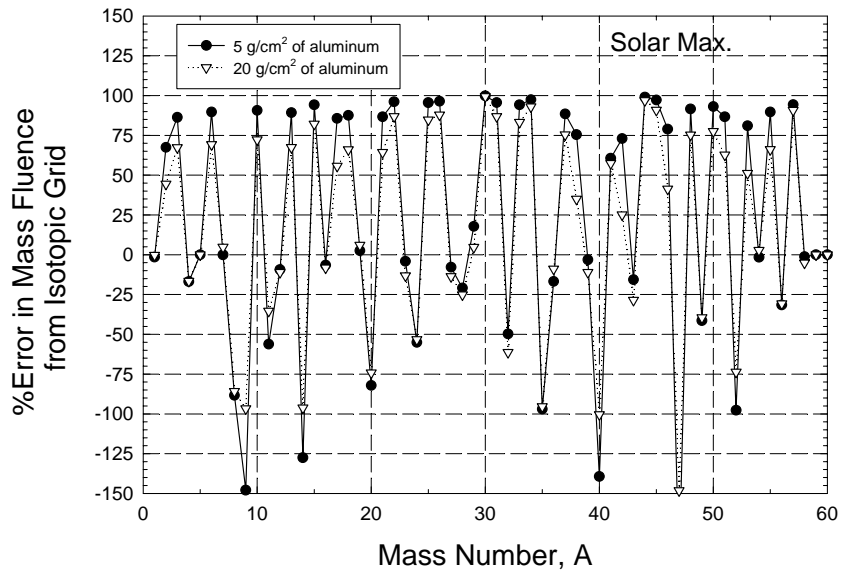


Figure 11a: Comparisons of the error that results from the HZETRN code for the mass fluence distribution near solar maximum when using a reduced 59-isotope grid compared to transport with a170-isotope grid.

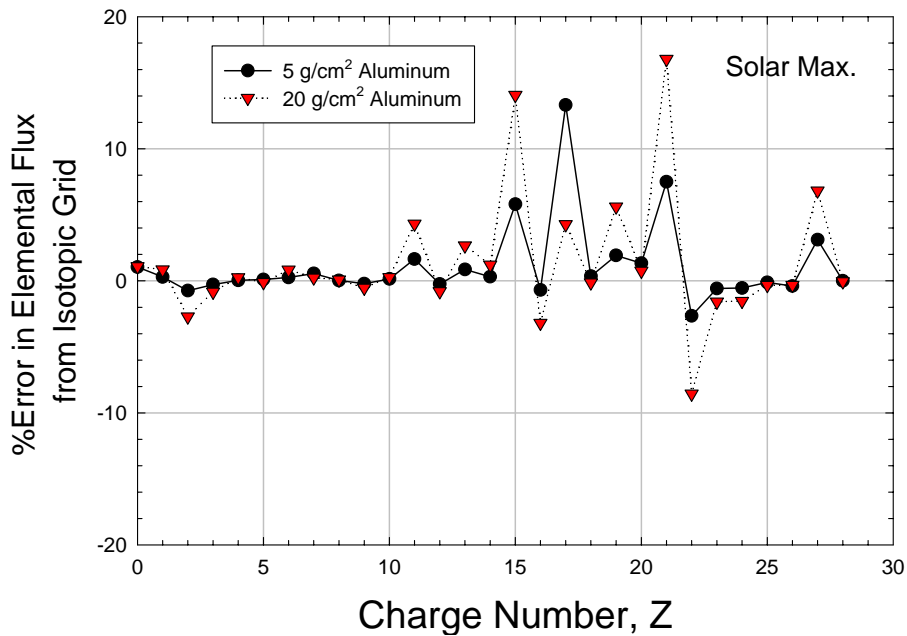


Figure 11b: Comparisons of the error that results from the HZETRN code for the elemental fluence distribution near solar maximum when using a reduced 59-isotope grid compared to transport with a170-isotope grid.