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Modeling electron capture rates using charge-exchange data<sup>1</sup> LE-SHAWNA UHER, Arizona State University — I use an electron capture program created by the exchange group and the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory to calculate the electron capture rates in stars with densities  $\rho Y_e$ , ranging from log(1 × 10<sup>9</sup>) g/cm<sup>3</sup> to log(14 × 10<sup>9</sup>) g/cm<sup>3</sup>, using data gathered from chargeexchange reaction experiments. This will eventually be used in the creation of a publicly-available electron capture rate database. I have also written a program that optimizes the original program by automatically creating its initialization files.

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