# CARBON ENHANCED METAL POOR STARS AND AGB NUCLEOSYNTHESIS



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Review of heavy element production

Carbon-rich stars in the early Universe

The CEMP-rs subgroup

The intermediate neutron capture process

# In the beginning...

# In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move.

-- Douglas Adams, The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

#### Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

- Baryon density extremely well constrained from Planck
  - ▶ 0.02218±0.00026
- ► Y = 0.24725±0.00032
- And not a lot of anything else...
  - CNO/H = 5-30×10<sup>-15</sup> (Coc et al. 2014)



### PRESENT DAY ABUNDANCES

- Stellar nucleosynthesis over time accounts for everything else.
- Heavy element production beyond iron
  - Neutrons
- Nuclear structure tells you about how nucleosynthesis happens
  - s and r processes





#### s-process nucleosynthesis

84Zr	852r	862r	872r	882r	892r	90Zr	91Zr	92Zr
25.8 M	7.86 M	16.5 H	1.68 H	83.4 D	78.41 H	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE
∉ 100.00%	€: 100.00%	€: 100.00%	€ 100.00%	€: 100.00%	€: 100.00%	51.45%	11.22%	17.15%
83¥	84¥	85¥	86¥	87¥	88¥	89Y	90Y	91Υ
7.08 M	39.5 M	2.68 H	14.74 H	79.8 H	106.626 D	STABLE	64.053 H	58.51 D
∉: 100.00%	€: 100.00%	€: 100.00%	€: 100.00%	€: 100.00%	€: 100.00%	100%	90.00%	β-: 100.00%
82Sr	83\$r	84Sr	85\$r	86Sr	87Sr	88Sr	895r	90Sr
25.34 D	32.41 H	STABLE	64.850 D	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	50.53 D	28.90 Υ
€: 100.00%	€: 100.00%	0.56%	€: 100.00%	9.86%	7.00%	82.58%	90.00%	β-: 100.00%
81Rb 4.572 H 6: 100.00%	82Rb 1.2575 M €: 100.00%	83Rb 86.2 D €: 100.00%	84Rb 32.82 D ε: 96.10% β-: 3.90%	85Rb STABLE 72.17%	86Rb 18.642 D 99.99%	87Rb 4.81E+10 Υ 27.83% β-:100.00%	88Rb 17.773 M β-: 100.00%	89Rb 15.15 M β-: 100.00%
80Kr STABLE 2.286%	81Kr 2.29E+5 Y	82Kr STABLE 11.593%	83Kr STABLE 11.500%	84Kr STABLE 56.987%	85Kr 10.752 Y 30.00%	86Kr STABLE 17.279%	87Kr 76.3 M β-: 100.00%	88Kr 2.84 H β-: 100.00%



Neutron source:  ${}^{13}C(a,n){}^{16}O$  or  ${}^{22}Ne(a,n){}^{25}Mg$ 





#### Increase the neutron density even further





### CARBON-ENHANCED STARS

Lucatello et al. (2006)

- A large fraction of metal-poor stars are carbon-rich
- Perhaps as many as 20%
- Some show enrichments of heavy elements, particularly of s-process elements
- Many of these also show radial velocity variations...



#### C abundances distinct for low- and very low metallicities?



### HEAVY ELEMENTS



BINARITY

Binarity of CEMP-s stars firmly established

Connection to CH stars

Quite distinct from the CEMP-no stars



Starkenburg et al. (2014)

### ASYMPTOTIC GIANT BRANCH STARS

- Final stage of the life of a low mass star
- Unstable double shell burning thermal pulses
- Third dredge-up
  - Strong winds erode the envelope



### FORMATION MECHANISM



### **MASS TRANSFER**



Need hydro to help!



Mohamed & Podsiadlowski (2007)



Dust acceleration radius, R<sub>d</sub> is key

If this lies outside the Roche Lobe efficient mass transfer can occur

Wind Roche Lobe Overflow

Could be about 5 times as efficient as Bondi Hoyle wind accretion

Needs to be followed up with detailed sweep of binary configurations



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# MIXING IN THE SECONDARY

Low mass stars at Z=10<sup>-4</sup> have almost no convective envelope

Accreted material remains at the surface until the onset of first dredge-up

The material then gets diluted by the deepening of the convective envelope



Stancliffe & Glebbeek (2008)

## MISSING PHYSICS!

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[H/2] -1

 $^{-2}$ 

 Accreted material has undergone nuclear burning

- It has a higher mean molecular weight than the rest of the secondary
- It will mixing by thermohaline mixing

Efficient – takes around 10% of the MS lifetime



### ODDBALLS OF ODDBALLS



# **CEMP-RS FORMATION?**

#### Self-pollution

#### Pollution from supernova?

- Triple system
- Type I.5 SN

#### Accretion induced collapse?

Pre-pollution + s-process?

Cannot self-pollute early enough. Radial velocity variations

Problems

Numbers not favourable

Nucleosynthesis and remnant

Requires three phases of mass transfer, not likely!

### CEMP-RS?





#### Population arguments

 Assume the initial population covers the [Eu/Fe] range

Pollute with s-process

► Too few very Ba-rich stars

Too many Eu-rich Cnormals



Abate, Stancliffe & Liu (2016)

s process,  $n = 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ 



 $n = 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ 



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#### $n = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$





# **ONE ZONE I-PROCESS MODELS**

Cowan & Rose (1977) dubbed this the intermediate process

• Can a high neutron intensity reproduce the –rs pattern?

Additional Ba and Eu production for same Zr,Y

Significant nuclear reaction uncertainties (Bertolli et al. 2013, Denissenkov et al. 2016)



Hampel et al., in press



# WHERE DOES IT HAPPEN?



### **PROTON INGESTION**

Evolution changes at low metallicity

 He driven convection no longer trapped below the H-burning shells

Proton can be drawn into the convective region

Mixing, burning take place on similar timescales – hard to get this right in a ID code!



#### Lau, Stancliffe & Tout (2009)

- Exquisitely detailed simulations now being produced
- Highest resolution 1536<sup>3</sup>
- VLTP but ingestion physics should be the same
- Can we resolve the necessary details?





### SUMMARY

CEMP stars with barium enhancement come from binary systems

Still issues with mass transfer, orbital properties

CEMP-s/r stars not readily explained by current scenarios

Moderate neutron densities n = 10<sup>14</sup> cm<sup>3</sup> give an interemediate ncapture process

This seems to fit very well

But where does it take place???



