Abundance Constraints

on Sources of Nucleosynthesis, and on the Chemical Evolution of the Universe and its Components

- Part II -

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One of the Key Tools of Astrophysics:

Where do specific atomic nuclei and their abundance originate?



The General Context:

How Do Nucleosynthetis Sources Enrich the Universe with Heavy Elements?



☆ Nuclear Reactions in Stars and Supernovae Rearrange Baryons -> New Atoms

New Atoms are Mixed into ISM which Forms New Stars & Planets Nuclear Astrophysics School NIC/JINA, Argonne Nat.Lab., 23-26 Jul 2008

...today's lecture:

☆ Complete the 'abundance-measurement tool' menu

diffuse / larger-scale gamma-ray constraints
 meteoritic abundance constraints
 more absorption and emission line methods

Discuss the abundance-constrained view of universal chemical evolution

stellar-structure & nuclear-burning lessons

nuclear-physics lessons

stellar evolution & yields over the history

galaxy evolution over the history

@ large-scale universal chemical evolution

» a very broad scope, covering many disiplines of astrophysics...

Diversity of Complementing Observing Methods





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Massive-Star Interiors: Complex Astrophysics Issues

☆ Massive Stars

- Stellar Evolution Phases
- Mass Loss
- Convection & Mixing
- Intermittent
 Nuclear-Burning
 Phases





🛠 Supernova Physics

 Explosion Trigger
 Shock Structure and Mixing

Massive-Star Interiors: Complex Astrophysics Issues



²⁶Al in the Galaxy: Massive-Stars... and more



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Ge Spectroscopy of ²⁶Al Line with SPI/INTEGRAL since Oct 2002

- ☆ ²⁶Al Glow of Inner Galaxy Confirmed, at ~Known Flux Level
- Line is Resolved, and not as broad as suggested (by GRIS)
 - Diehl et al., Astron. & Astroph. (2006)



Using the ²⁶Al Line to Characterize the Galaxy

-> Diehl et al., Nature 2006



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log (isotopic ratio 26Al / 27Al

High-Resolution Gamma-Ray Spectroscopy Maintained in Space: SPI on INTEGRAL



Cosmic-Ray Irradiation

- -> Degradation of Charge Collection
 - ☆ ~2% per Orbit, ~20% in 6 Months (@1 MeV)

Annealing

~100-200 hrs at 105°C, few hrs at 90K





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How Wide is the Celestial ²⁶Al Line?

☆ SPI Response * Celestial Line -> Actually-Observed Line Feature

- ☆ Fit Expected Spectral Signature to the Sky&Bgd-Fitted Spectral Signal
- ☆ Perform Statistical Uncertainty Analysis (Monte Carlo Markov Chain)



-> Data up to mid 2006; W.Wang et al., in prep. Line Width Probability Distribution by K.Kretschmer

Massive Stars and the Interstellar Medium



The ISM is a Dynamic, Evolving Medium (≠ Multi-Phase Pressure Equilibrium)
 Breitschwerdt & Miguel Avillez 2003

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²⁶Al Sources as a Probe of Galactic Structure?



We Have Begun to Extend This Early Work with Finer Imaging Resolution



Recent Activity in the Upper Sco Region



☆ Triggered Star Formation!!?!

UCL Massive-Star Action Triggers SF in USco ~5 Myrs ago

© ρ Oph Molecular Cloud Hit by USco Massive-Star Action ~1 Myrs ago

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Science Questions around ²⁶Al γ -rays



* Where can ²⁶Al Help to Understand Other Astrophysical Issues

Are our Models of Massive-Star Evolution Consistent with ²⁶Al Data?
What is the Number of Massive Stars in the Galaxy?
What is the Age of Star-Forming Groups?
Where are Otherwise-unseen (embedded) Star Formation Regions?
How Fast are Molecular Clouds Destroyed?
What is the ISM State around Massive-Star Groups?
How Effective are Groups of Massive Stars (Ionization, Heat, Shells)?

⁶⁰Fe Emission is Seen from the Galaxy



☆ Gamma-ray Signal Now Beyond 'Hints'/'Limits' (5σ)
^{\$\overline{3}60}Fe/²⁶Al Emission Ratio ~15%

⁶⁰Fe: Why is it Interesting?

2.0 10^6 y 60 Fe $\rightarrow {}^{60}$ Co* $\rightarrow {}^{60}$ Ni* 59, 1173, 1332

☆ ⁶⁰Fe is Produced through Successive Neutron Captures

r-Process Astrophysics...

- ⁶⁰Fe has been Detected in Pacific Ocean Crust
 [@] Nearby SN ~2 My ago?
- ☆ Massive Stars are Likely Sources of ⁶⁰Fe

Observable in the Galaxy (as ²⁶Al is)?

© Compare Two Isotopes from Same Sources!









⁶⁰Fe Production in Stars

2.0 10⁶v

 ${}^{60}\text{Fe} \rightarrow {}^{60}\text{Co}^* \rightarrow {}^{60}\text{Ni}^*$



☆ Ejection by Supernova Explosion

☆ No Production during ANY Central-

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59, 1173, 1332

⁶⁰Fe from Massive Stars: Observations vs. Theory

2.0 10^6 y 60 Fe $\rightarrow {}^{60}$ Co* $\rightarrow {}^{60}$ Ni* **59**, 1173, 1332

Current Model Agrees (again) with Data on ⁶⁰Fe/²⁶Al γ-Ray Intensity Ratio [®] But: Uncertainties are Large:



Gamma-Ray ⁶⁰Fe Signal Origin?

* Recent ⁶⁰Fe Lifetime Re-Determination (Rugel et al.)-> Significantly Longer!

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Annihilation of Positrons in the Galaxy

Imaging (511 keV Line, Cont.) with SPI:

- Extended, ~bulge-like Emission (δI~8°,δb~8°)
- Weak Disk Emission Seen; No "Fountain"





What are the Positron Sources??

* Identify Each of the KNOWN Types of Sources

- Individual Sources?
- Comphology of Galactic-Disk Emission
- Assemble a Sky Model for the Known Integrated Emission, e.g.:



Positron Annihilation



²⁶Al Radioactivity

 Binary Systems (LMXBs)

☆ See if Significant Residual (bulge) Emission Remains
☆ An Unexpected / New Type of Sources? (e.g. DM?)
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Instrumental Sensitivities around Nuclear Energies



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The GRIPS Perspective (2015+?): From All-Sky to Specific-Source Studies

☆ Current Gamma-Ray Line Surveys Can Only See Brightest Emission:





☆ GRIPS Will Provide Localized Results:

All-sky image in the ²⁶Al line after five years

All-sky image in the 60 Fe lines after five years

All-sky image in the 511 keV annihilation line after five years







Inferrence of Isotopic Abundances



Abundances from Meteorites & Grains

 Trajectories of Asteroid-Belt Bodies Hit Earth...



F(G. 1. Meteorite Baszkówka, side view. Size = \sim 30 × 18 cm. Photograph by M. Stepniewski.



Meteorites

☆ "Falls":
 [©] Meteorite is Observed While Falling
 ☆ Debris Scattered Over Trajectory







Condensation of Presolar Nebula Reaction

Step Number



Dense, Tightly-Bound Material Condenses First

Laboratory Technologies for Isotopic-Composition Analyses



☆ Secondary-Ion Analysis

Secondary-Ion Mass Spectroscopy

- » nanoSIMS with Ion Microprobes
- » TOF-SIMS
- » Resonant IMS (RIMS)

nanoSIMS



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⁶⁰Fe in Solar-System Meteorites

☆ ⁶⁰Ni Excesses wrt. Ni Isotopes Detected in Meteorites



☆ ISM Abundance Ratio?

 $^{\odot}$ ²⁶Al & ⁶⁰Fe from ISM γ 's & SAD ²⁷Al, ⁵⁶Fe -> ~ 1.4 10⁻⁷

☆ The "Disk Area" of a Newly-Formed Stellar System is ~10 My

Chondrules are Formed ~Myrs after Decoupling of SolarSys from ISM

When, Exactly, Does Chondrule Formation Occur?

[©] Was ⁶⁰Fe a Significant Heat Source of Chondrules?

"Has there been 'late' SN Enrichment?

Detection of Presolar Grains

☆ Huge (compared to solar-sample variances)



Presolar-Grain Types

Zinner 1998



FIG. 1. Types of presolar grains discovered to date in primitive meteorites. Given are their relative abundances (mass fractions), sizes, likely stellar sources and the exotic noble gas components carried by some of them. Silicon carbide and graphite grains contain tiny subgrains of Ti-, Zr- and Mo-carbides.

☆ Driven by Detection Method

Nuclear Burning in AGB Stars: Cool-Bottom Burning?

* AGB Stars Eject Products from H Shell Burning

Convective Envelope
 He Burning Products Ingested by Shell Instabilities
 AGB Stars are Copious Dust Grain Producers



* Isotopic Ratio Measurements vs. Stellar Model Calculations

Normal' AGB H Shell Burning Cannot Reproduce Observed High ²⁶Al/²⁷Al
 Cool-Bottom Burning as Alternative? (Nolett et al. <u>2003; Zinner et al. 2006)</u>







Stardust: Presolar "X" Grains



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 $\delta^{i}Si/^{28}Si$ (‰) = (($^{i}Si/^{28}Si$)Grain/($^{i}Si/^{28}Si$)Solar - 1)×1000

- "Mainstream" SiC Grains from C-rich Stars -> AGB Stars
- SiC X grains are a rare type of presolar SiC
- Isotopic signatures: Excesses in ¹²C (most grains), ¹⁵N, and ²⁸Si, large amounts of ²⁶Al and presence of ⁴⁴Ti (some grains)
- cc SN are the most likely stellar sources
Stardust Mission: Collecting Interplanetary Dust

Aerogel Layers Deposited in Interplanetary Space
 Sample Return for Analysis in Terrestrial Laboratory
 "Stardust" Mission: Sample Return from Comet Wild
 Iaunched Feb 7, 1999; sample return Jan 16, 2006





Interplanetary Cosmic-Ray Measurements

☆ ACE/CRIS

Advanced Composition Explorer 1997+
 Cosmic Ray Isotope Spectrometer

Mass and Charge Analysis through Si Solid State Detector

- » measure energy deposit in SSS
- » measure Q/E in hodoscope





Radioactive-Isotope Constraints on Propagation of Cosmic Rays in Galaxy

- ☆ Spallation Reactions Produce Radioactive Isotopes When Cosmic-Rays Collide with Ambient ISM Gas
- * Spallation Cross Sections are Determined from Lab Measurements
- * Abundances of Unstable Isotopes -> CR Path Length in Galaxy

Compare Isotope Ratios to 'leaky-box' Models for CR Propagation:



Radioactive Isotope Clocks



Co (Z=27)

60

61

Ni (Z=28)

58

59

59

60

Air Shower Experiments

Air showers consist of 3 components:



γ

Pion

 \overline{n}

hadronic component

primary proton scatters off atmospheric nuclei, thereby producing protons, neutrons, pions, kaons, ...

myonic component

the decay of charged pions and kaons generates myons

electromagnetic component

the decay of neutral pions generates γ `s, which initiate electromagnetic cascade through pair creation and bremsstrahlung

Photon

The Cosmic-Ray Composition...



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Cherenkov detectors

Inferrence of Isotopic Abundances



Stellar Classification and Radiation Origin

- Spectral Classification Encodes Temperature
- Plasma Radiation Mechanism Depends on Temperature
 - Molecules and Dust
 - Neutral Atoms
 - Ionized Atoms



Spectroscopy Measurements and their Analysis

How do you extract elemental abundances from these lines?



Determination of Abundances from Absorption Lines

Line Absorption Depth -> Abundance

- Optically Thin Lines
 - Use "Equivalent Width"



Impact of Atmospheric Depths:

- "Curve of Growth"
 - Stellar Continuum Passes
 Through Photosphere, Being
 Absorbed -> Exponential Law
 - Corrections: Doppler Broadening and Line Wing Treatment
 -> Deviations from Exponential Law
 - » see e.g. Pagel 1997
 - » Superseded by Full-Spectra Modelling...



Modelling a Stellar Spectrum

Ingredients: Stellar Parameters

\Rightarrow Temperature $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma \cdot T_{eff}^4$

- Determine 'effective' Temperature (equivalent BB)
 - using calibrations between relative bandpass intensities and standard spectra

☆ Distance

from Parallaxes,
 Yields L, R from T_{eff}

🛠 Mass



- Determine Surface Gravity
 - from pressure-broadened lines (i.e. line profiles)

☆ Metallicity

Determine global metallicity, Using SAD

Determine Pivot Element Abundance (Fe Lines)





Iterative Determination of Abundances



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Example: C,N in a Metal-Poor Star

☆ CN Line System with Band Head at 3883 A

☆ Varying the N Abundance



The Depagne et al. 2002

Isotopes: Spectra for Cooler Types of Stars





FIG. 3.—Spectrum of G 17-25 from 5134 to 5136 Å (*top*) and from 5138 to 5140.5 Å (*bottom*). The positions of the ²⁴MgH, ²⁵MgH, and ²⁶MgH lines are shown. The lines used in the isotopic analysis to derive the ratios are marked by arrows.

Fig. 3.17. Synthetic spectrum of a red giant, $T_{\rm eff} = 4500$ K, $\log g = 2.25$ in the region of the strong Mg I b lines (cf. Fig. 3.9). The upper spectrum is the same with atomic lines 'switched off' and shows molecular bands of MgH. Adapted from Mould (1978).

Current-State-of-the-Art Example: C Isotopes

Optimize Spectral Resolution in Observations

Very Large Telescope (VLT), UVEchelle Spectrograph (UVES)





Fig. 3. Comparison of the observed spectrum (crosses) and synthetic profiles (thin lines) for $A^2\Delta - X^2\Pi^{12}$ CH and 13 CH lines computed for 12 C/ 13 C = 4 and 10, and with no 13 C.

Impact of Atomic-Level Transitions

- Hyperfine-Structure Transitions or Isotopic Shifts Become Significant for Lanthanides
- ☆ Often Not (Yet) Measured in Laboratory

Abundance Errors from Inadequate HFS Inclusion up to Factor 5



... more spectroscopy measurement methods...

☆ background-lit interstellar gas

 \Rightarrow gas emission in different states

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Abundances in Diffuse ISM

Diffuse Interstellar Medium:

- ☆ Observe Absorption Lines of Background Star Spectra (A_V<2)</p>
- ☆ Characteristic Densities: 1 cm⁻³ < n_H < 1000 cm⁻³, Characteristic Temperatures: 50K < T < 150K



Figure 3 Continuum normalized profiles for selected interstellar lines in the direction of ζ Oph.

Abundances in Interstellar Gas

- Differences to Stellar Photospheric Abundances:
 - ☆ Selective Condensation of Elements onto Dust Grains
 - ☆ Formation of Specific Molecules



Fig. 1. Interstellar gas-phase abundances toward the star ζ Oph as a function of the elemental condensation temperature (Savage and Sembach 1996). These abundances are expressed in logarithmic form relative to those of the solar system.

Quasar Absorption Line Spectroscopy

🖈 Quasar:

 Bright, Distant Light Source
 Emission Line Spectrum

☆ Less-Distant Gas Clouds & Galaxies:

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Absorption Lines

Lower Redshift

Absorption Line Pattern (shifted)

» "Ly α forest"



- » Extract Absorption-Line Pattern Attributed to Specific/One Galaxy/Cloud
- » Evaluate Relative Abundances



Redshift	Lookback Time (Gyr)	Lookback time (t/t_{∞})
0	0	0
0.5	5.4	0.37
1	8.3	0.57
2	11.0	0.76
3	12.2	0.84
4	12.9	0.89
5	13.3	0.92
6	13.5	0.93
10	14.0	0.97
∞	14.5	1.00

Absorption from Atomic Nuclei: a Perspective?



photon energy ω[MeV]

☆ We See Effects of (with increasing energy):

Excitation of Single Nucleons in Nucleus Potential ("Nuclear Lines")

- hv=E_{nucl}

Collective Excitations of Nucleon Groups ("Pygmi/Giant Resonances")

- giant resonances: protons versus neutrons
- quasi-deuteron resonances: a pair of proton and neutron
- each of these occur in all multipole orders

@ Excitations of Single Nucleons ("Delta Resonance")

...-> Hadron/Quark Phase Transitions

Emission Line from Neutral Gas: H Abundance!

☆ Nomenclature: "HI"

☆ E.M.Radiation from

H Transition = Hyperfine-Structure (e⁻ spin $\uparrow \downarrow \leftrightarrow \uparrow \uparrow$)

^CLine at 1420.4 MHz = 21.1 cm

 $\tau_{\rm collision} << \tau_{\rm transition}$

Thermal Population

$$\frac{hv}{k_B} = 7 \cdot 10^{-2} K \ll T_{gas} \rightarrow \frac{N_2}{N_1} = 3$$

» known level populations

$$I = \frac{3}{16\pi} Ah v_0 \int N_H dl$$

I -> Measurement of Total Column Density





Molecular-Gas Line Emission: Dense (star-forming) Clouds

\Rightarrow Radiation from

Electronic Transitions	~2 eV
Vibrational Transitions	~0.2 eV
Rotational Transitions	10 ⁻¹⁶ eV

 $\Rightarrow \text{ Optical Depth } \tau_{radio} << \tau_{optical}$ (from dust absorption)

Mostly Radio Measurements

$$\nu = \frac{j\hbar}{2\pi\mu r_0^2}$$

optical NIR Radio





rotational transitions => j=1->j=0: 115 GHz 2.61 mm 230 1.3 345 0.87 equidistant levels

Recombination Lines from Ionized Gas

☆ Recombination Transitions

» e.g. Balmer Series	Ha	656.3 nm	n=1
5	Hb	466.1 nm	n=2
or	$H_{Br\gamma}$	2.1 μm	

* Ionization of Gas by Central Source (HII Regions, Planetary Nebulae)

* Ionization/Recombination Dynamic Balance: (<-conservation of atoms)



X-Ray Spectroscopic Images of Cas A

Recombination Lines of Highly-Ionized Species





Fig. 2. The horizontal error bara show the widths of the energy bins, and the vertical ones indicate the statistical error on the measured event rate; systematic errors are not included. Superposed on the data points are smooth curves of simulated Chandra ACIS-S spectra. The simulations for regions A, B, and C are of a shock-heated plasma with NEI fractions absorbed by line-of-eight interstellar material. The dotted curves in regions A and C and the solid curve in region B assume abundances corresponding to explosive incomplete Si burning. A considerably better match for region A uses O-burning abundances (solid curve). The solid curve for region C is more Fe-rich; i.e., the Si, S, Ar, and Ca abundances are reduced by factors of 5 or more from their values in incomplete Si burning. The solid curves for regions A, B, and C have temperatures of 2.5, 2.5, and 2.8 keV, ionization timescales of 2.5 × 10" 7.9 × 10 , and 7.9 × 10 cm s , and continue temptings or 0.9 × 2.3 × 10 , and 1.5 × 10 atoms cm⁻¹, respectively. All the models for regions A, B, and C also include significant amounts of continuum emission from material with a lower atomic number. The solid curve for region D is an absorbed power-law model with a photon index of 2.6 and a column density of 1.3 × 10⁻ atoms cm⁻⁻

X-Ray Lines in Fe, Si, S, Ar, Ca Show Clumps with Large Enrichments => Ejecta(?)

Fe Line Emission Features Outside Si,S,Ar,Ca Line Features

=> Mixing / Turbulence During Explosion(?)

 ->Hughes et al., ApJ 528, 2000; Hwang et al., ApJ 537, 2000
 ↓ Issues: ...NEI? (i.e., T_e=T_{ion}?)



Fig. 2.—Broadband unormeethed Charadow X-ray image of Case A using a square-root intensity scaling. The spectral extraction regions in our study are indicated.

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What did we Learn?

How Do Nucleosynthetis Sources Enrich the Galaxy with Heavy Elements?



☆ Cosmic Chemical Evolution , Intertwined with Galaxy Evolution!

Abundance Evolution in the Solar Neighborhood

* Determination of Fe Abundances for Stars of Different Ages

- Select Sufficiently-old Stars (F,G)
- Determine Stellar Parameters:
 - Intrinsic Brightness (from Distance, interstellar Reddening, and Brightness)
 - Effective Temperature (from IR Flux)
 - Age (from HRD and M_v, T_{eff}; or from Chromospheric Activity)
 - Metallicity (from Absorption Lines, or Colors through Strömgren Photometry)



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Abundance Evolution in Solar Neighborhood



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0.5 volume-selected sample Nordstrøm et al. 2004 0 [Fe/H] -0.5-110 15 5 Age (Gyr)

Fig. 27. Age–metallicity diagram for 7566 single stars with "well-defined" ages in the magnitude-limited sample. Note that individual age errors may still exceed 50% (cf. Fig. 16).

Age~Metallicity: Sample Biases?



☆ Solar-Neighborhood Stars are a Mixture of Ages and Metallicities

- Different Origins (Galaxy Encounters, ...)
- Different Enrichments of Star-Forming Sites

There is NO Simple Age/Metalicity Relation

Earlier Samples of Stars were Selected to Equally Expose the Galactic range of Metalicities (Edvardsson et al. '93)

Understanding the Abundances in Our Galaxy (10¹¹ Stars...)





Spatio-temporal Evolution of the Galaxy

* Radial Gradients Provide a Key Diagnostic of Evolution



Prantzos & Boissier 1999, 2003

Figure 1. Chemical (*left*) and photometric (*right*) evolution of the Milky Way disk, according to the model of Boissier and Prantzos (1999). In all panels the solid curves correspond to model results at galactic ages of 1, 4 and 13 Gyr, respectively; the latter (*heavy curves*) are compared to observations of the present day disk (in the left panels: *shaded* regions for the gaseous and stellar profiles and *data points* for the Star Formation Rate). The model leads naturally to different scalelengths for the B-band (4 kpc) and the K-band (2.6 kpc), in agreement with observations.

Chemical Evolution of the Galaxy

°X/X

Modeling Abundance Evolutions

- ☆ Star Formation History
- ☆ Source Yields
- ☆ Mixing and Infall

TWorks for Some Elements, not for Others...

Modeling Standard Abundances (same ingredients) Agreement is Good, ~Factor 2

There are Missing Pieces... Nuclear Reactions? Stellar & SN Models? Matter Cycling / ISM Flows?

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Number of Nucleons

Abundances within the Galaxy: Inside-Out

Observations->

- ☆ Metallicity Reduces with Galactocentric Distance
- ☆ The Sun Appears Enriched wrt. its Environment



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Chemical Evolution Model for the Galaxy

"Two-Infall Model", Chiappini, Matteucci, Gratton 1997, 2001

☆ Treat Gas-to-Star Formation, Evolution, Yields & Recycling

☆ Two Major Episodes of Material Infall

^C Early, Short: τ~0.7 Gy -> halo and thick disk are formed ^CLater, Extended: $\tau \sim 7$ Gy for solar vicinity-> thin disk is formed, inside-out Infall: Functional Model of galactocentric radius and time:

 $A(r, t) = a(r)e^{-t/\tau_{\rm H}} + b(r)e^{(t-t_{\rm max})/\tau_{\rm D}(r)}$ » using t_{max} =1 Gy as time of maximum thin-disk infall, and for the thin-disk formation time scale: $\tau_{\rm D} = 1.033 r (\rm kpc) - 1.267 \, \rm Gyr.$ R_o(M_opc⁻² Gyr⁻¹) + \bigstar Characteristics ^THalo and thin disk are formed independently Star Formation Ceases Below a Threshold Density of 7 M_{\odot} pc⁻² Material Recycling Approximated 5 10 Time (Gyr) Instantaneous Mixing Assumed SFR/SFR_© 2 🖈 Obtain *spatio-temporal gas, stars, abundances* 5 10 15 20 **Roland Diehl**

R (Kpc)

Inverting the Argument: What the Galaxy Tells Us About Yields

☆ Fitting GCE-Model Predictions to

Observation-Inferred Abundance Histories

- assuming Star-Formation and Infall Histories and IMF are Fixed by Various Constraints (e.g. star & gas distributions, spatial abundance gradients)



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Separating Galactic Stellar Populations (I)

Combine Kinematic with Metallicity Signatures
 A Characterize the General Sample Properties



Figure 3. Mean velocity components and dispersion as function of metallicity [Fe/H] for the stars in the N04 sample. The bottom panel shows that there are only a handful of objects in the most metal-poor bins, which makes less reliable the characterization of the velocity ellipsoid.

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Metal-Poor Stars

Stars with Unusually-low Metal Enrichments



TABLE 1Nomenclature for stars of differentmetallicity

[Fe/H]	Term	Acronym
> +0.5	Super metal-rich	SMR
~ 0.0	Solar	
< -1.0	Metal-poor	MP
< -2.0	Very metal-poor	VMP
< -3.0	Extremely metal-poor	EMP
< -4.0	Ultra metal-poor	UMP
< -5.0	Hyper metal-poor	HMP
< -6.0	Mega metal-poor	MMP

 TABLE 2
 Definition of subclasses of metal-poor stars

Neutron-capture-rich stars

 r-I
 $0.3 \le [Eu/Fe] \le +1.0$ and [Ba/Eu] < 0

 r-II
 [Eu/Fe] > +1.0 and [Ba/Eu] < 0

 s
 [Ba/Fe] > +1.0 and [Ba/Eu] > +0.5

 r/s
 0.0 < [Ba/Eu] < +0.5

 Carbon-enhanced metal-poor stars

 CEMP
 [C/Fe] > +1.0 and [Eu/Fe] > +1.0

 CEMP-r
 [C/Fe] > +1.0 and [Eu/Fe] > +1.0, and [Ba/Eu] > +1.0

CEMP-s [C/Fe] > +1.0, [Ba/Fe] > +1.0, and [Ba/Eu] > +0.5

CEMP-r/s [C/Fe] > +1.0 and 0.0 < [Ba/Eu] < +0.5

CEMP-no [C/Fe] > +1.0 and [Ba/Fe] < 0

Finding Metal-Poor Stars

☆ Surveys and Follow-Ups

 Surveys Identify Stars with Weak Lines from Clearly-Visible Metals (Ca)
 Follow-Up High-Res Spectroscopy Determines Metal Content



Figure 1 The three major observational steps toward obtaining elemental abundances of metal-poor stars: (a) Wide-angle surveys (e.g., objective-prism surveys) yield candidate metal-poor stars; (b) vetting of the candidates by moderate-resolution follow-up spectroscopy; and (c) high-resolution spectroscopy of confirmed metal-poor candidates. The star shown in this example, HE 0107–5240, is one of the most iron-poor stars yet discovered. The strengths of its absorption lines are compared with the formerly most iron-poor giant known, CD – 38° 245. The spectra shown in the *lower two panels* have been divided by the continuum. The resolving power, $R = \lambda/\Delta\lambda$, of the spectra is indicated along the right-hand side of each panel. Prominent atomic and molecular species are labeled.

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Elemental Abundance Pattern in Halo Stars

☆ Metal-Poor Halo Stars ([Fe]/[H]~-3!) Show Same Elemental Patterns as Solar System!

Tis This A Unique Physical Process (Primary)? Do Old Stars Sample Single r-Process Events?



Reminder: The r-Process

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 $\dot{Y}(Z, A) = n \text{ captures, photodisintegration, and } \beta \text{ decays} = n_n Y(Z, A - 1)\sigma_{A-1} + Y(Z, A + 1)\lambda_{A+1} \\ - Y(Z, A)(n_n\sigma_A + \lambda_A + \lambda_\beta^A + \lambda_{\beta n}^A + \lambda_{\beta 2n}^A + \lambda_{\beta 3n}^A) \\ + Y(Z - 1, A)\lambda_\beta^{Z-1, A} + Y(Z - 1, A + 1)\lambda_{\beta n}^{Z-1, A+1} \\ + Y(Z - 1, A + 2)\lambda_{\beta 2n}^{Z-1, A+2} + Y(Z - 1, A + 3)\lambda_{\beta 3n}^{Z-1, A+3}$ "Detailed Balance" for (n, γ) , $(\gamma, n)_{\lambda_{A+1}} = \left[\frac{2G(Z, A)}{G(Z, A+1)}\right] \left(\frac{A}{A+1}\right)^{3/2}$

-> nuclear properties! (B_n) $\times \left(\frac{m_{k}kT}{2\pi\hbar^{2}}\right)^{3/2} \sigma_{A} \exp\left[\frac{-B_{A}(Z, A+1)}{kT}\right]^{3/2}$

$$\frac{Y(Z, A+1)}{Y(Z, A)} = n_n \frac{G(Z, A+1)}{2G(Z, A)} \left(\frac{A+1}{A}\right)^{3/2} \\ \times \left(\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m_u kT}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left[\frac{B_n(Z, A+1)}{kT}\right]^{3/2}$$

i.e., abundance pattern determined by: neutron density, temperature, and nuclear masses

"Waiting Point" Approximation:

 β Decay of n-richest Isotope limits Flow Flow Continuity

r Process Pattern Completely Determined by: •neutron density •temperature •nuclear masses •seed nucleus abundance

(-> nuclear properties far from stability by astronomy?)

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"Shell Quenching" and the r-Process

☆ r-Process Elemental Abundance Pattern is Sensitive to n Shell Closure Effects

- Closed Shells = "Waiting Points" of r Process Path
- [©] Pronounced Shell Structure Would Make Shell Crossings More Difficult
- Increased Abundances Around Closed Shells During r-Process
- r-Process Reaction Flow Times Would Be Increased



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MPS Puzzles from Early Nucleosynthesis

• SNII Nucleosynthesis in the Early Galaxy: Yield Ratios ~ SNII?

☆ Metal Lines in Halo Stars

Now Down to Metallicities <5.4!</p>

[®] But: Surprises...



Metal-Poor Stars: Primary/Seconday Diagnostics



Fig. 7. [Mg/Fe], [Si/Fe], [Ca/Fe] and [Ti/Fe] plotted vs. [Fe/H]. The peculiar star CS 22949–037 is not included in the computations of the scatter and of the regression line (dashed) for Mg. The star CS 22169–035 is deficient in all the light "even" elements.



Fig. 8. [Na/Fe] and [Al/Fe] plotted vs. [Fe/H]. The LTE abundances of these elements have been determined from resonance lines, but corrections for NLTE effects have been applied.

Na,Al are dominated by n-rich isotopes
 -> expect 'secondary' behaviour
 ([X]~[n-rich matter])
 -> only seen for Na, not for Al

Are We Seeing Individual Supernovae?







Figure 6 [Cr/Fe] as a function of [Fe/H] for 35 VMP giants from the HK survey observed with VLT/UVES (Cayrel et al. 2004). The error bars are one-sigma estimates. Note the extremely small scatter about the trend line.

- Typical SN Products Seem 'Primary'
- ☆ Absence of Scatter
 - Well-Mixed Multi-SN
 Composition
 (NOT Individual SNe)
- ☆ [Eu/Fe] Scatter Suggests the Opposite

r-process yields more

Abundances from Metal-Poor Stars

Applications/Lessons:

Estimating the Age of the Galactic Disk

Tracing the Chemical Evolution in the Early Galaxy

Testing for Interstellar Mixing

Identifying an Apparently Robust Nucleosynthesis Process from Individual Sources

Galaxy Interactions

☆ Suggested by

Tinfall" Component as Required by all Chemical-Evolution Descriptions

Different Stellar Subgroups

DM-Dominated Galaxy Evolution Simulations

Galaxy Surveys





Lessons from Dwarf Galaxies?

☆ The Galaxy's Companions:

Same Origin, Different/Separate Evolution?

Dwarf Galaxies (& Globular Clusters in Halo)

» many clearly associated with major galaxies (MW, M31)



» smaller scale -> less confusing / simpler evolution??

Comparing Trends for Different Stellar Samples



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☆ Separation of Stellar Groups:



'normal' Milky Way Stars
 'retrograde' Stars

 (accreted from merger??)

[©] Dwarf Galaxies' Stars

- ☆ Similar Evolutionary Principles
- ☆ Discrepancies & Offsets

Implausible Common Origin (merger)
α/Fe is lower in dSph's

- The second secon
 - SF Histories
 - Relative Contributions of
 - » cc-SNe
 - » SNIa
 - » AGB Stars

Galactic Halo vs. Nearby Dwarf Galaxies

☆ Low-Mass & Nearby Dwarf Galaxies are Dominated by a Single, Early Star-Formation Burst



☆ Chemical Evolution is Slower in Dwarf Galaxies

Quasar Absorption Line Spectroscopy

🛠 Quasar:

 Bright, Distant Light Source
 Emission Line Spectrum

☆ Less-Distant Gas Clouds & Galaxies:

 Lower Redshift
 Absorption Line Pattern (shifted)

» "Ly α forest"

Analysis Task:

- » Extract Absorption-Line Pattern Attributed to Specific/One Galaxy/Cloud
- » Evaluate Relative Abundances





Chemical History of Earlier Universe

- ★ Suggest Evolution with $m \approx -0.25 \text{ dex}/\Delta z$
- ☆ Metallicity Inconsistent with CII Line-Inferred Metallicity (missing metals)





Fig. 1.3. Summary of the metallicity measurements vs. redshift for the 121 DLAs comprising the full, current sample. The area of the data points (squares) scales with the N(H I) values of the DLAs. The dark binned values with stars correspond to the cosmic mean metallicity $\langle Z \rangle$, which is the metallicity of the Universe in neutral gas.

<- eventually compare to nucleosynthesis / chem. Evol. models

Redshift -> Background Galaxy's Age Limit (here:<2.5 Gy)</p>

- Compare Observed Abundance Patterns with Models of Different Evolutionary Ages
 - Rapid Enrichment, Time Scale (<1Gy)
 - Enrichment of α Elements (from intermed-mass stars)
 - » Analysis: Compare Patterns to Models, varying e.g. Age, Metallicity
 - -> Consistency Check of Chemical Evolution

🐨 Fenner et al. 2004



Abundance Constraints/Hints from Galaxy Clusters

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☆ Spatial Mapping of X-ray Lines from Fe, Si, C, O is Possible

☆ If Fe,Si is Attributed to SNIa Production & Ejection from Central Galaxy

- Extent of Fe Features Beyond Central Galaxy Measures ICM Transport
- Ratio of Fe&Si to cc-SN Elements (O, S) Measures SNIa/SNII Rates
- Multiple Clusters Provide Checks / Hints for SNIa Nucleosynthesis



Time Domains of Cosmic Nucleosynthesis



What did we Learn?

How Do Nucleosynthetis Sources Enrich the Universe with Heavy Elements?



Cosmic Chemical Evolution , Intertwined with Galaxy Evolution and Individual-Object Characteristics - Abundance Details Provide the Key Observational Tools

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