## Day 4: Supernova nucleosynthesis

#### Cassiopeia A Supernova Remnant (exploded in 1667 - the last Galactic "naked eye" supernova)

Original star was about 17 times more massive than the Sun

**Credit: NASA** Chandra X-ray Observatory

5 light years

#### **SILICON**

Credit: NASA Chandra X-ray Observatory

**IRON** 

#### **SULFUR**

#### **CALCIUM**

**BLAST WAVE** 



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### neutrino-driven ejecta

r-process weak r-process  $\nu p$ -process





Nuclear statistical equilibrium (NSE)

charged particle reactions -process *α*

# Supernova nucleosynthesis

# Origin of heavy elements

1. S-process

2. R-process

3. P-nuclei





# Solar system abundances

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### Neutron capture processes



slow and rapid neutron capture compared to beta decay



neutron capture (n,γ): (Z,A) + n → (Z,A+1) + *γ*



beta decay:  $(Z,A) \rightarrow (Z+1,A)$ 





#### Horowitz et al. J. Phys. G 2019

closed neutron shell



# Neutron capture processes



# Nucleosynthesis calculations













Evolve composition using full reaction network



### r-process: required conditions



Seed nuclei capture neutrons faster than beta decay

- if seed nuclei were present: secondary process - if seed nuclei are first produced: primary process

 $\langle A_{\text{seed}} \rangle + Y_n / Y_{\text{seed}} = \langle A_r \rangle$ 

 $Y_n/Y_{\text{seed}} > 100$ 

### r-process: required conditions



Primary r-process:

high entropy and  $Y_e \sim 0.45$ :

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low entropy and  $Y_e \sim 0.1$ :

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- fast expansion starting at high temperatures (NSE)

- neutrons + protons form α-particles which recombine into seed nuclei - α-rich freeze-out: 85% α-particles, 0.05% seeds, 0.1% neutrons - sites: high entropy neutrino-driven ejecta (?)

- fast expansion of high density neutron-rich matter

- neutron rich nuclei (drip line) in NSE and beta equilibrium, 99% neutrons - sites: neutron star mergers, jets, accretion disks

## Heavy element: solar system



# r-process: elemental abundances in the oldest stars



## r-process in oldest stars and in Solar system same relative abundances:

#### Robust r-process

Sneden, Cowan, Gallino 2008

Atomic number

#### Sneden, Cowan, Gallino 2008

- ultra metal-poor stars and
- r-process solar system: Nsolar Ns



HE 1523-0901: Frebel et al. (2007)

Abundances of r-process elements:

Robust r-process for 56<Z<83

Scatter for lighter heavy elements, Z~40



### r-process: elemental abundances in the oldest stars

## The Basics of Chemical Evolution

# Benoit Côté



 $(-13 Gyr ago)$ 

**Time** (evolution of our Galaxy)



![](_page_16_Picture_6.jpeg)

## The Basics of Chemical Evolution

**Time** (evolution of our Galaxy)

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(~13 Gyr ago) Time Today

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*higher concentration of heavy element (metallicity)*

**Time** (evolution of our Galaxy)

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### The Basics of Chemical Evolution

*higher concentration of heavy element (metallicity)*

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## The Basics of Chemical Evolution

*higher concentration of heavy element (metallicity)*

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### How to « Observe » Chemical Evolution?

# Trends with metallicity [Fe/H]

Type Ia supernova: thermonuclear explosion of a white dwarf -> late Fe contribution

Fe and Mg produced in same site: core-collapse supernovae

![](_page_21_Figure_1.jpeg)

Eu: typical r-process element

Scatter at low metallicities: rare and early event

# Origin of heavy elements?

![](_page_22_Picture_3.jpeg)

### Supernova Neutron star mergers

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![](_page_22_Picture_7.jpeg)

# Rapid neutron capture process Explosive and high neutron densities

# Observations and galactic chemical evolution

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-> r-process sites: mergers vs. supernovae

# Nucleosynthesis in supernova: r-process

- Supernovae suggested by B2FH in 1957
- Prompt explosion (Hillebrandt 1978, Hillebrandt et al. 1984)
- Neutrino-driven wind (Meyer et al. 1992, Woosley et al. 1994)
- Magneto-rotational supernova (Winteler et al. 2012)

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![](_page_24_Figure_5.jpeg)

## Neutrino-driven wind

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T = 10 - 8
$$
 GK  
NSE  $\rightarrow$  charged particle reac

### neutrons and protons form α-particles α-particles recombine into seed nuclei

- ctions / a-process → r-process 8 - 2 GK T < 3 GK
	- weak r-process νp-process

# Neutrino-driven wind parameters

r-process  $\Rightarrow$  high neutron-to-seed ratio (Y<sub>n</sub>/Y<sub>seed</sub>~100)

- -Short expansion time scale to inhibit α-process and formation of seed nuclei
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- Electron fraction: Y<sub>e</sub><0.5

Entropy per baryon in relativistic gas:  $s \propto (kT^3) / (pN_A) \Rightarrow s = 10/Φ$ 

s and formation of seed nuclei

-<br>A-harvon ratio: photons dissociate seed nuclei into nucle - High entropy is equivalent to high photon-to-baryon ratio: photons dissociate seed nuclei into nucleons

![](_page_26_Figure_10.jpeg)

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\begin{aligned} \text{Photon-to-baryon ratio:} \\ \Phi &= n_{\gamma} \quad \text{(pNA)} \quad \text{K} \quad \text{(kT3)} \quad \text{(pNA)} \end{aligned}
$$

## Neutrino-driven wind and r-process

![](_page_27_Figure_1.jpeg)

Meyer et al. 1992 and Woosley et al. 1994: r-process: high entropy and low Ye Witti et al., Takahasi et al. 1994 needed factor 5.5 increased in entropy

Qian & Woosley 1996: analytic model

 $\dot{M} \propto L$  $s \propto L$  $\tau \propto L$ 

Thompson, Otsuki, Wanajo, ... (2000-...) parametric steady state winds

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L_{\nu}^{5/3} \epsilon_{\nu}^{10/3} R_{ns}^{5/3} M_{ns}^{-2},
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L_{\nu}^{-1/6} \epsilon_{\nu}^{-1/3} R_{ns}^{-2/3} M_{ns},
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L_{\nu}^{-1} \epsilon_{\nu}^{-2} R_{ns} M_{ns}.
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![](_page_27_Picture_7.jpeg)

![](_page_27_Picture_8.jpeg)

![](_page_28_Figure_4.jpeg)

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Y_e \approx \left[1 + \frac{L_{\bar{\nu}_e}(\epsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e} - 2\Delta + 1.2\Delta^2/\epsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e})}{L_{\nu_e}(\epsilon_{\nu_e} + 2\Delta + 1.2\Delta^2/\epsilon_{\nu_e})}\right]^{-1}
$$
  
( $\Delta$ =m<sub>n</sub>-m<sub>p</sub>)

# Neutrino-driven wind parameters and r-process

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

### Necessary conditions identified by steady-state models (e.g., Otsuki et al. 2000, Thompson et al. 2001)

 $2.0M<sub>o</sub>$  $1.7M<sub>o</sub>$ **1.4M**  $1.2M<sub>o</sub>$ 

 $L = 10^{50}$ ergs/s

Otsuki et al. 2000

![](_page_29_Figure_6.jpeg)

# Neutrino-driven wind parameters and r-process

![](_page_30_Figure_3.jpeg)

Necessary conditions identified by steady-state models (e.g., Otsuki et al. 2000, Thompson et al. 2001)

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# Nucleosynthesis in supernova: r-process (B2FH 1957)

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![](_page_31_Figure_5.jpeg)

600 400 200 z [km]  $-200$  $-400$ wind  $-600$ 

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![](_page_31_Picture_10.jpeg)

# Magneto-rotational supernova (MR-SN)

Neutron-rich matter ejected by strong magnetic field (Cameron 2003, Nishimura et al. 2006) 2D and 3D + parametric neutrino treatment  $10^0$ (Nishimura et al. 2015, 2017, Winteler et al. 2012, Mösta et al. 2018)

Nucleosynthesis based on simulations with accurate neutrino transport (Obergaulinger & Aloy 2017) Weak r-process, vp-process, r-process (Reichert et al. 2021, 2023, 2024)

First 3D simulations with accurate neutrino transport (Obergaulinger et al. 2020, Kuroda et al. 2020)

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Explosive nucleosynthesis: O, Mg, Si, S, Ca, Ti, Fe shock wave heats falling matter

### neutrino-driven ejecta

Nuclear statistical equilibrium (NSE)

![](_page_33_Picture_2.jpeg)

charged particle reactions -process *α*

 $\nu p$ -process

![](_page_33_Picture_9.jpeg)

# Supernova nucleosynthesis

# Lighter heavy elements (Sr to Ag)

Arcones & Montes, ApJ (2011), Arcones & Bliss, J.Phys. G (2014), Bliss, Arcones, Qian, ApJ (2018)

![](_page_34_Figure_1.jpeg)

Overproduction at A=90 (N=50)  $\rightarrow$  only a fraction of neutron-rich ejecta (Hoffman et al. 1996)

![](_page_34_Picture_5.jpeg)

Observation pattern reproduced Production of p-nuclei

![](_page_35_Figure_0.jpeg)

# Constraints from observations

![](_page_36_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Astrophysics uncertainties/variability Bliss, Witt, Arcones, Montes, Pereira (2018)

Steady-state model: all possible conditions and nucleosynthesis pattern in neutrino-driven ejecta  $10^8$ Based on Otsuki et al. 2000: study of 3 000 trajectories  $10^7$ 

Four characteristic patterns  $10^6$  $\frac{1}{2}$ <br>
Density  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$ <br>  $\frac{1$  $10<sup>7</sup>$  $10^{-3}$  $10<sup>7</sup>$  $\rightarrow$  $10^1$  $\frac{1}{4}$  10<sup>-5</sup><br> $\frac{1}{4}$  10<sup>-6</sup>  $10^0$  $10^{-3}$  $10^0$  $10^{-4}$  $10^{-2}$  $10^{-1}$  $10^{-}$ Time [s]  $10^{-8}$  $10^{-9}$  $5<sup>1</sup>$ 10 15 20 25  $10^1$  $10^{-2}$ Temperature [GK]  $10^{-3}$  $10^0$  $10^{-4}$  $\times$ <br>  $\frac{10^{-5}}{4}$ <br>  $\frac{10^{-6}}{4}$  $10^{-7}$  $10^{-1}$  $10^{-6}$  $10^{-9}$  $10^{-3}$  $10^{-2}$  $10^{-1}$  $10^0$  $10^{-4}$ 10 15  $20$ 5

Time [s]

![](_page_37_Figure_5.jpeg)

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# Nuclear physics uncertainty

Path close to stability:

- masses and beta decays known
- beta decays slow
- (*α*,n) reactions move matter to higher Z

![](_page_38_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_38_Figure_7.jpeg)

time: 9.936e-03 s, T: 4.193e+00 GK,  $\rho$ : 2.481e+05 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

![](_page_38_Figure_9.jpeg)

Independently vary each  $(\alpha, n)$  reaction rate between Fe and Rh by a random factor

Include theoretical and experimental uncertainties  $\rightarrow$  log-normal distributed rates ( $\mu = 0$ ,  $\sigma = 2.3$ )

![](_page_39_Figure_3.jpeg)

36 representative trajectories of group CPR2, 10 000 Monte Carlo runs

![](_page_39_Figure_6.jpeg)

# Sensitivity study: key reactions Bliss et al., PRC (2020)

![](_page_40_Figure_1.jpeg)

Spearman rank order correlation

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\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (R(p_i) - R(p)) (R(y_i) - R(y))}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (R(p_i) - \overline{R(p)})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (R(y_i) - \overline{R(y)})^2}
$$

→ Monotonic changes

 $\rightarrow$  -1  $\leq \rho_{\text{corr}} \leq +1$ 

## Sensitivity study: key reactions Bliss et al., PRC (2020)

#### Key reactions  $\Rightarrow$  large correlation + significant impact on abundance for several astro conditions

![](_page_41_Picture_21.jpeg)

# Comparison to observations

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# Comparison to observations

Abundance with uncertainties for several astro conditions  $\longrightarrow$  compare abundance ratios

![](_page_43_Figure_2.jpeg)

## What has been measured so far?

- ${}^{86}\text{Kr}(\alpha, n), {}^{96}\text{Zr}(\alpha, n)$  and  ${}^{100}\text{Mo}(\alpha, n)$  at ATOMKI G.G. Kiss et al., Astrophys. J 908, 202 (2021) • T.N. Szegedi et al., Phys. Rev. C 104, 035804 (2021)
- ${}^{75}Ga(\alpha, n), {}^{85,86}Kr(\alpha, xn), {}^{85}Br(\alpha, xn)$  at NSCL/FRIB (HabaNERO/SECAR) F. Montes, J. Pereira et al.
- ${}^{86}\text{Kr}(\alpha, \text{xn})$ ,  ${}^{87}\text{Rb}(\alpha, \text{xn})$ ,  ${}^{88}\text{Sr}(\alpha, \text{xn})$ ,  ${}^{100}\text{Mo}(\alpha, \text{xn})$  at Argonne (MUSIC) M. L. Avila, C. Fougères et al. W. J. Ong et al., Phys. Rev. C 105, 055803 (2022)
- ${}^{86}\text{Kr}(\alpha, n)$  and  ${}^{94}\text{Sr}(\alpha, n)$  at TRIUMF (EMMA) C. Aa. Diget, A. M. Laird, M. Williams et al. C. Angus et al., EPJ Web of Conferences, NPA-X (2023)

![](_page_44_Picture_9.jpeg)

**Thanassis Psaltis** 

![](_page_44_Picture_11.jpeg)

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![](_page_45_Picture_2.jpeg)

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# Supernova nucleosynthesis

# P nuclei

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

P-process and *ν*p-process

		M. Arnould, S. Goriely   Physics Reports 384 (2003) $1-84$		9
Table 1 List of the species commonly classified as p-nuclides, with their solar system abundances relative to $10^6$ Si atoms proposed by two compilations $[13, 15]$				
<b>Nucleus</b>	Anders and Grevesse [13]	Error $(\% )$	Palme and Beer [15]	Error $(\% )$
$^{74}$ Se	0.55	6.4	0.6	5
$^{78}\mathrm{Kr}$	0.153	18	0.19	
$84$ Sr	0.132	8.1	0.12	5
$^{92}$ Mo	0.378	5.5	0.38	5
$94$ Mo	0.236	5.5	0.23	5
$96$ Ru	0.103	5.4	0.1	10
$^{98}$ Ru	0.035	5.4	0.03	10
102Pd	0.0142	6.6	0.014	10
$106$ Cd	0.0201	6.5	0.02	10
$108$ Cd	0.0143	6.5	0.014	10
$^{113}$ In	0.0079	6.4	0.008	10
$112$ Sn	0.0372	9.4	0.036	10
$114$ Sn	0.0252	9.4	0.024	10
$^{115}{\rm Sn}$	0.0129	9.4	0.013	10
$120$ Te	0.0043	10	0.0045	10
$^{124}\mathrm{Xe}$	0.00571	20	0.005	
$^{126}$ Xe	0.00509	20	0.004	
$^{130}Ba$	0.00476	6.3	0.005	5
$^{132}\mathrm{Ba}$	0.00453	6.3	0.005	5
$^{138}$ La	0.000409	$\overline{2}$	0.0004	5
$136$ Ce	0.00216	1.7	0.002	5
$138$ Ce	0.00284	1.7	0.003	5
$144$ Sm	0.008	1.3	0.008	5
$^{152}$ Gd	0.00066	1.4	0.001	5
$^{156}$ Dy	0.000221	1.4	0.0002	5
$^{158}\mathrm{Dy}$	0.000378	1.4	0.0004	5
$^{162}Er$	0.000351	1.3	0.0004	5
$^{164}\mathrm{Er}$	0.00404	1.3	0.0042	5
$168$ Yb	0.000322	1.6	0.0003	5
$^{174}$ Hf	0.000249	1.9	0.0003	5
$^{180}\mathrm{Ta}$	2.48e-06	1.8	2.00e-06	10
$^{180}\rm{W}$	0.000173	5.1	0.0002	$\overline{7}$
$^{184}\mathrm{Os}$	0.000122	6.3	0.0001	5
$190$ Pt	0.00017	7.4	0.0001	10
$^{196}\mathrm{Hg}$	0.00048	12	0.001	20

Arnould & Goriely 2003

- supernova shock
- type Ia supernovae

![](_page_48_Picture_7.jpeg)

## P-process

Transformation of pre-existing s- or r-nuclei by photodisintegrations when T increases complemented by neutron and proton captures

![](_page_48_Figure_2.jpeg)

Photodisintegrations depend on temperature:  $T \geq 1.5 \times 10^9$  K required for photodisintegration, but not exceed  $3.5 \times 10^9 \, {\rm K}$  to prevent reaching NSE and produce Fe group nuclei

- abundant enough seed nuclei,
- high enough temperatures,
- short enough time scales for the hot phases,
- protons if (p, γ) contribute

Constraints:

Possible astrophysical sites:

- core-collapse supernova shock
- Type la supernovae

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![](_page_50_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_50_Figure_2.jpeg)

## P-process

# 5.2 r-process: nuclear physics input

![](_page_52_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### nuclear masses, beta decay, reaction rates (neutron capture), fission

Neutron number, N

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### 5.2 r-process: nuclear masses

Neutron Number (N)

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### 5.2 r-process: nuclear masses

![](_page_54_Figure_1.jpeg)

 $Y(A)$ 

![](_page_54_Figure_3.jpeg)

M.R. Mumpower et al. / Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 86 (2016) 86-126

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![](_page_54_Picture_7.jpeg)

## 5.2 r-process: nuclear masses

![](_page_55_Figure_1.jpeg)

Abundances based on density functional theory - six sets of different parametrisation (Erler et al. 2012) - two realistic astrophysical scenarios

First systematic uncertainty band for r-process abundances

Uncertainty band depends on A, in contrast to homogeneous band for all A

Martin, Arcones, Nazarewicz, Olsen (2016)

## Two neutron separation energy

![](_page_56_Figure_2.jpeg)

Martin, Arcones, Nazarewicz, Olsen (2016)

# Two neutron separation energy -> abundances

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)

Neutron capture are critical during decay to stability!

![](_page_57_Figure_3.jpeg)

## 5.2 r-process: beta decay

M.R. Mumpower et al. / Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 86 (2016) 86-126

![](_page_58_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_59_Figure_5.jpeg)

Abundances at freeze-out  $(Y_n/Y_{\text{seed}}=1)$ : odd-even effects Final abundances are smoother like solar abundances. Why does the abundance pattern change?

Classical r-process (waiting point approximation): beta-delayed neutron emission

Dynamical r-process:

neutron capture and beta-delayed neutron emission

![](_page_60_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_60_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_60_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_61_Figure_1.jpeg)

## 5.2 r-process: decay to stability

### 5.2 r-process: neutron captures

![](_page_62_Figure_1.jpeg)

Compare neutron capture calculations

![](_page_63_Figure_2.jpeg)

## 5.2 r-process: neutron captures

![](_page_64_Figure_0.jpeg)

## Fission: barriers and yield distributions

![](_page_65_Figure_1.jpeg)

2nd peak (A~130): fission yield distribution 3rd peak (A~195): mass model, neutron captures Eichler et al. (2015), Eichler et al. (2019)