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



SILICON

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SULFUR

CALCIUM

BLAST WAVE



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neutrino-driven ejecta

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charged particle reactions α -process

r-process weak r-process



Origin of heavy elements

1. S-process

2. R-process

3. P-nuclei



Solar system abundances

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All nucleosynthesis processes









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Neutron capture processes



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slow and rapid neutron capture compared to beta decay



neutron capture (n, γ): (Z,A) + n \rightarrow (Z,A+1) + γ



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





Horowitz et al. J. Phys. G 2019

closed neutron shell



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 $Y_e \sim 0.45$:

low entropy and $Y_e \sim 0.1$:

- 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



Sneden, Cowan, Gallino 2008

Atomic number

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

r-process: elemental abundances in the oldest stars



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

Sneden, Cowan, Gallino 2008

Abundances of r-process elements:

- ultra metal-poor stars and
- r-process solar system: N_{solar} N_s

Robust r-process for 56<Z<83

Scatter for lighter heavy elements, Z~40

Benoit Côté

(~13 Gyr ago)

Time (evolution of our Galaxy)

higher concentration of heavy element (metallicity)

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How to « Observe » Chemical Evolution?

Trends with metallicity [Fe/H]

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

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

Eu: typical r-process element

Scatter at low metallicities: rare and early event

Origin of heavy elements?

Rapid neutron capture process Explosive and high neutron densities

Supernova

Neutron star mergers

Observations and galactic chemical evolution

-> 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) •

Neutrino-driven wind

= 10 - 8 GK 8 - 2 GK T < 3 GK charged particle reactions / a-process NSE \rightarrow

neutrons and protons form *a*-particles a-particles recombine into seed nuclei

r-process weak r-process vp-process

Neutrino-driven wind parameters

r-process \Rightarrow high neutron-to-seed ratio (Y_n/Y_{seed}~100)

- Short expansion time scale to inhibit α -process and formation of seed nuclei
- Electron fraction: $Y_e < 0.5$

Photon-to-baryon ratio:

$$\Phi = n_{\gamma} / (\rho NA) \propto (kT^3) / (\rho NA)$$

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

- High entropy is equivalent to high photon-to-baryon ratio: photons dissociate seed nuclei into nucleons

Neutrino-driven wind and r-process

Meyer et al. 1992 and Woosley et al. 1994: r-process: high entropy and low Y_e

Witti et al., Takahasi et al. 1994 needed factor 5.5 increased in entropy

Qian & Woosley 1996: analytic model

 $\dot{M} \propto L$

 $s \propto L$

 $au \propto L$

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

$$L_{\nu}^{5/3} \epsilon_{\nu}^{10/3} R_{ns}^{5/3} M_{ns}^{-2},$$

$$L_{\nu}^{-1/6} \epsilon_{\nu}^{-1/3} R_{ns}^{-2/3} M_{ns},$$

$$L_{\nu}^{-1} \epsilon_{\nu}^{-2} R_{ns} M_{ns}.$$

$$Y_e \approx \left[1 + \frac{L_{\bar{\nu}_e}(\epsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e} - 2\Delta + 1.2\Delta^2/\epsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e})}{L_{\nu_e}(\epsilon_{\nu_e} + 2\Delta + 1.2\Delta^2/\epsilon_{\nu_e})}\right]^{-1}$$
$$(\Delta = m_n - m_p)$$

Neutrino-driven wind parameters and r-process

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

2.0M. **1.7M**_☉ **1.4M**_☉ **1.2M**o

L=10⁵⁰ergs/s

Otsuki et al. 2000

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Conditions were not realized in simulations	
(Arcones et al. 2007, Fischer et al. 2010, Hudeponi et al. 2010, Roberts et al. 2010, Arcones & Janka 2011,)	0.4
	0.4
$S_{wind} = 50 - 120 \text{ k}_B/\text{nuc}$	0.4
$Y_{e} > 0.5?$	س 0.2
	≻ 0.3
Additional ingredients: wind	0.3
termination, extra energy source,	0.3
rotation and magnetic fields,	0.3
	0.3

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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 100 (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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Lighter heavy elements (Sr to Ag)

Observation pattern reproduced Production of p-nuclei

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

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

Constraints from observations

Astrophysics uncertainties/variability

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} Density $[0^{10} \text{ Density}]$ 10 10^{-3} 10 \succ 10^{1} Abundance 10^{-5} 10^{-5} 10^{0} 10⁻³ 10^{0} 10^{-4} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 10^{-} Time [s] 10^{-8} 10^{-9} 10 15 20 25 10^{1} 5 10^{-2} Temperature [GK] 10^{-3} 10^{0} 10_ \succ 10⁻⁵ 10⁻⁶ 10^{-7} 10^{-1} 10^{-6} 10^{-9} 10⁻³ 10^{-1} 10^{-4} 10^{-2} 10^{0} 10 15 20 5

Time [s]

Nuclear physics uncertainty

Path close to stability:

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

time : 9.936e-03 s, T : 4.193e+00 GK, ρ : 2.481e+05 g/cm³

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

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

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

Bliss et al., PRC (2020)

Sensitivity study: key reactions

Spearman rank order correlation

Bliss et al., PRC (2020)

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

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

Sensitivity study: key reactions

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

Reaction	Ζ	MC tracers		
59 Fe(α , n) 62 Ni	39 - 42, 45	34, 36		
68 Fe(α , <i>n</i>) 71 Ni	36, 37	3		
63 Co(α , n) 66 Cu	39-42, 45	20, 34, 36		
71 Co(α , n) 74 Cu	36, 37	3		
74 Ni(α , n) 77 Zn	36–42	2, 3, 17, 18, 32		
76 Ni(α , n) 79 Zn	36–42	2, 3, 18, 32		
67 Cu(α , n) 70 Ga	47	35		
77 Cu(α , n) 80 Ga	37	3		
72 Zn(α , n) 75 Ge	39–42	36		
76 Zn(α , n) 79 Ge	36, 37–42	2, 3, 17, 18, 32		
78 Zn(α , n) 81 Ge	36, 37–42	2, 3, 17, 18, 32		
79 Zn(α , n) 82 Ge	36, 37–42	2, 3, 18, 32		
80 Zn(α , n) 83 Ge	36, 37, 39–42	2, 3, 18, 32		
81 Ga(α , n) 84 As	36, 38, 39, 41	17, 32		
78 Ge $(\alpha, n)^{81}$ Se	39–42	36		
80 Ge (α, n) 83 Se	36–39, 42	28, 33, 36		
${}^{82}\text{Ge}(\alpha, n) {}^{85}\text{Se}$	36–39, 41	11, 17, 19, 27, 28, 33		
83 As(α , n) 86 Br	36, 37, 41	11, 26, 27, 28, 33		
84 Se (α, n) 87 Kr	36-42, 44, 45	2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36		
85 Se(α , n) 88 Kr	36-42, 44, 45	2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31		
85 Br(α , n) 88 Rb	37–39	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31		
${}^{87}\mathrm{Br}(\alpha,n){}^{90}\mathrm{Rb}$	37, 39	6, 9, 10, 29, 31		
${}^{88}\mathrm{Br}(\alpha,n){}^{91}\mathrm{Rb}$	39	26		
${}^{86}\mathrm{Kr}(\alpha,n){}^{89}\mathrm{Sr}$	38-42, 44, 45, 47	4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 24, 25, 33, 34, 35		

Comparison to observations

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

What has been measured so far?

- 86 Kr(α , n), 96 Zr(α , n) and 100 Mo(α , 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(α , n), 85,86 Kr(α , xn), 85 Br(α , xn) at NSCL/FRIB (HabaNERO/SECAR) F. Montes, J. Pereira et al.
- 86 Kr(α , xn), 87 Rb(α , xn), 88 Sr(α , xn), 100 Mo(α , xn) at Argonne (MUSIC) M. L. Avila, C. Fougères et al. W. J. Ong et al., Phys. Rev. C 105, 055803 (2022)
- 86 Kr(α , n) and 94 Sr(α , 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)

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P nuclei

P-process and ν p-process

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]							
Nucleus	Anders and Grevesse [13]	Error (%)	Palme and Beer [15]	Error (%)			
⁷⁴ Se	0.55	6.4	0.6	5			
⁷⁸ 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			
102 Pd	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 Sn	0.0129	9.4	0.013	10			
¹²⁰ Te	0.0043	10	0.0045	10			
124 Xe	0.00571	20	0.005				
¹²⁶ Xe	0.00509	20	0.004				
130 Ba	0.00476	6.3	0.005	5			
132 Ba	0.00453	6.3	0.005	5			
¹³⁸ La	0.000409	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 Dy	0.000378	1.4	0.0004	5			
162 Er	0.000351	1.3	0.0004	5			
¹⁶⁴ 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 Ta	2.48e-06	1.8	2.00e-06	10			
^{180}W	0.000173	5.1	0.0002	7			
¹⁸⁴ Os	0.000122	6.3	0.0001	5			
¹⁹⁰ Pt	0.00017	7.4	0.0001	10			
¹⁹⁶ Hg	0.00048	12	0.001	20			

P-process

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

- supernova shock - type la supernovae

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

Constraints:

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

Possible astrophysical sites:

- core-collapse supernova shock
- Type la supernovae

P-process

core-collapse supernova

5.2 r-process: nuclear physics input

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

Neutron number, N

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5.2 r-process: nuclear masses

Y(A)

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

А

5.2 r-process: nuclear masses

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

Martin, Arcones, Nazarewicz, Olsen (2016)

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

Two neutron separation energy

Martin, Arcones, Nazarewicz, Olsen (2016)

Two neutron separation energy -> abundances

Neutron capture are critical during decay to stability!

5.2 r-process: beta decay

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Abundances at freeze-out ($Y_n/Y_{seed}=1$): 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

5.2 r-process: decay to stability

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Compare neutron capture calculations

Fission: barriers and yield distributions

2nd peak (A~130): fission yield distribution 3rd peak (A~195): mass model, neutron captures

Eichler et al. (2015), Eichler et al. (2019)