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# Neutrino-Induced Nucleosynthesis in Helium Shells of Early Core-Collapse Supernovae

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# Evidence from stable isotopes and <sup>10</sup>Be for solar system formation triggered by a low-mass supernova

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# Big Bang: 75% H + 25% He (by mass)

# Sun: 71.1% H + 27.4% He +1.5% "Metals"

$$\begin{aligned} ``p'' \to ``n'' + e^+ + \nu_e \\ \bar{\nu}_e + ``p'' \to ``n'' + e^+ \\ e^- + ``p'' \to ``n'' + \nu_e \end{aligned}$$



# The Beginning of the End



Nucleosynthesis via slow neutron capture (s-process) in low & intermediate-mass stars

 $3 {}^{4}\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C} + \gamma$ 

 ${\rm ^{12}C} + p \rightarrow {\rm ^{13}N} + \gamma$ 

 $^{13}\mathrm{N} \rightarrow ^{13}\mathrm{C} + e^+ + \nu_e$ 

 $^{13}\mathrm{C} + {}^{4}\mathrm{He} \rightarrow {}^{16}\mathrm{O} + n$ 

 $n + {}^{56}\text{Fe} \rightarrow s\text{-process nuclei}$ 

$$4^{4}\text{He} + p \rightarrow n + e^{+} + \nu_{e} + {}^{16}\text{O}$$

Evidence for s-process in low & intermediate-mass stars discovery of Tc spectral lines in stars by Merrill in 1952 Tc has no stable isotopes; the half-lives of the longest-lived isotopes are:

 $2.6 \times 10^{6}, 4.2 \times 10^{6}, 2.1 \times 10^{5}$  yr for  ${}^{97}$ Tc,  ${}^{98}$ Tc,  ${}^{99}$ Tc





## Neutrino Emission from Proto-NS Cooling



*r*–Process in Neutrino–driven Wind (e.g., Woosley & Baron 1992; Meyer et al. 1992; Woosley et al. 1994)



Conditions in the v-driven wind  $Y_e \sim 0.4-0.5, S \sim 10-100, \tau_{\rm dyn} \sim 0.01-0.1 \ {\rm s}$ (Witti et al. 1994; Qian & Woosley 1996; Wanajo et al. 2001; Thompson et al. 2001; Fischer et al. 2010; Roberts et al. 2010) Sr,Y, Zr ( $A \sim 90$ ) readily produced in the v-driven wind, up to Pd & Ag  $(A \sim 110)$  likely, all by QSE (Woosley & Hoffman 1992; Arcones & Montes 2011) production of r-nuclei up to  $A \sim 130$  possible, but very hard to make A>130 (Hoffman et al. 1997; Wanajo 2013)







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# r-Process Enrichment of Reticulum II Dwarf Galaxy Ji et al. 2016





Magnetorotational Jets

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Chemical Evolution in the Early Galaxy

Argast + 2004 (also Qian 2000)

but see De Donder & Vanbeveren 2004; Matteucci + 2014; Tsujimoto & Shigeyama 2014; Shen + 2014; Ishimaru + 2015

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[Eu/Fe]

Ubiquity of Sr and Ba (Roederer 2013)



Diversity of La/Eu: more than one n-capture process



## Neutrino-Induced n Capture in He Shell of early SNe



neutron production by

 ${}^{4}\text{He}(\nu,\nu n){}^{3}\text{He}(n,p){}^{3}\text{H}({}^{3}\text{H},2n){}^{4}\text{He}$ 

Epstein, Colgate, & Haxton 1988

neutron capture by <sup>56</sup>Fe

high nn requires few 56Fe



 $\bar{\nu}_e + {}^4\mathrm{He} \rightarrow {}^3\mathrm{H} + n + e^+, \ \lambda_{\bar{\nu}_e\alpha,n} \propto T_{\bar{\nu}_e}^{5-6} \ !$ Banerjee, Haxton, & Qian 2011 \_ ...,

# Neutrino Spectra & Flavor Oscillations

 $T_{\nu_e} \sim 3-4 \text{ MeV}, \ T_{\bar{\nu}_e} \sim 4-5 \text{ MeV}, \ T_{\nu_{\mu,\tau}} = T_{\bar{\nu}_{\mu,\tau}} \sim 6-8 \text{ MeV}$ 

normal mass hierarchy inverted mass hierarchy



Banerjee, Qian, Heger, & Haxton 2016



New Neutron-Capture Site in Massive Pop III and Pop II Stars as a Source for Heavy Elements in the Early Galaxy Banerjee, Qian, & Heger 2018



# New s-Process Mechanism in Rapidly Rotating Massive Population II Stars Banerjee, Heger, & Qian 2019



## Summary

I. Ubiquity of Sr & Ba at low [Fe/H] unlikely explained by NS-NS or NS-BH mergers due to their rare occurrences

2. Diversity of La/Eu at low metallicities requires more than one n-capture process

3. n capture from p mixing during pre-supernova evolution and the s-process in massive stars can explain ubiquity of Sr & Ba + diversity of La/Eu at low [Fe/H]

4. Neutrino-induced n capture in supernovae may also contribute heavy elements at low [Fe/H]