# Light Element Primary Process and Rare Isotope Experiments

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Also others e.g. Burris et al. 2009

(for large r-enrichment)





### **Possible "LEPP" mechanisms (need experimental data for all):**

No isotopic information → wide range of possibilities (Except for LEPP needed to fix Travaglio s-process: requires production of s-only nuclei)

- Primary s-process (Pignatari et al. 2008, ...)
- Charged particle freezout with no or few neutrons (Farouqi et al. 2010, Qian&Wasserburg 2007)
- A weak r-process (Qian & Wasserburg, ..)
- vp-process (Froehlich et al. 2006, Pruet et al. 2006) Rare isotope processes (can also fix problem of light p-nuclei?)

In addition, for determining solar contribution need experimental data on:

- s-process (to subtract)
- r-process (to subtract as solar minus s is not automatically r anymore)





### Proton separation energy of <sup>93</sup>Rh



Fallis et al. 2008 with CPT@ANL



Also Weber et al. 2008 with SHIPTRAP and JYFLTRAP



(<sup>93</sup>Ru)

 $\rightarrow$  S<sub>p</sub>(<sup>93</sup>Rh)=2.00(1) MeV

→Fisker: S<sub>p</sub>(<sup>93</sup>Rh)=2.00(1) MeV makes solution impossible (previous 2.0(5) MeV was ok – precision matters!

 $\rightarrow$  Wanajo et al. 2011: 2.00(1) MeV is ok in his model ....





#### Mass measurements: systematic effects



half-life (s)

#### Direct mass measurements







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### Making r-process nuclei: example MSU





# 2011 Summer Campaign at NSCL Analysis in progress Per











#### GSI experiment (GSI/Mainz/MSU/ND) (Santi, Kessler, Smith)



Thanks to Karl Smith



#### **Particle Identification**









Result for half-life: 110 <sup>+100</sup>-60 ms

Compare to theoretical estimate used:470 ms





Network calculation: when is <sup>80</sup>Zn a waiting point?

branchings

<sup>78</sup>Ni

0.11s



Baruah et al. 2008

experimentally constrained





### Conclusion



Lots of hints for "LEPP" existence – something beyond textbook s,r components is needed



Experimental data are needed to:

- Verify viablity of a specific LEPP model through comparison with observations
- Have reliable s-process component to subtract (need models)
- Have reliable r-process component to subtract can use stellar main r as template but
  - Need model to interpolate isotopic abundances
  - Might not work for light n-capture elements where most important

Need stable beam cross sections, neutron cross sections, and rare isotope properties

On the rare isotope experiments major progress but not there yet

- $\rightarrow$  need FRIB/FAIR/RIBF
- $\rightarrow$  need to figure out how to measure n,p for vp-process
- $\rightarrow$  need to figure out how to measure n, $\gamma$  for r-process











Additional primary process for >Ge (?) nucleosynthesis needed in addition to standard picture of weak s, main s, and r-processes.

"LEPP 1:" Fix deficiency of "main r-process" seen in metal poor stars to explain solar







#### "LEPP 2:" Fix deficiency of s-process when using stellar models/GCE (Travaglio et al. 2004)



#### Comments:

- Might go away if s-process is fixed
- Deficiency in s-only isotopes limits possible scenarios

Same as process as LEPP1? Maybe, but does not have to be





#### "LEPP 3:" Additional, primary, independent nucleosynthesis component for light n-capture elements found in metal poor stars



- Existence is observational fact
- Same as LEPP1+LEPP2? Montes et al. 2007: pattern looks similar, but inconclusive