OBSERVATIONS OF CEMP-\textit{i} STARS

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The diagram illustrates the log of neutron number density ($n \text{ cm}^{-3}$) for different processes:

- **s-process (slow)**
- **i-process (intermediate)**
- **r-process (rapid)**

The x-axis represents the log of neutron number density, ranging from $10^5$ to $10^{30}$. The y-axis is not labeled as it represents a log scale.
PRODUCTION OF $^{14}$C AND NEUTRONS IN RED GIANTS

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ABSTRACT

We have examined the effects of mixing various amounts of hydrogen-rich material into the intershell convective region of red giants undergoing helium shell flashes. We find that significant amounts of $^{14}$C can be produced via the $^{14}$N($n, p$)$^{14}$C reaction. If substantial portions of this intershell region are mixed out into the envelopes of red giants, then $^{14}$C may be detectable in evolved stars.

We find a neutron number density in the intershell region of $\sim 10^{15} - 10^{17}$ cm$^{-3}$ and a flux of $\sim 10^{23} - 10^{25}$ cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$. This neutron flux is many orders of magnitude above the flux required for the classical s-process, and thus an intermediate neutron process (i-process) may operate in evolved red giants. The neutrons are principally produced by the $^{12}$C($\alpha, n$)$^{16}$O reaction.

In all cases studied we find substantial enhancements of $^{17}$O. These mixing models offer a plausible explanation of the observations of enhanced $^{17}$O in the carbon star IRC 10216. For certain physical conditions we find significant enhancements of $^{15}$N in the intershell region.
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\begin{align*}
\tau_\beta &= 9.6 \text{ min} \\
1^2\text{C} (p, \gamma) 1^3\text{N} (\beta^+ + \nu) 1^3\text{C} (\alpha, n) 1^6\text{O}
\end{align*}
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V4334 Sgr ("Sakurai’s Object"), a post-AGB star

a low-mass, low-metallicity post-AGB star in the SMC

a low-metallicity main sequence star

sub-solar $^{134}\text{Ba}/^{136}\text{B}$ ratios in pre-solar SiC grains


But these are not really today’s subject, CEMP-\textit{i} stars.
The accepted formation scenario of CEMP-s stars:

- **evolved AGB star** (not directly detected today)
- **unevolved companion** (observed today as the CEMP-s star)

**C, ...**

*s-process elements*
(1) The [Ba/Fe] distributions of the CEMP-s and CEMP-s/r are different.
(2) The $[\text{Ba/Fe}]$ and $[\text{Eu/Fe}]$ ratios are correlated in the CEMP-$s/r$ stars.
(3) The [ls/hs] distributions in the CEMP-s and CEMP-s/r stars are different.
The Hamburg/ESO R-process enhanced star survey (HERES)*,**

III. HE 0338–3945 and the formation of the r + s stars

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ABSTRACT

We have derived abundances of 33 elements and upper limits for 6 additional elements for the metal-poor ([Fe/H] = -2.42) turn-off star HE 0338–3945 from high-quality VLT-UVES spectra. The star is heavily enriched, by about a factor of 100 relative to iron and the Sun, in the heavy s-elements (Ba, La, ...). It is also heavily enriched in Eu, which is generally considered an r-element, and in other similar elements. It is less enriched, by about a factor of 10, in the lighter s-elements (Sr, Y and Zr). C is also strongly enhanced and, to a somewhat lesser degree, N and O. These abundance estimates are subject to severe uncertainties due to NLTE and thermal inhomogeneities which are not taken into detailed consideration. However, an interesting result, which is most probably robust in spite of these uncertainties, emerges: the abundances derived for this star are very similar to those of other stars with an overall enhancement of all elements beyond the iron peak.

We have defined criteria for this class of stars, r + s stars, and discuss nine different scenarios to explain their origin. None of these explanations is found to be entirely convincing. The most plausible hypotheses involve a binary system in which the primary component goes through its giant branch and asymptotic giant branch phases and produces CNO and s-elements which are dumped onto the observed star. Whether the r-element Eu is produced by supernovae before the star was formed (perhaps triggering the formation of a low-mass binary), by a companion as it explodes as a supernova (possibly triggered by mass transfer), or whether it is possibly produced in a high-neutron-density version of the s-process is still unclear. Several suggestions are made on how to clarify this situation.

(here, r+s is equivalent to r/s)
THE INTERMEDIATE NEUTRON-CAPTURE PROCESS AND CARBON-ENHANCED METAL-POOR STARS

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ABSTRACT

Carbon-enhanced metal-poor (CEMP) stars in the Galactic Halo display enrichments in heavy elements associated with either the \textit{s} (slow) or the \textit{r} (rapid) neutron-capture process (e.g., barium and europium, respectively), and in some cases they display evidence of both. The abundance patterns of these CEMP-\textit{s/r} stars, which show both Ba and Eu enrichment, are particularly puzzling, since the \textit{s} and the \textit{r} processes require neutron densities that are more than ten orders of magnitude apart and, hence, are thought to occur in very different stellar sites with very different physical conditions. We investigate whether the abundance patterns of CEMP-\textit{s/r} stars can arise from the nucleosynthesis of the intermediate neutron-capture process (the \textit{i} process), which is characterized by neutron densities between those of the \textit{s} and the \textit{r} processes. Using nuclear network calculations, we study neutron capture nucleosynthesis at different constant neutron densities \( n \) ranging from \( 10^7 - 10^{15} \) cm\(^{-3}\). With respect to the classical \textit{s} process resulting from neutron densities on the lowest side of this range, neutron densities on the highest side result in abundance patterns, which show an increased production of heavy \textit{s}-process and \textit{r}-process elements, but similar abundances of the light \textit{s}-process elements. Such high values of \( n \) may occur in the thermal pulses of asymptotic giant branch stars due to proton ingestion episodes. Comparison to the surface abundances of 20 CEMP-\textit{s/r} stars shows that our modeled \textit{i}-process abundances successfully reproduce observed abundance patterns, which could not be previously explained by \textit{s}-process nucleosynthesis. Because the \textit{i}-process models fit the abundances of CEMP-\textit{s/r} stars so well, we propose that this class should be renamed as CEMP-\textit{i}.
fit with AGB $s$-process model and initial $r$-process enhancement


fit with one-zone $i$-process model

fit with AGB $s$-process model and initial $r$-process enhancement

fit with one-zone $i$-process model


blue = inward
red = outward

CEMP-r/s (-i)
CEMP-s
other binary systems

Surveys that may identify more CEMP-\textit{i} stars:

**Best and Brightest**
(K. Schlaufman & A. Casey)

**The CFHT “Pristine” Survey**
(E. Caffau, E. Starkenburg, N. Martin, K. Venn, K. Youakim, et al.)

**4MOST at ESO’s VISTA Telescope**
sometimes detectable
(not always simultaneously)

Hubble Space Telescope required
(or makes big improvement)
A minimal set of abundance discriminants to identify CEMP-\textit{i} stars:

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  - (or $> +0.7$?)
  - (or luminosity criteria?)

- $0.0 < [\text{Ba/Eu}] < +0.5$

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figure: based on data in Roederer et al., Astron. J., 147, 136 (2014)
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GALACTIC ARCHAEOLOGY
football at Michigan State University

football / “Touchdown Jesus” at the University of Notre Dame

football at the University of Michigan
Hi Ian --

WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW! Great news indeed :)  

Cheers,

Tim