ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION OF THE SPALLOGENIC NUCLIDES (Li6, Li7, Be9, B10, B11)

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The light elements Li Be B (Li6, Li7, Be9, B10, B11)

The most fragile stable isotopes in nature (after D and He3)

Always destroyed in stellar interiors

2.2 MK for Li (1.5 for Li6) T(H-burn) = 3.5 MK for Be 4.5 MK for B



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Synthesis of the Elements in Stars^{*}

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X. x PROCESS

We have given the name x process collectively to OCTOBER, 1957 mechanisms which may synthesize deuterium, lithium, beryllium, and boron. Some discussion of the problems involved in the x process are discussed in this section.

Production of lithium, beryllium, and boron in a stellar atmosphere can take place through spallation reactions on abundant elements such as carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and iron. Thus, if we believe that stellar atmospheres are the places of origin of these elements, it is also probable that they are a major source of the primary cosmic radiation, a conclusion which is consistent with observed abundances of primary nuclei mentioned earlier. Since energies $\geq 100 \text{ Mev/nucleon are}$

Galactic Cosmic Rays (GCR)





GCR Energetics in Milky Way: Power(GCR) ~ 10^{41} erg/s Power(Supernovae): ~ 10^{42} erg/s (~3 SN /100 yr @ E_{KIN} ~ 10^{51} erg) OK if E(GCR) ~ 10 % E_{KIN} (SN)



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The Production of the Elements Li, Be, B by Galactic Cosmic Rays in Space and its Relation with Stellar Observations

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The L-element (Li, Be, B) contamination rate of the interstellar gas by nuclear reactions induced by the Galactic Cosmic Rays (G.C.R.) is calculated using a diffusion model of fast moving particles in the Galaxy. The presence of helium in the G.C.R. flux and in the interstellar gas is taken into account.

It is found that most of the stellar and meteoritic data is in agreement with a model which otherwise gives a reasonable account of the G.C.R. observations. This model assumes an injection spectrum in total energy power $(W^{-2.6})$ diffusing in a leaking galaxy with an escape range of 6.3 g cm⁻². The intensity, the composition at the source and the spectral shape have remained the same for the last 10¹⁰ years.

However a large part of the 'Li must come from another source. Two possibilities are discussed: a) thermonuclear 'Li ejected from Giant Stars in 'dirty' regions of our Galaxy, b) spallative 'Li generated from an intense low energy component of the G.C.R.



Galactic Cosmic Ray Odyssey





Theory of GCR acceleration: injection spectra : power laws in total energy or momentum (per nucleon)

From theoretical *i*njection spectrum the propagated (=equilibrium) one may be derived under some assumptions (e.g. *"leaky box"* model)

Evolution of Be

Early 90ies: Be (and B) observations in low metallicity halo stars



Be abundance evolves (as expected, since it is not primordial)

BUT, it evolves exactly as Fe (unexpected, since it is produced from CNO and it should behave as secondary)





Impossible to reproduce observed linearity of Be/H vs Fe/H with metallicity dependent GCR composition S **Energetics argument**(*Ramaty et al. 1997*) 1) Producing one atom of Be by GCR requires a certain amount of energy, which depends on assumed GCR composition 2) CCSN produce Fe (~0.1 M_{\odot}) and energy (~10⁵⁰ ergs) for GCR acceleration 3) If the composition of GCR $X(GCR,t) \propto X(ISM,t) << X_{\odot}$ at early times, there is simply not enough energy in early GCR accelerated by SN to maintain Be/Fe ~ const. We need X(GCR,t) ~ X_{\odot} always



Galactic Cosmic Rays : what is the composition of accelerated matter ?

1. Standard ISM accelerated by forward shock X(GCR) = X(ISM) Secondary BeB

3) SuperBubble matter (SBM), always enriched to ~Z_☉ from its own Supernovae (*Higdon et al. 1998*) X(GCR) ~ X(SN) Primary BeB





- A) In Superbubbles, massive star winds continuously accelerate SBM, and do not allow Ni59 to decay
- B) SN are observationally associated with HII regions, with widely different metallicities

2. SN interior accelerated by reverse shock (RS) X(GCR) = X(SN) Primary BeB



- A) Energetically unfeasible (reverse shock too weak)
- B) Absence of radioactive Ni59 ($\tau \sim 10^5$ yr) in observed GCR (*Wiedenbeck et al.* 1998) requires $\Delta t > 3 \ 10^5$ yr between SN explosion and GCR acceleration
- 4. Massive star wind accelerated by forward shock

X_{CNO}(GCR) ~ X_{CNO}(Wind) Primary BeB BUT X_{Heavy}(GCR) ≠ X_{Heavy}(ISM)



Yields of CNO (in M⊙) in winds of massive rotating stars (*Geneva models*)

Such yields explain naturally the observations of primary N in early Galaxy





Galactic Cosmic Ray SOURCE composition



Is it solar ? Yes, for most isotopic ratios *Volatiles*: elements with high A/Q (mass to charge) favored *No*, for elemental ratios \Rightarrow *Selection effects Refractories:* overabundant, but no clear trend with A/Q

Ellison, Meyer, Drury (1997): SN shocks accelerate ISM gas (volatiles) and sputtered grains (refractories)

CNO overabundant by ~1.5 to 8 ; Most excess CNO attributed to WR stars

After taking into account several selection effects, it seems that the Source composition of GCR today is ~solar. What about the GCR metallicity in the early Galaxy ? Assumed composition of GCR : $X_{GCR}(t) = 0.5 (X_{WIND}(t) + X_{ISM}(t))$

With this, "physically motivated" GCR composition AND proper GCR/SN energetics, primary Be is naturally obtained











Neutrinos from CCSN spallate C12 in C-shell and produce B11 (primary) and He4 in He-shell and produce He3 then : He3 + He4 → Li7 (primary) BUT: Neutrino spectra of core-collapse SN are very uncertain; So are the yields of B11 and Li7

What is the true B/Be ratio at low [Fe/H] ?









Energetics of early Li6 formation (Prantzos 2006)

Energy required (Normal CR spectrum, only $\alpha + \alpha$): 16 erg/Li6 For Li6/H = 10^{-11} : Energy required: 10^{14} erg/gr (= 10^{14} erg in fast particles for each gr of ISM) Note: for a spectrum of Low Energy particles, (10-50 MeV/N) ~3 times less energy required Mass of MW halo : $5 \, 10^8 \, \text{M}_{\odot} \sim 10^{42} \, \text{gr}$ Energy (for Li6/H~ 10^{-11}) ~ 10^{56} erg , or 10^{5} CCSN If normal CCSN (10^{51} erg and 0.1 M \odot of Fe), they enrich the ISM to [Fe/H] ~ -1 They have to eject normal kinetic energy but 50 times less metals than normal SN! Shocks from structure formation (Suzuki and Inoue 2002) Velocity $V_{Virial} \sim (GM/R)^{1/2} \sim 400 (M_{DarkHalo}/10^{13} M_{\odot})^{1/3} \text{ km/s}$ In Milky Way: $M_{\text{DarkHalo}} \sim 10^{12} \text{ MO}$, $V_{\text{Virial}} \sim 200 \text{ km/s}$ $E_{shock} \sim \frac{1}{2}$ m v² and energy per unit mass $\epsilon \sim 2.10^{14}$ erg/gr OK, for an efficiency of 50% (normal spectrum) bur full DM halo NOT in place so early ! Collapse to black hole: Energy extracted (jet or wind \Rightarrow shock) = $\eta M_{\text{BlackHole}} c^{2}$, $\eta \sim 0.1$ For Milky Way: $M_{\text{BlackHole}} \sim 3 \ 10^6 \text{ M}_{\odot} \Rightarrow \text{Energy} \sim 5 \ 10^{59} \text{ erg}$ For M_{Gas} (Milky Way) ~5 10¹⁰ M_{\odot} ~ 10⁴⁴ gr, Specific energy ~ Energy/ M_{Gas} ~ 5 10¹⁵ erg/gr Chromospheric activity on surfaces of low mass stars (Tatischeff and Thibaud 2007)





If Li7(pre-galactic) = Li7(WMAP+SBBN) ~50% of solar Li is still missing

If Li7(pre-galactic) = Li7(Spite plateau) ~65% of solar Li is still missing

Need for another (late) stellar source



Observations of Li6/Li7 in local ISM (Kawanomoto et al. 2009)

provide some hints for differential evolution of Li6 vs Li7 in past 4.6 Gyr

GCE models DO PREDICT a SMALL effect





Contributions (%) of nucleosynthesis processes to SOLAR LiBeB

	Li-6	Li-7		Be-9	B-10	B-11
Big Bang	0	8 Spite	20 WMAP	0	0	0
GCR	100	25	20	100	100	60
V-process		<10				40
AGB/novae		65	55			
Other ???						