

# OBSERVATIONS and CHEMICAL EVOLUTION

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# IMPORTANT POINTS: OBSERVATIONS

- Can get observational constraints to models of heavy element production in the early Galaxy
- Observations of Ba/Eu vs. Eu/Fe in r-process stars seems consistent with SS r-process value
- R-process models like waiting point and HEW give similar results for Ba/Eu
- $f_{\text{odd}}$  is high in r-enhanced star and low in Eu-poor stars like HD 122563
- Can observe differences in light vs. heavy n-capture elements in very metal poor stars: excess s-process in some stars
- It is possible to reproduce the n-capture elements in both r-process and s-process poor stars by employing a combination of two model fits (heavy appropriate for stars such as CS 22892-052) and light (appropriate for stars such as HD 122563)
- Iron peak elements show a rise at low metallicity along with scatter
- Some models and gce models must be able to reproduce these newly determined and more precise abundance values in metal-poor halo stars

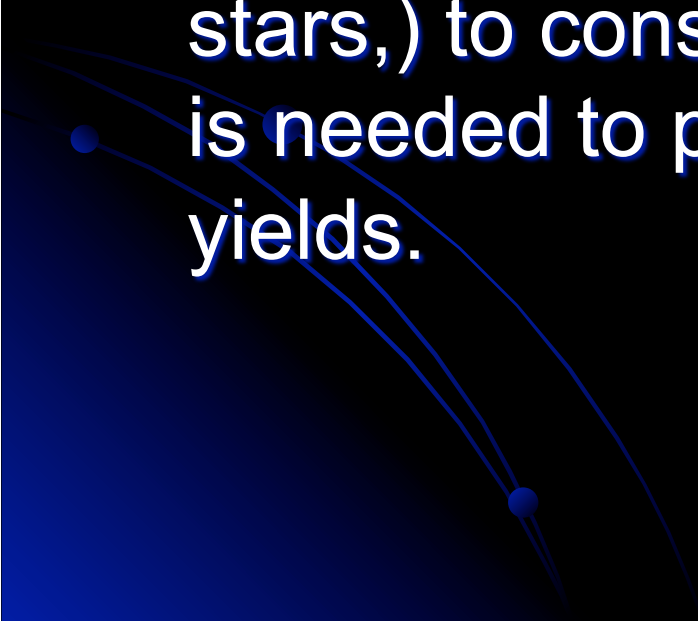
# IMPORTANT POINTS: OBSERVATIONS

- For a large number of open clusters a large scatter of Ba and Ba overabundances, compared to solar, were observed in the last ten years
- At present it is matter of debate the origin of such anomalous abundances (see Mischenina et al. 2014, Jacobson&Friel 2013, Yong et al, D'Orazi et al)
- Observations are difficult to reconcile with the present understanding of neutron-capture nucleosynthesis and may require an additional process, i.e., the i(ntermediate)-process ('Cowan and Rose 1977).
- One of the peculiar signatures of the i-process is to predict a [Ba/La] ratio much larger than the s-process or the r-process, within the observed spread of [Eu/La].

# Further Studies

- What is needed:
- multi-dimensional hydrodynamical simulations for the H ingestion in stellar He-rich material
- uniform observations, spectra processing, parameter determinations, methods and abundance calculation for a large sample of Ocs

# Further Studies (continued)

- For the  $i$  process overall:
  - uniform analysis of all the available observations (OCs, presolar grains, CEMP stars,) to constrain stellar simulations. This is needed to produce robust  $i$  process yields.
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# Discovering the nature of the i-process and is it relevant for GCE?

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Solar metallicity sources but difficult to find constraints if relevant for gce?

Part of the CEMP-rs stars Are CEMP-i stars: Bertolli+ 2013 arXiv  
Herwig+2014, in prep.: Warning: the i process can contribute up to Pb..

OCs: Mischenina+ 2014 submitted GCE of young objects seem to need i process. Anomalous observations of Ba abundance in open clusters are not consistent with s + r-process. So may need an additional process, so s- + r- + i-process may be required.

In the future we need better nuclear data for the i process.

# MORE TO BE DONE IN OBSERVATIONS AND THEORY

- ❑ More Ba/Eu observations in low metallicity stars
  - ❑ Light trans iron (heavier than Zr) observations
  - ❑ Determination of fractional isotopic abundances (already done Ba and Eu)
  - ❑ Where possible
  - ❑ Determine more precisely stellar parameters ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$ , etc.)
  - ❑ How to explain rising values of Fe-peak elements at low metallicity in SNe models and gce models
- Need more observations of light n-capture elements such as Mo, up to Ag.

# GALACTIC CHEMICAL EVOLUTION MODELS

**A HOMOGENEOUS** (same stellar physics – convection, nuclear rates etc)  
and **COMPLETE** (in stellar mass and metallicity)

## GRID OF STELLAR YIELDS

M: 1.5 2 3 5 7 10 12 15 20 25 35 50 70 100 130 Msun

$Z/Z_{\text{sun}} = 0, 10^{-4}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-1}, 3 \times 10^{-1}, 1, 2$

(to cover evolution of halo, thin and thick disks and bulge)

**Models accounting for ALL available – and relevant – data sets  
for a given galactic system**

Ex 1: For MW halo: NOT only  $X/\text{Fe}$  vs  $\text{Fe}/\text{H}$  but ALSO *Metallicity distributions*  
(requires OUTFLOW, and this changes timescales of met. evolution,  
important if interested in sources with *different timescales*,  
like NS mergers or AGBs)

Ex 2: *Dispersion* (if real), may point to physical ingredients  
that should not be neglected  
e.g. in local age-metallicity relation, it points to radial migration  
In  $\text{Eu}/\text{Fe}$  vs  $\text{Fe}/\text{H}$  of halo stars, it points to ???



# IMPORTANT POINTS: MODELS

- The chemical evolution of galaxies: massive stars occur in groups and co-evolve –
  - > feedback and ejecta
    - > return into the cycle of matter occurs in superbubbles
    - > - modeling and studying the evolution of superbubbles from creation
    - > through fragmentation/dissolution until formation of dense cores /
    - > SFR regions:
      - > this may be interesting by itself, shed light on abundance scatter
      - > expectations, and scale dependent aspects of chemical evolution at the
      - > sub-kpc scale
      - > - disk-halo connections could be important for the  $>10^8$  year
  - evolution
    - > of abundances, also shed light on infall and Galactic winds and the IGM
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    - - exploiting new measurements: sub-mm molecular lines of isotopes, GAIA,
    - >  $^{26}\text{Al}$  gamma-rays, QSO and GRB absorption lines.

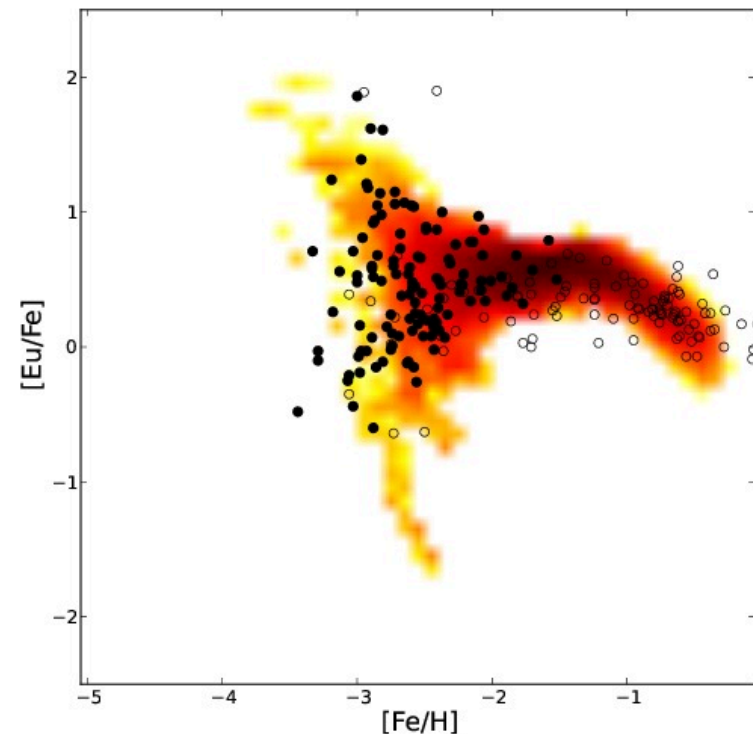
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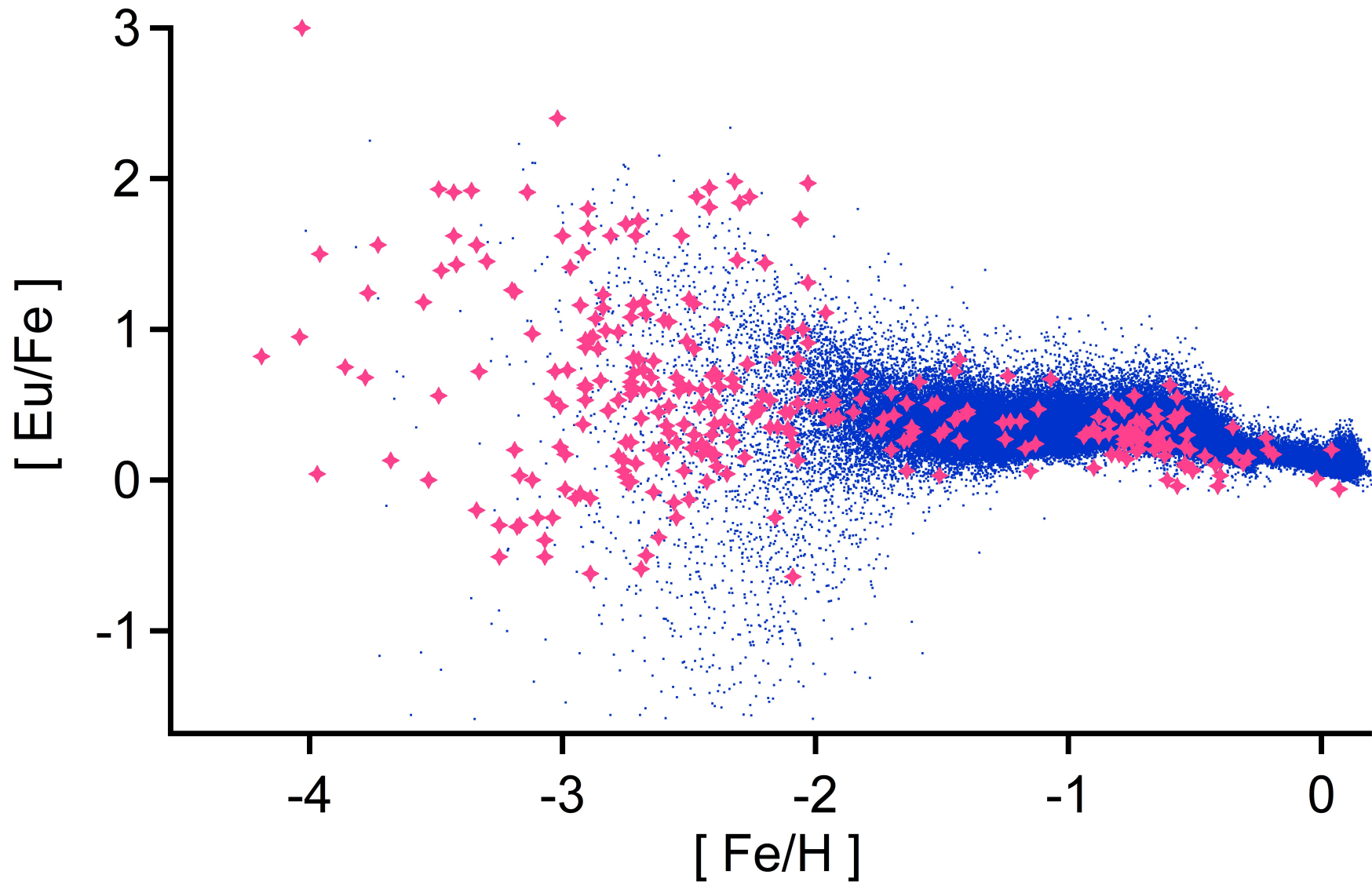
An alternative situation suggests that both SNeII and NSM can produce Eu. The best model in this case assumes that in NSM is produced  $M_{\text{eu}} = 2 \times 10^{-6} M_{\text{sun}}$ , the delay times can be various. The SNe II should produce Eu in a range 20-50 Msun  
It is very important to have Eu sources acting at early times to reproduce observations at low [Fe/H]

Europium can be produced only from NSM if: the NS systems explode with a delay of 1 Myr and each event produces  $M_{\text{eu}} = 3 \times 10^{-6} M_{\text{sun}}$  and all stars with progenitor masses in the range 9-50 Msun leave a NS as a remnant

# Results: NSM+MRD SNe

- Here Europium originates from NSM plus magneto rotational (MRD) SNe
- The merging events have a fixed delay of 100Myr
- The MRD SNe are assumed to be 10% of the total number of SNe II but only for  $z < 10^{-3}$






Pink crosses are observed stars and the blue dots are simulations.  
-Both NSM and jet Sne are employed to try to reproduce the observed  
-Scatter in  $[Eu/Fe]$ .

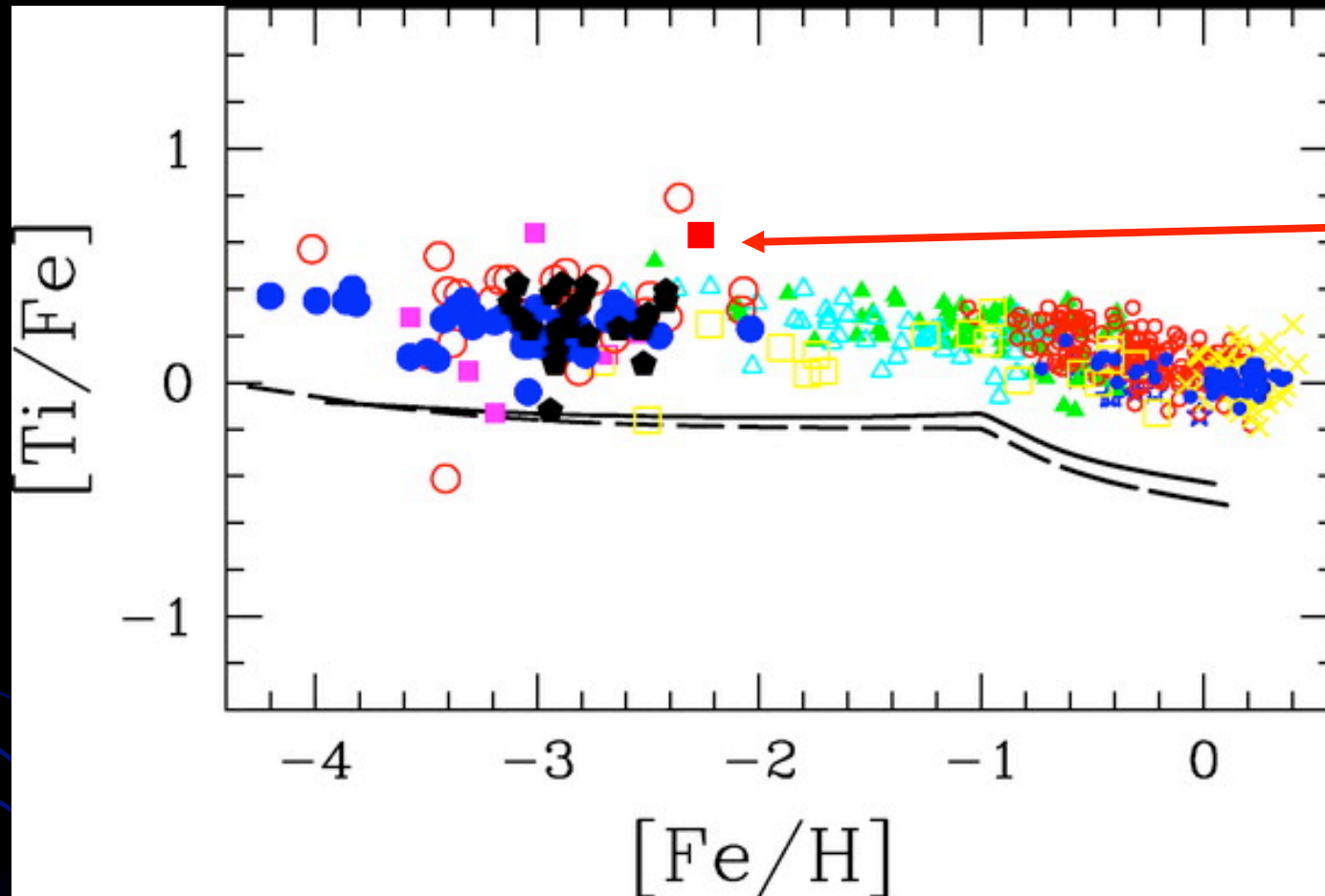
# What is needed to improve NS Merger Models

- In the future the model could be improved by assuming a delay time function
- And also the results of Cescutti and assuming some inhomogenous mixing in the early phases of Galaxy evolution will be utilized
- A better more secure rate of merging of ns will also be required many uncertainties now

# More Questions for Merger Models

- Question of black hole formation in early Galaxy- if 50  $M_{\text{sol}}$  stars are needed to make the r-process
  - Do we need both core collapse SNe and NS Mergers to explain observed Eu/Fe
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# A new initiative on Fe-group abundances



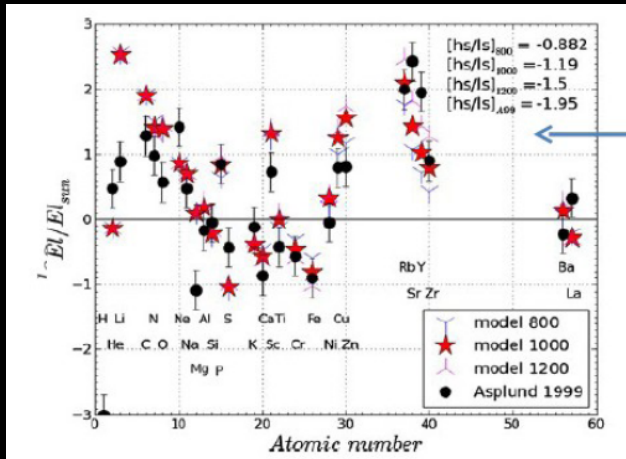
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Wood  
et al.  
(2013)

Problems  
with SN  
models

Kobyashi  
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(2006)

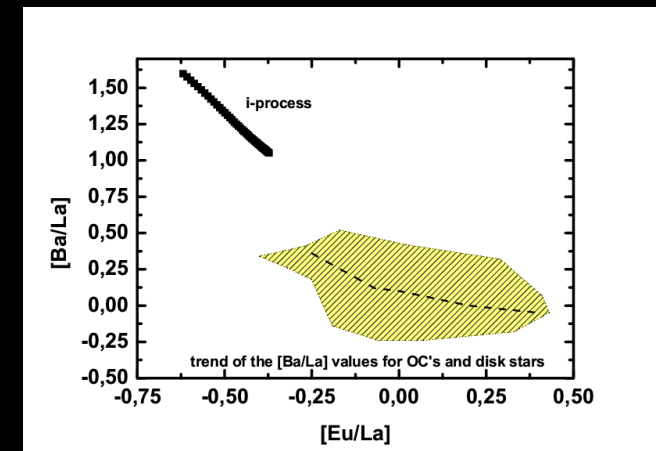
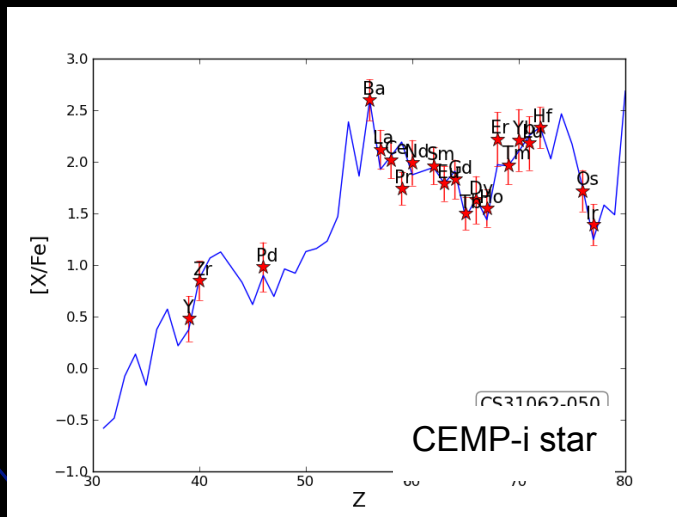
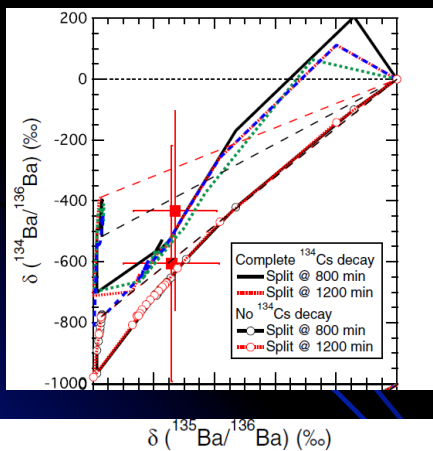
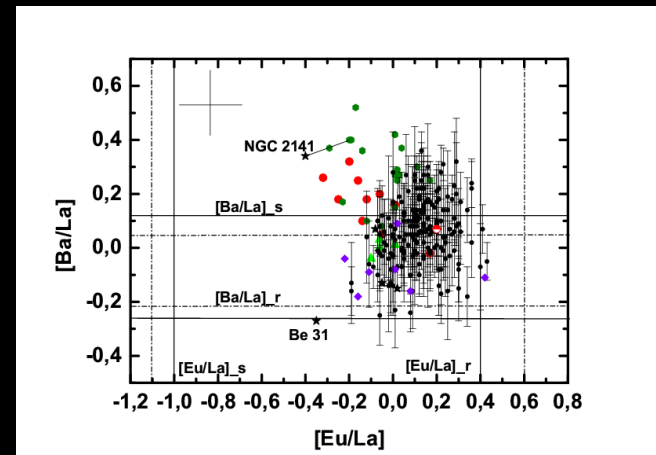
this work concentrates on increasing accuracy of Fe-group elements  
the big point: must have better transition probabilities  
groups at Wisconsin, London, Belgium lead the way  
HST data at low metallicity end explores more species





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