The fundamental role of the metallicity in the nucleosynthesis of heavy elements

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#### The s-process: Where:

- WEAK (A<90): MASSIVE STARS → shell-He burning (marginally), shell-C burning (mostly).
- MAIN (90<A<180): LOW MASS TP-AGB STARS
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   → in a thin pocket close to the top of the He-rich intershell during the interpulse period (mostly).
   Also within the convective zone powered by a thermal pulse (marginally).

 STRONG (A>180): LOW MASS TP-AGB STARS (LOW Z) → as for the main component



#### Neutrons and neutron sources

WEAK :  ${}^{22}Ne(\alpha,n){}^{25}Mg$ n=10<sup>6</sup>-10<sup>11</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>

MAIN and STRONG:  ${}^{13}C(\alpha,n){}^{16}O$   $n=10^{6}-10^{7} \text{ cm}{}^{-3}$ (marginal)  ${}^{22}Ne(\alpha,n){}^{25}Mg$  $n=10^{9}-10^{10} \text{ cm}{}^{-3}$ 

Special cases: Proton Ingestions (CEMPs and Sakurai's objects)  ${}^{13}C(\alpha,n){}^{16}O$  with n=10 ${}^{15}$  cm ${}^{-3}$ 

#### s-Proess paradigm for low-mass AGB (1-3 $M_{\odot}$ ) Straniero et al. 1995 - Gallino et al. 1998



Bagnasciuga (wet&dry)

A <sup>13</sup>C pocket shall form in the transition strip between the sea (convective env.) and the shore (core)

# The formation of the <sup>13</sup>C pocket in the wet&dry transition zone



$$M=2M_{\odot}Z=Z_{\odot}$$

a) Maximum envelope penetration (TDU);

- b)  ${}^{12}C(p,\gamma){}^{13}N(\beta){}^{13}C(p,\gamma){}^{14}N;$
- c)  ${}^{22}Ne(p,\gamma){}^{23}Na;$
- d) The 3 pockets fully developed

Later on, the  ${}^{13}C(\alpha,n){}^{16}O$ and the s-process

### Full Network Stellar Evolution Models

- Full network (700 isotopes) coupled to stellar structure equations.
- Atomic & Molecular Opacity accounting for dredge up (C and N variations).
- Mass loss calibrated on pulsating AGB stars.

Straniero et al 2006 (Nucl. Phys. A) Cristaòòp et al 2009, 2011 (ApJ)



## Varing the metallicity: theory versus observations

✓ AGB stars undergoing TPs and III TDU in the Galactic Disk or in nearby Galaxies (either O- and Crich), like C(N type) stars. Tc detected (or low Nb).

✓ Post-AGB stars.

 ✓ s-rich stars, dwarfs or giants (no Tc), like Ba stars or CH stars (or CEMPs).

✓ AGB imprints in presolar grains (SIC or O-rich).

✓ AGB imprints in the Galactic Chemical Evolution.

#### Models Constraints

- hs/ls: is a measure of the neutrons/seeds ratio. It depends on the amount of neutrons (<sup>13</sup>C), poisons (<sup>14</sup>N) and seeds (Fe).
   Better than X/Fe, which is affected by several uncertain quantities, such as mass-loss rate, dredge-up .....
- Branching: Rb/Sr or <sup>96</sup>Zr/<sup>90</sup>Zr. They depends on the neutron density and, in turn, on the temperature of the stellar site where they are syntesized....
- AGB Luminosity Functions: depends on mass loss and dredge up



#### Combining heavy-s and light-s





#### Mixing by rotation depends on $\omega_{rot}$ :

- Mixing limited to the <sup>13</sup>C pocket. In this case the <sup>13</sup>C spreads out, The total amount of neutrons is conserved, but <sup>13</sup>C/Fe is lower → lower neutrons/seeds and, in turn, lower hs/ls.
- Mixing extended up to the <sup>14</sup>N pocket. Partial or total overlap of <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>14</sup>N. This is equivalent to reduce the *effective* <sup>13</sup>C<sub>eff</sub>=<sup>13</sup>C-<sup>14</sup>N. The total number of neutron is lower → lower neutrons/seeds and lower hs/ls

#### s-process in a convective zone

- If the s-process takes place at the base of an extended convective zone, the seeds consumption is counterbalanced by the rapid mixing of fresh material from outside. This occurrence favors the light-s production.
- In massive AGB, we found an overproduction of Is, indeed, because the s process is dominated by the <sup>22</sup>Ne burning in the convective zones generated by the TPs. A similar result is found as a consequence of the proton ingestion in extremely-metal-poor AGBs.



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