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BBN

- Maxim Pospelov
 - Successes: D, He, possibly Li
 - Problems: Li, possibly D
 - last 10 years synergy of BBN
 - BBN Success:
 - He agrees with obs. sub-4%
 - D ~25%
 - BBN Problems:
 - Li is now discrepant by a factor of 3-5
 - D observations are scattered (scatter due to sys error or physical?)
 - He statistics may not be sufficient to measure Y_p
 - Li-6 Plateau would indicate that something intervened
 - Should be extremely faint in standard BBN.
 - Groups can't kill Li6 in observations - it seems that several groups agree there's something there.
 - Li7 two problems:
 - Discrepancy in abundance
 - Trend to lower abundance at lower metallicity. (Maybe just a scatter in measurements? No scatter above)
 - Beers: At higher metallicity there are more massive mini halos and it is dangerous to look at progenitor population. something happening below $[Fe/H] = -3$. Problem will break in few years. old star could not rotate that fast unless mass transfer in past

- Heger: stars rotate faster initially, destroying Li by mixing it into stellar core
 - Iron may not be a good indicator for low metallicity stars.
 - Agreed that discrepancy in trend is due to stellar astrophysics. (Well, two people agreed, but there is evidence that this is at least part of the problem - low-Z globular clusters, for example)
 - Knowing if the stars with Li7 measurements are in binary systems or not may help.
- Li7 Possible Solutions:
 - Be7 + n reaction (well studied)
 - 3He fusion cannot be scaled down by x3 or 4
 - new reactions that could find resonance with strength to impact BBN
 - reactions measured in lab at correct resonance would help
 - There are only a handful of reactions, could measure them.
 - more calculations
 - Maybe Li7 has been destroyed
 - CMB measured globally while Li7 is measured very locally, perhaps baryon density should be lower where Li7 is measured.
- BBN Story:
 - limited by systematic errors and astrophysics modeling
- BBN Experiments:
 - 1. Cooke & Pettini, 2012 constrain D/H measurement? (2-4% measurement)
 - 2. more non-stellar obs. of Li7, Li6 (Howk et al) and at lower metallicities?
 - 3. Li6 present in metal poor stars? (technically difficult)
 - Beers: Only brave observer, need factor of 10 increase in collection
 - Settled in 5-10 years.
 - 4. more obs. of metal poor stars to examine Spite plateau
 - Beers: have enough obs. look at exceptional objs. that are at very low metallicity and known to be in very tight binaries (CS 2276-837, maybe?)
 - 5. improve measurements of He3-alpha reaction beyond 5-10%, sort tau_n controversy
 - 6. future of CMB if Planck successful: Yp, Neff
- BBN Theory:
 - 1. do we need ultimate code at sub-%?
 - 2. Li7, Li6 check outside of astro settle diffusional settling
 - Not just lithium
 - Not clear how well models are fitting
 - Beers: obs. reached point where difficult issues need to be addressed
 - theory of stellar atmosphere needs to be improved
 - 3. Ab-initio calculations of key reactions
 - 4. Li has different ionization history since it stayed singly ionized
 - Diffusion calculated incorrectly due to this
 - O'Shea: At which redshift?
 - 5. Look for sterile neutrinos
 - 6. constrain primordial ranges for all light elements up to and including C?
- Cultural Issues (Interacting with other disciplines)

- 1. Promote experts who work across fields to understand the whole problem.
- 2. improve error bars in literature
 - Beers: True error bars are from interpretation, since do not know limit of unknowns. need nature of area in atmosphere where measurements are performed
- 3. “unknown unknowns”, do not find models that fit SBBN

First Stars (Pop III Stars)

- Brian O’Shea
 - Pop3 stars:
 - massive (100, 1000 Msolar)
 - form in isolation
 - Recent Accomplishments:
 - binary pop3 seen in simulations (Turk,Abel,O’Shea ‘09)
 - multiple-star systems seen (Greif et al. 2011,12; Clark et al. 2011)
 - MHD simulations (small impact, but only simple implementation)
 - none obs yet
 - O’Shea: end to mult-star sys.
 - Truran: how do you identify a Pop III star?
 - extremely metal poor DLA obs (Cooke et al. 2011). possibly explained via pop3 enrichment (Kobayashi et al. 2011)
 - recent rediscovery Pop III not important for
 - Extremely metal-poor DLA observed (Cooke et al. 2011)
 - Open Questions
 - multiplicity of formation?
 - What are the distribution of rotation rates in Pop II?
 - O’Shea: Extremely important and we don’t know much
 - Simulations are not good enough
 - Can’t do this for galactic stars
 - likely initial mass? varies from red-shift?
 - Not treating magnetic fields correctly.
 - mean mass higher than substantial mass
 - What are fundamental challenges for nuclear synthesis w.r.t. Pop II?
 - At low metallicity assumptions made in stellar evolution become suspect
 - Beers: distinguish bw small # of stars.
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 - How can we address these questions
 - Grid based codes and another code assume different mean masses.
 - Important to include effects of
 - opacity realistically
 - MHD
 - improved chemistry
 - stellar evo calc. for pop3 w/ varied rotation rates, E_{sn} over ~10-100 Msun range (maybe even SAGB) -compare to low metallicity stars,stellar halo
 - Need to connect Pop III star simulations to what we see
 - What is needed
 - Primordial chemistry and opacity break down at high density

- If you look at indiv field star a fe percent of stars have these signatures consistent with globular clusters
- Fornax cluster
 - gc make up large cluster of mass
 - Chemical abundance have same inhomeg as in Milky Way
 - O'Shea: stars stripped still maintained by Fornax
- Beers: Why no globular clusters sub -3?
 - something fundamental preventing formation. not enough gaseous mass?
- Truran: How many do you expect to see at -3?
 - Beers: Zero
- Don't end up w/ anti-correlations
- relevant p capture reactions known still insufficient
- Beers: This is another example where freq. will tell us a great deal. 25-30 yrs Bob Craft said, "We see it in gcs, but not in field" Wlth SDSS looked in field and we say 3.72%+/-0.002
- Beers: Kinematics which show equilibrium show outer halo not inner?
- ?: need massive AGB, need H,..., don't allow any 3rd generation
 - look at abundance inside gc.
 - Should have dredge up
 - Do observe it in massive AGB
 - why not see correlated enrichment in nuclei?
 - must be fast rotation
 - More reasonable to have massive AGB
 - something must happen to model that isn't clear
- Strader: seen all the way up to -.5
- ?: Never seen a AGB model that finishes
- Beers Missing:
 - Lots of surveys done and we should continue
 - follow up of field stars and dwarf galaxies
 - Ultra faint dwarf galaxy has low mass but has the number of stars of an open cluster (~1000) Mass is dark matter dominated
 - nature of nucleosynthesis that created chemical abundances
 - nature of imf and star formation history resulting in formation
 - well measured freq. Need to know what it doesn't do as well. (this is the way forward)
 - Long term high res 5-10 year monitoring of various types of stars
 - binary freq. as function of metallicity
 - nature of binary orbit: type, long-period, eccentricity, correlations w/ obs patterns
 - orbits are thousands of years at high eccentricity
 - Connection between binarism and Li depletion at low metallicity? **see BBN**
 - Beers: suspicious of tight binary first two spectra was a sub -3 tight binary
 - O'Shea: when will we see some of the other surveys?
 - Beers: 6 months
 - Directed searches for high r-process stars to establish
 - relative freq. as a function of metallicity
 - low-metallicity limit to r-II phenomenon?

- Fun Facts!
 - 2nd cool dwarf with $[Fe/H] < -3.0$ known
 - most metal poor $[Fe/H] = -3.4$ and Eu-enriched r-II star yet found $[Eu/Fe] = +2$
- Beers: First dwarf with atmosphere with heavy r-process?
- Modeling Needs:
 - improved yields as function of mass and metallicity (particularly $> 8 M_{\odot}$)
 - Actinide Boost, we don't yet understand it
 - Detailed models of milky way formation describing build blocks
 - Beers: need a full set
 - Heger: can be a whole range of distributions for each metallicity
 - Beers: need underlying body of knowledge, missing information
 - O'Shea: Shown three components responsible for most variation.
 - One unanswered question is what happens when we deviate from solar at low metallicity? Interesting to see it for massive stars
 - Beers: list of 12 elements to start, since there will be a lot of stars from all populations
 - Heger: knowing 12 elements does not help us much.

Summary

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