

and the measurement of ^{60}Fe

Super-TIGER experiment, balloon borne

measured elemental abundances for charge (Z) $26 \leq Z \leq 40$

preferential acceleration of refractory elements over volatile elements by $\sim 4x$ ordered by atomic mass (A)

both refractory and volatiles show a mass dependent enhancement with similar slopes

consistent with cosmic-ray source material being a mix of $\sim 20\%$ massive Star Material (MSM) and $\sim 80\%$ normal ISM

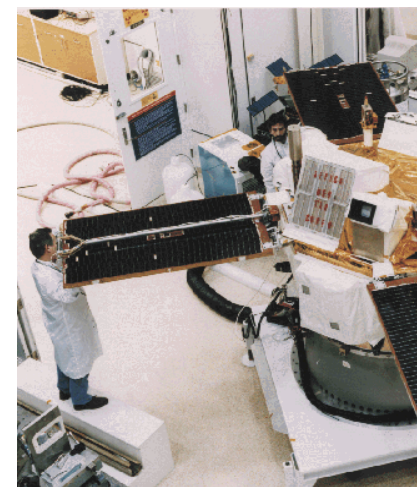
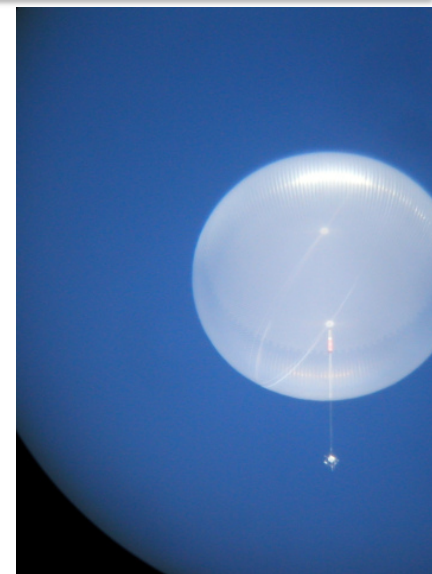
Cosmic Ray Isotope Spectrometer (CRIS) aboard ACE satellite

measured $^{60}\text{Fe}/^{56}\text{Fe}$ ratio

and that the time interval between nucleosynthesis and acceleration is $<$ several Myr

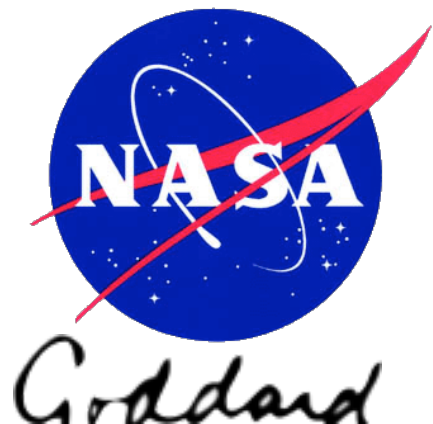
the distance to the source(s) is $\cong 1$ kpc

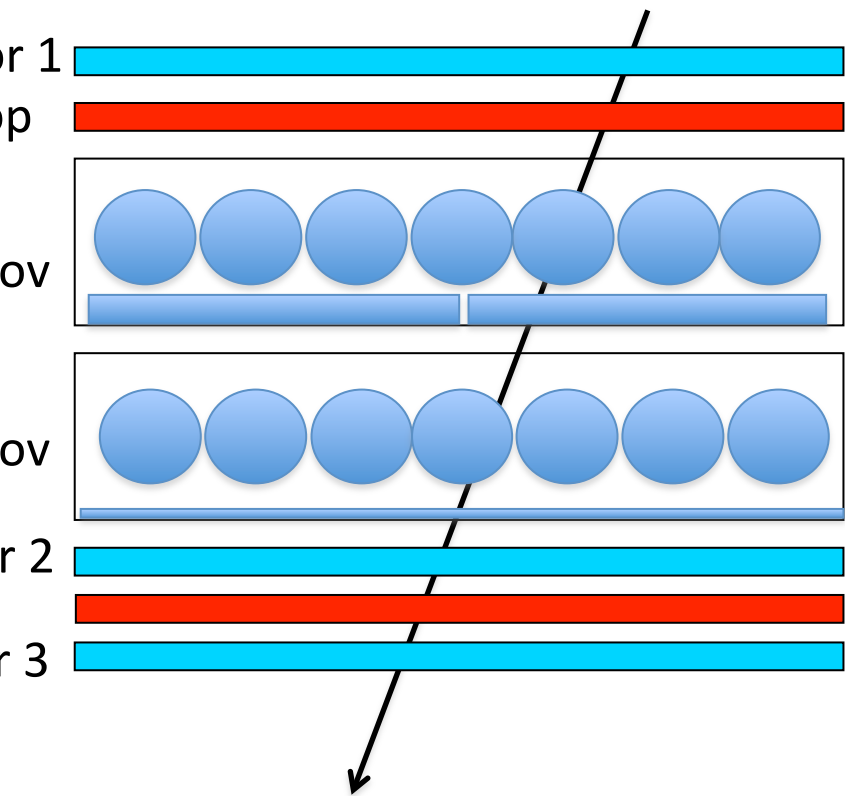
most conclusive evidence of recent nucleosynthesis in galactic cosmic rays (GCR)



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7 detectors

scintillation counters

scintillating Fiber Hodoscopes

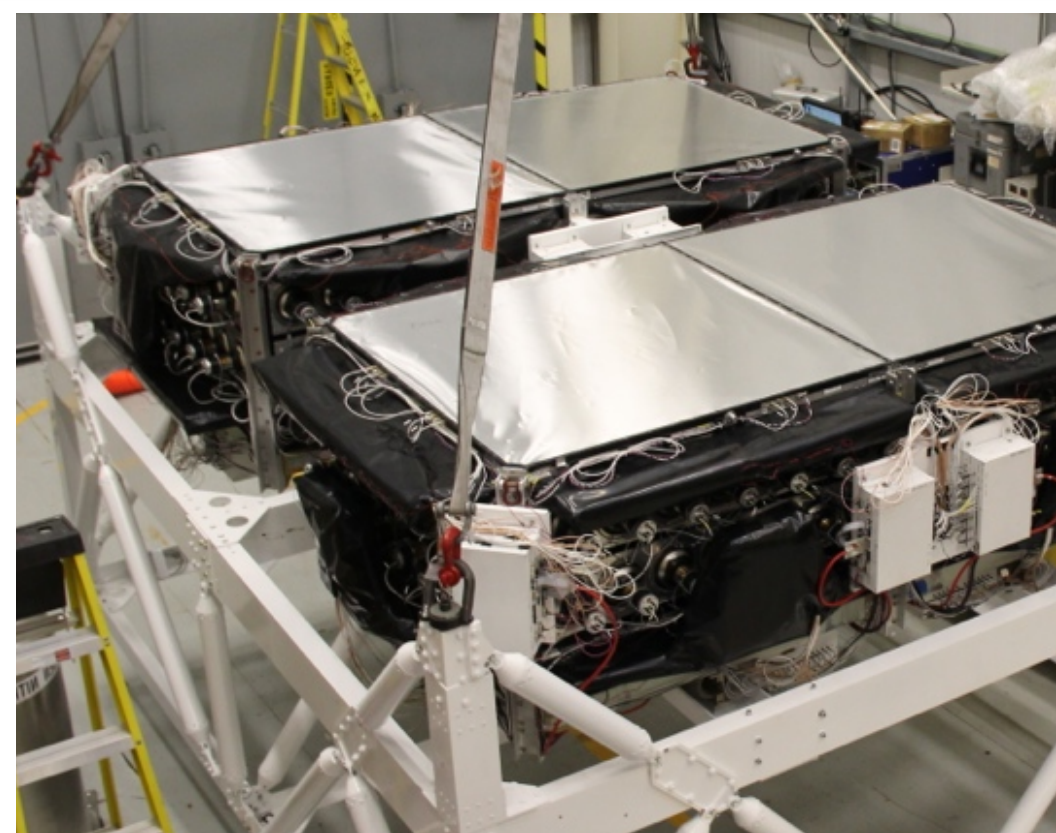
Cherenkov Detectors

Aerogel, $n = 1.043$ or 1.025 (2.5 or 3.3 GeV/nucleon)

Acrylic, $n = 1.49$ (0.3 GeV/nucleon)

Nearly identical modules

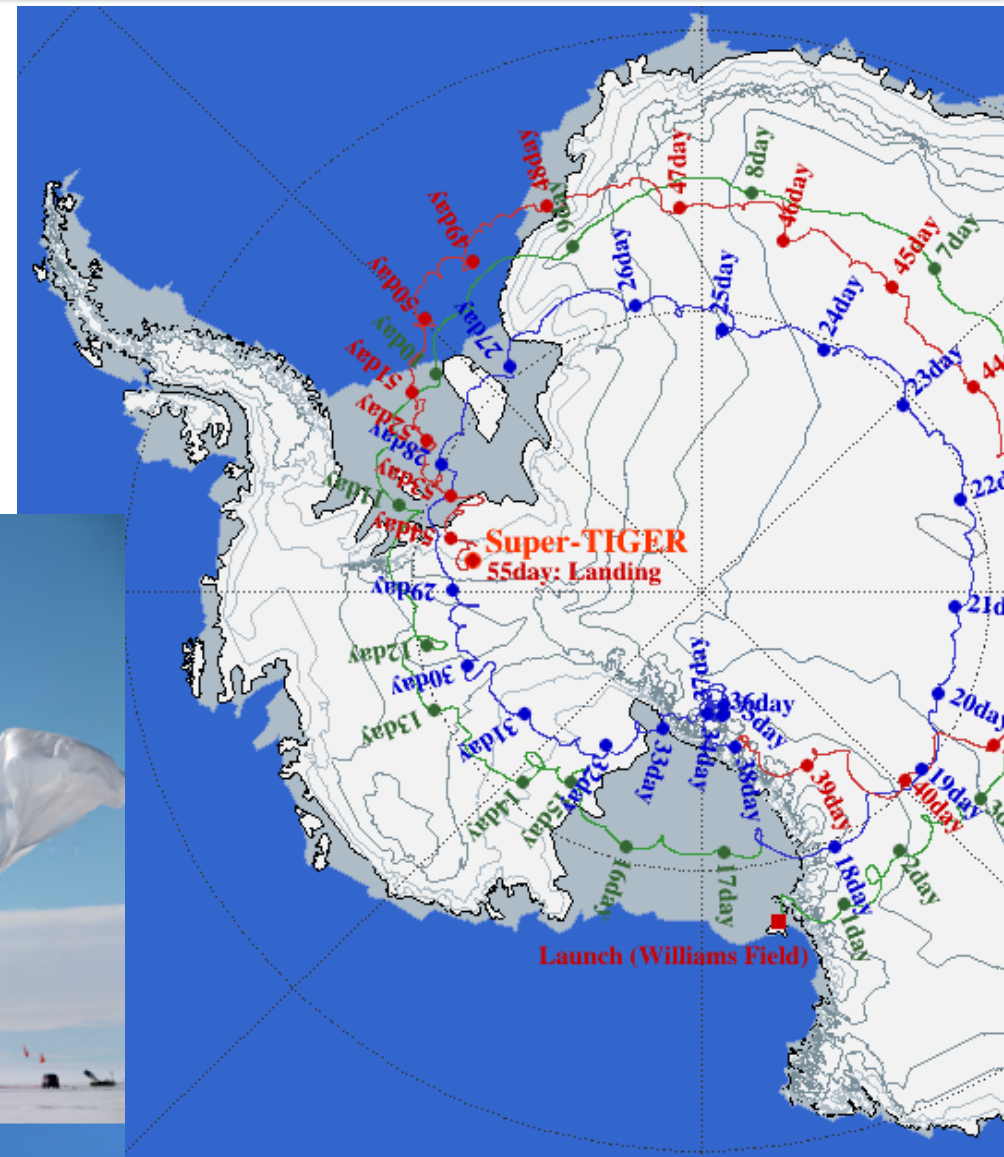
Area 2.9 m²sr, 7.2 times that of



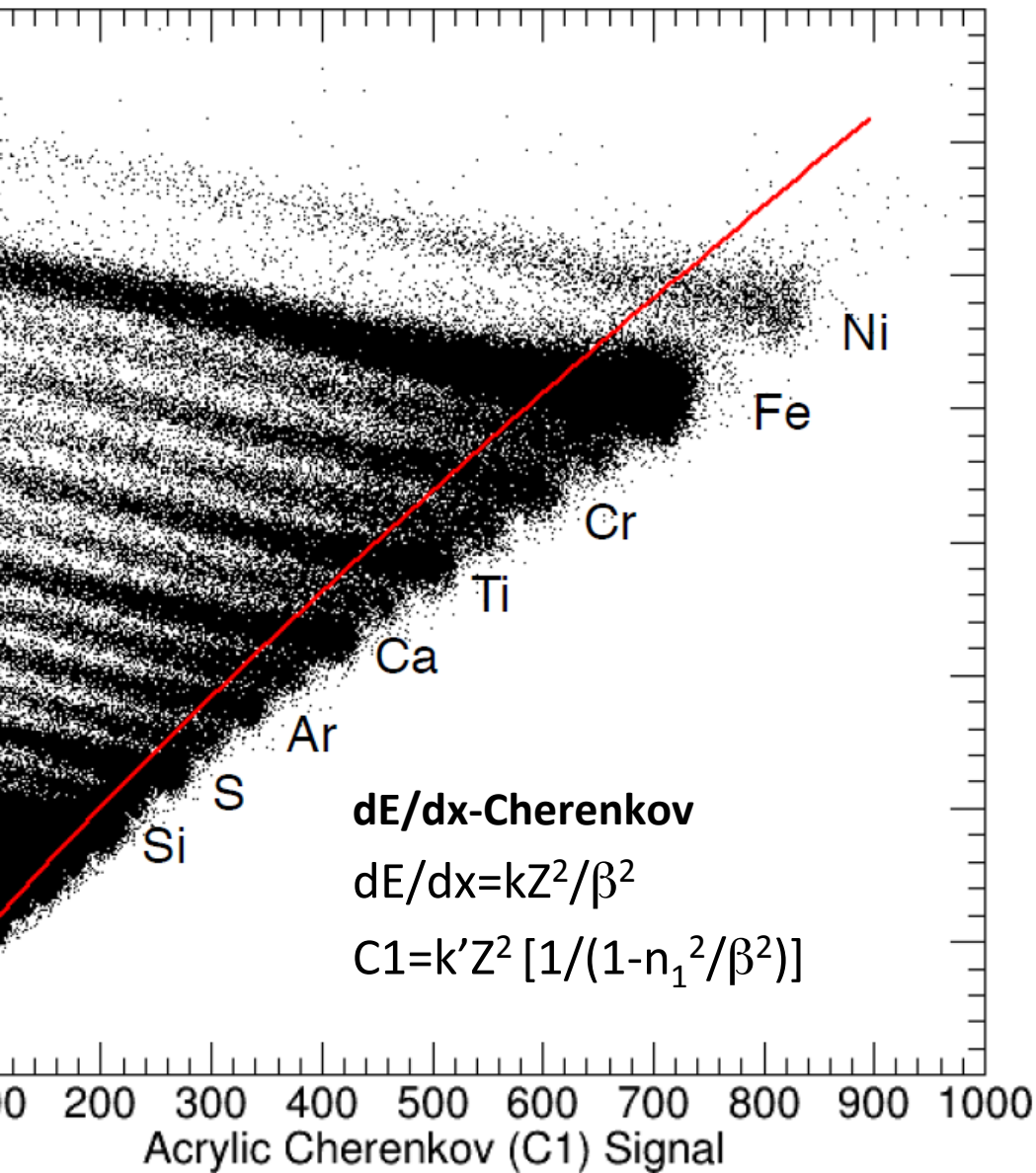
November 8, 2012-February 1,

Longest flight--(NASA Heavy-Lift
Stratospheric Balloon Record!)

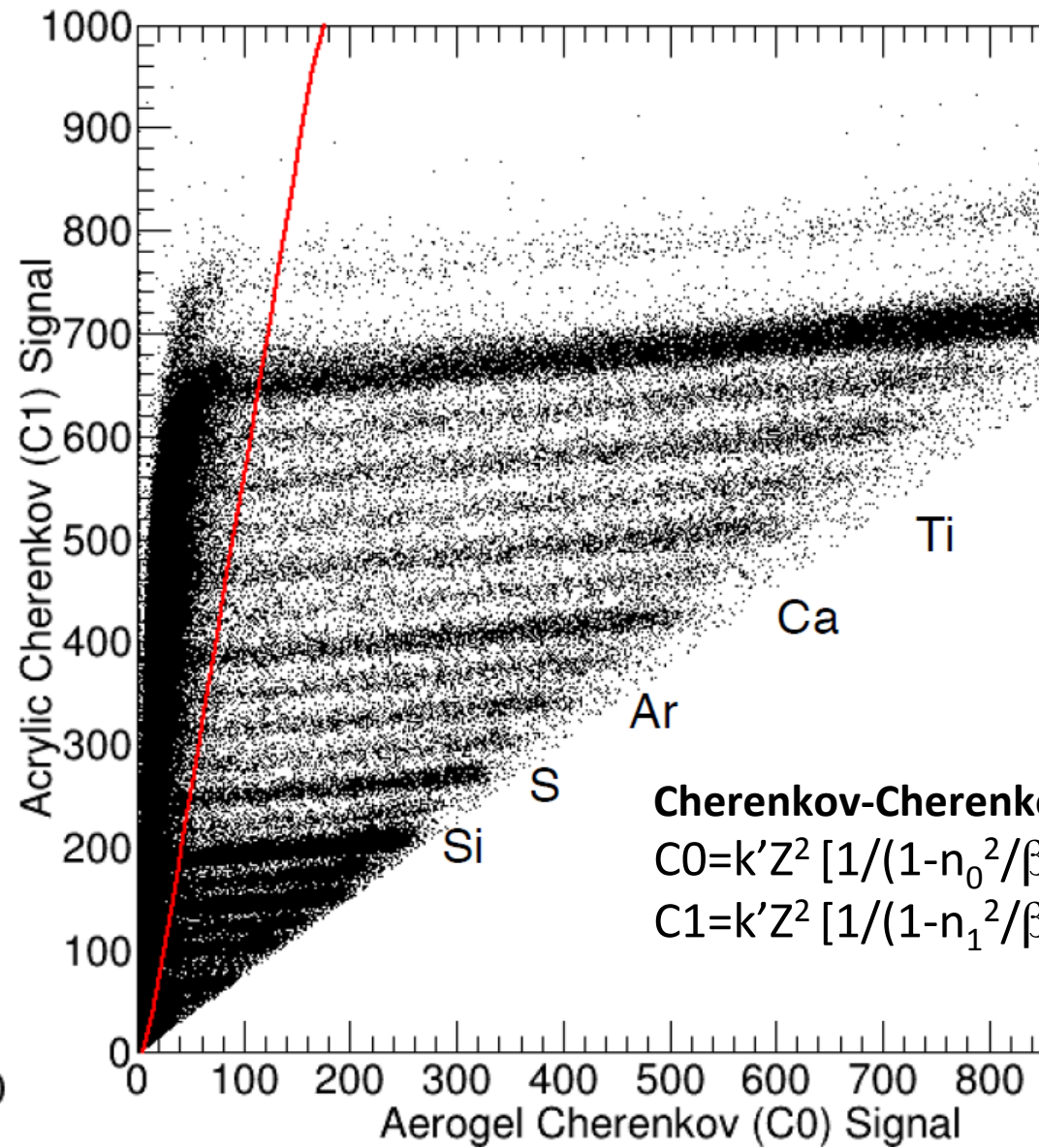
Detected 4.7×10^6 iron events



Energies: Scintillator vs Acrylic C



High Energies: Acrylic C vs Aerogel

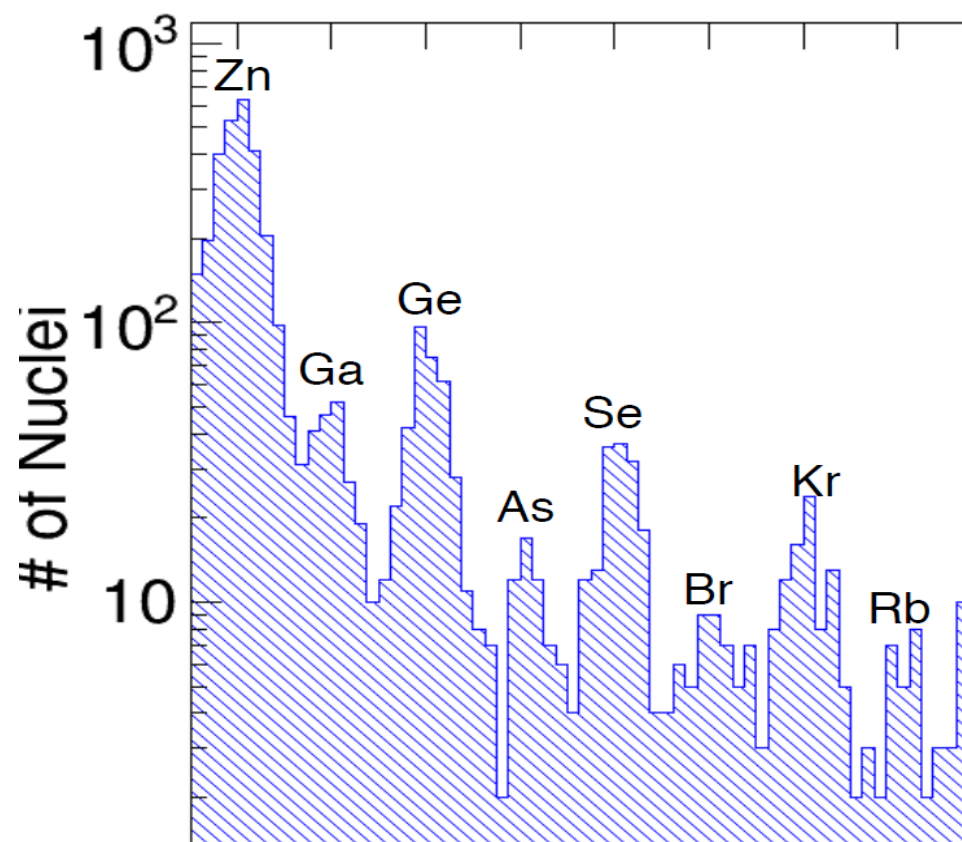
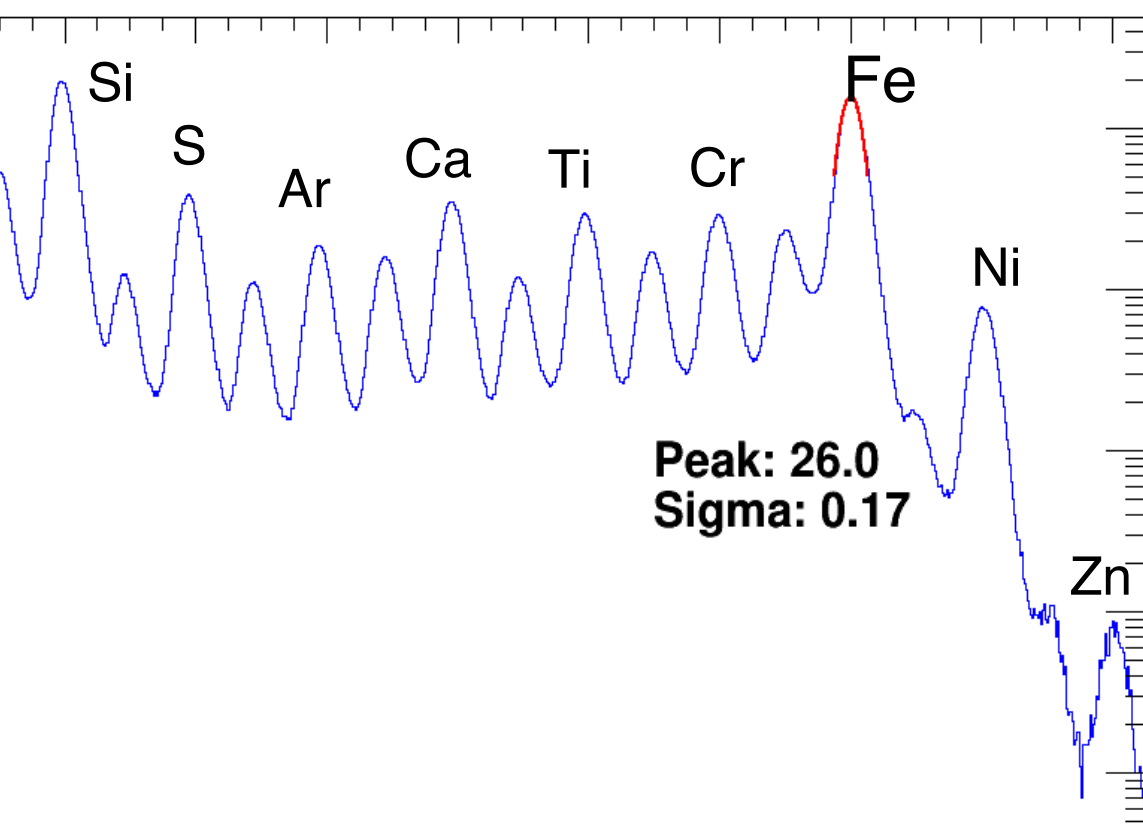


800 MeV/nuc at top of atmosphere

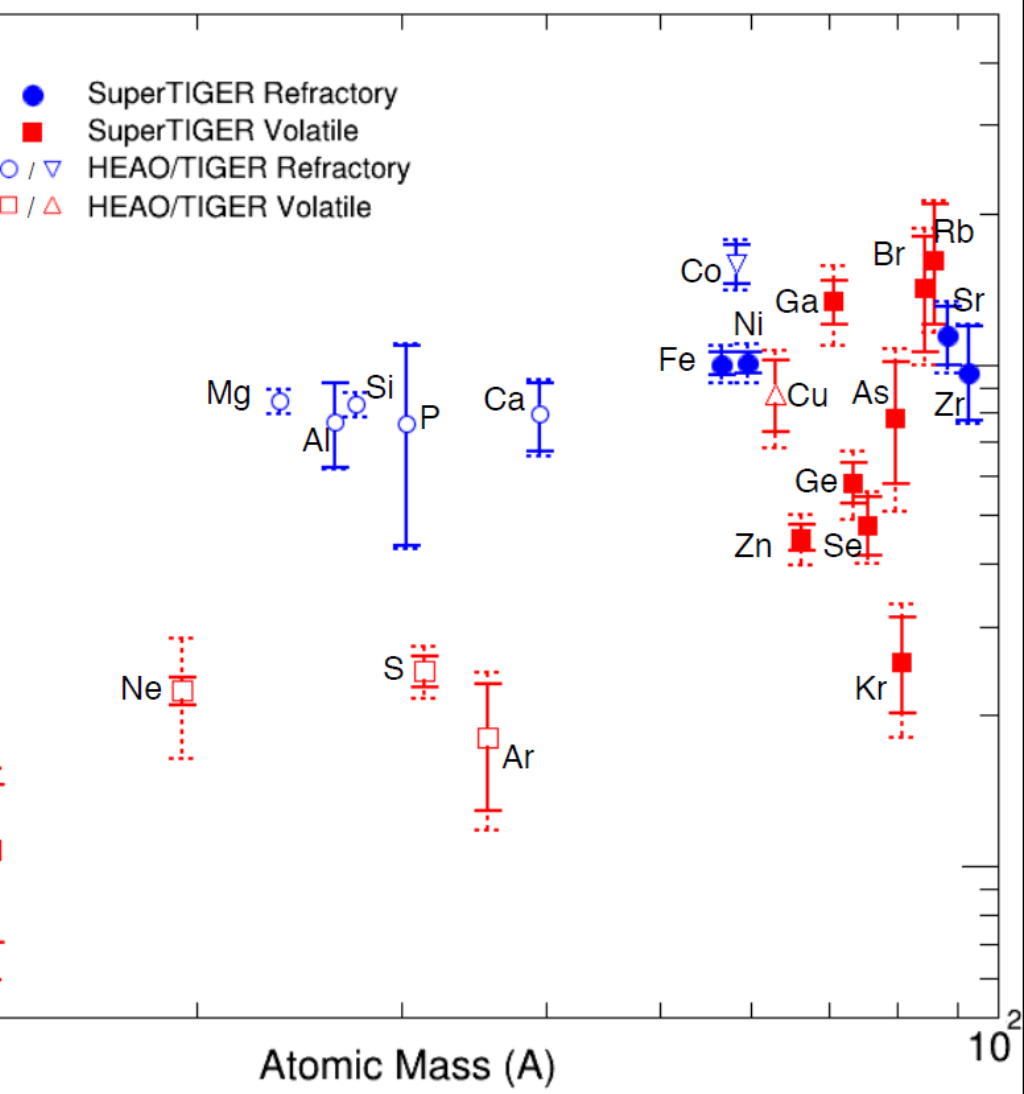
High statistics measurement of abundances of all elements with $Z \leq 40$

Most nuclei are in the energy range 0.8-10 GeV/nuc

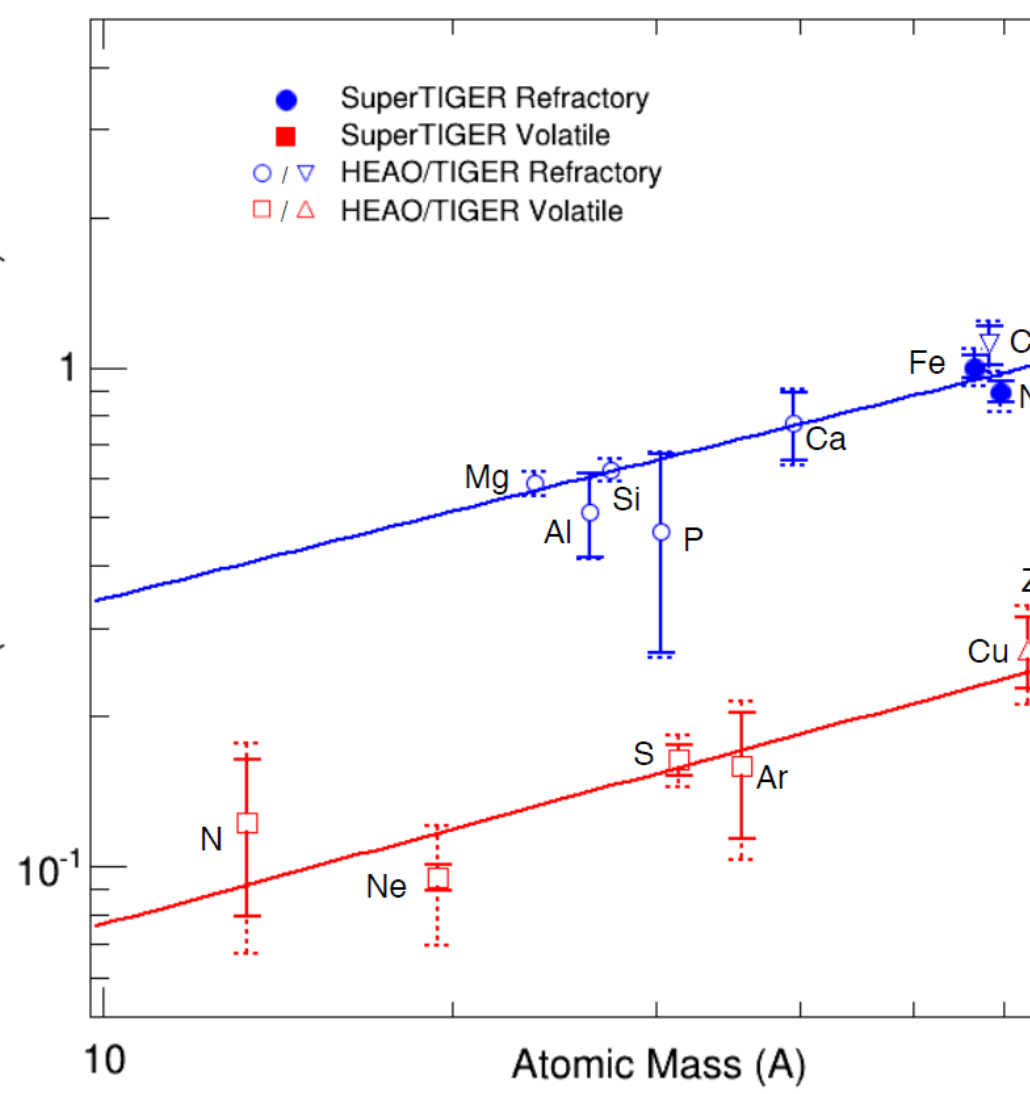
Complementary to ACE measurement taken in space, but with large numbers of events for ST

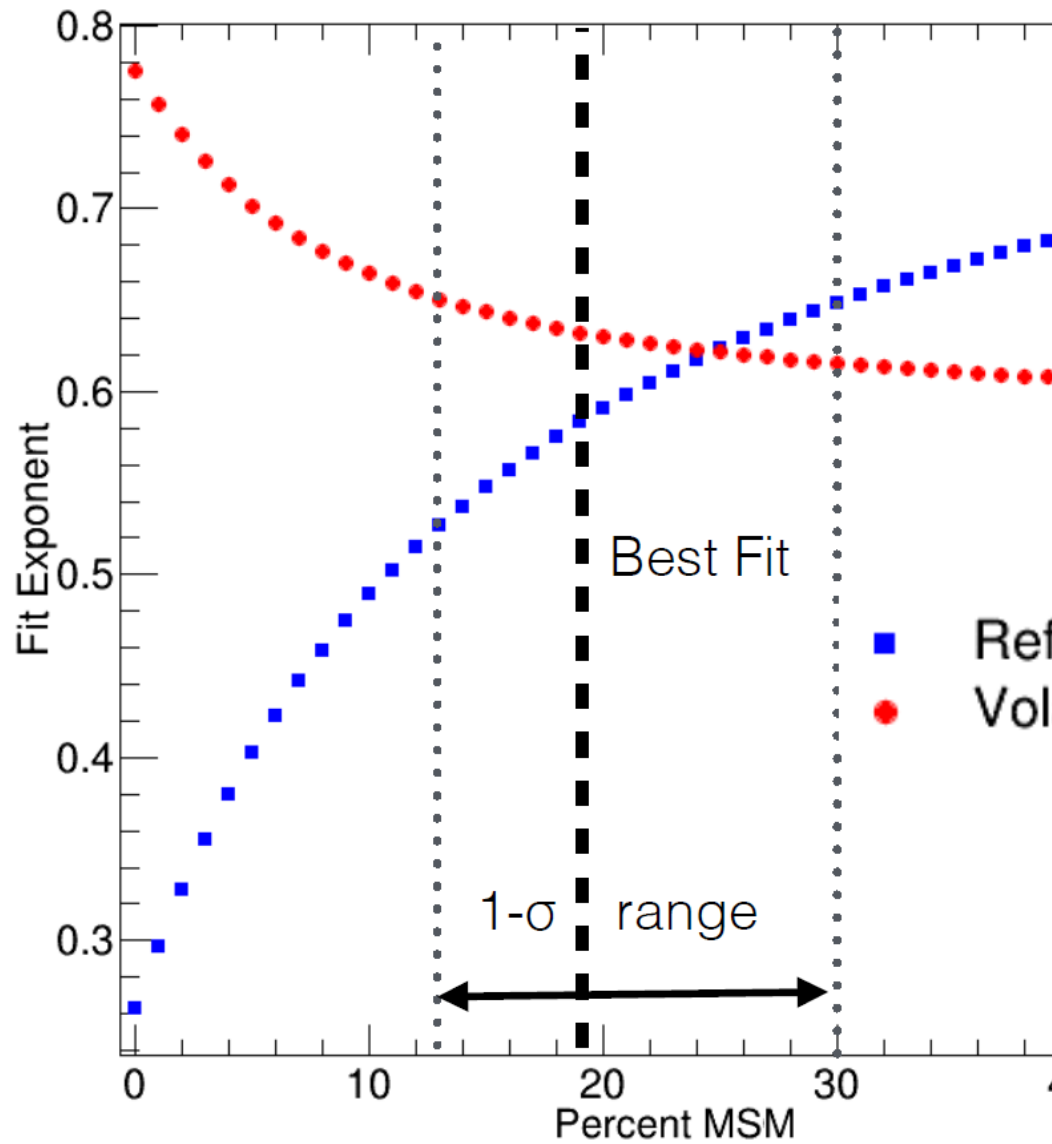
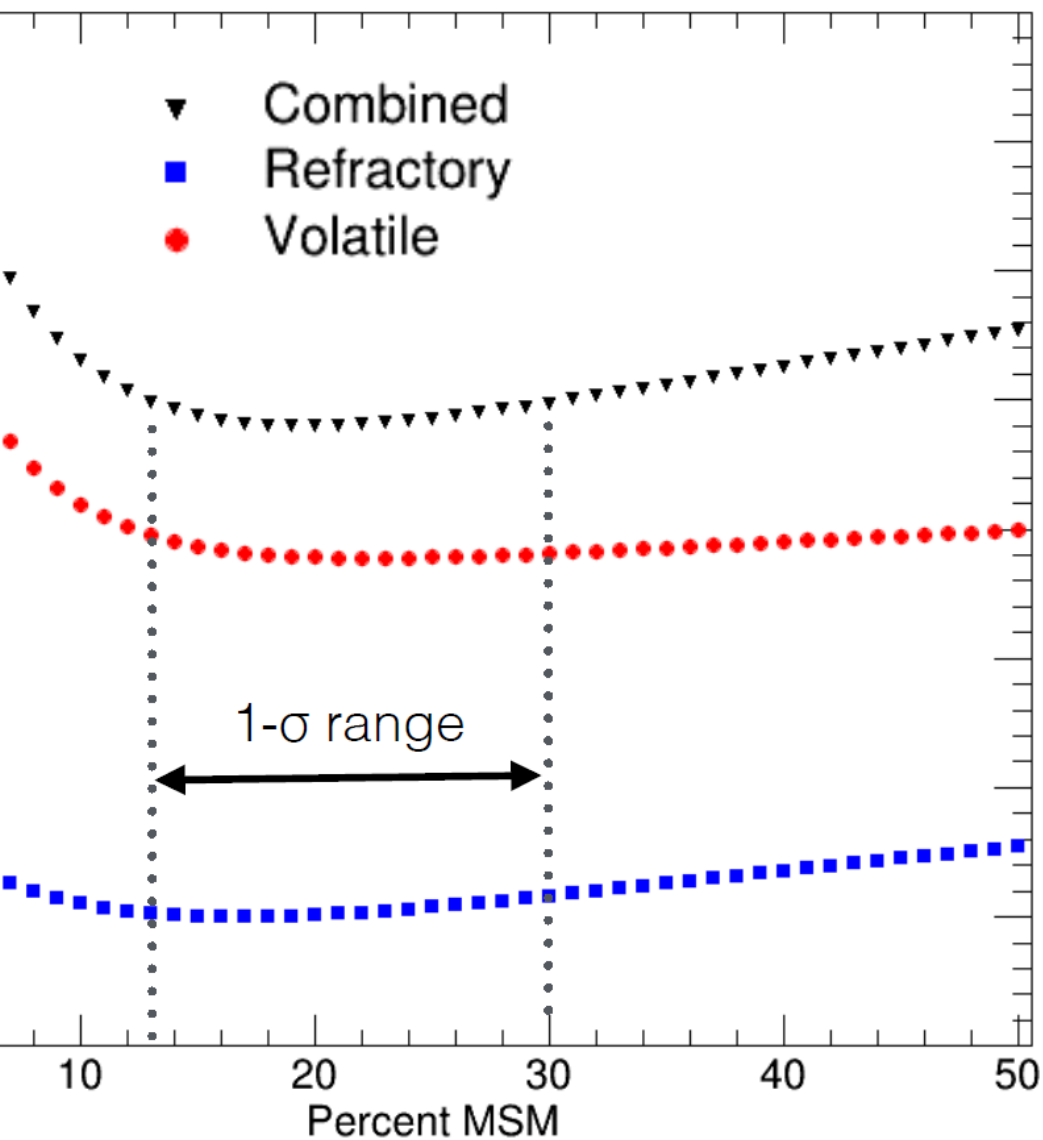


GCRS/SS



GCRS/MSM m





Best fit = 19^{+11}_{-6} % MSM

results support a model of cosmic ray origin in which
the source material consists of a mixture of $19^{+11}_{-6}\%$
SM with $\sim 81\%$ of normal ISM

preferential acceleration of refractories over volatiles
x4

both refractories and volatiles show a mass dependent
enhancement with similar slopes of $C1 \sim 0.6 \pm 0.1$

$$(y = C_0 A^{C1})$$

natural place for this is in OB associations

Isotope in galactic cosmic rays

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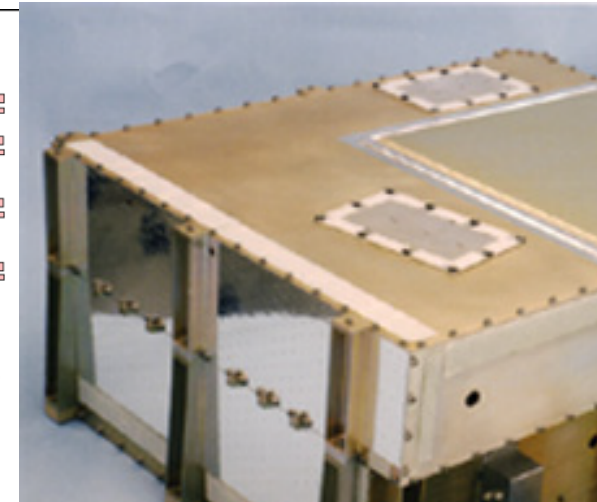
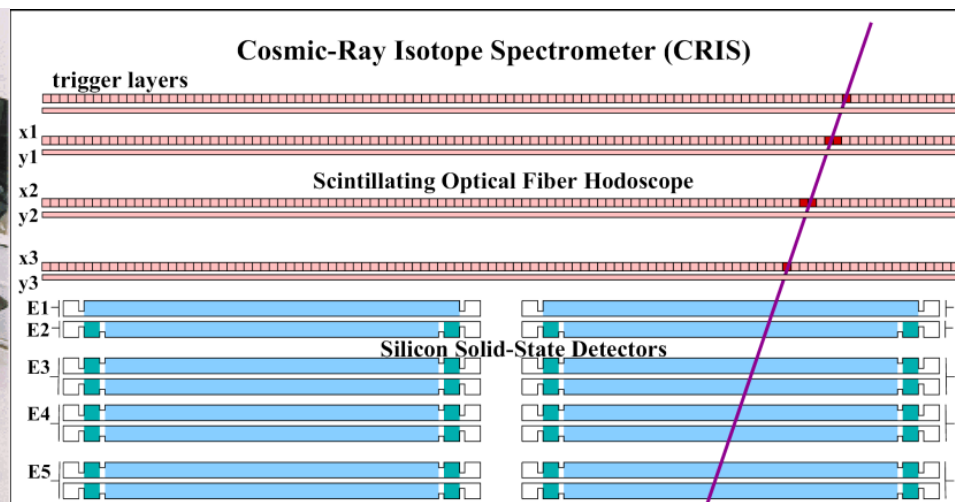
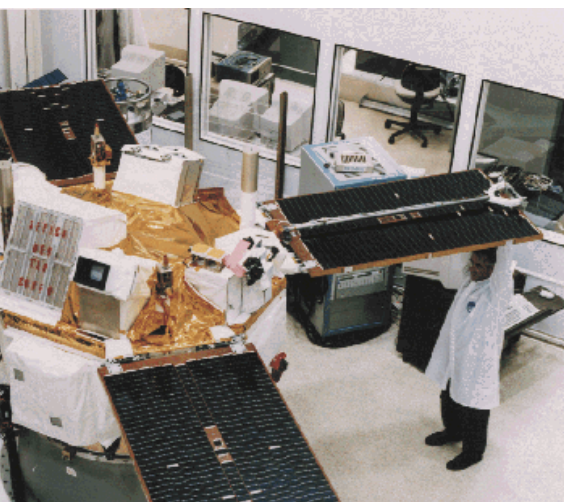
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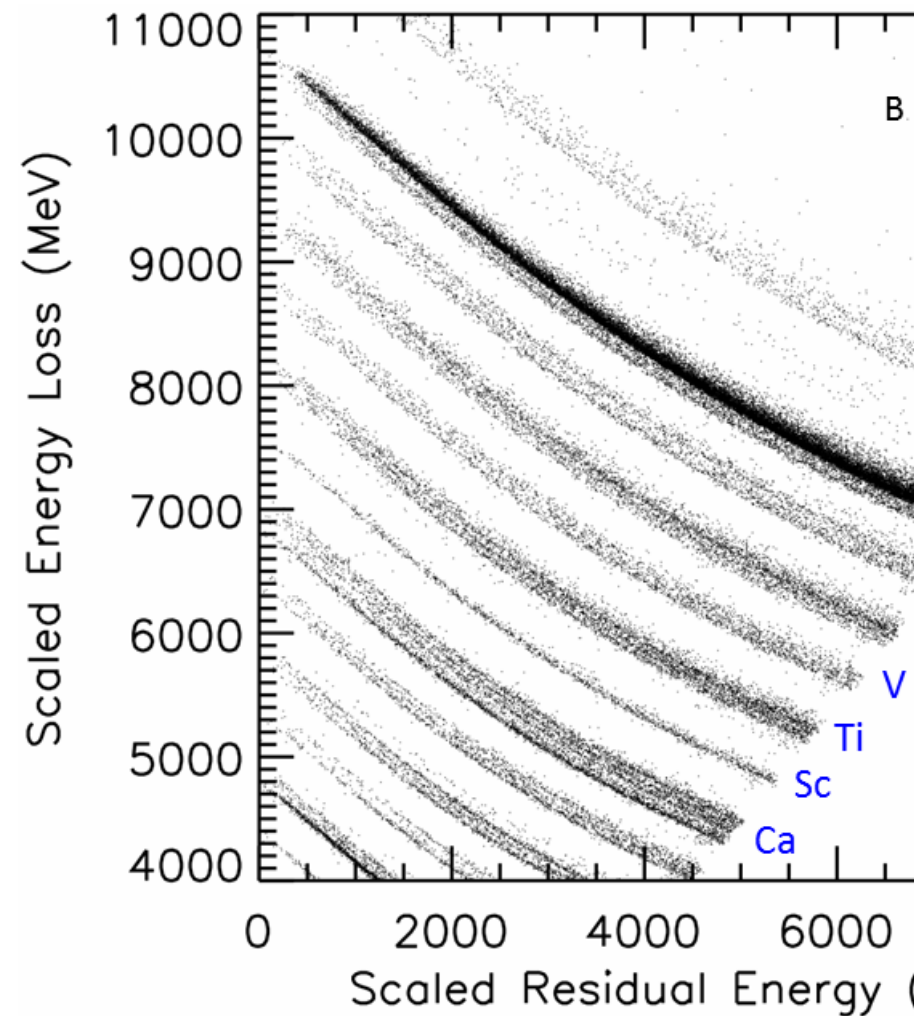
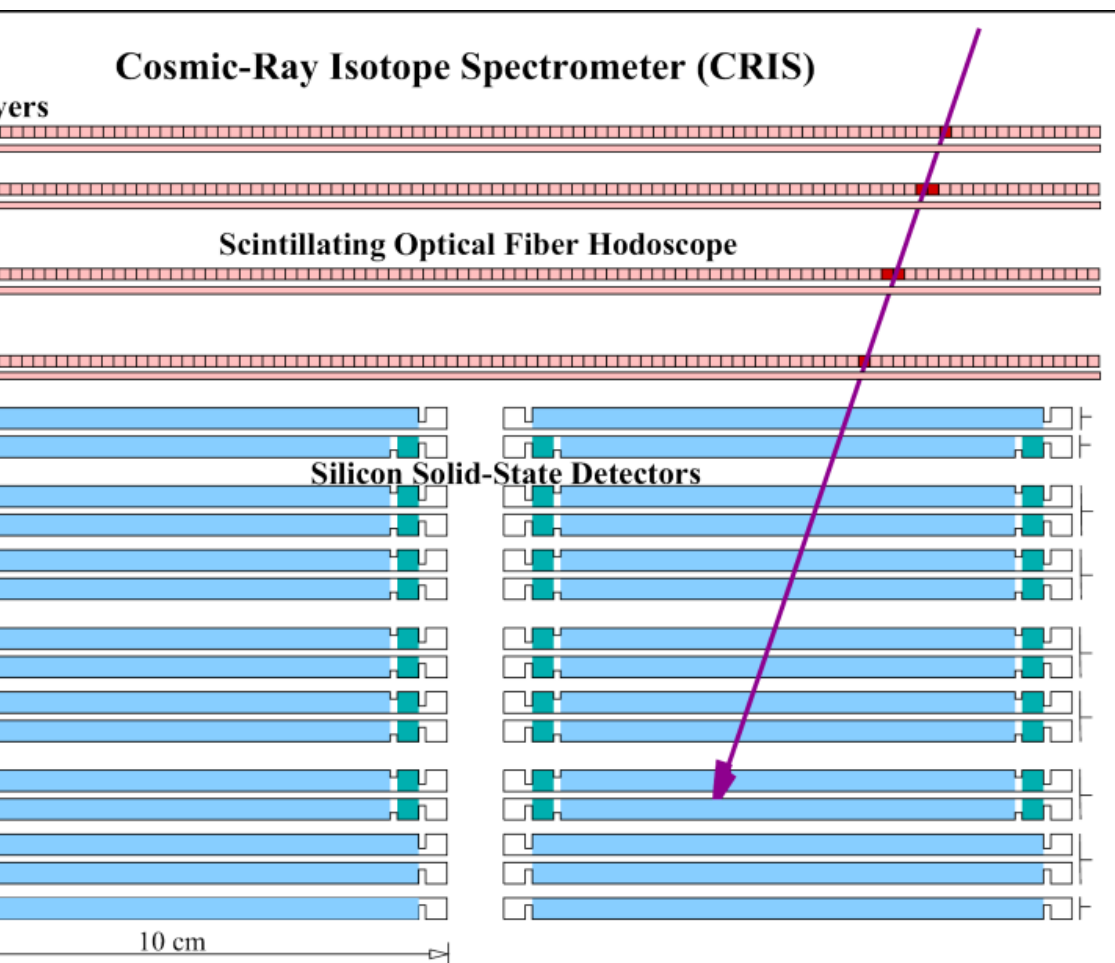
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CRIS uses multiple dE/dx vs. total energy method for charge and mass identification

Energy range for the analysis presented here is $\sim 240-470$ MeV/n

$$dE/dx = kZ^2/\beta^2$$

$$E_{KE} = 0.5 m\beta^2$$

gamma-rays--INTEGRAL (Wang, et al., 2007; [Wang et al. 2013](#)) and RHESSI (Smith, 2004)

diffuse galactic emission, not point source, due to the ^{60}Fe lifetime being longer than ejection timescales (~ 1 Myr).

Probable origin is SNe.

Iron-manganese crust--analysis of core samples--Wallner et al. (2016) Nature.

Peak deposited 1.5-3.2 Myr ago

Consistent with deposition of ejecta from SNe

dated 2.3 Myr ago at distances ~ 100 pc

[Schwerdt et al. \(2016\) Nature](#)

Using earlier data, Fry et al. (2015) ApJ

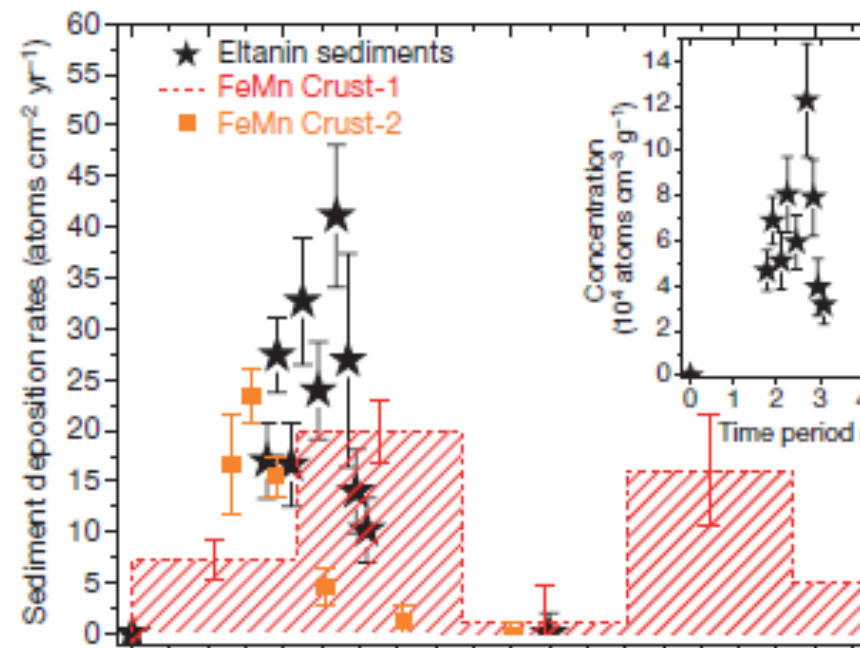
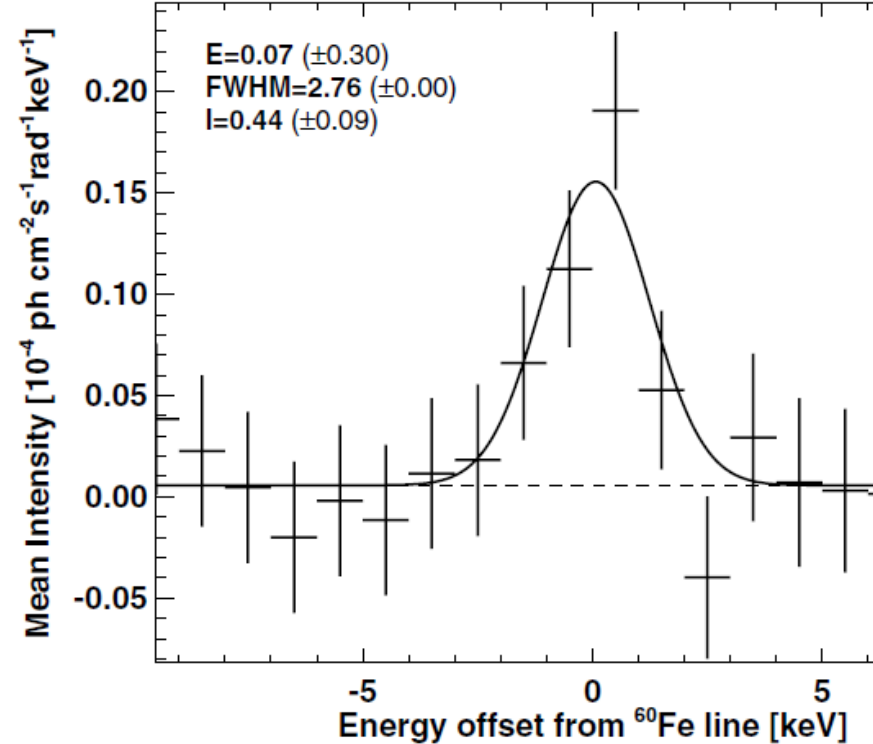
dated 15-120pc for ^{60}Fe producing SNe:

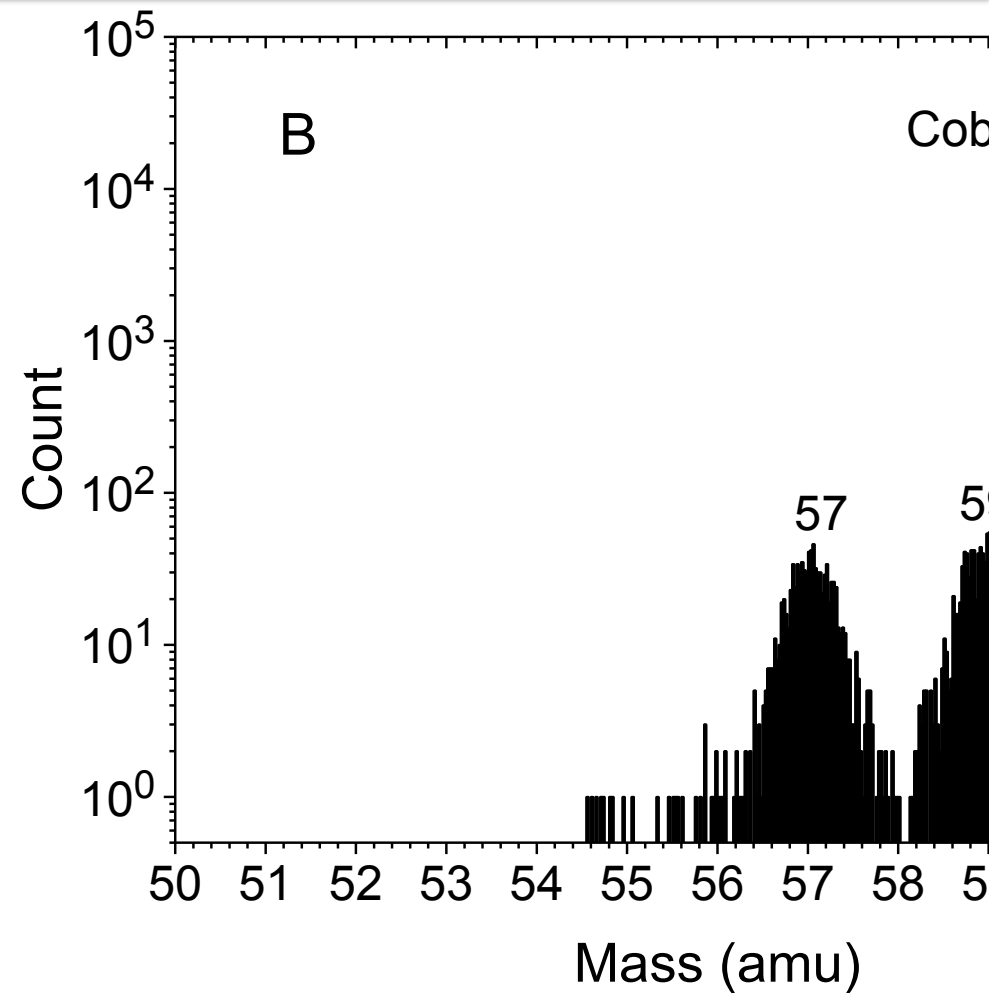
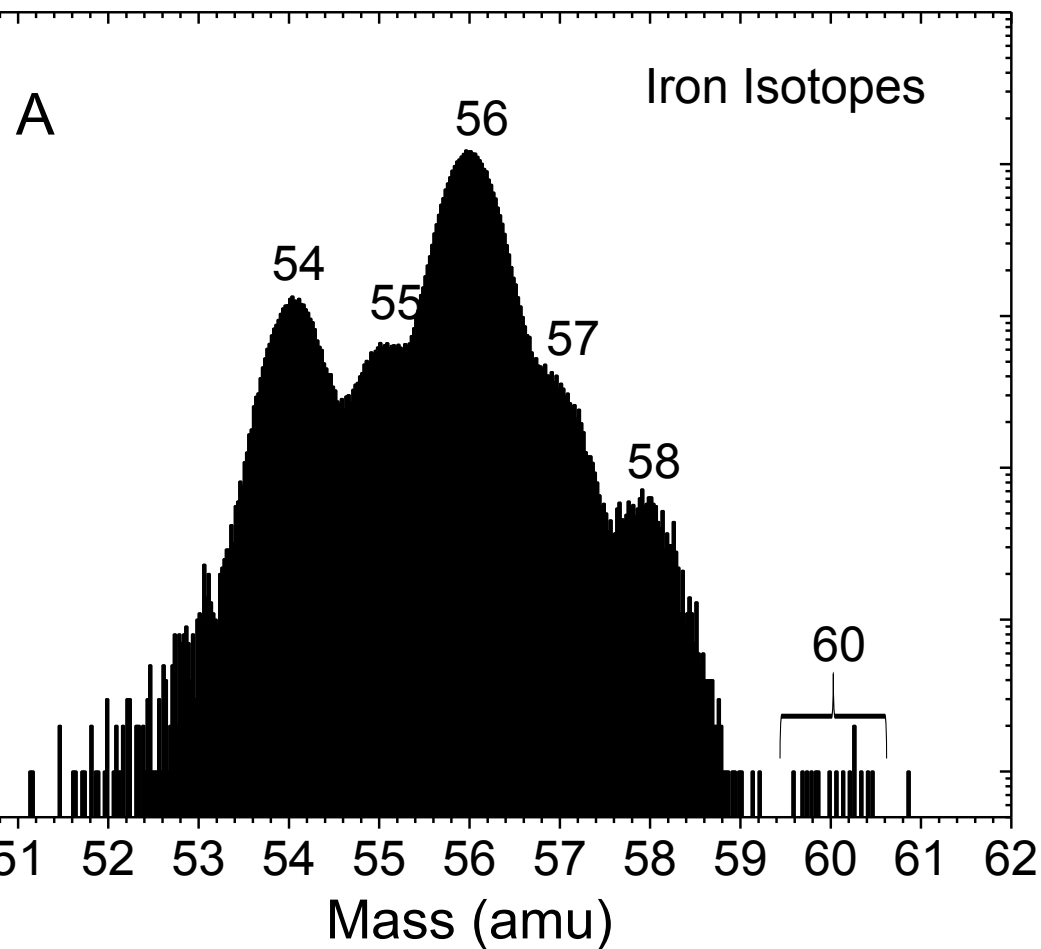
compatible with production by CC or EC SNe

Iron-manganese crusts in Pacific Drill Cores

[Fry et al., PNAS 2016](#)

W. Wang et al.: SPI observations





^{60}Fe events have mean mass estimate of $A=60.04$ and a standard deviation from mean of 0.28 ± 0.05 amu, consistent with 0.245 ± 0.001 amu for ^{56}Fe .

Strongest argument that this is not a tail of the ^{58}Fe peak can be seen by looking at upper edge of ^{59}Co distribution.

Only 1 event near ^{61}Co , but for ^{60}Fe have 15.

We observe 15 ^{60}Fe nuclei and 2.95×10^5 ^{56}Fe nuclei. We estimate that

~ 1 of these ^{60}Fe is the result of interstellar fragmentation of heavier nuclei, probably ^{62}Ni or ^{64}Ni

$\sim 1 \pm \sim 1$ could be background (possibly from interactions in the CRIS instrument above the Si stack).

So our measured ratio is

$$\frac{^{60}\text{Fe}}{^{56}\text{Fe}} = (13 \pm 1 \pm 3.9) / 2.95 \times 10^5 = \underline{(4.4 \pm 1.7) \times 10^{-5}}$$

(The first \pm is uncertainty of the background and the second \pm is $\sqrt{15}$.)

Correcting for interactions in the instrument and differences in energy ranges yields $\frac{^{60}\text{Fe}}{^{56}\text{Fe}} = (4.6 \pm 1.7) \times 10^{-5}$ at the detector.

Since the ^{60}Fe half-life is 2.6 Myr, this implies

CR acceleration occurs within several Myr of nucleosynthesis

a more quantitative upper limit on the time between nucleosynthesis and acceleration we need:

^{56}Fe at the cosmic ray accelerator compared with the ratio at Earth, and the nucleosynthesis process that produced them.

Get from the ratio at Earth to the ratio at the accelerator, via a “leaky box” model of propagation in the galaxy, with parameters derived from CRIS observations of beta-decay products and boundaries

^7Be , ^{26}Al , ^{36}Cl , ^{54}Mn (Yanasak et al., ApJ 563, 768 (2001))

Four of these are fit by a simple leaky box model with

$$\tau_{\text{esc}} = 15.0 \pm 1.6 \text{ Myr}$$

$$n_{\text{H}} = 0.34 \pm 0.04 \text{ /cm}^3$$

is simple leaky-box, steady-state model, ignoring energy loss and energy dependence, we use our measured ratio at Earth $N_{60}/N_{56} = (4.6 \pm 1.7) \times 10^{-11}$ in the ratio at the accelerator $R_A = Q_{60}/Q_{56}$

$$\frac{\delta N_i}{\delta t} = 0 = -\frac{N_i}{\tau_{esc}} - \frac{N_i}{\gamma \tau_{i decay}} - \frac{N_i}{\tau_{i interact}} + Q_i; \text{ where } \frac{N_i}{\tau_{i interact}} = \sigma_i n_H v_i N_i$$

Rewriting this, we get

$$Q_i = \frac{N_i}{\tau_{esc}} + \frac{N_i}{\gamma \tau_{i decay}} + \frac{N_i}{\tau_{i interact}}$$

Writing this equation for ^{60}Fe and ^{56}Fe , and taking the ratio, we obtain

$$\frac{Q_{60}}{Q_{56}} = \frac{N_{60}}{N_{56}} \frac{\left\{ \frac{1}{\tau_{esc}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{int}^{60}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{decay}^{60}} \right\}}{\left\{ \frac{1}{\tau_{esc}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{int}^{56}} \right\}}$$

N_i = GCR # density of species

τ_{esc} = escape time from the galaxy

$\tau_{i decay}$ = decay time for radioactive n

$\tau_{i interact}$ = mean time between interact

γ = Lorentz factor for time dilati

Q_i = source number density of speci

So, with $\tau_{\text{esc}} = 15.0$ Myr, $\tau_{\text{int}}^{56} = 4.45$ Myr, $\tau_{\text{int}}^{60} = 4.27$ Myr,
 $\tau_{\text{decay}}^{60} = 5.90$ Myr (the mean life at rest, 3.75 Myr, multiplied by
average Lorentz factor $\gamma = 1.56$)

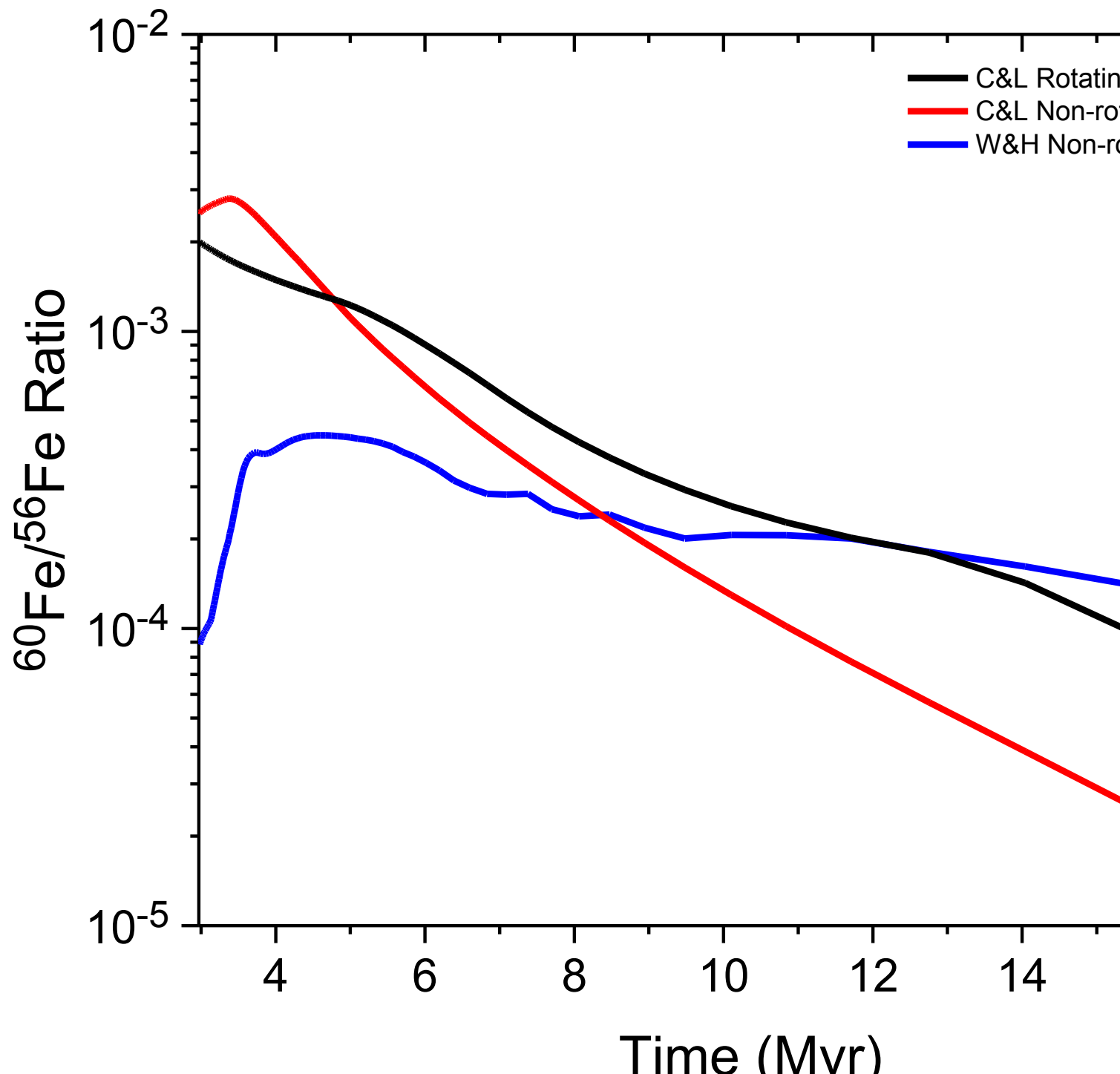
We obtain the ratio at the acceleration source

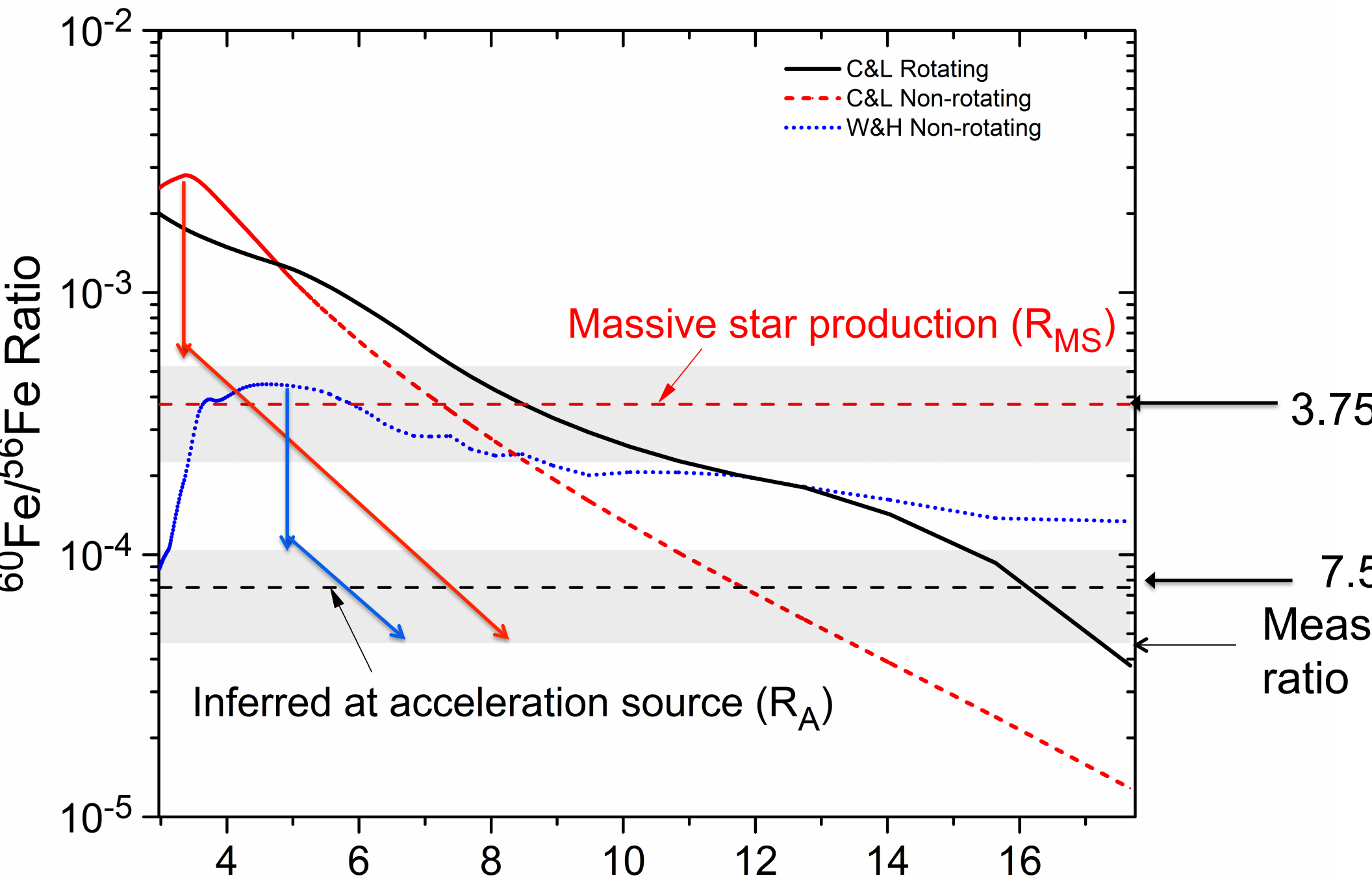
$$R_A = Q_{60}/Q_{56} = (7.5 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-5}$$

We then assume that the source material is actually a mix of
80% normal ISM and 20% massive star material (see previous
work on SuperTIGER & ACE), so the ratio ejected by the massive
stars is

$$R_{\text{MS}} = 5R_A = (3.75 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-4}$$

Limongi & Limongi (2013)
Woosley & Heger
yields used.
interpolation
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Take the largest $^{60}\text{Fe}/^{56}\text{Fe}$ ratio at any time in lifetime of OB association to be R_{MS} .

Assume that all ^{60}Fe is deposited at that time.

	C&L model	W&H model
R_{MS} (Massive Star material)	2.8×10^{-3}	4.5×10^{-4}
(Accel. Source) = $0.2 \times R_{\text{MS}}$	5.6×10^{-4}	9.0×10^{-5}
Upper limit on measurement of R_{Fe}	4.6×10^{-5}	4.6×10^{-5}

times

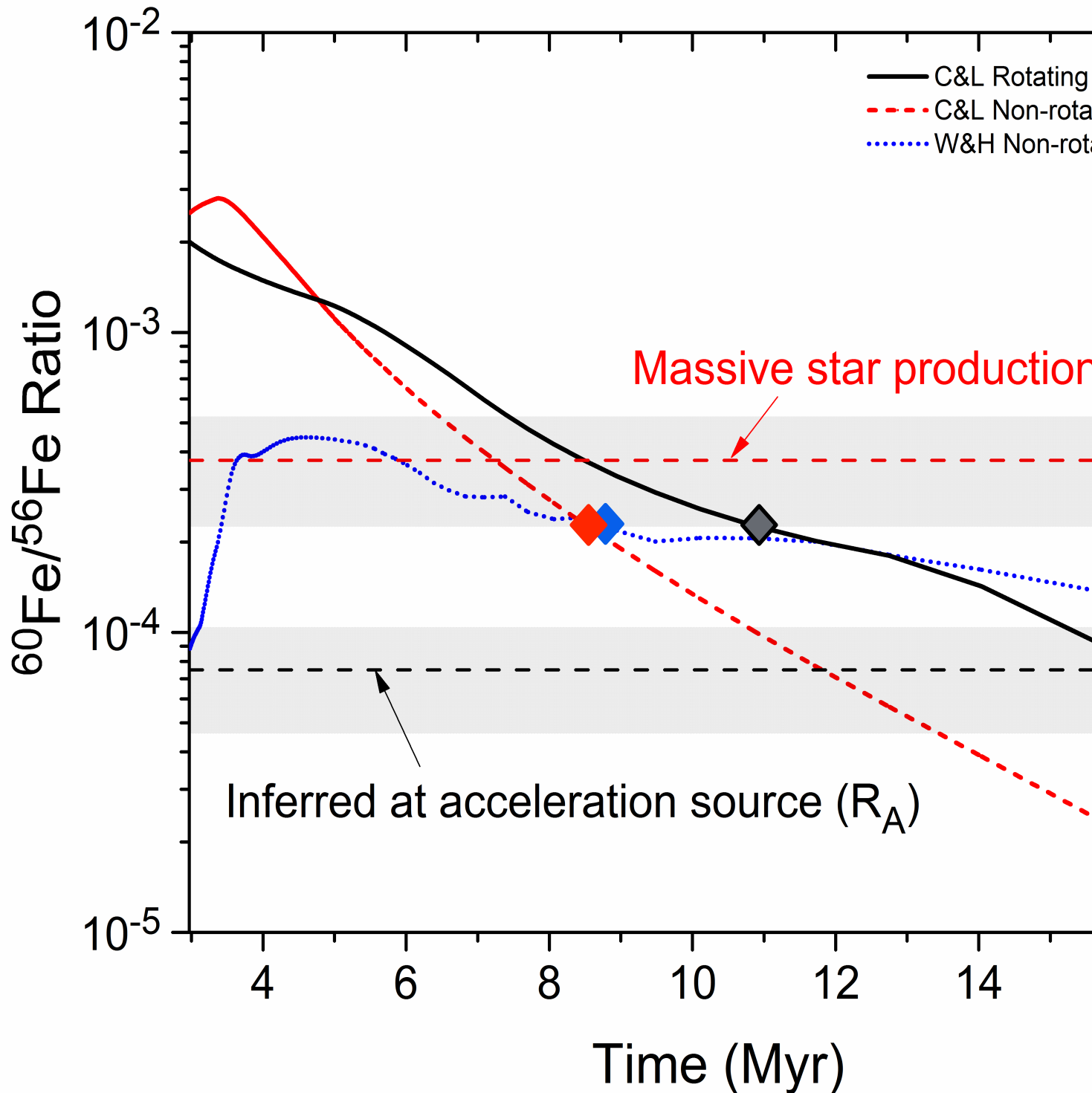
$$\text{W\&H } \tau = (3.78 \text{ Myr}) \times \ln[(9 \times 10^{-5}) / (4.6 \times 10^{-5})] = 2.5 \text{ Myr}$$

$$\text{C\&L } \tau = (3.78 \text{ Myr}) \times \ln[(5.6 \times 10^{-4}) / (4.6 \times 10^{-5})] = 9.4 \text{ Myr}$$

Clearly the calculated upper limit depends strongly on the assumed nucleosynthesis model.

acceleration—A different approach

or cross-over points
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acceleration

previous work (Wiedenbeck et al. 1999) on ^{59}Ni , using nucleosynthesis yields of Woosley & Weaver (1995) indicated a lower limit on the time between nucleosynthesis and acceleration of $\sim 10^5$ years.

Combining this with our present results on ^{60}Fe we obtain the time between nucleosynthesis and acceleration of $10^5 \text{ yr} < T < \text{several Myr}$.

We note that Neronov & Meynet (A&A 2016) show that the lower limit of 10^5 years is no longer required, if you use the Chieffi & Limongi yields for ^{59}Ni & ^{59}Co .

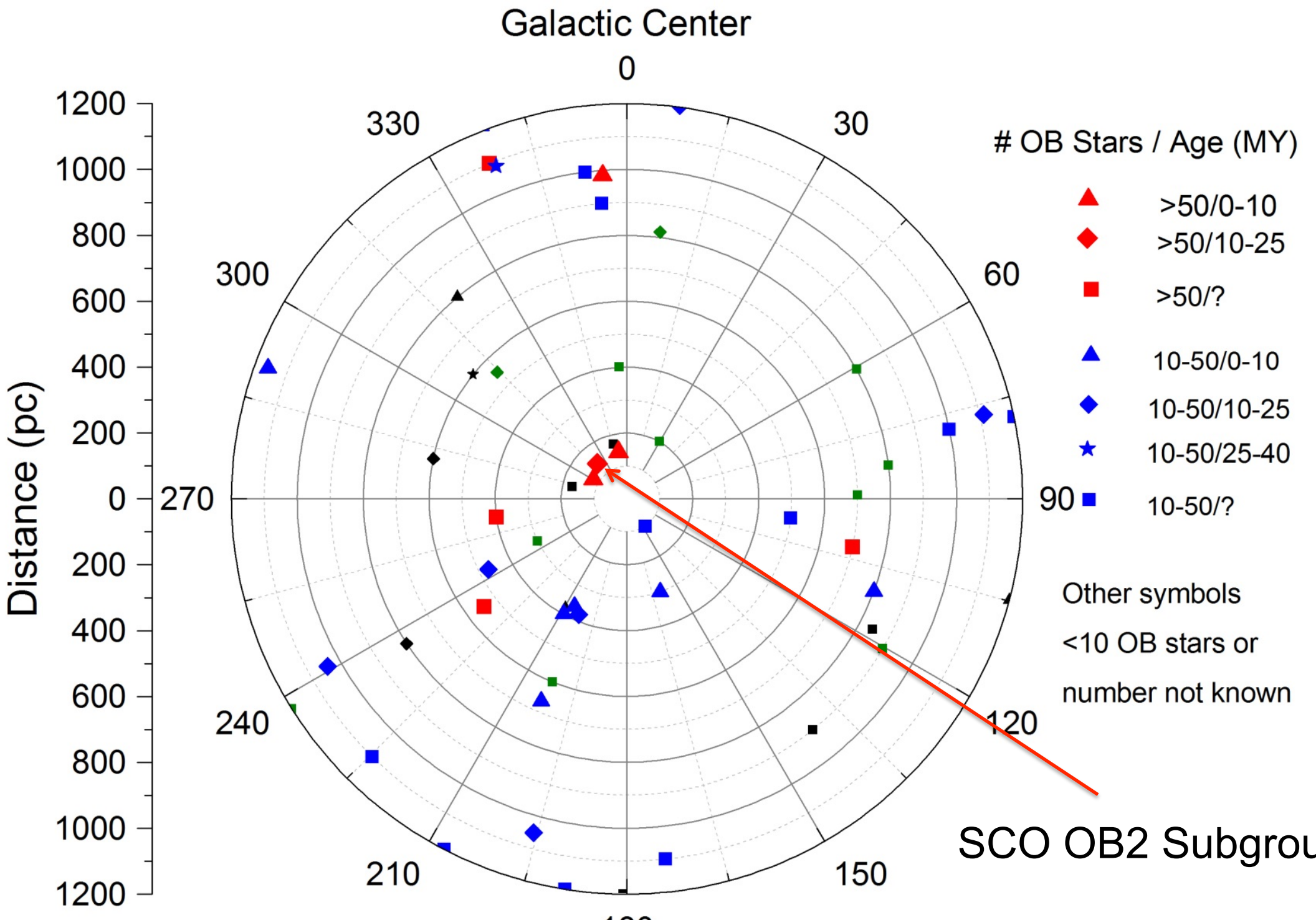
We can also estimate the mean distance to the sources contributing to cosmic rays at Earth using a diffusive propagation model.

CRs originate in a volume surrounding the Sun with radius $L = (D\gamma\tau)^{0.5}$, where D is the diffusion coefficient

Assuming $D = 3.5 \times 10^{28} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, and γ 's & τ 's for ^{56}Fe and ^{60}Fe we obtain

- $L_{56} = 790 \text{ pc}$
- $L_{60} = 620 \text{ pc}$

So the volume sampled by the ^{60}Fe is about half that sampled by the ^{56}Fe .



Most importantly, we can draw the model independent conclusion that the detection of ^{60}Fe surviving in GCRs implies

time from nucleosynthesis including acceleration and transport to Earth does not greatly exceed the ^{60}Fe half-life of 2.6 Myr. Our distance from the source of this nuclide does not greatly exceed the distance that GCRs can diffuse over this time scale, ~ 1 kpc.

An upper limit on the time between nucleosynthesis and acceleration is several Myr

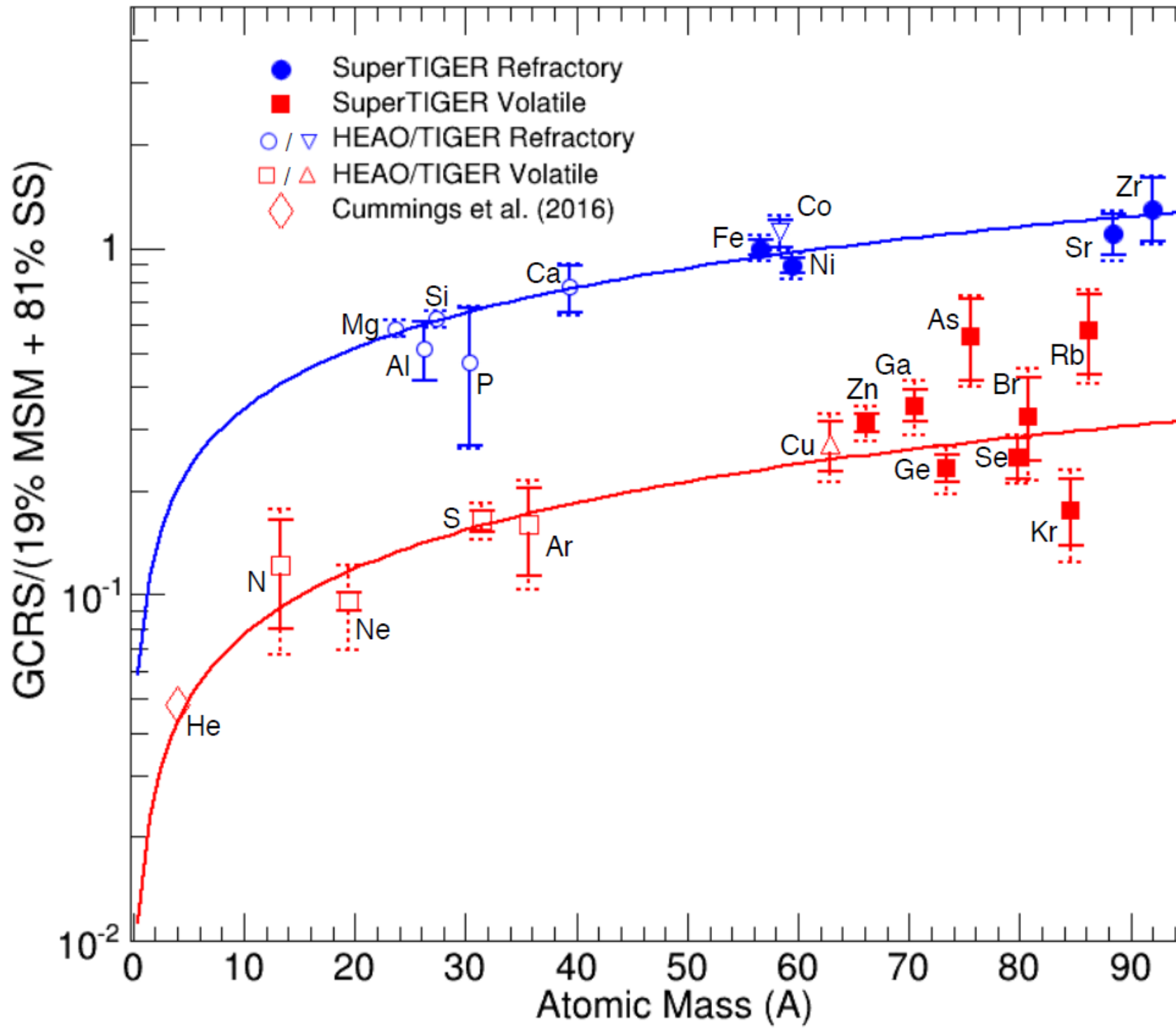
source material has a newly synthesized component, i.e. is a mix of new and old ISM

A natural place for the origin of the ^{60}Fe that we have



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the ^{60}Fe events look different (peculiar?) in any way from other Fe events?

peak location is right

distribution standard deviation (rms) ($0.28 \pm 0.07 \text{ amu}$) is consistent with ^{56}Fe (0.24 amu)

distributed in time similarly to ^{56}Fe

angular distributions look similar to nearby isotopes

distributions in energy look similar to nearby isotopes

distributions in position on detectors look similar to nearby isotopes

scintoscope signals look reasonable compared to nearby isotopes

restricting angle to < 20 degrees reduces ^{60}Fe roughly proportionally

conclude that it is not an artifact, but is really ^{60}Fe .

