The 3-Helium Problem: Constraining the Chemical Evolution of the Milky Way

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Light Elements as Baryometers



Primordial Nucleosynthesis: BBNS





⁴He: Optical recombination lines



Izotov et al. (1999)

Metal poor blue compact galaxies



⁴He Abundances





Olive & Skillman (2004)

Peimbert & Peimbert (2002)

Yp [mass]	Reference
0.2421 (0.0021)	Izotov & Thuan (2004)
0.249 (0.009)	Olive & Skillman (2004)
0.2371 (0.0015)	Peimbert & Peimbert (2002)

Li: Resonance Line



Metal poor Halo stars

Boesgaard et al. (2005)

⁷Li: The Spite Plateau



Ryan et al. (2000)

Log(7Li/H) + 12 Reference

2.09 (+0.19,-0.13)	Ryan et al. (2000)
2.37 (0.1)	Melendez & Ramirez (2004)
2.44 (0.18)	Boesgaard et al. (2005)

Deuterium: Lyman series

Q1243+3047

HS 0105+1619



Kirkman et al. (2003) O'Meara et al. (2001)

Deuterium Abundances



The 327 MHz Deuterium Line

Rogers, Dudevoir, Carter, Fanous, Kratzenberg, and Bania 2005, ApJ, **630**, L41-44 (**RDCFKB**): "Deuterium Abundance in the Interstellar Gas of the Galactic Anticenter from the 327 MHz Line" 92 cm wavelength



Overall view of the 25 5x5 crossed dipole stations of the Deuterium array

Haystack Observatory, Westford, MA

- Array: 24 stations Station: 24 crossed Yagis Station Area: 12 m² Station Beam: 14^o Beam Steering: +/- 40^o
- Frequency: 327.4 MHz
- Bandwidth: 250 kHz
- Channels: 1024
- Resolution: 244 Hz
- Polarization: Dual Linear
- System Temperature: 40 K + sky
- # Rx Ports: 48 x 24 = 1152







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ANTICENTER D/H ABUNDANCE

- * Spin Temperature Range: 100-150 K
- * Continuum Uniformly Distributed Along Line of Sight
- * 1 Sigma measurement errors

=> <D/H> = (2.0+/-0.5) x 10⁻⁵ <= for Rgal = (10+/-1) kpc



Stalking the Cosmic³He Abundance

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³He: Stellar Evolution



¹H+¹H \rightarrow ²H+e⁺+ v Production ²H+¹H \rightarrow ³He+ ; T > 6 x 10⁵ K ³He+³He \rightarrow ⁴He+2 p Destruction

${}^{3}He + {}^{4}He \rightarrow {}^{7}Be + {}^{\gamma} E + {}^{\gamma} T > 7 \times 10^{6} K$

Daniele Galli

³He: Observations

Solar System:

Meteorites (protosolar)— 3 He/H = $1.5 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-5}$ (Bochsler & Geiss 1974) Jupiter (Galileo Probe)— 3 He/ 4 He = $1.66 \pm 0.05 \times 10^{-4}$ (Mahaffy et al. 1998)

Local Interstellar Medium (LISM):

Ulysses Probe
— $^{3}\mathrm{He}/^{4}\mathrm{He} = 2.2^{+0.7}_{-0.6}(\mathrm{stat}) \pm ~0.2(\mathrm{sys}) \times 10^{-4}$ (Gloeckler & Geiss 1996)
 Mir
— $^{3}\mathrm{He}/^{4}\mathrm{He} = 1.71^{+0.50}_{-0.42} \times 10^{-4}$ (Salerno et al. 2003)

Galactic:

³He Recombination Lines? ³He⁺ Hyperfine Line?



v01 = 8665.65 MHz (3.46 cm) $A01 = 1.950 x 10^{-12} s^{-1} (16,300 years)$

NRAO 140 ft MPIfR 100 m





H II Regions

Planetary Nebulae (PNe)

NRAO 140 Foot: HII Regions



Galactic Hll Regions (1982 – 1999) (~50)

Orion nebula (M42) Eagle nebula (M16) Rosette nebula W49 S209 G0.60+0.32

HPBW = 3.5 arcmin



G93.06+2.8 45.8 hr integration

HII Region ³He⁺ Spectra

Bania et al. (1997)



Sharpless HII Regions

Bania et al. (1997)



Radio Recombination Lines Bania et al. (1997)





200 Day Integration: 27 microKelvin RMS



³He Abundance Determination OBSERVE THE EQUIVALENT WIDTH DERIVE THE ABUNDANCE

For a uniform, isothermal, ionized nebula composed solely of hydrogen and helium the $(^{3}\text{He}^{+}/\text{H}^{+})$ column density ratio is

$$\frac{N(^{3}\text{He}^{+})}{N(\text{H}^{+})} = 3.873 \times 10^{-3} \frac{T_{\text{L}}^{\text{A}}(^{3}\text{He}^{+})\Delta v(^{3}\text{He}^{+})[\ln(5.717 \times 10^{-3}T_{\text{e}}^{3/2})]^{1/2} \theta_{\text{obs}}}{A (\eta_{\text{b}}T_{\text{C}}^{\text{A}}D)^{1/2} T_{\text{e}}^{1/4} (\theta_{\text{obs}}^{2} - \theta_{\text{a}}^{2})^{3/4}}$$

where

$$A^{2} = \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{n(\text{He}^{+})}{n(H^{+})} + 2\frac{n(\text{He}^{++})}{n(\text{H}^{+})} \right) \\ \left(1 + \frac{n(\text{He}^{+})}{n(H^{+})} + 4\frac{n(\text{He}^{++})}{n(\text{H}^{+})} \left[1 - \frac{\ln(2)}{\ln(5.717 \times 10^{-3} T_{e}^{3/2})} \right] \right) \right\}^{-1}.$$
(2)

(1)

H II Region Continuum

Balser et al. (1995)



H II Region Continuum



0'' _______ 23^h03^m08^s 06^s 05^s 04^s 03^s 02^s 01^s B1950 Right Ascension

H II Region Models

Balser et al. (1999)







"Simple" H II Regions



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³He Abundance in H II Regions --*"The ³He Plateau"*



Bania, Rood & Balser (2002)

BBNS CONSTRAINTS


MPIfR 100 m: PNe



Galactic Planetary Nebulae (1991 – 1995)

NGC 3242 (Eye) NGC 6543 (Cat's Eye) NGC 6720 (Ring) NGC 7009 (Saturn) NGC 7662 (Blue Snowball)

HPBW = 80 arcsec

NGC 3242: Eye Nebula



Balick et al.

MPIfR 100 m PNe Survey

Balser, et al. 1997, ApJ 483, 320



Composite: NGC 6543 + NGC 6720 + NGC 7009 + NGC 7662 + IC 289

NGC 3242 Confirmation Balser, et al. 1999 ApJ 522, L73



NRAO 140 ft spectrum is a 270 hour integration

Abundance versus [O/H]



Bania, Rood & Balser (2002)

Abundance versus Rgal



Bania, Rood & Balser (2002)

³He evolution with extra-mixing

 3 He/H x 10 5



Time (Gyr)

Extra-Mixing Hypothesis

- Charbonnel 1995 (see also Hogan 1995): an extra-mixing mechanism acting during the RGB and/or AGB phases of stars with mass M → 2
 M_☉ can reduce the surface ³He abundance
- Extra-mixing decreases the surface ¹²C/¹³C : the ³He problem is linked to other isotopic anomalies in RGB and AGB stars

Mixing on the RGB



Extra-mixing Process



Charbonnel (1995)

No Mixing in NGC 3242



Balser et al. (1999)

Palla et al. (2002)

The rescue of the standard model

Rood, Bania & Wilson (1992) Balser, Rood & Bania (1999)



³He yes!

NGC 3242 (HST)





³He abundance is a good test for cosmology, stellar evolution (standard and non-standard), and Galactic chemical evolution

 Solving the 3-He Problem requires extra-mixing in ~ 90% of stars with M ~ 2 M_☉ One is not enough!

Except in cosmology

The PN sample:

PNe progenitor stars with no extra mixing: 4 He / H < 0.125 [N / O] < -0.3 13 C / 12 C as low as possible

Oldest possible stellar population has highest 3-He:

Peimbert Class IIb, III, and IV

Helium is singly ionized



Balser, Goss, Bania, Rood (2005)

Jonckheere 320 – PN G190.3-17.7

J320

Planetary Neb J 320 R:G:B = [N II] 400s:[0 III] 60s:He II 300s KPNO 2.1m, Ref: Balick 1987 AJ 94 671

VLA Planetary Nebula J320



³He / H abundance = 1.9×10^{-3} by number

J320 ³He⁺







Balser et al. (2006)

NGC 6543

HST



NGC 6543: The Rings Around the Cat's Eye



Balick, Wilson & Hajian (2001) AJ, 121, 354

NGC 6720: Rings around the Ring

Planetary Neb NGC 6720 = "Ring Nebula" R:G:B=[N II] 100s:[0 III] 100s:He II 100s KPNO 2.1m, Ref: Balick 1987 AJ 94 671 TWO HALOS AROUND THE RING NEBULA KITT PEAK 4-M TELESCOPE

The grey scales are used twice in this deep image; once for the core or "Ring", and gain to show the very faint outer halos. Ref: Balick, Gonzalez, Frank, & Jacoby 1992 ApJ 392 582



Corradi et al. (2004) A&A,417, 637

GREEN BANK TELESCOPE













Conventional **Blocked** Aperture Is a very Bad Design



GBT: Clear Aperture Optics



S 209 H II Region

140 ft March 1995

GBT June 2004



Rood-Bania-Balser

S209 2 SCANS: 1607.01- 1608.01 INTE 35:08: 0 DATE: 02 MAR 95 EPOCRADC=04:07:19.9 51:01:59 (04:00:40.1 51:01:59) CAL= 3.3 TS= 36 REST= 8670.18000 SKY= 8670.80411 IF=270.00 DFREQ= 7.812E-02 DV= 2.7

33.1 hr

3.2 hr

2004-02-27123:47:32.00

GBT S 209 H II Region



Calibrated Raw Spectrum

14.5 hour integration



DC Level Subtracted

15.1 hr integration

S 209 H II Region



14.5 hour integration

5 km/sec resolution
GBT PNe Composite Spectrum NGC 3242 + NGC 6543 + NGC 6826 + NGC 7009



125.7 hour integration

Composite PNe Spectrum 180.3 hr integration



NGC 7009 + NGC 6543 + NGC 6826

NGC 7009 H 91alpha 61.8 hr



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2004-06-24T04:30:14.00





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NGC 7009 H 114beta 62.1 hrs



Rood-Bania-Balser

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NGC 7009 H 144delta 61.7 hrs



Conclude reliability level for NGC7009 ~ 0.5 mK



NAIC Arecibo Observatory 305 m



3-Helium Experiment Status

• VLA ³He detection for PN J 320. It has a substantial halo, just as NGC 3242 does.

• Composite GBT PNe spectrum consistent with MPIfR 100 m survey result.

• Probable GBT ³He detection for NGC 7009 A second detection in NGC 6543 is likely.

• First epoch Arecibo observations complete.

3-Helium Experiment Status

25% of all planetary nebulae meet our selection criteria. To be consistent with Galactic Chemical Evolution models, only 1/5 of these should show detectible ³He.

• The EVLA (10 times more sensitive than the VLA) has great potential.

• LMC/SMC campaign using Parkes planned. (Suprising perhaps, but feasible.) It had been a very long experiment.

They considered this in silence.

Finally, Bania spoke, very slowly and carefully. For a change.

"I look at it all like this," he said. "Before I did this damn experiment, I was like everyone else. You know what I mean? I was confused and uncertain about all the little details of life." "But now," he brightened up, "while I'm still confused and uncertain it's on a much higher plane, d'you see, and at least I know I'm bewildered about the really fundamental and important facts of the Universe."

Rood nodded. "I hadn't looked at it like that," he said, "but you're absolutely right. The 3-He experiment has really pushed back the boundaries of ignorance. There's so much about the Universe we don't know."

The both savoured the strange warm glow of being much more ignorant than ordinary people, who were ignorant of only ordinary things.

GBT Conclusions

Standing waves are not a problem

• There is still baseline structure (BS) probably resulting from the broadband feed, the polarizer, and or mismatches in the IF system.

 BS varies with frequency sometimes almost invisible other times very problematic

BS amplitude is proportional to source continuum and moves with sky frequency

• At the mK level there are pseudo-lines

• In some AC bands there are short duration spikes in the ACF at seemingly random times, lags, and amplitudes

Helium-3 Conclusions

- We have found helium-3 in another PN, J320, using the VLA
- We probably have found helium-3 in NGC7009 using the GBT and may have a second detection in NGC6543
- Roughly 25% of PNe meet our selection criteria. To avoid conflict with Monica we should detect 3He in only 1/5
- The scheduling mode and proposal pressure on the GBT may not allow us to solidify these results in the near future.
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Planetary Neb NGC 7354 Planetary Neb NGC 7009 = "Saturn Neb"

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3-Helium Experiment Status

- GBT now fully operational for 3-He
- Two GBT 3-He epochs complete
- Spectral baselines of excellent quality
- Composite PNe spectrum consistent with MPIfR survey results
- VLA 3-He 4-sigma detection' for PN J320 (see Balser et al. poster)
- First epoch NAIC Arecibo Observatory observations complete



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Some days it's chicken; some days it's feathers



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A long standing problem *Rood, Steigman & Tinsley (1976)*

Low-mass stars produce substantial amounts of ³He, enriching the ISM: X₃₂₀ 710⁻³

■ But the measured protosolar value is much lower: X_{30} 710⁻⁵ \Rightarrow problem!

³He profile in a 1.25 M_{\odot} PopII star



Weiss, Wagenhuber & Denissenkov (1996)



Theorists at work...

- Wrong extrapolation of the ³He-³He nuclear cross section at low energies?
- Pollution of winds from massive stars in HII regions?
- Continuous infall of primordial gas?

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A bonus: He⁺⁺ or O⁺⁺ RRL (a first?)



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Calibrating the mixing on the RGB



Charbonnel (1995)

The "new" 'He yields







Palla, Galli, Marconi, Stanghellini & Tosi (2002)



Palla et al. (2000)



³He abundance in HII regions



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