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Nucleosynthesis and binarity in AGB stars: the Barium star perspective







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The ratio between the amount of heavy (Ba, La, Ce) and light (Sr, Y, Zr) s-process elements suggests that low-mass AGB stars (< 3 Msun) polluted Ba stars. (e.g. Lugaro, Karakas, Karinkuzhi, Cseh...)

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HERMES radial velocity monitoring CORAVEL, CORALIE and ELODIE radial velocity data HRS@SALT spectra

(Jorissen+19, Escorza+19 & Models from Izzard+10)





(see Tout, Eggleton, Han, Soker, Pols, Bonačić Marinović, Mohamed, Izzard, Dermine, Nie, Abate, Oomen, Saladino, Stancliffe, Gao...)

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Combining RV data with Hipparcos and Gaia astrometry and the HG catalogue of accelerations, we could constrain orbital inclinations and secondary masses



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HD 95241 is not a Ba star

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 Word of caution! Correlations M_{Ba} - M_{WD} and M_{tot} - a We are still relying on single-star parallaxes and evolutionary M_{Ba} values.

But we have removed many strong assumptions !



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Thanks!

