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New results on AGB stars and meteoritic data

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We run slow neutron-capture process (s process) nucleosynthesis calculations with the Monash post-processing code for seven stellar structure evolution models of low-mass asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stars with new sets of nuclear input. We present our new nucleosynthesis predictions of a selection of isotopic ratios and compare them to the corresponding ratios measured in presolar stardust grains from AGB stars. Our new models quantitatively reproduce the minor s-process production of the classical p-only 94 Mo observed in stardust silicon carbide (SiC) grains (around 3-4%) and match the 64 Ni/ 58 Ni values from the SiC grain data. The predictions for the He intershell ratios of 80 Kr/ 82 Kr and surface ratios of 137 Ba/ 136 Ba ratios are better fitted to SiC grains than for the previous Monash models. The 186 W produced by our new models still does not match the tungsten isotopic composition of large SiC stardust grains but does match the tungsten composition observed in other types of meteoritic materials well.

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