

# TIGER: Progress in Determining the Sources of Galactic Cosmic Rays

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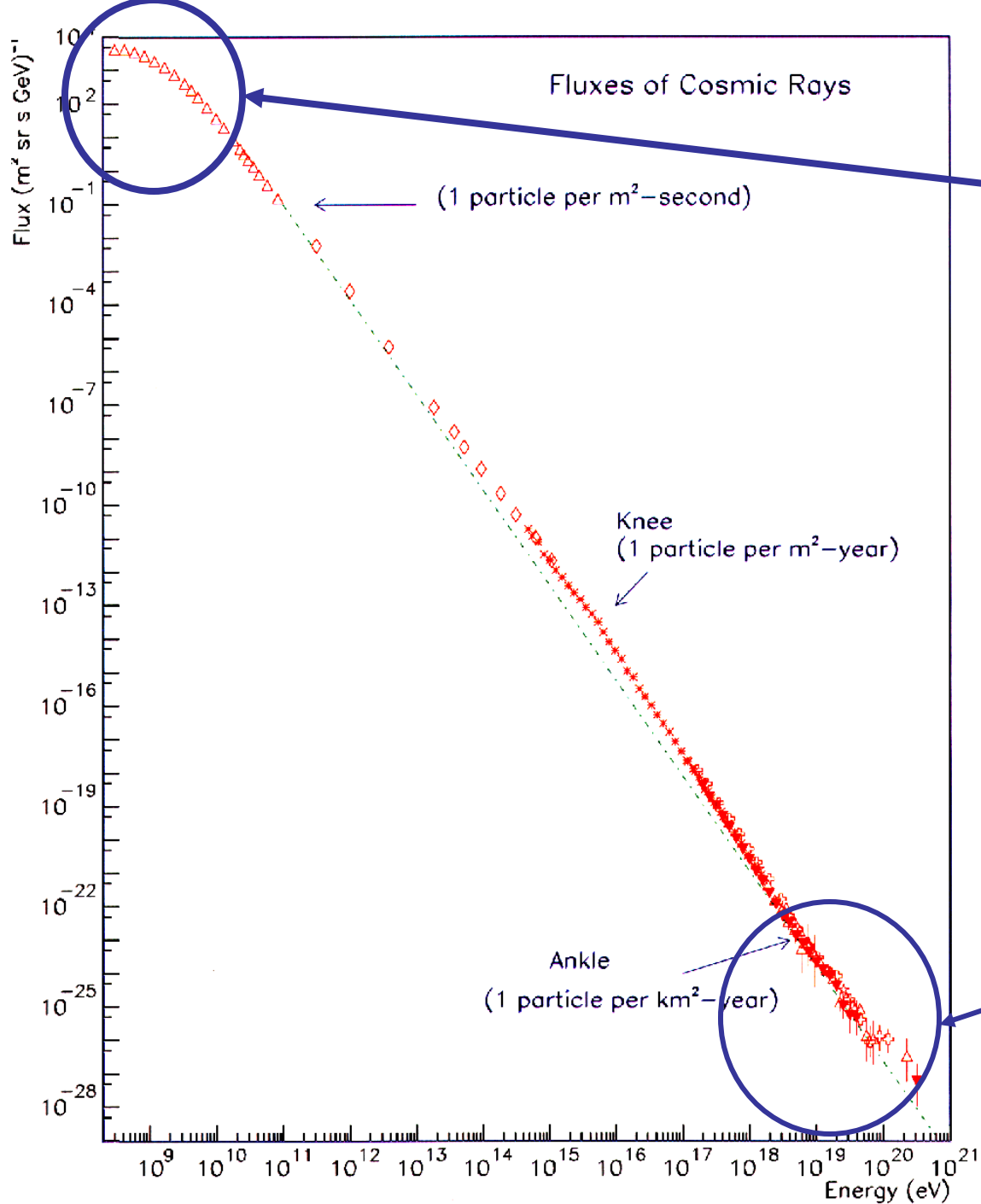
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This paper  
TIGER data

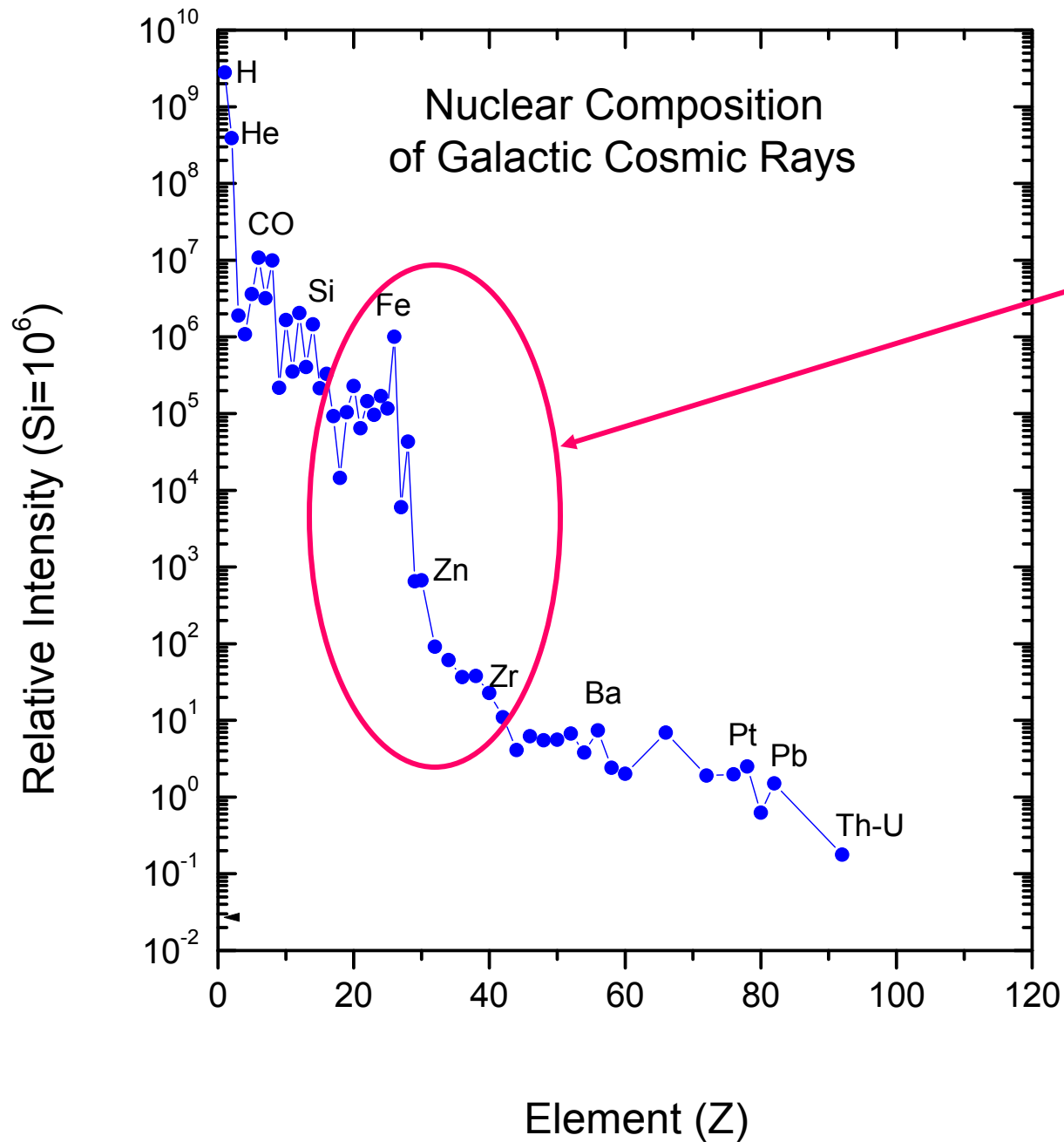
$0.5 < E < \sim 10$   
GeV/nucleon

Identify atomic  
number  $Z$  of  
individual  
nuclei.

Learn about  
sources from  
composition.

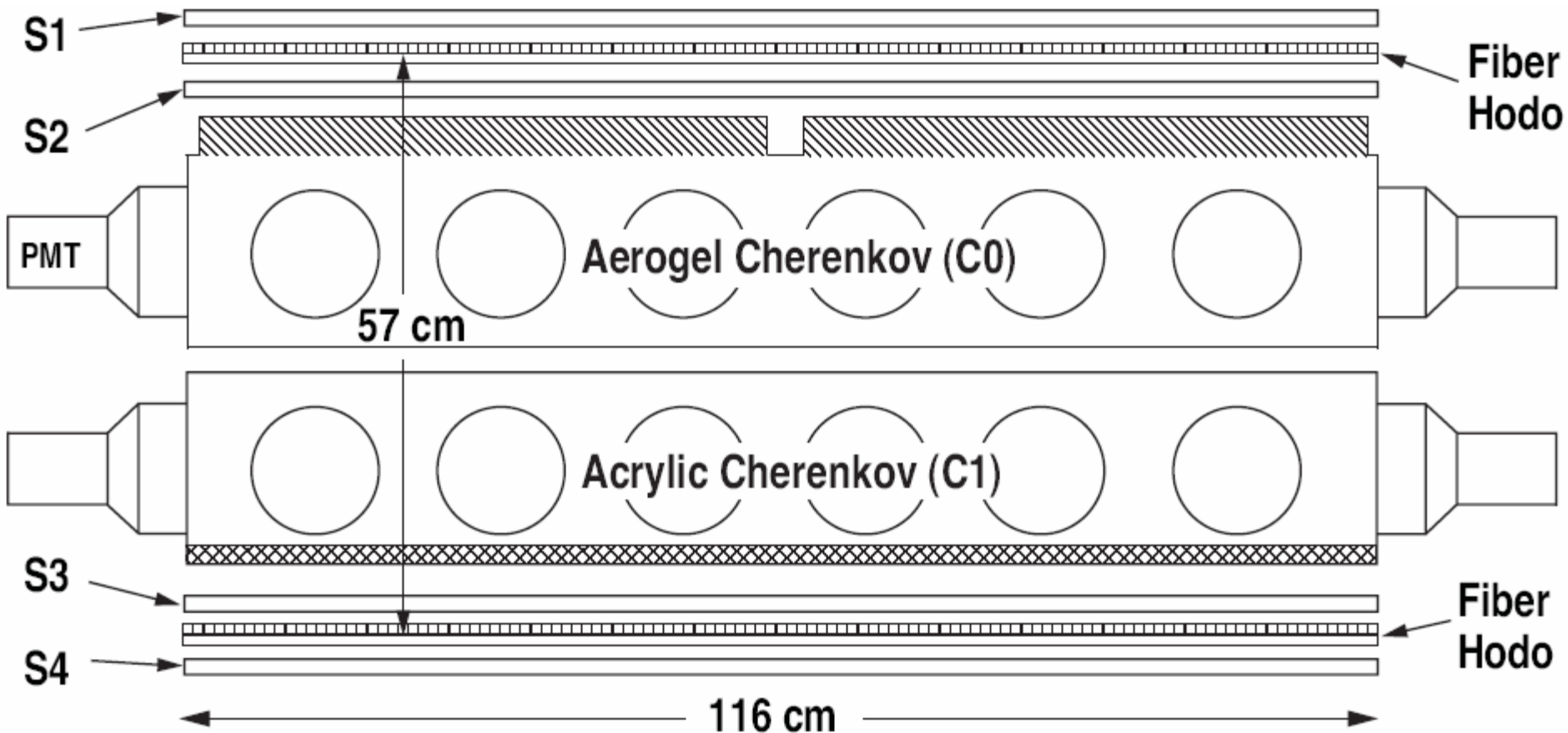
Previous paper  
Auger data  
 $E > 10^9$  GeV

Learn about  
sources from  
arrival direction



Trans-Iron Galactic Element Recorder

Resolve individual elements heavier than Iron



S are scintillation detectors.

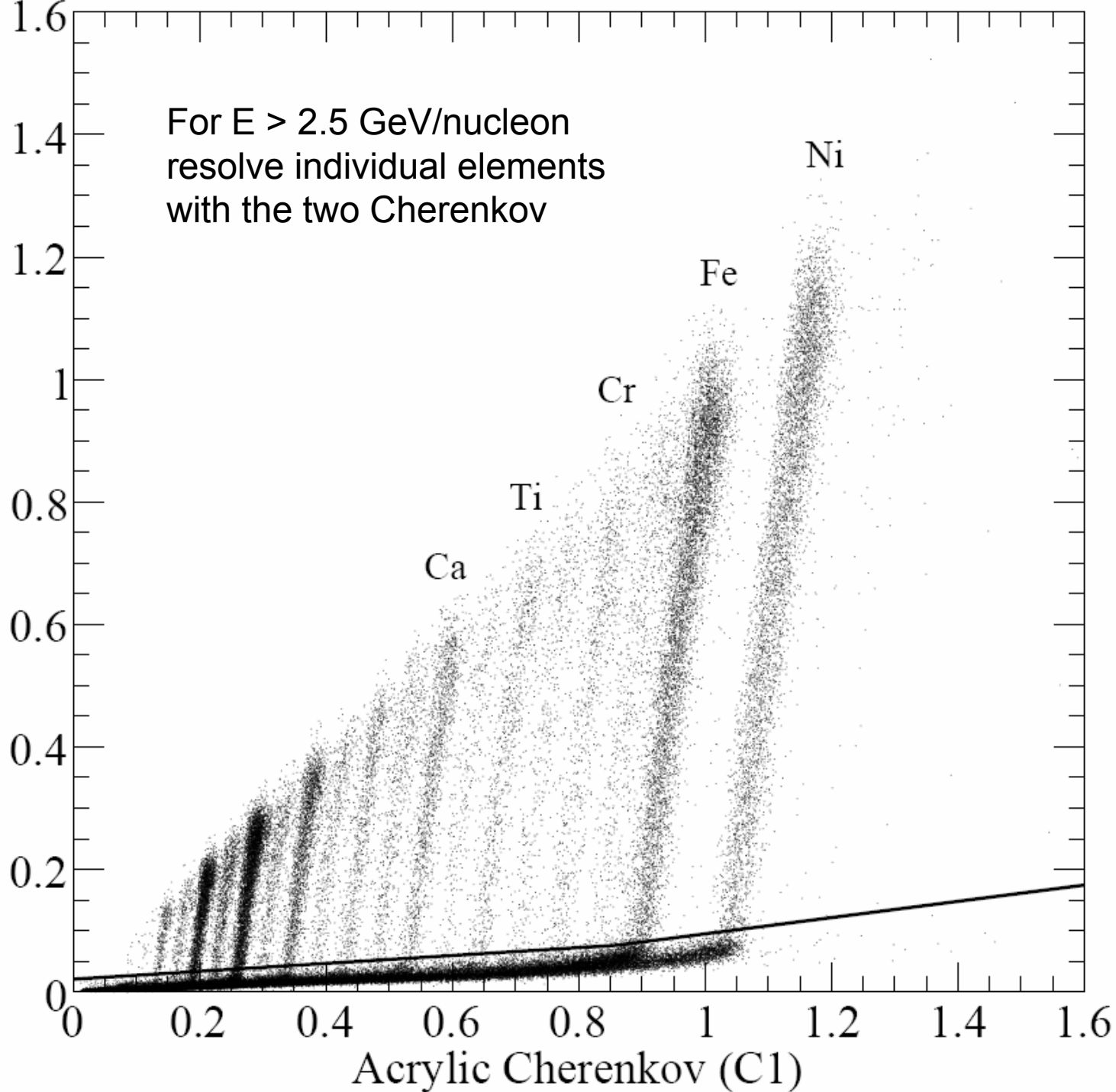
Acrylic has  $n = 1.5$  Energy threshold  $0.3 \text{ GeV/nucleon}$

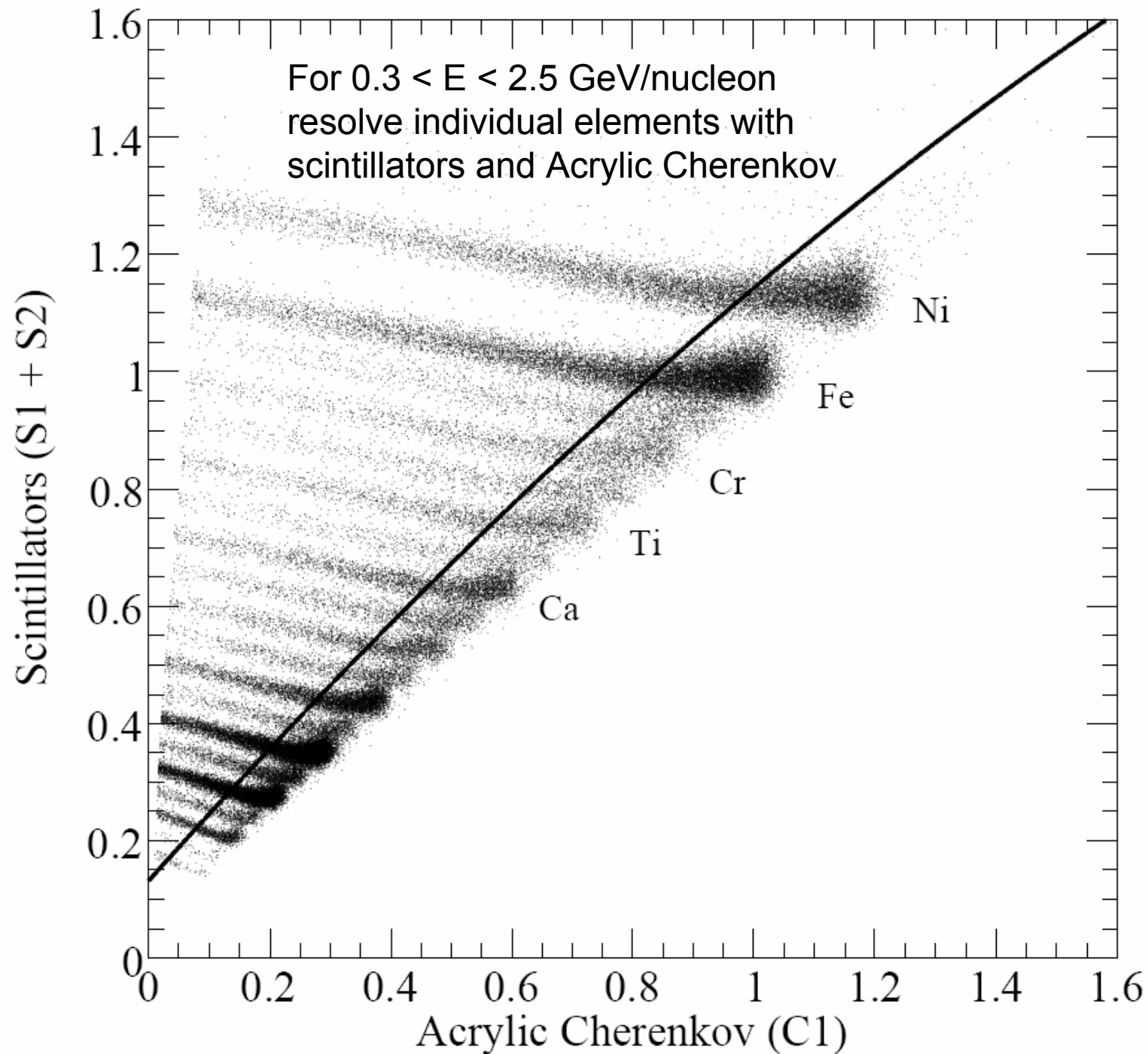
Aerogel has  $n = 1.04$  Energy threshold  $2.5 \text{ GeV/nucleon}$

Fiber hodoscope determines trajectory on incident cosmic ray.

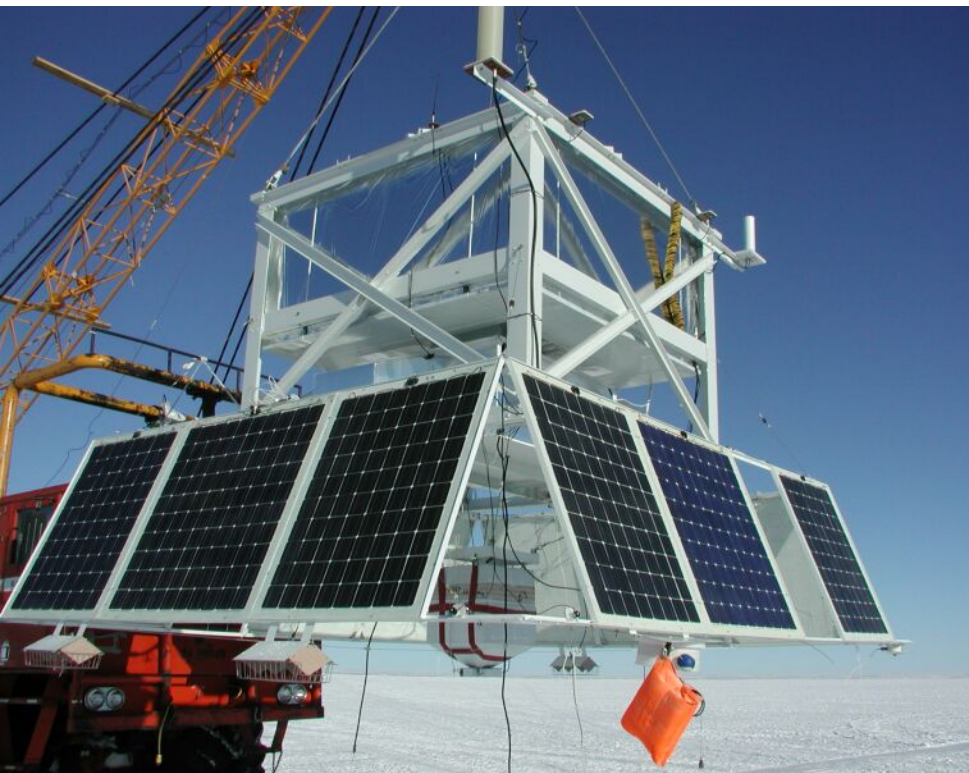
Aerogel Cherenkov (C0)

For  $E > 2.5$  GeV/nucleon  
resolve individual elements  
with the two Cherenkov

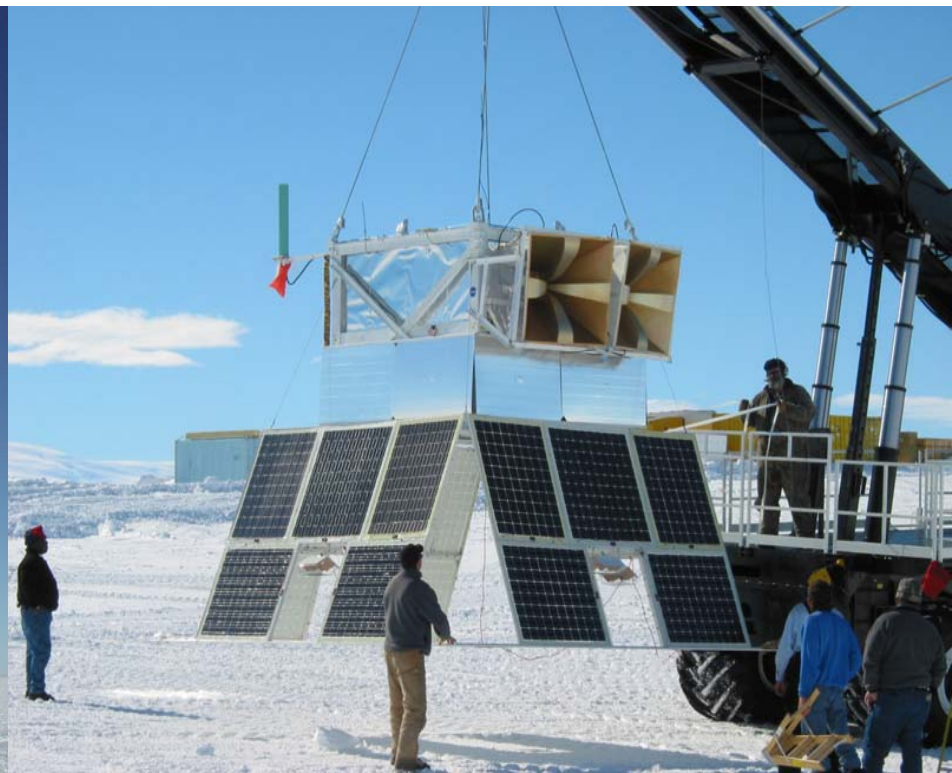


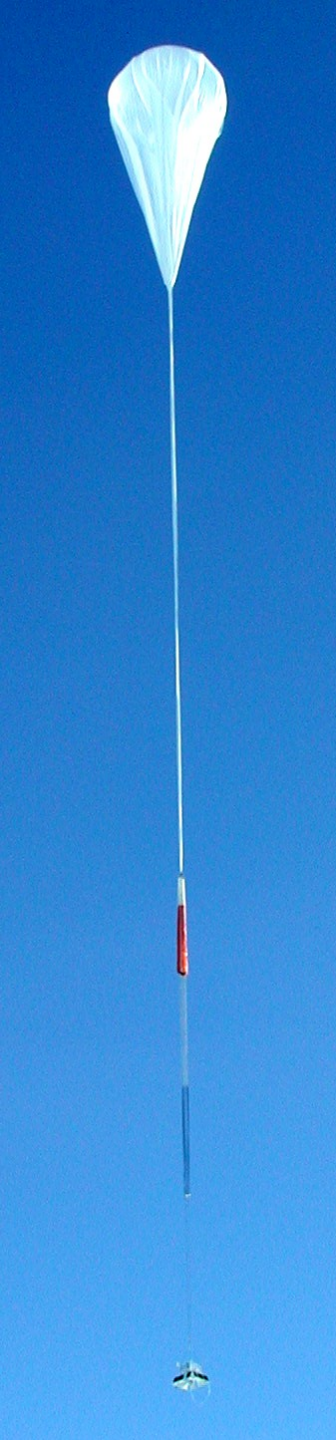


December 2001



December 2003

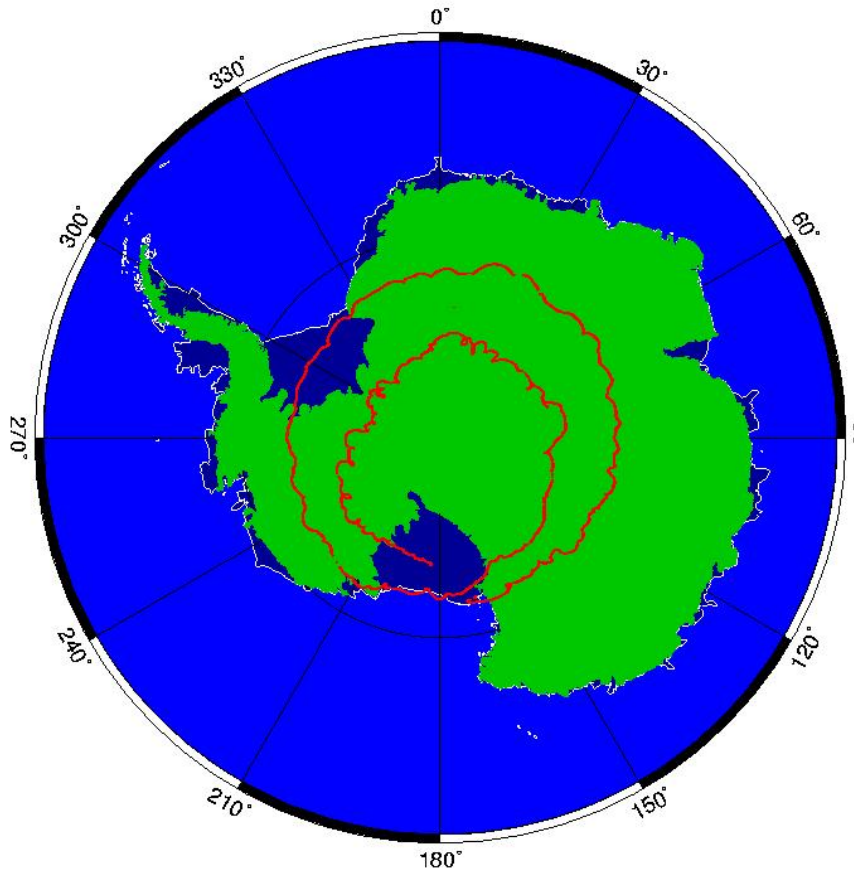




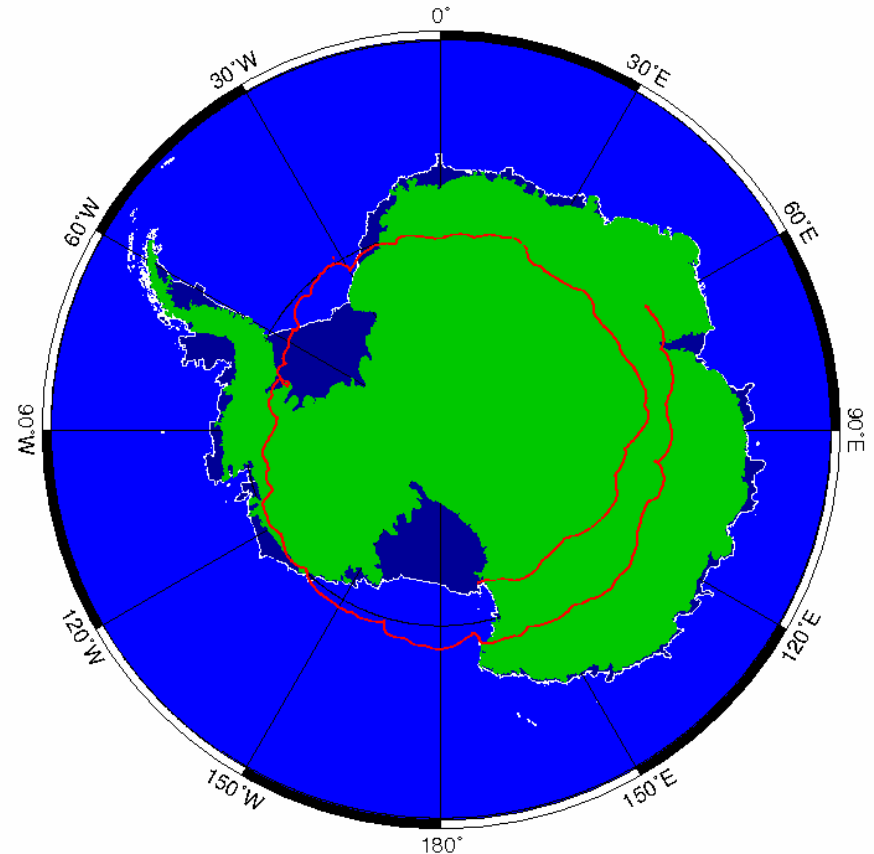


# Flight Trajectories

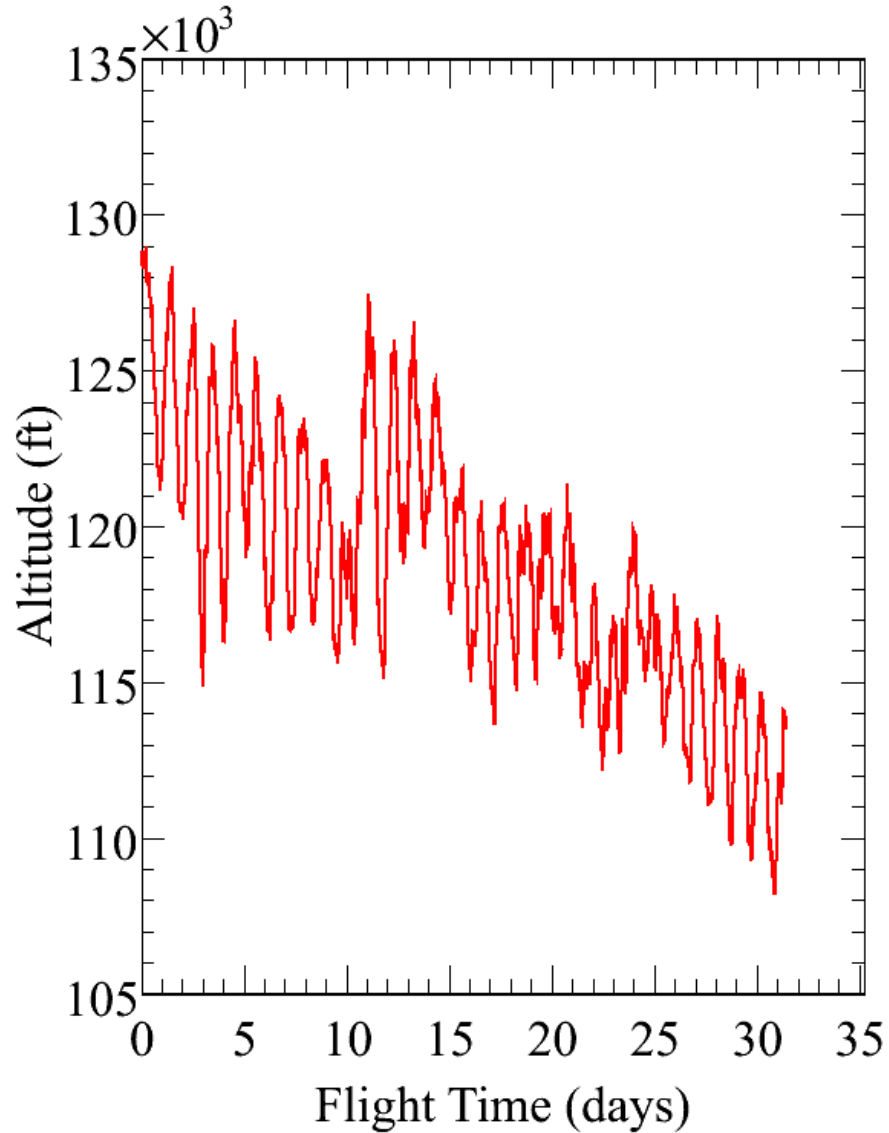
Dec 21, 2001 – Jan 21, 2002



Dec 17, 2003 – Jan 4, 2004

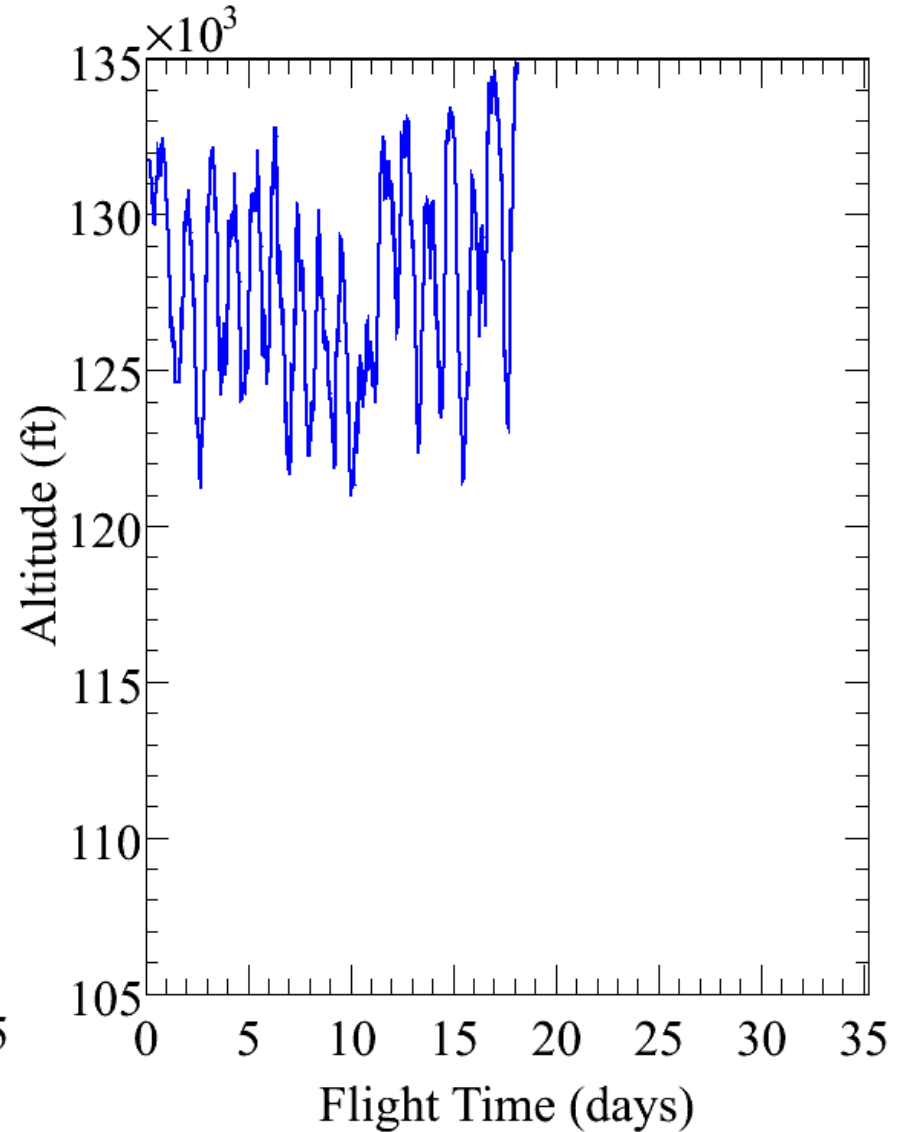


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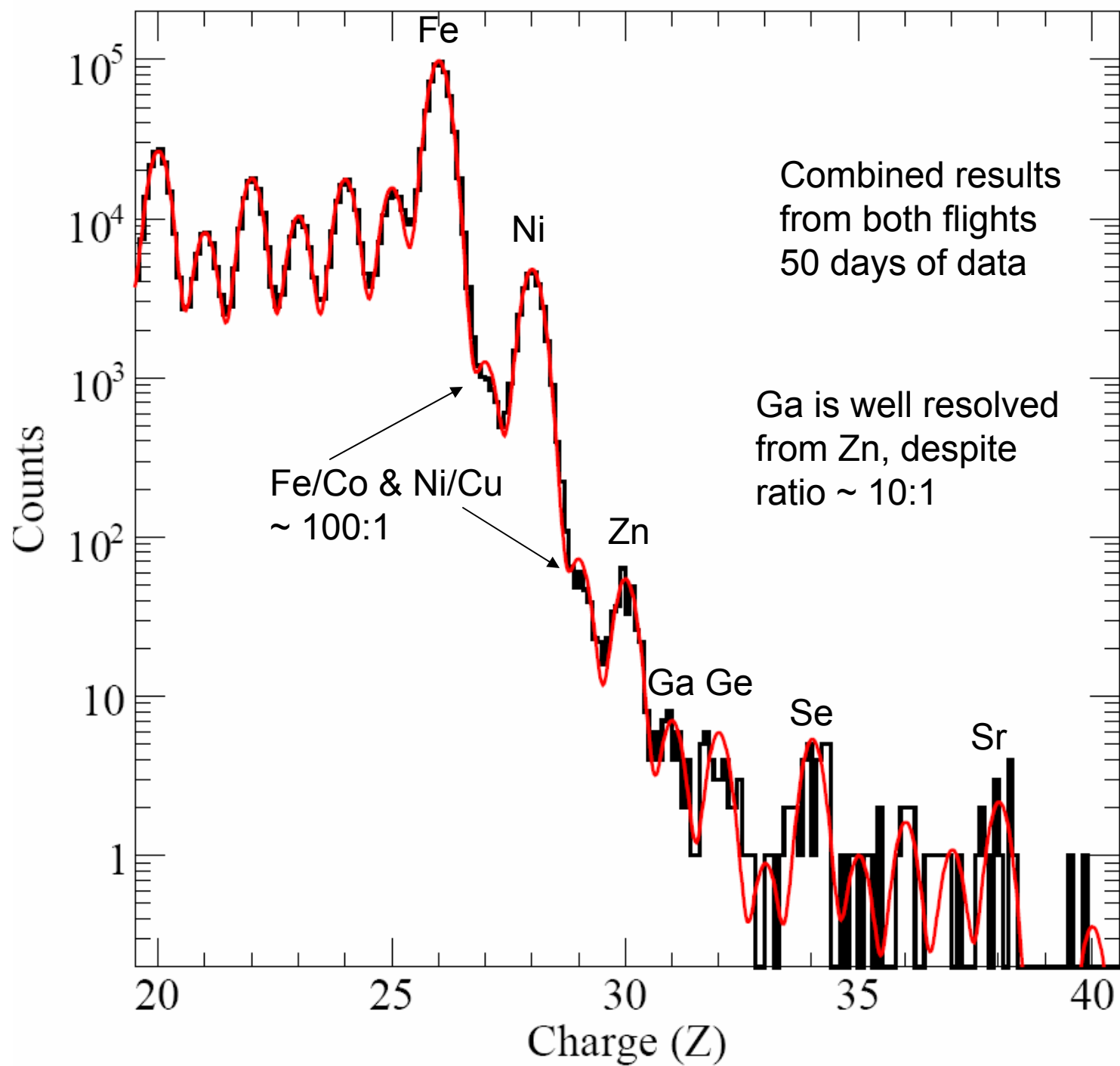


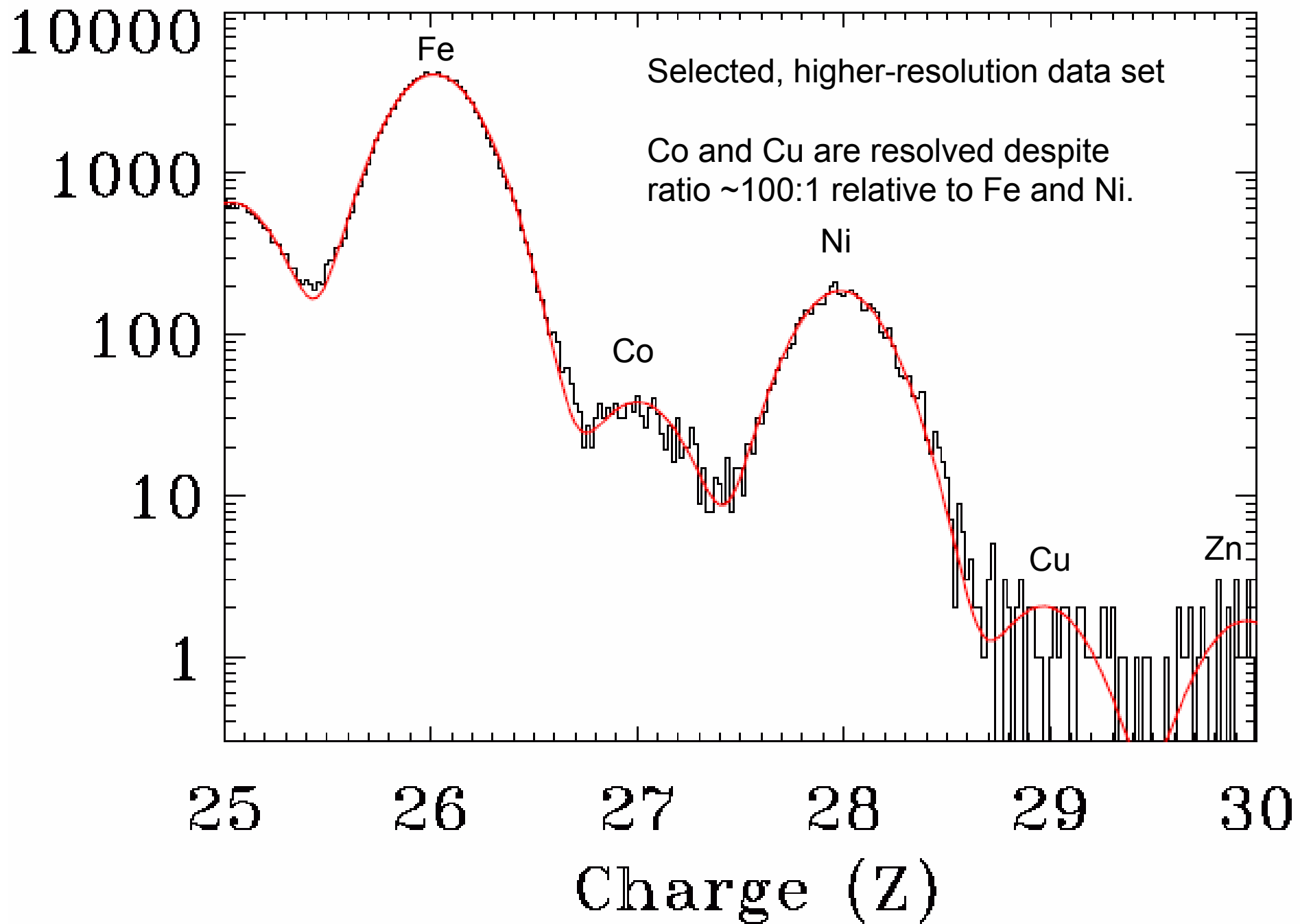
Average: 118,800 ft, 5.5 mb  
372,977 Fe events

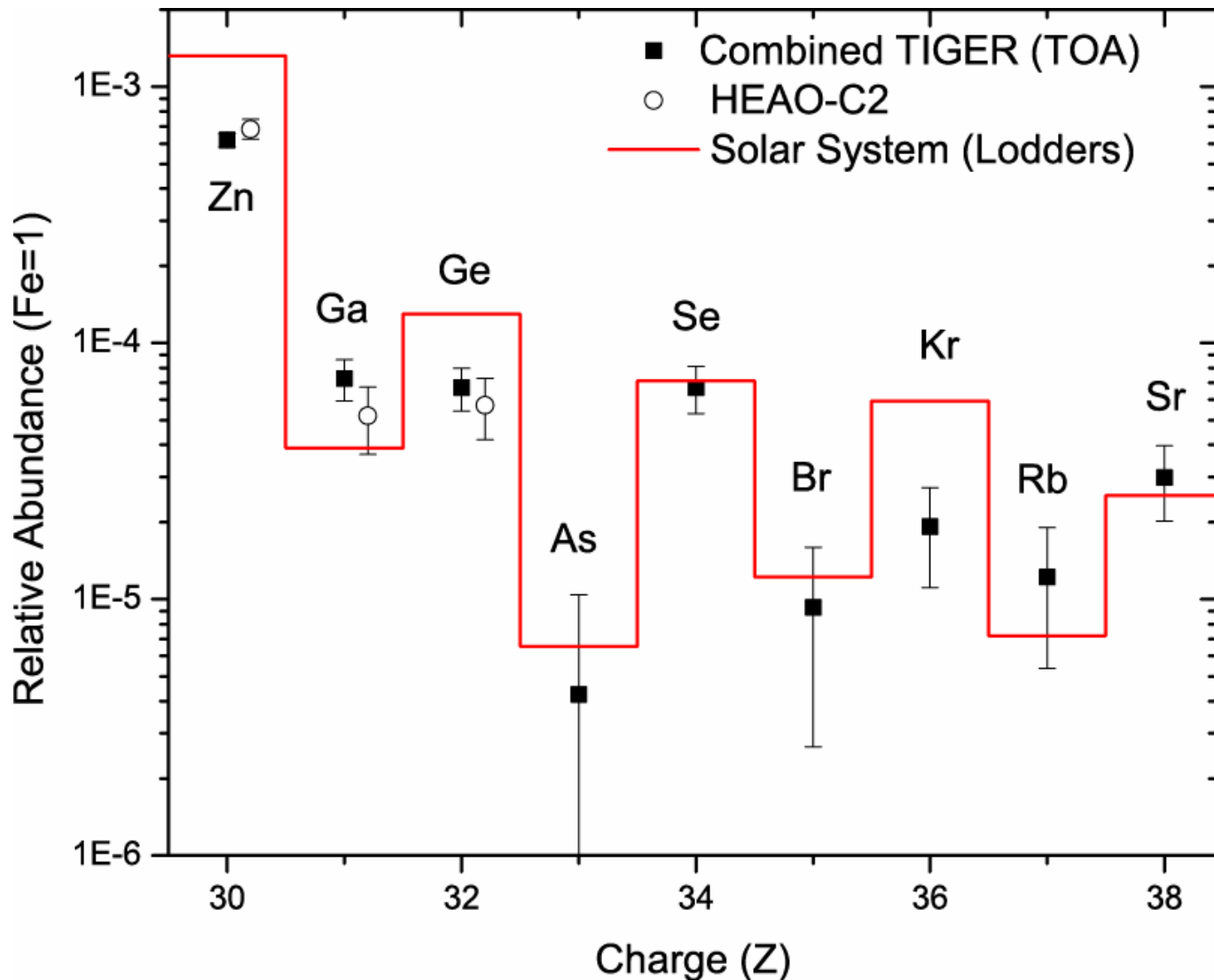
Dec 17, 2003 – Jan 4, 2004



Average: 127,800 ft, 4.1 mb  
245,436 Fe events





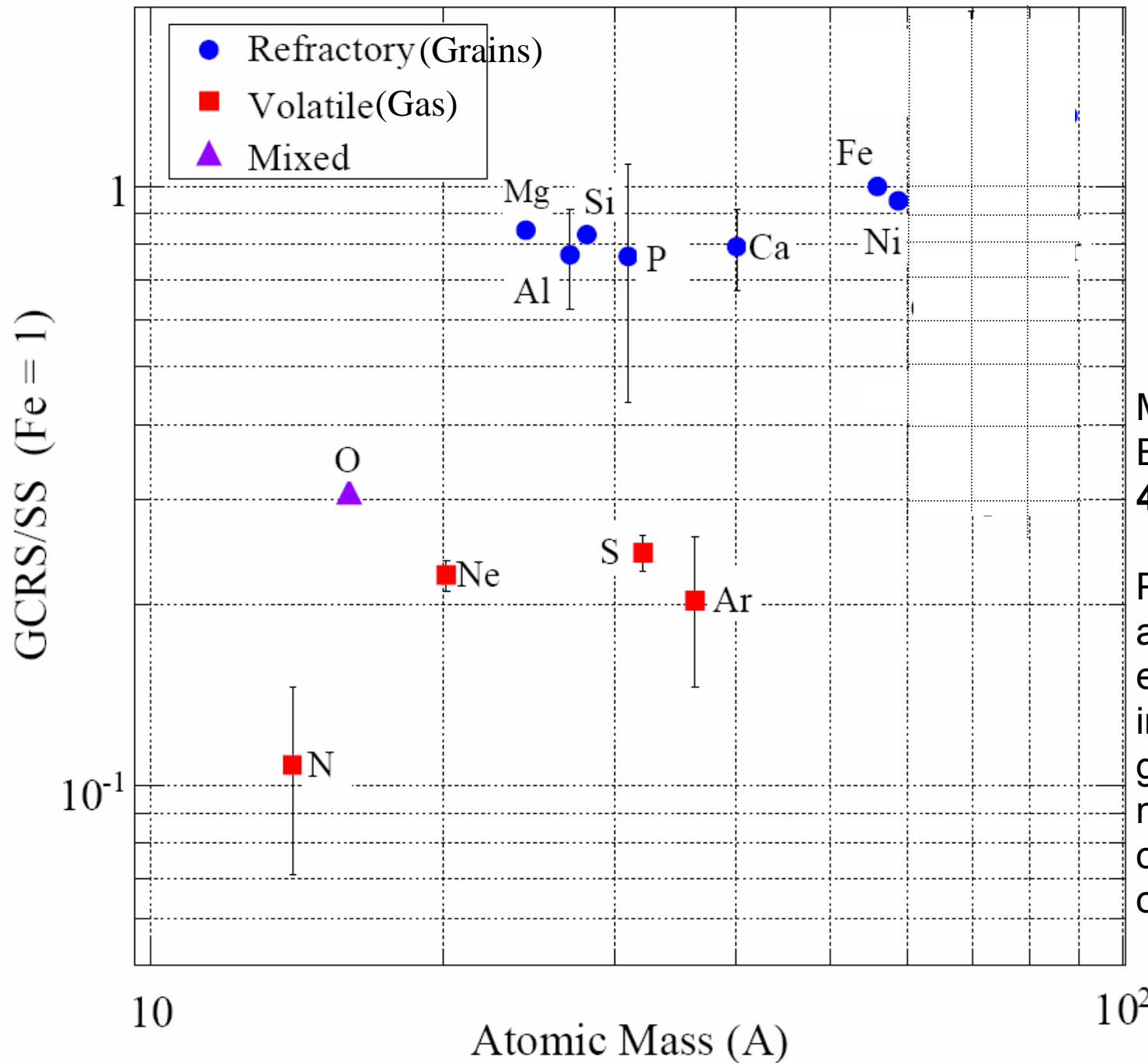


Zn and Ge low relative to Fe is not surprising. These Zn & Ge are volatile.

Ga so abundant is surprising!

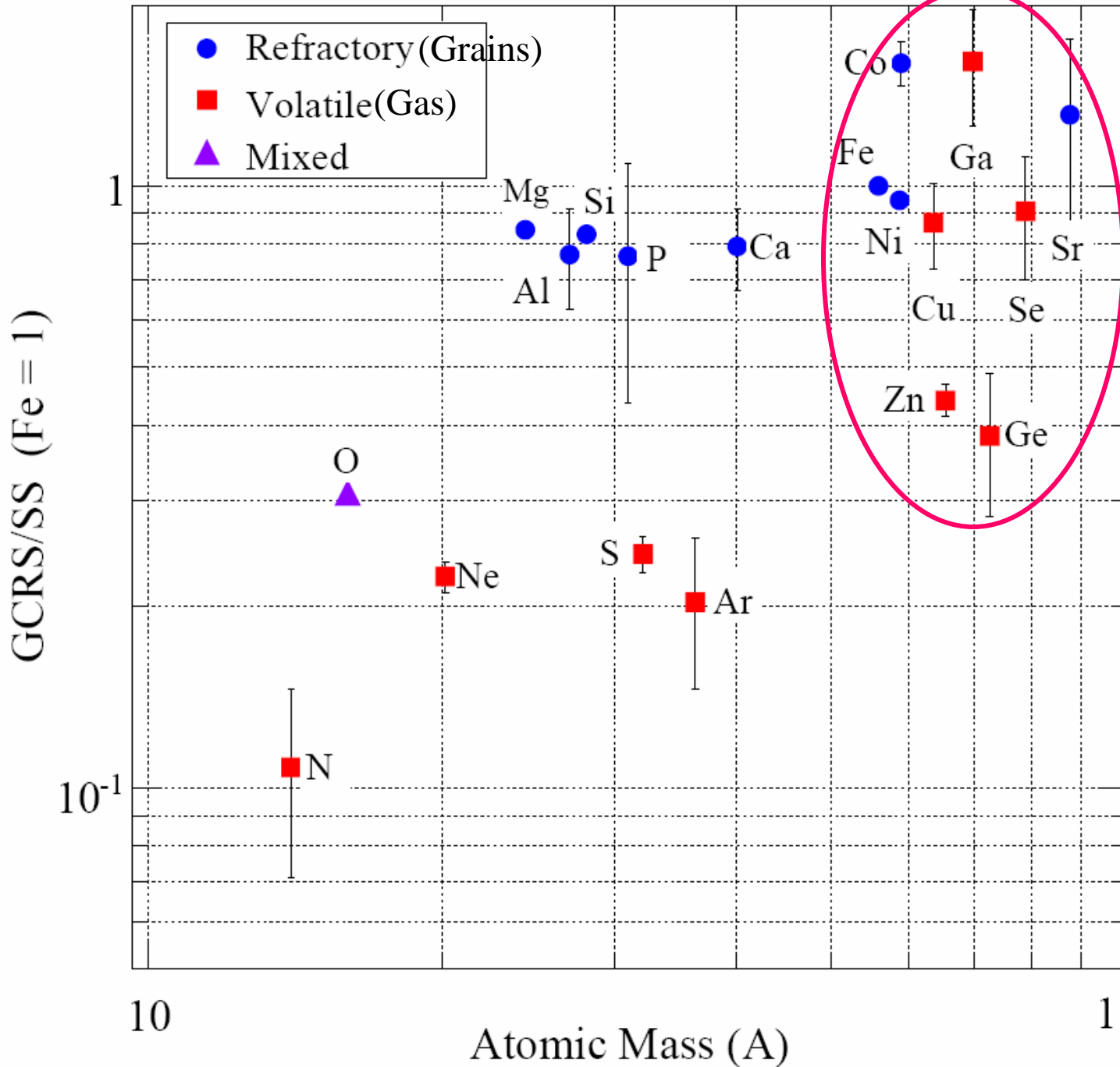
In this and following plots Solar System abundances are from Lodders *Ap.J.* **591** 1220 (2003).

See also paper by W. R. Binns et al. in session R8 Monday 1:30 pm for preliminary results on  $30 \leq Z \leq 34$  from ACE/CRIS.



Meyer, Drury, &  
 Ellison *Ap.J.*  
**487** 182 (1997)

Preferential  
 acceleration of  
 elements found  
 in interstellar  
 grains, and  
 mass-dependent  
 of acceleration  
 of the volatiles.

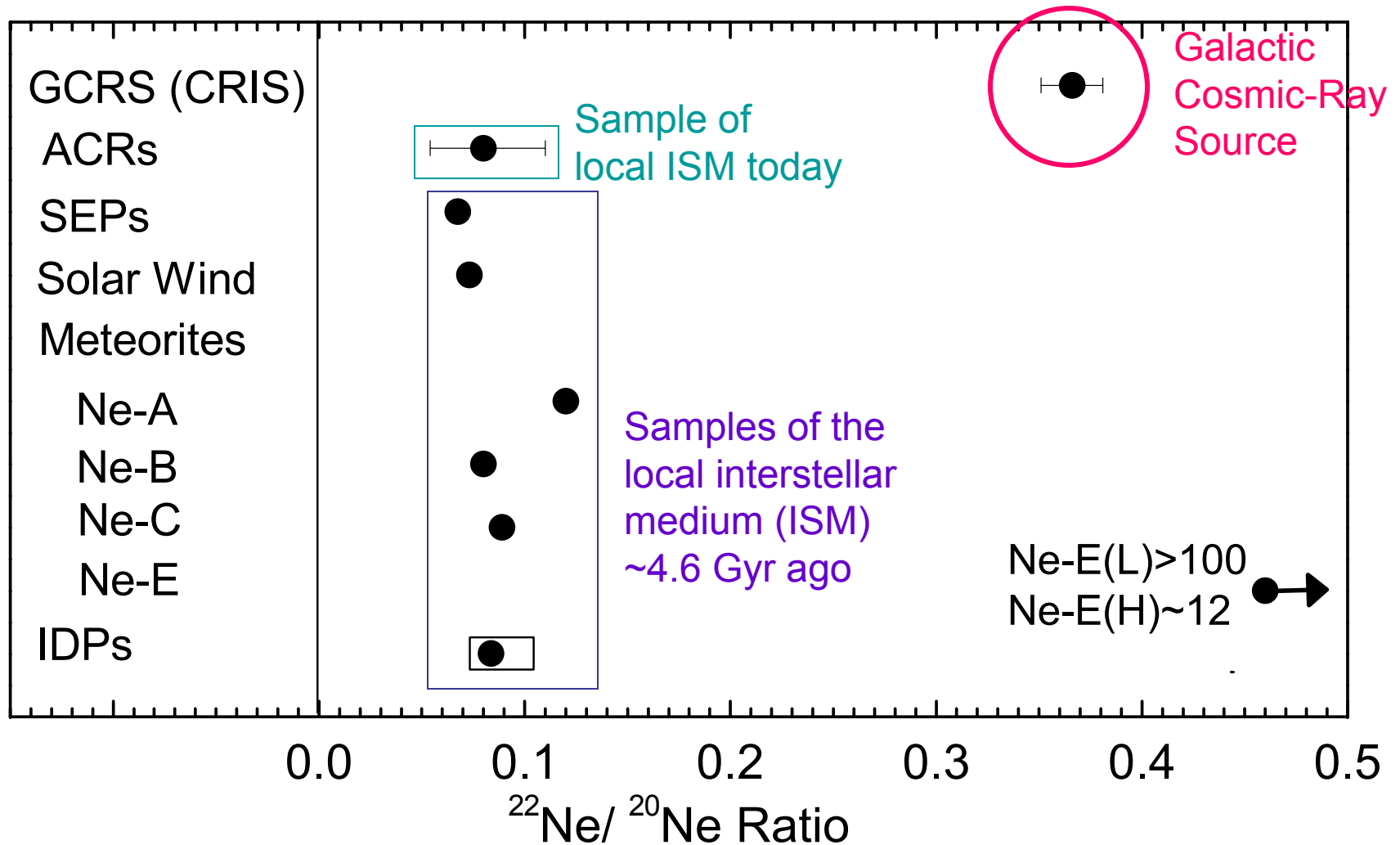


But there is a lot of scatter here.

Meyer, Drury, & Ellison *Ap.J.* **487** 182 (1997)

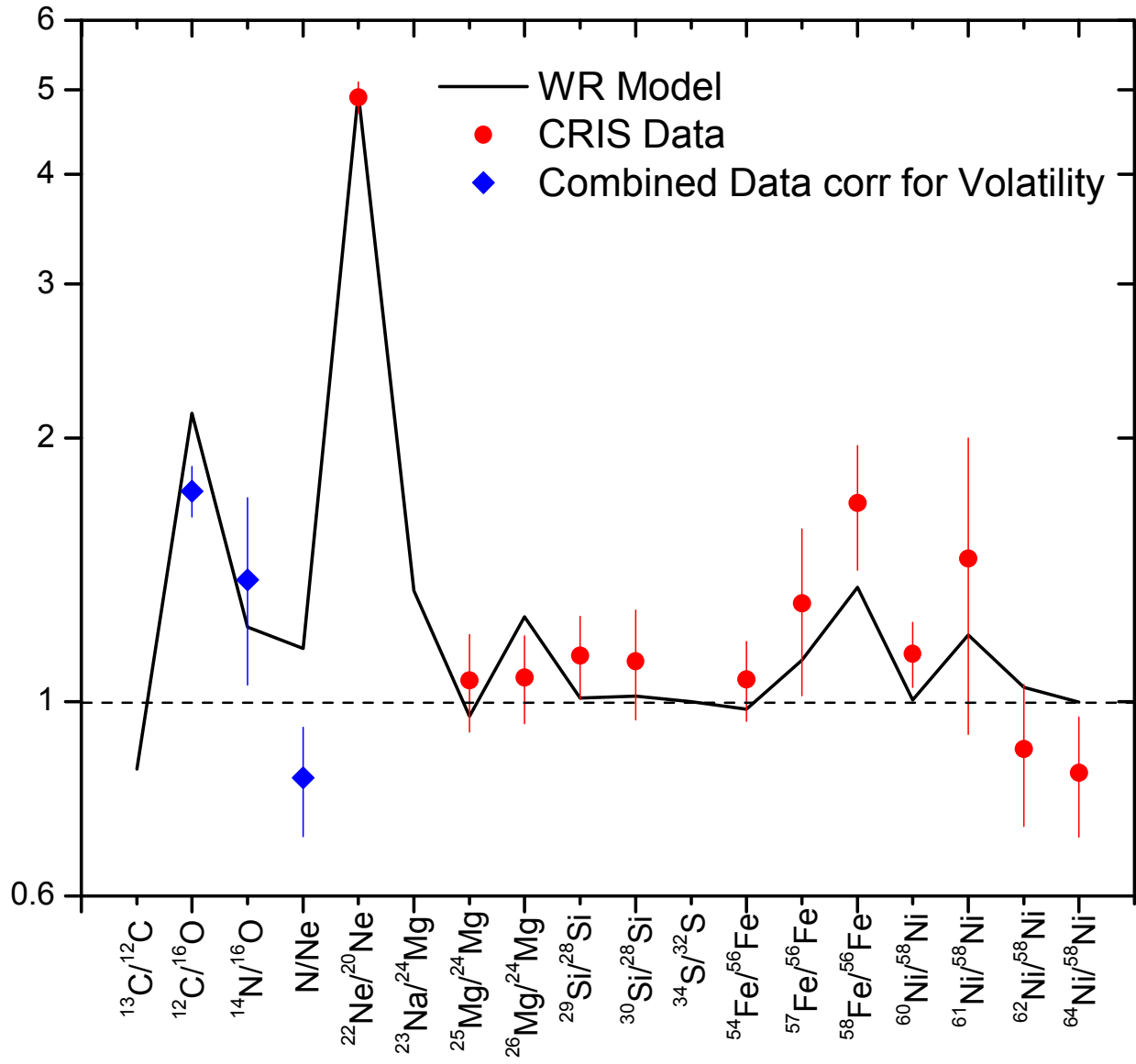
Preferential acceleration of elements found in interstellar grains, and mass-dependent of acceleration of the volatiles.

Isotope data, most recently from CRIS instrument on ACE, shows that the cosmic-ray source does not have the same composition as the Solar System.





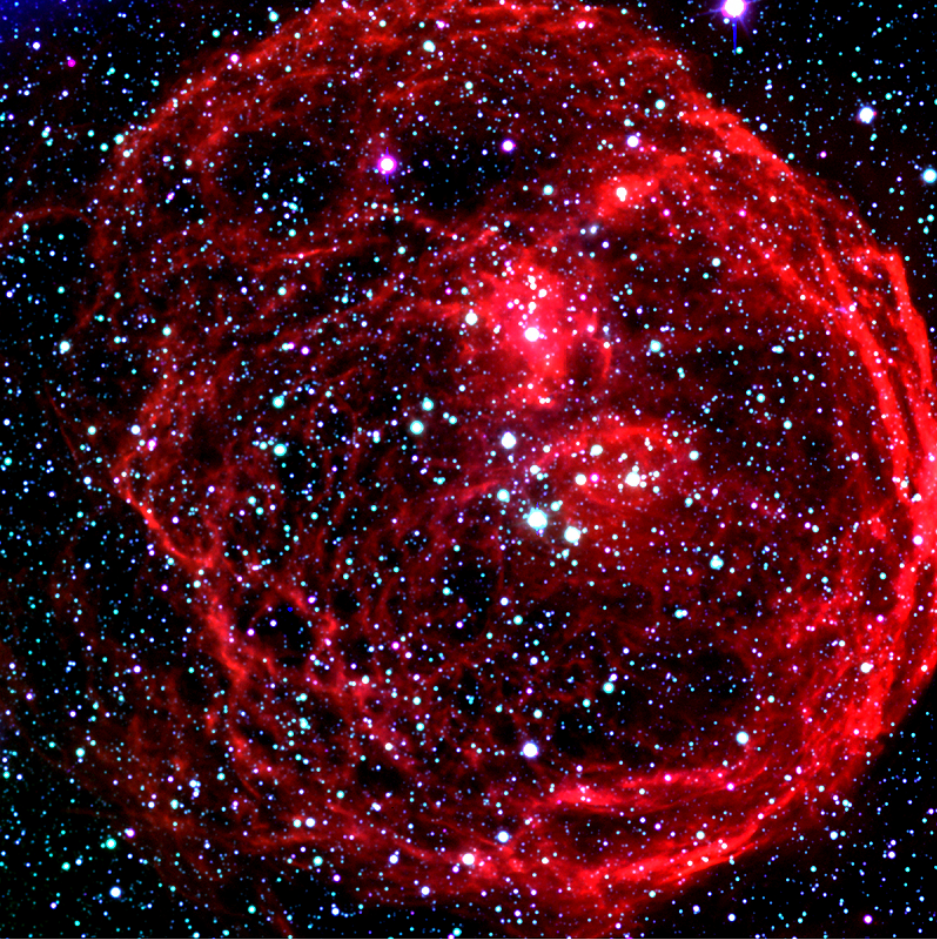
Ratio Relative to Solar System Abundances



Line shows expected composition from a mixture of 80% SS abundances plus 20% outflow from Wolf-Rayet stars.

Data points give cosmic-ray source abundance ratios relative to SS.

Binns et al. *Ap.J.* **634**  
351 (2005)



Superbubble (N 70) in the  
Large Magellanic Cloud

Diameter ~ 100 pc

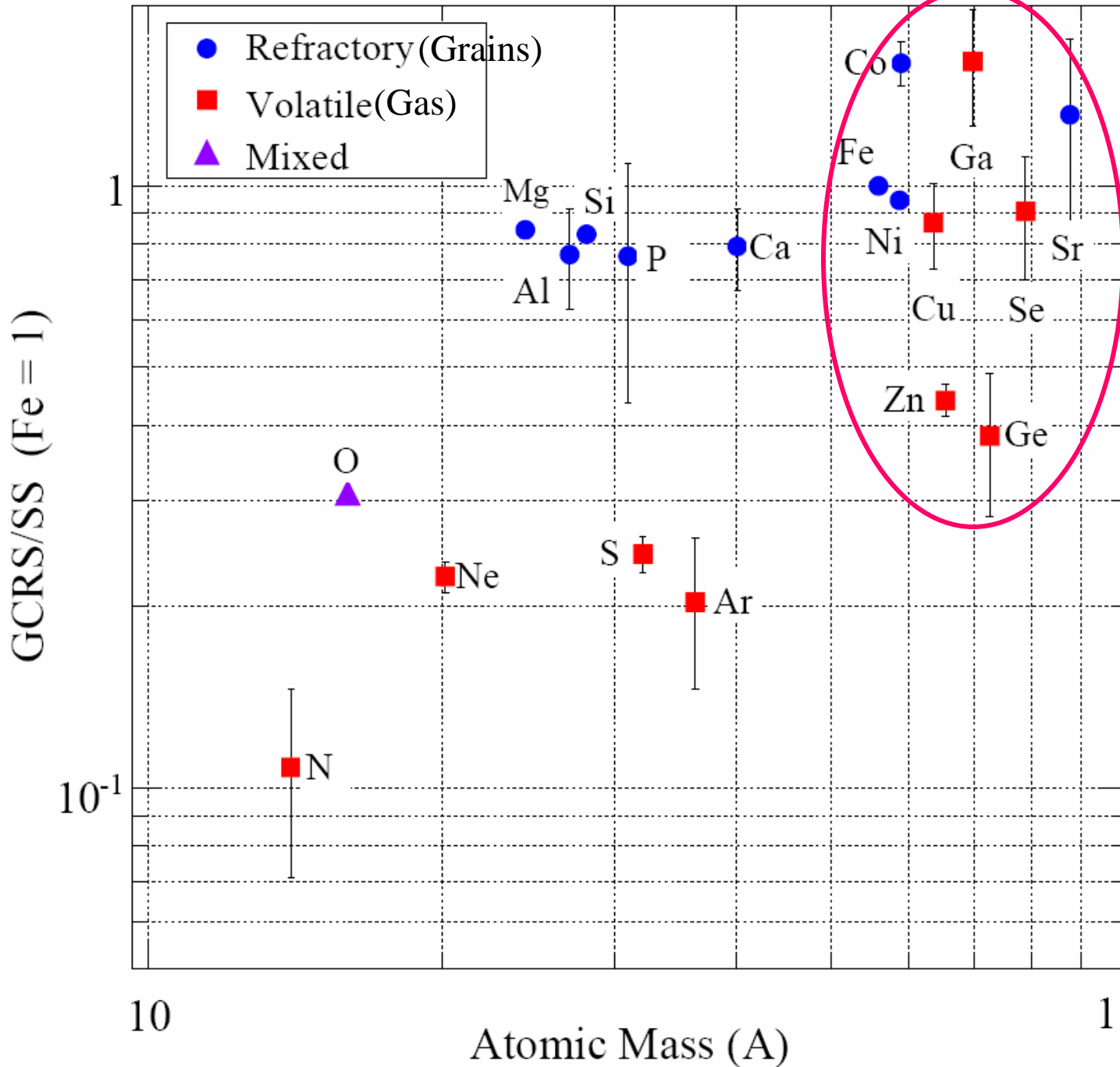


Wolf-Rayet star (Sharpless 308)  
in Milky Way ~1600 pc distant

Diameter of bubble around star ~ 20 pc

Higdon and Lingenfelter *Ap.J.* **590**, 822 (2003):

“... the  $^{22}\text{Ne}$  abundance in the cosmic rays is not anomalous but is the natural consequence of the superbubble origin of cosmic rays ...”

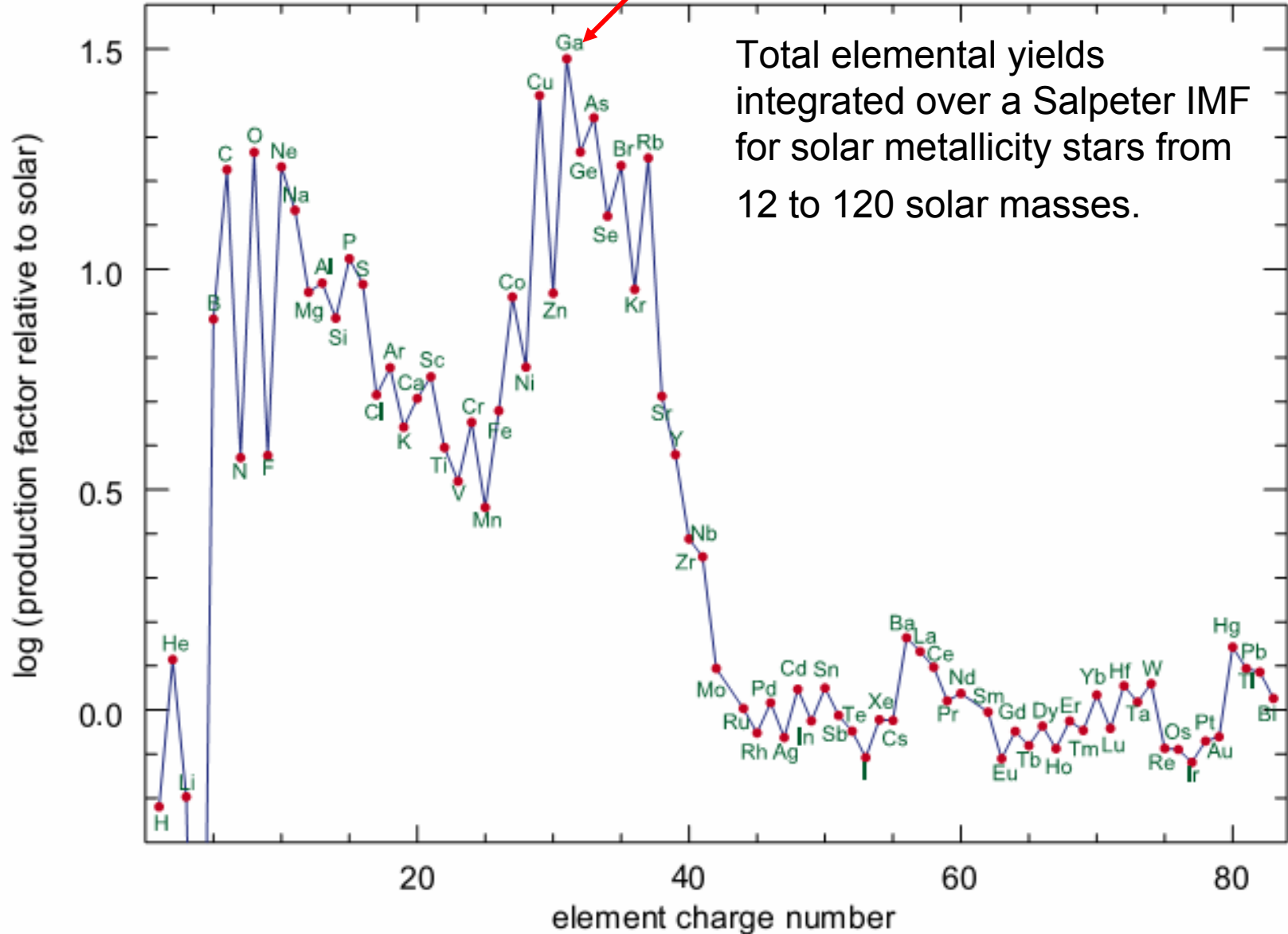


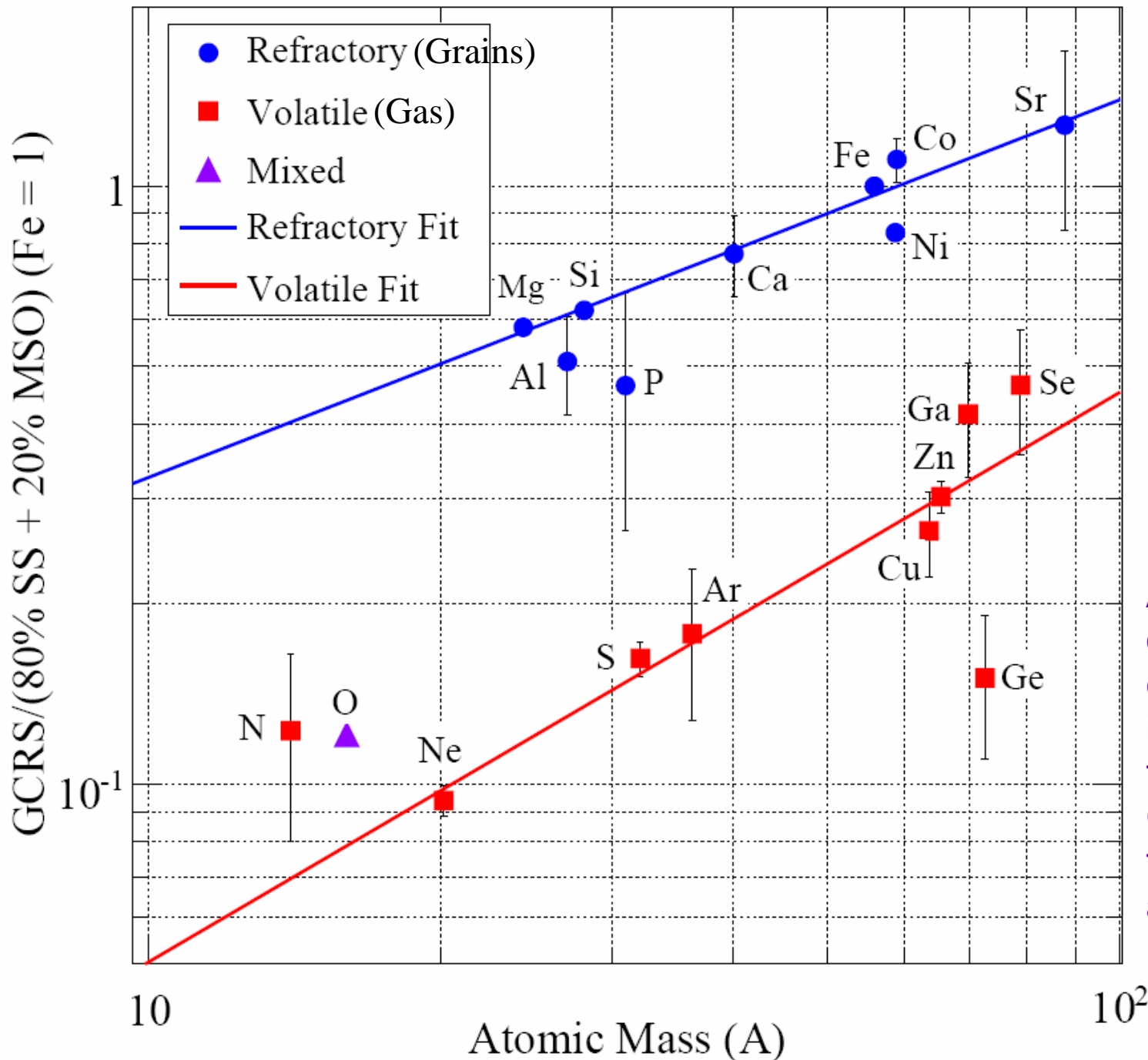
There is a lot of scatter here when comparing the cosmic-ray source with solar system.

Meyer, Drury, & Ellison *Ap.J.* **487** 182 (1997)

Preferential acceleration of elements found in interstellar grains, and mass-dependent of acceleration of the volatiles.

Note Ga





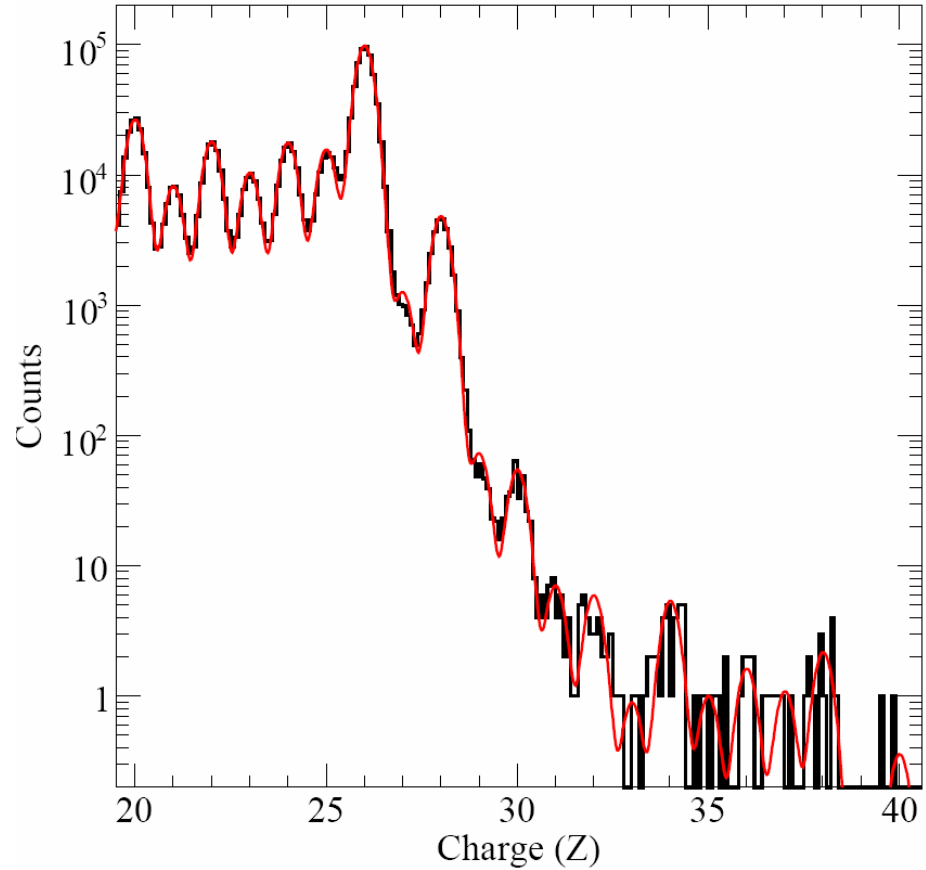
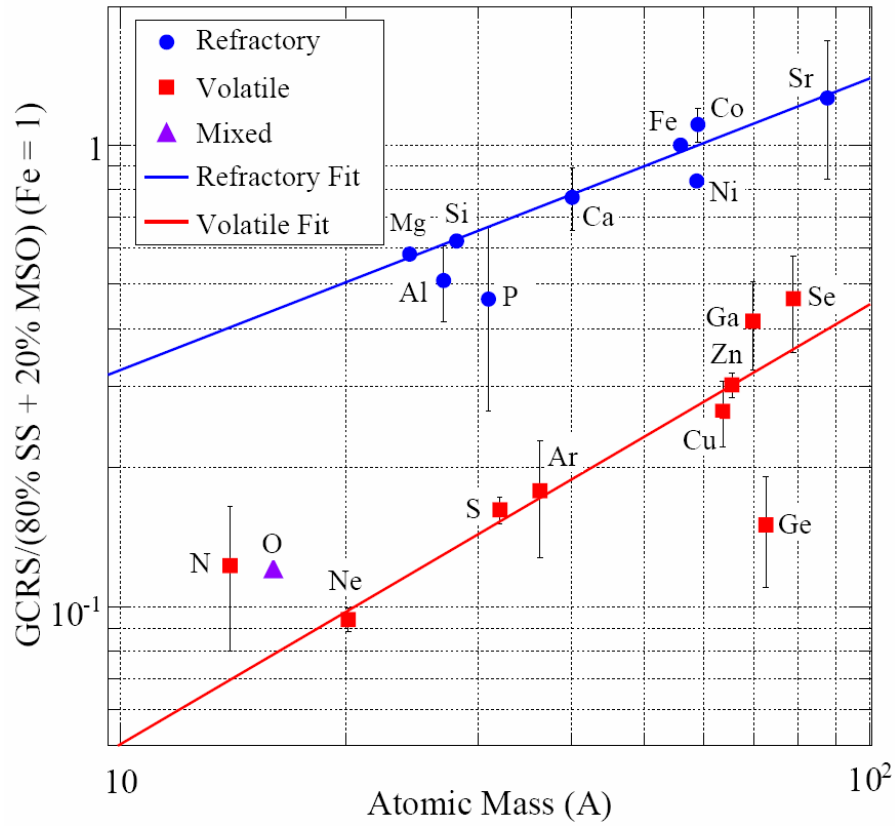
Now compare GCR source abundances with a mixture of 80% SS (Lodders) and 20% Massive Star Outflow (Woosley & Heger).

About 12% of oxygen is expected to be in grains, so the position of O between the two lines is about right.

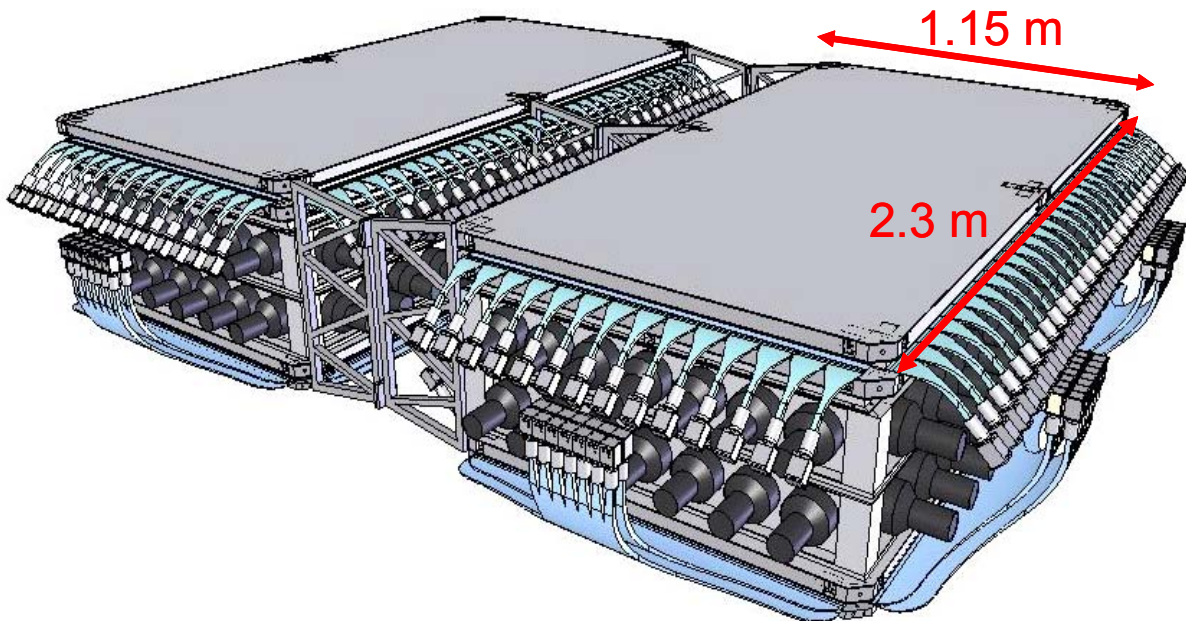
# Conclusions

- Cosmic rays come from the core of super-bubbles, where OB associations enrich the interstellar medium with the outflow of massive stars (Wolf-Rayet phase and Supernovae).
  - Conclusion is supported by the isotopic composition for  $Z < 30$  and by the elemental composition for  $Z \geq 26$ .
- The CR acceleration process favors elements found in interstellar dust grains.
- Both the acceleration of volatile and of refractory elements appear to have a mass-dependence  $\sim A^n$ .
  - $n \sim 2/3$  for refractory elements
  - $n \sim 1$  for volatile elements

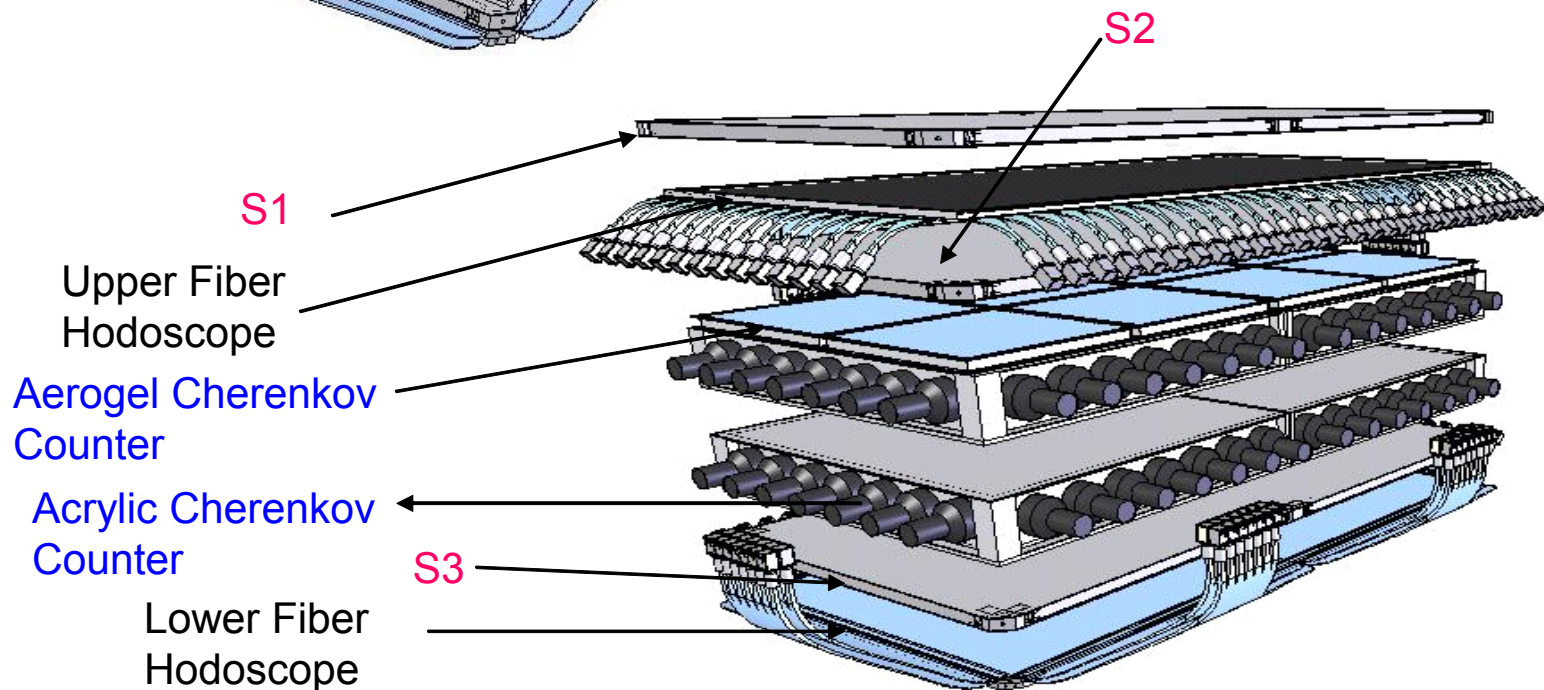
# Next step beyond TIGER: Improve statistics and determine more elements



# Super-TIGER Instrument



Funded for development and first balloon flight in December 2012.







In an advanced mission concept study:

ENTICE (one of two instruments on OASIS).

With three years in polar orbit would detect at least 100 cosmic-ray actinides.

# Numbers of Events

