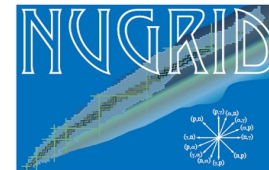


# Nuclear Astrophysics 2 (Neutron-capture) Nucleosynthesis in massive stars

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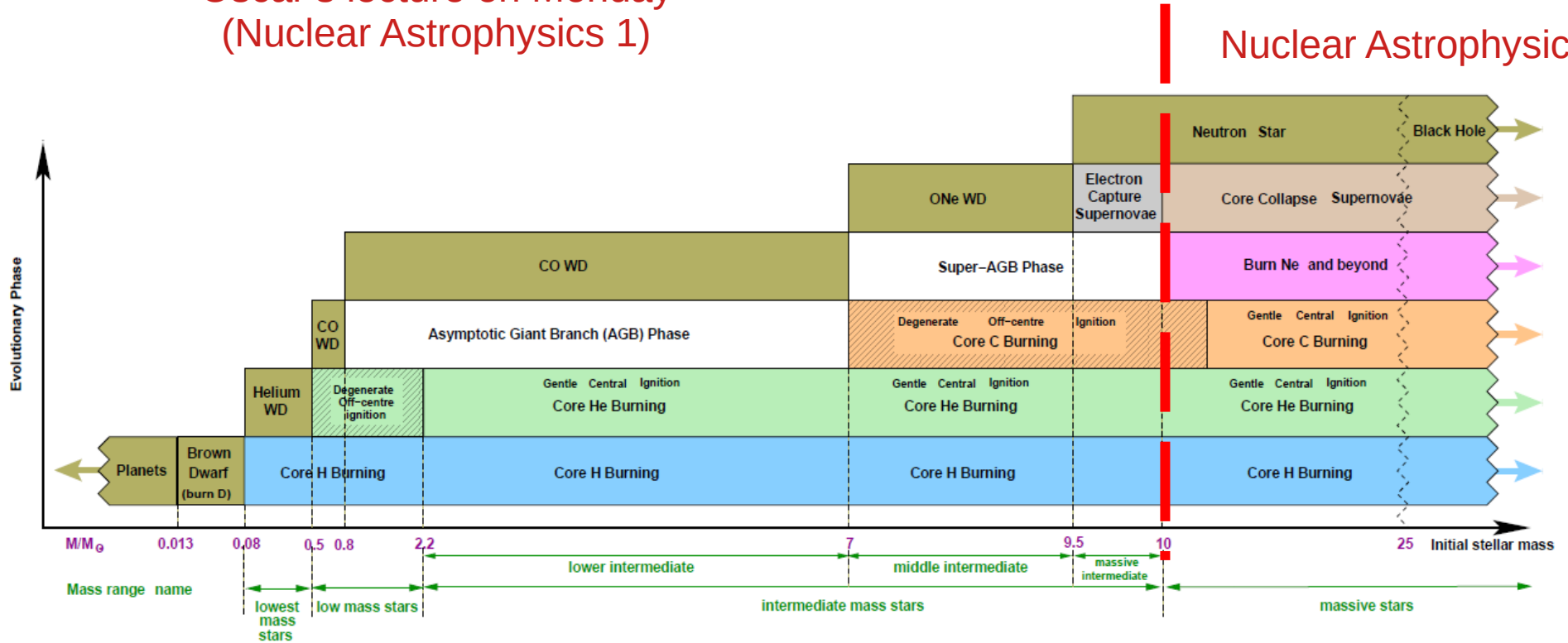
# Outline

- Introduction to massive stars - basic features
- Stars & nucleosynthesis as computational experiments
- Neutron-capture processes in massive stars:
  - introduction and observations
  - Connection with Galactic Chemical Evolution
- The s-process, n-process, i-process, r-processes... (we will see how far we will go with this)

# Initial stellar mass vs Evolution phases

Oscar's lecture on Monday  
(Nuclear Astrophysics 1)

Nuclear Astrophysics 2



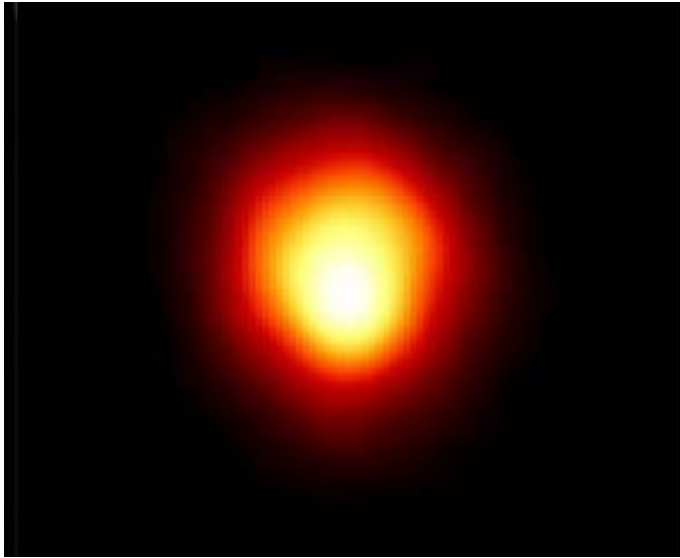


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### Betelgeuse ( $\alpha$ -Ori):

- $19 M_{\text{sun}}$
- 650 lyr
- $1180 R_{\text{sun}}$

Sun:  $1 M_{\text{sun}}$  ;  $1 \text{ AU}$  ;  $1 R_{\text{sun}}$

$1 M_{\text{sun}} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ Kg}$

$1 \text{ AU} = 1.496 \cdot 10^8 \text{ km}$

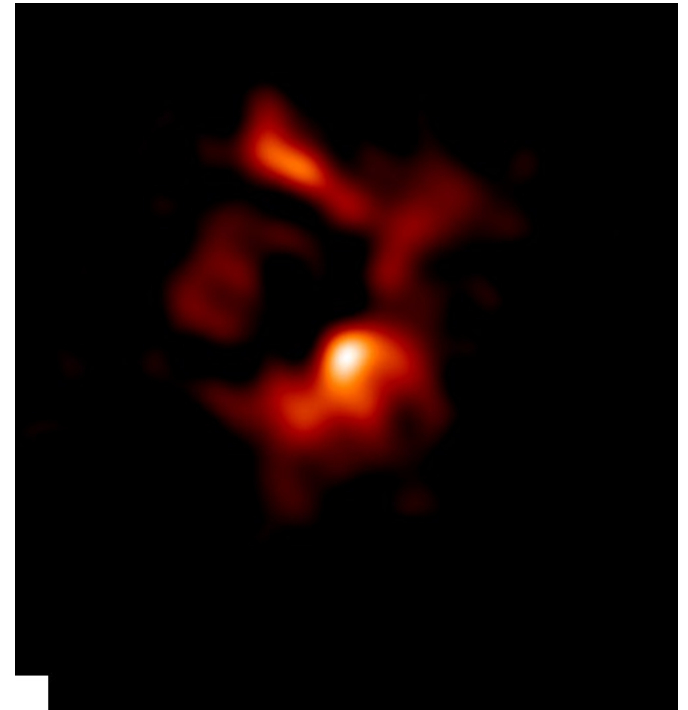
$1 \text{ lyr} = 9.461 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ km}$

$1 R_{\text{sun}} = 695700 \text{ km}$

### CWLeo

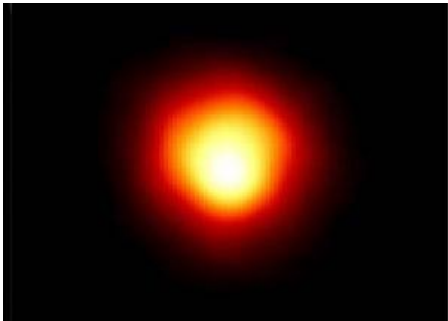
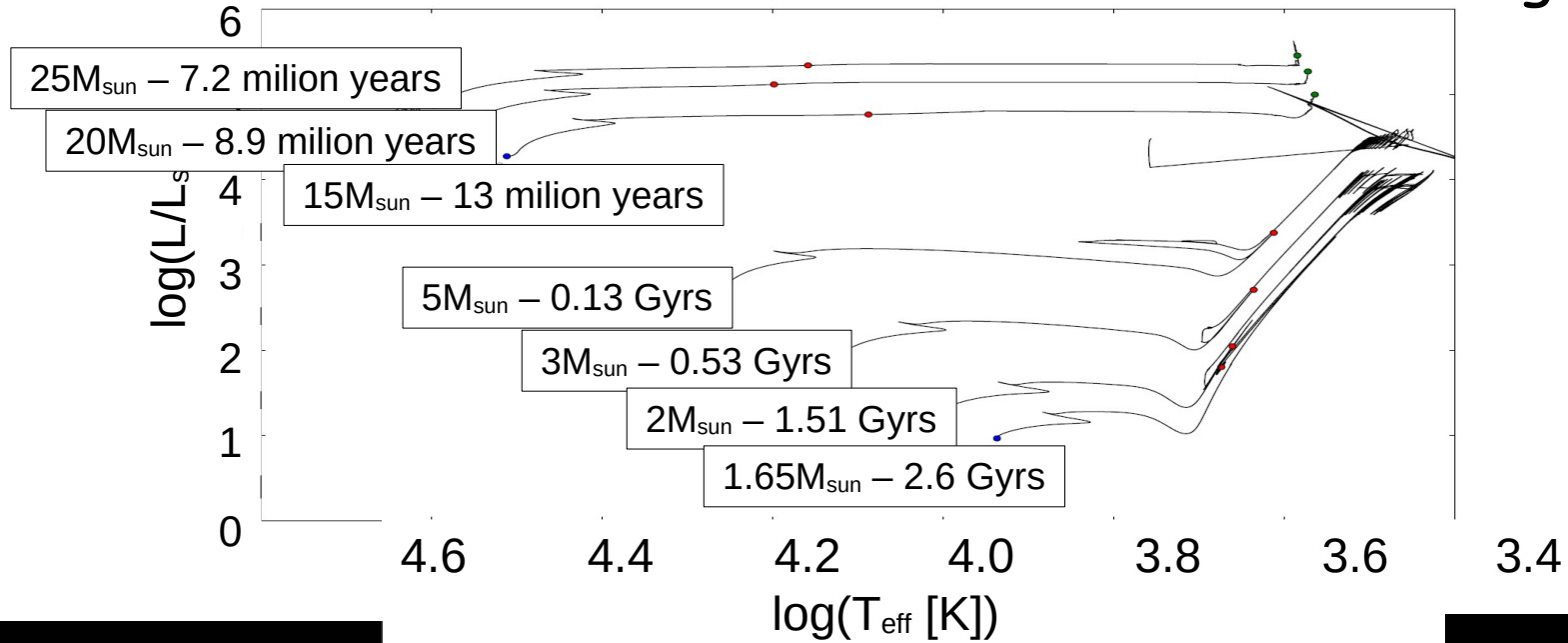
(IRC+10216):

- 400 lyr
- $250 R_{\text{sun}}$



Tuthill et al. 2000, A&A, Keck Telescope

## HR diagram



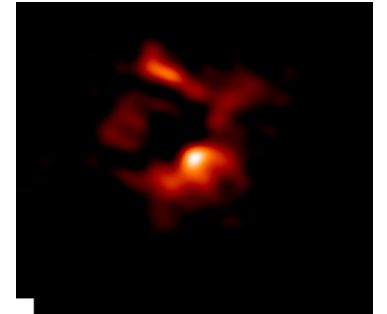
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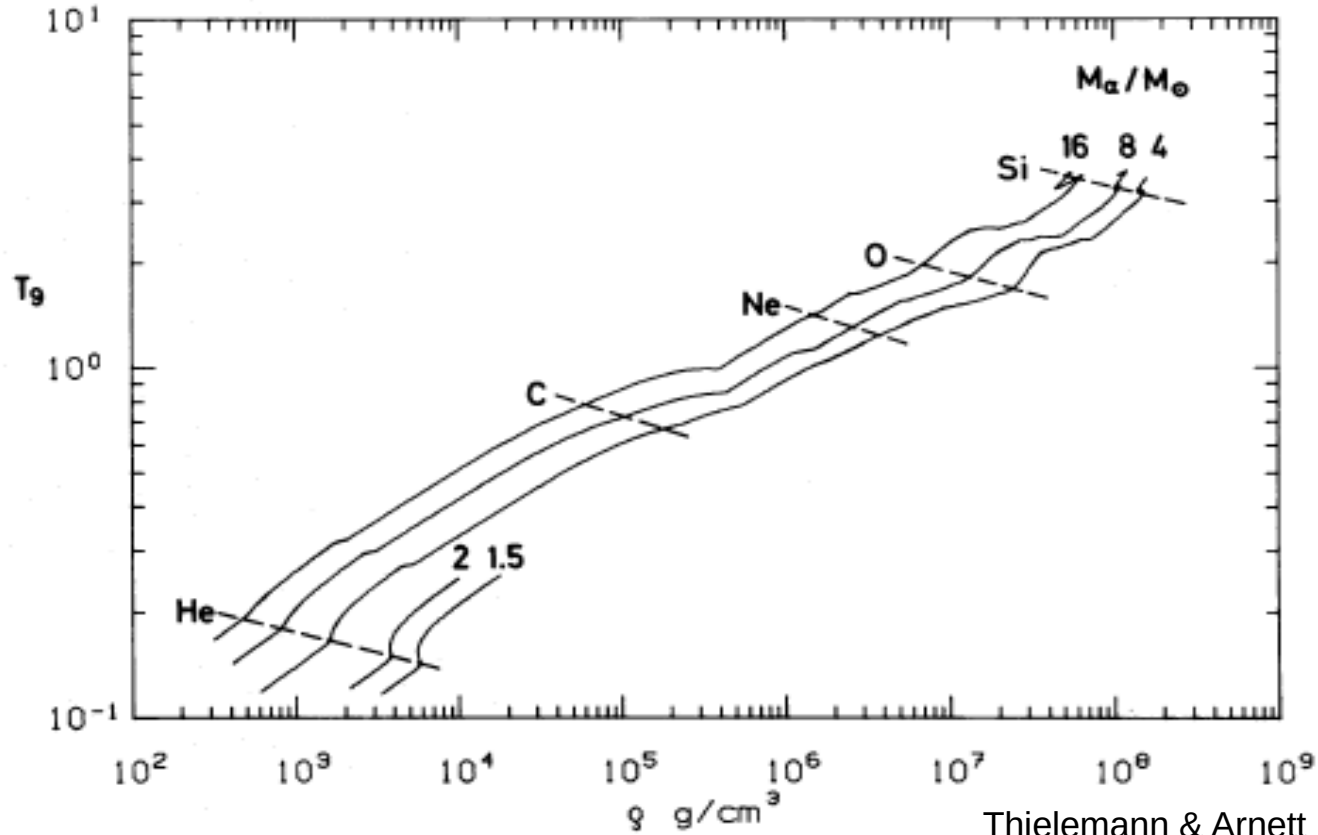
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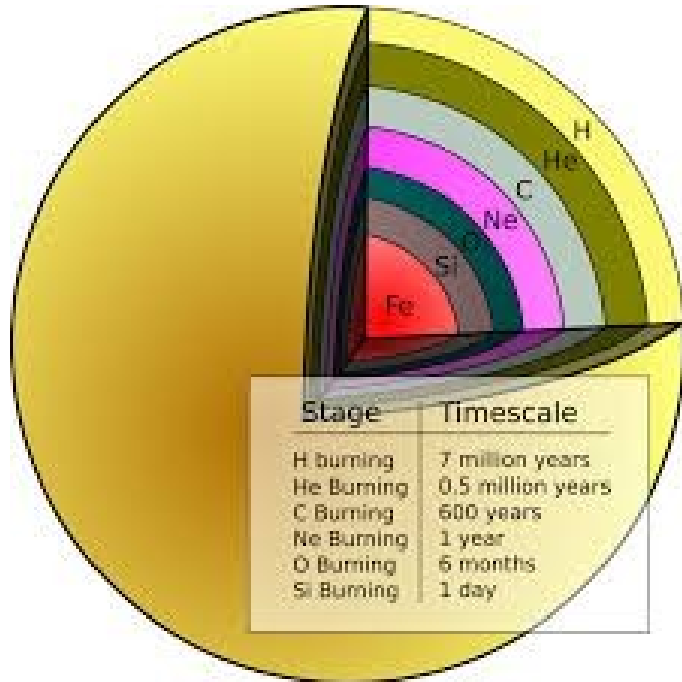
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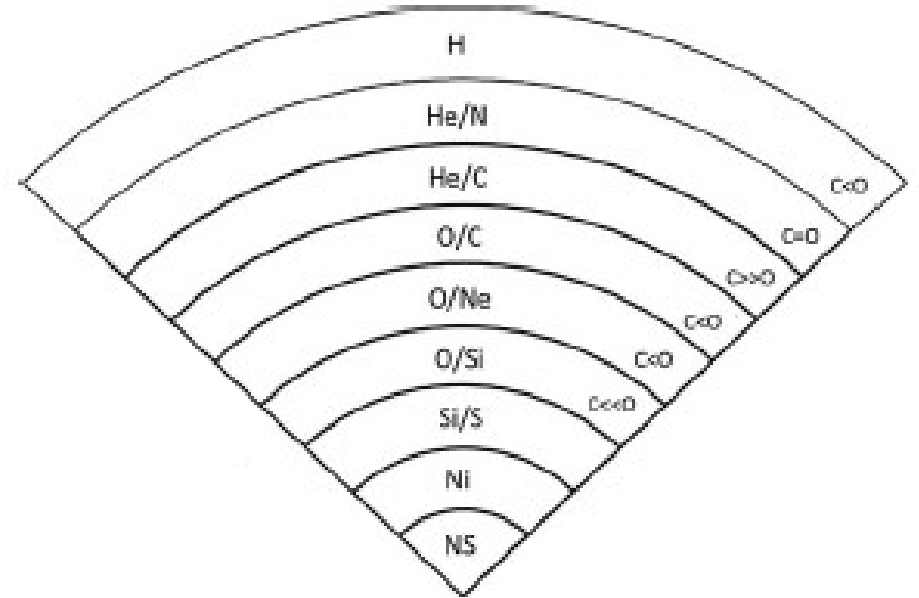
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# Structure evolution inside

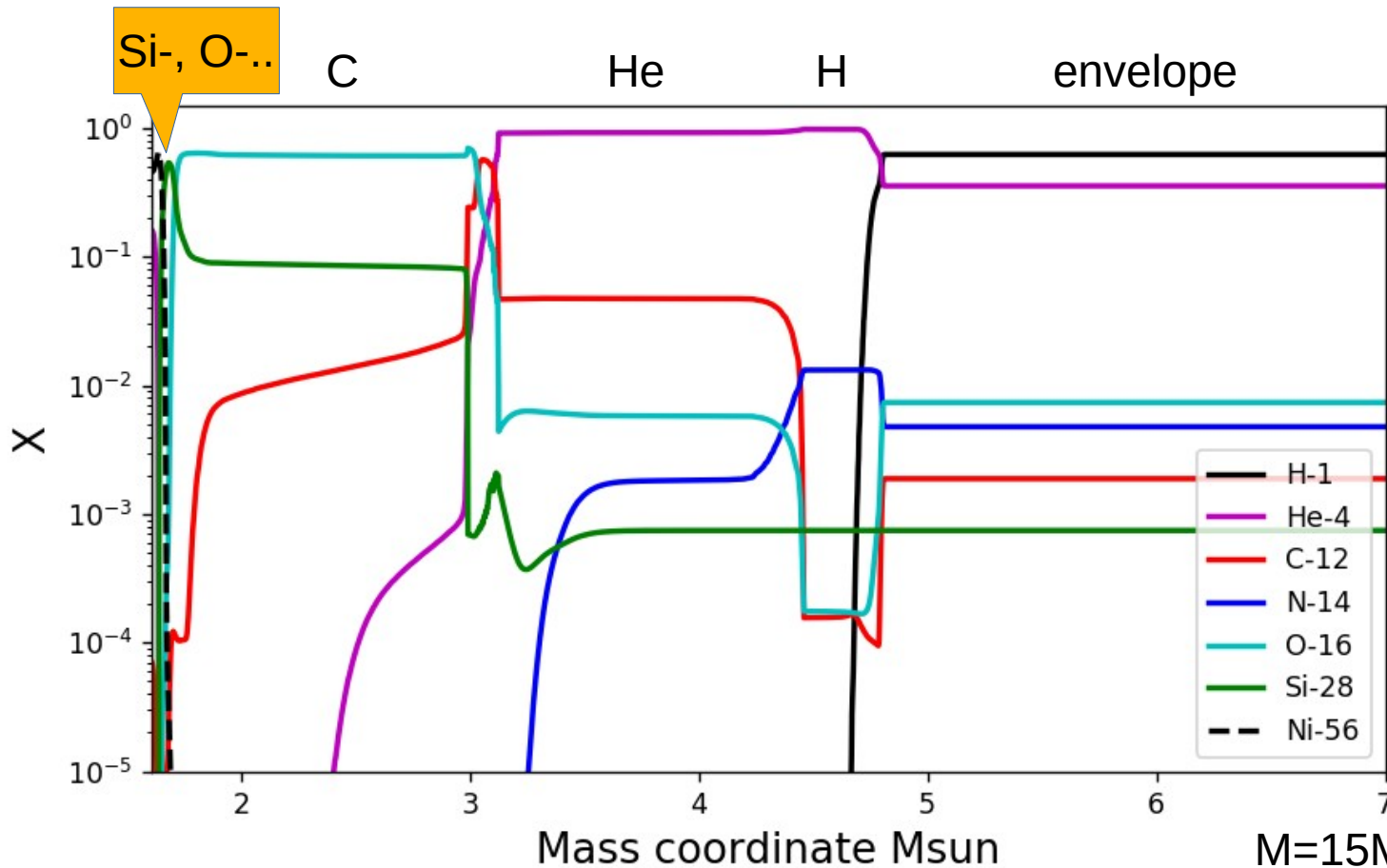




> 10 solar masses  
before SN explosion



> 10 solar masses  
after SN explosion



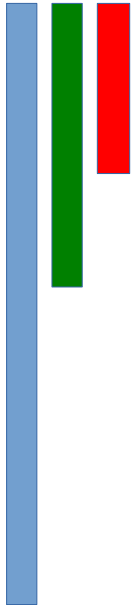
M=15Msun, Z=0.02  
 Ritter+2018 MNRAS  
 MESA progenitor  
 Fryer+12 explosion



Low-mass stars ■  
 Intermediate-mass stars ■  
 High-mass stars ■

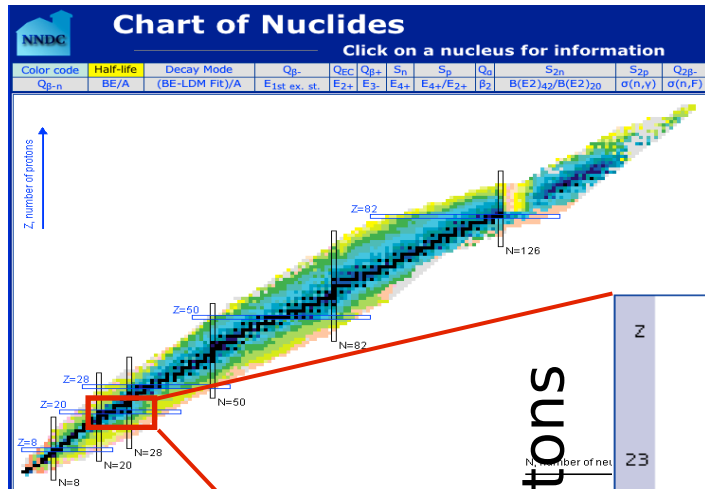
# Nuclear burning stages

Fuel	Main Product	Secondary Product	T ( $10^9$ K)	Time (yr)	Main Reaction
H	He	$^{14}\text{N}$	0.02	$10^7$	$4\text{H} \xrightarrow{\text{CNO}} ^4\text{He}$
He	O, C	$^{18}\text{O}$ , $^{22}\text{Ne}$ s-process	0.2–0.3	$10^6$	$3\text{He}^4 \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C}$ $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$
C	Ne, Mg	Na	0.8	$10^3$	$^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$
Ne	O, Mg	Al, P	1.5	3	$^{20}\text{Ne}(\gamma, \alpha)^{16}\text{O}$ $^{20}\text{Ne}(\alpha, \gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$
O	Si, S	Cl, Ar, K, Ca	2.0	0.8	$^{16}\text{O} + ^{16}\text{O}$
Si, S	Fe	Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Co, Ni	3.5	0.02	$^{28}\text{Si}(\gamma, \alpha)\dots$



From: Alex Heger

# What is the origin of all the elements and the isotopes?

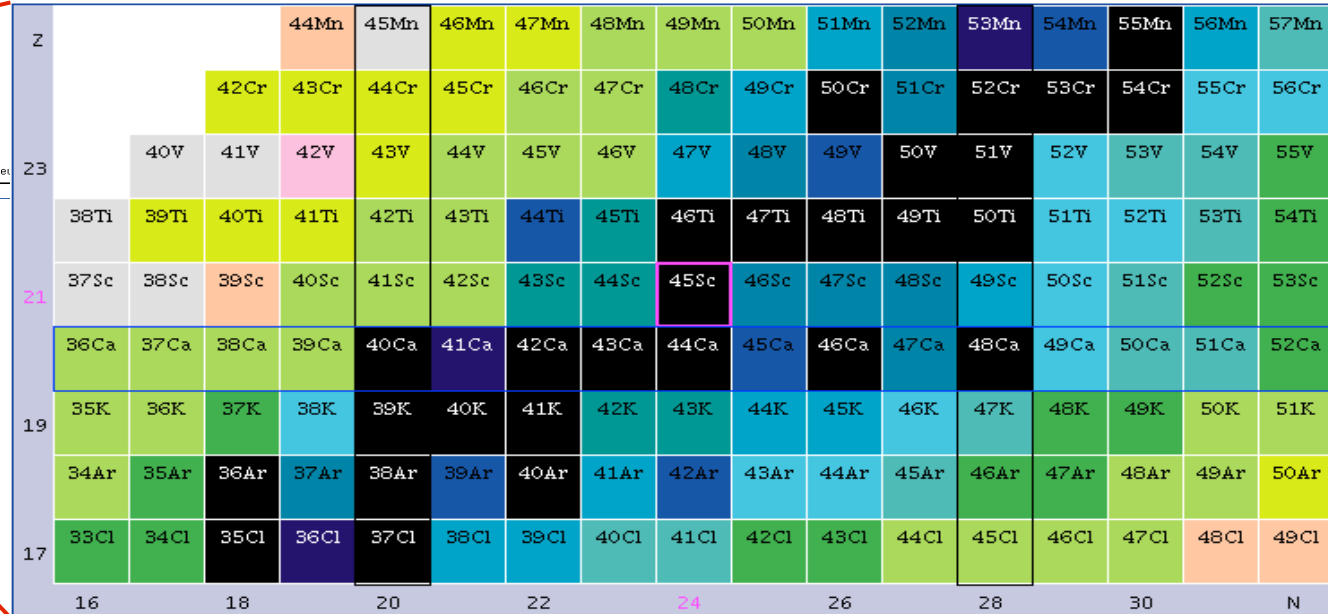


100+ elements

254 stable isotopes

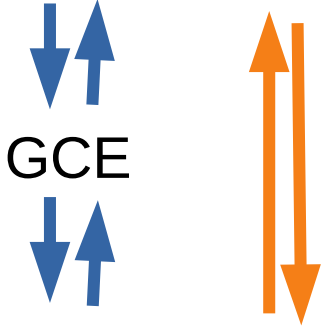
6000+ isotopes including all unstable species

number of protons

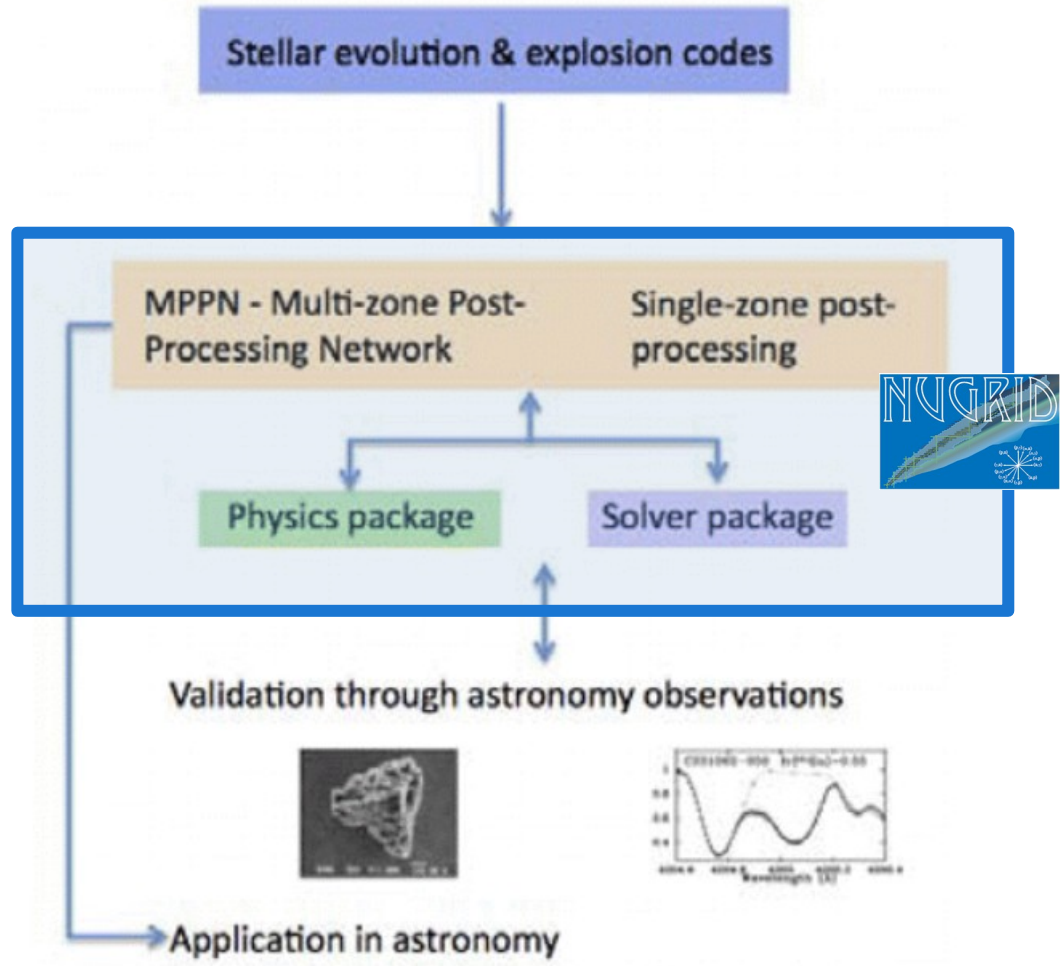
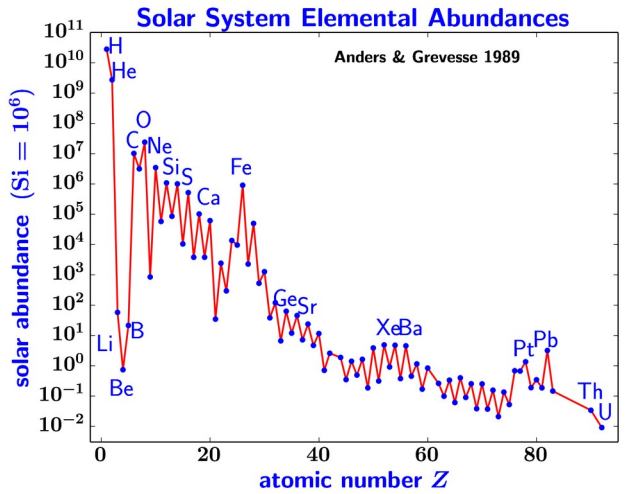


number of neutrons

# Production of elements and isotopes in stars



Comparison with observations



# Labs for computational experiments in nucleosynthesis



Locally:  
Some simple calculations (e.g., single trajectories);  
Nuclear sensitivity studies (light configurations);  
Visualization.



HPC:  
Full stellar models;  
Stellar yields sets for GCE;  
Visualization.

Viper-HPC @Hull  
available via  
ChETEC-INFRA



# Data in hdf5: looking at one file with, e.g., HDF compass ...

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File Visualize Window Help

Plot Data

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HDF5 Dataset

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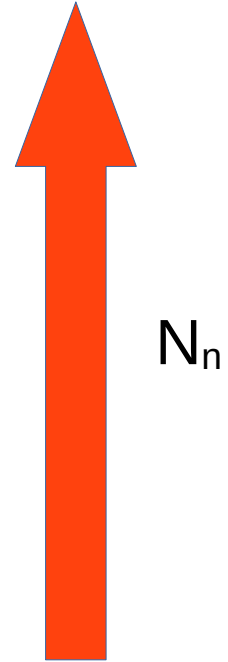
Example: 1D stellar model (CCSN progenitor)

## Additional things to consider (data maintenance and visualization)

- Reproducibility of the results:
  - Long term data storage
  - Visualization:
    - Can you make the same plots after 3 year ?
    - Can you reproduce the same plots made 3 year ago?
- data accessibility to collaborators

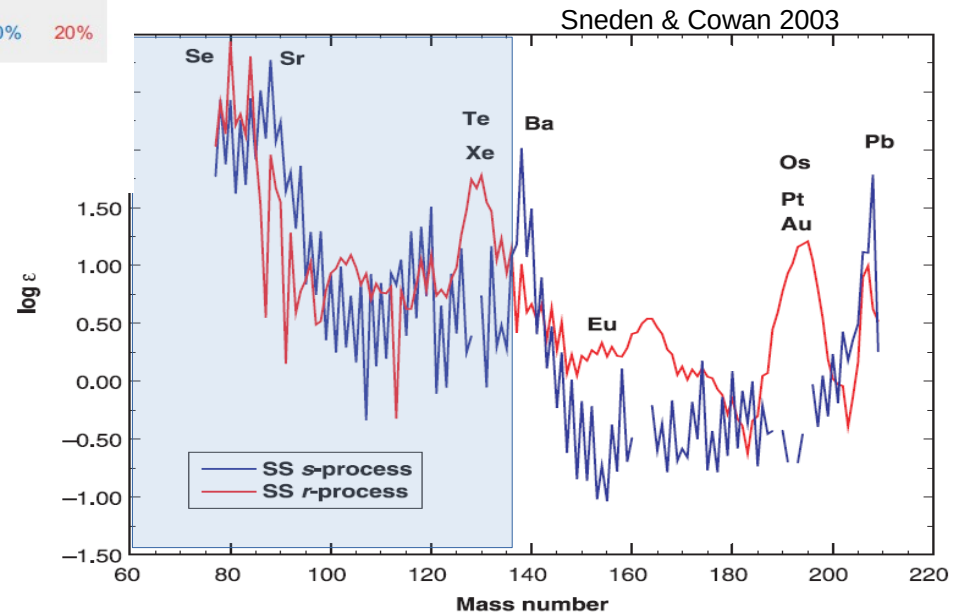
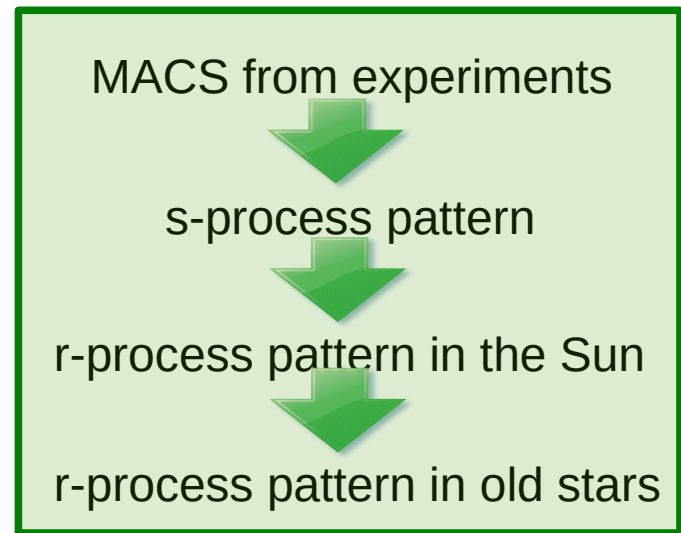
# List of neutron capture processes

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							<i>r</i>	<i>s</i>
Nd		142 <i>s</i>					42%	58%
Pr		141 <i>s,r</i> 100%					51%	49%
Ce		140 <i>s,r</i> 88.5%					19%	81%
		142 <i>r</i> 11.2%						
La		139 <i>s,r</i> 99.9%					25%	75%
Ba		134 <i>s</i> 2.4%	135 <i>s,r</i> 6.6%	136 <i>s</i> 7.9%	137 <i>s,r</i> 11.2%	138 <i>s,r</i> 71.7%	15%	85%
Cs		133 <i>s,r</i> 100%					85%	15%
Xe		128 <i>s</i> 1.9%	129 <i>s,r</i> 26.4%	130 <i>s</i> 4.1%	131 <i>s,r</i> 21.2%	132 <i>s,r</i> 26.9%	134 <i>r</i> 10.4%	136 <i>r</i> 8.9%

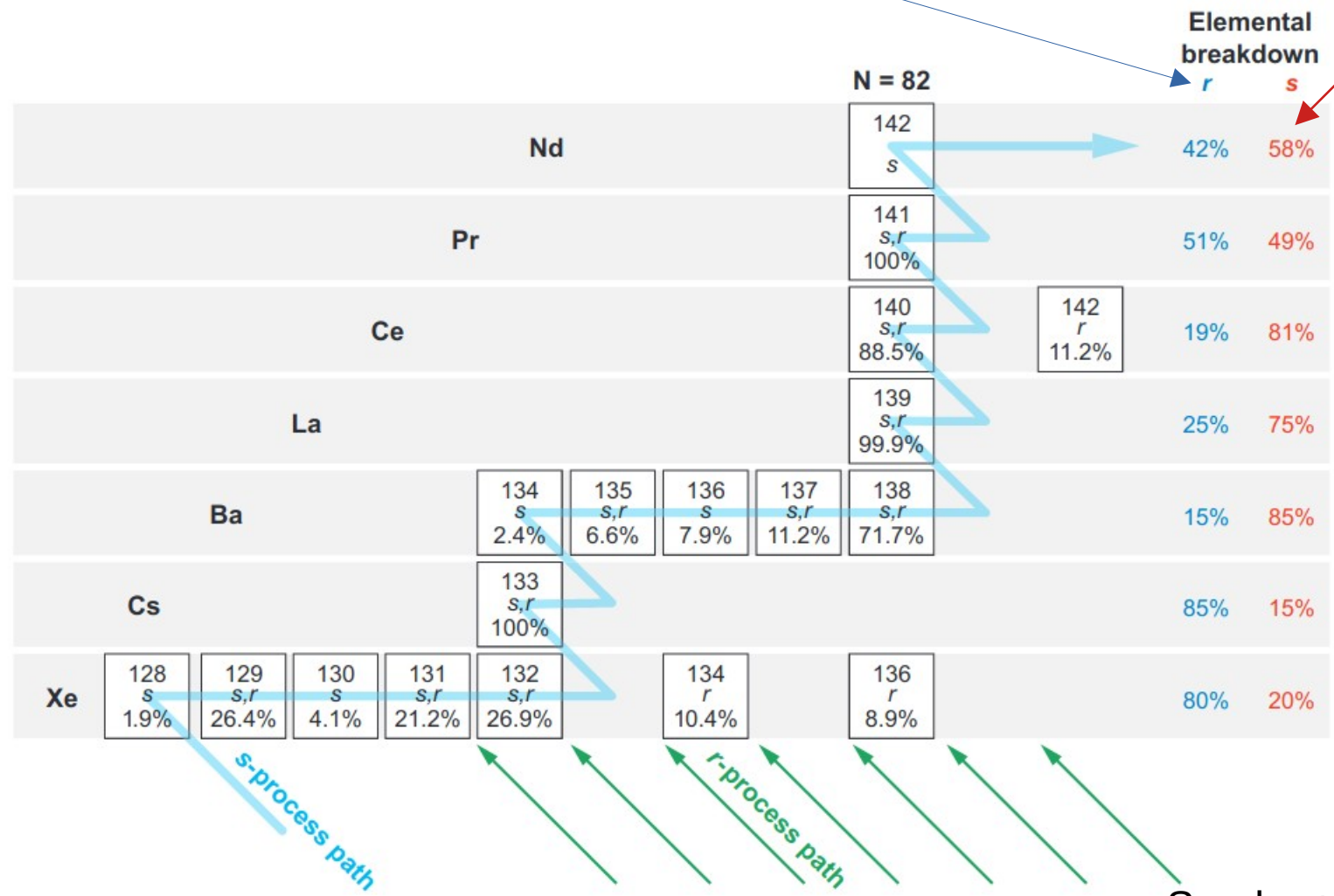
*s*-process path (blue arrows)  
*r*-process path (green arrows)





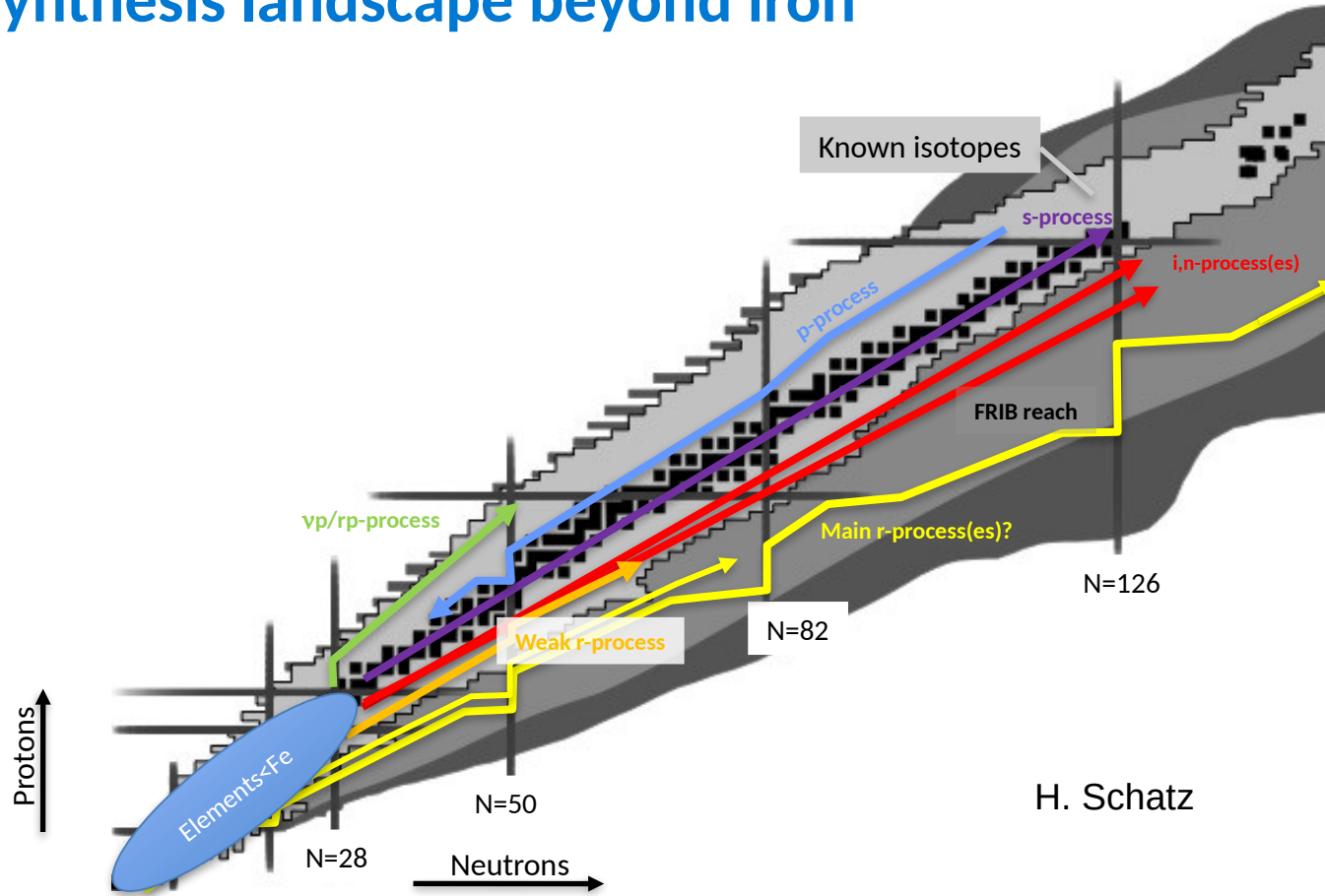
$r = \text{solar} - s$

S-process Models + GCE



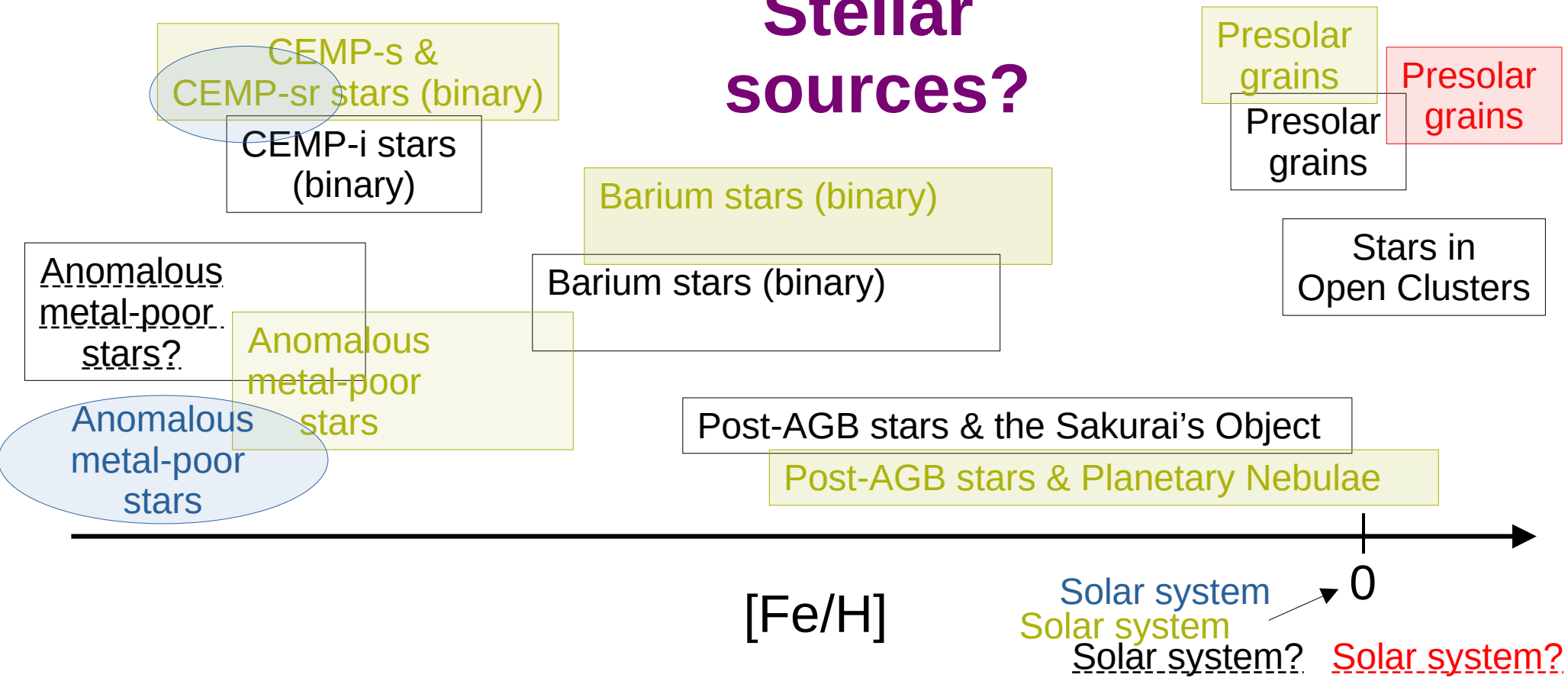
Snedden+ 2008 ARAA

# Nucleosynthesis landscape beyond iron



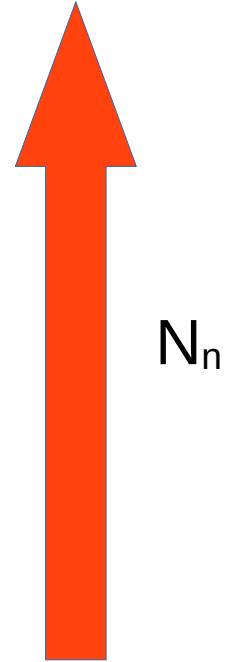
# Observation of s- i- n- & r-process signatures

## Stellar sources?

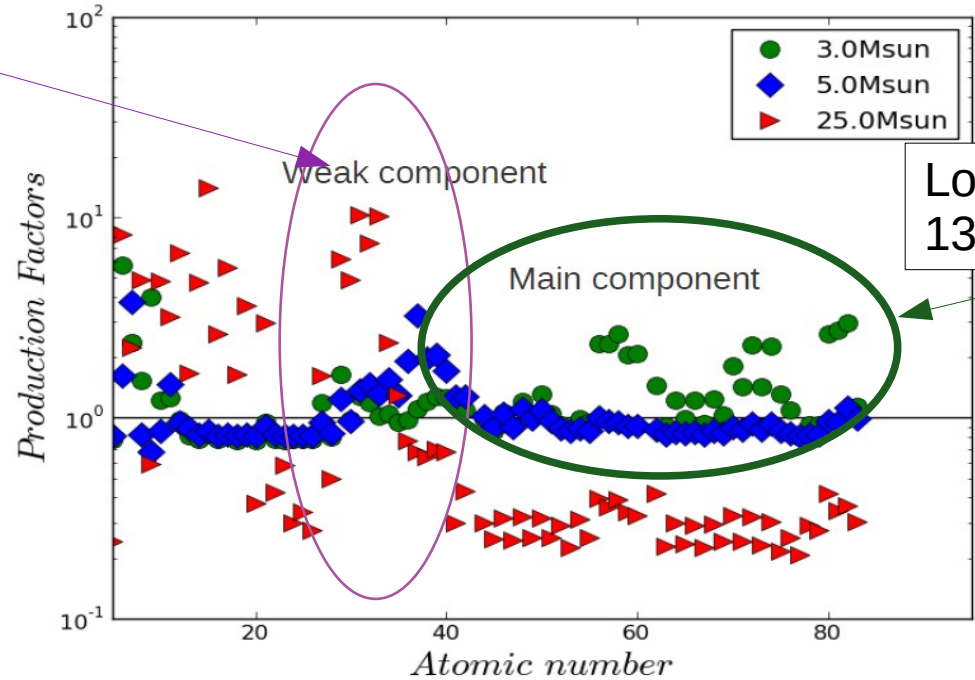


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massive stars... or  
 $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n)^{25}\text{Mg}$



Low-mass AGB stars... or  
 $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$  &  $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n)^{25}\text{Mg}$

MP+2016, ApJS

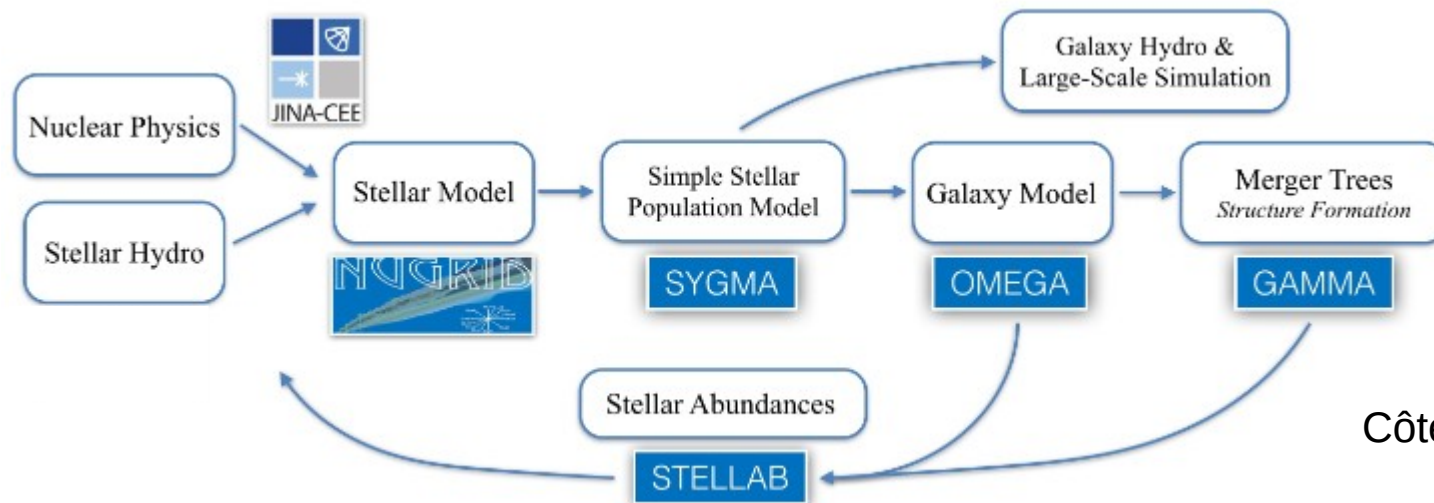
Elemental production factors for a low mass AGB star, a massive AGB stars, and a massive star (Z=0.01).

# Chemical Evolution Pipeline

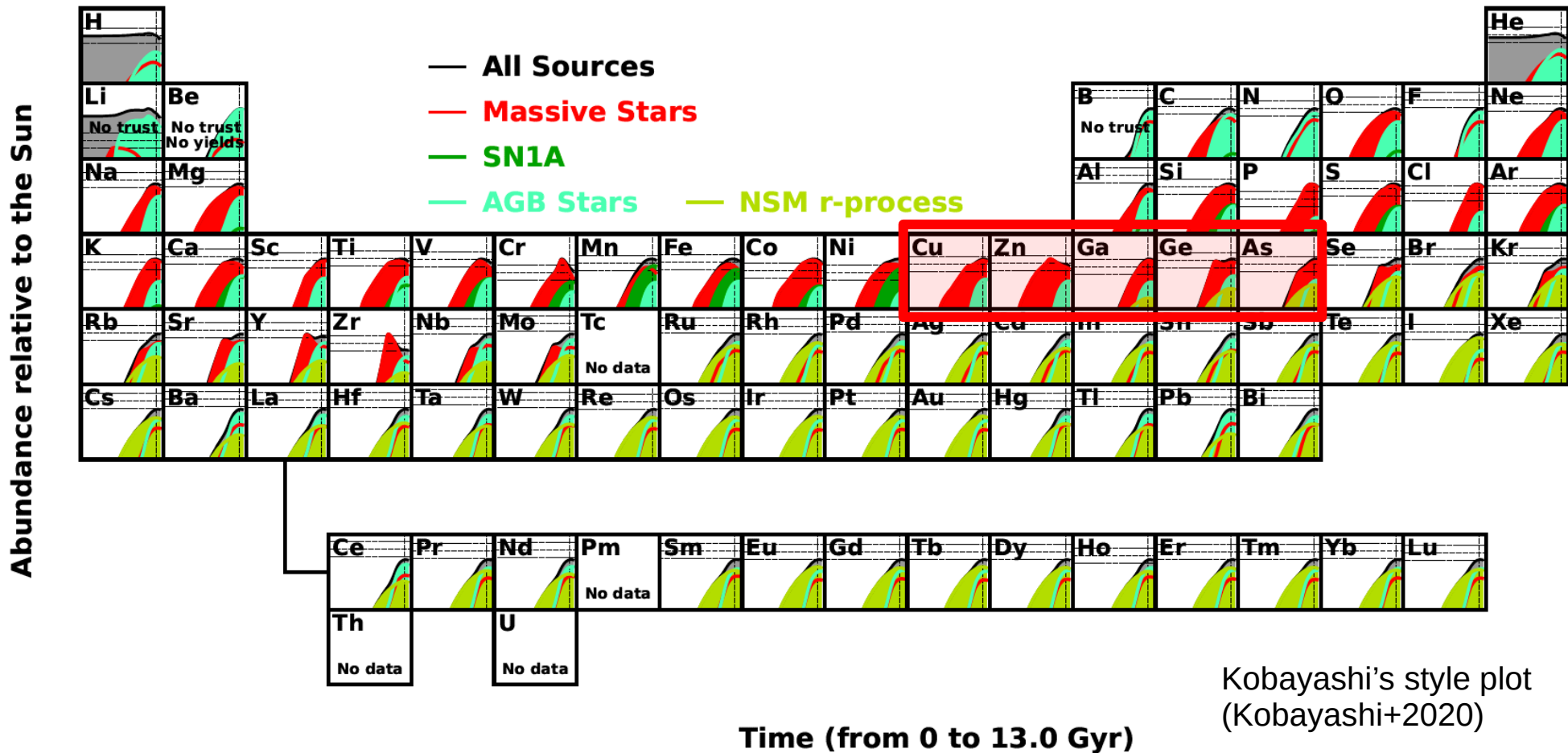
**Open-source codes**

<http://nugrid.github.io/NuPyCEE>

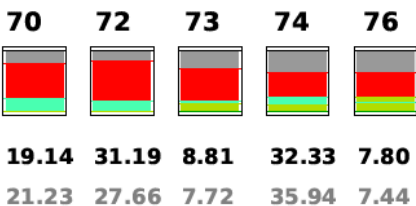
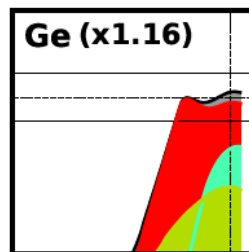
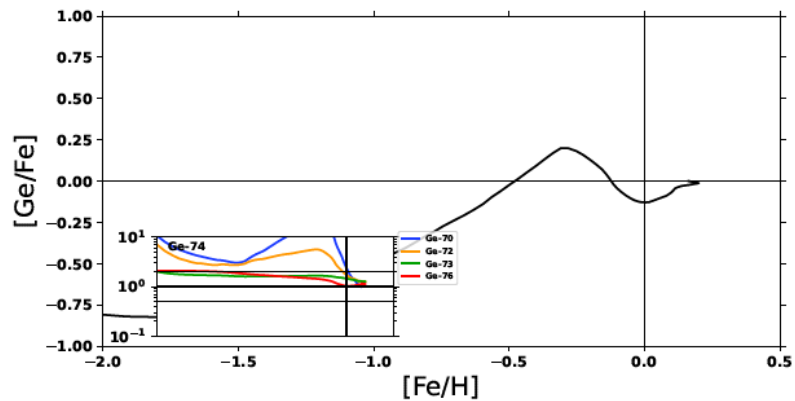
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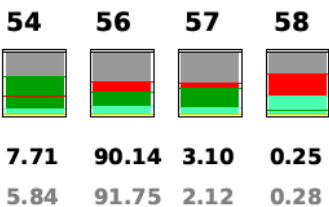
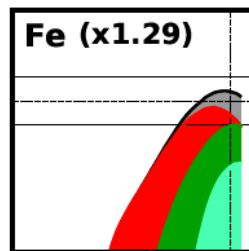
- **SYGMA** - **S**tellar **Y**ields for **G**alactic **M**odeling **A**pplications (Ritter, Côté, Herwig, et al. 2017)
- **OMEGA** - **O**ne-zone **M**odel for the **E**volution of **G**alaxies (Côté, O'Shea, Ritter, et al. 2017)
- **GAMMA** - **G**alaxy **A**ssembly with **M**erger-trees for **M**odeling **A**bundances (Côté, Silvia, O'Shea, et al. 2017)
- **STELLAB** - **S**TELLar **A**Bundances, observational data plotting tool



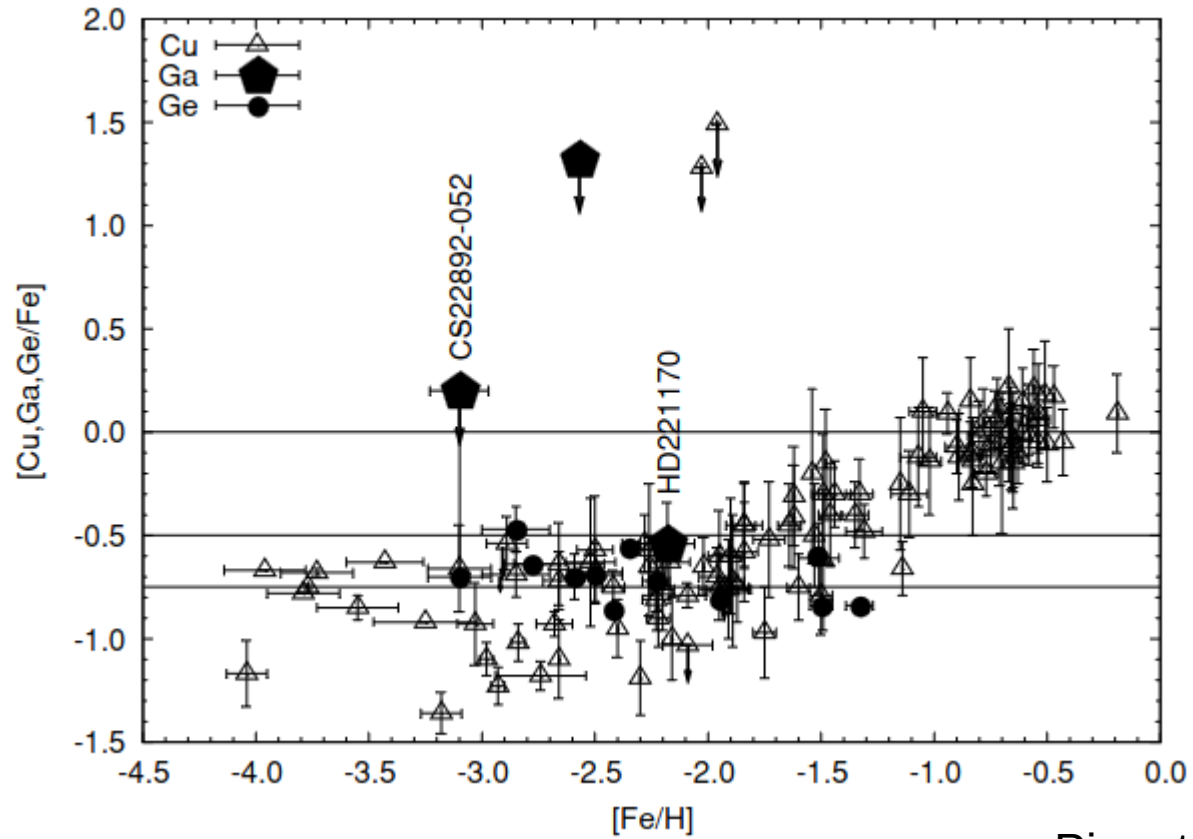
- All Sources
- Massive Stars
- SN1A
- AGB Stars
- NSM r-process



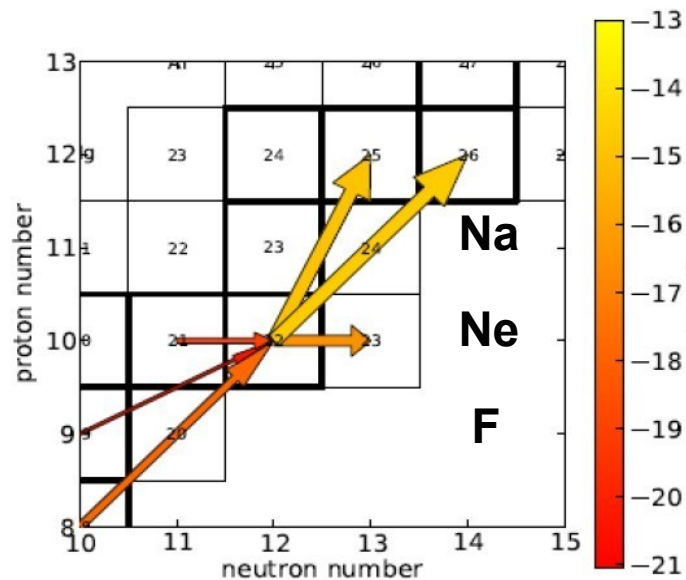
Prantzos's style plots  
(Prantzos+2020)





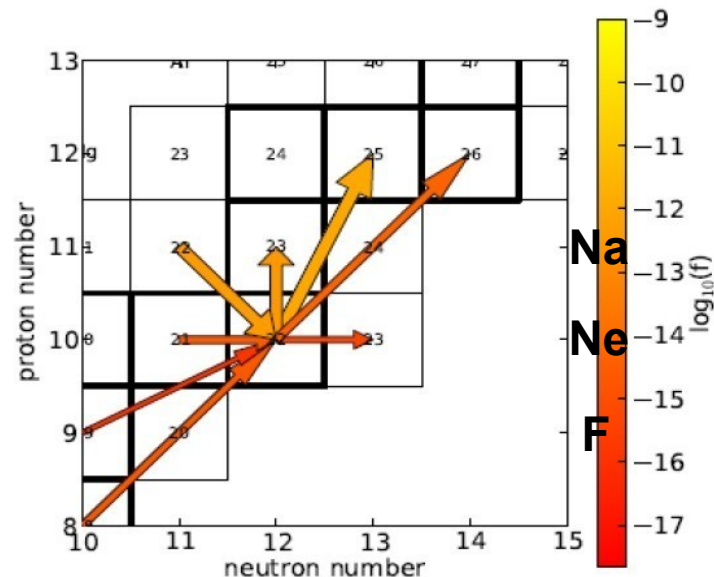


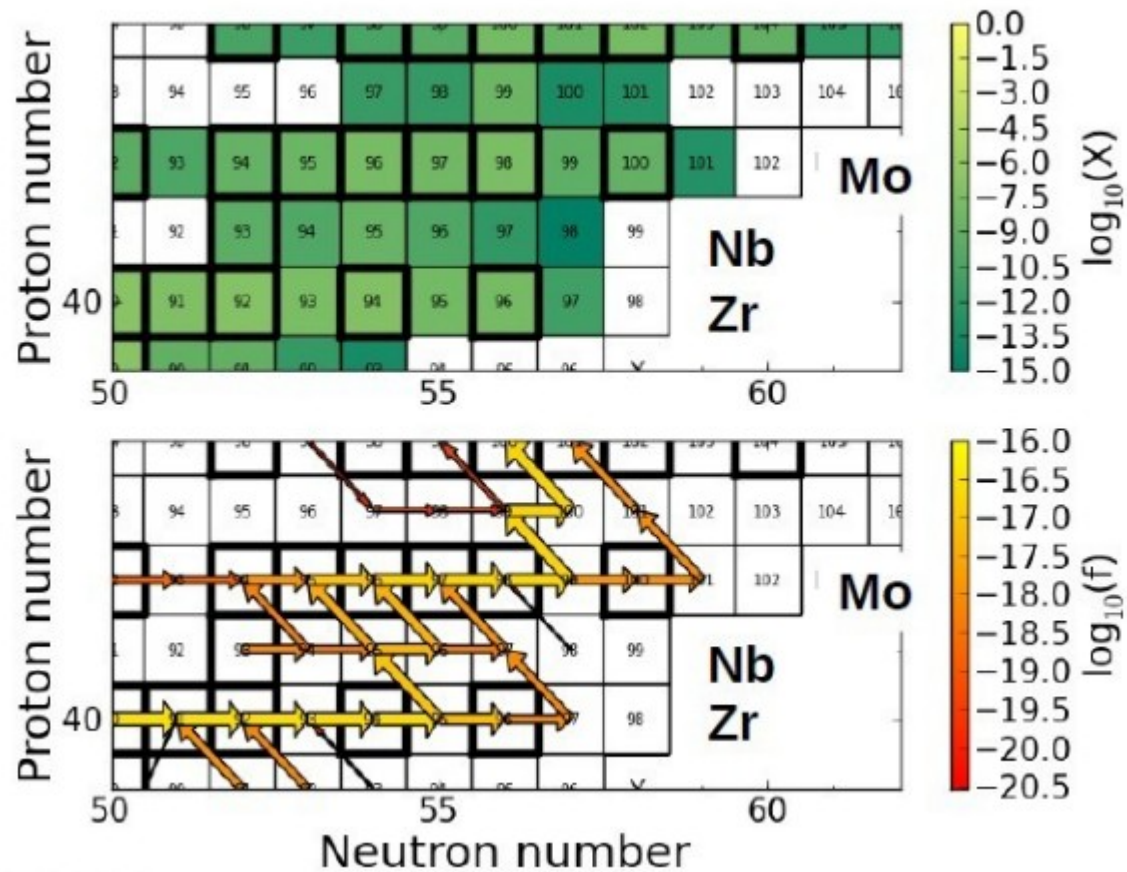
## Ne22( $\alpha$ ,n)Mg25: main neutron source of the weak s-process in massive stars.



Ne22 nucleosynthesis  
in He-burning conditions  
( $T_9 \sim 0.3$ )

Ne22 nucleosynthesis  
in C-burning conditions  
( $T_9 \sim 1$ )





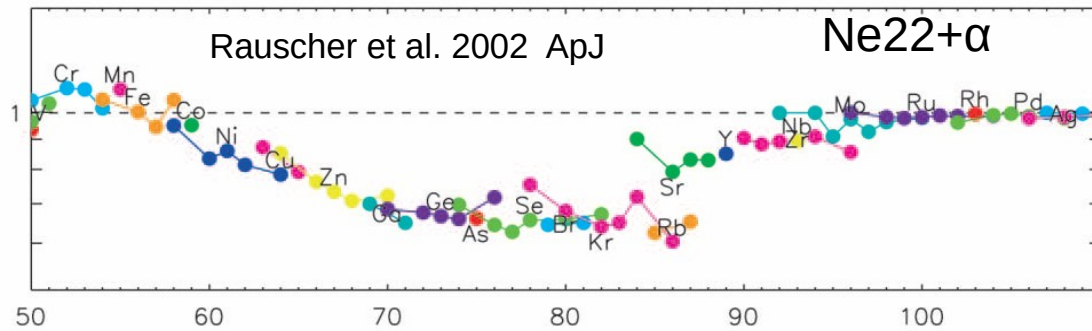
# $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n)^{25}\text{Mg}$ rate ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) & $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n)^{25}\text{Mg} / ^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, \gamma)^{26}\text{Mg}$

T9	Kaeppler+1994	Longland+2012	Talwar+2016	Adsley+2021
0.3	4.14e-11* (3.39)	3.36e-11 (2.97)	3.33e-11 (0.59)	1.05e-11 (1.23)
1.0	5.27e-02* (145)	6.64e-02 (162)	8.68e-02 (207)	1.33e-01 (344)

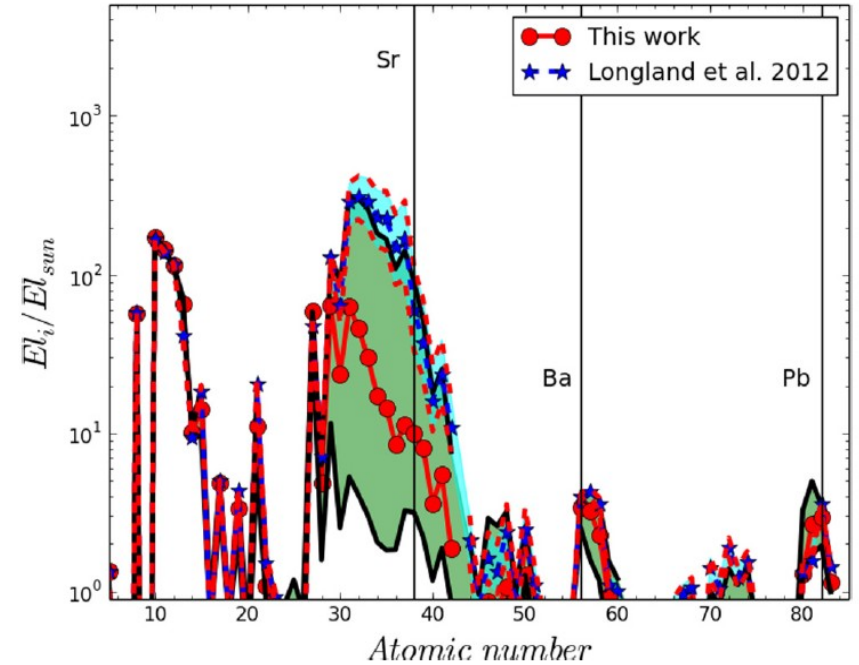
(\*): From Kaeppler+1994, typically used the lower limit, where the 633 keV resonance is neglected

- **In low-mass AGB stars: only partial  $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n)^{25}\text{Mg}$  activation**
- **In massive stars:**
  - **At 0.3 GK both rates and their relative ratios are important**
  - **At 1.0 GK the  $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, \gamma)^{26}\text{Mg}$  is not relevant**

## Nuclear uncertainties have large impact on the s-process products of massive stars



Talwar+ 2016 PRC

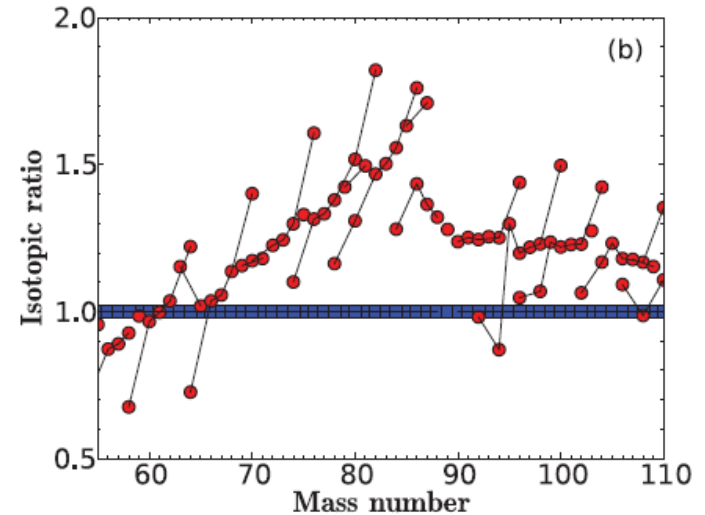
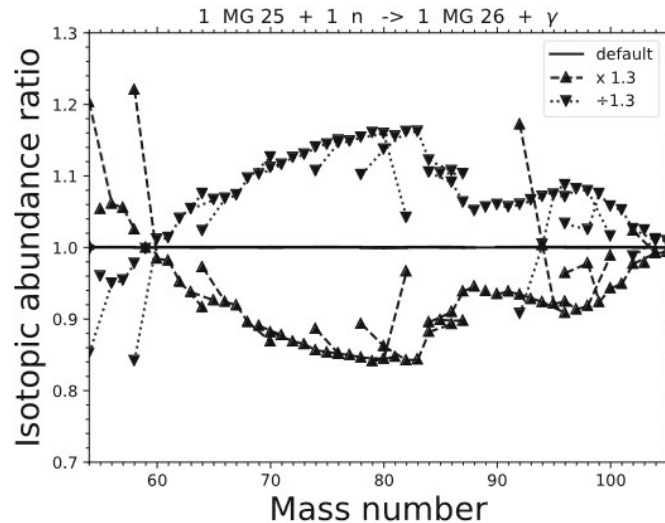




## The s process in massive stars, a benchmark for neutron capture reaction rates

Marco Pignatari<sup>1,2,3,a,b</sup>, Roberto Gallino<sup>4</sup>, Rene Reifarth<sup>5,6</sup>

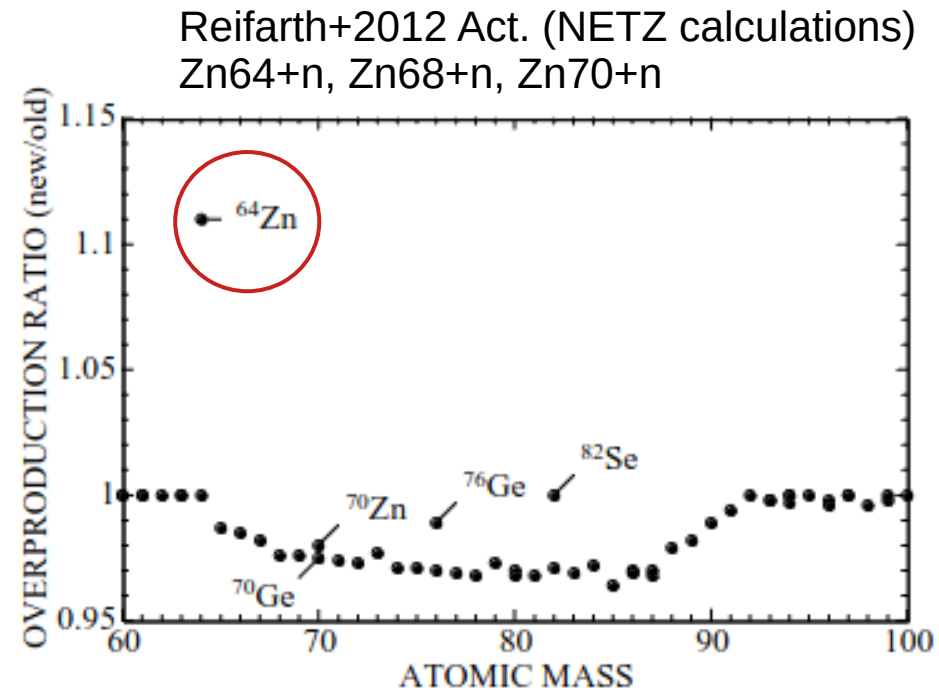
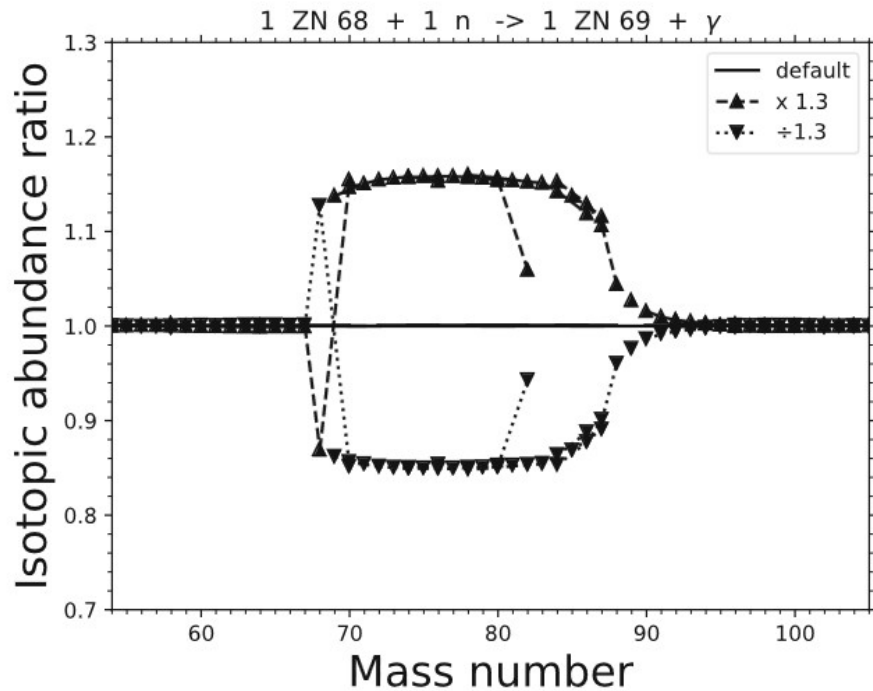
### Sensitivity study: 86 neutron-capture rates in the mass regions C-Si & Fe - Zr



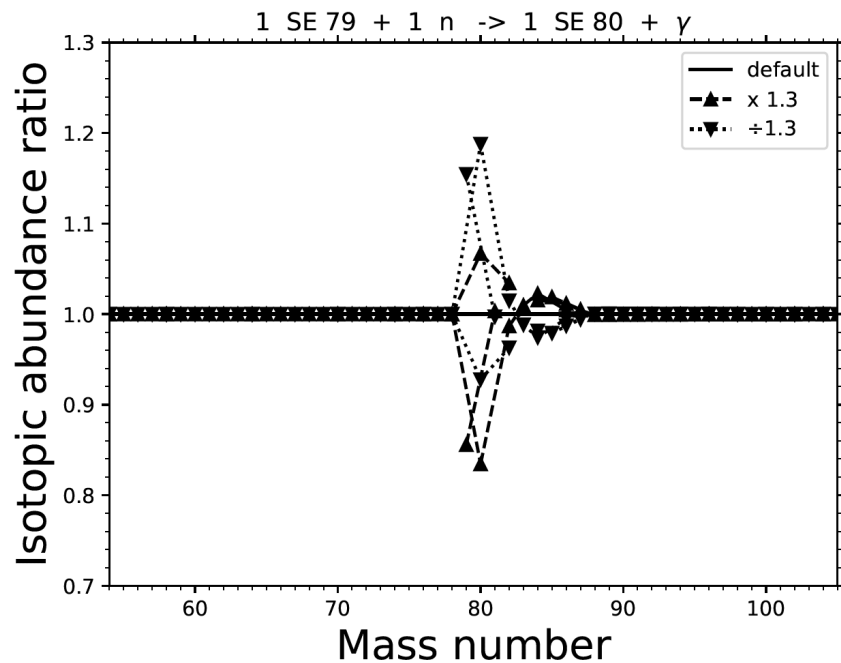
Massimi+2012 n\_TOF:  
 24Mg+n, 25Mg+n, 26Mg+n



EPJA volume  
 in honour of  
 Franz Käppler



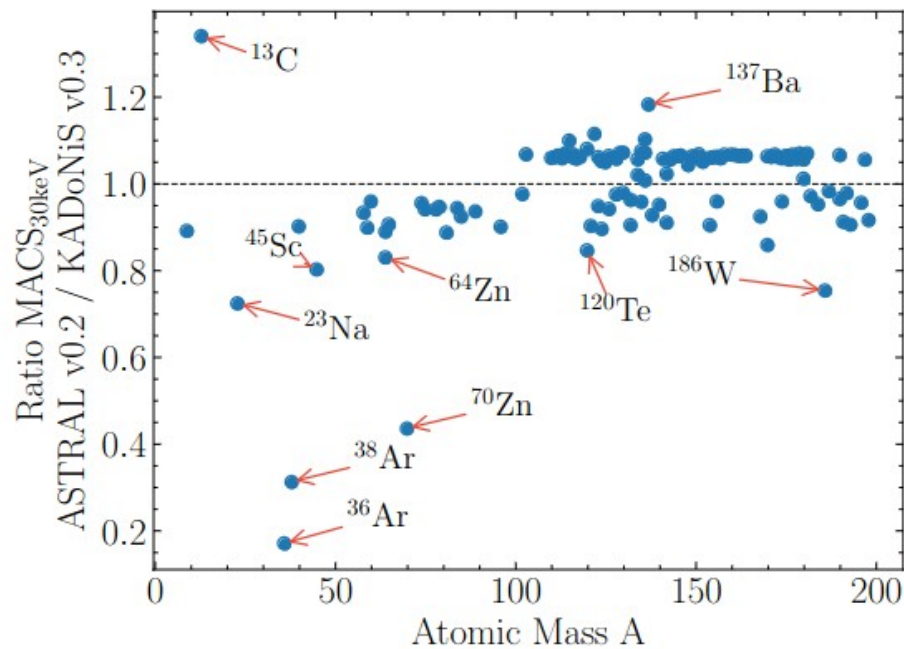
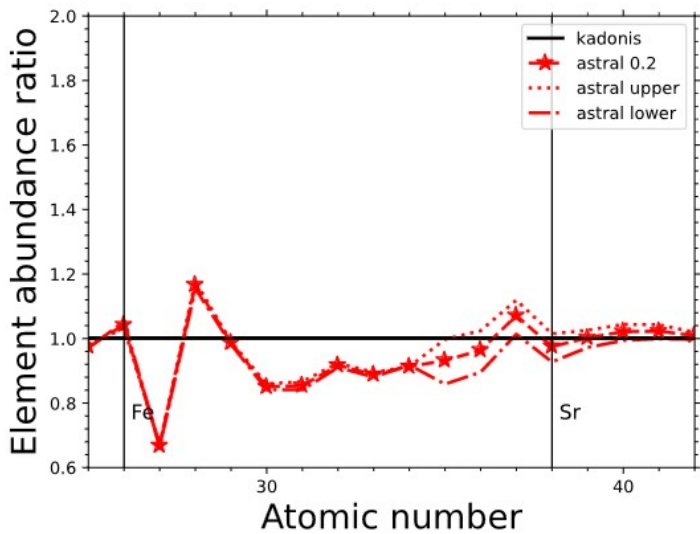
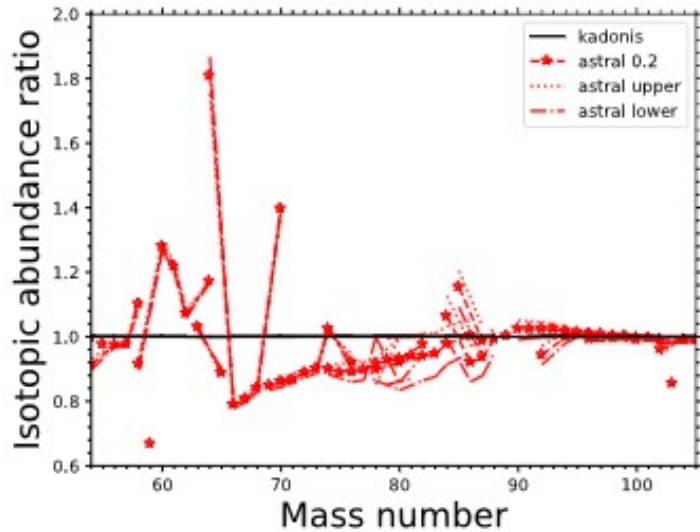
... n\_TOF data?



$^{80}\text{Rb}$ 33.40 s $\beta^+$	$^{81}\text{Rb}$ 4.57 h $\beta^+$	$^{82}\text{Rb}$ 1.27 m $\beta^+$	$^{83}\text{Rb}$ 86.20 d $\beta^+$	$^{84}\text{Rb}$ 33.10 d $\beta^+$
$^{79}\text{Kr}$ 1.46 d 959 mb, $\beta^+$	$^{80}\text{Kr}$ 2.28 267 mb	$^{81}\text{Kr}$ 229.02 ka 607 mb, $\beta^+$	$^{82}\text{Kr}$ 11.58 90 mb	$^{83}\text{Kr}$ 11.49 243 mb
$^{78}\text{Br}$ 6.46 m $\beta^+$	$^{79}\text{Br}$ 50.69 622 mb	$^{80}\text{Br}$ 17.68 m $\beta^-$	$^{81}\text{Br}$ 49.31 239 mb	$^{82}\text{Br}$ 1.47 d $\beta^-$
$^{77}\text{Se}$ 7.63 418 mb	$^{78}\text{Se}$ 23.77 109 mb	$^{79}\text{Se}$ 294.99 ka 263 mb, $\beta^-$	$^{80}\text{Se}$ 49.61 42 mb	$^{81}\text{Se}$ 18.45 m $\beta^-$
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n\_TOF: status experiment?  
 Lerendegui-Marco+ 2023





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Title: "The s process in massive stars, a benchmark for neutron capture reaction rates"; Authors: Marco Pignatari, Roberto Gallino, Rene Reifarth

Content: tar.gz package including a README file and two folders. The folders contain all the abundance plots associated to the work Pignatari, Gallino & Reifarth, 2023 The European Physical Journal A, Special Issue on: 'From reactors to stars' in honor of Franz Kaeppler.

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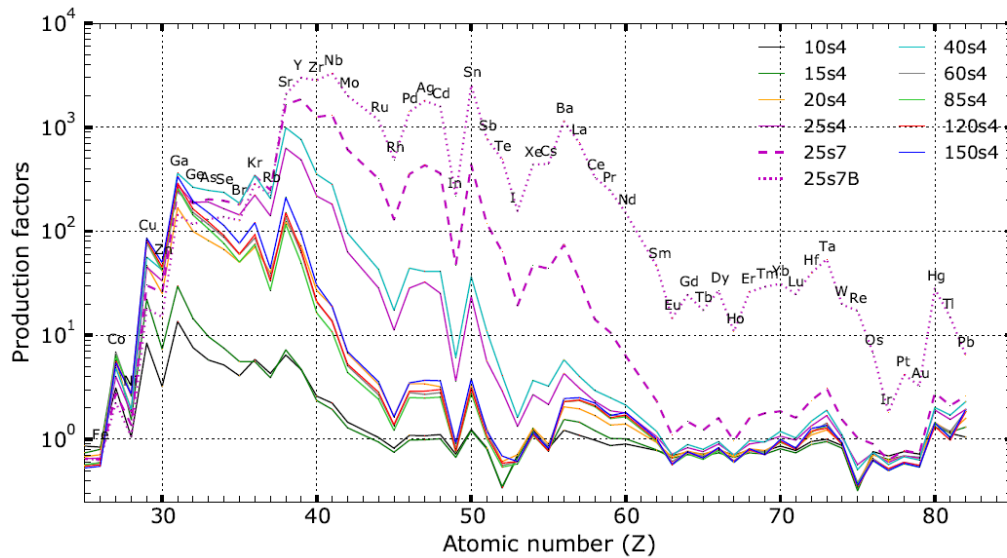
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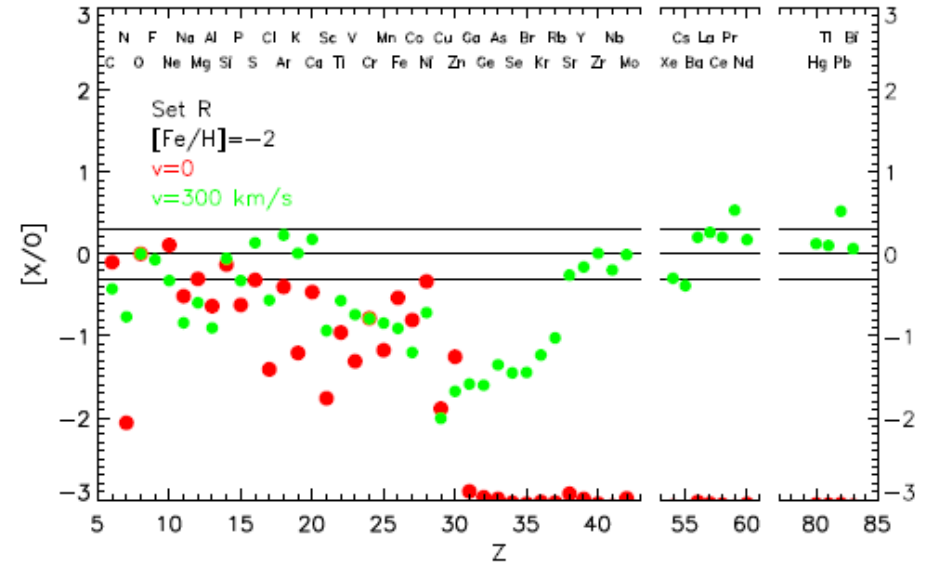
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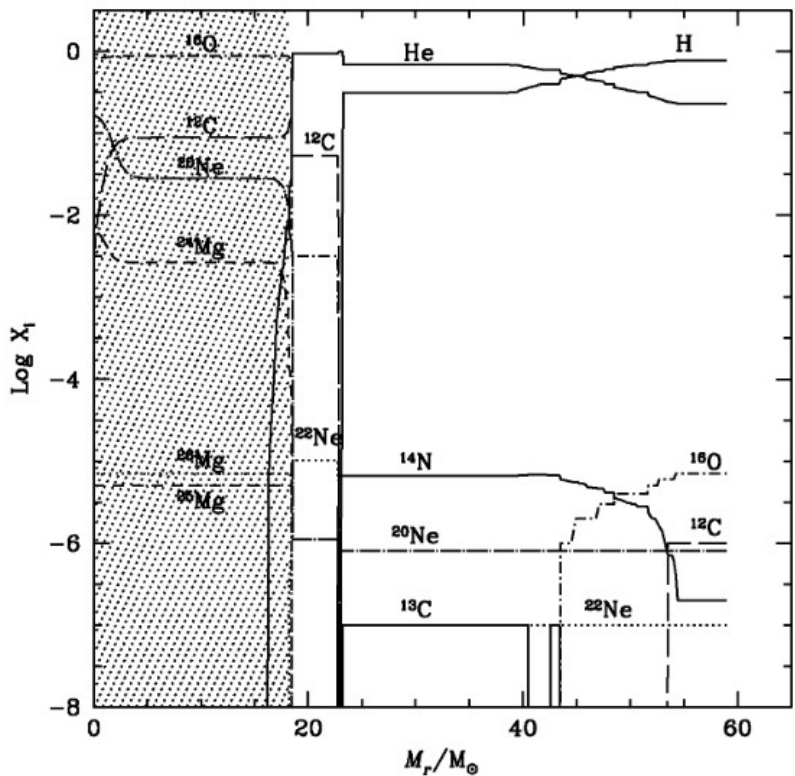
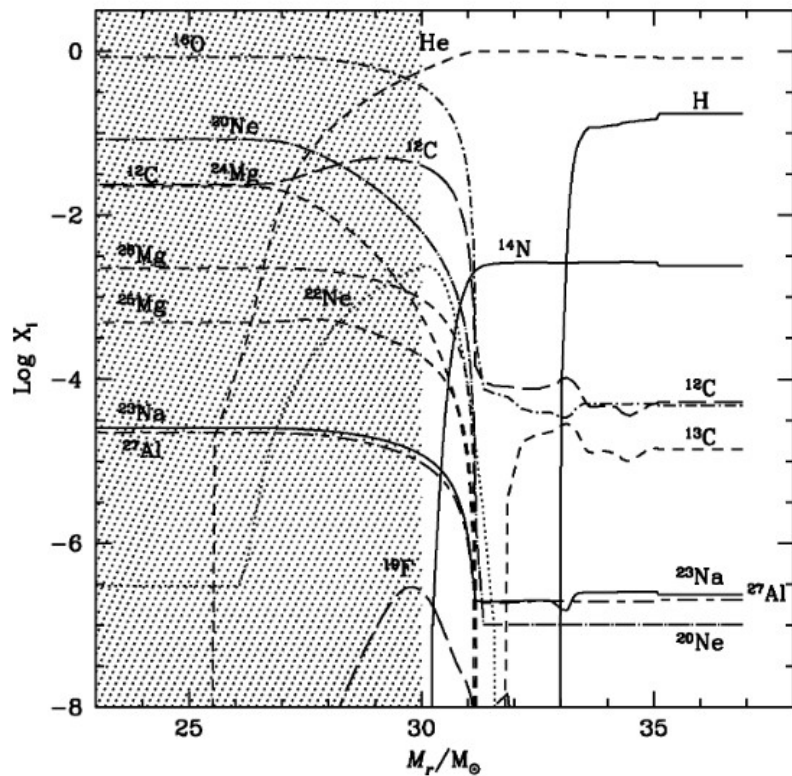
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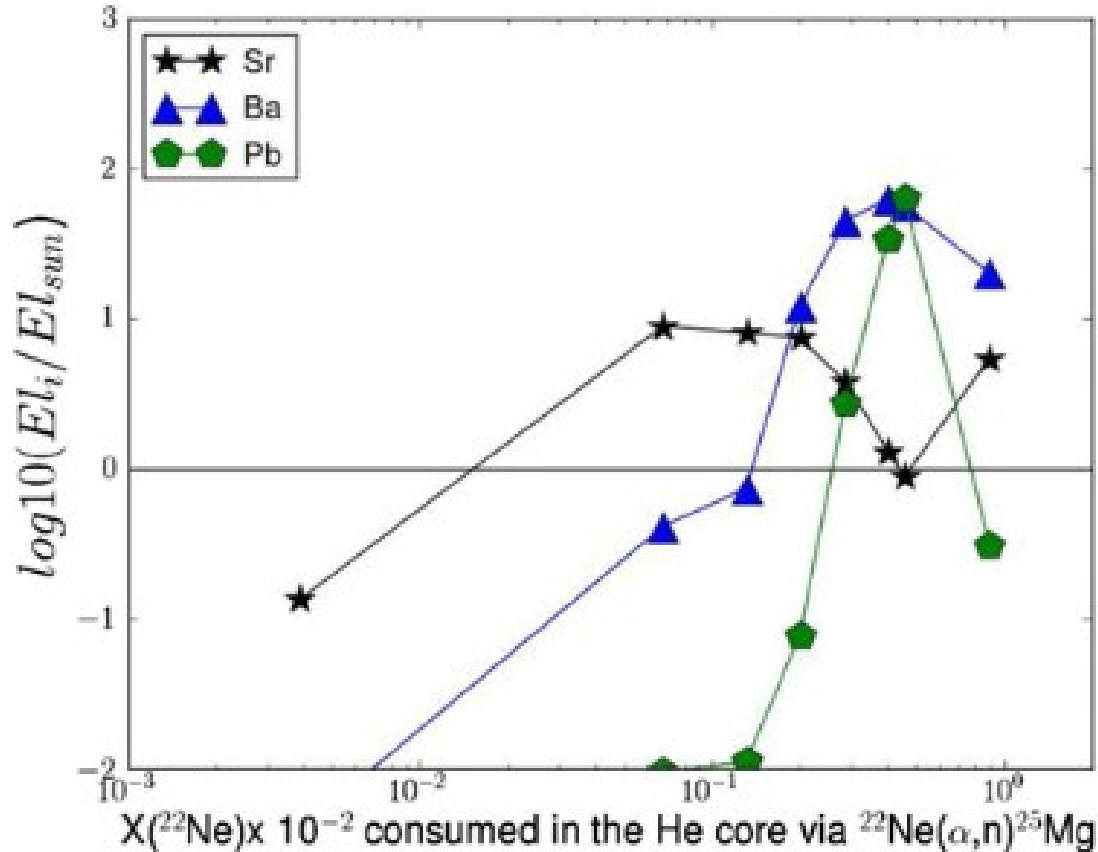
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See also Pignatari+ 2008 ApJL, Frischknecht+ 2016 MNRAS

# Why the s-process is boosted in fast-rotating massive stars?

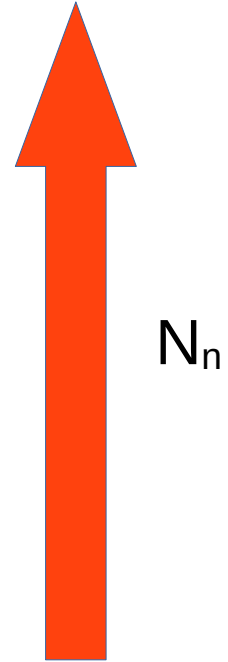


# 22Ne+ $\alpha$ : impact on the s-process in fast-rotating massive stars



# List of neutron capture processes

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## A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE $r$ -PROCESS

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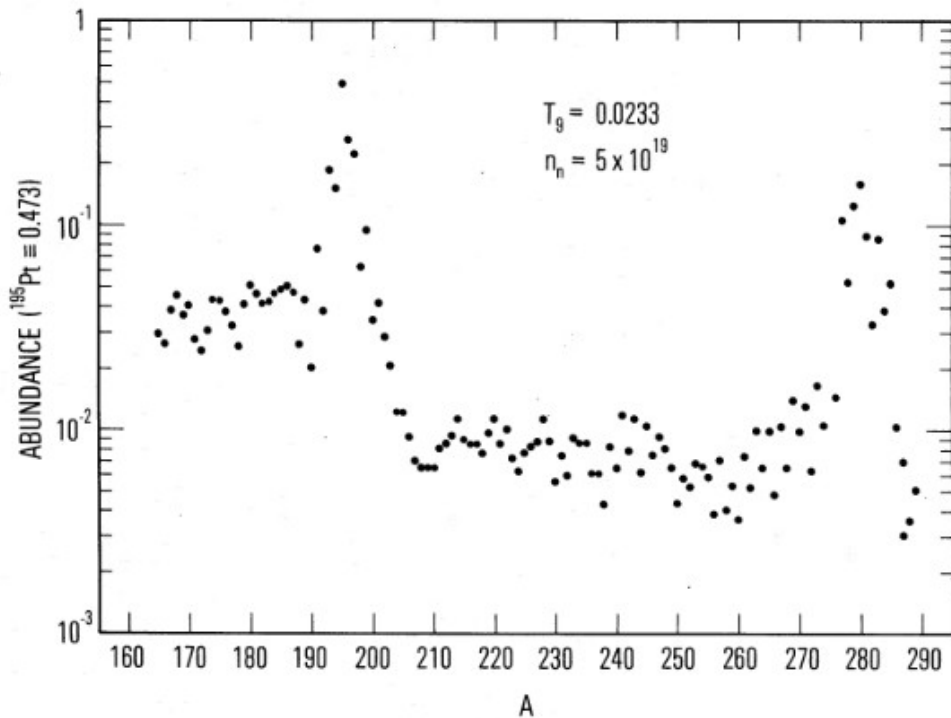
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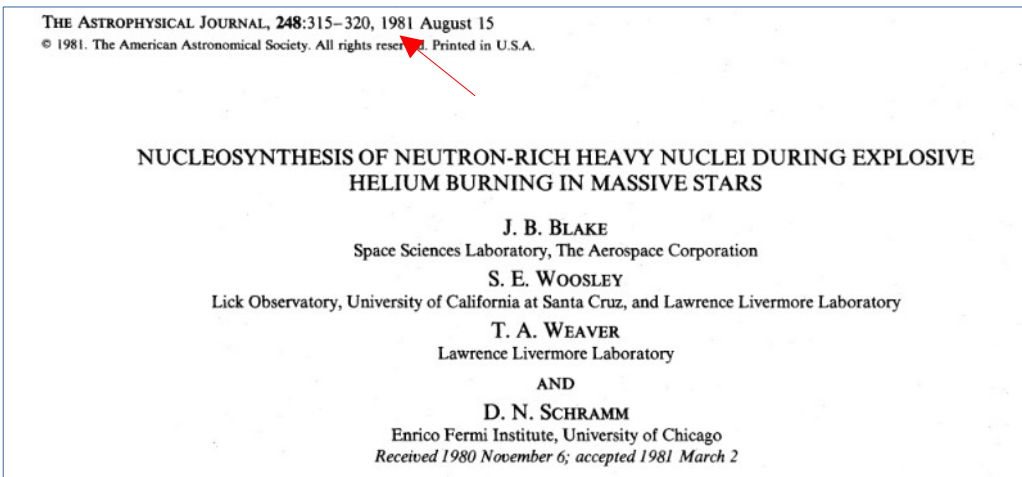
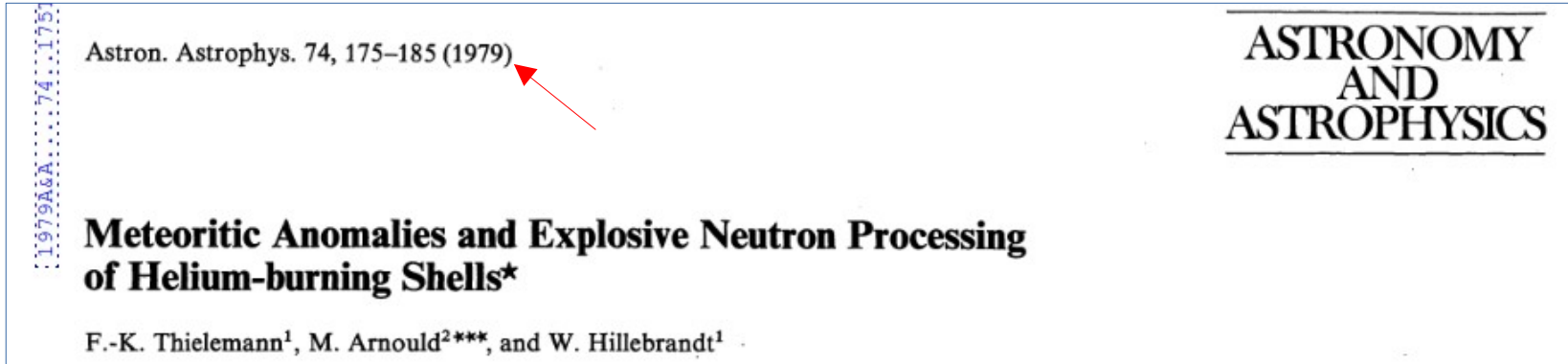
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**n process**



Possible stellar sites proposed:  
 CCSNe or Novae

# Connecting the n-process with the stellar site

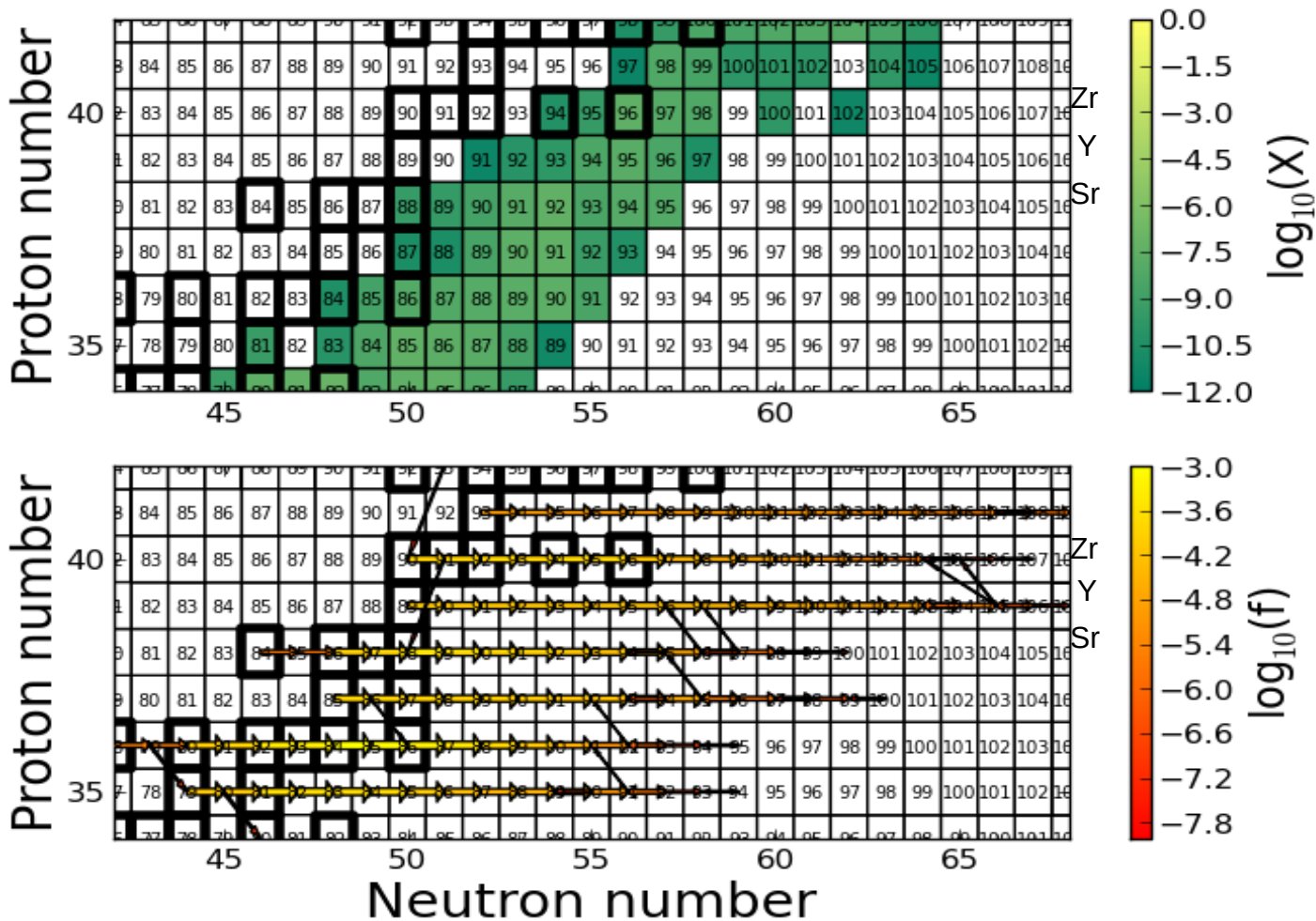


## Main results:

- The n-process is associated to the explosive He-burning in CCSNe;
- The main neutron source is the  $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n)^{25}\text{Mg}$ .
- The r-process abundances are not reproduced



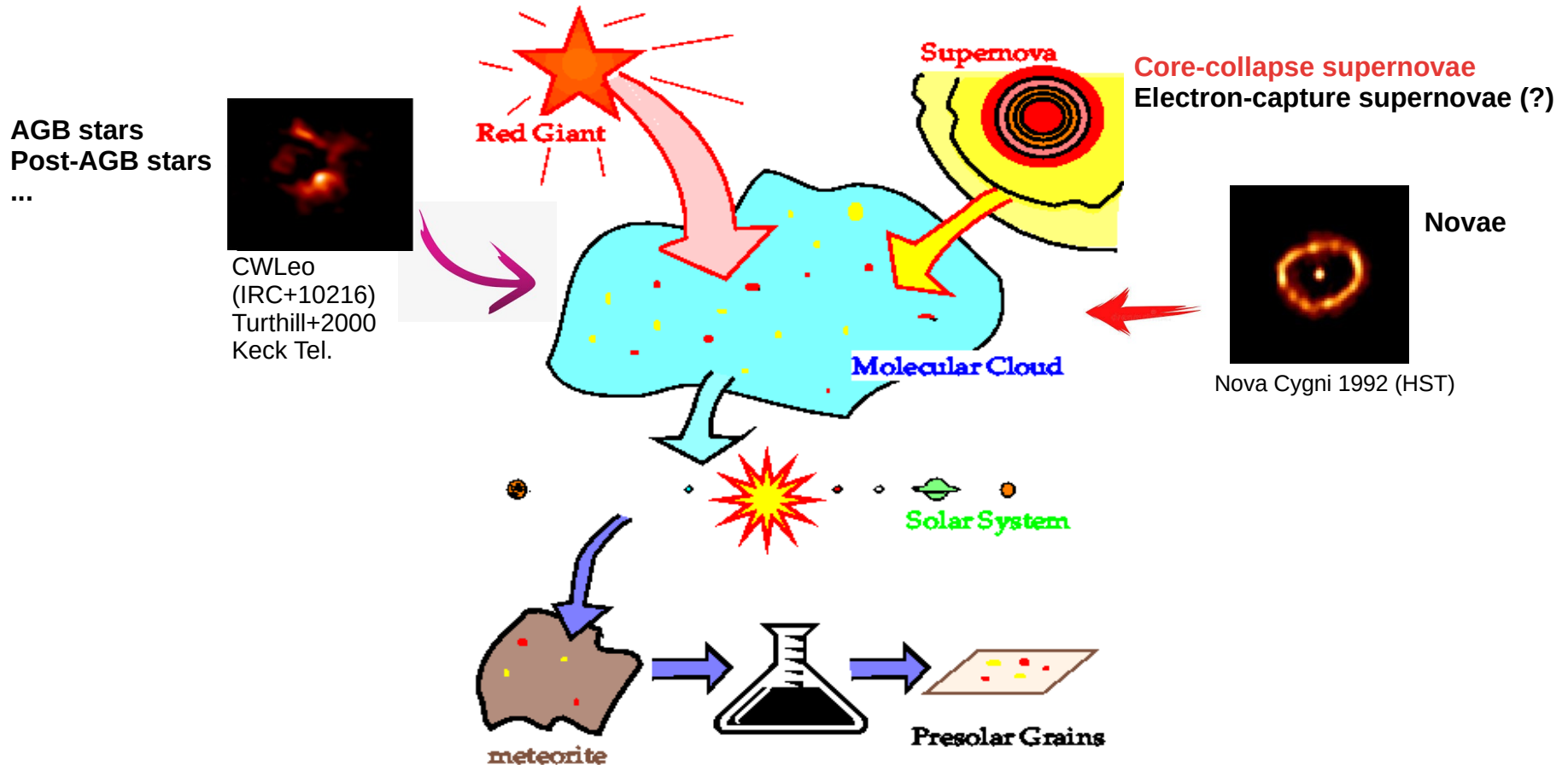
# Nucleosynthesis properties of the n process



What are the observational signatures of the n-process?

- The impact on GCE is not expected to be relevant
- Signature on C-rich presolar grains
- Contribution to the Short-Lived Radionuclides (SLRs – 0.1-100Myr) in the Galaxy and in the Early Solar System

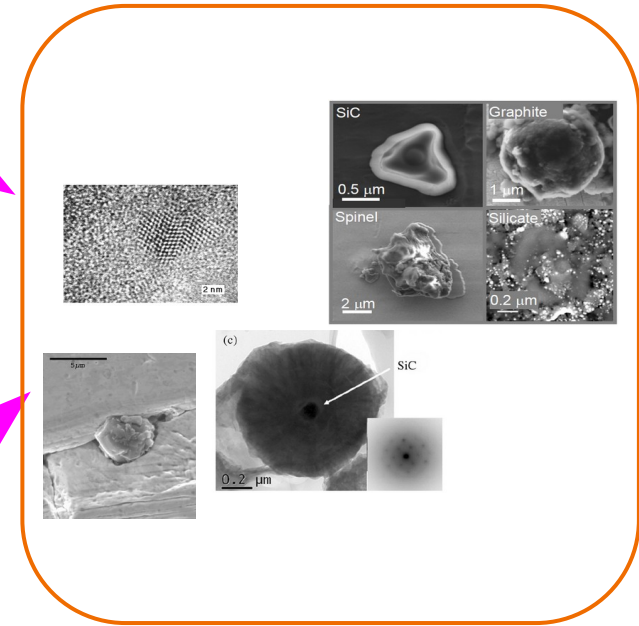
# The presolar grain journey from stars to us



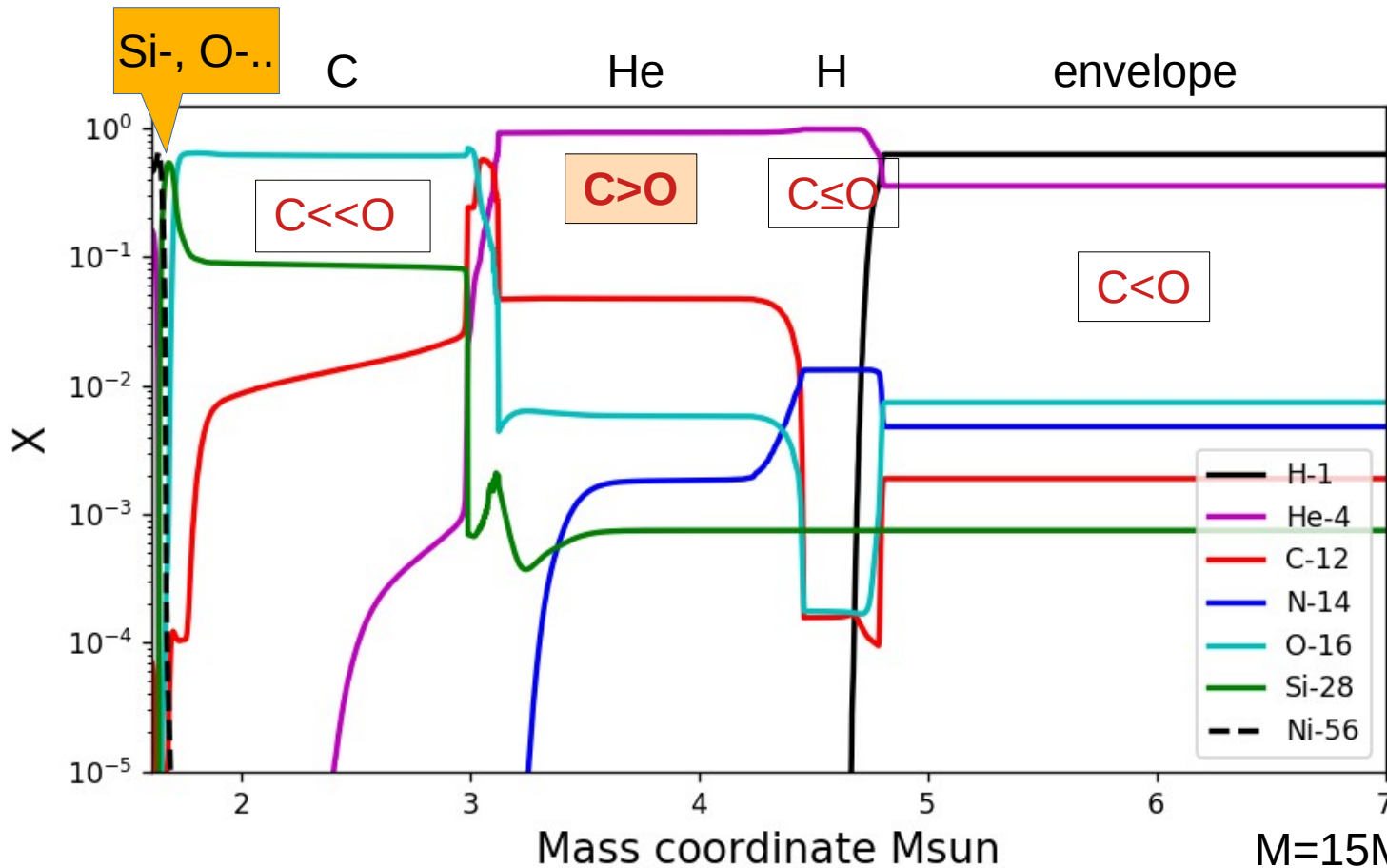
Grains formed from part of the material ejected, in the timescale of few months-one year after the explosion.  
**Not to be compared with integrated stellar yields!**



Grains formed in winds and to be compared with surface abundance from stellar models

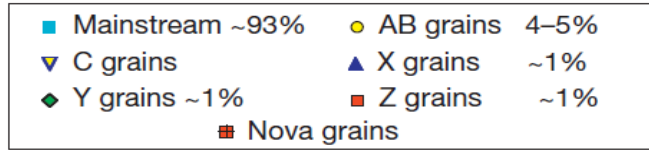


Presolar grains zoo



$M=15M_{\text{sun}}$ ,  $Z=0.02$   
 Ritter+2018 MNRAS  
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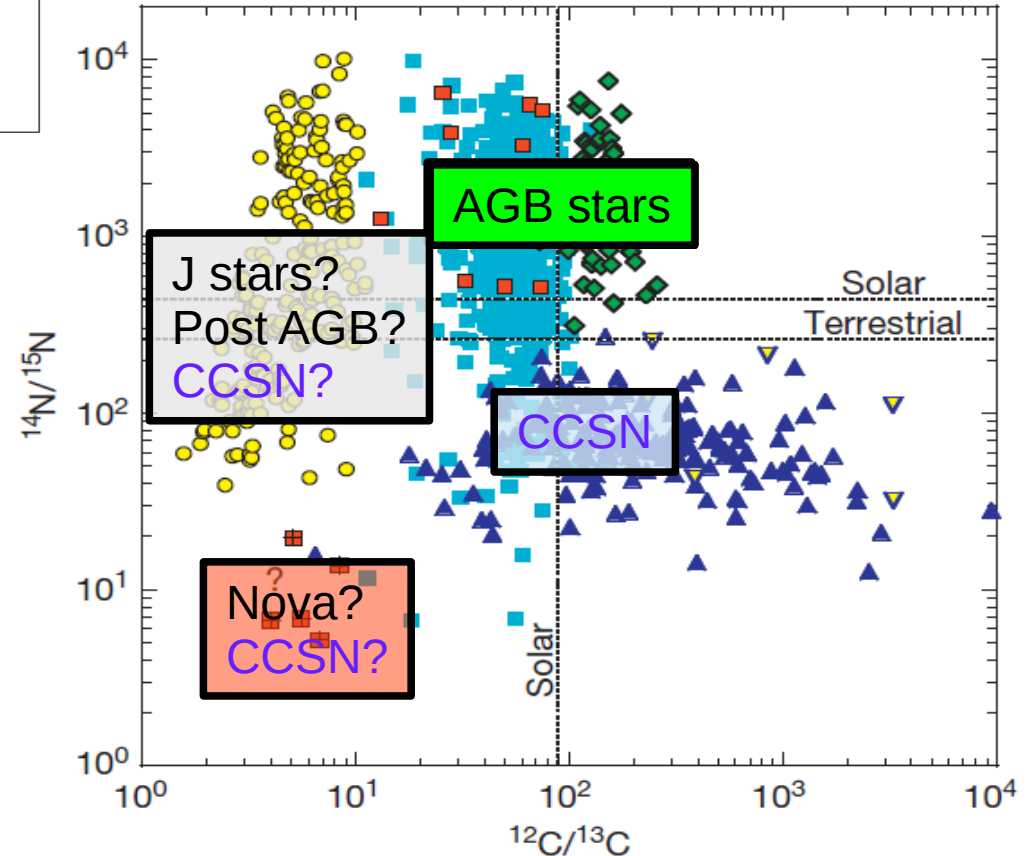
The analysis to disentangle the origin of different types of presolar grains is based on the comparison between their **isotopic** composition and stellar models.



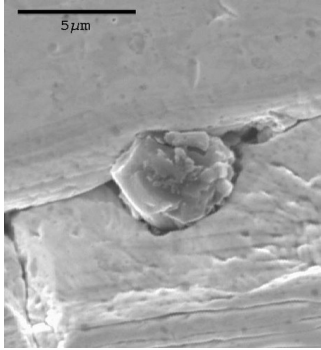
St. Louis Presolar Grains database:  
Hynes & Gyngard 2009 LPIS 40  
Stephan et al. 2020, LpIS 51

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"Where the telescope ends, the microscope begins. Which of the two has the grander view?"

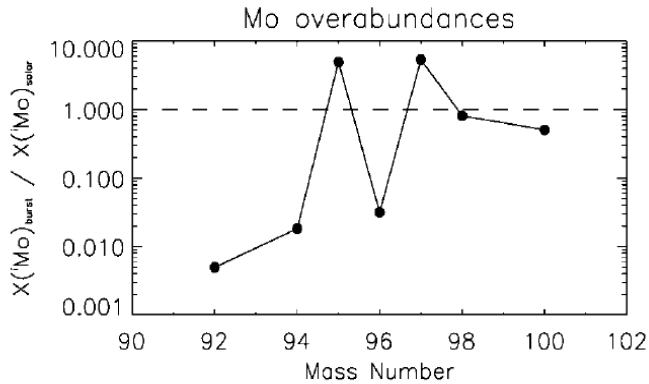


# The n-process: n-capture signature in presolar SiC-X grains from CCSNe

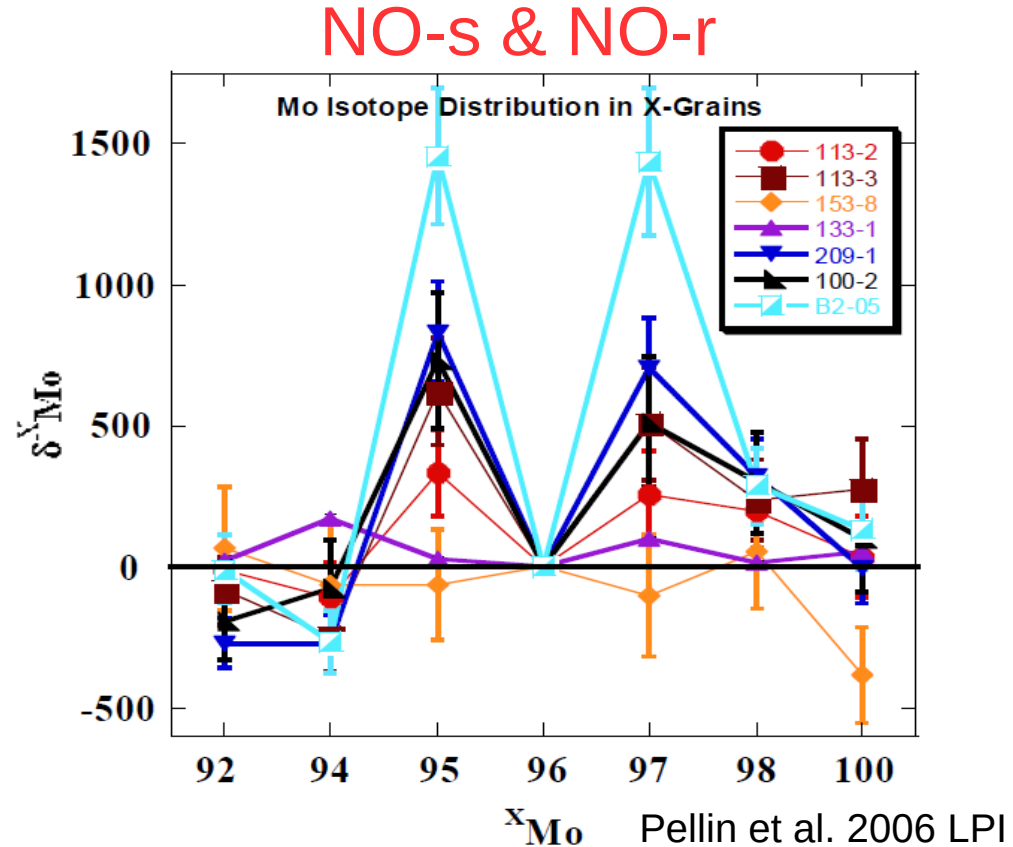


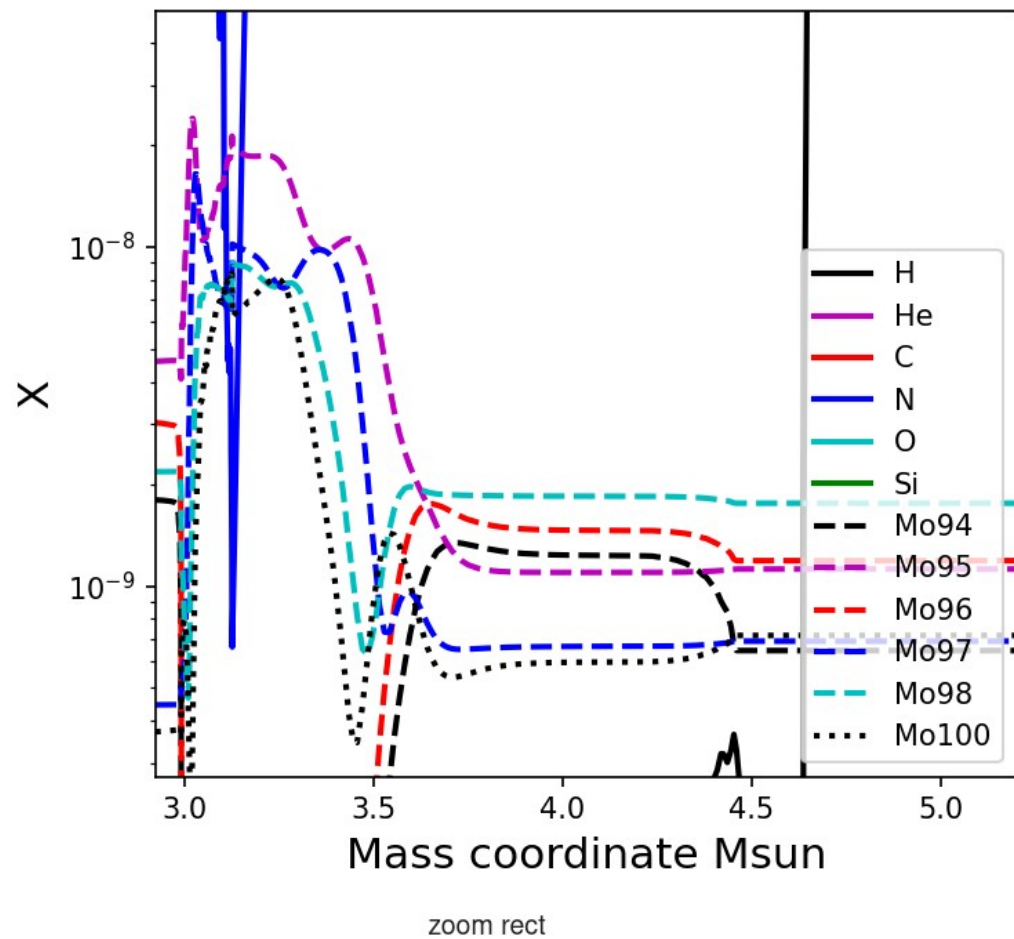
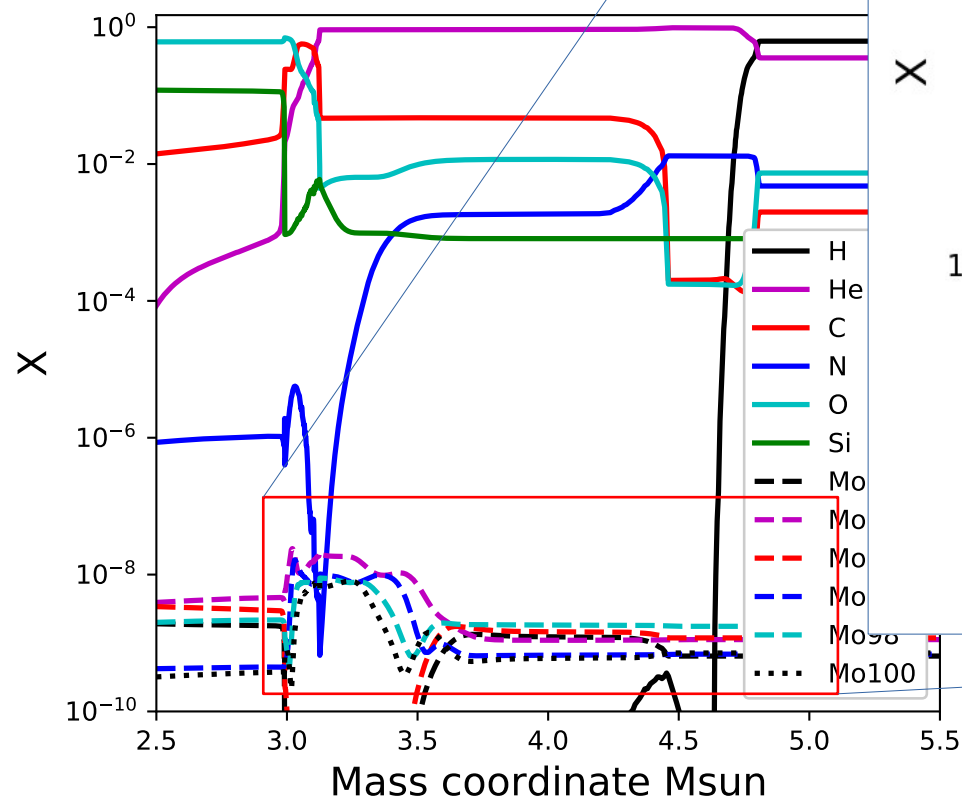
n-process signature in the explosive He shell:  
e.g., Sr, Zr, Mo, Ru, Ba

R. Trappitsch (Brandeis University)

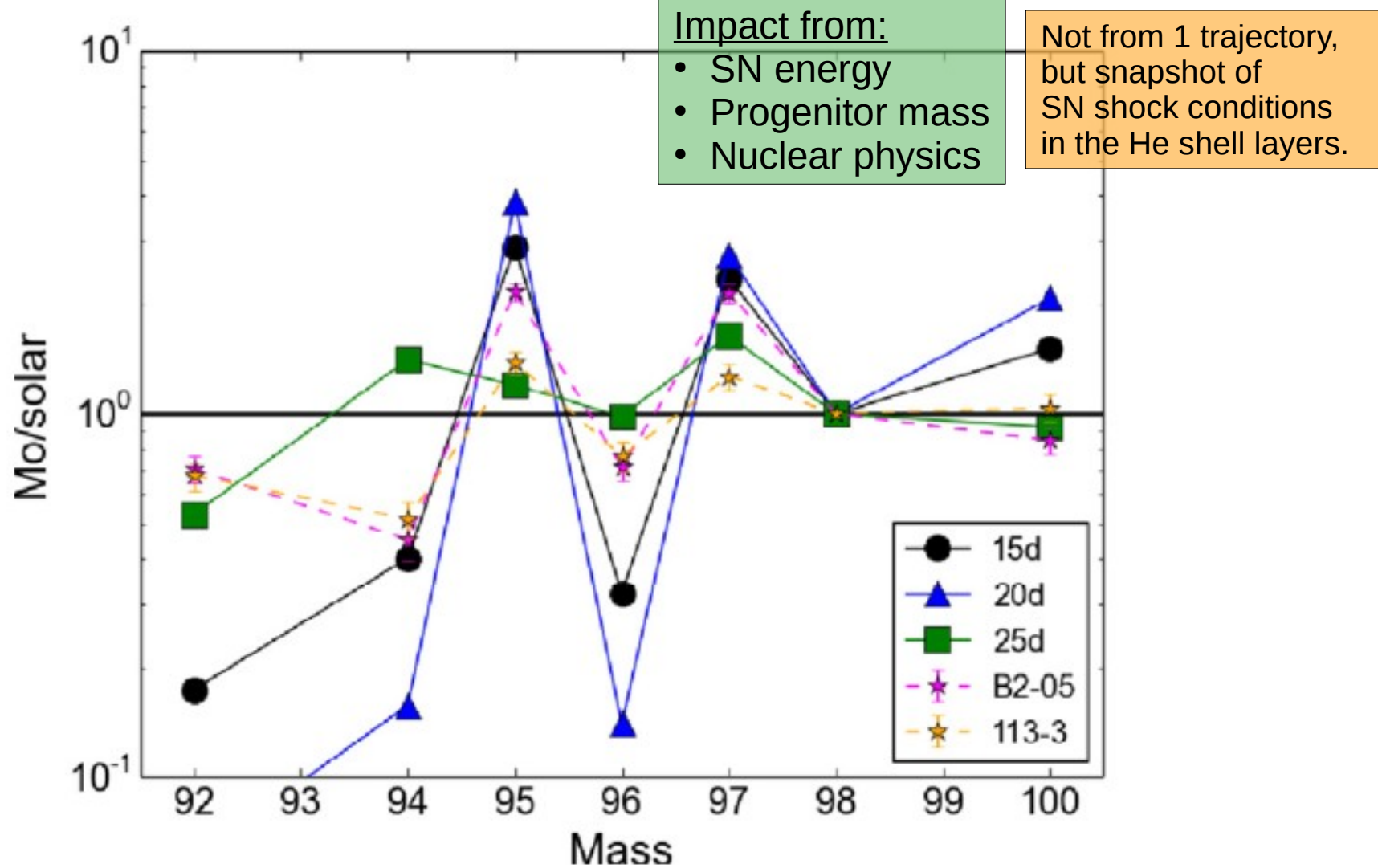


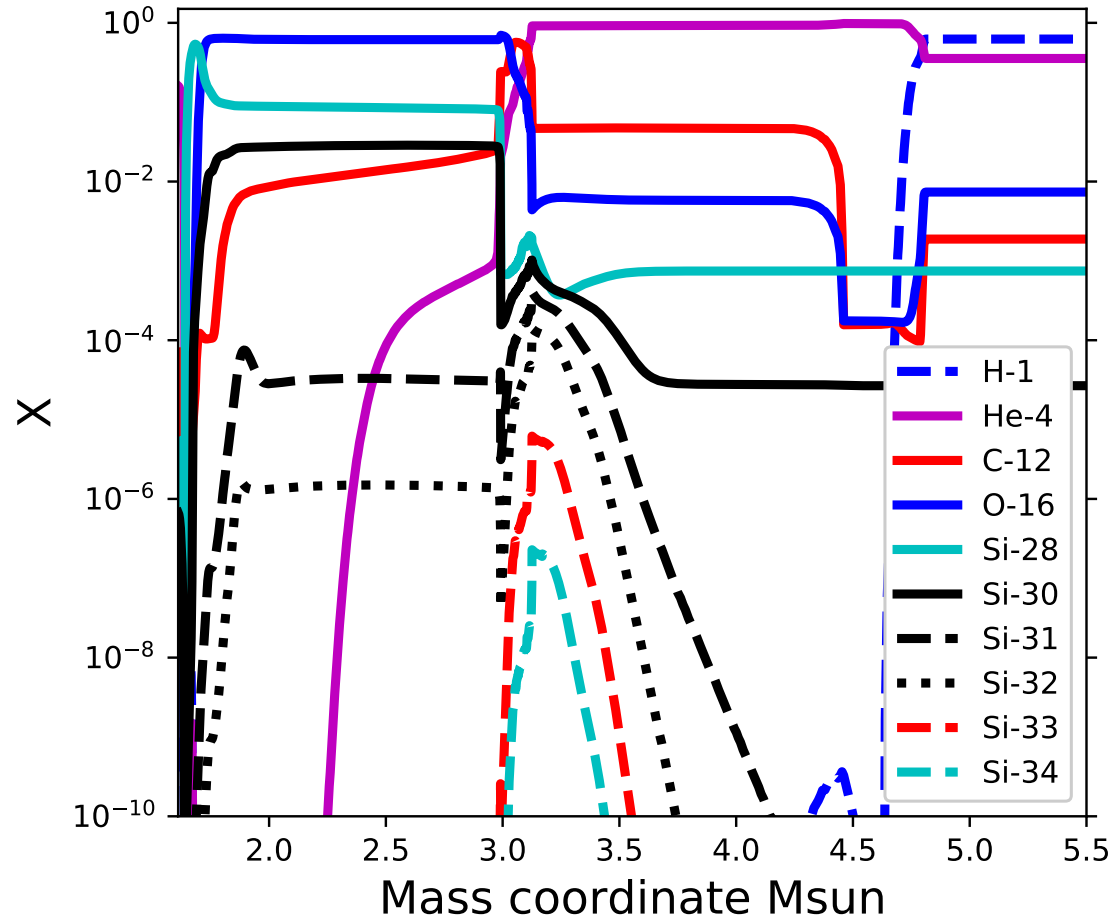
Meyer et al. 2000, ApJL











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# 51 Neutron captures in the He shell ejecta: Signature of radioactive Si32 found in presolar SiC-C grains

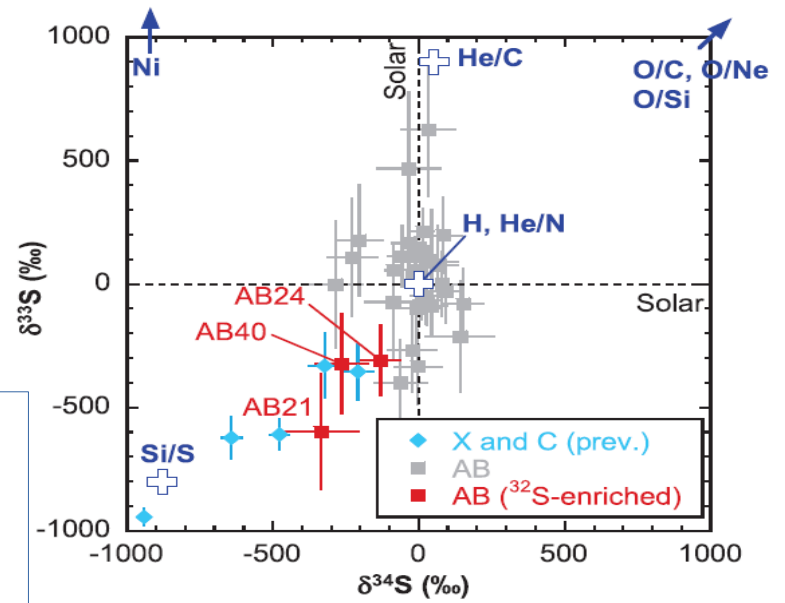
Constrain the explosive nucleosynthesis conditions in the C-rich He shell of the progenitor CCSN.

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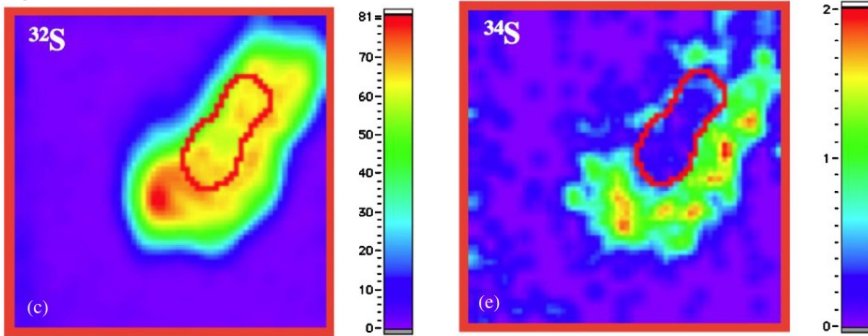
SILICON CARBIDE GRAINS OF TYPE C PROVIDE EVIDENCE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE UNSTABLE ISOTOPE  $^{32}\text{Si}$  IN SUPERNOVAE

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(see also Fujiya et al. 2013, ApJL for SiC AB grains)

C grain a1-5-7

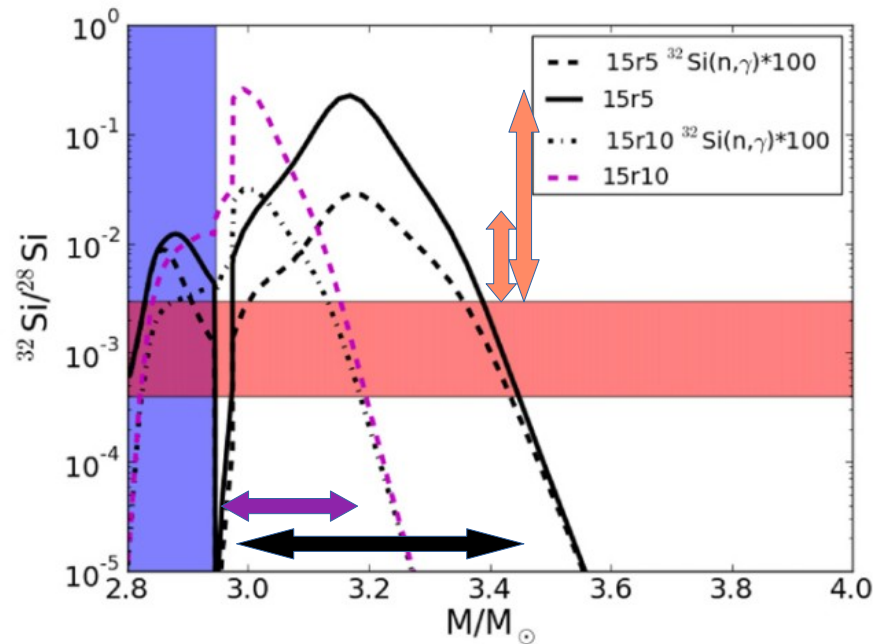
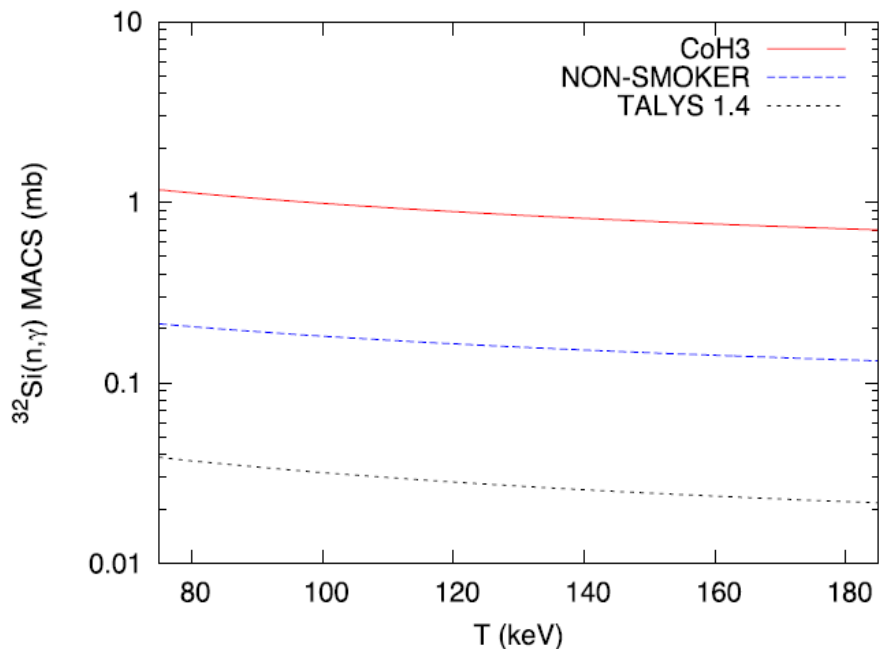


NanoSIMS images, Xu et al. 2015, ApJ

$^{31}\text{S}$ 2.57 s $\beta^+$	$^{32}\text{S}$ 95.02 4.1 mb	$^{33}\text{S}$ 0.75 7.4 mb	$^{34}\text{S}$ 4.21 0.226 mb	$^{35}\text{S}$ 87.51 d $\beta^-$
$^{30}\text{P}$ 2.50 m $\beta^+$	$^{31}\text{P}$ 100 1.74 mb	$^{32}\text{P}$ 14.26 d $\beta^-$	$^{33}\text{P}$ 25.34 d $\beta^-$	$^{34}\text{P}$ 12.43 s $\beta^-$
$^{29}\text{Si}$ 4.683 7.9 mb	$^{30}\text{Si}$ 3.087 6.5 mb	$^{31}\text{Si}$ 2.62 h $\beta^-$	$^{32}\text{Si}$ 132.02 a $\beta^-$	$^{33}\text{Si}$ 6.18 s $\beta^-$
$^{28}\text{Al}$ 2.24 m $\beta^-$	$^{29}\text{Al}$ 6.56 m $\beta^-$	$^{30}\text{Al}$ 3.60 s $\beta^-$	$^{31}\text{Al}$ 644.00 ms $\beta^-$	$^{32}\text{Al}$ 33.00 ms $\beta^-$

S:Si fractionation  $\sim 1:10^4$

## Signature of radioactive Si32 found in presolar SiC-C grains

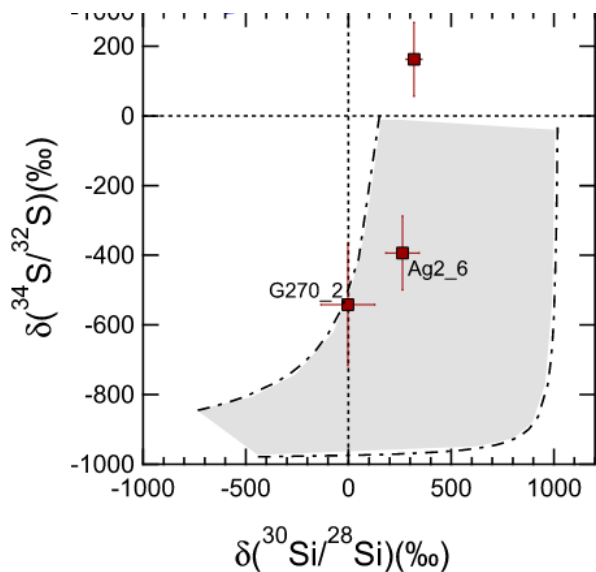


Si32(n, $\gamma$ )Si33 changes by a factor of 100.

Impact from the direct capture component?  
Xu+2014 PRC 90

- The **SN energy** controls the extension of the C-rich region with high Si32/Si28.
- The **Si31(n, $\gamma$ )Si32** and **Si32(n, $\gamma$ )Si33** rates control the amount of Si32-enrichment in the Si32-rich layers.

# Novae signature or n-process in presolar grains?

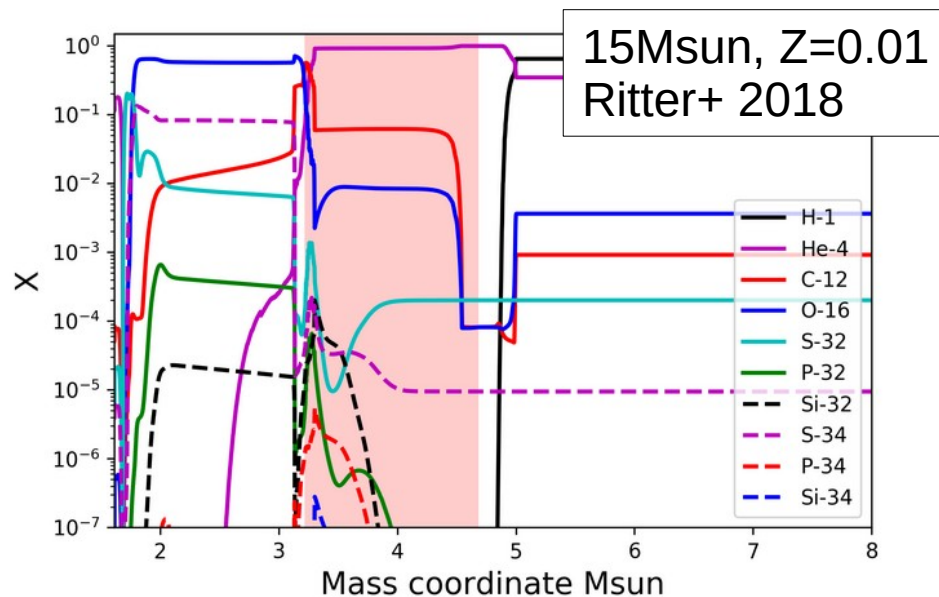


Liu+ 2016 ApJ 820

**Can we use S-isotopic ratios to distinguish between CCSN and nova origin of grains?**

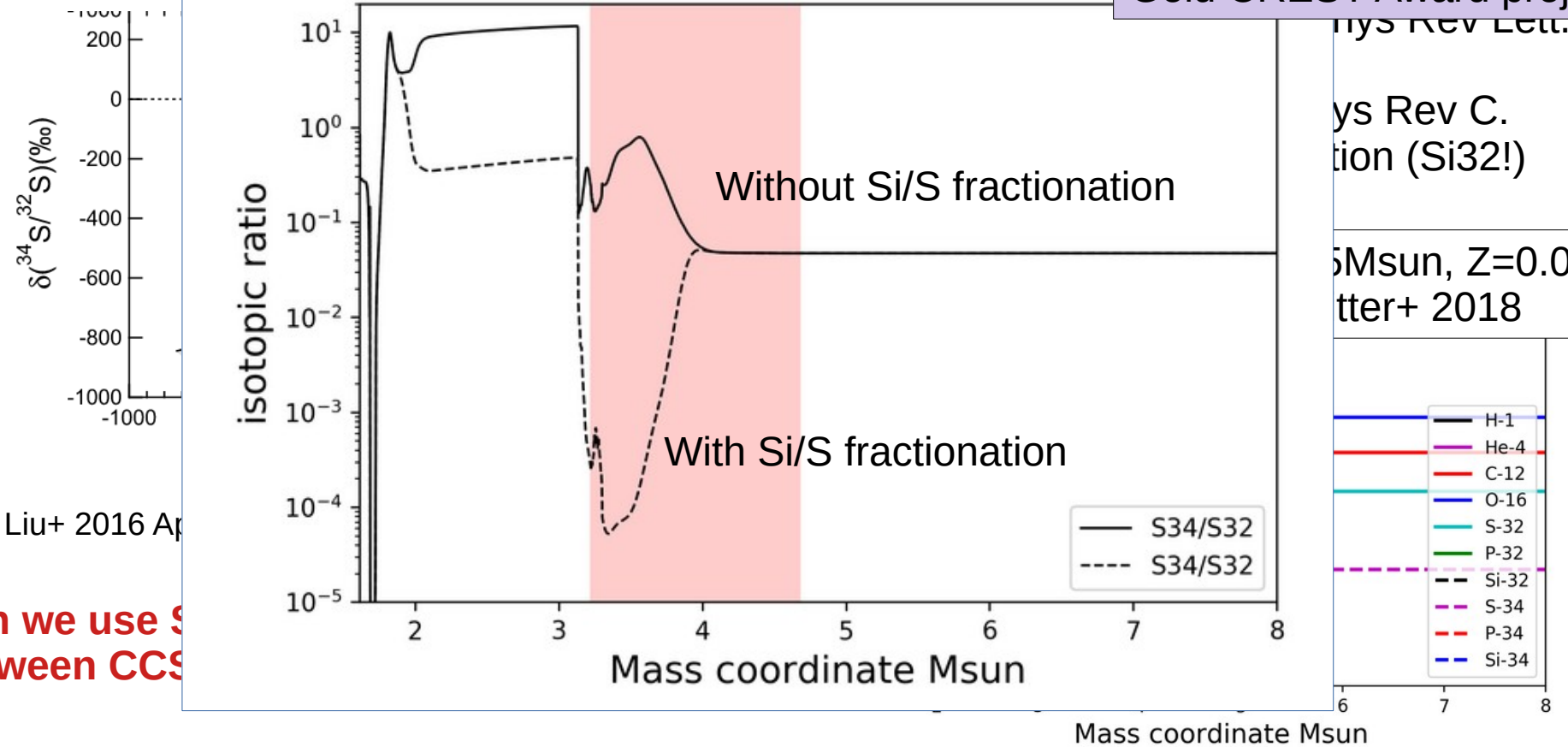
- S34/S32: Gillespie+ 2017 Phys Rev C
- S33/S32: Kennington+ 2020 Phys Rev Lett.

However, see Richter+ 2020 Phys Rev C.  
Take into account Si/S fractionation (**Si32!**)



# CCSNe or Novae?

Buzza K.  
Gold CREST Award project



Liu+ 2016 ApJ

Can we use S  
between CCSNe

Phys Rev Lett.

Phys Rev C.  
fractionation (Si32!)

5  $M_{\text{sun}}$ ,  $Z=0.01$   
letter+ 2018

Mass coordinate  $M_{\text{sun}}$

# SLRs in the ESS

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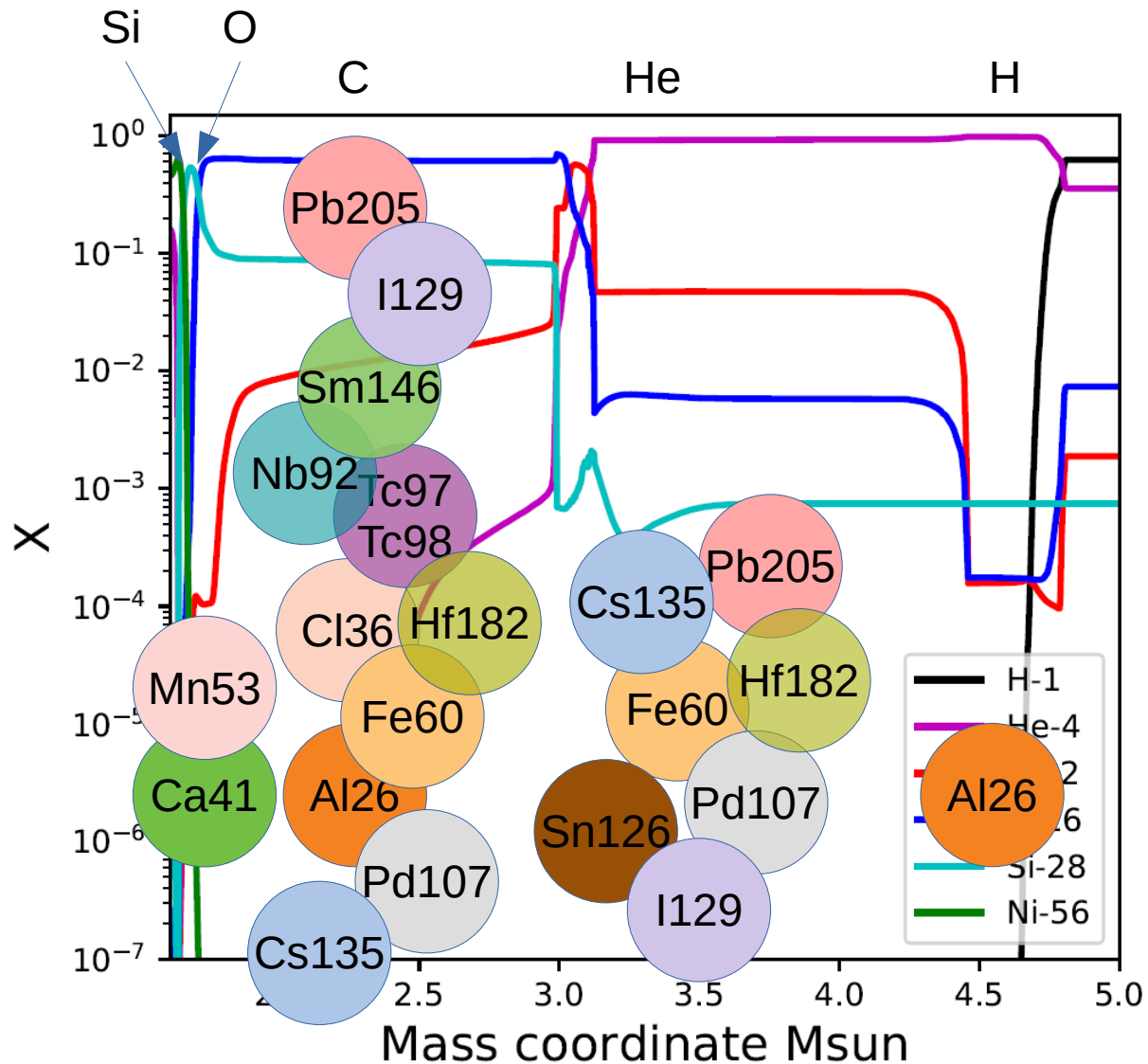
Review

**Radioactive nuclei from cosmochronology to habitability**

M. Lugaro <sup>a,b,\*</sup>, U. Ott <sup>c,d</sup>, Á. Kereszturi <sup>a</sup>



A really good review to know more about this..



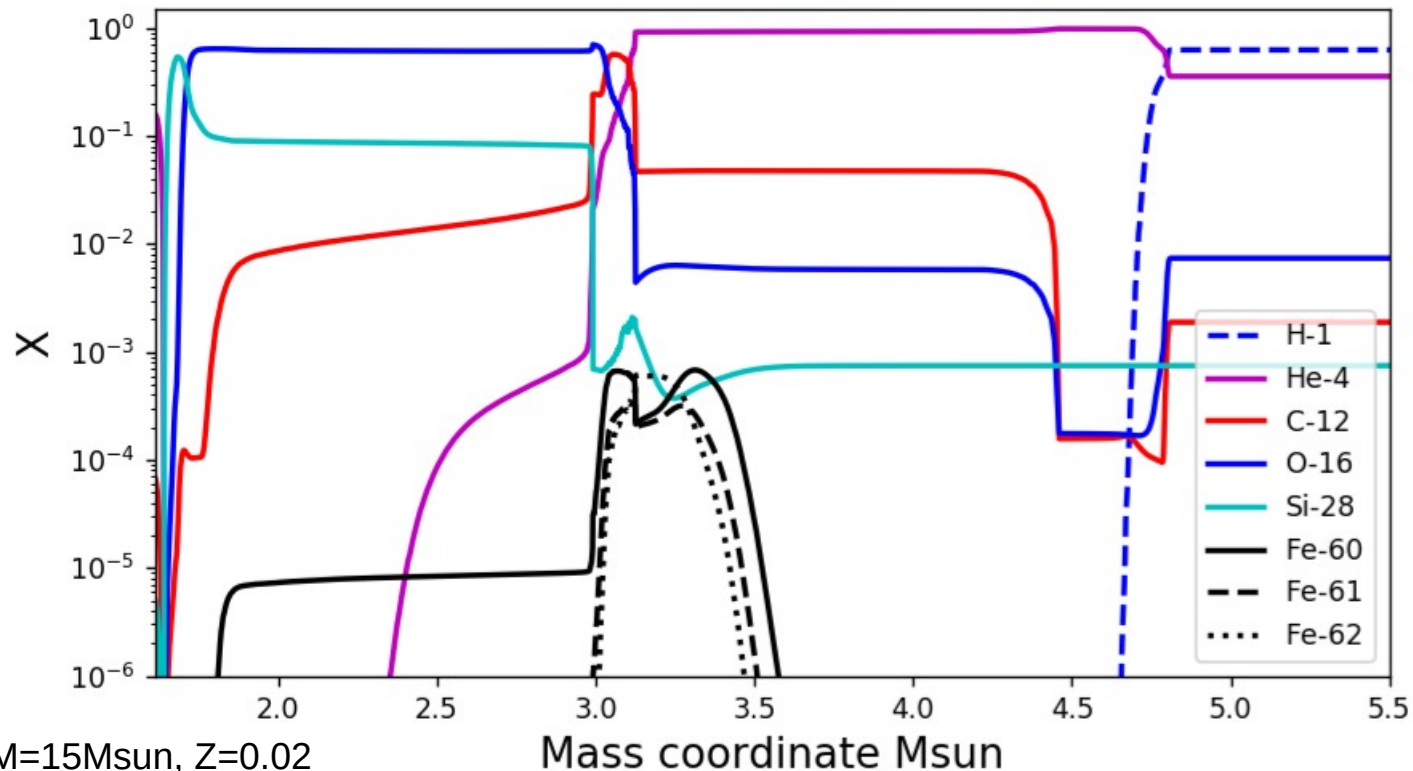
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 CCSN model  
 Ritter et al. 2018 MNRAS

For an updated list of  
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 Lugaro et al 2018 PPNP (and  
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Lawson et al. 2022, MNRAS  
 (Hull/Konkoly/Los Alamos):  
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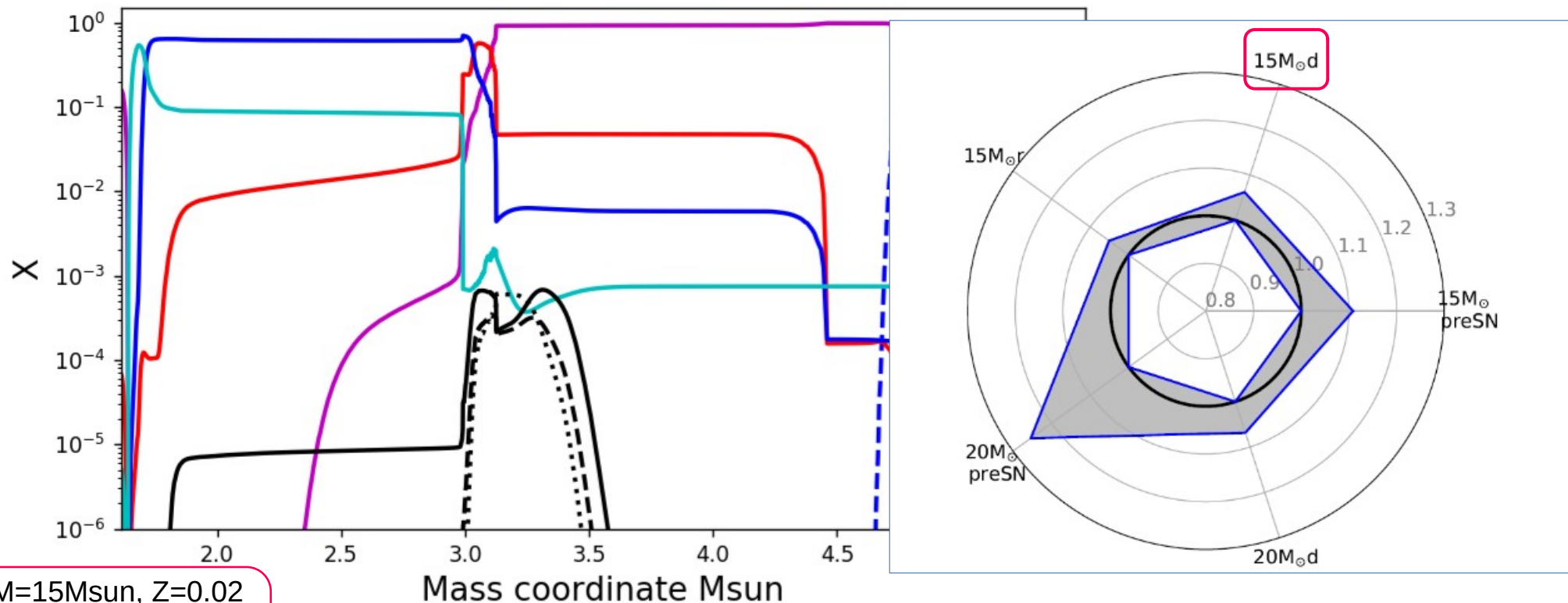
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$^{60}\text{Ni}$ 26.223 30 mb	$^{61}\text{Ni}$ 1.14 82 mb	$^{62}\text{Ni}$ 3.634 22.3 mb	$^{63}\text{Ni}$ 100.11 a 31 mb, $\beta^-$
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$^{58}\text{Fe}$ 0.282 12.1 mb	$^{59}\text{Fe}$ 44.50 d $\beta^-$	$^{60}\text{Fe}$ 1.50 Ma $\beta^-$	$^{61}\text{Fe}$ 5.98 m $\beta^-$

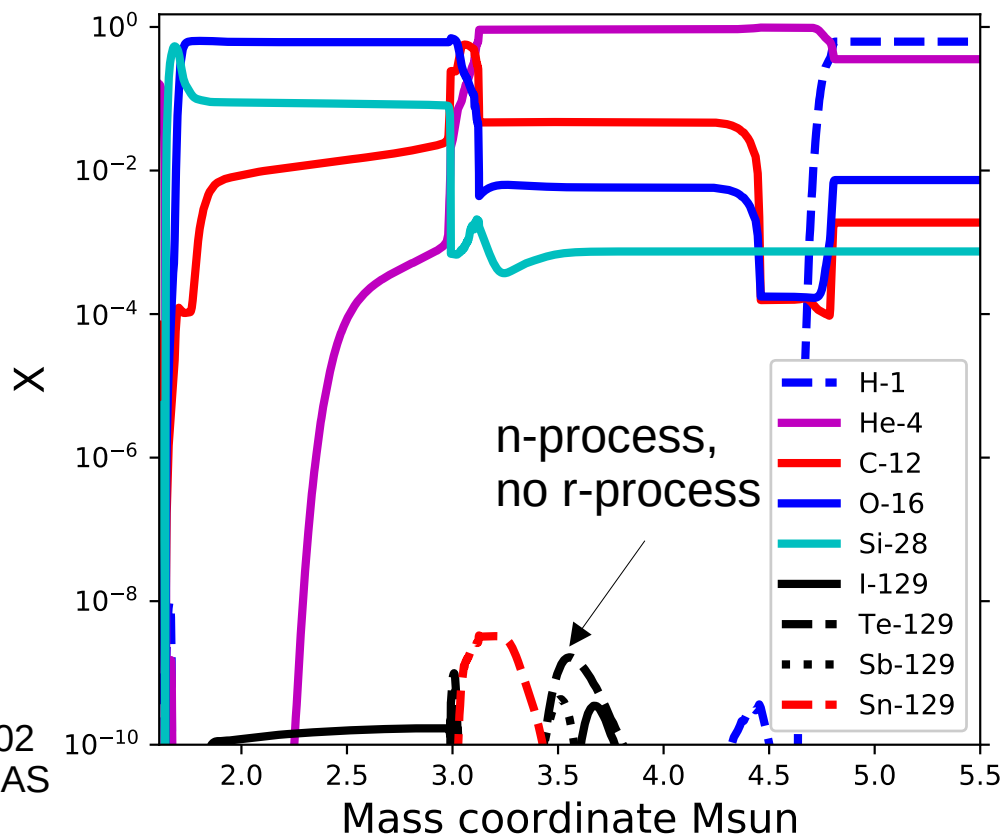
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Impact of the new  $\text{Fe59}(n, \gamma)\text{Fe60}$  on Fe60 yields:  
 Yan+ 2021, ApJ 919  
 (see also Jones+ 2019 MNRAS)

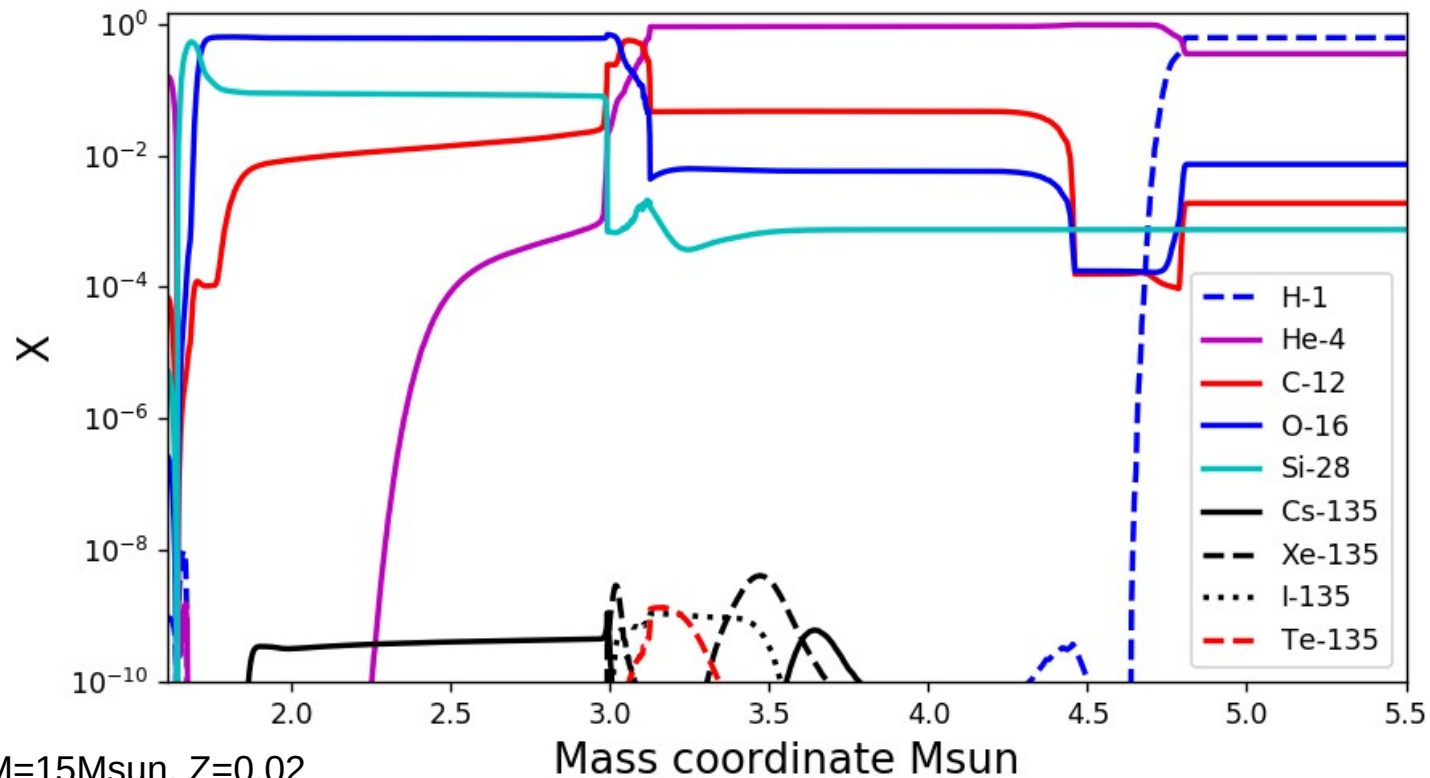
# Neutron burst driven by the Ne22( $\alpha$ ,n): I129



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$^{128}\text{Xe}$ 1.91 248 mb	$^{129}\text{Xe}$ 26.4 472 mb	$^{130}\text{Xe}$ 4.071 141 mb	$^{131}\text{Xe}$ 21.232 340 mb	$^{132}\text{Xe}$ 26.909 64.6 mb
$^{127}\text{I}$ 100 635 mb	$^{128}\text{I}$ 24.99 m $\beta^-$	$^{129}\text{I}$ 15.70 Ma 441 mb, $\beta^-$	$^{130}\text{I}$ 12.36 h $\beta^-$	$^{131}\text{I}$ 8.02 d $\beta^-$
$^{126}\text{Te}$ 18.84 81.3 mb	$^{127}\text{Te}$ 9.35 h $\beta^-$	$^{128}\text{Te}$ 31.74 44.4 mb	$^{129}\text{Te}$ 1.16 h $\beta^-$	$^{130}\text{Te}$ 34.08 14.7 mb

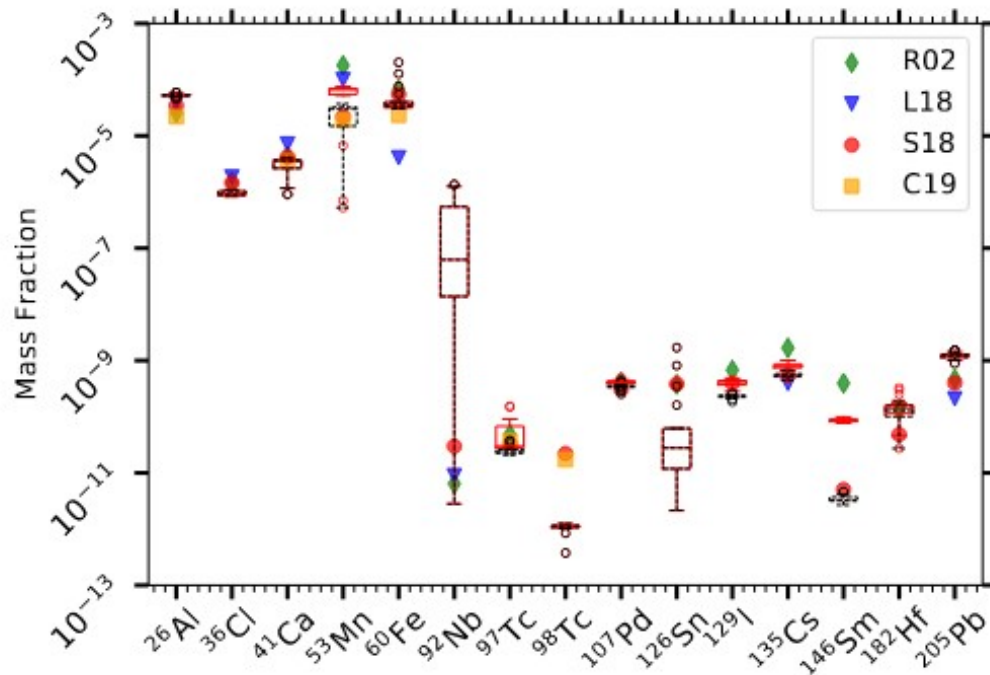
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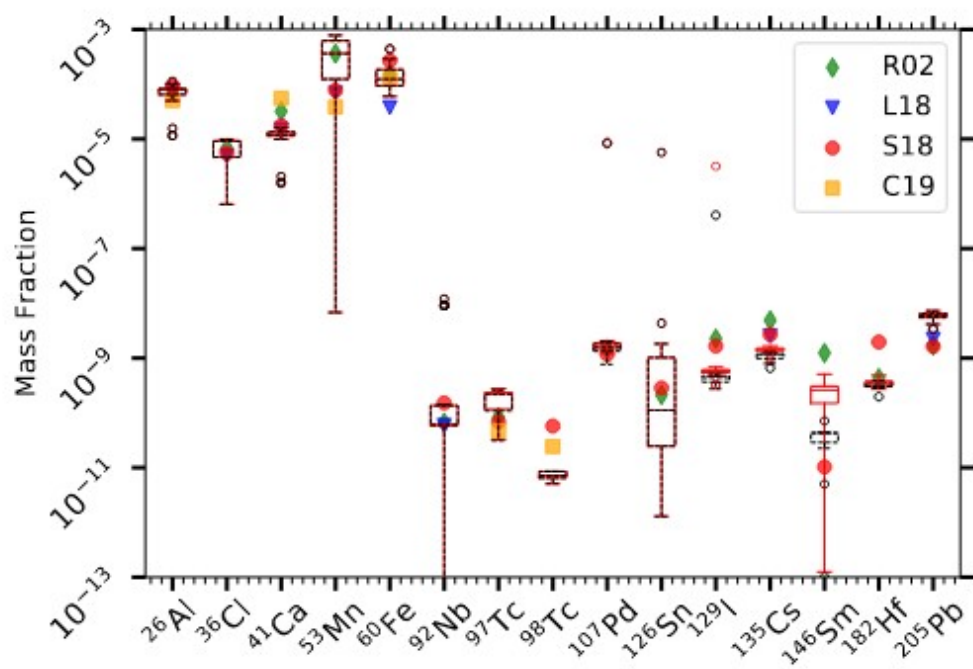
$^{134}\text{Ba}$ 2.417 176 mb	$^{135}\text{Ba}$ 6.592 455 mb	$^{136}\text{Ba}$ 7.854 61.2 mb	$^{137}\text{Ba}$ 11.232 76.3 mb
$^{133}\text{Cs}$ 100 509 mb	$^{134}\text{Cs}$ 2.07 a 664 mb, $\beta^-$	$^{135}\text{Cs}$ 2.30 Ma 198 mb, $\beta^-$	$^{136}\text{Cs}$ 13.04 d $\beta^-$
$^{132}\text{Xe}$ 26.909 64.6 mb	$^{133}\text{Xe}$ 5.24 d 127 mb, $\beta^-$	$^{134}\text{Xe}$ 10.436 20.2 mb	$^{135}\text{Xe}$ 9.14 h $\beta^-$

Lawson+2022 MNRAS 511



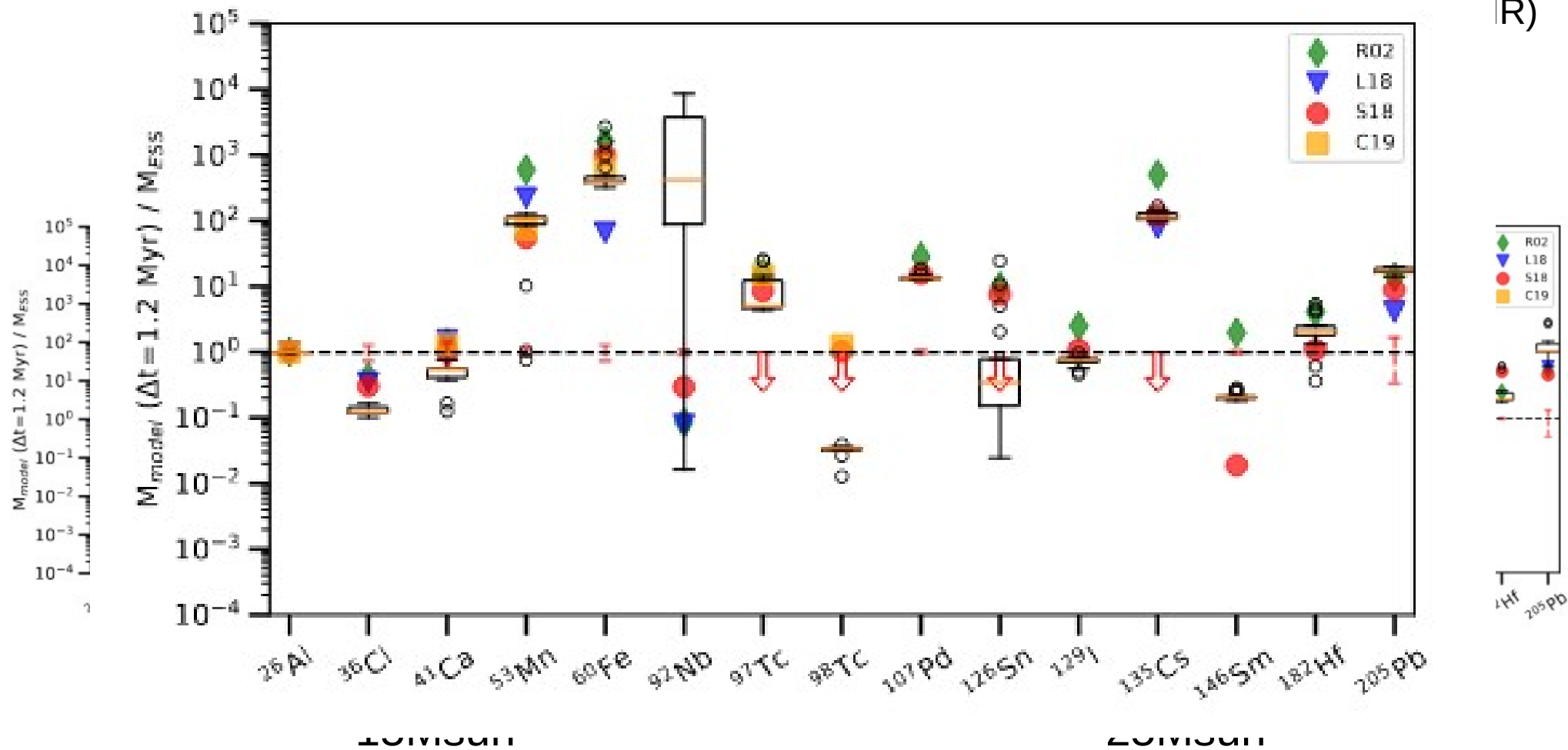
15Msun

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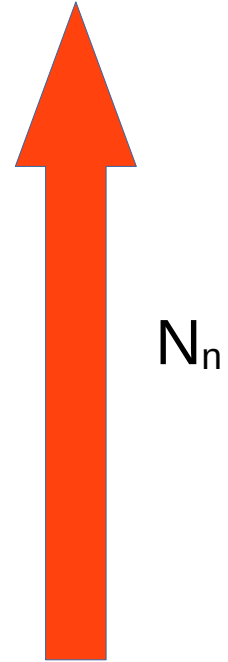


# Nuclear uncertainty studies (n-process)

- None specific over group of isotopes
- Possibly good overlap with the i process “local” needs for the (n, $\gamma$ ) rates. There are more studies available now covering different mass regions. To be verified.
- Basic impact study for the Si32 production:  
Pignatari+ 2013 ApJL


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## PRODUCTION OF $^{14}\text{C}$ AND NEUTRONS IN RED GIANTS

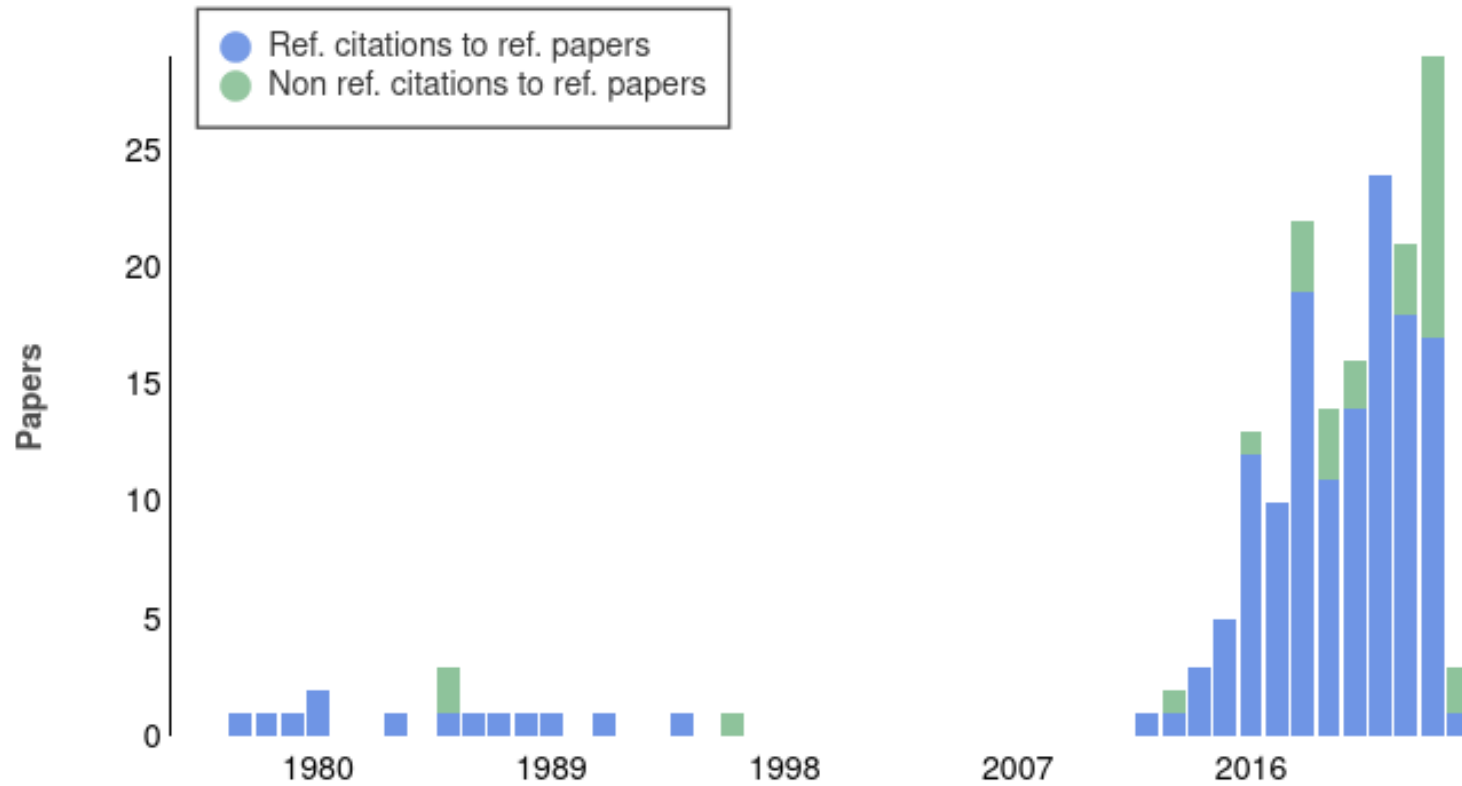
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### ABSTRACT

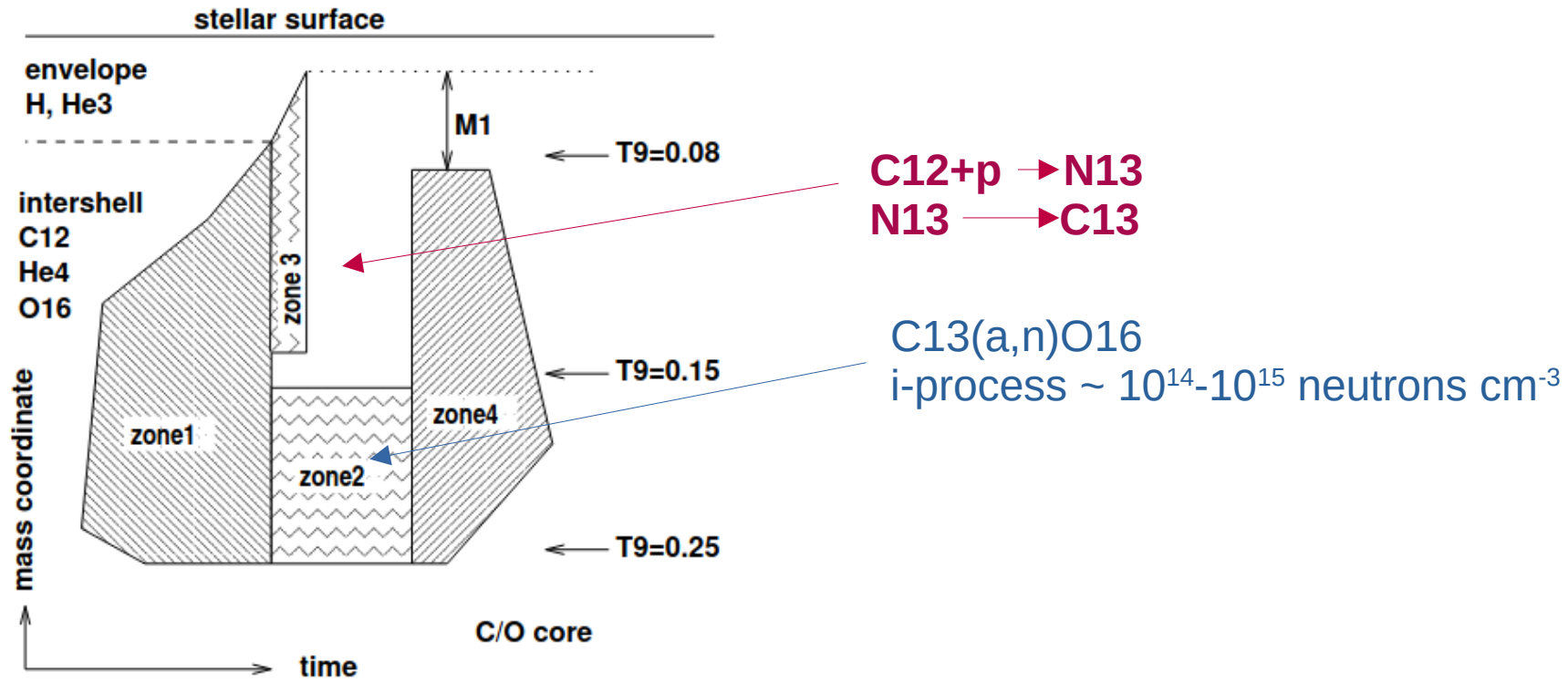
We have examined the effects of mixing various amounts of hydrogen-rich material into the intershell convective region of red giants undergoing helium shell flashes. We find that significant amounts of  $^{14}\text{C}$  can be produced via the  $^{14}\text{N}(n, p)^{14}\text{C}$  reaction. If substantial portions of this intershell region are mixed out into the envelopes of red giants, then  $^{14}\text{C}$  may be detectable in evolved stars.

We find a neutron number density in the intershell region of  $\sim 10^{15}\text{--}10^{17}\text{ cm}^{-3}$  and a flux of  $\sim 10^{23}\text{--}10^{25}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$ . This neutron flux is many orders of magnitude above the flux required for the classical  $s$ -process, and thus an intermediate neutron process ( $i$ -process) may operate in evolved red giants. The neutrons are principally produced by the  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction.

In all cases studied we find substantial enhancements of  $^{17}\text{O}$ . These mixing models offer a plausible explanation of the observations of enhanced  $^{17}\text{O}$  in the carbon star IRC 10216. For certain physical conditions we find significant enhancements of  $^{15}\text{N}$  in the intershell region.



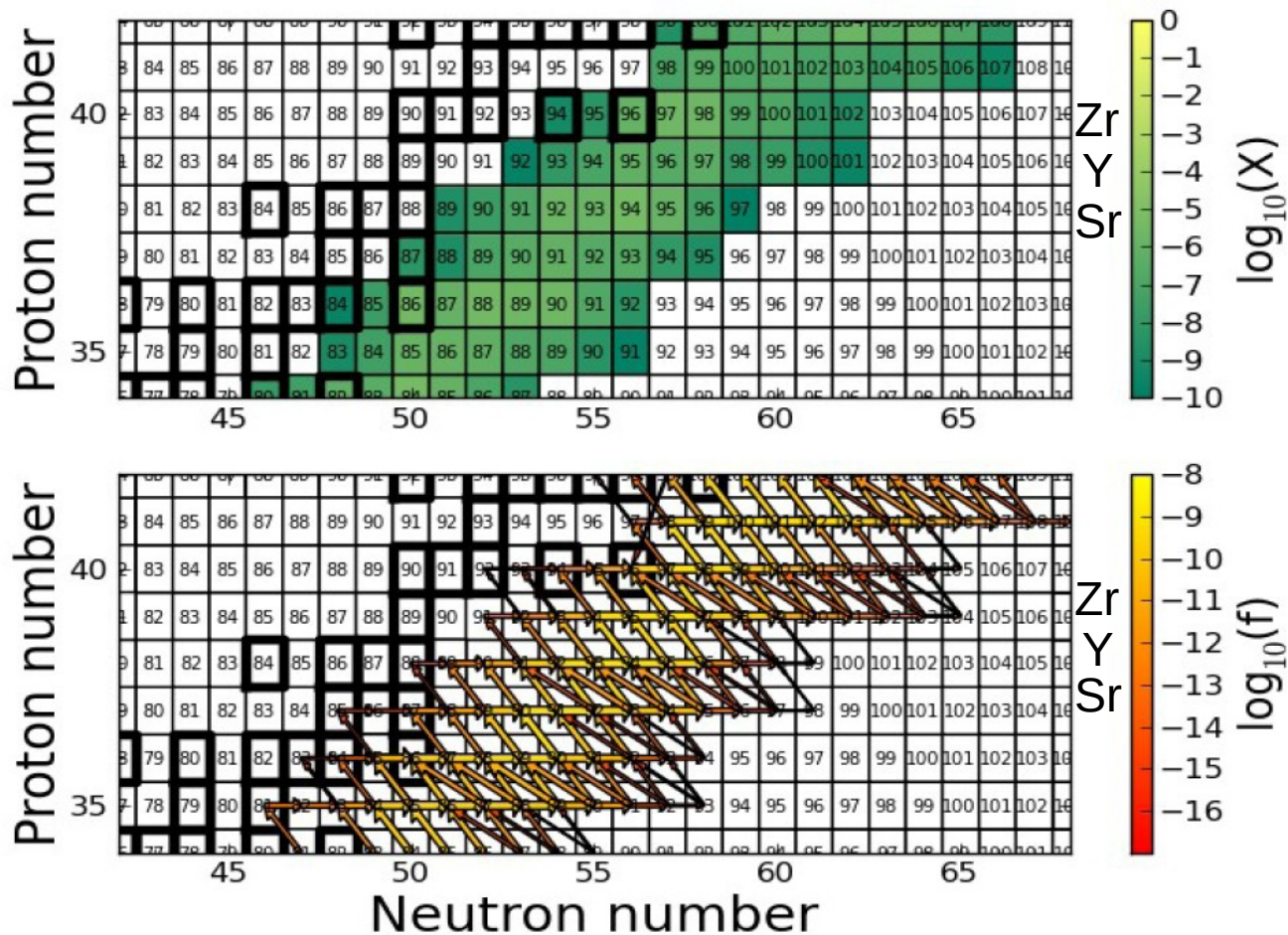
Source: NASA ADS



N13 and/or C13 are mixed for hours-months (site dependent) in regions with typical He-burning temperatures ( $T9 \sim 0.25-0.3 \text{ GK}$ ), together with Fe-seed rich material.

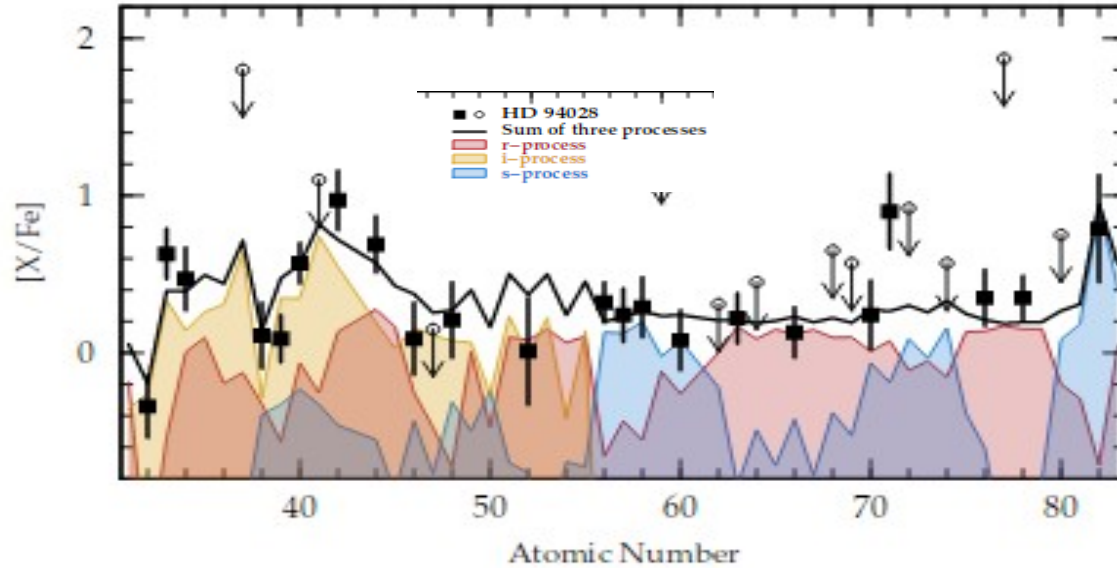
**Main source of neutrons:  $C13(\alpha, n)O16$**

# Nucleosynthesis properties of the i process: Se-Nb



## H-ingestion sites: (with the potential i-process production)

- Post AGB stars, all Z (e.g., Fujimoto+ 1977, Iben+ 1982, Miller Bertolami+ 2006, Herwig+ 2011, Herwig+ 2014, Woodward+ 2015)
- Low mass stars and AGB stars, low Z and Z = 0 (e.g., Hollowell+ 1990, Fujimoto+ 2000, Suda+ 2004, Campbell & Lattanzio 2008, Cristallo+2009, Herwig+ 2014, Woodward+ 2015, Lugaro+ 2015, Abate+ 2016, Choplin+ 2021, Karinkuzhi+ 2021...)
- Super AGB stars, low Z (Jones+ 2016)
- **Massive stars, all Z** (e.g., Woosley & Weaver 1995, Limongi & Chieffi 2012, Pignatari+ 2015, Roederer+ 2016, Clarkson+ 2018, Banerjee+ 2018, Clarkson+ 2021)
- Stellar binaries: iRAWDs, all Z (Denissenkov+ 2017, 2019, Côté+ 2018, Battino+ 2020, Stephens+ 2021)



Roederer+ 2016 ApJ

-HD94028 ( $[Fe/H] \sim -1.6$ )

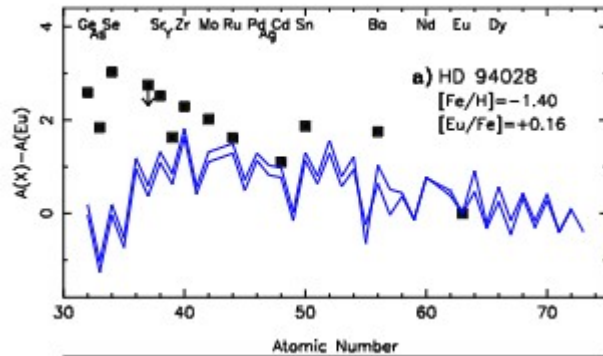
-  $[C/Fe] \sim$  solar

- No WD companion detected

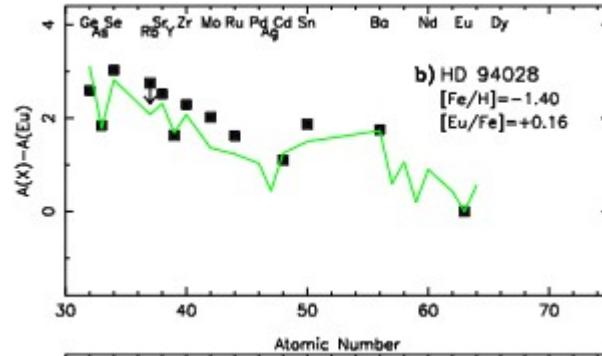
- The abundance pattern of HD 94028 cannot be explained by s+r process. Another process is needed.
- $[As/Ge] = 0.99 \pm 0.23$  dex
- **The only tested process that can get these ratios is the i process**

## ... followup studies

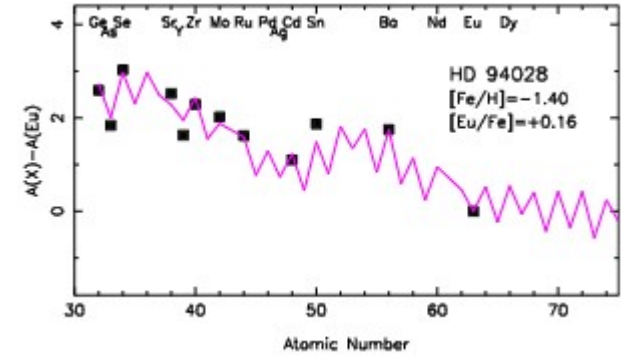
- Han+2018 ApJ 856: the **weak r-process** + s-process + r-process may also work
- Peterson+ 2020 A&A 638: revision of the abundances, revision of  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  and  $A_s$  a bit smaller. The solution of Roederer+ 2016 still works.



HD94028 vs r-process

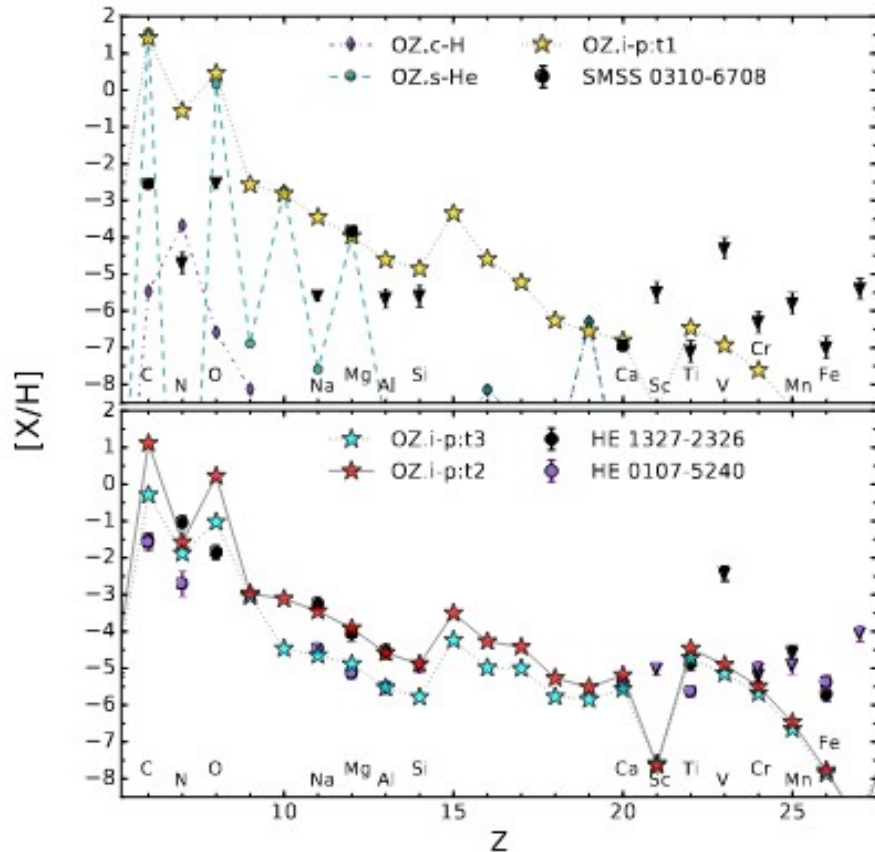


HD94028 vs solar residual



HD94028 vs Roederer's mix

Does the i-process explain the pattern of SMSS J0313-6708 (the Most Iron-Poor Stars)? **No** -- Clarkson+ 2018 MNRAS



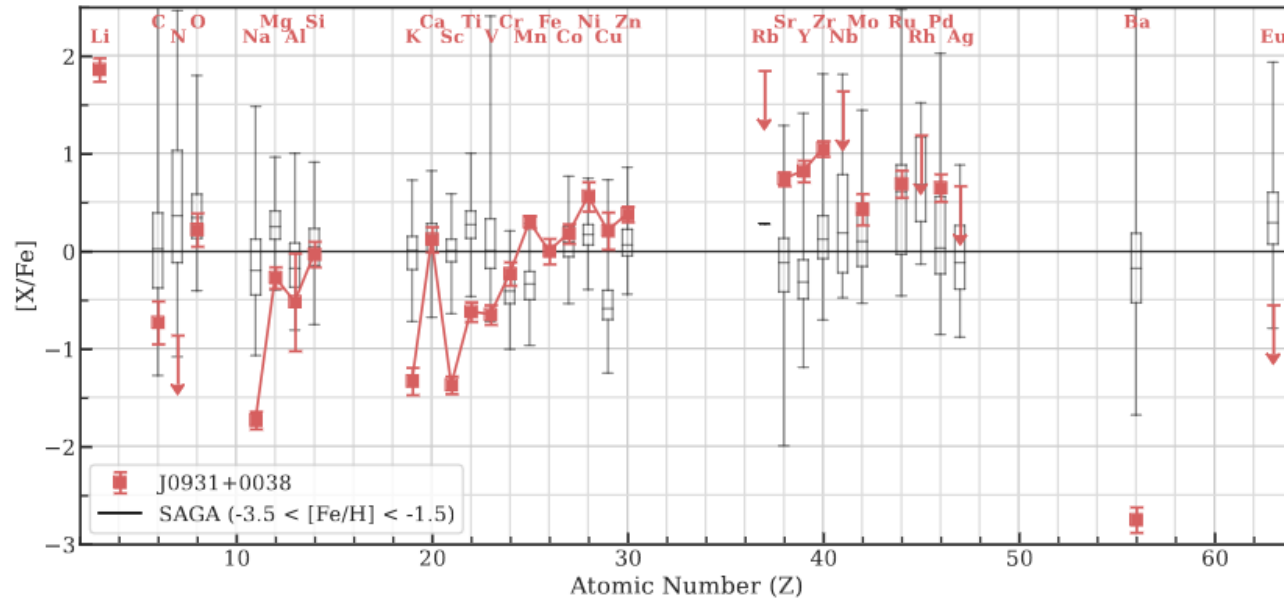
**No comprehensive set of 3D hydrodynamic models for H-ingestion in massive stars.**  
What does it happen to the star after H is ingested in He-burning regions?

Possible outcome: Global Oscillation of Shell H-ingestion (GOSH)  
Clarkson & Herwig 2021

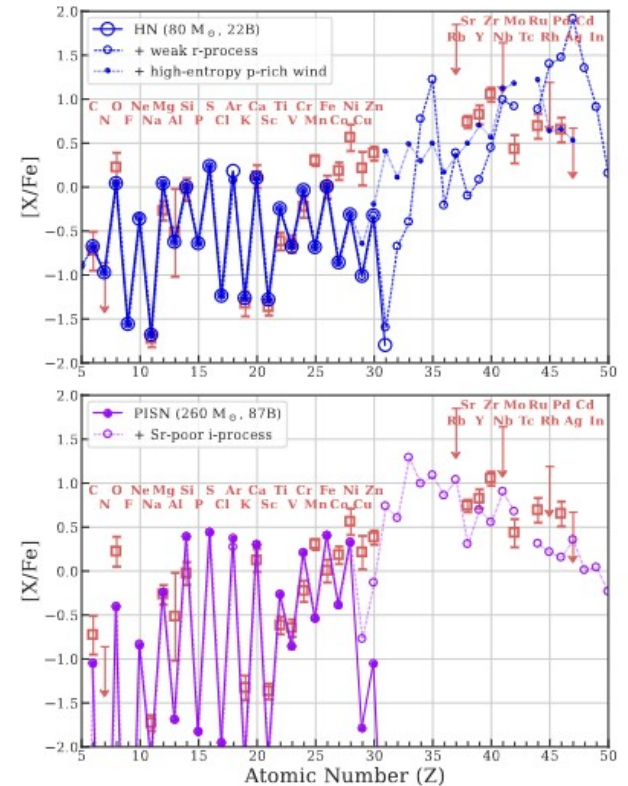


# J0931+0038 (Ji et al., 2024 ApJL acceted)

- $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -1.76 \pm 0.13$ ;
- most likely carries the signature of a high-mass star ( $> 50 M_{\text{sun}}$ )



i-process for heavy elements: best of the worse...



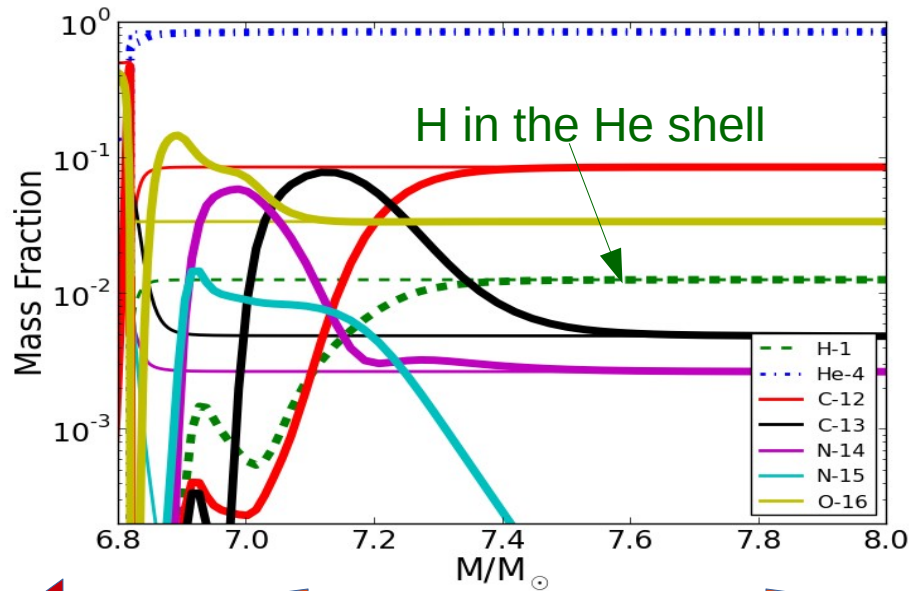
# H-ingestion+CCSN explosion

## Pignatari+ 2015 ApJL

Model 25T

Metallicity =  $Z=0.02$

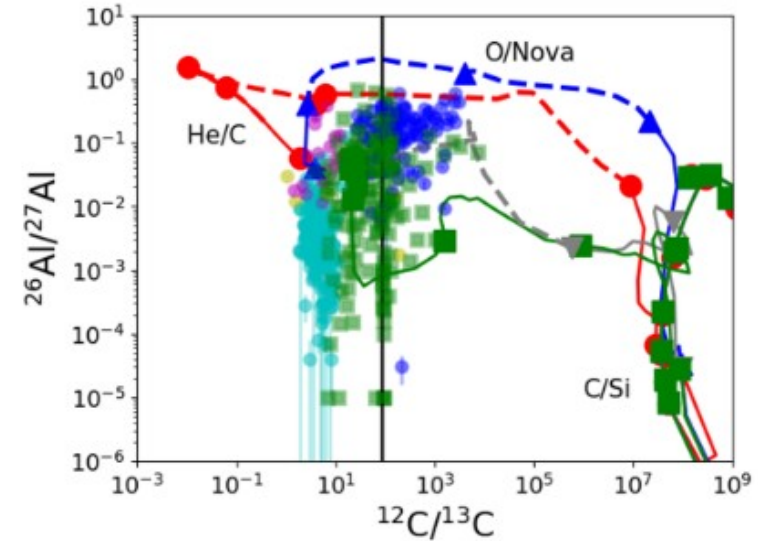
Explosive He shell nucleosynthesis  
with H ingested still alive



Centre of  
the star

He-shell layers

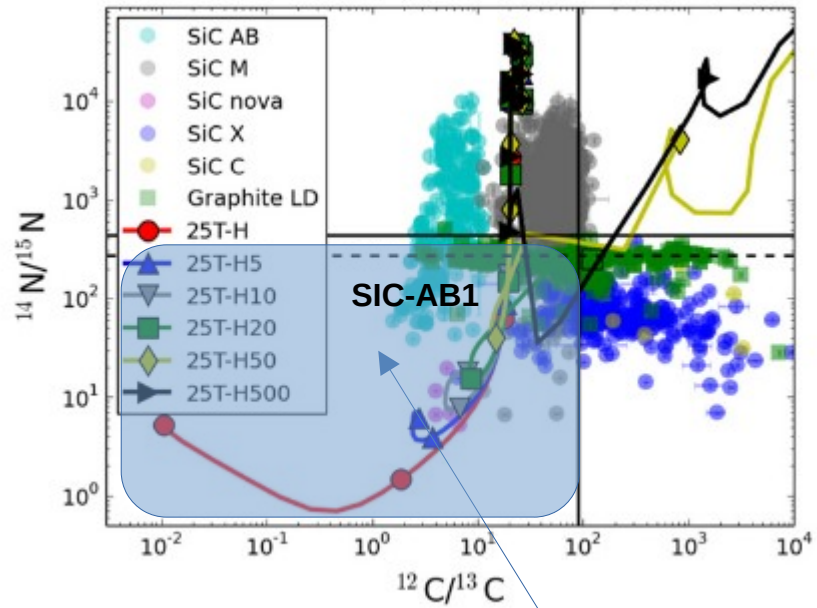
Schofield+2022 MNRAS  
(see also Hoppe+2023 ApJL)



Nuclear physics in action:  
With H alive in the He shell during the SN  
explosion, the **Ne22+p** dominates over the  
**Ne22+ $\alpha$**   $\rightarrow$  No n-process

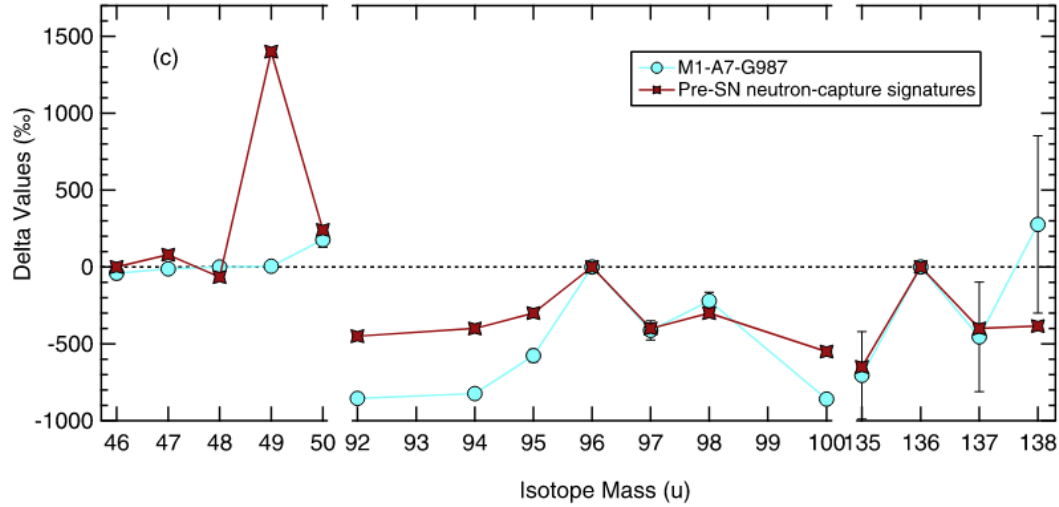
Predicted in 2015, confirmed in 2019!

# Is there always i-process after an H-ingestion event? **NO**



Pignatari+2015 ApJL

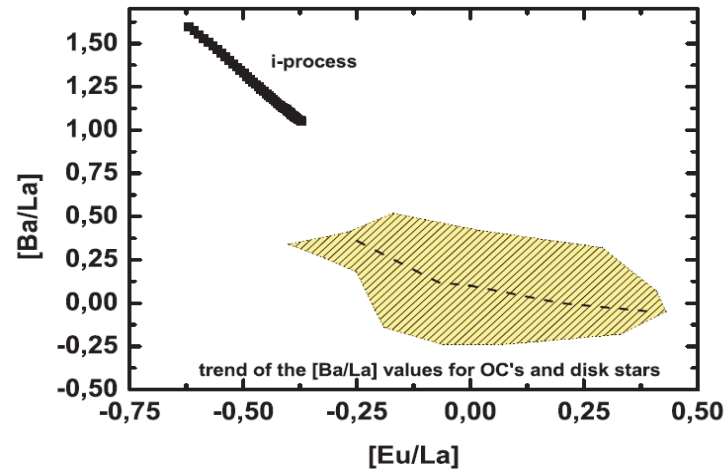
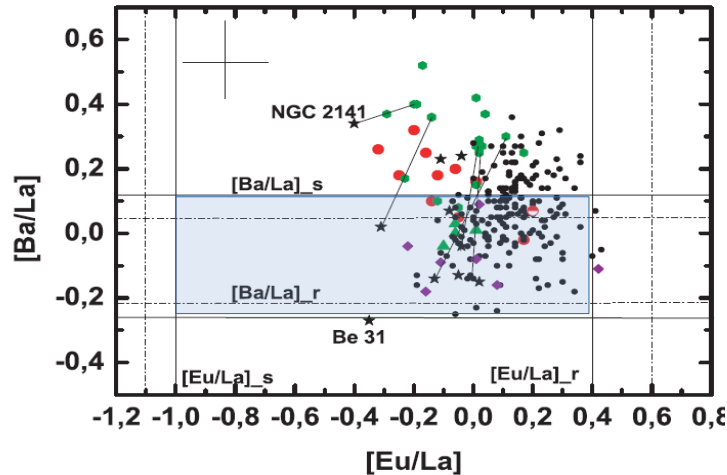
H-ingestion  
+SN explosion



SiC-AB1 grains from massive stars show Mo and Ba with s-process signature of the preSN He shell. **NO I-PROCESS!** (and **NO N-PROCESS!**)  
**Liu, N. et al. 2019 ApJ 2018**

**New insights on Ba overabundance in open clusters. <sup>\*</sup> Evidence for the intermediate neutron-capture process at play?**

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S. Korotin,<sup>1,2</sup> E. Shereta,<sup>1</sup> I. Yegorova<sup>4</sup> and F. Herwig<sup>6,7†</sup>



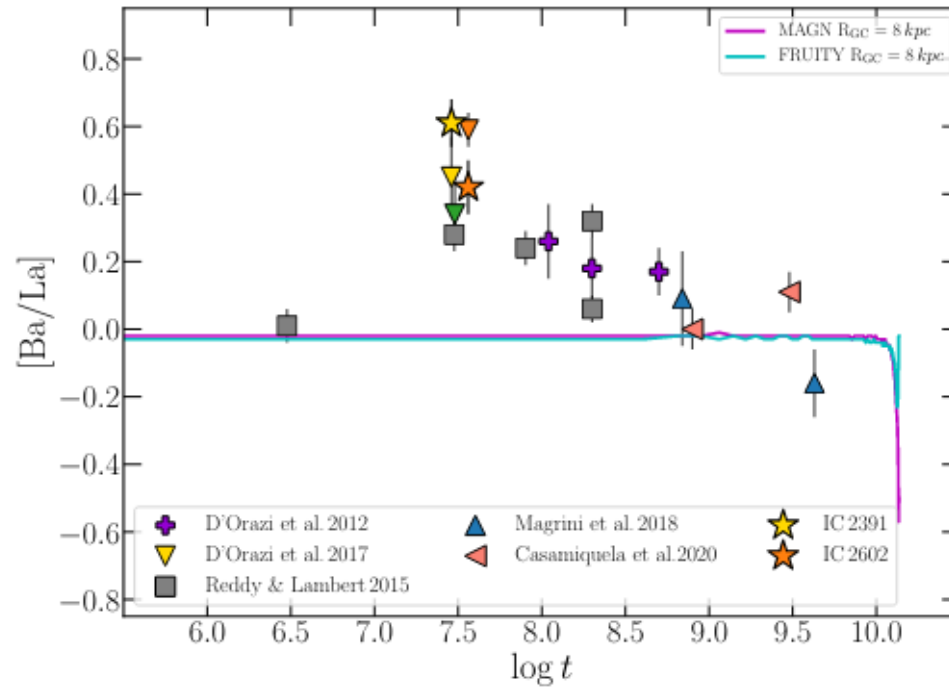
Observing the i process signature in OCs:

Results of high Ba and low La and Ce **confirmed** recently by D'Orazi+ 2017 A&A, **questioned** by Reddy & Lambert 2017 ApJ. See also Maiorca+ 2012, Overbeek+ 2016... Baratella+2021 Under debate...

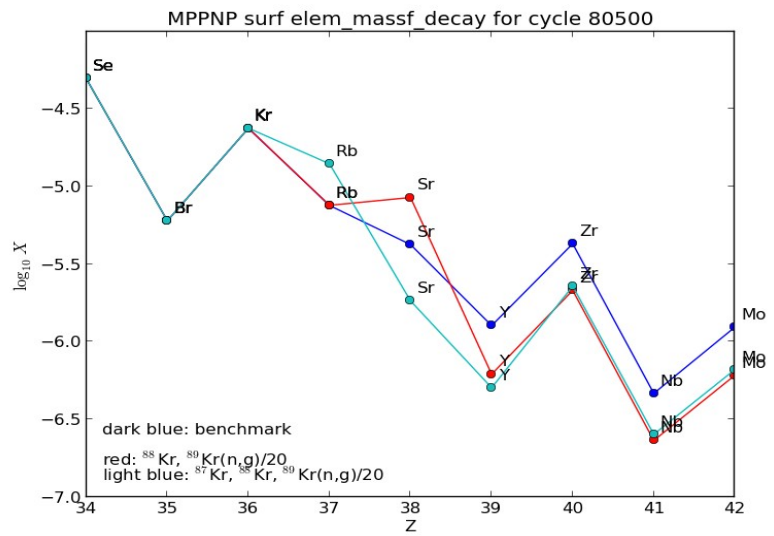


**- What source?**  
- Still uncertainties about the spectroscopic observation of Ba

# Baratella+ 2021 A&A, OCs...

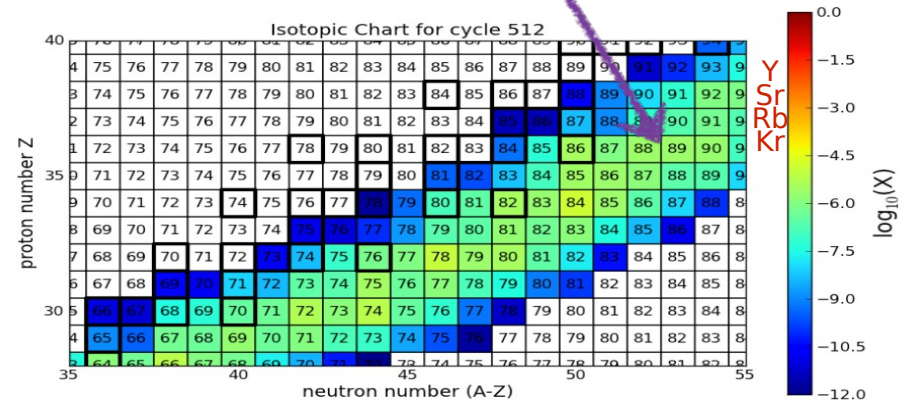
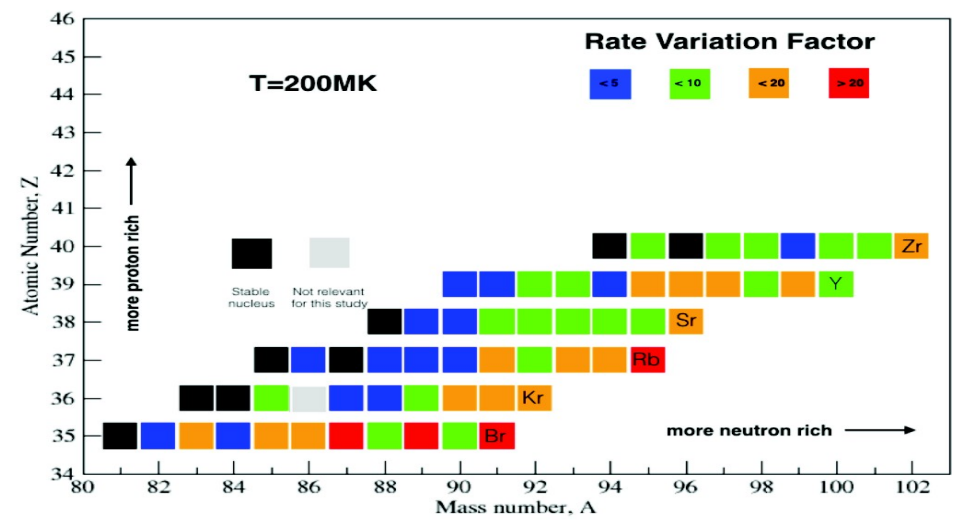


Issues with observation of Ba for now cannot explain the high  $[Ba/La]$



- nuclear data uncertainty impact:  $\text{Kr}89(n,\gamma)\text{Kr}90$

Nuclear data needs for 1<sup>st</sup>-peak elements i process



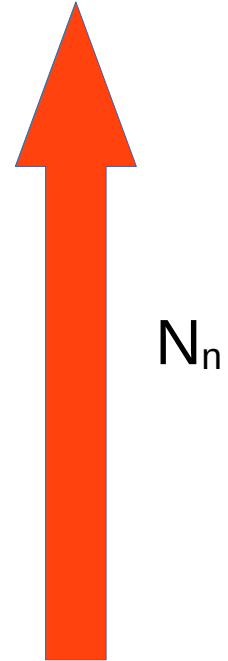
Rate variation factor, based on uncertainty estimation.

# Nuclear uncertainties studies (i-process)

- Bertolli+ 2013 arXiv (low Z, **no site specific**, N=82 zone)
- Denissenkov+ 2018 JPhG 45 (post AGBs, N=50 zone)
- McKay+ 2020 MNRAS 491 (**no site specific**,  $32 < Z < 48$ )
- Goriely+ 2021 A&A 654 (low-Z AGB, no Z specific)
- Denissenkov+ 2021 MNRAS 503 (iRAWDS,  $56 < Z < 74$ )

# List of neutron capture processes

- The **r process** (neutrino-wind, NS mergers, jet-SNe, etc) -  $N_n > 10^{20} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ ;
- The **n process** (explosive He-burning in CCSN) -  $10^{18} \text{ n cm}^{-3} < N_n < \text{few } 10^{20} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ ;
- The **i process** (H ingestion in convective He burning conditions) -  $10^{13} \text{ n cm}^{-3} < N_n < 10^{16} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ ;
- Neutron capture triggered by the  $\text{Ne22}(\alpha, n)\text{Mg25}$  in massive AGB stars and super-AGB stars -  $N_n < 10^{14} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ ;
- The **s process** (s process in AGB stars, s process in massive stars and fast rotators) –  $N_n < \text{few } 10^{12} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ .





# CCSN remnant

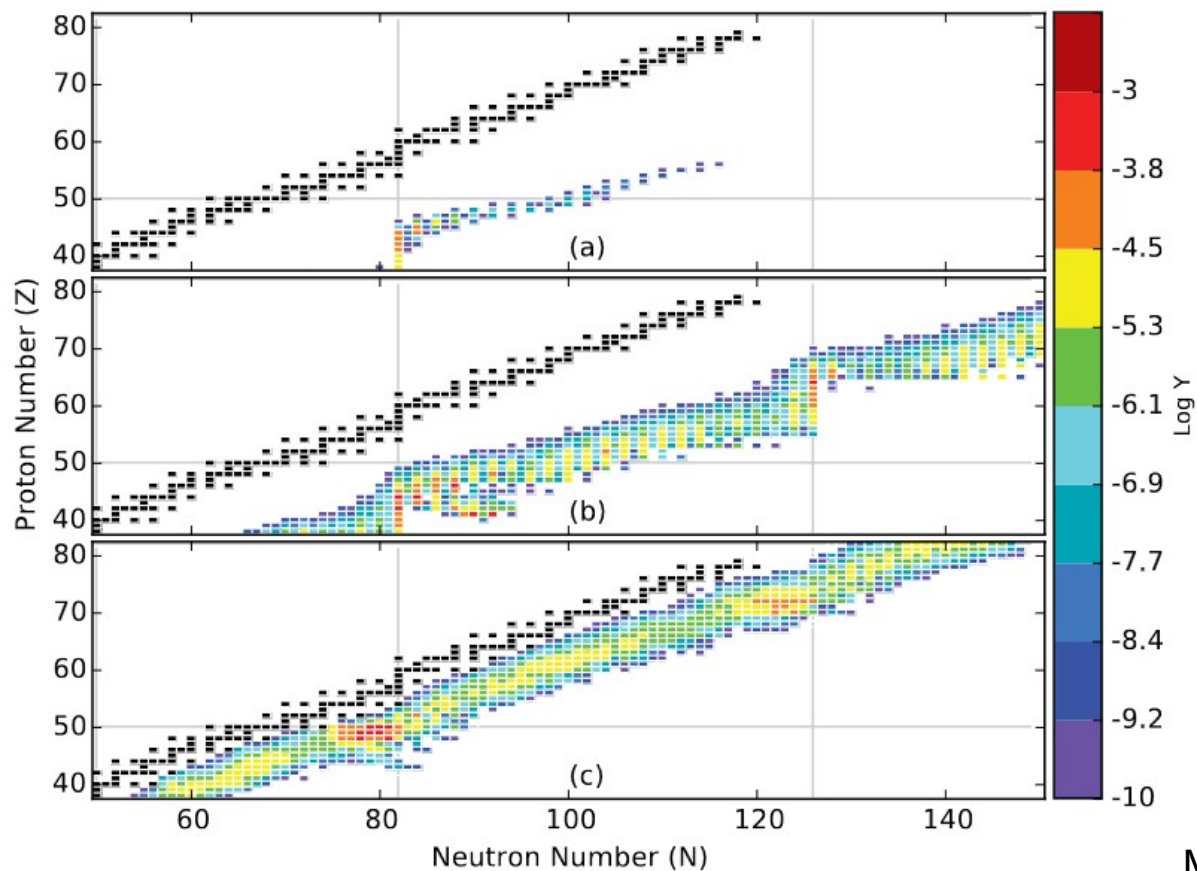
Cassiopea A  
11000 ly  
~ 300 years ago



Grefenstette et al. 2014, Nature  
(NuSTAR telescope data)

## “Where, oh where has the r-process gone?”

Qian &amp; Wasserburg 2006



# Why making the r-process is so difficult?

- Today the most supported scenarios are Neutron-Star mergers, Magnetically Driven Jets from exotic Supernovae, etc but not typical CCSNe (e.g., Cowan+2021).
- Neutrino-driven winds from CCSNe do not seem to have the conditions to host the r-process. Why?

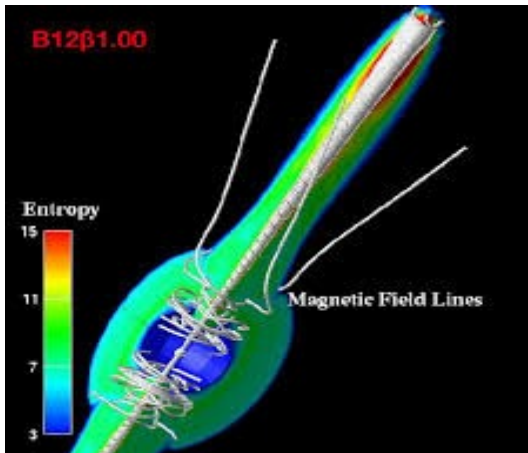
**$2\alpha(n, \gamma)^9\text{Be}(\alpha, n)^{12}\text{C}\dots$  from Woosley & Hoffman 1992 ApJ:**

bound nuclei, and the final composition will differ from what would be calculated in NSE. This is the  $\alpha$ -rich freeze-out. [If the mass fractions of free neutrons and  $\alpha$ -particles are both large, the assembly of  $\alpha$ -particles to  $^{12}\text{C}$  may be amplified by a factor typically of order 10 by the neutron-catalyzed reaction sequence  $^4\text{He}(\alpha n, \gamma)^9\text{Be}(\alpha, n)^{12}\text{C}$  (Delano & Cameron 1971 and Appendix A below), but the requirements on density remain approximately the same.]

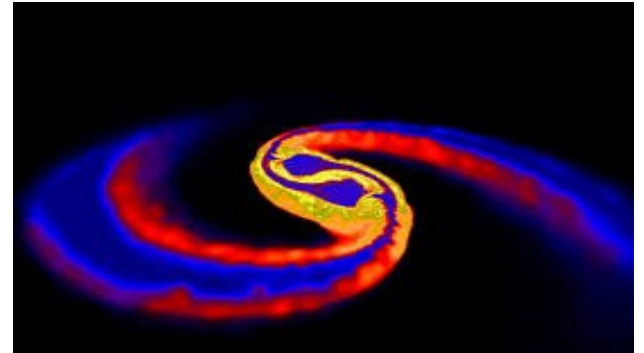
Previous calculations have shown, for small values of the

# The r-process sources: short summary

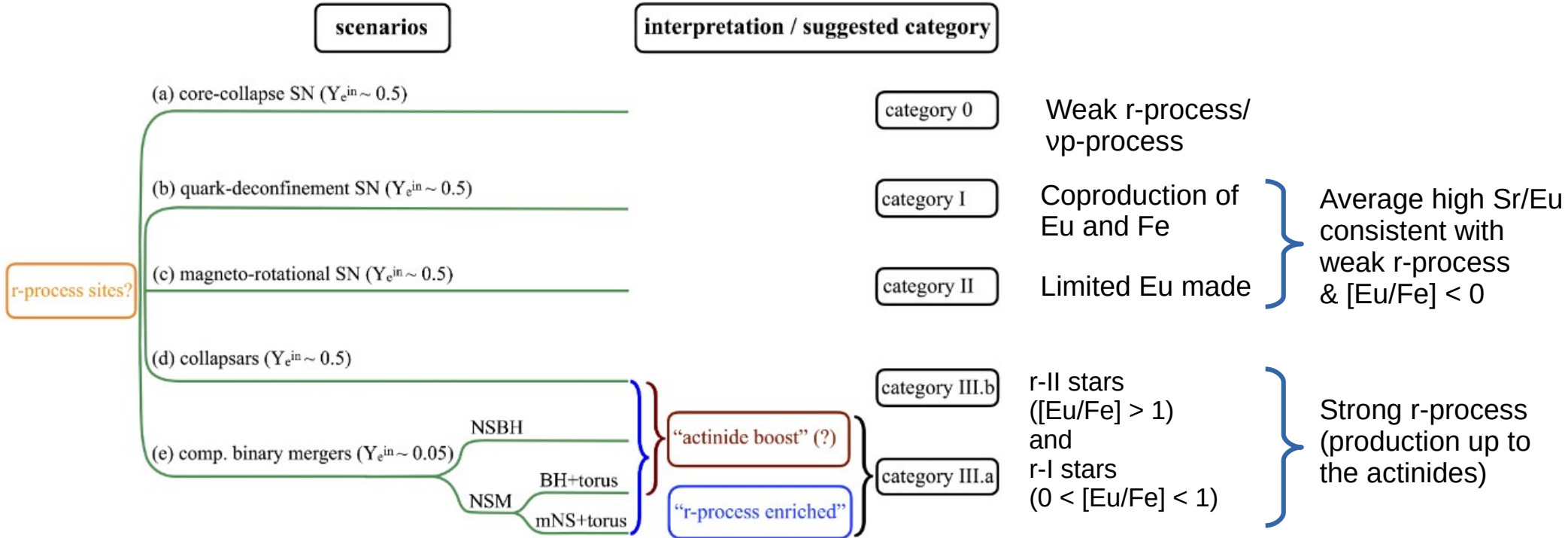
Anomalous Supernovae:  
e.g., jetSNe  $\rightarrow$  magnetars  
 $0.2 \leq \text{protons/neutrons} \leq 0.4$



Neutron Star Mergers:  
protons/neutrons  $\leq 0.1$

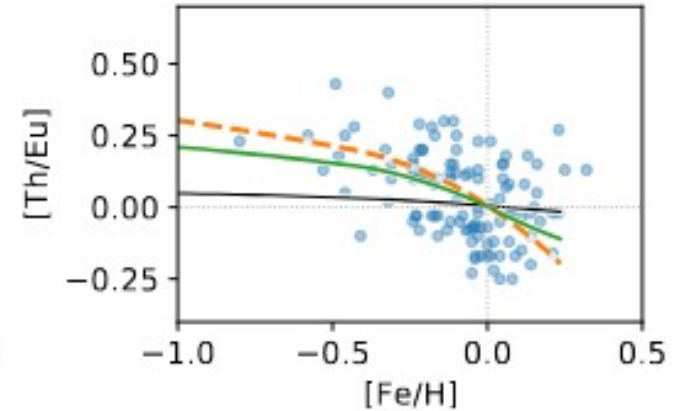
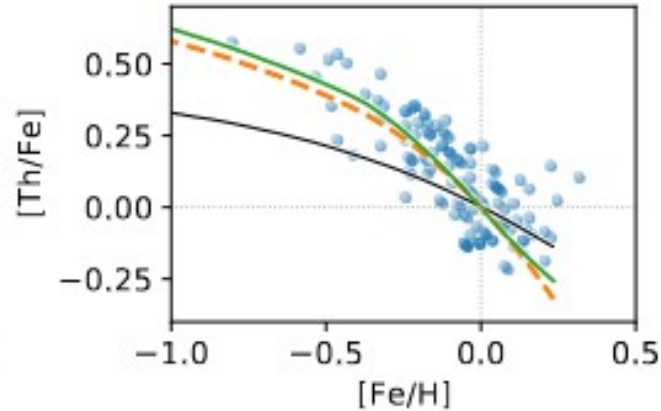
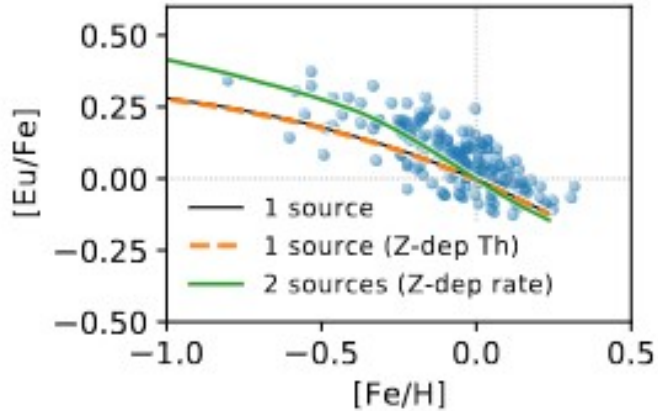


# How many r-processes?



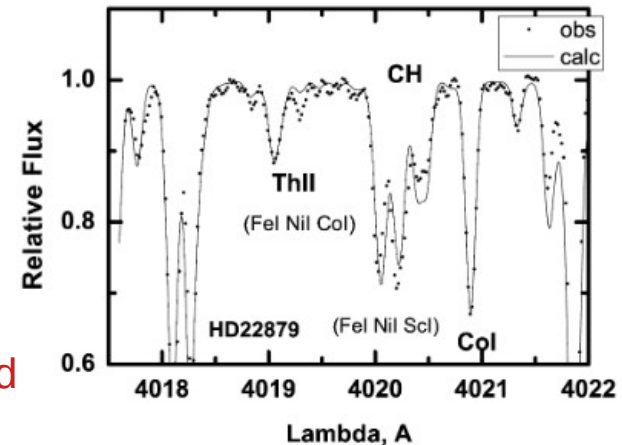
Using observations from metal-poor stars: Farouqi+ 2022 A&A

...and using Eu and Th observations from stars in the MW disk: Mishenina+ 2022 MNRAS

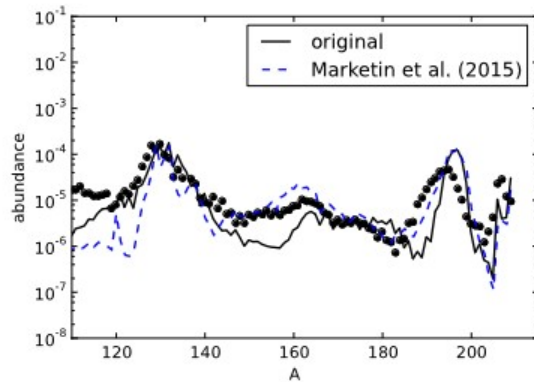


Possible result: there could be two r-process sources active in the MW disk: one Th-poor, and one Th-rich, both carrying Eu.

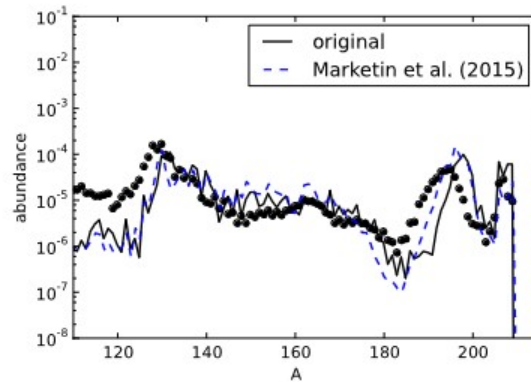
Challenge: Th-II line blended by Fe-I, Ni-I and Co-I lines!



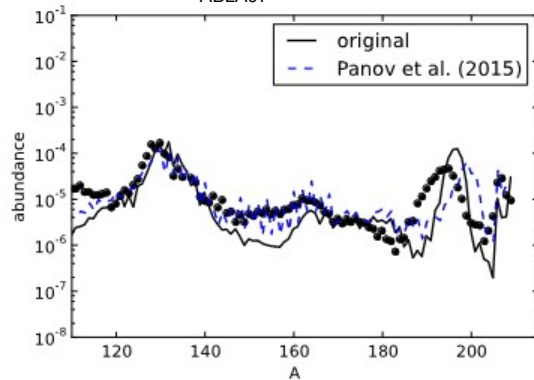
# Nuclear experiments and theory for the r-process: challenging and/or impossible?



(a) FRDM, Marketin (2015)  
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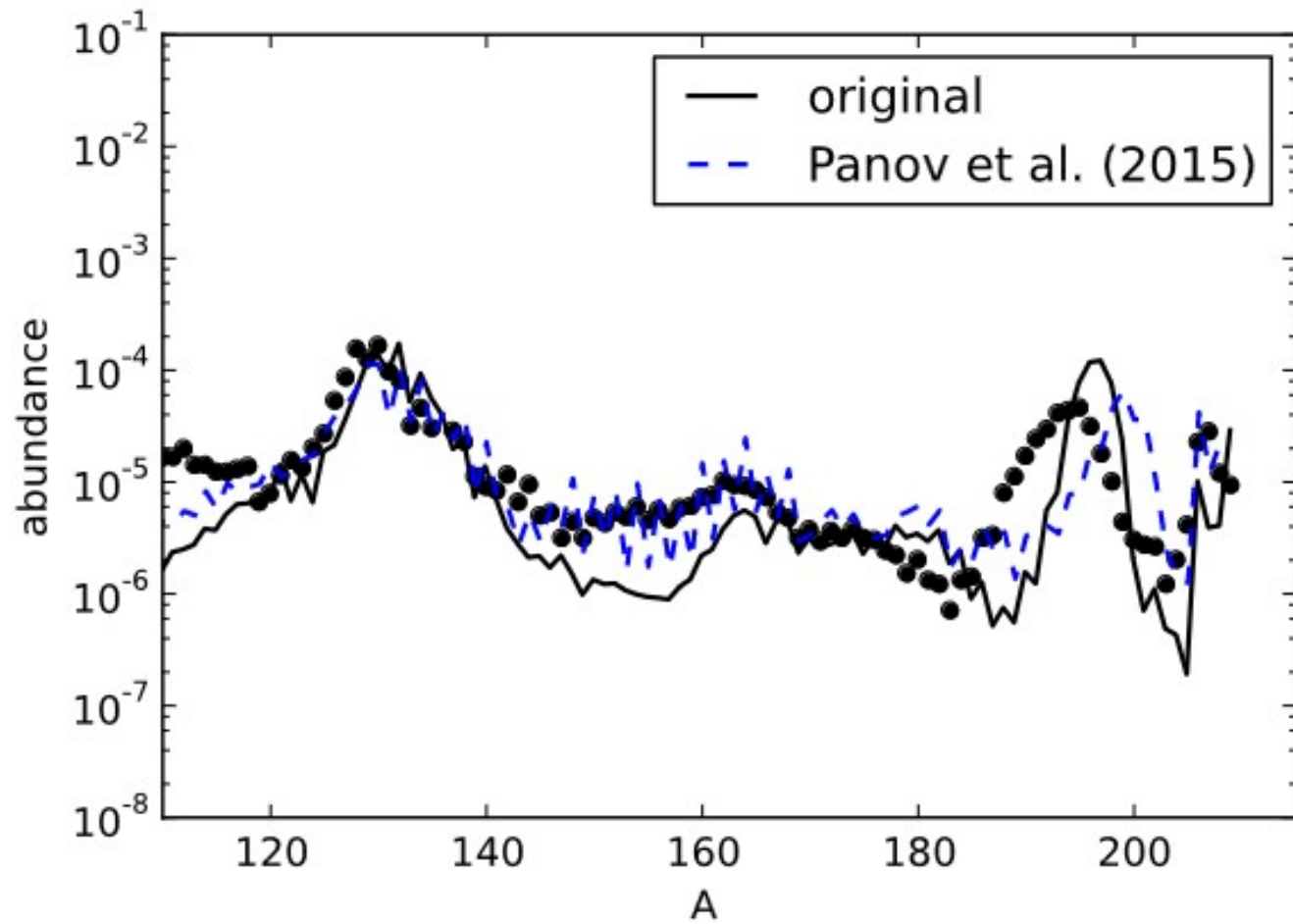


(b) HFB-14, Marketin (2015)  
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(c) FRDM, Panov (2015)  
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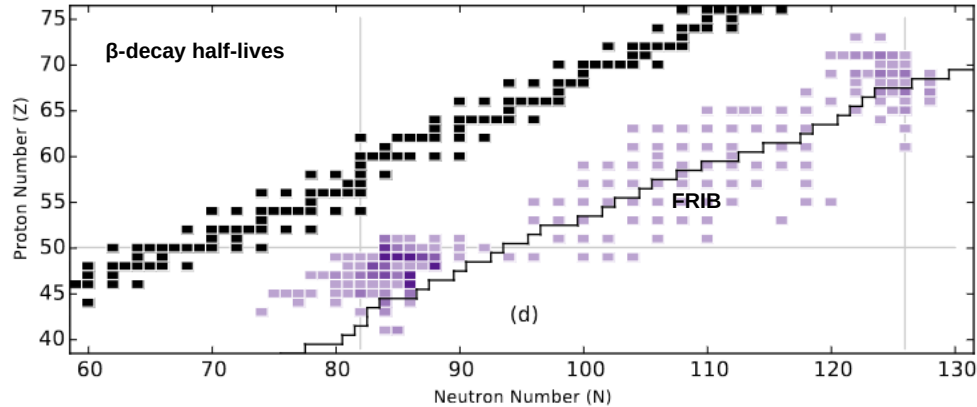
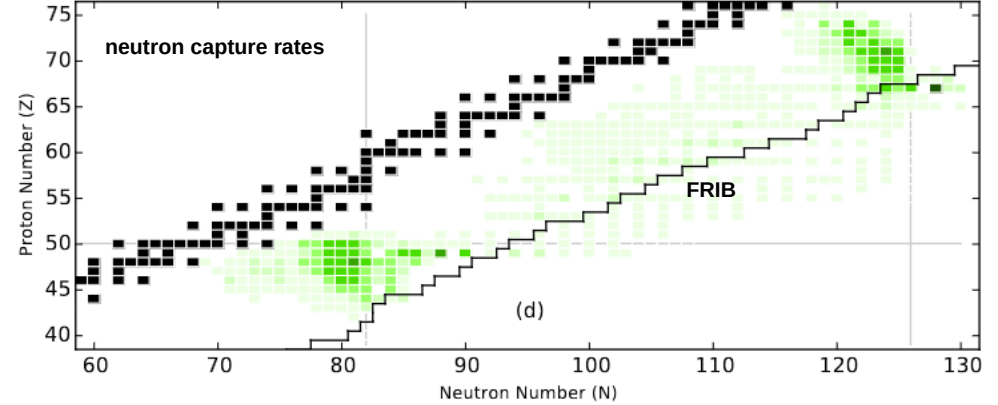
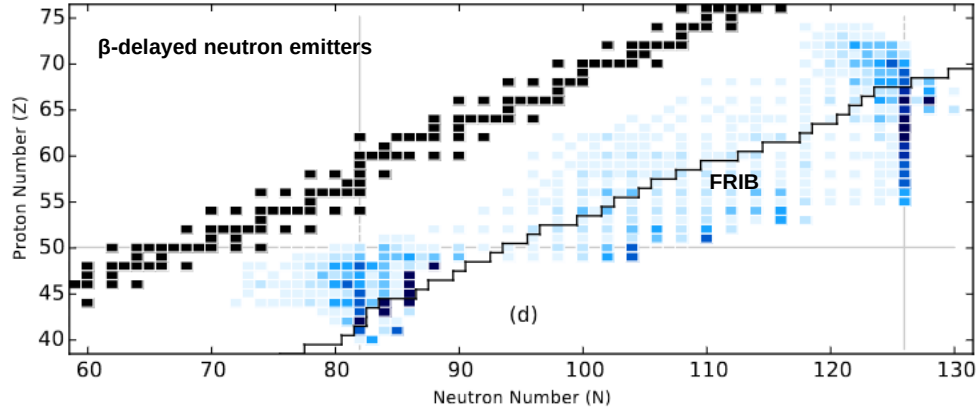
Eichler+ ApJ 2015



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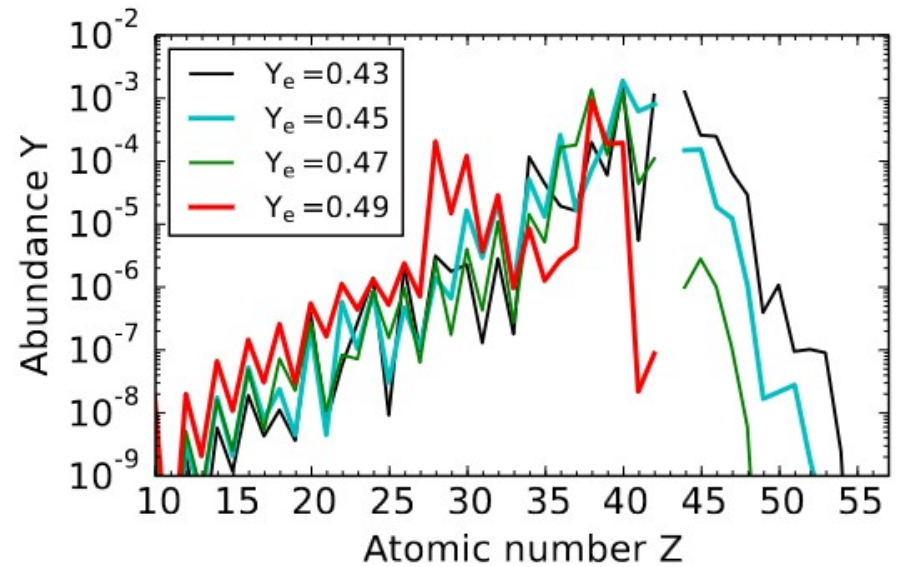
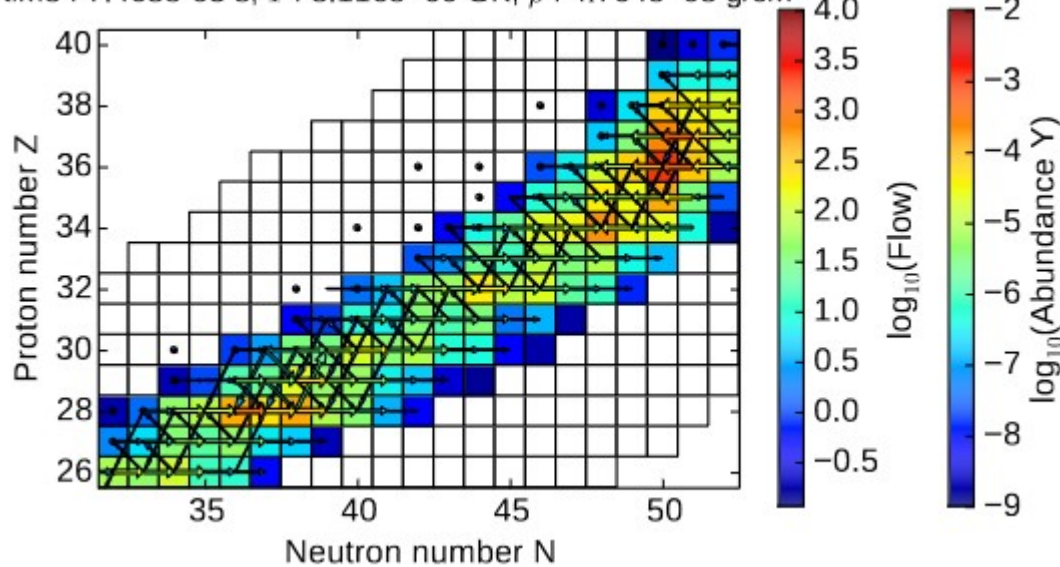
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Mumpower+ PPNP 2016

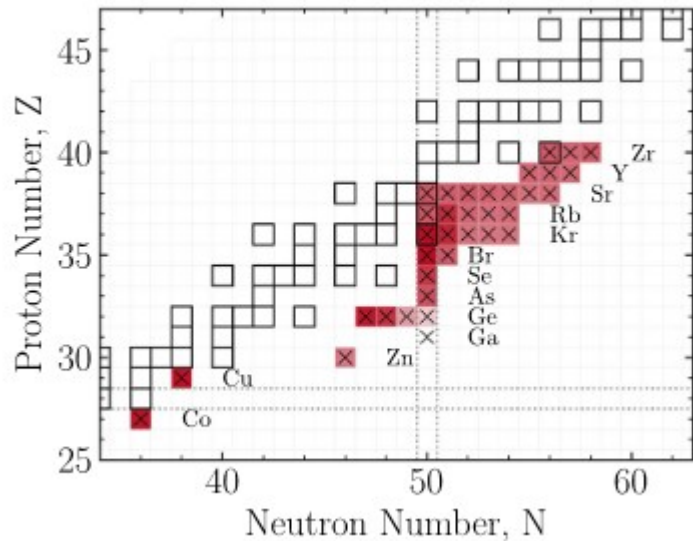
# Modern weak r-process in CCSNe: combination of neutron captures and alpha-captures

time : 7.465e-03 s,  $T$  : 5.116e+00 GK,  $\rho$  : 4.764e+05 g/cm<sup>3</sup>



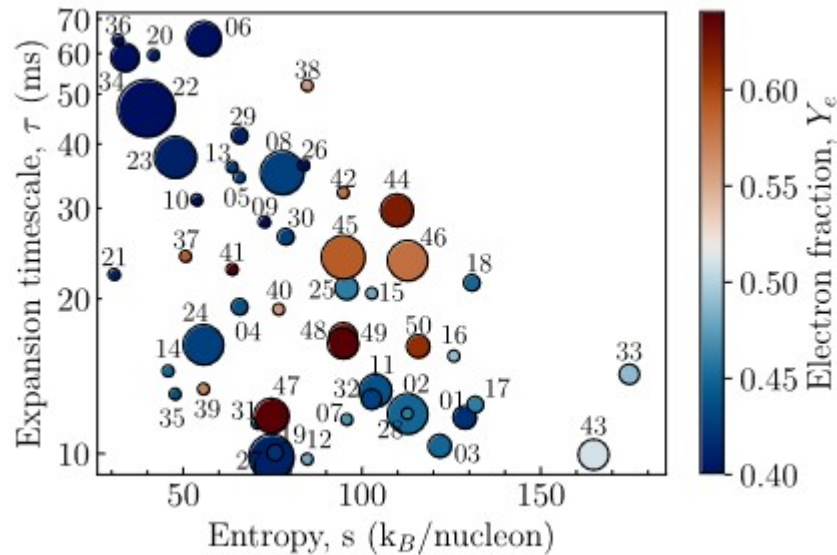
Bliss+ 2017

$(\alpha, n)$  reactions affecting elemental ratios  
in the neutrino-driven wind ejecta: wish list



Psaltis+ 2022

Caveat: neutrino-driven winds ejecta  
dominated by proton-rich ejecta?

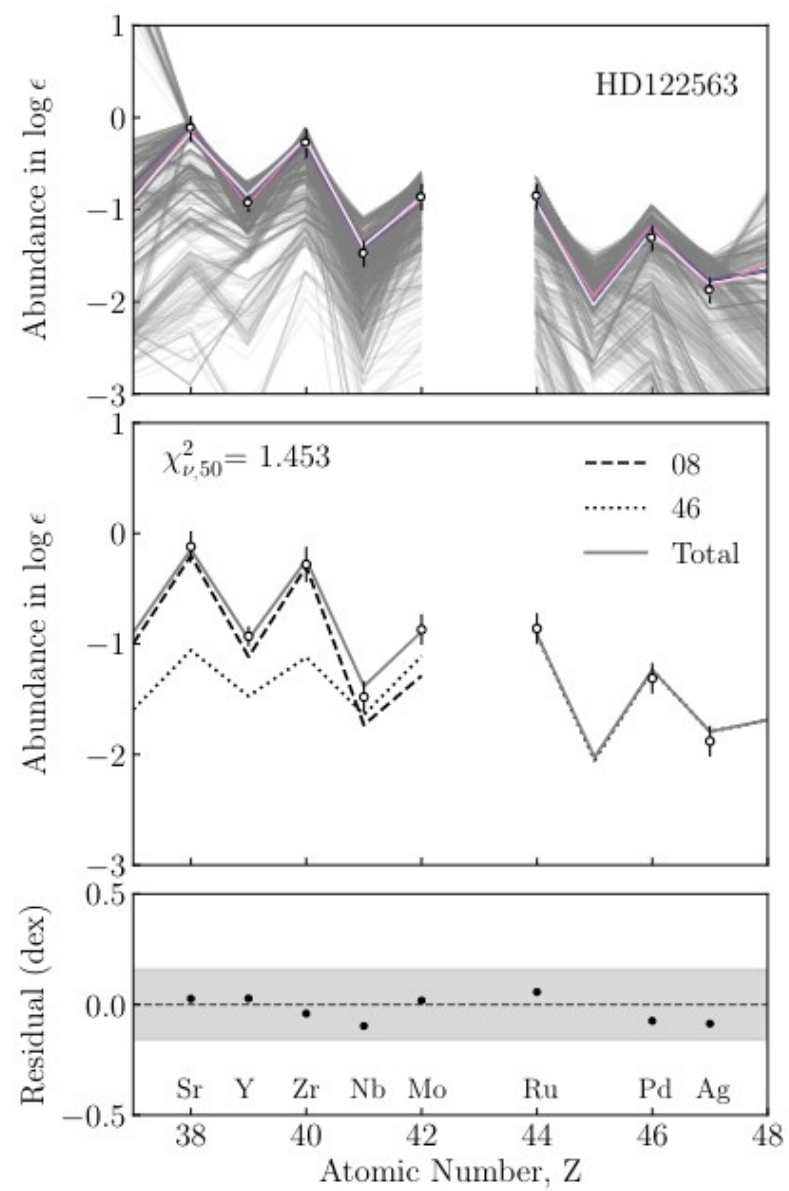


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Main Goal:

find the combinations  
reproducing the abundance  
patterns in metal-poor stars.

What can we learn?



# Outline

- Introduction to massive stars basic features
- Stars & nucleosynthesis as computational experiments
- Neutron-capture processes in massive stars:
  - introduction and observations
  - Connection with Galactic Chemical Evolution
- The s-process, n-process, i-process, r-processes...