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# Galactic chemical evolution contributions to first-peak elements ( $Z=34-42$ ) from $i$ process in rapidly accreting white dwarfs

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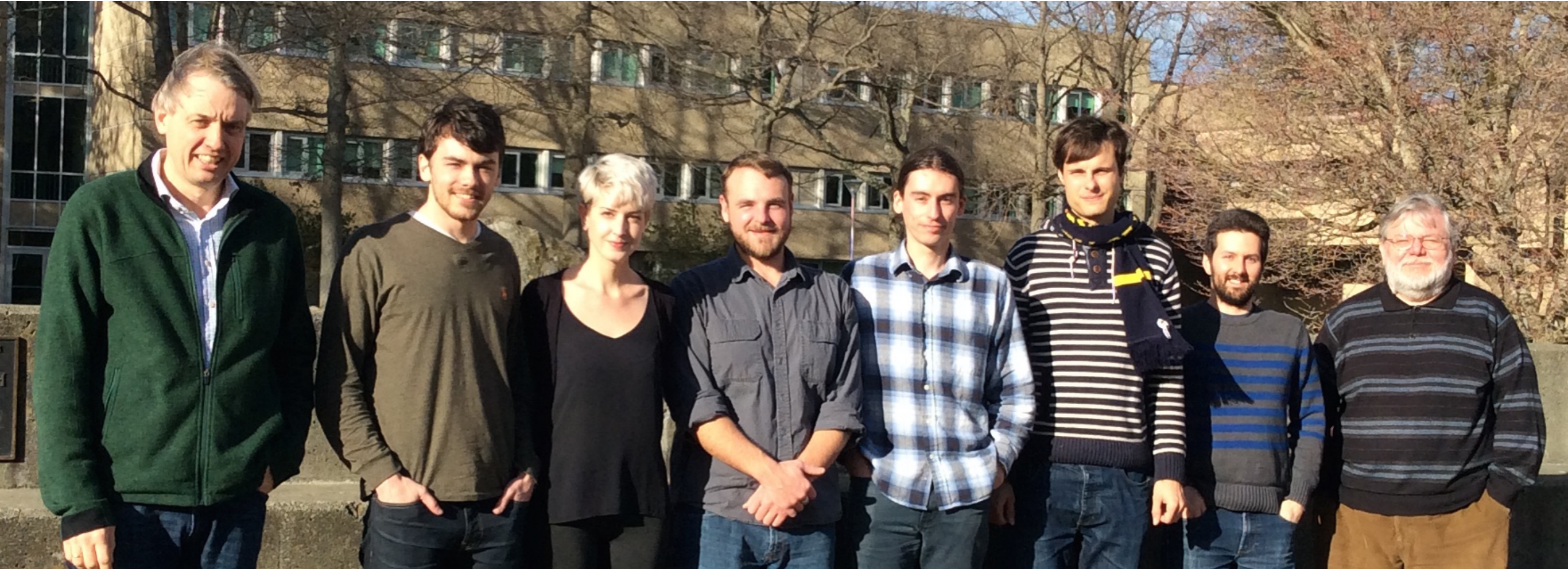
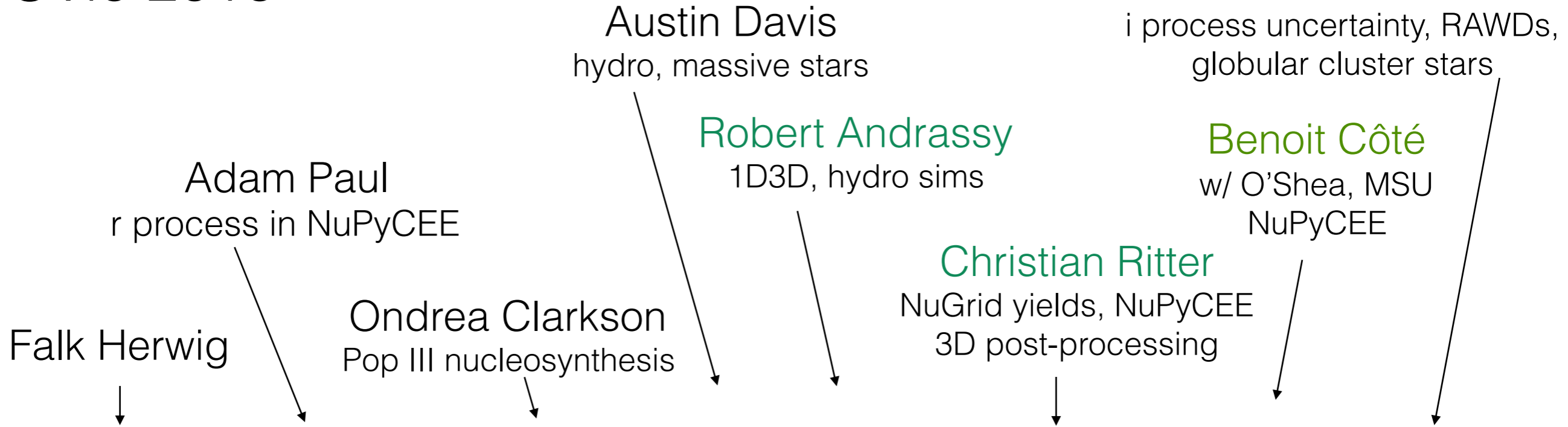
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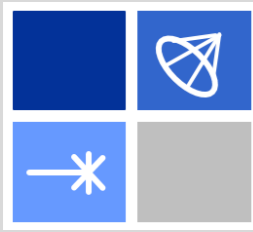
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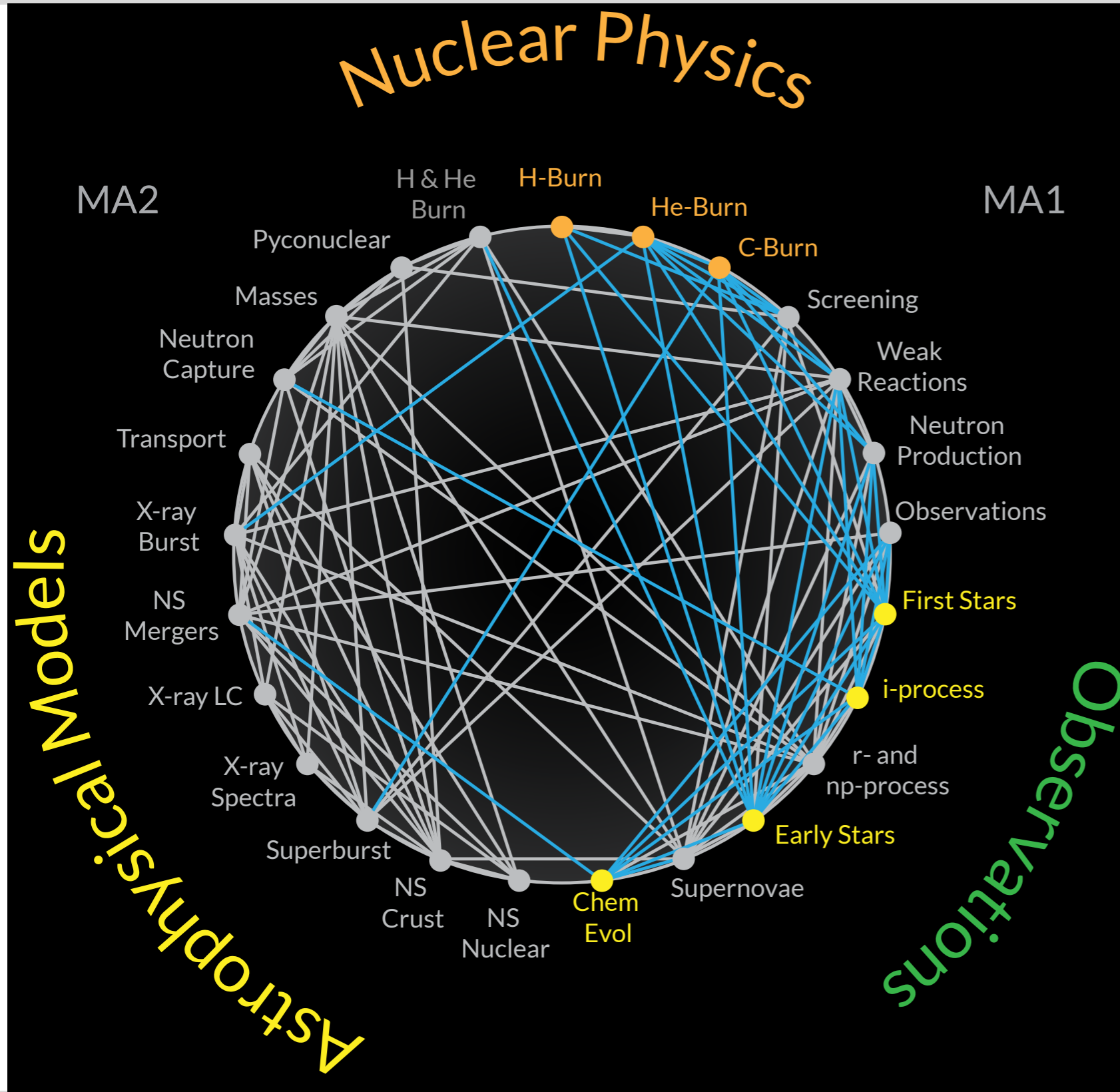
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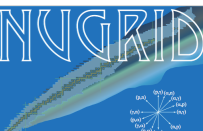


# Forging connections in the JINA-CEE Physics Frontier Center

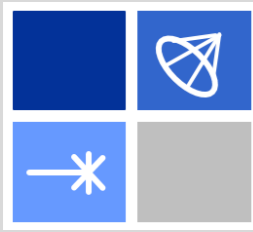


## Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics - Center for the Evolution of the Elements

- rise of the elements in the early universe
- nucleosynthesis in dynamically mixed stellar environments
- stellar hydrodynamics - macro physics for stellar models
- nuclear physics impact - microphysics for stellar models
- nuclear production in stars and stellar explosions
- galactic chemical evolution and associated observables



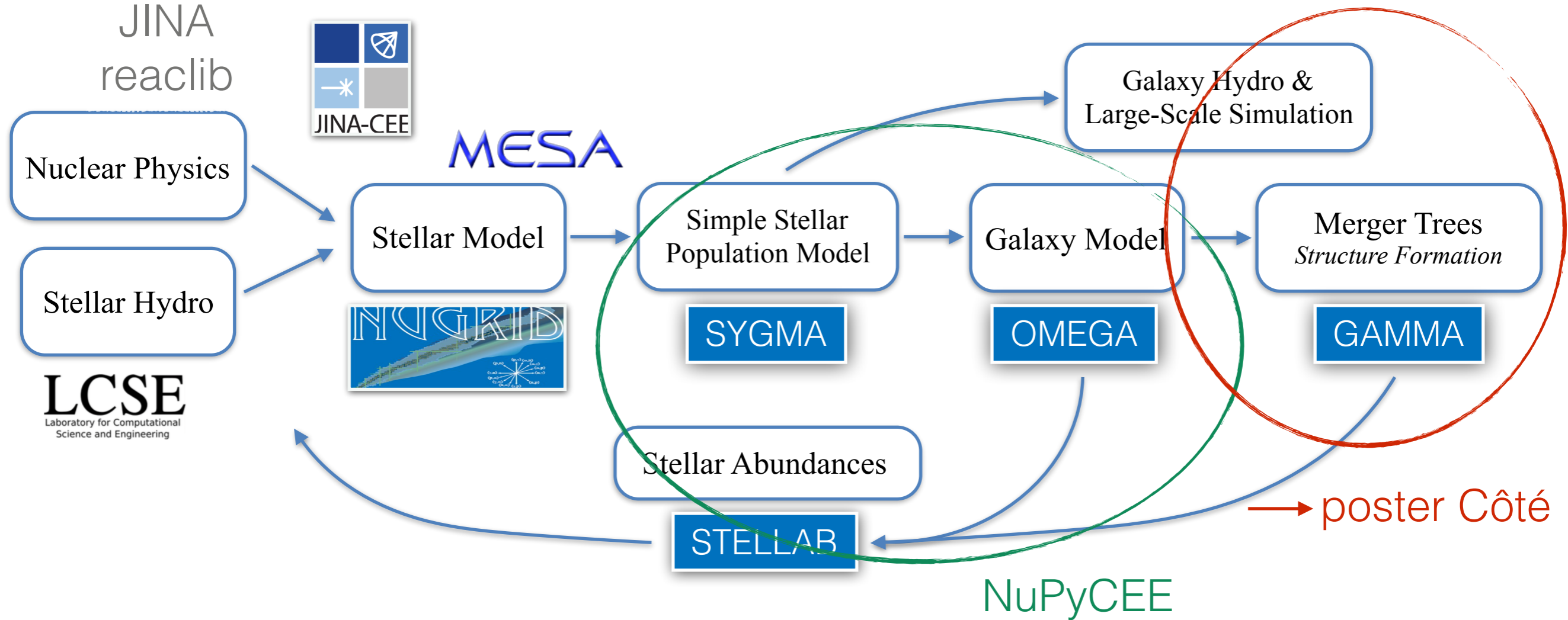




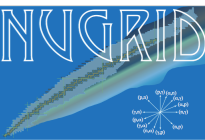
# Forging connections between fundamental nuclear and stellar physics - and cosmological chemical evolution

- JINA-CEE is about connecting a diverse set of islands of expertise

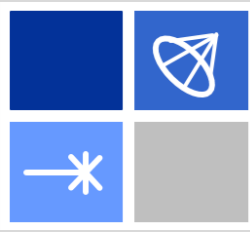
*Create "pipelines" - this is one of them ...*



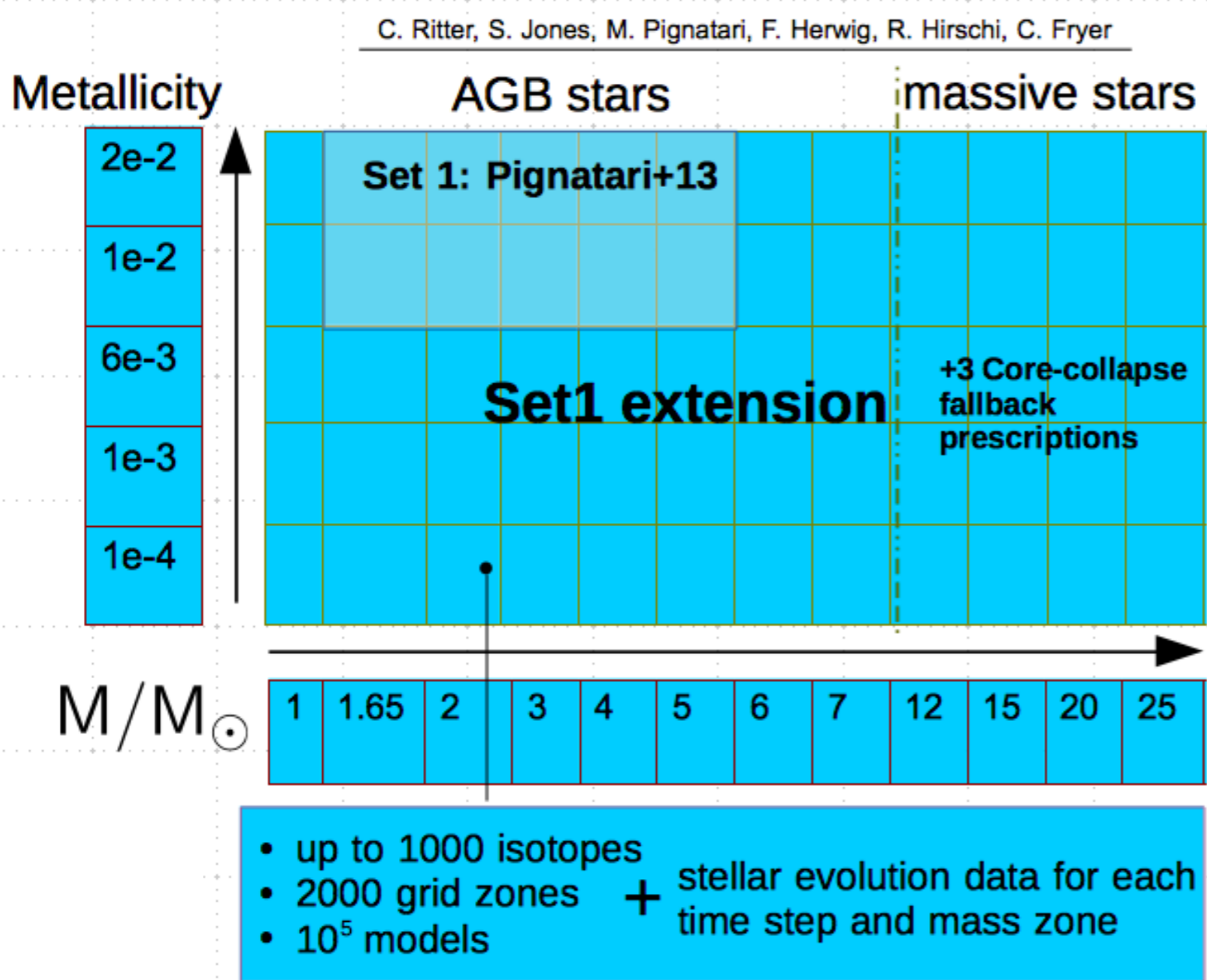
- tools, platforms, frameworks to establish persistent links/bridges between these islands → the JINA-CEE archipelago



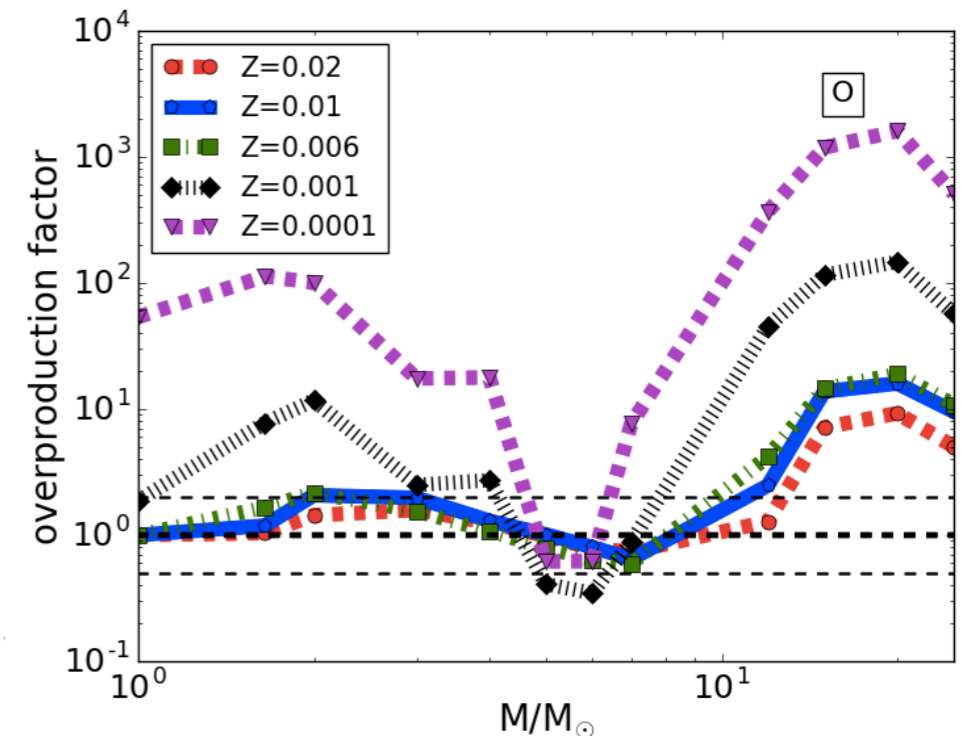




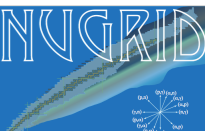
# NuGrid/JINA stellar models and yield data



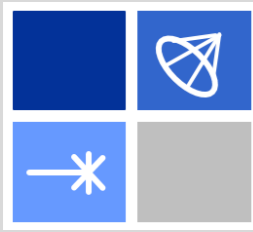
- Yields
- complete abundance profiles for all isotopes every 20 time steps
- SYGMA: Stellar Yields for Galactic Modeling Applications
- OMEGA: One-Zone Model for the Evolution of Galaxies
- WENDI: online jupyterhub based platform to access, explore, share and analyse NuGrid data (<https://astrohub.uvic.ca> - still evolving, subject to change)



Ritter+ 17, submitted?

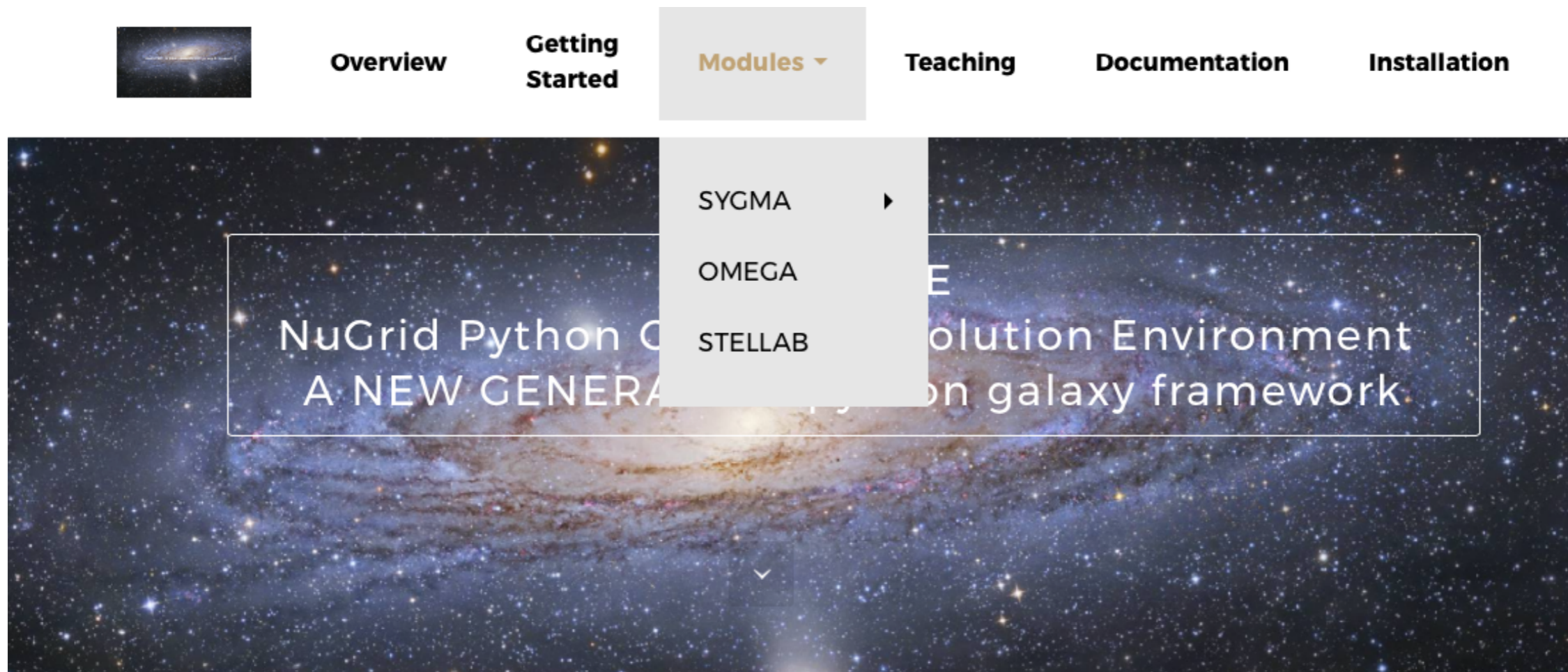






# A JINA NuGrid project: NuGrid Python Chemical Evolution Environment

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

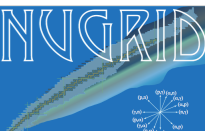


*Benoit Côté poster*  
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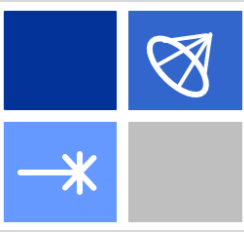
Côté+ 17 NIC XIV, doi: 10.7566/JPSCP.14.020203



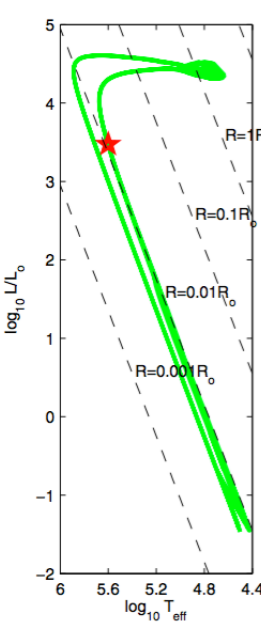
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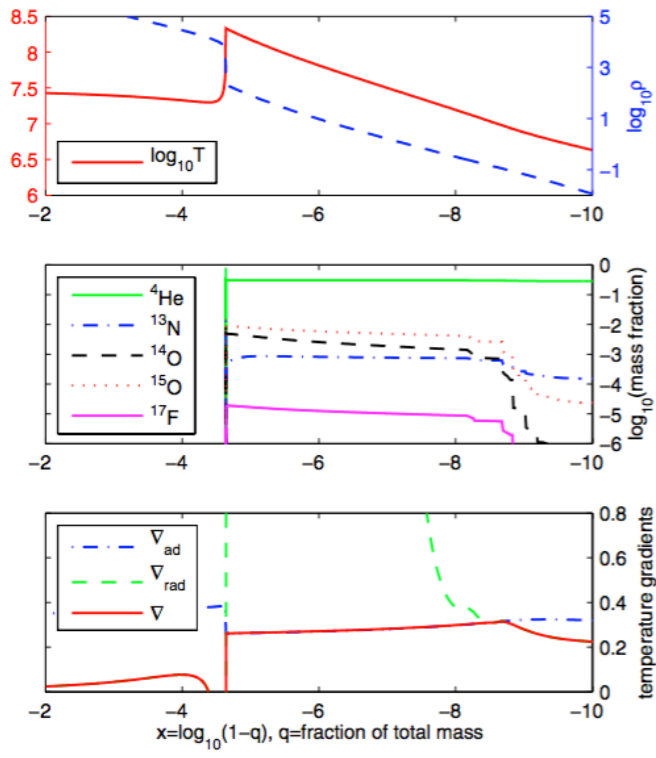
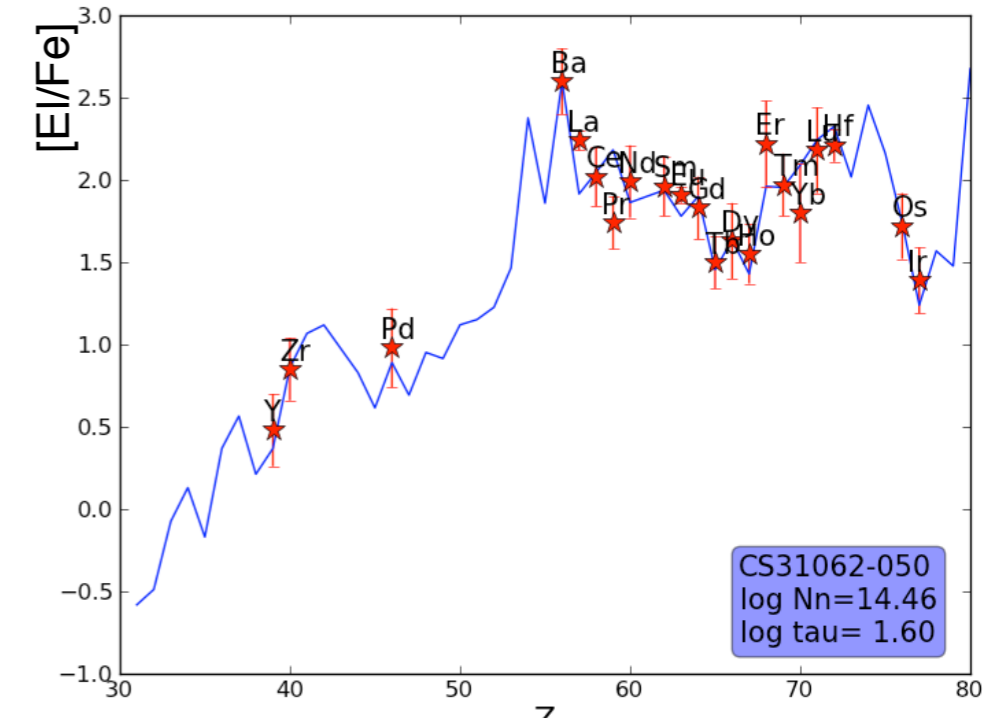
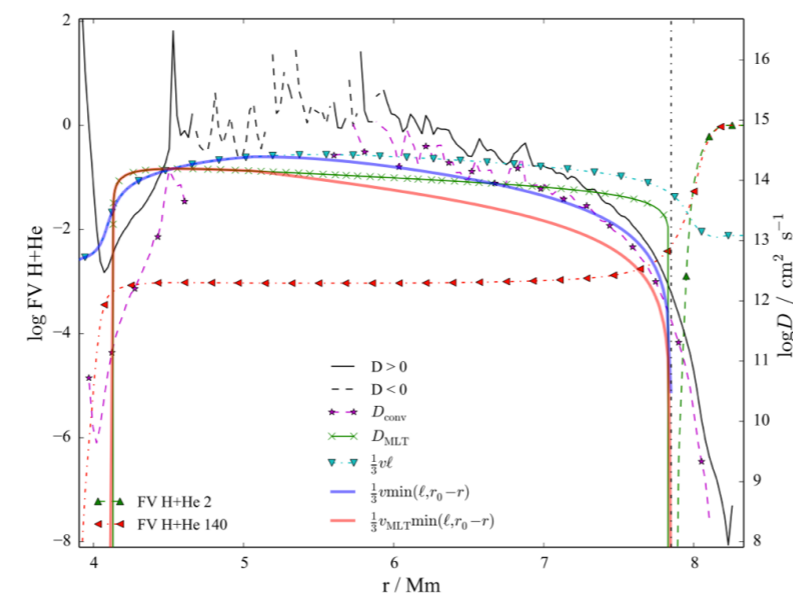
# With this network and tools - study new nuclear and stellar astrophysics and address astronomy challenges



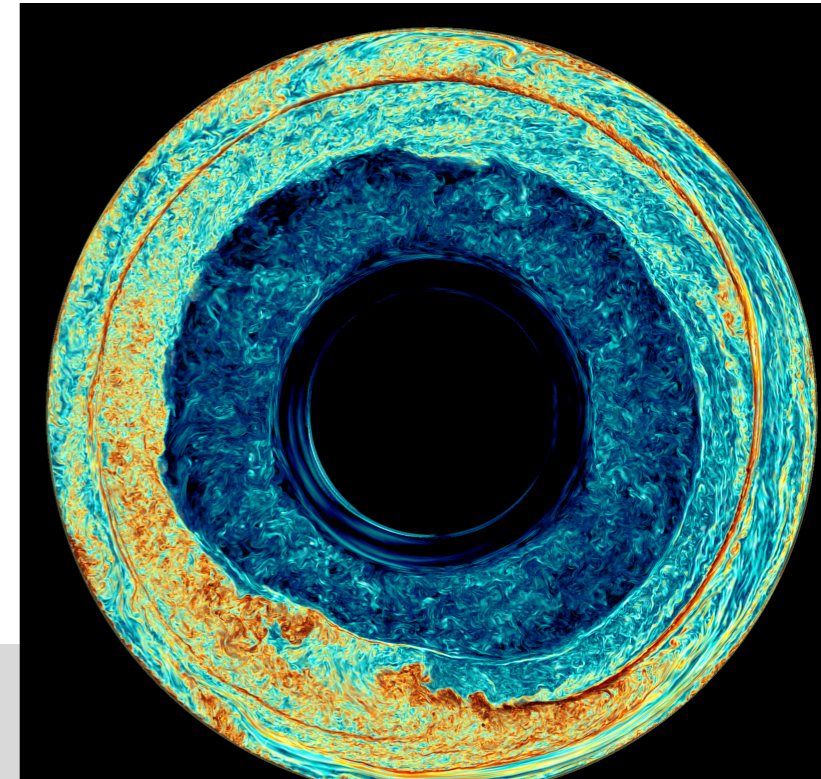
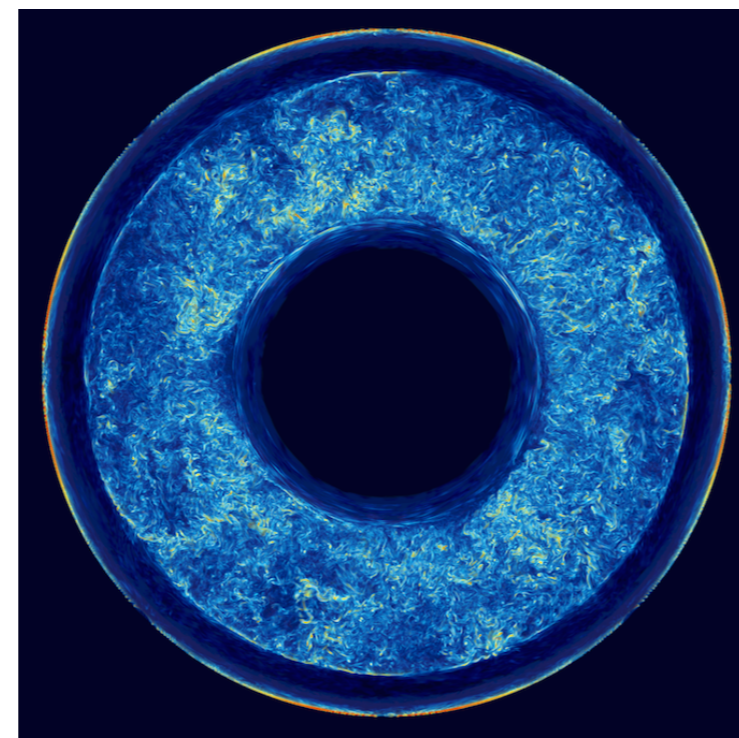
JINA nova framework project (Denissenkov+12, +13, with UCSB, TRIUMF and Chicago):

- recurrent H-shell flashes in accreting white dwarfs
- demonstrate (again) importance of convective boundary mixing

3D simulations of O-shell convection in massive stars and calibration of 1D mixing models for stellar evolution (Jones+17).

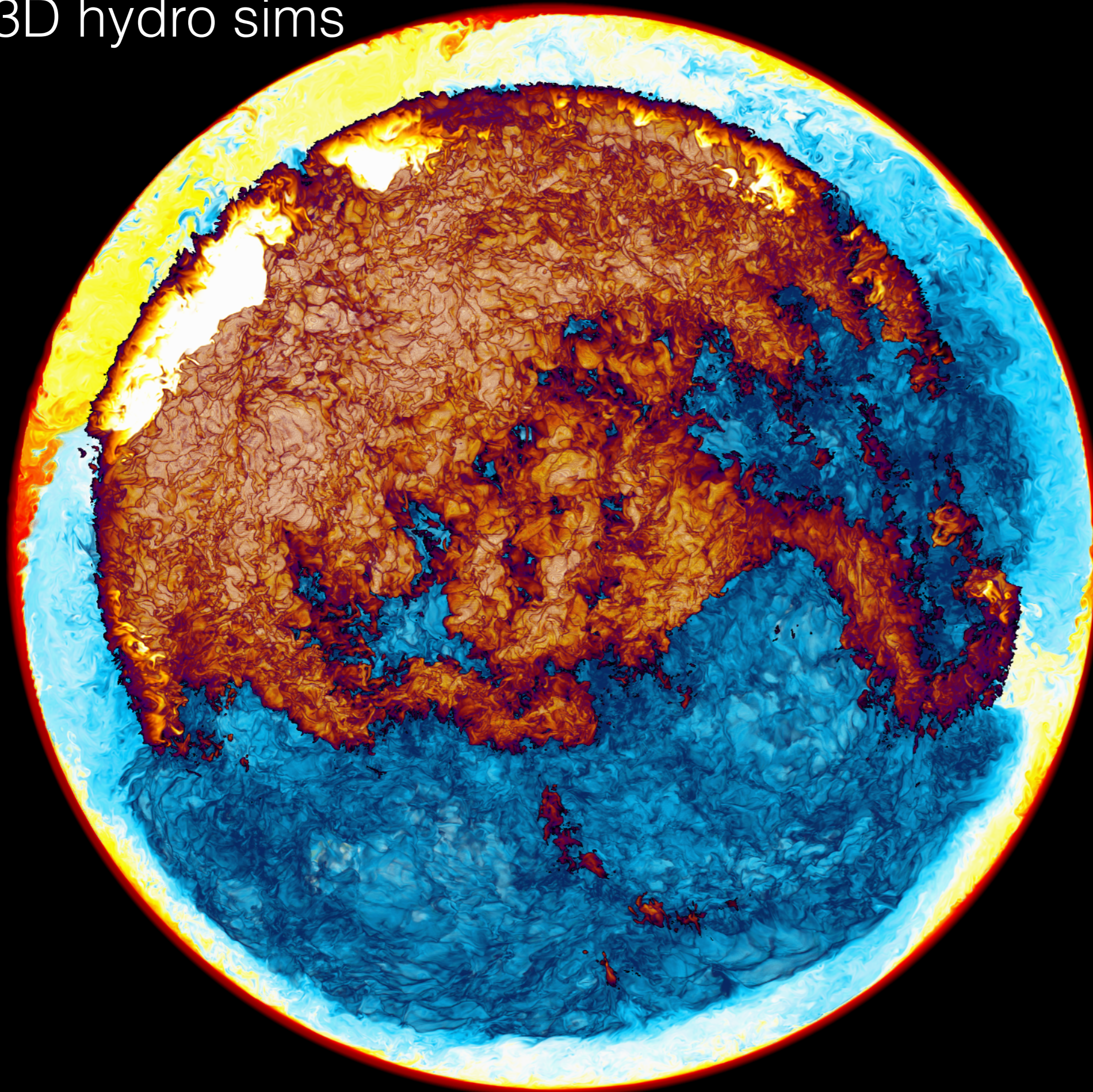


3D simulations of H-ingestion in He-shell flash convection in **low-mass stars** - **Global Oscillations of Shell H-ingestion** and i-process nucleosynthesis (Herwig+14, Dardélet+14, Woodward+15)





# 3D hydro sims



*Sakurai's Object  
H-ingestion  
simulation on Blue  
Waters machine in  
Jan., 2014, on a grid  
of  $1536^3$  cells.*

The burning front has  
now reached the  
antipode, where  
violent,  
localized energy  
release drives the  
oscillation back  
to its original site.

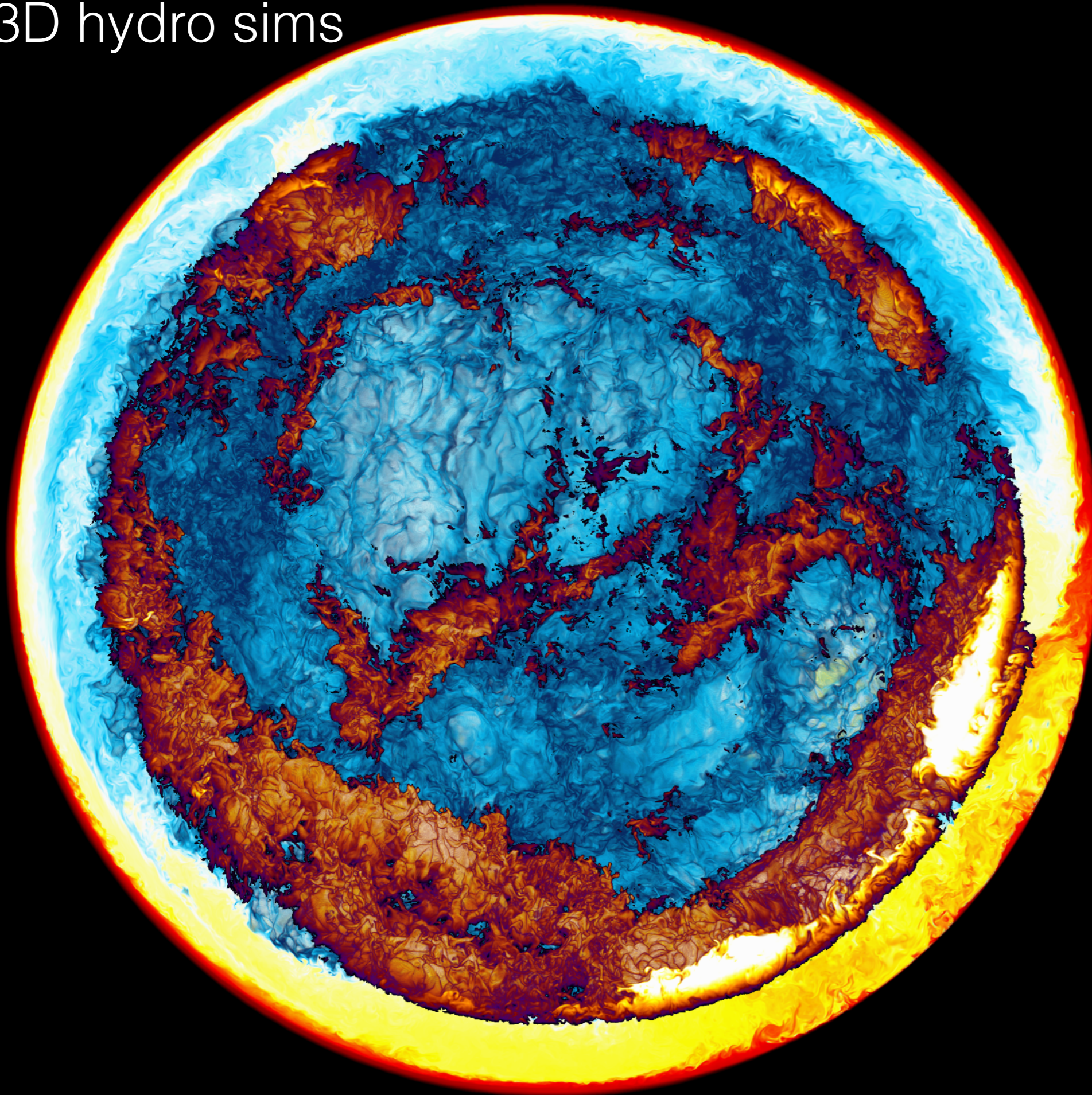
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Two different color scales show entrained fluid and nuclear energy release.

*Slide from Paul Woodward*



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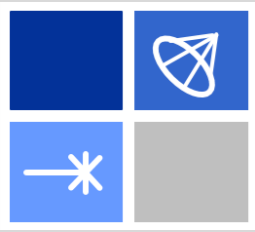
Once the GOSH  
quiets down, after  
about a day in the life  
of this star, we  
can be well justified  
in carrying our  
description of  
the star forward  
with a 1-D stellar  
evolution code,  
suitably modified.

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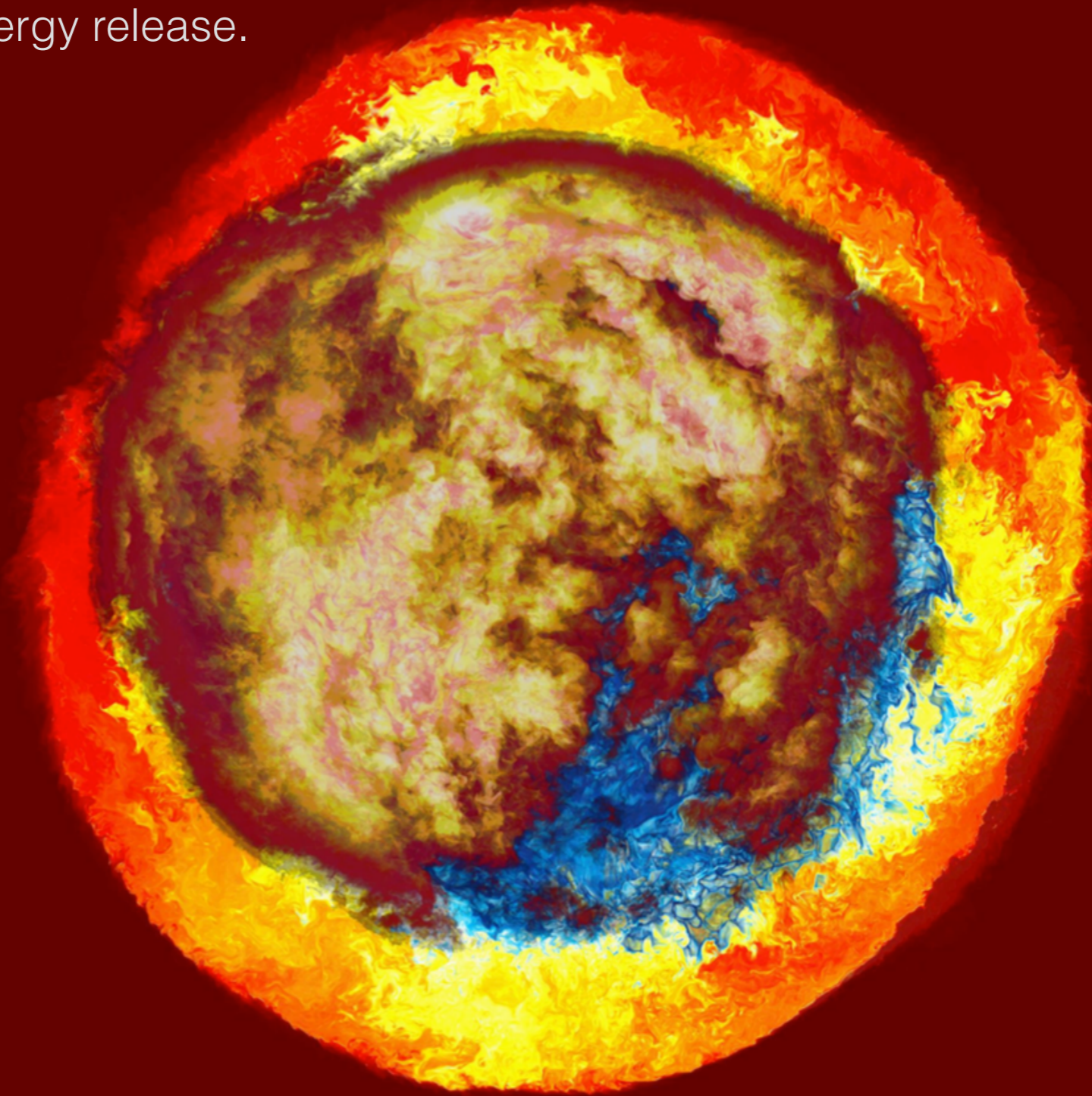


# Low-Z AGB H-ingestion into He-shell flash

H-ingestion events in low-Z stars can trigger Global Oscillations (GOSH) - one site of the  $i$  process?!

Poster Ondrea Clarkson on H-ingestion in Pop III star and Keller star.

Two different color scales show entrained fluid and nuclear energy release.

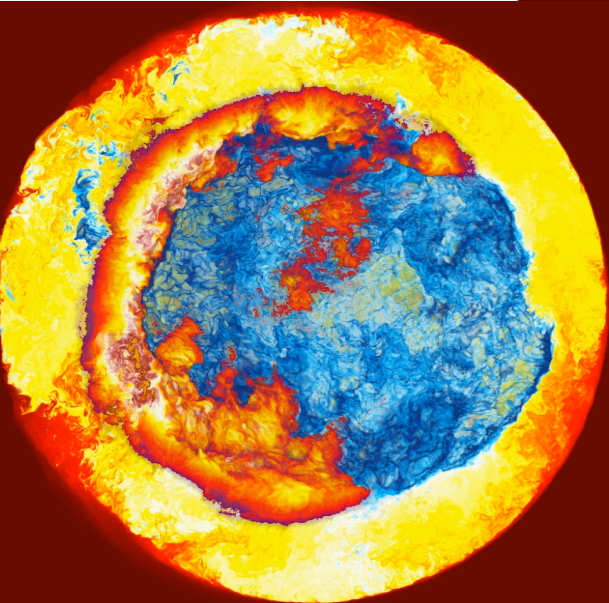


$2 M_{sun}$ ,  $Z = 10^{-5}$   
AGB star  
H-ingestion  
simulation on Blue Waters machine  
on a grid of  $1536^3$  cells.

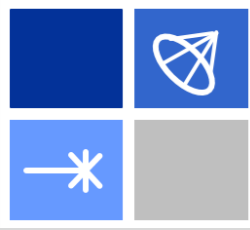
The GOSH is indeed global. This flow has a 1-D average, but it is by no means a 1-D phenomenon. Blue Waters makes it possible to see the GOSH in its full 3-D complexity.

$t = 2703.7$  min.

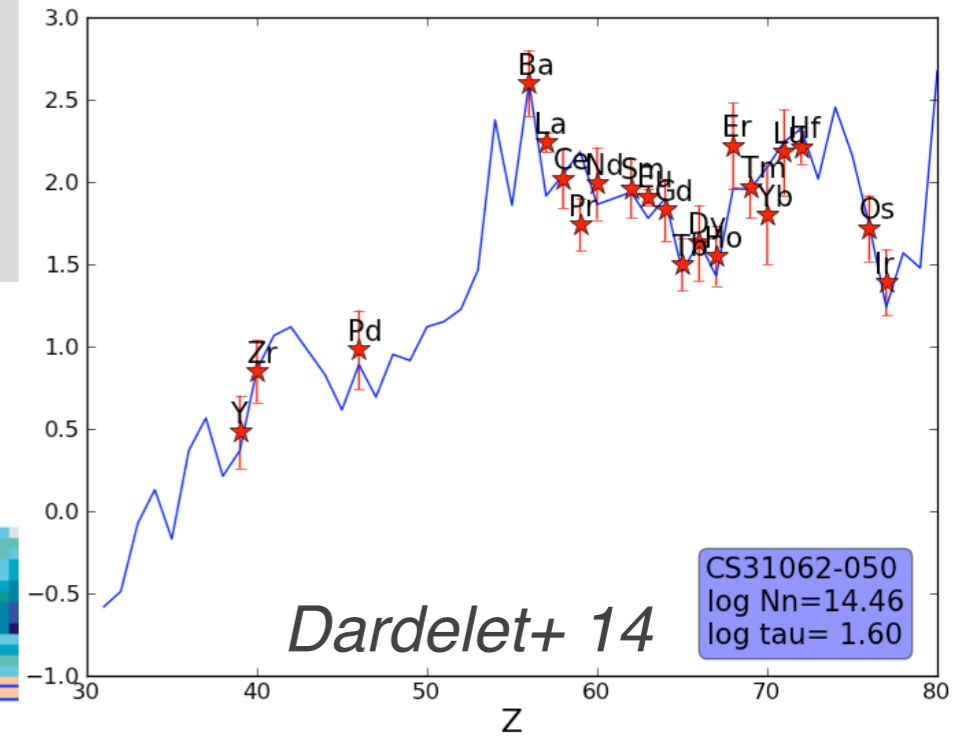
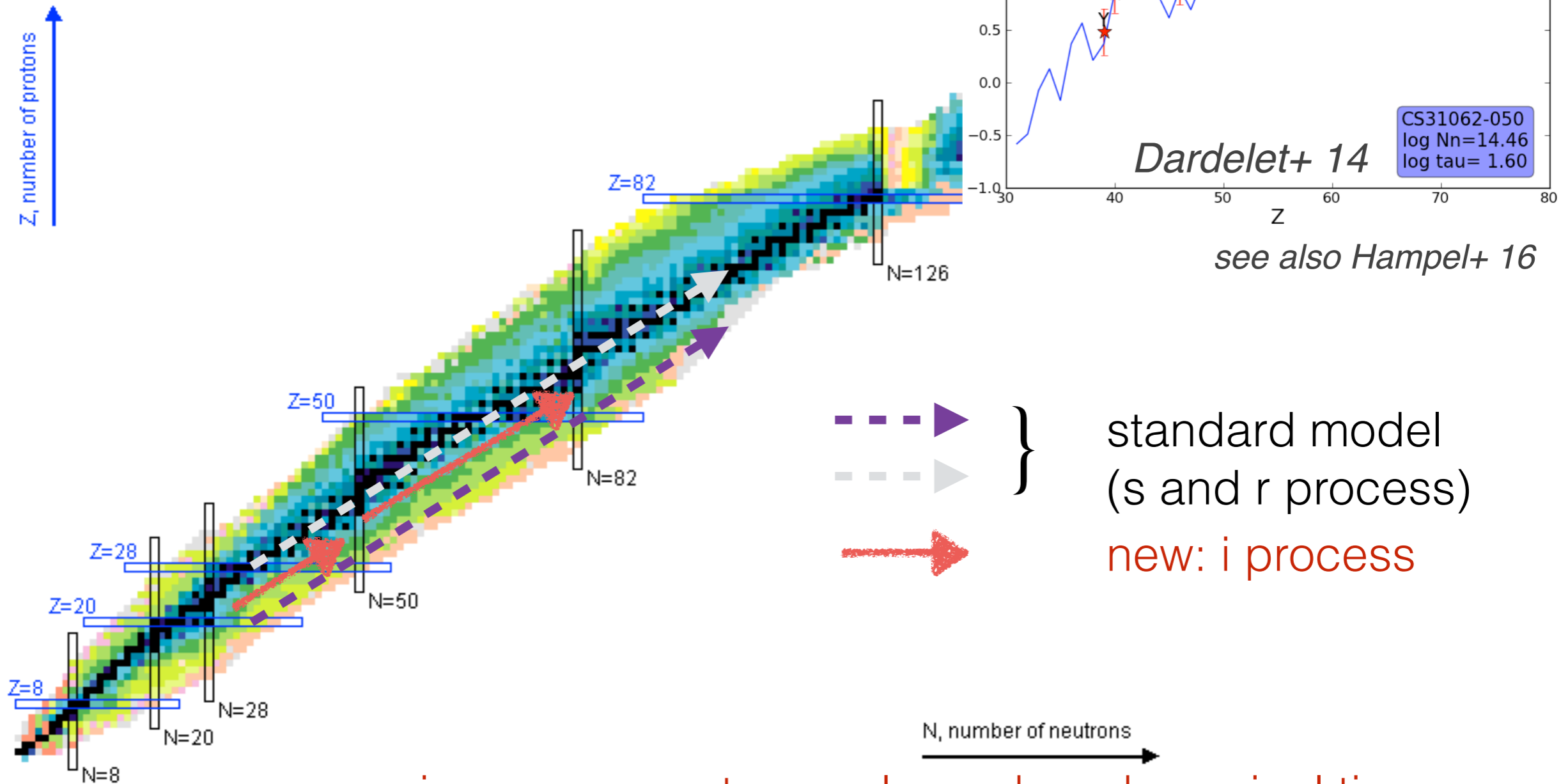
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# Neutron capture processes



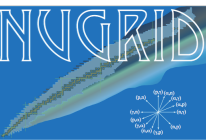
*Dardelet+ 14*

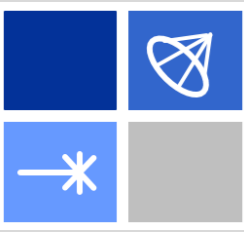
see also *Hampel+ 16*

} standard model  
 (s and r process)  
 new: i process

i process: neutrons released on dynamical time scale of H ingestion into convective He burning  
 → convective-reactive nucleosynthesis

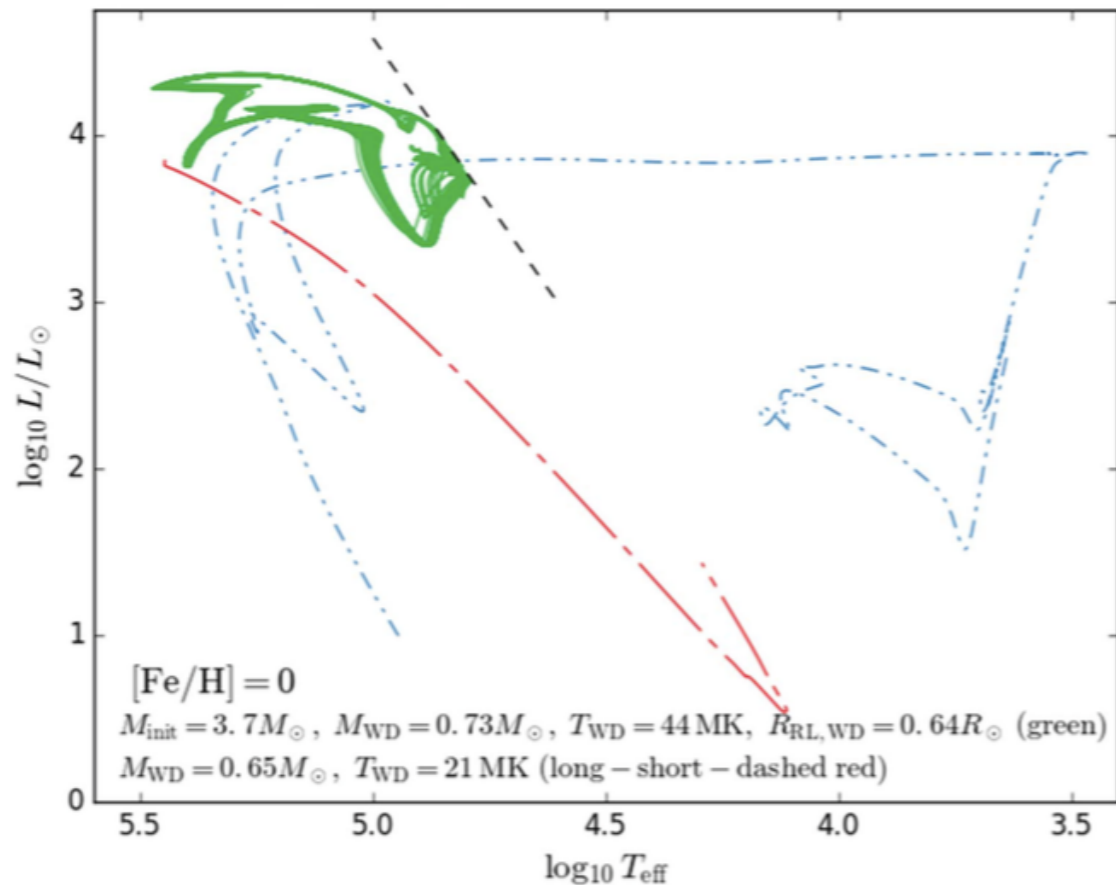
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# i process in rapidly accreting white dwarfs

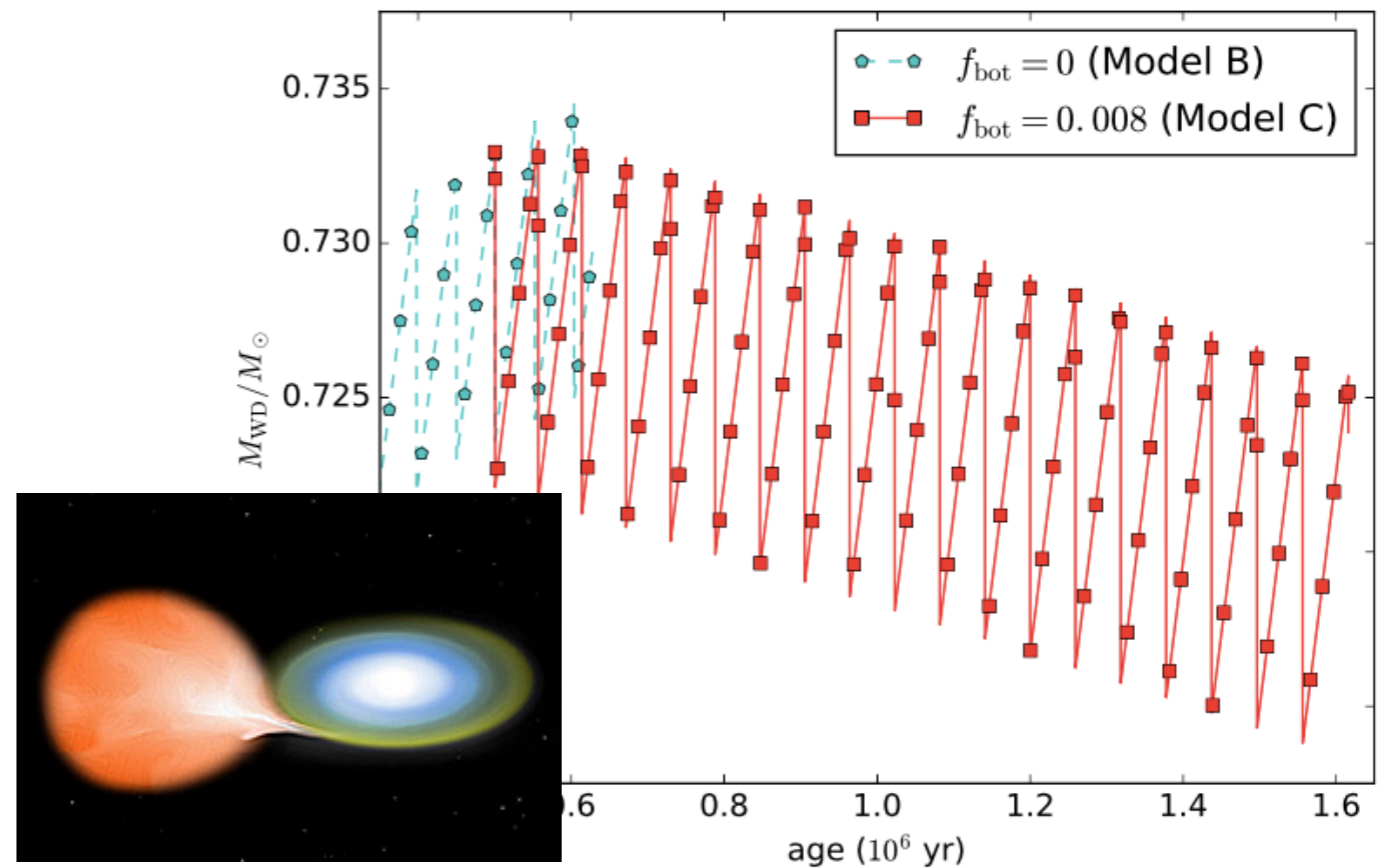
- **building on previous JINA nova expertise:** first multi-cycle He-shell flash simulations of rapidly accreting white dwarfs (using MESA)



**Figure 1.** Tracks of progenitor and post-AGB evolution of  $0.73 M_{\odot}$  WD (double-dot-short-dashed blue line; see text for details) and multiple He-shell flashes with H-ingestion cycles in model B (green line). The flash causes the star to expand to the WD Roche-lobe radius (dashed black line) and lose the accreted material via the Roche-lobe overflow. The short-long-dashed red curve is a fragment of the track of model A during its second He-shell flash.

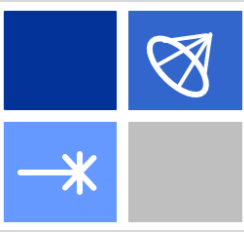
*Denissenkov+ 17, ApJ 834, L10*

- **Important result 1:** He-mass accretion is very small or even negative (depending on convective boundary mixing parameter)
- makes **single-degenerate evolutionary pathway to SN Ia very unlikely!**



**Figure 2.** Evolution of the total mass of the  $0.73 M_{\odot}$  RAWD model B without CBM ( $f_{bot} = 0$ ) and model C with CBM ( $f_{bot} = 0.008$ ). Each of the saw-tooth-shaped features represents the mass increase during the accretion phase followed by mass ejection in Roche-lobe overflow (model B) or Eddington-luminosity mass loss (model C) triggered by the He-shell flash.

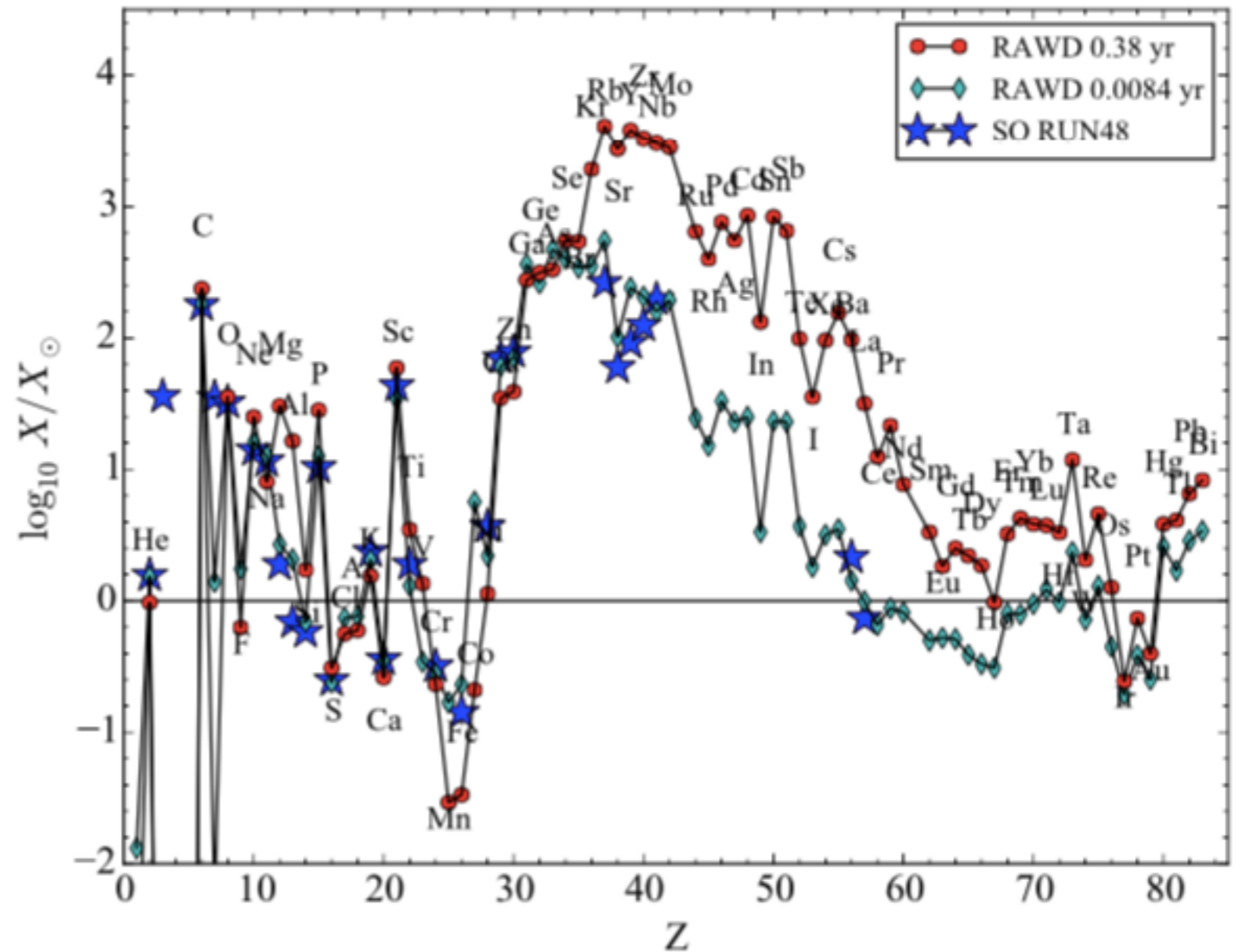
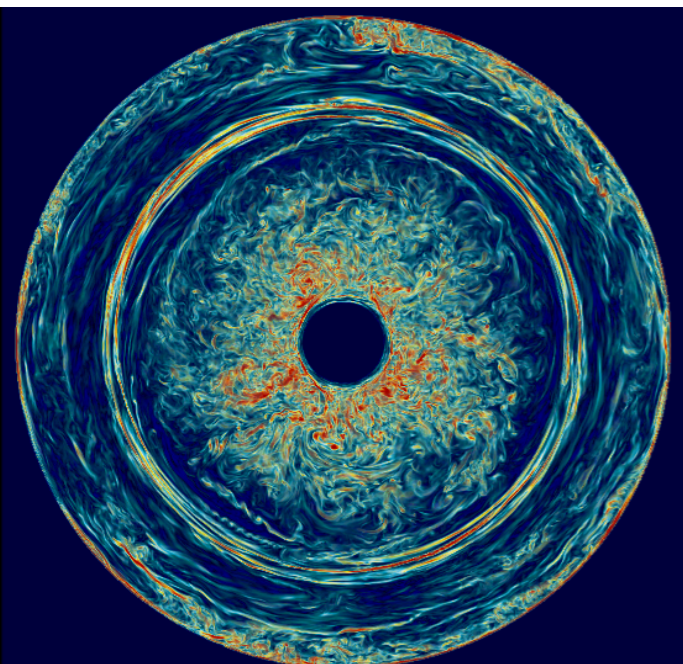




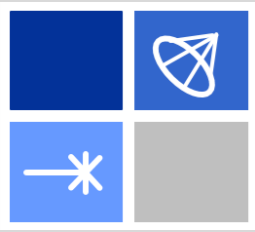
# i process in rapidly accreting white dwarfs

## Important result 2:

- He-shell flashes feature **H-ingestion** (hydro sims show no global oscillation in this case)
- these launch neutron-capture nucleosynthesis, just as in our previous work on post-AGB star Sakurai's object, with large (2-3 dex) production of first-peak elements at near-solar metallicity



**Figure 4.** Abundance distributions in the RAWD model A, after the second He flash, with  $M_{\text{WD}} = 0.65 M_{\odot}$  and  $T_{\text{WD}} = 21 \text{ MK}$  (teal diamonds, solid lines), and for comparison the model RUN48 (blue stars) from Herwig et al. (2011) that matches the observed abundances of Sakurai's object.

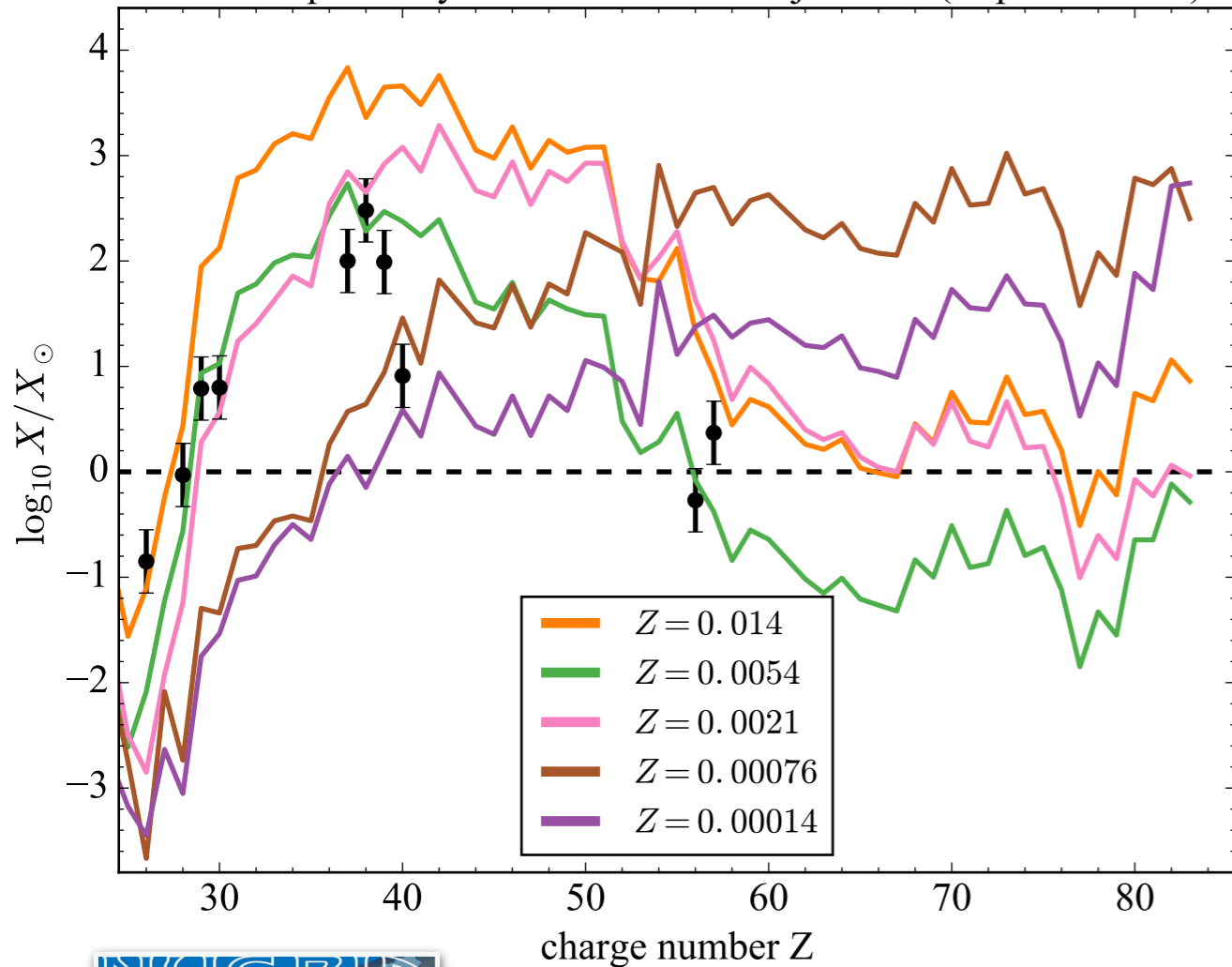


# The first i-process yields for GCE from RAWDs

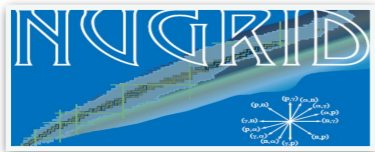
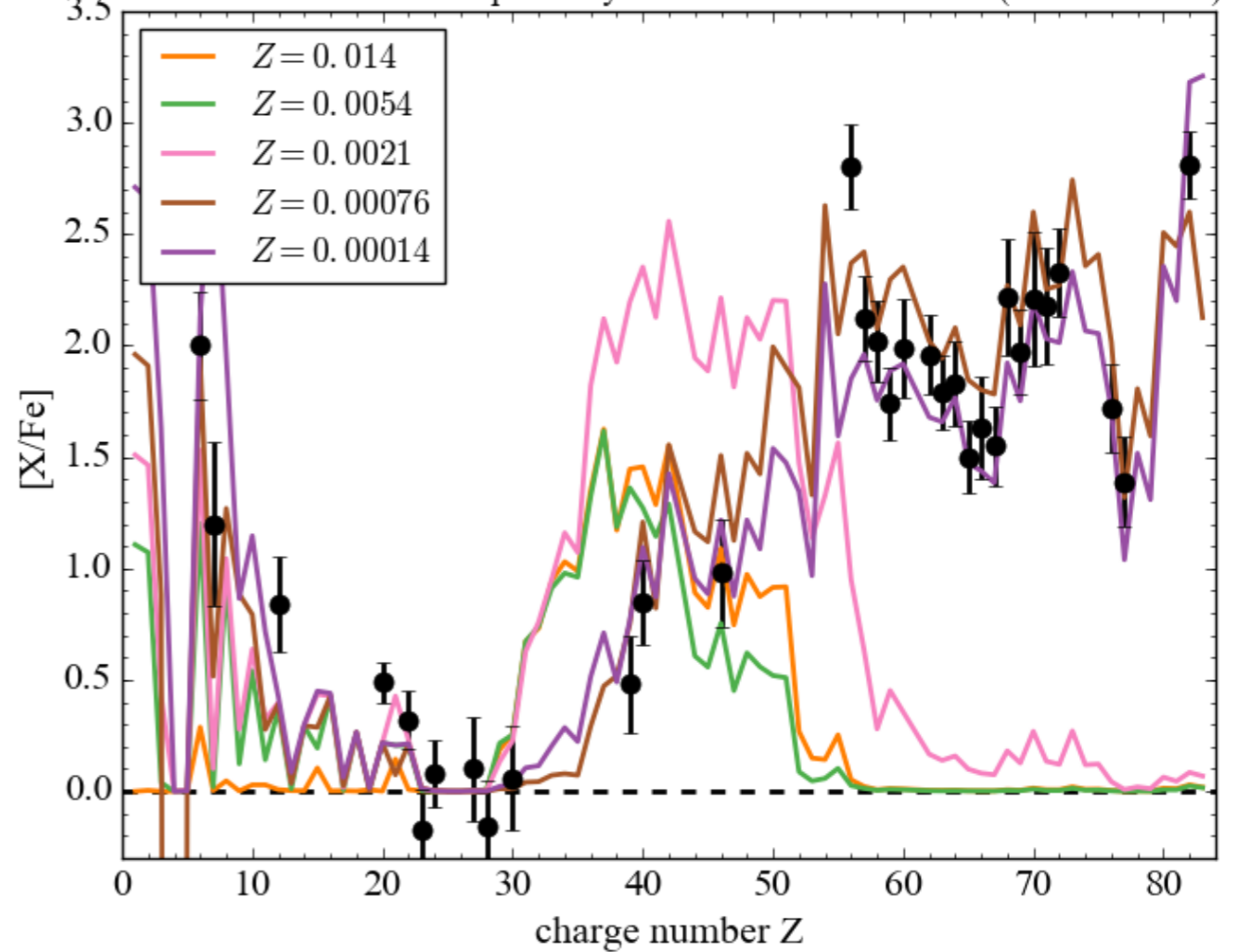
First i-process/s-process yields from metallicity ( $Z$ ) grid of rapidly accreting white dwarfs

**Hypothesis: CEMP-i stars are triple-star companion to iRAWDs at low  $Z$**

RAWD i-process yields vs. Sakurai's object data (Asplund+1999)

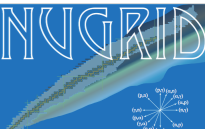


0.006 fraction of RAWD i-process yields vs CS31062-050 data (Johnson+2004)

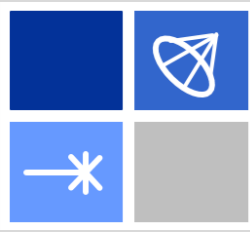


MESA

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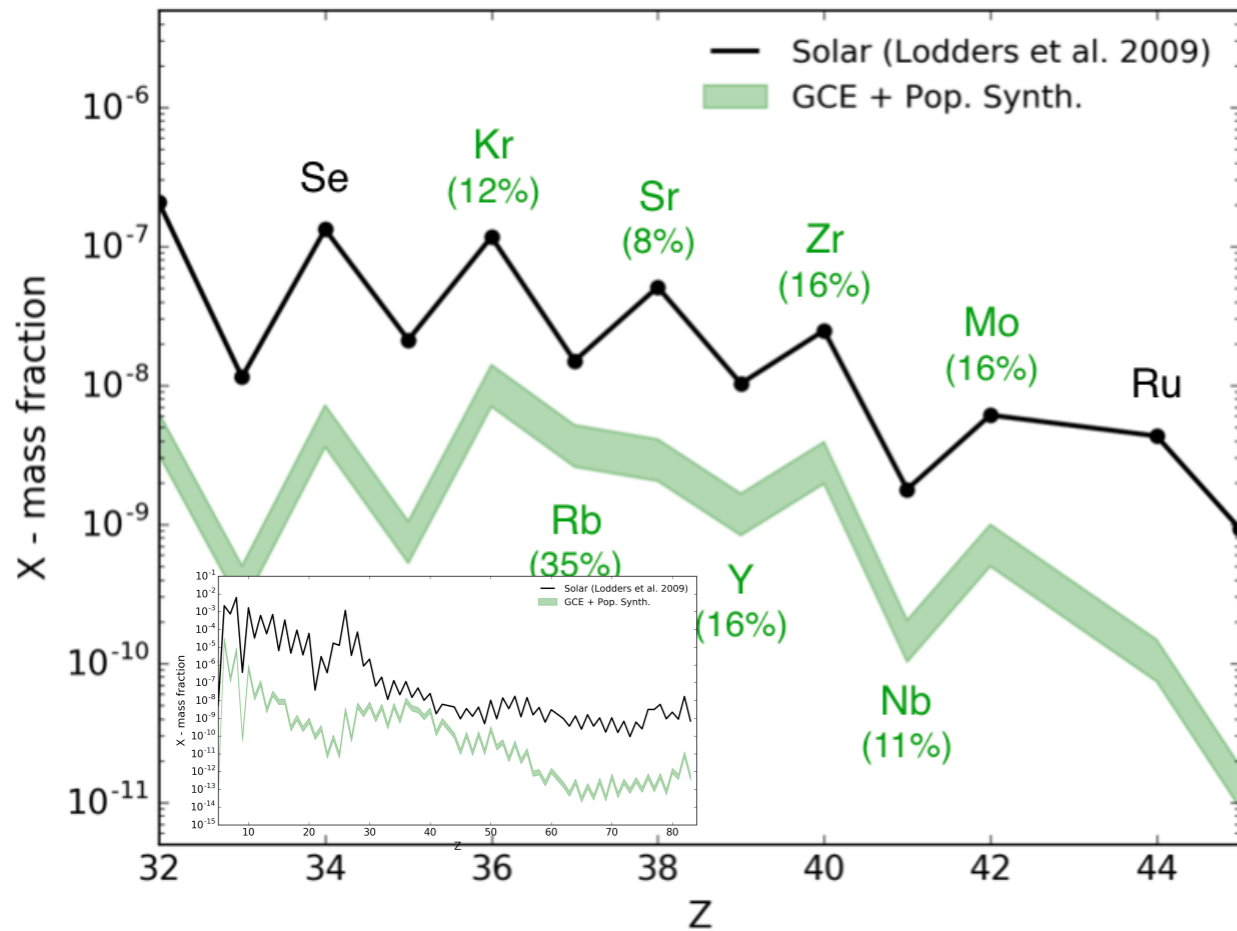






# i process from RAWDs in solar system?

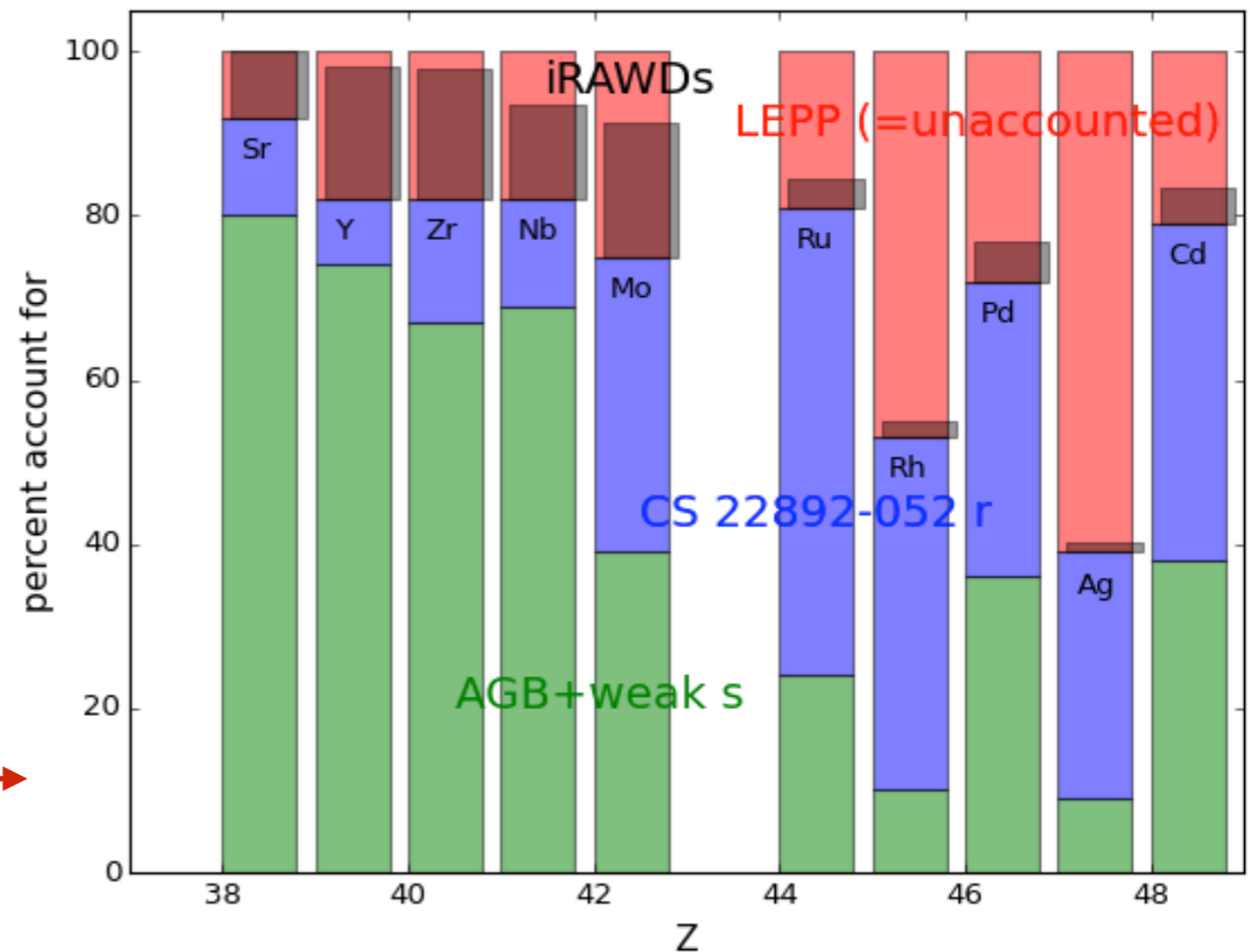
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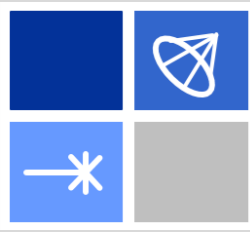


iRAWD contribution to first-peak elements in Milky-Way GCE  
 OMEGA model with new iRAWD yields and iRAWD rates from population synthesis (Ruiter)



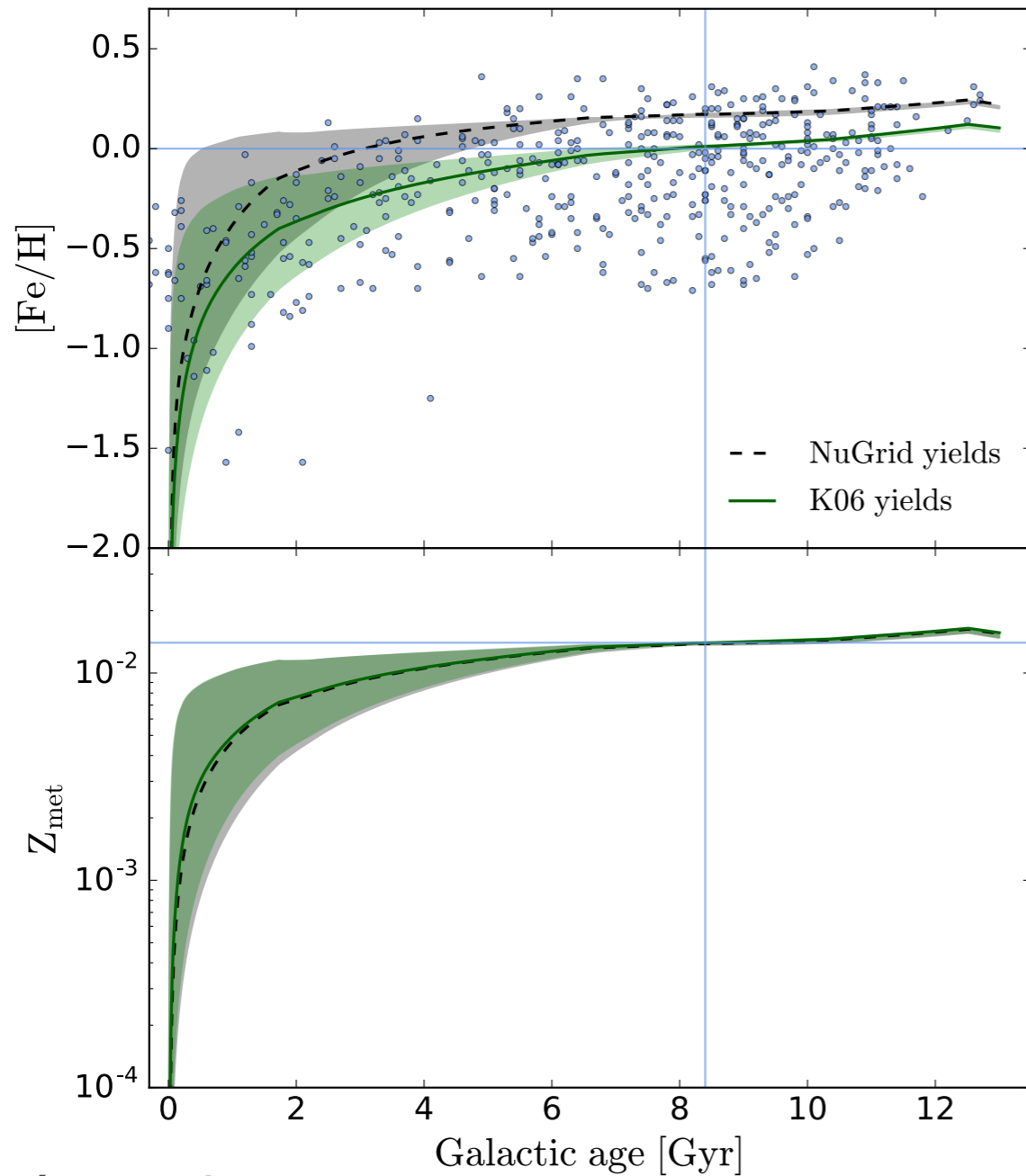
Unaccounted Lighter-Element Primary Process contribution (Travaglio+ 04) to first-peak elements and iRAWD contributions





# Errors/uncertainties in (these) GCE predictions

Different chemical evolution paths at early times accounted for in OMEGA.



PROPERTIES OF OUR GALAXY MODEL (OMEGA) AT THE END OF THE SIMULATION COMPARED TO CURRENT DISK PROPERTIES OF THE MILKY WAY TAKEN FROM TABLE 1 IN KUBRYK ET AL. (2015, K15). SFR, CC SN, AND SN IA STAND FOR STAR FORMATION RATE, CORE-COLLAPSE SUPERNOVA, AND TYPE IA SUPERNOVA.

Quantity	OMEGA	Milky Way (K15)
Stellar mass [ $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ ]	5.0	3 - 4
Gas mass [ $10^9 M_{\odot}$ ]	9.1	$8.1 \pm 4.5$
SFR [ $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ]	2.5	0.65 - 3
Inflow rate [ $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ]	1.4	0.6 - 1.6
CC SN rate [per 100 yr]	2.5	$2 \pm 1$
SN Ia rate [per 100 yr]	0.3	$0.4 \pm 0.2$

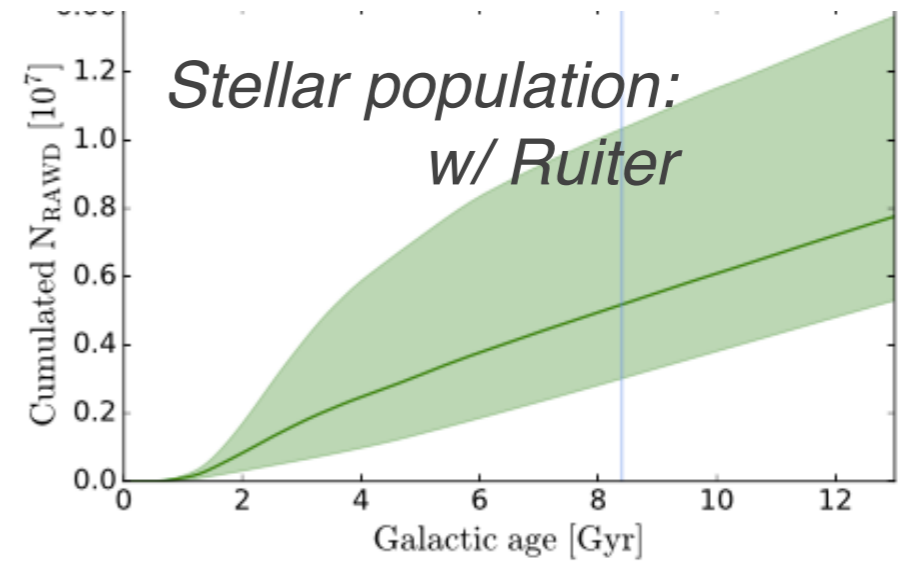
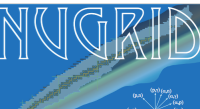


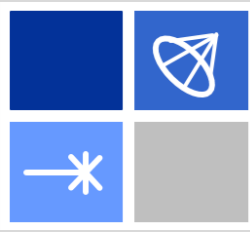
FIG. 7.— Predicted rate (upper) and cumulated number (bottom) of rapidly accreting white dwarfs (RAWDs) as a function of Galactic age. The green solid lines represent our fiducial model while the green shaded areas show the uncertainties generated by different early chemical evolution paths (see Figure 6).

range of mass accreted by each RAWD: 0.5 - 1.0 Msun

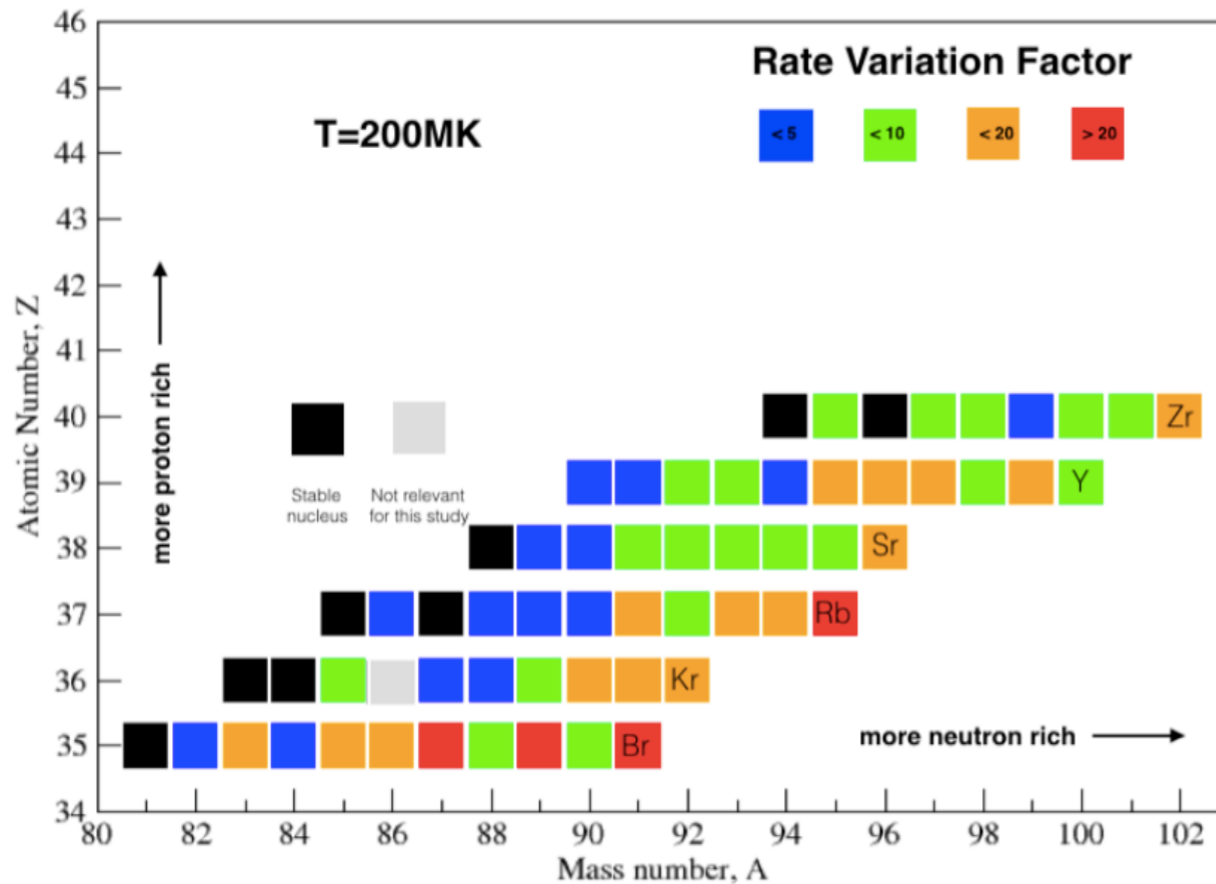
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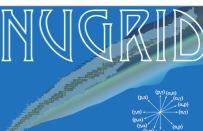
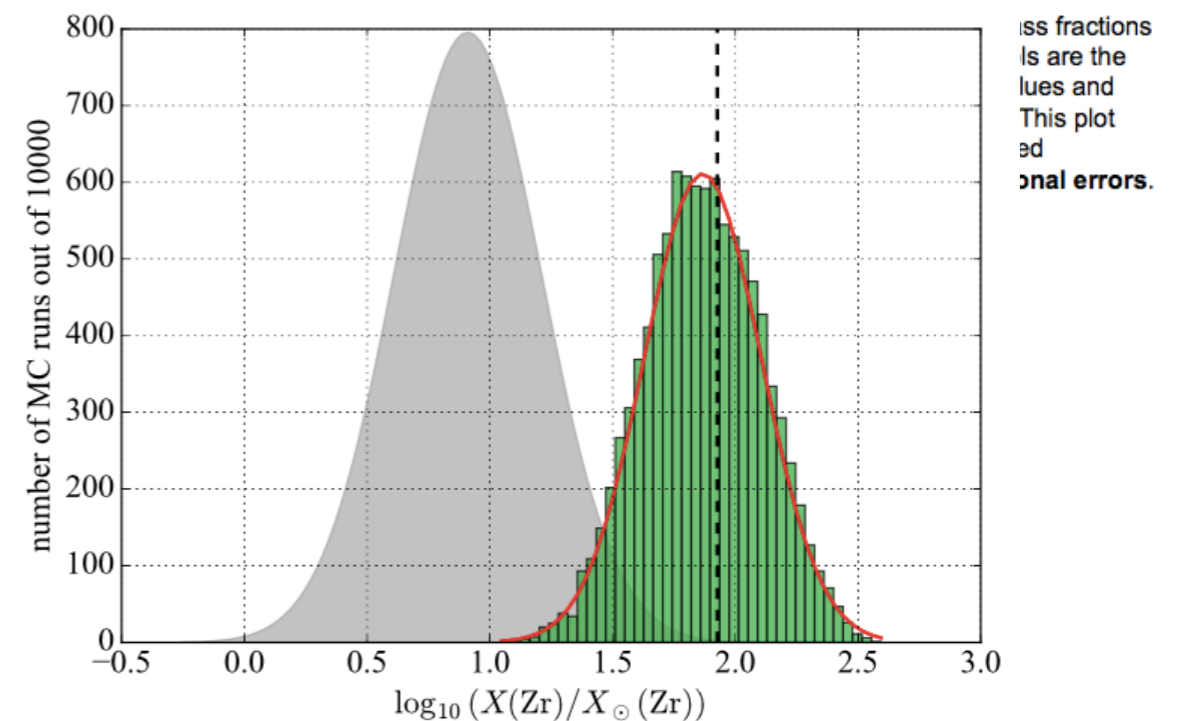
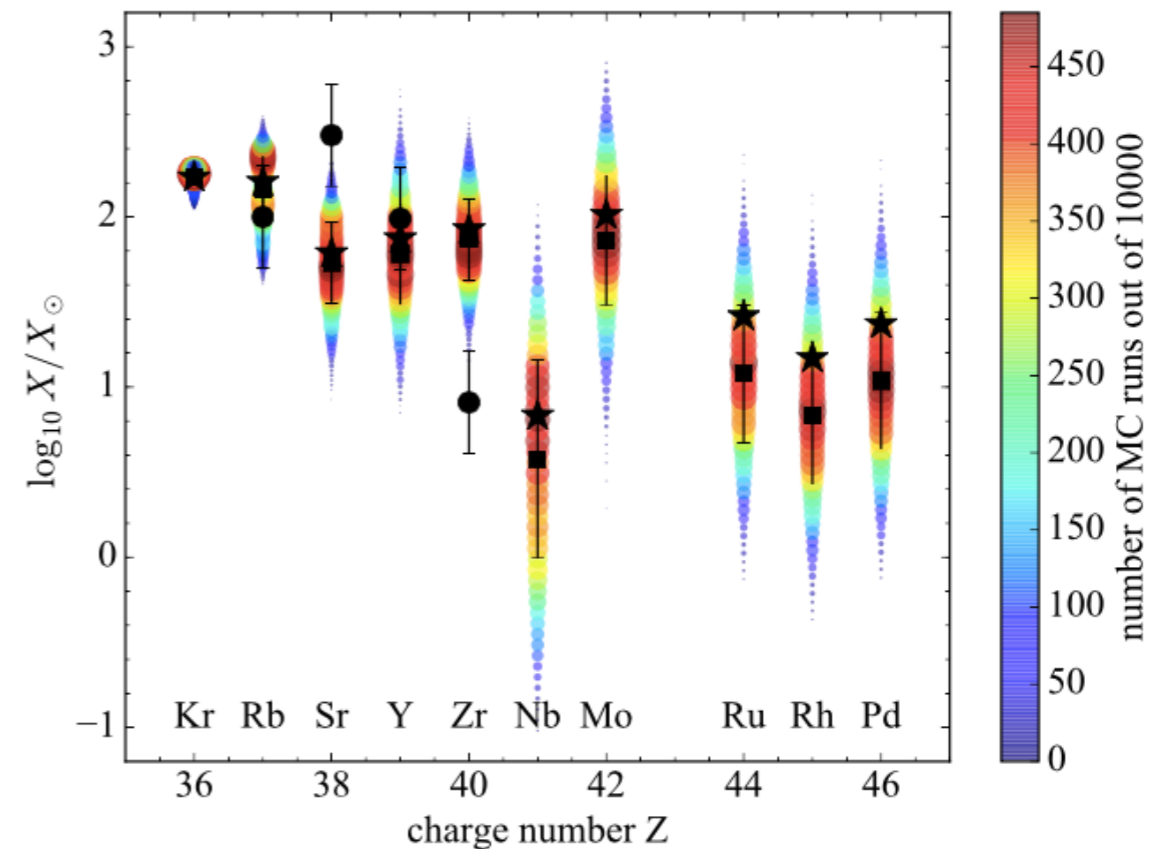


# Nuclear physics uncertainty (JINA-CEE project)

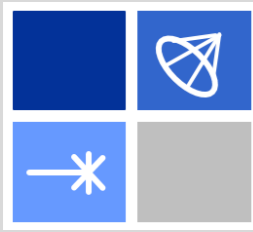


Maximum variation factors for the  $(n,\gamma)$  cross sections of unstable isotopes near  $N=50$  constrained by Hauser-Feshbach calculations with different physics input data and model assumptions.

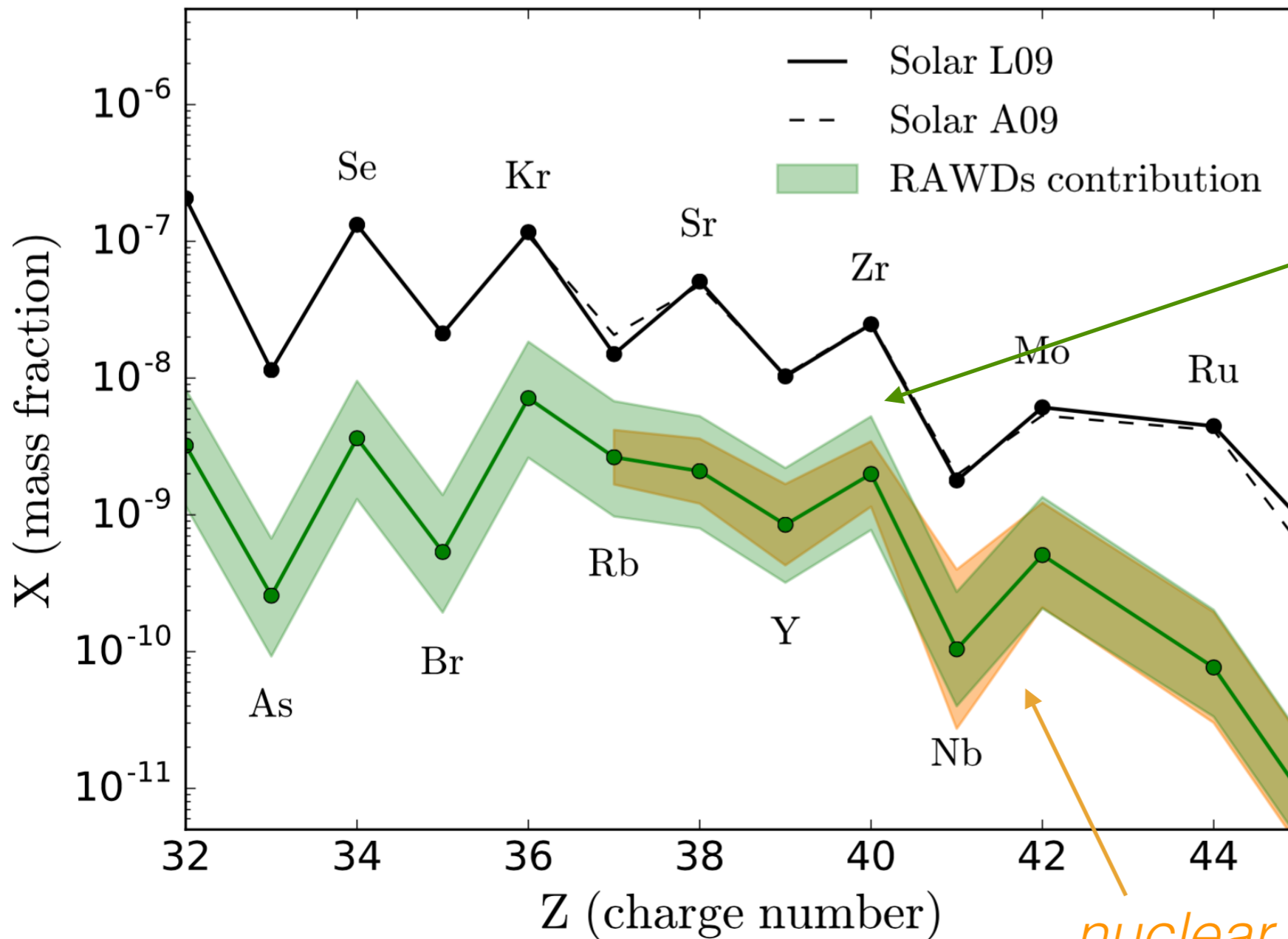
*Denissenkov+ arXiv:1611.01121  
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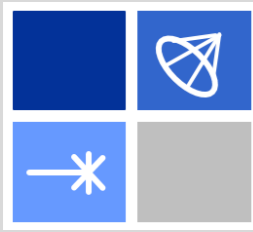


*astrophysics  
uncertainty: early  
galaxy formation  
pathway and  
RAWD mass  
ejection*

Z	Element	RAWDs contribution [%] A09	L09
35	Br	—	$3.7 \pm 2.8$
36	Kr	$9.7 \pm 7.3$	$9.0 \pm 6.8$
37	Rb	$18.7 \pm 14.0$	$25.9 \pm 19.4$
38	Sr	$6.4 \pm 4.7$	$6.0 \pm 4.4$
39	Y	$11.9 \pm 8.9$	$12.2 \pm 9.1$
40	Zr	$11.9 \pm 8.8$	$12.2 \pm 9.0$
41	Nb	$8.0 \pm 5.9$	$8.8 \pm 6.5$
42	Mo	$14.6 \pm 10.7$	$12.7 \pm 9.3$
44	Ru	$2.8 \pm 2.0$	$2.6 \pm 1.9$

*nuclear physics  
uncertainties,  
(n,  $\gamma$ ) only*

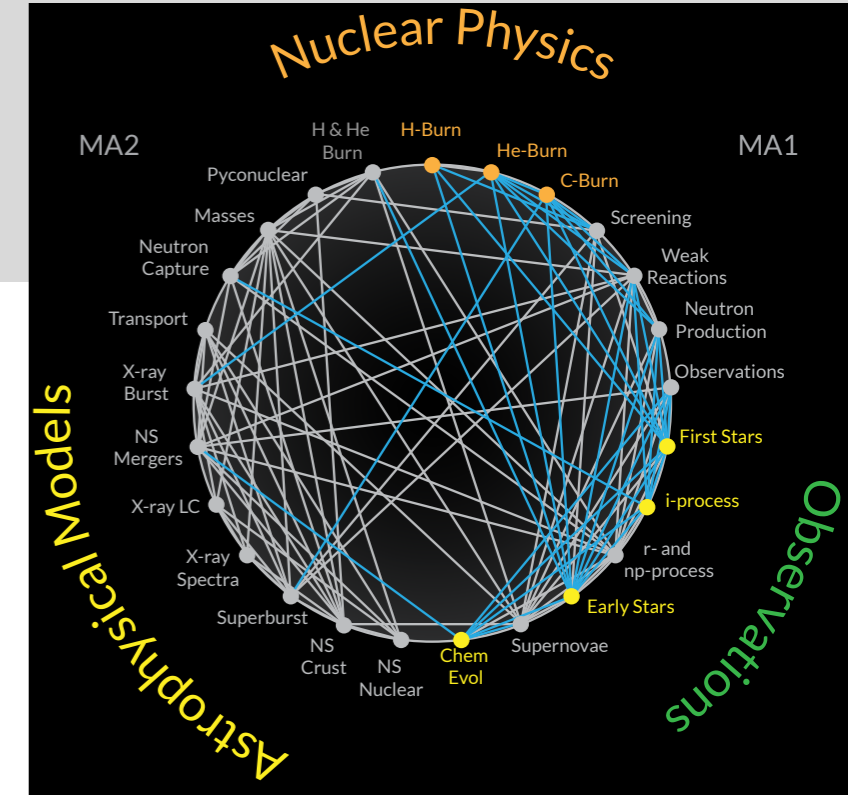




# This motivated nuclear physics experiments

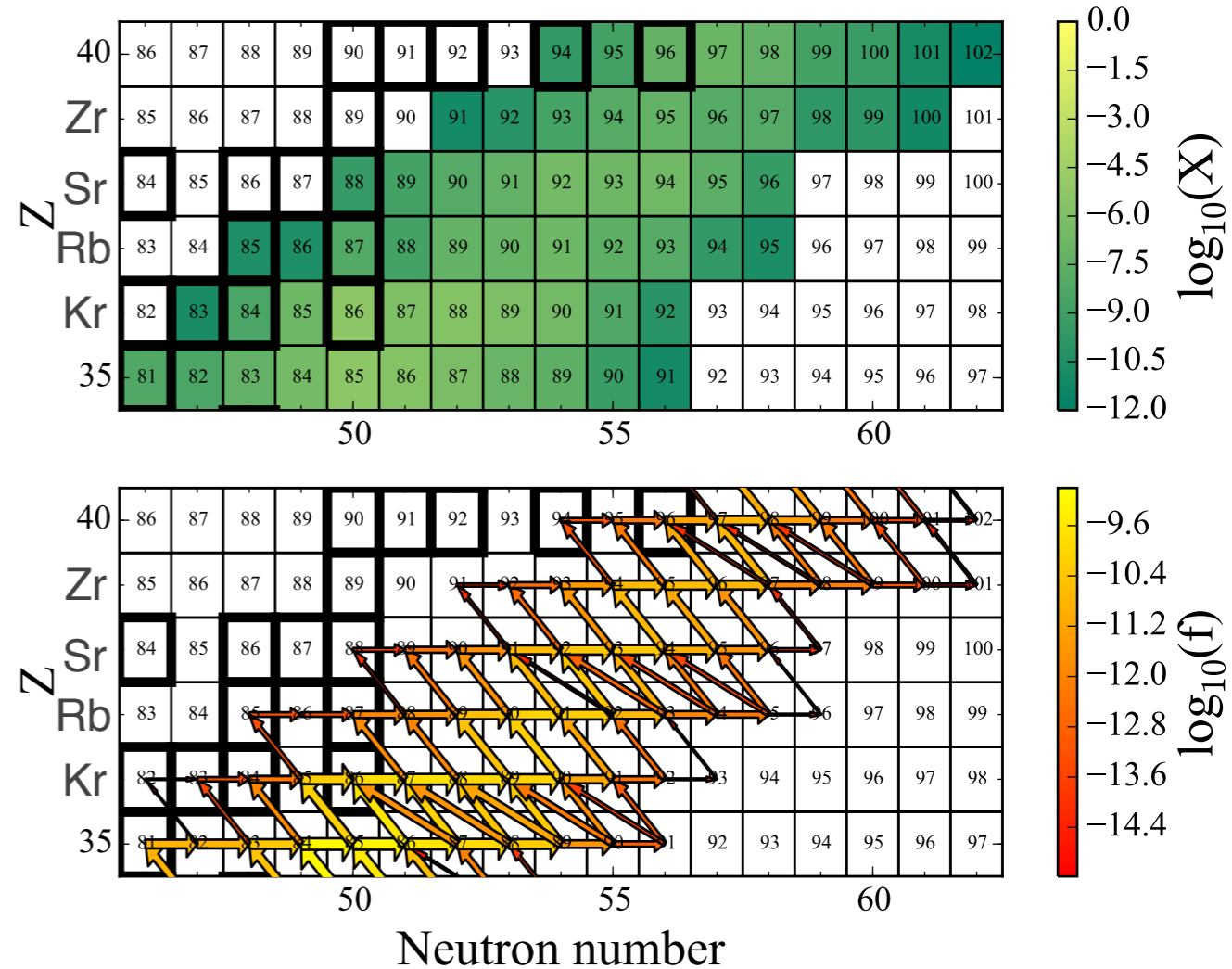
i-process uncertainty study with MSU/UVic team → identified  $^{88}\text{Kr}(n,\gamma)$  as important nuclear physics input

Denissenkov+ arXiv:1611.01121

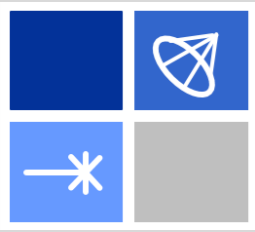


## Experiments:

- MSU, Artemis Spyrou: approved proposal on  $^{88}\text{Kr}(n,g)$
- TRIUMF:  $^{135}\text{I}(n,g)$  via  $^{135}\text{I}(d,p)^{136}\text{I}$  in 2018, TRIUMF EEC proposal planned for June/July
- GSI/Fair, Rene Reifarh: submitted pre-proposal on  $^{135}\text{I}(n,g)$ , full proposal due 05/31, experiment will take advantage off existing facilities

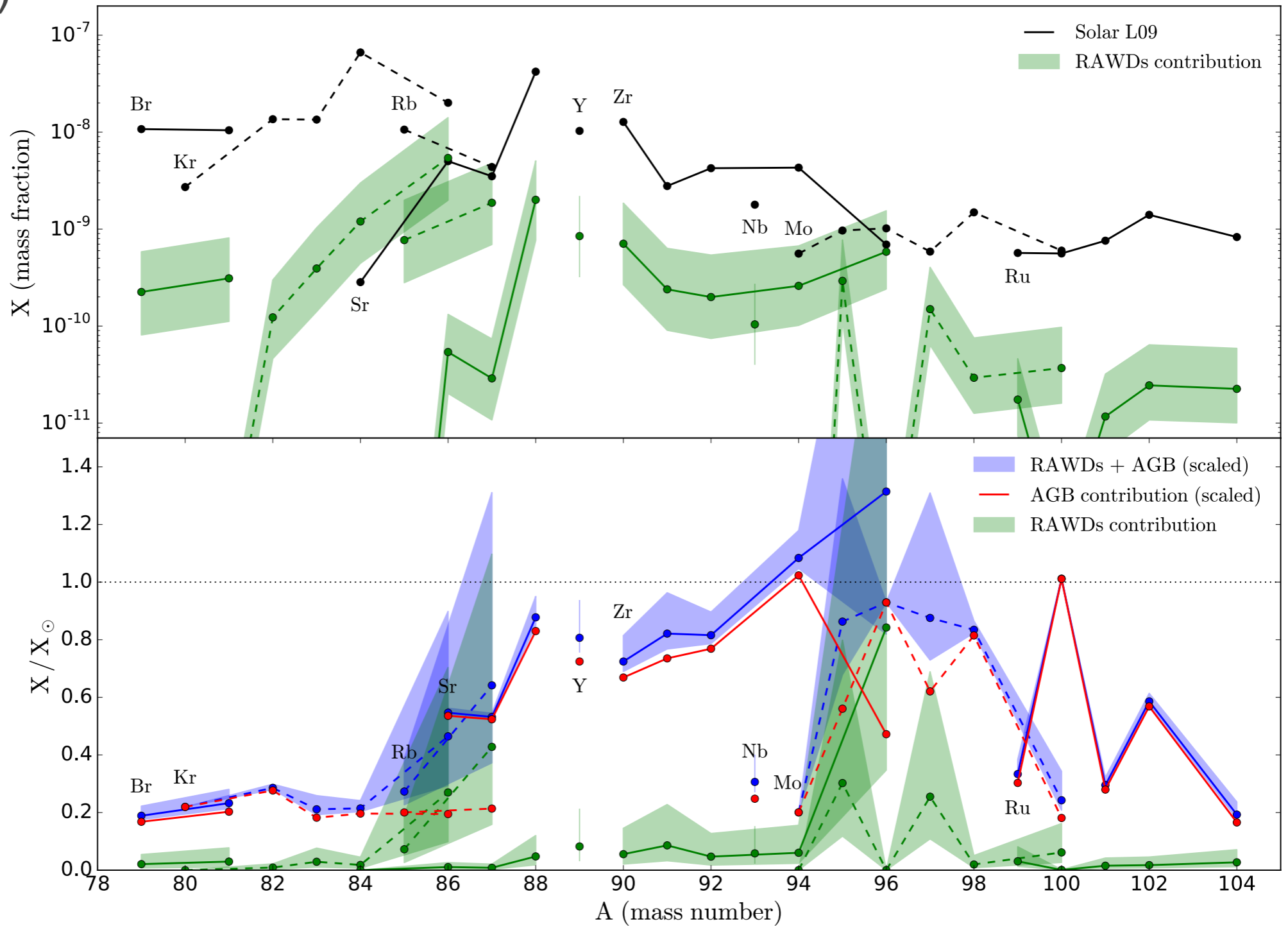


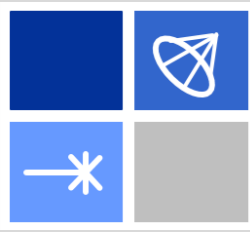




# The isotopes keep us honest ... (Don Clayton?)

GCE with (all) isotopes in NuPyCEE



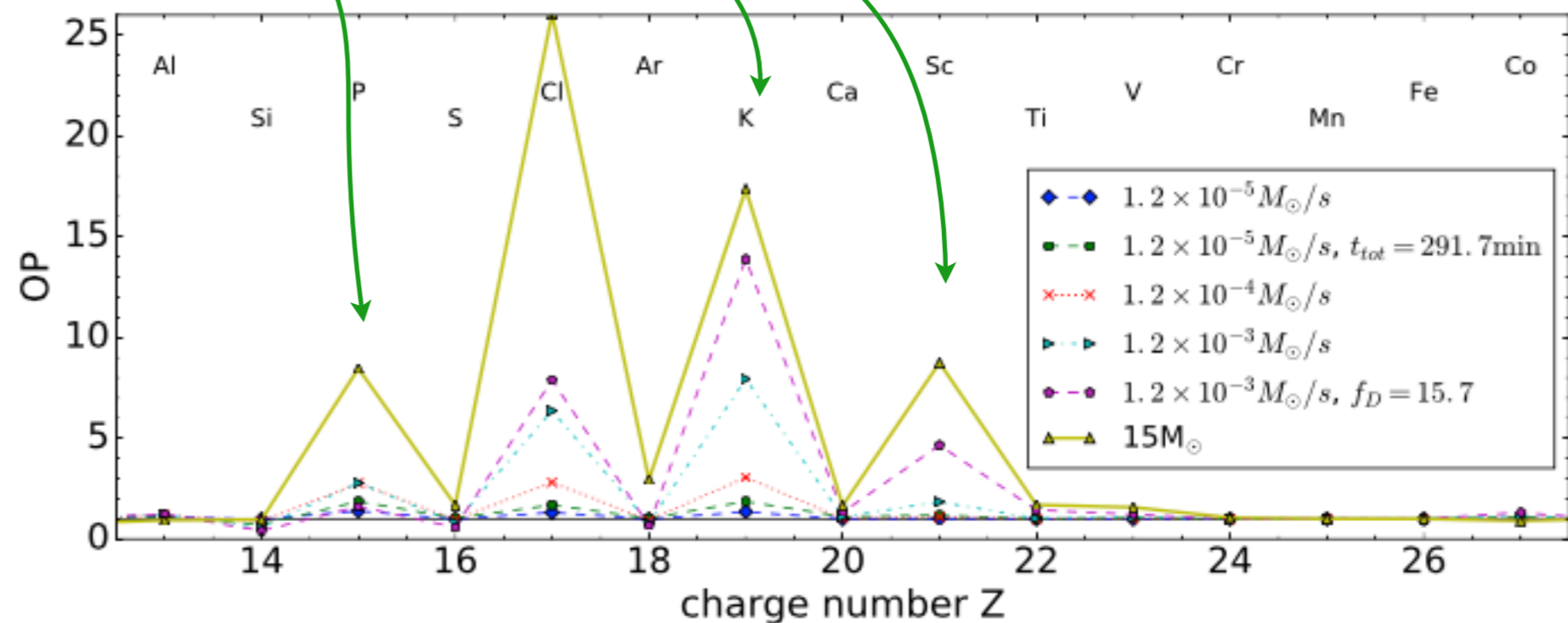
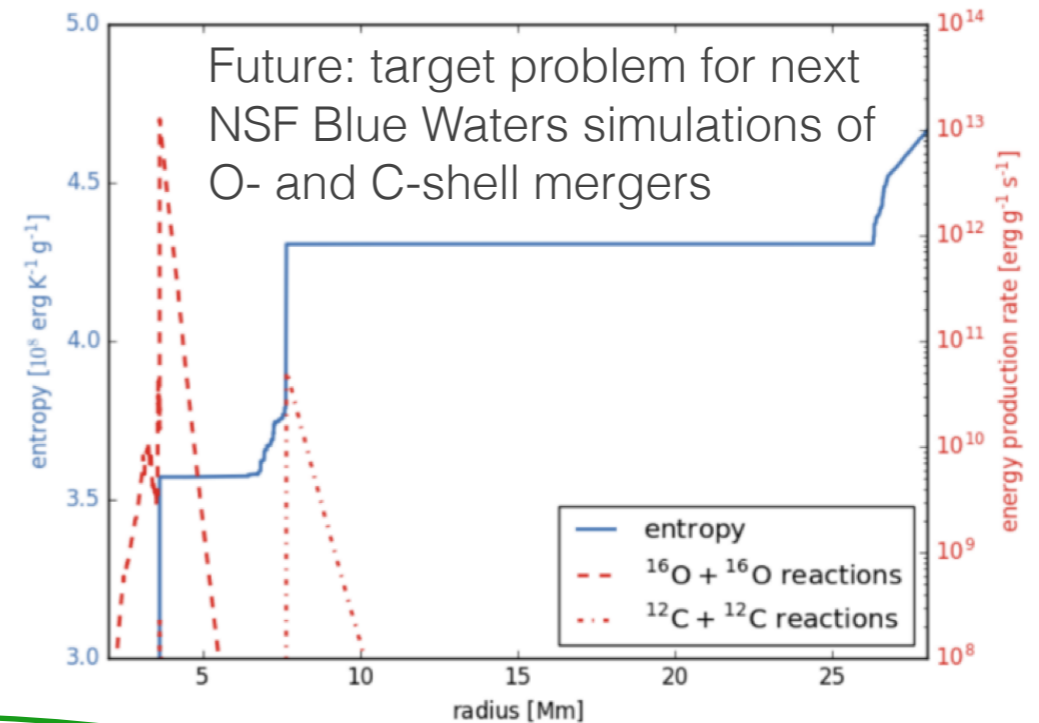


# Convective O- and C-shell mergers

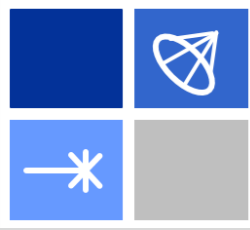
On the quest for a new stellar hydro setup for our collaboration with Woodward@Minnesota: searching through the NuGrid/JINA stellar model and yield data library, JINA-CEE graduate student Christian Ritter found eventually something promising ... in terms of planned mesh-refinement features in the hydro code ...

... but what we also serendipitously found was an abundance feature as a result of something going on in the O-shell that looked like this ...

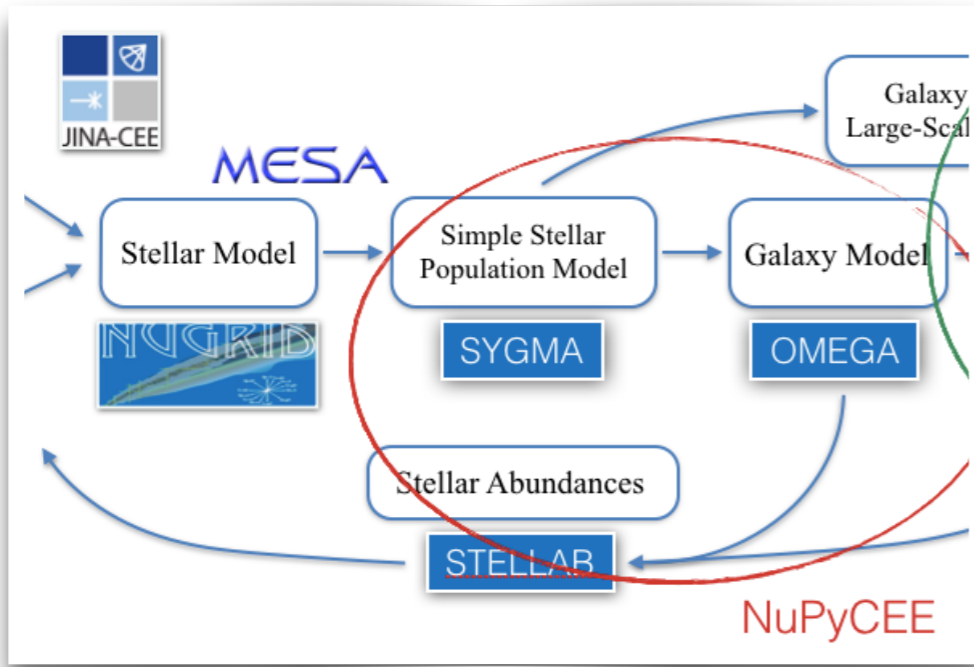
This is of course a prominent feature that one would immediately relate to the persistent inability of models to produce enough odd-Z elements compared to even-Z elements. We would have possibly missed it ... except ...







# Odd-Z elements from convective-reactive O- and C-shell mergers in massive pre-SN stars



APOGEE (Release 12)  
 Bihain et al. (2004)  
 Cayrel et al. (2004)  
 Venn et al. (2004)  
 Nissen et al. (2007)

Lai et al. (2008)  
 Andrievsky et al. (2010)  
 Frebel et al. (2010)  
 Hinkel et al. (2014)  
 Battistini & Bensby (2016)

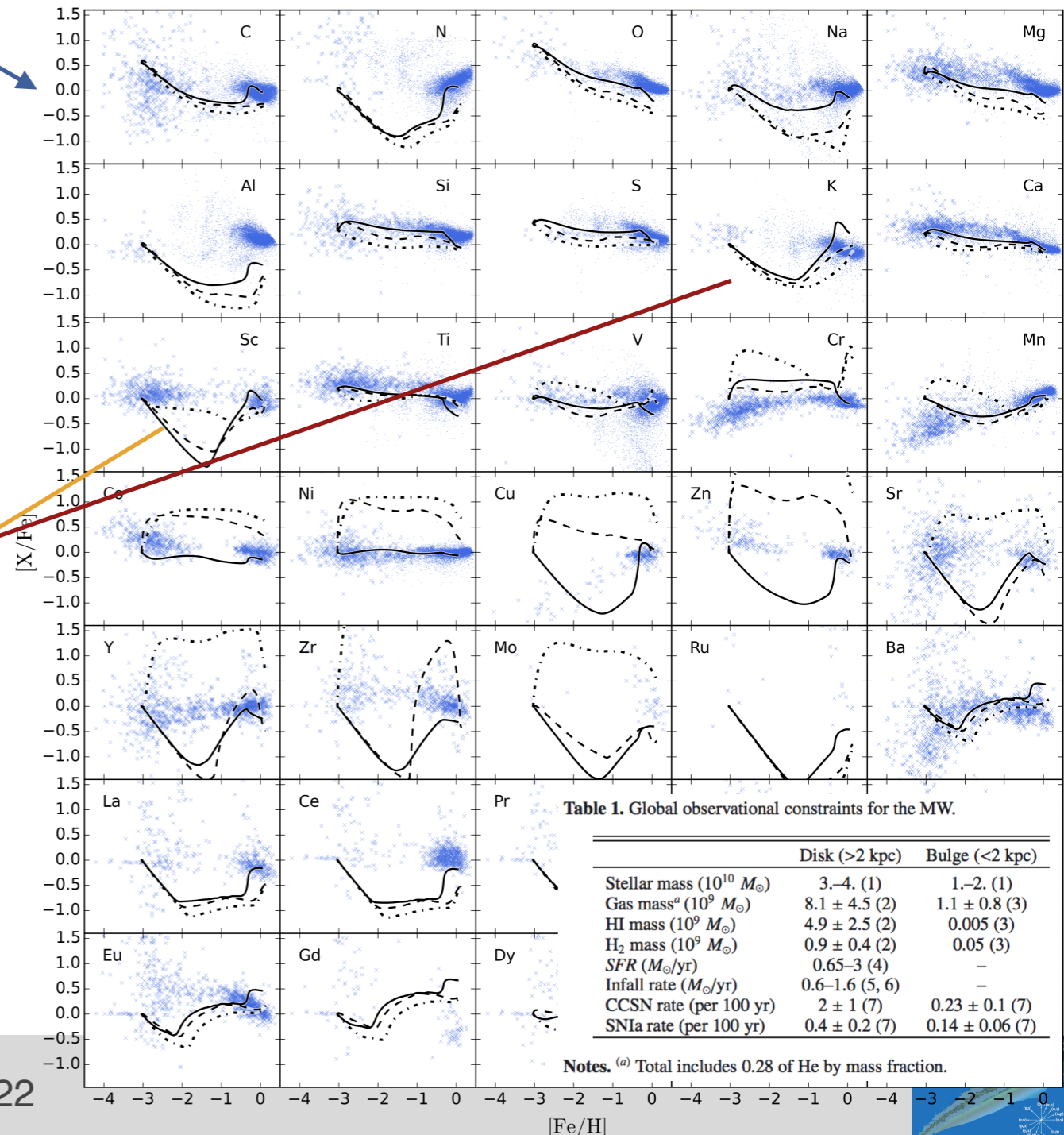
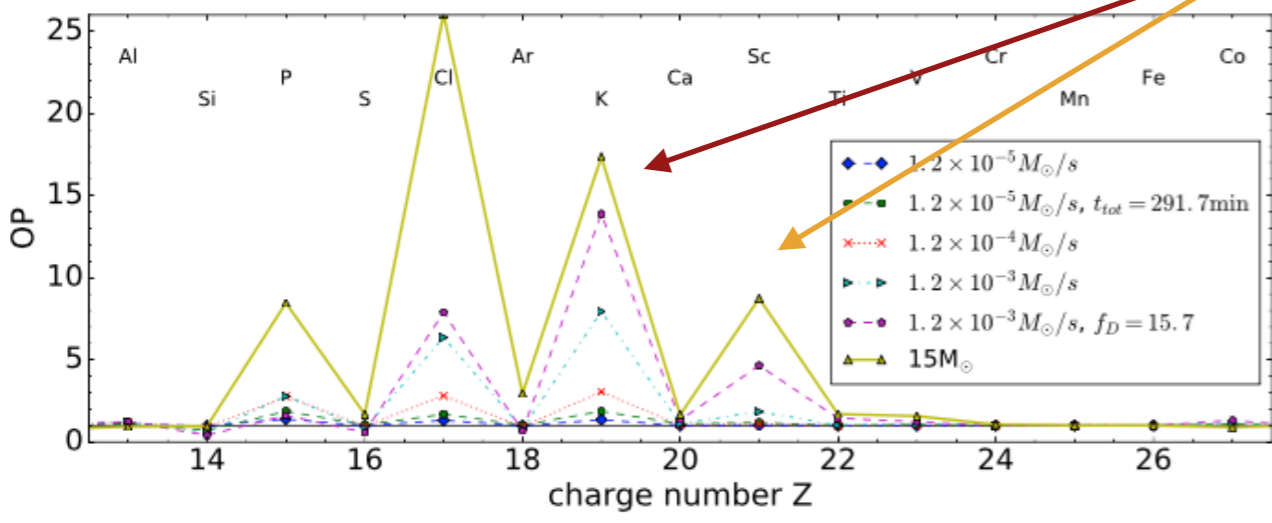
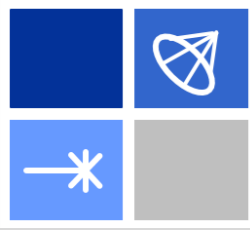


Table 1. Global observational constraints for the MW.

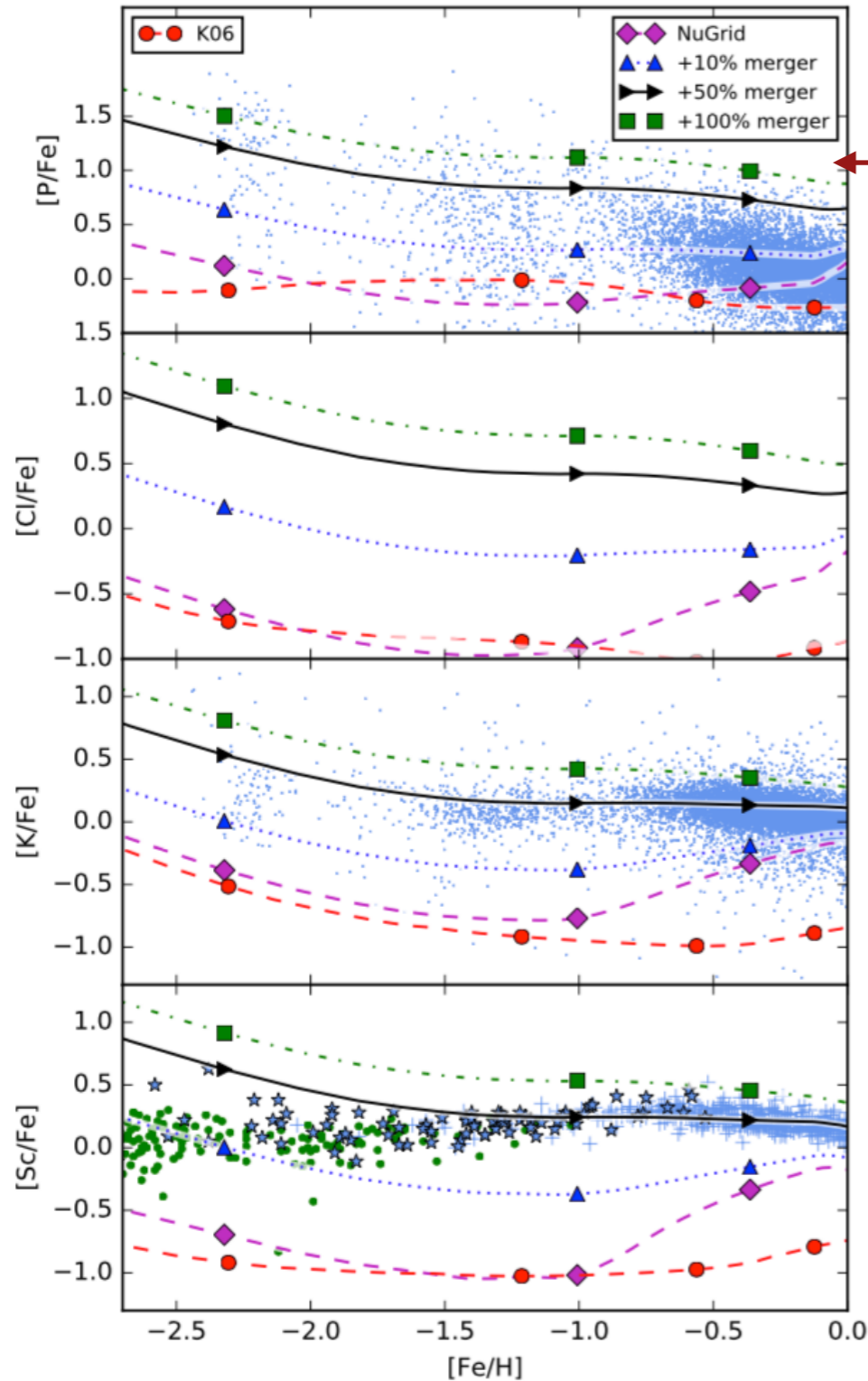
	Disk (>2 kpc)	Bulge (<2 kpc)
Stellar mass ( $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ )	3–4. (1)	1–2. (1)
Gas mass <sup>a</sup> ( $10^9 M_{\odot}$ )	$8.1 \pm 4.5$ (2)	$1.1 \pm 0.8$ (3)
HI mass ( $10^9 M_{\odot}$ )	$4.9 \pm 2.5$ (2)	0.005 (3)
H <sub>2</sub> mass ( $10^9 M_{\odot}$ )	$0.9 \pm 0.4$ (2)	0.05 (3)
SFR ( $M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ )	0.65–3 (4)	–
Infall rate ( $M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ )	0.6–1.6 (5, 6)	–
CCSN rate (per 100 yr)	$2 \pm 1$ (7)	$0.23 \pm 0.1$ (7)
SNIa rate (per 100 yr)	$0.4 \pm 0.2$ (7)	$0.14 \pm 0.06$ (7)

Notes. <sup>(a)</sup> Total includes 0.28 of He by mass fraction.





# Stellar hydrodynamics of O-C shell mergers and impact on GCE

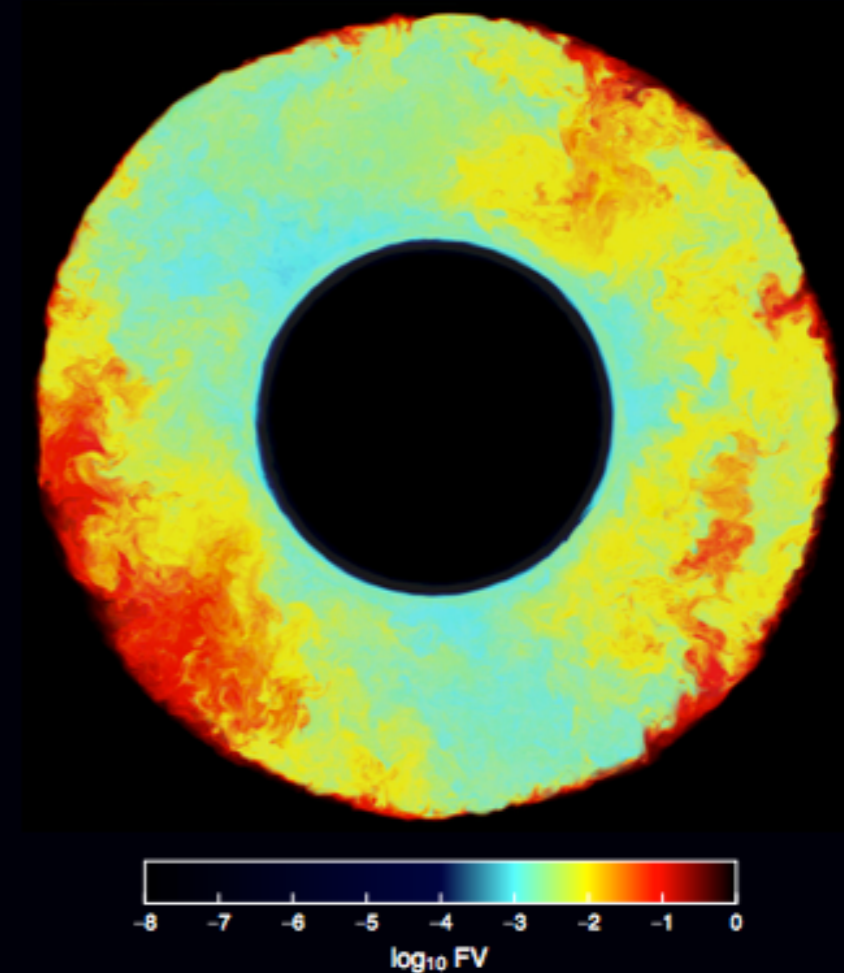
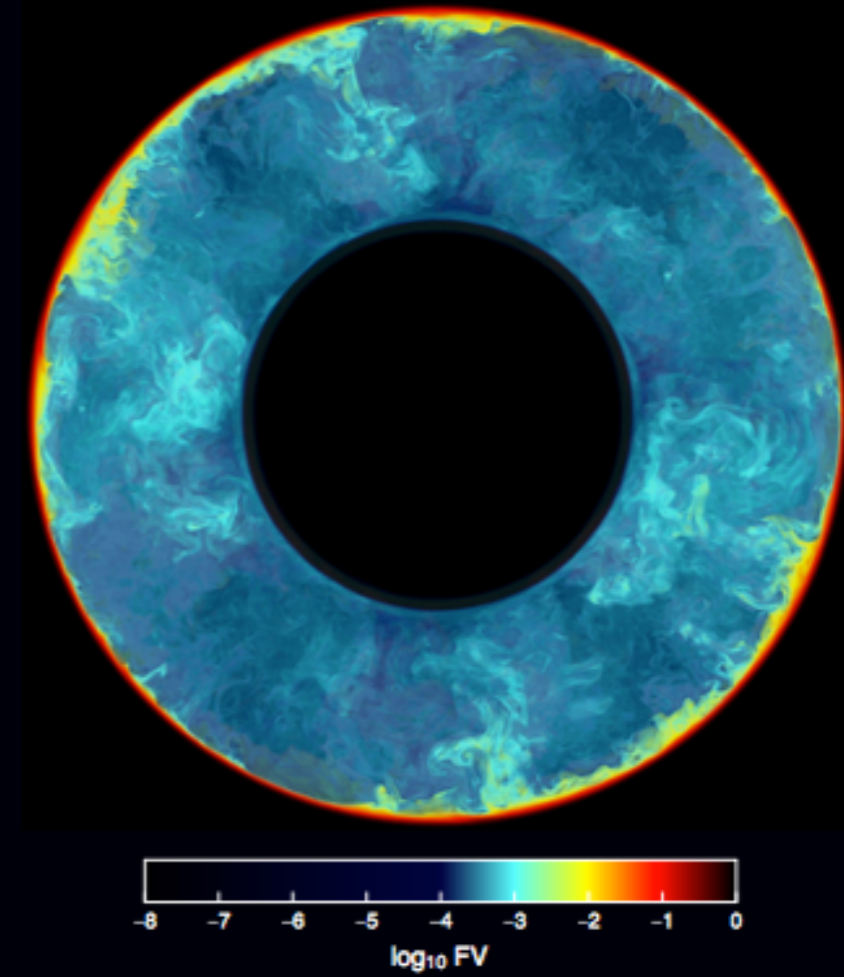


Assuming 50% O-C shell merger fraction accounts for odd-Z elements in MW GCE

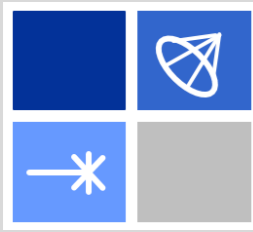
C-ingestion with burn feedback to explore transition from mostly spherically symmetric to non-spherical regime expected in full-blown merger of convection zones ... see talk by Andrassy tomorrow

most important reaction for energy feedback:  $^{16}\text{O} + ^{12}\text{C}$  ... see Wiescher's talk

Ritter+ 17, submitted, astro-ph







# Convective-reactive nucleosynthesis - a new dimension

## Convective-reactive nucleosynthesis

- i process
- odd-Z elements in O-C shell mergers
- Cameron-Fowler transport mechanism, Li in hot-bottom burning in massive AGB stars

- **emerging new insight:** nucleosynthesis with an additional *dimension*: mixing

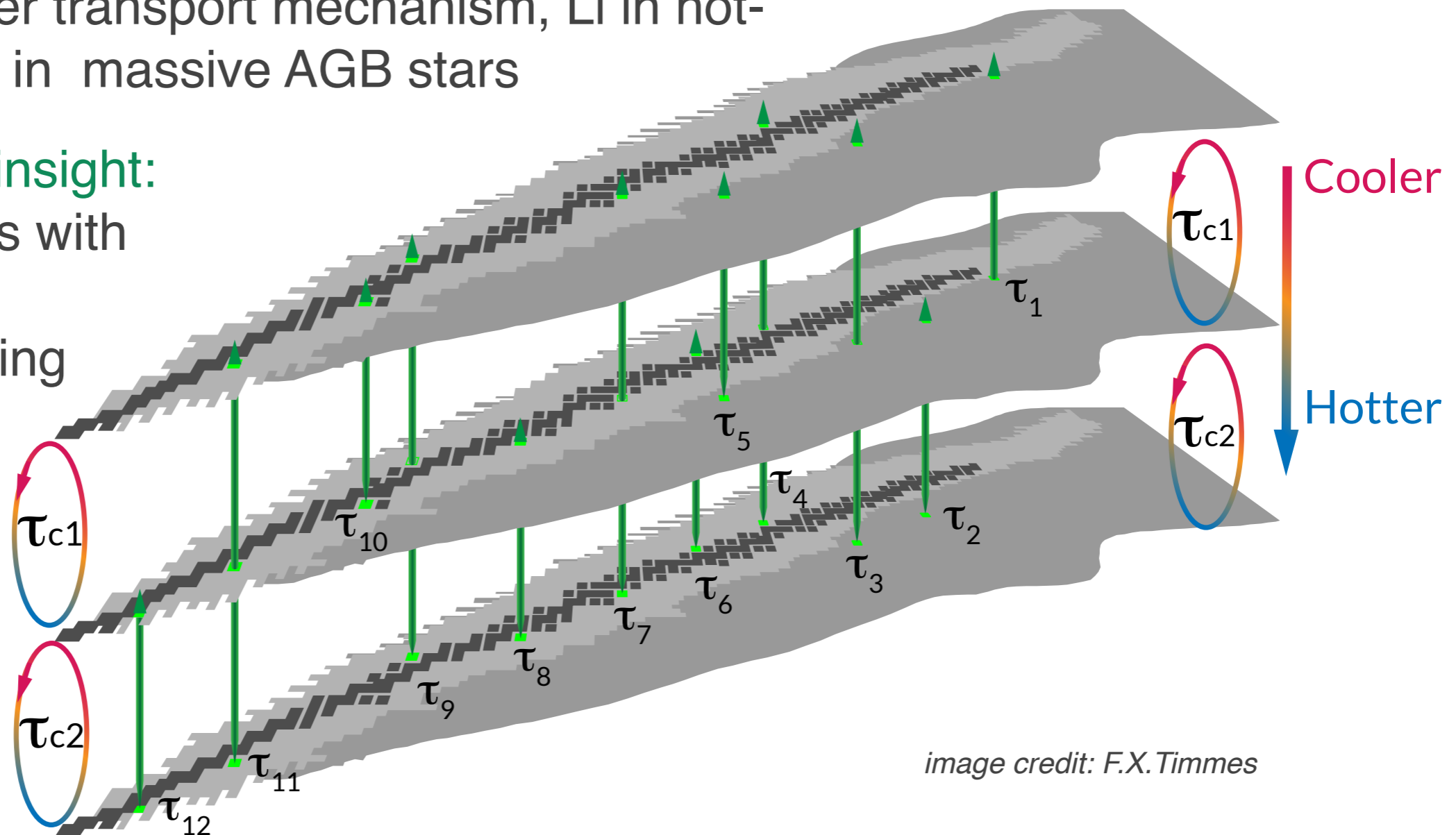
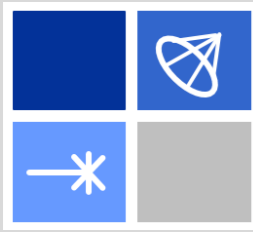


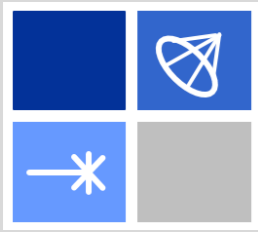
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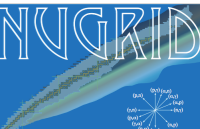
# Conclusions

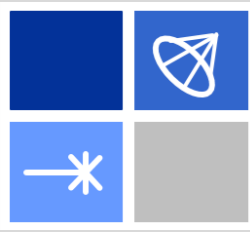
- JINA, NuGrid aim to combine nuclear astrophysics expertise across all relevant nuclear production sites
- Provide comprehensive yield, stellar evolution and explosion data, interfaces to GCE community and easy-to-use tools to explore
- Forging connections between micro- / macro-physics of stars with cosmological evolution of the elements
- new nuclear astrophysics sources: convective-reactive nucleosynthesis (such as iRAWDs, OC shell mergers)





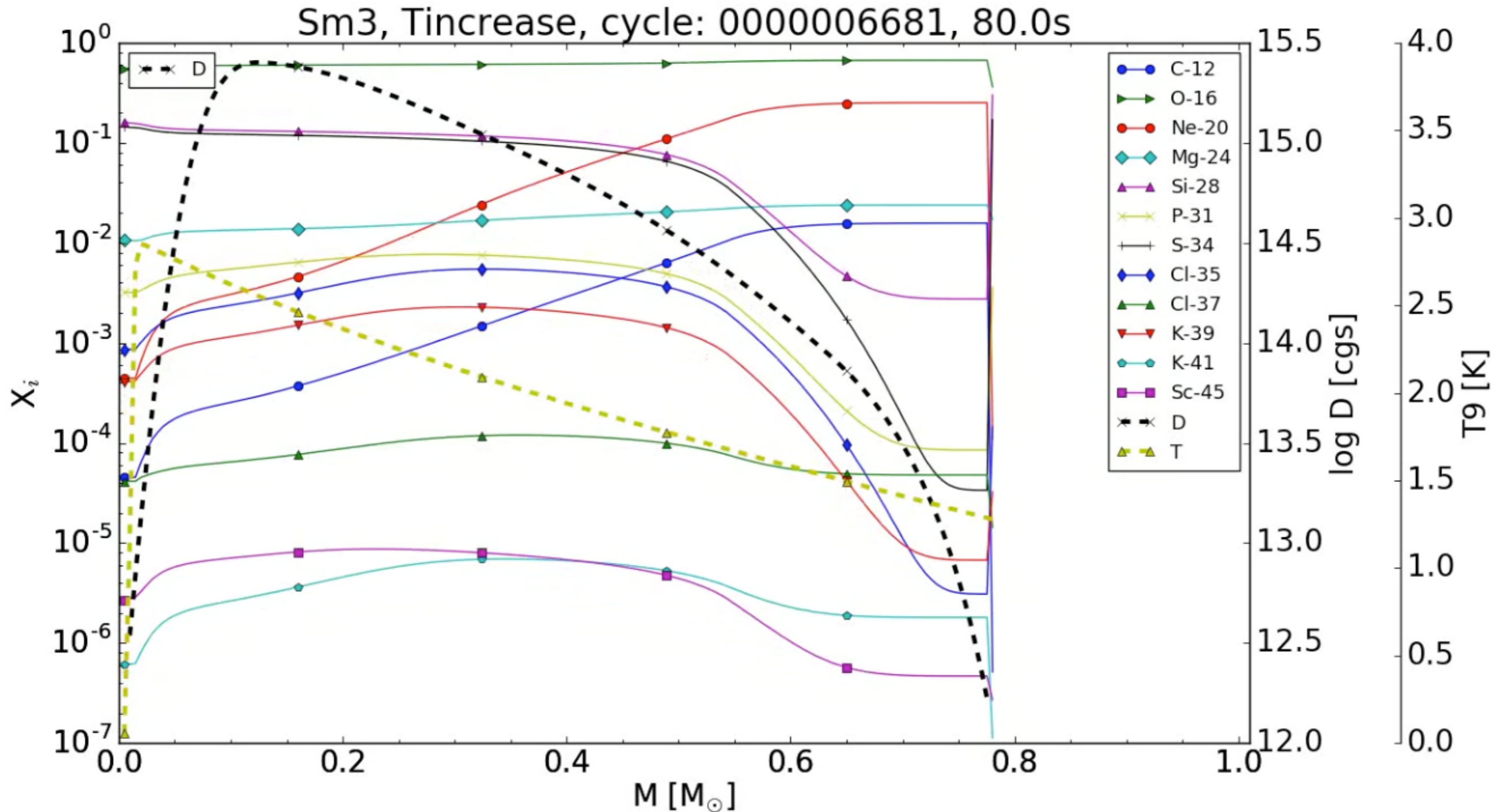
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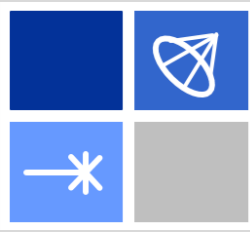


# Convective-reactive nucleosynthesis in O-C shell merger conditions

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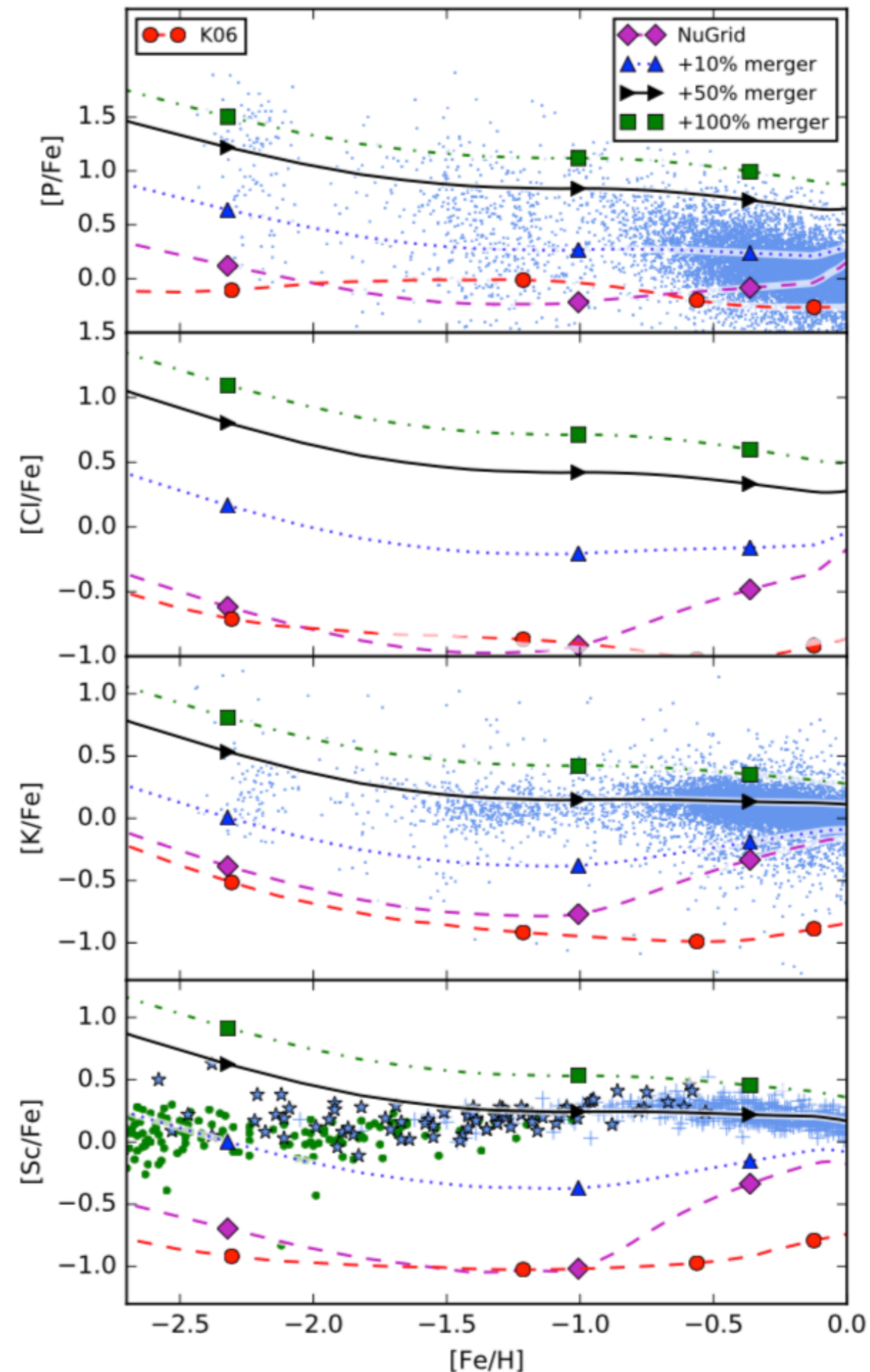


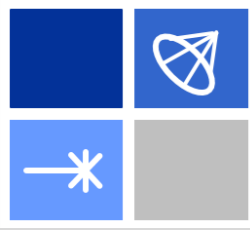


# GCE scenario

- frequency of O-C shell mergers can not be reliably predicted by 1D stellar evolution simulations → conditions for merger need to be determined through 3D hydro simulations
- here: assume that O-C shell merger like the one in the 15Msun,  $Z=0.02$  event happens with a certain frequency in all massive stars at all metallicities
- with about 50% merger rate observed levels of P, K and Sc in GCE can be accounted for
- scatter? observational uncertainty → address with observers (Beers, Frebel, Roederer)

**Figure 6.** Comparison of the predictions of P, Cl, K and Sc of our Milky Way model with observational data (if available). Predictions with 10%, 50% and 100% addition of material produced in the O-C shell merger of the stellar model M15Z0.02 to all massive stars without O-C shell merger. For comparison, we show GCE predictions based on yields from K06. P and K data are from the APOGEE survey (Wilson et al. 2010; SDSS Collaboration et al. 2016), and Sc data from Ishigaki et al. (2012, 2013, crosses), Roederer et al. (2014, dots) and Battistini & Bensby (2015, stars).





# K, Sc in metal-poor stars

... of course this problem is well known in the literature ...

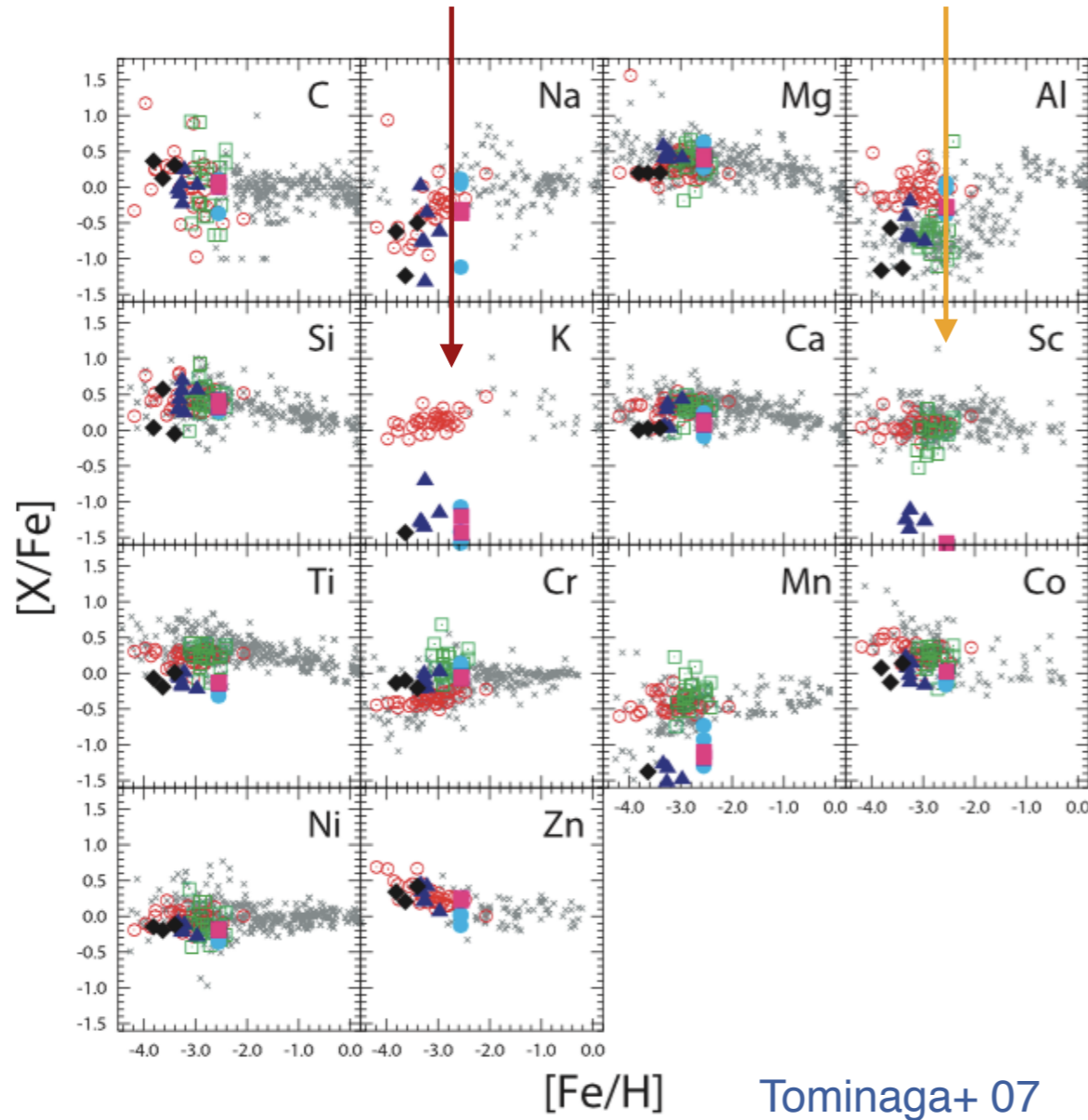
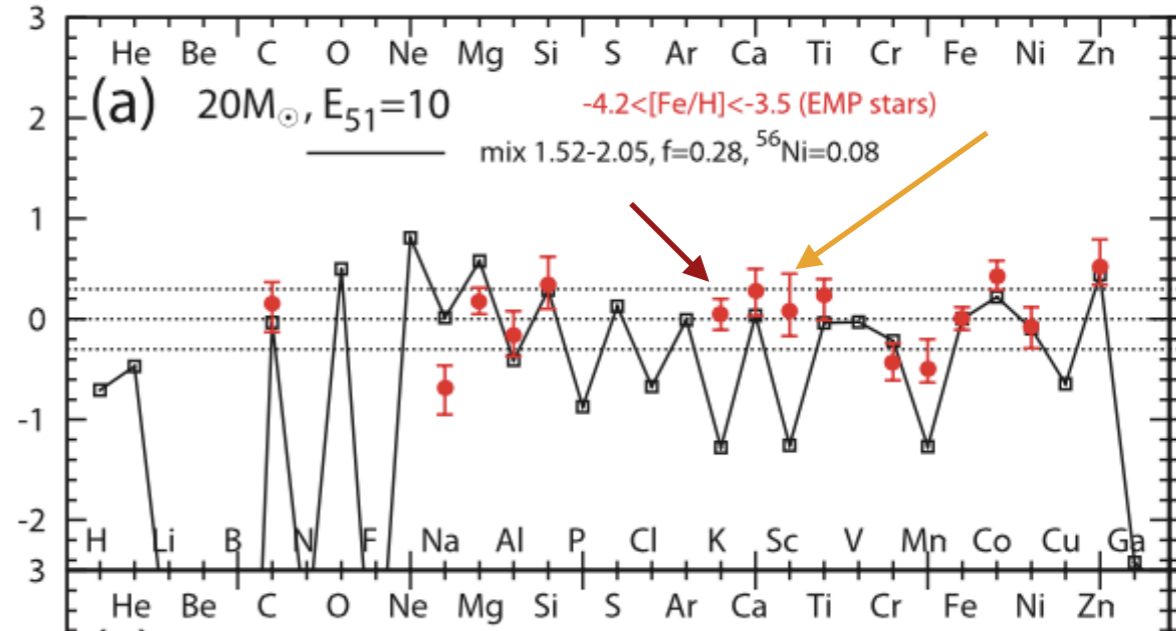
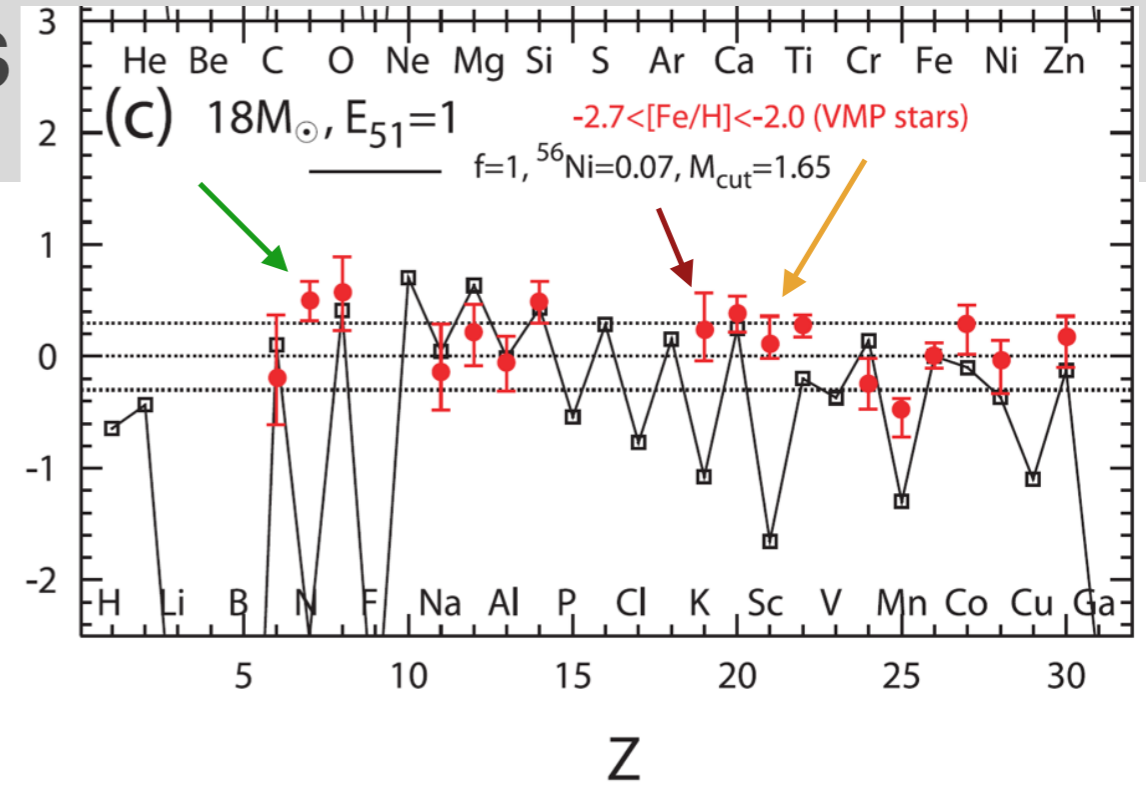
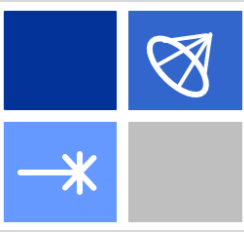


FIG. 6.— Comparison between the  $[X/Fe]$  trends of observed stars (*crosses*: the previous studies [e.g., Gratton & Snenen 1991; Snenen et al. 1991; Edvardsson et al. 1993; McWilliam et al. 1995a, 1995b; Ryan et al. 1996; McWilliam 1997; Carretta et al. 2000; Primas et al. 2000; Gratton et al. 2003; Bensby et al. 2003]; *open circles*: CA04; *open squares*: HO04) and those of individual stars models (*filled circles*: normal SNe; *filled triangles*: HNe with case A; *filled rhombus*: HNe with case B) and IMF integration (*filled squares*). The parameters are shown in Table 1.



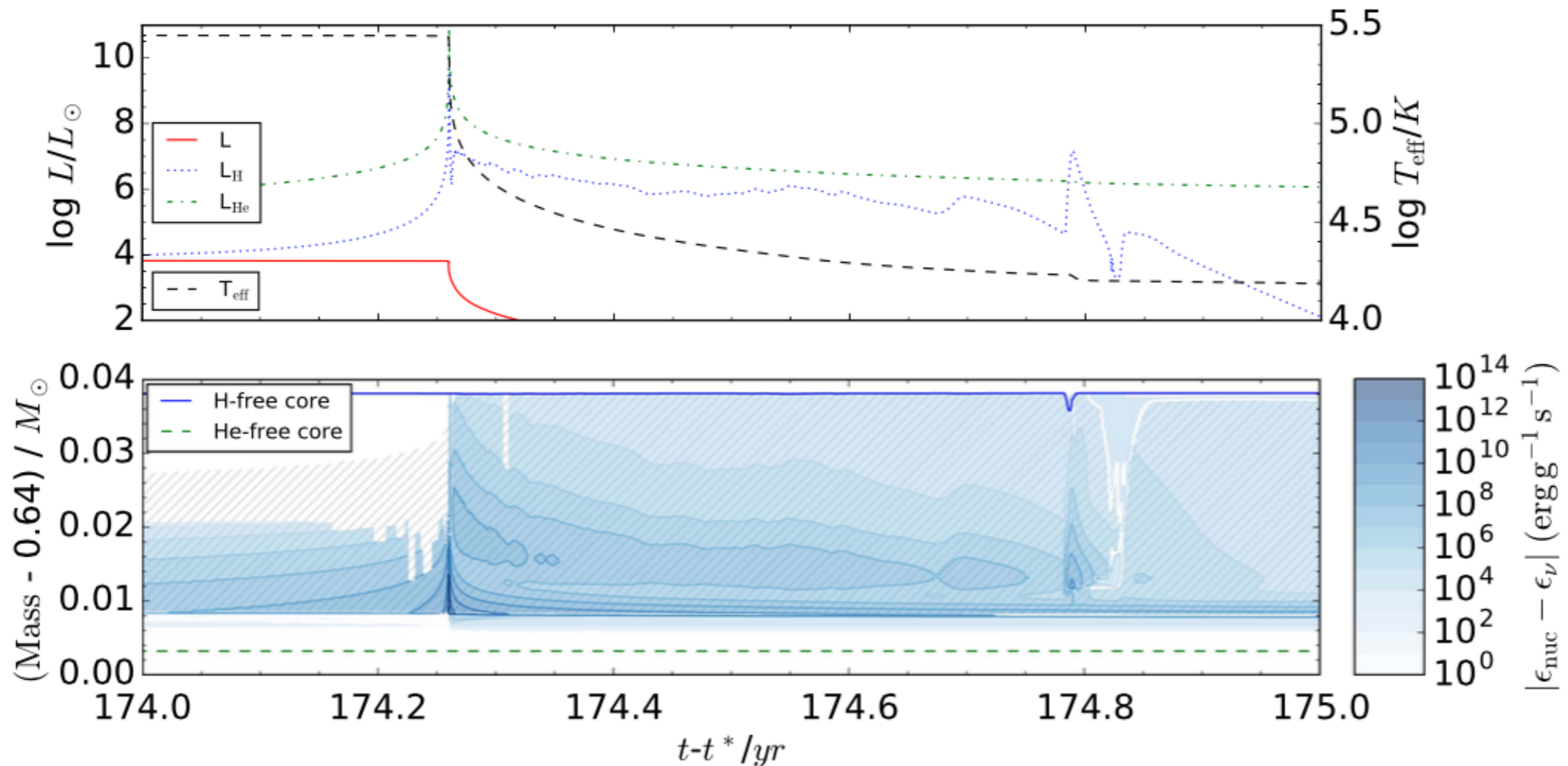
Observational data: Cayrel+ 04  
 SN models: Tominaga+ 07



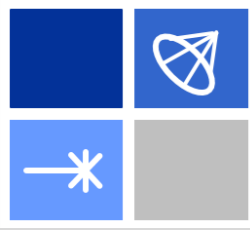


# Stellar evolution model of H-ingestion in rapidly accreting white dwarfs - site for the i process

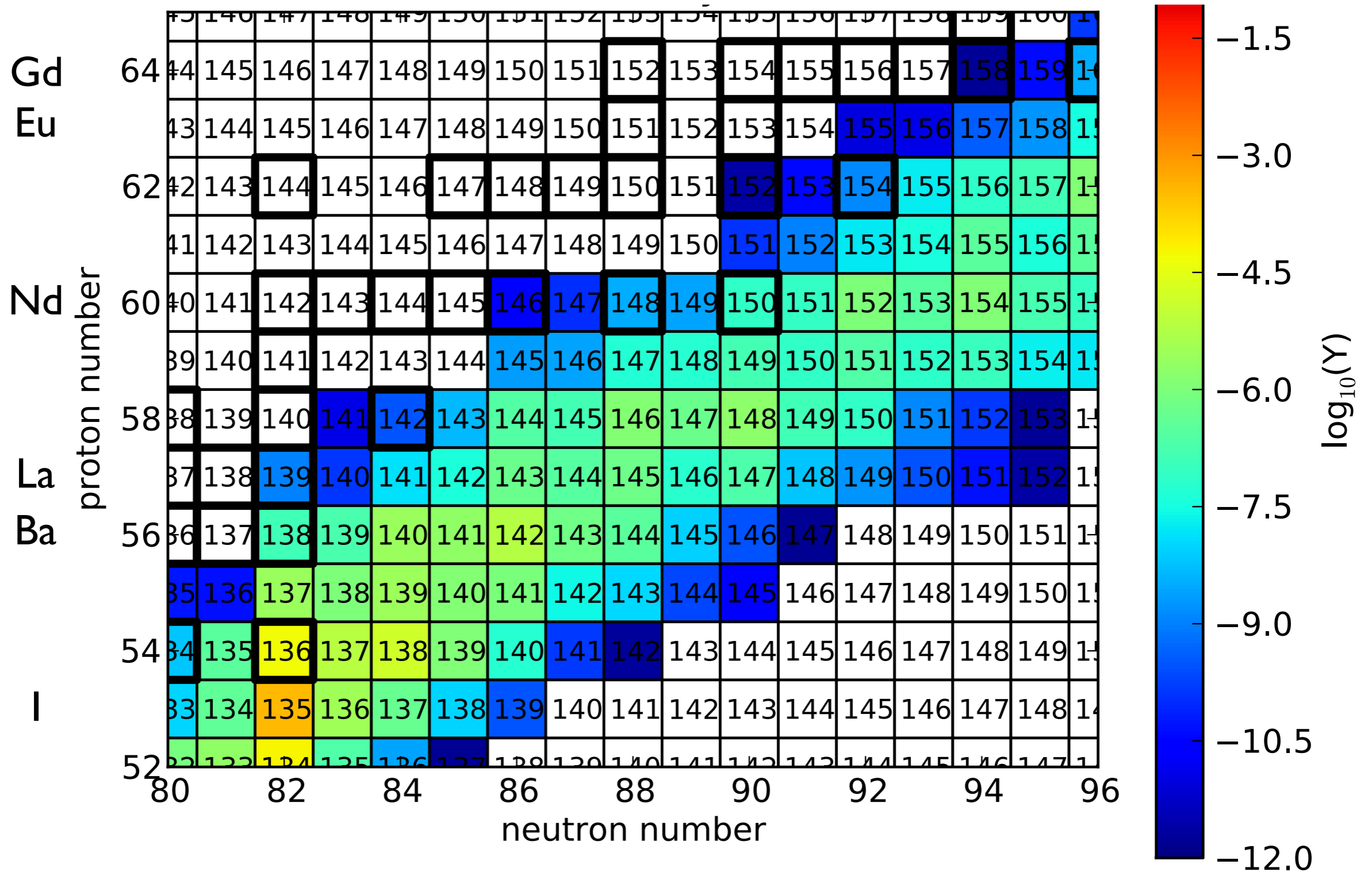
- Like some single post-AGB stars or low-mass AGB stars rapidly accreting white dwarfs experience H-ingestion during the He-shell flashes.



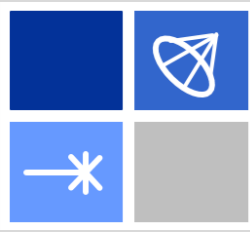
**Figure 3.** Top panel:  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and luminosity evolution (total, and due to H and He burning separately). Bottom panel: time evolution of convection zone (hatched area), energy generation (gray shades), and H- and He-free mass coordinates diagram of the He-shell flash in model A.  $t_*$  corresponds to the onset of the flash.



# i process for N=82 region: the $^{135}\text{I}$ bottleneck







# $^{135}\text{I}(n,\gamma)$ impact on Ba/La ratio

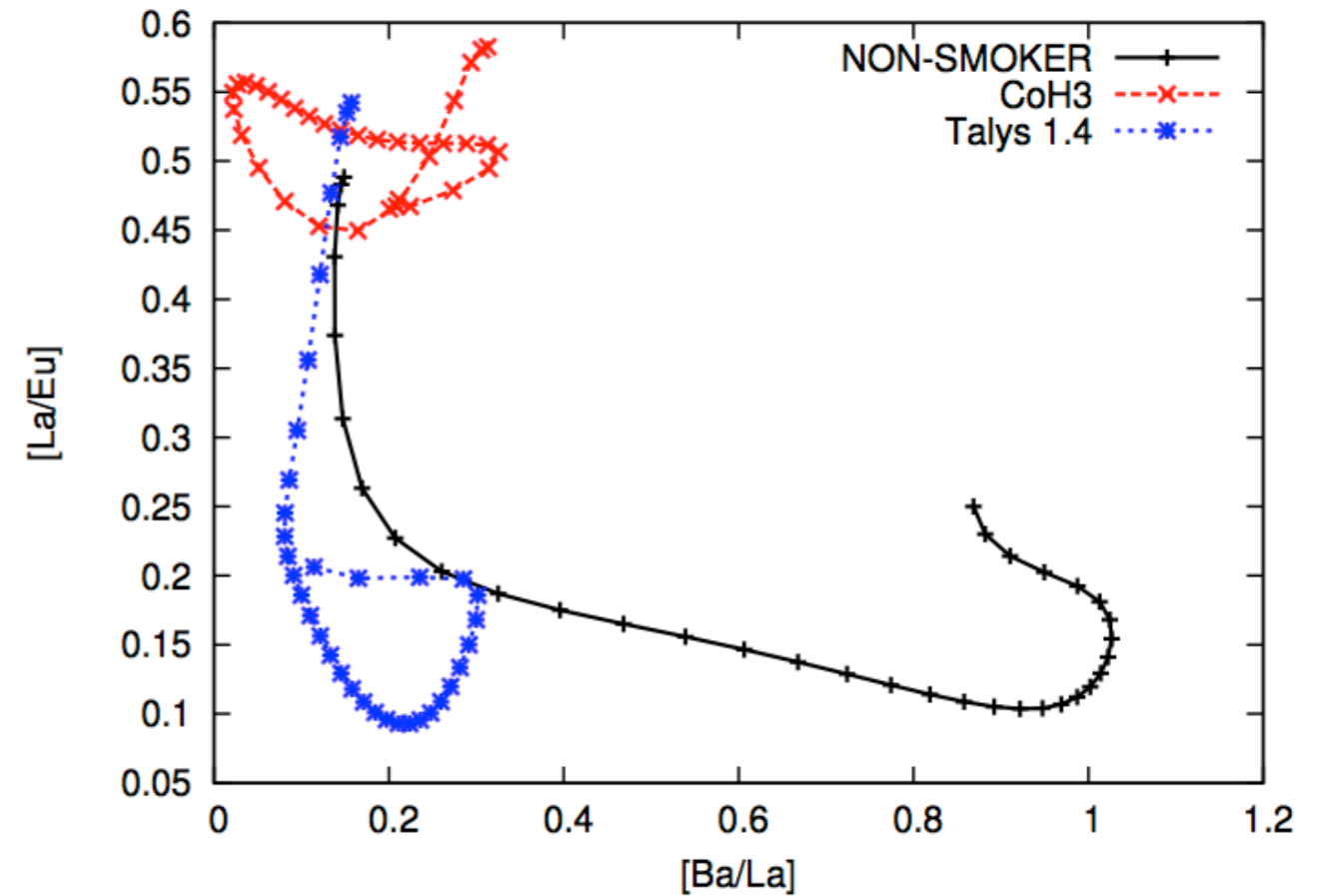
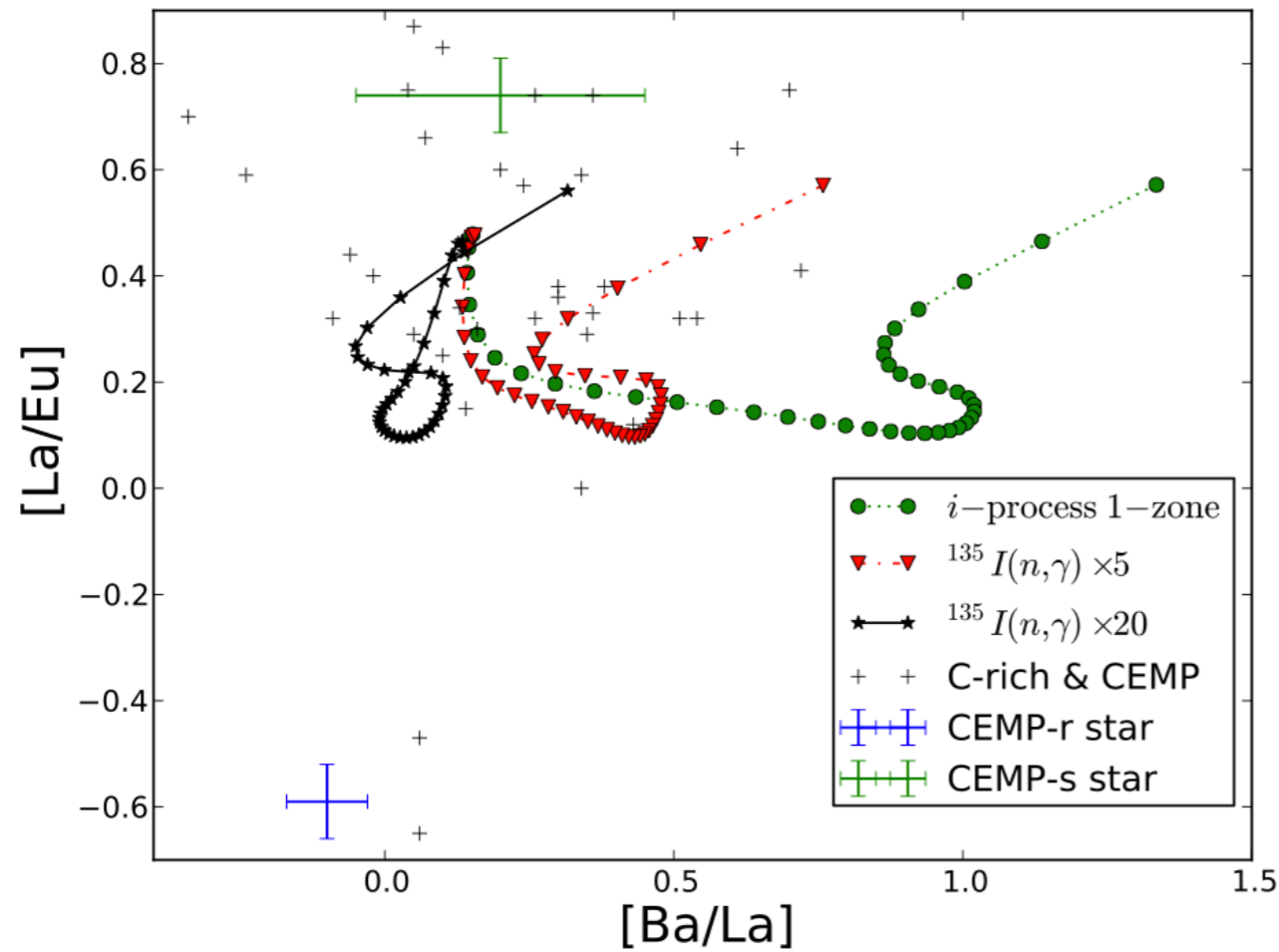
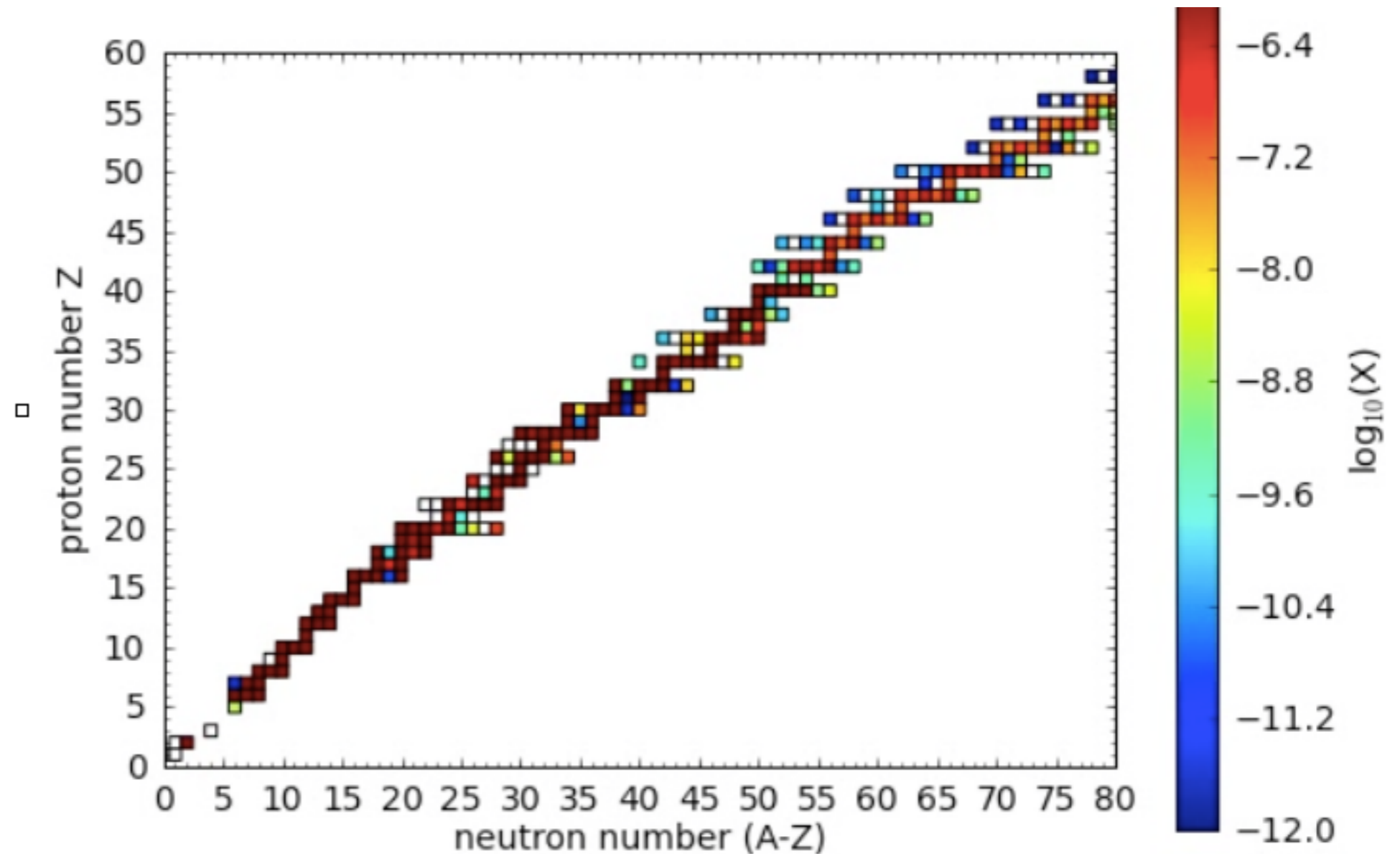


FIG. 6: (Colour online) Comparison of the  $[\text{Ba}/\text{La}]$  and  $[\text{Eu}/\text{La}]$  ratios over time when using the default NON-SMOKER (black), CoH<sub>3</sub> (red) and TALYS 1.4 (blue) models.

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# The s- process nucleosynthesis

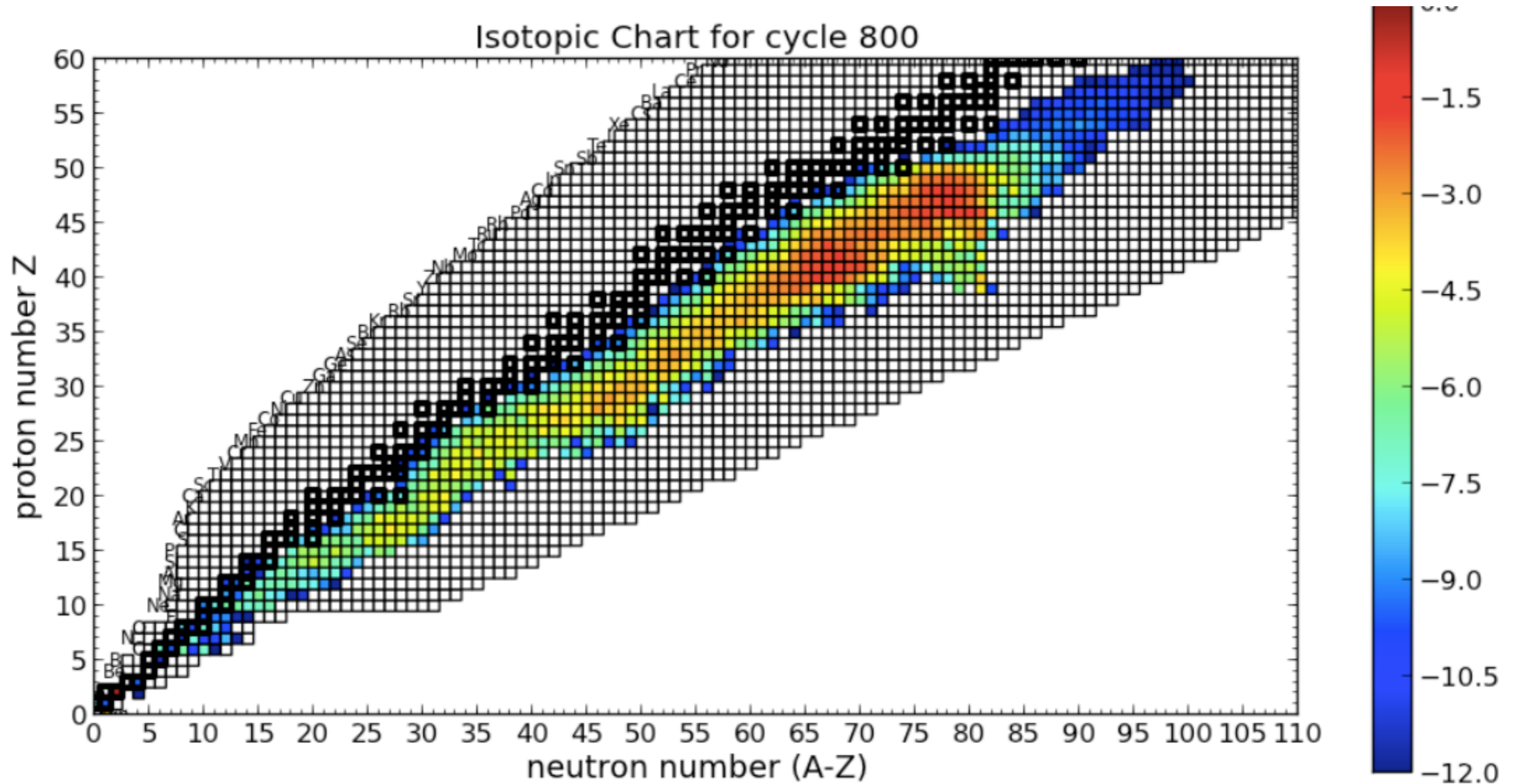
- Network flux follows closely valley of stability
- this is associated with characteristic isotopic and elemental abundance signatures





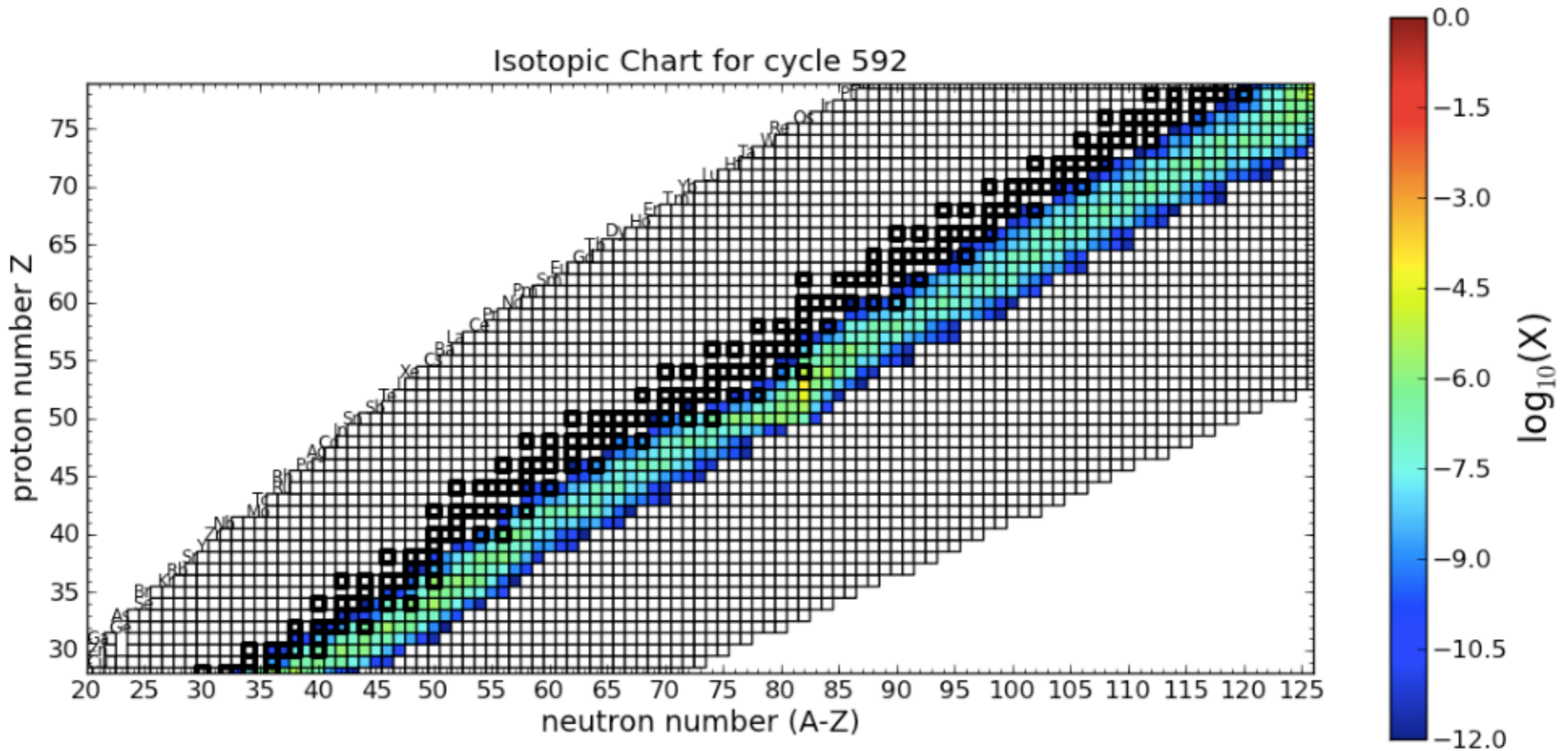
# The r- process nucleosynthesis

- Isotopic chart
- Neutrino-driven wind,  $S=150^1$ ,  $Y_e=0.4$ , adiabatic expansion



<sup>1</sup> in units of  $k_B/\text{nucleon}$

# 1-zone i process nucleosynthesis simulation



- i-process is a multi-zone process, but can be approximated to some extent by 1-zone Network flux follows closely valley of stability
- this is associated with characteristic isotopic and elemental abundance signatures