



# The Peculiar Evolution of Low Mass EMP Stars

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# Low-mass EMP/ $Z=0$ Modelling (to 2006)

## Standing on many shoulders :)

Year	Author	Mass	Metallicity	Max. Evolution	Helium
1961	Ezer (1961)	1 $\rightarrow$ 2000	zero	ZAMS	0.0
1971	Ezer and Cameron	5 $\rightarrow$ 200	zero	MS	0.2
1972	Ezer	3.0	zero	CHeB	0.2
1974	Cary	2 $\rightarrow$ 20	zero	ZAMS	0.0, 0.23, 0.3
1974	Wagner	0.65 $\rightarrow$ 2.5	-6, -4, -2	RGB	0.26
1975	Castellani and Paolicchi	1 $\rightarrow$ 100	zero	ZAMS	0.0, 0.2, 0.4
1981	Eryurt-Ezer	3.0	zero	EAGB	0.2
1982	D'Antona and Mazzetelli	0.9, 1.0	zero	RGB, $\sim$ DCF	0.2
1983	Guenther and Demarque	0.9	zero	MS	0.2
1984	Chieffi and Tornambe	5.0	zero	$\sim$ AGB	0.2
1985	Eryurt-Ezer and Kiziloglu	5, 7, 9	zero	CHeB	0.2
1986	Tornambe and Chieffi	2.5 $\rightarrow$ 8.0	-6, -4, -2	EAGB	0.2
1987	Kiziloglu and Eryurt-Ezer	0.2 $\rightarrow$ 0.8	zero	MS	0.2
1990	Fujimoto et al.	1.0	zero	$\sim$ DCF	0.23
1990	Hollowell et al.	1.0	zero	DCF	0.23
1993	Cassisi and Castellani	0.7 $\rightarrow$ 15	-8, -4, -2	RGB/EAGB	0.23
1996	Cassisi et al.	0.7 $\rightarrow$ 1.1	-8, -4, -3	$\sim$ DSF (M=0.8)	0.23
1998	Fujimoto and Iben	0.8 $\rightarrow$ 4	zero	RGB/AGB	0.23
2000	Fujimoto et al.	0.8 $\rightarrow$ 4	zero, -4, -2	DCF/DSF	0.23
2000	Weiss et al.	0.8 $\rightarrow$ 1.2	zero	RGB	0.23
2001	Marigo et al.	0.7 $\rightarrow$ 100	zero	$\sim$ AGB (no CHeF) <sup>a</sup>	0.23
2001	Chieffi et al.	4 $\rightarrow$ 8	zero	DSF, $\sim$ AGB	0.23
2001	Schlattl et al.	0.8 $\rightarrow$ 1.0	zero	DCF, SRGB, $\sim$ AGB	0.23 $\rightarrow$ 0.25
2001	Goriely and Siess	3	zero	AGB s-process <sup>b</sup>	0.23
2002	Siess et al.	0.8 $\rightarrow$ 20	zero	DSF, $\sim$ AGB	0.235
2002	Schlattl et al.	0.8	zero, -3, -2	DCF	0.23
2003	Herwig	2 & 5	zero	DSF, $\sim$ AGB	0.23?
2004	Iwamoto et al.	1 $\rightarrow$ 3	-2.7	DSF, $\sim$ AGB	0.24
2004	Picardi et al.	0.8 $\rightarrow$ 1.5	zero, -6, -5, -4	DCF, SRGB, $\sim$ EAGB	0.23 & 0.27
2004	Weiss et al.	0.82	zero, -5	DCF, SRGB	0.23?
2004	Suda et al.	0.8 $\rightarrow$ 4.0	zero	$\sim$ DSF, $\sim$ DSF, $\sim$ AGB	0.23?
2006	Campbell (This study)	0.8 $\rightarrow$ 3+ <sup>c</sup>	zero, -6, -5, -4, -3	DCF, DSF, SRGB, AGB & Yields	0.245

# PhD Thesis:

## Low mass EMP Stellar Evolution & Nucleosynthesis

During my thesis I calculated a grid of stellar models including:

- Structural evolution from MS to end of TP-AGB
- Nucleosynthetic evolution for nuclides up to Sulphur 35
- Yields for the 74 included species

Stellar structure code: MONSTAR (Monash/Mt Stromlo code)

Nucleosynthesis code: MONSN ('monsoon', Monash code)

**The metallicity and mass range of the grid:**

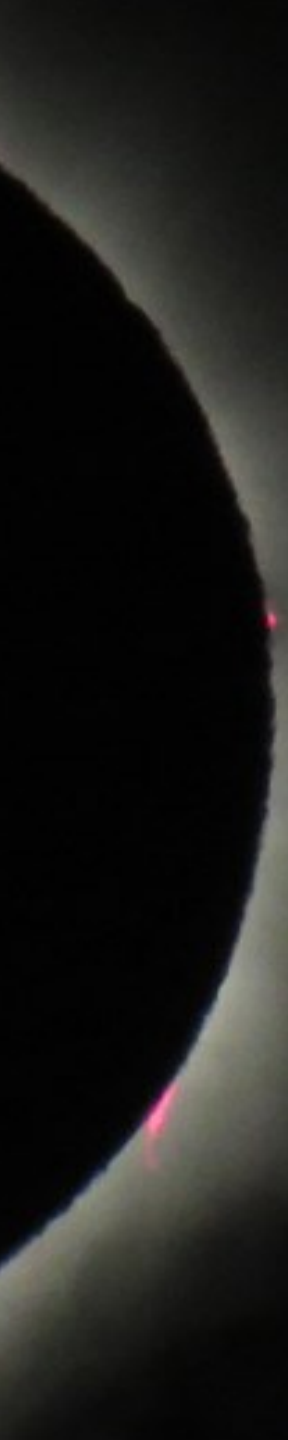
$$[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -\infty, -6.5, -5.45, -4.0, -3.0$$

$$M = 0.85, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0 M_{\odot}$$

**→ 20 Stars**

My thesis: <http://users.monash.edu.au/~scamp/downloads/phd-thesis-Campbell.pdf>

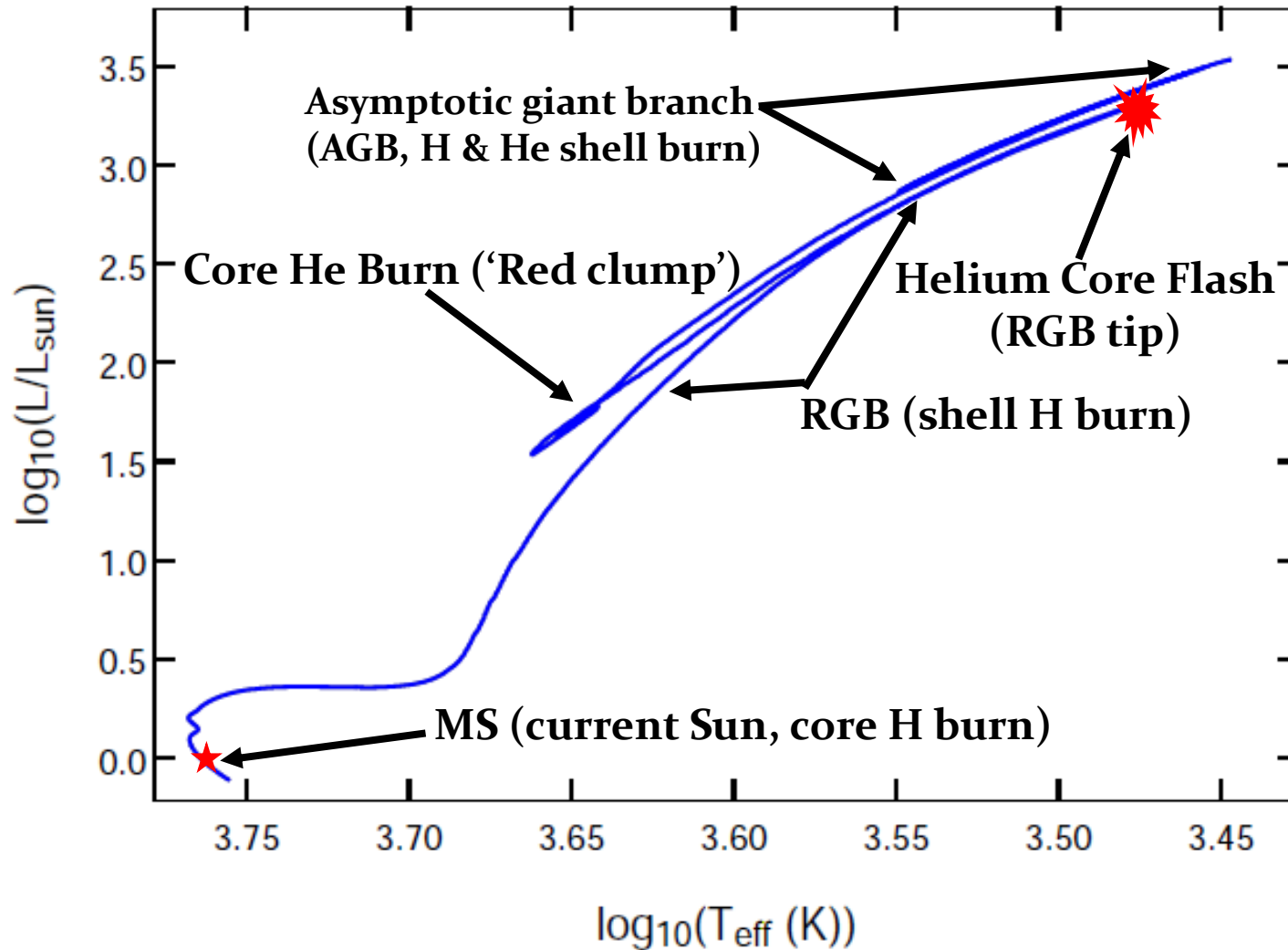
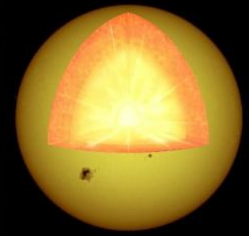
Also see Campbell & Lattanzio 2008, Campbell et al. 2010



# Peculiar Evolution Example I: $0.85 M_{\odot}$ Population III Star

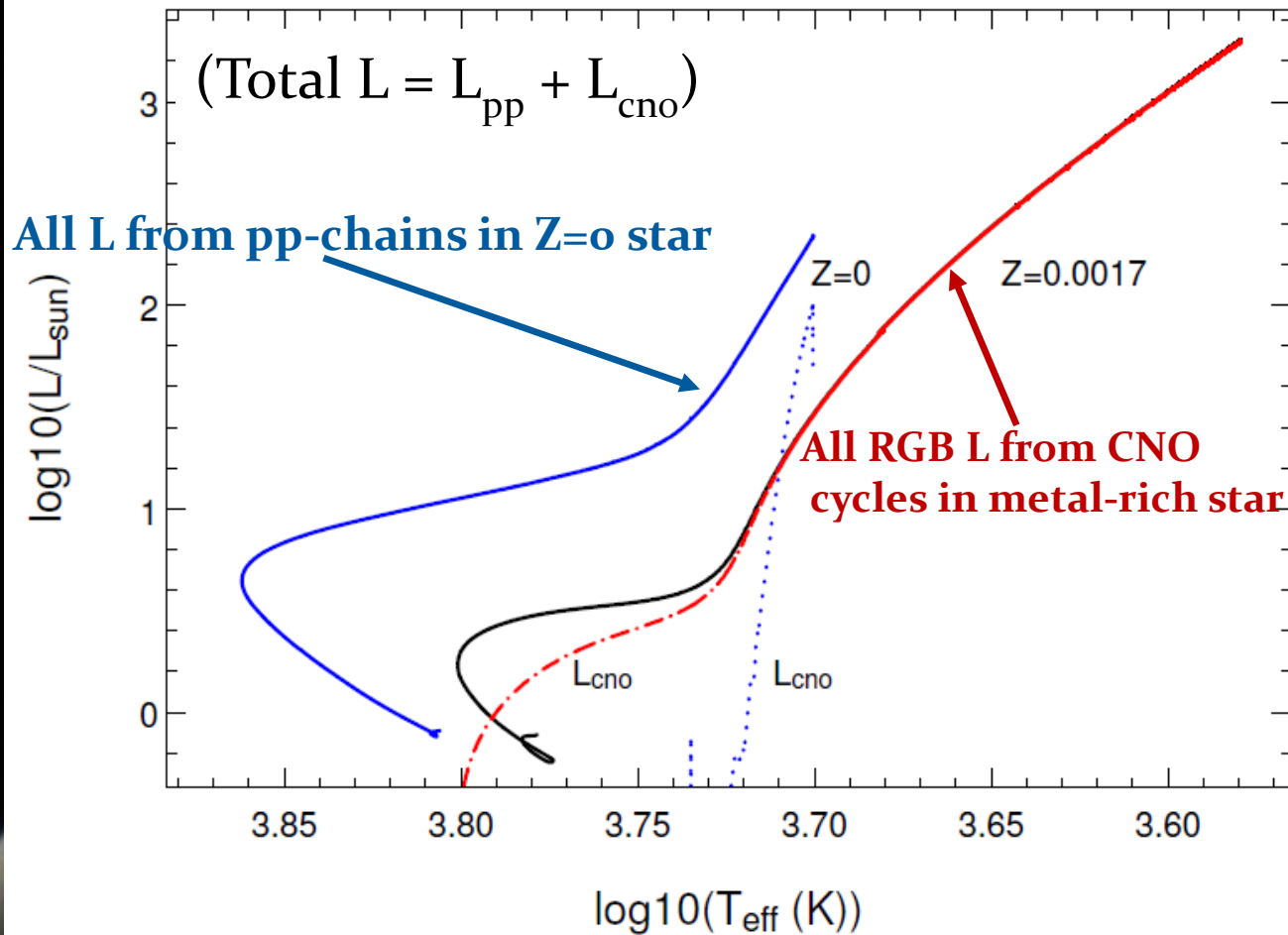
NB: Using this zero metallicity model as an example,  
*EMP stars show similar evolutionary properties.*

# Overview of evolutionary phases: The Sun



# Pop III ( $Z=0$ ) $0.85 M_{\odot}$ : MS to RGB Tip

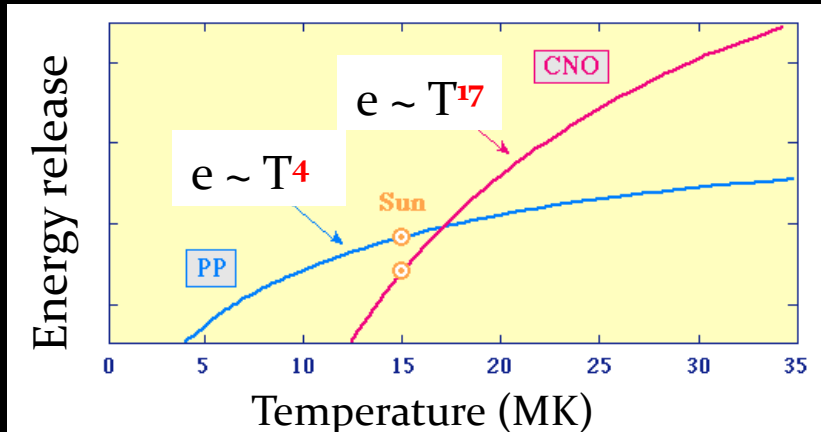
## 'Normal' star versus Pop III star: Hydrogen burning



- Typical Halo star mass
- $Z=0$  star has:
  - Higher luminosity
  - Higher surface temperature.
  - RGB tip luminosity  $\sim$  1 dex lower.
- Major factor altering the evolution is the lower opacity of the metal-free gas.
- On the RGB the lack of CNO elements precludes the  $Z=0$  star from burning H via the CNO cycles – until the shell becomes so hot that (some) He burning starts!

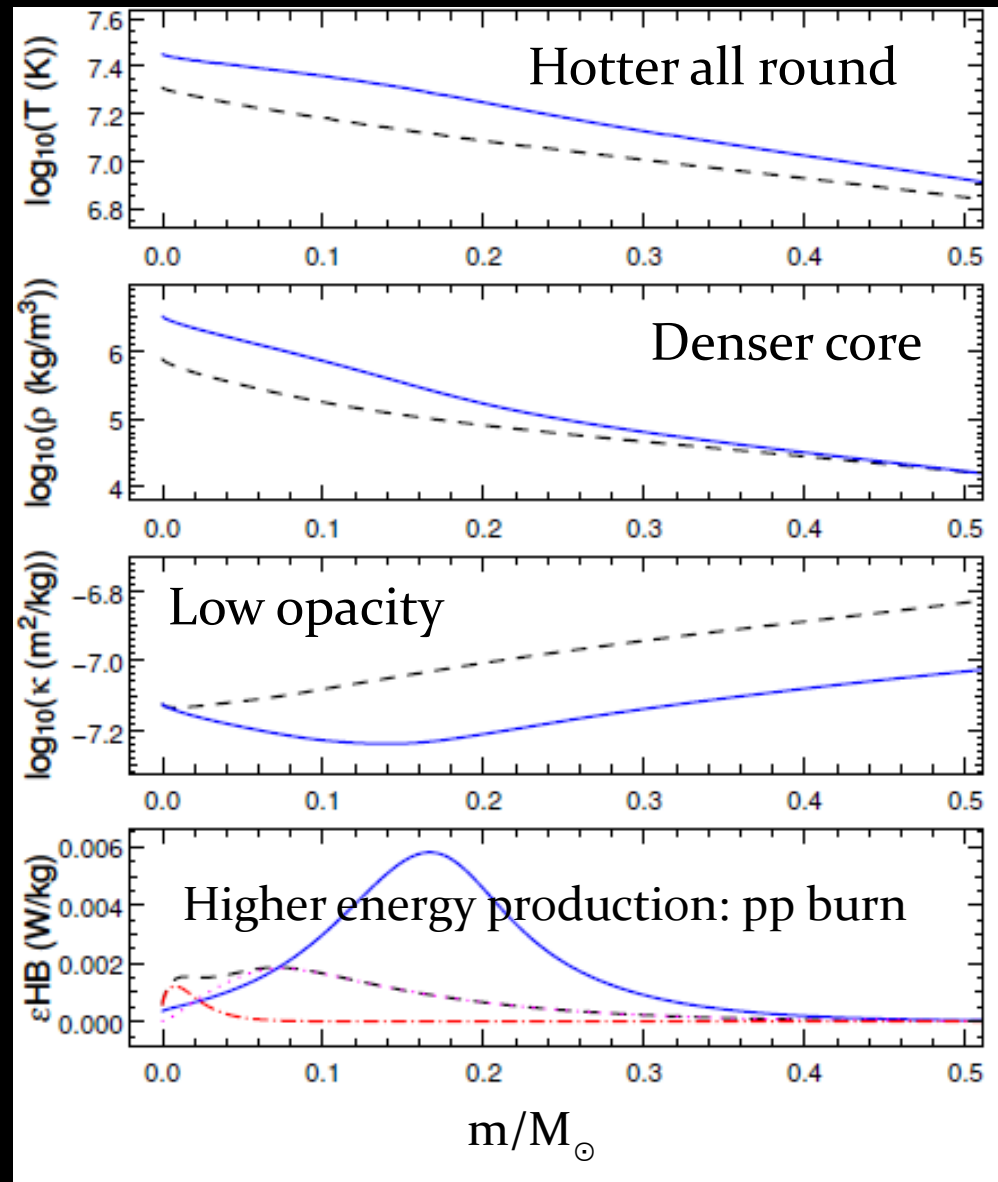
# Z=0, 0.85 M<sub>⊙</sub>: Internal Structure, MS

pp-chains have a \*much\* weaker T dependence than CNO cycle → fundamental change in structure.



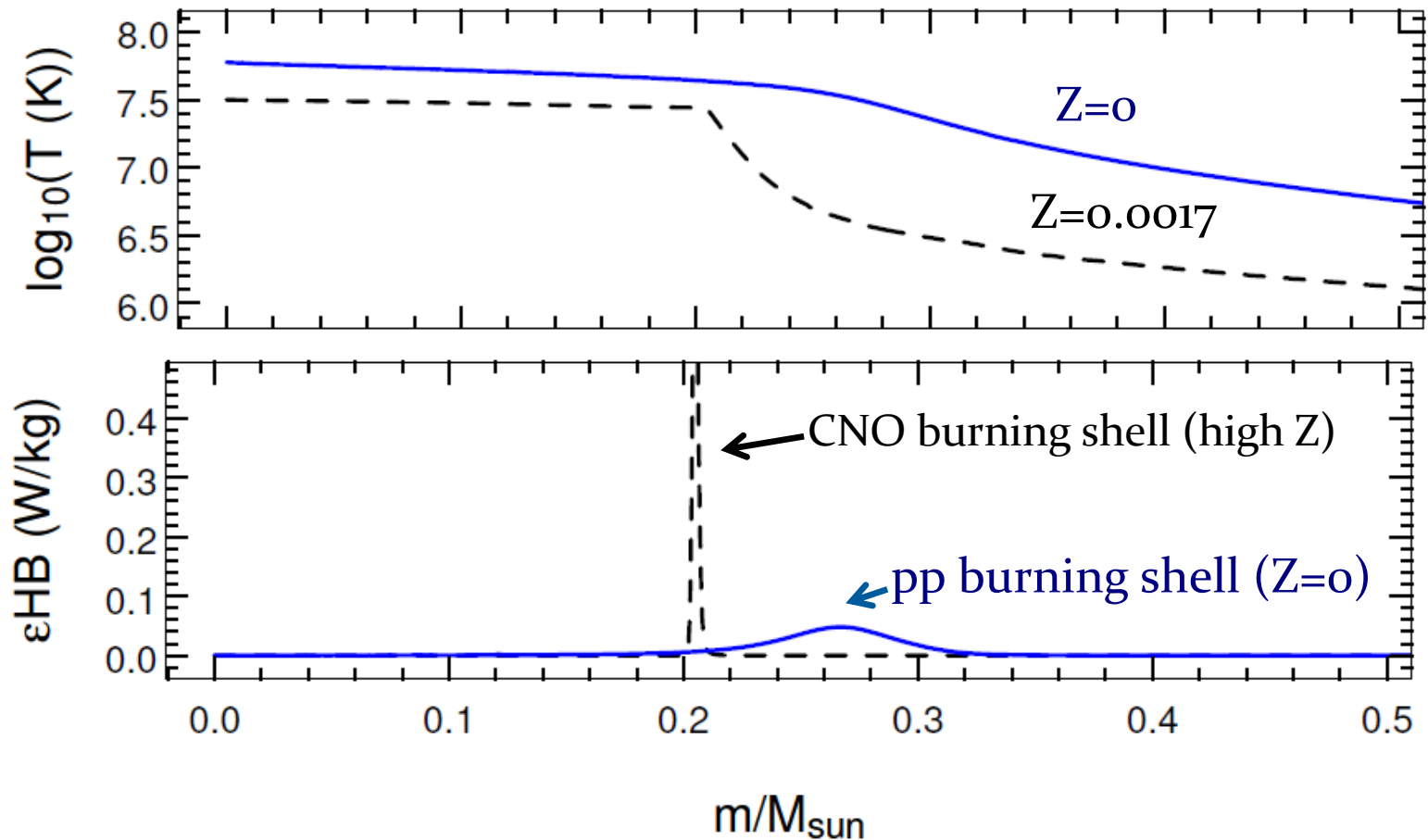
Blue = Zero metallicity  
Dashed = GC metallicity

- Snapshot near end of MS
- At this stage the 'normal' star is switching to CNO H burning
- The Z=0 star cannot do this, so it continues to burn via the pp-chains, which creates a marked difference in structure



# $Z=0, 0.85 M_{\odot}$ : Internal Structure on RGB

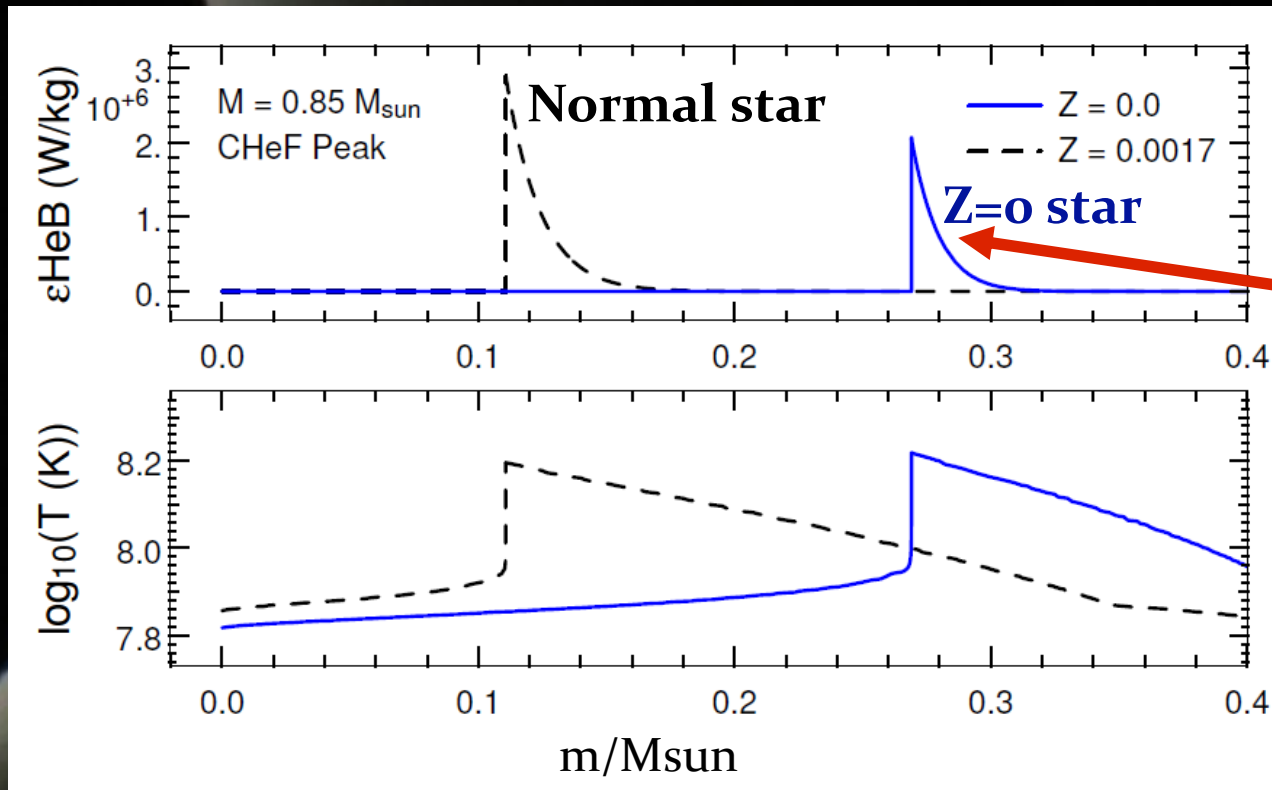
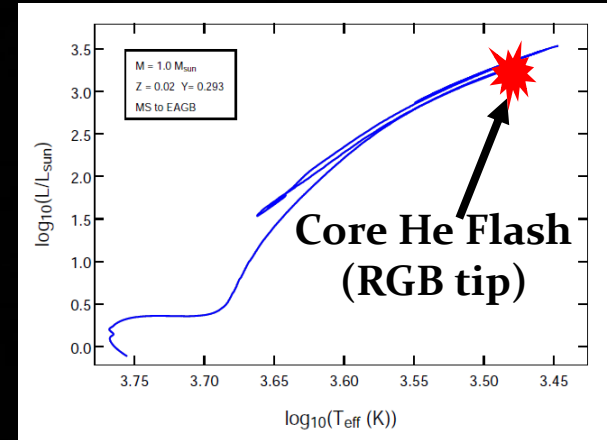
- Red giant branch structure is also very different
- The shell hydrogen burning happens over a relatively wide region of the star, again due to the pp chain reactions being only weakly sensitive to temperature, compared to the CNO cycle





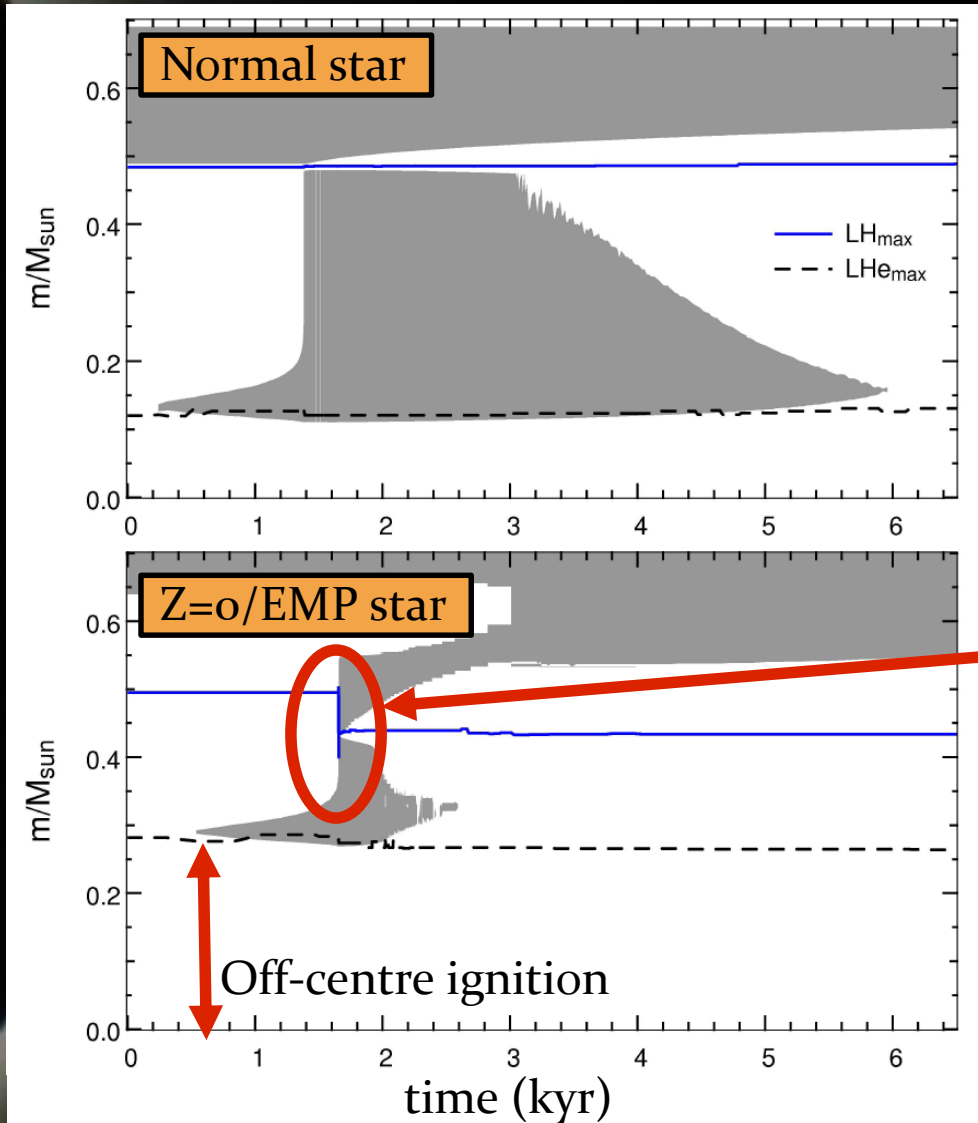
# $Z=0, 0.85 M_{\odot}$ : Core He Flash!

- At the top of the RGB He ignites violently, due to (partial) degeneracy of core material.
- In the  $Z=0$  model this happens much further from the centre of the star...



Ignition way off-centre

# $Z=0, 0.85 M_{\odot}$ : Core He Flash is not normal!



Comparison between a  $Z=0$ /EMP star and a GC metallicity star

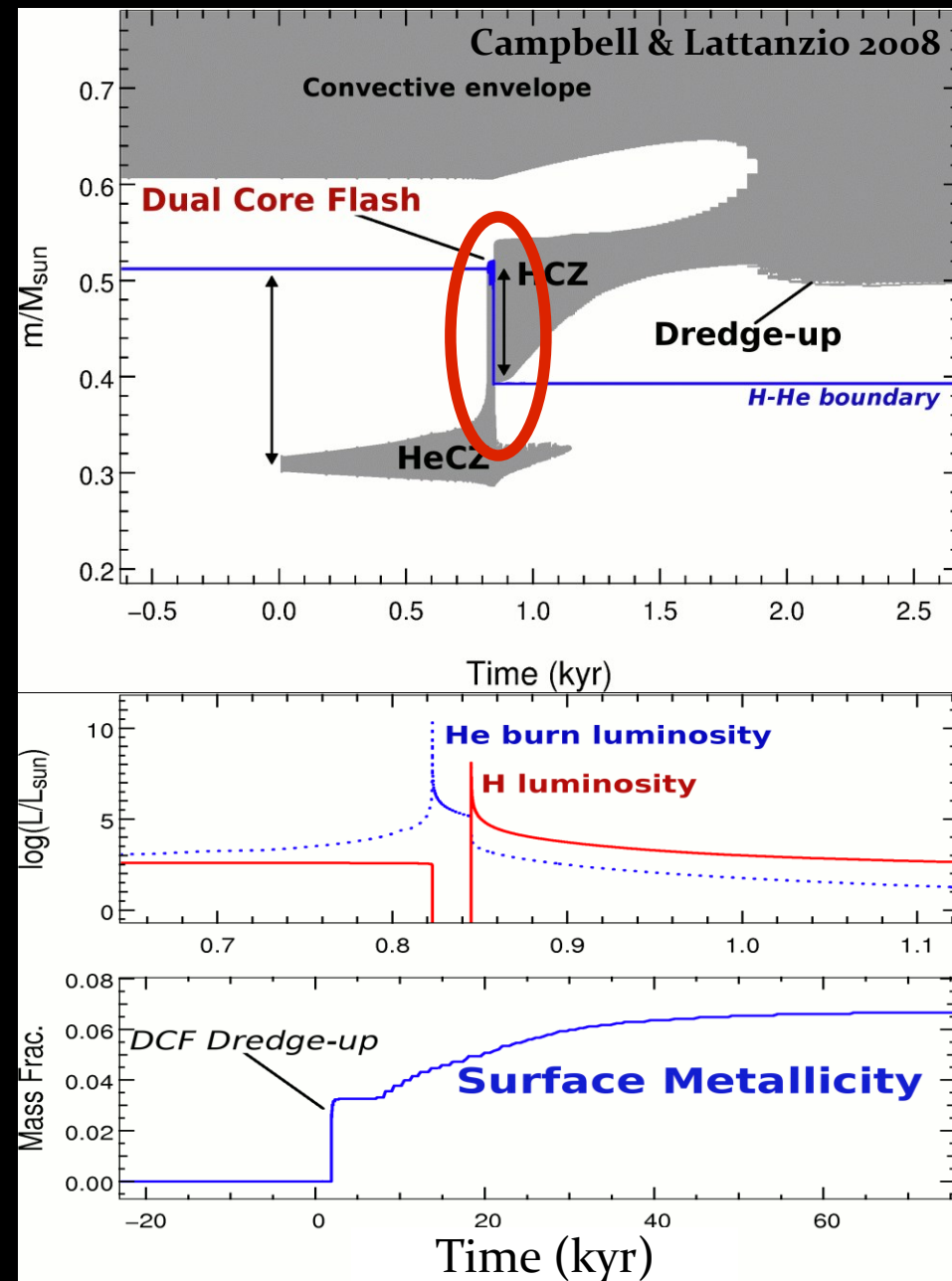
- Grey = convection
- Blue line = H burn
- Dashed line = He burn

**Convection breaks out of core!** → Mixes protons down to region burning helium: VERY HOT for H (~100 MK, normally H burns at ~20 MK)

**This is unique to EMP stars!**

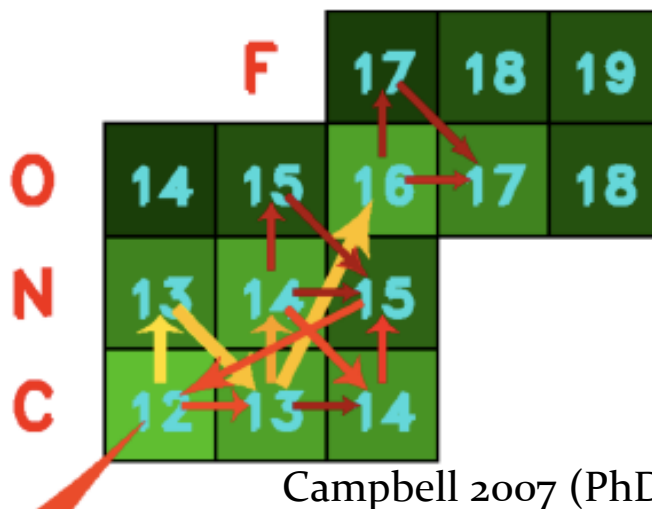
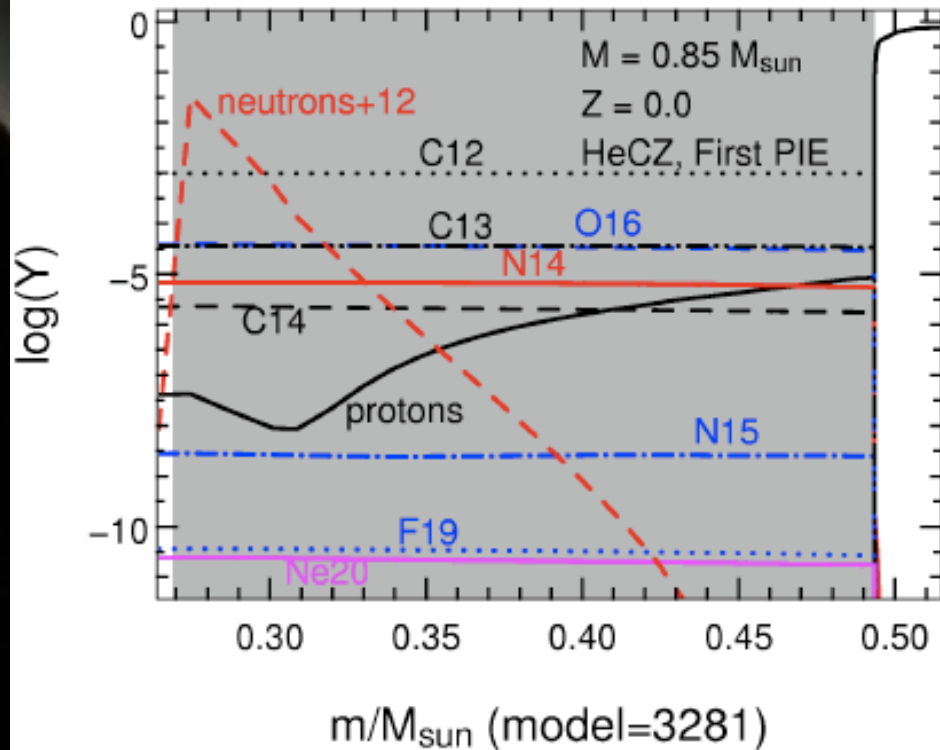
# The EMP “Dual Core Flash” (DCF)

- The mixing of protons downwards into high temperature regions naturally causes very rapid H burning.  
→ Hydrogen Flash!
- The He flash is still ongoing → hence name ‘dual flash’.
- He burning products are mixed upwards also.
- This material is later dredged up into the envelope, polluting the surface.
- Fujimoto et al. (1990) suggested that the excess C in the CEMPs may come from these peculiar proton ingestion events (PIEs).



Again, this unique to EMP stars!

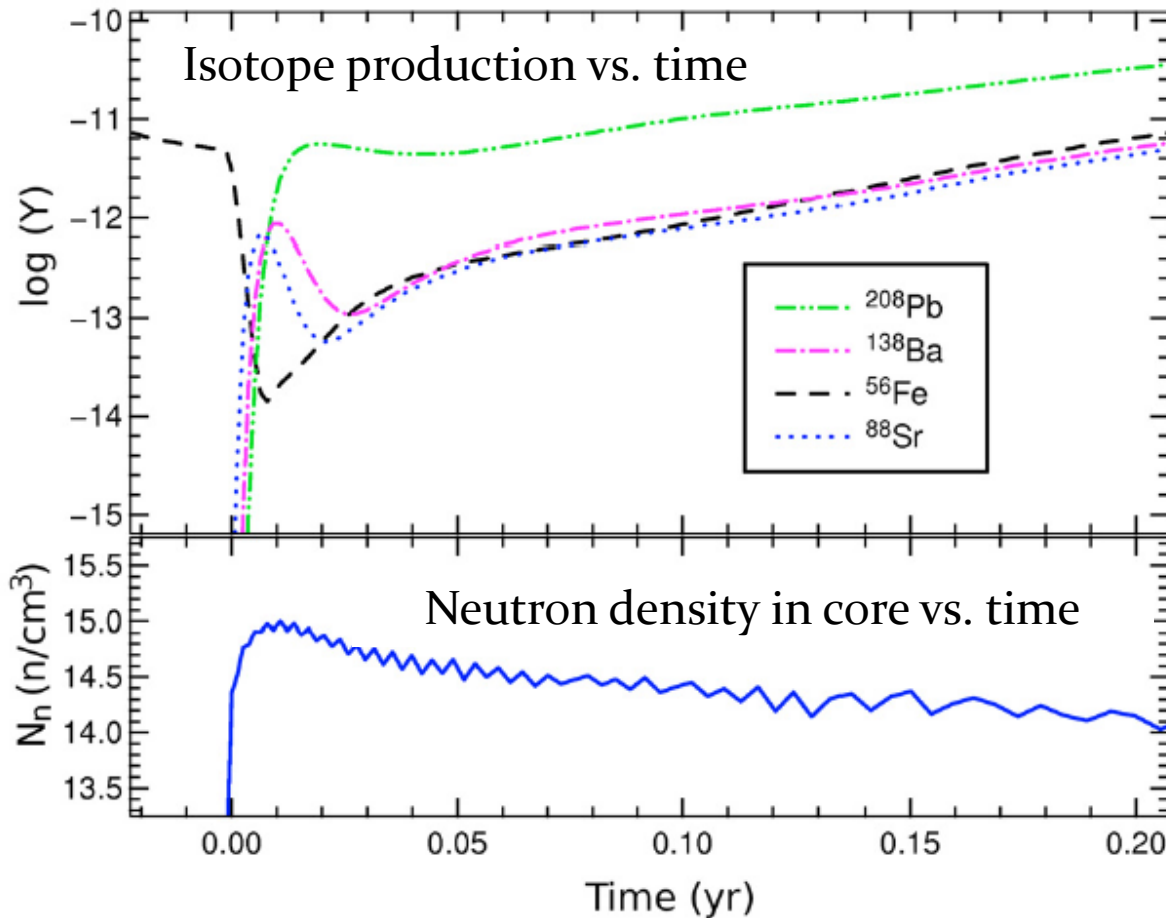
# Possible $s/r$ -Process during the DCF?



Campbell 2007 (PhD thesis)

- Fujimoto et al. (1990) also speculated that light  $s$ -process elements may be produced during a DCF, since the protons should react with the  $^{12}\text{C}$  produced by the He burning, to produce  $^{13}\text{C}$ .
- In this model I found that  $^{13}\text{C}$  was produced in large amounts, and that the neutron-producing reaction  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$  was very active during a DCF.
- Interestingly the **neutron density** in this rough plot from my thesis is  $\sim 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .
- **This neutron density is much higher than  $s$ -process densities!**
- **But not as high as needed for the  $r$ -process.**
- This simulation had a limited nuclear network, so more investigation was required..

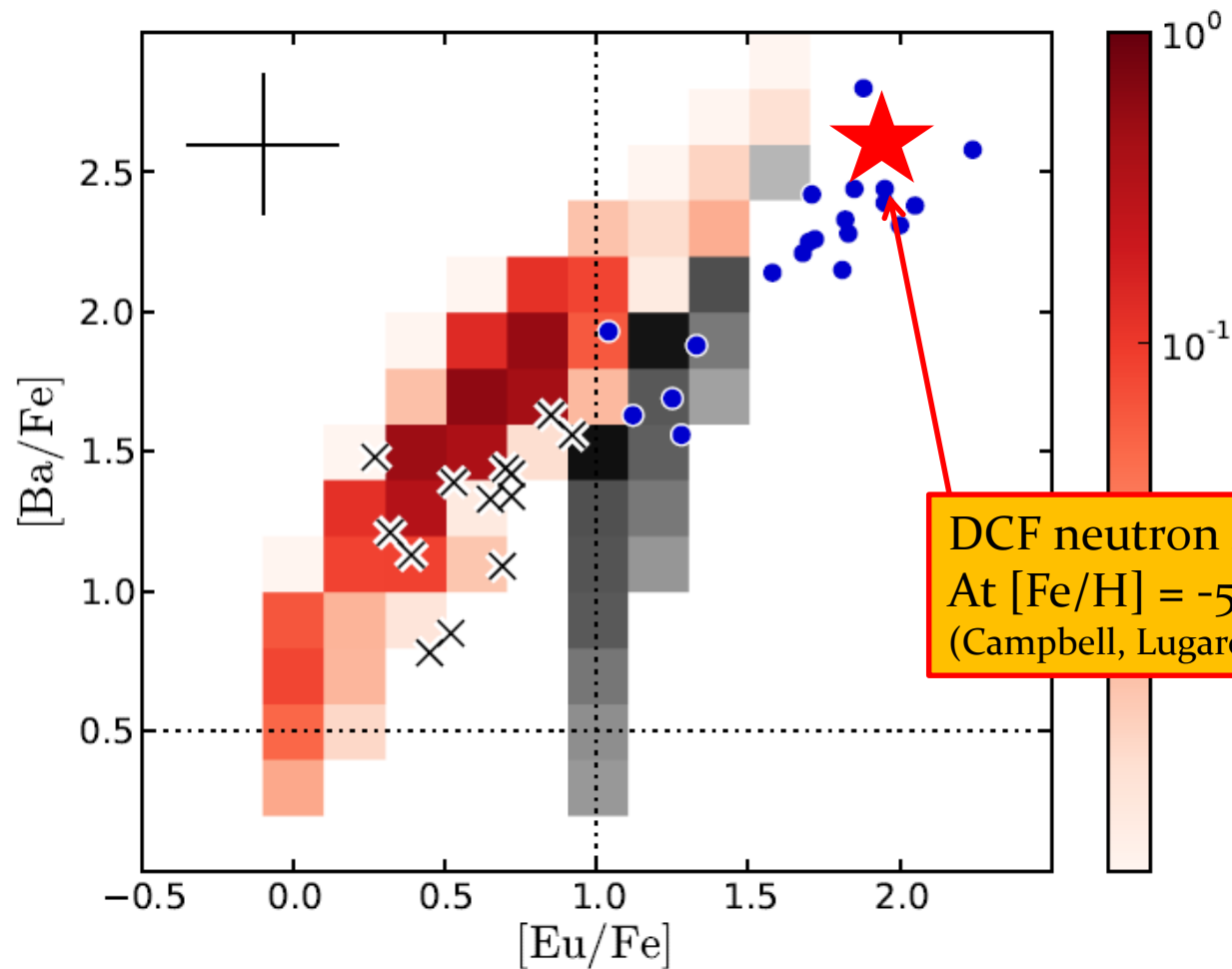
# EMP “Neutron Superburst”



- Larger network confirmed the high neutron densities:  
 $10^{14}$  to  $10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- So intermediate between s & r-process.
- Is this the site for CEMP i-process? – see Melanie Hampel’s talk tomorrow.

Campbell, Lugaro & Karakas 2010

# CEMP s/r Mystery & the Neutron Superburst



DCF neutron superburst model!  
At  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -5.8$   
(Campbell, Lugaro & Karakas 2010)

**Fig. 10.** Distribution of  $[\text{Ba}/\text{Fe}]$  vs.  $[\text{Eu}/\text{Fe}]$ . The red distribution represents our default model A. The grey distribution is computed with an initial enhancement of  $[r/\text{Fe}]_{\text{ini}} = 1$ . The dotted lines indicate the

Abate, Pols, Stancliffe et al., 2015

- No neutron superburst yields included in the population synthesis – not expected at higher  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  that this study focussed on?

- Undiluted  $Z=0$  model produced 5.1: 4.3, so on same line.
- More metal-'rich' models coming soon :)



# The Monash Chemical Yields Project

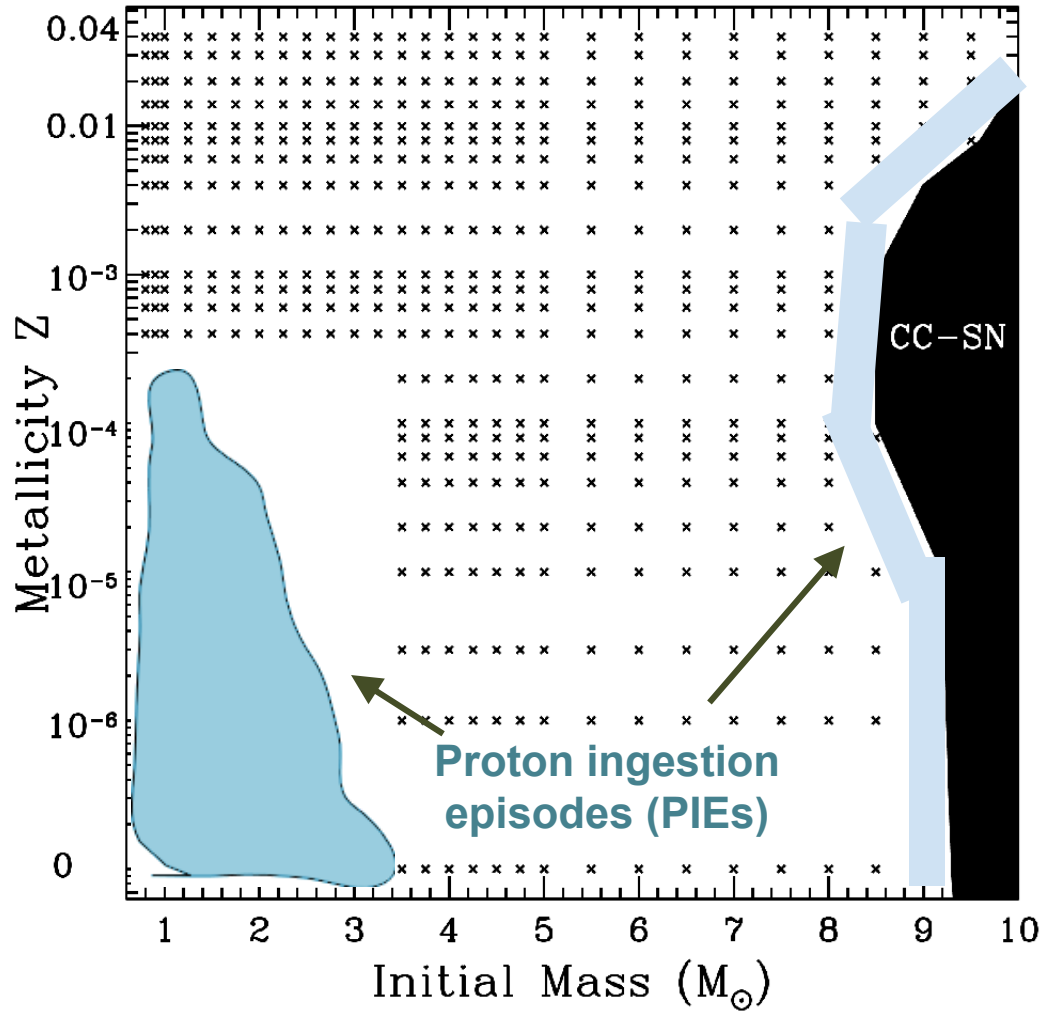
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Angelou, Campbell, Church, Constantino, Cristallo, Doherty,  
Gil-Pons, Henkel, Karakas, Lattanzio, Lugaro, Stancliffe

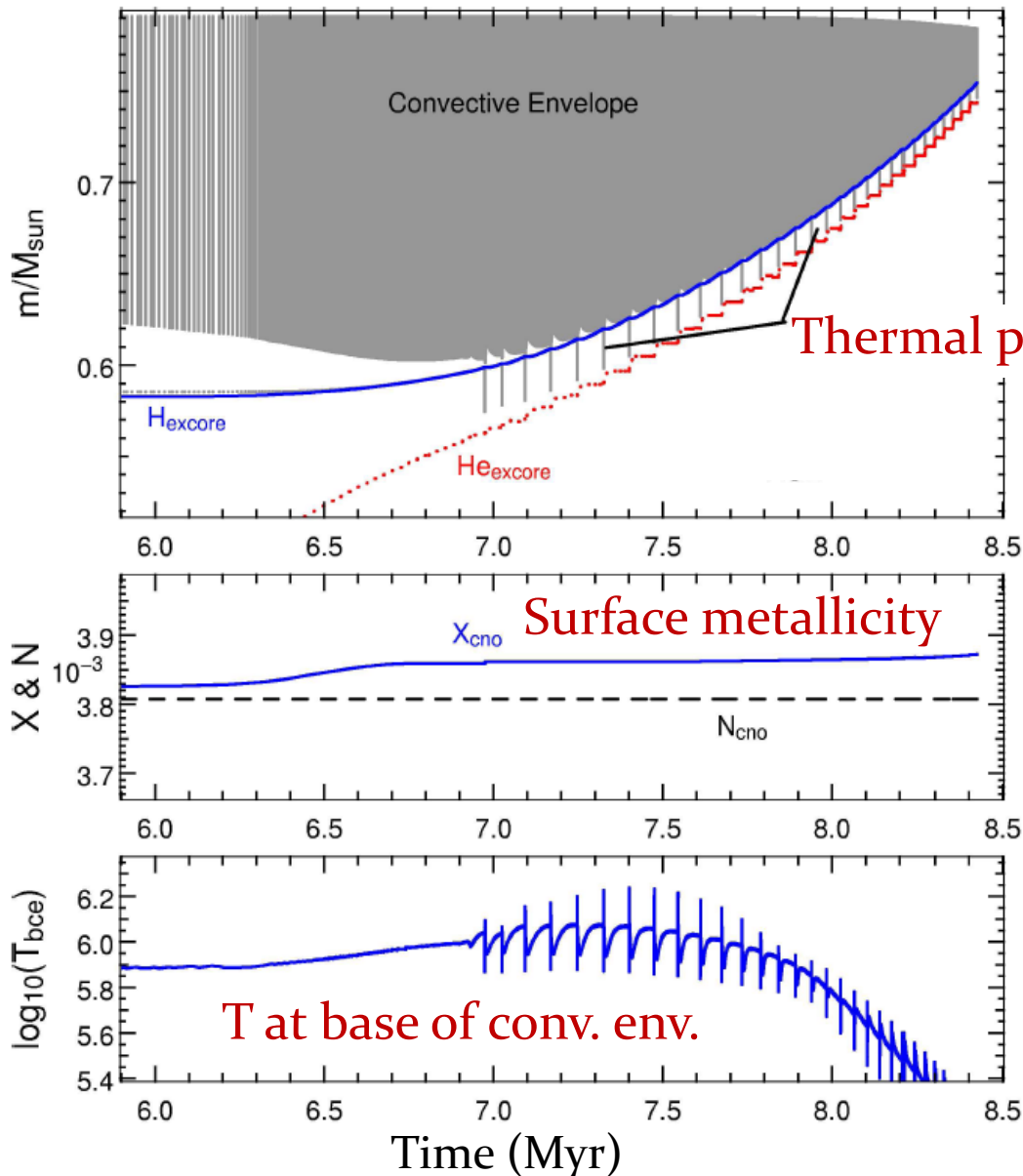
# MonKey Grid: Proton ingestion episodes (PIEs)

Monkey Grid

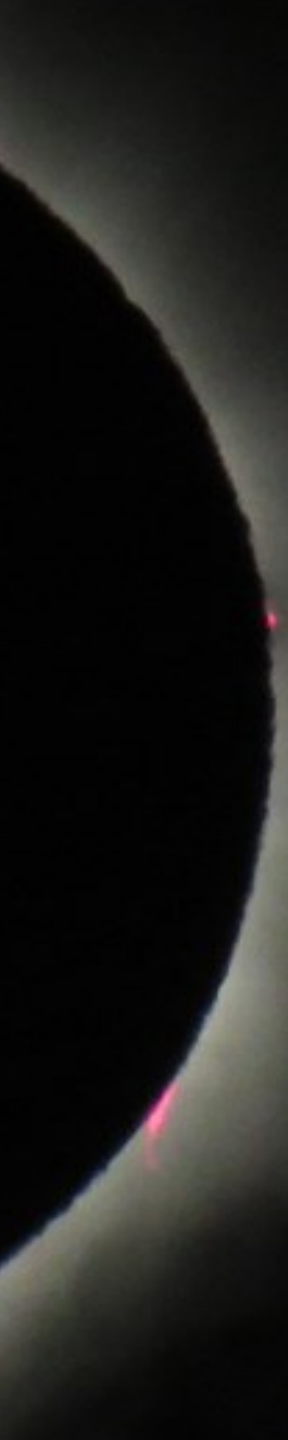




# $Z=0, 0.85 M_{\odot}$ : AGB

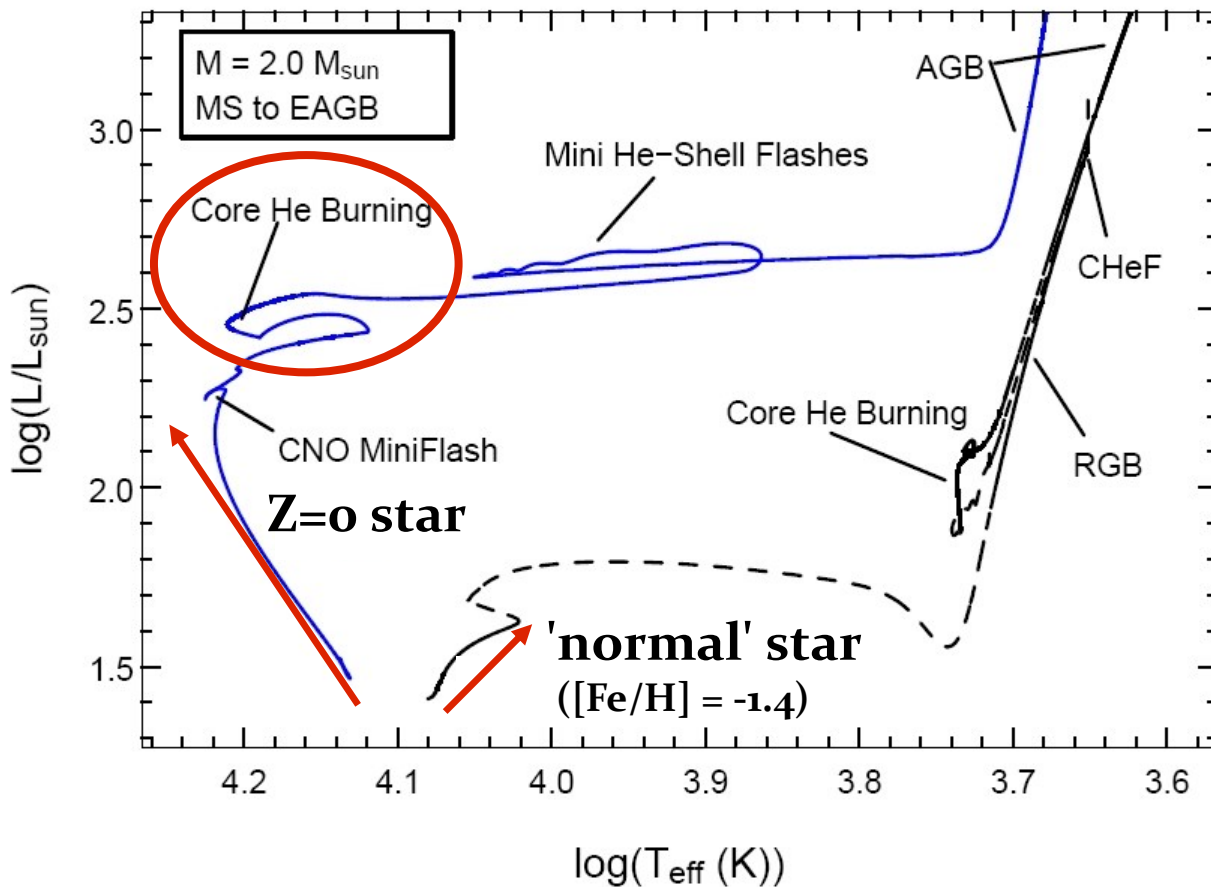


- AGB phase is fairly normal, since surface has quite high metallicity after the DCF ( $Z \sim 10^{-3}$ )
- No third dredge-up in this model -- similar to high metallicity stars.
- Thus the mass lost through AGB winds has the composition of the DCF pollution: primarily C + s/i-process.
- This is unique to EMP stars.



Peculiar Evolution II:  
*Evolution of a  $2.0 M_{\odot}$*   
*Pop III Star*  
(*short :*)

# Z=0, 2.0 M<sub>⊙</sub>: MS to EAGB



- Z=0 star evolves in the opposite direction on the MS (more typical of lower-mass, pp-burning stars).
- Ignites He on the MS!
- Also it ignites He in the core before it can become a Red Giant → no RGB!
- Therefore it spends almost all its lifetime in the blue (more typical of a higher-mass star with solar Z)

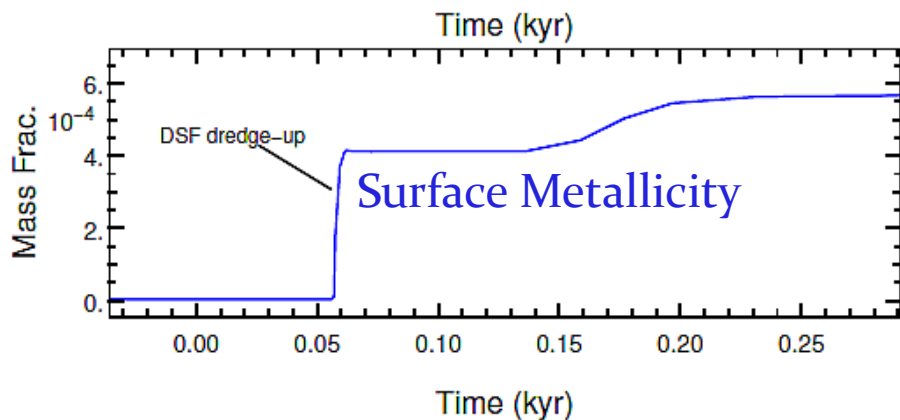
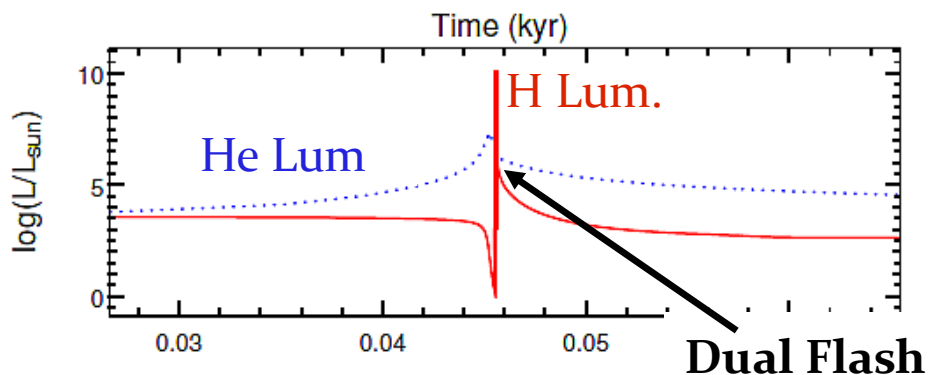
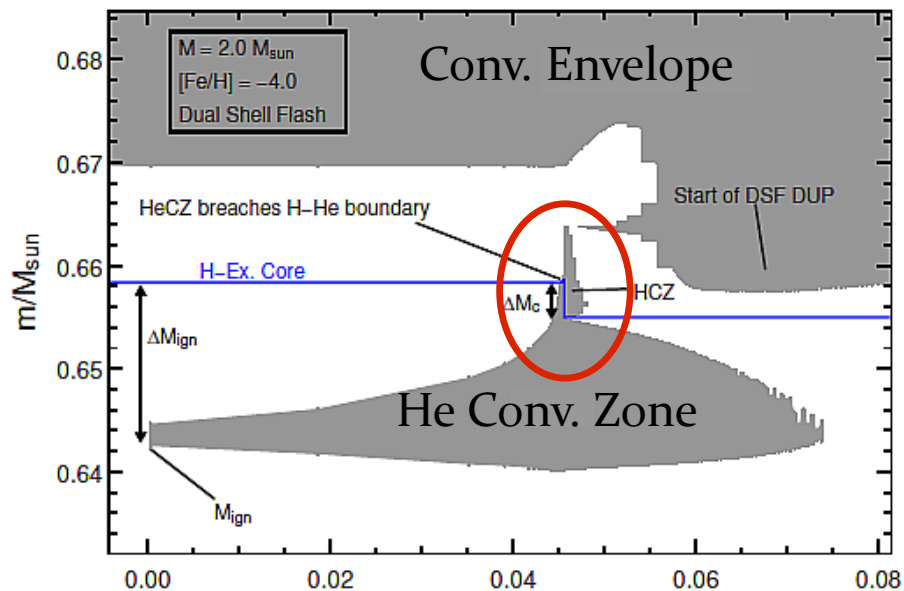
# The EMP AGB Dual *Shell* Flash (DSF)

- Similar to the Dual Core Flash but this time it is the AGB shell helium flash convective zone that breaks through the H-He discontinuity
- Occurs during first few pulses of TPAGB.
- Again protons are mixed down, He burning products mixed up: So may also produce s/i-process.
- This material is also later mixed up into the envelope, polluting the surface.

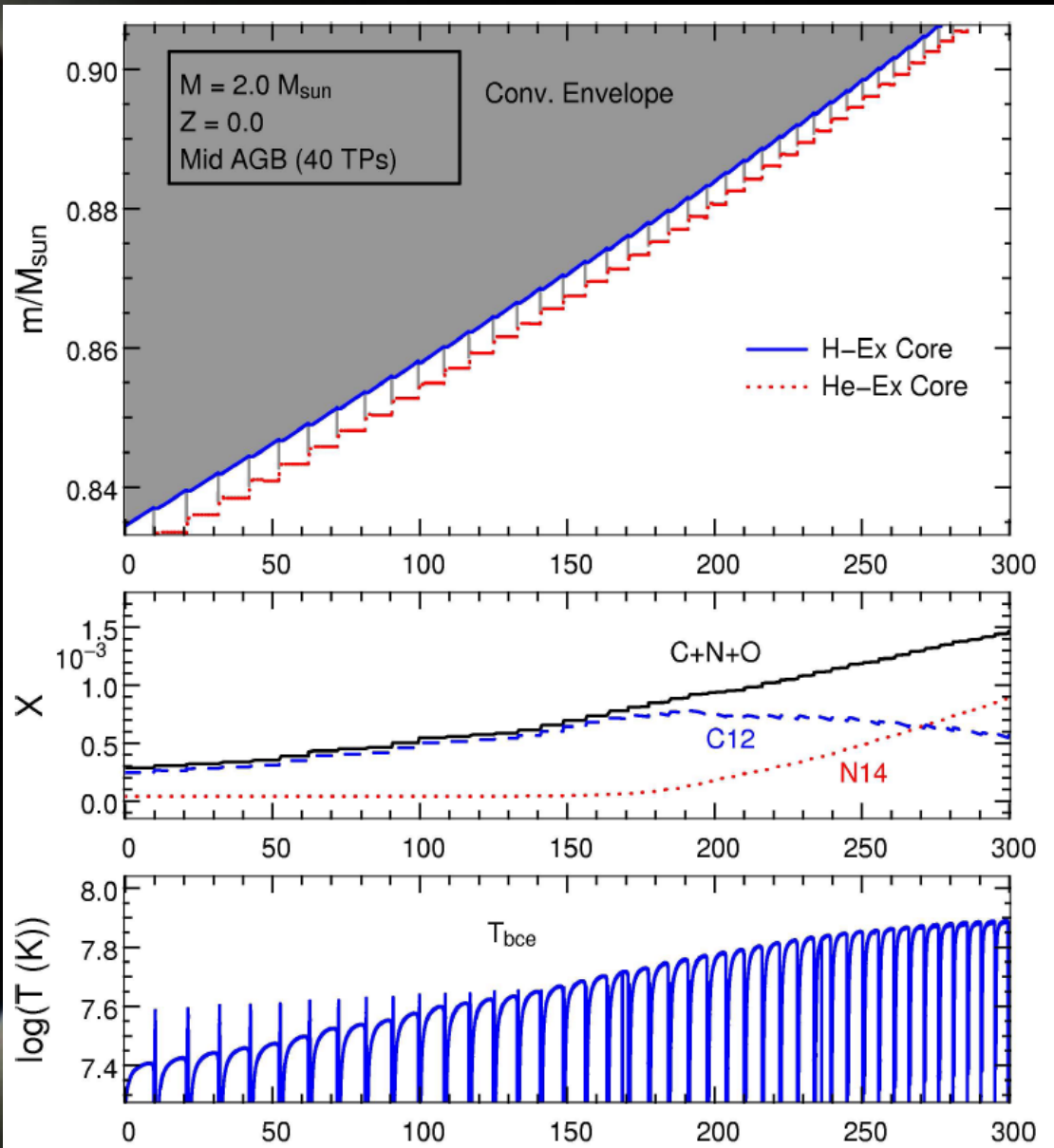
*AGB Stellar Structure Model:*

$$M = 2.0 M_{\odot}$$

$$[Fe/H] = -4.0$$



# $Z=0, 2.0 M_{\odot}$ : AGB



- At this higher mass TDU does occur, so the surface metallicity continually increases (initially lots of C).
- Interestingly Hot Bottom Burning (HBB) also occurs, even at this relatively low mass of  $2 M_{\odot}$ ! (usually only above  $4 M_{\odot}$  at solar  $Z$ ). This means  $\text{C} \rightarrow \text{N}$ .
- In terms of enrichment of the AGB winds the **TDU + HBB** dominates over the **DSF** pollution.

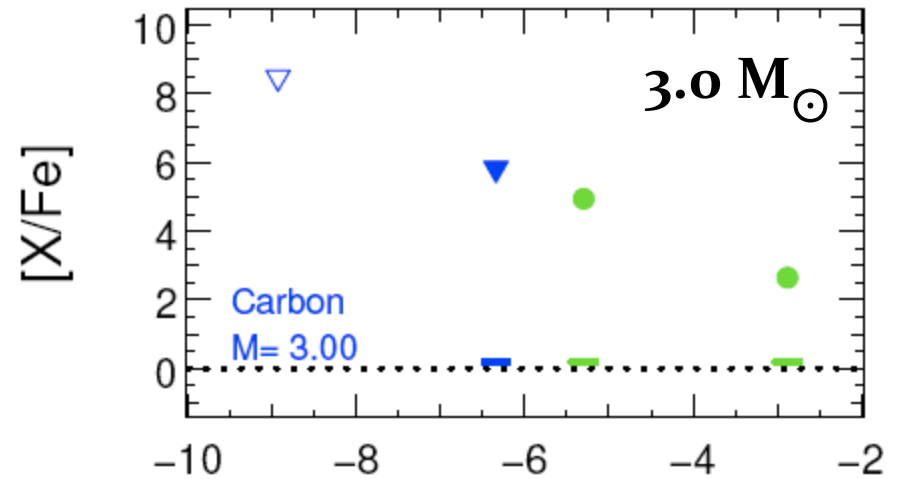
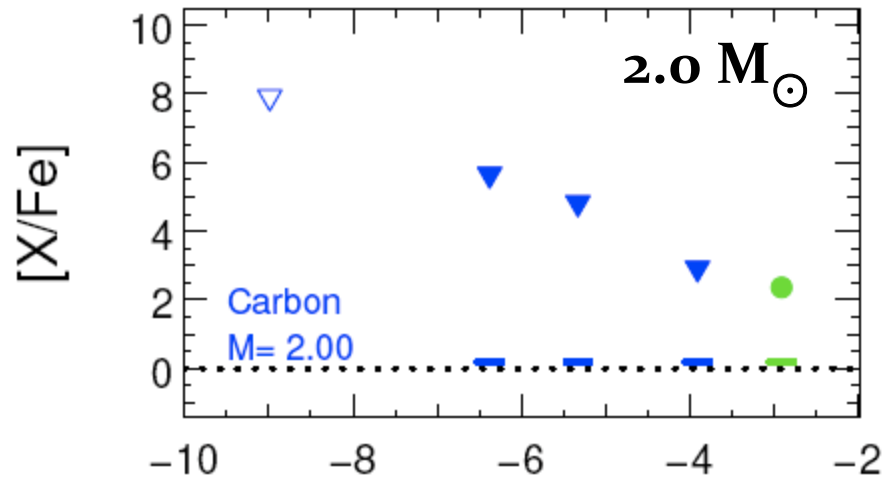
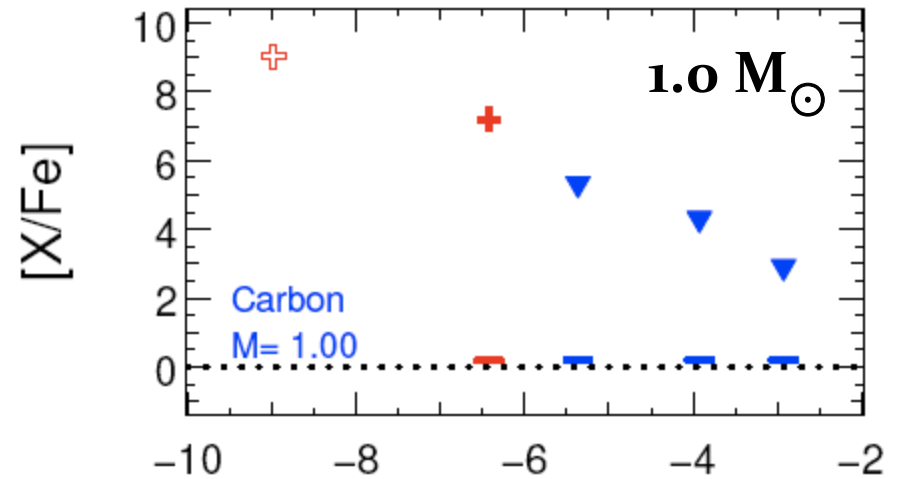
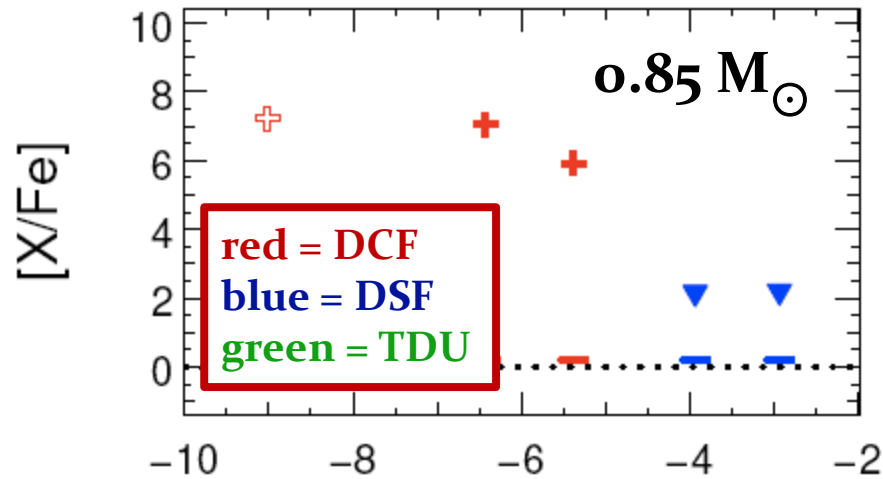


Final Section:

*Overview of the chemical  
consequences of the peculiar EMP  
evolution*

# Carbon Yields Across the Grid of Models

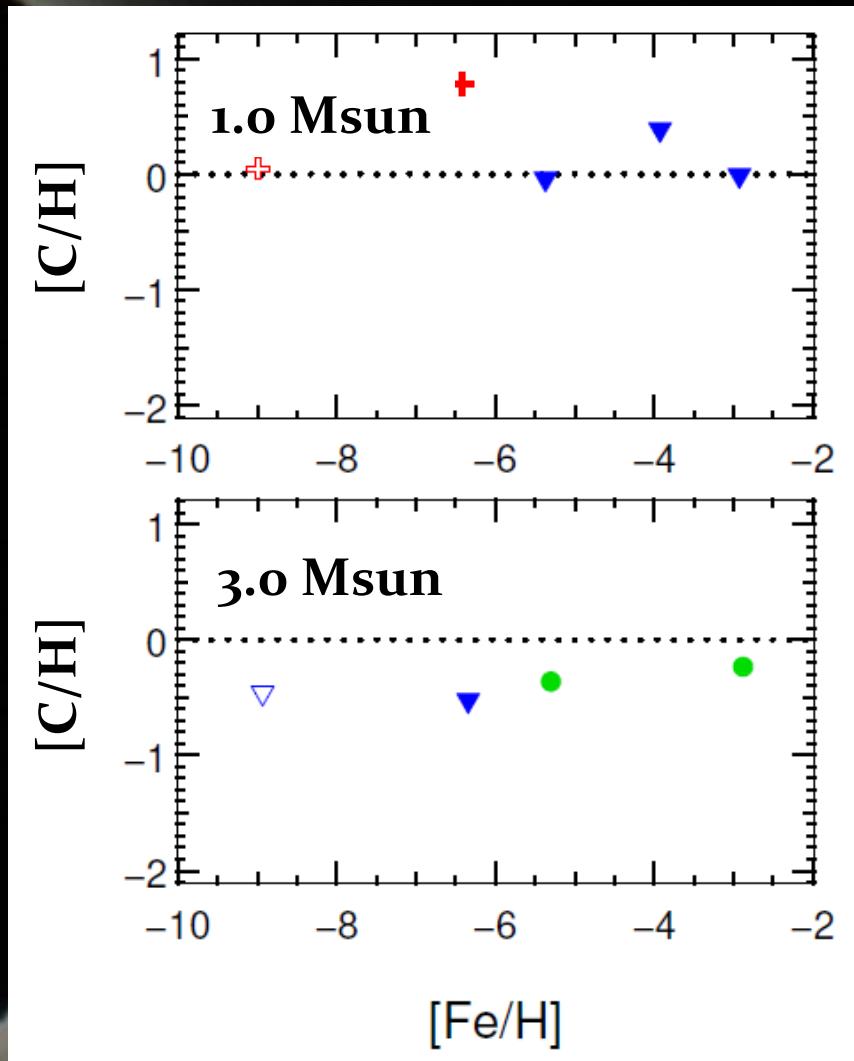
- Yield data for many elements are available in Campbell & Lattanzio 2008



[Fe/H]

[Fe/H]

# Non-Fe-scaled Carbon Yields (for Tim)



Dotted line = Solar

Red = Dual core flash pollution

Blue = Dual shell flash pollution

Green = Third dredge-up/HBB pollution

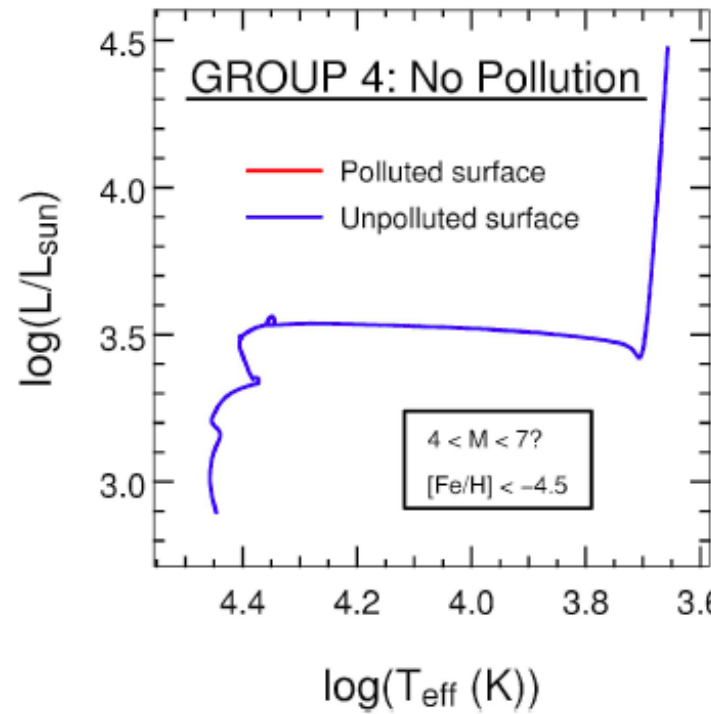
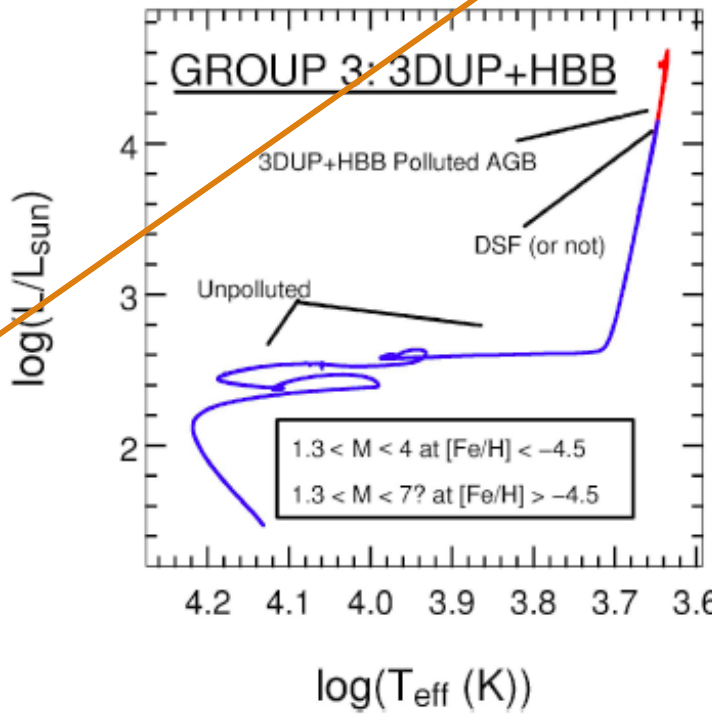
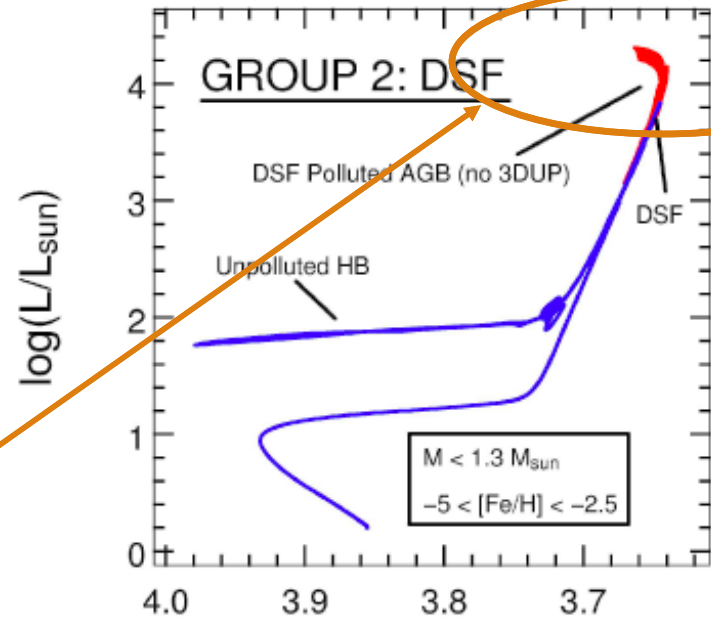
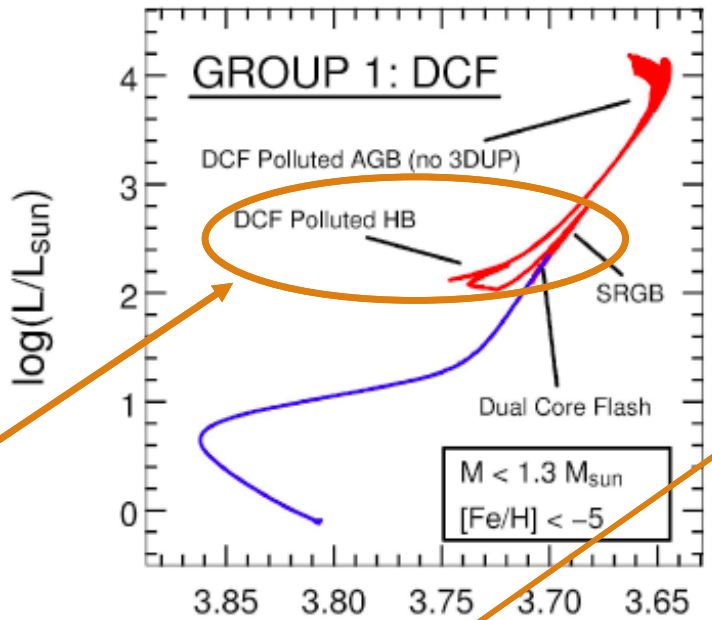
- Carbon pollution is ubiquitous & often reaches close to absolute solar abundance – even at  $Z=0.0$ !
- This ‘upper envelope’ of C pollution is fixed by the amount of C produced in the stellar interior, which doesn’t change much with metallicity.



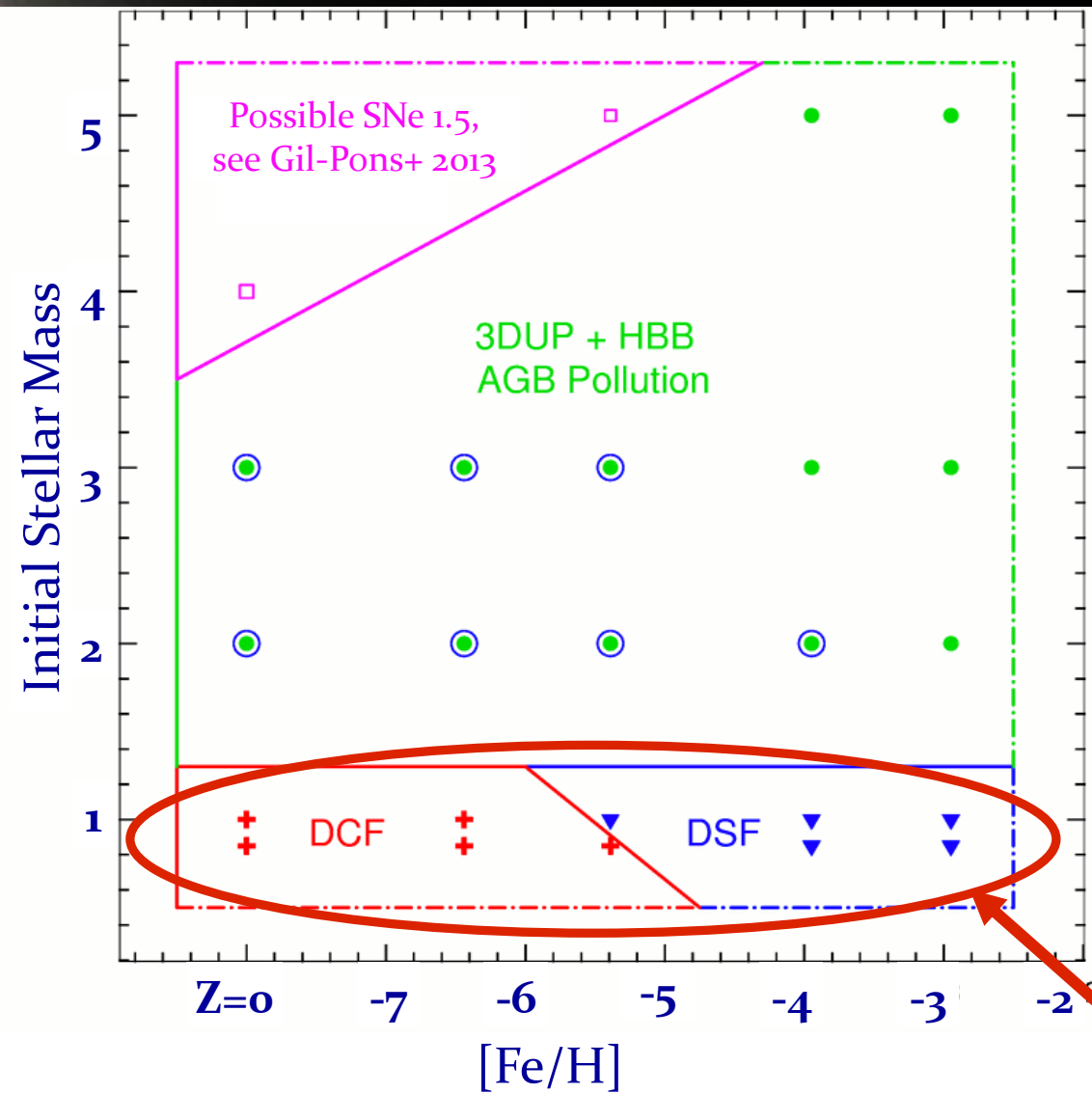
# Pollution Summary of models in the HRD

Polluted for an order of magnitude longer time than AGB  
 → More CEMPs

Extra source of C, in low-mass stars which would not have TDU  
 → More CEMPs



# Summary in Mass-Metallicity Plane



Campbell & Lattanzio 2008

DCF & DSF are peculiar to EMP models

- Pollution summary for the grid of models in the initial mass-[Fe/H] plane.

- Colour-coded by pollution events that contribute the most to the yields:

DCF = “Dual Core Flash”  
(RGB TIP)

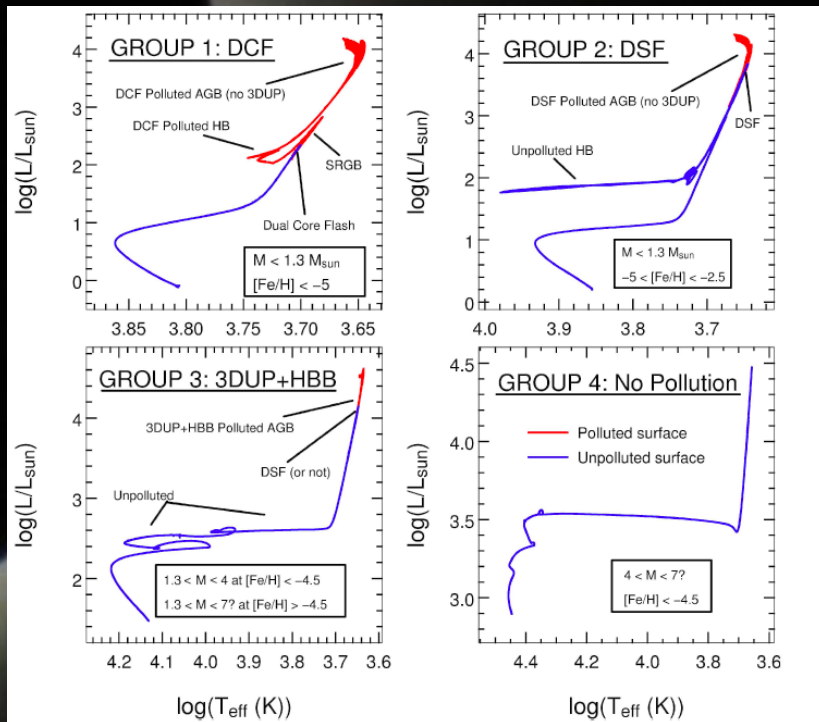
DSF = “Dual Shell Flash”  
(start of AGB)

3DU = “Third dredge-up”  
(AGB)

HBB = “Hot Bottom Burning”  
(AGB)

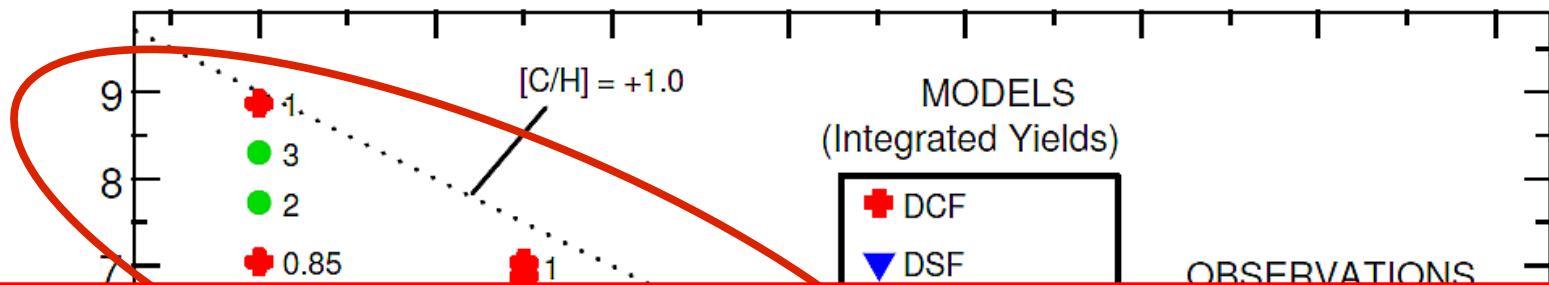
# Getting the C to the EMPs: Binary mass transfer

- Stars of mass  $>$  about  $0.85 M_{\text{sun}}$  could have been mass donors to the currently observed CEMPs
- Roughly 50% of binary interaction occurs on AGB (Onno's talk), and given the extra sources of C in EMP stars (DCF, DSF), CEMPs would be expected to be more common at low metallicity.
- s/i-process production is also expected, in combination with the C.
- $\rightarrow$  CEMP-s explanation. **Could this be an explanation for CEMP-i also?**
- **Question: are all CEMP-i stars in binary systems?**



Credit: Star Trek TNG

# Model Yields Vs Observations: [C/Fe]



BUT: Wako & Camilla pointed out today that CEMP-s.-i are mainly restricted to  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] > -4.0$ . So there's a problem if i-process is made in all of these stars!

pollution from the DCFs, which only start to occur at this metallicity (but many uncerts).

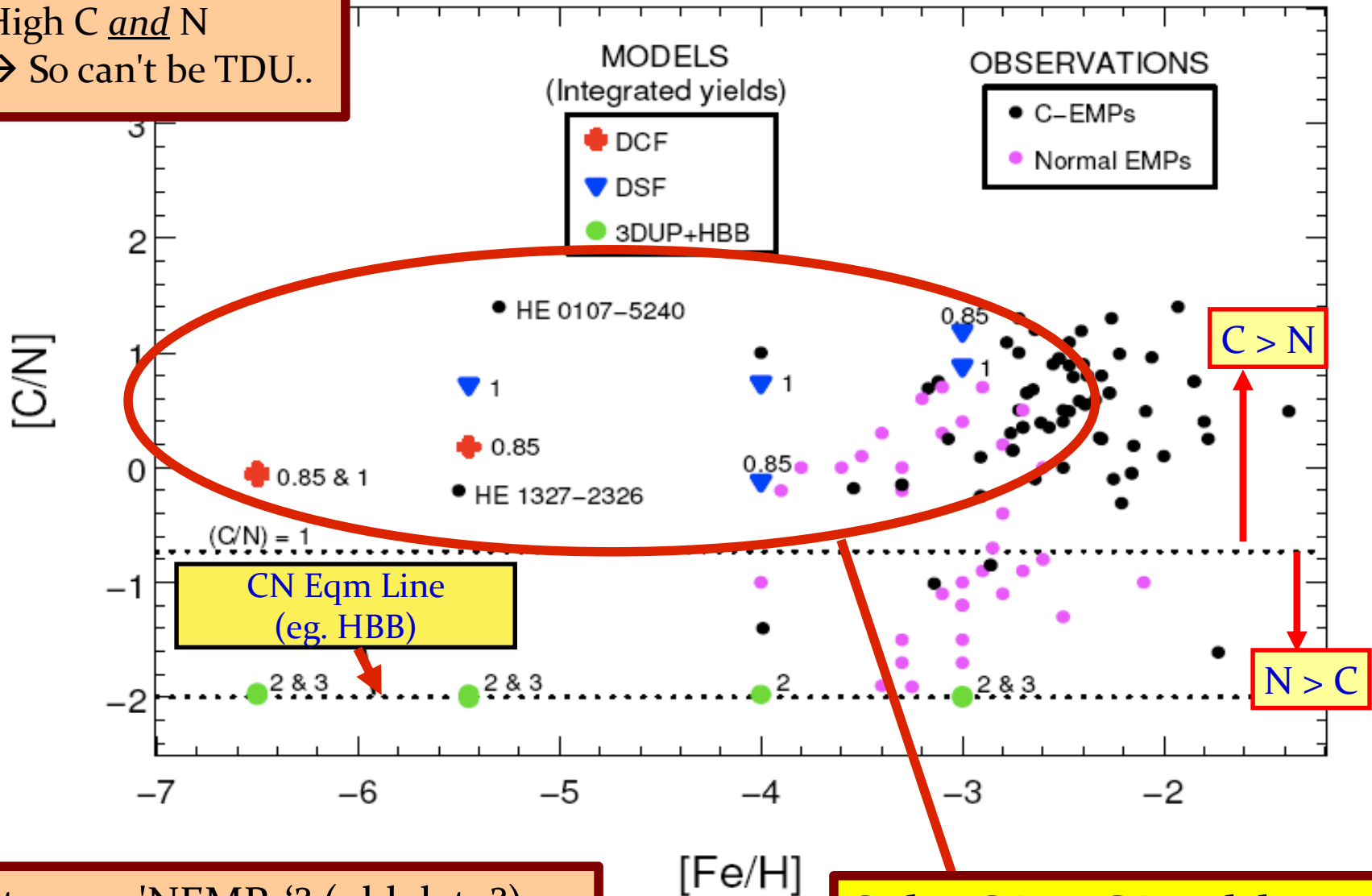
The carbon in the  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -4.0$  &  $-3.0$ ,  $0.85$  and  $1 M_{\odot}$  models comes from the DSFs  $\rightarrow$  more C at low metallicity since these episodes only occur in EMP stars.

[Fe/H]

Campbell & Lattanzio 2008

# Models vs Observations: The [C/N] Constraint

High C *and* N  
→ So can't be TDU..



Not many 'NEMPs'? (old data?)  
→ IMF favours CEMP production?

Only *DSF & DCF* models seem to get close to observations!

# Summary/Fin

- Many EMP stellar models show violent burning episodes that lead to severe surface pollution – the “Dual Flashes”
  - More ways to produce C & s/i-process isotopes at low [Fe/H].
- High neutron exposures in the dual flashes (‘neutron superbusts’) appear to give i-process like heavy element patterns.
- Only the models undergoing the Dual *Shell* Flash (early AGB) come close to matching the observed CEMPs at [Fe/H] > -5.0, since they produce large amounts of C as well as N, but keep N < C.
- WARNING: \*Many model uncertainties\*, and a huge chemical parameter space to match – I’ve only mentioned a few elements here..

