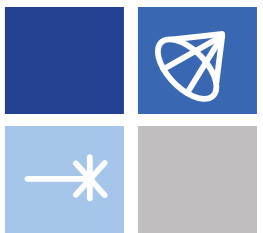


# The origin of CEMP-i stars

## Results from a comprehensive multi-method simulations approach

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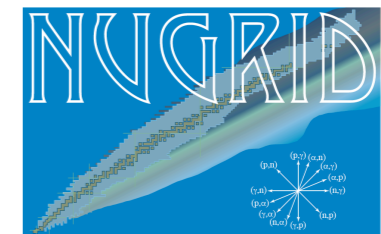
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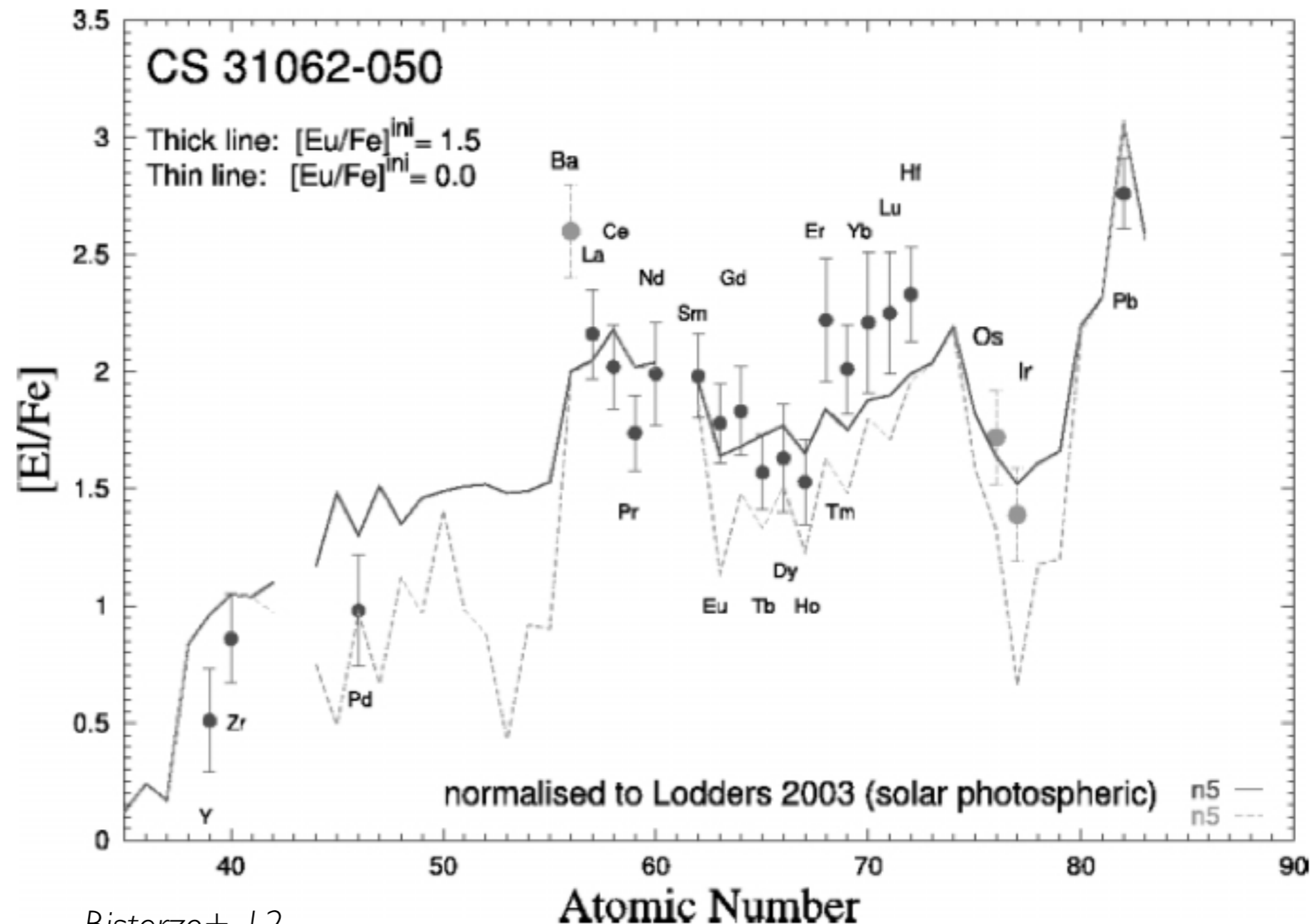


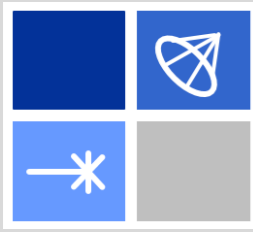
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# How to explain CEMP-r/s stars?

- C-enhanced metal-poor stars, there are different flavors: -s, -r, -r/s and -no depending on the amount and kind of heavy elements they have, -r/s have both Ba and Eu
- previously best model assumes superposition of “known” r- and s-process sources
- binary forms in r-process pre-enriched cloud
- primary evolves into AGB star that produces s-process elements and transfers them to secondary
- we are now observing the secondary
- there are several problems with this scenario .....
- there is about a dozen other scenarios or variants thereof, none has really been convincing

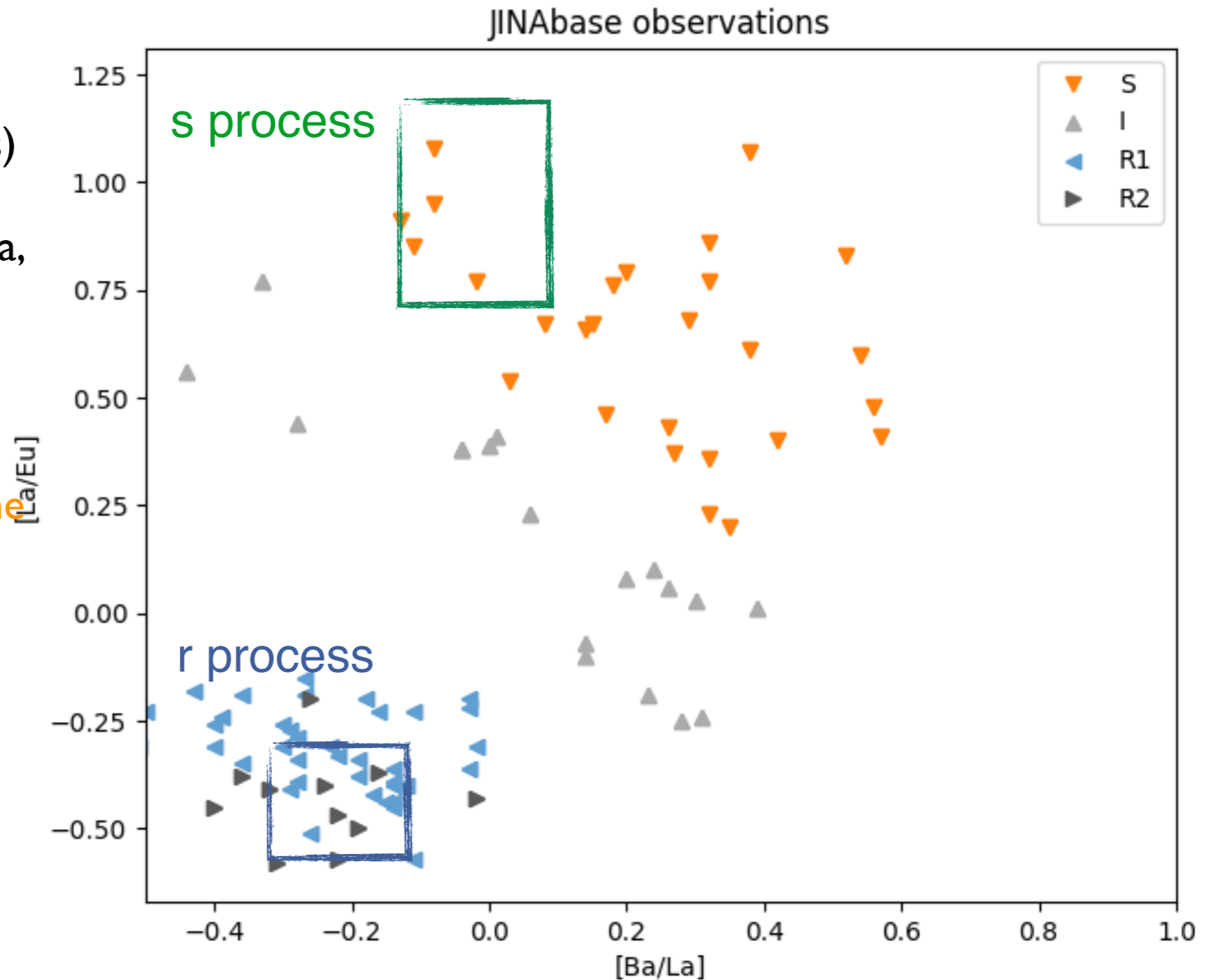
Is there a more plausible explanation?





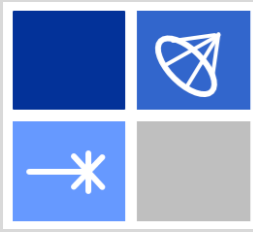
# The challenge: Observed abundances in CEMP stars

- CEMP stars have (sometimes) very large enhancements of heavy elements, such as La, Ba, Eu
- C-enhanced metal poor (CEMP) stars carry the nucleosynthesis signature of the **rise of the elements in the early universe**
- CEMP-s, -r, -r/s stars: [Ba/La] and [La/Eu] elemental ratios very different for known **s process** and **r process** nucleosynthesis



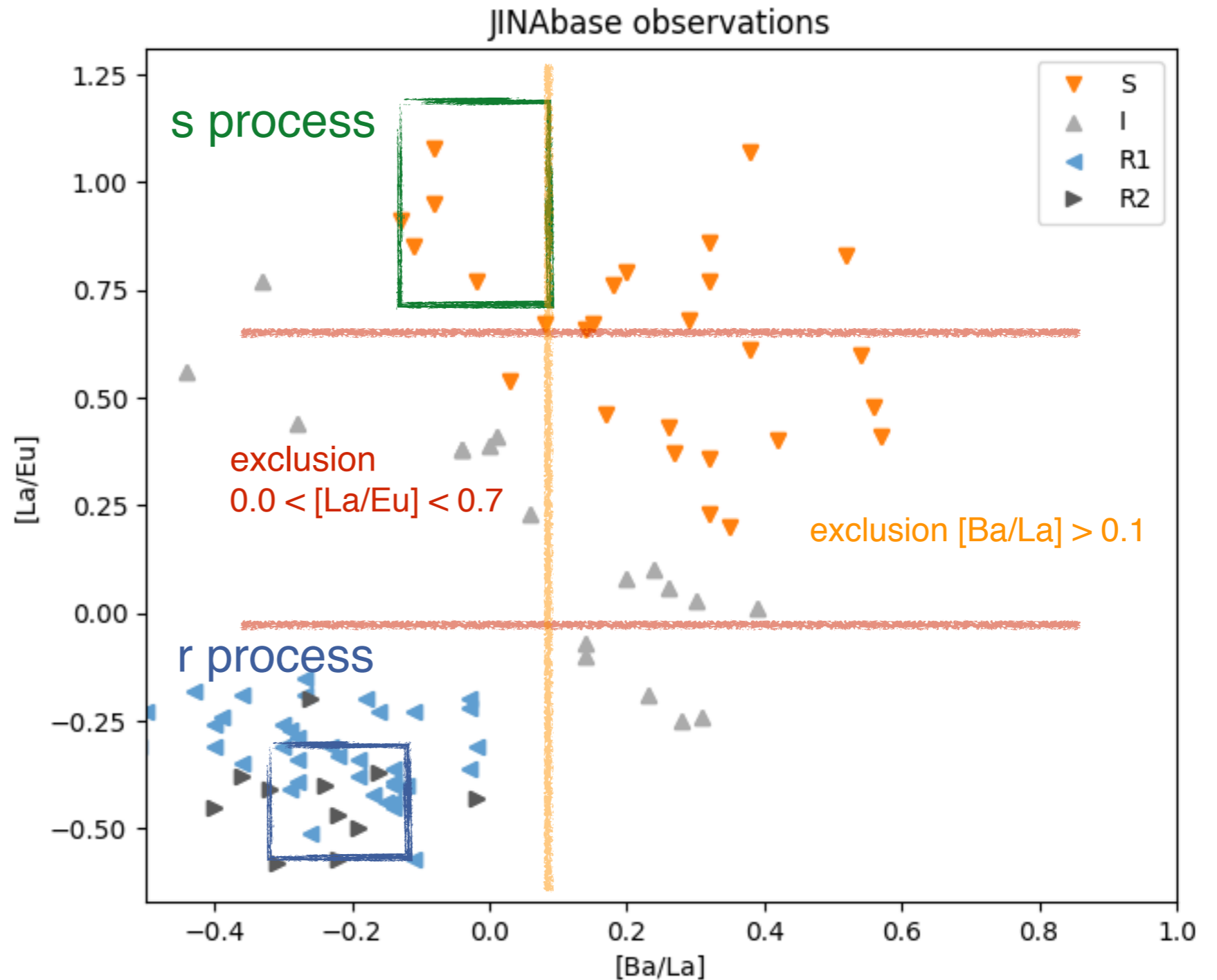
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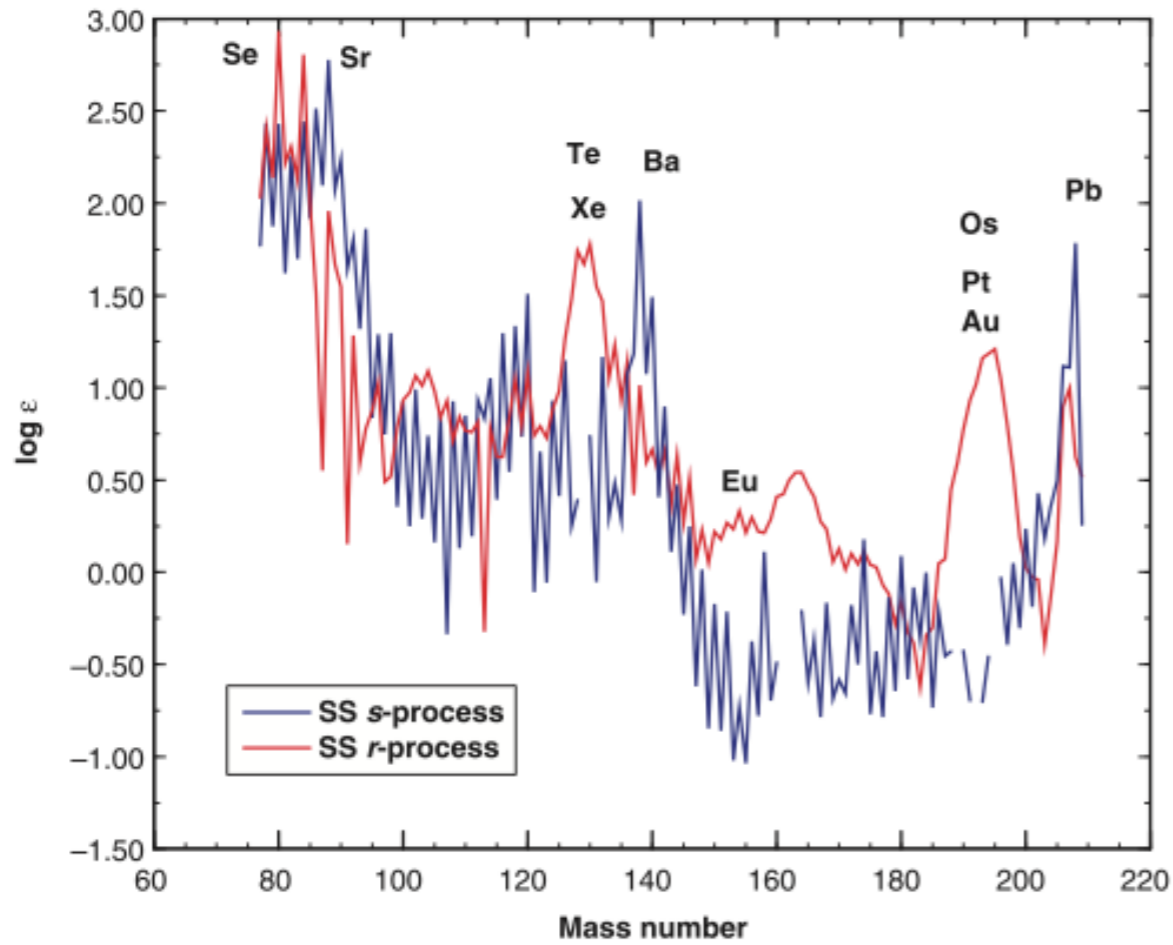
- Neither *s* nor *r* can make  $0.0 < [\text{La}/\text{Eu}] < 0.7$ .
- With a superposition of just *s* and *r* it is impossible to make  $[\text{Ba}/\text{La}] > 0.1$ .
- But many CEMP stars have element ratios in both exclusion zones!!!!



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# The solar system abundance distribution

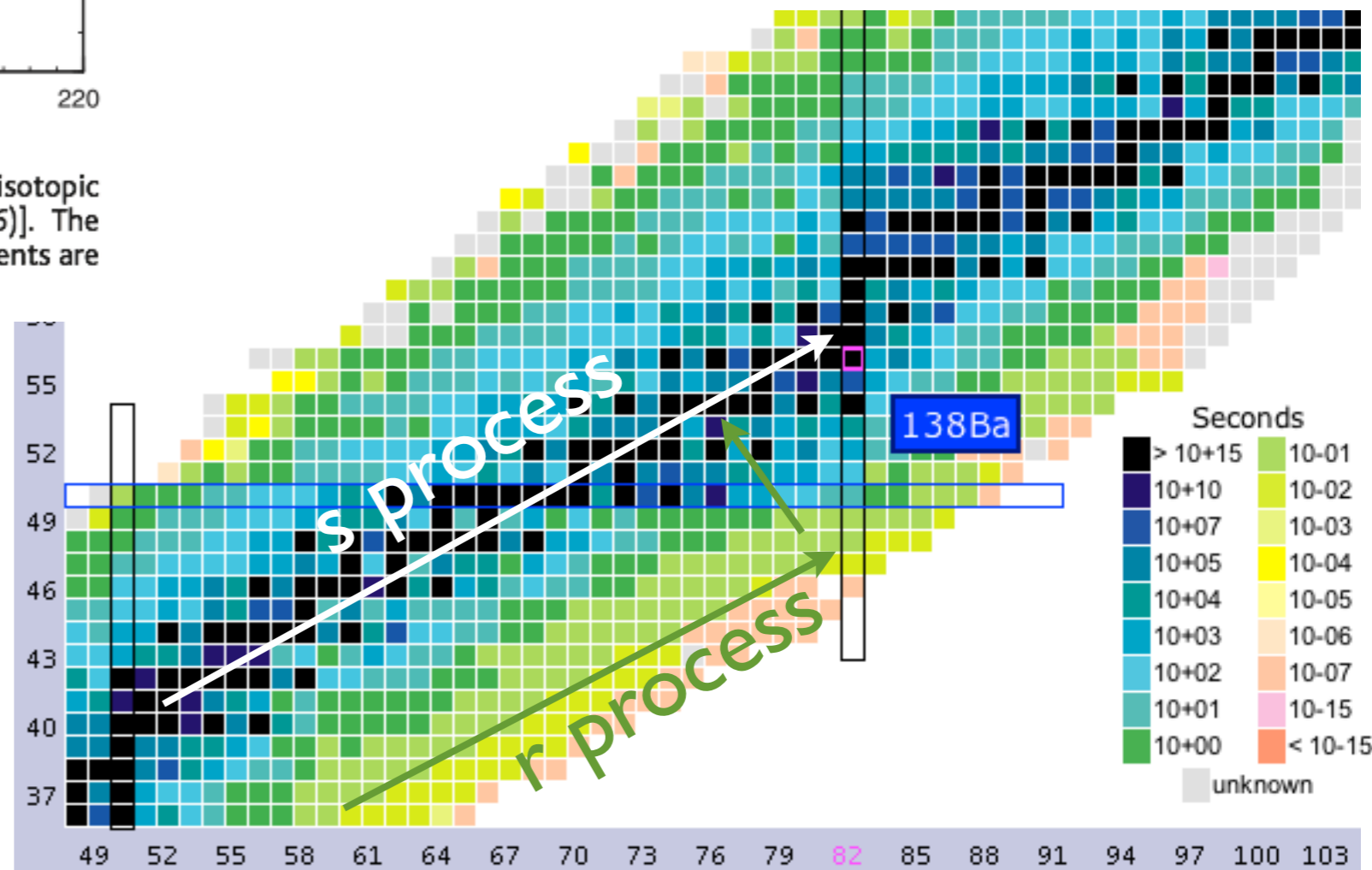
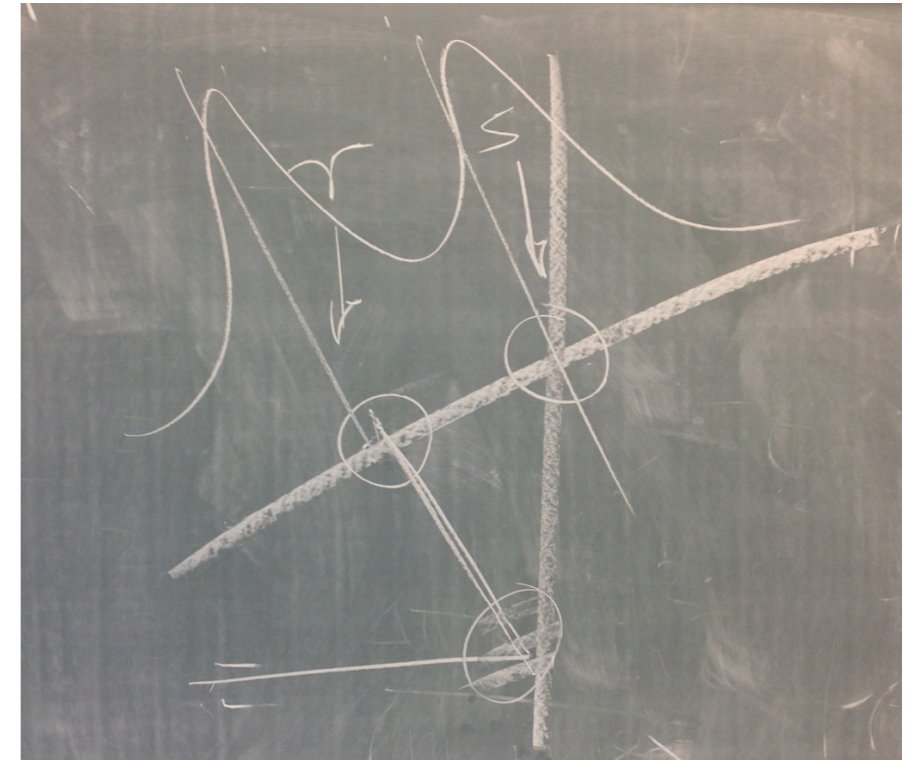


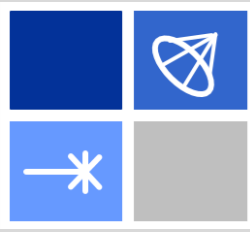
**Fig. 3.** The breakdown of solar system (meteoritic) n-capture isotopic abundances into r- and s-process components [adapted from (6)]. The approximate mass numbers corresponding to some prominent elements are noted.

Snedden & Cowan 2003

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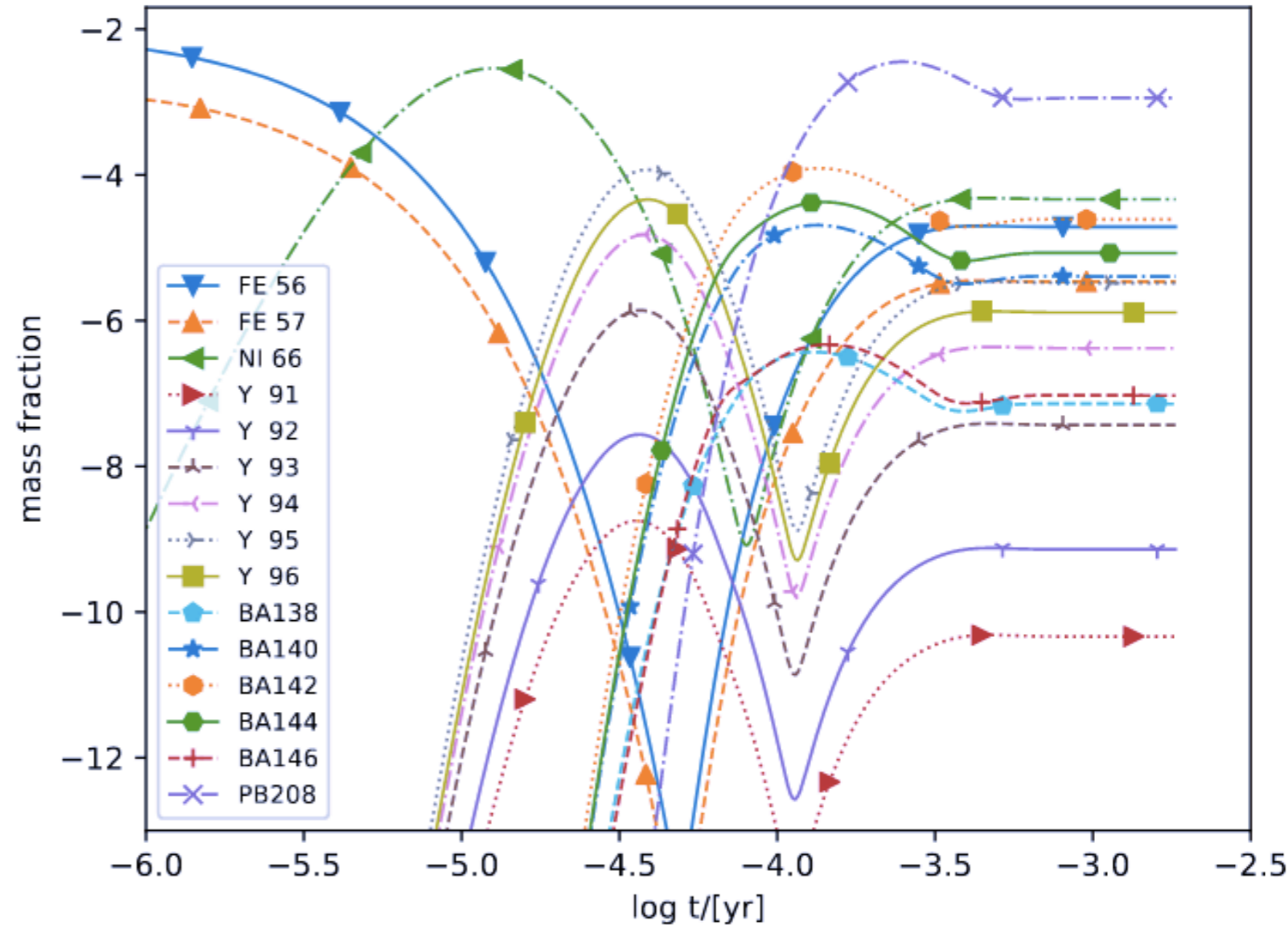
Rapid vs. slow  
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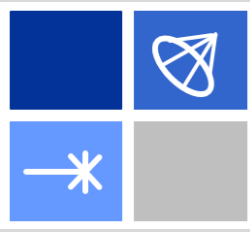




# Constant neutron density one-zone nucleosynthesis network calculations

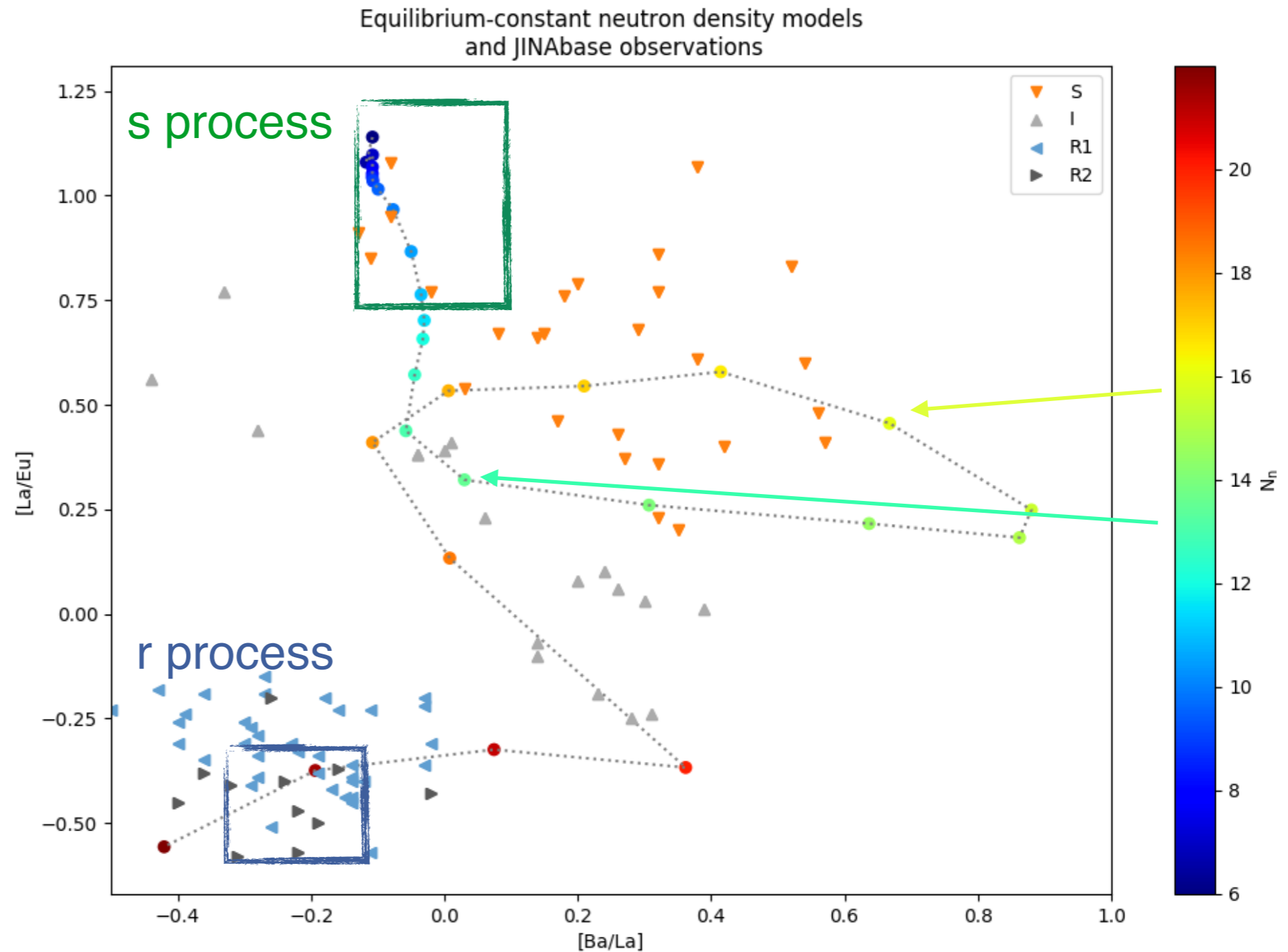
- Neutron density  $N_n$  is input, feed network endpoint  $^{209}\text{Bi}$  back to  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  seed
- This is the method used in the past for the classical s process
- Once equilibrium is reached we decay, and the result is a single elemental abundance distribution for the given value of  $N_n$
- Has no neutron exposure, thus no information on ratio of elements in different peaks, e.g. no Ba/Sr
- Instead astrophysics-independent (pure nuclear physics) predictions for nearby elemental ratios, such as Ba/La
- Potentially a power-full new method for nuclear physics-based classification

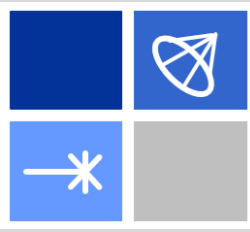




# The i-process covers many observations that can't be explained by s and r process alone

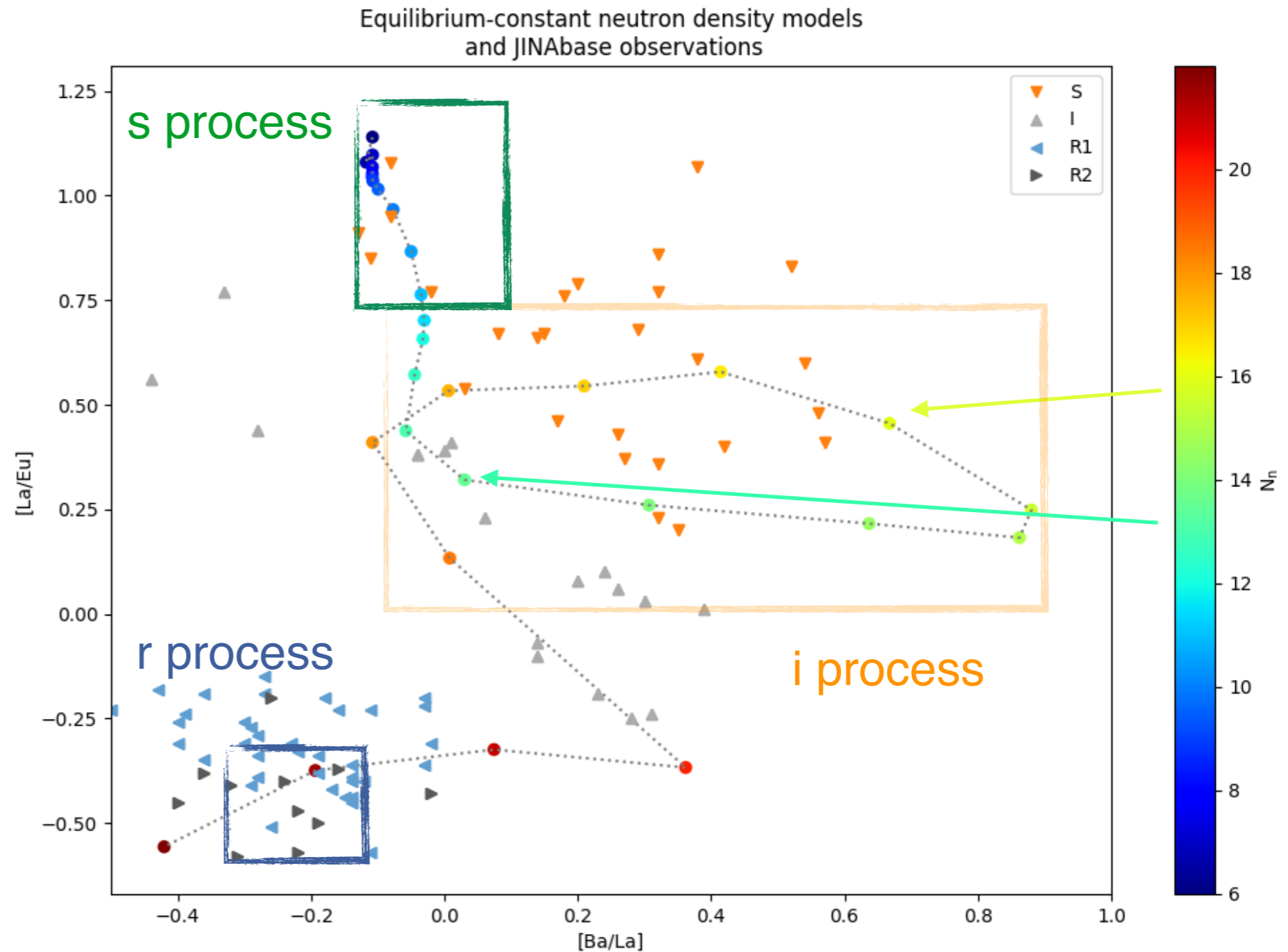
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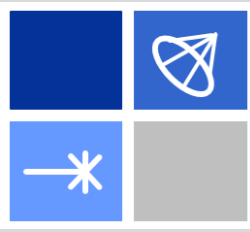


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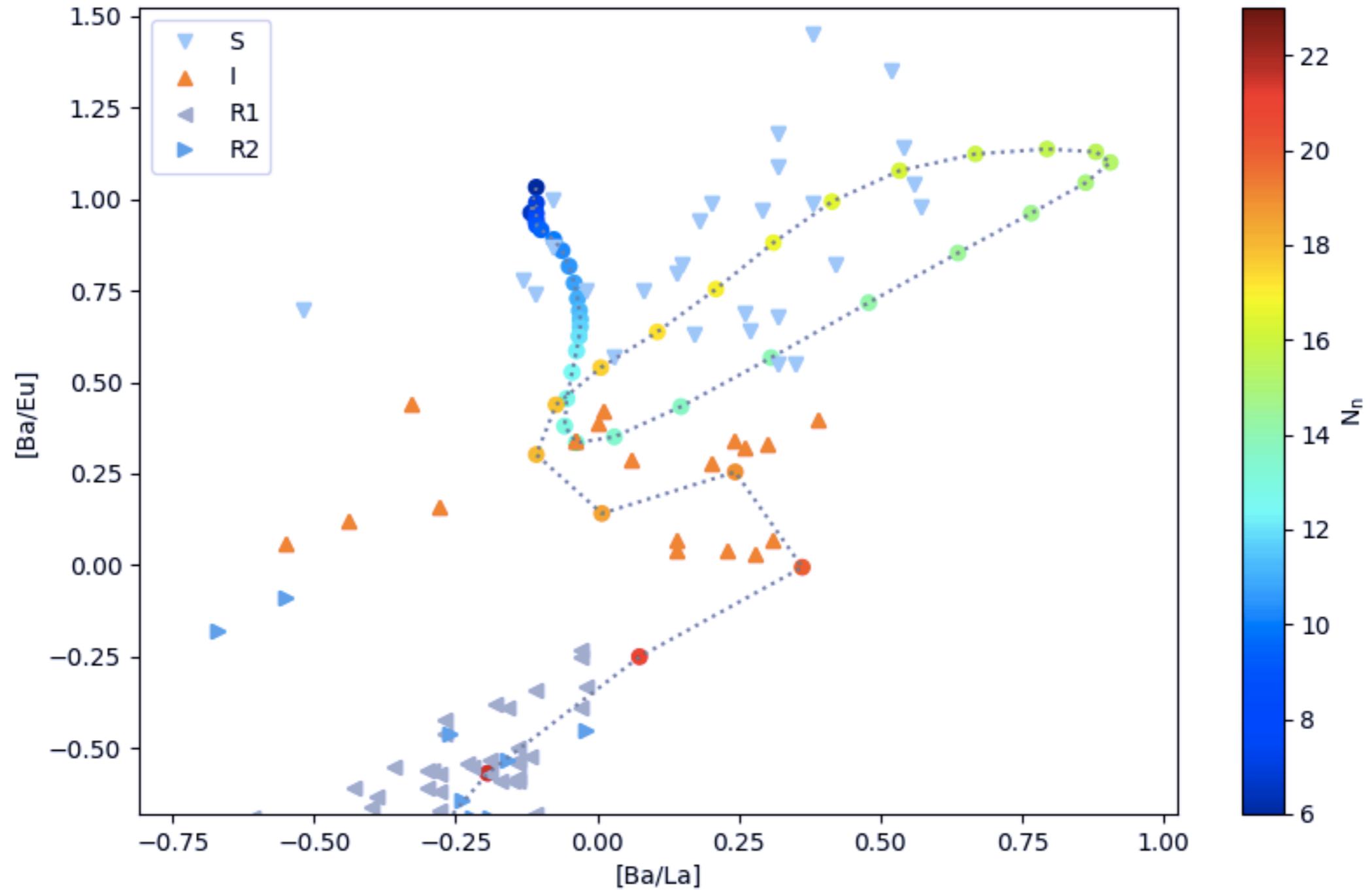
- Characterize different neutron capture regimes with constant neutron density equilibrium models. Depend *only* on nuclear physics.
- The intermediate or i process at neutron densities higher than for s and lower than for r allows us to explain many of the CEMP stars with n-capture enhancements.
- Now - figure out how to make intermediate neutron densities, and where could it happen.

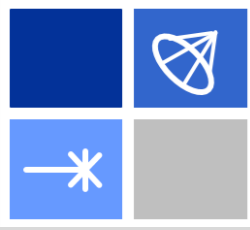




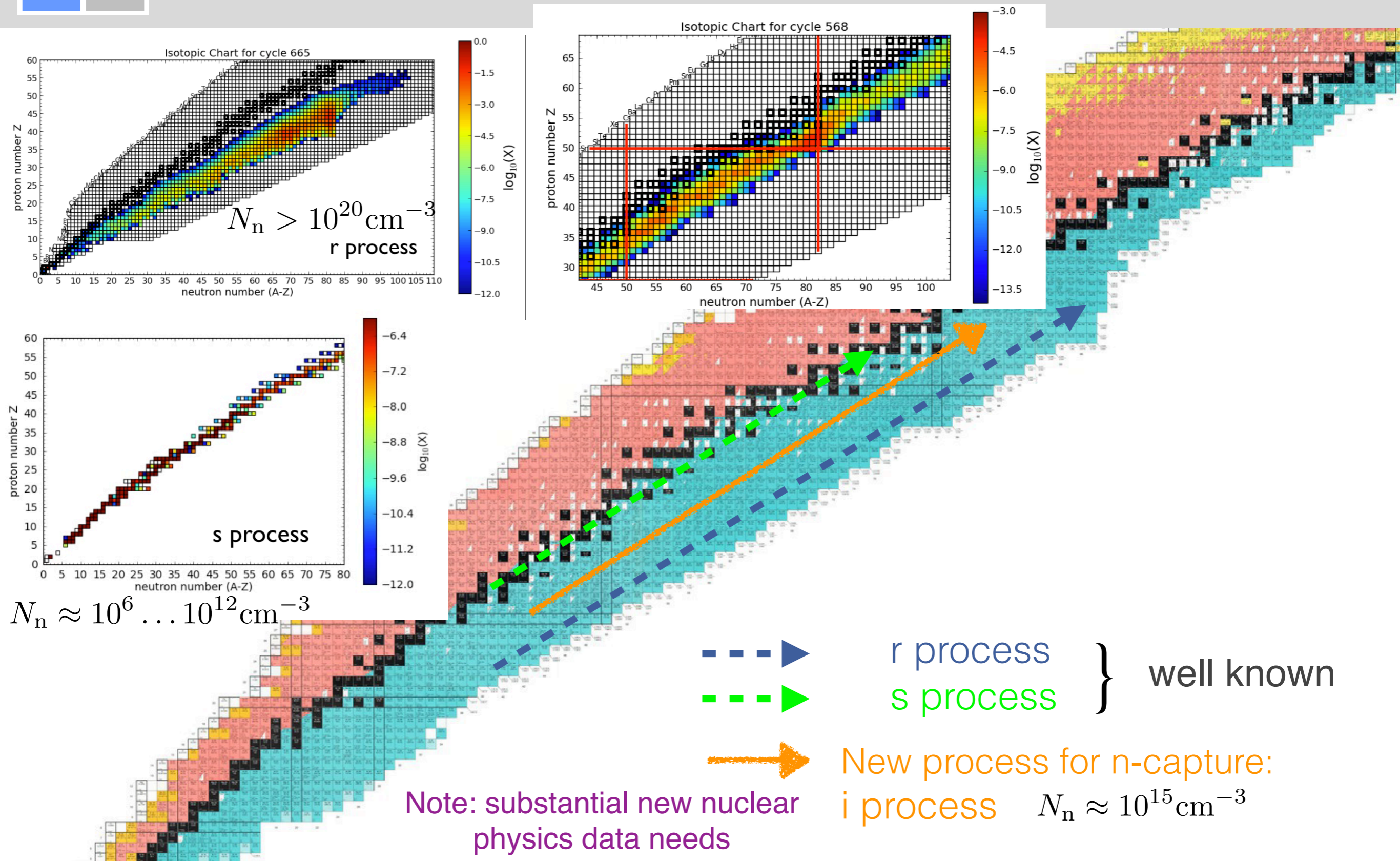


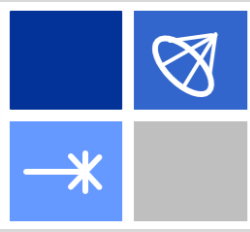
# Why is [Ba/Eu] degenerate in classifying CEMP-i stars?





# Neutron-capture: slow, rapid and intermediate!

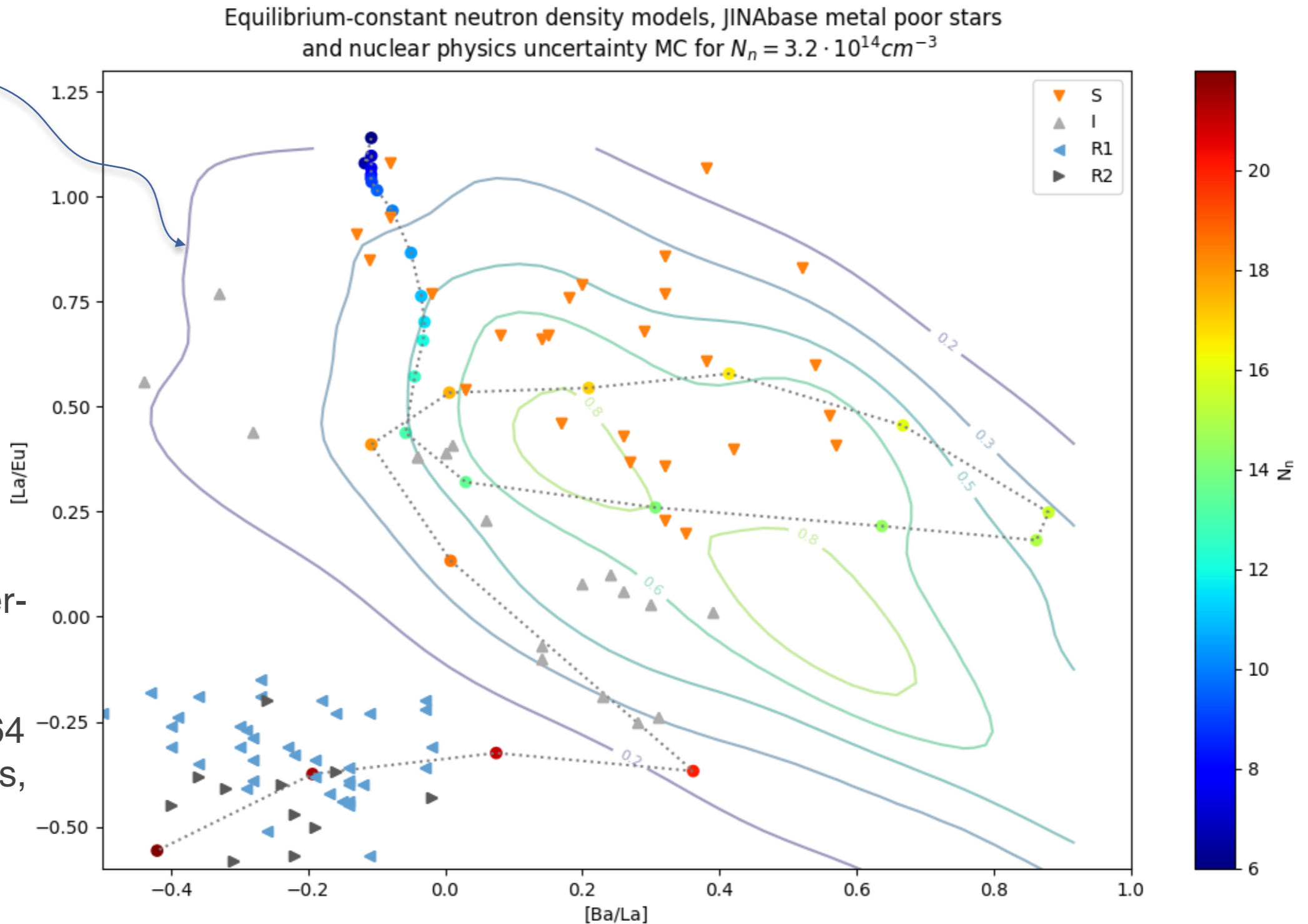




# Second-peak nuclear physics impact study

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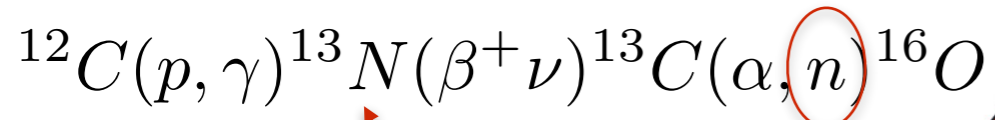
10,000  
simulations  
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unstable species,  
for just one  
neutron density.



*Denissenkov P, Perdikakis G, Herwig F, et al. 2018. Journal of Physics G Nuclear Physics. 45(5):055203*



The convective He-burning shell contains ~40%  $^{12}\text{C}$

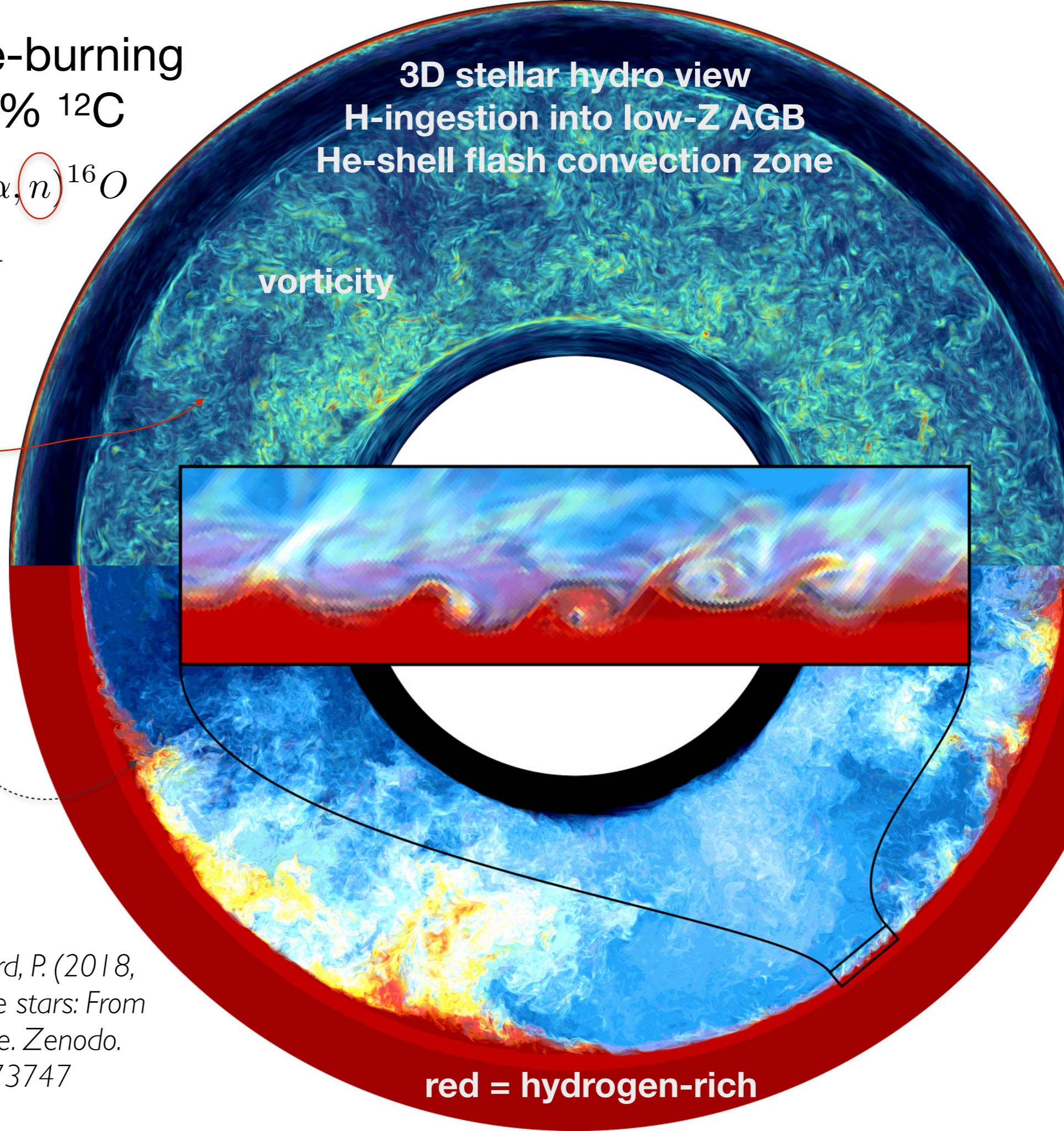


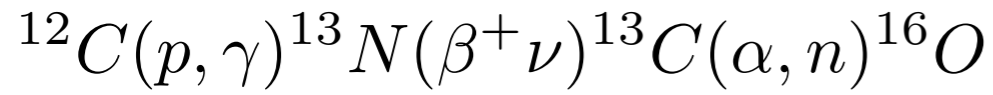
$\tau_{\frac{1}{2}} = 9.6\text{m}$

$\tau_{\text{conv}} \sim 15\text{m}$

entrainment/  
ingestion of  
H in the He-  
shell  
convection

Andrassy, R., Herwig, F., & Woodward, P. (2018, October). 3D convection in massive stars: From the main sequence to core collapse. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1473747>





$$\tau_{\text{conv}} \sim 15\text{m} \longleftrightarrow \tau_{\frac{1}{2}} = 9.6\text{m}$$

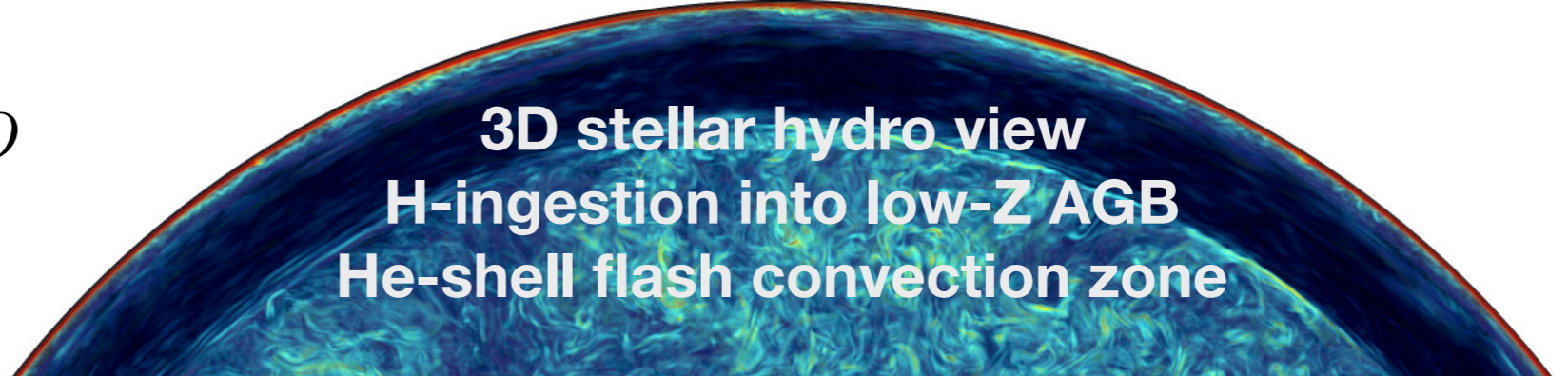
Nuclear and hydrodynamic timescales are the same order

→ convective-reactive nucleosynthesis.

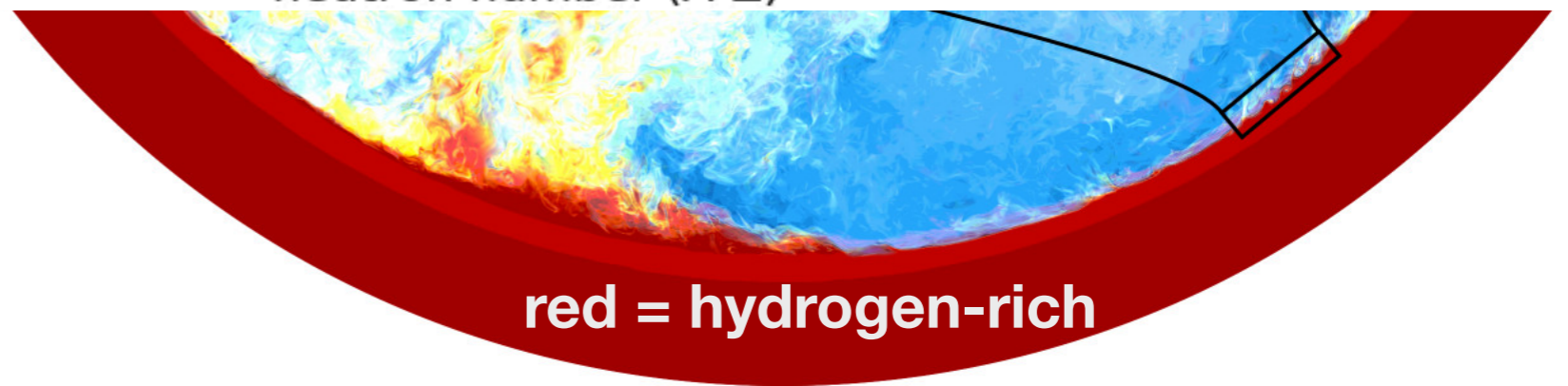
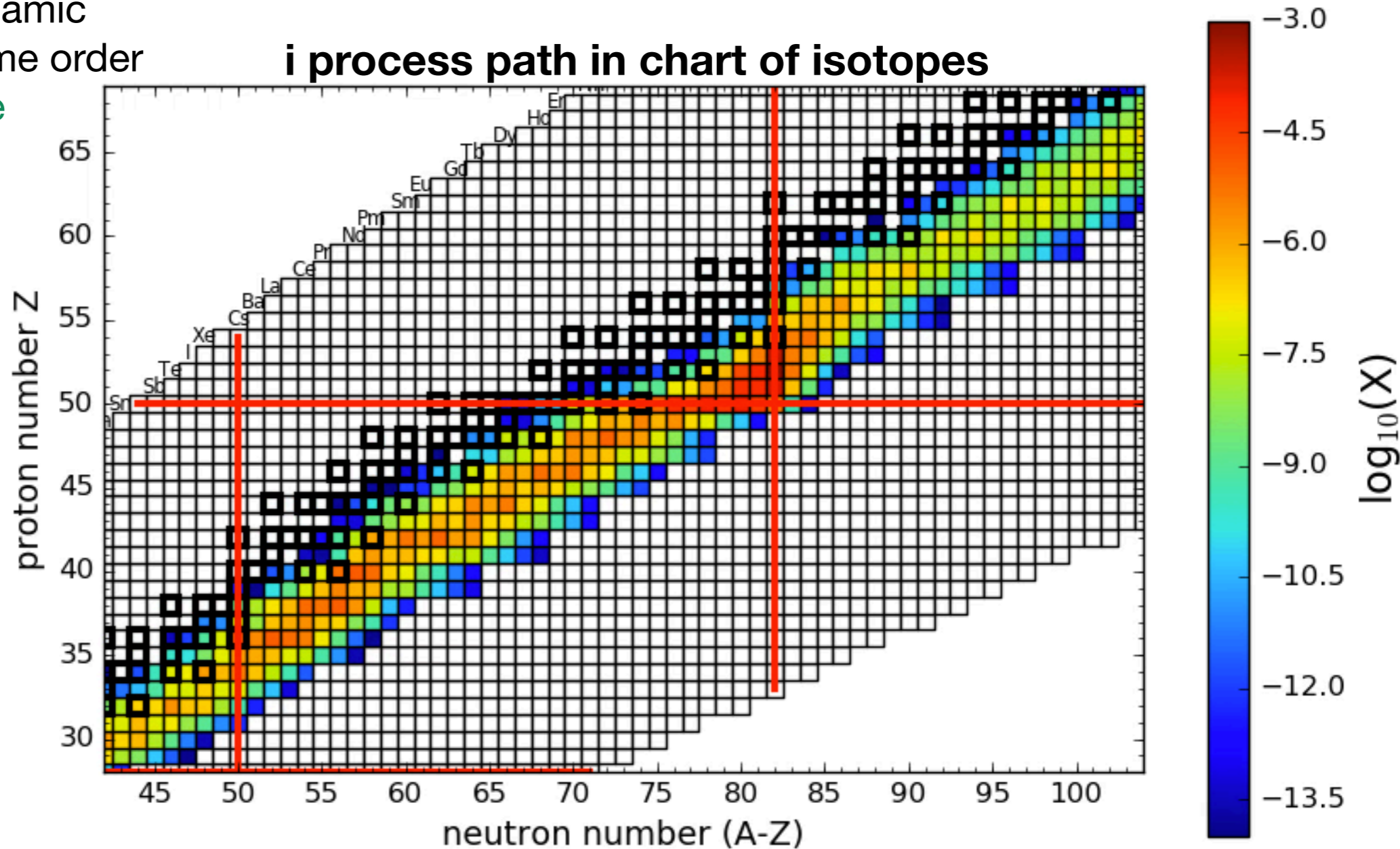
Neutrons released with intermediate neutron density

→ i process element production.

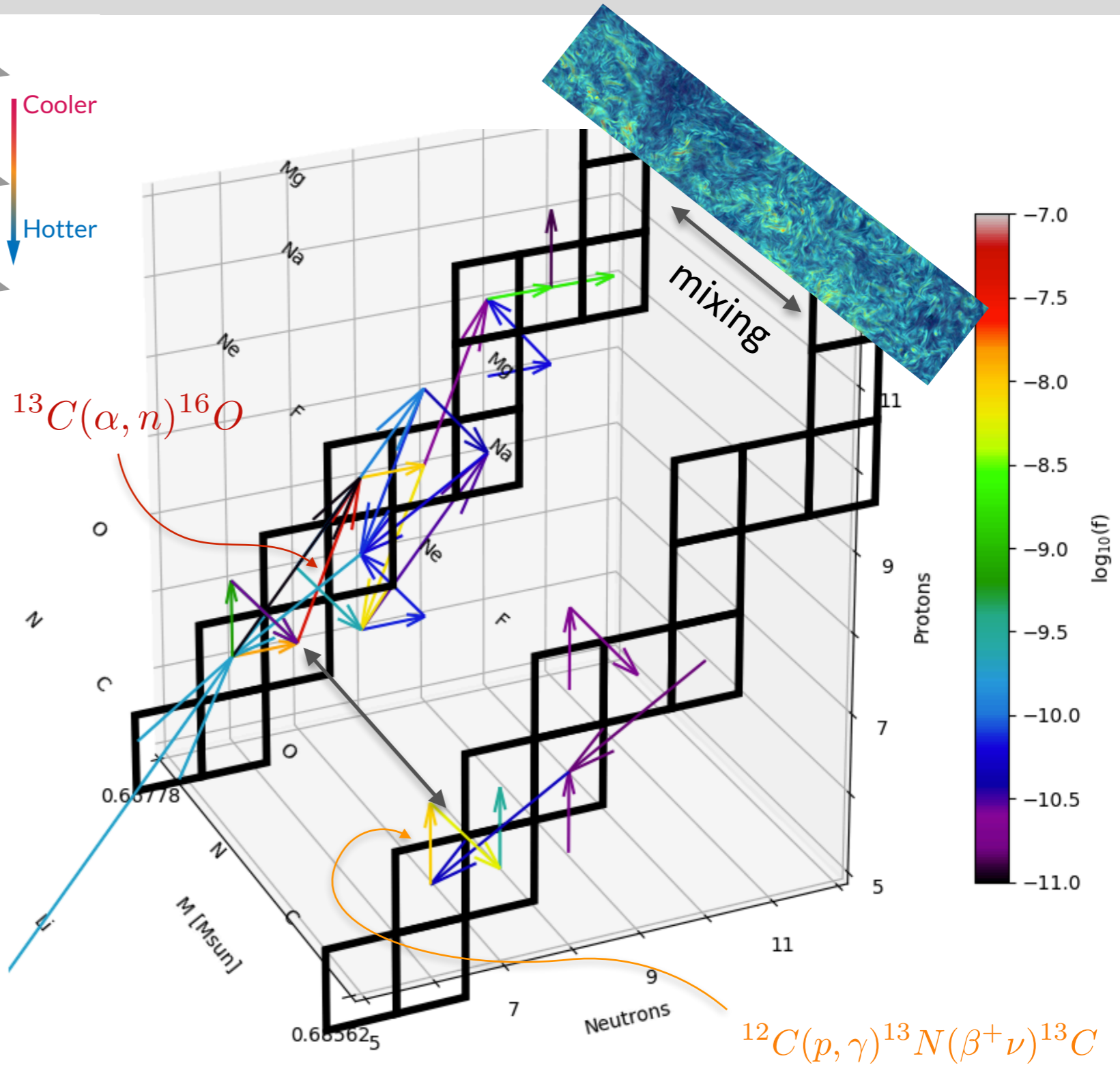
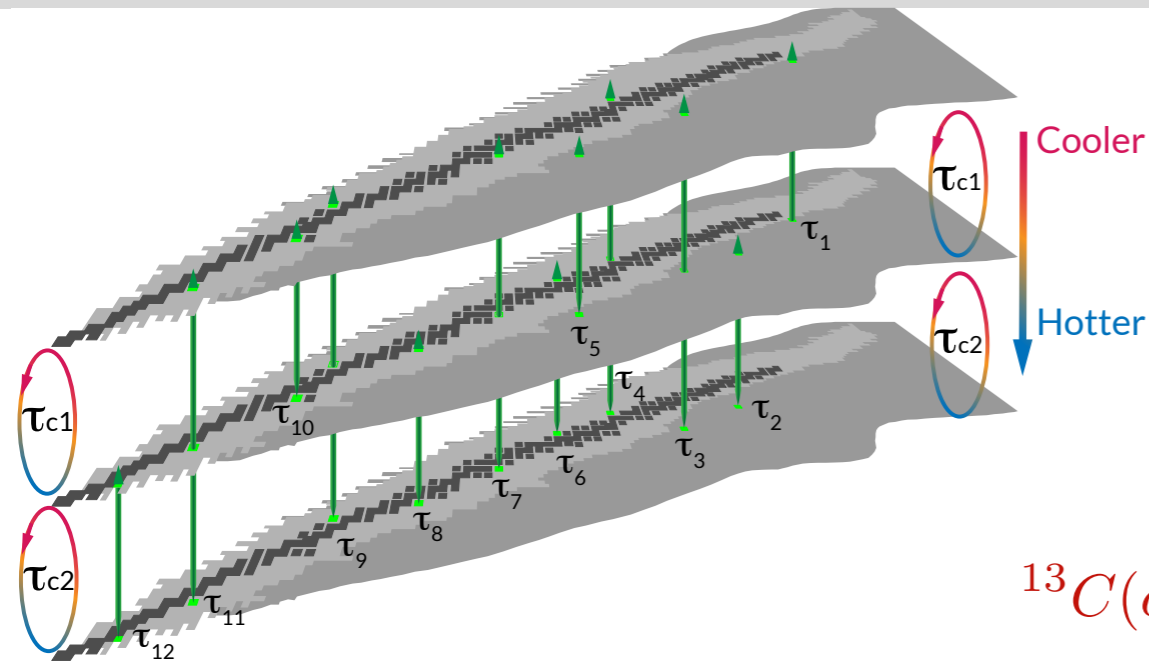
Need multi-physics, multi-method approach. How to combine detailed 3D hydro with detailed n-rich nucleosynthesis involving thousands of species?



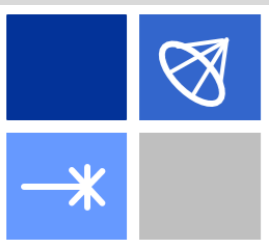
i process path in chart of isotopes



# Convective-reactive i-process nucleosynthesis

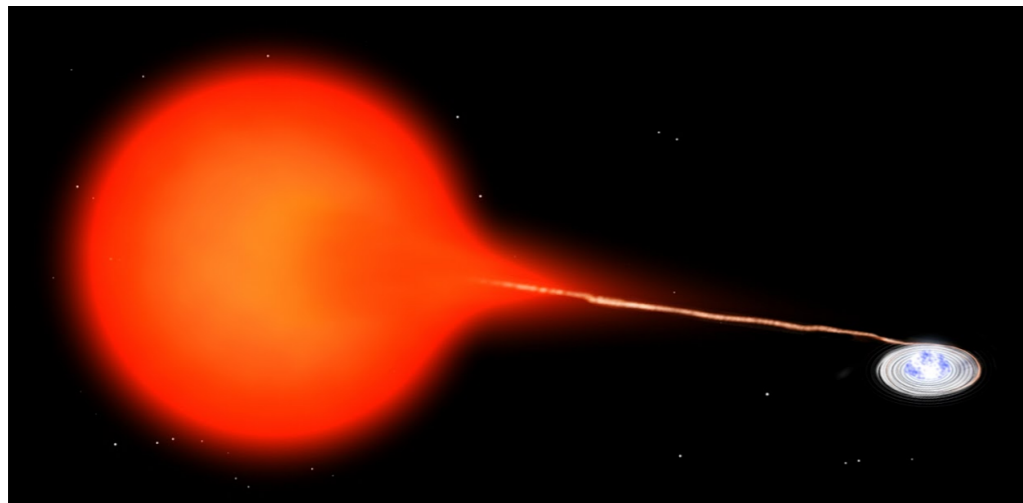


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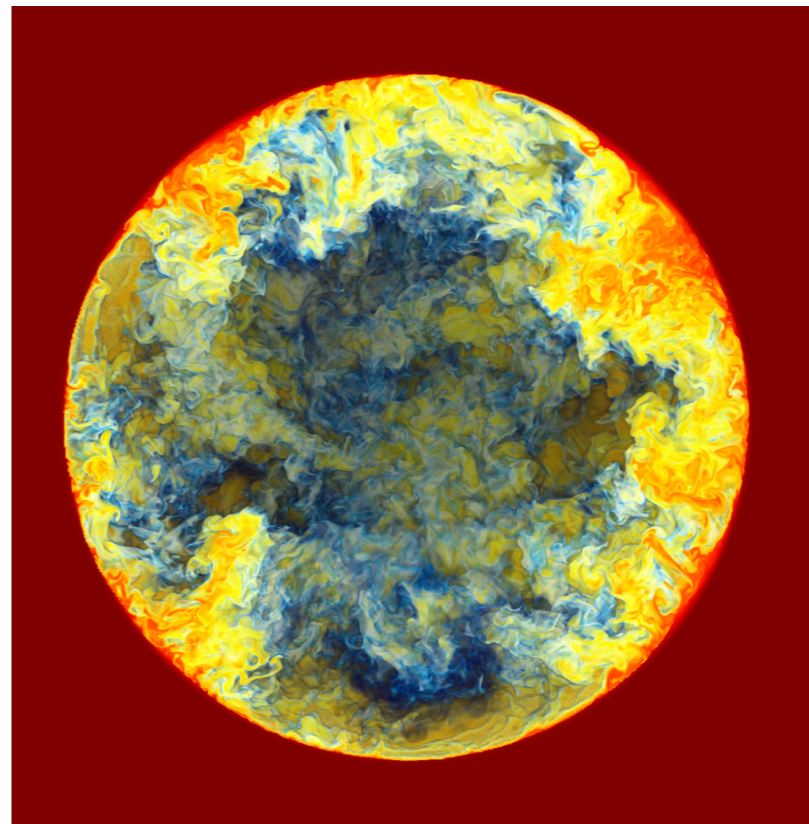
## Where does it happen?

Most promising option: *i* process in rapidly accreting white dwarfs



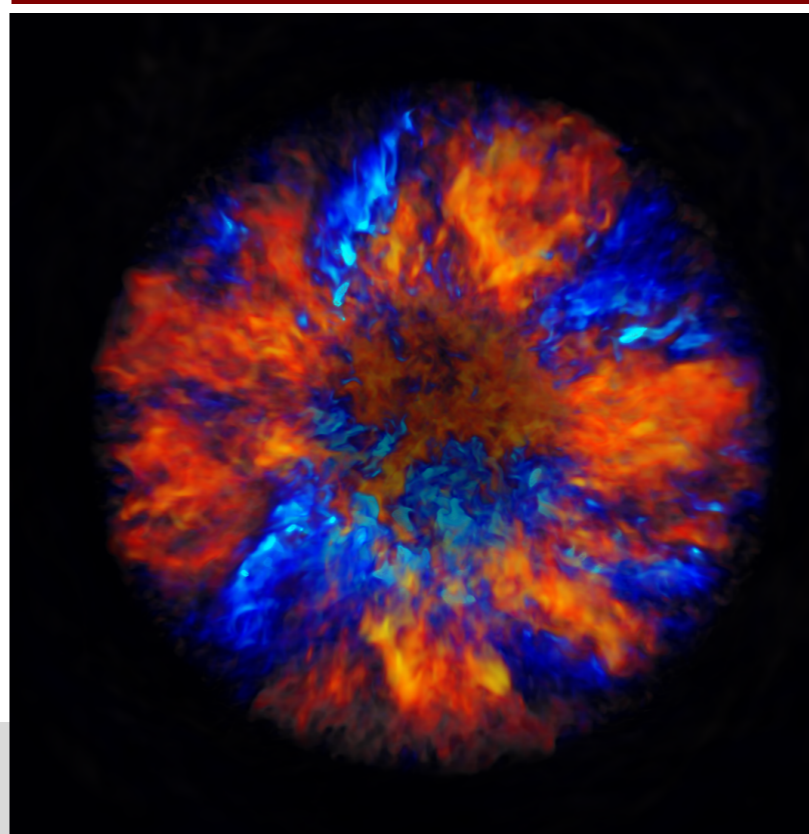
- Artist impression of accreting white dwarf, like novae!
- But unlike nova here accretion rates are high and allow stable H burning!
- However, these accreting WDs then experience **He-shell flashes!** (Cassisi+ 98)
- In these convective He-shell flashes: H-entrainment, **convective reactive *i* process!**

*Denissenkov+ 17, ApJ Letters*

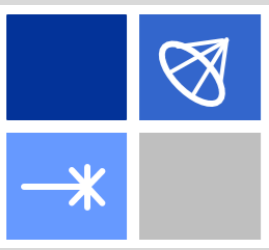


Concentration of entrained material

3D hydrodynamic simulations of H ingestion into He-shell flash convection on rapidly accreting white dwarfs

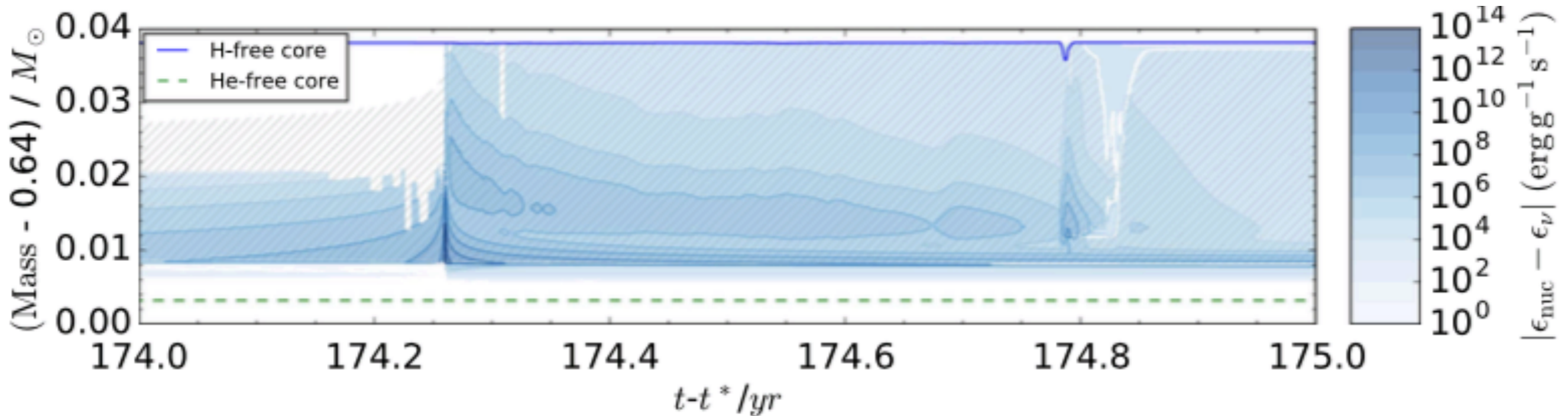
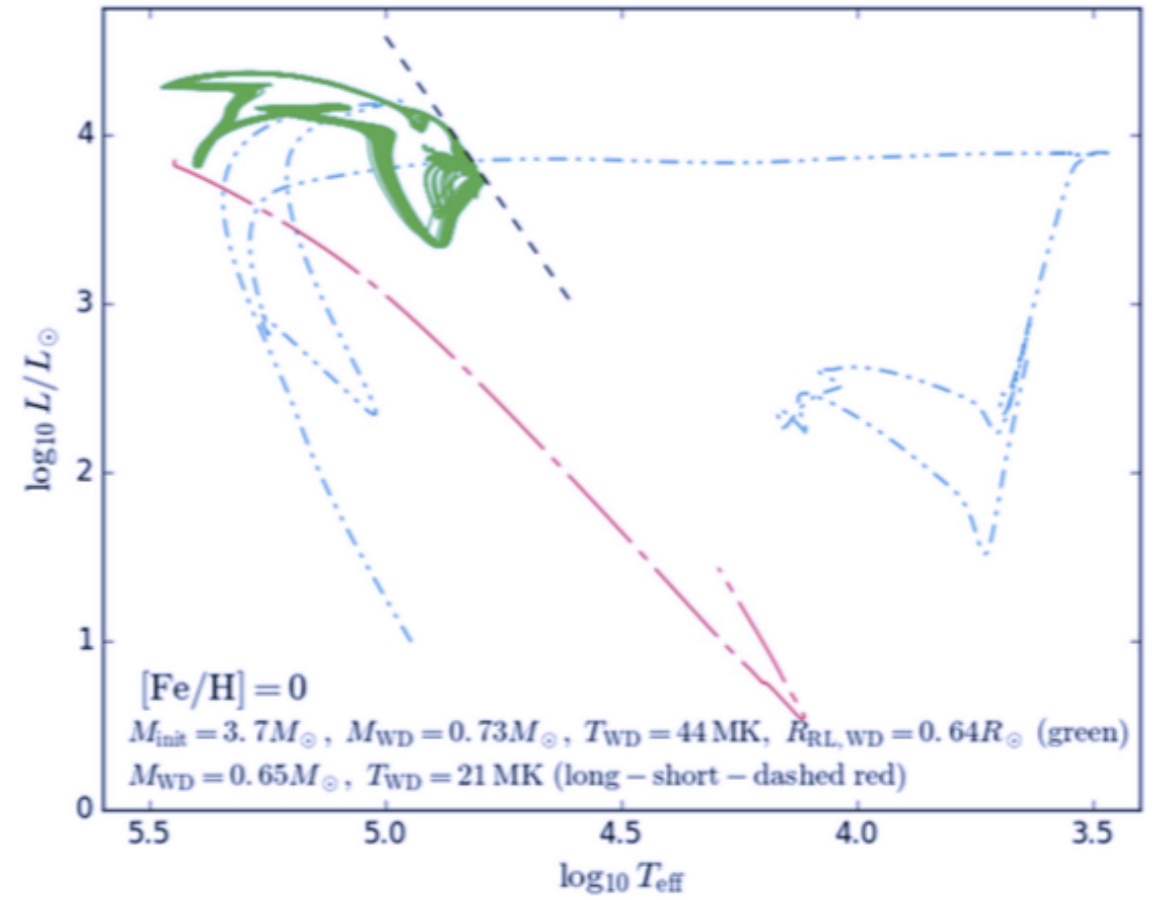
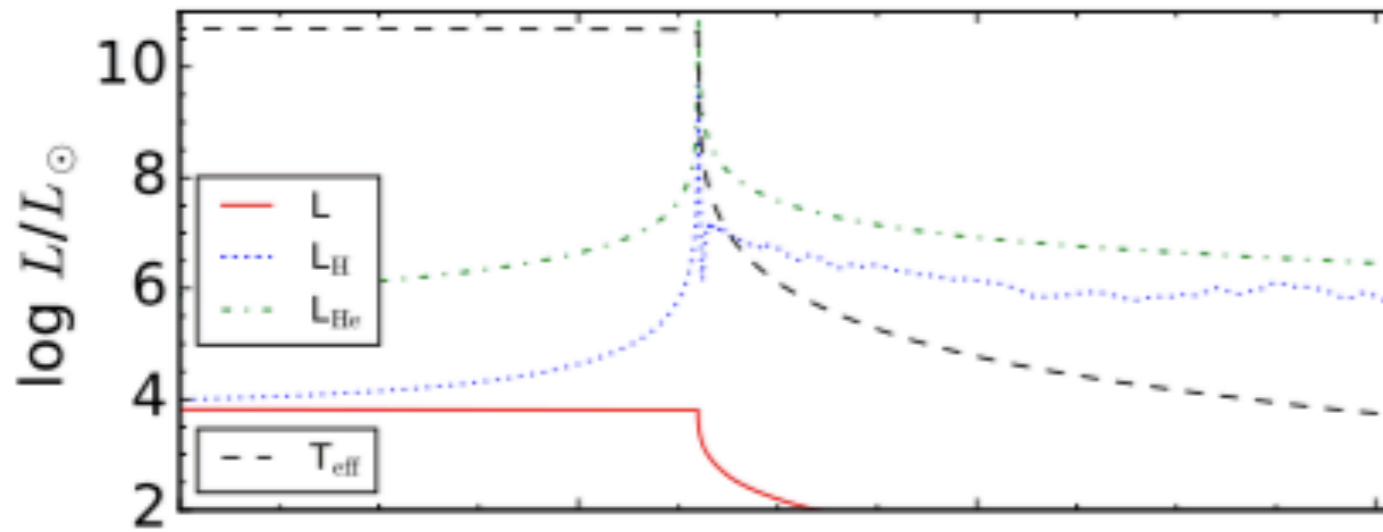


Radial velocity component

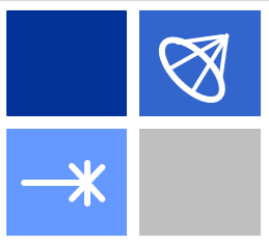


# Multi-cycle Evolution of Rapidly Accreting White Dwarfs

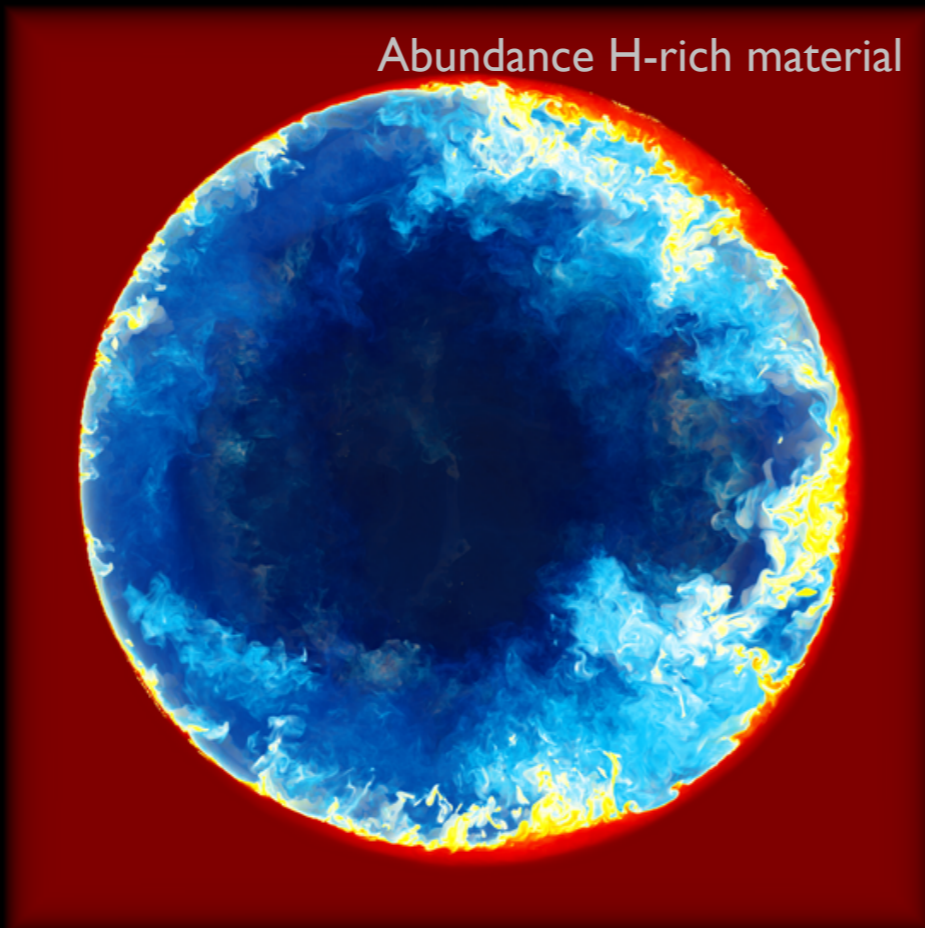
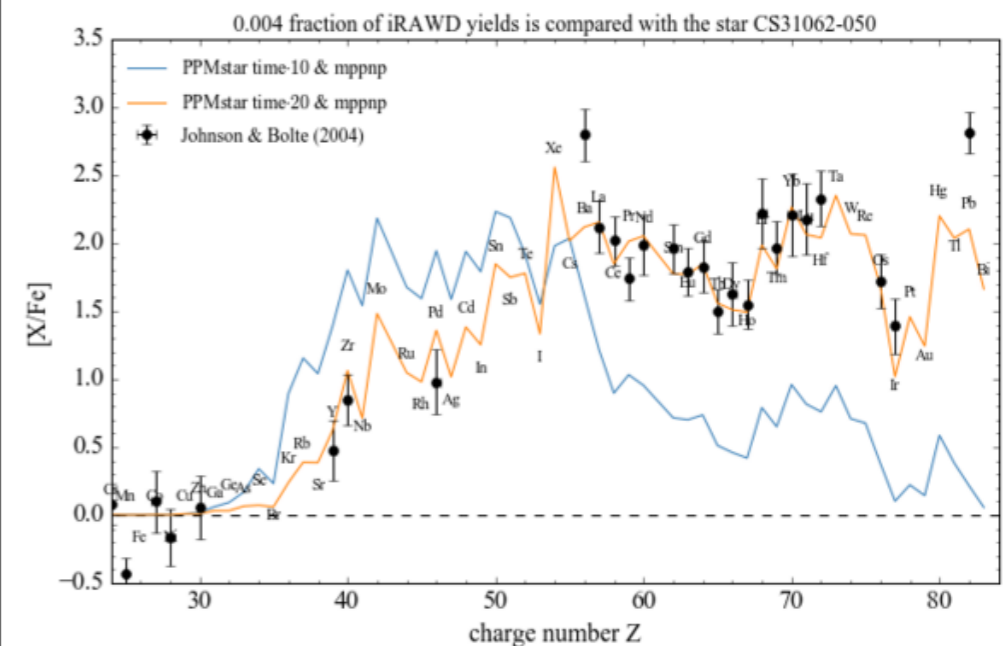
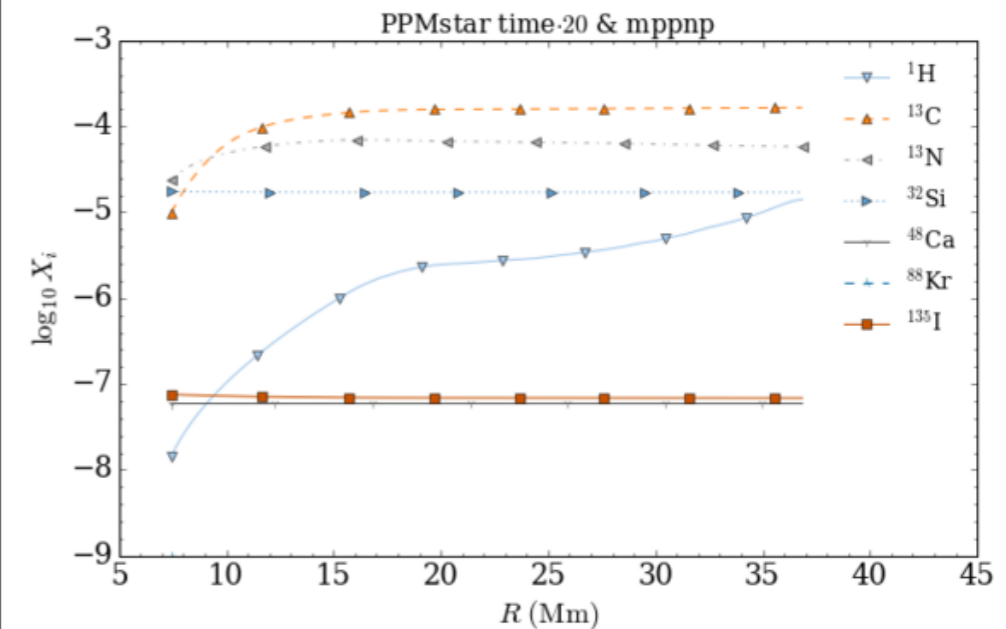
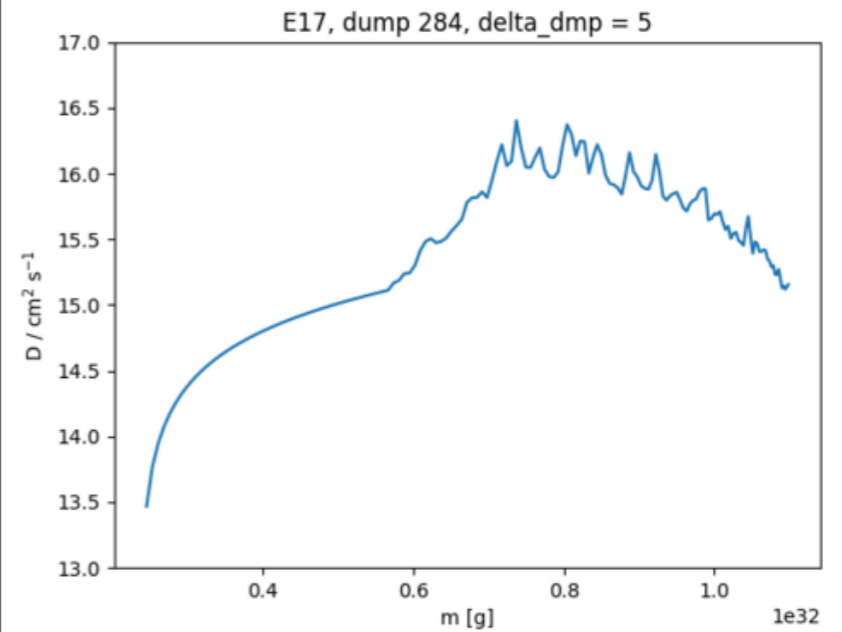
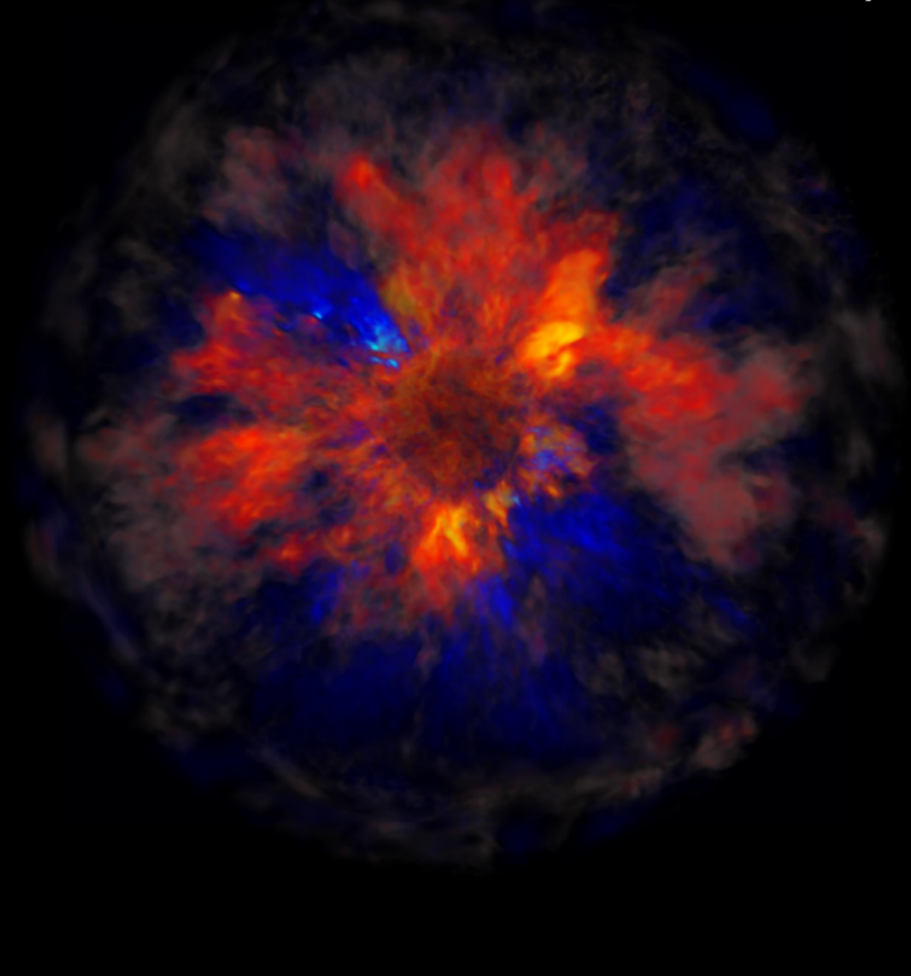
## 1D stellar evolution view







Radial velocity



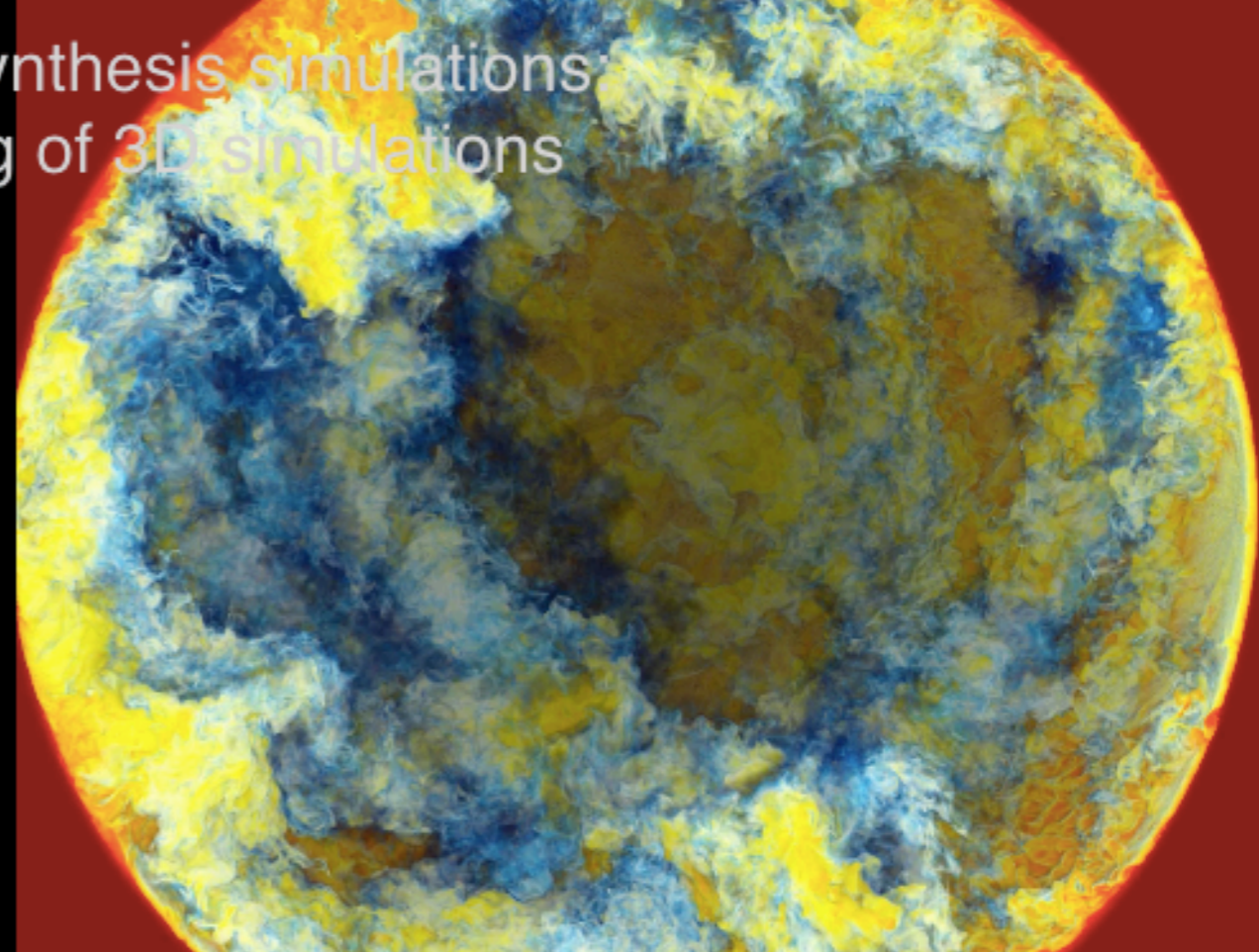
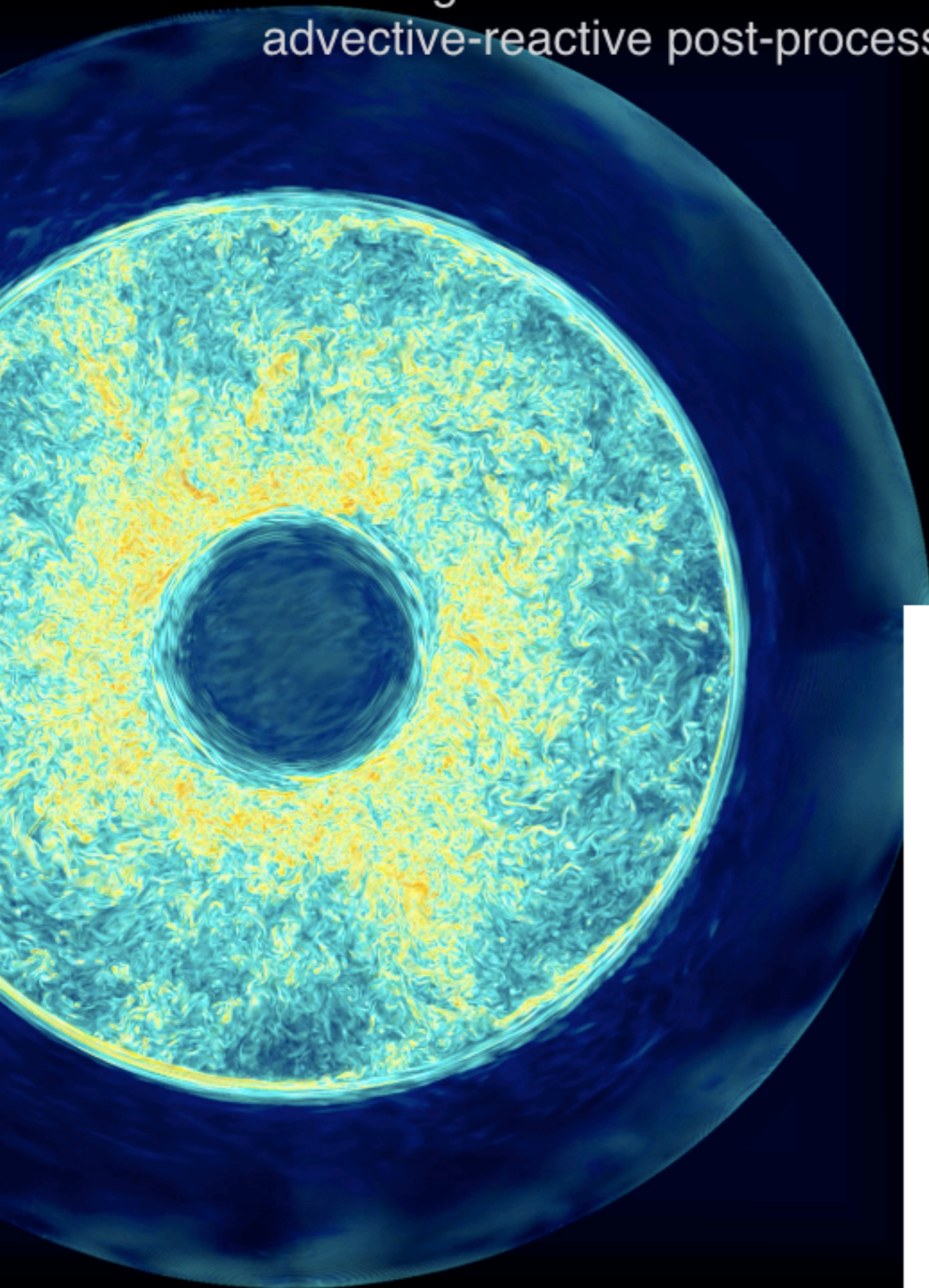
## 3D ID hydro-nucleosynthesis simulations of iRAWd

Left panels: 768<sup>3</sup>-grid simulation of H-ingestion in RAWd

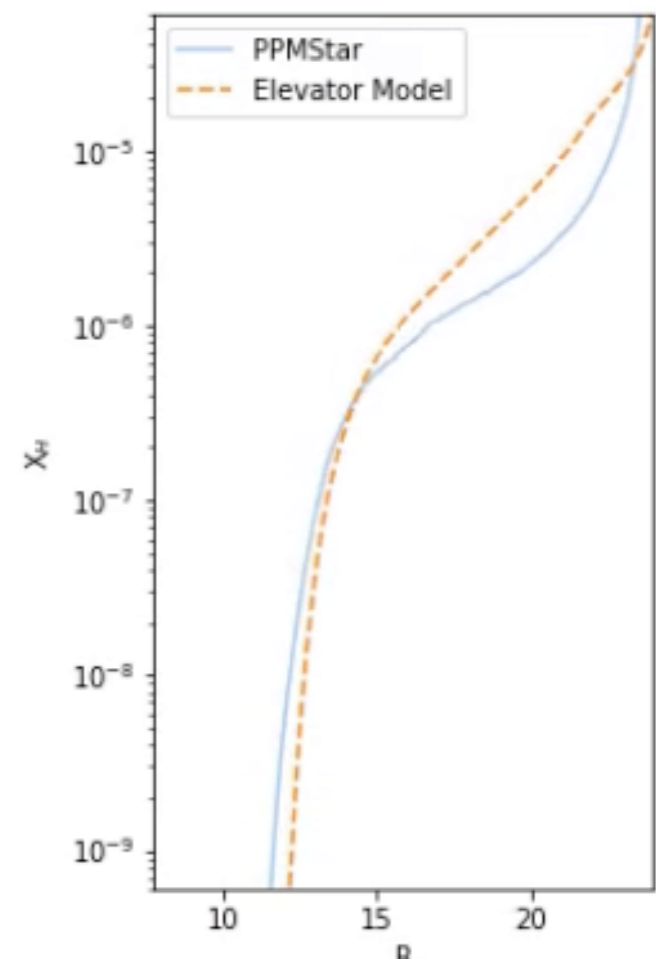
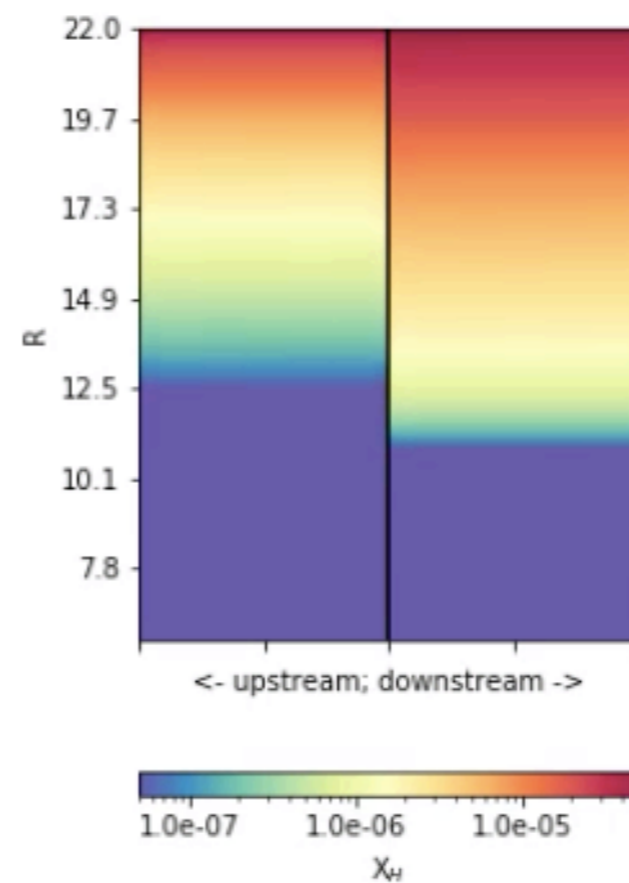
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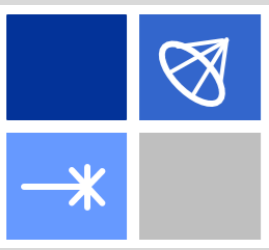
- ID diffusion coefficient determined from spherical averaged abundance profile from 3D simulations
- abundance profiles of H, <sup>13</sup>C and unstable i-process isotopes from multi-zone ID post-processing of evolving hydro stratification
- abundance distribution compared to CEMP-i star observation
- [time stretched in post-process to compensate for shorter hydro simulation]

The next generation 3D1D nucleosynthesis simulations:  
advective-reactive post-processing of 3D simulations



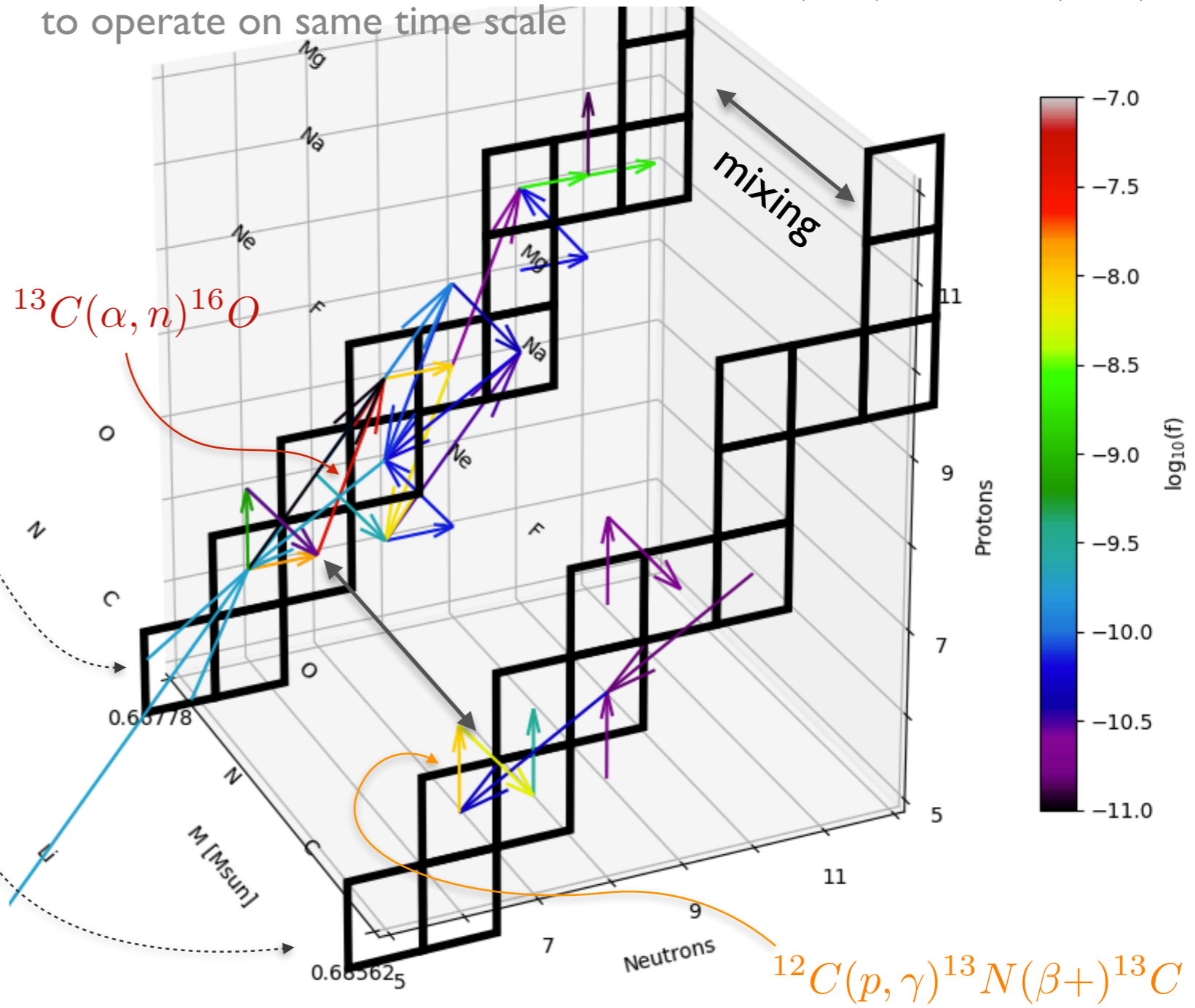
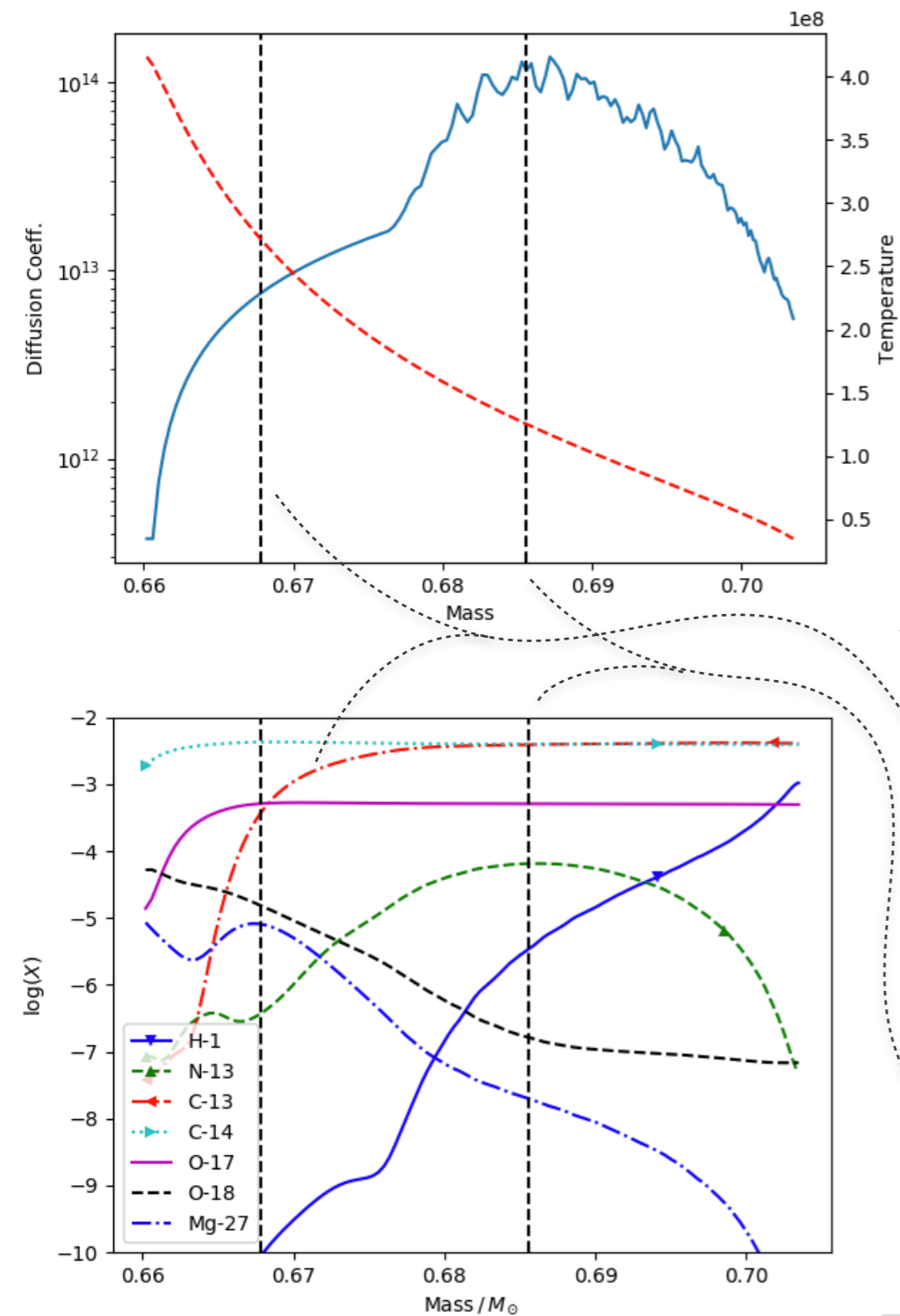
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# Network flux of convective-reactive i-process nucleosynthesis

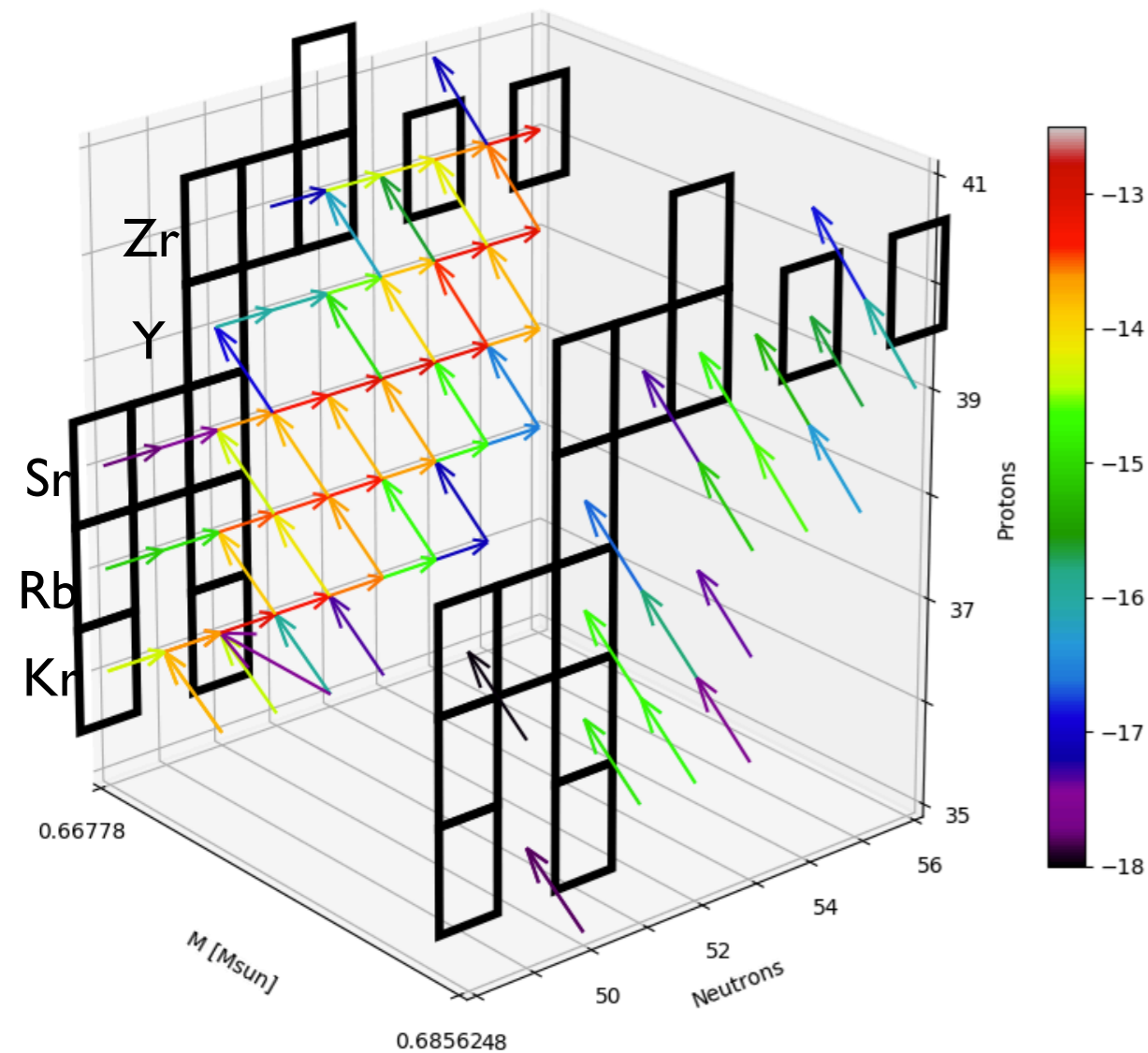
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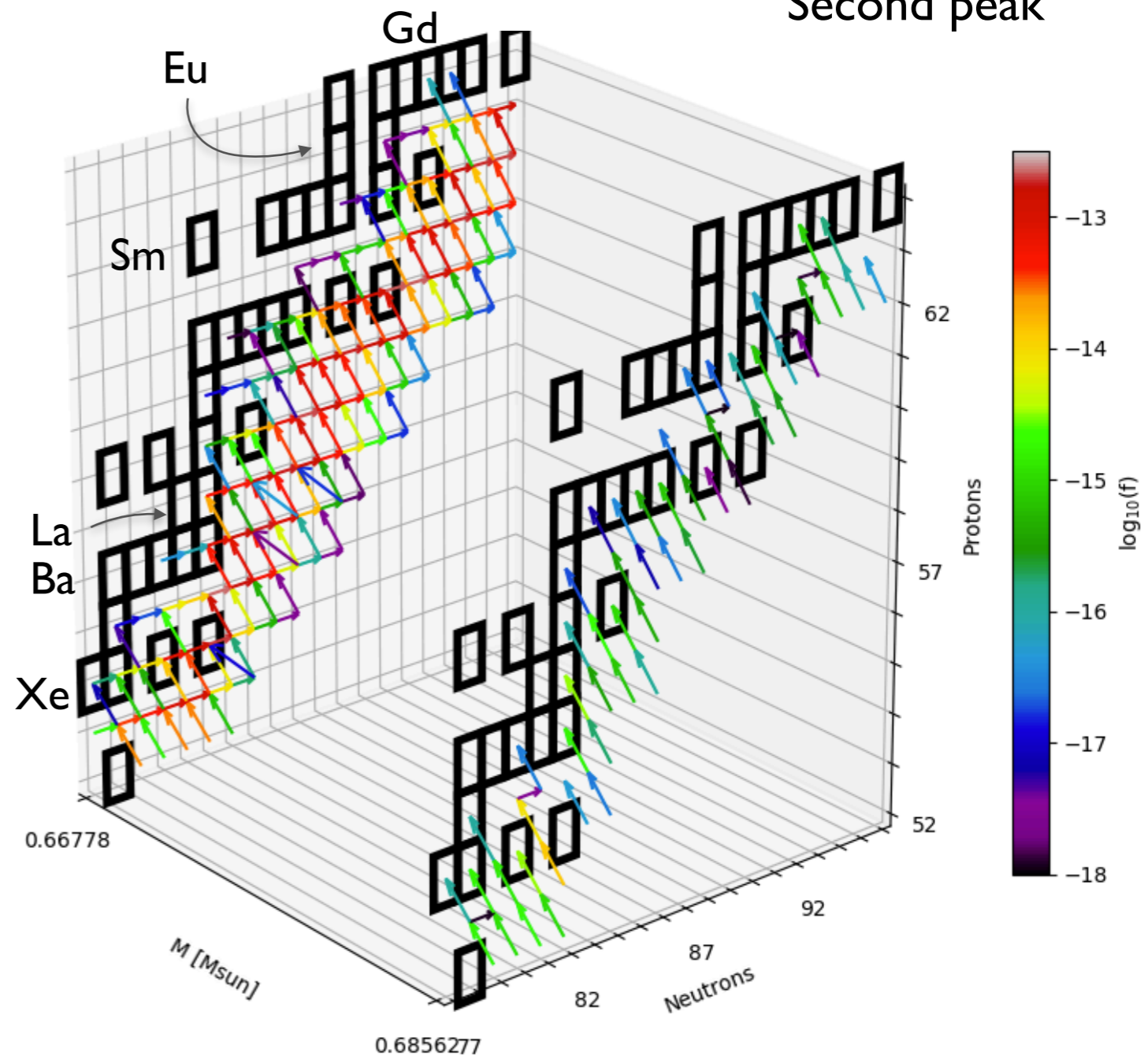


# Flux plots of convective-reactive nucleosynthesis

First peak



Second peak

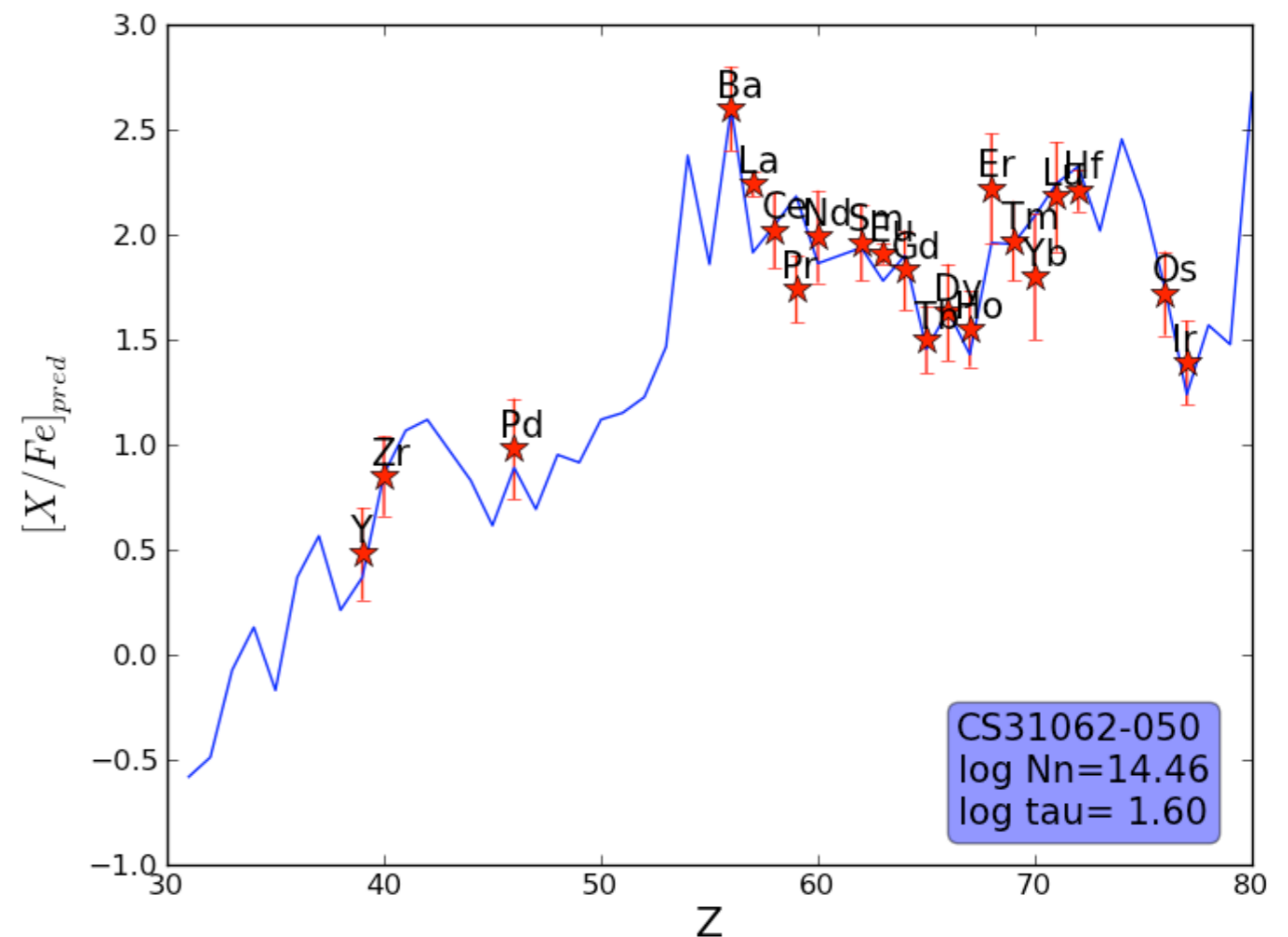
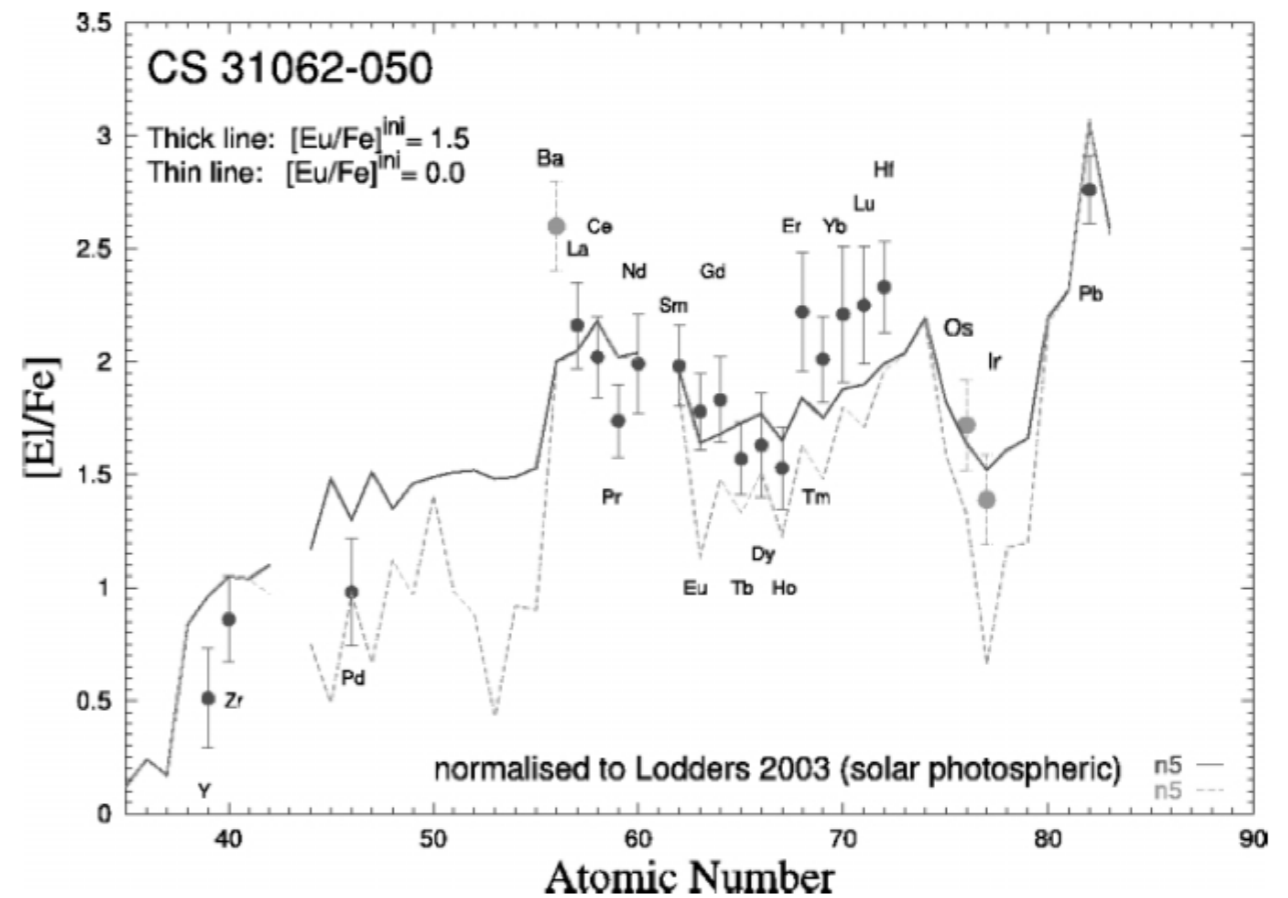


## ► CEMP-r/s stars

- anomalous metal-poor star
- present best model assumes superposition of “known” r- and s-process fingerprint (Bisterzo+ 12)

## ► instead CEMP-i stars

- typical neutron density for i process:  $N_n \sim 10^{15} \text{cm}^{-3}$
- very good match to reproduction of observed abundance pattern of this CEMP-r/s star  $\rightarrow$  CEMP-i star! (Dardalet+ 14, Proceedings of XIII Nuclei in the Cosmos (NIC XIII). 7-11 July, 2014. [2014nic..confE.145D](#))
- see also Hampel+ 16, 2016ApJ...831..171H
- simple, single-zone i-process network calculation



## The i-process and CEMP-r/s stars

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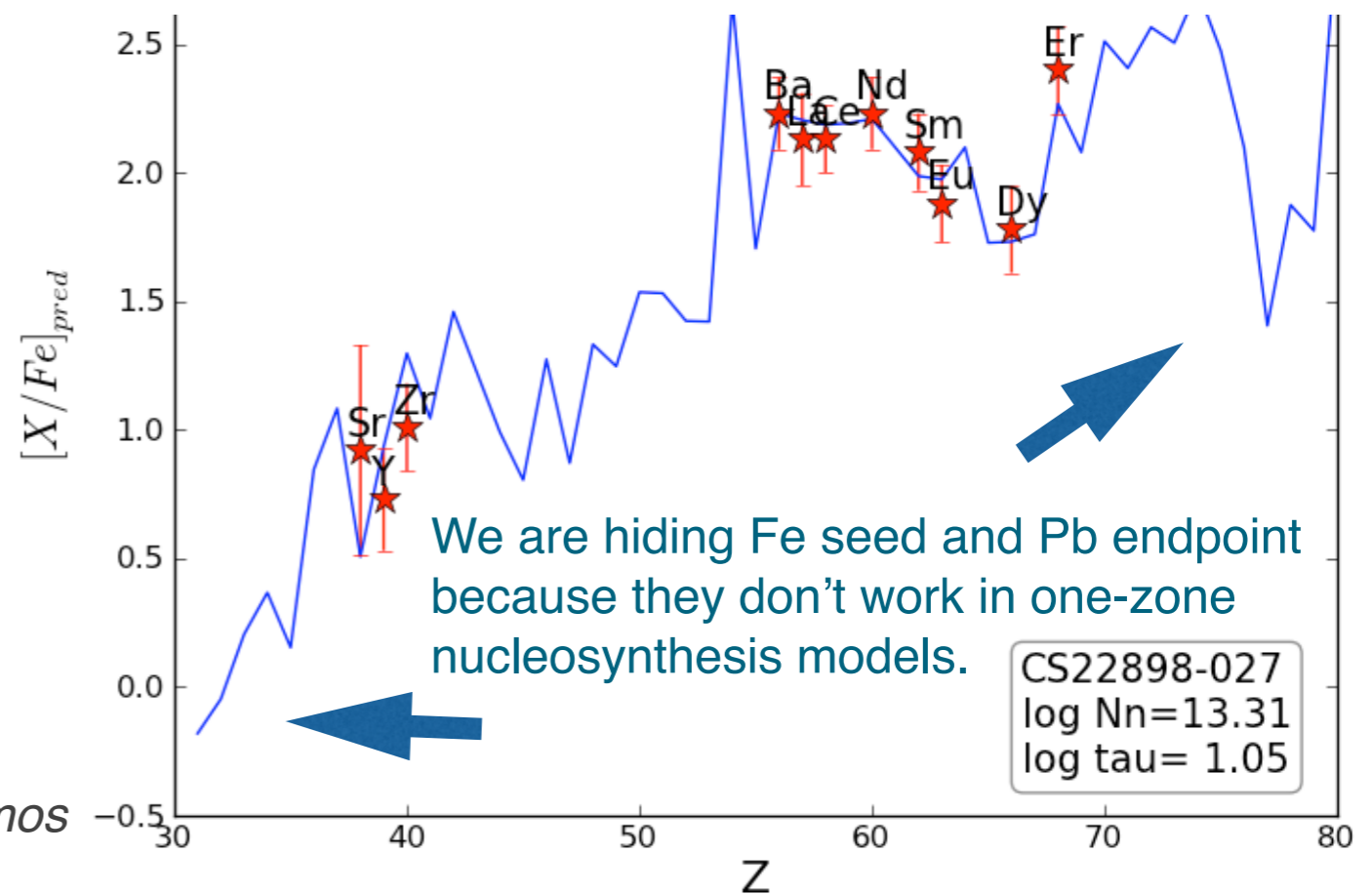
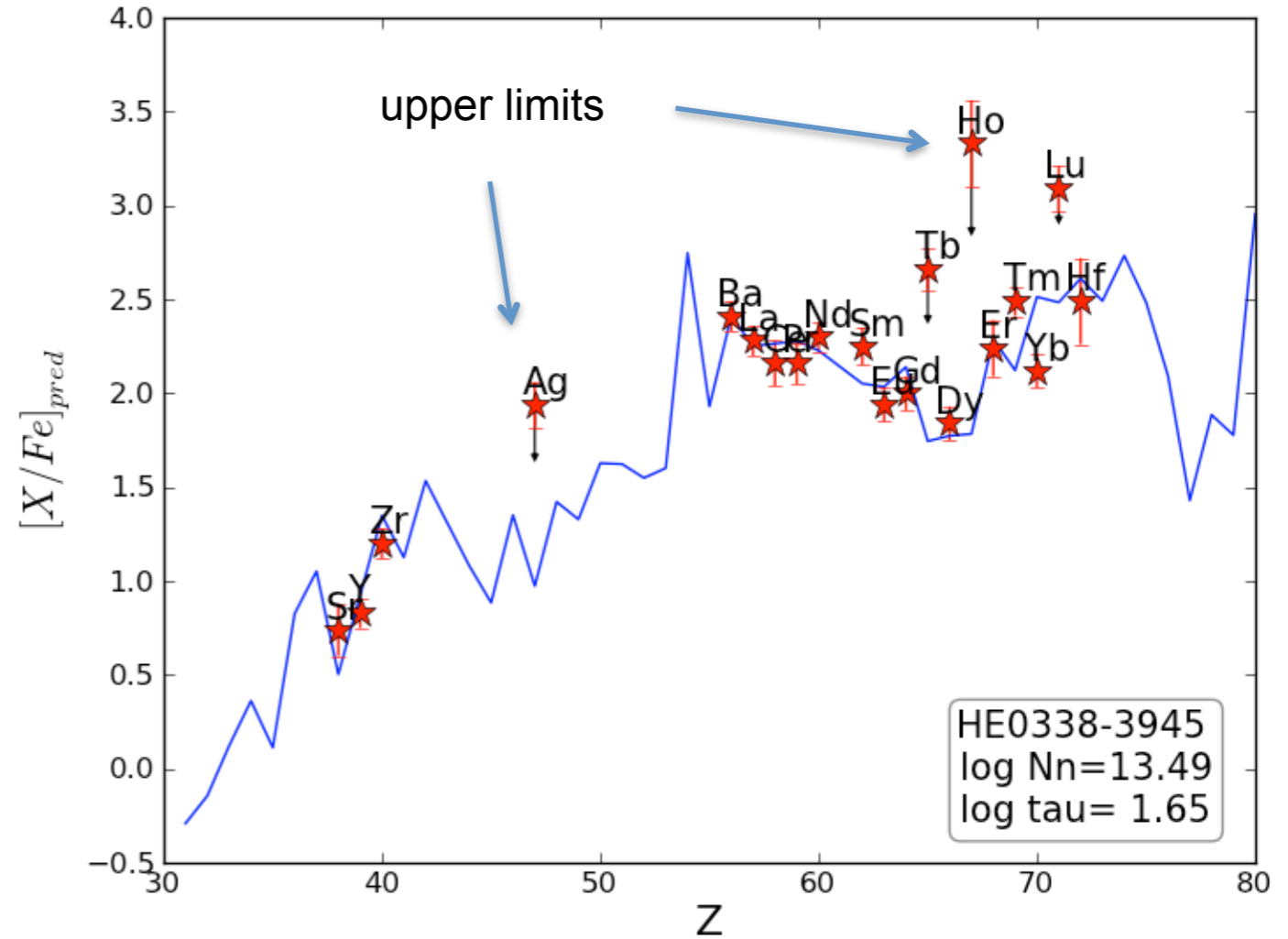
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We investigate whether the anomalous elemental abundance patterns in some of the C-enhanced metal-poor-r/s (CEMP-r/s) stars are consistent with predictions of nucleosynthesis yields from the i-process, a neutron-capture regime at neutron densities intermediate between those typical for the slow (s) and rapid (r) processes. Conditions necessary for the i-process are expected to be met at multiple stellar sites, such as the He-core and He-shell flashes in low-metallicity low-mass stars, super-AGB and post-AGB stars, as well as low-metallicity massive stars. We have found that

- out of an initial sample (23):
  - 5 category A
  - 13 category B
- ongoing project, what stars to add to analysis

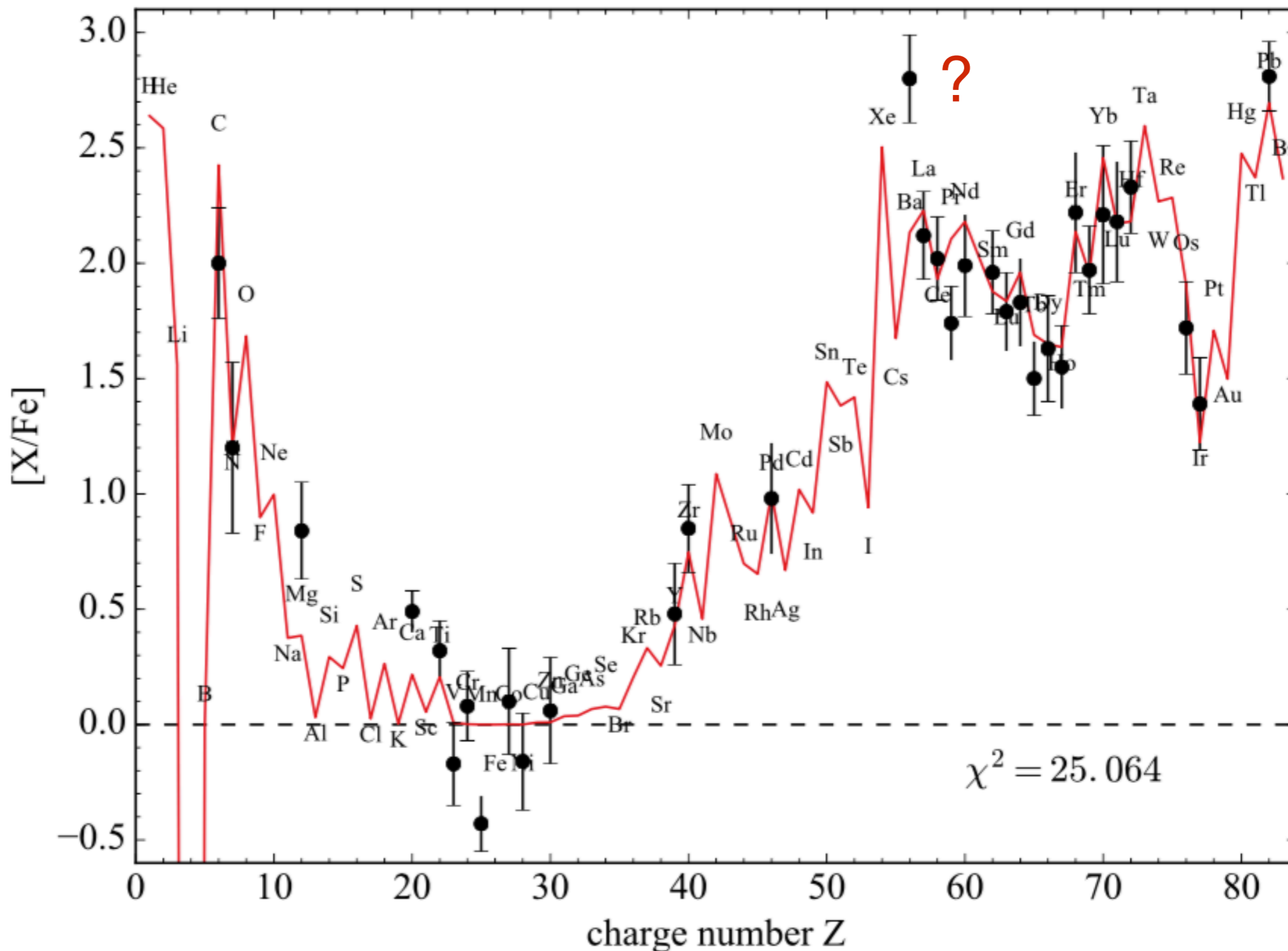
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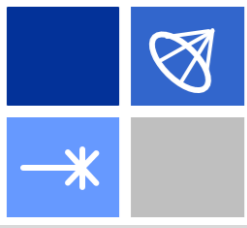
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# i process in low-Z RAWD - origin of CEMP-i stars

- Rapidly Accreting White Dwarf model G from DI9.
- These i-process simulations are essentially parameter free.
- These new models can for the first time explain these CEMP star abundances within a realistic astrophysical site.

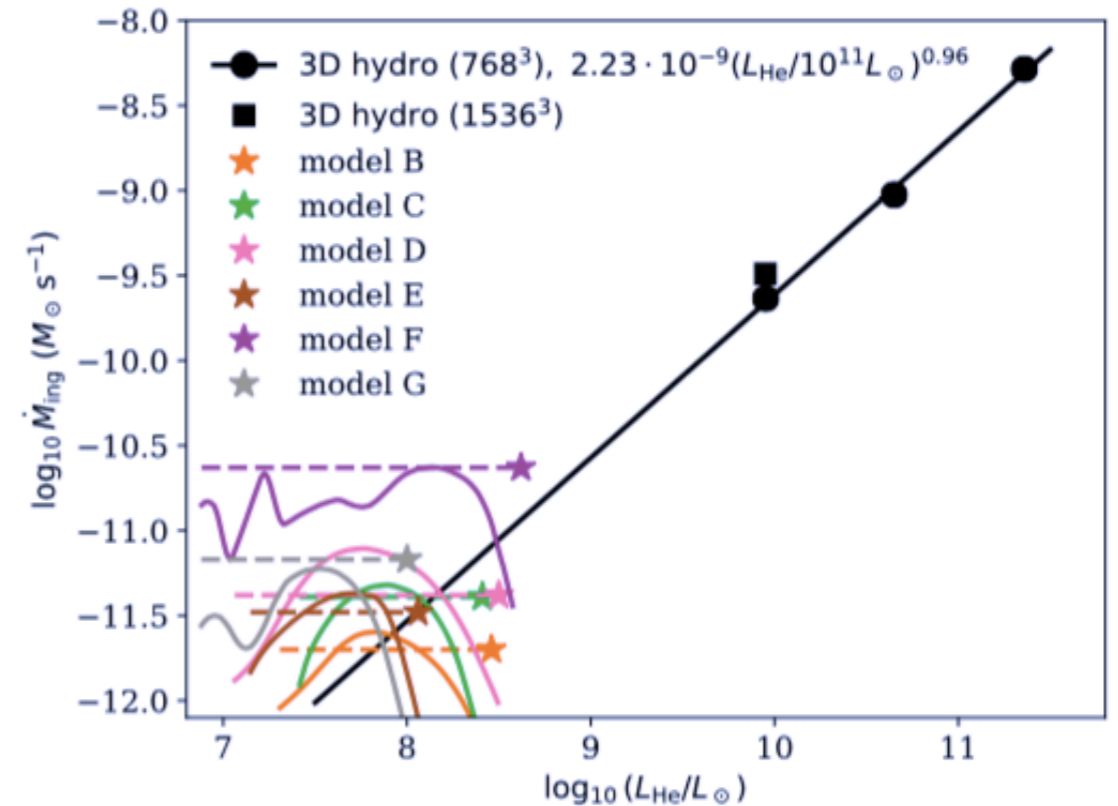
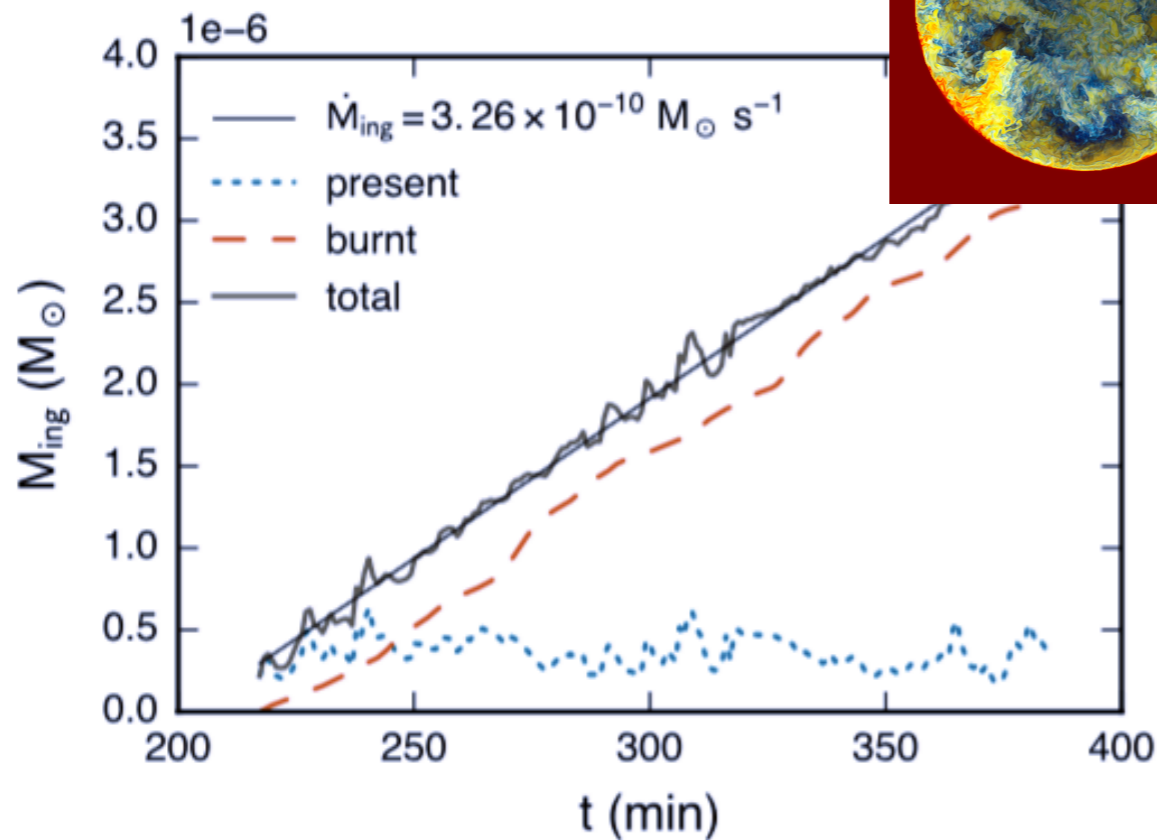
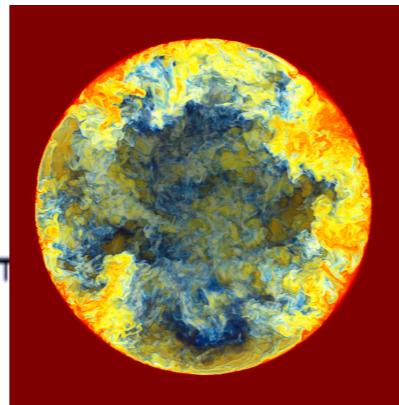




# The i-process yields of rapidly accreting white dwarfs from multicycle He-shell flash stellar evolution models with mixing parametrizations from 3D hydrodynamics simulations

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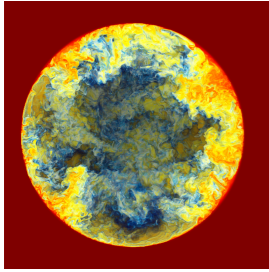
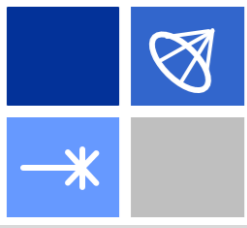
Rate of H entrainment into He-shell convection zone from 3D hydro sims



Rate of H entrainment as a function of driving luminosity.

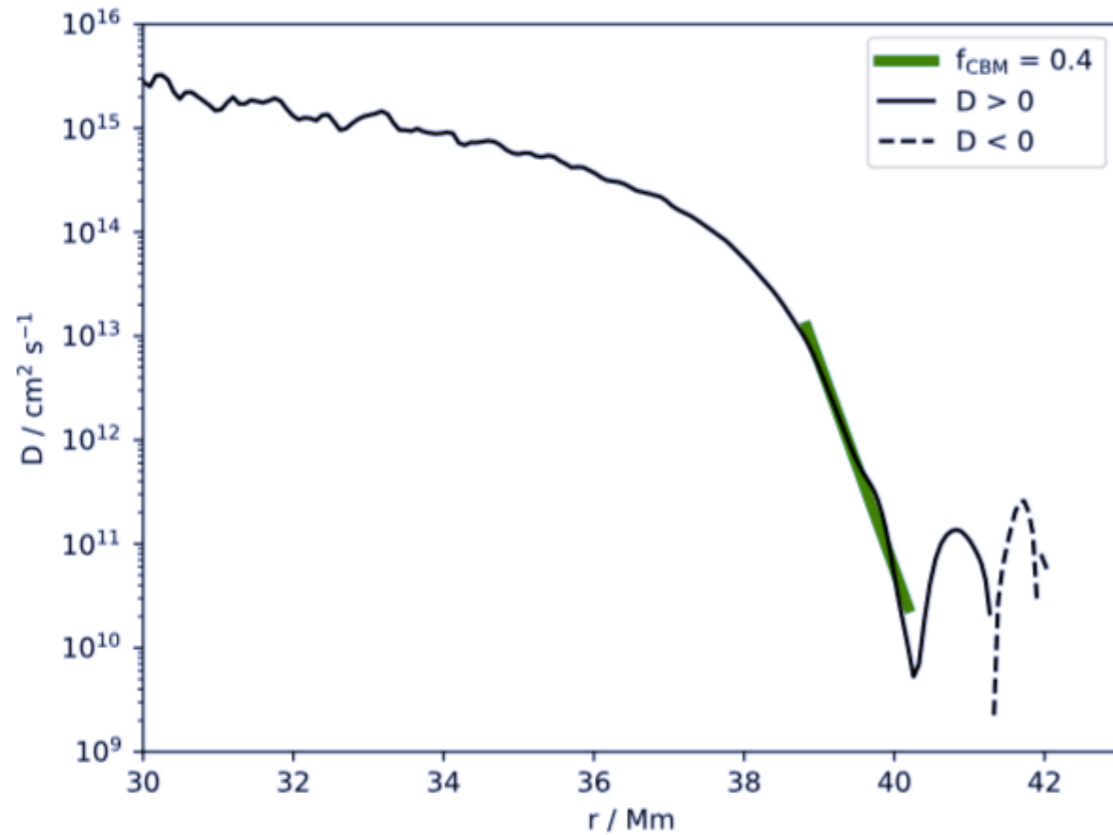
Higher WD mass → higher  $L_{\text{He}}$  → higher entrainment rate → higher  $N_n$  → higher [Ba/La]





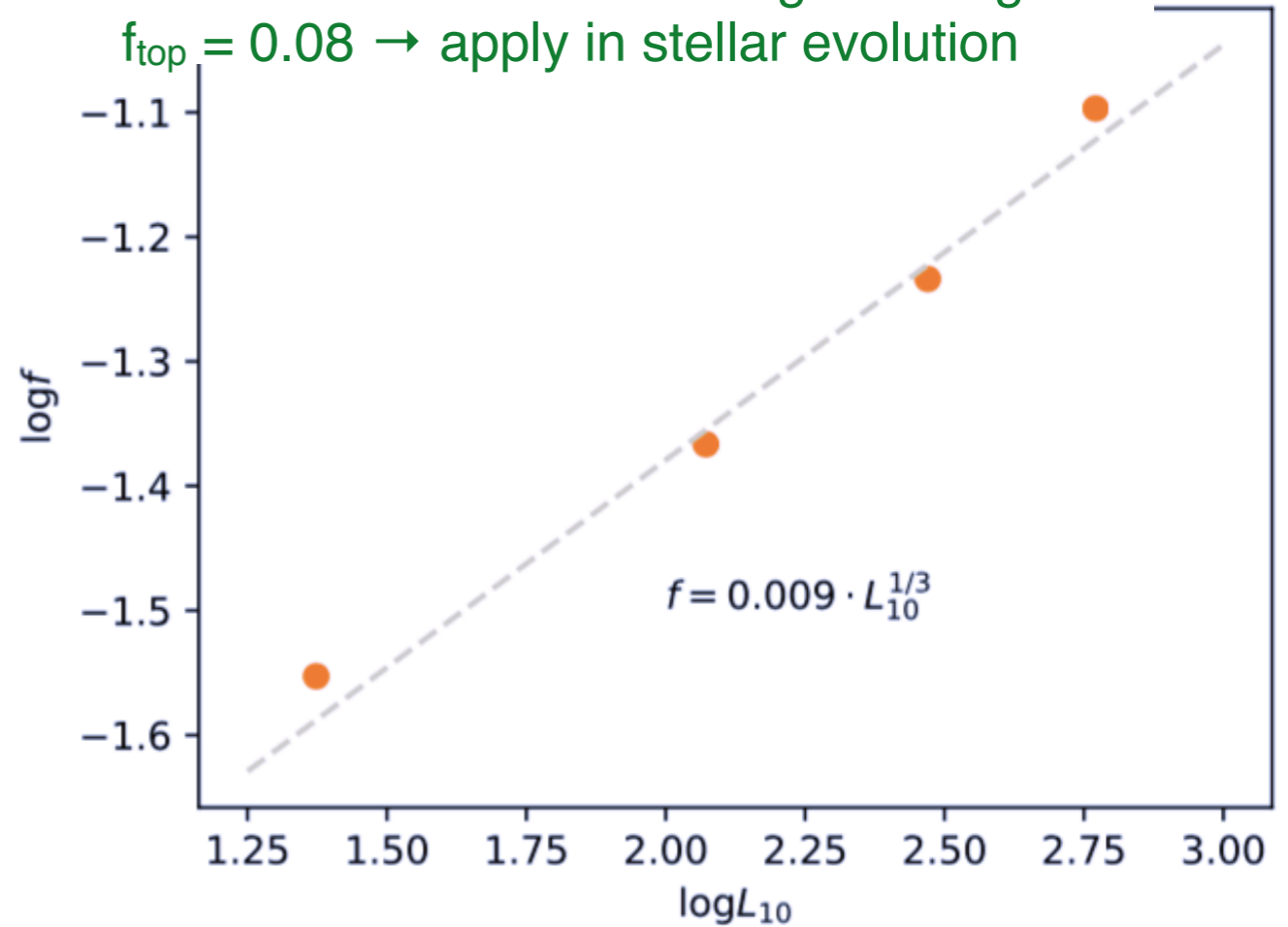
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Determination of 1D convective diffusion coefficient from 3D hydro sims (cf. Jones+ 17 for 3D hydro simulations in O-shell convection in a massive star) and fitting of convective boundary mixing parameter  $f$ .

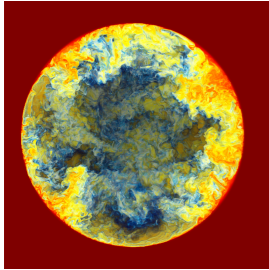
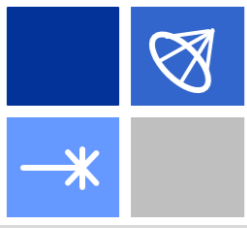


**Figure 6.** Determination of the  $f_{\text{top}}$  mixing parameter from the high-grid-resolution 3D hydrodynamics simulation E10.

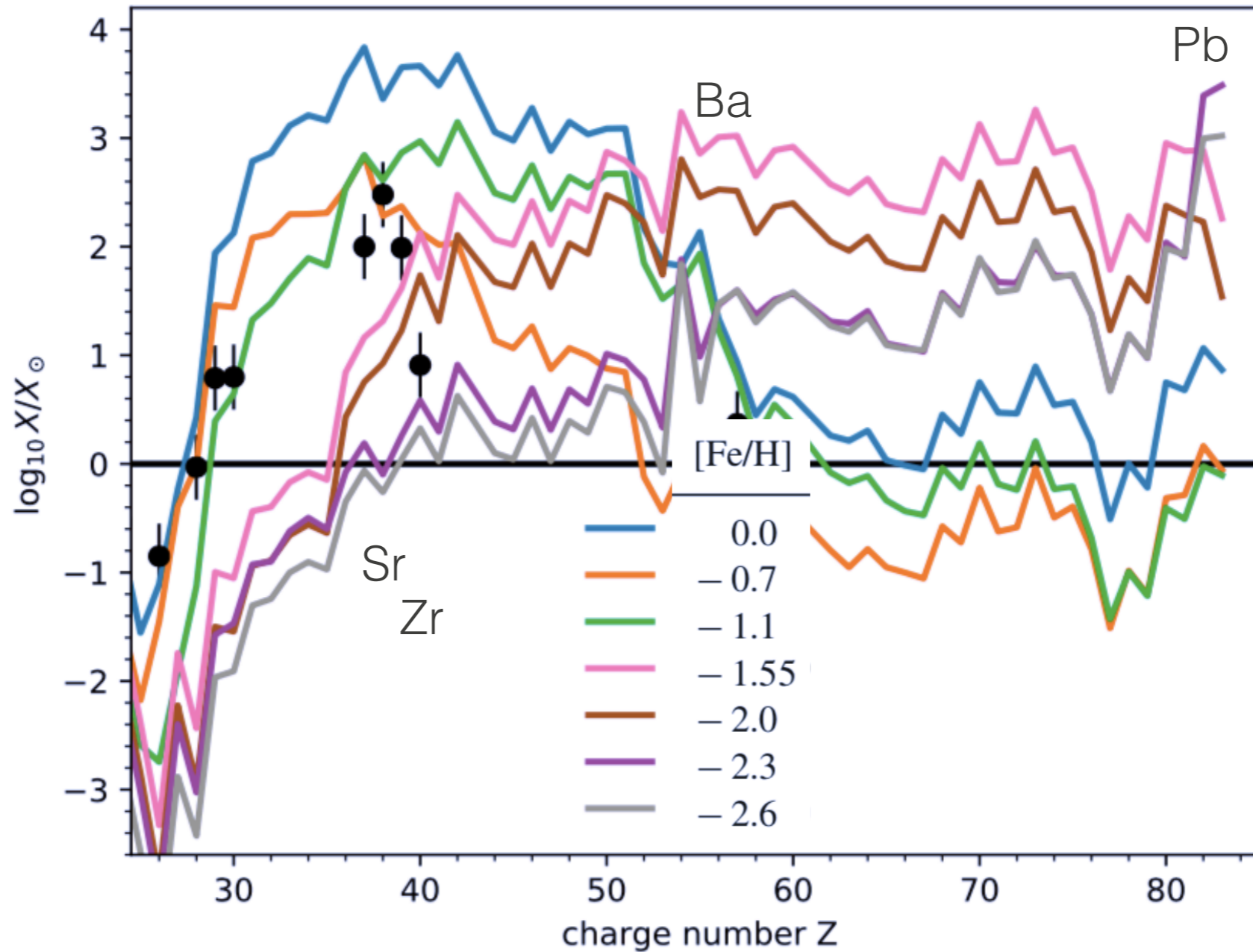
Extrapolate RAWD hydro  $f$  to nominal heating of stellar evolution model using  $f$ -scaling relation  $\rightarrow f_{\text{top}} = 0.08 \rightarrow$  apply in stellar evolution

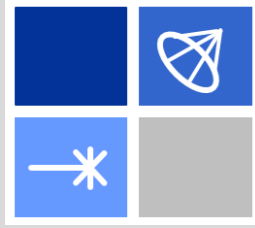


**Figure 7.** Scaling relation of the convective boundary mixing parameter  $f_{\text{top}}$  versus the driving luminosity based on a series of 1536-grid simulations of O-shell convection with the same setup as in Jones et al. (2017).



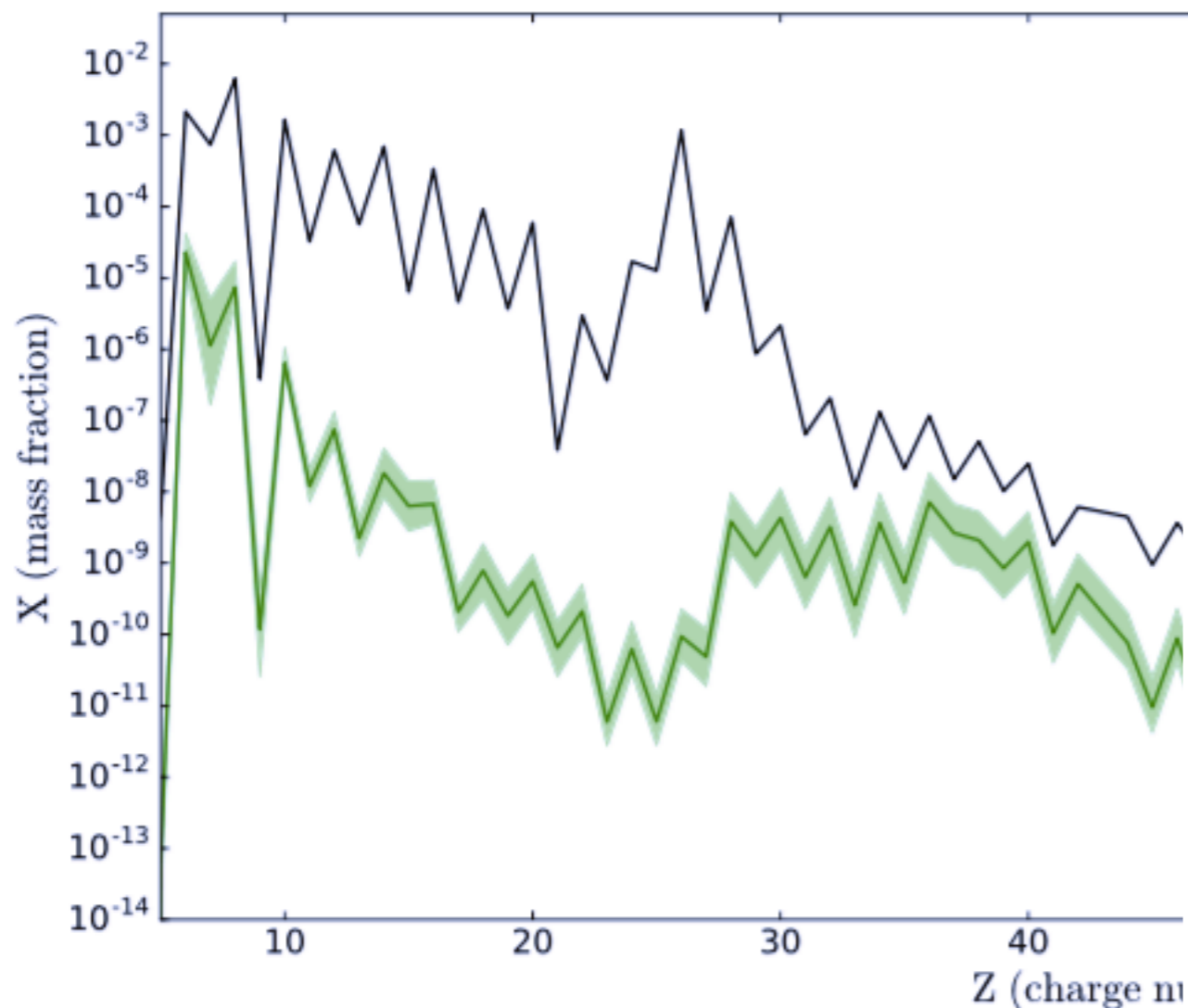
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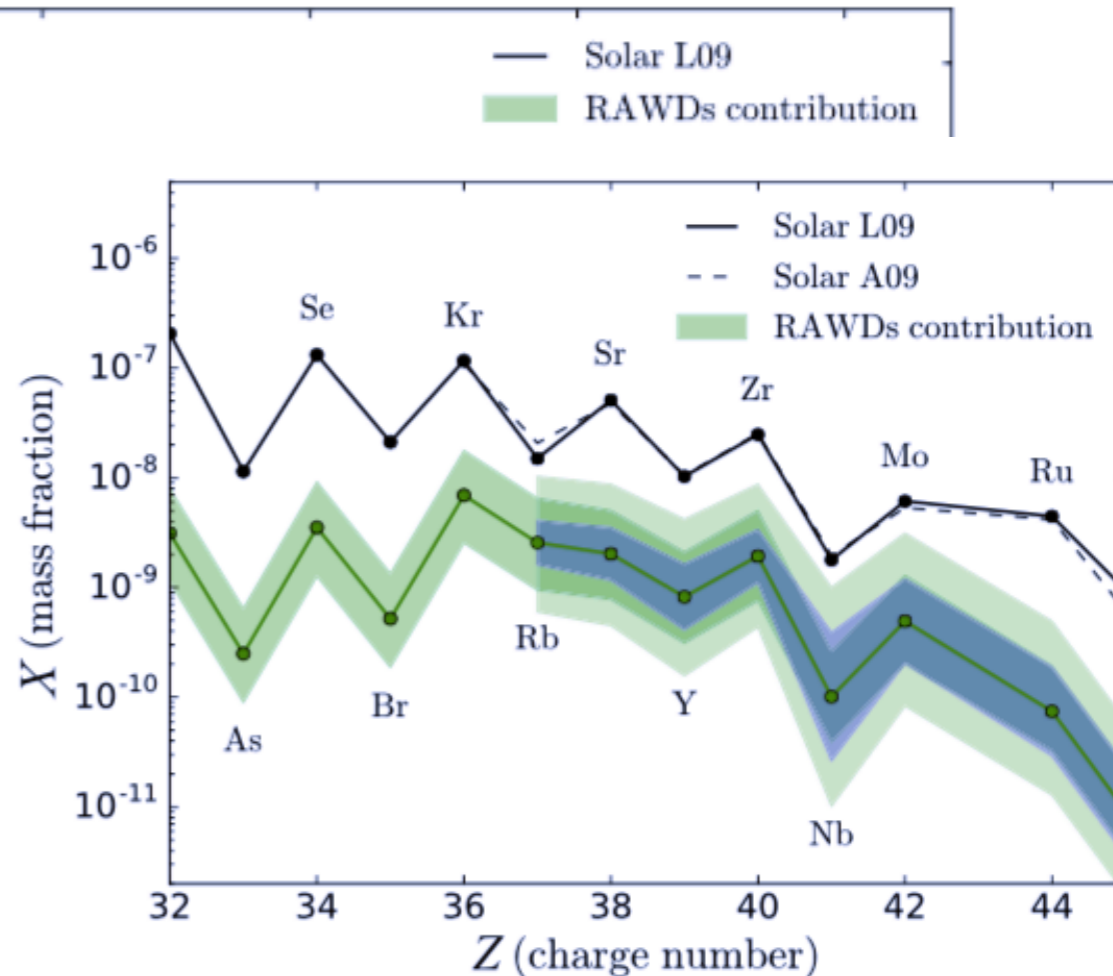


# *i*-process Contribution of Rapidly Accreting White Dwarfs to the Solar Composition of First-peak Neutron-capture Elements

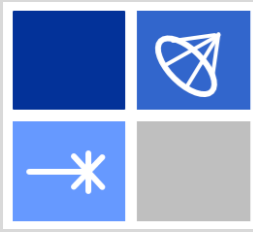
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**Figure 8.** Predicted contribution of rapidly accreting white dwarfs (green, RAWDs) to the fiducial model while the green shaded area shows the range of solutions generated by un-



**Figure 9.** Same as in Figure 8, but zoomed on first-peak elements. The dashed black line shows the solar composition of Asplund et al. (2009, A09). The blue shaded area shows the uncertainties generated by nuclear reaction rates (see Section 6.4). The larger lighter-green shaded area shows the combined uncertainties generated by different chemical evolution paths, different ejecta masses for each RAWD, and by nuclear reaction rate uncertainties.

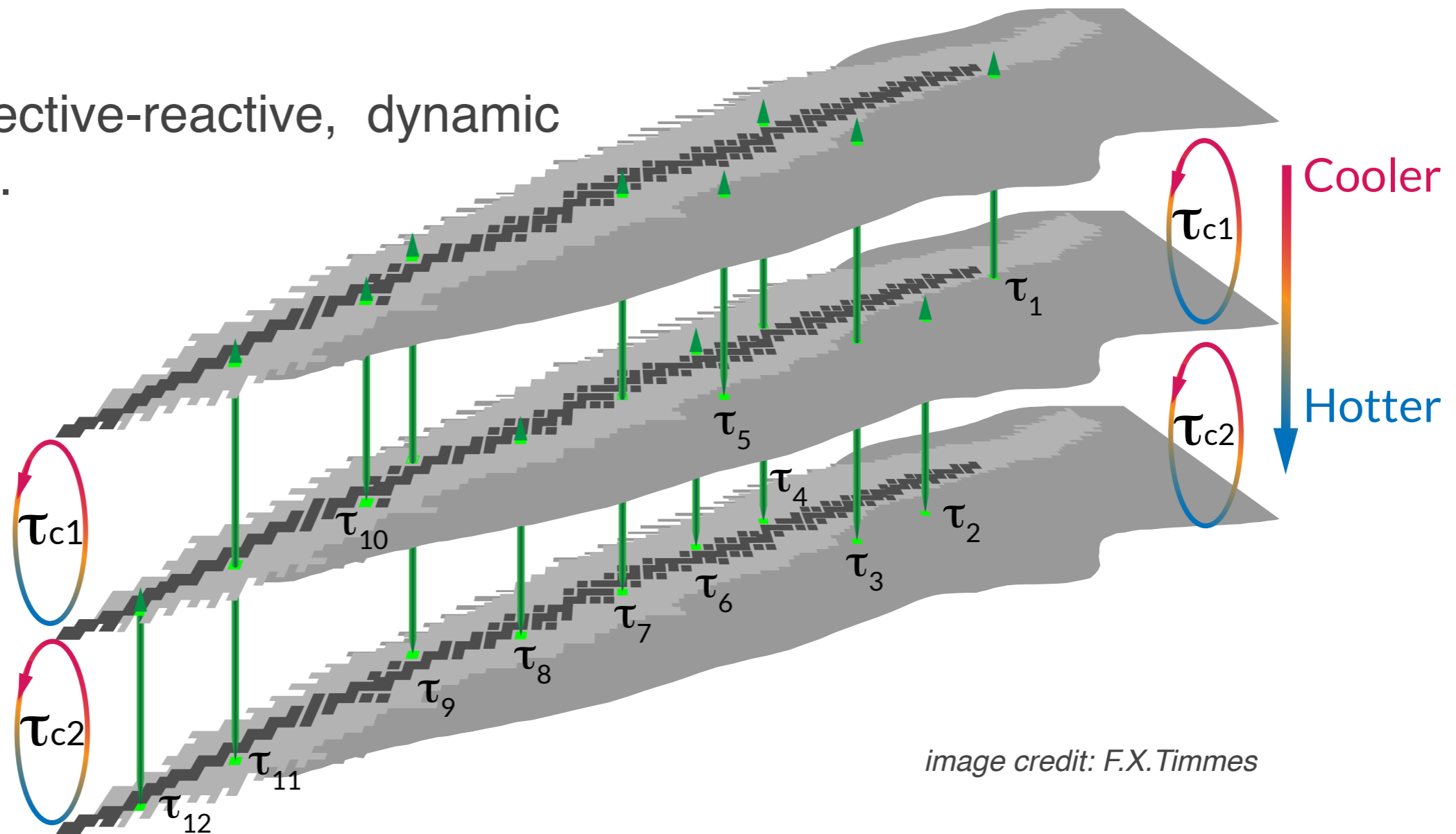


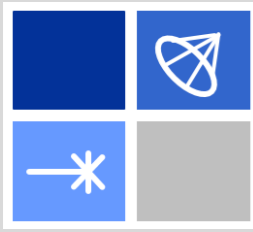
# A new paradigm for nucleosynthesis: Convective-reactive nucleosynthesis

New mode of nucleosynthesis when nuclear reaction time scale equals stellar mixing time scale.

This is the convective-reactive, dynamic nucleosynthesis.

The *i* process is one of several newly identified convective/advective-reactive cases.





# Convective-reactive nucleosynthesis

Family of nucleosynthetic sites in which nucleosynthesis is coupled with mixing, makes predominantly **odd-Z elements**.

- H-ingestion in He-shell flashes RAWDs, Sakurai's object, low-Z AGB: **Li, i process**
  - i-process Nucleosynthesis and Mass Retention Efficiency in He-shell Flash Evolution of Rapidly Accreting White Dwarfs. Denissenkov PA, Herwig F, et al. 2017. *ApJ Lett.* 834(2):L10
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- O-C shell mergers in massive stars: **P, Cl, K, Sc**
  - Convective-reactive nucleosynthesis of K, Sc, Cl and p-process isotopes in O-C shell mergers. Ritter C, Andrásy R, Côté B, Herwig F et al. 2018. *MNRAS.* 474(1):L1–L6.
- H-He shell mergers in Pop III massive stars: **Na, Al, Ca**
  - Pop III i-process nucleosynthesis and the elemental abundances of SMSS J0313-6708 and the most iron-poor stars. Clarkson O, Herwig F, Pignatari M. 2018/2019. *MNRAS.*
- Slow mixing and burning in post-He+CO WD merger pre-RCB: **F, s-process**
  - Abundances in RCB stars. Post-double degenerate merger models - constraints on merger and post-merger simulations and physics processes. Menon A, Herwig F, et al. 2013. *ApJ.* 772(1):59
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# The most Fe-poor stars are C enhanced (CEMP-no)

Table 1 The eight most Fe-poor stars

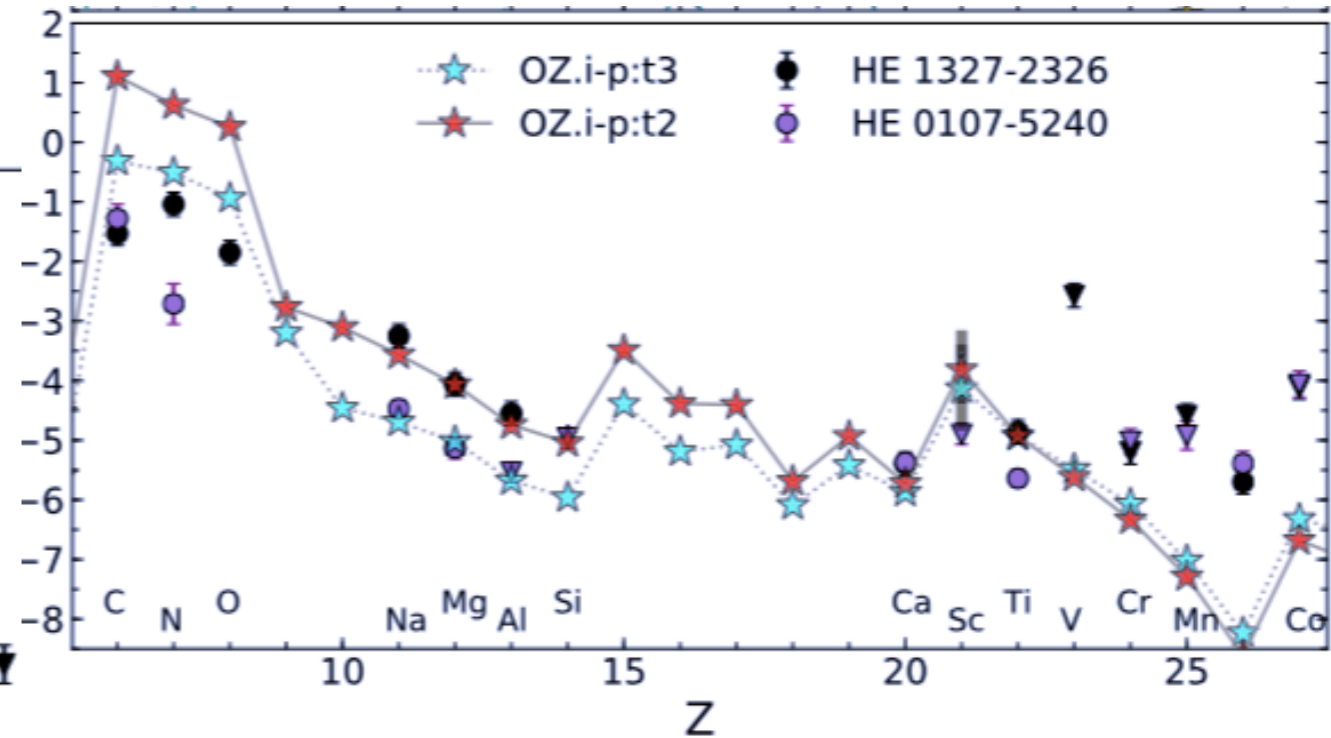
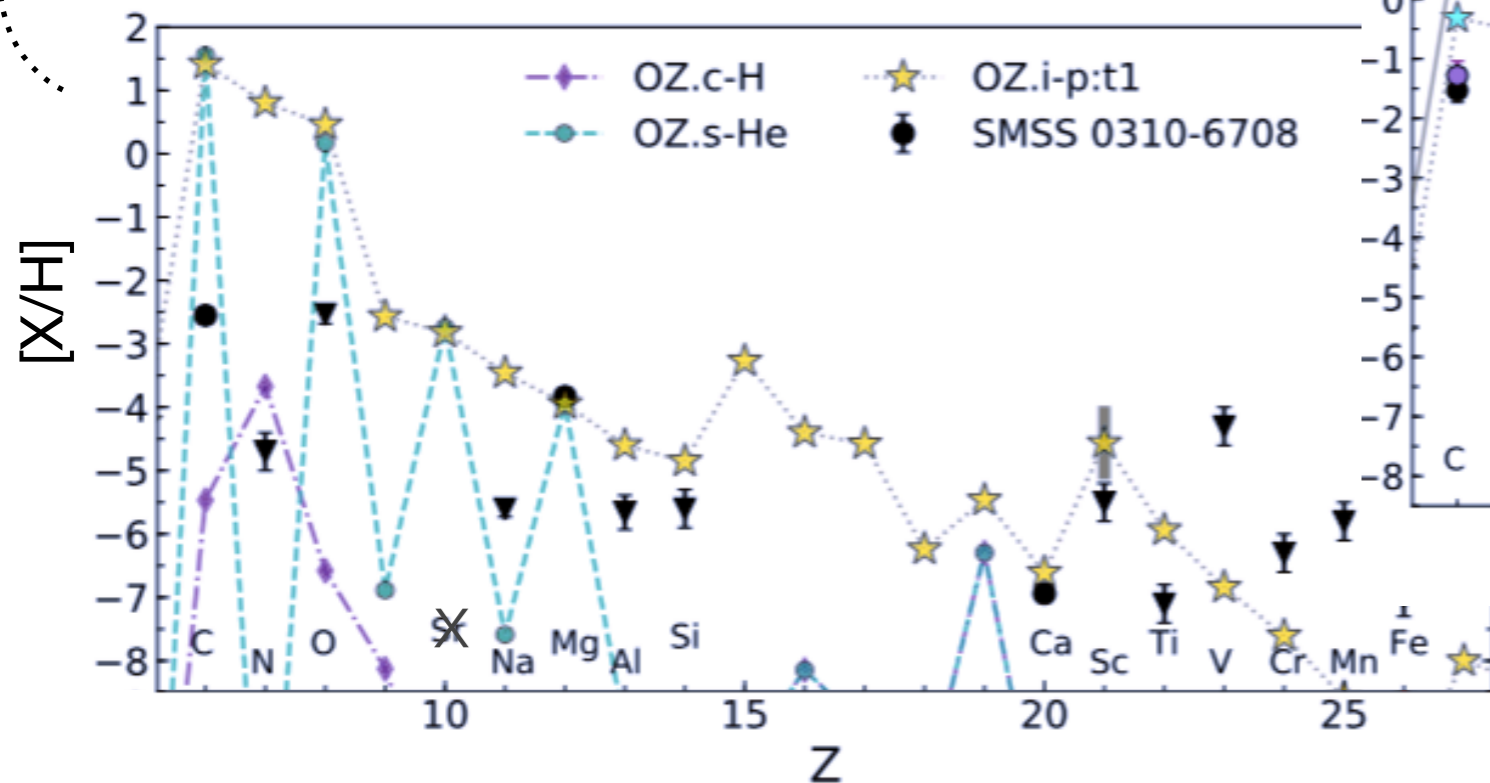
Frebel & Norris 2015

Object	RA (2000) Dec	$T_{\text{eff}}$	$\log g$	[Fe/H]	[C/Fe]	$V_r$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )	References
SM 0313-6708 <sup>a</sup>	03 13 00.4 -67 08 39.3	5,125	2.30	<-7.30	>+4.90	ND	Keller et al. (2014)
HE 1327-2326	13 30 06.0 -23 41 49.7	6,180	3.70	-5.66	+4.26	64	Frebel et al. (2005), Aoki et al. (2006)
HE 0107-5240	01 09 29.2 -52 24 34.2	5,100	2.20	-5.39	+3.70	44	Christlieb et al. (2002, 2004)
SD 1035+0641 <sup>a</sup>	10 35 56.1 +06 41 44.0	6,262	1.5	<-5.1	>3.5	-70	Bonifacio et al. (2015)
HE 0557-4840	05 58 39.3 -48 39 56.8	4,900	2.20	-4.81	+1.65	212	Norris et al. (2007)
SD 1742+2531 <sup>a</sup>	17 42 59.7 +25 31 35.9	6,345	1.5	-4.8	+3.6	-208	Bonifacio et al. (2015)
SD 1029+1729 <sup>a</sup>	10 29 15.2 +17 29 28.0	5,811	4.00	-4.73	<+0.93	-34	Caffau et al. (2011a, 2012)
HE 0233-0343	02 36 29.7 -03 30 06.0	6,100	3.40	-4.68	+3.40	64	Hansen et al. (2014)

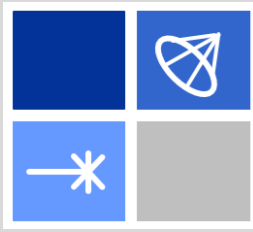
<sup>a</sup>SM 0313-6708 = SMSS 031300.36-670839.3; SD 1029+1729 = SDSS J102915+172927; SD 1742+2531 = SDSS J174259+253135; SD 1035+0641 = SDSS J103556+064144.

Abbreviations: Dec, declination; ND, no data; RA, right ascension;  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , effective temperature;  $V_r$ , radial velocity.

## C-enhanced metal-poor stars - CEMP stars

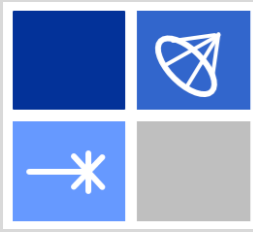


Simulations of Pop III stars, Clarkson+ 18, 19



# Summary

- i process is a unique neutron-capture process induced by convective H mixing into He-shell convection
- i process generates neutron densities in-between s and r process and unique local abundance signatures
- In order to reproduce the large 2nd-peak enhancements observed in CEMP-i stars a sustained H ingestion is needed.
- Rapidly accreting white dwarfs naturally produce these conditions in complete, self-consistent stellar evolution models
- Our models include calibrations of convective parameters (CBM) from 3D hydro simulations
- The detailed 3D1D convective-reactive nucleosynthesis predictions are in excellent agreement to observations all the way from C to Pb



# Epilog

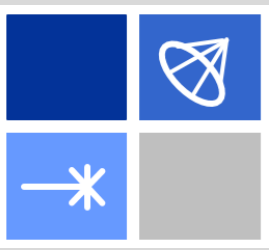
## Questions I did not answer but have good answers to:

- You say the *i* process can explain CEMP-r/s star abundance pattern. Can the *i* process explain anything else?
- You talk about the RAWDs as a likely site for CEMP-*i* star formation. Are there other sites and what is possibly wrong about them?
- You propose the RAWDs as a site, but they have short periods. Many CEMP-*i* stars are in binaries and have long periods, and some have no detected binarity. How can we understand this?
- Are all CEMP-r/s stars CEMP-*i* stars?

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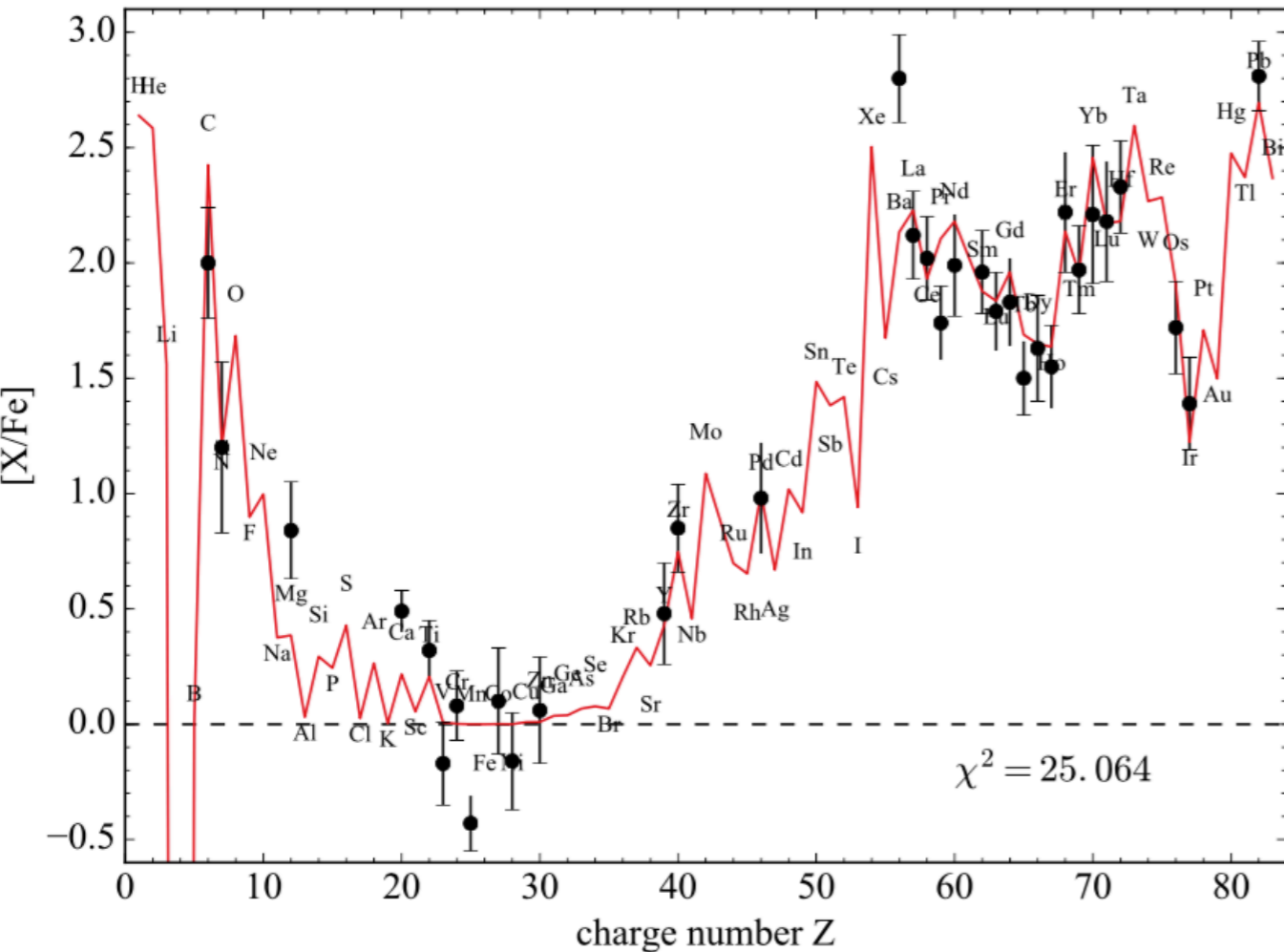
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- **Malaney** RA. 1986. *MNRAS*. 223(4):683–707, **Herwig** F et al. 2011. *ApJ*. 727(2):89 *investigate i-process nucleosynthesis in post-AGB stars*
- **Campbell** SW, Lugaro M, Karakas AI. 2010. *A&A*. 522:L6, **Cruz** MA, Serenelli A, Weiss A. 2013. *A&A*. 559:A4 *present models of i process in H-ingestion into He-core flash*
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- **Côté** B, Denissenkov P, Herwig F et al. 2018. *ApJ*. 854(2):105 *GCE simulations to demonstrate iRAWd contribution to solar system*
- **Clarkson** O, Herwig F, Pignatari M. 2018. *MNRAS*. 474(1):L37–L41; **Clarkson**+ 19 *propose Pop III i process for CEMP-no stars*; **Banerjee** P, et al 2018. *ApJ*. 865(2):120 *considers metal-poor stars in more general*
- *Large body of literature on H-ingestion flashes (HIF or PIE) in AGB stars (Iben, Schönberner, Fujimoto, Sudo, Iwamoto, Campbell, Schlattl ....*





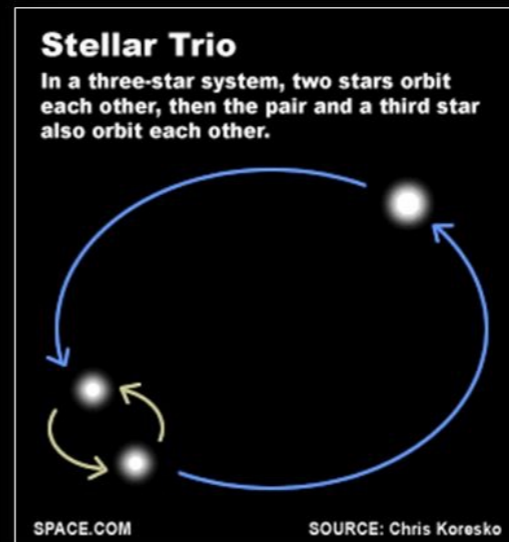
# i process in low-Z RAWD - origin of CEMP-i stars

## Low-Z iRAWD multi-zone simulation



The i-process nucleosynthesis can explain the abundances of heavy elements observed in the CEMP-i star CS31062-050 if in the past it had been a distant companion of a close binary system with a RAWD. RAWD may or may not have exploded as SN Ia. CEMP-i stars may or may not now be in wide binary.

Some stars are a part of a **triple** or quadruple star system. Triple systems appear to be **binary** stars that have trapped a single star into their **orbit**.

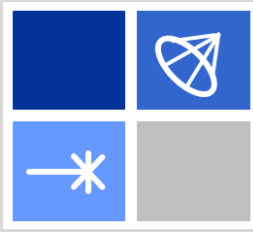


The triple star system 40 Eridani.

A summary of our RAWD model parameters.

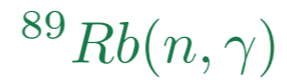
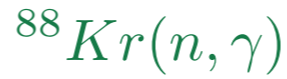
model	[Fe/H]	$M_{\text{WD}} (M_{\odot})$	$\dot{M}_{\text{acc}} (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1})$	$\log_{10} L_{\text{He}}^{\text{max}}/L_{\odot}$	$\dot{M}_{\text{ing}} (M_{\odot} \text{ s}^{-1})$	$t_{\text{ing}} (\text{yr})$	$\eta (\%)$
A	0.0	0.70	$2.6 \times 10^{-7}$	10.9	$2.2(35) \times 10^{-12}$	0.17(0.024)	-
B	-0.7	0.71	$1.7 \times 10^{-7}$	9.5	$2.0 \times 10^{-12}$	0.054	4.9
C	-1.1	0.71	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$	9.3	$4.0 \times 10^{-12}$	0.042	4.9
D	-1.55	0.71	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$	9.3	$4.2 \times 10^{-12}$	0.083	9.6
E	-2.0	0.74	$1.7 \times 10^{-7}$	8.7	$3.3 \times 10^{-12}$	0.060	27
F	-2.3	0.75	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$	9.0	$2.4 \times 10^{-11}$	0.058	19
G	-2.6	0.75	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$	8.5	$6.7 \times 10^{-12}$	0.087	29

At low [Fe/H] maybe path to SN Ia?!

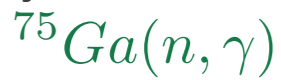


# Nuclear physics impact studies for i process and convective-reactive regimes

First-peak i-process impact study.  
**Published.** (→Spyrou talk)



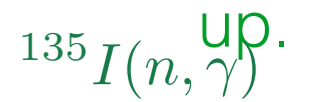
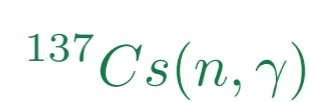
Weak i process proposed by Roederer+ 16. Produces anomalous [As/Ge]. → John McKay talk. **Finished.**



Pop III i process (→ Ondrea Clarkson talk, →Edinburgh student Sam Jones).

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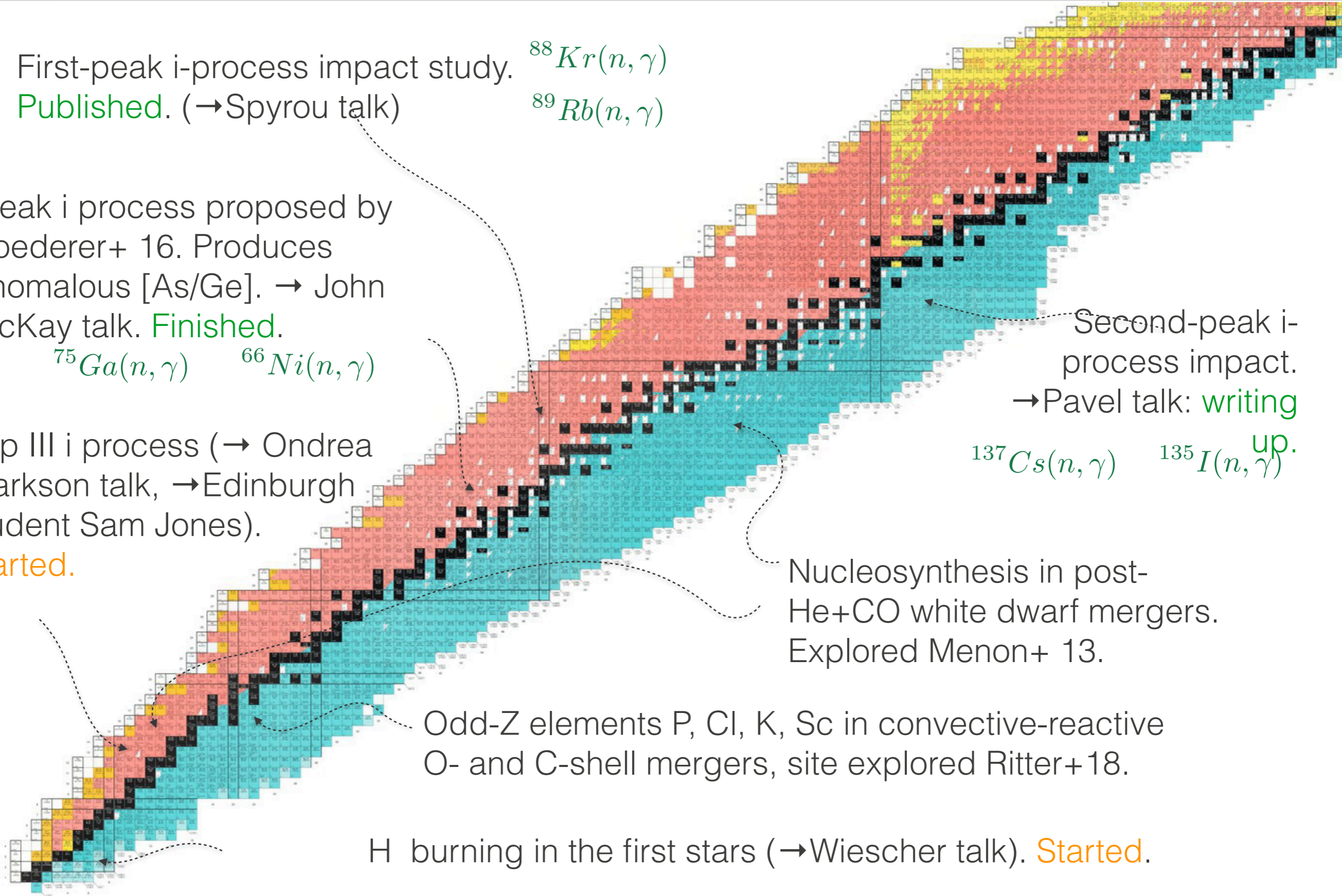
Second-peak i-process impact.  
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Nucleosynthesis in post-He+CO white dwarf mergers. Explored Menon+ 13.

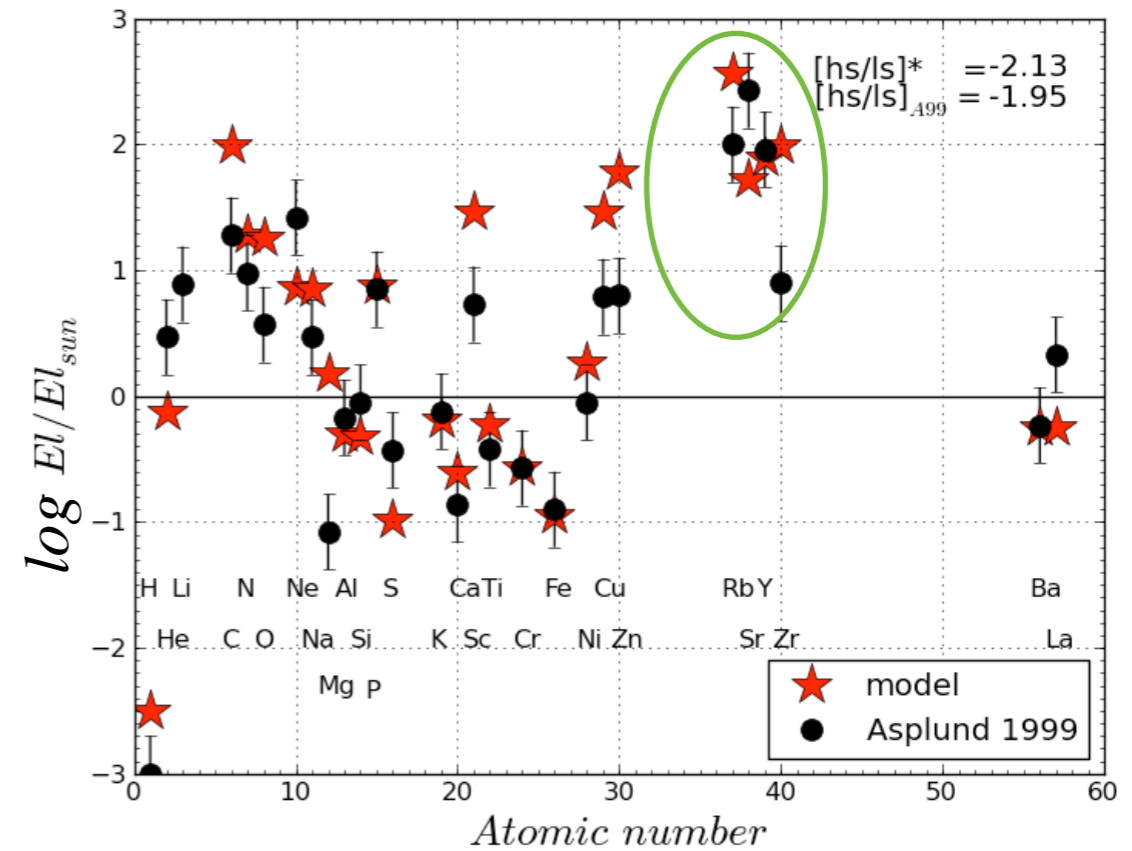
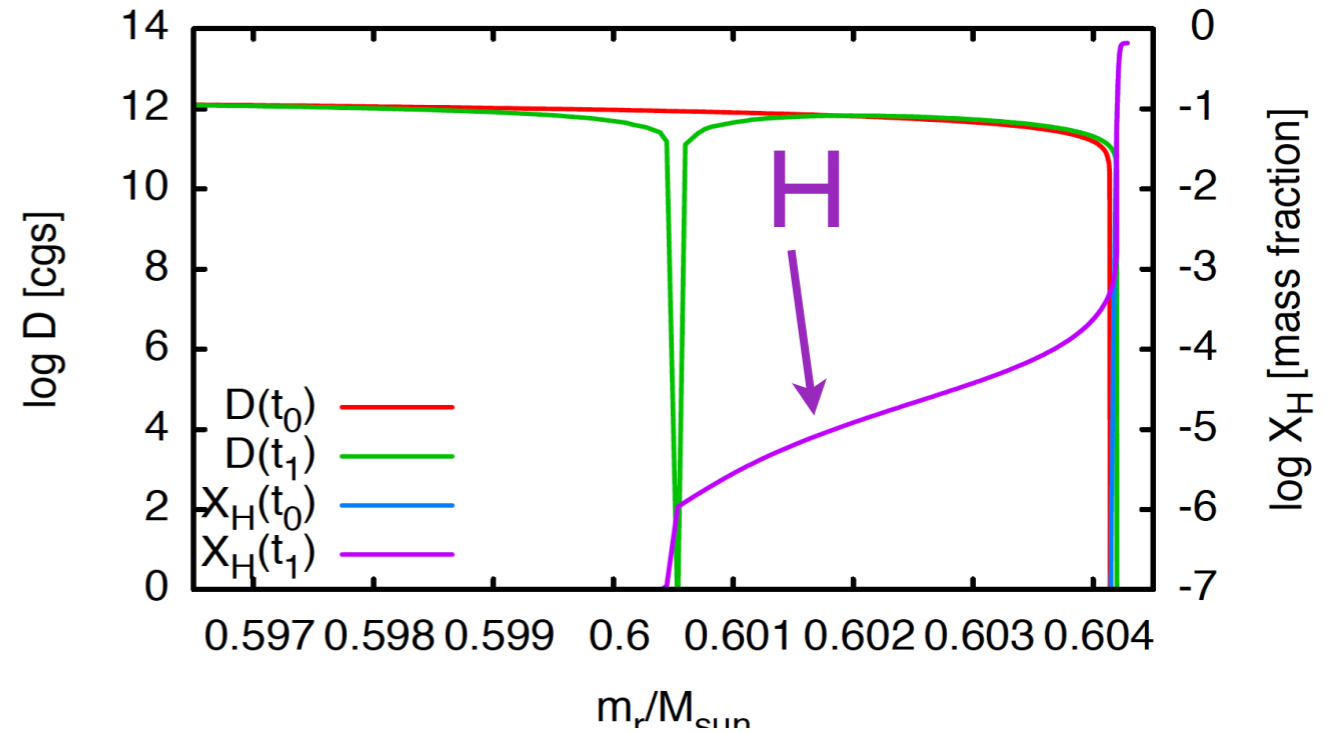
Odd-Z elements P, Cl, K, Sc in convective-reactive O- and C-shell mergers, site explored Ritter+ 18.

H burning in the first stars (→Wiescher talk). **Started.**

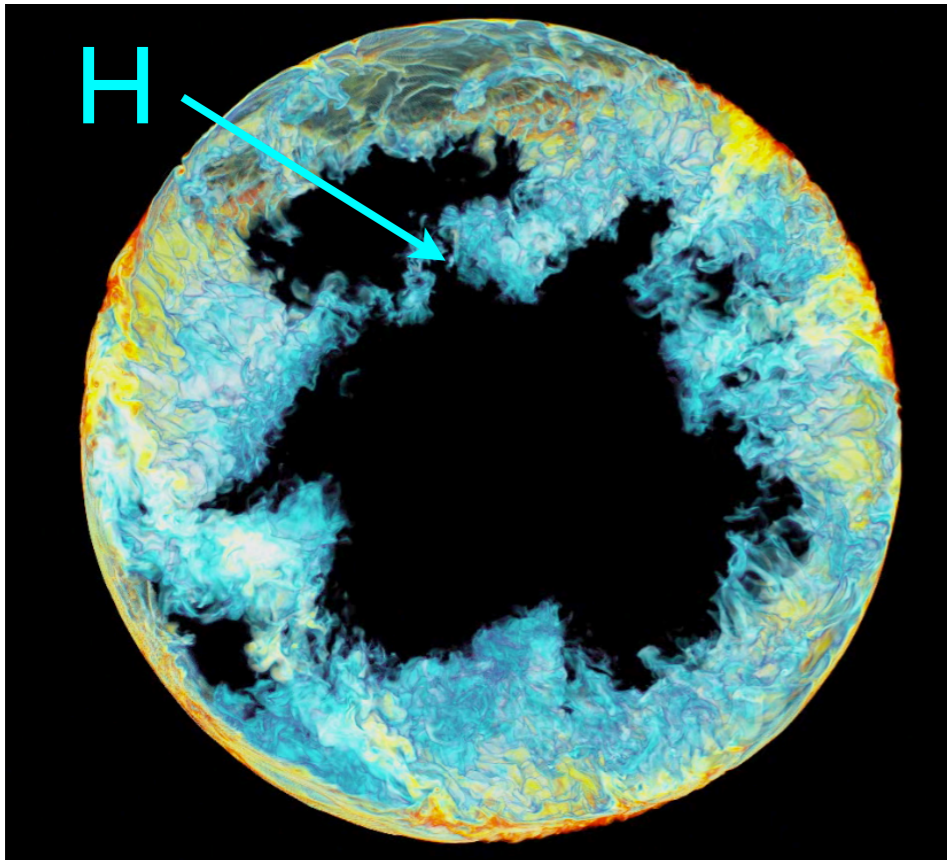


# Simultaneous mixing and nucleosynthesis is required to explain the observed abundances

- highly anomalous heavy-element signature, not known from “normal” s process in post-AGB star Sakurai’s object
- unmodified stellar evolution models fail to account for this fingerprint of H-ingestion flash



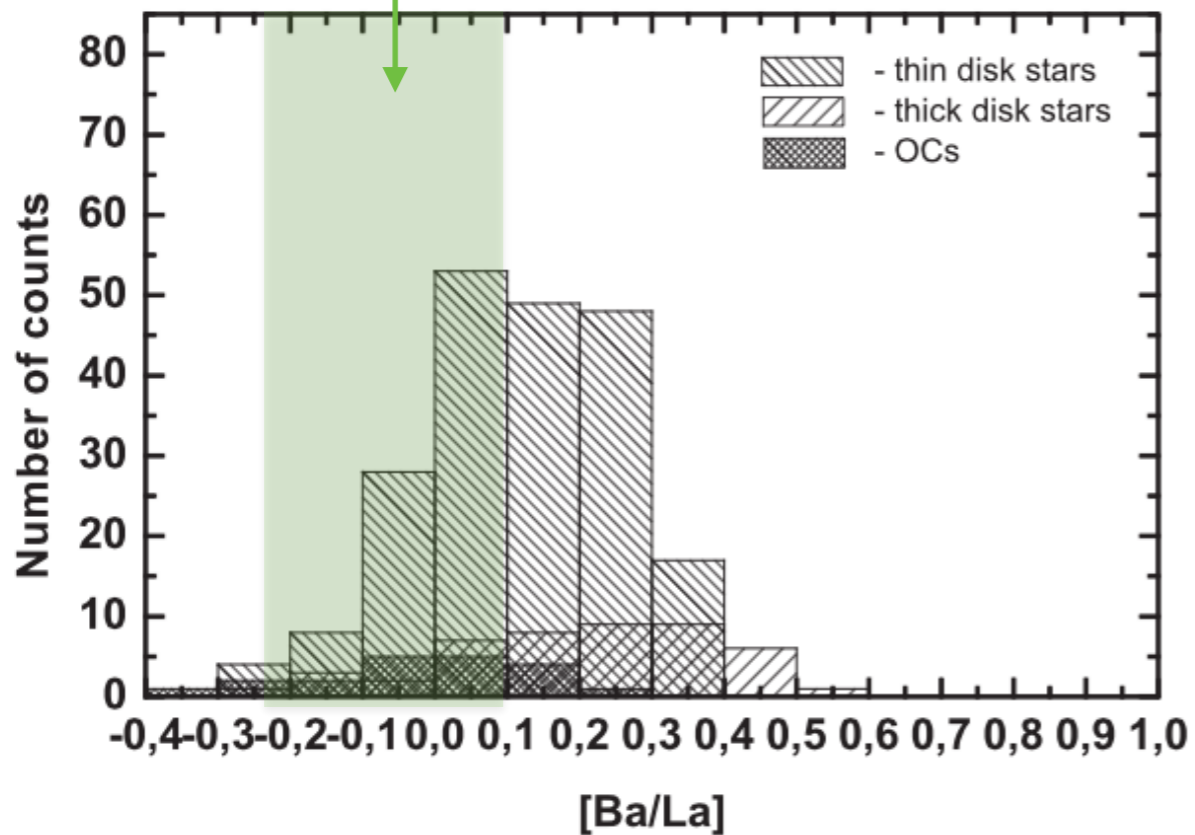
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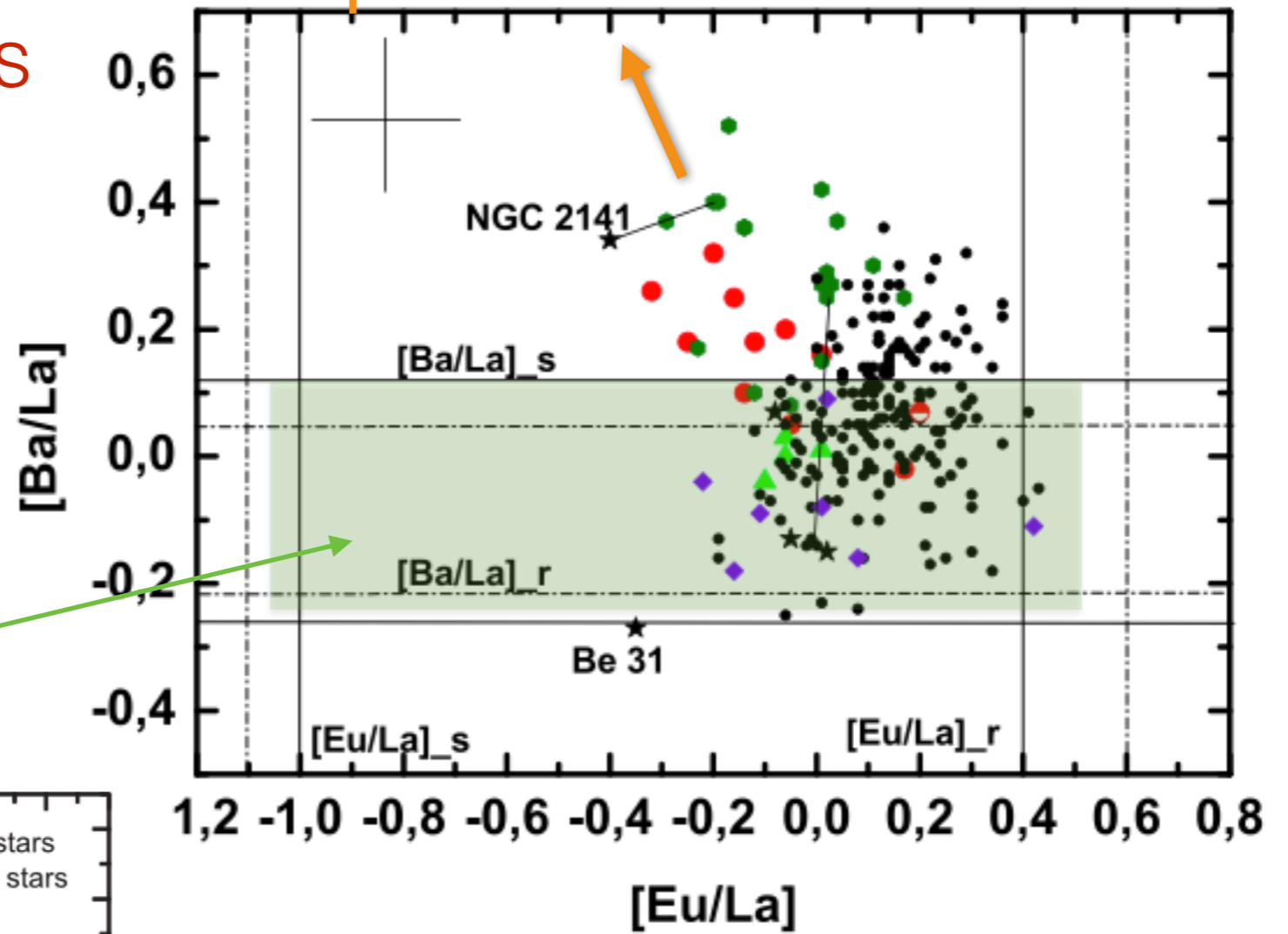
# i process in open clusters

- ▶ i-process fingerprint in stellar populations
  - larger symbols: open clusters
  - black dots: thin disk stars
- ▶ no star can fall out of box if only s and r process exist

all possible mixtures of s and r process



## i process



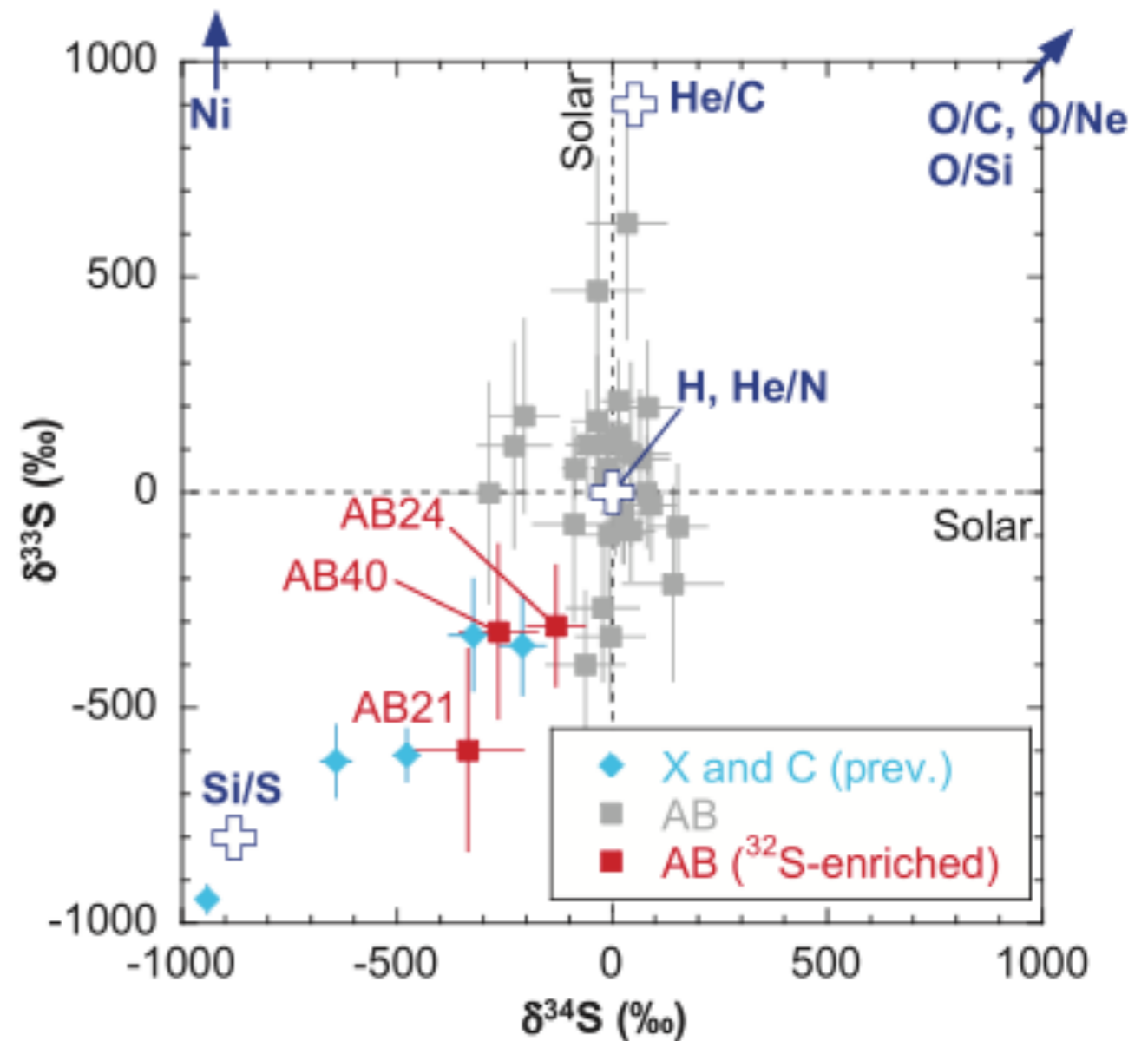
- ▶ i-process in GCE?

**Figure 7.** The distribution of the [Ba/Fe], [La/Fe], and [Ba/La] ratio for OCs is shown compared to the thin disc stars and thick disc stars in Mishenina et al. (2013b).

# Pre-solar grains from born-again giants

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Anomalous  $^{32}\text{S}$  in SiC grains  
of type A+B

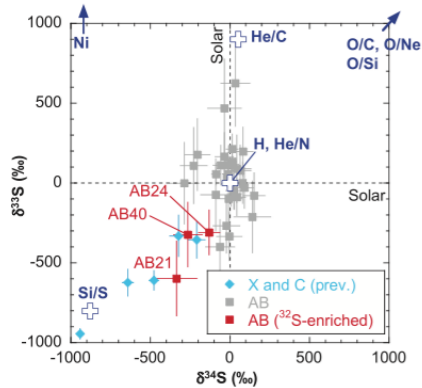


**Figure 2.** Sulfur-isotopic compositions of 34 SiC AB grains. Three grains (AB21, 24 and 40) show large  $^{32}\text{S}$  excesses of  $>100\%$ . Also shown are X and C grains with significant S isotope anomalies from previous studies (Gyngard et al. 2010a; Hoppe et al. 2012; Xu et al. 2012). The predicted S-isotopic compositions of the different zones in a  $15 M_{\odot}$  SN II (Rauscher et al. 2002) are shown by crosses and arrows for comparison.

# i process signature in AB SiC grains

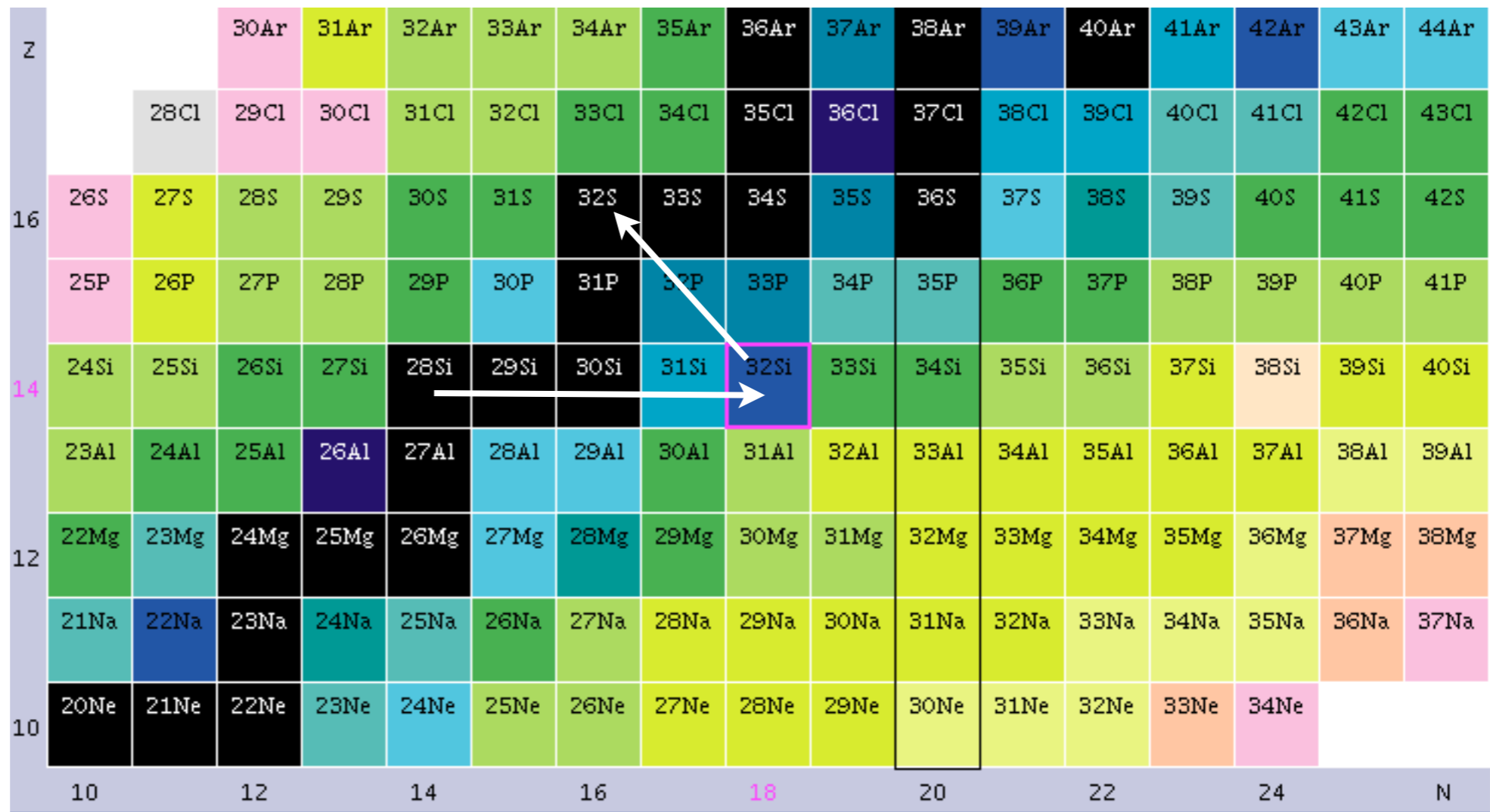
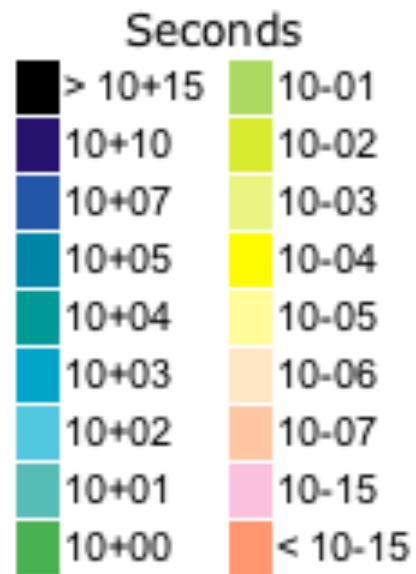
## SiC grains of type AB

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Nuclear network flux at i process  
neutron densities of  $N_n \sim 10^{15} \text{cm}^{-3}$



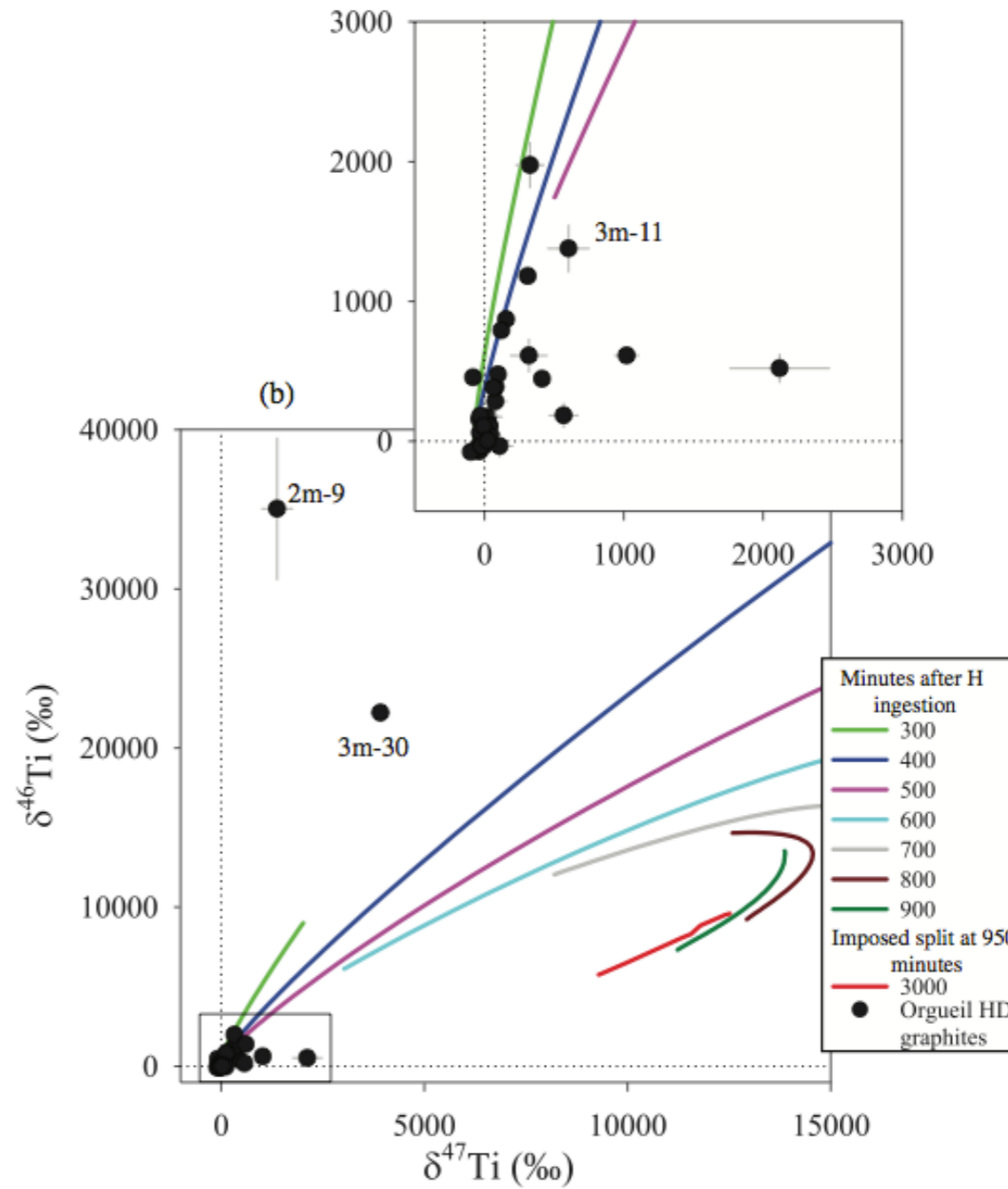
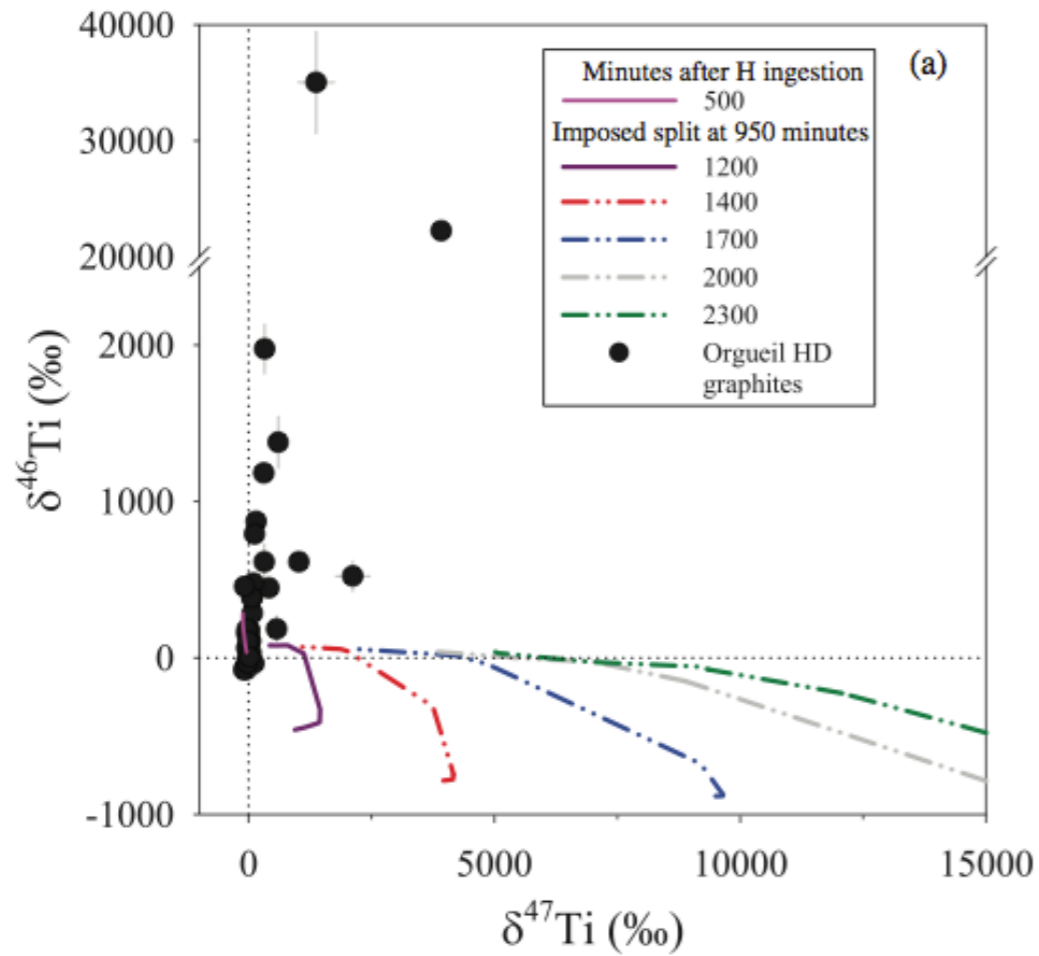
Ground and isomeric state information for  $^{32}_{14}\text{Si}$

E(level) (MeV)	J <sub>n</sub>	Δ(MeV)	T <sub>1/2</sub>	Decay Modes
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# $^{46}\text{Ti}$ in HD pre-solar graphite grains

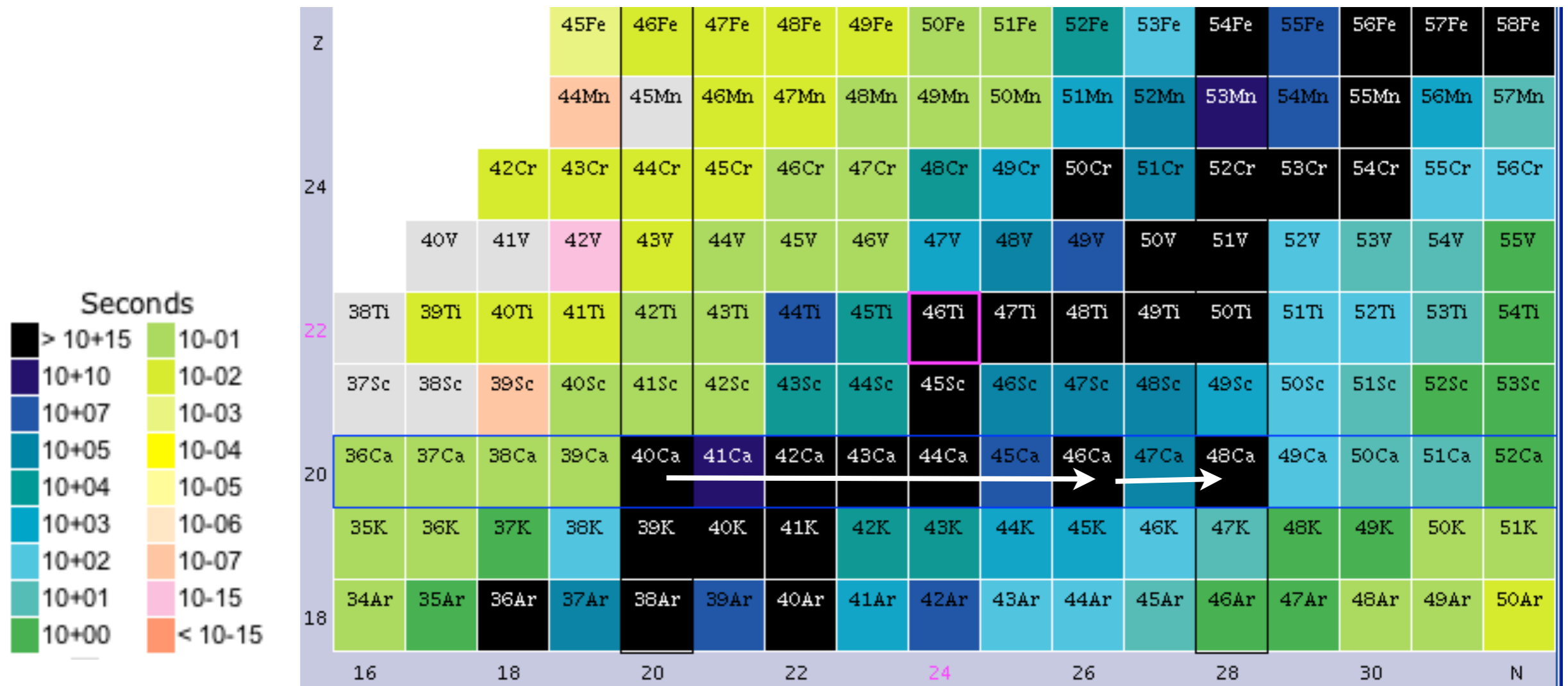
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comparison with Ti model prediction



# i process signature in pre-solar grains

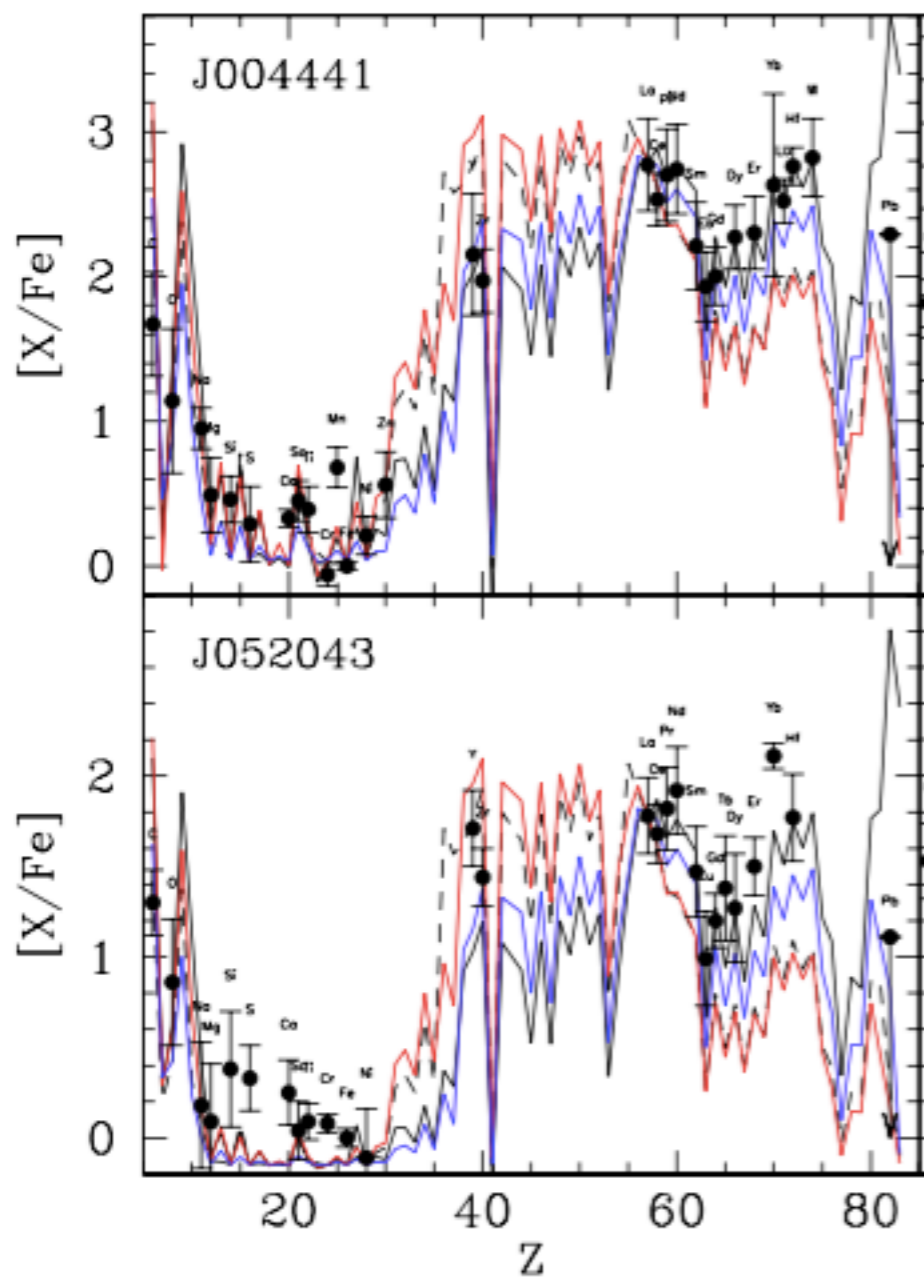
- ▶ isobaric interference explains Ti anomalies in A+B Sic grains (Jadhav+ 13)
- ▶ i process source of  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  in the universe?





# i process in pAGB stars

## s-process models

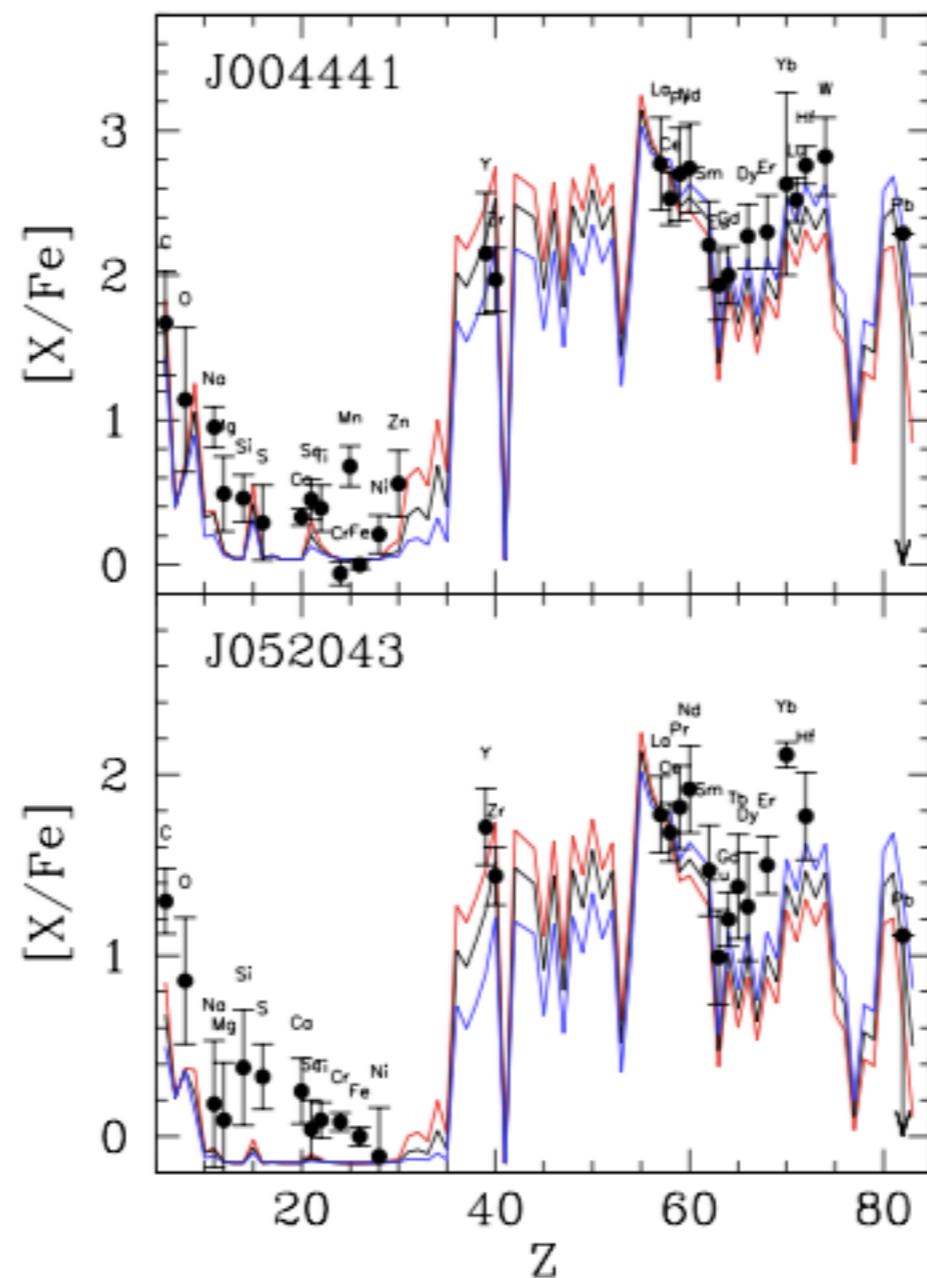


Lugaro+ '15

## ▶ pAGB stars in MC

- s process predicts too much Pb
- only high n-density exposure (i process) can marginally match data
- i process common in low-mass AGB stars for  $[Fe/H]$

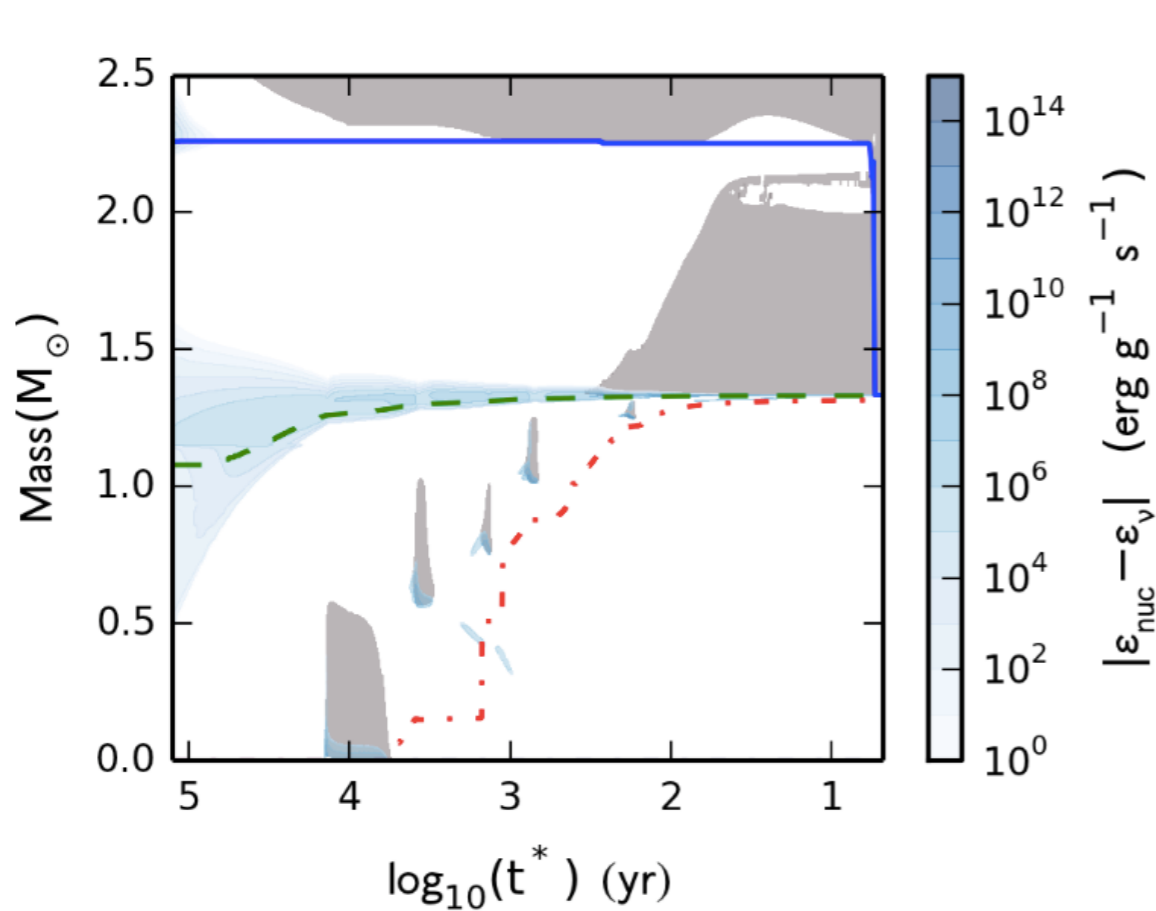
## s- + i-process models



# Other possible i-process sites: H-ingestion in low-Z super-AGB star models

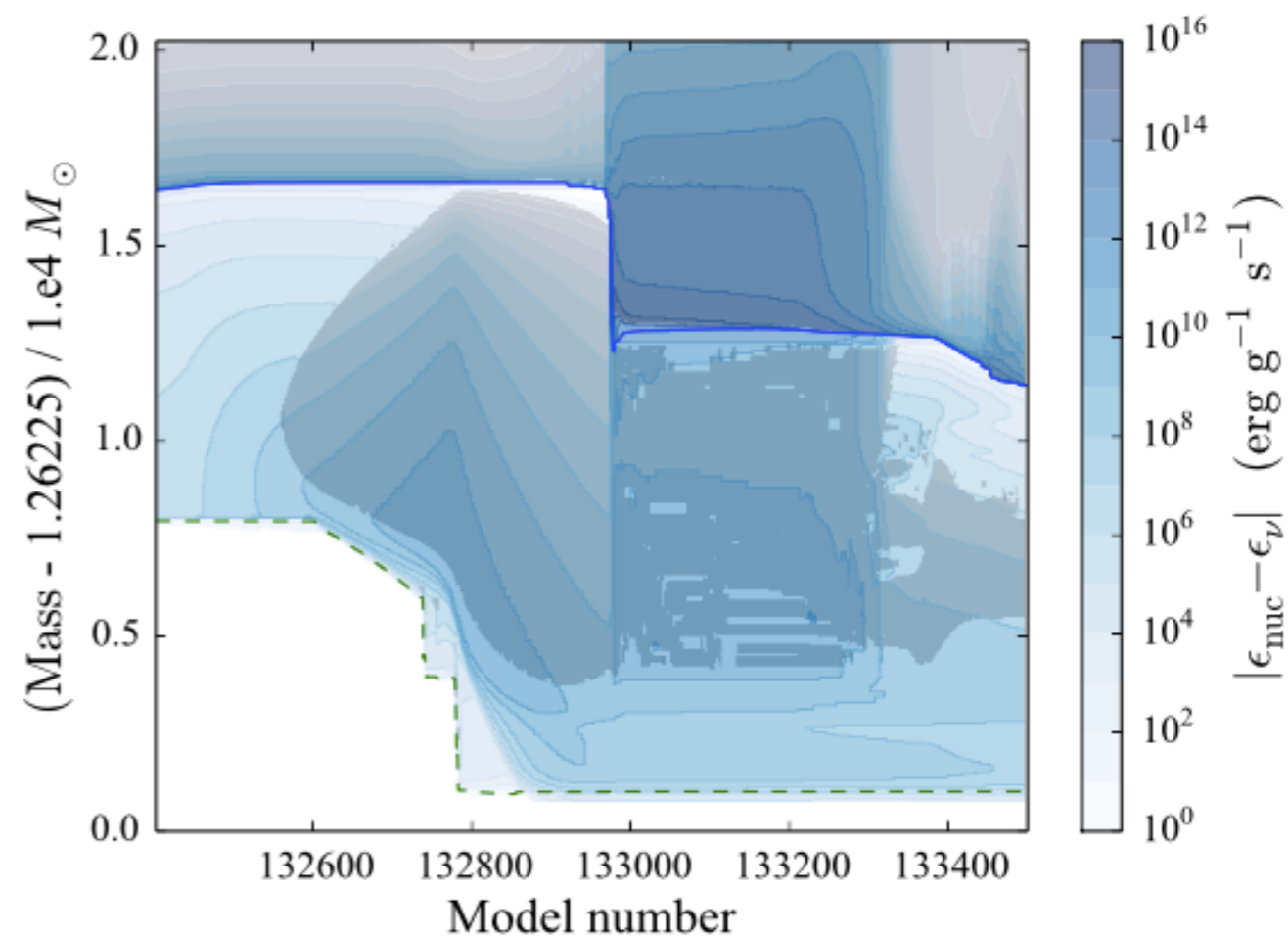
“dredge-out” before thermal pulse phase

hot dredge-up with H-mixing into still live He-shell flash convection zone



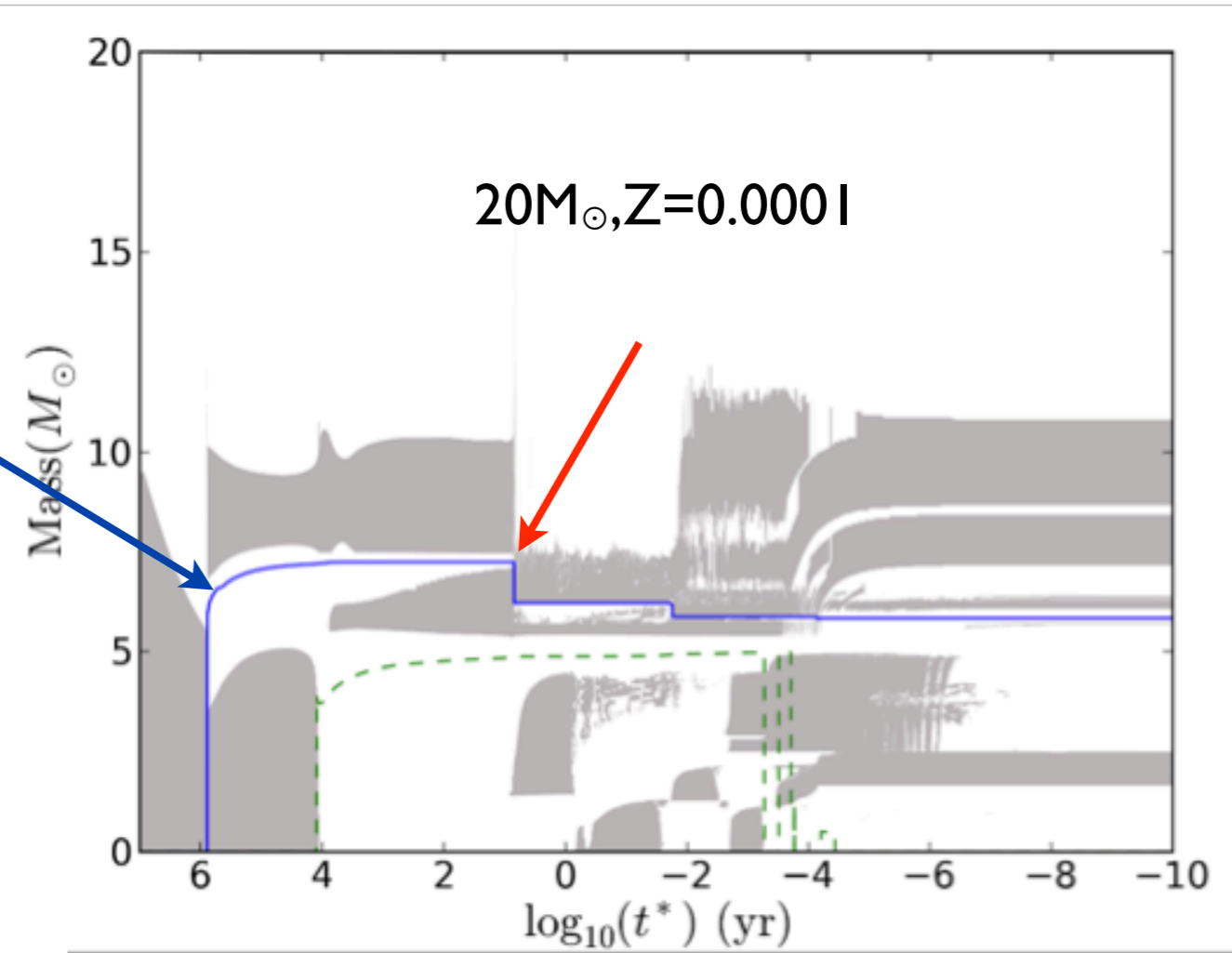
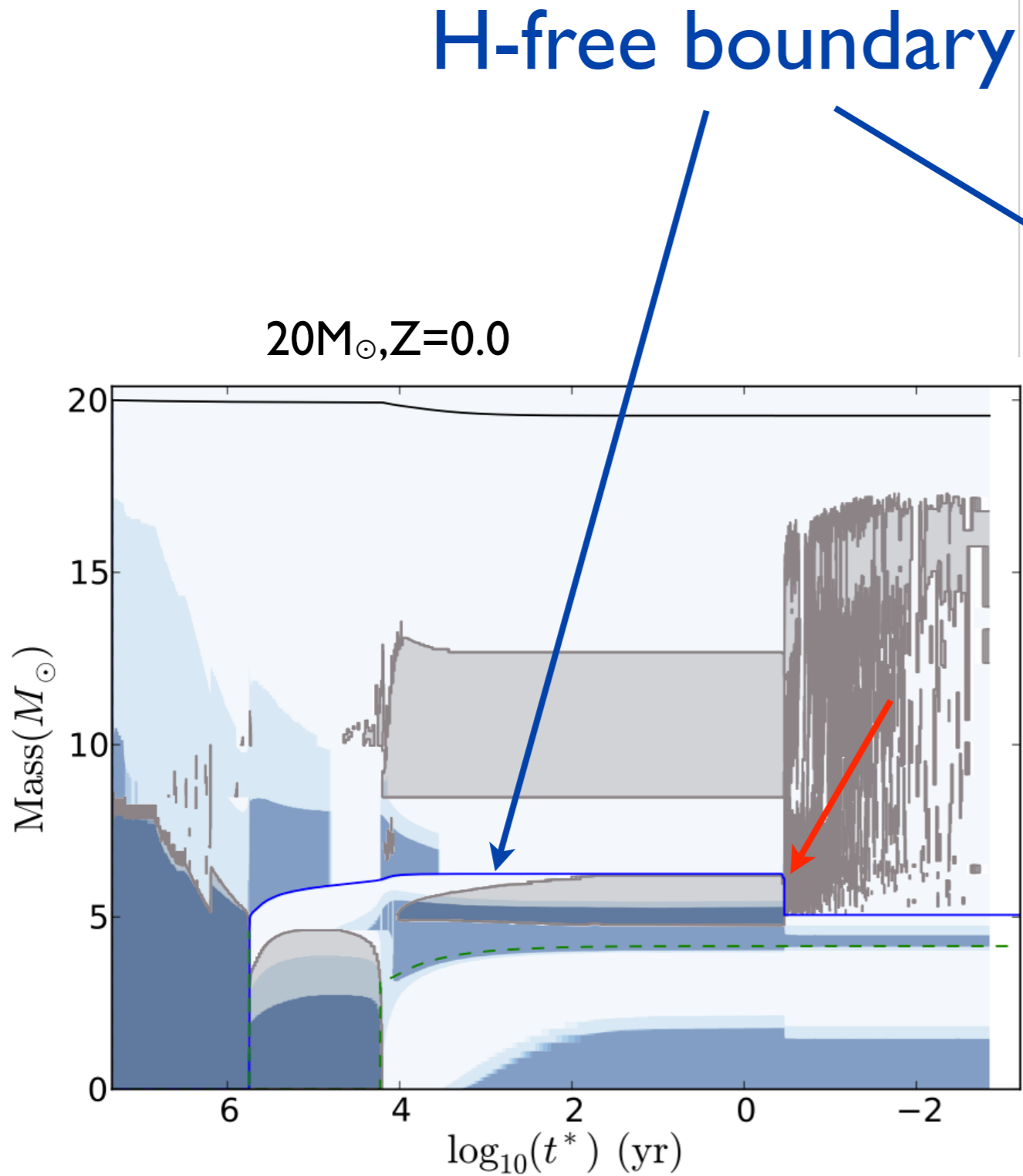
7.5  $M_{\text{sun}}$   $Z=0.001$

- depends on convective boundary mixing efficiency
- $\epsilon_{\text{nuc}} \times t_{\text{conv}} / E_{\text{int}} \sim 1$
- hydro needed



7  $M_{\text{sun}}$ , metallicity  $Z = 10^{-4}$   
 $f_{\text{env}} = 0.014$  and  $f_{\text{PDCZ}} = 0.014$

Jones+ 16, MNRAS



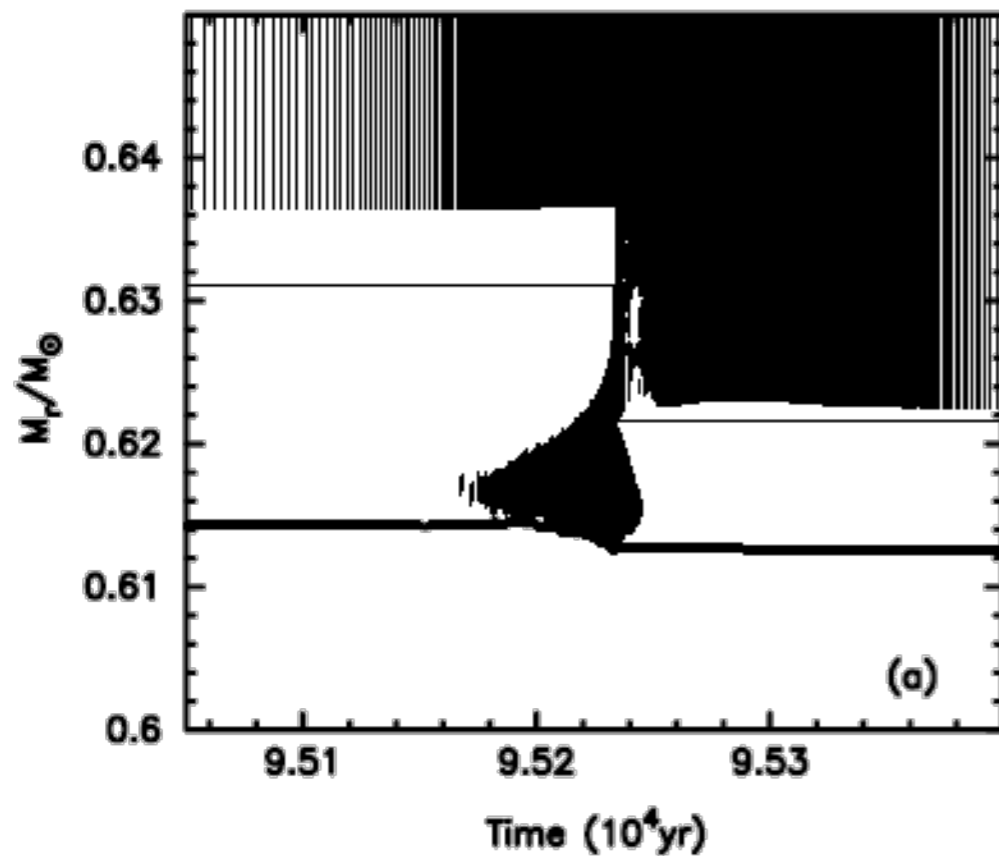
Ritter+ 17  
Banerjee+ 18

# Low-mass AGB stars

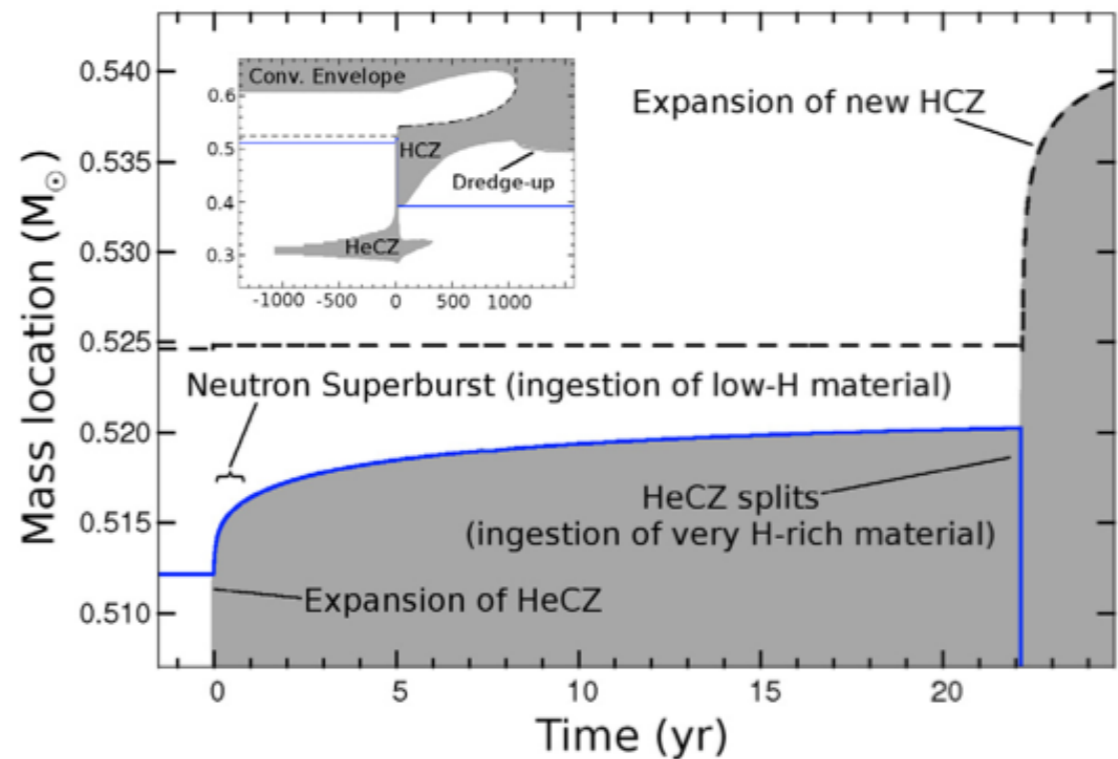
- Convective-reactive H-ingestion has been studied for a long time in 1D stellar evolution

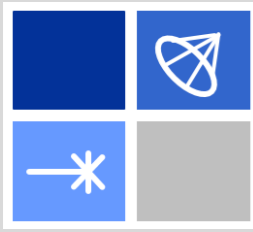
Fujimoto et al. (1990), Hollowell et al. (1990), Iwamoto et al (2004), Fujimoto et al (2000), Herwig (2002), Chieffi et al (2001), Weiss et al. (2004), Schlattl et al (2001), Picardie et al (2004), Suda et al (2004) ... Campbell et al. Lau et al., Cruz et al. (2013)

Iwamoto et al (2004):



Campbell, Lugaro & Karakas (2013)



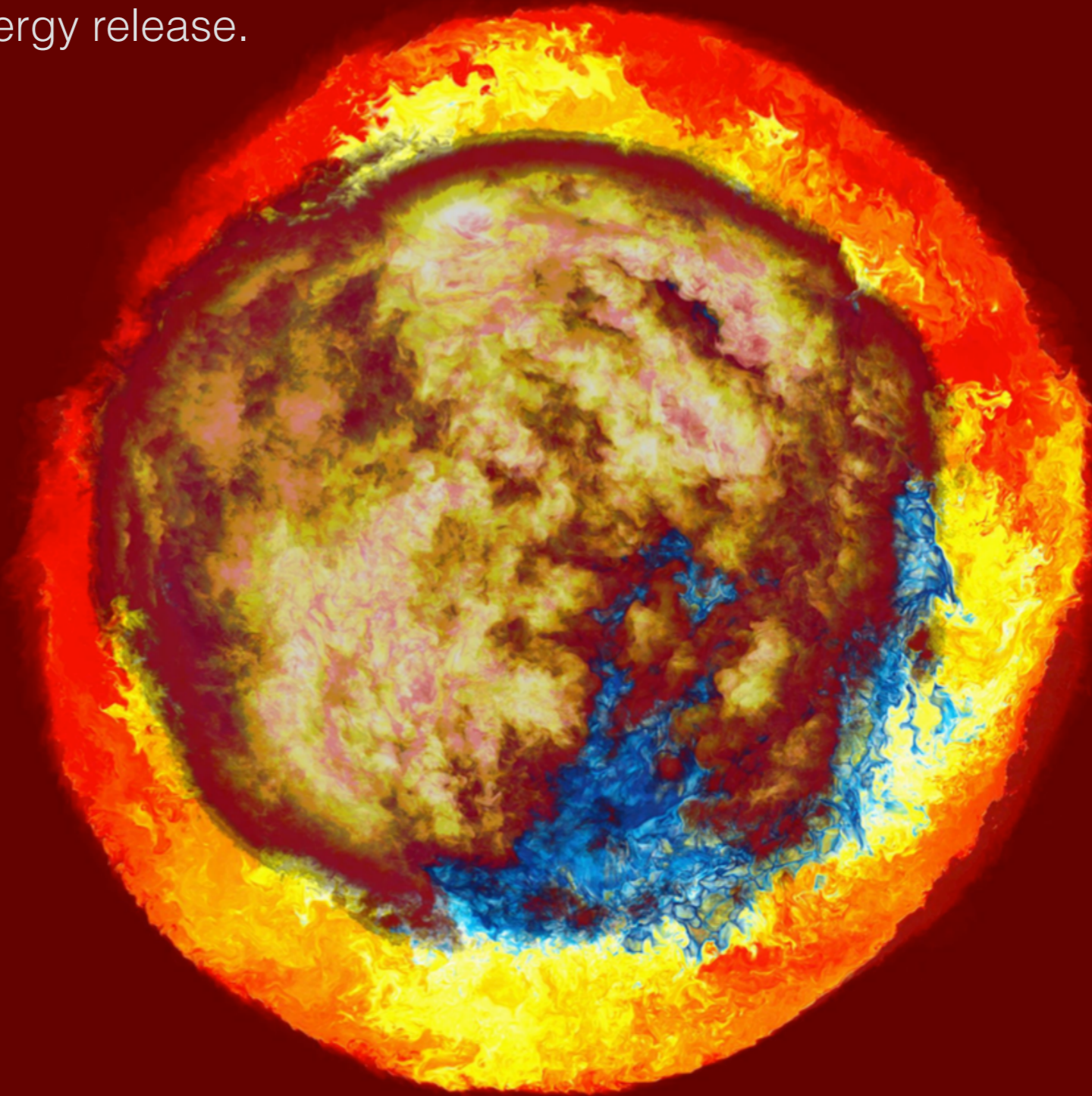


# Low-Z AGB H-ingestion into He-shell flash

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

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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