

When binaries keep track of recent nucleosynthesis

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AGB Stars: an introduction

Why are AGB stars important?

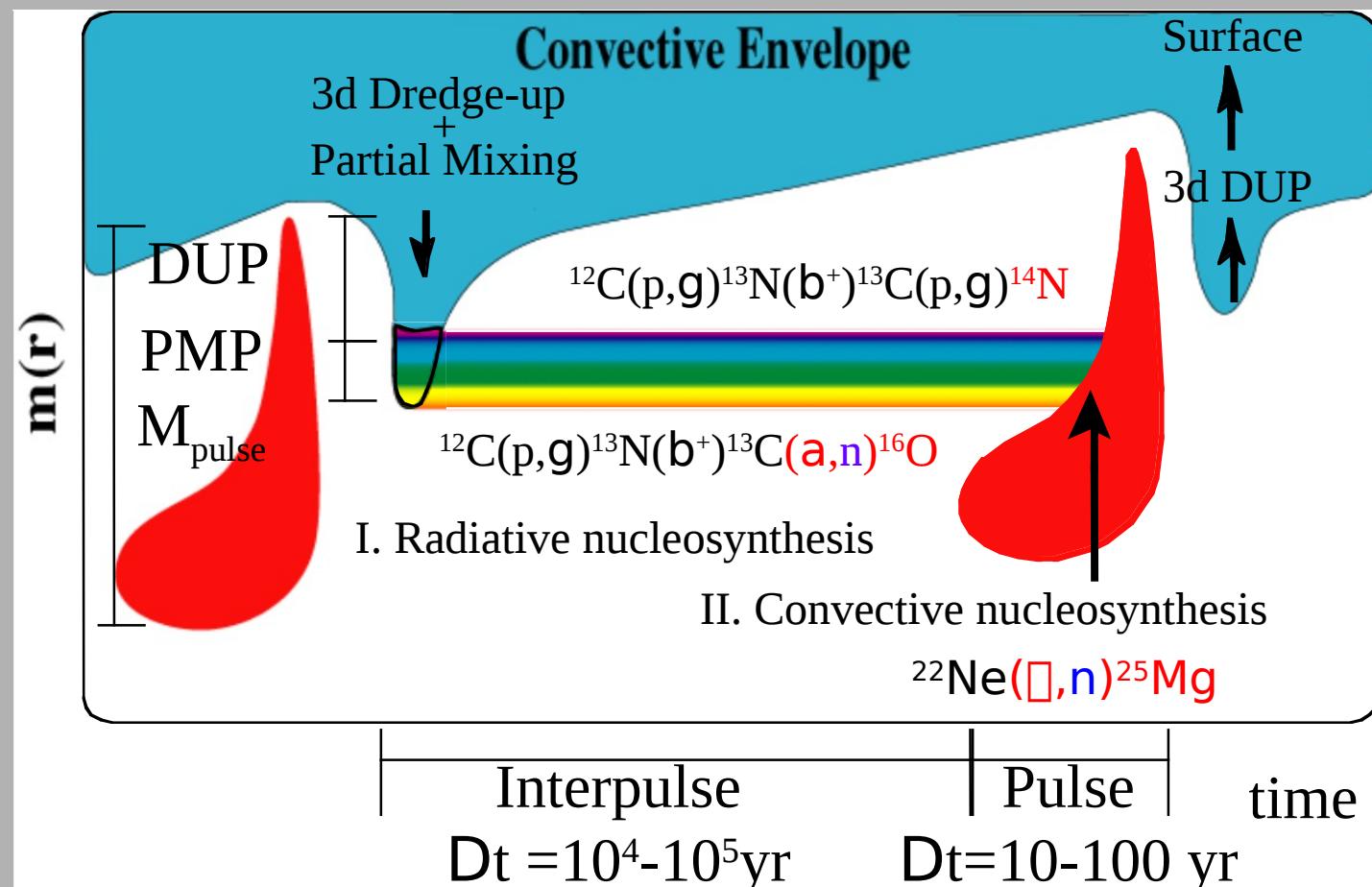
- Evolutionary stage
- Heavy-element nucleosynthesis (s-process)
- Contribution to galactic chemical evolution

s-process neutron source

→ $^{12}\text{C} (\text{p}, \gamma)^{13}\text{N} (\beta) ^{13}\text{C} (\alpha, \text{n}) ^{16}\text{O}$ [^{13}C pocket]

(low mass (1- 3 M_\odot)AGB stars $T = 0.9 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$)

→ $^{22}\text{Ne} (\alpha, \text{n}) ^{25}\text{Mg}$
(For AGB stars with masses > 4 M_\odot , $T > 3.5 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$)



Credit: S . Goriely and S. Van Eck

The sample: Extrinsic stars

- 9 extrinsic S-stars (Neyskens, Van Eck et al. 2015, Nature, 517, 174-176)
- 20 highly-enriched barium stars

observed using HERMES spectrograph mounted on the 1.2m Mercator telescope (KULeuven)

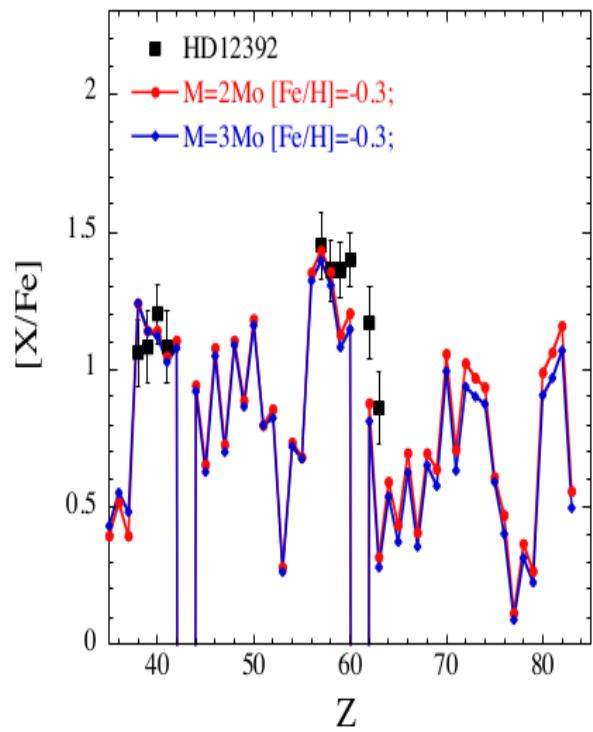
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Wavelength coverage: 3750 – 9000 Å.

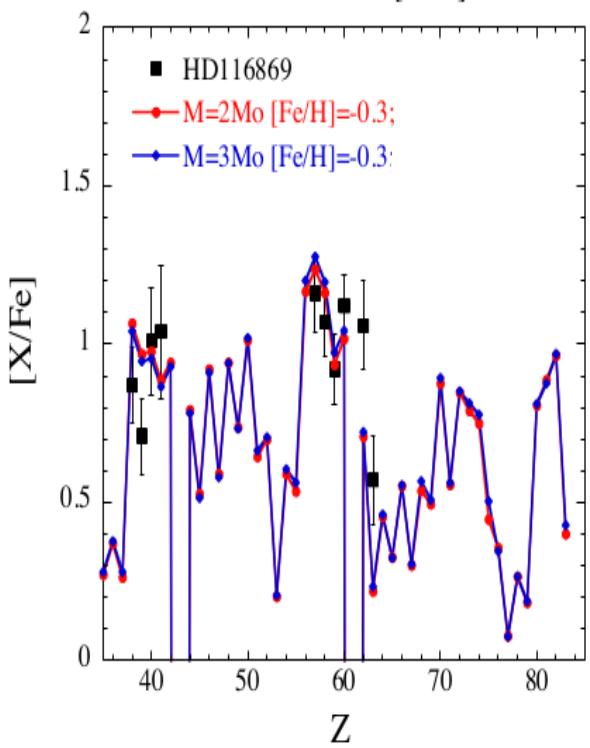
Parameter and abundance determination

- MARCS model atmospheres
 - Parameters: using BACCHUS (Masseron et al.)
 - Abundances: using TURBOSPECTRUM radiative transfer code (Alvarez et al.)
- abundance determination of:
C, $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$, N, O, Fe, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Ba, La, Ce,
Nd, Pr, Sm, Eu
- Comparison with stellar evolution models
(STAREVOL) coupled with nucleosynthesis network (Goriely and Siess 2017)

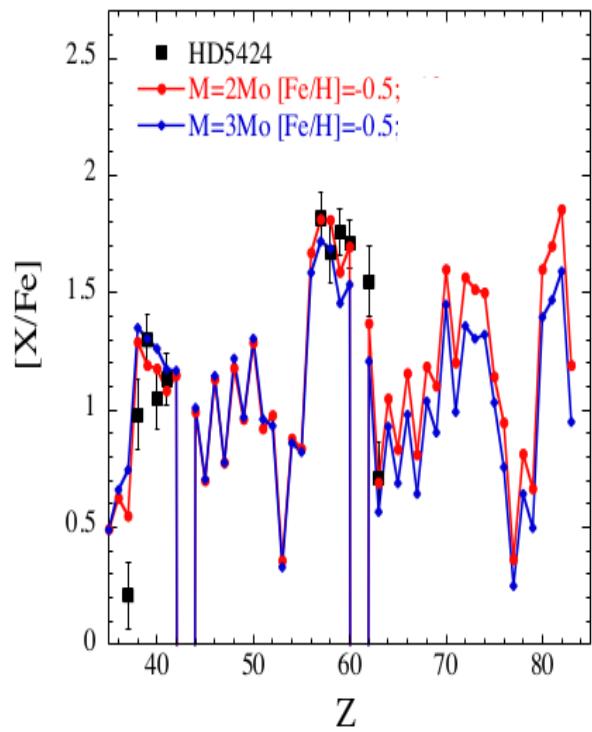
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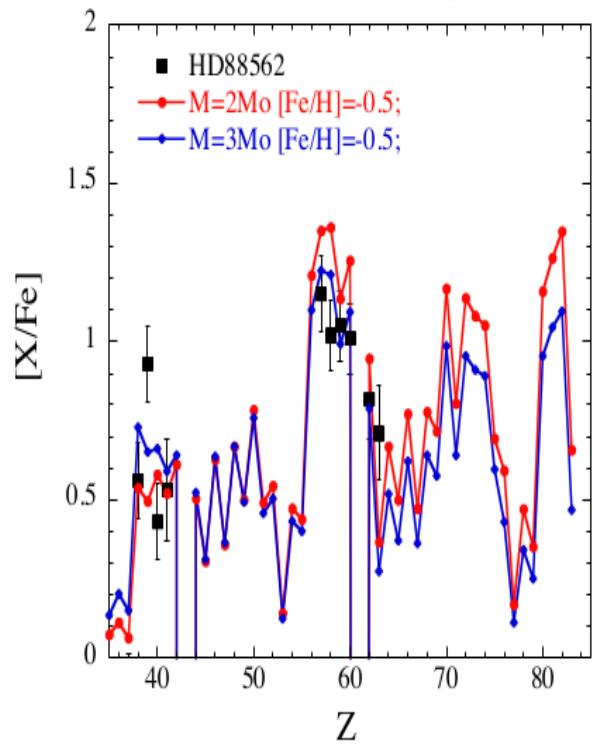
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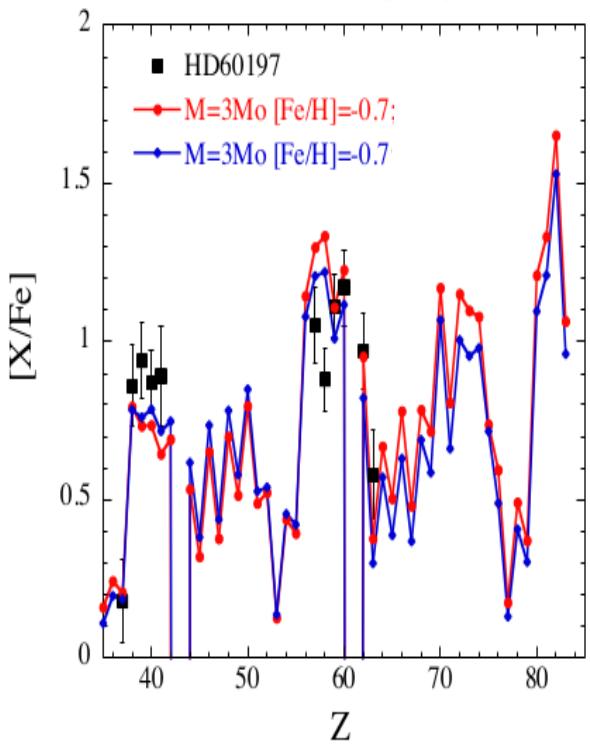
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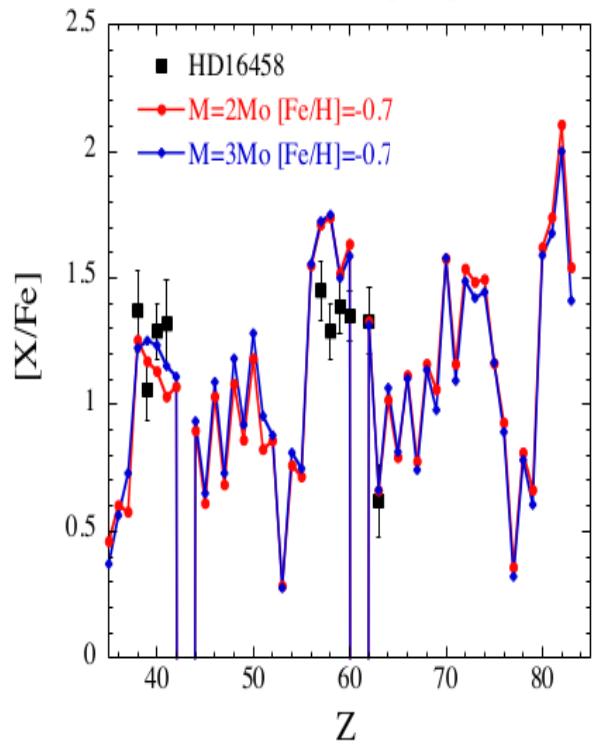
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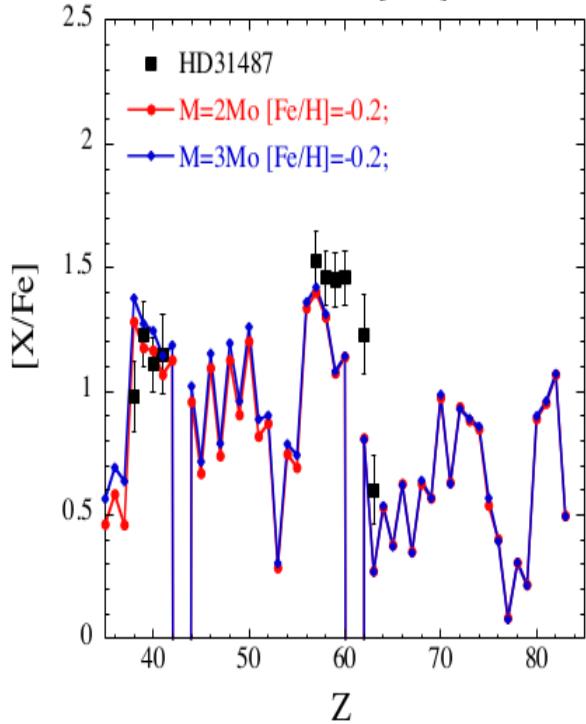
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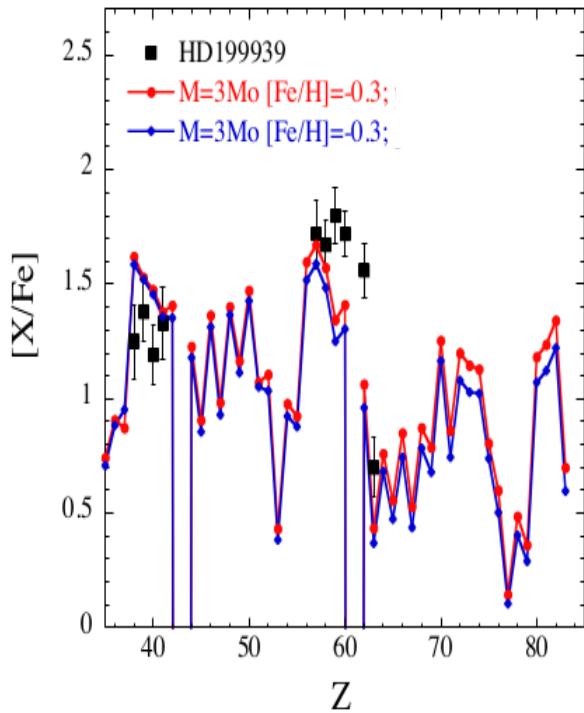
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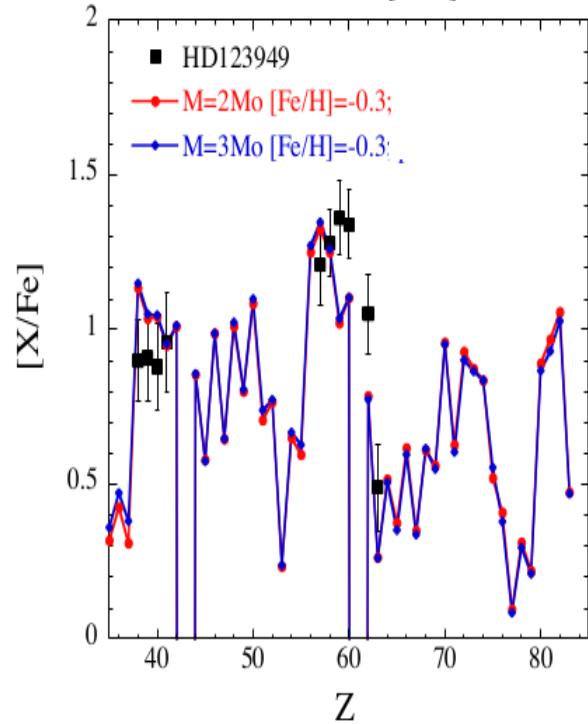
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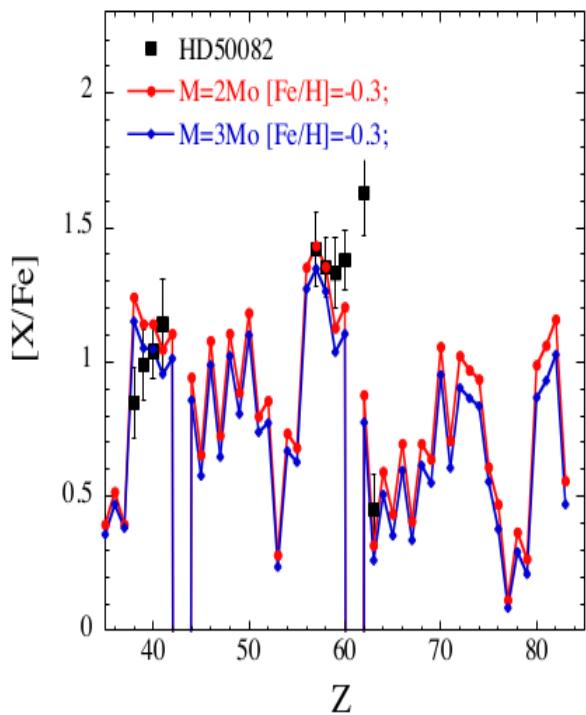
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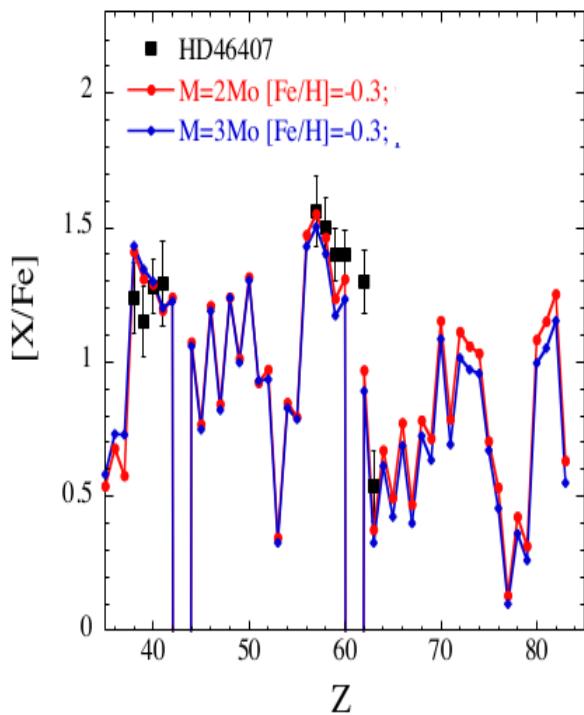
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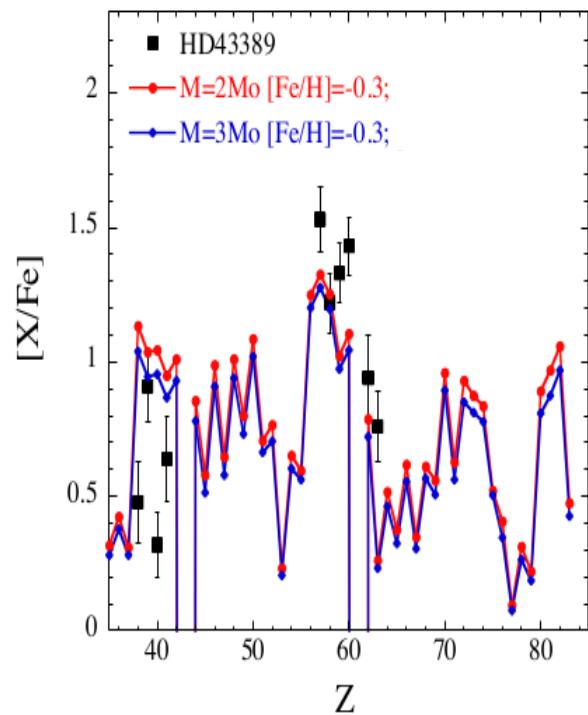
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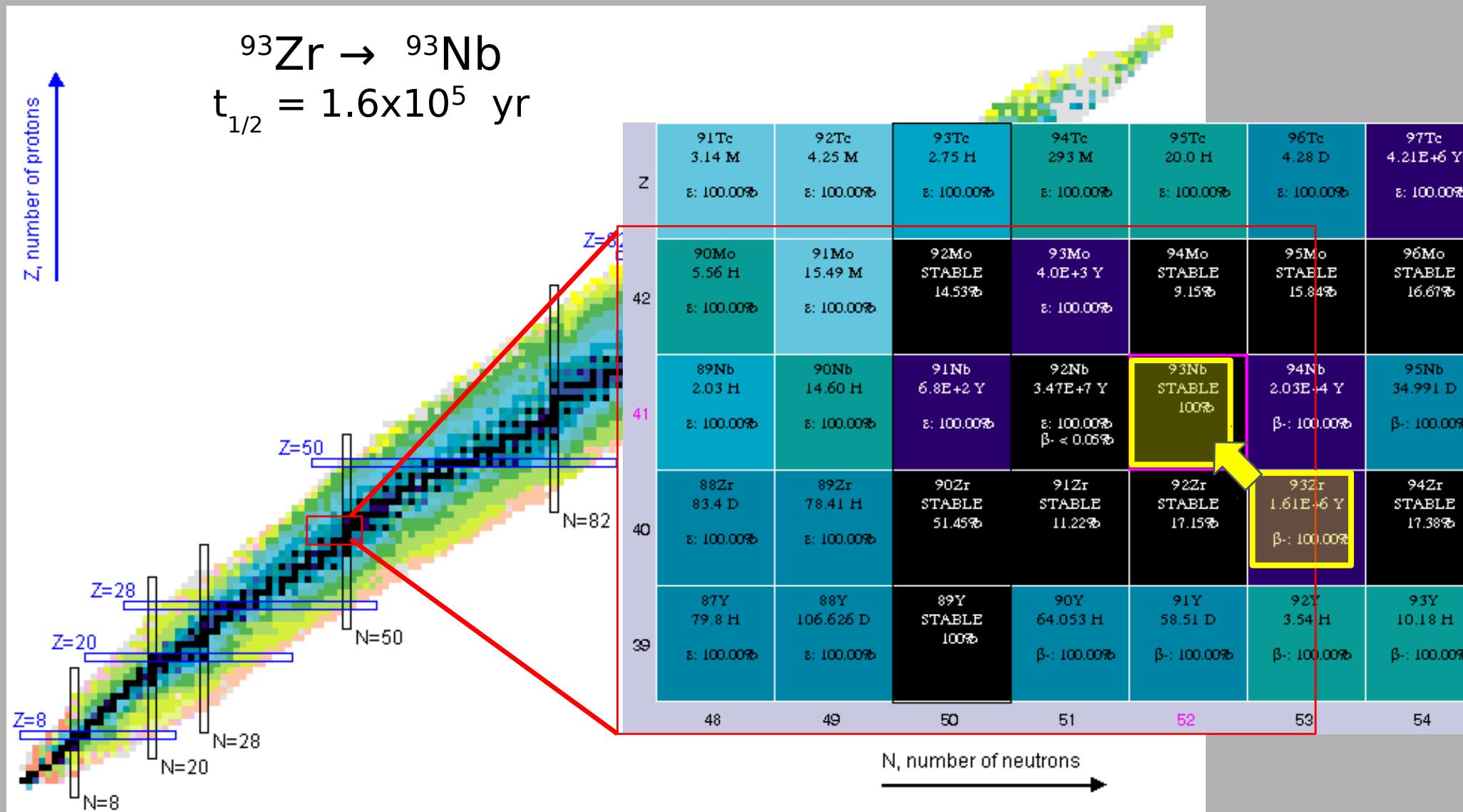
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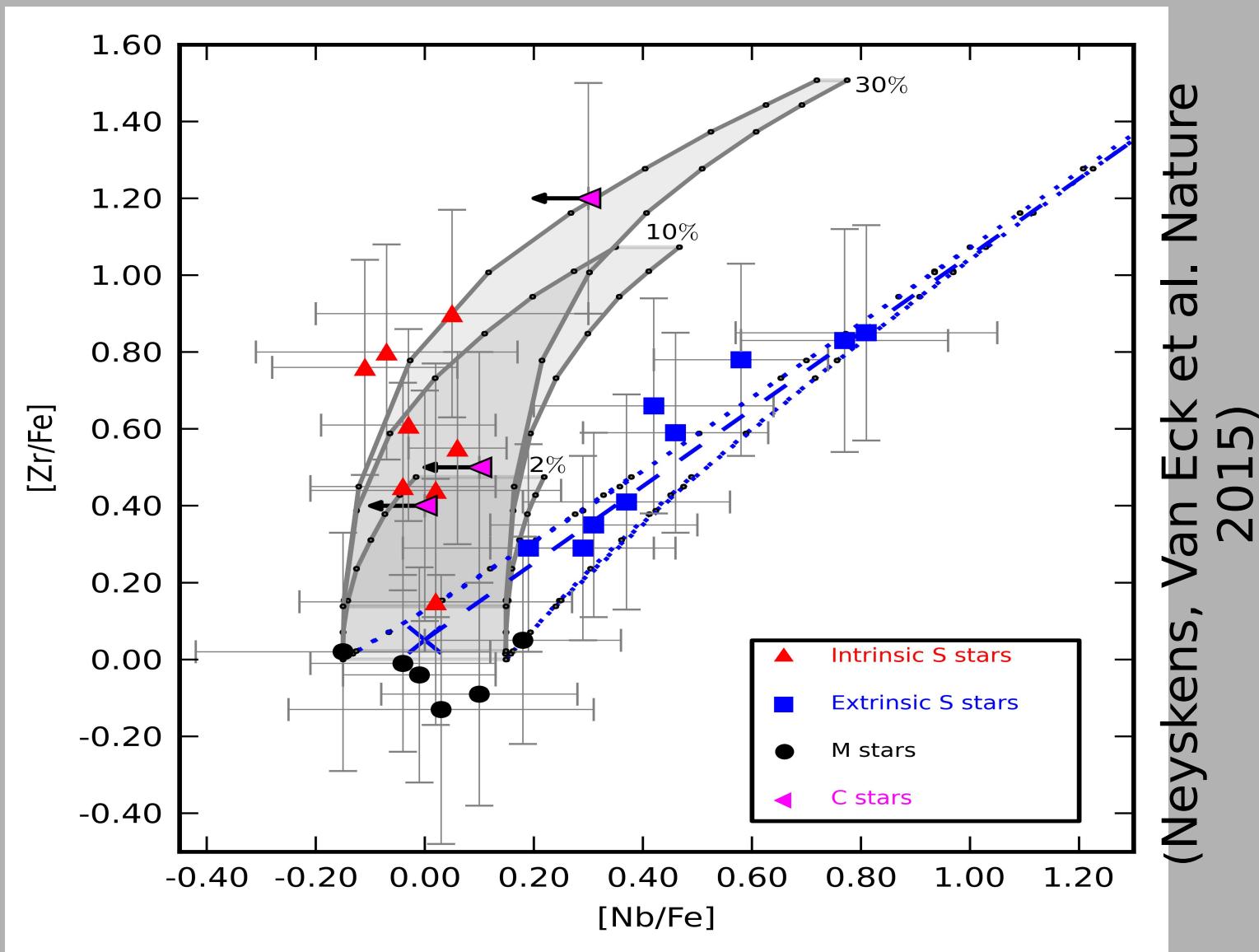
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Understanding s-process from elemental abundances

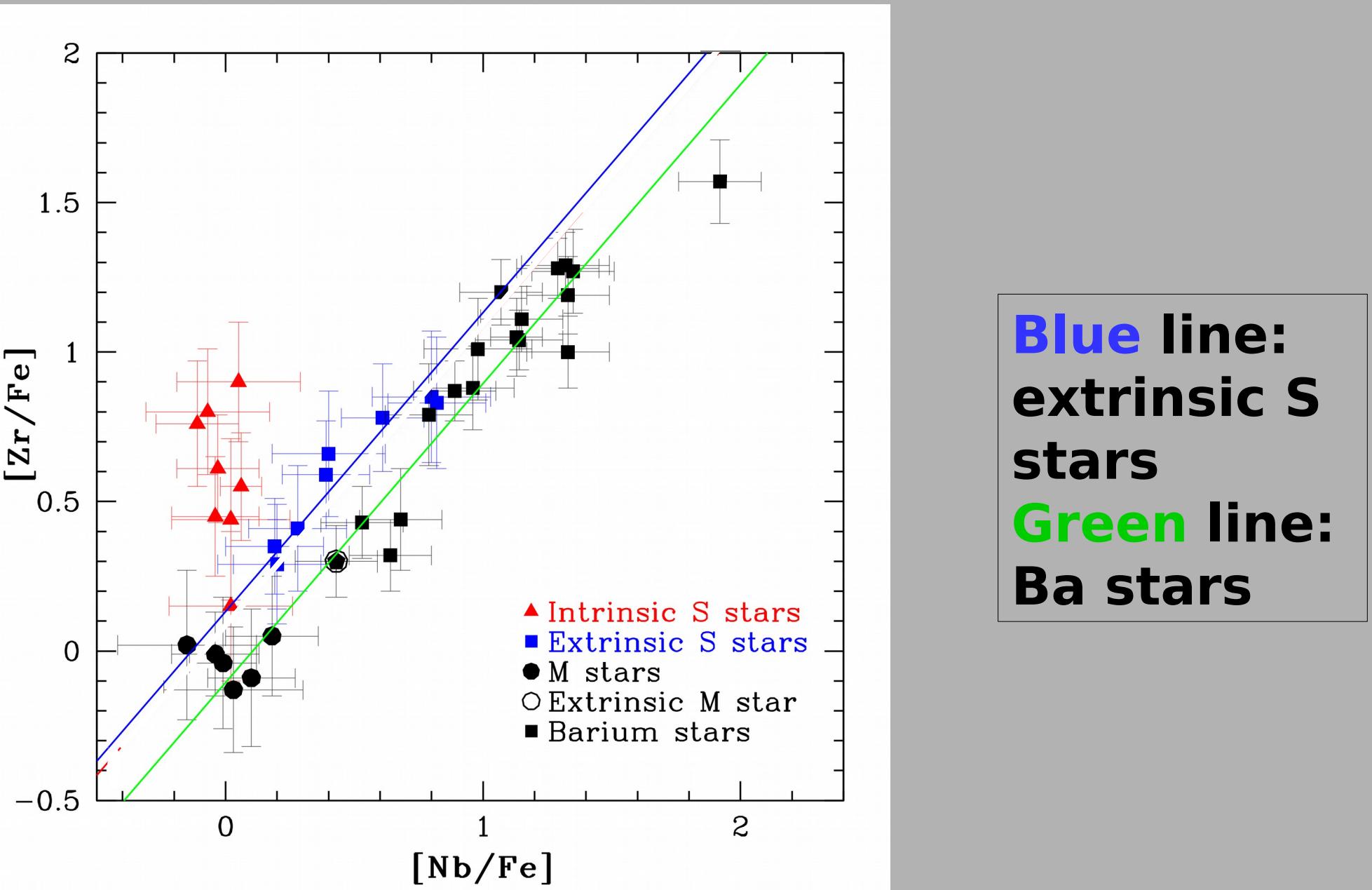


Application: S- stars

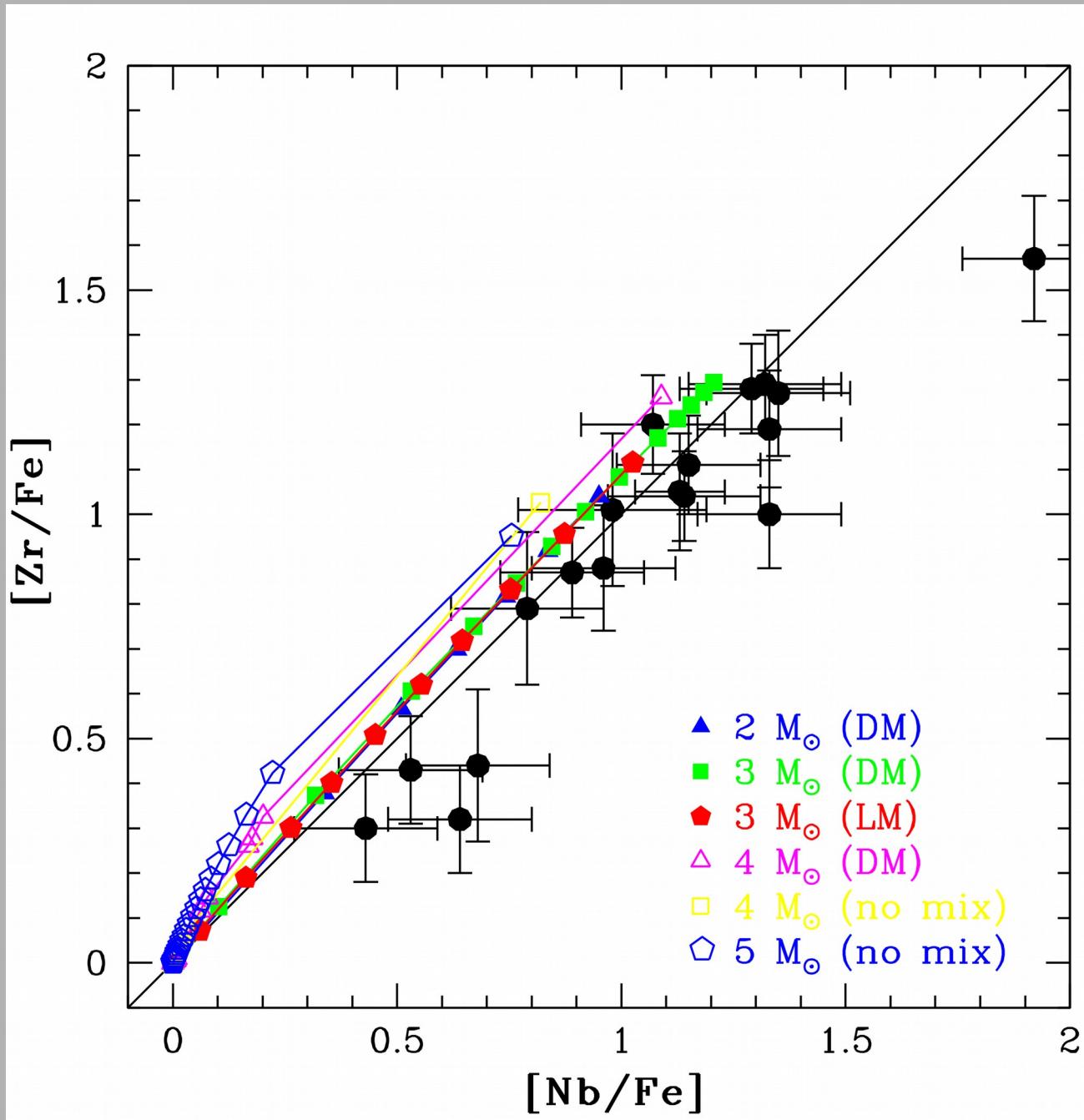


$$[Zr/Fe] = [Nb/Fe] + \log(N_s(Zr)/N_s(Nb)) - \log(N_\odot(Zr)/N_\odot(Nb))$$

Extending the sample with barium stars

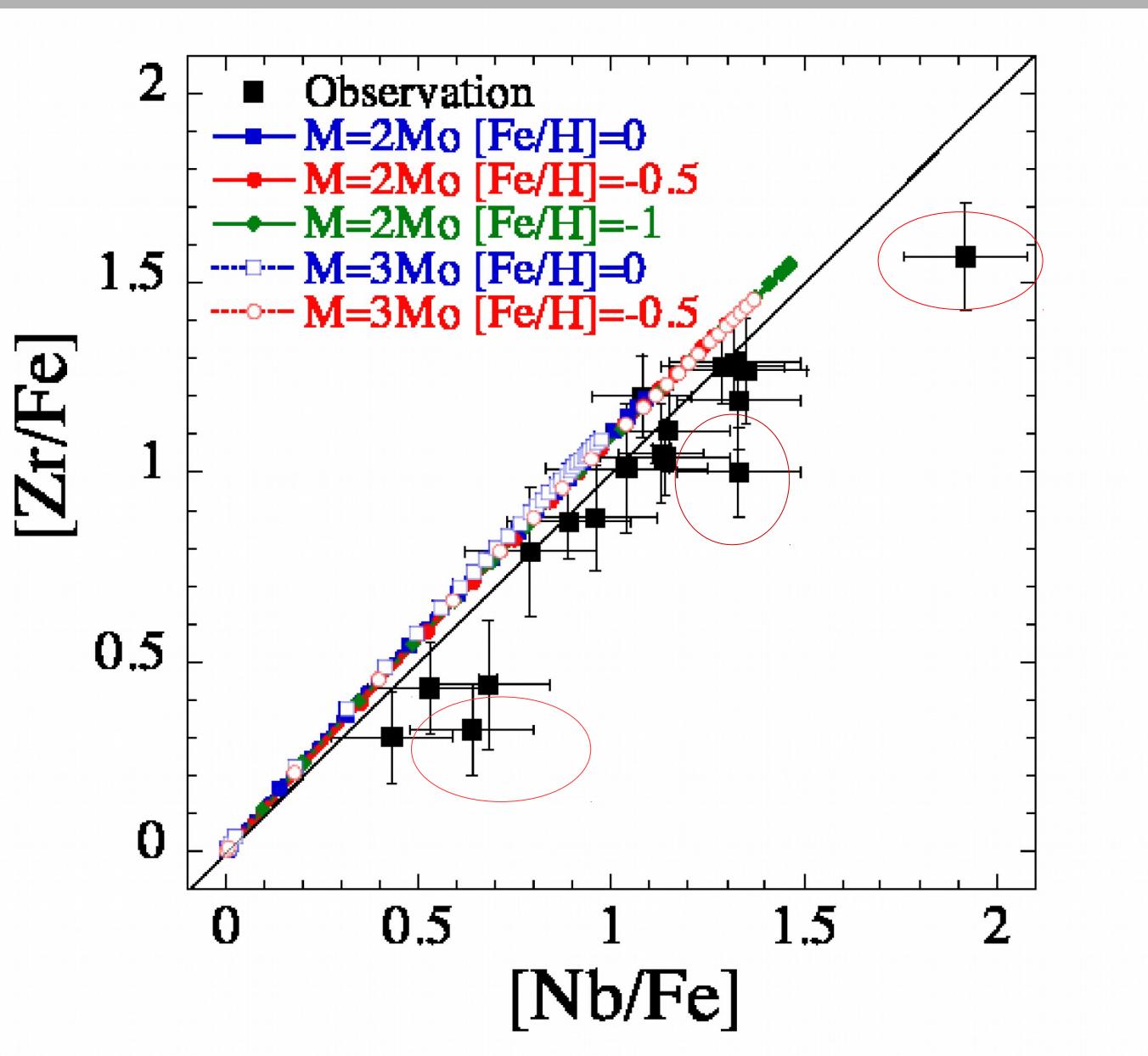


Comparison with model predictions



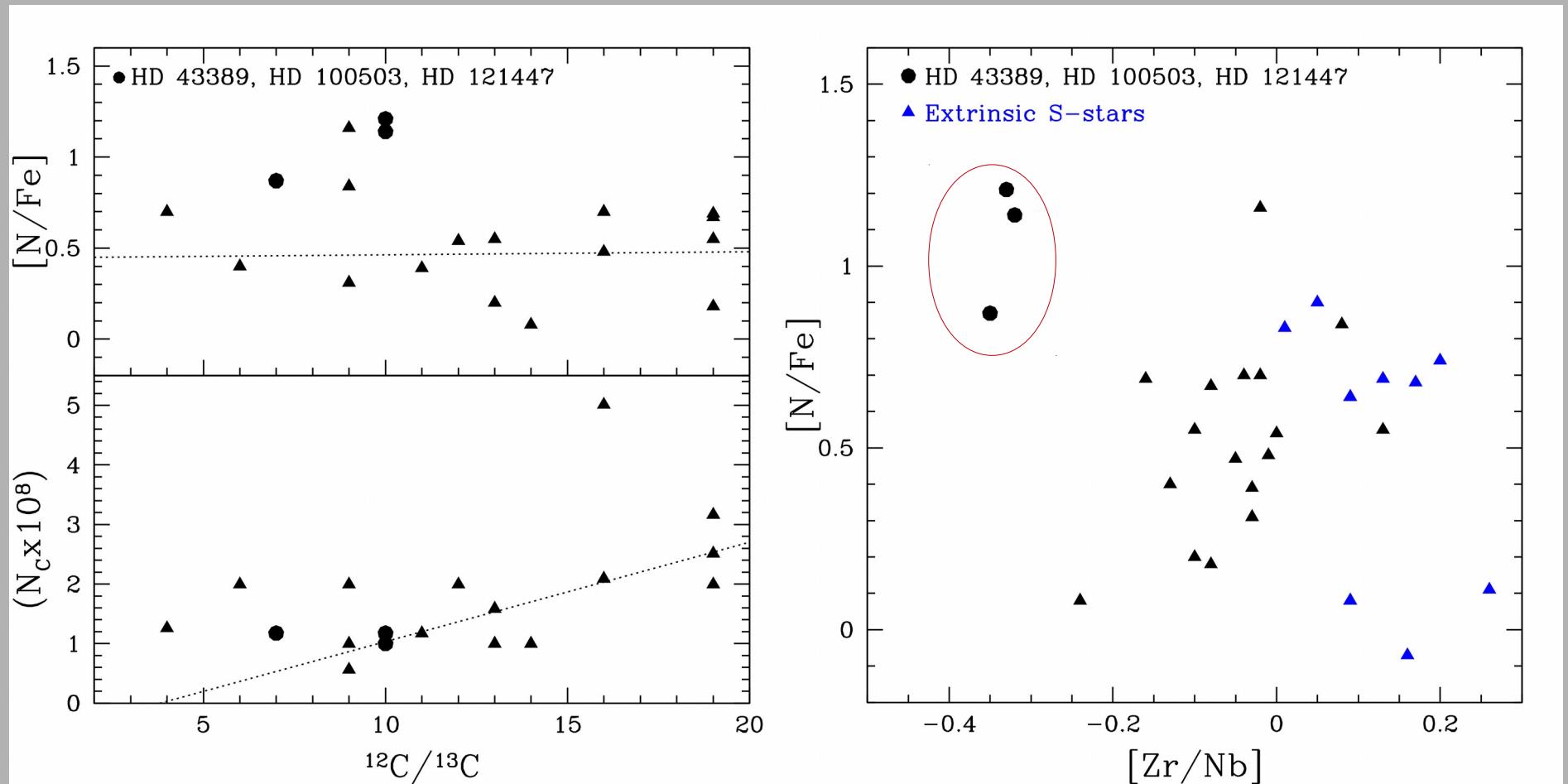
Models:
Goriely and Siess 2017

Discussion of Peculiar objects



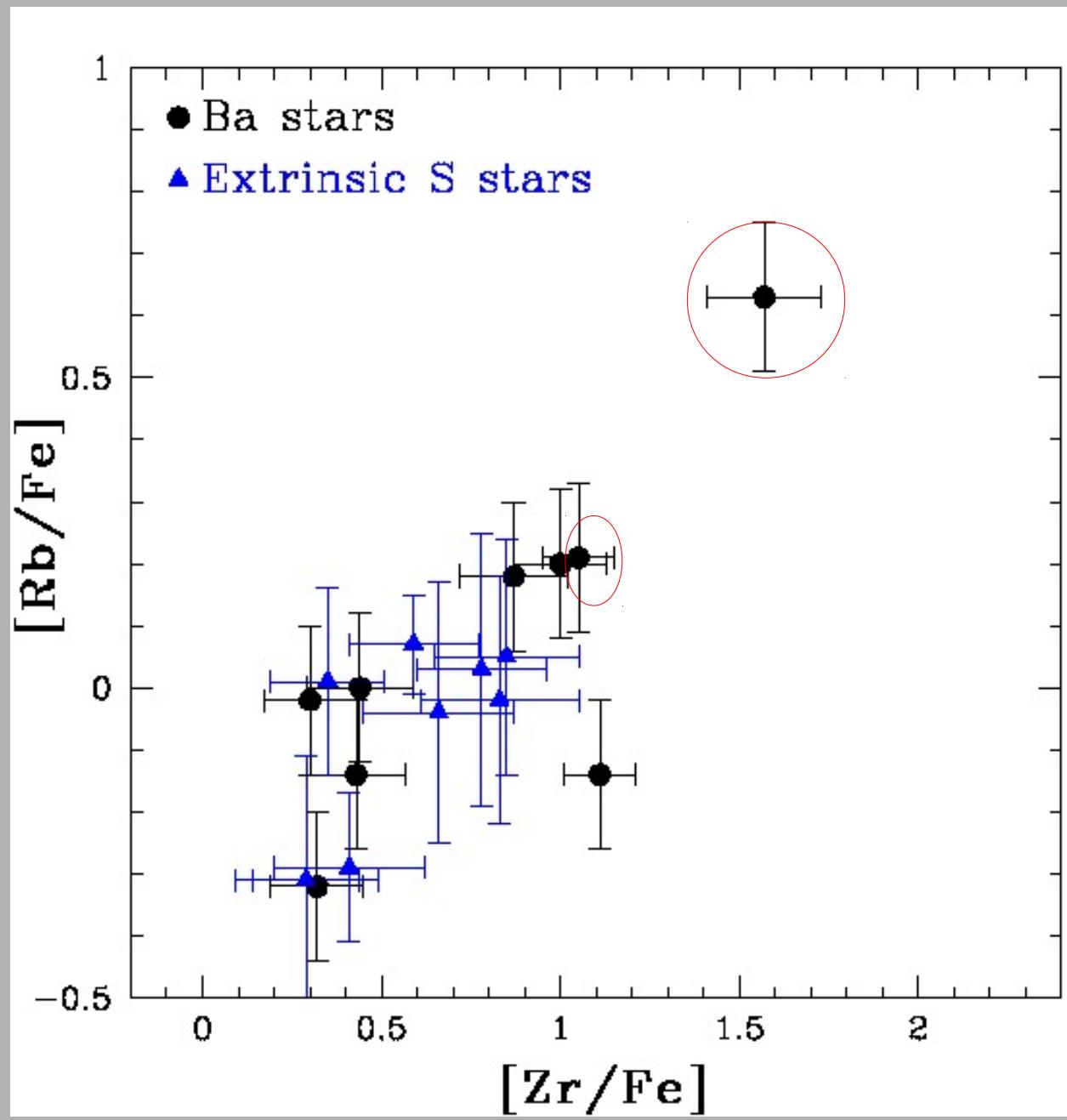
Peculiar stars

Nitrogen abundance



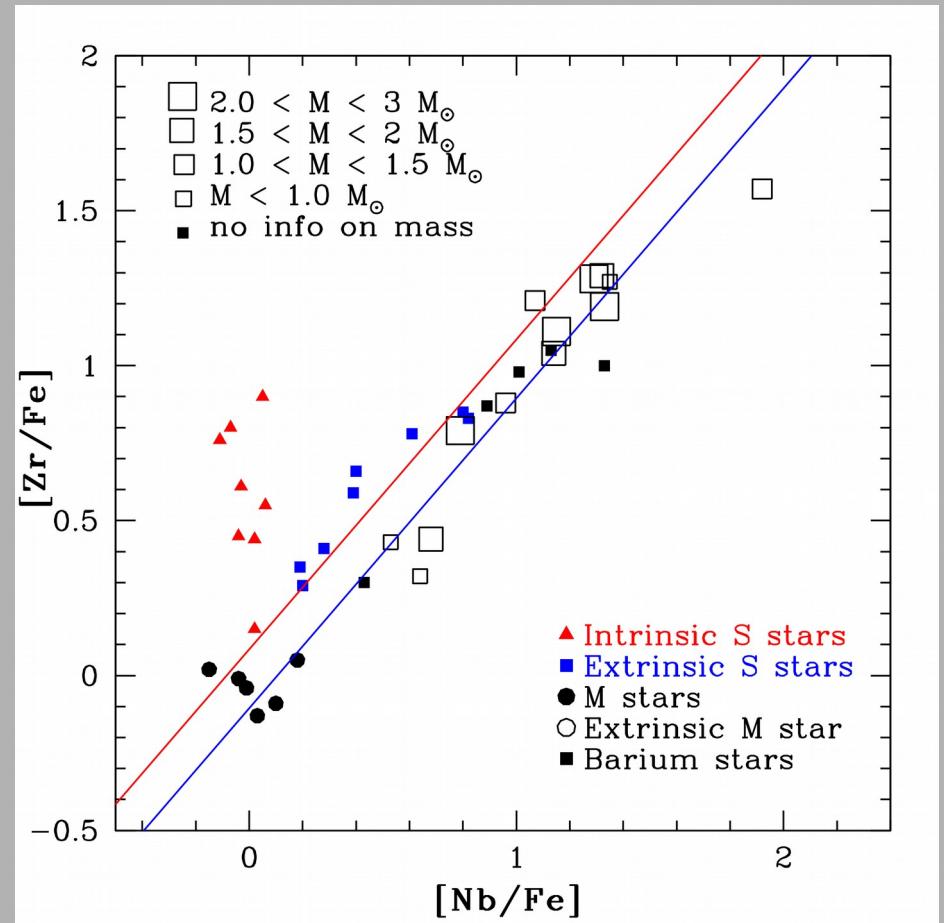
Rb abundance

- High [Rb/Fe] observed for high mass stars and it point at ^{22}Ne source.
- [Rb/Fe] larger for Ba stars compared to S stars.



The mass

- Lower limit on the donor mass is derived from the HR diagram:
STAREVOL evol. tracks;
GAIA parallaxes
- All objects are low mass with $M < 3 M_{\odot}$
- consistent with lower s-process temperatures operating in low mass stars



Conclusion

- Preliminary results indicate low neutron temperatures for the production of s-process elements in barium stars.
- Theoretical model predictions based on higher masses are in preparation

Thank you for your kind attention!!!!

