Neutron capture processes in the Early Galaxy

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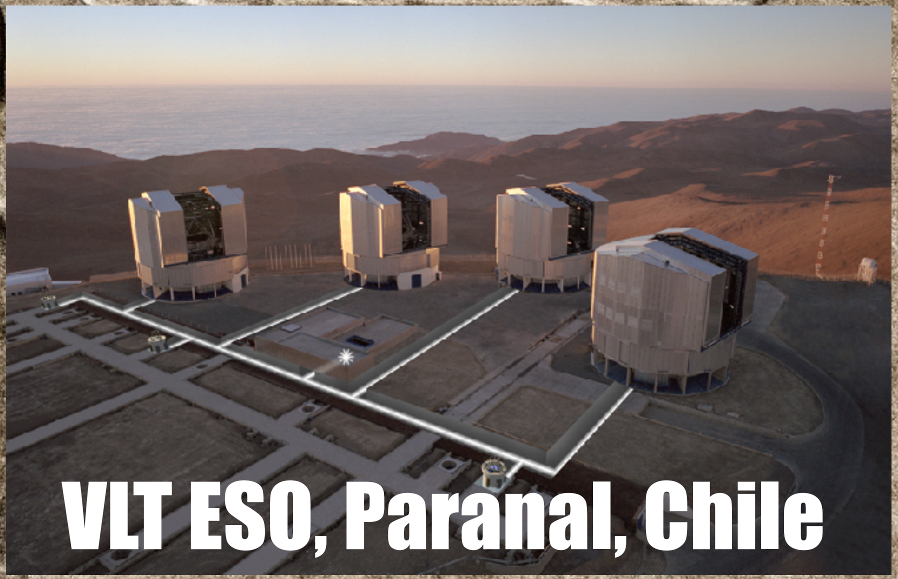
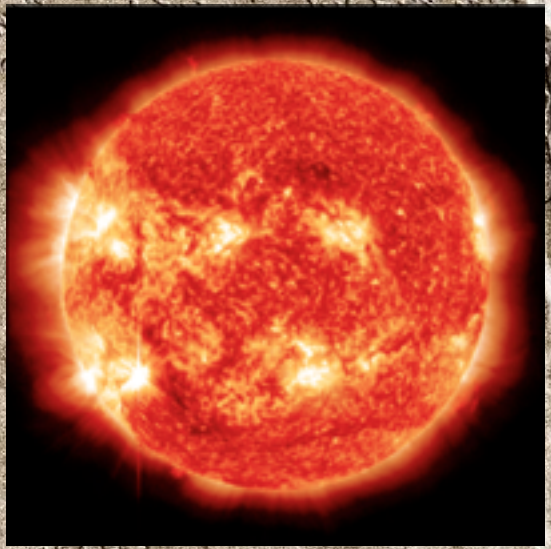
Imprints of the first stars

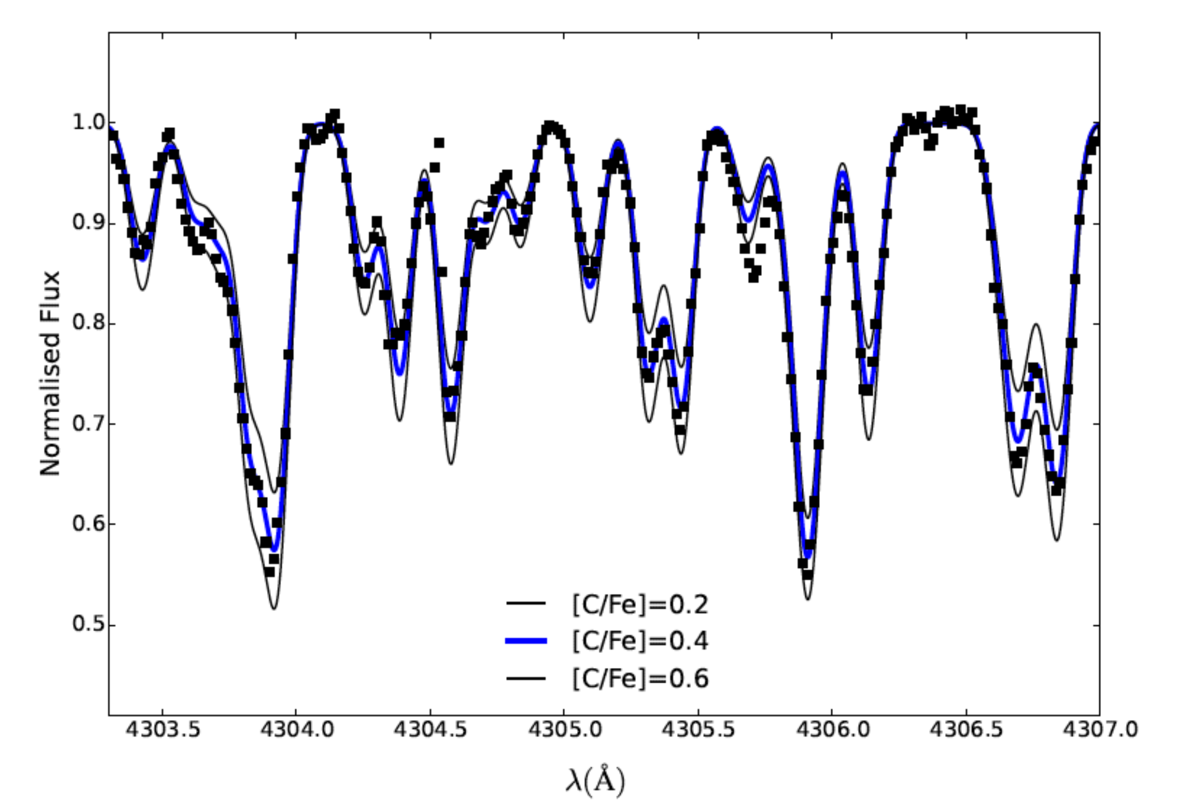
Chemical abundances in stars





High resolution spectra of stars

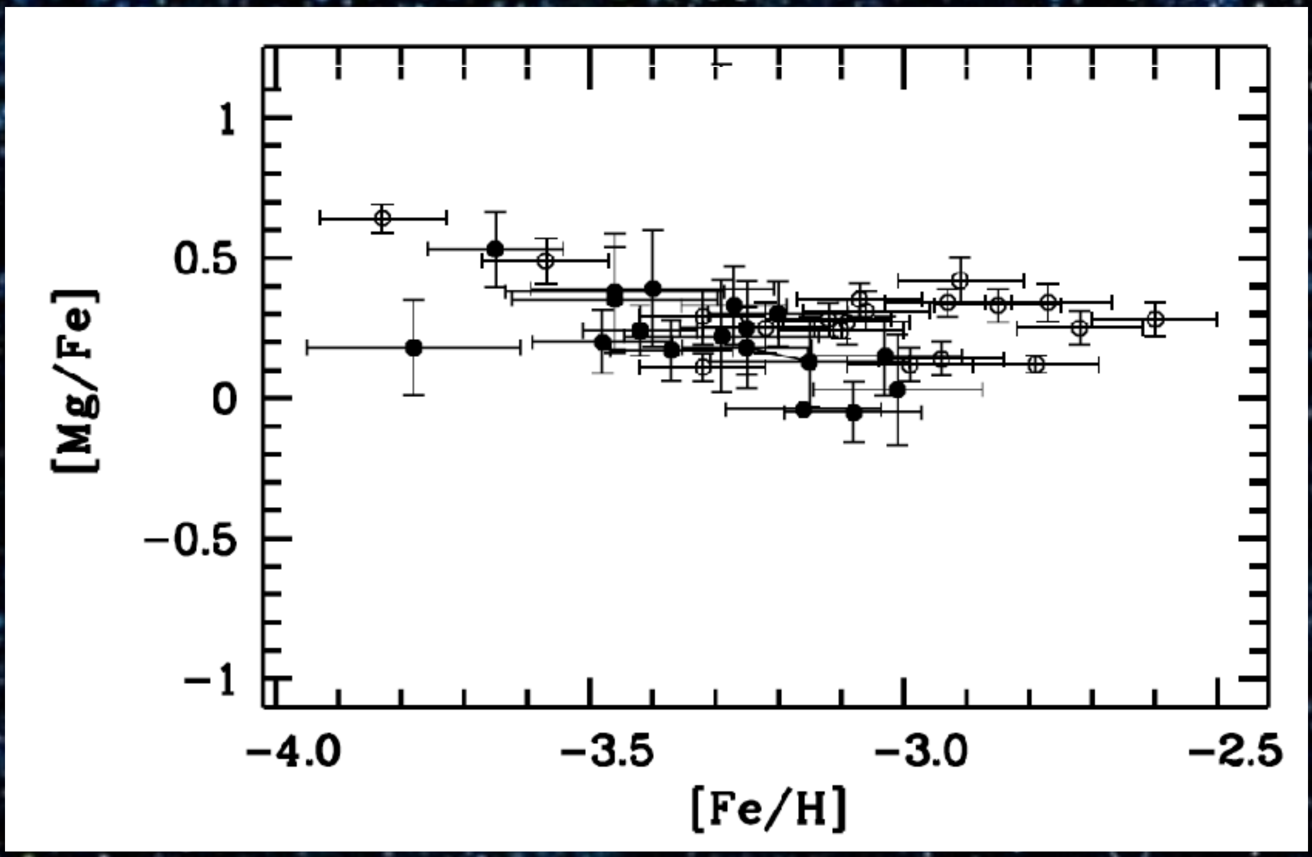
Abundances of chemical elements

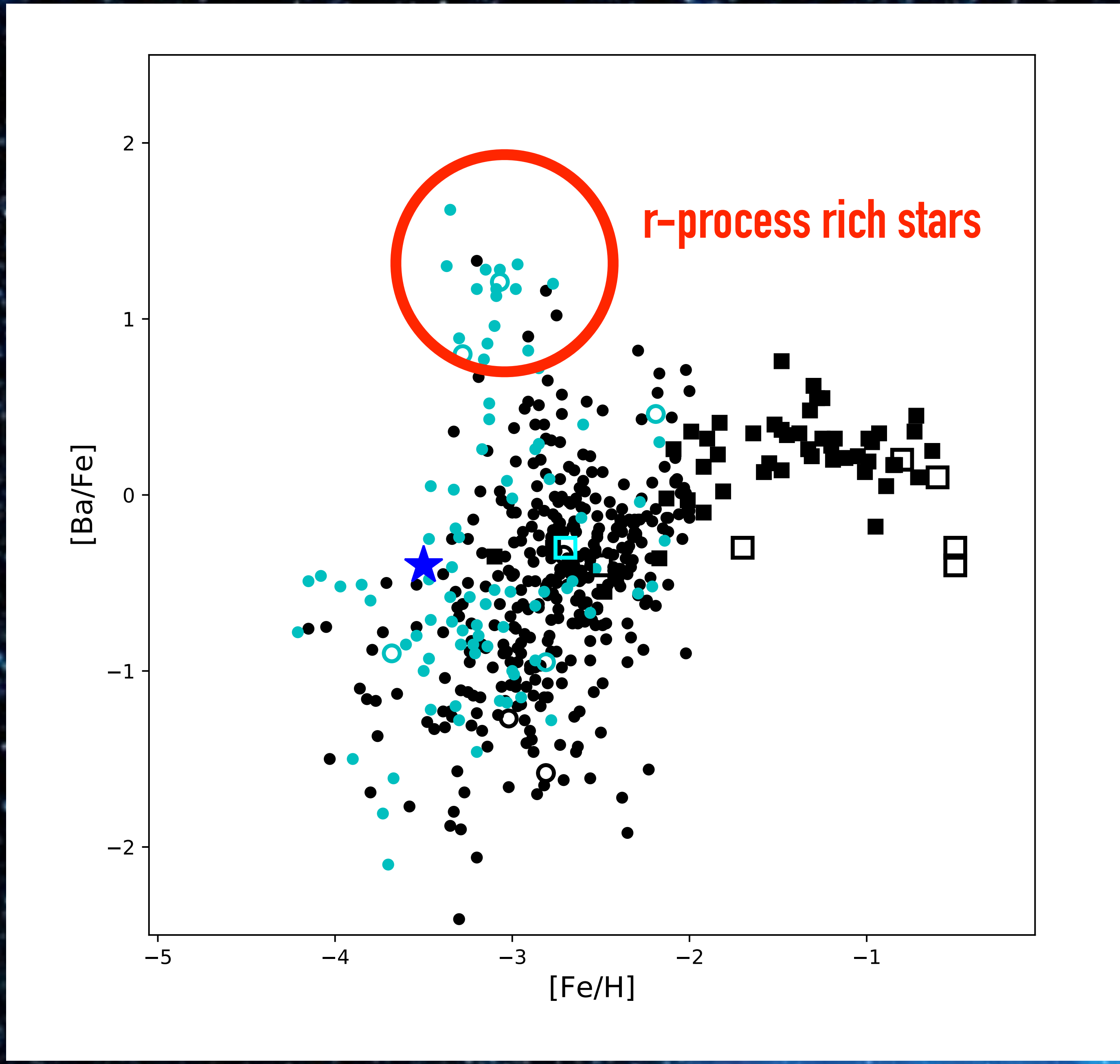


alpha-elements

Neutron capture elements

Bonifacio+12

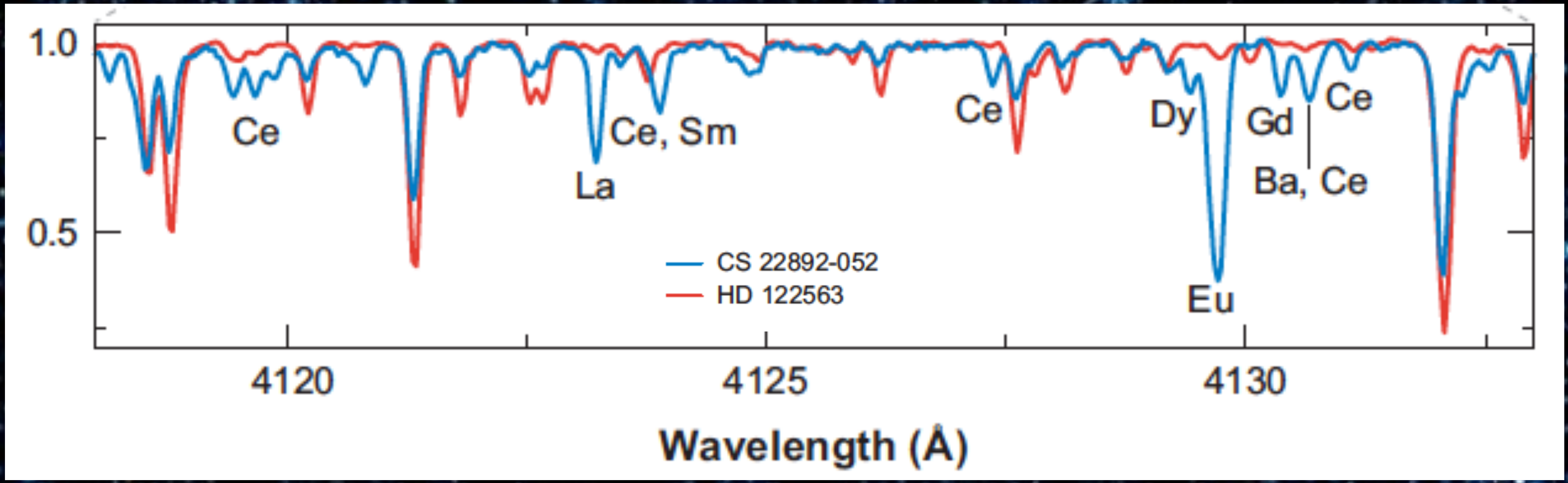




ratio ~ constant Mg/Fe
All the SNe II

Large dispersion->
rare events

Sneden+08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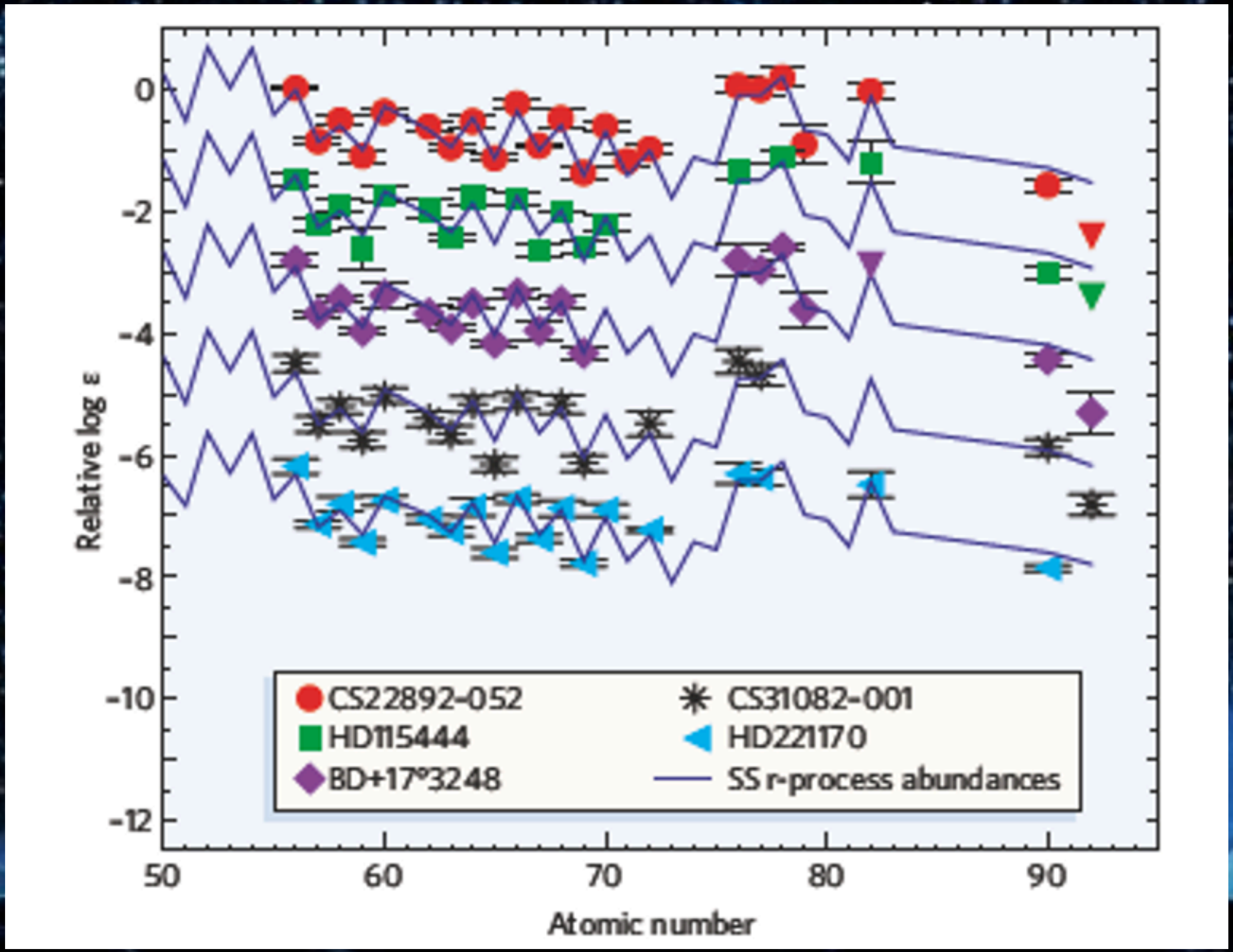
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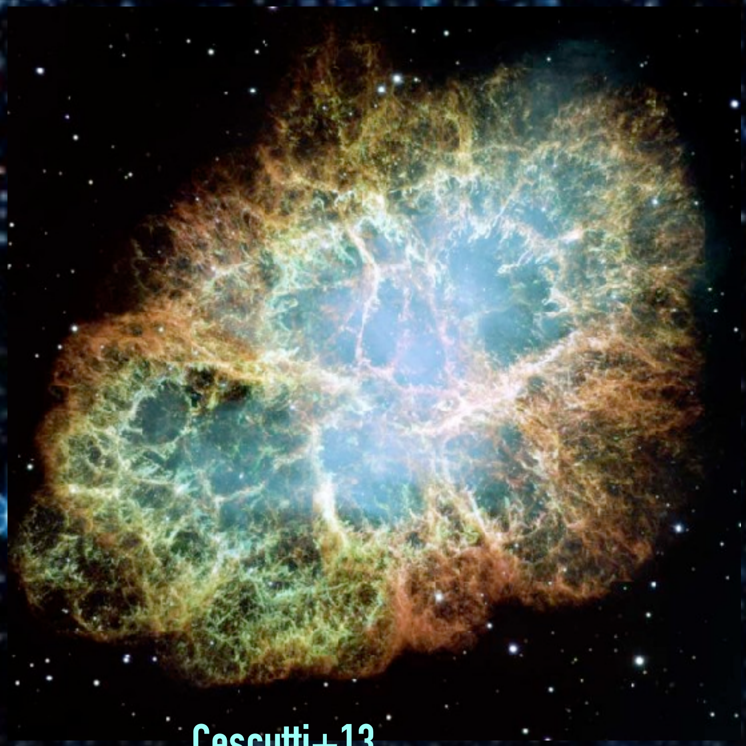
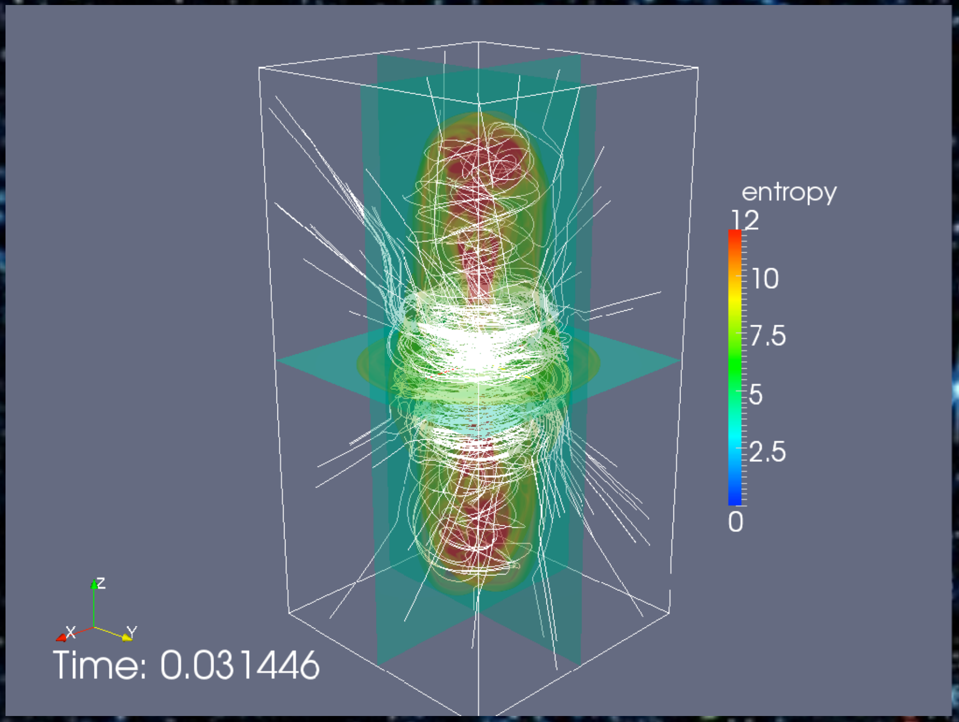
SS r-process abundances

Electron Capture SNe (Wanajo+11)



Cescutti+13

Magnetorotat. driven SNe (Winteler+12)



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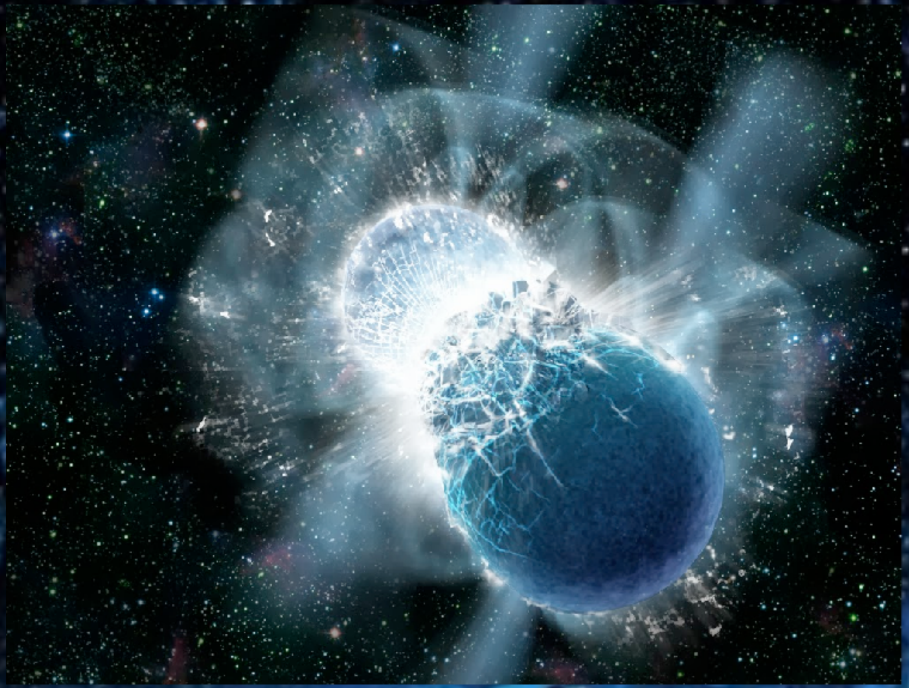
r-process

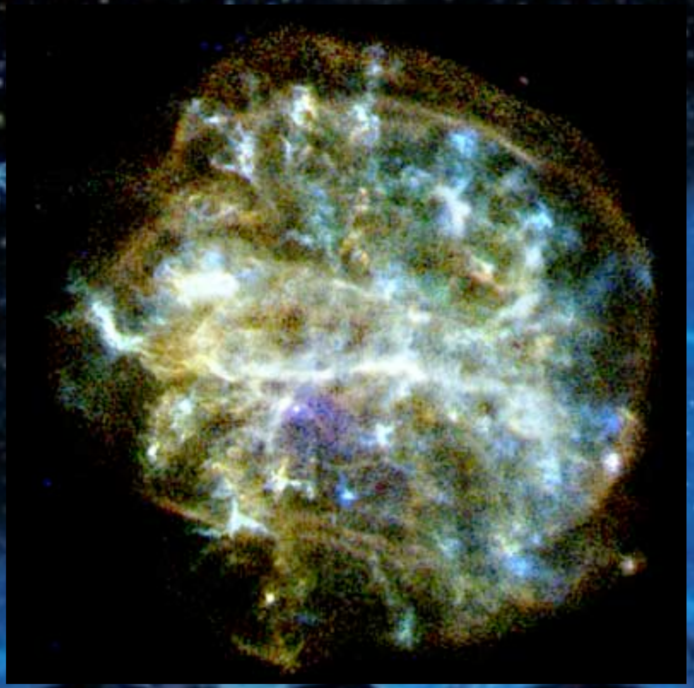
Neutron star mergers (Rosswog+13)



(Cescutti+15, Matteucci+14,…)

other possible sites?

Neutrino winds SNe (Arcones+07,Wanajo 13)



Neutron stars mergers

(GR considered, nucleosynthesis computed for the dynamical ejecta)

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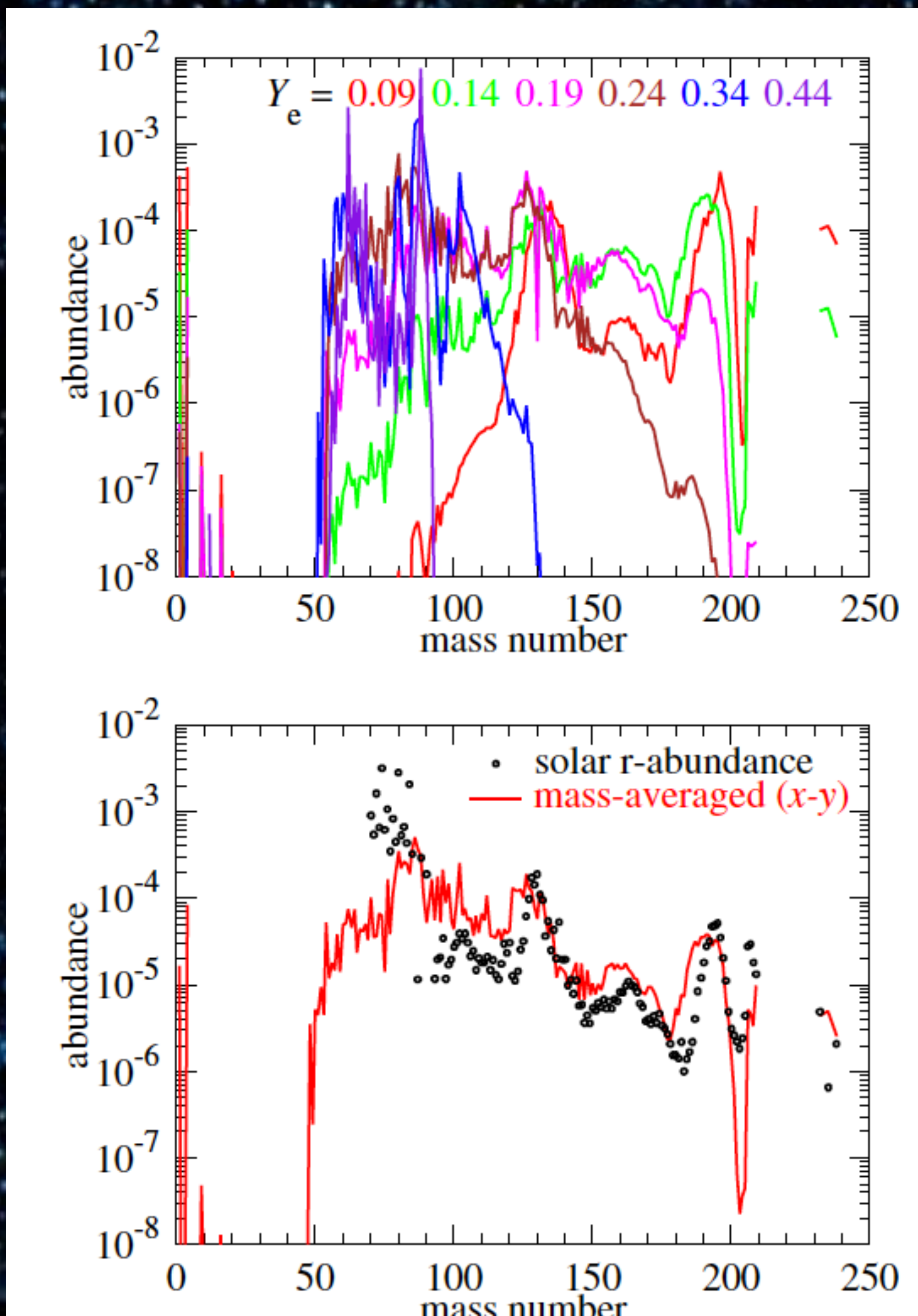
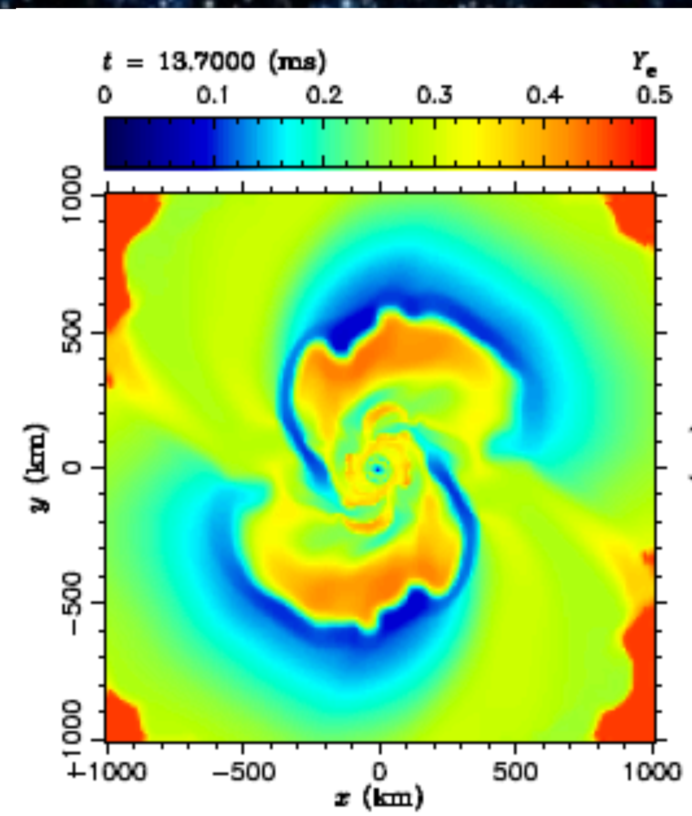
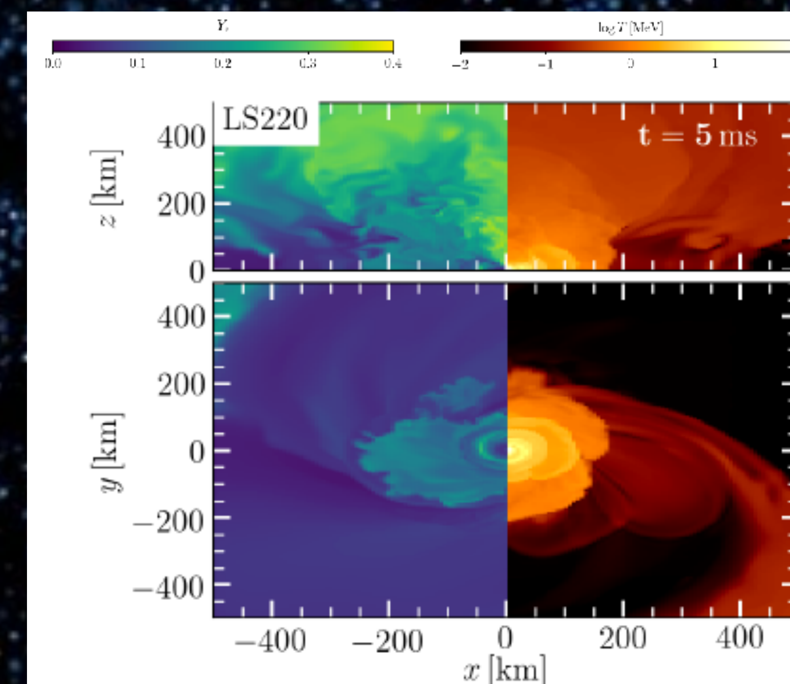
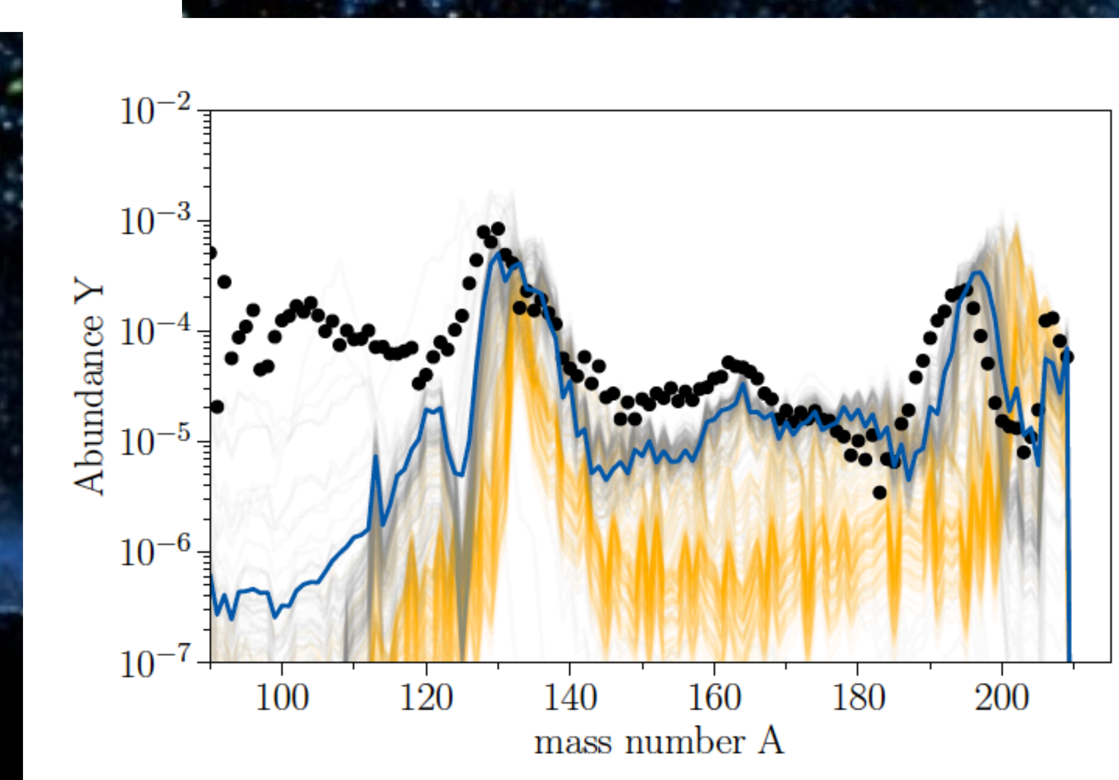




Bovard+17





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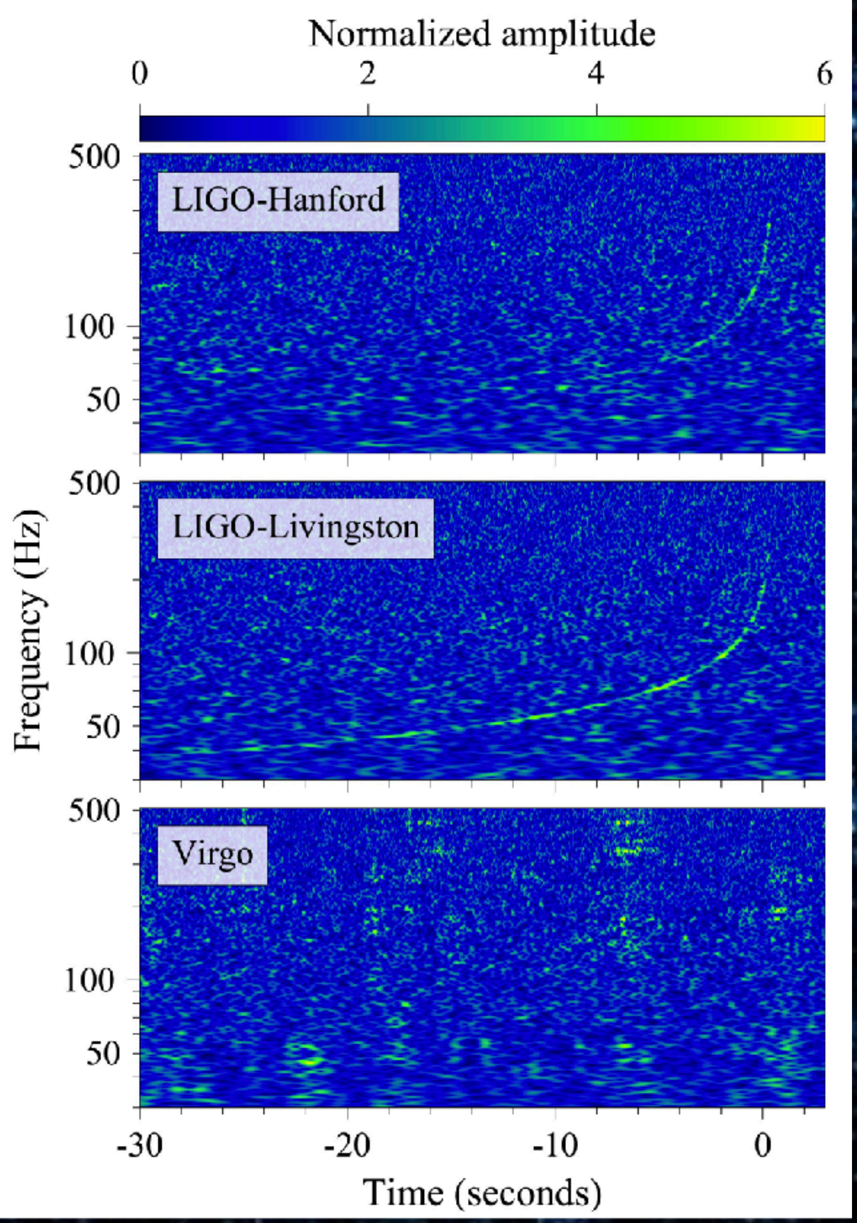

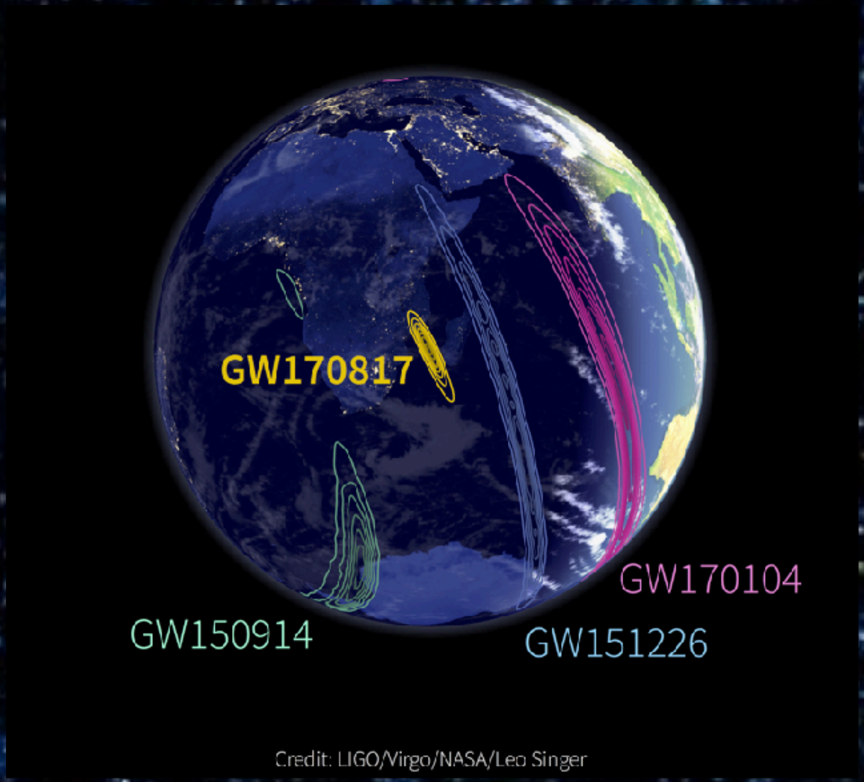

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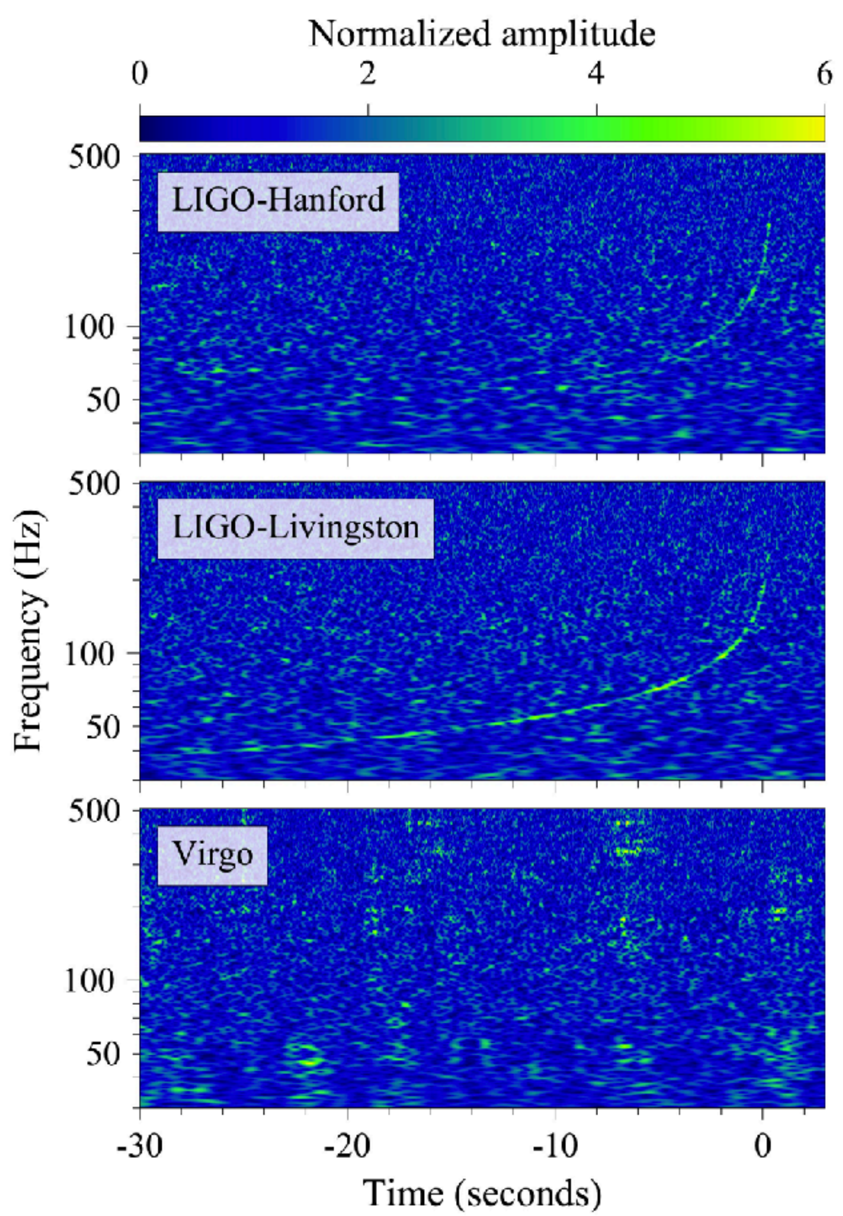

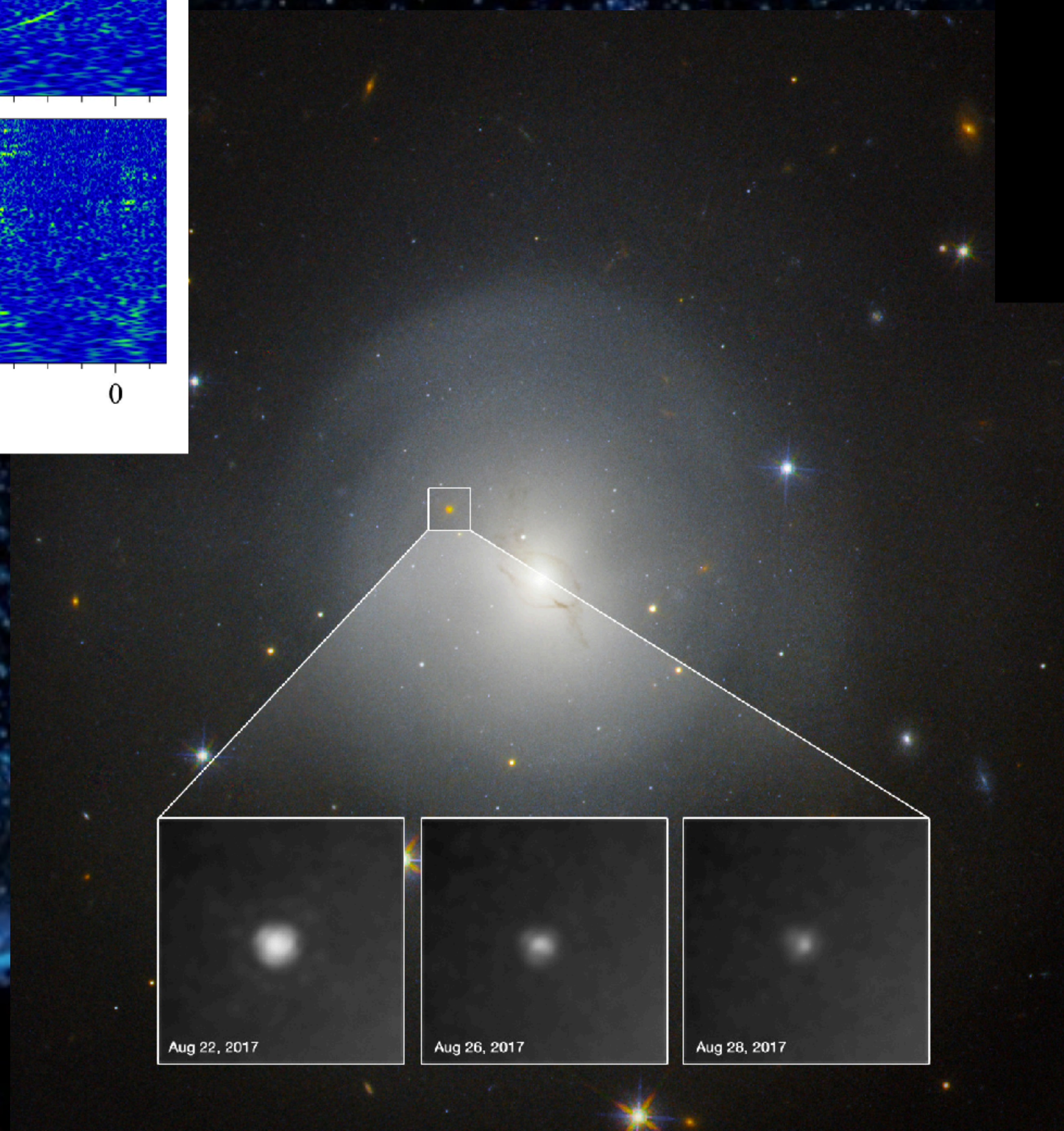

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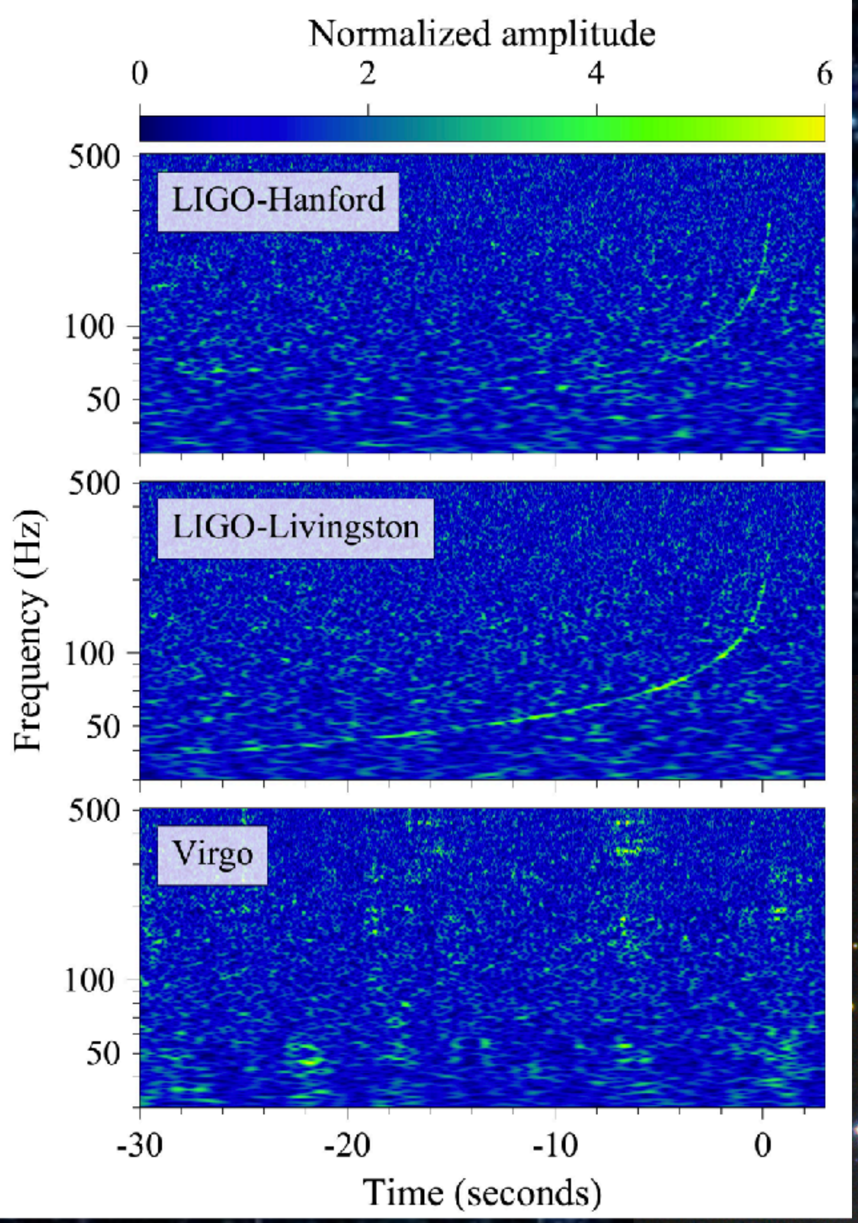
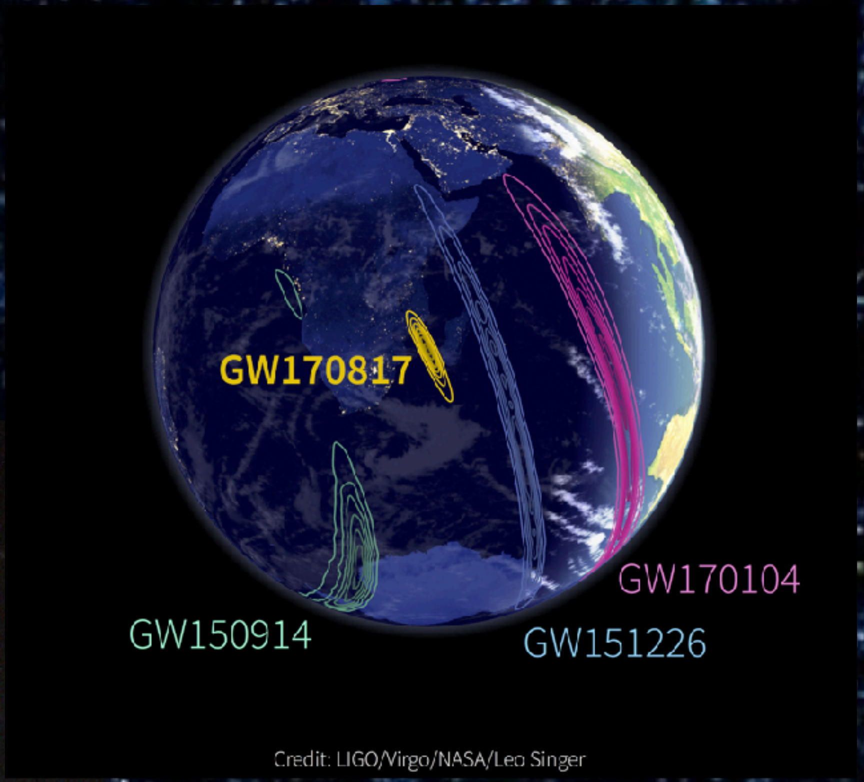
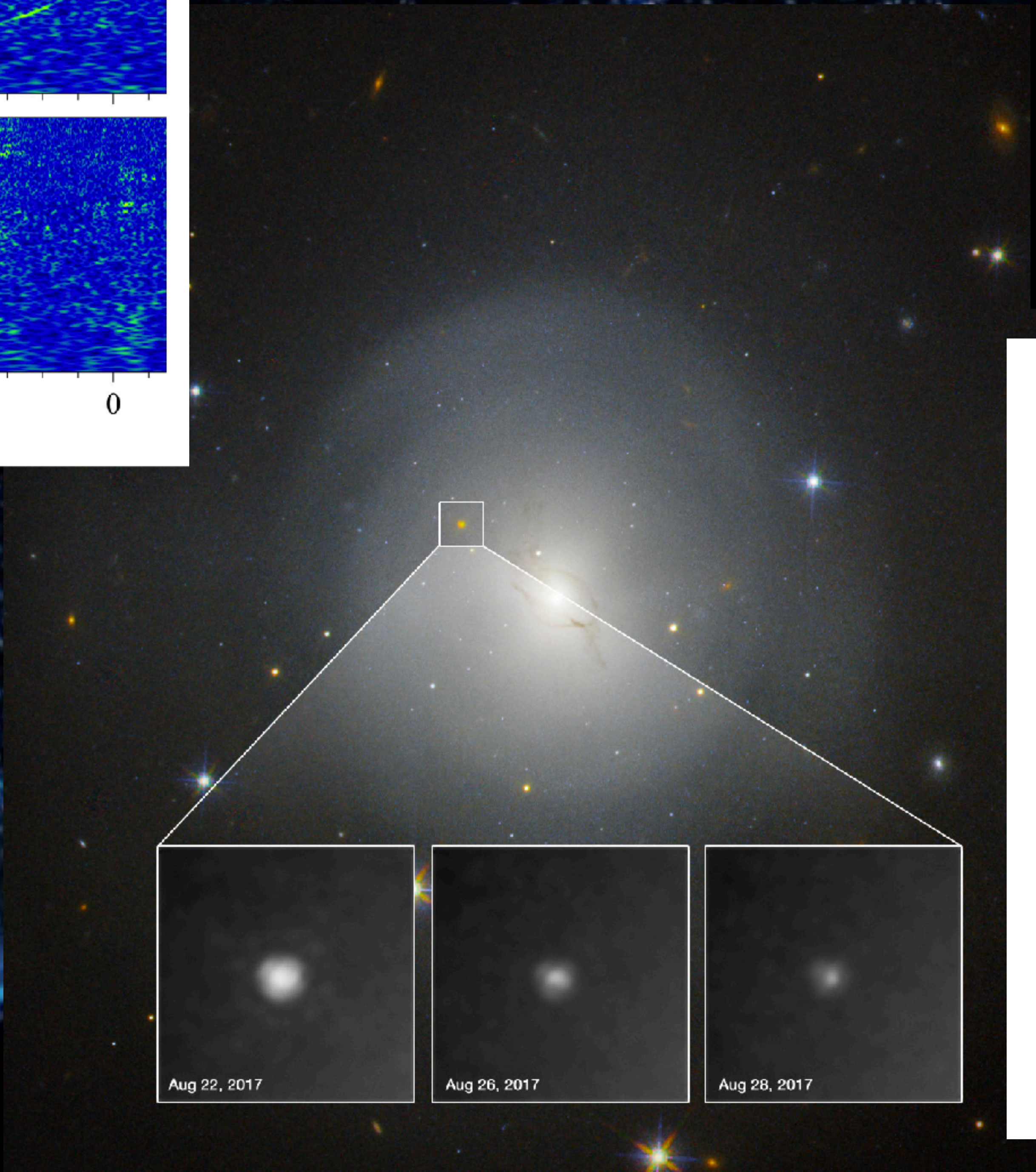
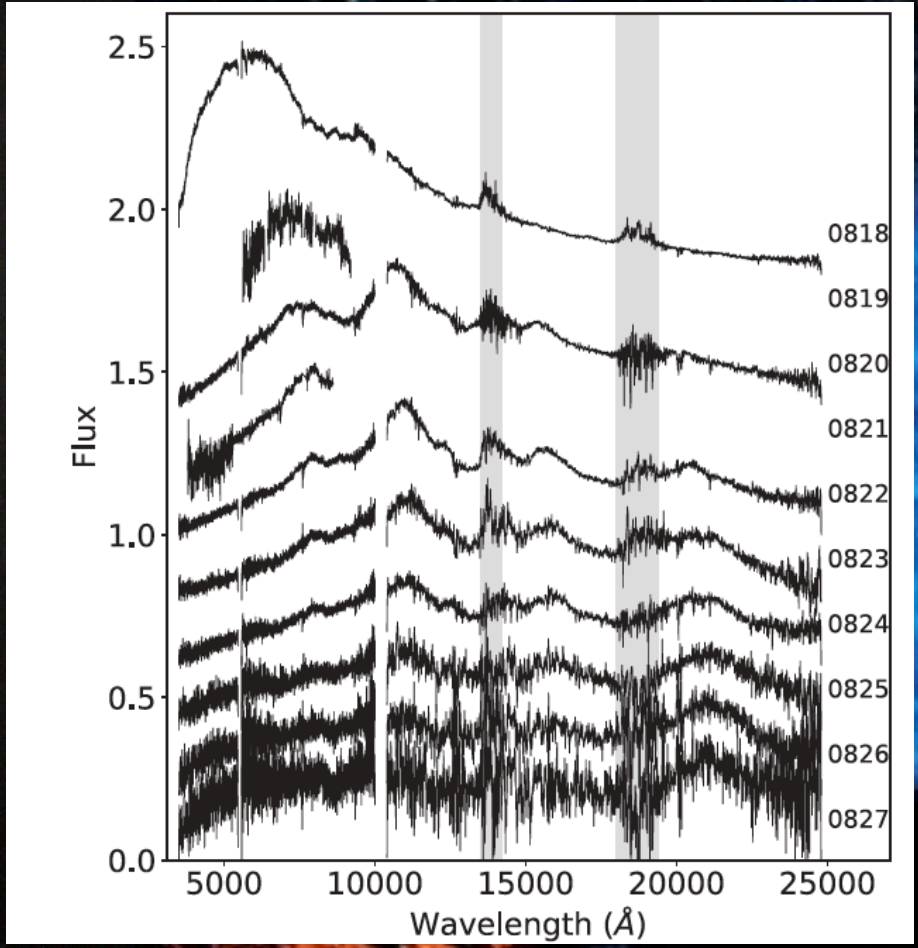








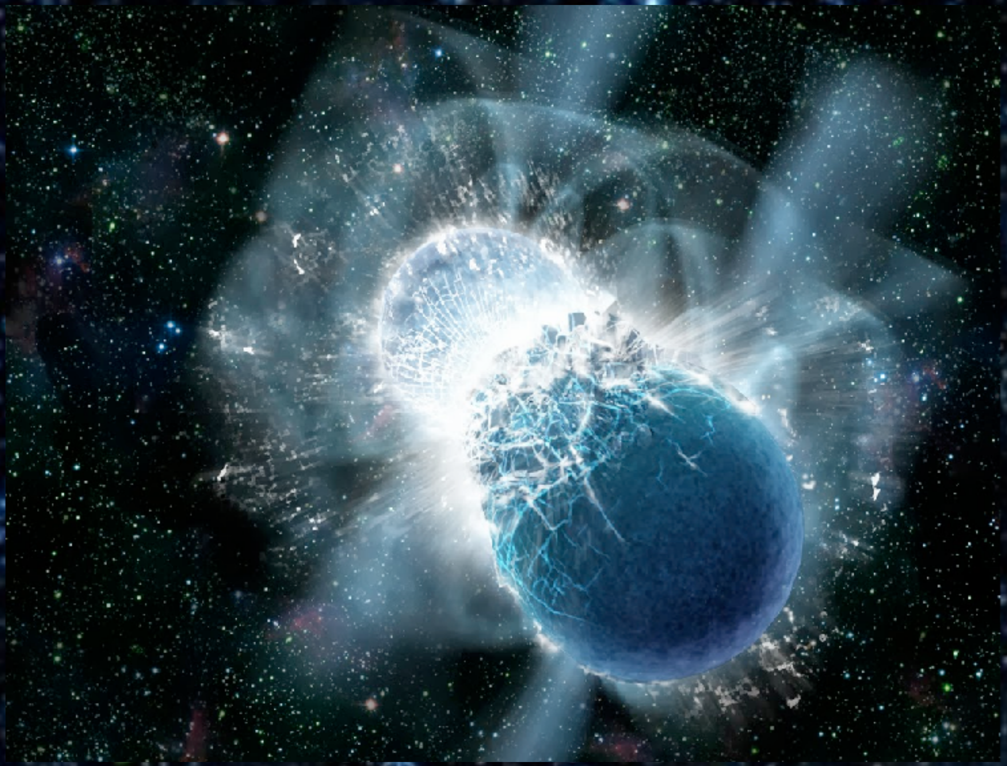
Neutron stars mergers

Progenitors are rare:
only few percent of the massive stars are formed in binary system which can produce a NS merger.

This percentage is not constrained at all the metallicities, the rate can be constrained only at the present time.

A key feature of NS merger is the delay between the formation of the binary system of neutron stars and the merging event.
We investigate delay of 1, 10 and 100Myr.

Neutron star mergers (Rosswog+13)



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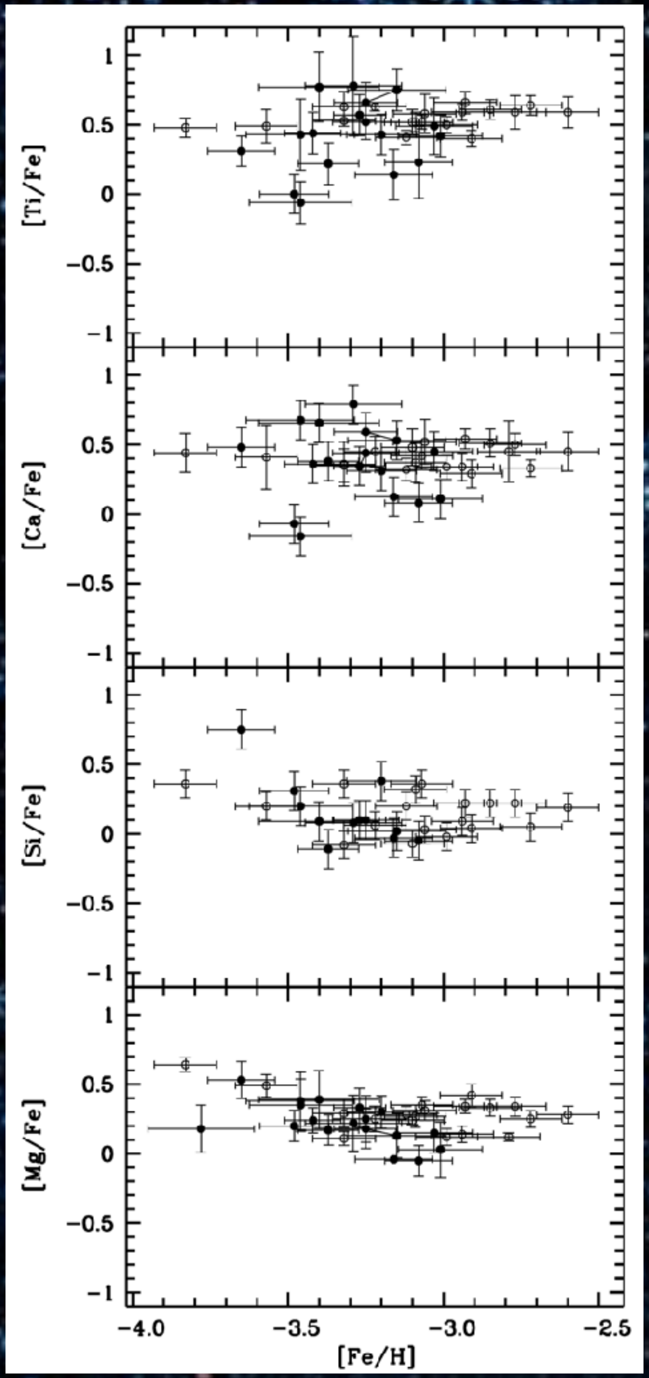

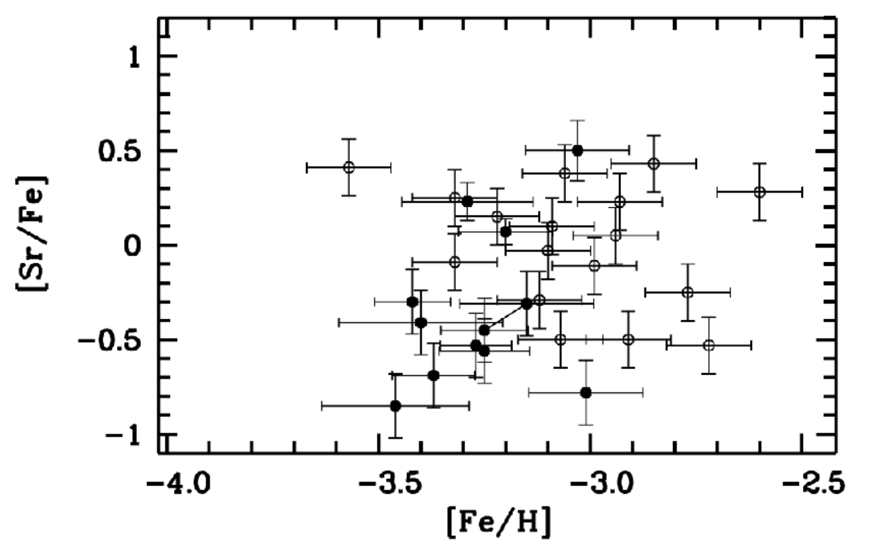

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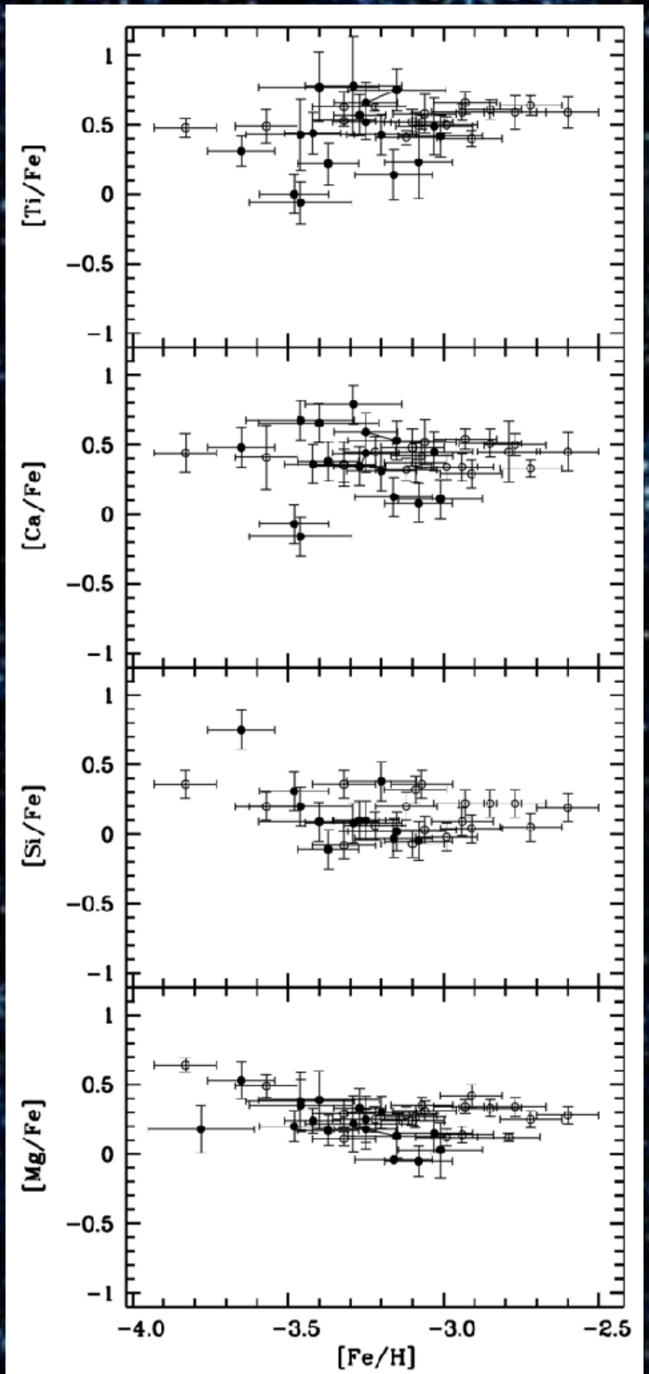

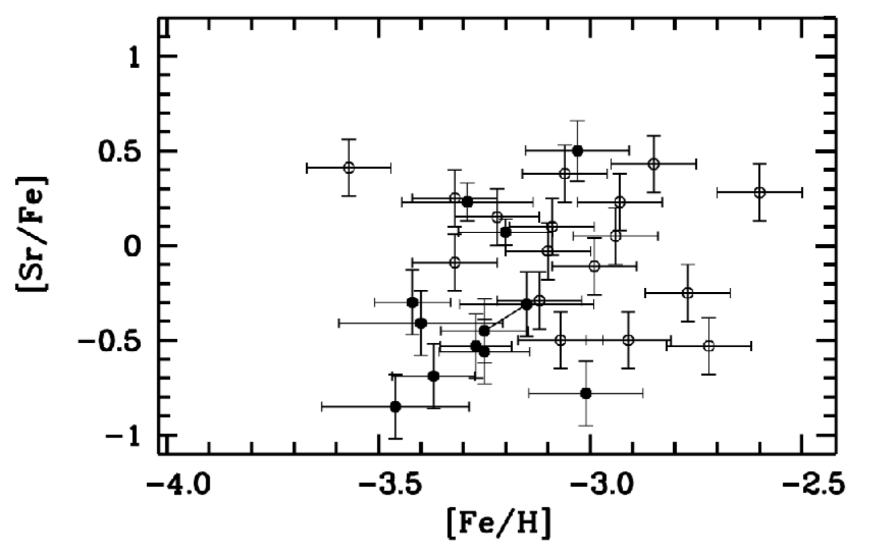

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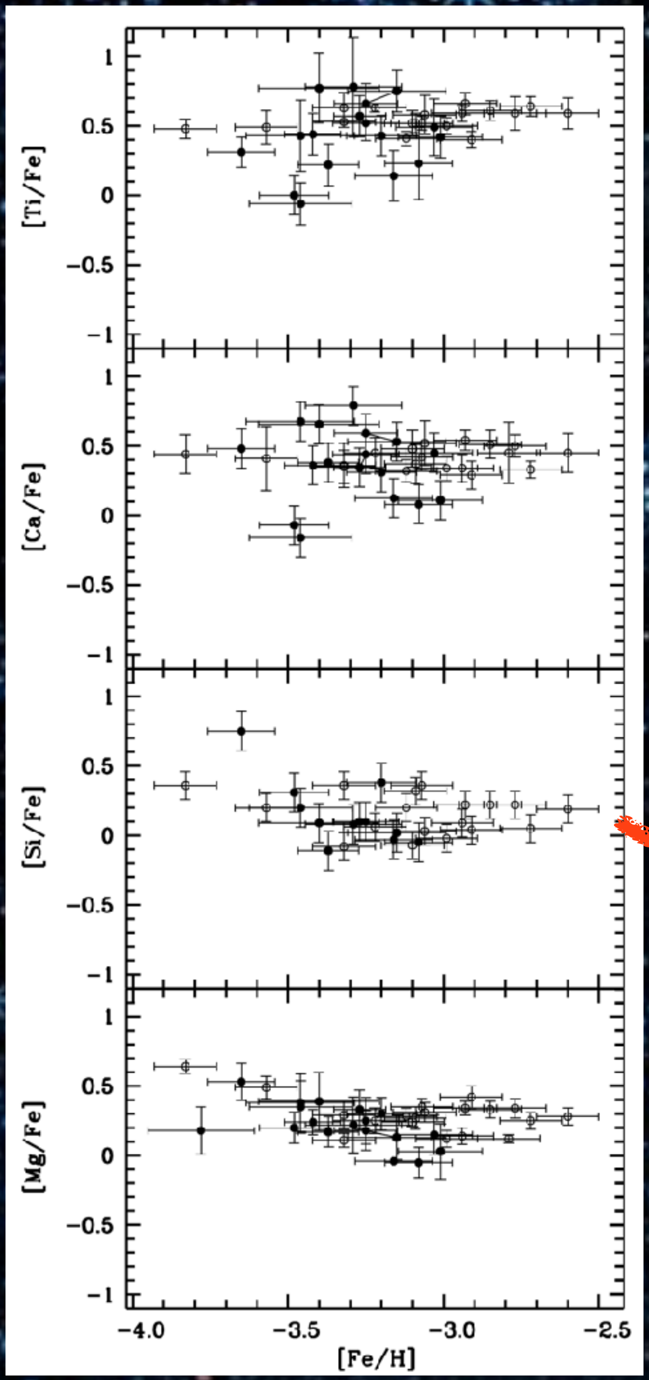

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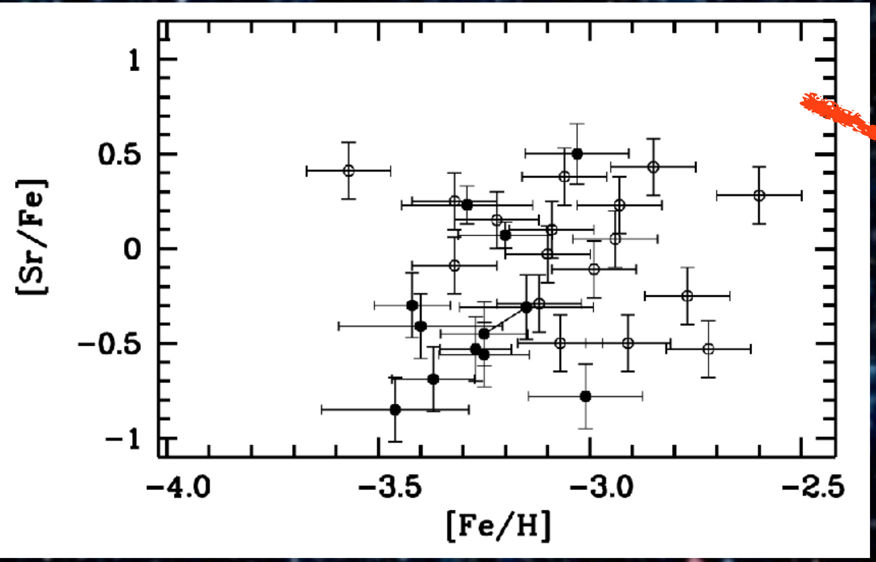

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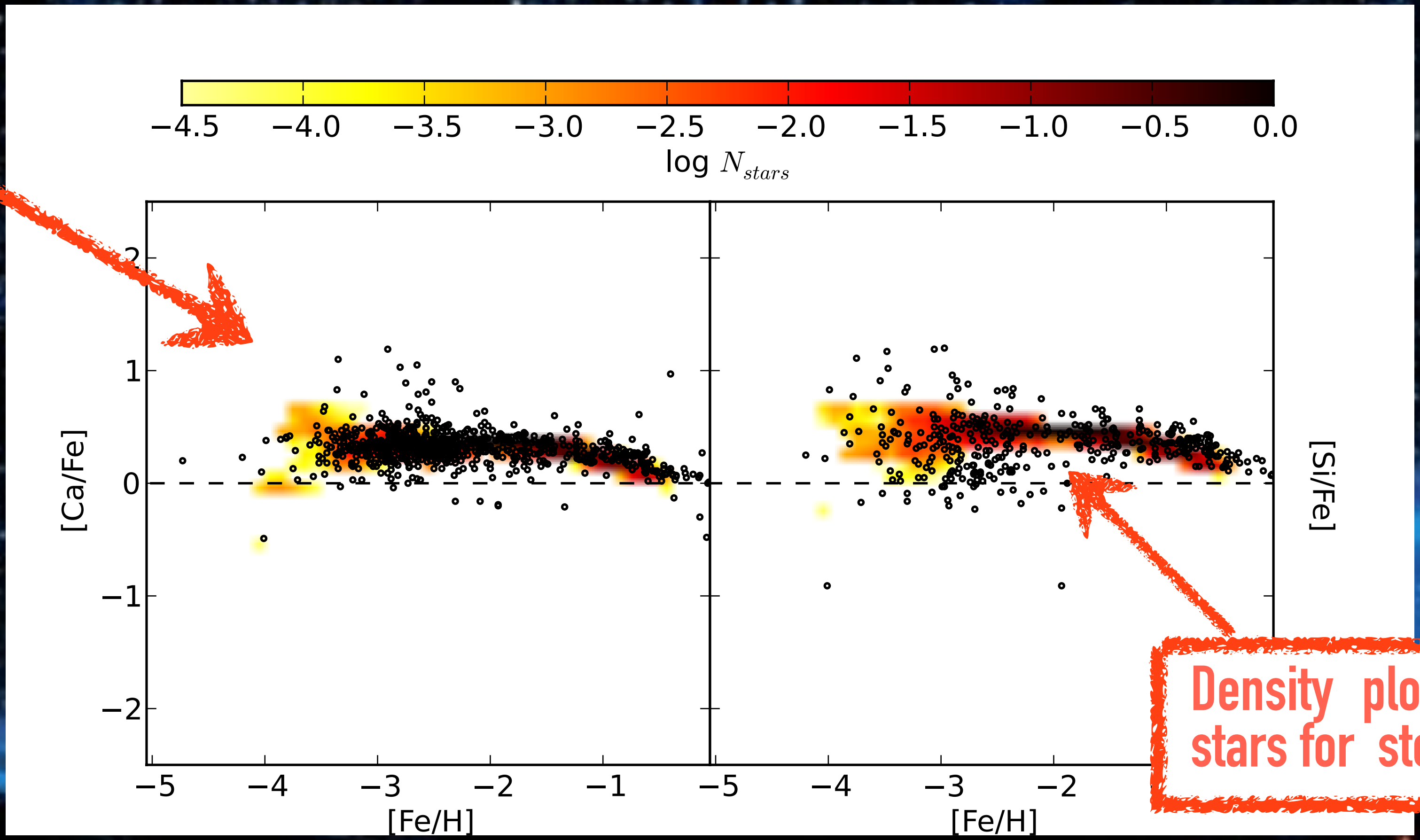


Density plot of long living stars for stochastic model

Cescutti 2008
Cescutti et al. 2013

data collected in Frebel 2010

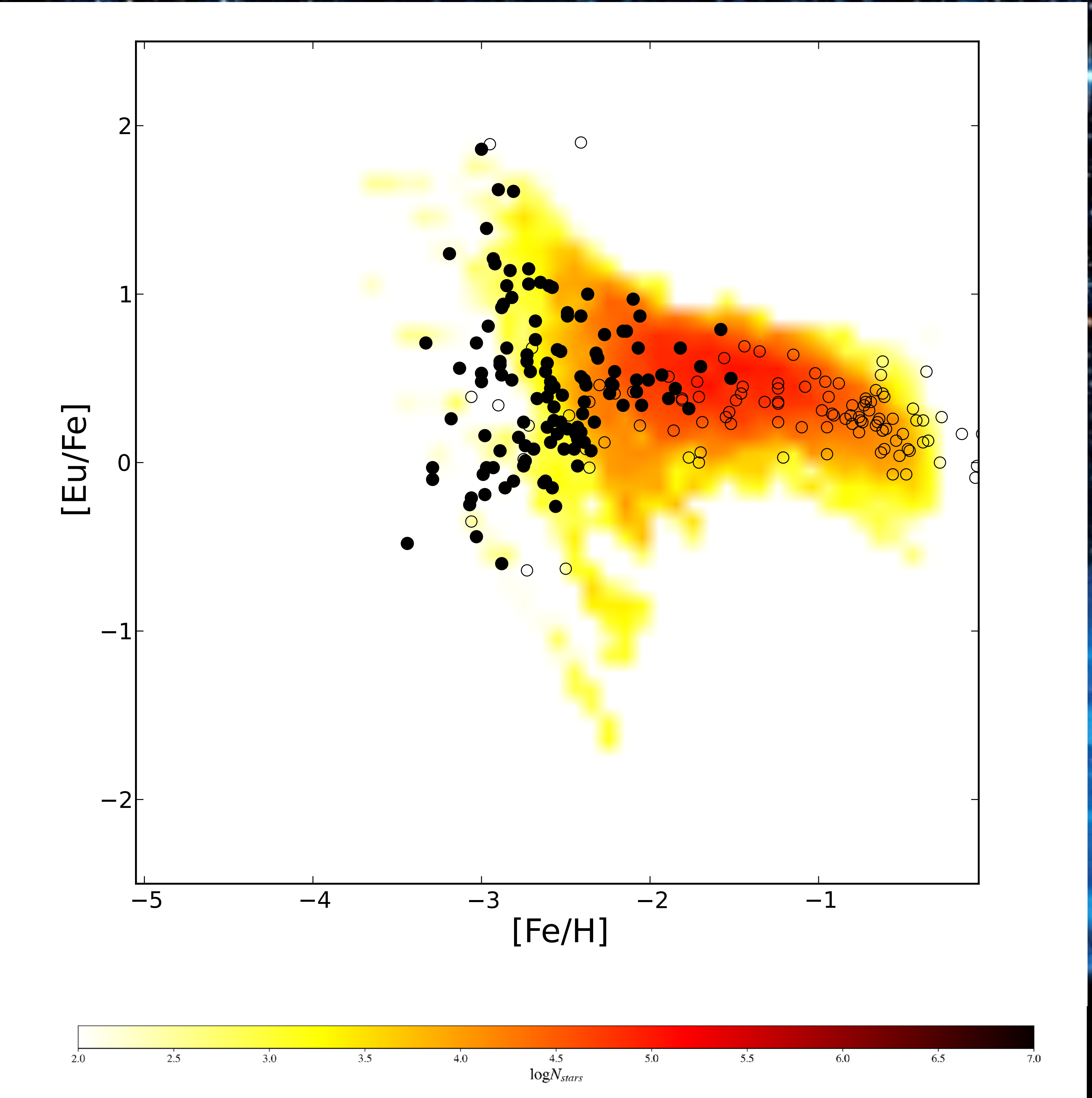
Neutron stars mergers

delay for the merging 1Myr

Cescutti, Romano, Matteucci, Chiappini and Hirschi 2015

Results with alpha=0.04 (NSM/SNe)

What about the impact of increasing the delay for the merging?



Neutron star mergers

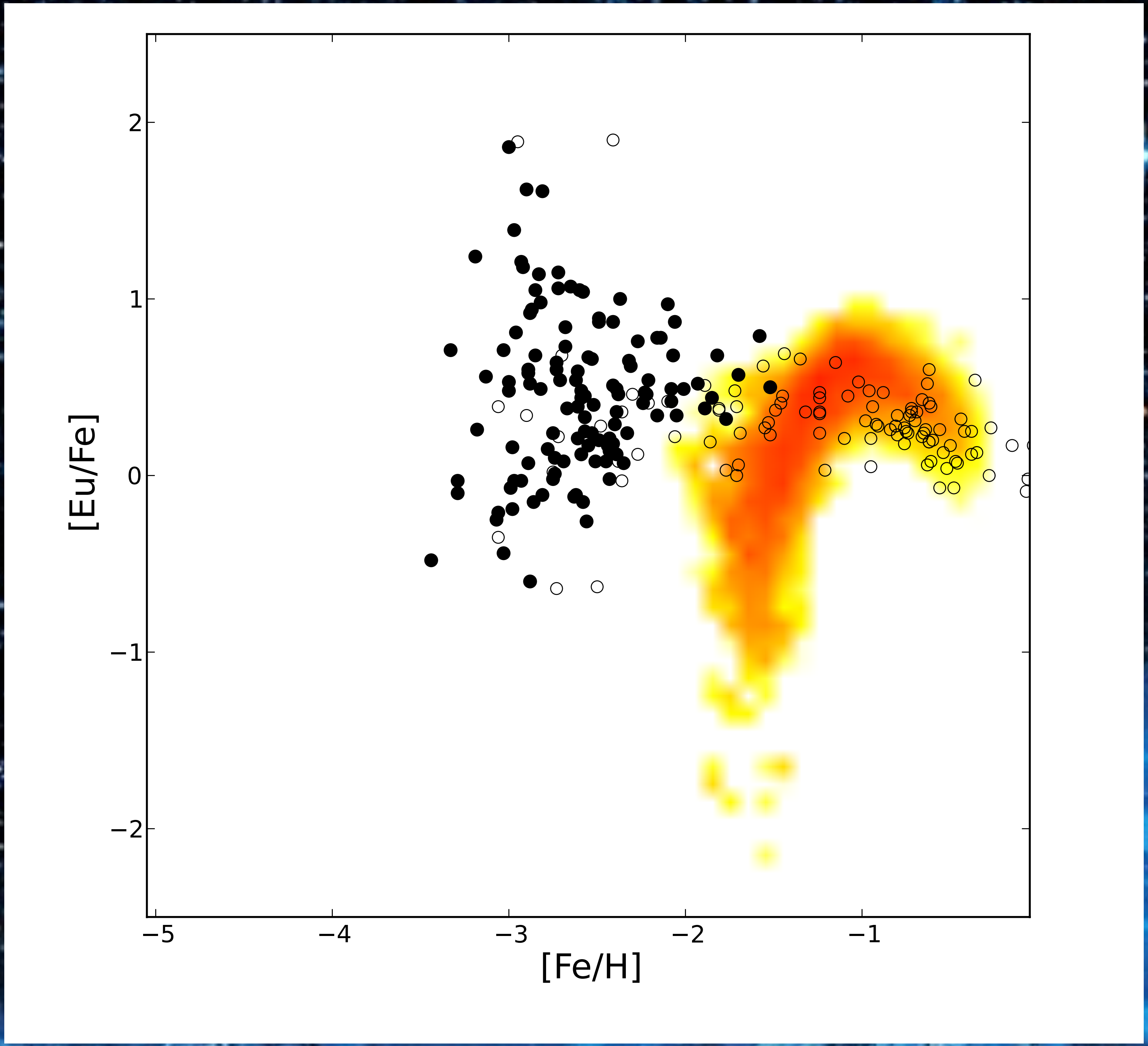
delay for the merging 100 Myr

Cescutti+15

For a delay of 100 Myr the model results are not compatible to the observational data.

Therefore, only if most of the NS mergers enriches in timescale <10Myr, the scenario can be supported.

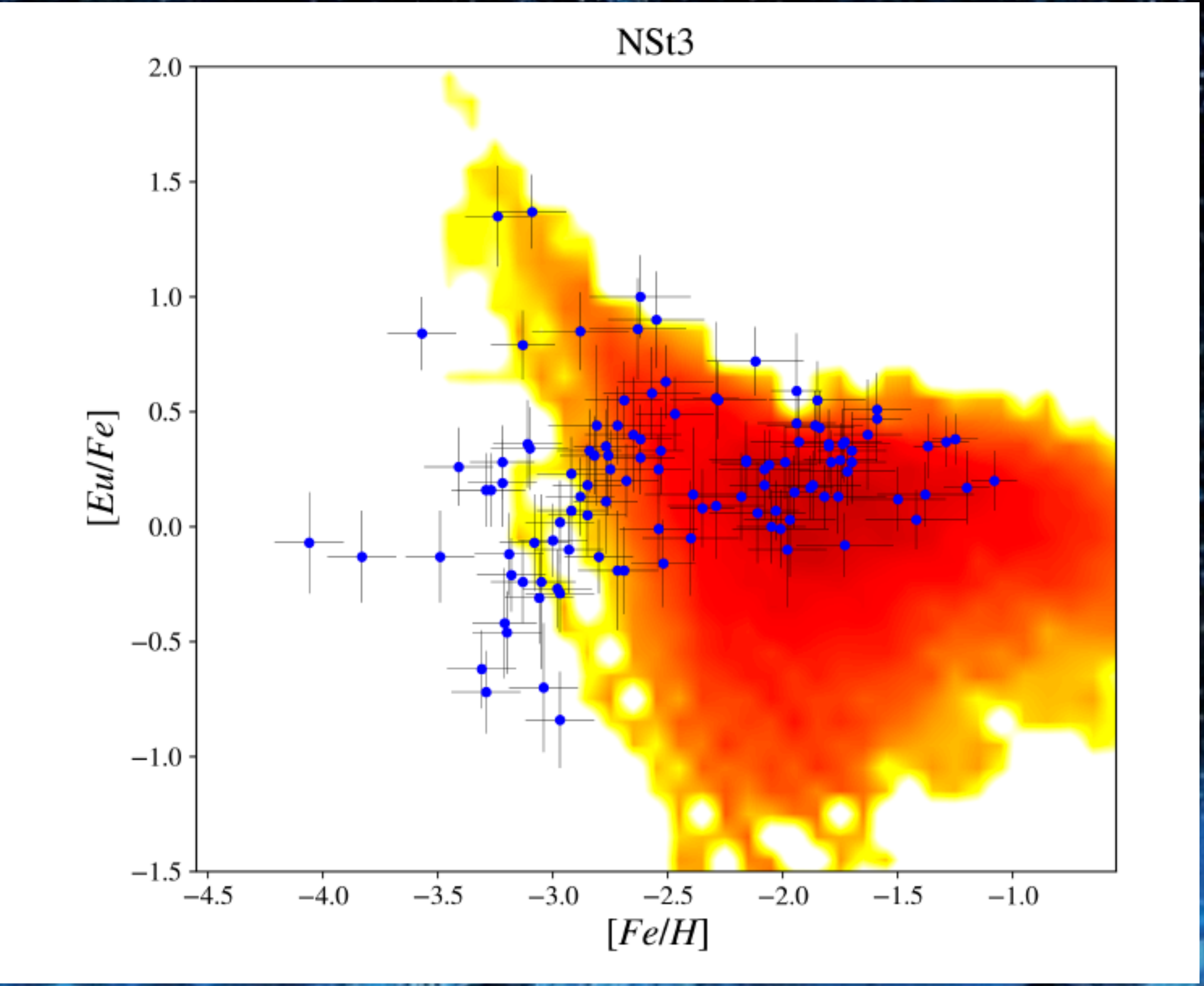
What about a distribution of delays?



This is not a new result, it has been shown by Argast+ 2004, Matteucci+2014, Komiya+2014... just an exception the astro-ph Shen+2014

Stochastic model

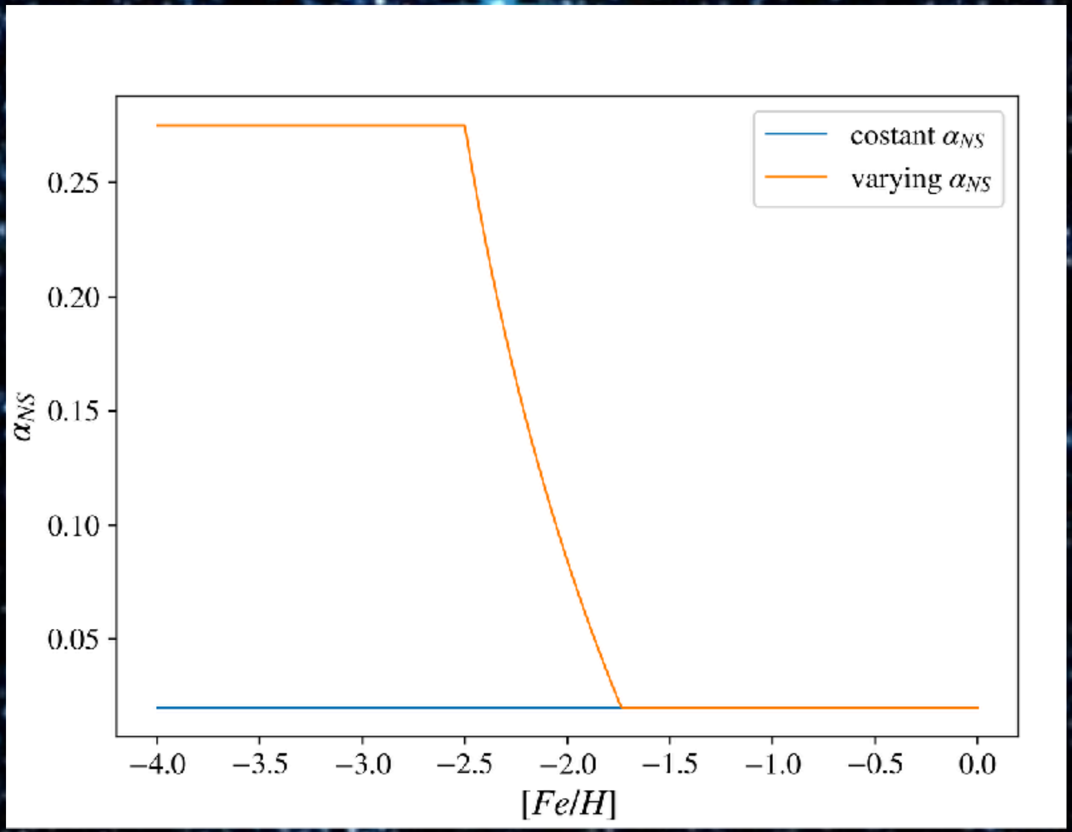
with a delay time distribution: $t^{-1.5}$



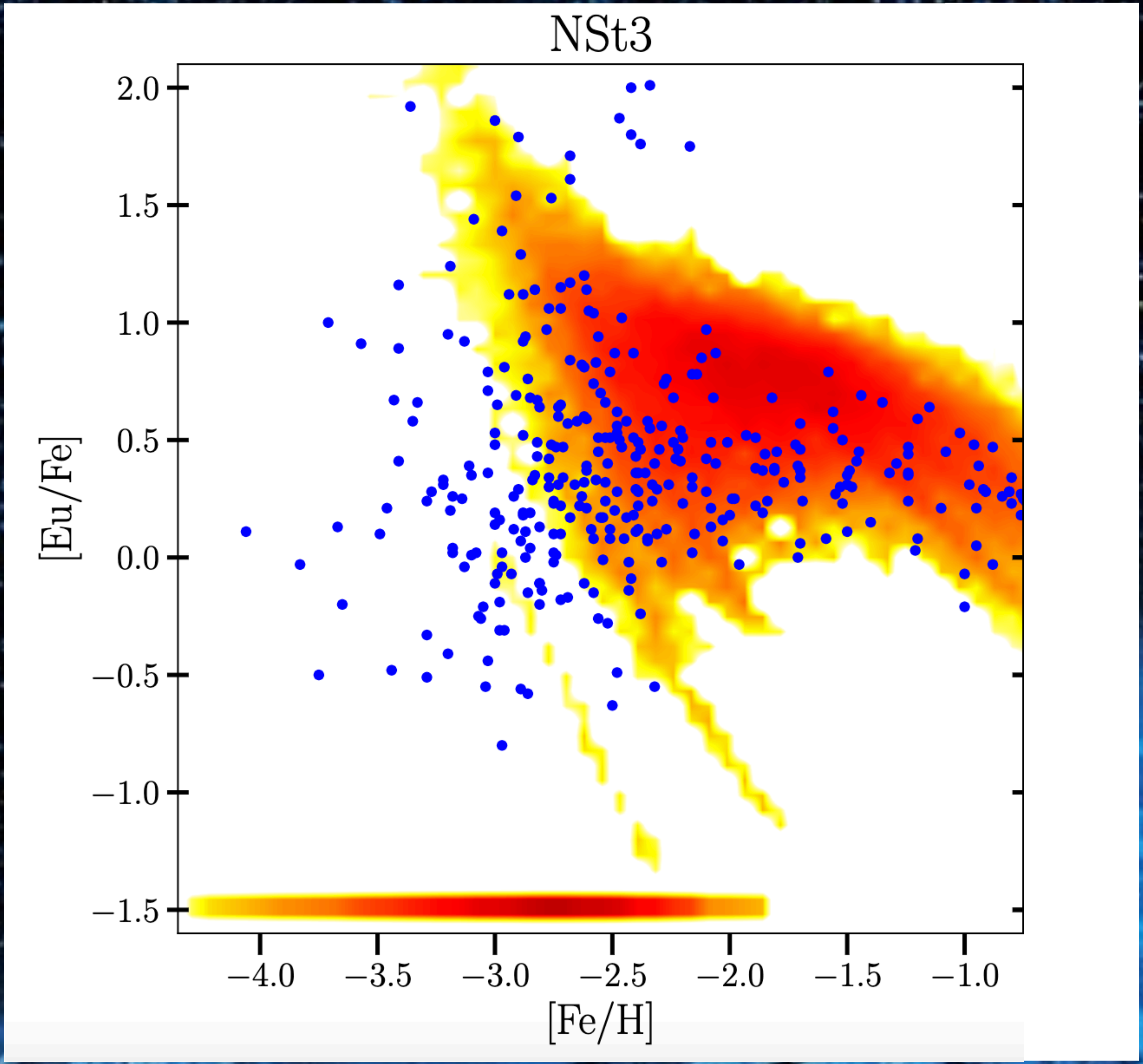
Cavallo+21

NSM with alpha variations

a delay time distribution: $t^{-1.5}$



similar to Simonetti+19



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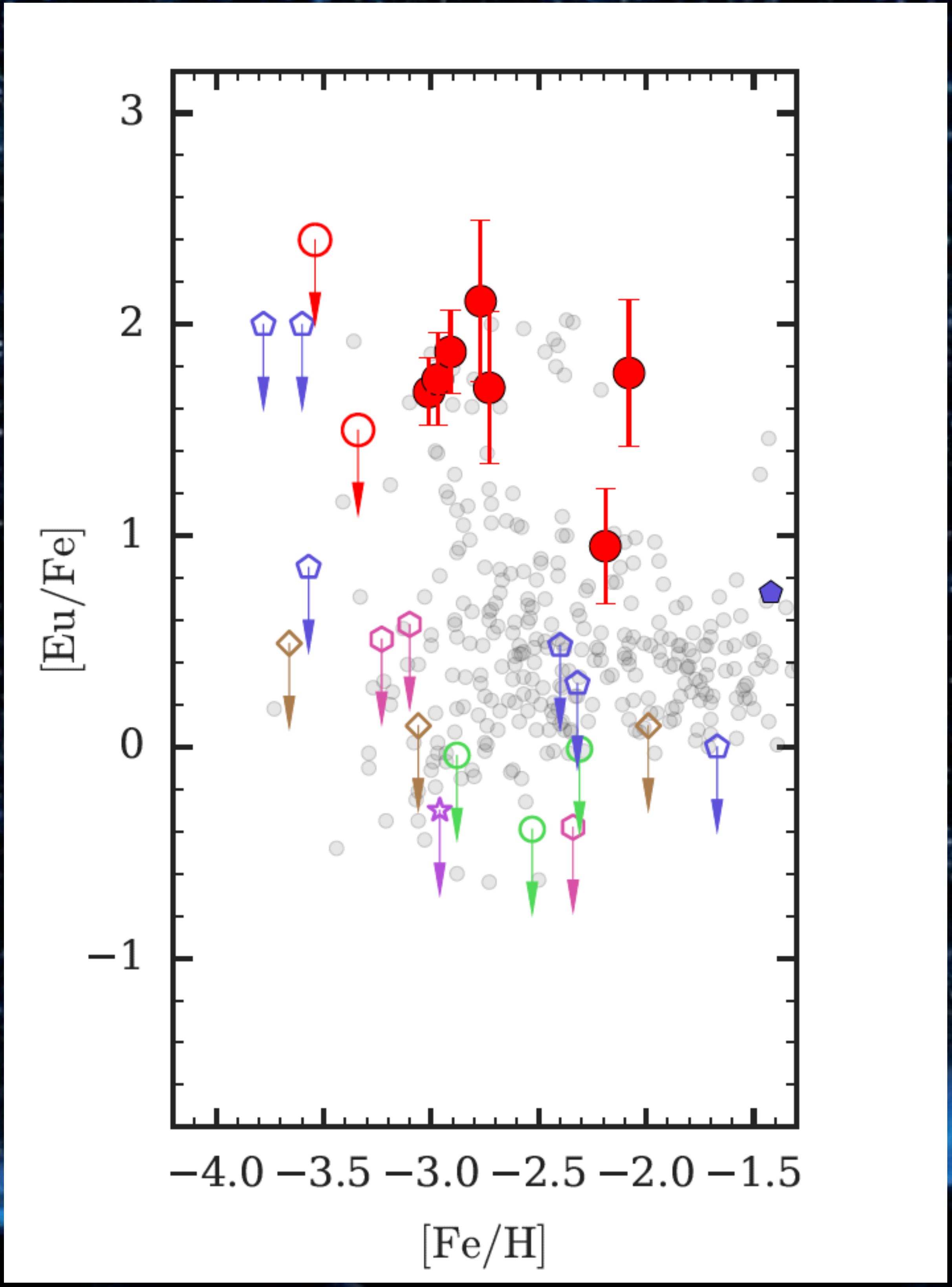
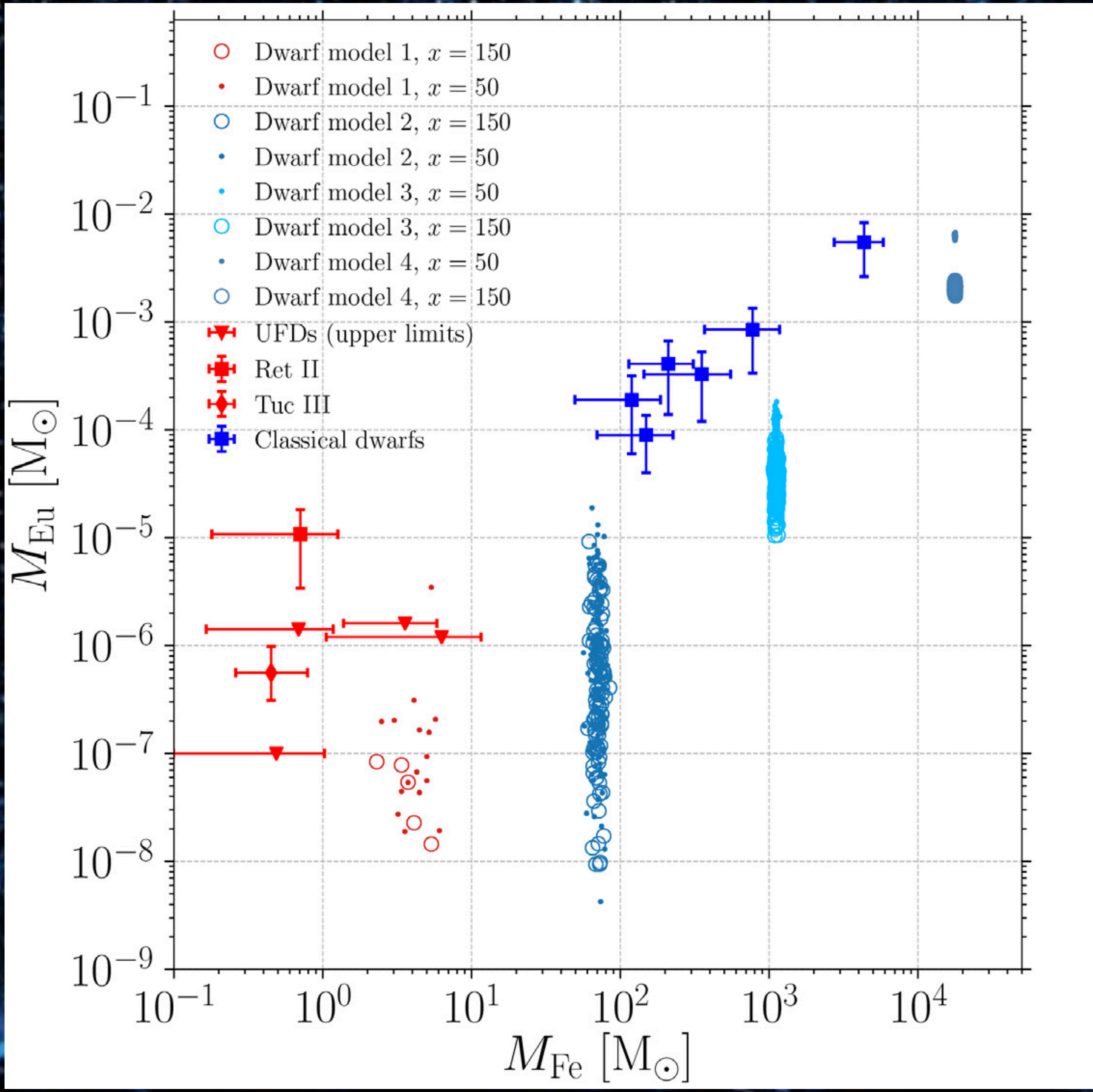
Reticulum II: the final answer?

Rare
&
high enrichment



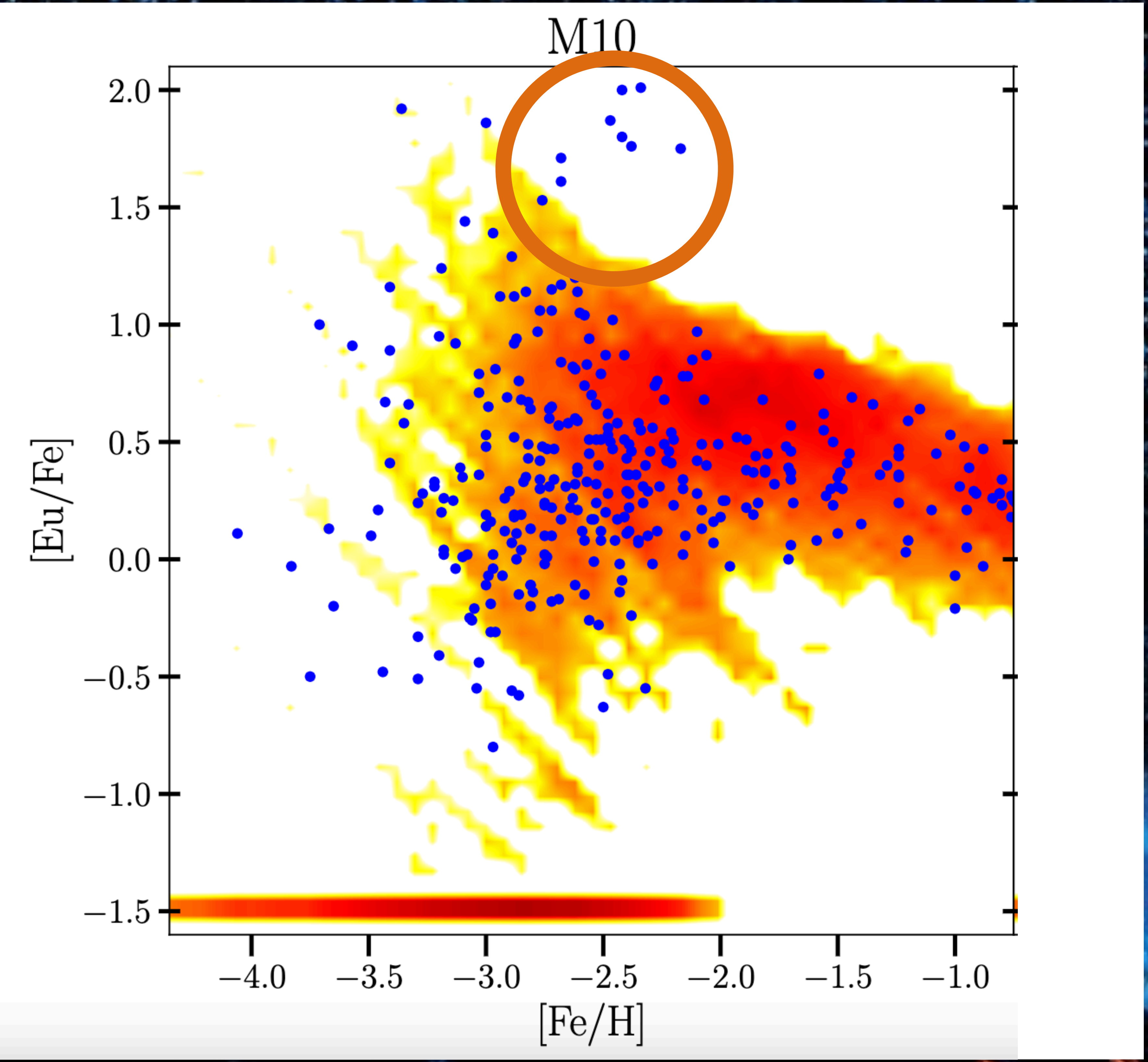
Ji+16

Enrichment of satellites by NSM: Problematic?



Bonetti+19

Applied to the Galactic halo



Cavallo+22

Other solutions?

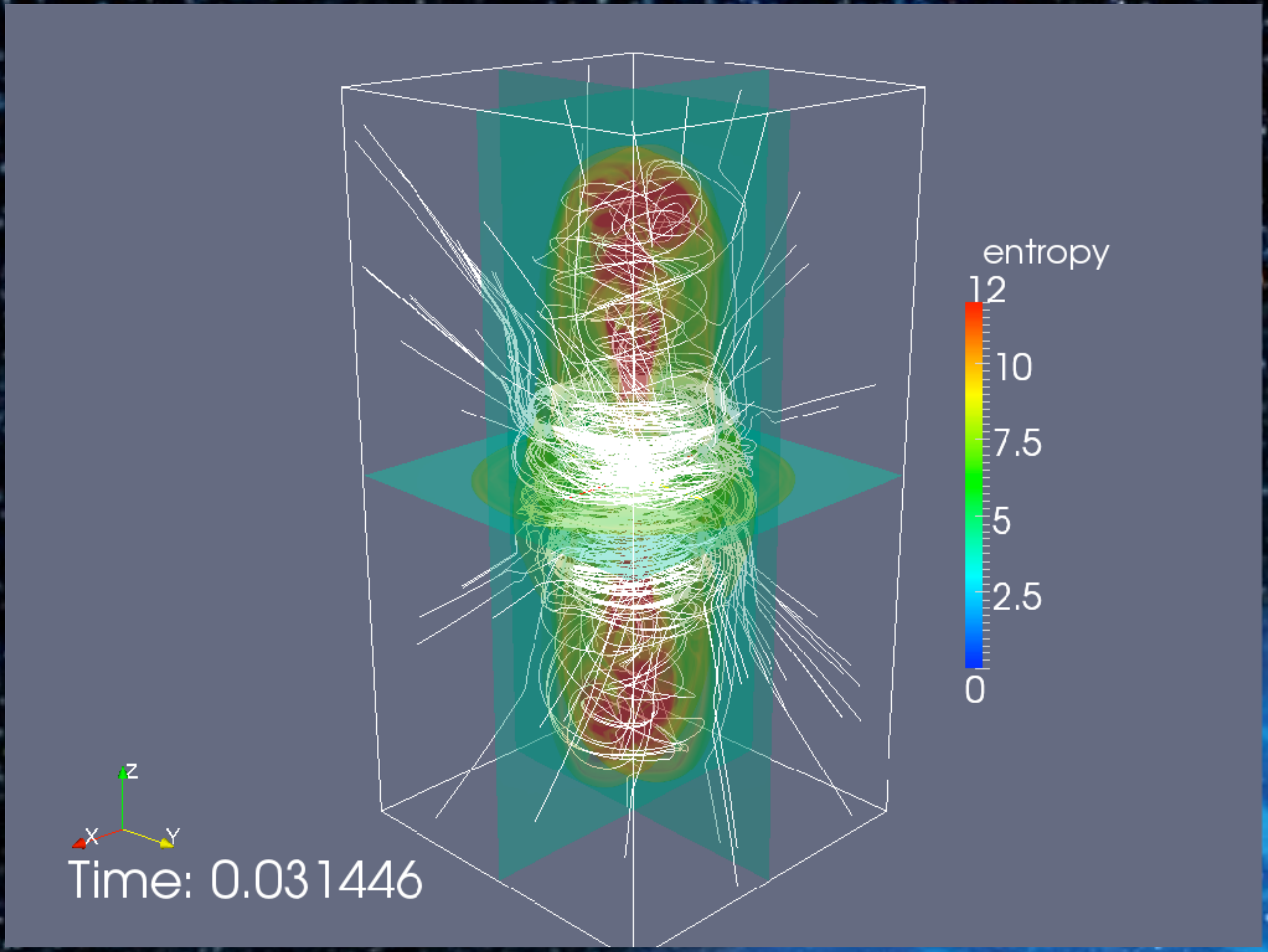
Magneto Rotationally Driven SN scenario (MRD)

(Winteler+12, Nishimura+15) SEE ALSO COLLAPSAR (Siegel+20)

The progenitors of MRD SNe are believed to be rare and possibly connected to long GRBs.
Only a small percentage of the massive stars (~1-5%)

Our results use an higher value (10%), but this percentage is not well constrained, in particular for the early Universe.

Therefore in the stochastic model not all the massive stars produce neutron capture elements.

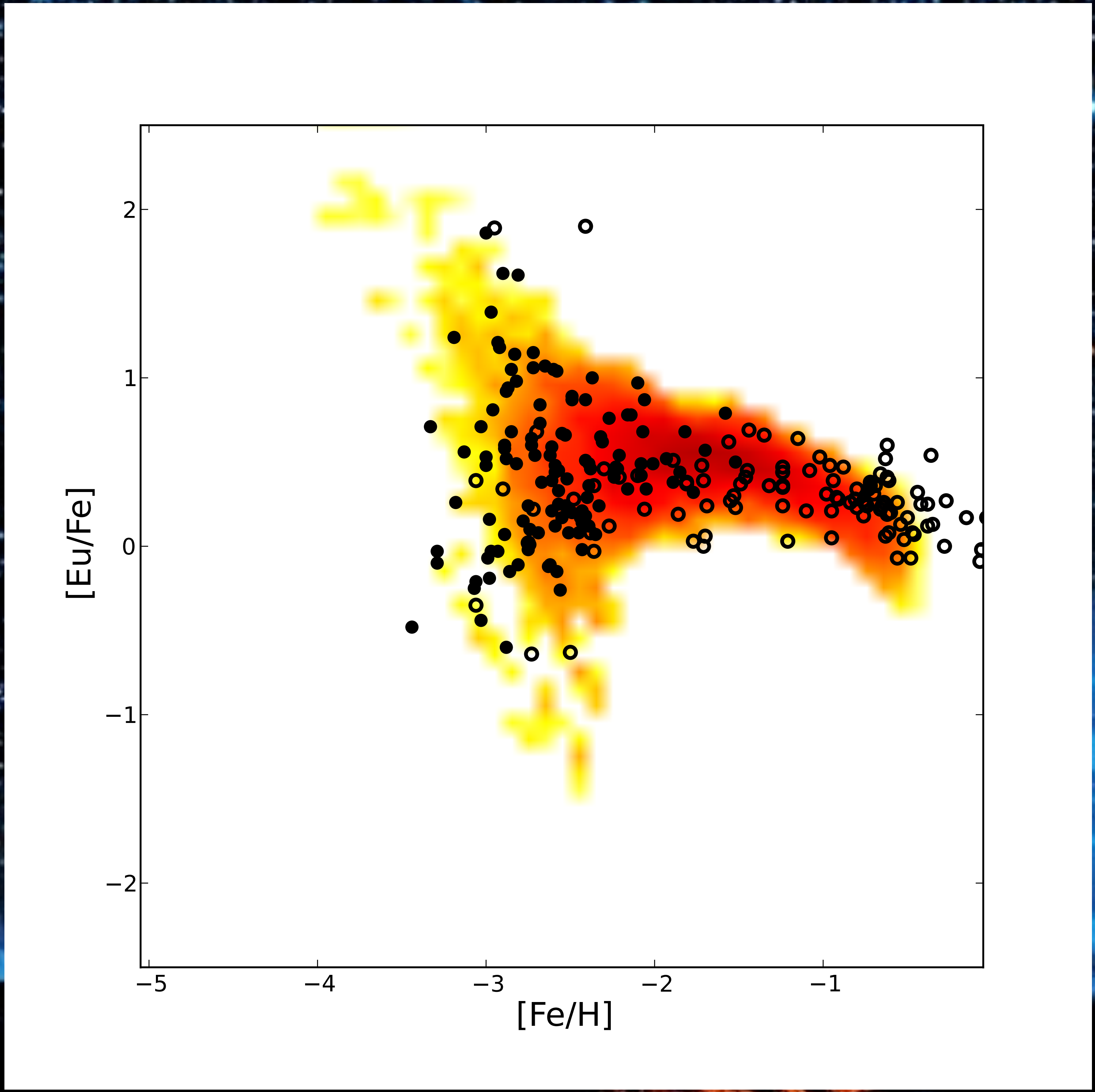


Magneto Rotationally Driven SN scenario (MRD) 10%

Cescutti+14

In the best model shown here the amount of r-process in each event is about 2 times the one assumed in NSM scenario

The assumed percentage of events in massive stars is higher than expected (at least at the solar metallicity), but it is reasonable to increase toward the metal poor regime
(Woosley and Heger 2006)



What about
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Neutron capture elements

	s-process		r-process
site	Low-(intermediate) mass stars	Early Galaxy	NS mergers (& Massive stars?)
time scale	>300Myr		DTD NSM or/and < 30Myr for MRD SNe
yields	Cristallo+11		nucleosynthesis available (but . . .)
	Karakas+12		

Puzzling result for the "heavy to light" n.c. element ratio

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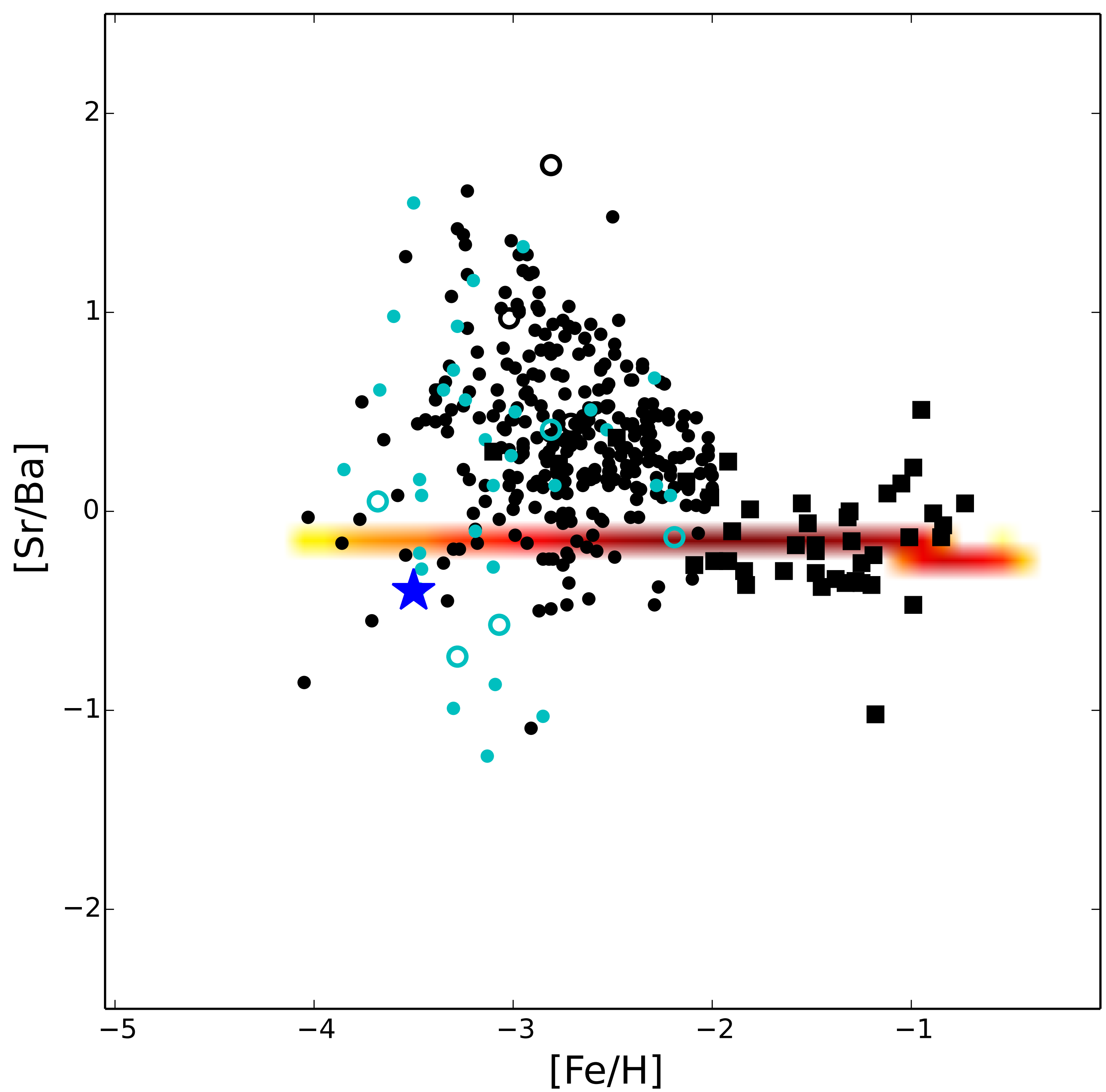

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Placco+14
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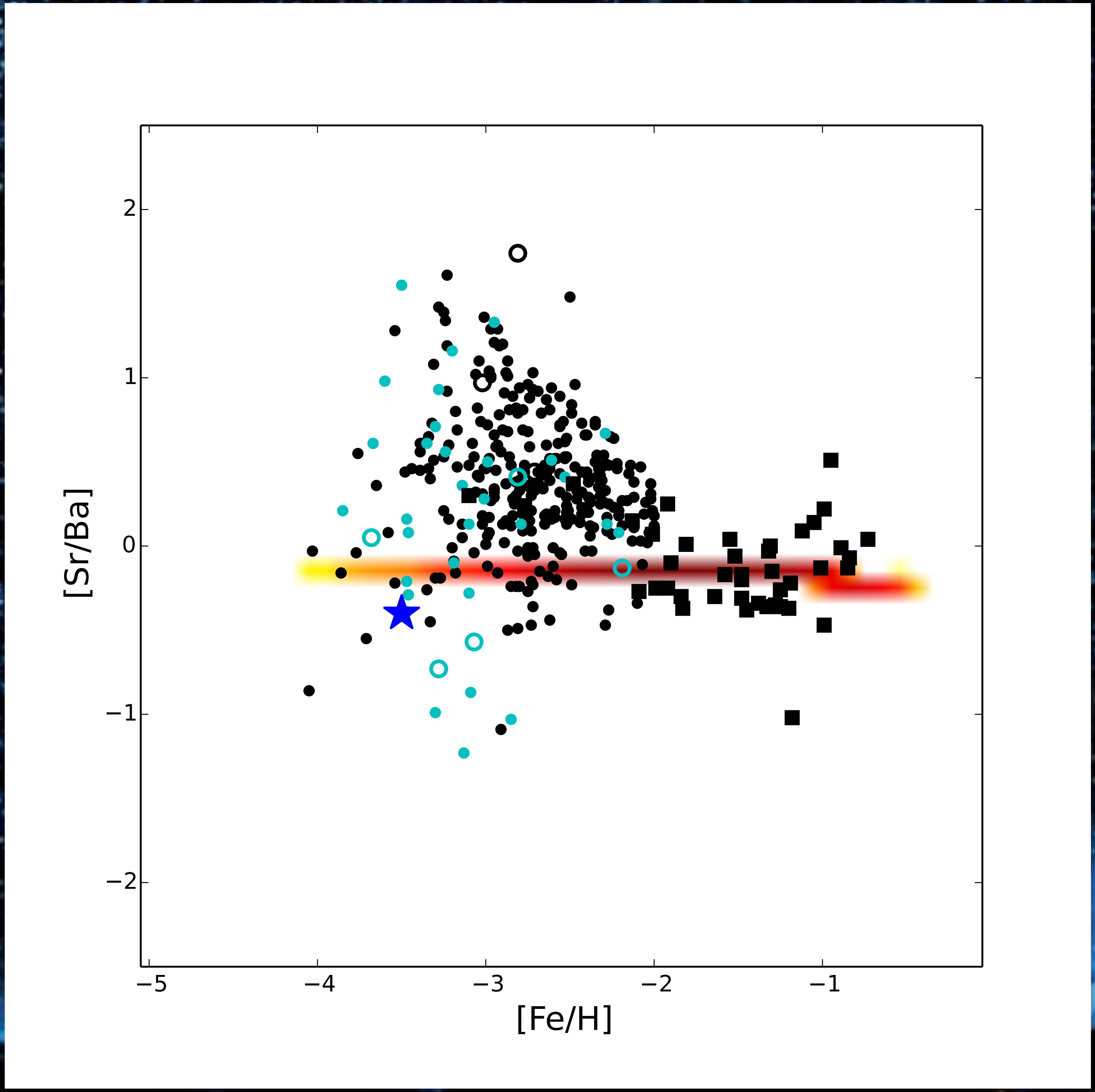

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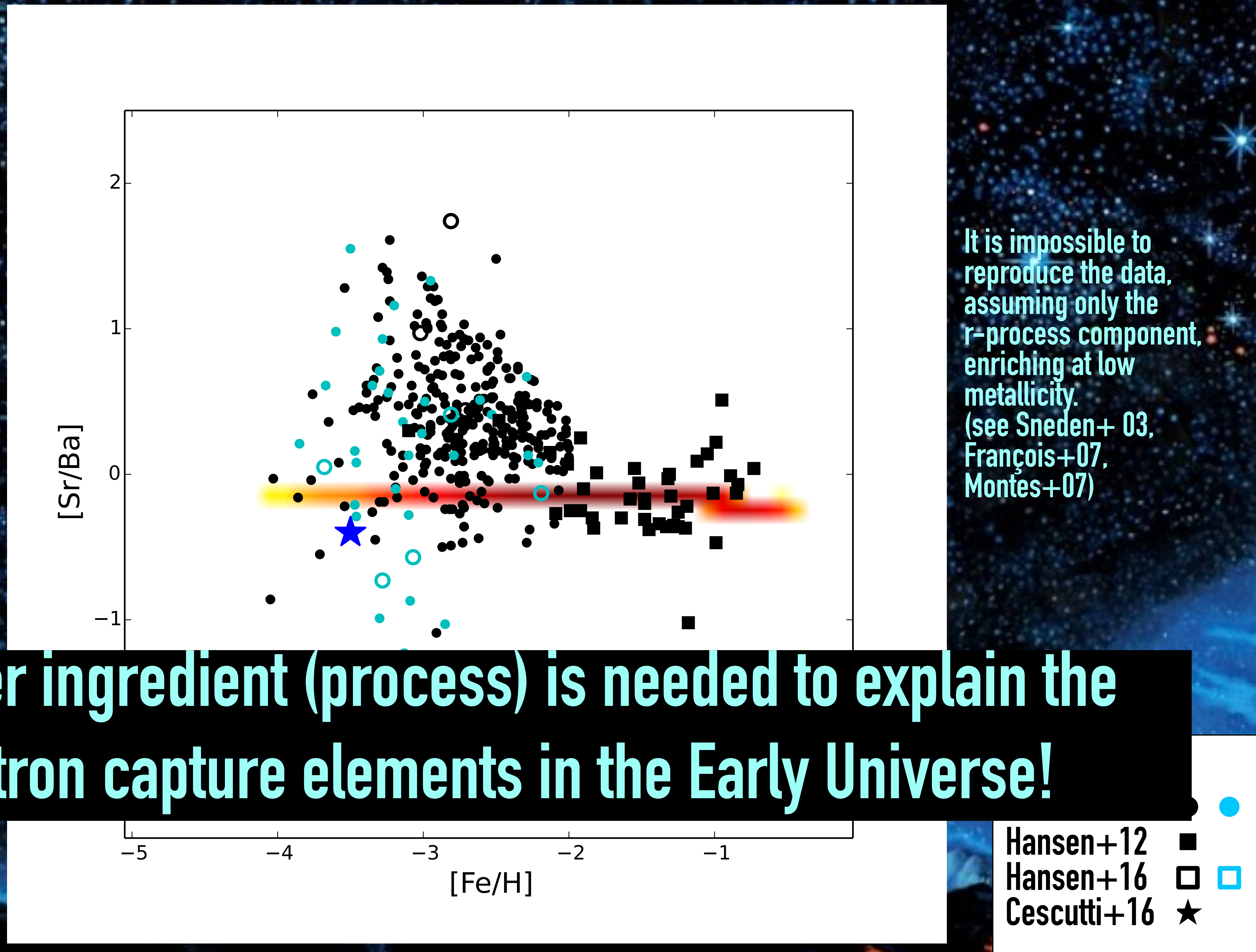

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Another ingredient (process) is needed to explain the neutron capture elements in the Early Universe!

Low metallicity and rotating massive stars

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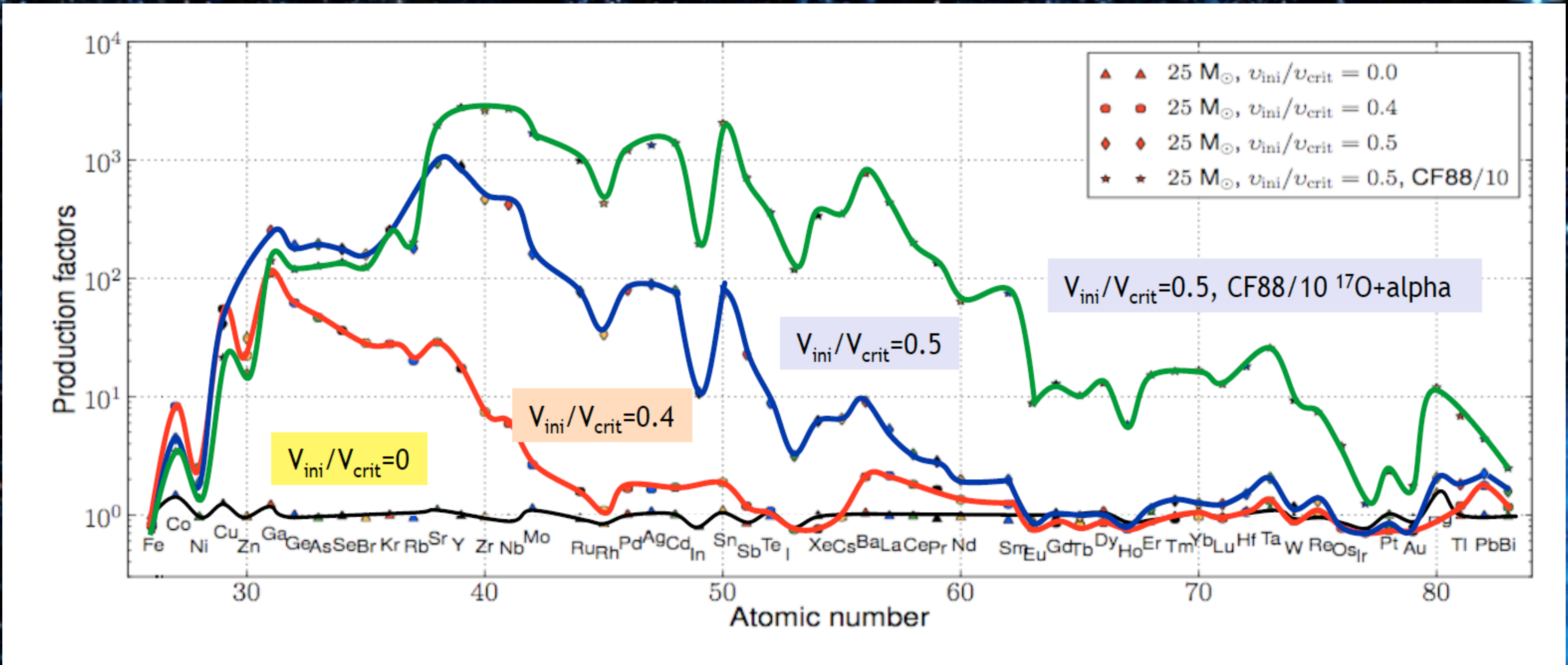

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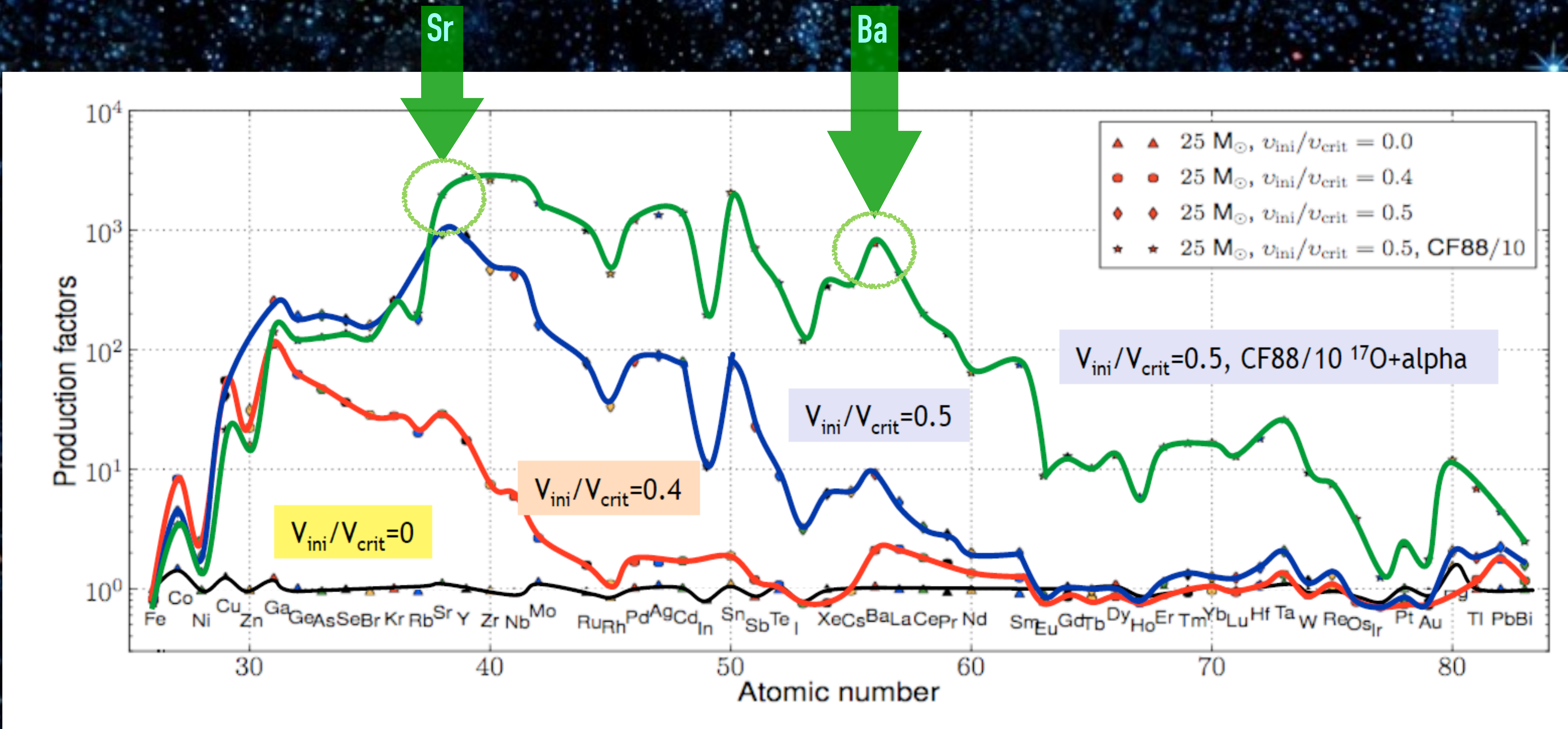

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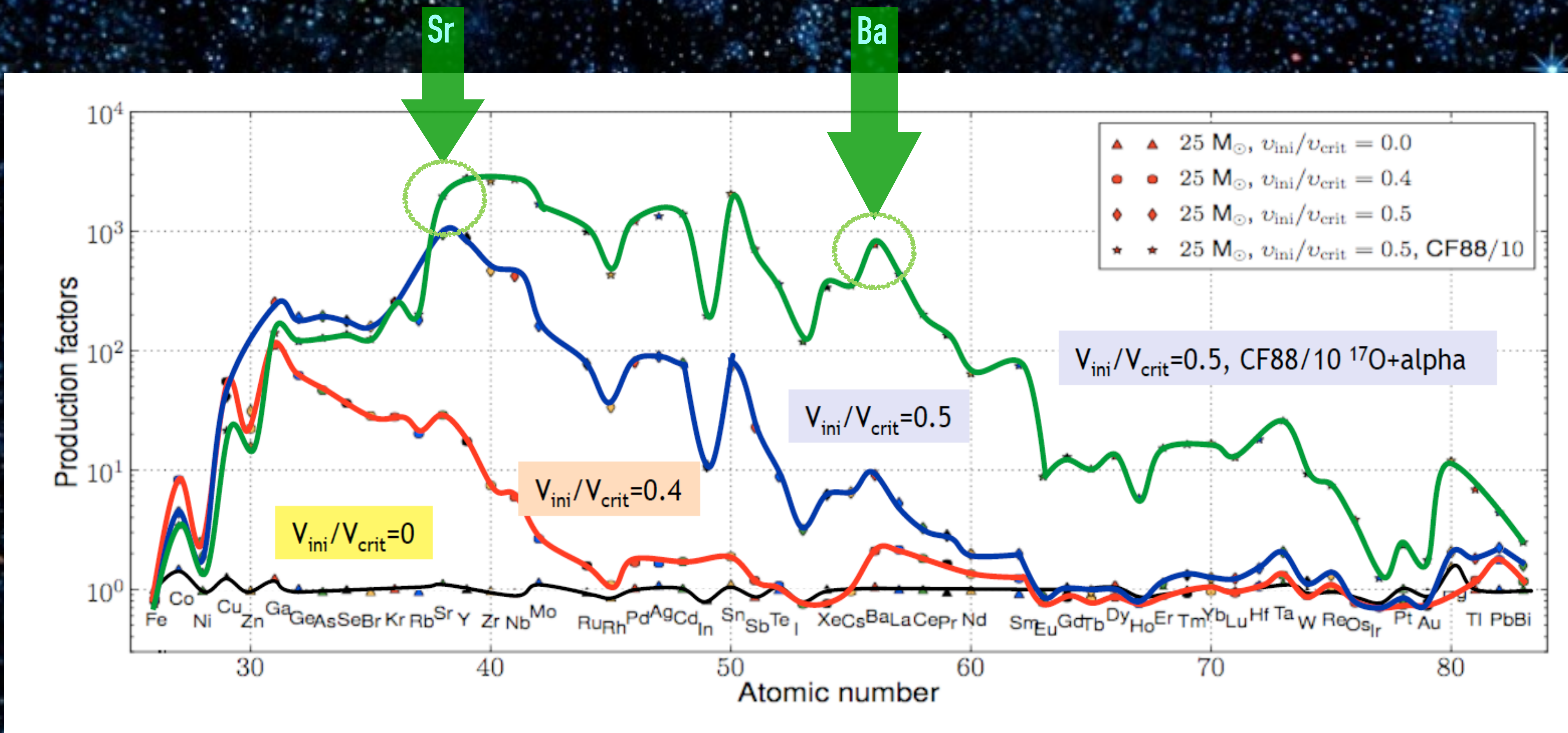

Can they explain the puzzles for Sr and Ba in halo?

Neutron capture elements

	s-process	Early Galaxy	r-process
site	Low-(intermediate) mass stars	rotating Massive stars	NS mergers (& rare massive stars?)
time scale	>300Myr	< 30Myr	time delay distribution
yields	Cristallo+ 2011	(Frischknecht+ 2012) Frischknecht+ 2016	....
	Karakas+ 2012	Limongi and Chieffi 2018	

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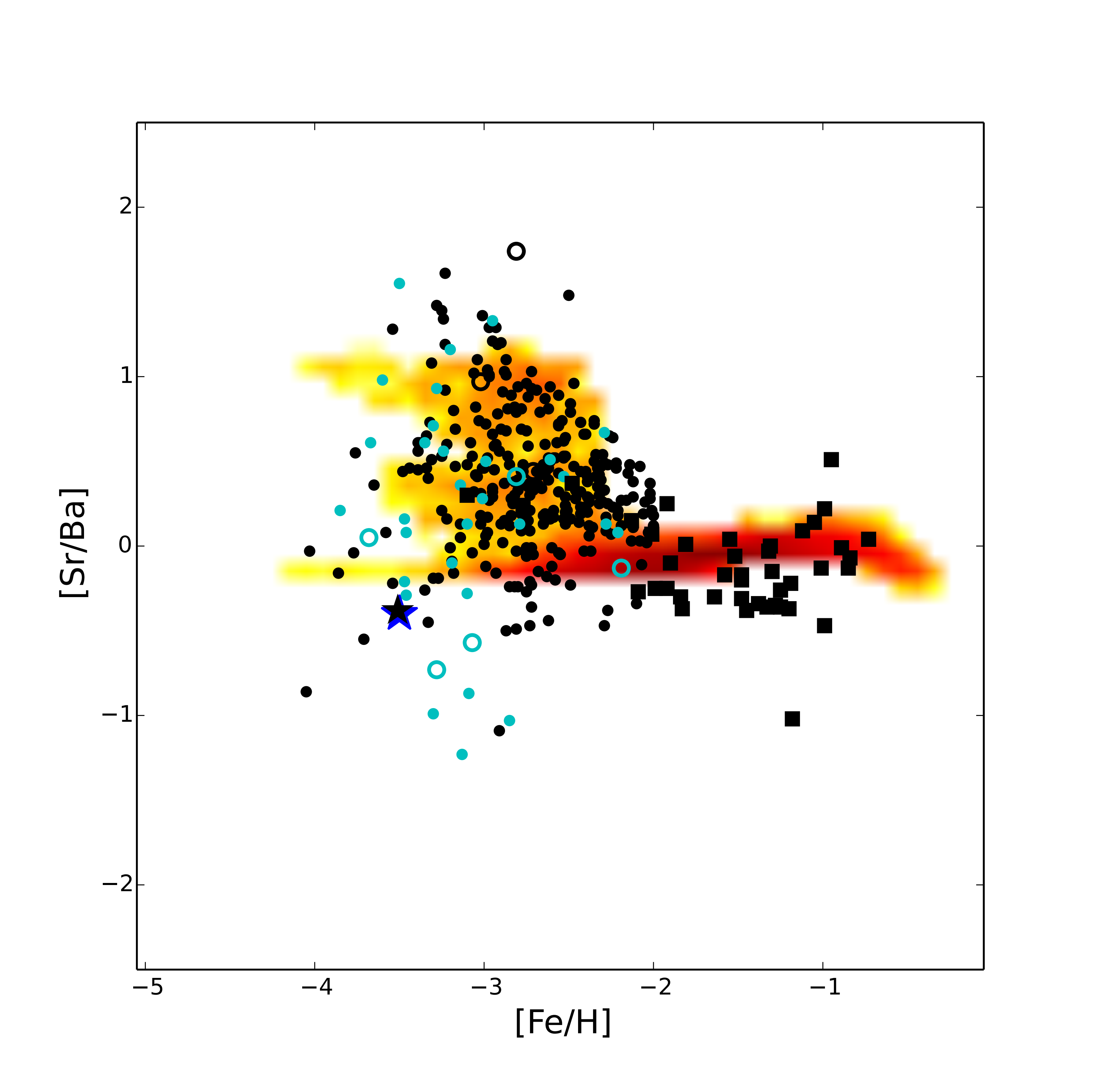

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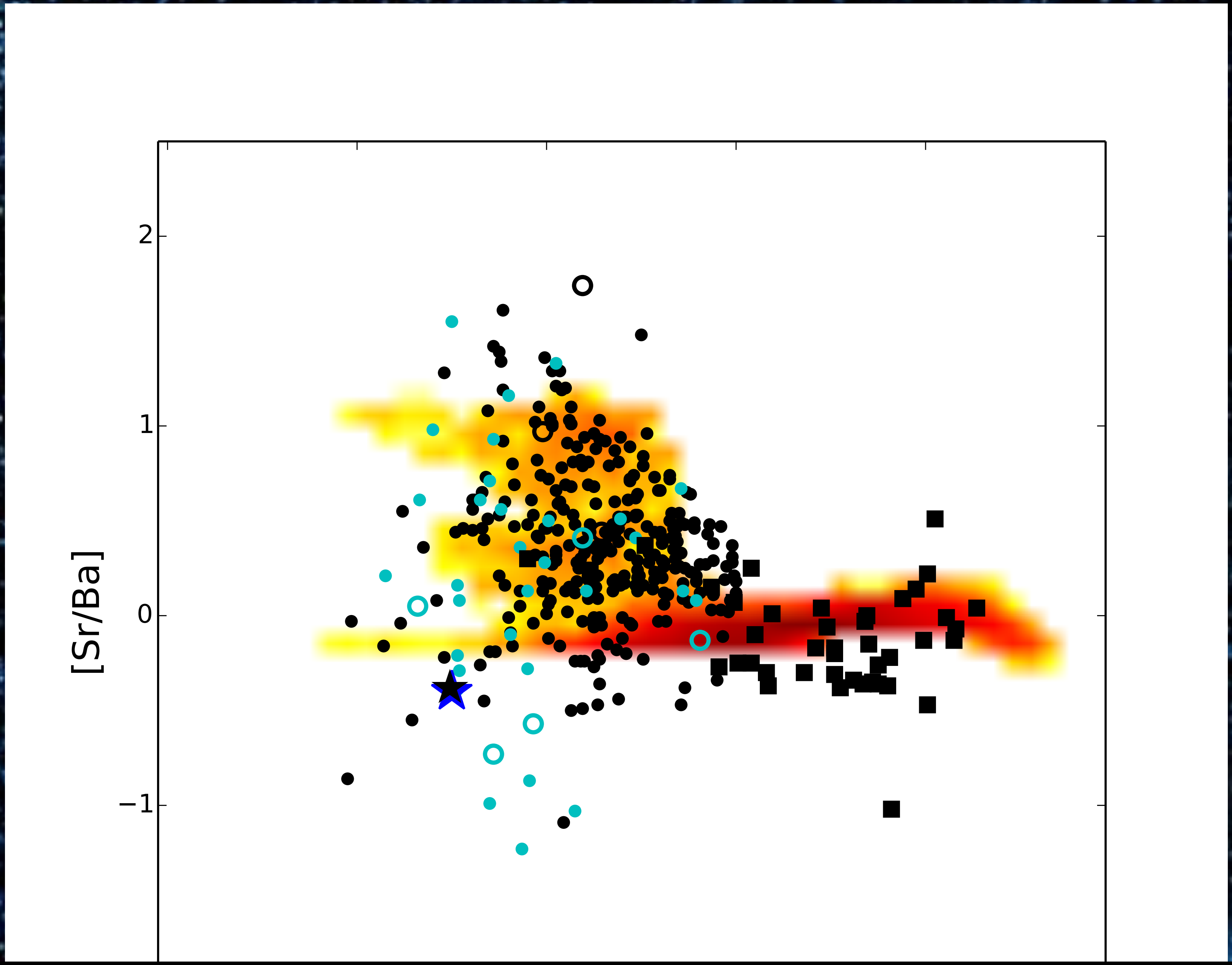
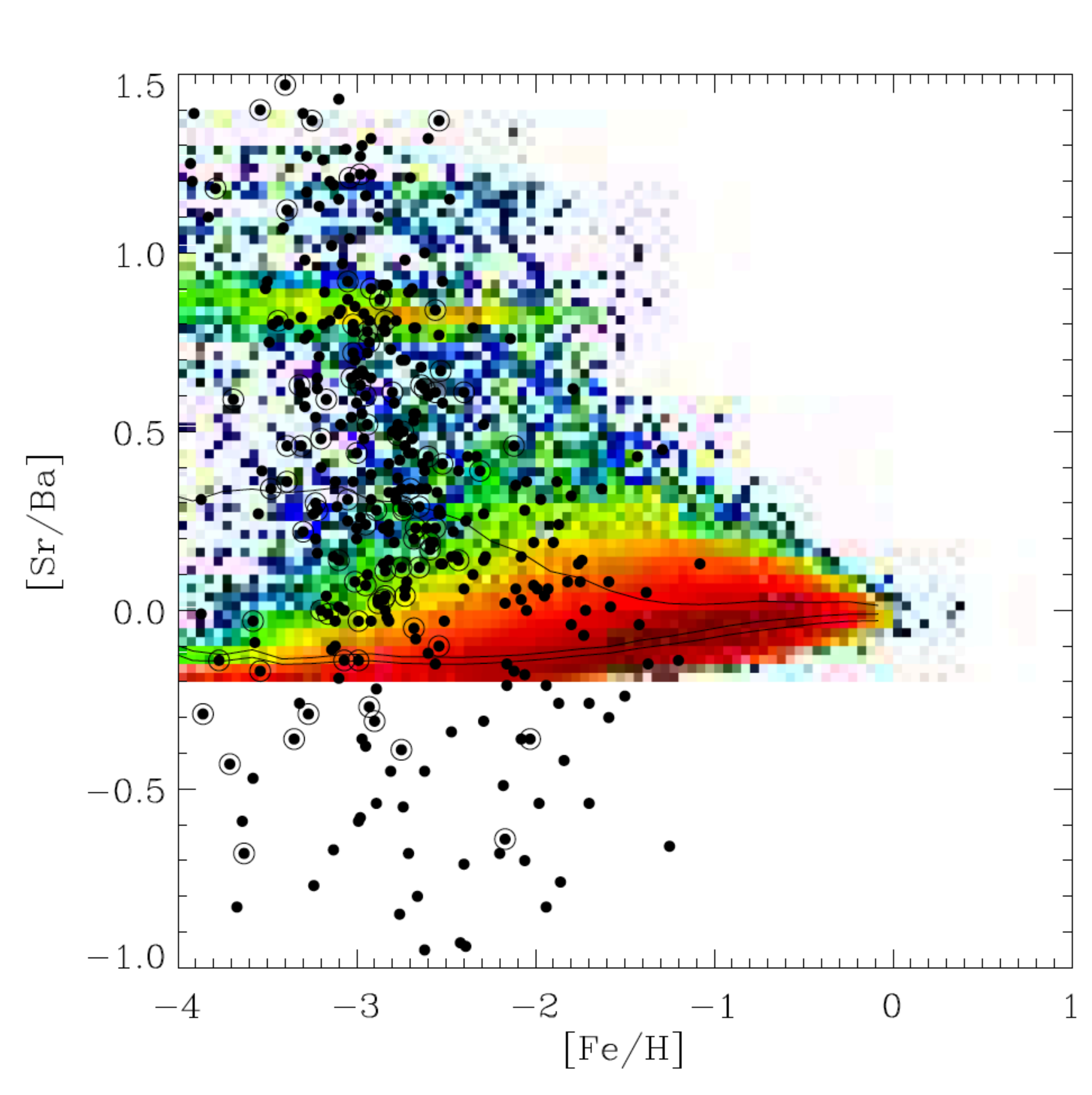


A s-process (from rotating massive stars)
and an r-process (from rare events)
can reproduce the neutron capture elements in the Early Universe

Results with an Sph simulation of the Galactic halo



Scannapieco, Cescutti & Chiappini (2022)

Confirmed in Rizzuti et al. (2019)

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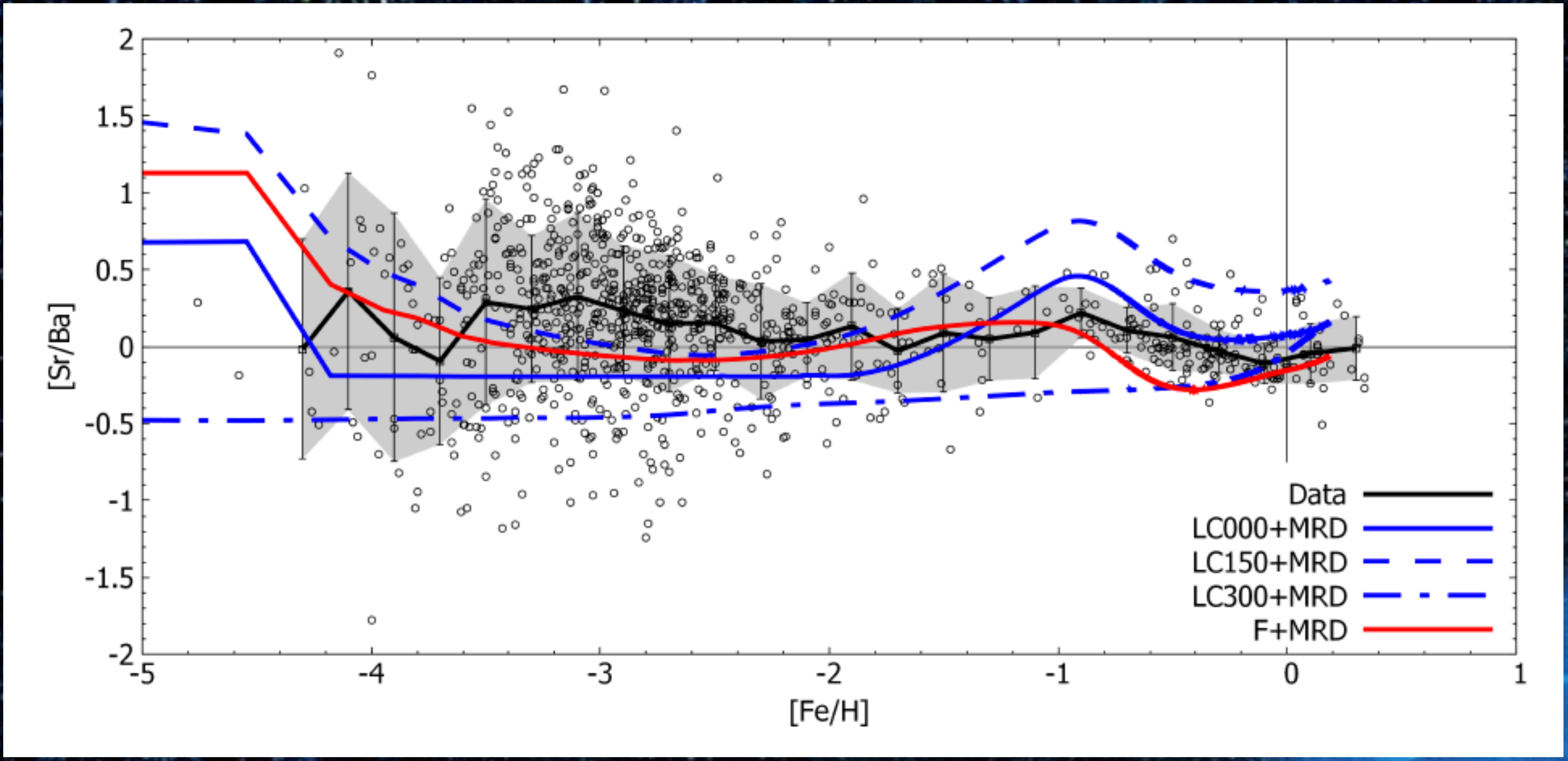

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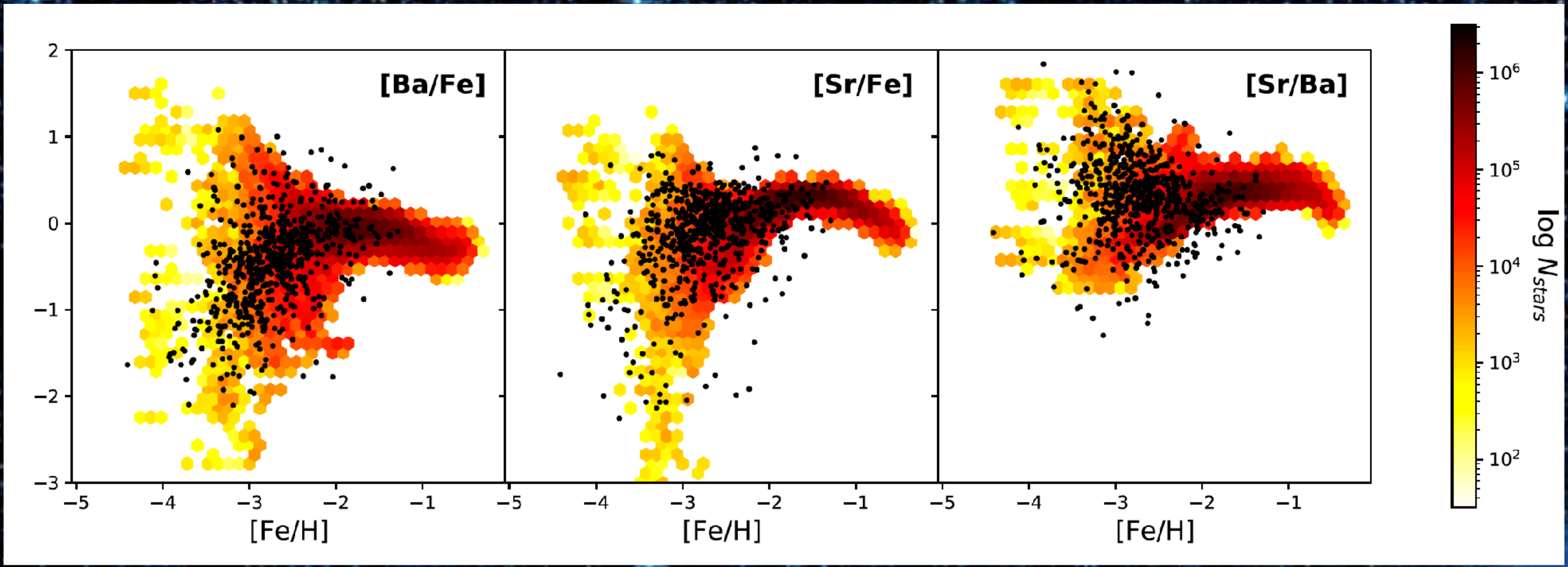

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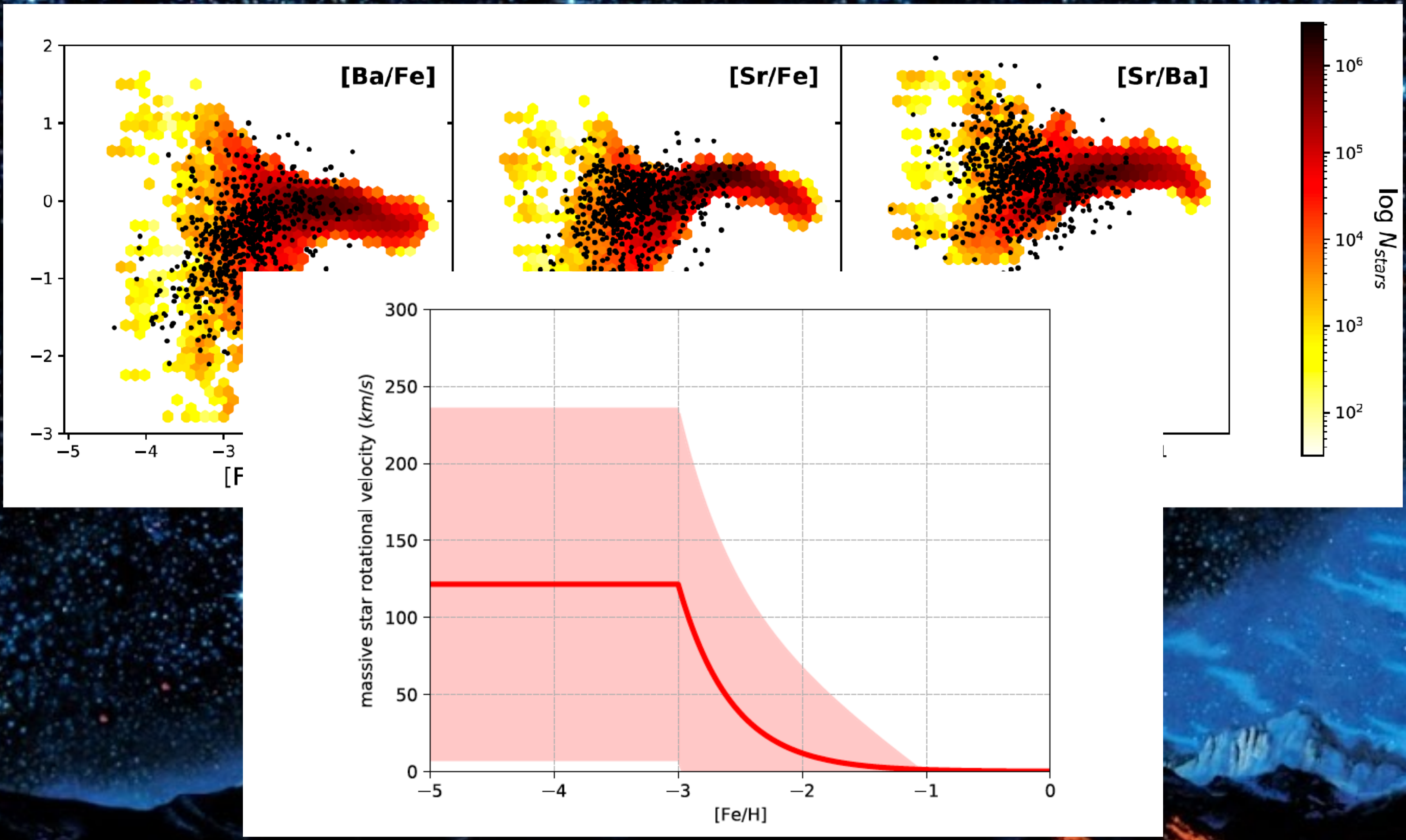

Conclusions

The neutron capture elements in the Galactic halo have been produced by (at least) 2 different processes:

A (main) r-process, rare and able to produce all the elements up to Th with a pattern as the one observed in r-process rich stars.

NSM are certainly the best candidate to play this role if they have a very short time scale, or if their frequency was higher at extremely low metallicity. Other sources like MRD SNe or Collapsar can also play this role.

Another process more frequent and that can produce both Sr and Ba (and [Sr/Ba]>0) with a production that is compatible with the s-process by rotating massive stars. We can use this to constrain the velocity distribution of the massive stars.

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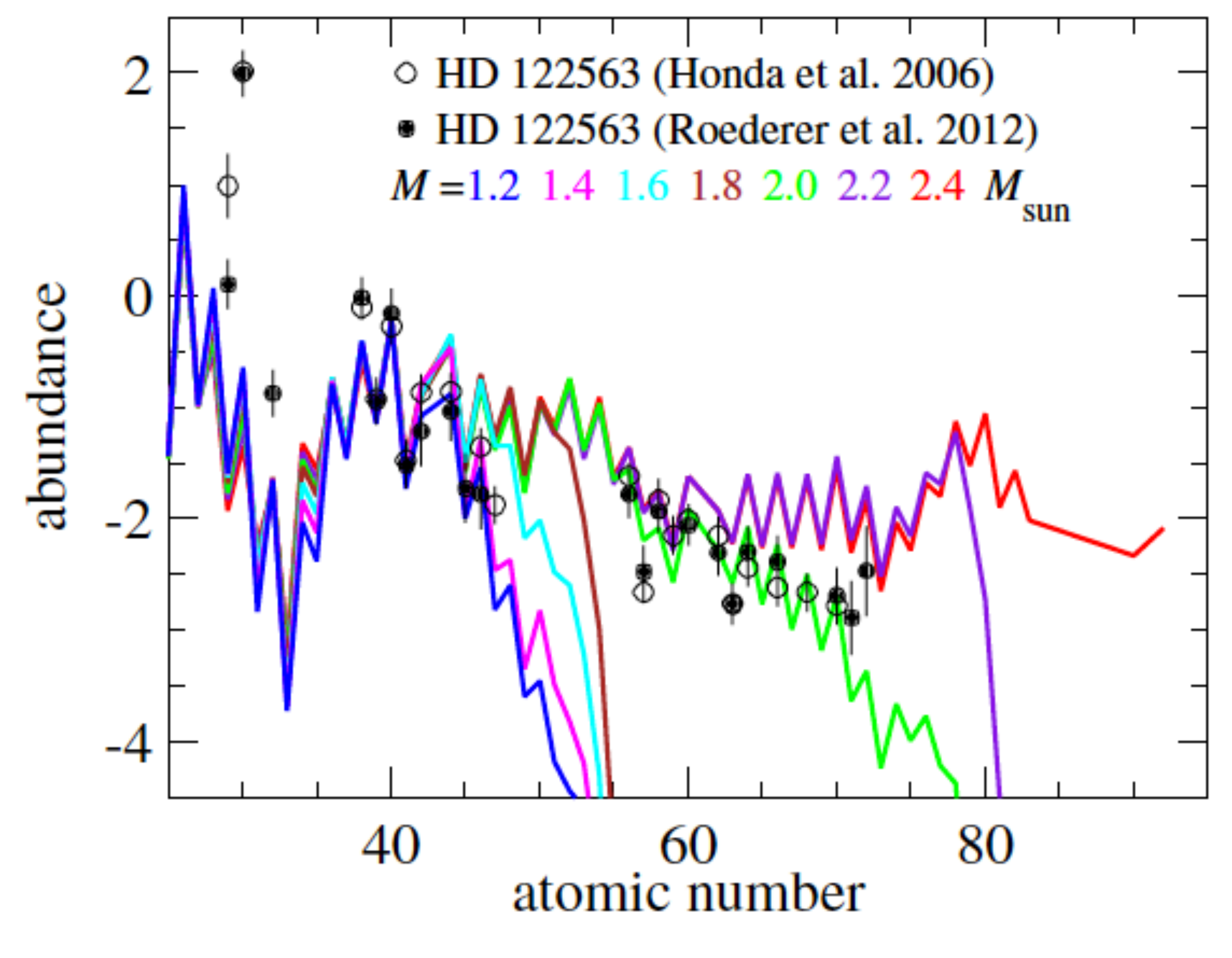
The only possible answer?

Another possible solution is the production of

+ a weak r-process

(not able to produce all the elements up to thorium)

+ a main r-process



Wanajo 2013, r-process production in proto neutron star wind

Isotopic ratio for Ba

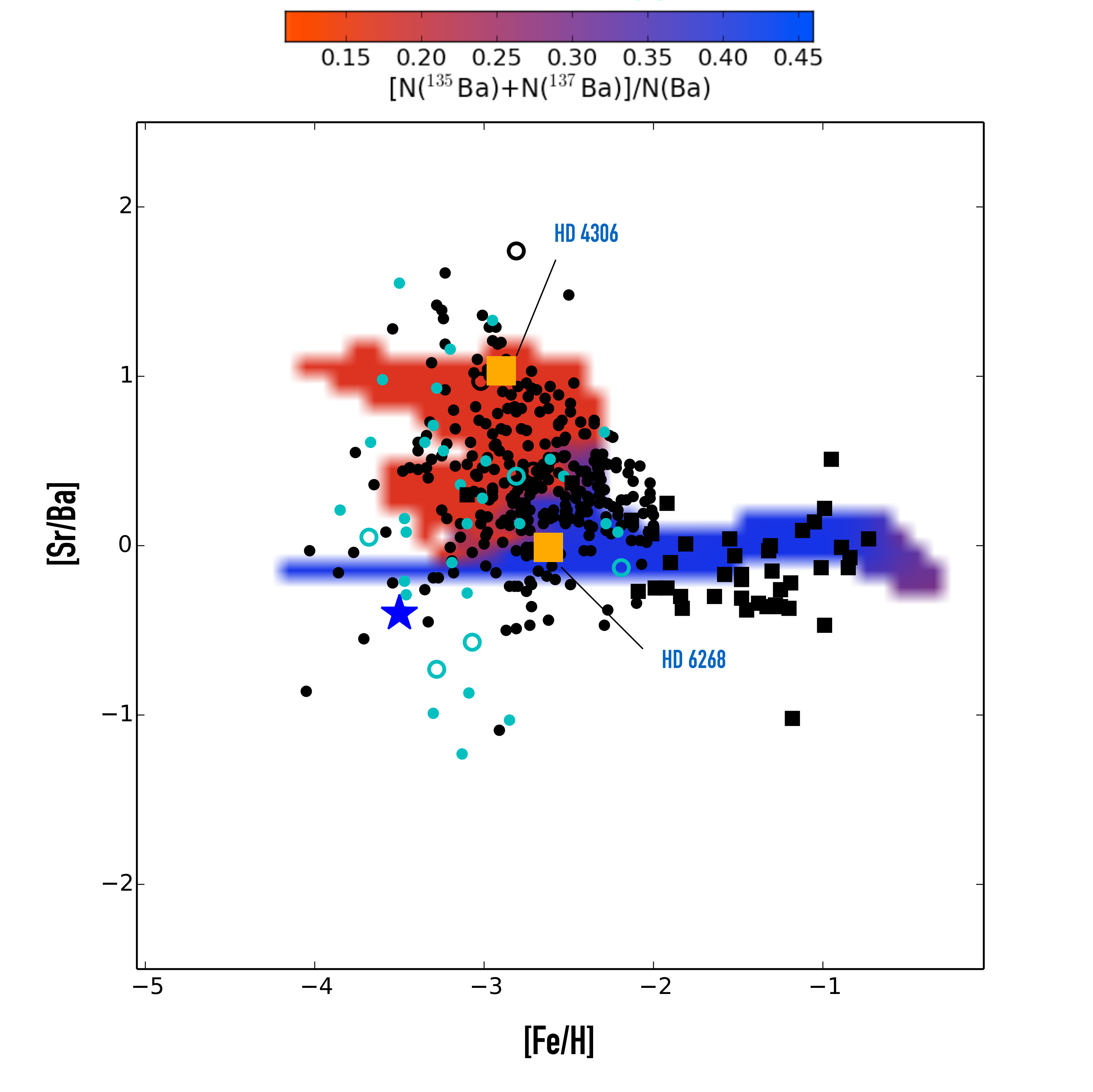
Cescutti and Chiappini (2014)

The rotating massive stars scenario naturally predicts different Ba isotopic ratios in halo stars.

This prediction can be used to test our scenario.

Challenging to check these predictions

See results on HD 140283 from Magain (1995) to Gallagher+(2015)

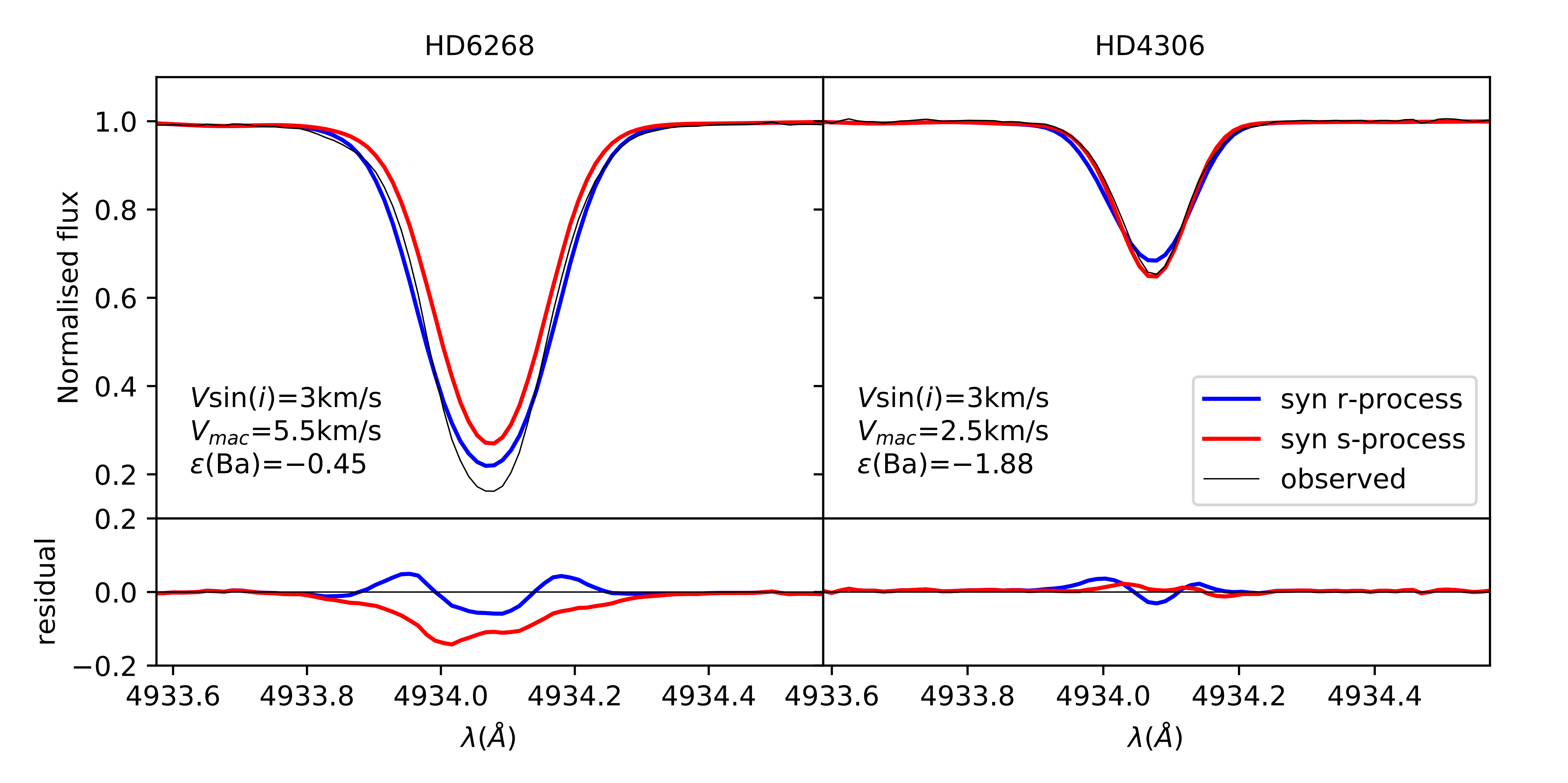


2 stars with a R~100'000 & S/N~500 with UVES at VLT

"normal" value
high R ~ 30'000
high S/N ~ 80-100

Synthesis of barium lines

with hyperfine splitting effects



Cescutti +21

Conclusions

Our inspection of the barium lines has found that the profiles of the lines (suffering hfs) are different in the 2 stars.

The most likely explanation is that:

HD 6268 has been polluted by an r-process source
&
HD 4306 by and s-process source,

validating Cescutti&Chiappini14 results

HR and high S/N still provide fundamental information to Galactic Archaeology, fully complementary to the amazing results coming from present and future Multiobjects spectrographs.