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# AGB stars at low metallicity and implications for simple stellar populations

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# Outline

- Stellar yield modeling: 1-25Msun,  $Z=0.0001 \dots 0.02$
- AGB stars at low  $Z$
- **Stellar Yields for Galactic Modeling Applications (SYGMA)**

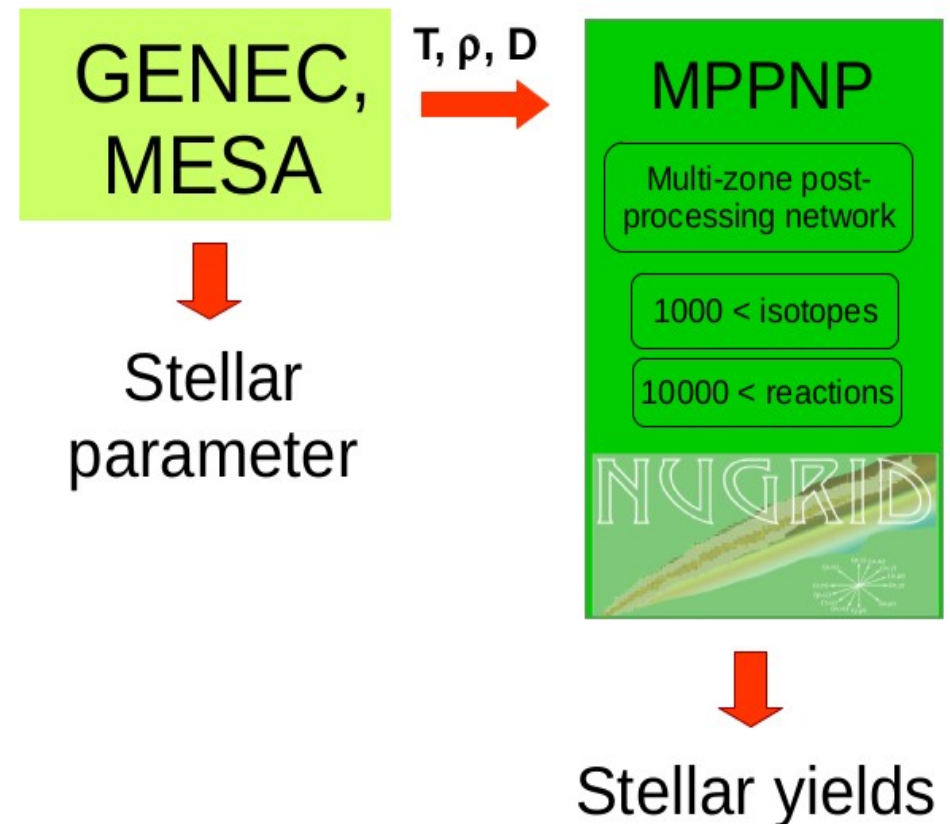
# Yield data sets for galactic modeling applications

Ideally combine these features:

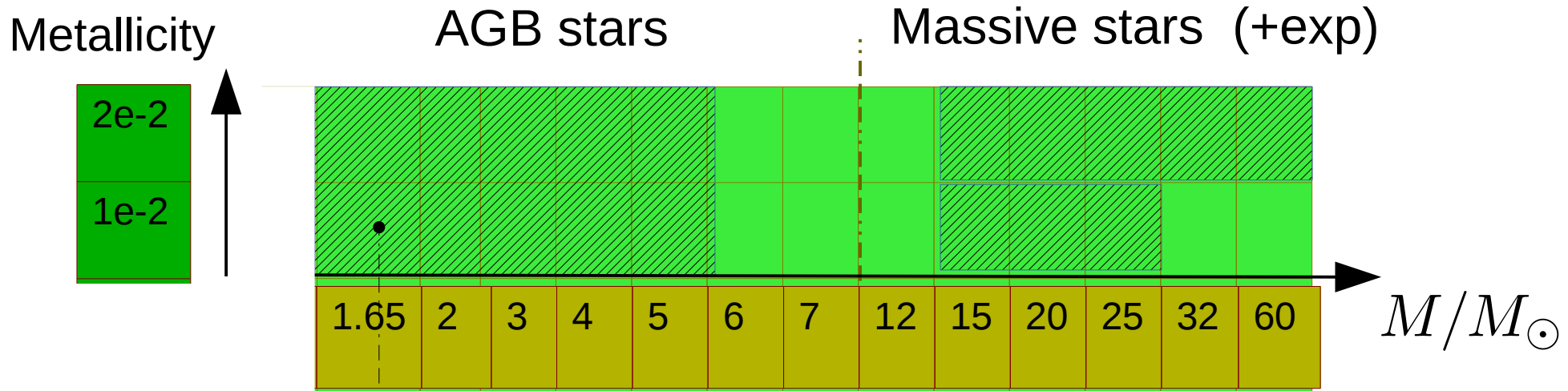
- Complete dataset including full mass range of AGB and massive stars
- Internal consistency: Rates and other physics assumptions
- Complete coverage of all isotopes

We adopt this in the NuGrid approach:

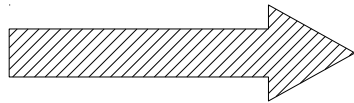
- AGB + massive stars modeling
- Same rate input in stellar simulations and post-processing
- All stable elements + isotopes in complete network
- Semi-analytical model for SNI
- Non-rotating, no B fields



# NuGrid data set, incl. yields



- <1000 isotope
  - 2000 grid zones
  - $10^5$  models
- +
- Stellar evolution data for each time step and mass zone

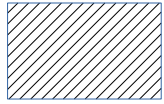


First data set available for solar+ half-solar  $Z$  (Pignatari et al. 13)

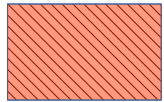
Reference data available at <http://data.nugridstars.org> w/ Python tools to analyse and explore data.

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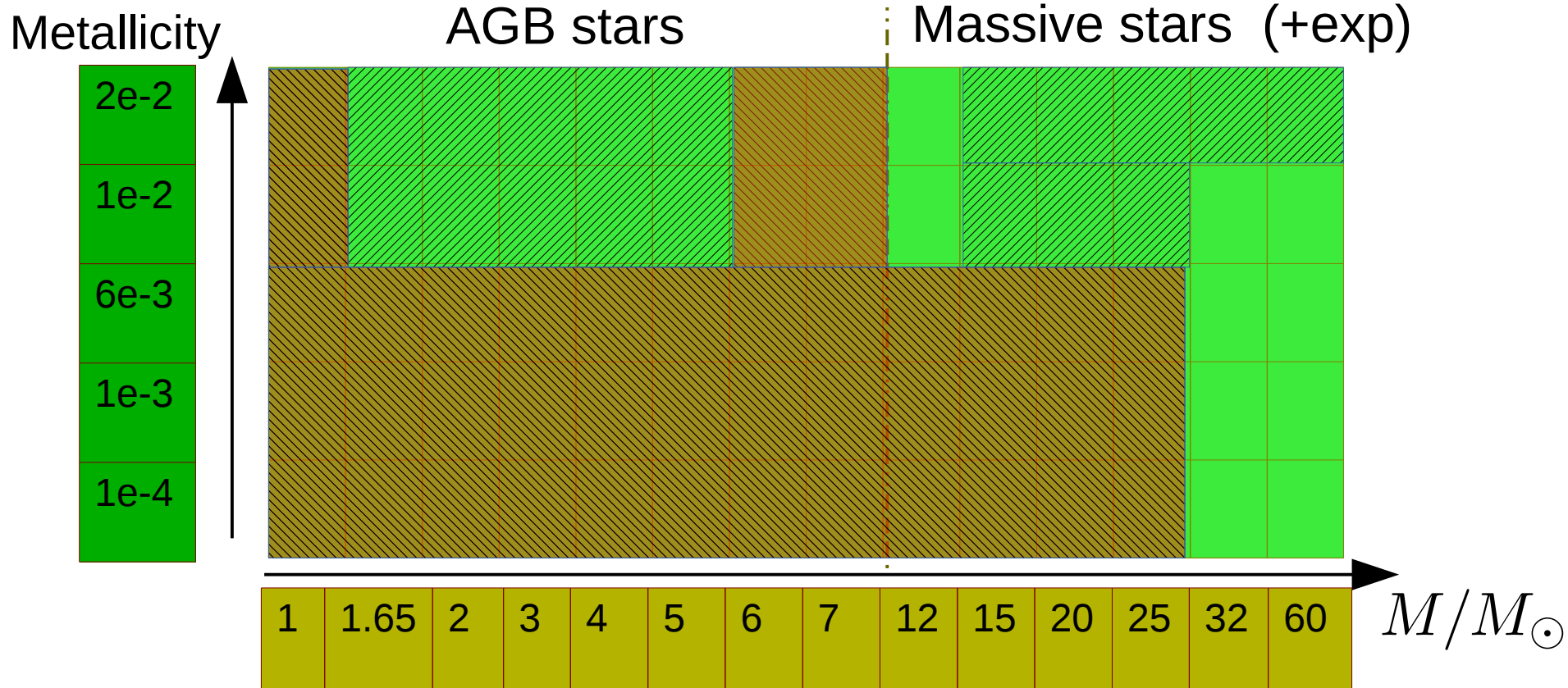


Submitted: Set 1



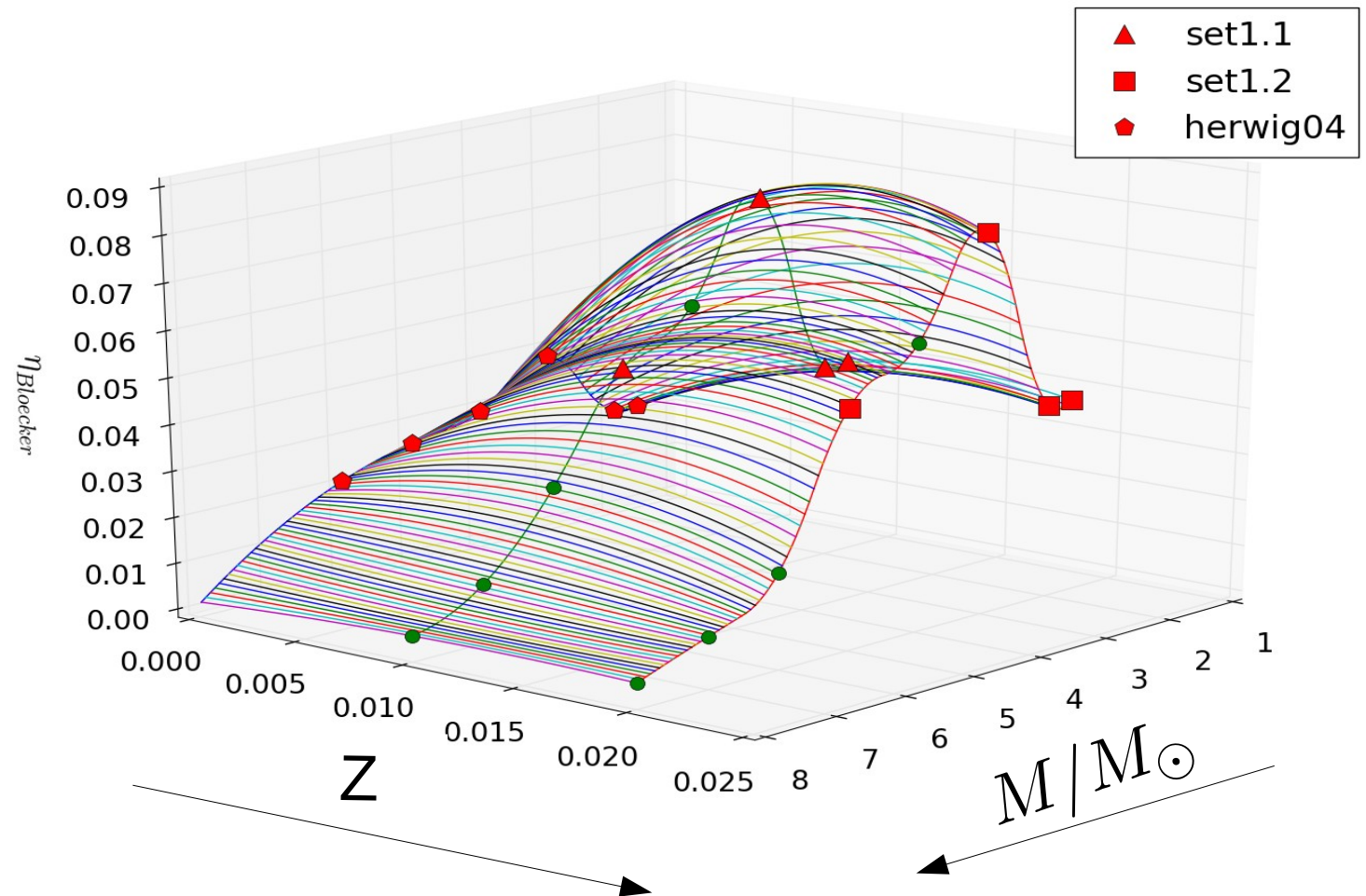
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# AGB stars: mass loss

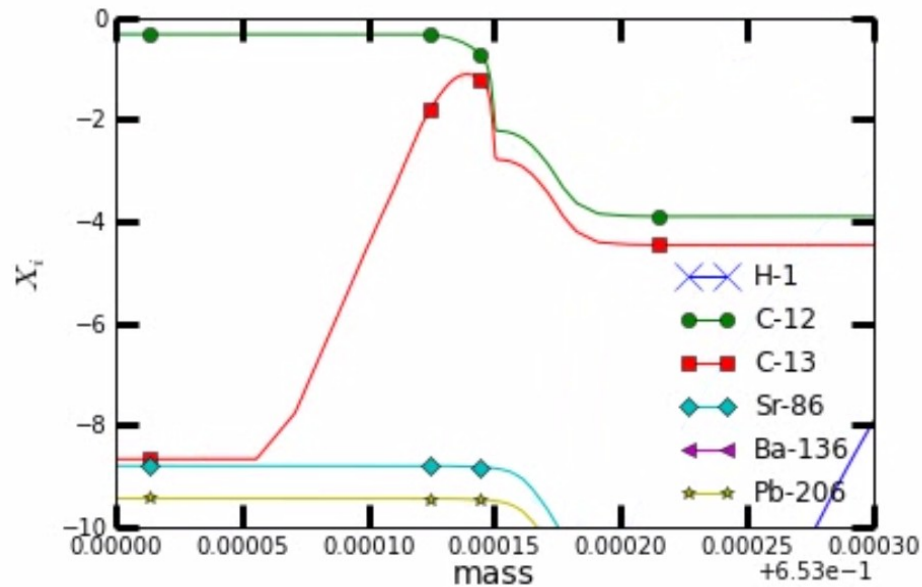
- Mass-metallicity fit for mass loss
- Consistent with Herwig (2004) for low Z and NuGrid Set1 (Pignatari et al. 2013)



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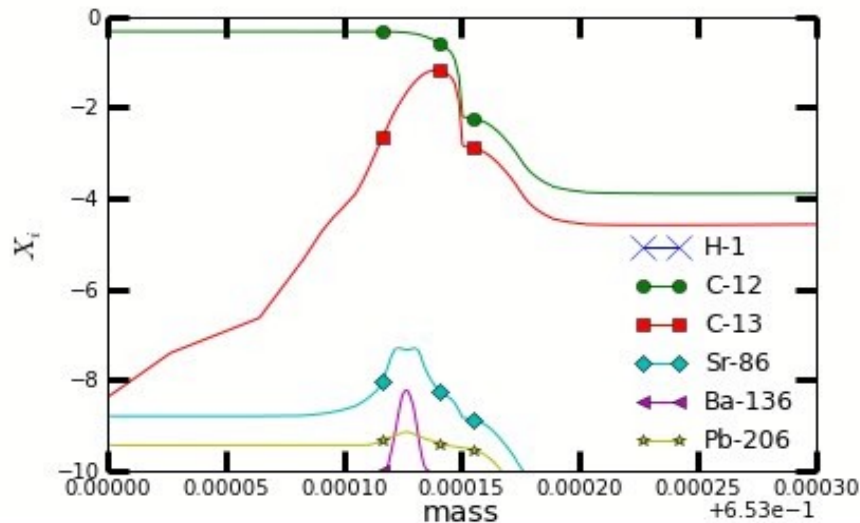
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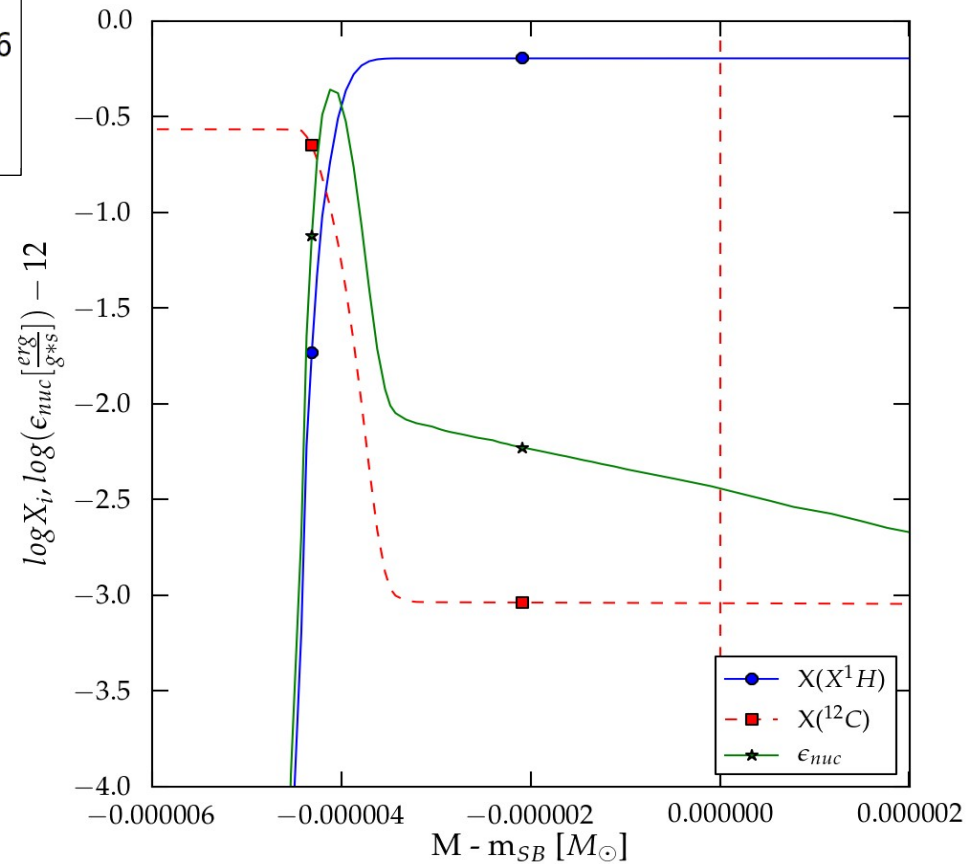
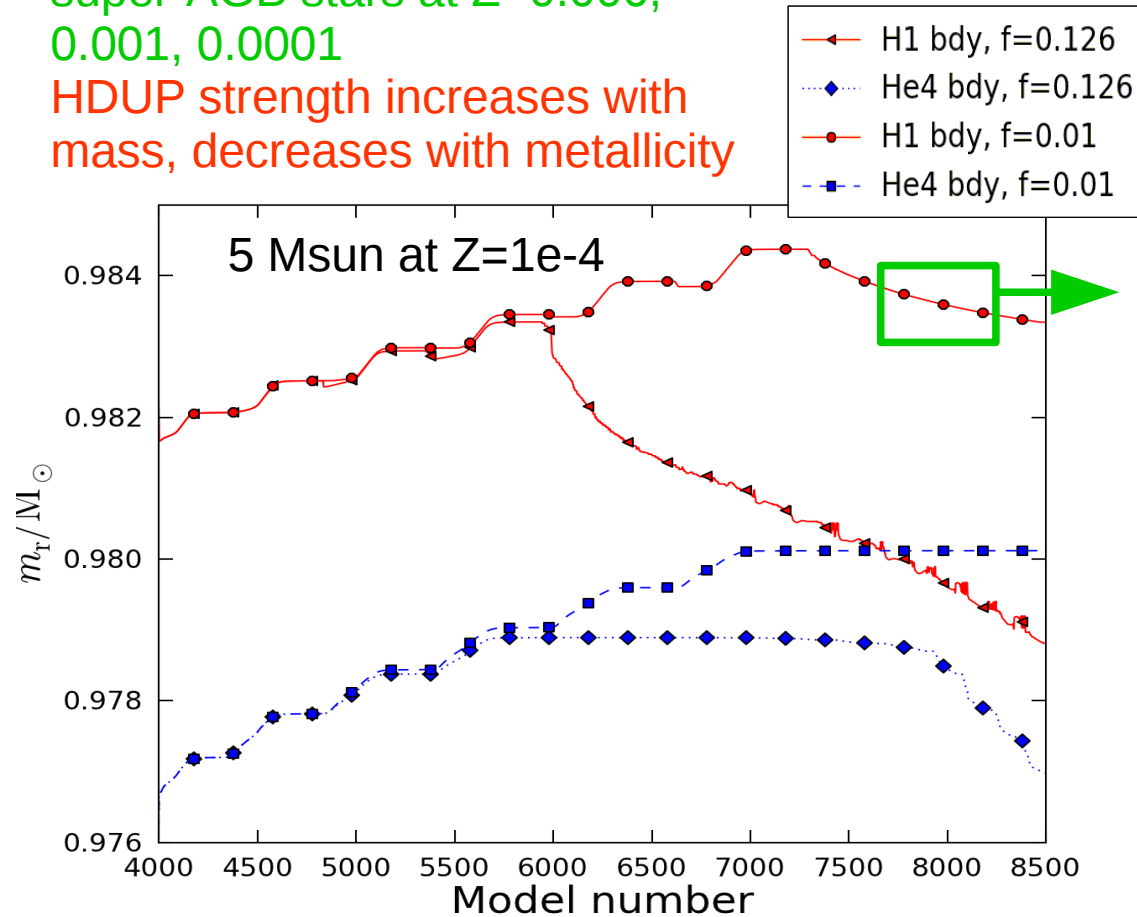


# AGB stars at low-Z

- Hot dredge-up in massive and super-AGB stars

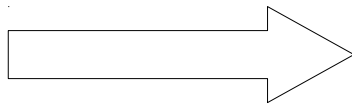
HDUP occurs in massive and super-AGB stars at  $Z=0.006, 0.001, 0.0001$

HDUP strength increases with mass, decreases with metallicity



# AGB stars at low-Z

- What is the right  $f_{ce}$  for low-Z?
  - Convective-reactive feedback reduces  $f_{ce}$
  - $f_{ce}$  cannot be zero but could be very small

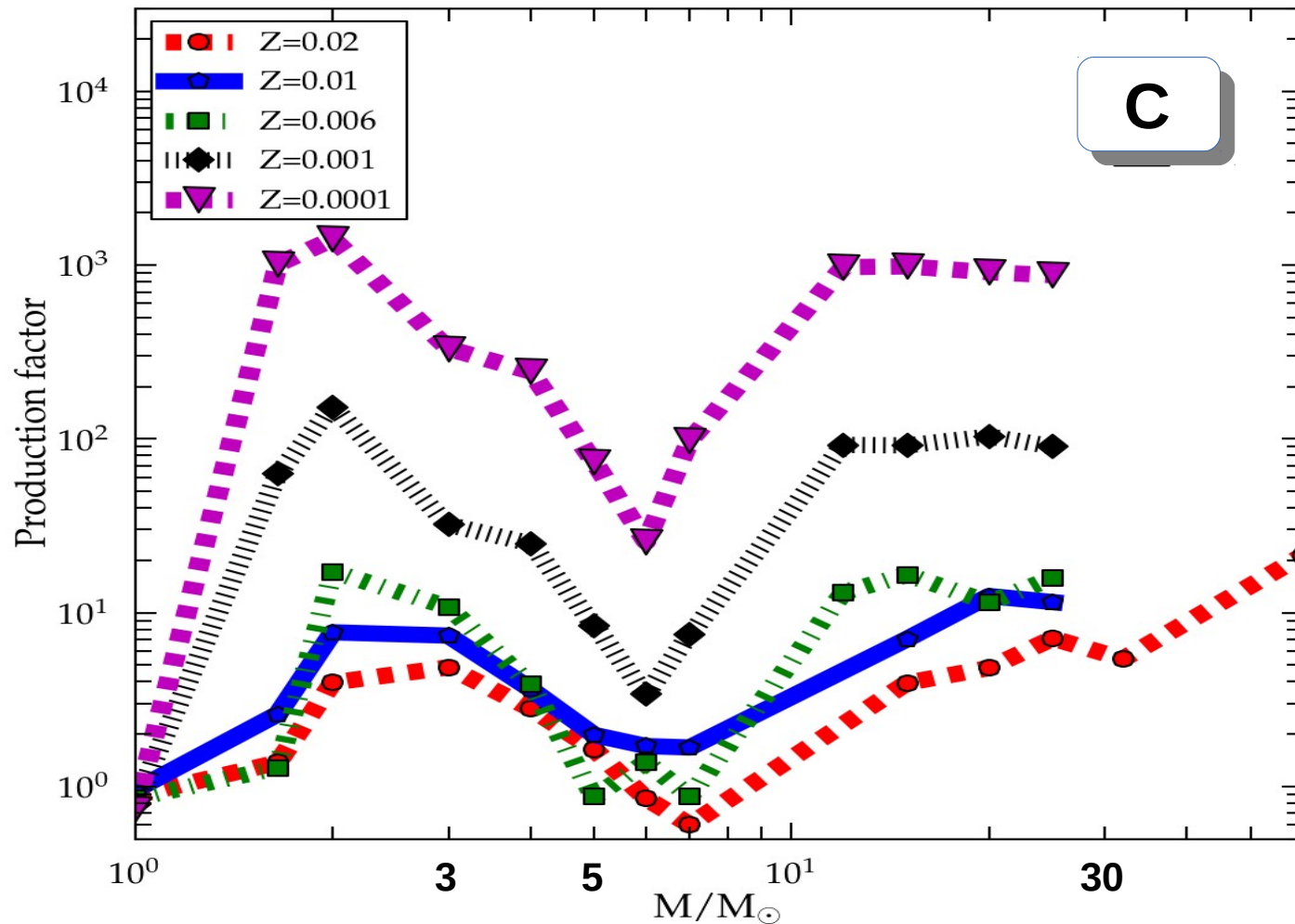


**Reduce by a factor of at high  
mass & low Z to  $f_{ce} = 0.002$**

**Still HDUP luminosity is higher  
than He peak luminosity!**

# AGB stars

- Competition in C production

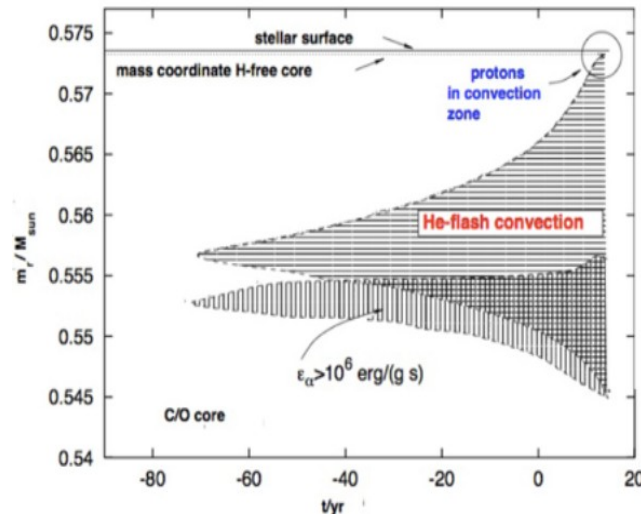


# Why not (yet?) lower than $[Fe/H] \sim -2.3$ ?

Below this metallicity:

- H-ingestion in He core flashes, He shell flashes
- 1D stellar evolution ab initio can not reproduce observed properties of H-ingestion object Sakurai's object (Herwig et al. 2011)
- Recent 3D simulations confirm the non-radial nature of H-ingestion flash

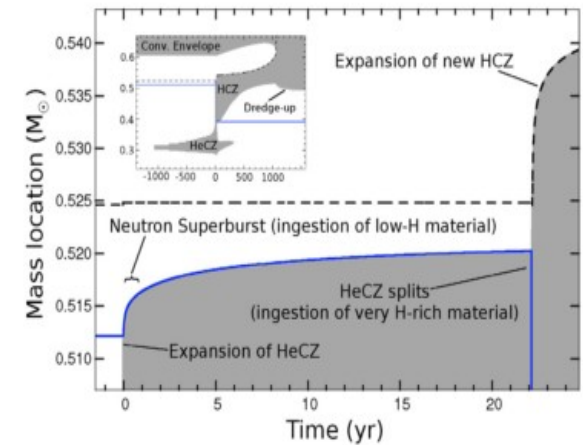
VLTP in Sakurai's object



Herwig 2001

He core flashes:

$[Fe/H] = -6.5$



Campbell et al. 2010

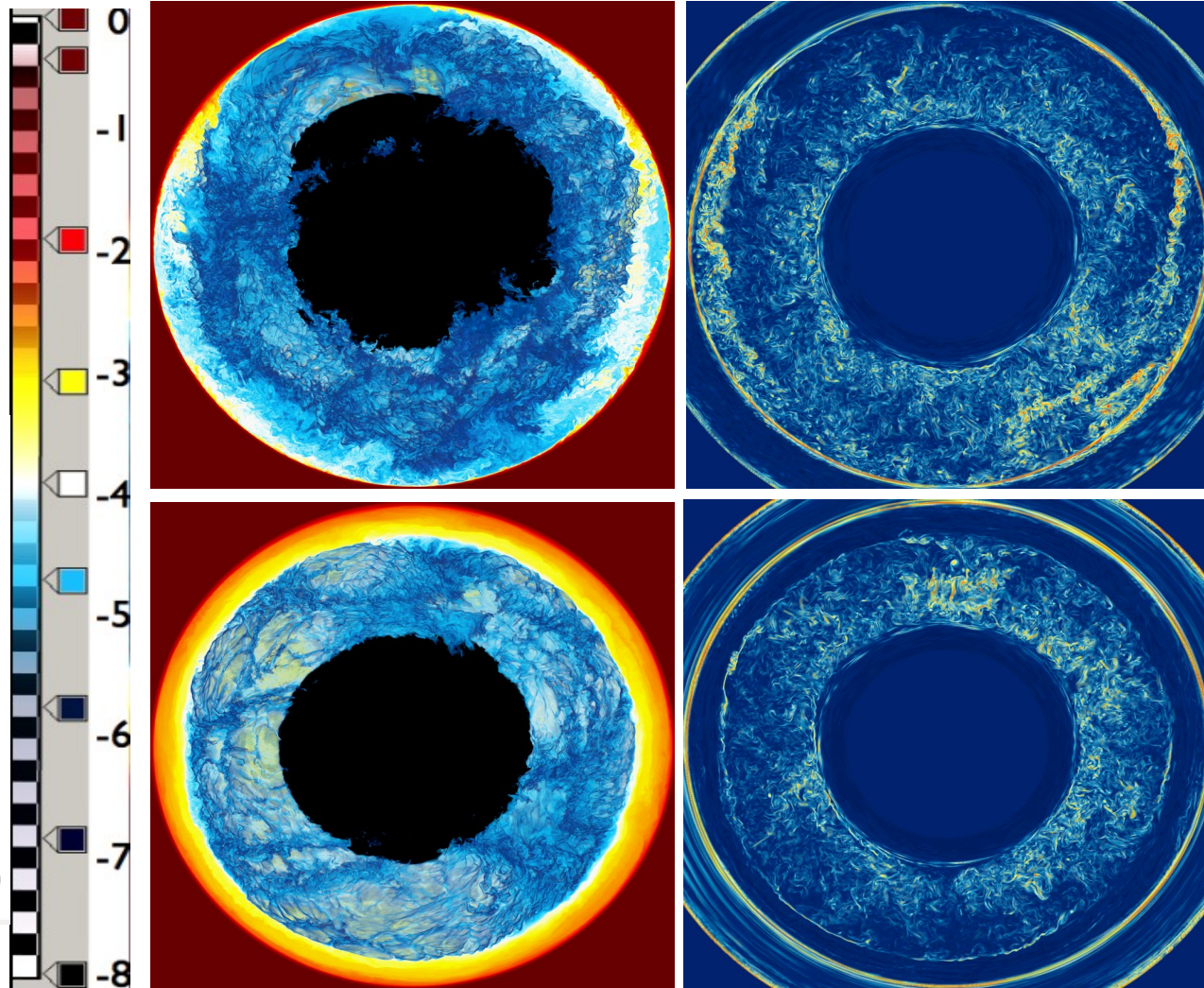
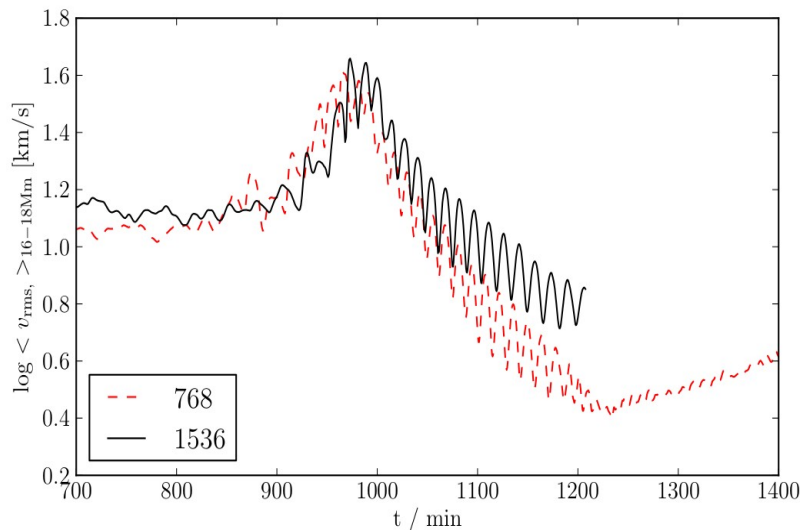
He shell flashes:

Suda et al. 2010

and many more!

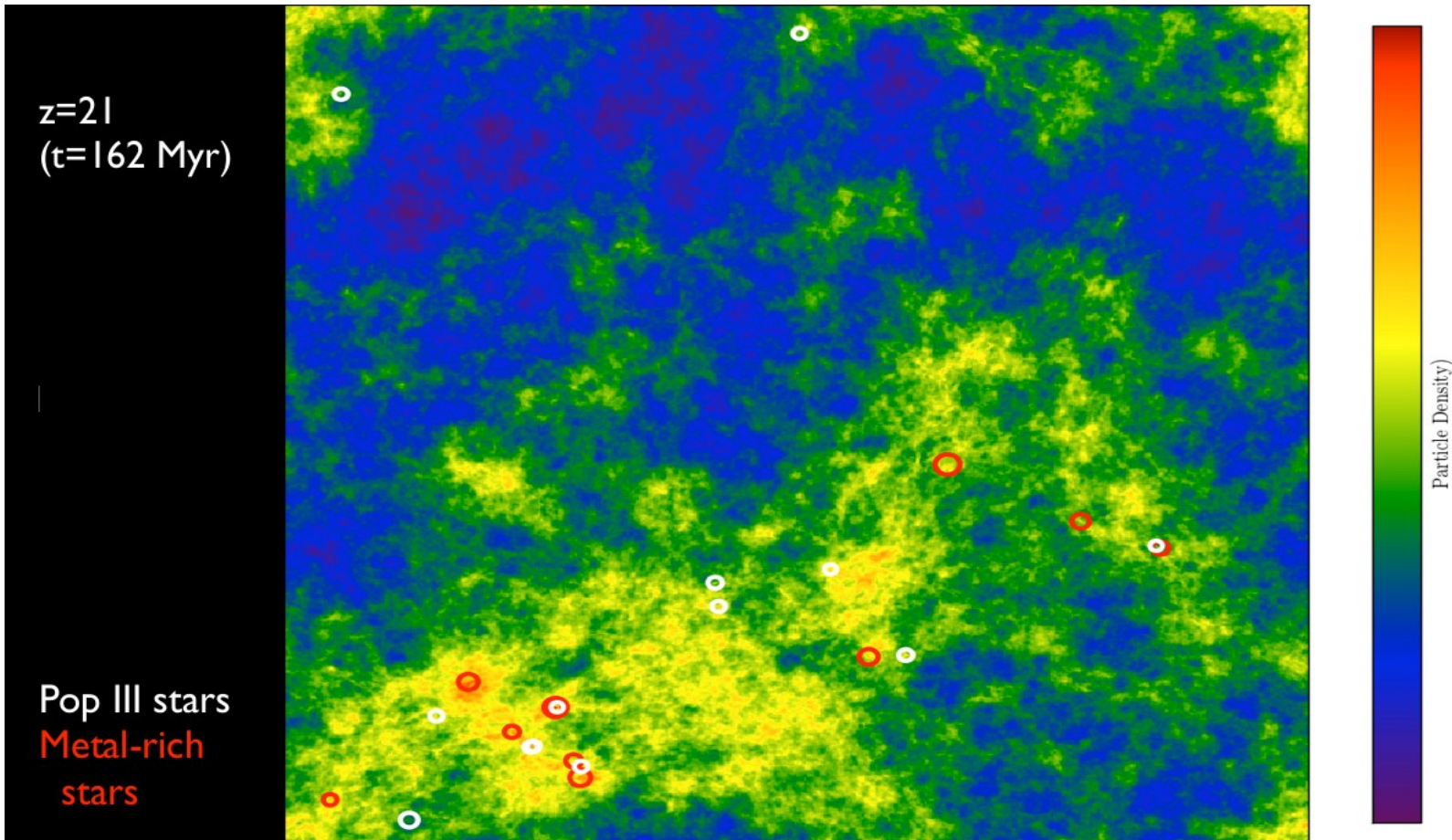
# Global Oscillation in Shell H-ingestion

- Global non-radial oscillation
- Transition to H-driven convection zone
- Not yet known if/how to model in 1D



Herwig, Woodward and Lin, astro-ph/1310/4584

# SYGMA



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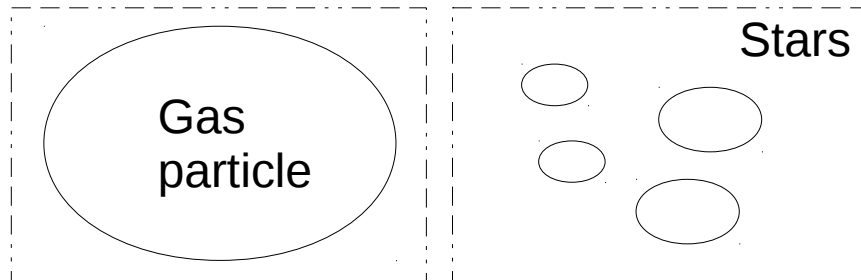
# SYGMA

- Simple stellar population for DM+gas sims
- 1-zone box model
- NuGrid yield input w/ AGB and massive stars
- Supernova ejecta from type Ia, II
- Keep track of all stable elements, many isotopes

# SYGMA

## SSP assumptions:

- Initial metallicity
- Total mass
- IMF type, range
- SNIa implementations
- and more

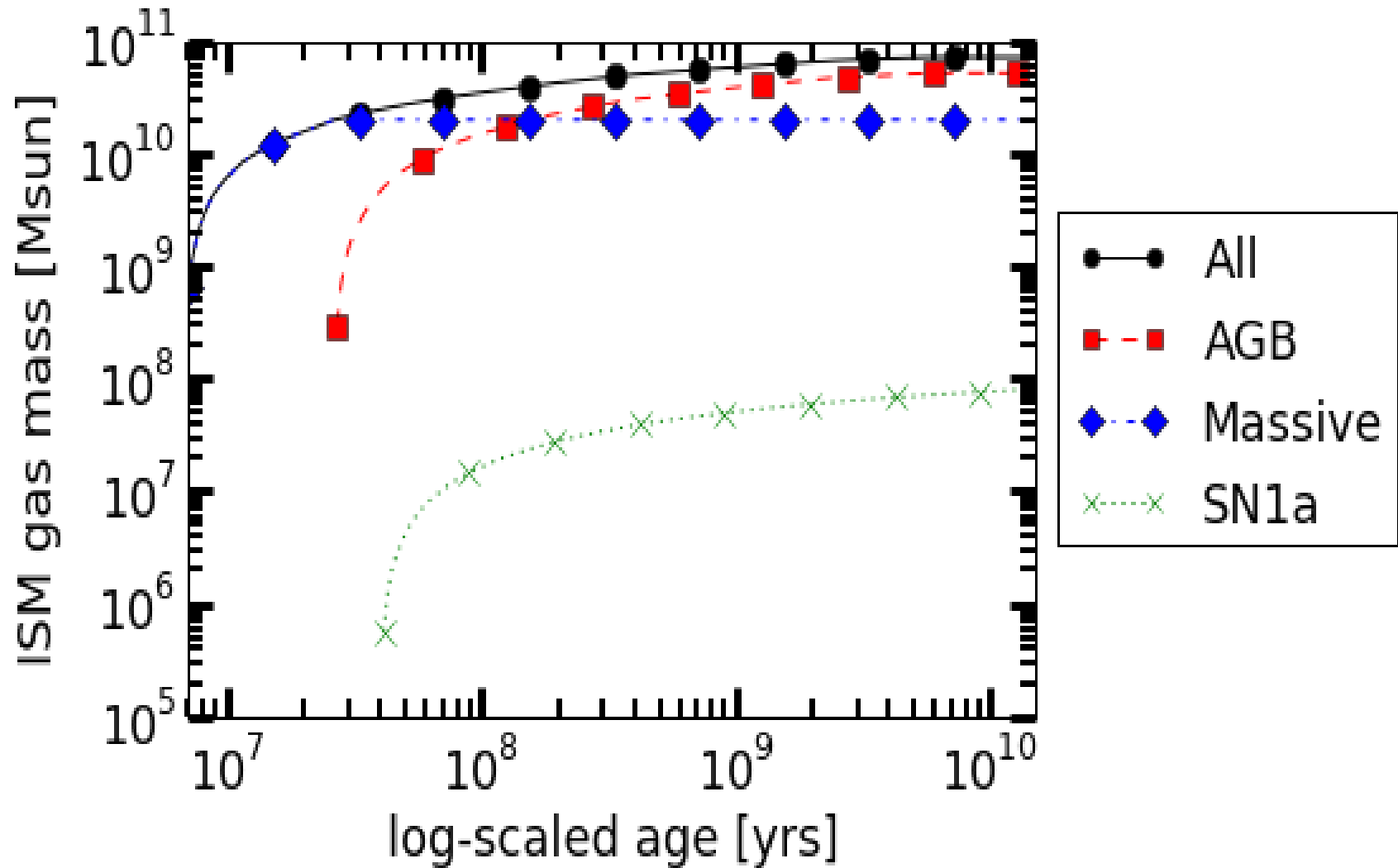


## Online user interface

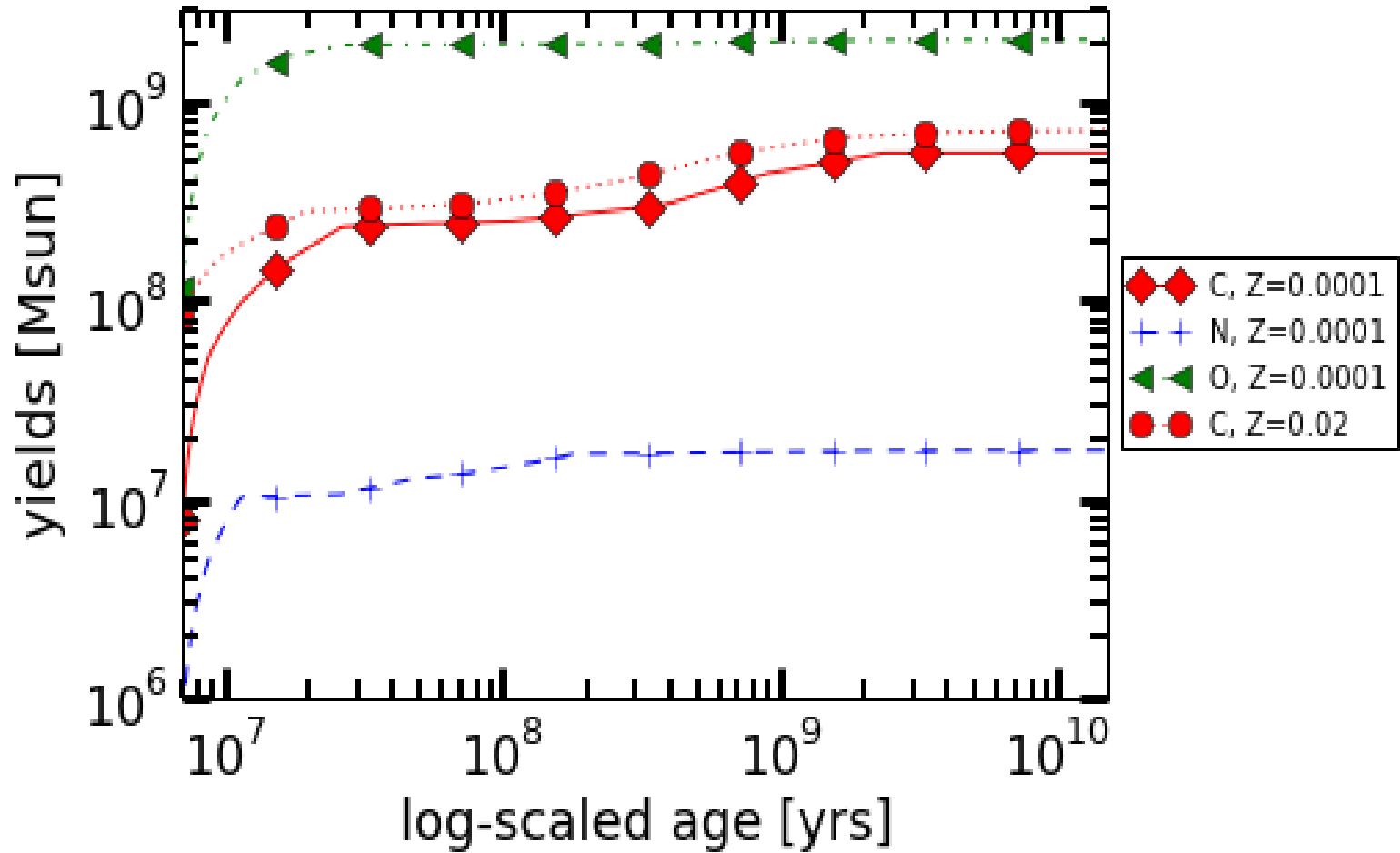
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