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Molecules and planets in the Outer Galaxy

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Isotopic abundance ratios

What's up in the outer edge of the Milky Way?

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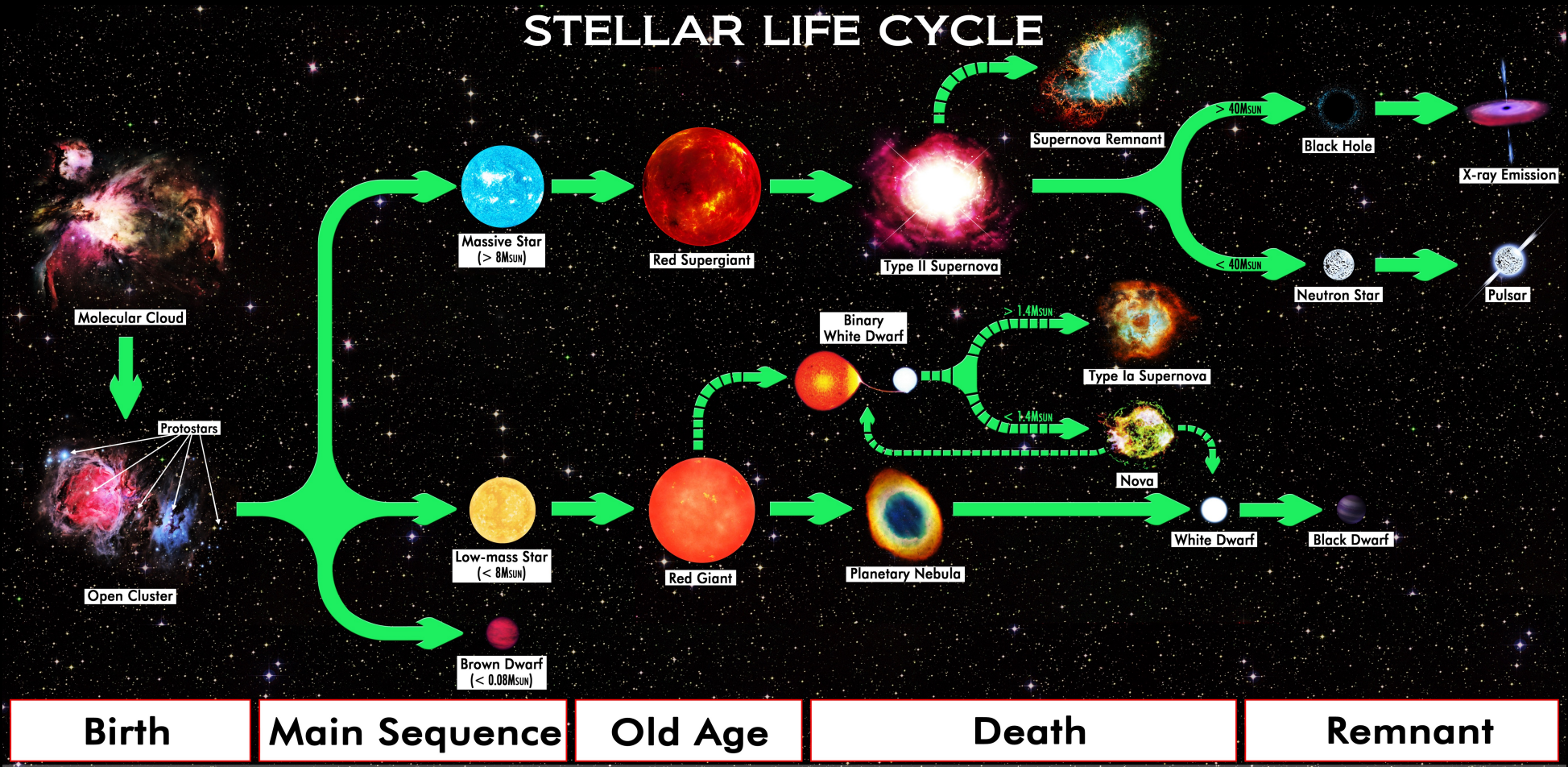


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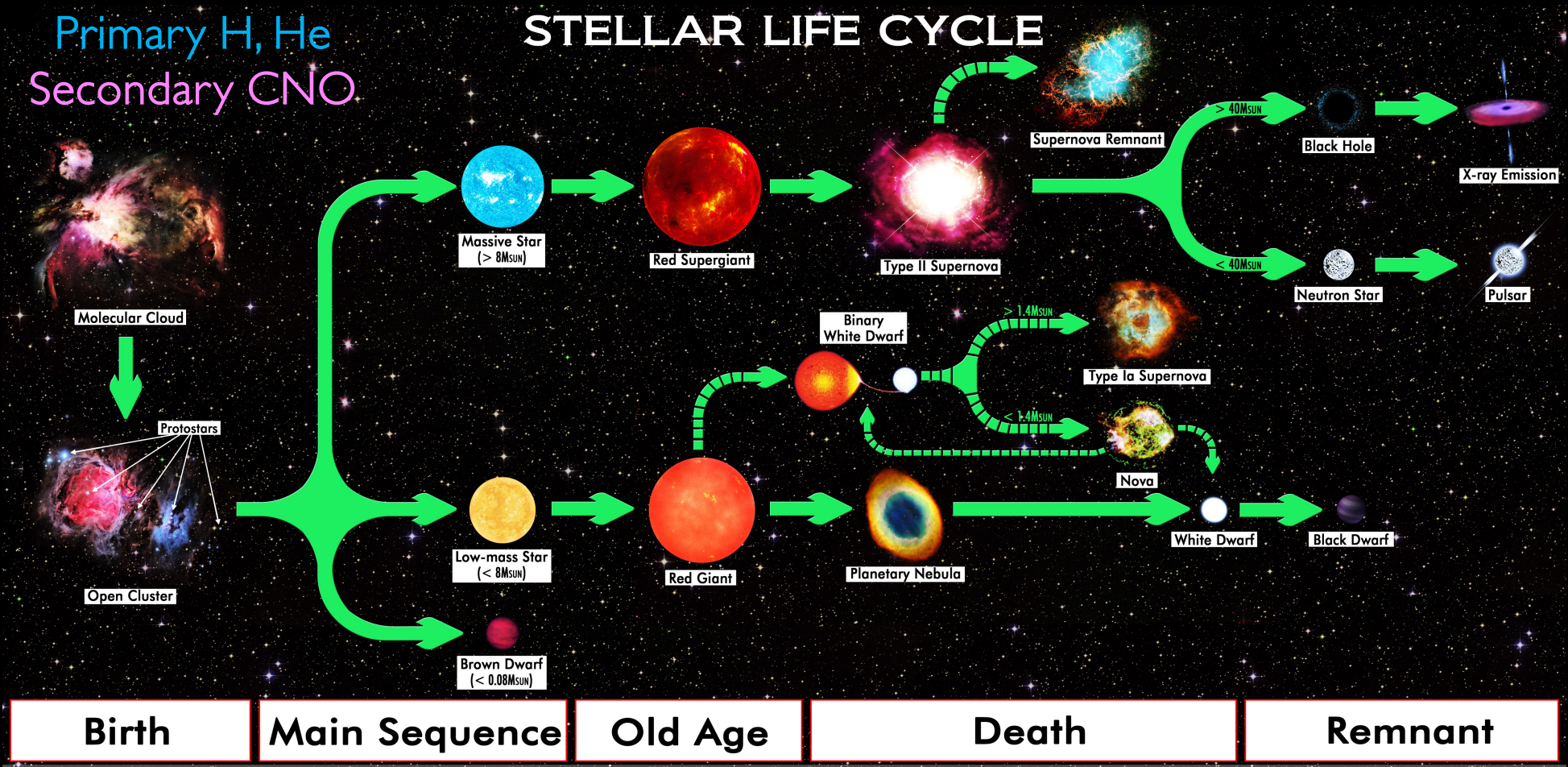


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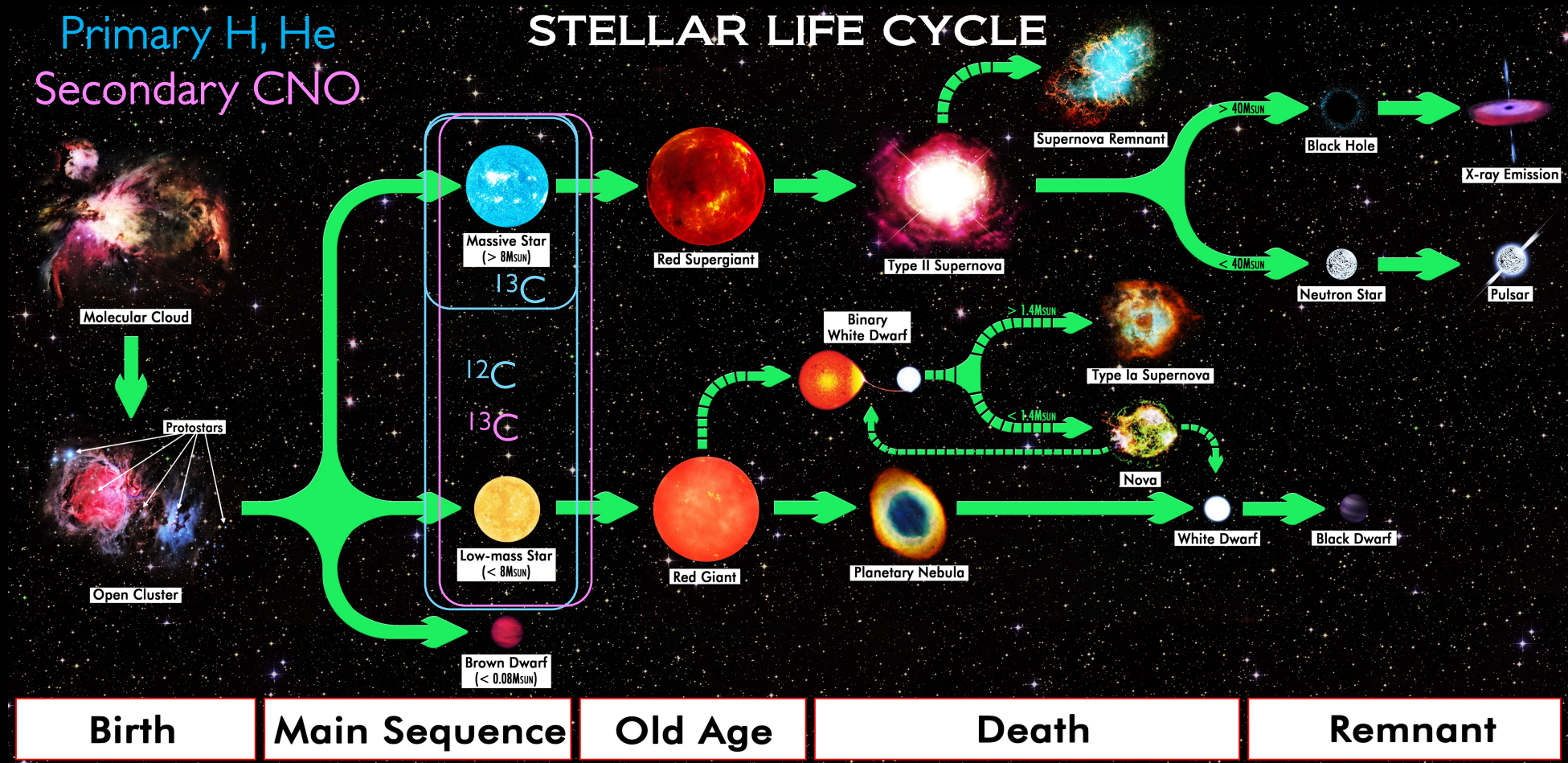


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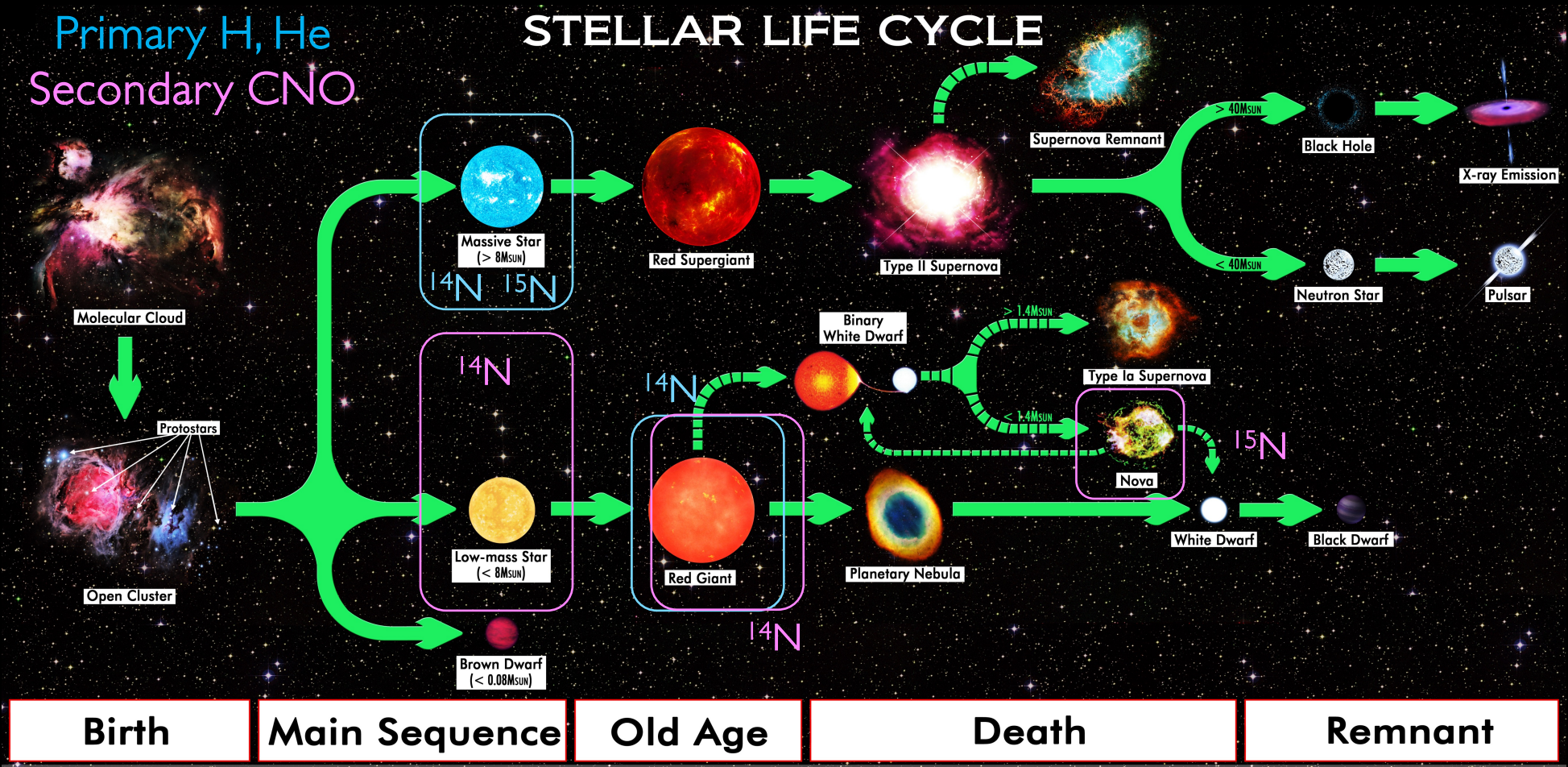


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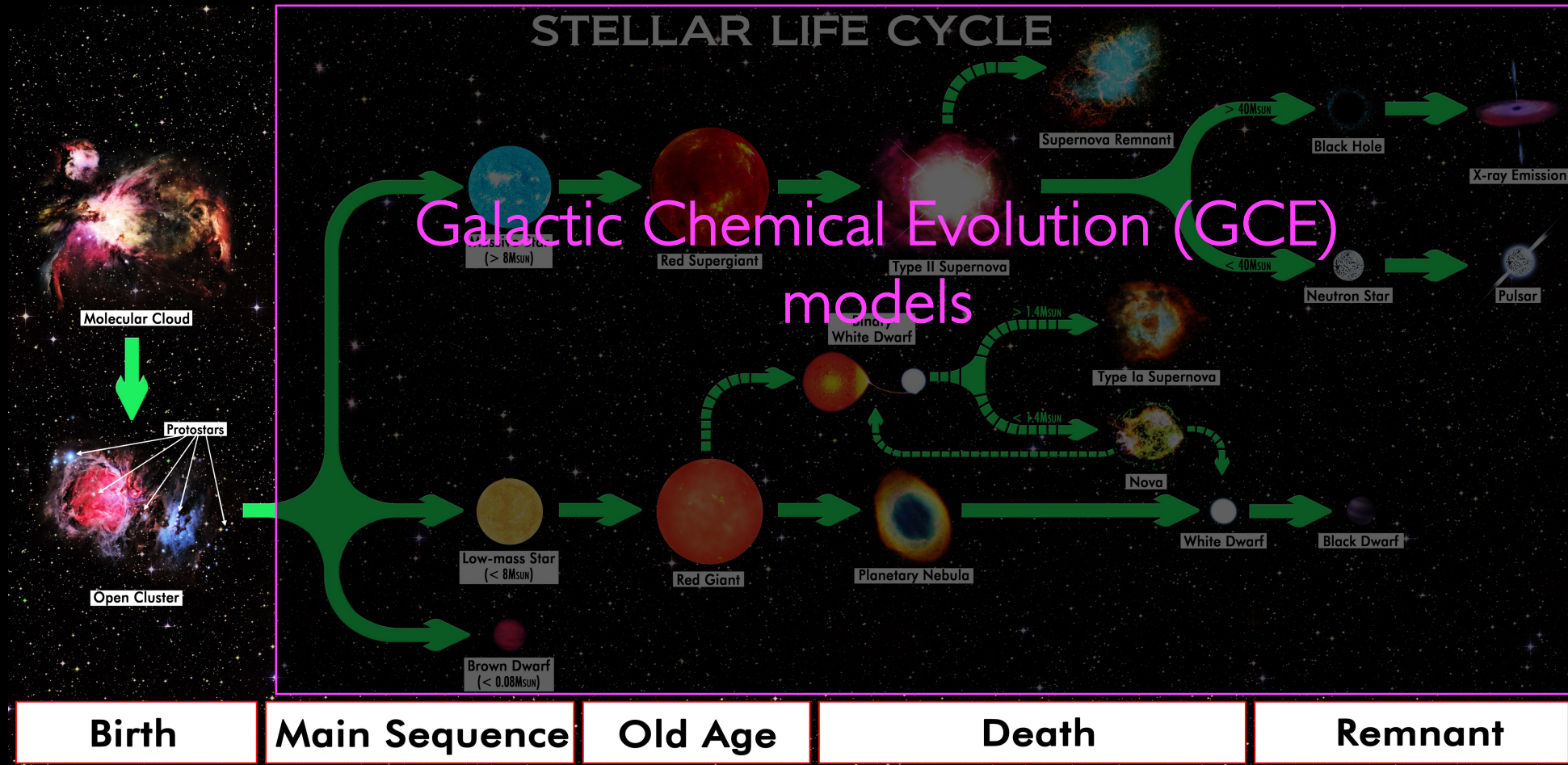


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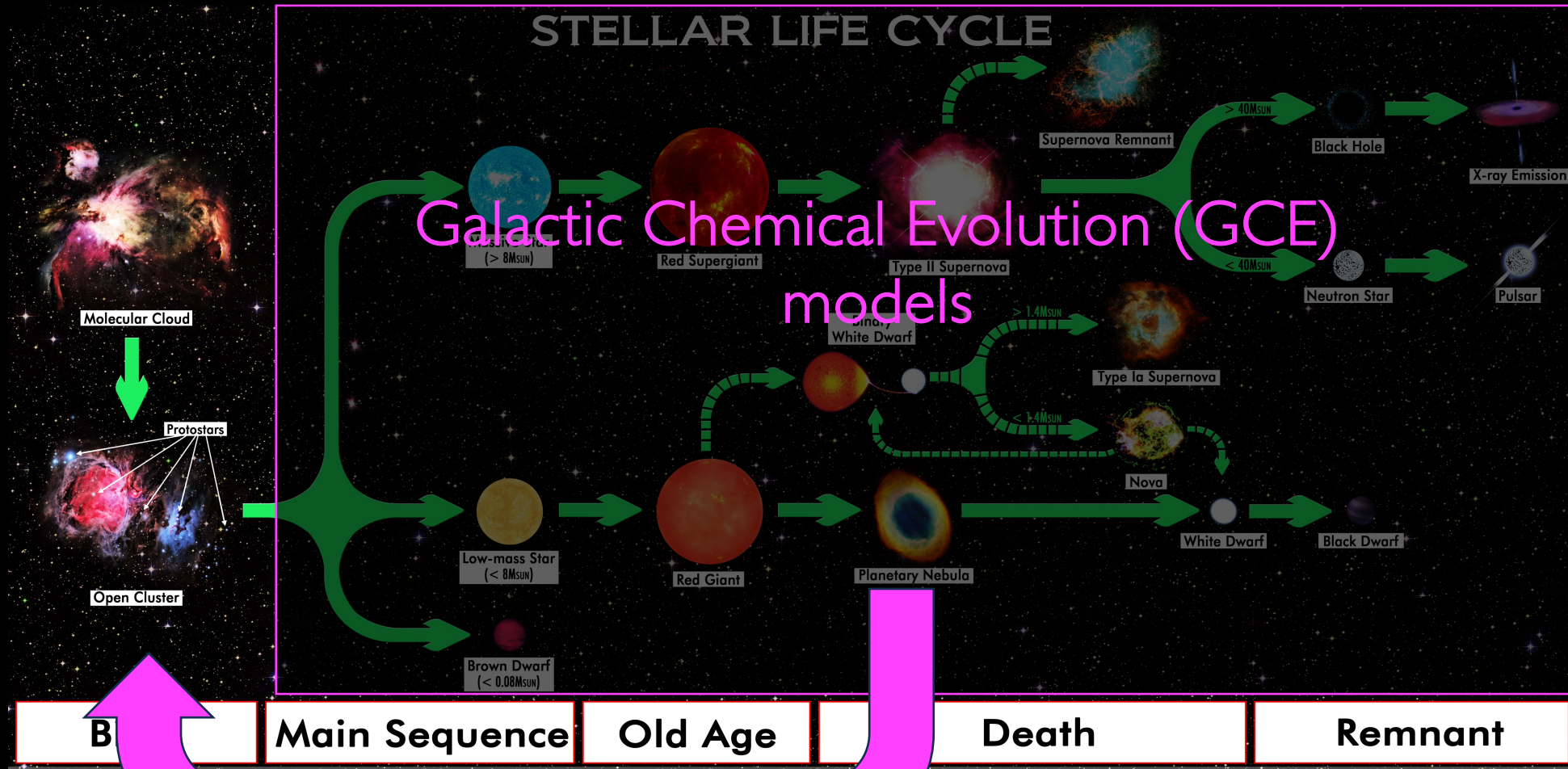


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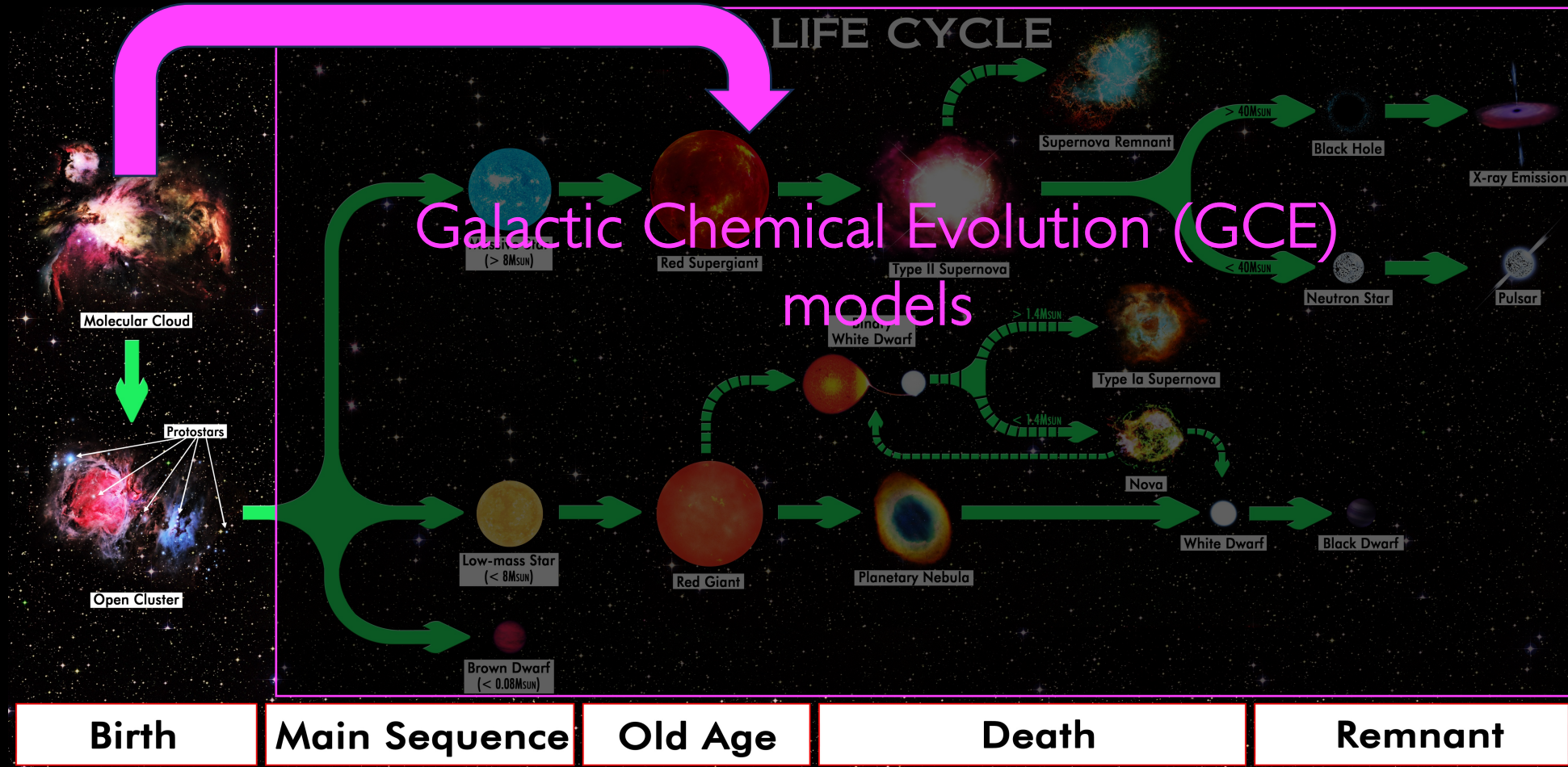





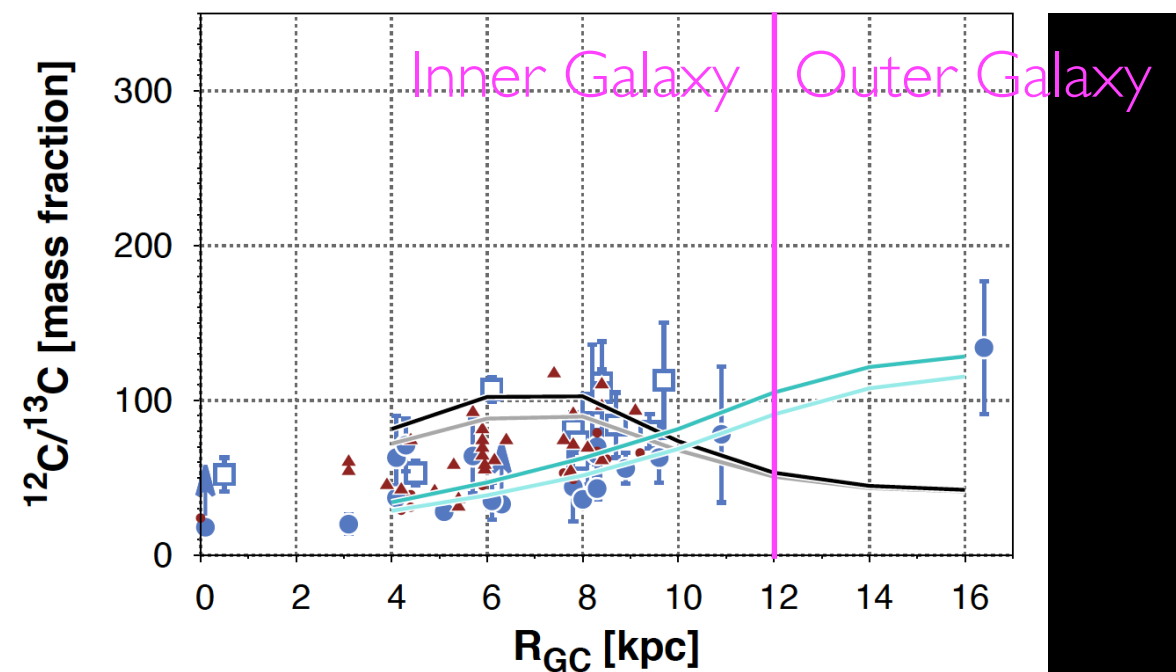
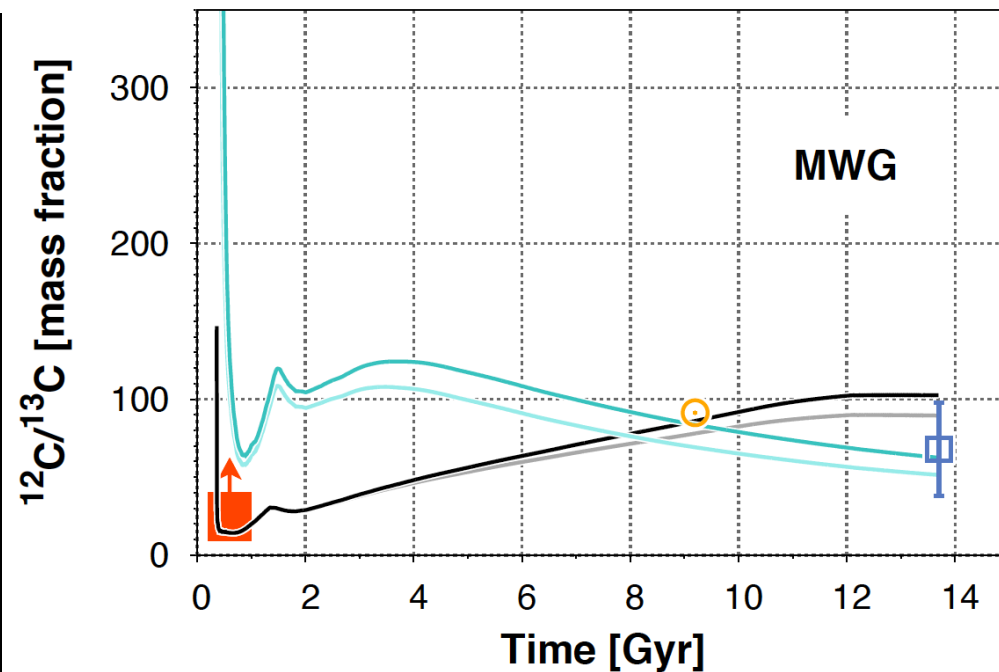


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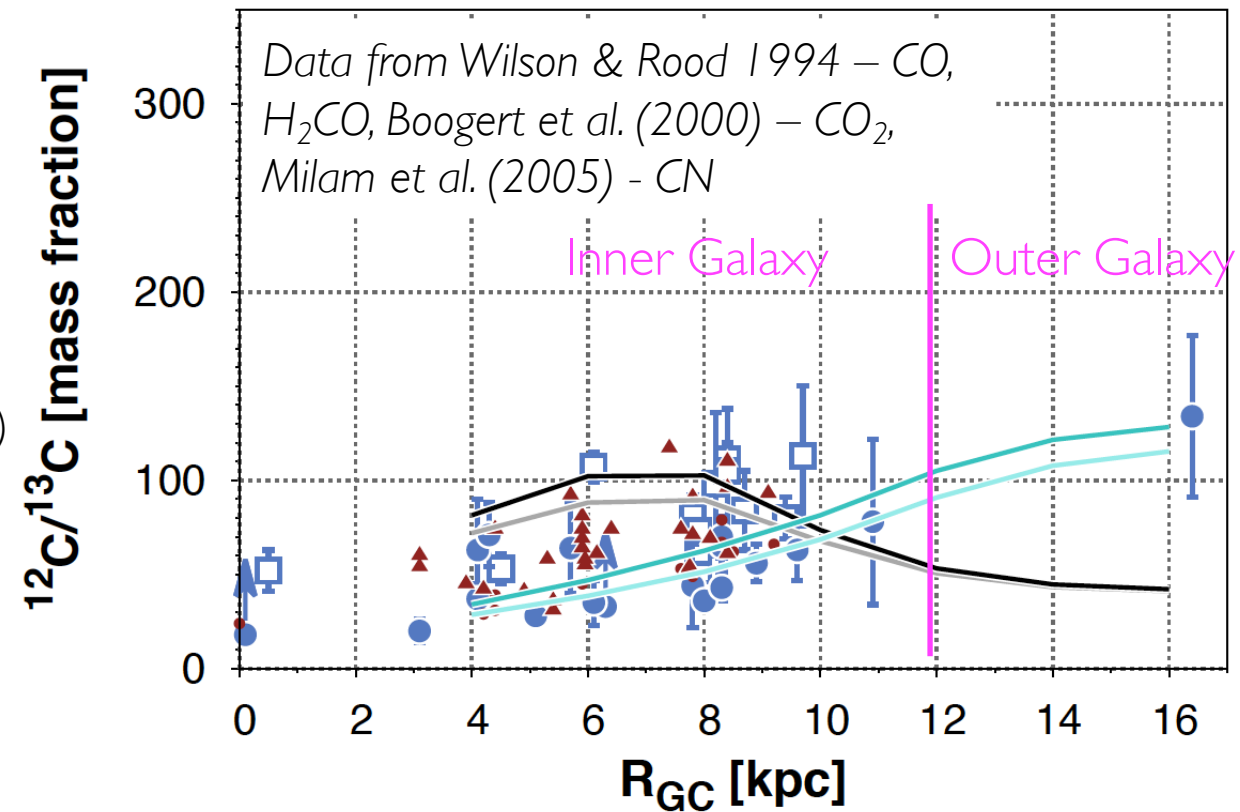
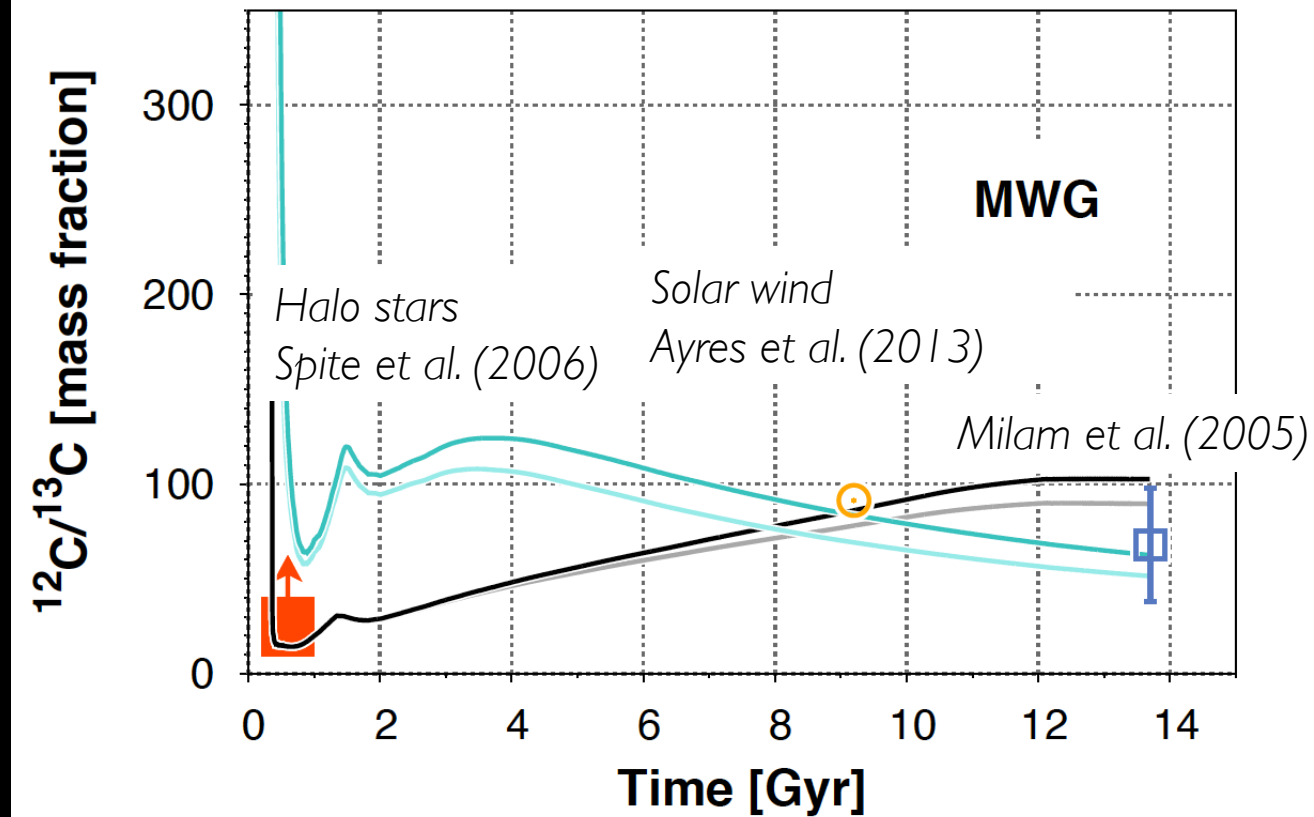
Galactic chemical evolution models

Prescriptions for nucleosynthesis from Romano et al. (2017)

Model	LIMS	Super-AGB stars	Massive stars	Novae
1	 Karakas (2010)	–	Nomoto et al. (2013)	No
2	 Karakas (2010)	Doherty et al. (2014a,b)	Nomoto et al. (2013)	No
3	 Karakas (2010)	–	Meynet & Maeder (2002b), Hirschi et al. (2005), Hirschi (2007), Ekström et al. (2008)	No
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Galactic chemical evolution models: the $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio

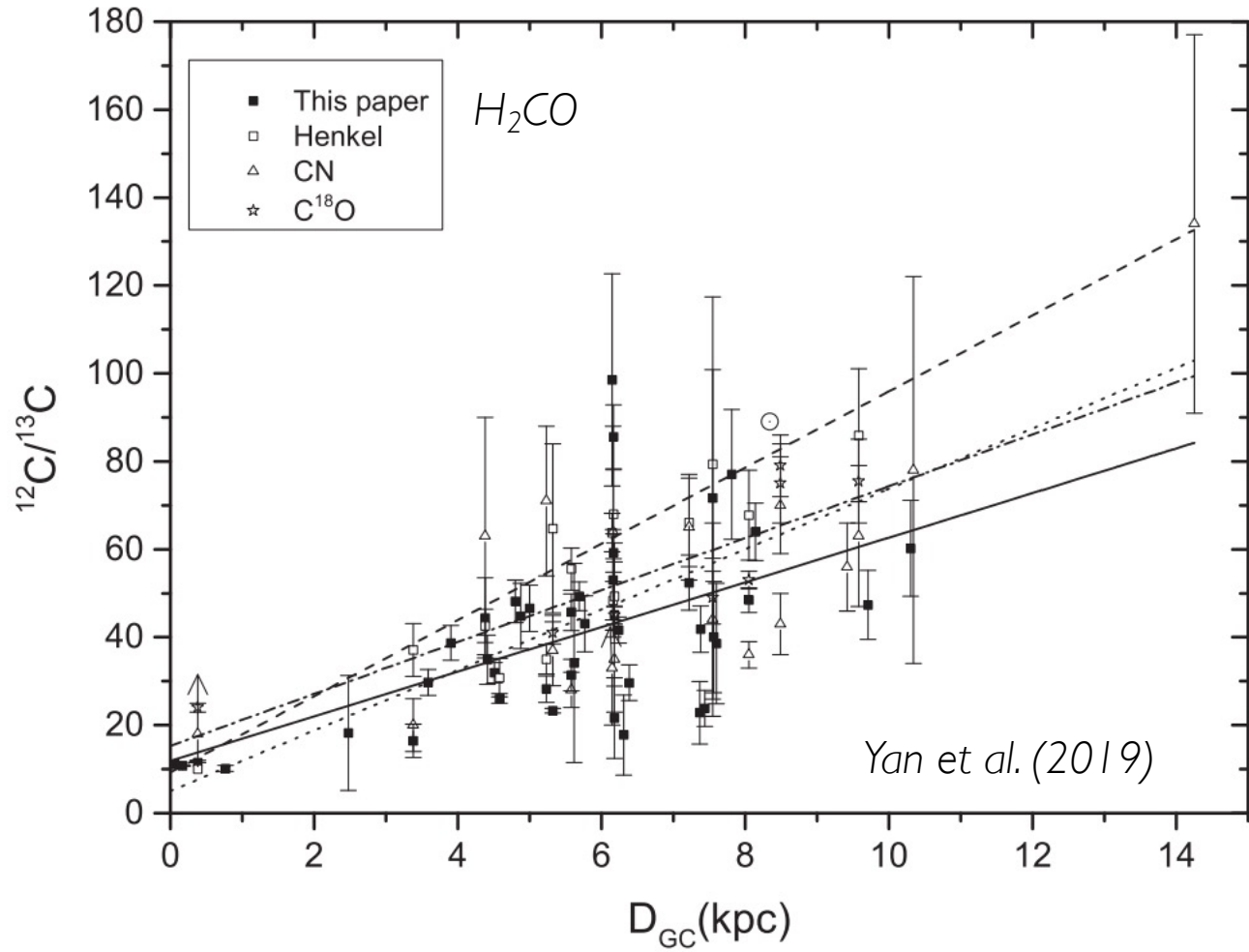


Early Universe: fast rotating massive stars important.

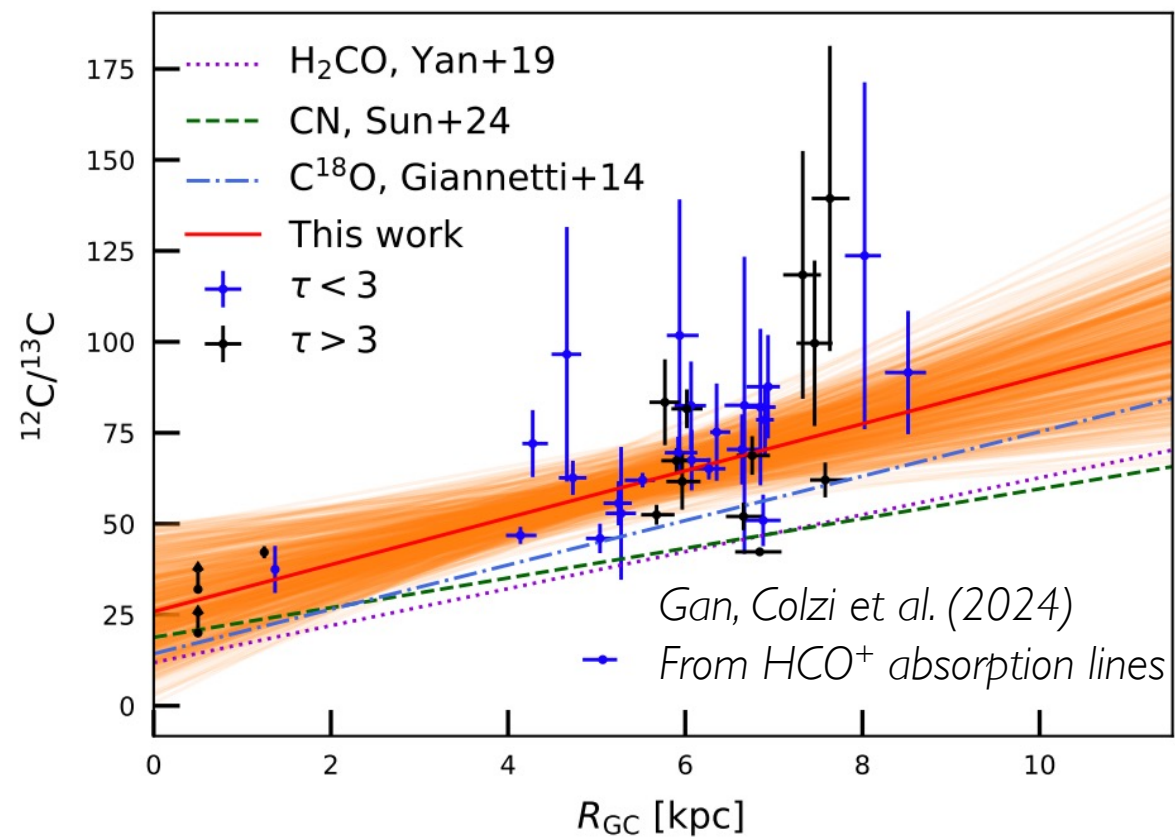
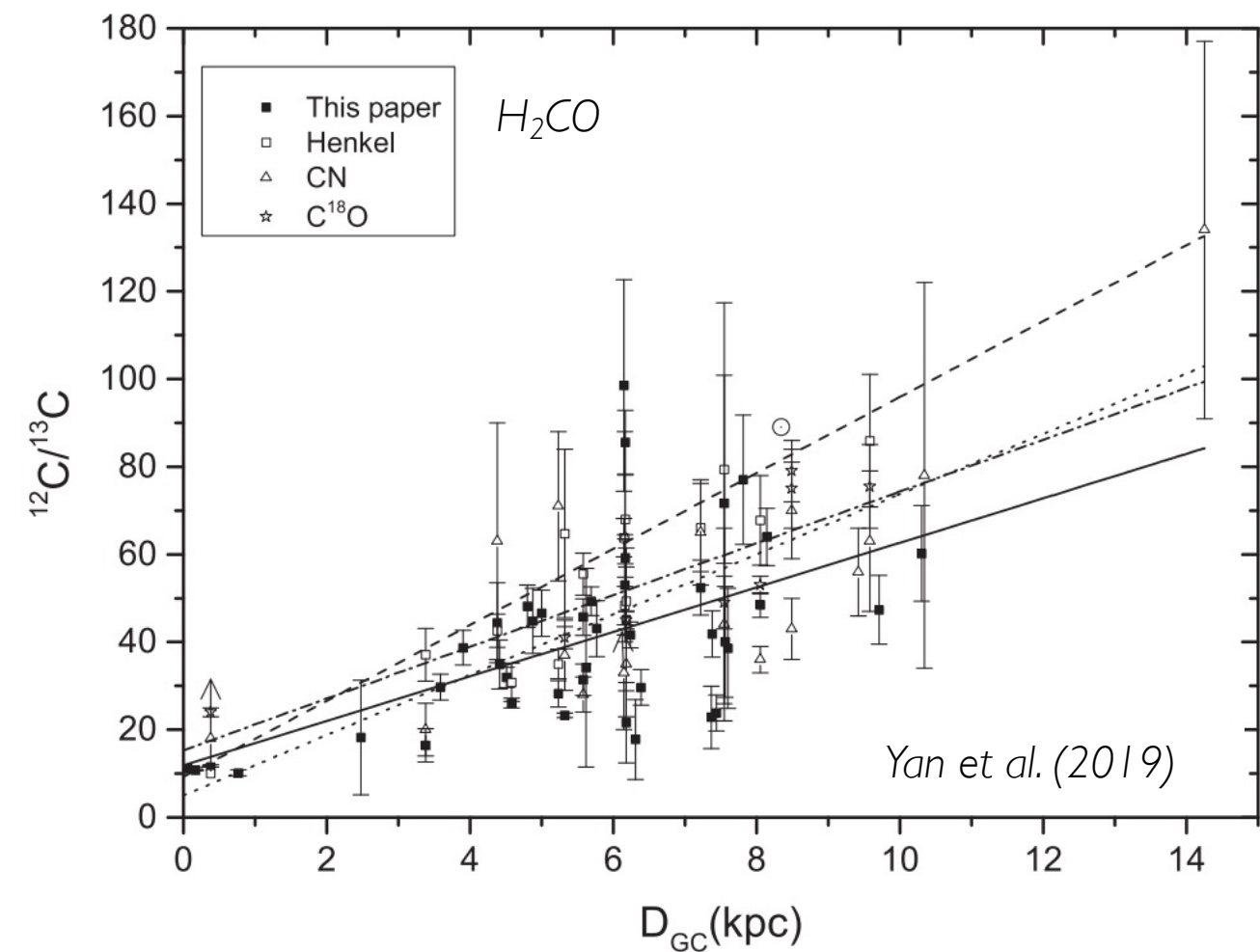
Solar data and observations: with updates C-production yields from Nomoto+2013.

In both cases nova are not important to produce ^{13}C .

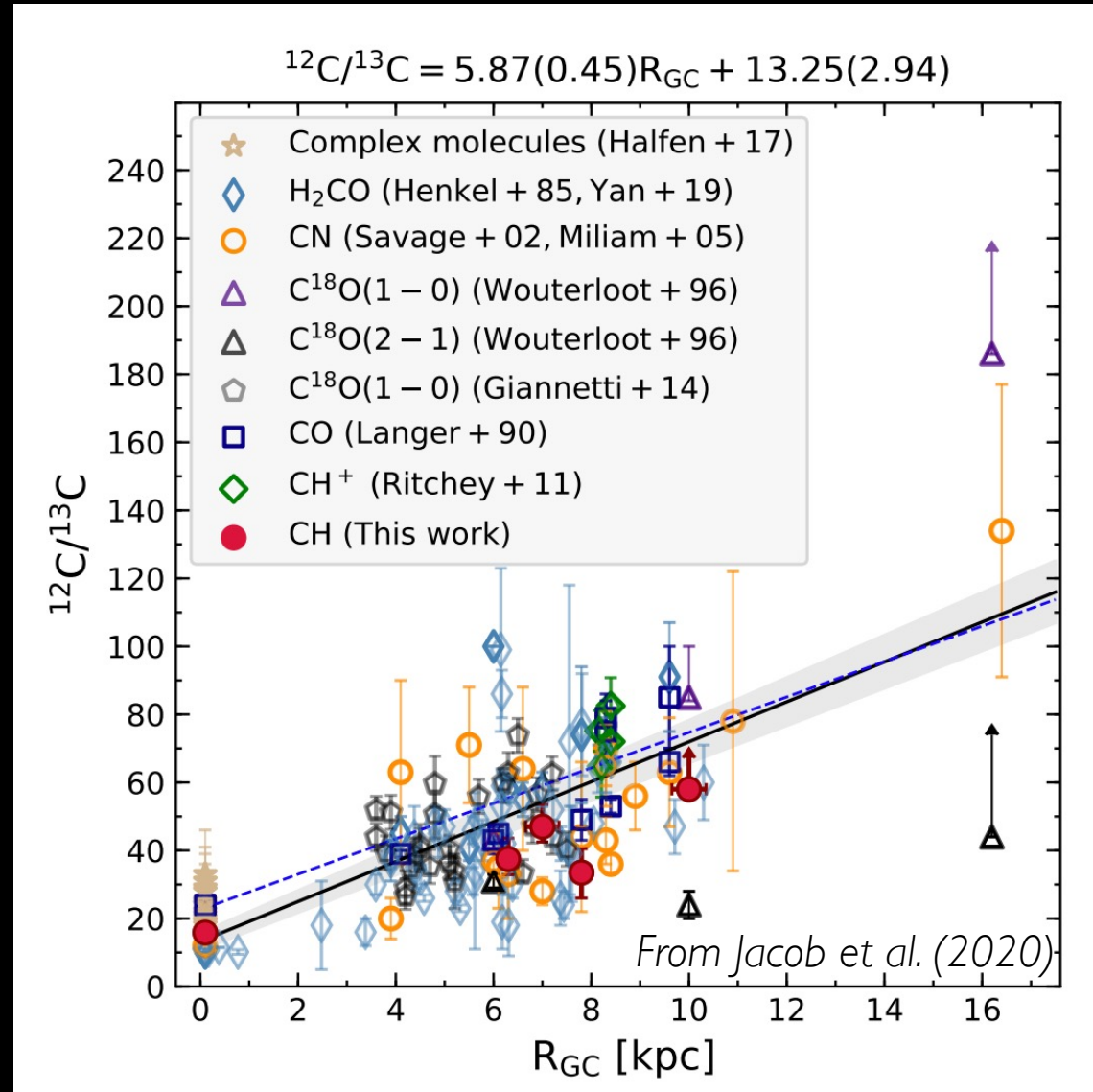
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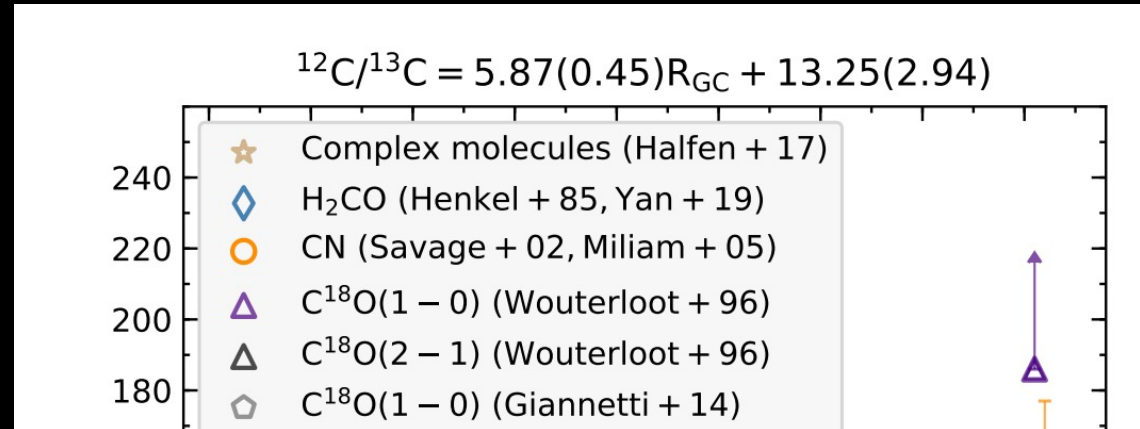
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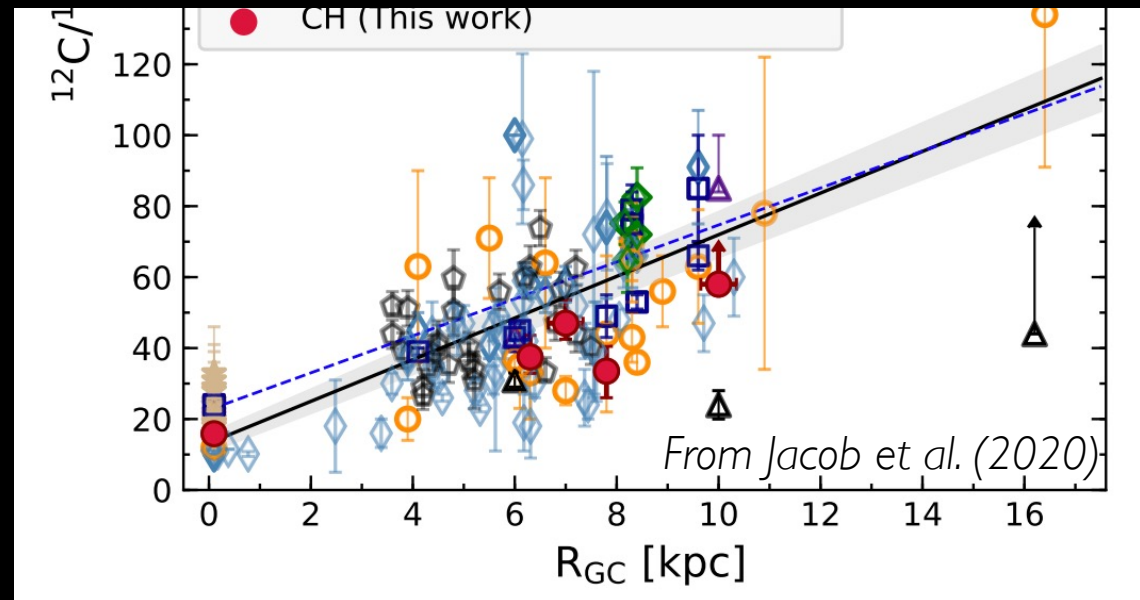
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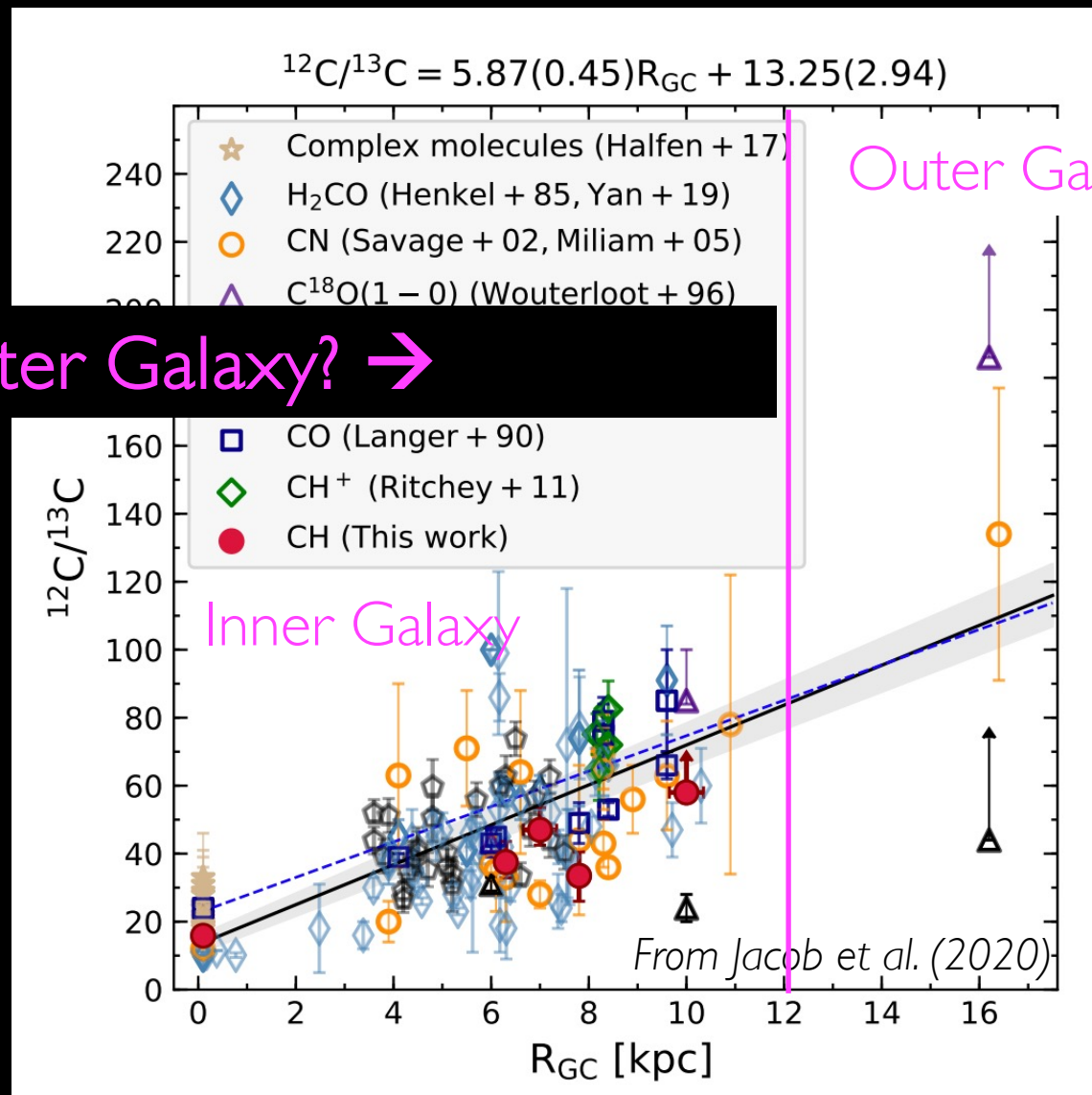


Increasing trend with the galactocentric distance



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What about the outer Galaxy? →

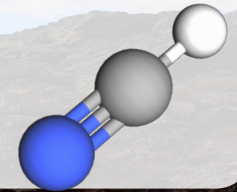
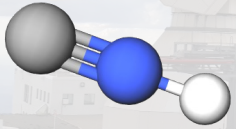


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IRAM 30m telescope
(Sierra Nevada, Spain)

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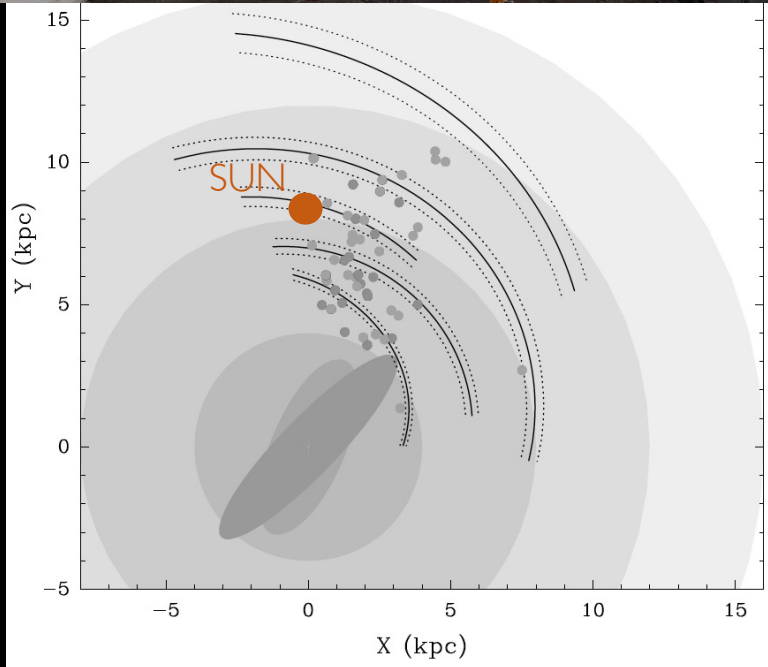
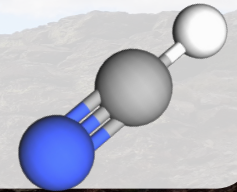
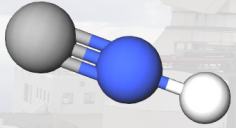


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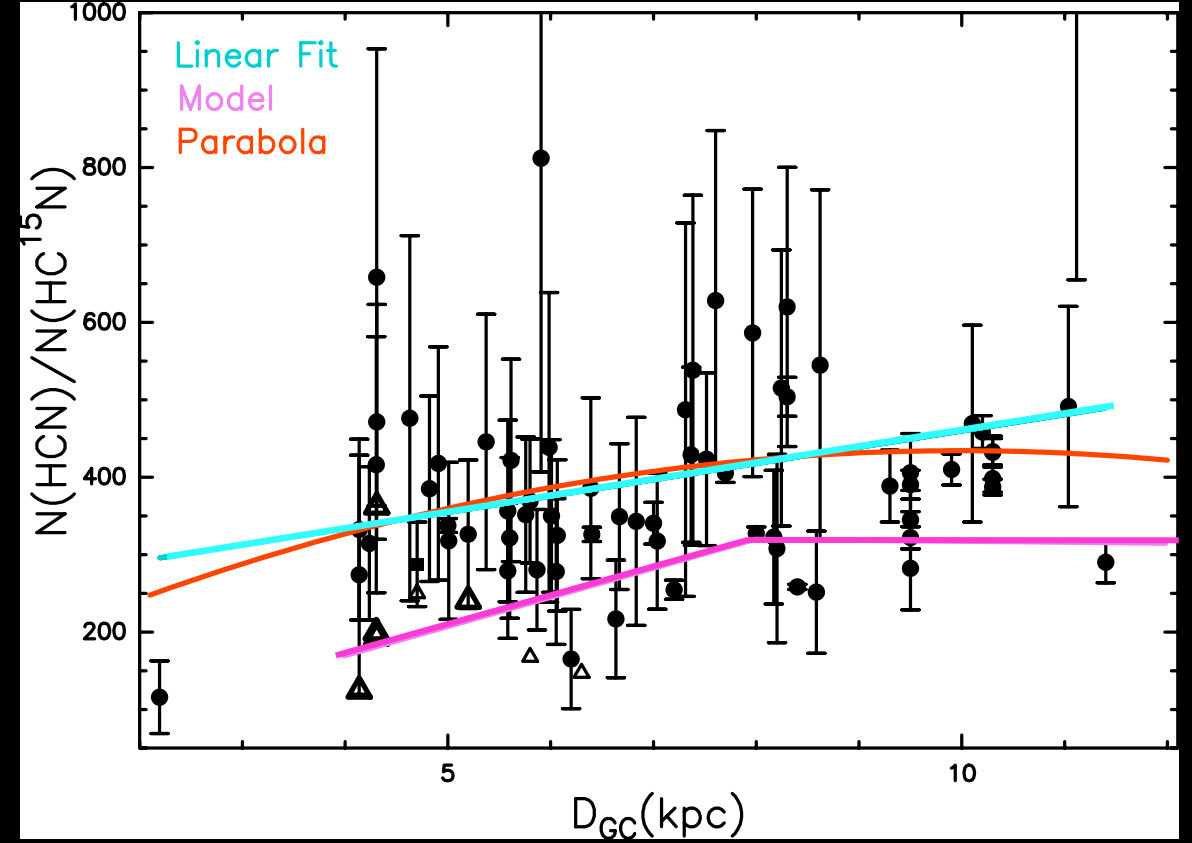
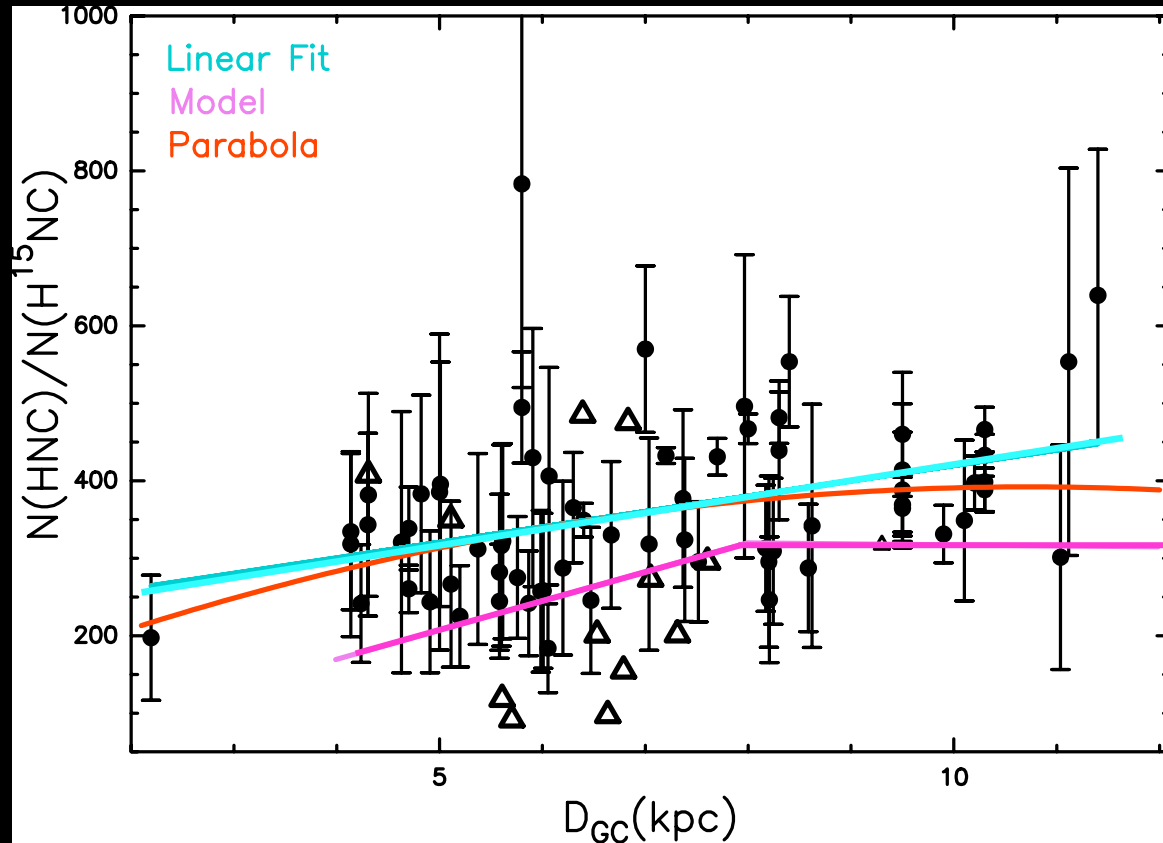


Inner Galaxy (TOPGöt) sample

(Mininni et al. 2020)

D_{GC} from 2 up to 12 kpc

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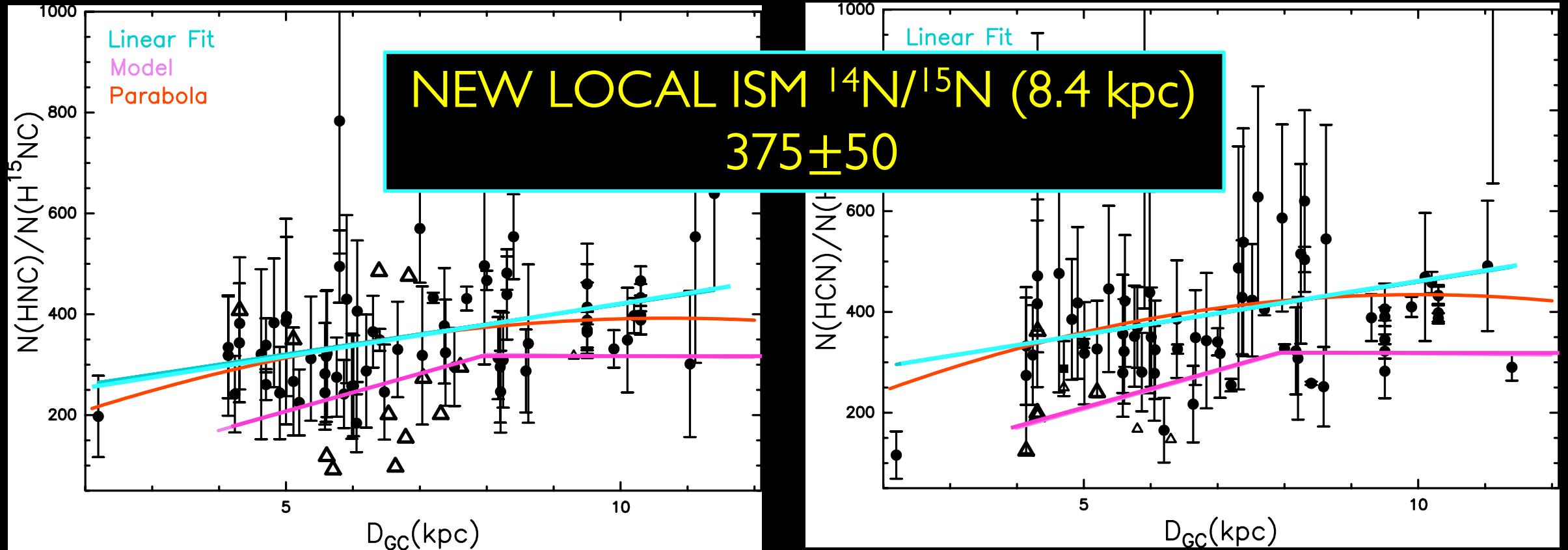
Linear Regression Fit

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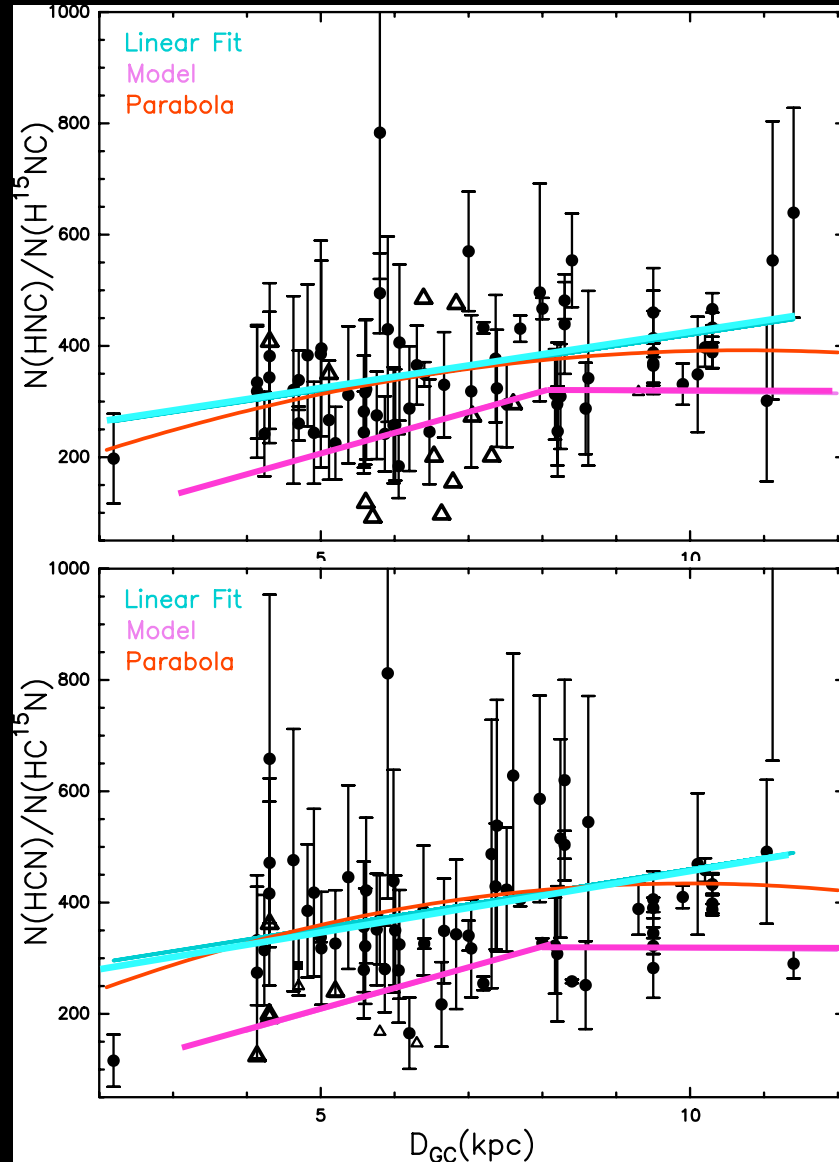
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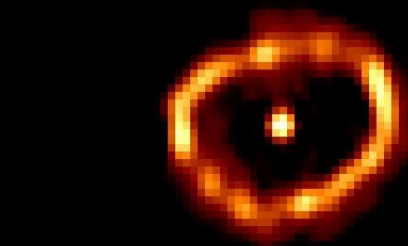
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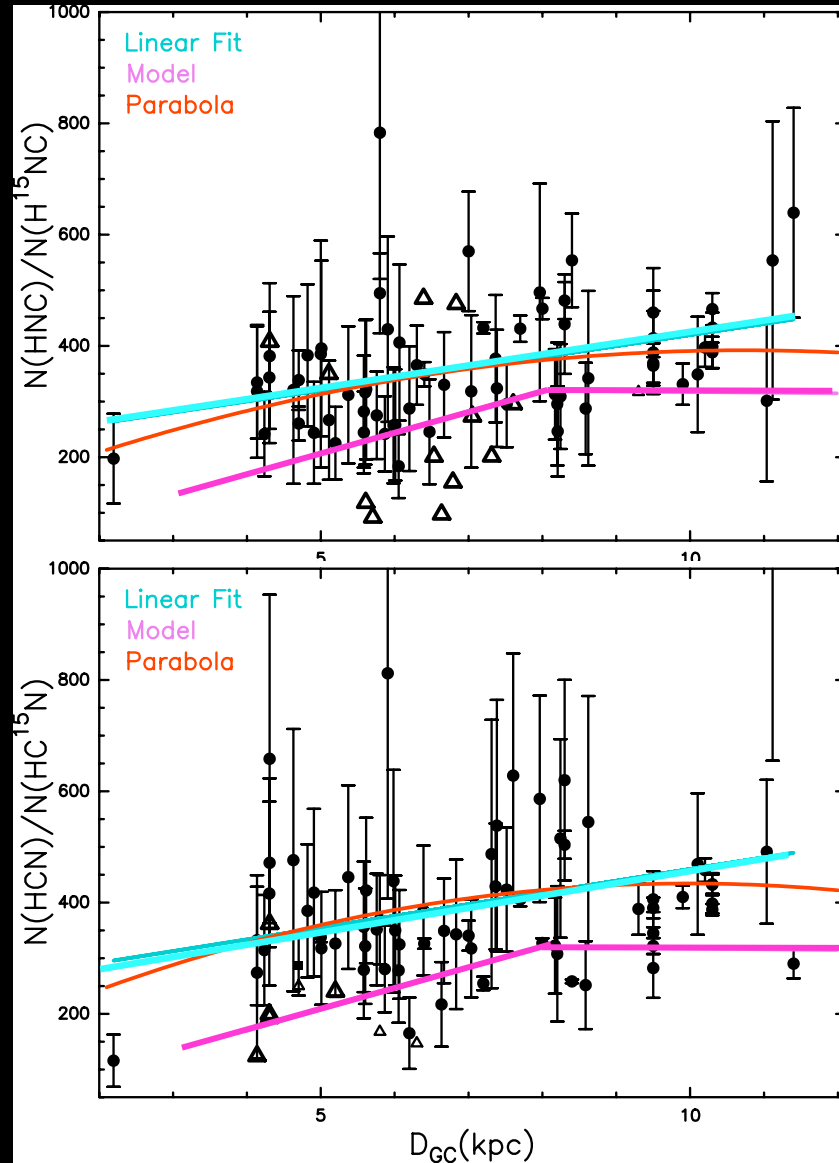
Galactic chemical evolution (GCE, *Romano et al. 2017*) model predicts:

- linear trend up to 8 kpc: introduction of NOVAE OUTBURST (efficient production of ^{15}N)
- flattening trend above 8 kpc: caused by assumed stellar yields



Nova Cygni 1992 – HST Image

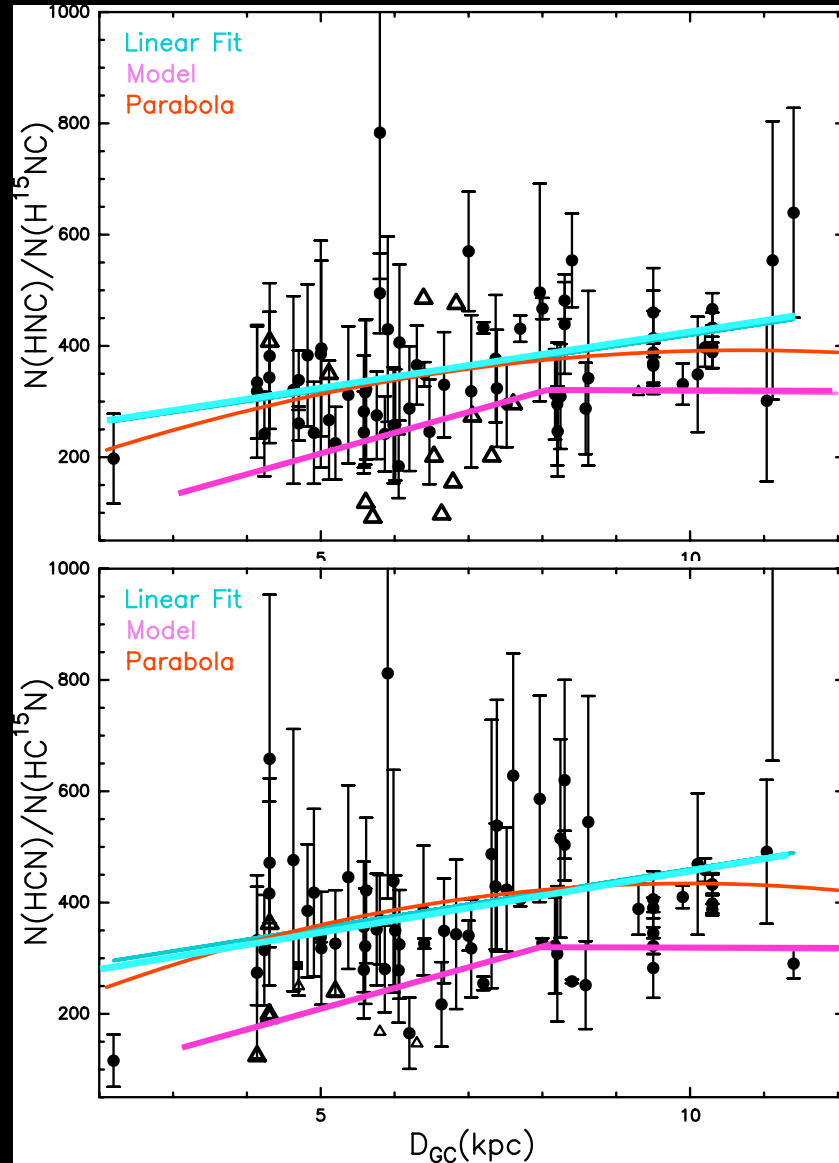
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Chemical fractionation in molecular clouds

➤ LOW-TEMPERATURE ISOTOPIC-EXCHANGE REACTIONS?



e.g.

Terzieva & Herbst (2000); Charnley and Rodgers (2002); Rodgers & Charnley (2008a,b); Wirström et al. (2012); Roueff et al. (2015); Wirström & Charnley (2018); Loison et al. (2019), Hily-Blant et al. (2020), Sipilä, Colzi et al. (2023)

➔ DIFFERENT RATES FOR DISSOCIATIVE RECOMBINATION OF N_2H^+ ?

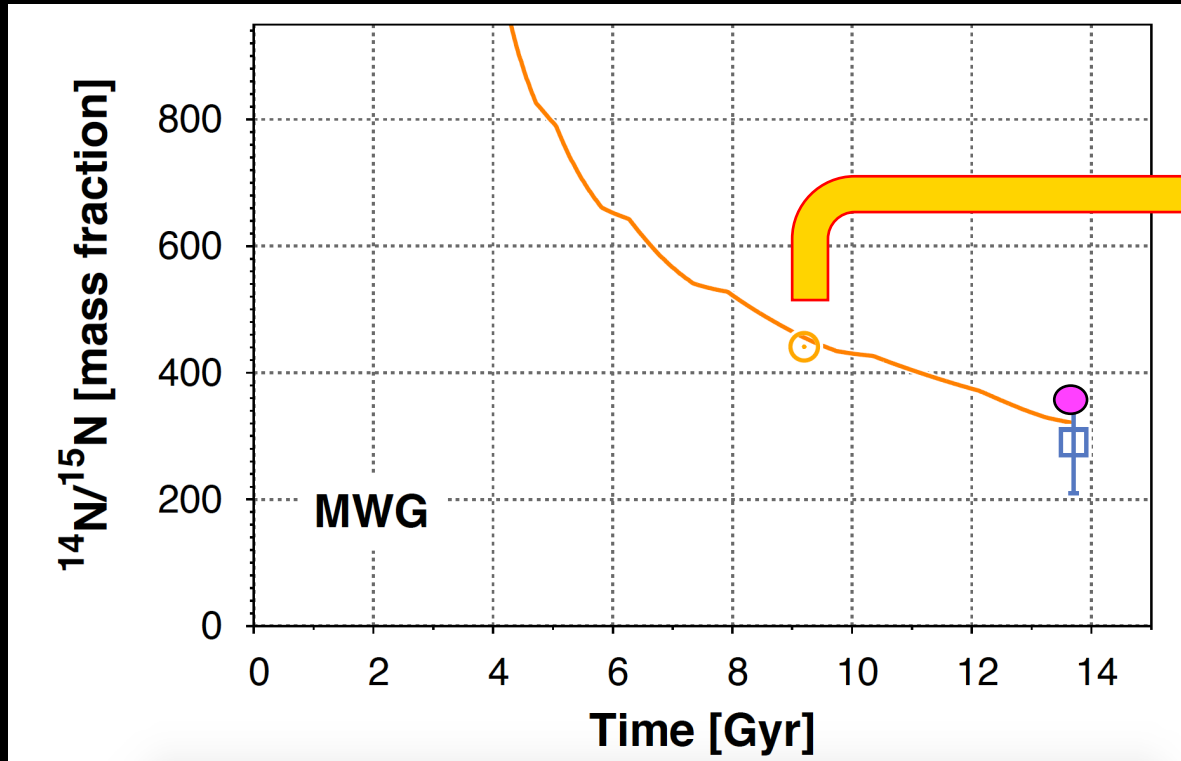
e.g. Loison et al. (2019), Hily-Blant et al. (2020), Redaelli et al. (2020)

➔ ISOTOPE-SELECTIVE PHOTODISSOCIATION OF N_2 ?

e.g. Furuya & Aikawa (2018), Colzi et al. (2019), Lee et al. (2021), Spezzano et al. (2022), Sipilä, Colzi et al. (2023)

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Evolution of $^{14}\text{N}/^{15}\text{N}$ in solar vicinity (Romano+2017)



PSN VALUE = 441

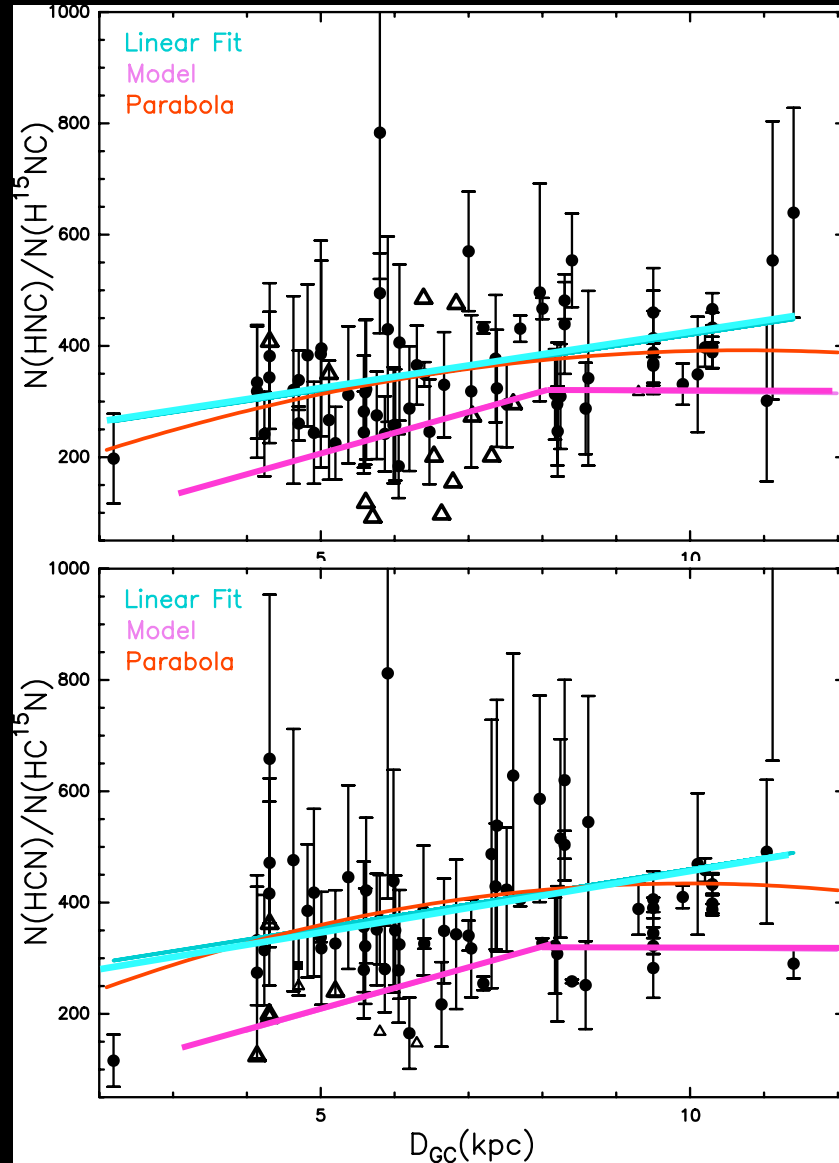
NEW LOCAL ISM VALUE ~ 375 (Colzi et al. 2018b)

OLD LOCAL ISM VALUE ~ 290 (Adande & Ziurys 2012)

GCE MODEL (Romano et al. 2017) predict for present day a
local ISM $^{14}\text{N}/^{15}\text{N} < 441$

Observed values might be not affected by chemical fractionation but by Galactic
chemical evolution

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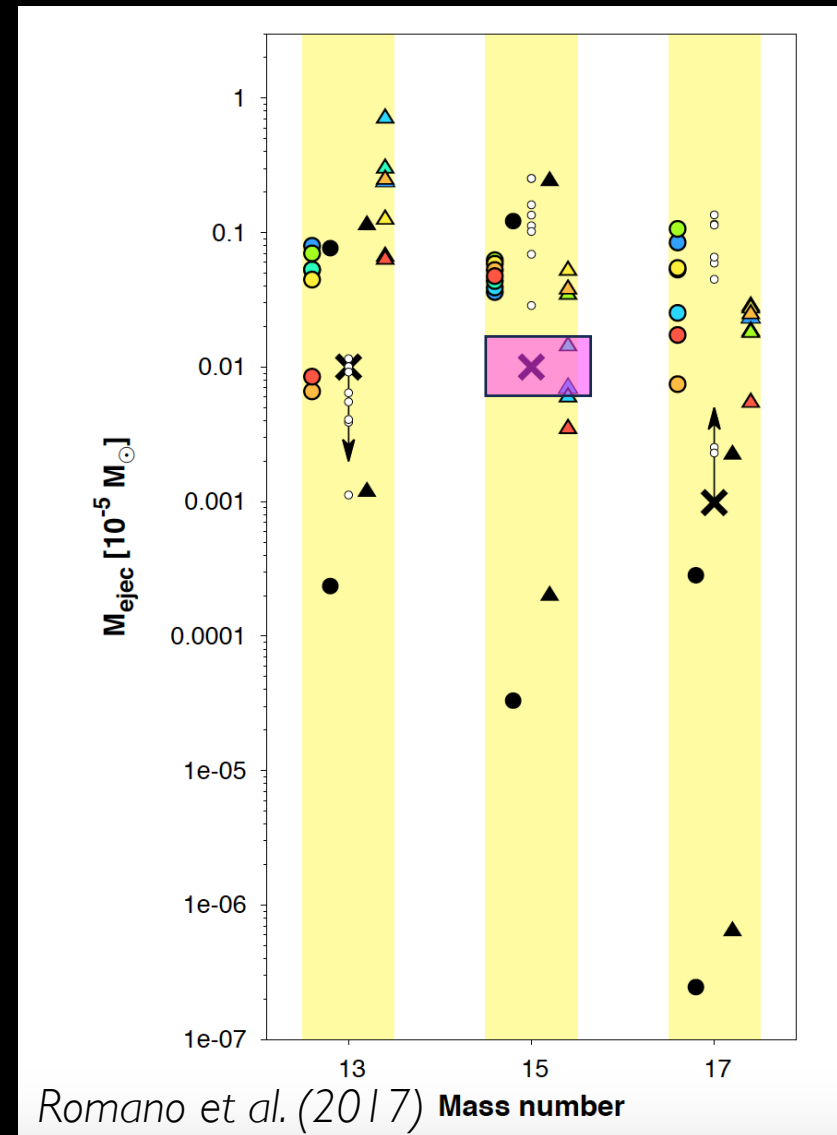
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Ejected Mass from single novae outburst

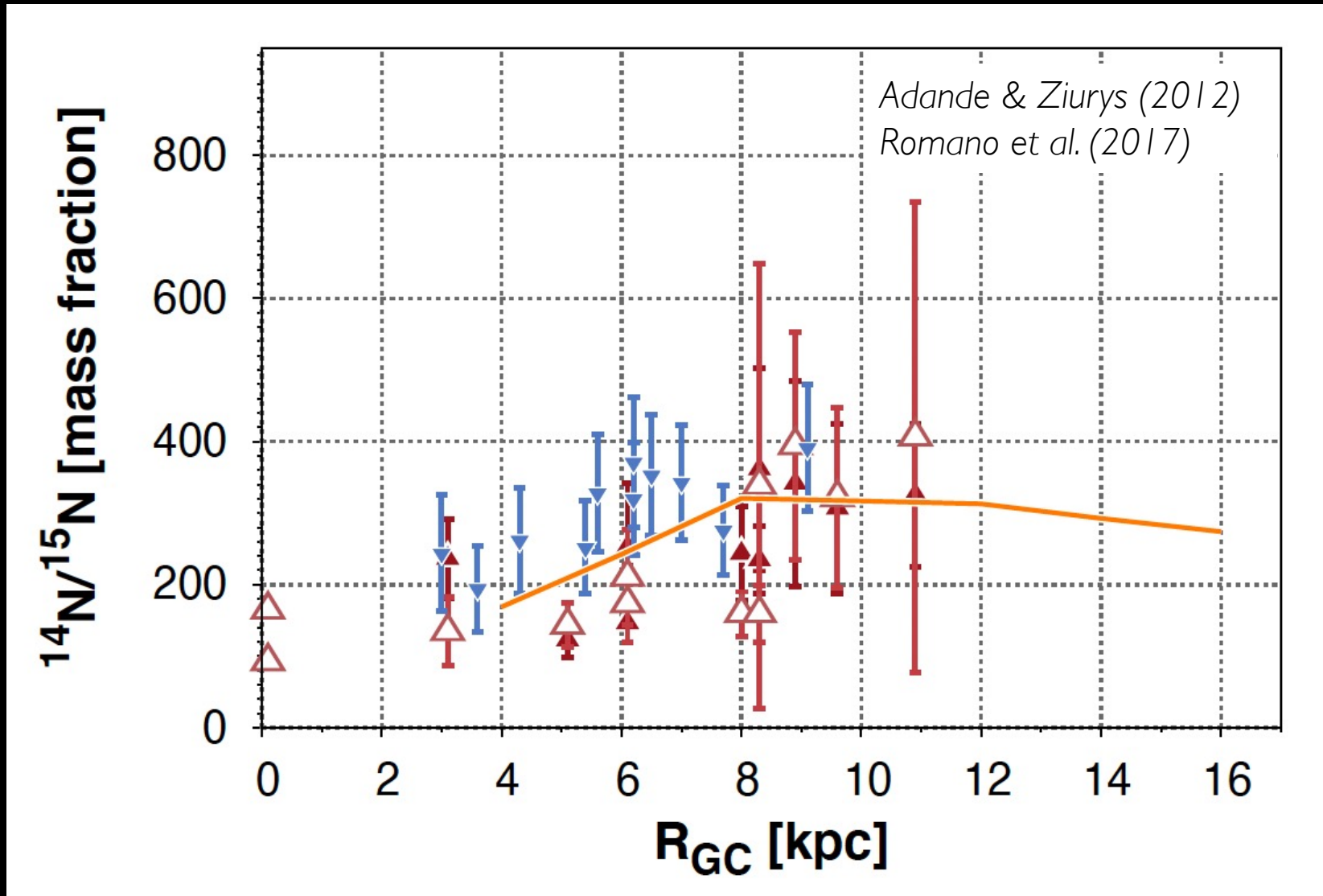
Values from hydrodynamic simulations of nova outbursts: *José & Hernanz (1998, coloured symbols)*, *Yaron et al. (2005, black symbols)* and *Starrfield et al. (2009, small empty circles)*

$$M_{\text{ejected}} = 10^{-7} M_{\odot}$$

(Romano+2017)



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Updated GCE models with stellar rotators

Table 1. Nucleosynthesis prescriptions for different models.

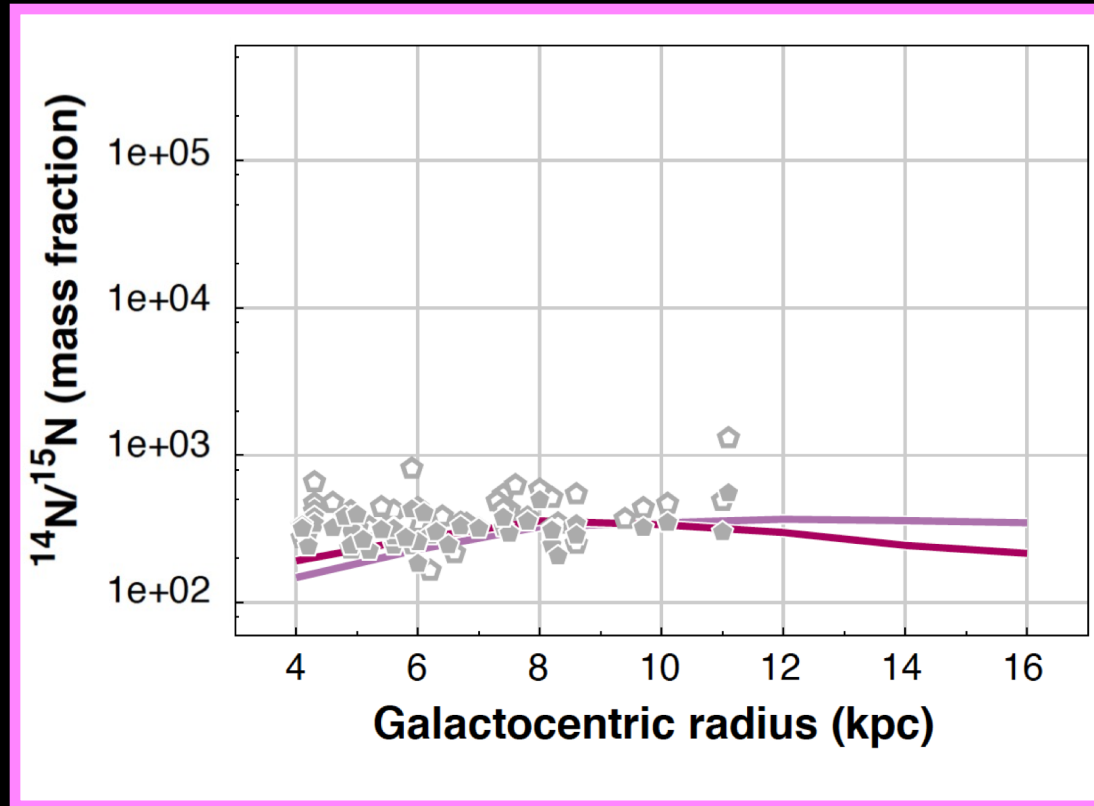
Romano et al. (2019)

Model ^a		LIMS	Super-AGB stars	Massive stars	v_{rot} (km s ⁻¹)	Hypernovae	Novae
Milky Way	Prototype SMG						
MWG-01	SMG-01	Karakas (2010)	Doherty et al. (2014a,b)	Nomoto et al. (2013)	0	✗	✗
MWG-02	–	Karakas (2010)	–	Nomoto et al. (2013)	0	✗	✗
MWG-03	–	Ventura et al. (2013) & unpublished		Nomoto et al. (2013)	0	✗	✗
MWG-04	–	Ventura et al. (2013) & unpublished		Nomoto et al. (2013)	0	✓	✗
MWG-05	–	Ventura et al. (2013) & unpublished		Limongi & Chieffi (2018) ^b	300	✗	✗
MWG-06	–	Ventura et al. (2013) & unpublished		Limongi & Chieffi (2018) ^b	150	✗	✗
MWG-07	–	Ventura et al. (2013) & unpublished		Limongi & Chieffi (2018) ^b	0	✗	✗
MWG-08	SMG-08	Karakas (2010)	Doherty et al. (2014a,b)	Limongi & Chieffi (2018) ^b	300	✗	✗
MWG-09	SMG-09	Karakas (2010)	Doherty et al. (2014a,b)	Limongi & Chieffi (2018) ^b	150	✗	✗
MWG-10	–	Karakas (2010)	Doherty et al. (2014a,b)	Limongi & Chieffi (2018) ^b	0	✗	✗
MWG-11	SMG-11	Ventura et al. (2013) & unpublished		Limongi & Chieffi (2018) ^c	var ^d	✗	✓
MWG-12	SMG-12	Karakas (2010)	Doherty et al. (2014a,b)	Limongi & Chieffi (2018) ^c	var ^d	✗	✓

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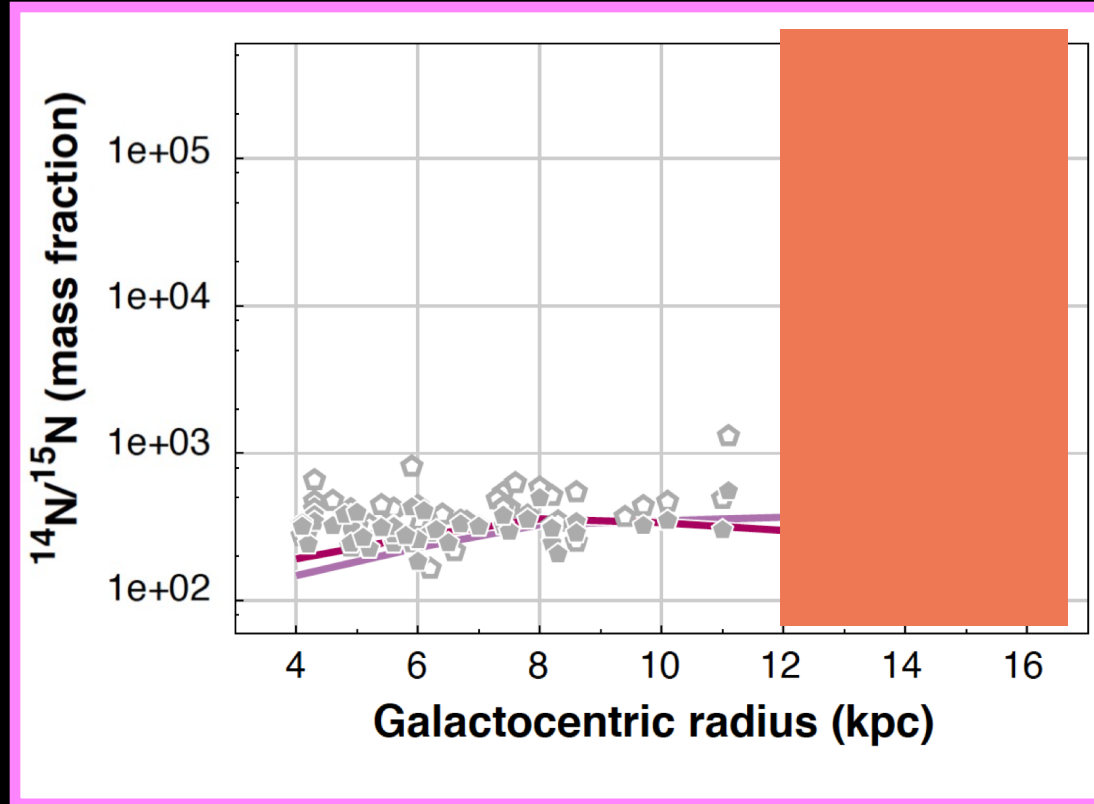
$$\text{NEW } M_{\text{ejected}} = 5 \times 10^{-8} M_{\odot}$$

NOW THE GCE MODEL BETTER REPRODUCE THE TREND WE FOUND

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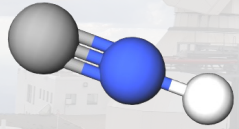


We still miss the Outer Galaxy!!

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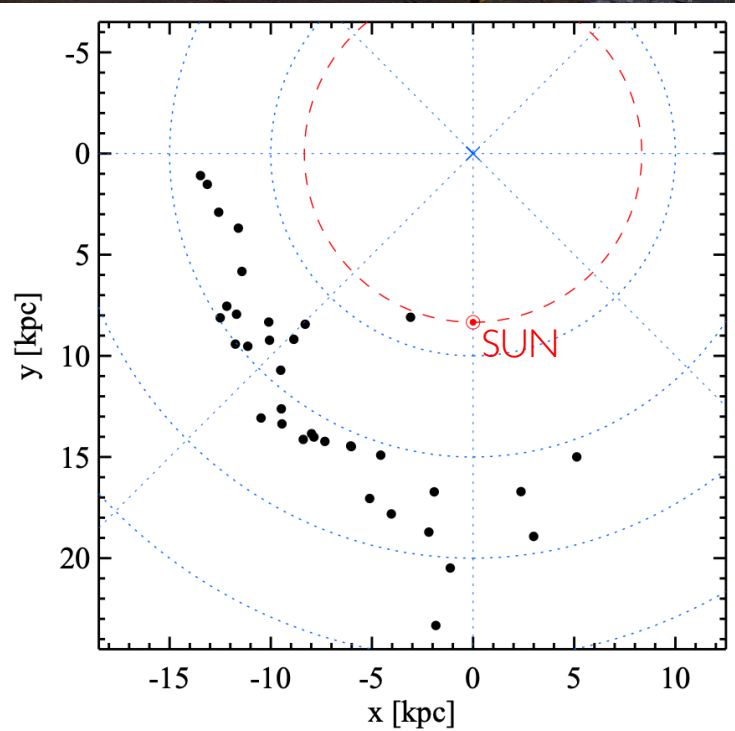
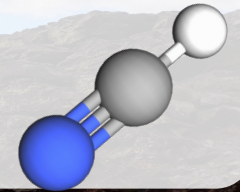
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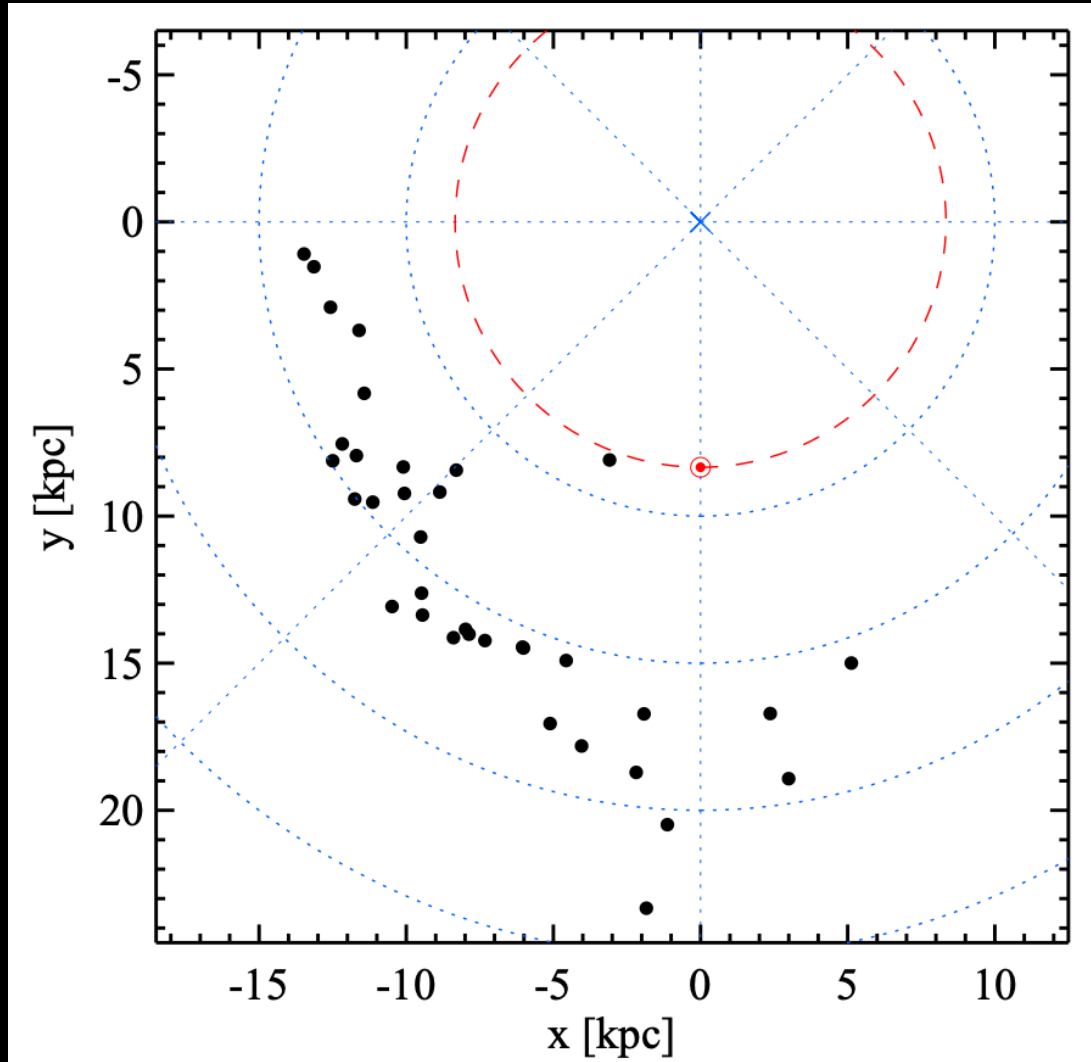
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Outer Galaxy (CHEMOUT) sample
(Fontani, F., Colzi, L. et al. (2022), A&A, 660, A76)
35 massive star-forming regions
 D_{GC} from 12 up to 23.5 kpc

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CHEMical complexity in star-forming regions of the OUTer Galaxy



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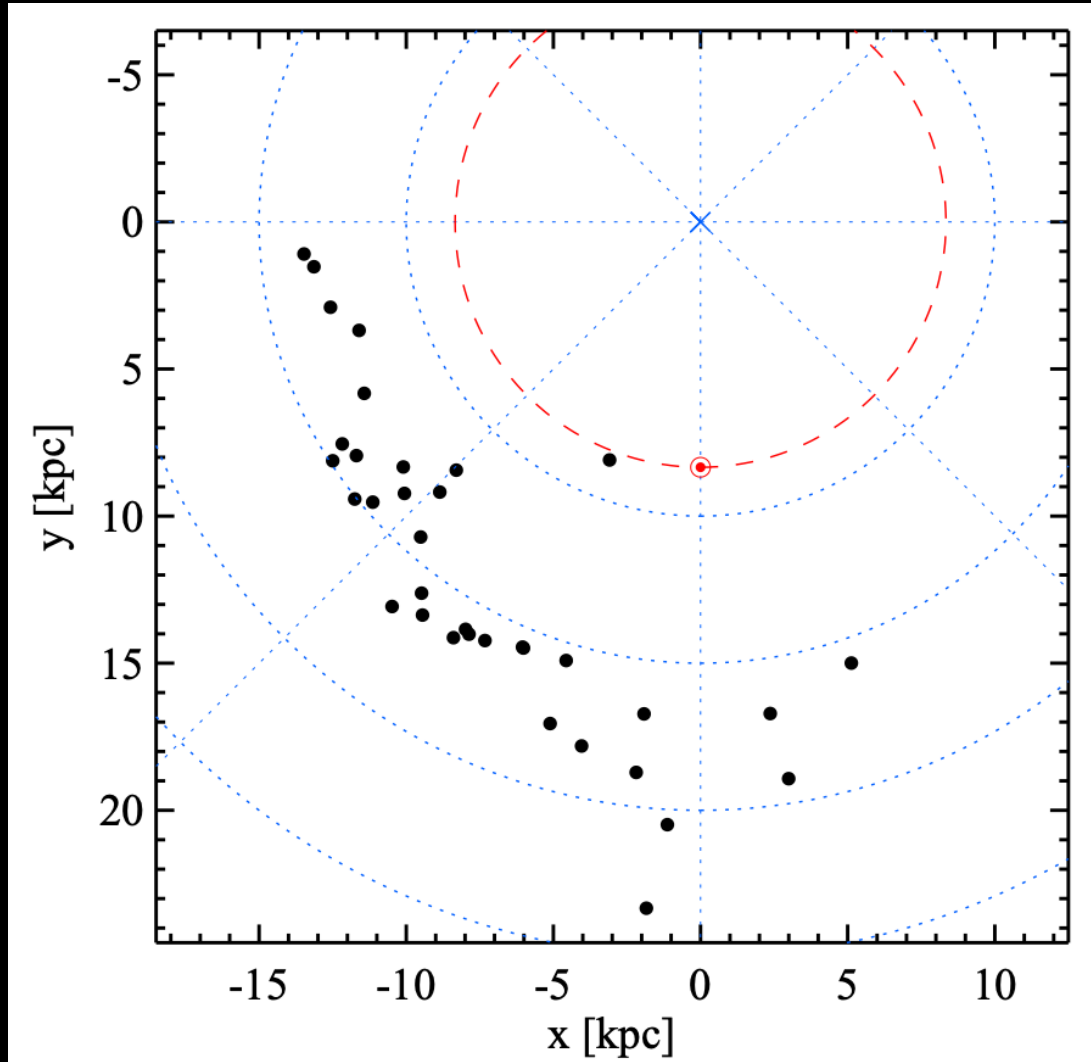
35 sources selected from Blair et al. (2008):

- (i) clearly detected in H_2CO
- (ii) To span all the distances in the Outer Galaxy

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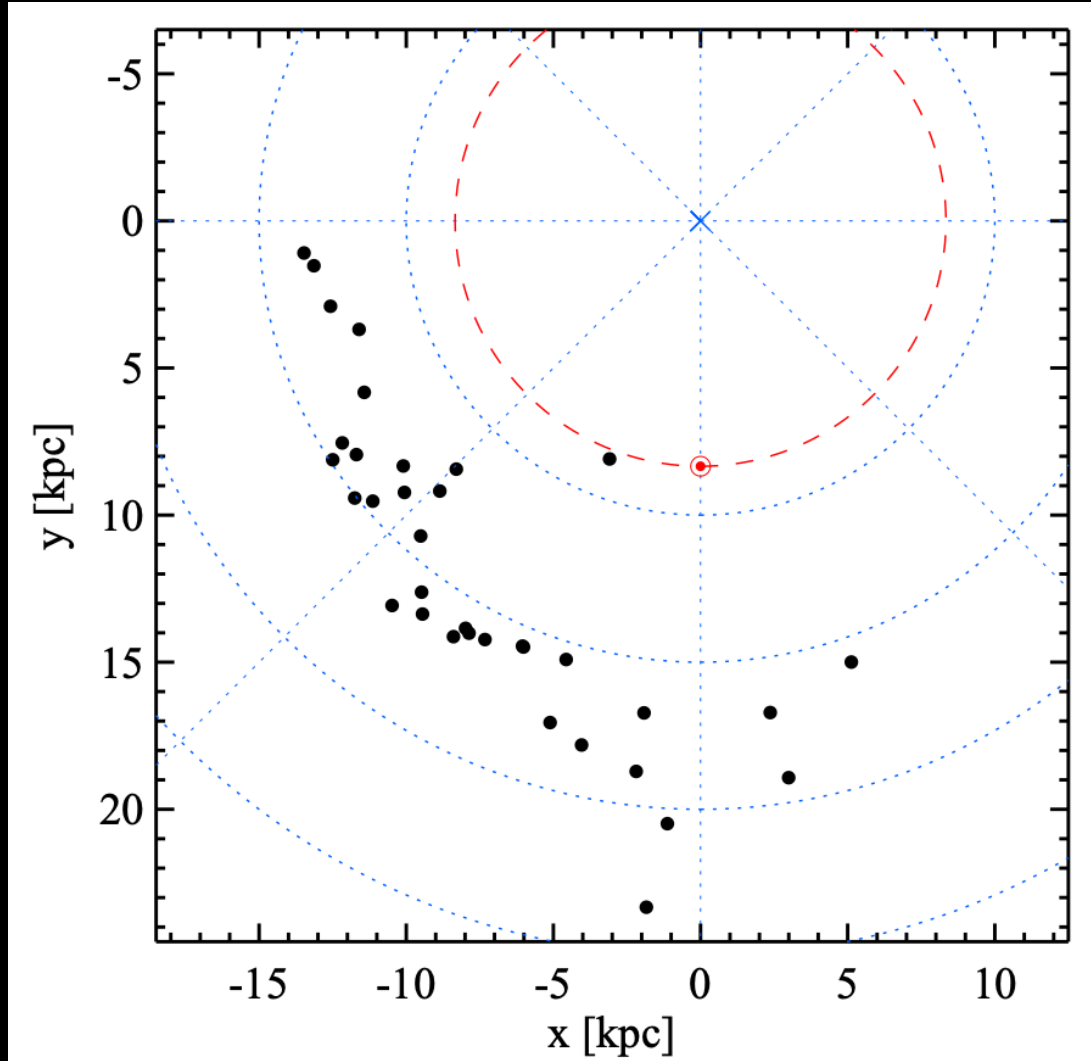


Spectral windows (GHz)	HPBW (")	$V_{\text{res}}^{(a)}$ (km s ⁻¹)	$\eta_{\text{MB}}^{(b)}$
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HCO $^{+}$	100%
<i>c</i> -C $_3$ H $_2$	97%
H 13 CO $^{+}$	77%
HCO	71%
SO	66%
SiO	46%
HCS $^{+}$	40%
C $_4$ H	26%
NH $_2$ D	23%
CH $_3$ CCH	17%
CCS	11%

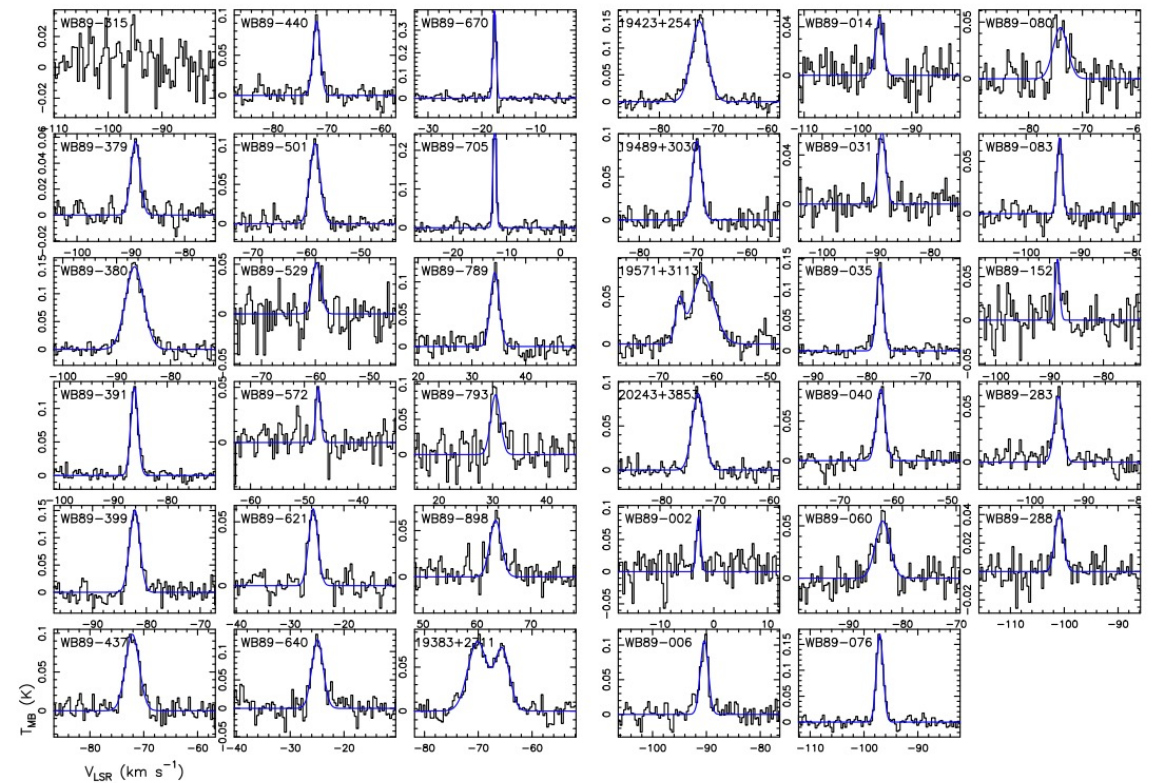
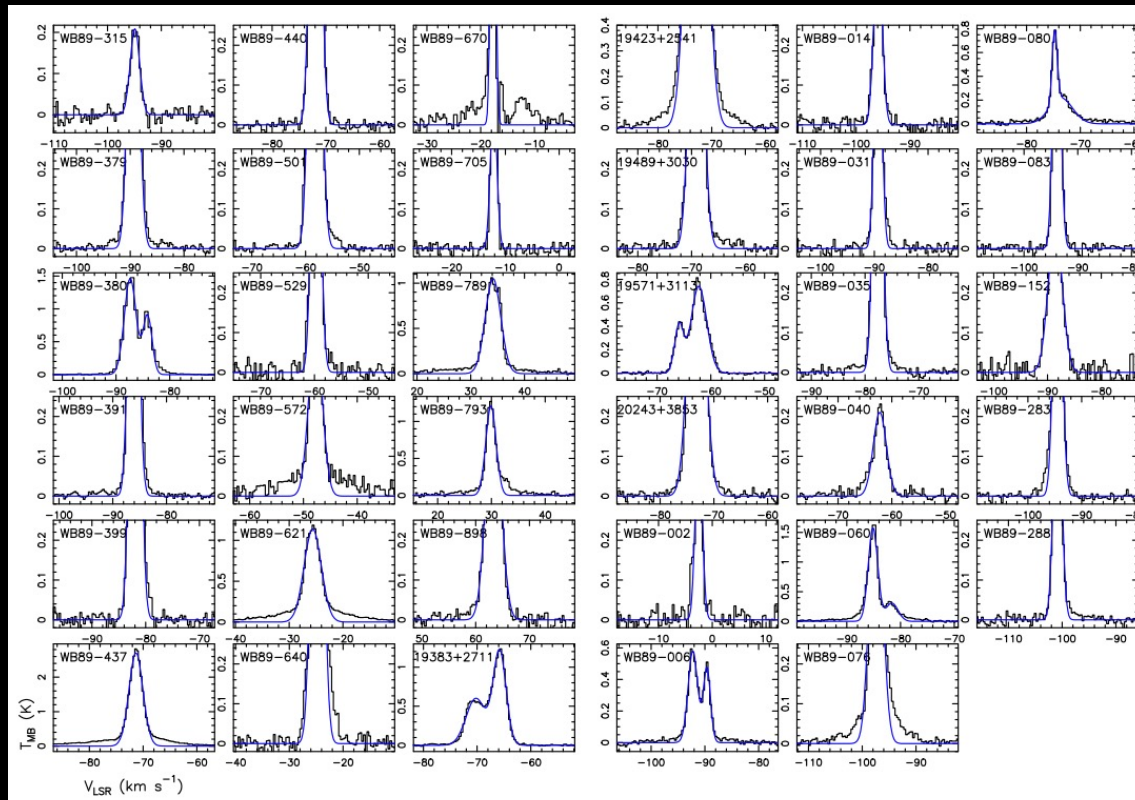
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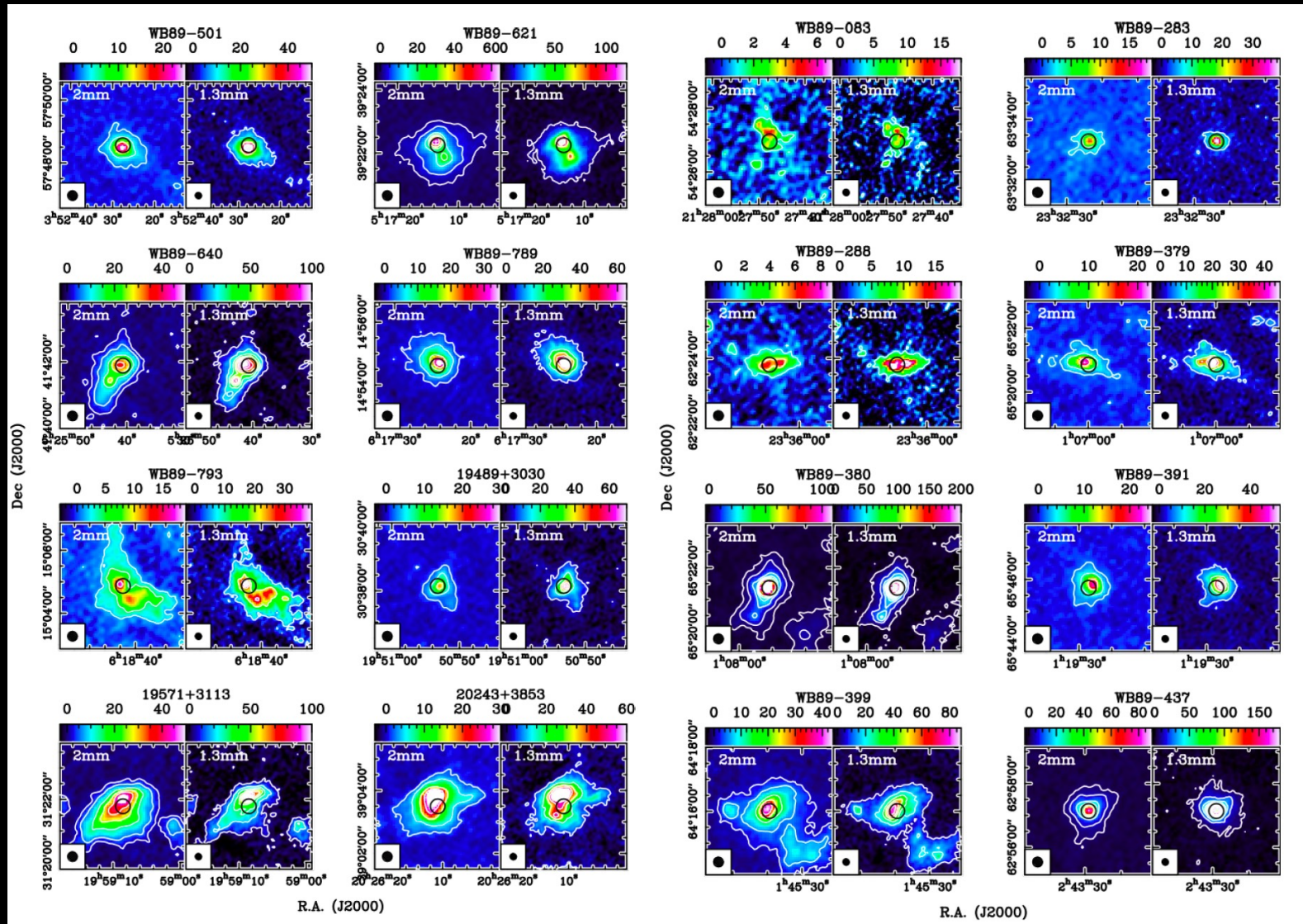
HCO⁺

c-C₃H₂



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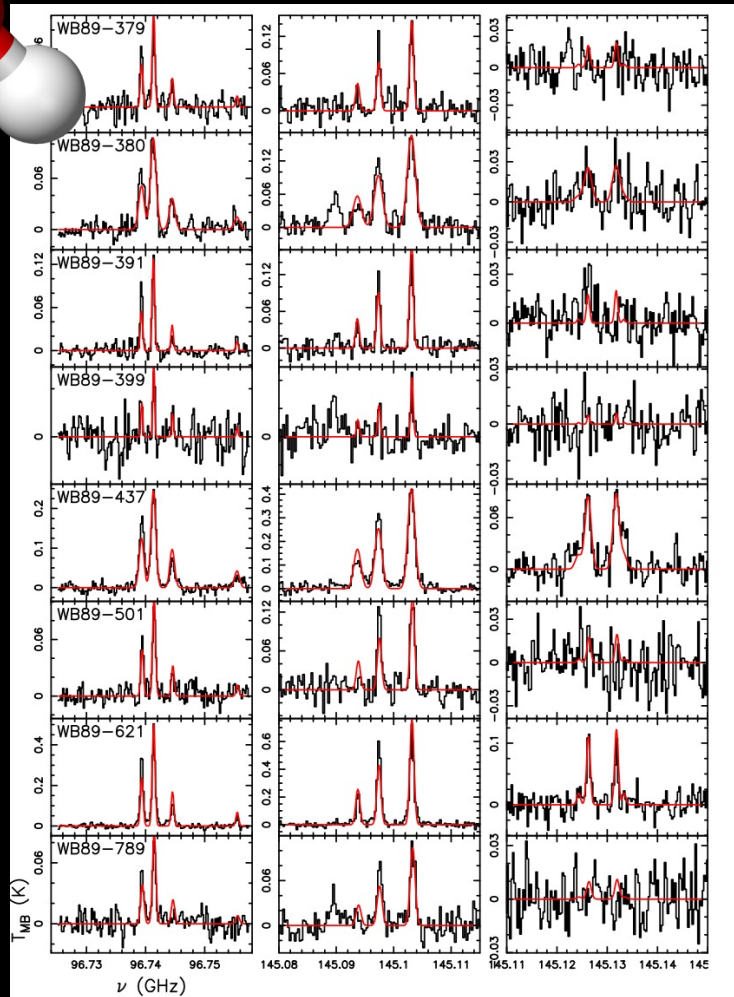
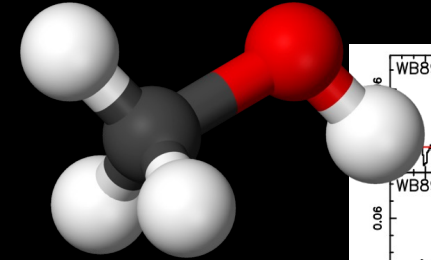
NIKA continuum maps at 1.3 and 2 mm to derive the H_2 column densities

Fontani et al. (in prep)

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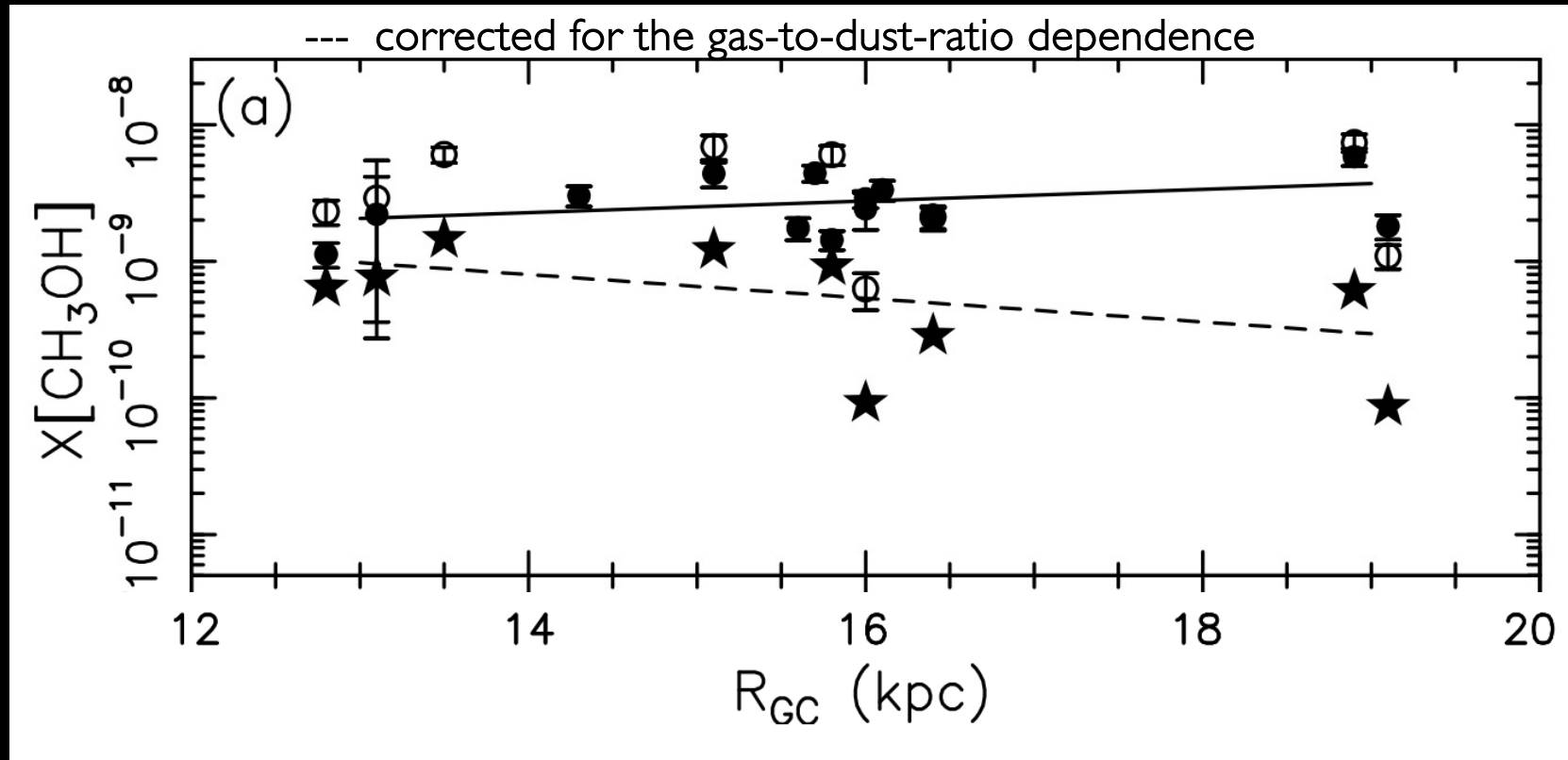
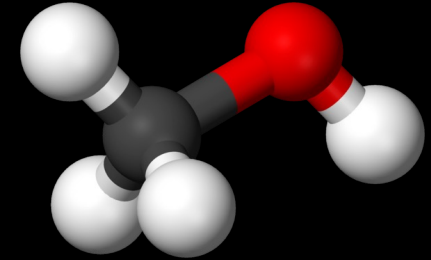
- The emission is dominated by a cold and quiescent gaseous envelope
- CH₃OH correlates with H₂CO (linewidths and abundances)

CHEMOUT II: Fontani, F., et al. (2022b), A&A, 664, A154

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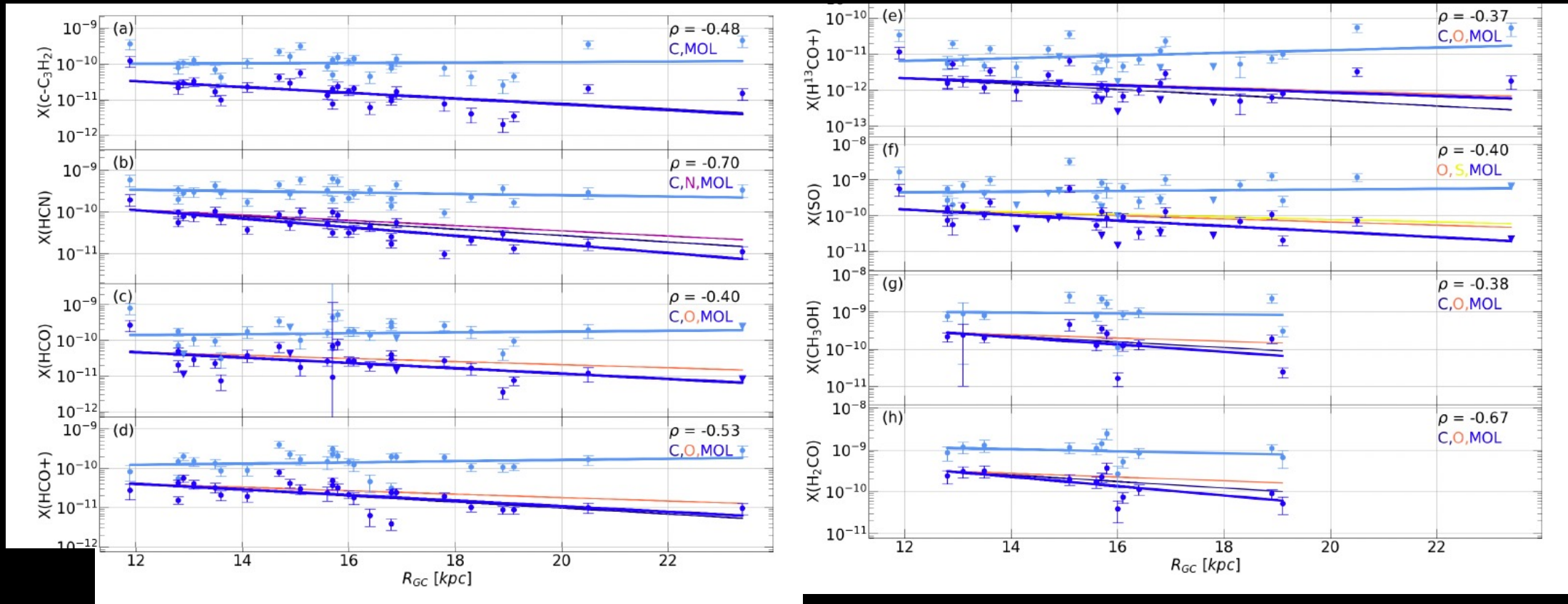
➤ Abundances decrease \sim factor of 5 with R_{GC}

➤ This is in line with metallicity-scaled values of carbon [C/H] *Mendez-Delgado et al. (2022)*

CHEMOUT II: Fontani, F., et al. (2022b), A&A, 664, A154

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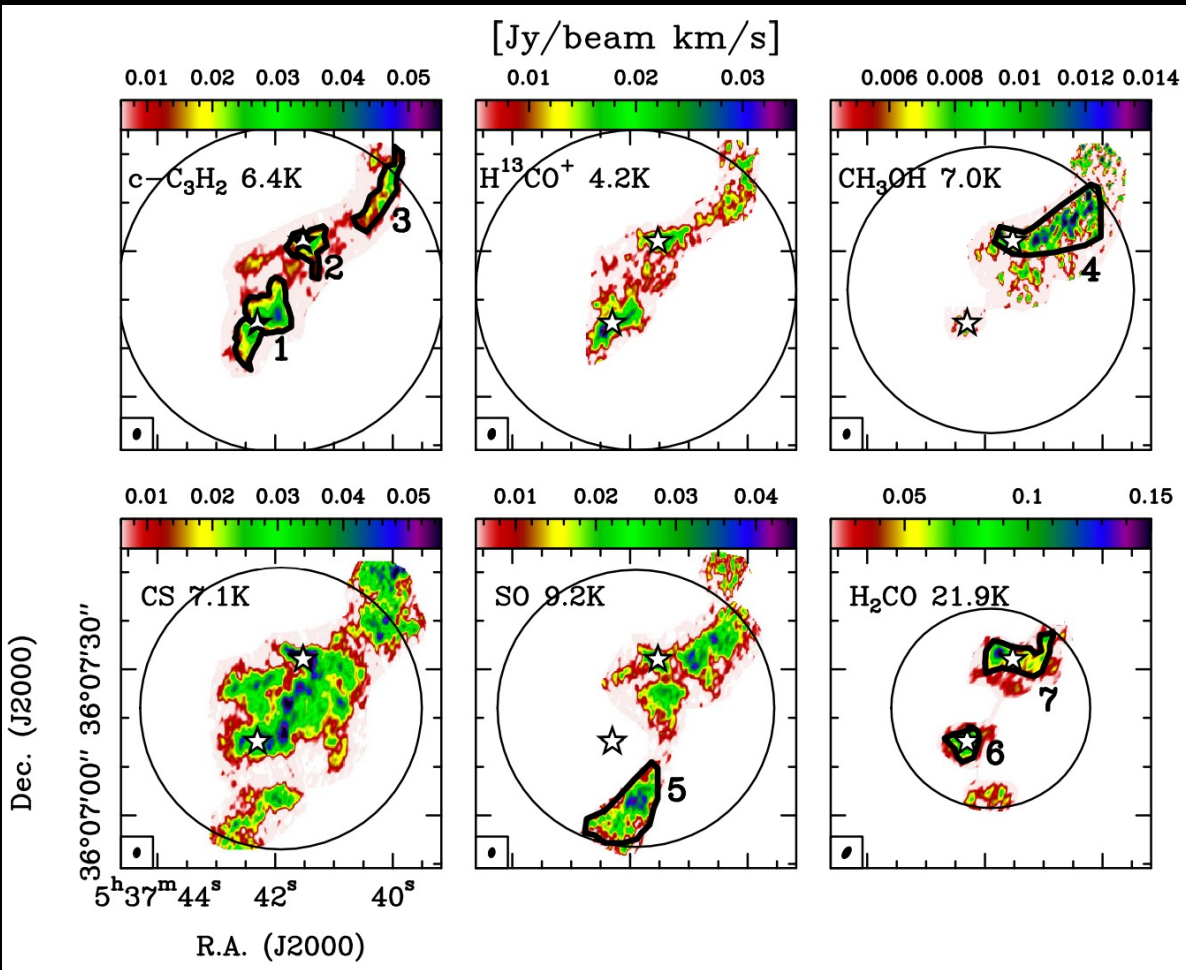
- Analysis of other molecules shows the same behaviour with $[\text{C}/\text{H}]$ *Mendez-Delgado et al. (2022)*
- From $\text{c-C}_3\text{H}_2$, HCN, HCO, HCO^+ , H^{13}CO^+ , SO, CH_3OH , H_2CO

See Diego Gigli short presentation

Diego Gigli Master's thesis 2024

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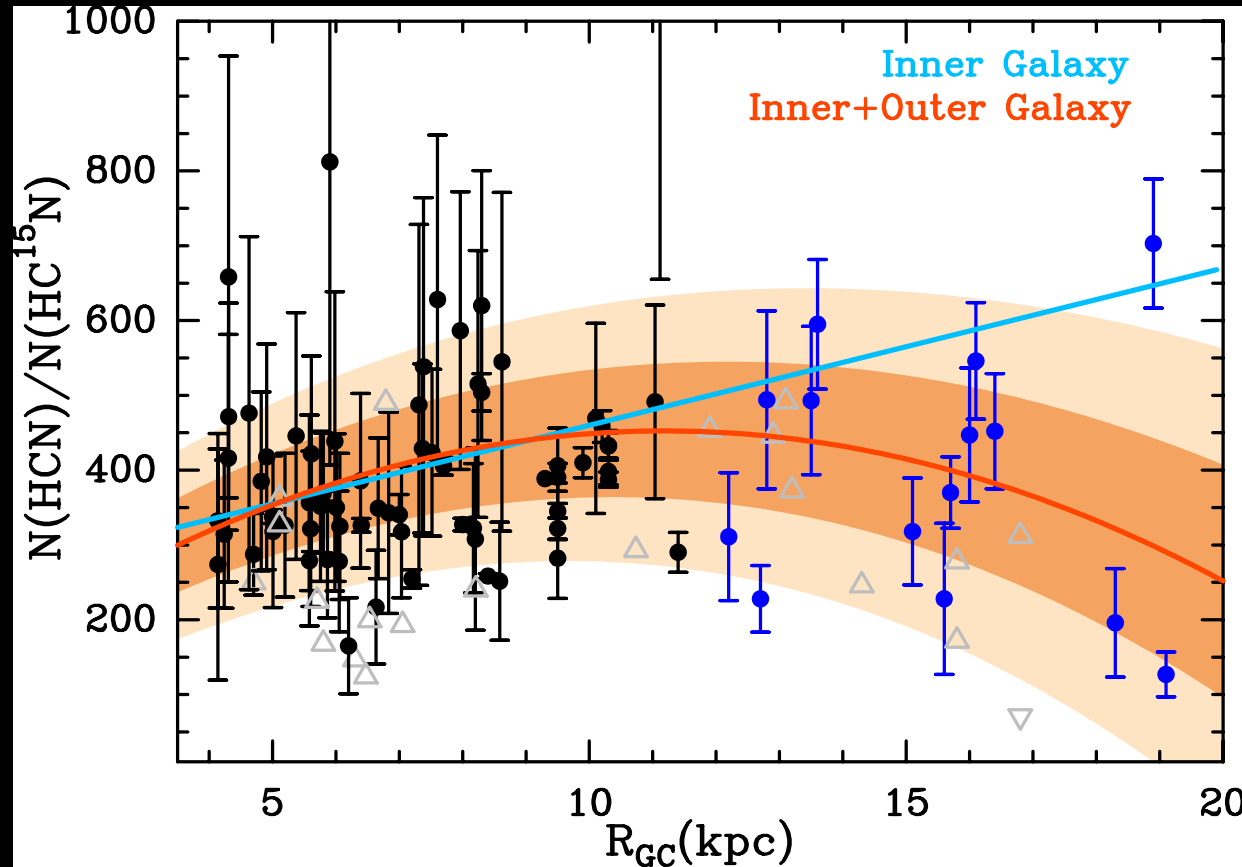


- Target WB89-670 at 23.5 kpc in the far Outer Galaxy with ALMA
- Resolution of $1.5'' \rightarrow 0.11$ pc
- Chemical differentiation at core scales

See also Shimonishi et al. (2021) for ALMA maps towards WB89-789 at 19 kpc

CHEMOUT IV: Fontani, F., et al. (2024), accepted in A&A

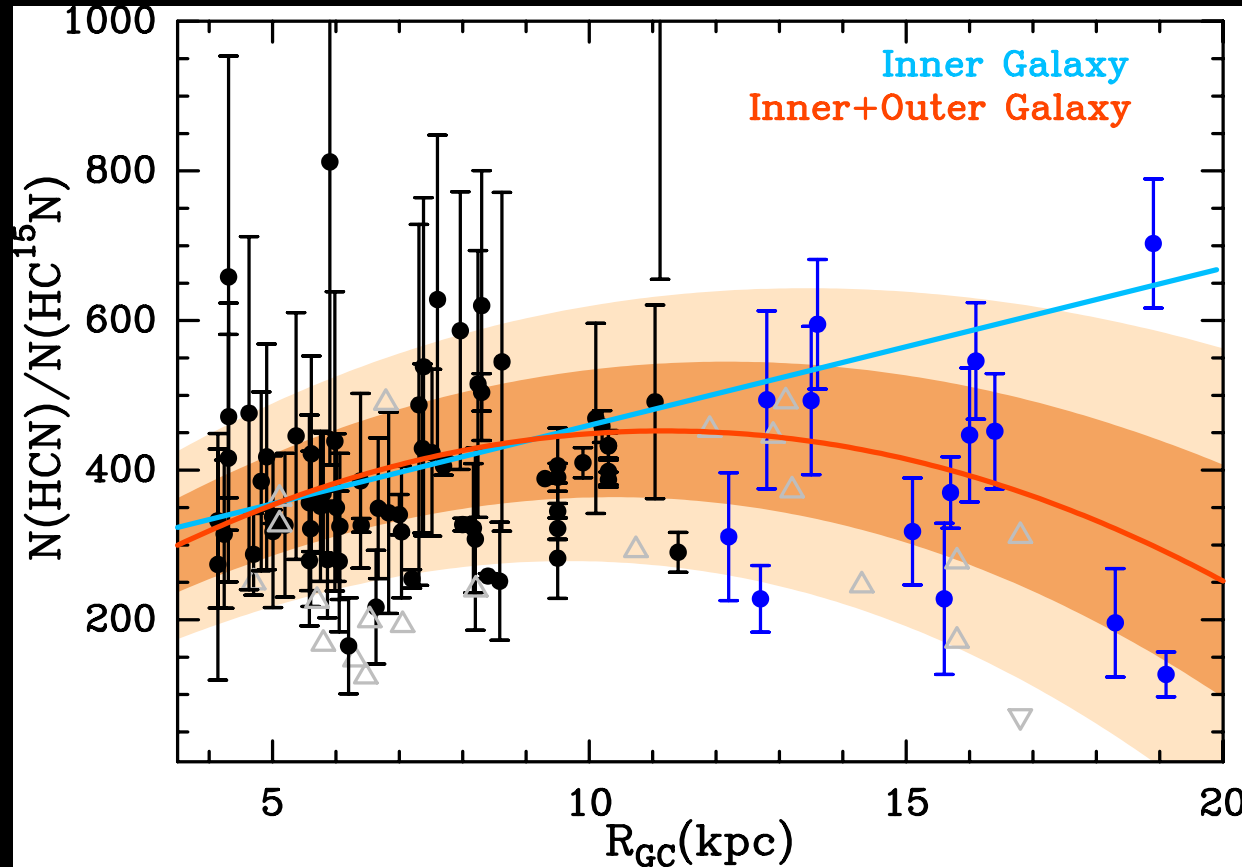
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For 14 out of 35 sources we have detected H^{13}CN and HC^{15}N

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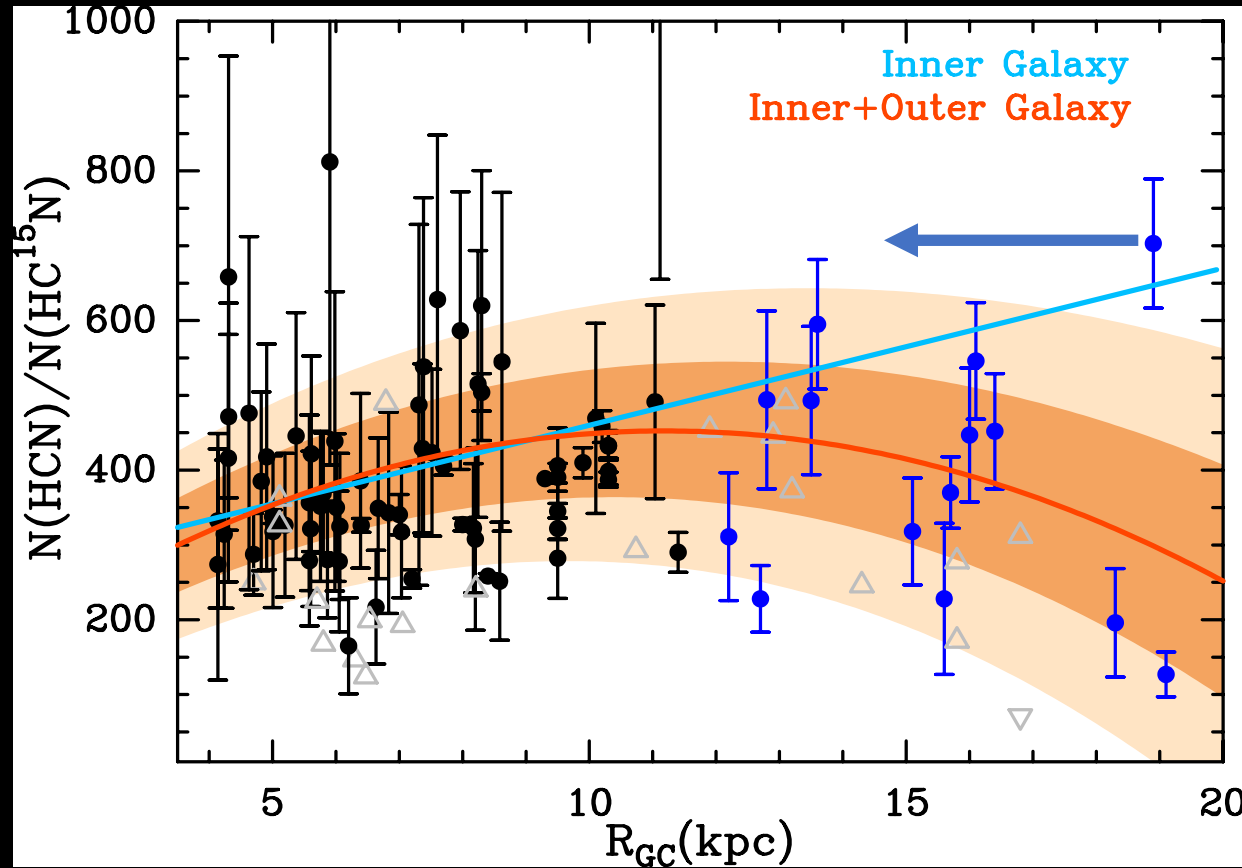


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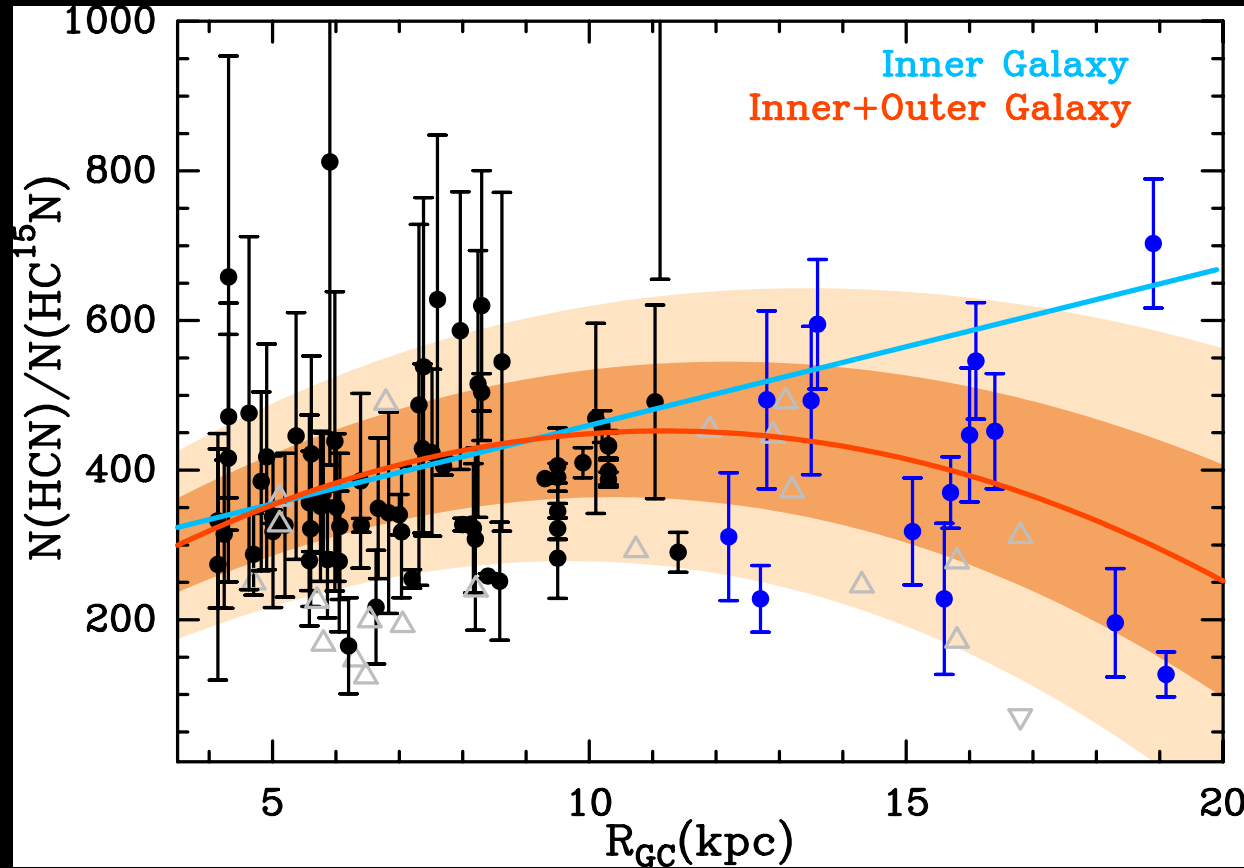


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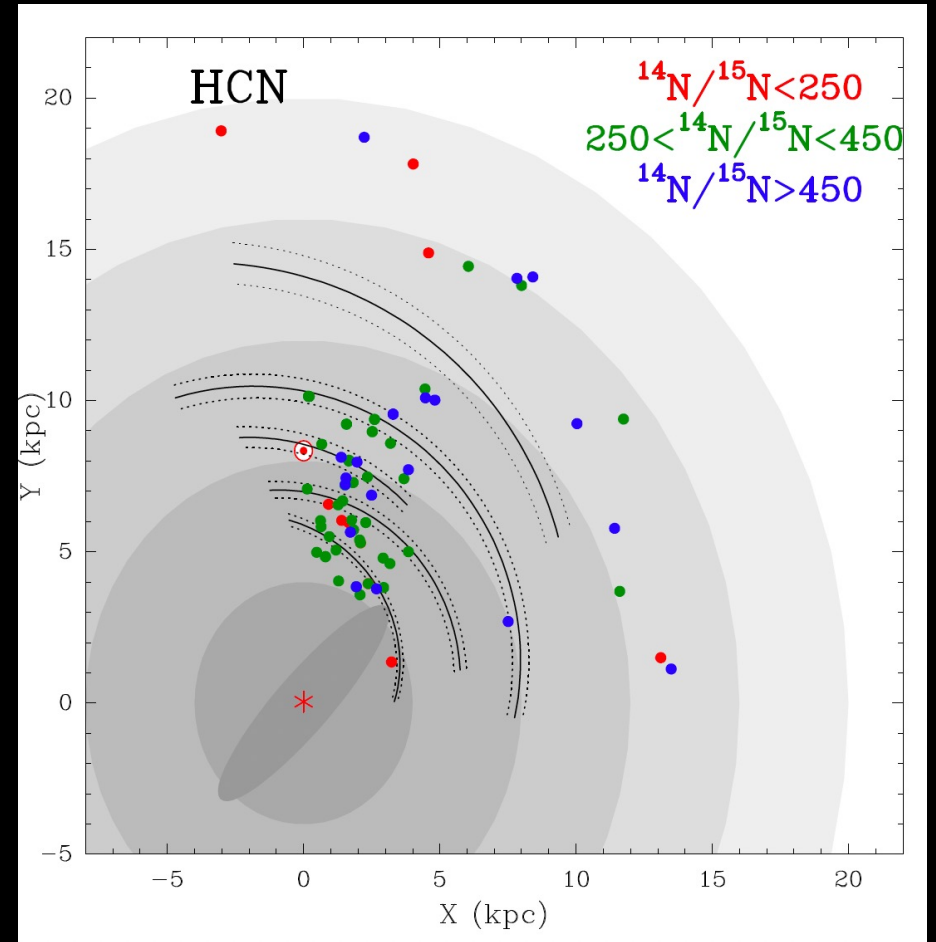
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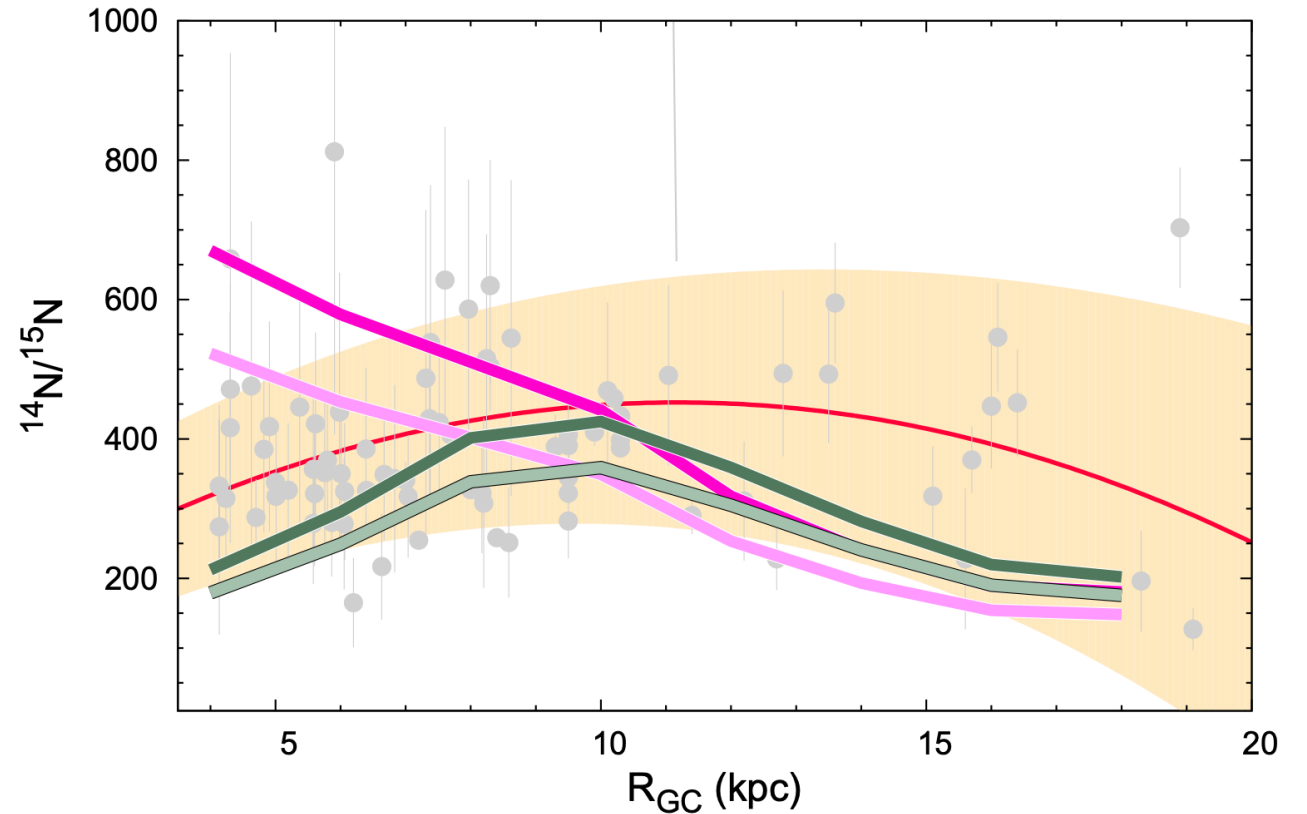


NO trend within Galactic spiral arms

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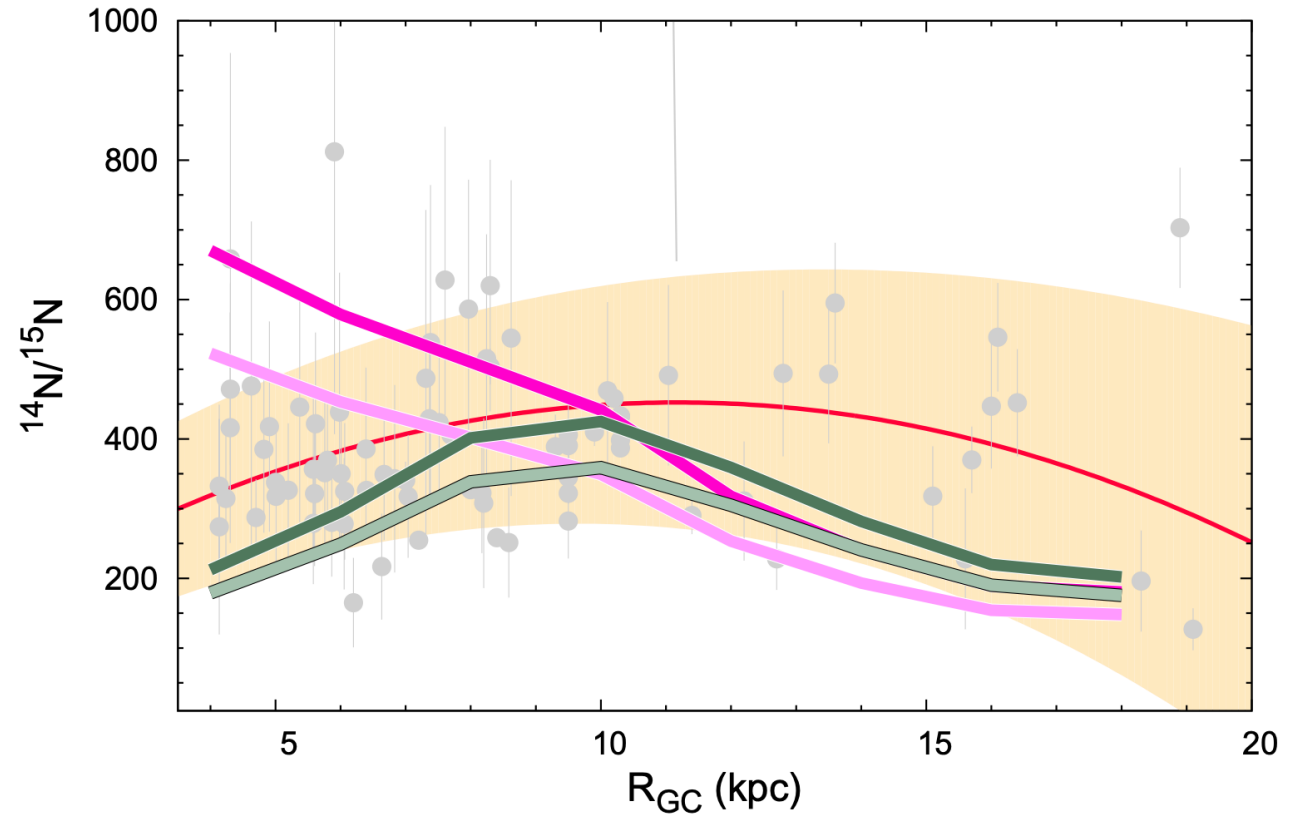


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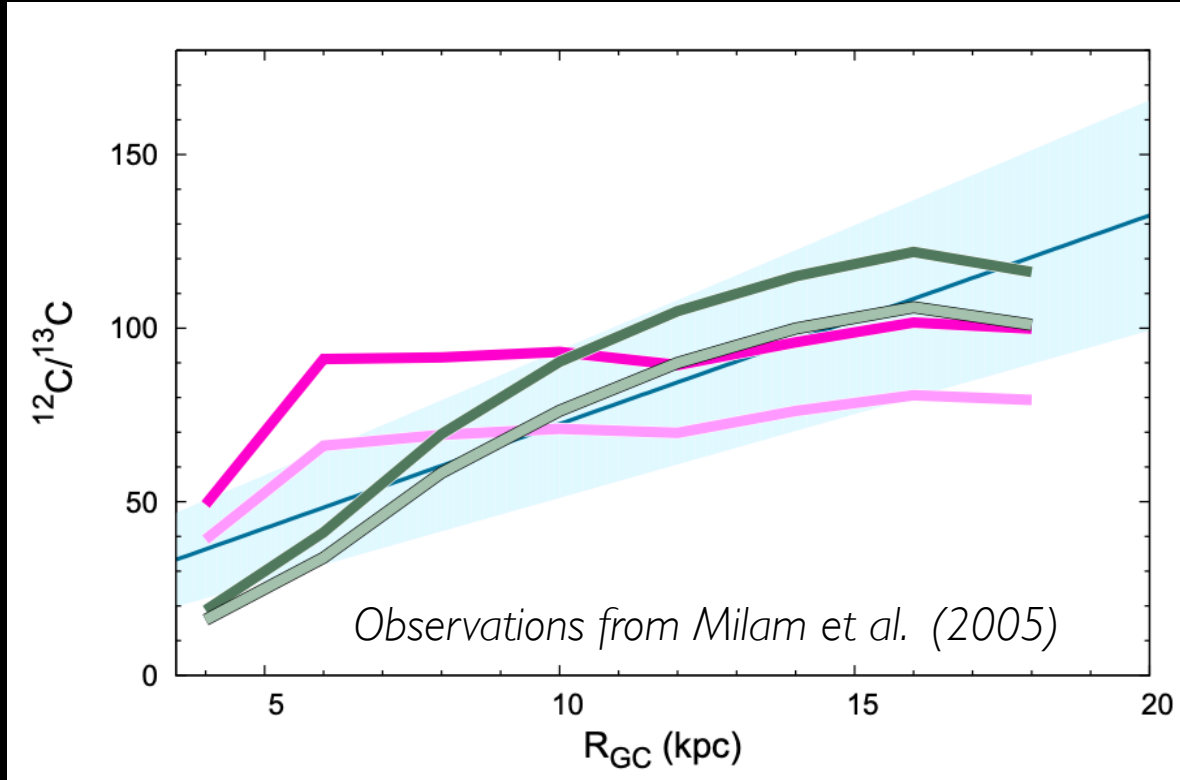
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Overall trend from novae with a low-mass WDs as main ^{15}N producers;
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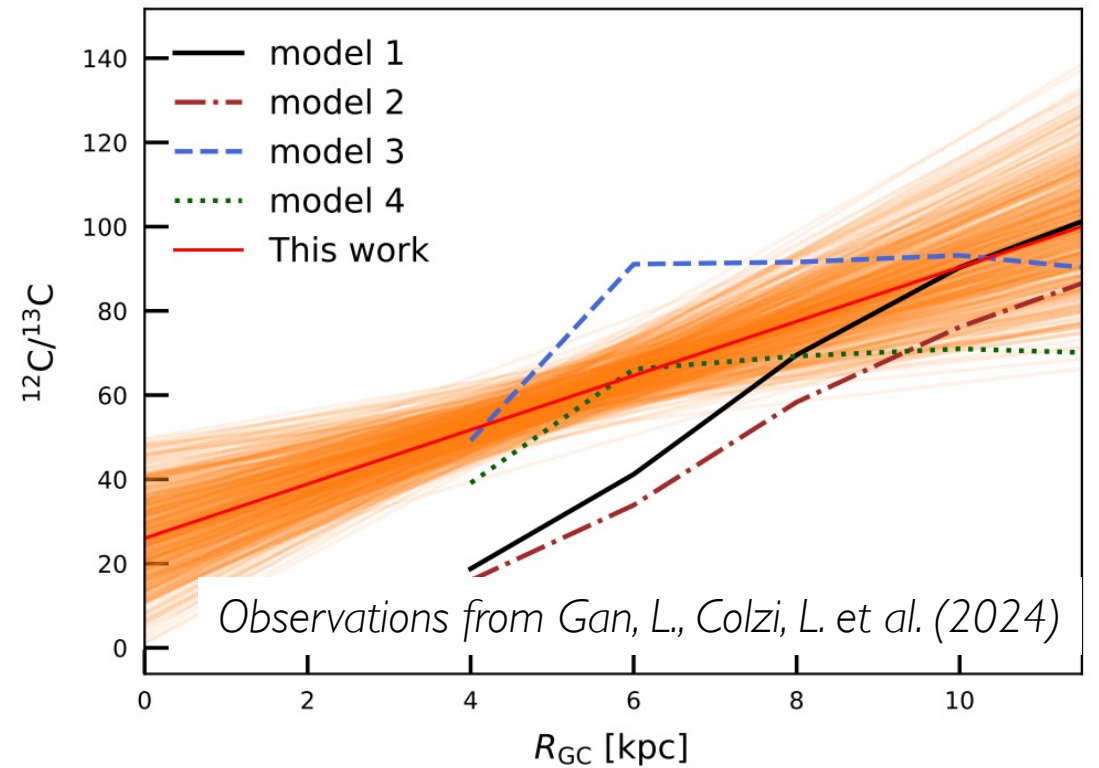
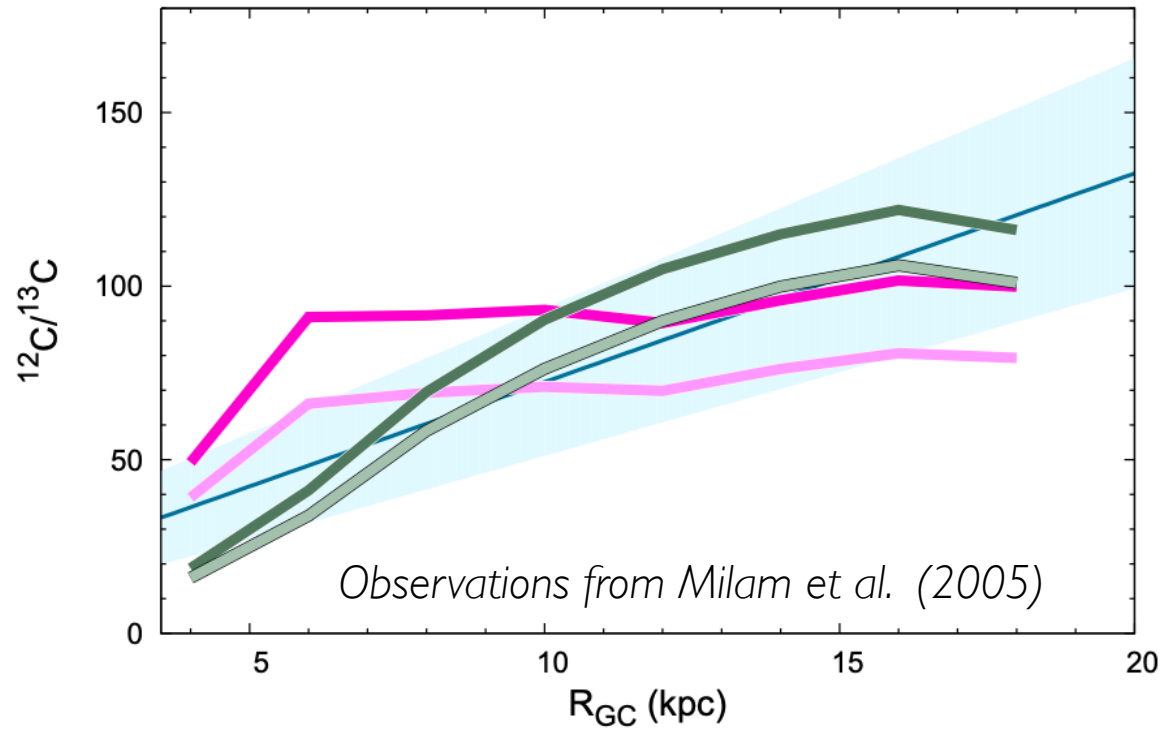


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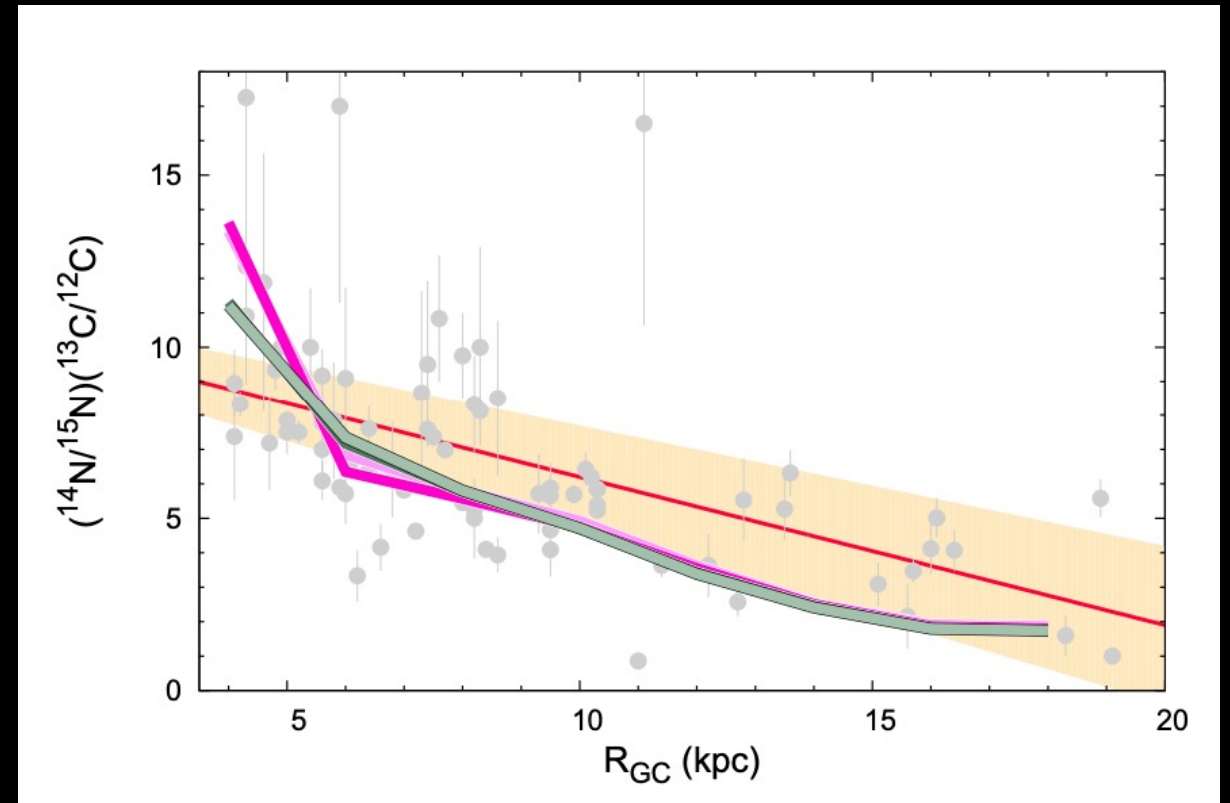
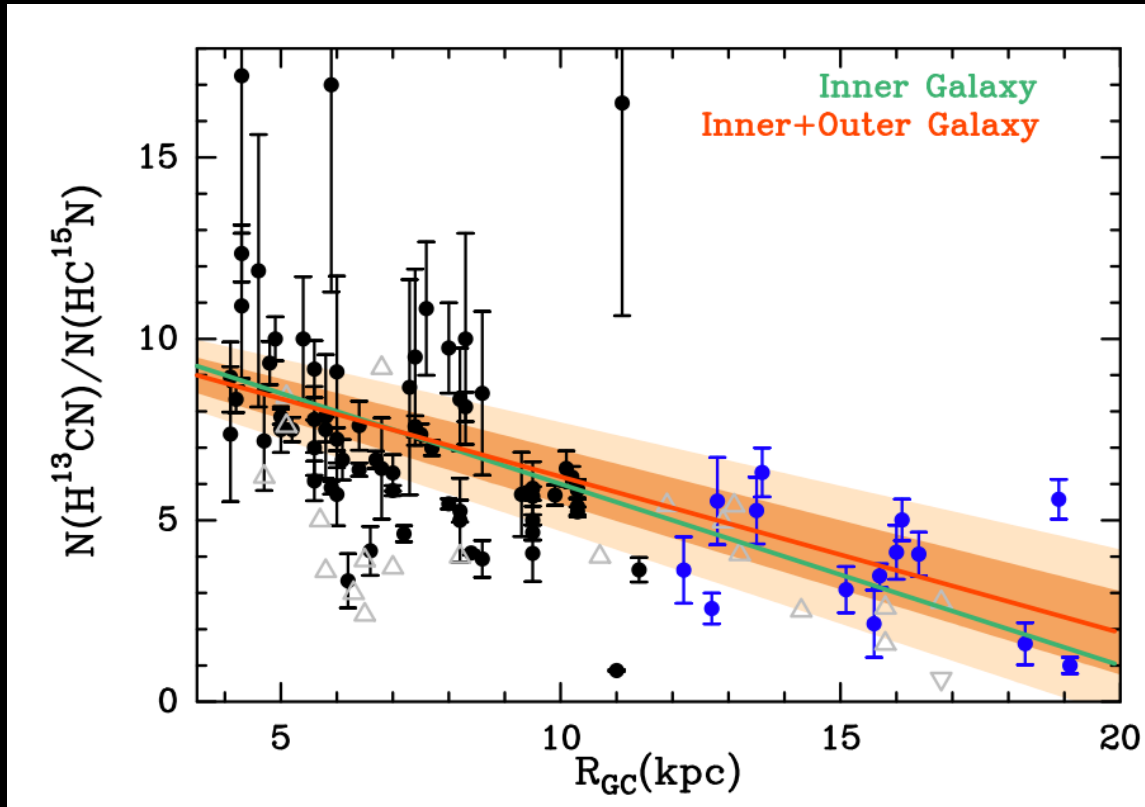
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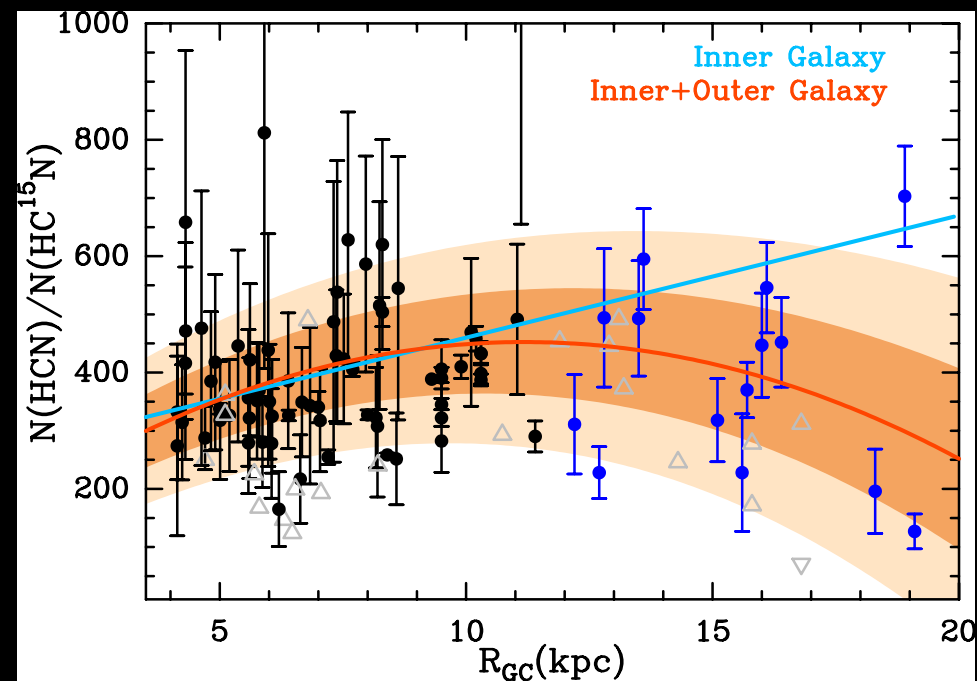
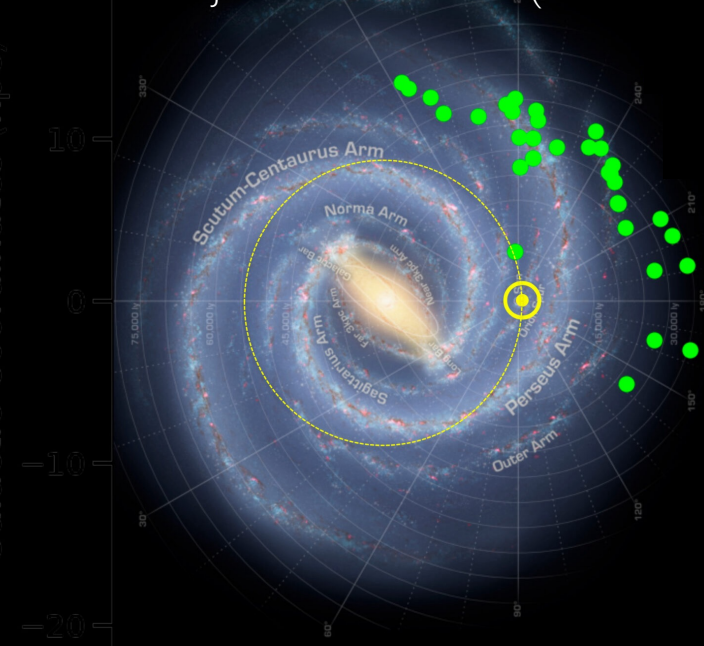
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CONCLUSIONS

Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/R. Hurt (SSC/Caltech)/ L. Magrini / F. Fontani (INAF)



- Isotopic ratios in the Outer Galaxy are key to constrain Galactic Chemical Evolution models
- Chemical processes in molecular clouds are also needed to be considered
 - ➔ CHEMOUT project

Fontani et al. (2022a,b,2024), Colzi et al. (2022b)

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Isotopic abundance ratios

What's up in the outer edge of the Milky Way?

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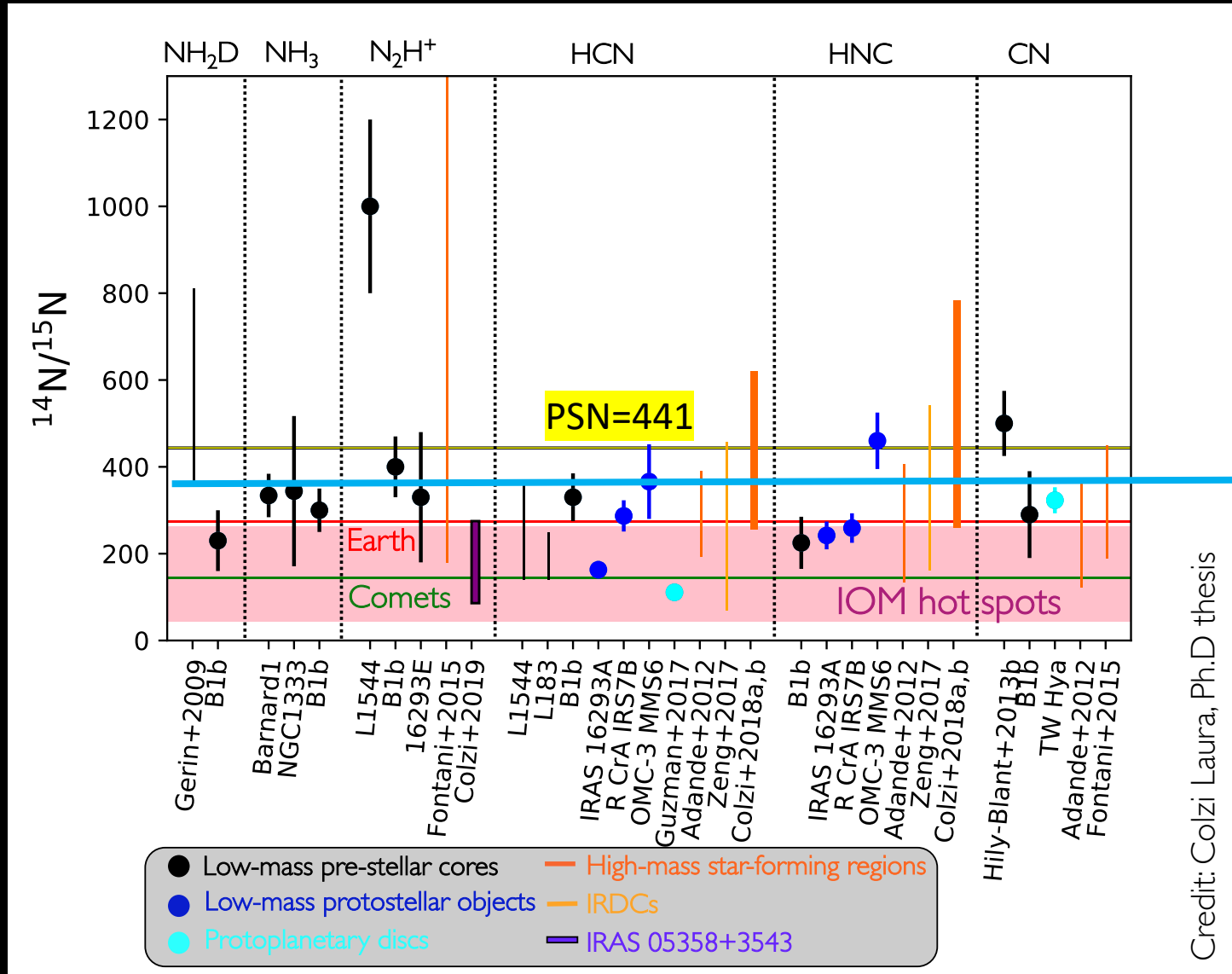


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BACK UP SLIDES

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NEW LOCAL ISM
 $^{14}\text{N}/^{15}\text{N}$ (8.4 kpc)
 375 ± 50

Consistent
 with the bulk of observed
 values with respect to the
 PSN one

Stellar nucleosynthesis?

Credit: Colzi Laura, Ph.D thesis

GALACTIC CHEMICAL EVOLUTION MODELS

Multi-zone model, where the **Galactic disc** is divided in **concentric rings** that evolve at **different rates**

- **INITIAL CONDITION:** - mass of gas at $t=0$ or fresh gas that accrete;
- primordial chemical composition;
- **STELLAR BIRTHRATE:** function with a given star-formation efficiency.

→ STELLAR EVOLUTION AND NUCLEOSYNTHESIS OF ELEMENTS

Model	LIMS	Super-AGB stars	Massive stars	Novae
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Isotopic ratios: a good indicator of nucleosynthesis

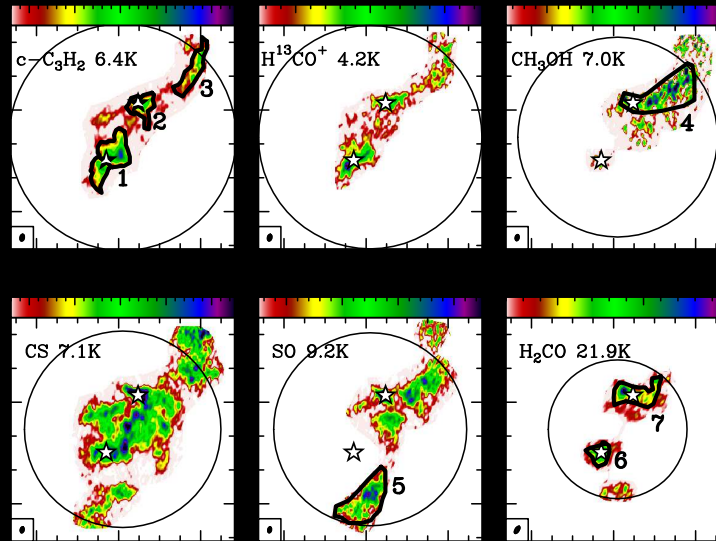
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- Secondary production through CNO cycles in MS stars and in the H-burning shells of red giants

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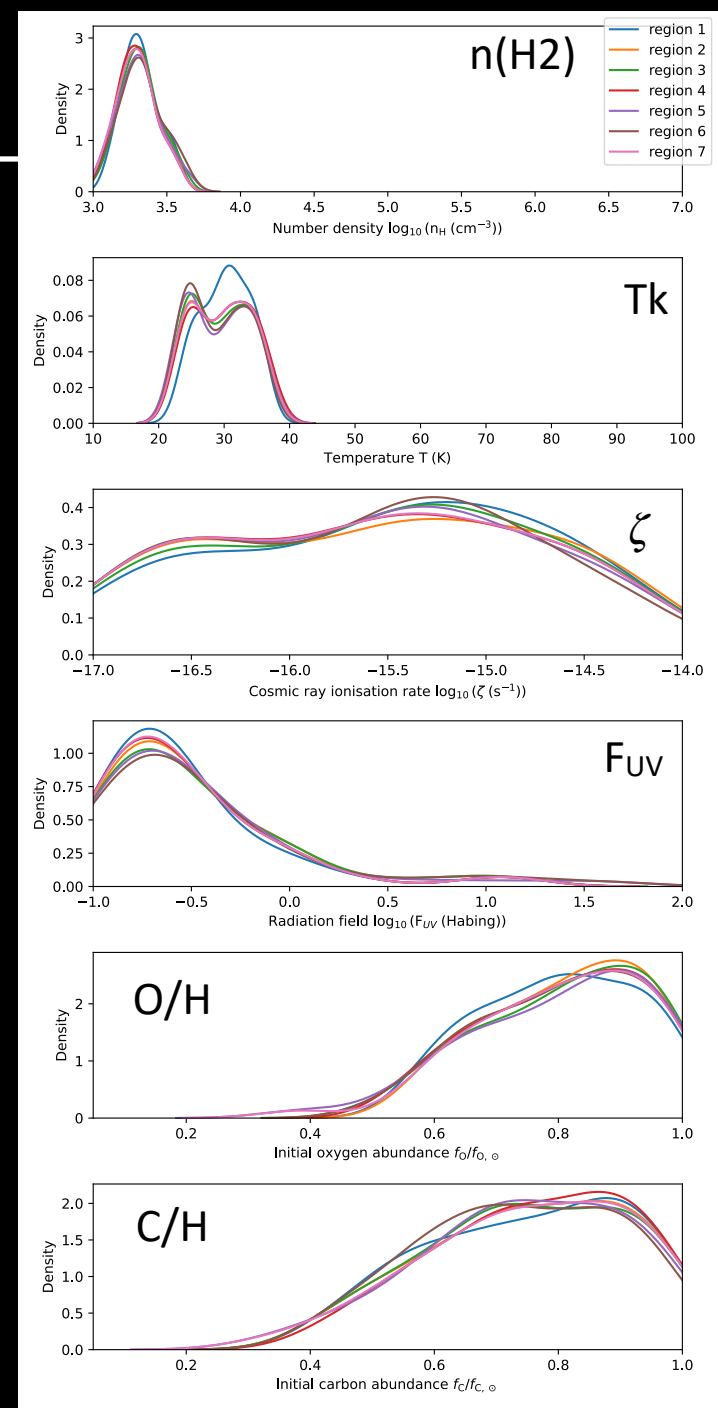
- Primary production: from low metallicity massive stars (this is mainly in the outer galaxy where there are less white dwarf and then the secondary production is less efficient)
- Secondary production from hot CNO cycle that occurs in nova outbursts;

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MODELS THAT BEST MATCH DATA:

- low densities (10^3 cm^3) \rightarrow diffuse gas
- intermediate kinetic temperatures (20-40 K)
- cosmic-ray ionisation rate unconstrained
- low radiation field
- [O/H] consistent with extrapolated el. gradients
- [C/H] NOT consistent with extrapolated el. gradients
- [C/H] $> 1/5$ [C/H] $_{\odot}$ modelled
- [C/H] $\sim 1/14$ [C/H] $_{\odot}$ extrapolated

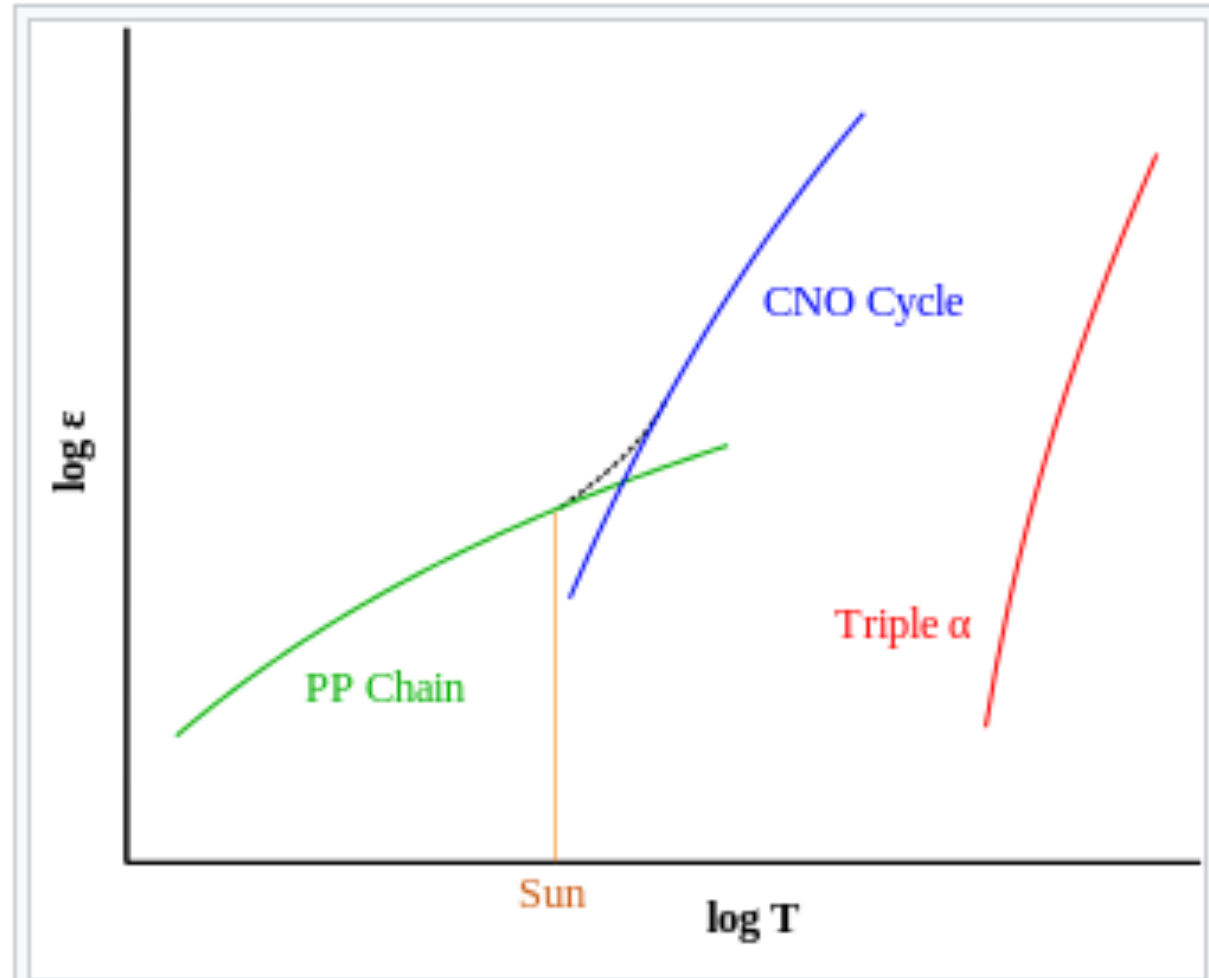


Nitrogen fractionation across the Galaxy

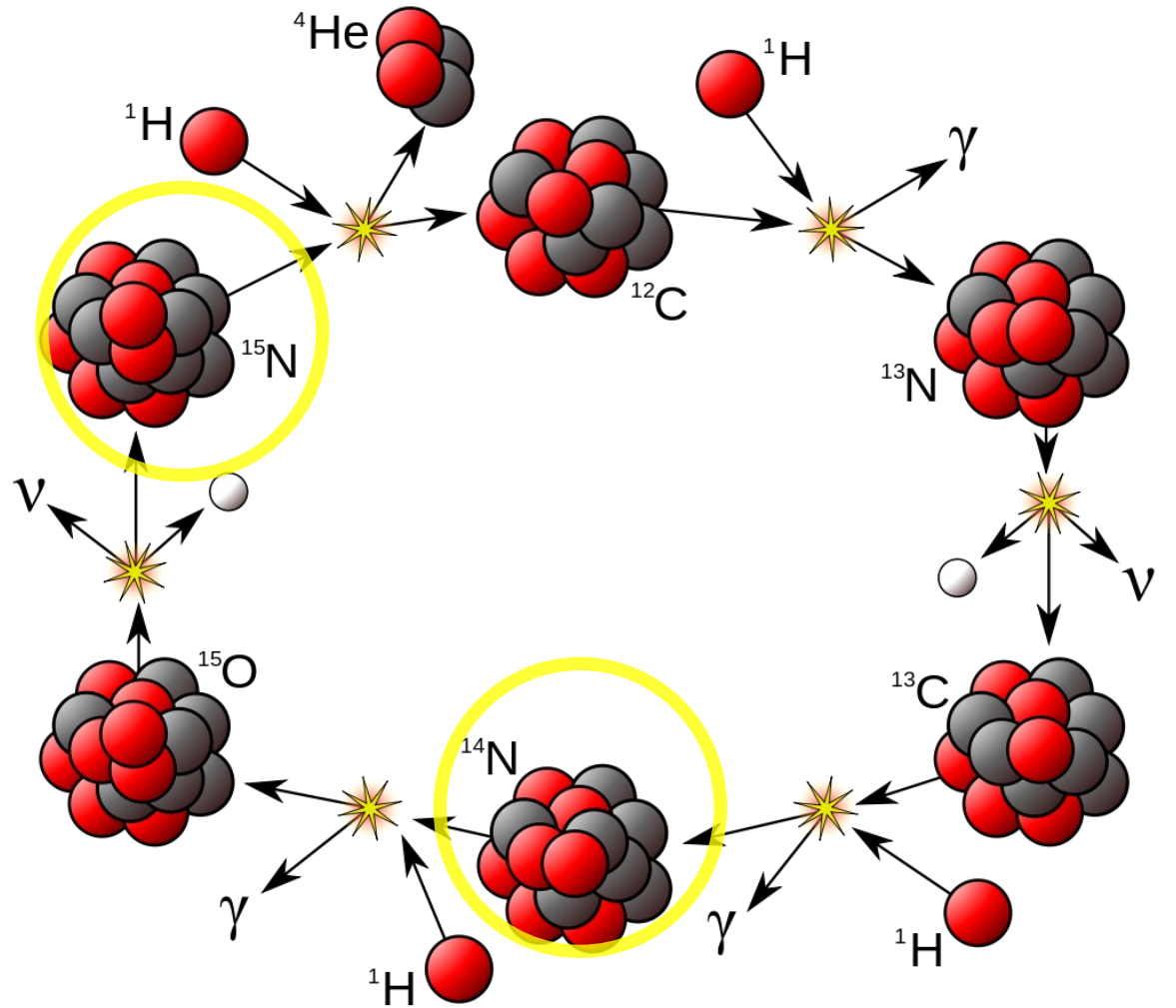
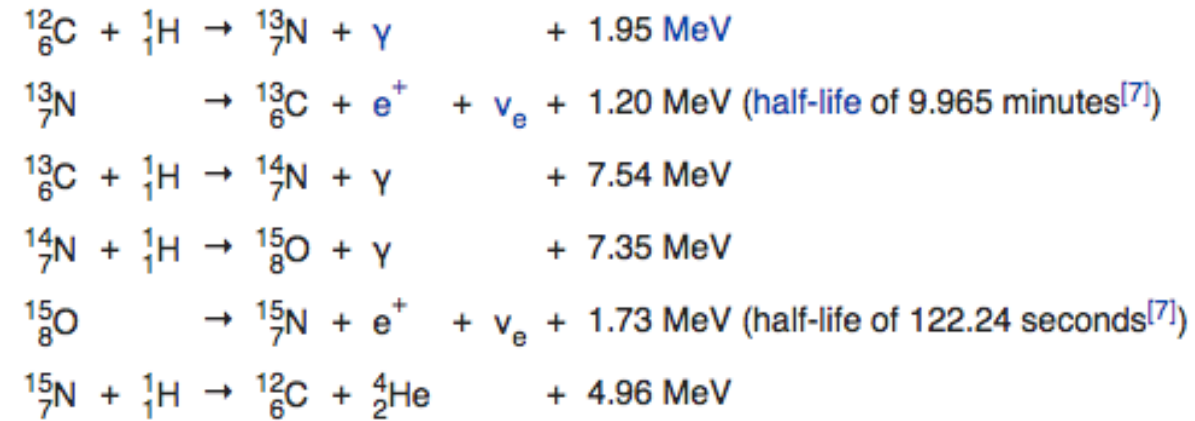
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


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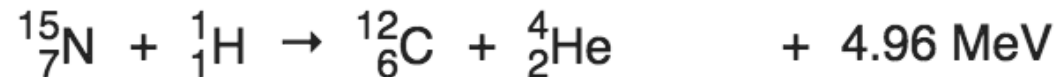
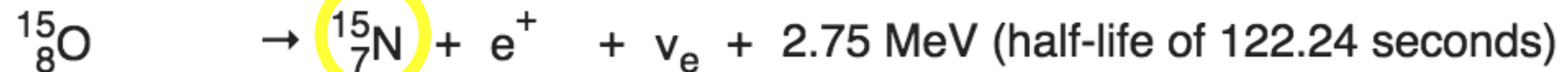
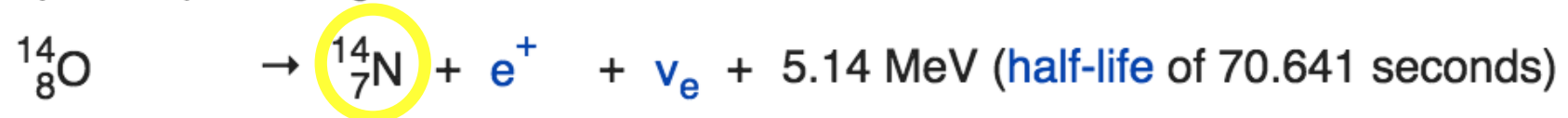


(cold) CNO-I cycle: (important in Sun)



	Proton	γ	Gamma Ray
	Neutron	ν	Neutrino
	Positron		

Hot CNO-I cycle: (novae, x-ray bursts...)

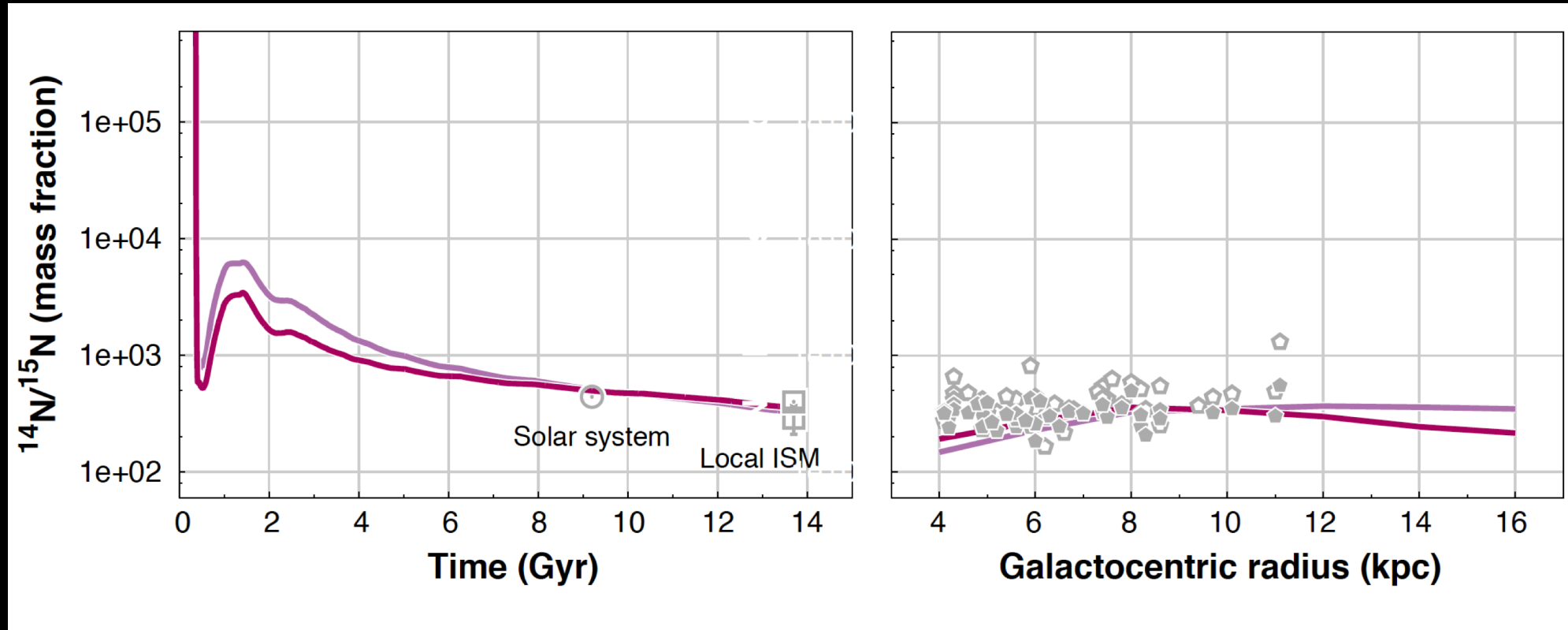


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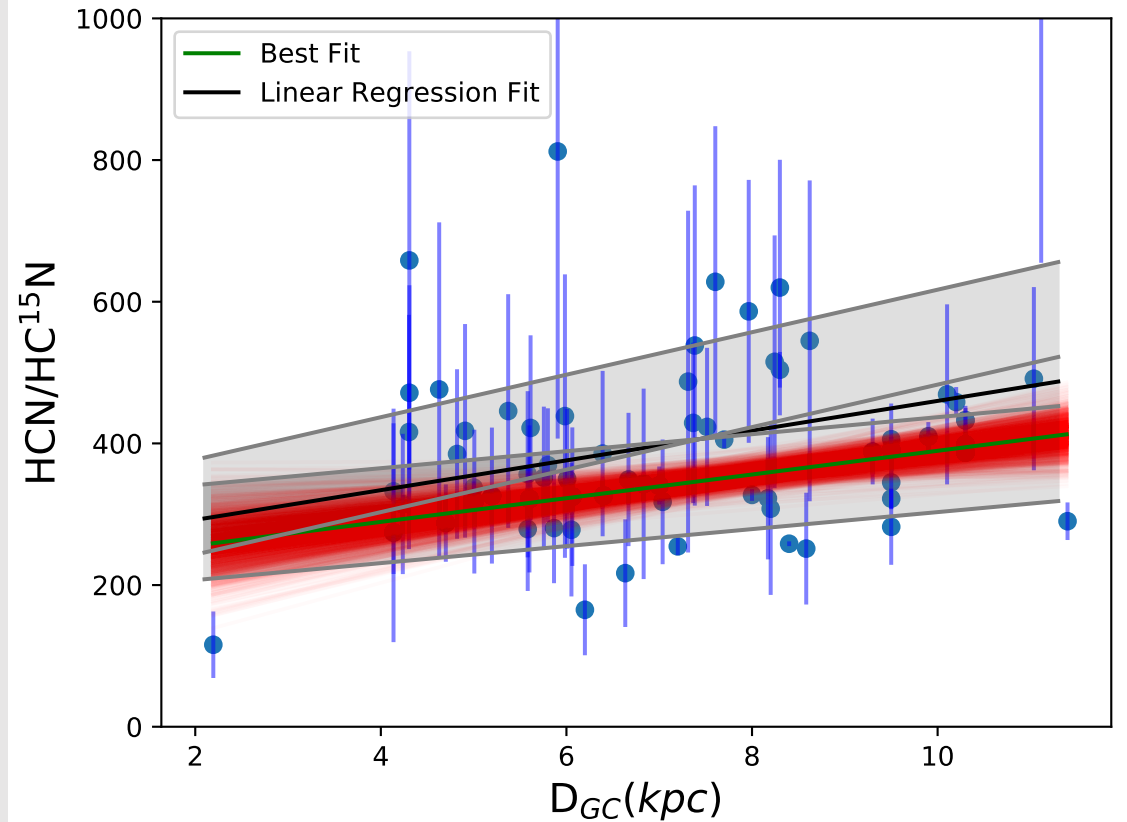
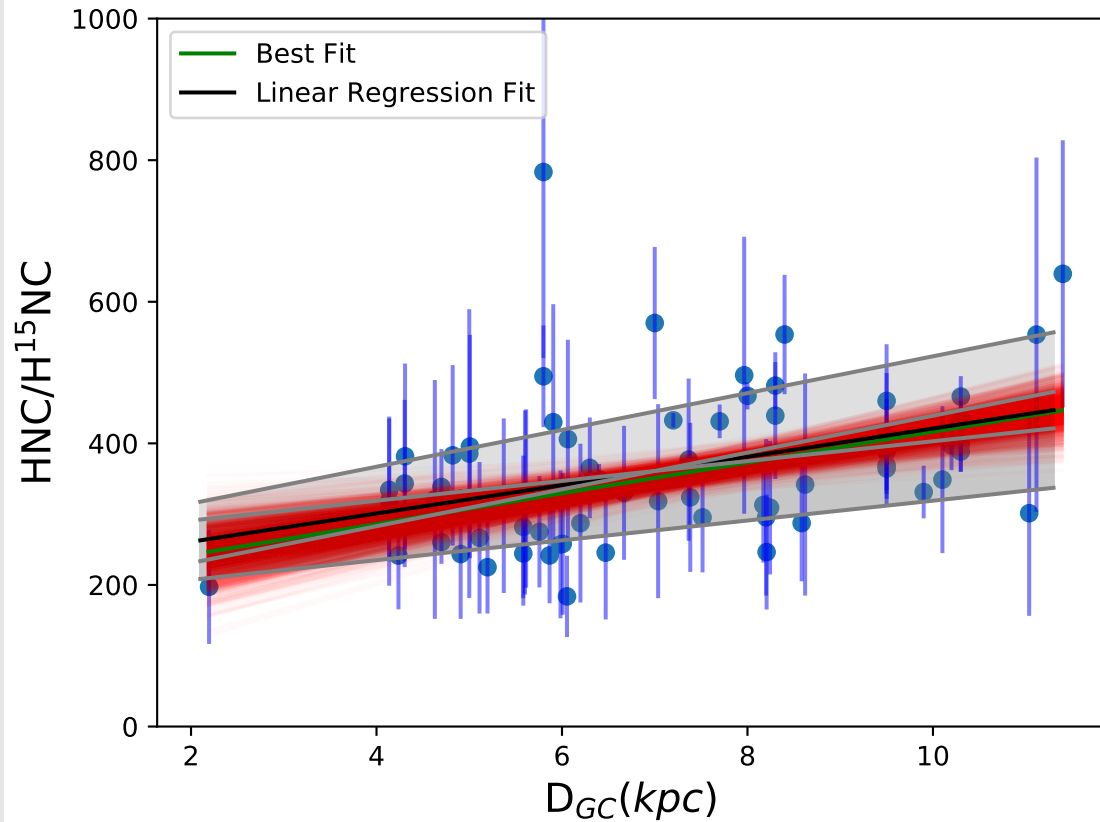
Galactic chemical evolution (*Romano et al., 2019*) UPDATED

taking into account different initial rotational velocities (*Limongi and Chieffi 2018*)



NOW THE GCE MODEL EXACTLY REPRODUCE THE TREND WE FOUND

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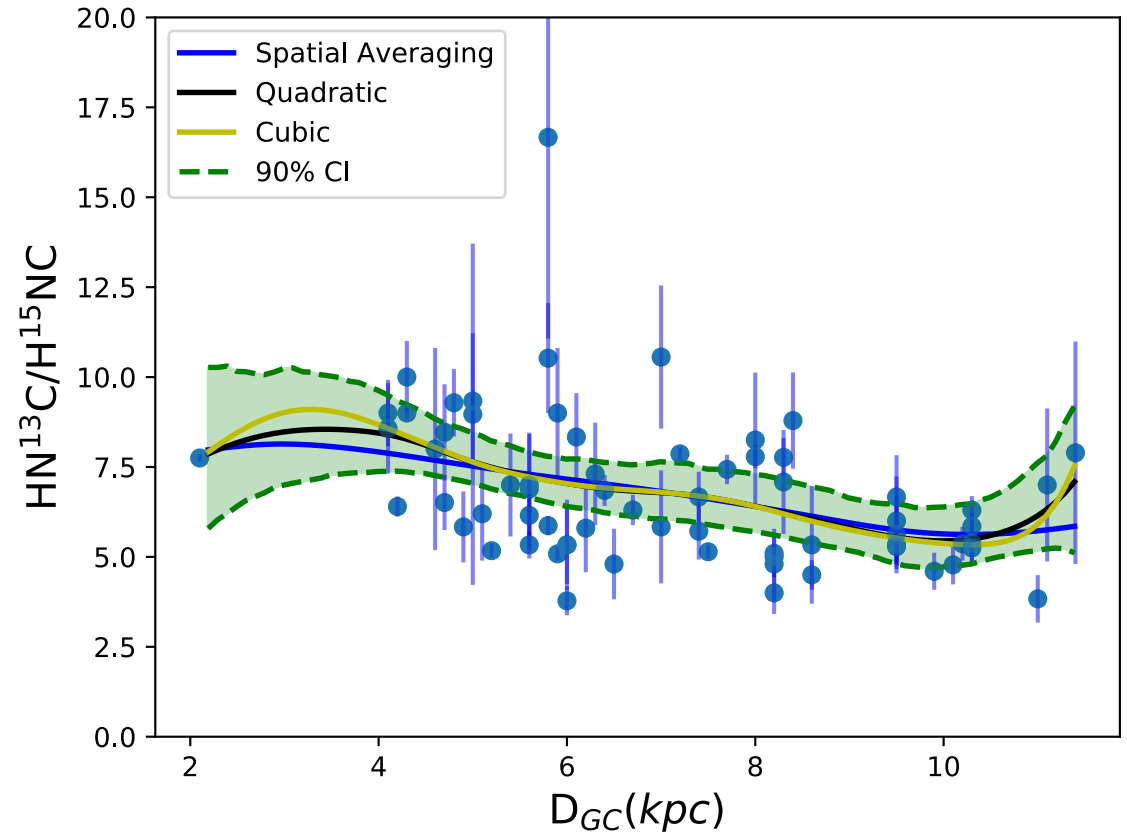
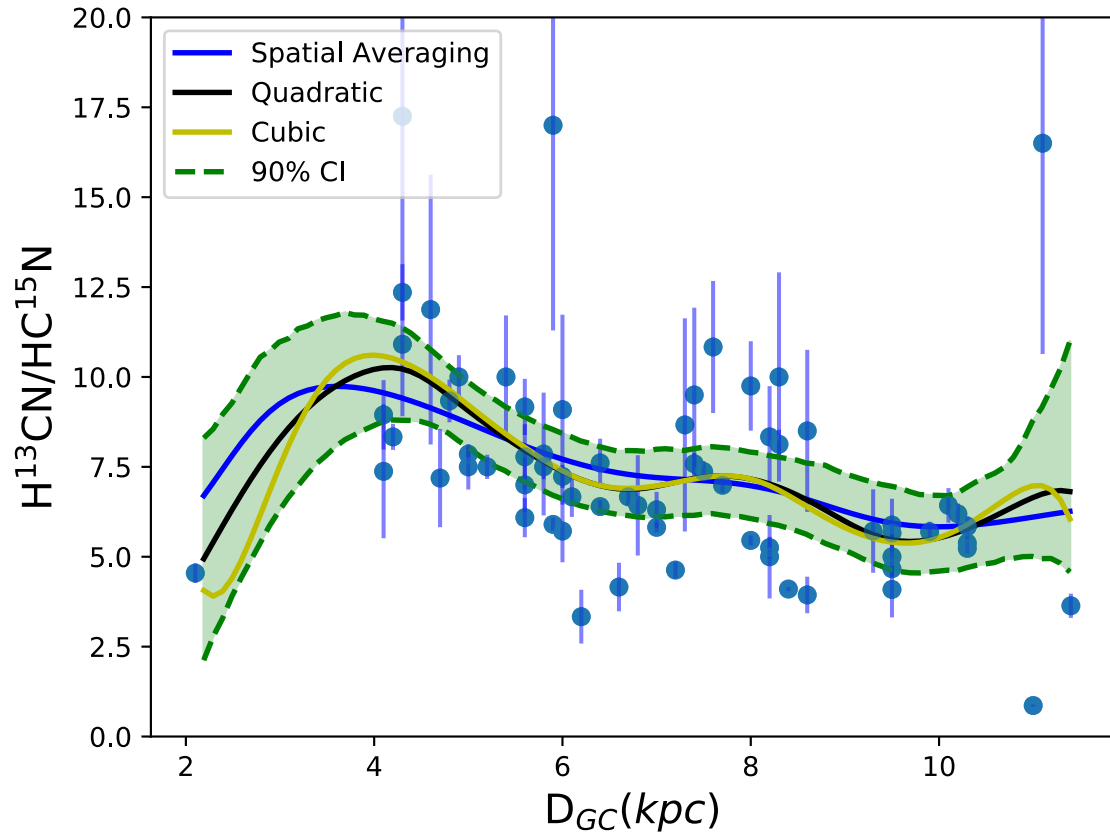
Linear Fit: Bayesian method

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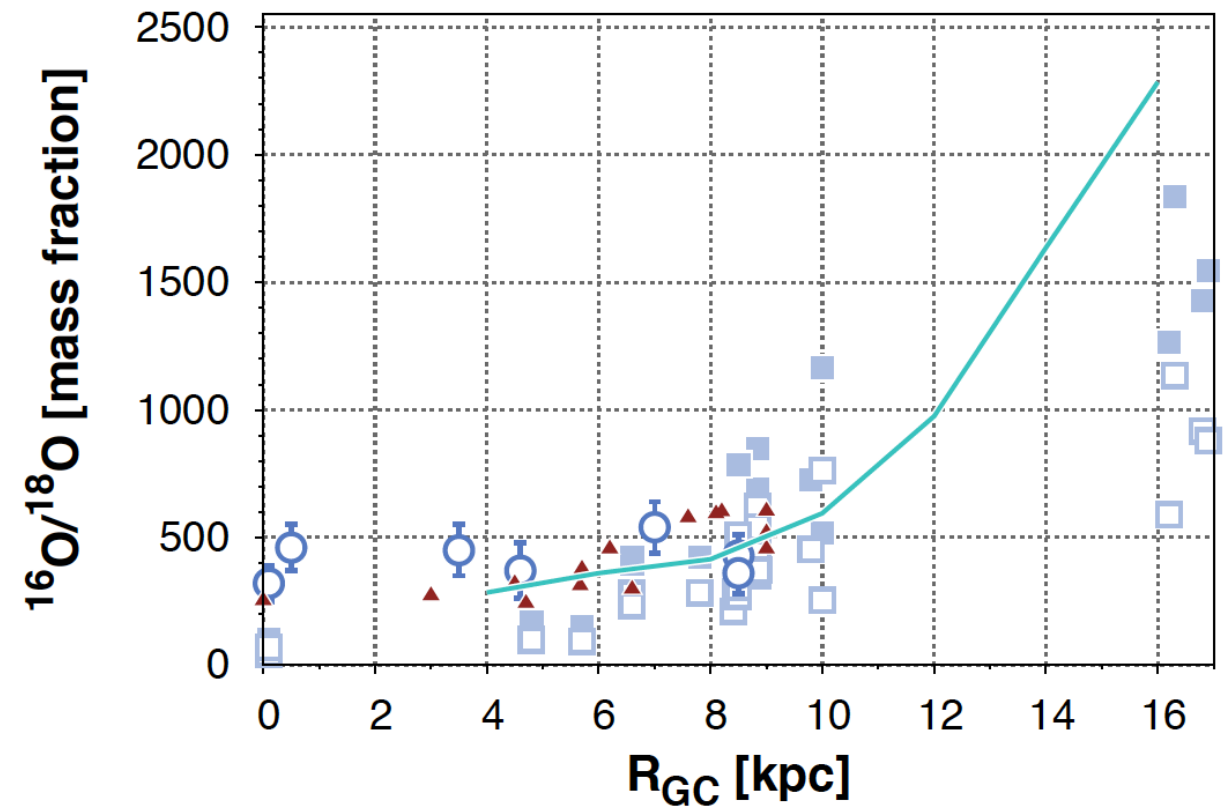
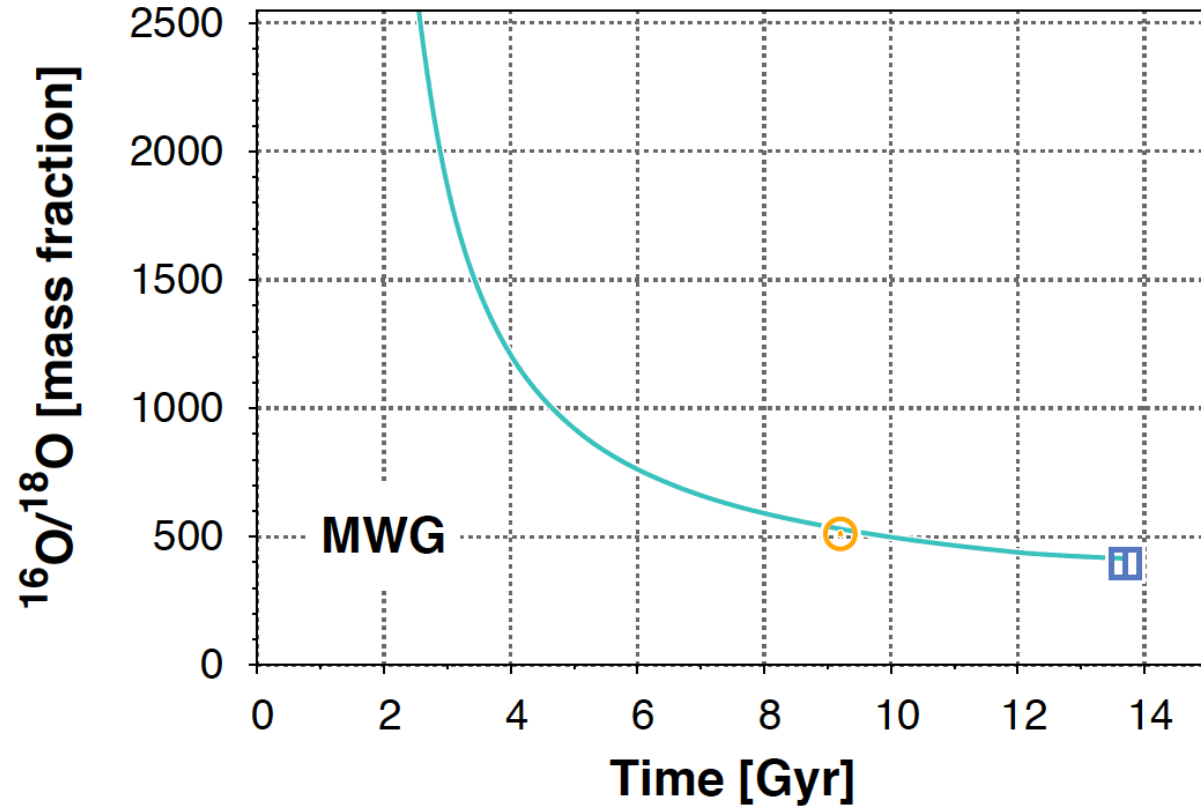
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PYTHONTOOL *NonParamRegression*



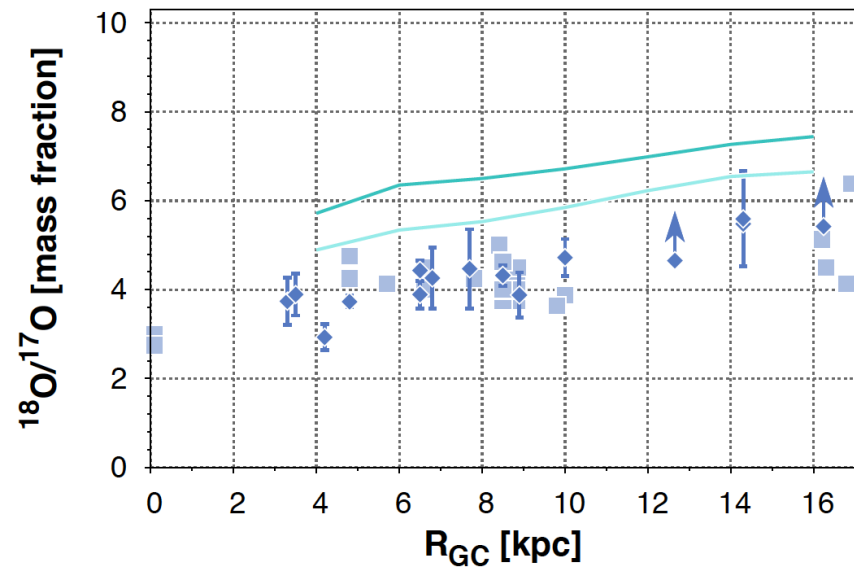
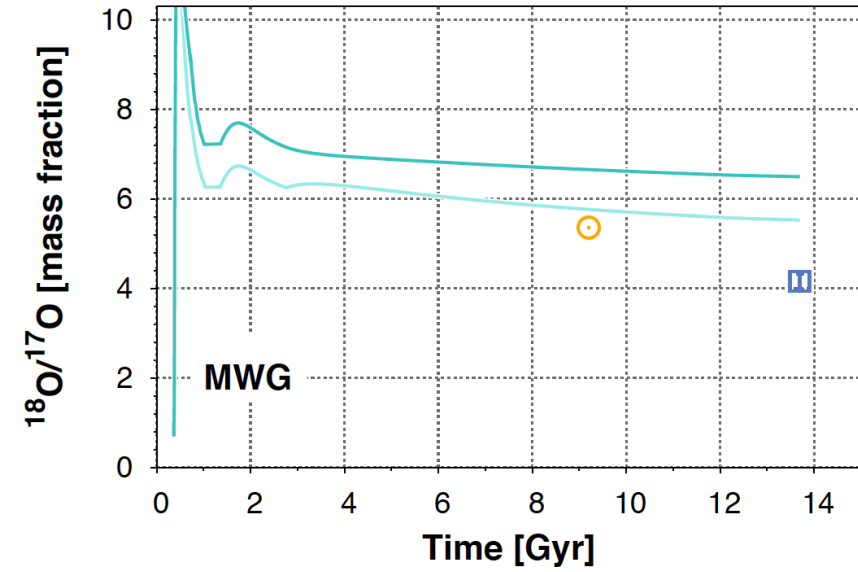
To test the linearity of $H^{13}CN/HC^{15}N$ and $HN^{13}C/H^{15}NC$

$^{16}\text{O}/^{18}\text{O}$ Galactic chemical evolution



Intermediate and massive stars destroy ^{18}O rather than produce it.
In this case nova are not important to produce ^{18}O .

$^{18}\text{O}/^{17}\text{O}$ Galactic chemical evolution



^{17}O is over-produced by nova outbursts. Their introduction is important to explain the GCE.

