

Present-day elemental abundances from OB-type stars

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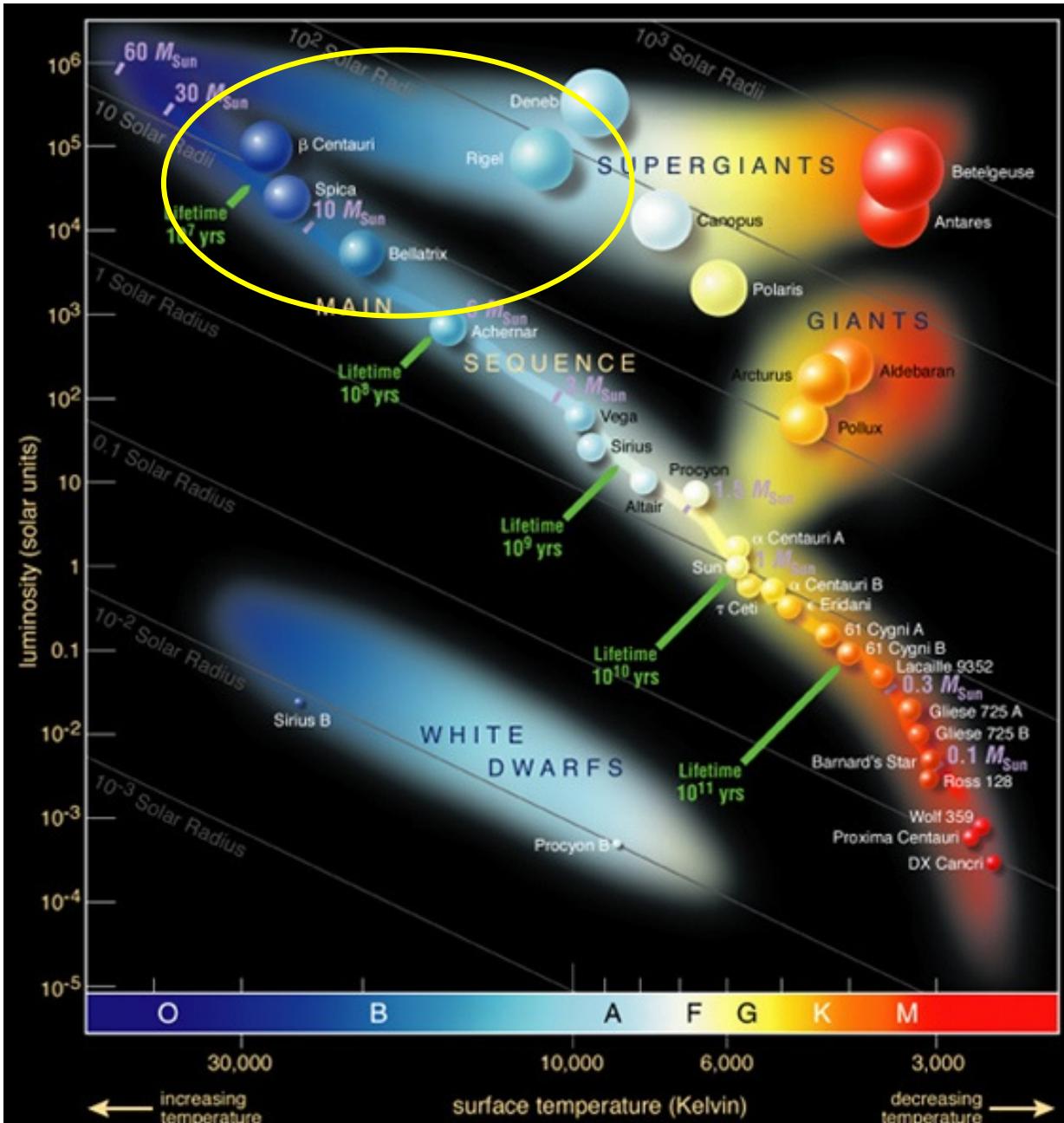
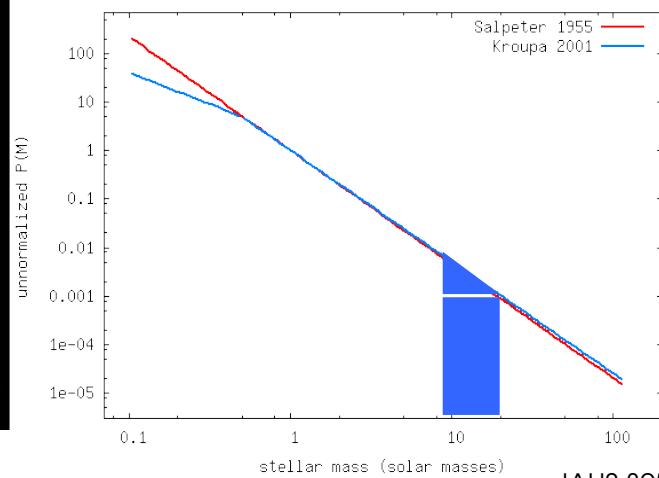


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OB-type Stars

(ZAMS to BA-SG stage)

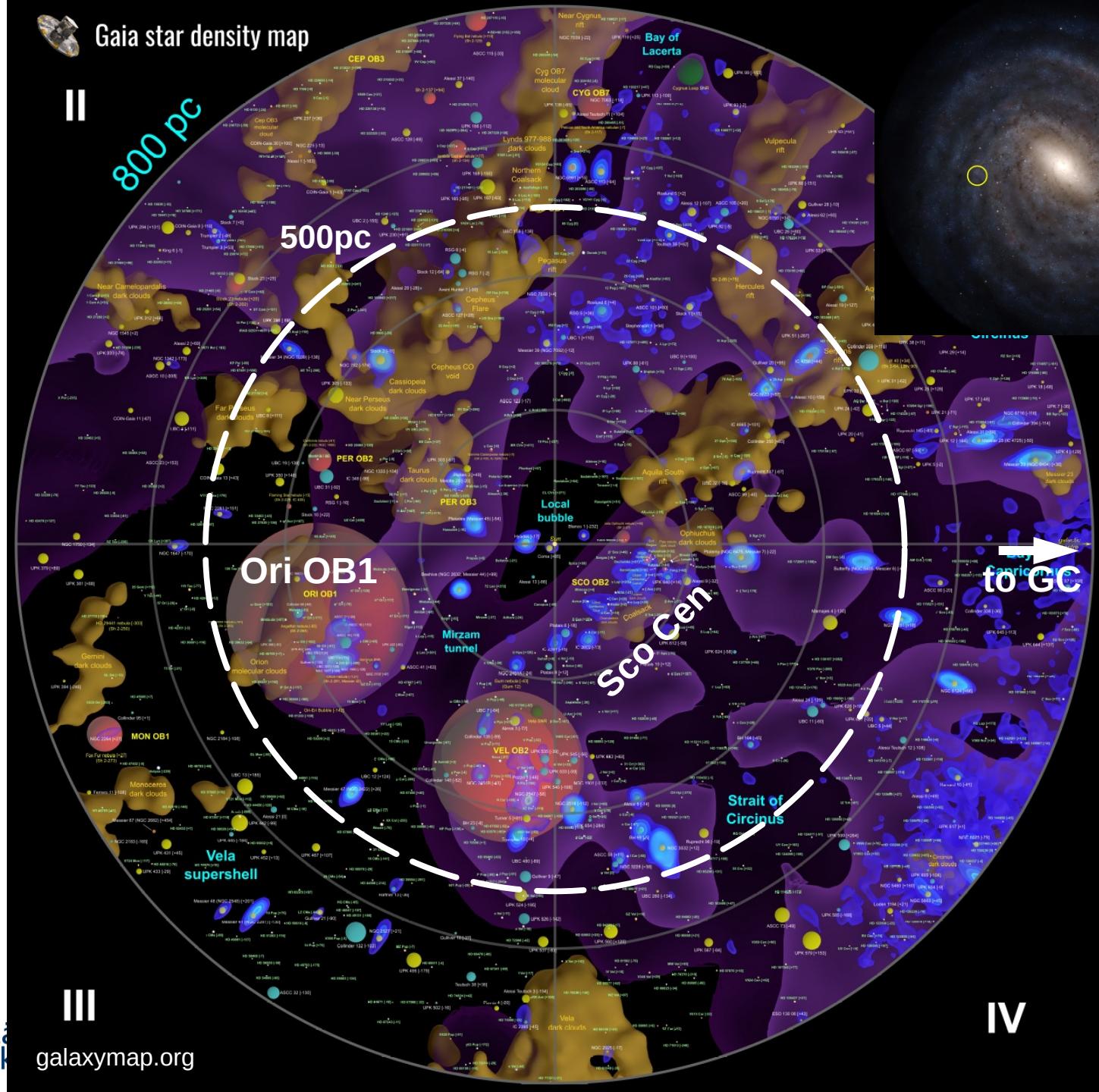
- massive
 $M: \sim 8 \dots 25 M_{\odot}$
- hot
 $T_{\text{eff}}: \sim 8000 \dots 35000 \text{ K}$
- luminous
 $L: \sim \text{several } 10^3 \dots 10^5 L_{\odot}$
- „numerous“



see also P1 (de Burgos+), P65 (Daflon+), P74 (Santos+)

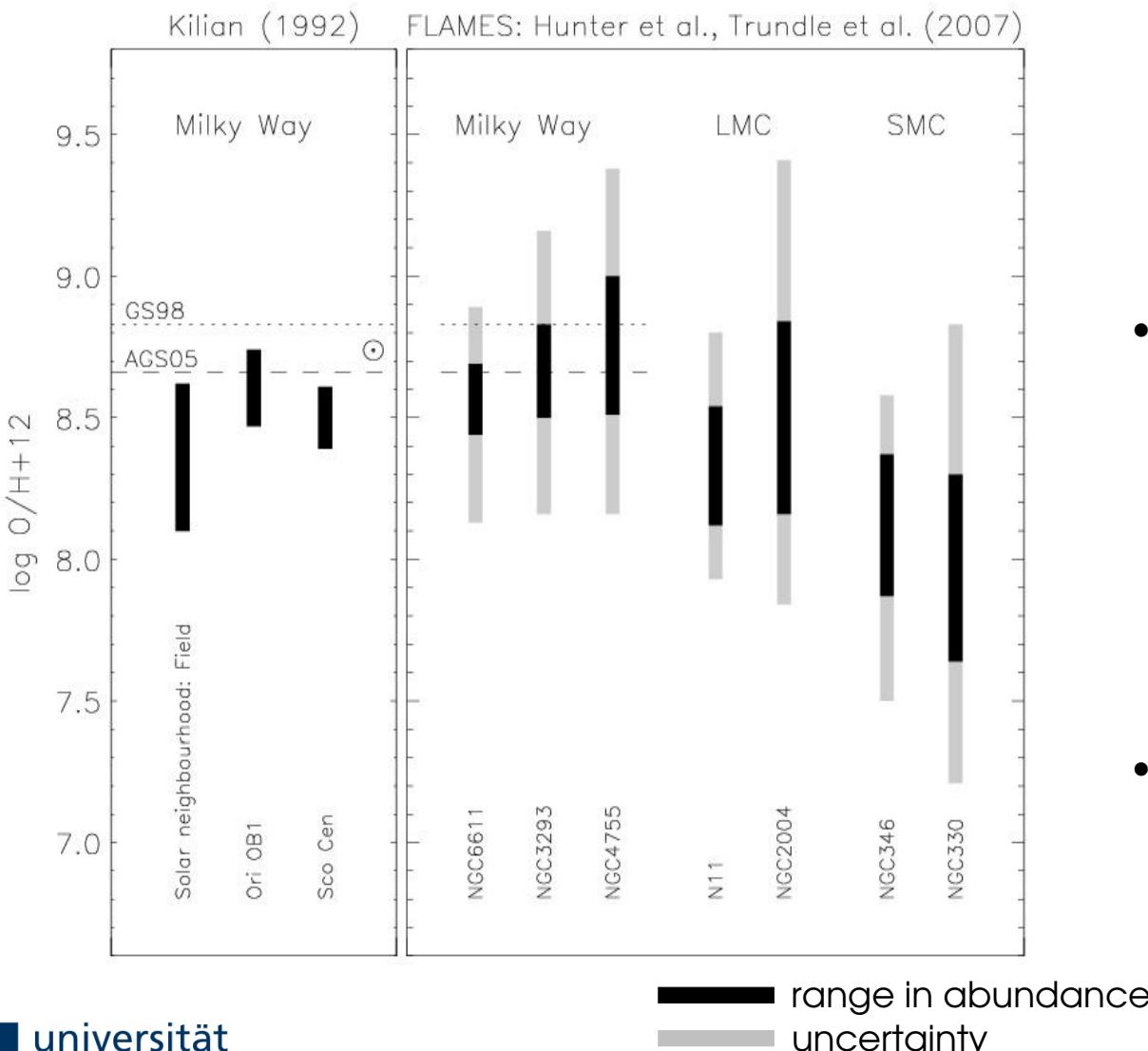


Gaia star density map



Chemical (In)Homogeneity from Cosmic Abundance Indicators

Metals in Solar Neighbourhood/Star Clusters



- massive stars & HII regions

→ **chemical inhomogeneity**

BUT

- gas-phase of ISM in solar neighbourhood **homogeneous**
(e.g. Sofia & Meyer 2001)

Theory:

- efficient mixing mechanisms
→ **homogeneity**
(e.g. Edmunds 1975,
Roy & Kunth 1995)

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Dispersal and mixing of oxygen in the interstellar medium of gas-rich galaxies

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Abstract. Stellar and nebular abundance indicators reveal that there exists significant abundance fluctuations in the interstellar medium (ISM) of gas-rich galaxies. It is shown that at the present observed solar level of $O/H \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-4}$, abundance differences of a factor of two, such as existing between the Sun and the nearby Orion Nebula, are many times larger than expected. We examine a variety of hydrodynamical processes operating at scales ranging from 1 pc to greater than 10 kpc, and show that the ISM should appear better homogenized chemically than it actually is: (i) on large galactic scales ($1 \geq l \geq 10$ kpc), turbulent diffusion of interstellar clouds in the shear flow of galactic differential rotation is able to wipe out azimuthal O/H fluctuations in less than 10^9 yr; (ii) at the intermediate scale ($100 \geq l \geq 1000$ pc), cloud collisions and expanding supershells driven by evolving associations of massive stars, differential rotation and triggered star formation will re-distribute and mix gas efficiently in about 10^8 yr; (iii) at small scales ($1 \geq l \geq 100$ pc), turbulent diffusion may be the dominant mechanism in cold clouds, while Rayleigh-Taylor and Kelvin-Helmholtz instabilities quickly develop in regions of gas ionized by massive stars, leading to full mixing in $\leq 2 \cdot 10^6$ yr.

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Hybrid non-LTE approach to spectral analysis of OB stars

- LTE model atmospheres:
ATLAS9/12 (Kurucz)
- non-LTE radiative transfer & statistical equilibrium:
DETAIL

$$\mu \frac{dl_\nu}{d\tau_\nu} = l_\nu - S_\nu$$

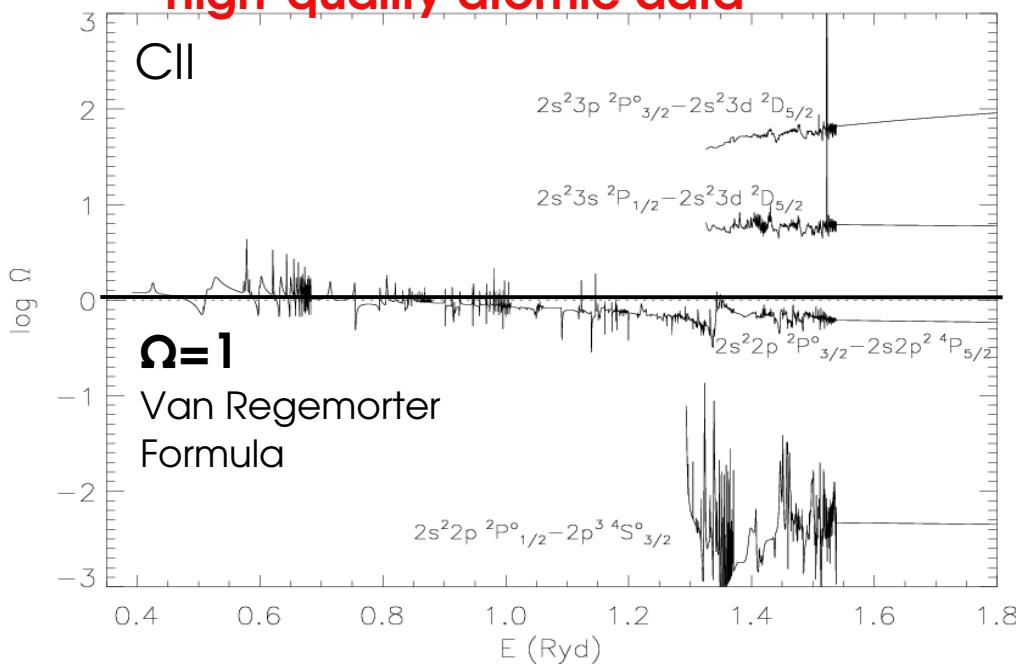
$$n_i \sum_{j \neq i} (R_{ij} + C_{ij}) + n_i (R_{ik} + C_{ik}) = \sum_{j \neq i} n_j (R_{ji} + C_{ji}) + n_k (R_{ki} + C_{ki})$$

- non-LTE/LTE spectrum synthesis:

SURFACE

→ hybrid non-LTE: **ADS**

+ comprehensive model atoms/
high-quality atomic data



+ high-quality spectra

+ robust spectral analysis techniques

- multiple ionisation equilibria + hydrogen line profiles
- other constraints: SEDs, Gaia, interferometry ...
- analysis of full spectrum
- abundances:** $\Delta \log \epsilon \sim 0.05 \dots 0.10$ dex (1 σ -stat.)

$\Delta \log \epsilon \sim 0.1$ dex (1 σ -sys.)

ab-initio

Schrödinger equation

$$H_{N+1}\Psi = E\Psi$$

LS-coupling:

$$H_{N+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} \left\{ -\nabla_i^2 - \frac{2Z}{r_i} + \sum_{j>i}^{N+1} \frac{2}{r_{ij}} \right\}$$

low-Z Breit-Pauli Hamiltonian

$$H_{N+1}^{\text{BP}} = H_{N+1} + H_{N+1}^{\text{mass}} + H_{N+1}^{\text{Dar}} + H_{N+1}^{\text{so}}$$

Methods:

- R-matrix/CC approximation
- MCHF

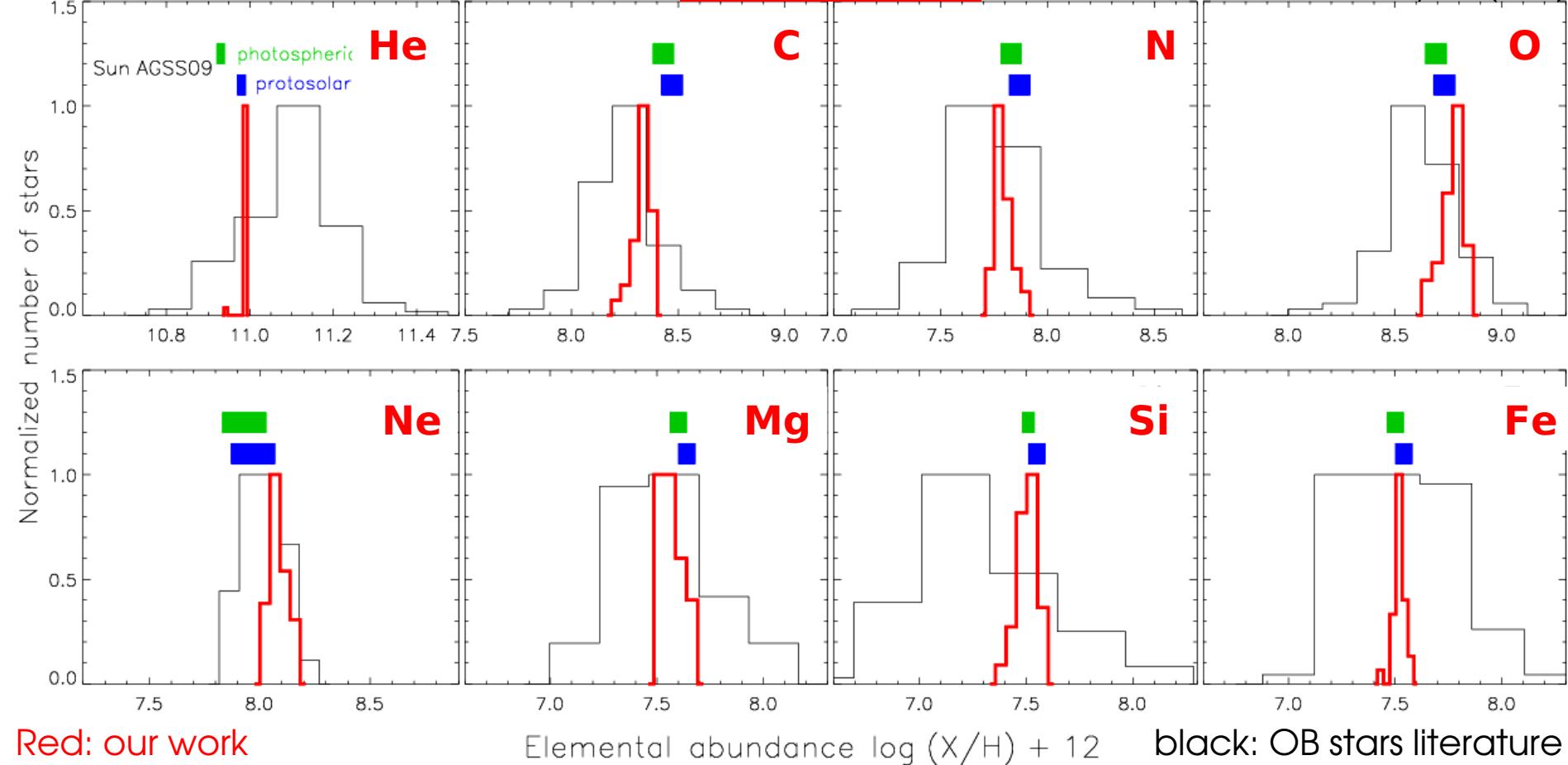
minimising
systematics !

standard error:
~0.01...0.02 dex

Chemical composition of the solar neighborhood @ present day

$1\sigma \sim 0.05$ dex

Nieva & Przybilla (2012)



Chemical homogeneity → cosmic abundance standard

$$X=0.715 \quad Y=0.271 \quad Z=0.014$$

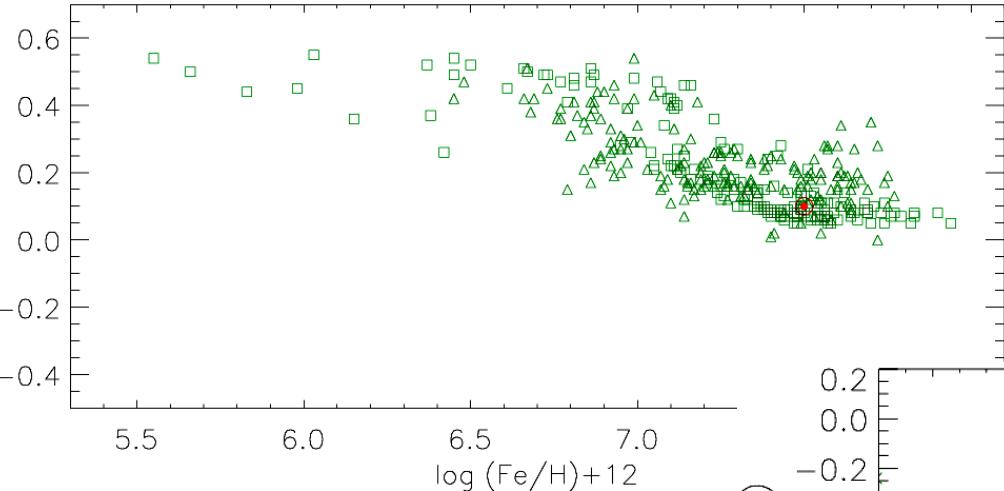
Comparison CAS & Solar Standard

Element	CAS	Sun (photospheric) Asplund et al. (2021)	$\Delta(\text{CAS}-\odot)$
C	8.33 ± 0.04	8.46 ± 0.04	-0.13
N	7.79 ± 0.04	7.83 ± 0.07	-0.04
O	8.76 ± 0.05	8.69 ± 0.04	0.07
Ne	8.09 ± 0.05	8.06 ± 0.05	0.03
Mg	7.56 ± 0.05	7.55 ± 0.03	0.01
Al (prelim.)	6.28 ± 0.07	6.43 ± 0.03	-0.15
Si	7.50 ± 0.05	7.51 ± 0.03	-0.01
S (prelim.)	7.16 ± 0.06	7.12 ± 0.03	0.04
Ar	6.58 ± 0.05	6.38 ± 0.10	0.20
Fe	7.52 ± 0.03	7.46 ± 0.04	0.06

- Sun a bit more metal rich according to Caffau et al. (2010)
- confirmation of CAS from a few BA-type supergiants, late O-stars
- Protosun is even more metal rich (diffusion @ bottom conv. zone)
 - ... no GCE over past 4.56 Gyrs ?

Genesis of Heavy Elements over Cosmic History

log (Mg/Fe)

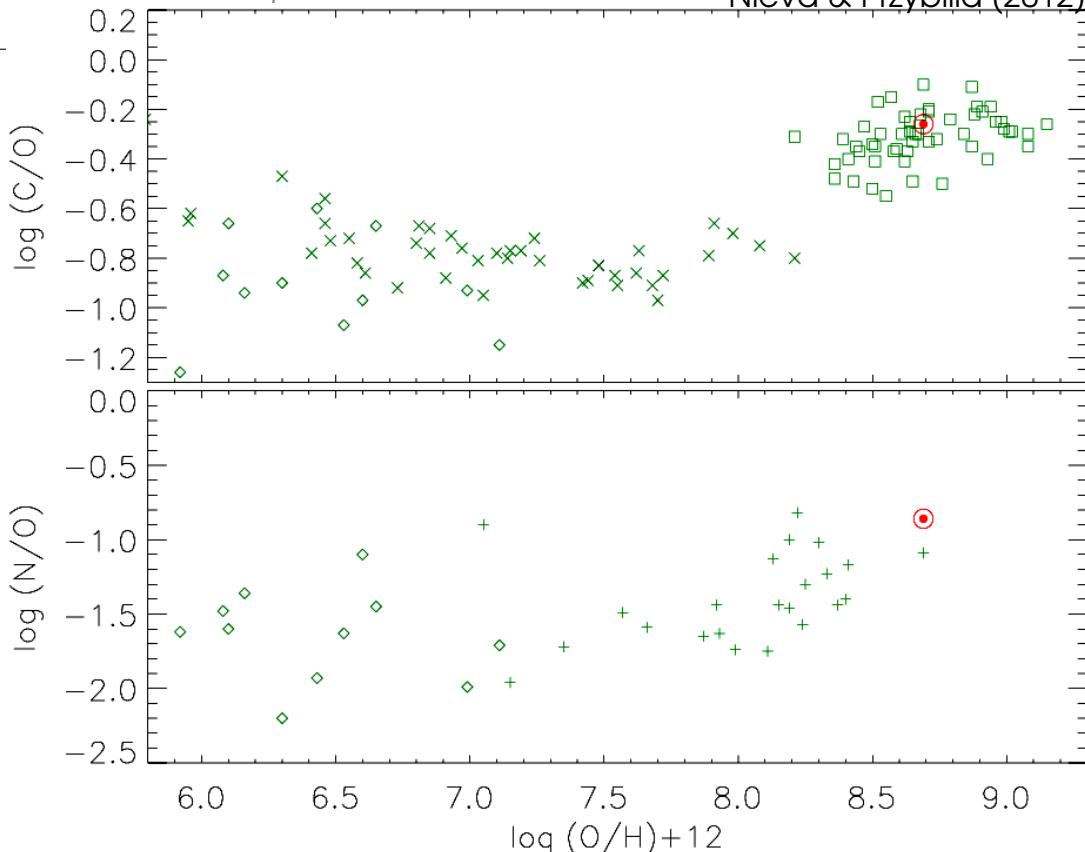


- **solar-type stars** (long-lived): constraints on Galactochemical evolution over time

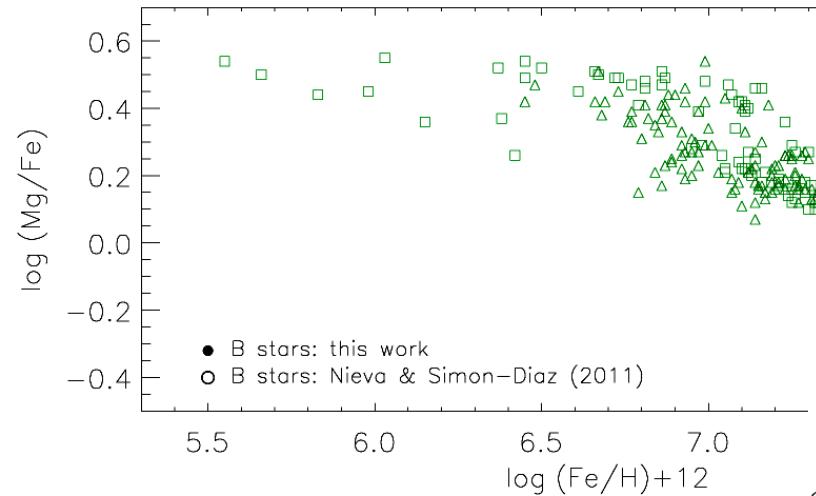
delayed CN-production in intermediate-mass stars

α -enhancement:
delay of **SN Ia** w.r.t. **SNII**

Nieva & Przybilla (2012)



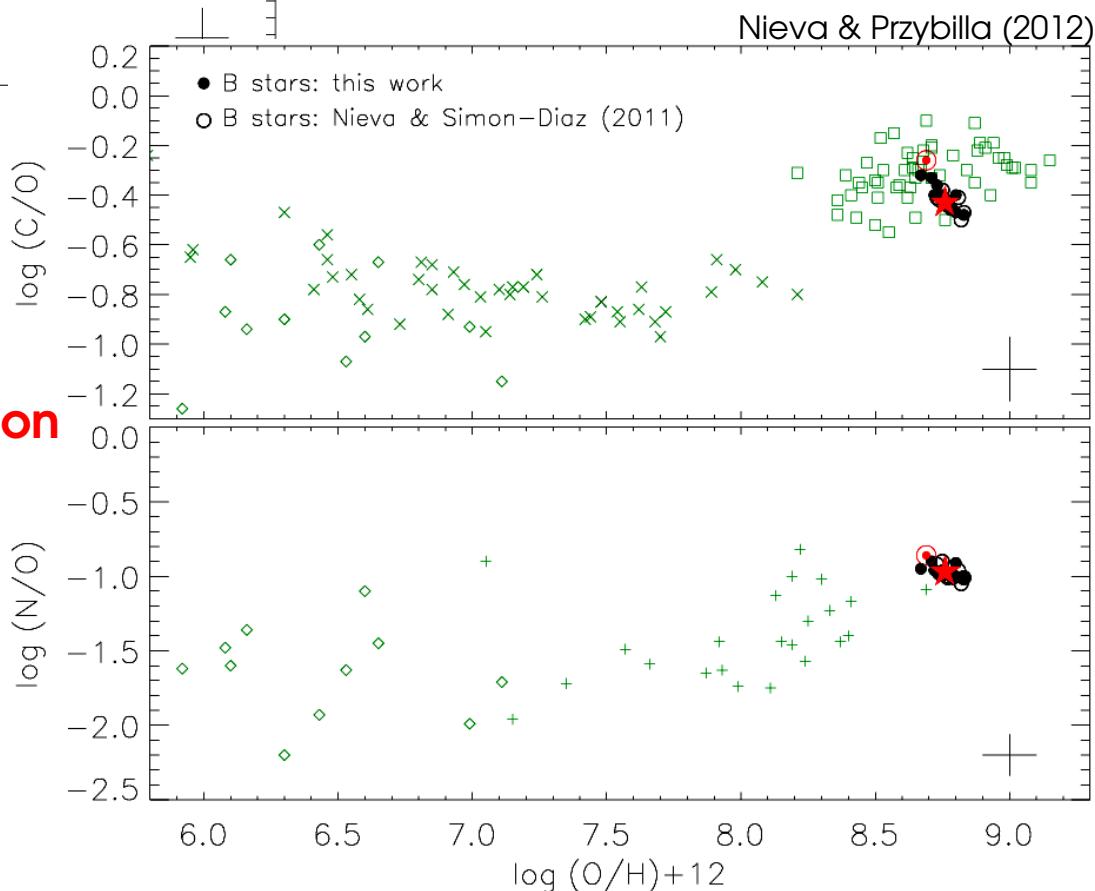
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tight constraints !

**present-day chemical composition
of solar neighbourhood at odds
with solar composition in view
of GCE**

- comparison with our data on early B stars



Place of birth of the solar system

Galactochemical evolution

over cosmic history

&

Galactic abundance gradients

→ **radial migration of Sun in
Milky Way disk**

**birth radius of Sun at
 $R_g \sim 5\text{-}6 \text{ kpc}$**

see also:

Wielen et al. (1996)

Minchev et al. (2013),

Minchev et al. (2018),

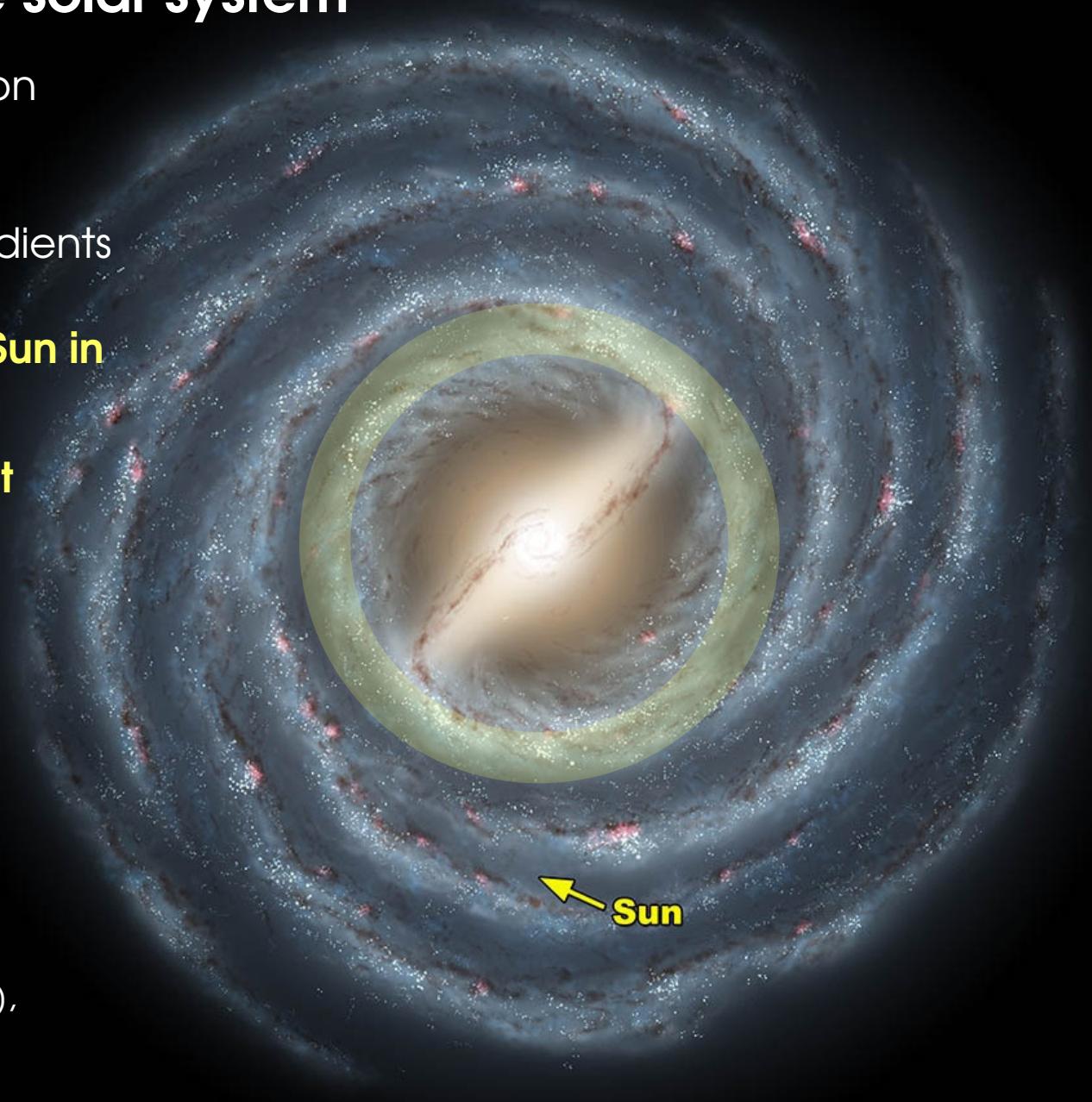
Feltzing et al. (2020),

Frankel et al. (2020),

Tsujimoto & Baba (2020),

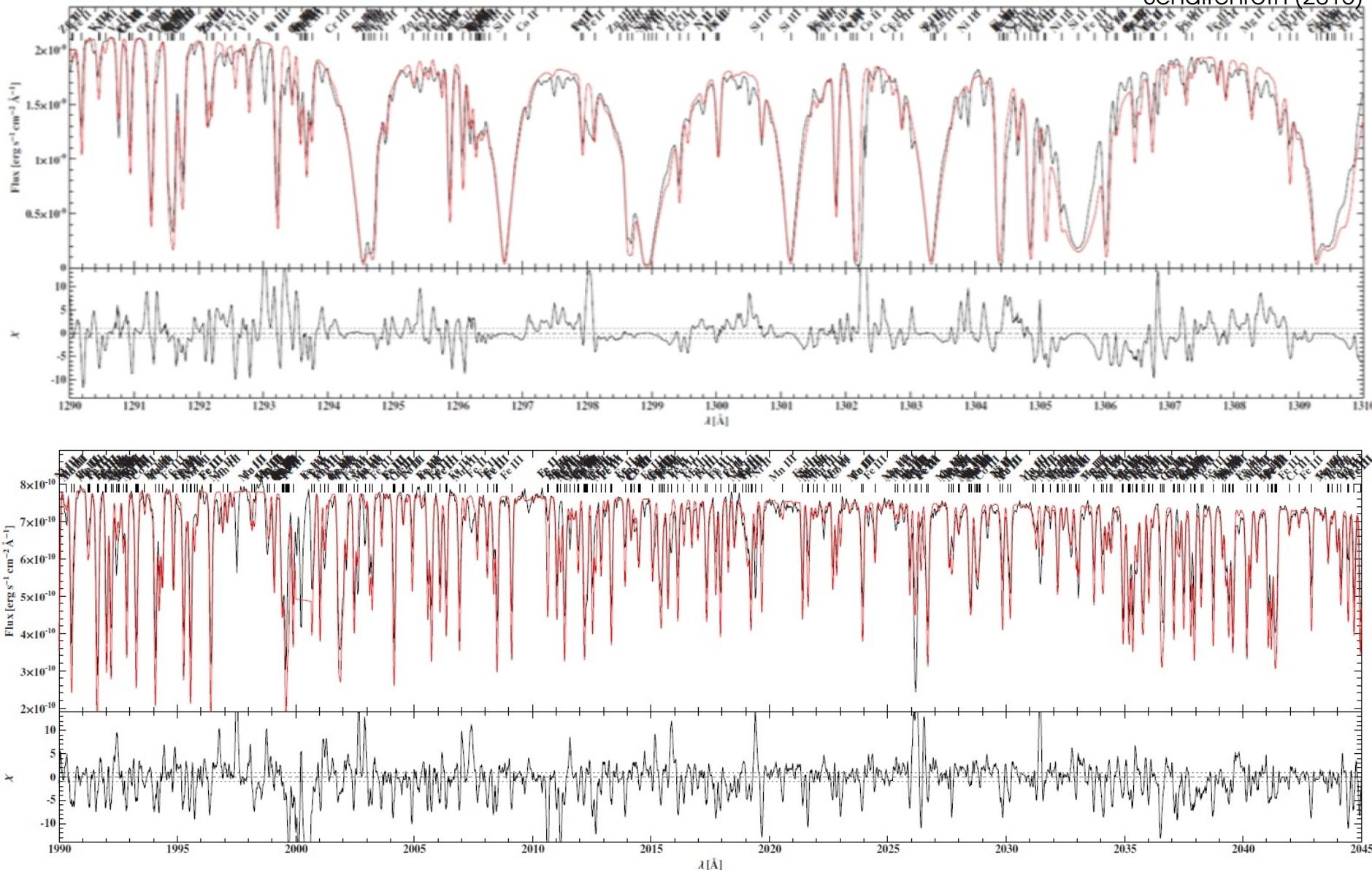
Baba et al. (2023),

Lu et al. (2024)



UV (HST/STIS)

Schaffenroth (2015)

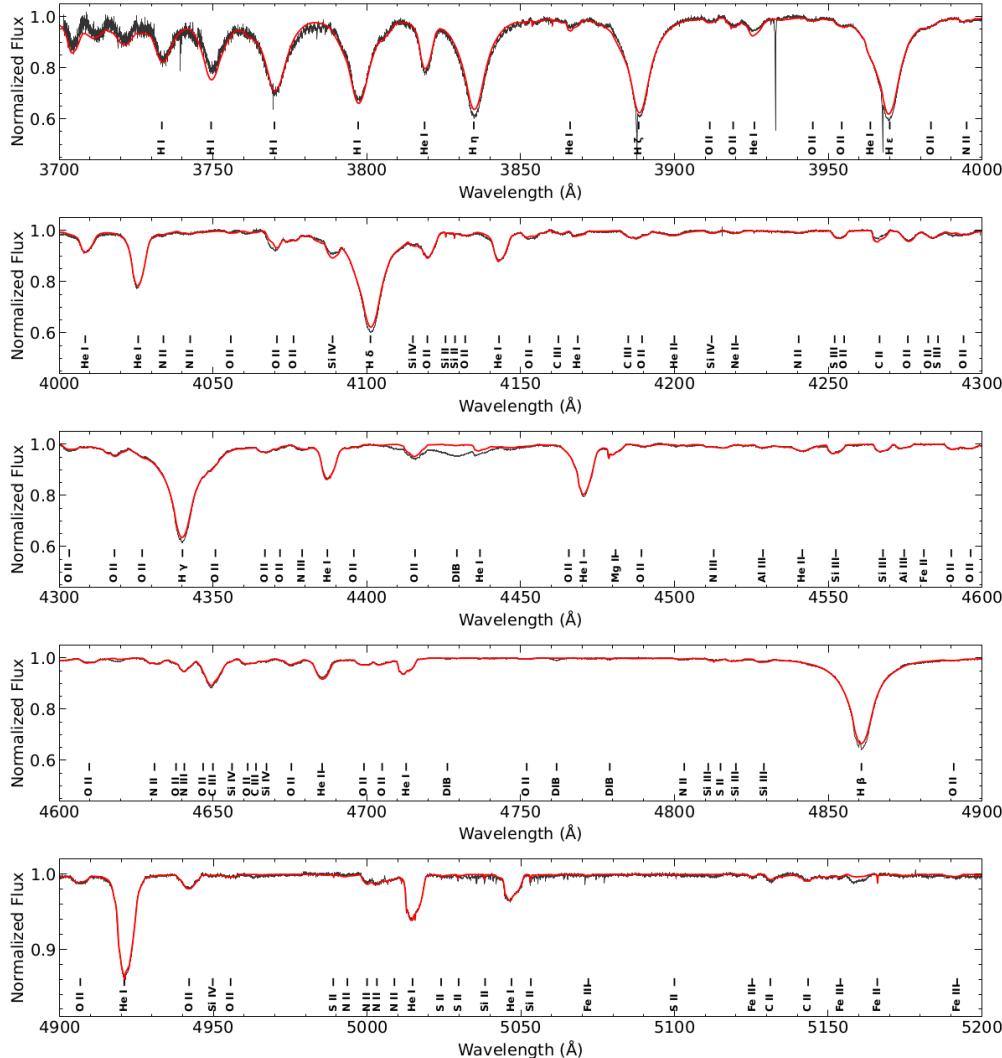


- $\sim 10^5$ lines: ~60 elements, 200+ ionization stages
- OB stars: UV ~50% of lines in non-LTE, rest LTE – **atomic data missing**, high-quality observations

+ B-type supergiants (Weßmayer et al. 2022,2023)

+ weak wind late O-type stars (Aschenbrenner et al. 2023)

+ early-type binary/multiple stars (Aschenbrenner et al. 2024)

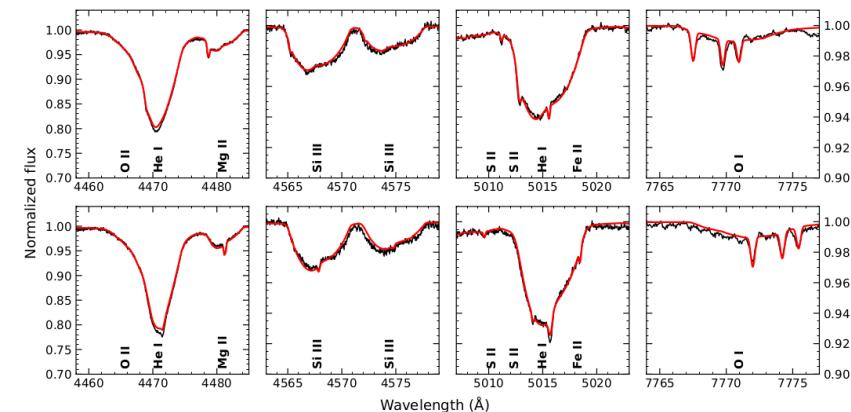


quadruple system
HD37061 in M43



NASA, ESA, M. Robberto

2 epochs:



Aschenbrenner et al. (2024)

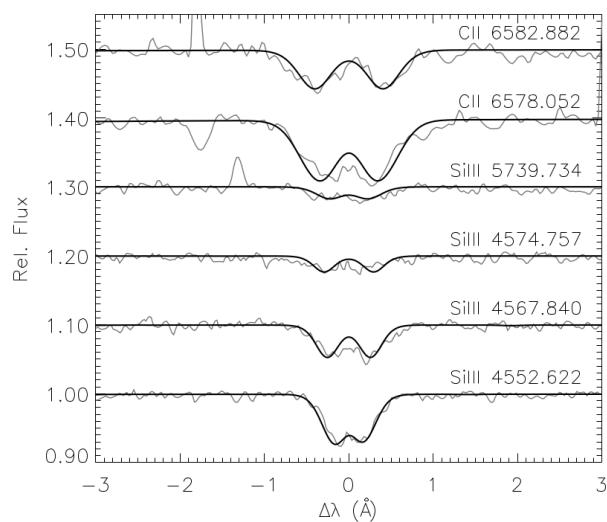
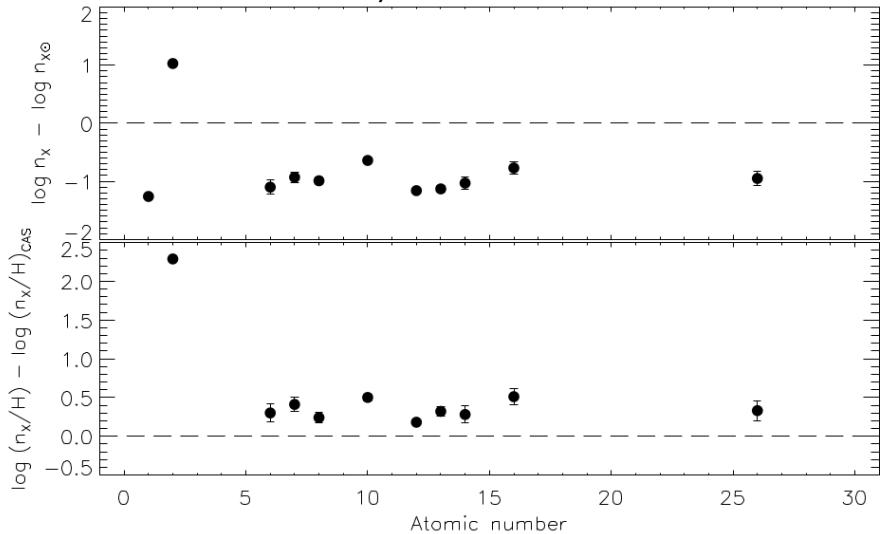
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- OB stars: complete spectrum synthesis in visual & near-IR, 100% in non-LTE

all confirm CAS

All confirm CAS? – The unique outliers

HD144941 – early B star @ $Z = 1/10 Z_{\odot}$?

Przybilla et al. 2021, A&A 654, A119



Zeeman splitting
15 kG
magnetic field
most extreme
He-strong star
fallback of Hel,
95% surface He
normal [Fe/H]

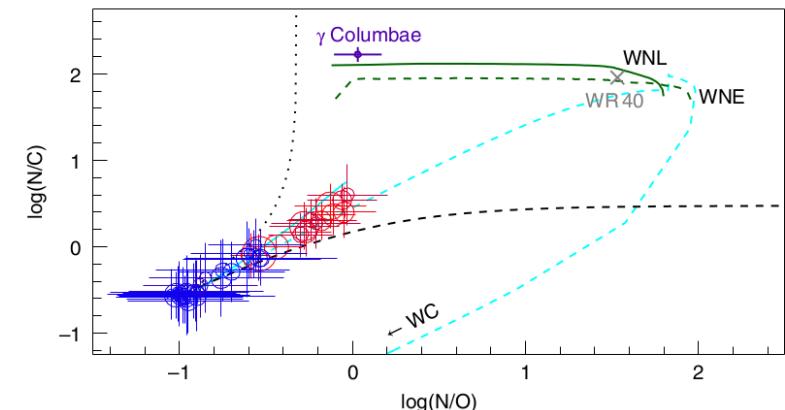
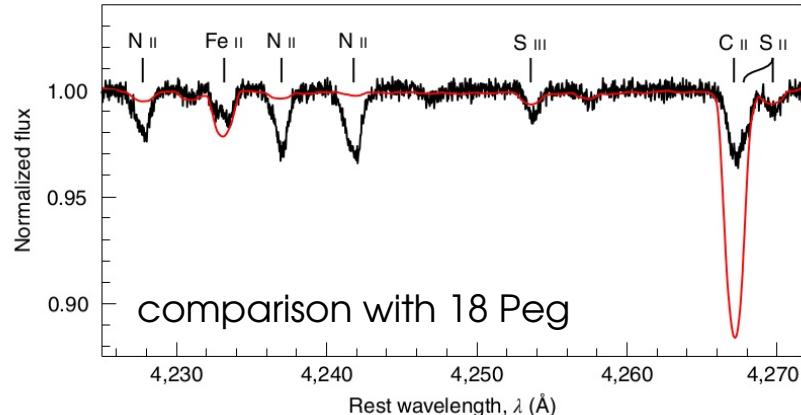
Article

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γ Columbae as a recently stripped pulsating core of a massive star

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exposed CN-burning layers

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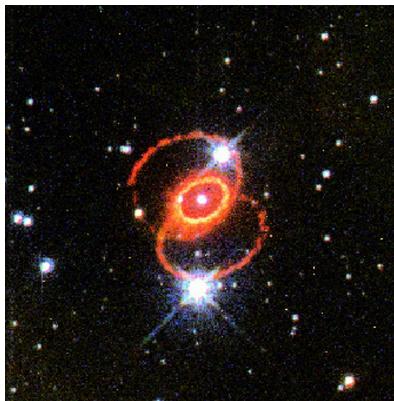
Paraty – 19.11.2024

All confirm CAS? – The unique outliers

Weßmayer et al. 2023, A&A 677, A175:
Sher 25 in NGC3603 – SN1987A lookalike



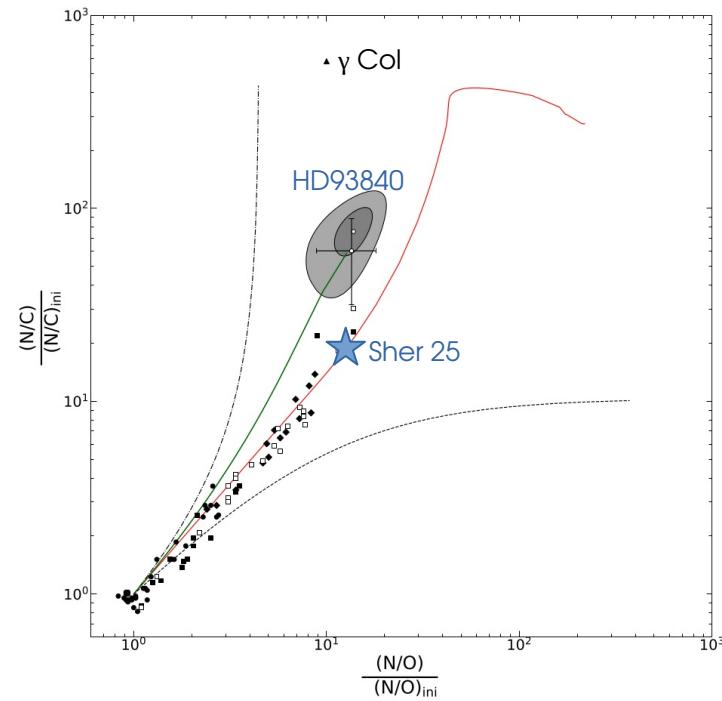
NASA/ESA Hubble; Robert O'Connell et al.



George Sonneborn (Goddard),
Jason Pun (NOAO); [NASA/ESA](#)

- unrelated to NGC3603 – in foreground, older
- revision:
 $\sim 60 M_{\odot}$ (Smartt et al. 2002),
 $50 \pm 10 M_{\odot}$ (Hendry et al. 2008)
- $\sim 25 M_{\odot}$, much closer to Sk-69°202
- bipolar nebula ejection likely from merger
 ~ 6600 yr ago (Brandner et al. 1997)

Weßmayer et al. 2024, A&A 687, L7:
Runaway BN-SG HD93840
– blue cc-SN progenitor



- impostor of a $\sim 20 M_{\odot}$ star
- real mass $\sim 8-11 M_{\odot}$
- product of binary evolution,
overluminosity by factor ~ 7
- high μ , very advanced in
He-burning

Summary

- OB-type stars excellent probes for spatial distribution of chemical abundances @ present day
- OB-stars in solar neighbourhood chemically homogeneous
 - **Cosmic Abundance Standard**
- similarities and differences with respect to solar standard
 - chemical tagging of the Sun's birth radius
- many applications for the future:
tight observational constraints for
 - massive star evolution
 - GCE
- unique outliers