

# Bridging **Stellar** and **Nuclear** Physics

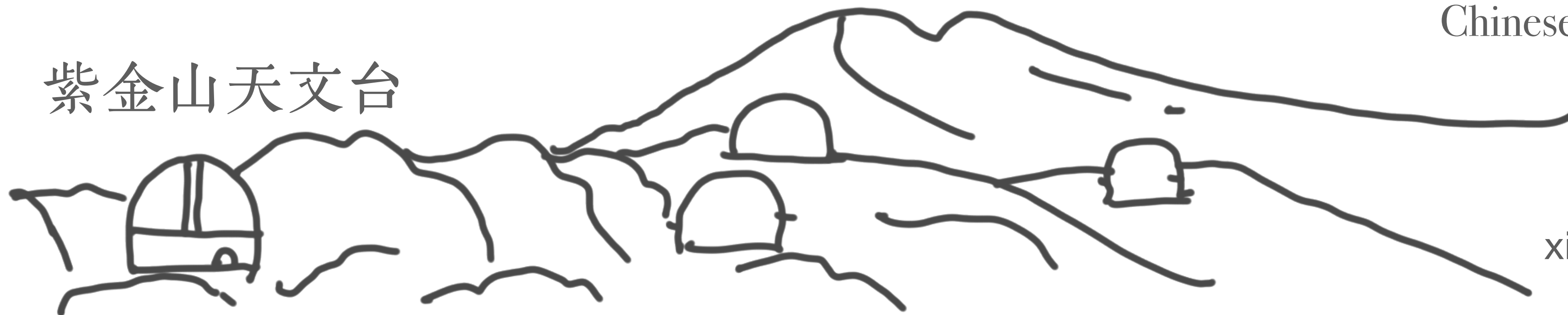
## from a stellar modeller's view

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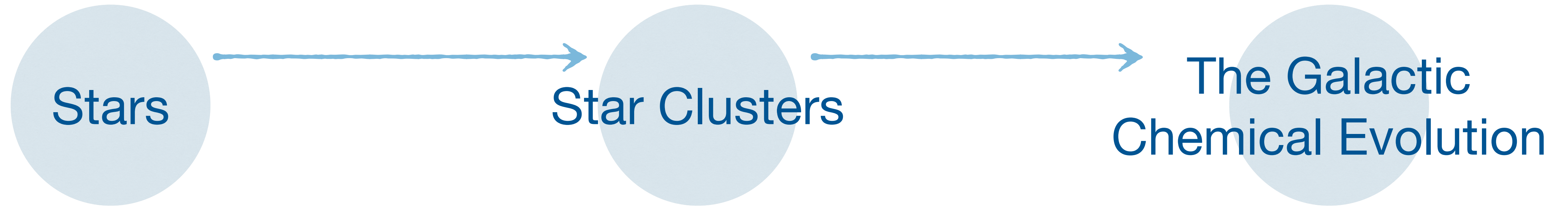
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Key questions:

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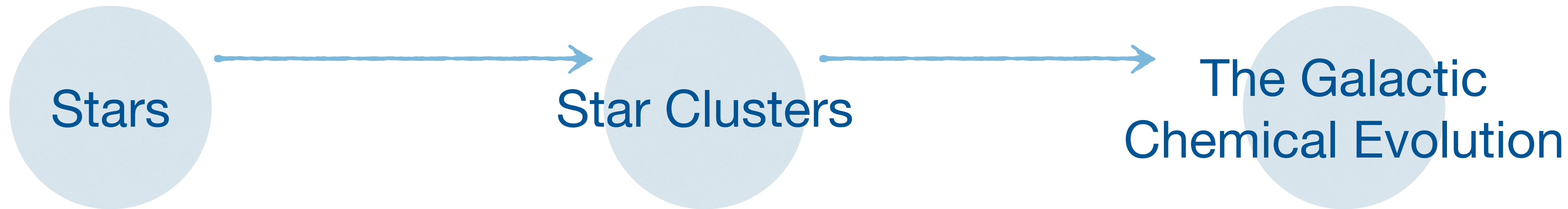
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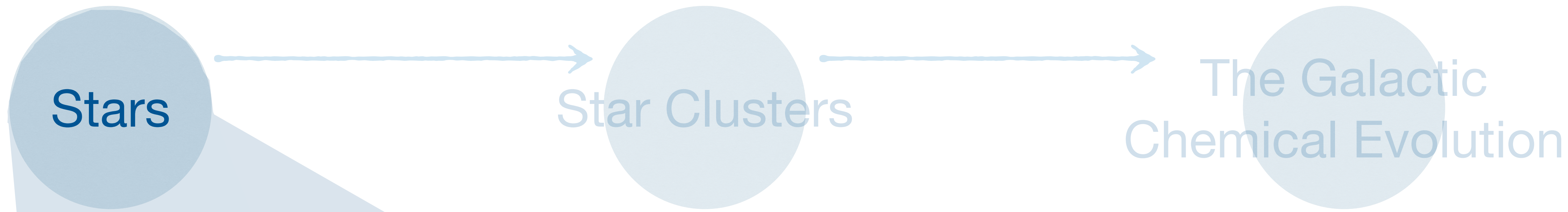


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With **theoretical stellar modelling** and **star observations** (spectroscopy, photometry, astrometry) to study **the evolution of stellar structure, star cluster and the Milky Way**





Stellar structure

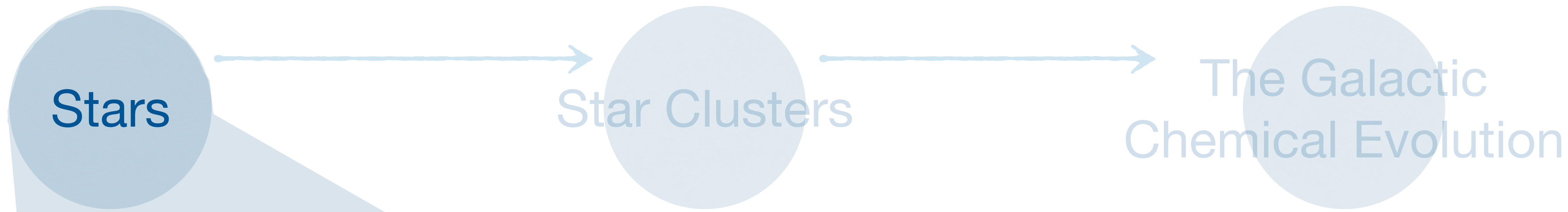
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Stellar atmosphere model

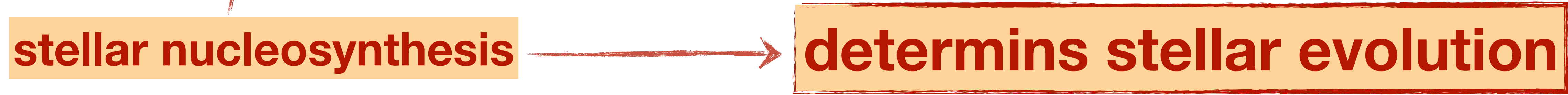
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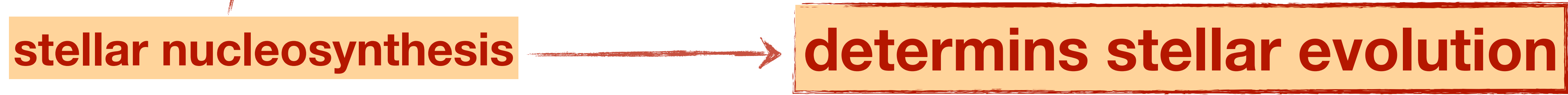
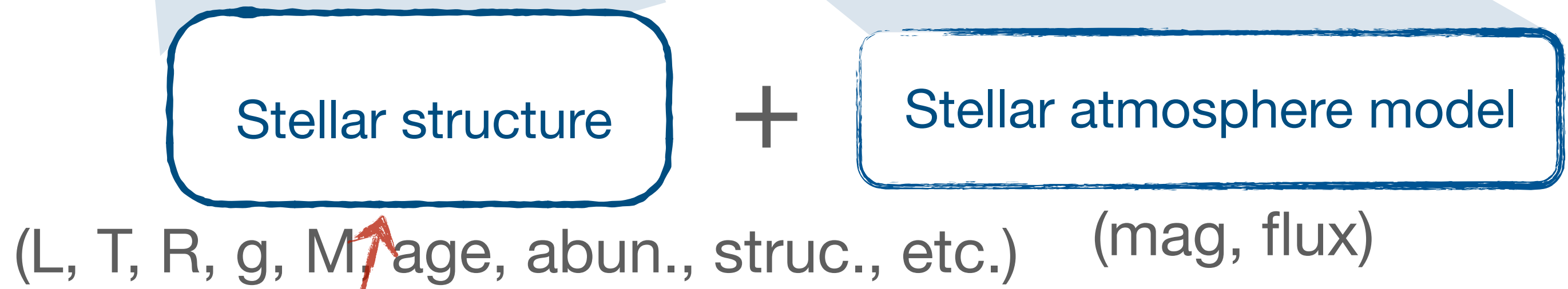
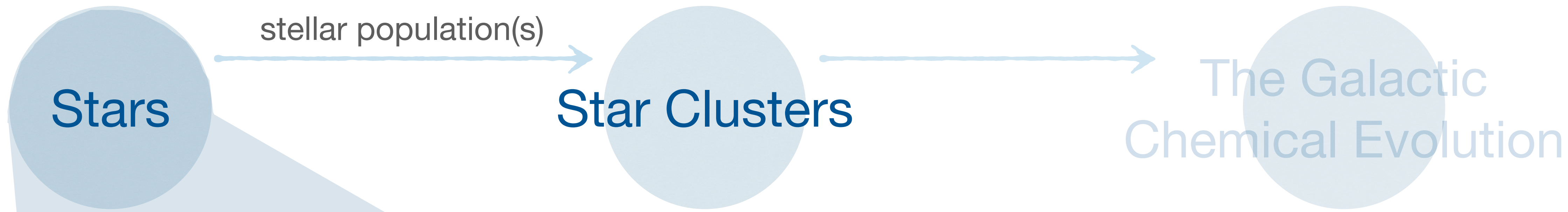
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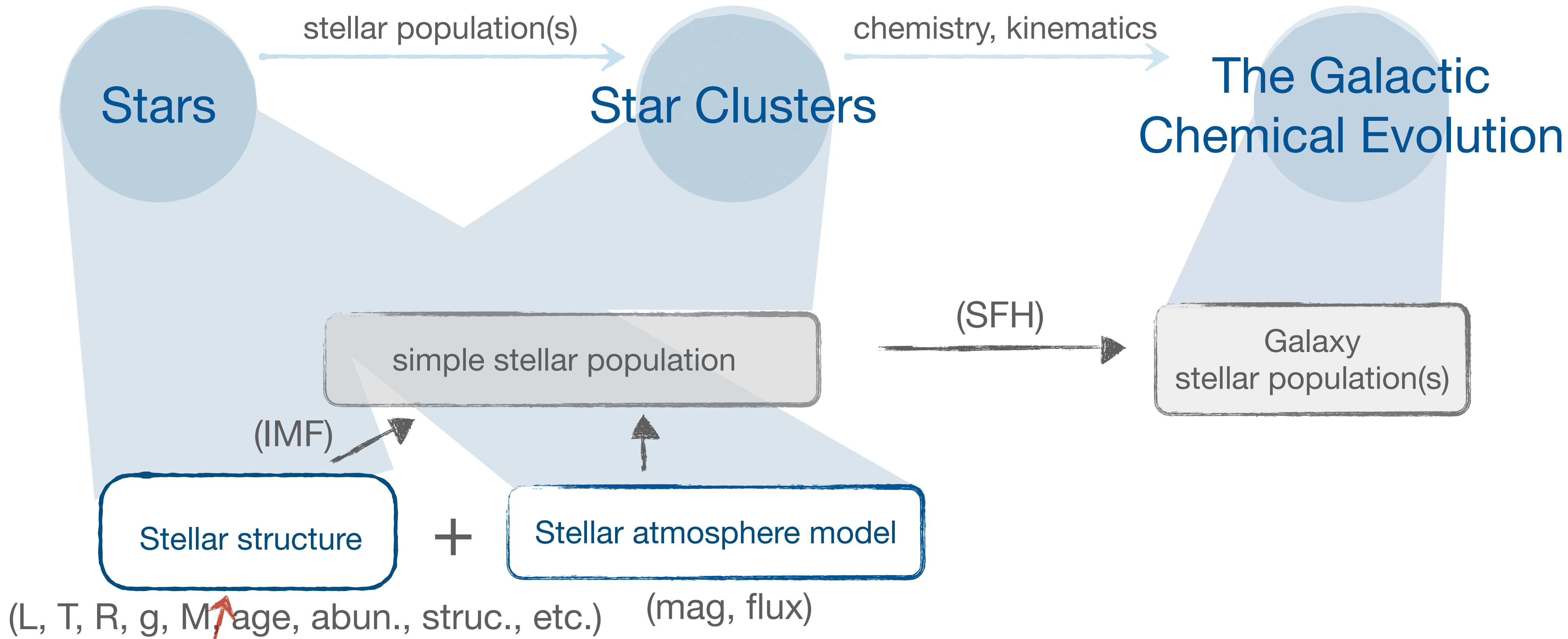
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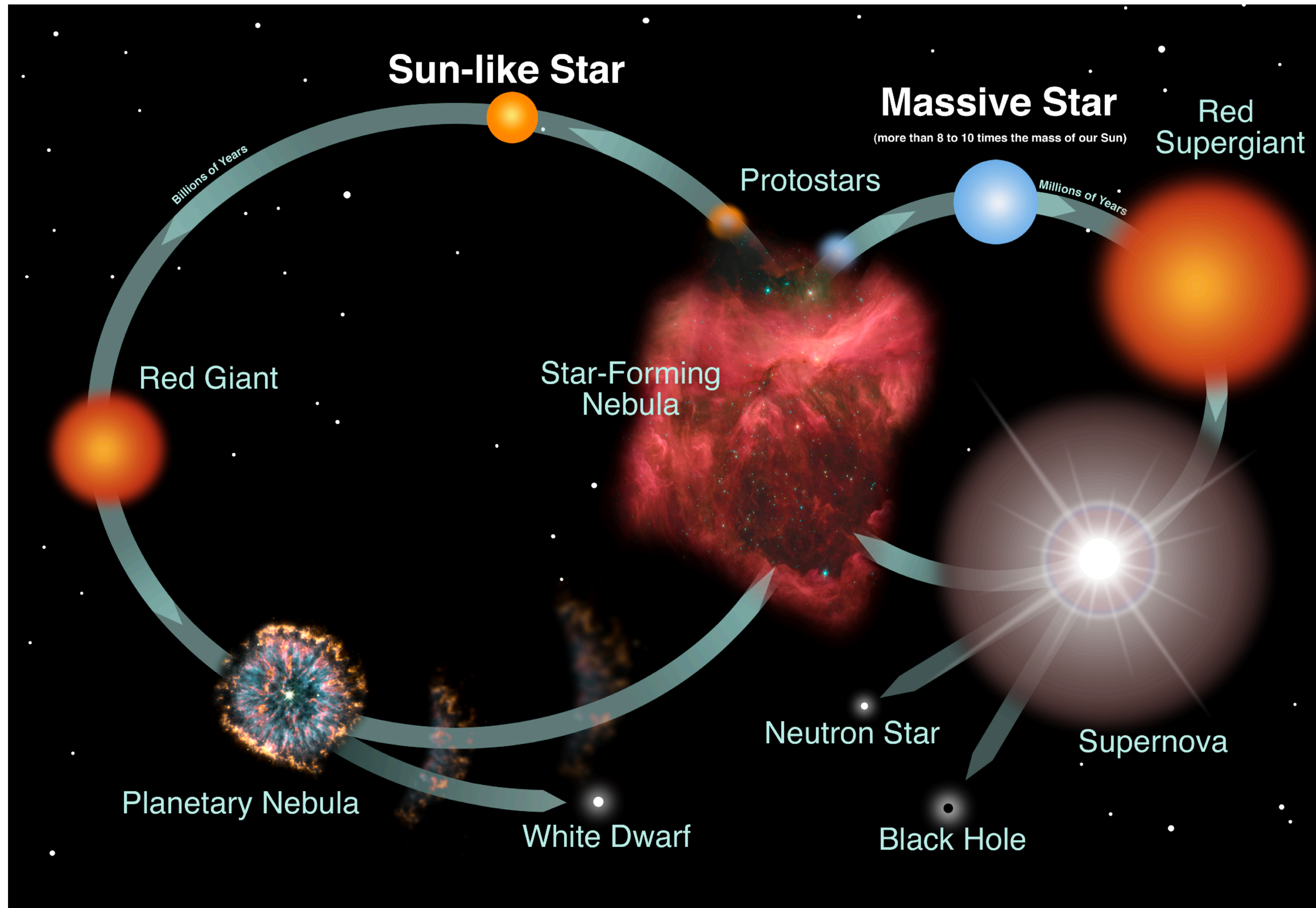
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# The Galactic Chemical Evolution



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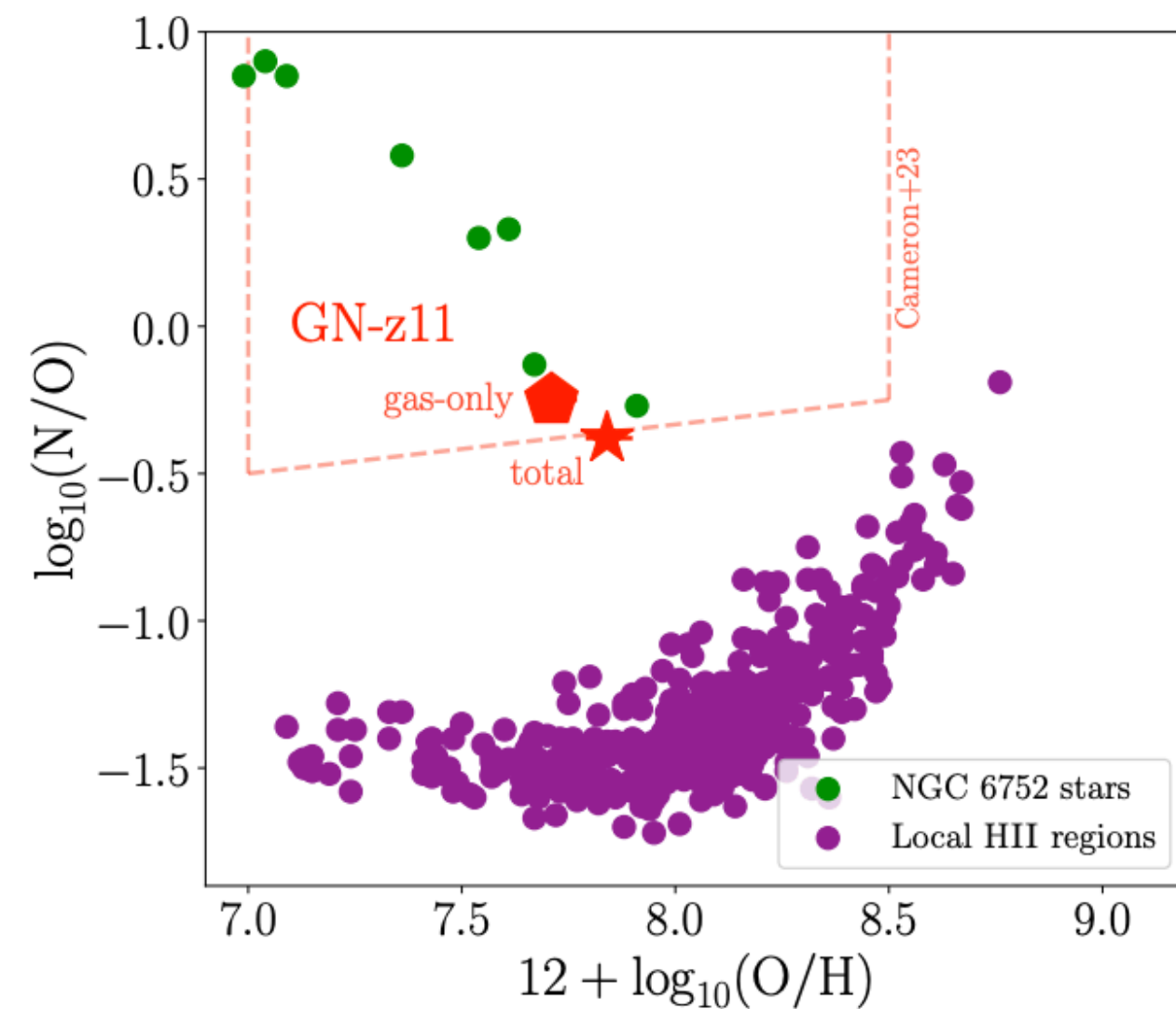
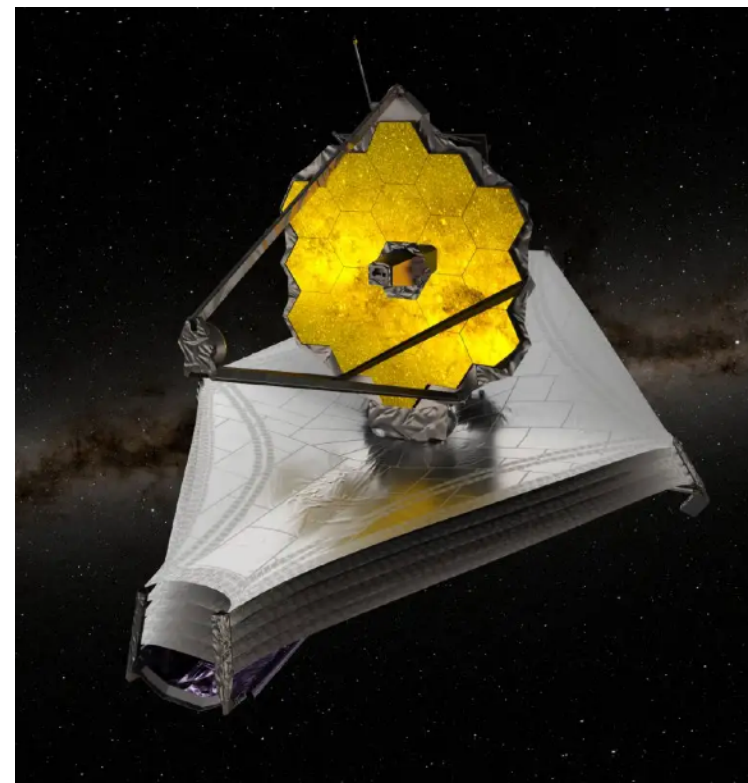
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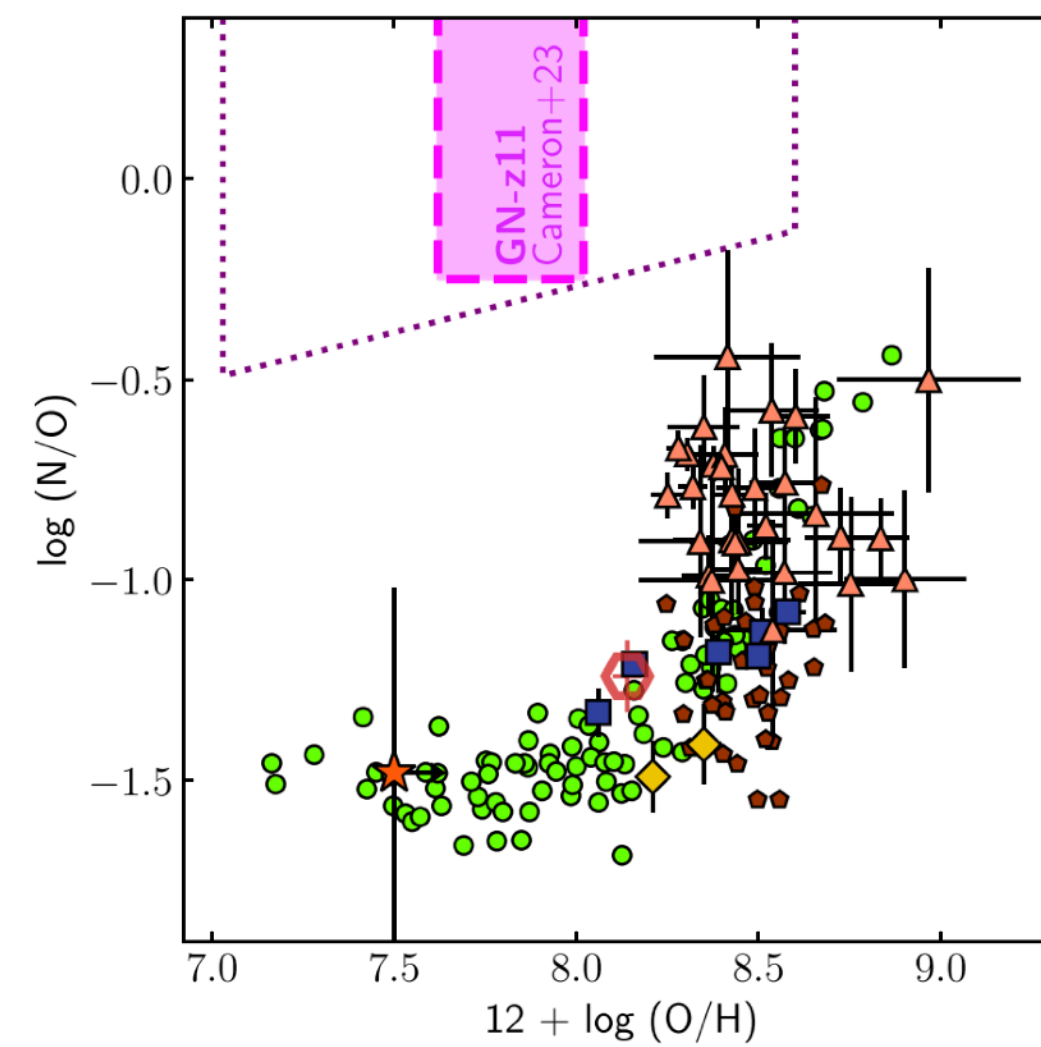
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GN-z11

N-rich, compact  $z = 10.6$  galaxy



Senchyna, et al., 2023



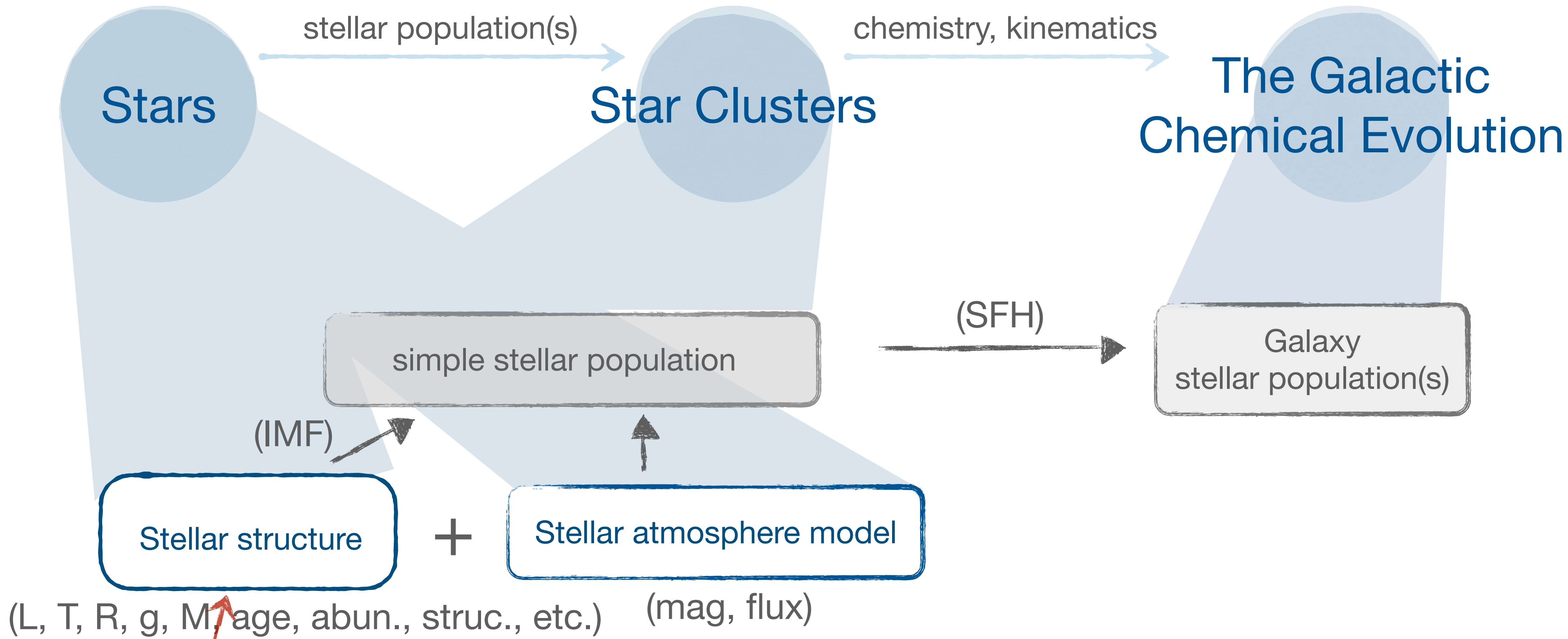
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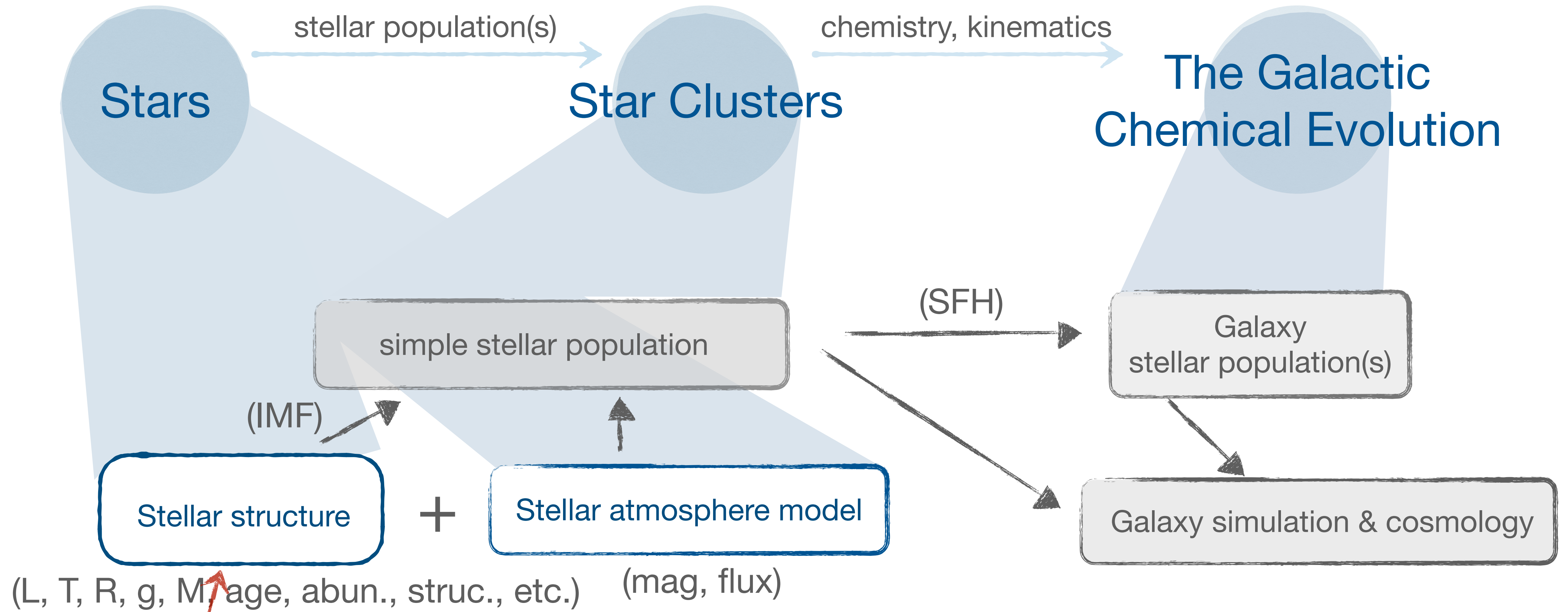


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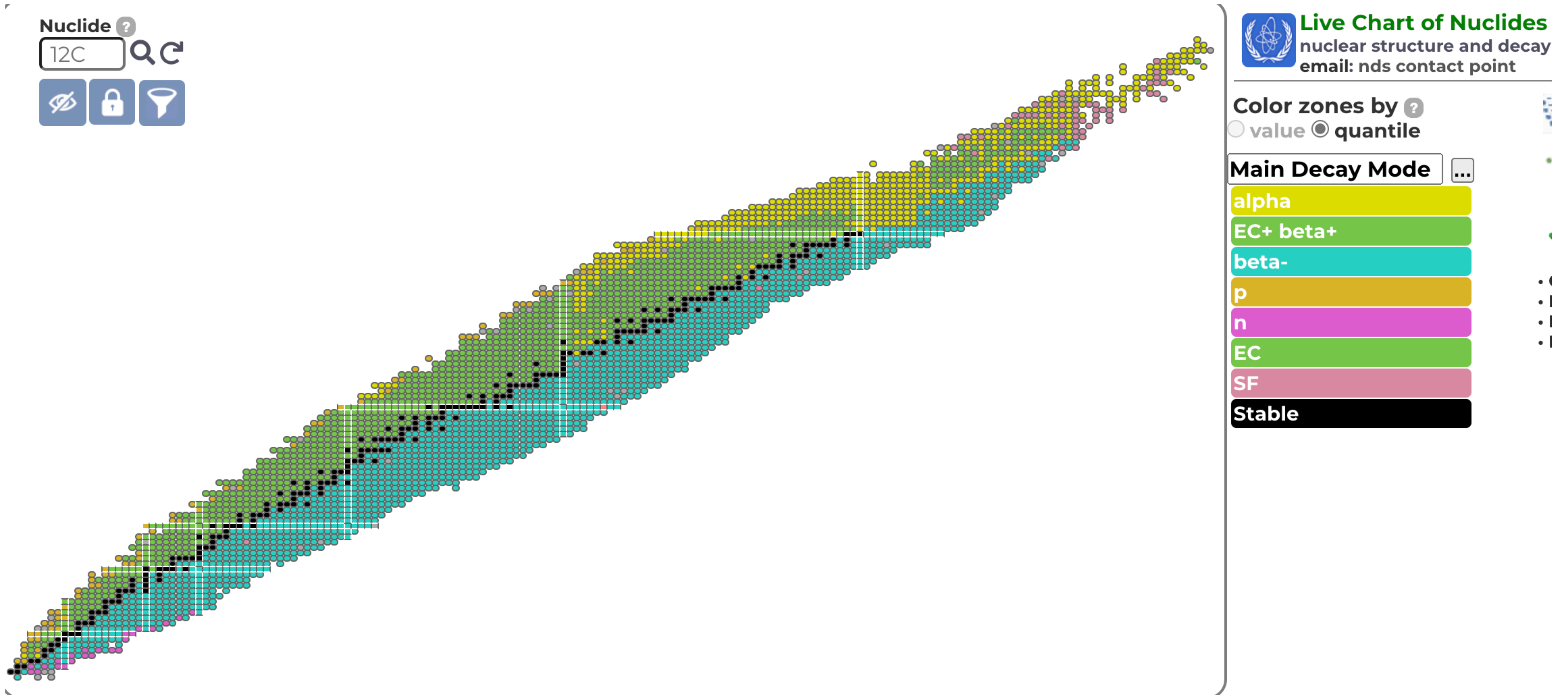
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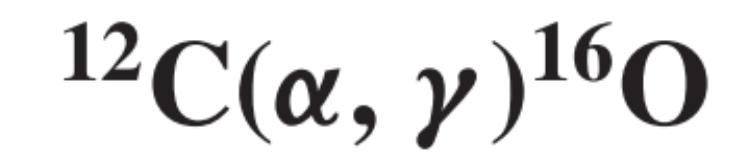
Reaction	Reference
$p(p, \beta^+ \nu)D$	Betts, Fortune & Middleton (1975)
$p(D, \gamma)^3He$	Descouvemont et al. (2004)
$^3He(^3He, \gamma)2p + ^4He$	Angulo et al. (1999)
$^4He(^3He, \gamma)^7Be$	Cyburt & Davids (2008)
$^7Be(e^-, \gamma)^7Li$	Cyburt et al. (2010)
$^7Li(p, \gamma)^4He + ^4He$	Descouvemont et al. (2004)
$^7Be(p, \gamma)^8B$	Angulo et al. (1999)
$^{12}C(p, \gamma)^{13}N$	Li et al. (2010)
$^{13}C(p, \gamma)^{14}N$	Angulo et al. (1999)
$^{14}N(p, \gamma)^{15}O$	Imbriani et al. (2005)
$^{15}N(p, \gamma)^4He + ^{12}C$	Angulo et al. (1999)
$^{15}N(p, \gamma)^{16}O$	Iliadis et al. (2010)
$^{16}O(p, \gamma)^{17}F$	Iliadis et al. (2008)
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$^{19}F(p, \gamma)^4He + ^{16}O$	Angulo et al. (1999)
$^{19}F(p, \gamma)^{20}Ne$	Angulo et al. (1999)
$^4He(2^4He, \gamma)^{12}C$	Fynbo et al. (2005)
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$^{16}O(^4He, \gamma)^{20}Ne$	Constantini & LUNA Collaboration (2010)
$^{18}O(^4He, \gamma)^{22}Ne$	Iliadis et al. (2010)
$^{20}Ne(^4He, \gamma)^{24}Mg$	Iliadis et al. (2010)
$^{22}Ne(^4He, \gamma)^{26}Mg$	Iliadis et al. (2010)
$^{24}Mg(^4He, \gamma)^{28}Si$	Strandberg et al. (2008)
$^{13}C(^4He, n)^{16}O$	Heil et al. (2008)
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$^{12}C(^{12}C, n)^{23}Mg$	Caughlan & Fowler (1988)
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Fu et al., 2018, MNRAS

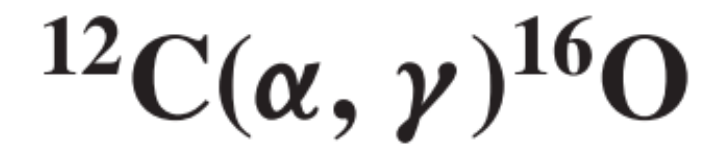
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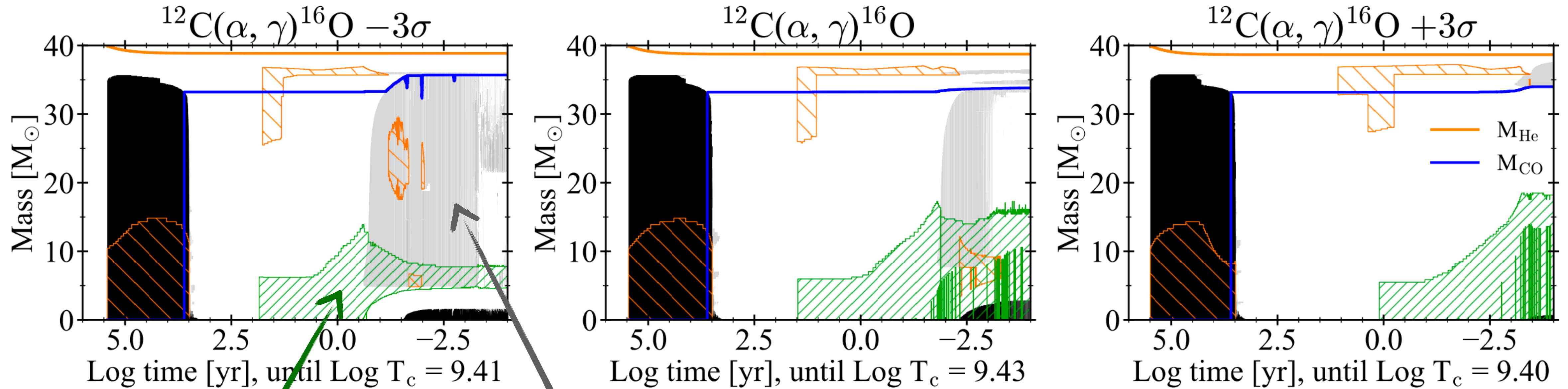


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Carbon burning

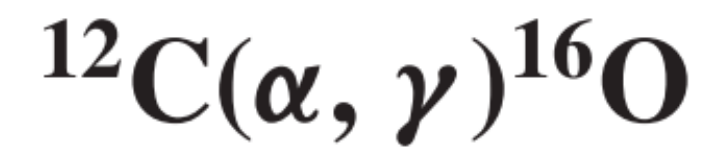
convective envelope

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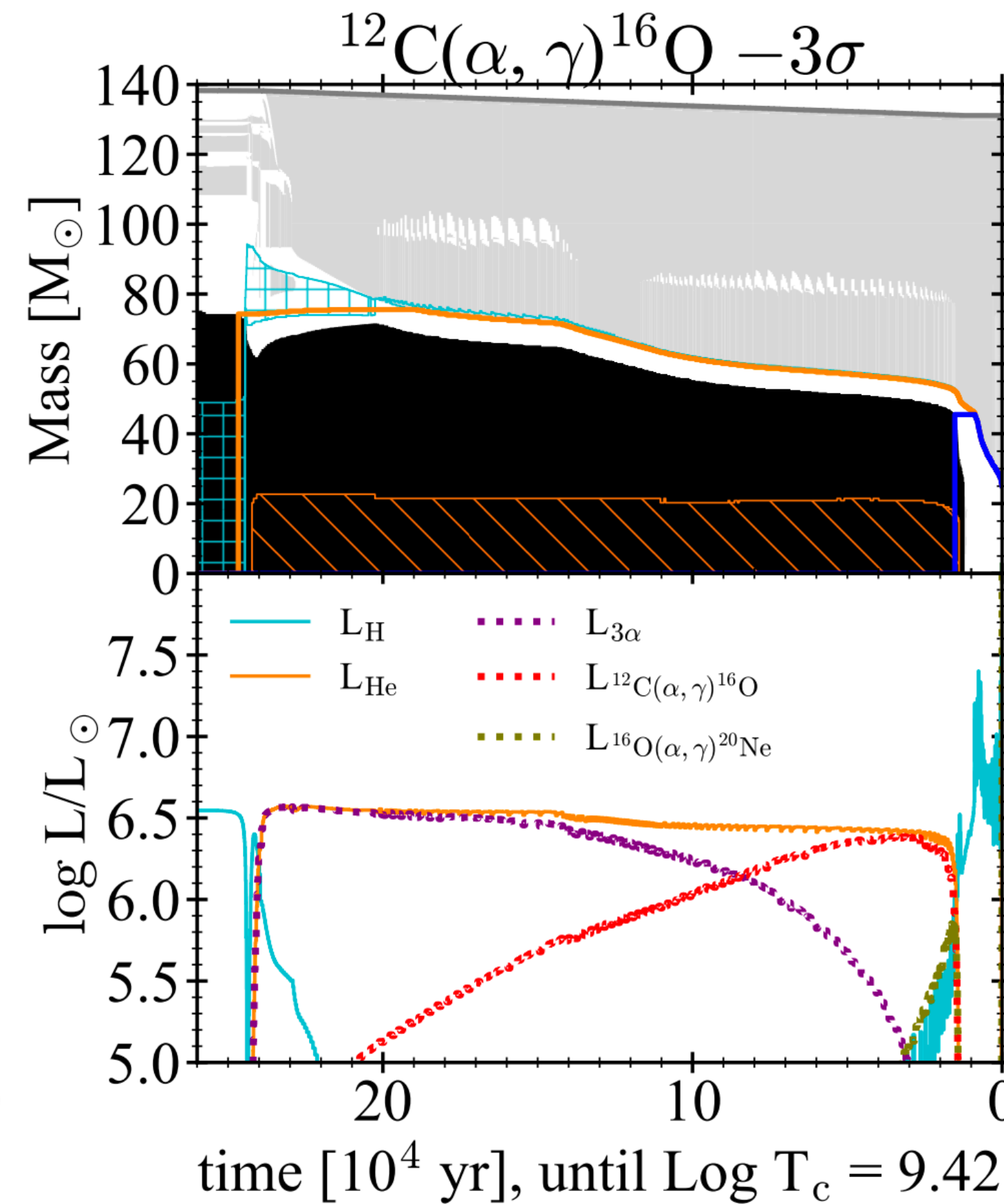
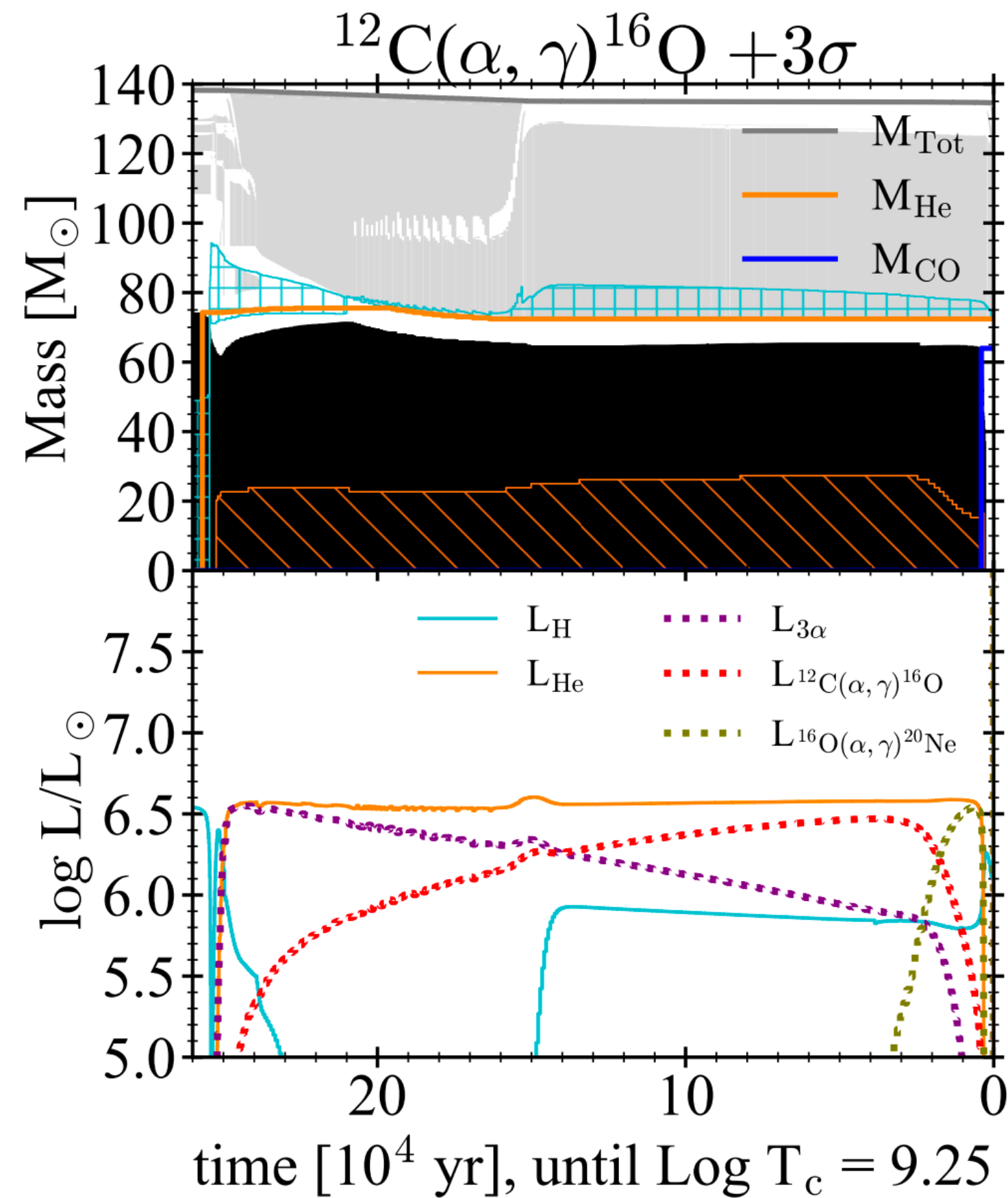
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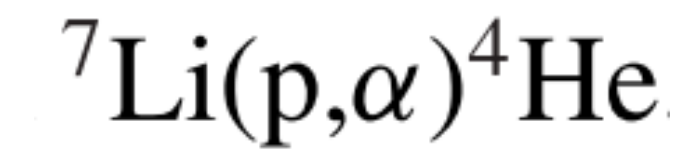
Generate a deep dredge-up  
Reduce the He core mass  
Avoid Pair-Instability SN  
Make a black hole

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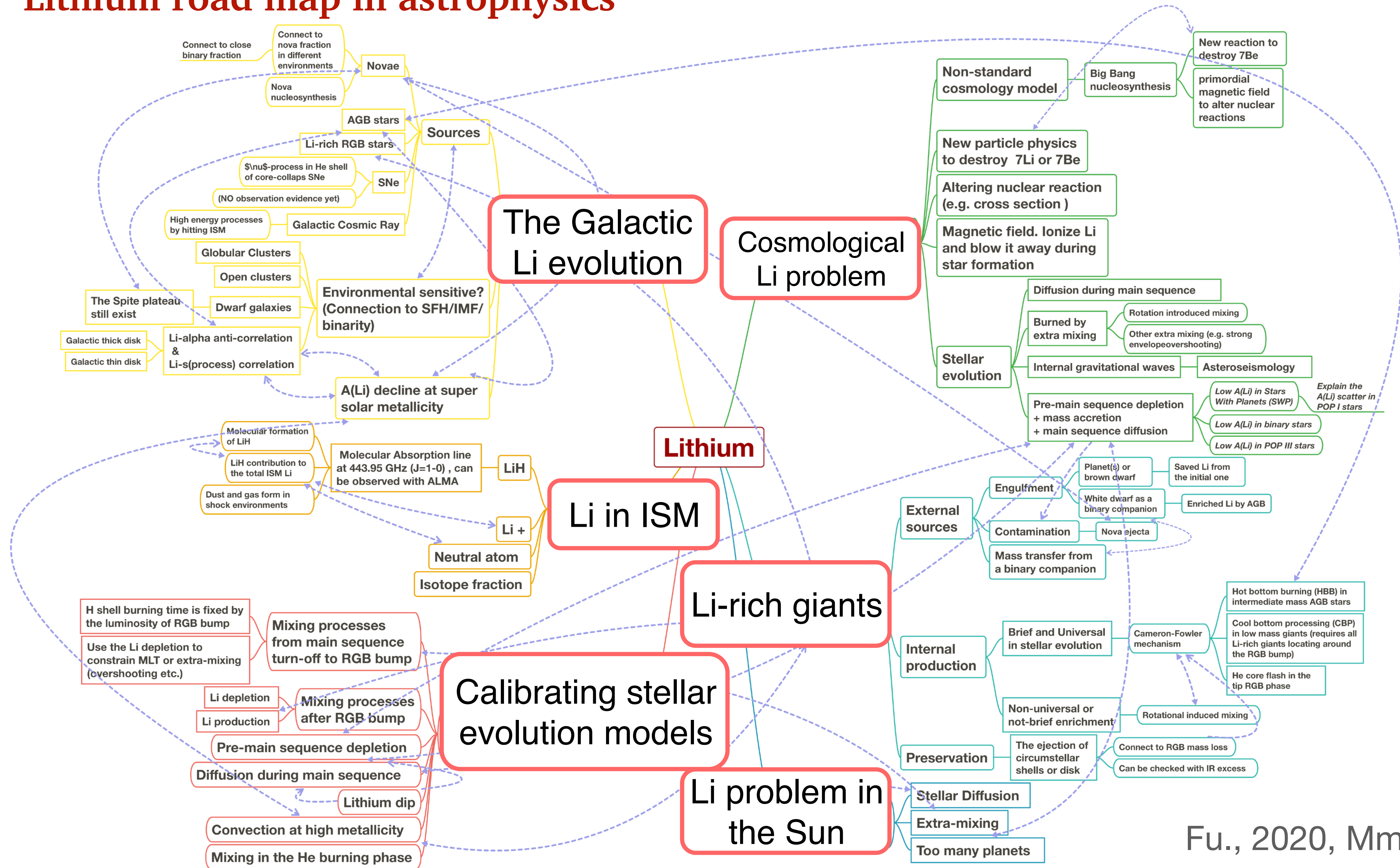
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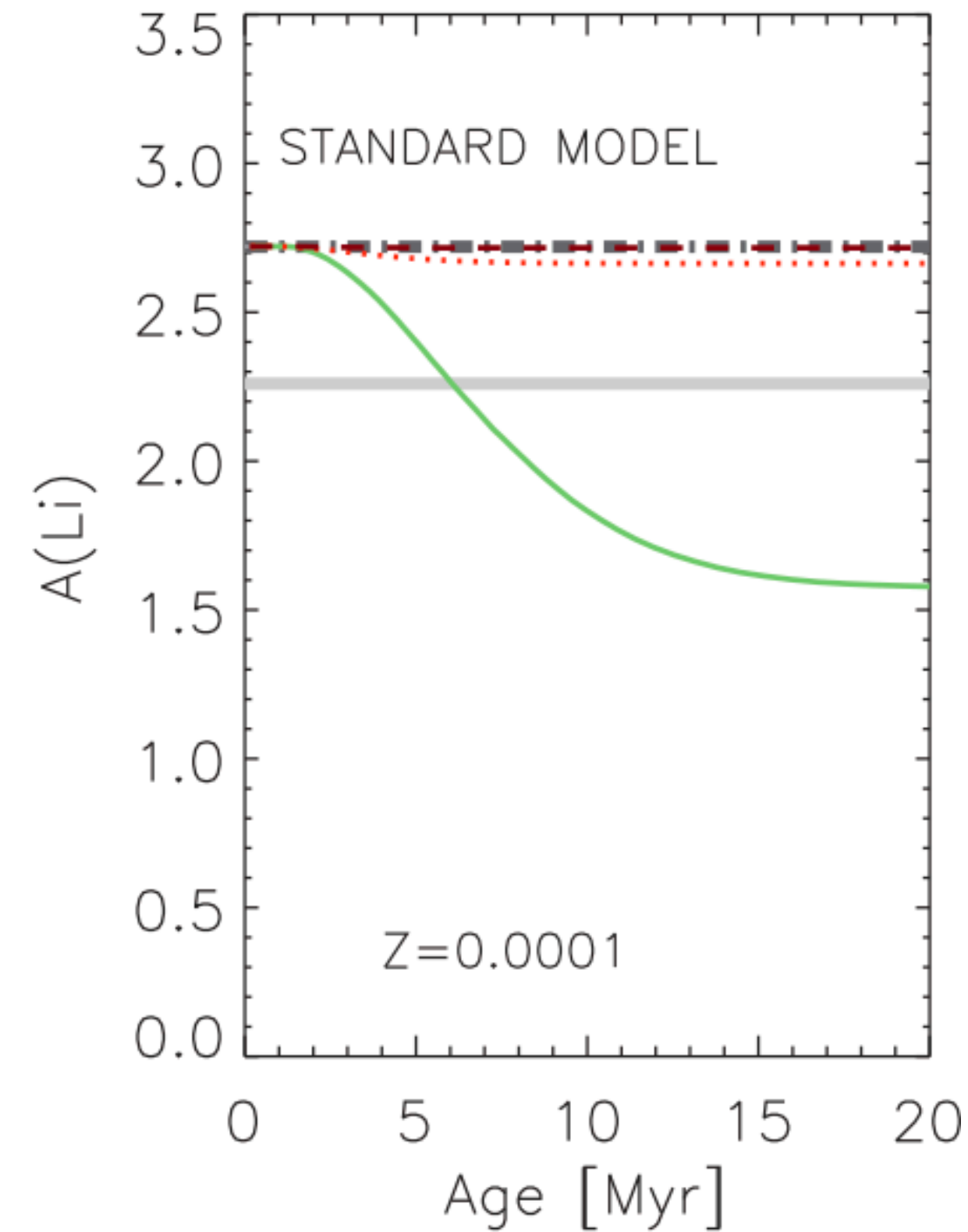
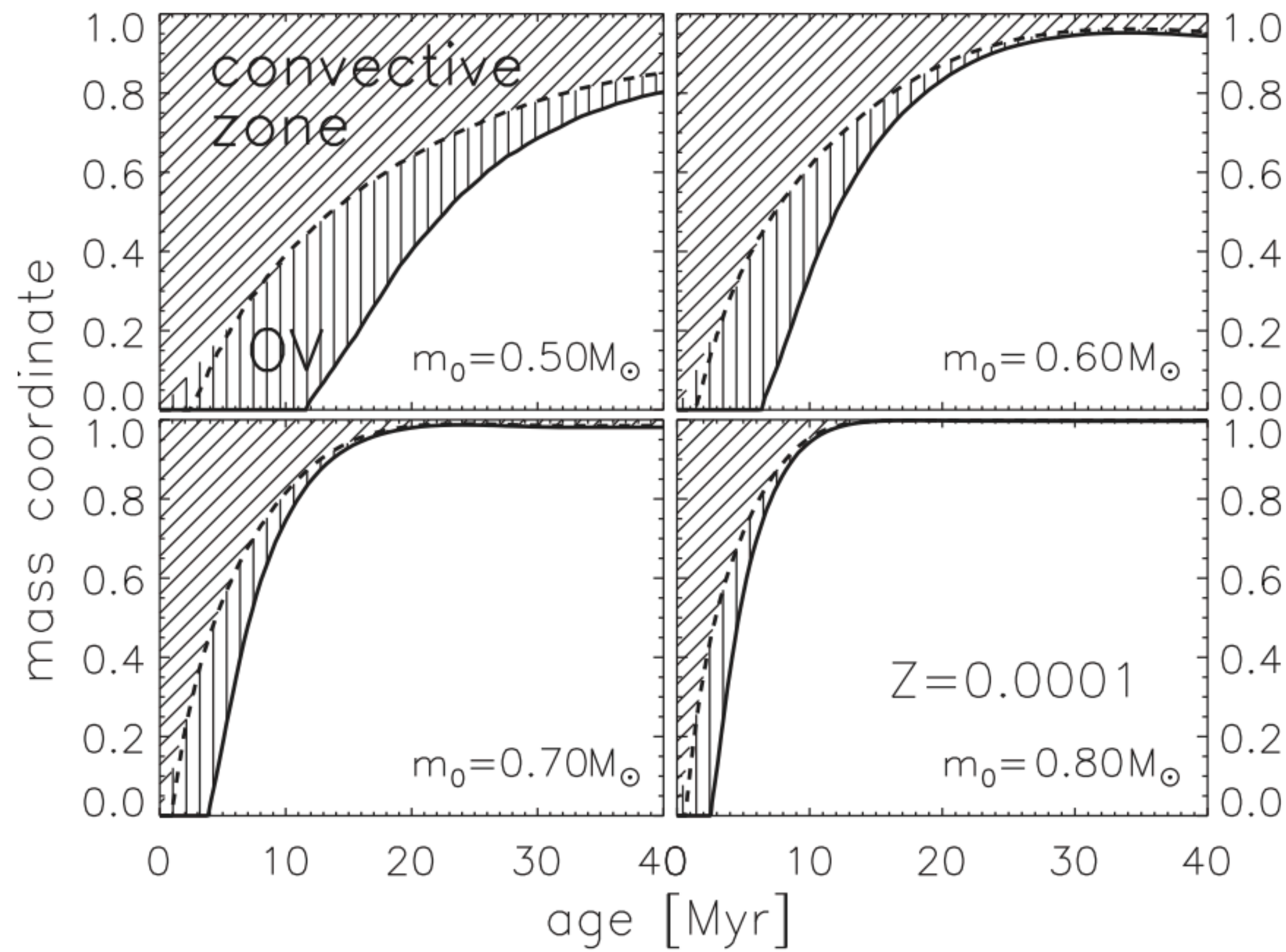
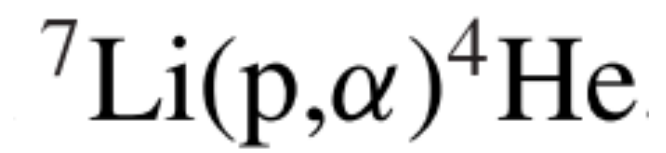


# Lithium road map in astrophysics

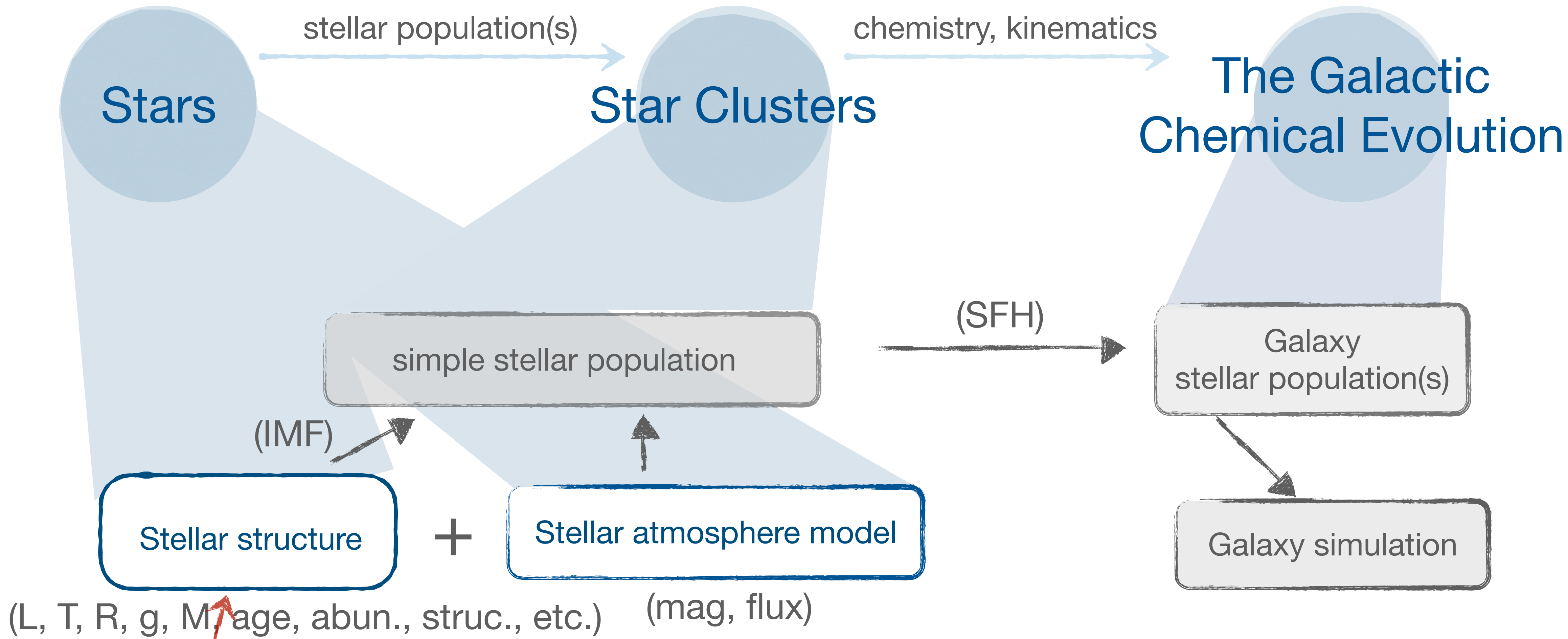


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