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LIFE CYCLE OF STARS



DEFINITION OF METALS IN ASTRONOMY



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https://sciencenotes.org/printable-periodic-table/

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WHY CONNECTING?

April 25, 2013, http://msutoday.msu.edu/ Facility for Rare Isotope Beam (FRIB), cyclotron stopper



 Nuclear physics experiments and theories provide an explanation of how elements can be synthesized.

The EAGLE Project http://icc.dur.ac.uk/Eagle/index.php

• Galaxy evolution in a cosmological context inform us on how galaxies form, how gas flows inside and around galaxies, and how elements are mixed and recycled into stars.

CHEMICAL EVOLUTION PIPELINE



- SYGMA Stellar Yields for Galactic Modeling Applications (C. Ritter et al. in prep.)
- OMEGA One-zone Model for the Evolution of GAlaxies (Côté et al. 2016c)
- GAMMA Galaxy Assembly with Merger-trees for Modeling Abundances (Côté et al. in prep.)
- STELLAB STELLar ABundances, observational data plotting tool

Open-source codes http://nugrid.github.io/NuPyCEE/

CHEMICAL EVOLUTION PIPELINE

Uncertainties in chemical evolution models, see also Romano et al. (2005, 2010) Matteucci et al. (2009)

Molla et al. (2015)



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emcee code (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013)







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Matteucci et al. (2014)





Wehmeyer et al. (2015)





See also Argast et al. (2004)

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MULTIPLE CONSTRAINTS



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GALAXY ASSEMBLY

Griffen et al. (2016) - The Caterpillar Project



Multiple constraints are needed to ensure reliable interpretations of numerical predictions.

Our flexible chemical evolution pipeline provides allows to probe the **impact of nuclear astrophysics in a galactic chemical evolution context**.

A better **quantification of uncertainties propagation** will improve our ability to constrain and understand the formation history of the Milky Way in a cosmological context.



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×	\times	Jacobsen et al. (2015)
×	×	Venn et al. (2004) **
×	×	Yong et al. (2013)
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 $[A/B] = \log(n_A/n_B) - \log(n_A/n_B)_{\odot}$

Core-collapse supernova



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Type la supernova





Core-collapse SNe (Ca, Fe)





