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Deriving Progenitors of Extremely Metal-poor Stars with Nucleosynthesis Yields of Massive Stars

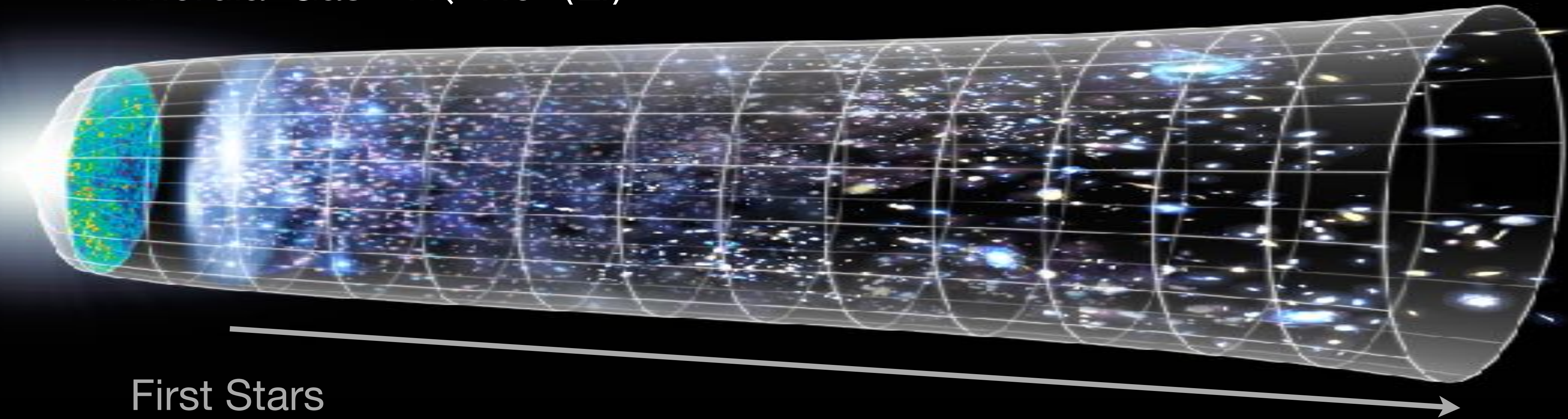
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I. INTRODUCTION

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

Primordial Gas: H, He (Li)

Credit: NASA / WMAP Science Team



First Stars


Now

Stars Form & Evolve

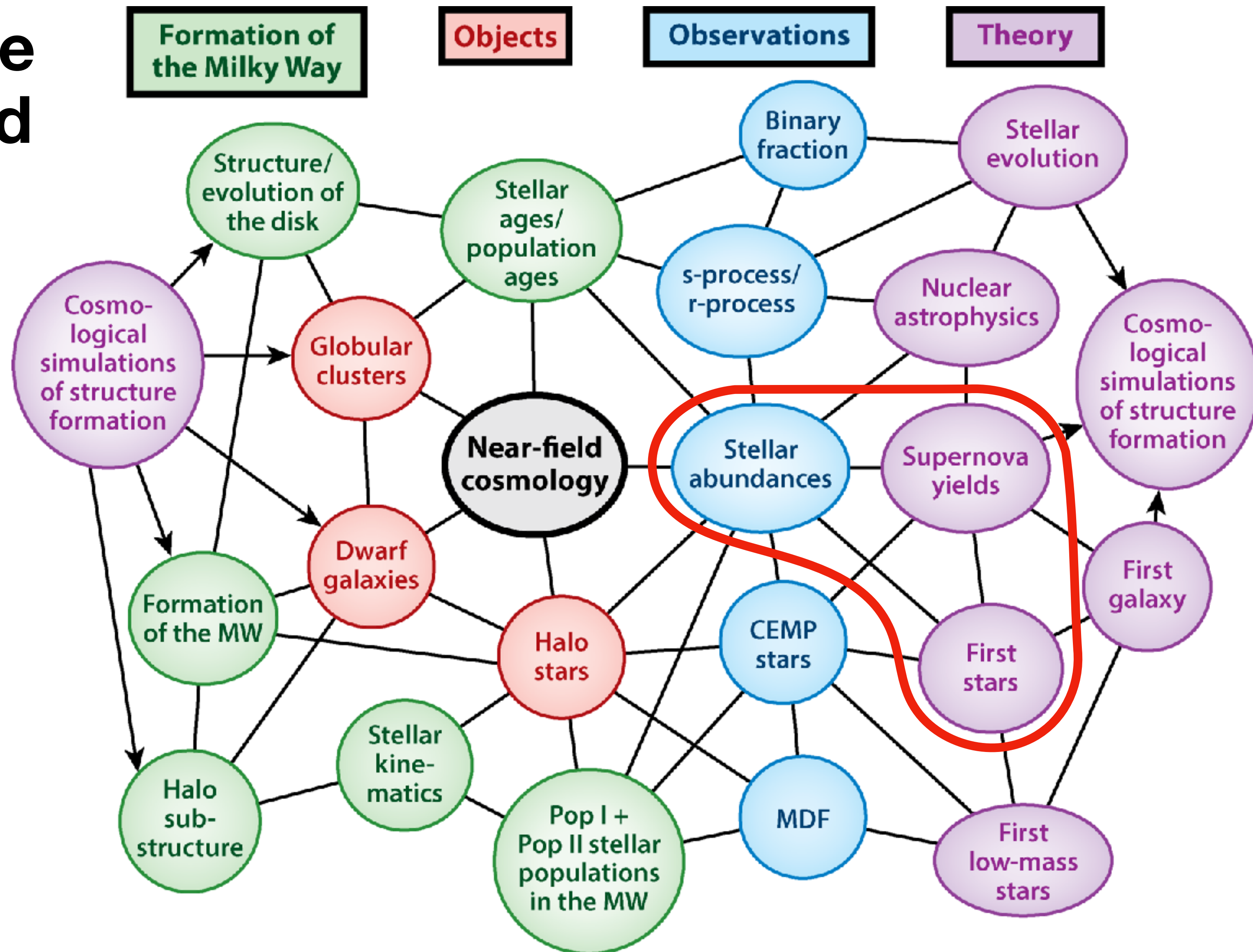
Ejecta Mix & Cool

Supernovae Expl.

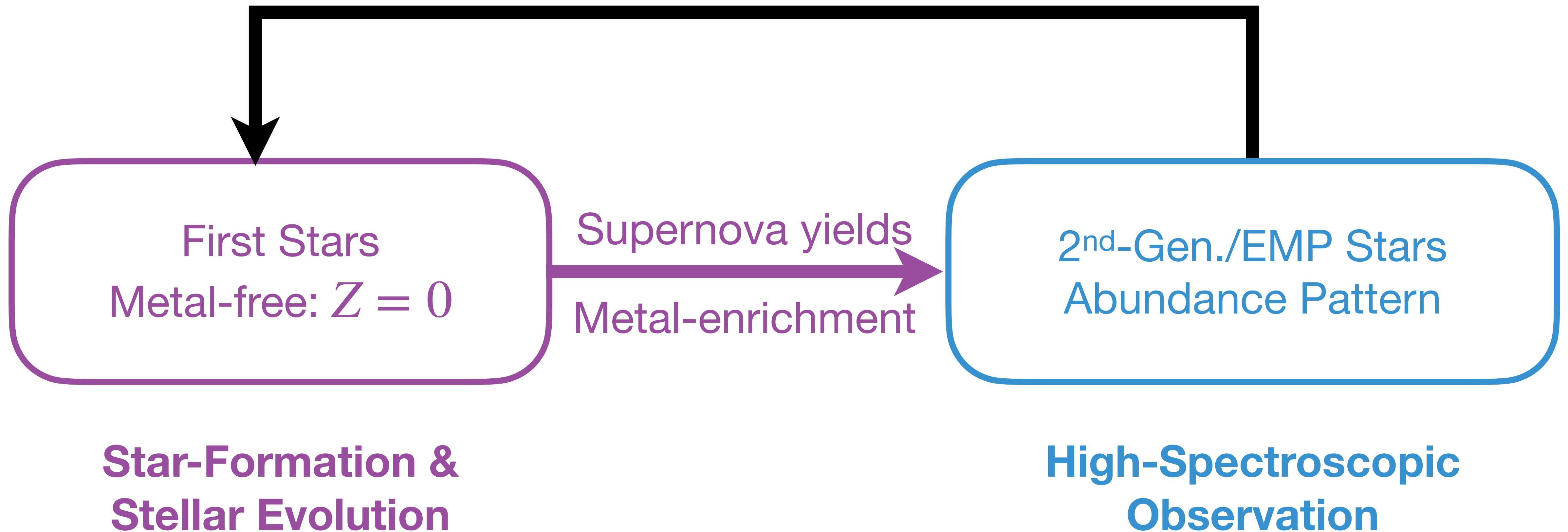
Schematic overview of the topics related to near-field cosmology

 Frebel A, Norris JE. 2015.
Annu. Rev. Astron. Astrophys. 53:631–88

- Stars are also the easily accessible local equivalent of the high-redshift Universe
- The chemical environment at stellar formation are reserved in their atmospheric elemental abundances.



Inversion



II. MODEL & DATA

Physical Structure

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial M} = -\frac{GM}{4\pi R^4} f_P$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial M} = \frac{1}{4\pi \rho R^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial M} = -\frac{GMT}{4\pi R^2 P} \nabla \frac{f_T}{f_P}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial M} = \varepsilon$$

$$\frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial t} \right)_{\text{nuc}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left[(4\pi \rho r^2)^2 (D_{\text{mix}} + D_{\text{semi}} + D_{\text{rot}}) \left(\frac{\partial X_i}{\partial m} \right) \right]$$

Nuclear Burning

Chemical Mixing

Rotation







$$\rho \frac{d}{dt} (r^2 \omega) = \frac{1}{5r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\rho r^4 \omega U) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\rho D_{\text{shear}} r^4 \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$\rho \frac{d}{dt} (r^2 \omega) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\rho D r^4 \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} \right)$$

SN II provides
LIGHT elements ONLY

Pop III SNe before Zinc

AGB contamination

1 H	big bang fusion 						cosmic ray fission 						2 He						
3 Li	4 Be	merging neutron stars 						exploding massive stars 						5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg	dying low mass stars 						exploding white dwarfs 						13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr		
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe		
55 Cs	56 Ba		72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn		
87 Fr	88 Ra																		
		57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu			
		89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U														

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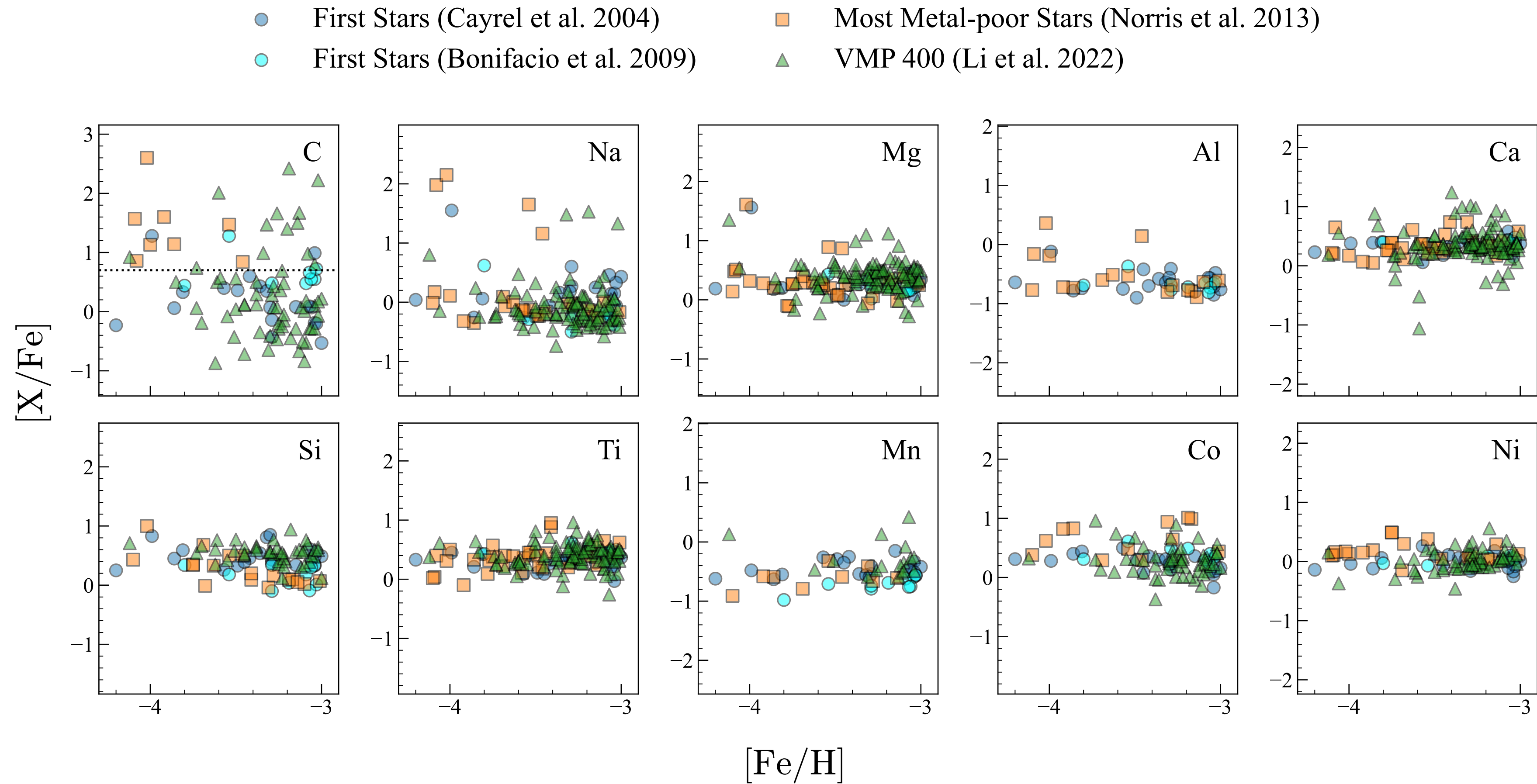
Data Source

SAGA database
5455 VMP

LAMOST/Subaru
385 VMP

Selection

[Fe/H] Ceiling
CCSN: -3.0

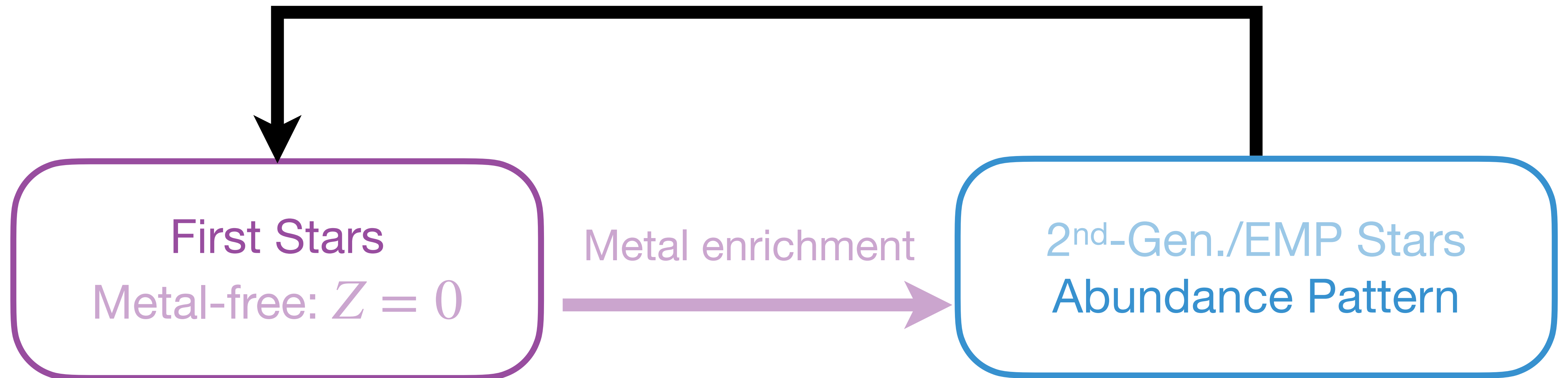


Abundance Distribution of Homogeneous Subsamples

III. METHOD

Traditional Inversion:

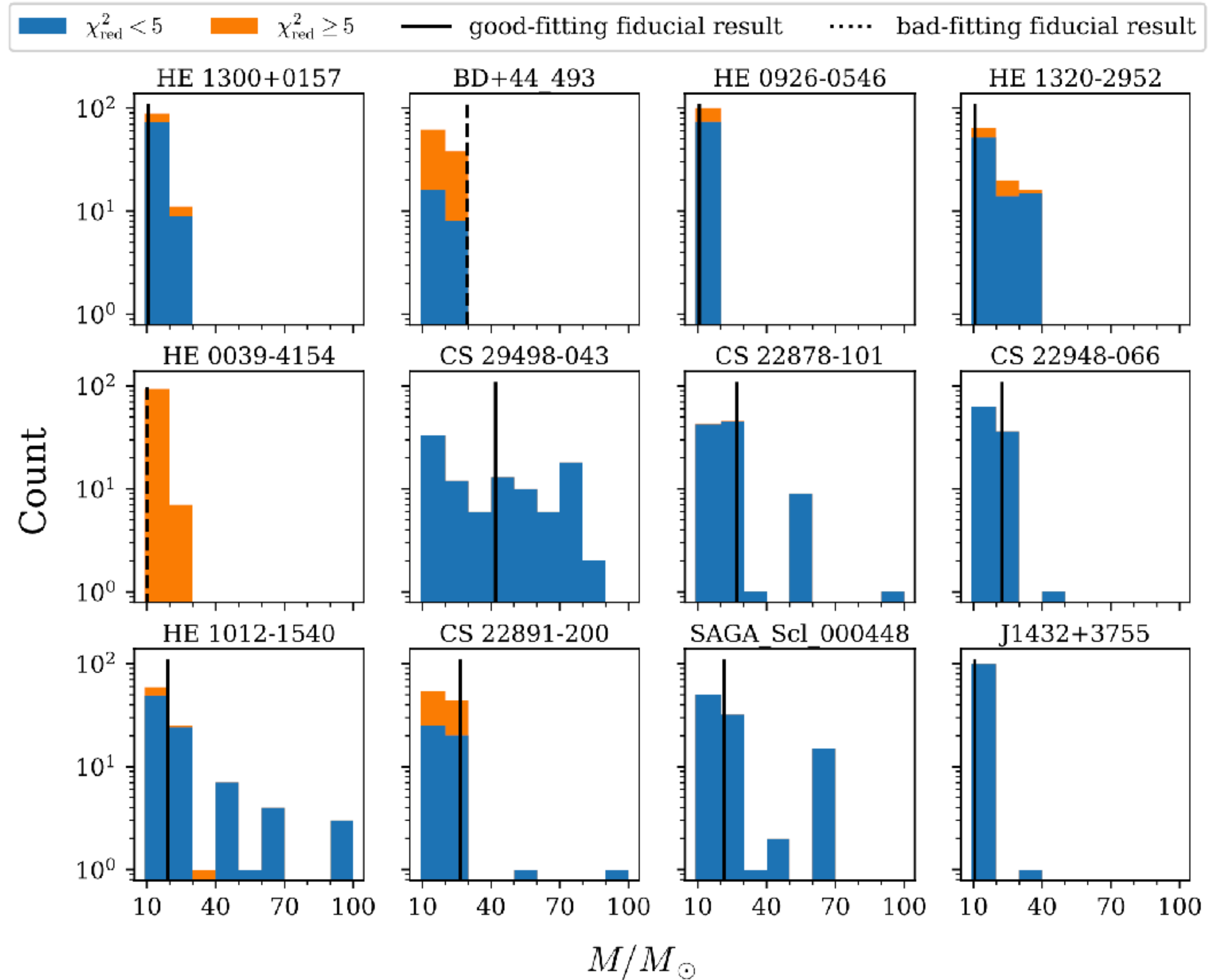
Point Estimation based on χ^2 **minimum** $\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(A_i - O_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2}$



Robust Inversion

- Traditional inversion is seriously affected by uncertainty from both model and observation.
- We develop a Bayesian-Inference progenitor θ derivation according to abundance pattern \mathbf{y} :

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{y}) \propto \pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

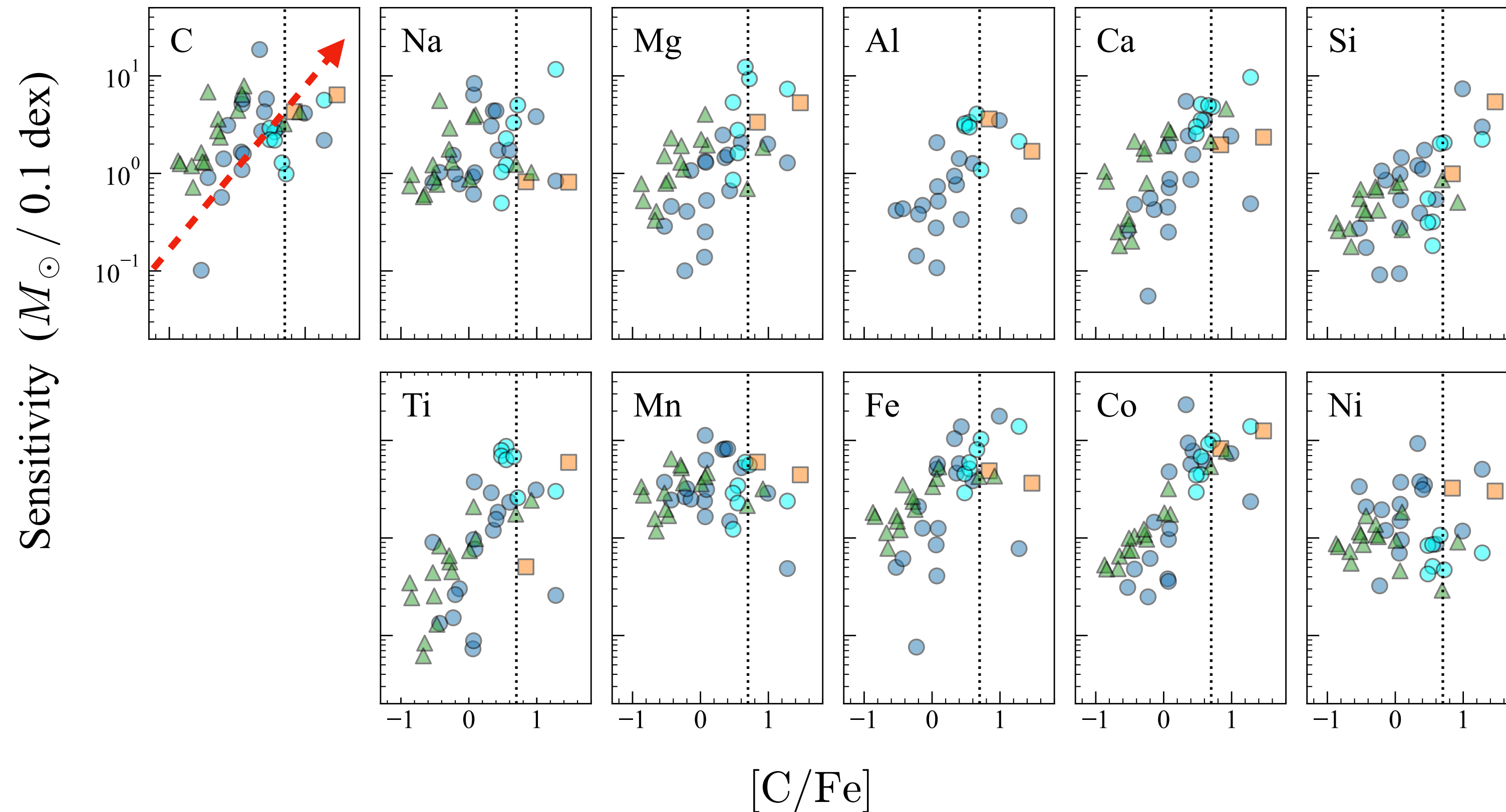


Traditional inversion based on a Monte-Carlo sampling of observations.

IV. RESULT & DISCUSSION

Influence of individual elements

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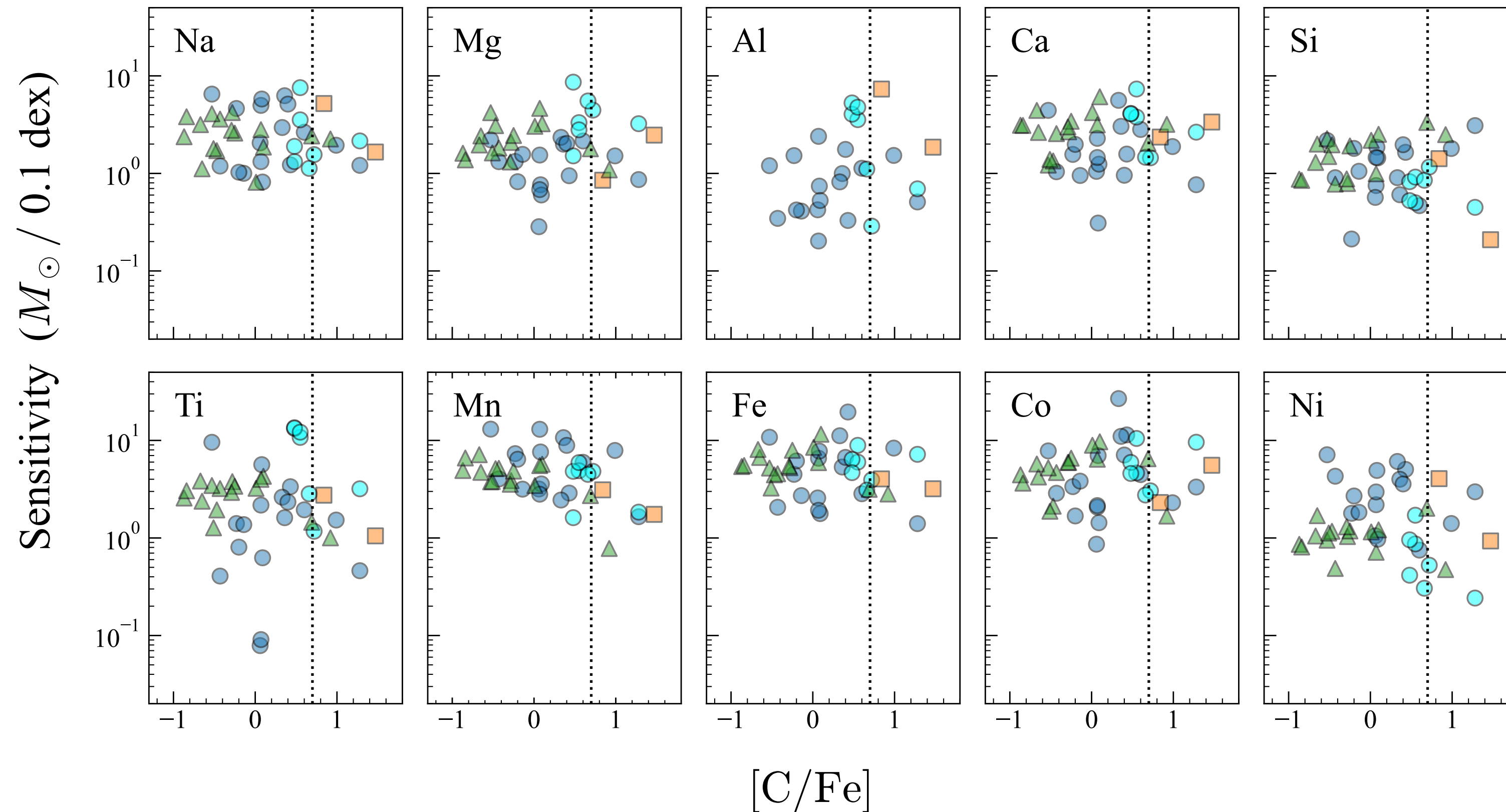


Sensitivity of each element based on Bayesian framework

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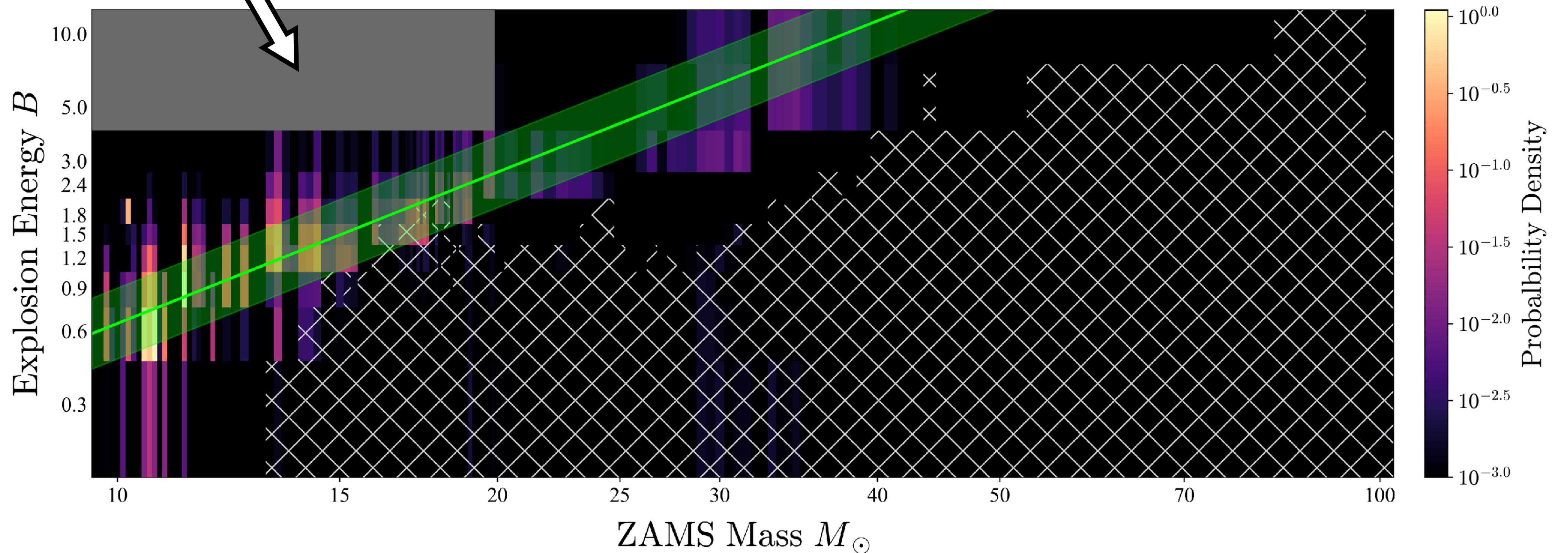
Sensitivity of each element, but carbon is excluded during abundance fitting

Pop III SNe Mass-Energy Distribution (MER):

$$M \propto E^2$$

Low-mass HNe excluded

— $\log E = a + b \log M$ with $a = -2.26 \pm 0.00$, $b = 2.07 \pm 0.02$



Population III Initial Mass Function

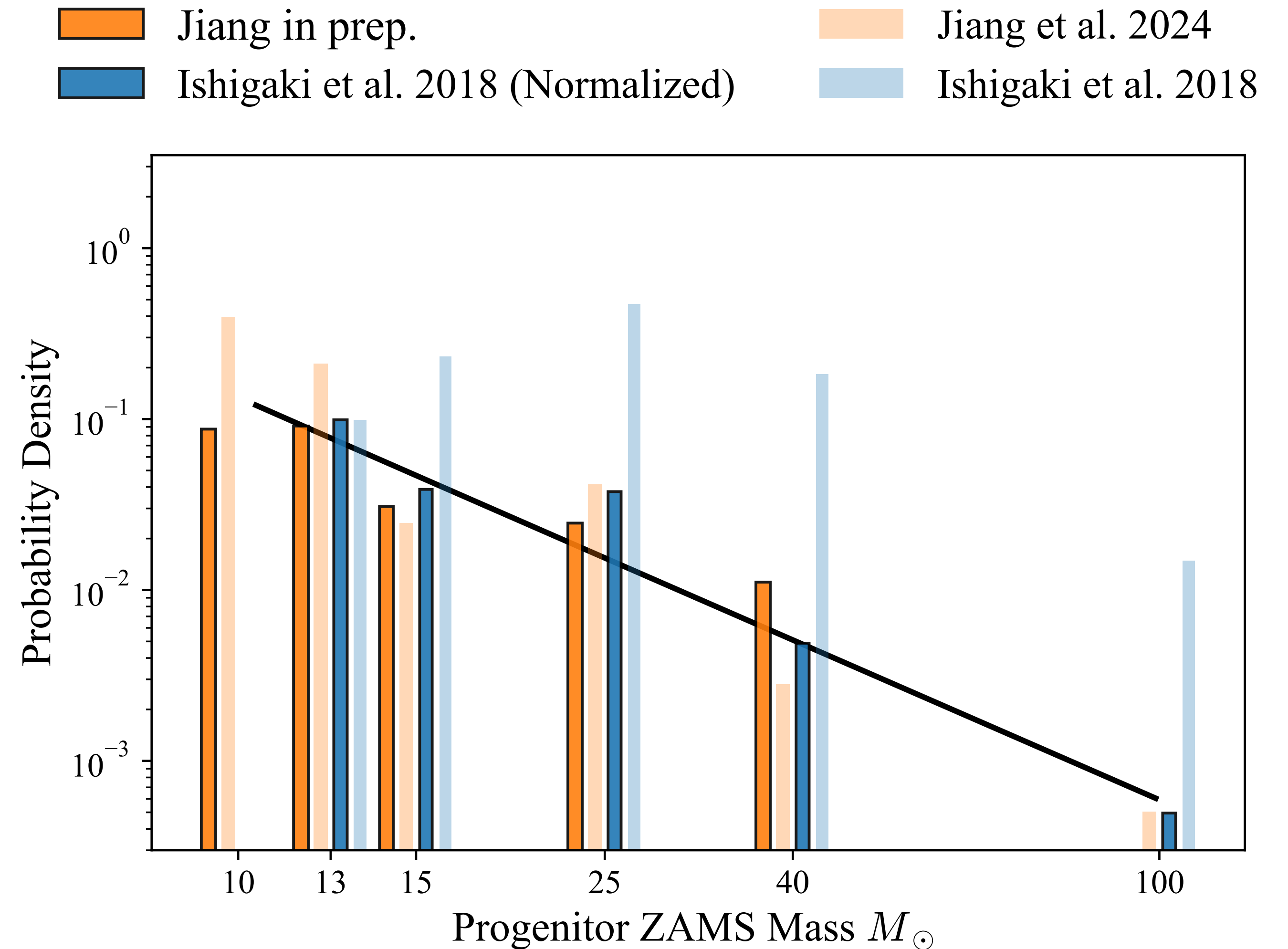
Comparison against diff. SN models

- **KEPLER:** Power-law distribution
Jiang et al. 2024 (transparent orange)
Jiang in prep. (solid orange)
- **HOSHI:** Log-normal distribution
Ishigaki et al. 2018 (transparent blue)

Normalizing model resolution with Bayesian Inference

A general **POWER-LAW** distribution is consistent

Large discrepancy at $\sim 25 M_{\odot}$





Fitting IMF & EDF with explodability

1. Modified IMF & EDF

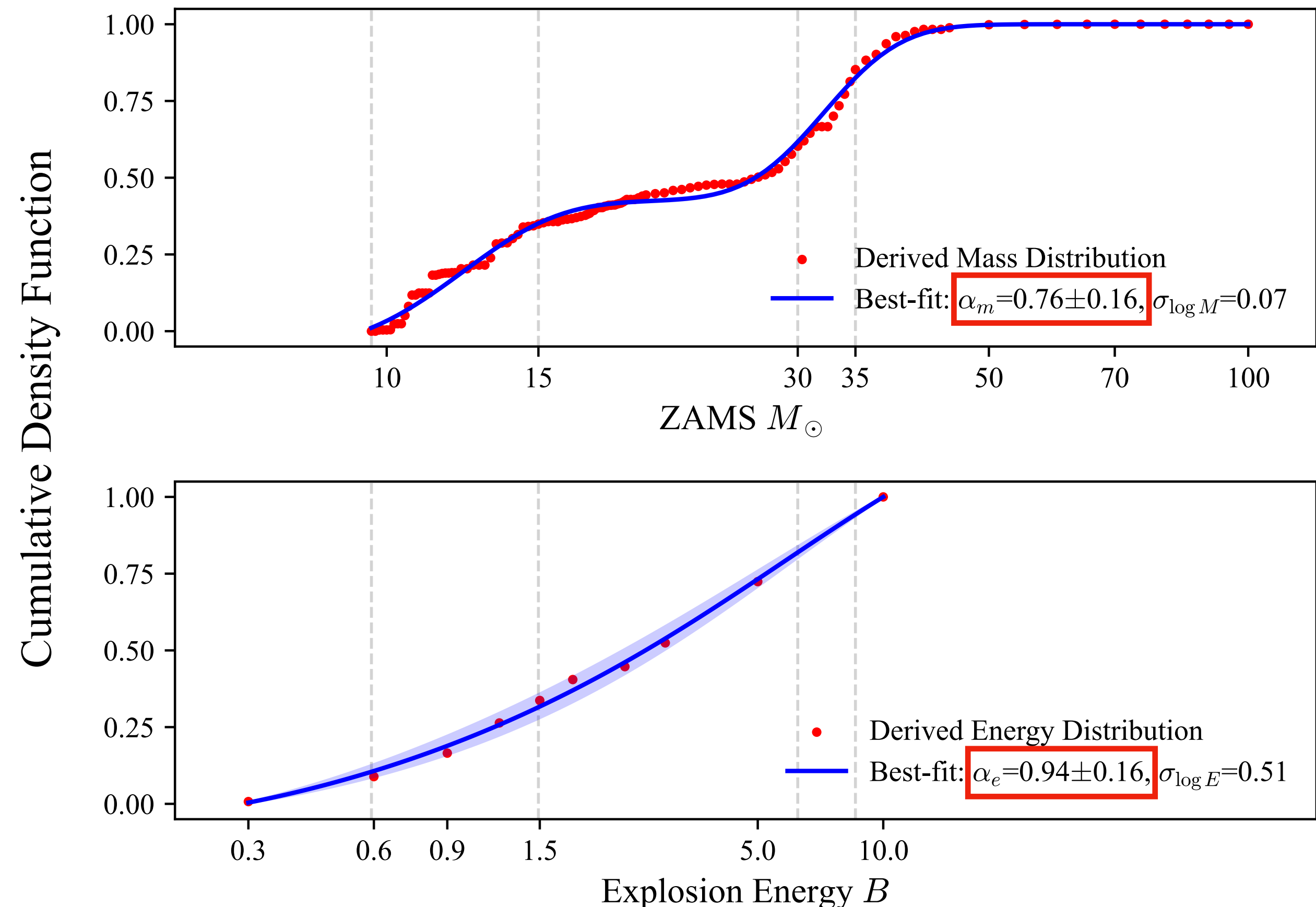
$$p(M) \propto \zeta(M) M^{-\alpha_m}$$

2. Explodability $\zeta(M)$, two concentrated intervals

$$\begin{cases} 1, & (9.6, 15) \cup (30, 35) \\ 0, & (15, 30) \cup (35, 100) \end{cases}$$

3. Uncertainty broadening with Gaussian kernel in log space

$$p(\log M) * G(\log M; \sigma_{\log M})$$



Further test for α_m & α_e with MER $M \propto E^2$

Transformation of probability:

$$p(M) dM = p(E) dE$$

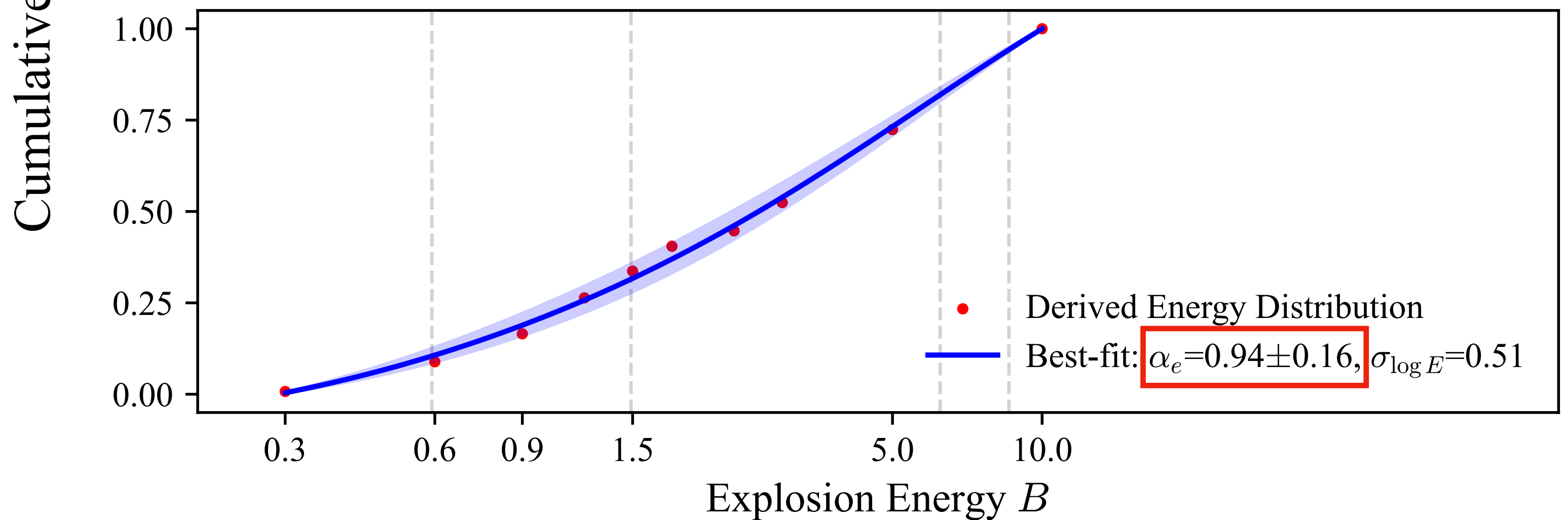
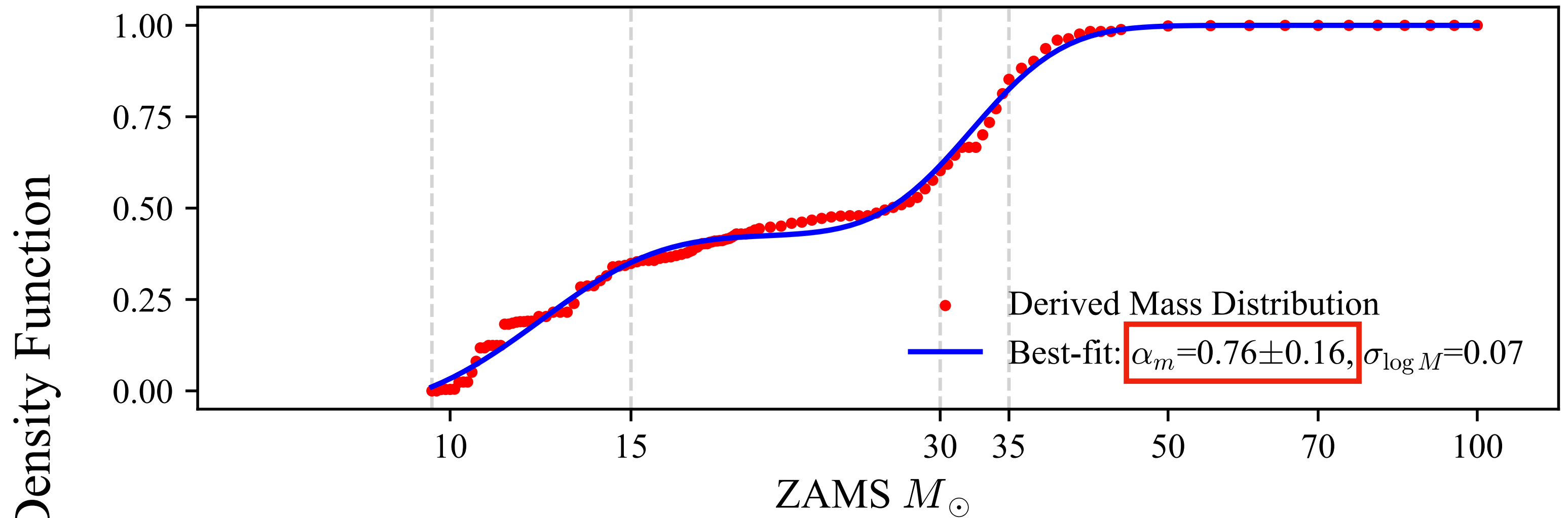
$$M^{-\alpha_m} dM \propto M^{-2\alpha_e+1} dM$$

$$\longrightarrow \alpha_m + 1 = 2\alpha_e$$

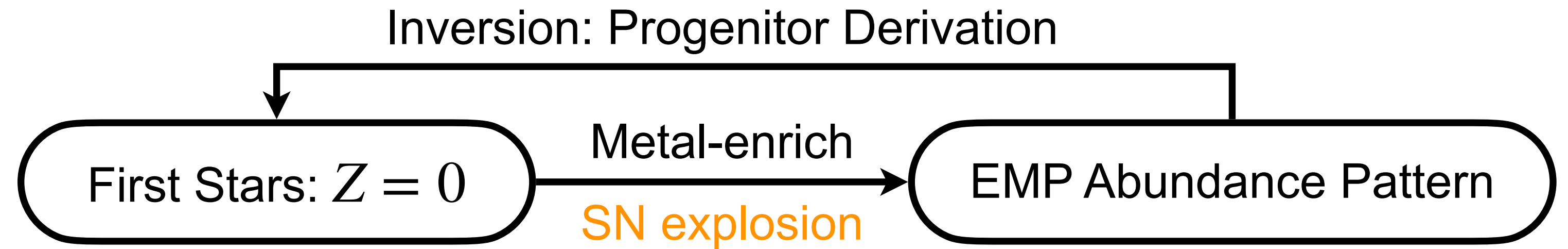
Using best-fit parameters:

$$\alpha_m + 1 = 1.76 \pm 0.16$$

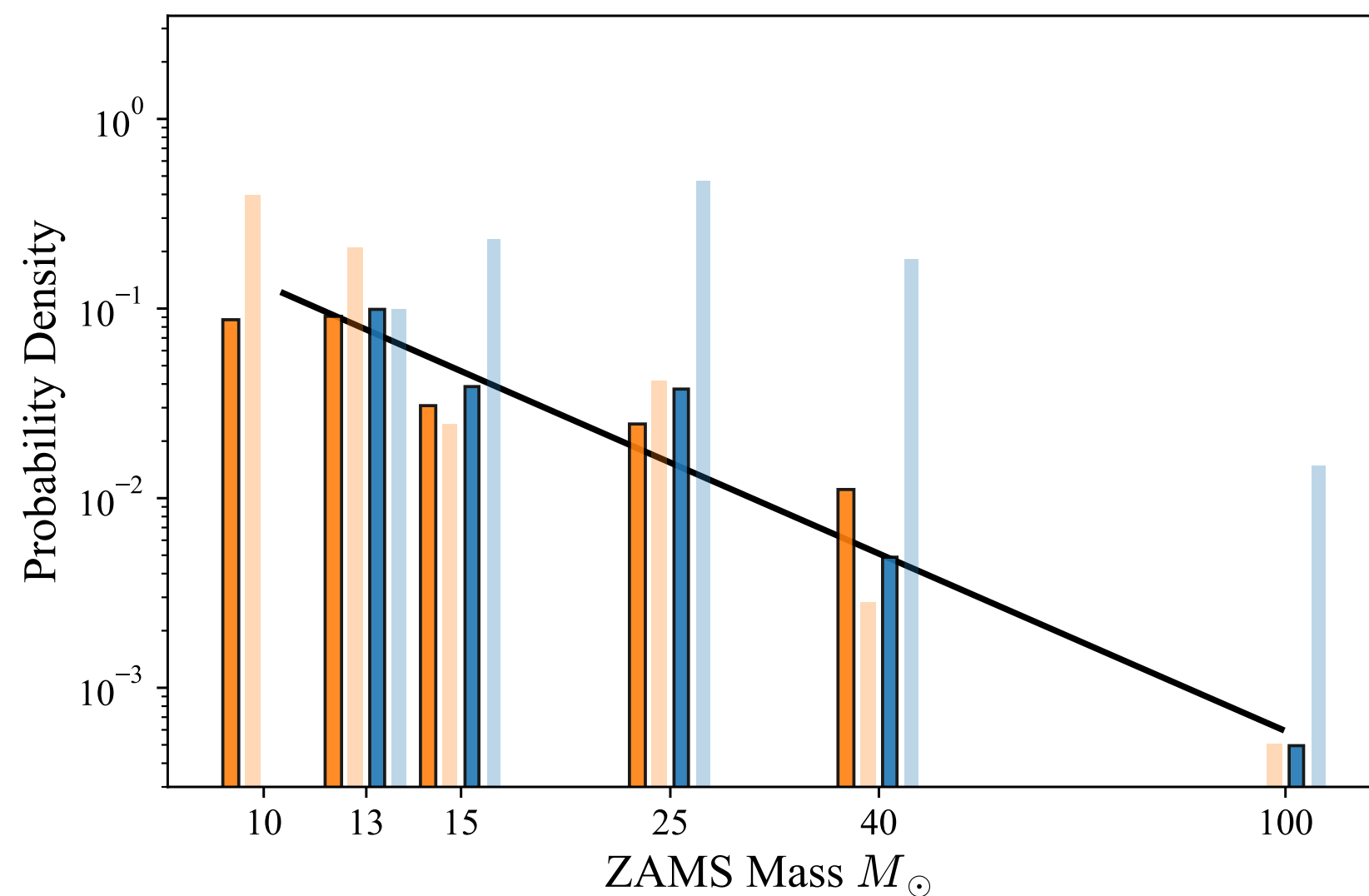
$$2\alpha_e = 1.88 \pm 0.32$$



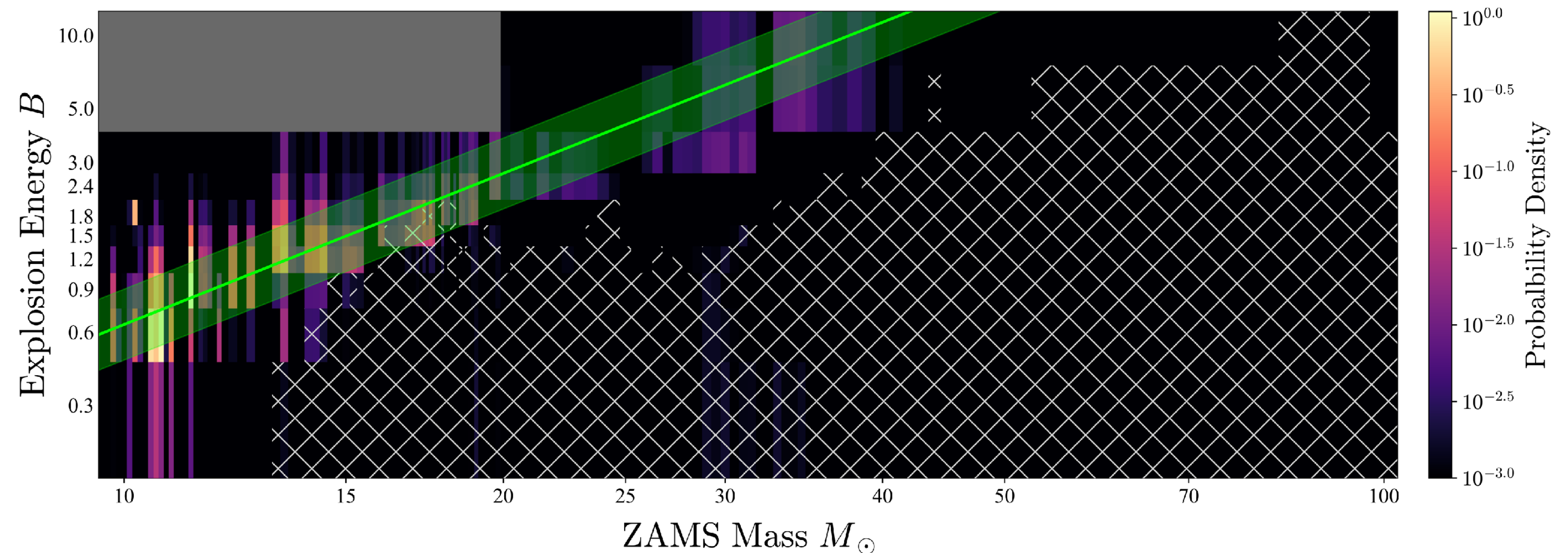
SUMMARY



- (a) Pop III IMF: explodability-modifying *POWER-LAW* ($\alpha = 0.76$)
- (b) First SNe Mass-Energy Relation: $M \propto E^2$



(a) Pop III IMF with different SN models



(b) Mass-Energy distribution of first supernova