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The effect of cosmic rays on carbon isotopic fractionation

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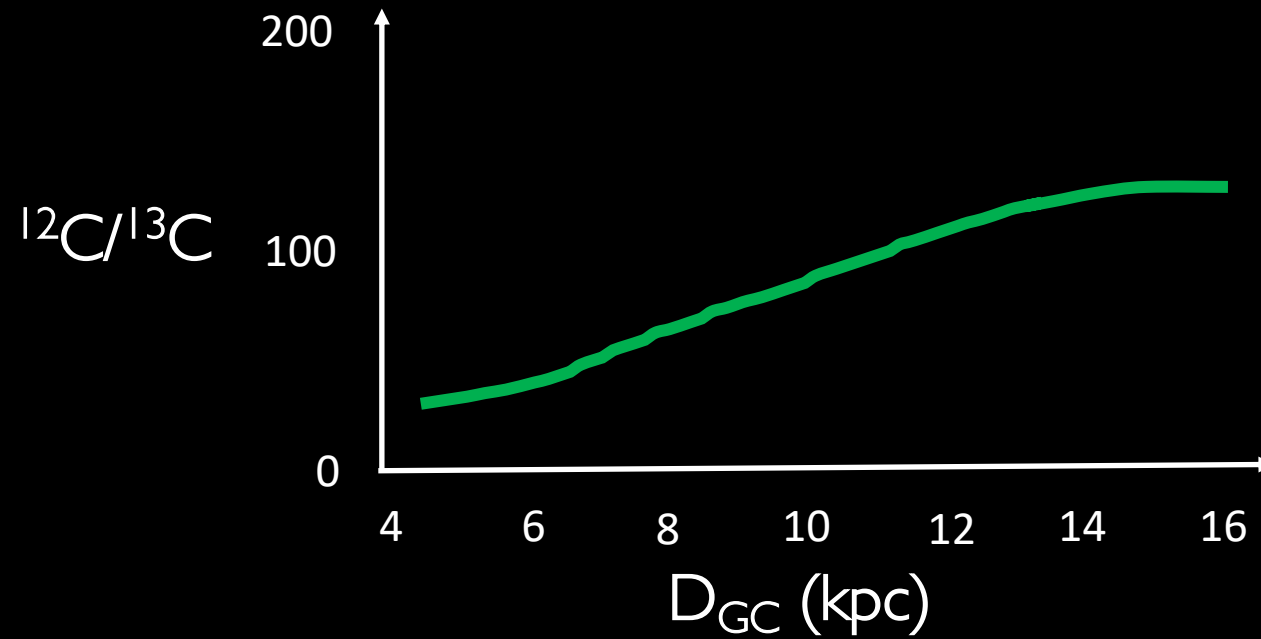
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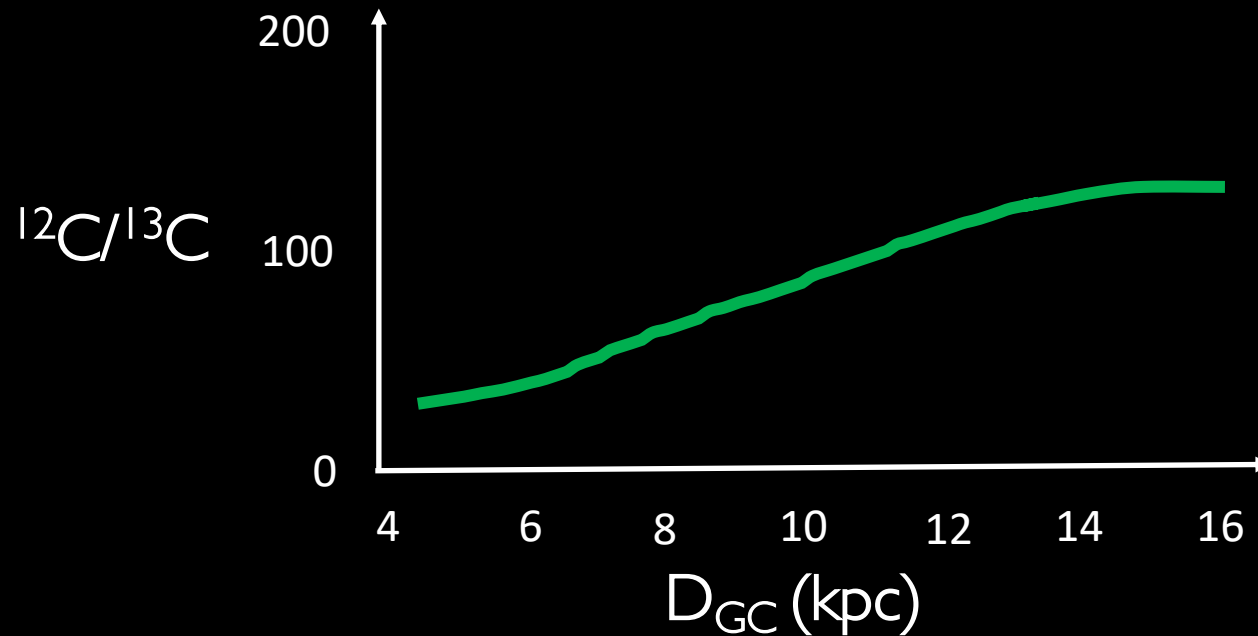
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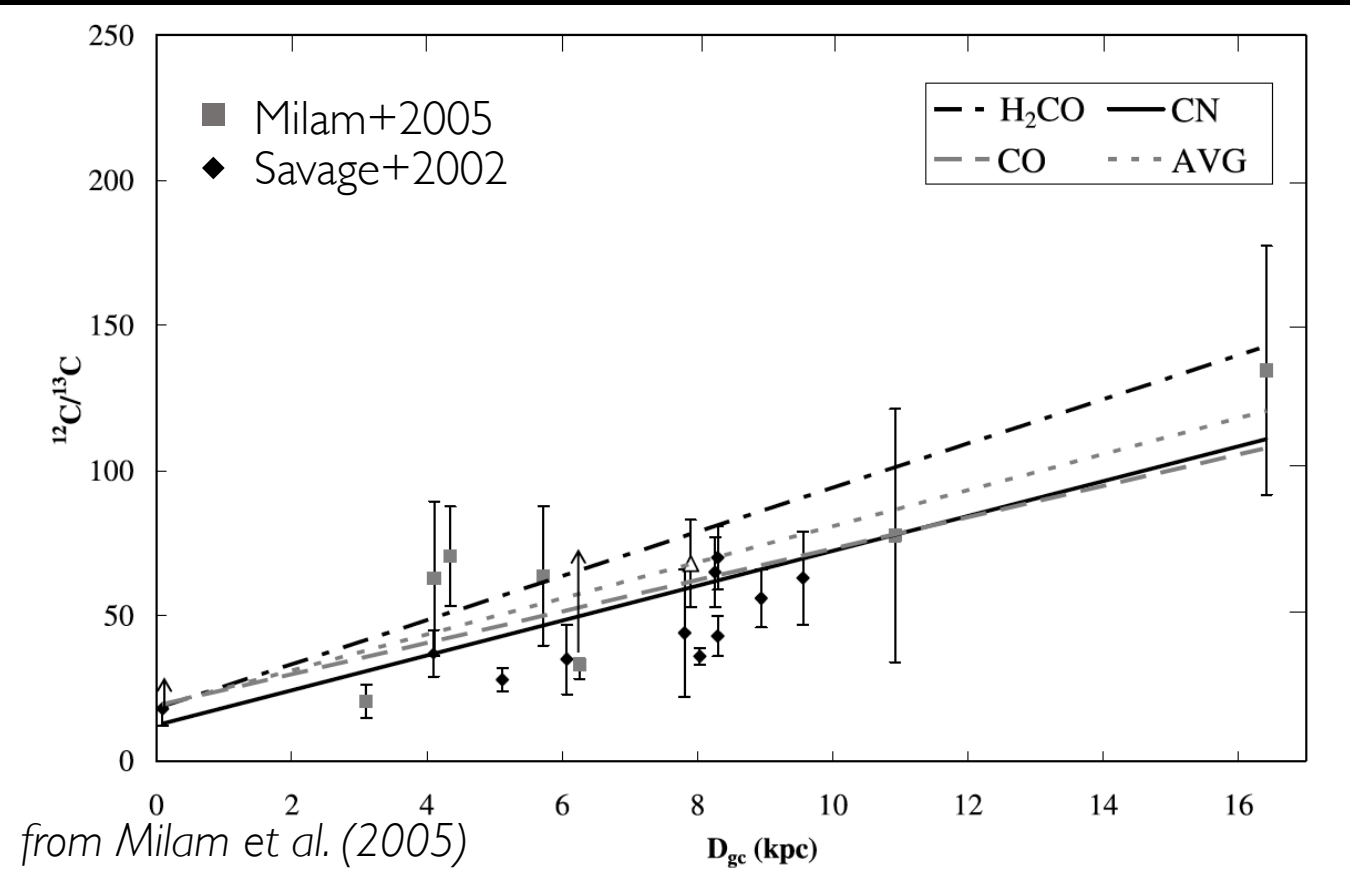
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Galactic chemical evolution models (e.g. Romano et al. 2017, 2019, Colzi et al. 2022b)

^{12}C → Primary production in all stars.

^{13}C → Primary production from massive fast rotators at low metallicities,
Secondary production at high metallicity in all stars
In both cases nova contribution on long timescales.

$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ as a function of D_{GC}



$$^{12}\text{CN}/^{13}\text{CN} = (6.0 \pm 1.2) D_{\text{GC}}(\text{kpc}) + (12.3 \pm 9.3)$$

$$^{12}\text{CO}/^{13}\text{CO} = (5.4 \pm 1.1) D_{\text{GC}}(\text{kpc}) + (19.0 \pm 7.9)$$

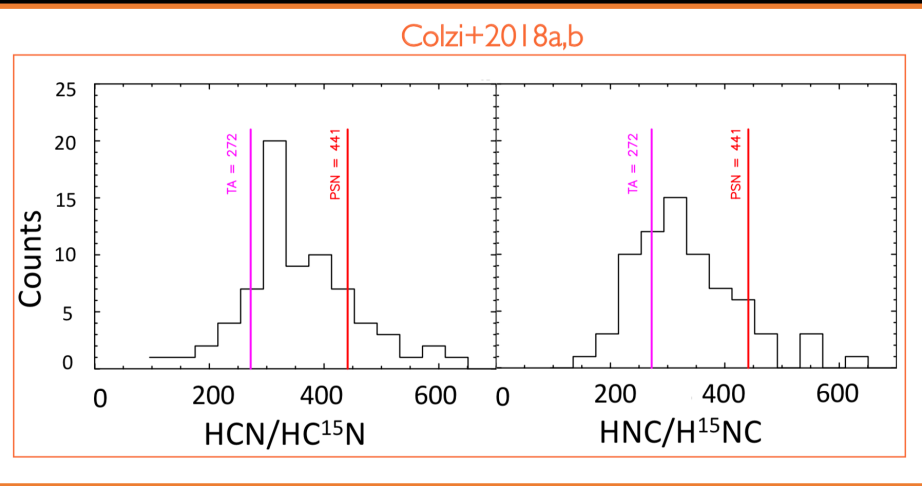
$$\text{H}_2^{12}\text{CO}/\text{H}_2^{13}\text{CO} = (7.6 \pm 1.8) D_{\text{GC}}(\text{kpc}) + (18.0 \pm 10.8)$$

$$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C} = (6.2 \pm 1.0) D_{\text{GC}}(\text{kpc}) + (18.7 \pm 7.4)$$

Sun distance 7.9 kpc
 (Hunt et al. 2016 and Boehle et al. 2016)
 → local $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C} = 68 \pm 15$

CN: Milam et al. (2005), Savage et al. (2002), **CO**: Langer & Penzias (1990, 1993), Keene et al. (1998), and Wouterloot & Brand (1996), **H₂CO**: Henkel et al. (1980, 1982, 1983, 1985), Gardner & Whiteoak (1979), and Gusten et al. (1985). See also Yan et al. (2019).

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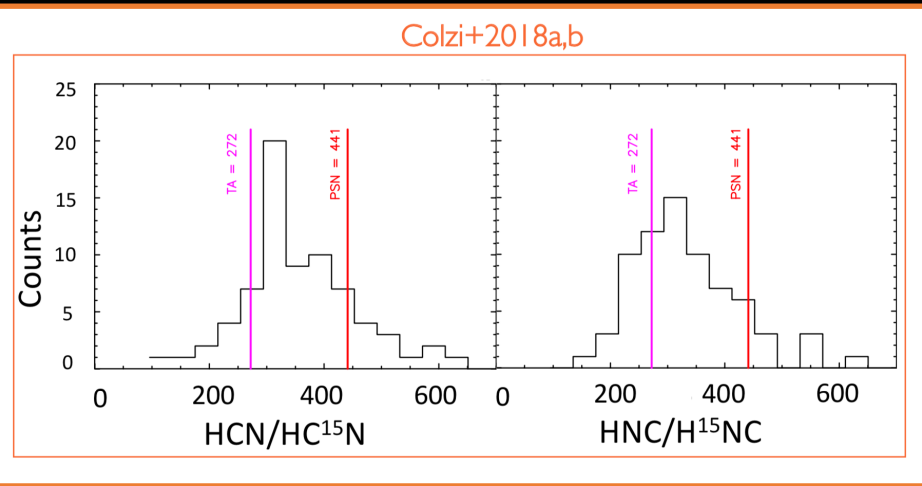
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→ LOCAL CHEMICAL FRACTIONATION EFFECTS CAN ALSO BE IMPORTANT

Some observed values

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B1b found

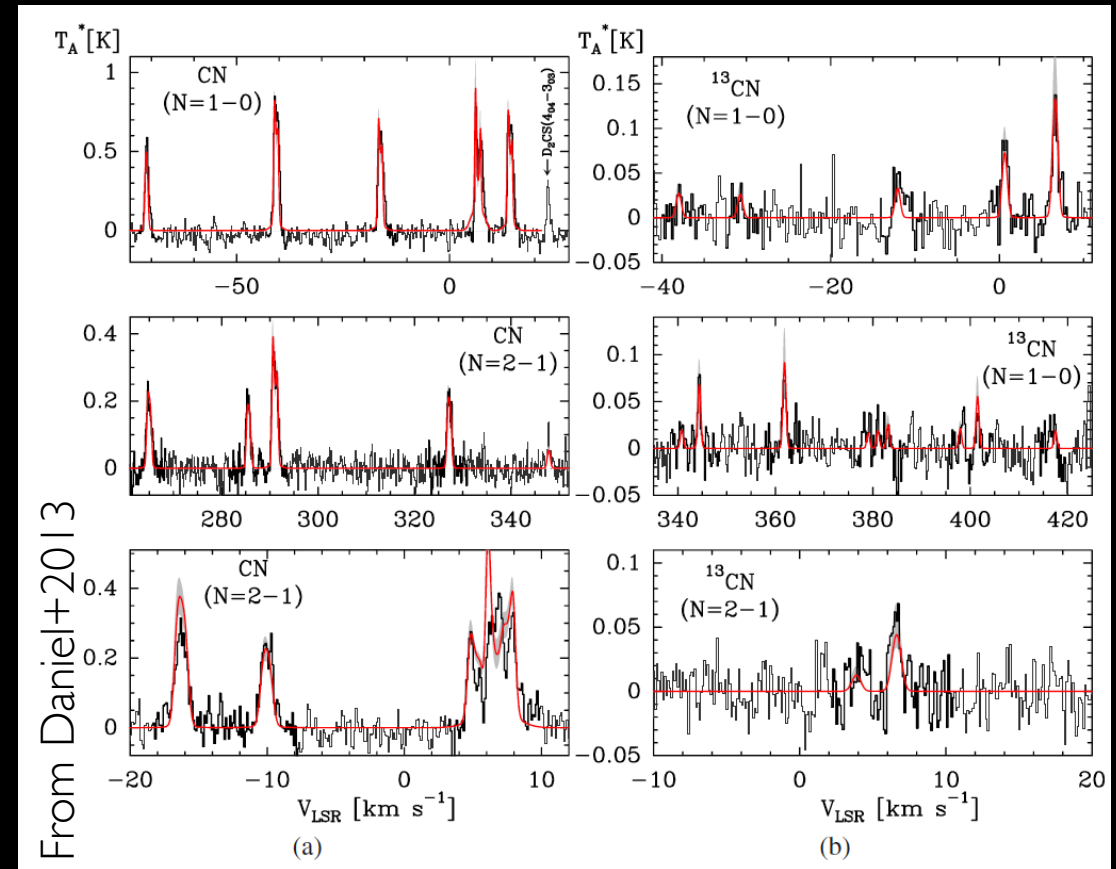
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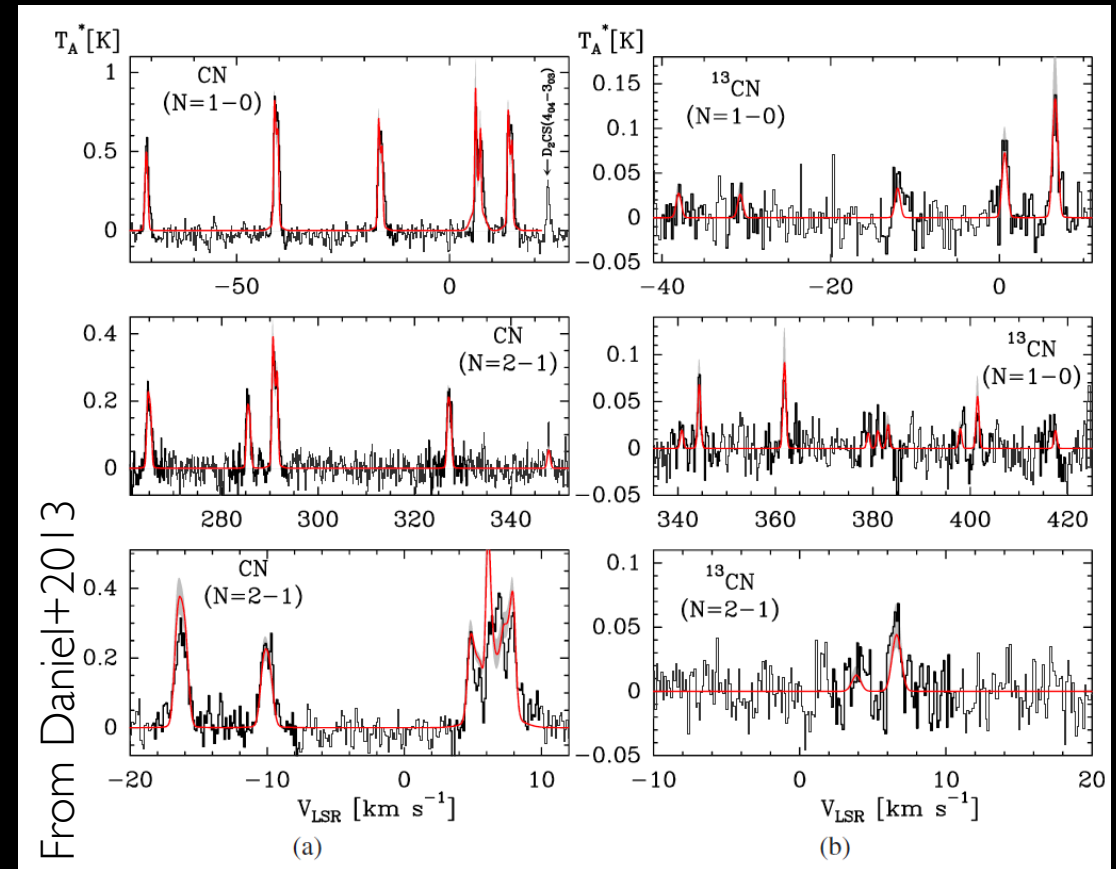
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➔ AN INDEPENDENT DETERMINATION OF C-FRACTIONATION IS NEEDED

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From Loison+2020

species	ratio	Cloud	references
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 Dependence on the molecule

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 Dependence on the position of the ^{13}C

Chemical fractionation effects

Low-temperature isotopic exchange reactions



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Note: typical temperatures for low- and high-mass starless cores could be between 5 and 20 K (Crapsi+2007; Fontani+2011)

Chemical fractionation effects

Low-temperature isotopic exchange reactions

Roueff et al. (2015) – gas-phase + simulated depletion of molecules varying initial abundances

Reaction	ΔE (K)
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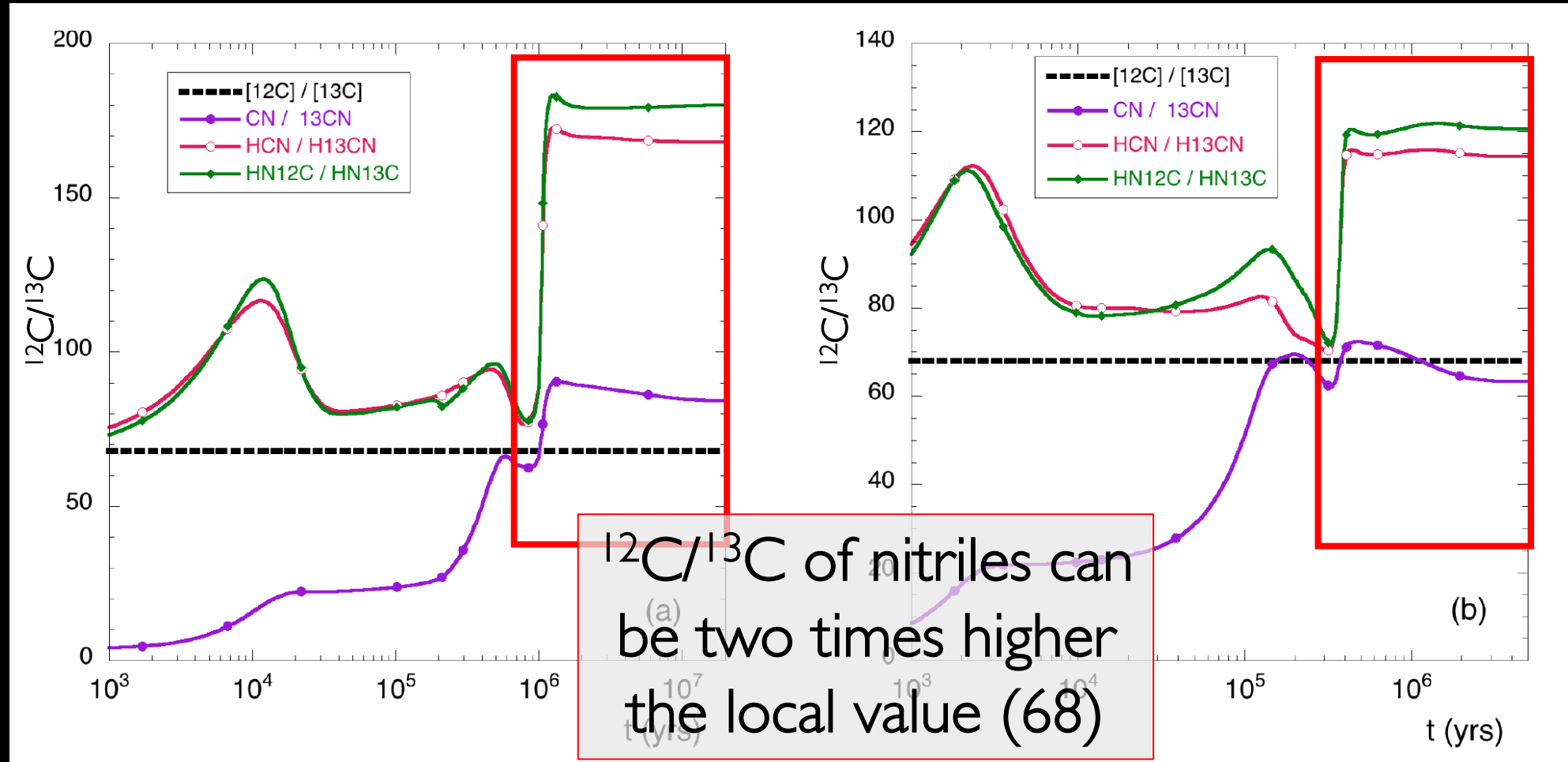
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$T=10\text{ K}$ Starless core model $n_{\text{H}}=2\times 10^4\text{ cm}^{-3}$

Pre-stellar core model $n_{\text{H}}=2\times 10^5\text{ cm}^{-3}$



Carbon isotopic fractionation in molecular clouds

Colzi et al. (2020)

gas-grain chemical model starting from KIDA network (Wakelam et al. 2015)

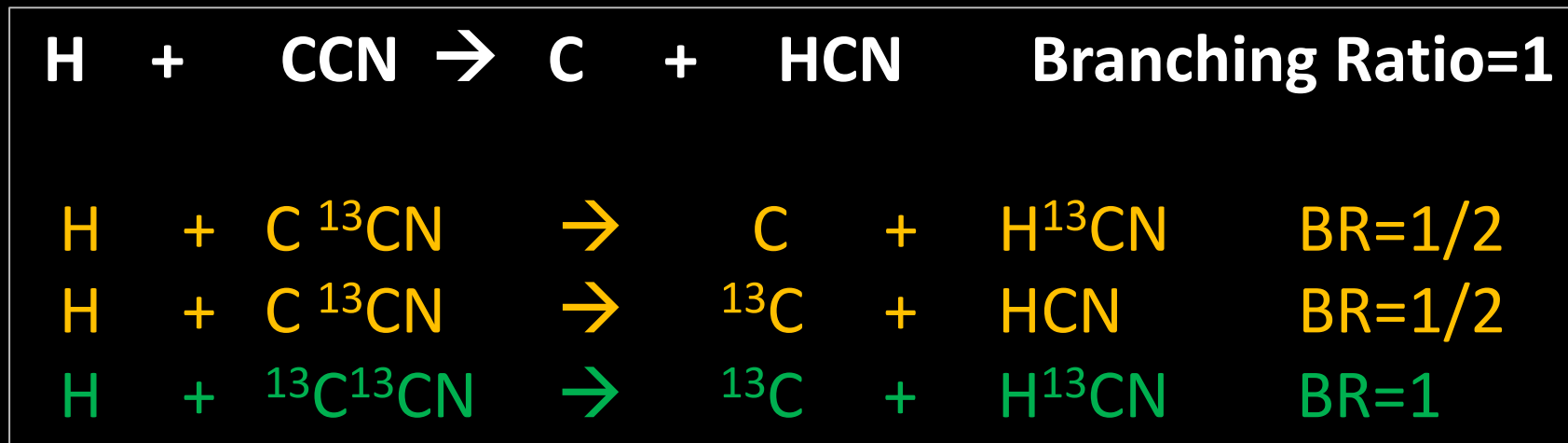
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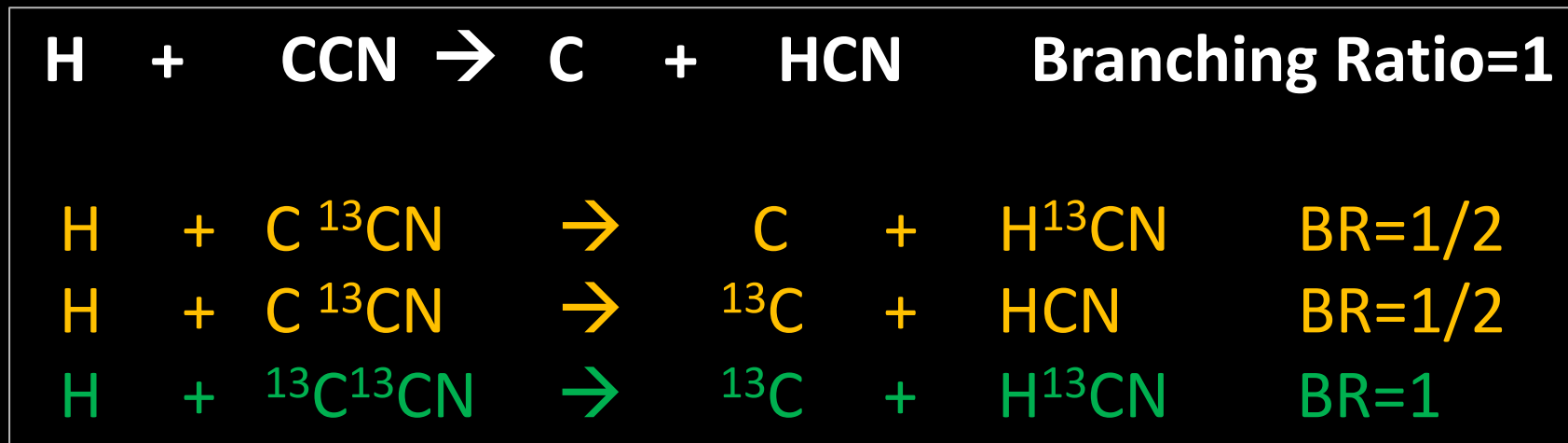


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→ Molecules with up to 5 atoms

→ Inclusion of ¹³C in molecules with up to three carbon atoms

H¹³C₃N YES

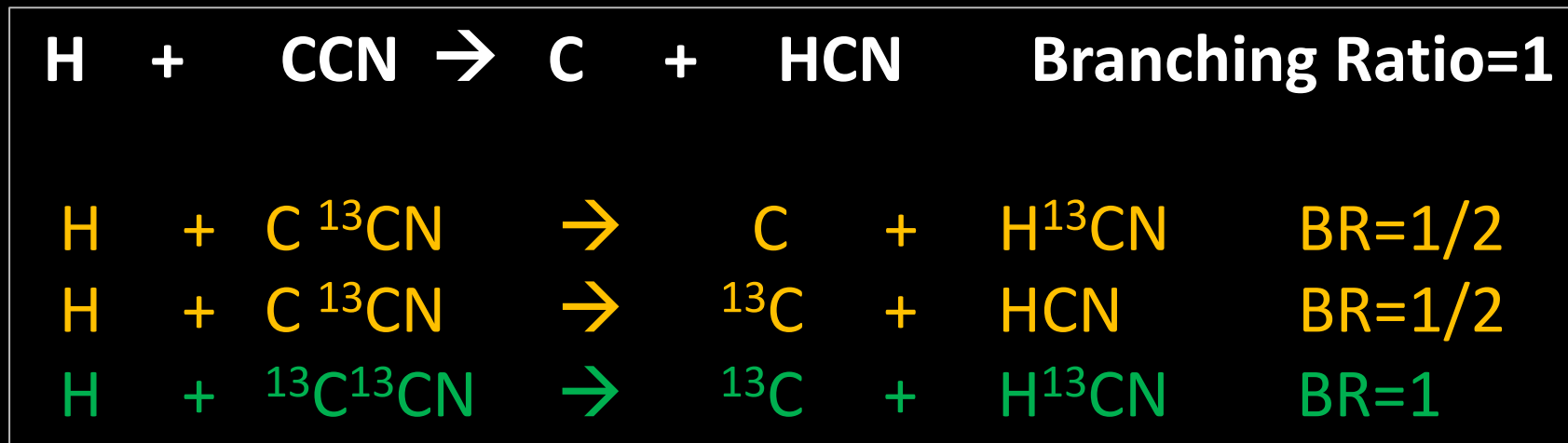
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→ We do not take into account the different possible position of the ¹³C
(Loison+2020; Sipilä, Colzi et al. in prep.)



TOTAL of 11500 chemical reactions

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NEW low-temperature isotopic exchange reactions

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OLD REACTIONS FROM
ROUEFF ET AL. (2015)

NEW REACTIONS
FROM THIS WORK

Carbon isotopic fractionation in molecular clouds

The Fiducial Model

PHYSICAL PARAMETERS:

$\zeta = 1.3 \times 10^{-17} \text{ s}^{-1}$ cosmic-ray ionization rate

$A_V = 10$ mag visual extinction

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$n_{\text{H}} = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

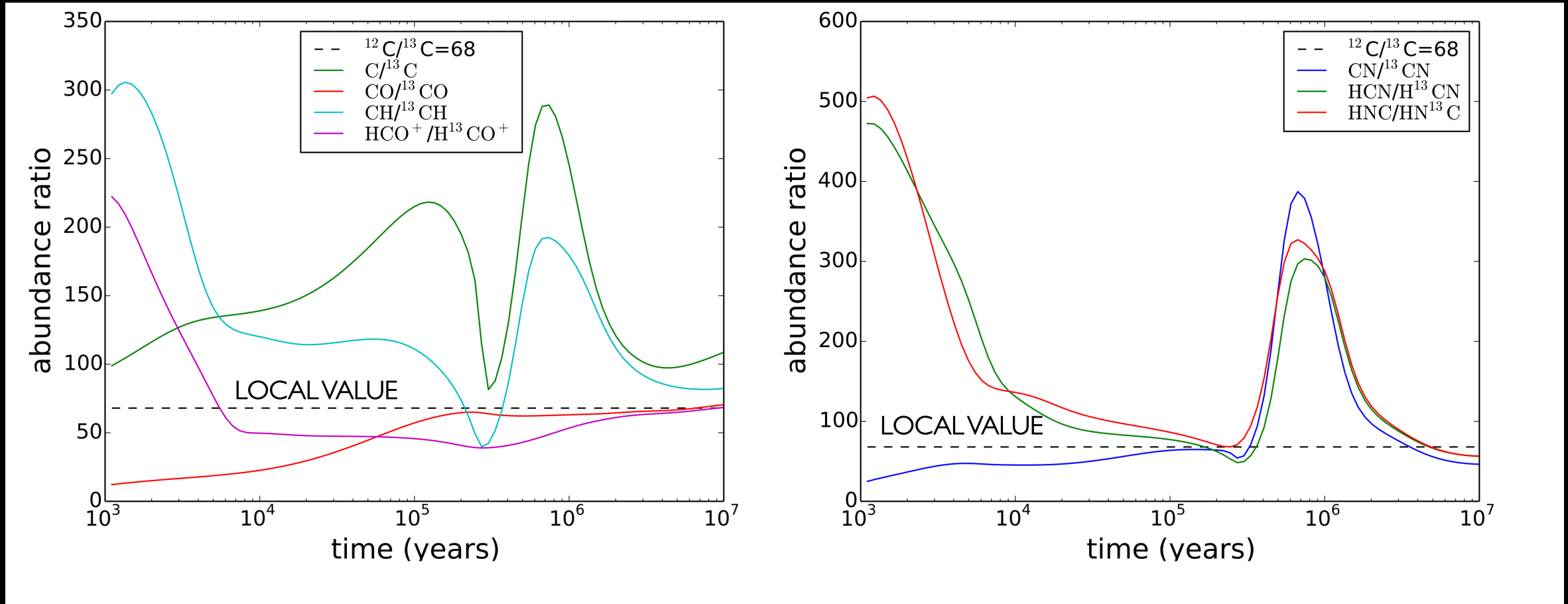
Initial $^{12}\text{C}^+ / ^{13}\text{C}^+ = 68$ (local ISM) and gas in atomic form except H_2

Species	Initial abundance
H_2	0.5
He	9.00×10^{-2}
C^+	1.20×10^{-4}
$^{13}\text{C}^+$	1.76×10^{-6}
N	7.60×10^{-5}
O	2.56×10^{-4}
S^+	8.00×10^{-8}
Si^+	8.00×10^{-9}
Na^+	2.00×10^{-9}
Mg^+	7.00×10^{-9}
Fe^+	3.00×10^{-9}
P^+	2.00×10^{-10}
Cl^+	1.00×10^{-9}
F	2.00×10^{-9}

Semenov et al. (2010)

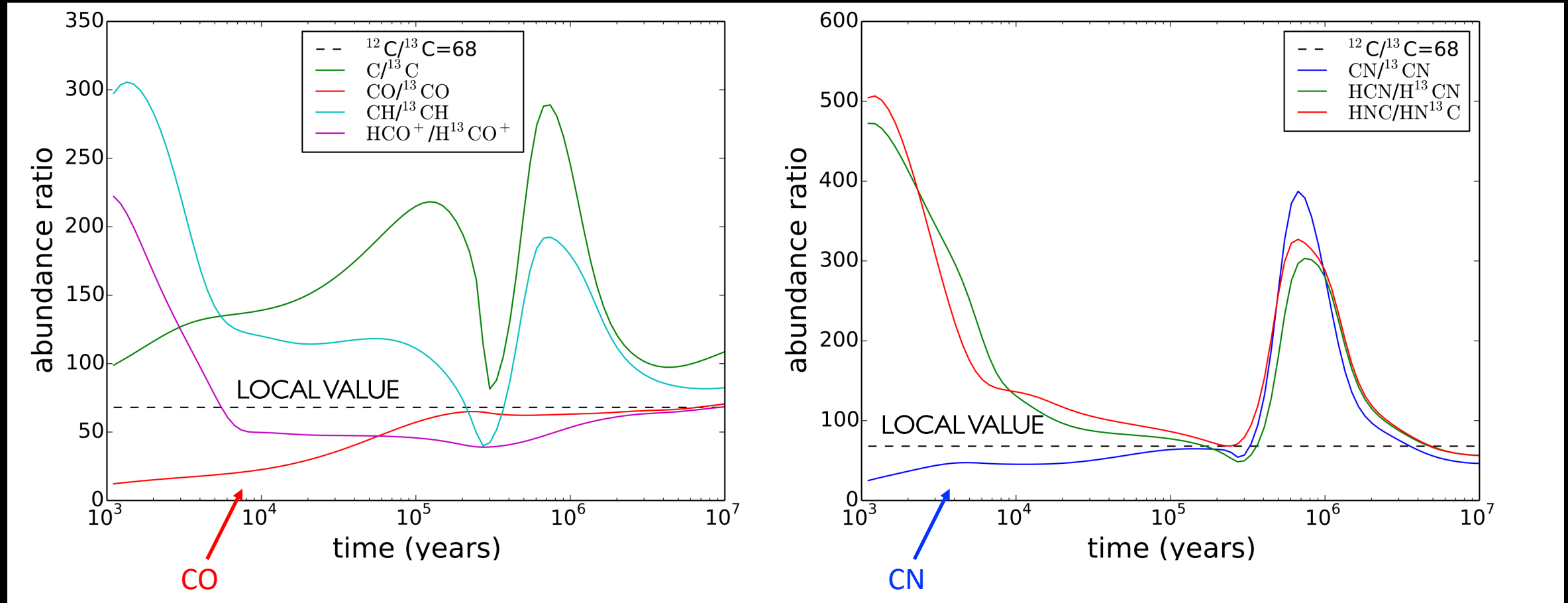
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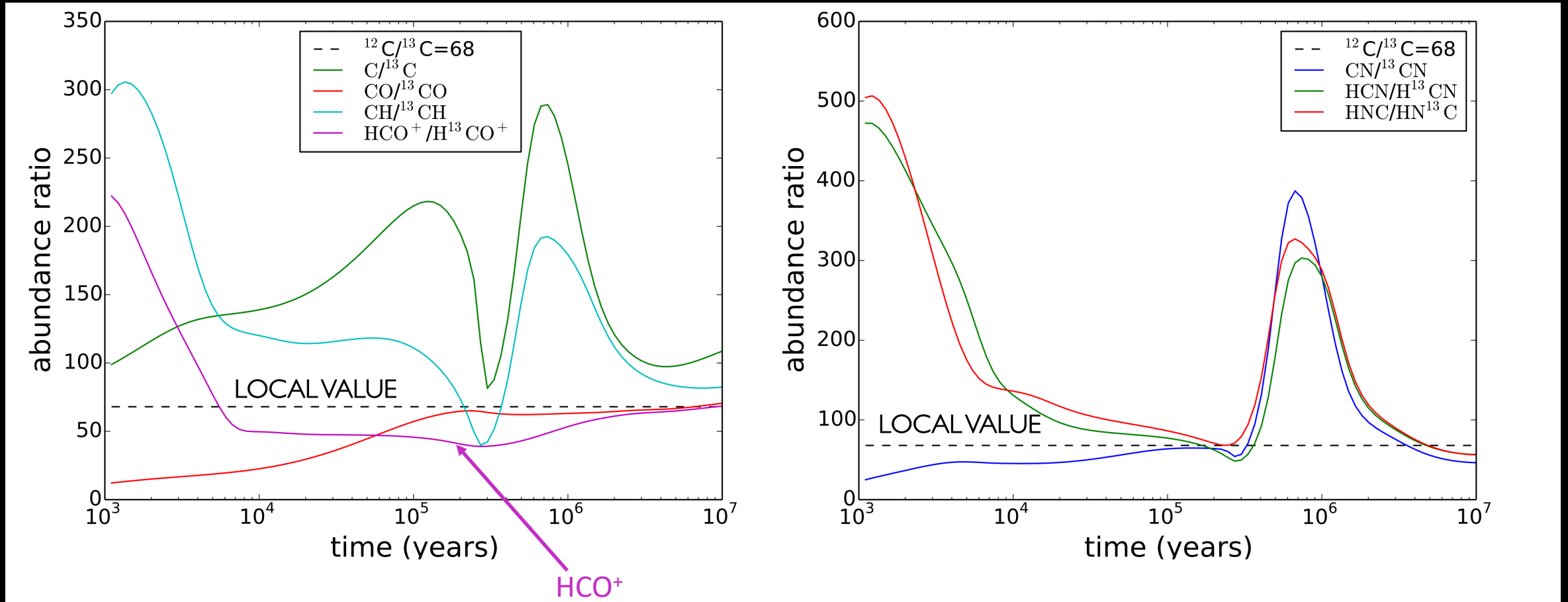
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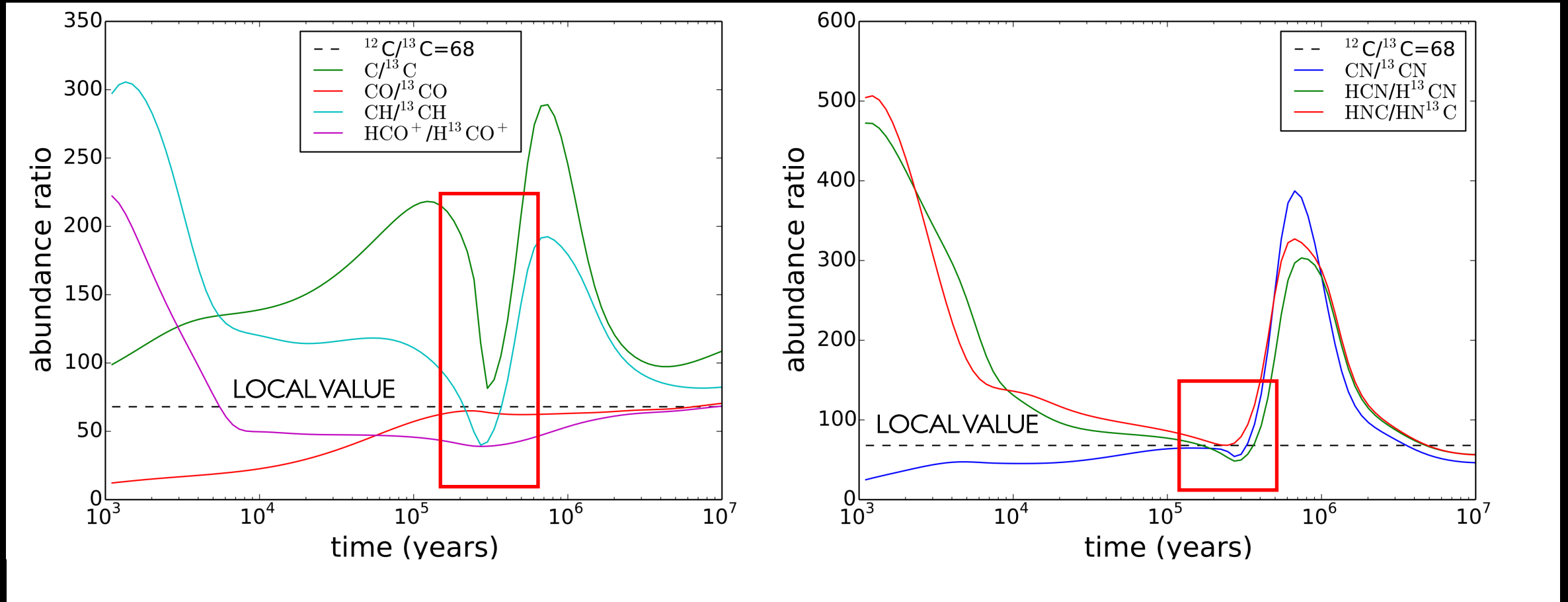
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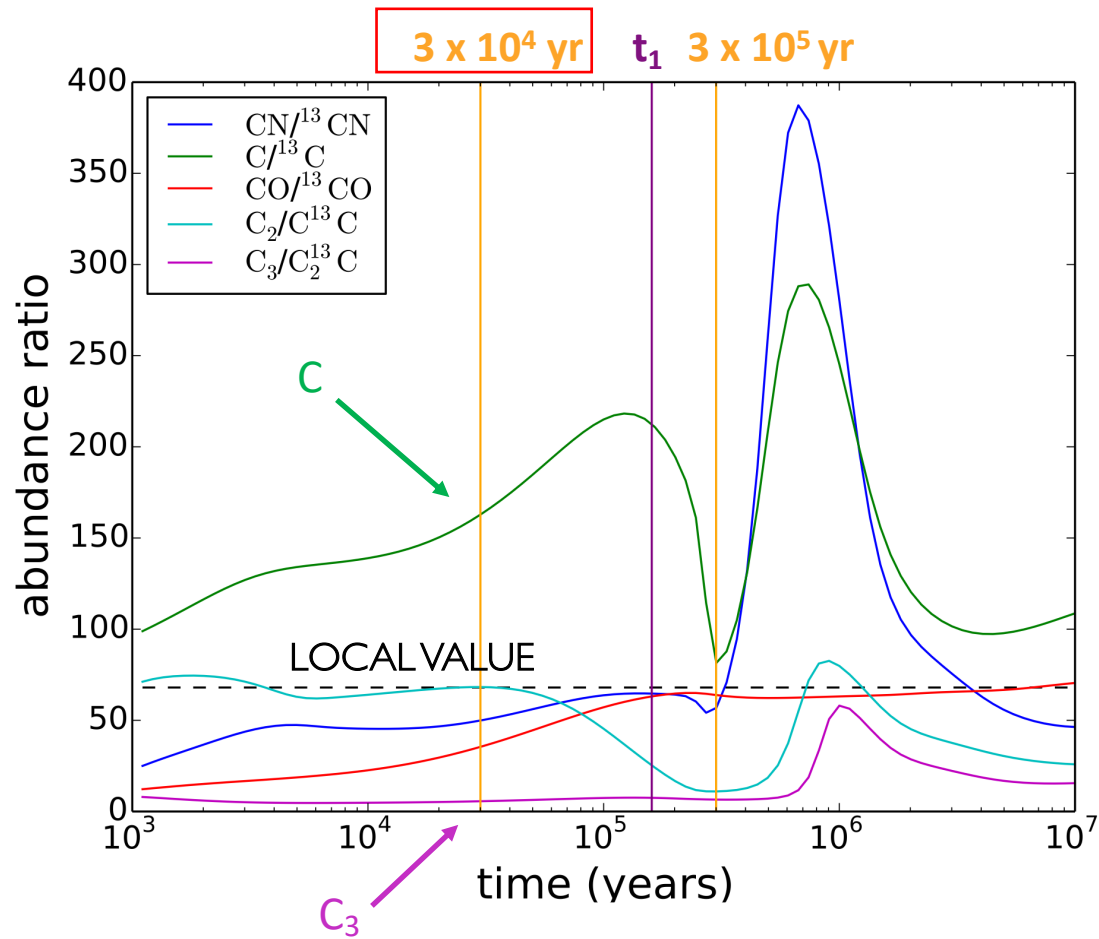
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Range of time in which $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratios decrease

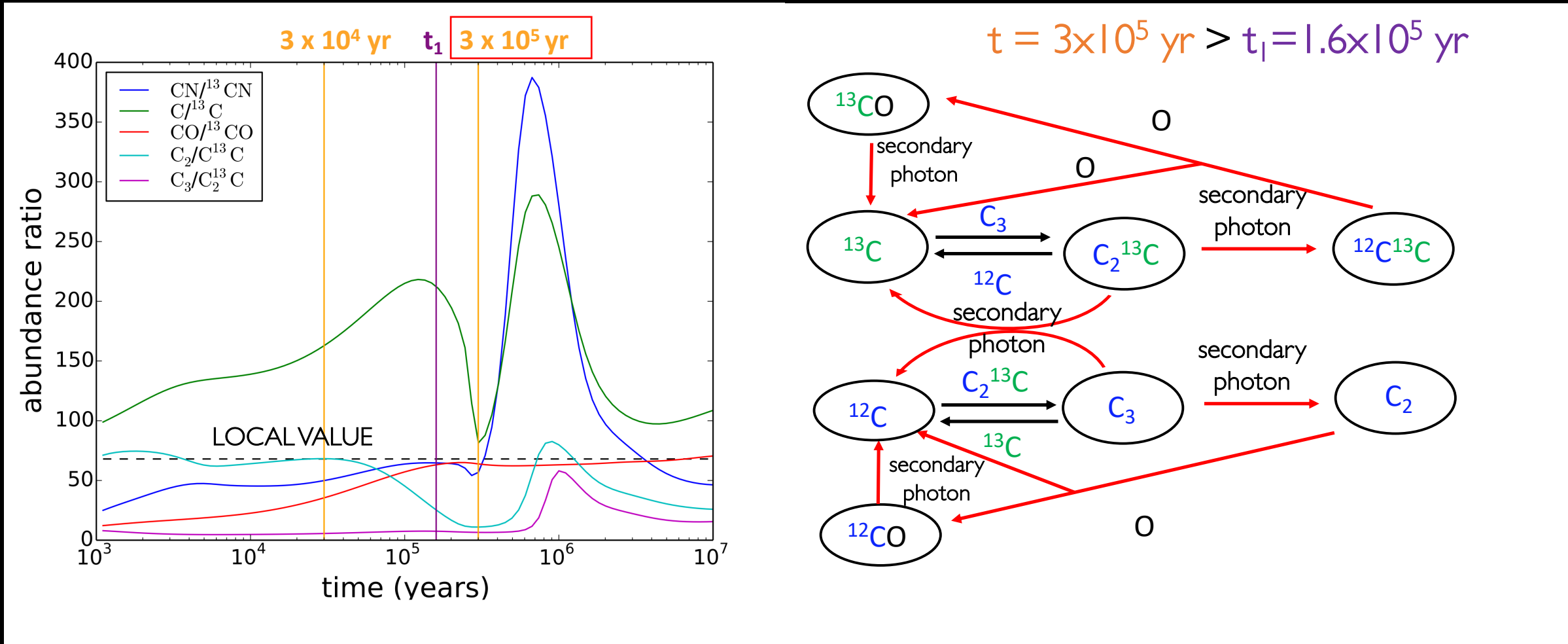
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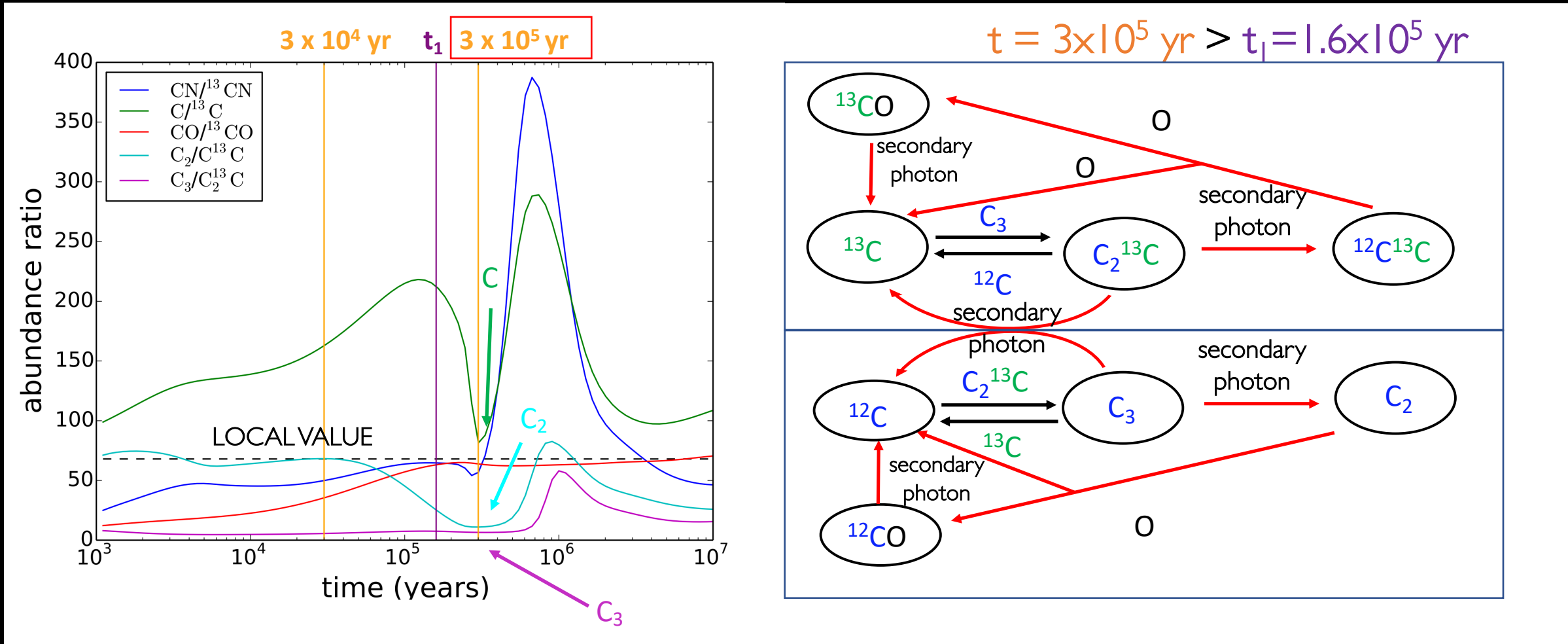
$$t = 3 \times 10^4 \text{ yr} < t_1 = 1.6 \times 10^5 \text{ yr}$$



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The effect of cosmic rays in our model

In gas-phase:

→ Wakelam+2015 (KIDA) and Heays+(2017)

DIRECT COSMIC-RAY IONIZATION REACTIONS

$$k_{\text{CR}} = \gamma_2 \zeta$$

ζ = cosmic-ray ionisation rate

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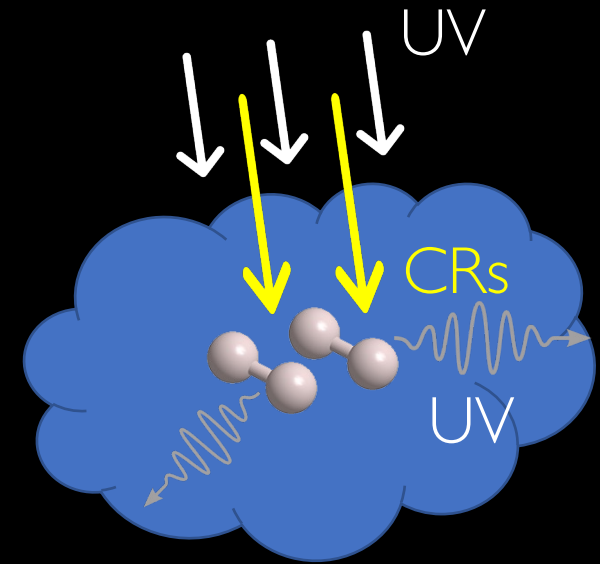
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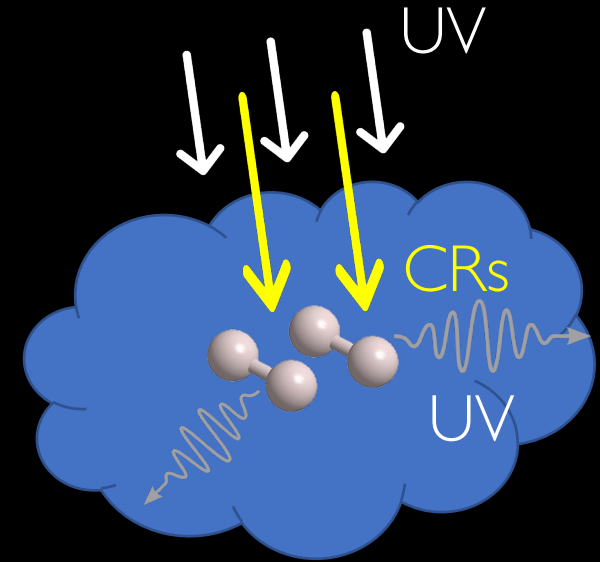
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Gas-grain interaction:

COSMIC-RAY DESORPTION

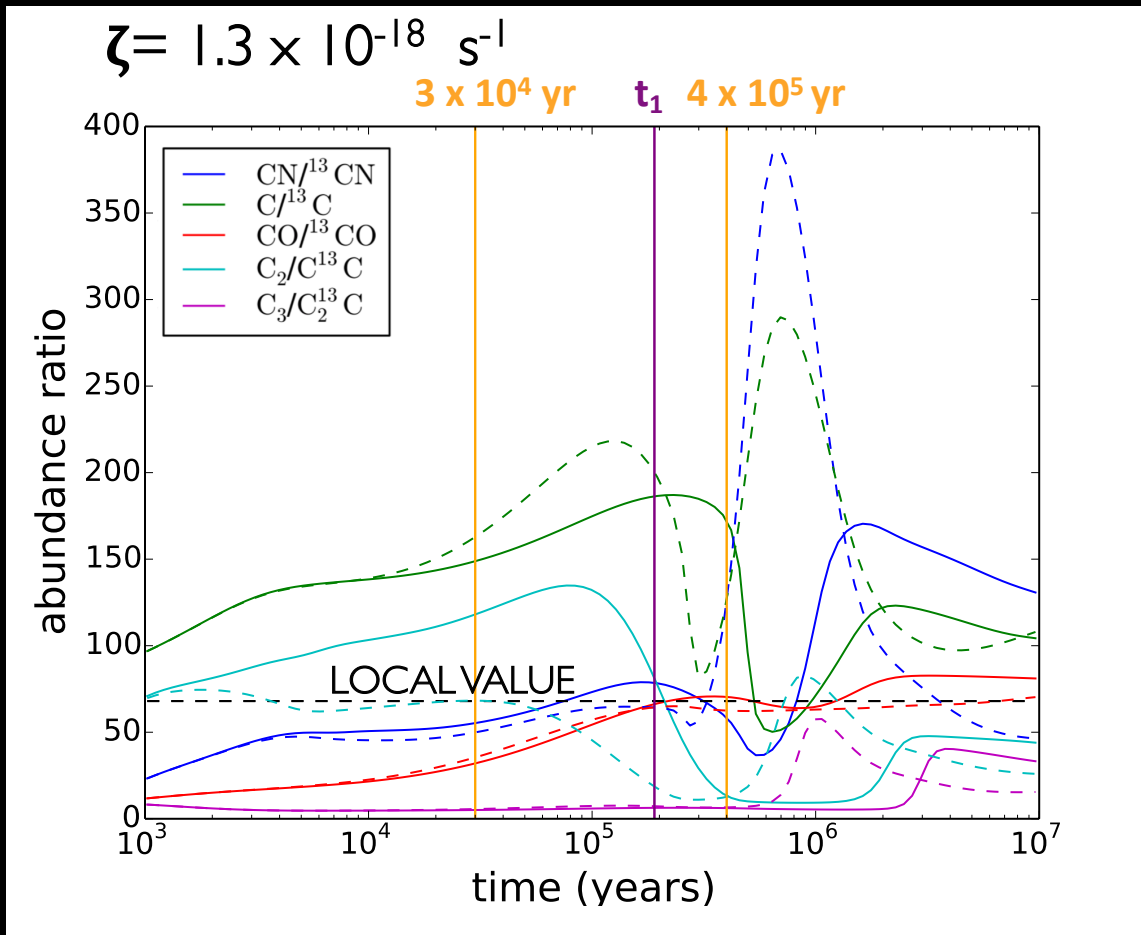
$$k_i^{\text{des,CR}} = 3.16 \times 10^{-19} \times \left(\zeta_i (\text{s}^{-1}) / 1.3 \times 10^{-17} (\text{s}^{-1}) \right) k_i^{\text{des,th}} (70\text{K})$$

Where THERMAL DESORPTION:

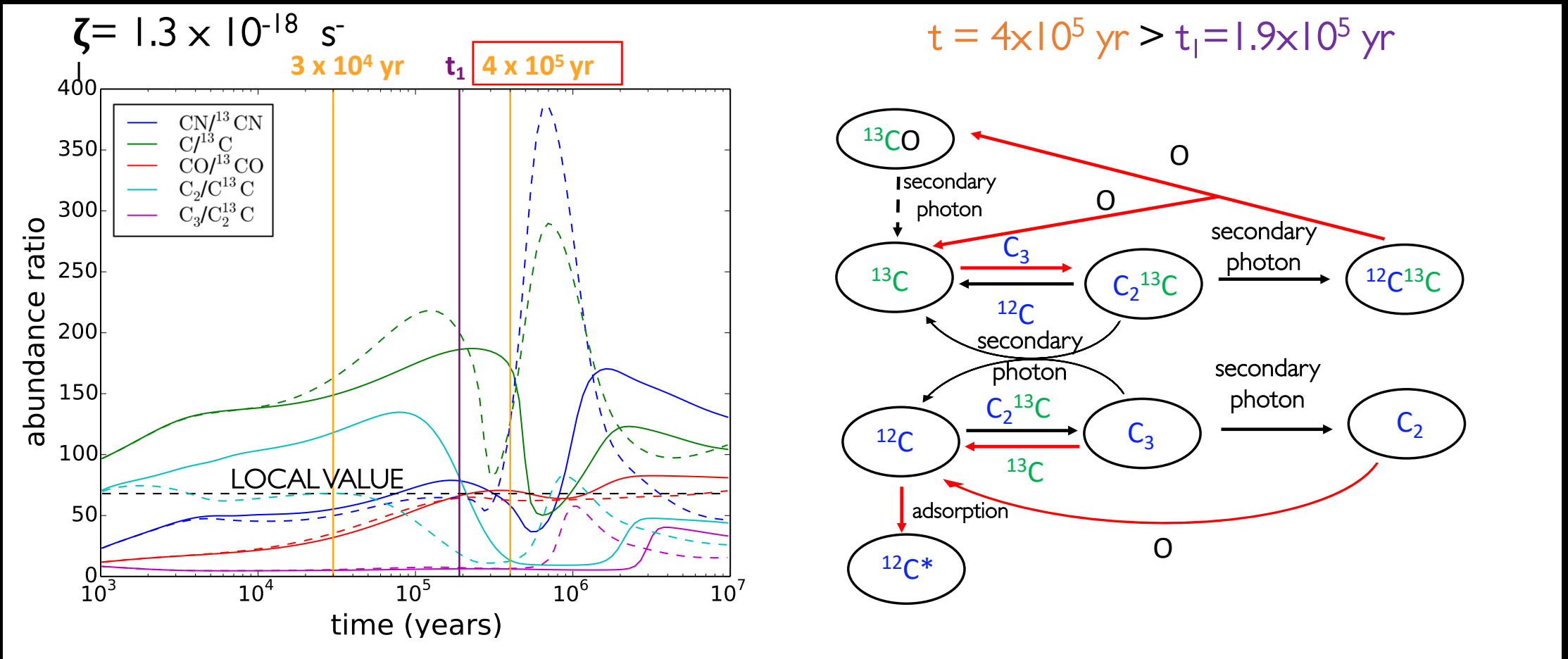
$$k_i^{\text{des,th}} = \nu_i \exp(-E_i^{\text{b}} / T_{\text{dust}})$$

→ Binding energies from Garrod and Herbst (2006)

The effect of cosmic rays in the fiducial model

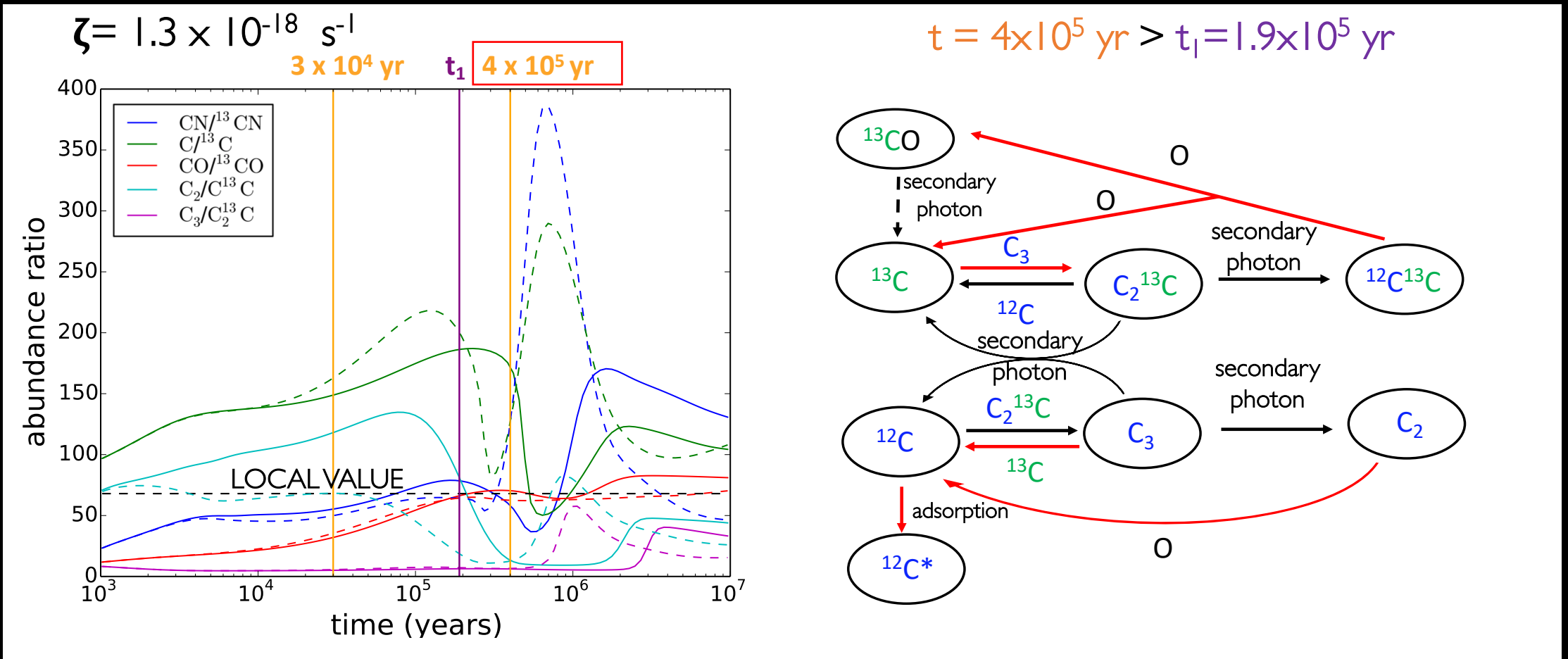


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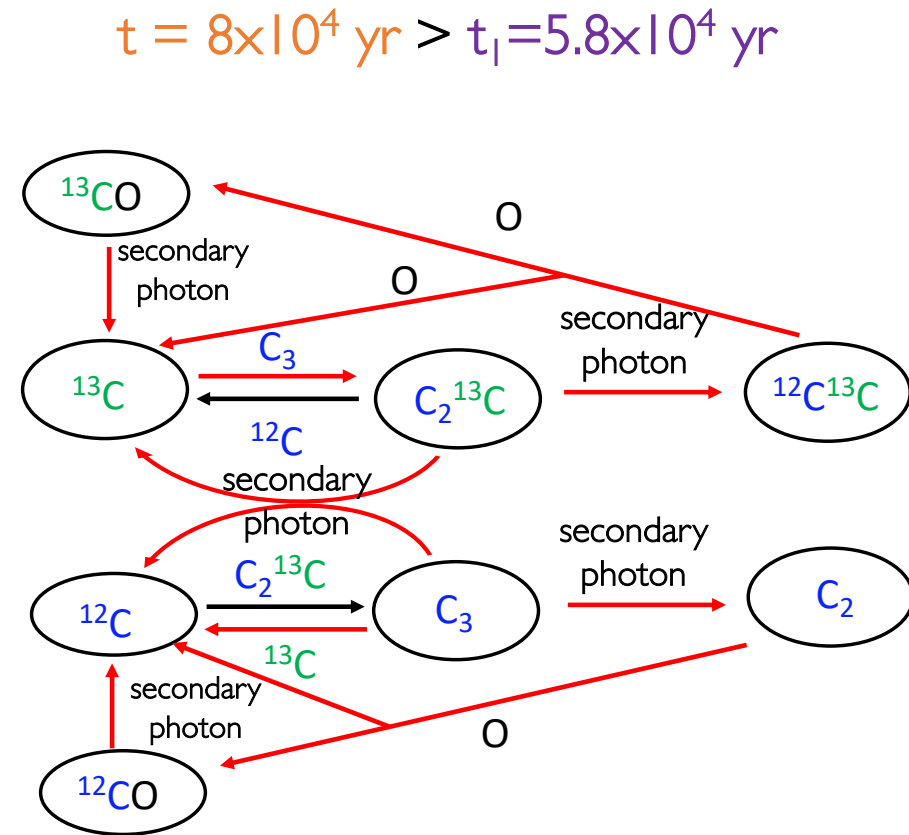
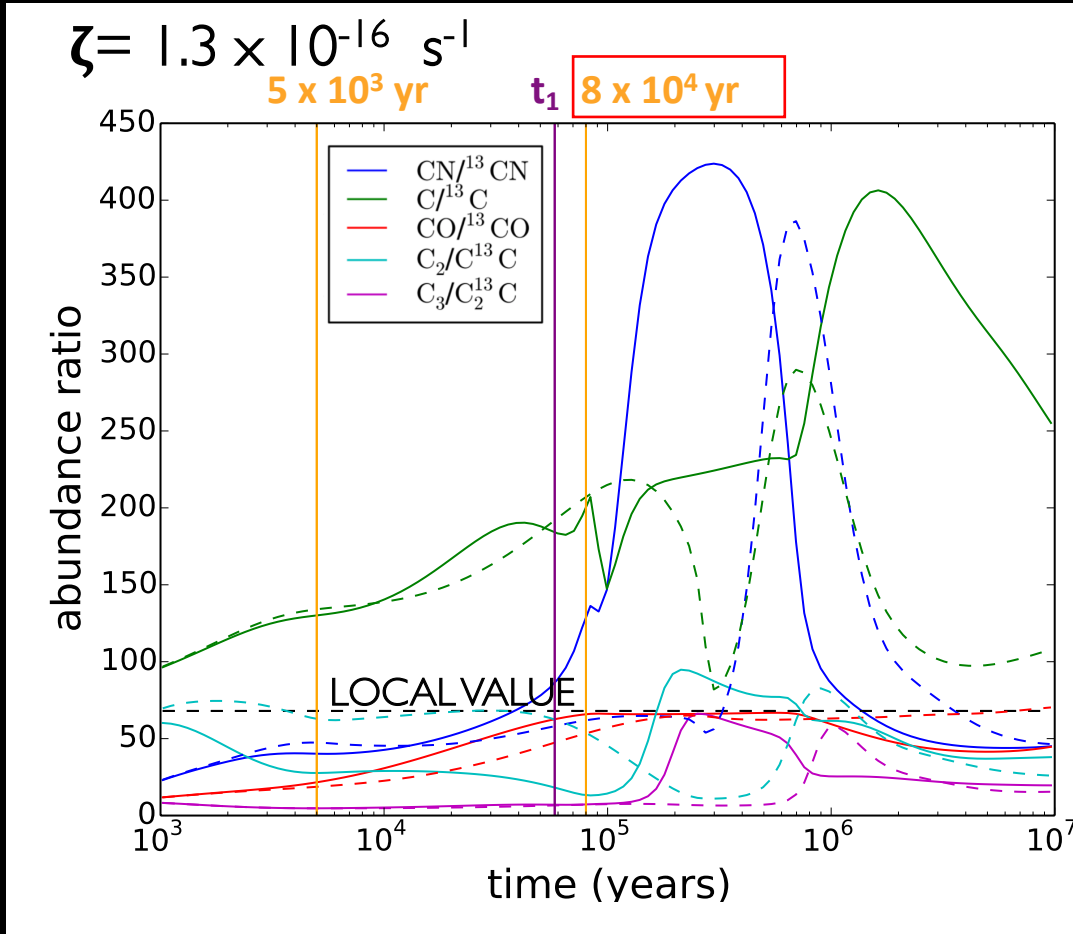
For long timescales: C_3 isotopic-exchange reaction still important: C_3 not efficiently destroyed, atomic ^{12}C abundance decrease and atomic $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ decreases

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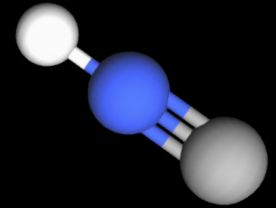
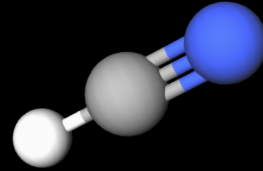
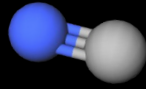
secondary-photon reactions not efficient \rightarrow decrease of overall $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratios

The effect of cosmic rays in the fiducial model



For long timescales: similar to the standard case BUT secondary-photon reactions more efficient \rightarrow high atomic C abundance \rightarrow C_3 isotopic-exchange reaction efficient \rightarrow atomic $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ high

The effect of cosmic rays: parameter space exploration



$$T_{\text{gas}} = T_{\text{dust}} = 10 - 20 - 30 - 40 - 50 \text{ K}$$

$$n_{\text{H}} = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\zeta = 1.3 \times 10^{-18} - 1.3 \times 10^{-17} - 1.3 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cosmic-ray ionization rate}$$

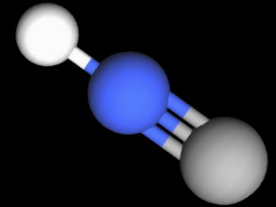
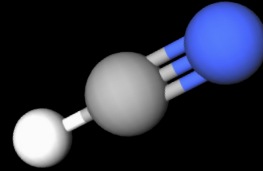
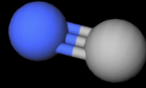
ANALYSED TIMES:

t_1 = early-time chemistry

$$2 \times t_1$$

$$10 \times t_1$$

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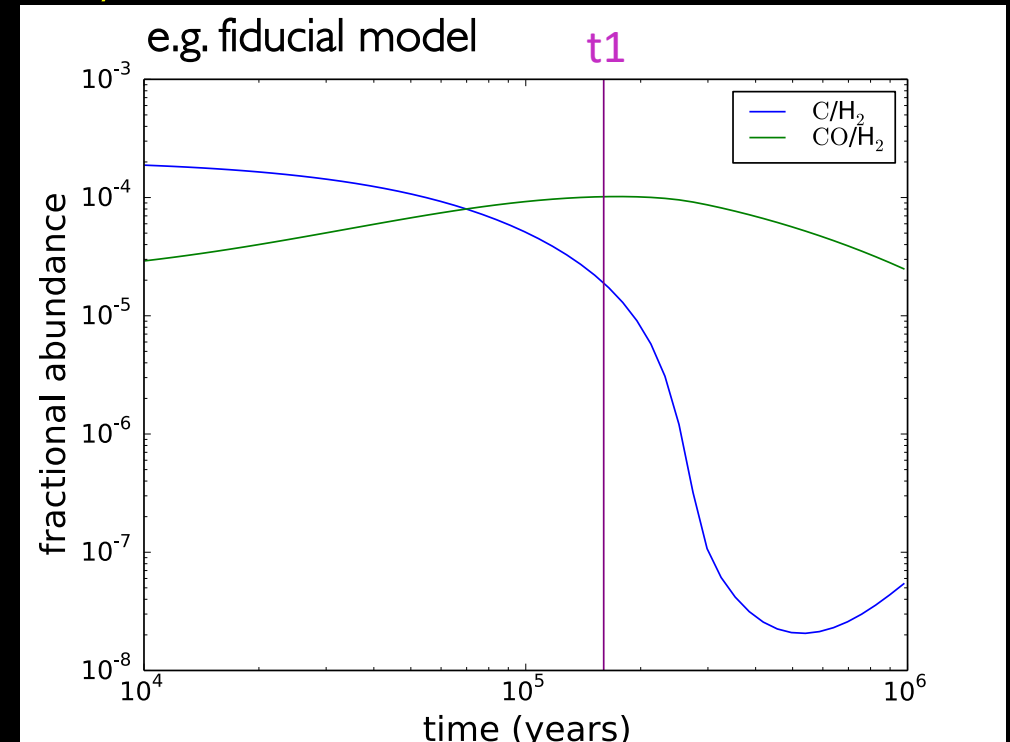
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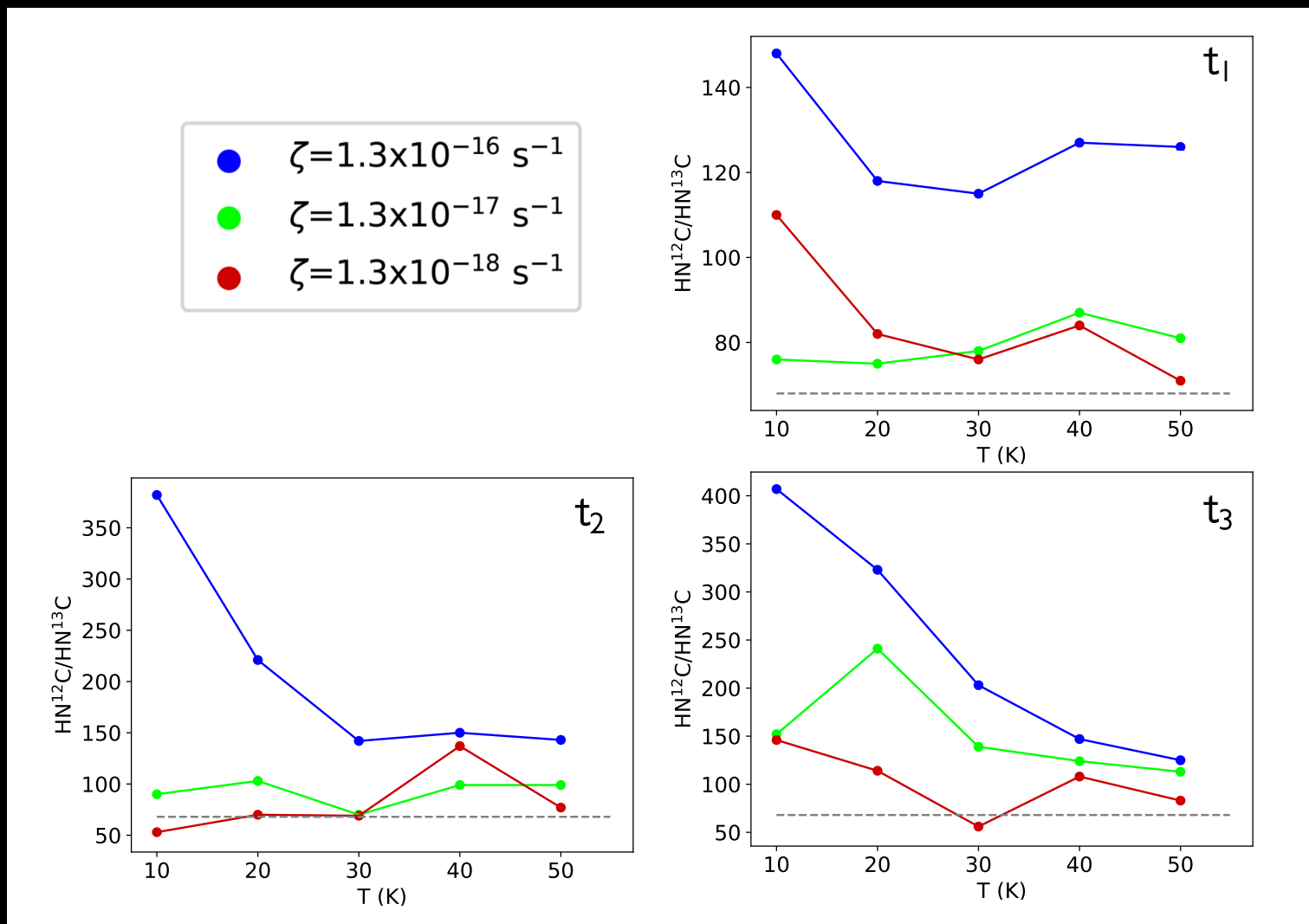
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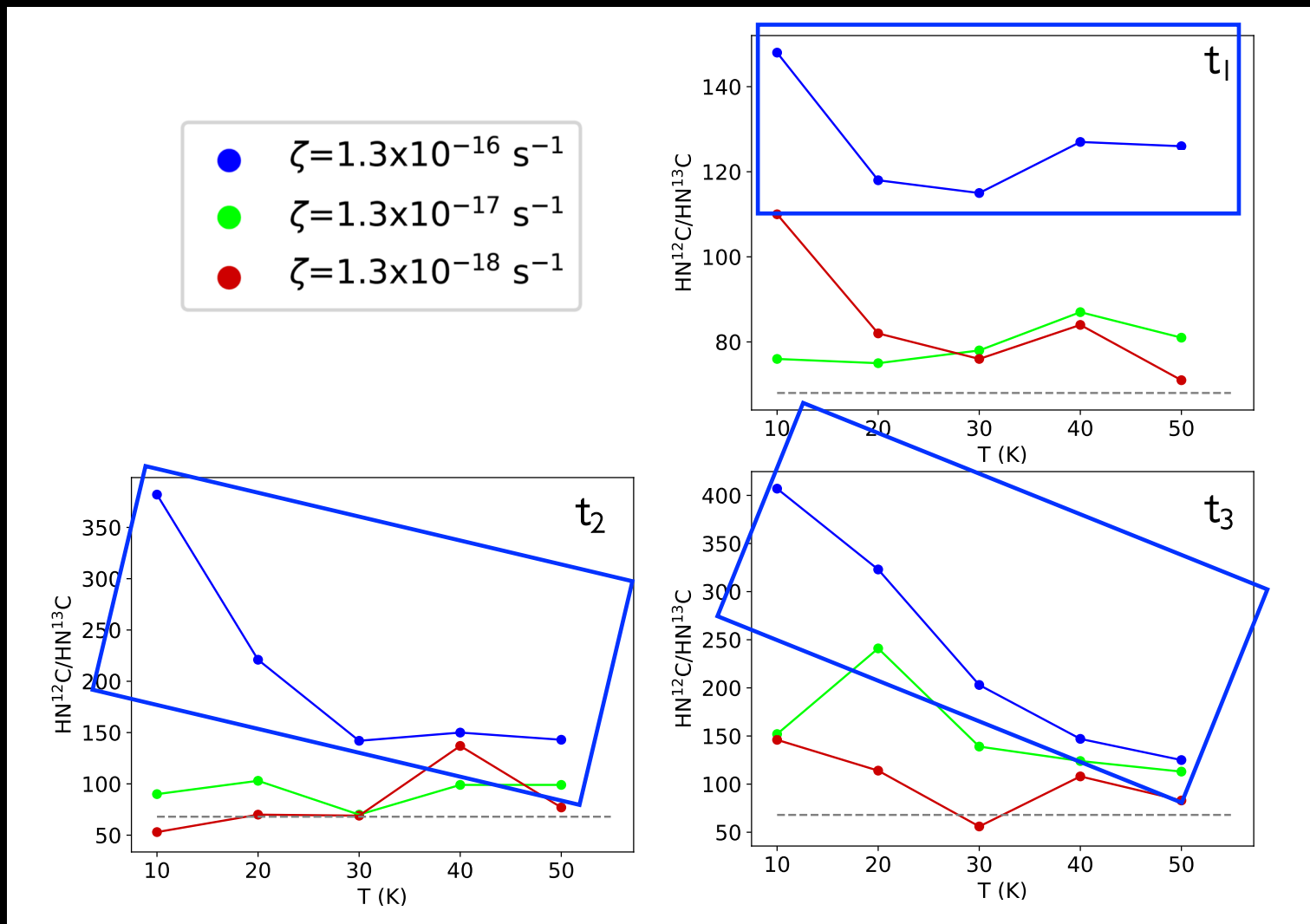
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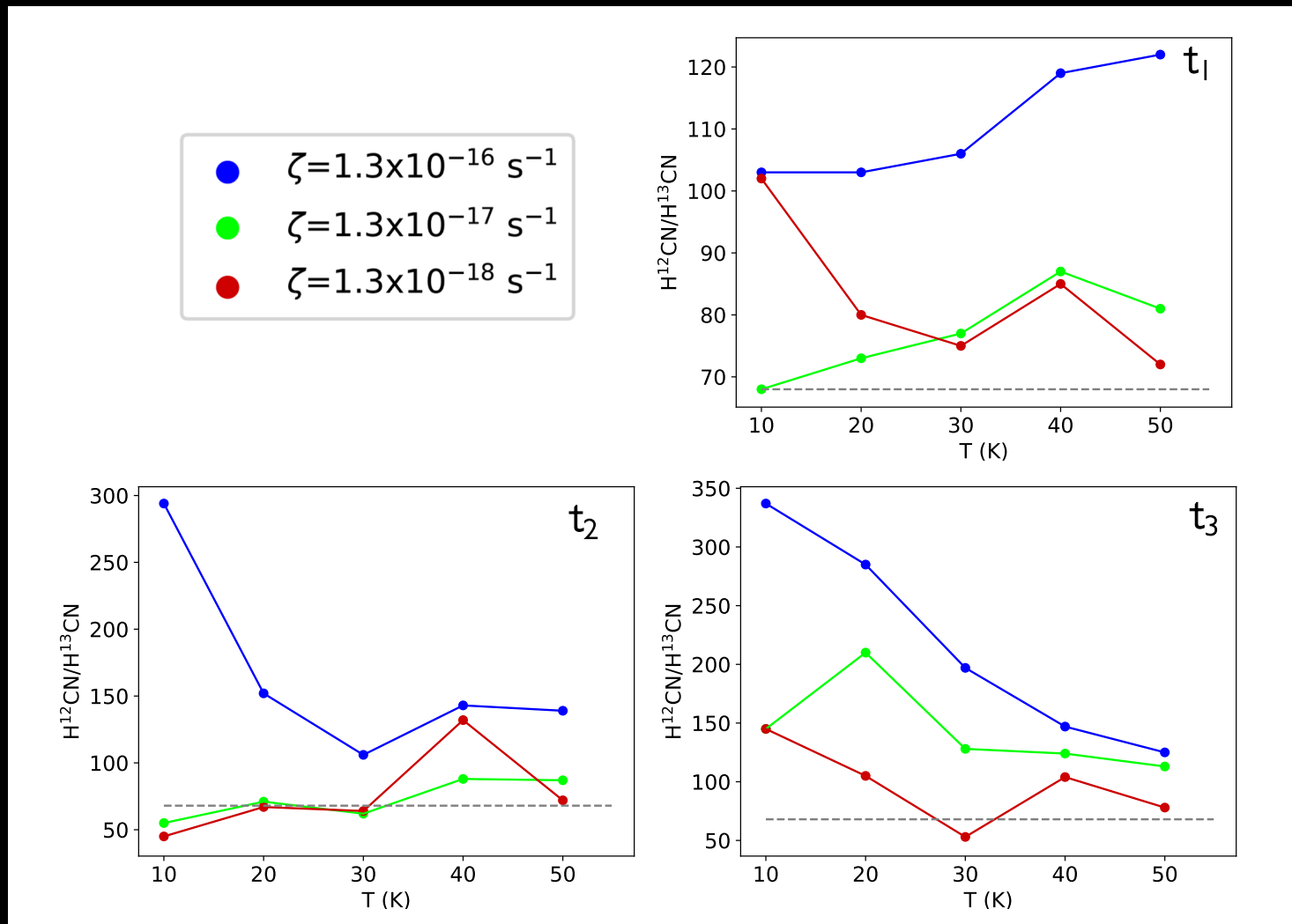
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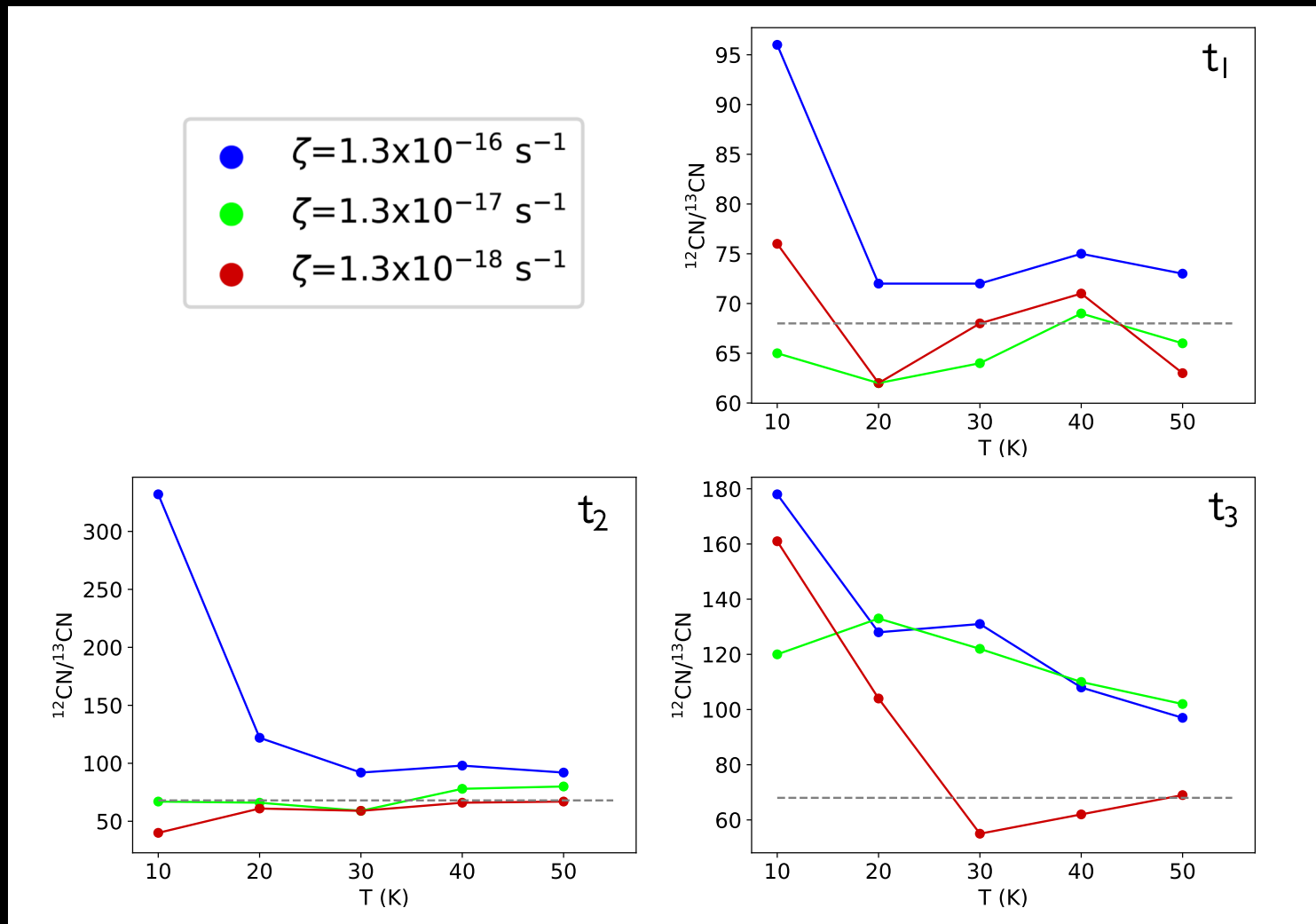
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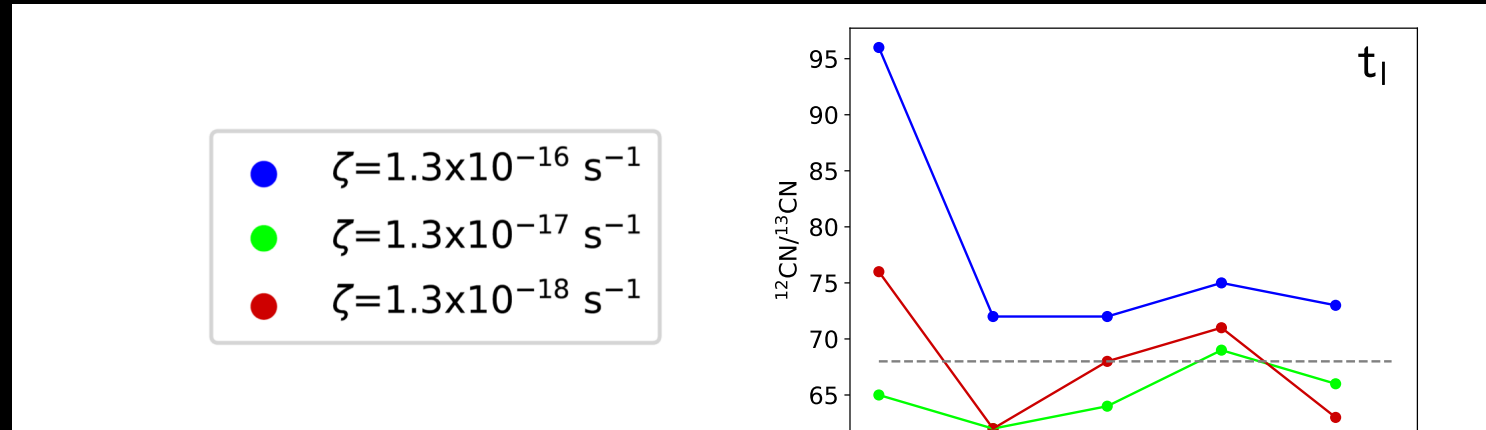
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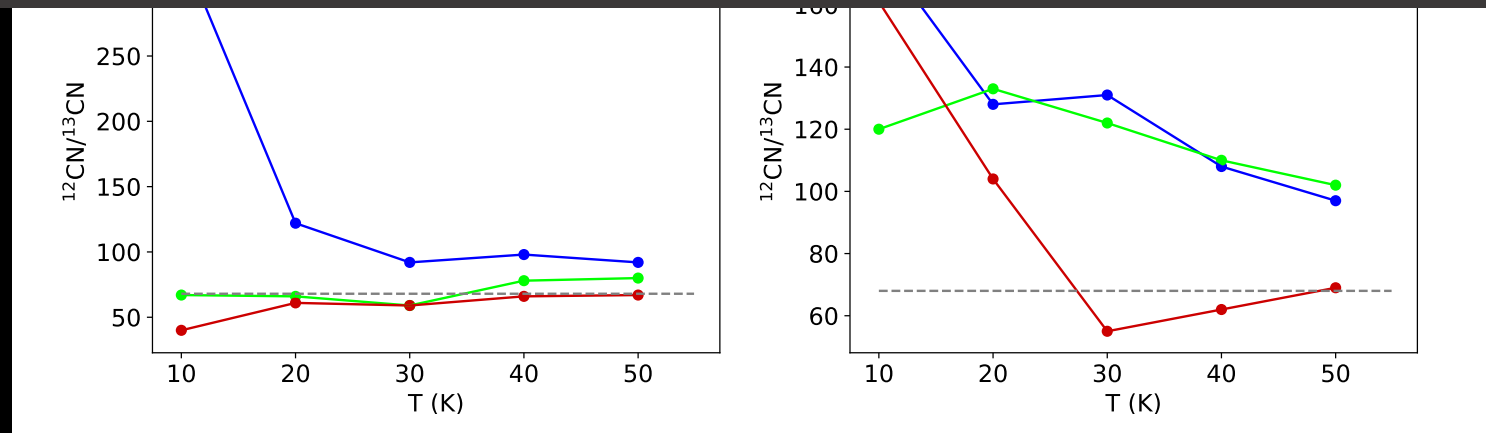


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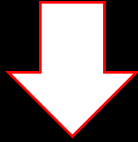


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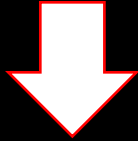


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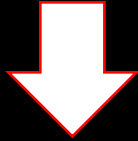
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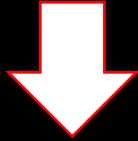
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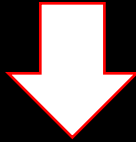
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