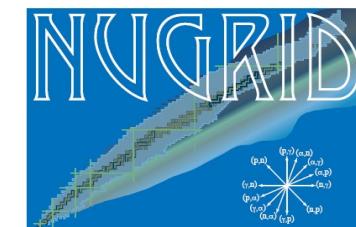


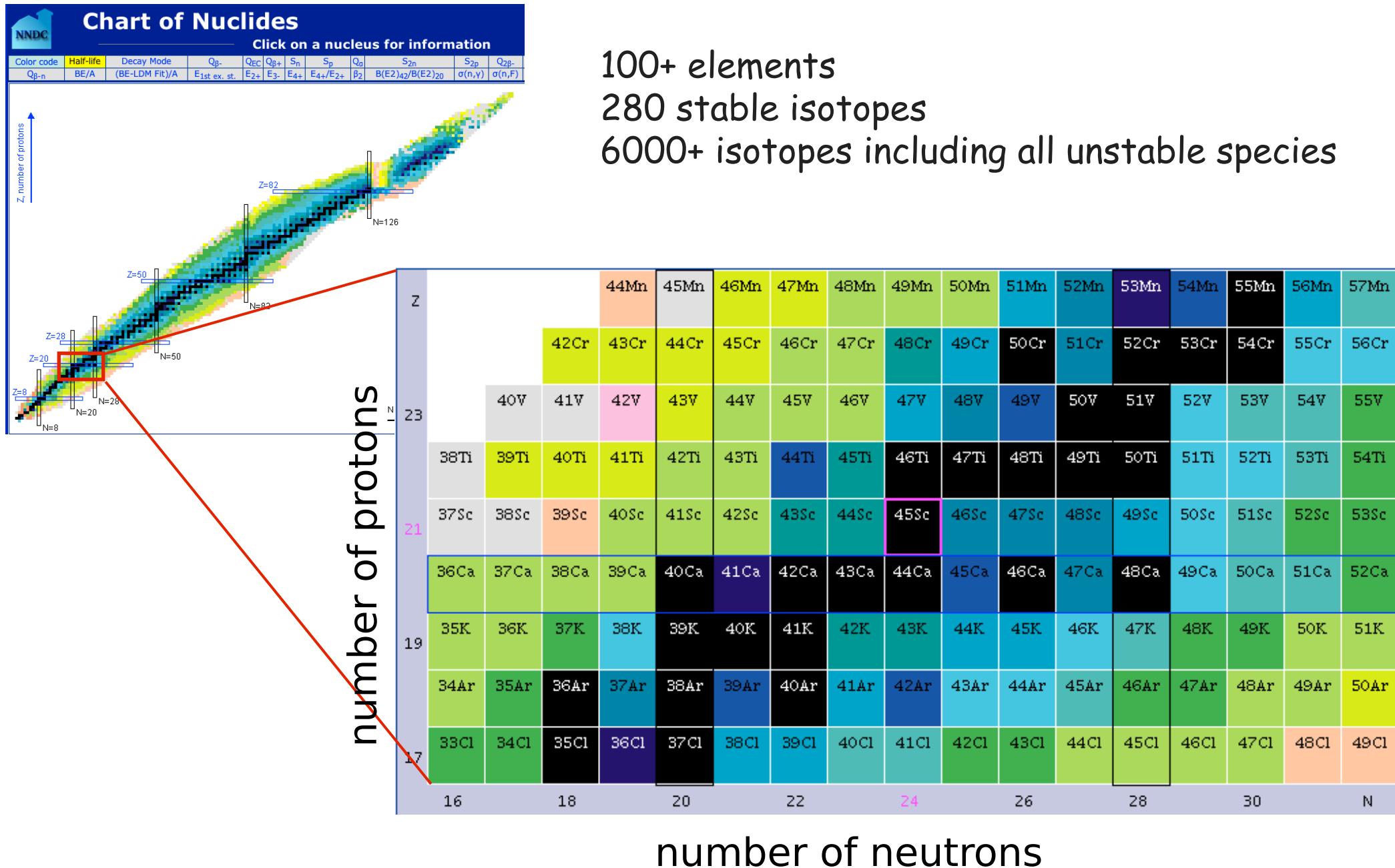
# Nuclear Astrophysics Stellar Evolution and Nucleosynthesis Lecture I & II

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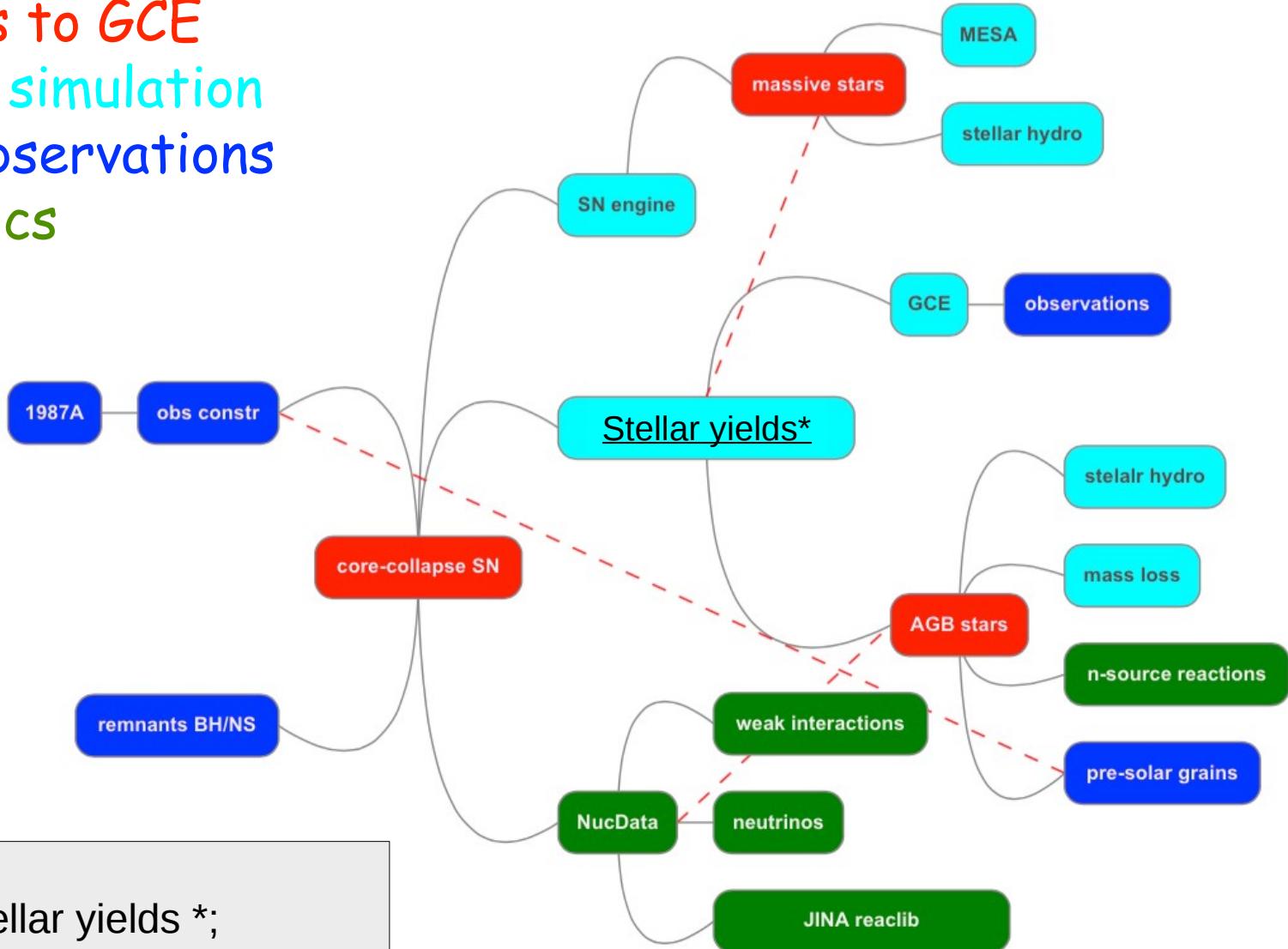
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# Nuclear astrophysics goal = study how elements are made in stars

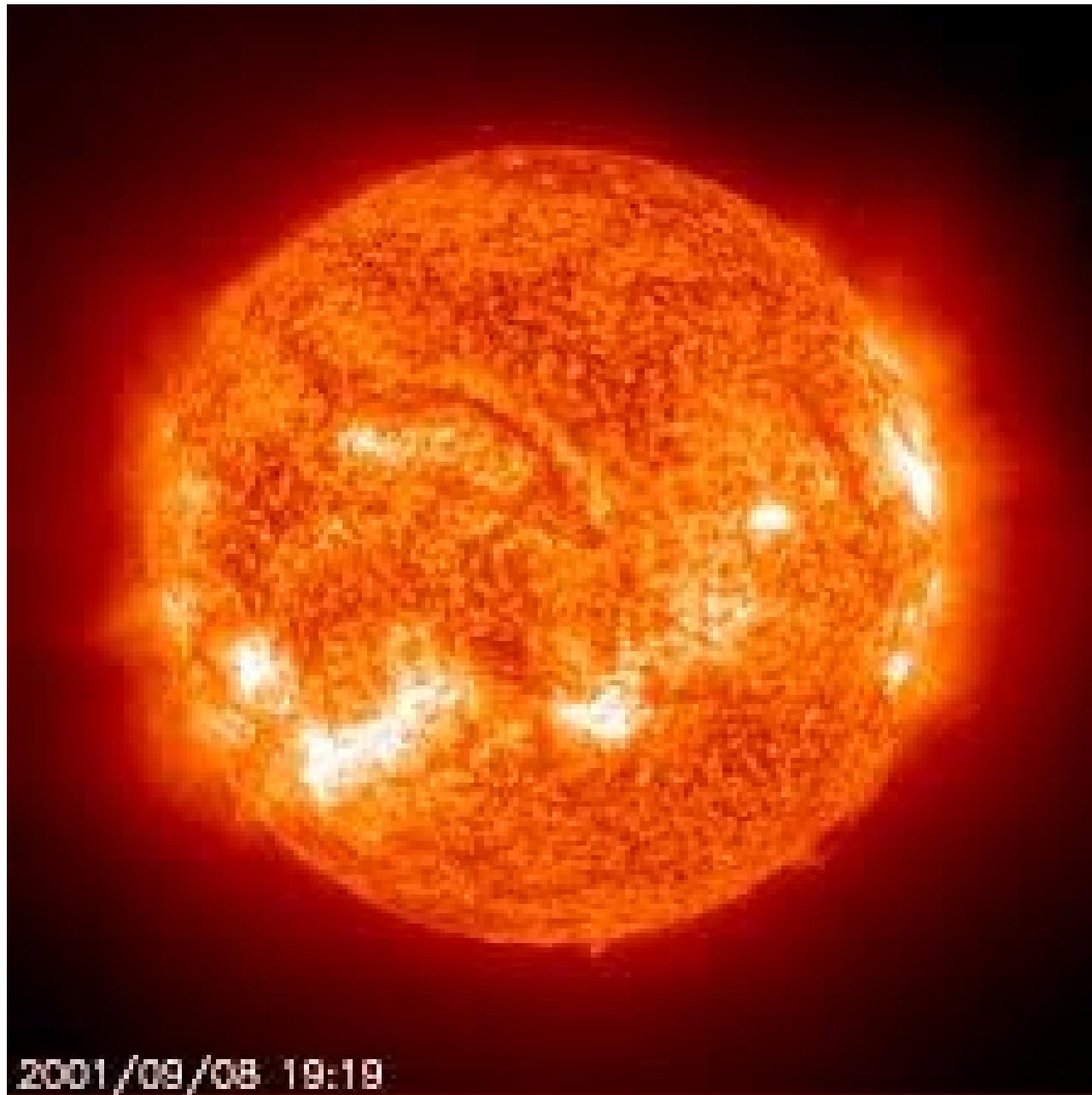


- contributions to GCE
- astrophysics simulation
- astronomy observations
- nuclear physics



My job:

- 1) calculate stellar yields \*;
- 2) connect these subjects together and provide answers.



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SOHO satellite

Sun:  $1 M_{\text{sun}}$ ;  $1 \text{ AU}$ ;  $1 R_{\text{sun}}$

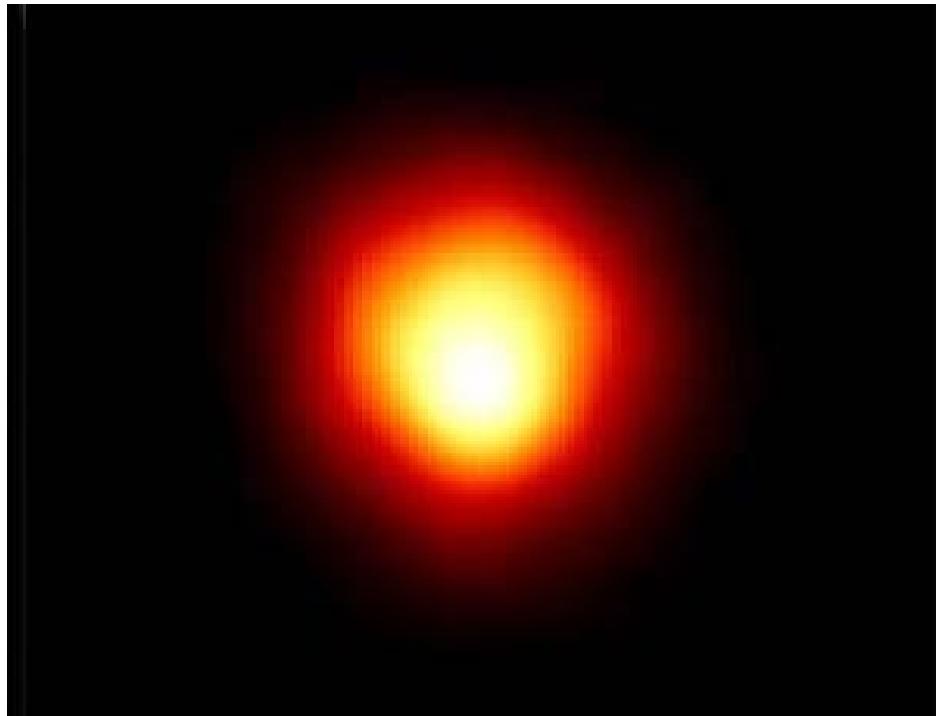
$1 M_{\text{sun}} \sim 2 * 10^{30} \text{ Kg}$

$1 \text{ AU} = 1. / 63241,1 \text{ lyr}$

$1 \text{ lyr} = 9,461 * 10^{12} \text{ Km}$

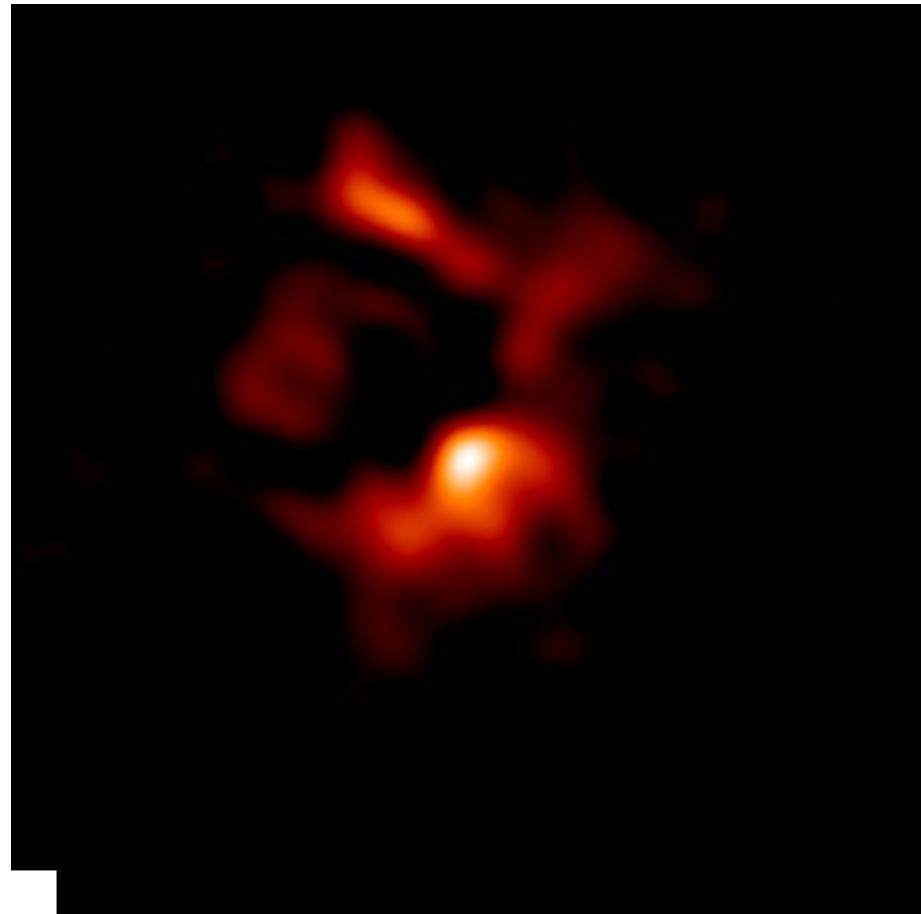
$1 R_{\text{sun}} = 695700 \text{ Km}$

Hull-Chiang Mai = 8943 Km



### Betelgeuse ( $\alpha$ -Ori):

- $19 M_{\text{sun}}$
- 650 lyr
- $1180 R_{\text{sun}}$

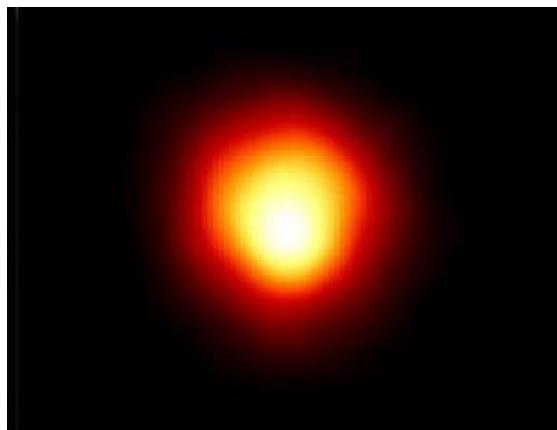
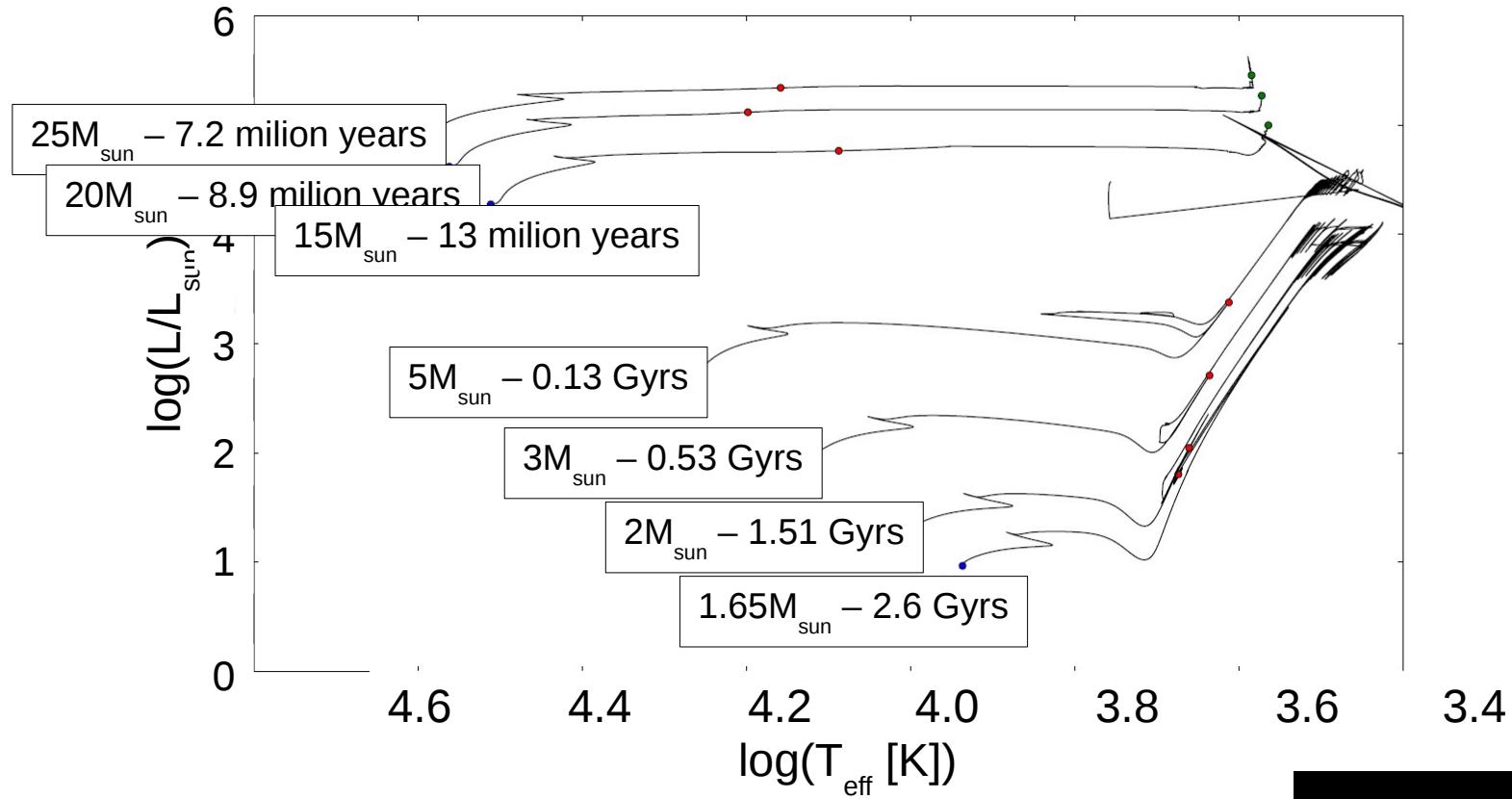


### CW Leo (IRC+10216):

- 400 lyr
- $250 R_{\text{sun}}$

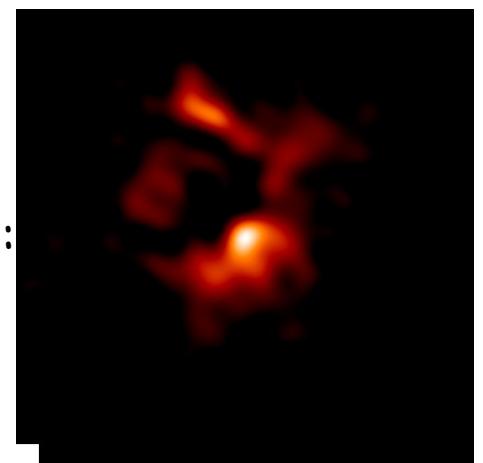
Image: A. Dupree/CFA/R. Gilliland/STScI/NASA/ESA

# HR diagram

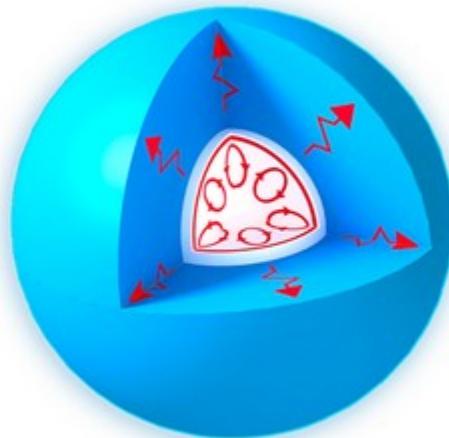


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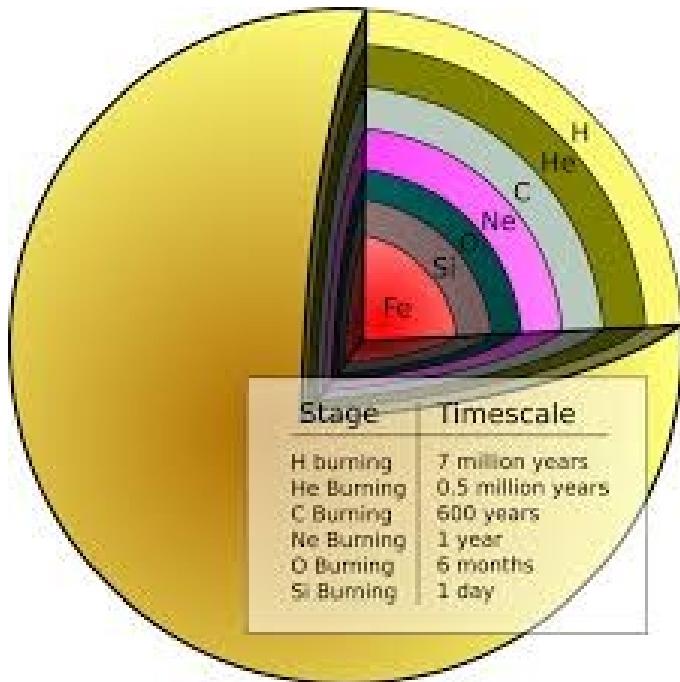
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0.5 - 1.5 solar masses



< 0.5 solar masses

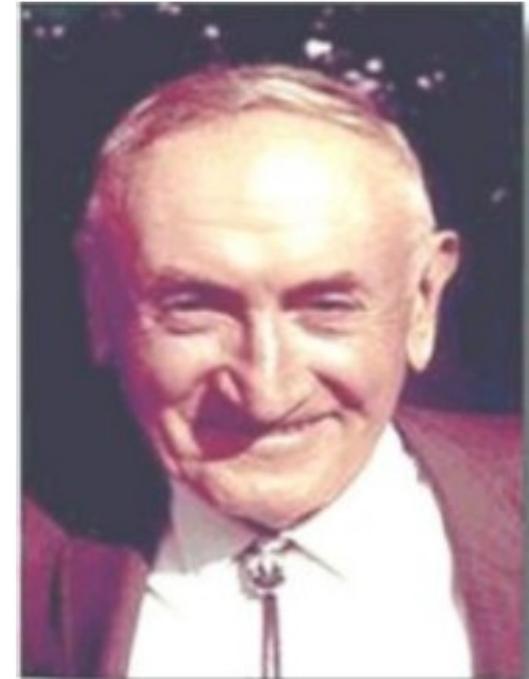


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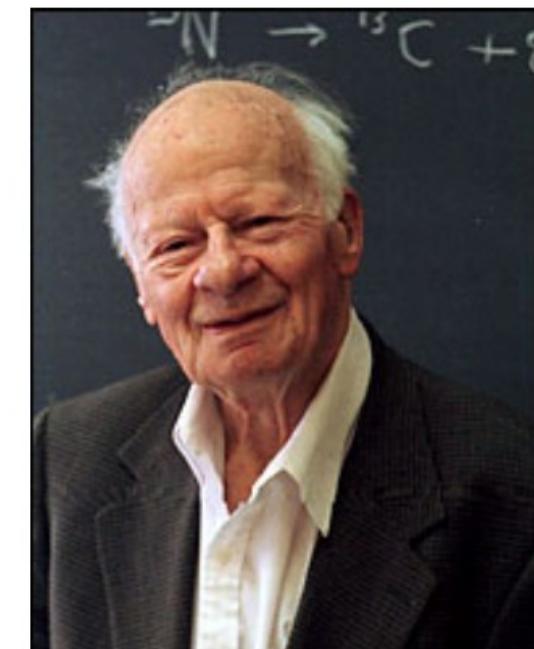
Stage	Timescale
H burning	7 million years
He Burning	0.5 million years
C Burning	600 years
Ne Burning	1 year
O Burning	6 months
Si Burning	1 day

# Supernovae

- The term Supernova was introduced by Baade & Zwicky (1934) to describe extra-luminous novae;
- Following the discovery of neutrons in 1932, Zwicky (1938) proposed that supernovae are made by the collapse of a massive star to a star made of neutrons.
- Energy released:  $10^{53}$  ergs, but most SNe Are  $10^{51}$  ergs, 1 foe = 1 Bethe



Fritz Zwicky

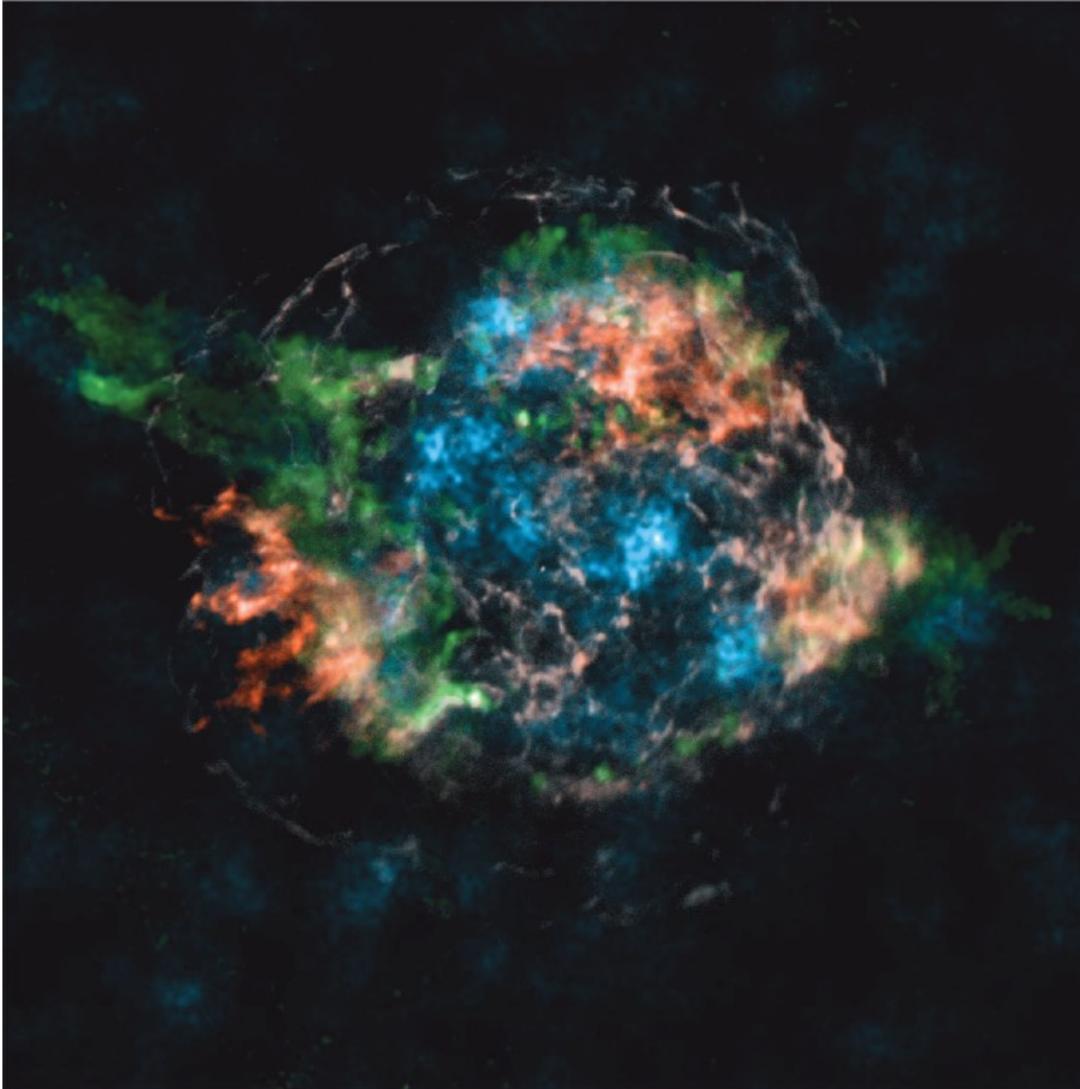


Hans Bethe

# Main Supernova engines

- Massive star collapsing to a neutron star  
(Baade & Zwicky 1934)
- Thermonuclear explosion of a star (Hoyle & Fowler 1960);
- Both exists in nature: CCSNe and SNIa

# Massive stars can explode: Core Collapse SN explosion

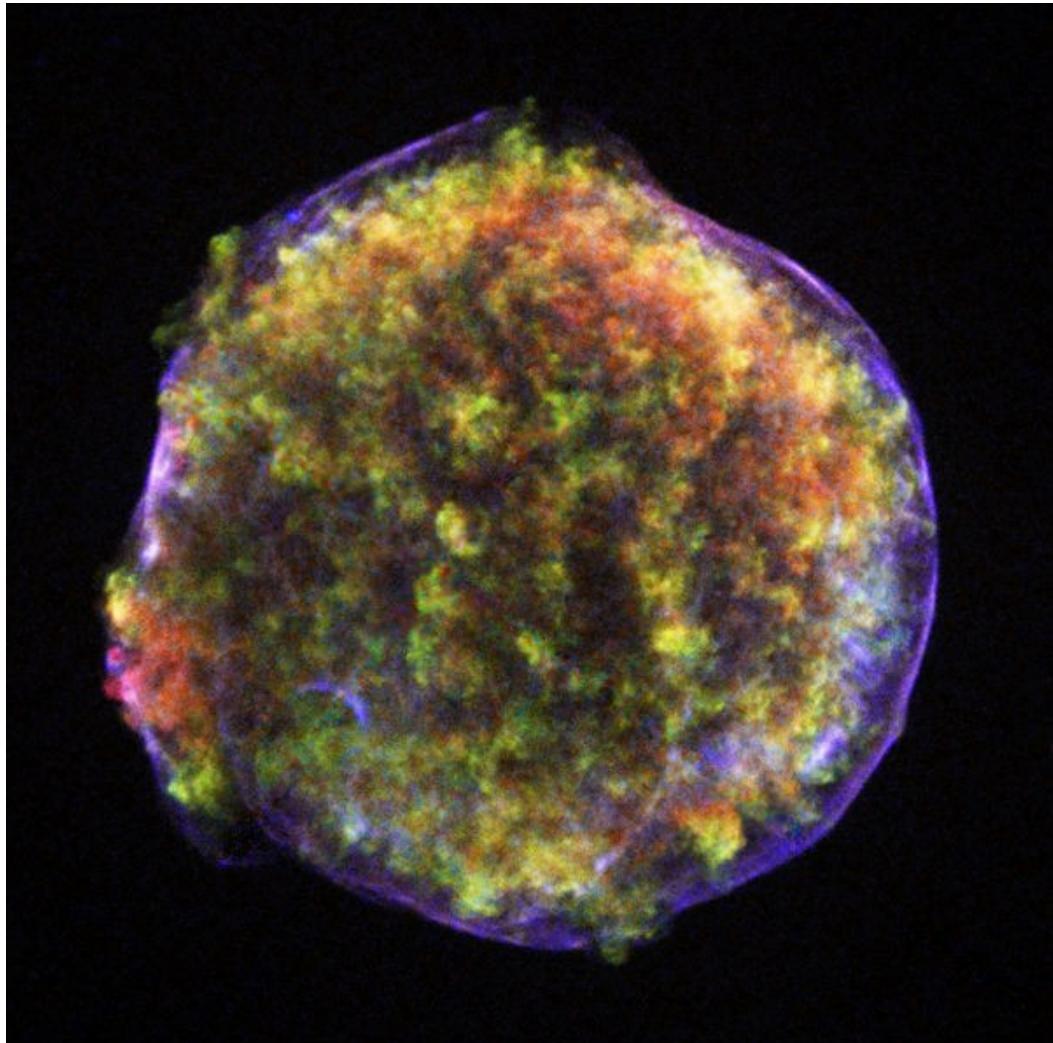


Cas A  
11000 ly  
~ 300 years ago

Grefenstette et al. 2014, Nature (NuSTAR data)

Recent review:  
Mueller B. 2016, PASA

# Smaller stars can explode too: Thermonuclear SN explosions

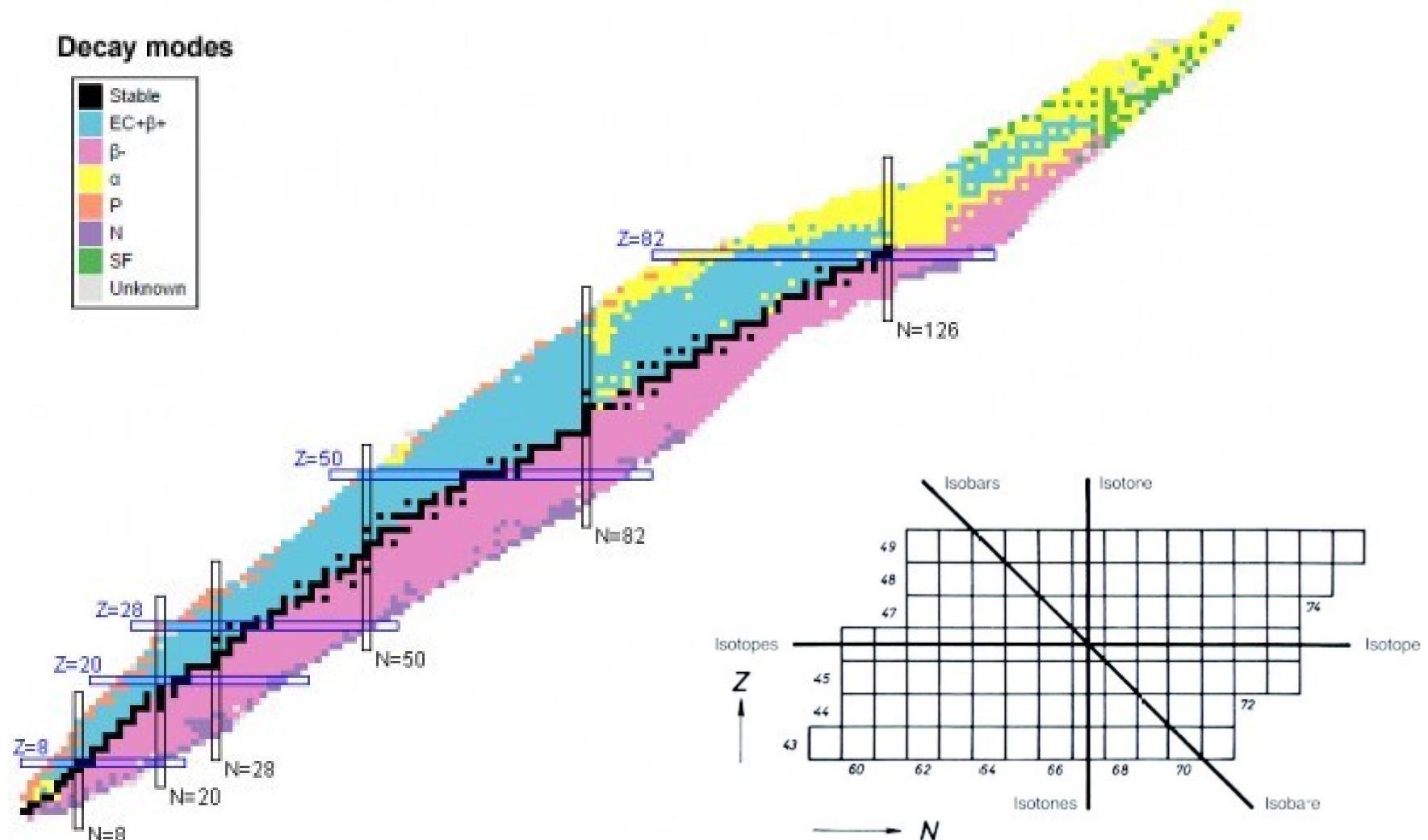


X-Ray, Chandra obs.

B Cas  
~ 9000 ly  
~ Nov 1572

Recent review:  
Hillebrandt W. et al. 2013,  
Frontiers of Physics

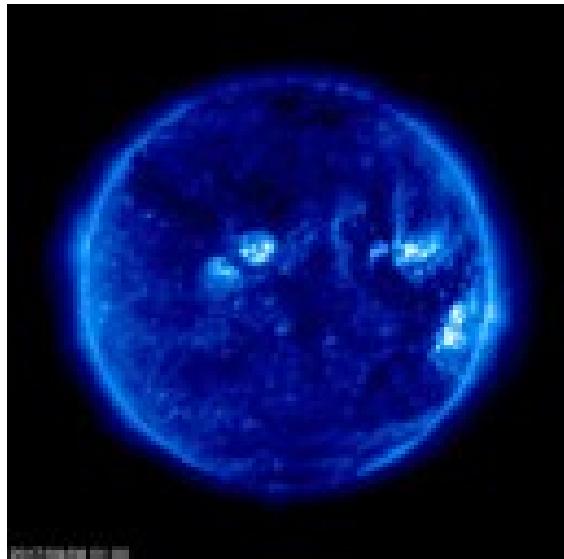
# Nucleosynthesis in stars: production of isotopes and elements



Stable elements are made of stable isotopes  
 For astronomers, usually C12 ~ C and O16 ~ O.

$^{14}\text{O}$ 1.18 m $\beta^+$	$^{15}\text{O}$ 2.04 m $\beta^+$	$^{16}\text{O}$ 99.762 0.038 mb	$^{17}\text{O}$ 0.038	$^{18}\text{O}$ 0.2 0.00886 mb
$^{13}\text{N}$ 9.96 m $\beta^+$	$^{14}\text{N}$ 99.634 0.041 mb	$^{15}\text{N}$ 0.366 0.0058 mb	$^{16}\text{N}$ 7.13 s $\beta^-$	$^{17}\text{N}$ 4.17 s $\beta^-$
$^{12}\text{C}$ 98.89 0.0154 mb	$^{13}\text{C}$ 1.11 0.021 mb	$^{14}\text{C}$ 5.70 ka 0.00848 mb, $\beta^-$	$^{15}\text{C}$ 2.45 s $\beta^-$	$^{16}\text{C}$ 747.00 ms $\beta^-$

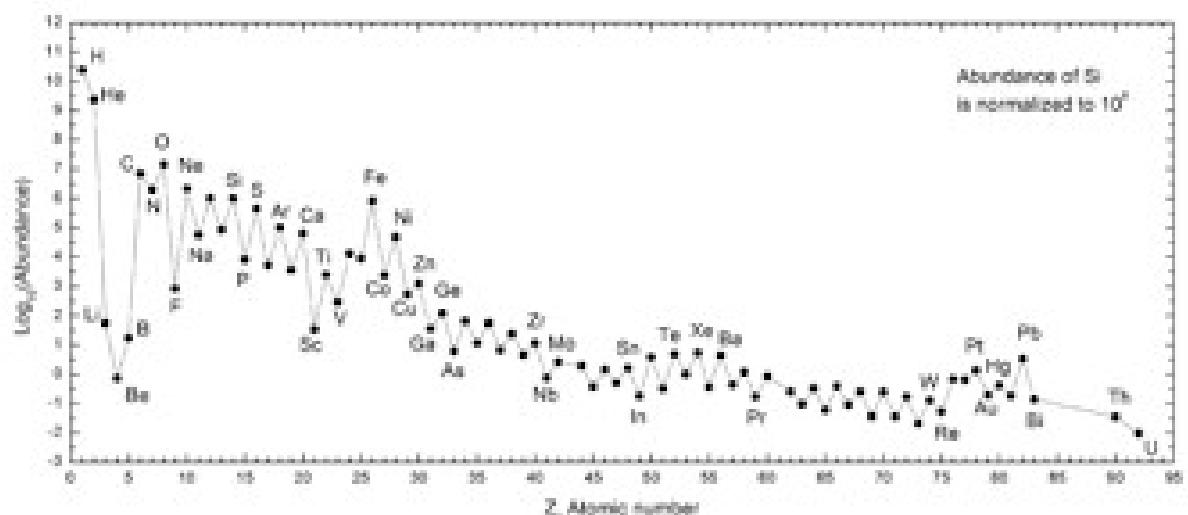
# What is the origin of the elements... nearby?



Soho image  
of the Sun  
(Extreme ultraviolet Imaging Telescope)



Allende  
Meteorite  
(1969)



# ... or far away?

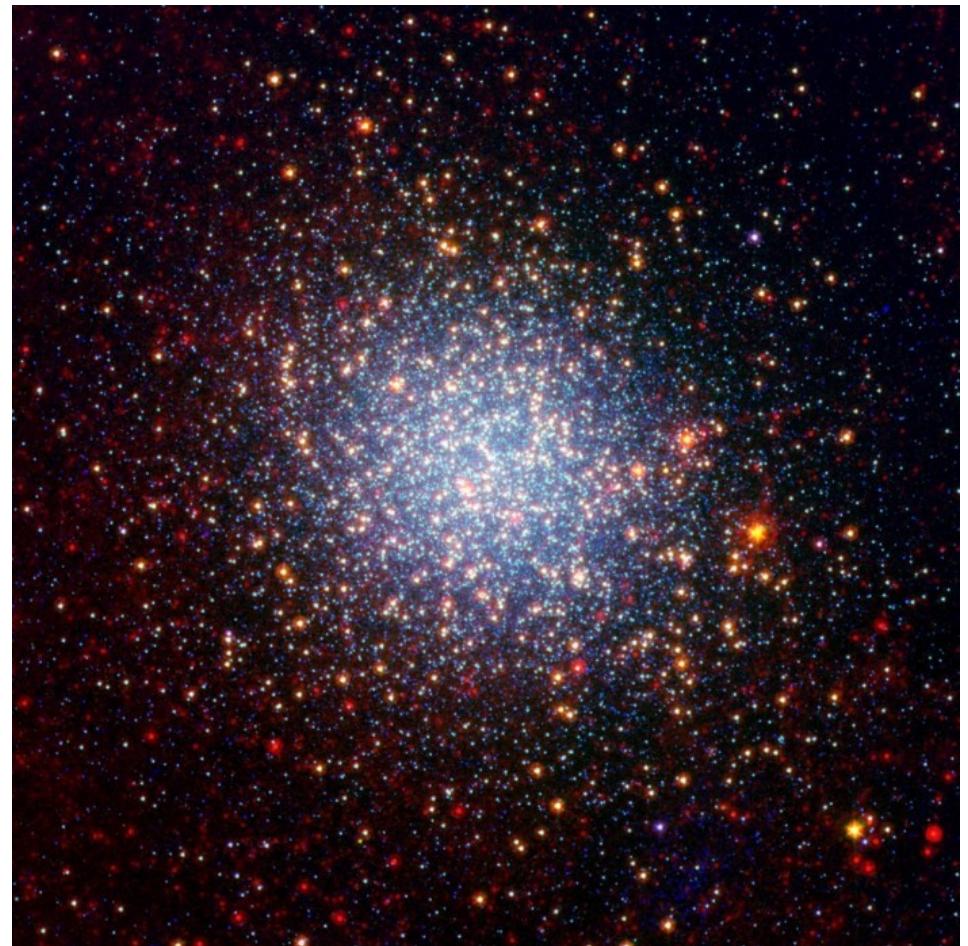
Omega Centauri stellar cluster:

Distance ~ 15800 lyr

Radius ~ 86 lyr

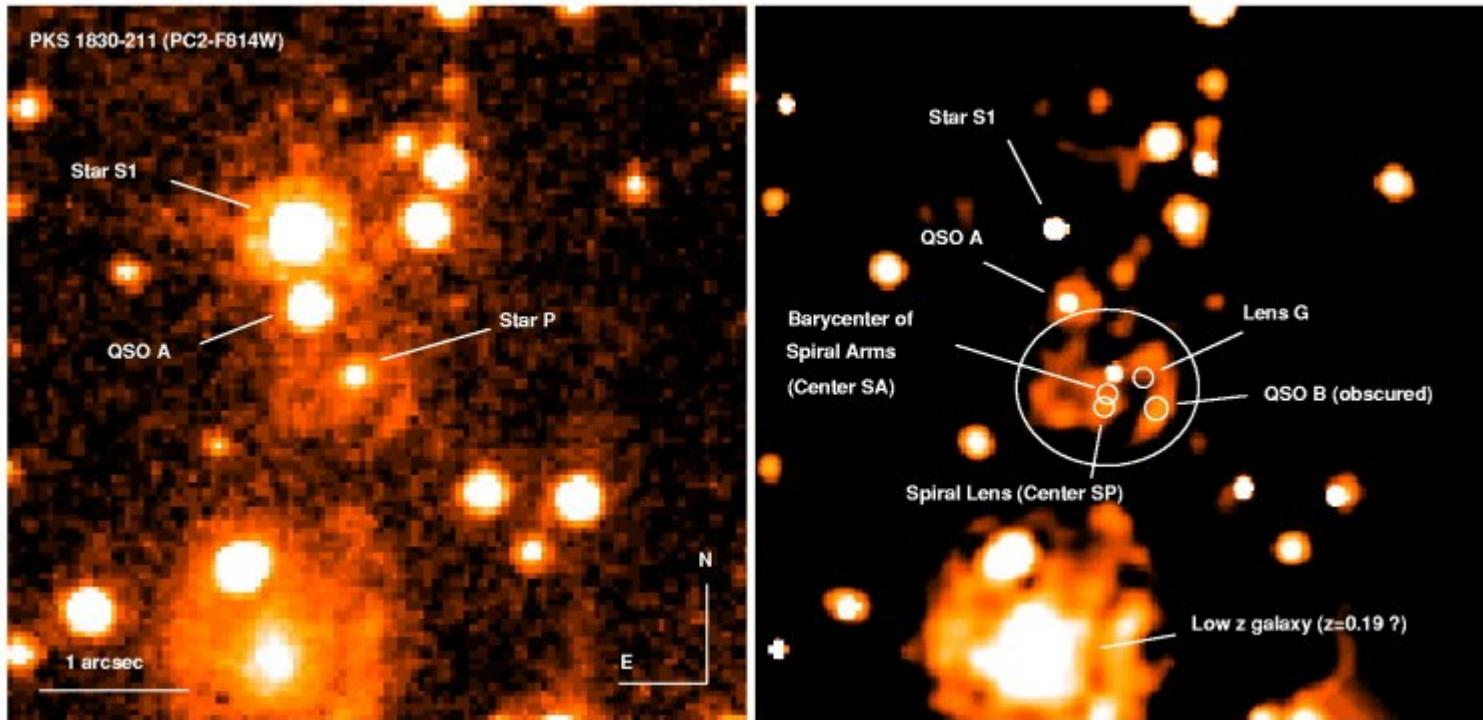
Mass ~  $4 \cdot 10^6$  Msun

~20 times less metals than in the Sun



Spitzer telescope, via wikipedia commons

# ...or even more far away?



Quasar PKS 1830-211: Courbin+A&A 2002

Absorption line from a spiral galaxy between the quasar and us:

Quasar: redshift  $Z \sim 2.5$

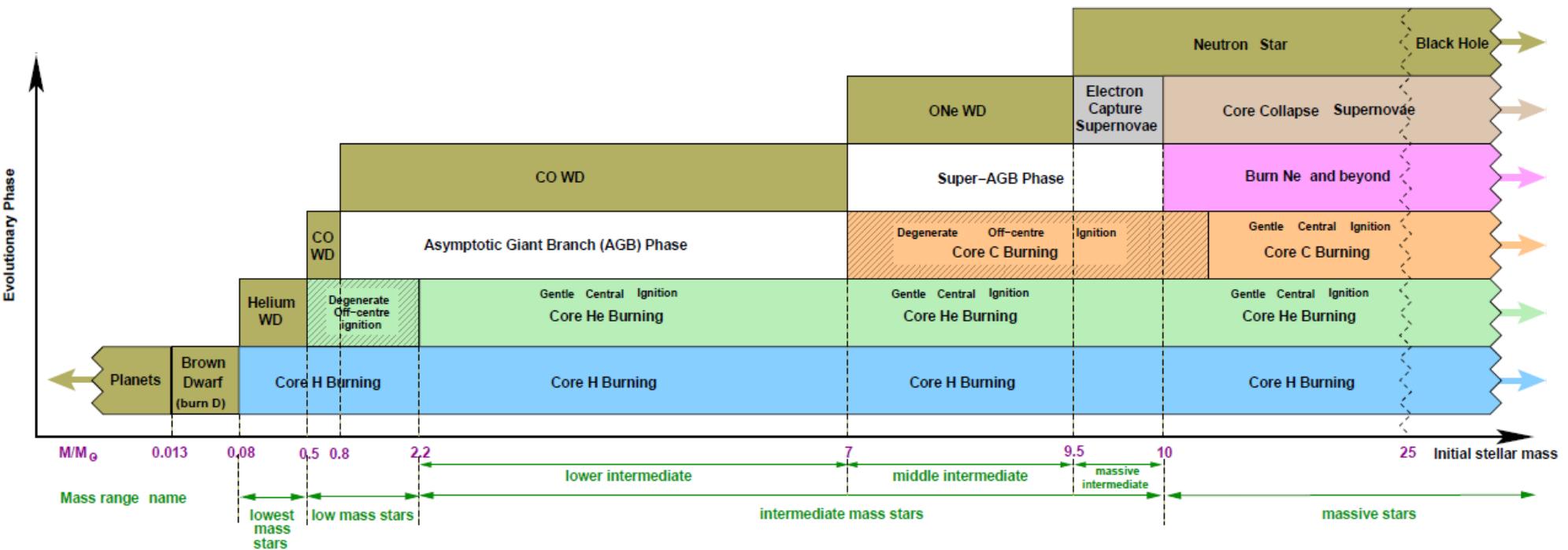
Galaxy Age/distance:  $z=0.89$  corresponds to a look back time of 7.2 Gyr,  
yielding an age  $\leq 6$  Gyr

C, N, O, S observed from integrated lines (Muller+06)

# Outline and topics

- Definition: low-mass stars, intermediate-mass stars and massive stars;
- Nuclear physics in stars: how to make elements
- Low-mass stars and Asymptotic Giant Branch (AGB) Stars
- The slow neutron capture process: s-process
- The intermediate neutron capture process: i-process
- Nucleosynthesis in massive stars
- The r-process

# Stars forming WD and NS



Karakas & Lattanzio 2014, PASA

# Stellar structure equations (a simpler version)

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{GM_r}{r^2}\rho$$

Hydrostatic equilibrium  
(gravity in balance with pressure)

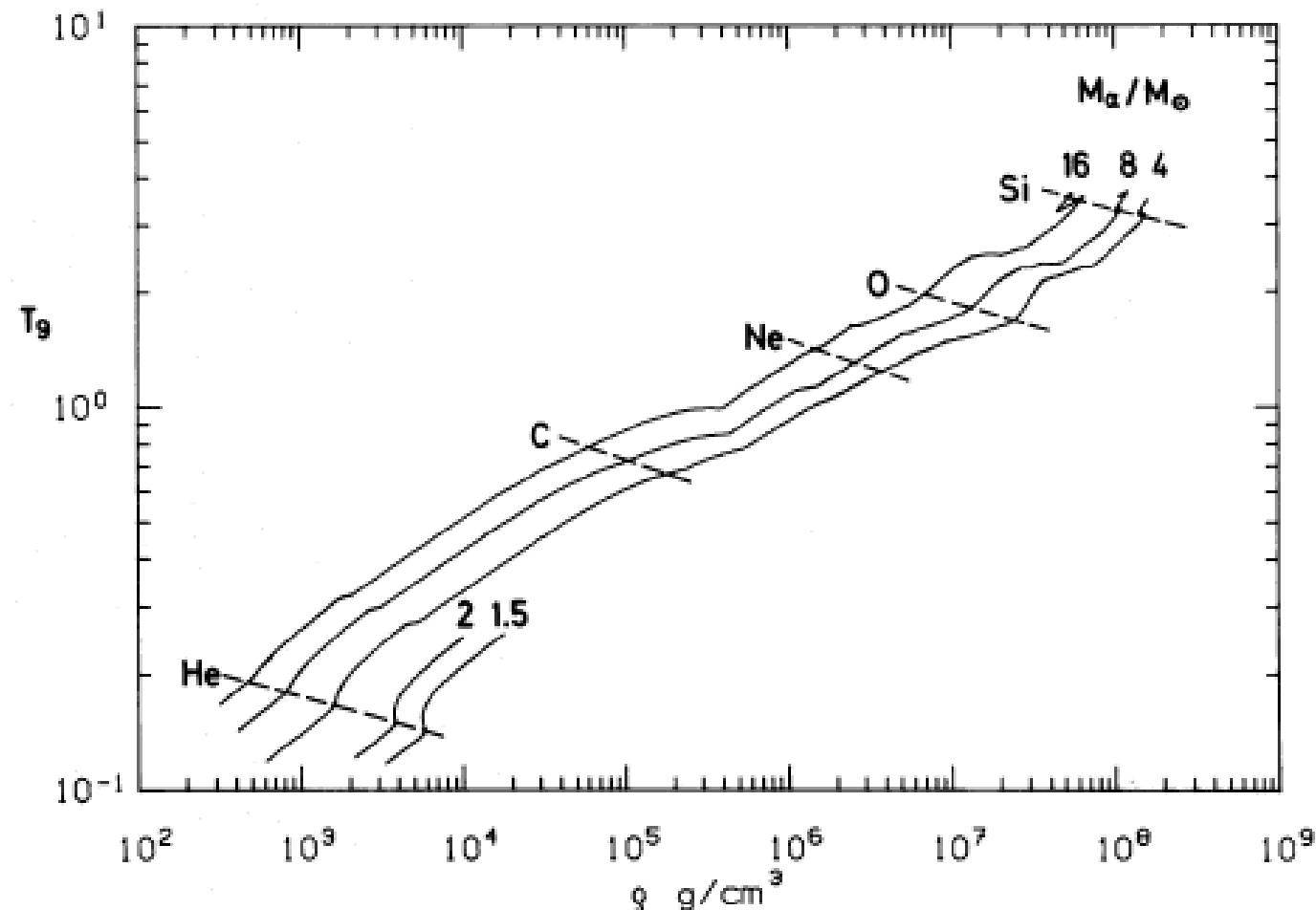
$$\frac{dM_r}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho$$

Mass conservation

$$\frac{dL_r}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \epsilon \rho$$

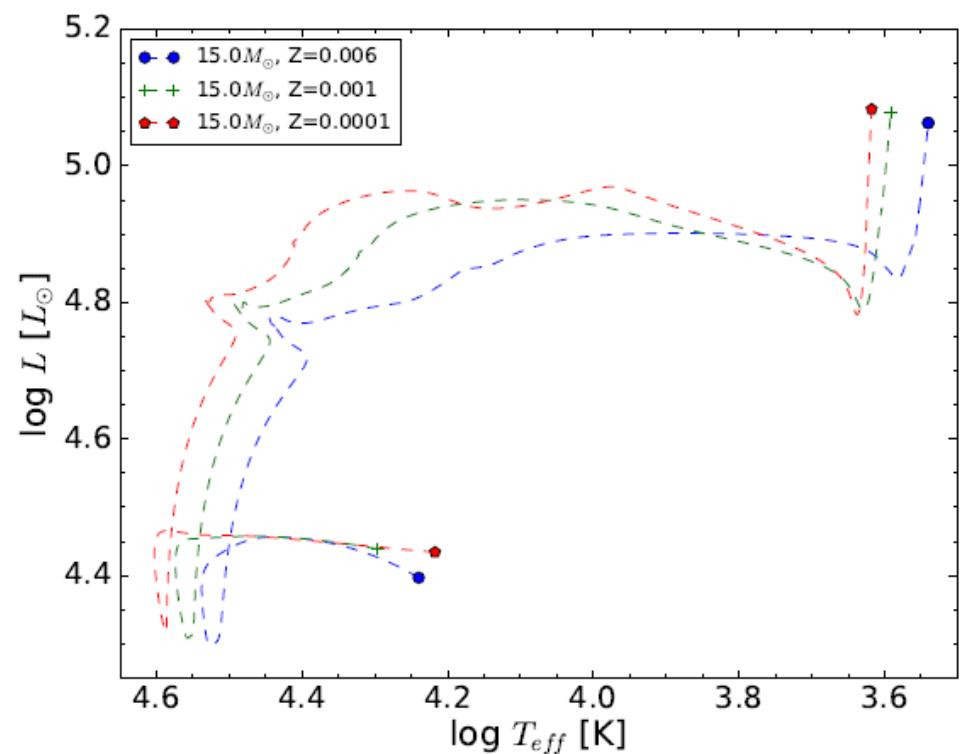
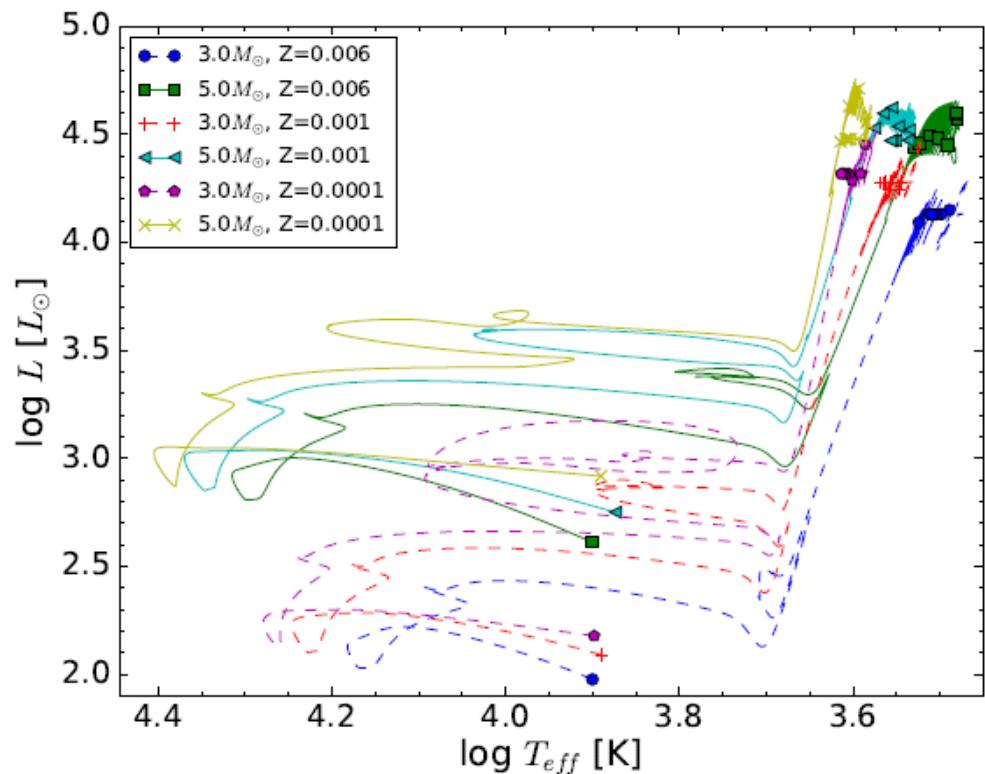
Energy conservation

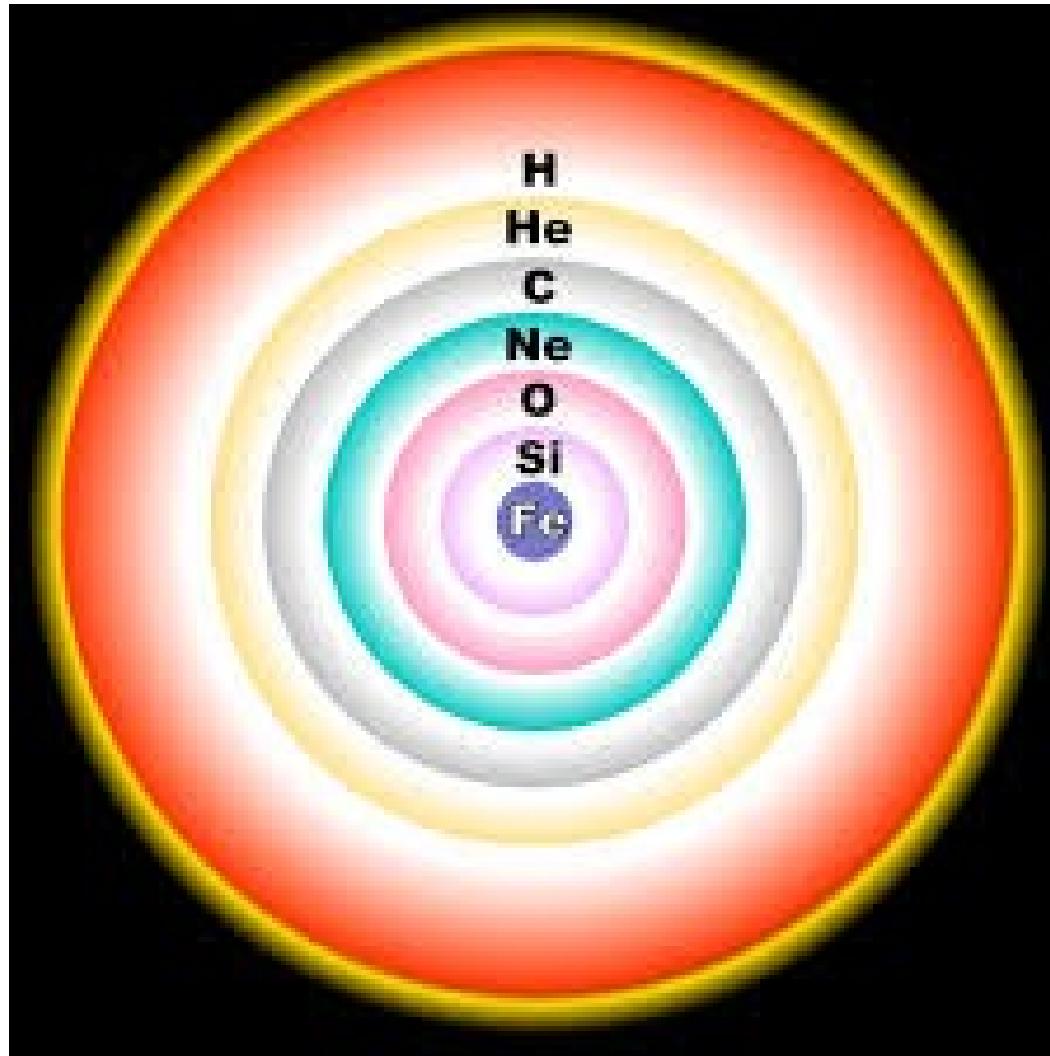
# Structure evolution inside



Thielemann & Arnett 1985 ApJ

# Structure evolution outside



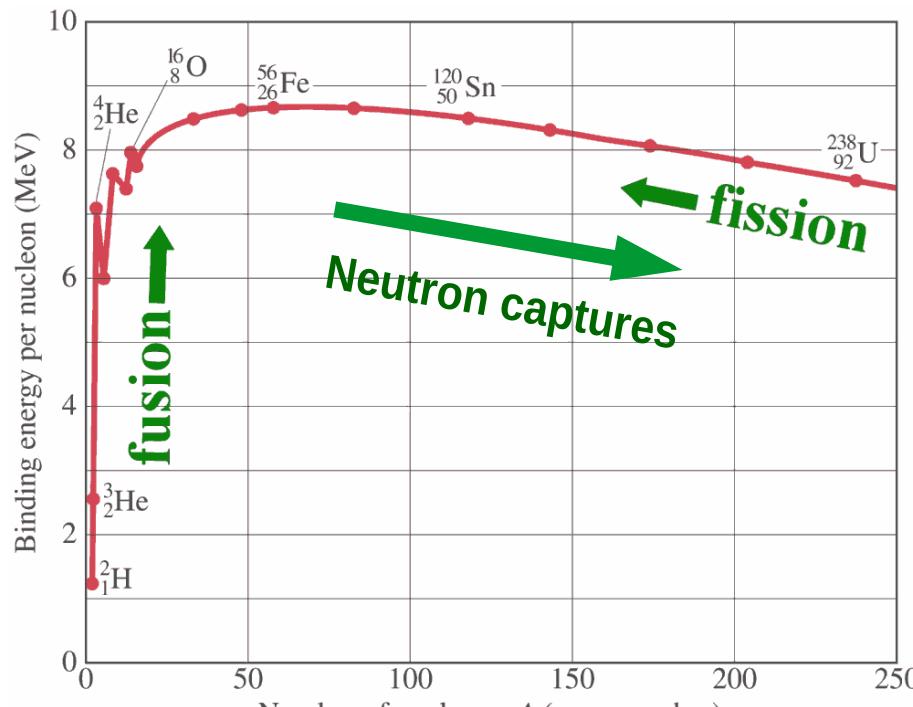


Nuclear physics is crucial for stellar structure evolution and  
for making elements

# Binding energies: how nuclei stick together

The binding energy increases roughly with  $A$ .

Binding energy per nucleon  $B/A$ :

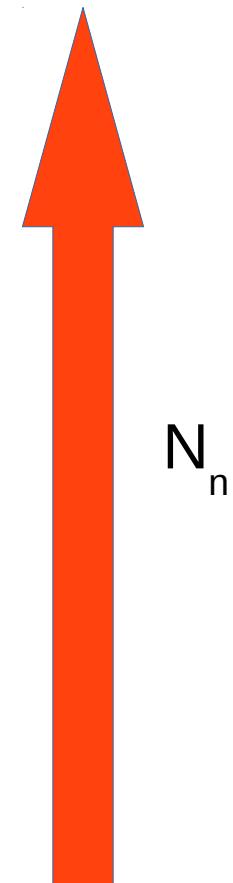


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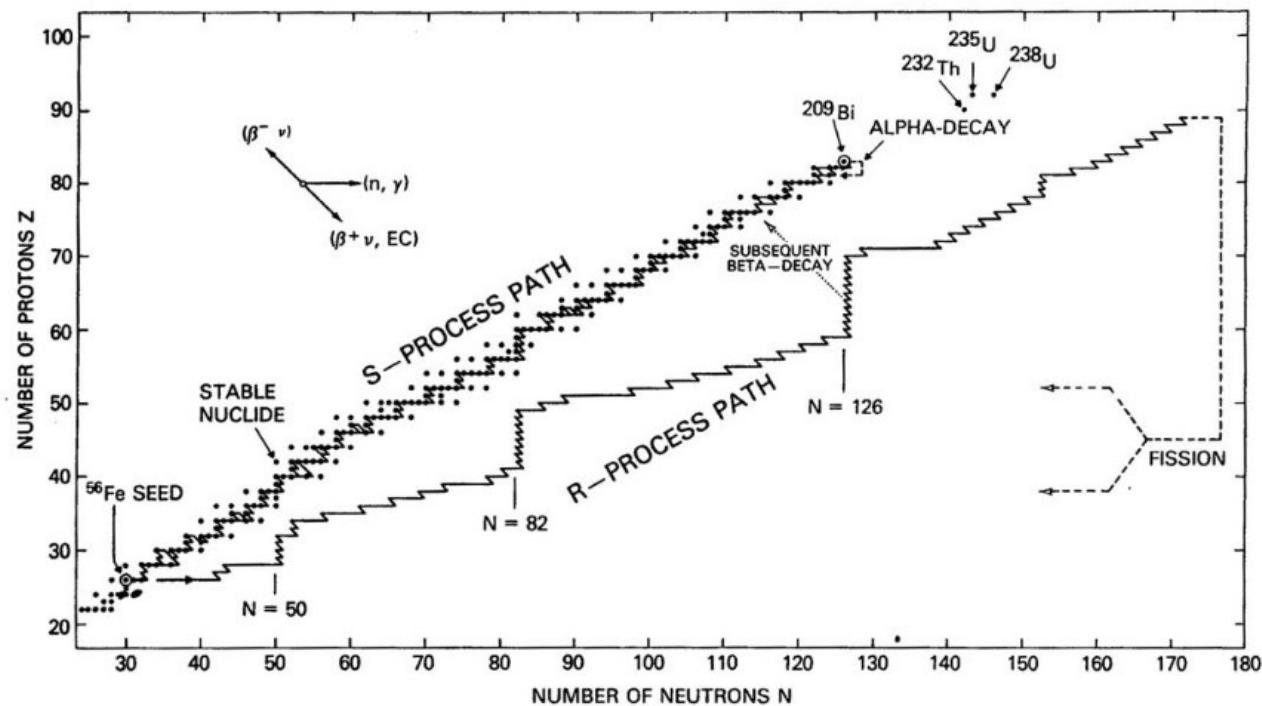
- Binding energy roughly constant  $\sim 8$  MeV
- Maximum near  $A=56$  (iron)
- Energy gain by fusion of small nuclei or fission of large ones
- At low masses: binding energy large when  $A$  is a multiple of 4

# List of neutron capture processes

- The r process (neutrino-wind, NS mergers, jet-SNe, etc) -  $N_n > 10^{20} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ ;
- The n process (explosive He-burning in CCSN) -  $10^{18} \text{ n cm}^{-3} < N_n < 10^{20} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ ;
- The i process -  $10^{14} \text{ n cm}^{-3} < N_n < 10^{16} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ ;
- Neutron capture triggered by the  $\text{Ne22}(\alpha, n)\text{Mg25}$  in massive AGB stars and super-AGB stars -  $N_n < 10^{14} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ ;
- The s process (s process in AGB stars, s process in massive stars and fast rotators) –  $N_n < \text{few } 10^{12} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$ .



# Paths of neutron capture processes



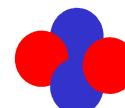
Cauldrons in the cosmos, 1988

# Nuclear reactions: Chadwick experiment (1932)

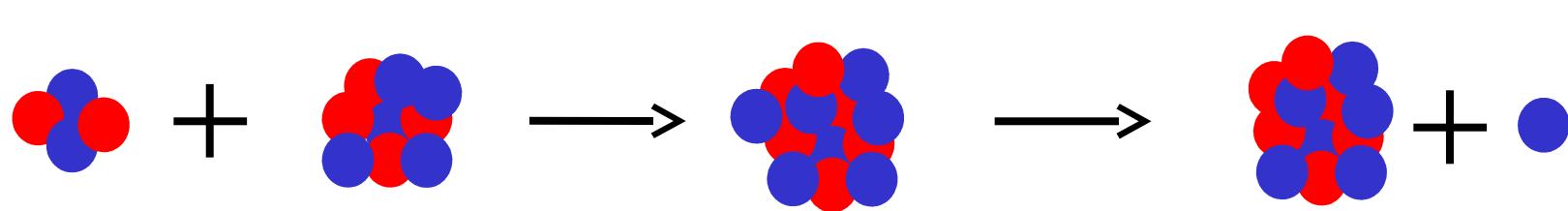
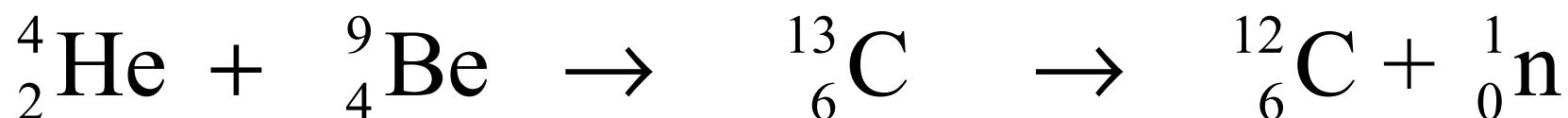
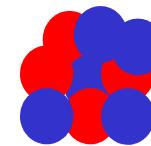
Neutron  
Proton



Helium



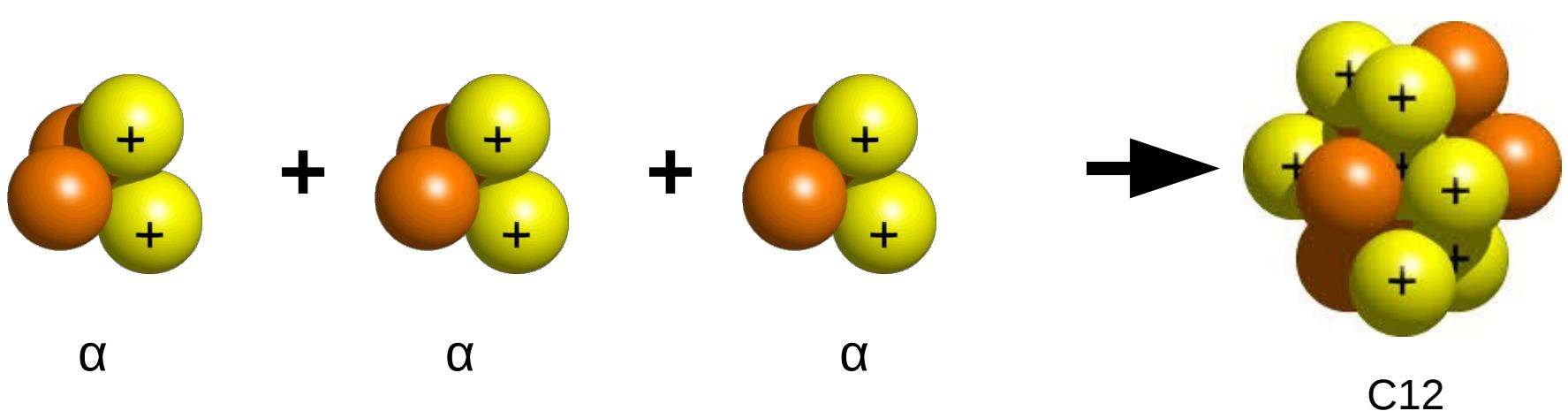
Beryllium



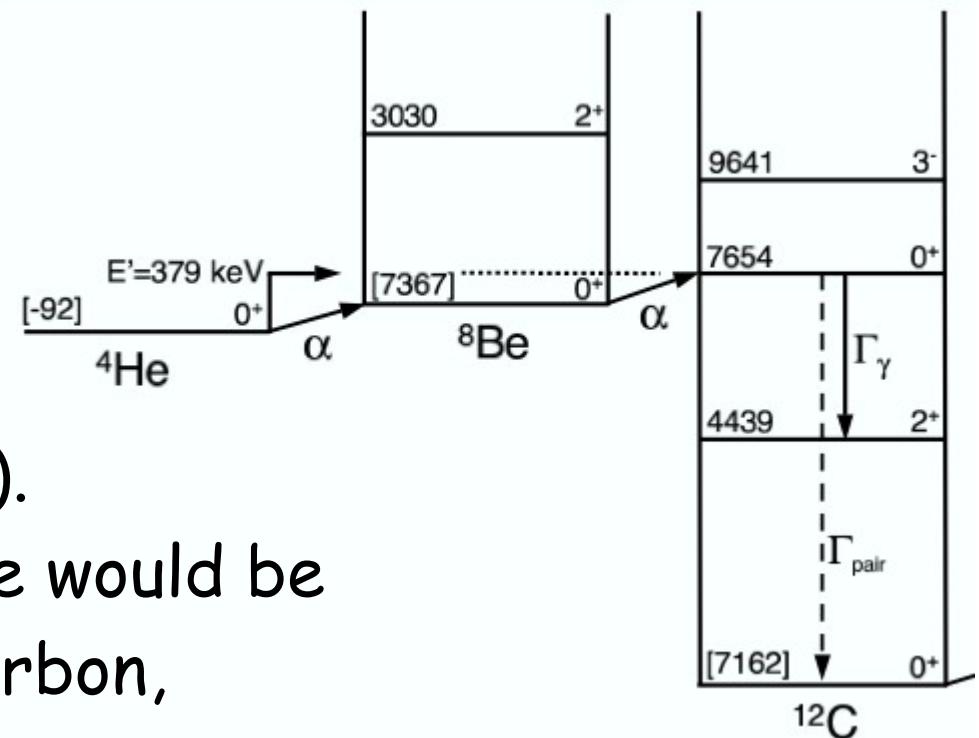
$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 2 \text{ neutrons} + 5 \text{ neutrons} & = & 7 \text{ neutrons} \\
 2 \text{ protons} + 4 \text{ protons} & = & 6 \text{ protons}
 \end{array}
 = \begin{array}{l}
 6 \text{ neutrons} + 1 \text{ neutron} \\
 6 \text{ protons}
 \end{array}$$

# 3a reaction: a nice story about how we are all here

- Step 1: Two alpha particles  $\longleftrightarrow {}^8\text{Be}$ :
  - ${}^8\text{Be}$  is unstable, and decays back to 2 alpha particles in  $\sim 10^{-16}$  seconds  $\rightarrow 1 {}^8\text{Be}$  every  $10^9$  alpha particles.
- Step 2:  ${}^8\text{Be} + \text{alpha} \longleftrightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}$ :
  - Low probability, high energies required



- The  $^{12}C$  in nature should be orders of magnitudes lower than what we observe!
- But in 1957 Cook, Fowler, Lauritsen and Lauritsen at Kellogg Radiation Laboratory at Caltech discovered a state allowing to build  $^{12}C$  in step 2 (at 7.654 MeV).
- Without this state, there would be basically no metals, no carbon, no oxygen..



Iliadis et al.

Fred Hoyle's predicted the  
existence of the Hoyle state  
few years earlier...

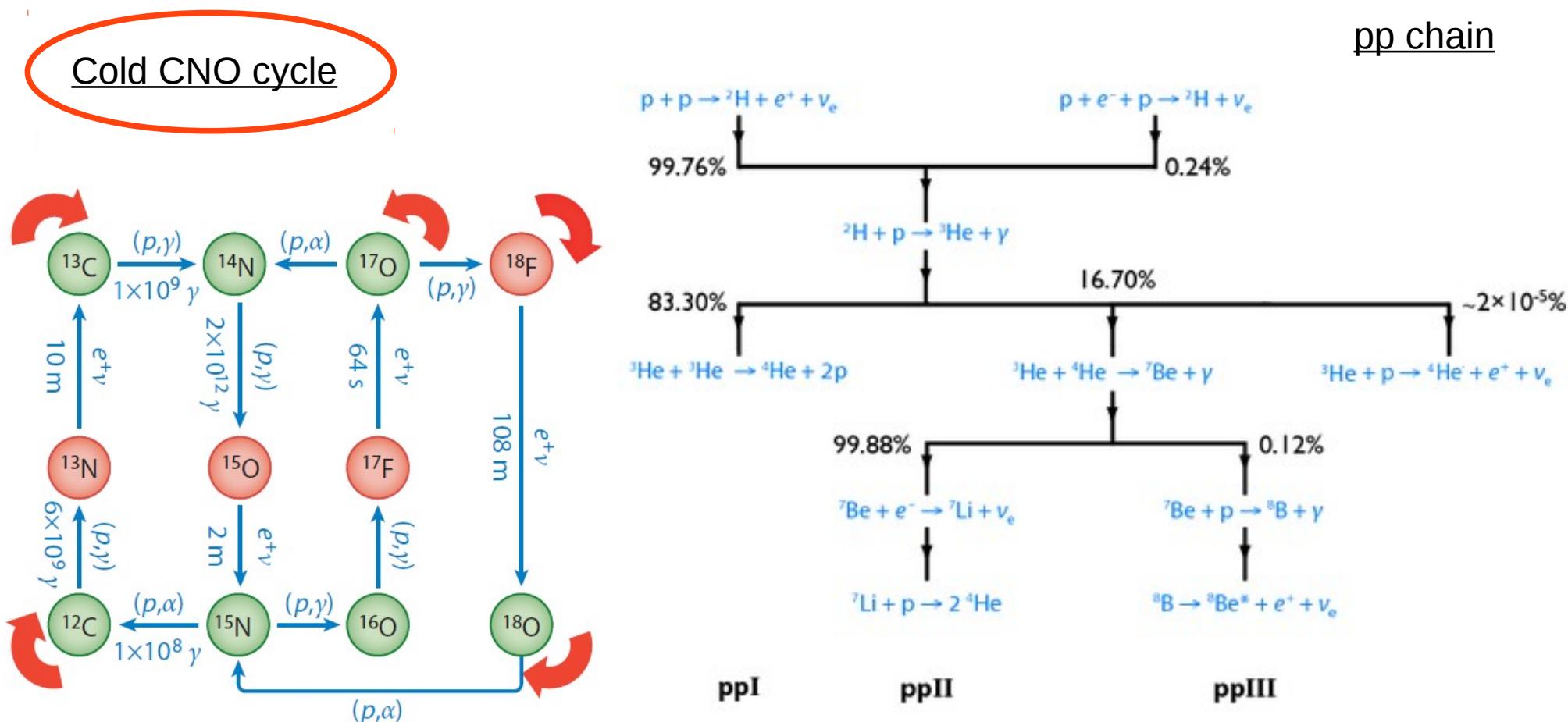


...but no noble prize

# Nuclear burning stages

Fuel	Main Product	Secondary Product	T ( $10^9$ K)	Time (yr)	Main Reaction
H	He	$^{14}\text{N}$	0.02	$10^7$	$4 \text{ H} \xrightarrow{\text{CNO}} {}^4\text{He}$
He	O, C	$^{18}\text{O}$ , $^{22}\text{Ne}$ s-process	0.2–0.4	$10^6$	$3 \text{ He}^4 \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}$ ${}^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma) {}^{16}\text{O}$
C	Ne, Mg	Na	0.8	$10^3$	${}^{12}\text{C} + {}^{12}\text{C}$
Ne	O, Mg	Al, P	1.5	3	${}^{20}\text{Ne}(\gamma, \alpha) {}^{16}\text{O}$ ${}^{20}\text{Ne}(\alpha, \gamma) {}^{24}\text{Mg}$
O	Si, S	Cl, Ar, K, Ca	2.0	0.8	${}^{16}\text{O} + {}^{16}\text{O}$
Si, S	Fe	Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Co, Ni	3.5	0.02	${}^{28}\text{Si}(\gamma, \alpha) \dots$

# Introduction to the evolutionary stages in stars: H burning



# He burning

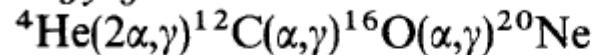
## IMPORTANT REACTIONS IN HELIUM BURNING

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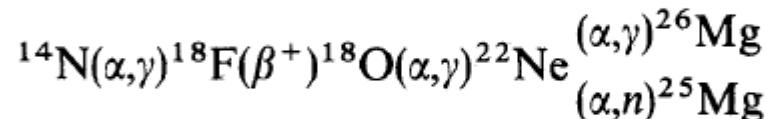


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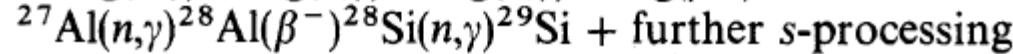
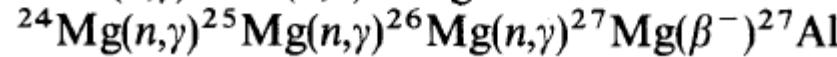
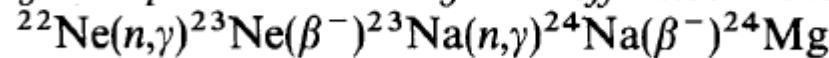
*Energy generation:*



*Neutron source:*

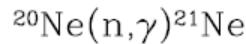
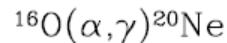
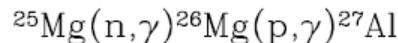
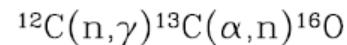
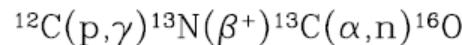
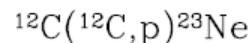


*High-temperature burning with effective  $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n) ^{25}\text{Mg}$ :*

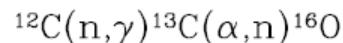
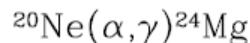
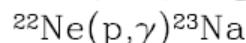
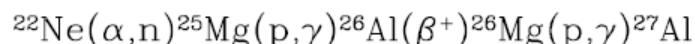
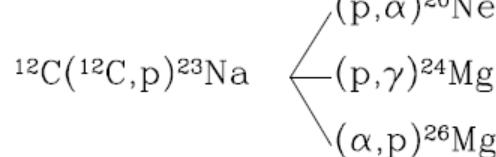
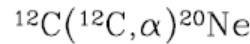
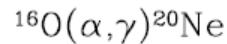


# C-burning

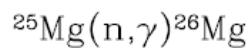
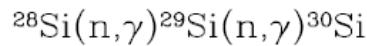
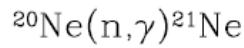
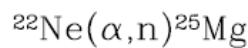
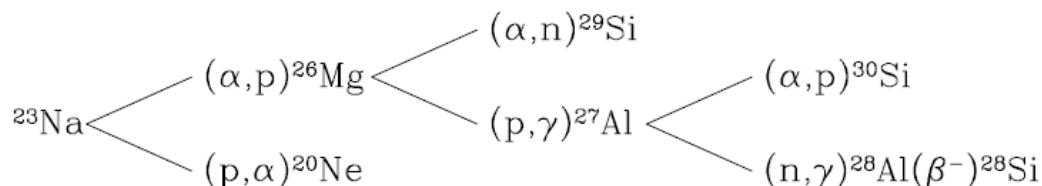
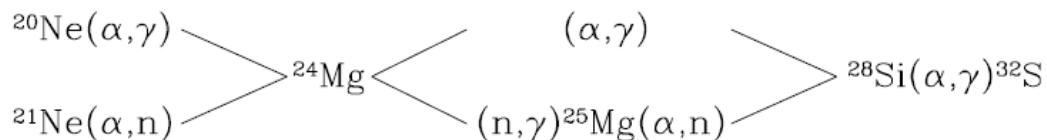
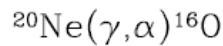
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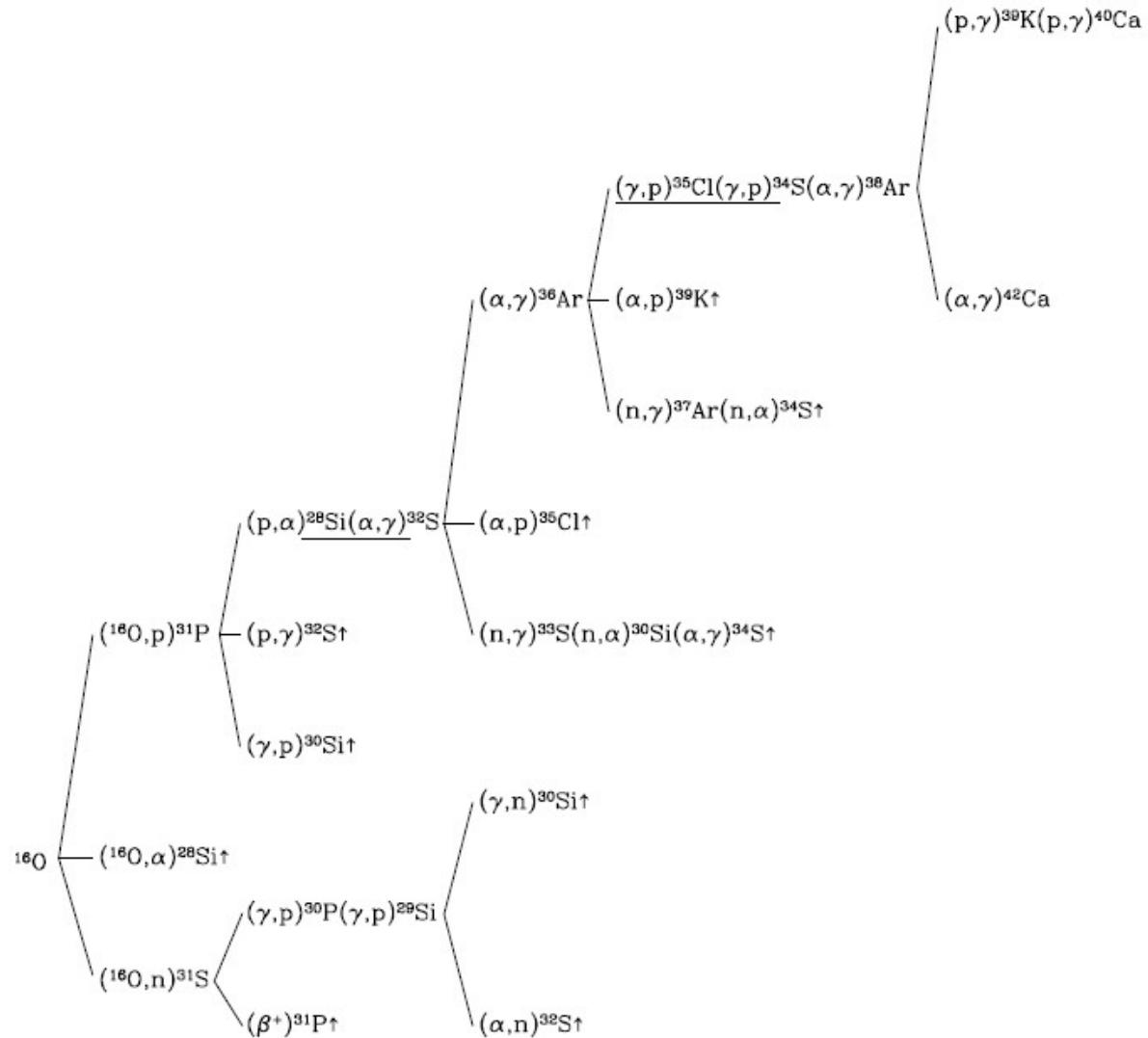
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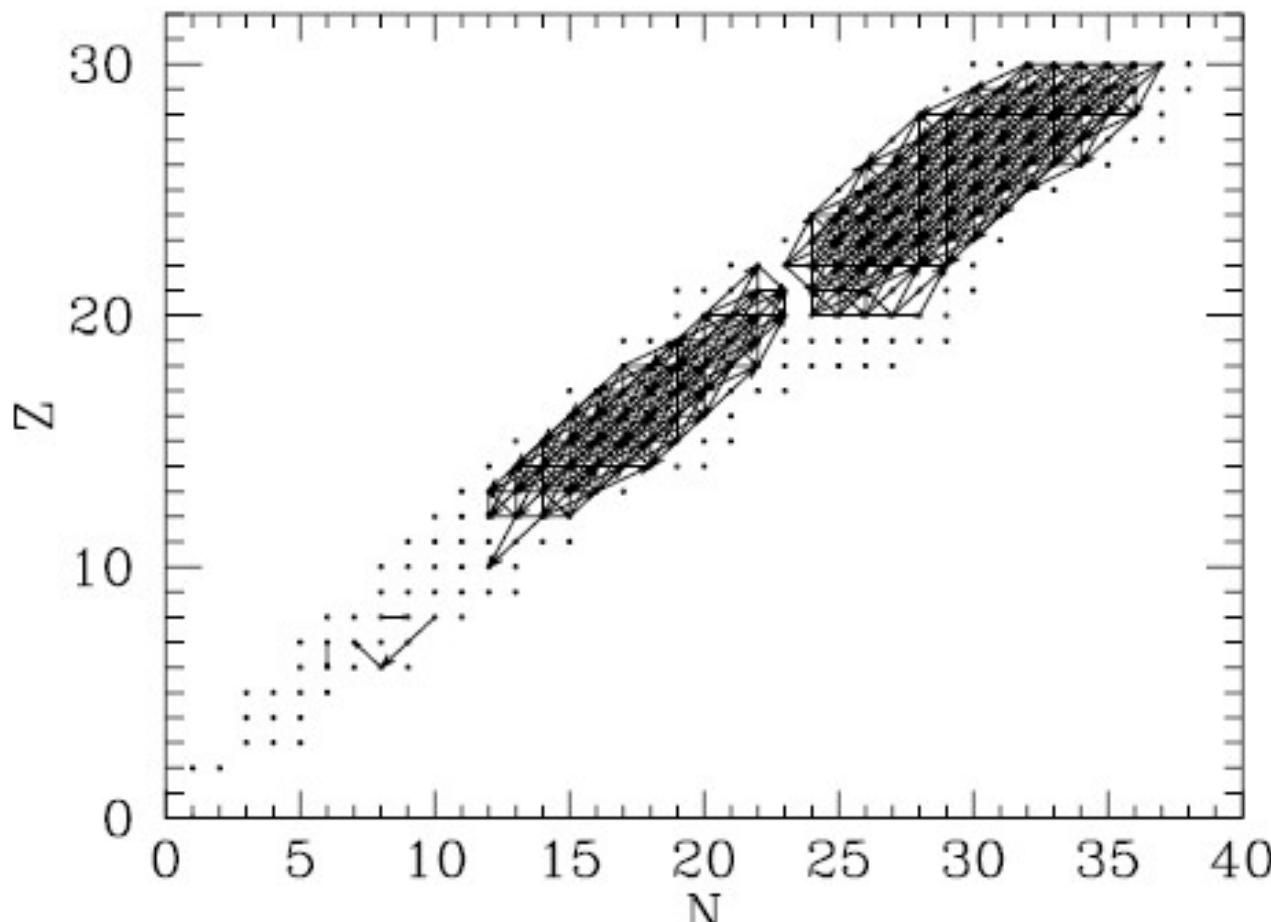


# O-burning



# Si-burning

Chieffi+1998 ApJ



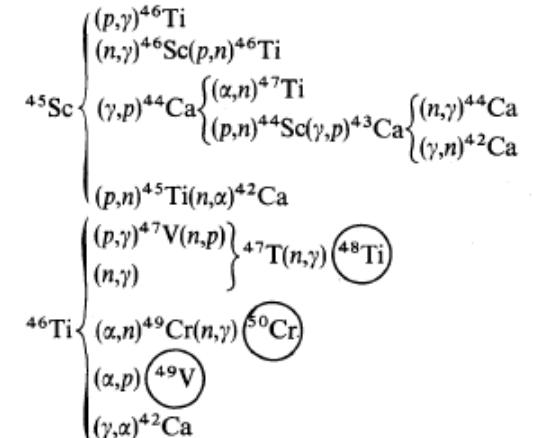
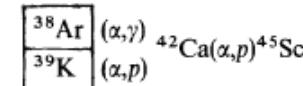
Reactions network approaching QSE

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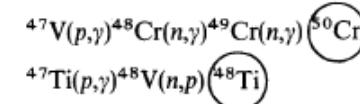
REACTION LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO QSE GROUPS  
IN SILICON BURNING

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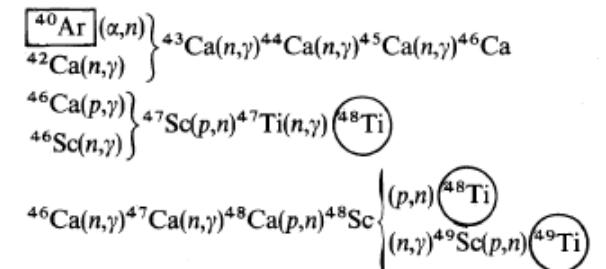
*Basic reactions:*



*Additional reactions in high-temperature burning:*



*Important reactions in low-temperature burning:*

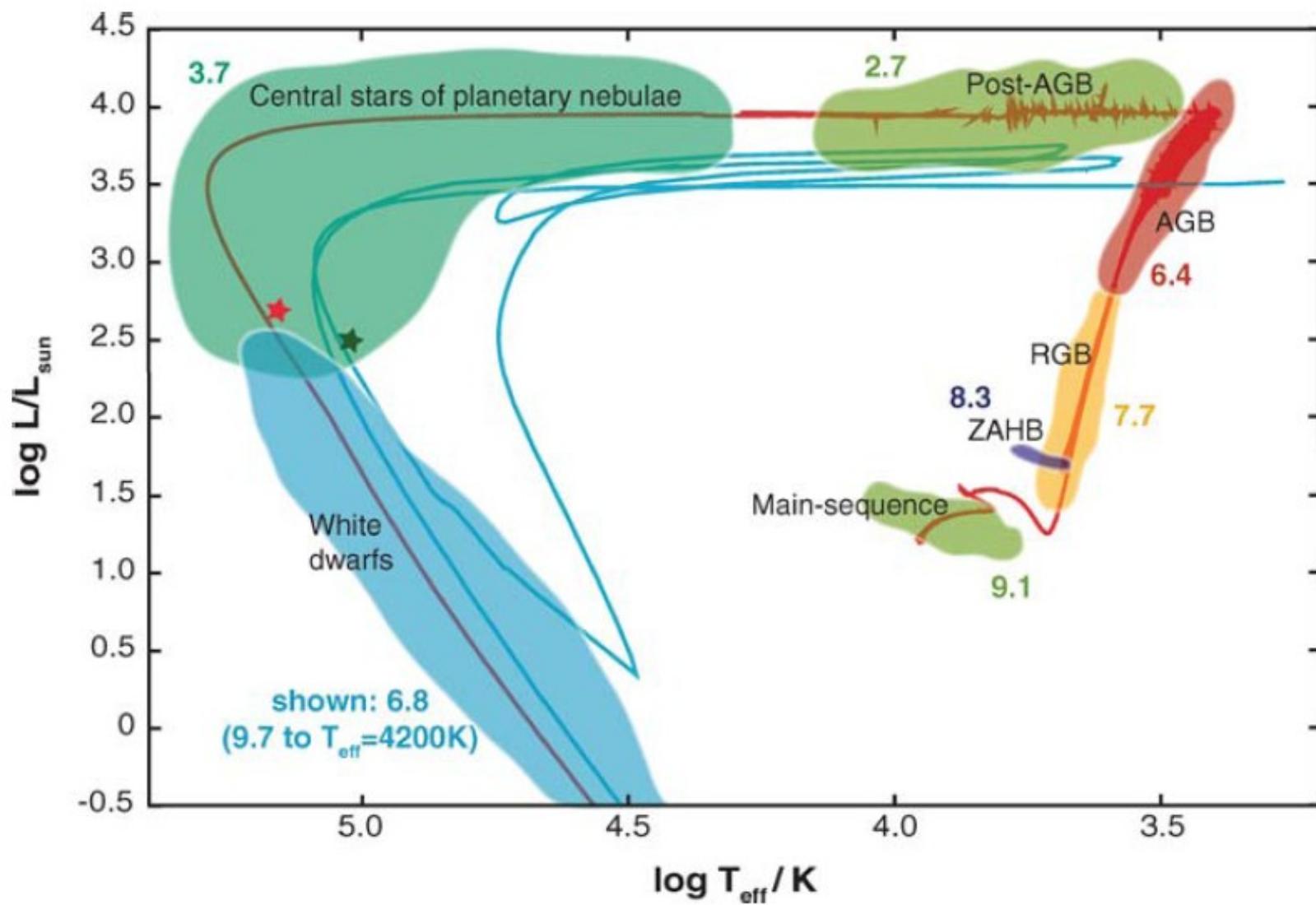


NOTE.—□ Members of the first QSE group; ○ members of the second QSE group.

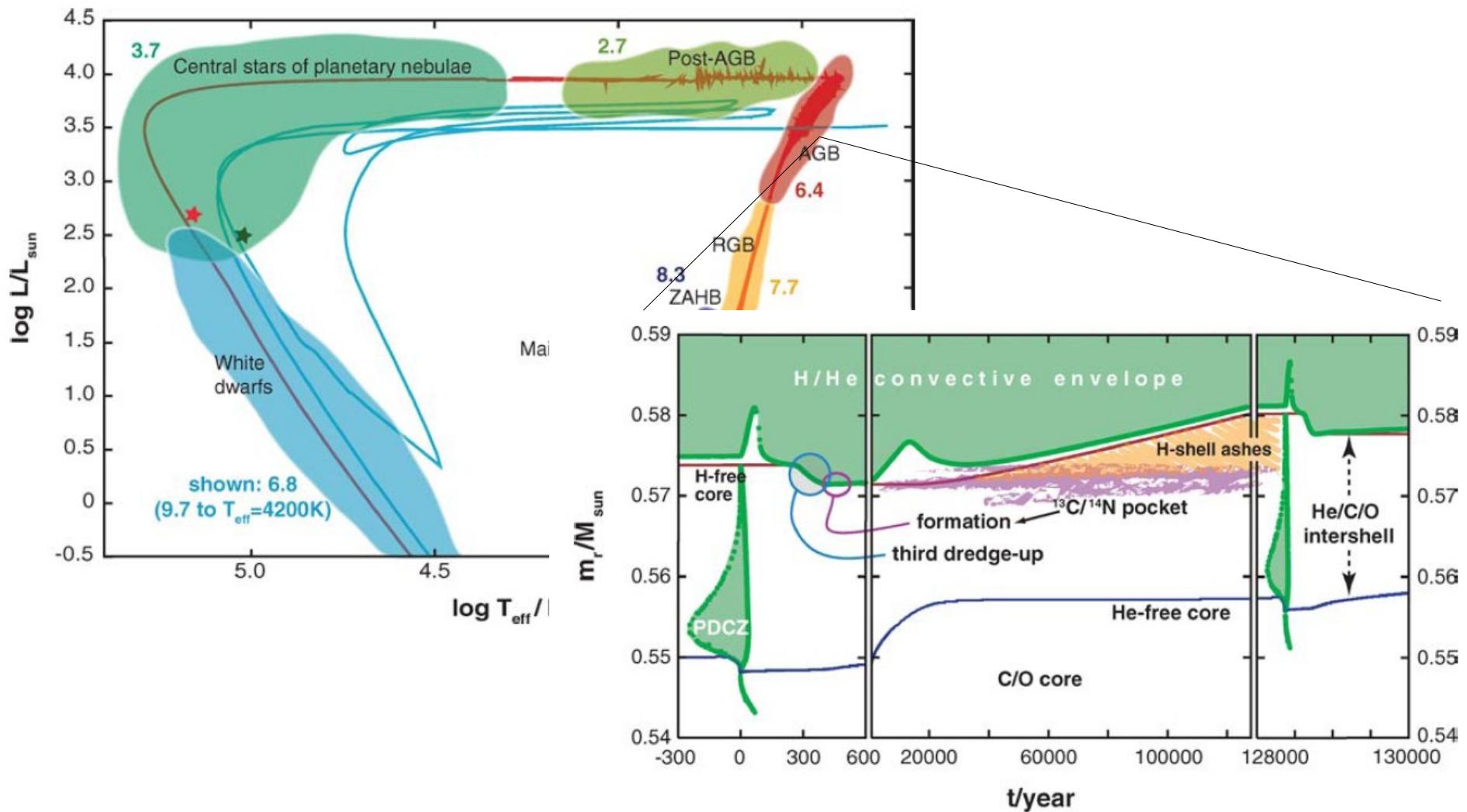
Thielemann & Arnett 1985 ApJ

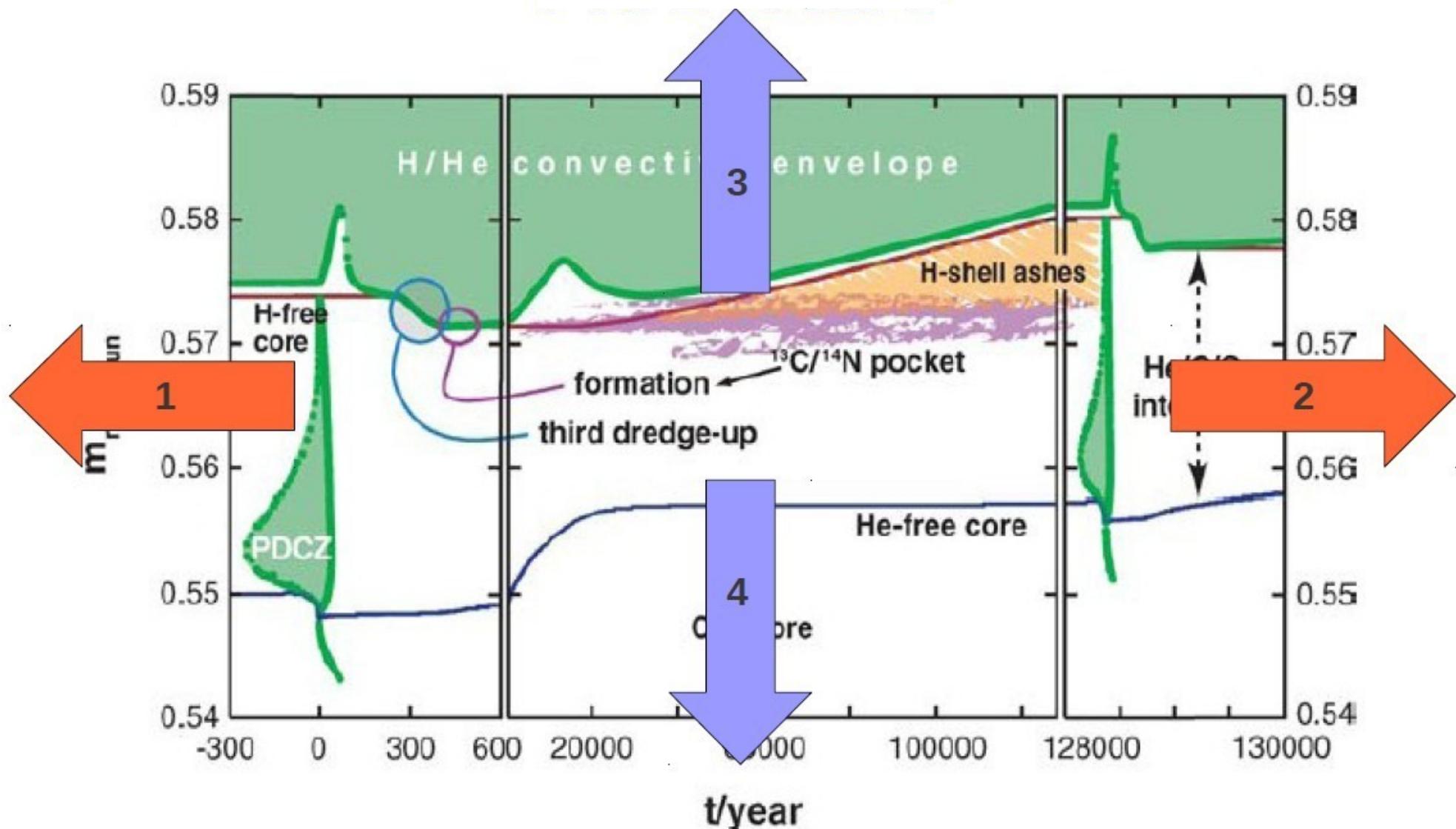
# Stellar nucleosynthesis: Low mass stars

# Low-mass stars: HR diagram



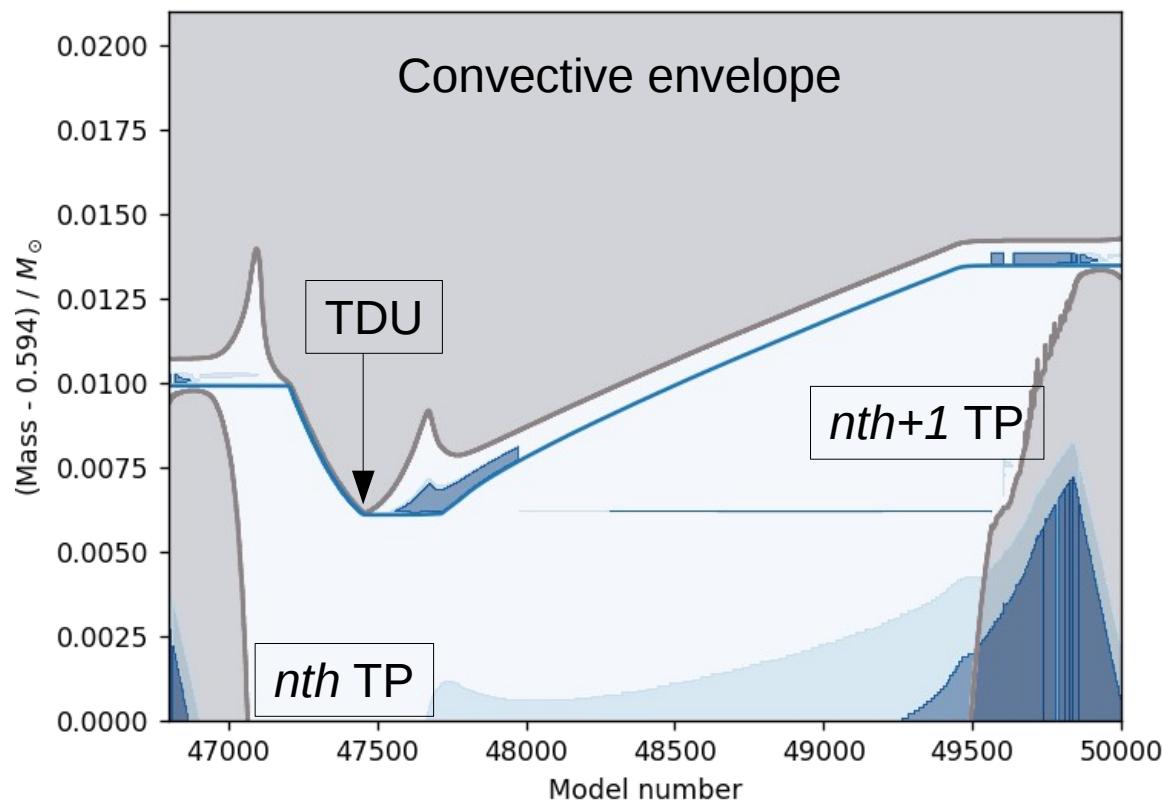
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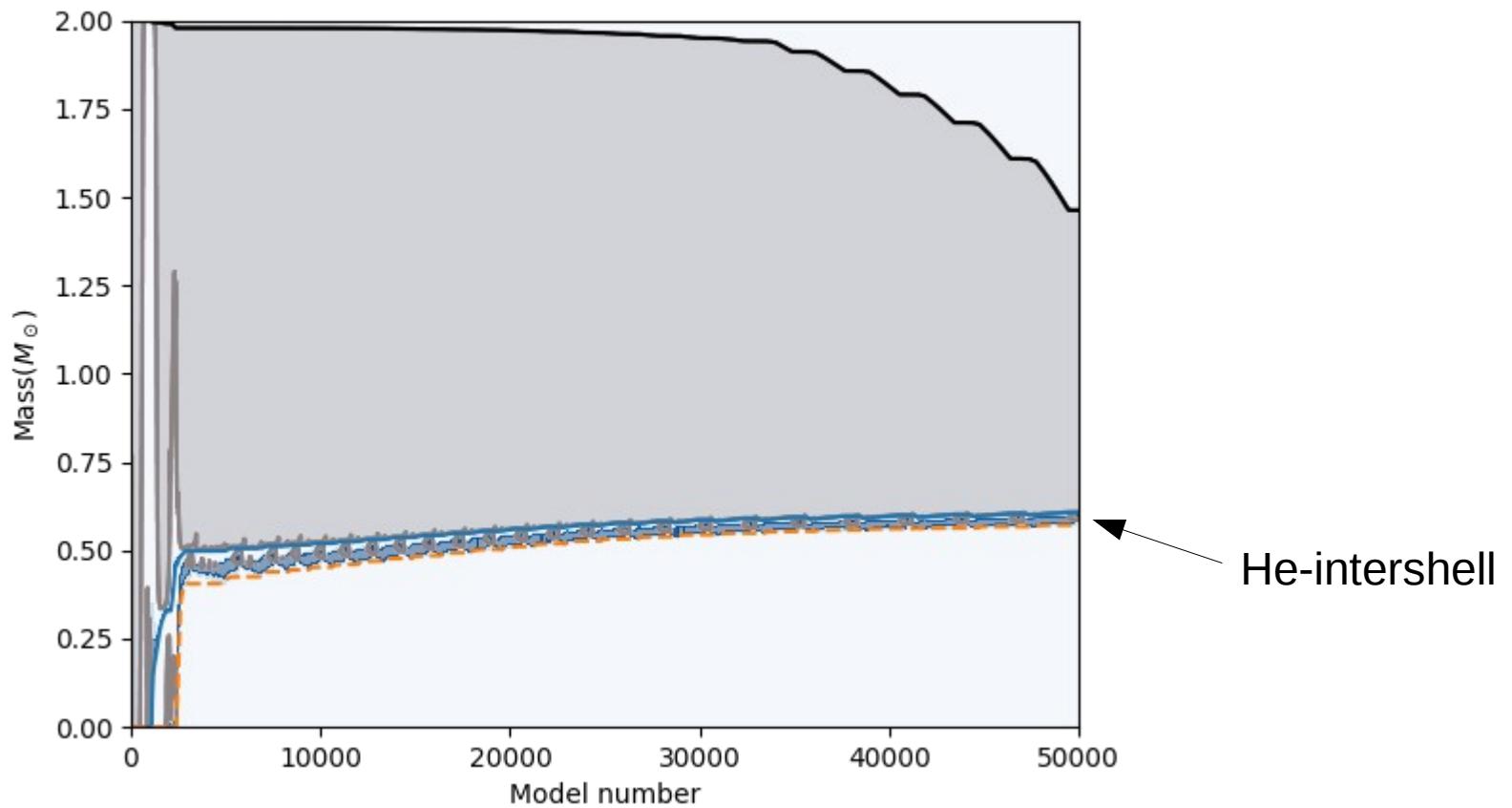


**Figure 3** Thermal pulse 14, the subsequent interpulse phase and thermal pulse 15 of  $2 M_{\odot}$ ,  $Z = 0.01$  sequence ET2 of Herwig & Austin (2004). The timescale is different in each panel.

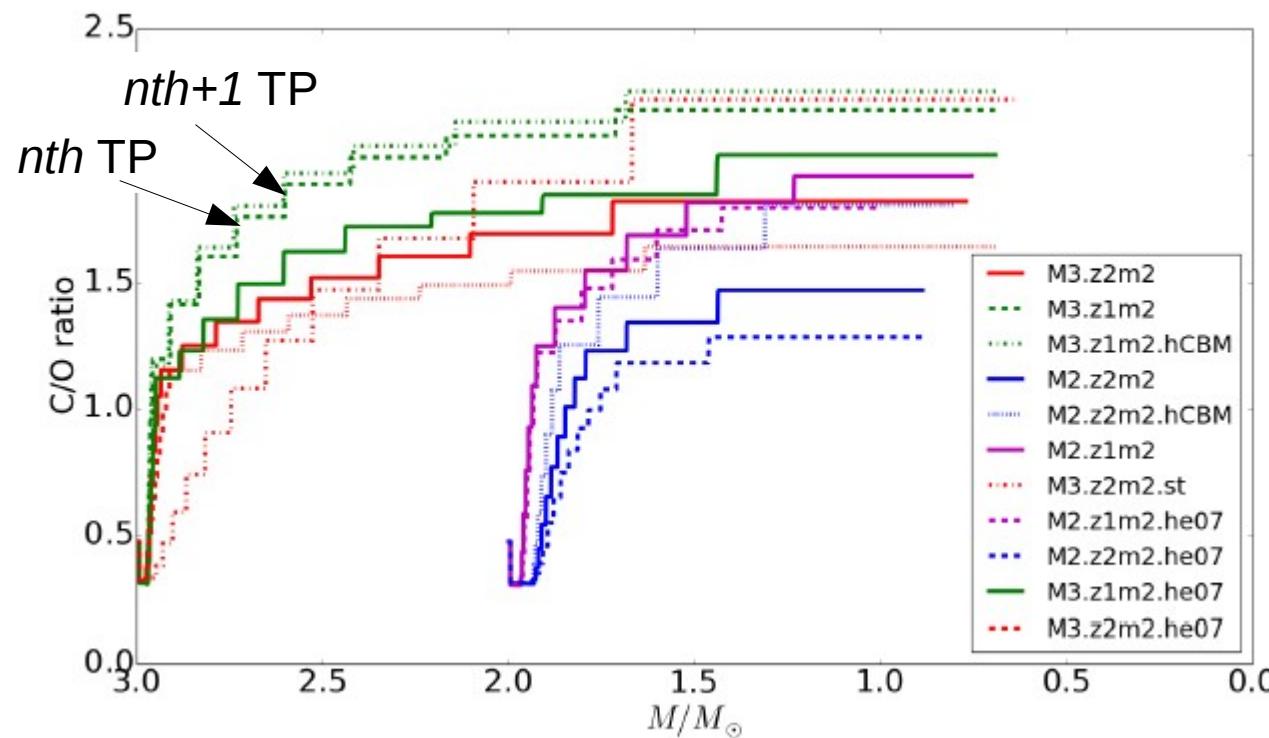
# Zooming in the stellar structure: the Third Dredge-Up (TDU)



# Without zooming...



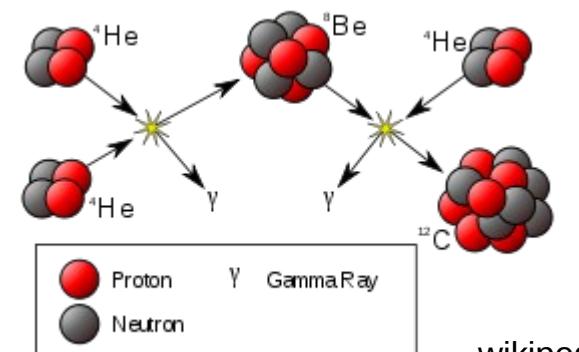
# Nucleosynthesis in AGB stars



Battino, MP+ 2016

In the Sun, and in the ISM, there is more O than C...  
AGB stars make more C than O, so the AGB envelope becomes C-rich after few TPs, before loosing that C in the ISM.

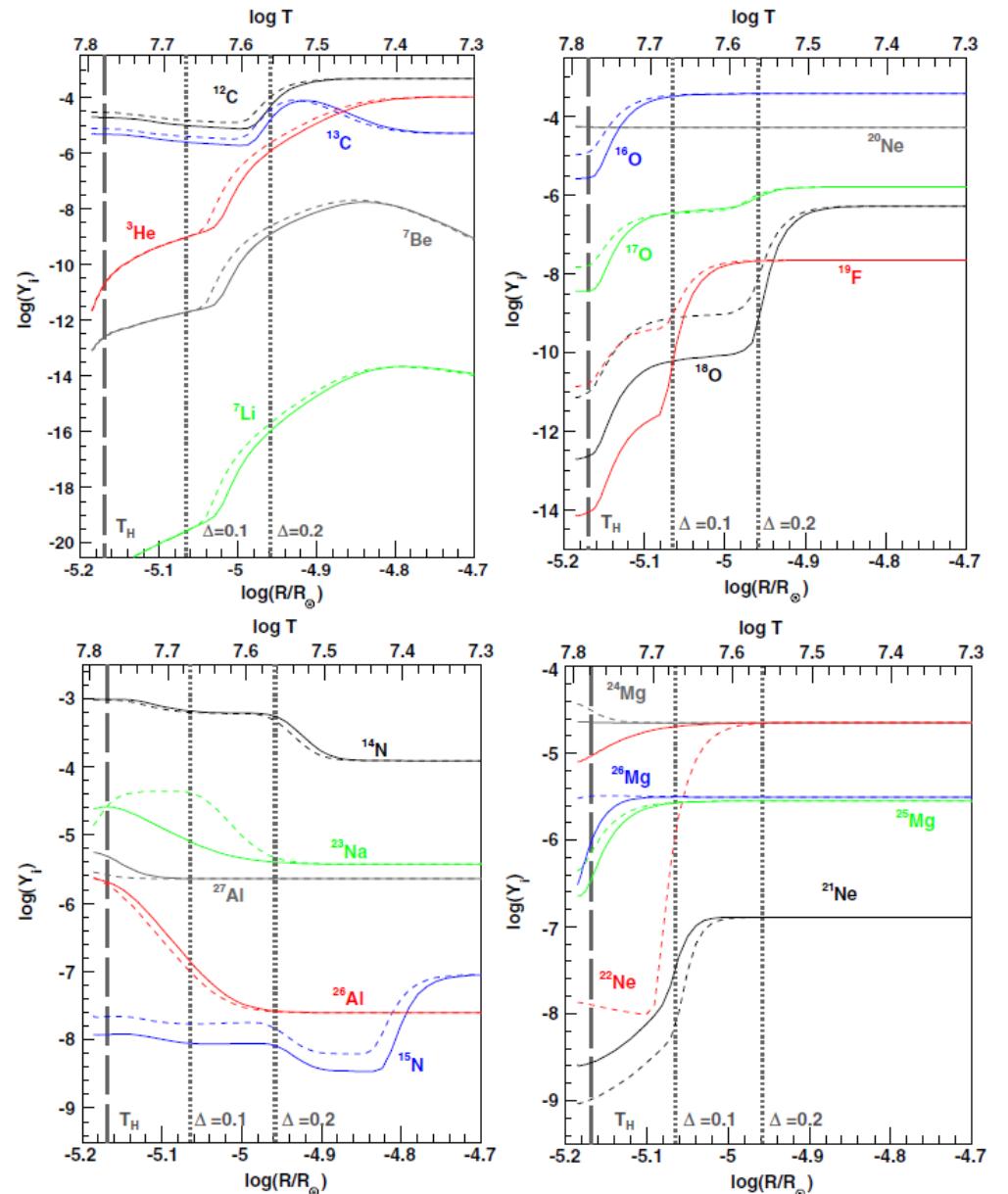
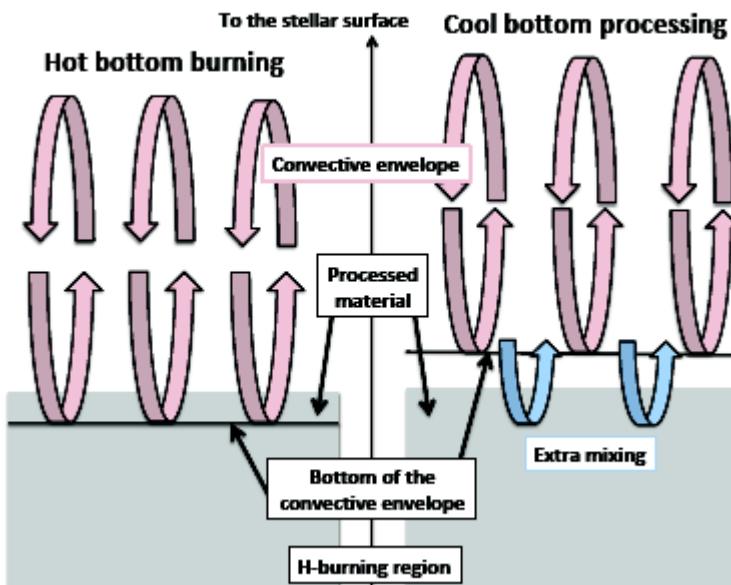
Source of C: activation of  $3\alpha$  rate in the He intershell.



wikipedia

# Nucleosynthesis in AGB stars II

Proton-capture nucleosynthesis at the bottom of the AGB envelope, just above the H shell.



CBP vs HBB: Lugaro+2017, Nat.Ast.

Palmerini+2011, ApJ

# The slow-neutron capture process in AGB stars

1952ApJ...116...21M

## SPECTROSCOPIC OBSERVATIONS OF STARS OF CLASS S

PAUL W. MERRILL

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Observation of Tc in AGB stars:  
s-process ongoing!

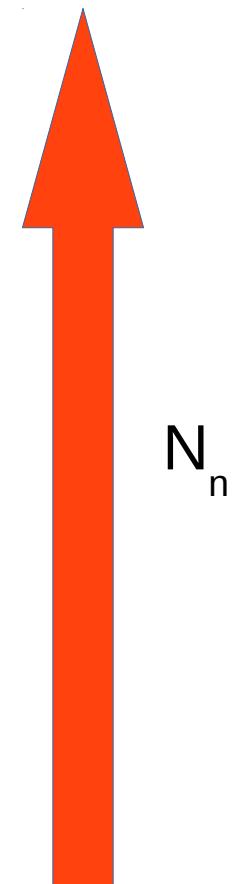
$^{99}\text{Ru}$ 12.76 631 mb	$^{100}\text{Ru}$ 12.6 206 m	$^{101}\text{Ru}$ 17.00 996 mb	$^{102}\text{Ru}$ 31.55 186 mb
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$^{97}\text{Mo}$ 9.55 339 mb	$^{98}\text{Mo}$ 24.13 99 mb	$^{99}\text{Mo}$ 1.75 d 240 mb, $\beta^-$	$^{100}\text{Mo}$ 9.63 108 mb
$^{96}\text{Nb}$ 23.35 h $\beta^-$	$^{97}\text{Nb}$ 1.20 h $\beta^-$	$^{98}\text{Nb}$ 2.86 s $\beta^-$	$^{99}\text{Nb}$ 15.00 s $\beta^-$

# Basic vocabulary and quantities

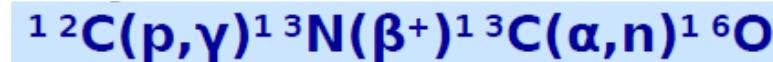
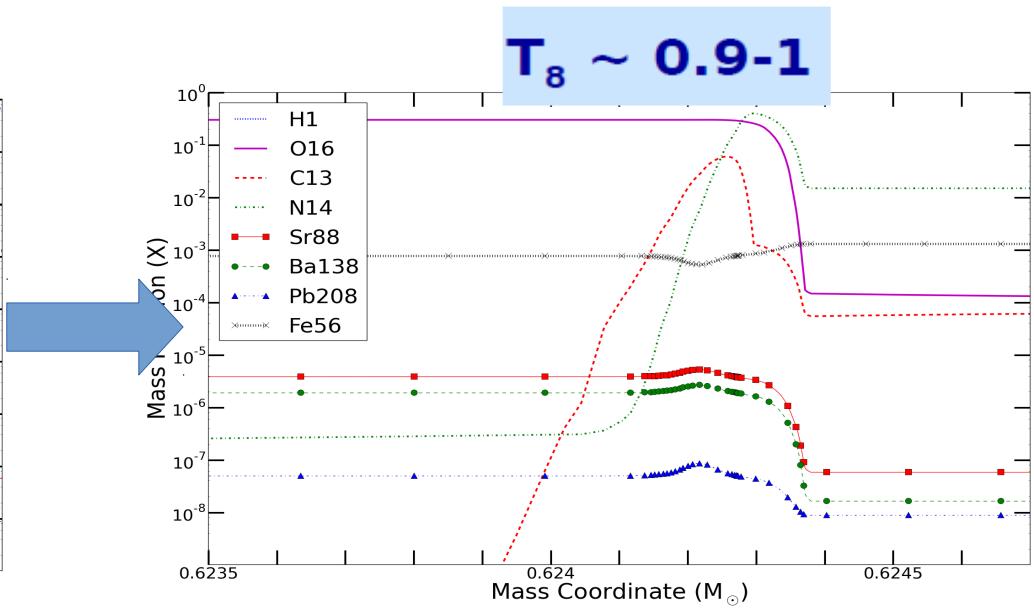
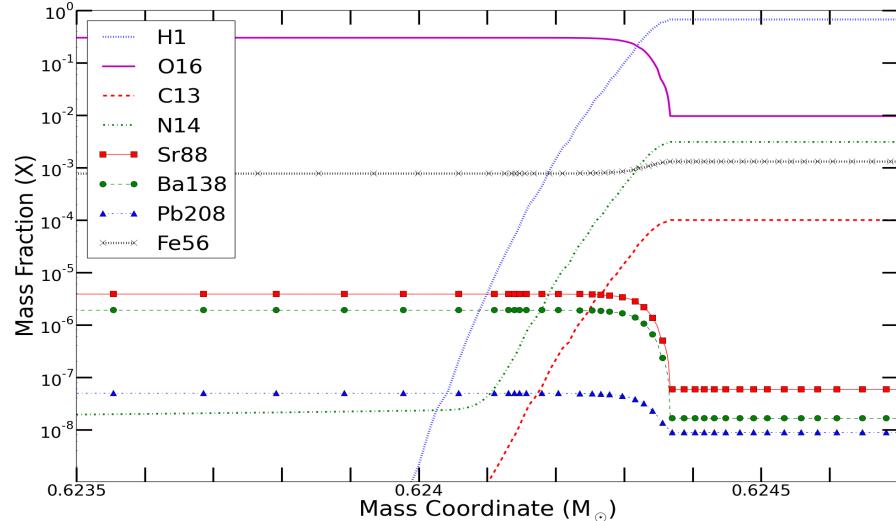
- Neutron exposure:  $\tau = \int v_T N_n(t) dt$
- Neutron density:  $N_n = X_n \cdot \rho \cdot N_A$
- s-process seeds: Fe, Ne-Na
- s-process poisons:  $^{14}N$ ,  $^{25}Mg$ ,  $^{20}Ne$ ,  $^{22}Ne$ , ...
- s-process source:  $^{13}C \rightarrow ^{13}C(\alpha, n)^{16}O$ ,  $^{22}Ne \rightarrow ^{22}Ne(\alpha, n)^{25}Mg$

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# Formation of the C13-pocket



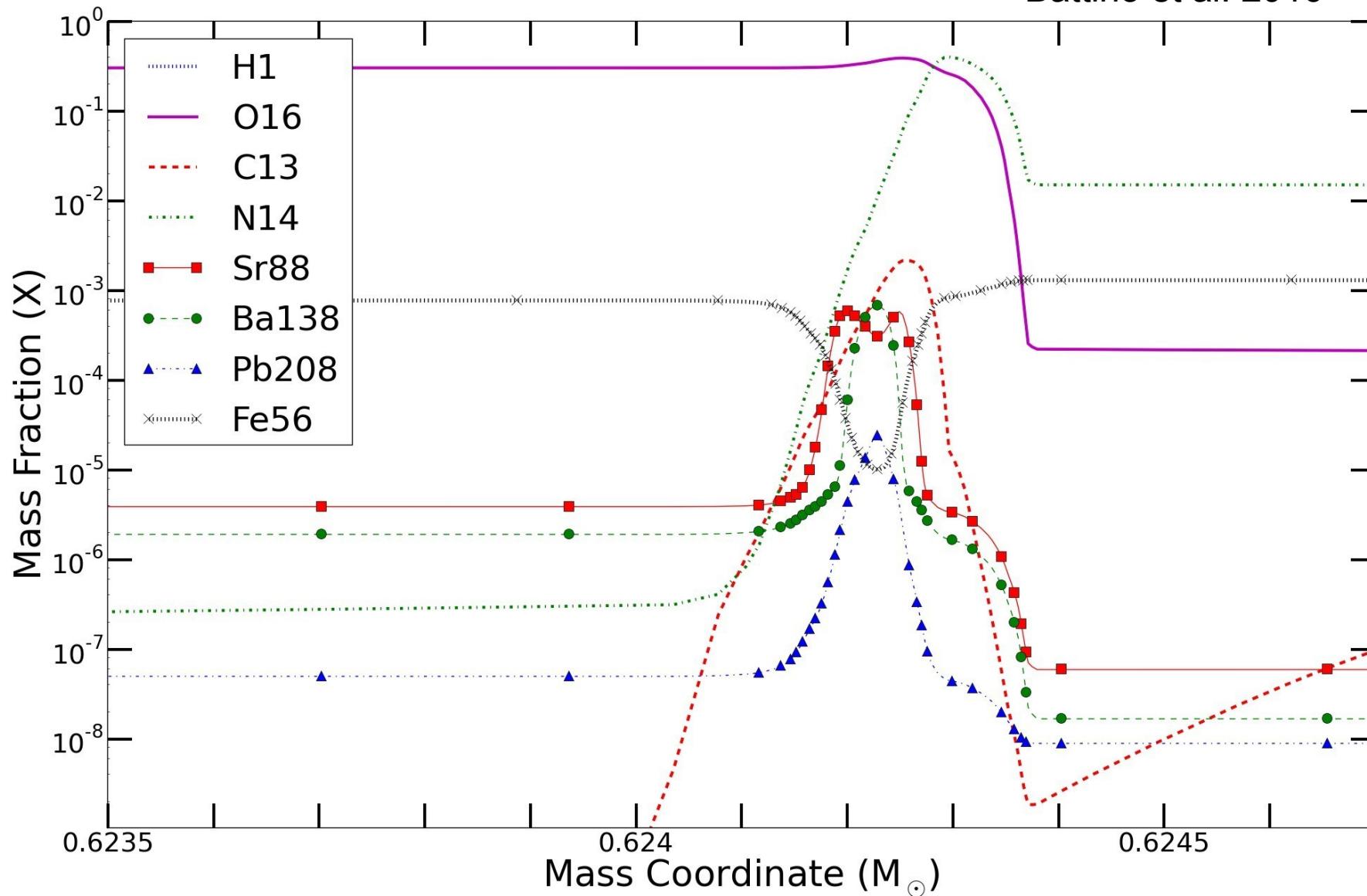
$10^7 \text{ n/cm}^3$

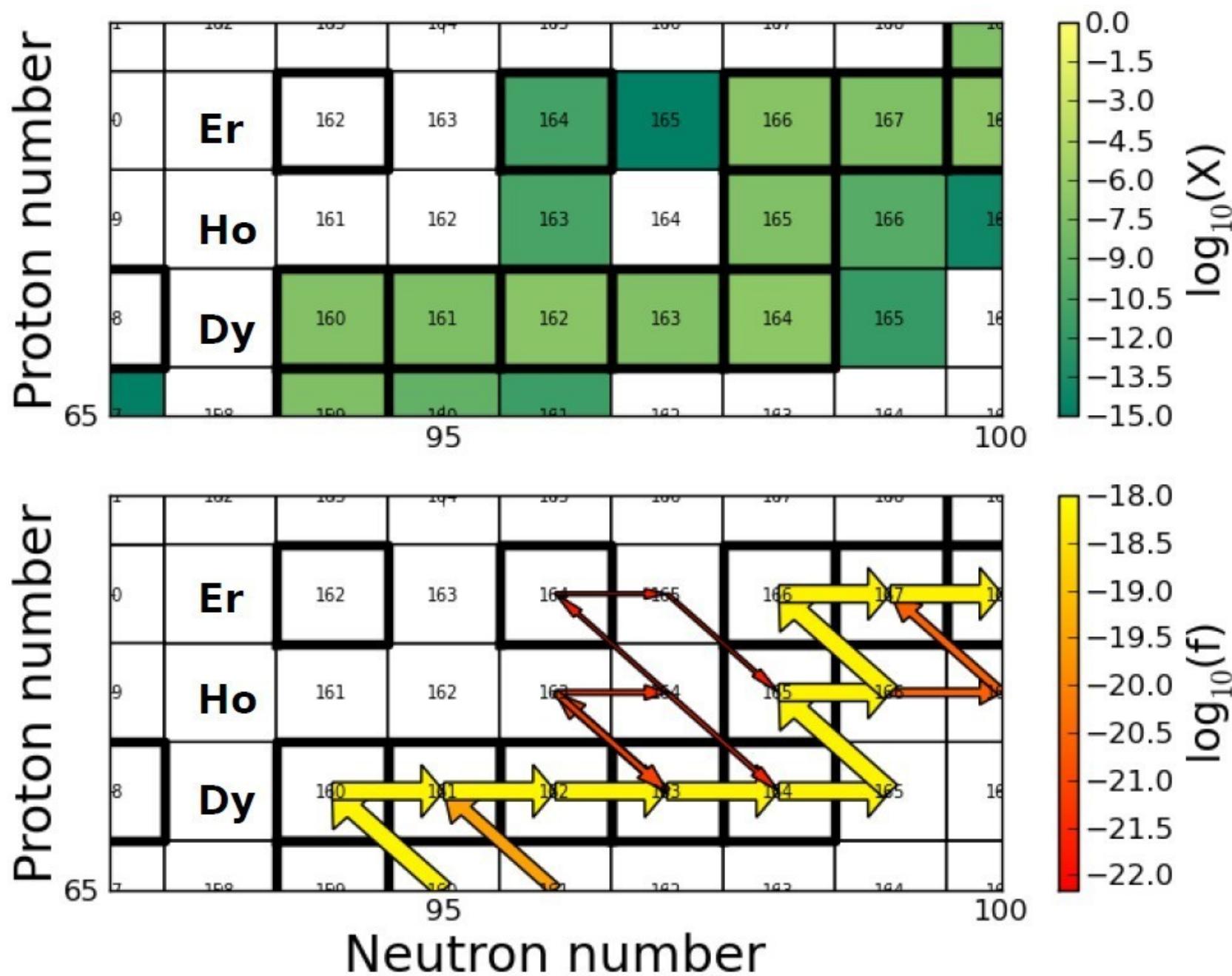
~95% of the total neutron exposure

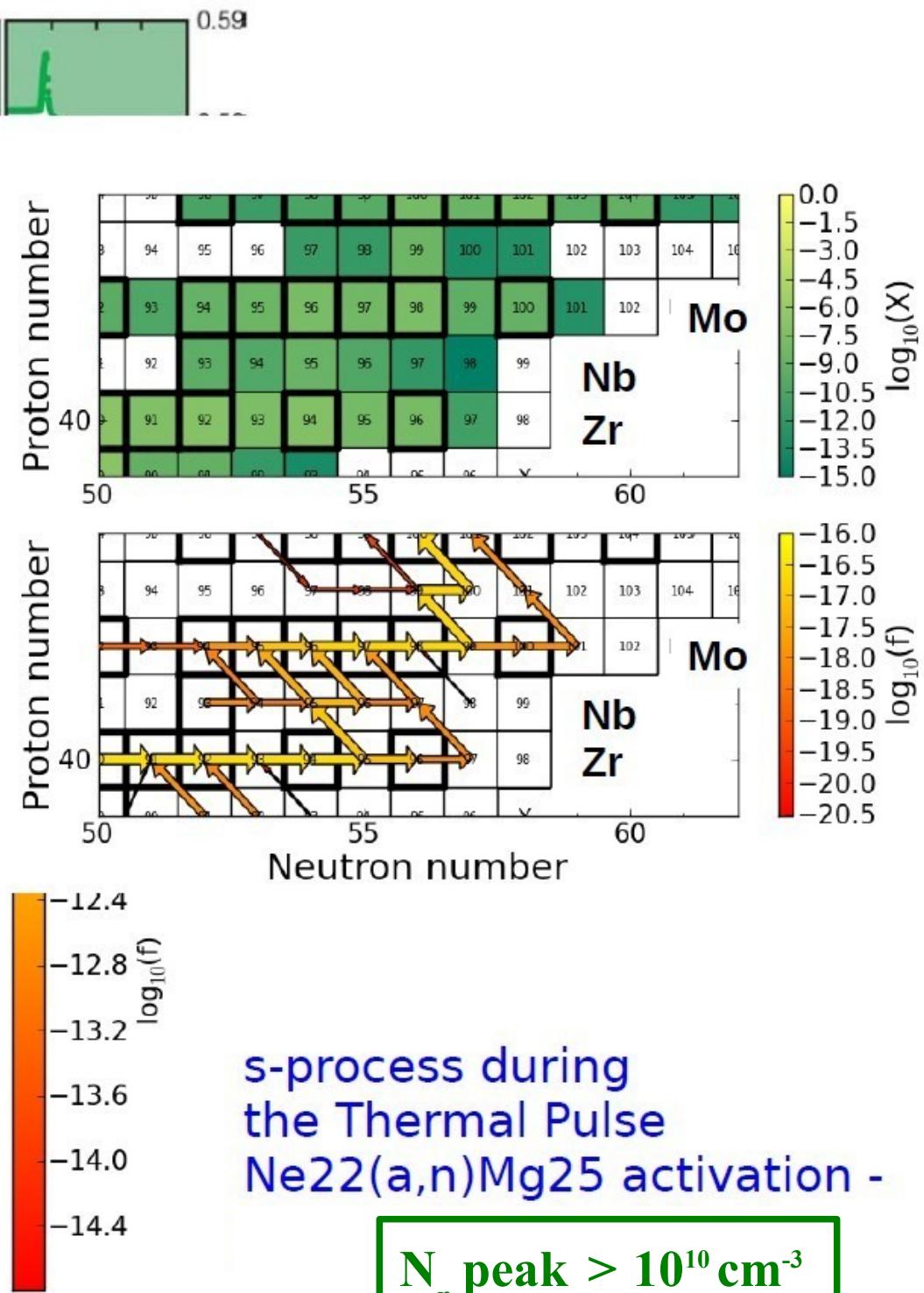
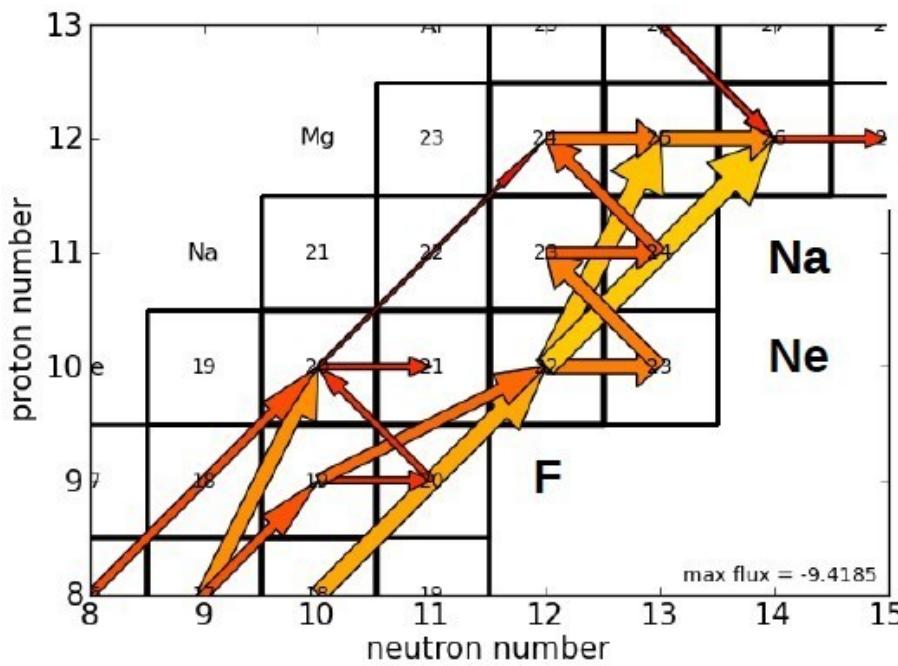
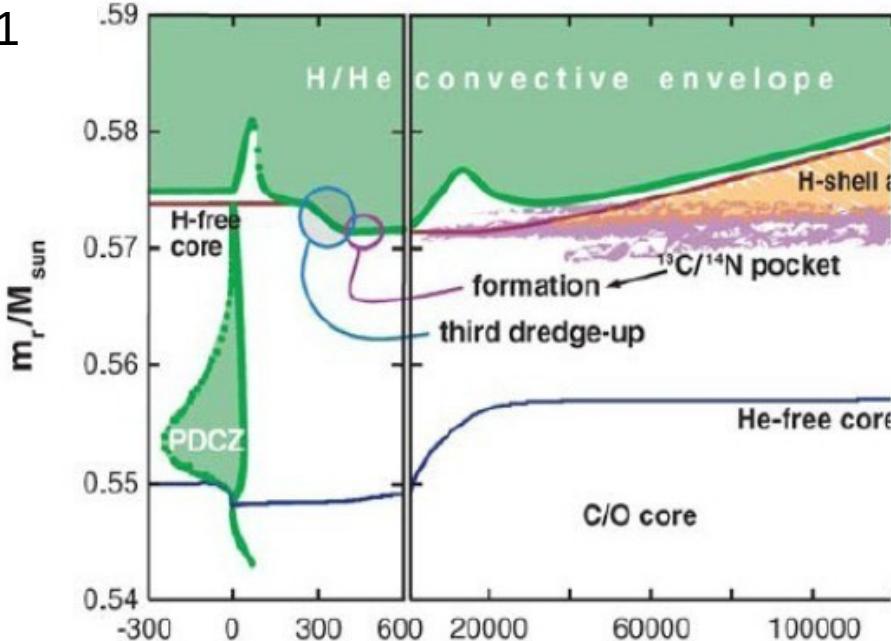
What is (are) the physics mechanism(s) driving the formation of the C13-pocket ?

# Snapshot of the $^{13}\text{C}$ -pocket once $\text{C}^{13}$ is gone:

Battino et al. 2016



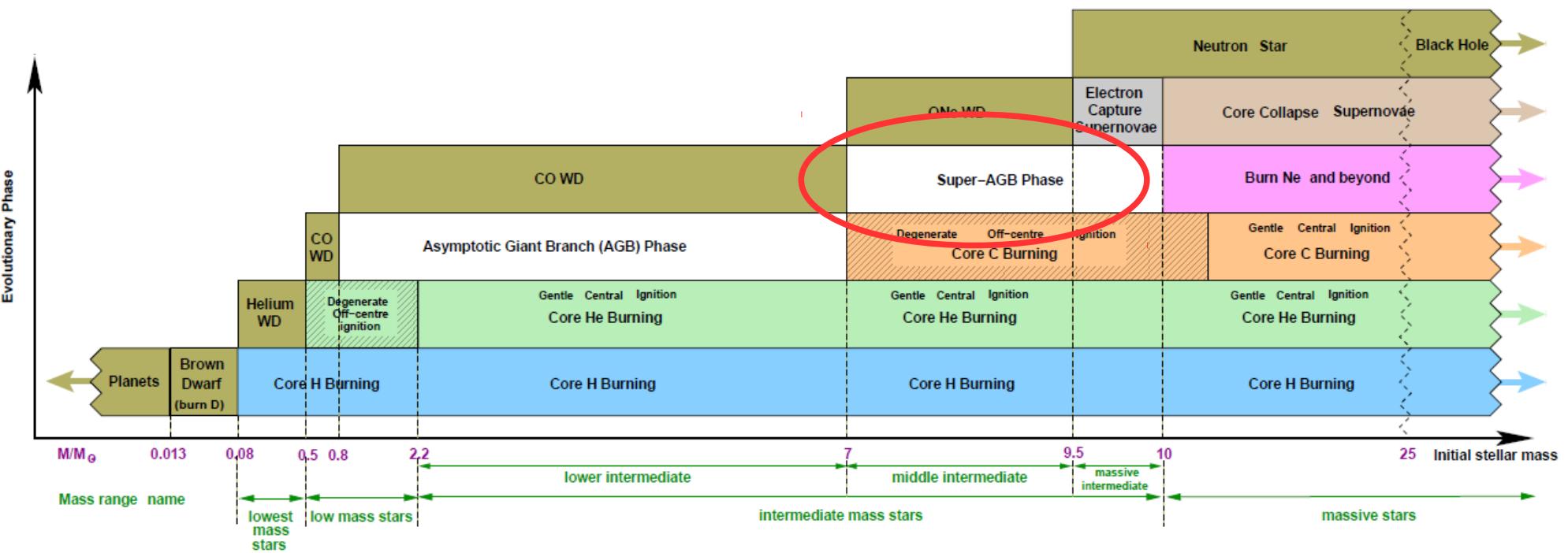


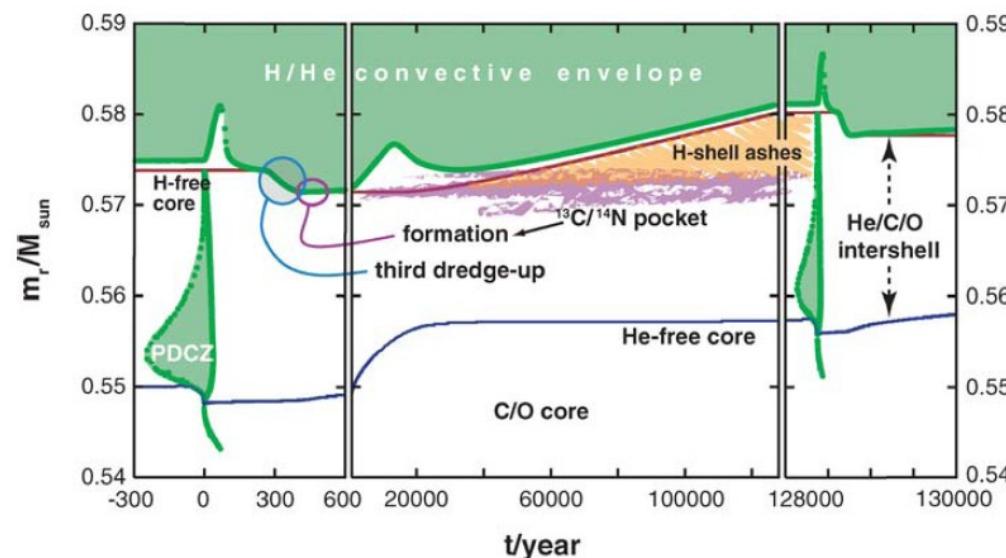
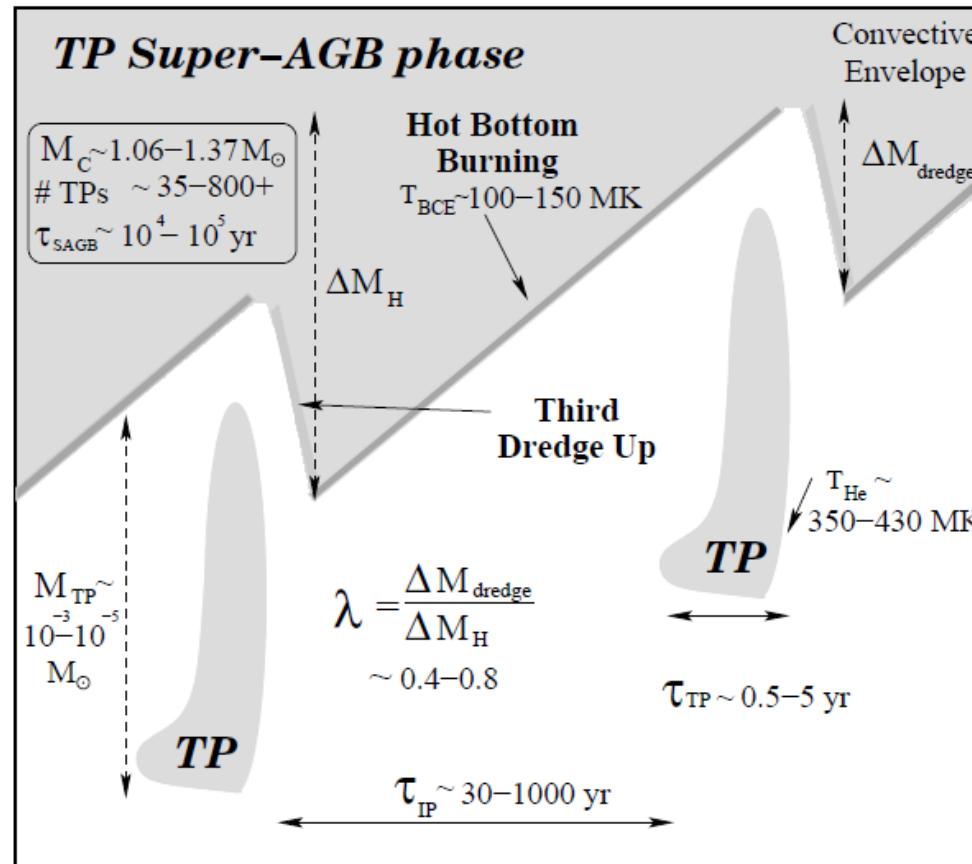


s-process during  
the Thermal Pulse  
Ne22(a,n)Mg25 activation -

$N_n$  peak  $> 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

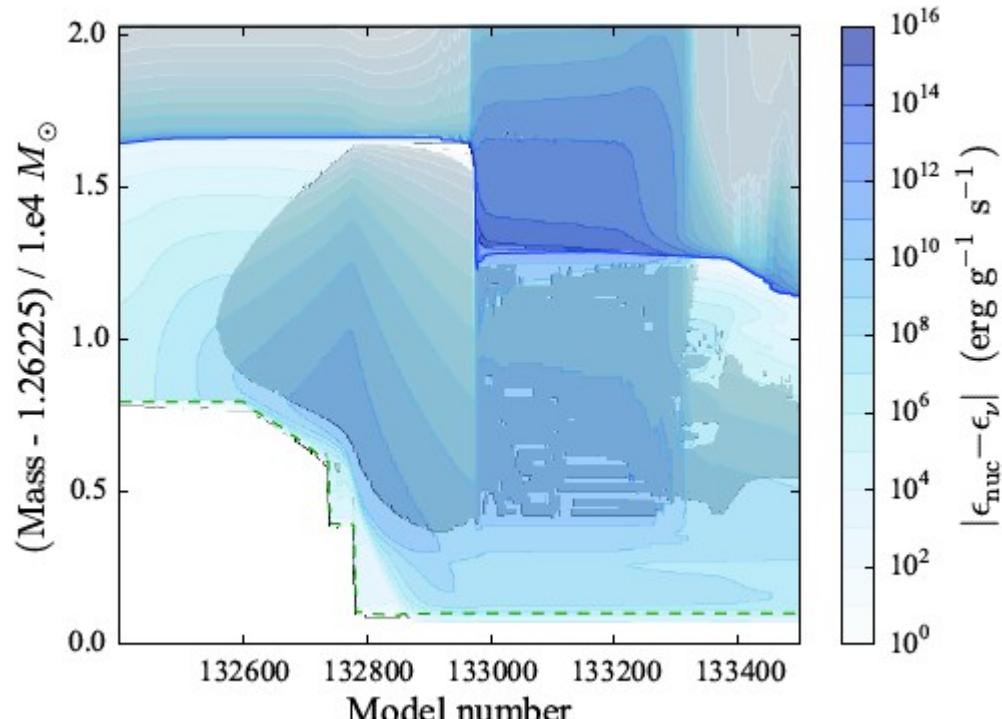
# Super-AGB stars



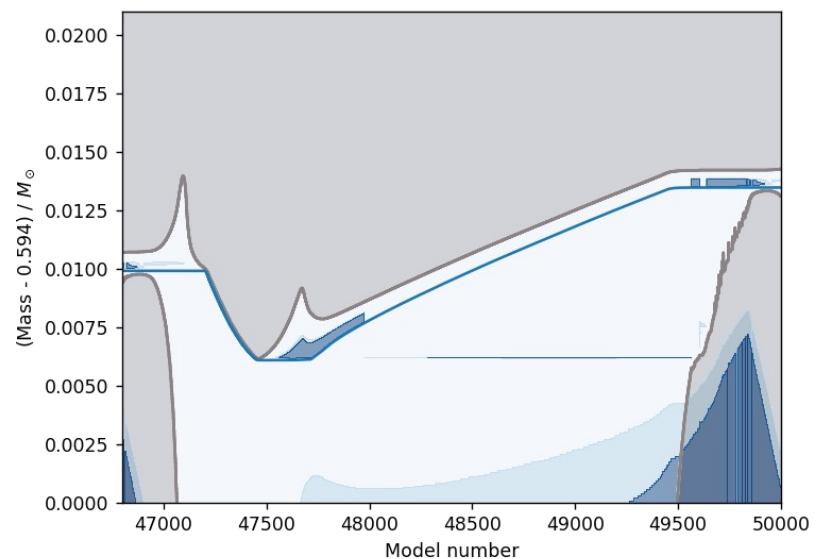


# Thermal Pulses and H ingestion

Jones, MP et al. 2016 MNRAS



M=7Msun, Z=0.0001



M=2Msun, Z=0.01

Thermal Pulses in Super-AGB stars can trigger ingestion of fresh H from the envelope, during the convective He burning. This is completely different from the low-mass case we saw before.

# The i process

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## PRODUCTION OF $^{14}\text{C}$ AND NEUTRONS IN RED GIANTS

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### ABSTRACT

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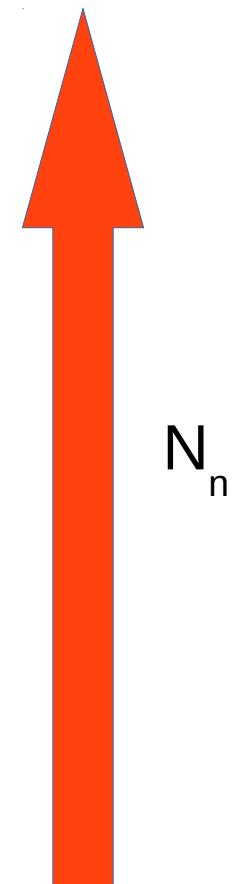
We find a neutron number density in the intershell region of  $\sim 10^{15}\text{--}10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and a flux of  $\sim 10^{23}\text{--}10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . This neutron flux is many orders of magnitude above the flux required for the classical s-process, and thus an intermediate neutron process (i-process) may operate in evolved red giants. The neutrons are principally produced by the  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction.

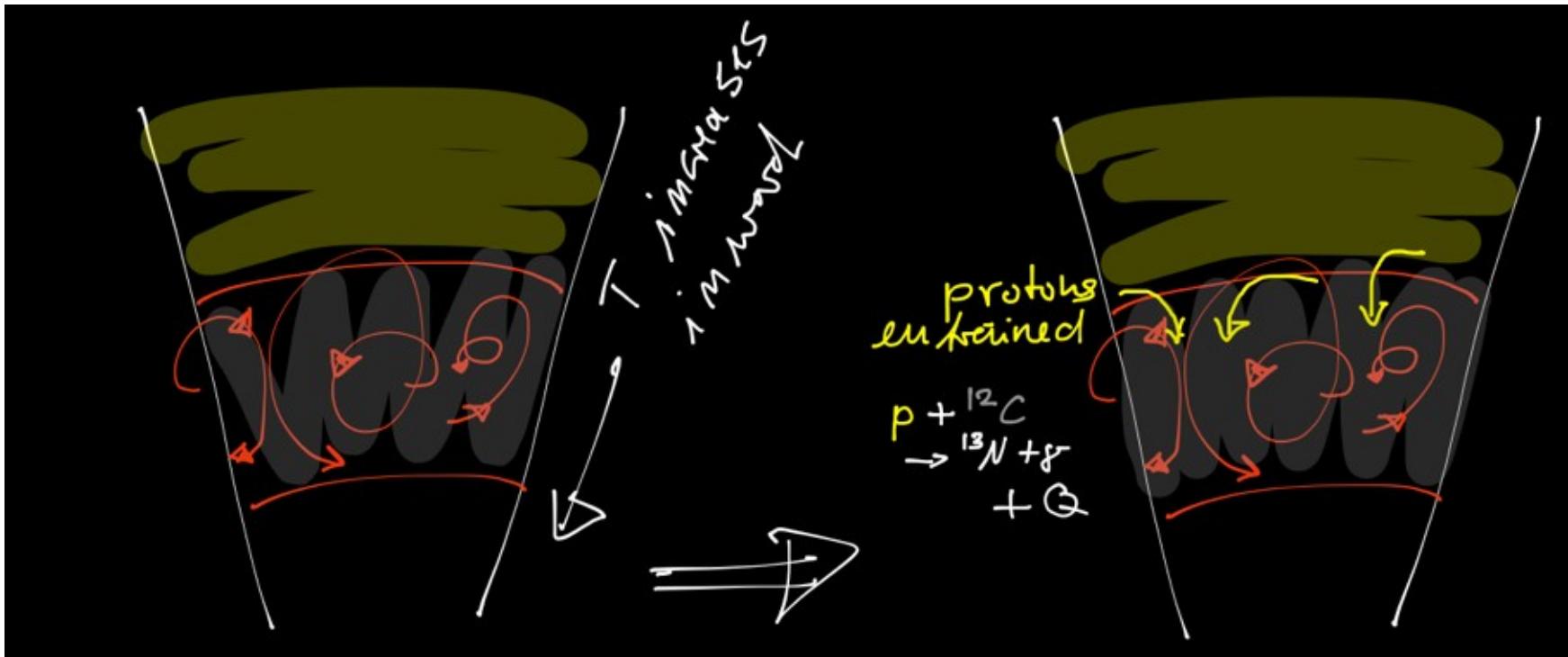
In all cases studied we find substantial enhancements of  $^{17}\text{O}$ . These mixing models offer a plausible explanation of the observations of enhanced  $^{17}\text{O}$  in the carbon star IRC 10216. For certain physical conditions we find significant enhancements of  $^{15}\text{N}$  in the intershell region.

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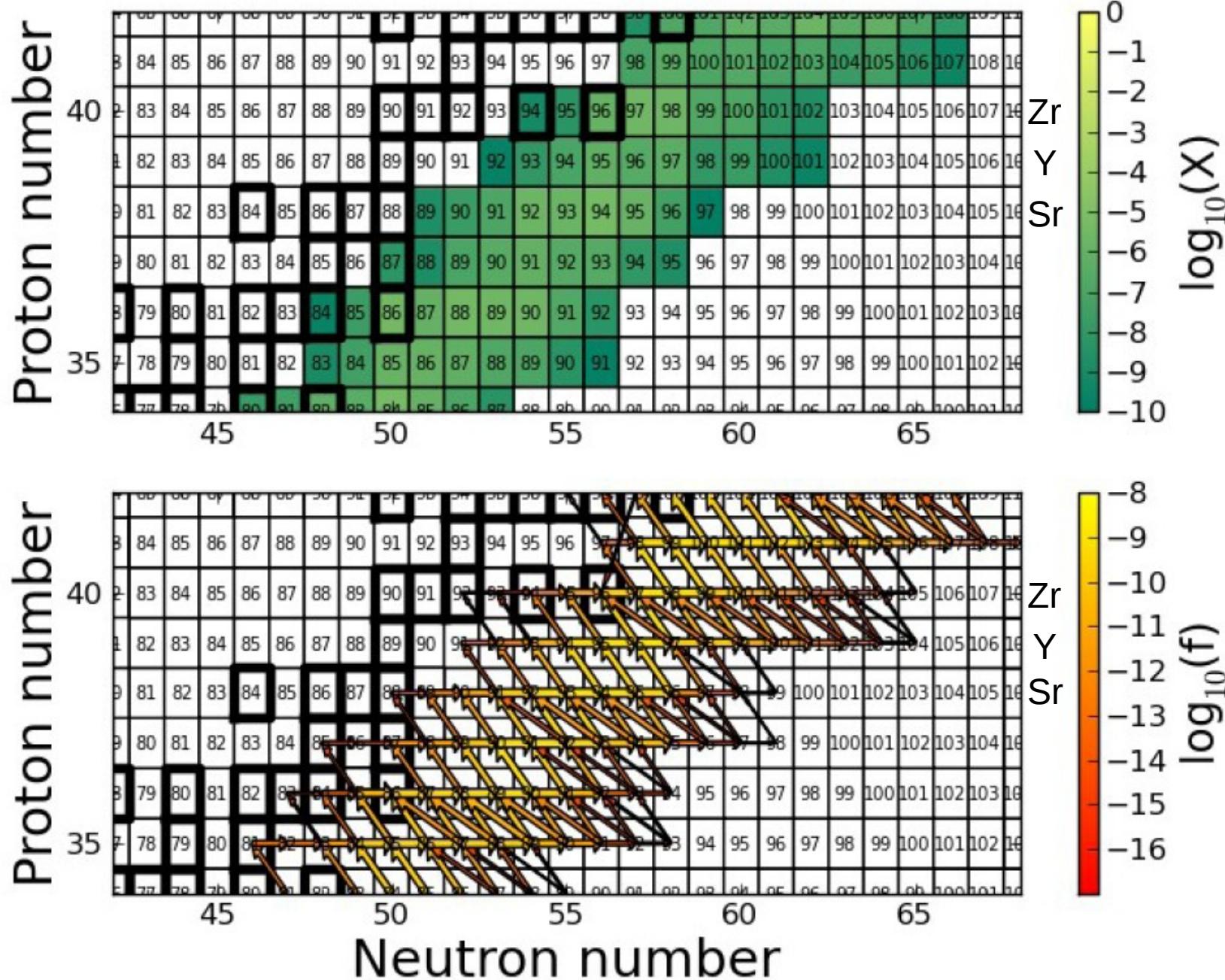




N13 and/or C13 are mixed for hours in regions with typical He-burning temperatures ( $T_9 \sim 0.25\text{-}0.3$  GK), together with Fe-seed rich material.

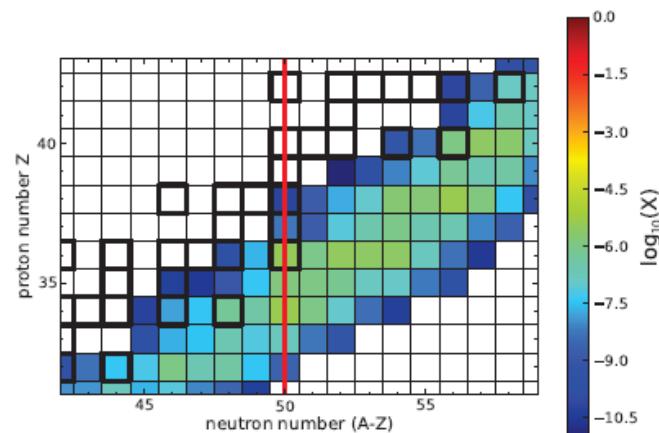
Main source of neutrons:  $C^{13}(\alpha, n)O^{16}$   
 Neutron density: few  $10^{14} - 10^{16} \text{ n cm}^{-3}$

# Nucleosynthesis properties of the i process: Se-Nb



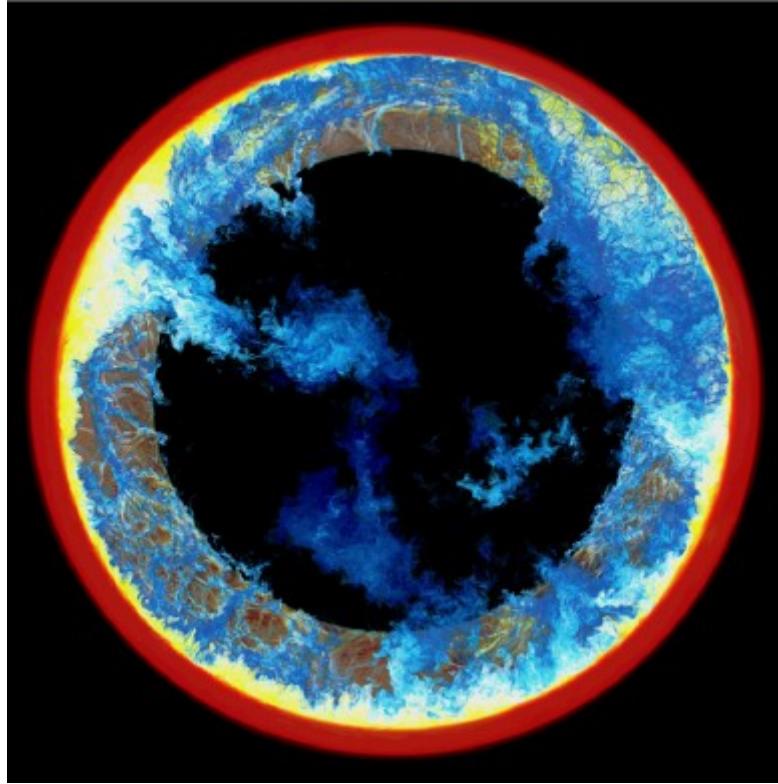
# Relevant nuclear reaction rates for the i process

- ( $n,\gamma$ ) rates from the valley of stability up to  $\sim 10$  neutron-rich isotopes far from the valley of stability;
- $\beta$  decay network;
- ( $\beta,n$ ) delayed-neutron emission network.



(a) Isotopic chart for the first neutron magic peak,  $N = 50$ , at  $t = 1.9 \times 10^{-4}$  years.

## Most recent results for the hydrodynamics of H ingestion: (Cost of a resolved simulation of H ingestion for 20 hr star time: ~ 500K \$)



Cost of adding one more virtual isotope or fluid  
in the simulations:

... +

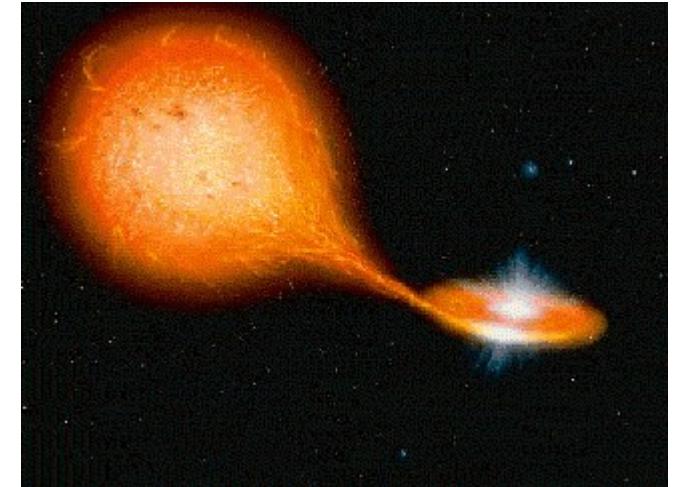


Falk Herwig  
UVIC

- + Herwig et al. 2014, ApJL 792
- + Woodward et al. 2015, ApJ 798, 49

+ For other hydrodynamics simulations of H ingestion (at low metallicity): Mokak et al. 2011 A&A, Stancliffe et al. 2011 ApJ

## Artist conception of the WD and the binary system



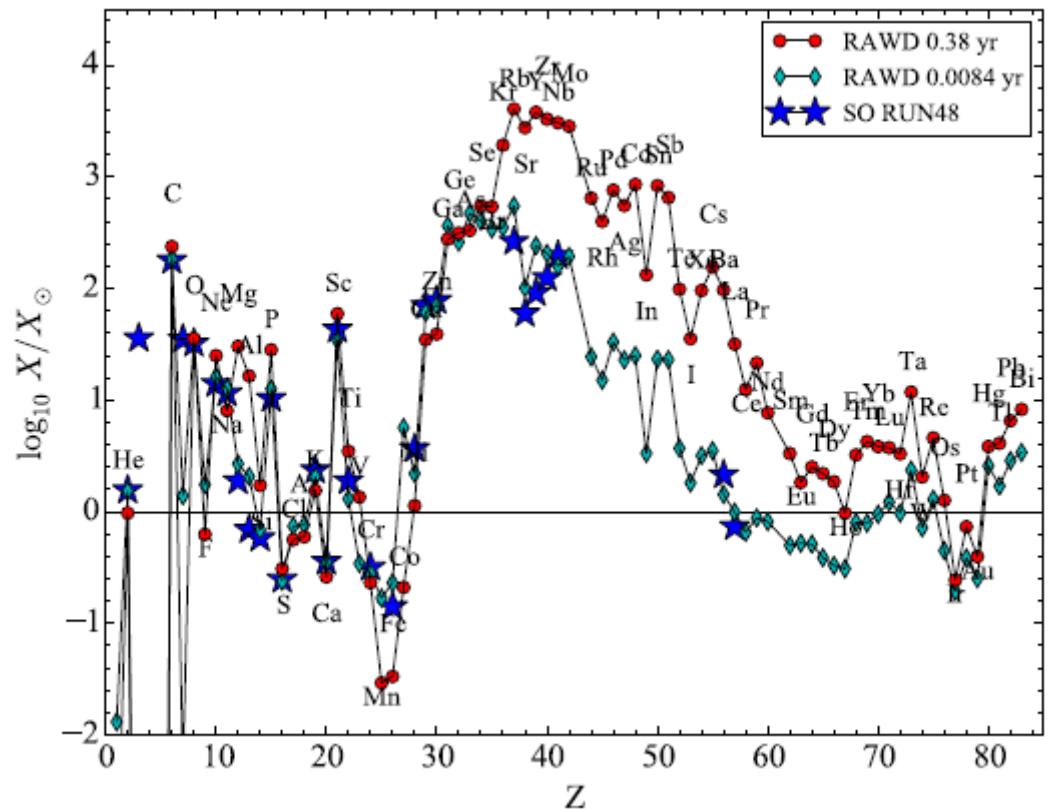
## Why do we care?

The Milky Way present-day star formation rate is  $\sim 2 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (Chen et al. 2014). A fraction of  $\sim 0.08$  of this will go into low-mass AGB stars ( $1.5 M_{\odot} \leq M_{\text{ini}} \leq 3 M_{\odot}$ ) that produce the main s process, and they return  $\sim 70\%$  of their mass to the ISM. Therefore,  $\approx 0.1 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  of s-process enriched material is returned by low-mass AGB stars. This material is enriched by  $\sim 2$  compared to the initial abundance of heavy elements (e.g., Lugaro et al. 2003).

As a lower limit, we adopt for the RAWD rate the presently estimated rate of SNe Ia from the single-degenerate channel,  $2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ year}^{-1}$  (Chen et al. 2014). If one assumes that for each RAWD  $\sim 0.5 M_{\odot}$  of H-rich material can be accreted, and ejected enriched with i-process elements (assuming  $\eta_{\text{He}} = 0$ ), then  $\approx 0.0001 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  of i-process enriched material is returned by RAWDs with an enrichment factor of  $\sim 1000$  (Figure 4).

The ratio of the contributions of elements made by both low-mass AGB stars and RAWDs is then

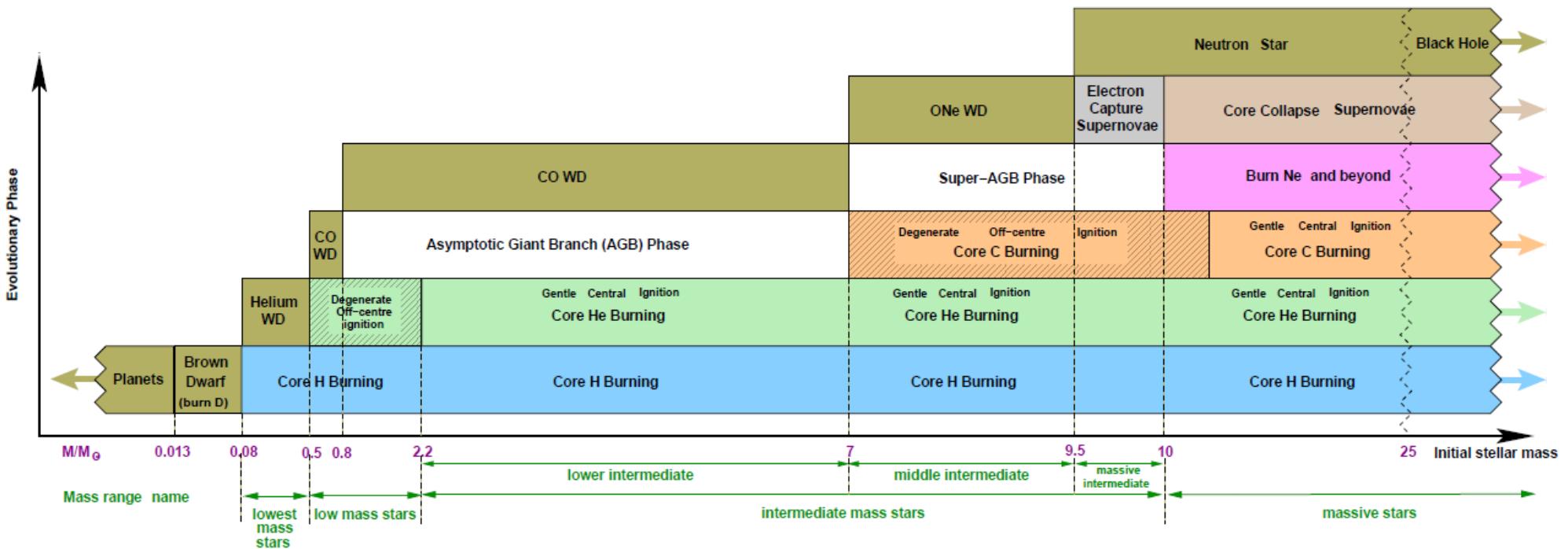
$$\frac{\text{AGB contribution}}{\text{RAWD contribution}} = \frac{0.1 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}}{0.0001 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}} \times \frac{2}{1000} = 2.0.$$



Examples of i-process abundance patterns

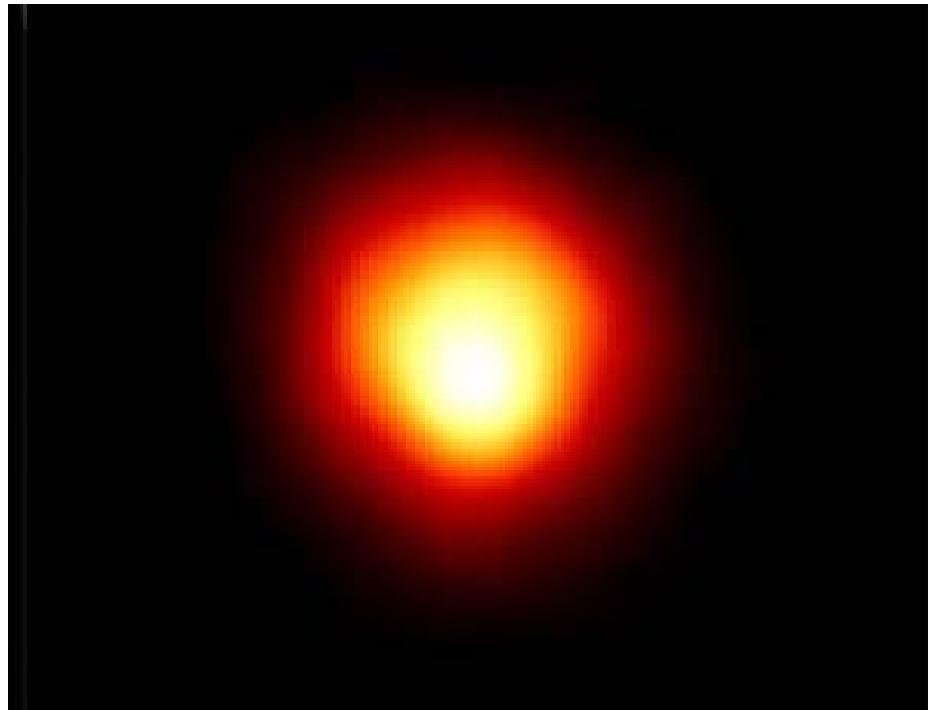
# Stellar nucleosynthesis: Massive stars

# Stars forming WD and NS



Karakas & Lattanzio 2014, PASA

# Baking oxygen now...

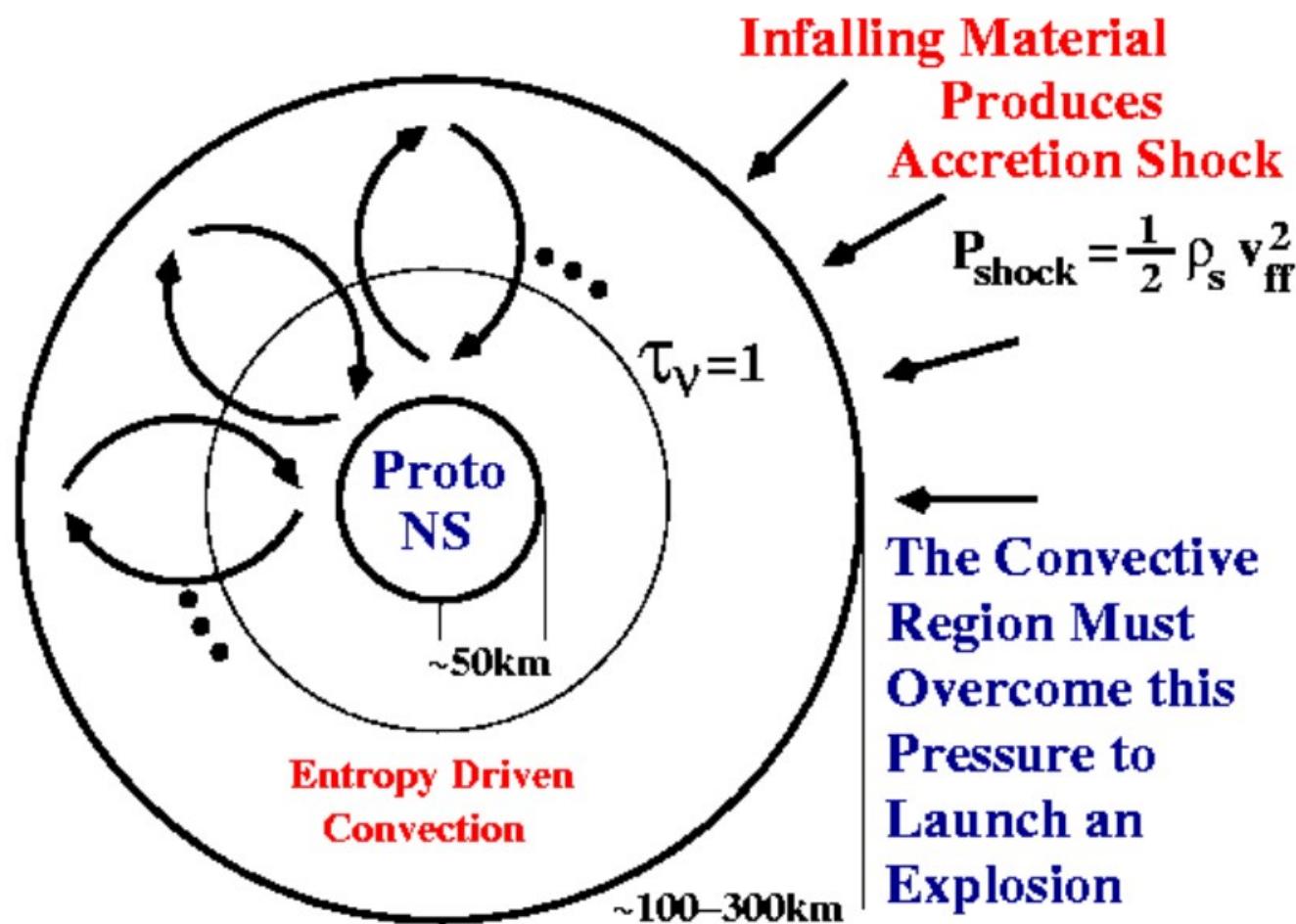


Betelgeuse ( $\alpha$ -Ori):  
 $\sim 19 M_{\text{sun}}$   
 $\sim 650 \text{ ly}$   
 $\sim 1180 R_{\text{sun}}$

Image: A. Dupree/CFA/R. Gilliland/STScI/NASA/ESA

1:2 atoms in the centre of  $\alpha$ -Orionis is oxygen

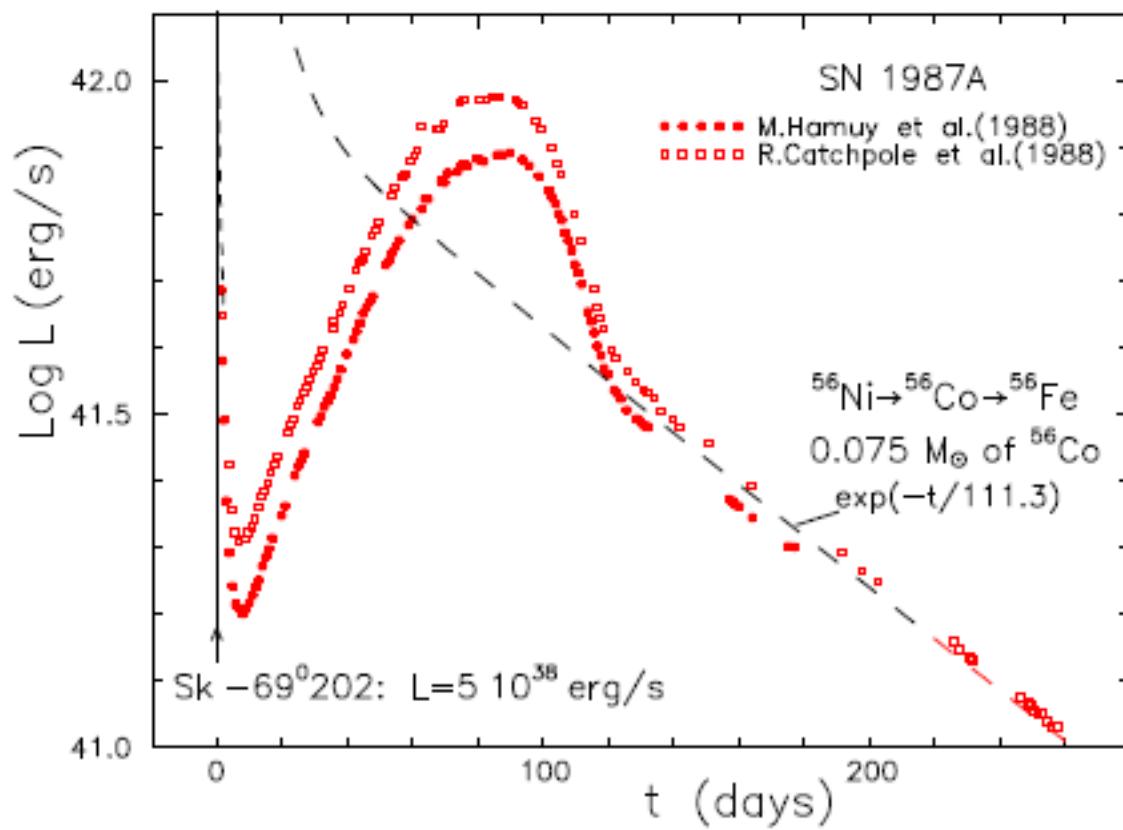
# Neutrino-driven SN mechanism



Fryer 1999

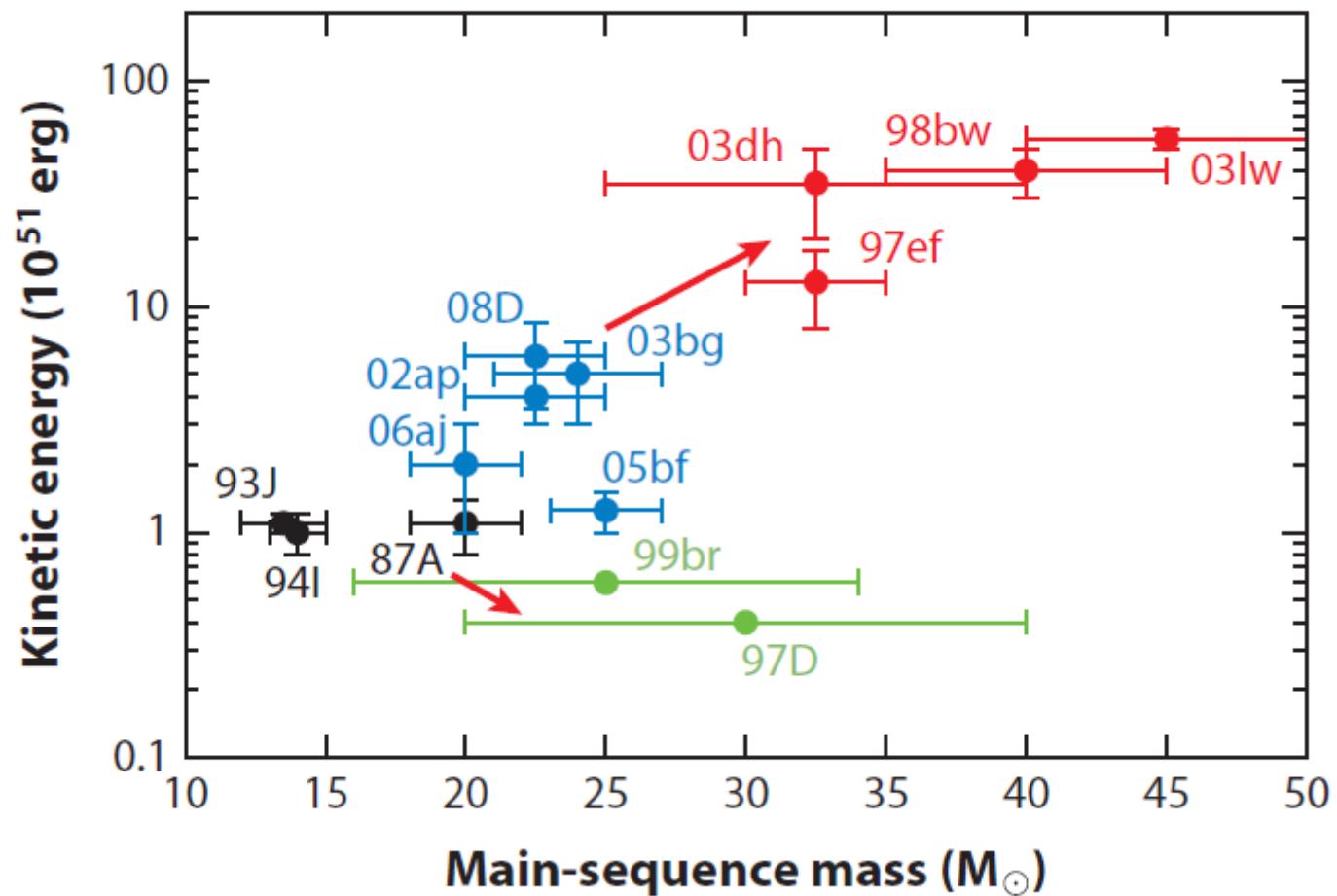
C. Fryer

# SN light curve: how we "see" SNe first

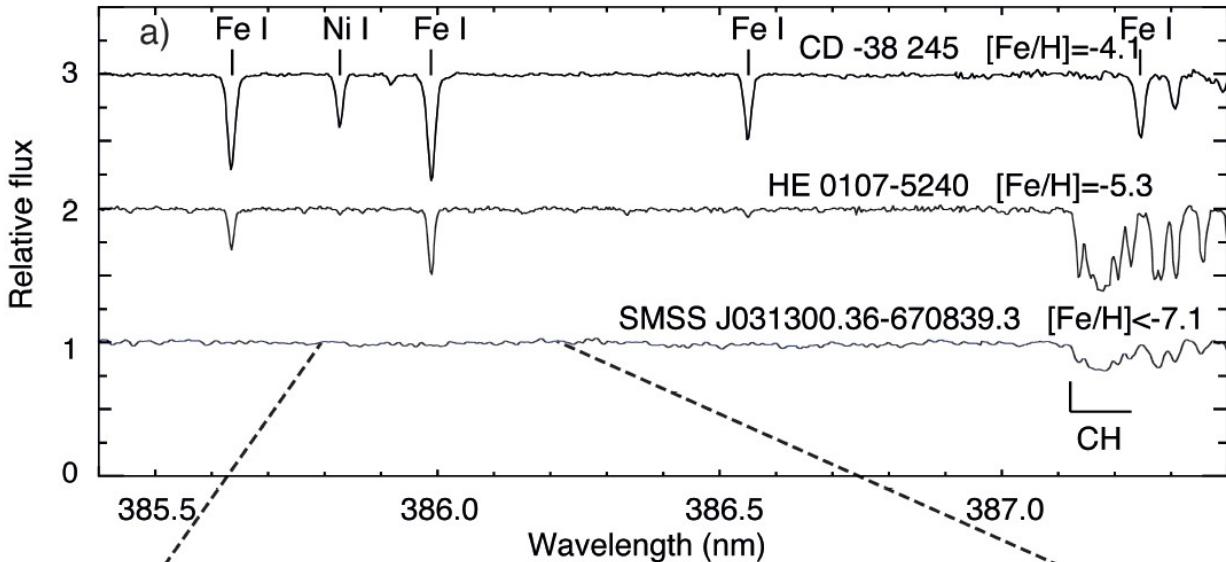


Nadyozhin & Imshennik 2005

# The CCSNe zoo

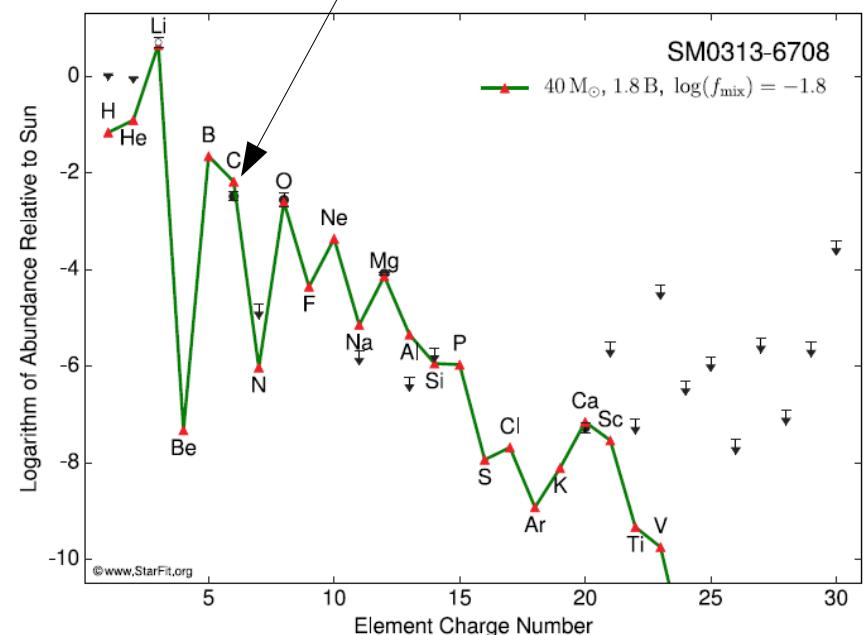


# Proof of an old CCSN with no Fe ejected



Keller+2014, Nature

~ C12?



The Keller star (SM0313-6708):

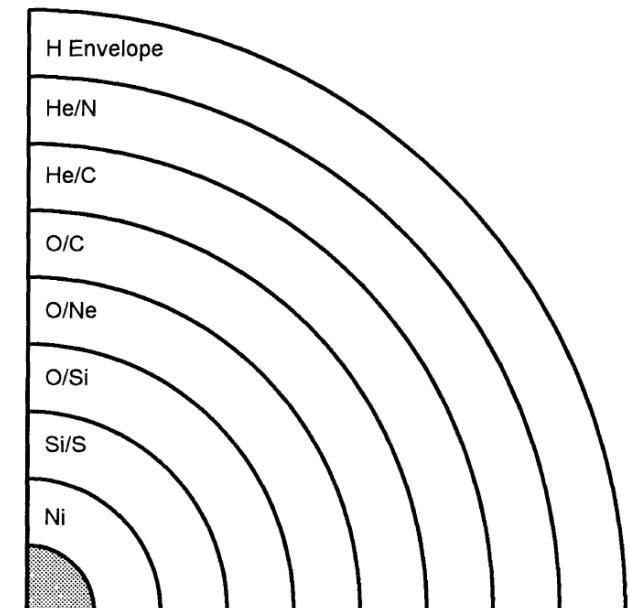
- × metal-poor
- × [C/Fe] ≫ Sun

Bessel+2015, ApJ  
Nordlander+2017, A&A

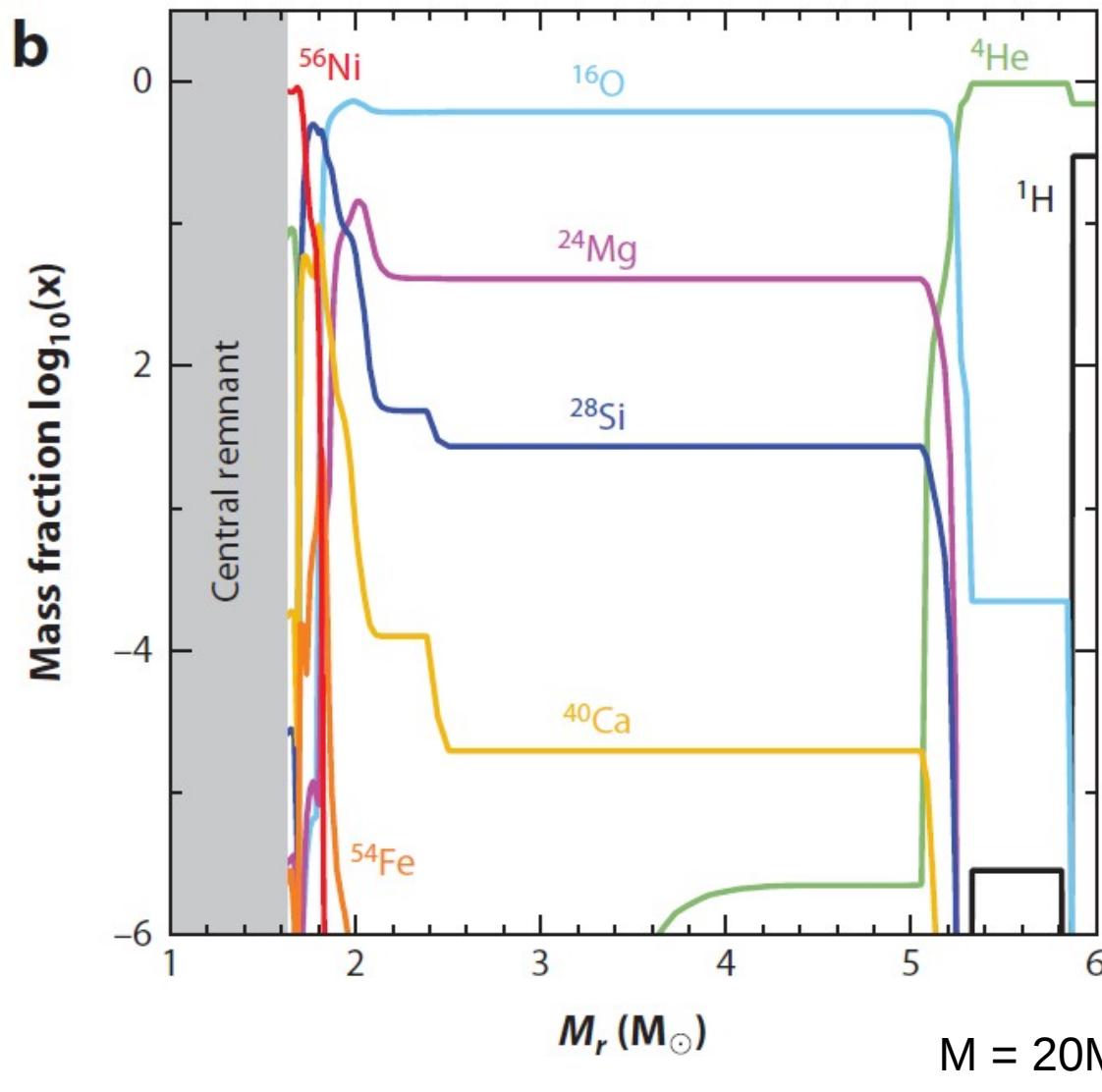
# Explosive nucleosynthesis in CCSNe

- Can we still divide in “burning stages”? Burning happening in the timescale of a second or less;
- Intermediate explosive conditions are crucial
- The progenitor preSN structure is crucial
- Possible classification  
of the SN ejecta?

Meyer+1995, GeCoA

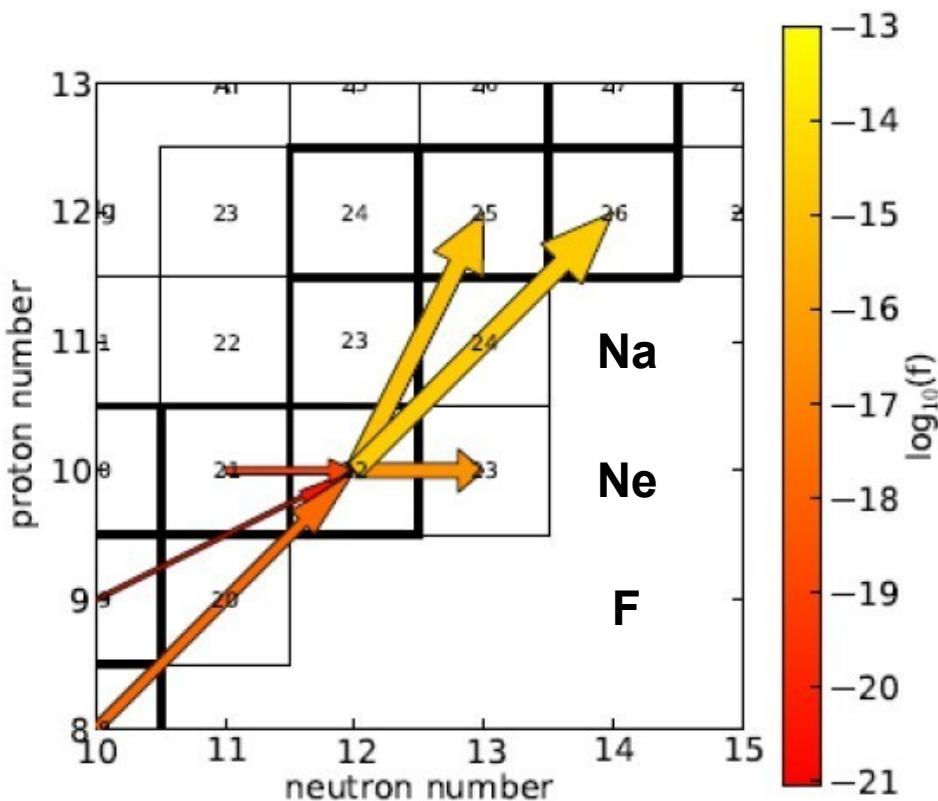


# Example of SN ejecta



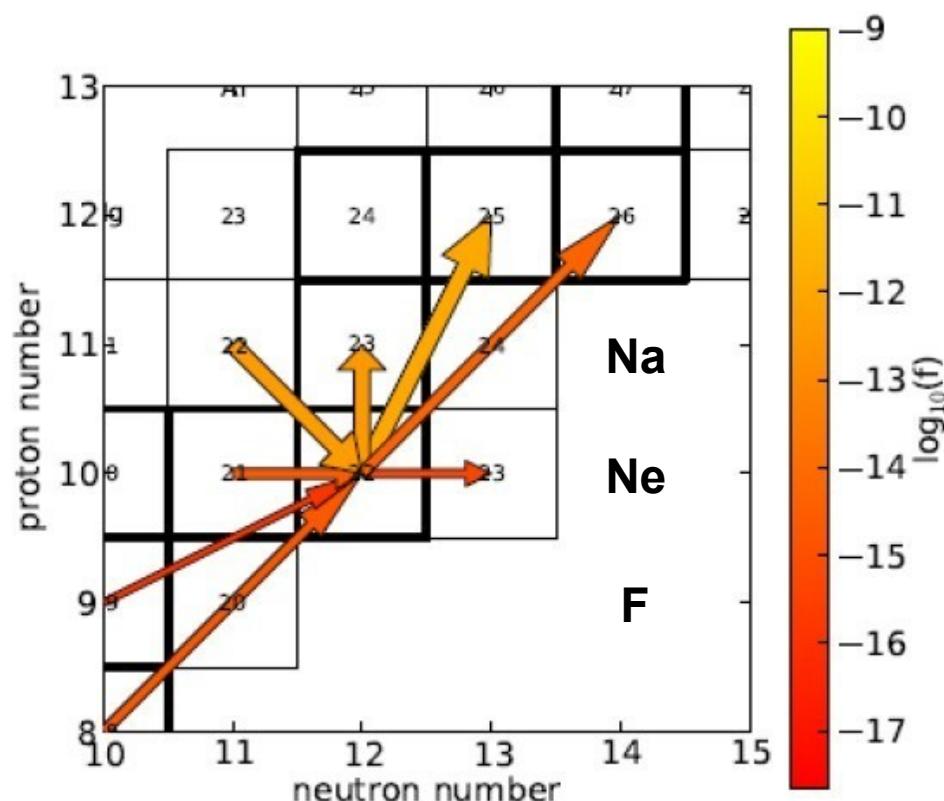
# The s-process in massive stars

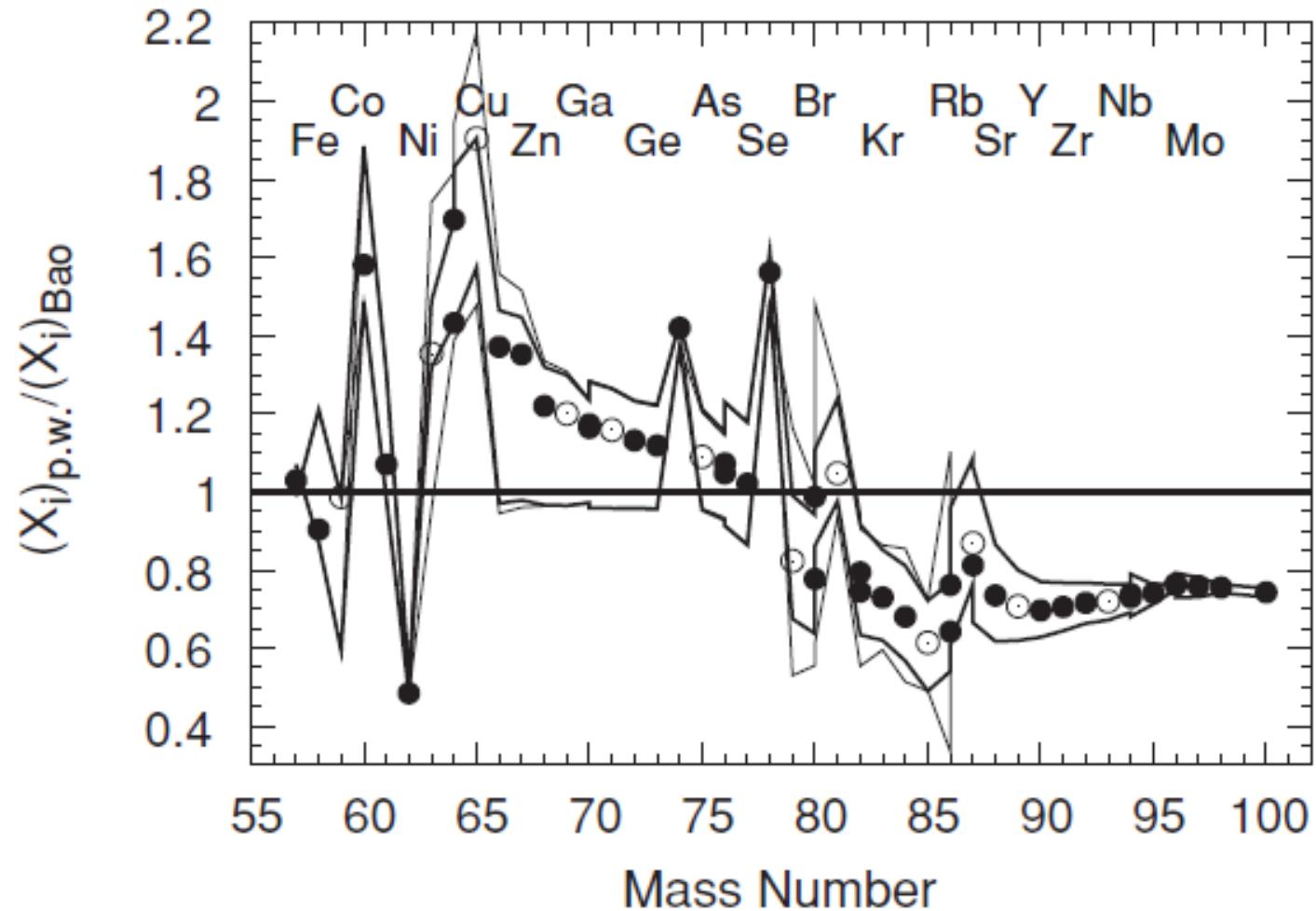
# Ne22( $\alpha, n$ )Mg25: main neutron source of the weak s-process in massive stars.



Ne22 nucleosynthesis  
in C-burning conditions  
(T9 ~ 1)

Ne22 nucleosynthesis  
in He-burning conditions  
(T9 ~ 0.3)

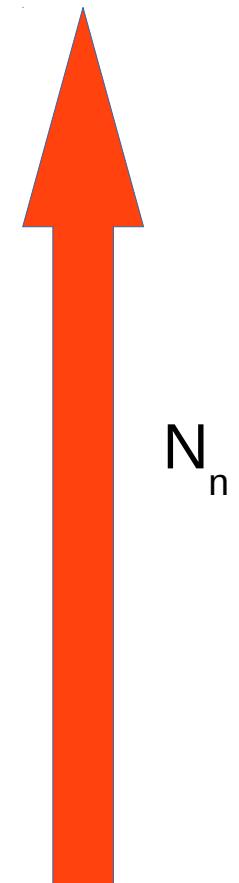




Pignatari, et al. 2010, ApJ

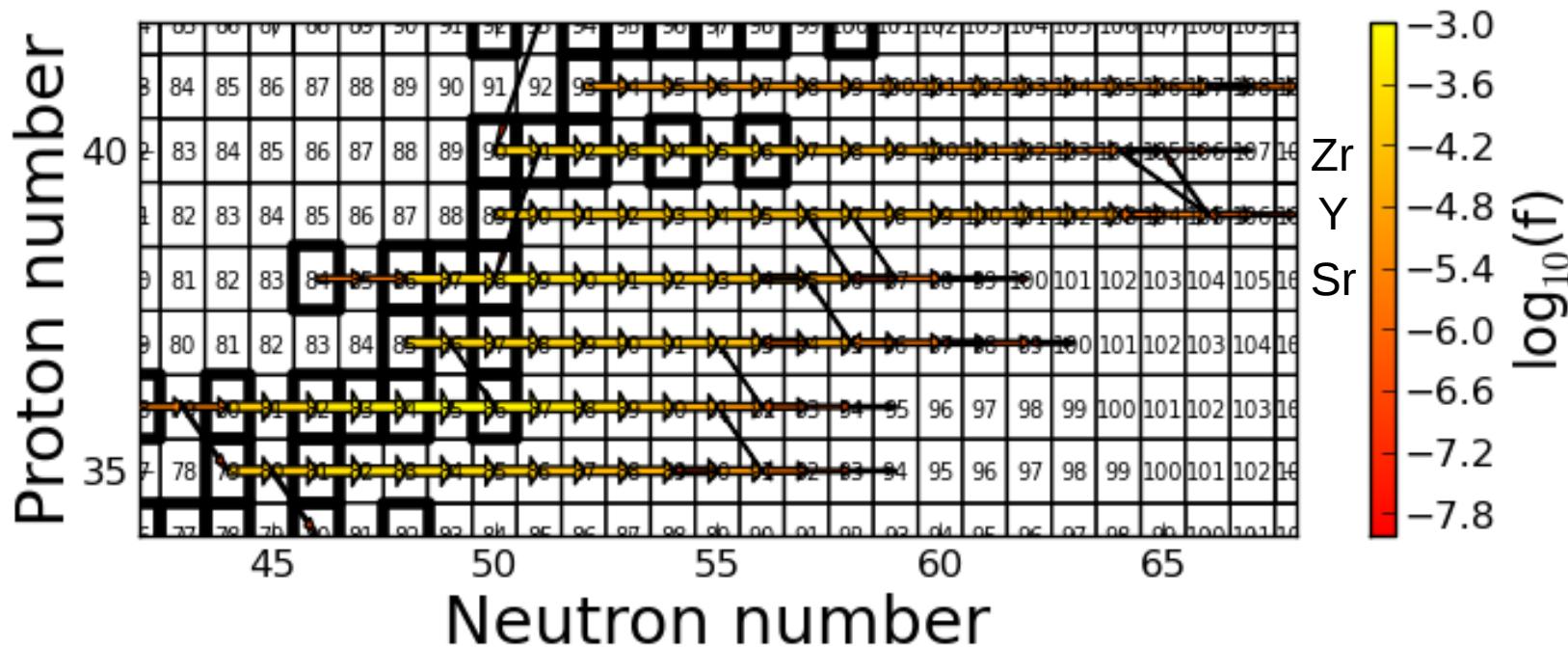
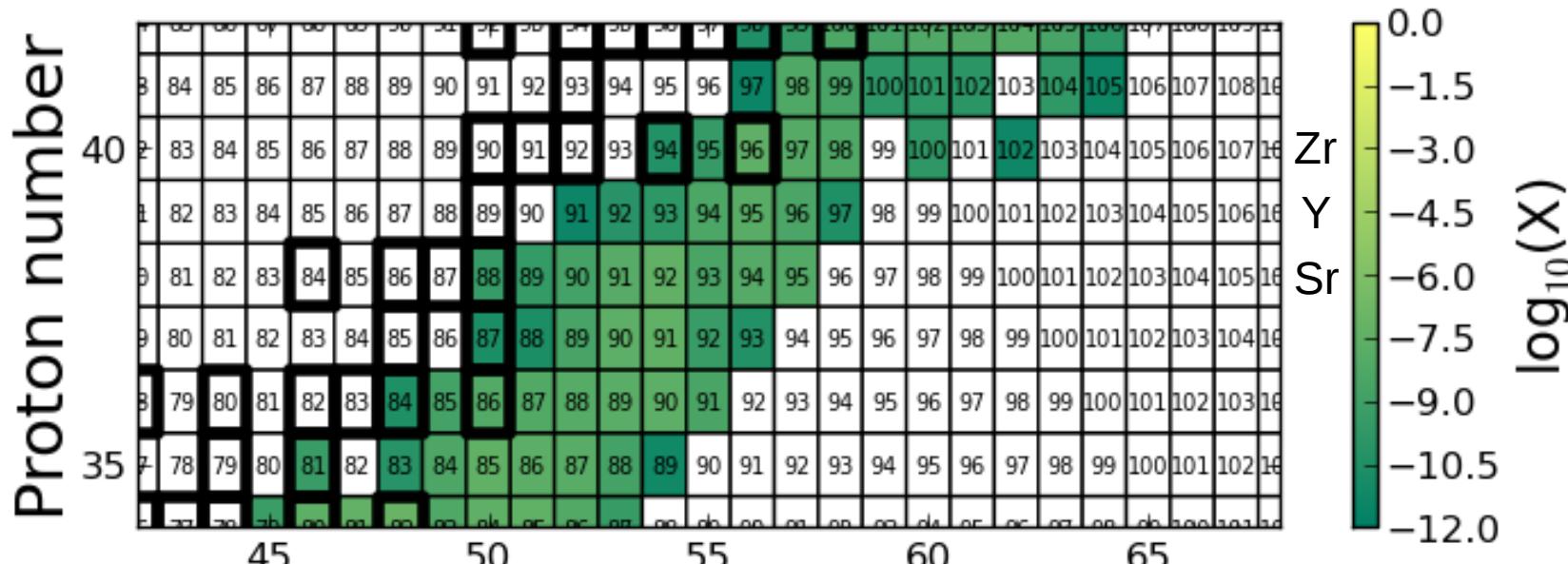
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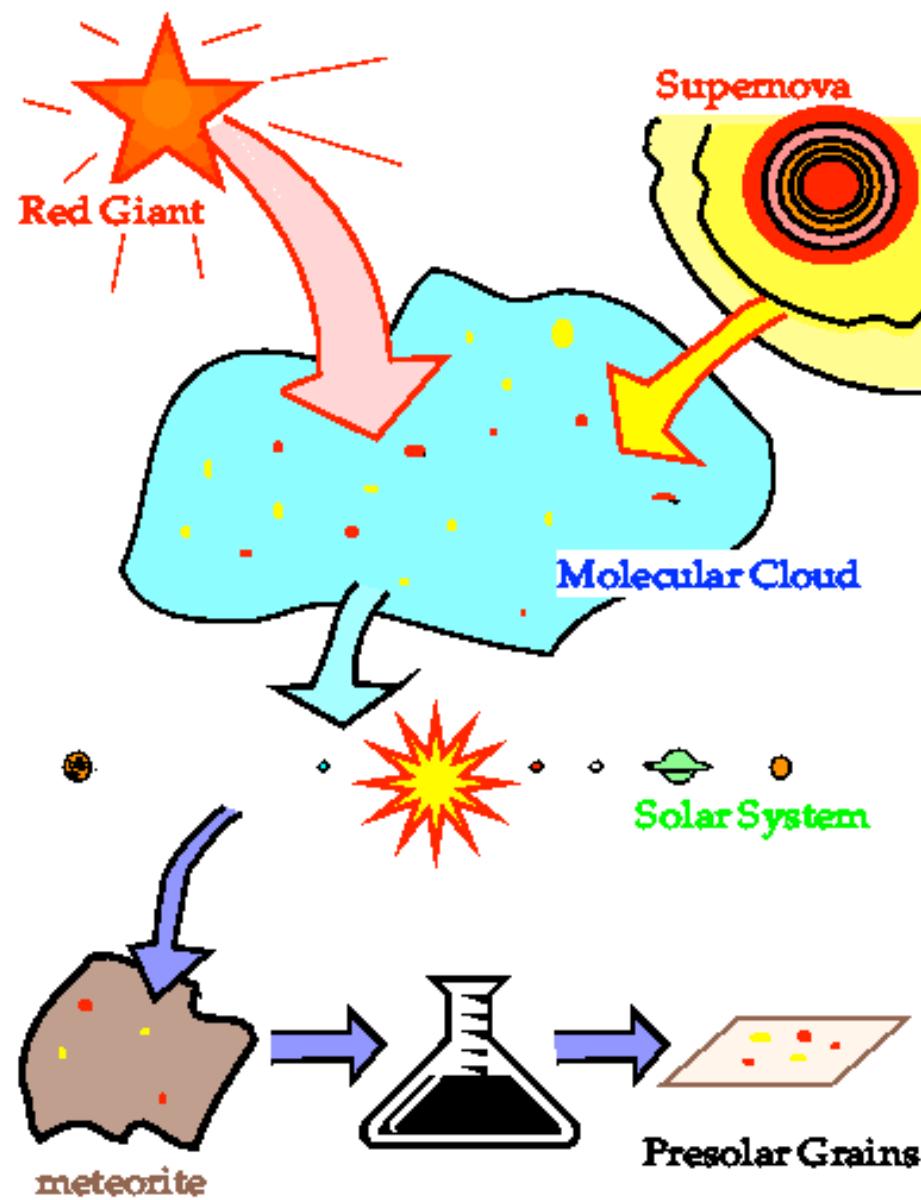


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(Blake & Schramm 1976)

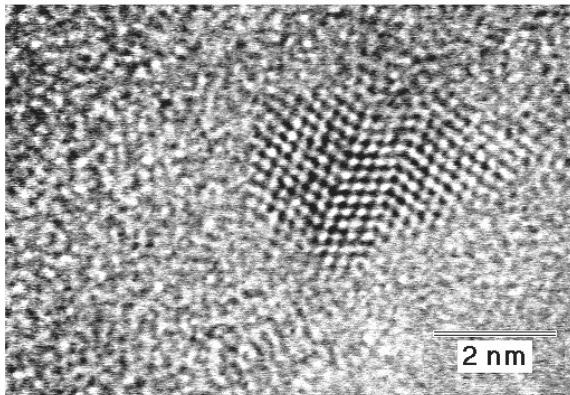


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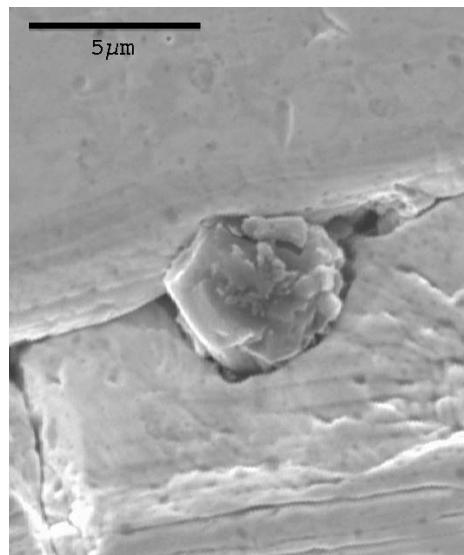


# Presolar grains zoo (The Art Gallery)

Nano-diamonds

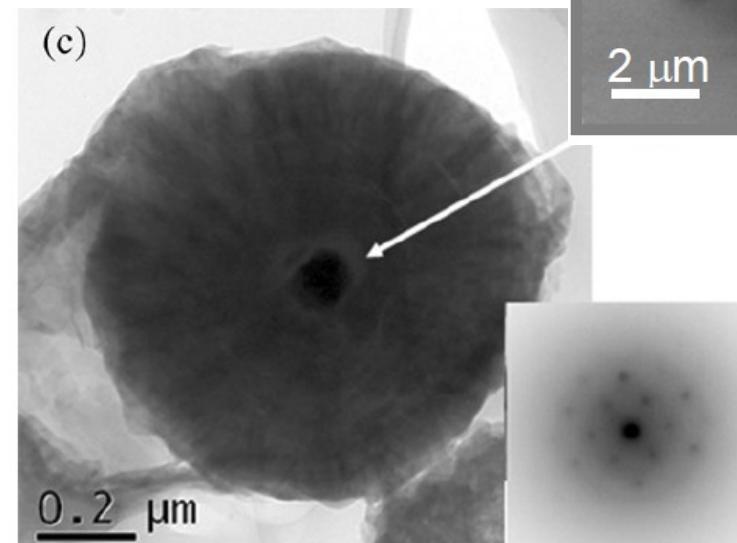
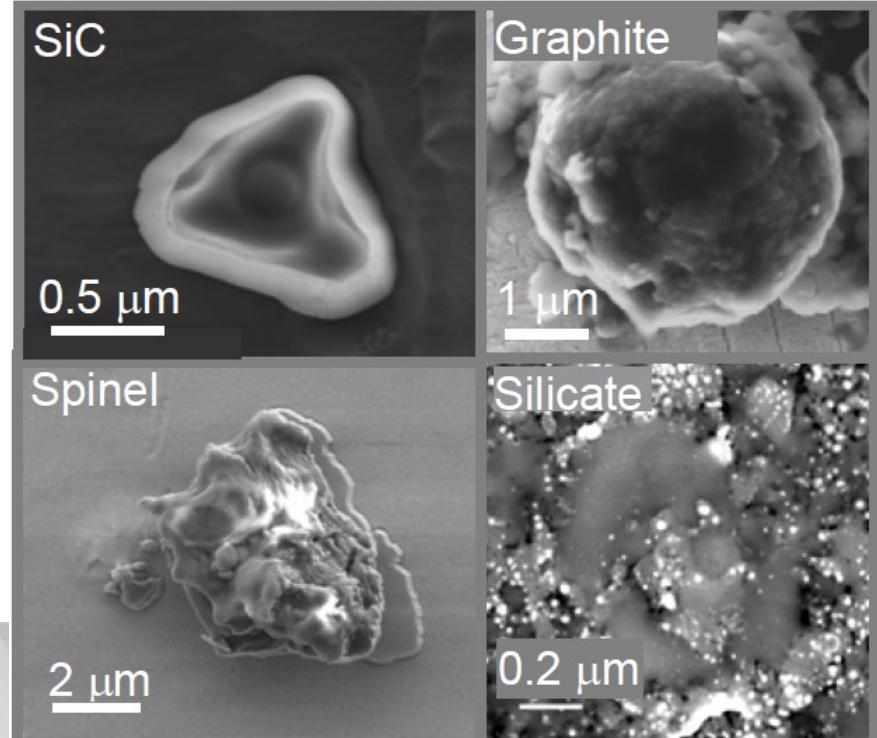


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Hoppe 2010 PoS

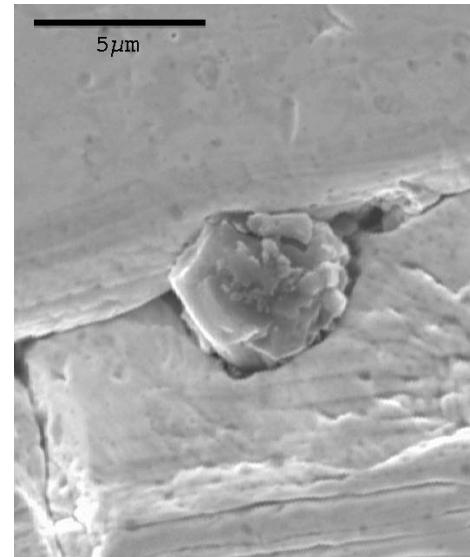


Croat et al. 2010, AJ 139

Graphite (and a SiC  
in the center)

For a review:  
Zinner 2014, Tr. Geo.

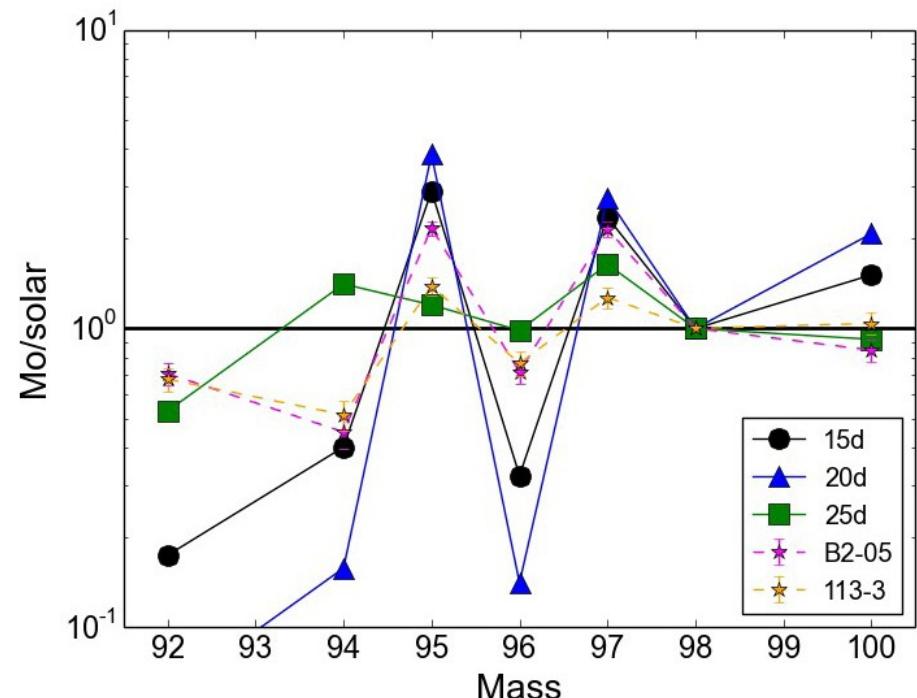
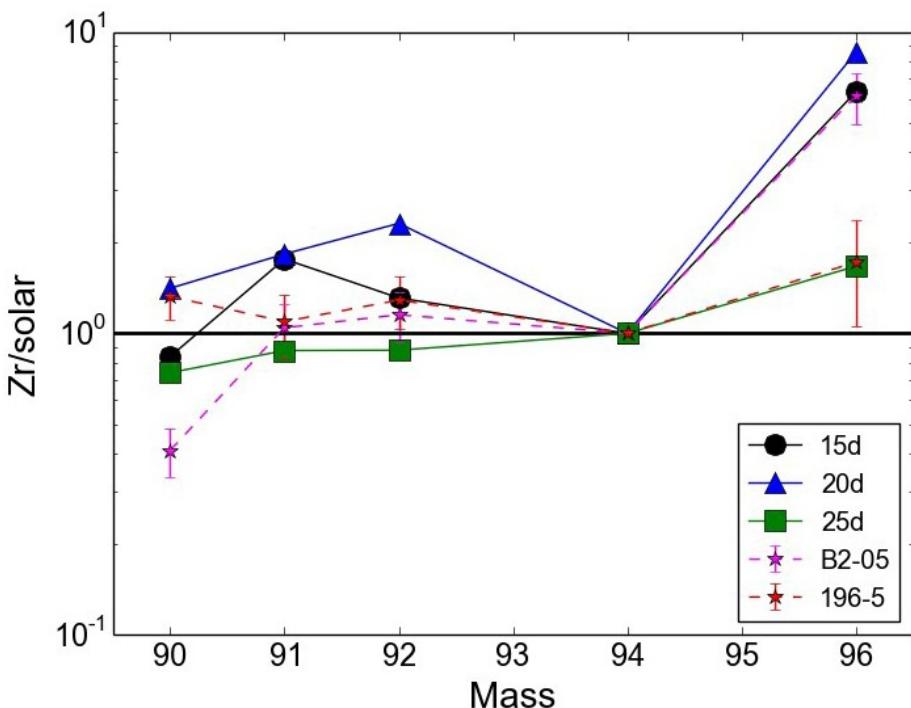
Signature of the n-process measured for heavy elements (Sr, Zr, Mo, Ru, Ba) in presolar SiC-X grains, found intact in meteorites  
 - Review: [Zinner 2014 TrGeo](#)



- Main neutron source:  $\text{Ne22}(\alpha, \text{n})\text{Mg25}$

## CCSN models vs observations:

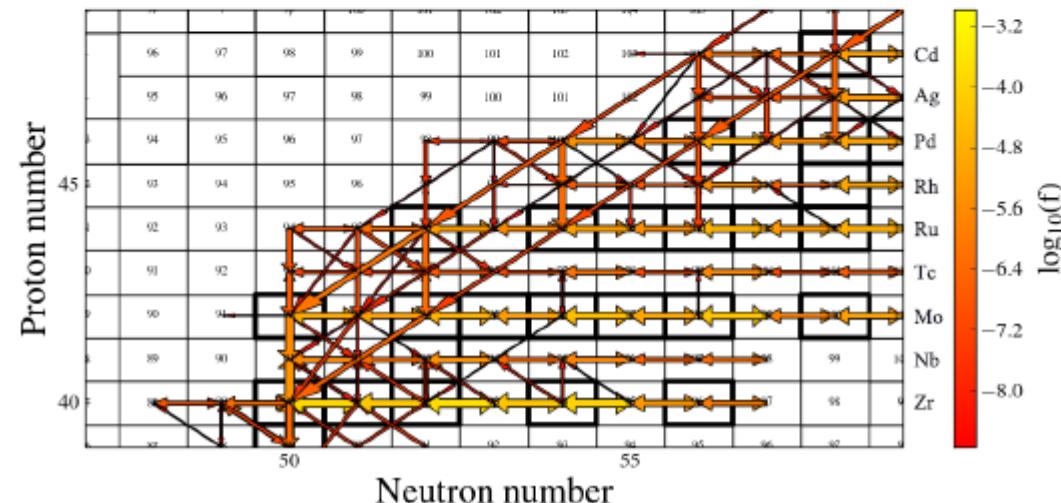
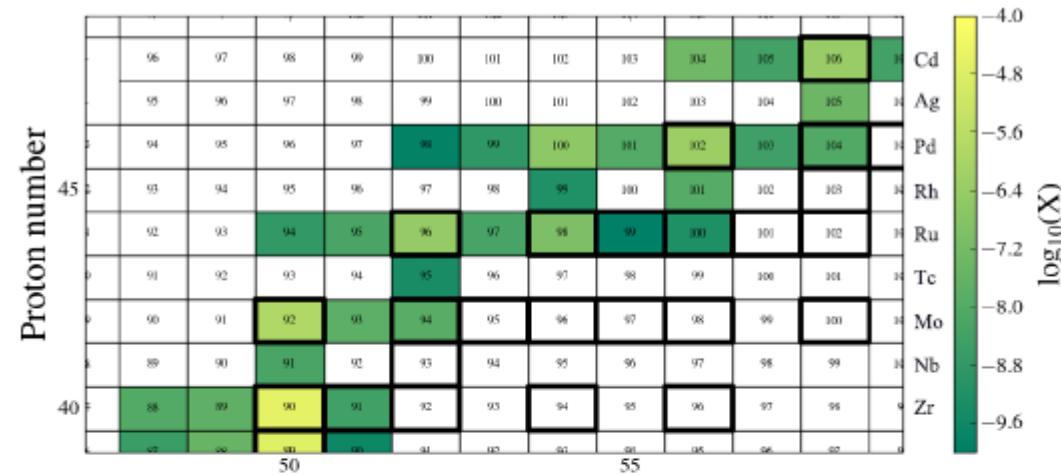
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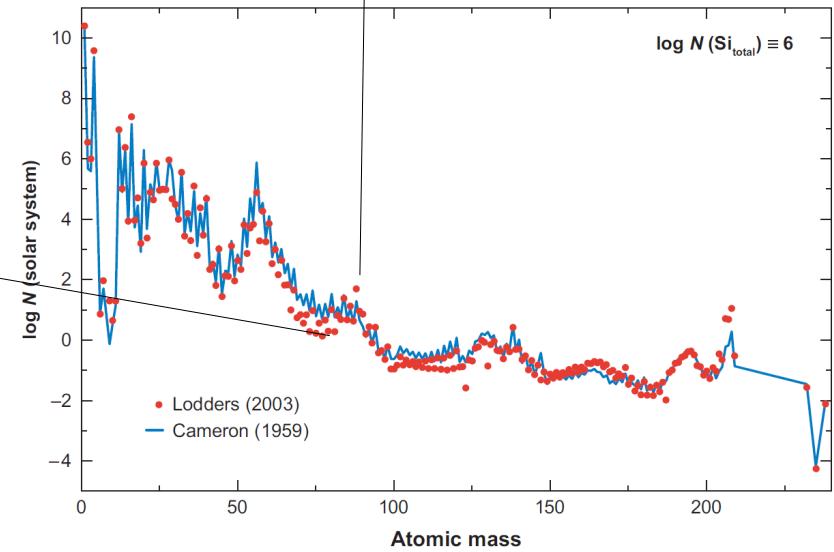
# The $\gamma$ -process

Relevant nuclear reactions:

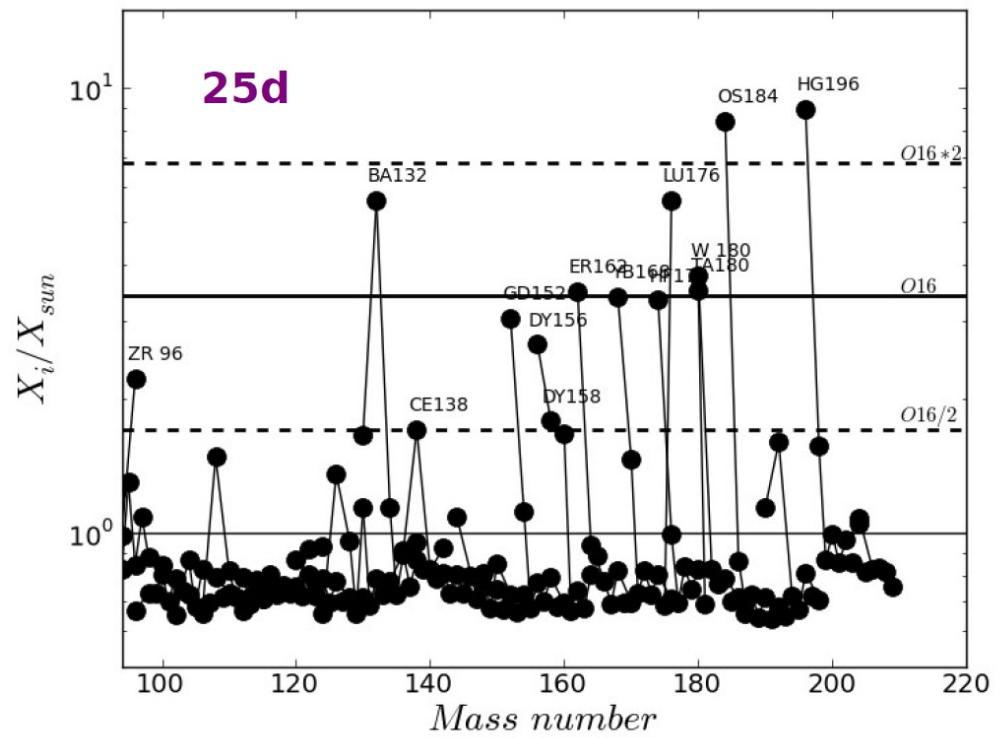
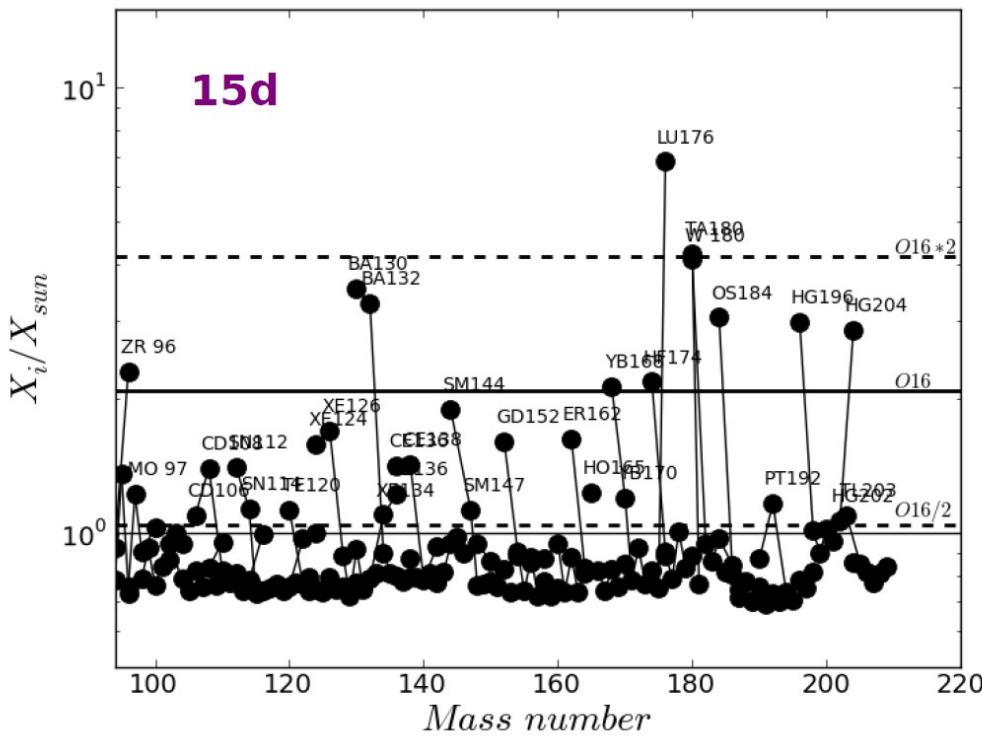
- $(\gamma, n)$ ,
- $(\gamma, p)$ ,
- $(\gamma, \alpha)$



MP+2016, IJMPE  
 Zr-Cd mass region  
 $\gamma$ -process trajectory from CCSN  
 $T_{\text{peak}} = 2.95 \text{ GK}$

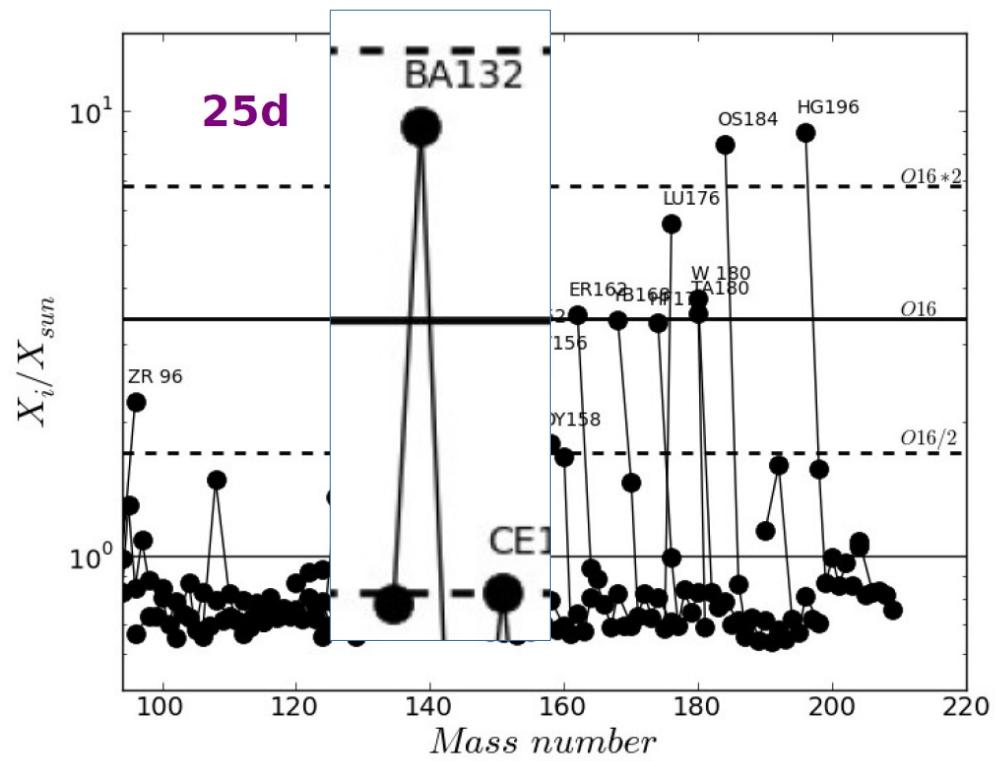
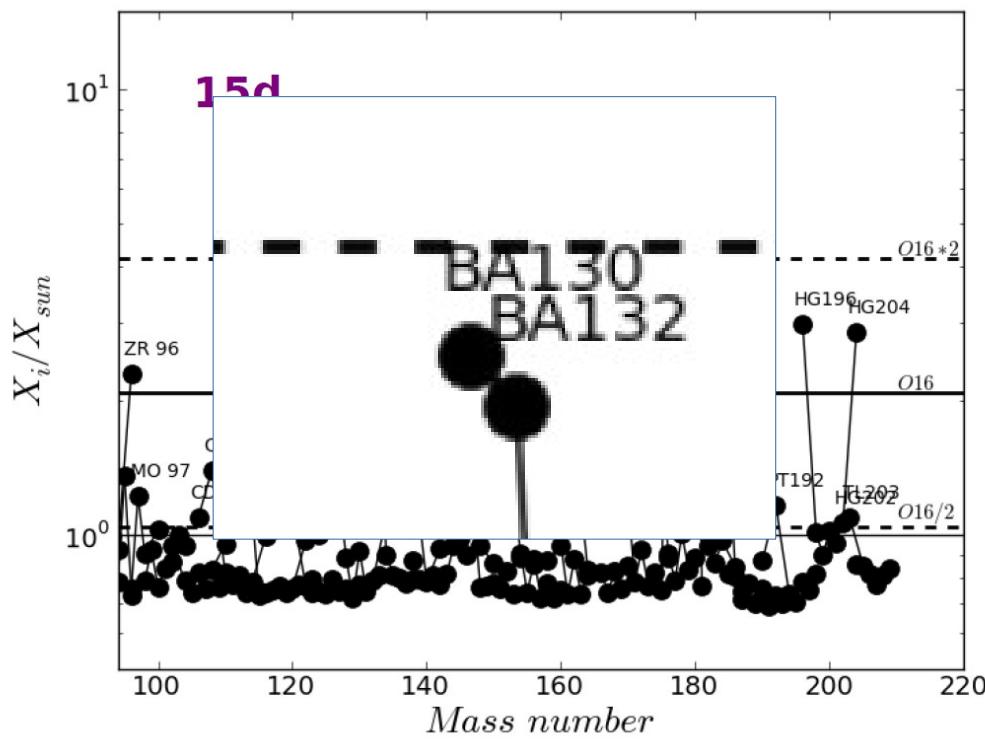


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# Baking gold: the r process



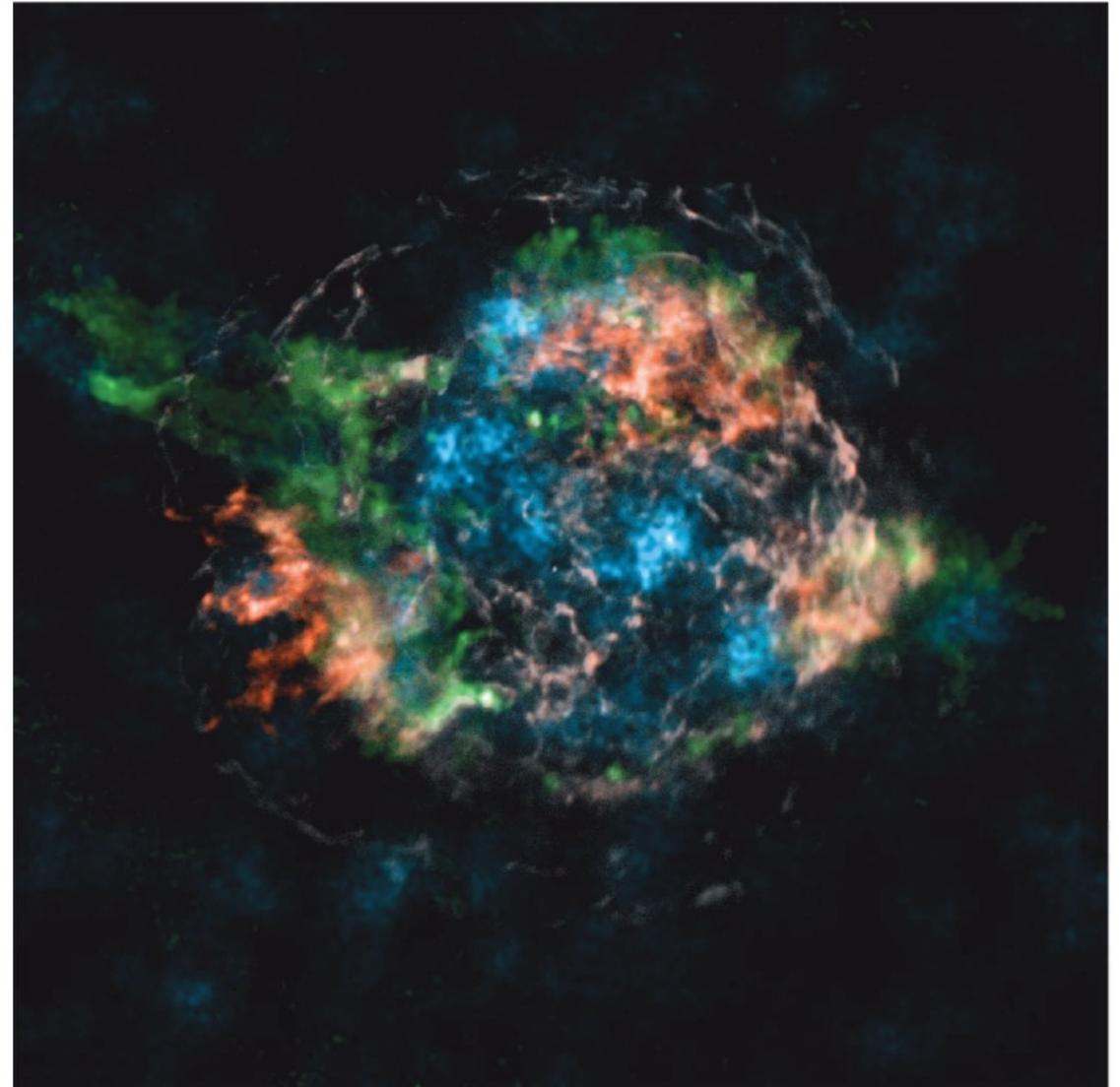
From Chao Sam Phraya National Museum in Ayutthaya

All the gold atoms in that cup were made in the same star?  
What type of star?

$^{197}\text{Tl}$ 2.84 h $\beta^+$	$^{198}\text{Tl}$ 5.30 h $\beta^+$	$^{199}\text{Tl}$ 7.42 h $\beta^+$	$^{200}\text{Tl}$ 1.09 d $\beta^+$	$^{201}\text{Tl}$ 3.04 d $\beta^+$
$^{196}\text{Hg}$ 0.15 204 mb	$^{197}\text{Hg}$ 2.67 d $\beta^+$	$^{198}\text{Hg}$ 9.97 173 mb	$^{199}\text{Hg}$ 16.87 374 mb	$^{200}\text{Hg}$ 23.1 115 mb
$^{195}\text{Au}$ 186.11 d $\beta^+$	$^{196}\text{Au}$ 6.17 d $\beta^+$	$^{197}\text{Au}$ 100 582 mb	$^{198}\text{Au}$ 2.70 d 840 mb, $\beta^-$	$^{199}\text{Au}$ 3.14 d $\beta^-$
$^{194}\text{Pt}$ 32.967 365 mb	$^{195}\text{Pt}$ 33.832 860 mb	$^{196}\text{Pt}$ 25.242 183 mb	$^{197}\text{Pt}$ 19.89 h $\beta^-$	$^{198}\text{Pt}$ 7.163 92.2 mb
$^{193}\text{Ir}$ 62.7 994 mb	$^{194}\text{Ir}$ 19.28 h $\beta^-$	$^{195}\text{Ir}$ 2.50 h $\beta^-$	$^{196}\text{Ir}$ 52.00 s $\beta^-$	$^{197}\text{Ir}$ 5.80 m $\beta^-$

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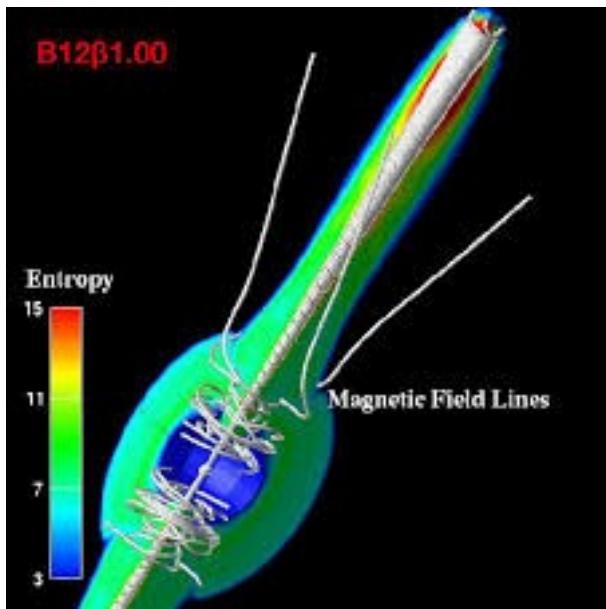
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# The r-process sources: short summary

Anomalous Supernovae:  
e.g., jetSNe → magnetars  
 $0.2 \leq \text{protons/neutrons} \leq 0.4$



Neutron Star Mergers:  
protons/neutrons  $\leq 0.1$



# Why making the r-process is so difficult?

- Today the most supported scenarios are neutron-star mergers and Magnetically Driven Jets from Supernovae (e.g., Thielemann+2011).
- Neutrino-driven winds from CCSNe do not seem to have the conditions to host the r-process. Why?

**2 $\alpha$ (n,  $\gamma$ )<sup>9</sup>Be( $\alpha$ , n)<sup>12</sup>C.... from Woosley & Hoffman 1992 ApJ:**

bound nuclei, and the final composition will differ from what would be calculated in NSE. This is the  $\alpha$ -rich freeze-out. [If the mass fractions of free neutrons and  $\alpha$ -particles are both large, the assembly of  $\alpha$ -particles to <sup>12</sup>C may be amplified by a factor typically of order 10 by the neutron-catalyzed reaction sequence <sup>4</sup>He( $\alpha$ n,  $\gamma$ )<sup>9</sup>Be( $\alpha$ , n)<sup>12</sup>C (Delano & Cameron 1971 and Appendix A below), but the requirements on density remain approximately the same.]

Previous calculations have shown, for small values of the

# Silver



What is the main process that made that same silver in stars?

# What to do to solve the mysteries of silver and gold? Some numbers..

## HST:

- Total costs until now ~ 11 Bi USD
- Operation ~ 100mi USD/year
- Observational cost ~ 10-50K USD/hour



TRIUMF laboratory, Vancouver, Canada

## Nuclear experiment to get better nuclear rates:

- Operation cost ~ 2-10K GBP/hour
- Total cost depends on the length of the experiment.

# Resources

- Textbooks:
  - Kippenhahn & Weigert, Clayton, Rolfs & Rodney, Kavalier & Hansen, Prialnik
- The most important resource:
  - NASA-ADS:  
[http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abstract\\_service.html](http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abstract_service.html)
  - ArXiv: <https://arxiv.org/>