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Explosive Nucleosynthesis

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Overview

- Presupernova Evolution and Nucleosynthesis
- Varieties of Stellar Deaths
- Nucleosynthesis
- Uncertainties



Motivation:

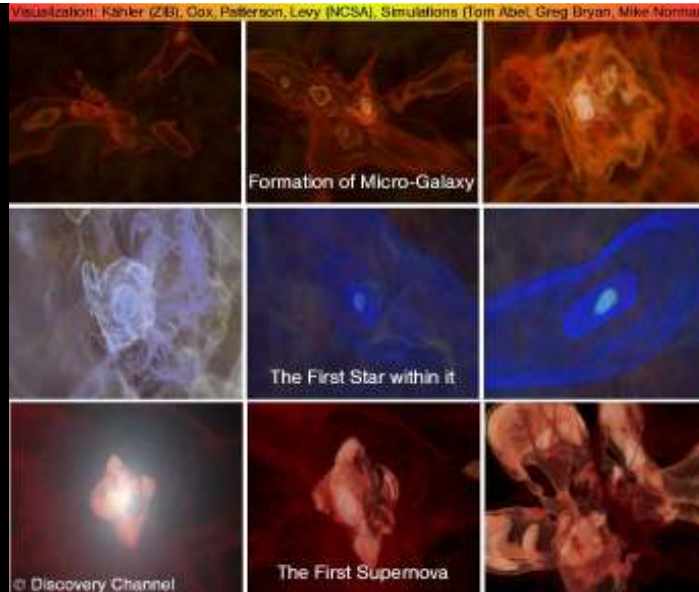
A Brief History of the Universe

(Recap)

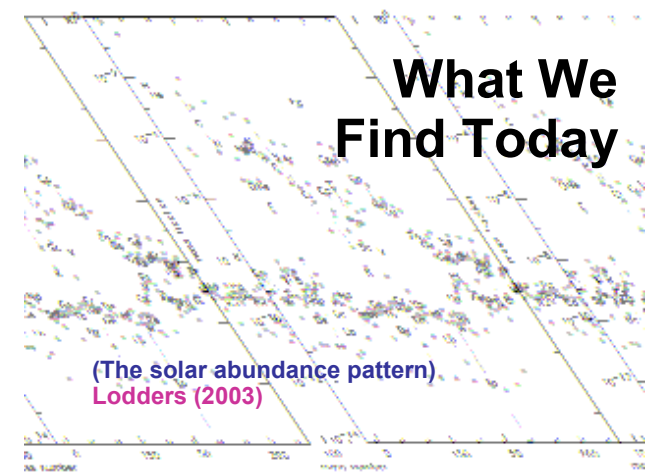
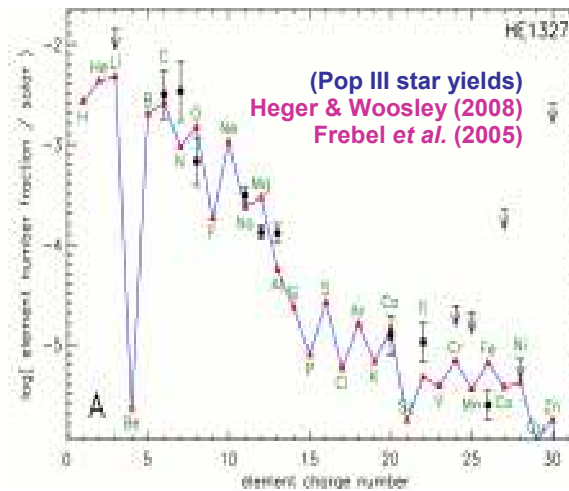
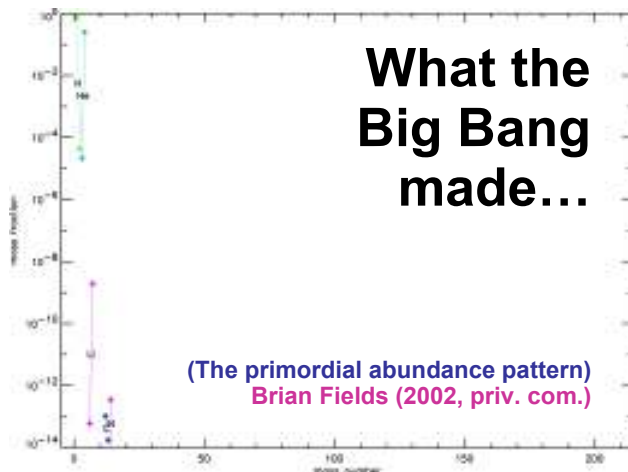
Cosmic Dark Age

(after recombination)

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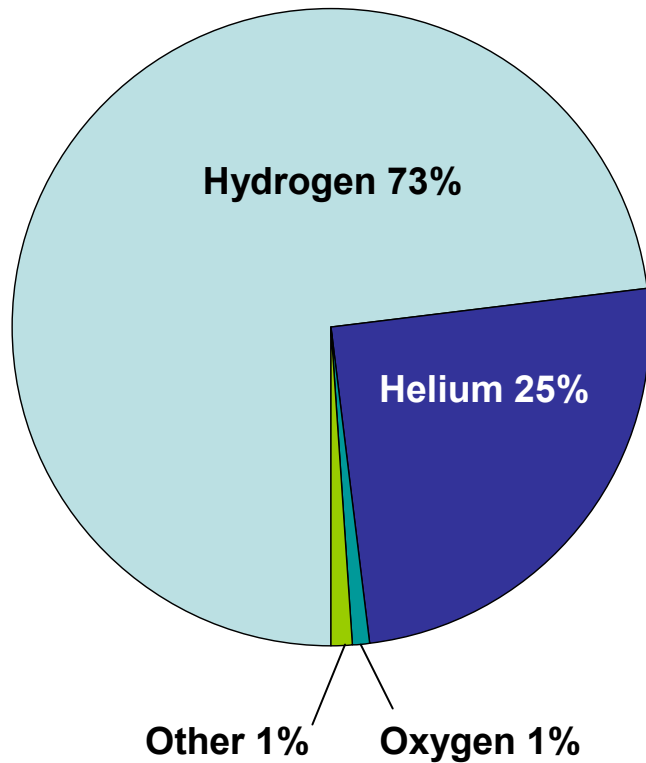


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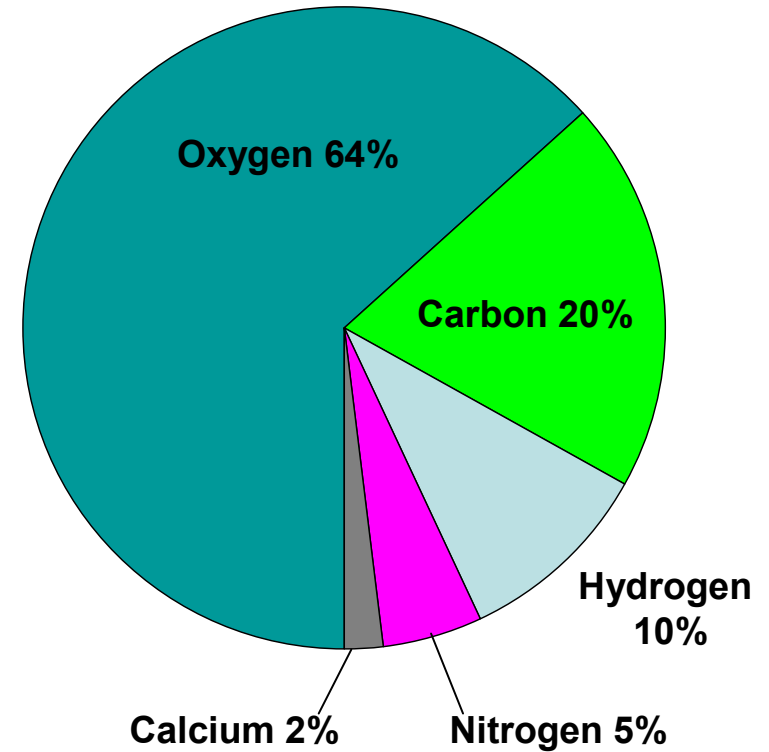


Abundance by Weight

Universe



Humans

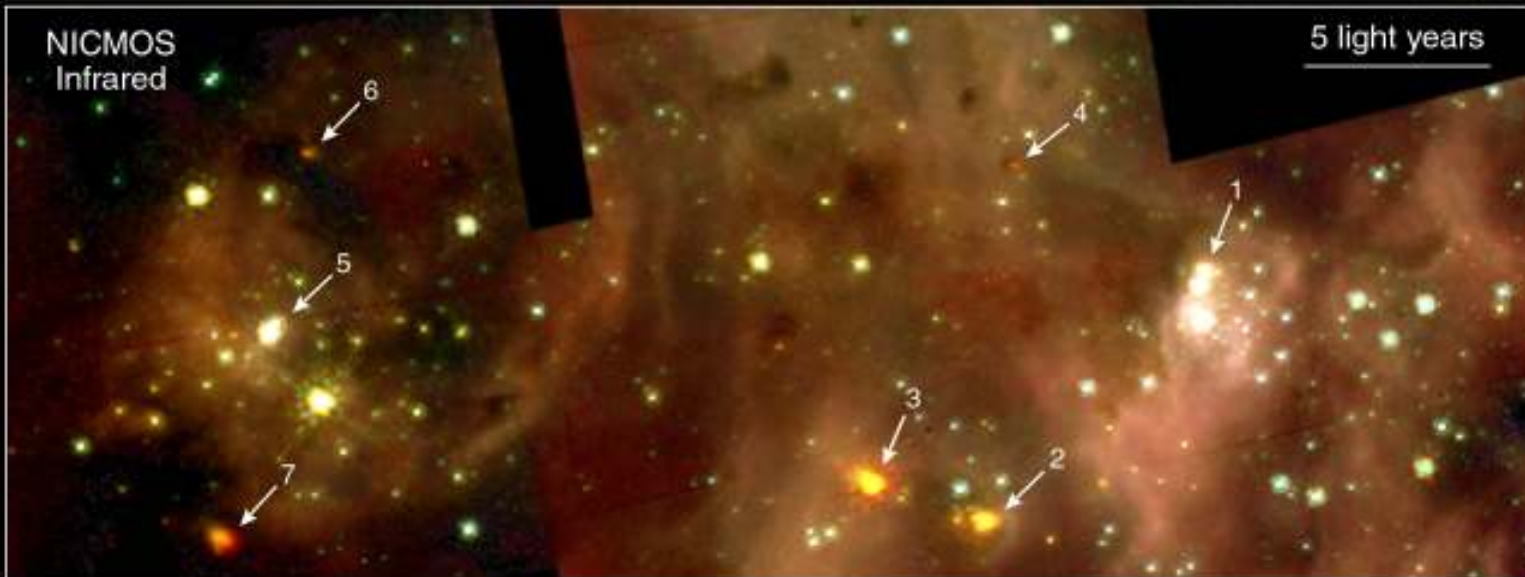




Setting the Stage:

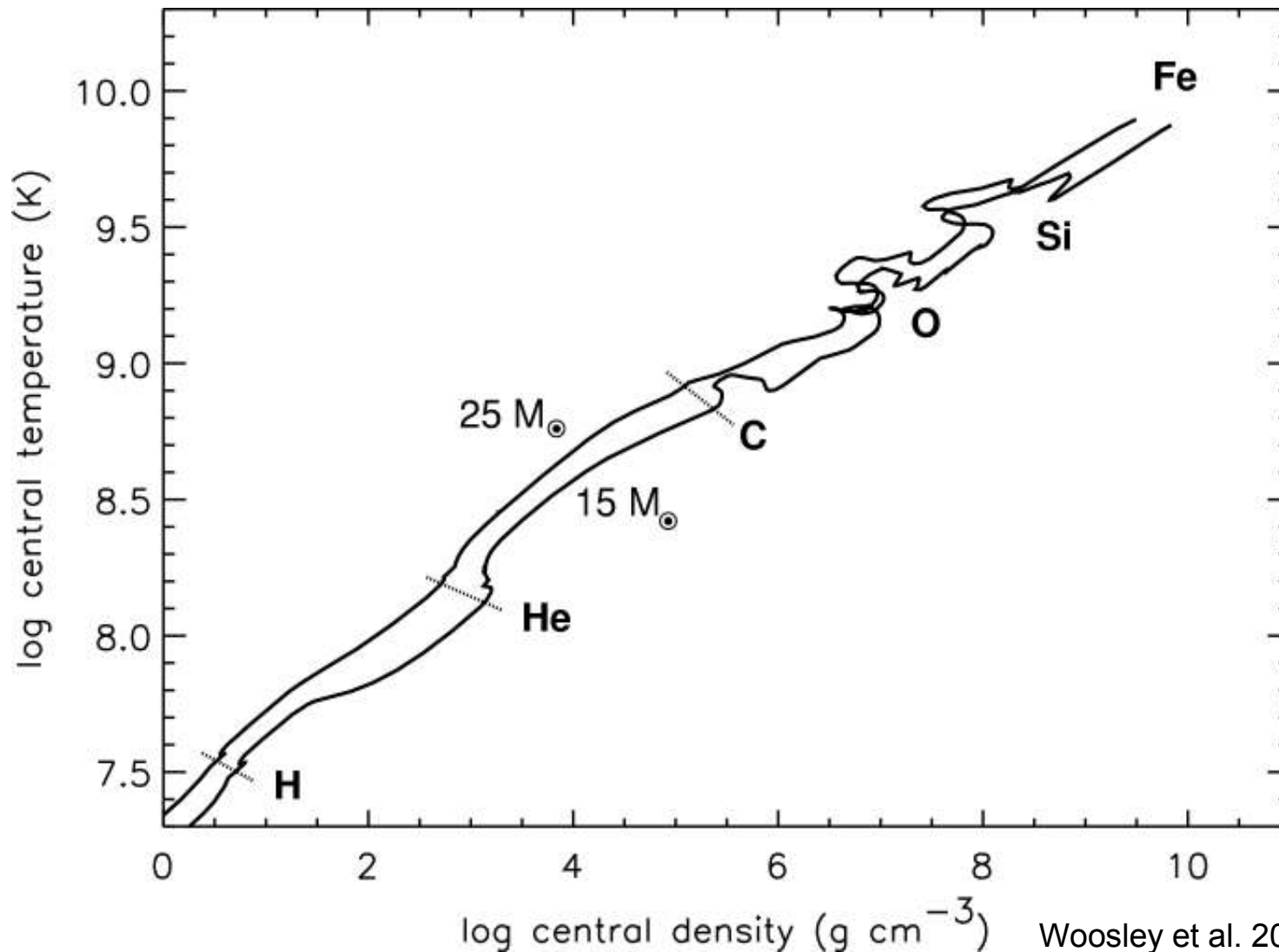
Pre-Supernova Evolution and Nucleosynthesis

(Recap)

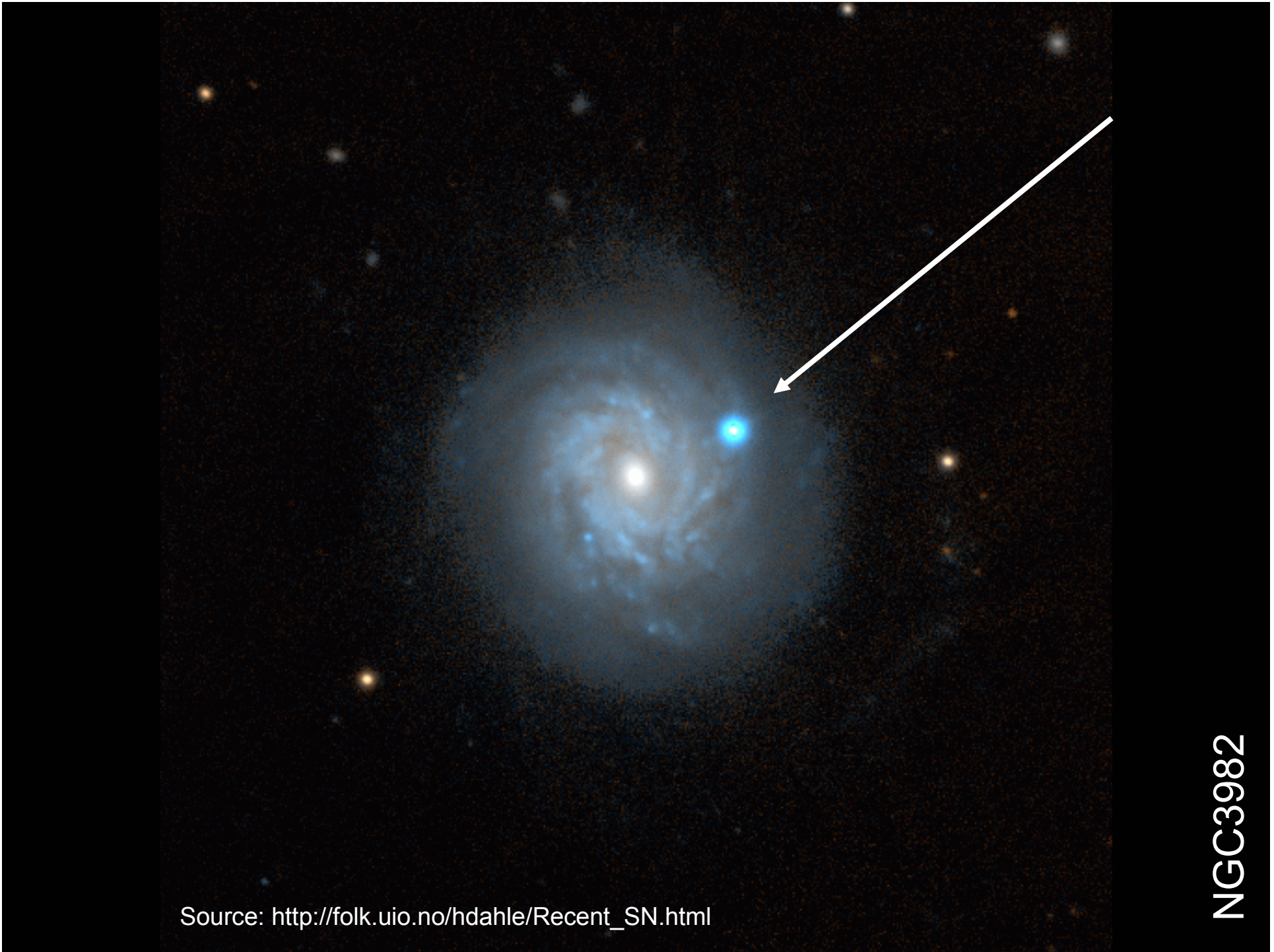


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Once formed, the evolution of a star is governed by gravity:
continuing contraction
to higher central densities and temperatures



Evolution of
central
density and
temperature
of 15 M.
and 25 M.
stars



Source: http://folk.uio.no/hdahle/Recent_SN.html

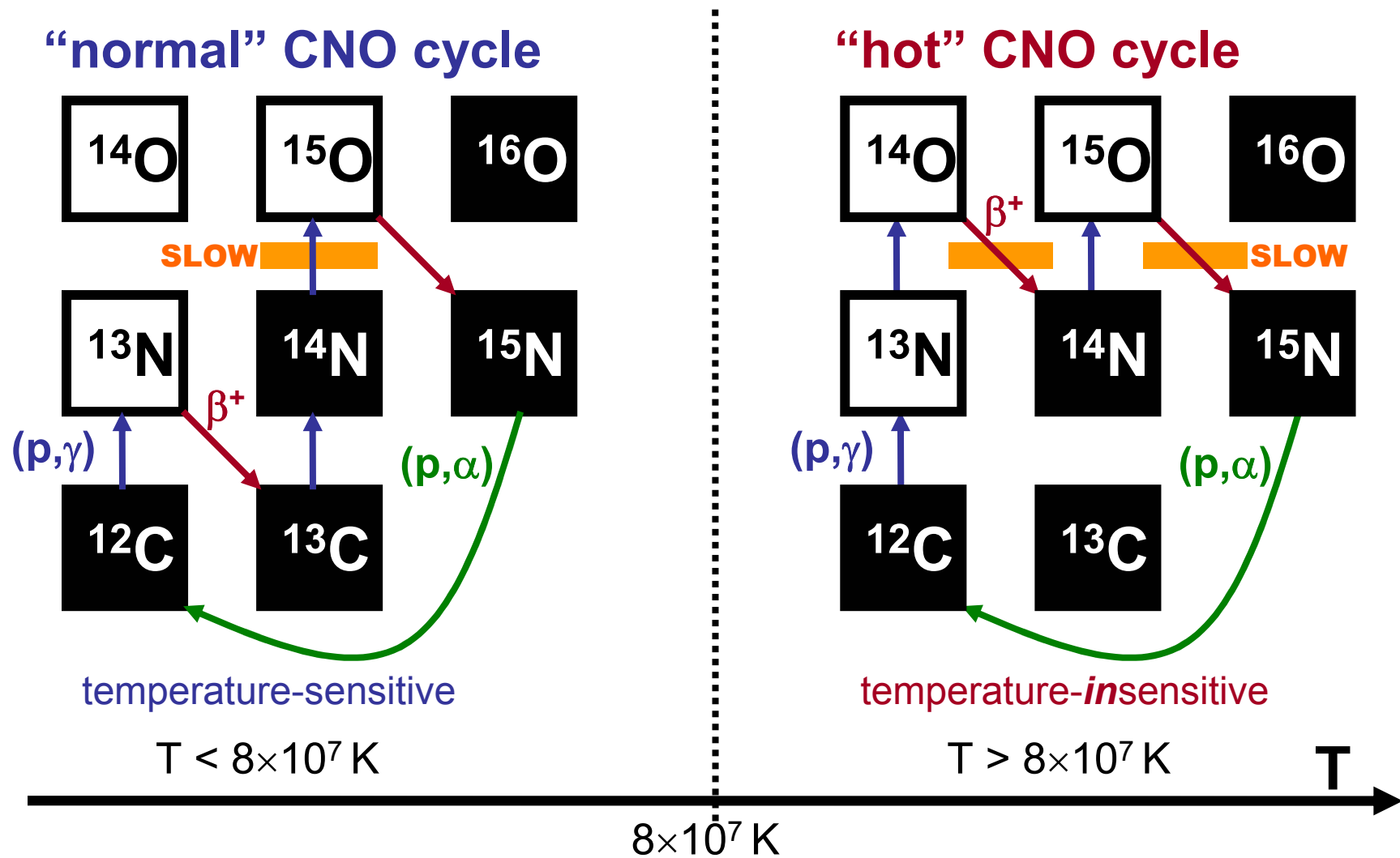
NGC3982

Nuclear burning stages

(20 M. stars)

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

Hydrogen Burning by CNO Cycle



Neutrino losses from electron/positron pair annihilation

- Important for carbon burning and beyond
- For $T > 10^9$ K (about 100 keV), occasionally:



and usually



but sometimes

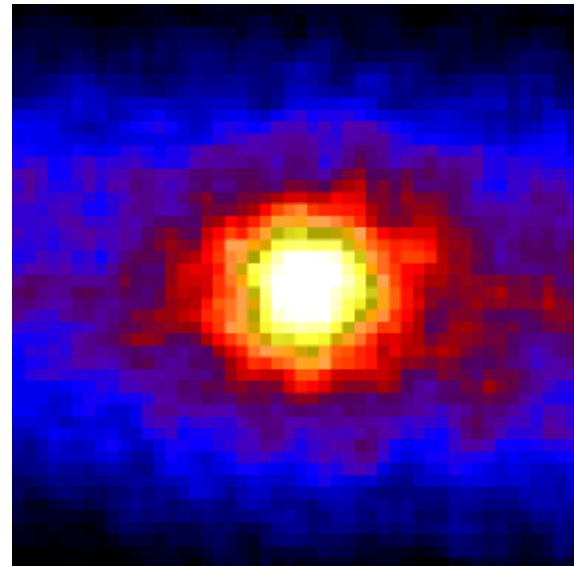


- The neutrinos exit the stars at the speed of light while the e^+ , e^- , and the γ 's all stay trapped.

- This is an important energy loss with

$$\epsilon_{\nu} \approx -10^{15} (T/10^9\text{K})^9 \text{ erg g}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

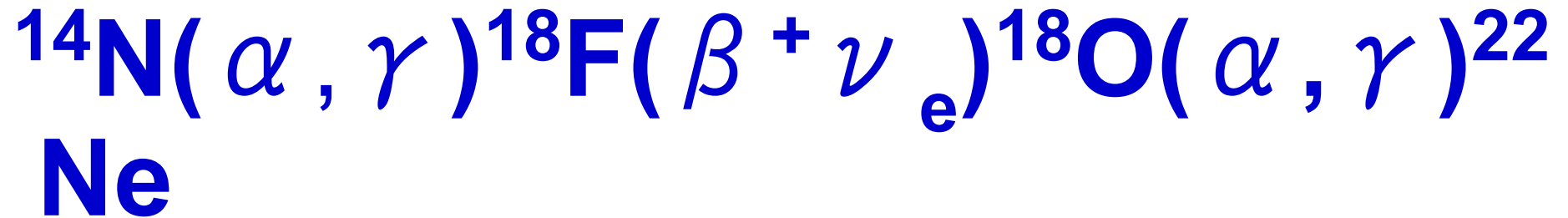
- For carbon burning and beyond, each burning stage gives about the same energy per nucleon, thus the lifetime goes down as T^{-9}



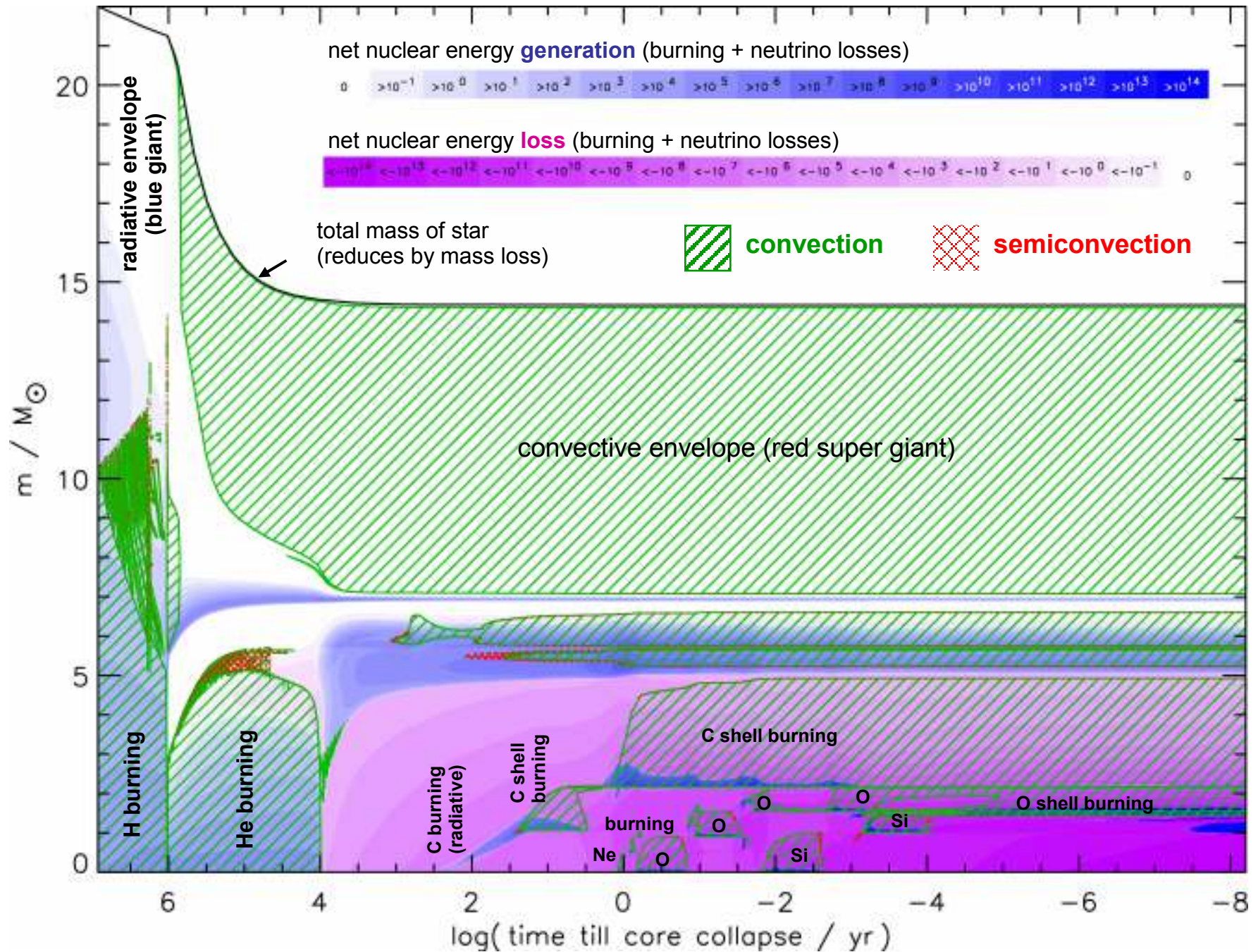
The sun as seen by Kamiokande



Nitrogen Burning

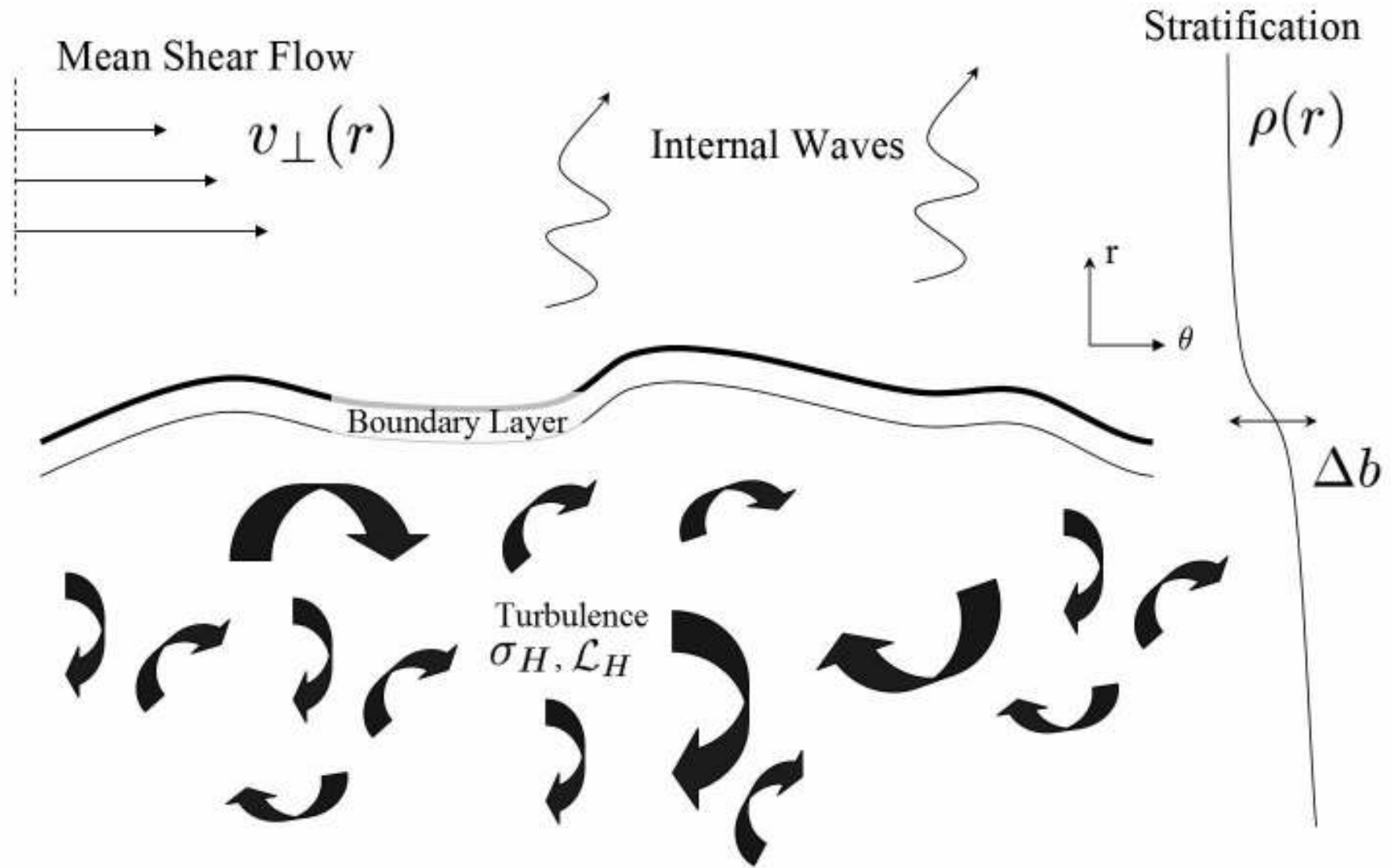


- ${}^{14}\text{N}$ is made as slowest reactant in CNO cycle
- It is made from initial metals, not as a primary product
- Depending on metallicity, the abundance can be come significant; it will be more important for more metal-rich stars.
- ${}^{14}\text{N}$ burning occurs at the onset – before – central helium burning and can have its own convective burning phase, take a few % of helium burning time.



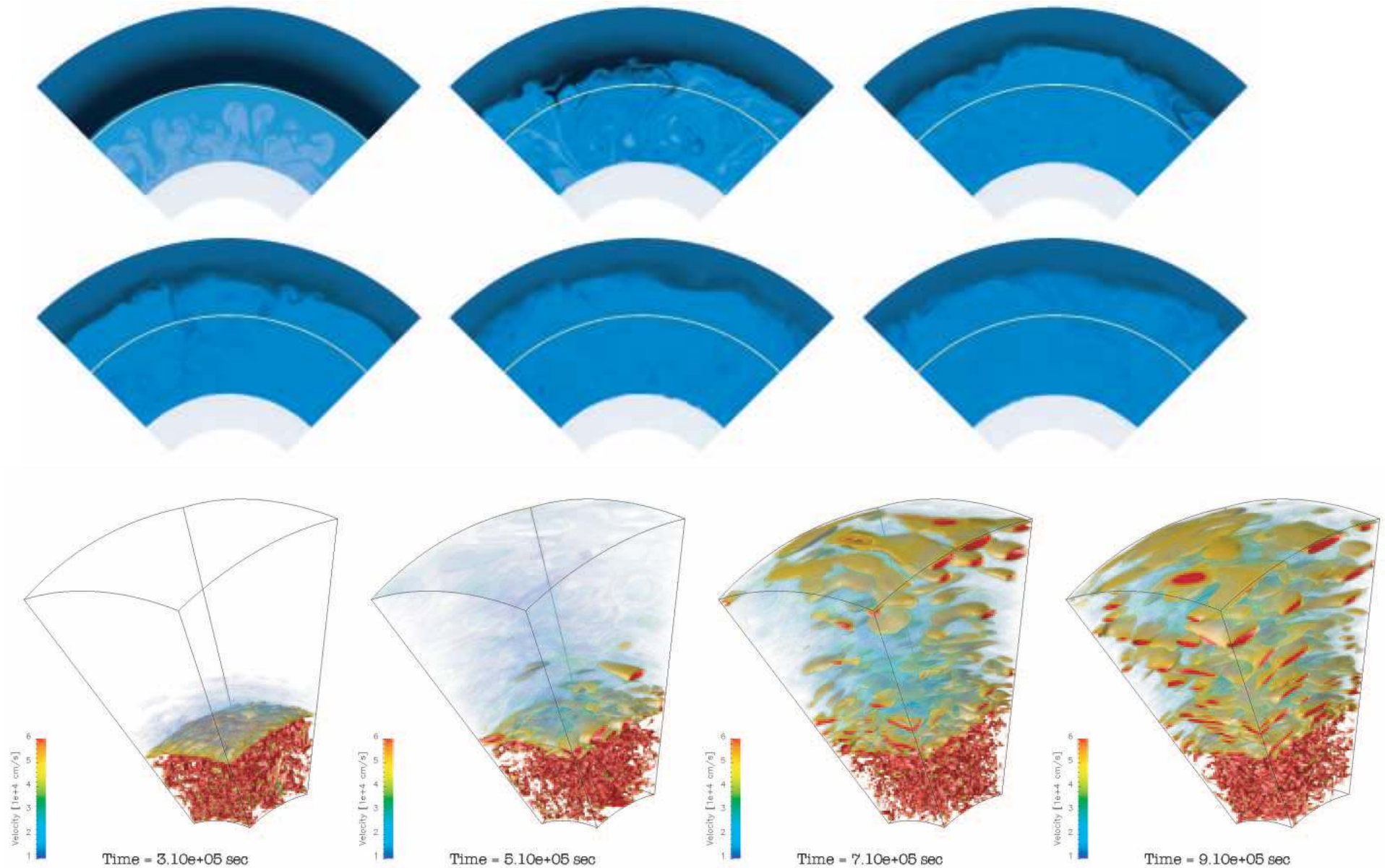
Heger et al. 2003, From Twilight to Highlight: The Physics of Supernovae, Springer-Verlag, 3

Multi-Dimensional Convection



(Meaken & Arnett 2007)

Multi-Dimensional Convection



(Meaken & Arnett 2007)

Change of the stellar structure as a function of initial mass

- Mass loss becomes more important
- The “cores” becomes bigger, the density gradients more shallow
- The evolution time-scale of all burning phases accelerates
- Central carbon burning becomes radiative, central entropy and Y_e increase

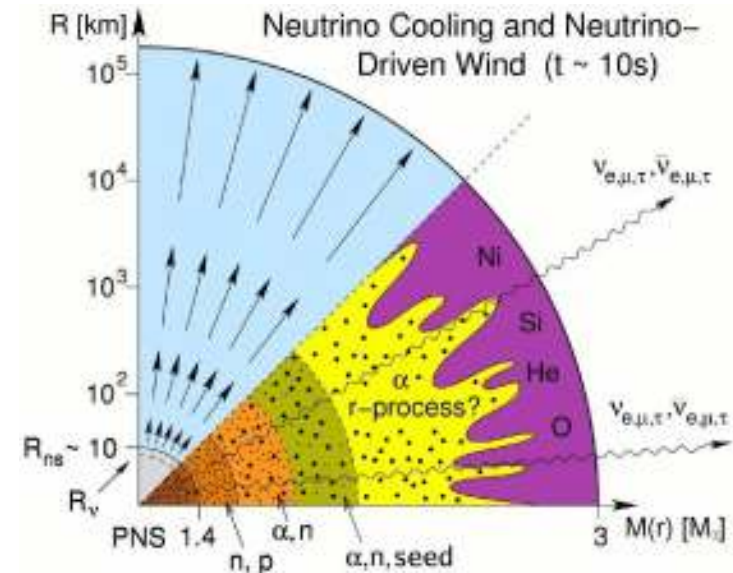
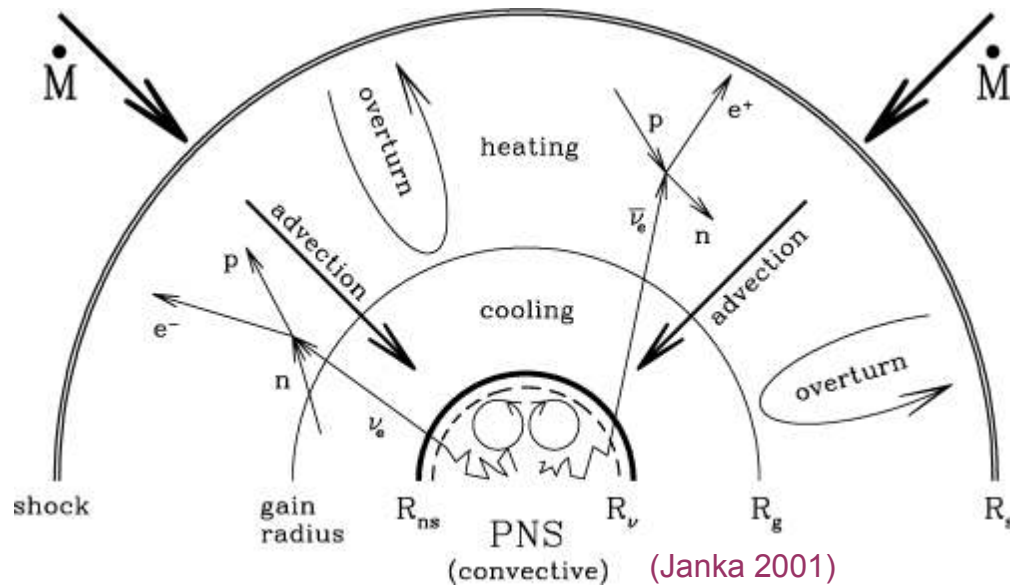


A First Look

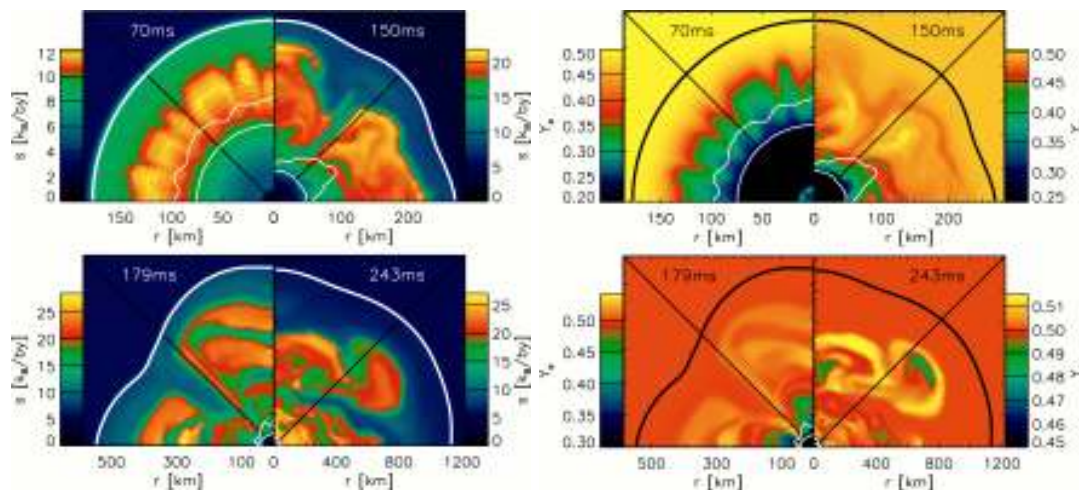
Core Collapse Supernovae

(Massive Stars, Pop I)

Core Collapse Supernovae



(Woosley & Janka 2006)

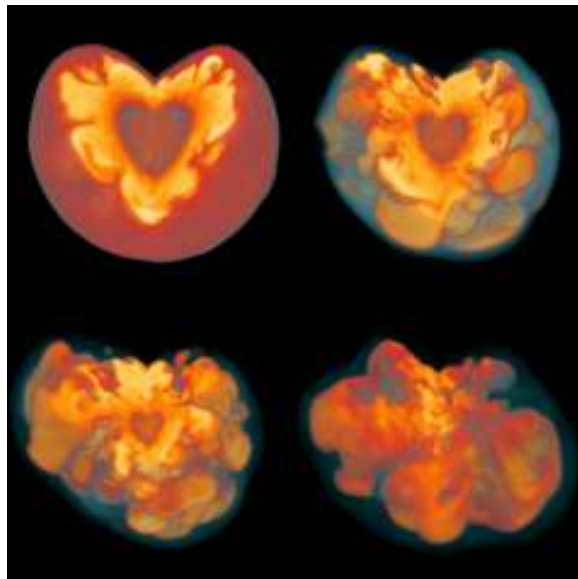


(Buras et al. 2006)

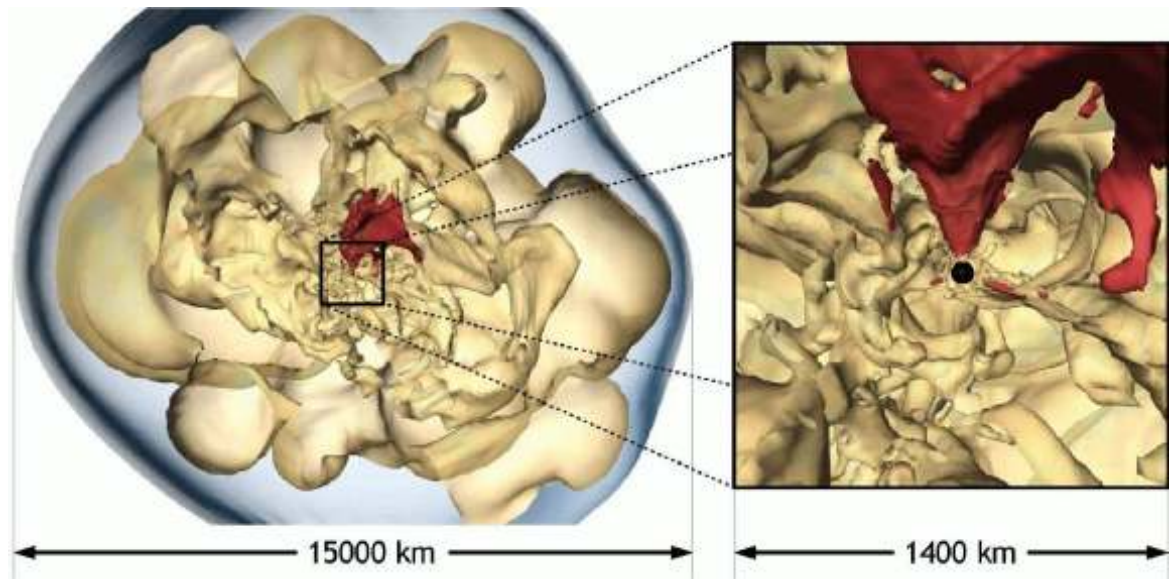
← Entropy and electron per baryon (Y_e) at different time snapshots in a core collapse supernova (simulation: equatorial band)

Core Collapse Supernovae – 3D

Cold inflow and hot outflow
in 3D simulations → similar to dipolar
flow pattern observed in 2D rotationally
symmetric simulations



(Scheck, Janka, *et al.* 2006)



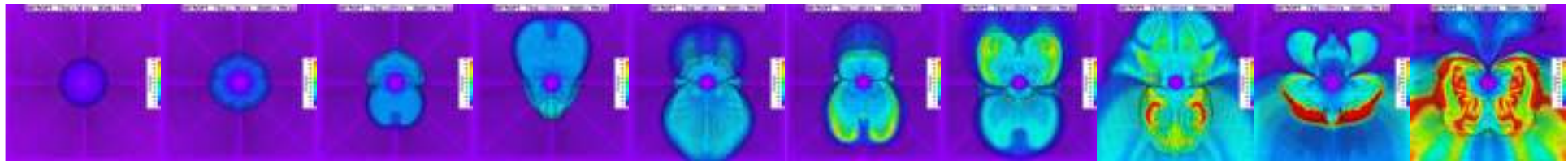
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Singing Supernovae?

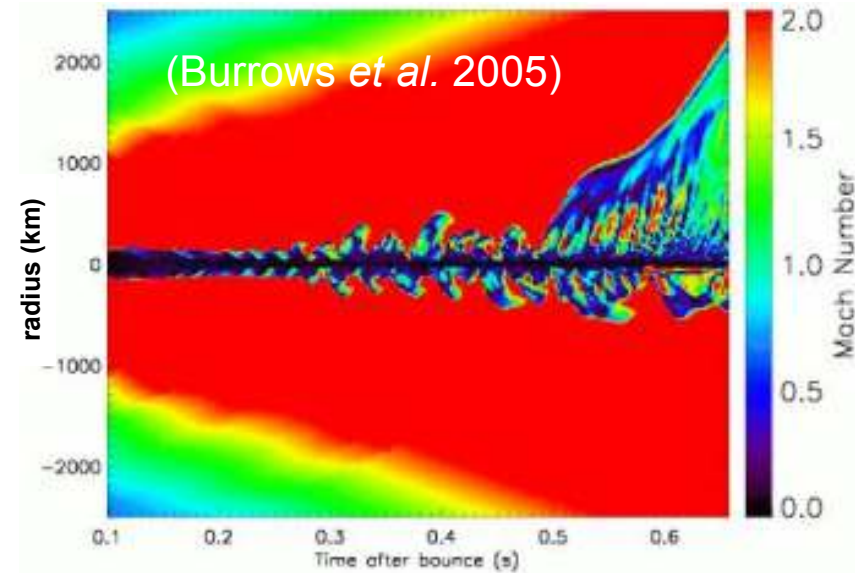
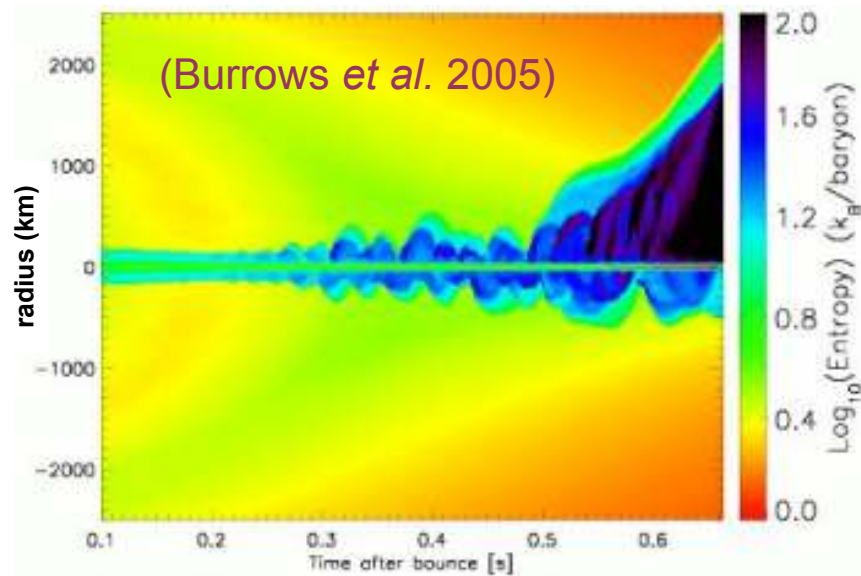


Stan Woosley

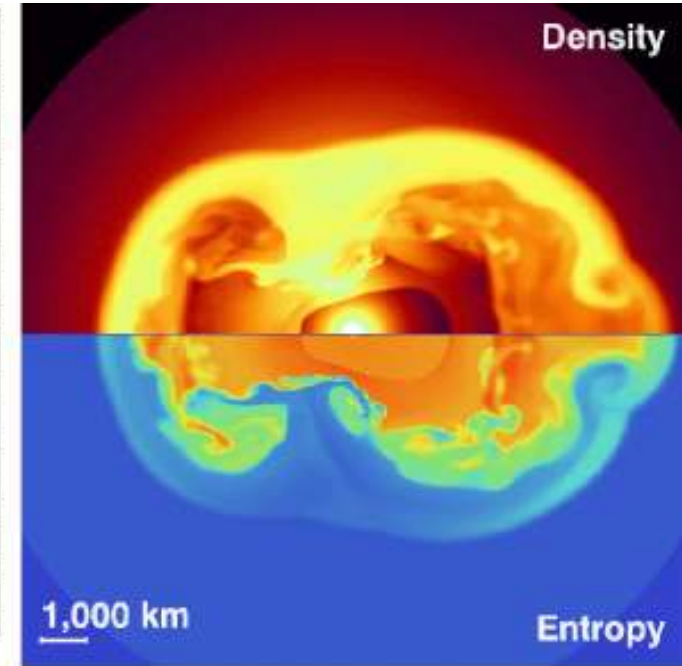
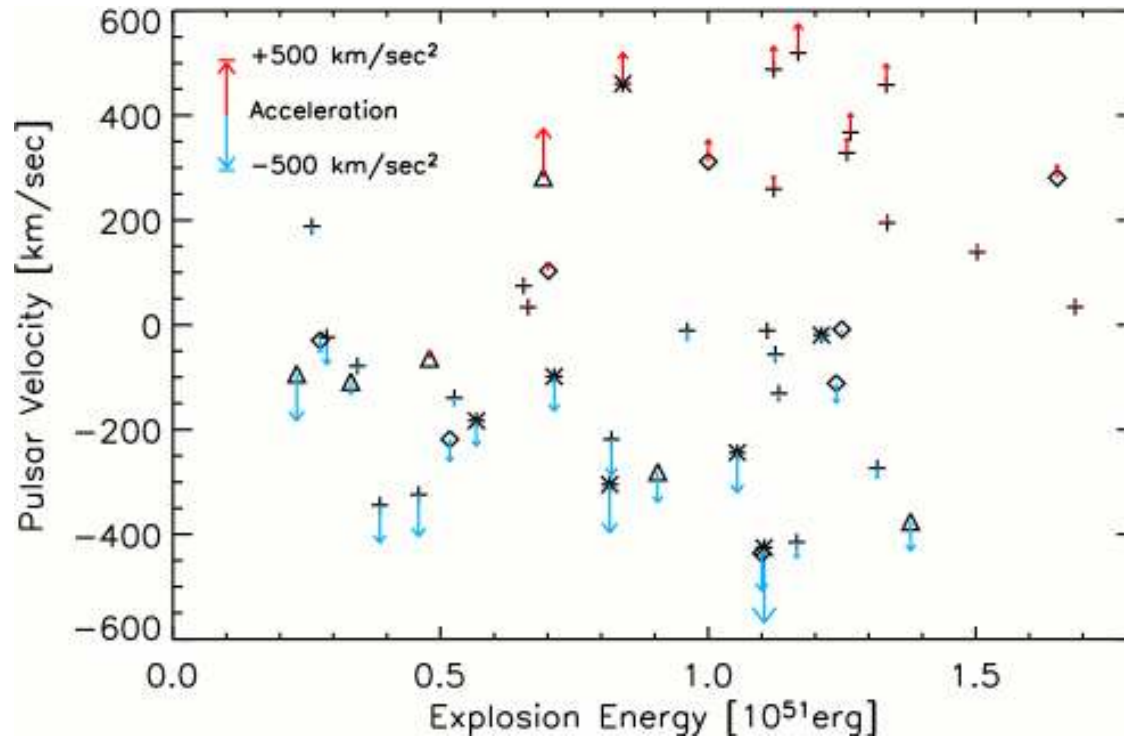
Can sound waves from convection heat bubble and power a supernova explosion?



(Burrows *et al.* 2005)



Neutron Star Kicks



(Janka 2004)

Dipolar oscillation may explain observed neutron star kicks of several 100 km/s.

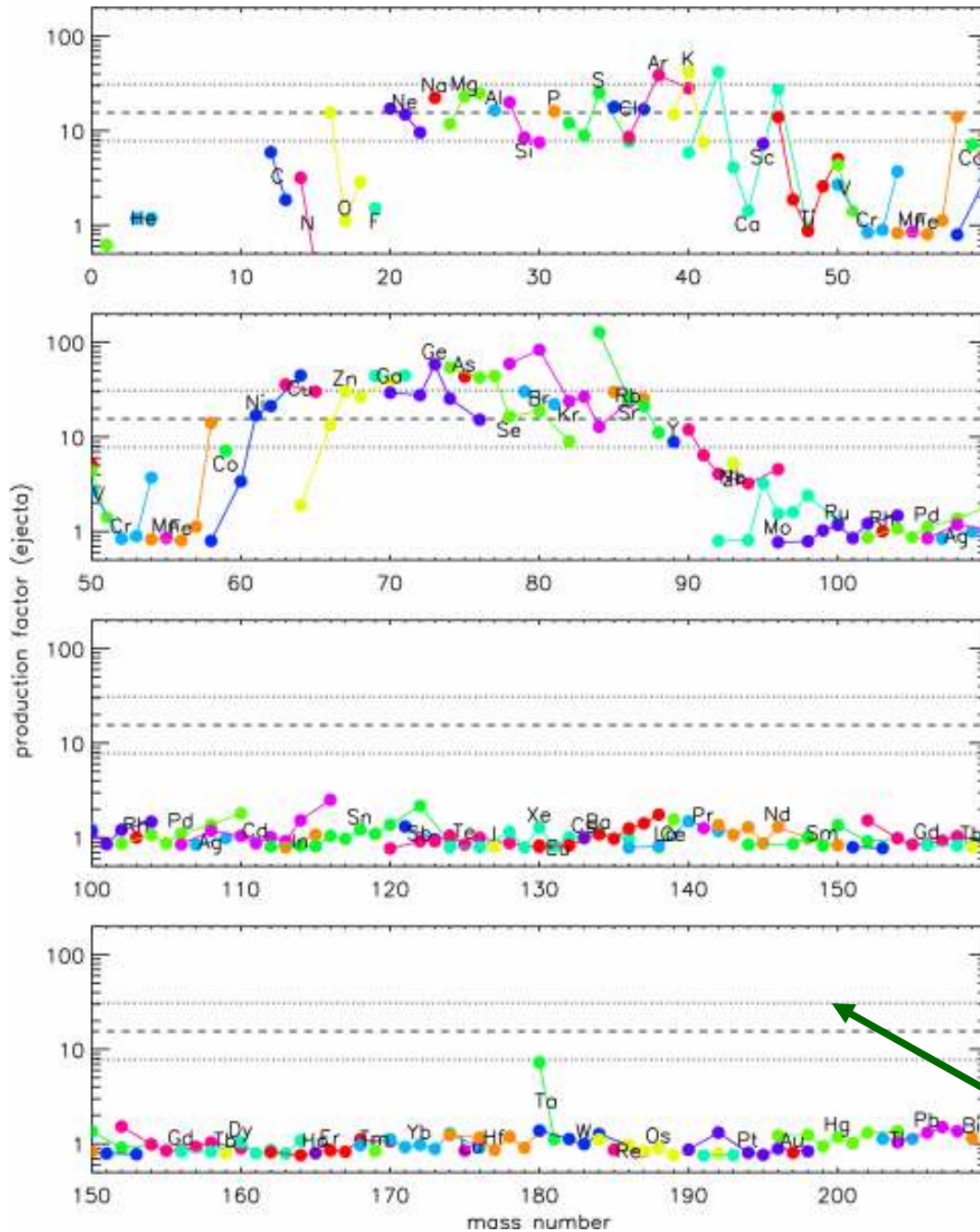


A First Look

Supernovae & Nucleosynthesis

(Massive Stars, Pop I)

25 M_⊙ star



Presupernova
production factors
relative to solar
composition

“band of acceptable
co-production”
defined by
 ^{16}O production
(\pm a factor 2)

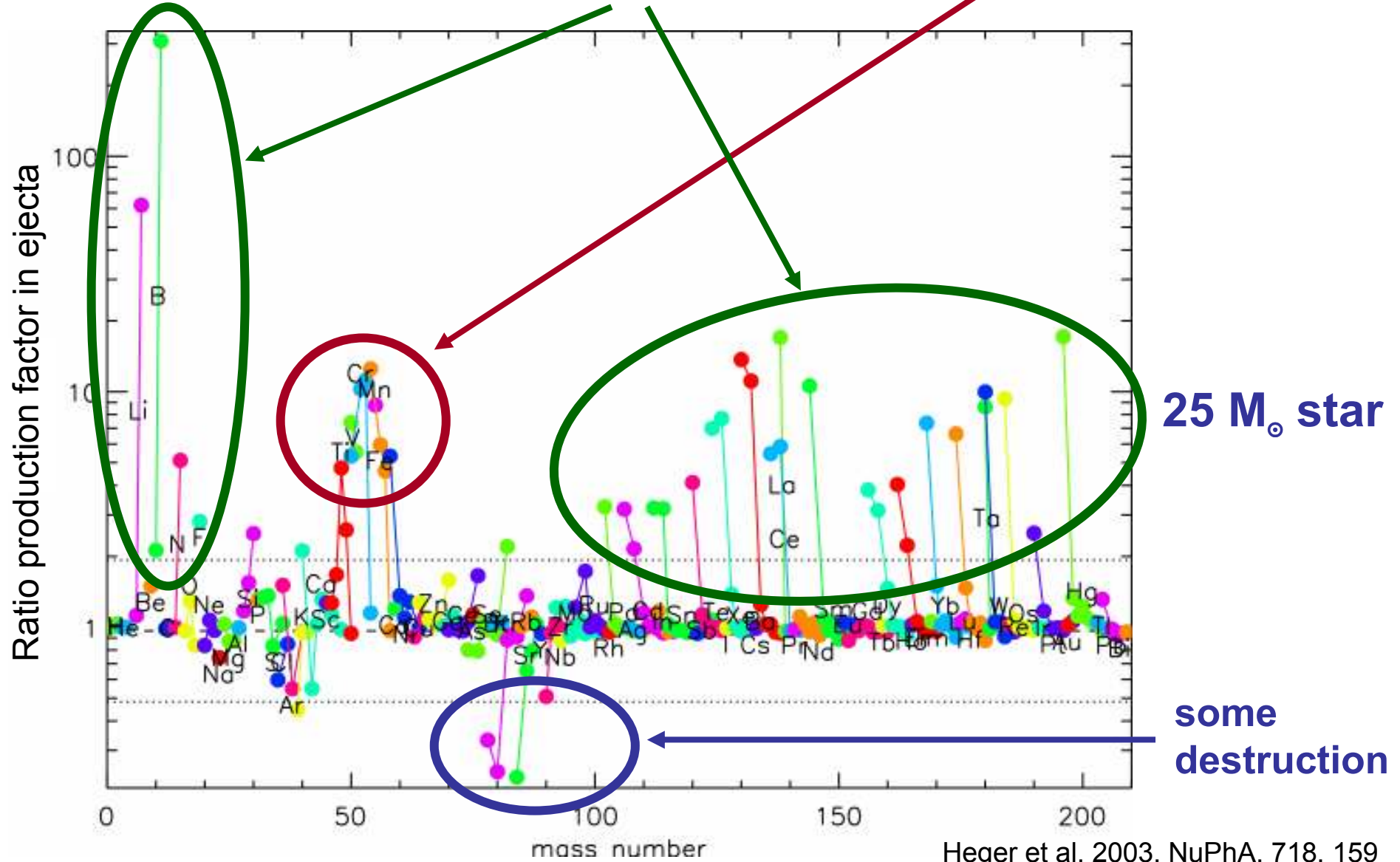
Explosive Nucleosynthesis

in supernovae from massive stars

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Innermost ejecta	<i>r</i> -process	-	>10?	1	(n,γ), β ⁻
Si, O	<i>ν</i> <i>p</i> -process ⁵⁶ Ni	iron group	>4	0.1	(α,γ)
O	Si, S	Cl, Ar, K, Ca	3 - 4	1	¹⁶ O + ¹⁶ O
O, Ne	O, Mg, Ne	Na, Al, P	2 - 3	5	(γ,α)
		<i>p</i> -process ¹¹ B, ¹⁹ F, ¹³⁸ La, ¹⁸⁰ Ta	2 - 3	5	(γ,n)
		<i>ν</i> -process		5	(ν, ν'), (ν, e ⁻)

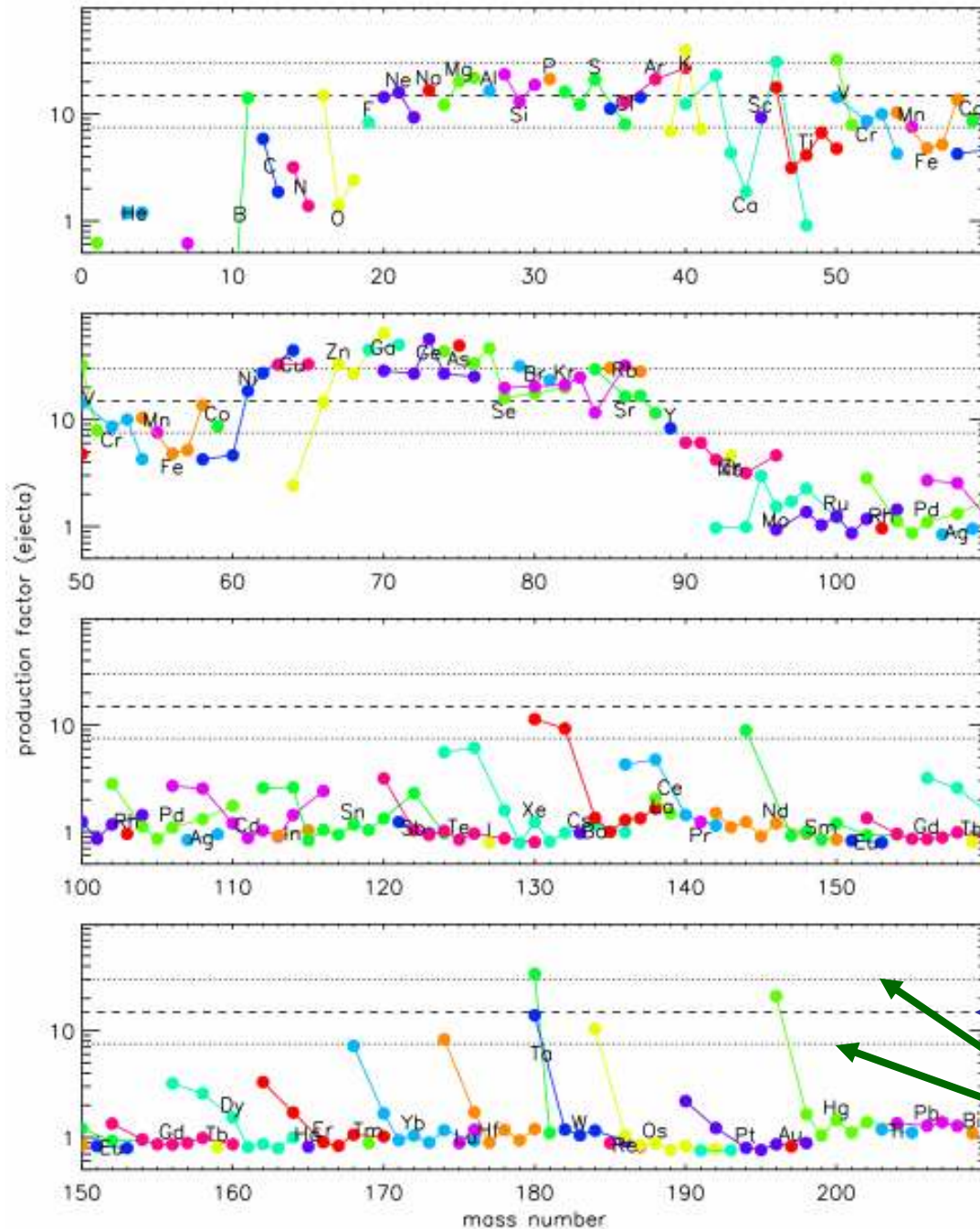
Explosive Nucleosynthesis contribution

→ production of p-process and iron group

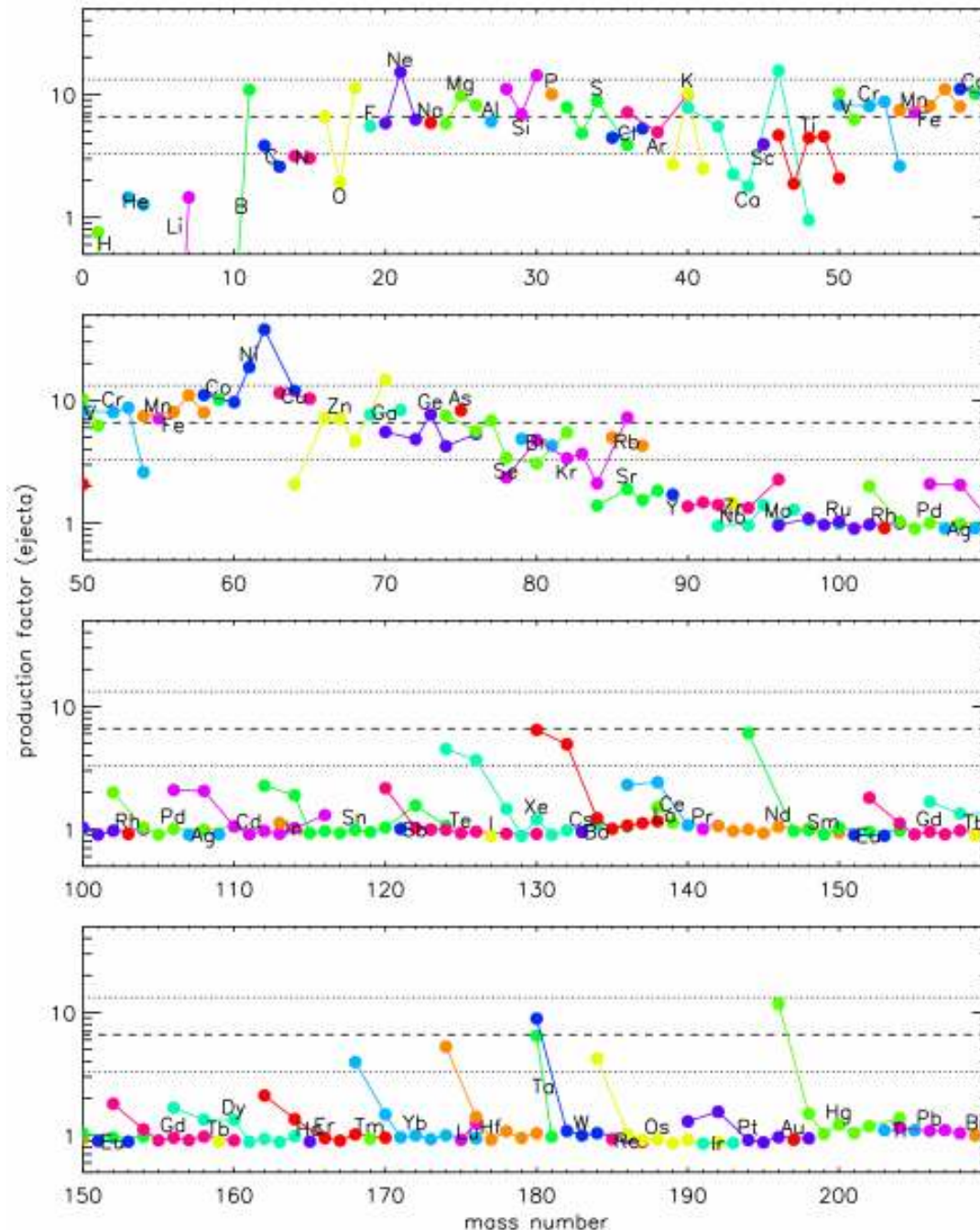


25 M_⊙ star

Production factors relative to solar composition



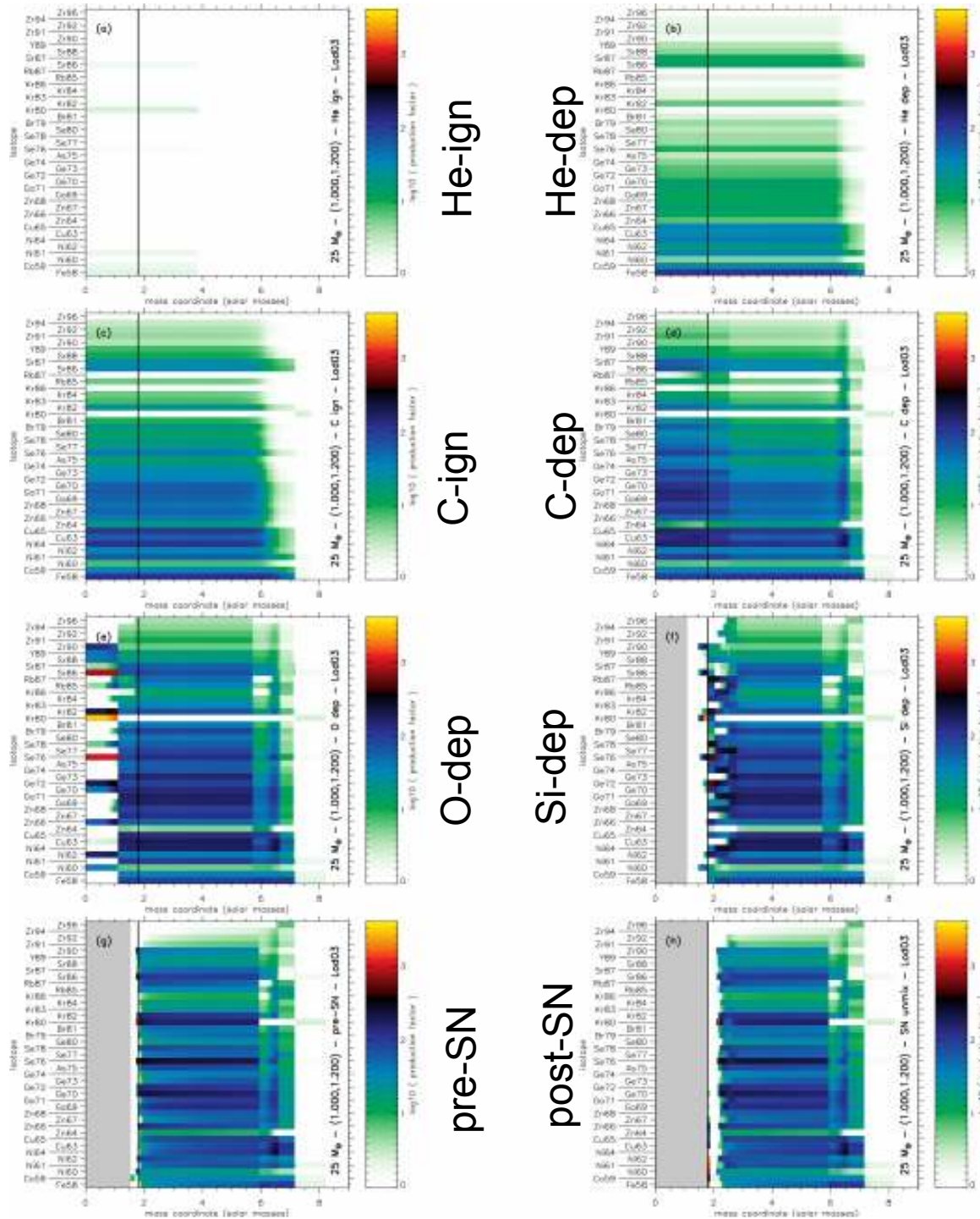
15 M_⊙ star



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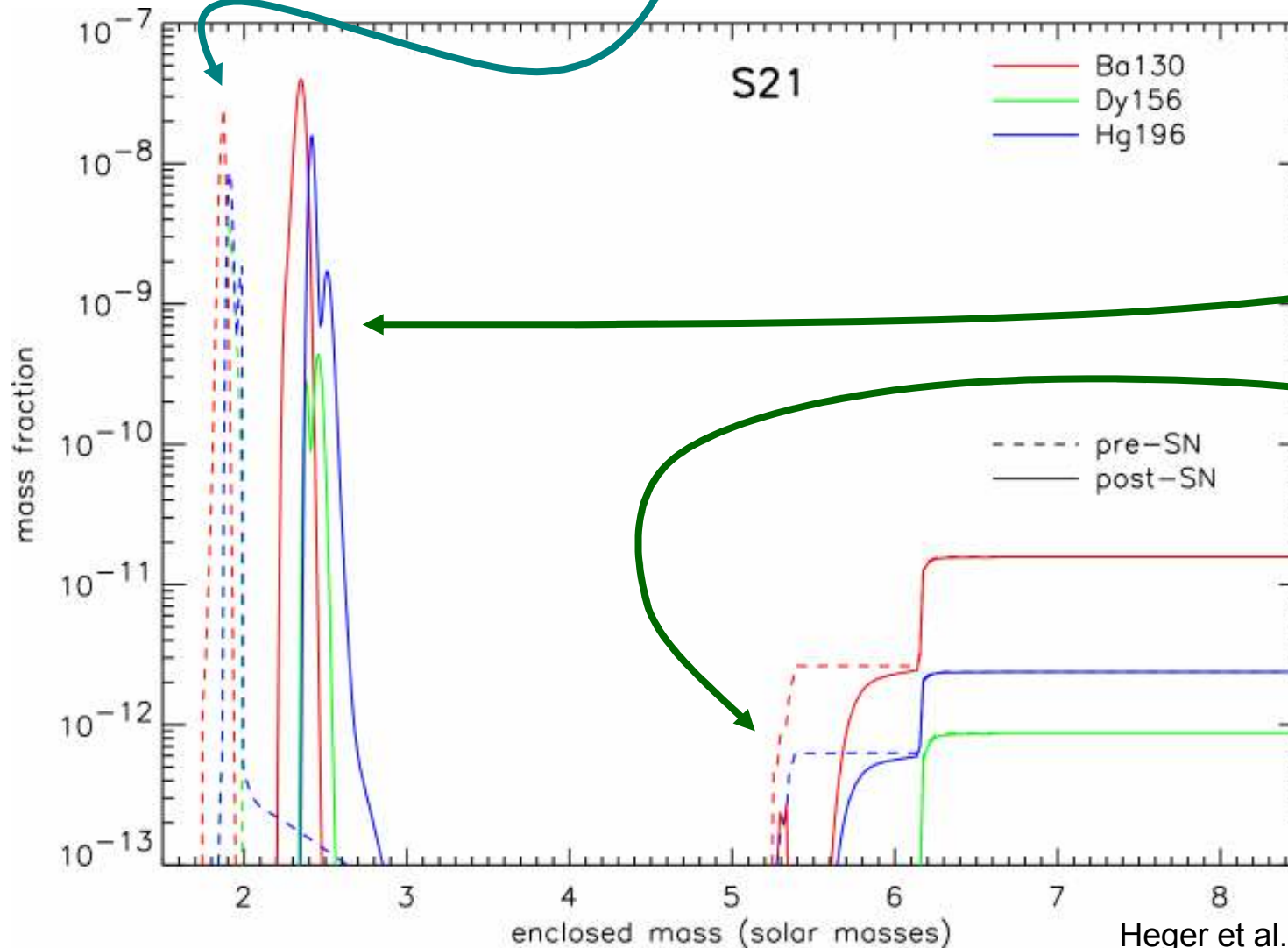
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25 solar mass star s-process yields for different evolution stages



“Relocation” of the γ -process

γ -process can be made in implosive O shell burning, but peak abundance is **destroyed by SN** and **recreated further out**

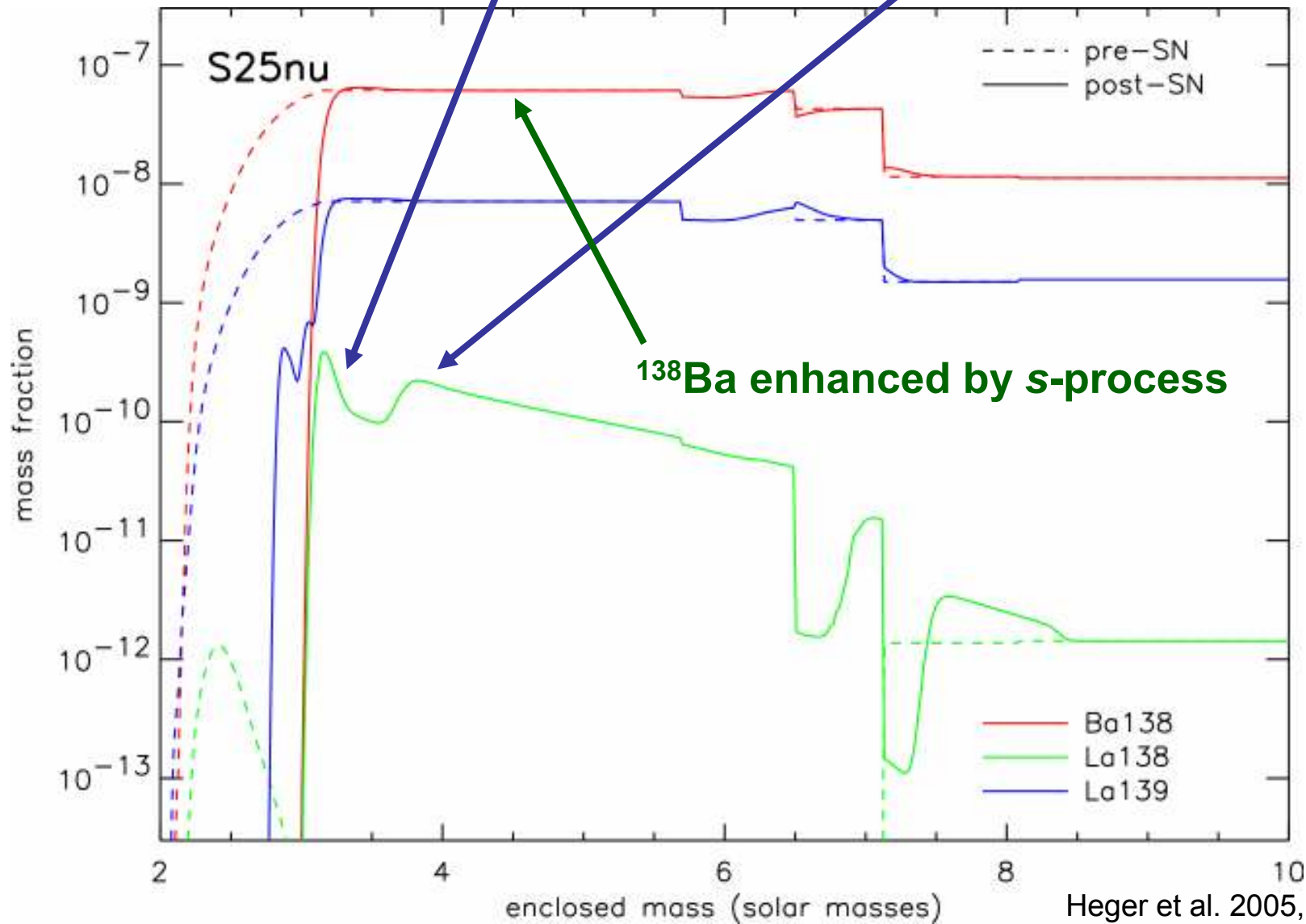


destruction by
n-exposure in
He shell

21 M. star

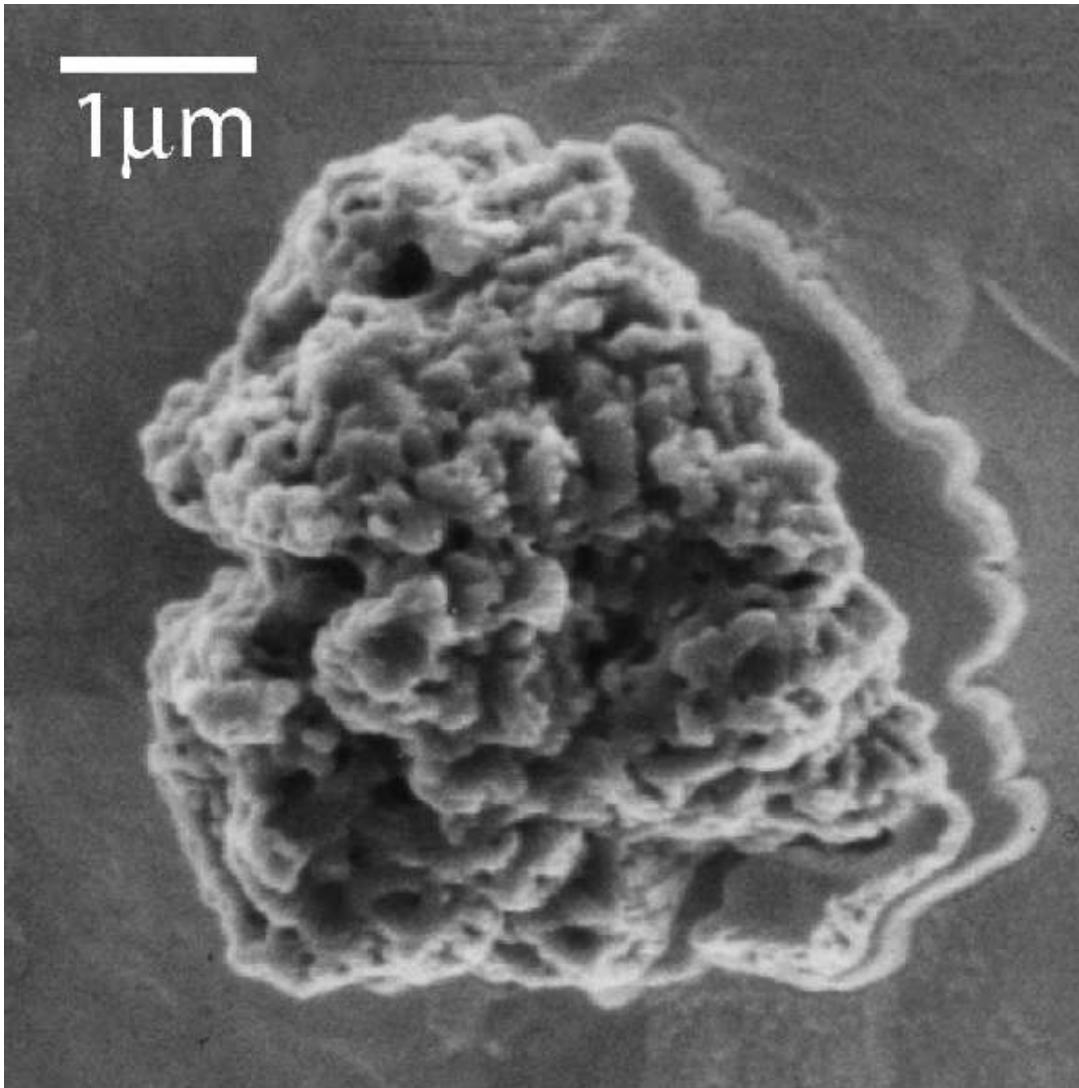
The Production of ^{138}La

by γ -process and ν -process



Presolar grains

Direct access to pristine SN nucleosynthesis?



However:
need to understand

- chemistry
- condensation
- SN mixing
- implantation

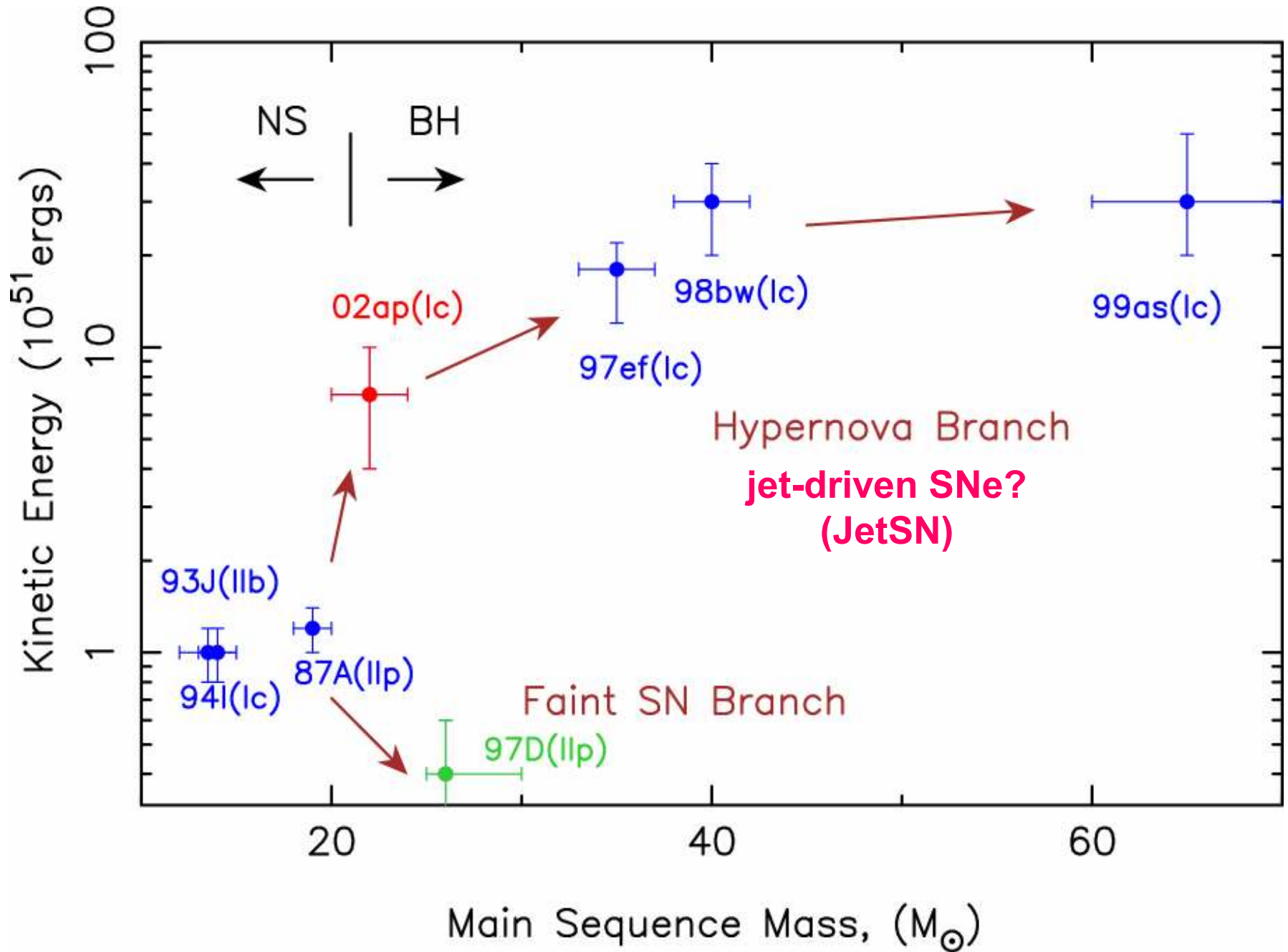
see Denault, Clayton & Heger (2003)



Overview:

Varieties of Cosmic Explosions

(of most kind)



(Nomoto 2002, priv. com.)

Energy Scales

Log E	Explosion	Thermonuclear
39	X-ray Bursts	√
40	Long-Duration He Bursts	√
41		
42	X-ray Superbursts	√
43		
44		
45	Classical Novae	√
46		
48	Faint SN (visible LC?)	
49	SN (visible LC)	
50	Bright SN (LC?)	
51	SN (kinetic)	SN Type Ia total
52	Hypernova? GRB?	Pair-SN total (low-mass end)
53	SN (neutrinos – several 10^{53} erg)	Pair-SN total (upper limit)
54	<i>(a lot of energy - 0.5 M. c²)</i>	
55	GR He SN	GR He SN (upper limit)
56	GR H SN, Z > 0 (Fuller <i>et al.</i> 1986)	√

Things that blow up

supernovae

- CO white dwarf → Type Ia SN, $E \approx 1B$ Bethe
- MgNeO WD, accretion → AIC, faint SN
- “SAGB” star (AGB, then SN) → EC SN
- “normal” SN (Fe core collapse) → Type II SN
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- “Collapsar”, GRB → broad line Ib/a SN, “hypernova”
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- Very massive stars → pair SN, $\lesssim 100B$ ($1B=10^{51}$ erg)
- Very massive collapsar → IMBH, SN, hard transient
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1B=10⁵¹ erg



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Things that blow up

Thermonuclear supernovae (no *r*-process)

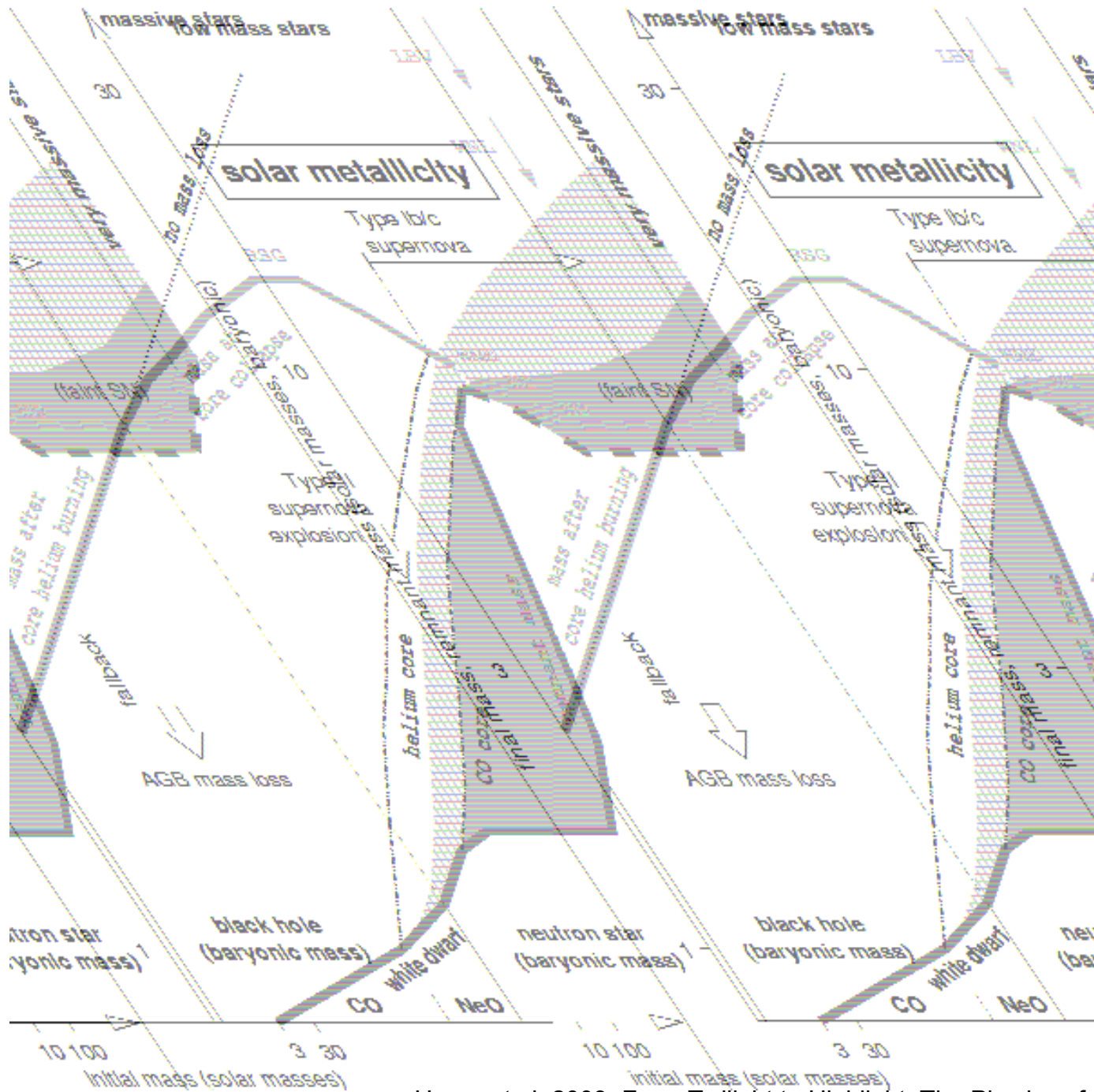
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Black hole-powered supernovae (“Collapsars”)

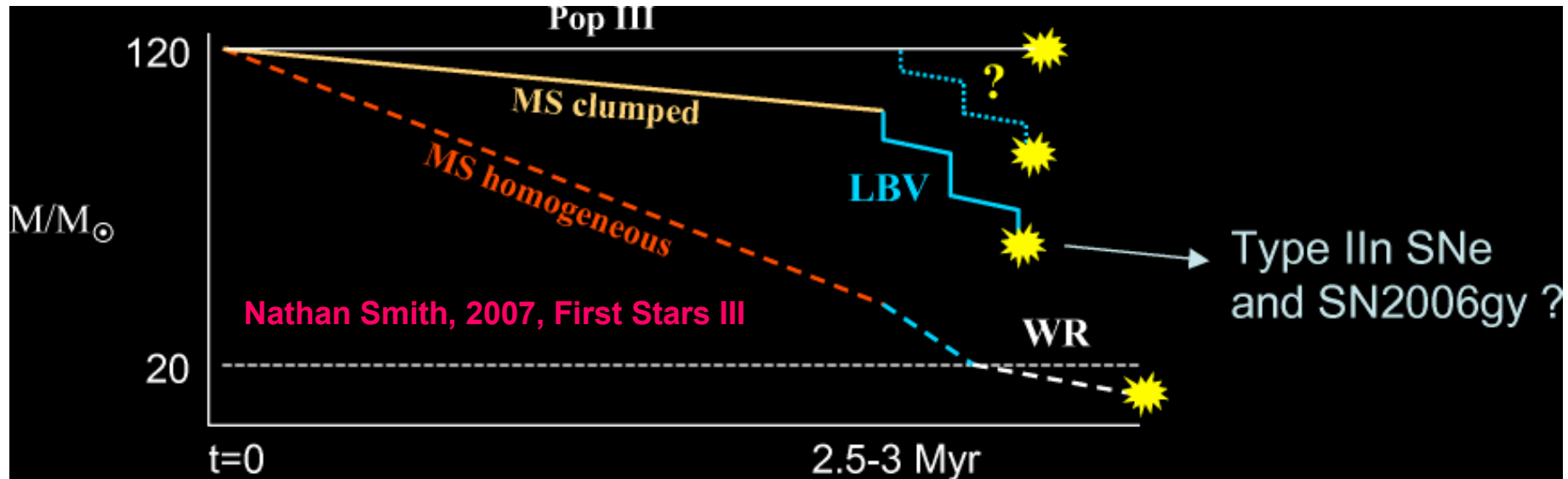
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Massive Star Fates
as Function of
Initial Mass
(solar metallicity)



Ejected "metals"

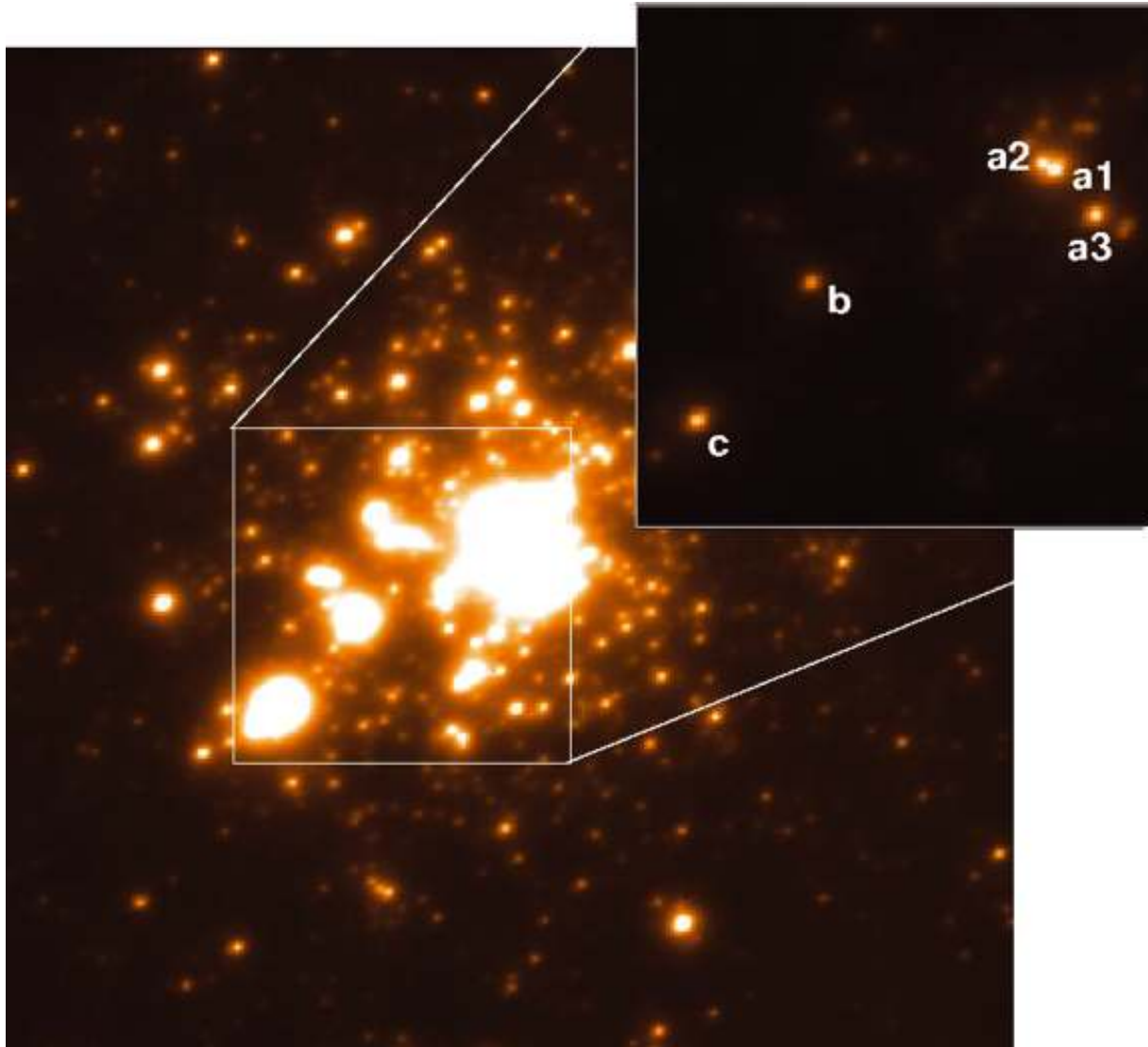
Mass Loss due to Giant Eruptions?



How do the most massive stars evolve?

- Reduced mass loss on the main sequence followed by LBV & giant eruptions?
- What are these eruptions?
(physics, number, recurrence)
- When do they occur?
(internal evolution stage?)
- How do we model these eruptions?
- Pulsational Pair-Instability Supernovae (PPSN)?

The Most Massive Stars Today



R136

- young massive star cluster
- Age around 1.5 Myr
- Star “a1”:
maybe 200 M_⊙
initial mass

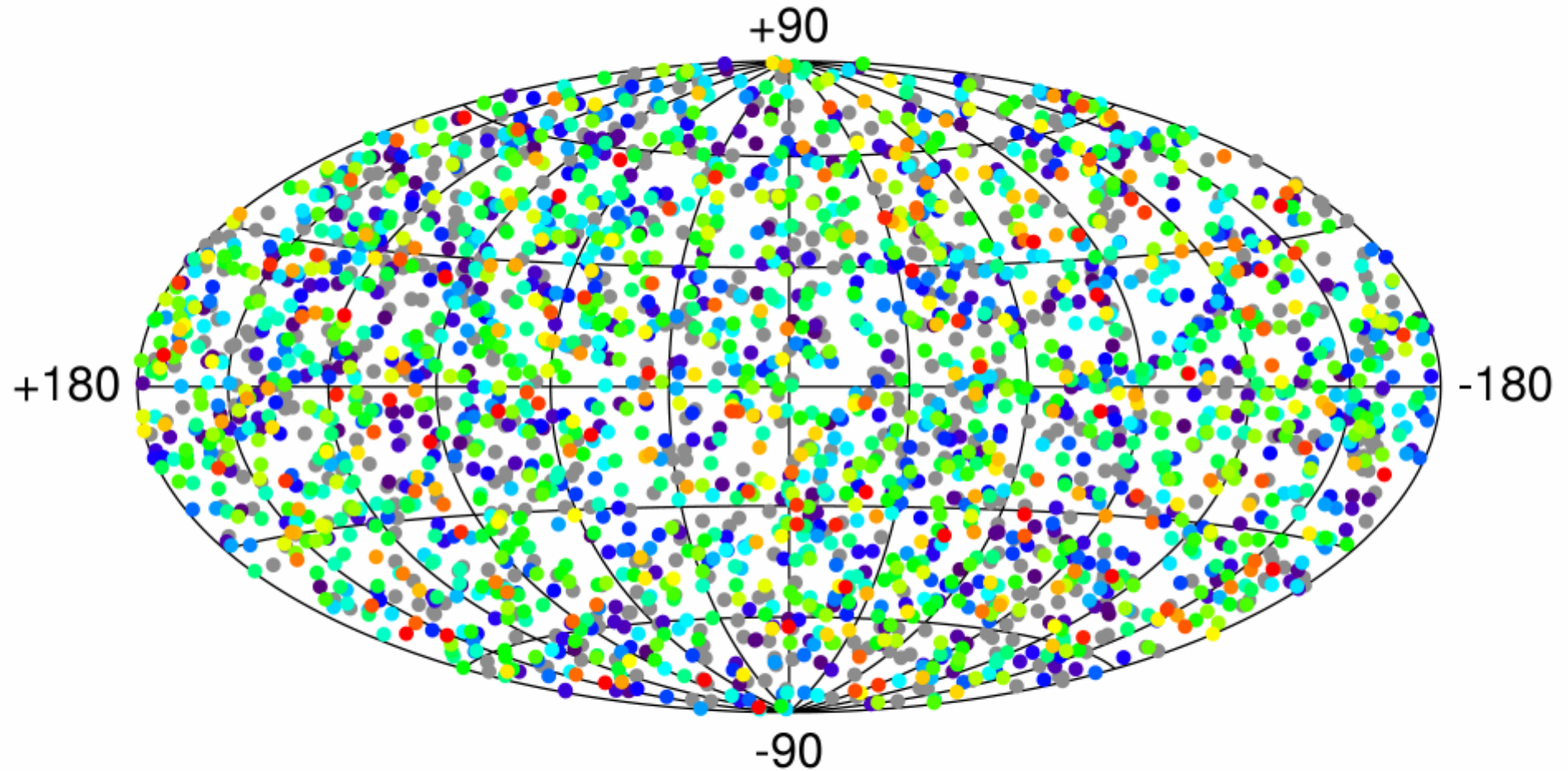
(Crother et al. 2010)



Advanced Topics

Rotation and Gamma-Ray Bursts

2704 BATSE Gamma-Ray Bursts



10^{-7} 10^{-6} 10^{-5} 10^{-4}

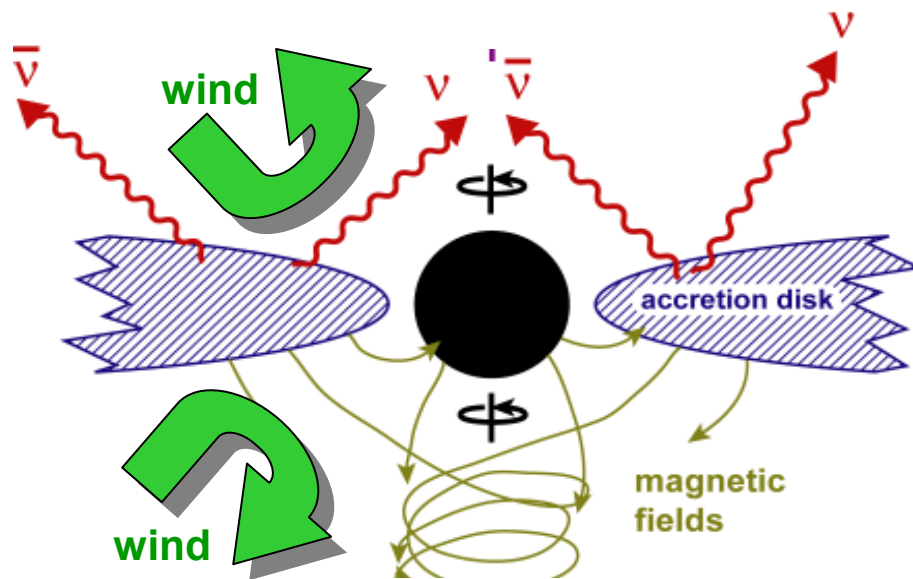
Fluence, 50-300 keV (ergs cm⁻²)

Source: <http://www.batse.msfc.nasa.gov/batse/grb/skymap/>

How else can massive stars explode?

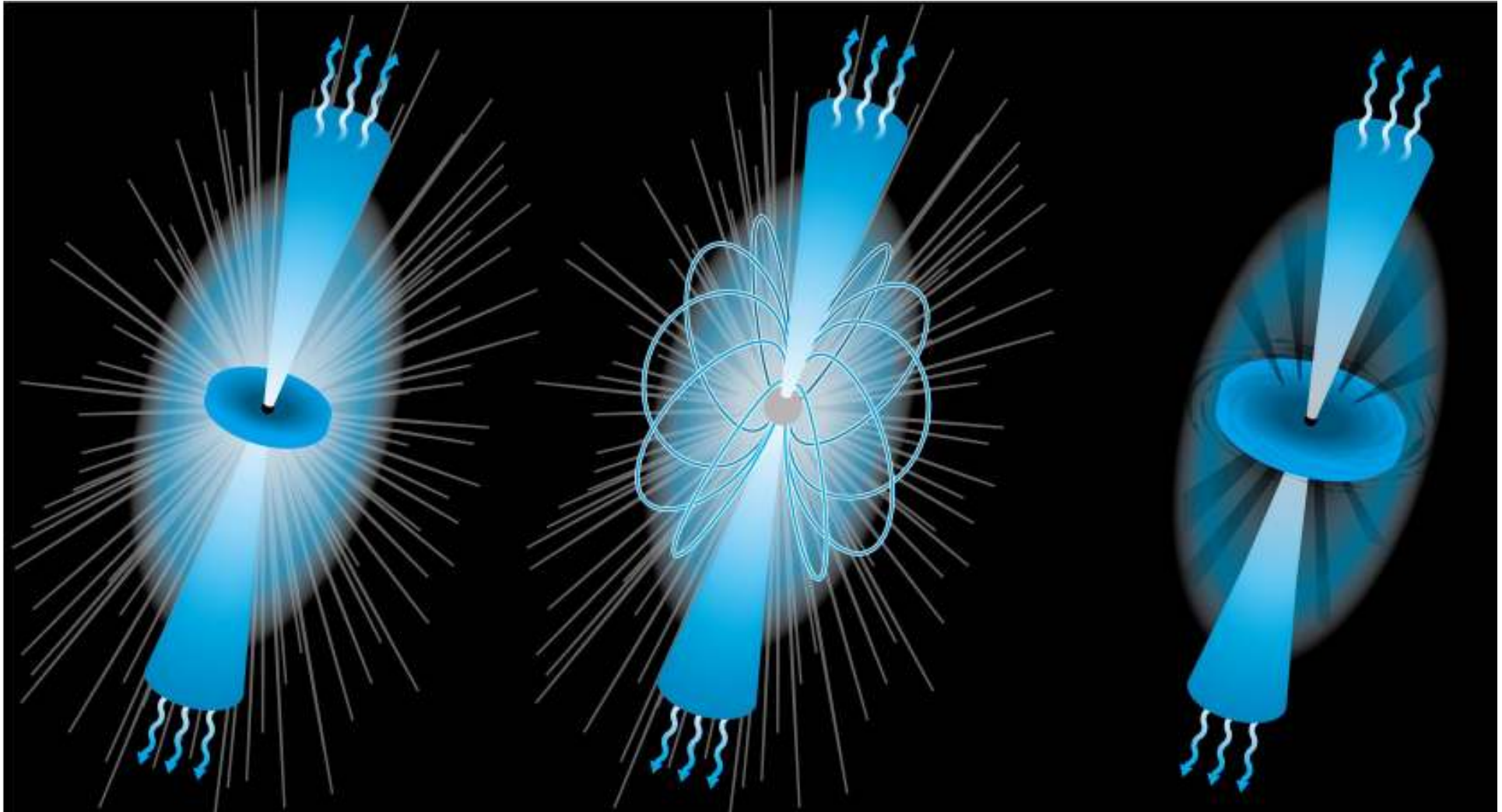
$$25M_{\odot} < M < 100M_{\odot}, \\ M > 250M_{\odot}$$

The “Collapsar Engine”

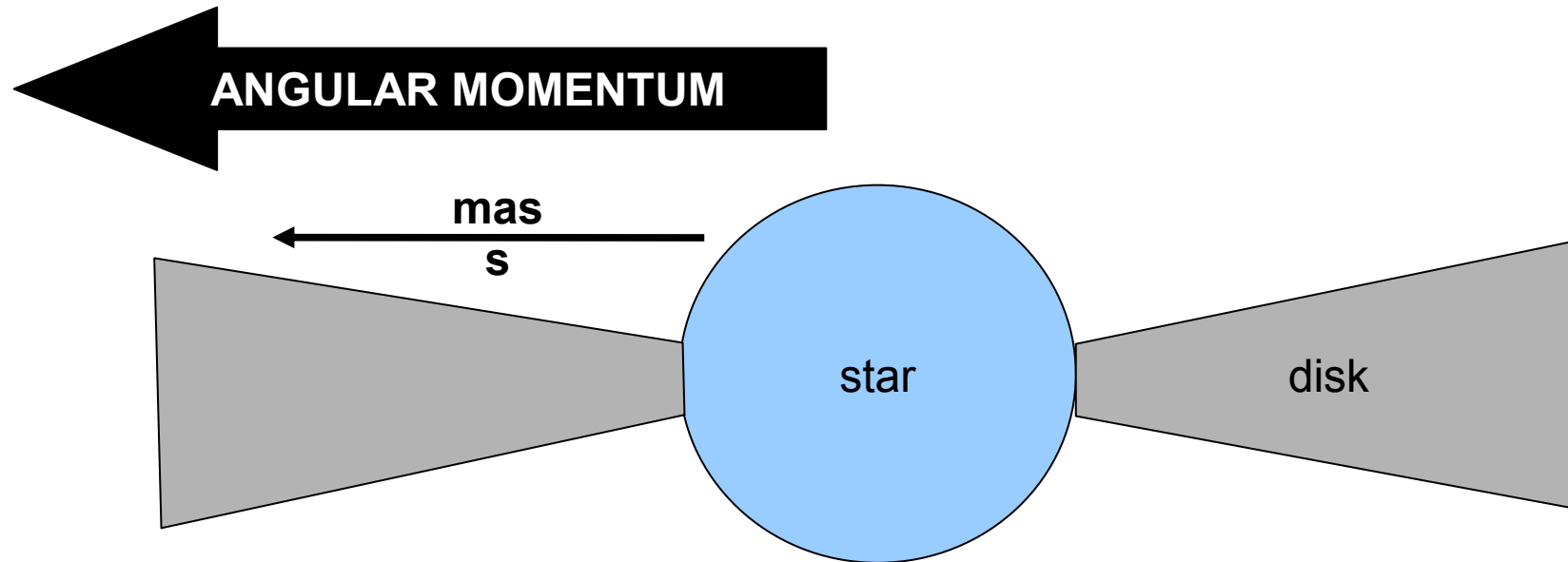


1. black hole forms inside the collapsing star
2. The infalling matter forms and accretion disk
3. The accretion disk releases gravitational energy (up to 42.3% of rest mass for Kerr BH)
4. Part of the released energy or winds off the hot disk explode the star

GRB Mechanisms



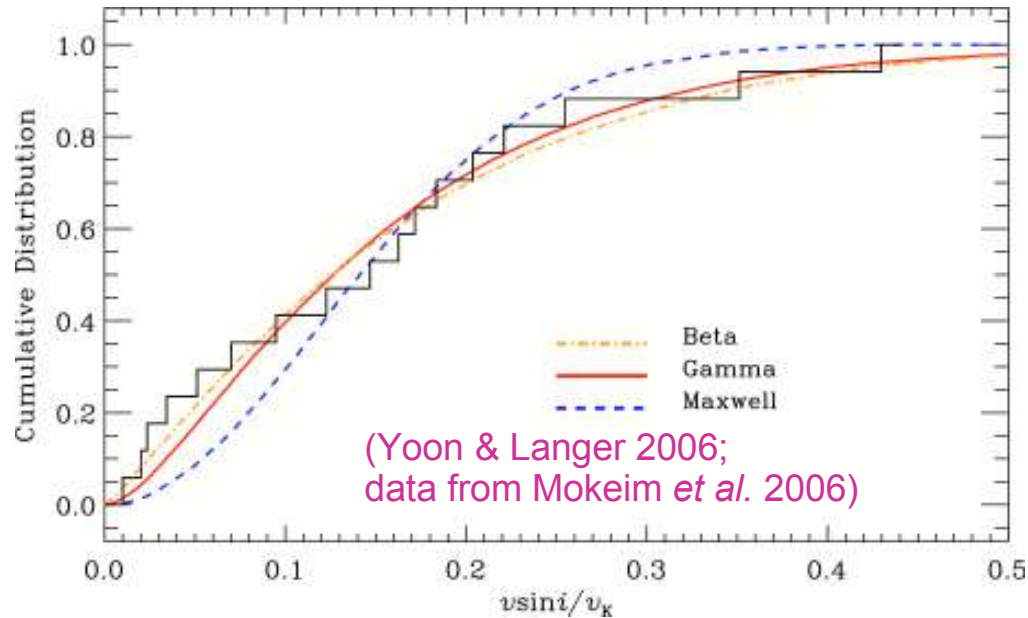
Mass Loss due to Critical Rotation



- How important is mass loss due to critical (or fast) rotation?
- How do we quantify mass loss and angular momentum loss?
- How does it effect our stellar models?

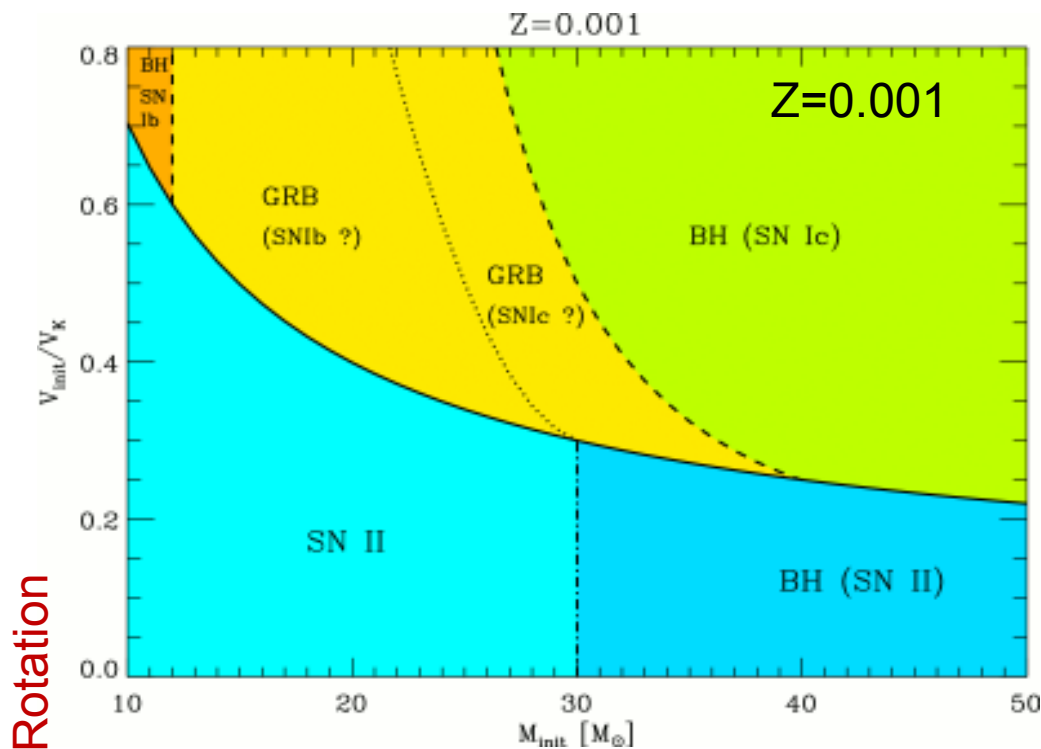
(Langer, Meynet, Maeder, Hirschi,...)

Black Holes and GRBs from Rotating Stars



A small fraction of single stars is born rotating rapidly

The fastest rotators evolve chemically homogeneously, become WR stars on the MS, and may lose less angular momentum.

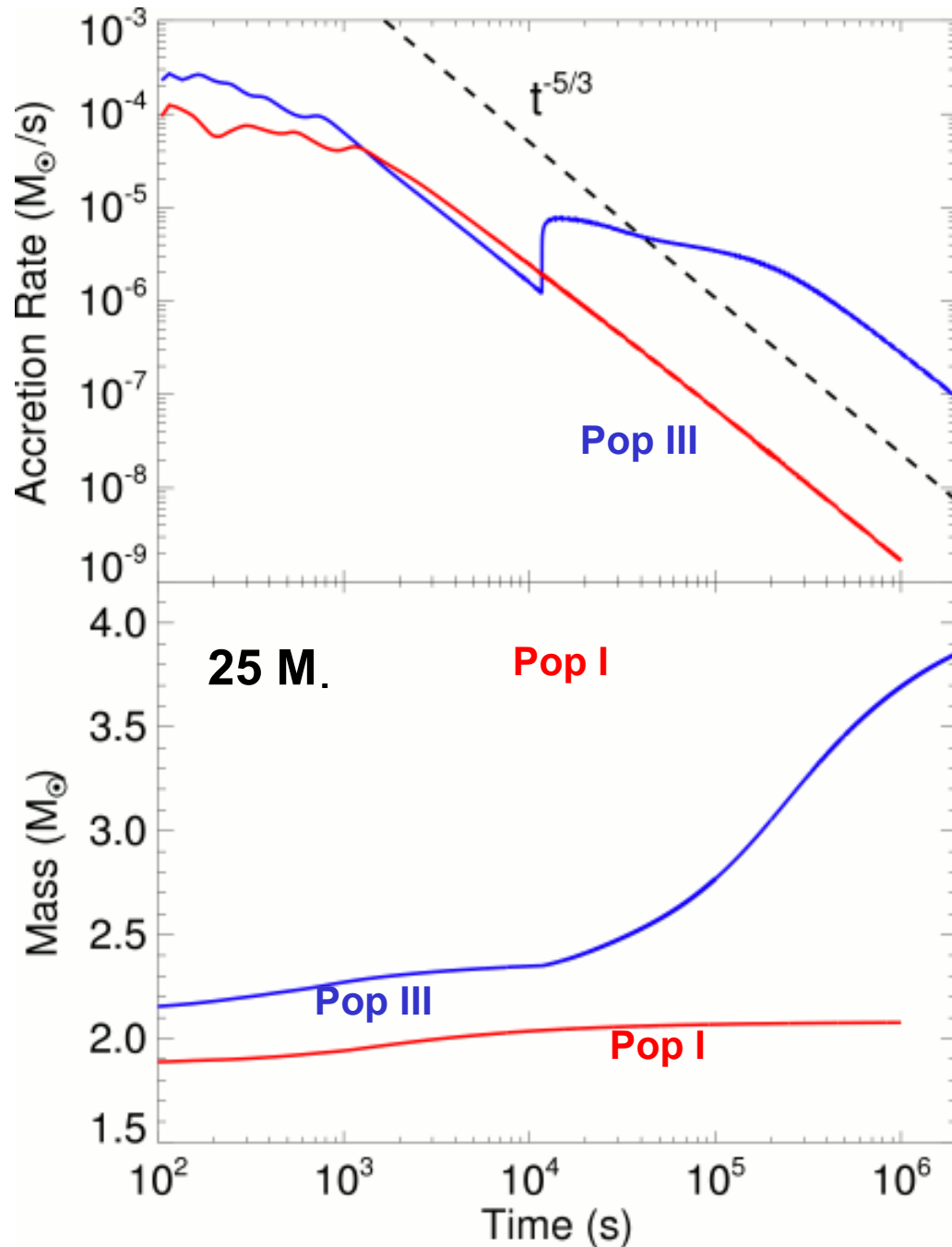


(Yoon & Langer 2006)



Advanced Topics
**Remnant
Masses**
Of Supernovae

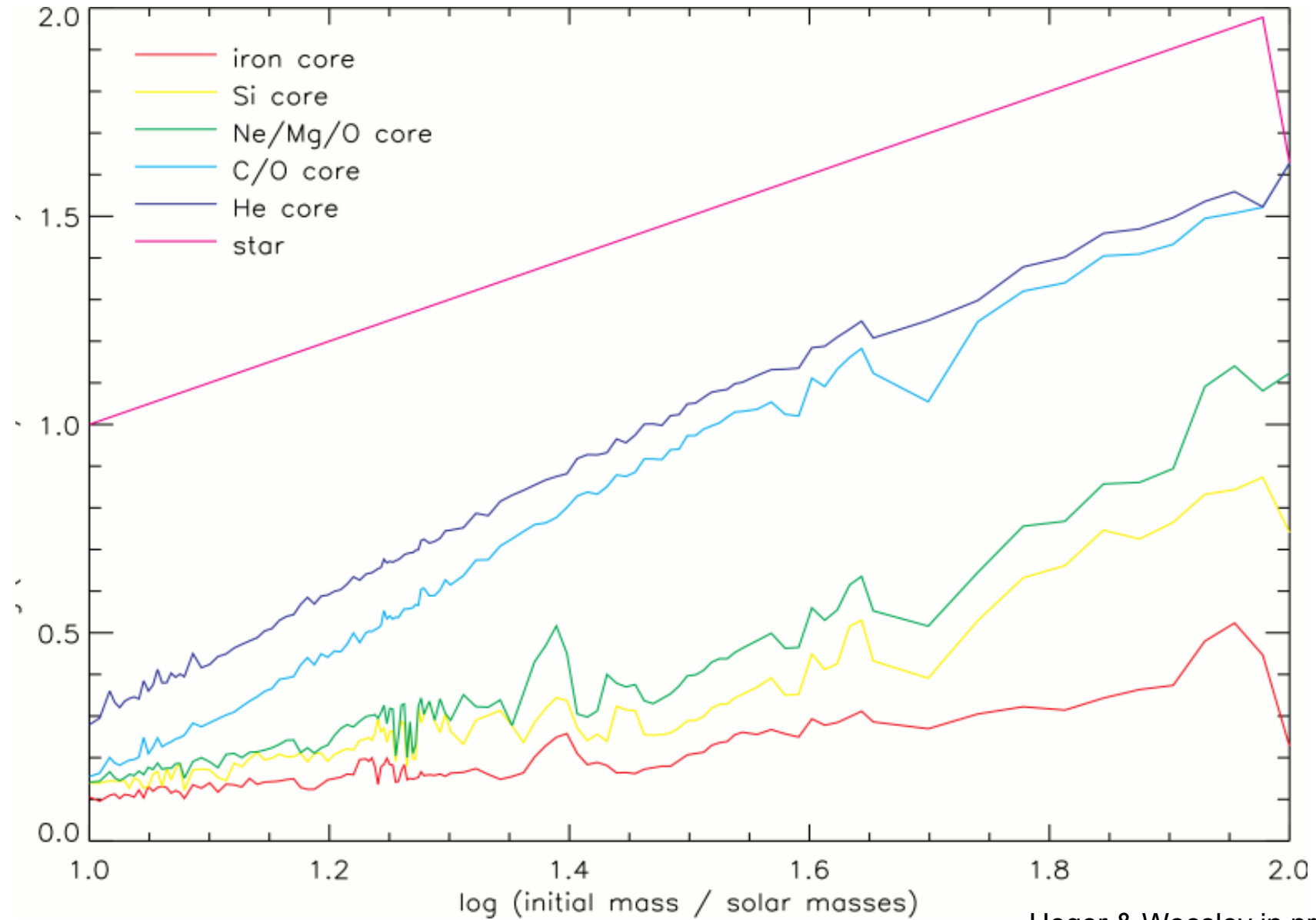
Fallback and Remnants



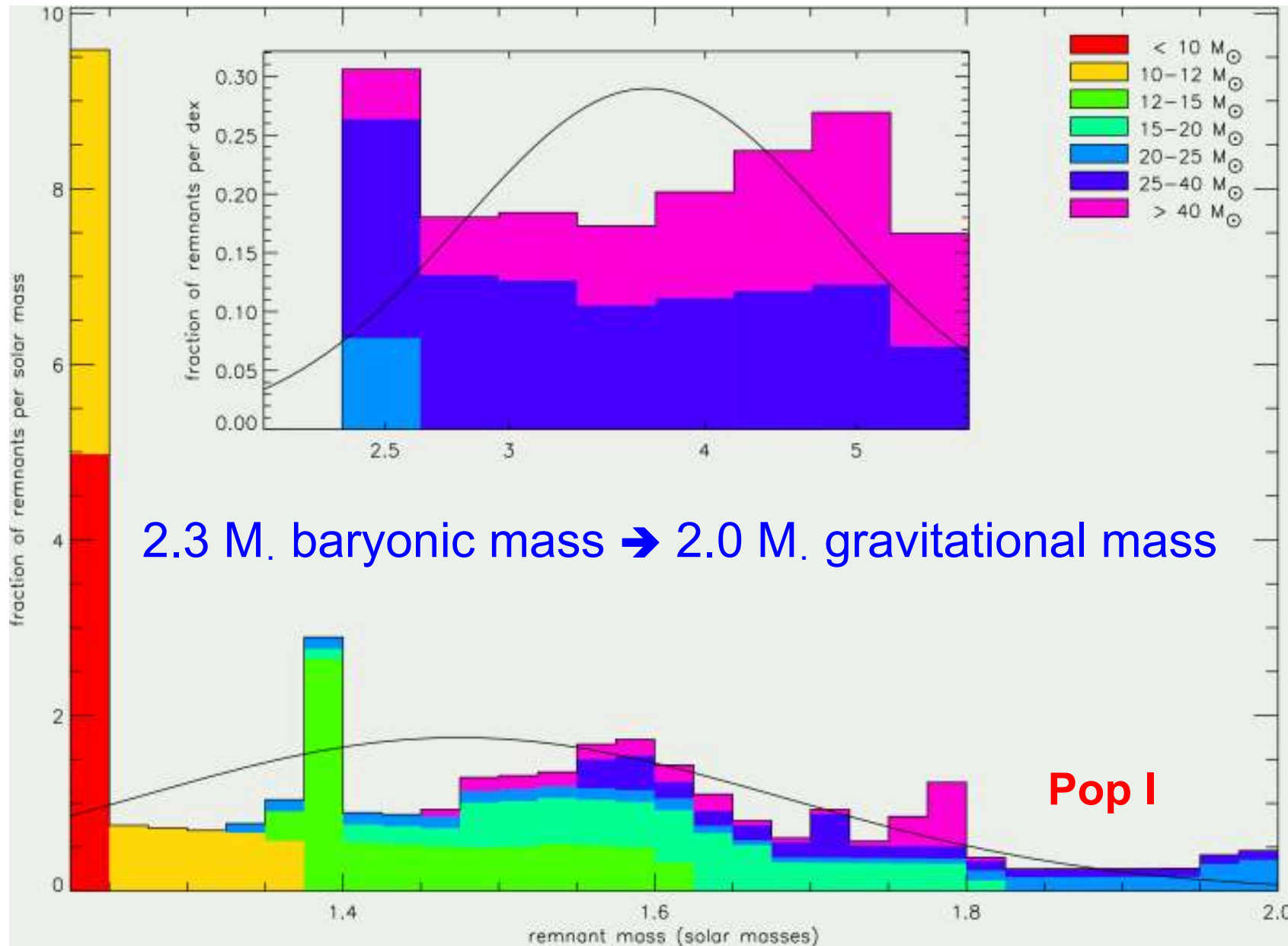
→ Pop III stars show much more fallback than modern Pop I stars due to their compact hydrogen envelope

(Zhang, Woosley, Heger 2007)

Pop III Star Core Masses



Fallback and Remnants



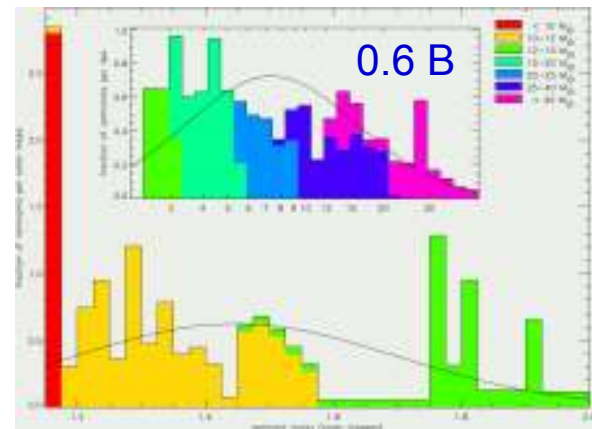
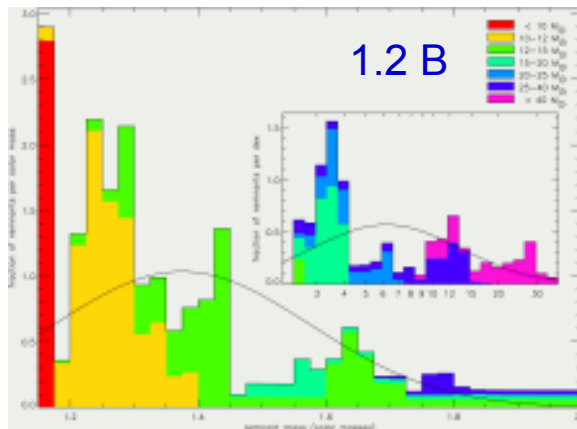
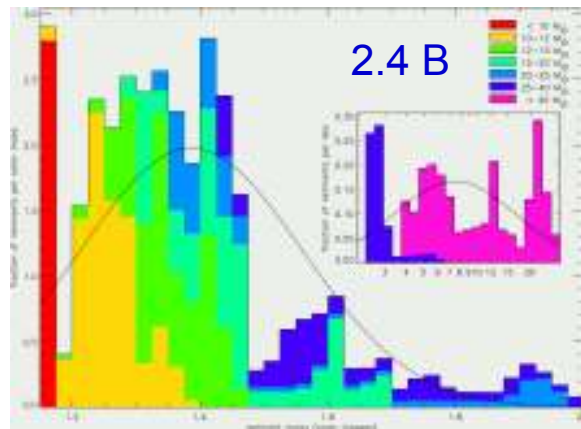
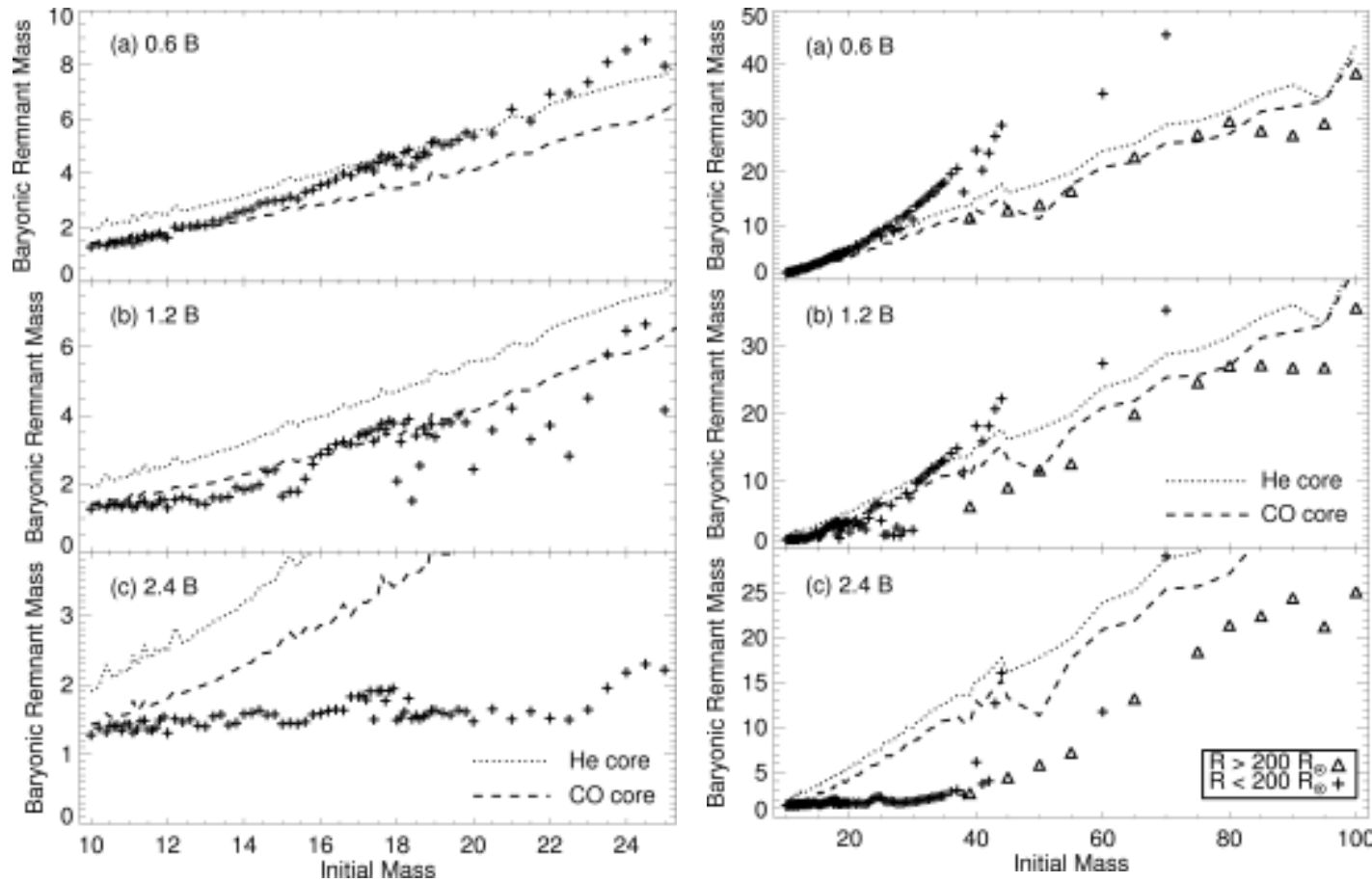
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Pop III Stars

Much fallback for compact stars (“+”)

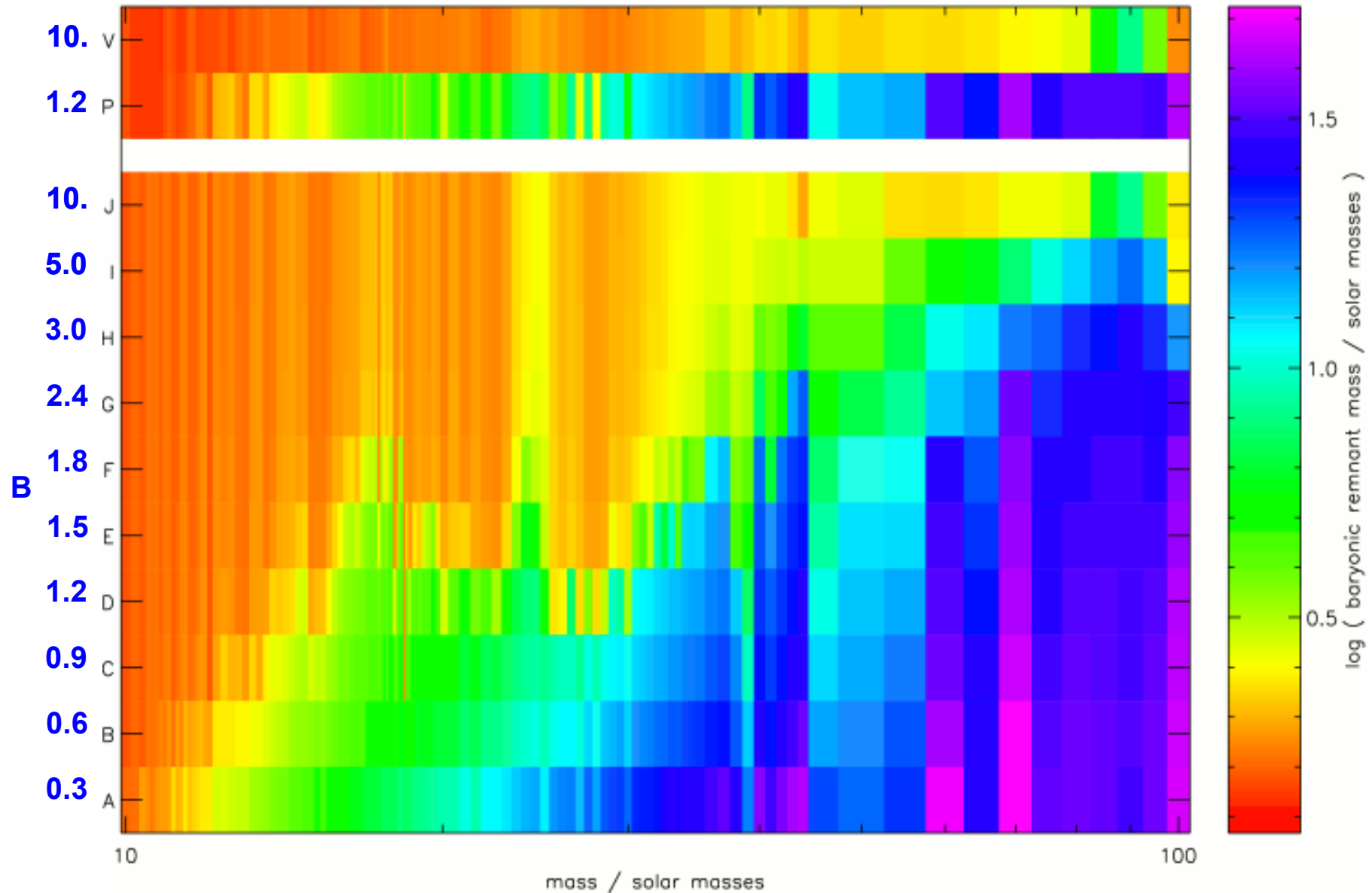
Less fallback for RSG (“Δ”)

(Zhang, Woosley, Heger 2007)



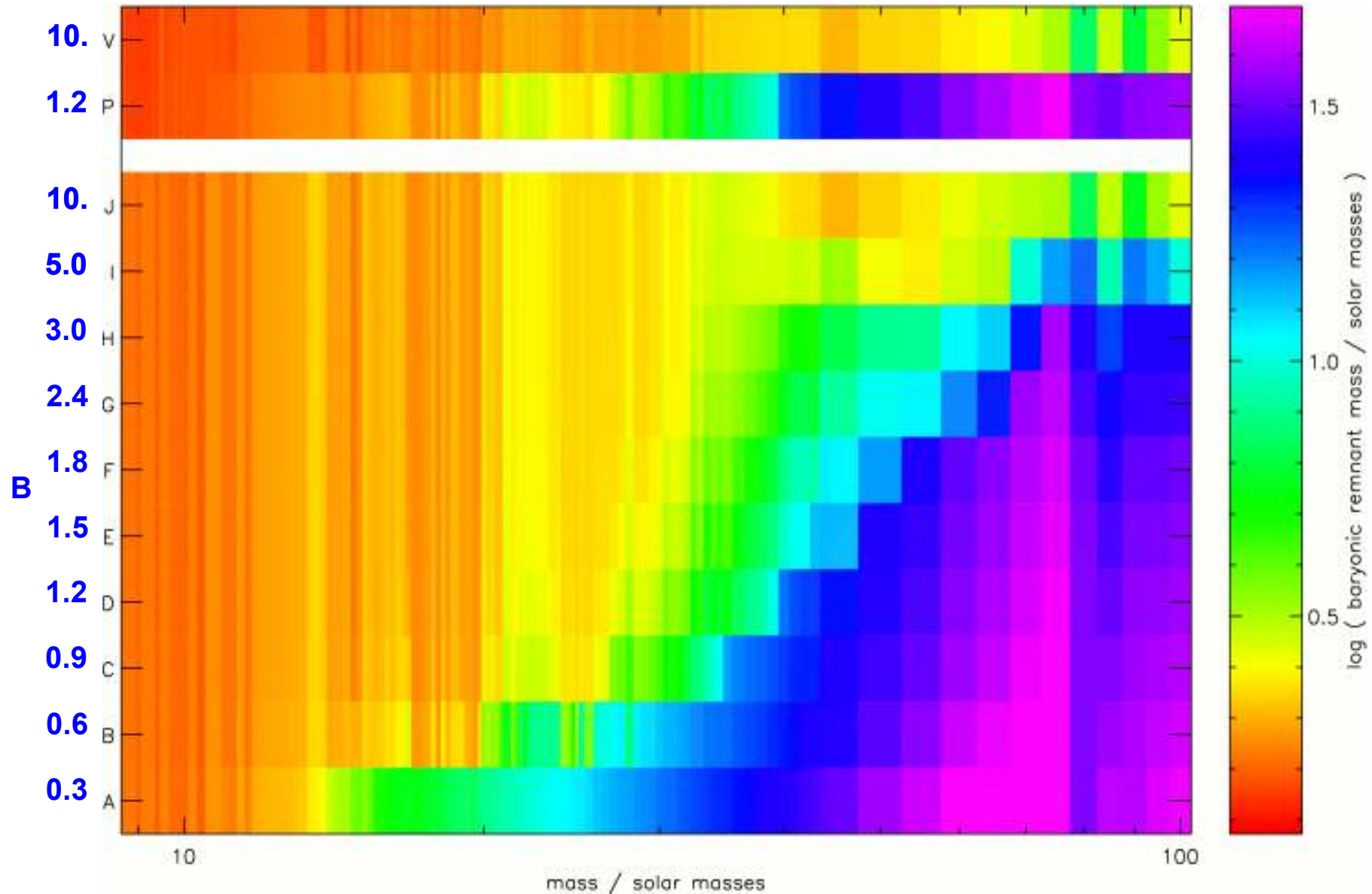
Pop III Star Remnant Masses

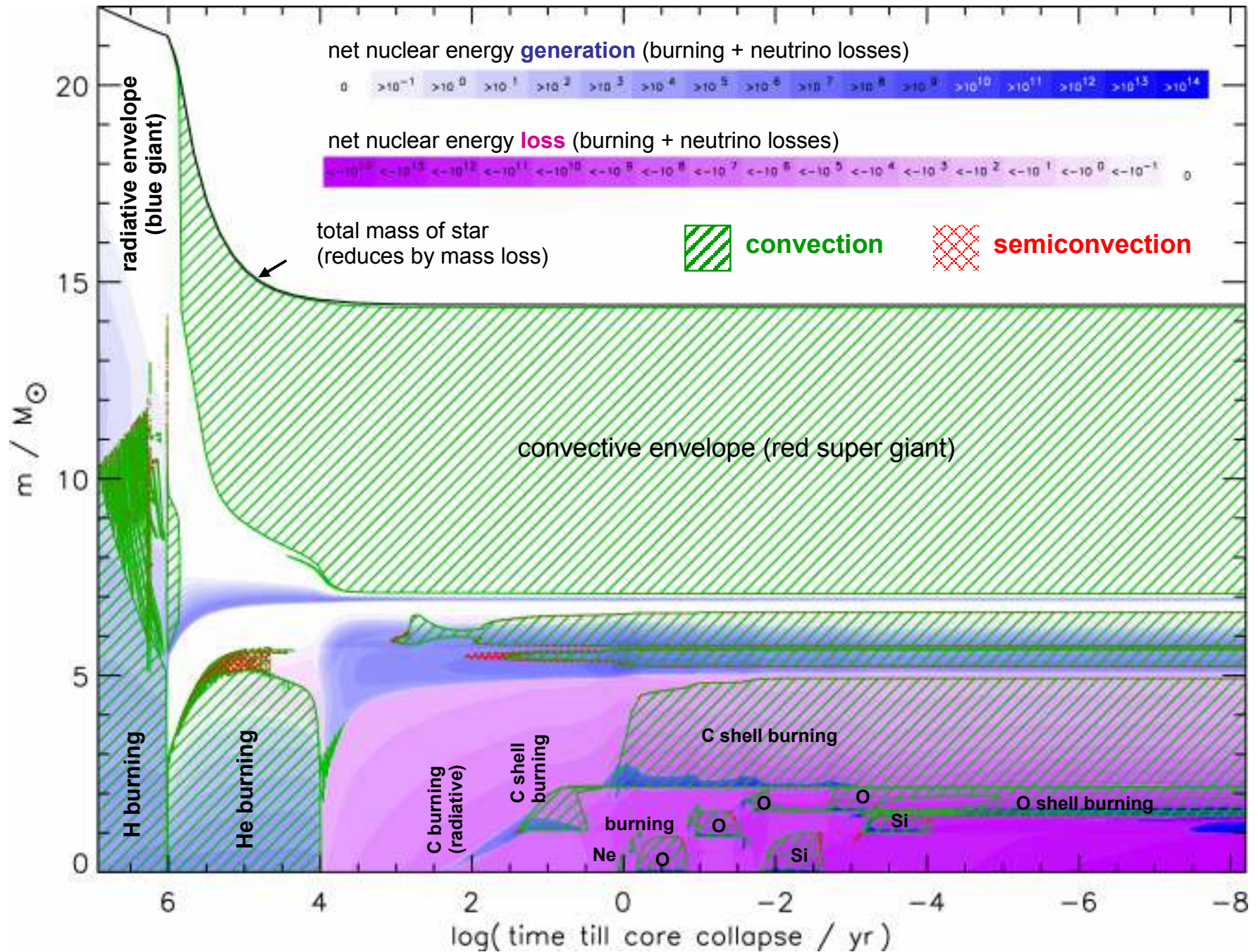
(from Zhang, Woosley, Heger 2007)



[Z] = -4 Star Remnant Masses

(from Heger, Woosley, Zhang, in prep. 2011)





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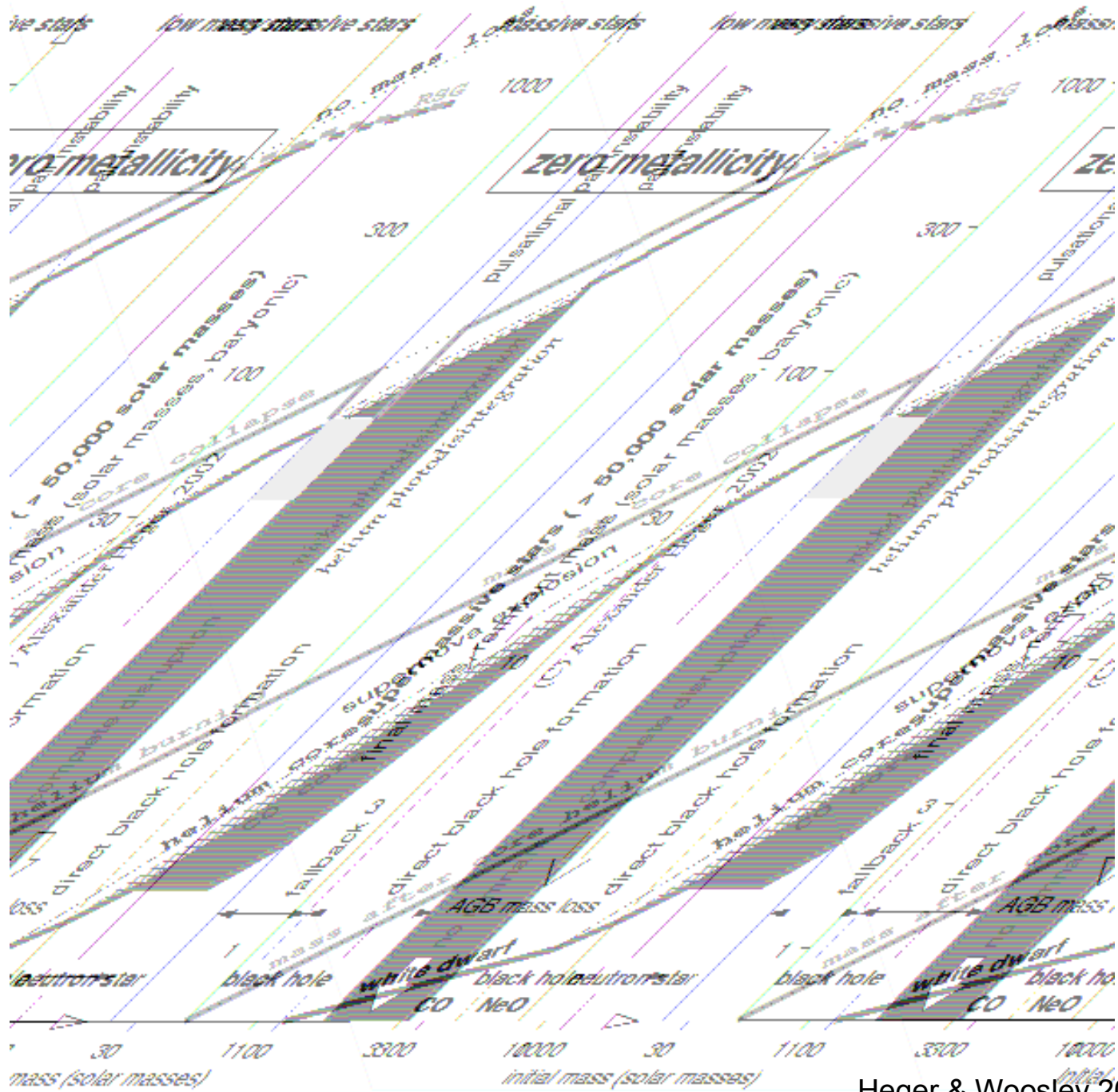
No metals → no metal cooling → more massive stars

(Bromm, Coppi, & Larson 1999, 2002; Abel, Bryan, & Norman 2000, 2002; Nakamura & Umemura 2001; O'Shea & Norman 2006,...)

→ typical mass scale $\sim 10 \dots 300 M_{\odot}$?

Heating by WIMP annihilation → longer accretion → even bigger stars...

- **Now** simulations indicate binaries may exist
- We still don't have a really strong constrain on Pop III star masses in general
- But what happens in regions of large DM halos collapsing? (these are not the first to collapse)
- Can this make dense star clusters?
- Or really big stars? (supermassive stars)



Ejected “metals”

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