

# **Nuclear Astrophysics**

## **Study of Stellar Reactions with Low-Energy RI Beams in Nuclear Astrophysics**

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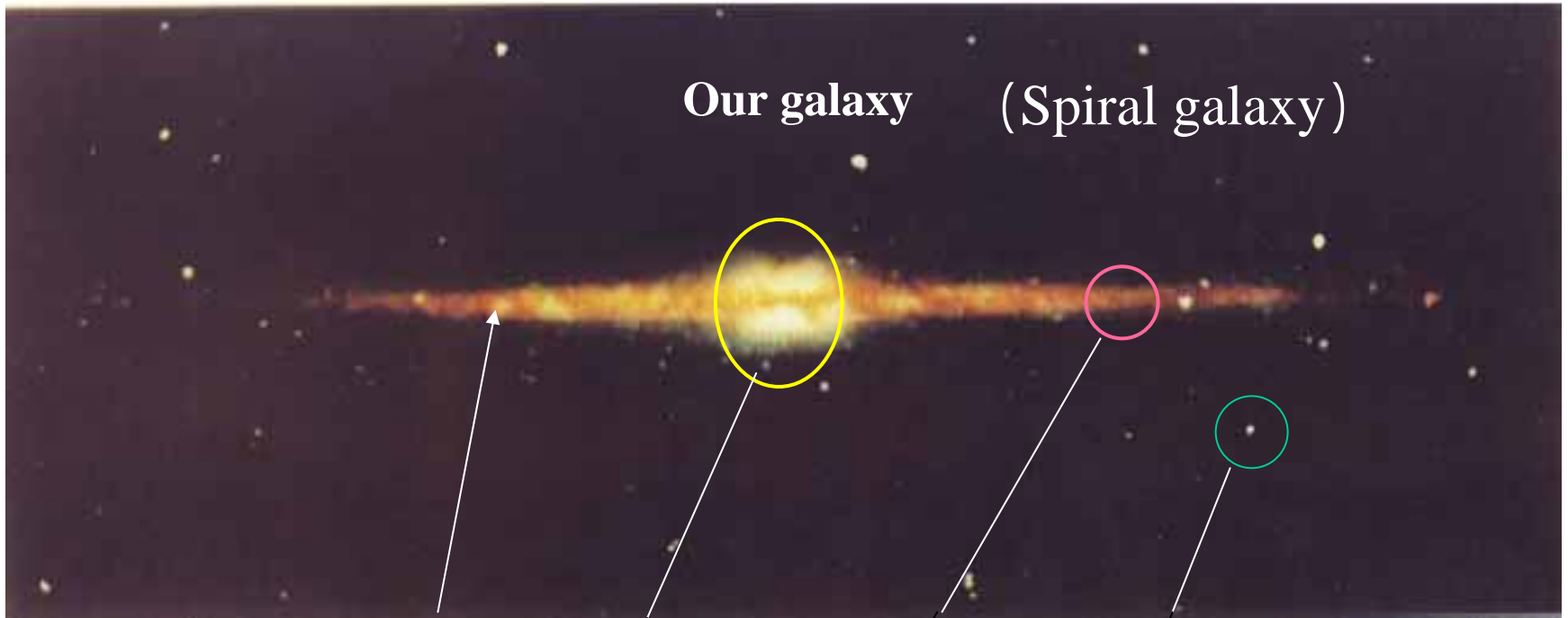
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# Our Galaxy ( ~ 10<sup>11</sup> stars)

← 100 K light years (ly) →  
← 30 K ly →

Our galaxy (Spiral galaxy)



Pop. /disk

**Active stars !**

Bulge

**Sun**

Pop. , Globular cluster

**Old stars !**

(by COBE)

# Supernova Remnant in Vela

@1400 ly

30000 years  
old supernova  
remnant



# Pleiades

@ 408 ly

SUBARU  
(Pleiades M45)

**New Stars !**

We are in the  
middle of  
very active  
galactic area



# Cassiopeia-A

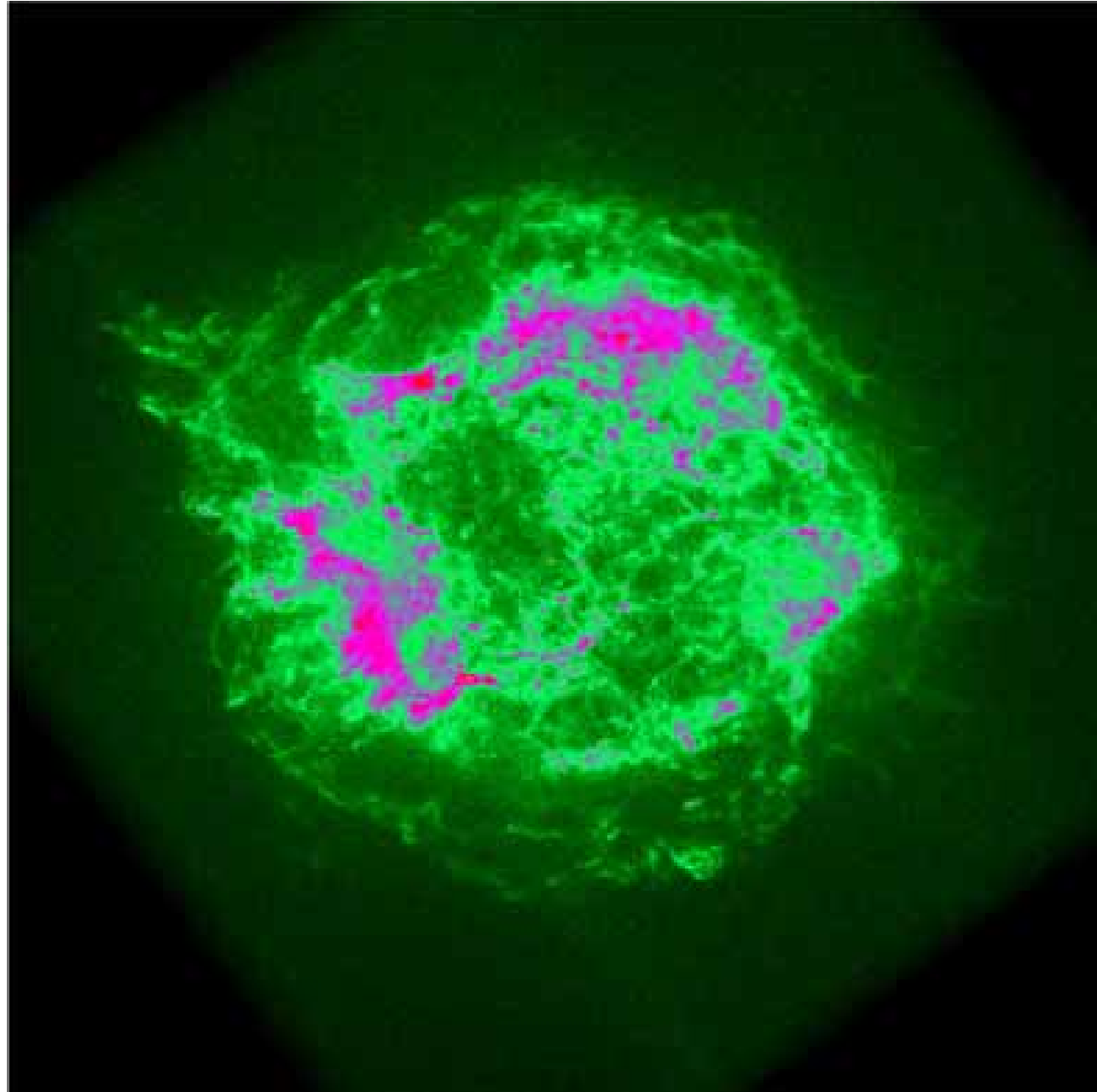
(@ 10 K ly  
first obs. in 1680)

**Nuclear gamma rays from the decay of  $^{44}\text{Ti}$  observed.**

( $T_{1/2}(^{44}\text{Ti}) \sim 60 \text{ a}$ )

1. Quantity of  $^{44}\text{Ti}$
2. Identify the reactions

**New Astronomy;  
Observation of  
Nuclei**

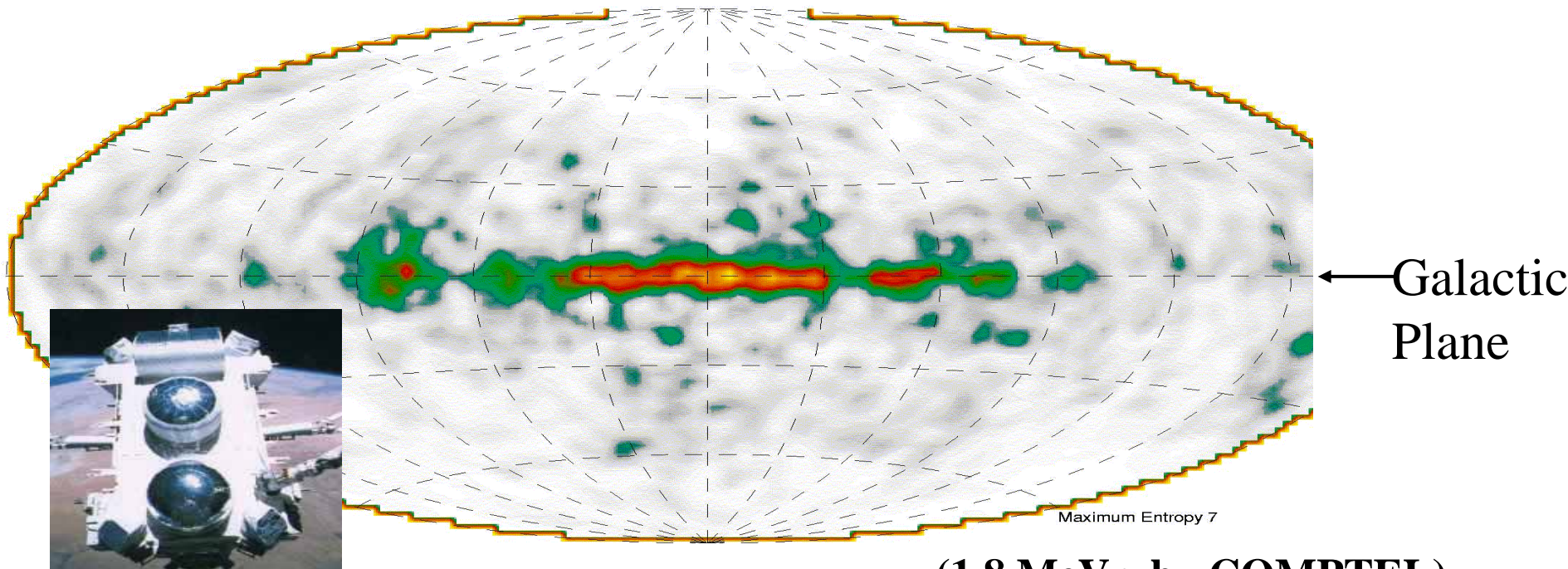


(NASA / CXC / SAO)

# Nuclear Gamma-Rays of $^{26}\text{Al}$

**Our galaxy**

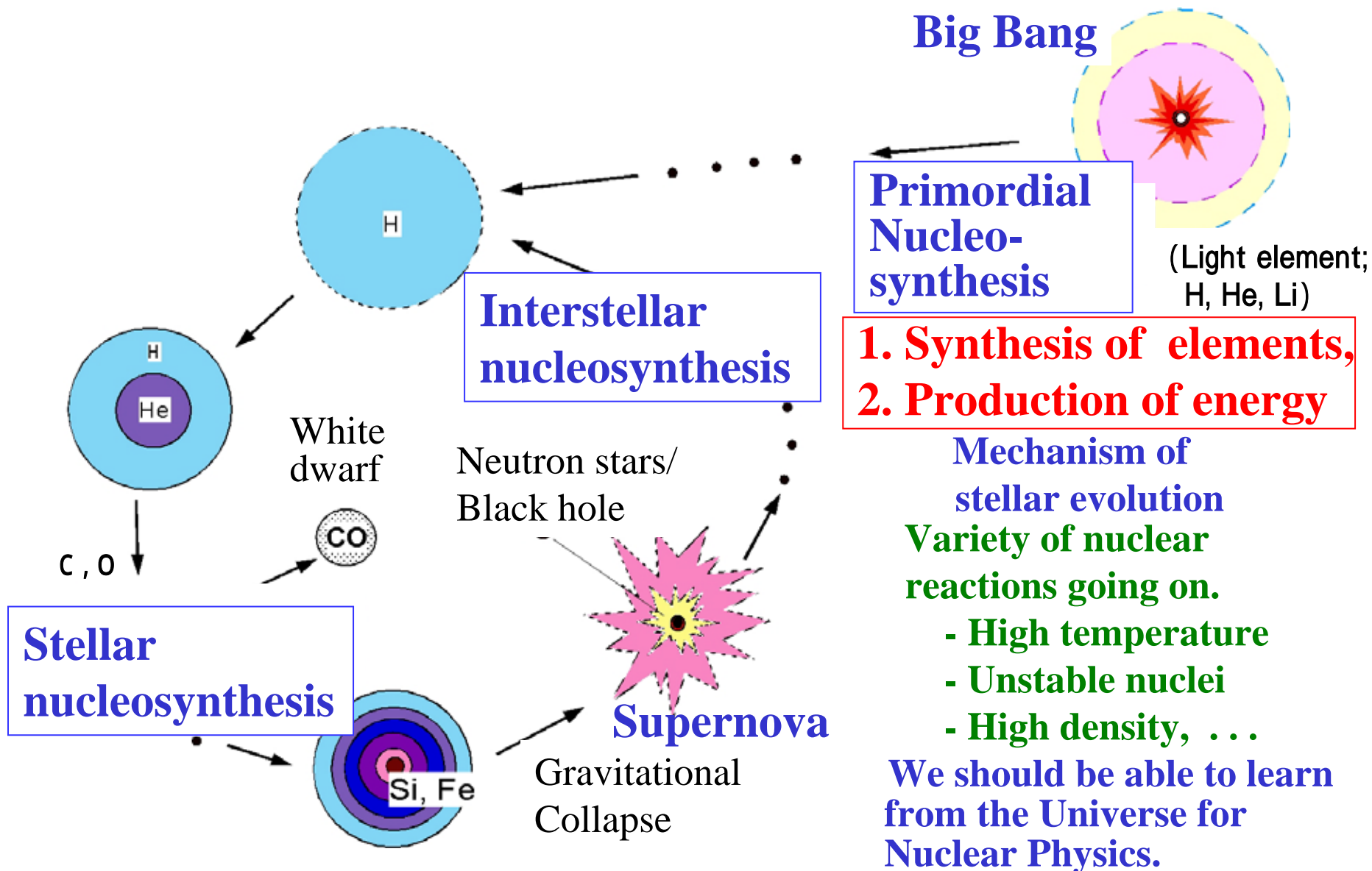
**( $T_{1/2}(^{26}\text{Al}) \sim 0.72 \text{ M y.}$ )**



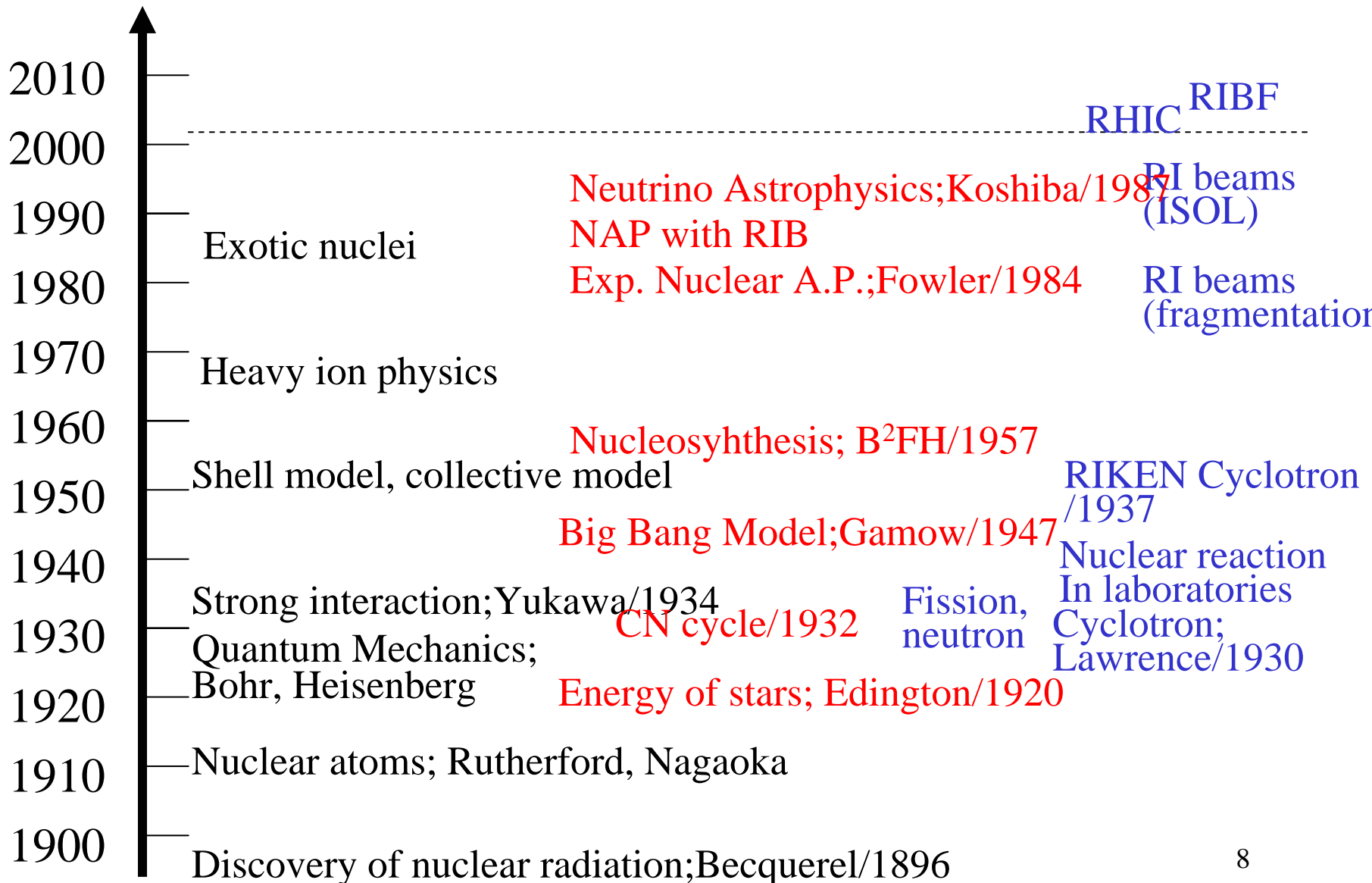
**(1.8 MeV  $\gamma$  by COMPTEL)**

**: New Observation by Satellites and SUBARU  
= Observation of isotopic nuclei ( $^{26}\text{Al}$ )**

# Evolution of the Universe



# History of Nuclear Astrophysics

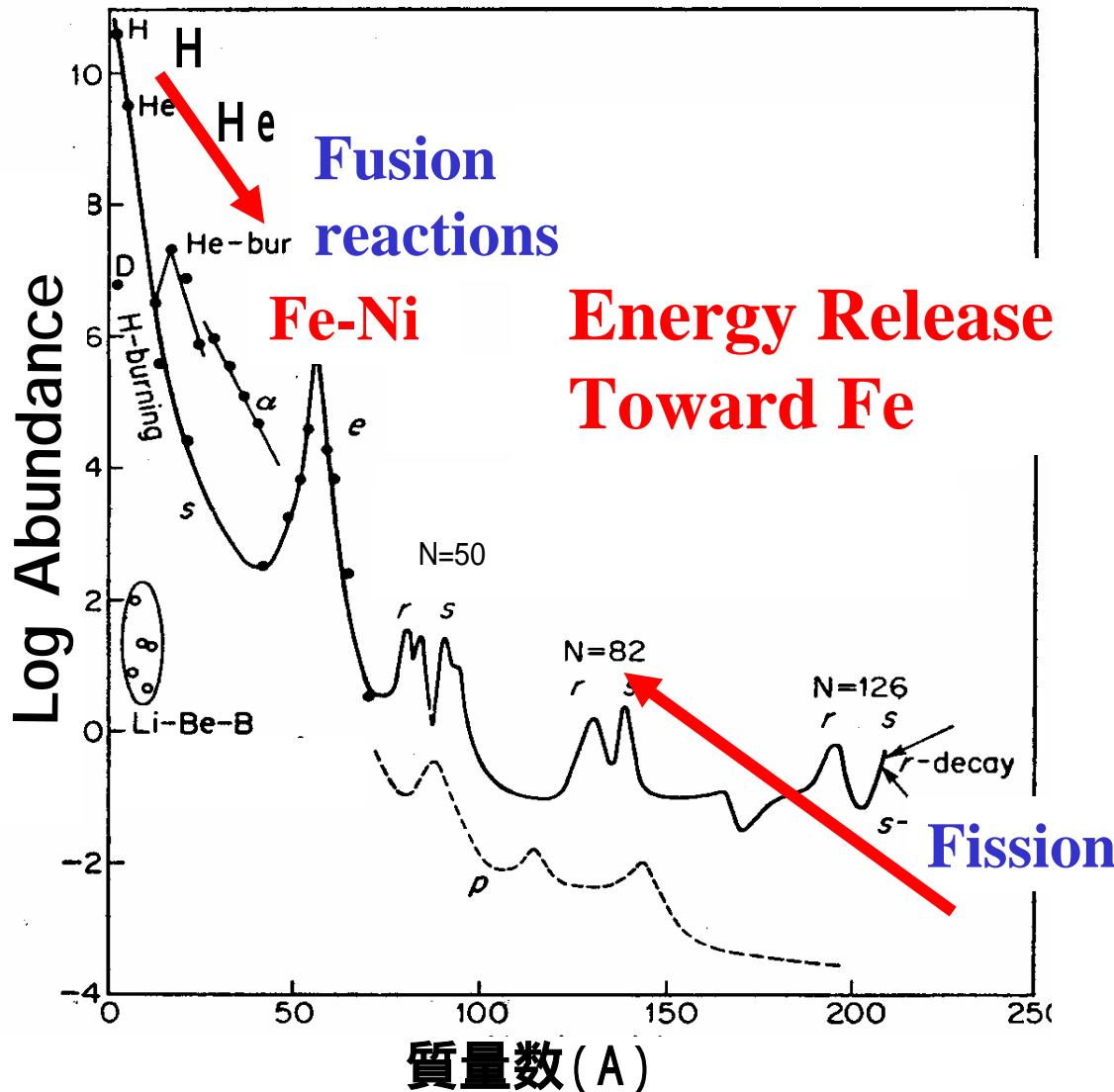




# Solar Abundance

(From S. Austin)

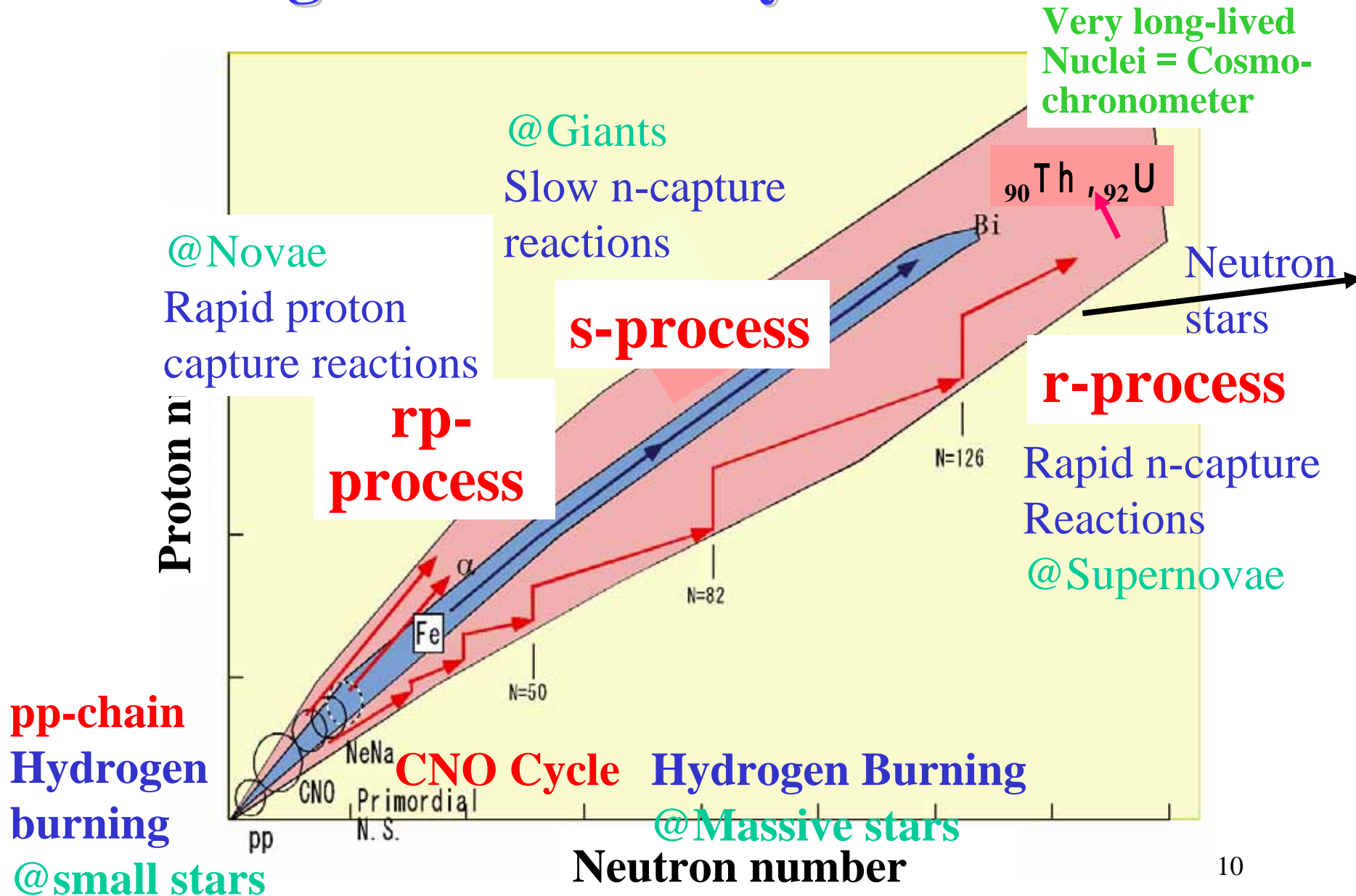
A qualitative view-Suess-Urey Plot



Group	Mass Fraction
$1,2\text{H}$	0.71
$3,4\text{He}$	0.27
Li, Be, B	$10^{-8}$
CNO Ne	$2 \times 10^{-2}$
Na-Sc	$2 \times 10^{-3}$
A=50-62	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
A=63-100	$10^{-6}$
A>100	$10^{-7}$

**Fe-Ni: Max. binding energy per nucleon.**

# Flow-diagram of nucleosynthesis

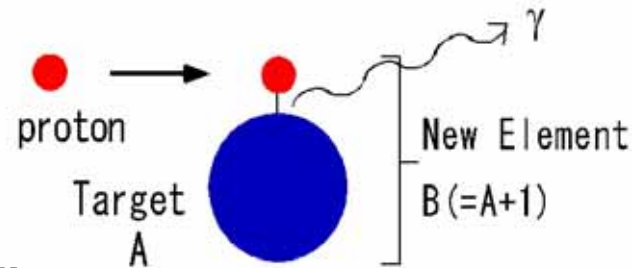


# Direct and Indirect (/Simulating) Methods

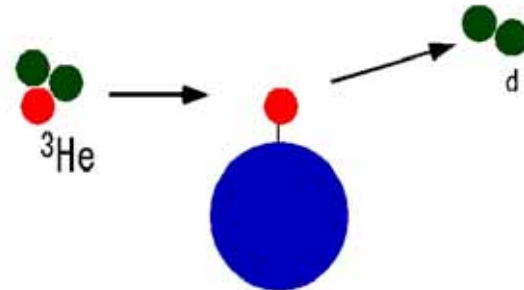
## (p,γ) reaction

Direct Method  
 $A(p, \gamma)B$

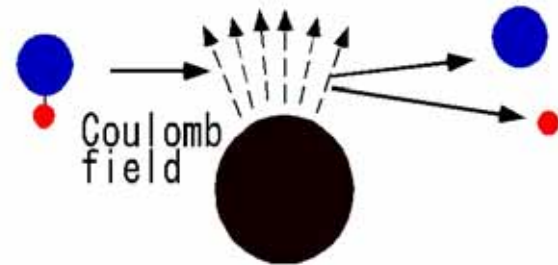
at the stellar energy



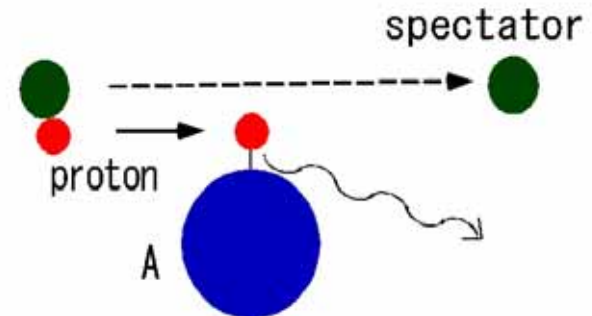
Direct transfer  
 $(^3\text{He}, d), \dots$   
 $\rightarrow \text{ANC}, \Gamma_p$



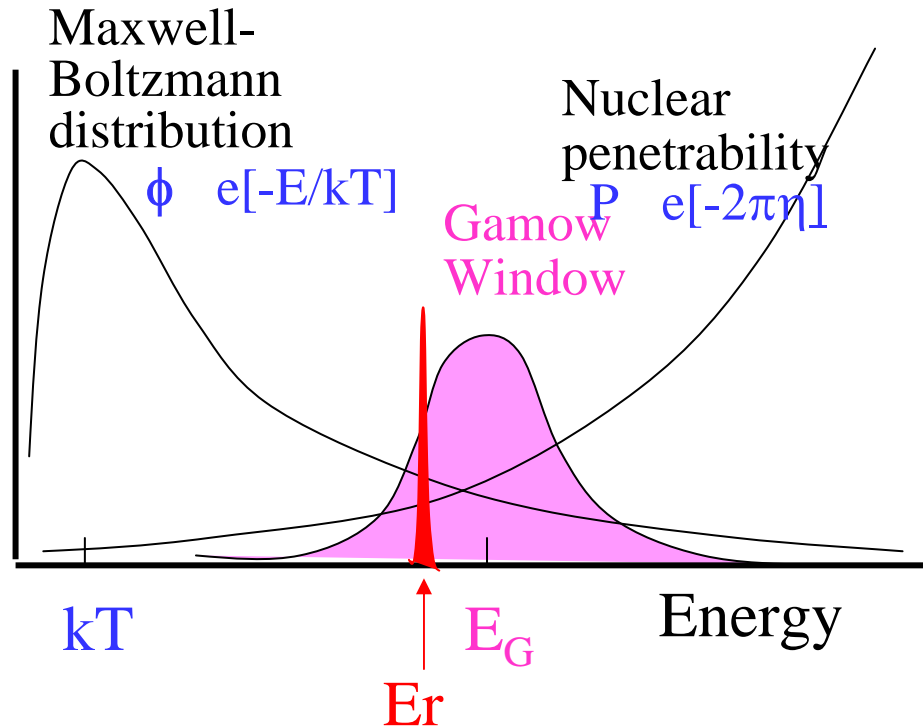
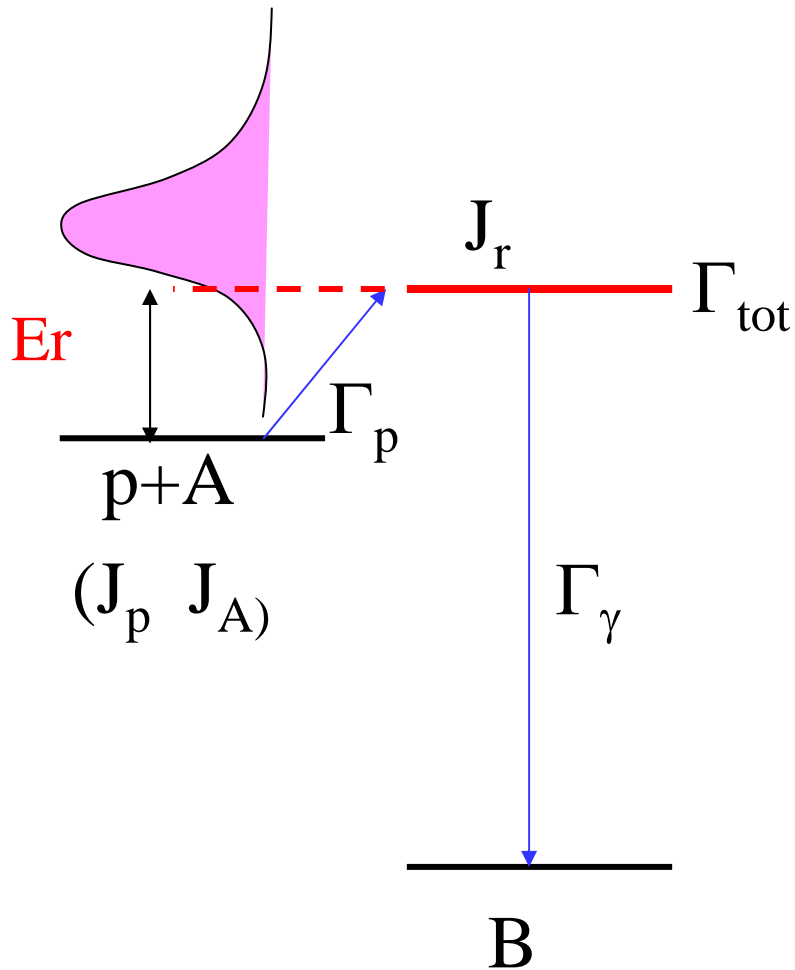
Coulomb dissoci.



Trojan Horse Method  
(quasi-free)



# Nucleosynthesis by $A(p,\gamma)B$



# Reaction rate and Rate equation

The reaction cross sections can be written using the astrophysical S-factor S,

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{S(E)}{E} e^{-2\pi\eta}.$$

The Gamow energy defined by the two factors (MB distr. and penetrability) is

$$E_G = \left(\frac{bkT}{2}\right)^{2/3}, \quad b = 2\pi\mu E^{1/3} = 31.3Z_1Z_2\mu^{1/2} (keV^{1/2}).$$

The reaction rate is the cross sections averaged over the MB dist.,

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \left(\frac{8}{\pi\mu}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{(kT)^{3/2}} \int_0^\infty S(E) e^{\left(-\frac{E}{kT} - 2\pi\eta\right)} dE.$$

If there is a sharp resonance in the region, the cross section can be expressed by the Breit-Wigner one-level formula,

$$\sigma(E) = \pi\tilde{\lambda}^2 \omega \frac{\Gamma_p \Gamma_\gamma}{(E - E_r)^2 + \left(\frac{\Gamma_{tot}}{2}\right)^2}.$$

Thus, the reaction rate can be written as follows;

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \left( \frac{2\pi}{\mu kT} \right)^{3/2} \hbar^2 \omega \gamma e^{-\frac{E_r}{kT}}.$$

Here, the resonance strength  $\omega \gamma$  is defined by

$$\omega \gamma = \frac{(2J_r + 1)}{(2J_p + 1)(2J_A + 1)} \frac{\Gamma_p \Gamma_\gamma}{\Gamma_{tot}}.$$

The total reaction rate can be

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{res}} + \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{direct}} + \langle \text{res - dir} \rangle_{\text{int}} + \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{tail}}.$$

Using these reaction rates for all the possible flow processes, one can obtain the rate equation to solve time-dependently,

$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = \sum_{n_j n_k} n_j n_k \langle \sigma v \rangle_{jk \rightarrow i} - \sum_{n_m} n_i n_m \langle \sigma v \rangle_{i+m \rightarrow n} + \frac{n_h}{\tau_h} - \frac{n_i}{\tau_i}.$$

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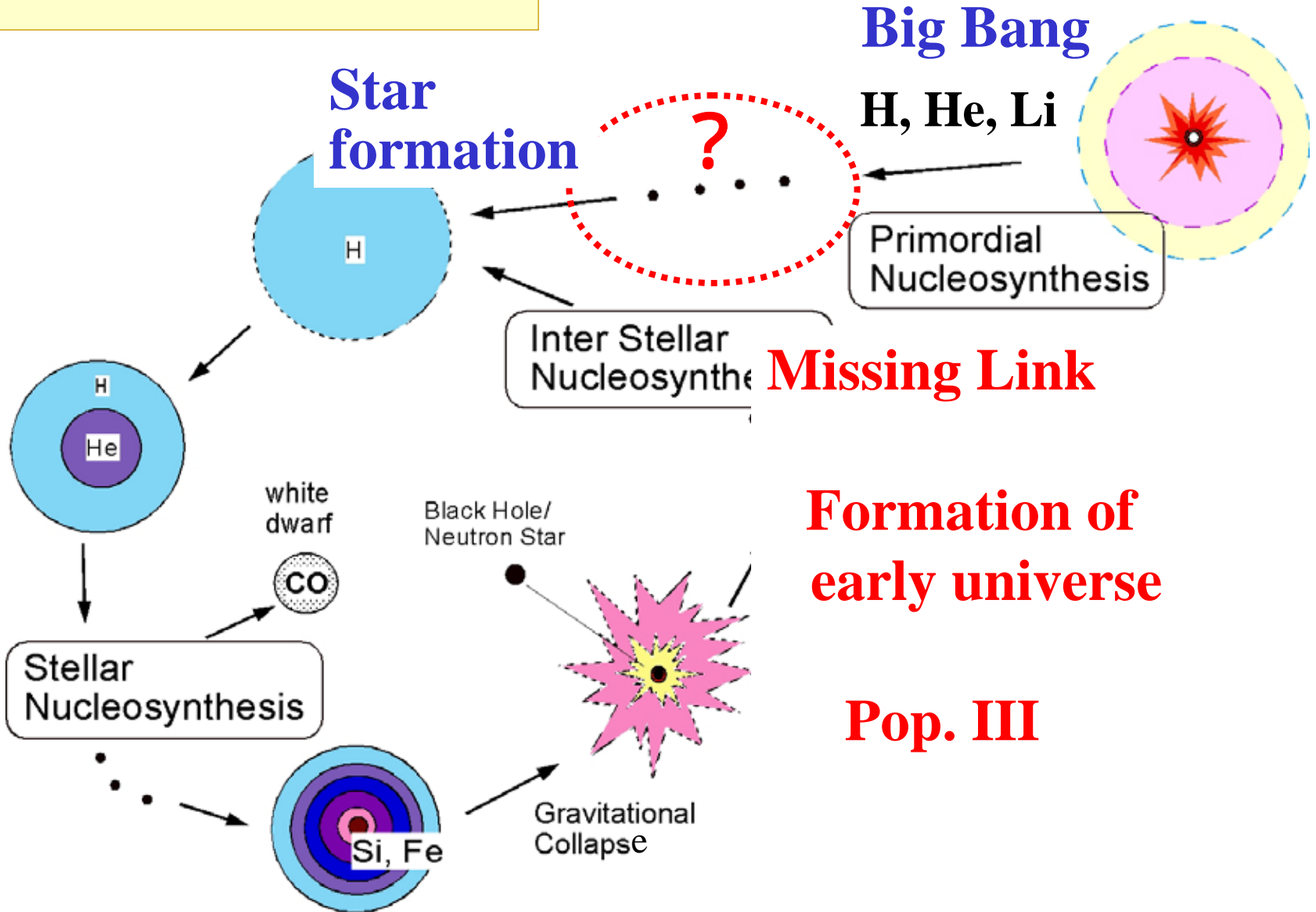
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# Missing Link



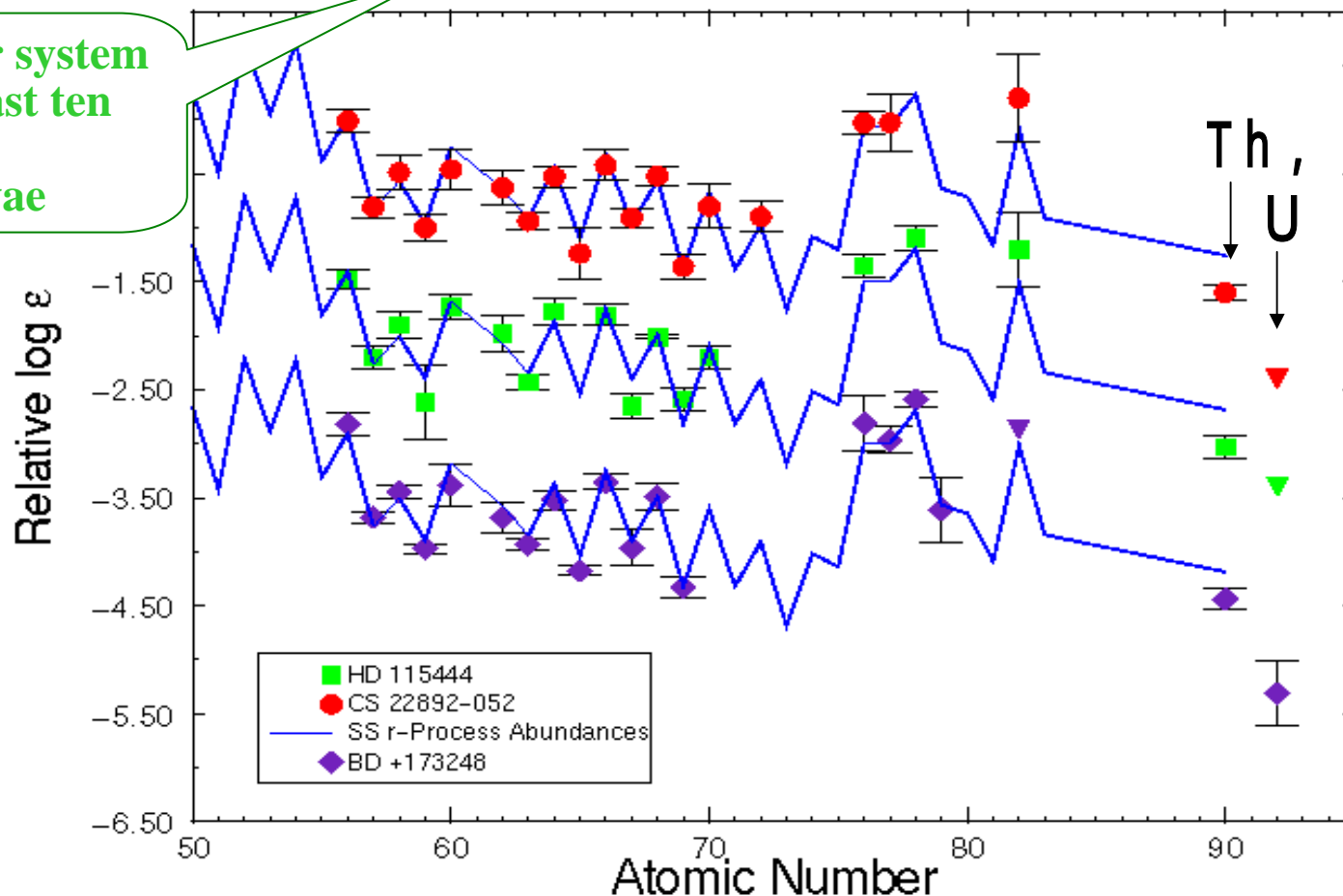


# Old r-process star of very metal poor

Seem to have only one-time r-process

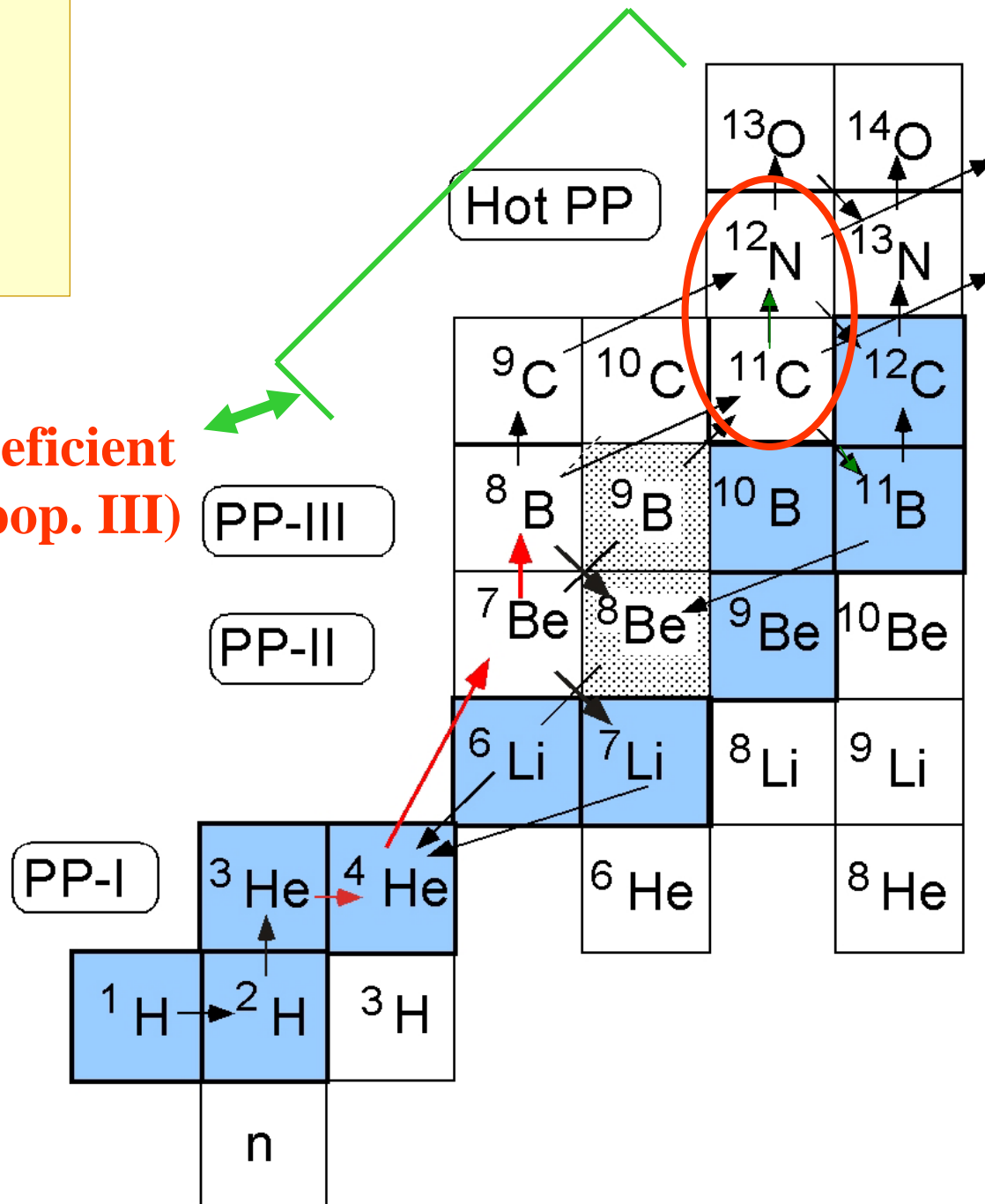
First generation star ?

Our solar system had at least ten times of Supernovae

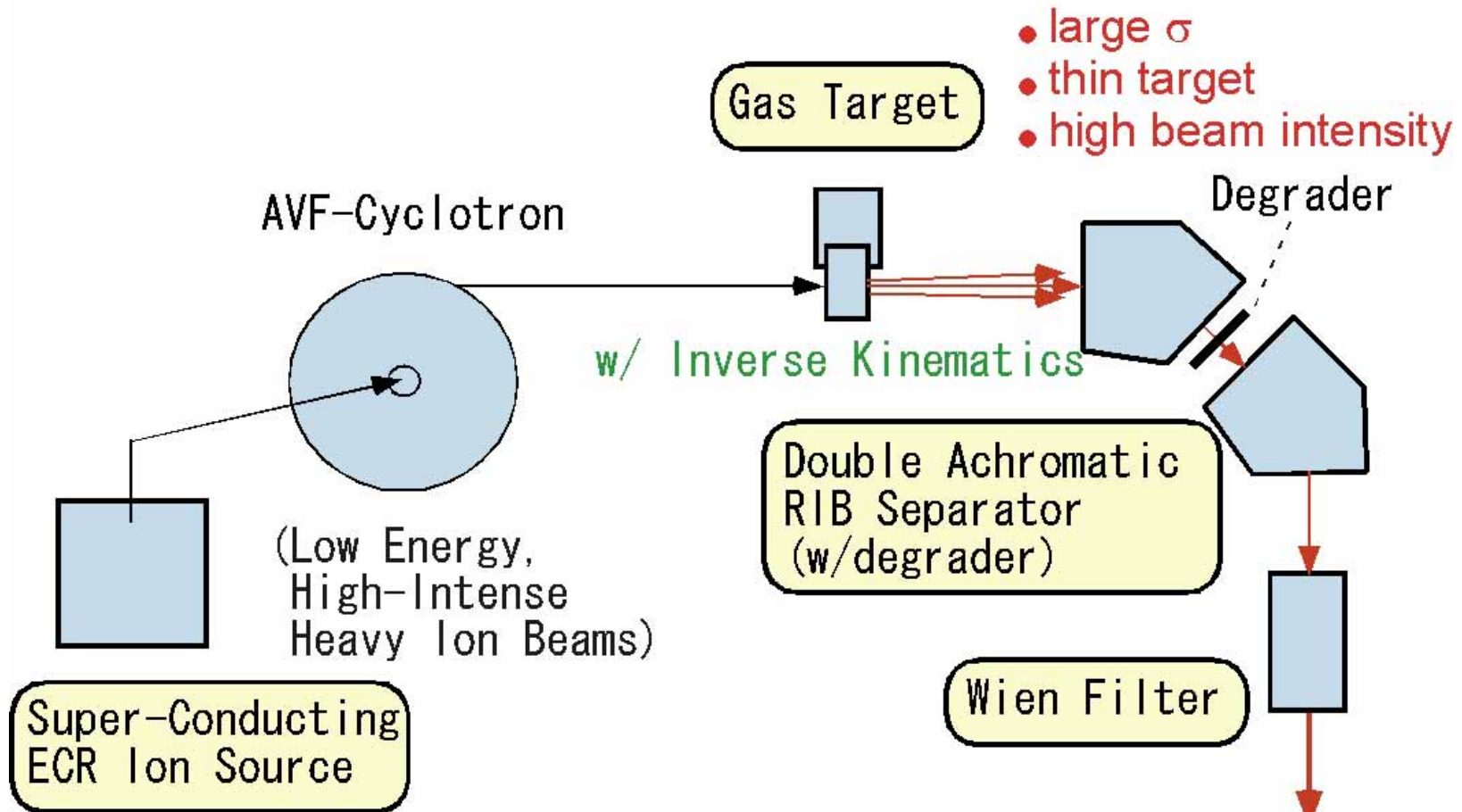


# Hot pp-Chain

Fate of metal-deficient Massive stars (pop. III)



# Low-Energy In-Flight RIB Separator



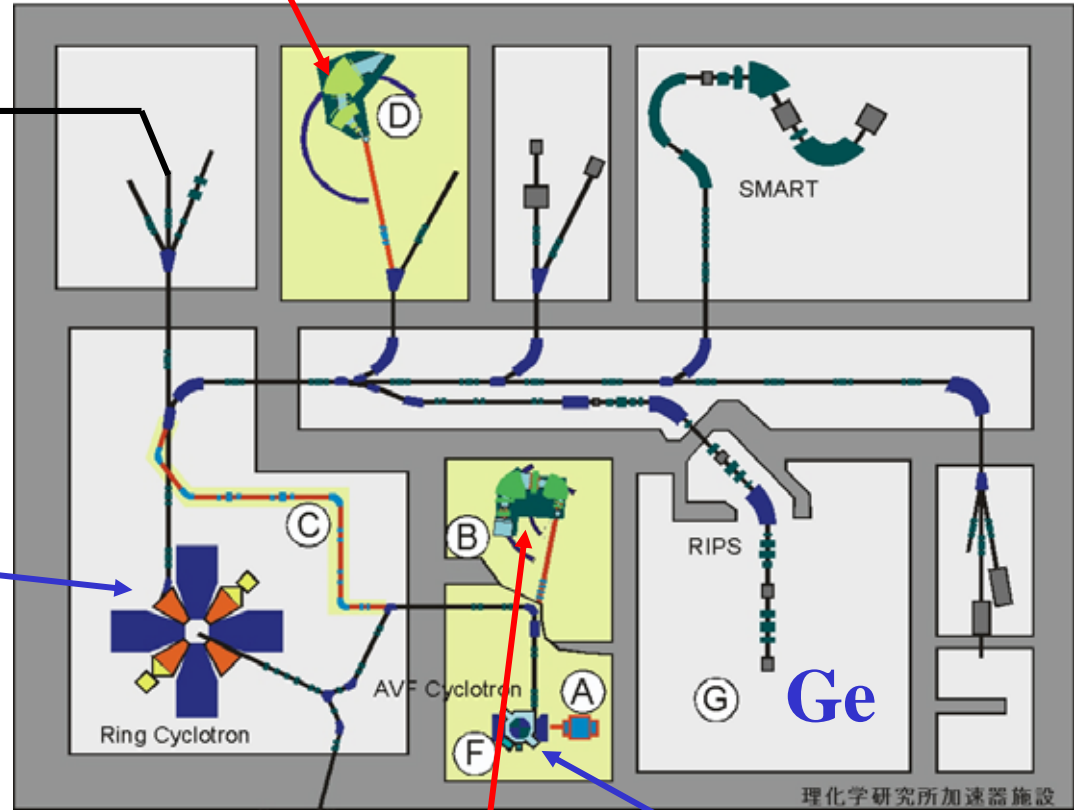
Property:

1. Moderate Beam Energy Resolution
2. Easy Handling (Need no expert)
3. Reasonable intensity

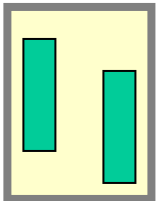
# CNS Facilities in RIKEN

PA(magnetic spectrograph)

Ring Cyclotron



Parallel computers

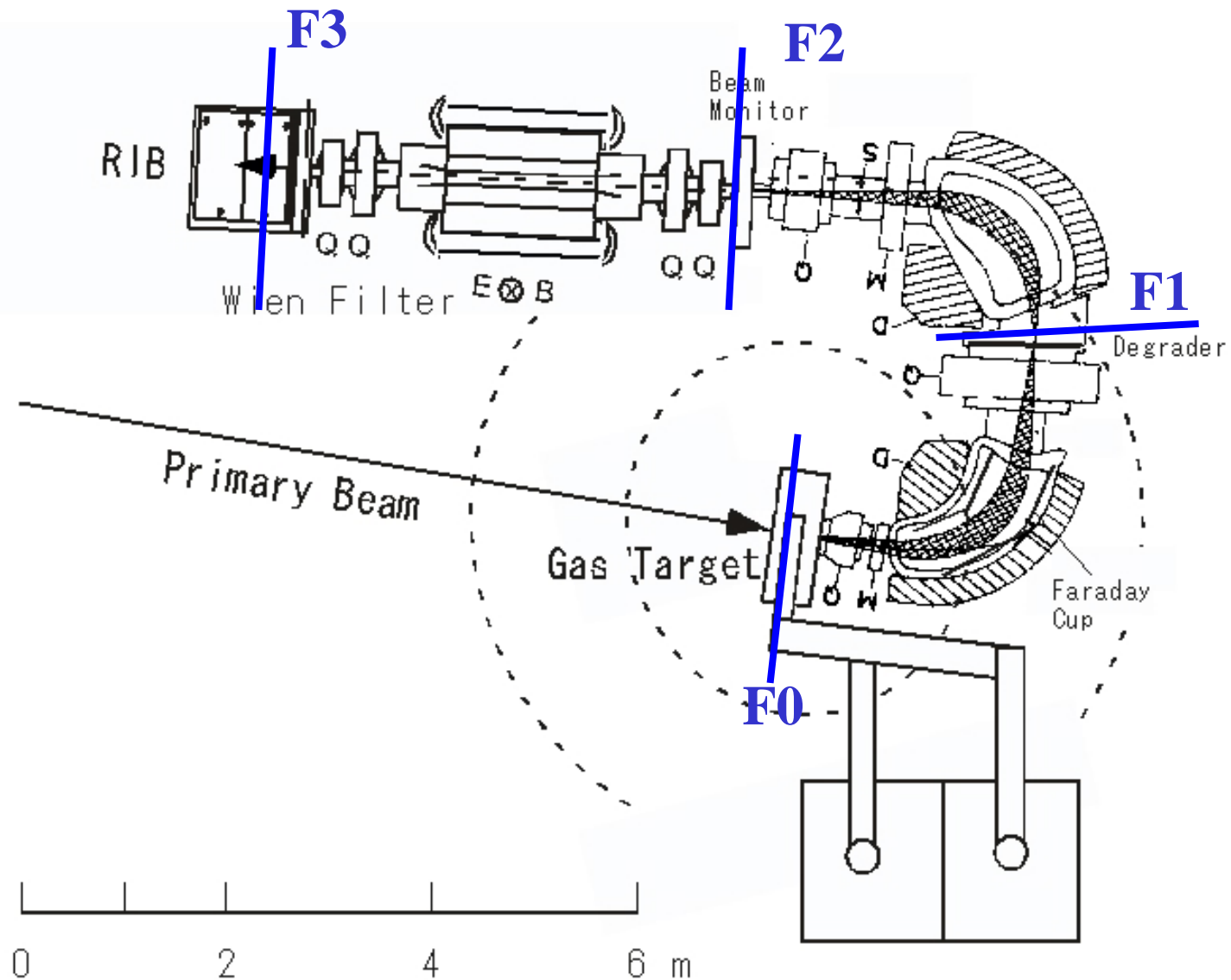


**CRIB**  
(Low-en.  
RIB separator)

**AVF  
Cyclotron**

**Linac**

# CNS RIB Separator (CRIB)



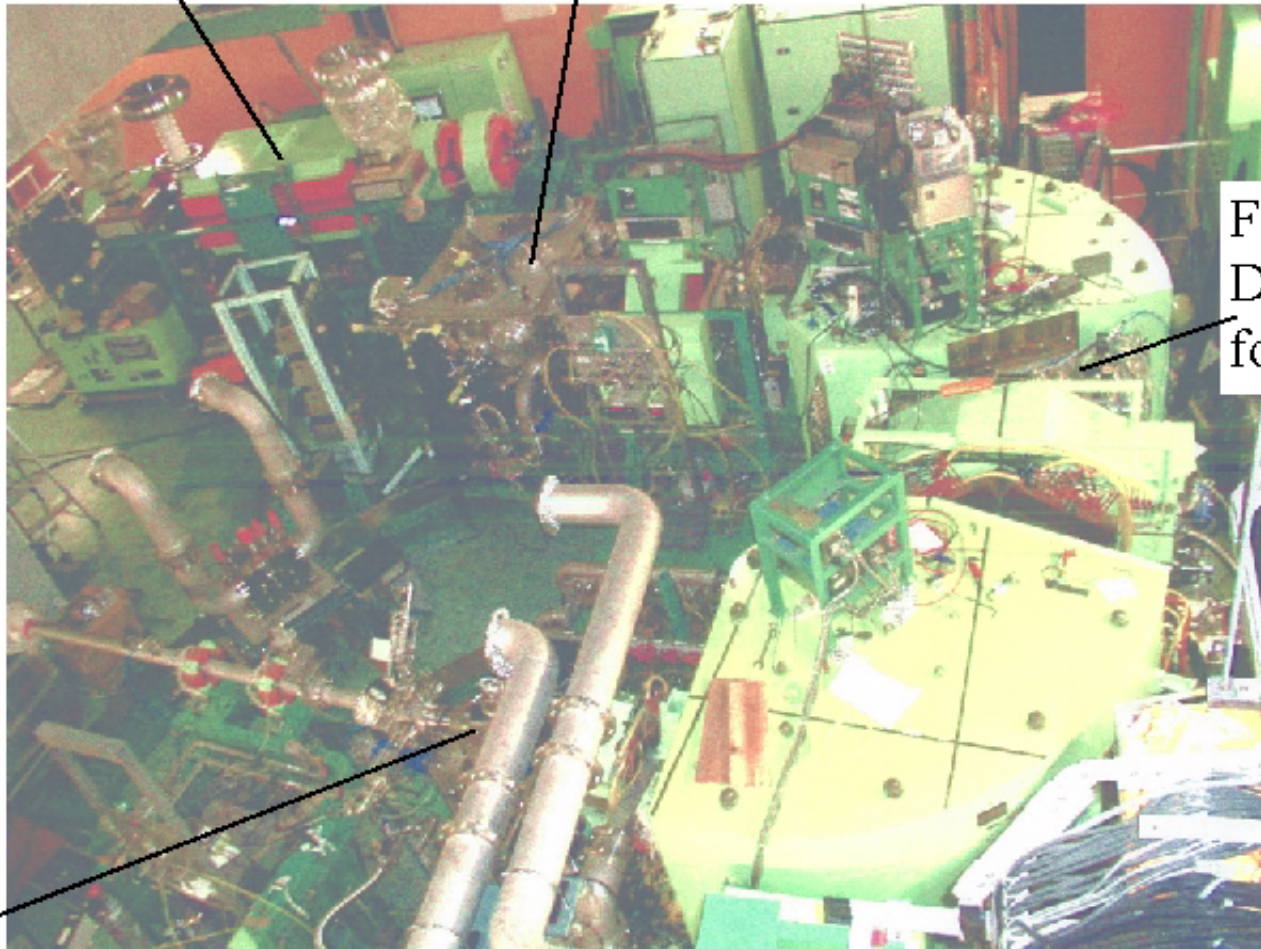
# CRIB

Wien filter

F2: Achromatic focal plane

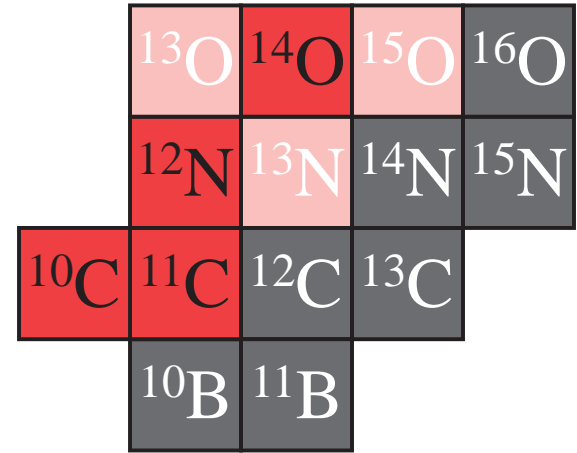
F1:  
Dispersive  
focal plane

Primary  
beam



Production  
target (**F0**)

# Test result of Low-Energy RIB Productions



Used the (p,n) & (<sup>3</sup>He,n) reactions in inverse kinematics.  
Measured at F2.

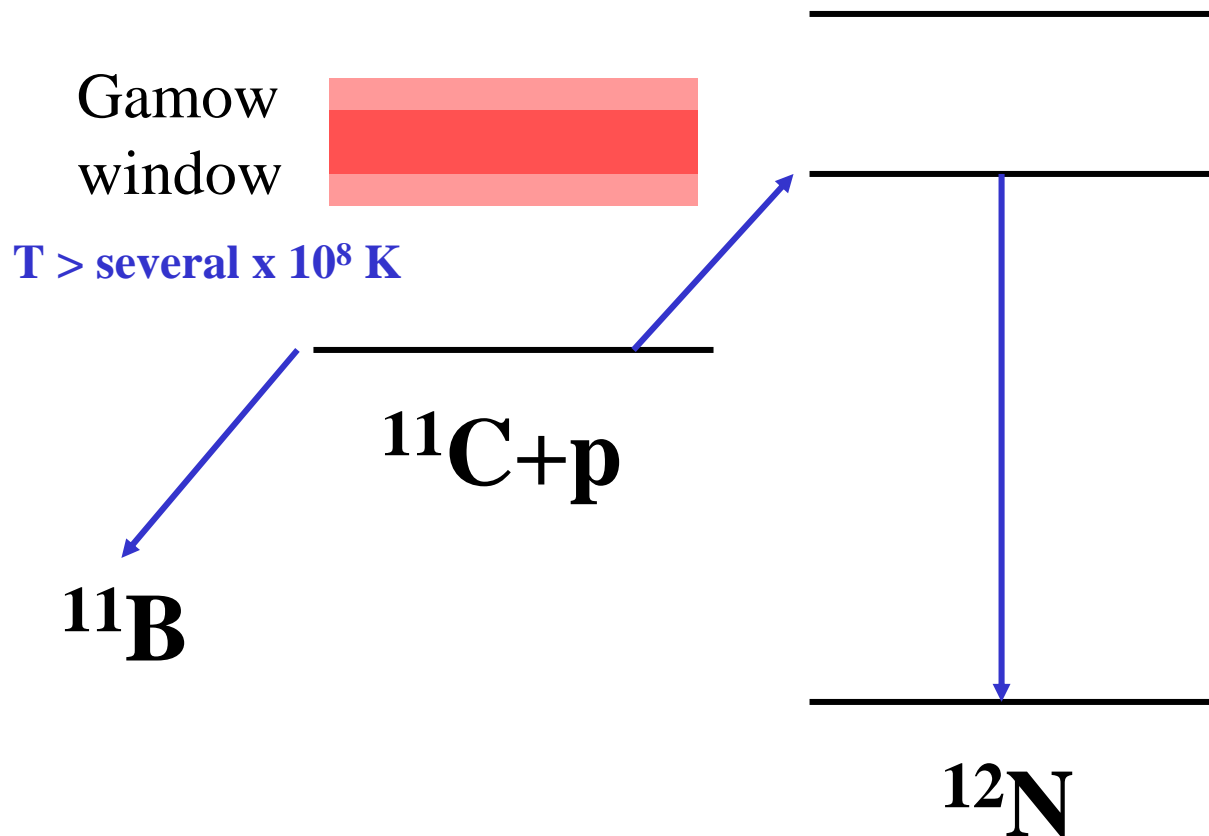
RI beam	Primary beam	Reaction	Cross section	Target	Collection efficiency	Intensity	Purity with degrader
<sup>10</sup> C 6.1 A MeV	<sup>10</sup> B(4+) 7.8 A MeV (200 pA)	p( <sup>10</sup> B, <sup>10</sup> C)n	2 mb	CH <sub>4</sub> gas 1.3 mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	30 %	(1.6×10 <sup>5</sup> aps)	90 %
<sup>14</sup> O 6.7 A MeV	<sup>14</sup> N(6+) 8.4 A MeV (500 pA)	p( <sup>14</sup> N, <sup>14</sup> O)n	8 mb	CH <sub>4</sub> gas 1.3 mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	50 %	(1.7×10 <sup>6</sup> aps)	80 %
<sup>12</sup> N 3.9 A MeV	<sup>10</sup> B(4+) 7.8 A MeV 200 pA	<sup>3</sup> He( <sup>10</sup> B, <sup>12</sup> N)n	5 mb	<sup>3</sup> He gas 0.25 mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	1 %	2.5×10 <sup>3</sup> aps	3 %
<sup>11</sup> C 3.4 A MeV	<sup>10</sup> B(4+) 7.8 A MeV 200 pA	<sup>3</sup> He( <sup>10</sup> B, <sup>12</sup> N*)n <sup>12</sup> N* → <sup>11</sup> C+p	≈20 mb	<sup>3</sup> He gas 0.25 mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	≈ 2 %	1.6×10 <sup>4</sup> aps	15 %

<sup>17</sup>N, <sup>22</sup>Mg > 10<sup>4</sup> aps, ~ 10%. <sup>23</sup>Mg, <sup>25</sup>Al, <sup>26</sup>Si.

\* ( ); Actual production tests of <sup>10</sup>C & <sup>14</sup>O were performed at lower intensities.

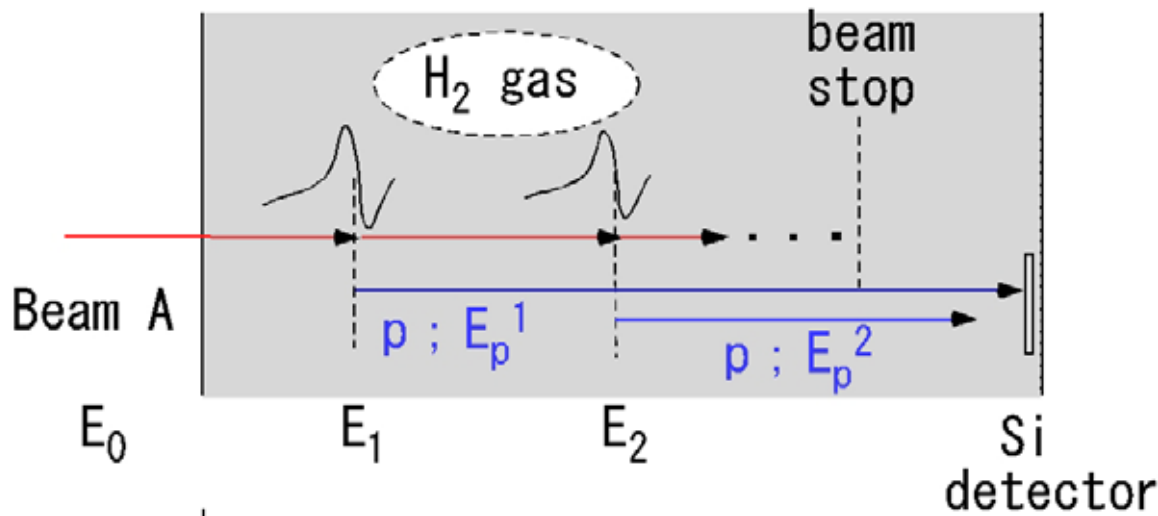
\* Cross-section values are taken from other exp. results.

# Stellar reaction of $^{11}\text{C}(p,\gamma)^{12}\text{N}$



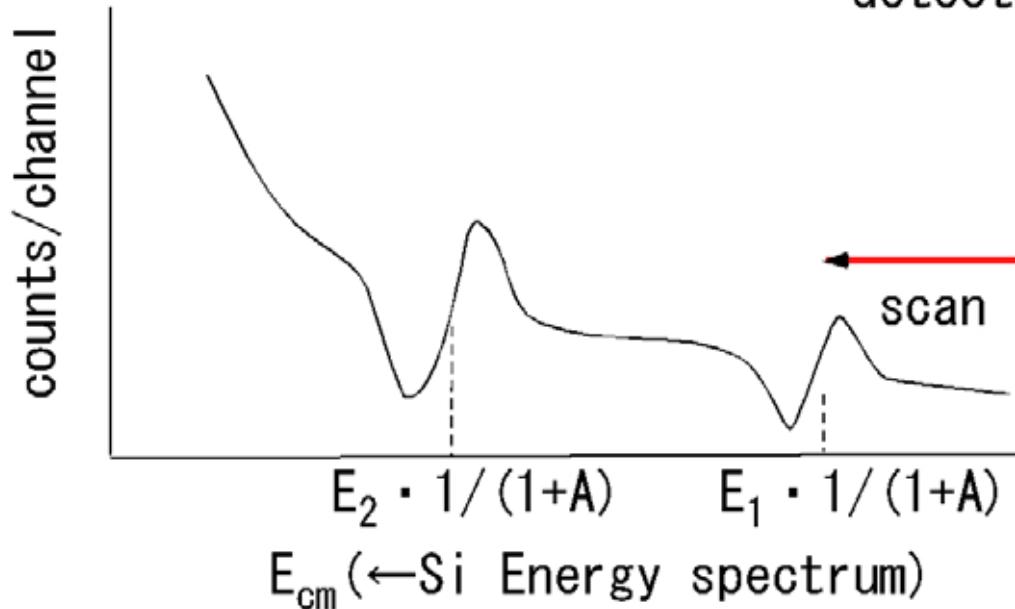


# Elastic Resonant Scattering of $p + A(\text{RIB})$



**(Thick target method)**

$$* E_p^1 = 4 \cdot A / (1+A)^2$$



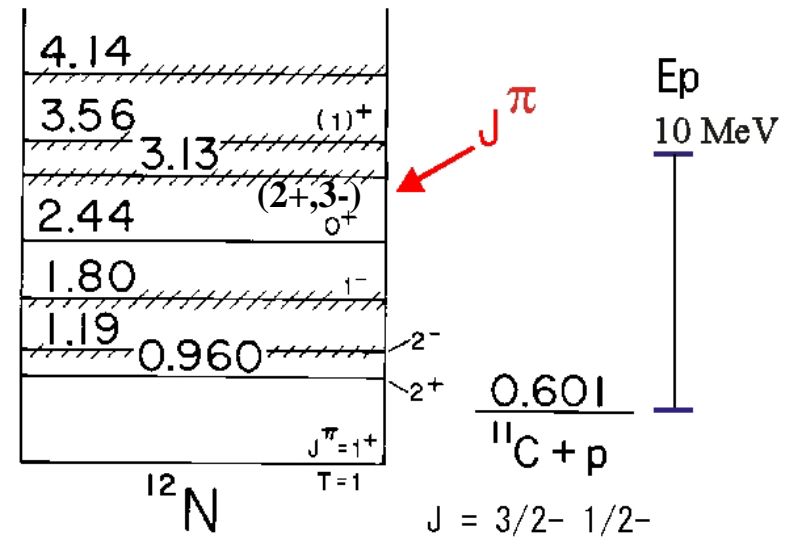
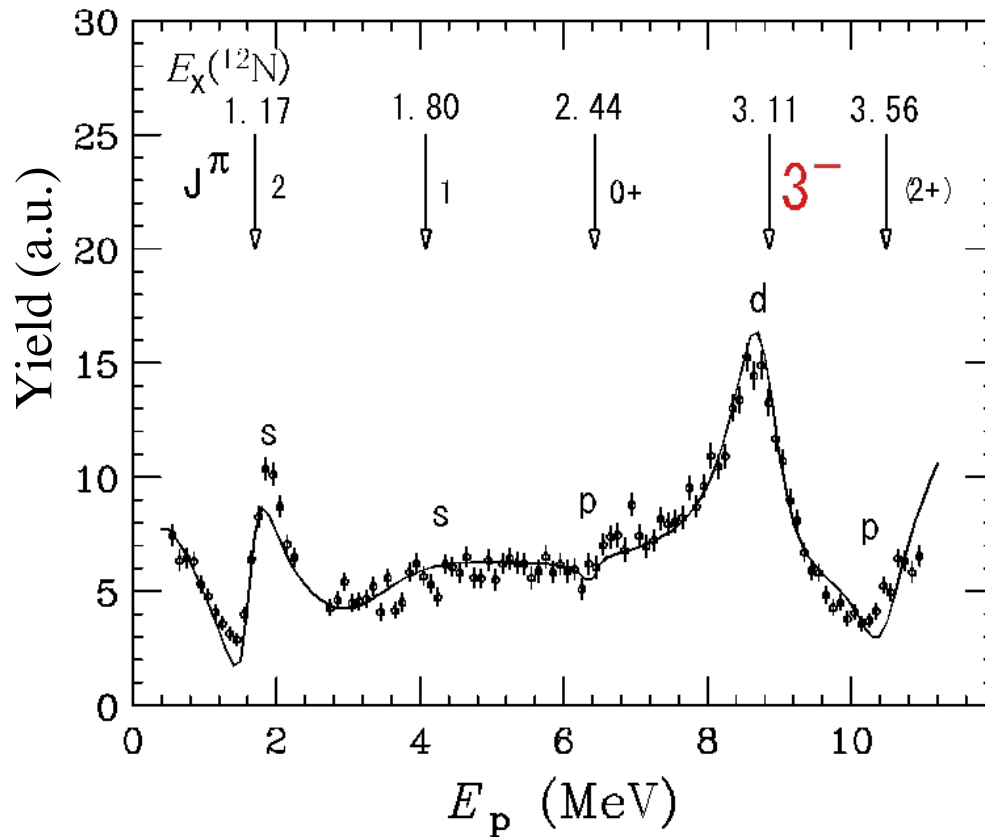
$$Y(E) = I(E) \int_{E-\Delta E/2}^{E+\Delta E/2} \frac{\sigma(E_i)}{\varepsilon(E_i)} dE_i$$

$I(E)$  : Number of beam particles

$\varepsilon(E)$  : Stopping cross sections

# Low-Energy Resonant Elastic Scattering of $^{11}\text{C} + \text{p}$

Proton Energy Spectrum




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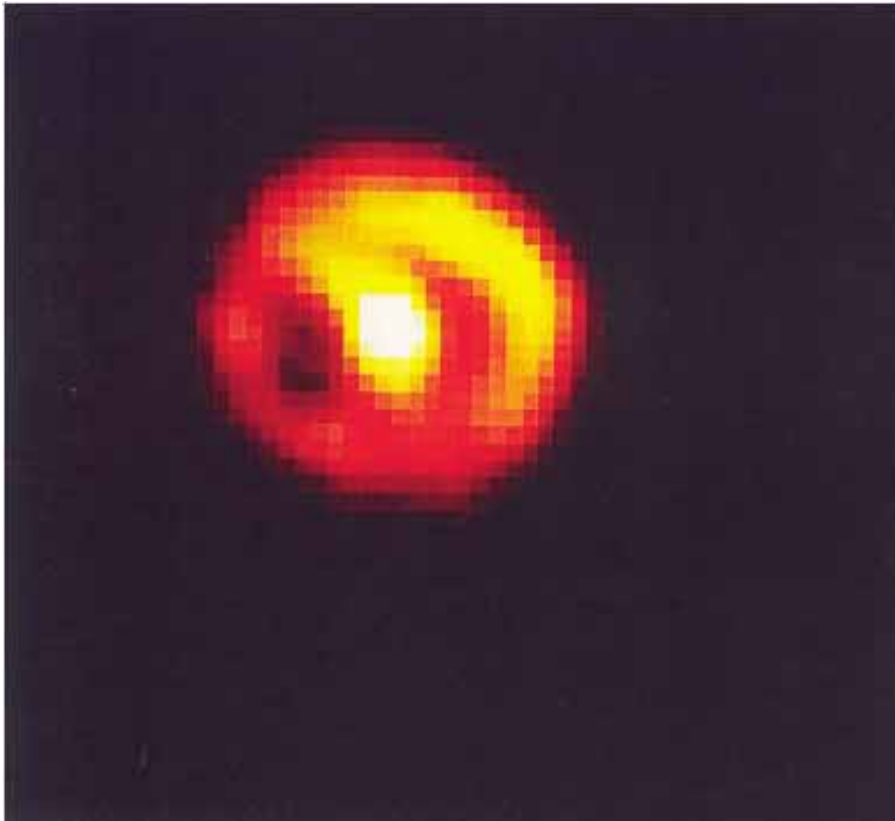
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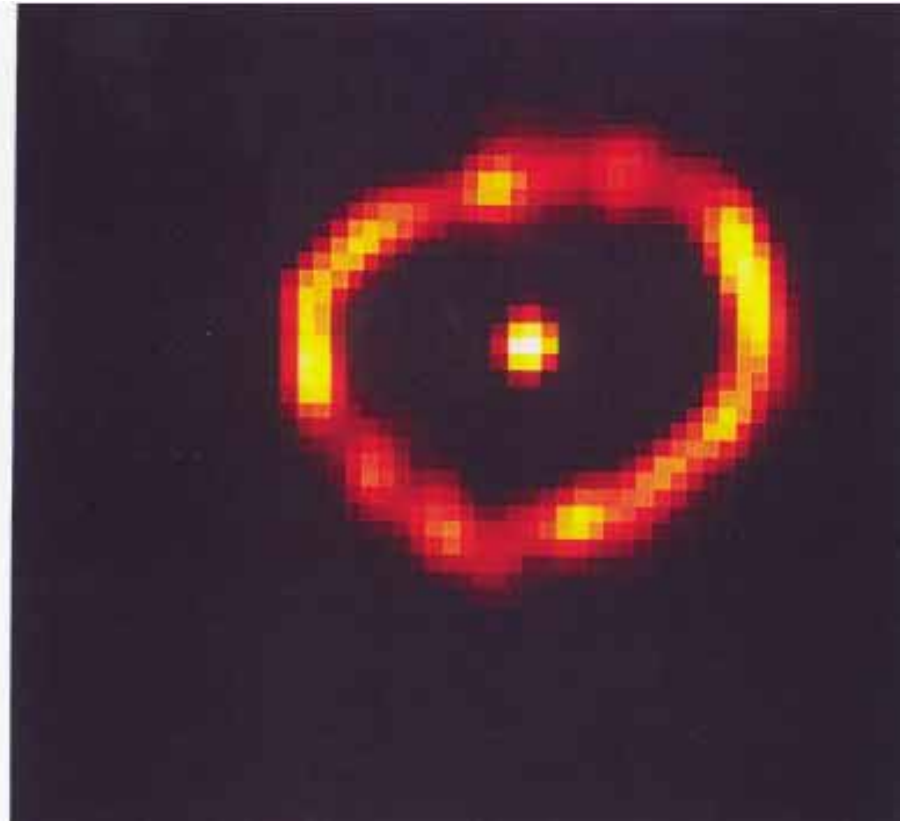
# Novae

Cygnus 1992 (@10 K ly)

May 1993

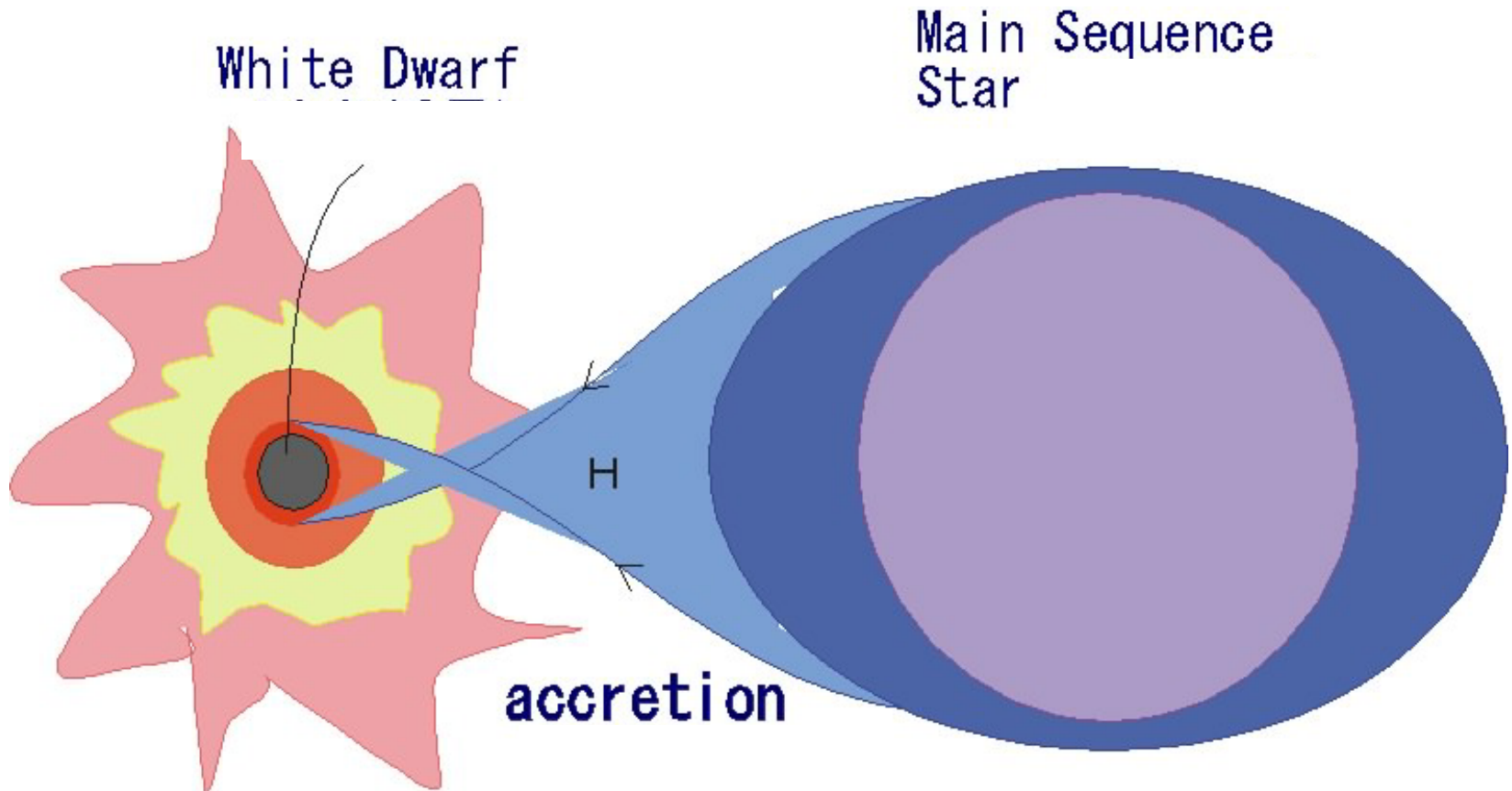


January 1994



(Hubble)

# Novae, the problems



**Reaction processes in the explosion ?**

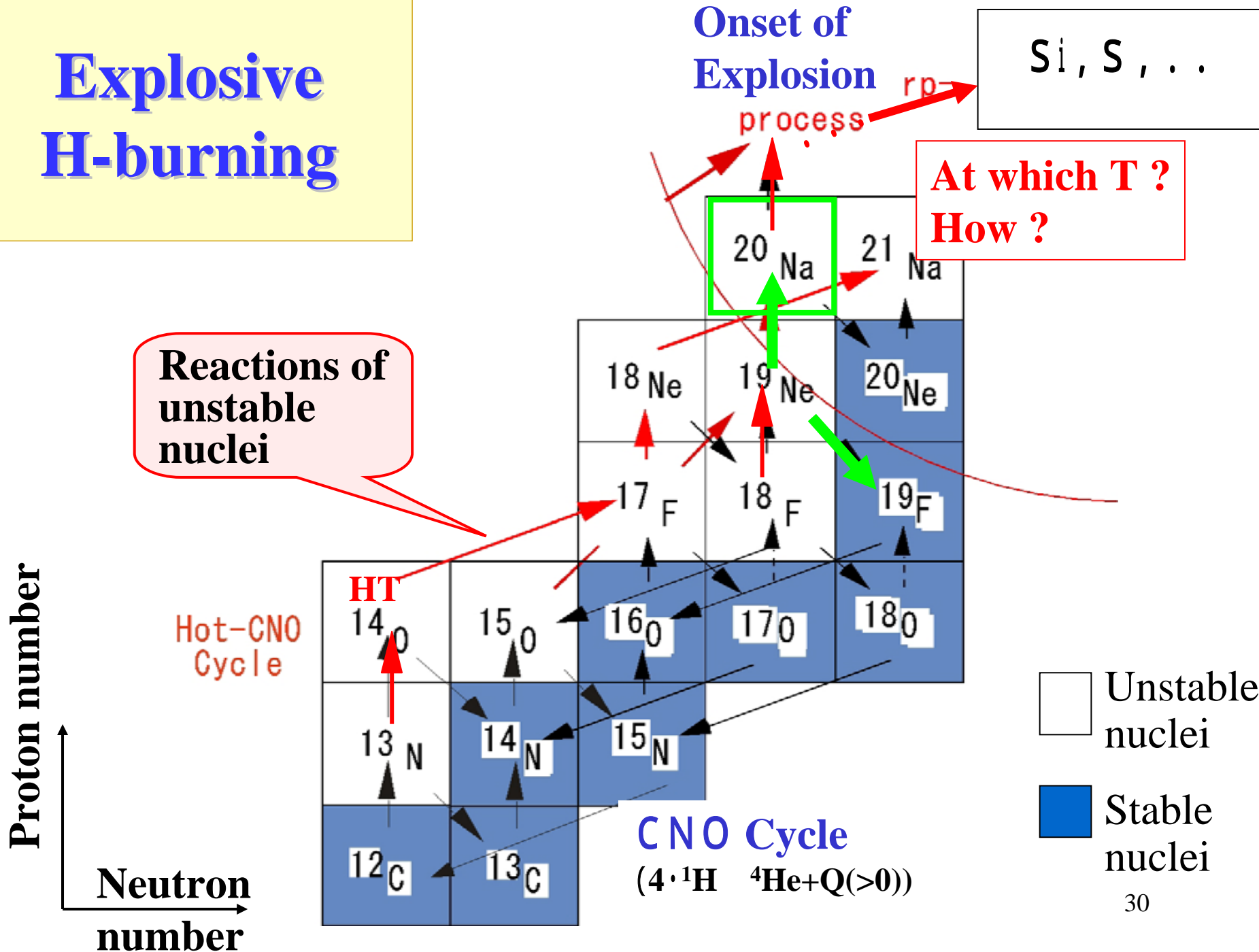
**Ignition temperature, density, energy ?**

$[C, O, (Ne, Mg)] \longrightarrow Si, S, (Ar), \dots$

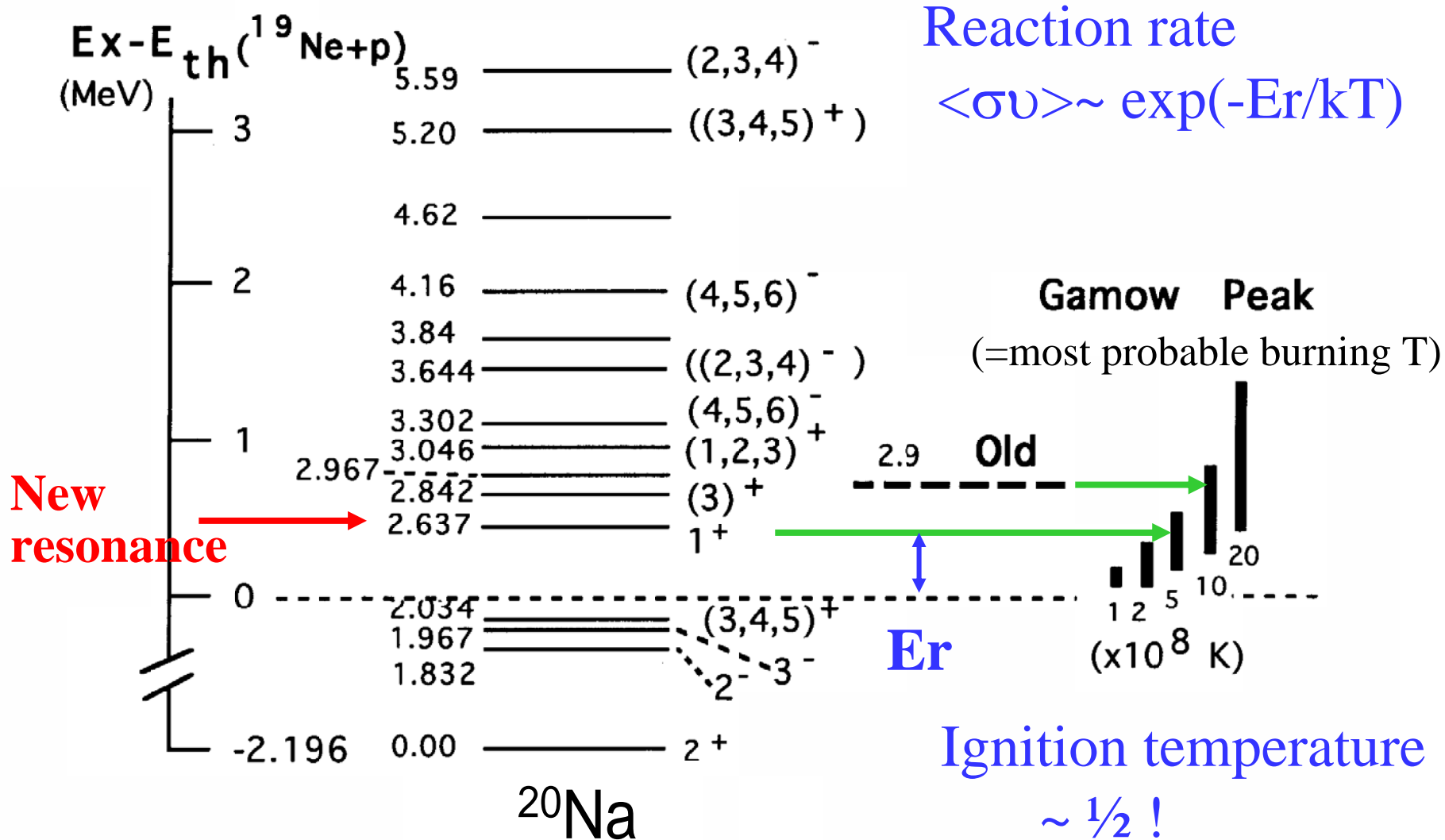
$(p, \gamma)^n \beta^m$

**New elements  
are observed !**

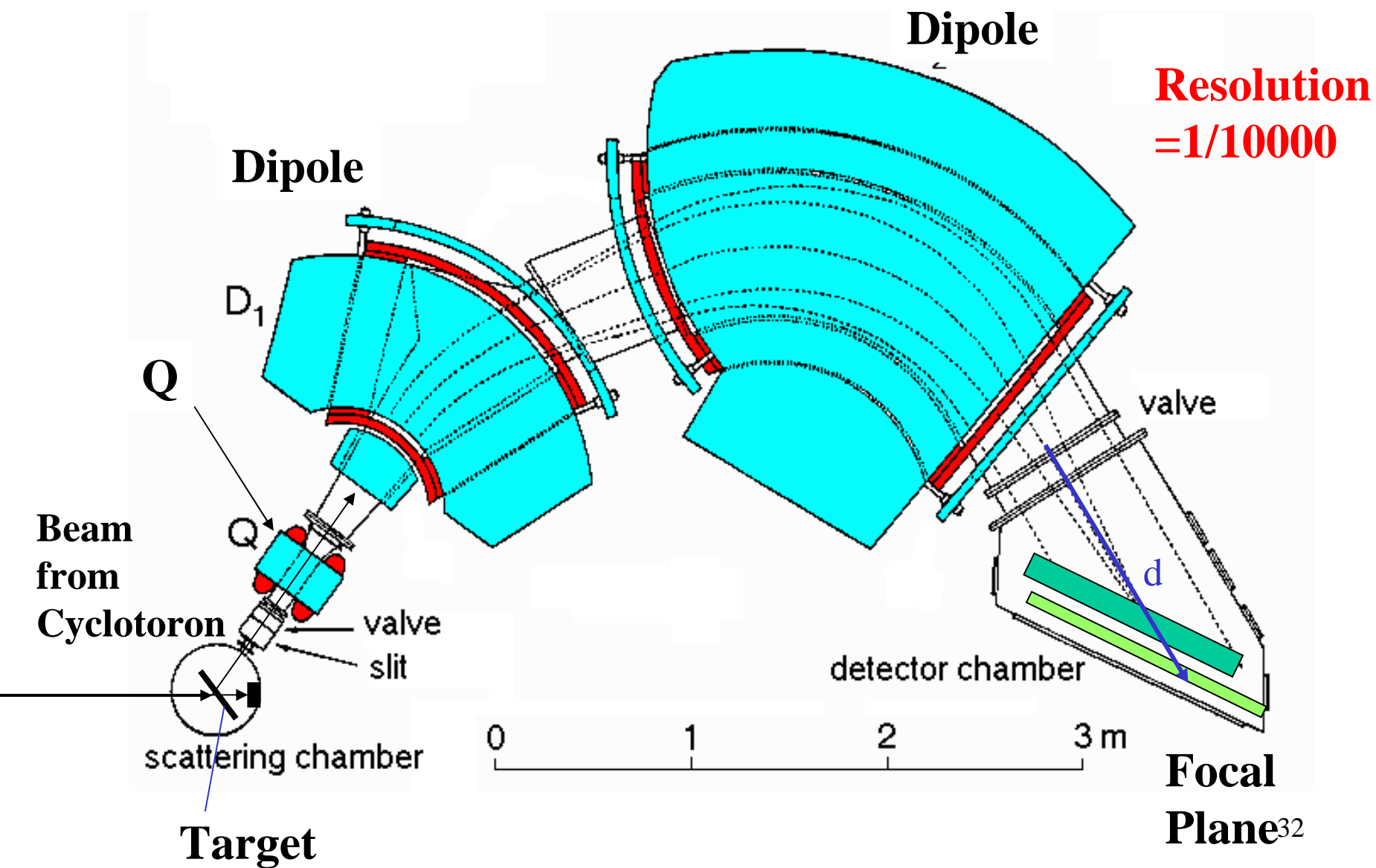
# Explosive H-burning



# $^{19}\text{Ne}(p,\gamma)^{20}\text{Na}$ stellar reaction

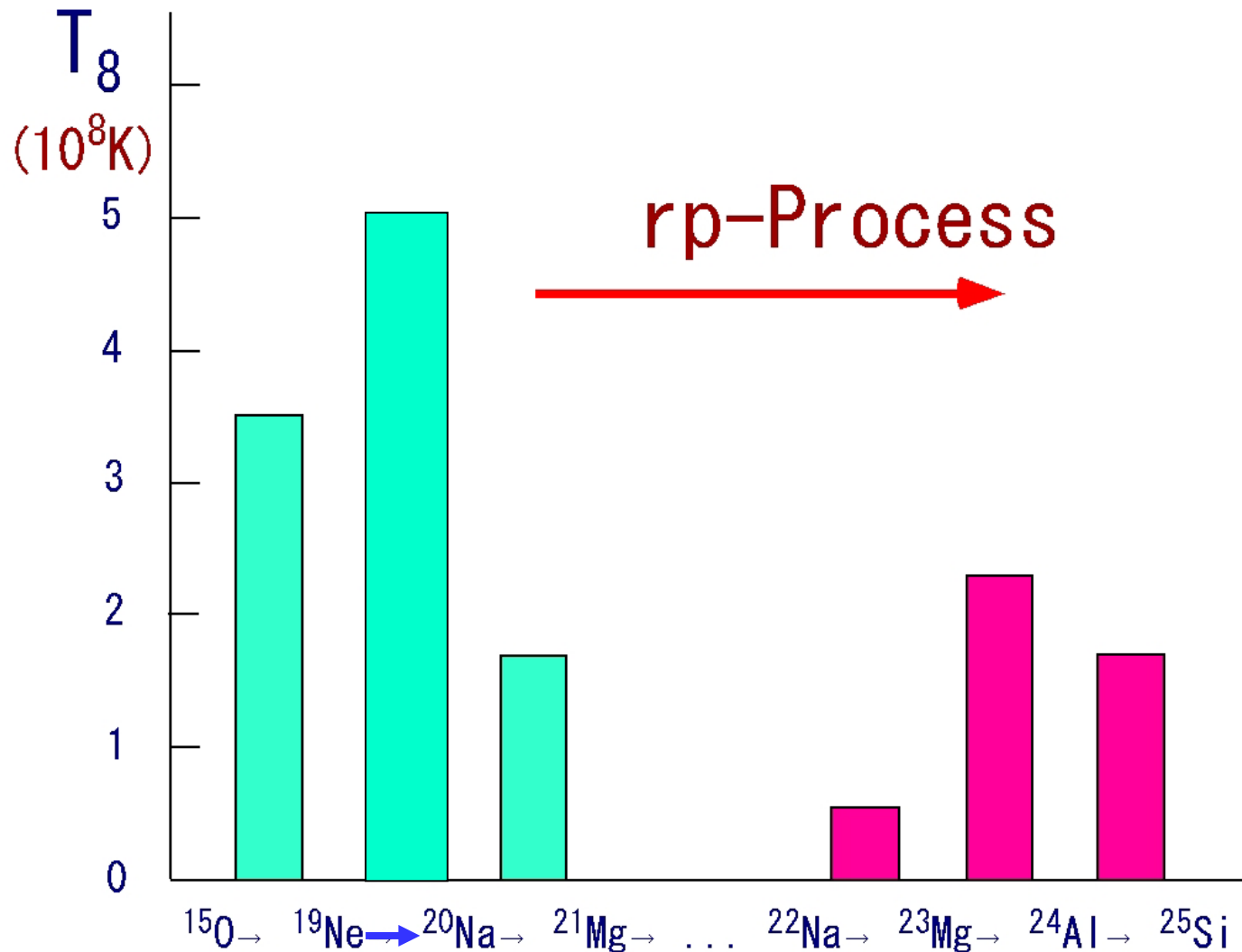


# High-resolution magnetic spectrograph (PA)

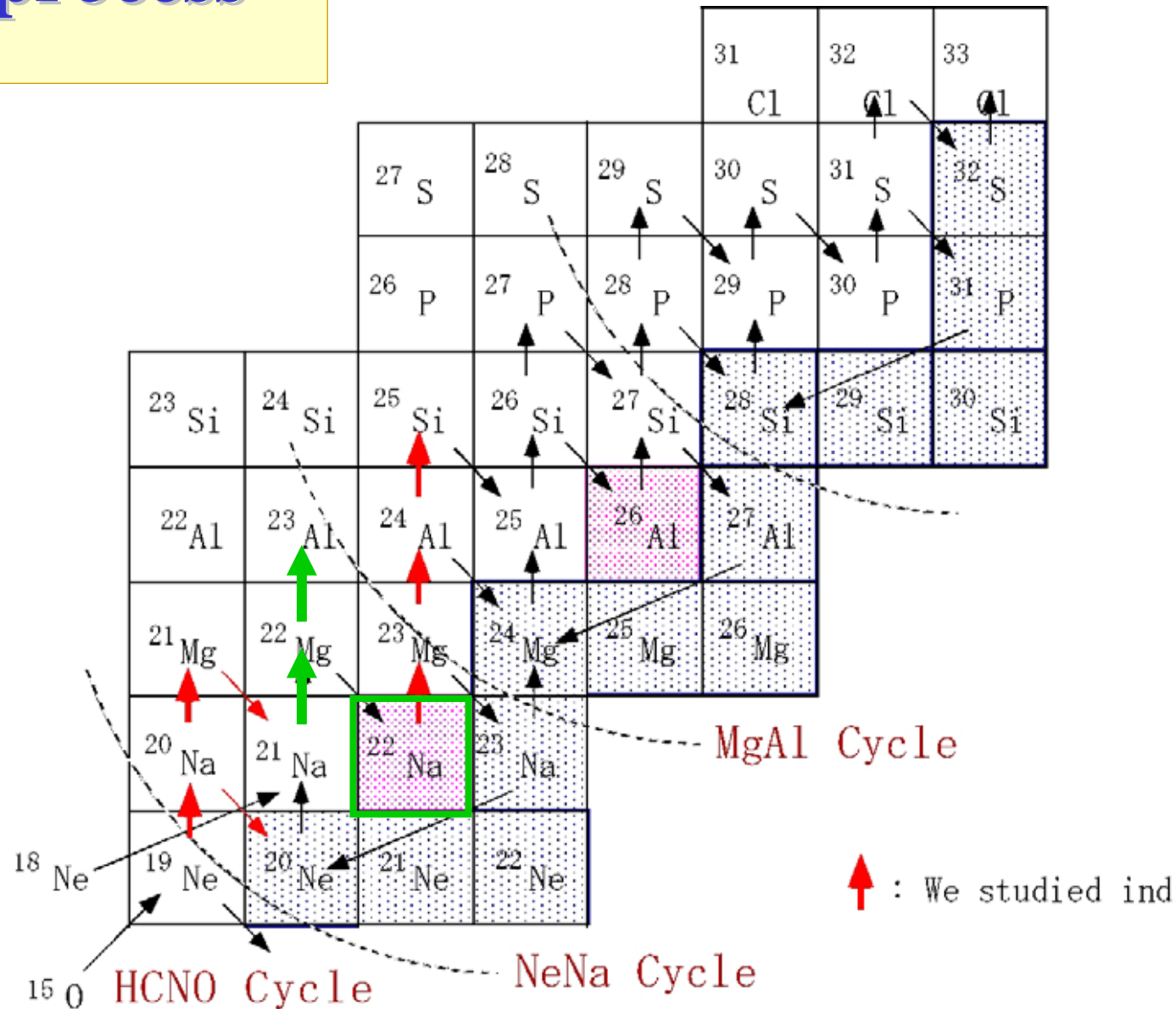




# Ignition temperature

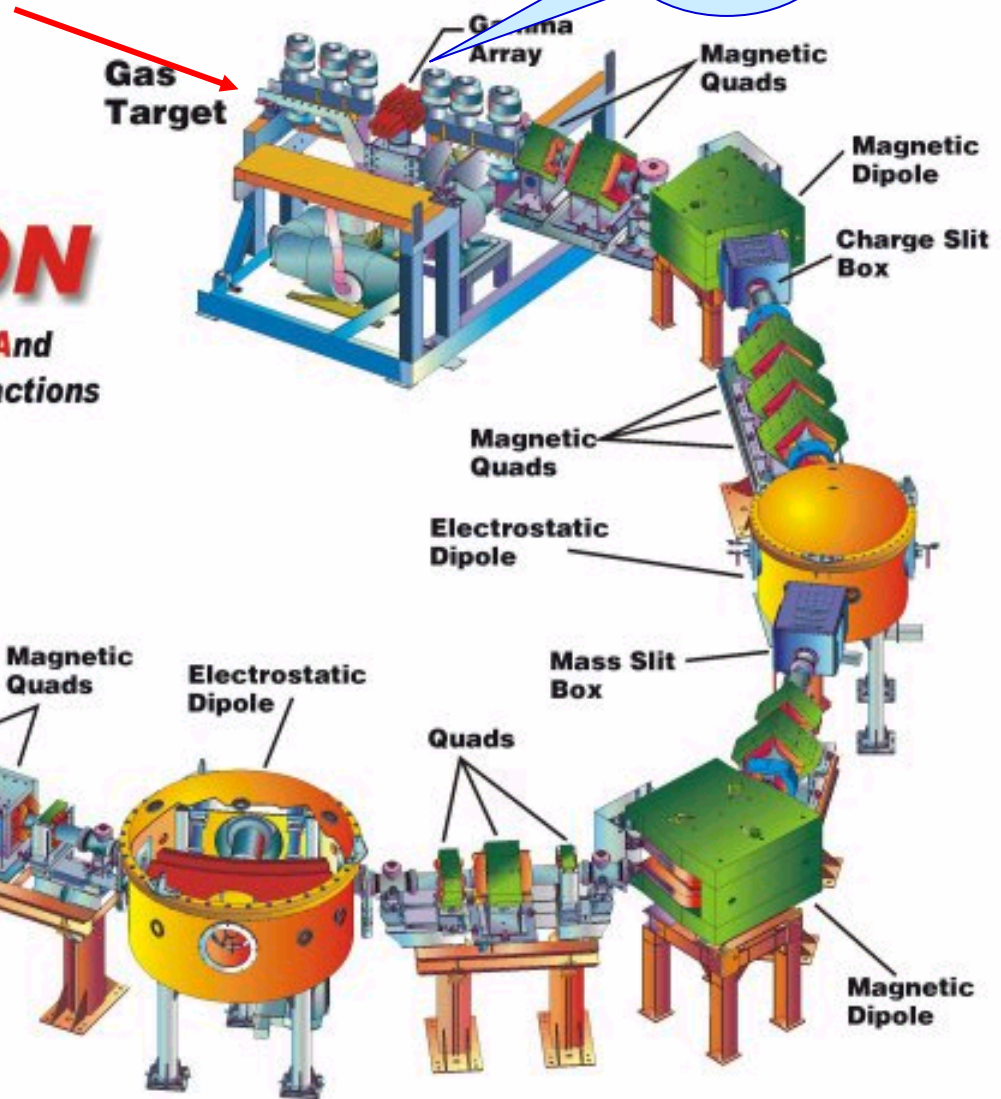


# Early rp-process



# Measurement of $^{21}\text{Na}(p,\gamma)^{22}\text{Mg}$ stellar reaction

$^{21}\text{Na}$   
RIB

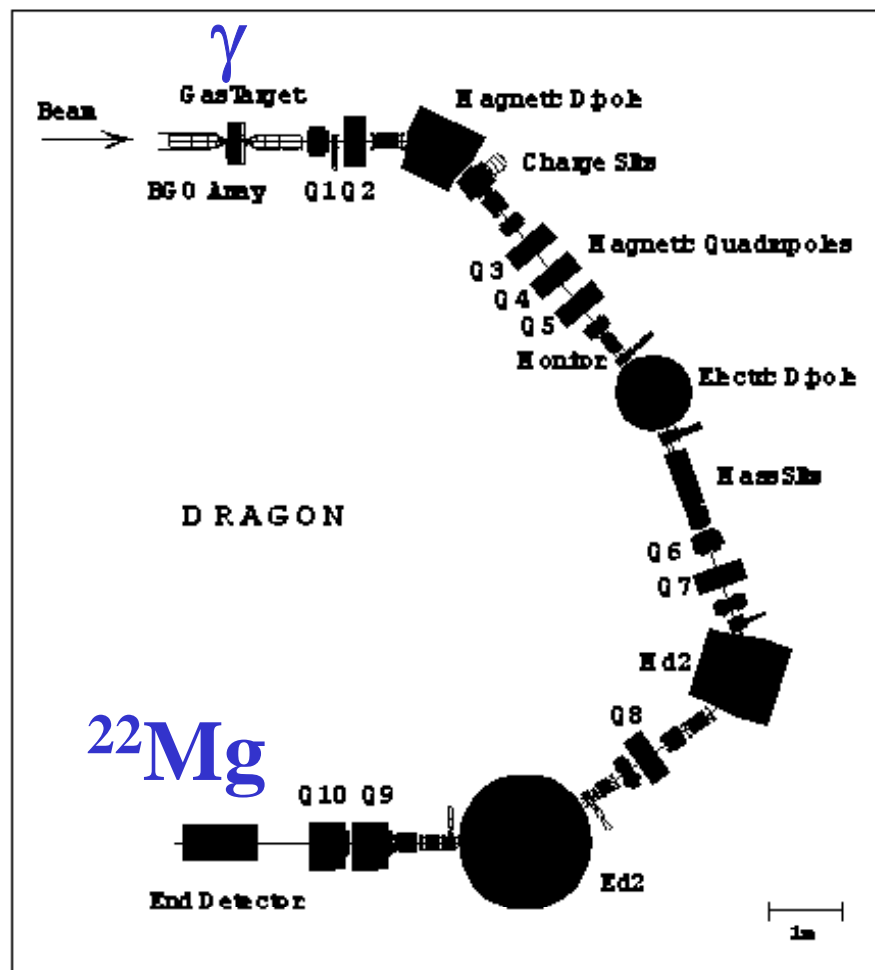


$\gamma$

Direct  
Measurement

$^{22}\text{Mg}$

# $^1\text{H}(^{21}\text{Na}, \gamma)^{22}\text{Mg}$ Measurement at TRIUMF



$^{22}\text{Mg}$

FIGURE 1. The Dragon Recoil Separator

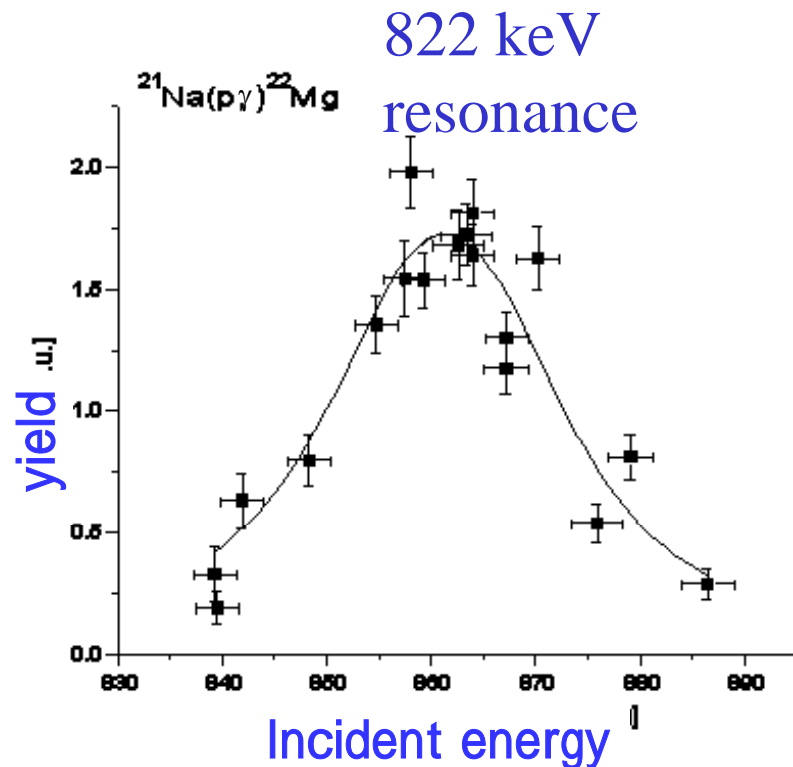
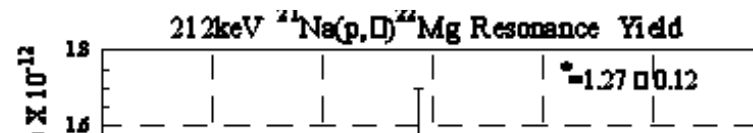


FIGURE 3. Excitation function for the 822 keV/u resonance (preliminary). The curve shows the expected shape for a broad resonance.



# Typical temperature and density for nucleosynthesis

	Temperature	Density
<b>Sun</b>	$1.5 \times 10^7$ K	$10^2$ g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Novae</b>	$2 \sim 4 \times 10^8$	$10^{3\sim 4}$
<b>Supernovae</b>	$1 \sim 2 \times 10^9$	$10^{5\sim 6}$

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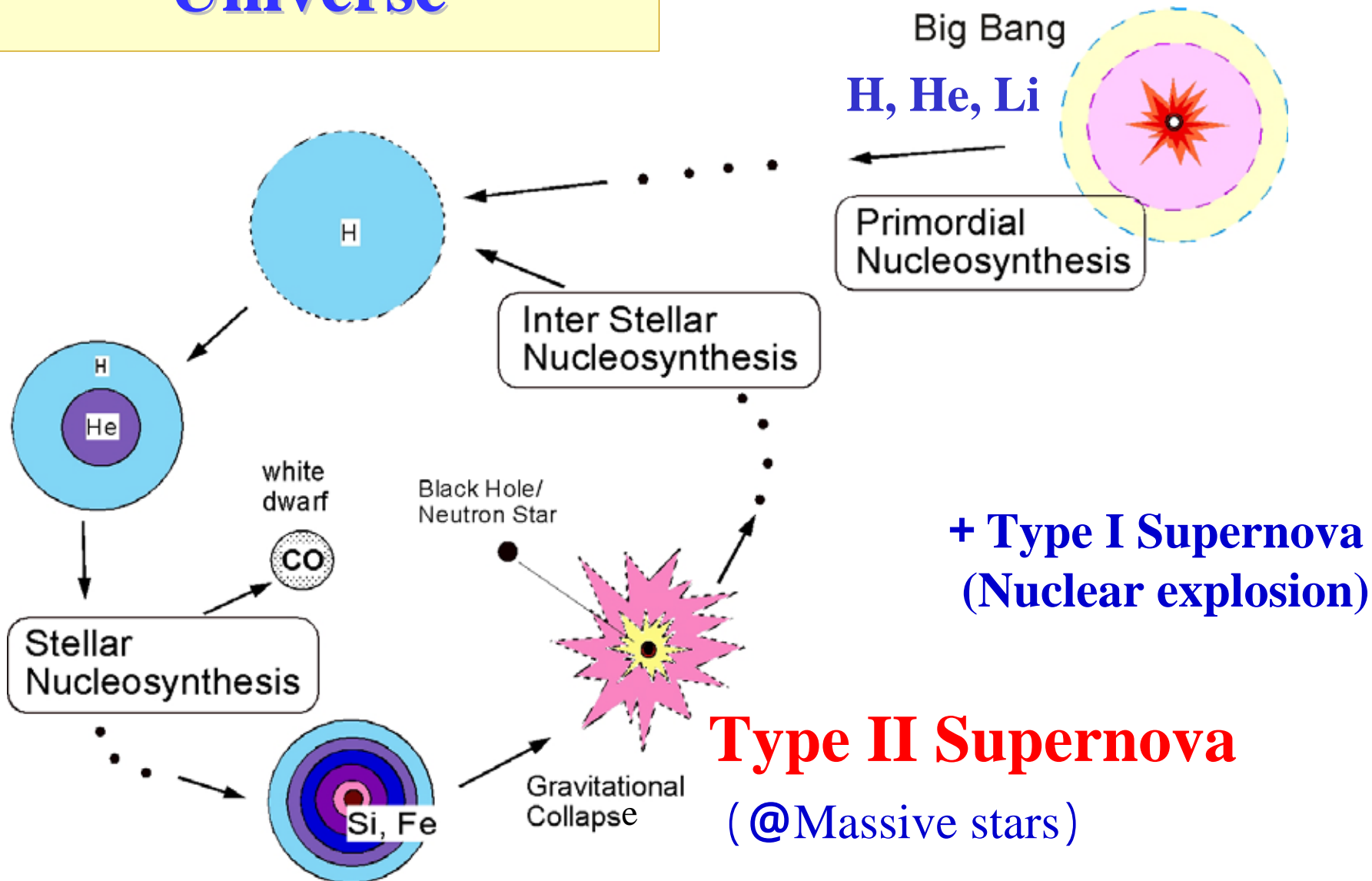
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# Supernova 1987A

February 1987; @ Large Magallanic Cloud

Before

After



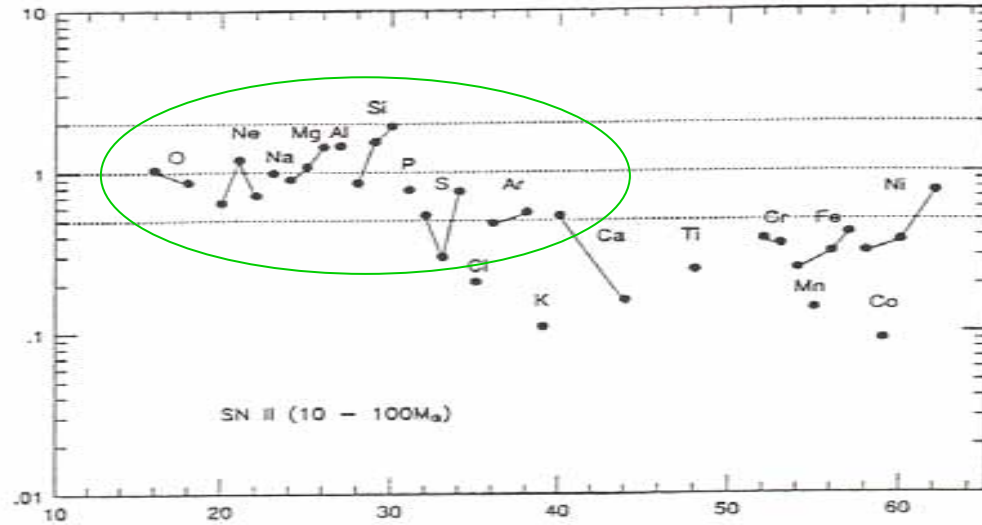


# Nucleosynthesis in Supernova - prediction -

Gravitational  
collapse  
(Massive stars)

**Type II S.N.**

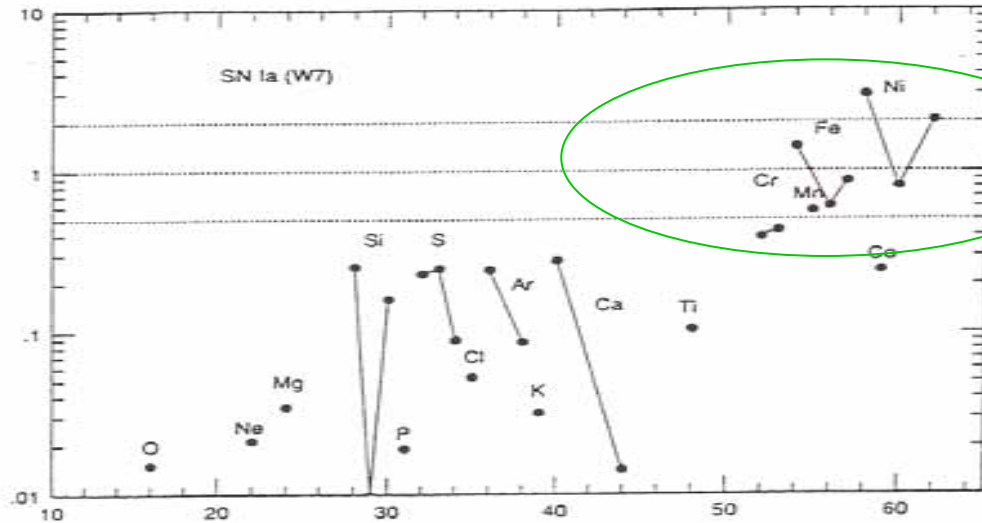
Solar abund.



Nuclear  
Explosion  
(Small stars)

**Type I S.N.**

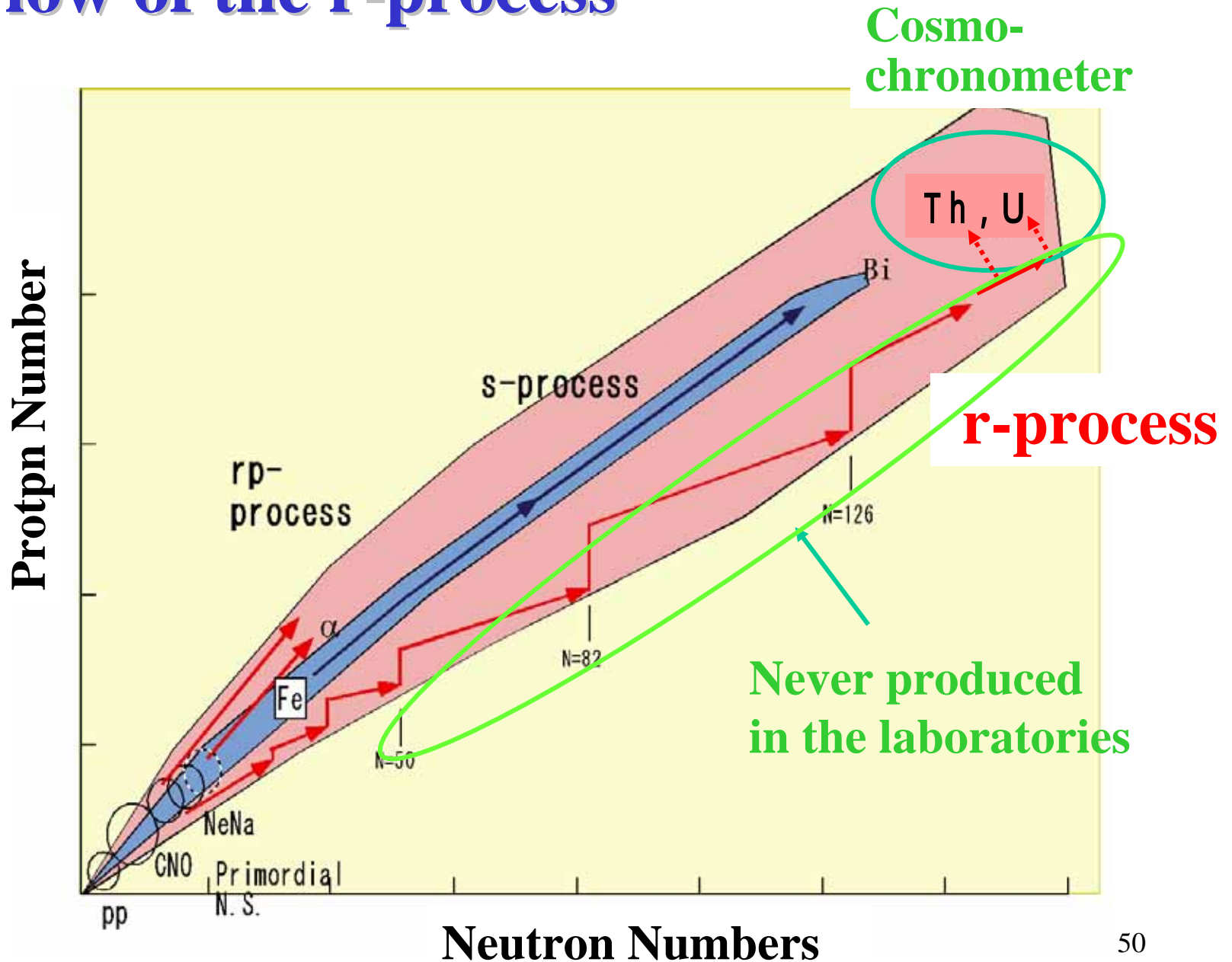
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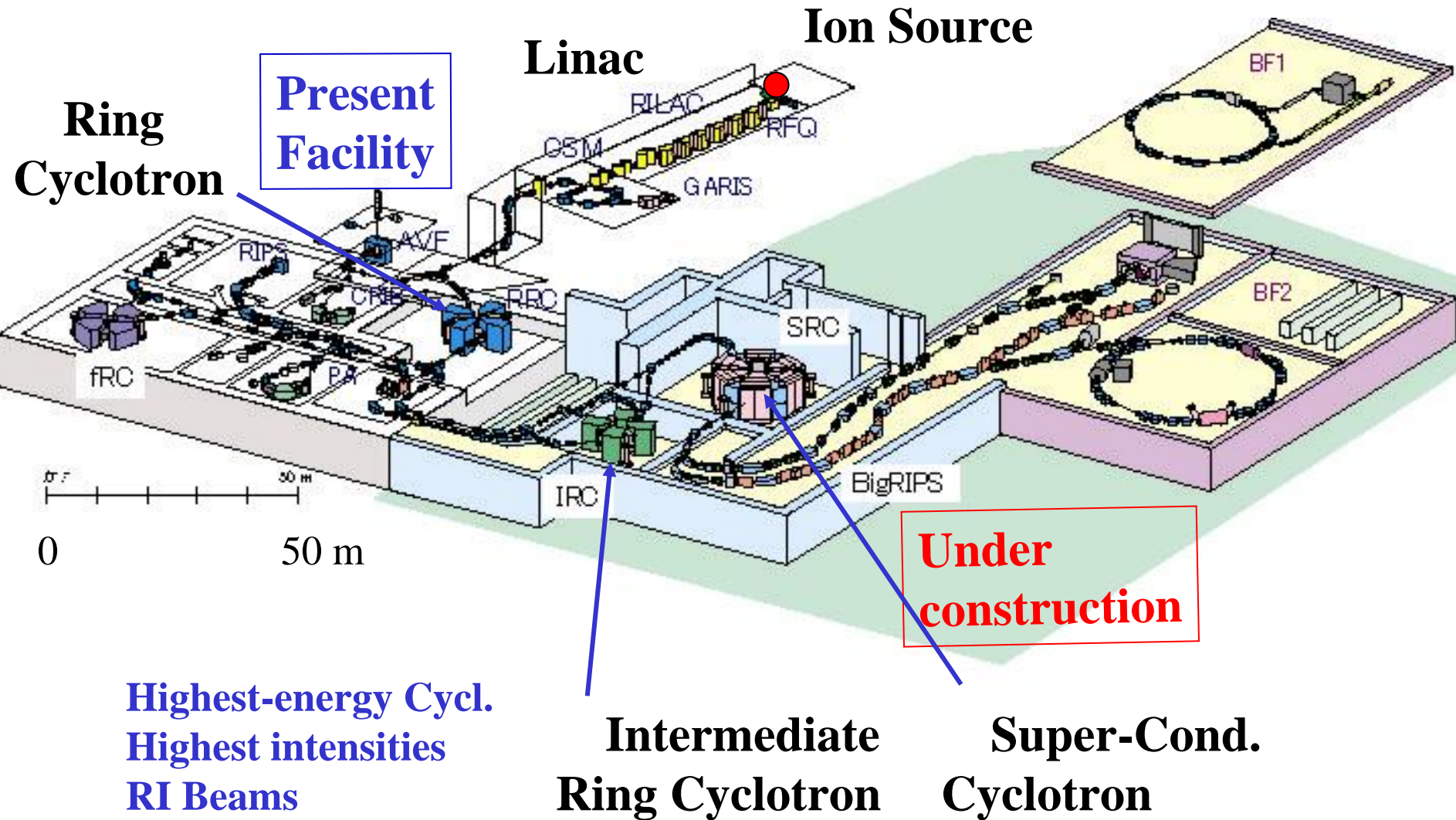
Atomic Mass ( $A=N+N$ )

(Nomoto)

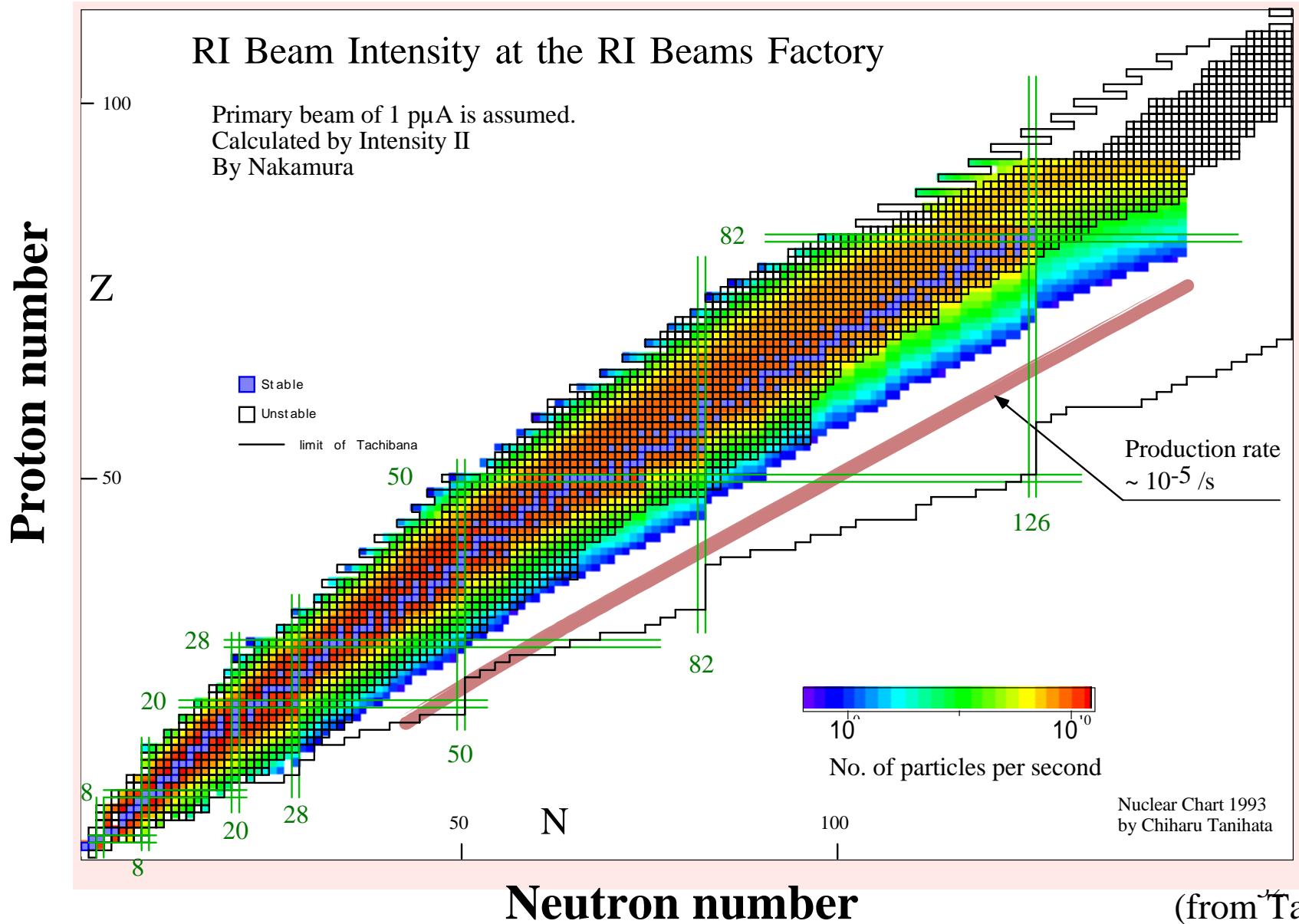
# Flow of the r-process



# RIKEN Accelerator Research Facility



# RI beam intensities predicted at RIBF



# Age of the Universe

Method with Cosmo-chronometers (with very long  $T_{1/2}$  nuclei)

${}^{232}_{90}\text{Th}$   $T_{1/2} = 14.5$  billion years

${}^{238}_{92}\text{U}$   $T_{1/2} = 4.47$  billion years

${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$   $T_{1/2} = 0.704$  billion years

**Need to understand  
the production  
mechanism**

**Produced** **Current quantity**  
c.f. The solar system 4.7 billion years

Hubble's Law  $v = H \cdot r$   $H$ ; Hubble constant

Then,  $t = r / v = 1 / H$

If  $H \sim 70\text{Km/sec/Mpc}$ ,  $t \sim 14$  billion years

Age of Halo stars

Age of the universe  $>$  Age of the Halo stars

# Nuclear Astrophysics is a fun !

