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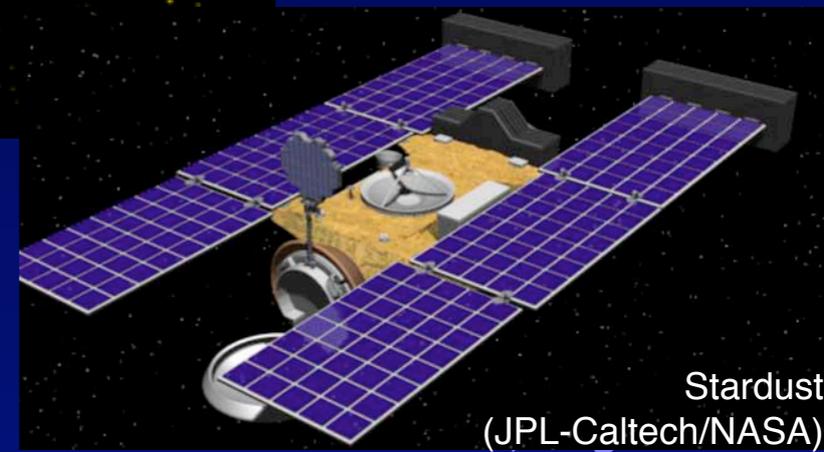
Nuclear Physics

of Core Collapse Supernova



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Lecture Schedule

1. Nuclear Physics for Astrophysics

2. Lives of Stars

3. Core Collapse Supernovae

a) What role do CC SN play in cosmic nuclear evolution?

b) How does nuclear physics affect the supernova explosion and the resulting nucleosynthesis?

4. Stellar Afterlife

Supernova!



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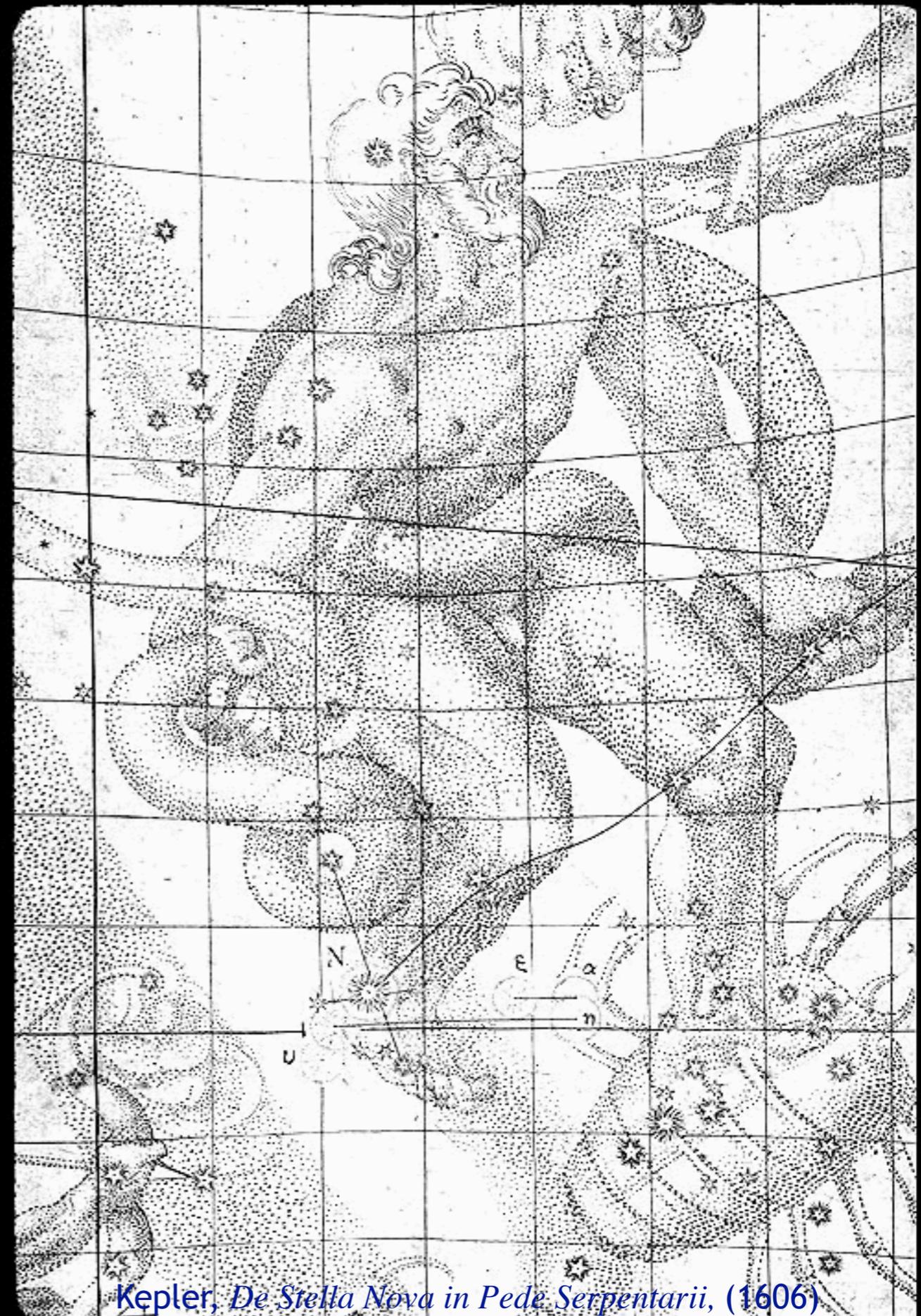


SN 1987a

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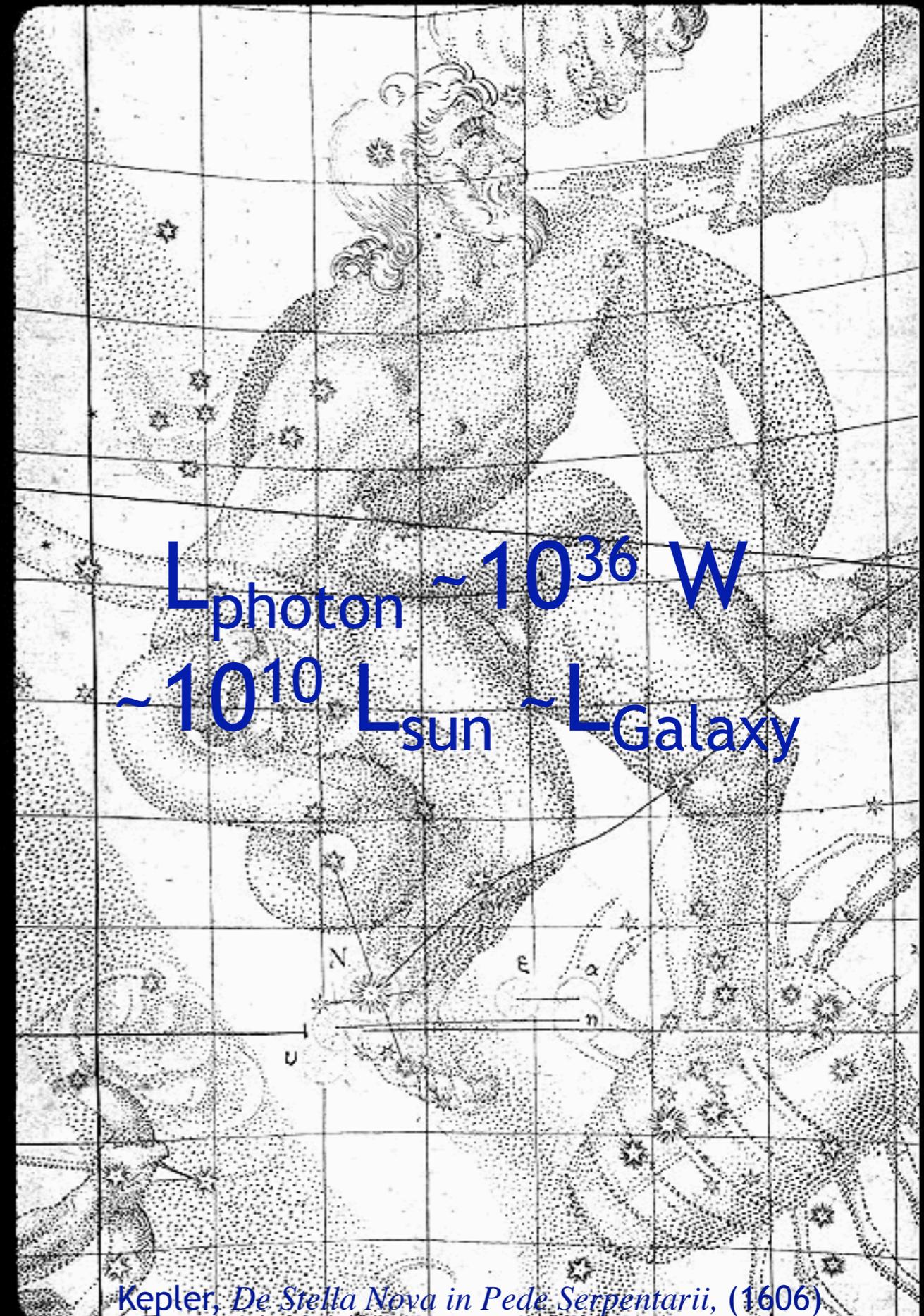
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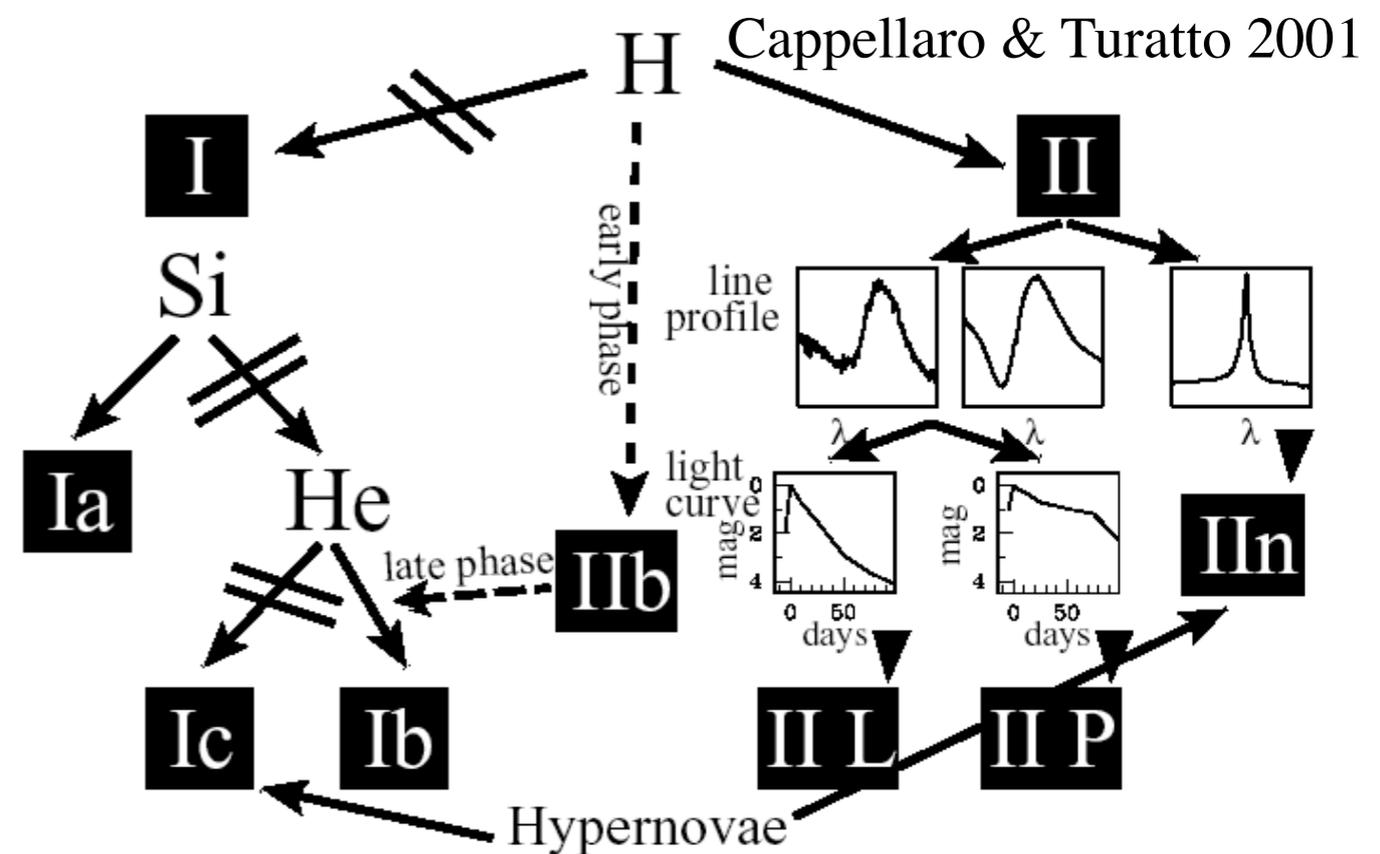
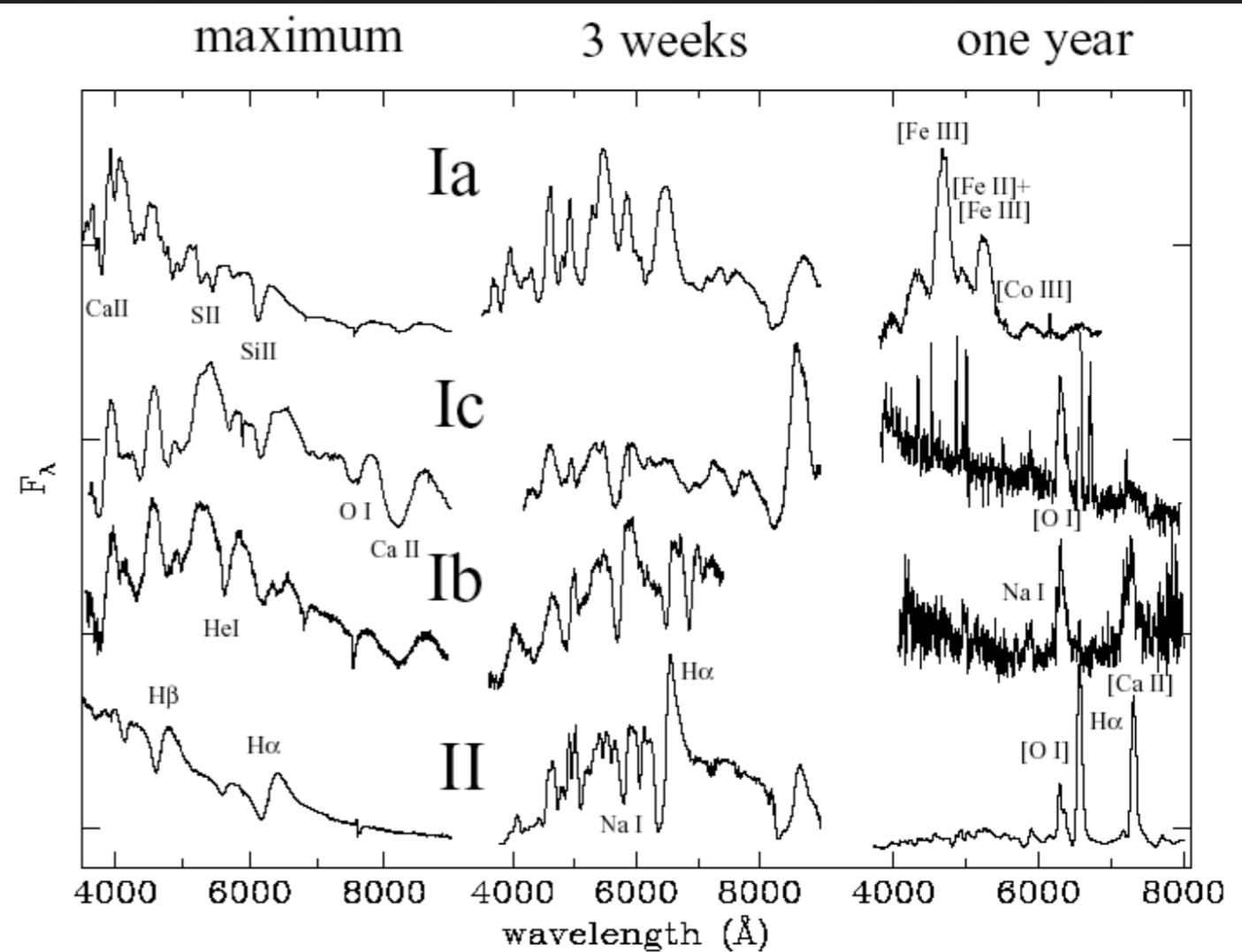
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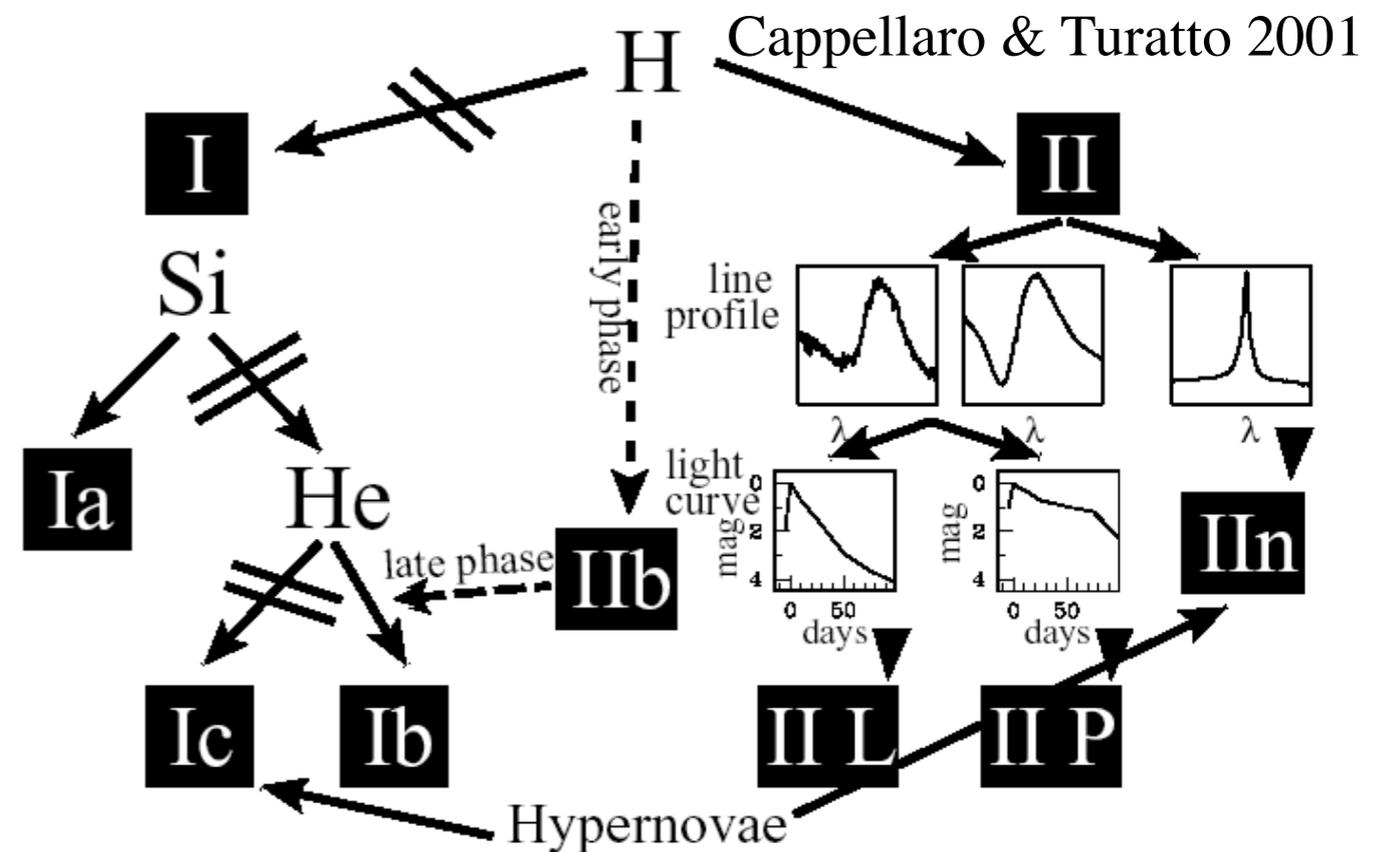
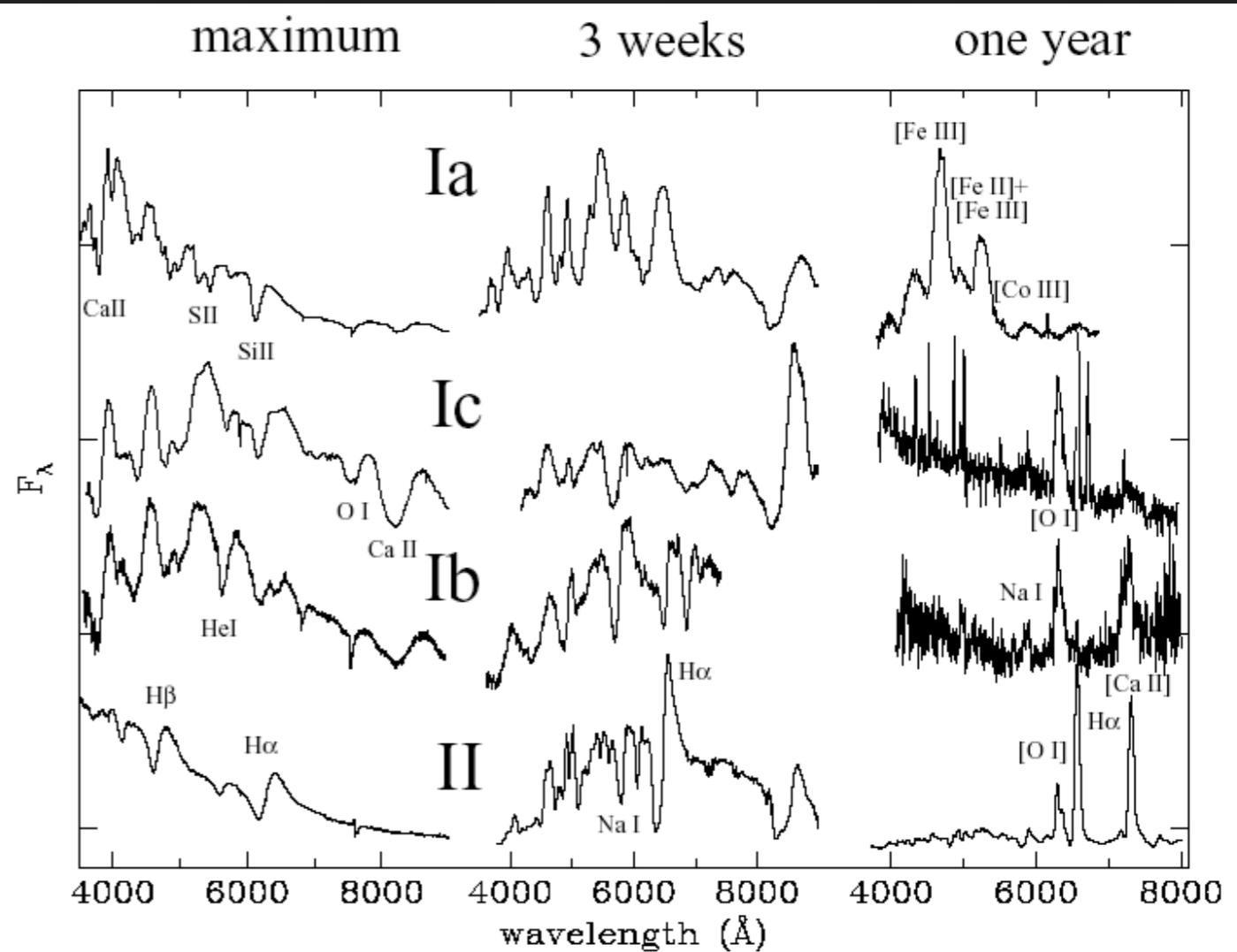
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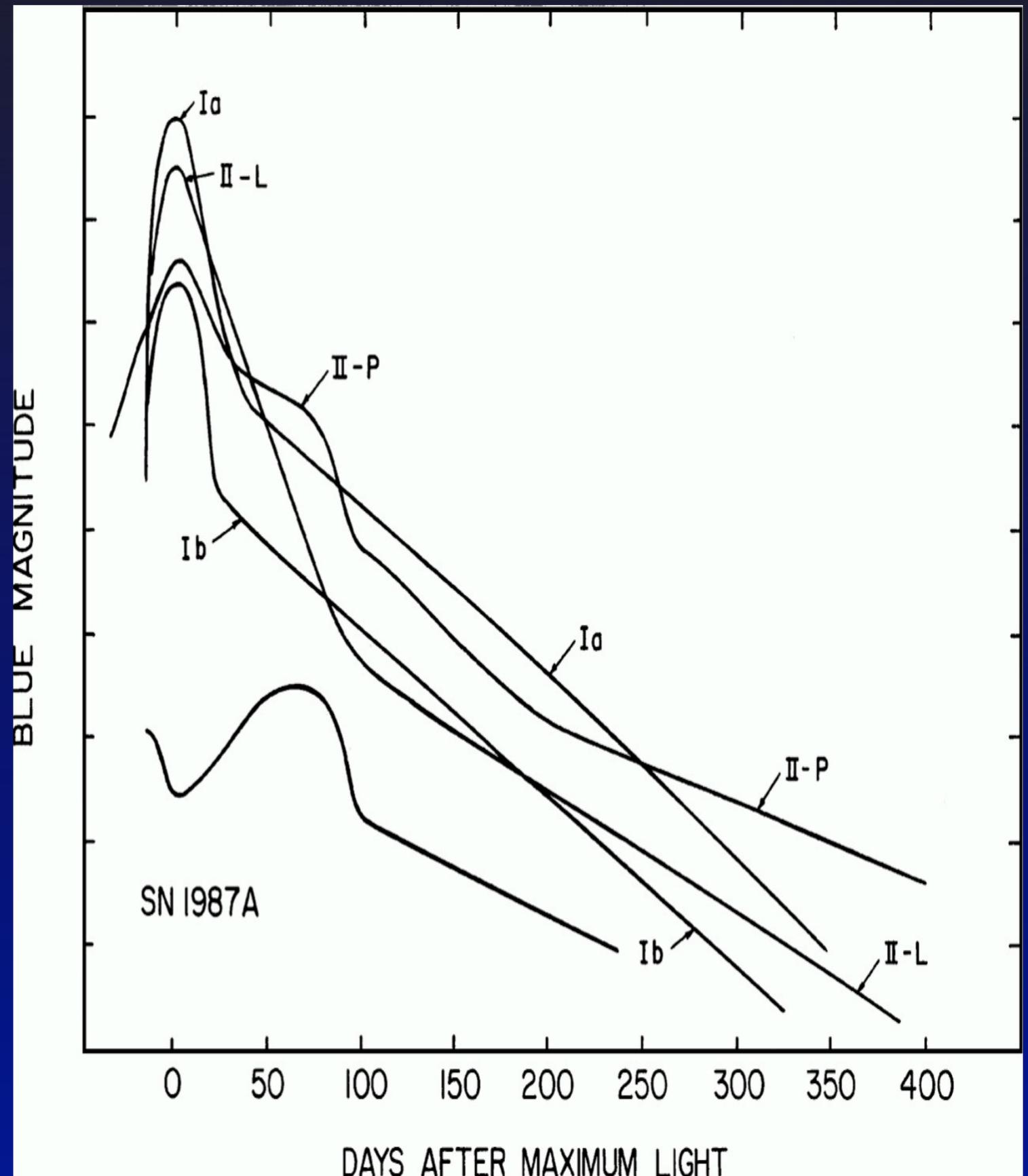
Observationally, there are 2 types (and 7 subtypes) based on their spectra and light curves.



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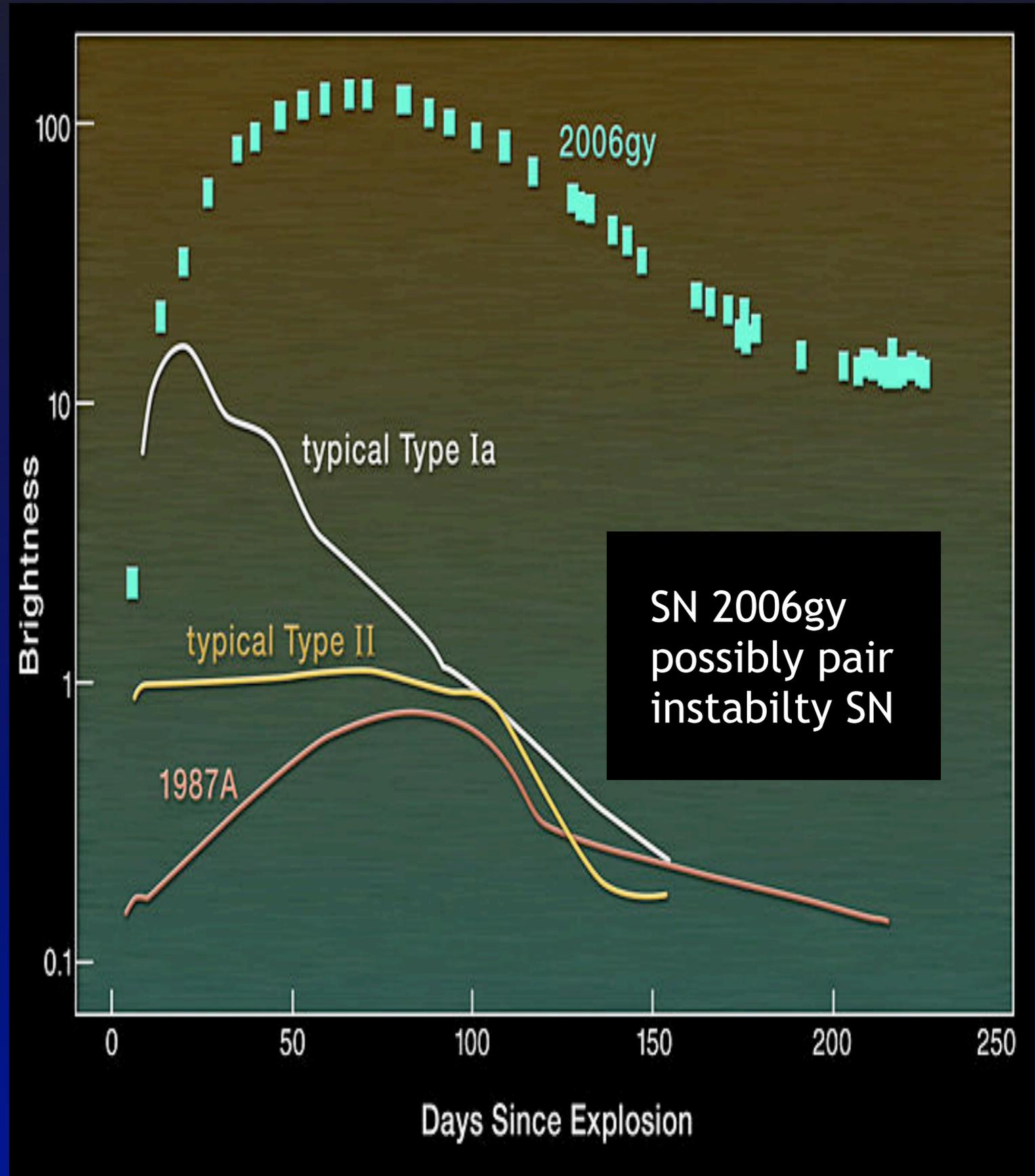
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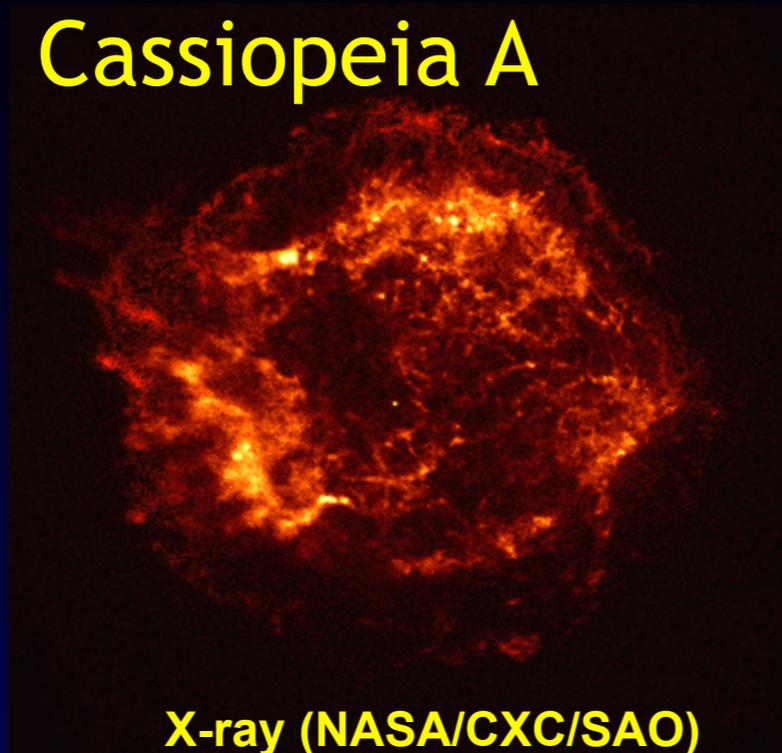
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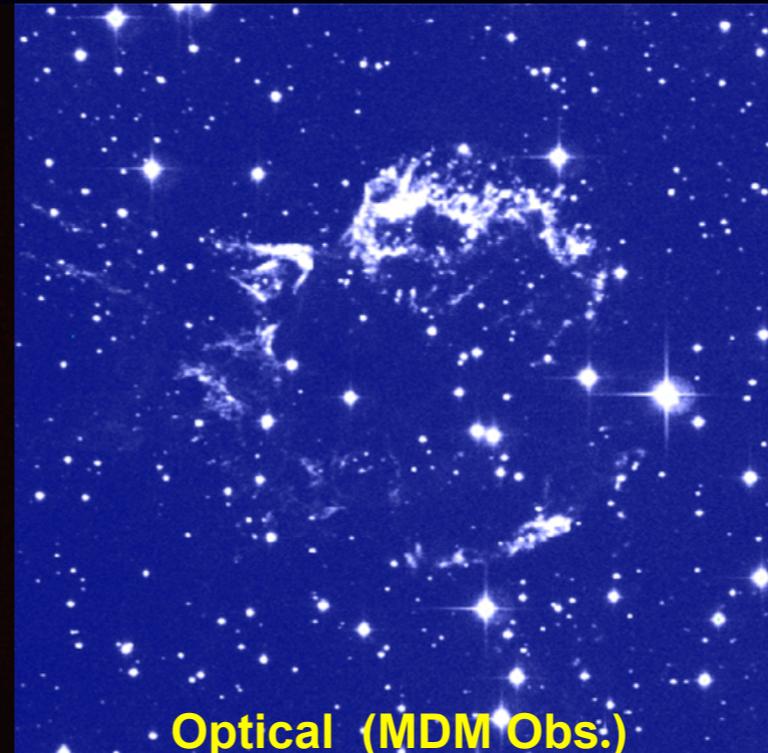


Supernova at 320 Years Old

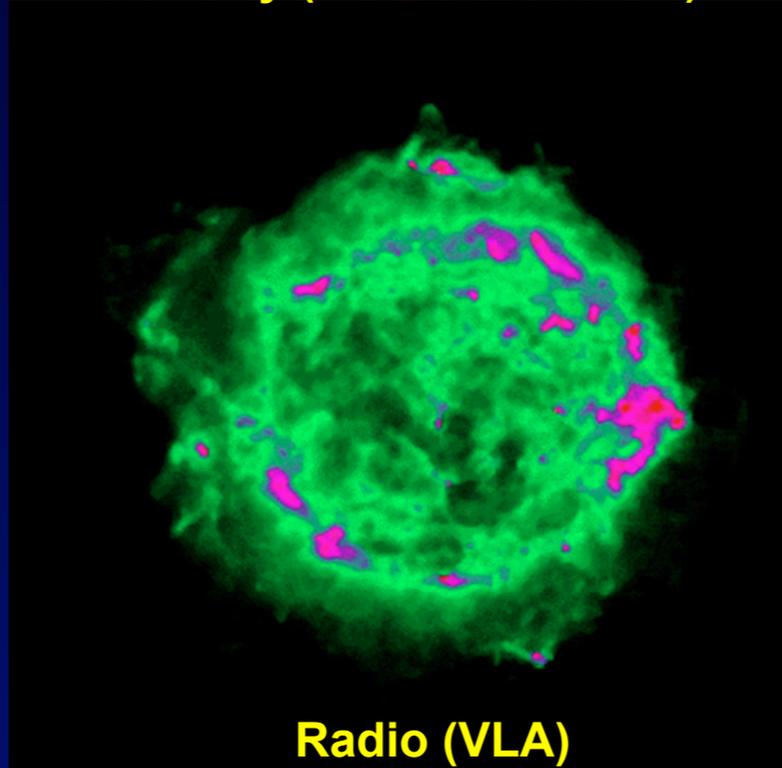
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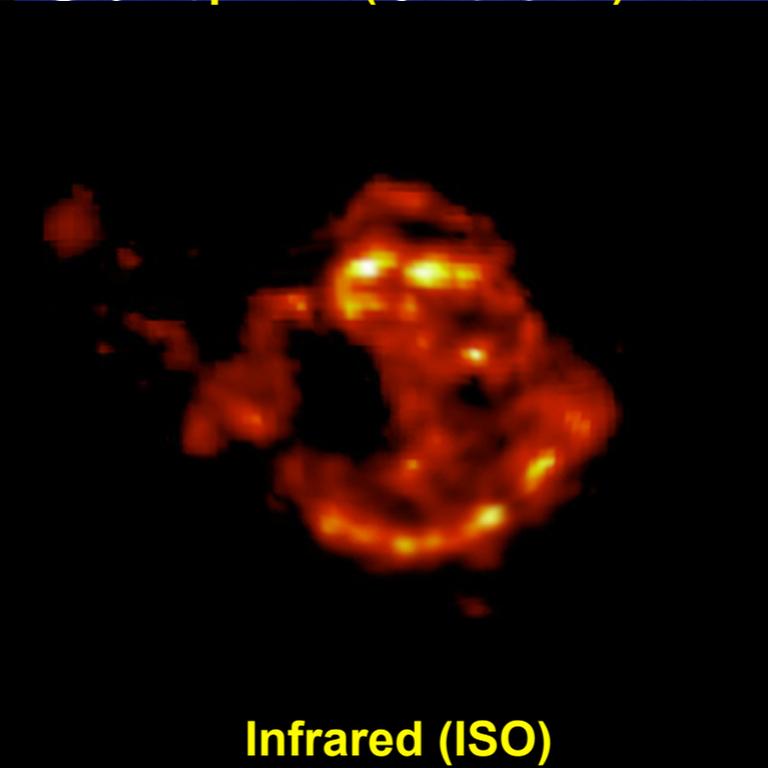
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Optical (MDM Obs.)



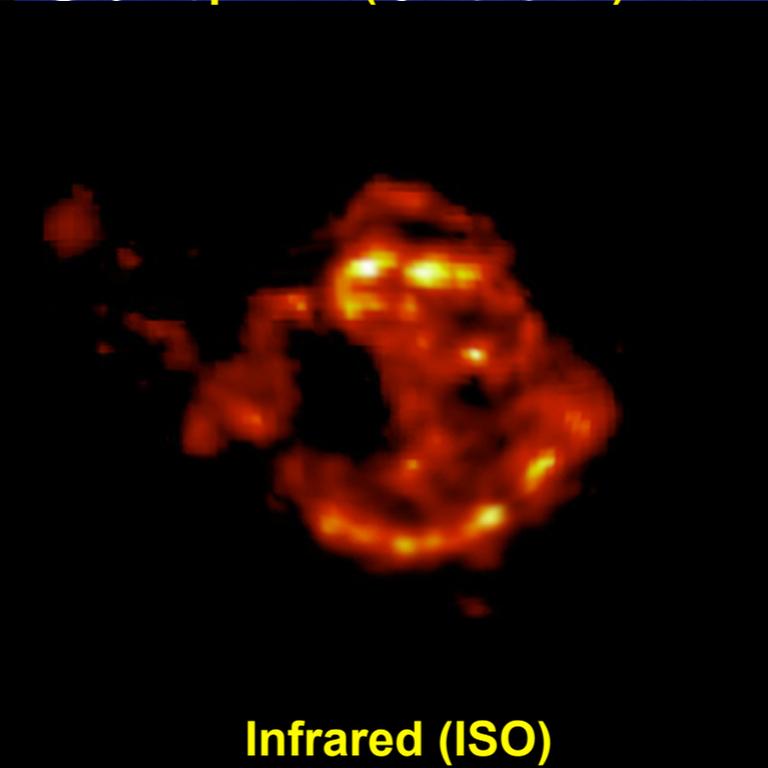
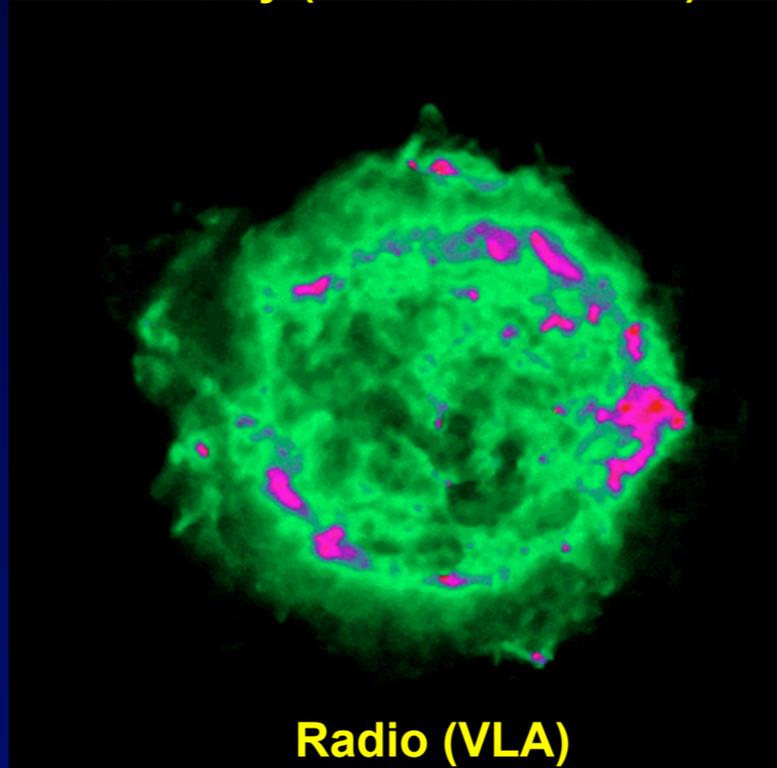
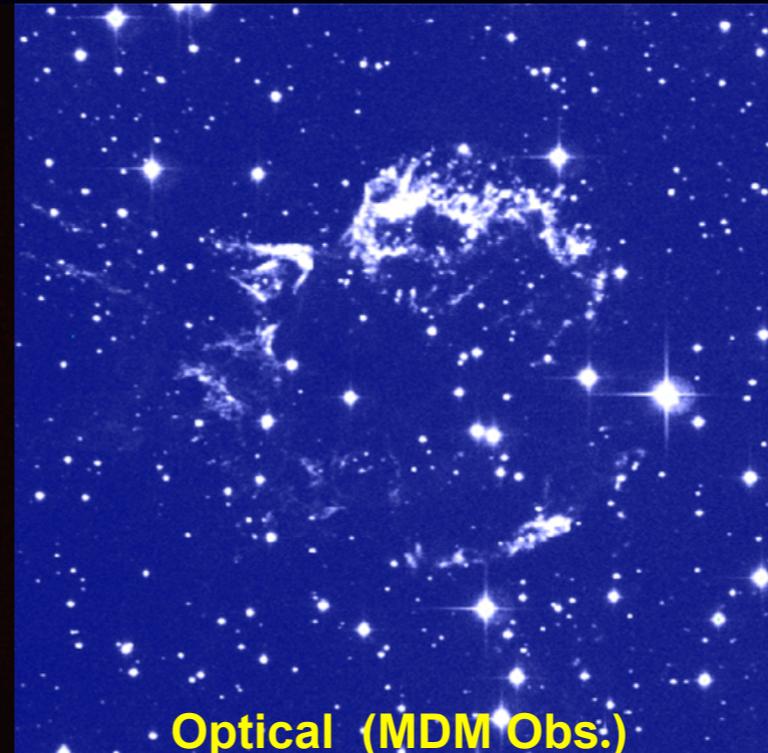
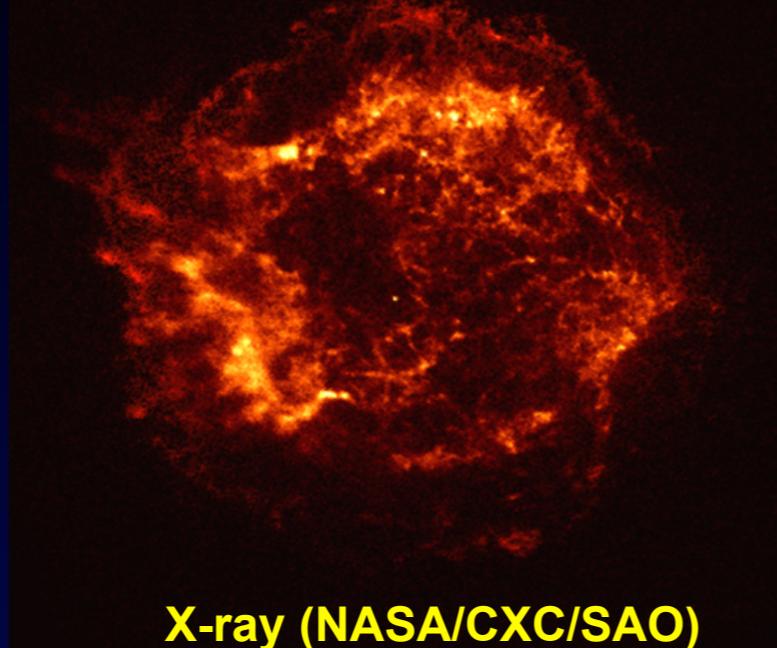
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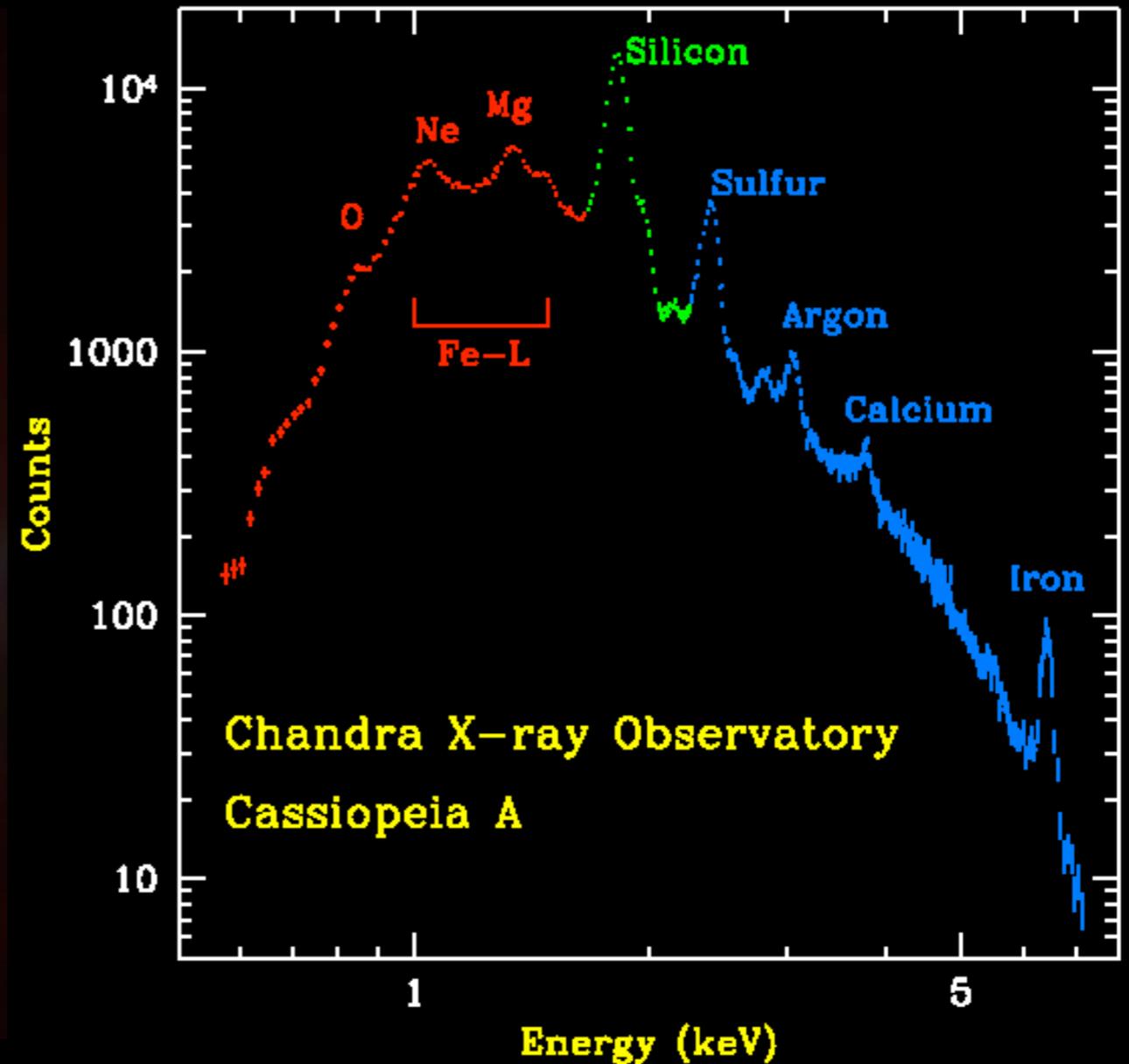
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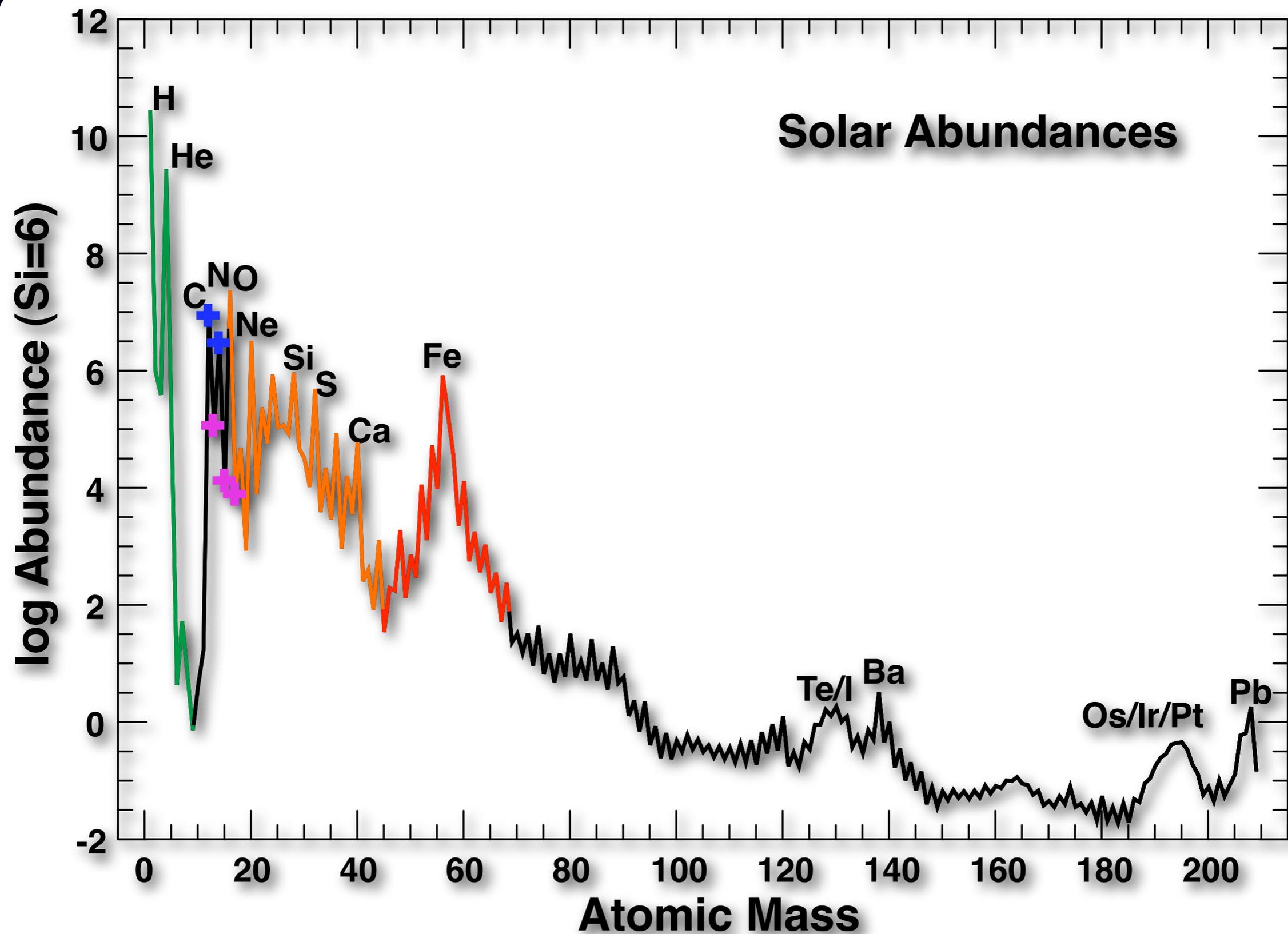
10^{44} J (10^{28} MegaTons TNT) of Kinetic Energy into the ISM

Ejecta Rich in Heavy Elements

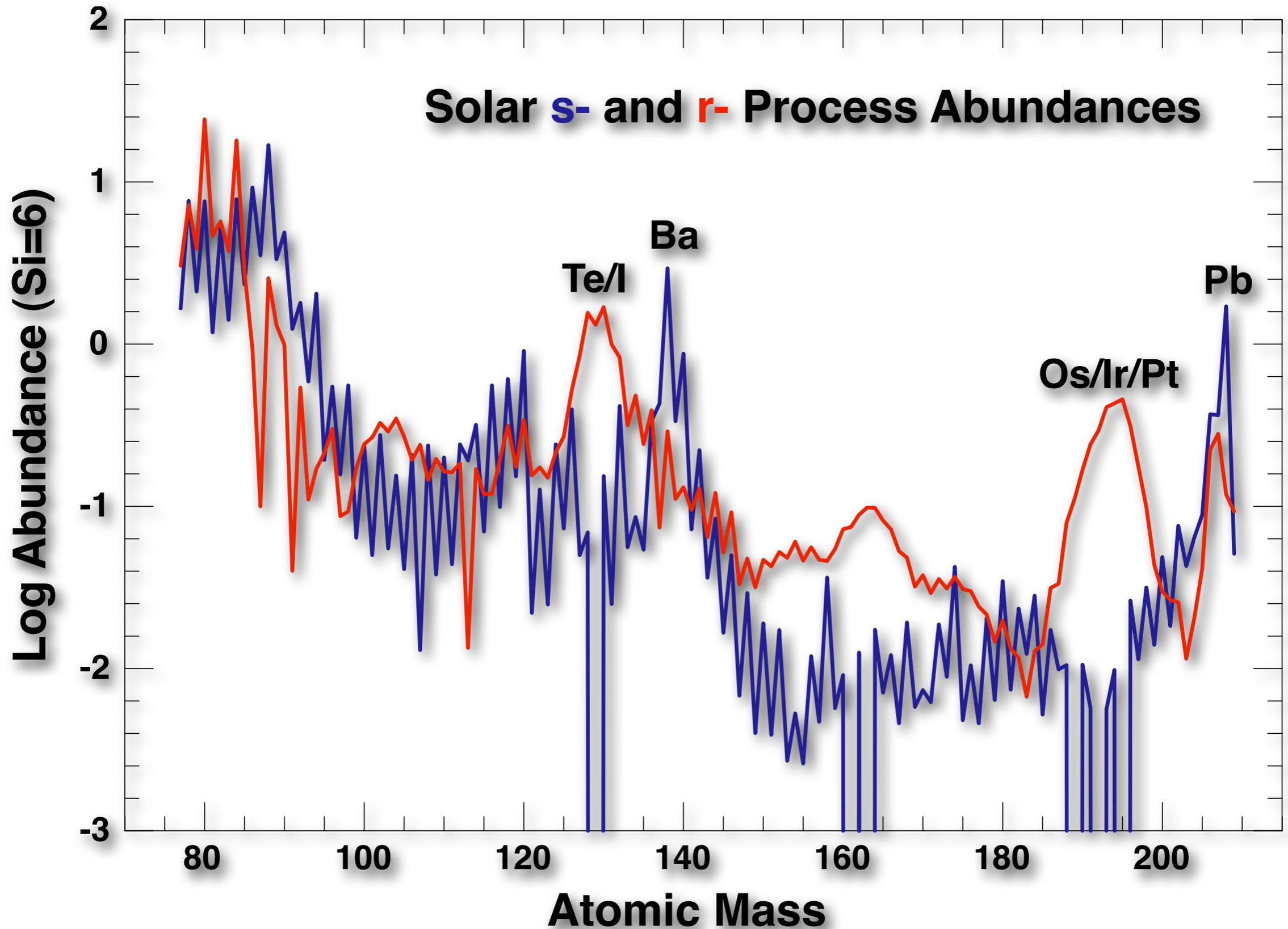


Supernovae from Massive Stars produce most of the elements from Oxygen to Calcium and half of the Iron/Cobalt/Nickel. They may also be responsible for the r-process.

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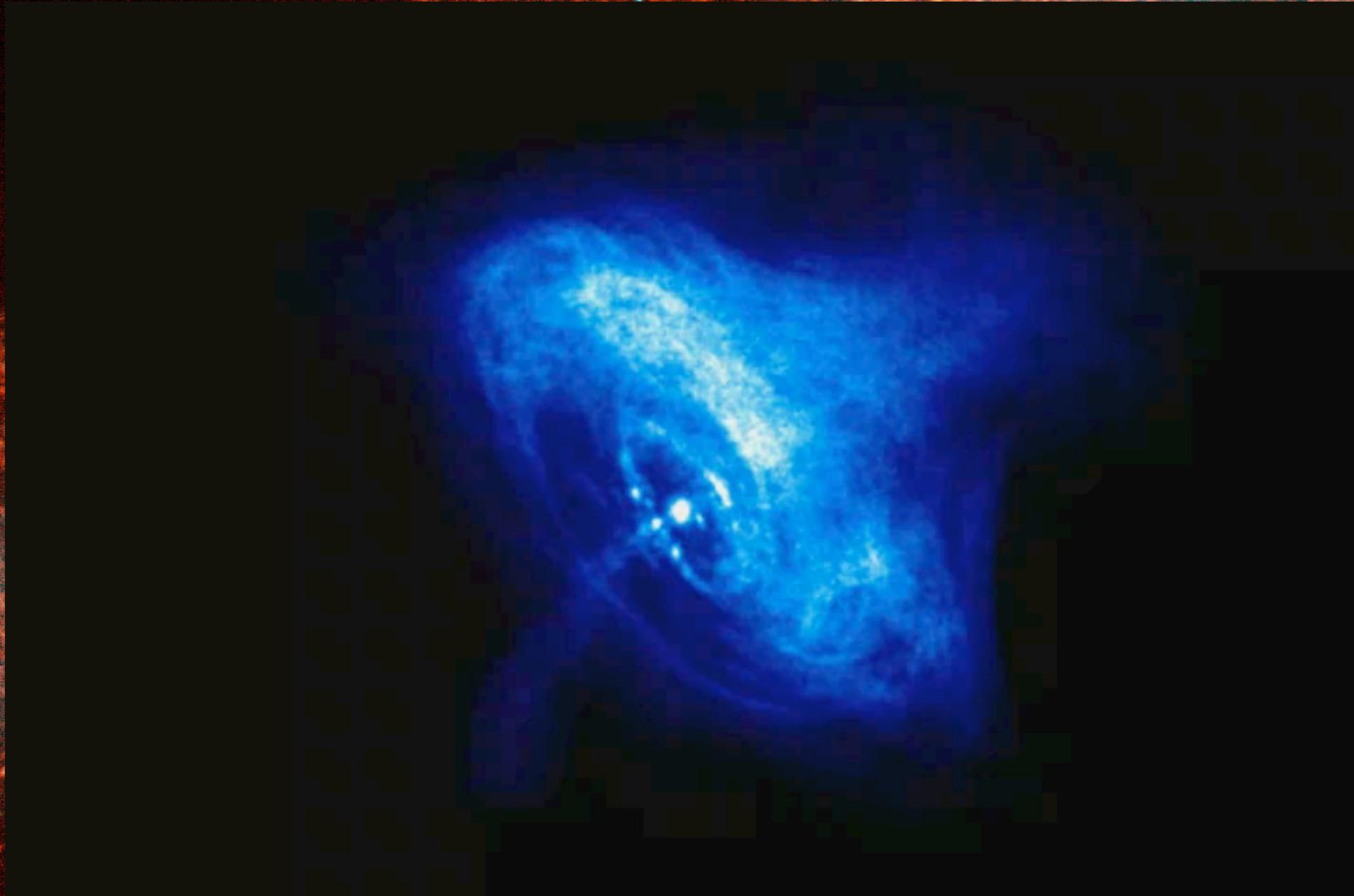


Neutron Star Remnants

A vibrant, multi-colored nebula with a bright cyan core and orange-red outer layers, set against a dark background with scattered stars.

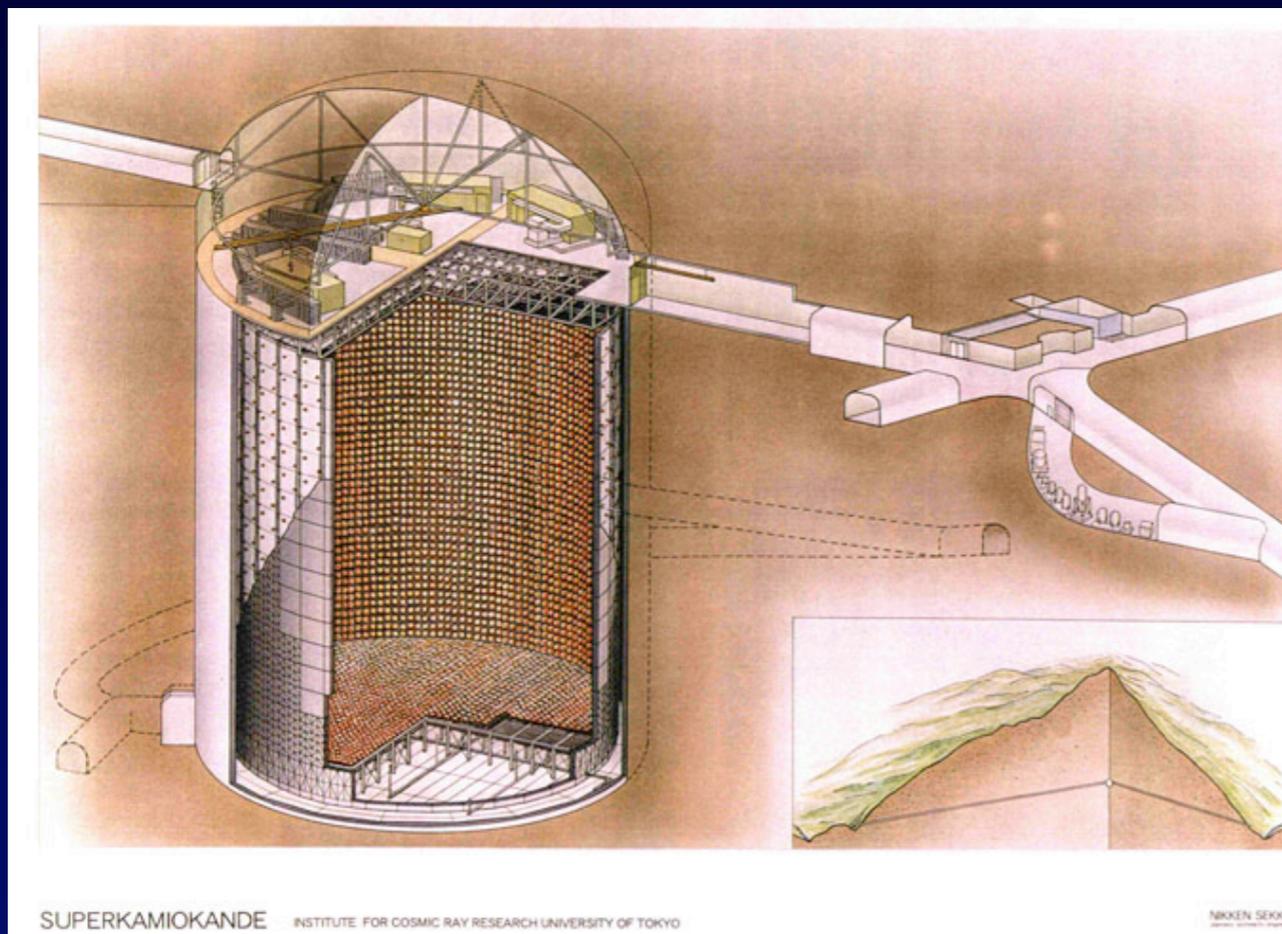
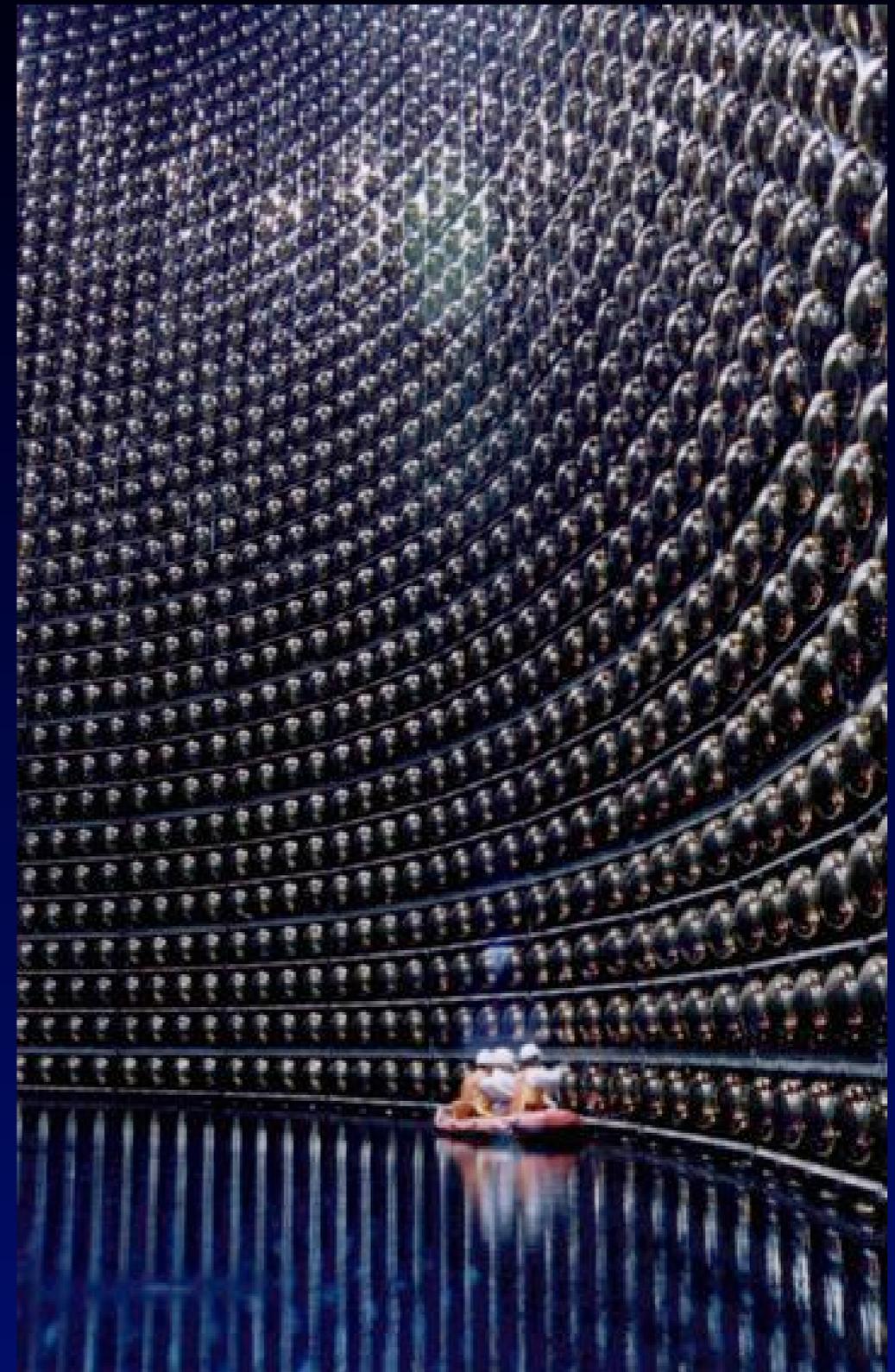
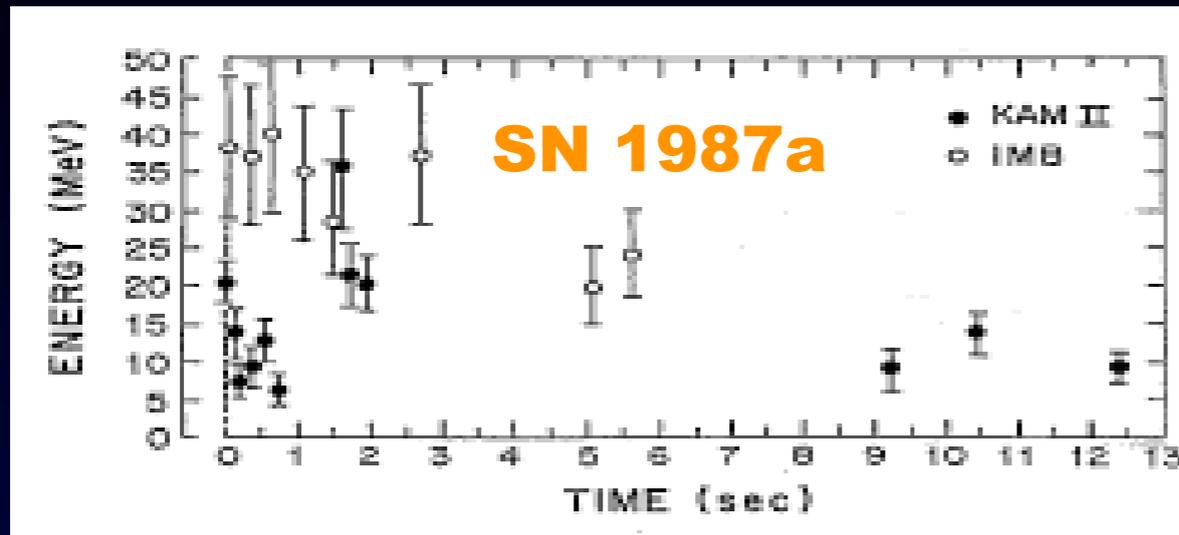
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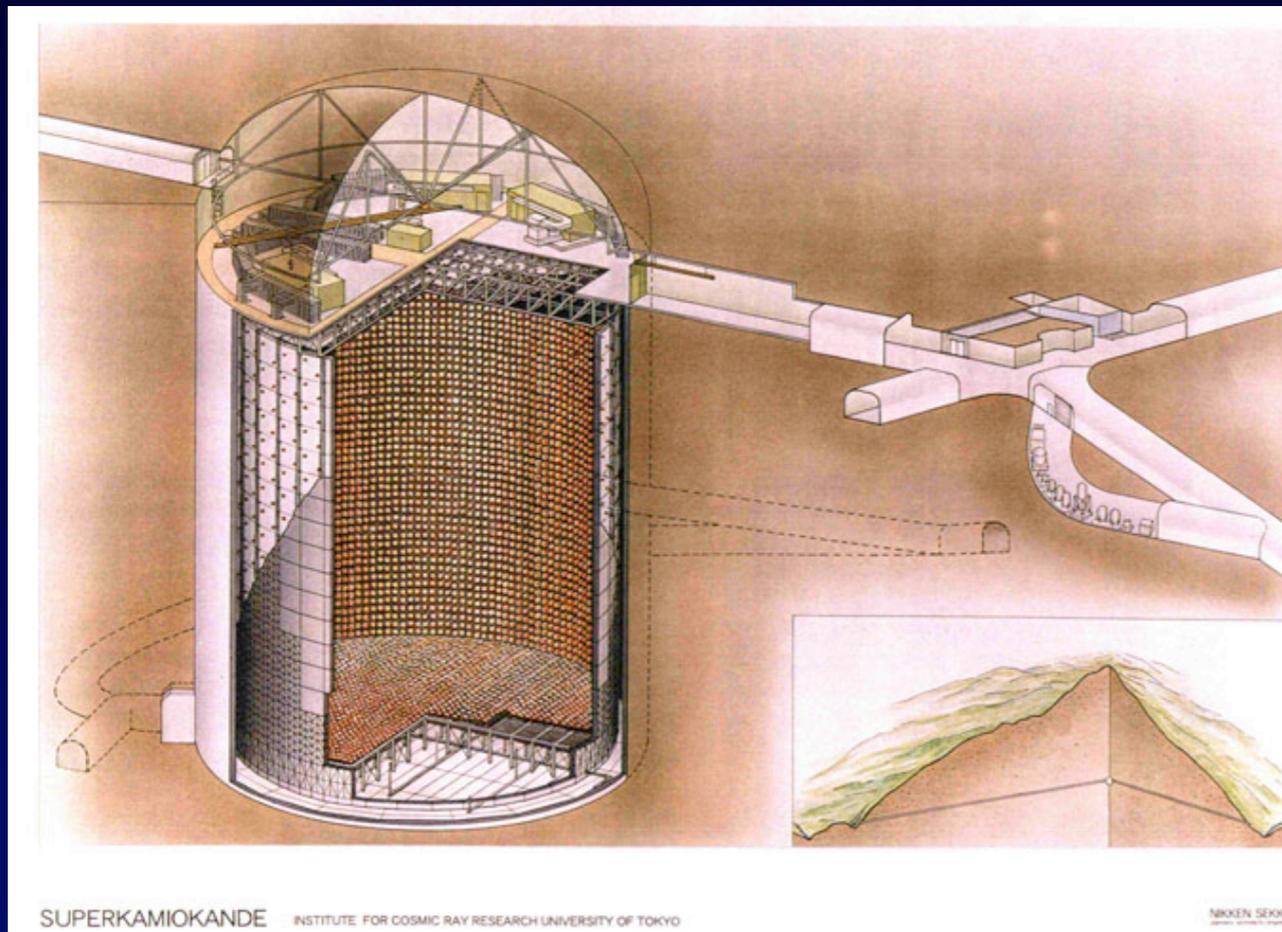
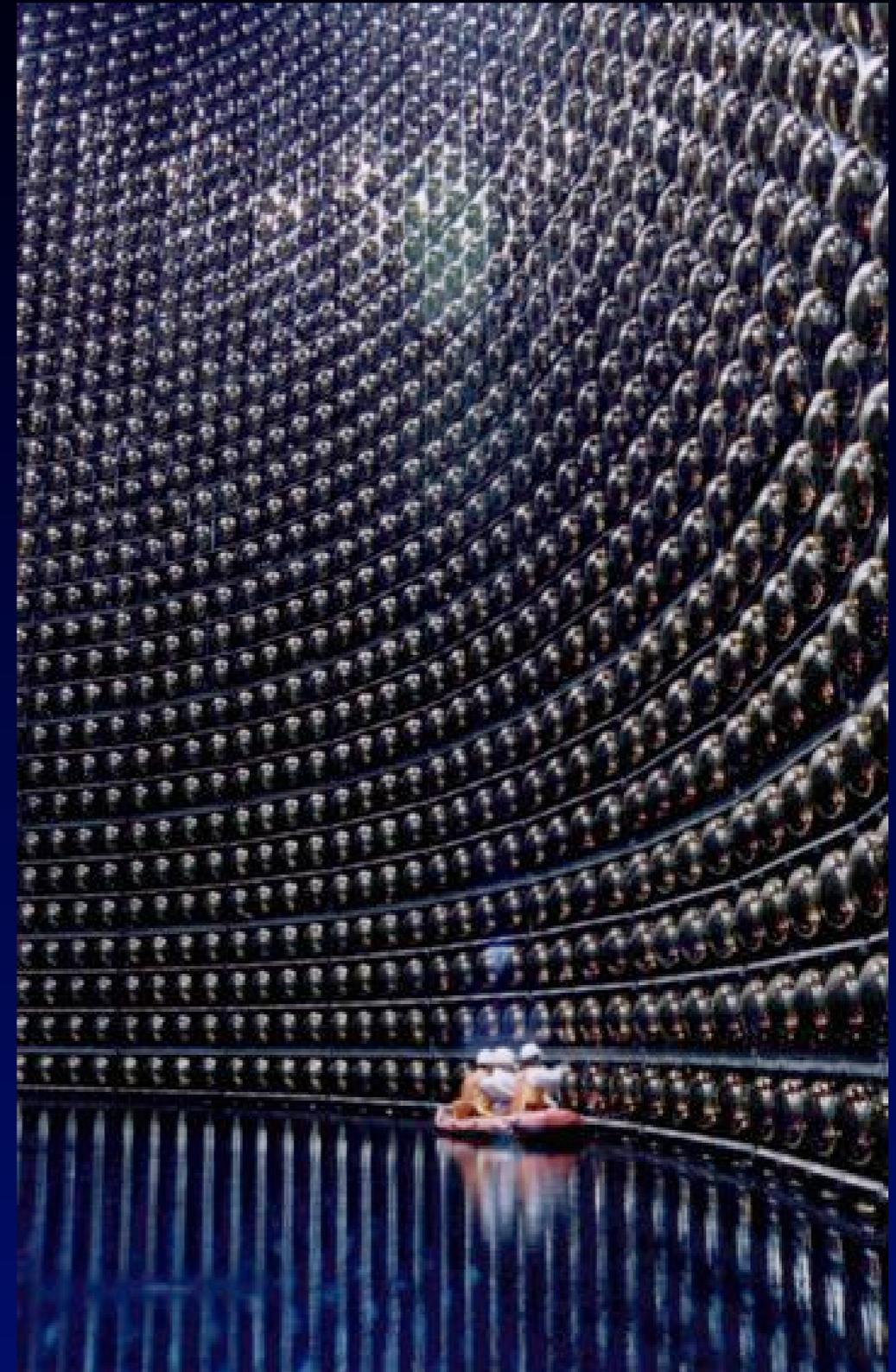
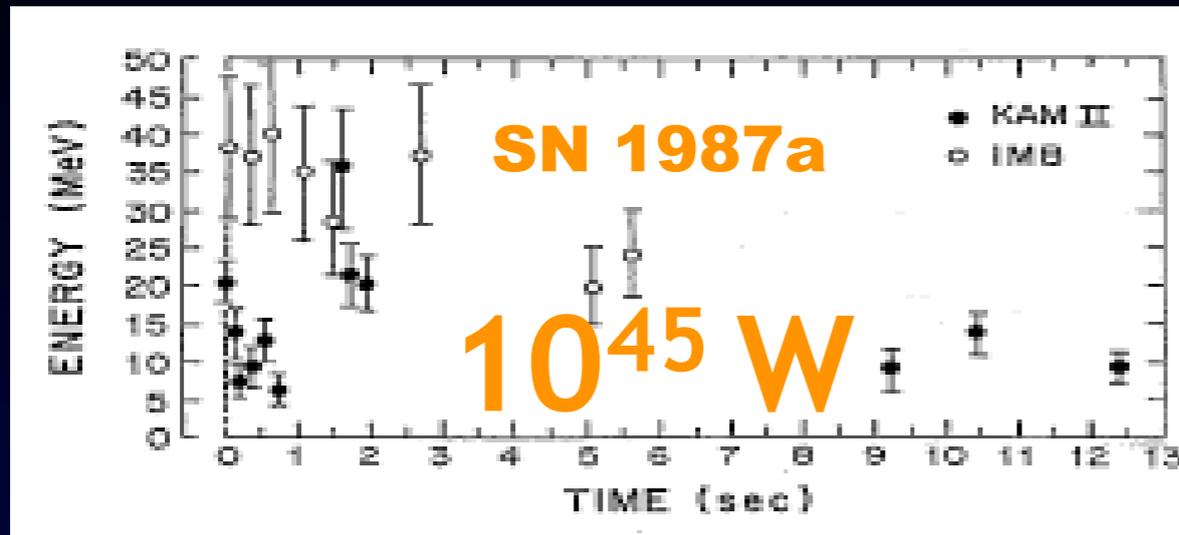
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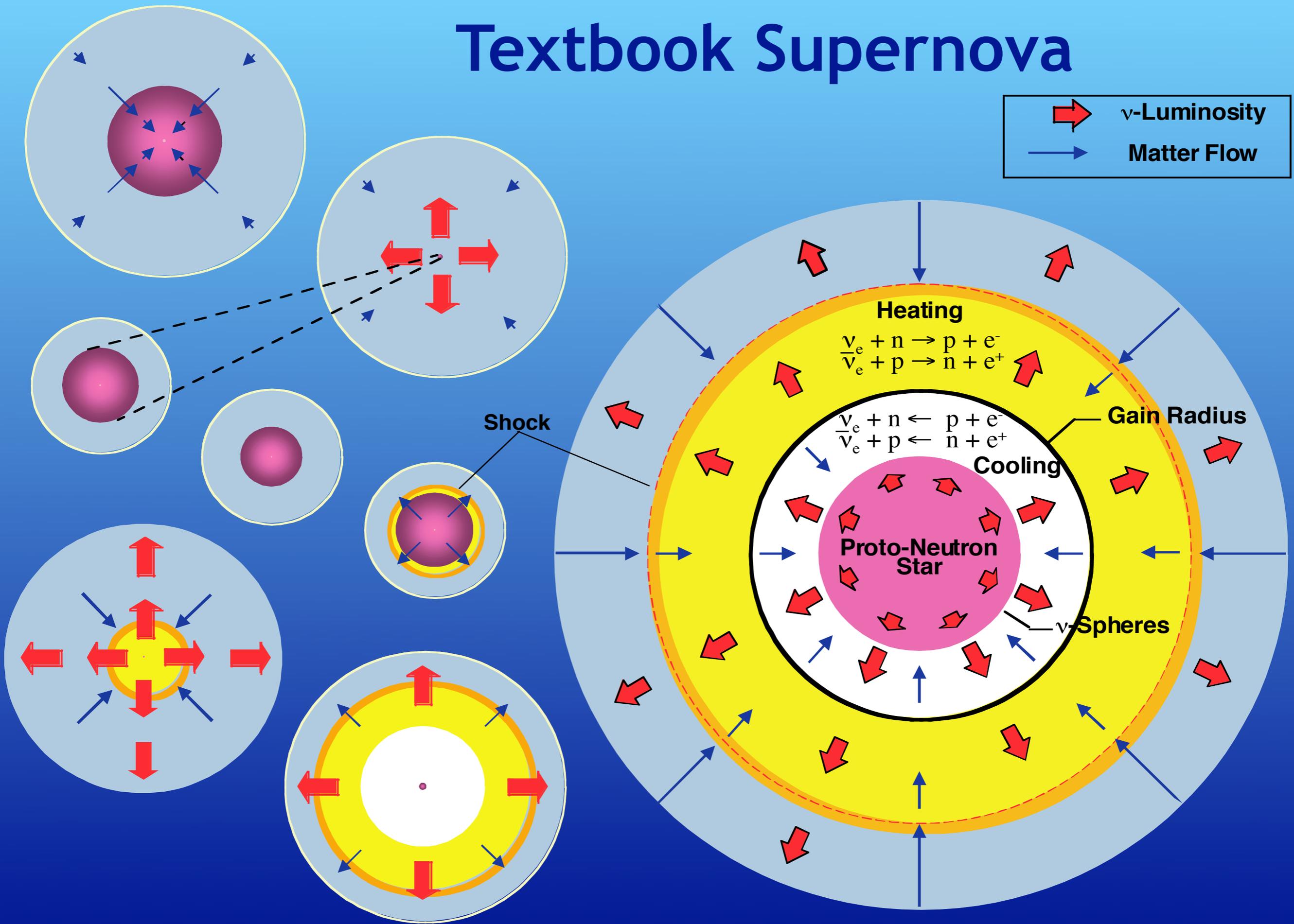
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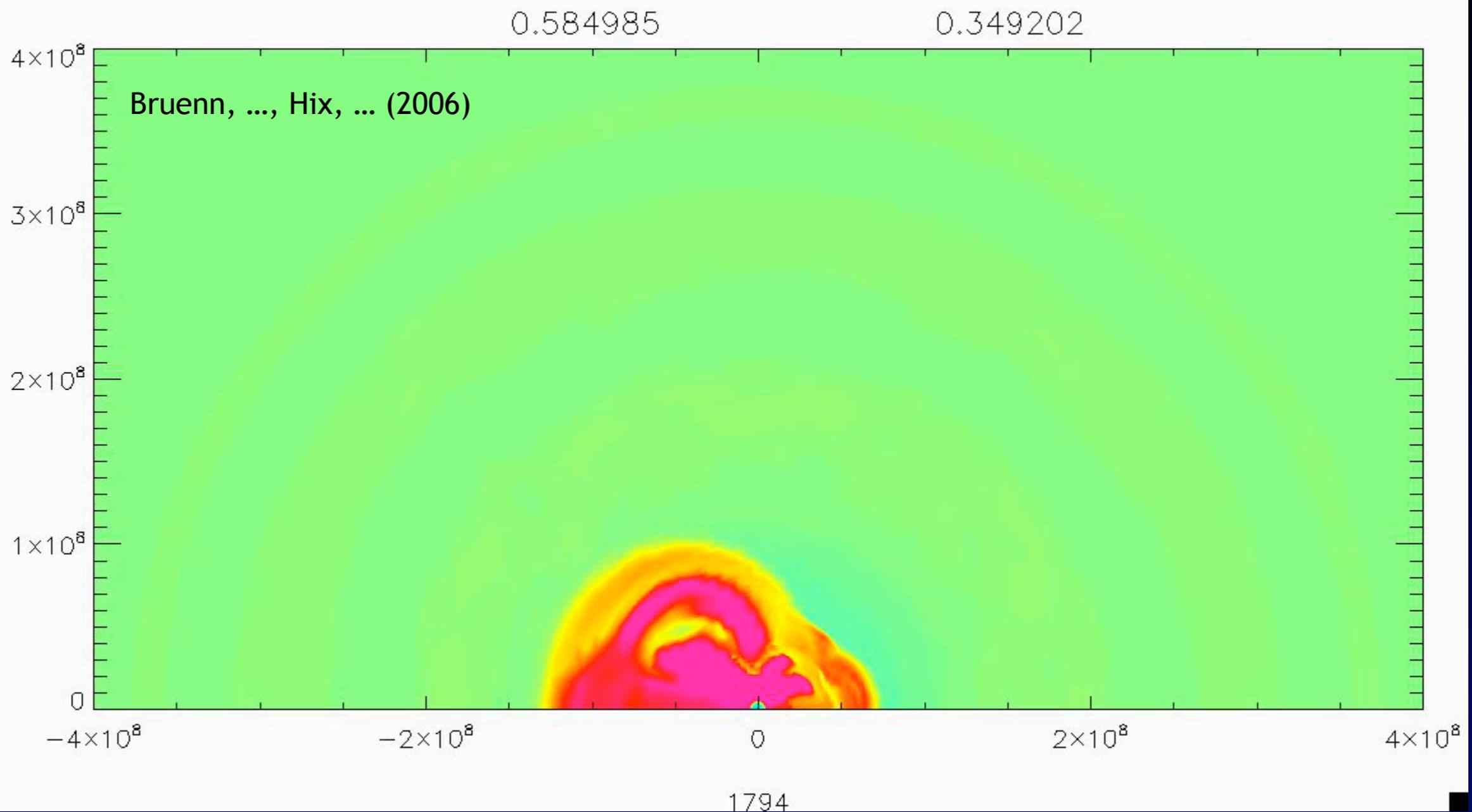
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Textbook Supernova



Supernovae Modeling is Ongoing



New idea! Explosions occur when Oxygen layer reaches shock, driven by interplay of neutrino heating, hydrodynamic instabilities and nuclear burning.

Supernova and γ -ray Bursts

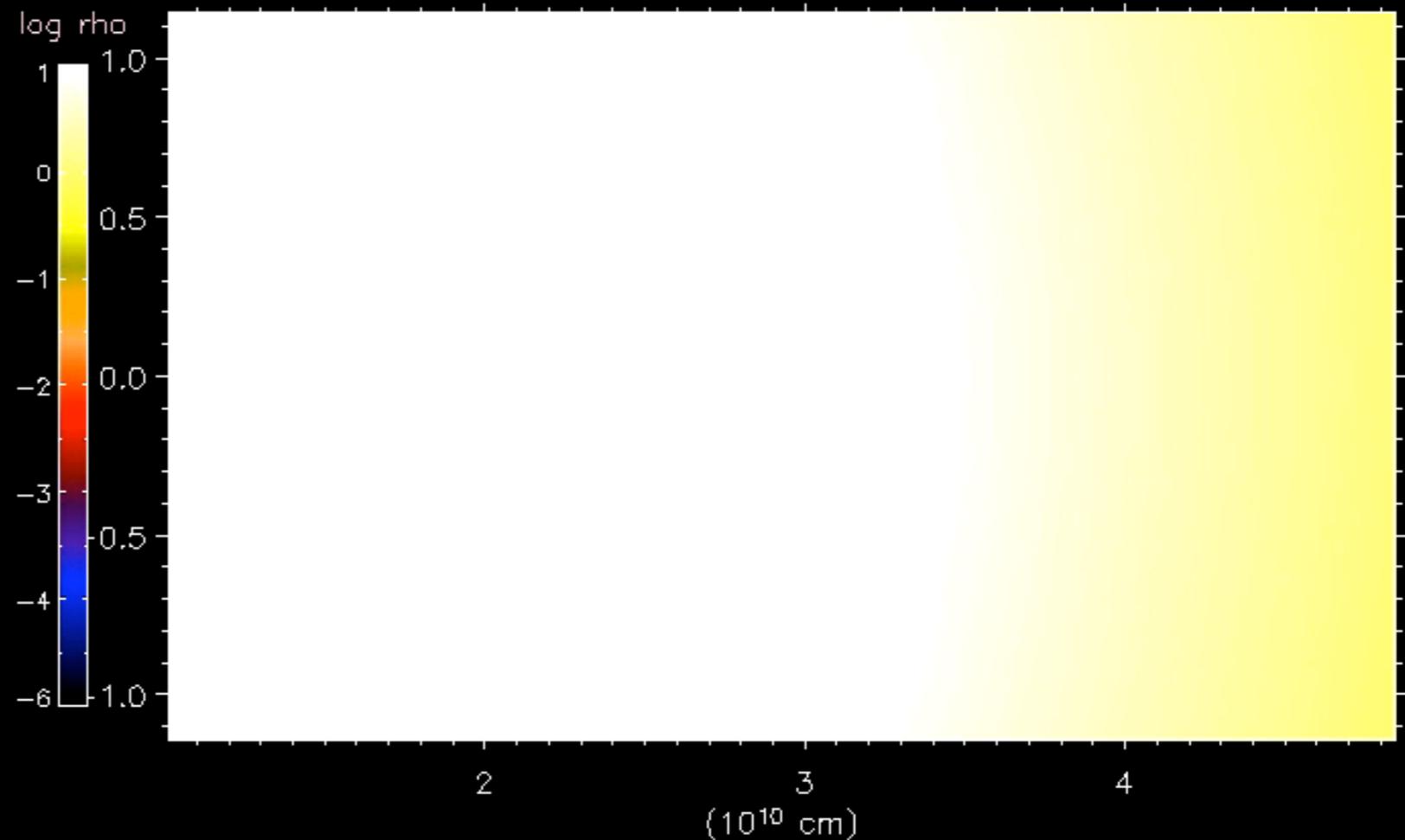
Recent observations have tied some peculiar, hyper-energetic Type Ic supernovae (called hypernovae by some) to GRBs.

3-D Special Relativistic Hydro Simulation of Collapsar Jet

Weiqun Zhang, S.E. Woosley & A. Heger

Model 3BS

$t = 0.00$ s



One proposed model is a collapsar, where an accretion disk forms around a newly formed black hole in a failed supernova ($M > 30$ solar masses), producing a jet which we see as the GRB.

Nuclear Physics in Supernovae

* Core Collapse Mechanism

Nuclei present during
collapse/above shock

Nuclear EOS

* Nucleosynthesis

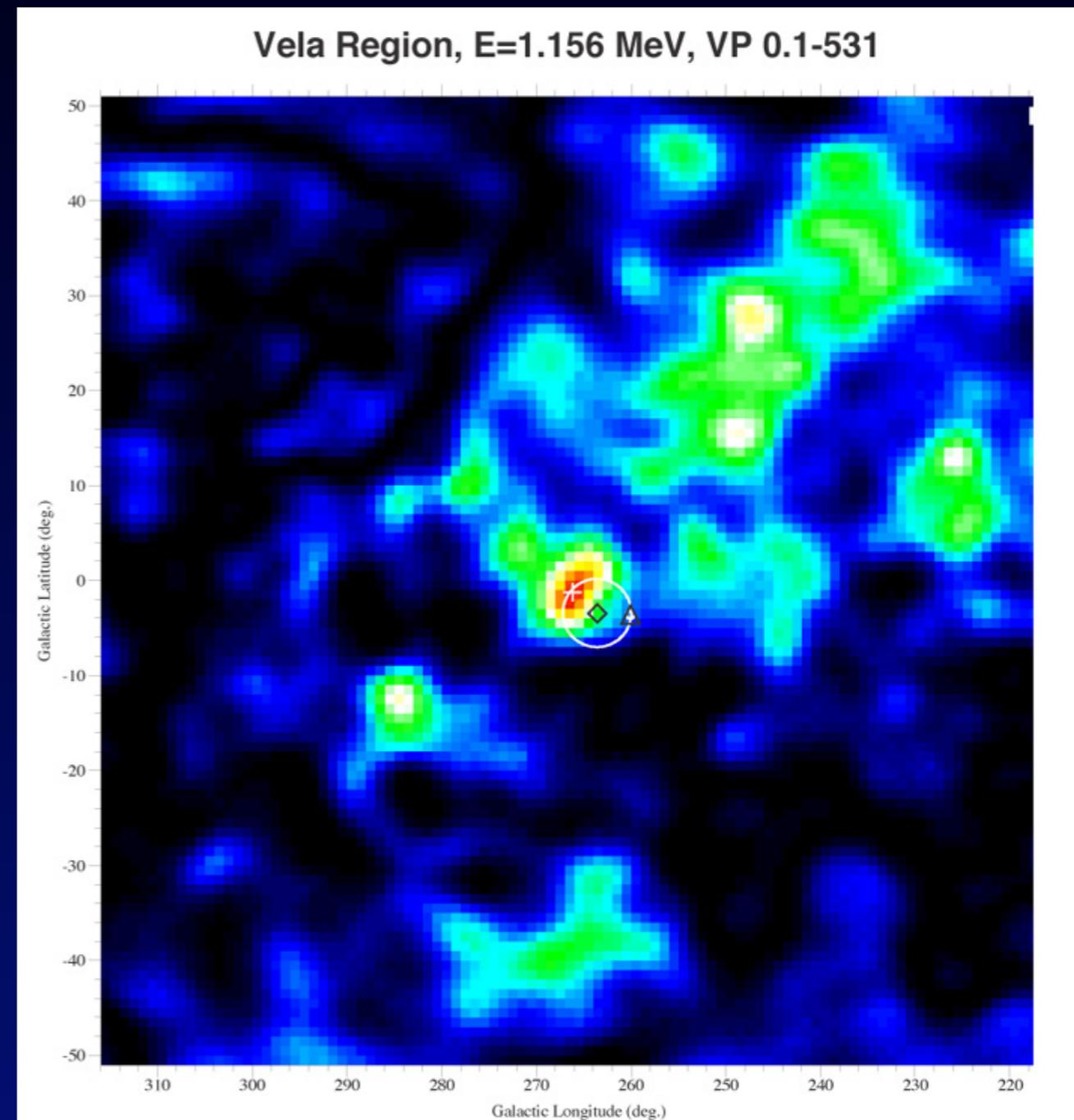
Iron-peak

^{56}Ni , ^{57}Ni , ^{44}Ti , etc.

p-process

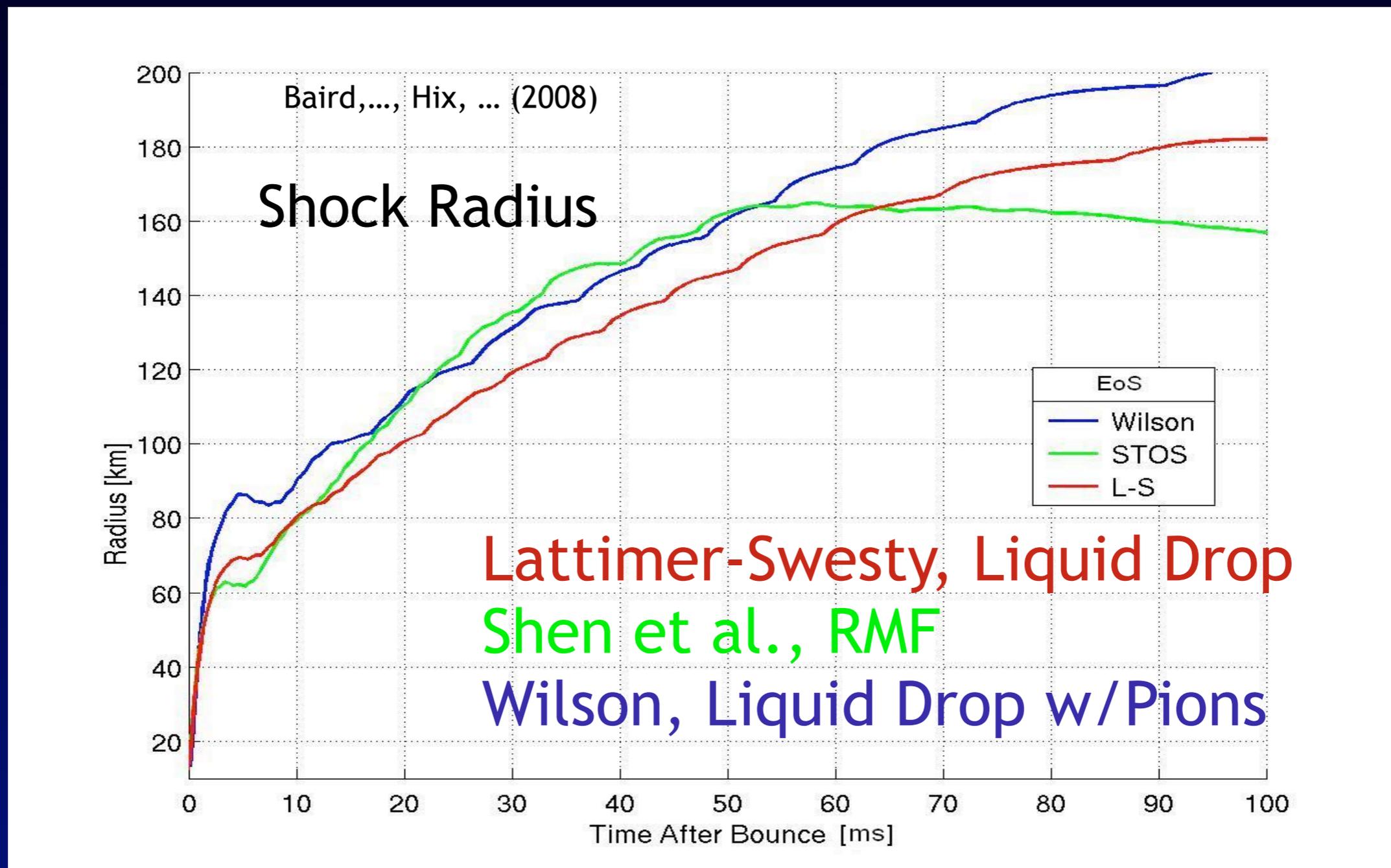
r-process

* Nuclear Matter



Supernovae and Nuclear Matter

Bounce shock results from stiffening of the Equation of State in Nuclear Matter. Different approaches affect SN models.



Electron Captures on Nuclei

Entropy of iron core is low ($S/k \sim 1$) so few free nucleons are present. Thus e^- and ν capture on heavy nuclei via $1f_{7/2} \leftrightarrow 1f_{5/2}$ GT transition dominates.

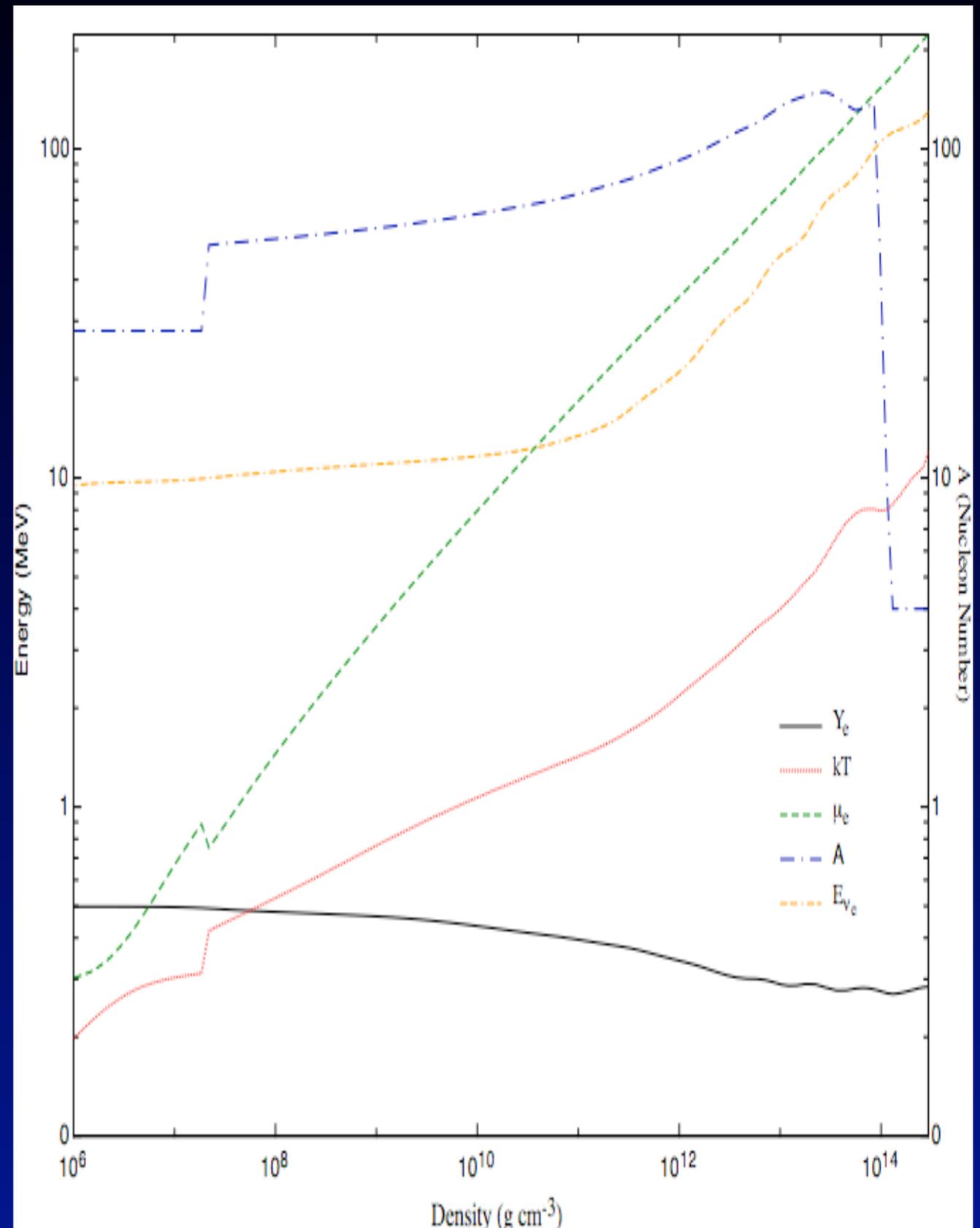
(Bethe, Brown, Applegate & Lattimer 1979)

During collapse, average mass of nuclei increases, quenching e^- capture (at $N=40$).

Thermal unblocking and first forbidden were considered but rates too small.

(Fuller 1982, Cooperstein & Wambach 1984)

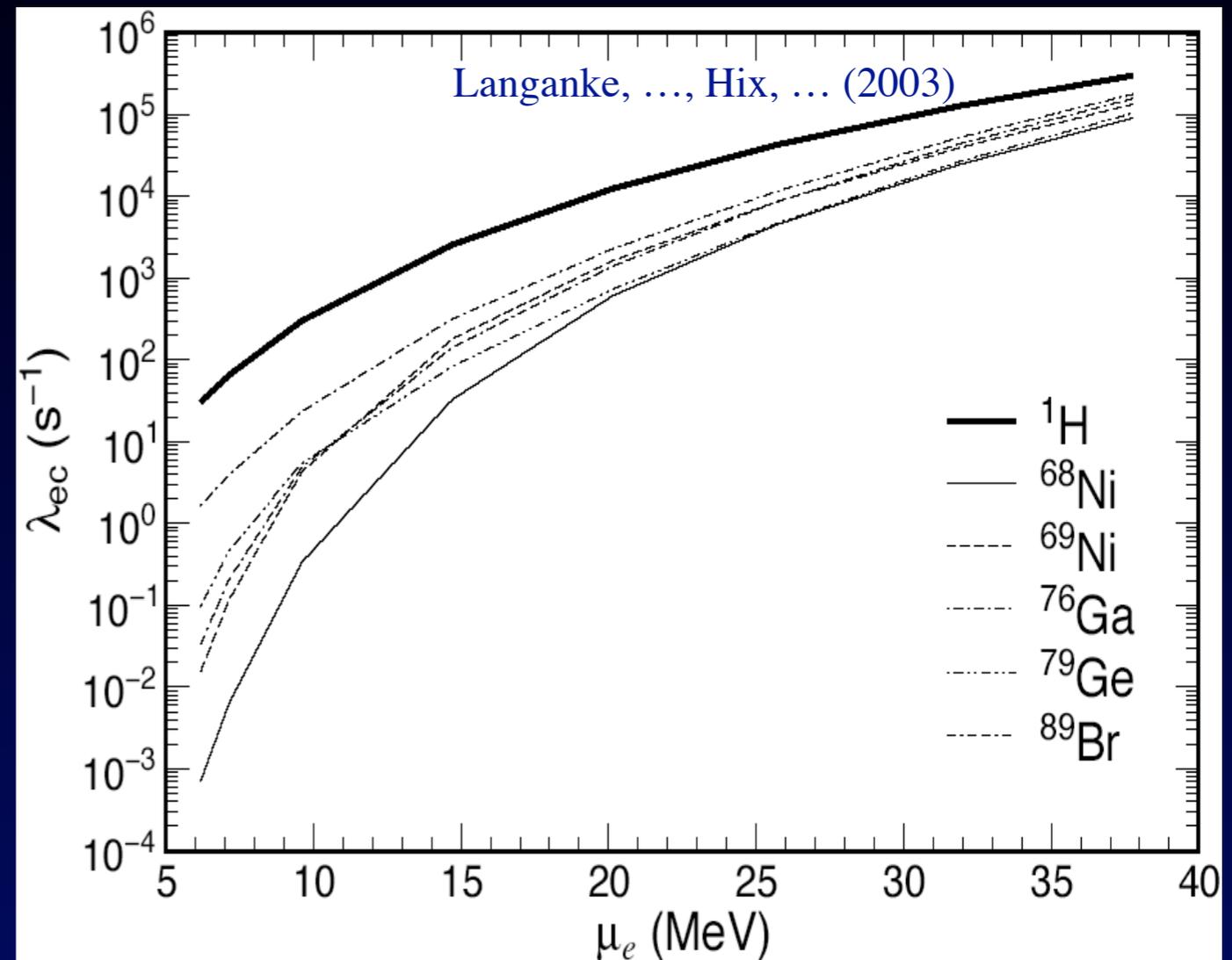
Implemented using average nucleus. Bruenn (1985)



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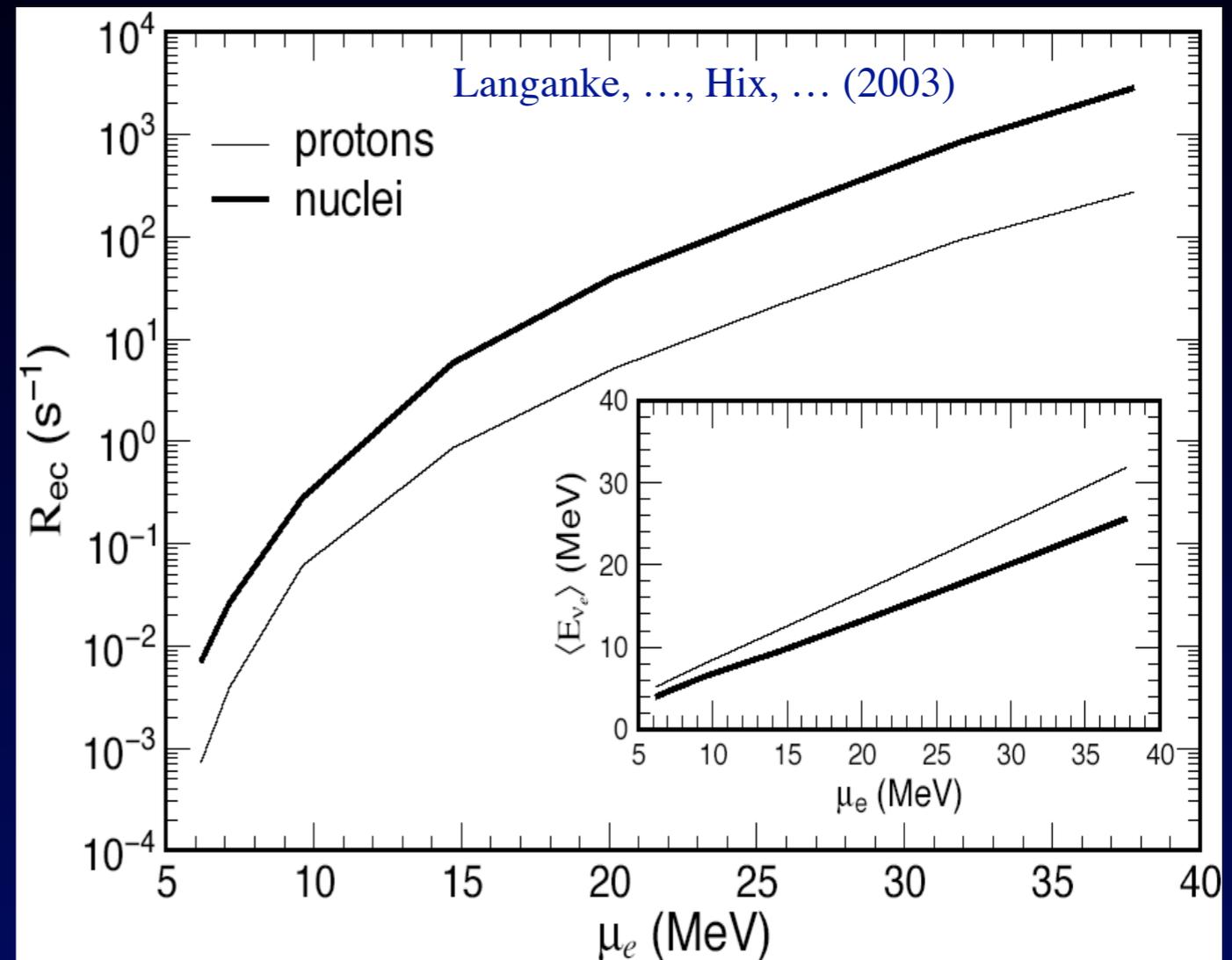
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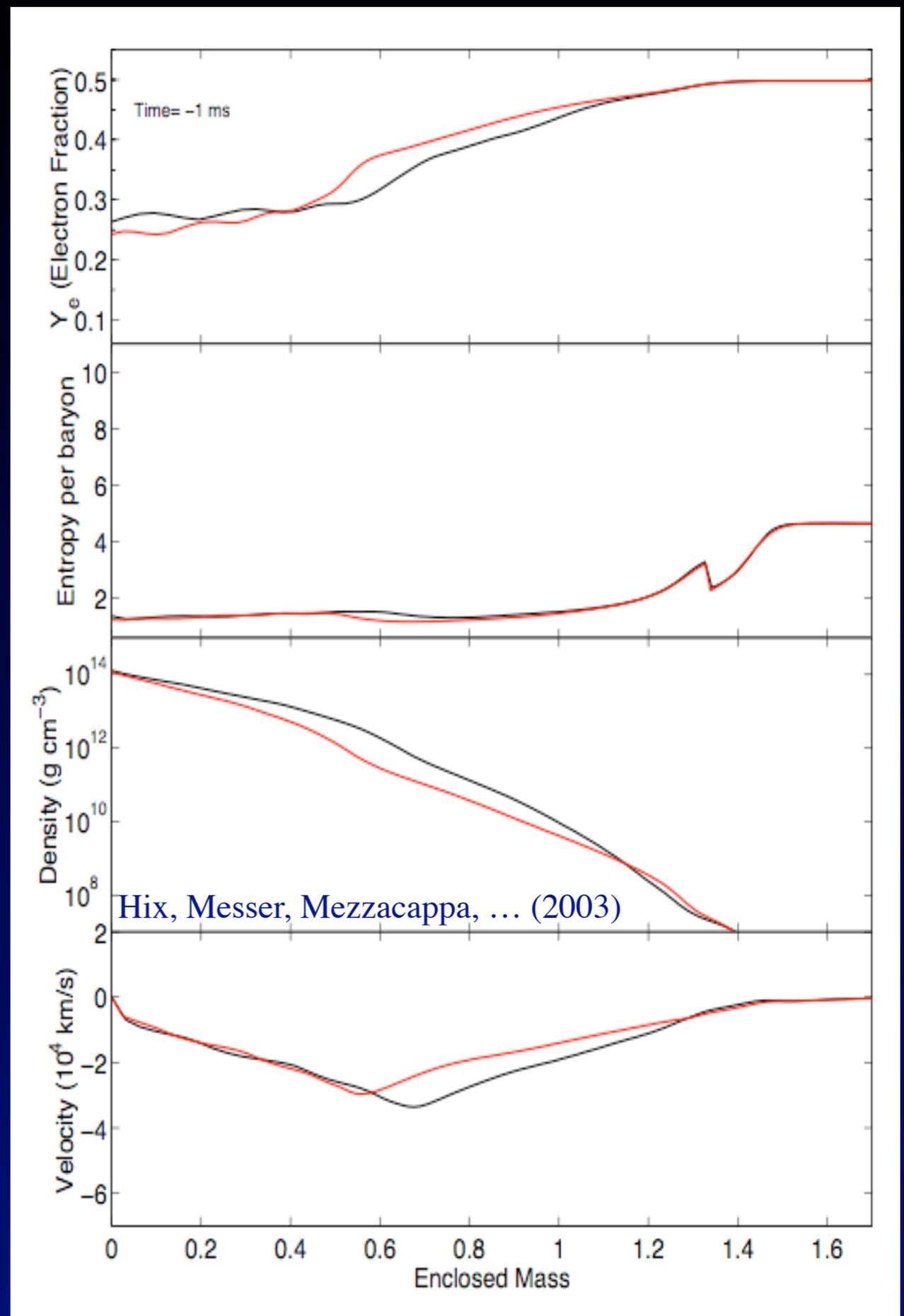
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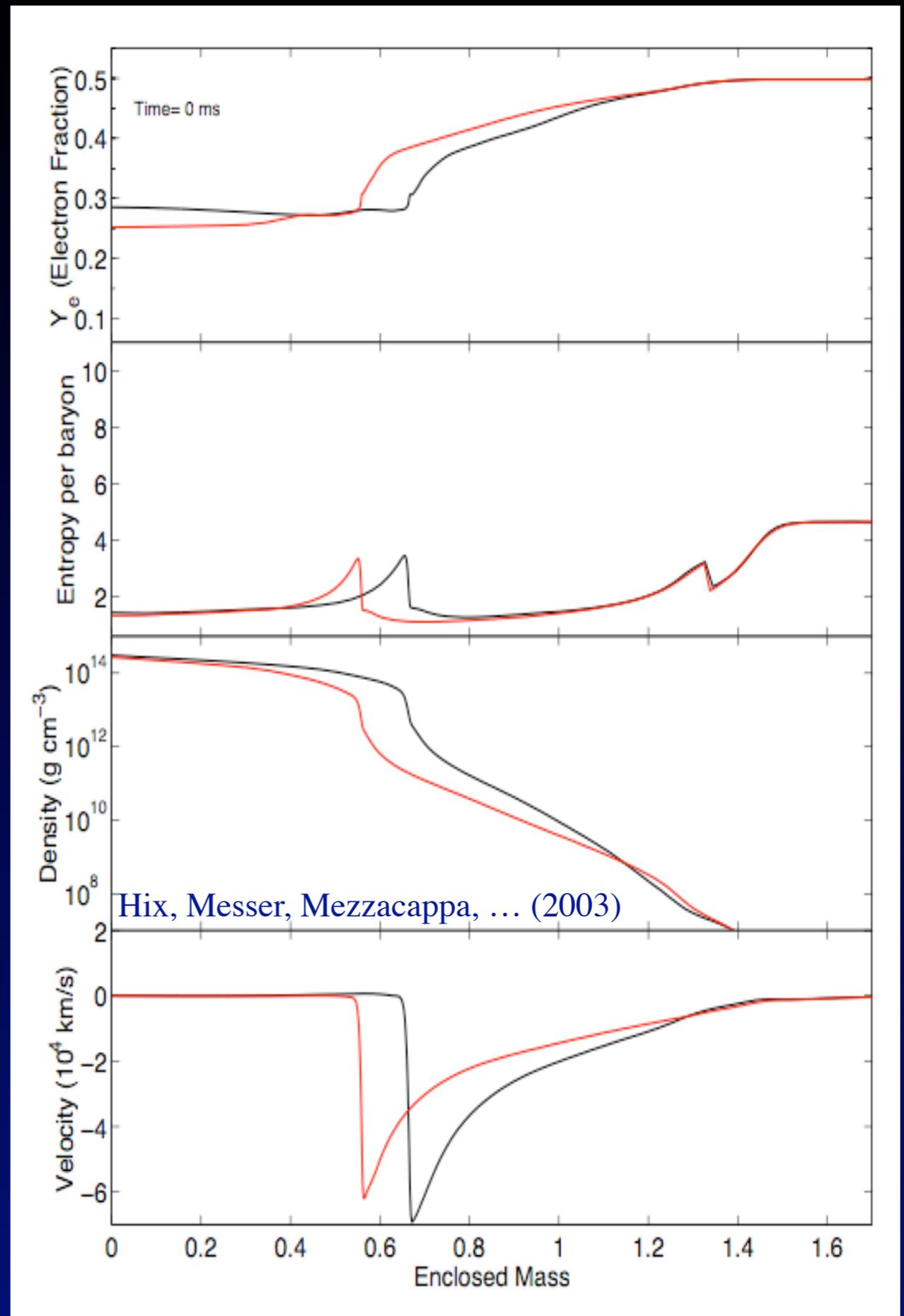


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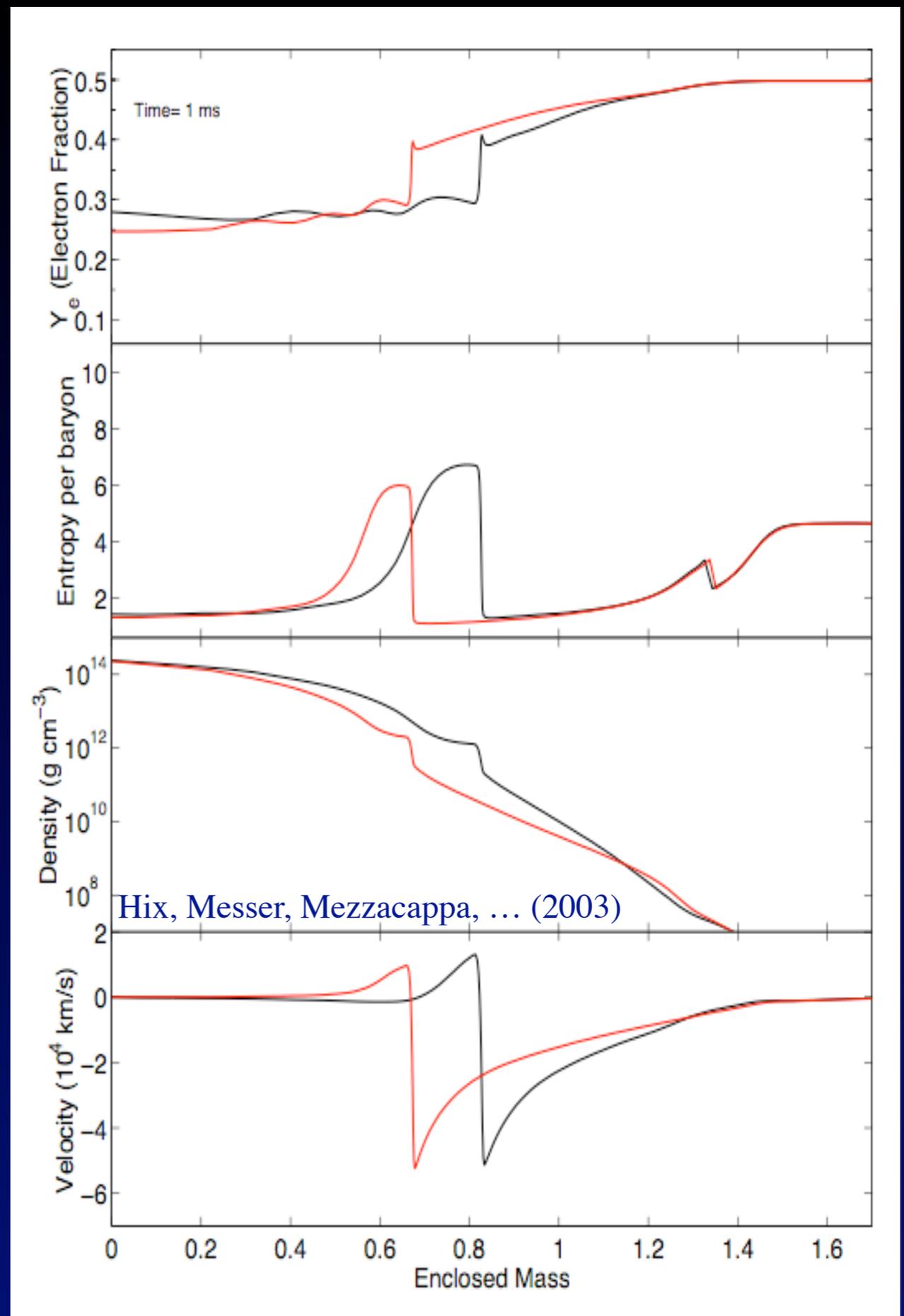
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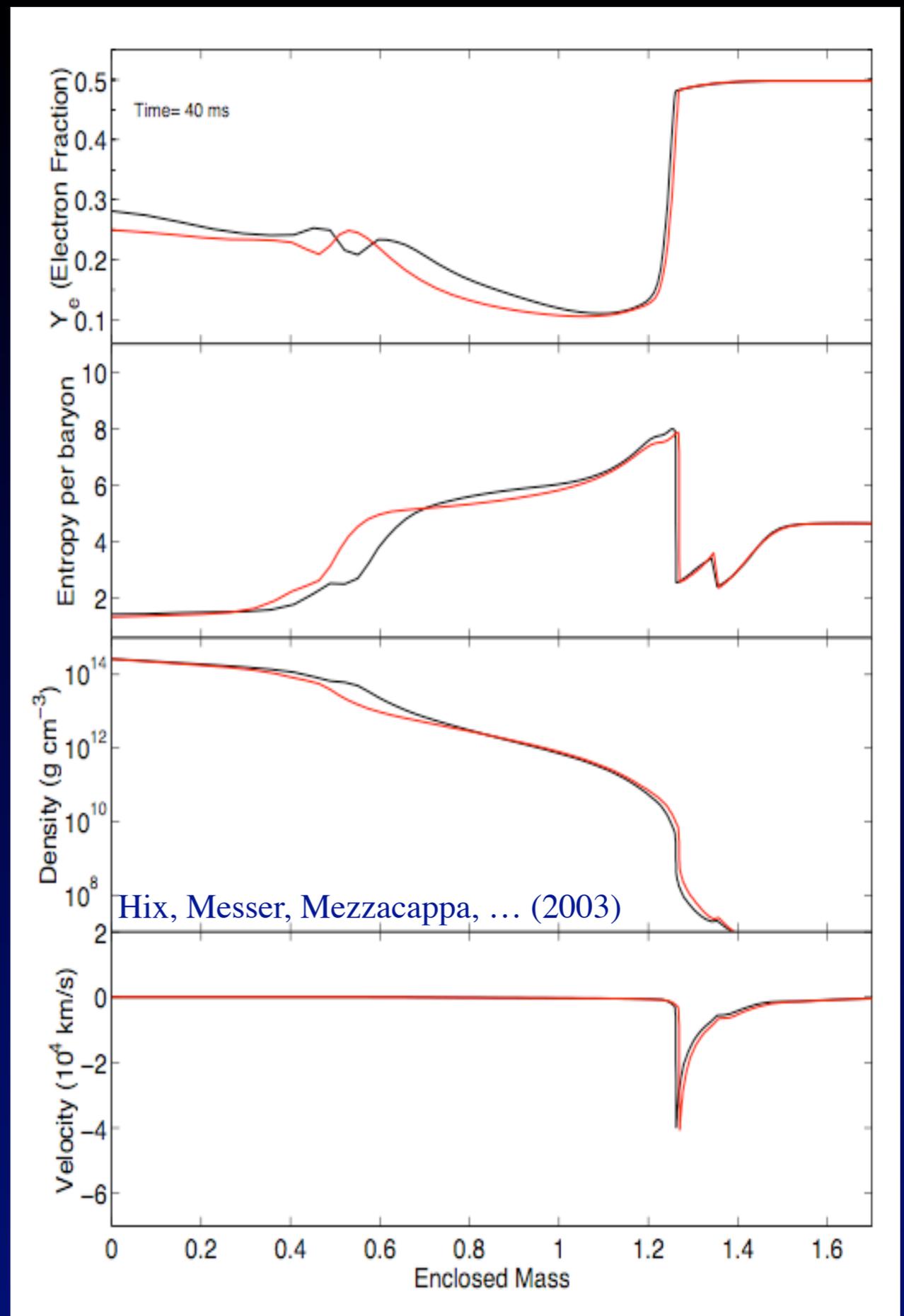
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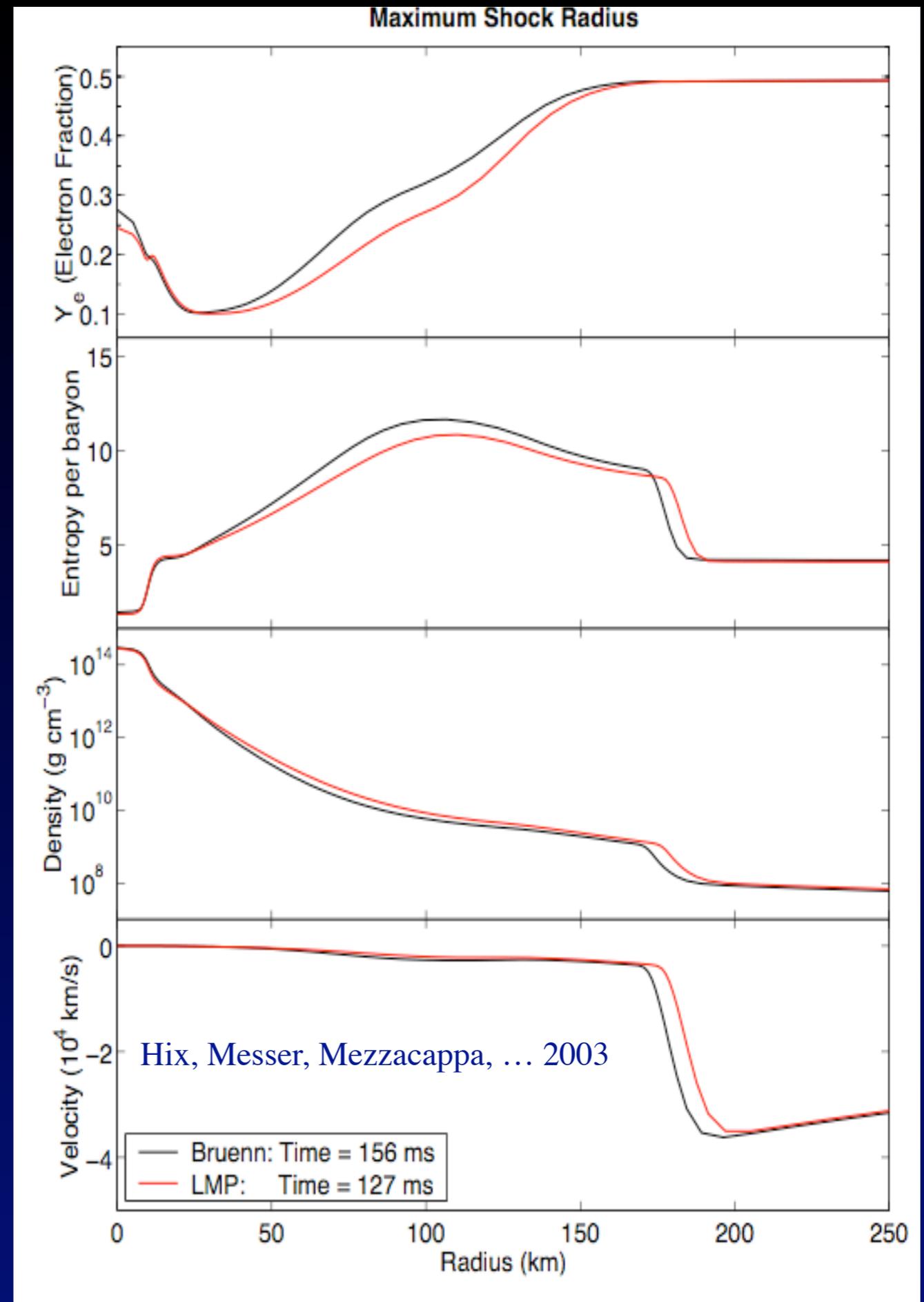


Effects on Shock propagation

Gradients which drive convection are altered.

“Weaker” shock is faster.

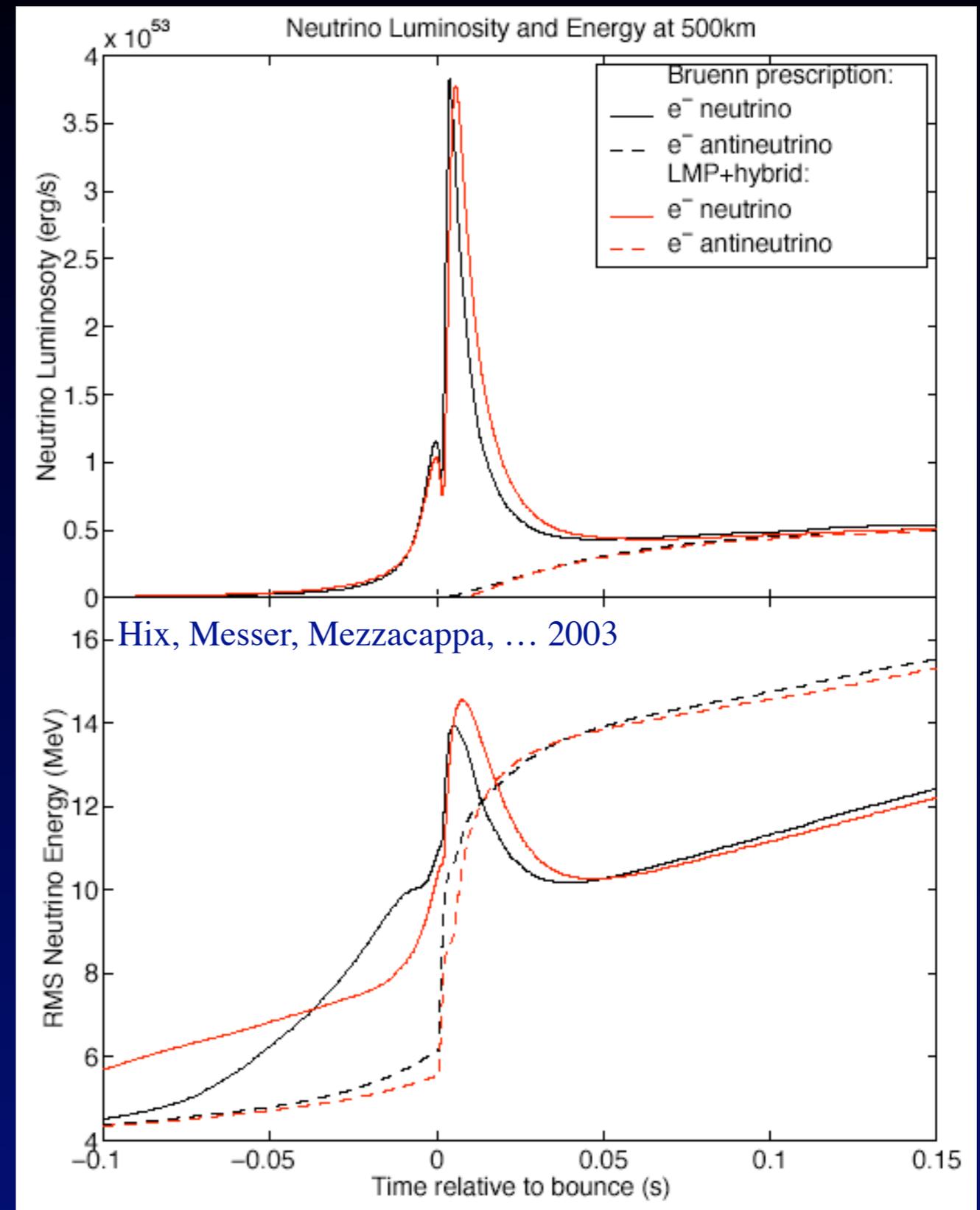
Maximum excursion of the shock is 10 km further and 30 ms earlier.



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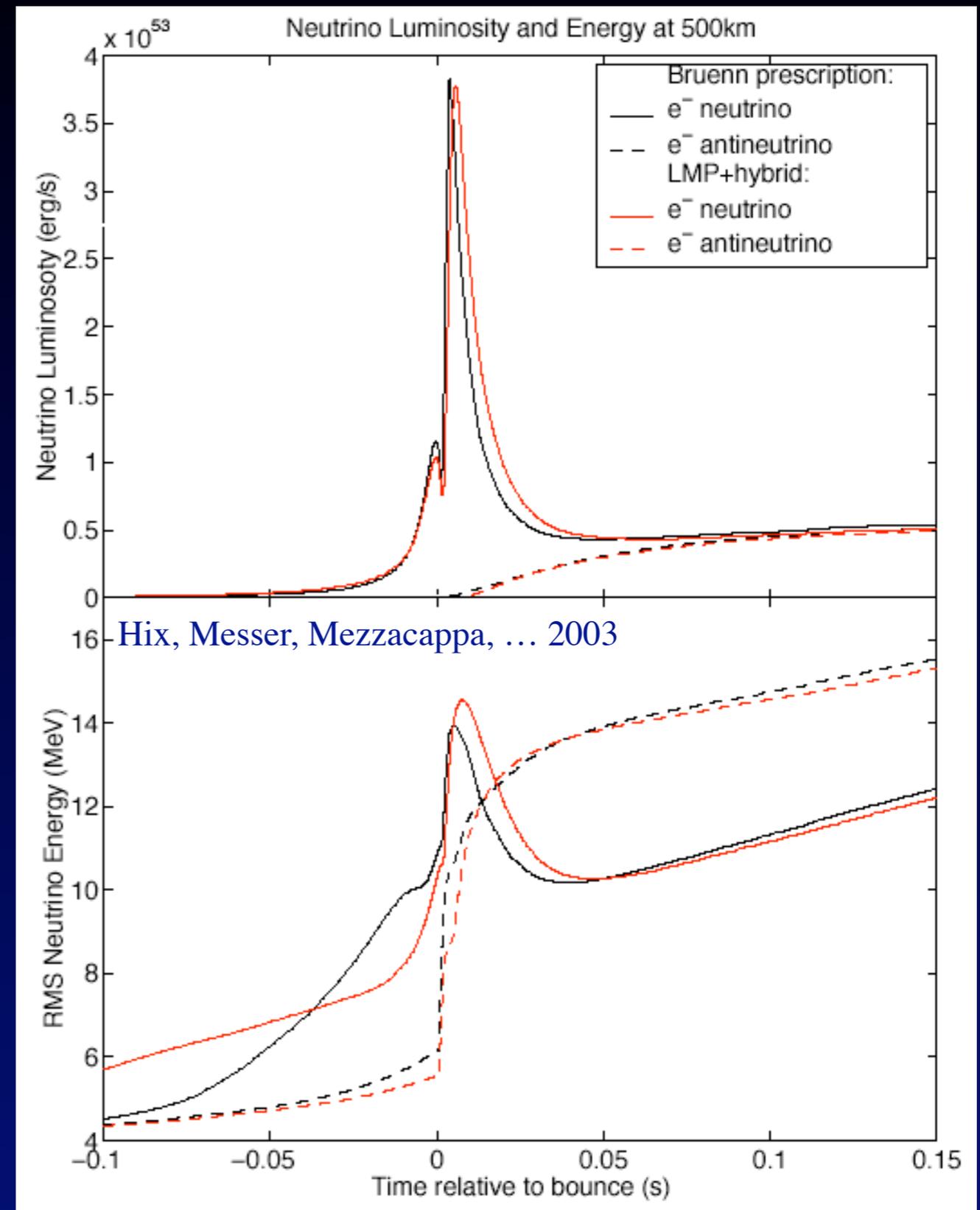
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Mean ν Energy altered:

1-2 MeV during collapse

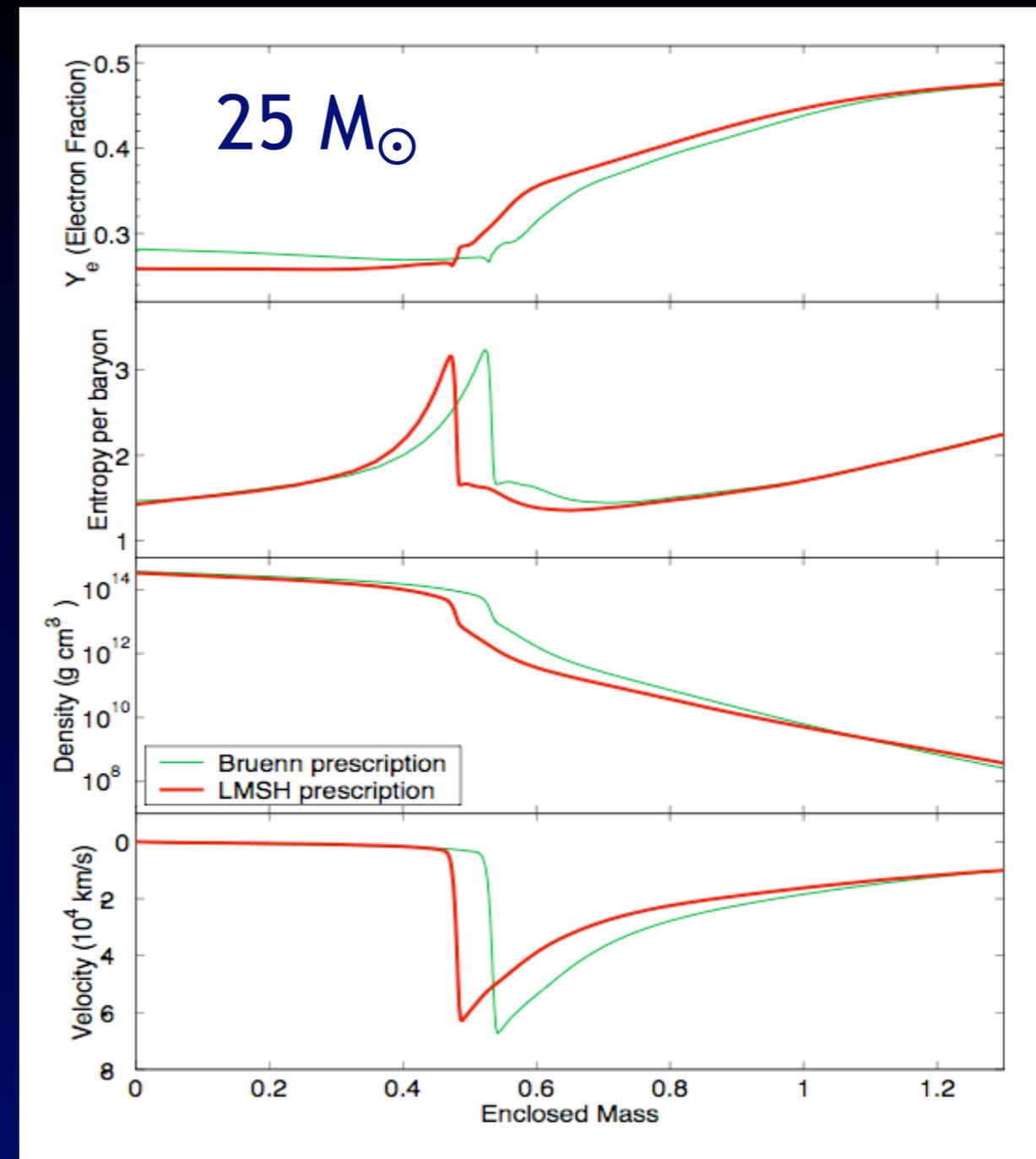
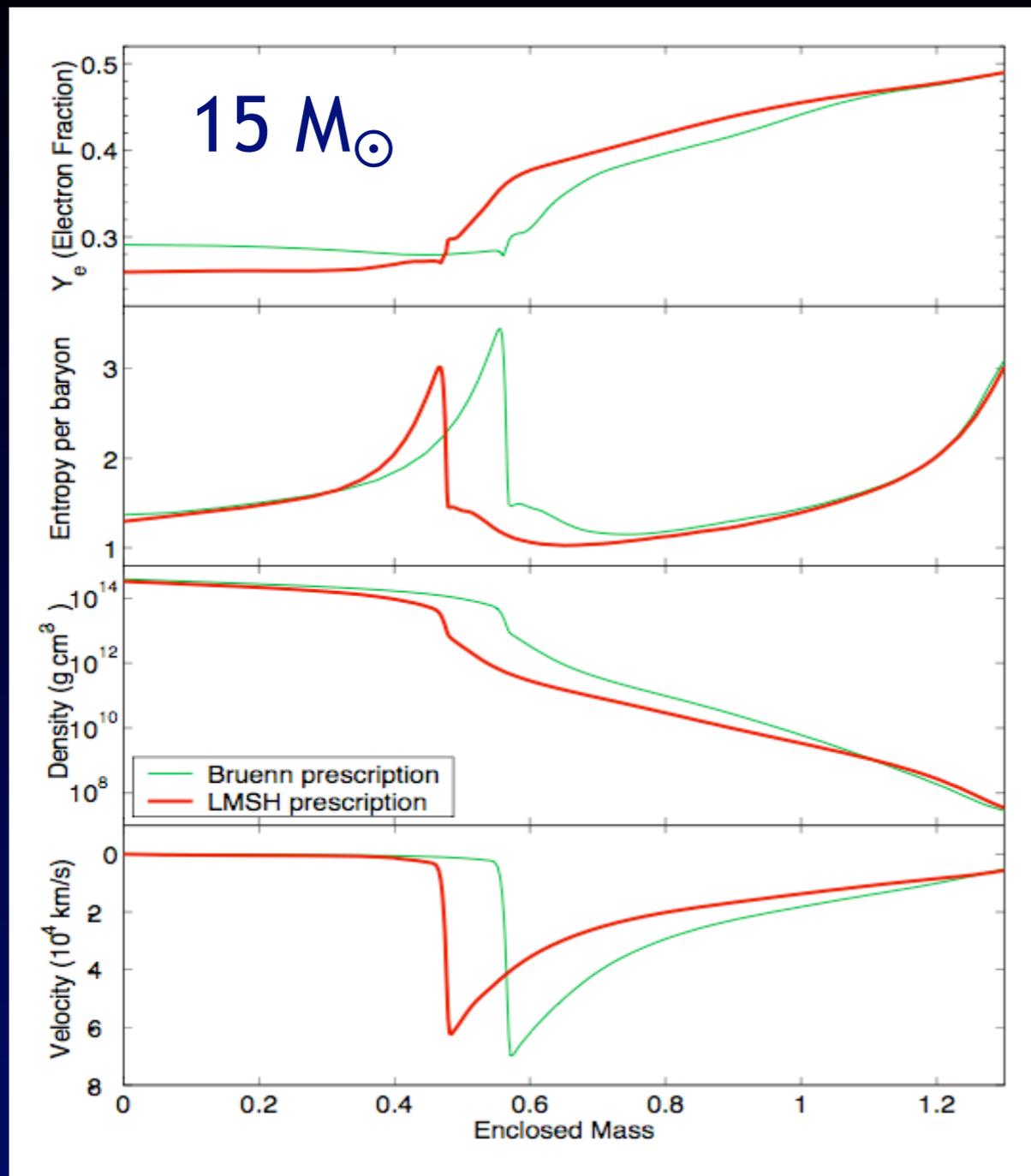
~1 MeV up to 50ms after bounce

~.3 MeV at late time



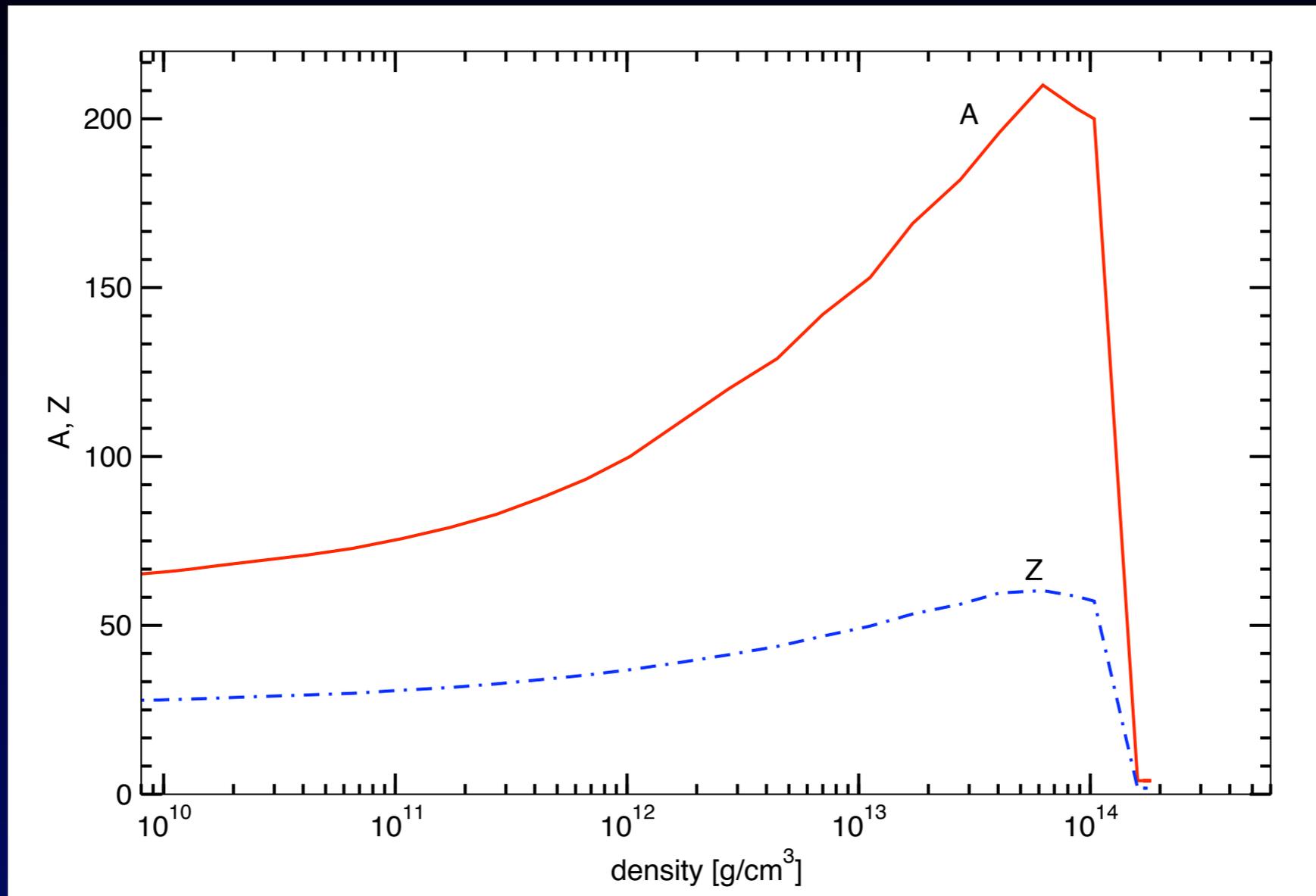
Hix, Messer, Mezzacappa, ... 2003

The impact of stellar mass

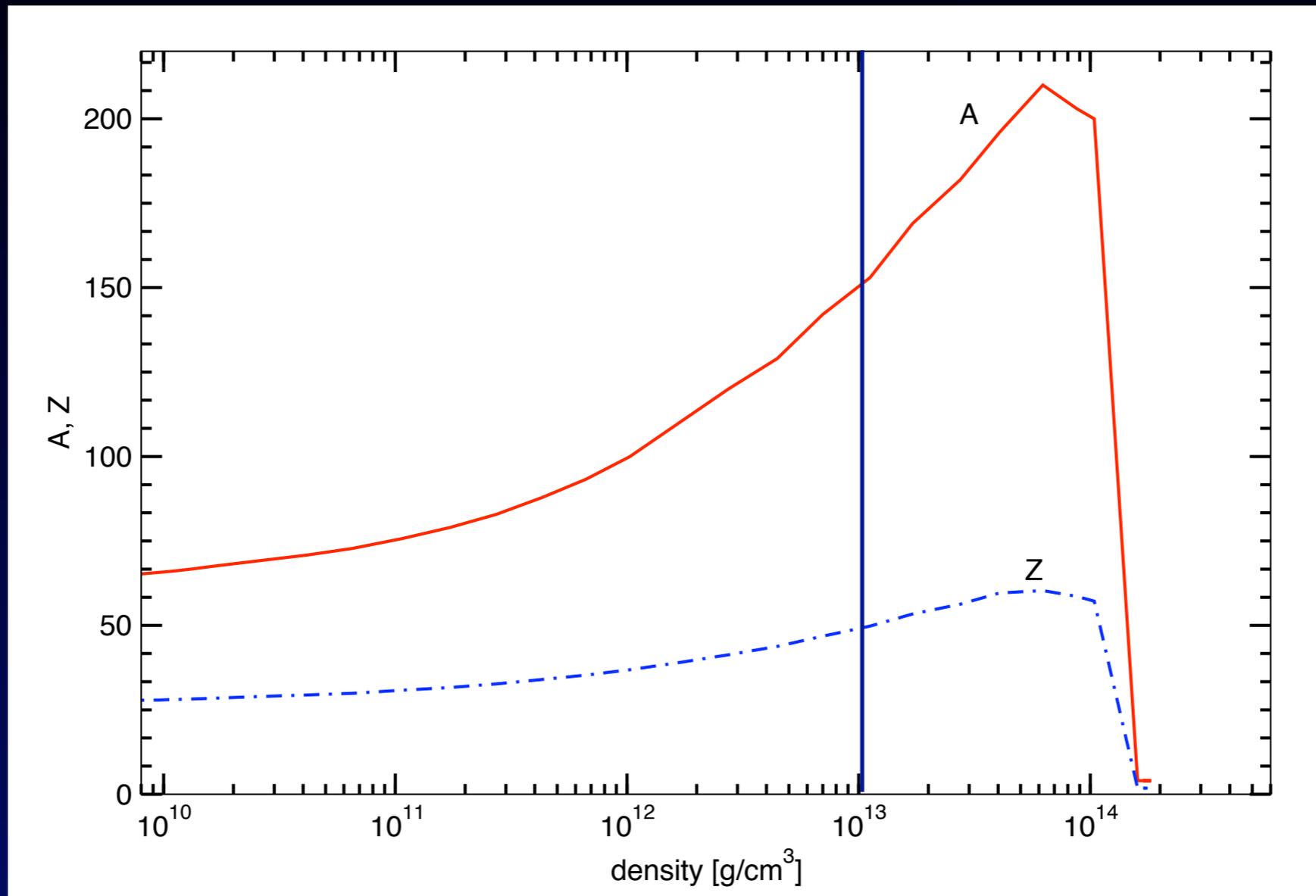


Higher mass cores have higher initial entropy.
Effects of nuclear electron capture are reduced
but comparable (1/2 to 2/3).

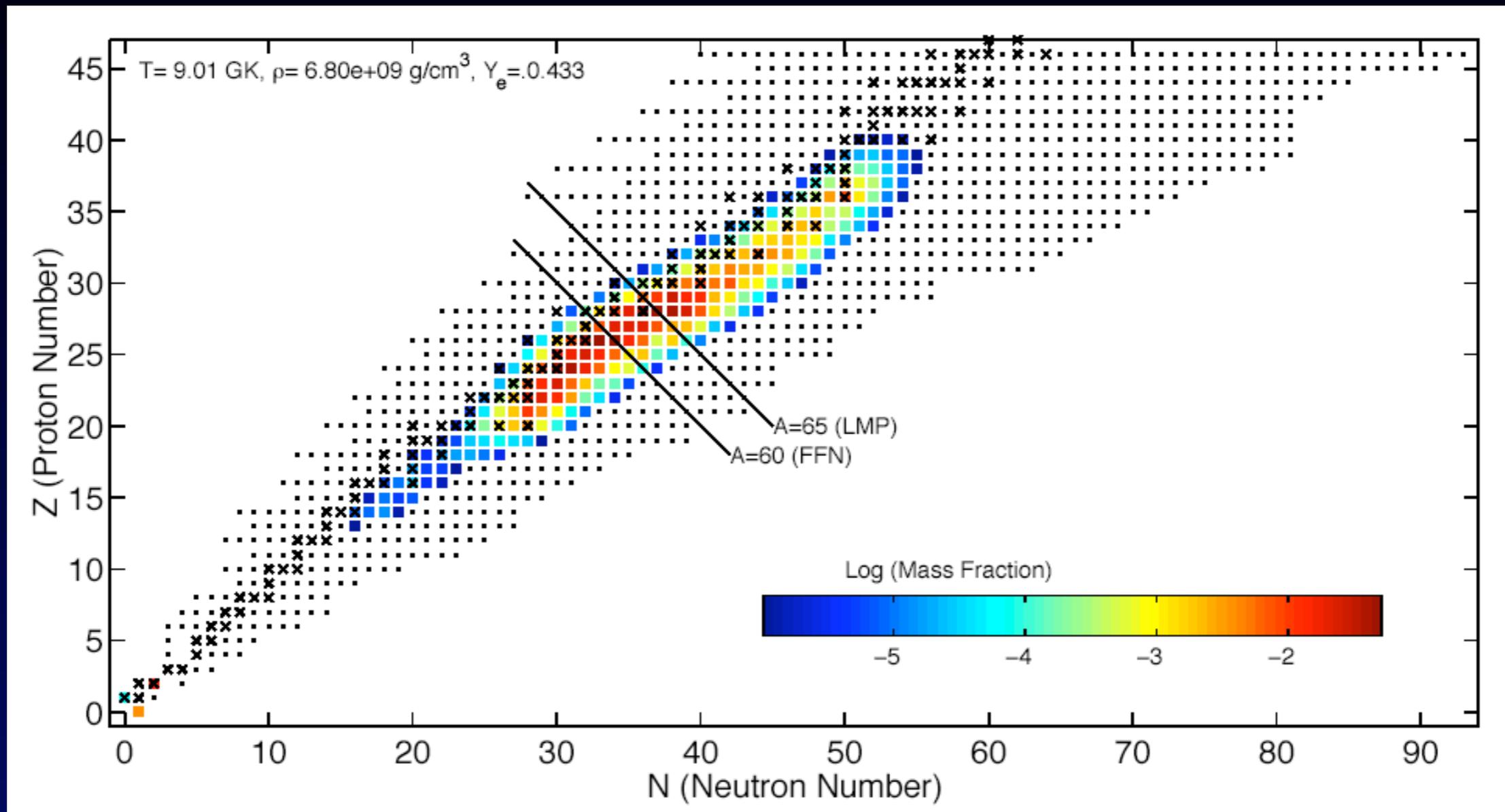
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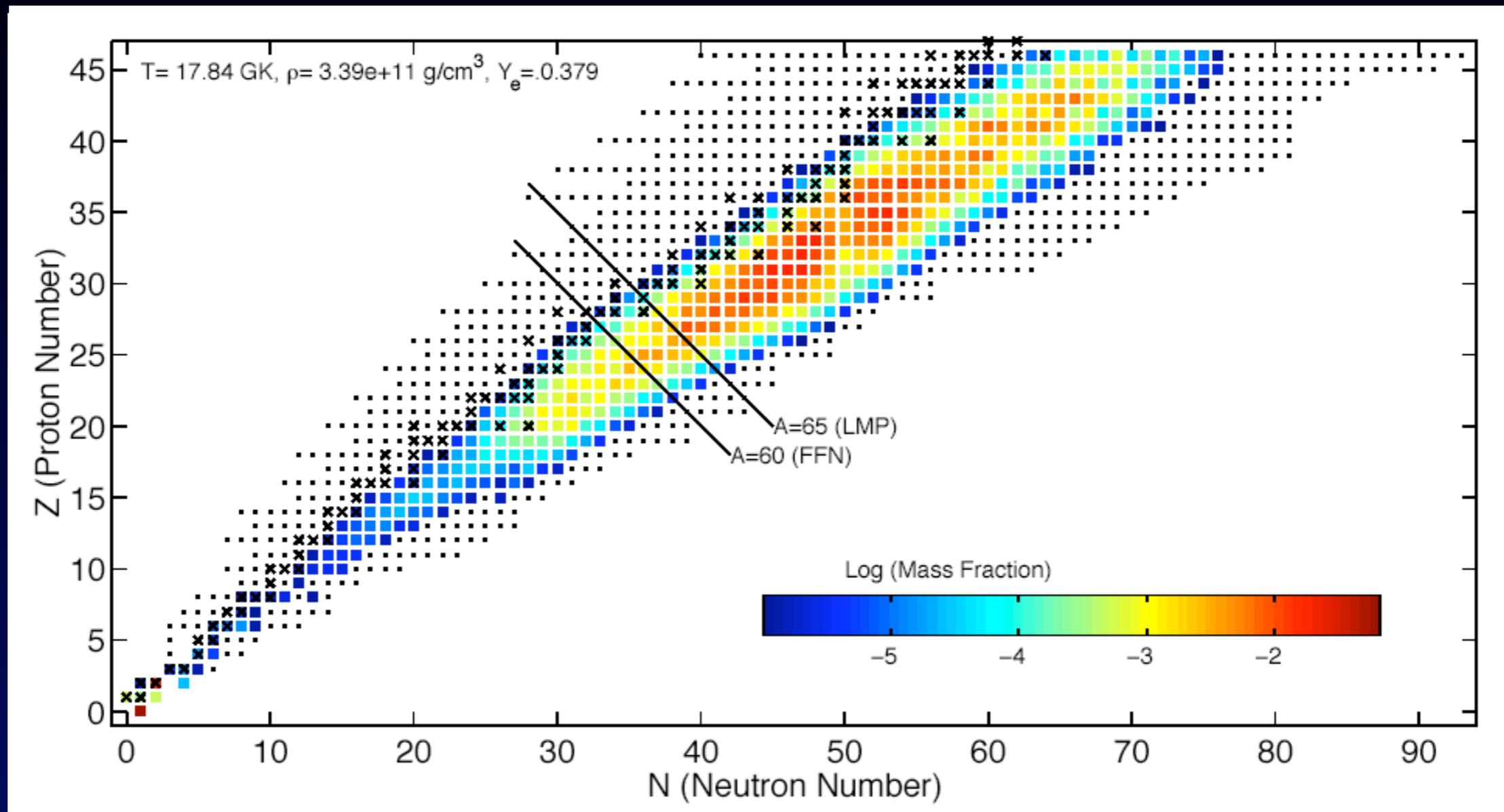
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Nuclei with $A \sim 120$ contribute to e^-/ν capture.

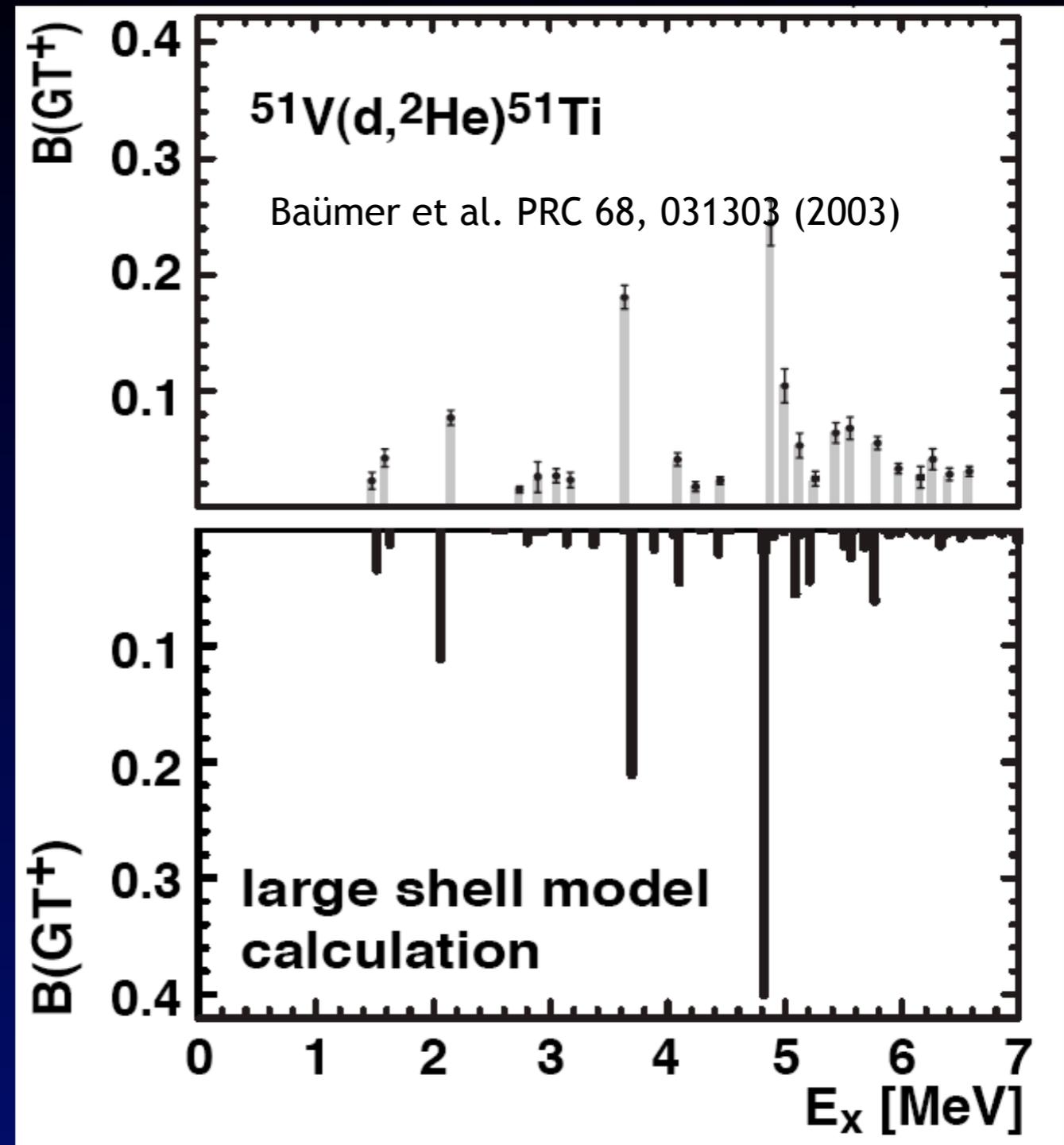
Many rates are needed, with declining quality needed with increasing mass.

How can we learn about e^-/ν Capture?

Charge Exchange Reactions, e.g. (n,p) , $(d,^2\text{He})$, $(t,^3\text{He})$, also sample GT+ strength distribution, providing strong constraints on structure models.

Current Experiments, on stable nuclei, agree well with shell model calculations for $A < 60$.

For $A=80-100$ nuclei of interest are 2-6 neutrons richer than stability.



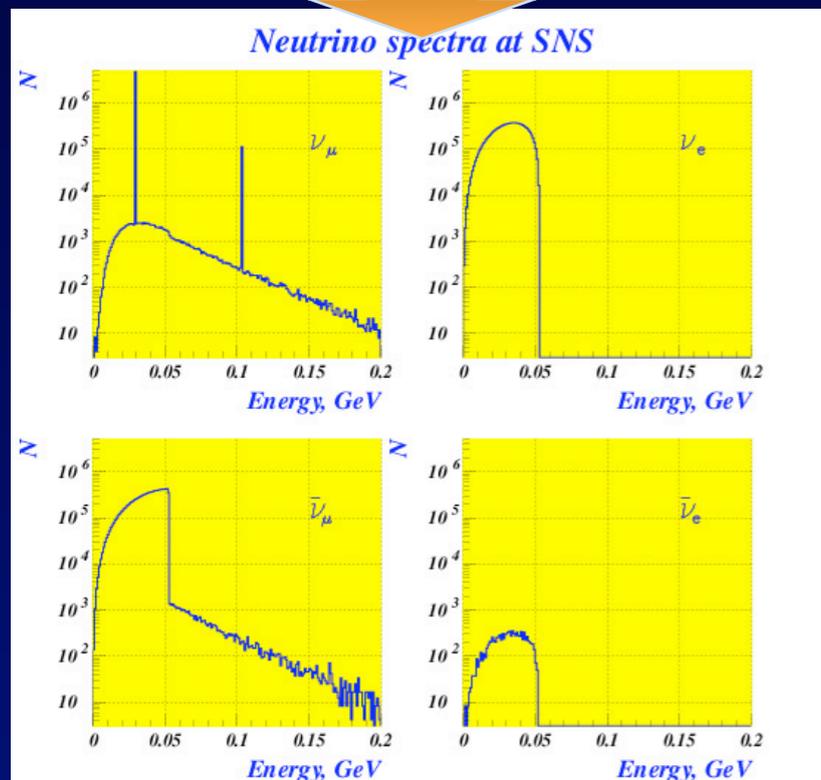
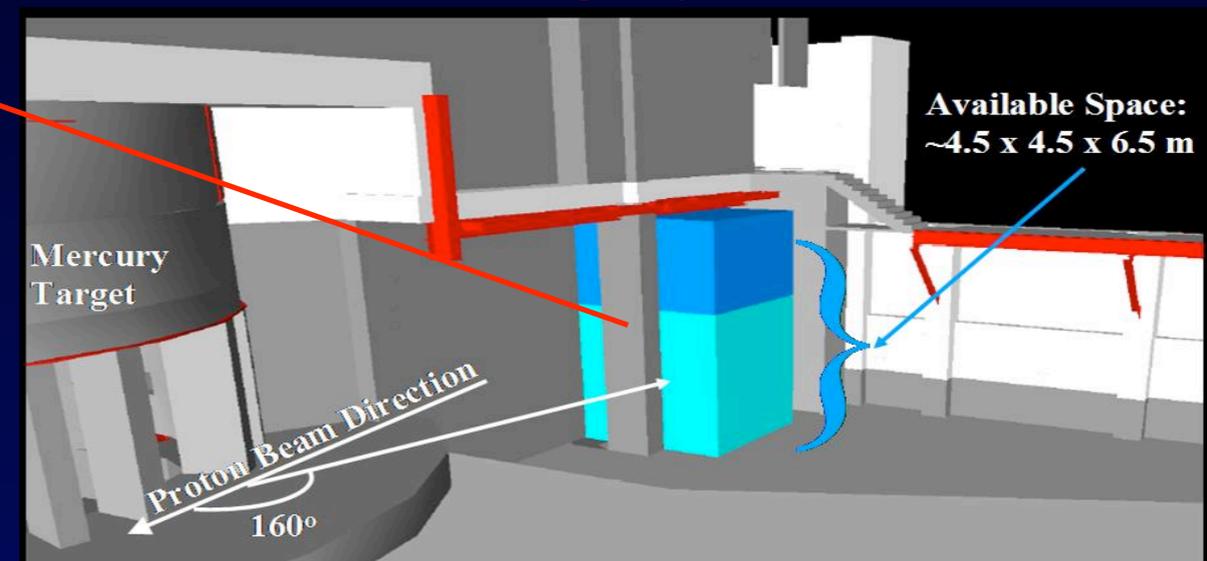
Should be achievable with NextGen RIBs.

One can also measure ν captures

Spallation Neutron Source



ν -SNS an experimental program to study neutrino cross sections in the region of interest for astrophysics

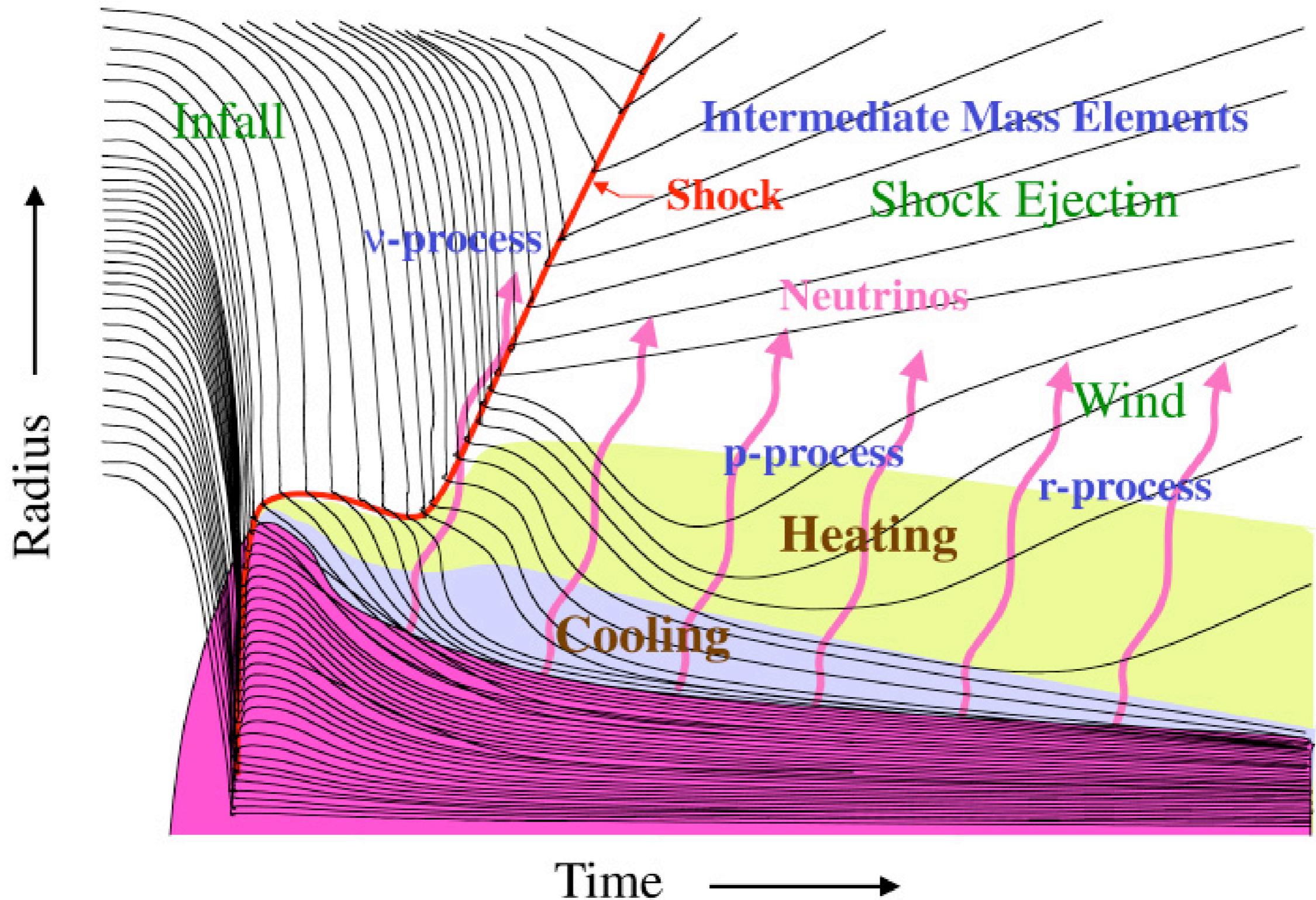


2 universal ~ 20 tones detectors located 20 meters from the SNS target

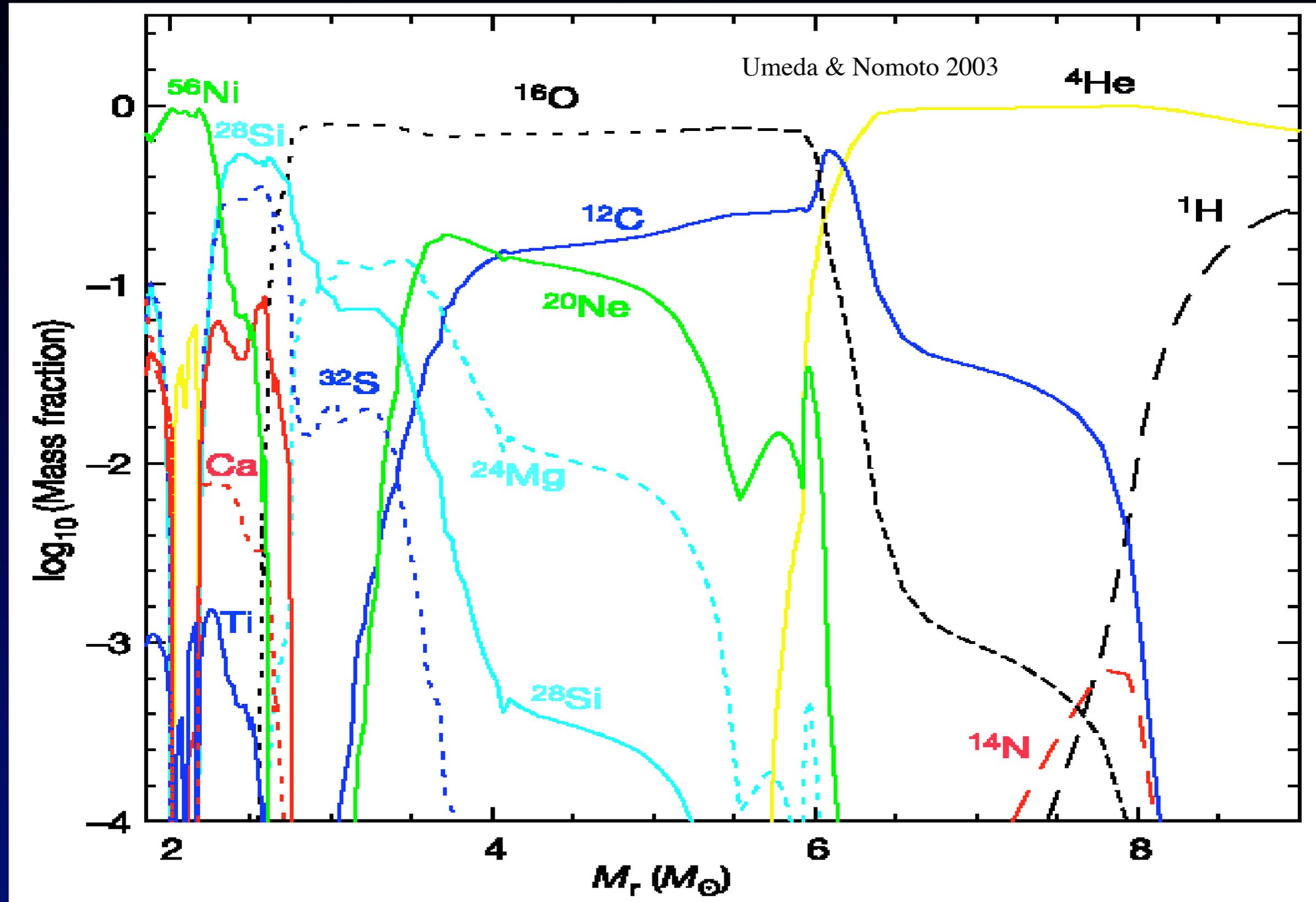
Segmented detector for solid targets
 ^{51}V , ^{27}Al , ^9Be , ^{11}B , ^{52}Cr , ^{56}Fe , ^{59}Co , ^{209}Bi , ^{181}Ta

Homogeneous detector for Liquid targets
 ^2d , ^{12}C , ^{16}O , ^{127}I

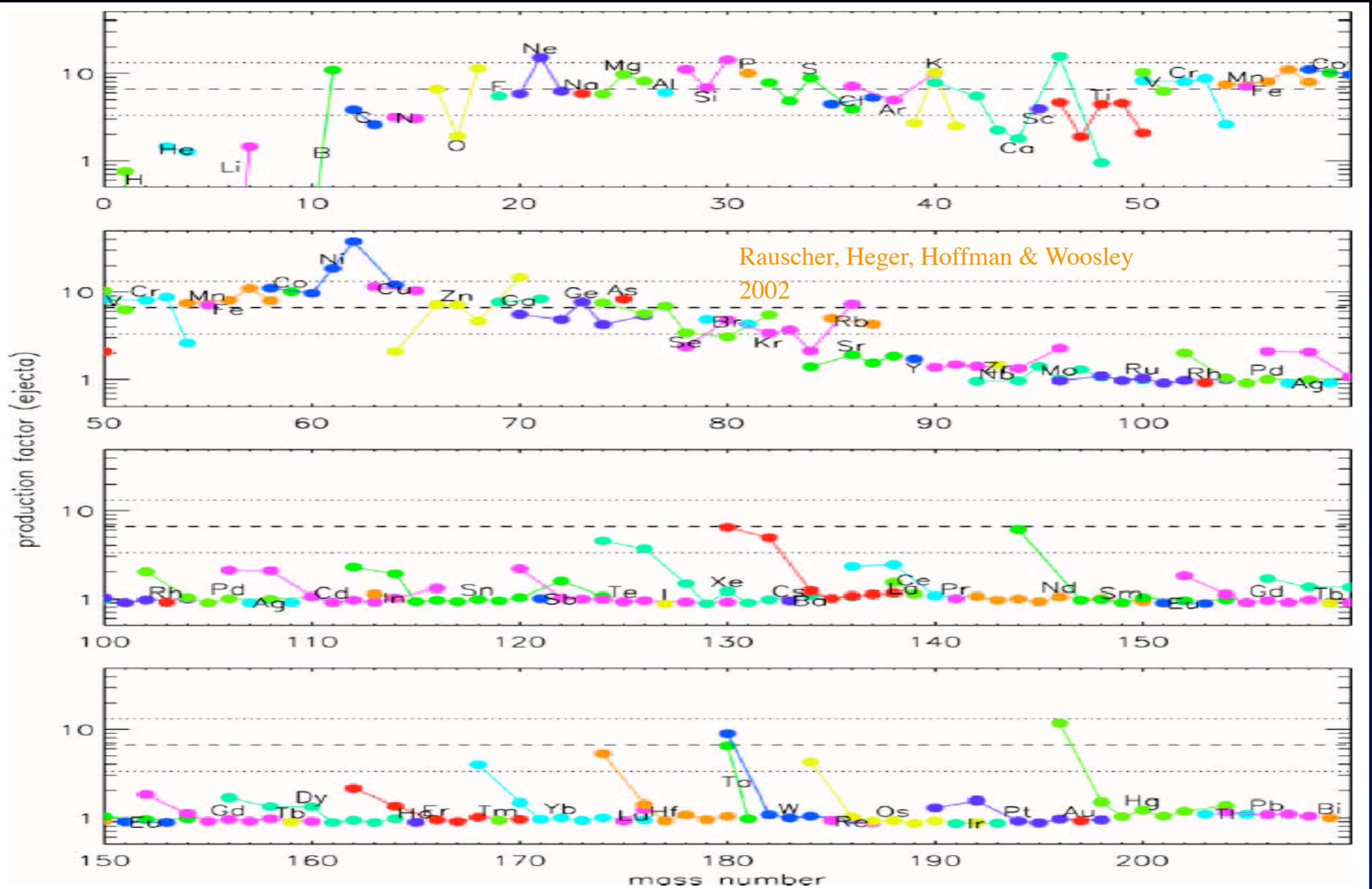
Supernova Nucleosynthesis



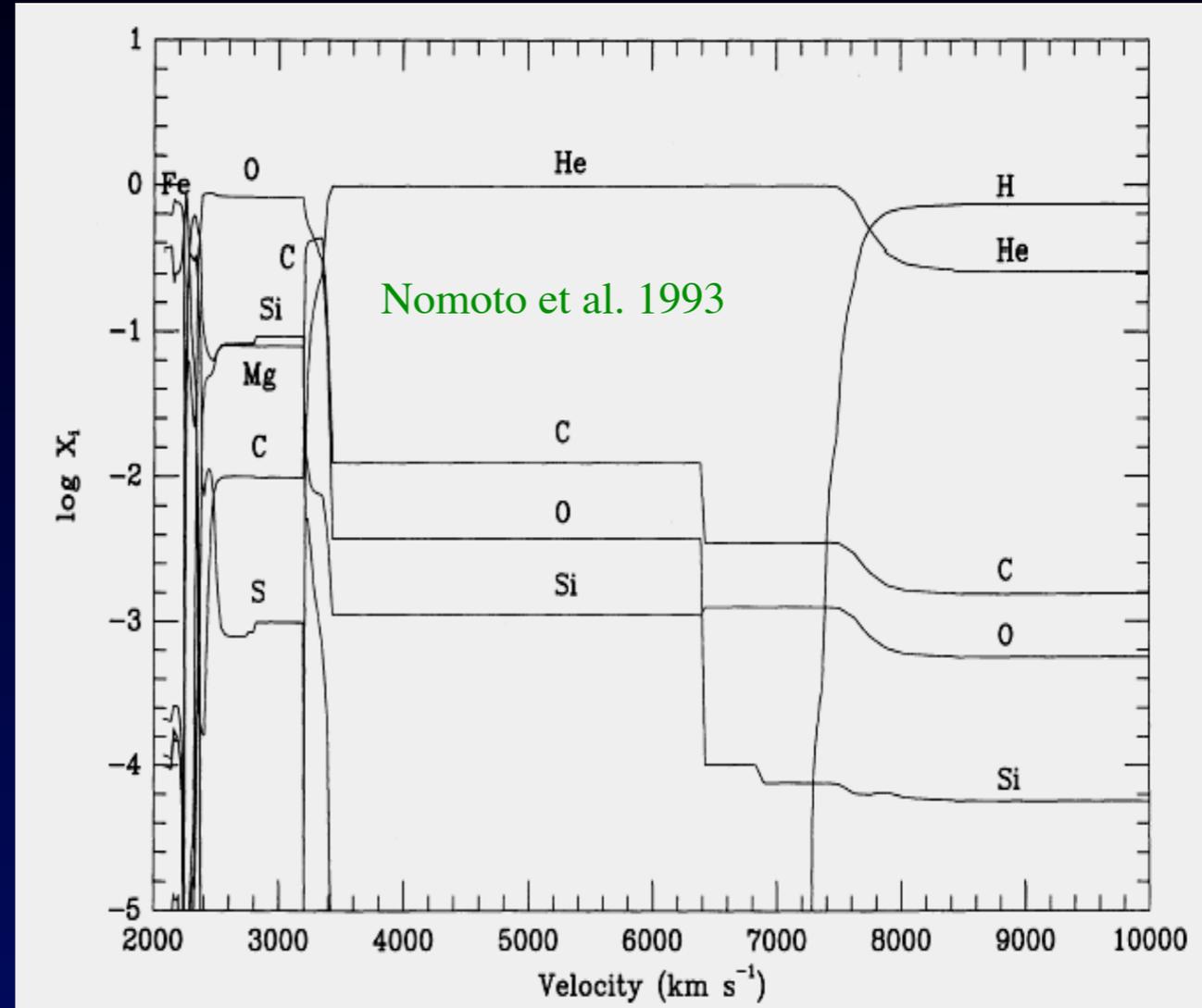
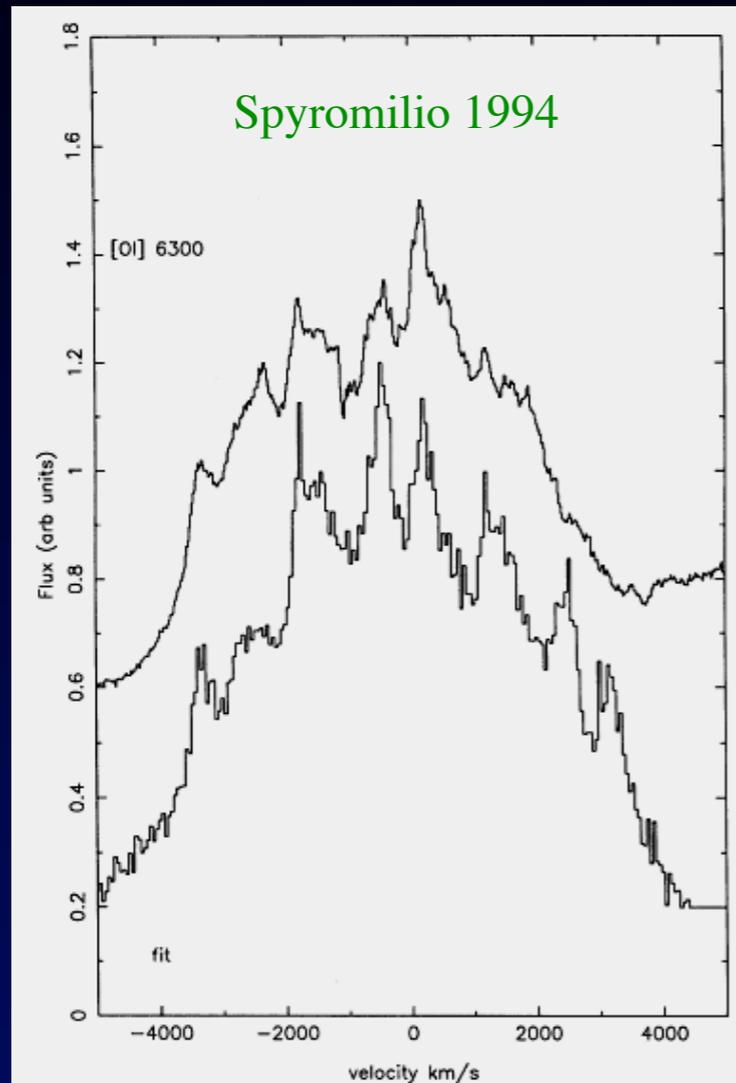
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Parameterized Nucleosynthesis



In current models, 2 parameters, the Bomb/Piston energy and the mass cut, are constrained by observations of explosion energy and mass of ^{56}Ni ejected.

Hypernovae

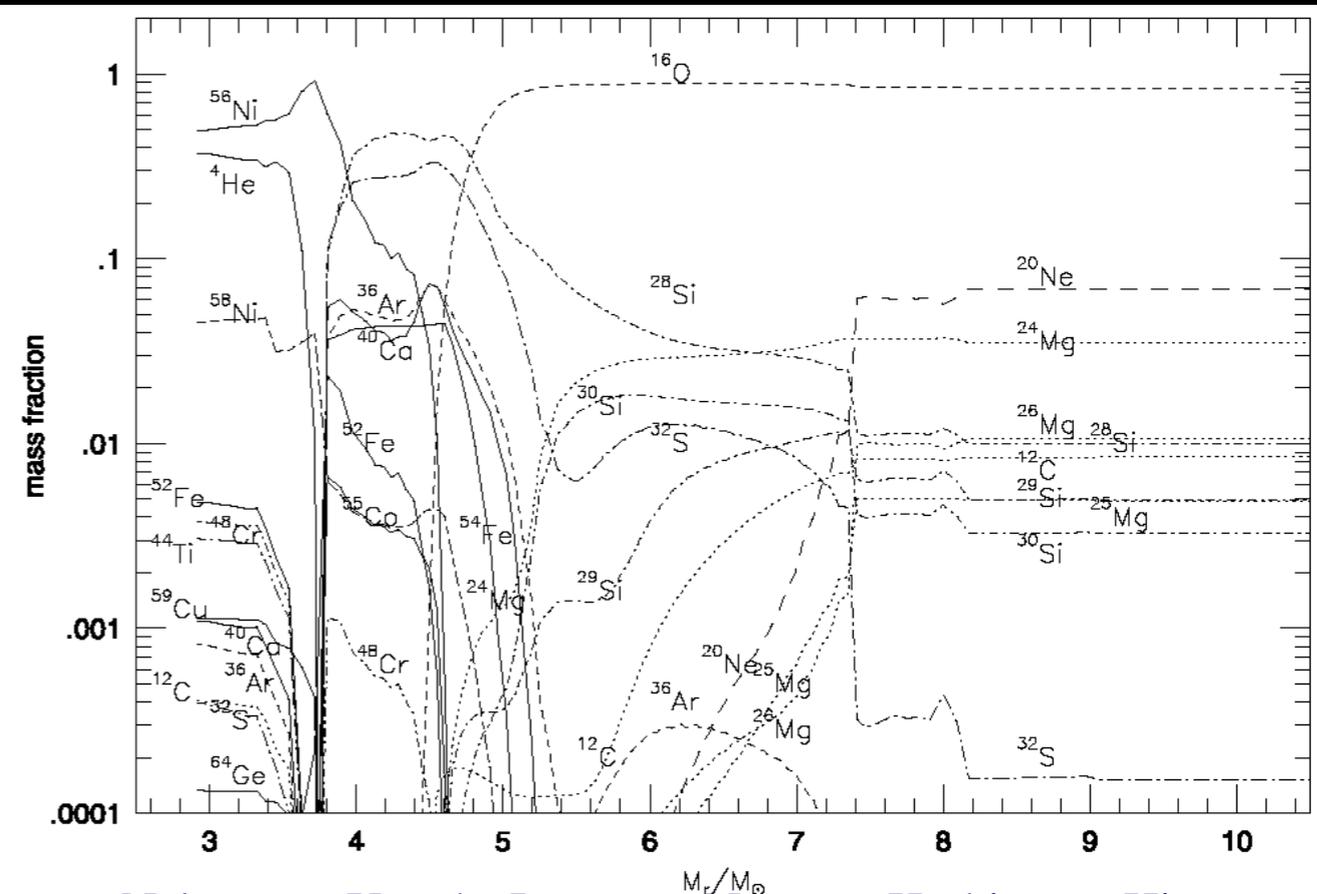
Observation GRB with SN raises question of changes in nucleosynthesis from a “Hyper”-energetic blast wave.

Si/O, Fe/O increase because more O is destroyed.

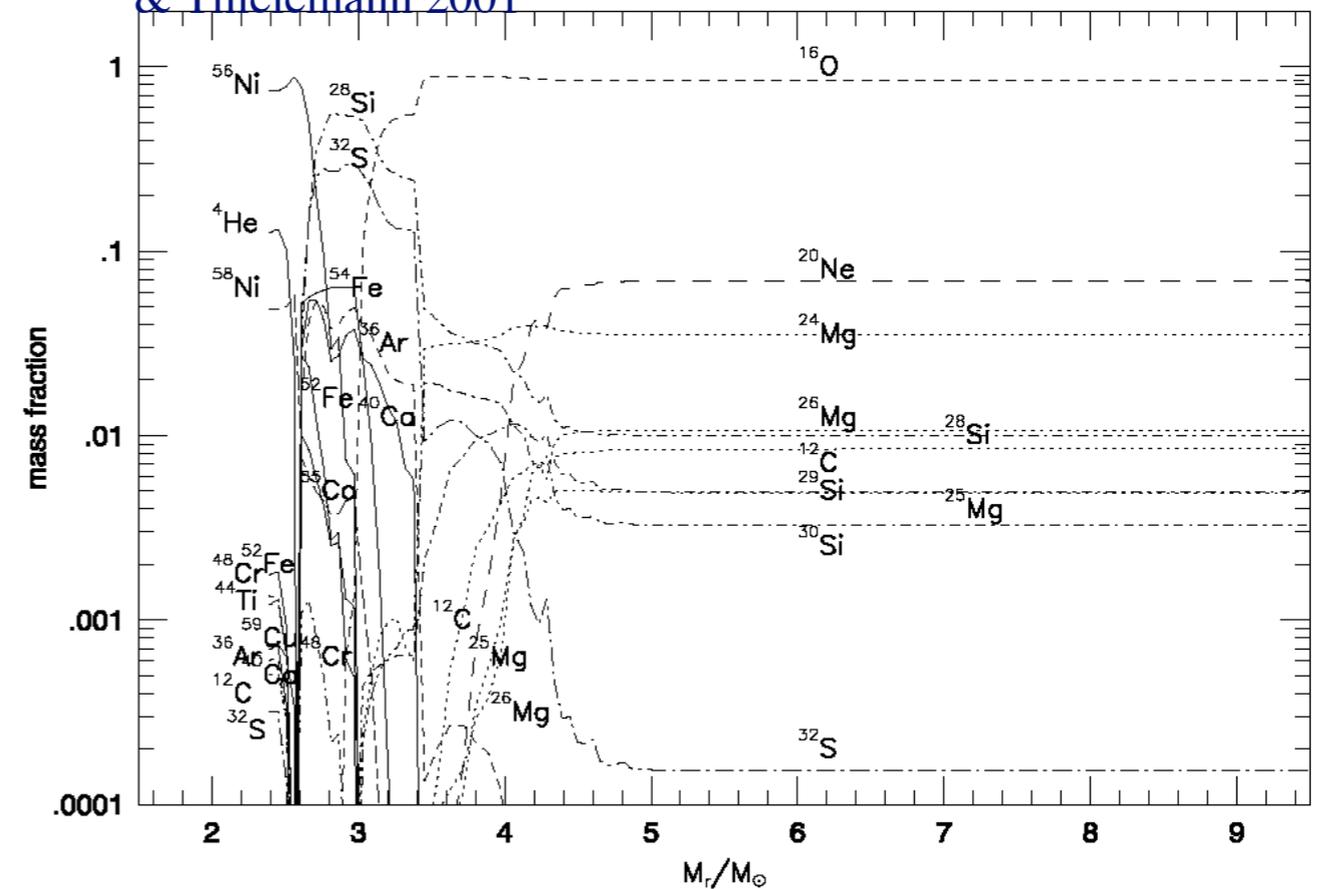
Ti/Fe, Zn/Fe increase because of more α -rich freezeout.

Cr/Fe, Mn/Fe decrease while Co/Fe increases due to more complete Si burning

Match to puzzles in metal-poor stars and BH companions



Nakamura, Umeda, Iwamoto, Nomoto, Hashimoto, Hix & Thielemann 2001

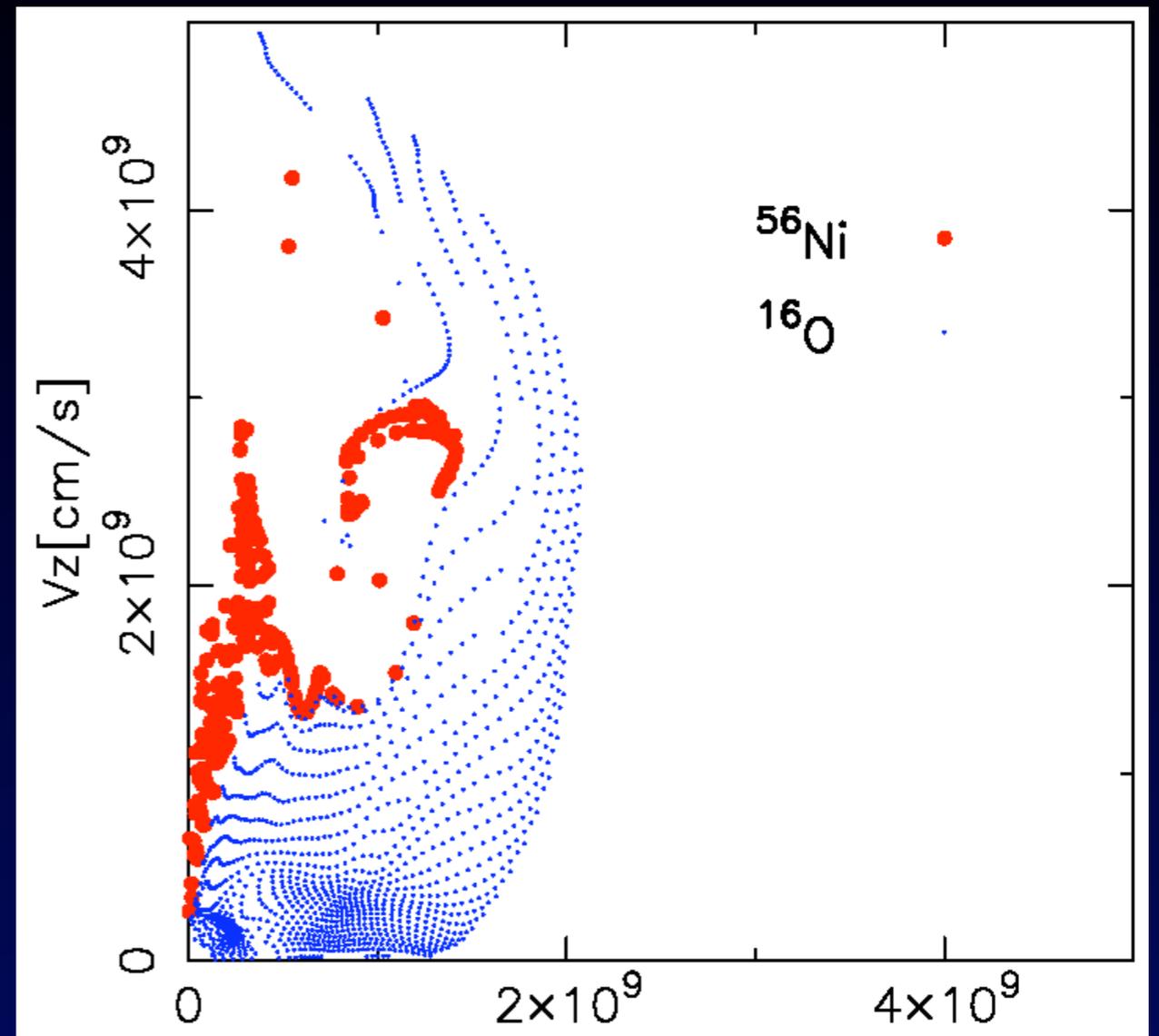


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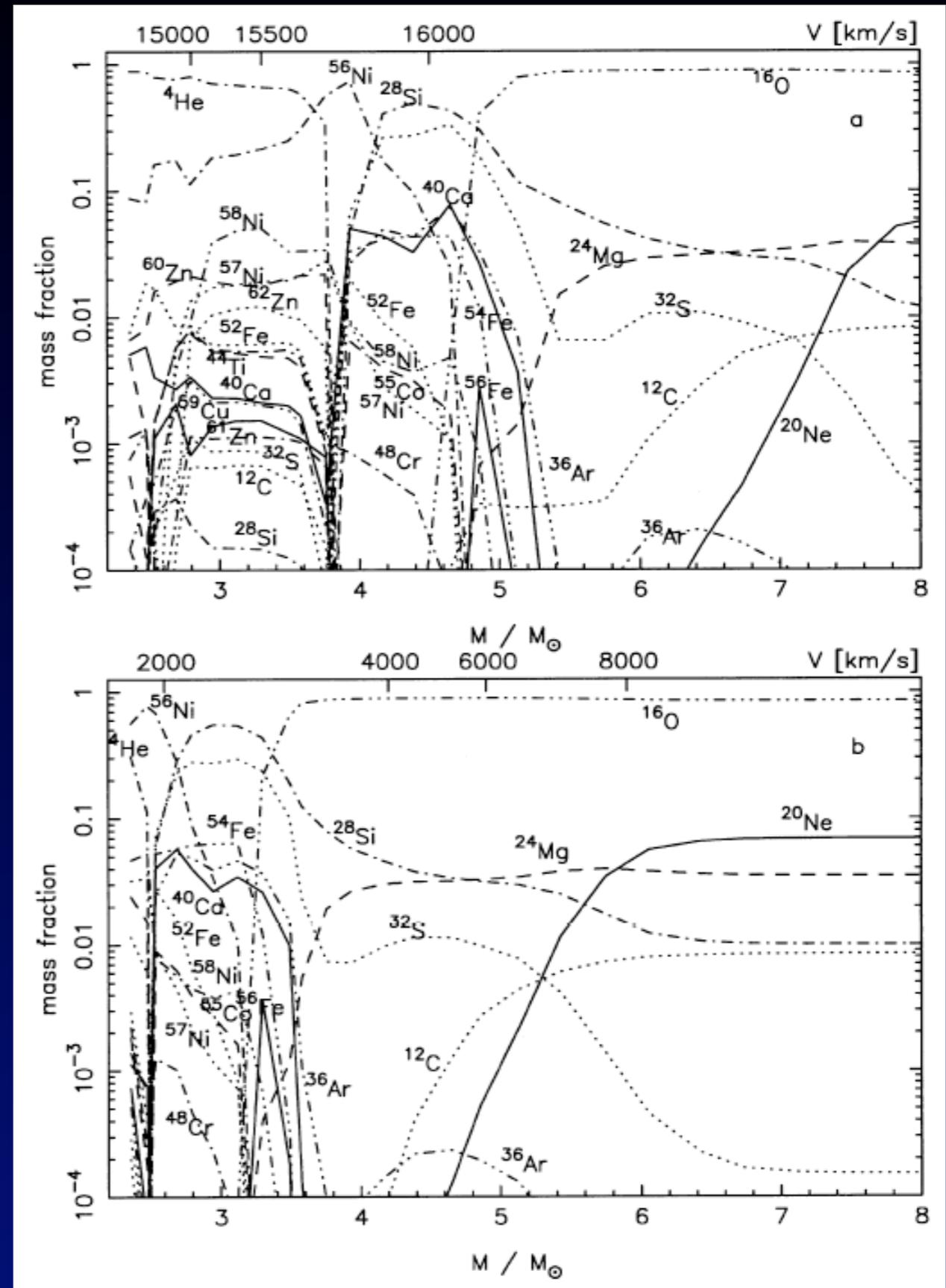


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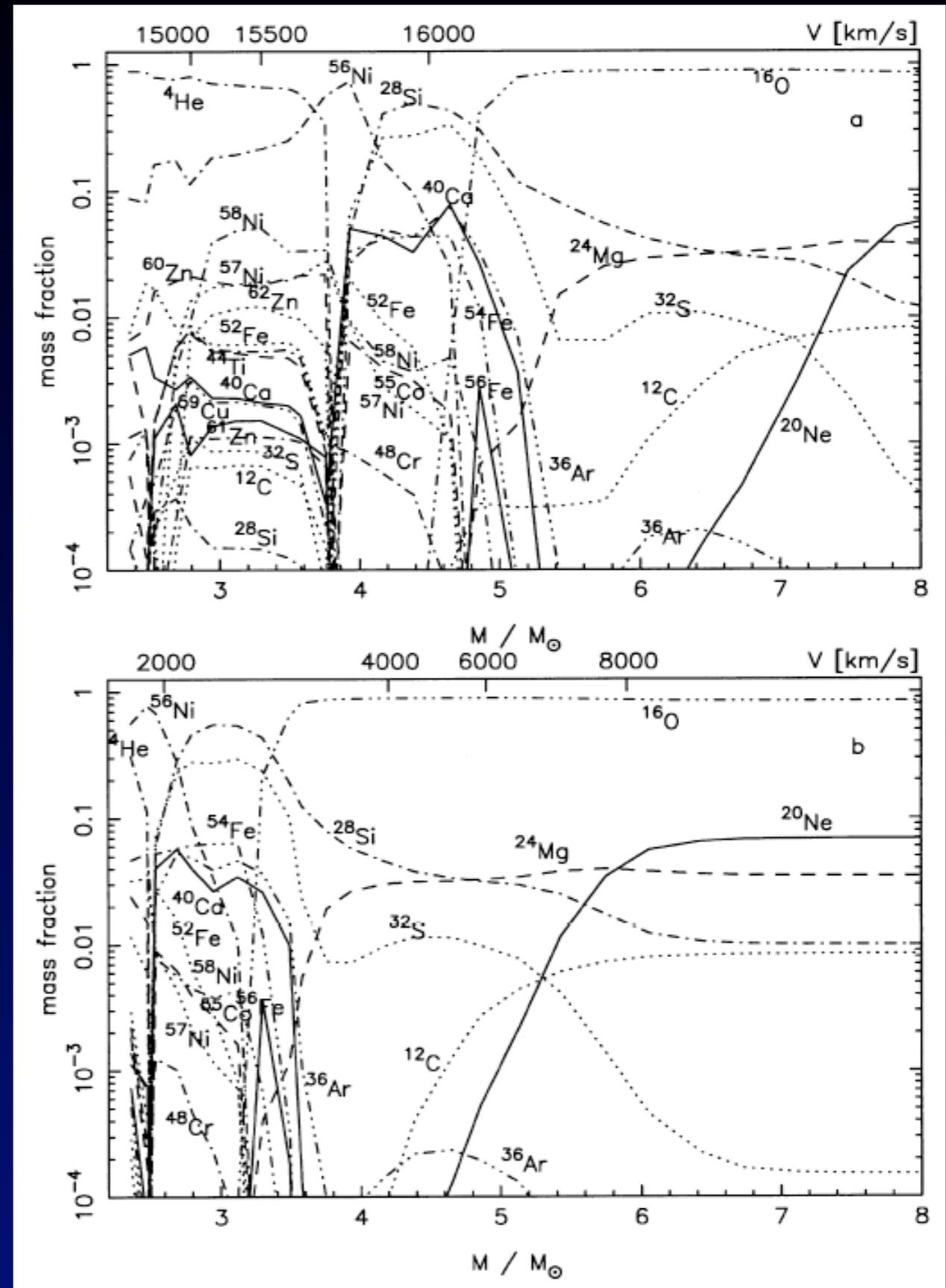
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These models lack “in situ” nucleosynthesis and neutrino effects.



First of the Next Generation

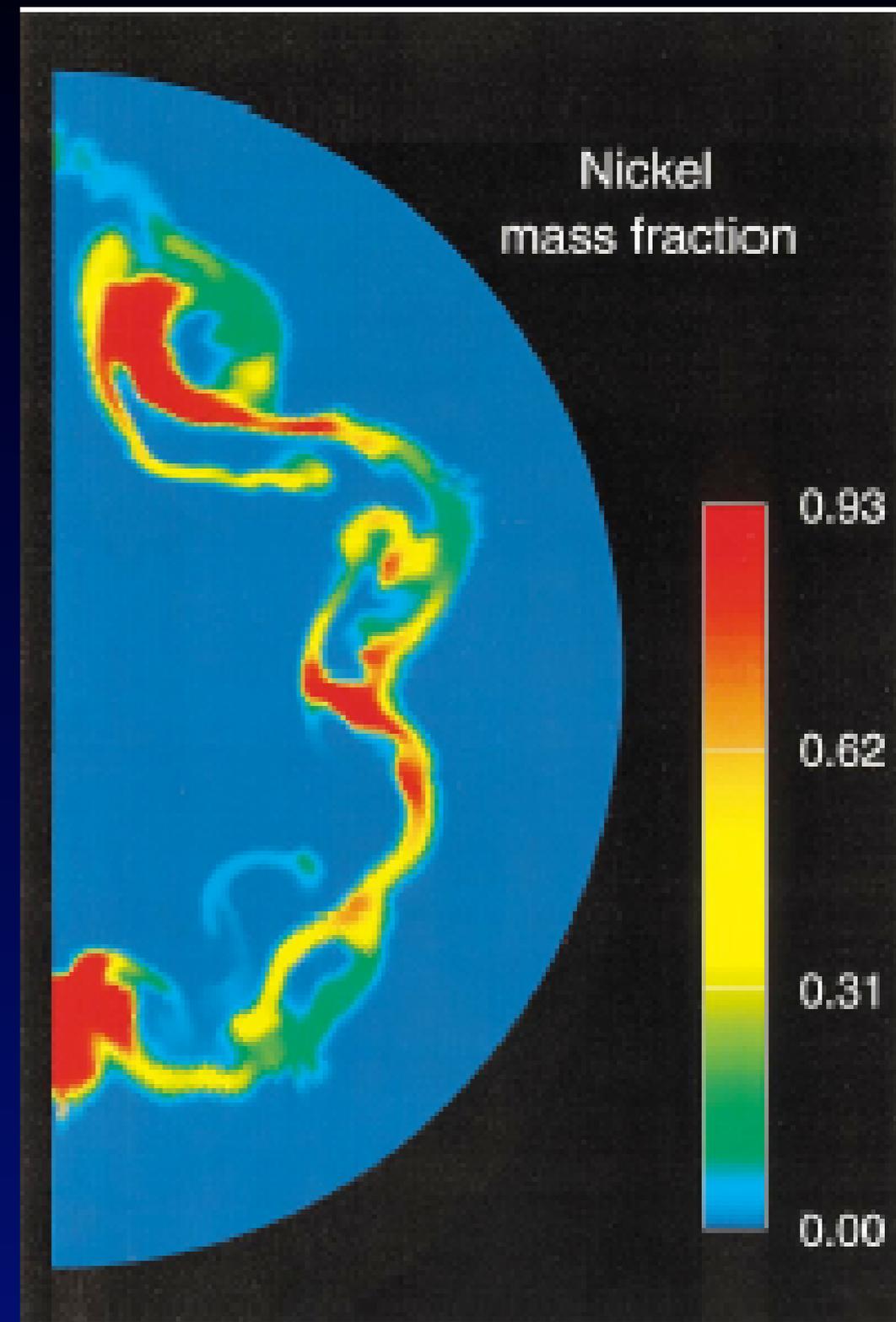
Kifonidis, Plewa, Janka & Müller (2003) first model to include a network in a multi-D neutrino transport code.

Added an α network to Janka & Müller (1996). After ~ 1 second, mapped result to a non-transport code.

Limitations:

α network is a poor approximation for Si-burning and α -rich freezeout

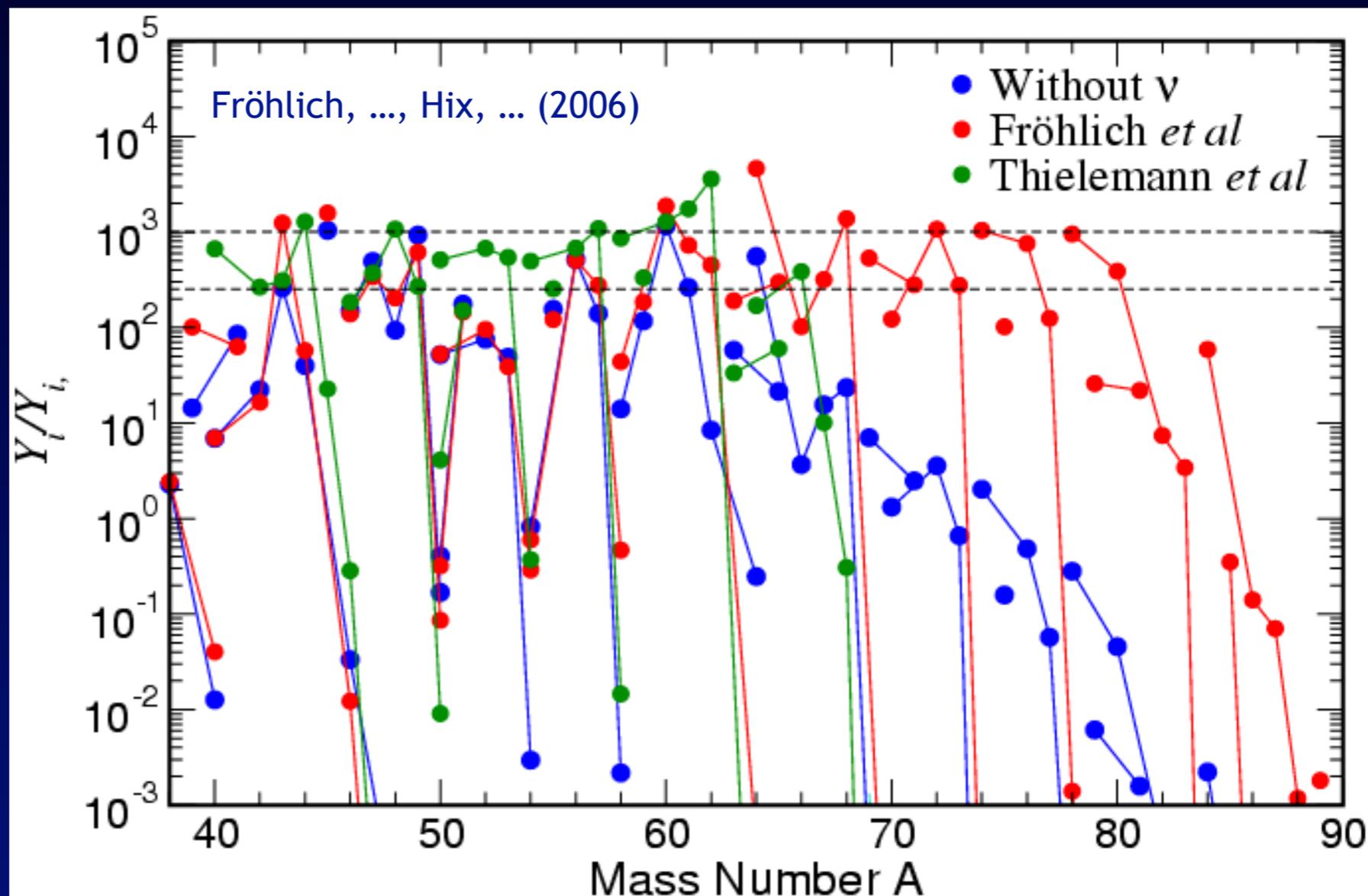
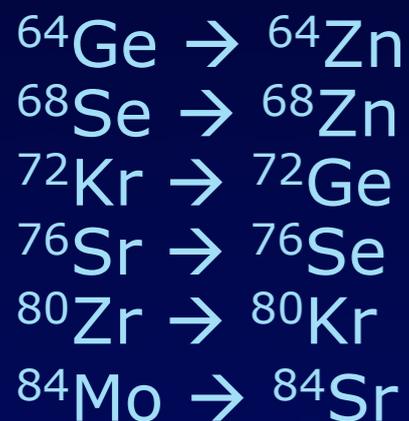
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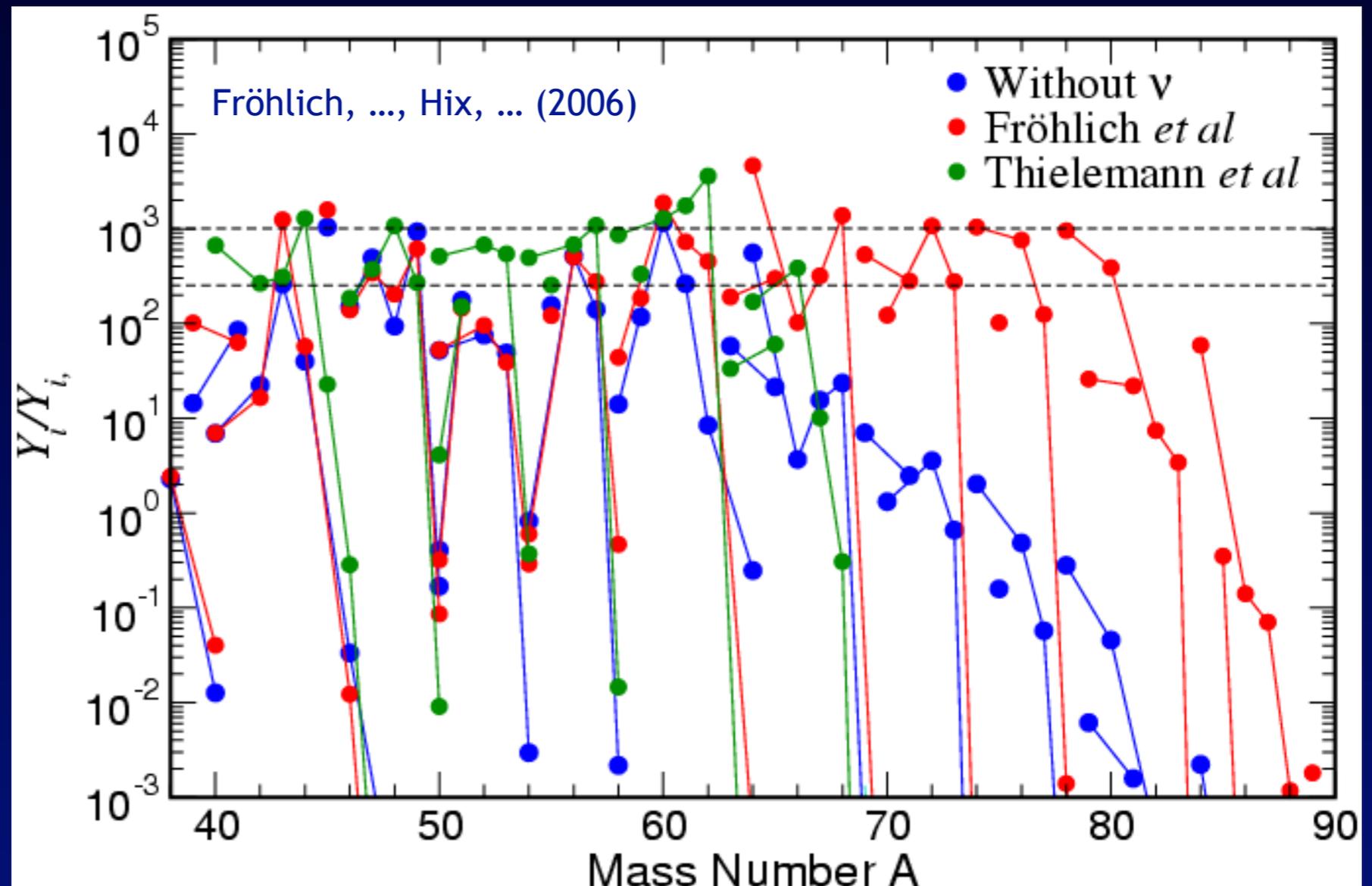
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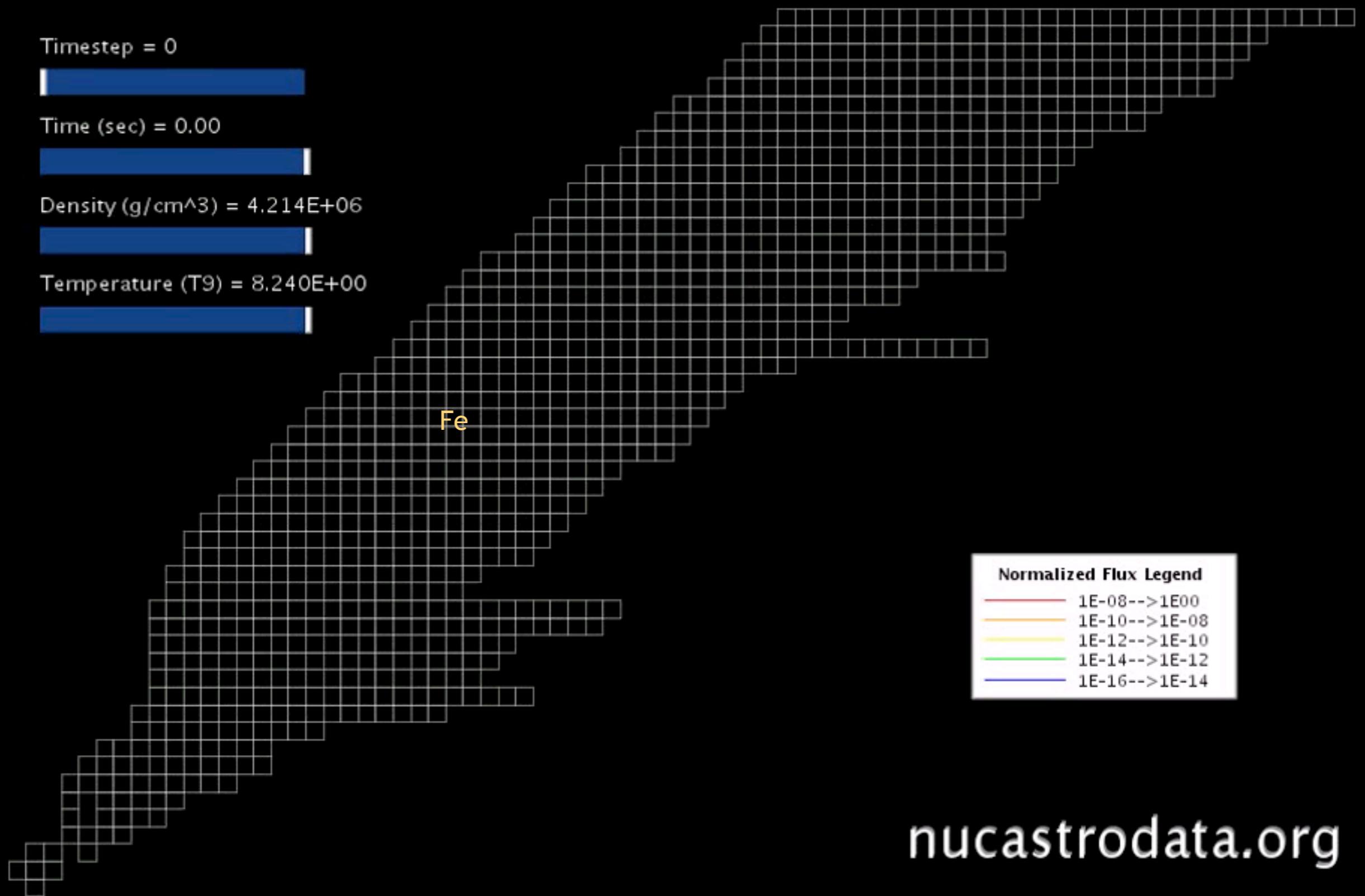
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Similar Effects seen in GRB disks with low accretion rate.
(Surman, McLaughlin & Hix 2006)

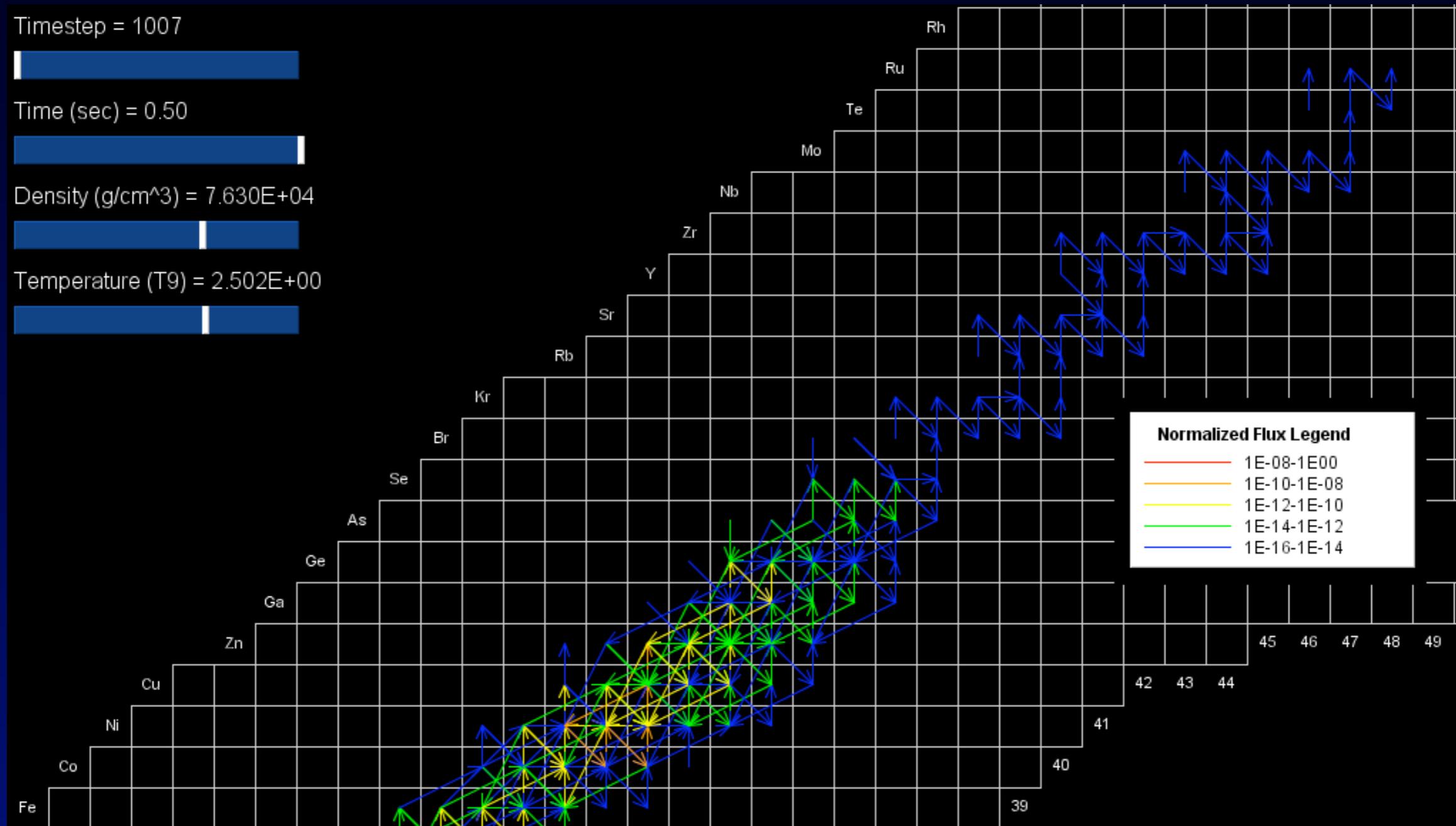


vp-process



How to get beyond A=64?

As Pruetz et al. (2005) point out, true rp-process is limited by slow β decays, e.g. $\tau(^{64}\text{Ge}) = 64 \text{ s}$

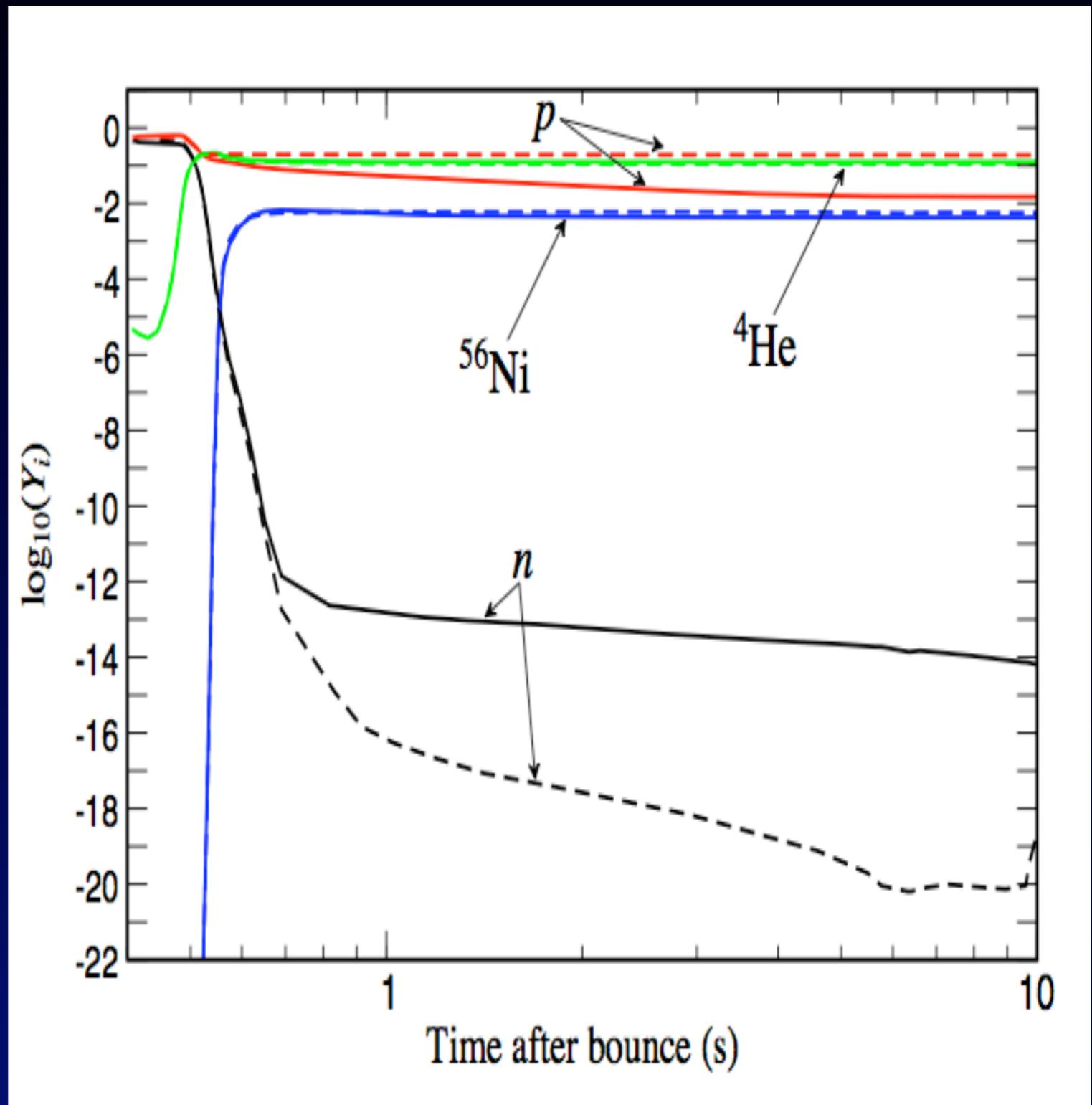


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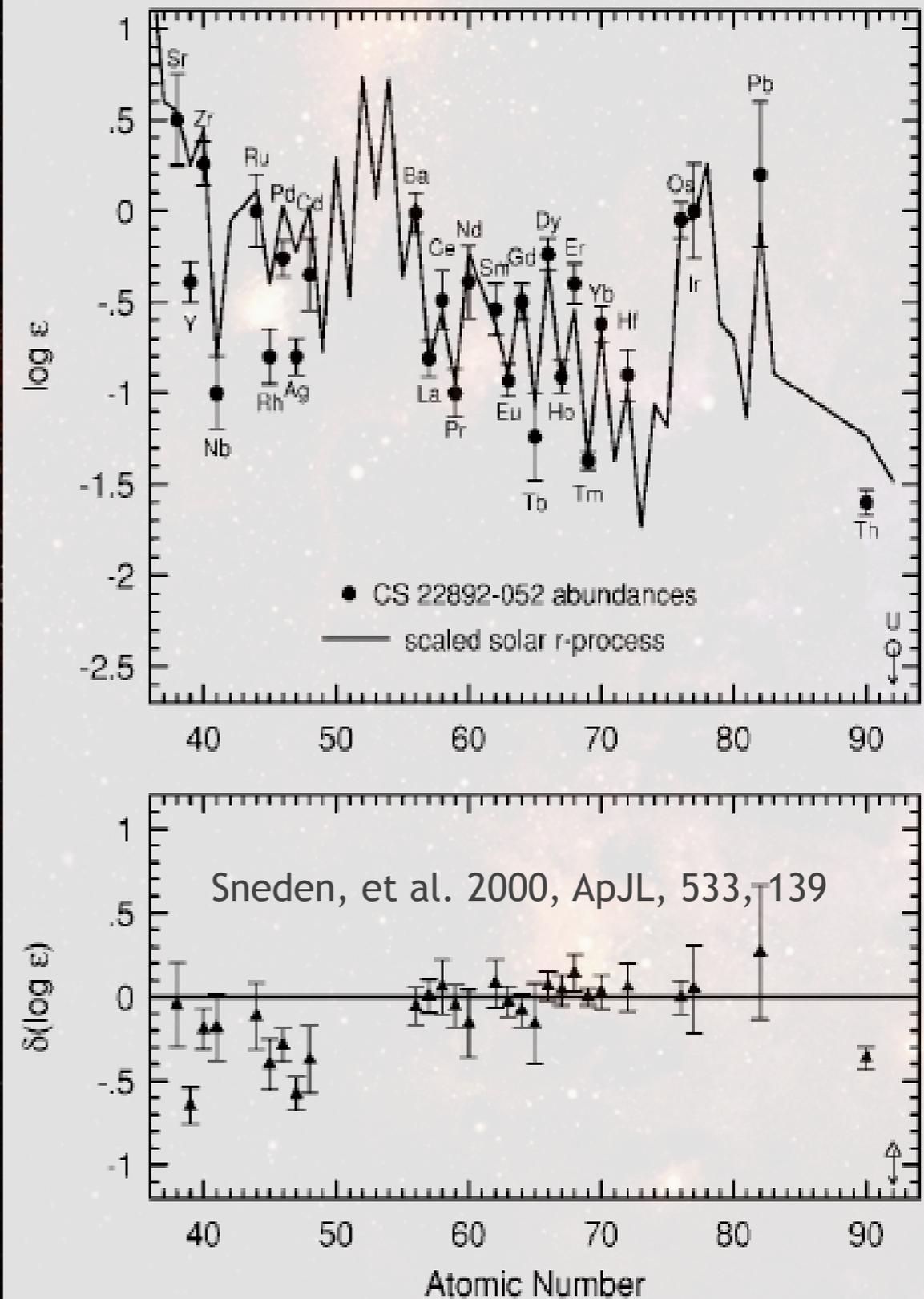
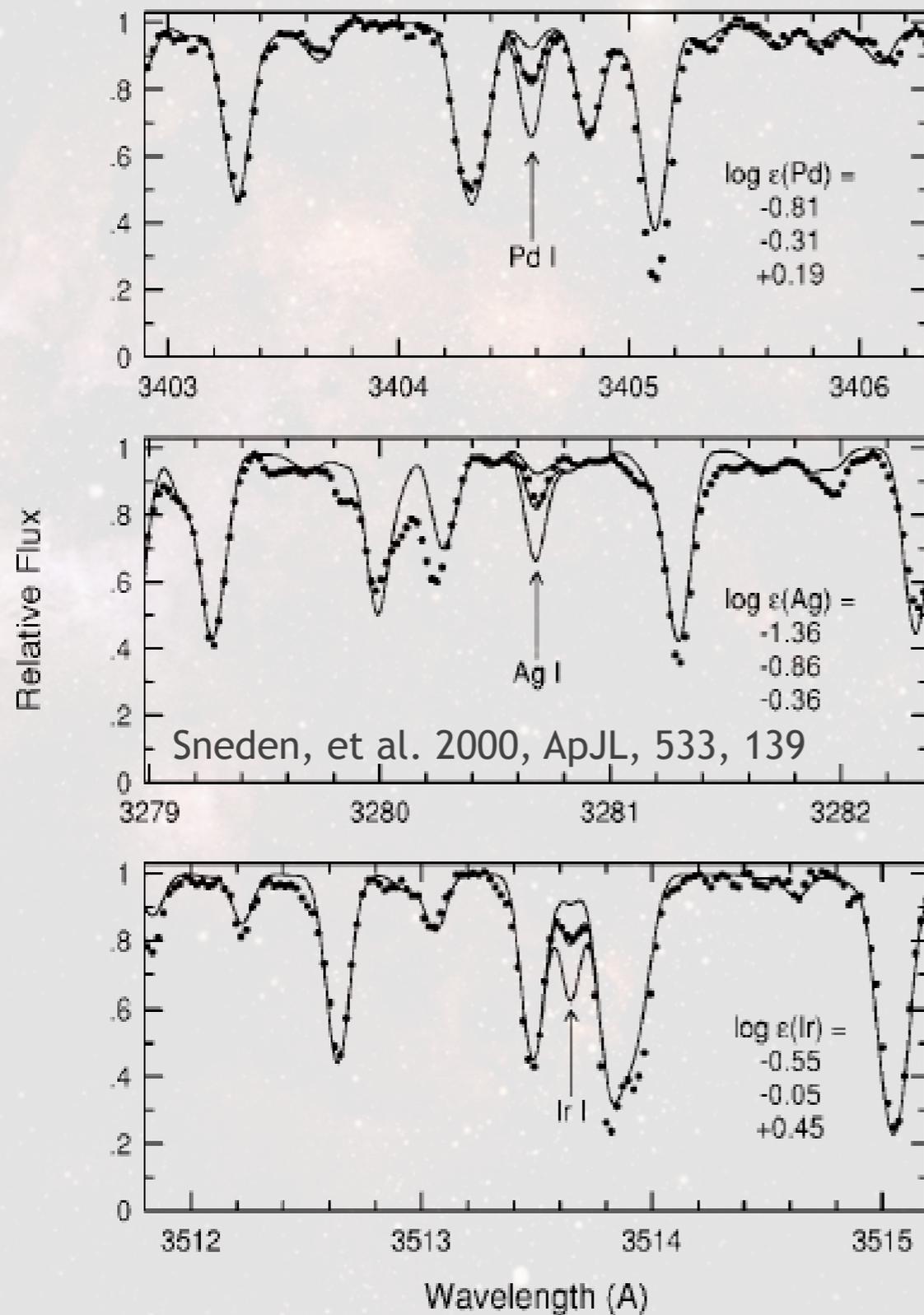
Main abundances:
 ${}^1\text{H}$, ${}^4\text{He}$, ${}^{56}\text{Ni}$ from
p-rich and α -rich
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Protons converted
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(n,p) and (n,γ)
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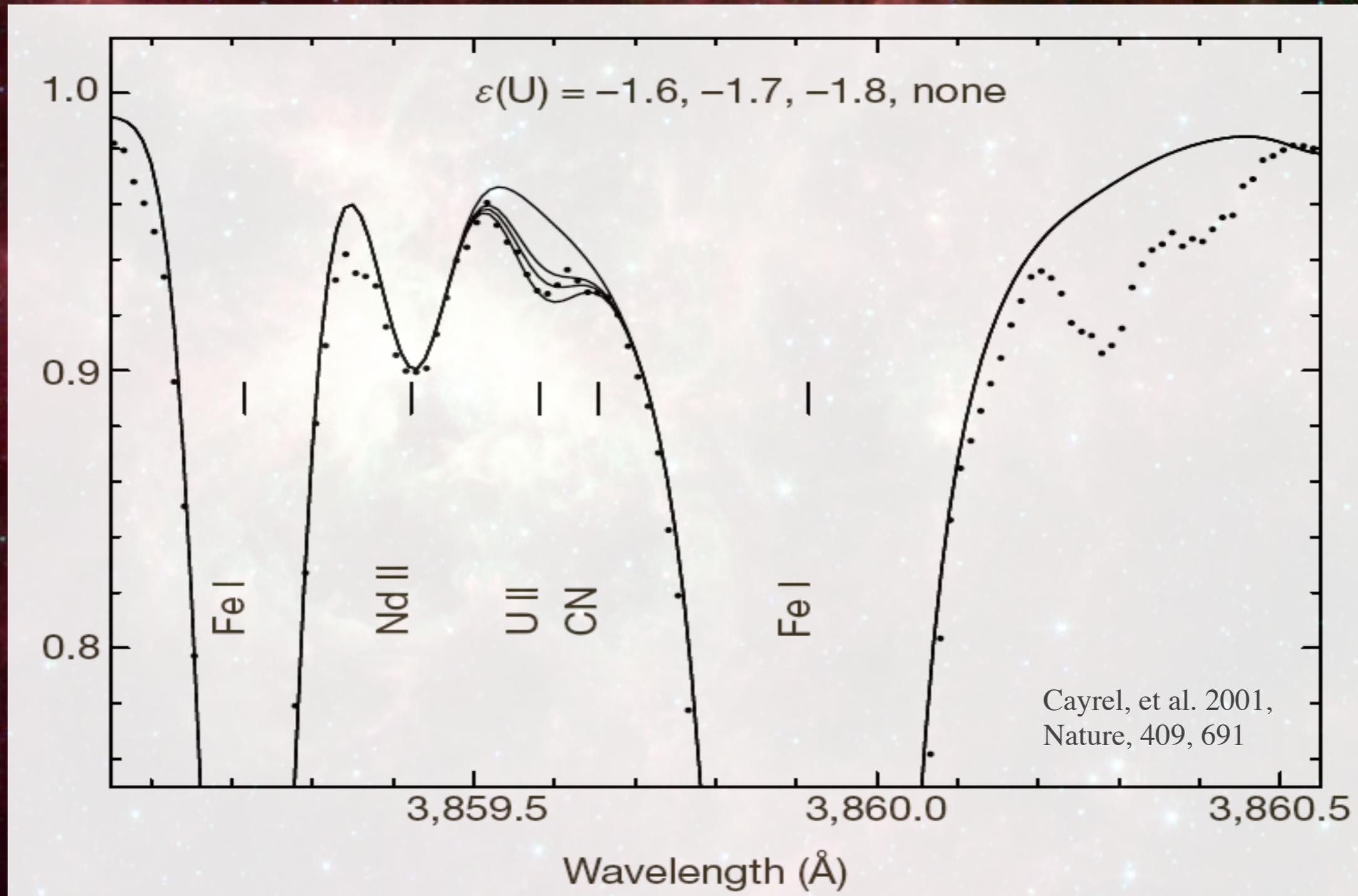


Detecting the r-process in old stars



Uranium?

CS31082-001 has 1/800 Solar Fe but 1/9 Solar Os/Ir

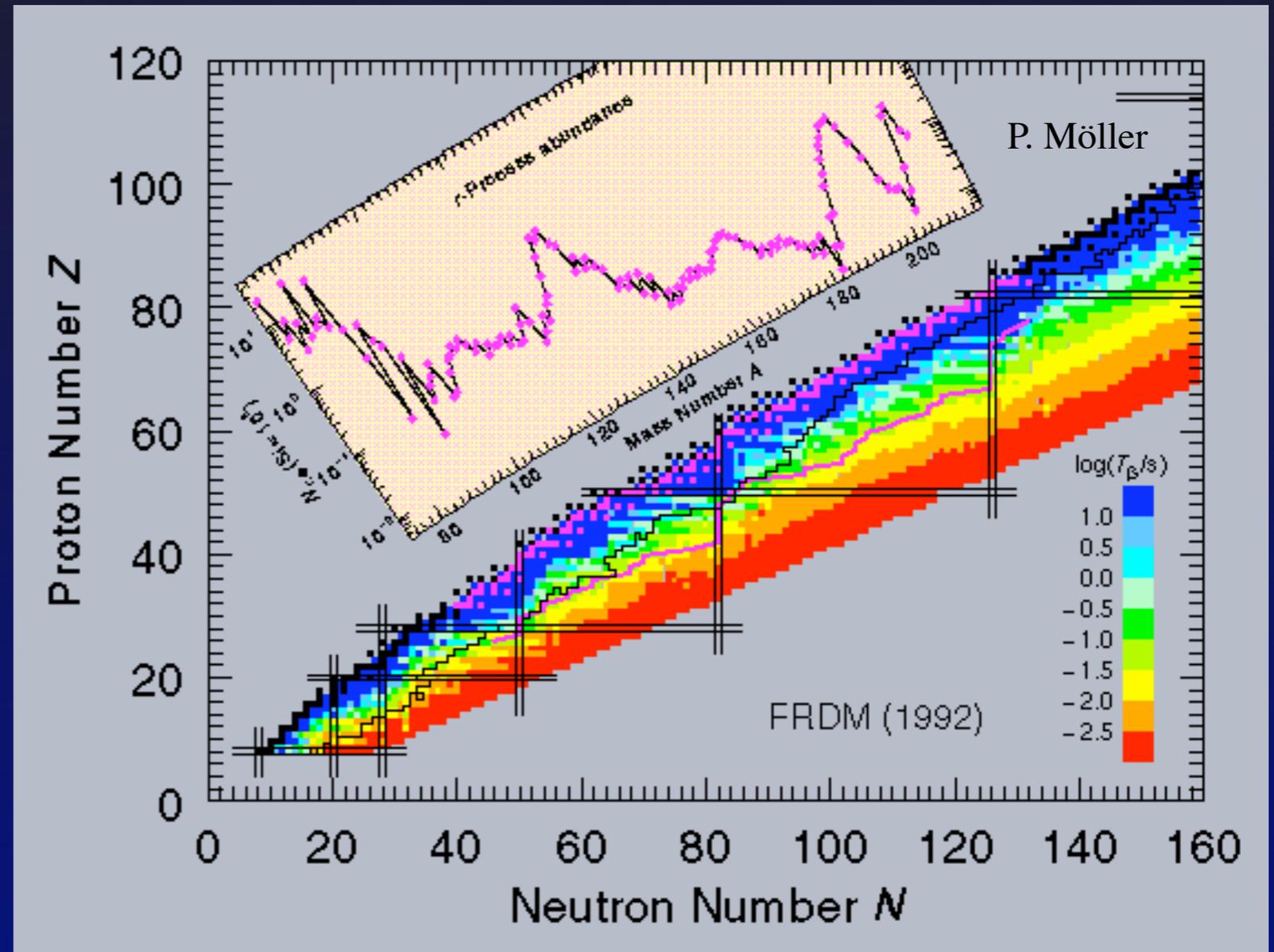


Decay of ^{238}U ($\tau_{1/2}=4.5$ Gyr) implies 12.5 ± 3 Gyr

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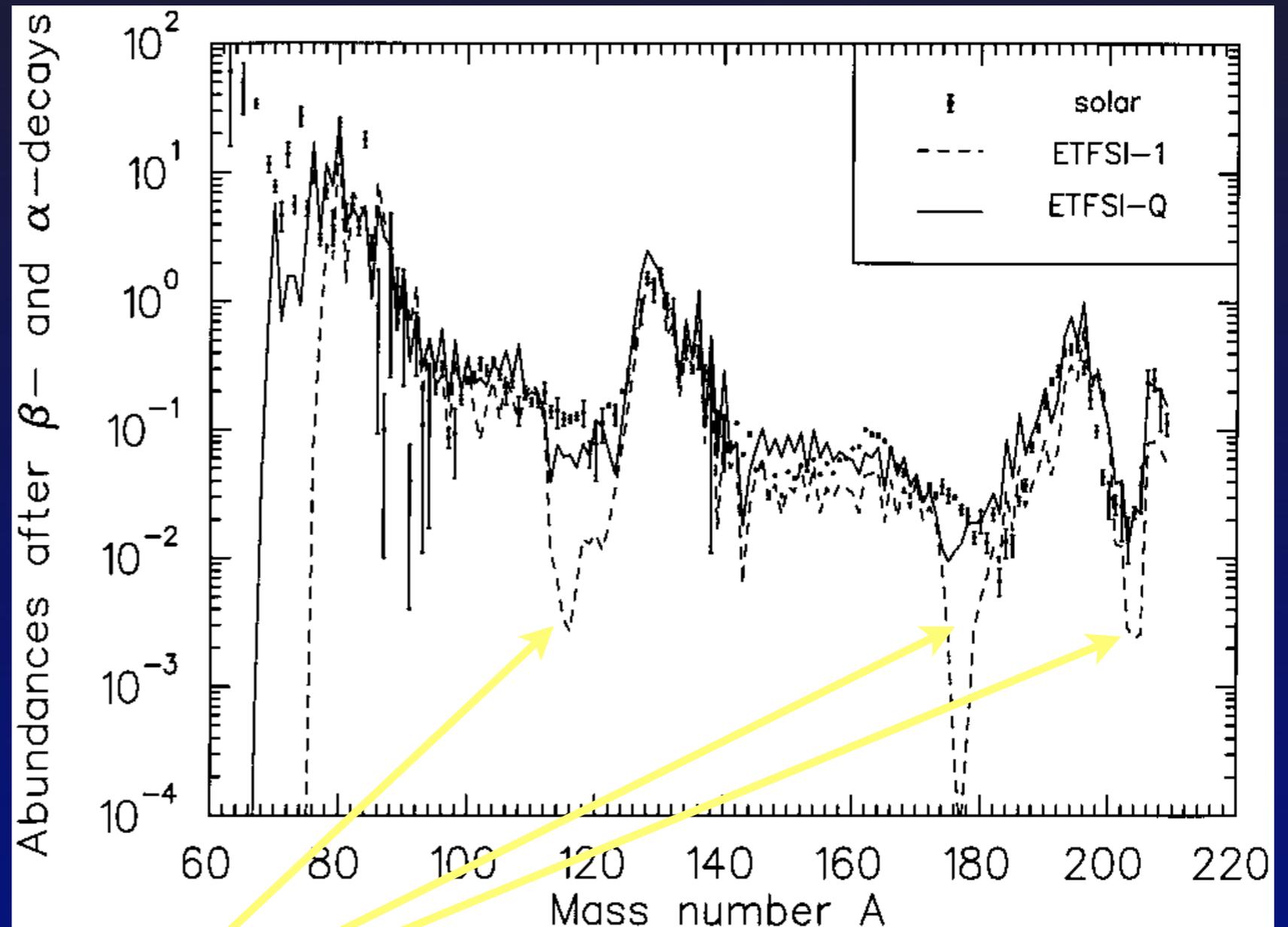
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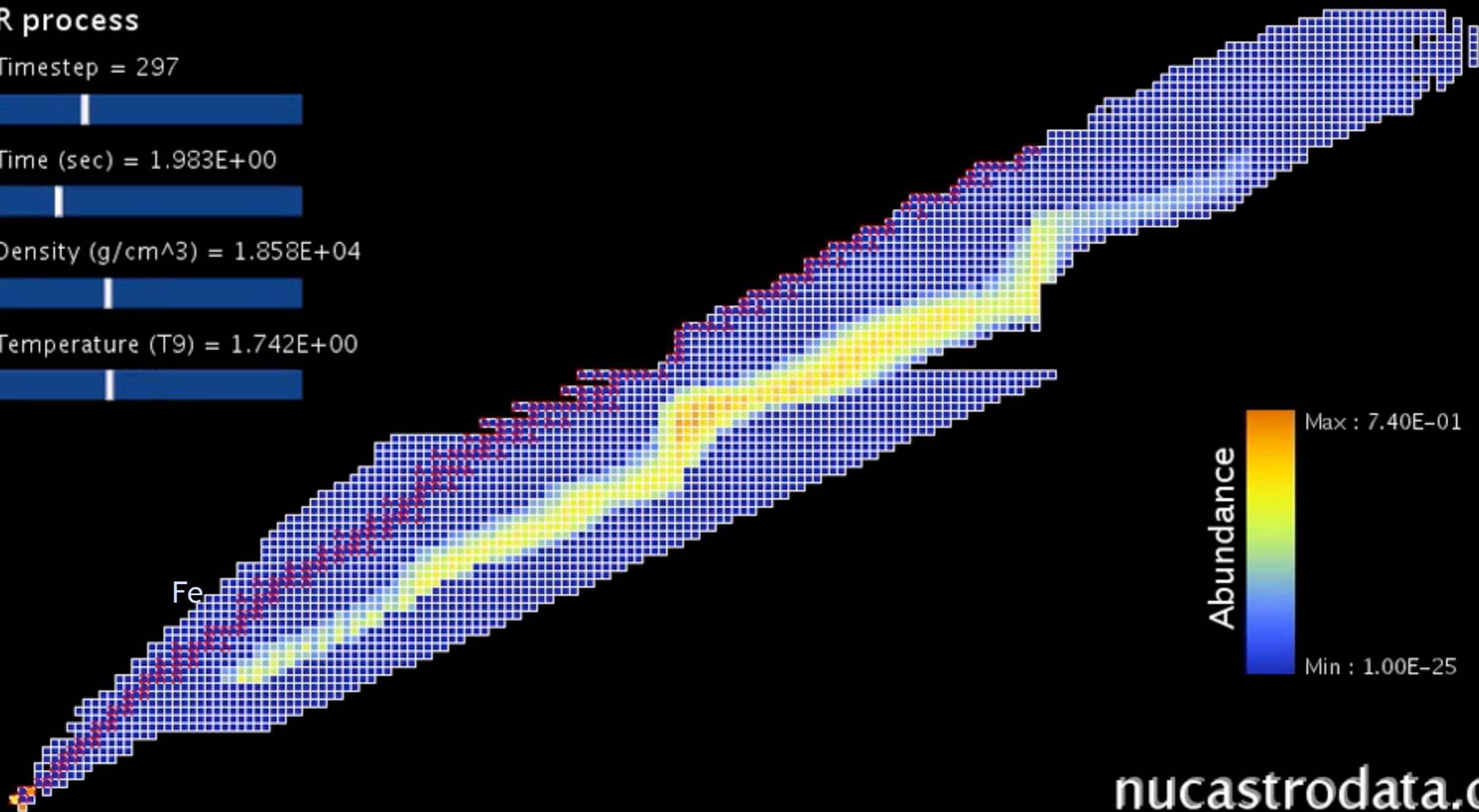
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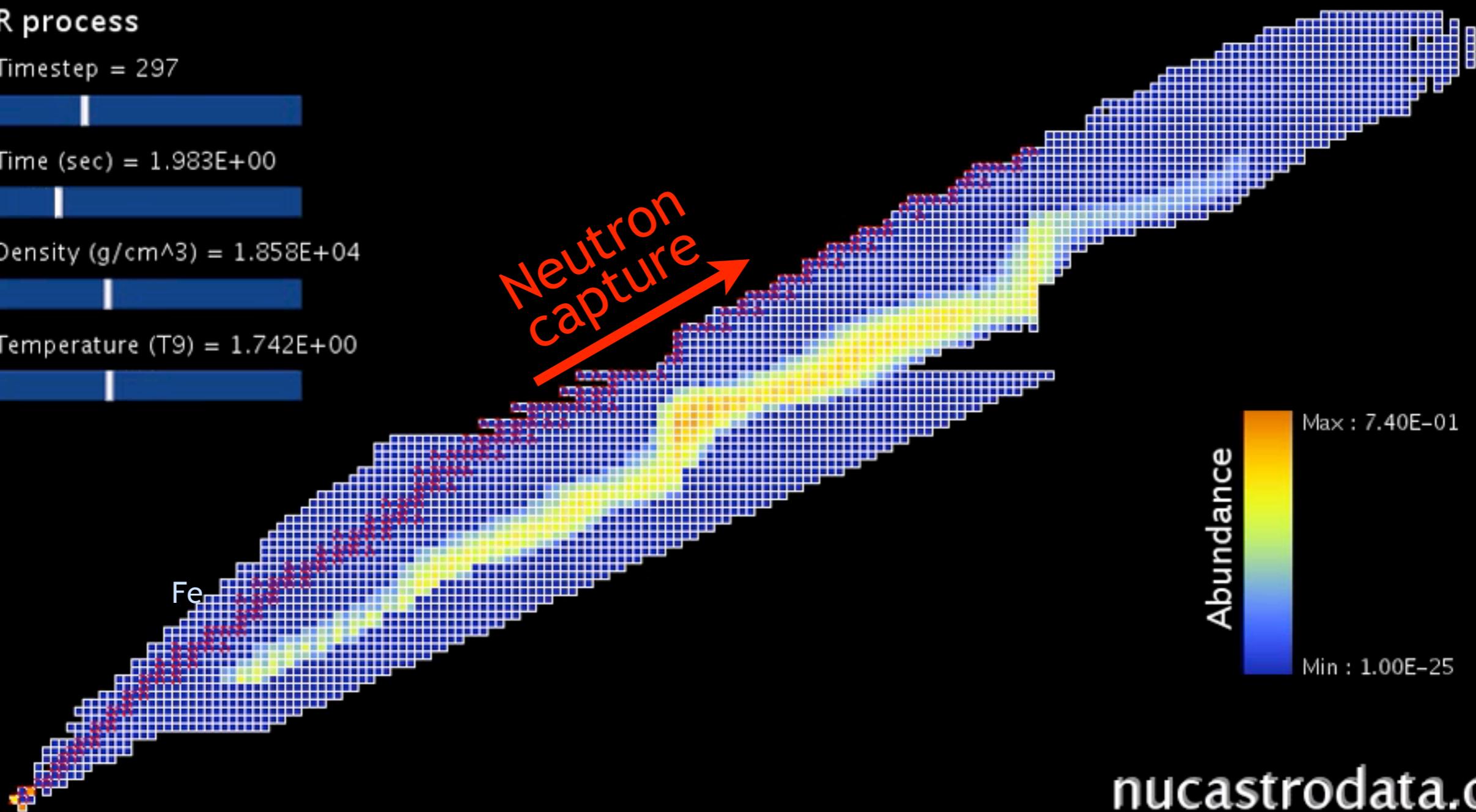
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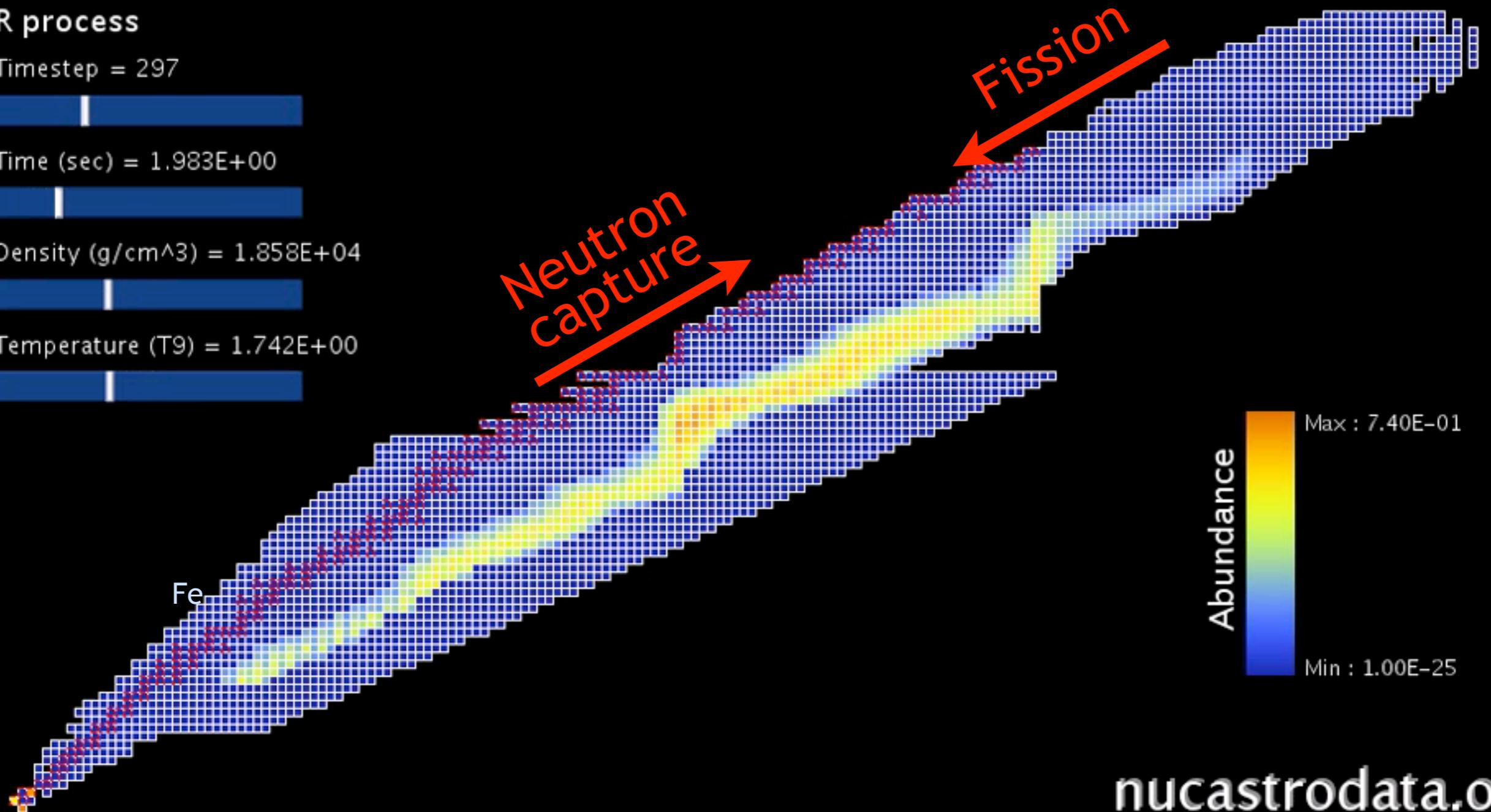
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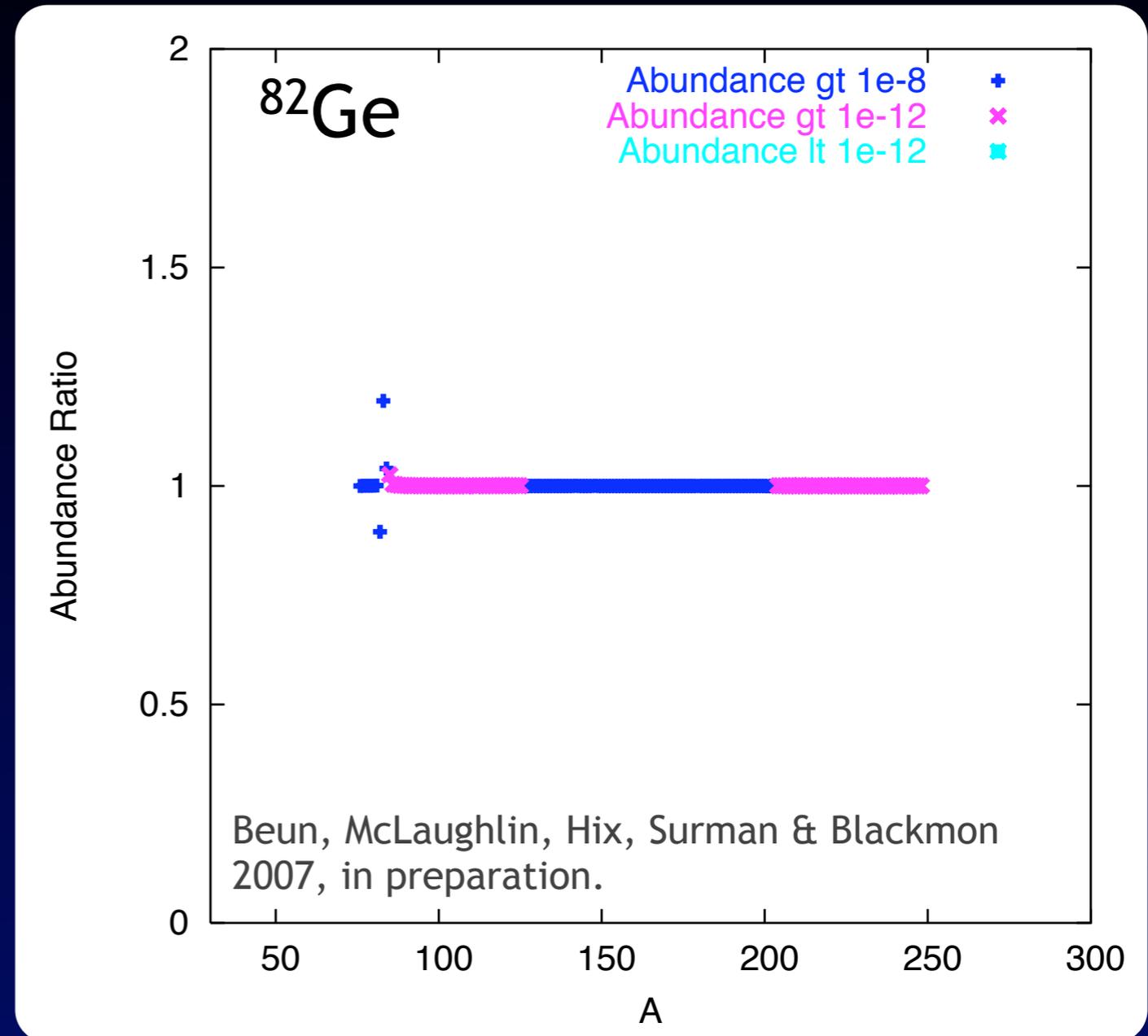


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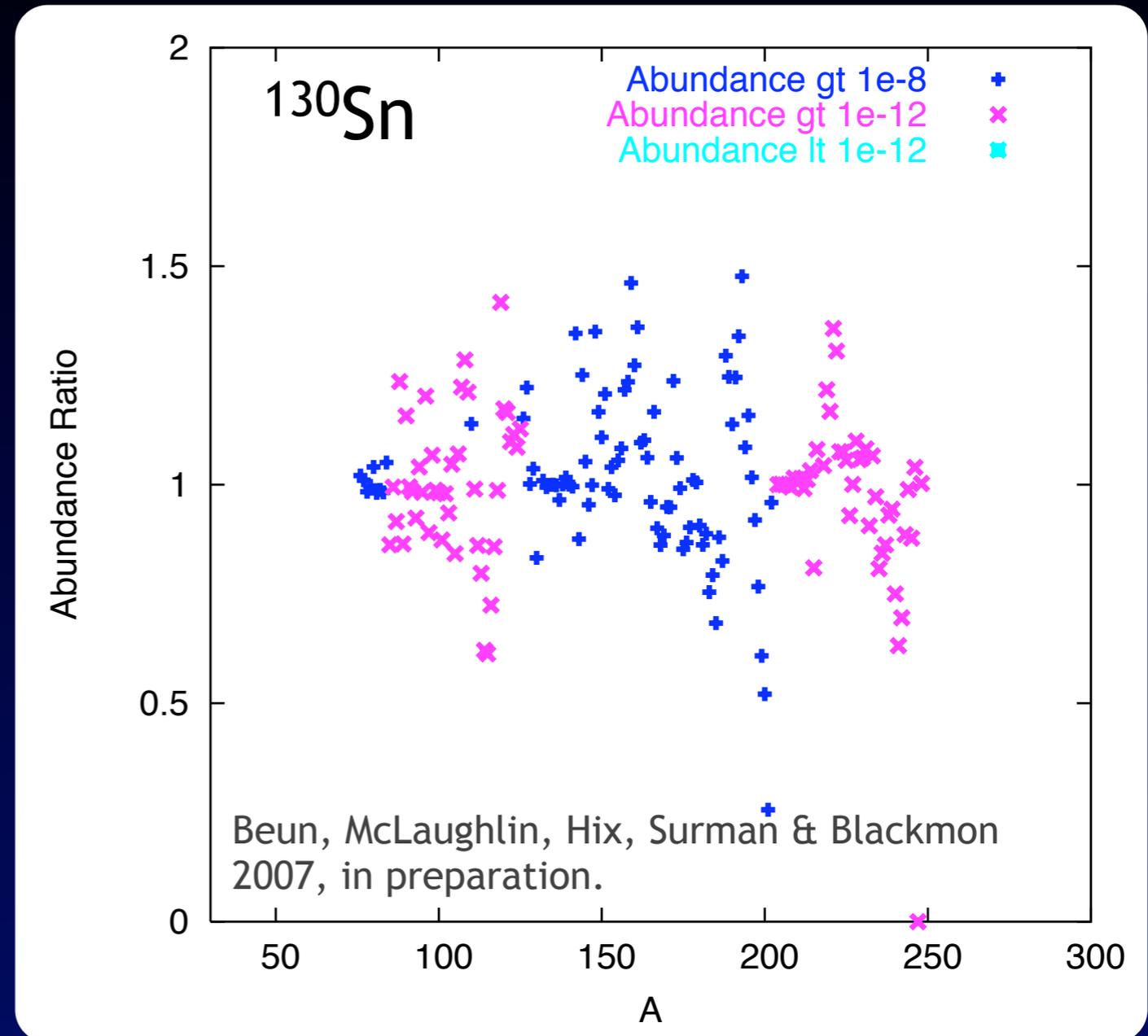
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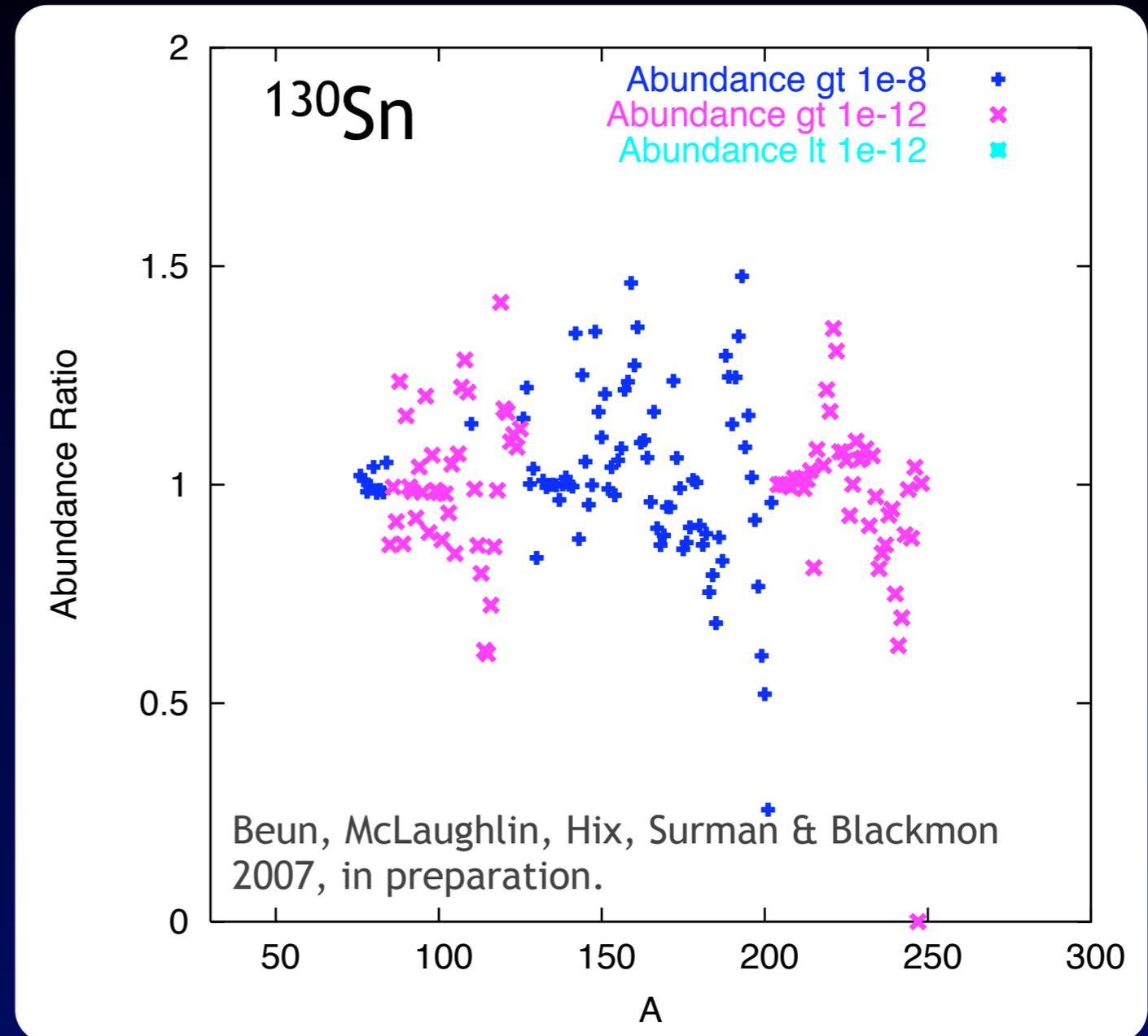
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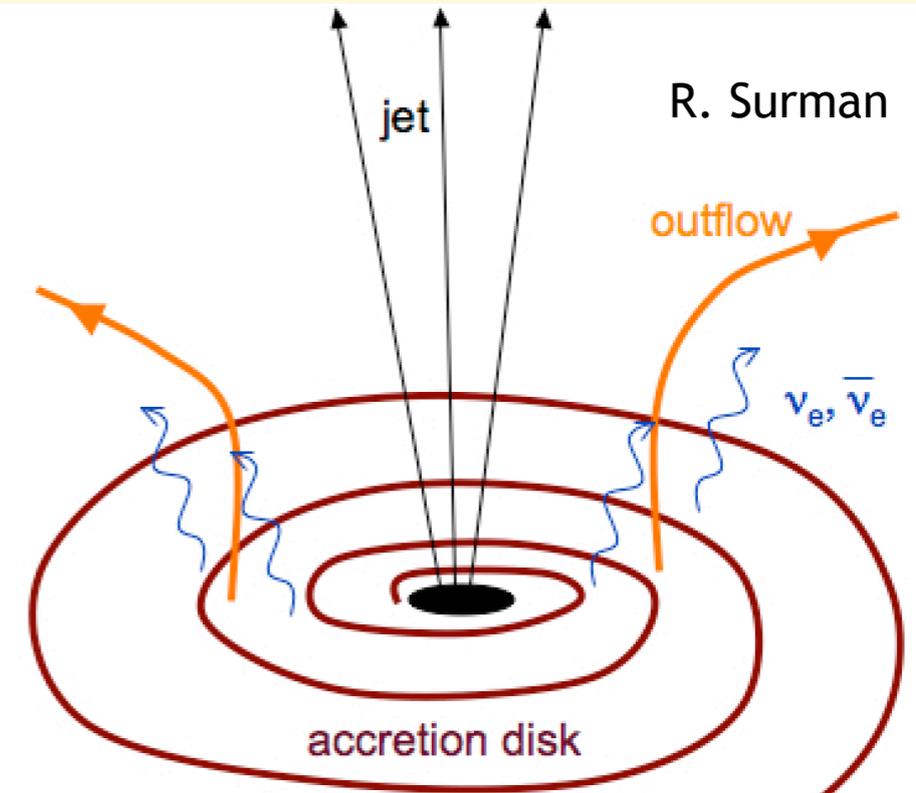
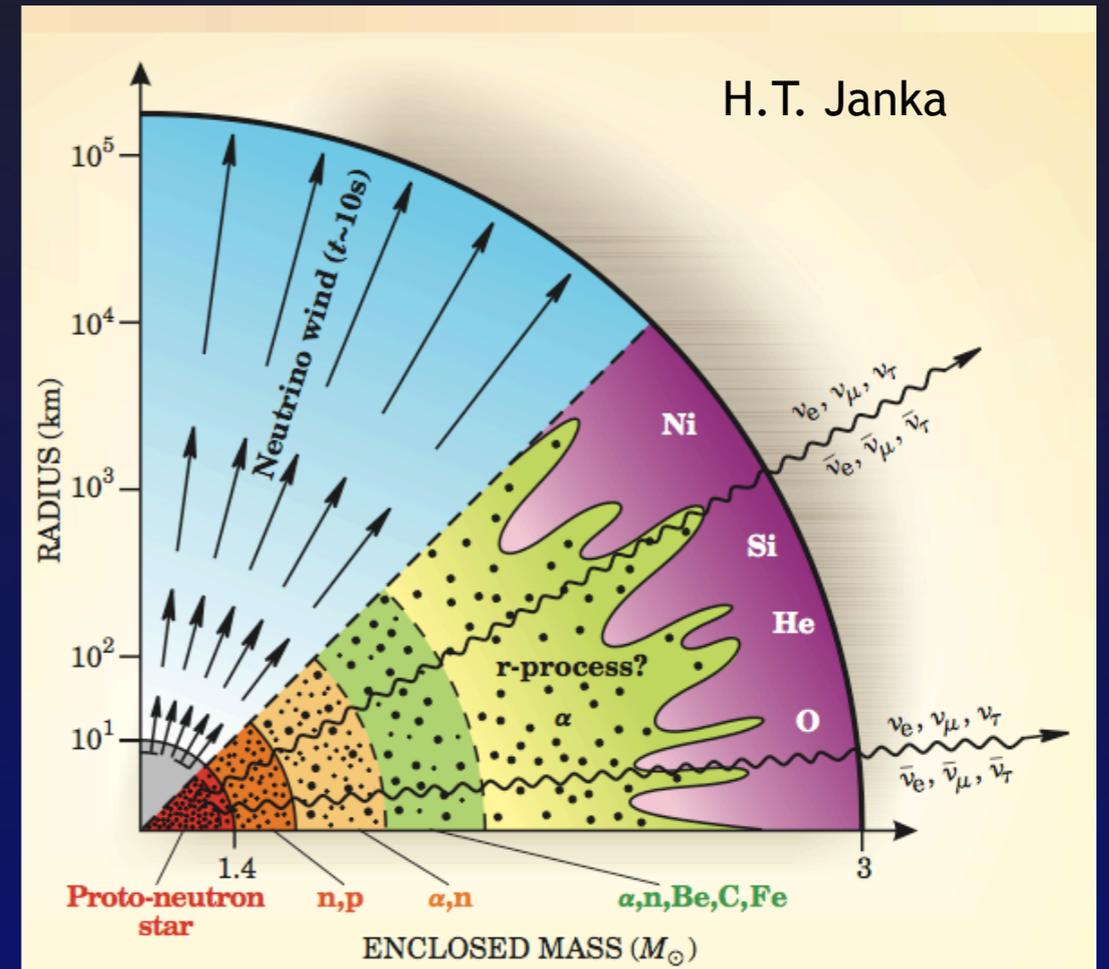
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To achieve desired accuracy of r-process predictions will require neutron capture rates, at least near stability.

Site of the r-process

Formation of r-process requires neutron-rich, high entropy matter. May occur in the 1) wind from a new neutron star in an SN, 2) in a wind from a collapsar disk, or 3) in a neutron star merger.



Nuclear Physics in Core Collapse Supernovae

- 1) What role do CC SN play in cosmic nuclear evolution?
 - a) Preeminent factory for heavy elements, producing O-Fe and probably the r-process as well.
- 2) How does nuclear physics affect the supernova explosion and the resulting nucleosynthesis?
 - a) Nuclear Matter equation of state and electron capture on heavy nuclei strongly affect the explosion mechanism.
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