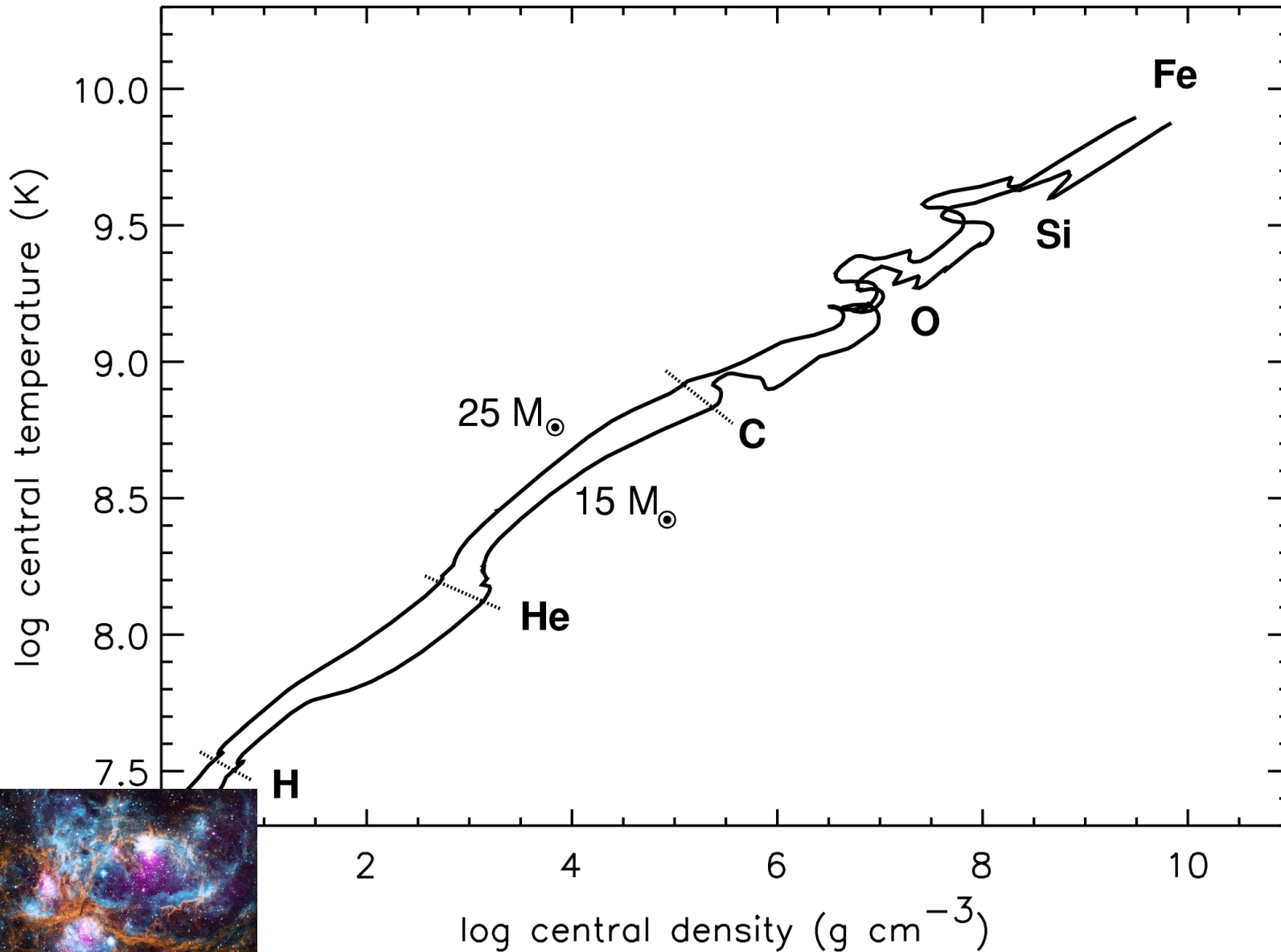


Evolution of Massive Stars

Alexander Heger
Tyrone Woods

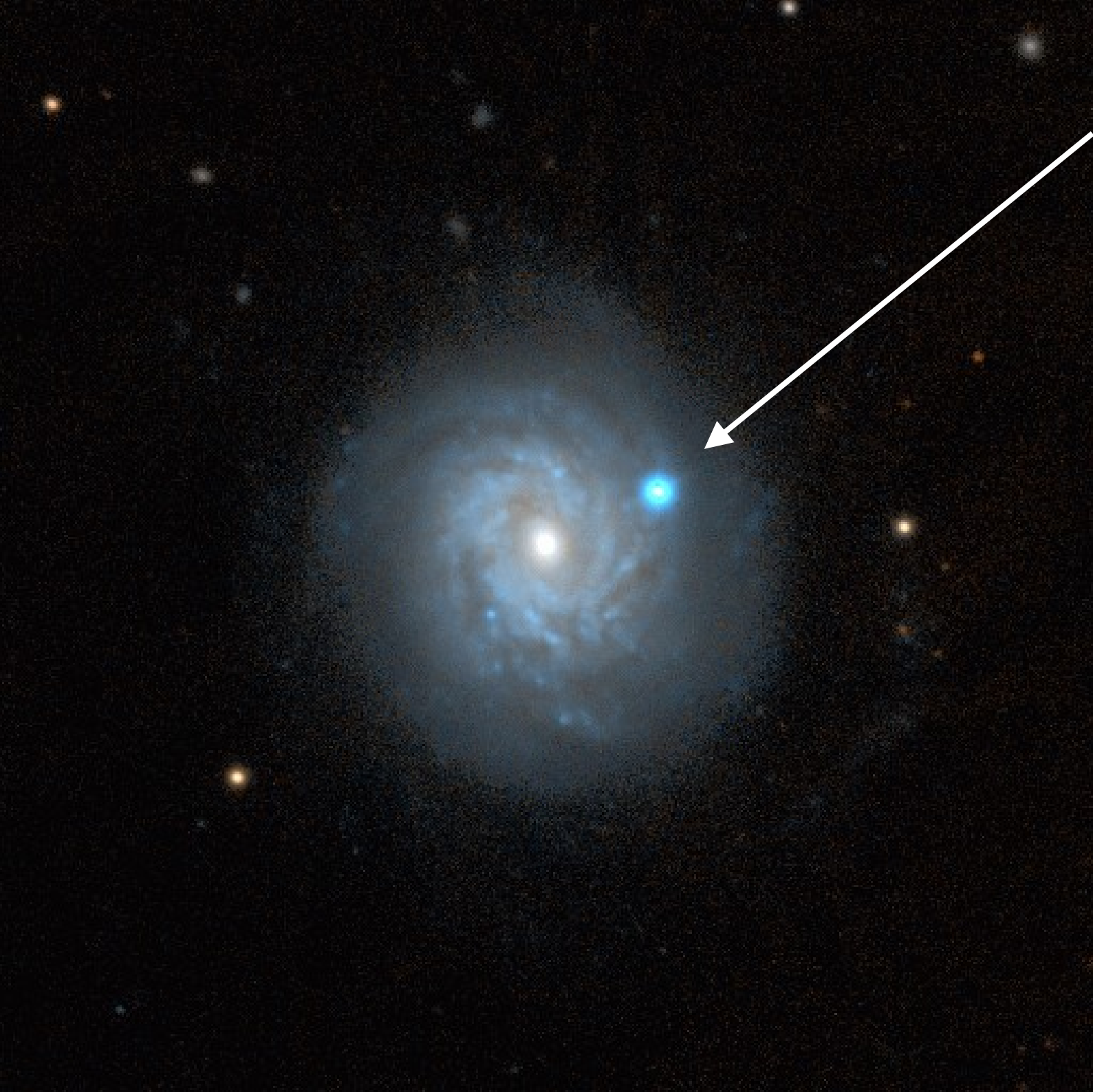


Once formed, the evolution of a star is governed by gravity:
continuing contraction
to higher central densities and temperatures



Evolution of
central
density and
temperature
of $15 M_{\odot}$
and $25 M_{\odot}$
stars





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Nuclear Burning Stages in Stars

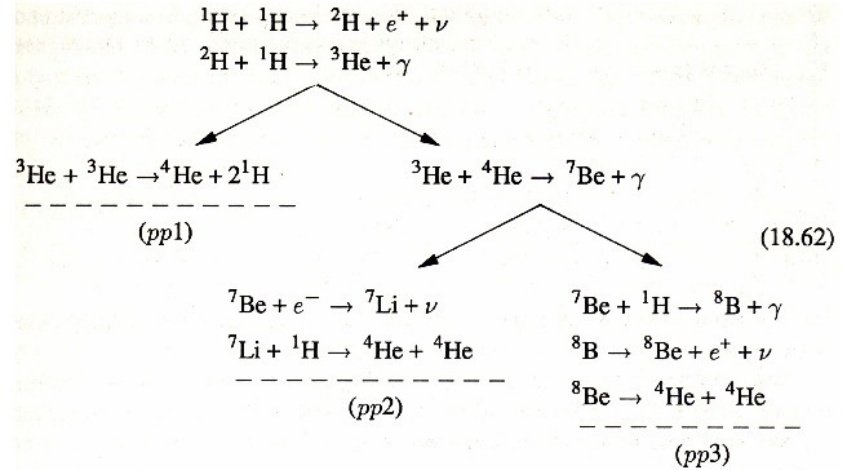
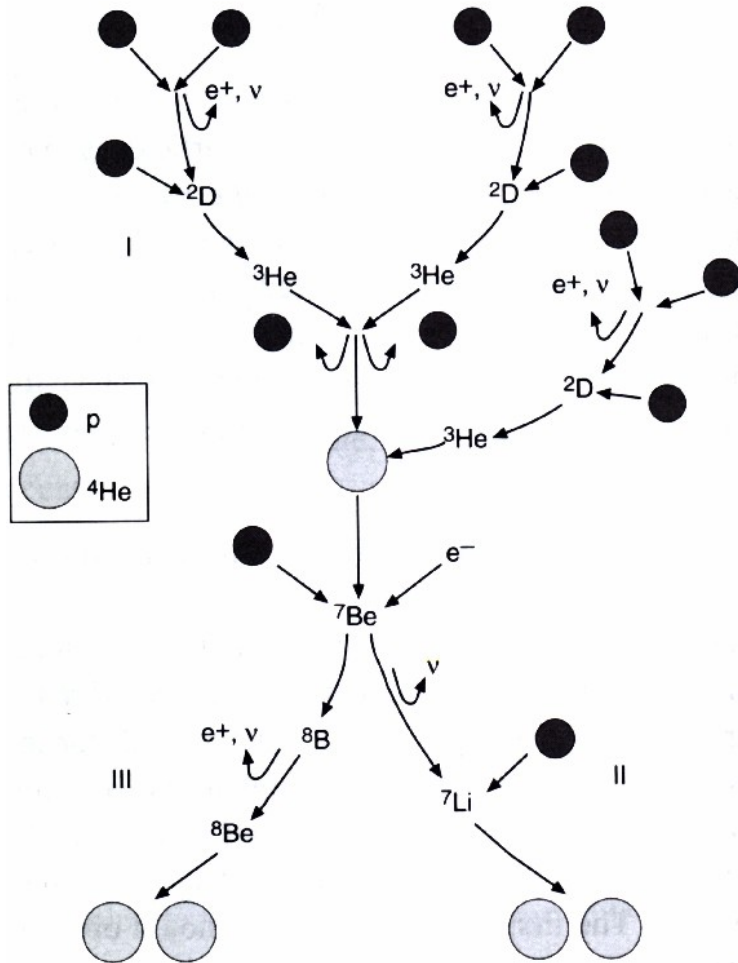
Nuclear burning stages

(20 M_{\odot} stars)

Fuel	Main Product	Secondary Product	T (10^9 K)	Time (yr)	Main Reaction
H	He	^{14}N	0.02	10^7	$4\text{H} \xrightarrow{\text{CNO}} {}^4\text{He}$

Hydrogen-Burning: pp Chains

Hydrogen burning



Energy release:

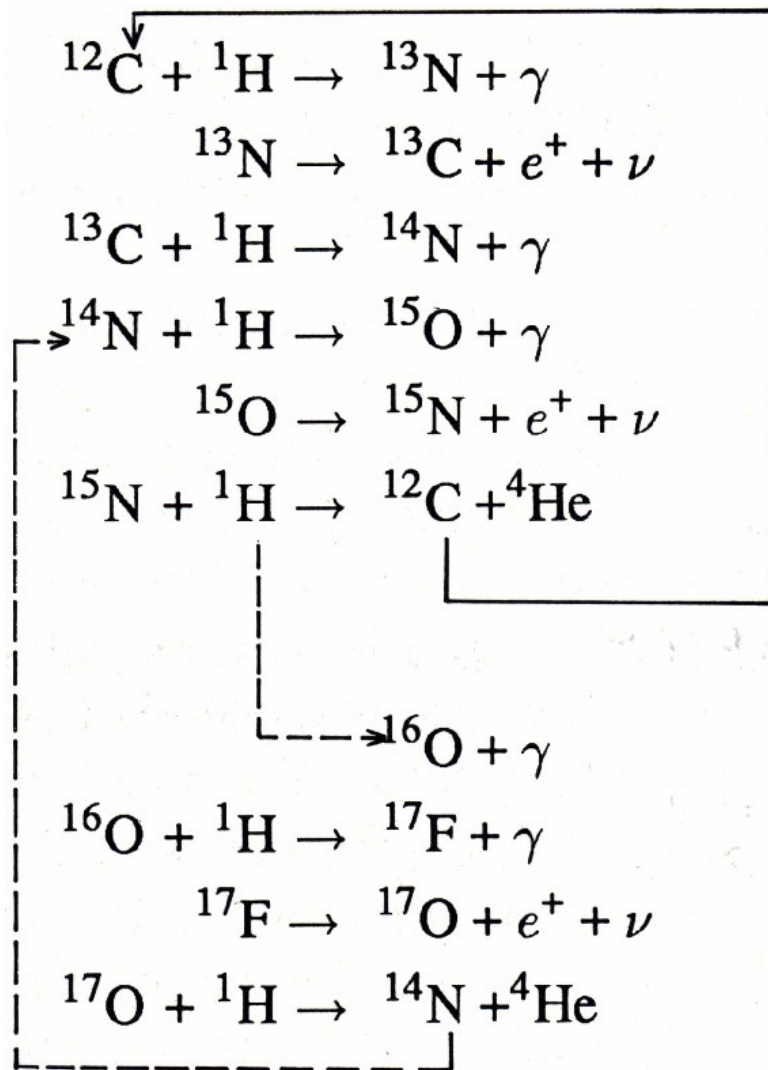
$$Q(pp1) = 26.20 \text{ MeV}$$

$$Q(pp2) = 25.67 \text{ MeV}$$

$$Q(pp3) = 19.20 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{Reaction rate: } \langle \sigma v \rangle \propto T^4$$

Hydrogen Burning: CNO Bi-Cycle



Energy release:

$$Q(\text{CNO}) = 24.97 \text{ MeV}$$

Reaction rate: $\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto T^{16}$

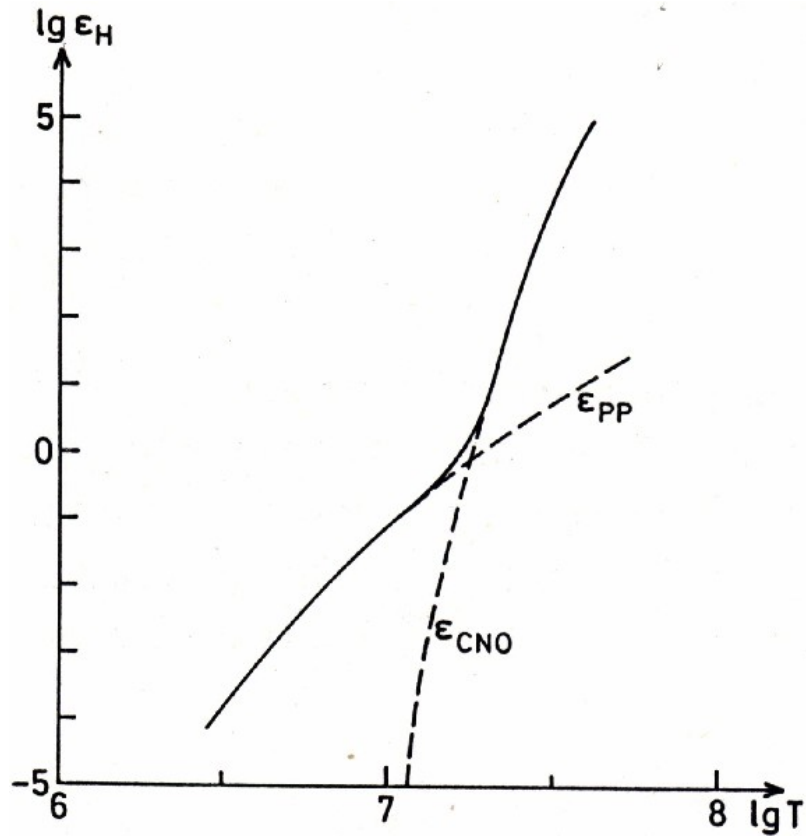
Branching:

CNO-1 : CNO-2 \sim 10,000 : 1

Hydrogen Burning: CNO Bi-Cycle

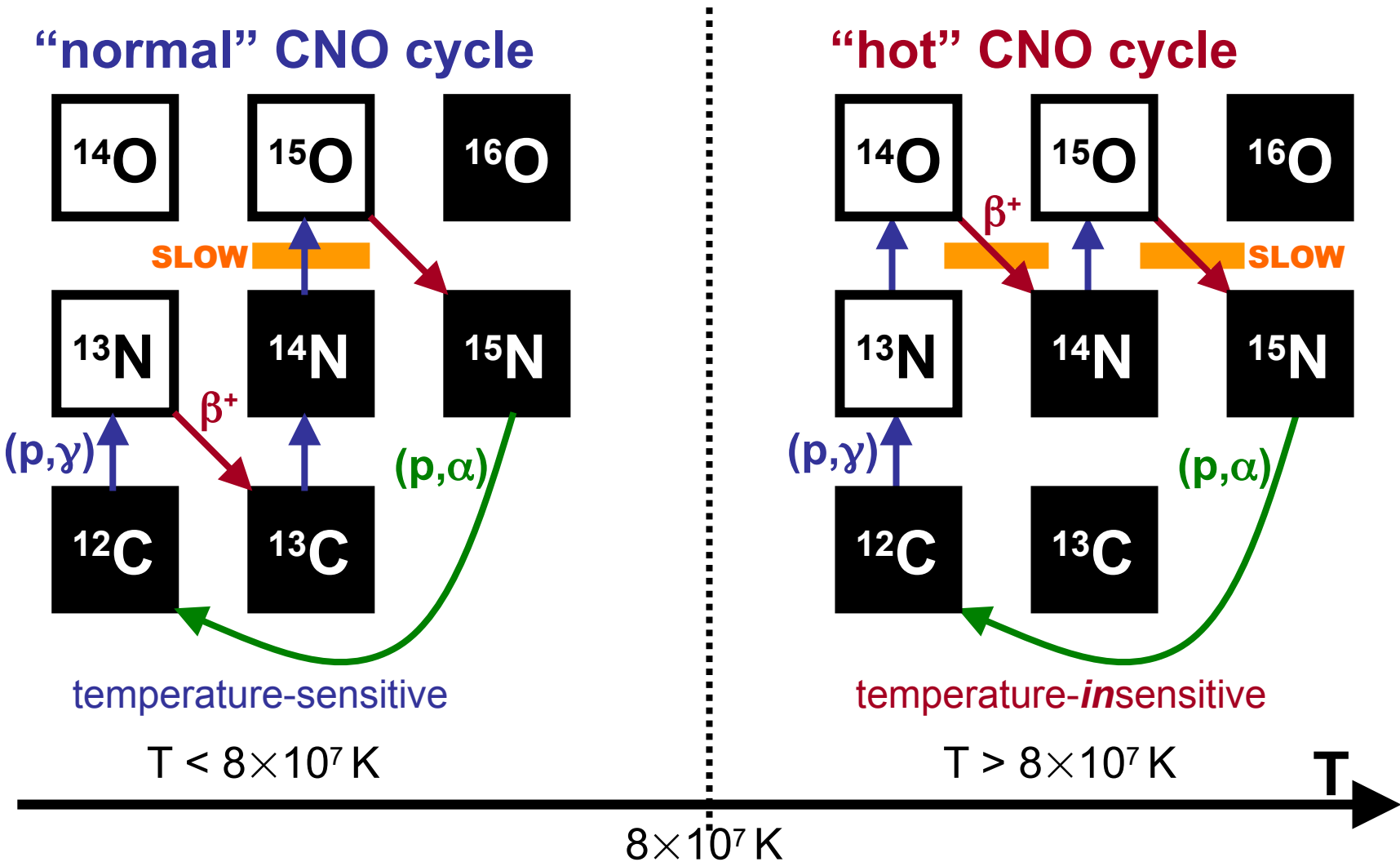
- Usually the beta-decays are fast compared to the capture reactions, (p, γ) .
- ^{14}O : $\tau_{1/2} = 70 \text{ sec}$
- ^{15}O : $\tau_{1/2} = 122 \text{ sec}$
- ^{13}N : $\tau_{1/2} = 10 \text{ min}$
- ^{17}F : $\tau_{1/2} = 64 \text{ sec}$
- ^{18}O : $\tau_{1/2} = 110 \text{ min}$
- $^{14}\text{N}(p, \gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ usually is the slowest “bottleneck” reaction.
- CNO cycle burning converts most CNO isotopes into ^{14}N .

Competition of Hydrogen-Burning Modes



Transition from pp-chains
in low-mass stars (low T)
to CNO chains
in high-mass stars (high T)

Hydrogen Burning by CNO Cycle



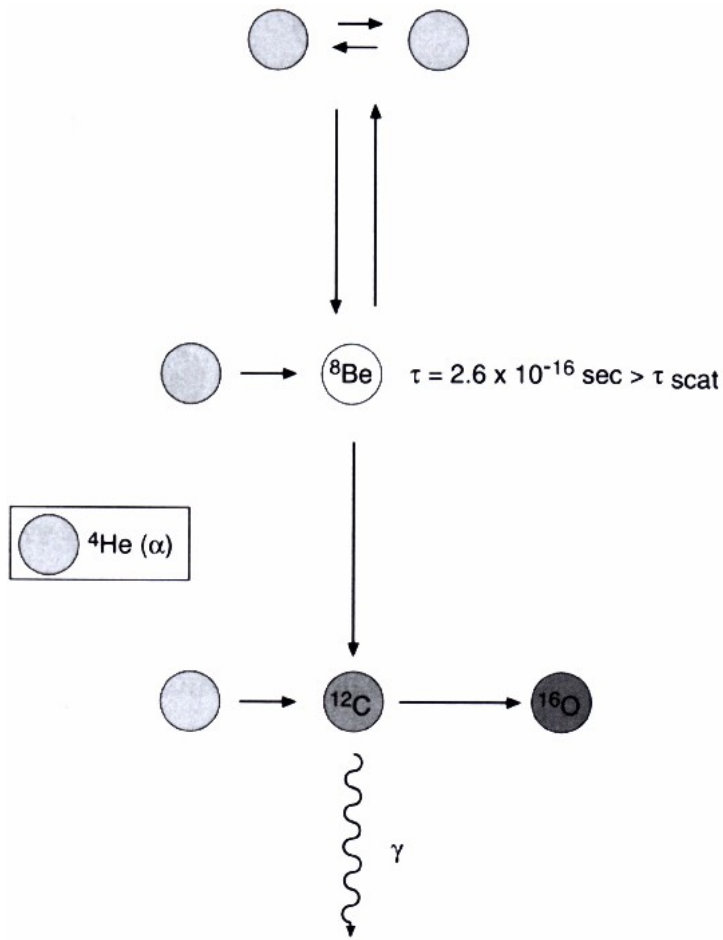
time for an eddy to burn its hydrogen content by **hot** CNO cycle $\tau_H = 11 \text{ h} \left(\frac{0.02}{Z} \right) \left(\frac{X_0}{0.7} \right)$

Nuclear burning stages

(20 M_{\odot} stars)

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Helium Burning

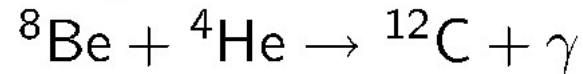


Step 1:



Built up equilibrium abundance of ${}^8\text{Be}$
 Lifetime of ${}^8\text{Be}$ is only 2.6×10^{-16} s!

Step 2:



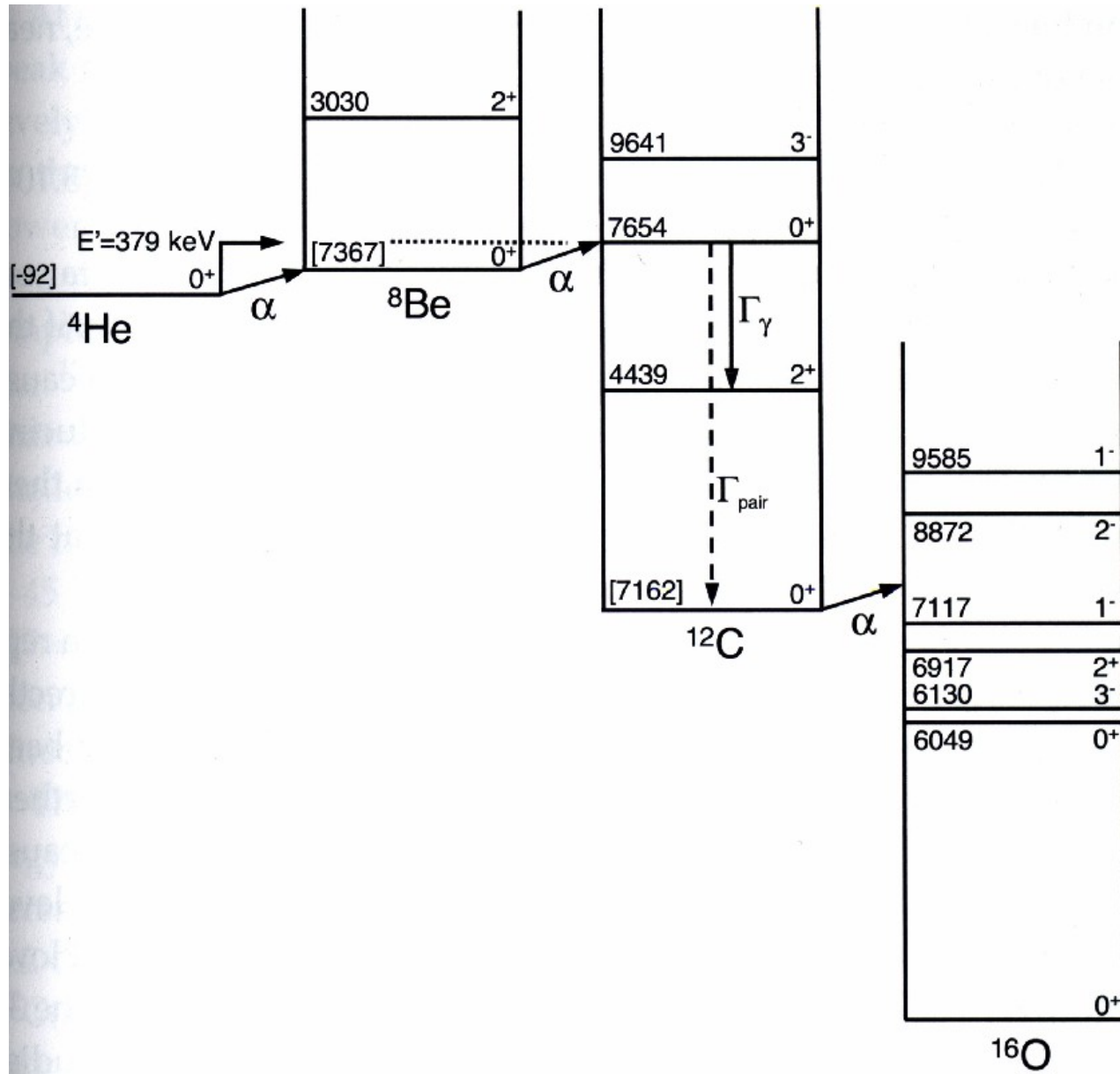
$$Q_{3\alpha} = 7.275 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto \rho^2 T^{40}$$

$$T = 10^8 \text{ K} \quad \Rightarrow \quad n({}^8\text{Be}) : n({}^4\text{He}) = 1 : 10^9$$

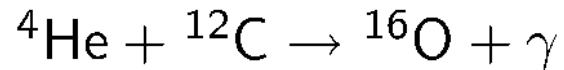
$$\rho = 10^5 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

Helium Burning Level Scheme



Additional Helium Burning Reactions

Oxygen Production



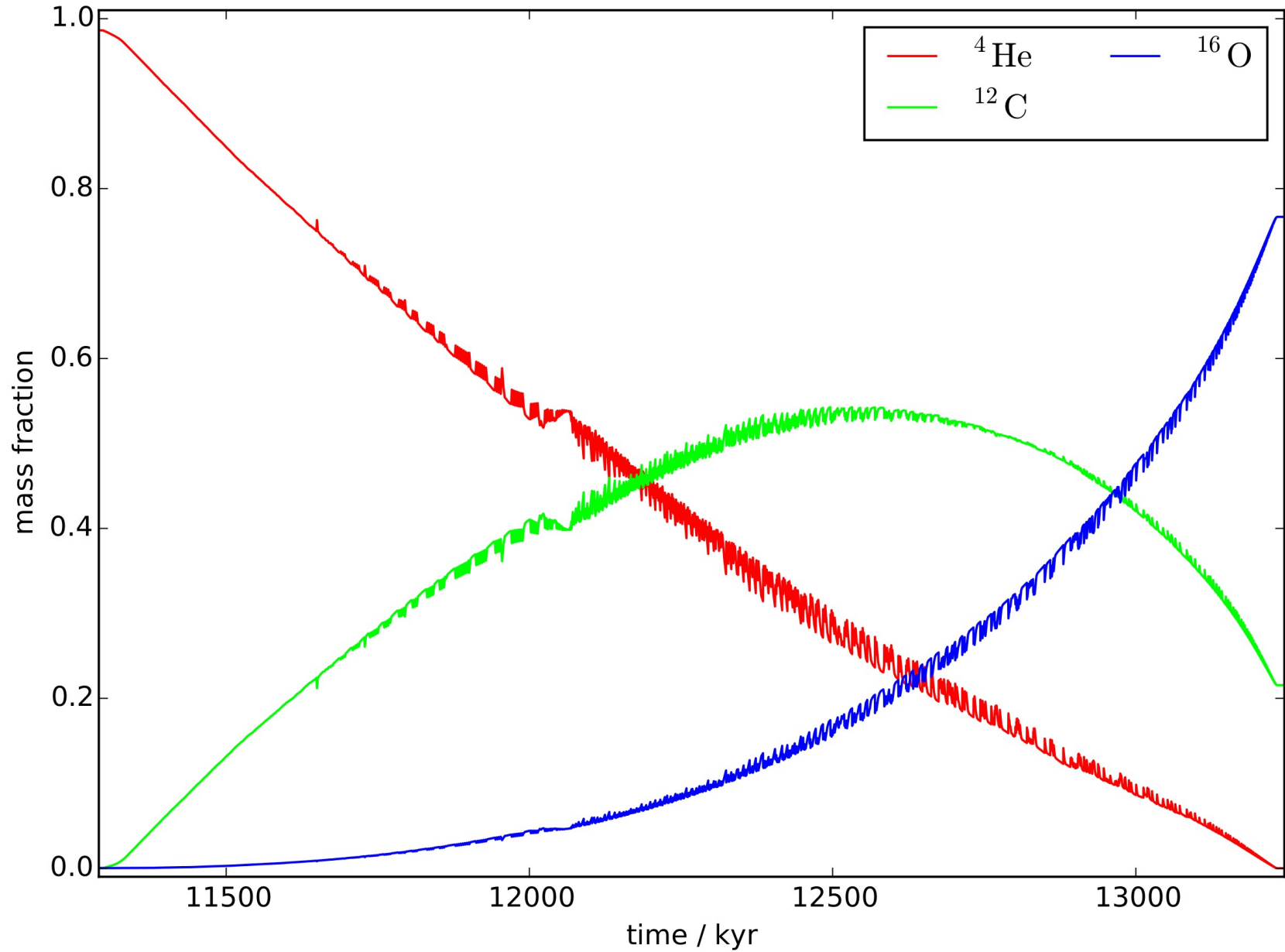
$$Q = 7.162 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto \rho T^{40}$$

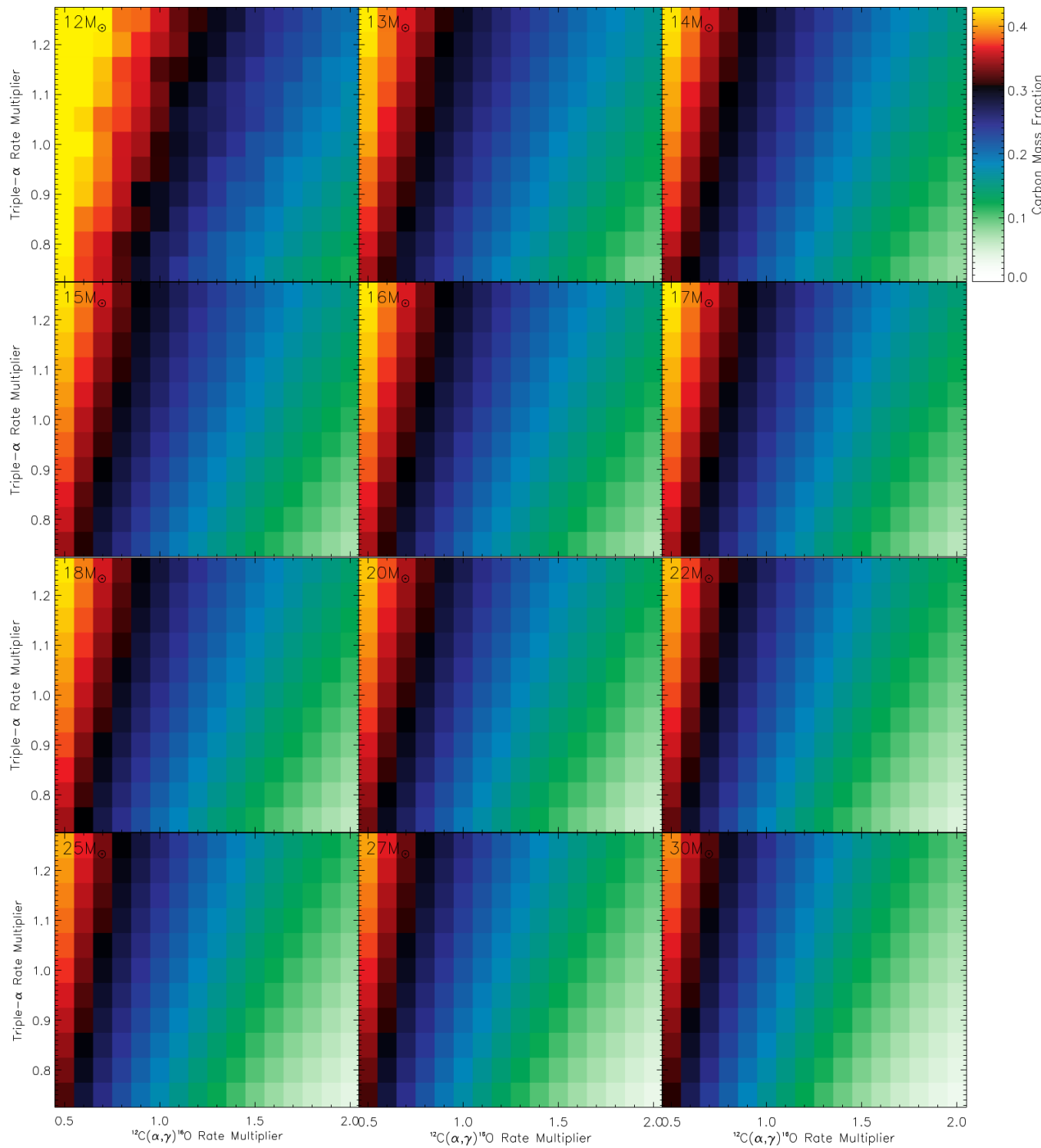
The final abundance of carbon is set by the competition of 3α and ${}^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma){}^{16}\text{O}$ reactions;

The production of ${}^{16}\text{O}$ can only start when a sufficient amount of ${}^{12}\text{C}$ has been made.

Competition of Helium Burning Reactions



^{12}C Production as a function of $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)$ and 3α reaction rates



Carbon mass fraction
at the end of helium
burning depends the
reaction rates and the
mass of the star

~2000 stellar models

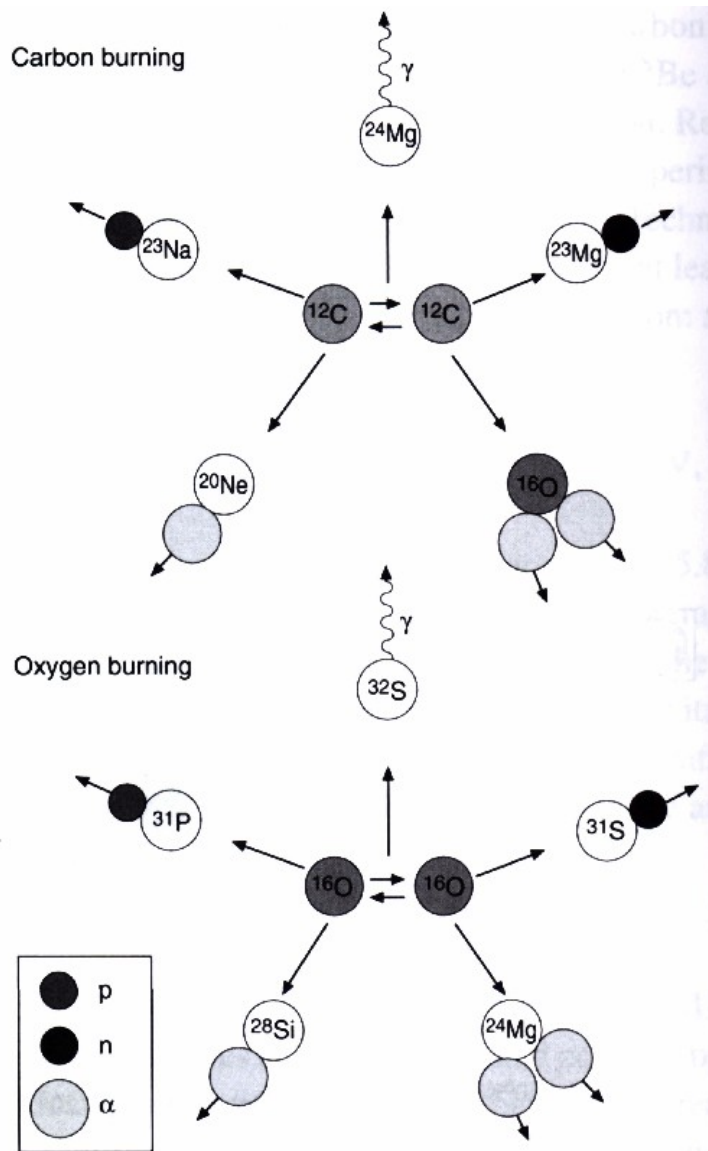
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Nuclear burning stages

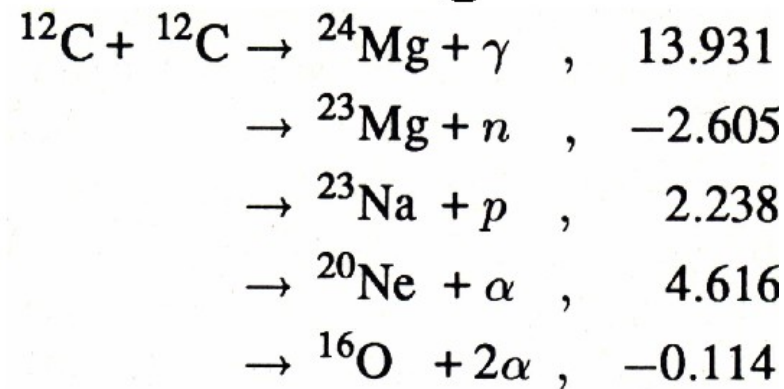
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C	Ne, Mg	Na	0.8	10^3	$\text{}^{12}\text{C} + \text{}^{12}\text{C}$

Carbon and Oxygen Burning

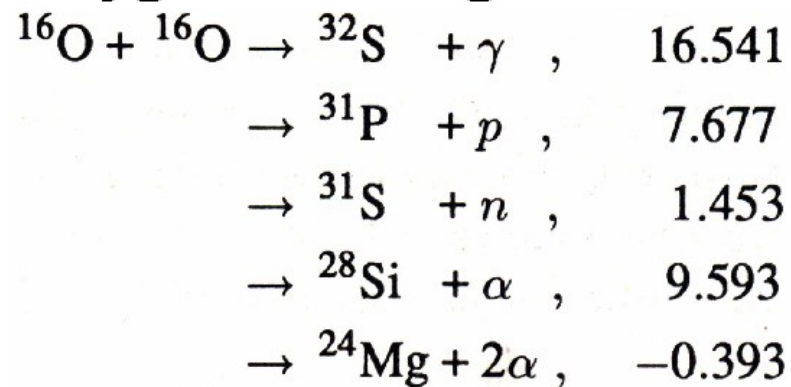


Carbon Burning



Average $Q = 13 \text{ MeV}$

Oxygen Burning



Average $Q = 16 \text{ MeV}$

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

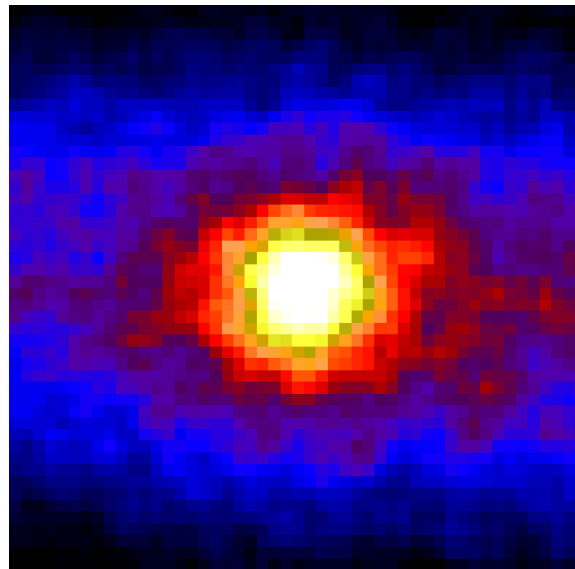


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- The neutrinos exit the stars at the speed of light while the e^+ , e^- , and the γ 's all stay trapped.

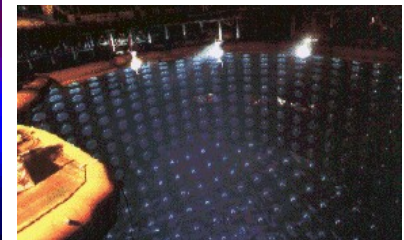
- This is an important energy loss with

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

- 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



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 H $\xrightarrow{\text{CNO}}$ ⁴ He
He	O, C	¹⁸ O, ²² Ne s-process	0.2	10 ⁶	3 He ⁴ \rightarrow ¹² C ¹² C(α,γ) ¹⁶ O
C	Ne, Mg	Na	0.8	10 ³	¹² C + ¹² C
Ne	O, Mg	Al, P	1.5	3	²⁰ Ne(γ,α) ¹⁶ O ²⁰ Ne(α,γ) ²⁴ Mg

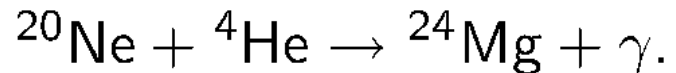
Neon Burning

Neon burning proceeds by a combination of photo-disintegrations and α captures:

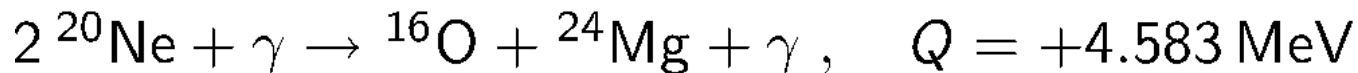


This reaction dominates over the inverse reaction known from helium burning for $T > 1.5 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$.

Subsequently, the ^4He is captured on another ^{20}Ne nucleus:



The net result is

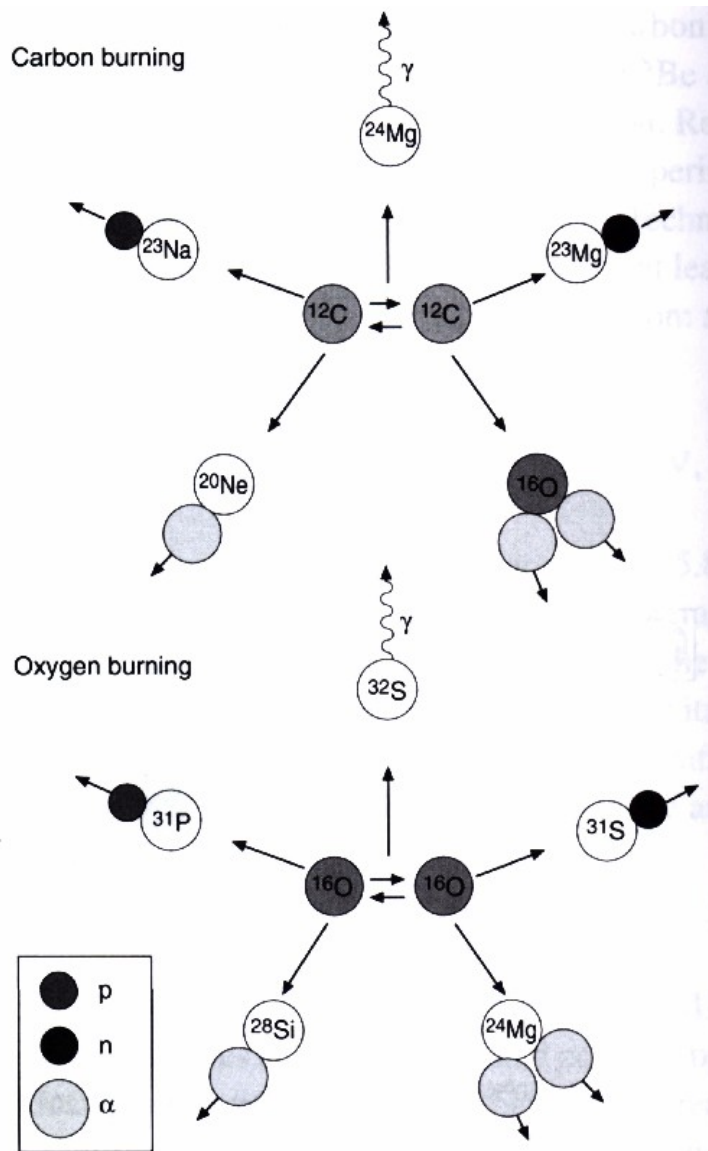


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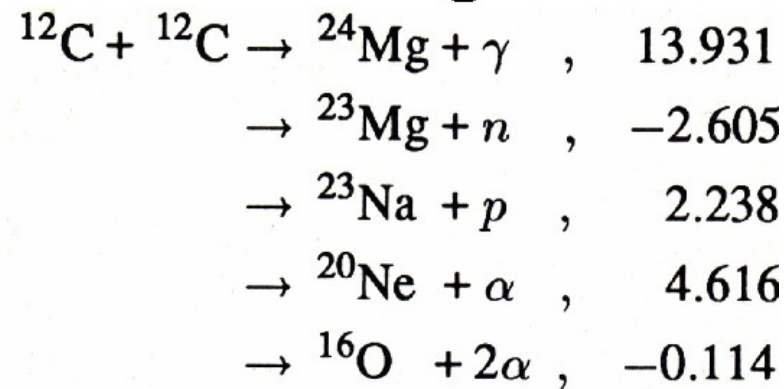
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C	Ne, Mg	Na	0.8	10 ³	¹² C + ¹² C
Ne	O, Mg	Al, P	1.5	3	²⁰ Ne(γ,α) ¹⁶ O ²⁰ Ne(α,γ) ²⁴ Mg
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Carbon and Oxygen Burning

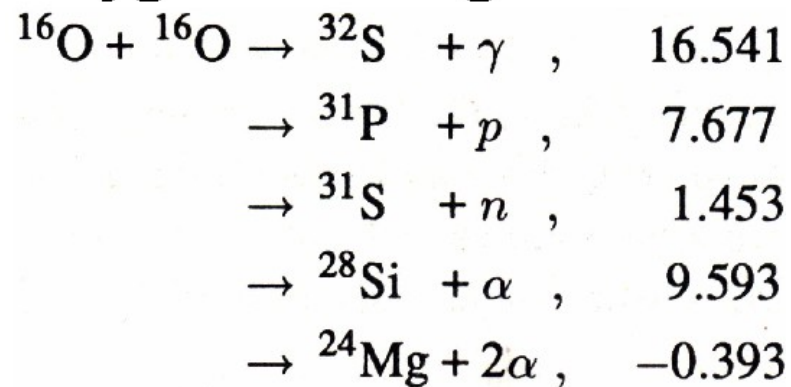


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Oxygen Burning



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Nuclear burning stages

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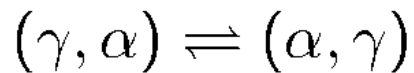
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Si, S	Fe	Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Co, Ni	3.5	0.02	²⁸ Si(γ,α)...

Silicon/Sulfur Burning

Actually, often we have more sulfur in the star than there is silicon, but it is custom to call this phase “silicon burning”.

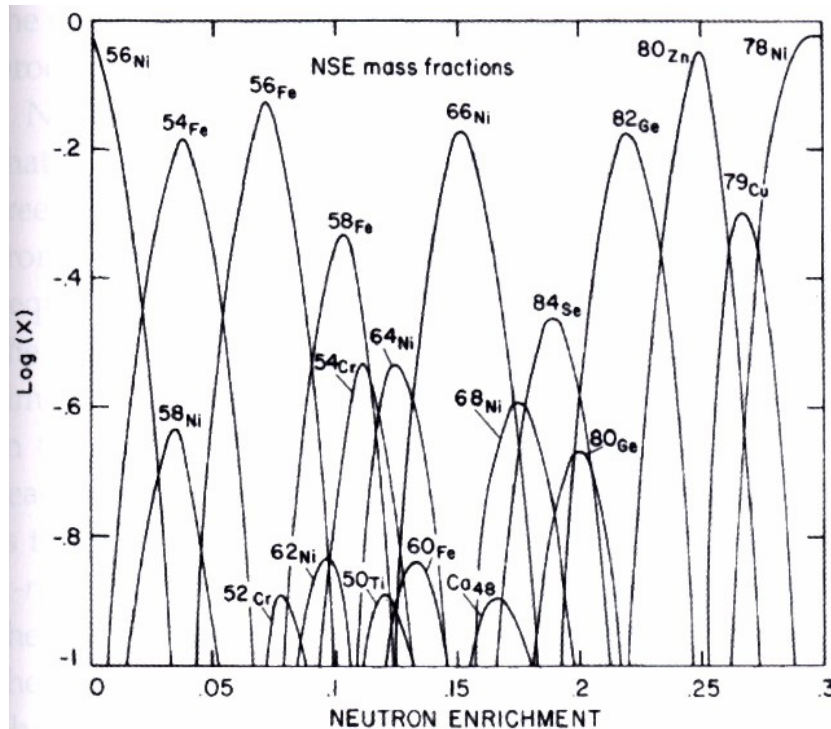
Typical burning temperature is $3 \dots 3.5 \times 10^9$ K.

Similar to neon burning, silicon burning proceeds as a series of photo-disintegration reactions, mostly, (γ, α) , and helium capture reactions, (α, γ) to build up iron group elements.



At the high T and ρ of these conditions, also *weak reactions* occur, converting protons into neutrons and leading to a *neutron excess*. This allows to actually make stable iron isotopes.

Beyond Silicon Burning



NSE distribution for
 $T = 3.5 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$,
 $\rho = 10^7 \text{ g/cm}^3$

After silicon burning T and ρ is so high that the nuclei are in **nuclear statistical equilibrium**, i.e., the reactions are fast compared to the evolution time-scale of the star, and the abundance distribution of the nuclei is given by a *Saha equation*.

Summary of Energies

<i>Nuclear Fuel</i>	<i>Process</i>	<i>T_{threshold}</i> <i>10⁶ K</i>	<i>Products</i>	<i>Energy per</i> <i>Nucleon (MeV)</i>
H	<i>p-p</i>	~4	He	6.55
H	CNO	15	He	6.25
He	3α	100	C, O	0.61
C	C + C	600	O, Ne, Na, Mg	0.54
O	O + O	1000	Mg, S, P, Si	~0.3
Si	Nuc. eq.	3000	Co, Fe, Ni	<0.18

Nitrogen Burning

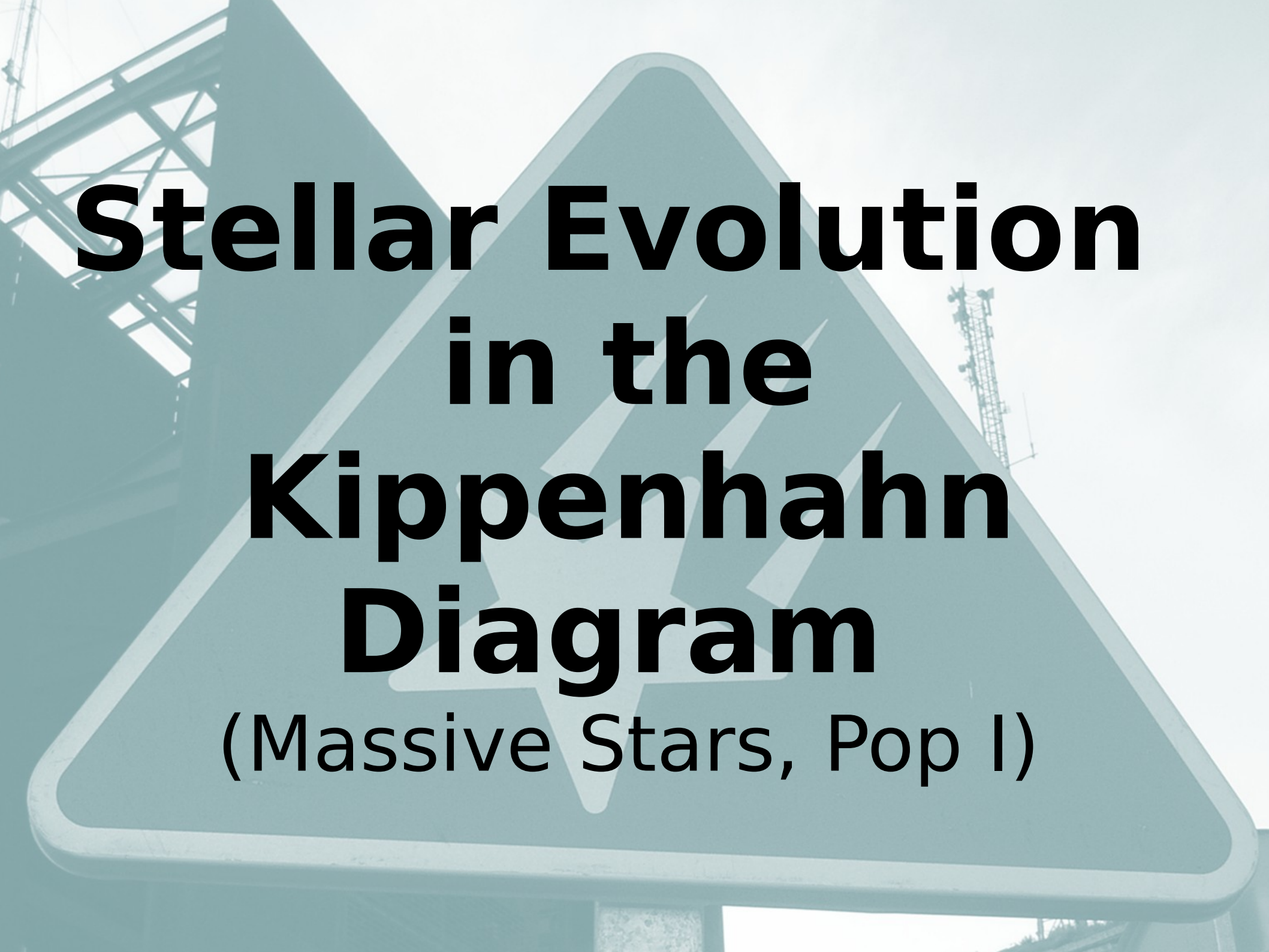


- ^{14}N is made as slowest reactant in CNO cycle
- It is made from initial metals, not as a primary product
- Depending on metallicity, the abundance can be come significant; it will be more important for more metal-rich stars.
- ^{14}N burning occurs at the onset – before – central helium burning and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

Nuclear Burning Stages

(20 M_⊙ star of solar composition)

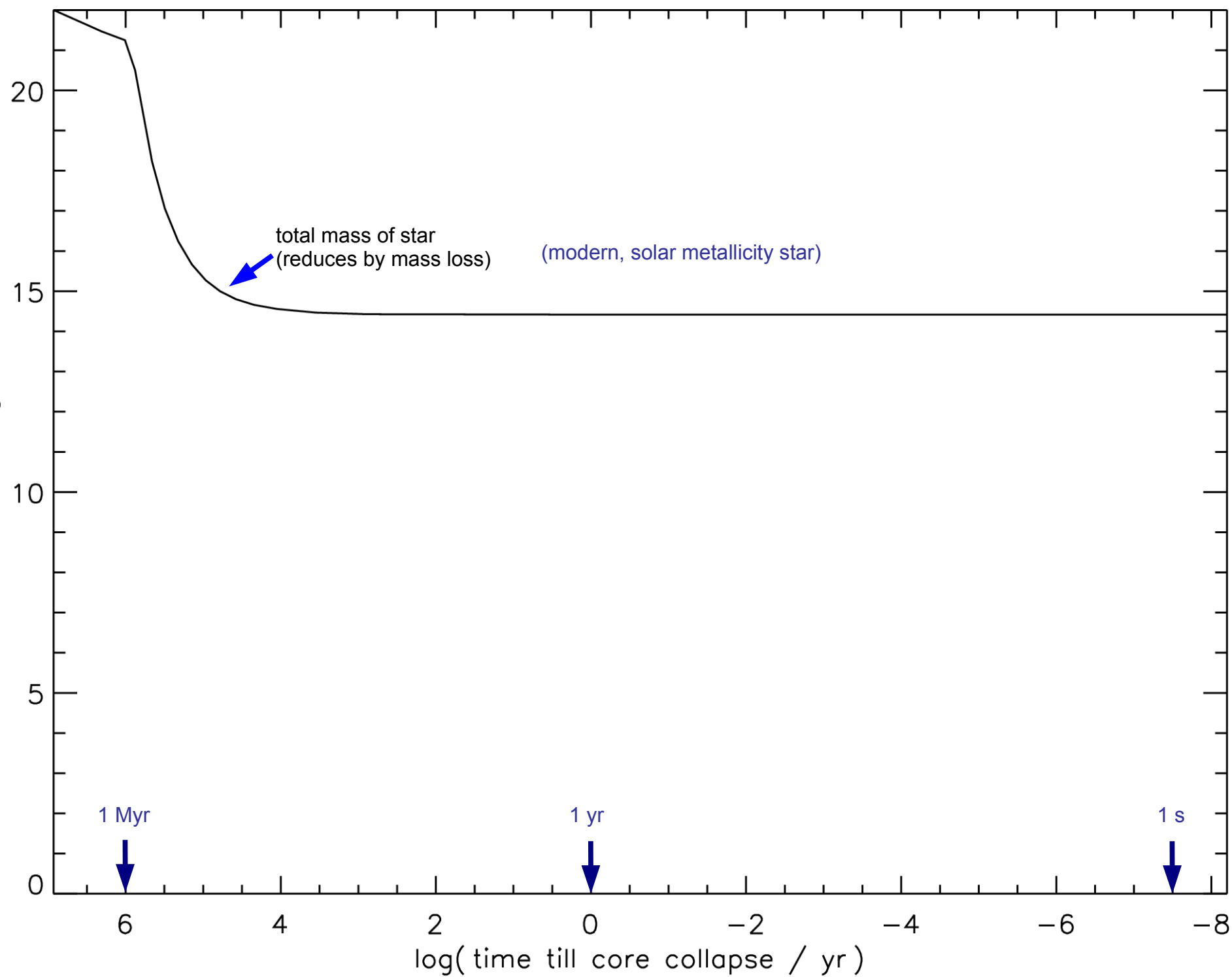
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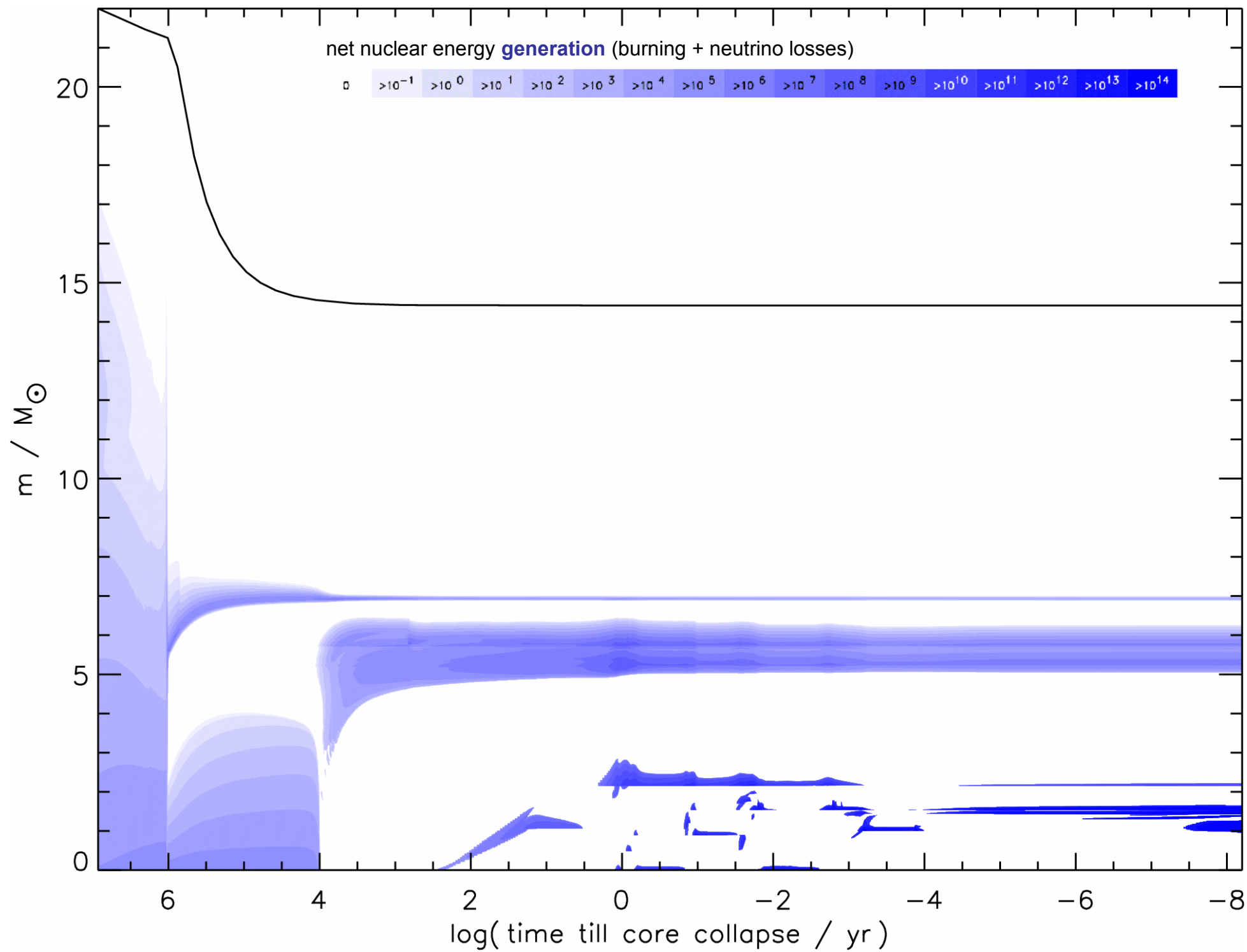


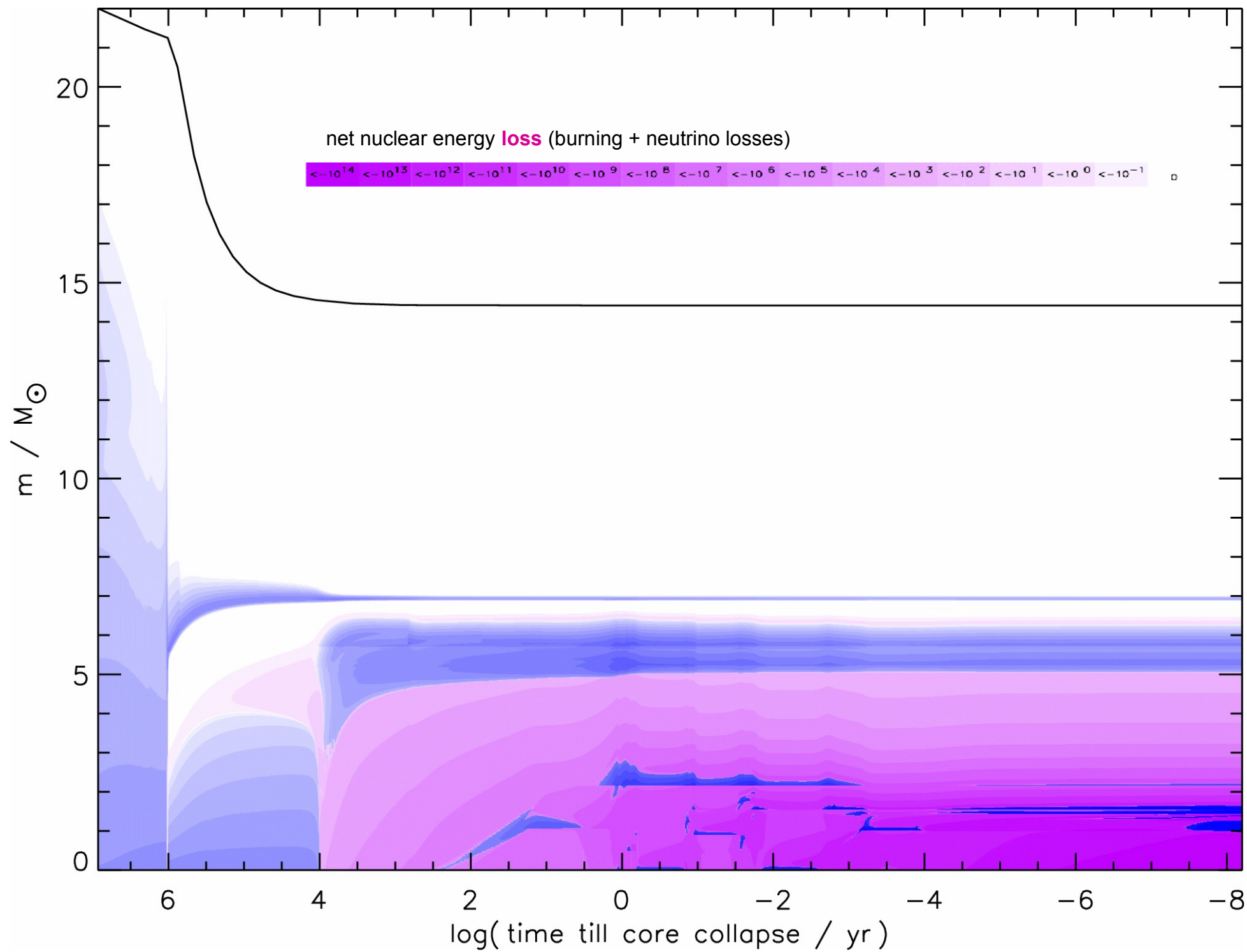
Stellar Evolution in the Kippenhahn Diagram

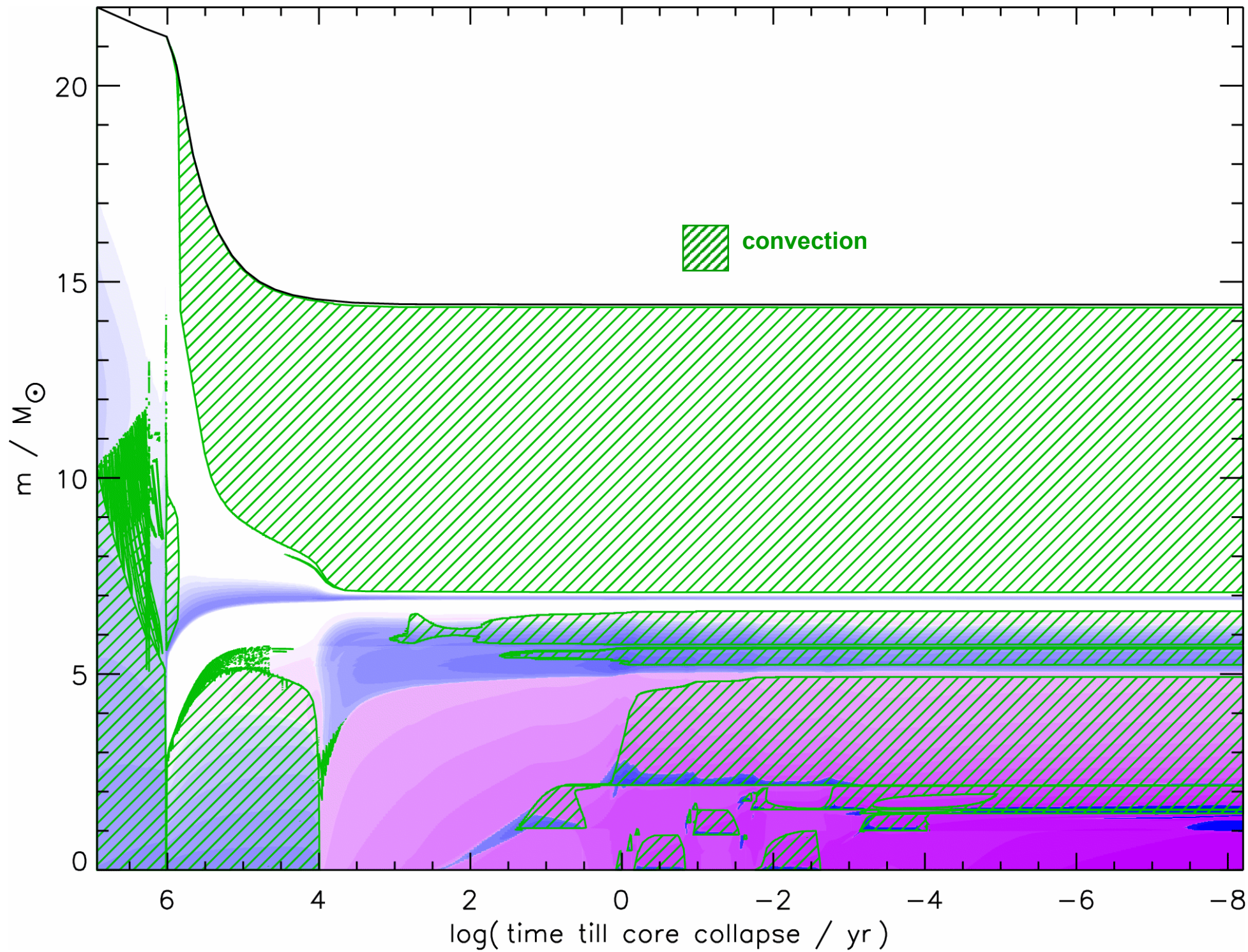
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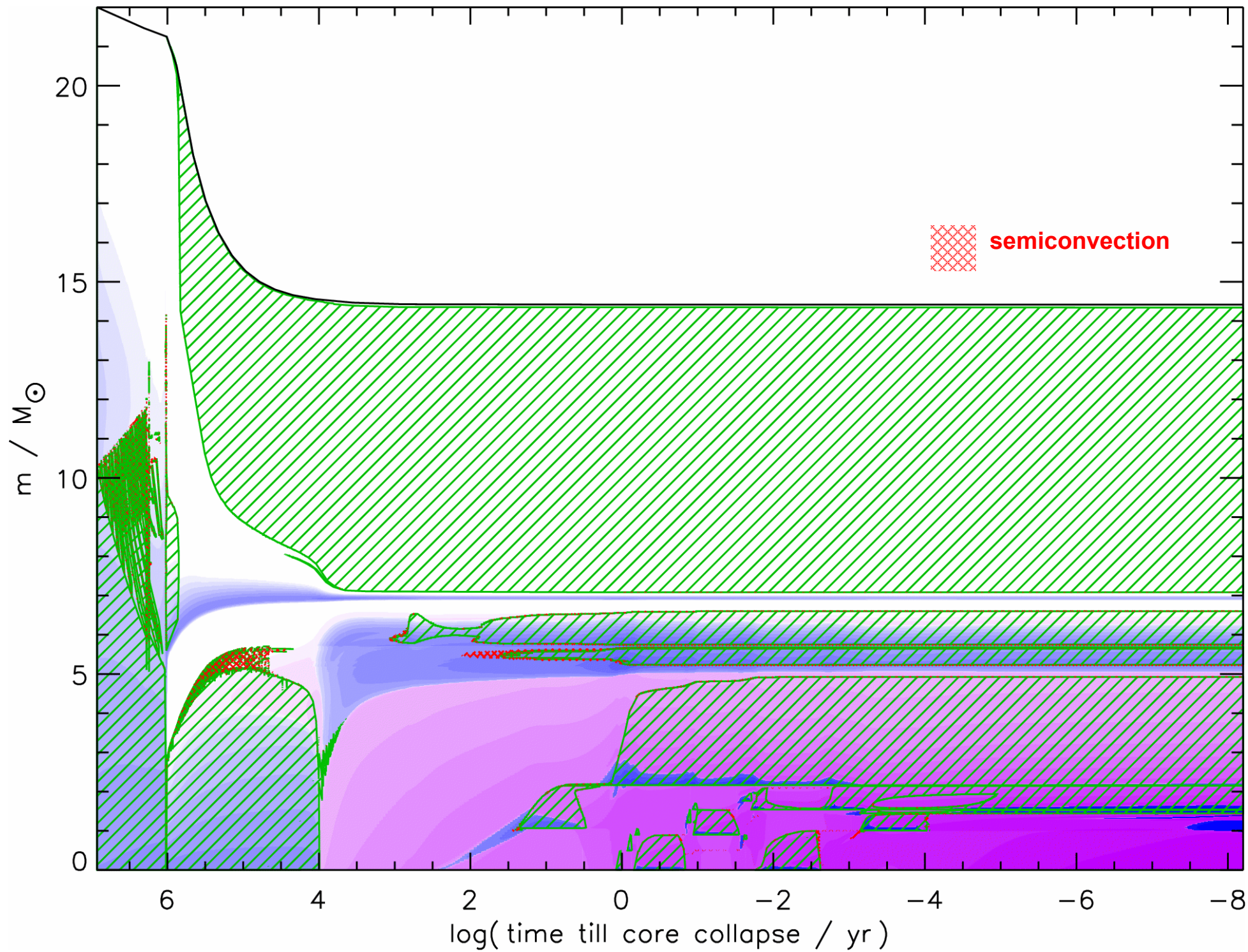
mass coordinate (enclosed mass in solar masses)

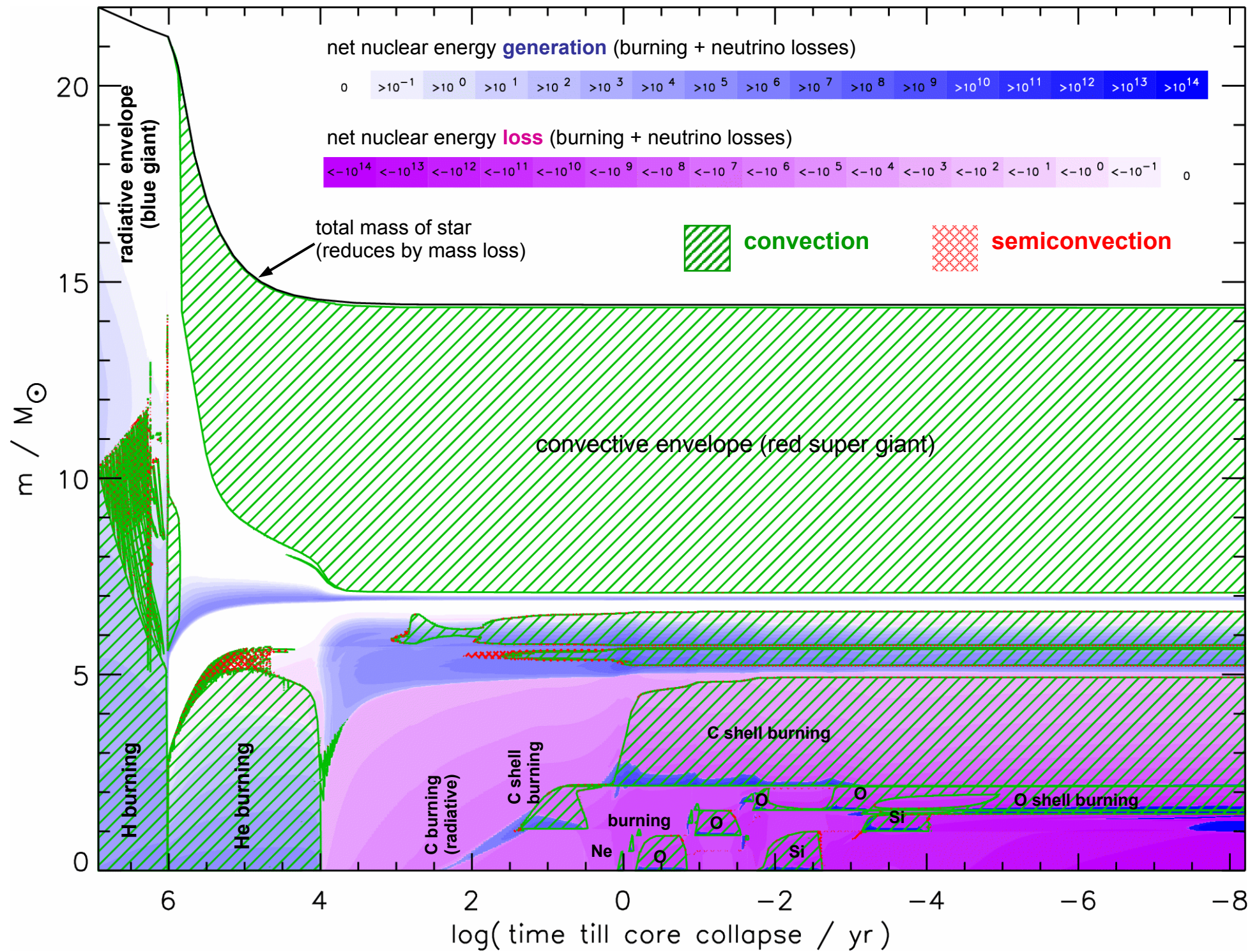




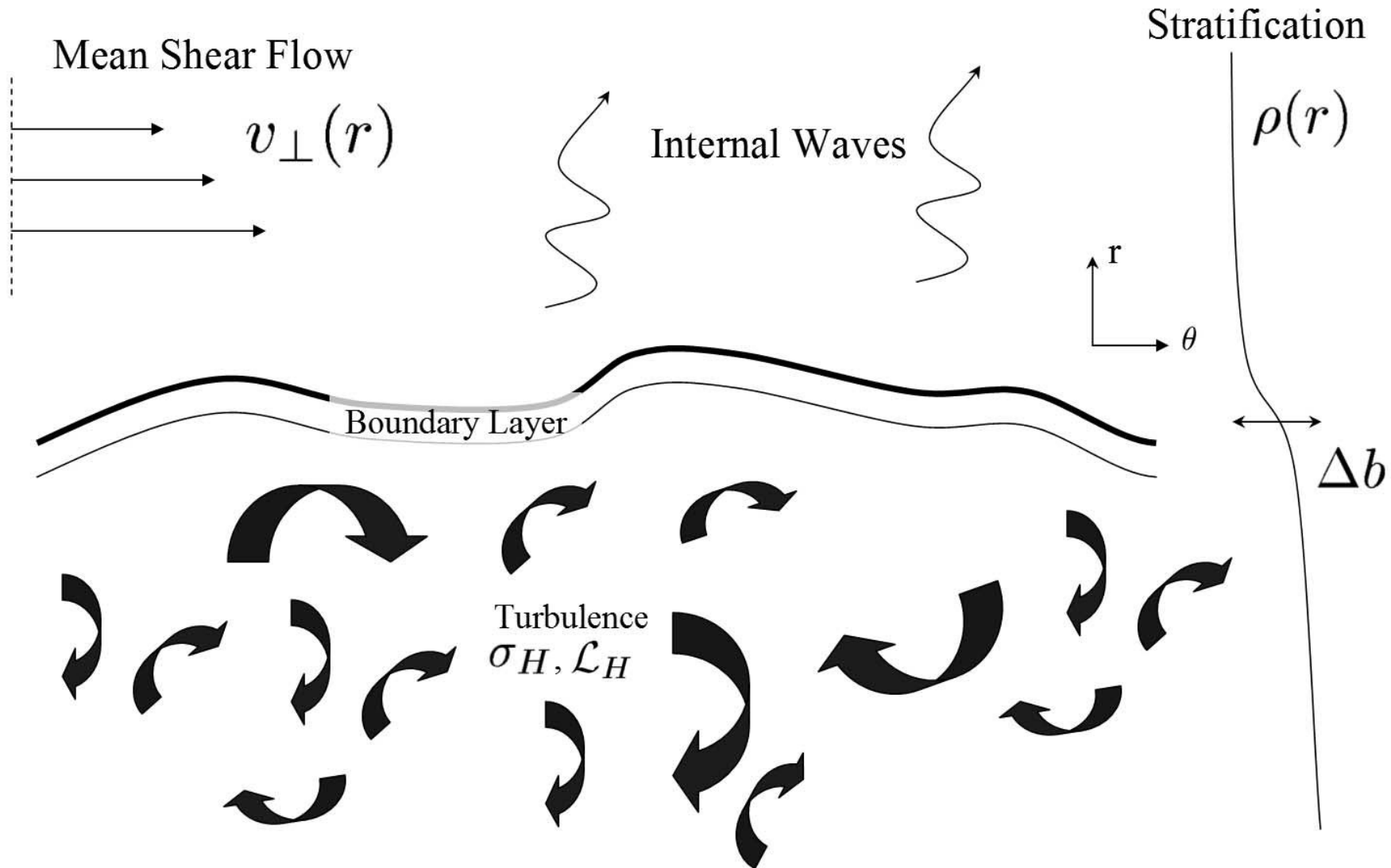






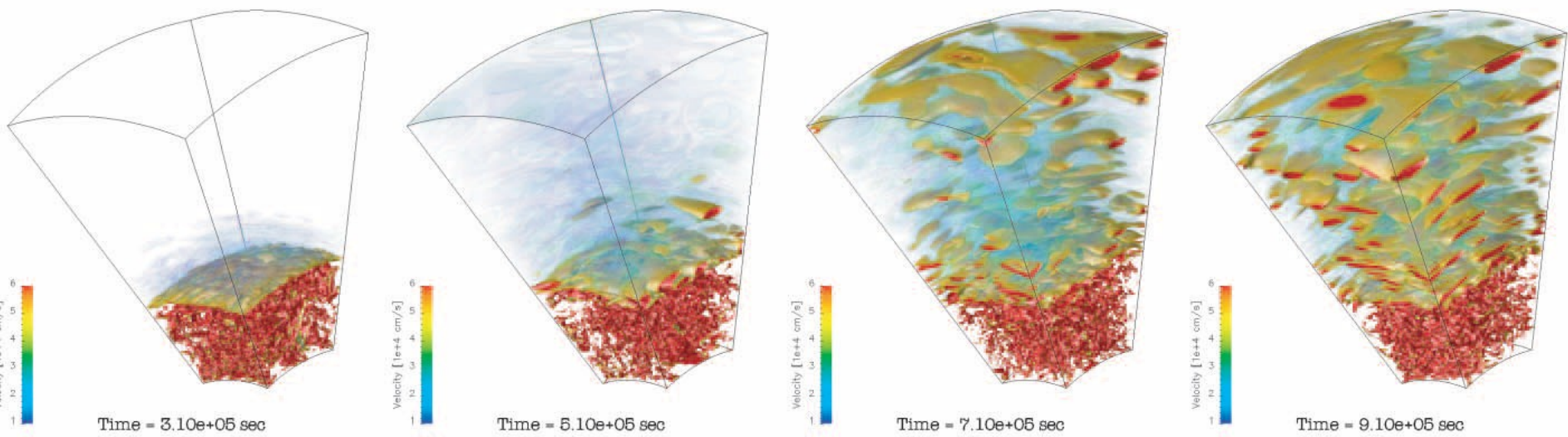
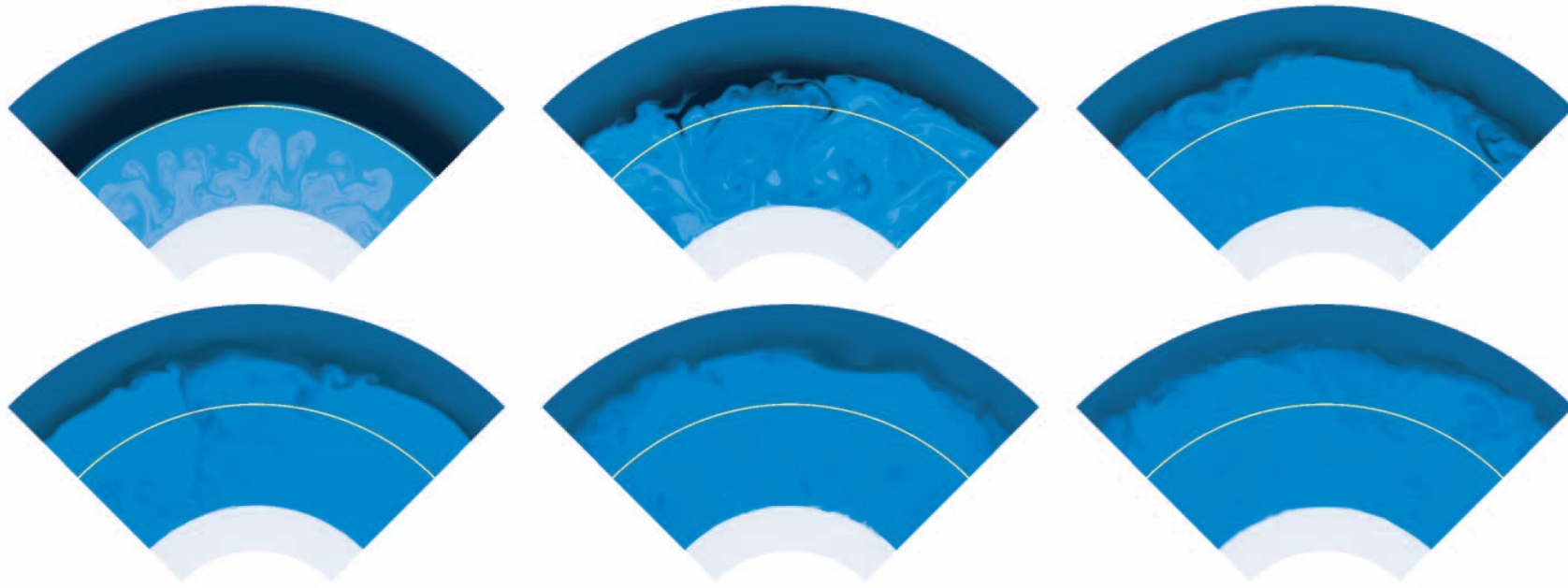


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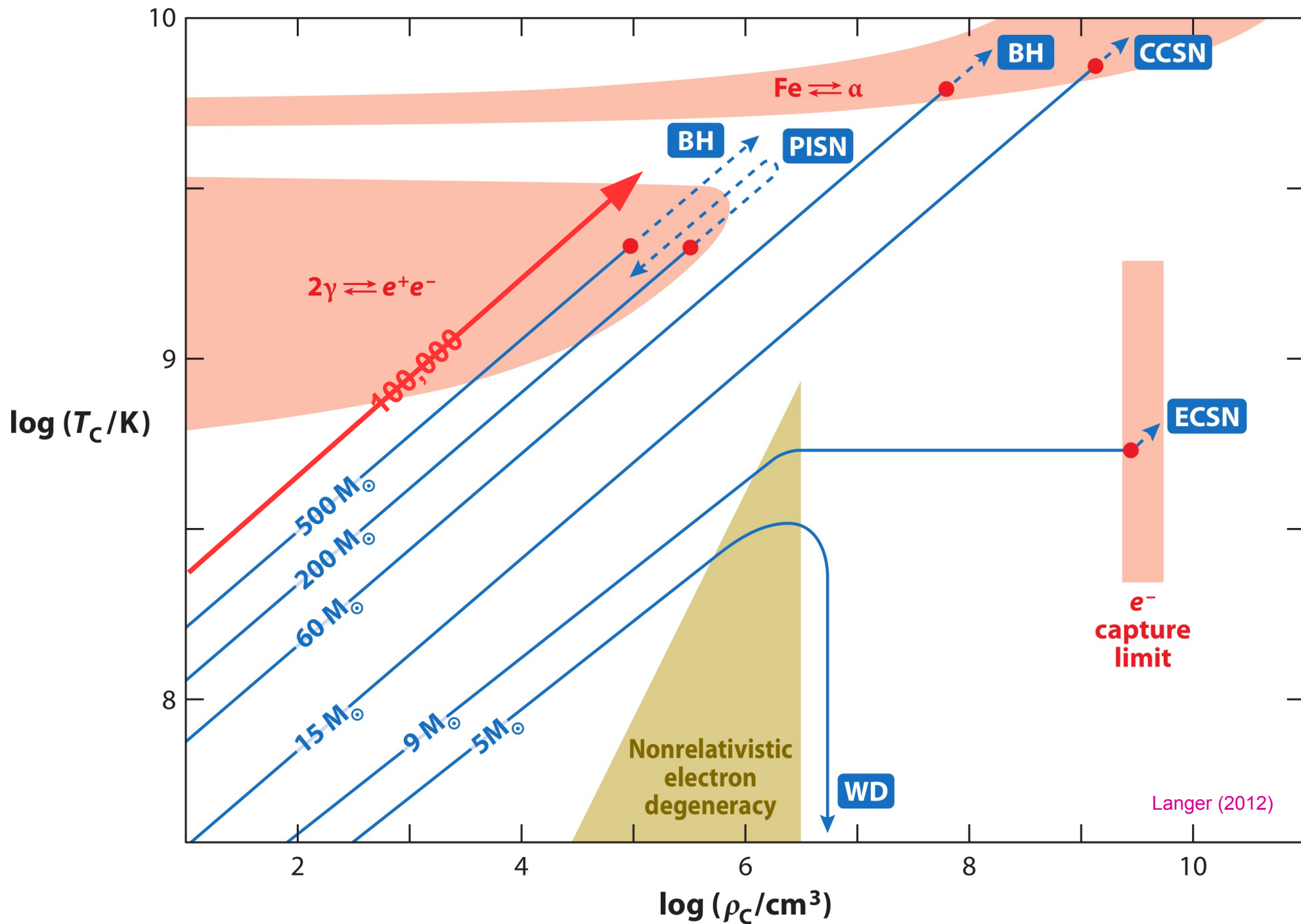
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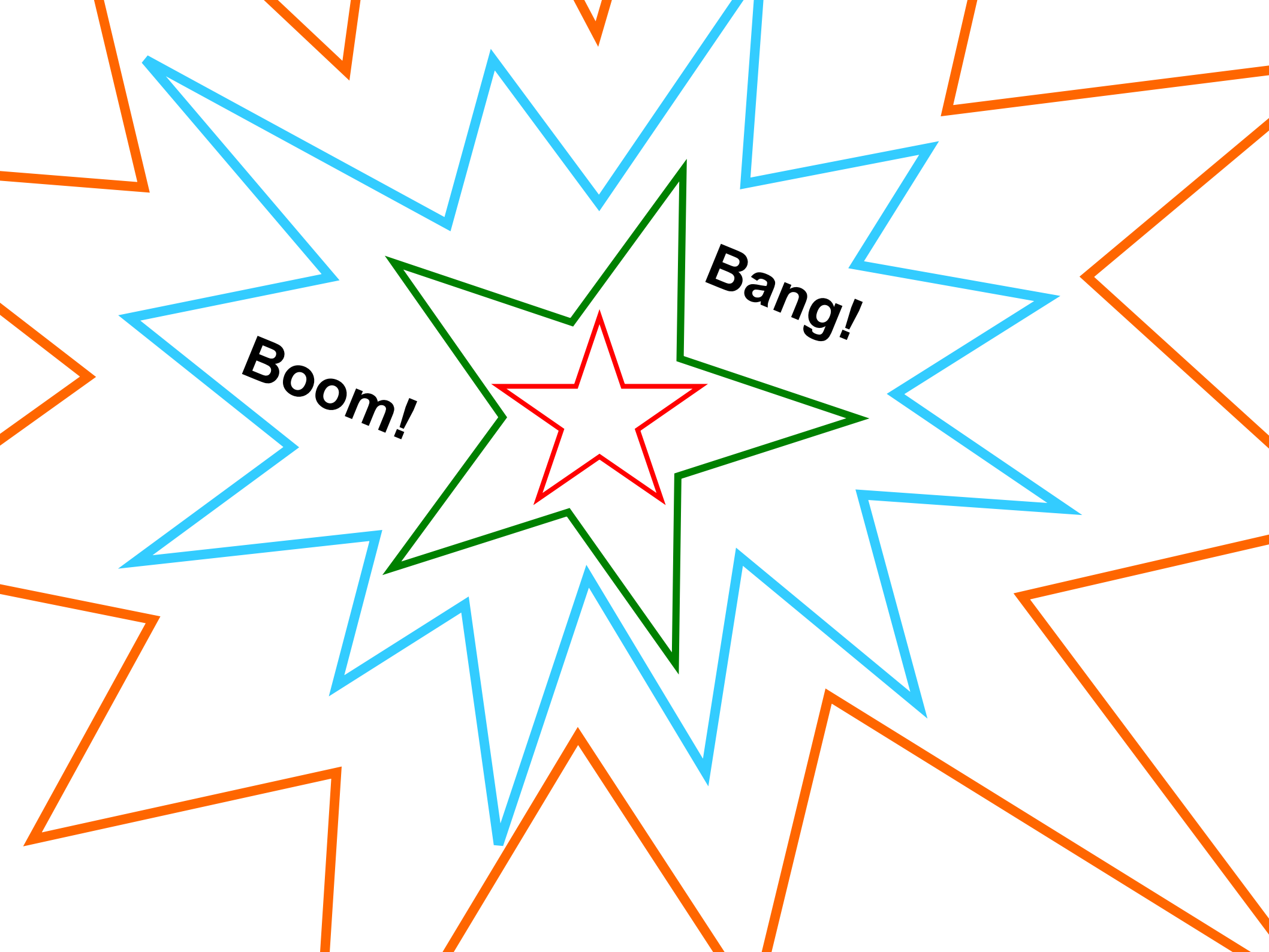
Evolution of Center for Different Initial Masses



A First Look

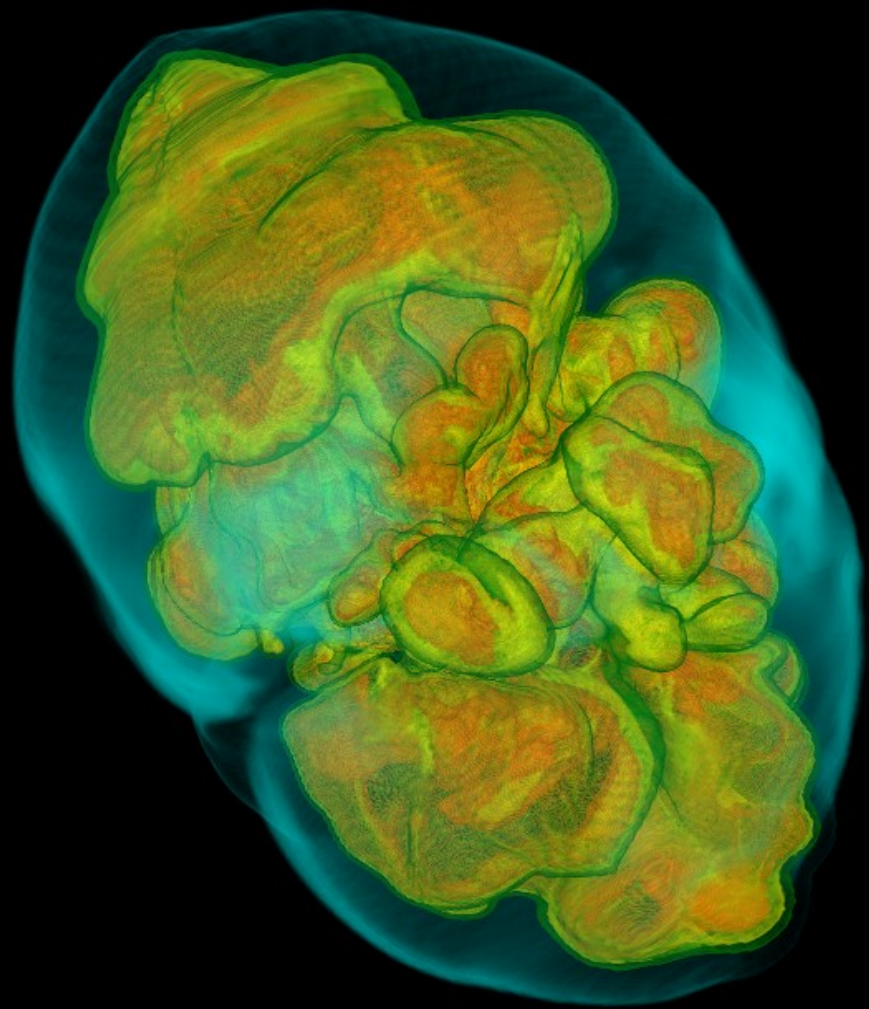
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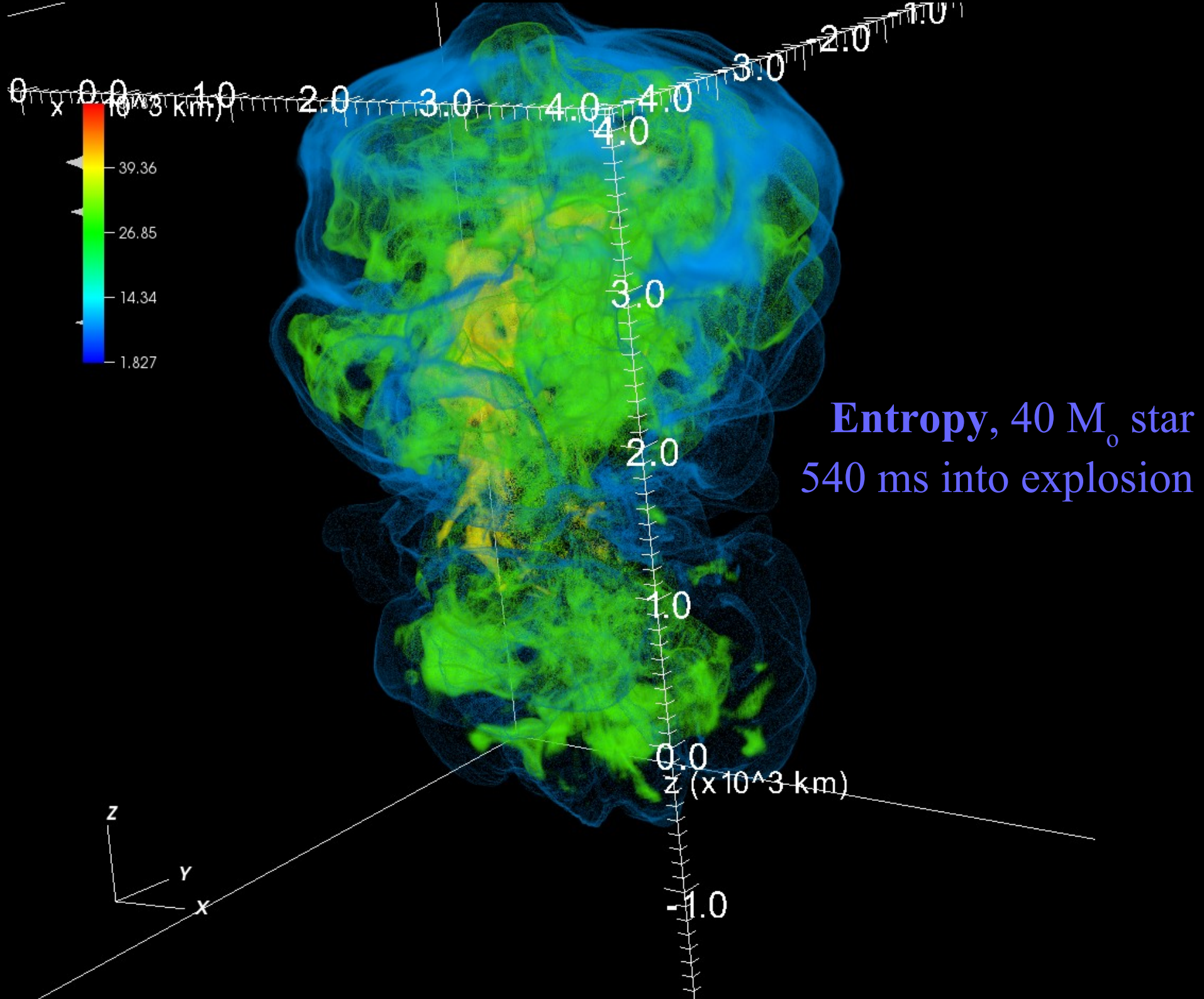
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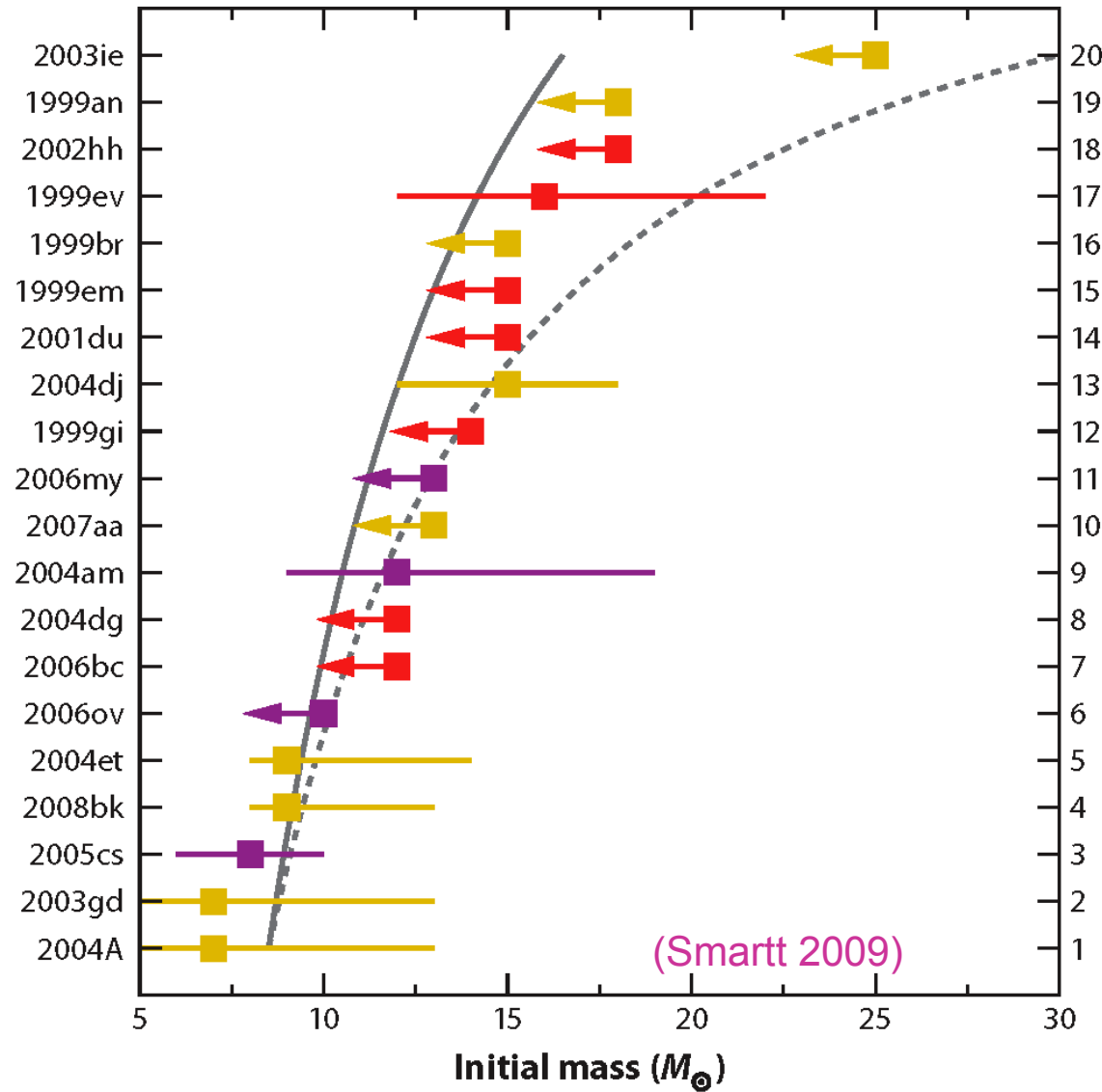
Boom!

Bang!





Supernova Progenitor Masses

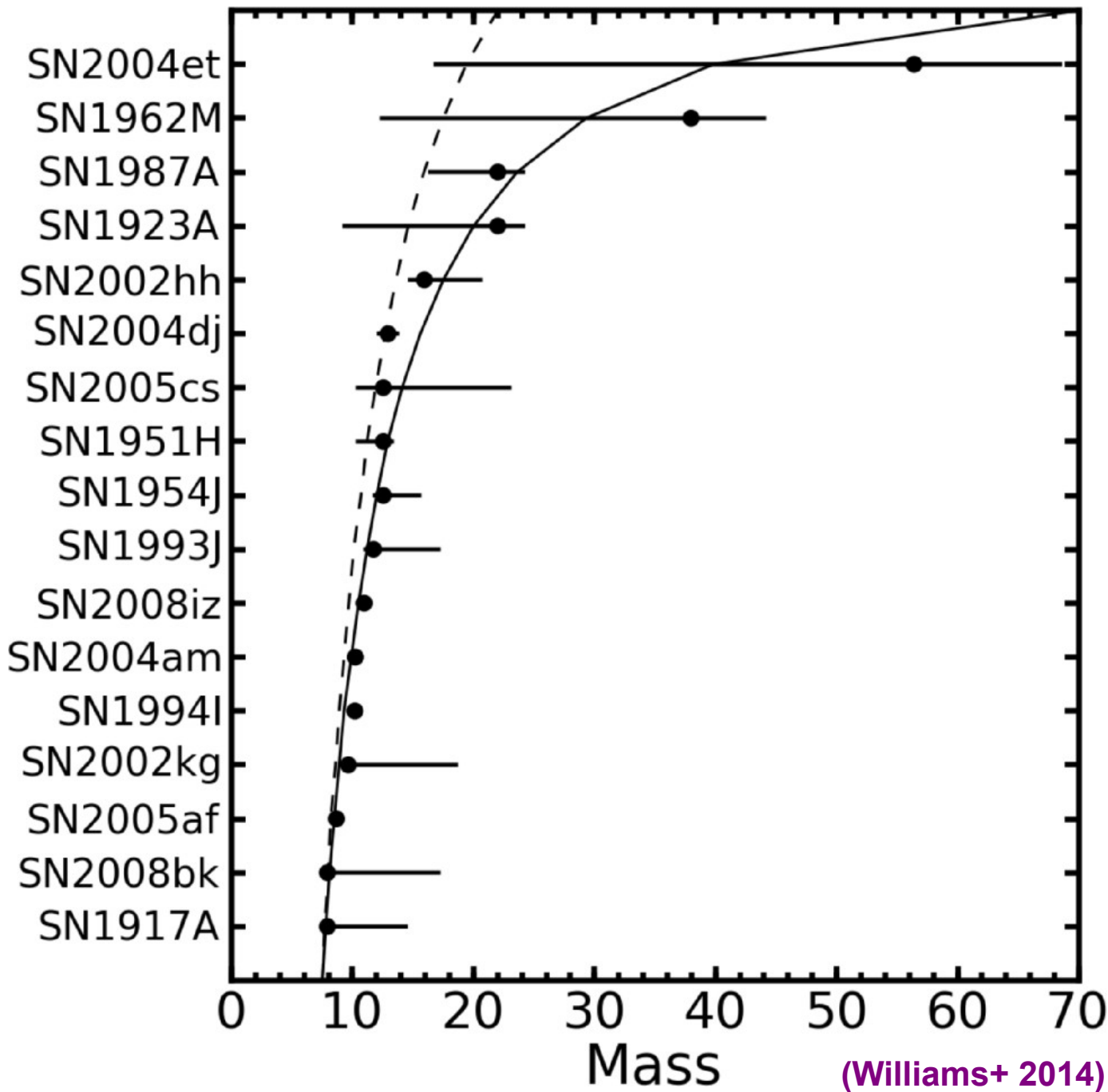


Presupernova stars for Type IIp and II-L

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Salpeter IMF with
16.5 M_{\odot} cutoff

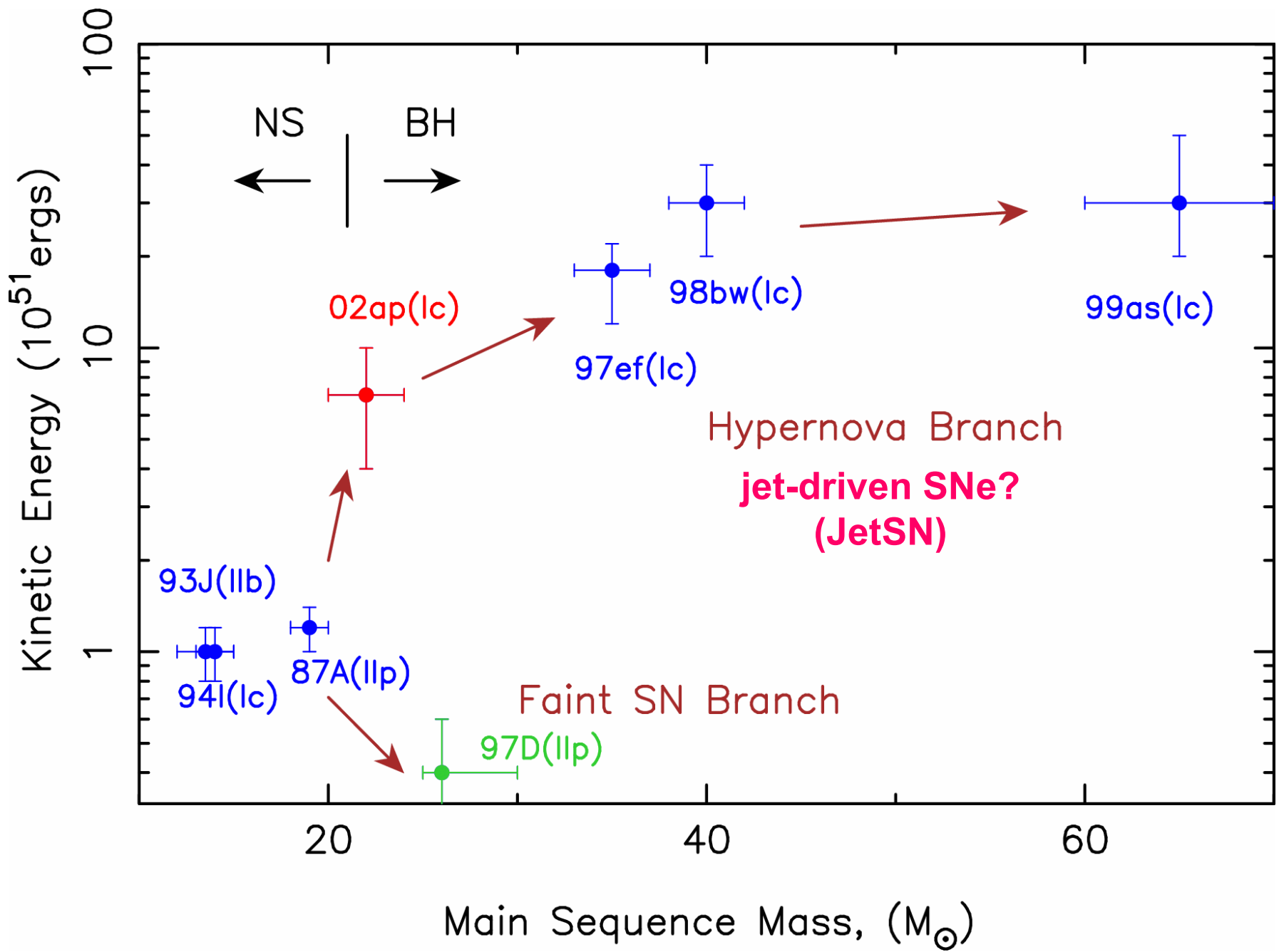
Dotted Line:
Salpeter IMF with
35 M_{\odot} cutoff

▶ Exclude stars with
 $M_{\text{initial}} > 20 M_{\odot}$ as
Type IIP/IIL progenitors
at 95% confidence
level?



Estimates of Supernova progenitor masses

Consistent with upper mass limit of $20 M_{\odot}$ but also allows higher upper mass limit for supernovae



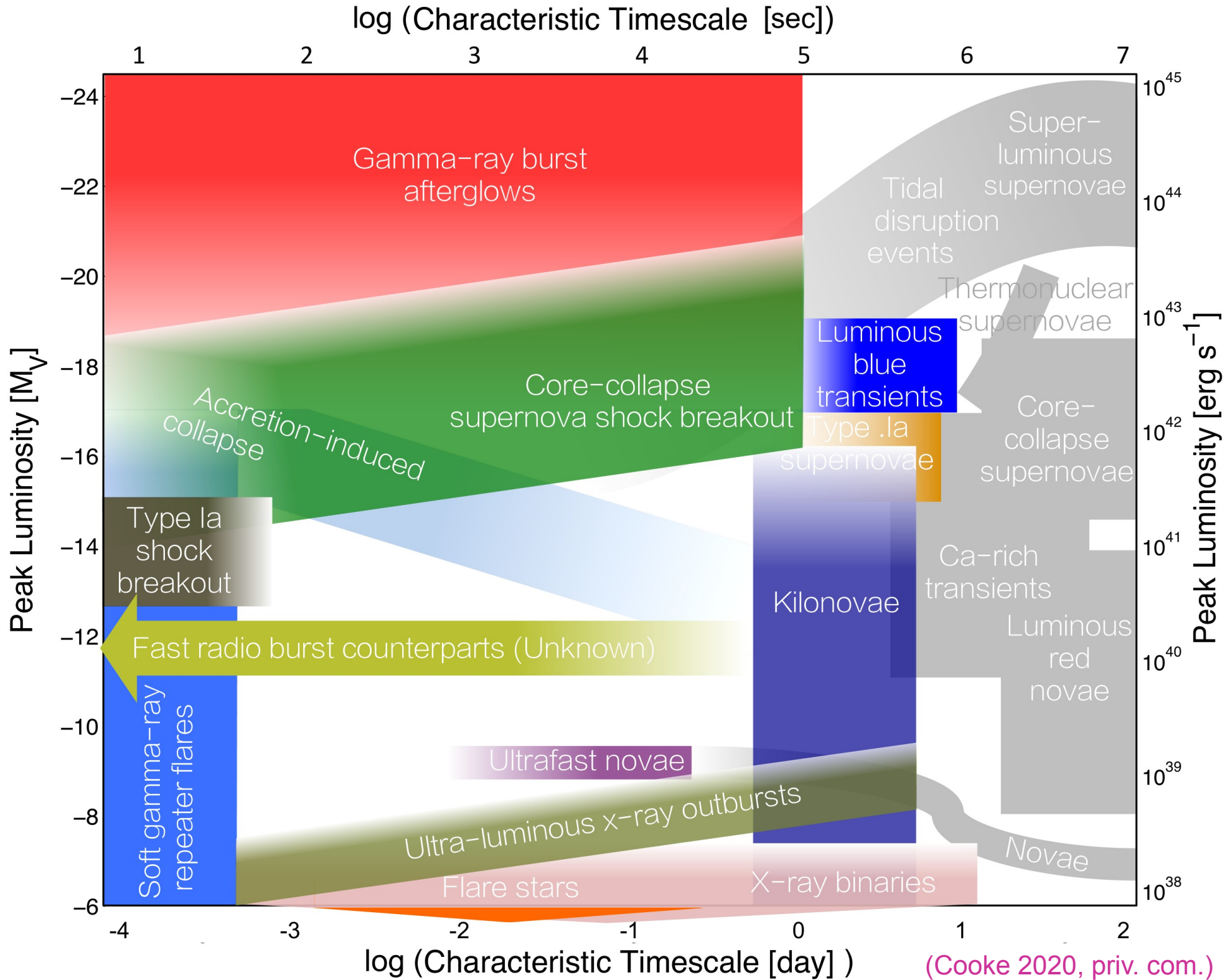
(Nomoto 2002, priv. com.)

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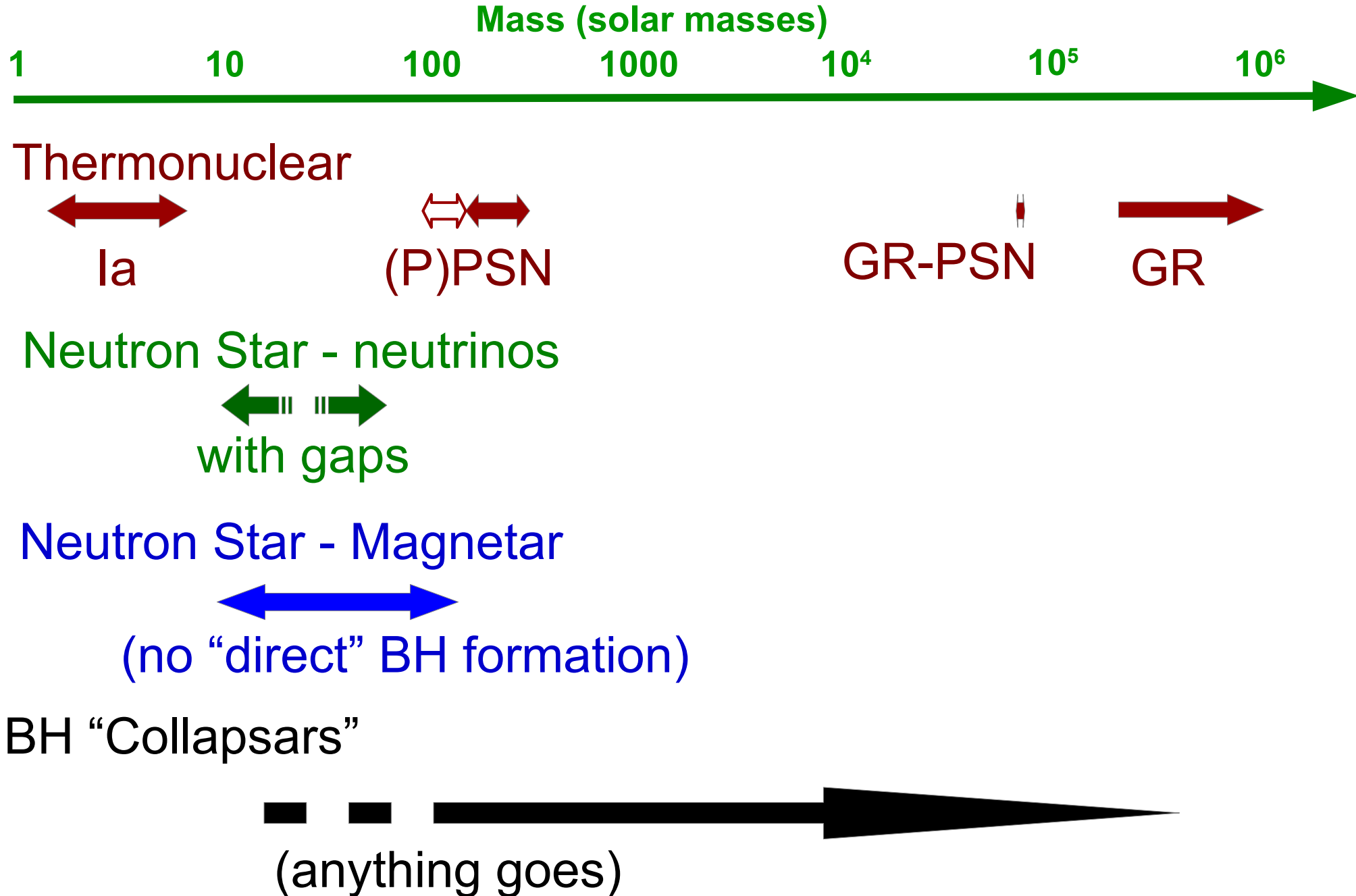
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Varieties of Cosmic Explosions

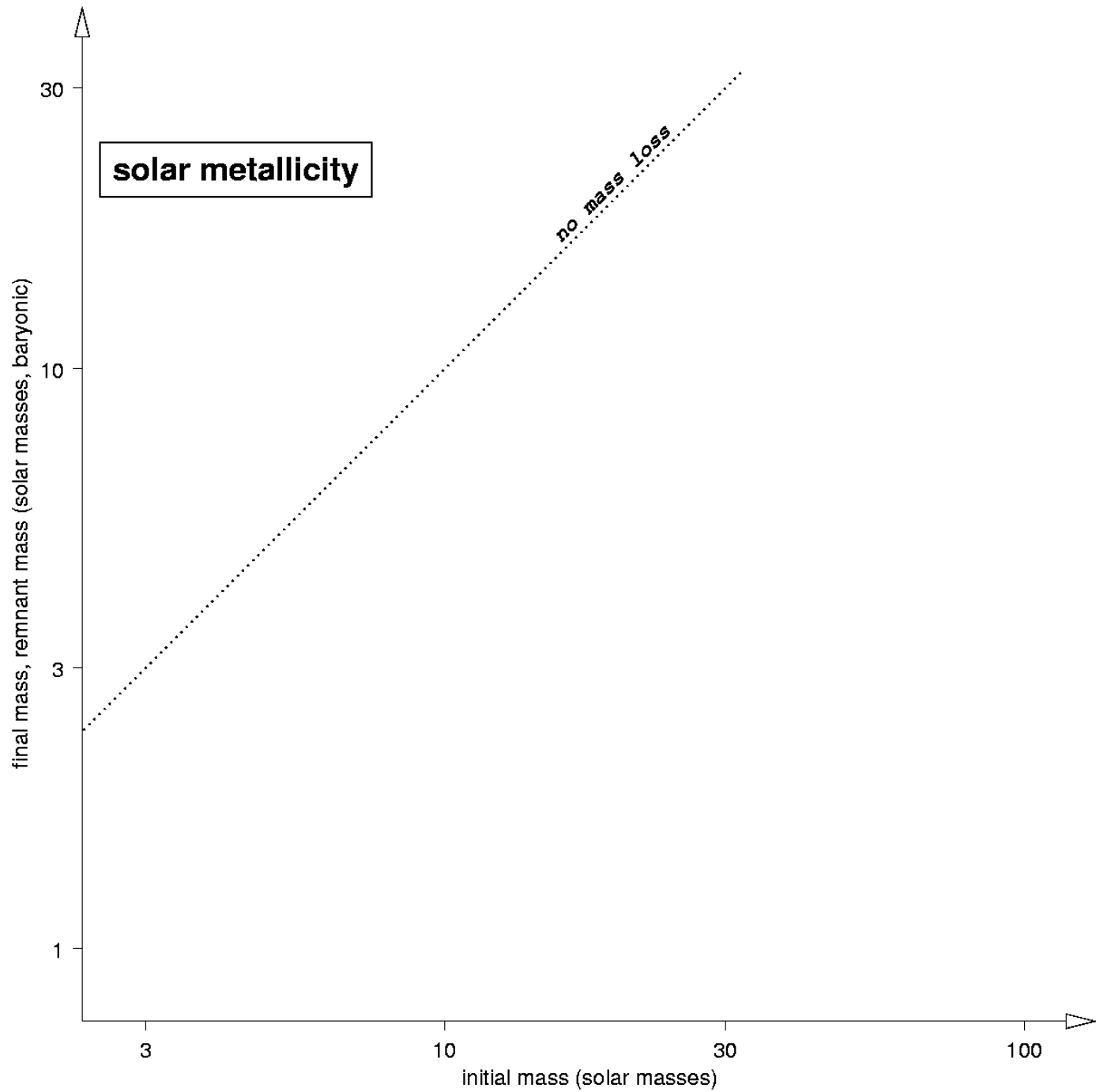
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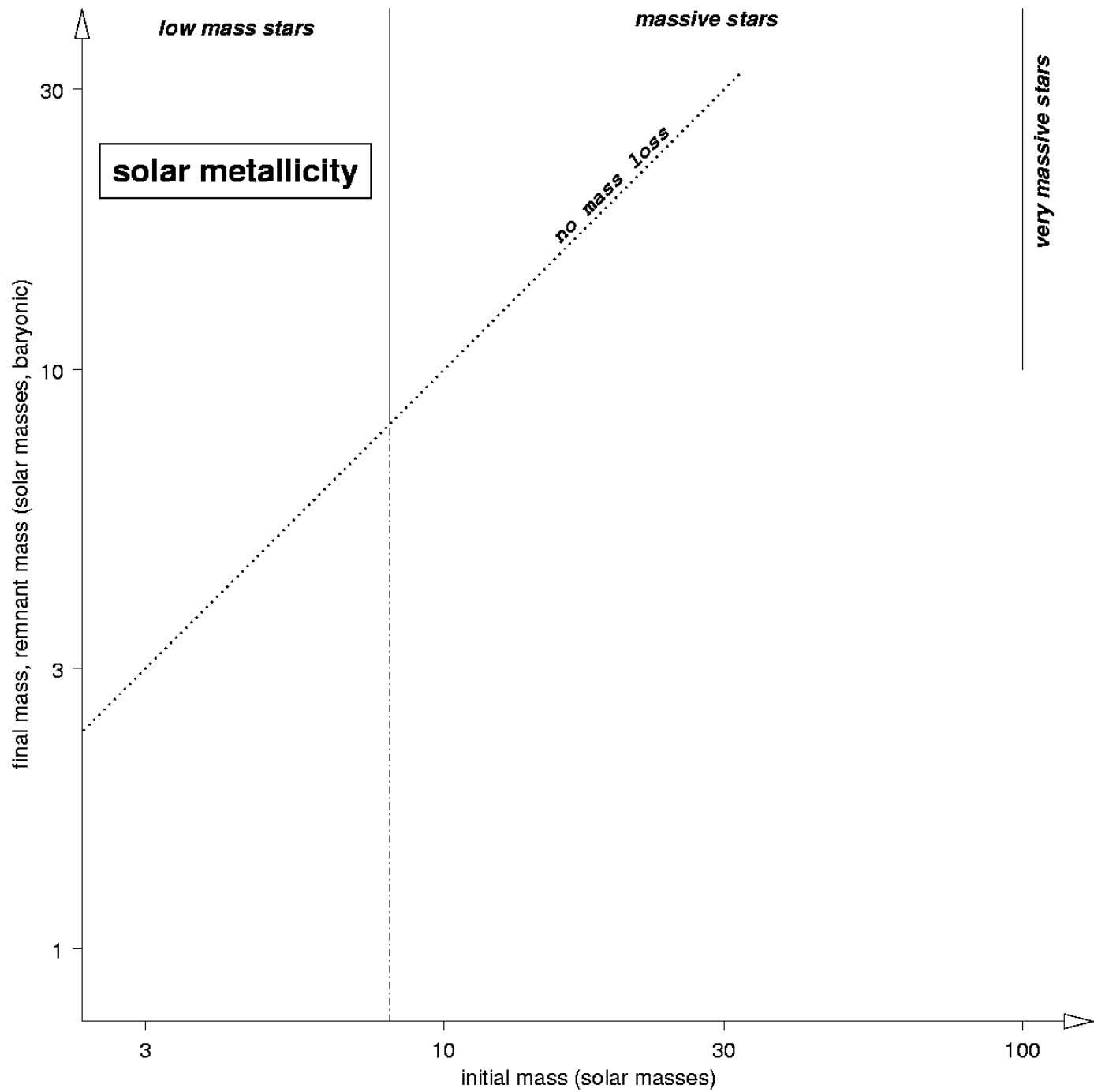


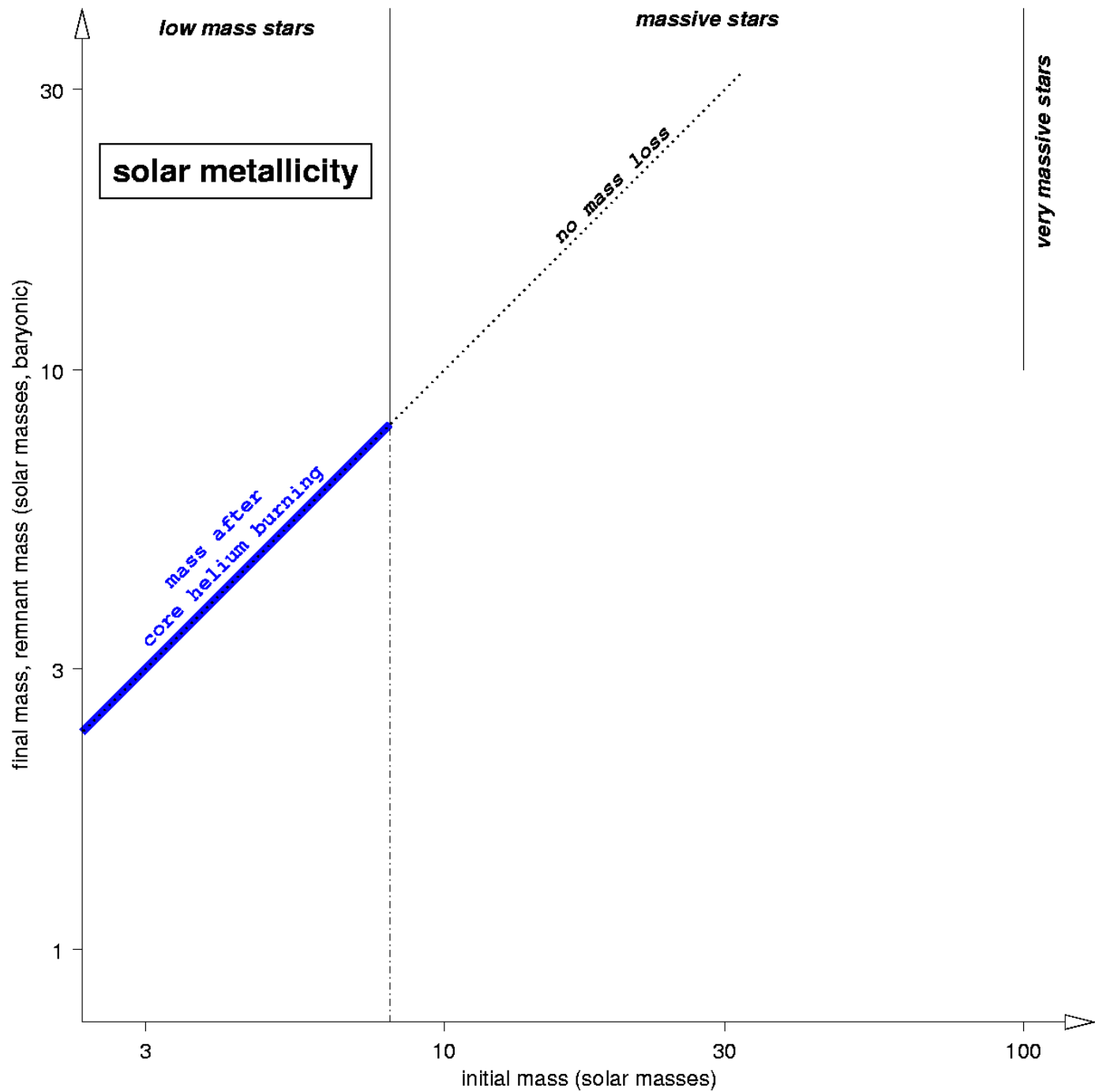
The Engines of SNe

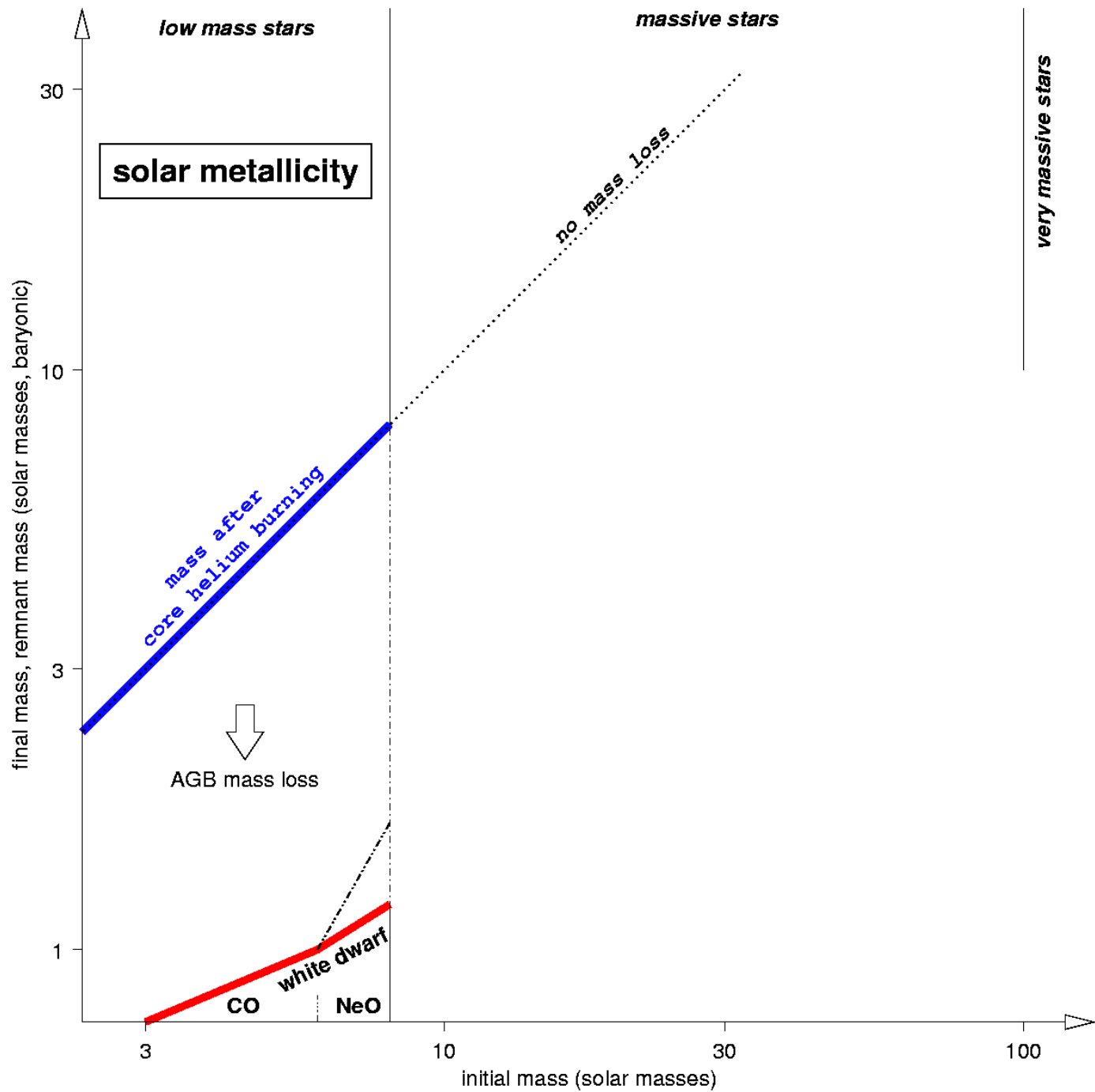


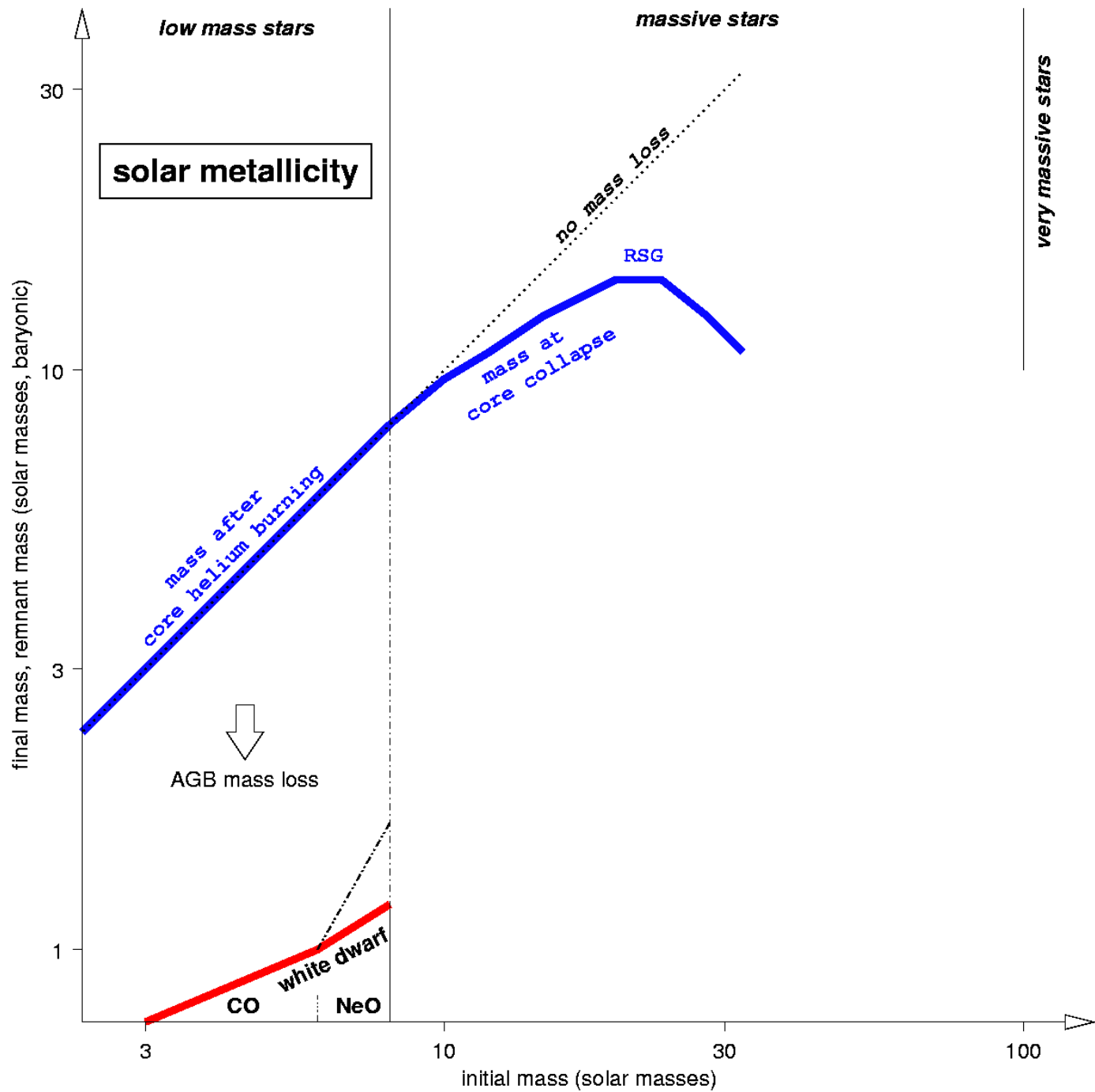
Massive Star Fates **as Function of** **Initial Mass** **(solar metallicity)**

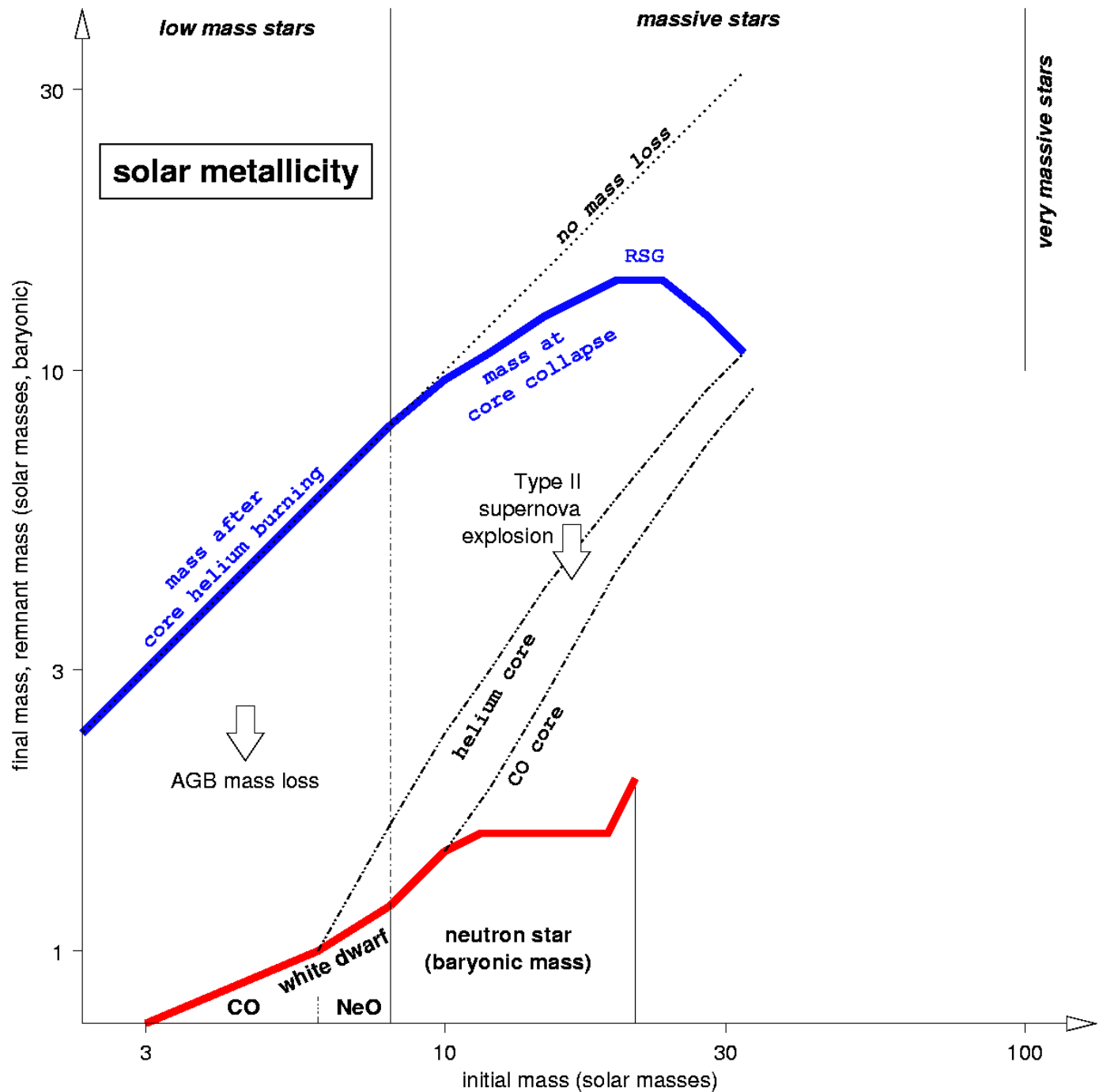


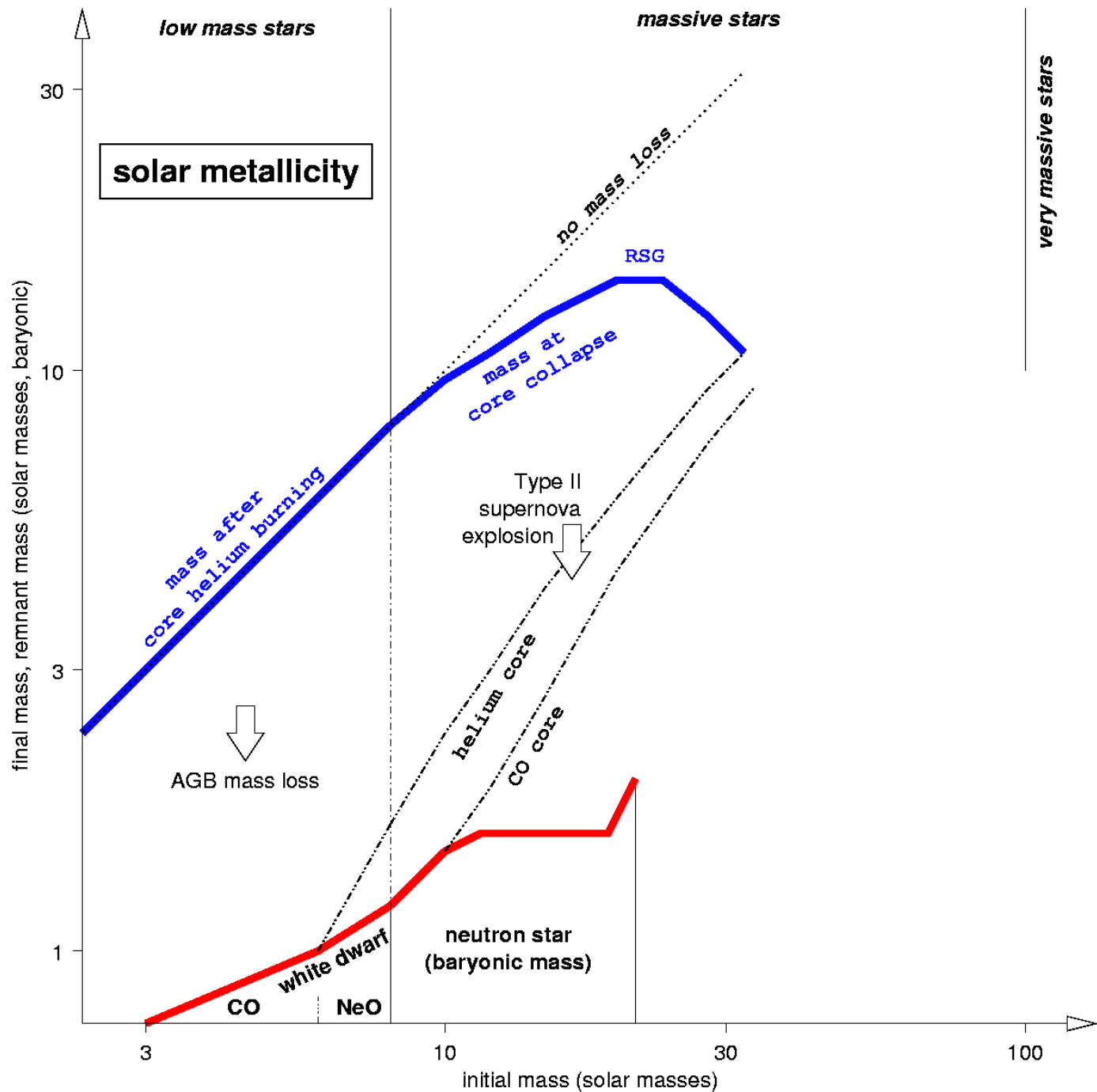












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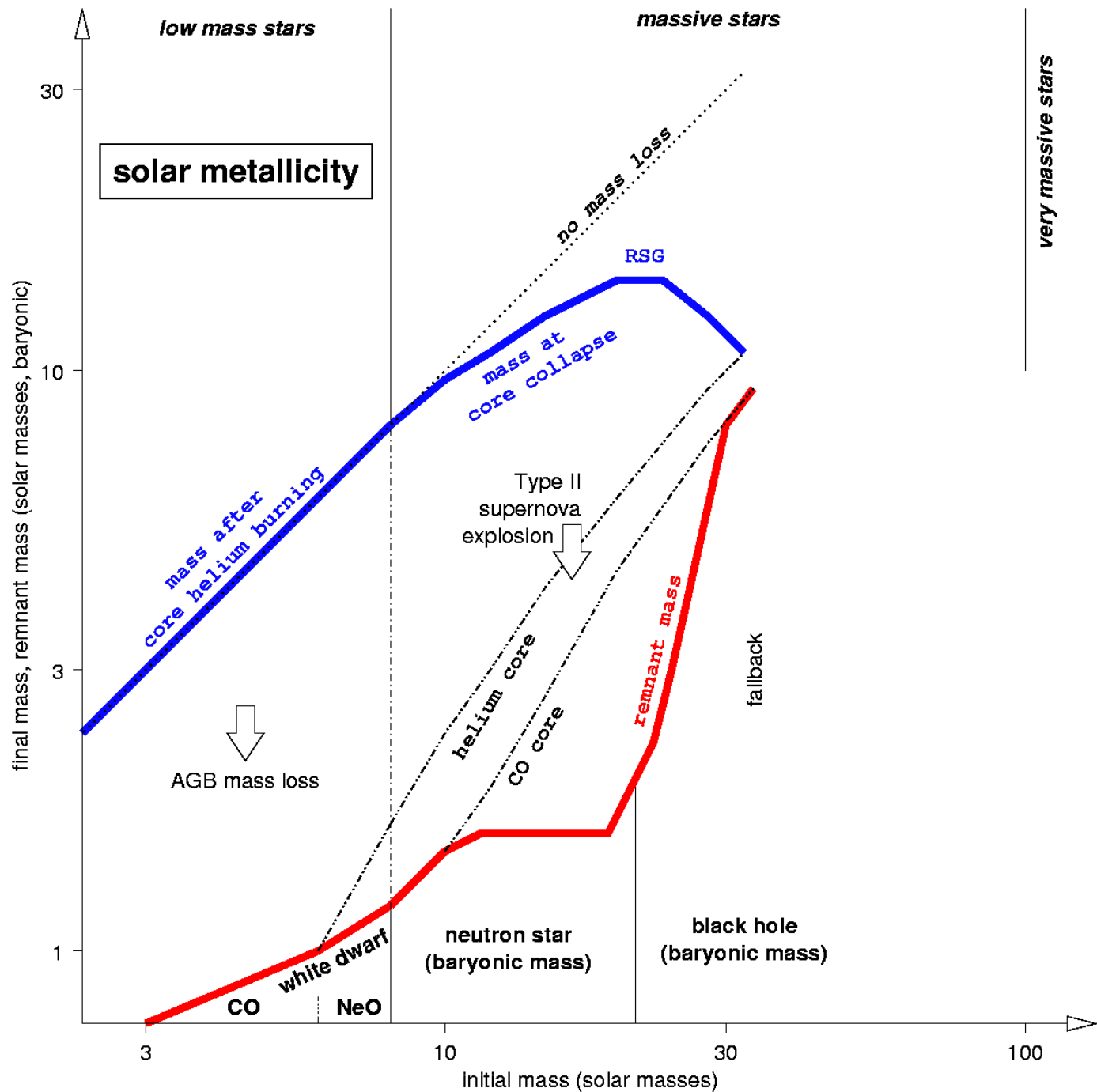
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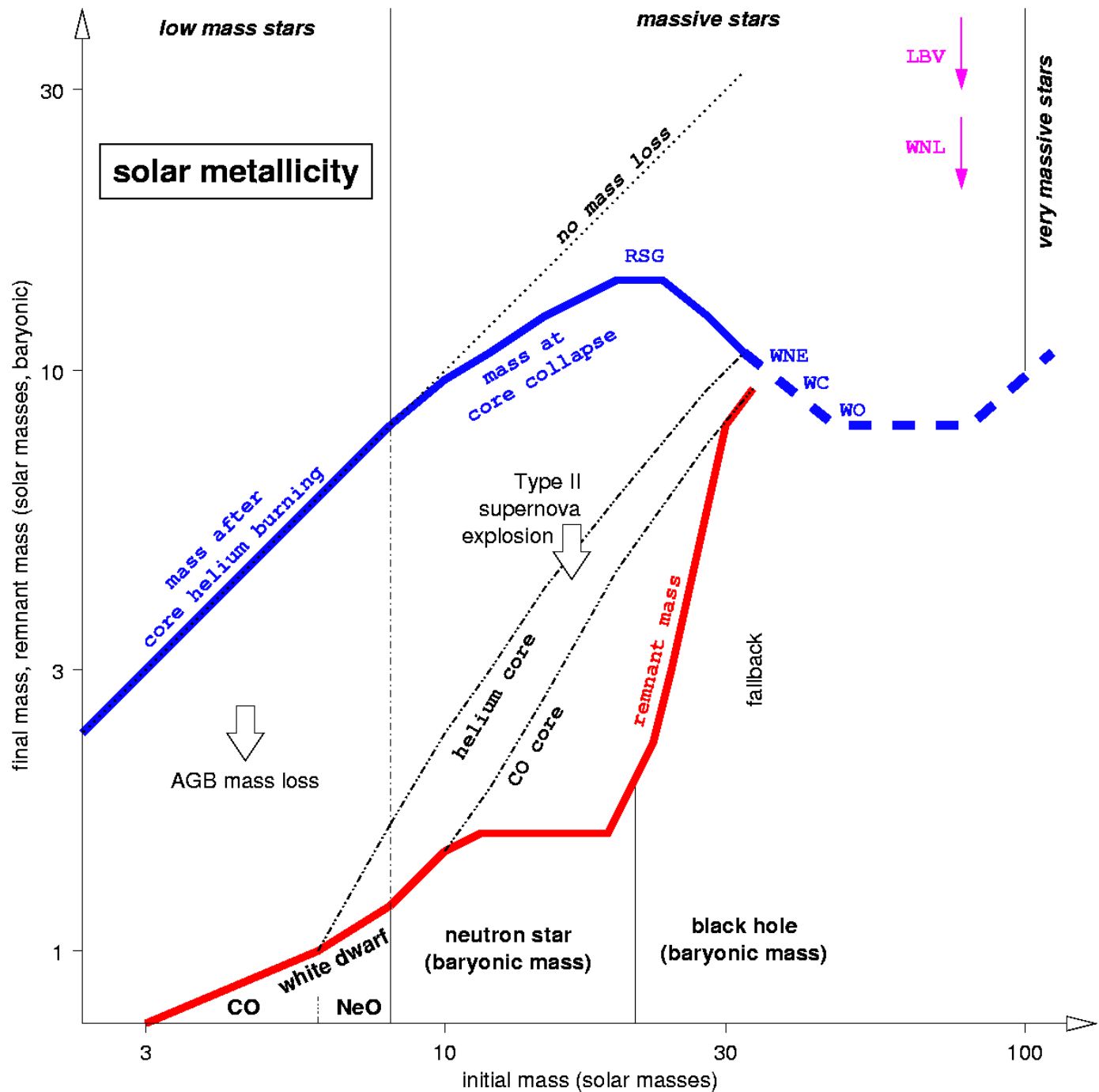
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black hole



The Far Side, Dec20, 2002

Suddenly, through forces not yet fully understood, Darren Belsky's apartment became the center of a new black hole.





low mass stars

massive stars

very massive stars

solar metallicity

no mass loss

mass after
core helium burning

mass at
core collapse

AGB mass loss

Type II
supernova
explosion

helium core

CO core

remnant mass

fallback

RSG

WNE

WC

WO

LBV

WNL

white dwarf

neutron star
(baryonic mass)

black hole
(baryonic mass)

CO

NeO

30

10

3

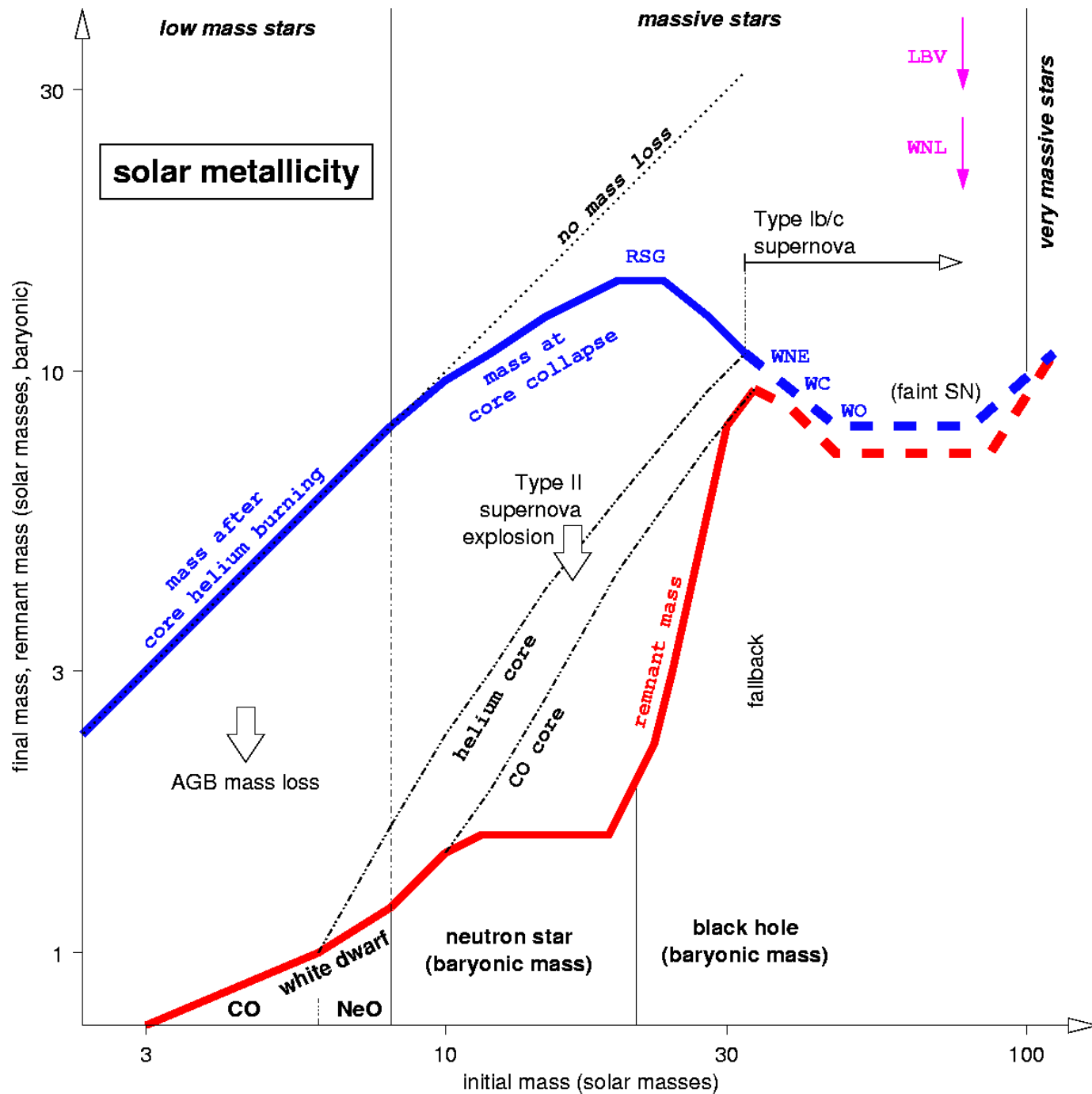
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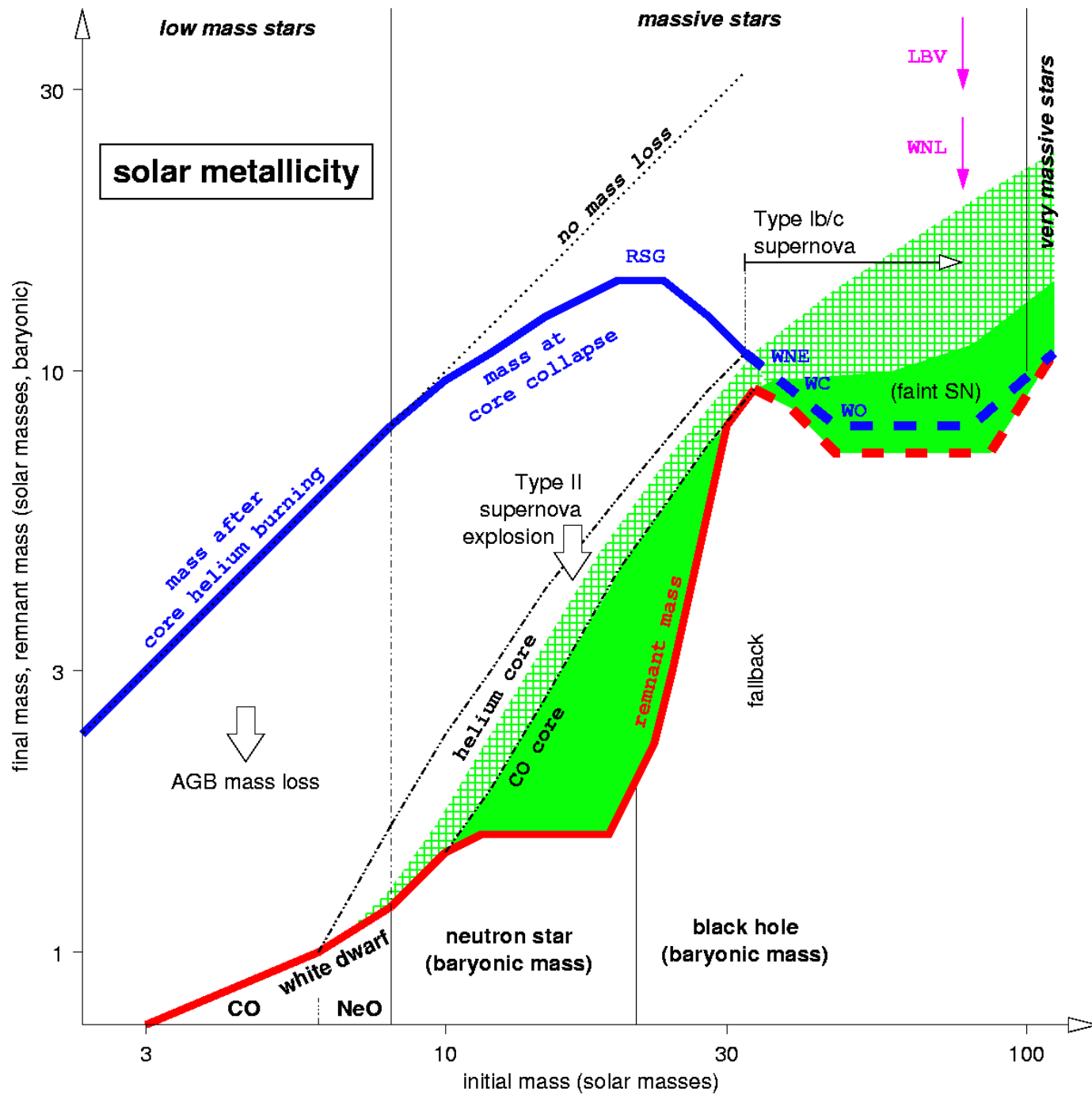
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initial mass (solar masses)

10

100

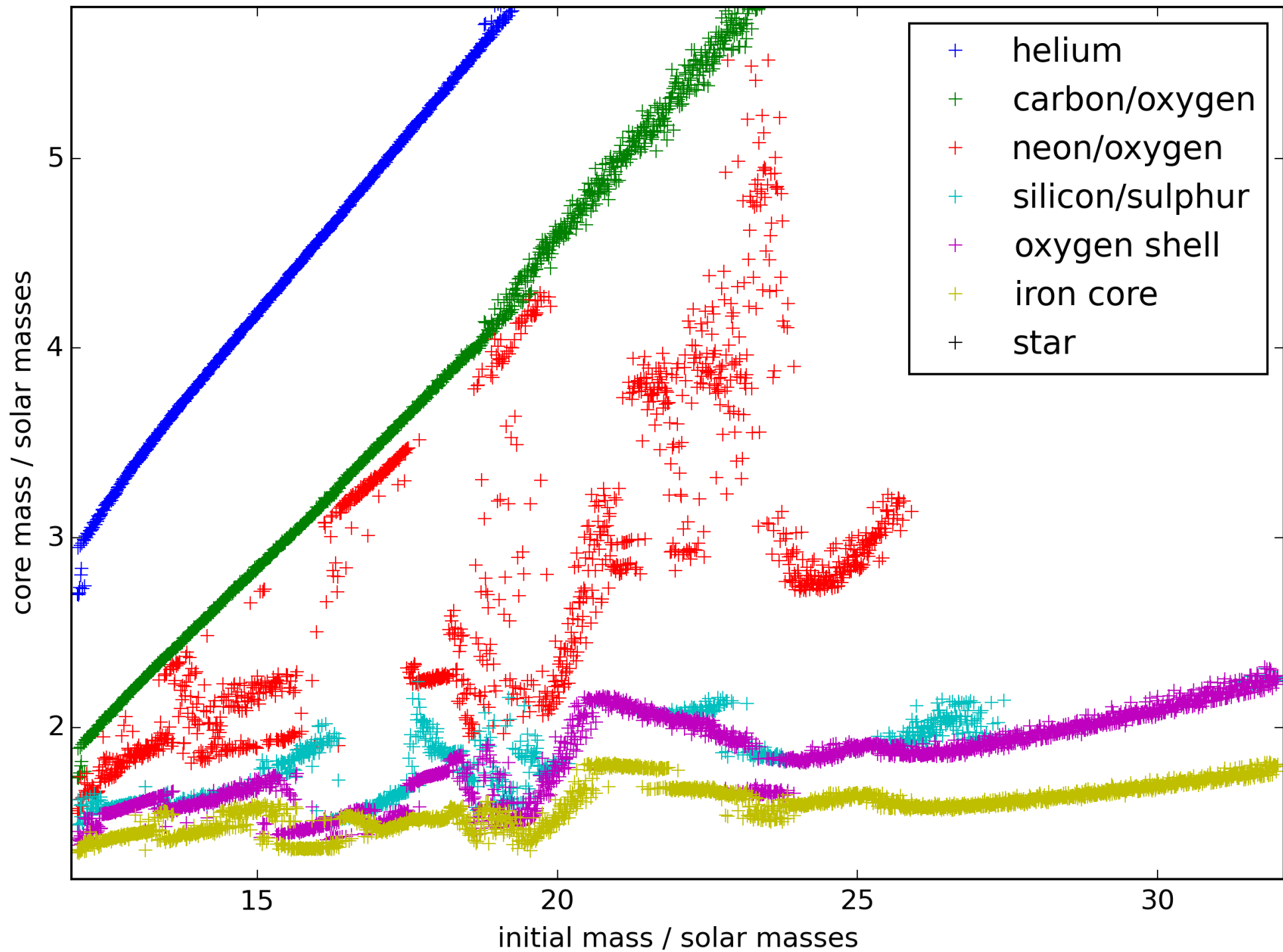




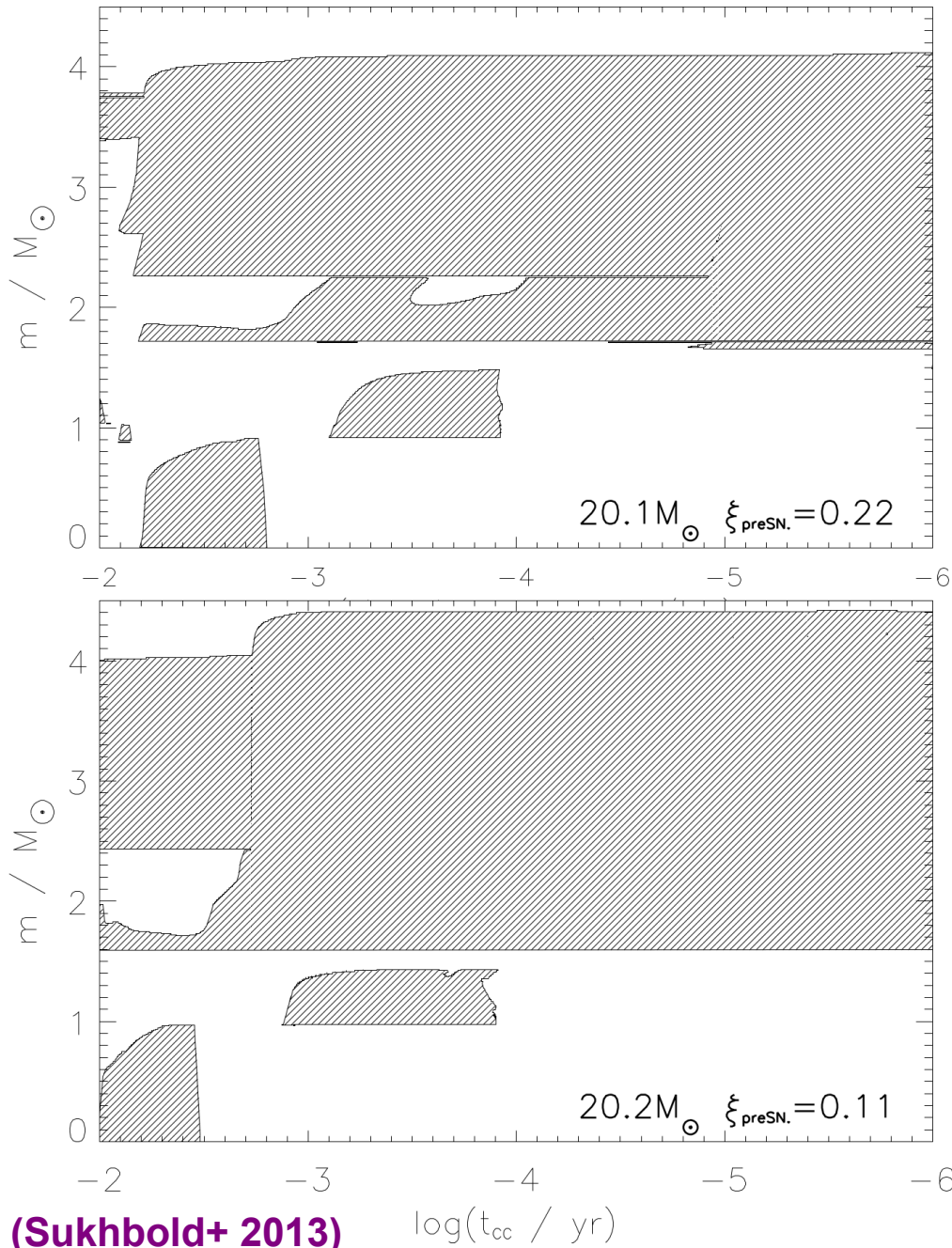
Ejected “metals”



The Real Picture

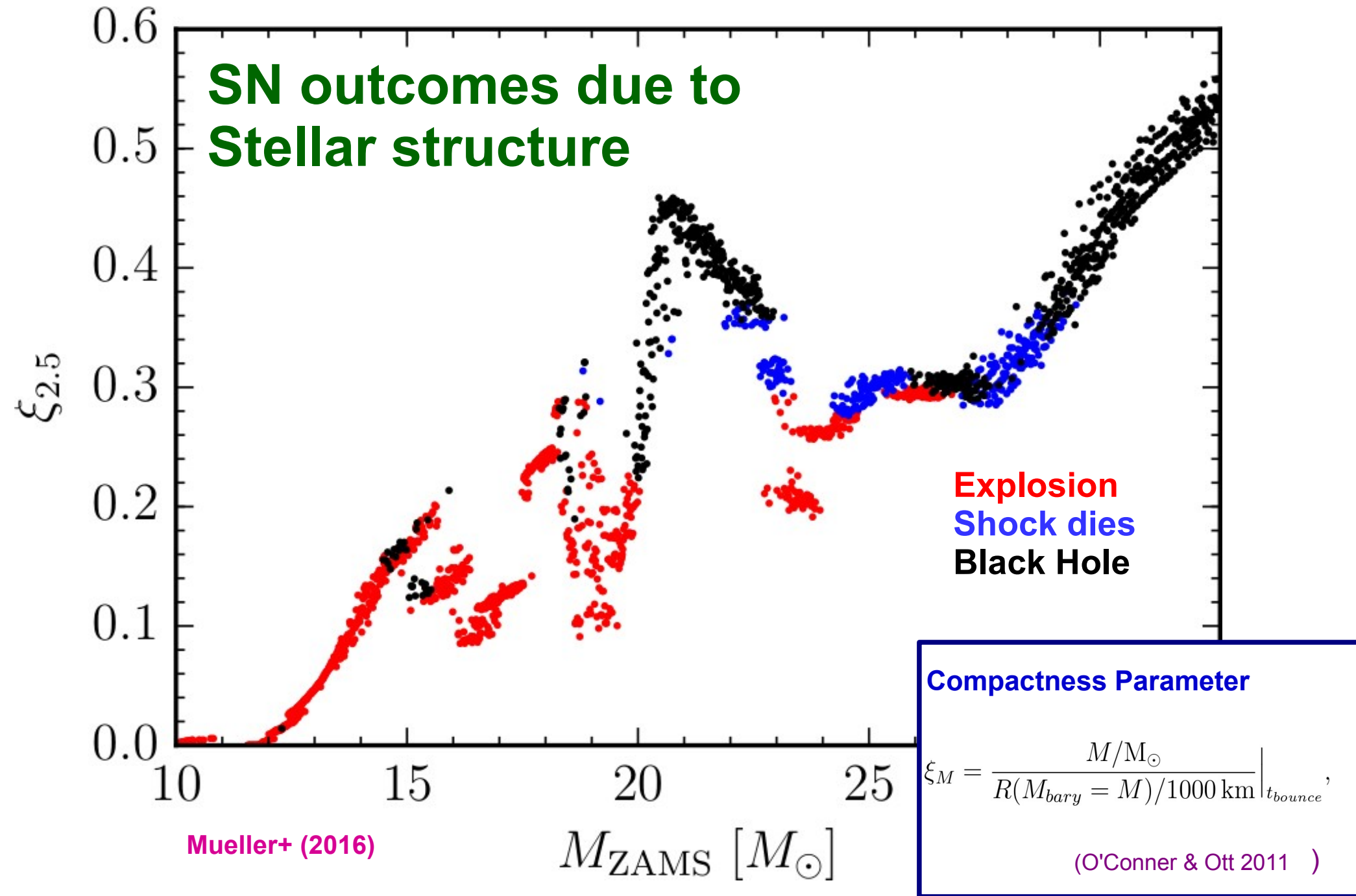


Sensitivity of Structure to Initial Mass

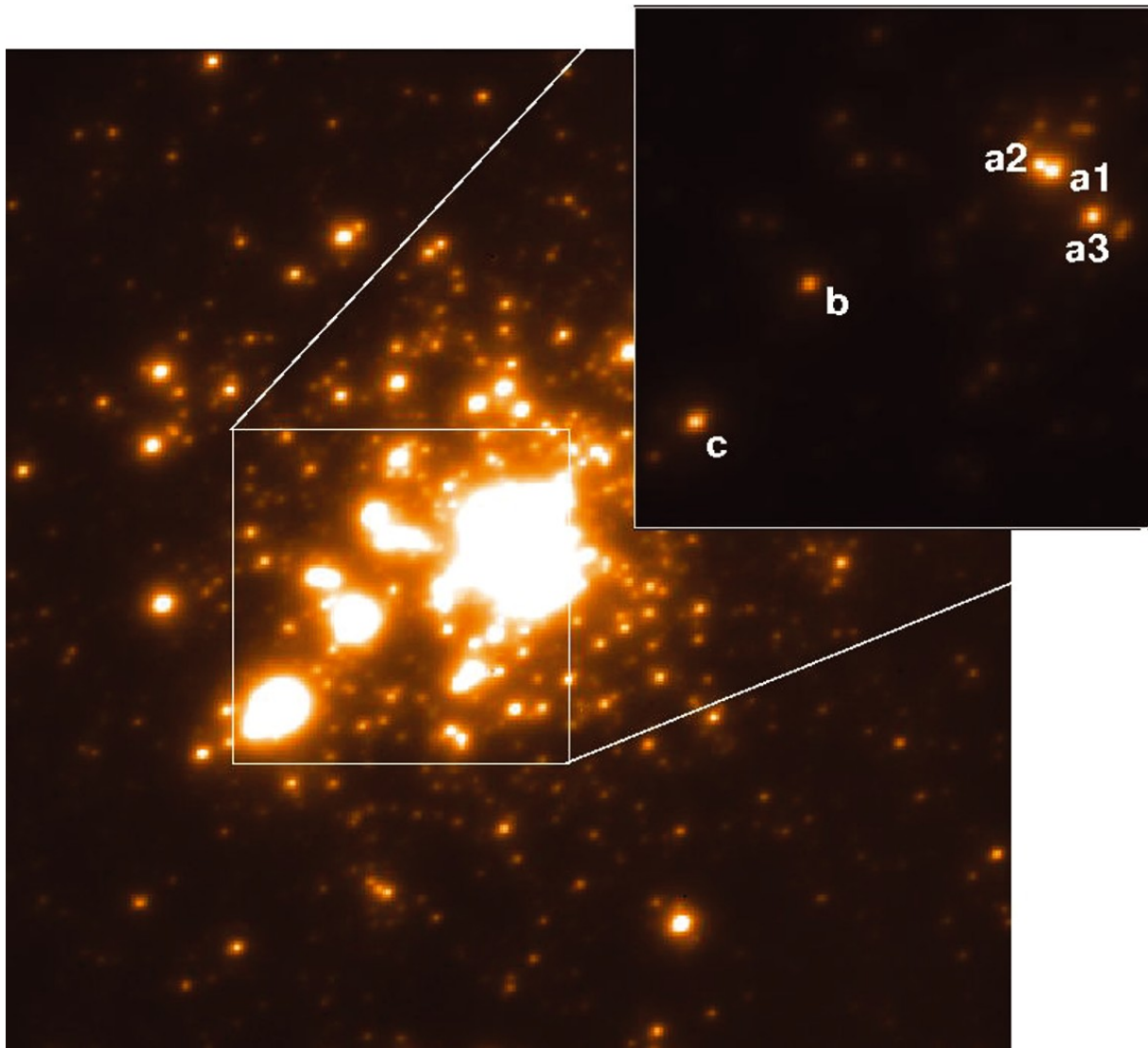


Small changes in initial mass can result in large changes in progenitor structure

Signatures of Stellar Structure?



The Most Massive Stars Today



R136

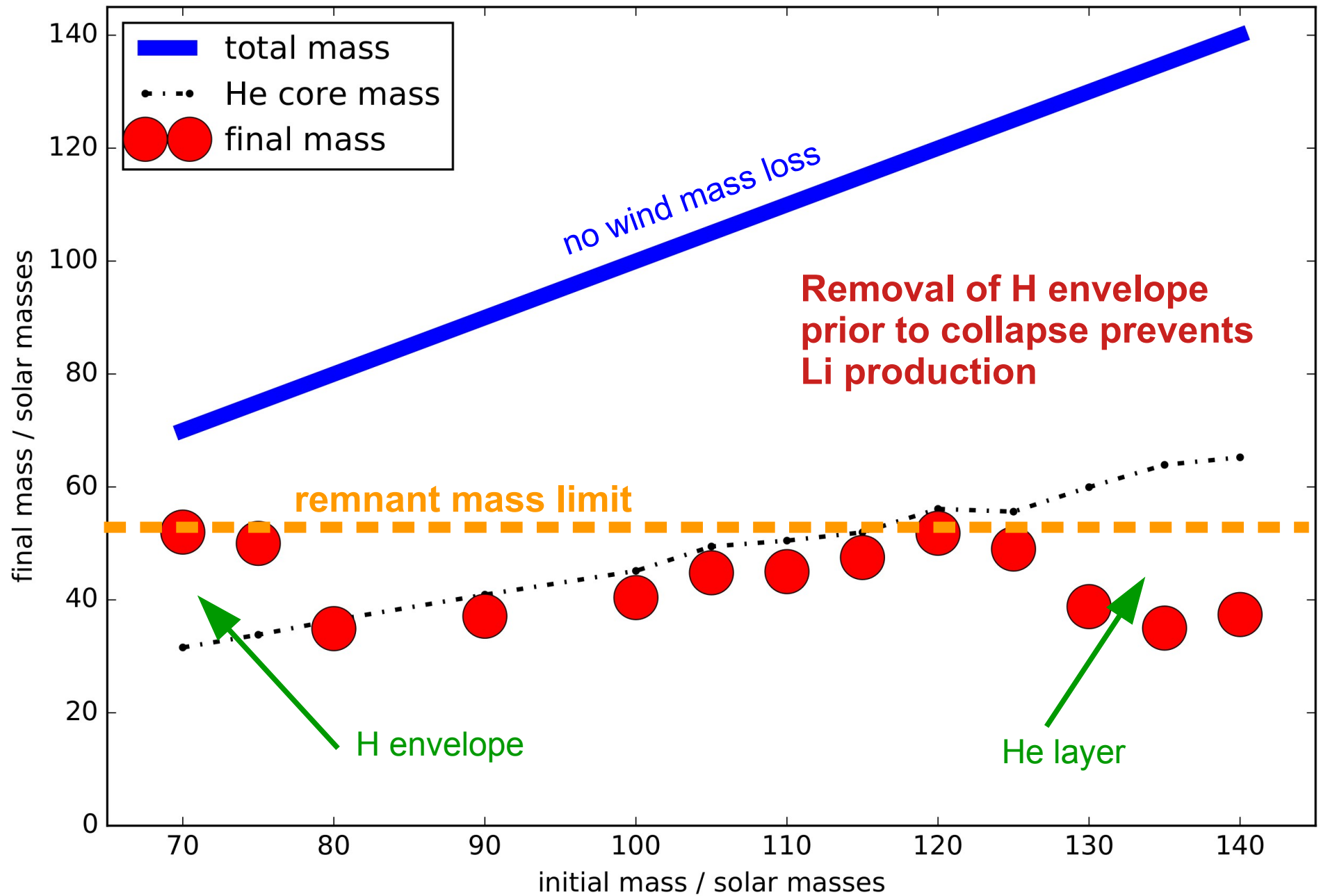
- young massive star cluster
- Age around 1.5 Myr
- Star “a1”:
maybe 200 M_{\odot}
initial mass

(Crother et al. 2010)



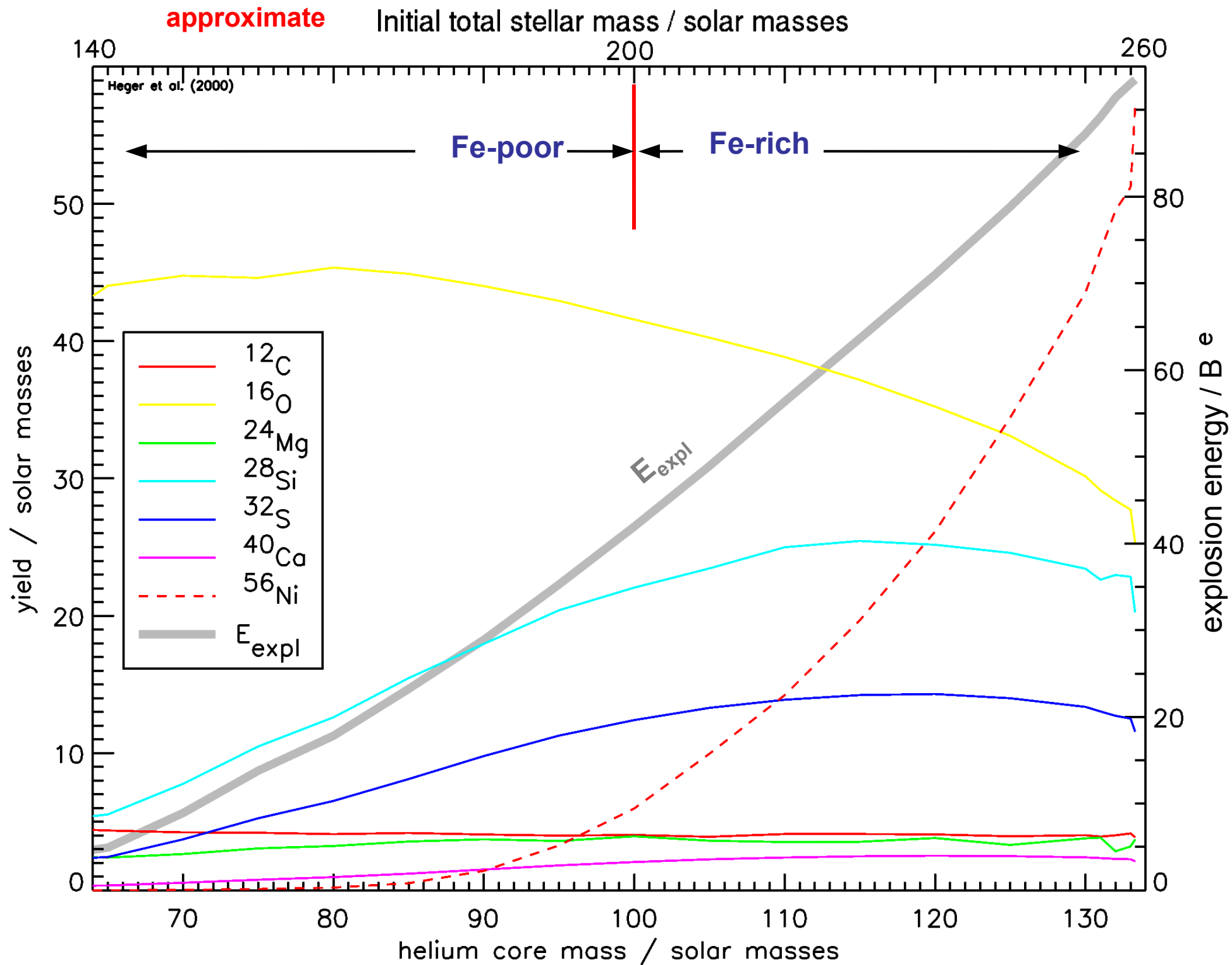
**Pulsational Pair-
Instability
Supernovae**

Pulsational Pair Instability Supernovae



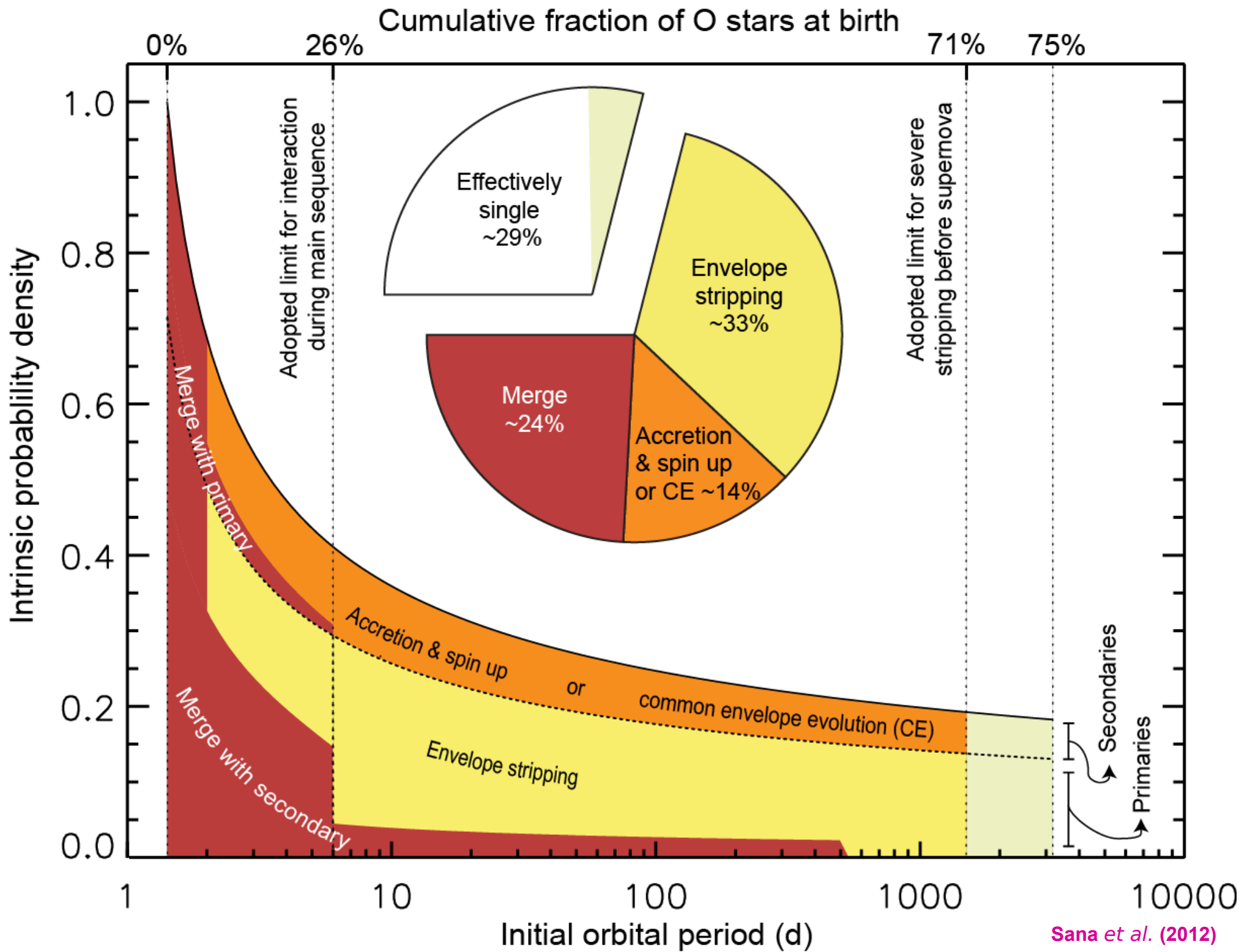


Pair-Instability Supernovae

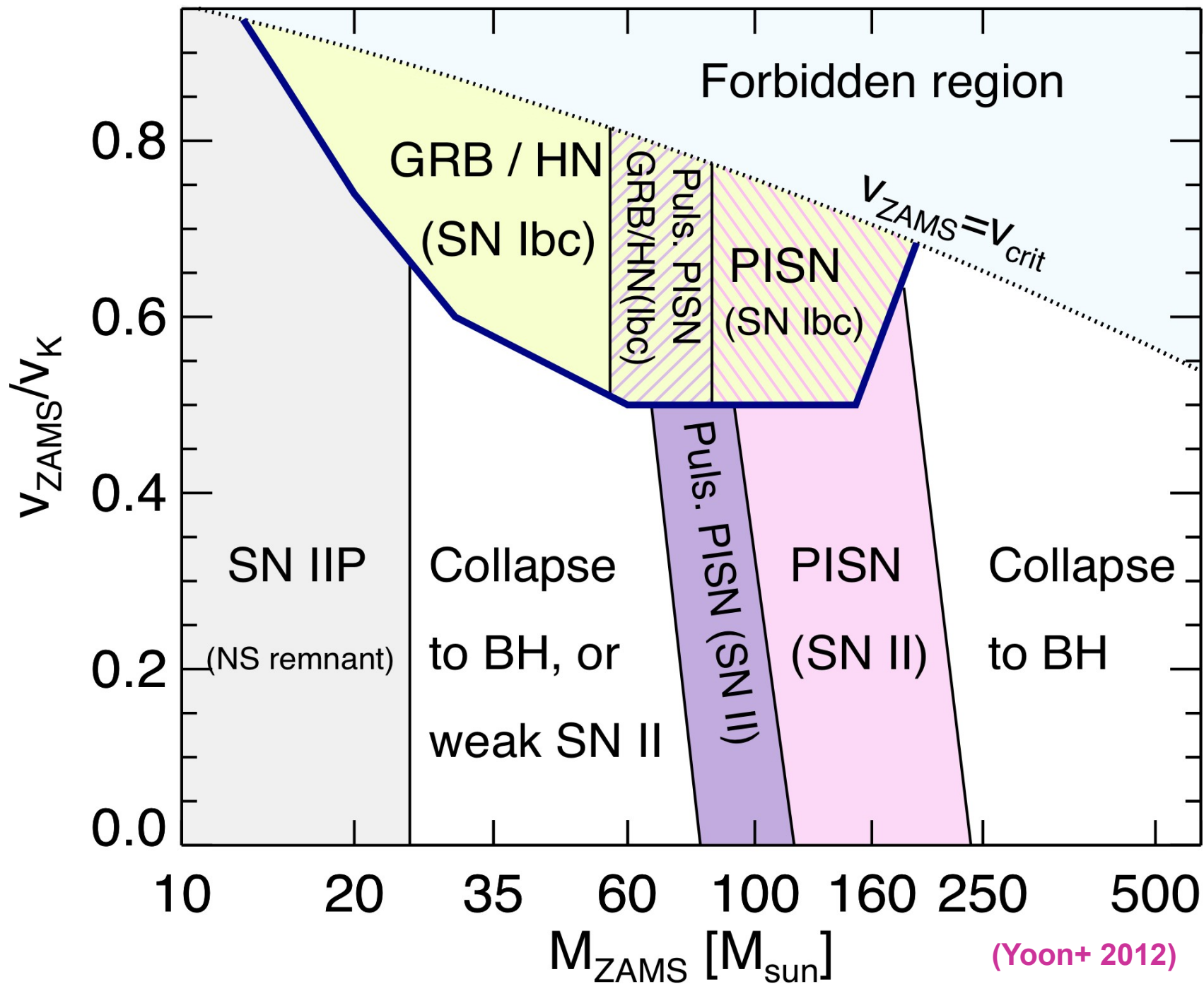




Binaries & Rotation



Final fates of rotating massive Pop III stars





**Stellar Remnants
throughout
the Ages
of the Universe**

metallicity (roughly logarithmic scale)

about solar

metal-free

low mass stars --- white dwarfs

O/Ne/Mg core collapse

iron core collapse

neutron star

BH by fallback

neutron star

BH by fallback

BH by fallback (weak SN)

direct black hole

no H envelope

direct black hole

direct black hole

9

10

25

34

40

60

100

140

260

initial mass (solar masses)

(Heger+ 2003)

