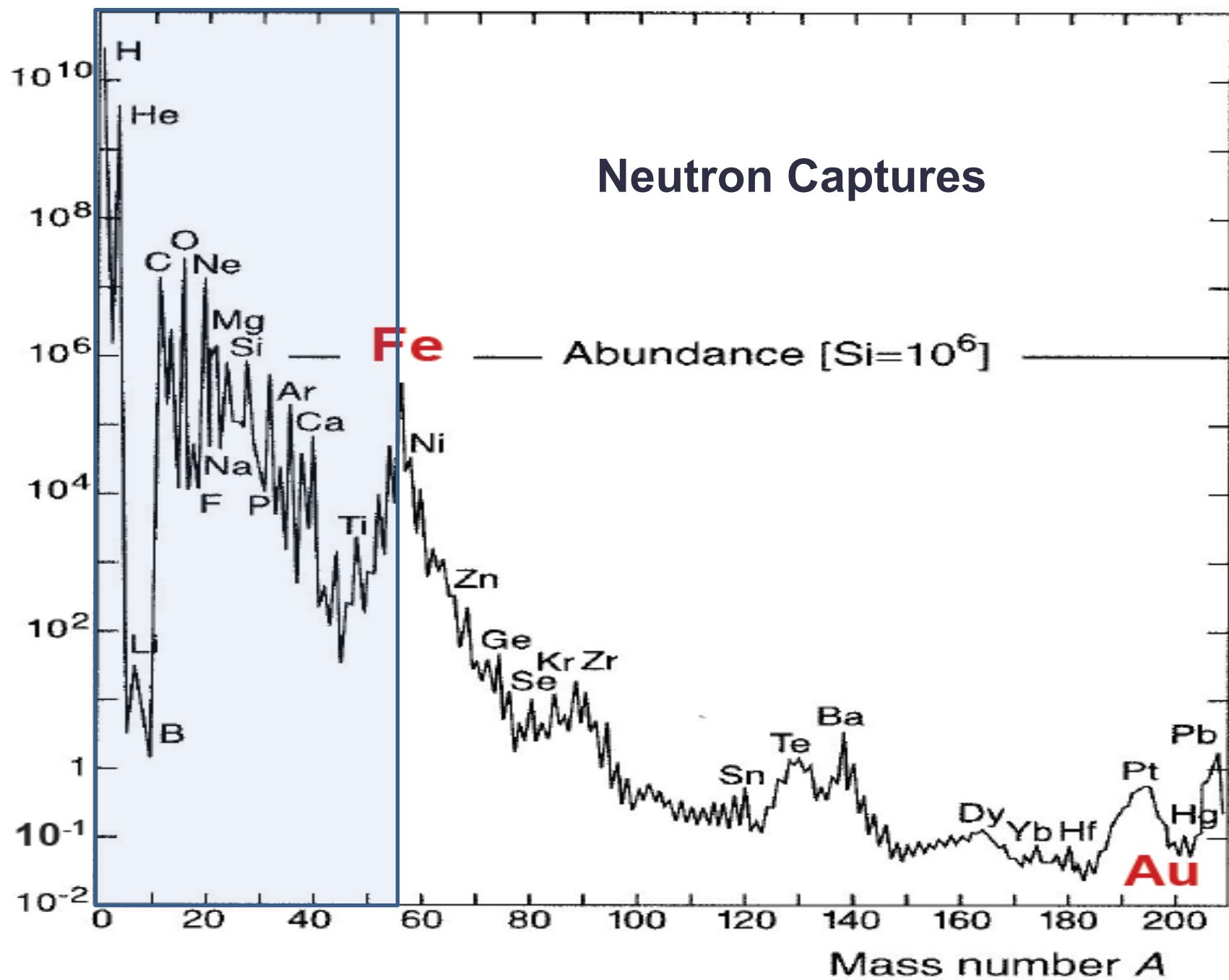


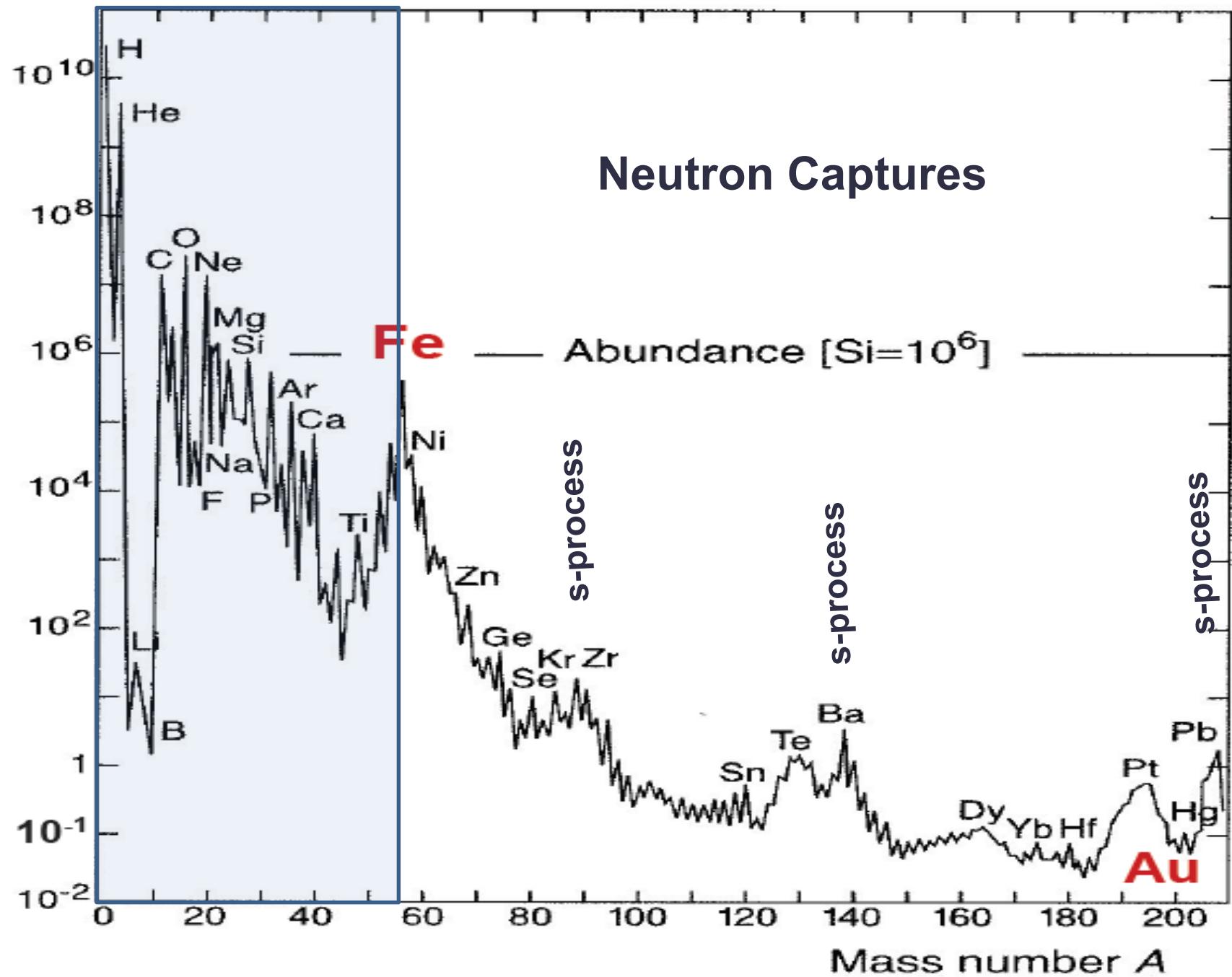
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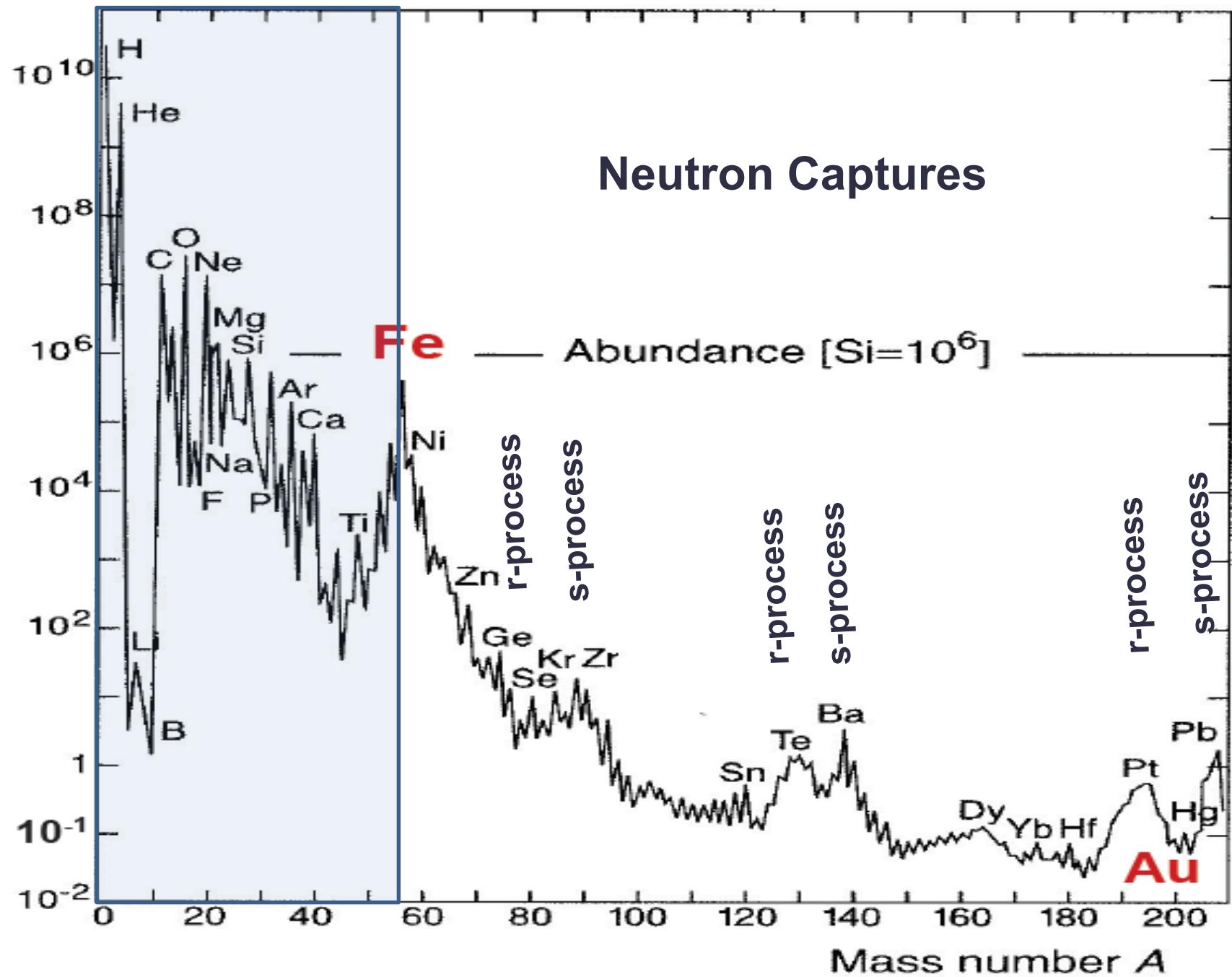
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Neutron Captures







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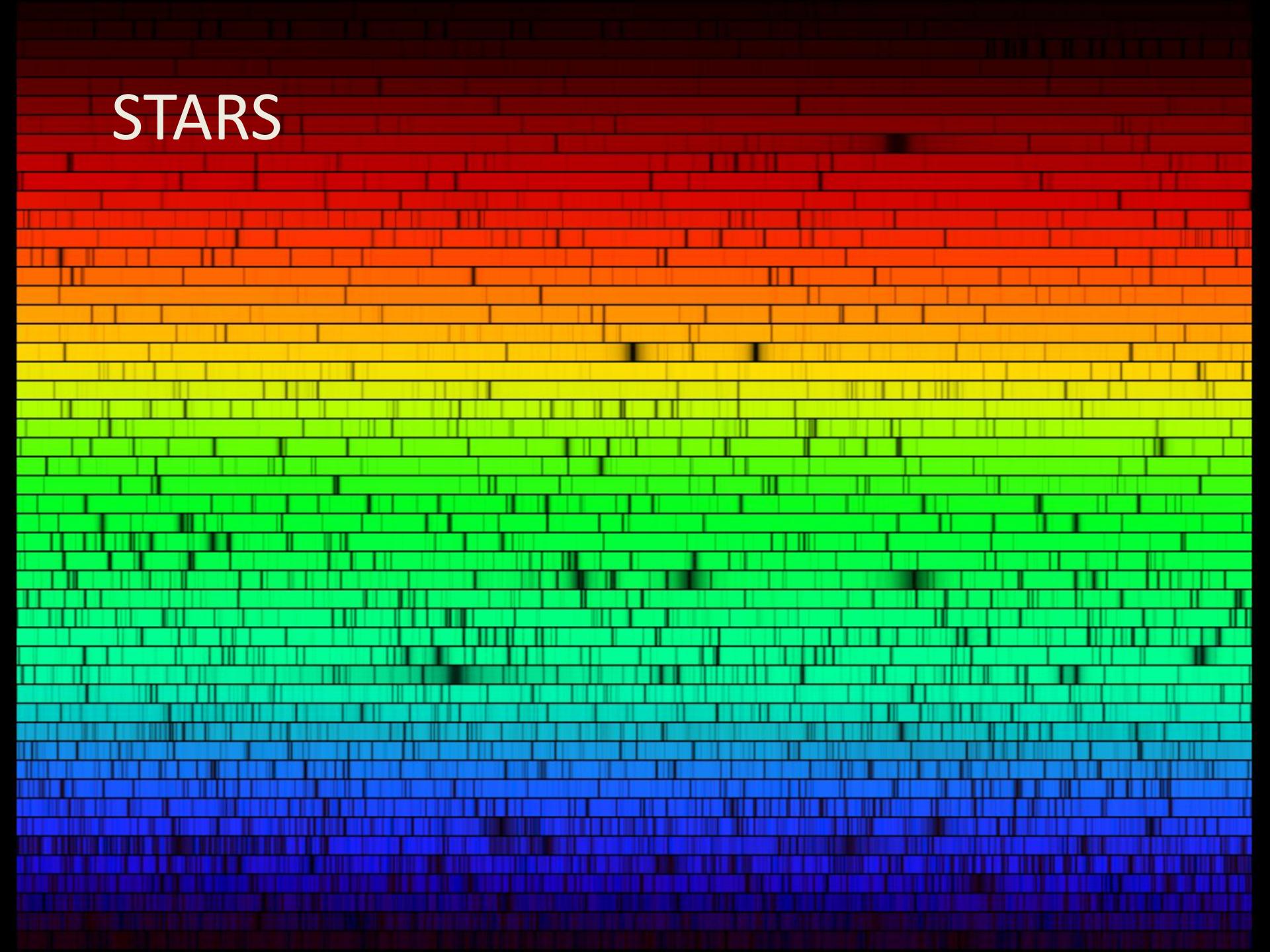
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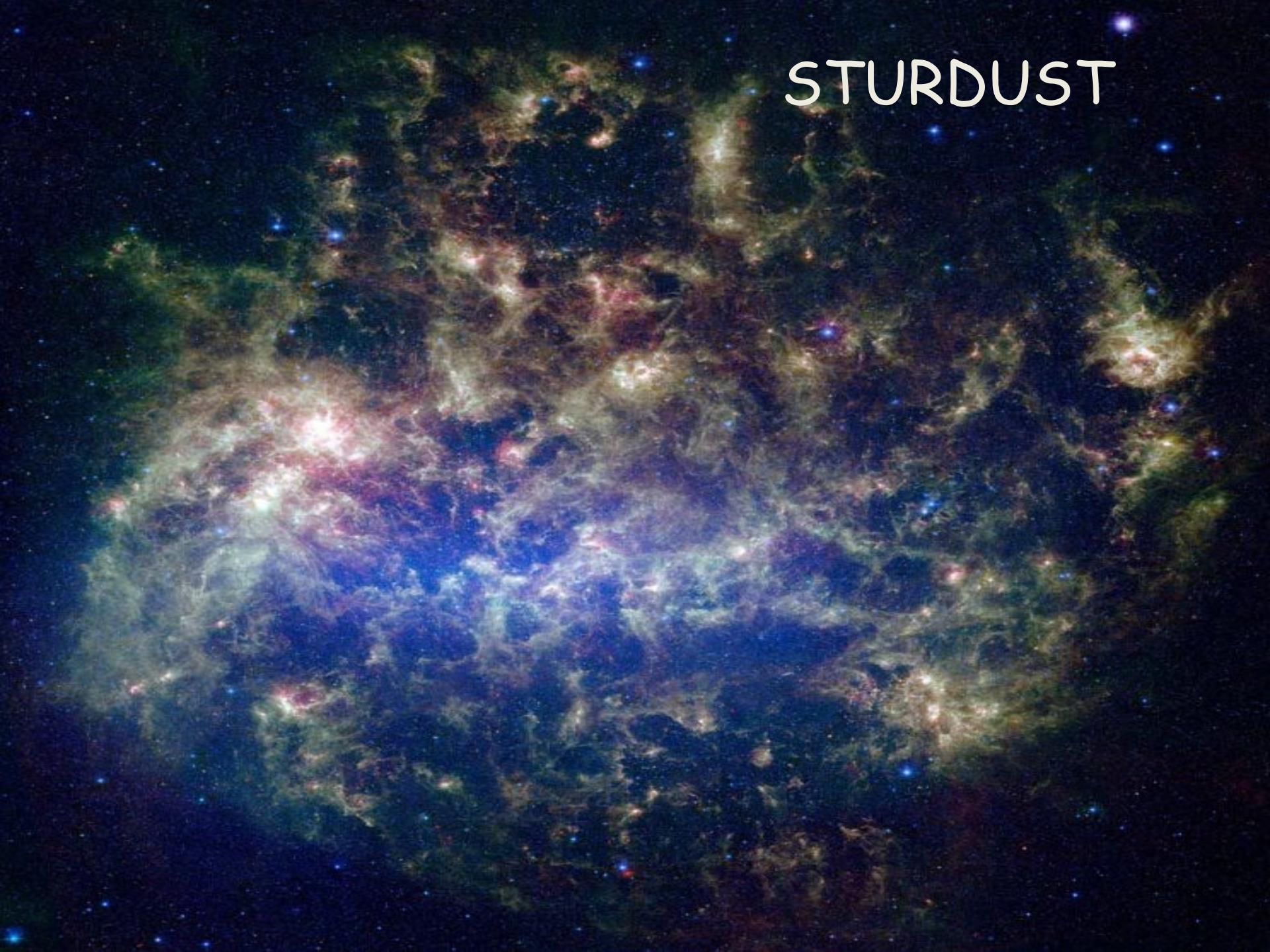
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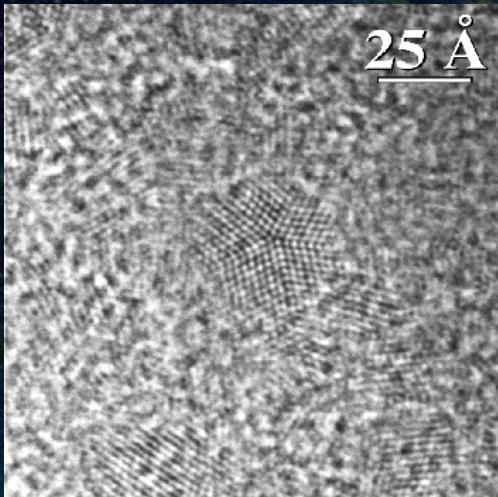


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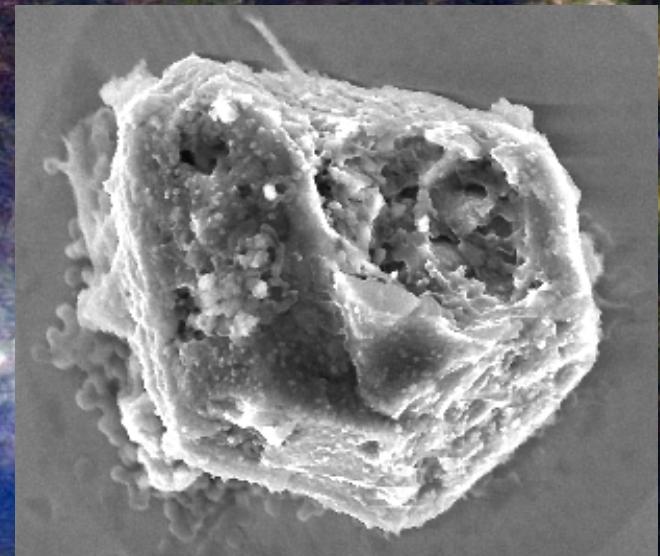
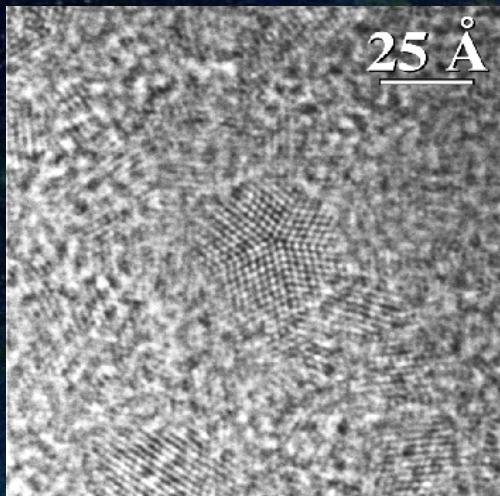
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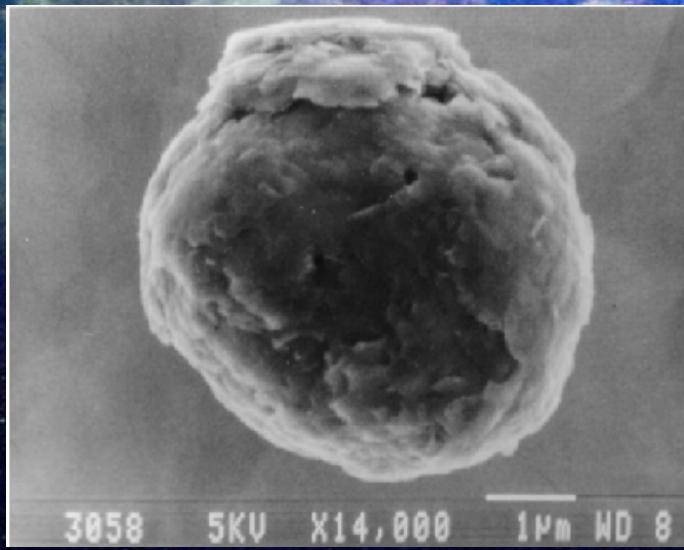
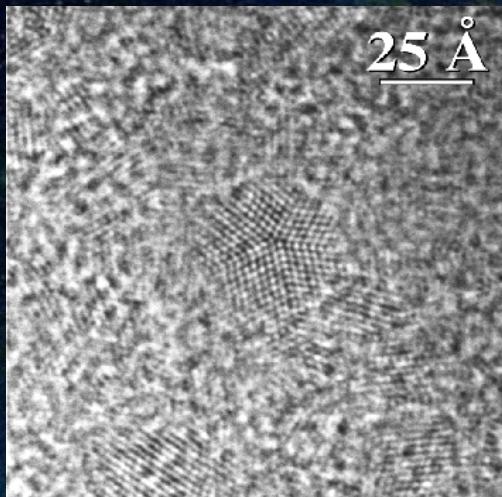
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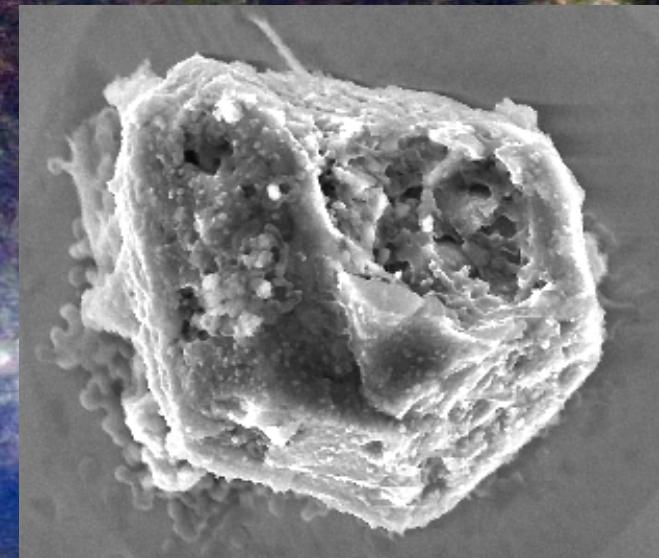
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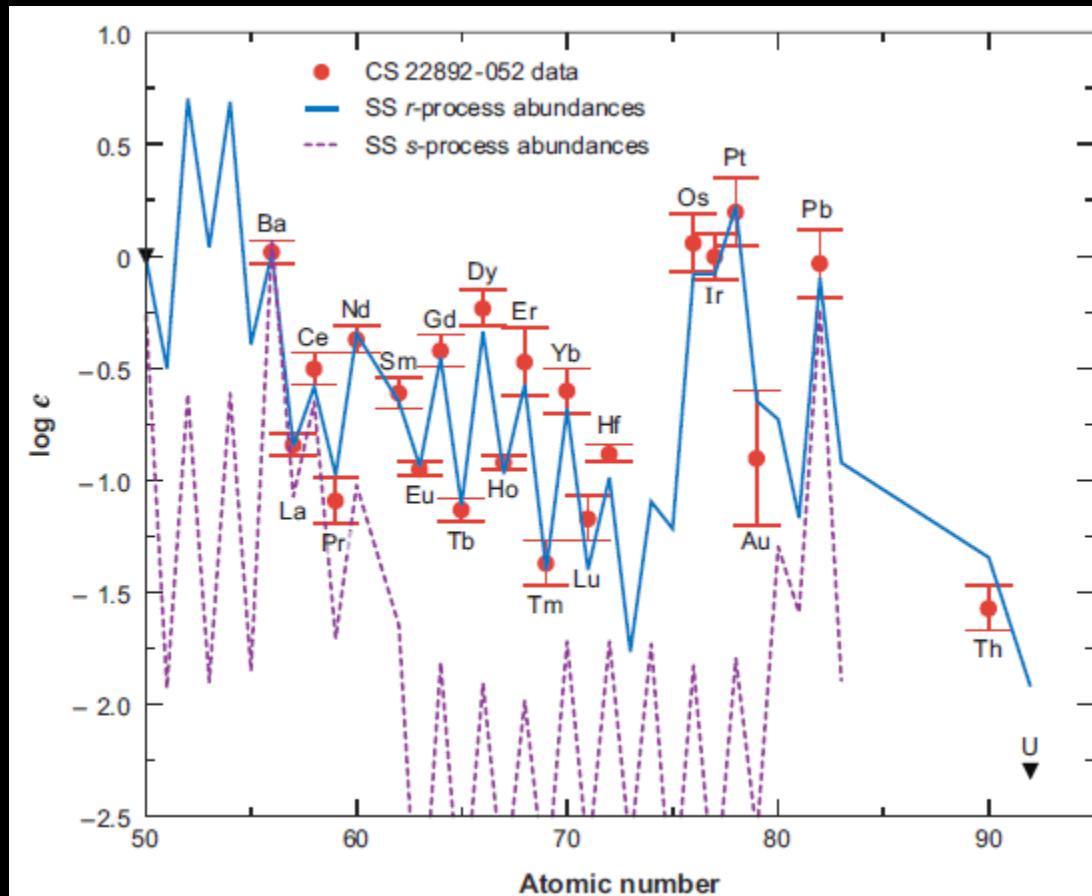
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Heavy elements in the Galactic Halo

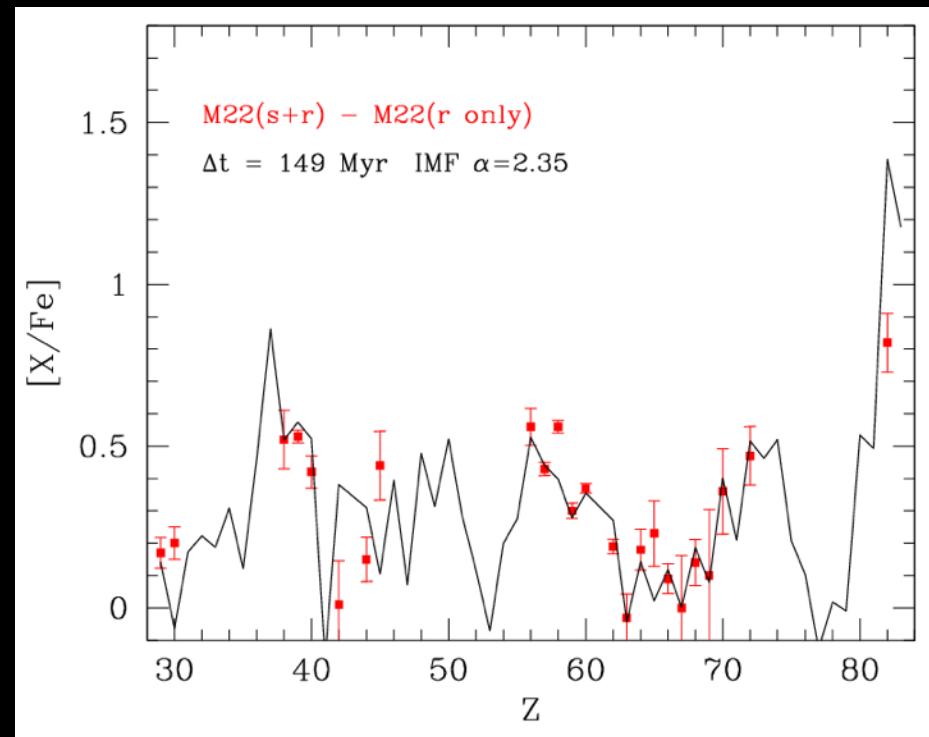
Only massive polluters, because the too short timescale. Heavy elements production dominated by the r-process. No weak s, because the lack of ^{22}Ne .

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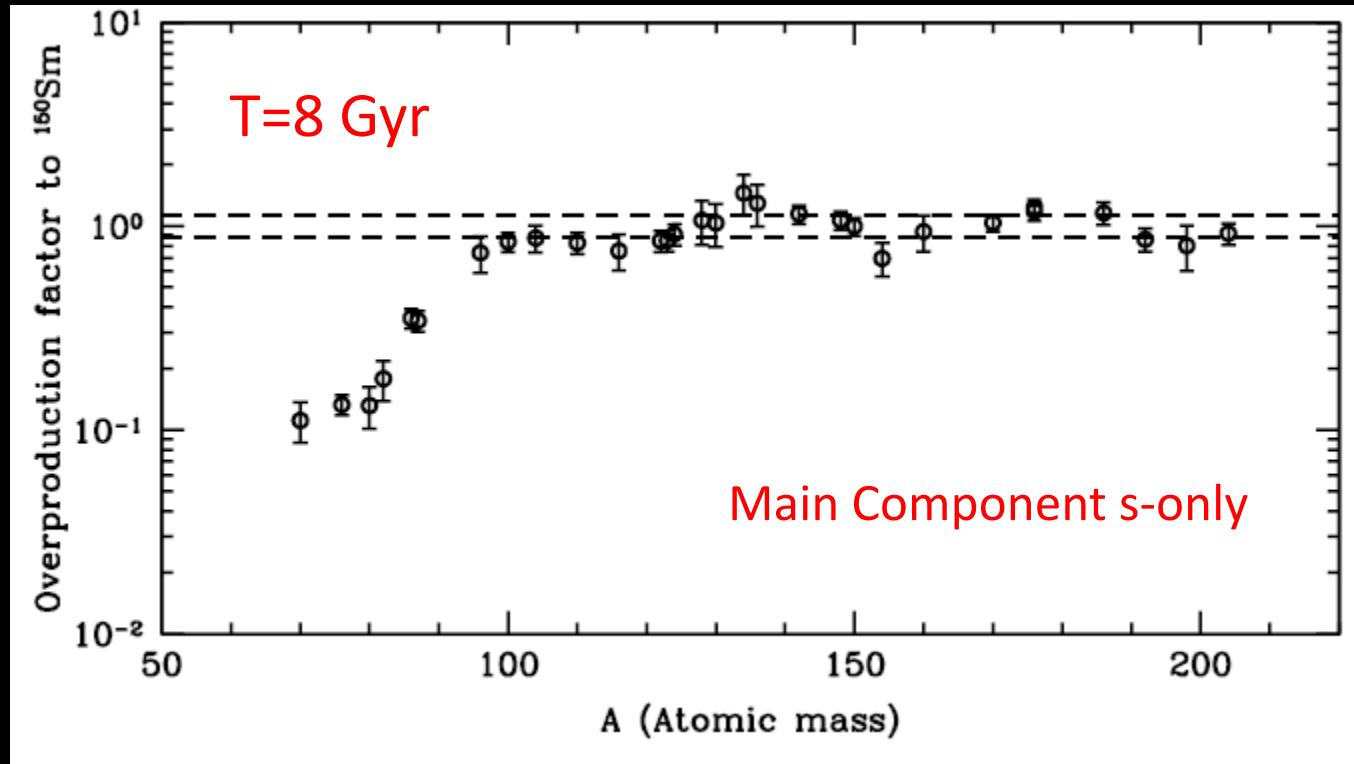


Globular Clusters: first evidence of s-process pollution (by massive AGB stars)



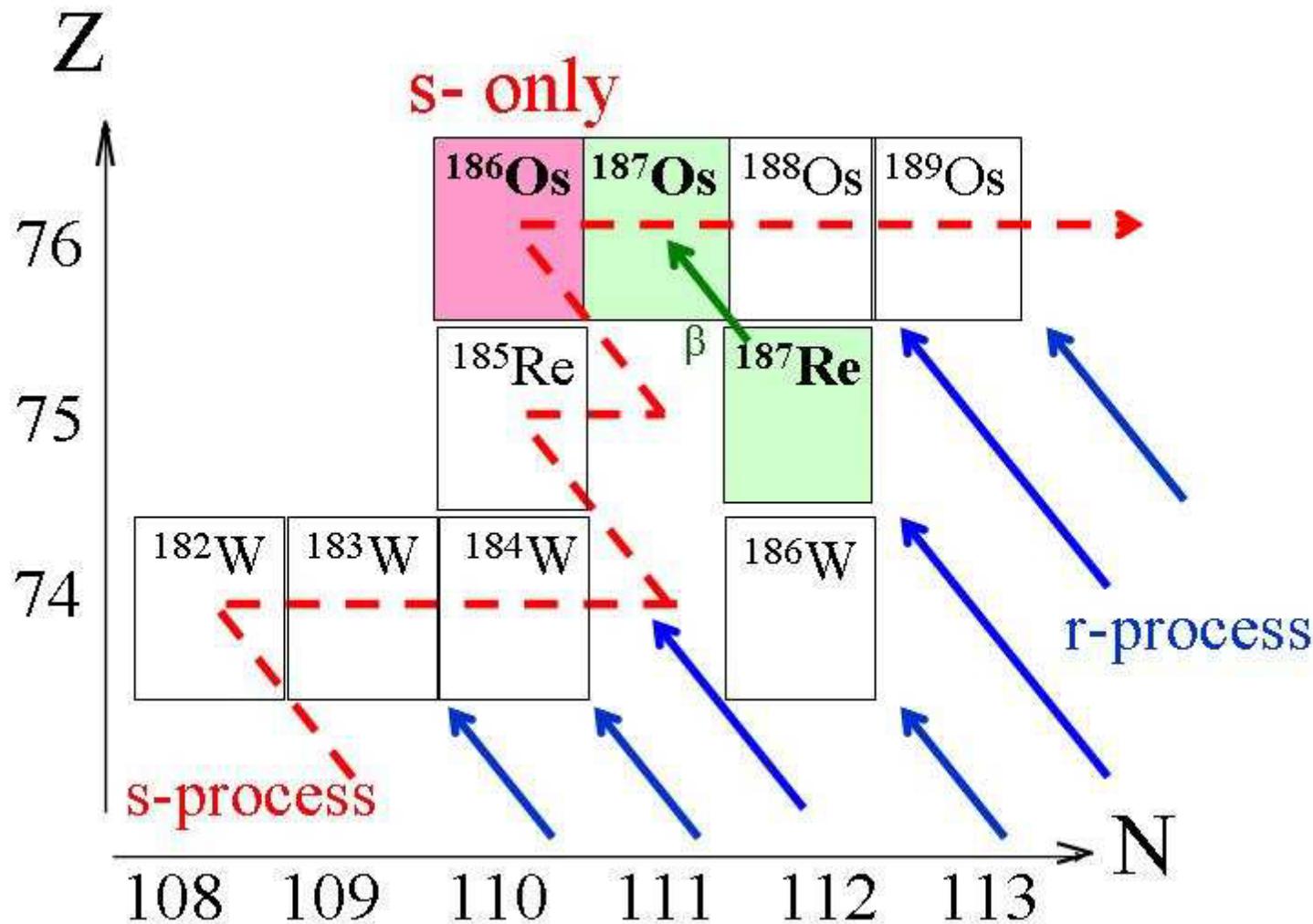
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Second generation stars polluted by massive AGB

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Chemical evolution model (Cristallo et al. 2015).
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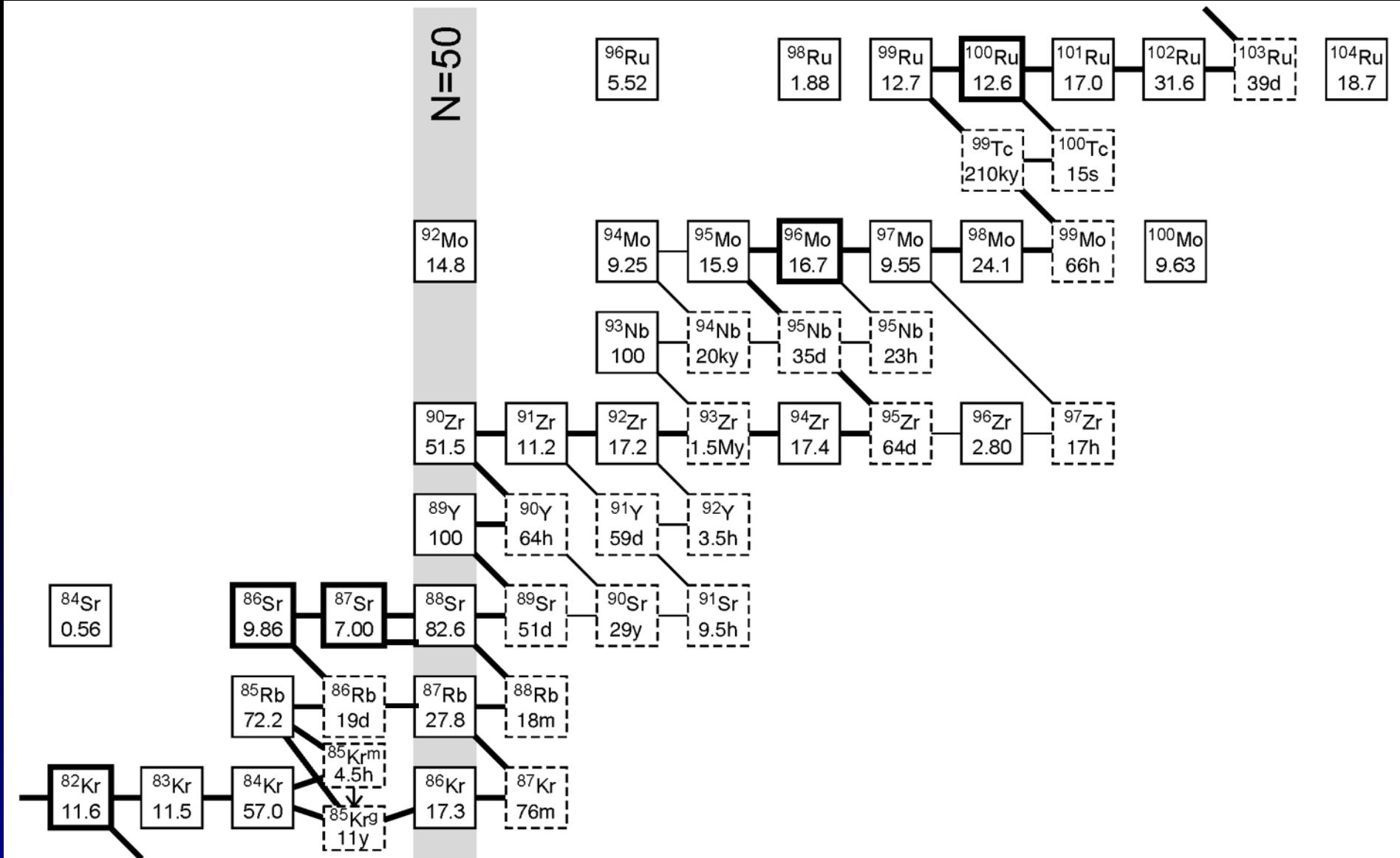
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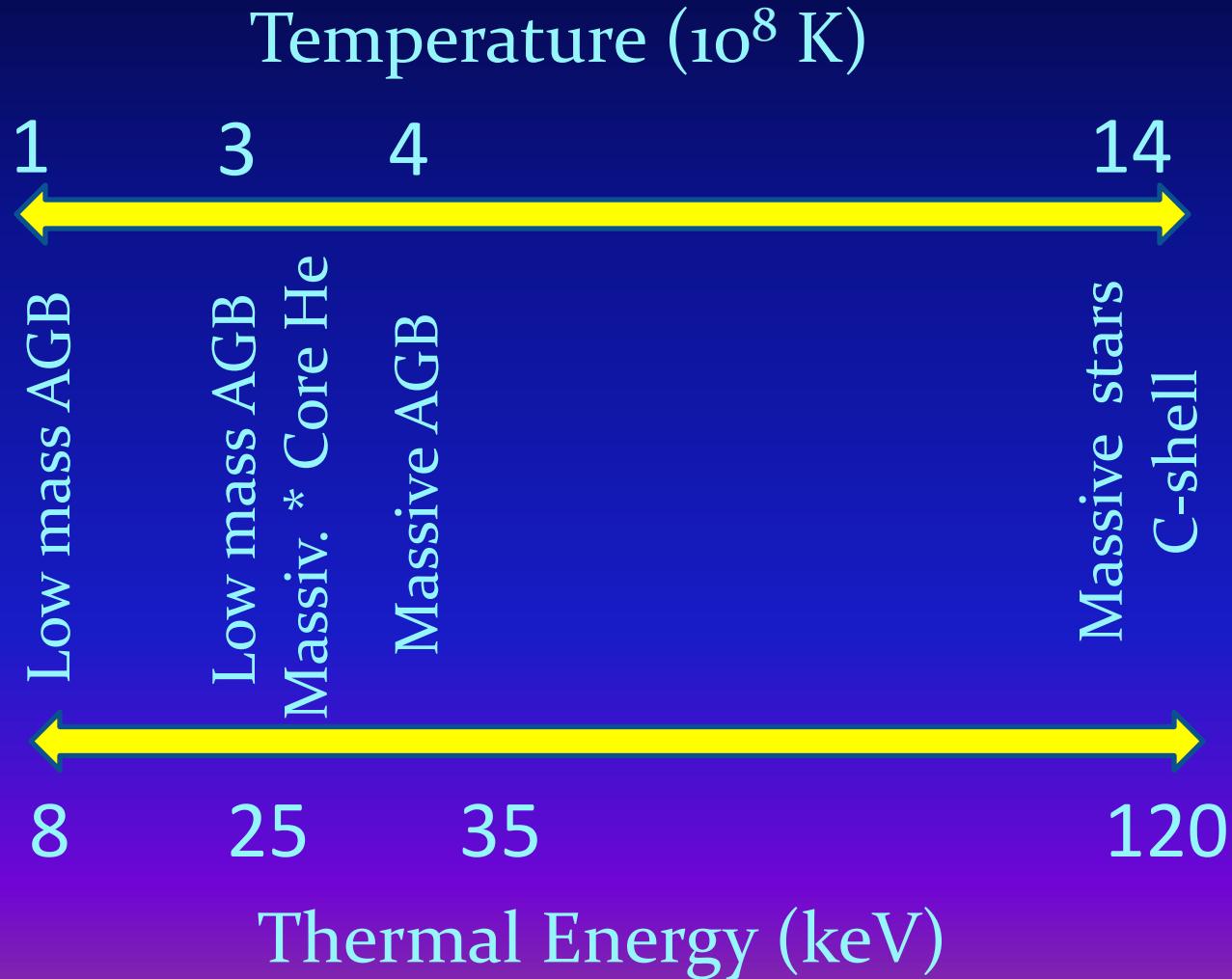
Nuclear physics inputs for neutron-capture nucleosynthesys

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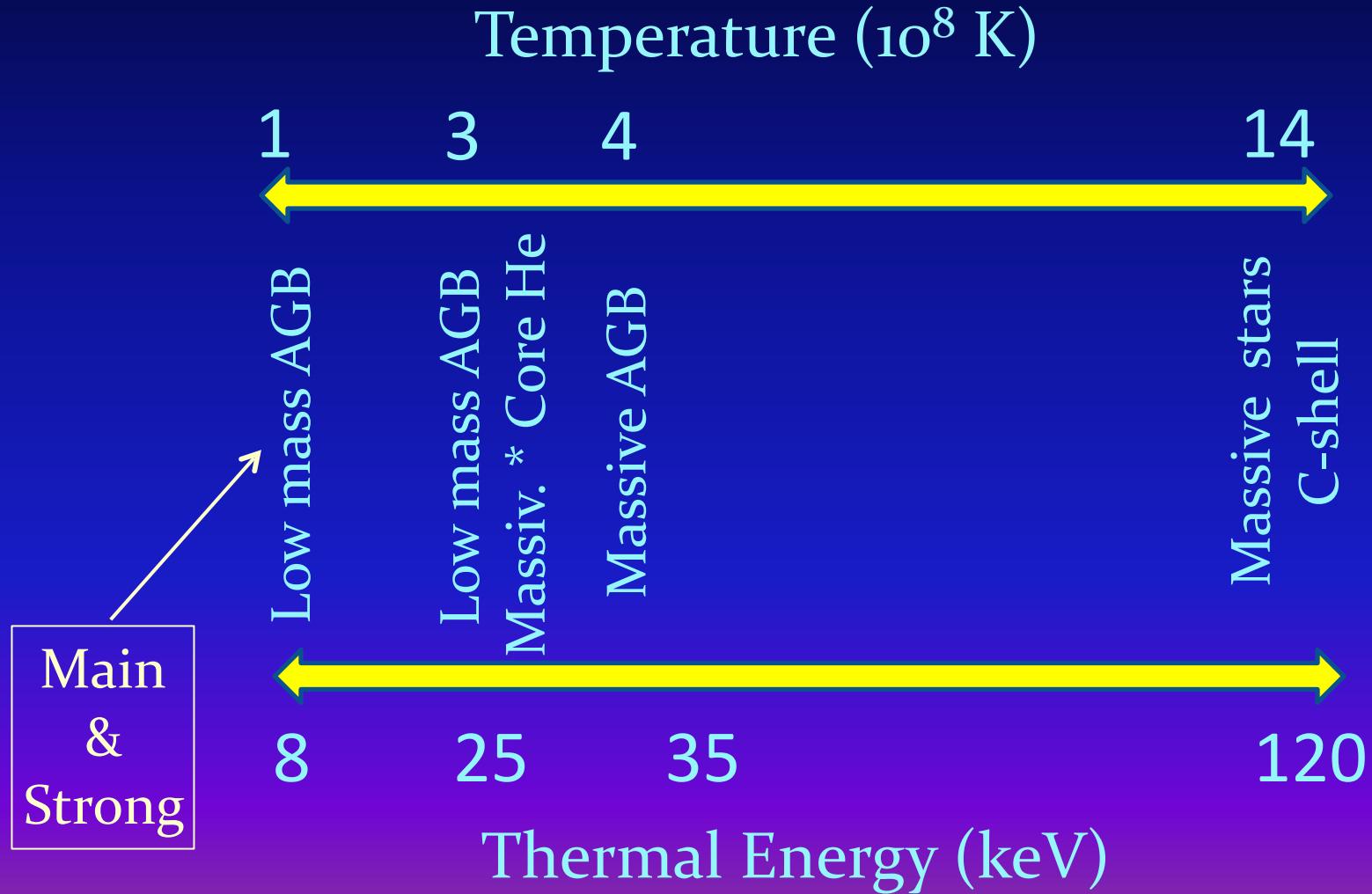
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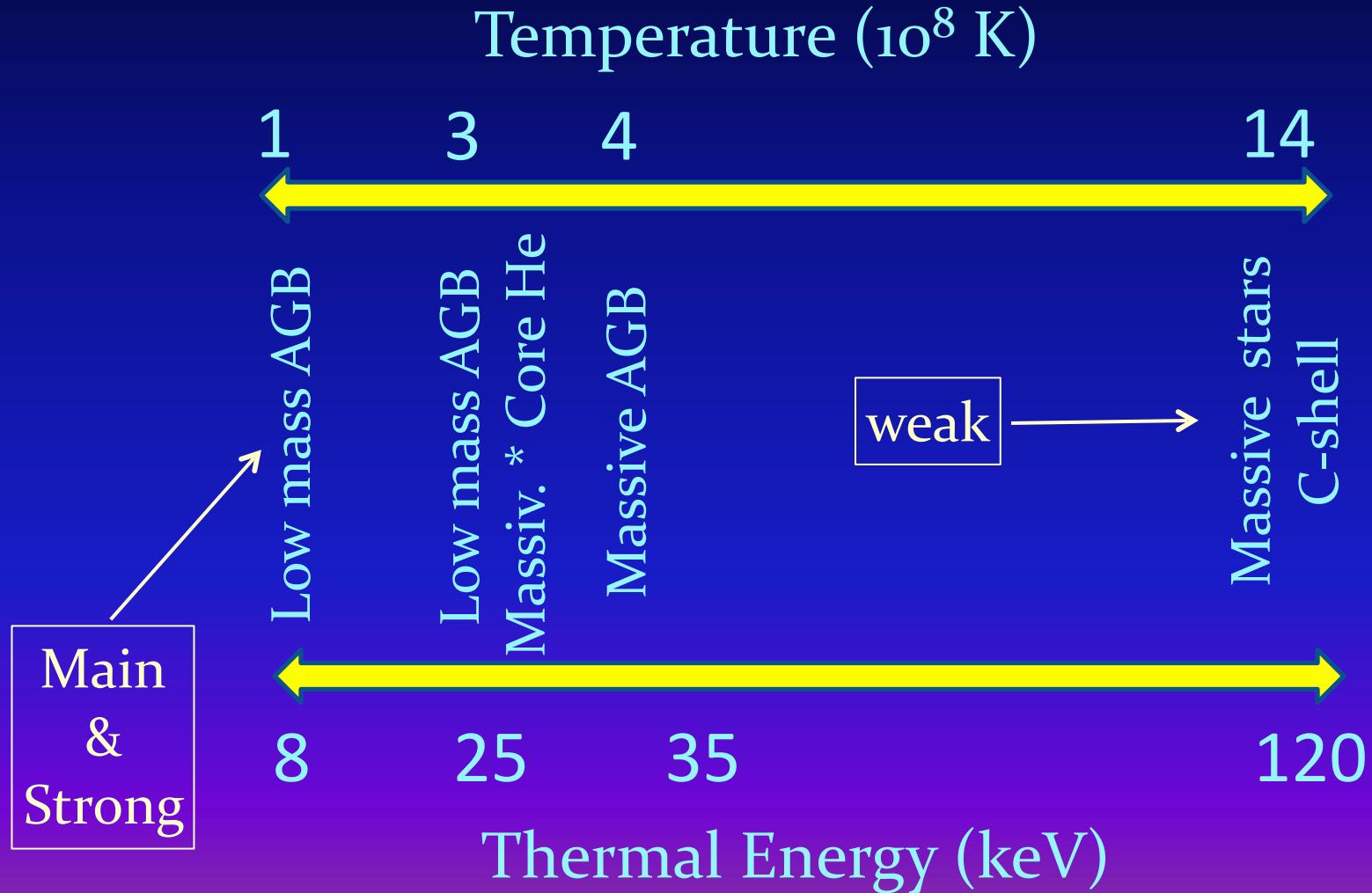
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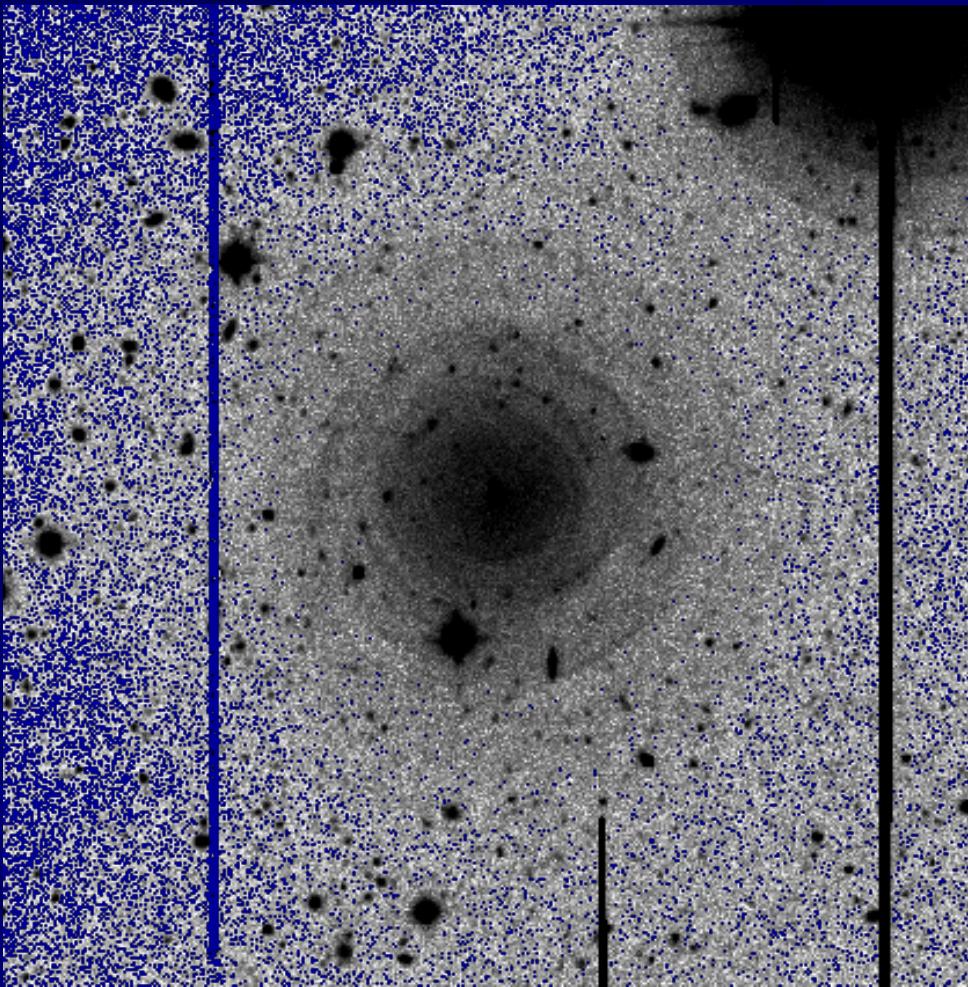
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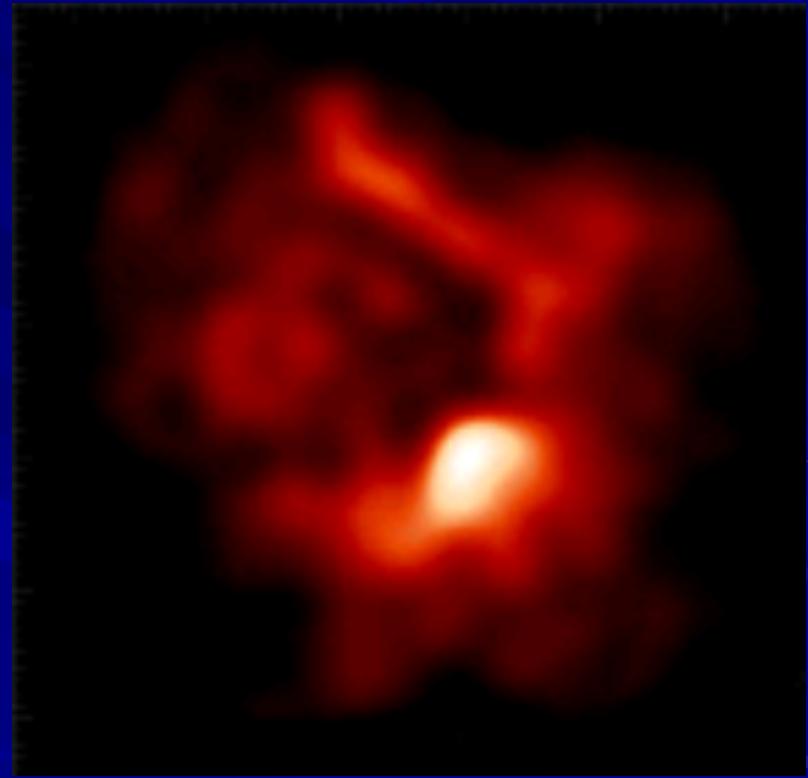
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CW LEO. An example of C and s rich galactic AGB stars

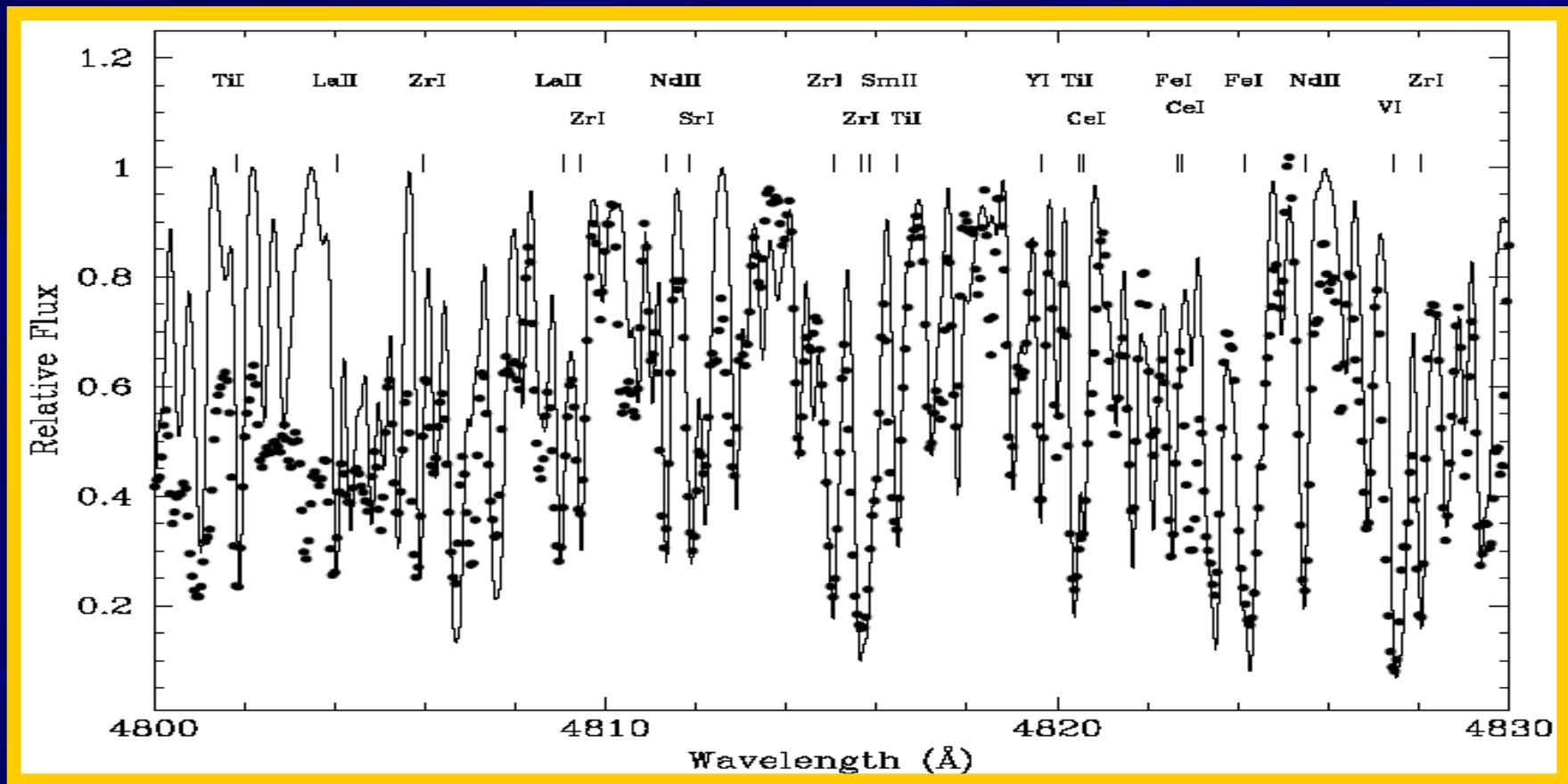


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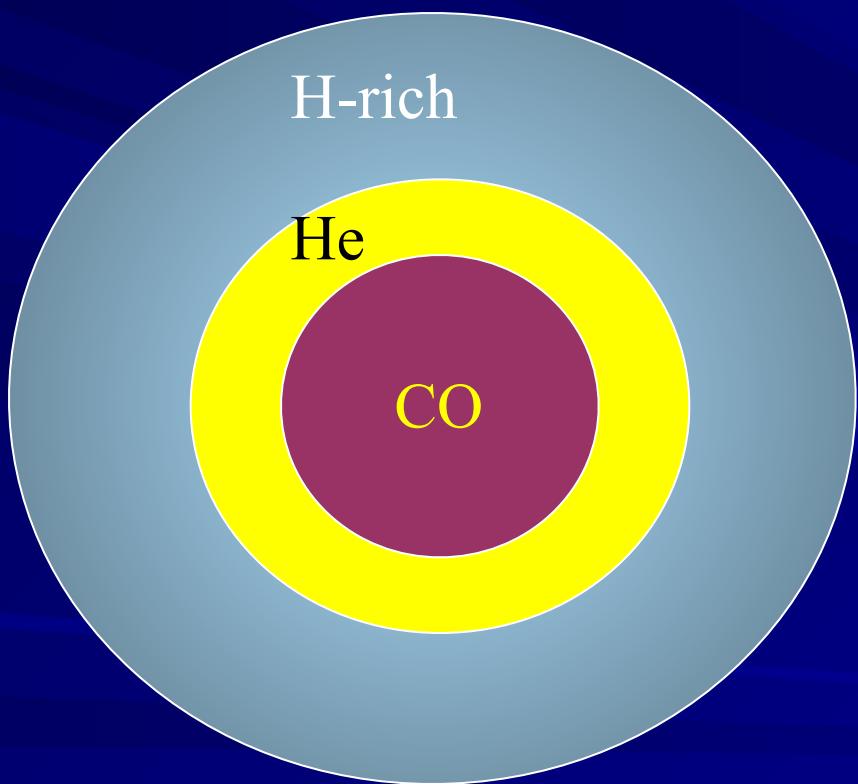
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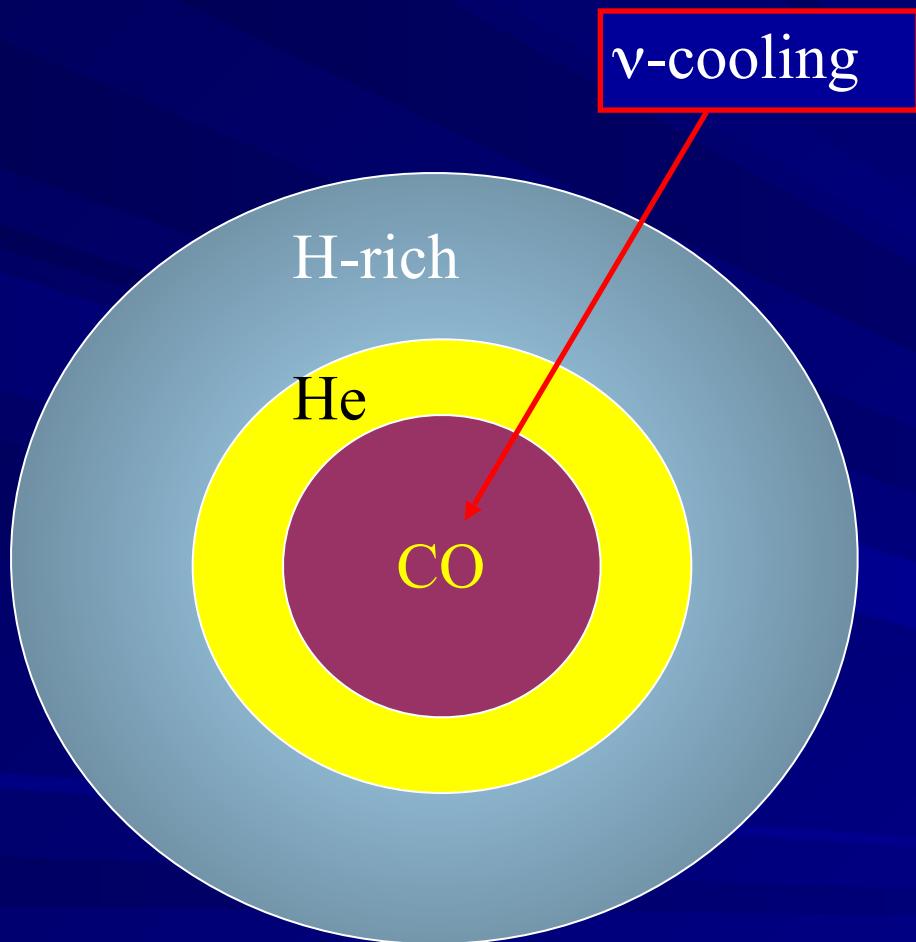


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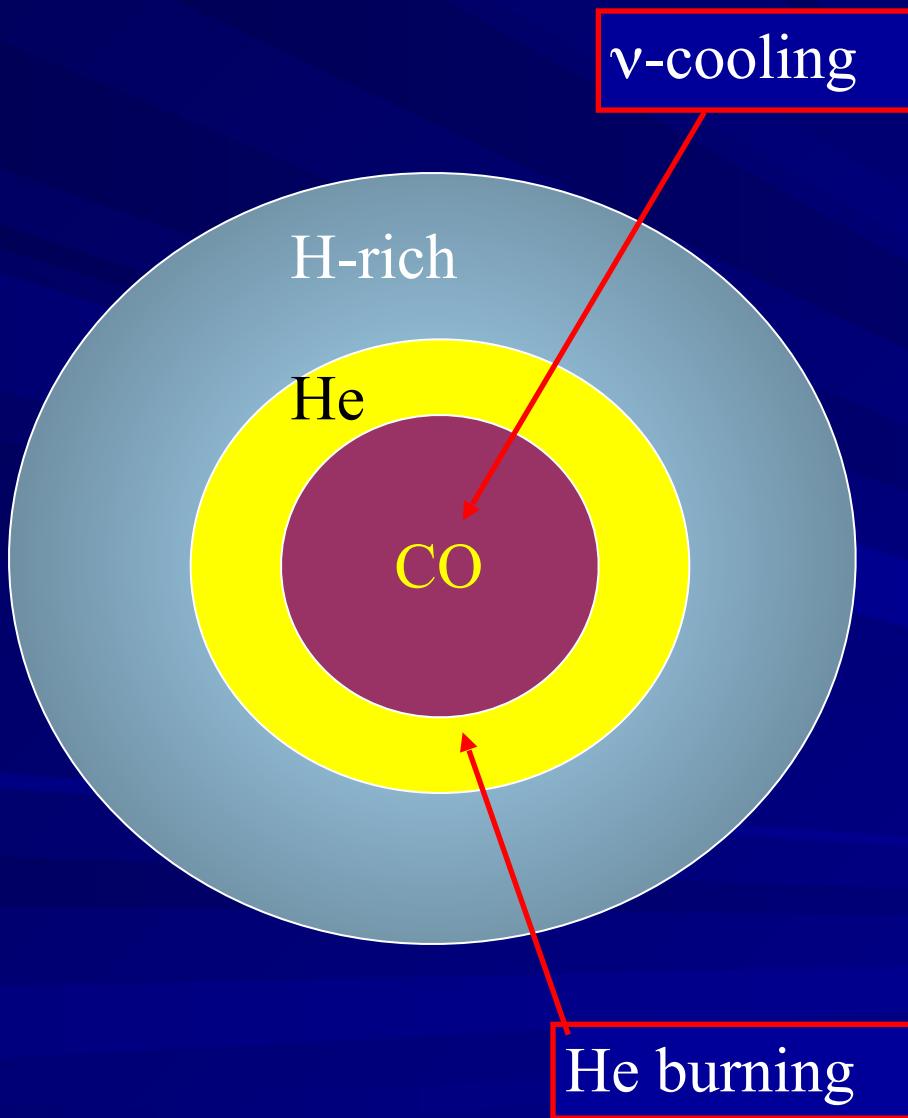
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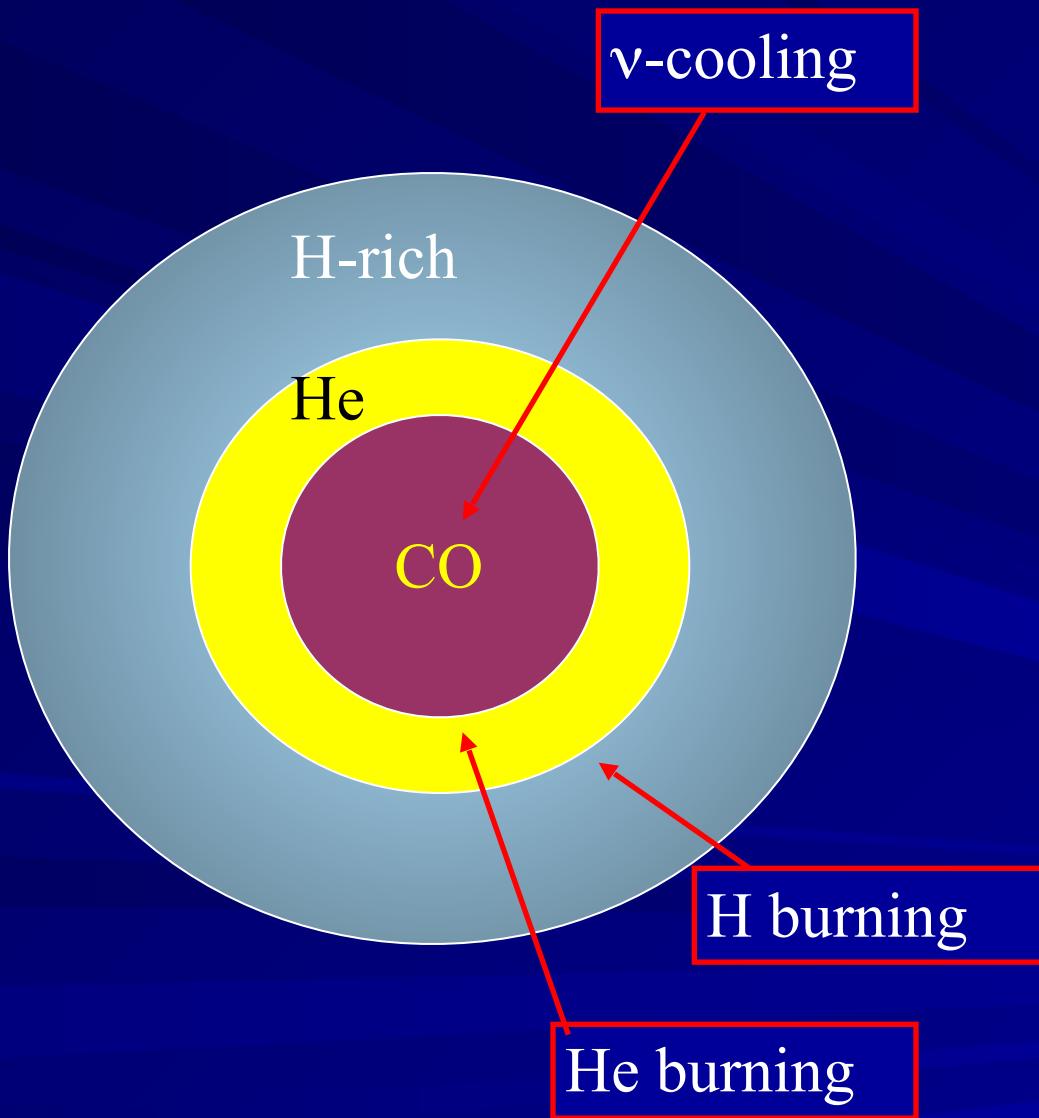
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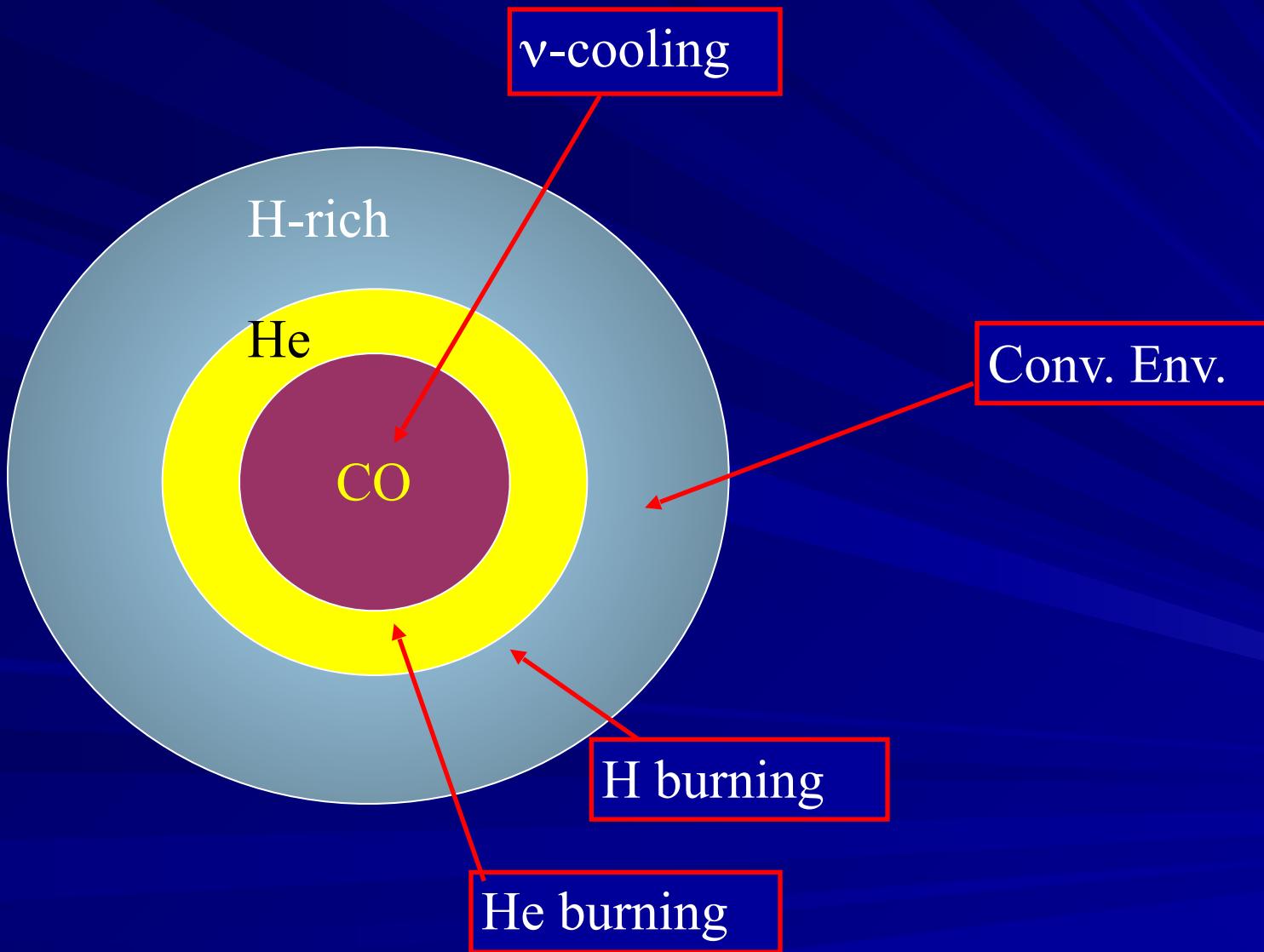
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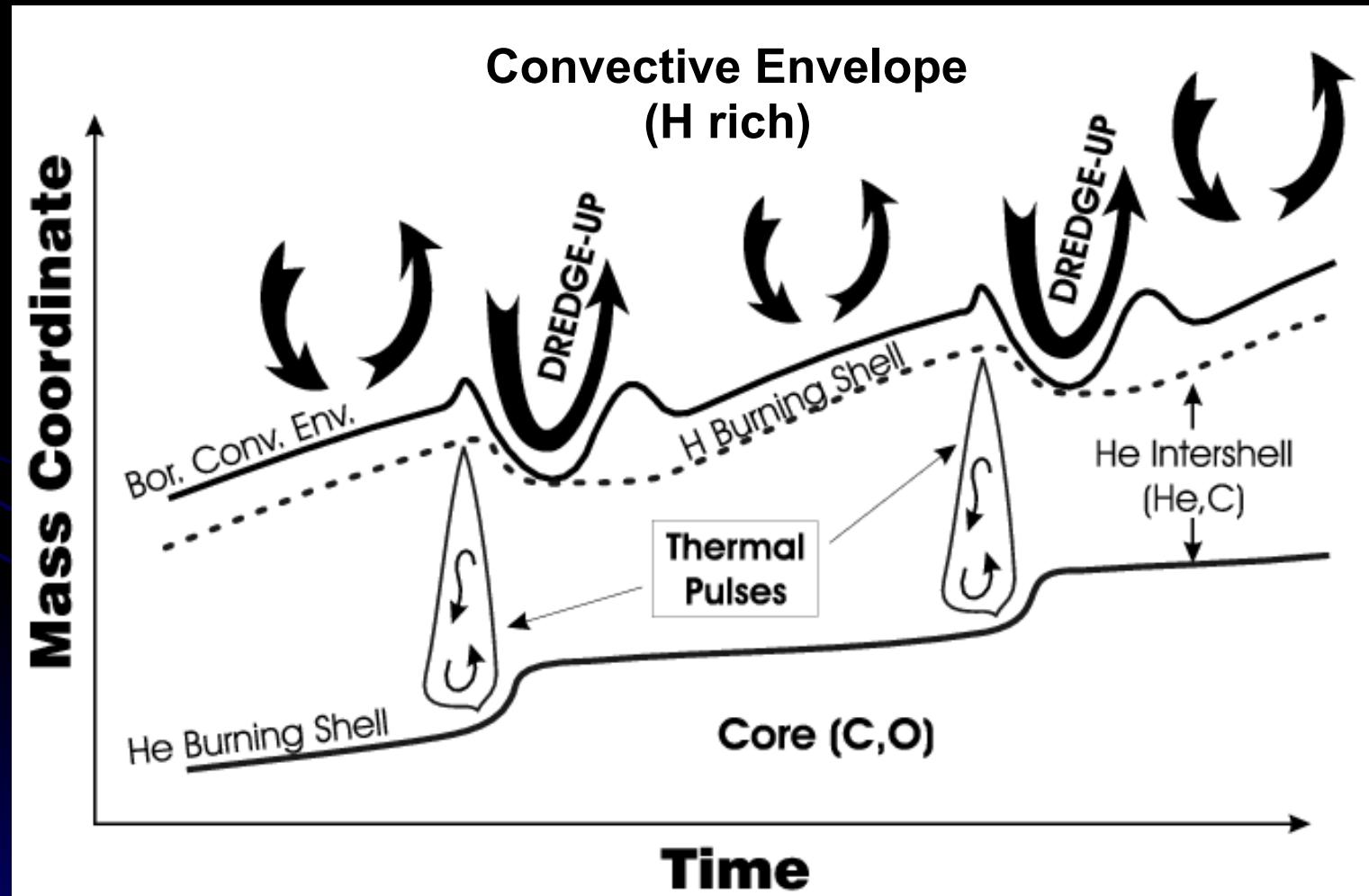


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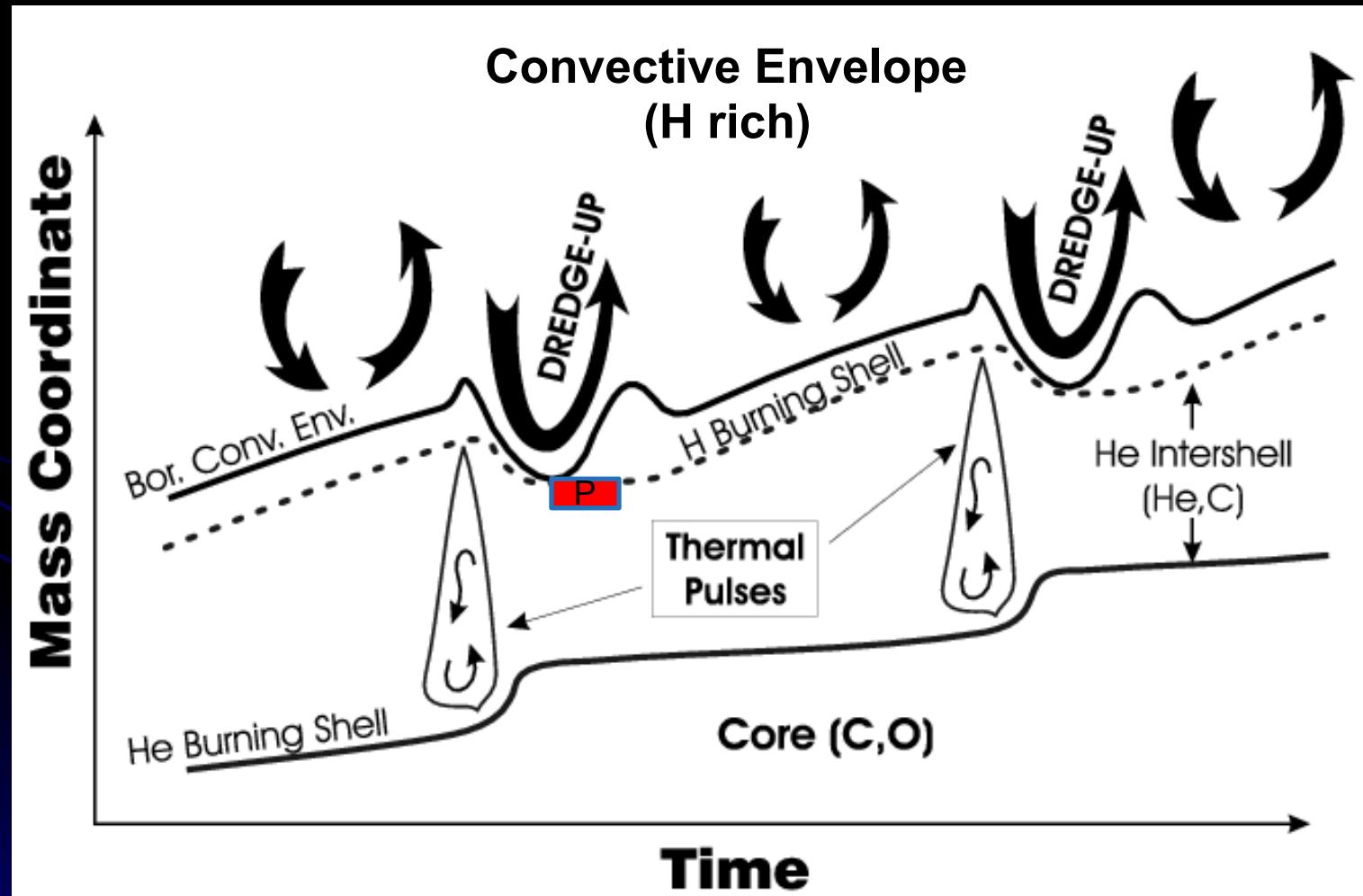
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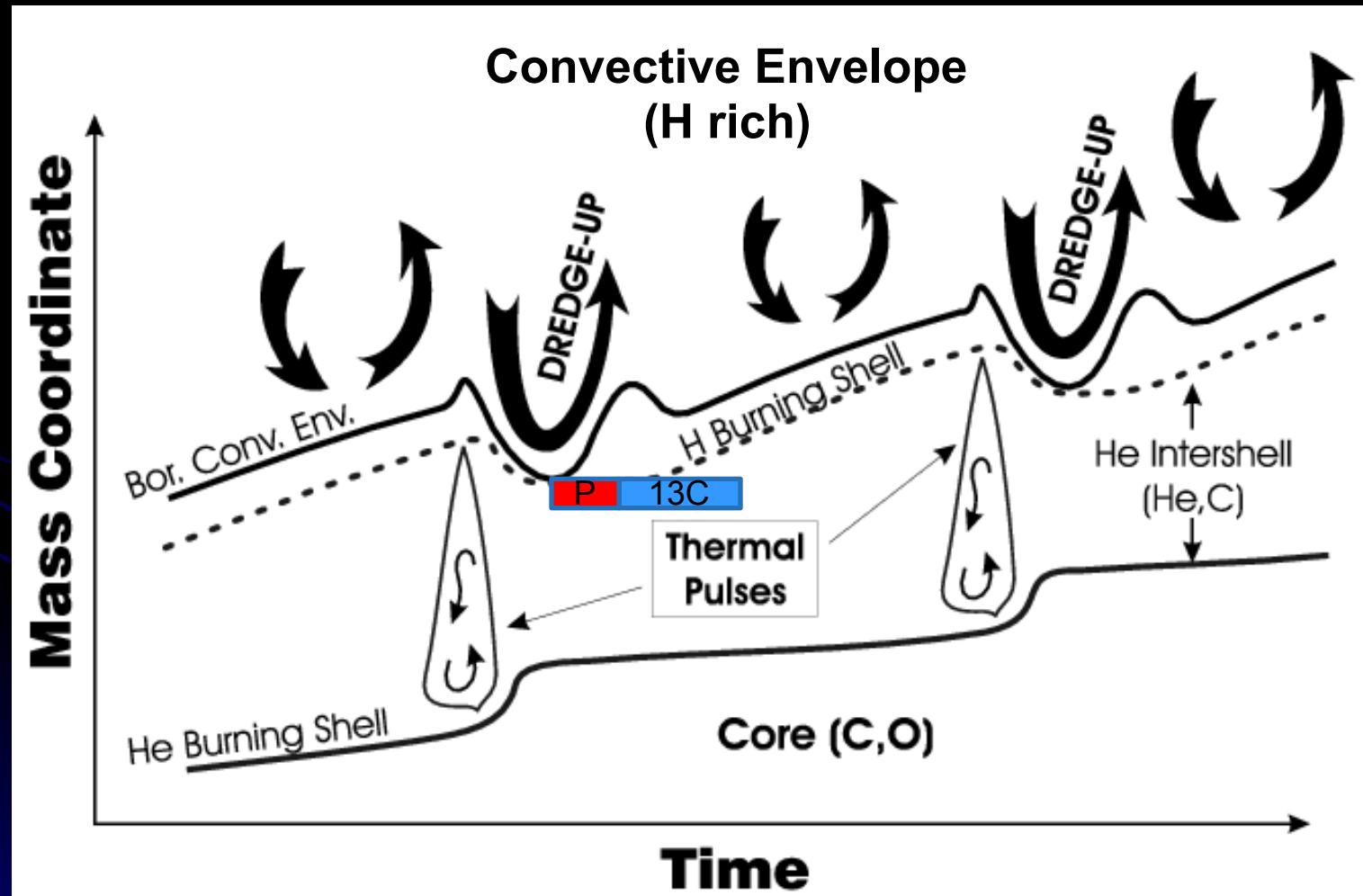
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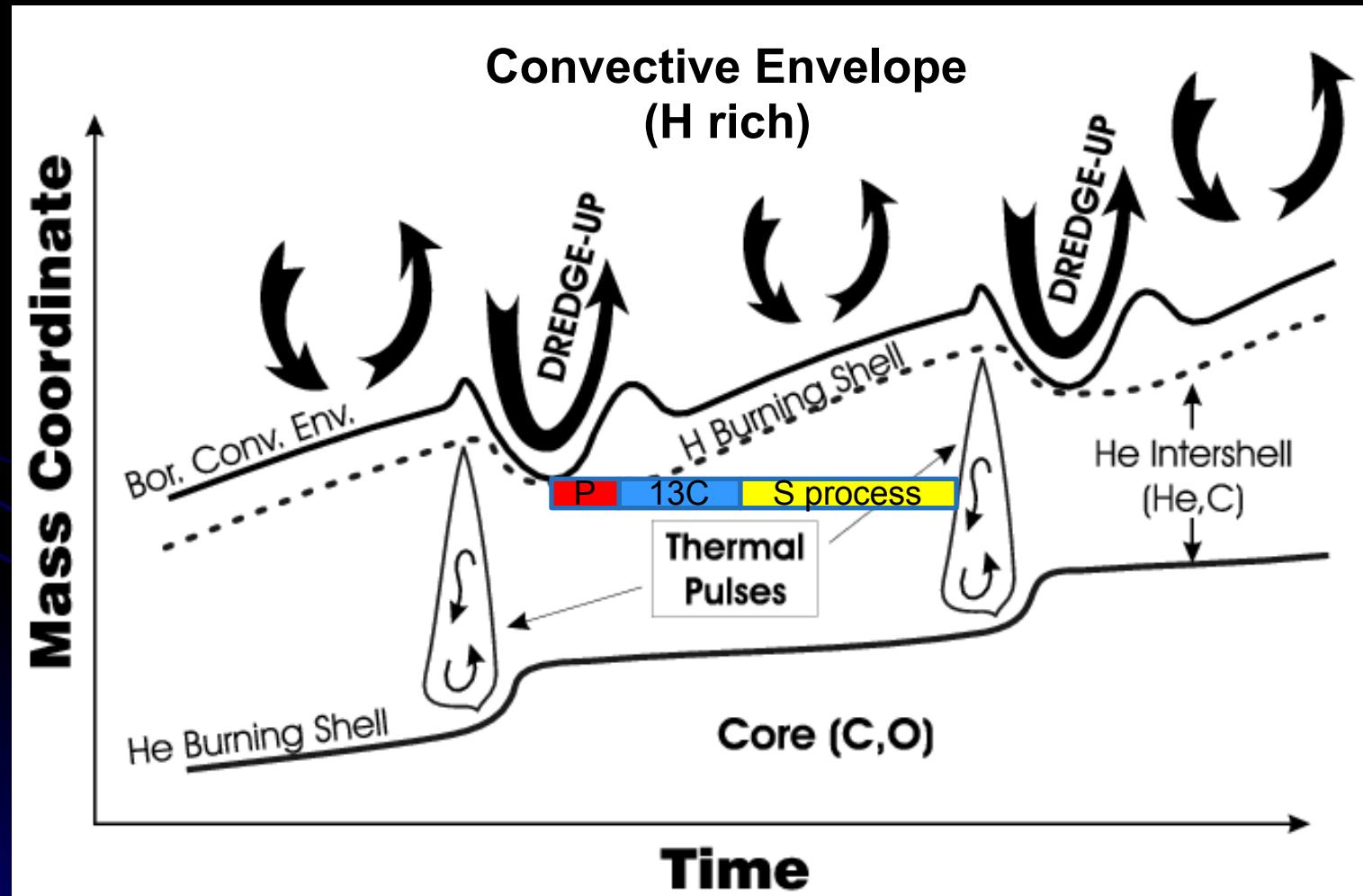
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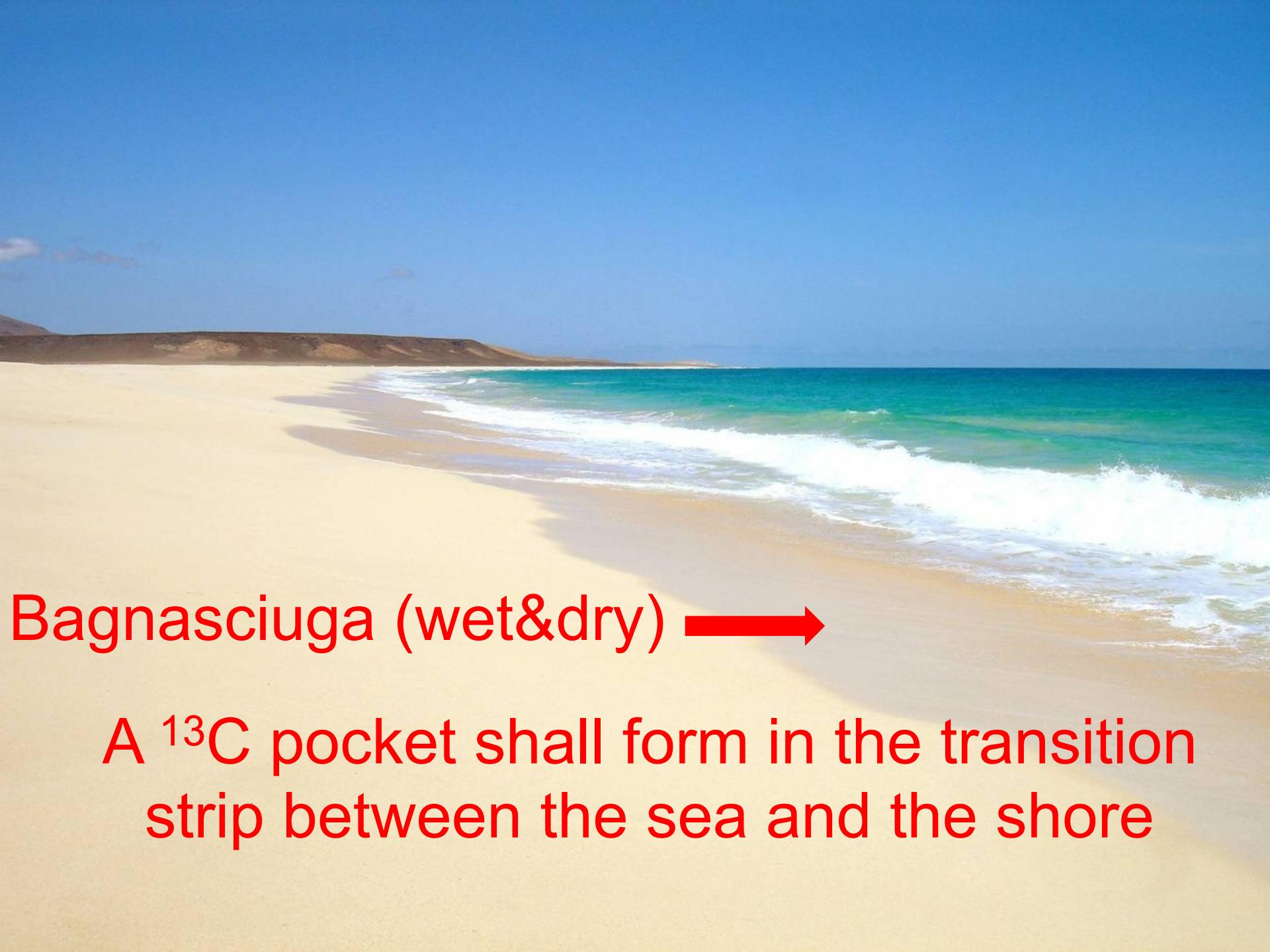
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A photograph of a long, sandy beach stretching towards a distant, low-lying island. The sand is light-colored and appears dry. The ocean is a vibrant turquoise-blue, with white-capped waves breaking near the shore. The sky is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy clouds.

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A ^{13}C pocket shall form in the transition strip between the sea and the shore

FUNS – Full Network Stellar evolution

(Straniero, Gallino, Cristallo NuPhys A 2006, Piersanti, Cristallo, Straniero ApJ 2013)

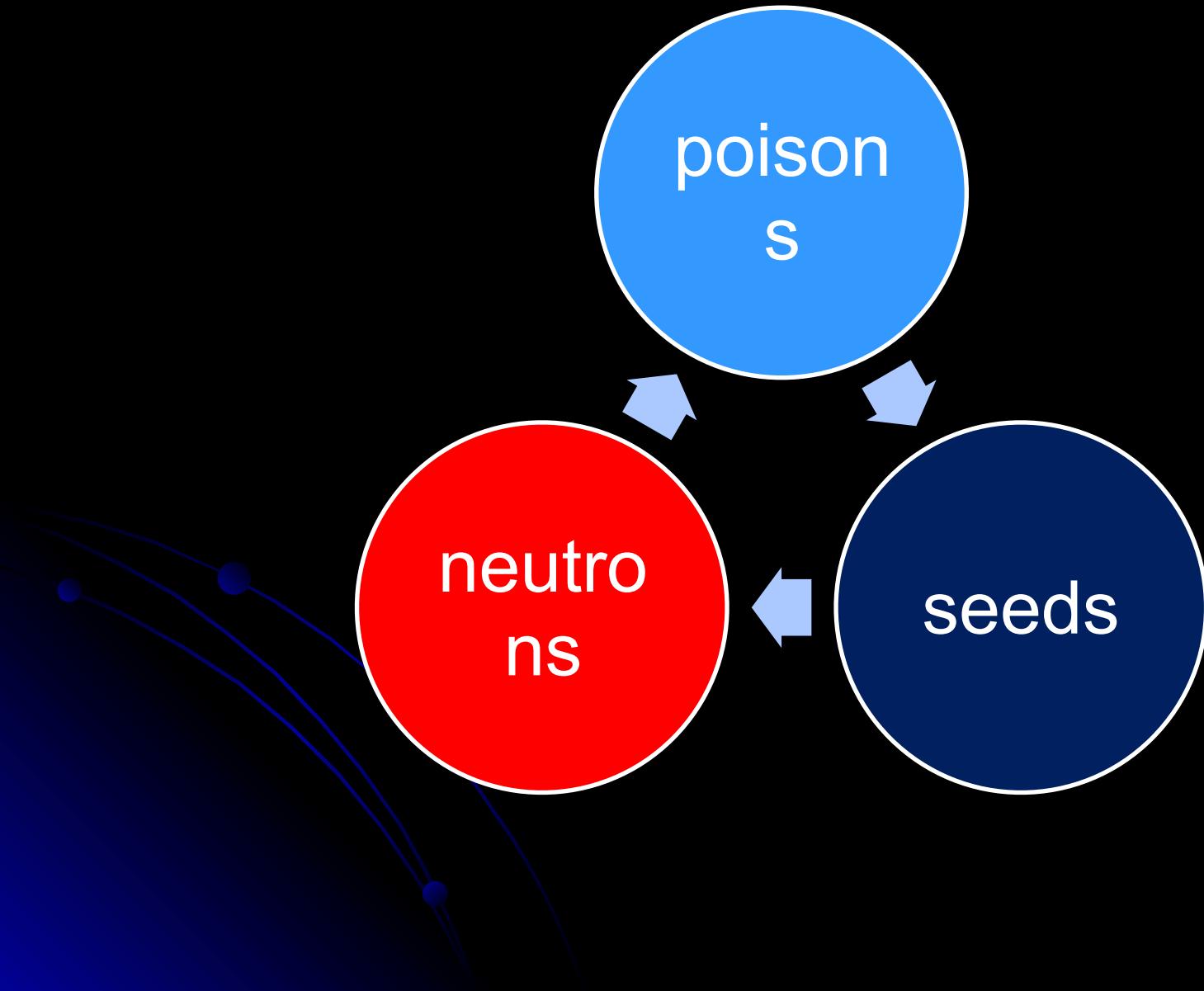
1d Stellar structure equations+500 isotopes (from H to U)

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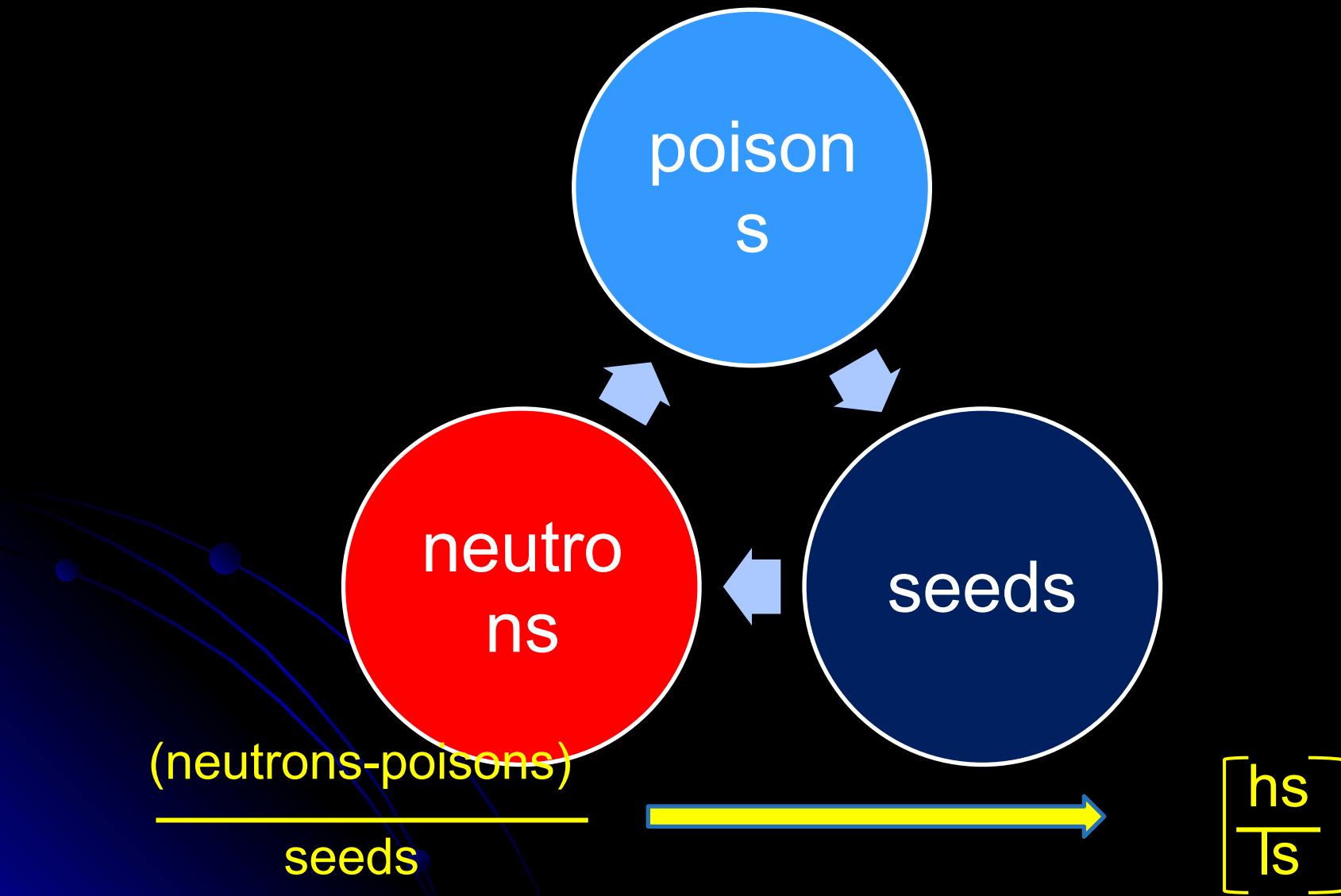
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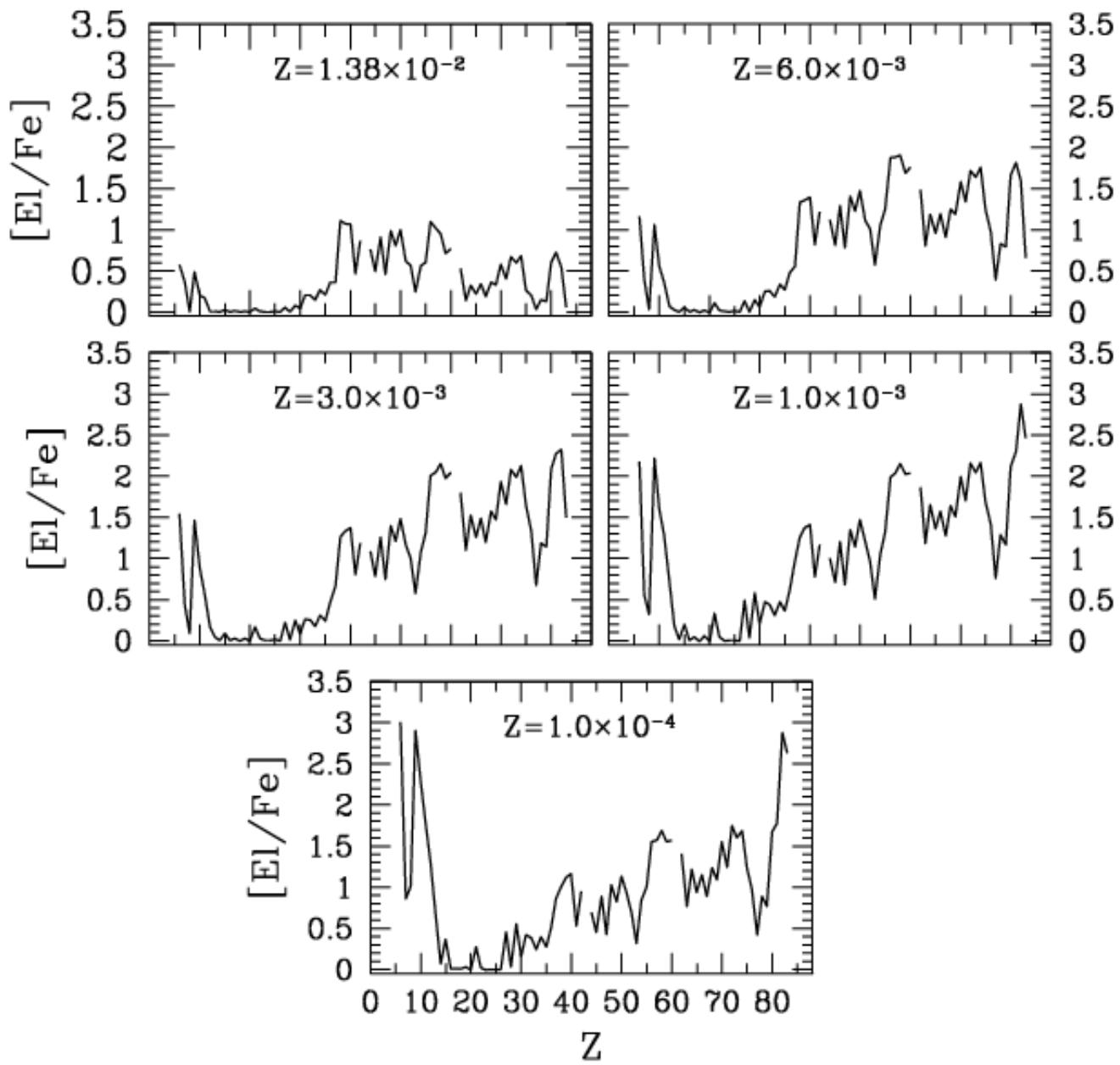
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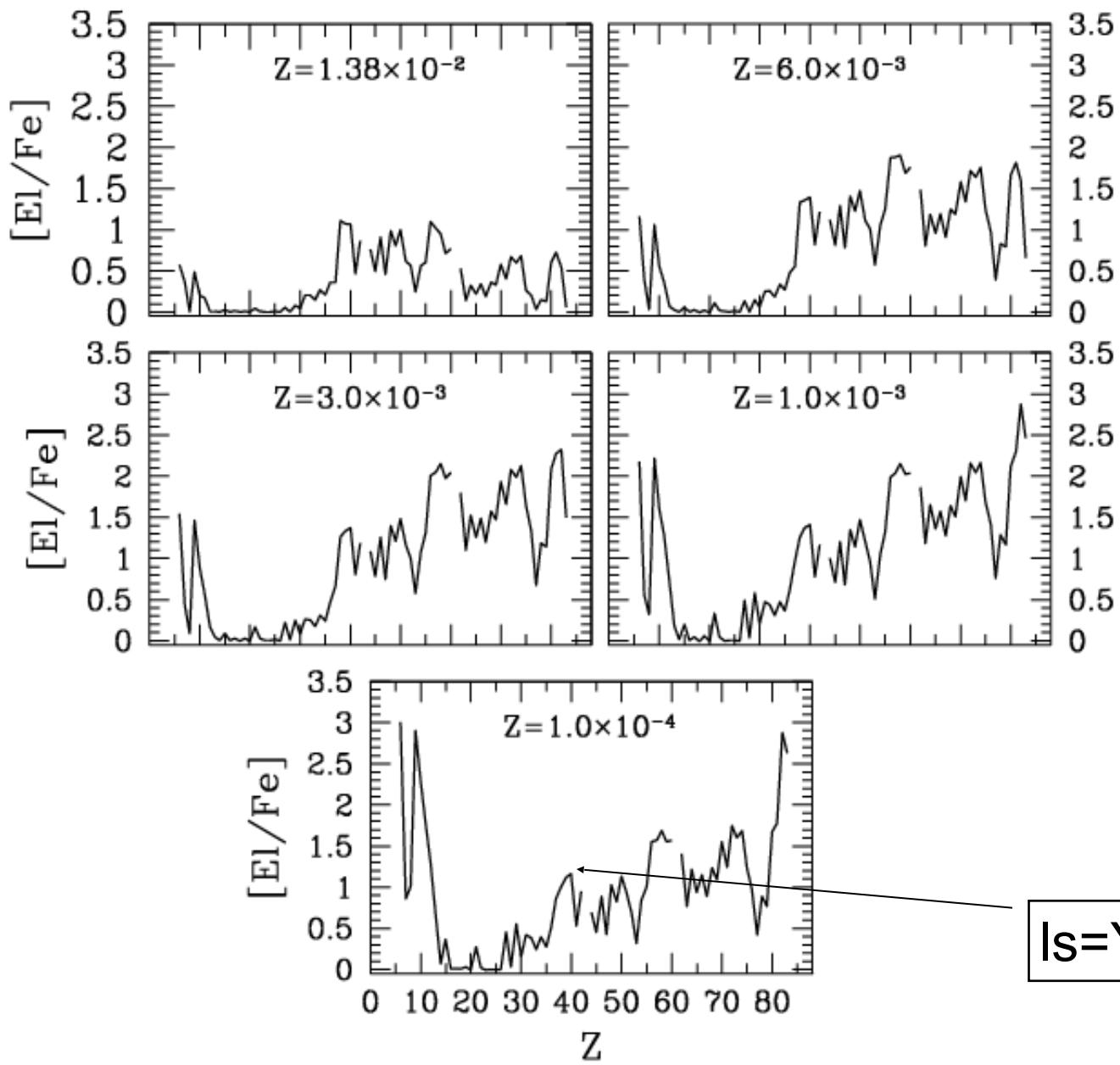
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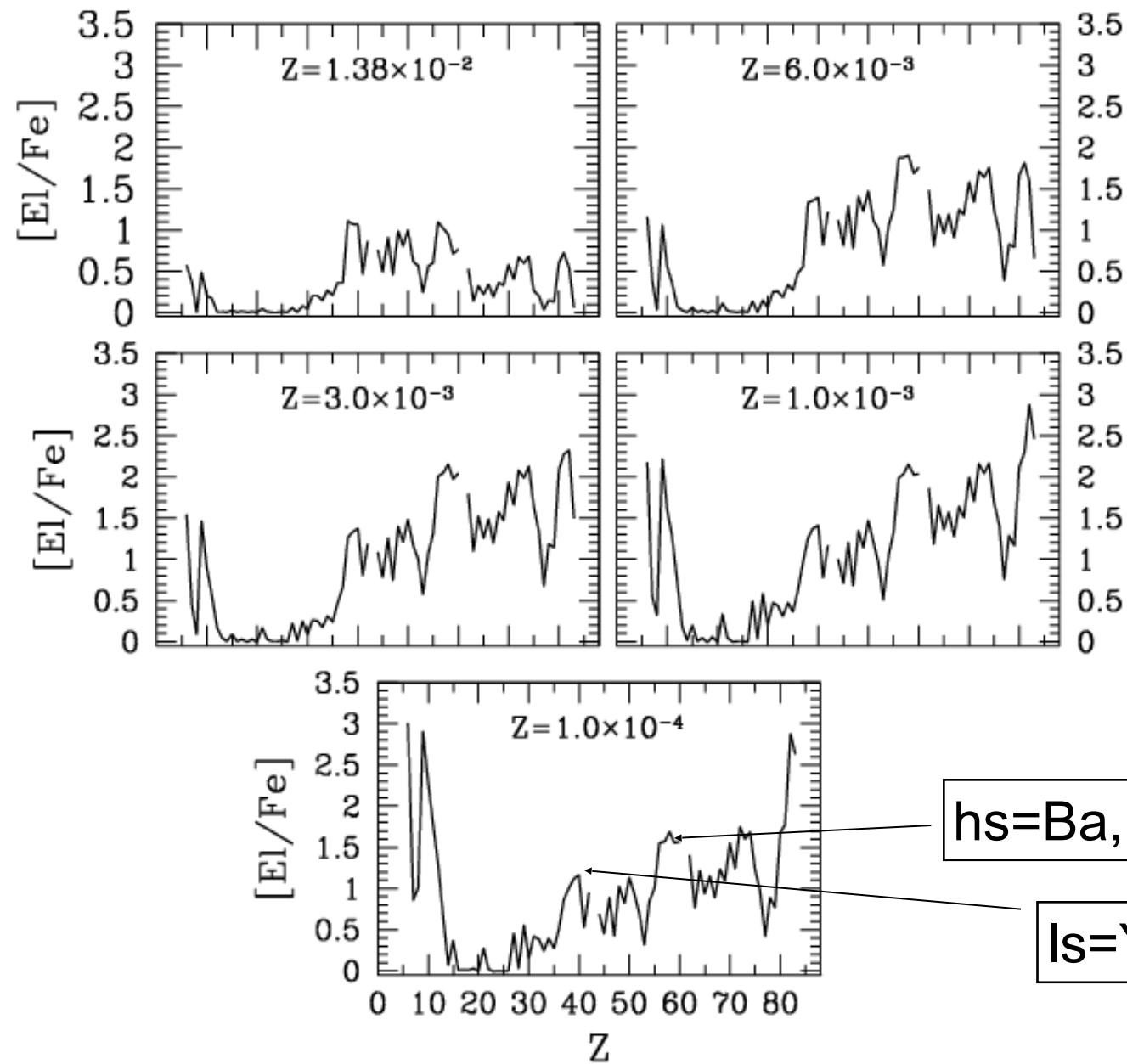
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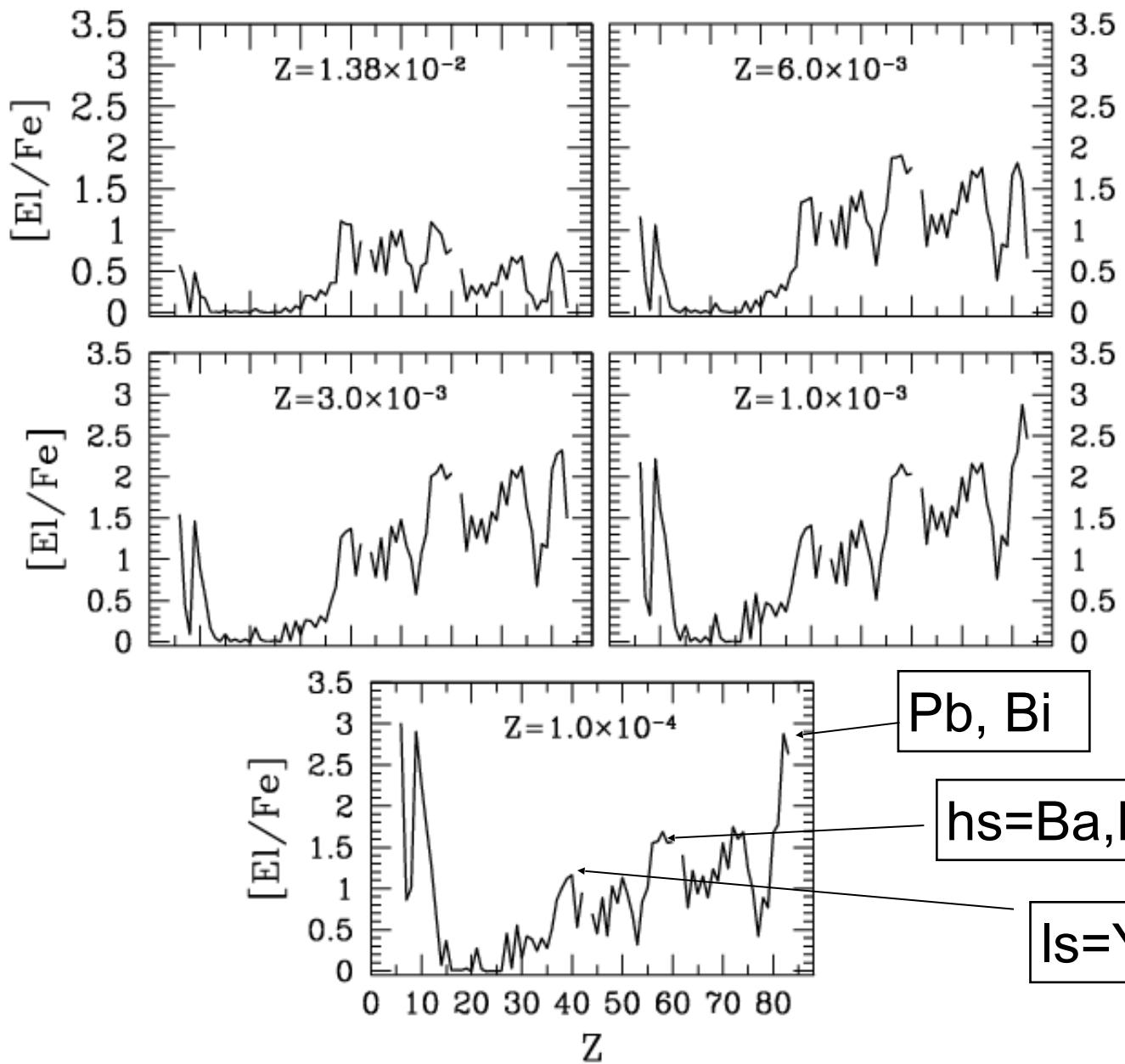
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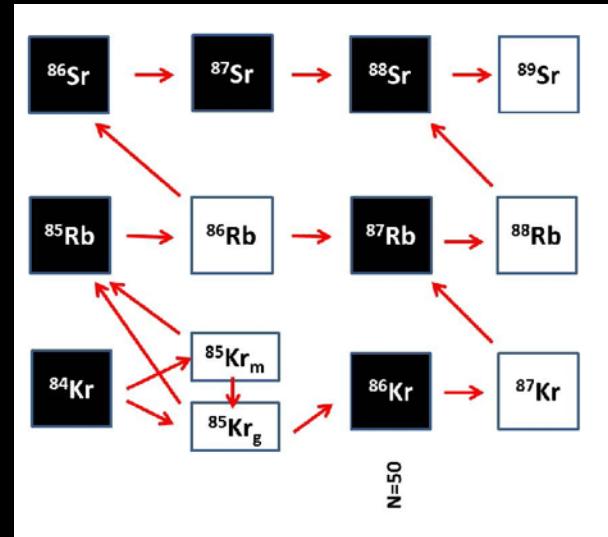
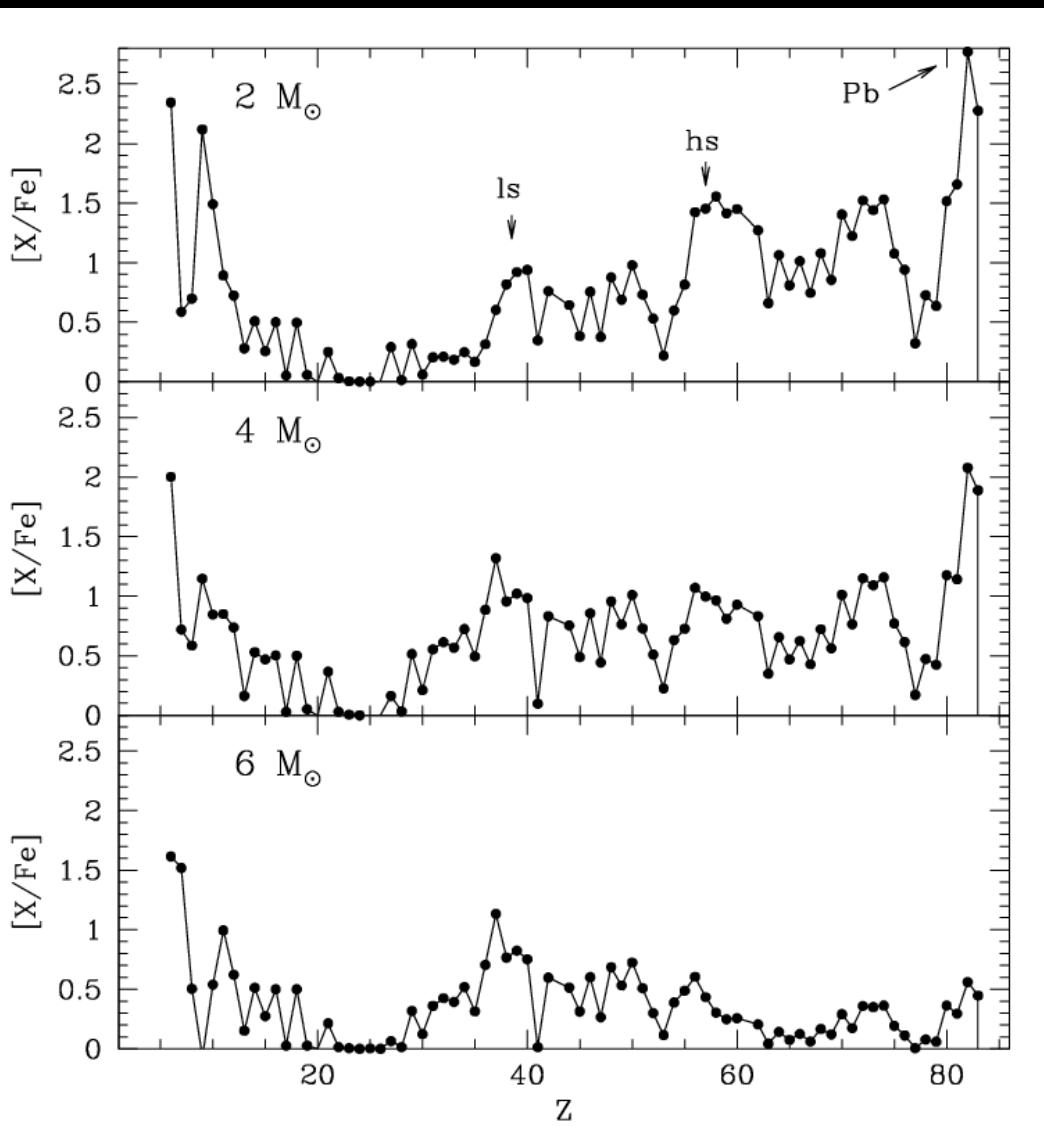
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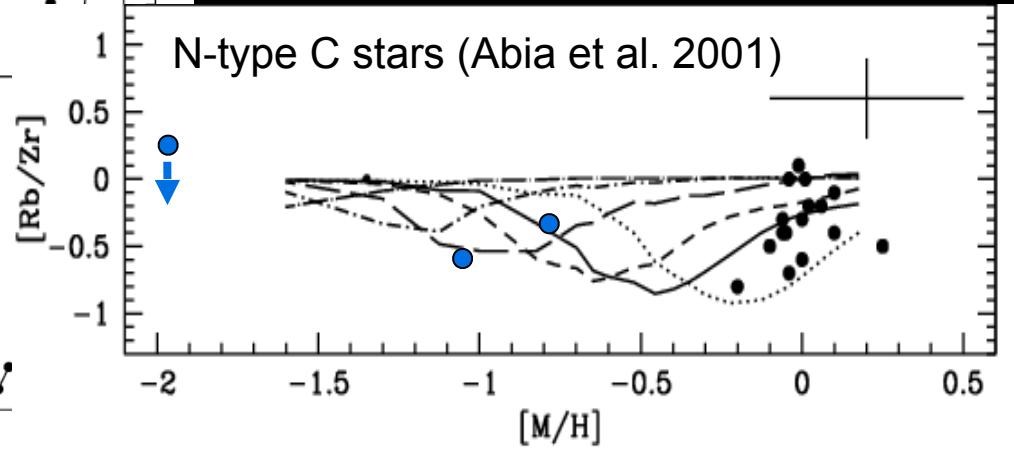
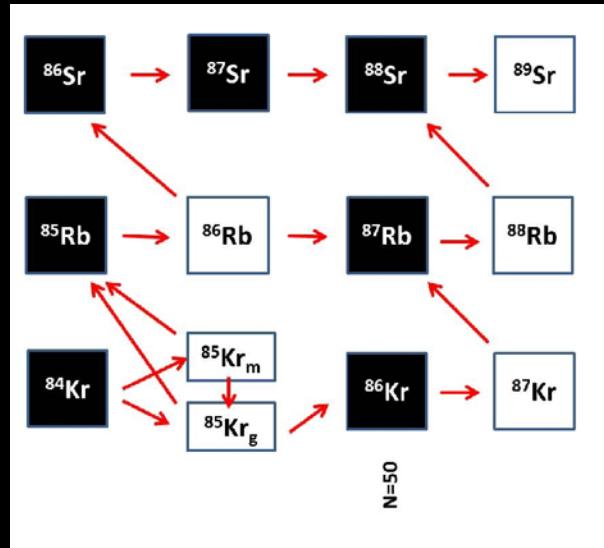
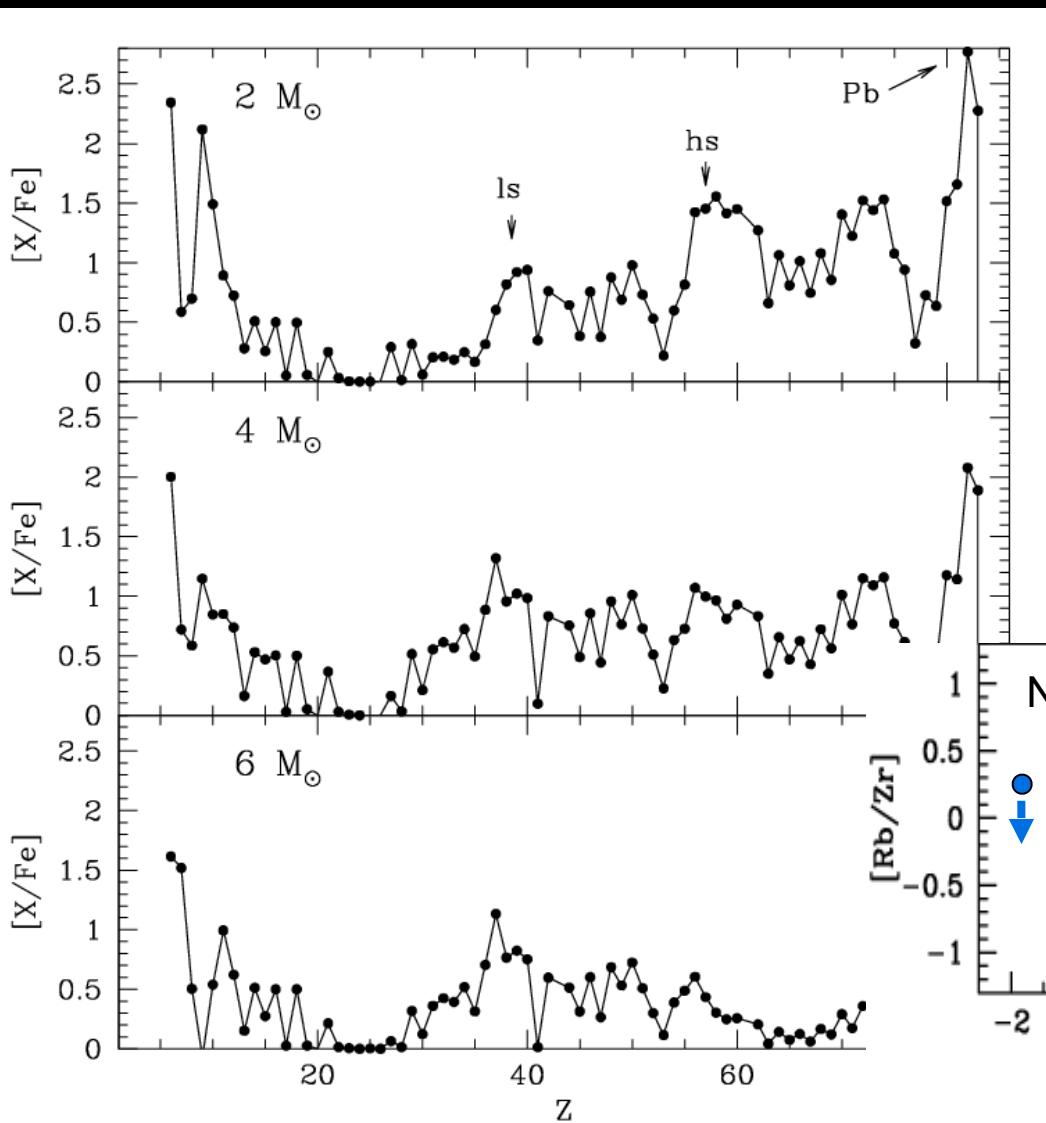
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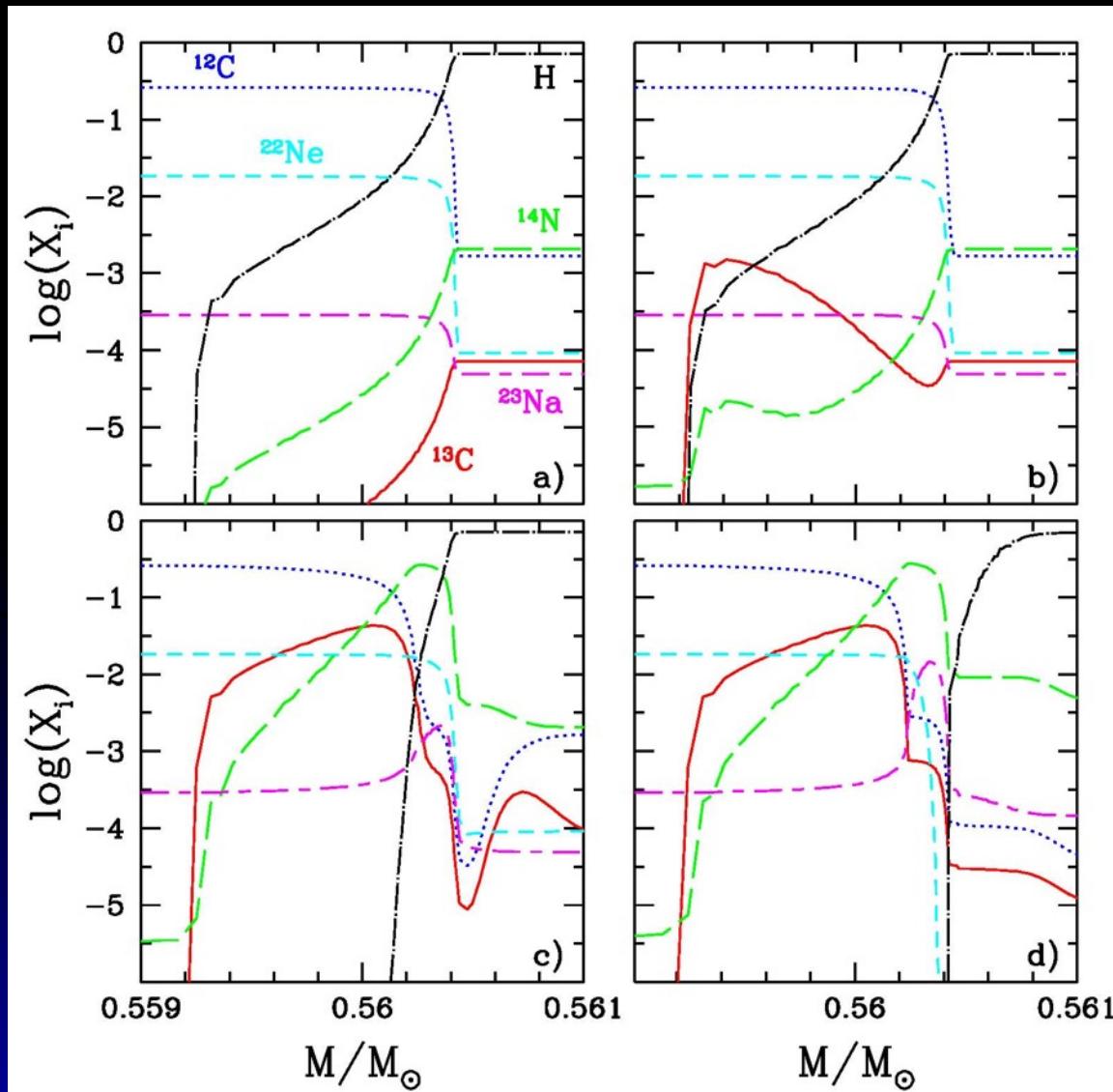


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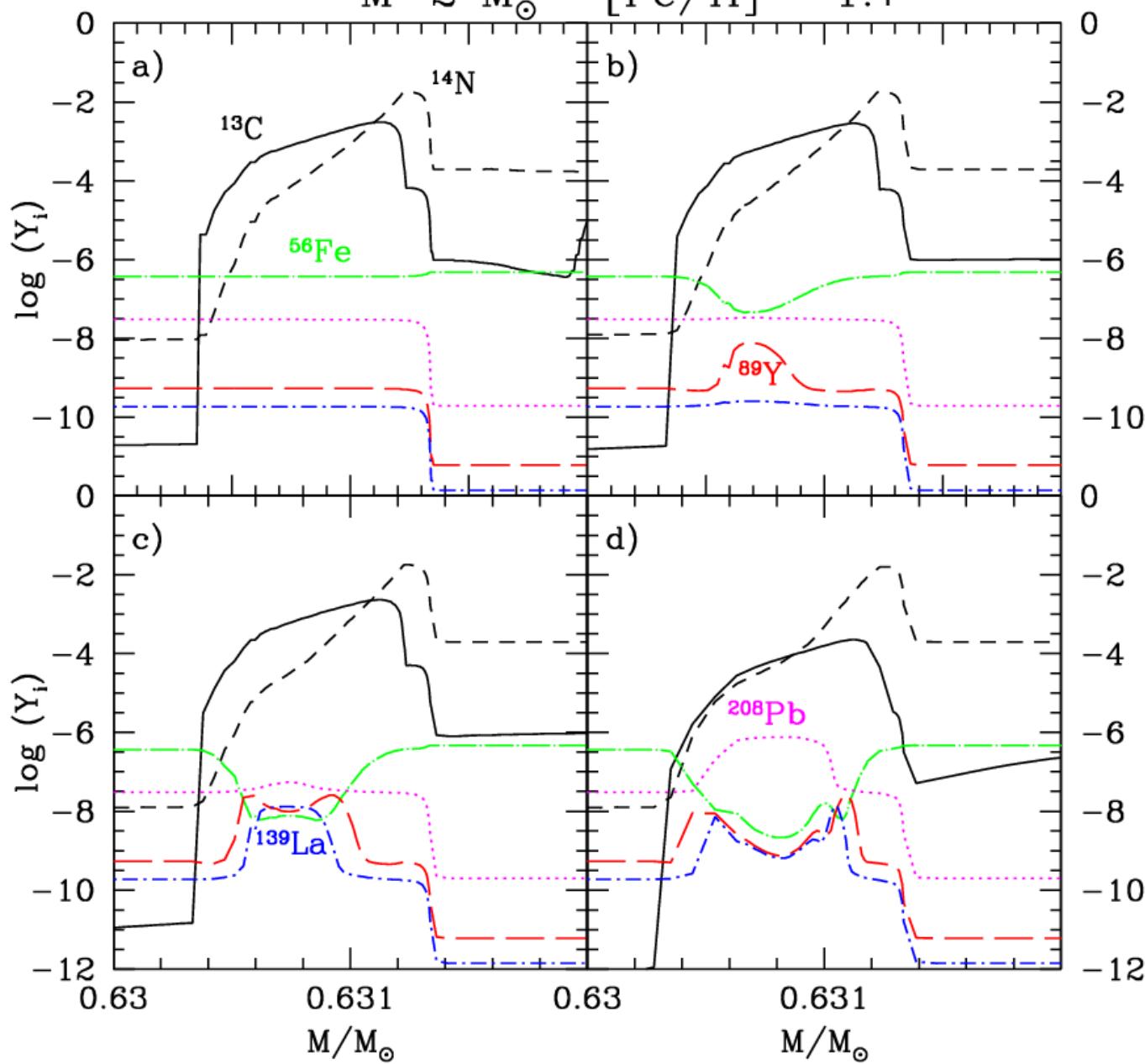


$$M=2M_\odot, Z=Z_\odot$$

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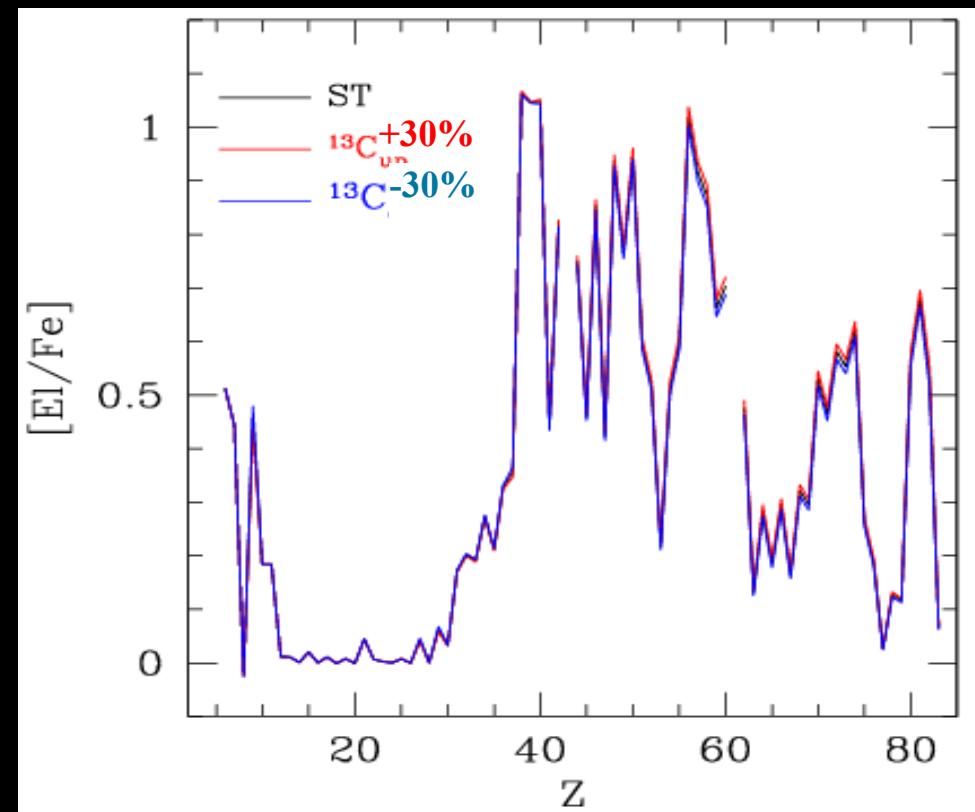
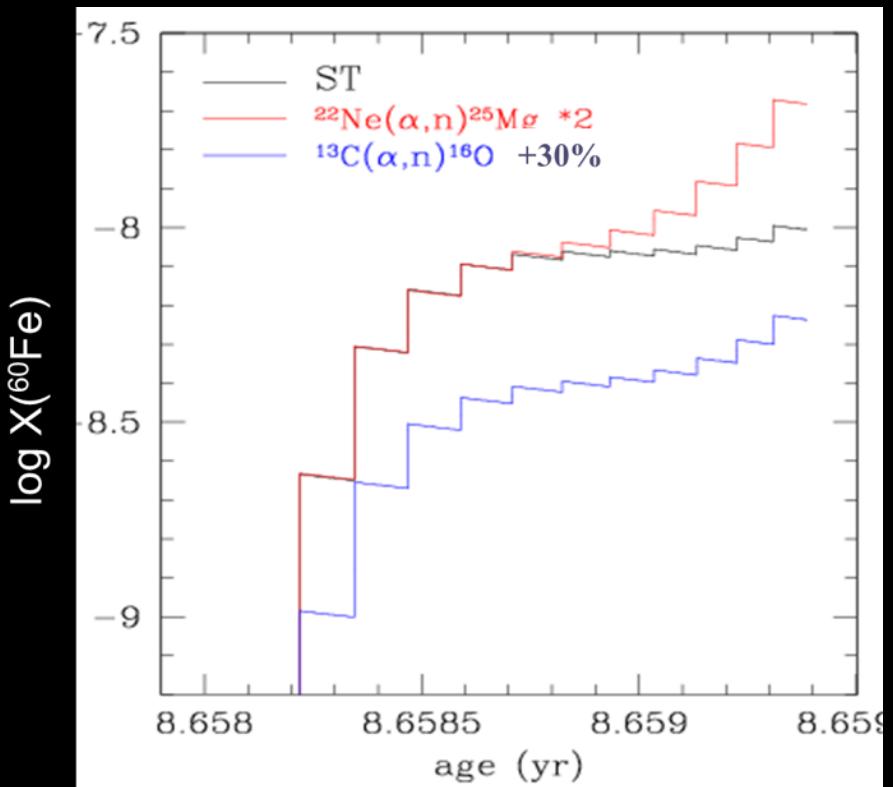


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V
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Straniero et al. 2014
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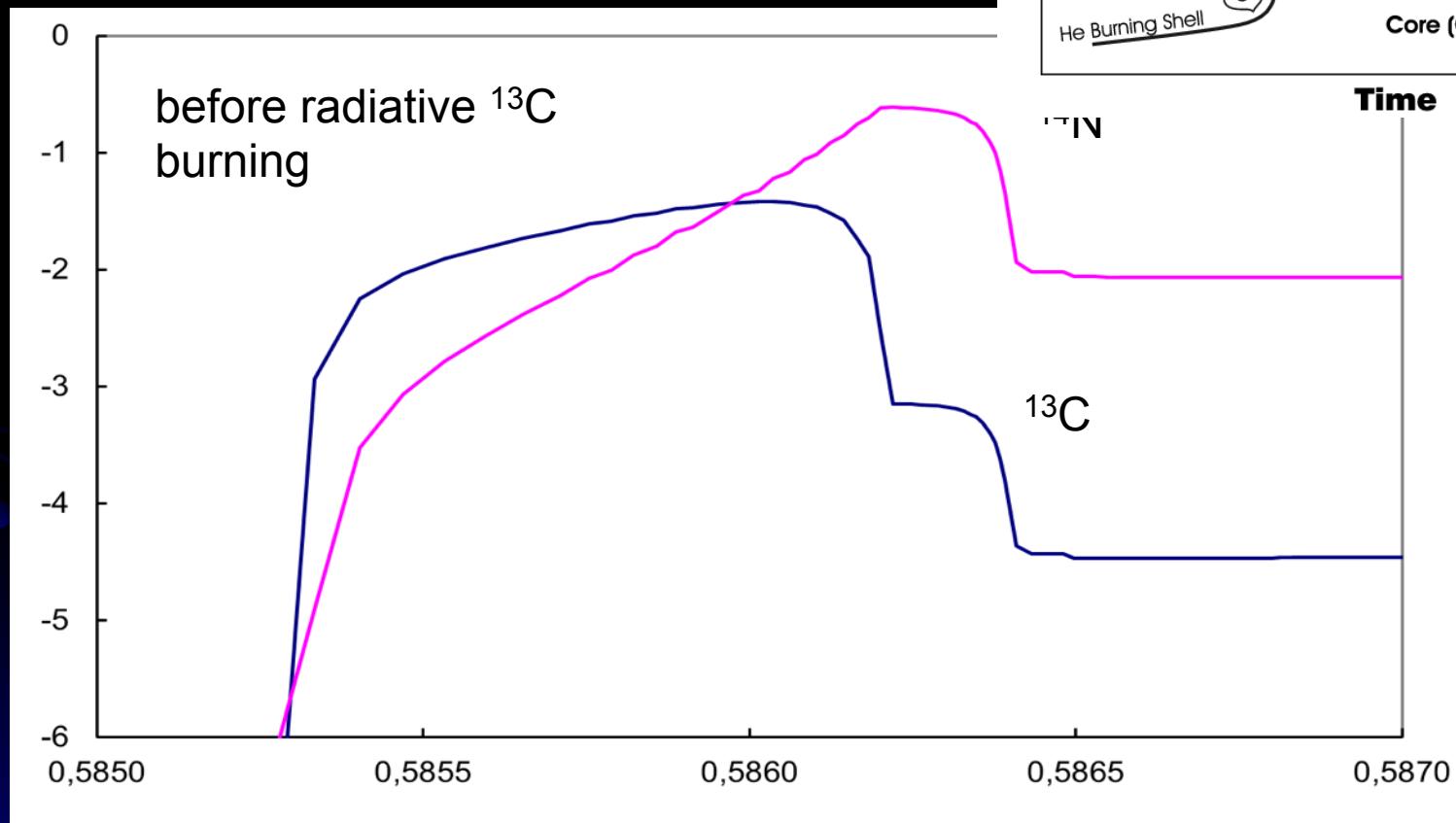
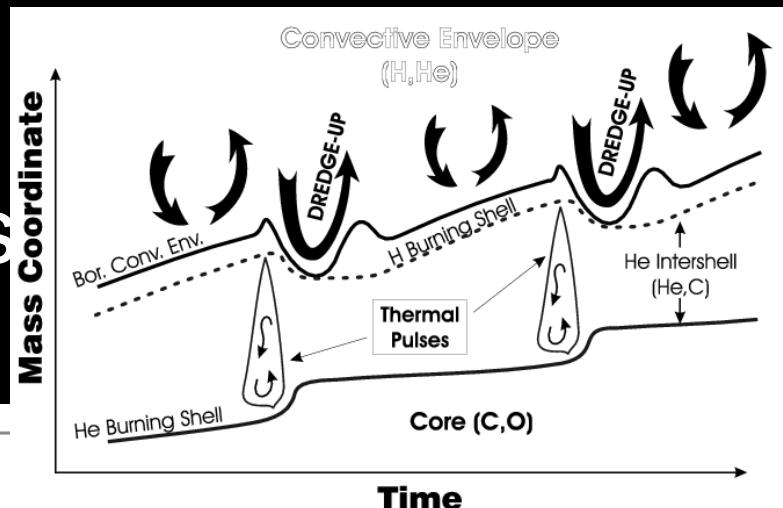
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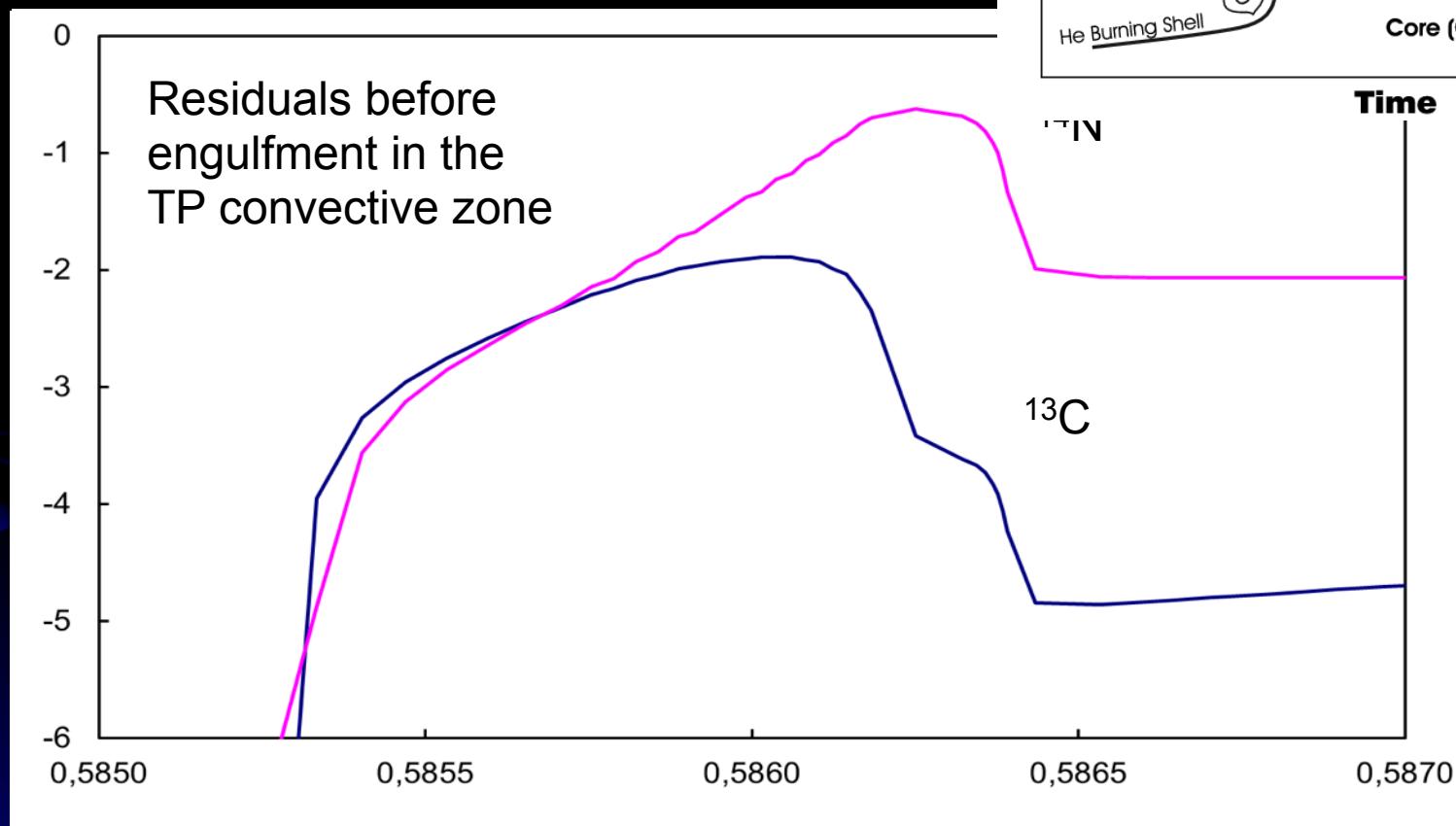
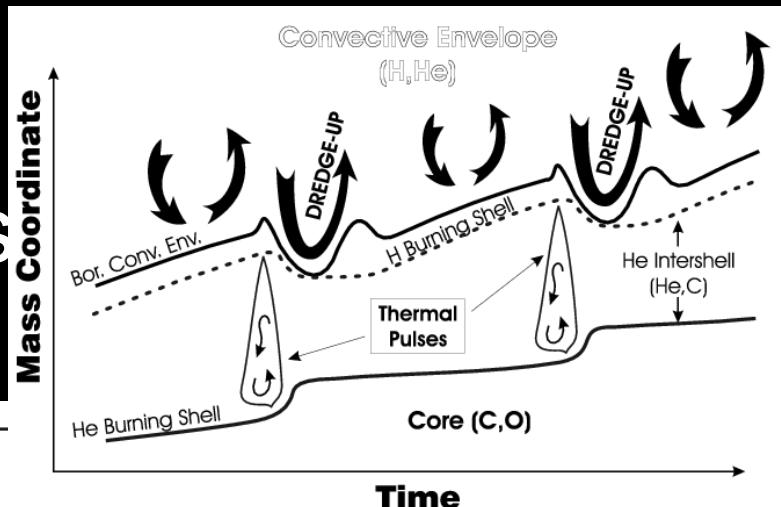
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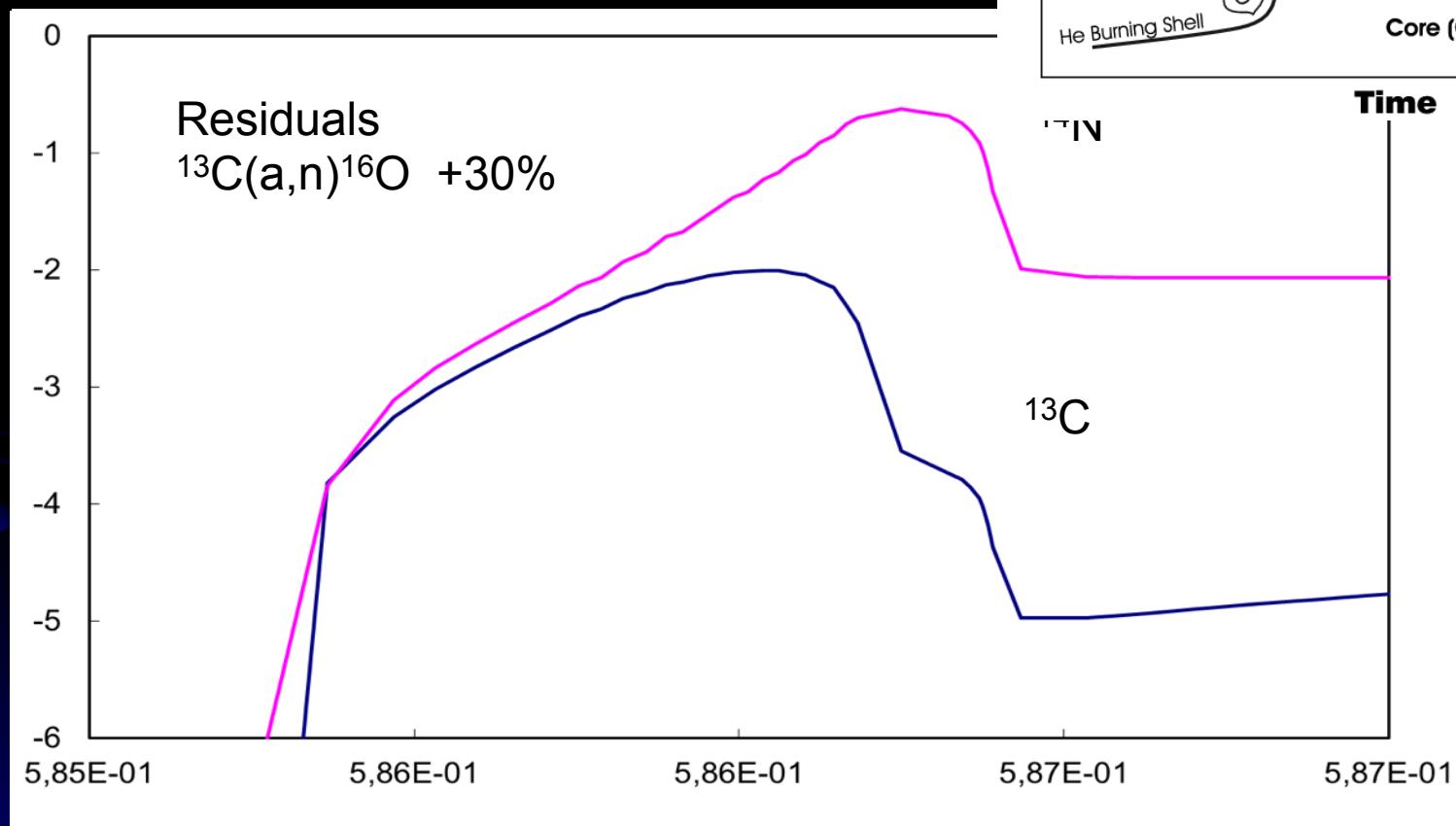
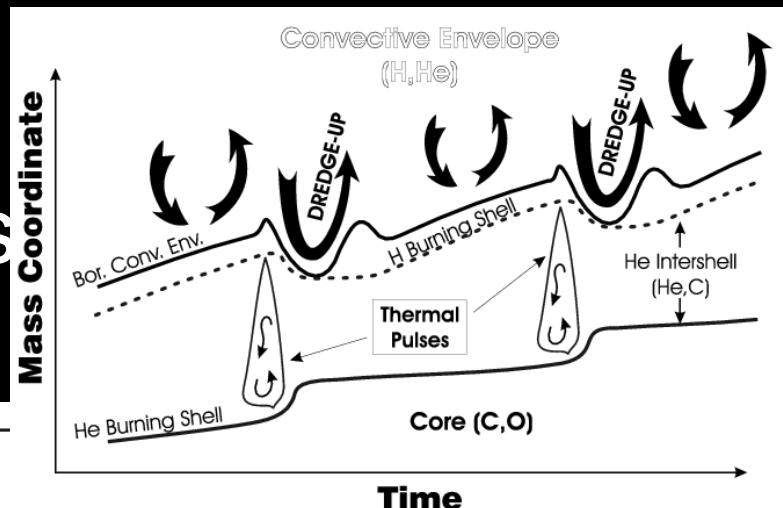
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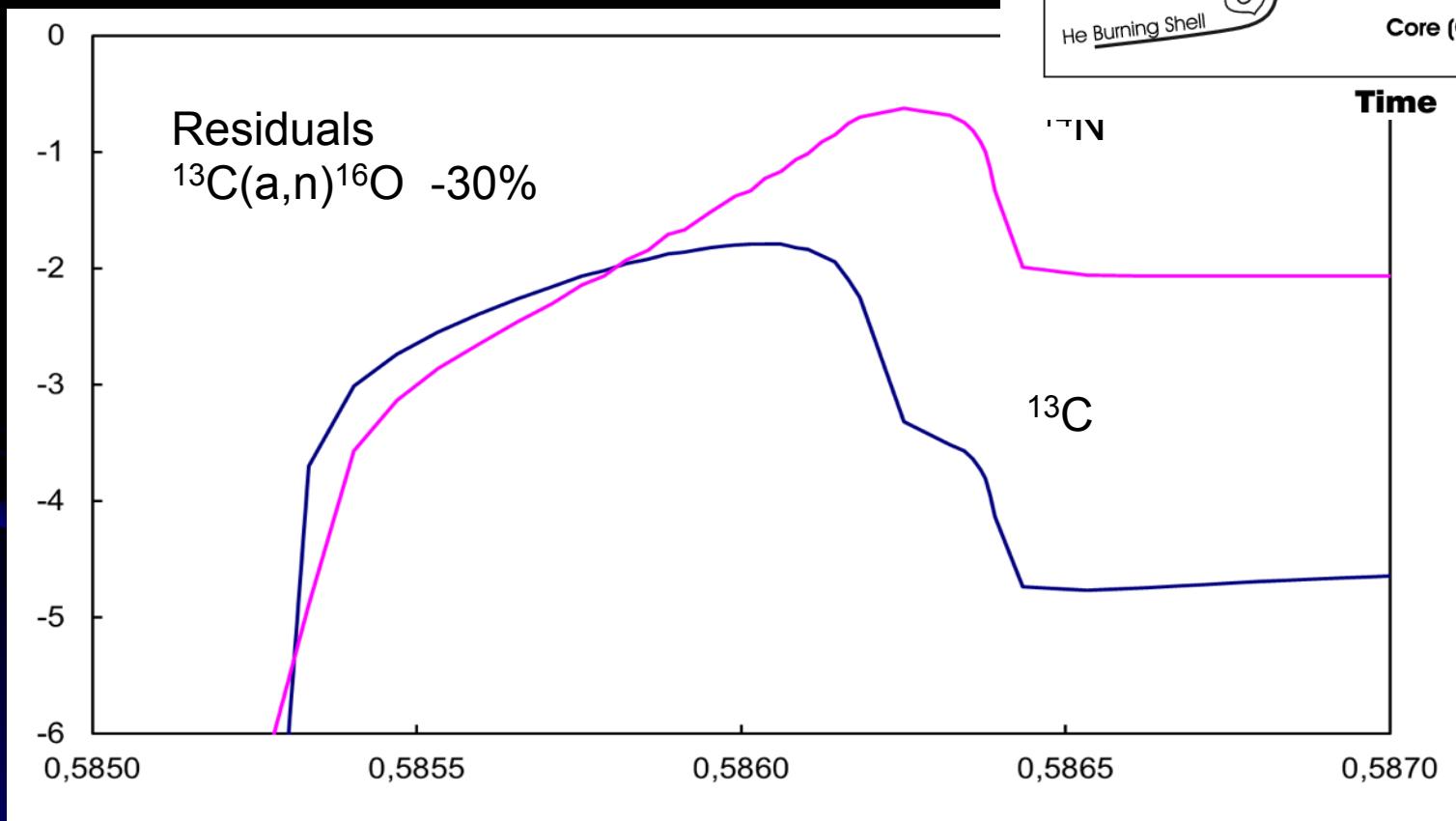
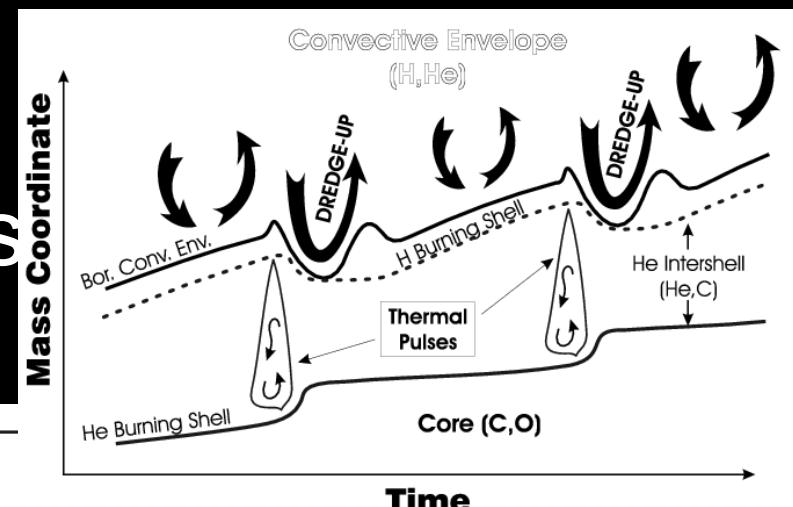
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