

**Physics of Stars I**  
**恒星物理学特論 I**

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## Research topics

- Time-domain astronomy
- Transients (e.g., supernovae, neutron star mergers)

## Observations

- Wide field survey (Subaru, Kiso)
- Spectroscopy and spectro-polarimetry

## Theory

- Radiative transfer simulations

Born in Nagoya (Aichi)

Grew up in Chita peninsula

2001-2009: U. Tokyo

2009: PhD at Univ. of Tokyo

2009-2011: Kavli IPMU

2011-2018: NAOJ

2018-now: Tohoku Univ.



# Research interests

- **Supernovae**
- **Neutron star merger**  
**(gravitational wave source)**
- Anything variable on the sky

## Why do we study transients?

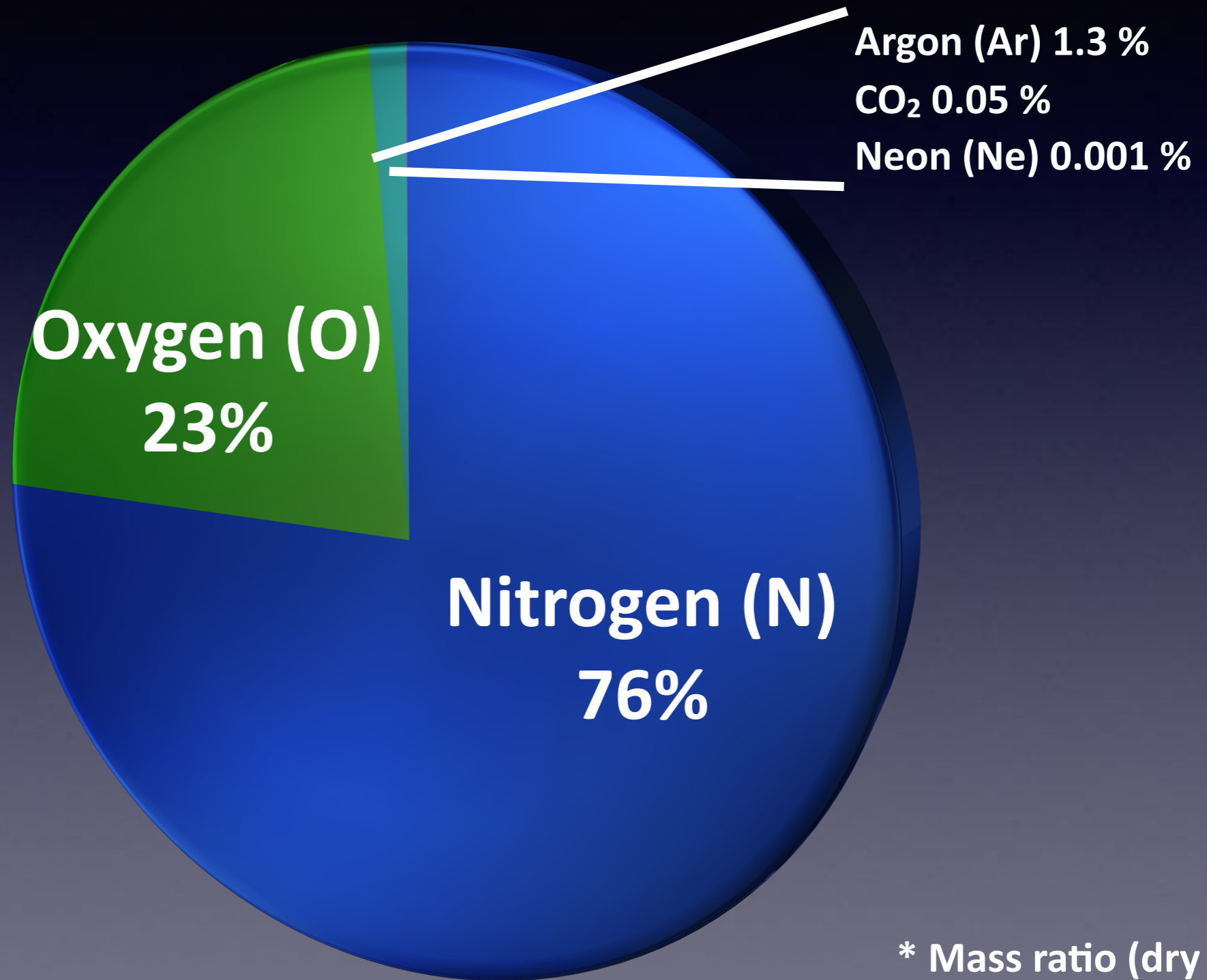
- Extreme physical condition
- End point of stellar evolution
- Origin of the elements
- Many unsolved mystery

“time-domain astronomy”



# Elements around us

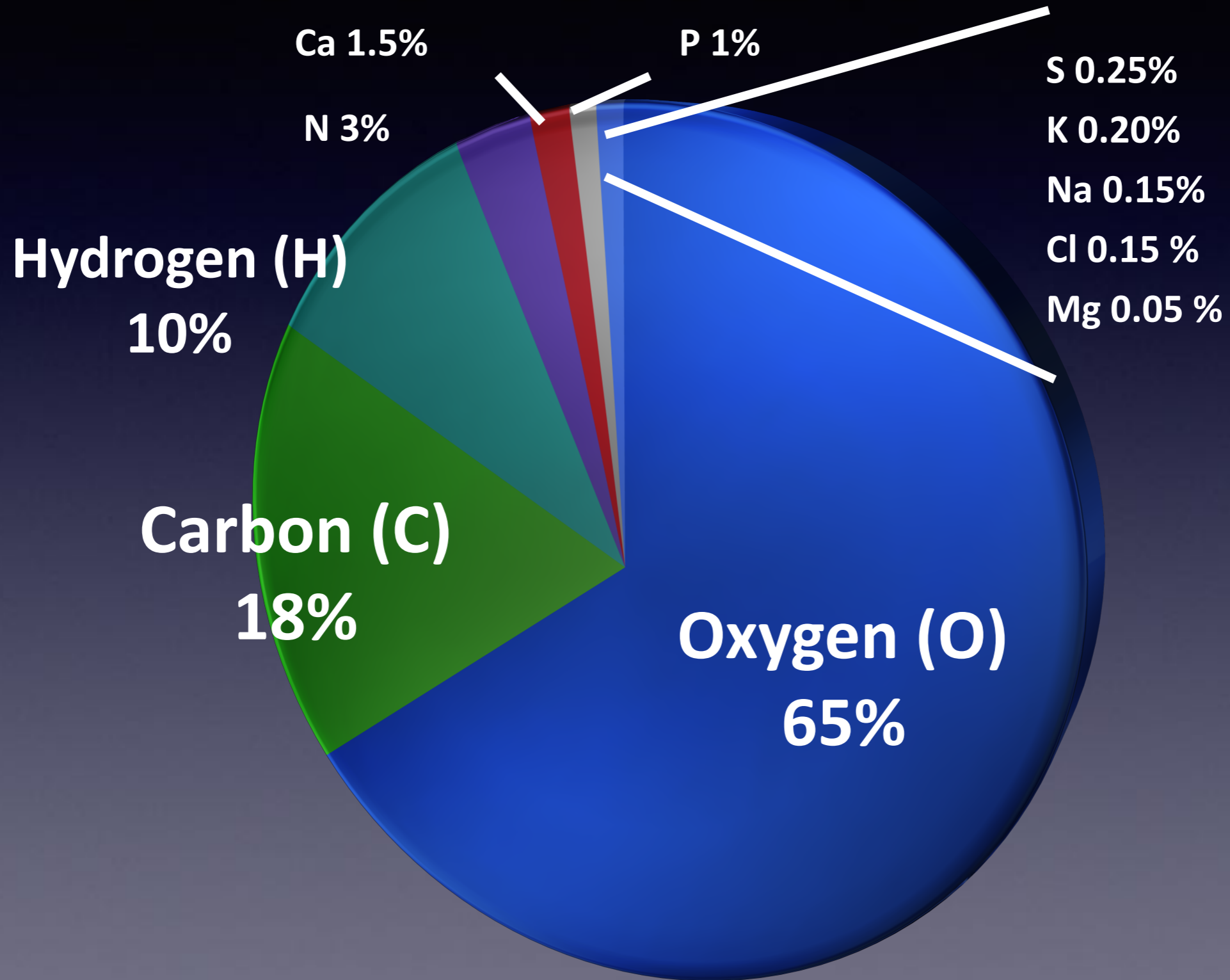
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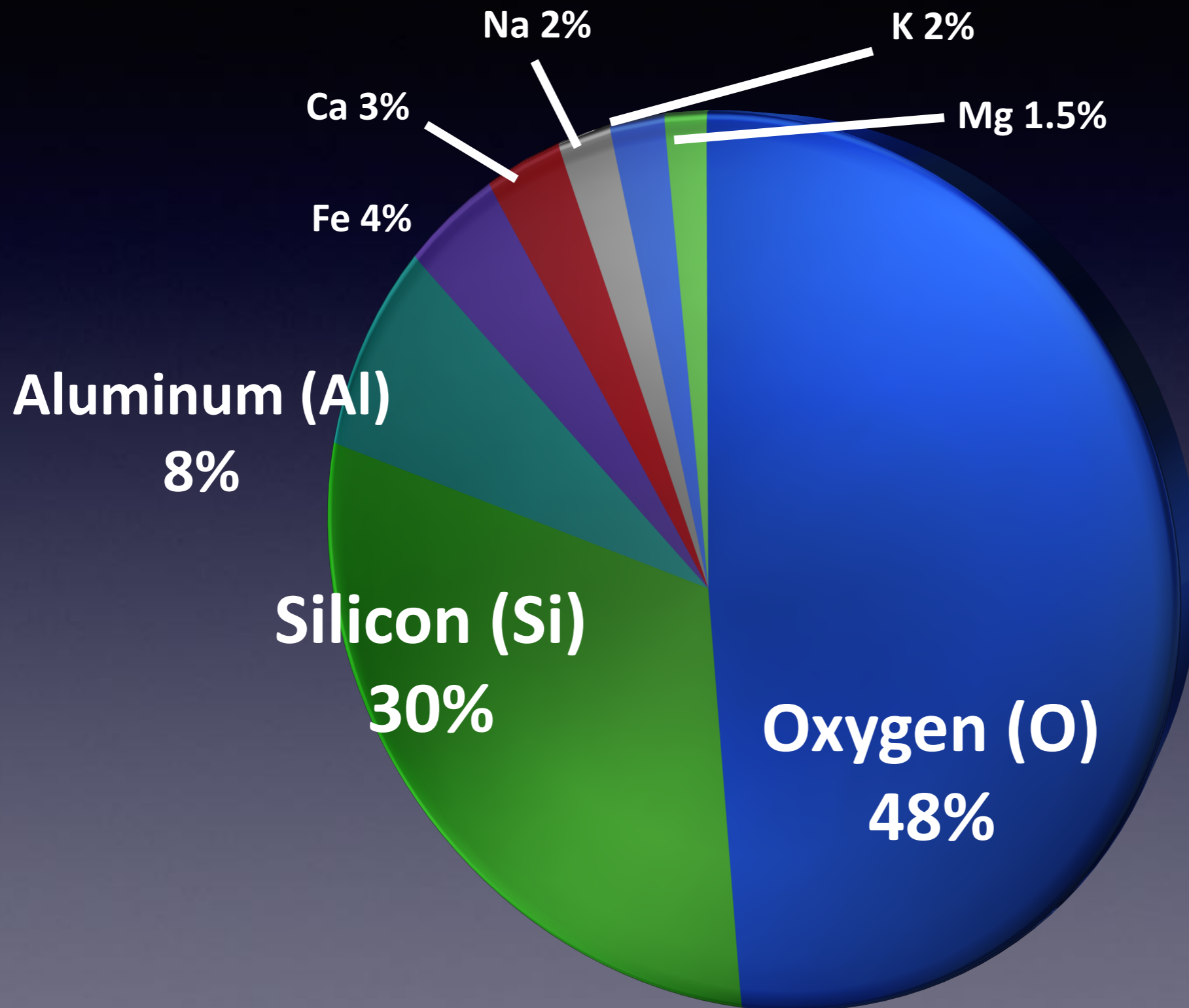
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# Our body



# The earth (crust)



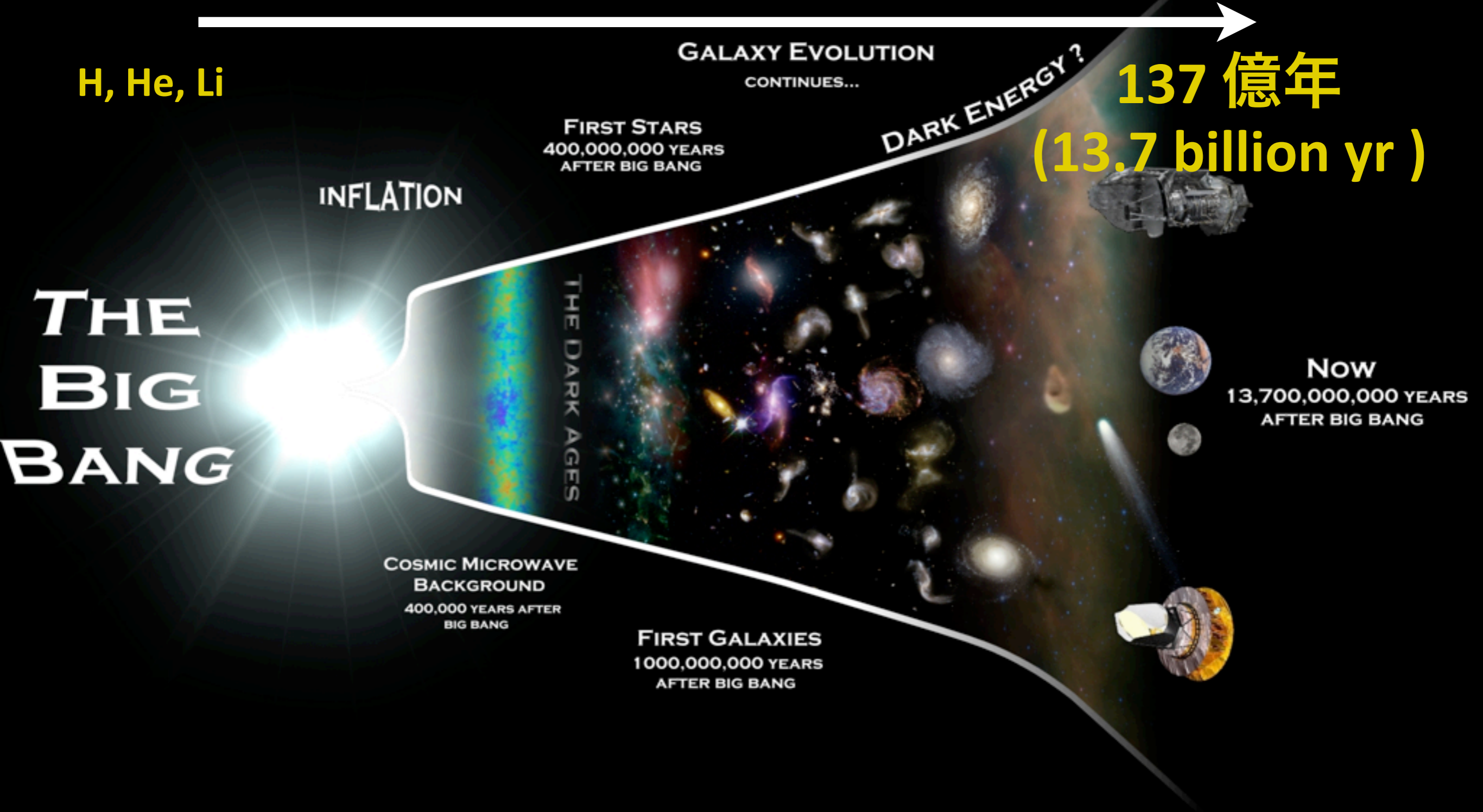
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# The beginning of the Universe

Now

H, He, Li

137 億年  
(13.7 billion yr)



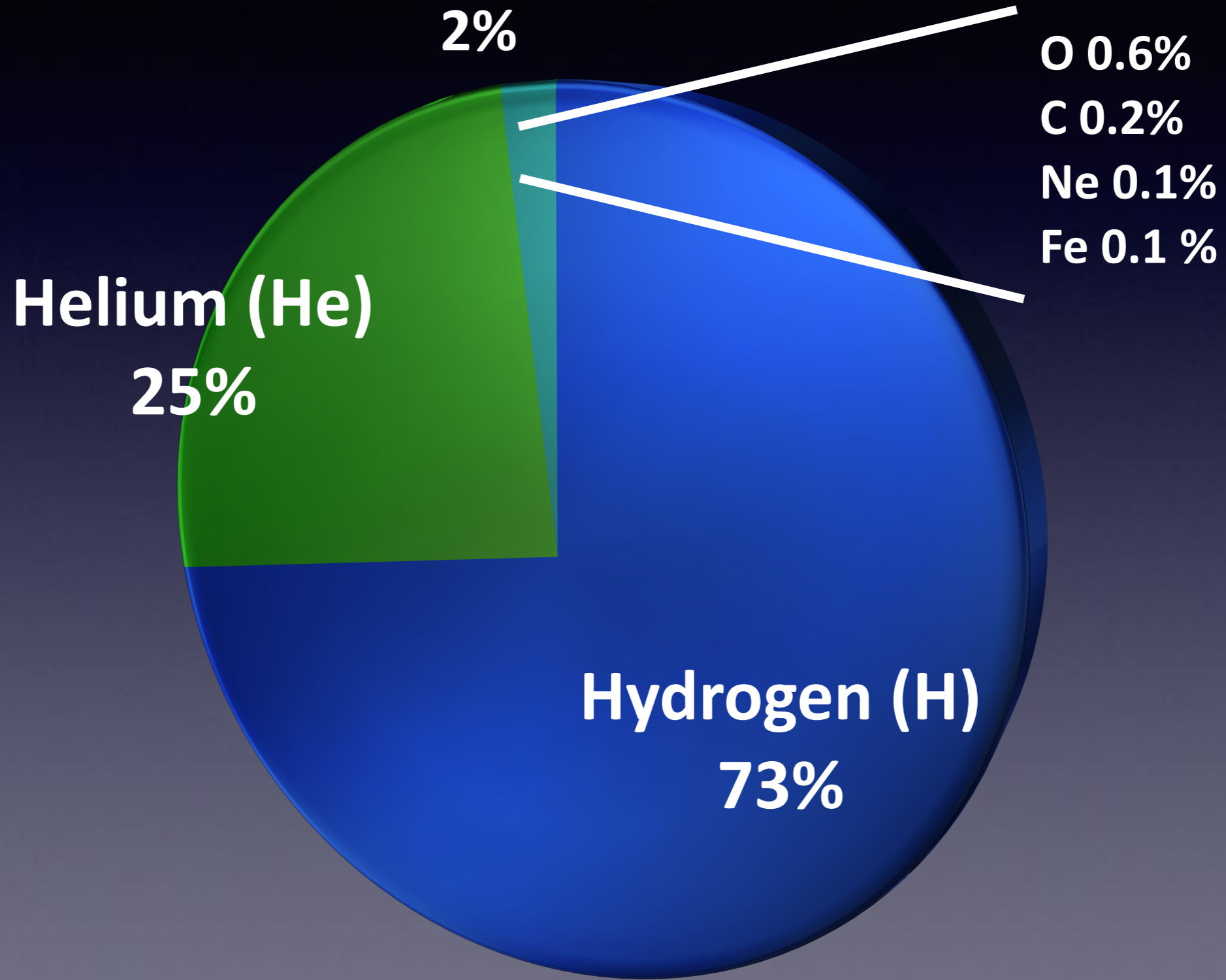
C: Rhys Taylor, Cardiff University  
(Planck mission)

FORMATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM  
8,700,000,000 YEARS AFTER BIG BANG

Now  
13,700,000,000 YEARS AFTER BIG BANG

# Our Universe

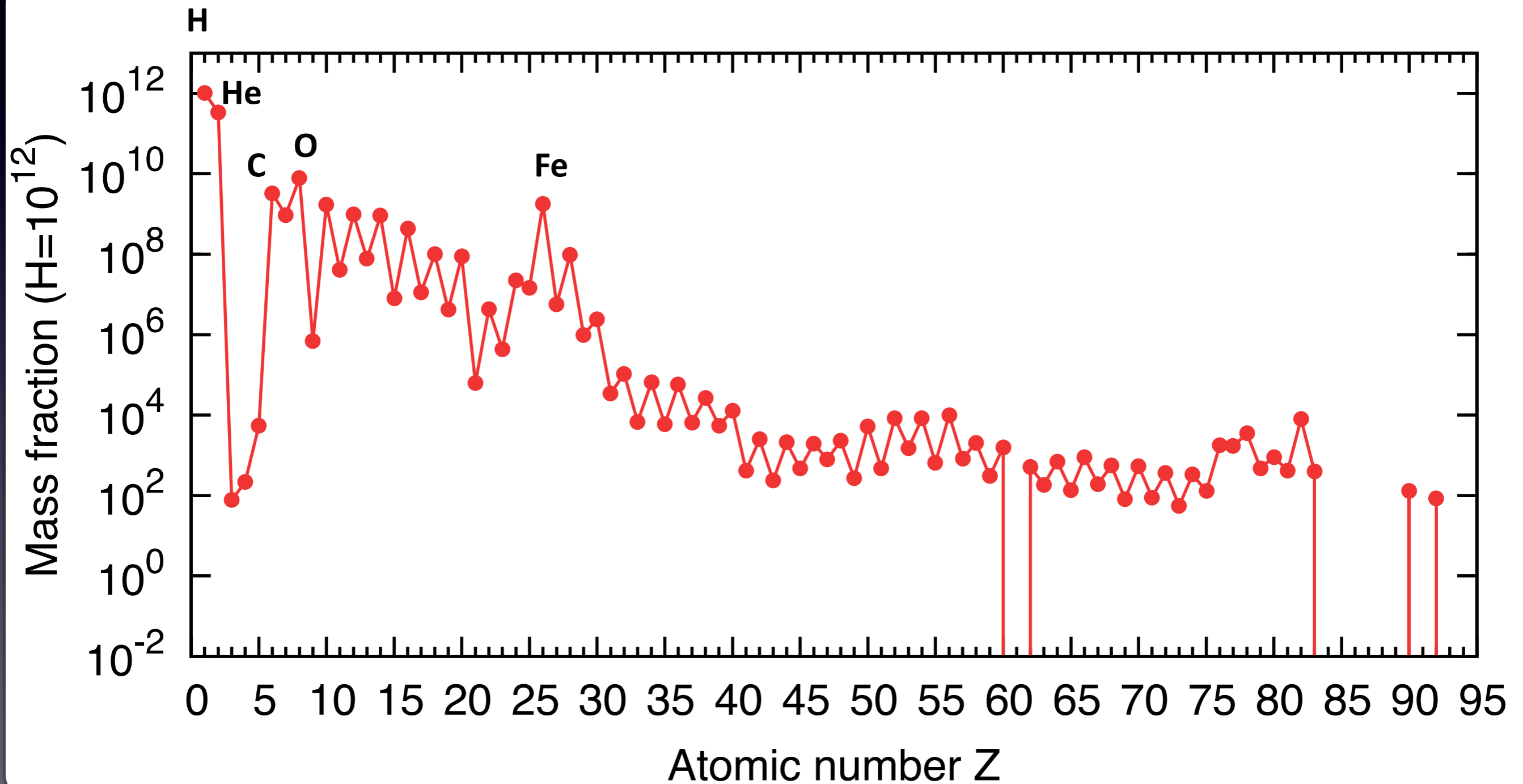
**“Heavy elements”**



\*Mass ratio



# Element abundances in the Universe



\*Mass ratio

# Goals of this lecture

- **Standard properties of stars**
  - **Stellar structure and properties**
  - **Stellar evolution**
- **Origin of the elements in the Universe**
  - **Nucleosynthesis in stars and supernovae**
  - **Explosion mechanism of supernovae**
- **Topics in time-domain astronomy**
  - **Radiation from explosive phenomena**
  - **Multi-messenger astronomy**

**Minimum required knowledge for galactic astronomy**

# Course material and schedule

<https://www.astr.tohoku.ac.jp/~masaomi.tanaka/tohoku2020>

## Contents

- **Overview**

\* ~70% blackboard

~30% slides

- Stellar structure and properties

- Stellar evolution

- Thermonuclear supernovae

- Core-collapse supernovae

- Radiation from supernovae

- Time-domain astronomy

- Neutron star merger and multi-messenger astronomy

- Origin of the elements and chemical evolution of the Universe

Credit  
成績

- Assignments / レポート課題

# A few rules about this lecture

- **Please try order estimation by yourself**

- This is essential for astrophysics

- **Please ask questions**

- Your questions certainly help others' understanding (you can ask questions in Japanese)

- You can use “chat” window

- **Please relax and enjoy**

- You can bring coffee/tea or chocolates/cookies, ...



## **Section 1.**

### **Overview: Life of stars, supernovae, and origin of the elements**

#### **1.1 Stellar lives and supernovae**

#### **1.2 Origin of the elements**

1181 1054 1006

Guest stars  
客星古現例

# 明月記

藤原定家  
(1162-1241)



フェリス女学院大学蔵  
『新三十六歌仙画帖』

客星古現例

皇極天皇九年秋七月甲寅客星入月

陽成院自觀十九年正月廿五日丁酉戌時客星

在雉見西方

宇多天皇寬平十三年二月九日巳卯戌時

客星在東咸早東方朔去二十所

醍醐天皇延長八年二月後七月丙寅客星

入羽林中

一德院寬弘三年八月二日庚酉夜以降駱客

中有大客星如紫或赤明動雅連於上自

南方或三點降將軍身衣衣體活更

後冷泉院天壽二年八月甲申後廿時客星於

北窗亦度見於東方客星同於大如歲也

二德院承和二年六月三日己丑戌時客星見於

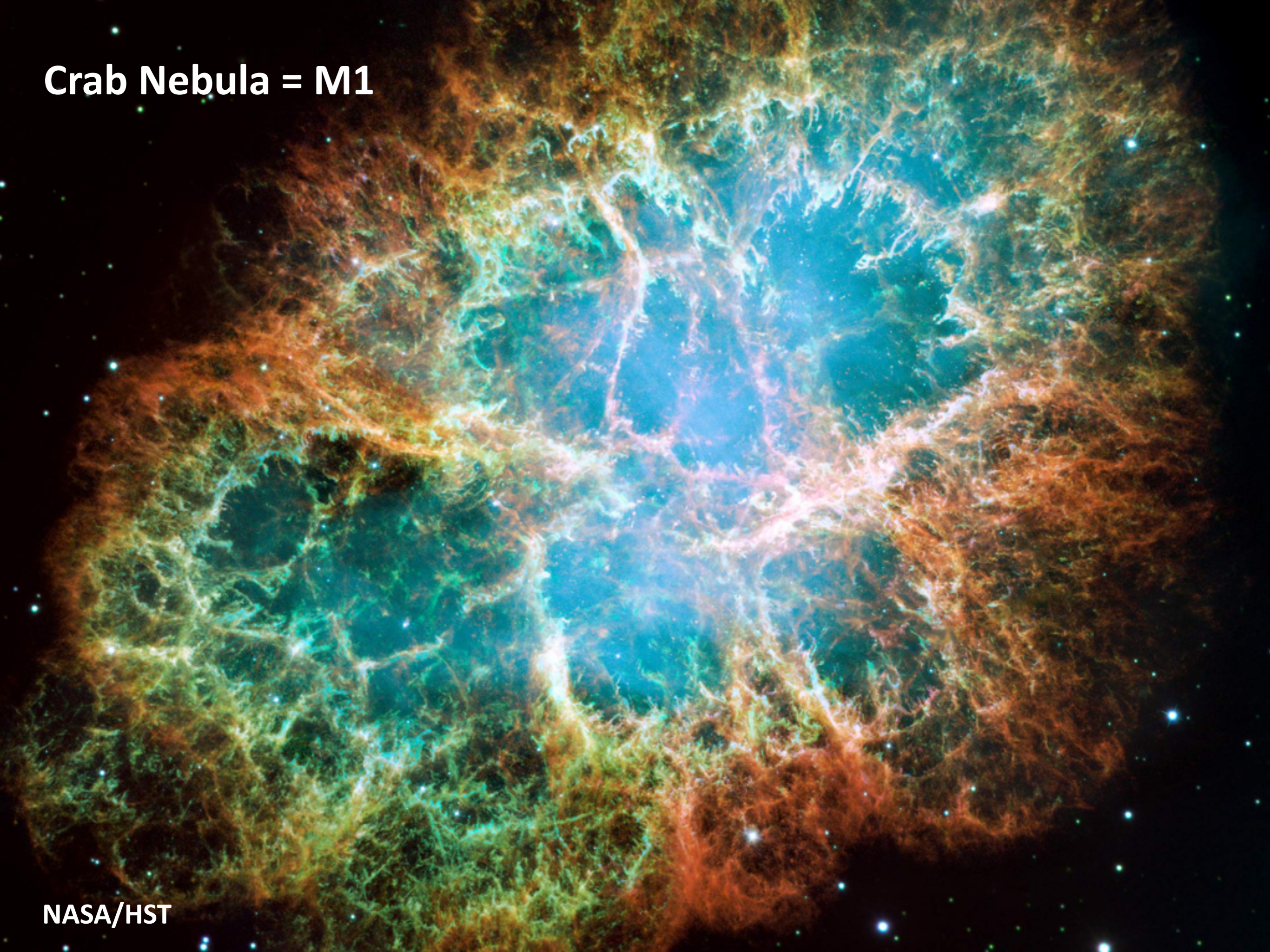
高倉院治承三年六月廿三日己丑戌時客星見於

冷泉家時雨亭叢書

A guest star appeared  
and it shined as Mars on May 1st in 1006.



**Crab Nebula = M1**



**NASA/HST**





1572  
Tycho Brahe  
“Stella Nova”

1604  
Johannes Kepler



“Astronomie Populaire”  
by Camille Flammarion (Paris, 1884)

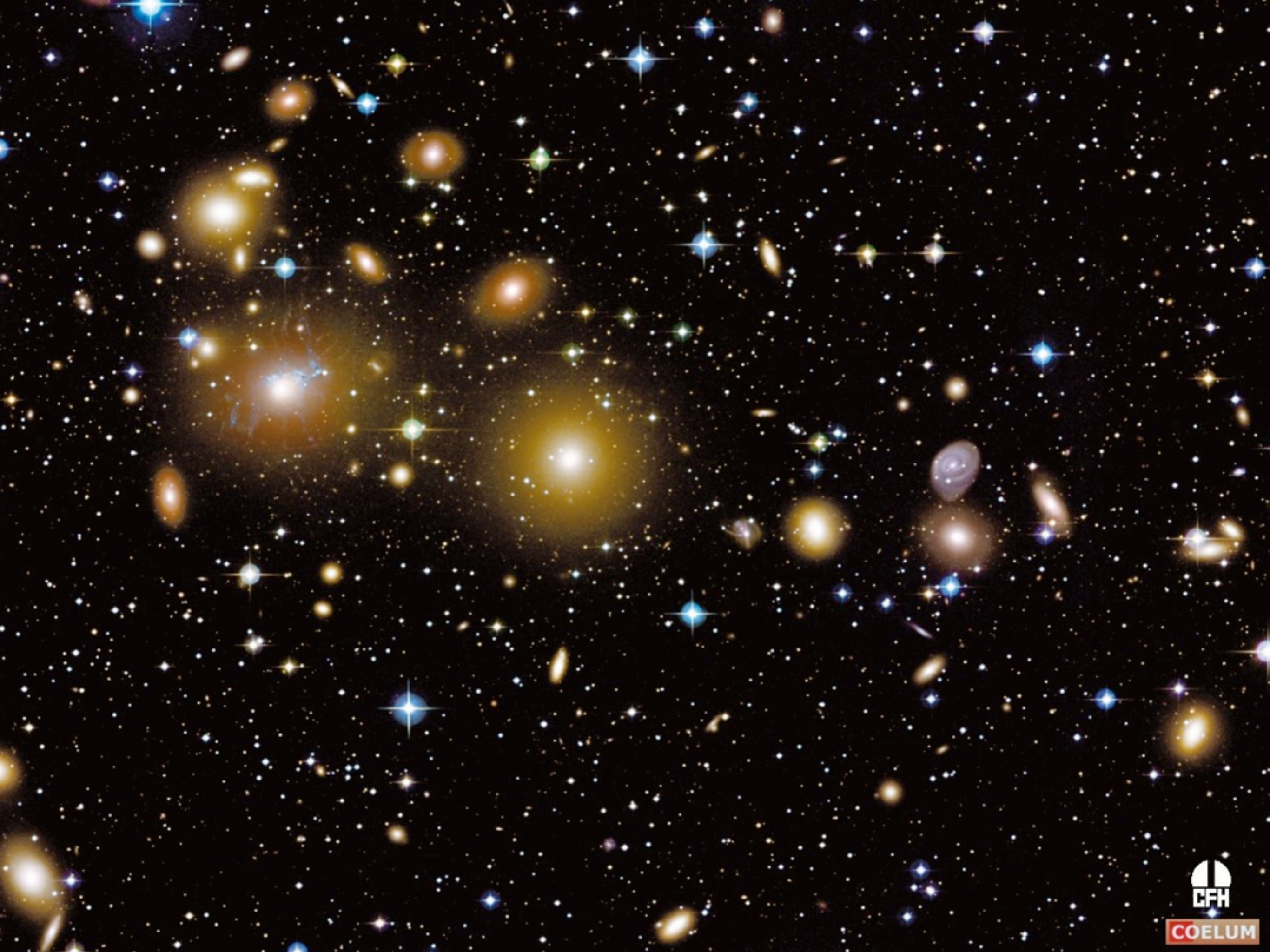


# Historical supernovae

Name	Location	Year	Magnitude
SN 185	Galactic	185	-8?
SN 1006	Galactic	1006	-9?
Crab	Galactic	1054	-4?
SN 1181	Galactic	1181	0
Tycho	Galactic	1572	-4
Kepler	Galactic	1604	-3
SN 1987A	LMC	1987	3

~ 1 supernova every 100-200 years









SN 2011fe

B. J. Fulton





SN 2011dh —

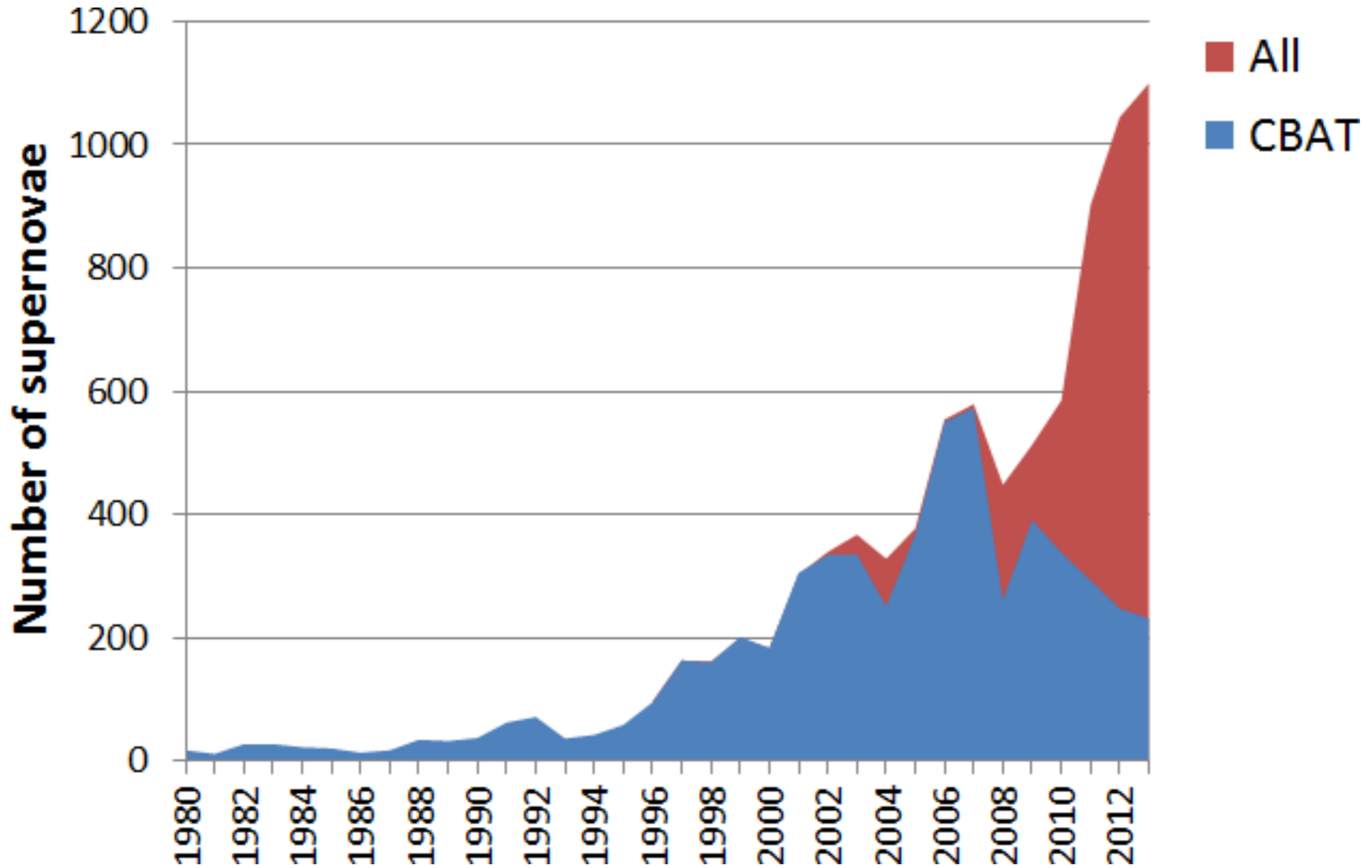




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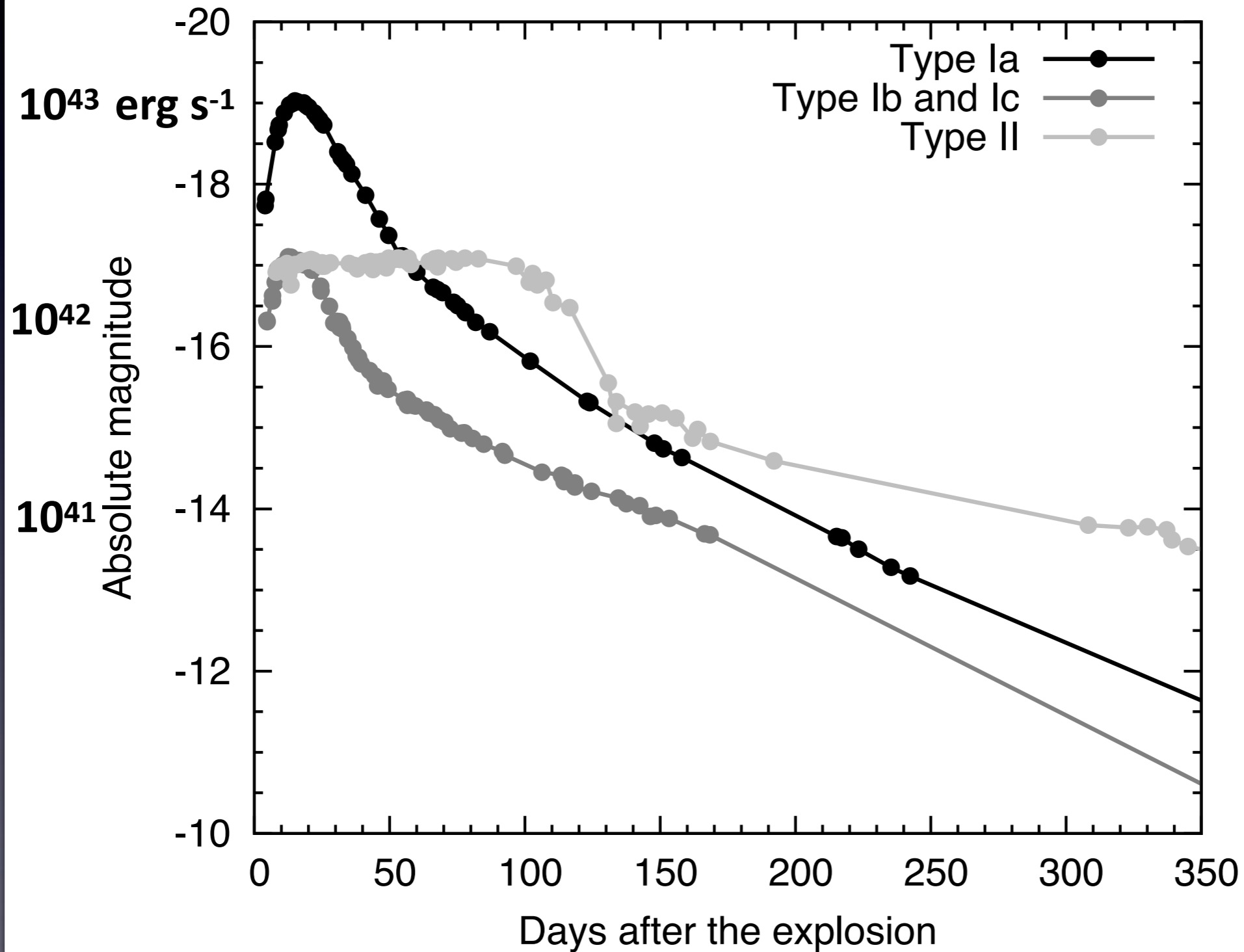


# History of SN discovery

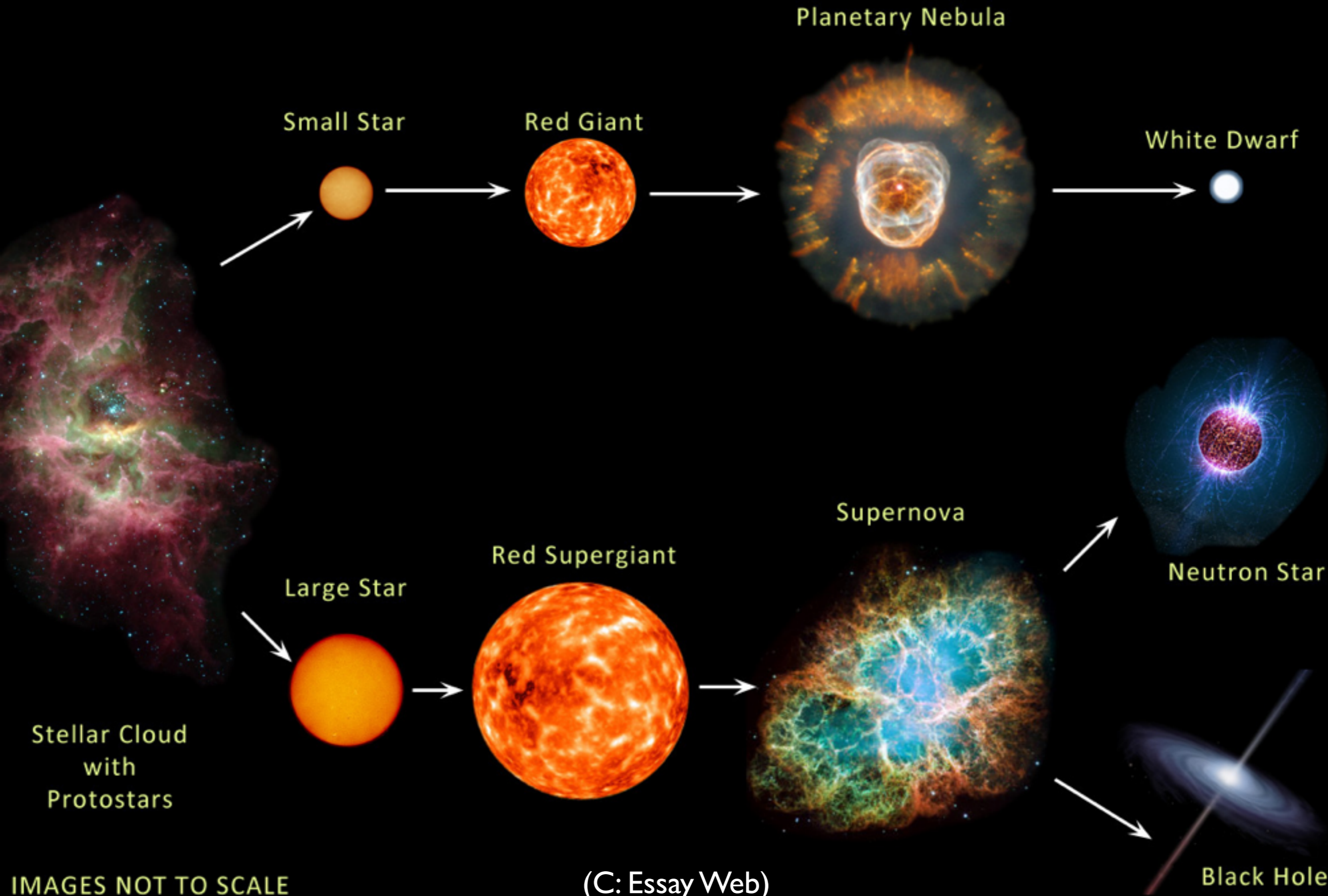




# Light curve of supernovae (brightness as a function of time)



# Stellar life

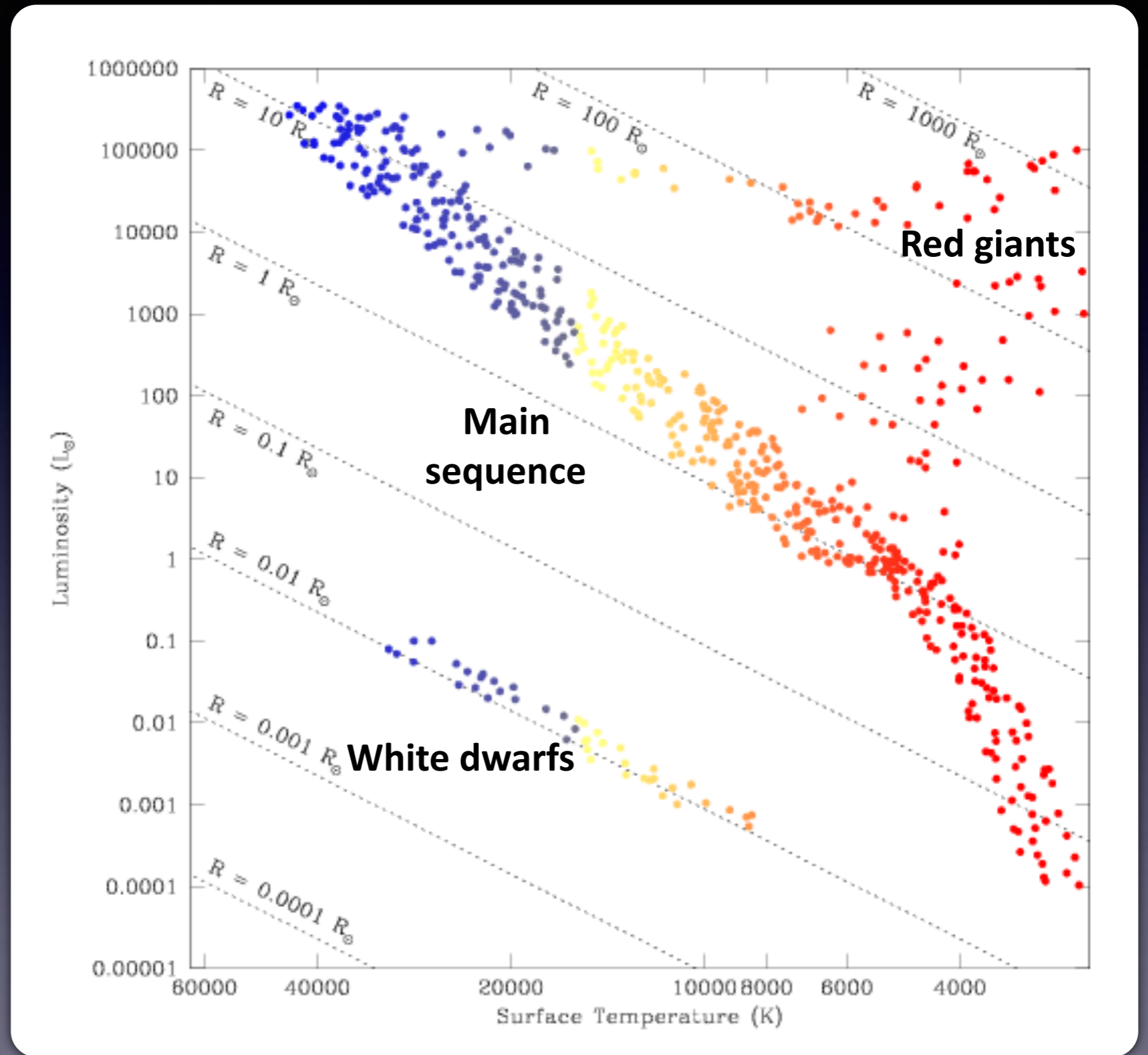


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# Hertzsprung-Russel diagram

Luminosity

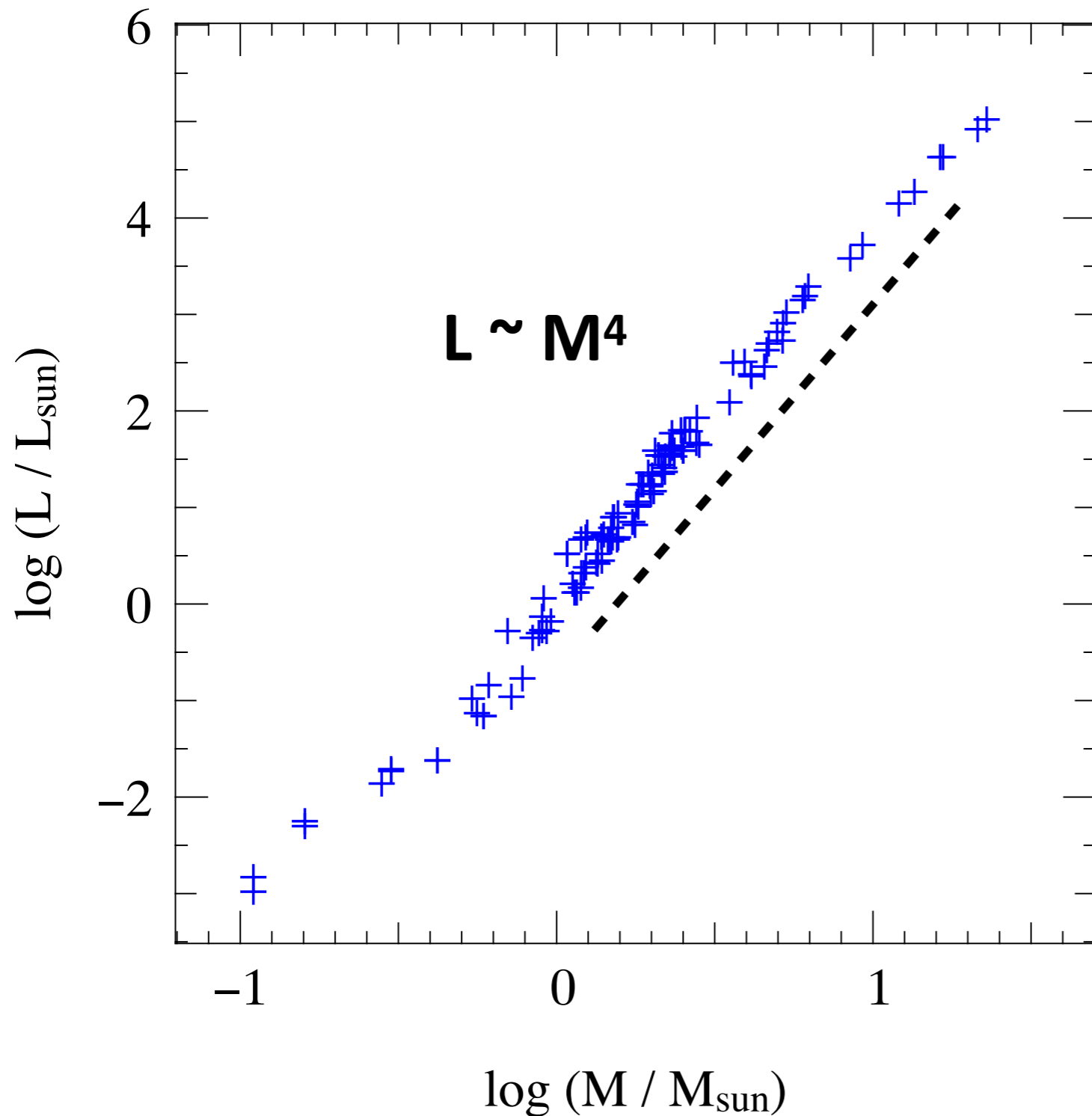


Temperature (K)





# Mass - luminosity relation of the main sequence stars



Star with  $M = 10 M_{\text{sun}}$

$\Rightarrow L \sim 10^4 L_{\text{sun}}$

$\Rightarrow$  Lifetime

$\sim 1/10^3$  of the Sun

$\sim 10^{10}$  yr (100億年)/ $10^3$

$\sim 10^7$  yr (1000万年)

More massive stars  
have shorter lifetime

# Applications to galaxy studies

## Spiral galaxy

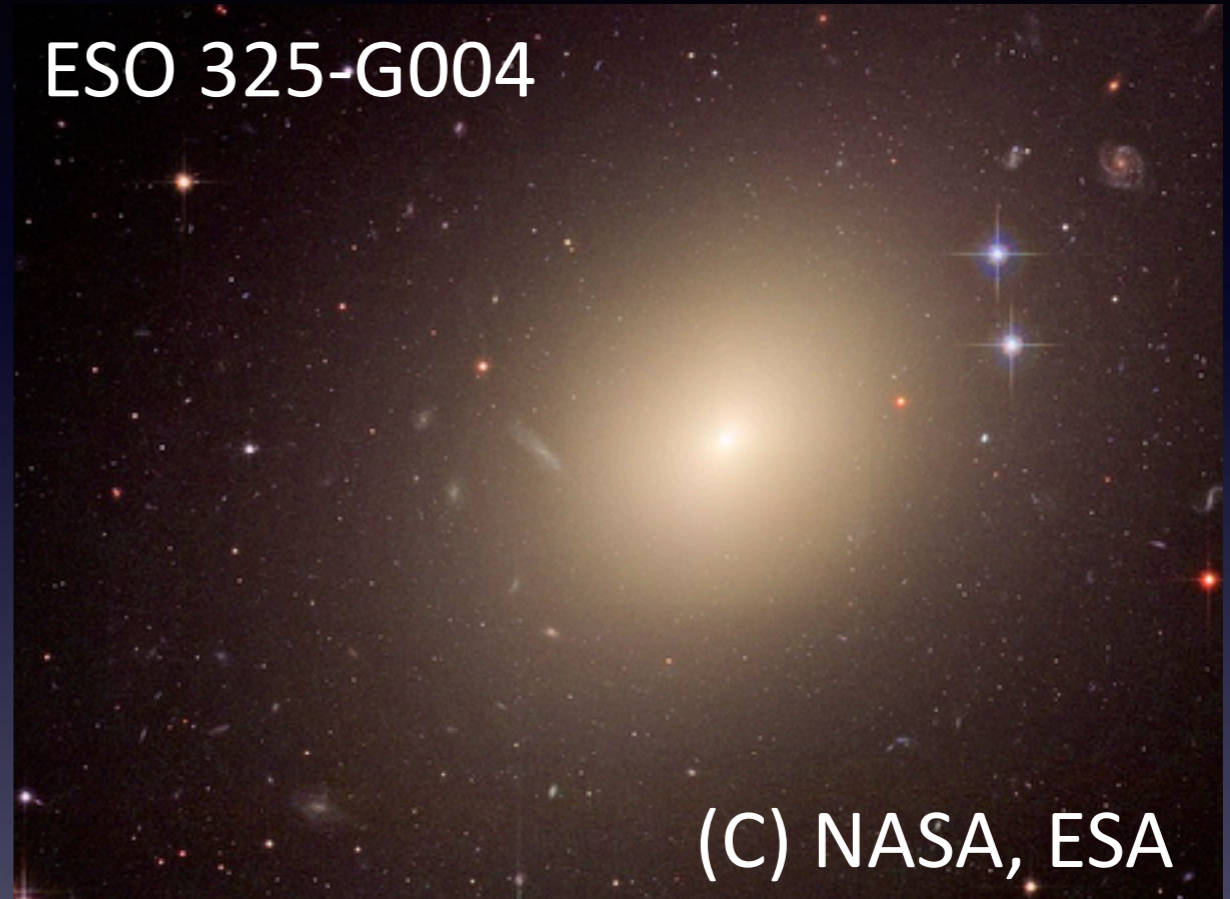
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- Star forming
- More "young" stars
- More massive stars
- Blue (high T radiation)

## Elliptical galaxy

ESO 325-G004



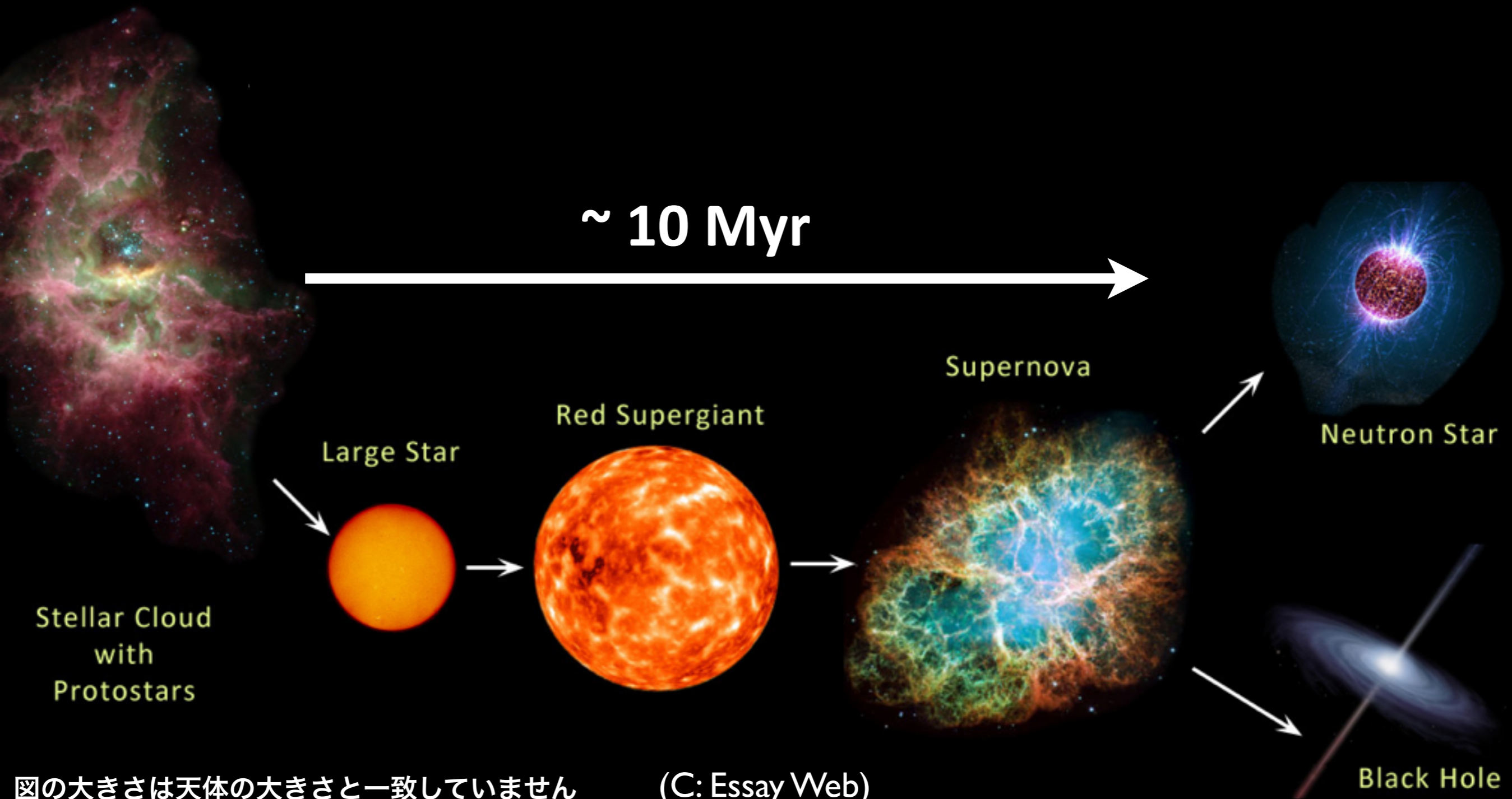
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- No star formation
- Old stars
- Less massive stars
- Red (low T radiation)



# 1. Massive stars

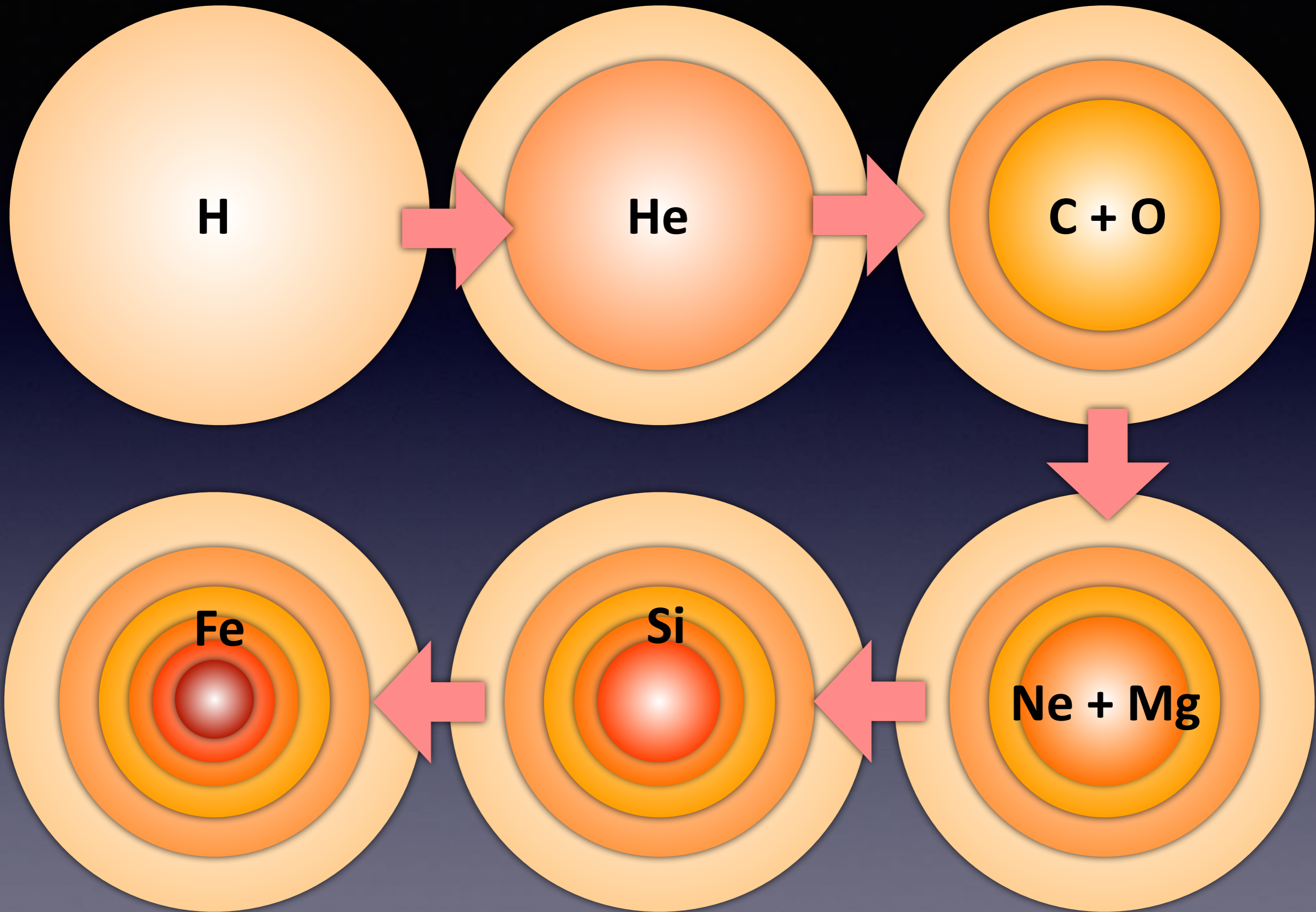
$M > 10 M_{\text{sun}}$



図の大きさは天体の大きさと一致していません

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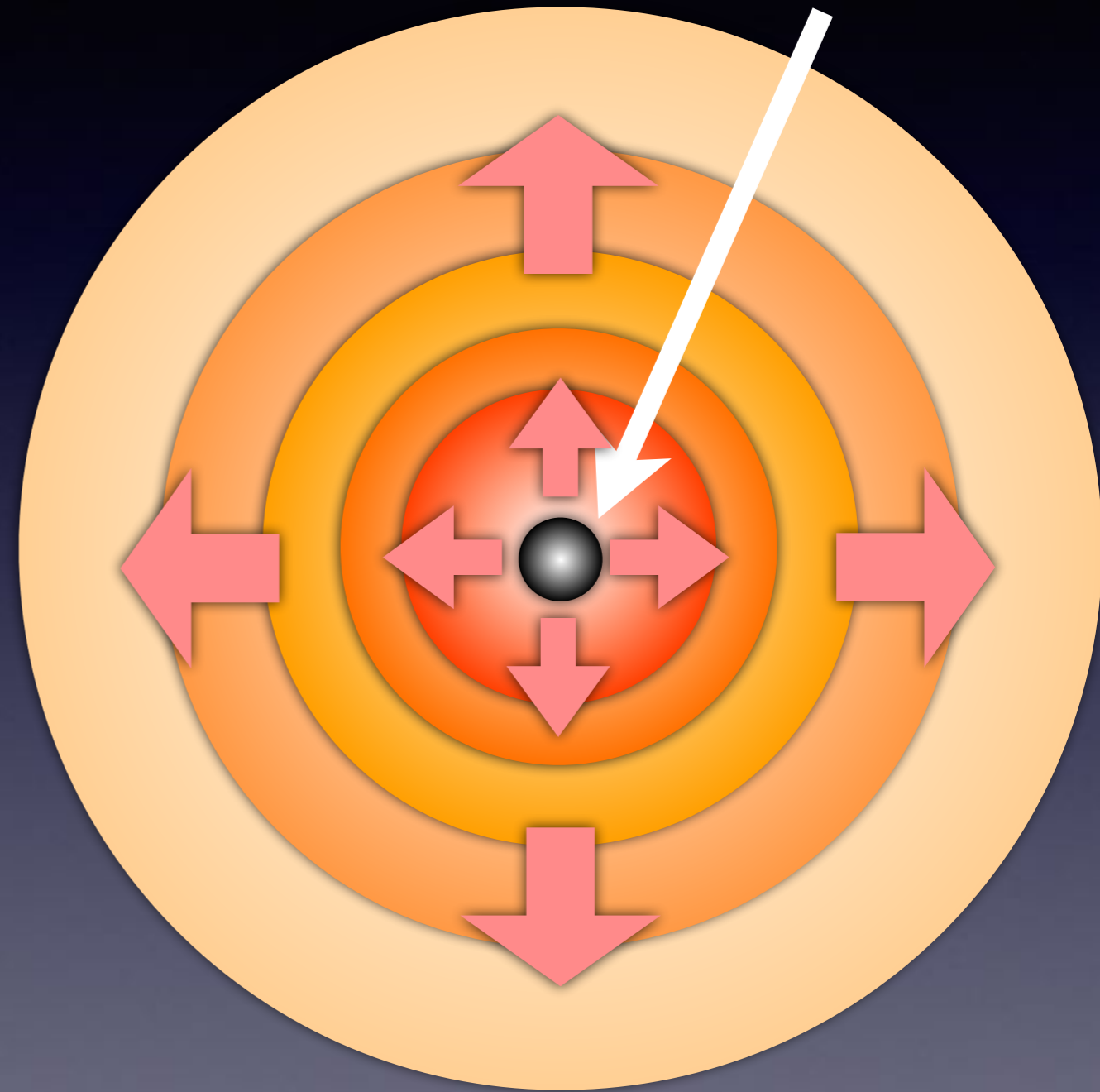
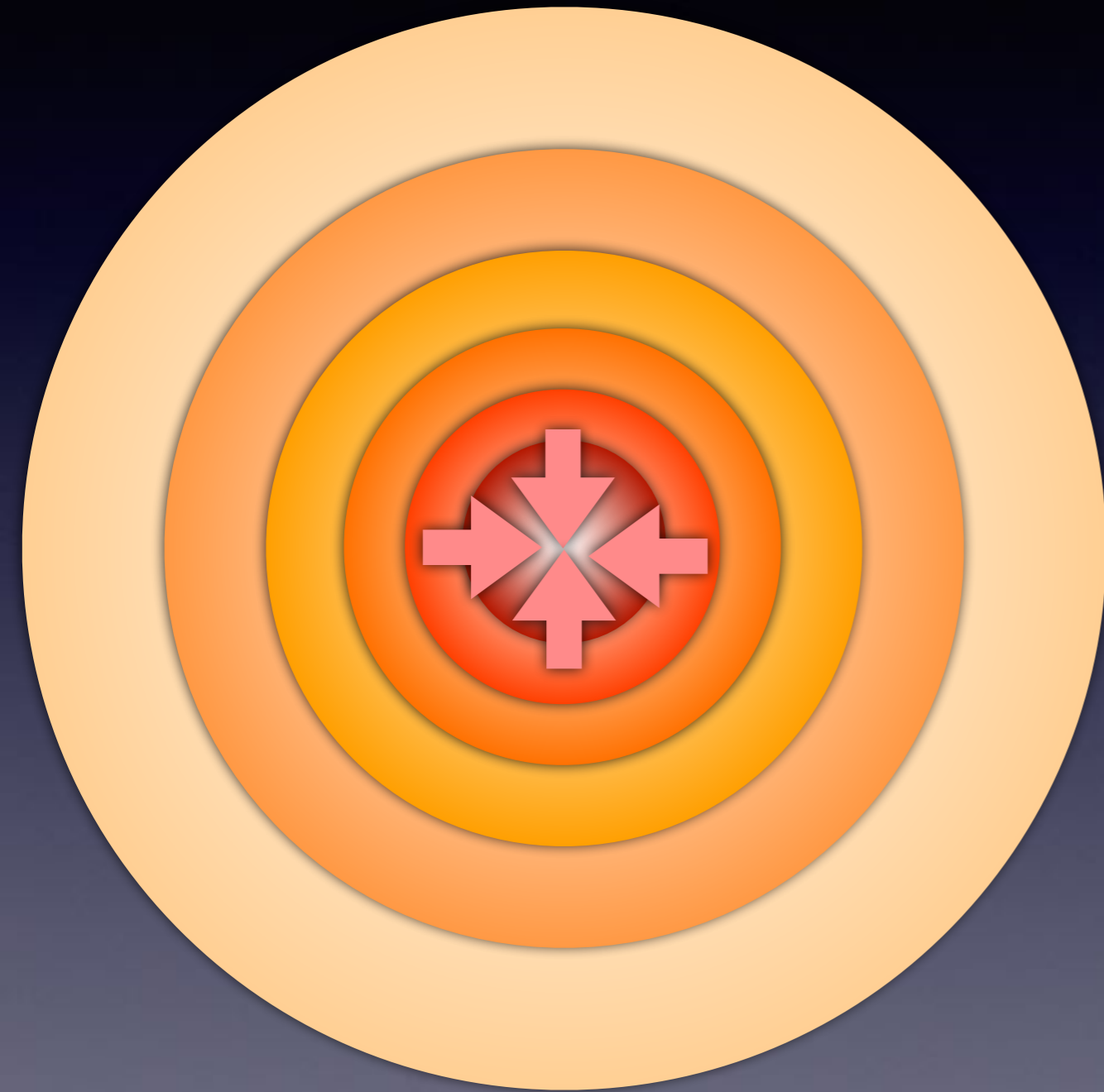




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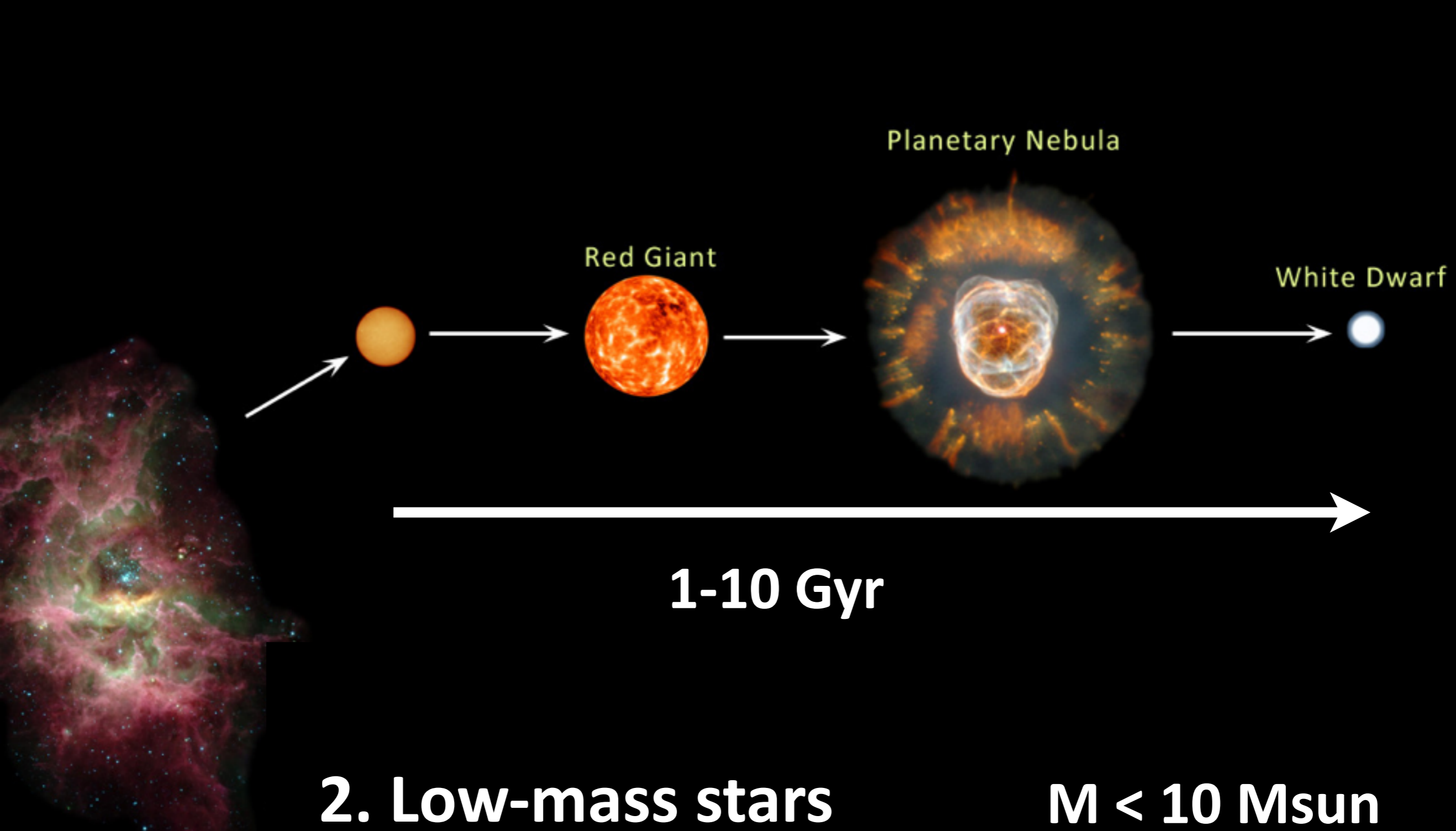
**Collapse**  
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**Neutron star**  
**or**  
**Black hole**



**Supernova!**

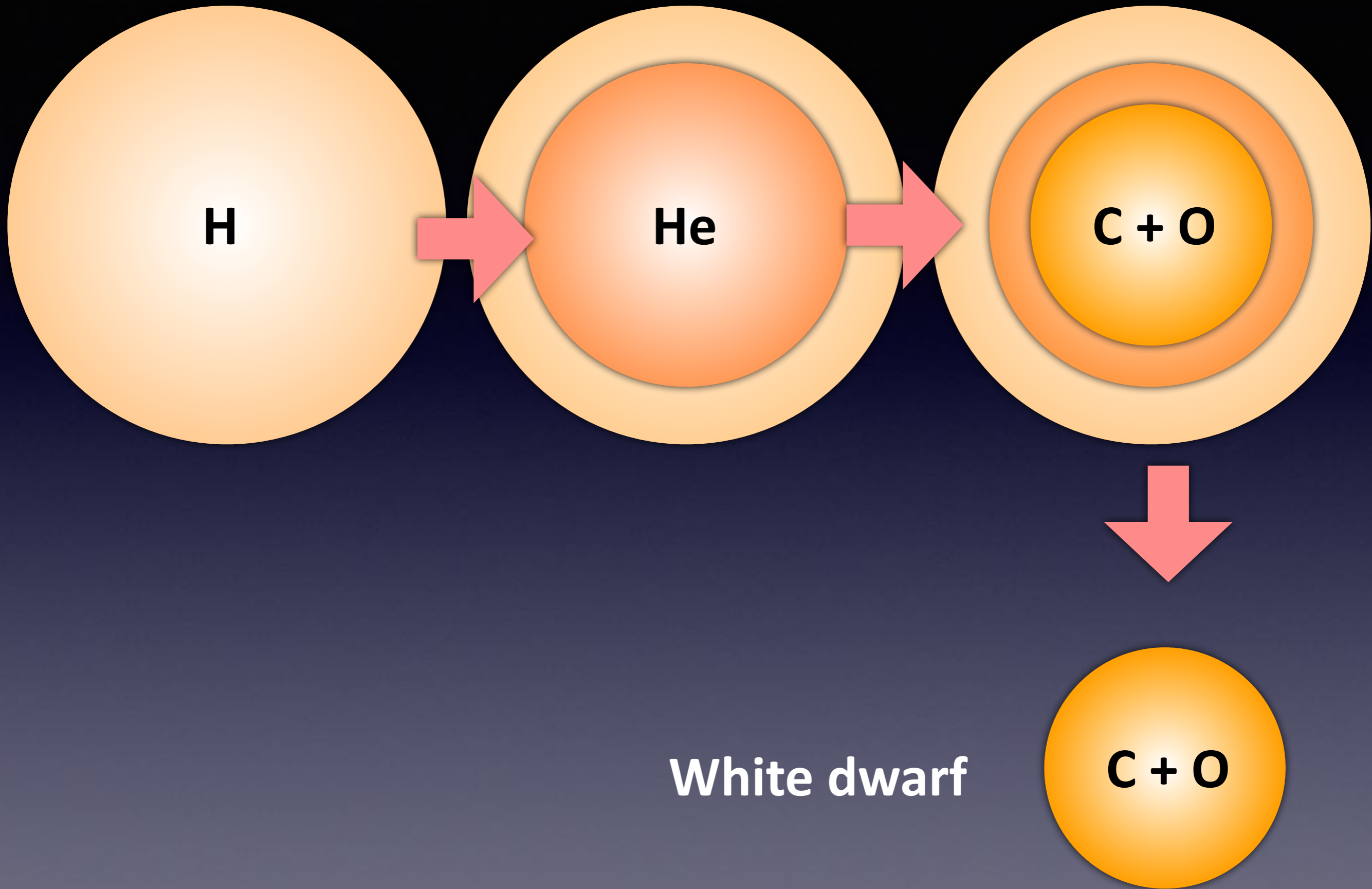




Stellar Cloud  
with  
Protostars

**2. Low-mass stars**

**M < 10 Msun**



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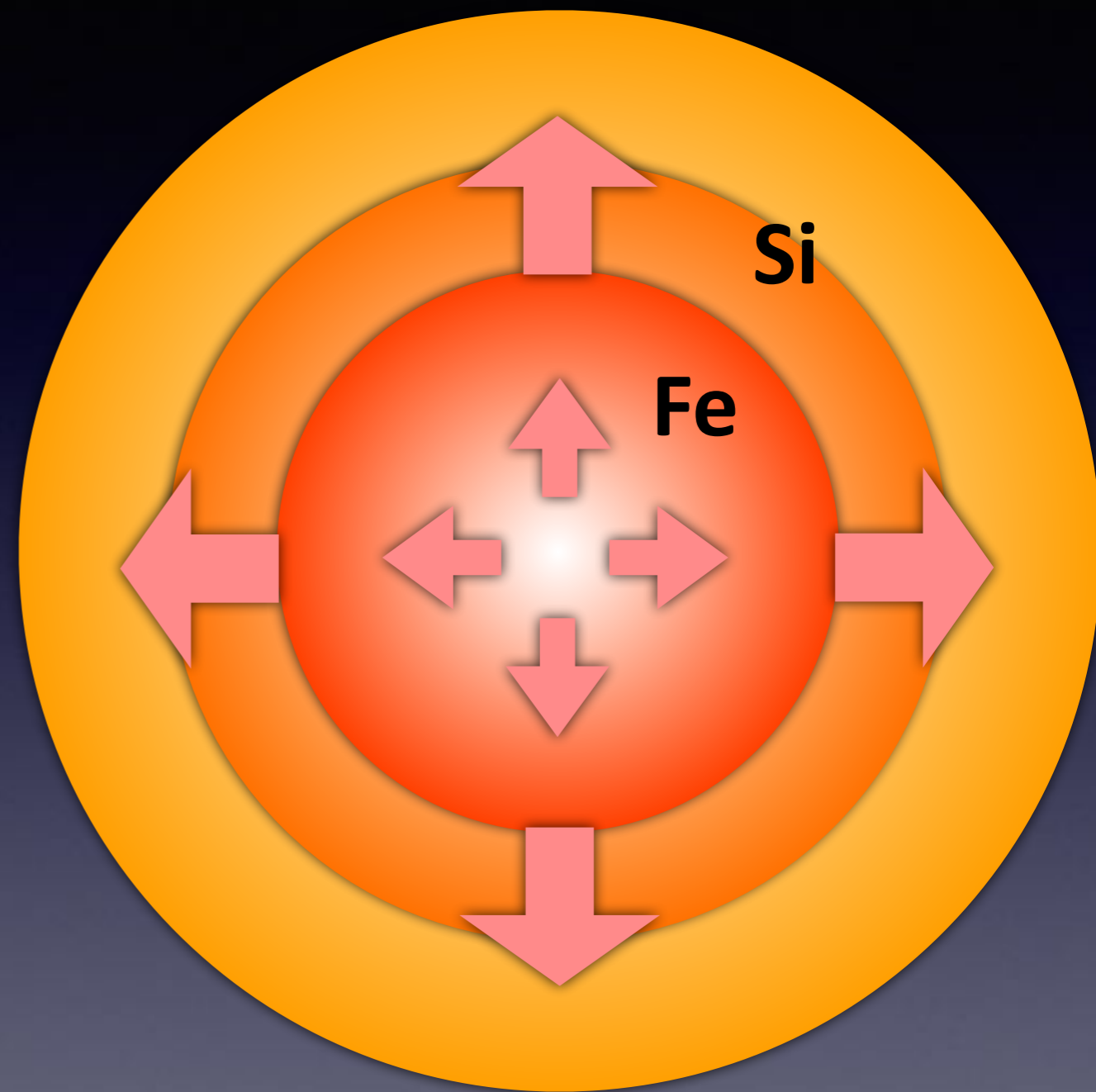
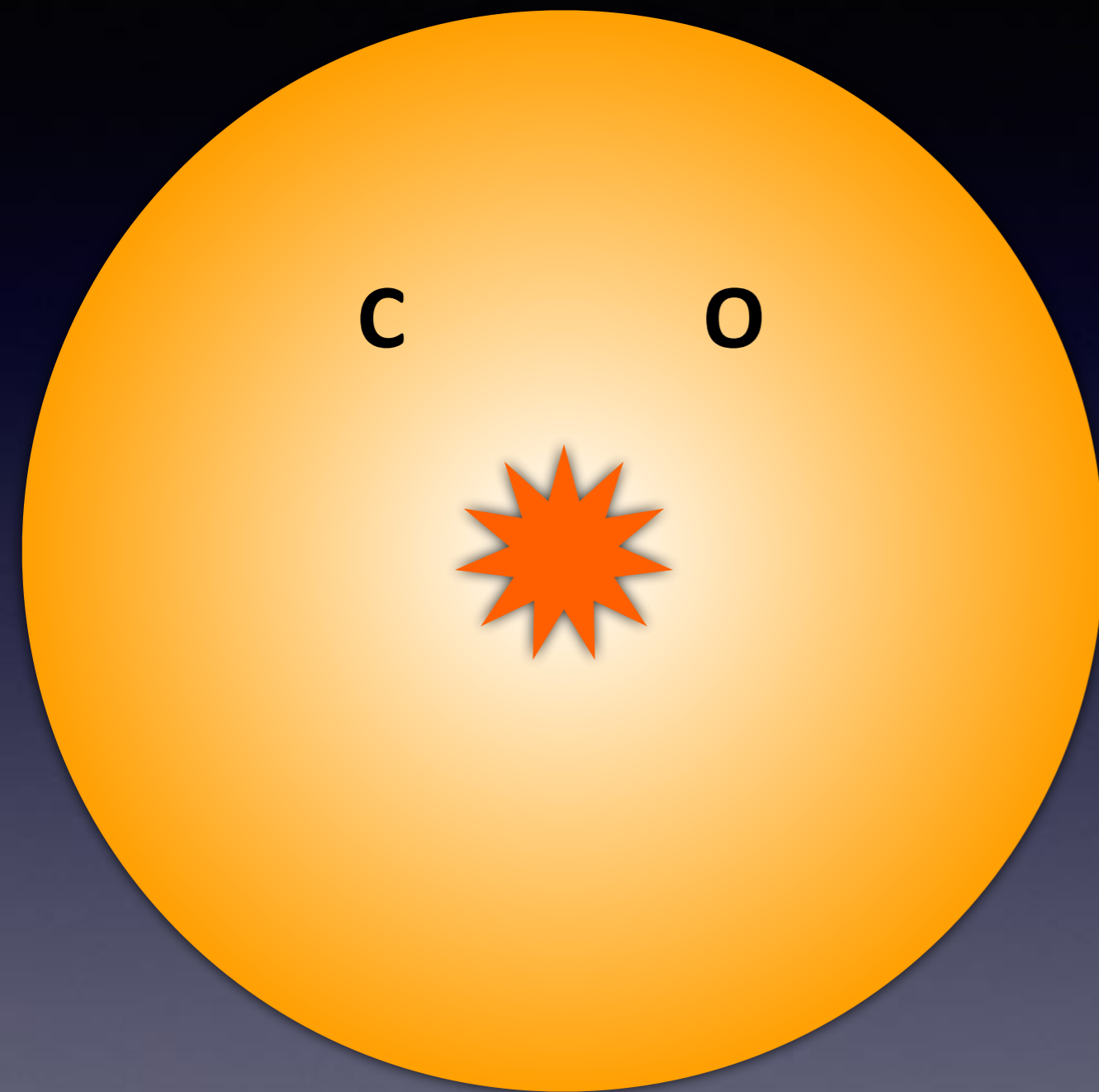
# Binary system

A binary star system is depicted against a dark, star-filled background. On the left, a bright white dwarf star is shown with a prominent blue and white starburst effect. To its right, a larger, cooler red dwarf star is visible, characterized by a textured, orange-red surface. The two stars are positioned close together, illustrating their orbital relationship.

**White dwarf**

Hardy

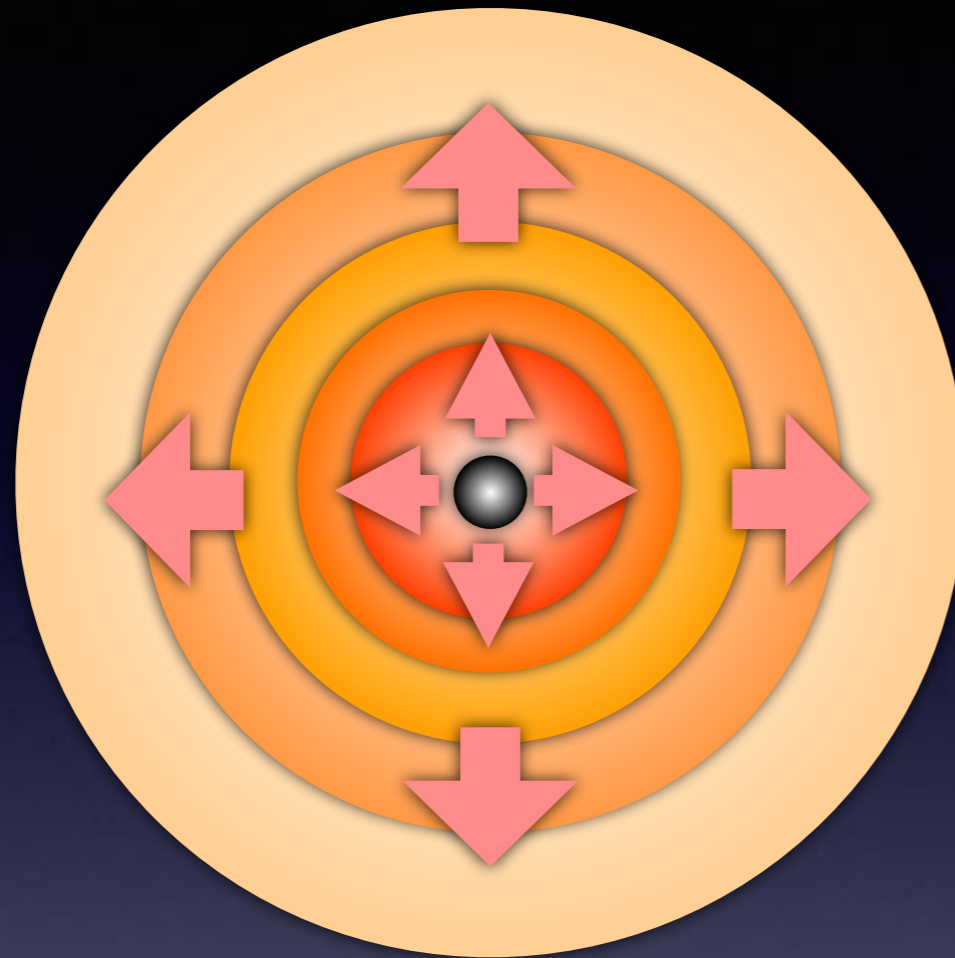
# Thermonuclear explosion



**Supernova!**



## Core-collapse SNe



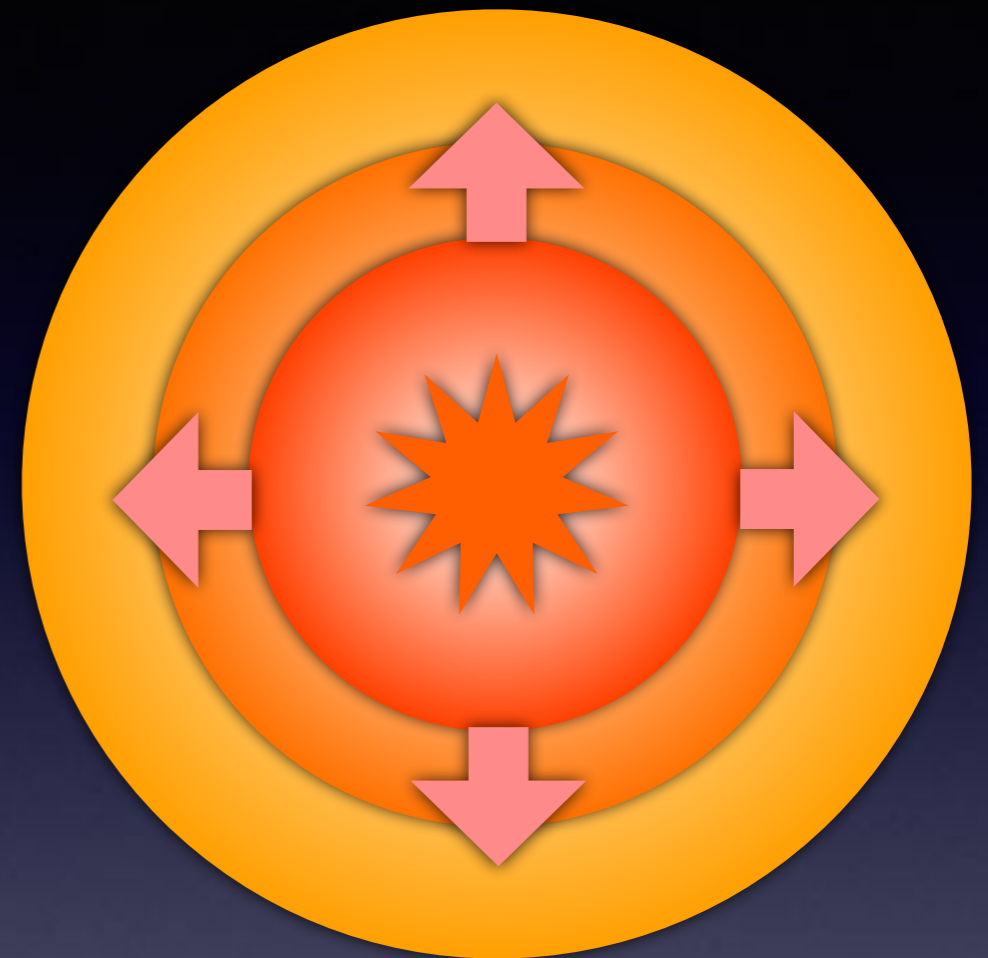
Progenitor

Massive stars  
Short lifetime

Elements

O, Mg, Ca, ...  
(progenitor star)

## Thermonuclear SNe



Low-mass stars (in binary)  
Long lifetime

Si, Ca, Fe, ...  
(explosion)

The elements around us are made by stars and SNe

# The origin of elements

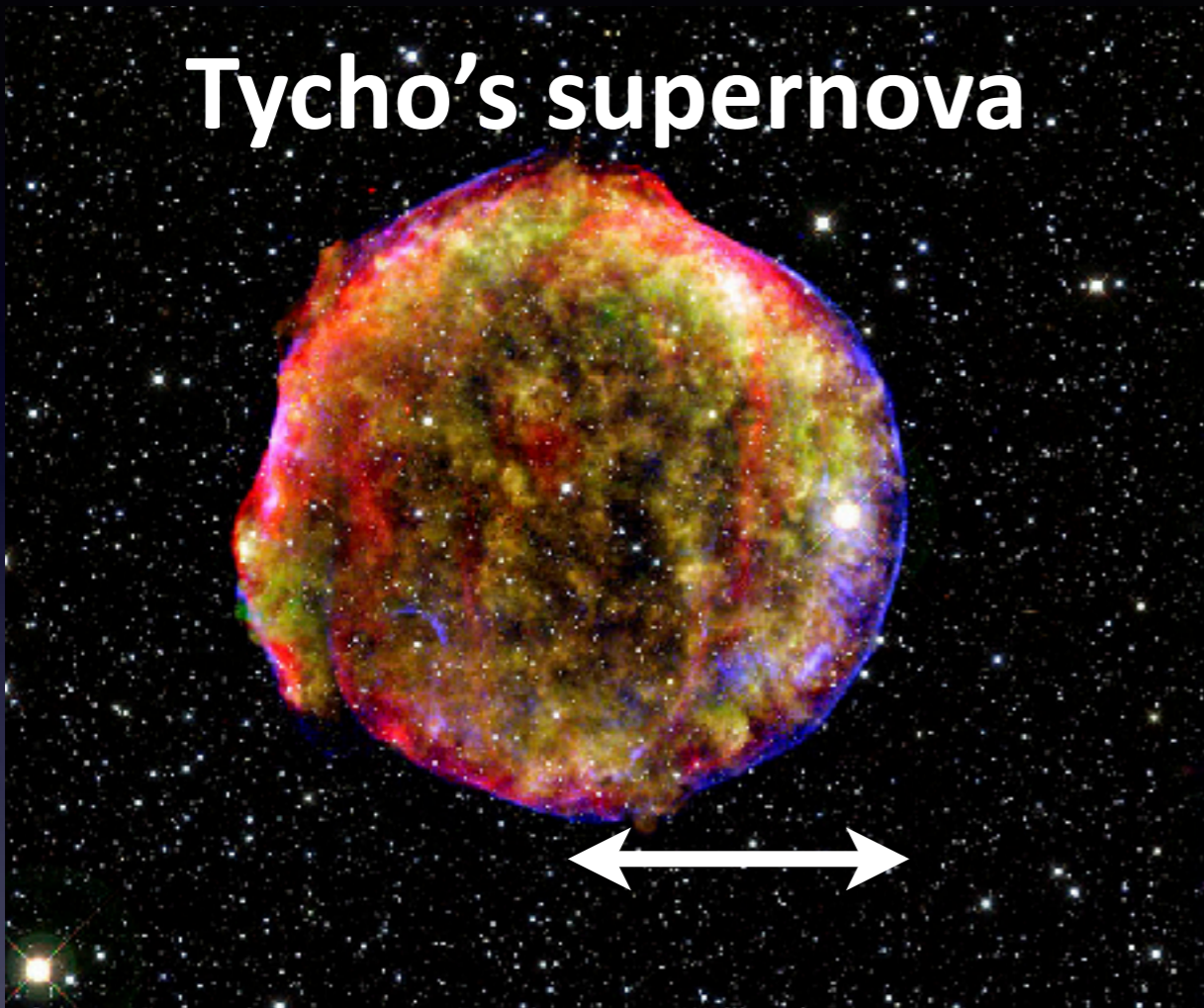
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# Let's feel SN explosion

Tycho's supernova



Q. What is the average  
Velocity of SN?

$R \sim 10^{19} \text{ cm}$  (10 light year  $\sim 3 \text{ pc}$ )

Observed by Tycho Brahe in 1572  
(Type Ia)

**Velocity = Distance/time**

**Distance:  $10^{19}$  cm**

**Time:  $\sim 400$  years**

**Velocity =  $10^{19} / (400 \times 3 \times 10^7)$   
 $\sim 10^9$  cm/s  $\sim 10,000$  km/s**

**10 light year = 10 year with light speed**

**SN takes 400 year to expand**

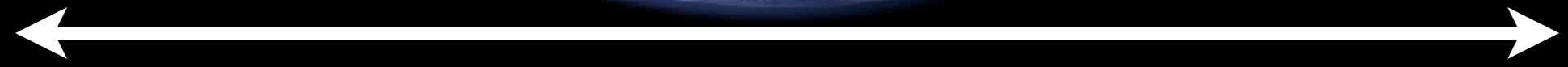
**Velocity =  $c/40 = (300,000 \text{ km/s}) / 40$**

**$\sim 10,000$  km/s !**





**10,000 km**



Q. How large is the kinetic energy?

$$E = \frac{1}{2} M v^2$$

$$M_{\text{sun}} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{kin}} &= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{Mass} \times (\text{Velocity})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times (2 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}) \times (10^9 \text{ cm/s})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sim 10^{51} \text{ erg}$$



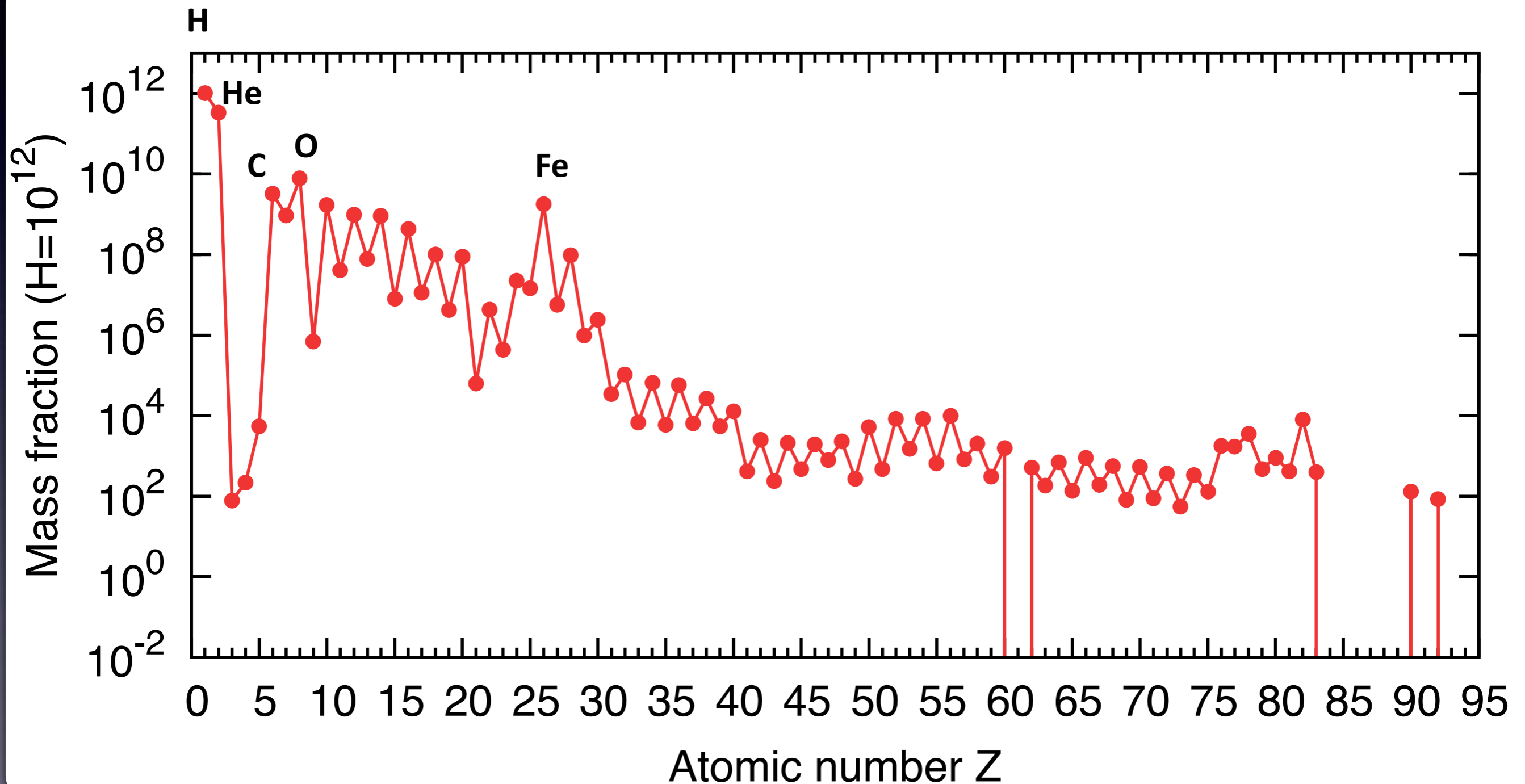
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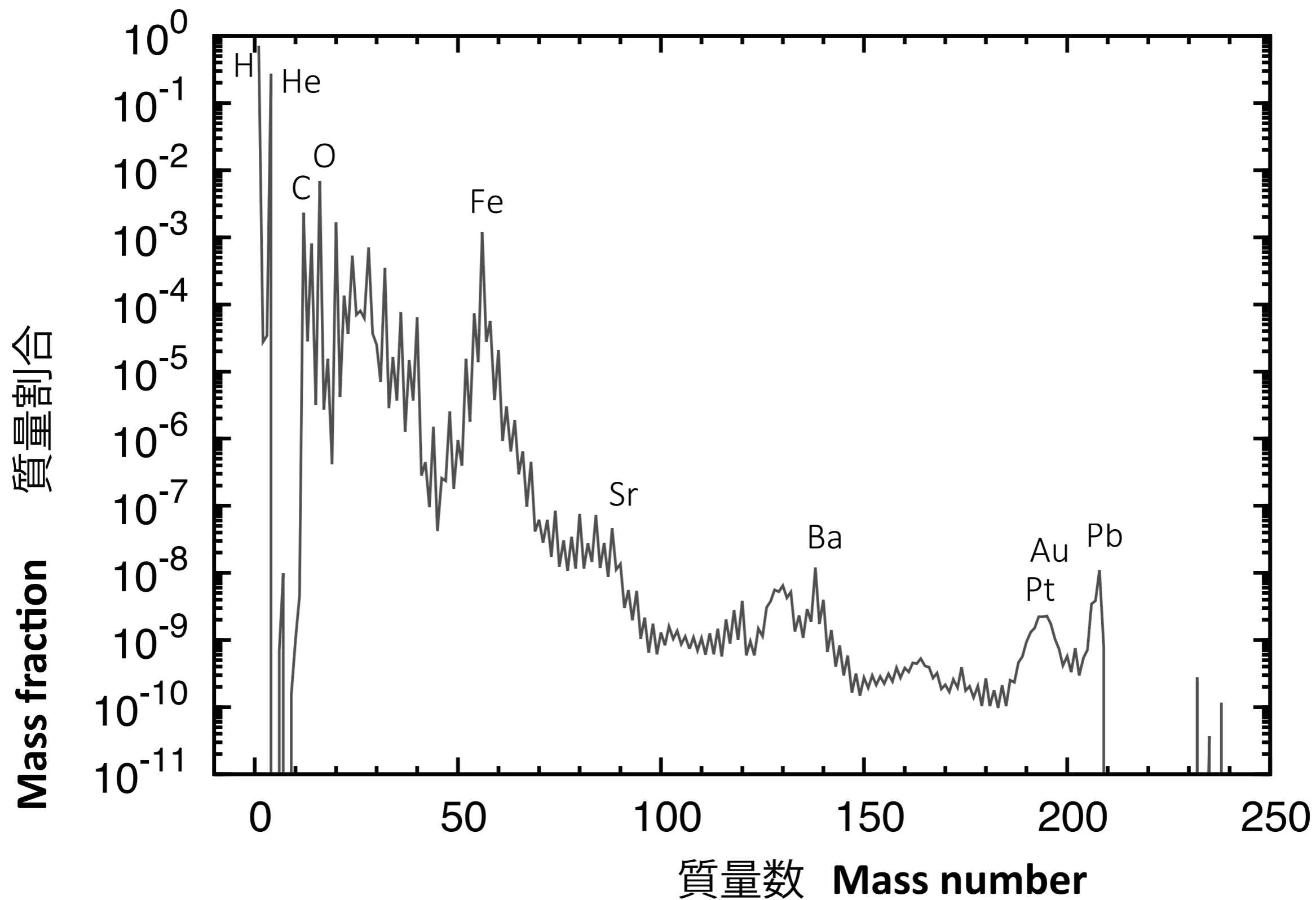
# Cosmic abundances (atomic number)



\*Mass ratio



# Cosmic abundance (mass number)

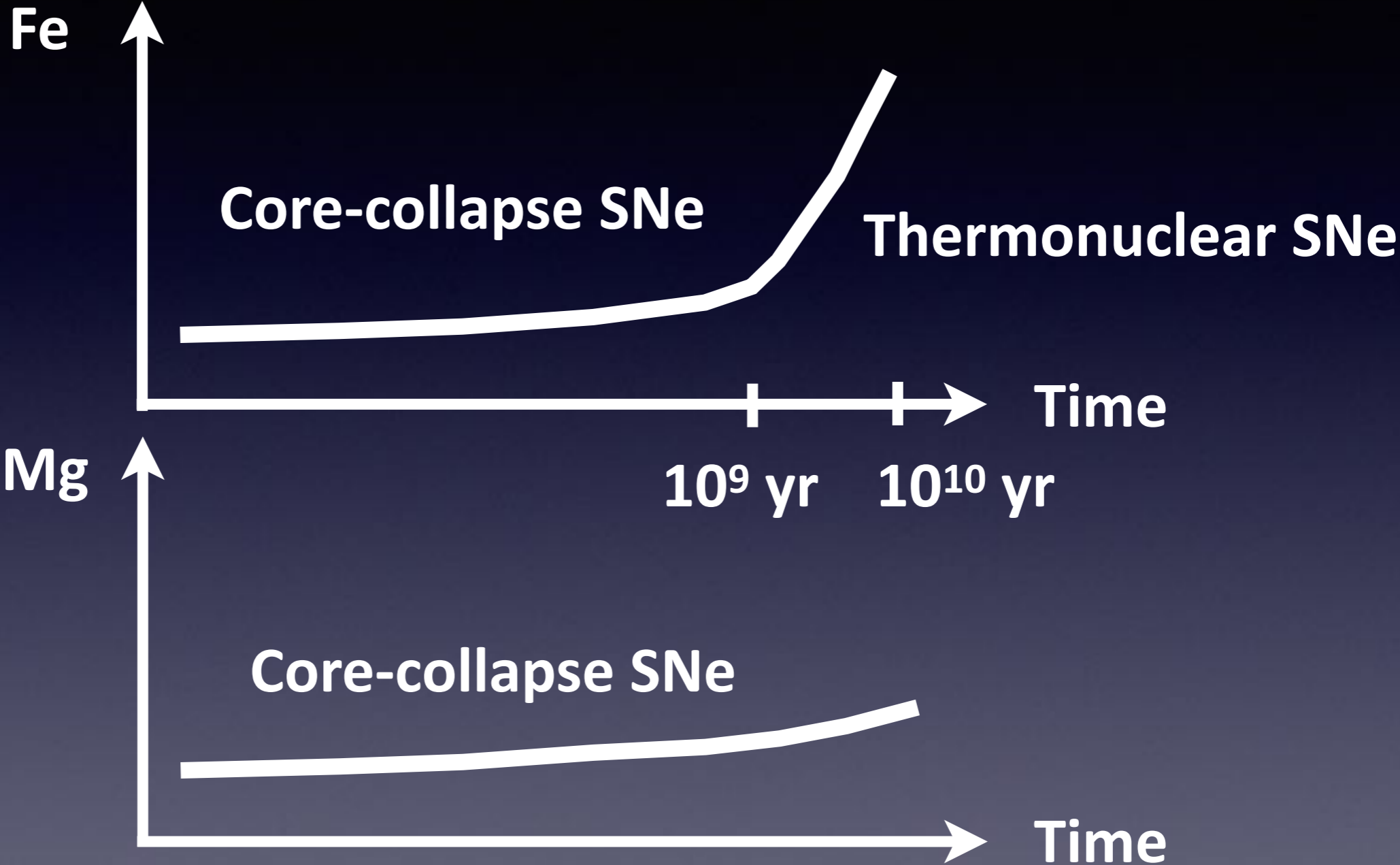




**Our understanding about the  
nucleosynthesis is correct??**



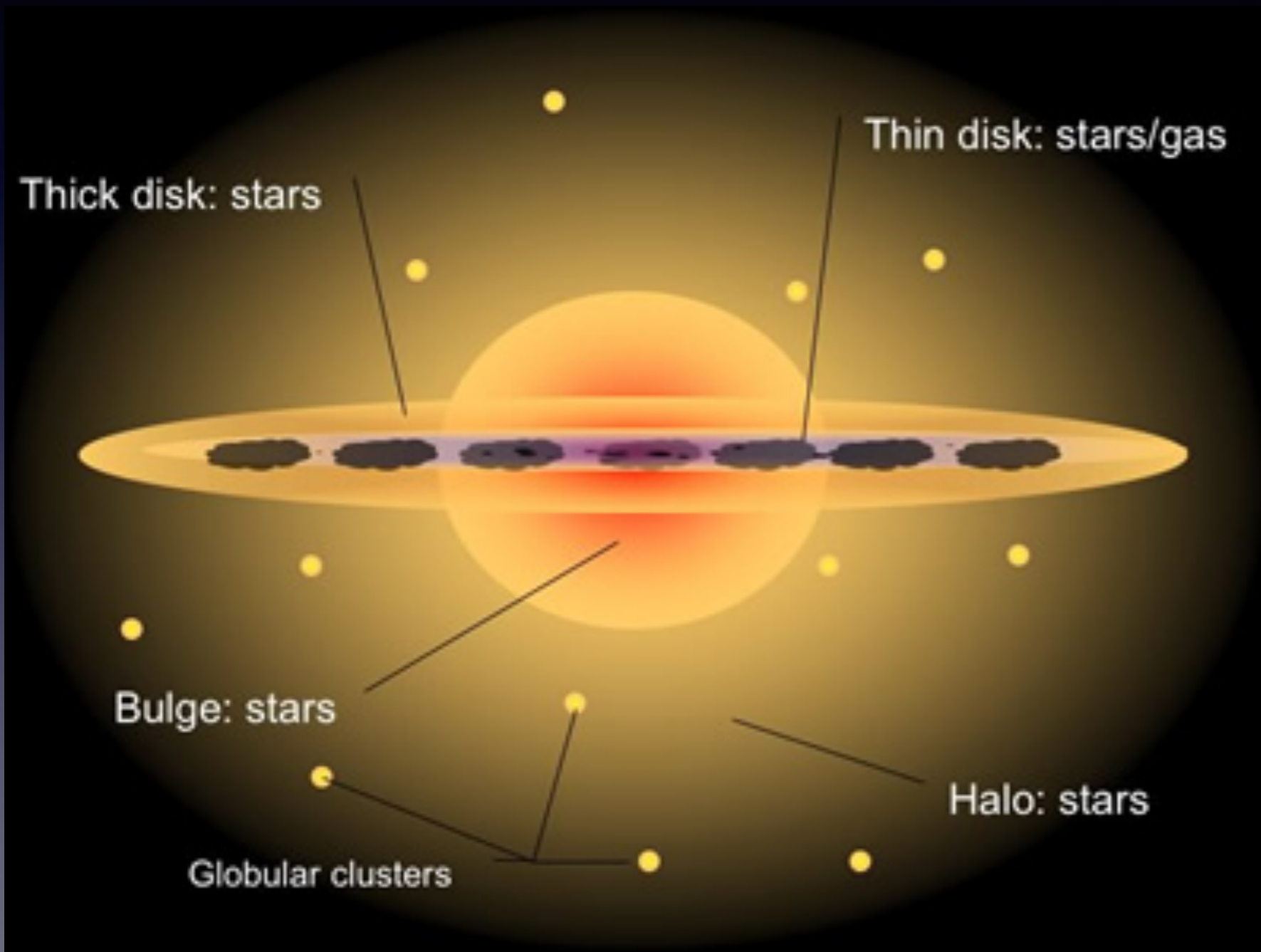
# Chemical evolution of the Universe



Stars formed recently should have low Mg/Fe ratios

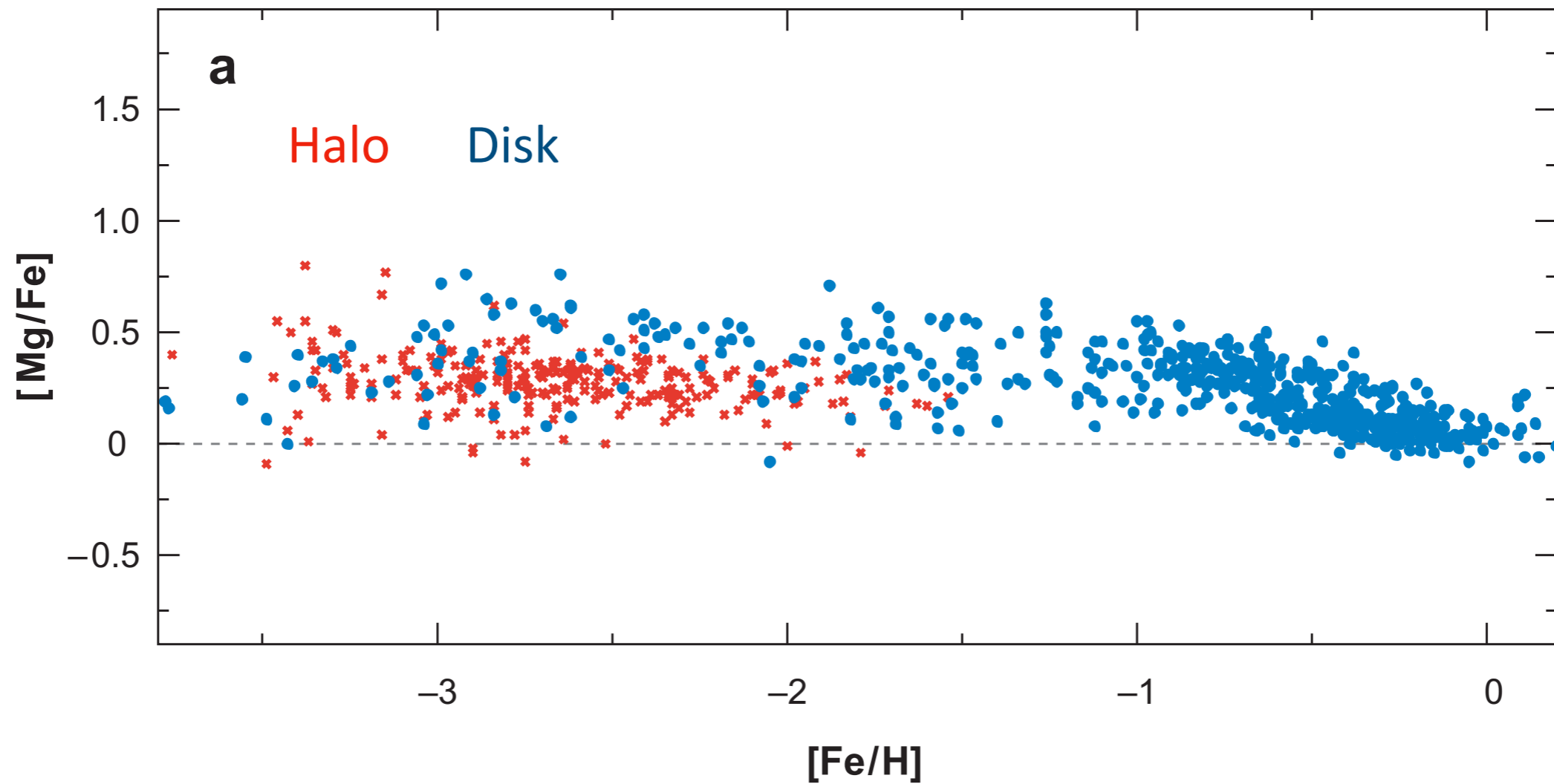
# Our Galaxy

Stars keep information about nucleosynthesis in the past  
“Galactic archeology”





# Abundance ratio in Galactic stars (Mg/Fe)



Sneden+08

Time

Longer delay time for Type Ia SNe

# Summary

- **Stars synthesize heavy elements**
- **Stars evolve with time**
- **Core-collapse supernovae**
  - Origin of the elements such as Oxygen and Magnesium
- **Thermonuclear supernovae**
  - Origin of Fe-peak elements
- **Supernova explosions**
  - $V \sim 10,000$  km/s
  - $E_{\text{kin}} \sim 10^{51}$  erg ( $10^{44}$  J) => Feedback to galaxy formation
- **Stellar nucleosynthesis is imprinted in Galactic stars**



Let's **understand** these questions  
with the word of physics

**Knowing ≠ Understanding**

- Why do some stars explode?
- Why don't normal star explode?
- Why do stars show  $L \sim M^4$ ?
- Why do stars evolve?
- Why does the destiny of stars depend on the mass?
- Why does stellar core collapses?
- Why is the energy of supernova so huge?
- ...

# 3 steps of learning

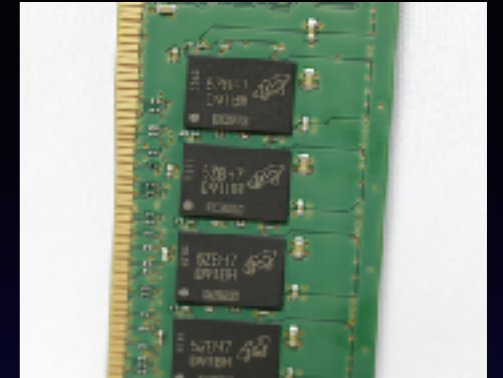
## 1. Know

Have information

-  $L \sim M^4$

**<= Google is much better than we are!!**

Short-term memory



## 2. Connect with other knowledge

Integrate knowledge, put it in some contexts

- Massive stars have shorter lifetime
- Physics behind it (radiation energy/diffusion time)

Long-term memory



## 3. Use the knowledge

Apply to other cases

- Use galaxy color as indicator of star formation
- radiation energy/diffusion time => L vs M of other systems

**=> understand**

**Thermodynamics**

**Electromagnetism**

**Classical  
mechanics**

**Statistical  
mechanics**

**Astrophysics**

**Hydrodynamics**

**Quantum  
mechanics**

**Relativity**

**Nuclear physics**