

**Stellar Astrophysics 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

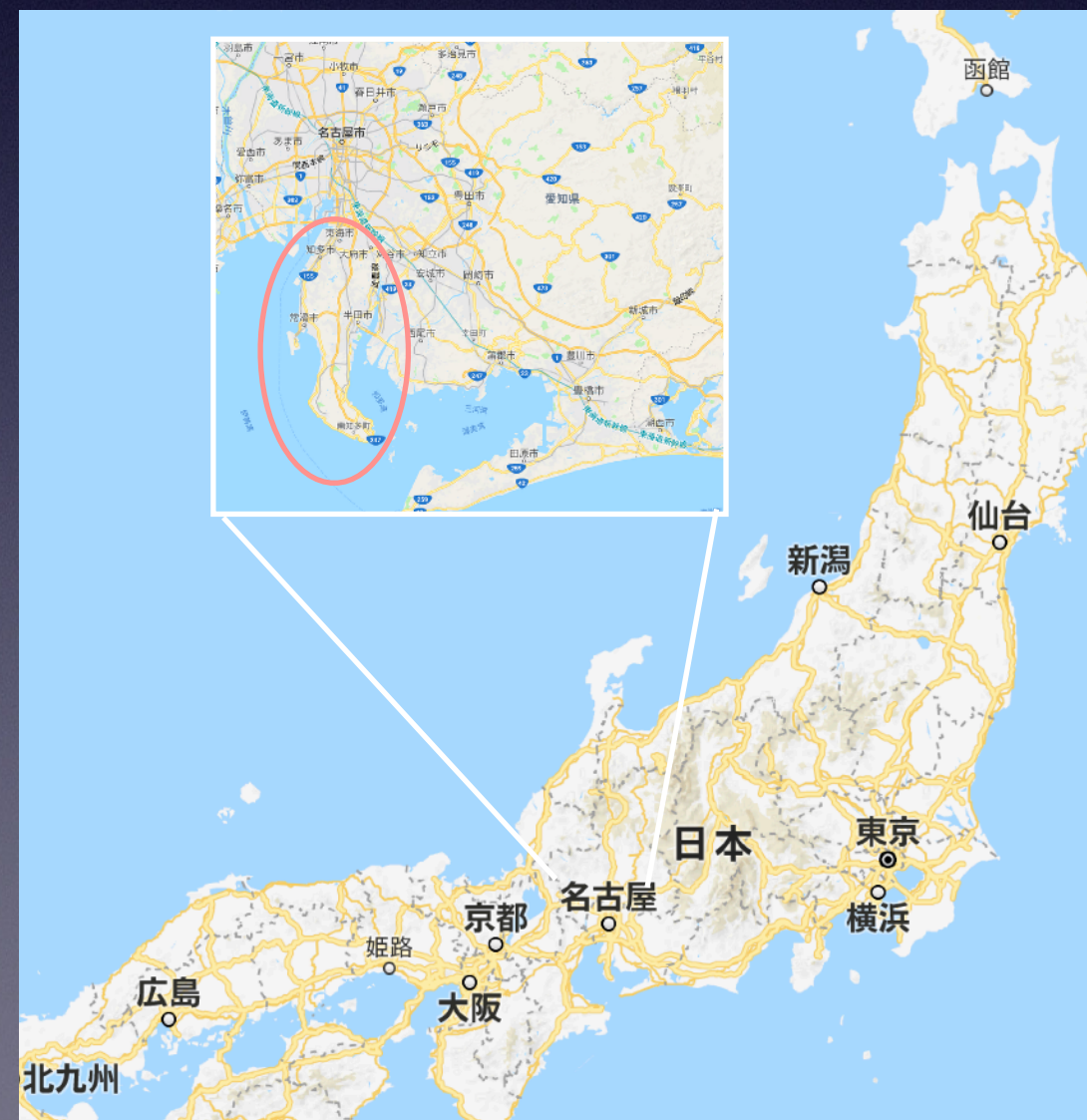
2001-2009: U. Tokyo

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

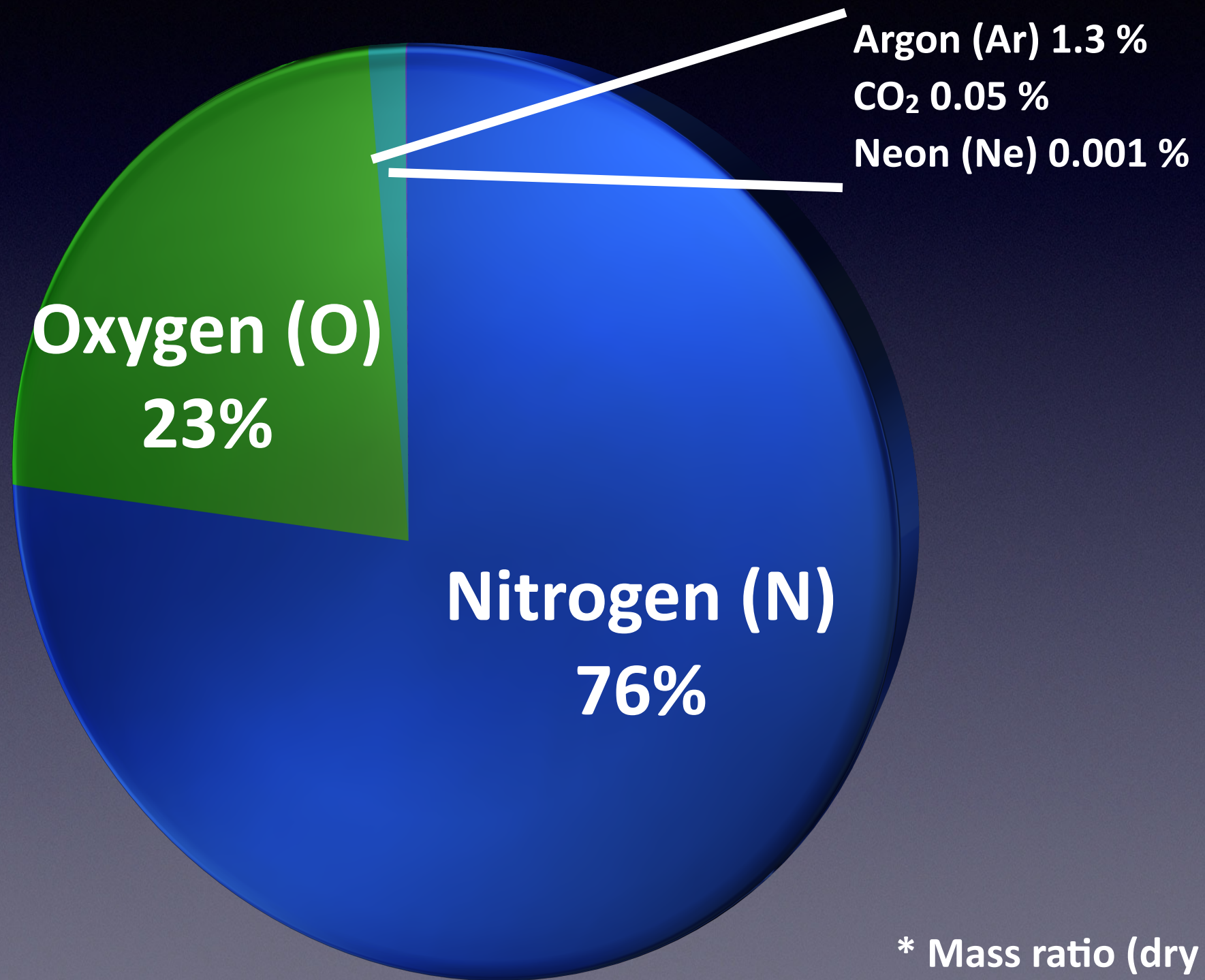
“time-domain astronomy”





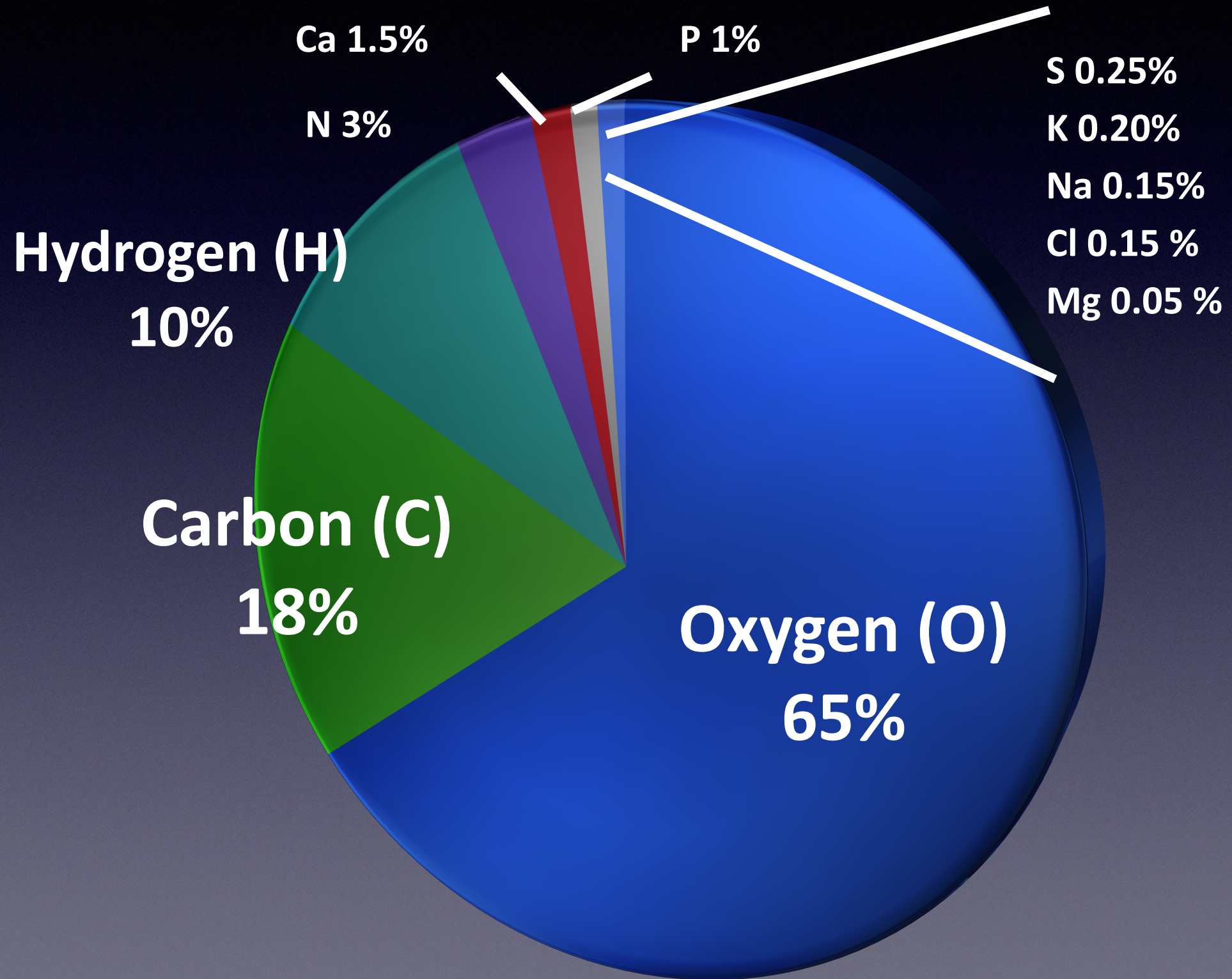
# Elements around us

## Air



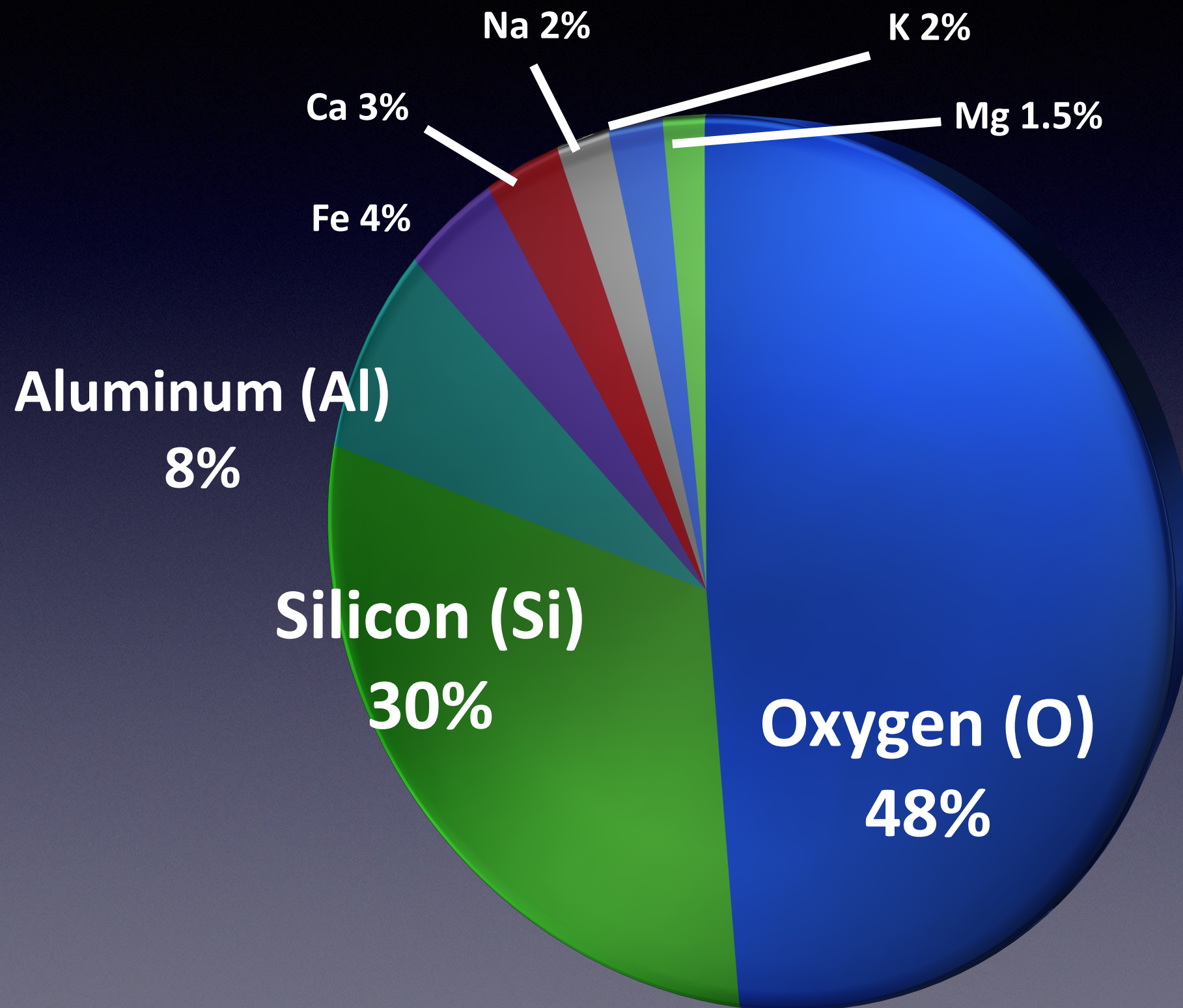


# Our body





# The earth (crust)



\* Mass ratio

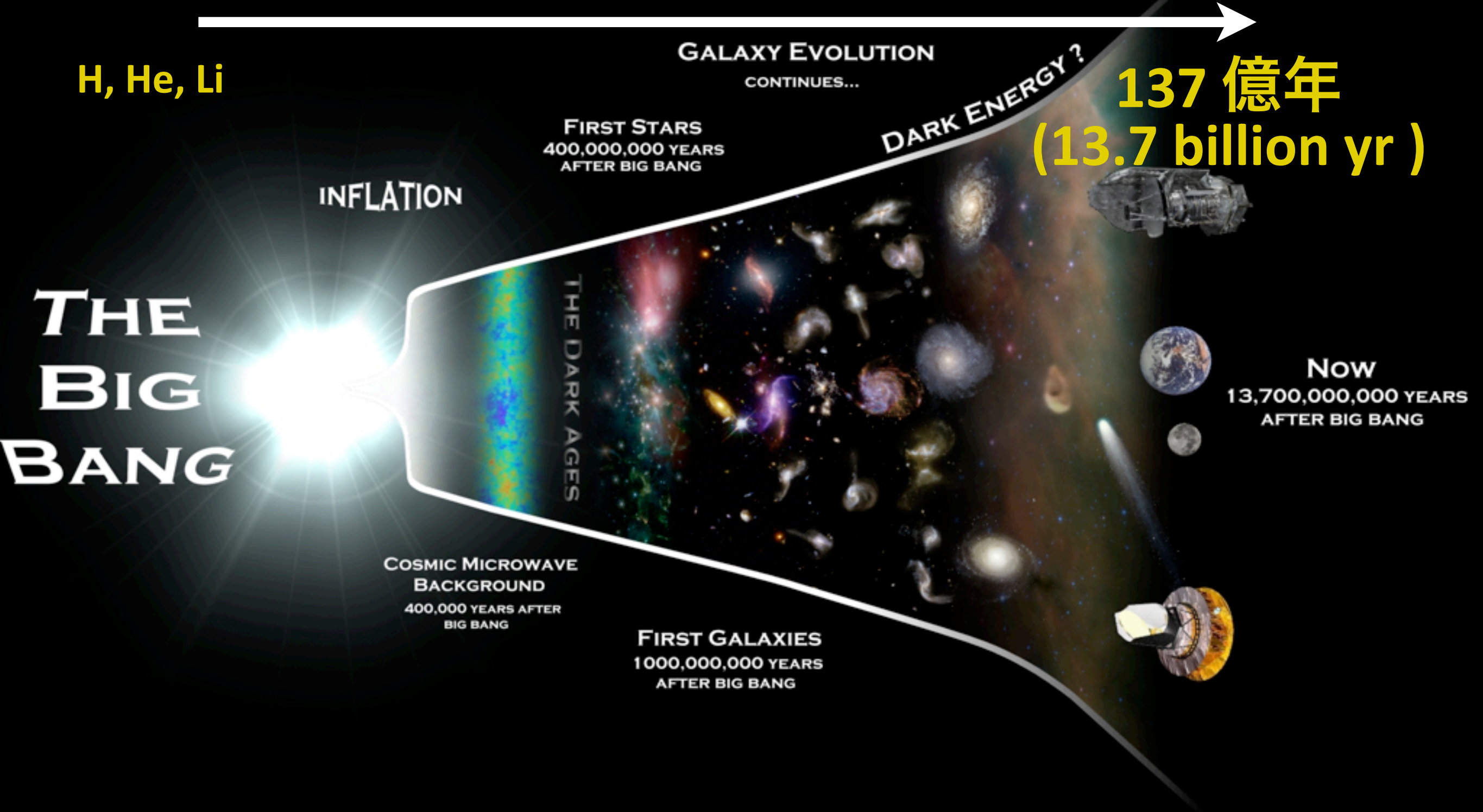


# The beginning of the Universe

Now

H, He, Li

137 億年  
(13.7 billion yr)



C: Rhys Taylor, Cardiff University  
(Planck mission)

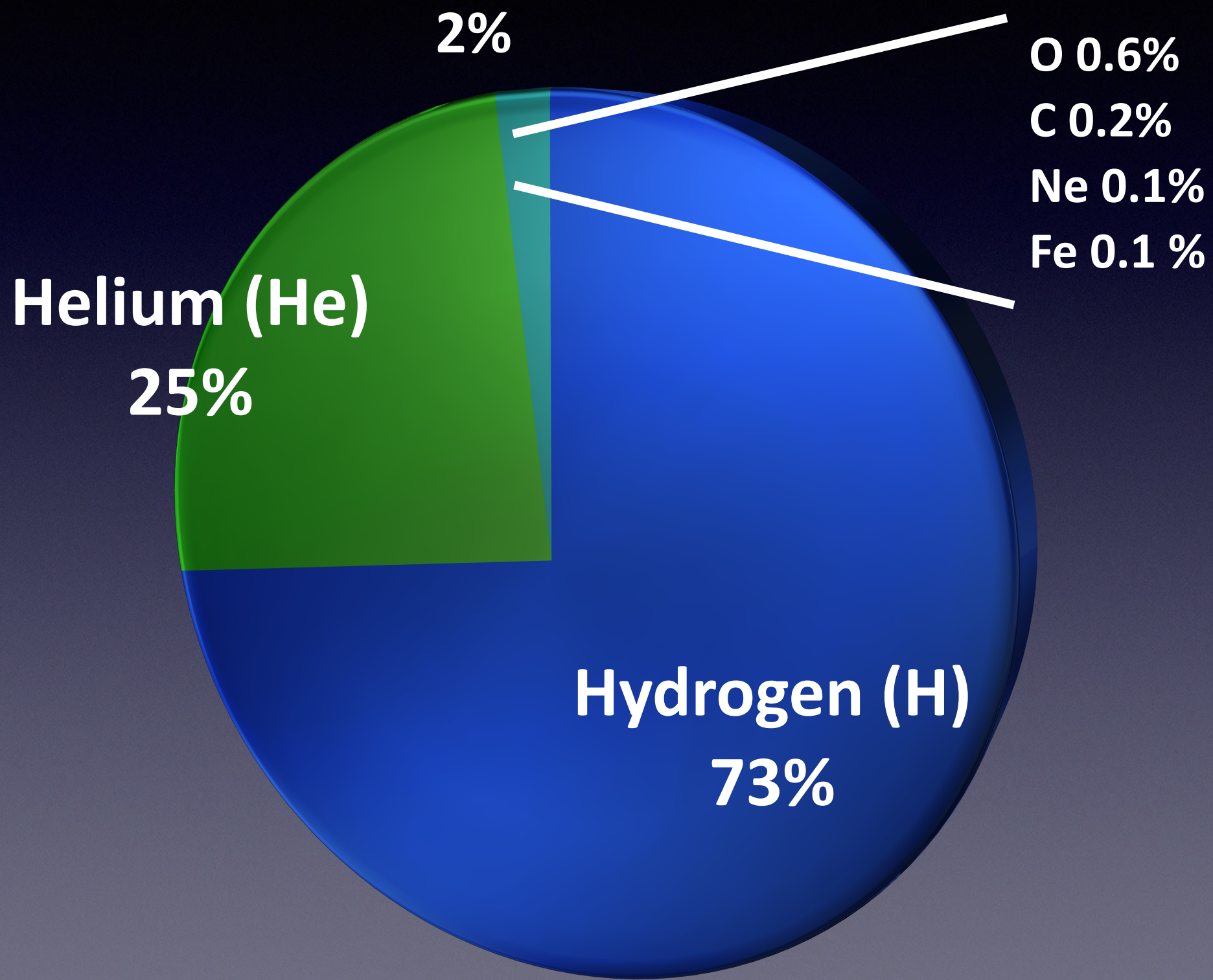
FORMATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM  
8,700,000,000 YEARS AFTER BIG BANG

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



# Our Universe

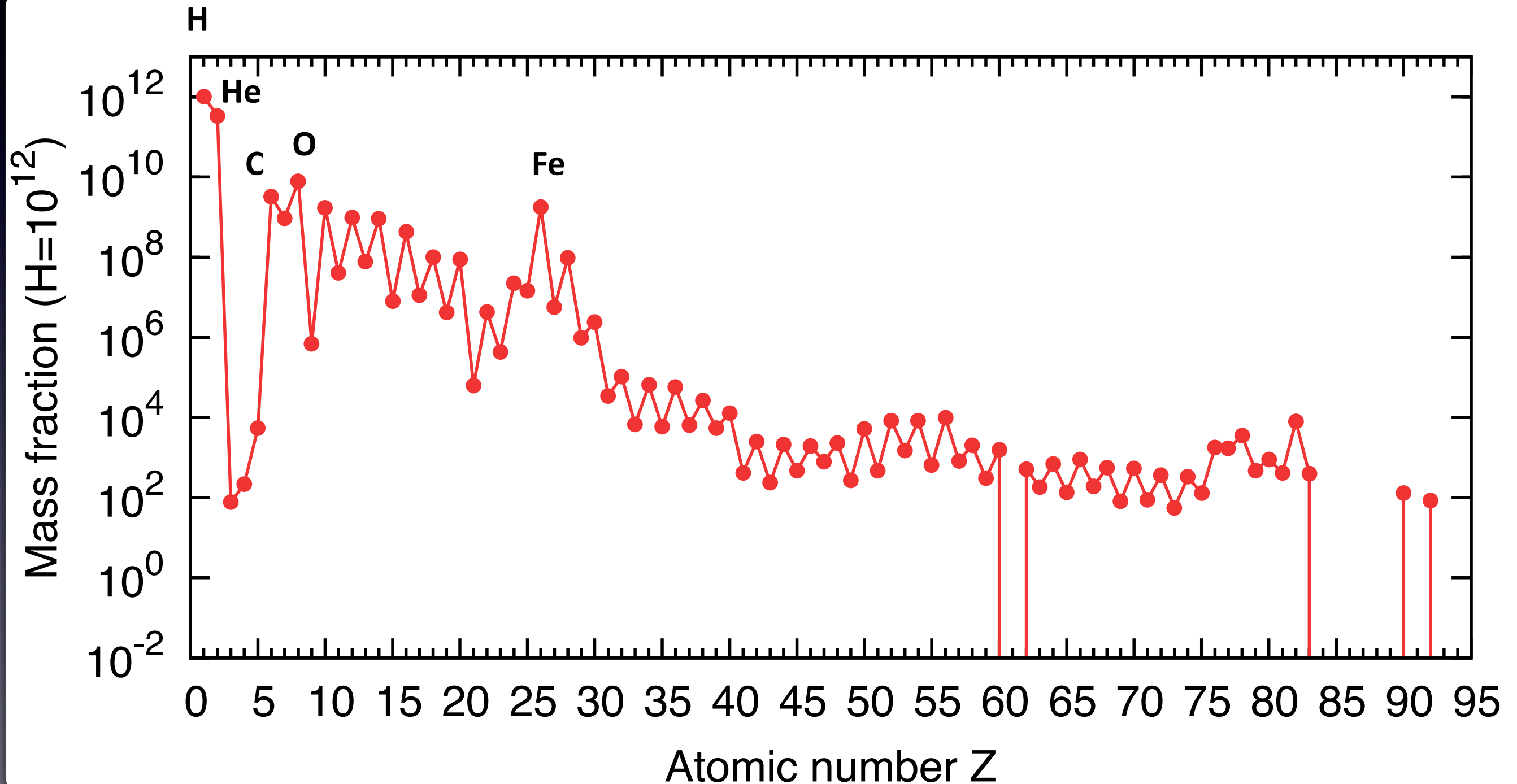
**“Heavy elements”**



\*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/tohoku2022>

\* ~70% blackboard

~30% slides

## Contents

- **Overview**

- Stellar structure and properties

- Stellar evolution

- Supernovae

- 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)

- **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**



# Our sun

Luminosity =  $4 \times 10^{33}$  erg/s

(C) JAXA/ISAS

Japanese energy consumption (1 yr) =  $2 \times 10^{19}$  J =  $2 \times 10^{26}$  erg

Japan  $10^7$  yr = Sun 1 sec

**How is this possible??**



# Energy source

## A. Chemical reaction

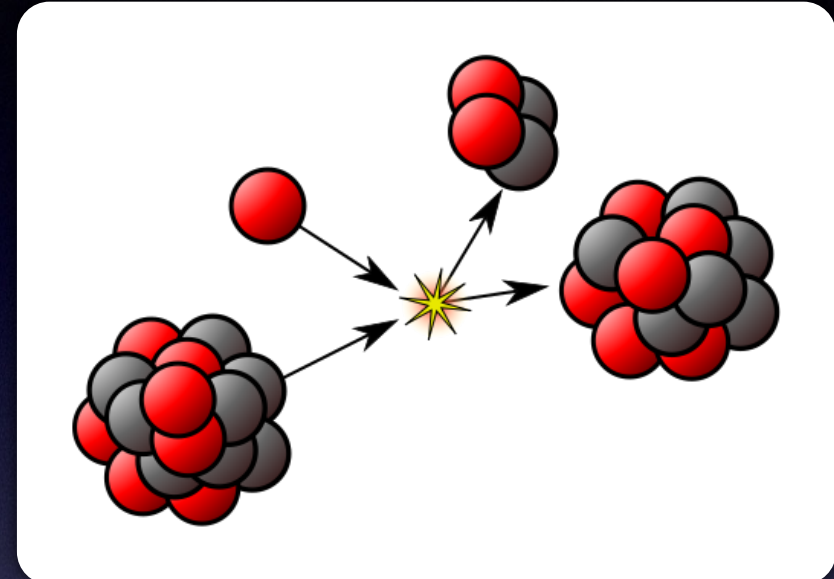


<https://www.britannica.com/science/chemical-reaction>



Reaction of atoms/molecules  
= No change in nucleus

## B. Nuclear reaction

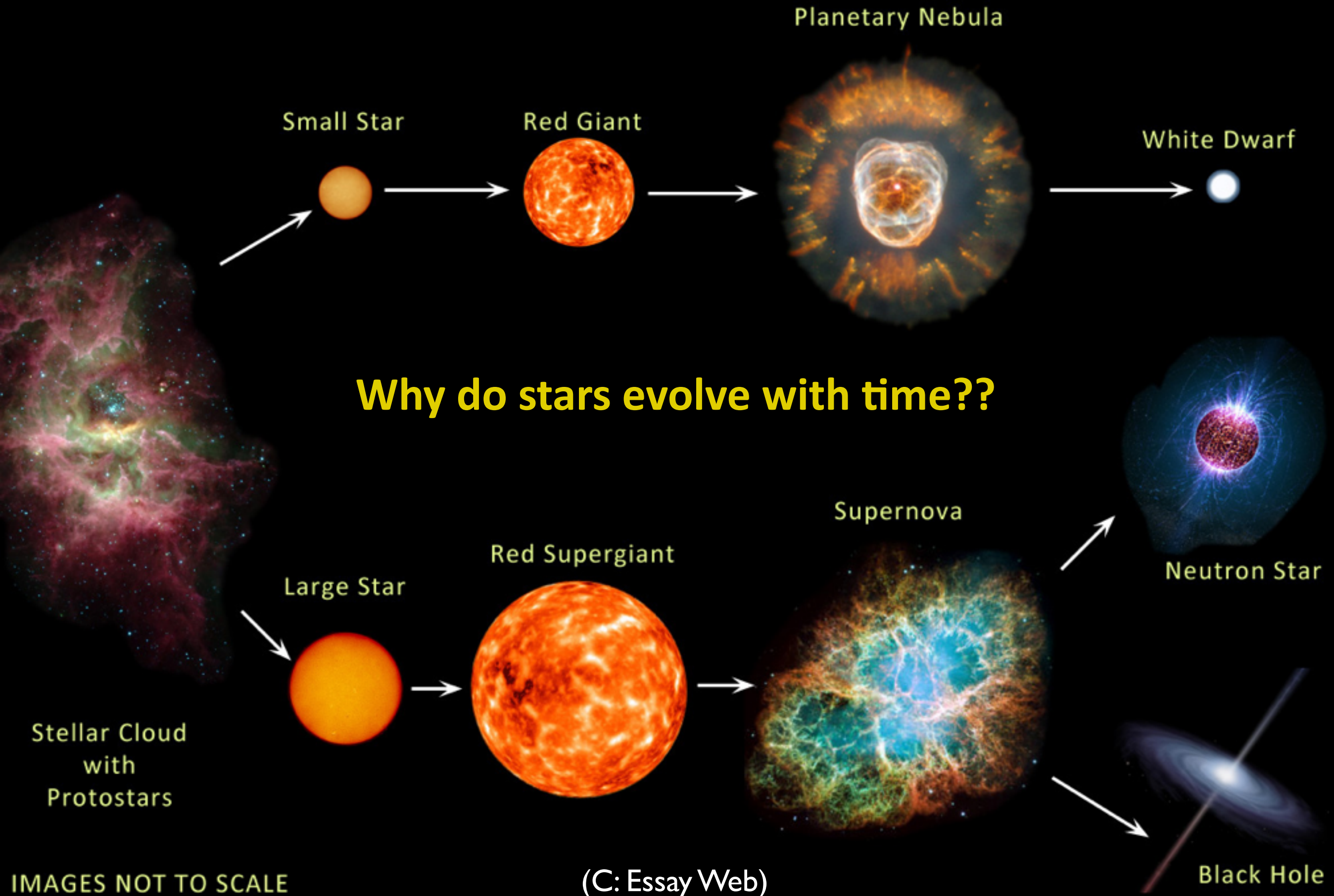


Change in nucleus  
= Production of new elements

Solar luminosity for  $10^{10}$  yr  
Really??



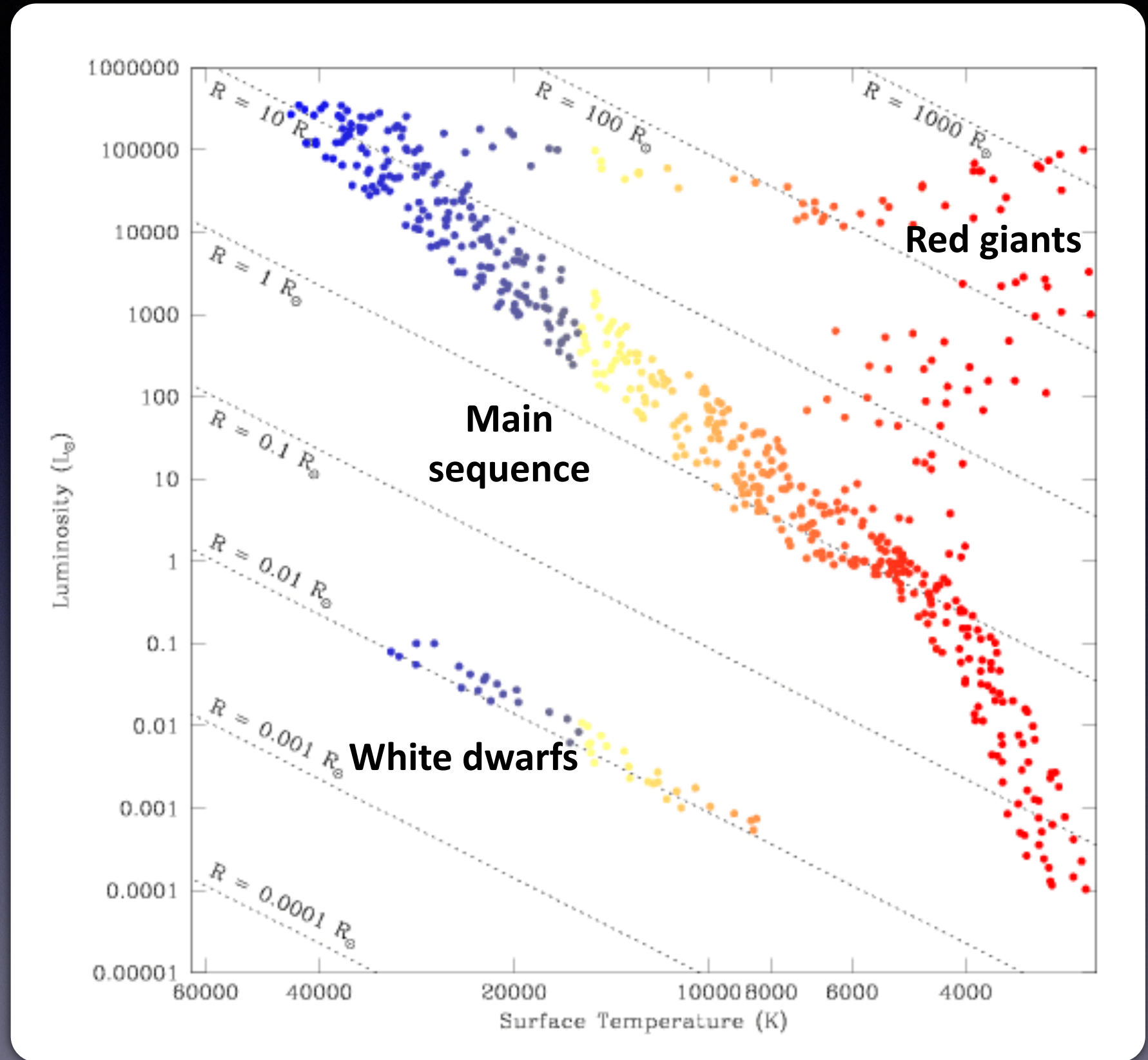
# Stellar life





# Hertzsprung-Russel diagram

Luminosity

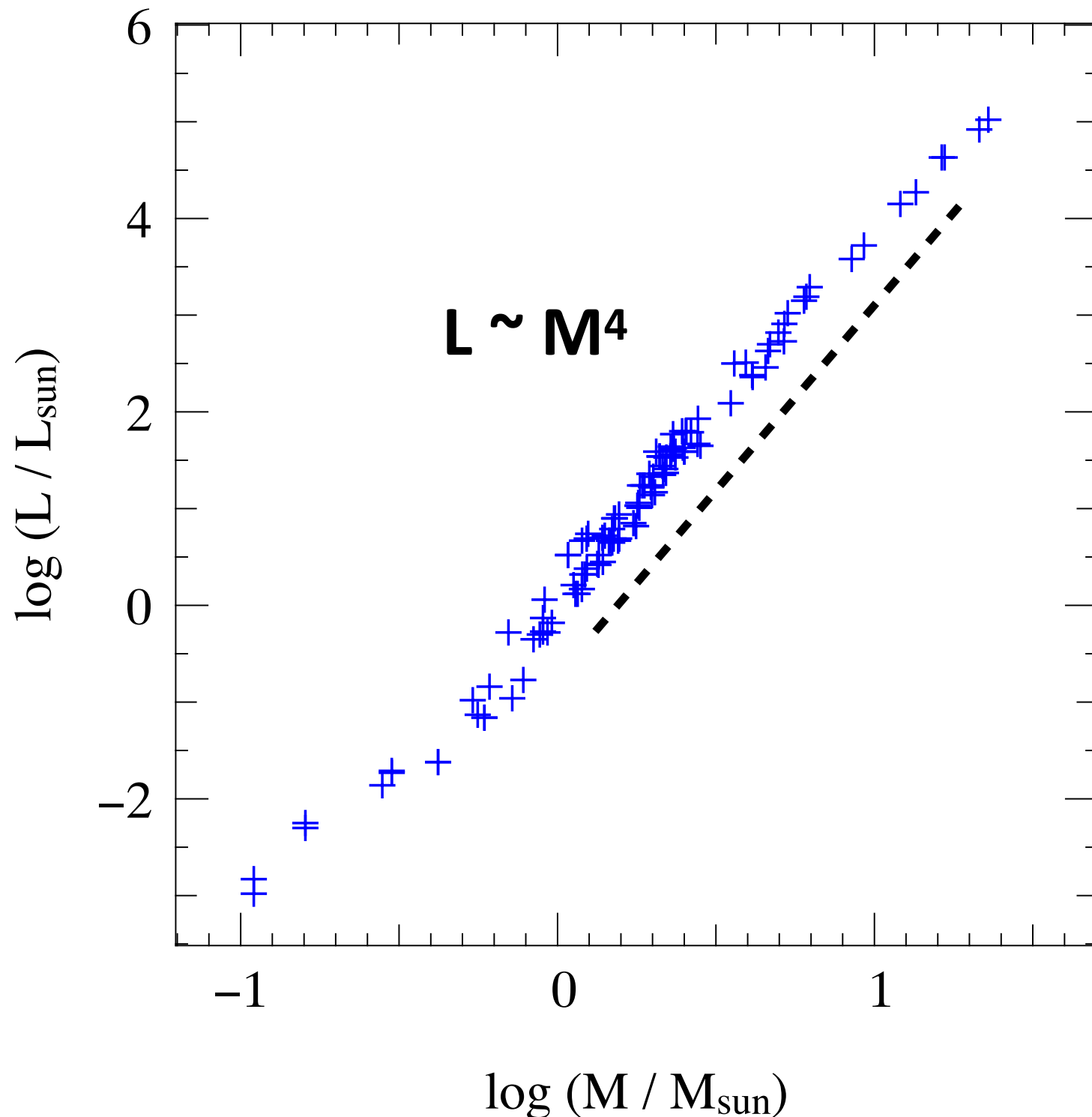


Temperature (K)





# 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

Why??



# Applications to galaxy studies

## Spiral galaxy

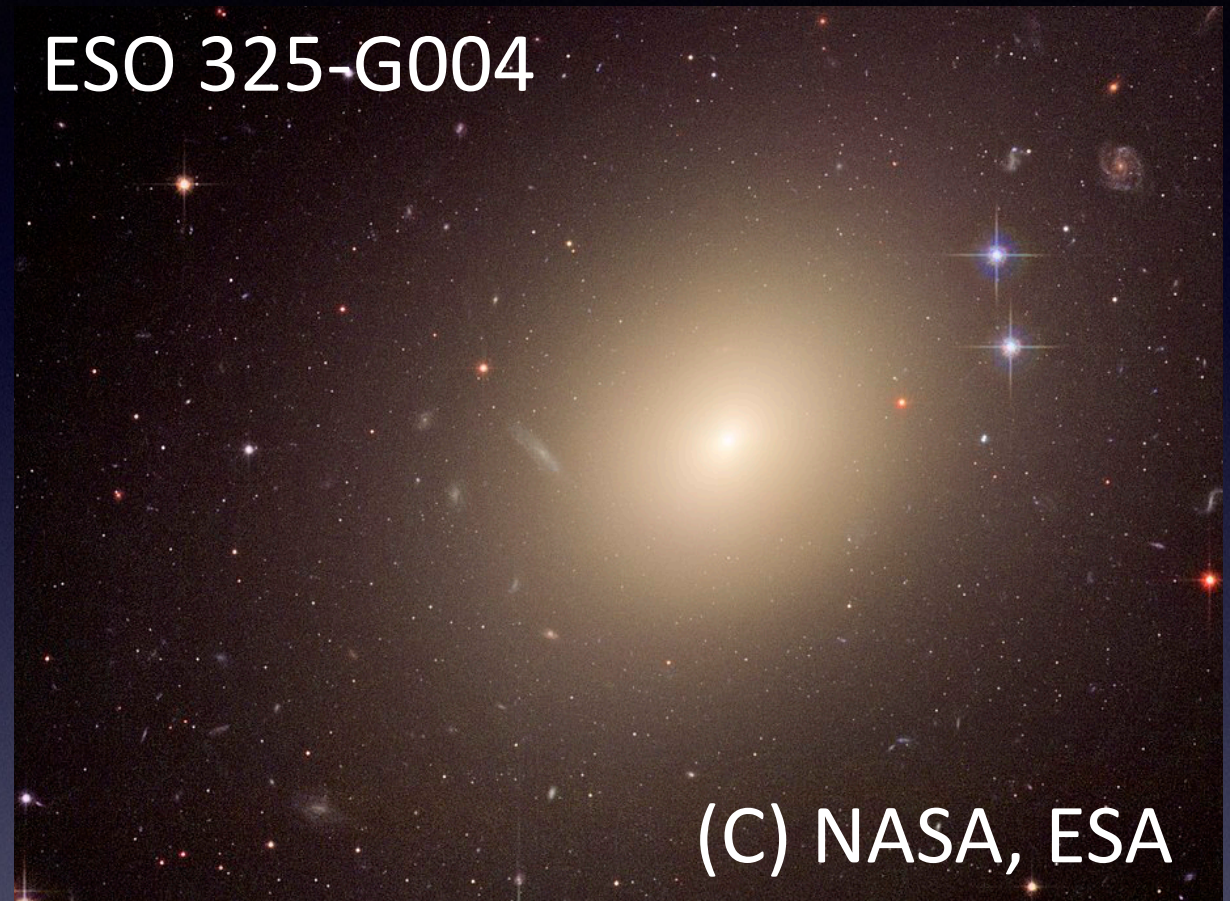
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- Star forming
- More "young" stars
- More massive stars
- Blue (high T radiation)

## Elliptical galaxy

ESO 325-G004



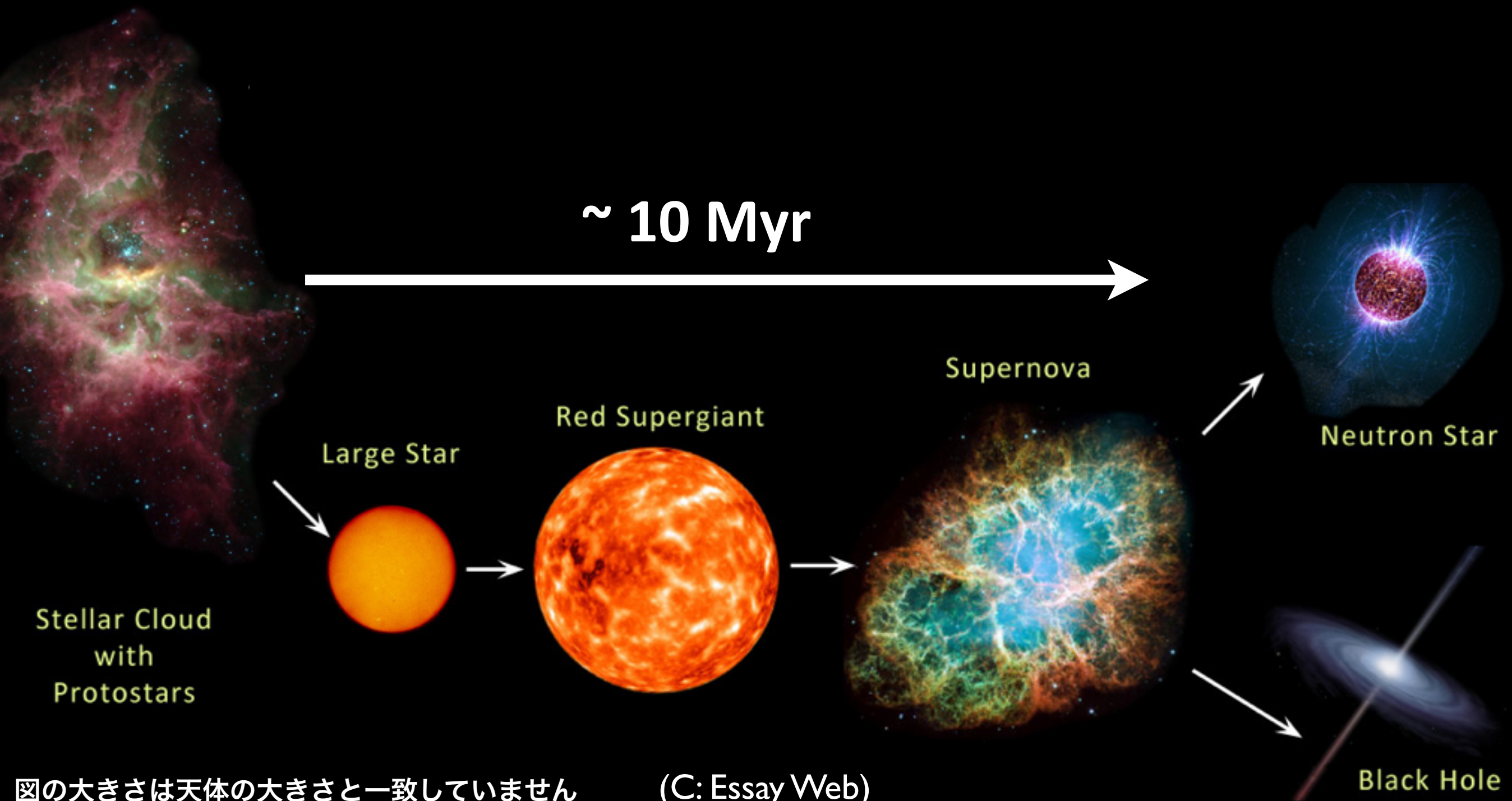
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- No star formation
- Old stars
- Less massive stars
- Red (low T radiation)



# 1. Massive stars

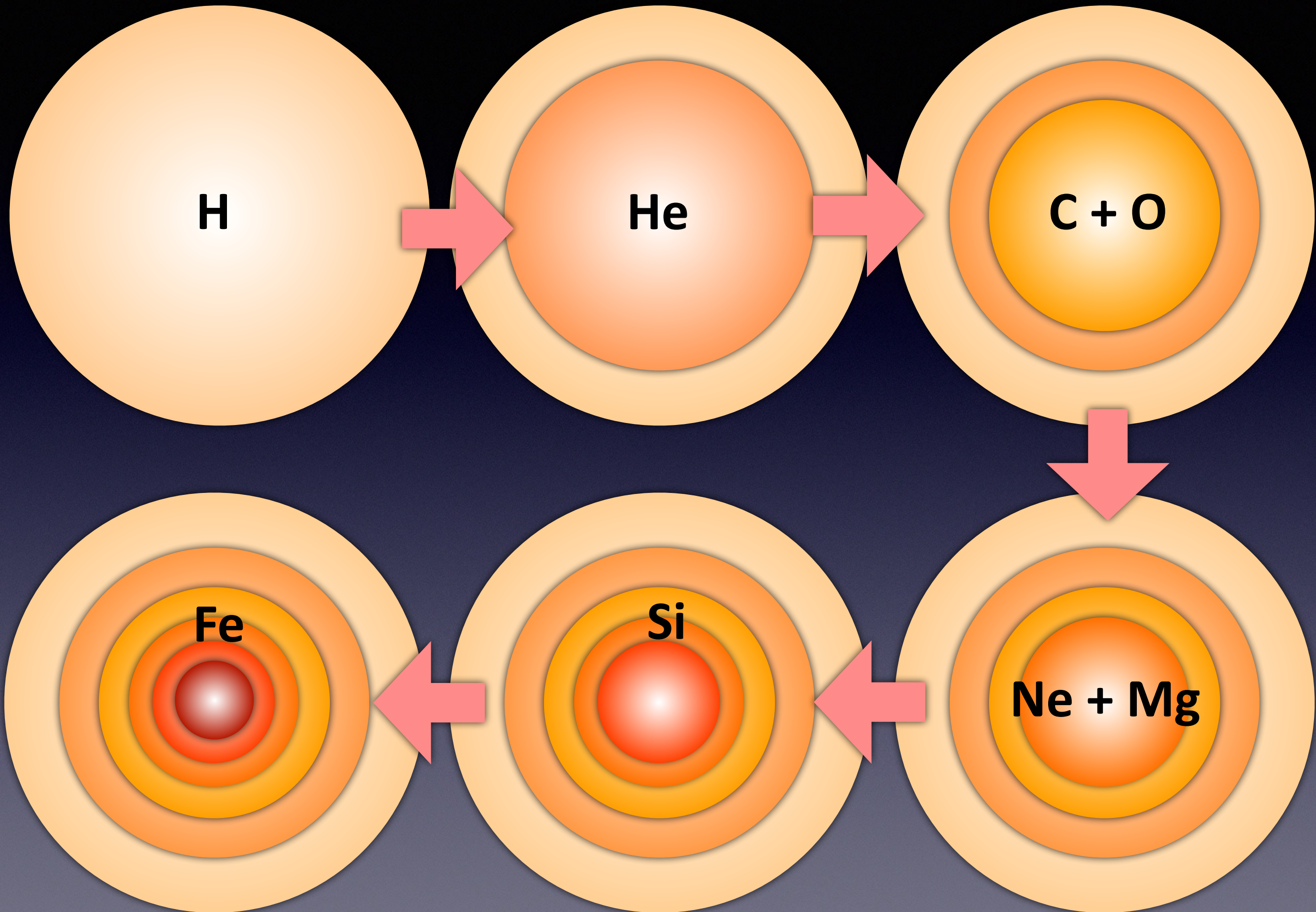
$M > 10 M_{\text{sun}}$



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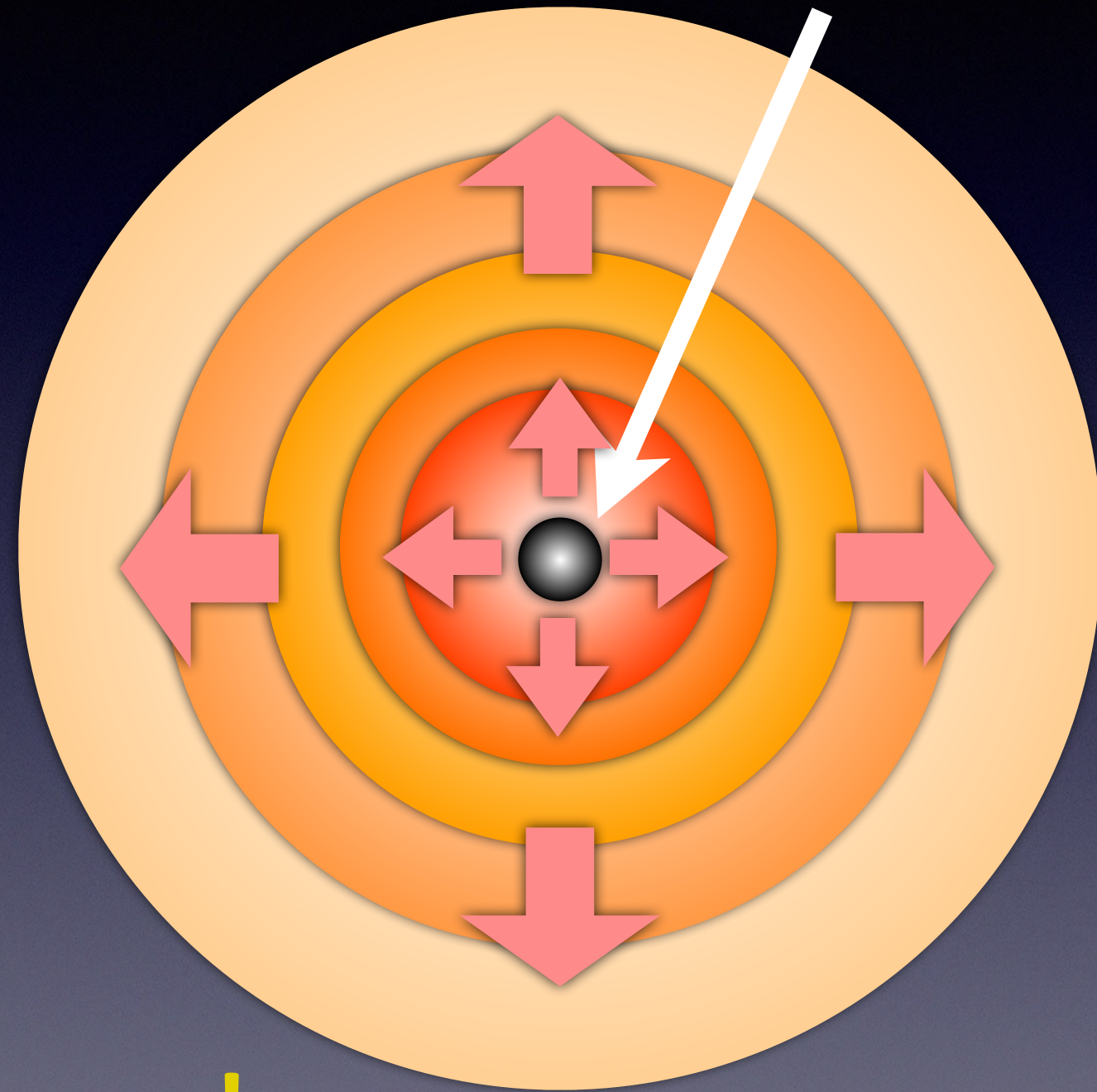
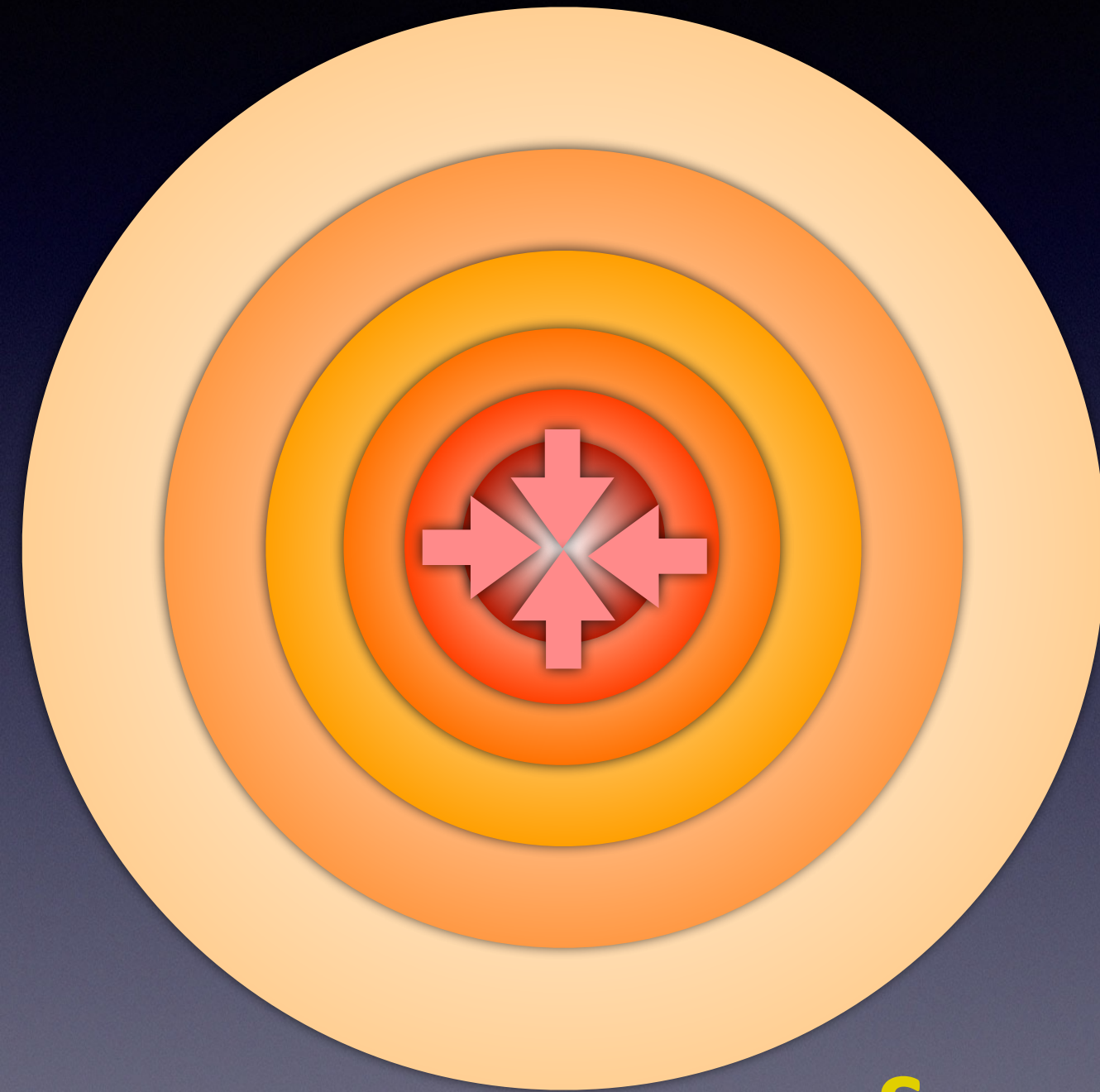


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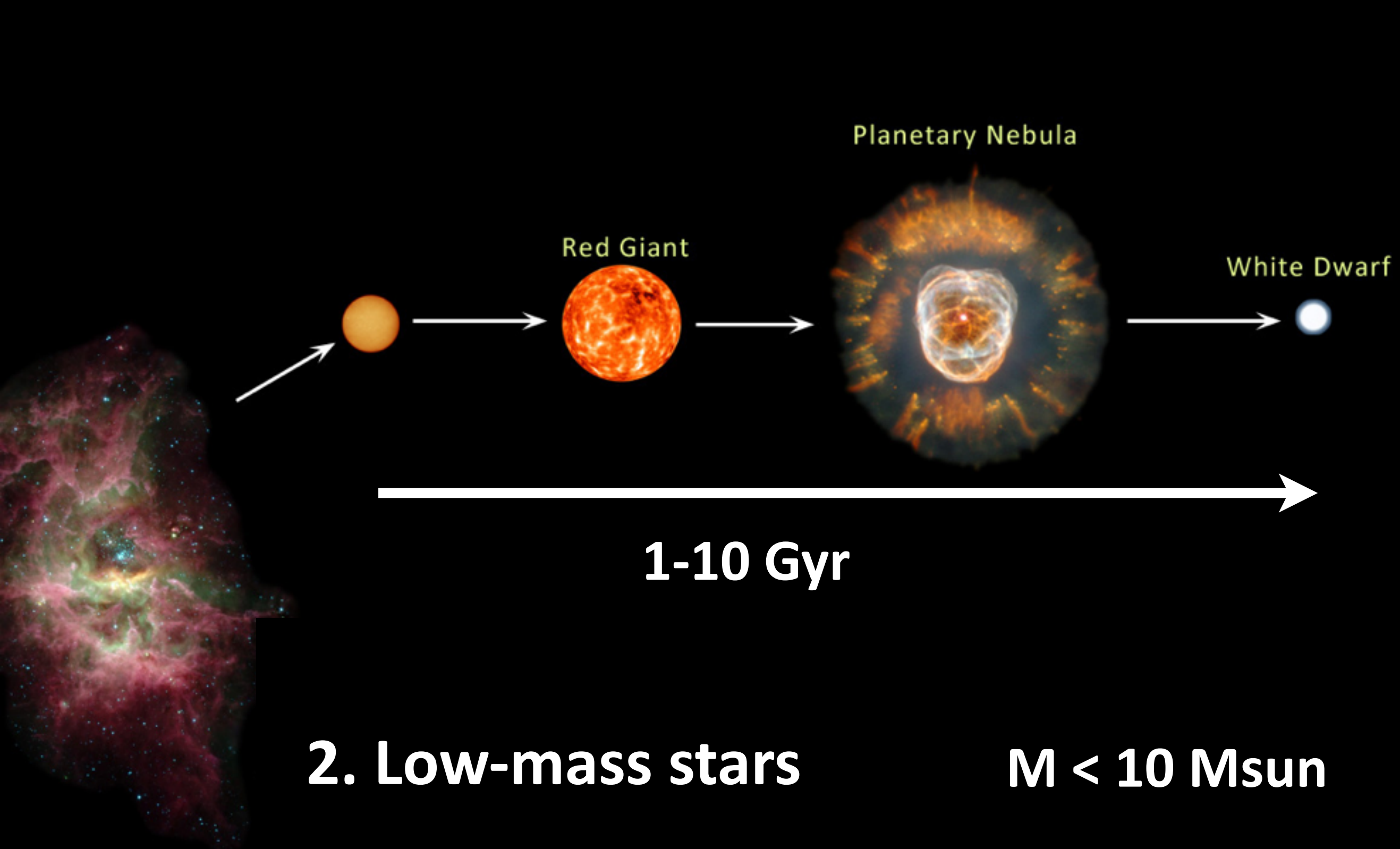
**Neutron star  
or  
Black hole**



**Supernova!**

**Why?? How is this possible?**

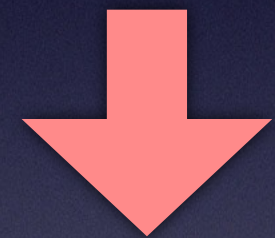
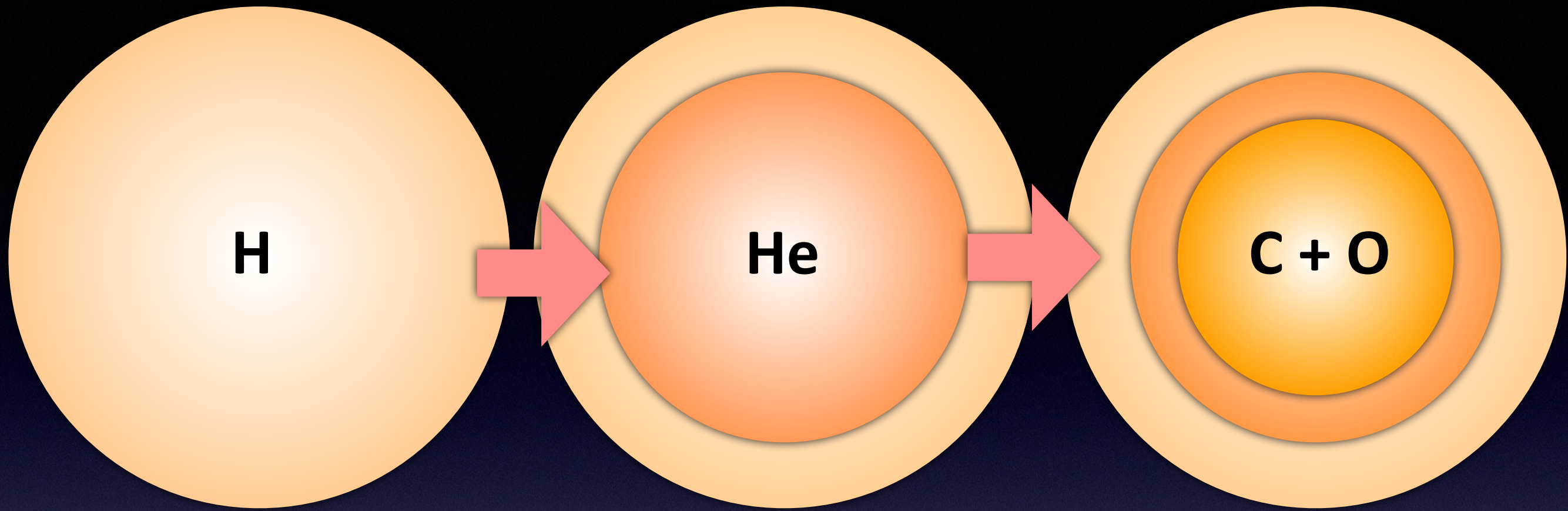




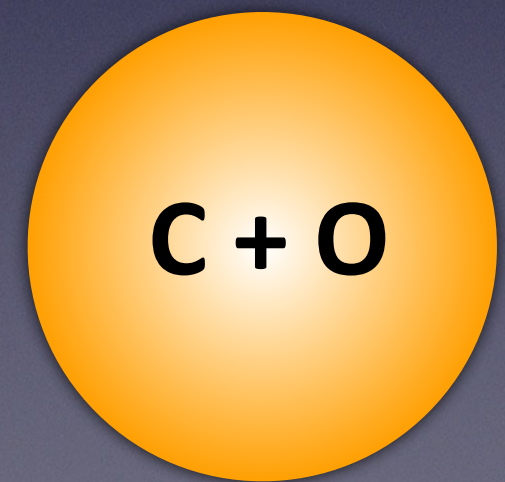
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**White dwarf**



**Why??**

**Low mass stars cannot make Fe?**



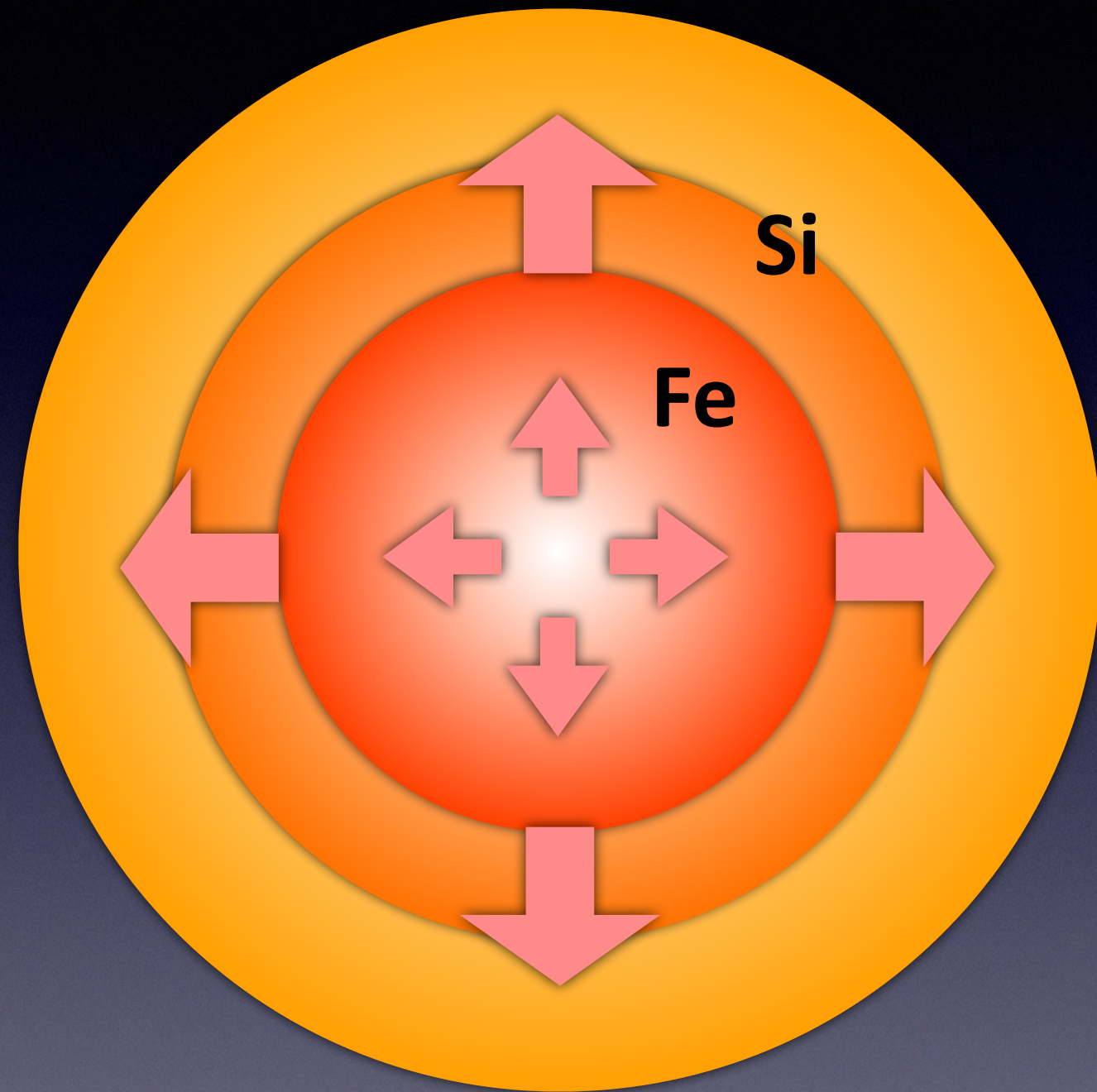
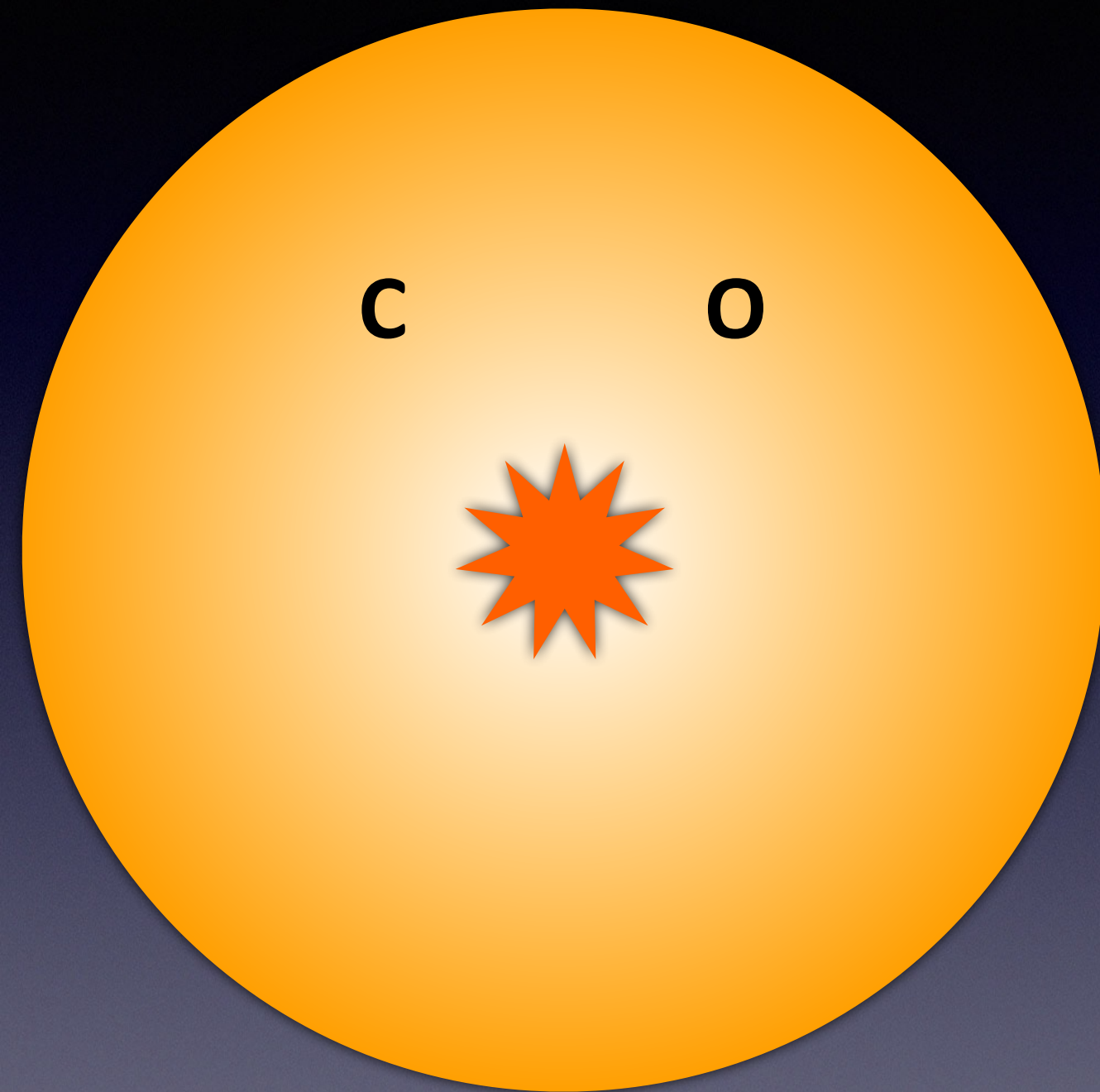
# Binary system

**White dwarf**

Hardy



# Thermonuclear explosion

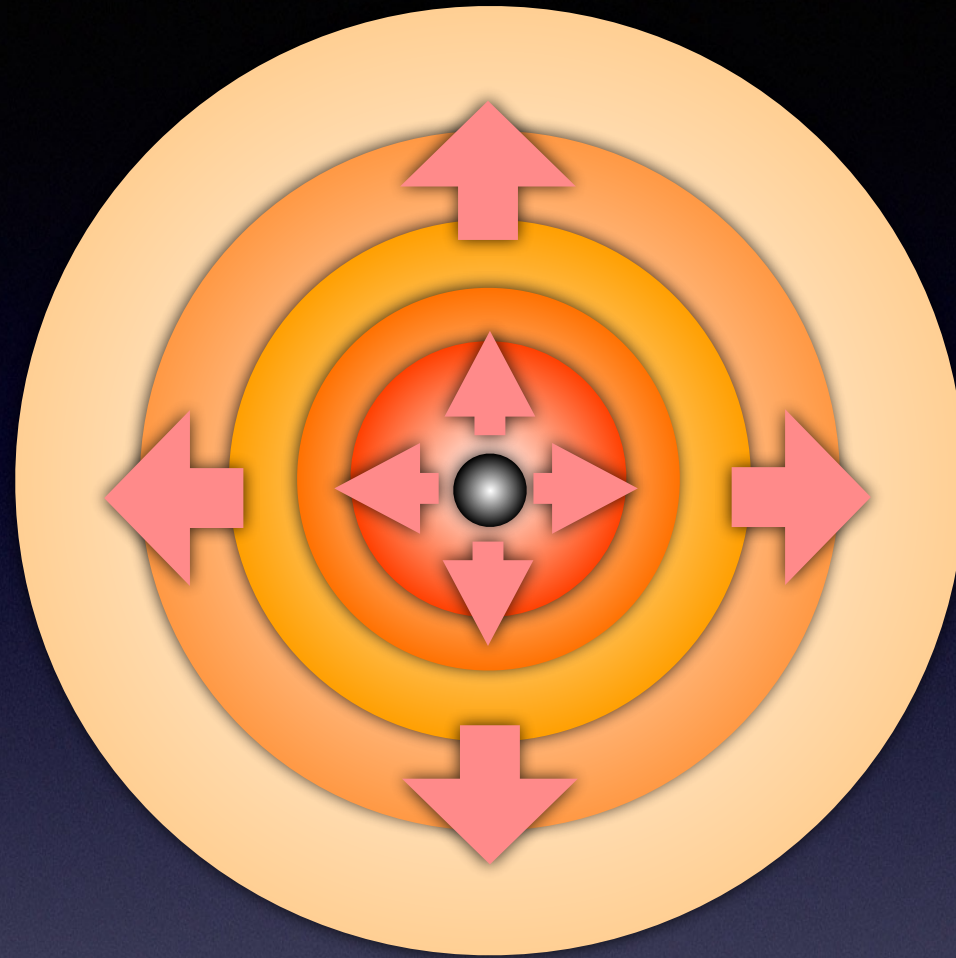


**Supernova!**

**Why?? Normal stars do not explode with nuclear burning!**



## Core-collapse SNe



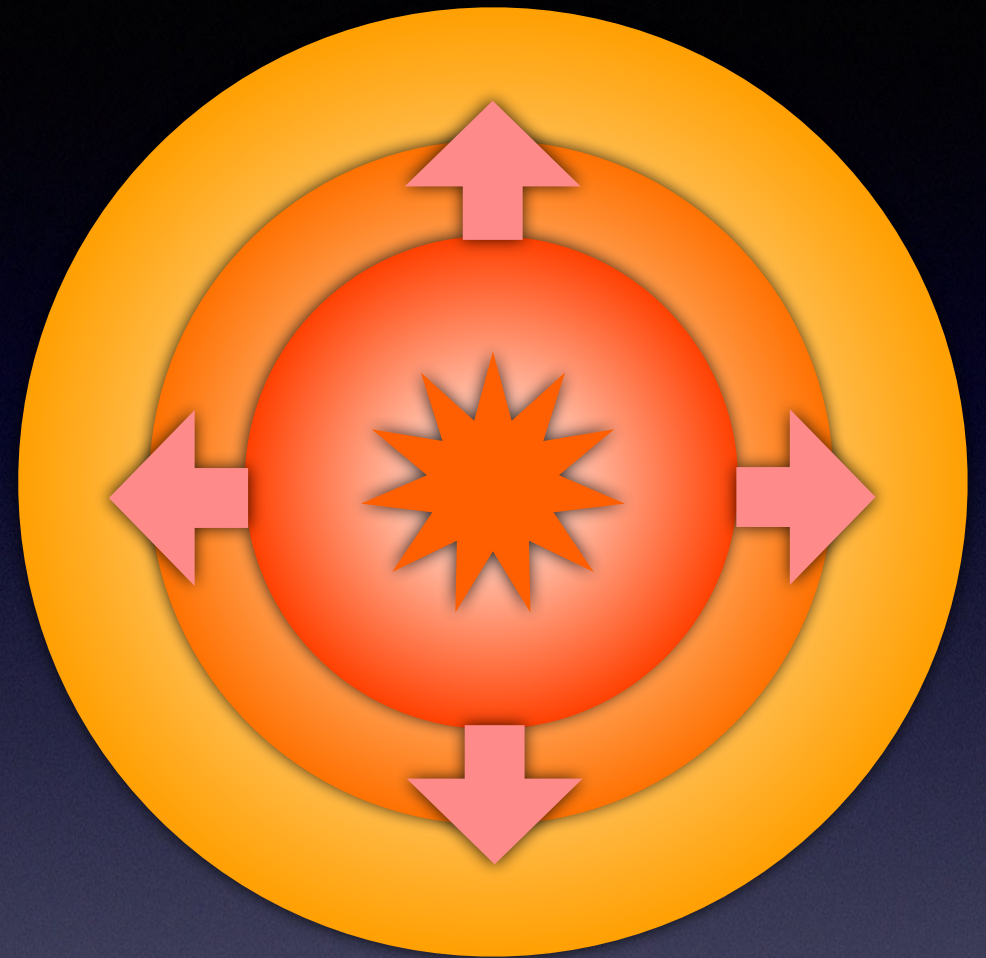
Progenitor

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

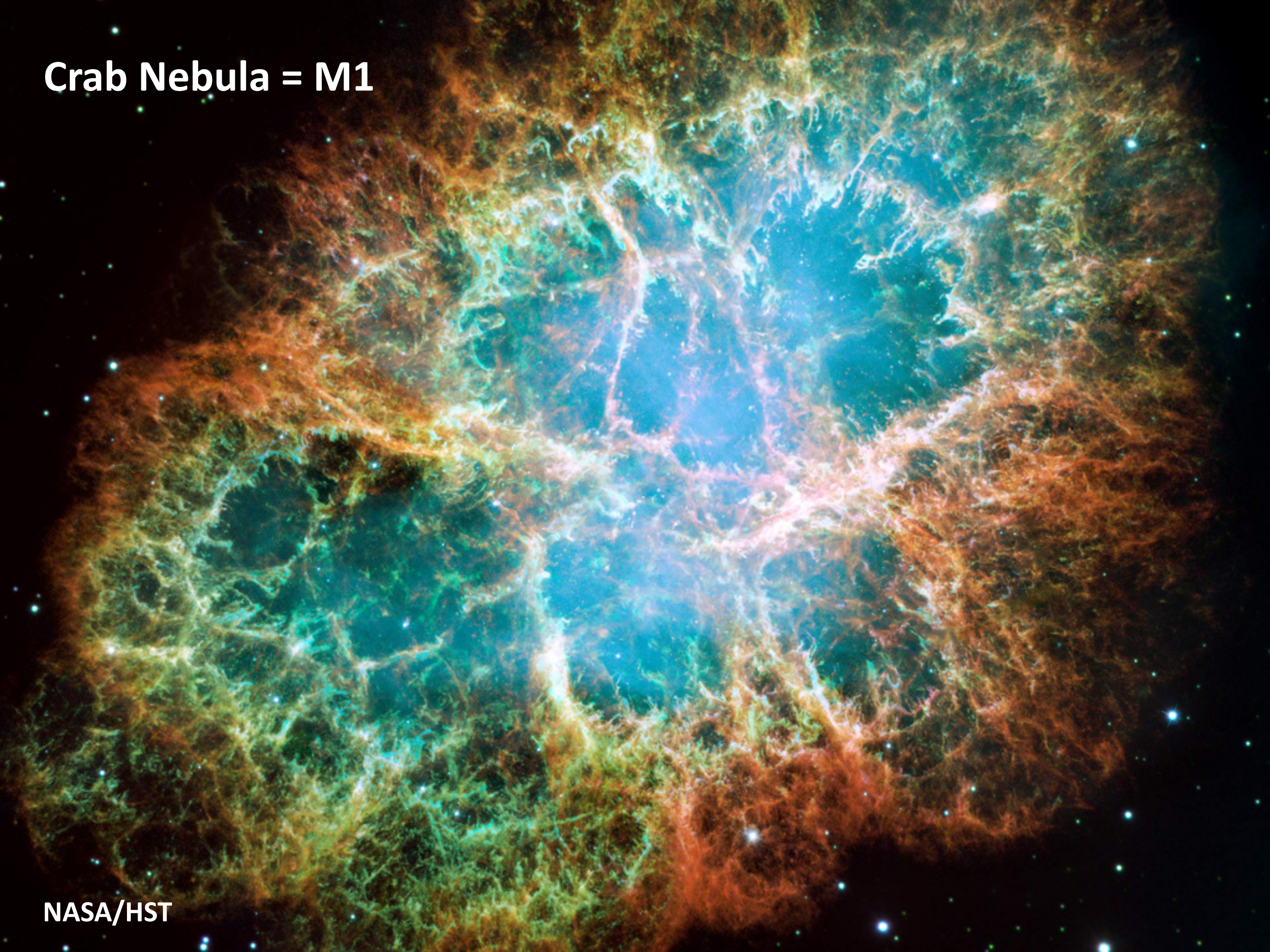


# The origin of elements

<b>Big bang</b>																																															
1 H																	2 He																														
3 Li	4 Be															5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne																										
<b>Stars and supernovae</b>																																															
11 Na	12 Mg															13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar																										
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr																														
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**Crab Nebula = M1**



**NASA/HST**





1572  
Tycho Brahe  
“Stella Nova”

1604  
Johannes Kepler



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

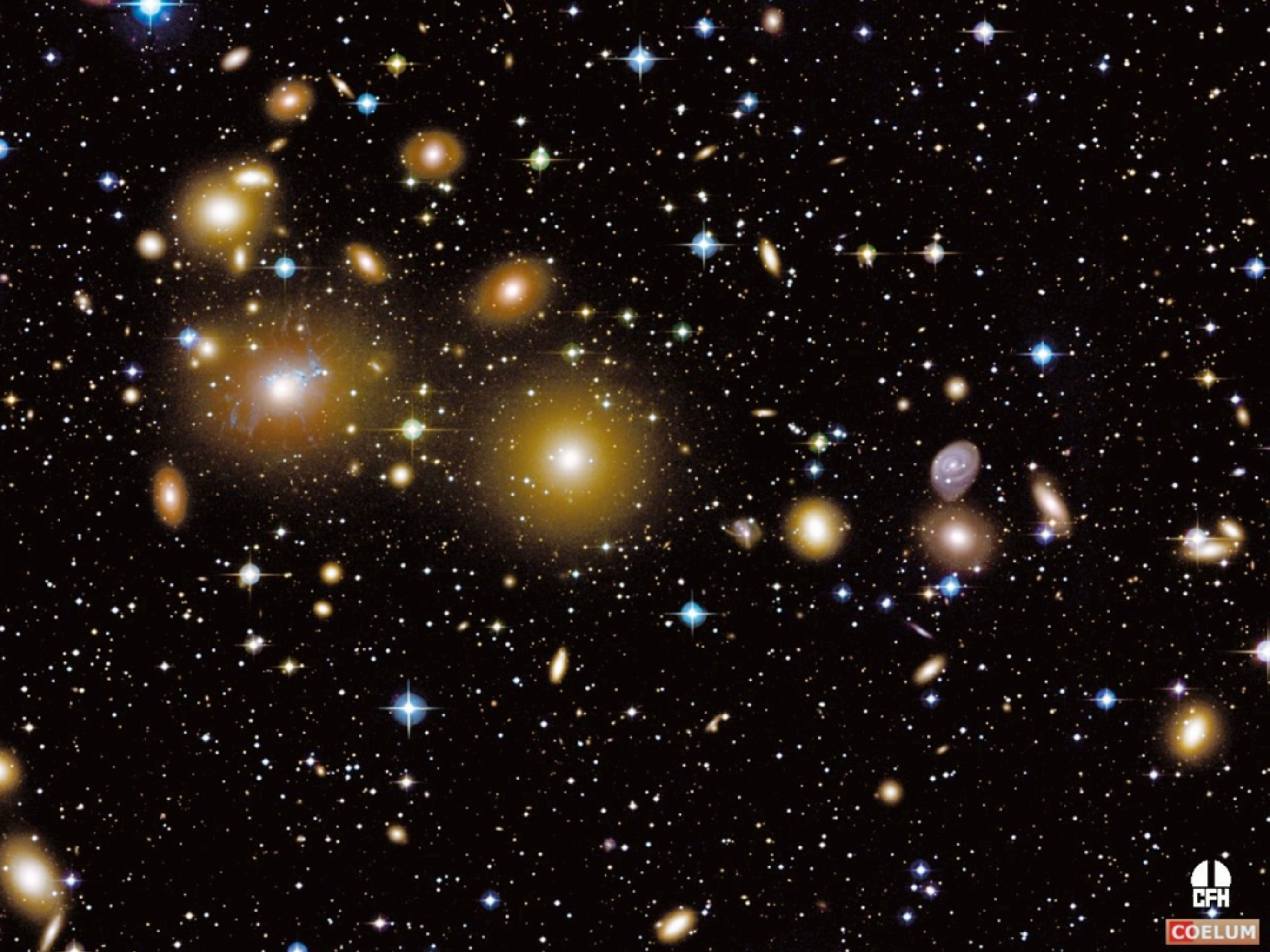


# Historical supernovae

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

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SN 2011dh —

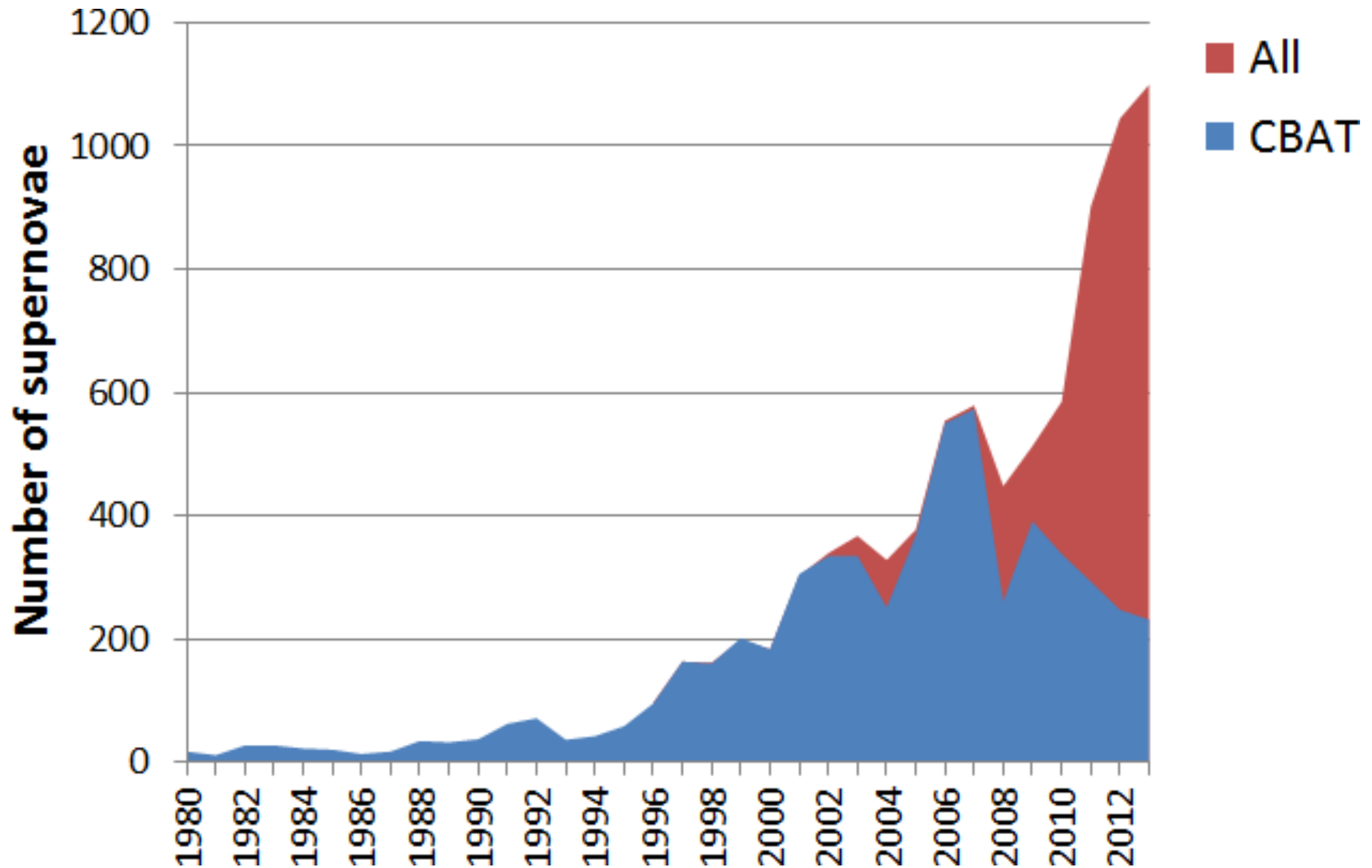




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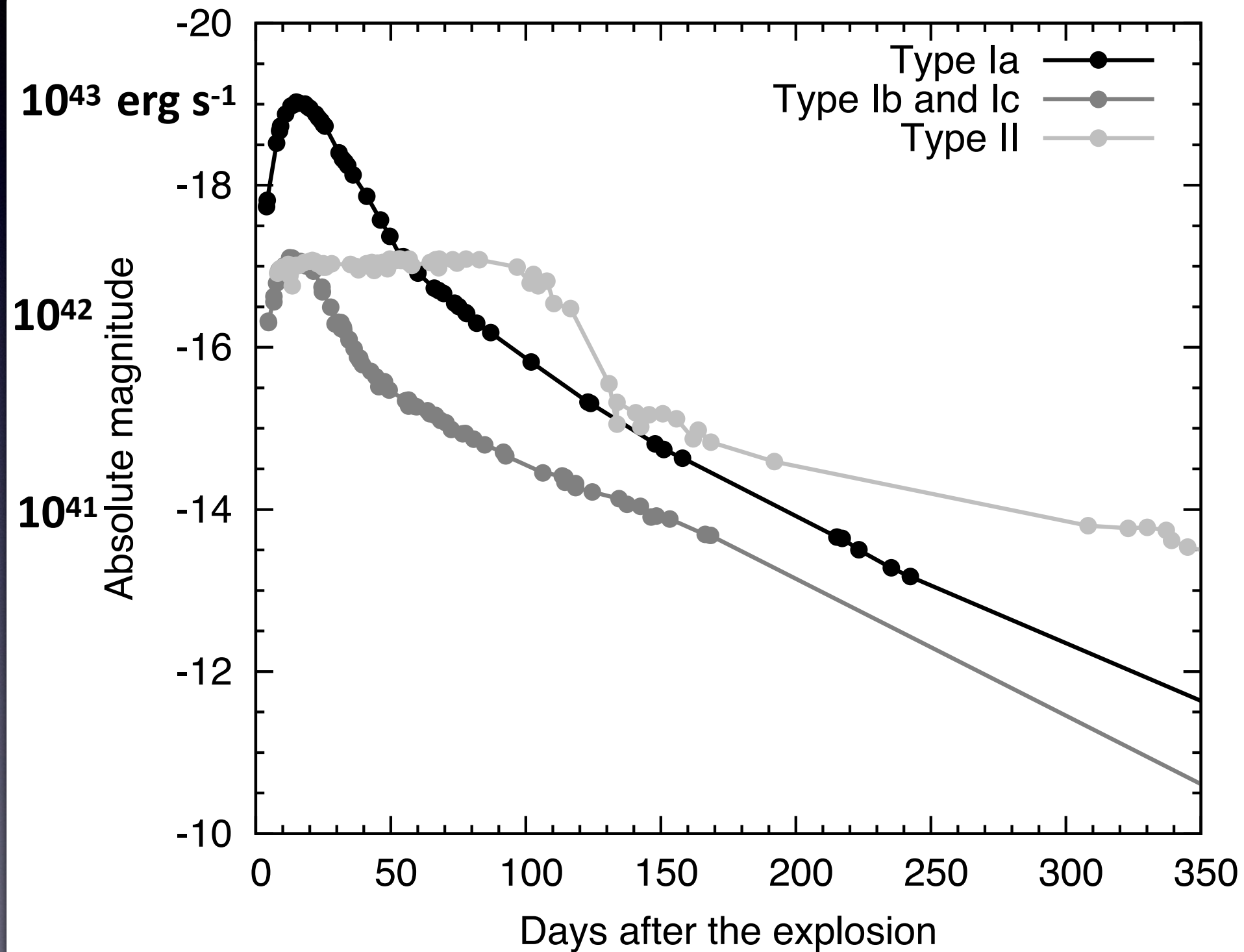


# History of SN discovery





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



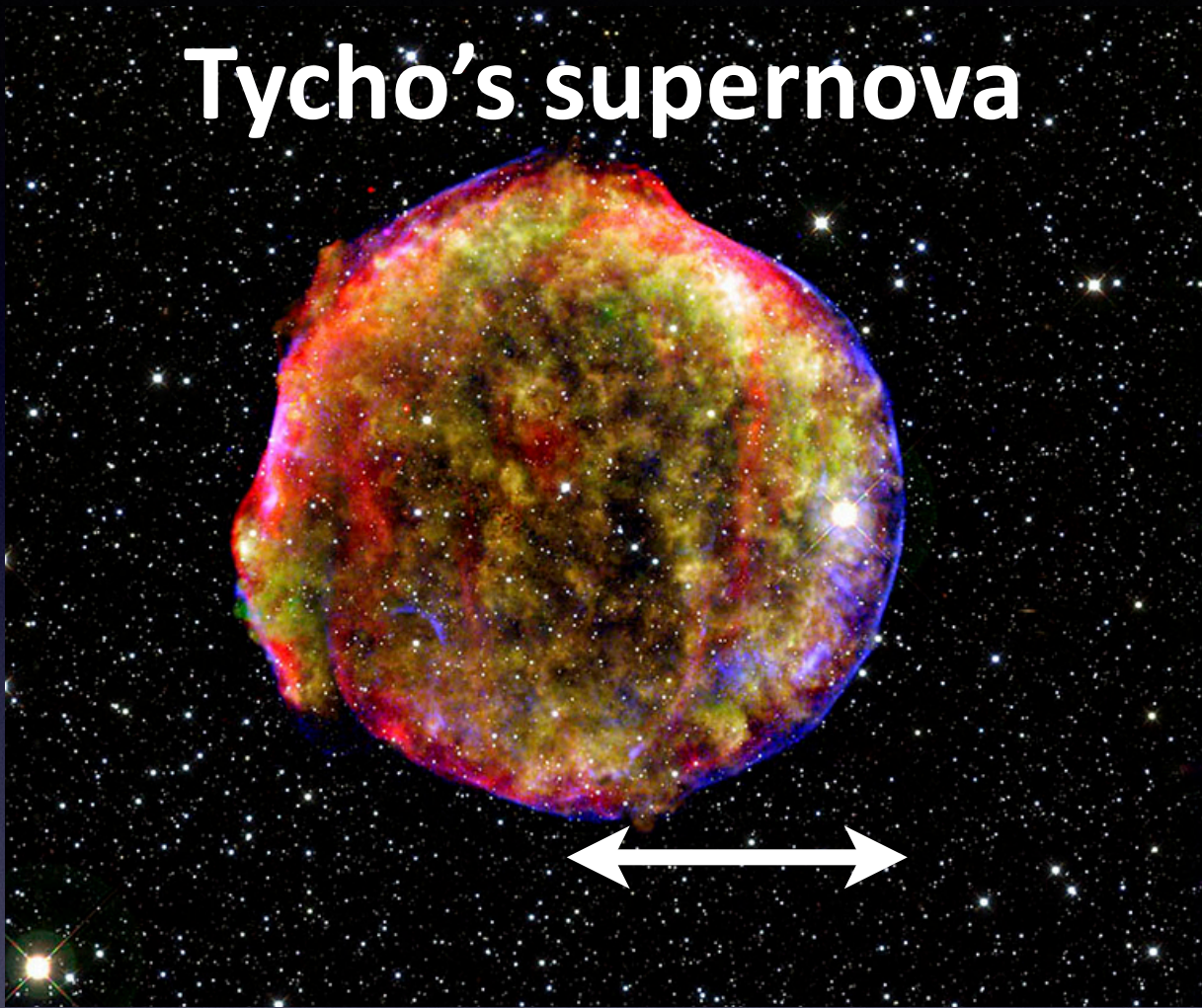
Why so  
luminous??





# 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?

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{kin}} &= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{Mass} \times (\text{Velocity})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times (2 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}) \times (10^9 \text{ cm/s})^2 \\ &\sim 10^{51} \text{ erg} \end{aligned}$$

Where does this huge energy come from?



## **Section 1.**

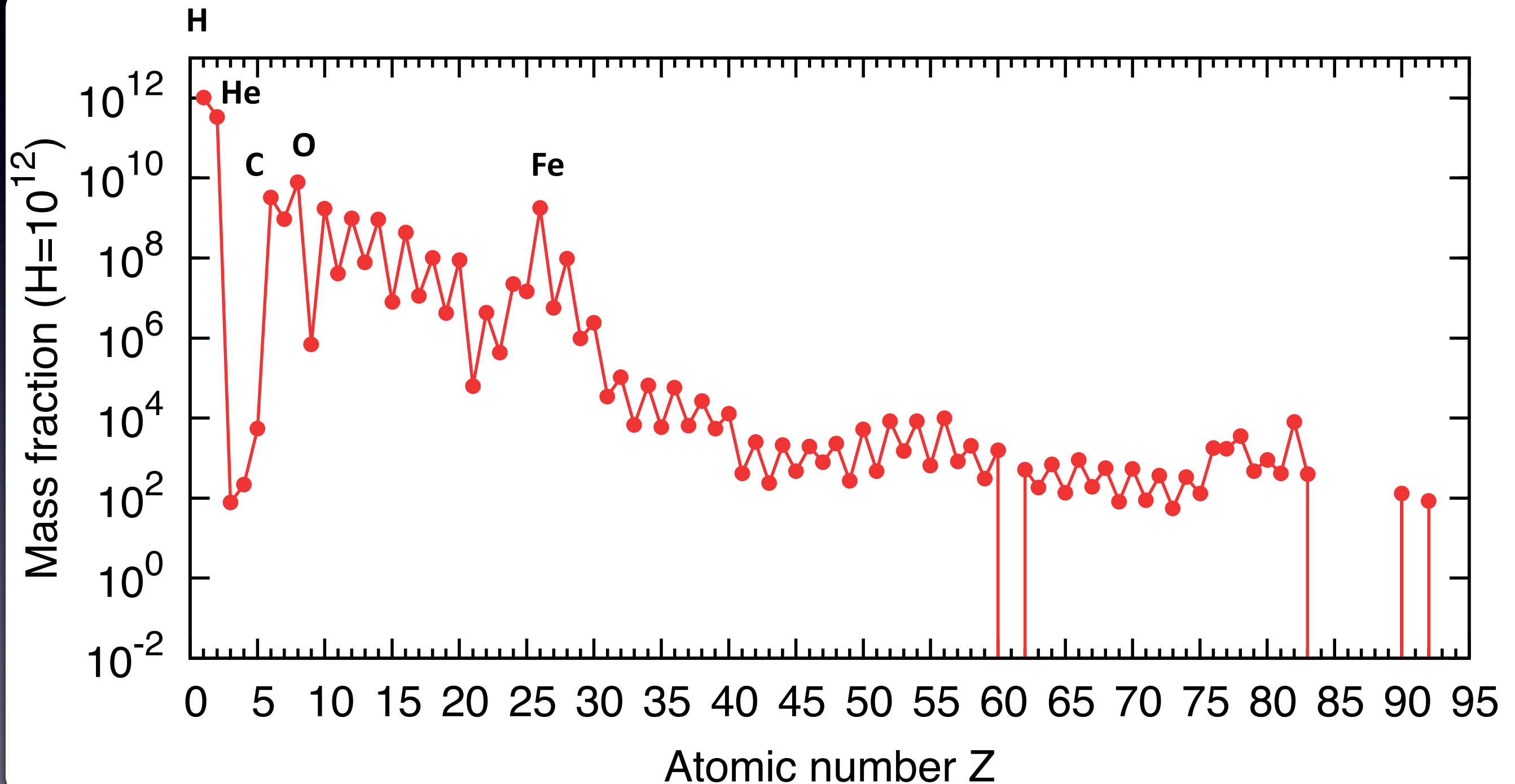
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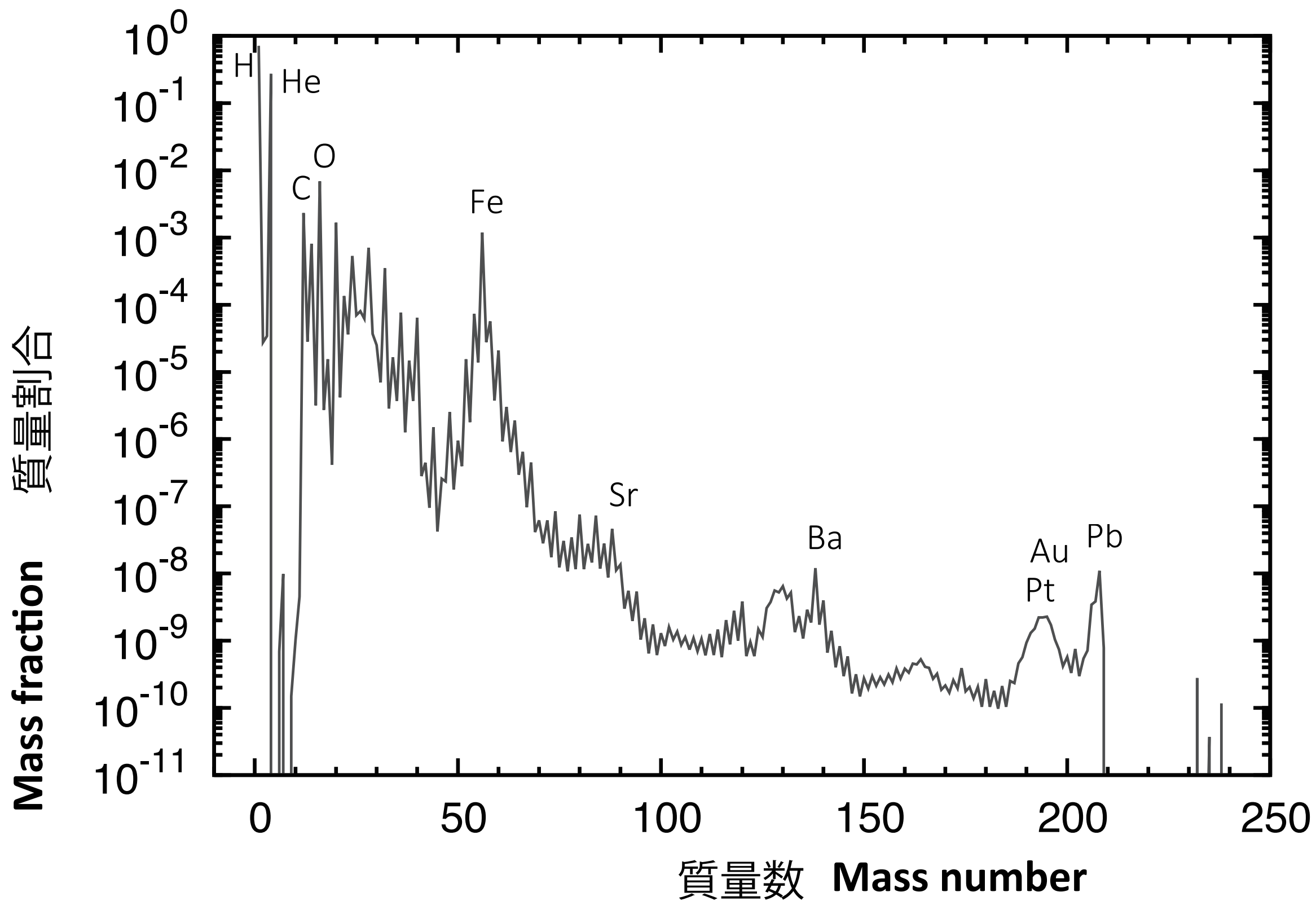
# Cosmic abundances (atomic number)



\*Mass ratio



# Cosmic abundance (mass number)



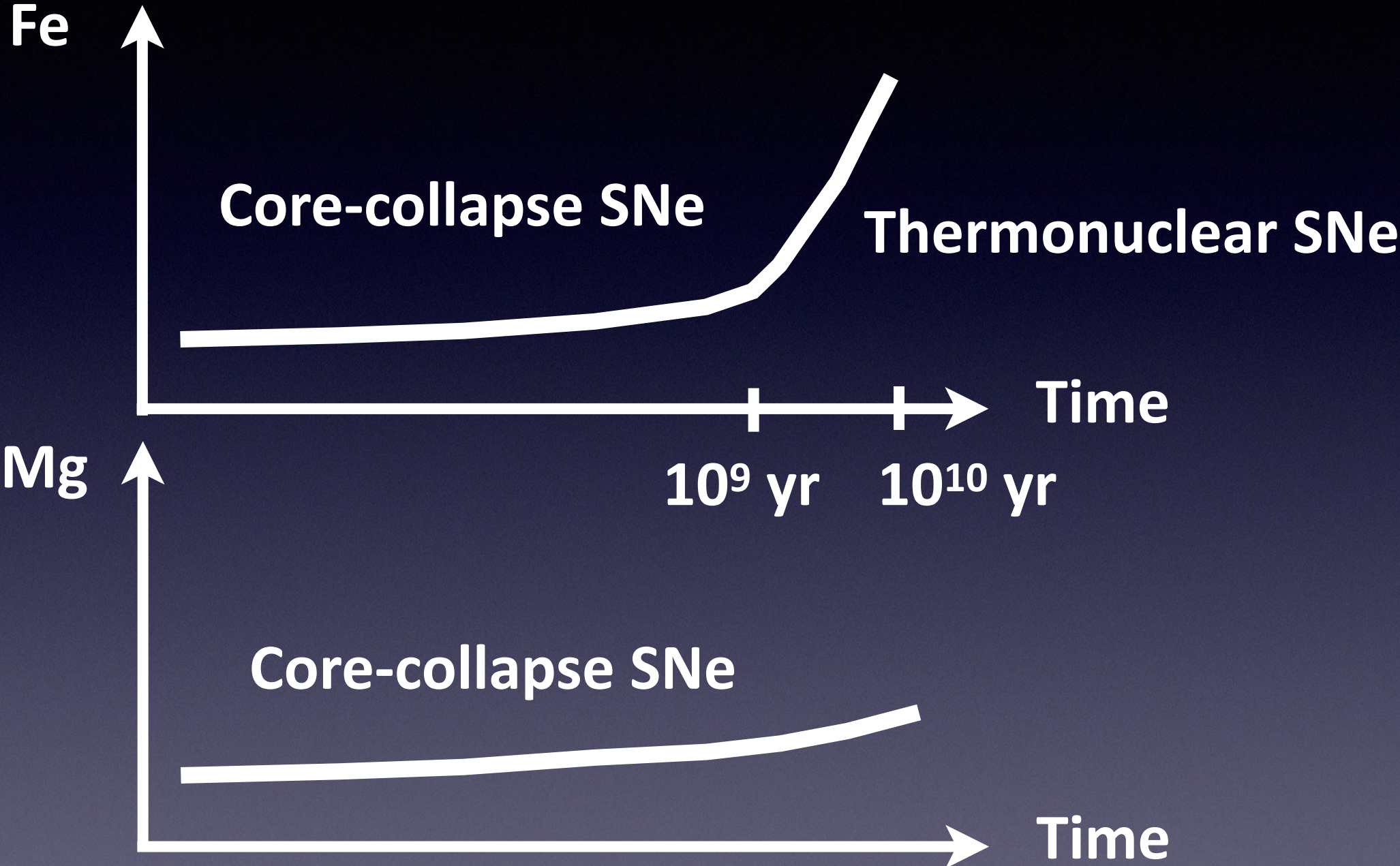




**Our understanding about the  
nucleosynthesis is correct??**



# Chemical evolution of the Universe

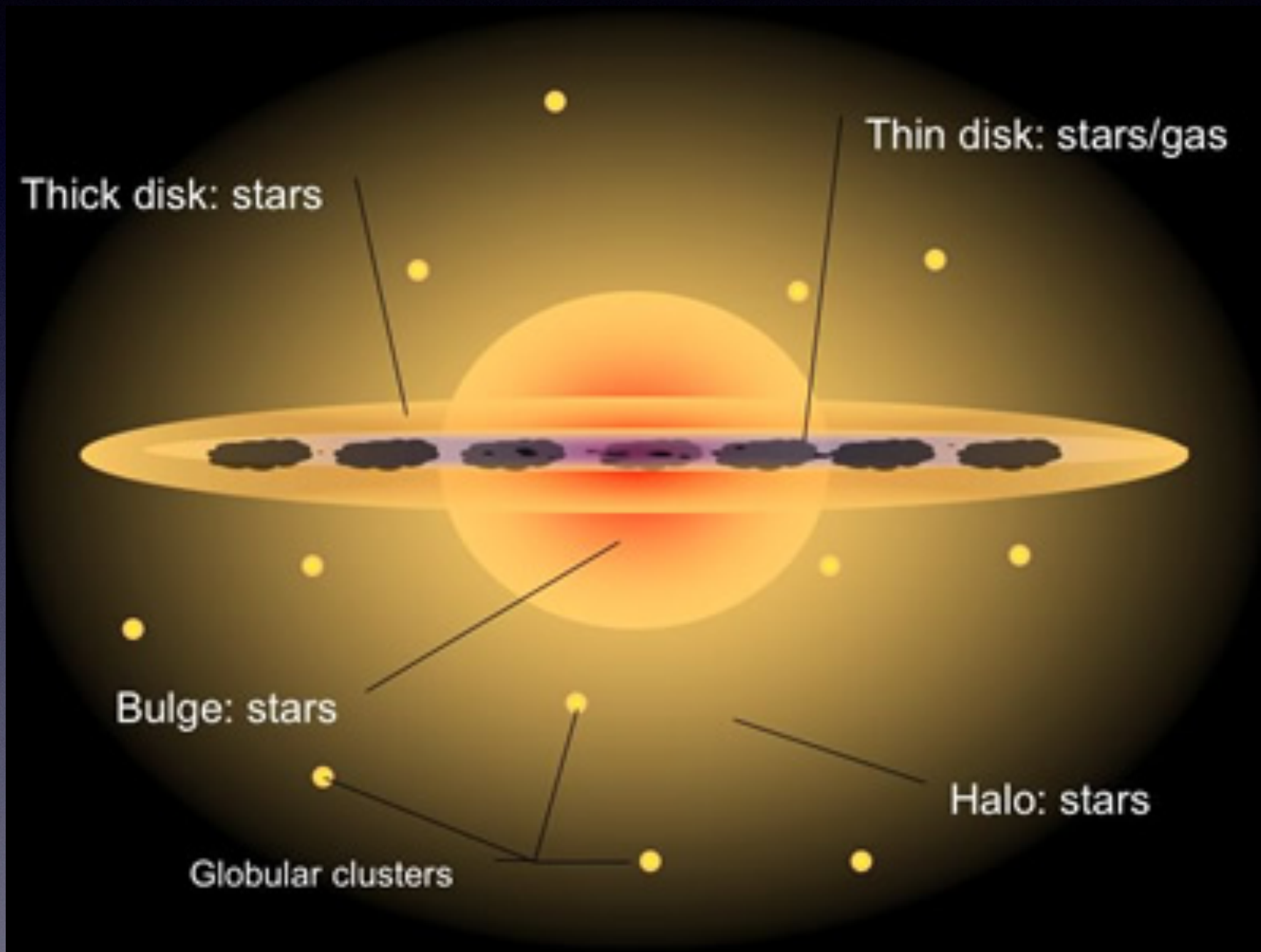


Stars formed recently should have low Mg/Fe ratios



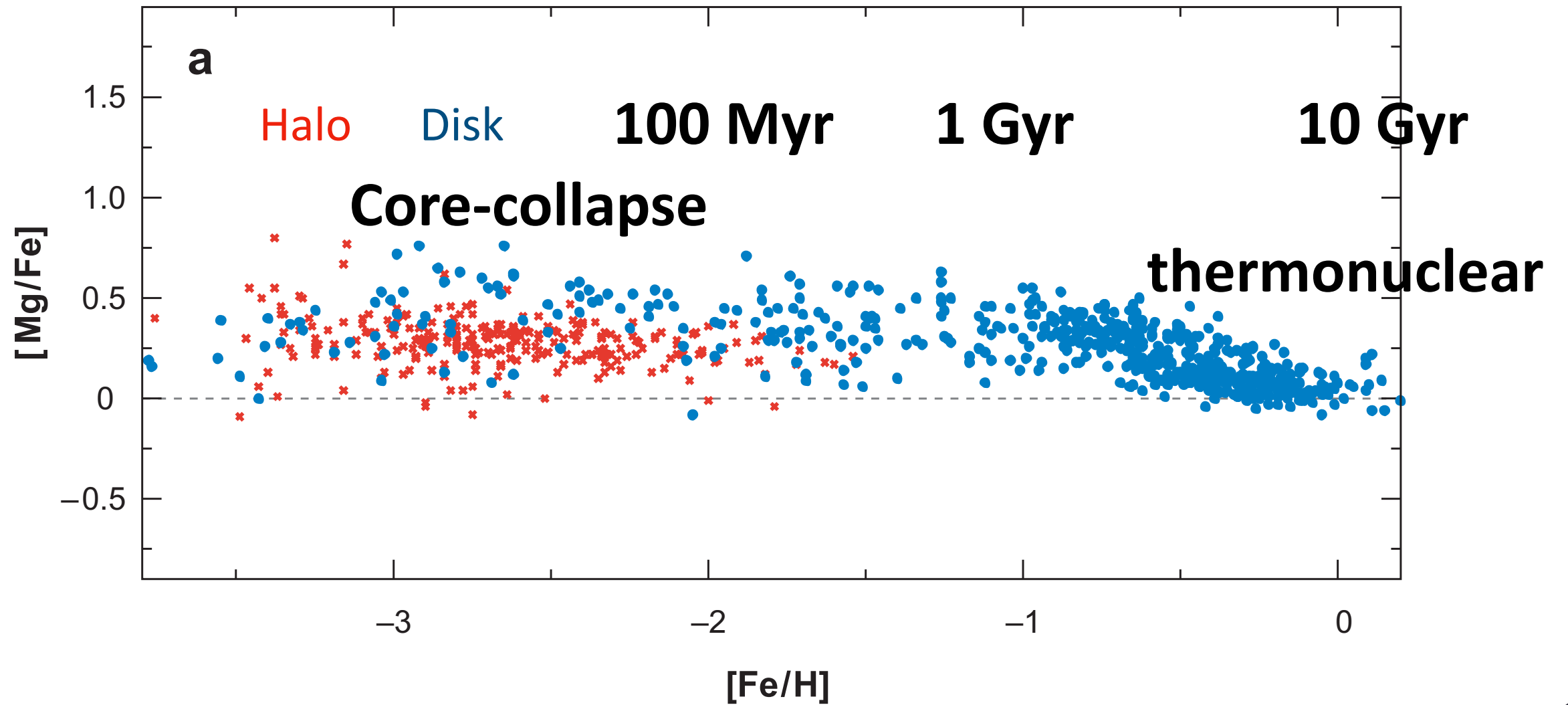
# Our Galaxy

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)  $\Rightarrow$  Feedback to galaxy formation
- **Stellar nucleosynthesis is imprinted in Galactic stars**



# Let's **understand** these questions with the words of physics

**Knowing ≠ Understanding**

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



# 3 steps of learning

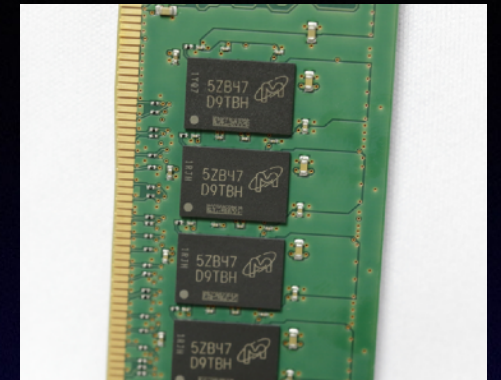
## 1. Know

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**