

STARS - S08

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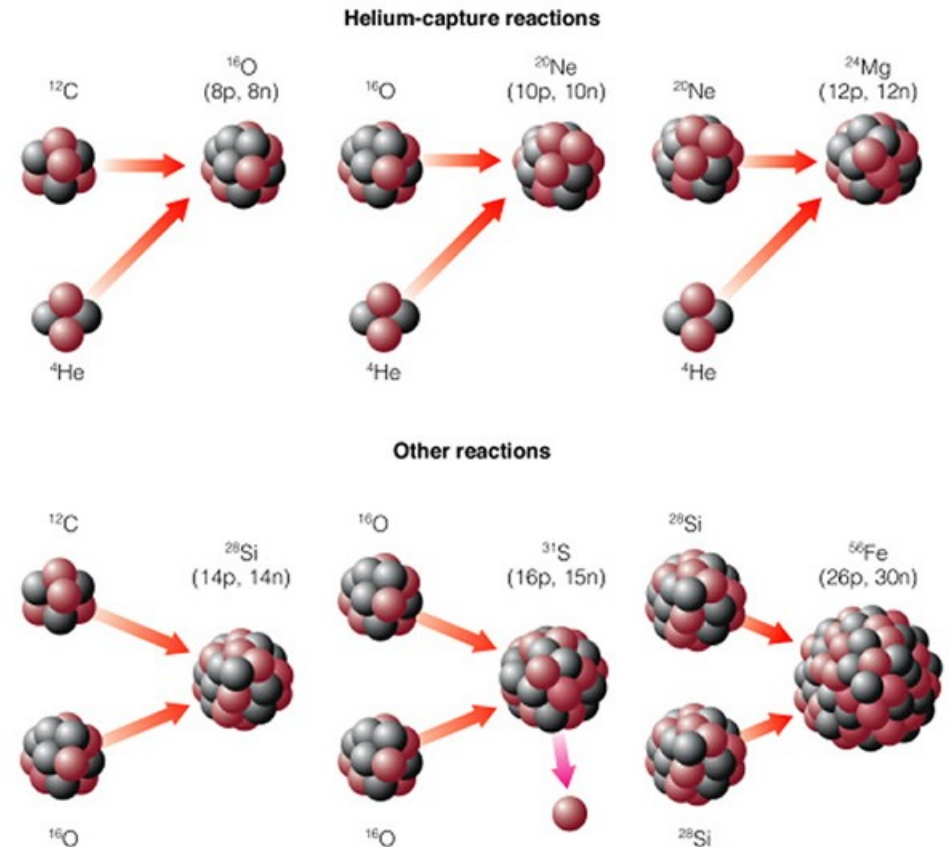
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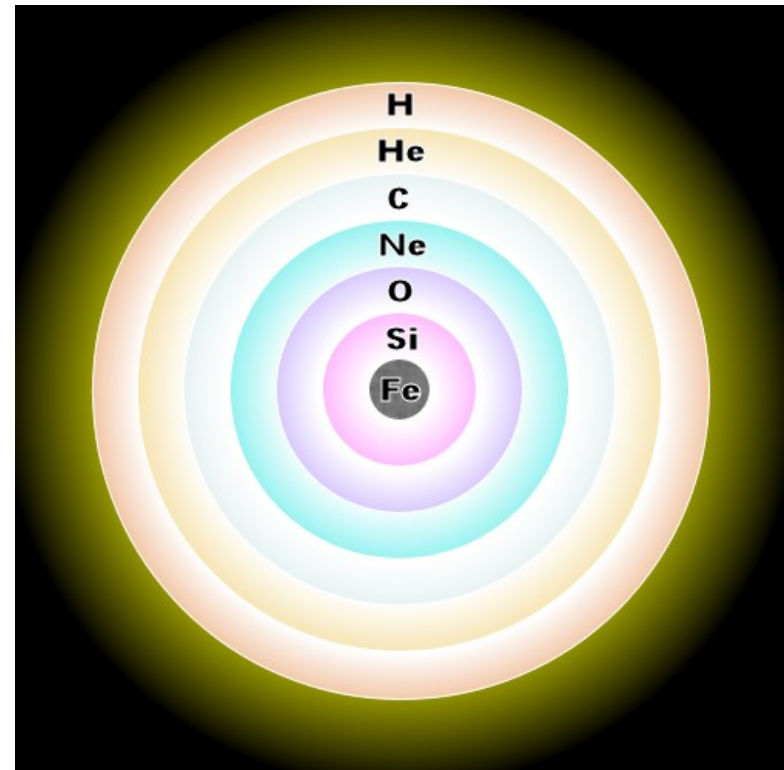
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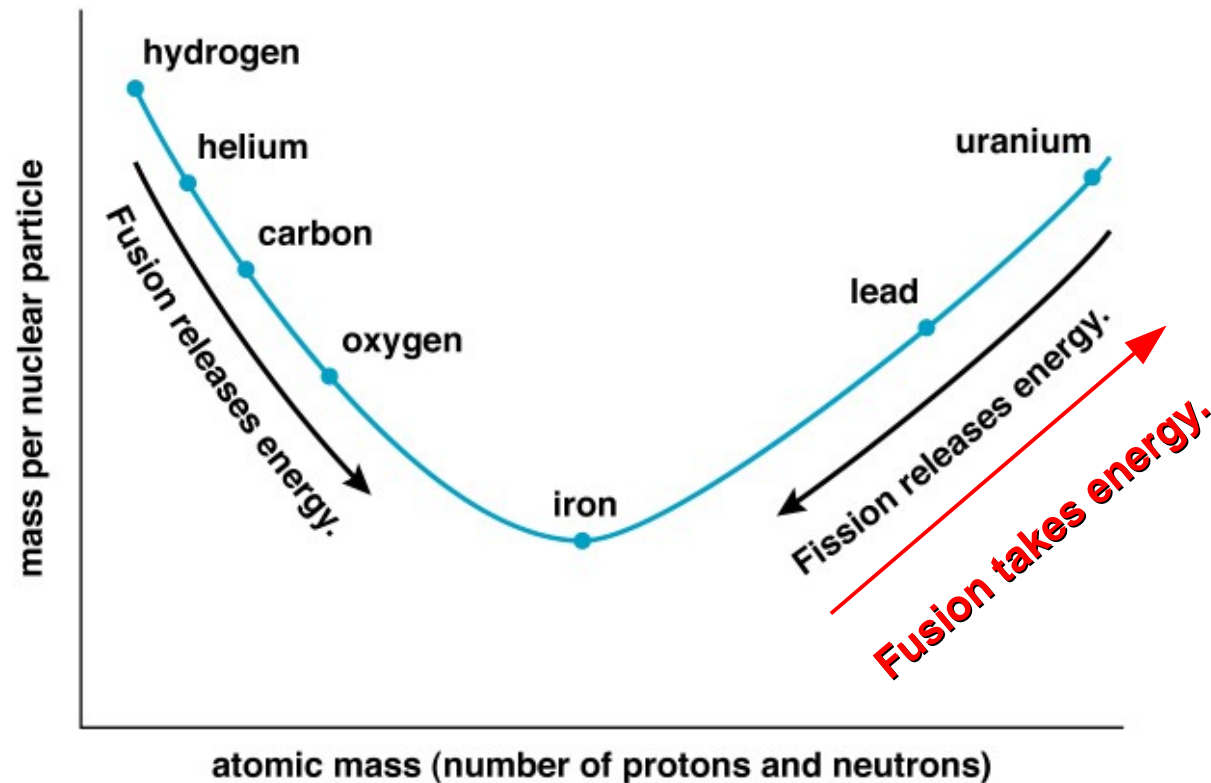
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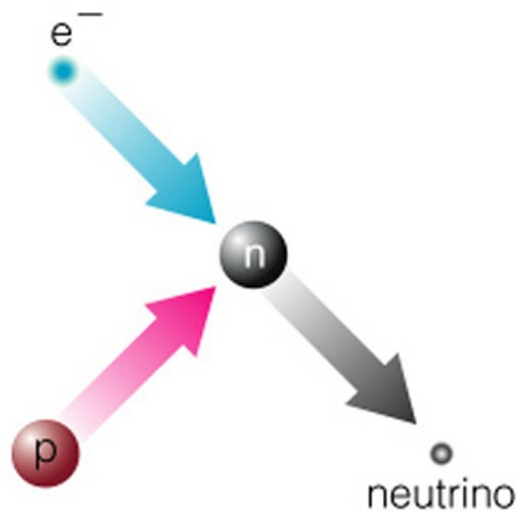
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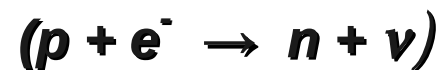


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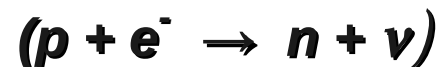
Beta decay

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Inverse Beta Decay

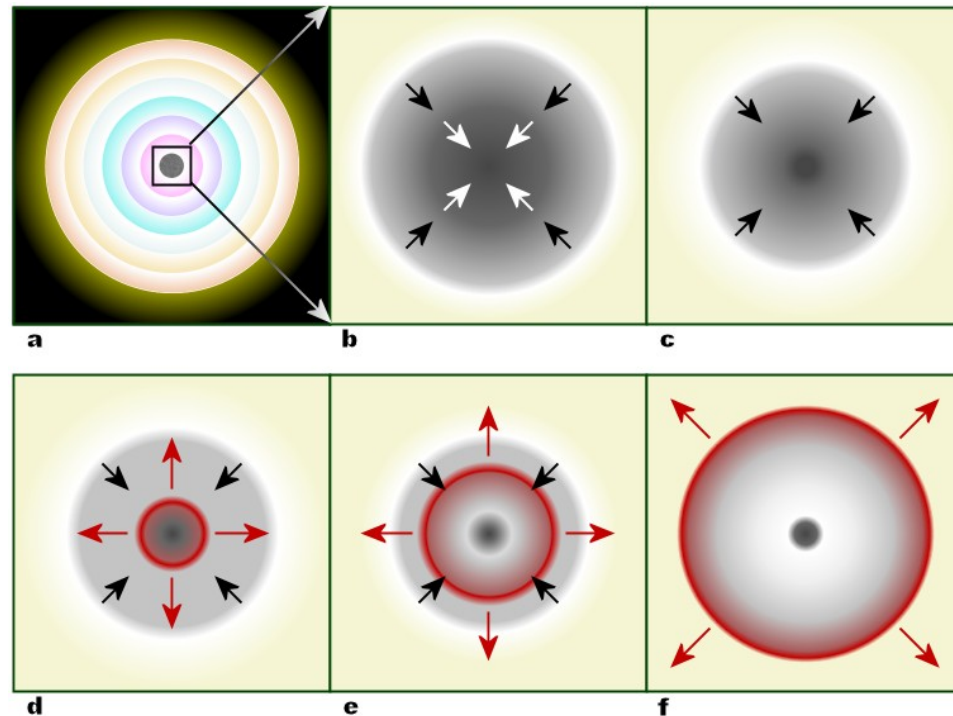
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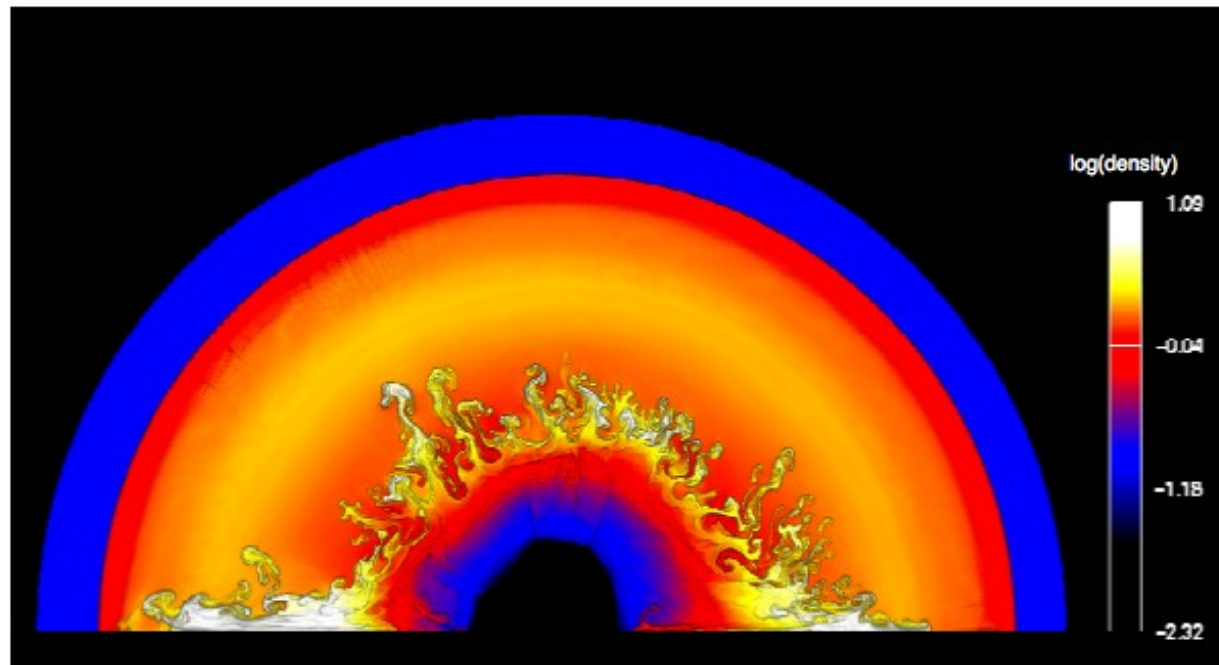
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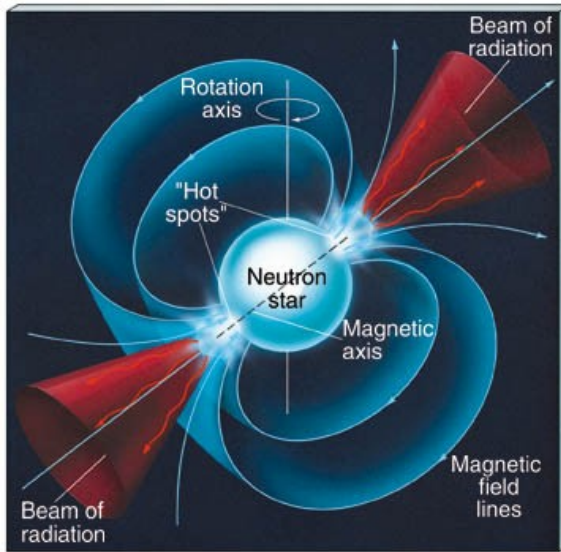


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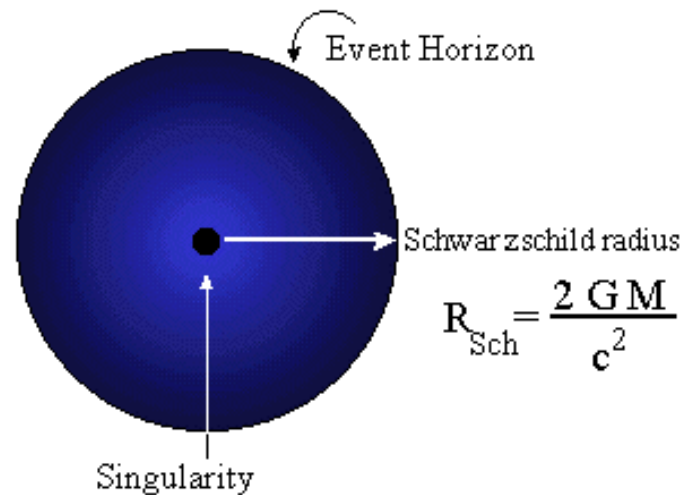
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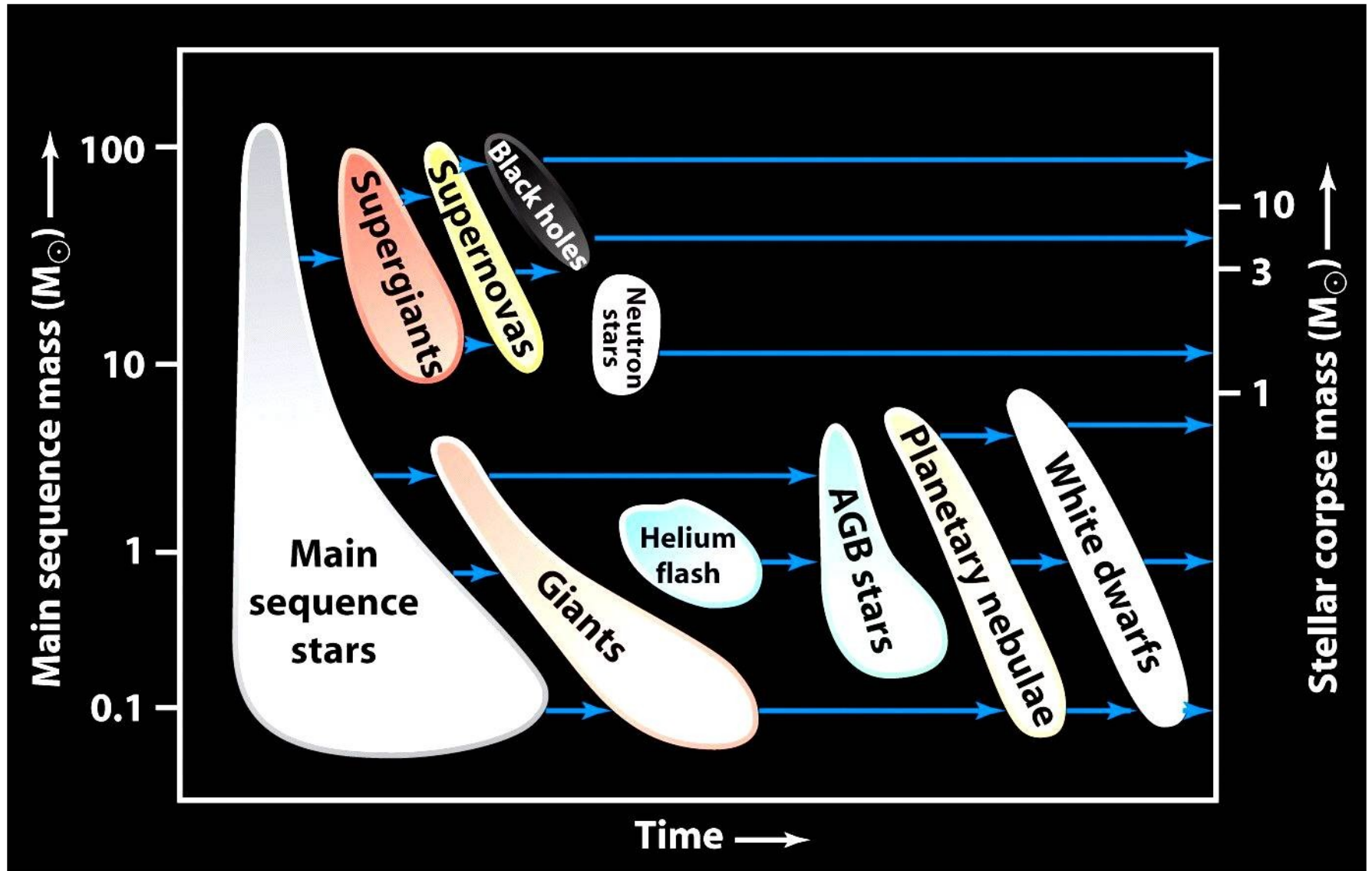
Let's summarize

Stellar evolution summary

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Outline

- **Nucleosynthesis**

- Neutron capture
 - S and R process

- **Metals and Metallicity**

- **Chemical Enrichment of the Galaxy**

- Age-Metallicity Relationship
- Galactic metallicity gradient

- **Stellar Populations**

- Is there a difference between halo, bulge and disk stars?
- Metal poor and metal rich stars

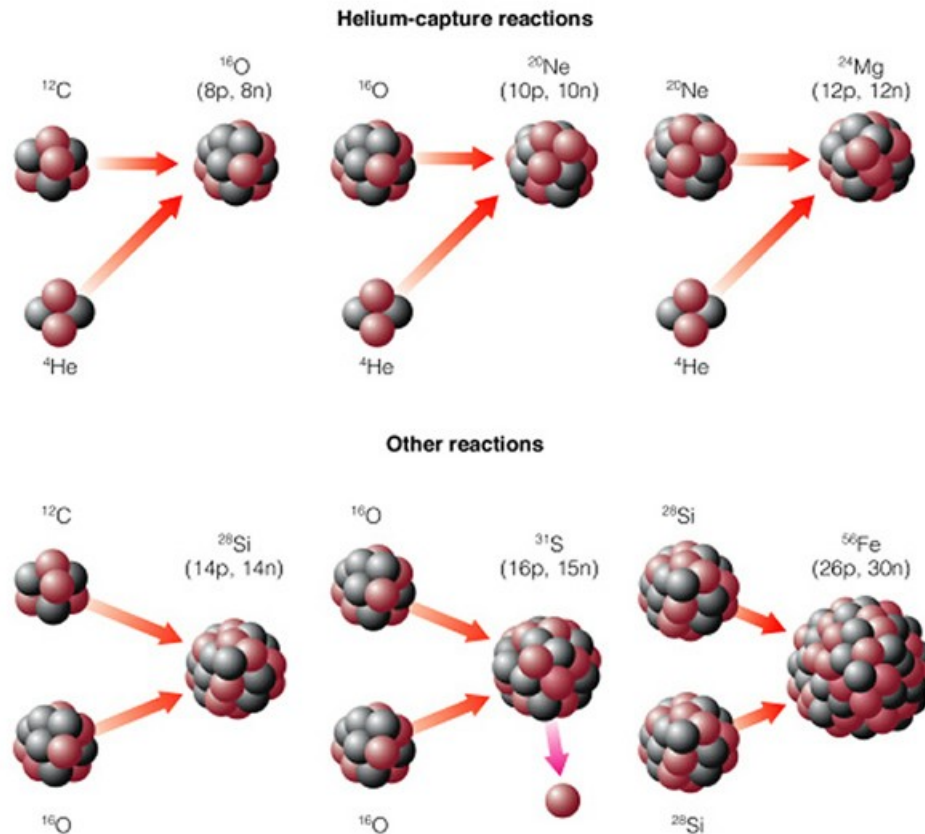
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Low mass stars produce elements up to Carbon and Oxygen

High mass stars produce all the rest of the periodic table

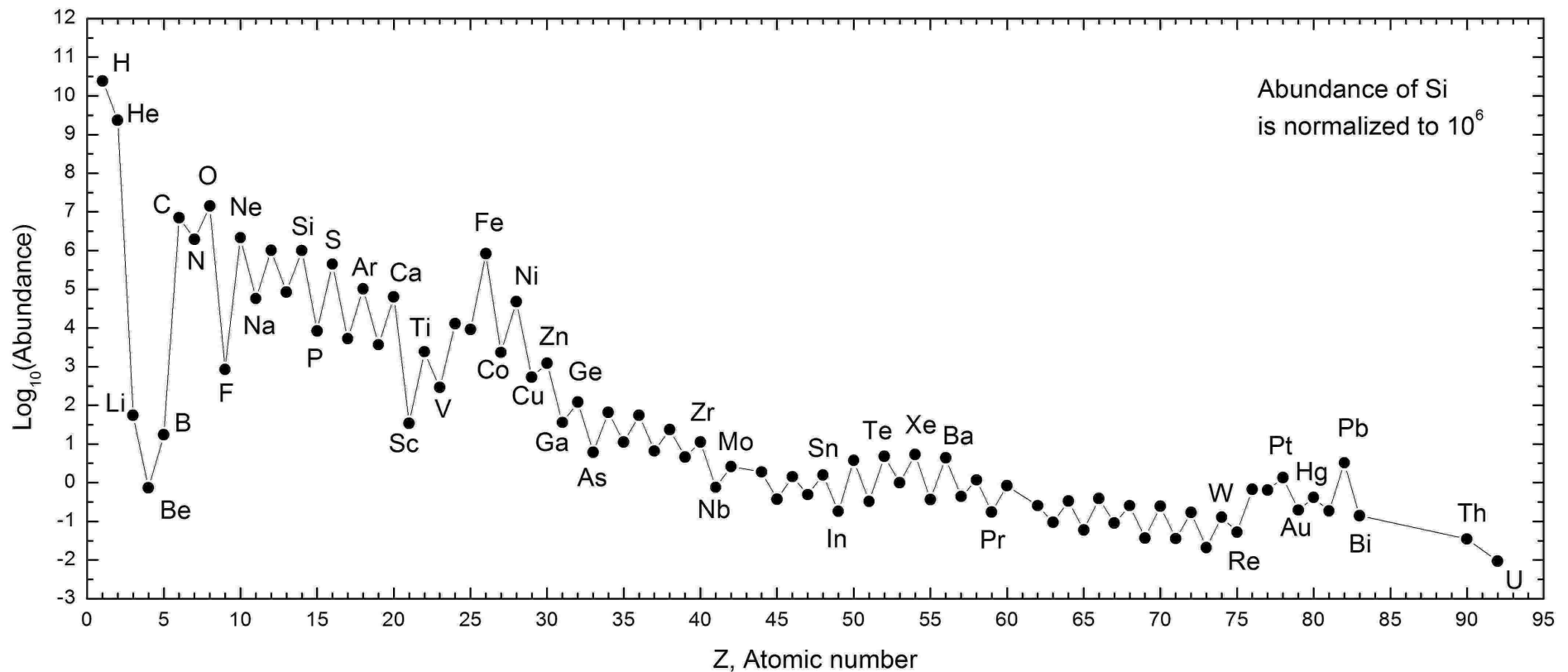
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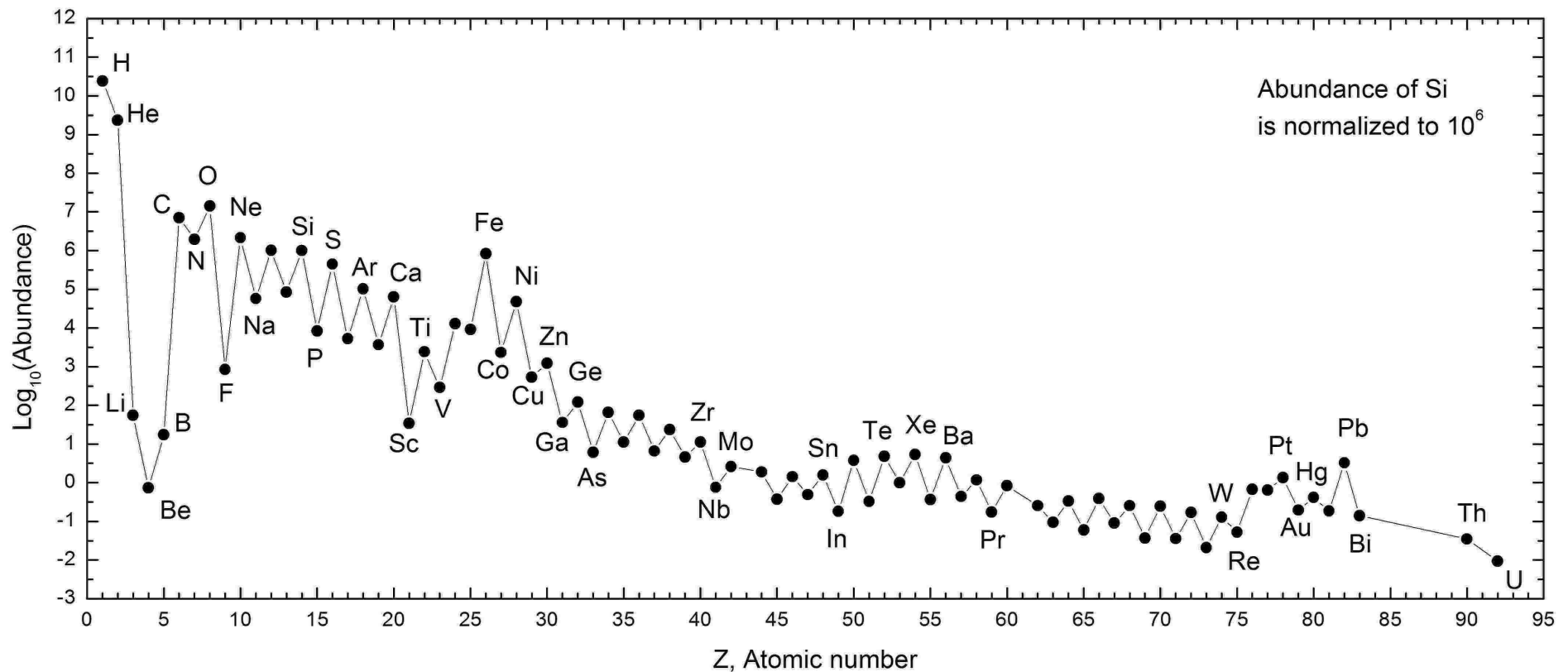
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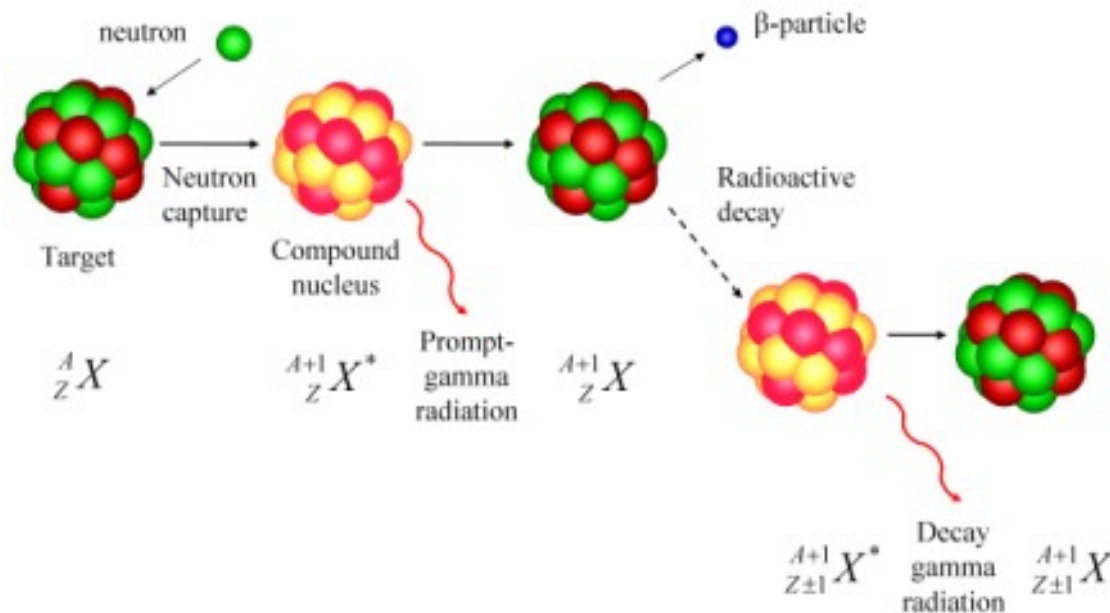
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Expected, since Iron is the end of the fusion sequence.



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Neutron capture produces isotopes

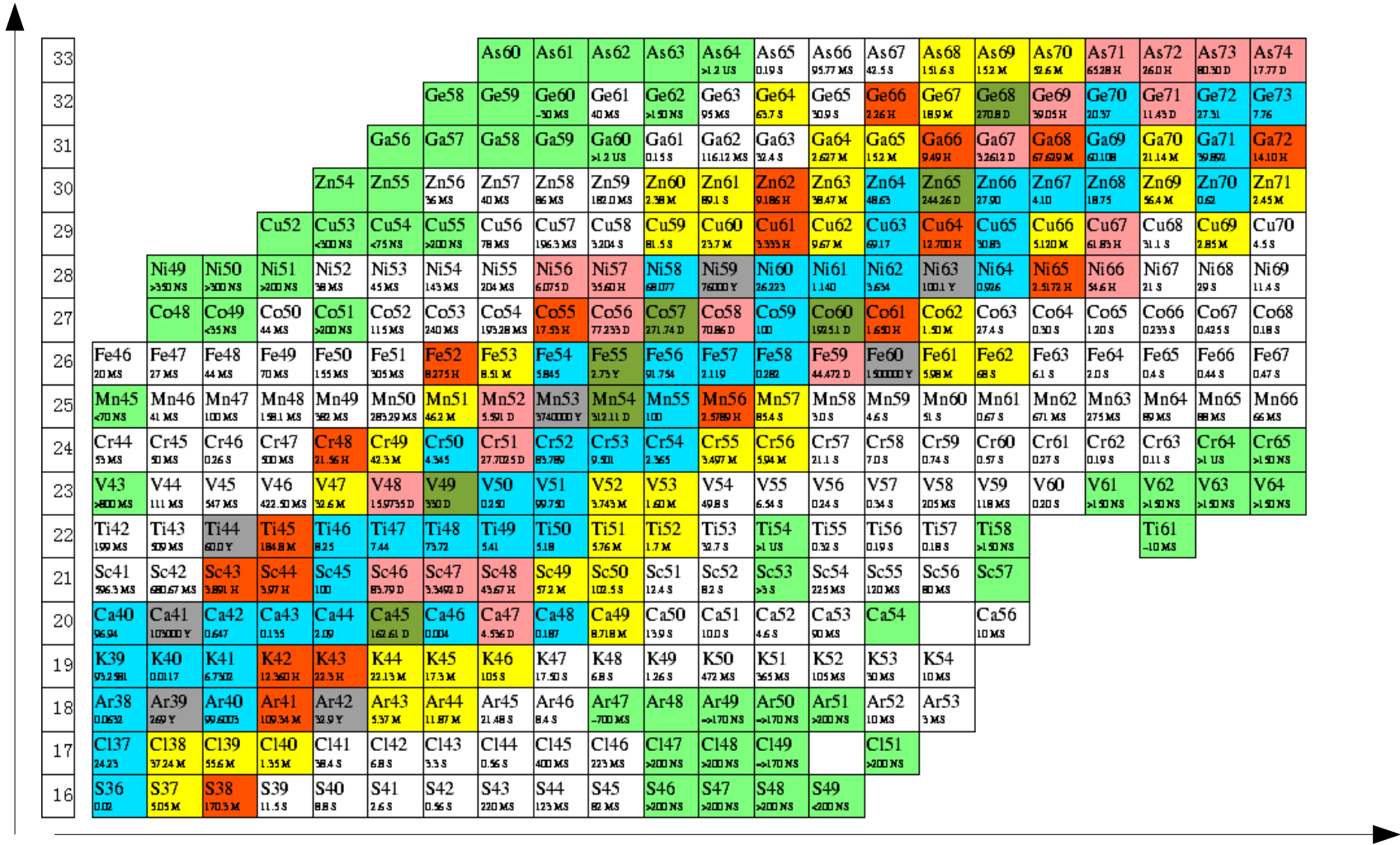
Neutron capture proceeds until the nuclide goes unstable (radioactive)

If a proton decays, the atomic number decreases

But if a neutron decays, the atomic number increases!

A chart of nuclides

number of protons



Color code represents lifetime

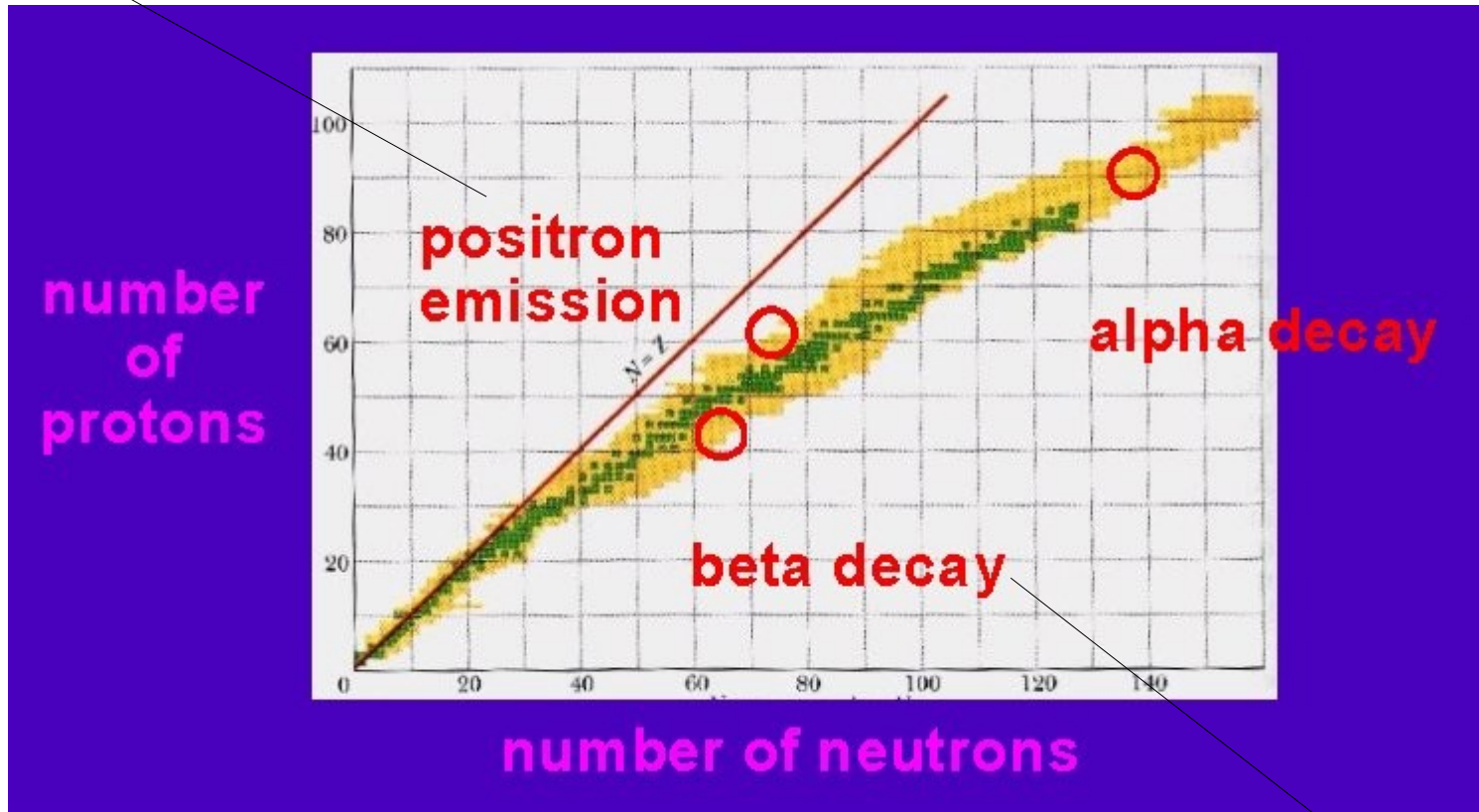
Blue: Stable

White: Unstable

number of neutrons

Climbing the periodic table

Proton decays



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PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

<http://www.ktf-split.hr/periodni/en/>

PERIOD	GROUP																							
	1 IA	2 IIA	III A - VIII B										11 IB	12 IIB	13 IIIA	14 IVA	15 VA	16 VIA	17 VIIA	18 VIIIA				
1	1 1.0079 H HYDROGEN																		2 4.0026 He HELIUM					
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RELATIVE ATOMIC MASS (1)

GROUP IUPAC GROUP CAS

ATOMIC NUMBER SYMBOL ELEMENT NAME

B

■ Metal ■ Semimetal ■ Nonmetal
1 Alkali metal 16 Chalcogens element
2 Alkaline earth metal 17 Halogens element
3-10 Transition metals 18 Noble gas
11-17 Lanthanide
8-10 Actinide

STANDARD STATE (25 °C; 101 kPa)

Ne - gas Fe - solid
Ga - liquid Tc - synthetic

LANTHANIDE

57 138.91 La LANTHANUM	58 140.12 Ce CERIUM	59 140.91 Pr PRASEODYMIUM	60 144.24 Nd NEODYMIUM	61 (145) Pm PROMETHIUM	62 150.36 Sm SAMARIUM	63 151.96 Eu EUROPIUM	64 157.25 Gd GADOLINIUM	65 158.93 Tb TERBIUM	66 162.50 Dy DYSPROSIUM	67 164.93 Ho HOLMIUM	68 167.26 Er ERBIUM	69 168.93 Tm THULIUM	70 173.04 Yb YTTERBIUM	71 174.97 Lu LUTETIUM
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ACTINIDE

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(1) Pure Appl. Chem., 73, No. 4, 667-683 (2001)
Relative atomic mass is shown with five significant figures. For elements having no stable nuclides, the value enclosed in brackets indicates the mass number of the longest-lived isotope of the element.
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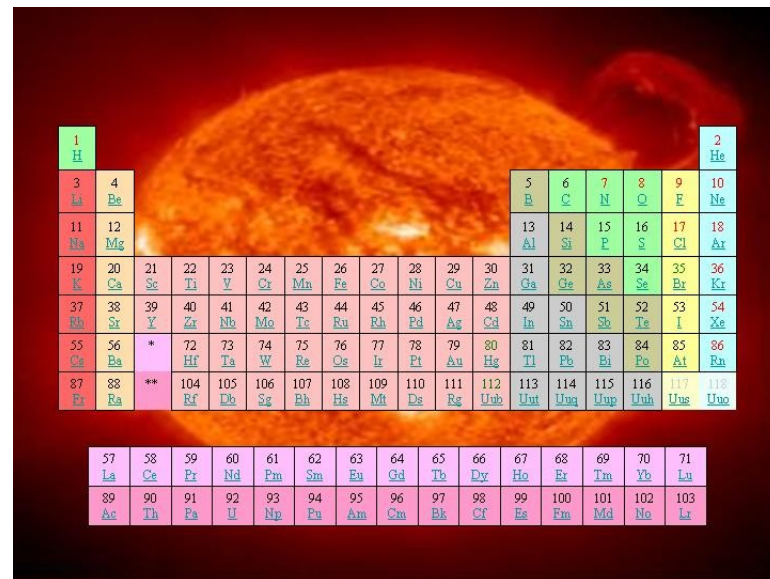
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H	1	Big Bang
He, C, O	2,6,8	Big Bang + Low and High Mass stars
Ne - Fe	10-26	High mass stars
Co - Bi	27-83	S and R process, ABG and SN
Po - U	84-92	R process in SN



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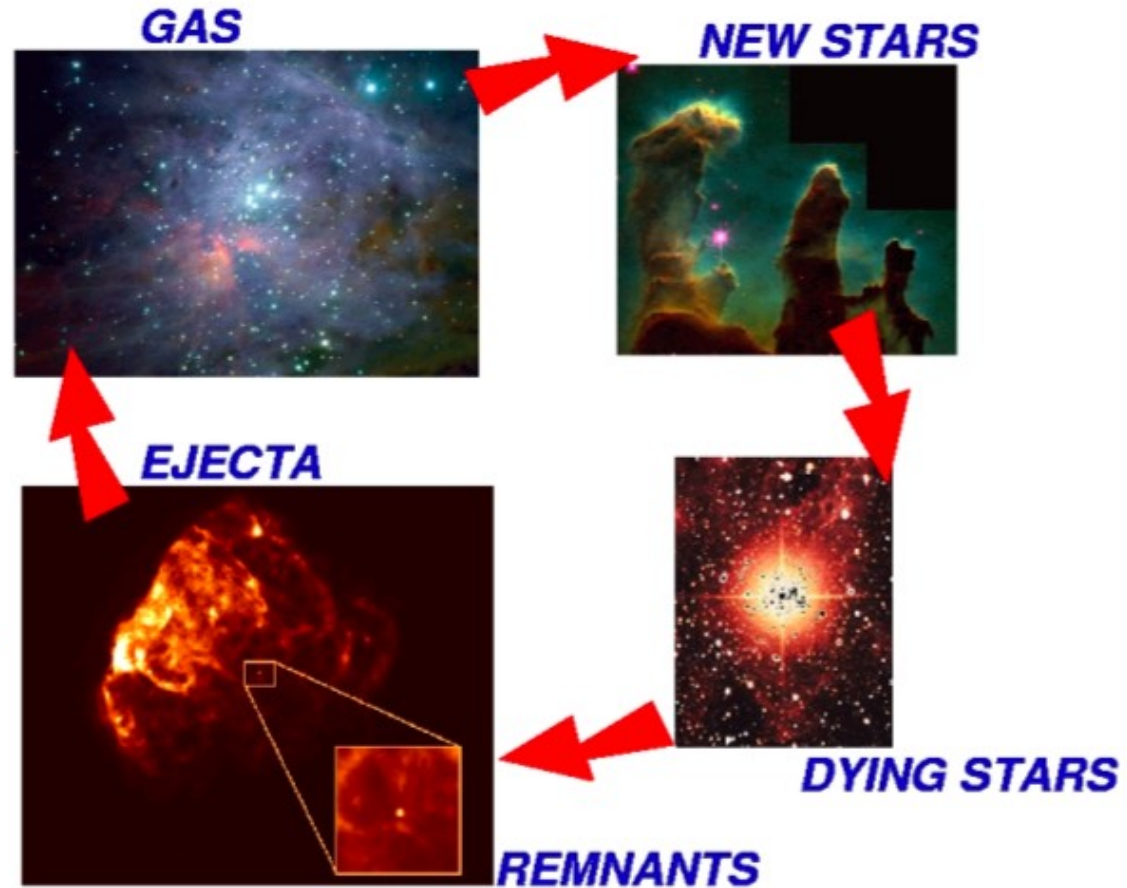
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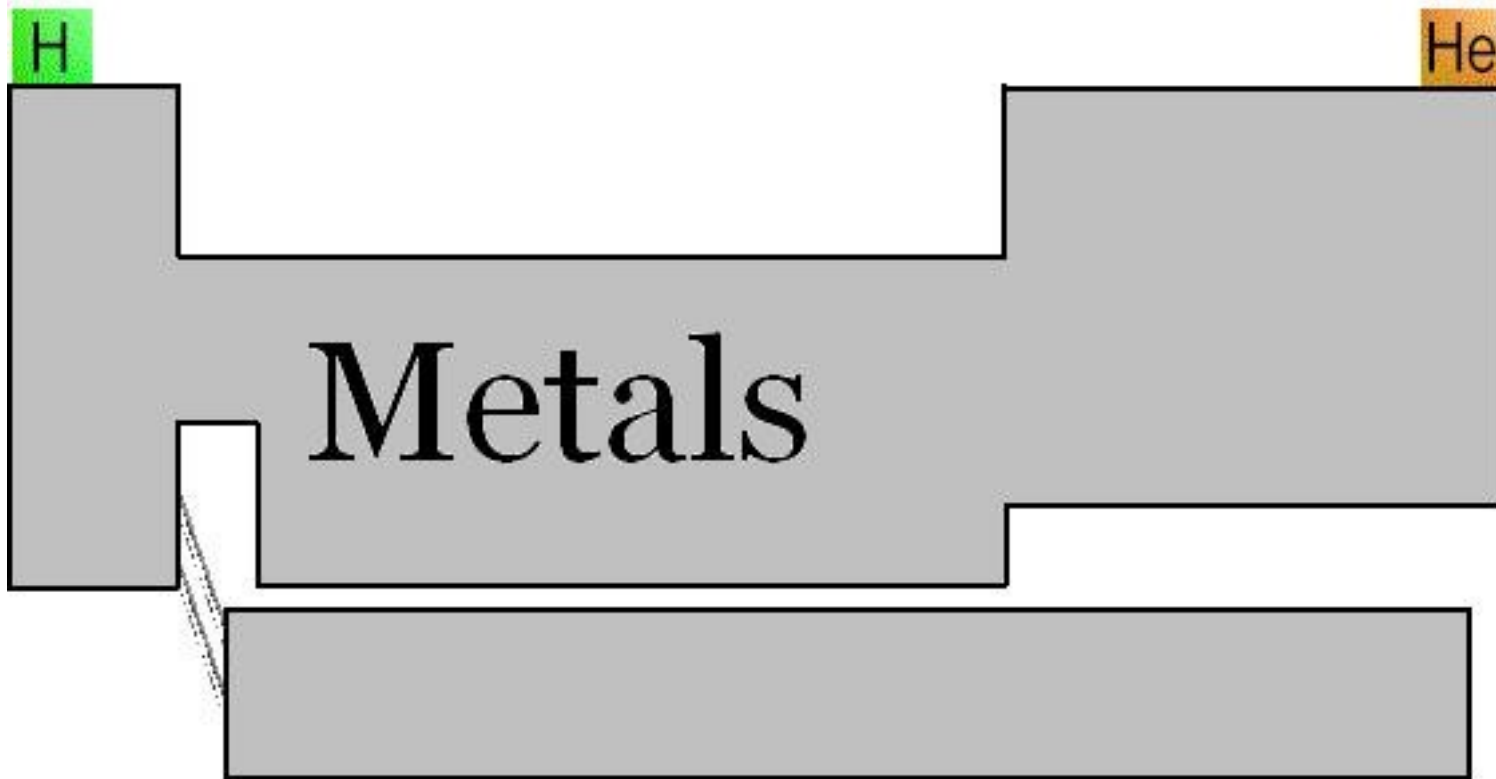
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Negative → Less metals than the Sun

Positive → More metals than the Sun

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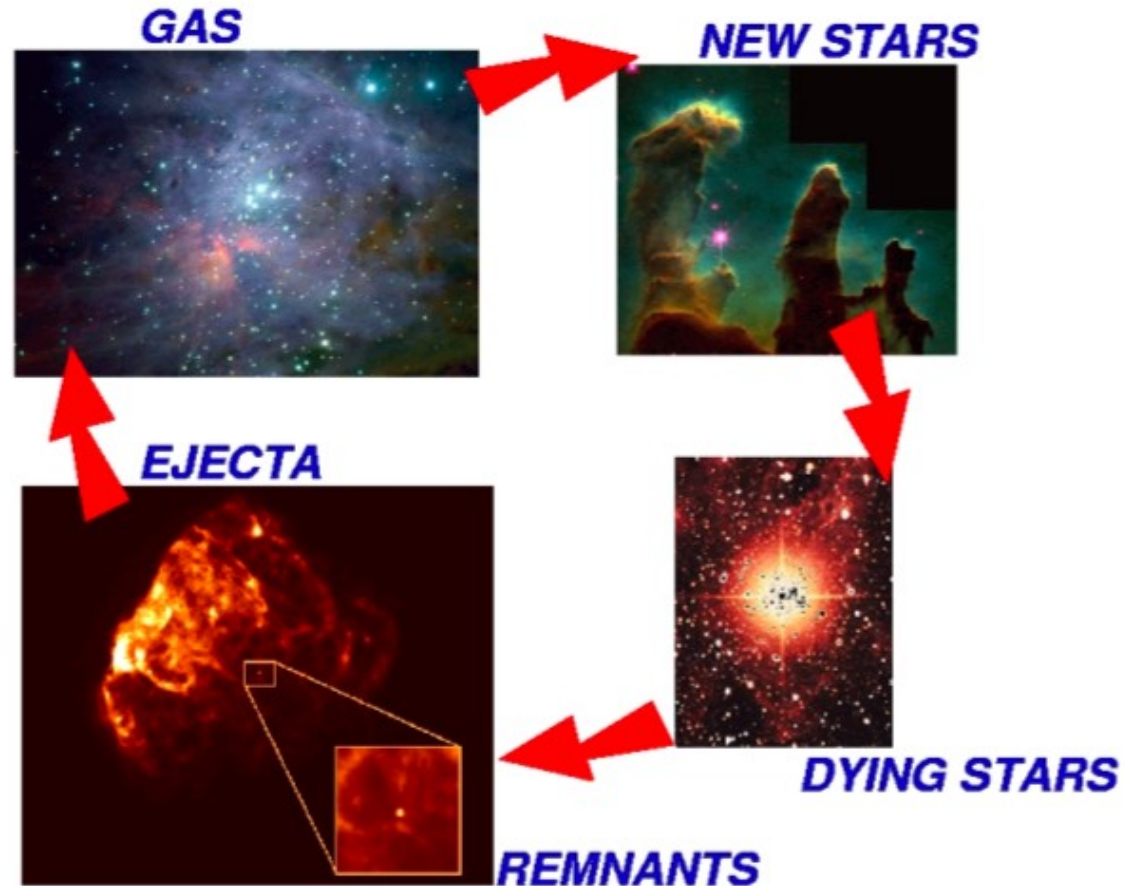
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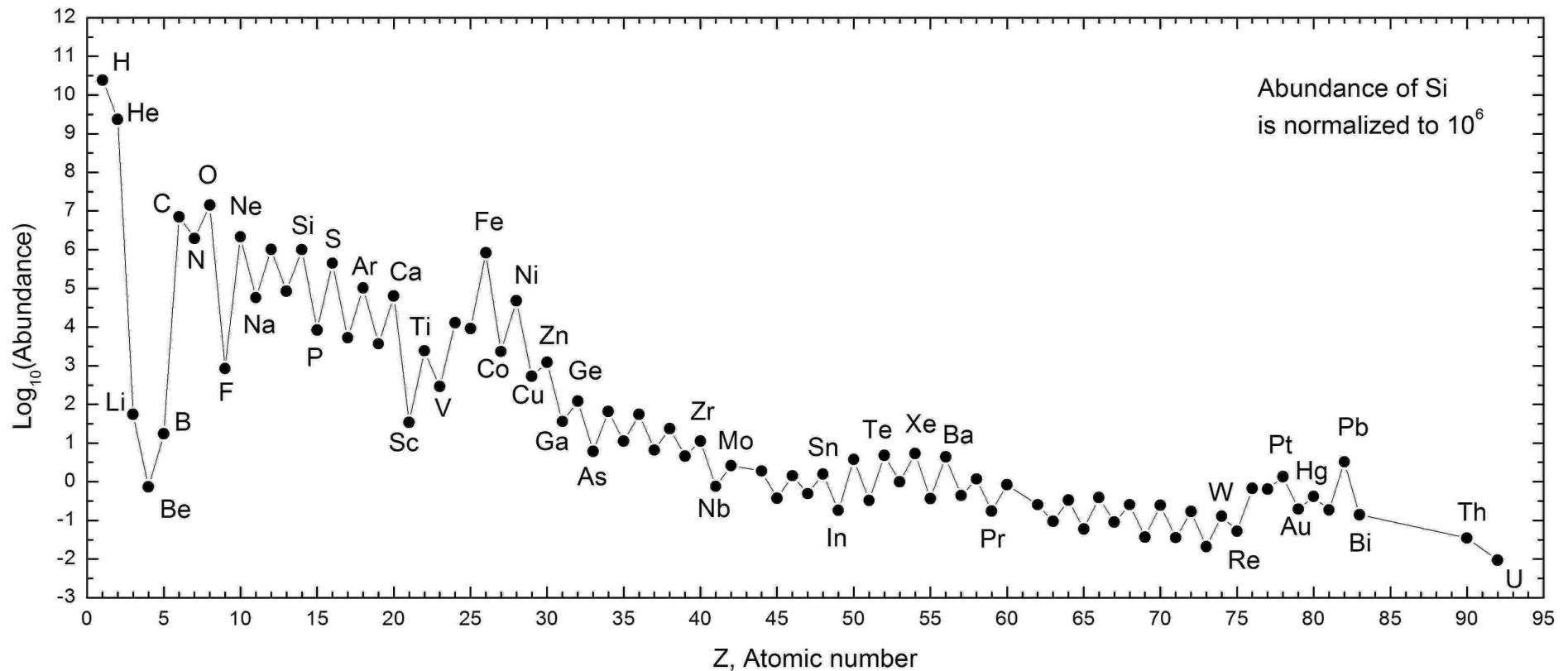
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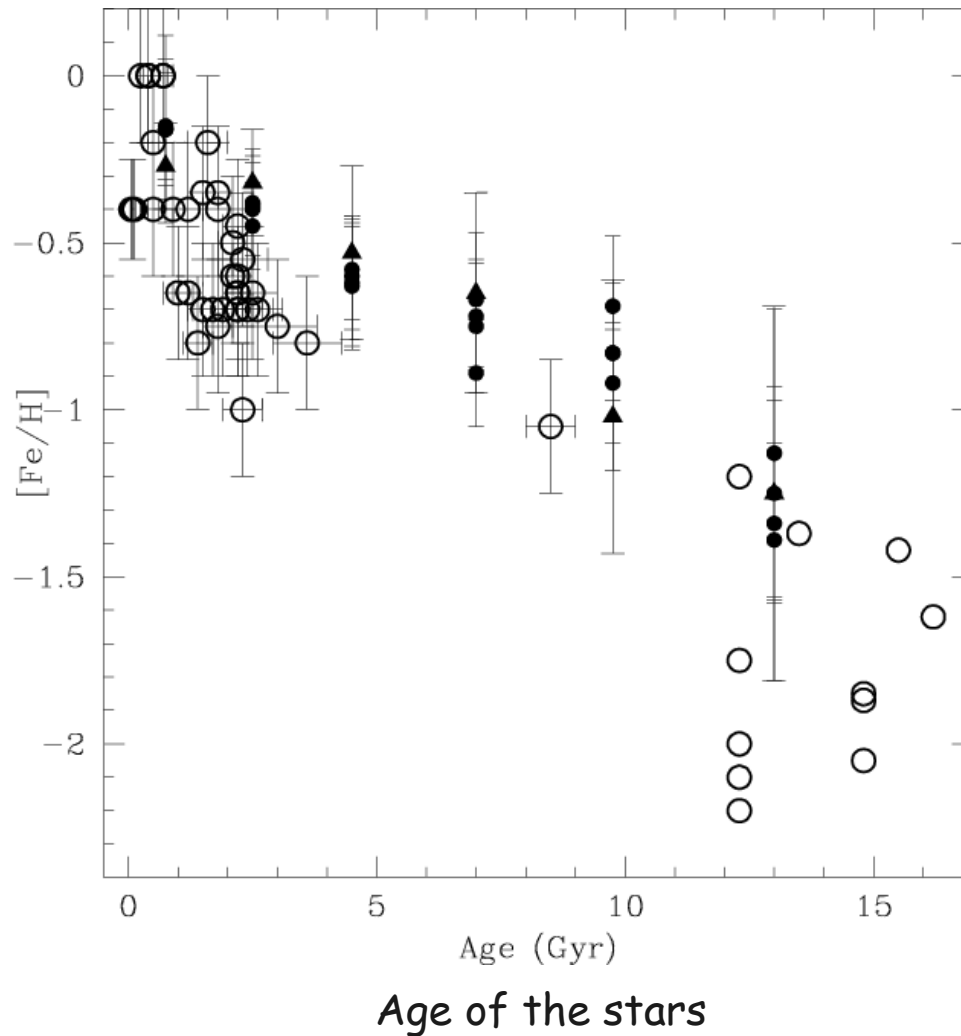
Insight

The Sun (or stars in general) do NOT self-enrich its atmosphere. They were formed out of gas that already contained those elements.



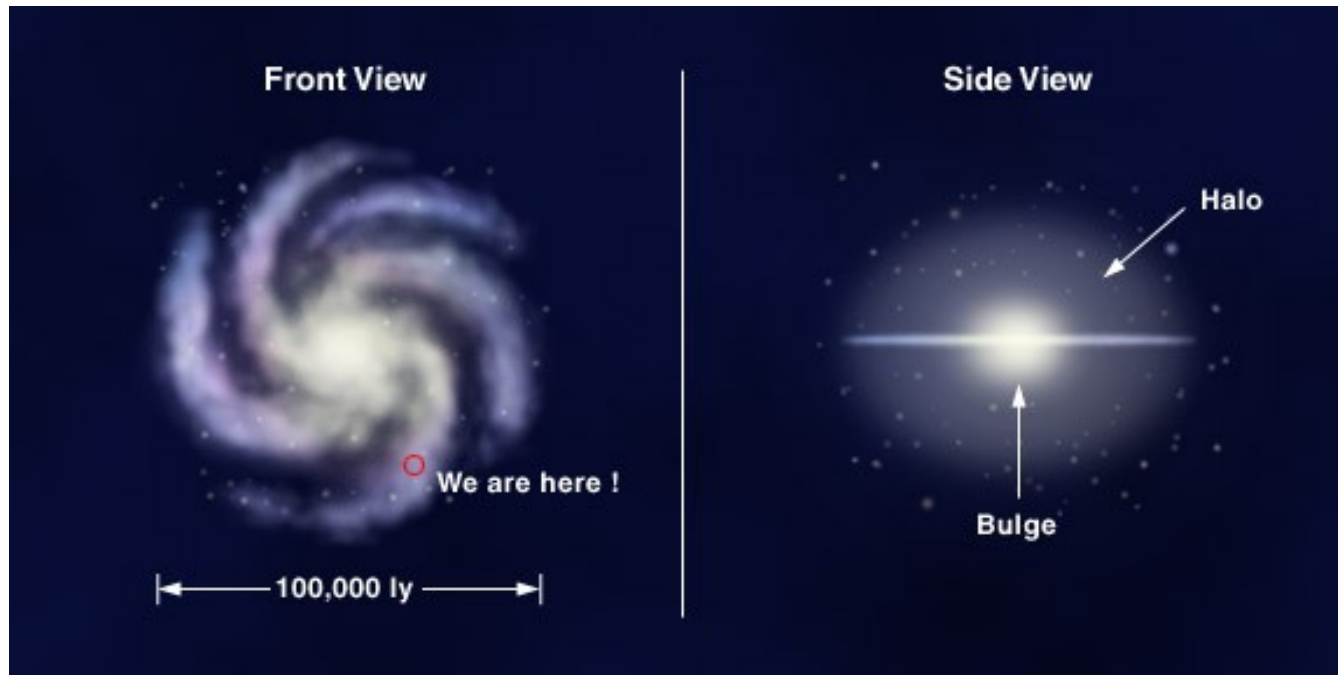
Age-Metallicity Relationship

The **overall metallicity** of the Galaxy **increases in time** as successive generations of stars enrich the ISM



Stellar Populations

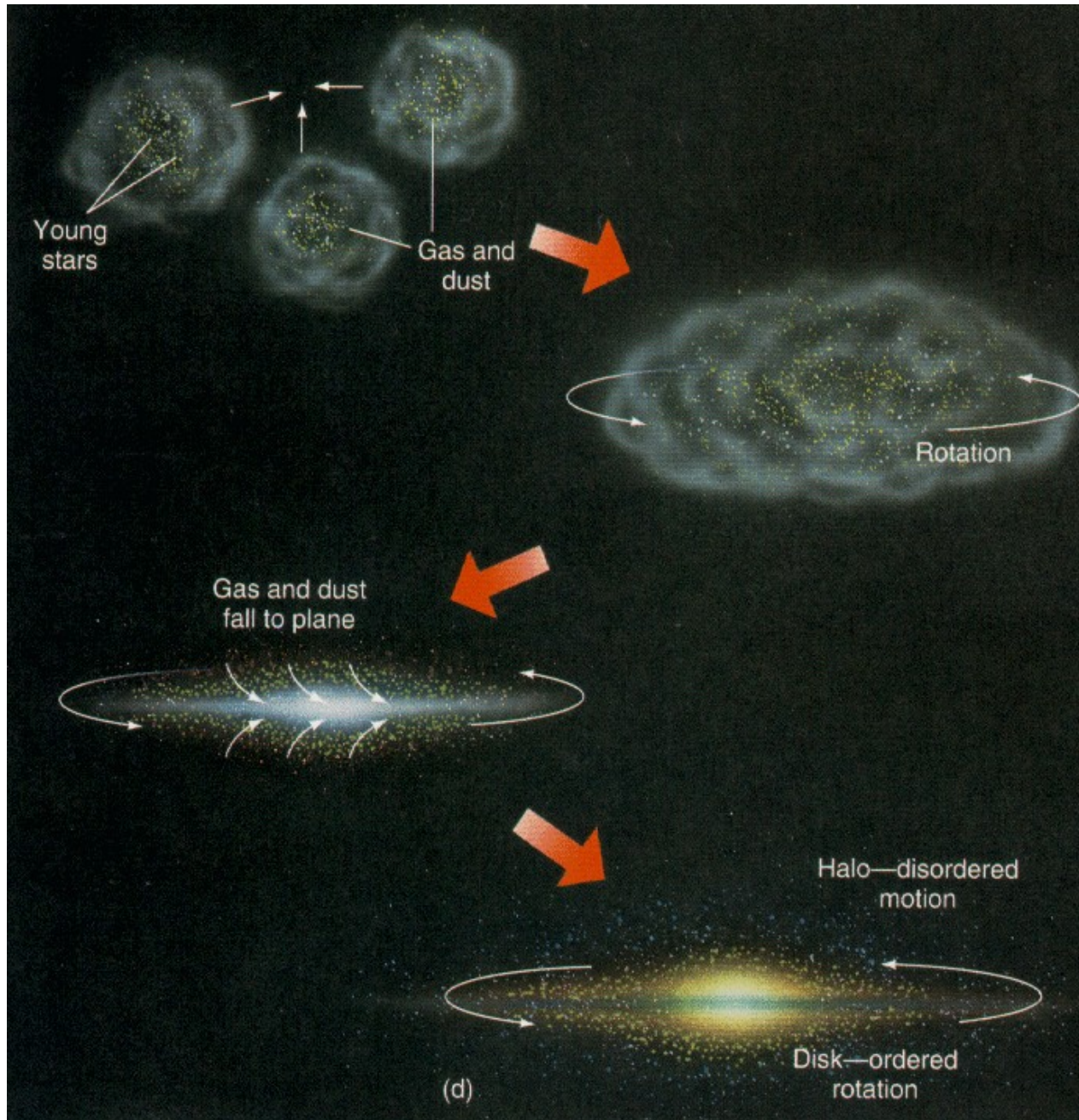
Where do we find the different populations?



Galactic Structure

Bulge
Halo
Disk

Galaxy formation



The **Halo** is the **first structure** that forms, during the collapse of the original cloud

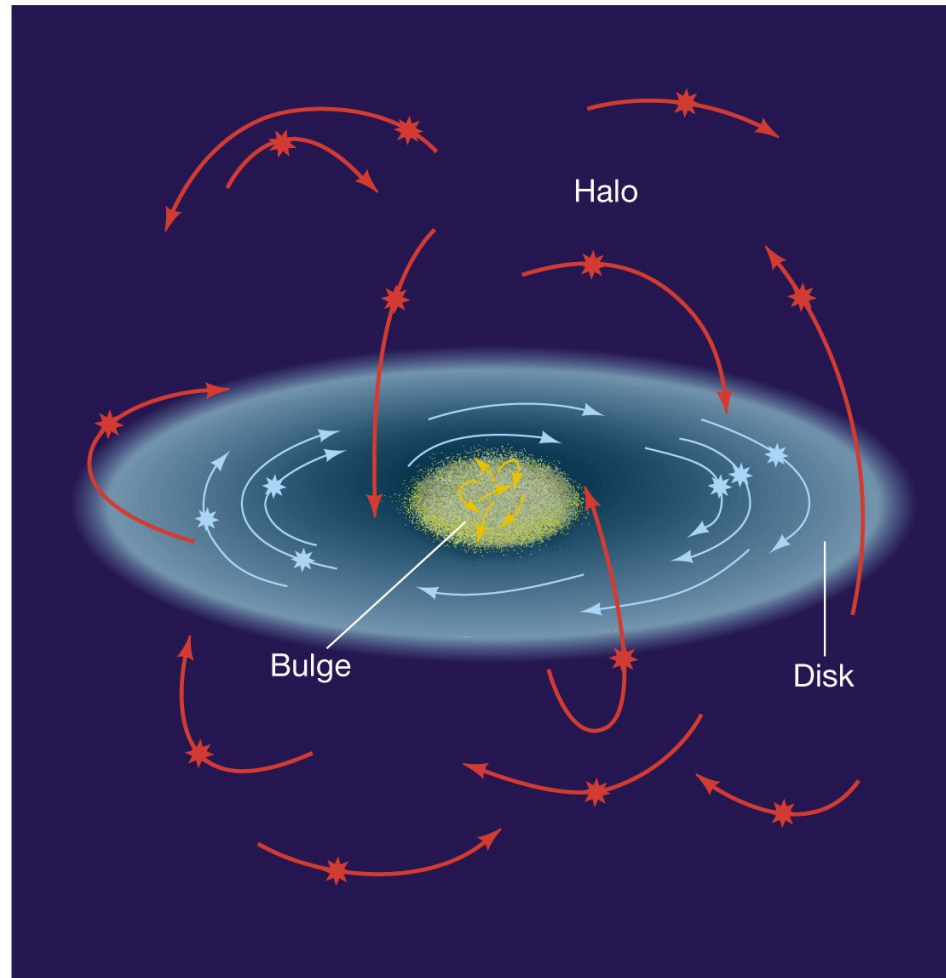
The **Disk** forms later, as the gas settles

Halo: disordered motion
Disk: ordered motion

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old and metal-poor
Halo Stars

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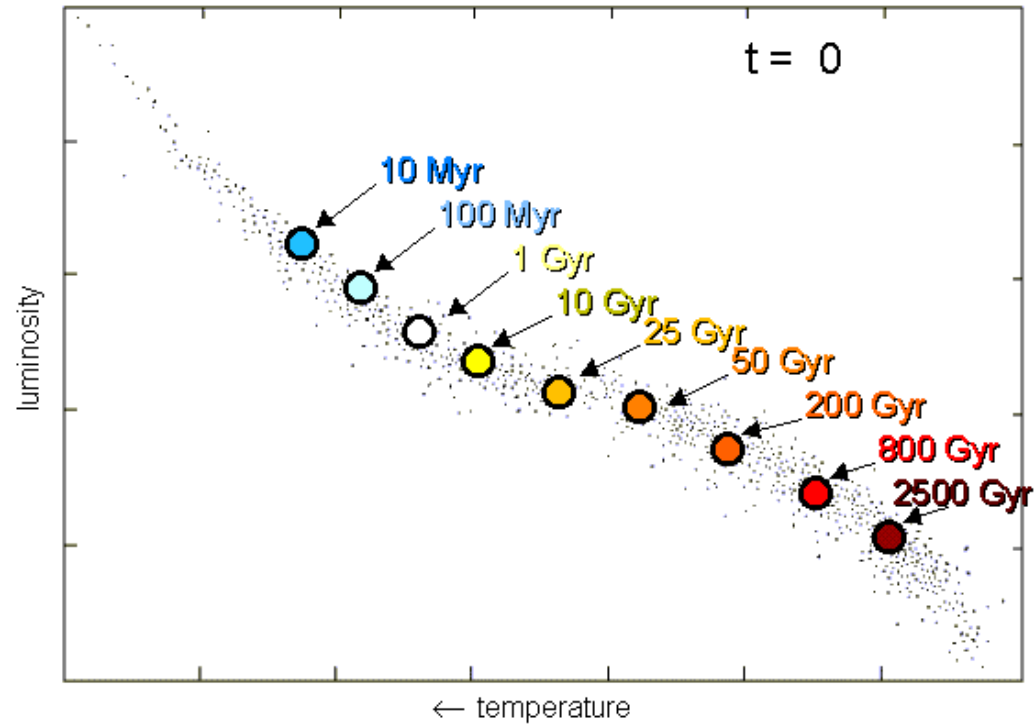


Population I
young and metal-rich

Disk Stars

*Star formation is
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Insight



Blue stars are invariably **young**

Red stars are usually (but not always) **old**

Example of Population I - Young Open Clusters

Open Clusters are usually young

Why? Because they are formed in the **disk**, and are subject to Galactic tides!
(there is a lot of gas around)

They are disrupted in a few orbits

They retain their physical integrity only for a few millions of years, before the stars disperse
Still hanging around their birthplaces - the **Spiral Arms**

All disk stars (the Sun included) were born in Open Clusters



The Pleiades



Are there old open clusters?

Yes, **M67**, for instance, which is **4 Gyr old**

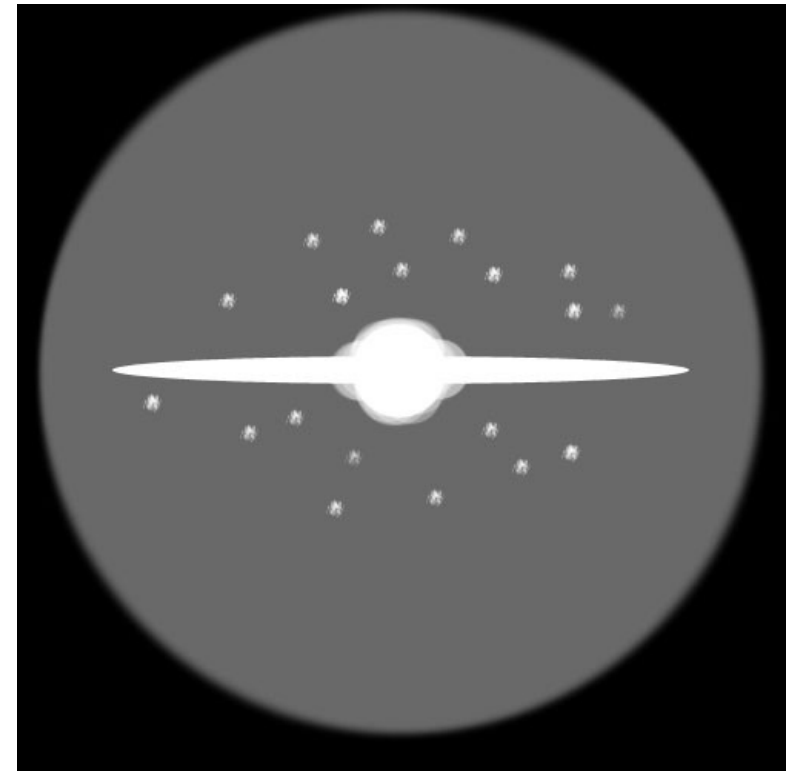
It is an open cluster that is **massive** enough to remain gravitationally bound



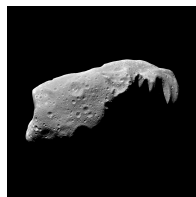
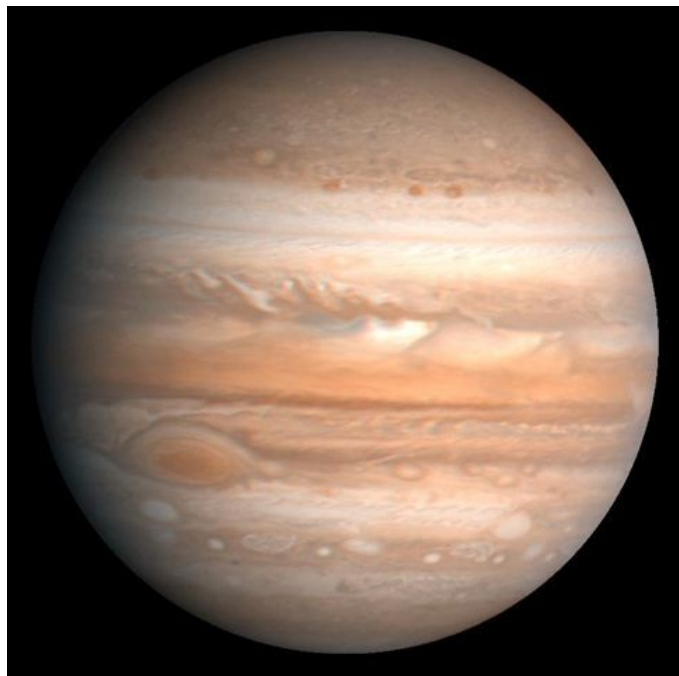
Example of Population II - Globular Clusters

Globular clusters are old systems of stars in the Halo

They are **spherical** (globular) because they are **massive**
Gravity could shape the system into a spherical configuration



A “mass-sphericity” analogy...



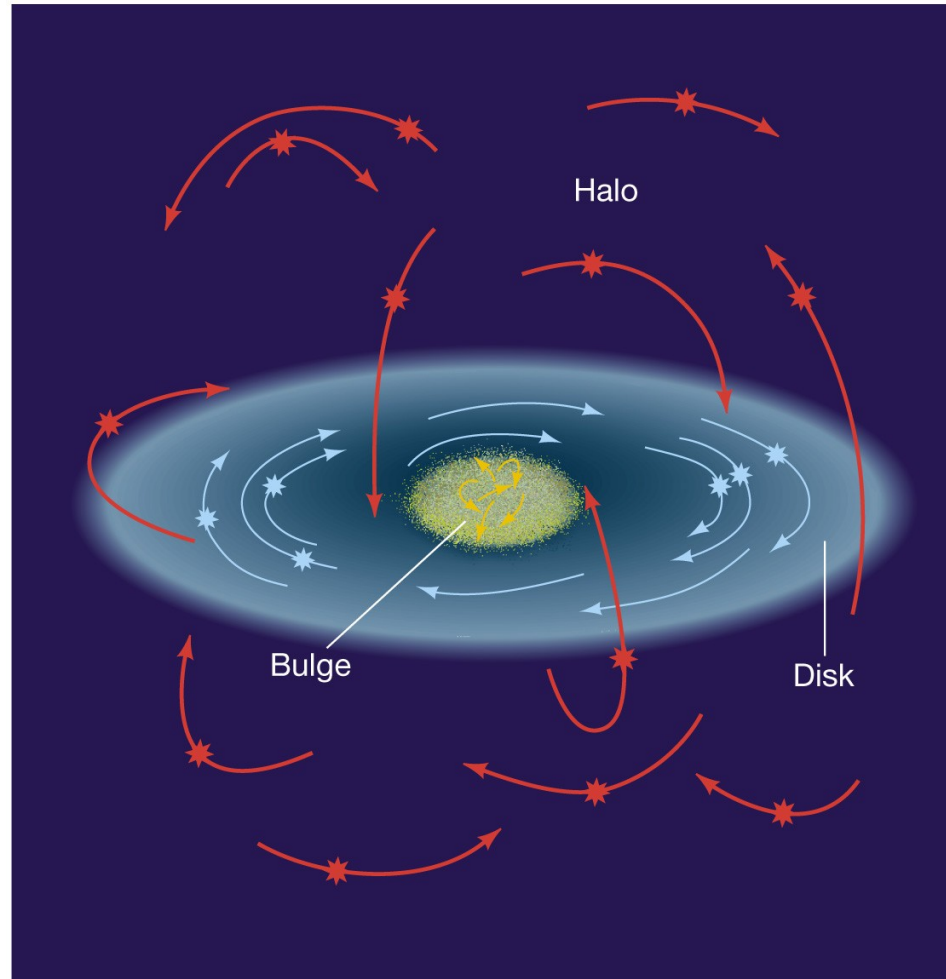
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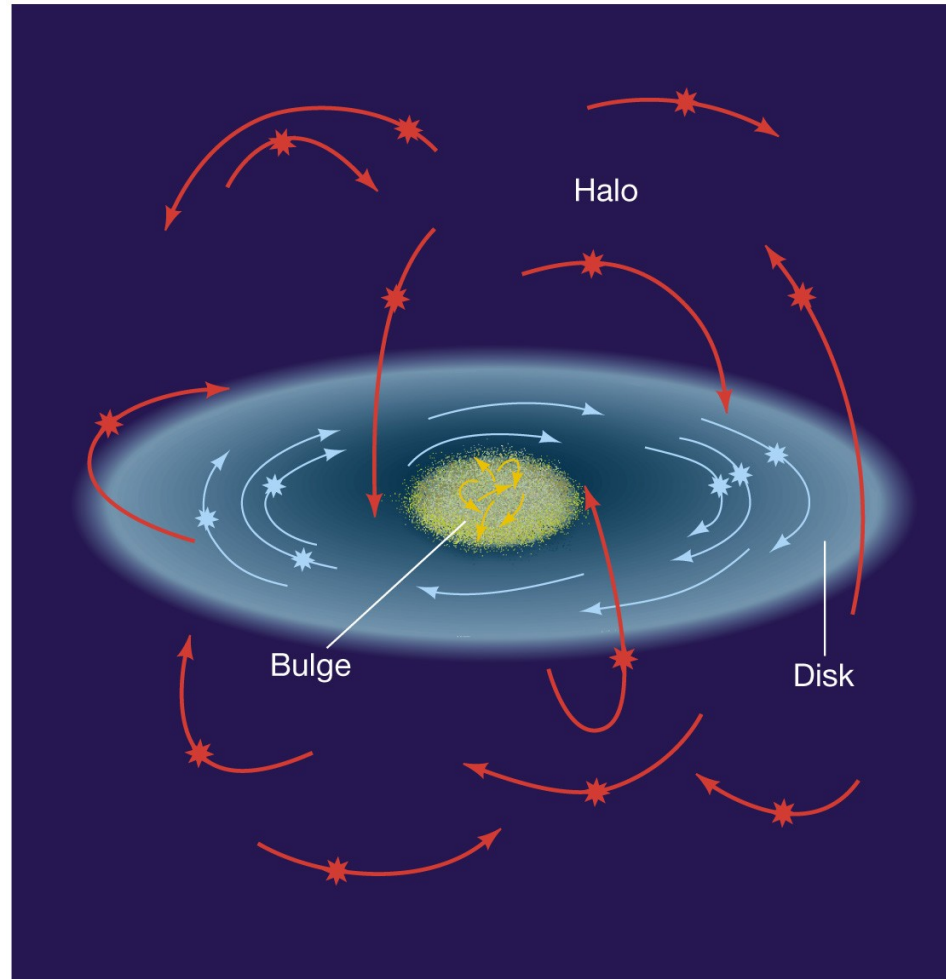
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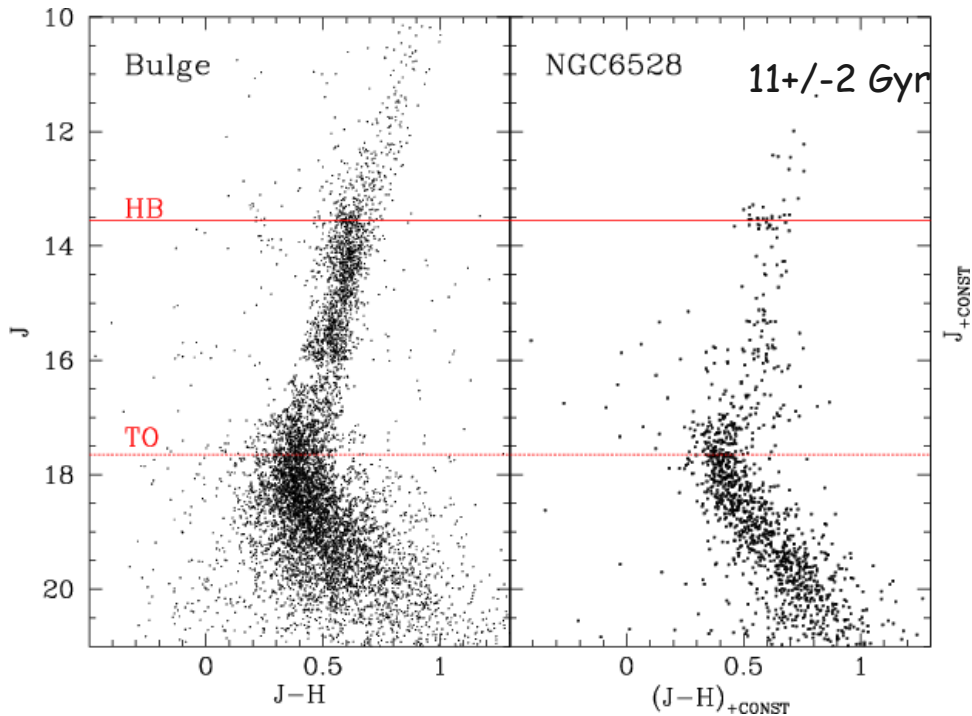
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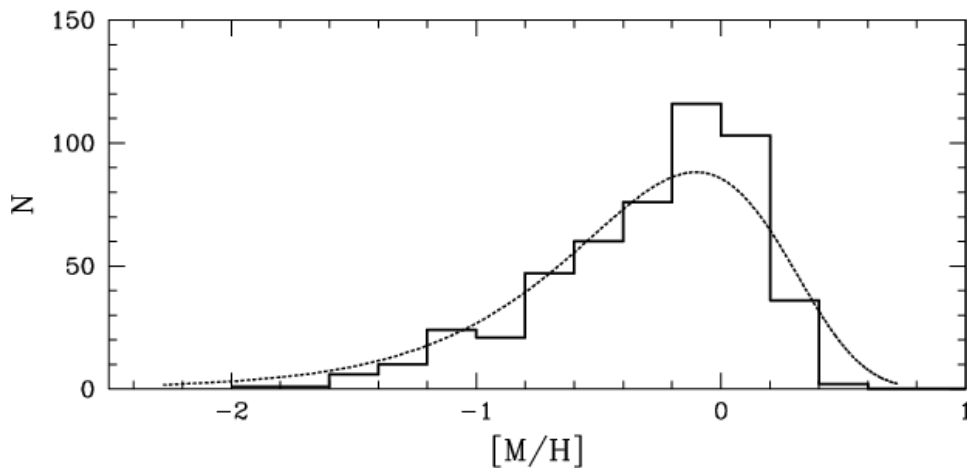
The Bulge is an old structure,
but quite dense

**Star formation rate (SFR) is
proportional to the density**

More gas, more stars....

So, the chemical enrichment was fast!!

Metallicity Distribution of the Bulge



The Galactic Radial Metallicity Gradient

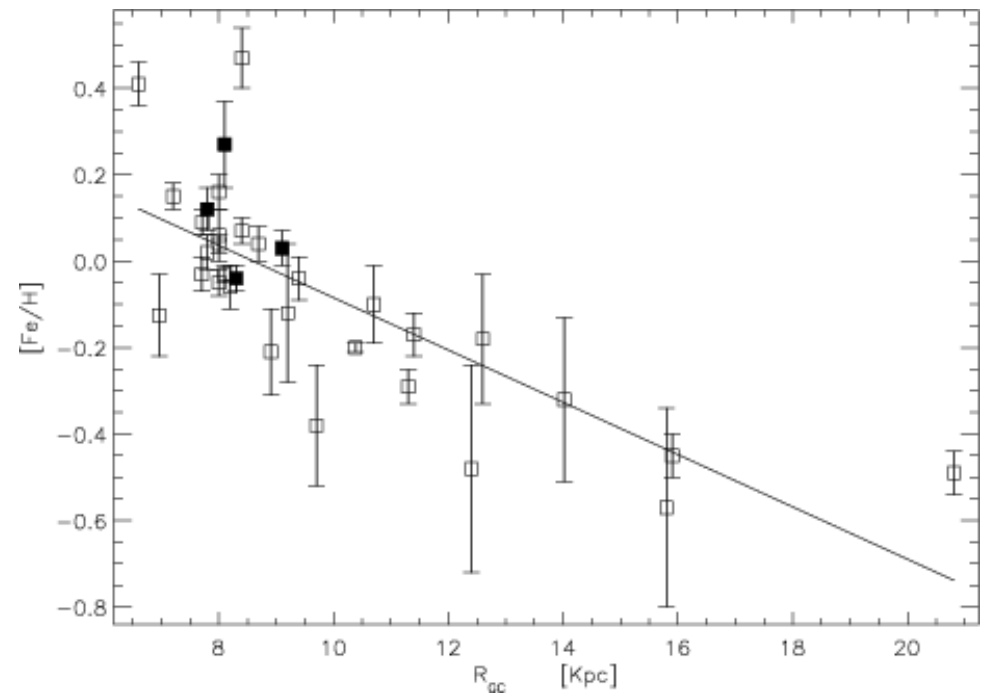
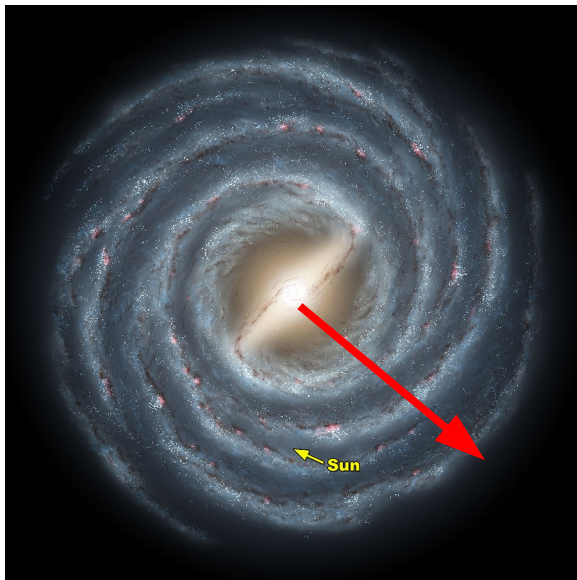
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A galaxy's density decreases with radius

So, the SFR decreases with radius

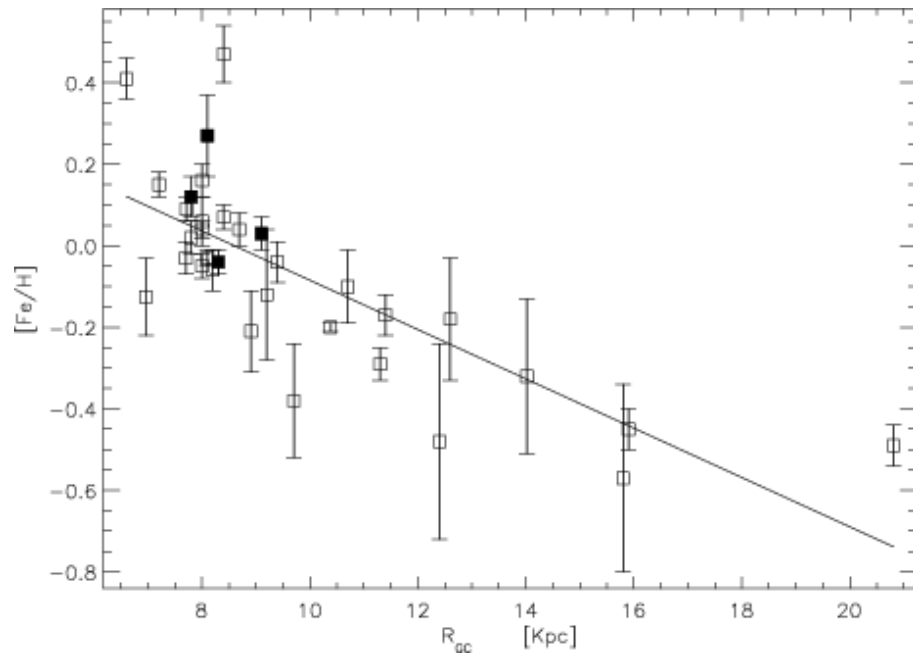
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Stellar Populations

Why we shouldn't use the terminology



Population I - young and metal-rich

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There exists **old metal rich stars** (bulge)

As well as **young metal poor stars** (outer disk)

Use of “stellar populations” is **discouraged**.

Use **age** and **metallicity** when you can.

Exception to the rule - Pop III stars

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The First Stars

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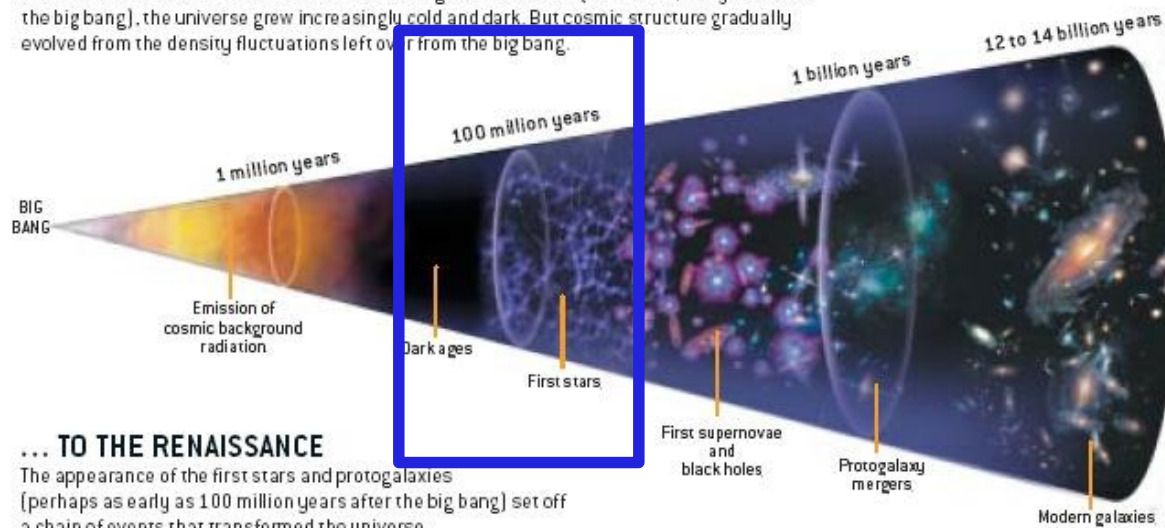
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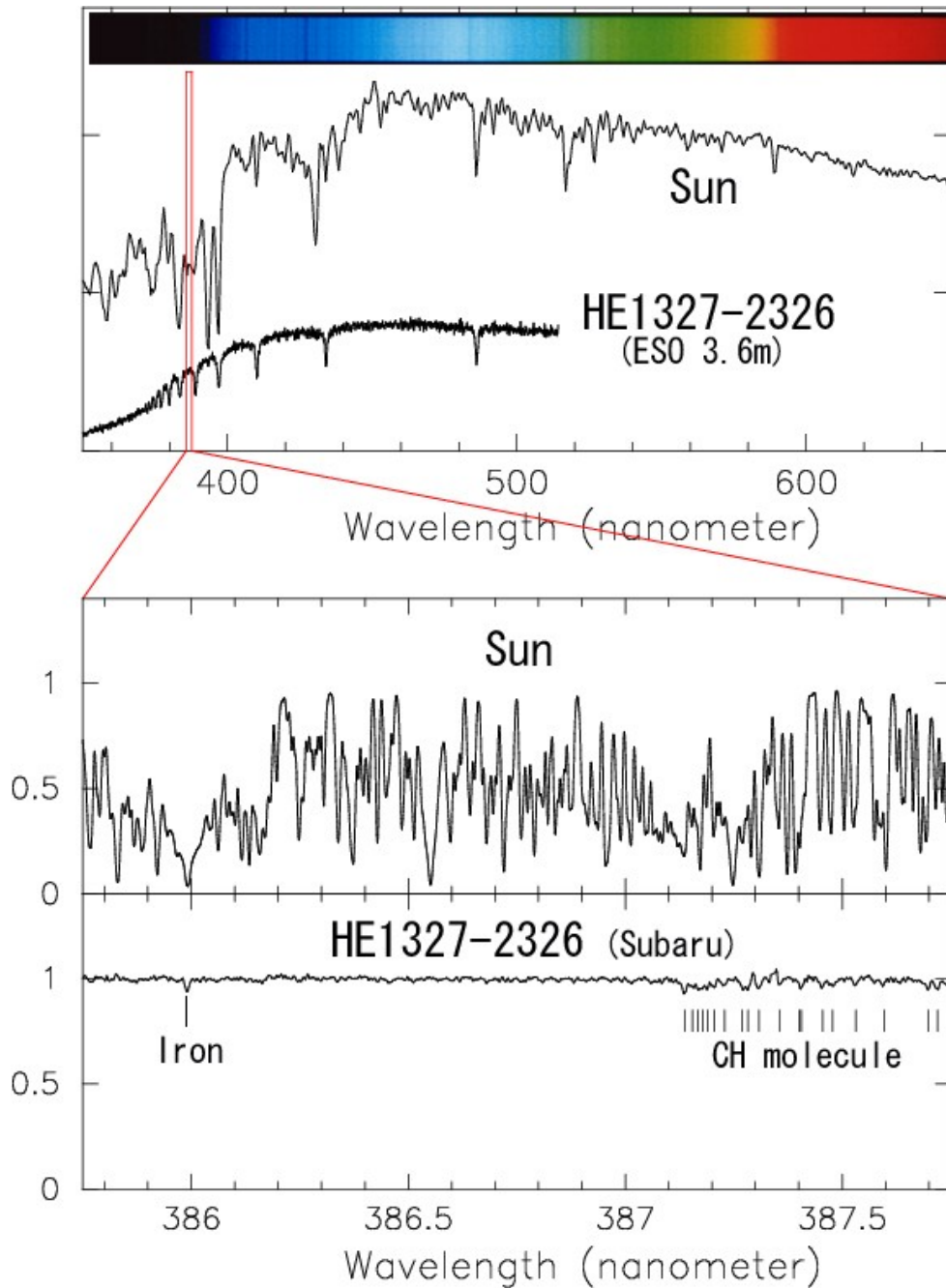
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Very metal poor stars - HE 1327-2326



[Fe/H] = -5.2

How much less iron than the Sun?
300,000 times less

Let's summarize

Beyond the Iron peak, nucleosynthesis occurs by **neutron capture** and **beta decay**



The process is classified according to the neutron flux

S-process

(slow neutron capture)

Neutron capture occurs
slower
than beta decay

Works up to bismuth (Z=83)

Where?

AGB stars + Supernovae

R-process

(rapid neutron capture)

Neutron capture occurs
faster
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Really heavy stuff
All the way to Uranium

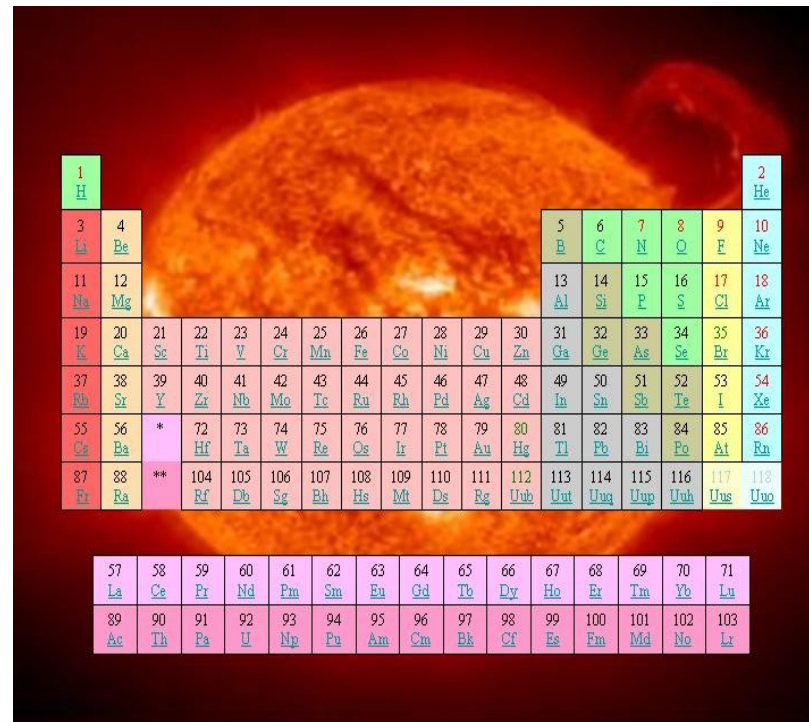
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Supernovae

Let's Summarize

Element	# of Protons	Site
H	1	Big Bang
He, C, O	2,6,8	Big Bang + Low and High Mass stars
Ne - Fe	10-26	High mass stars
Co - Bi	27-83	S and R process, ABG and SN
Po - U	84-92	R process in SN

Nucleosynthesis: Stars are where the periodic table is cooked



Let's summarize

Some astrochemistry jargon

Metal: anything that is not Hydrogen or Helium

X: Hydrogen abundance

Y: Helium abundance

Z: All the rest (i.e., abundance of metals)

$$\mathbf{X+Y+Z=1}$$

Sun: X=0.749, Y=0.238, Z=0.013

Metallicity

Iron abundance (normalized to solar)

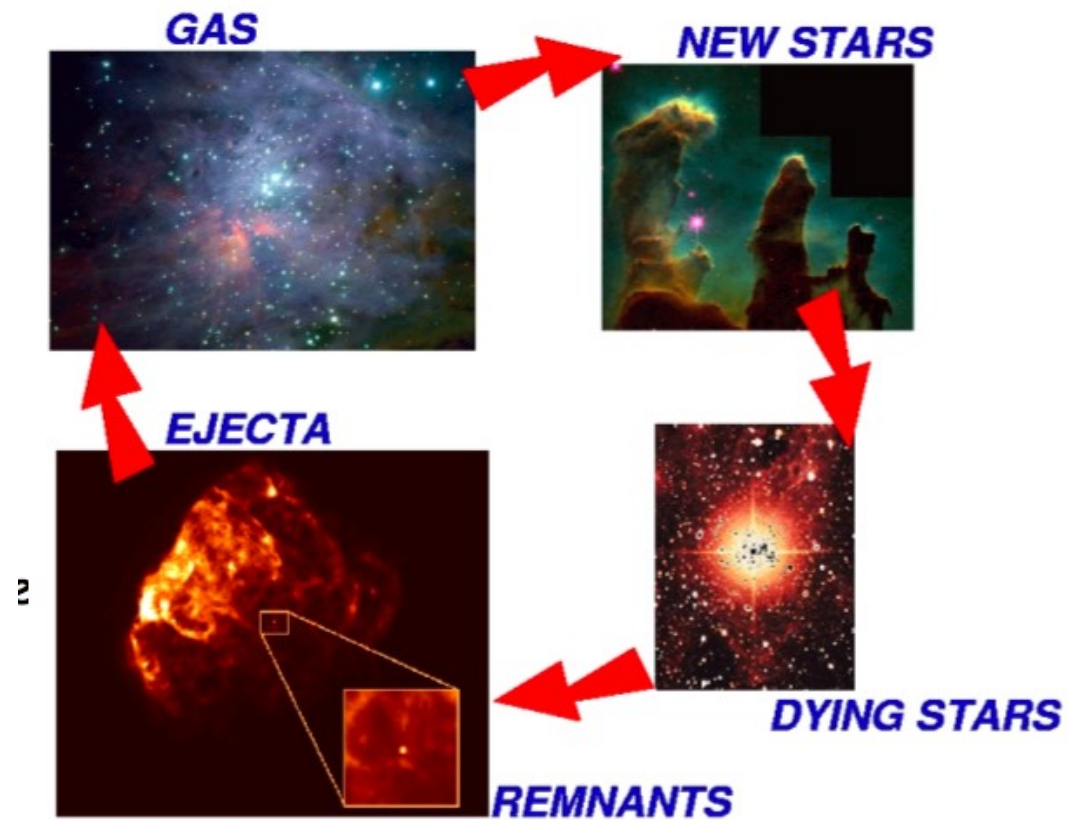
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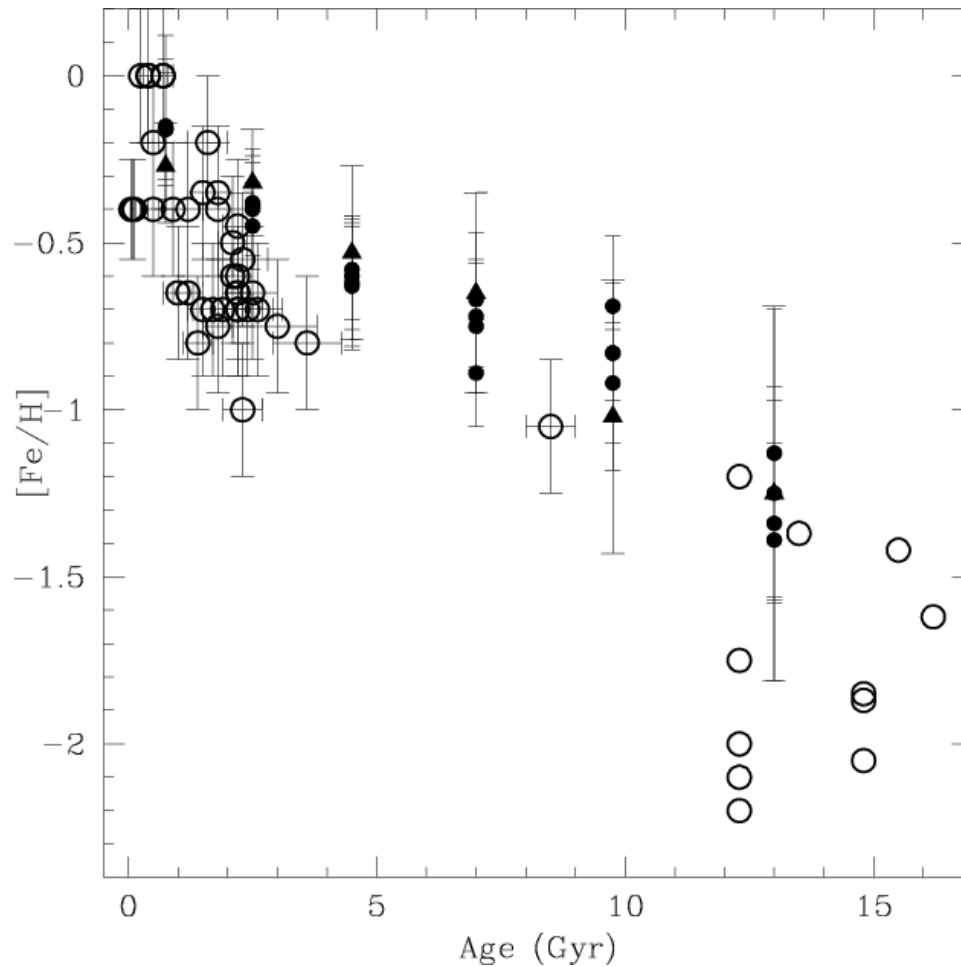


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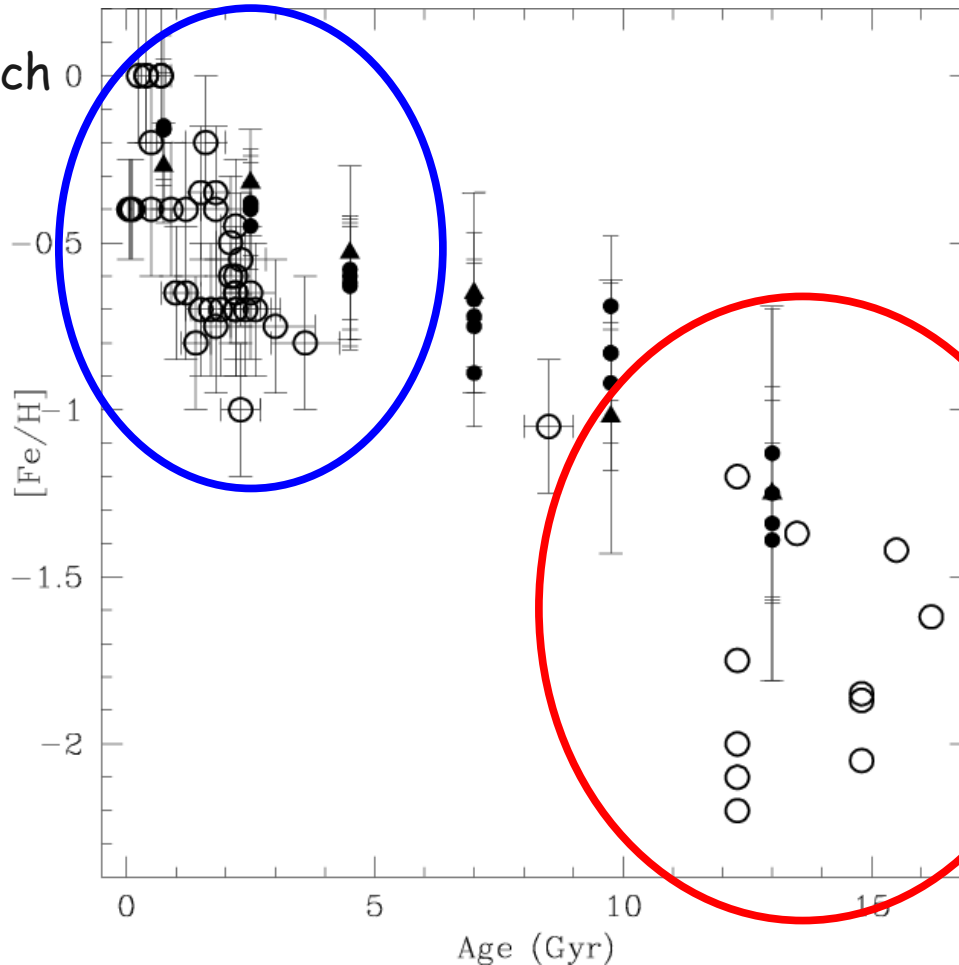
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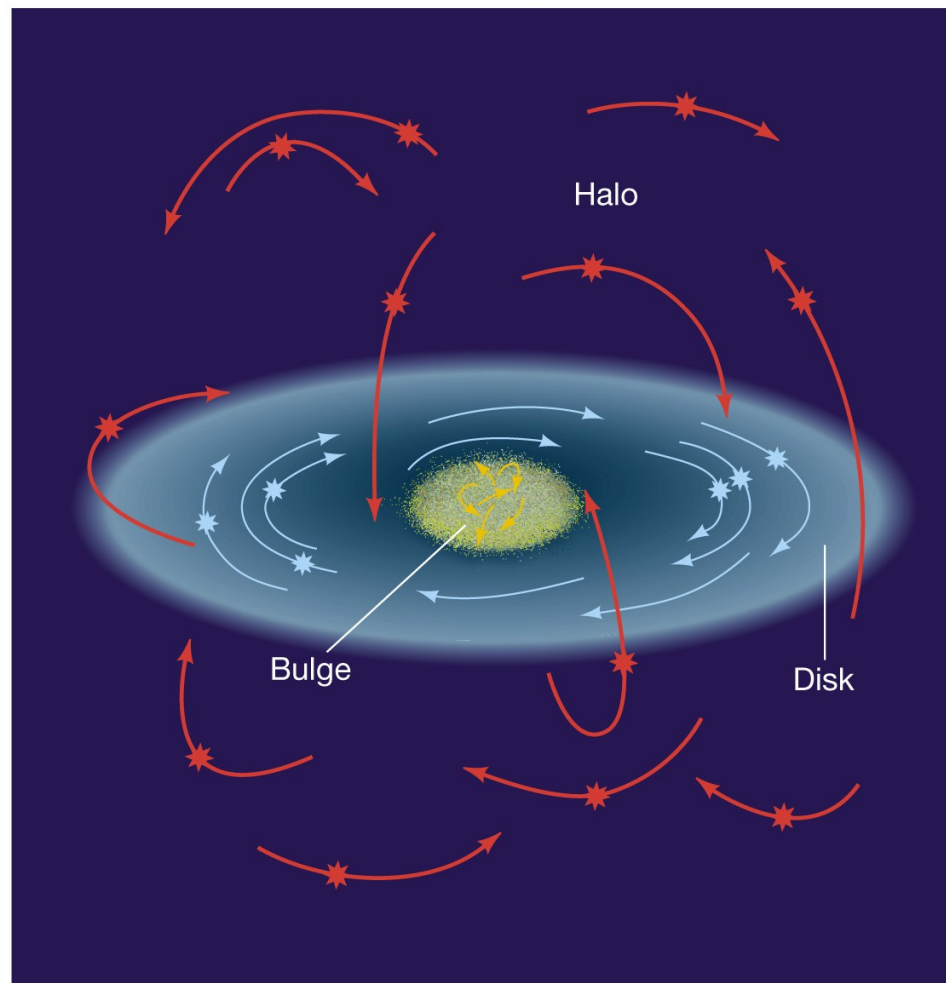
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Halo Stars

*Star formation
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*Star formation is
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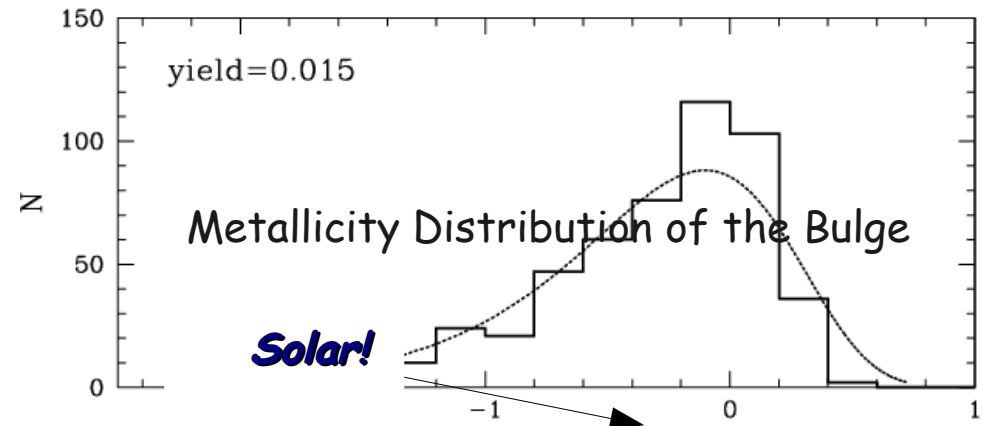
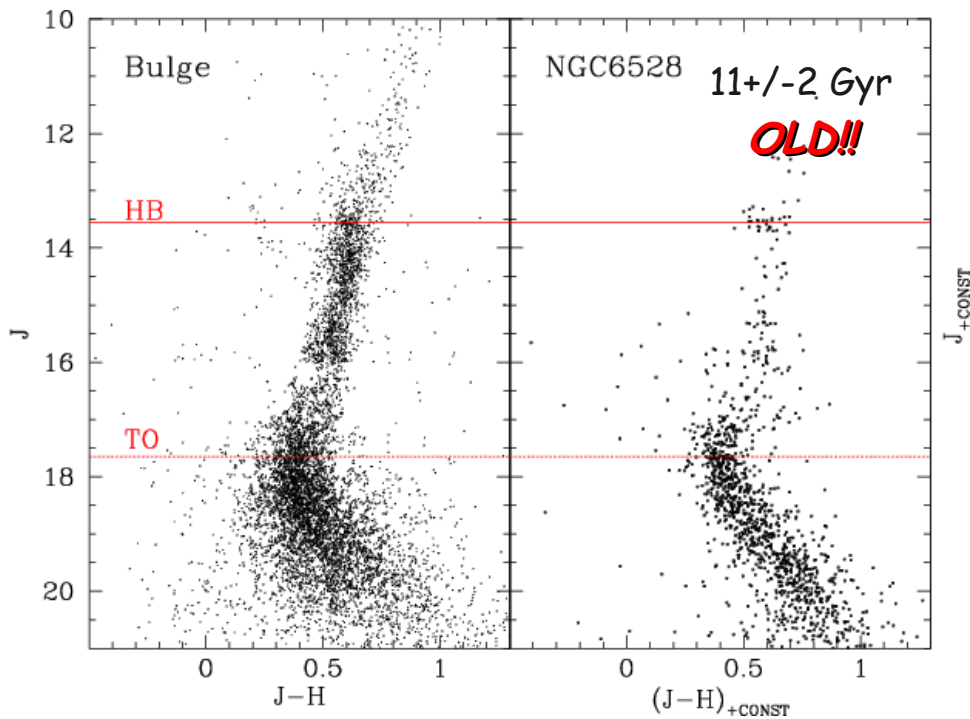
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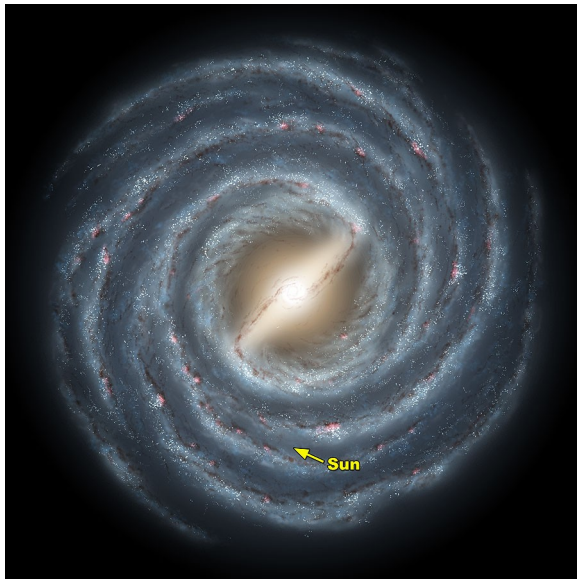
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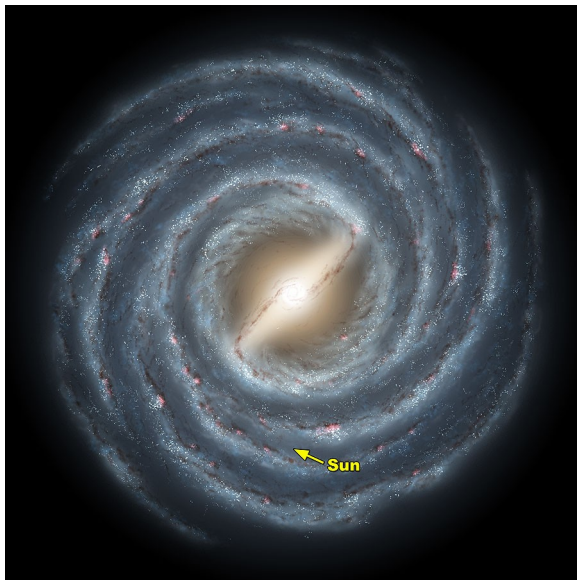
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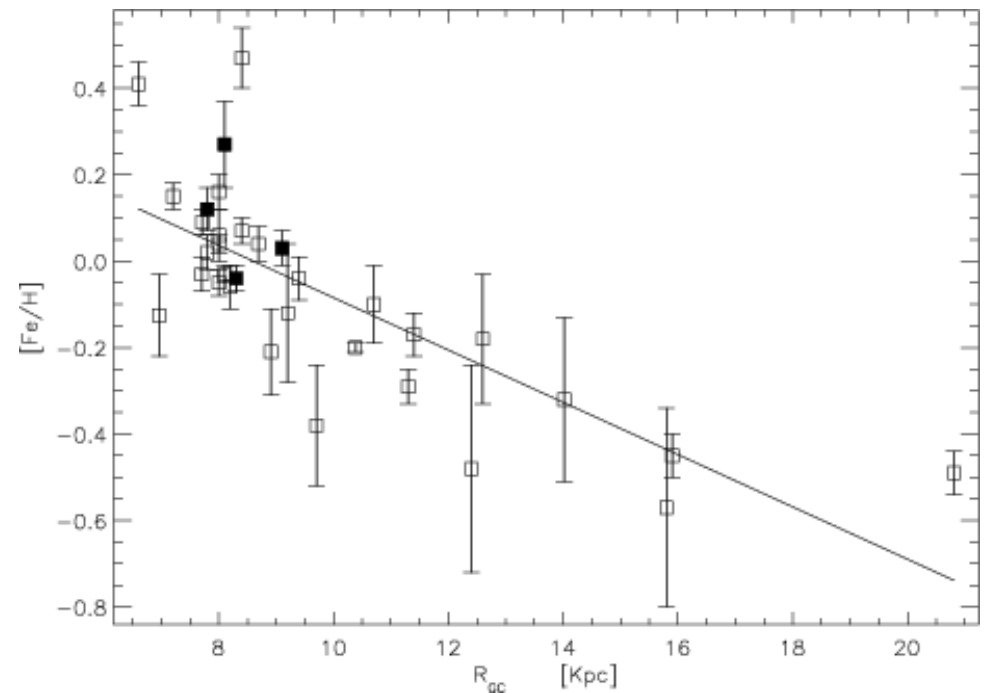
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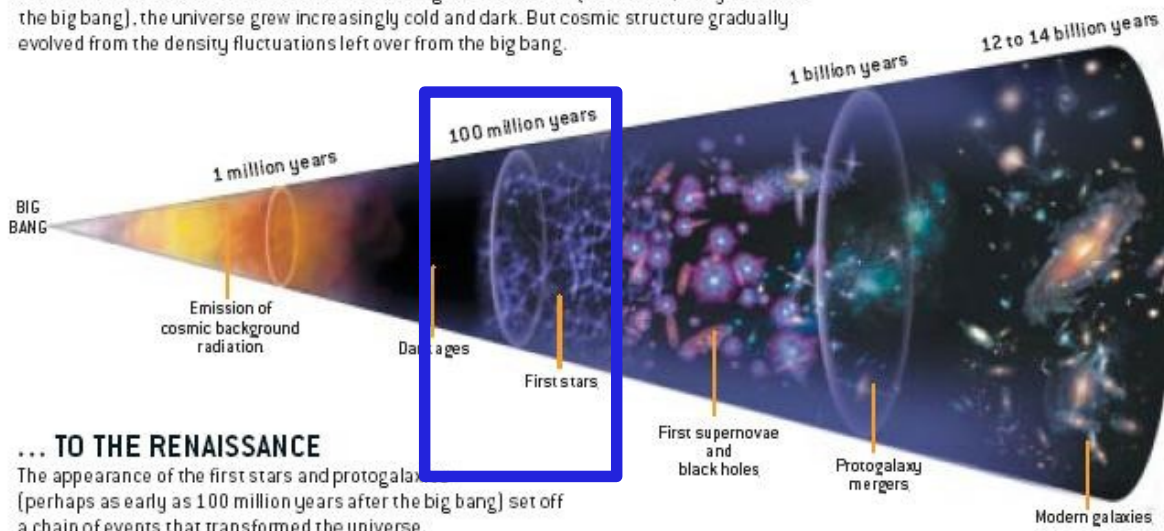
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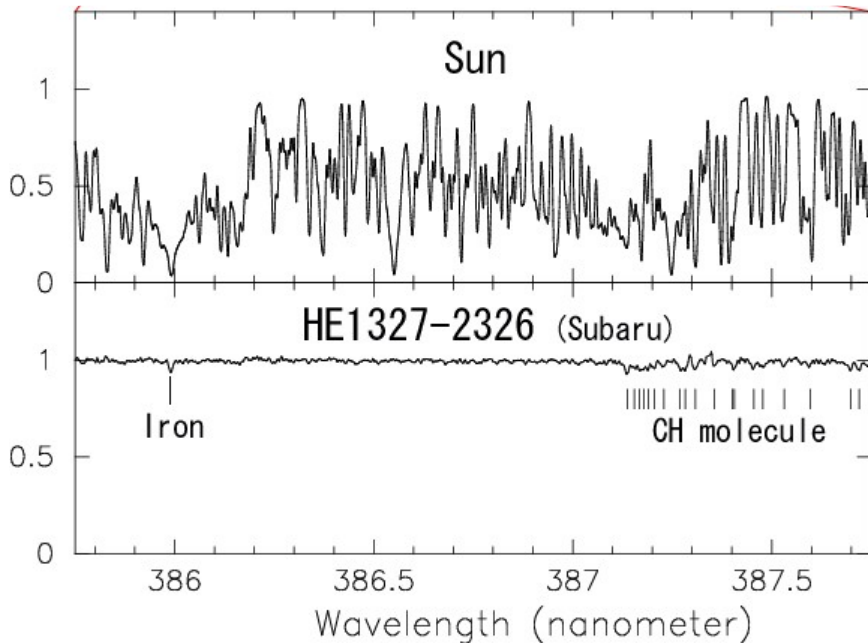
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