

# Neutrino Nucleosynthesis

in the outer layers of supernovae

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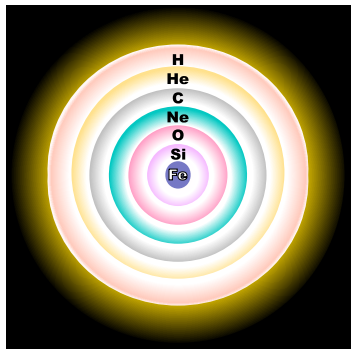
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# Neutrinos and Supernovae

- Massive stars can produce elements up to Fe in hydrostatic burning phases
- The stellar core collapses when the nuclear fuel is depleted
- Collapse stops when nuclear densities are reached
- Hydrodynamic **shock** triggers explosive nucleosynthesis and ejects the outer layers
- Cooling core emits **neutrinos**
- Neutrinos can influence the nucleosynthesis in outer layers of SNe

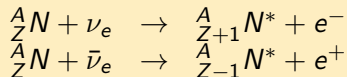


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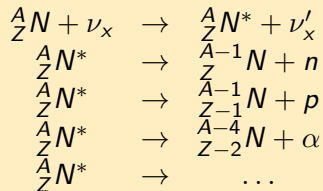
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- Emission of  $10^{59}$  Neutrinos from the collapsing core
- $\langle E_\nu \rangle \approx 7 - 13$  MeV
- $\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle < \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle < \langle E_{\nu_{\mu,\tau}} \rangle$
- Charged-current and neutral-current interactions
- Particle evaporation
- Capture of spallation products

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## Neutral current (NC)



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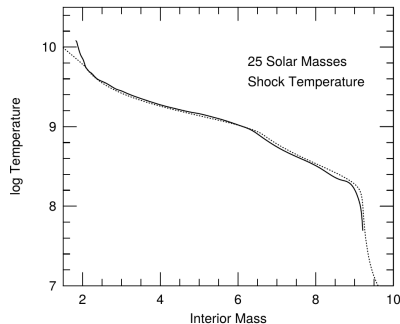


# Updated physics input

- **Neutrino-nucleus cross-sections** have been calculated for almost the whole nuclear chart (L. Huther 2014, PhD. Thesis)
- Simulations including detailed neutrino transport give new estimates for typical **neutrino energies**:  
 $\langle E_\nu \rangle = 8-13$  MeV compared to 13-25 MeV
- Results from various **stellar evolution** calculations are available (e.g. Heger et al. 2002, Limongi et al. 2006)

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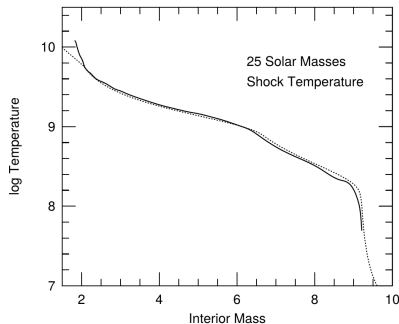


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- Exponentially decreasing neutrino luminosity
- Thermal Fermi-Dirac spectrum

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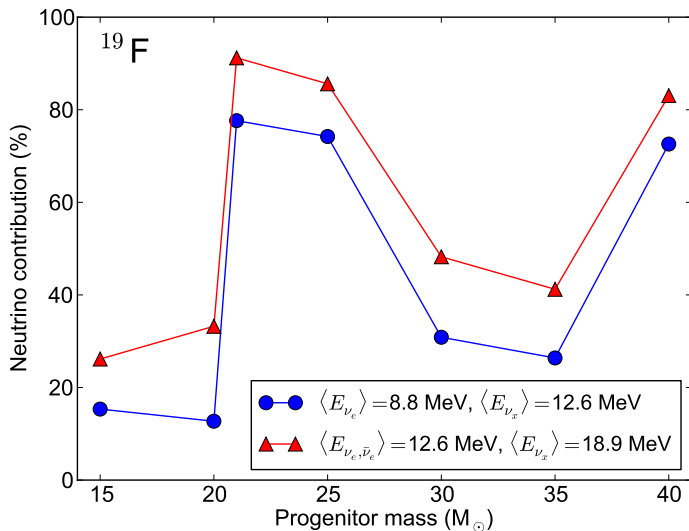
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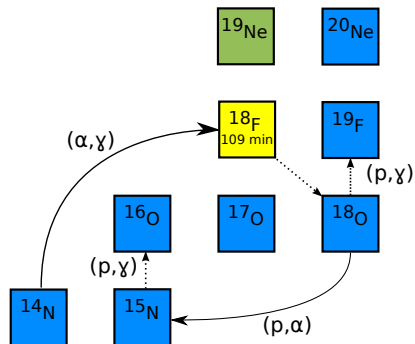
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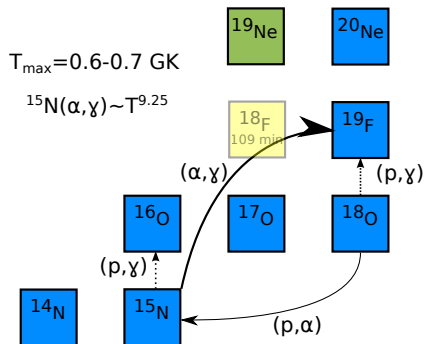


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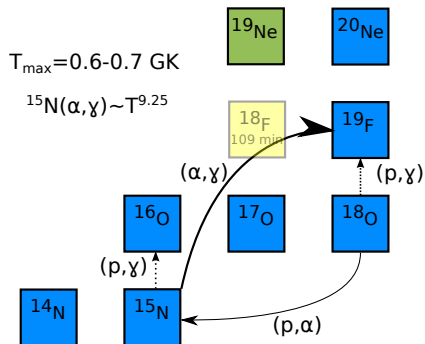
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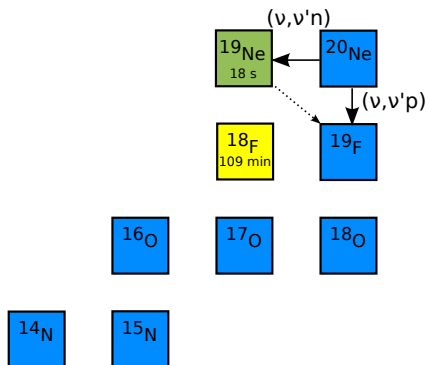
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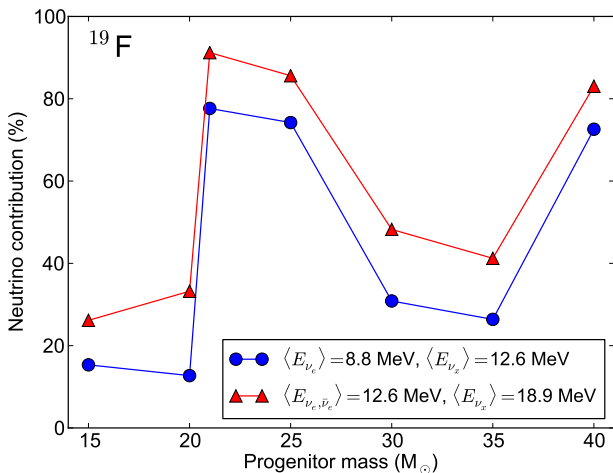
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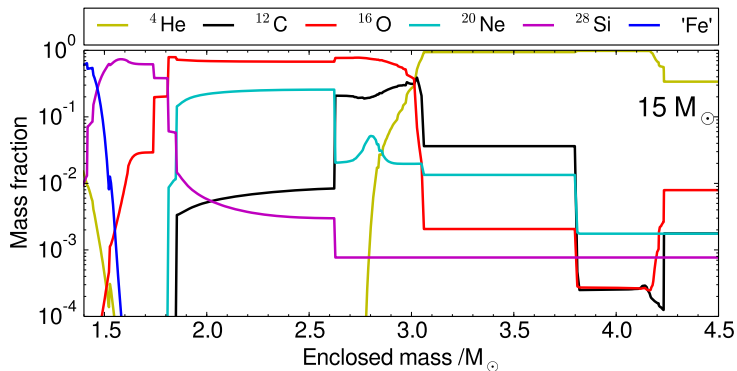


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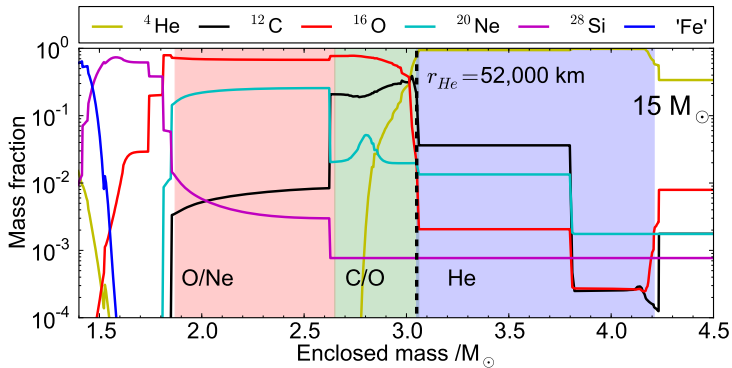
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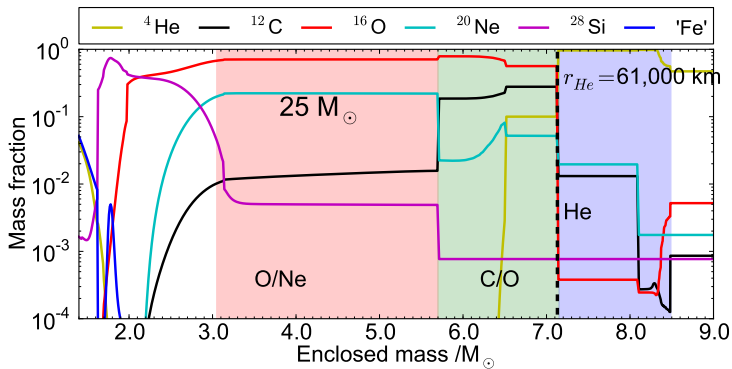
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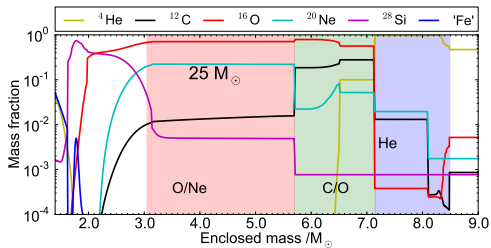
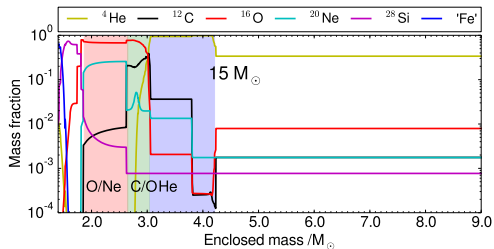


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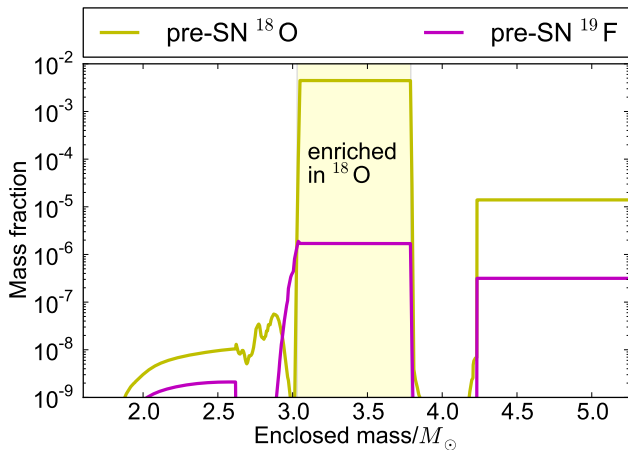


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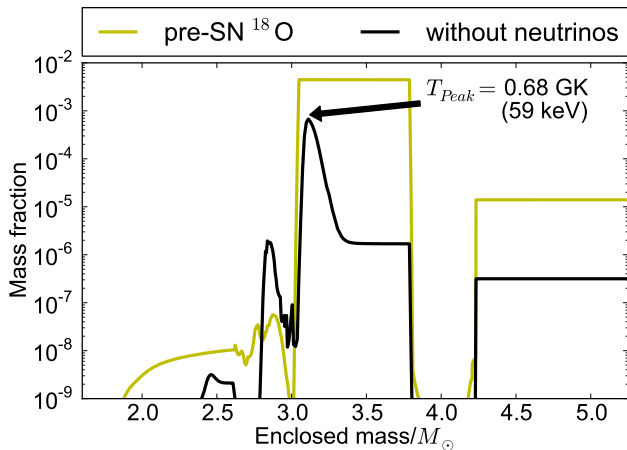
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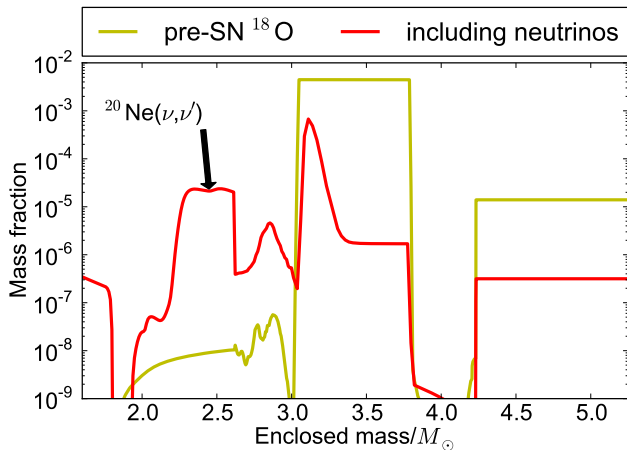
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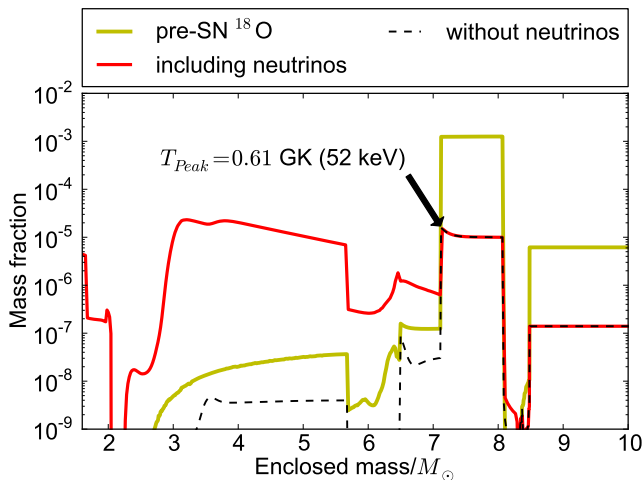
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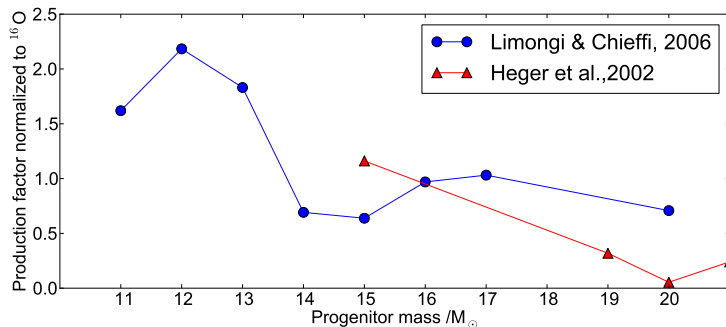


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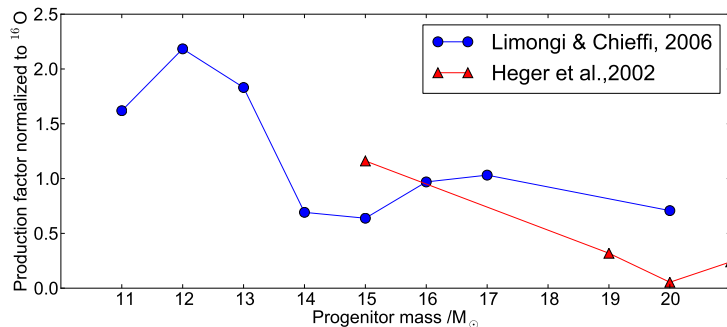


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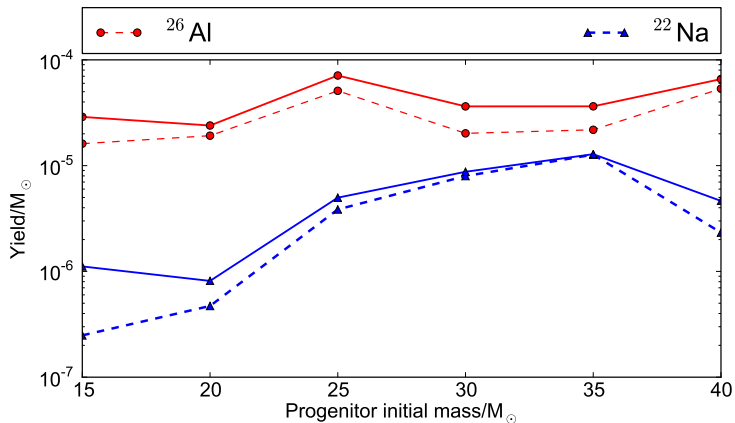
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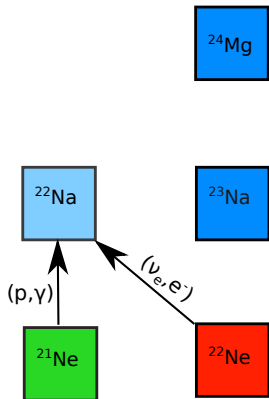
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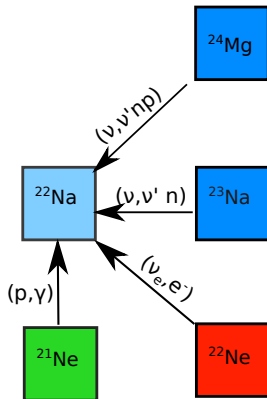


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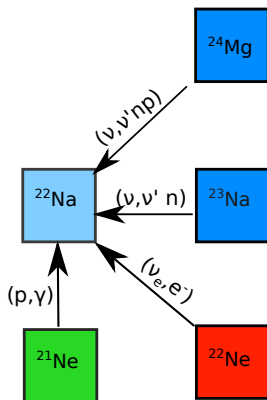
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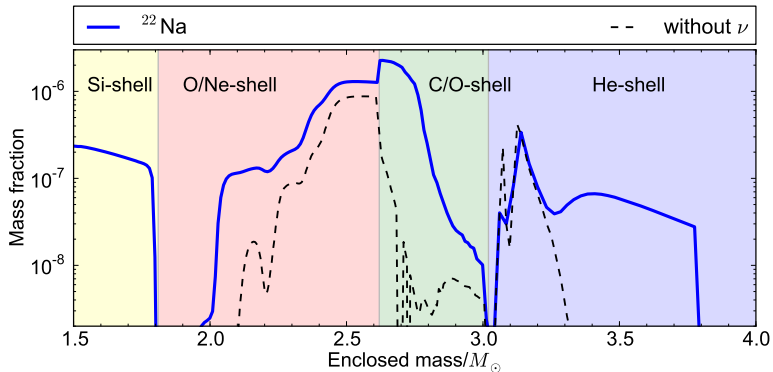
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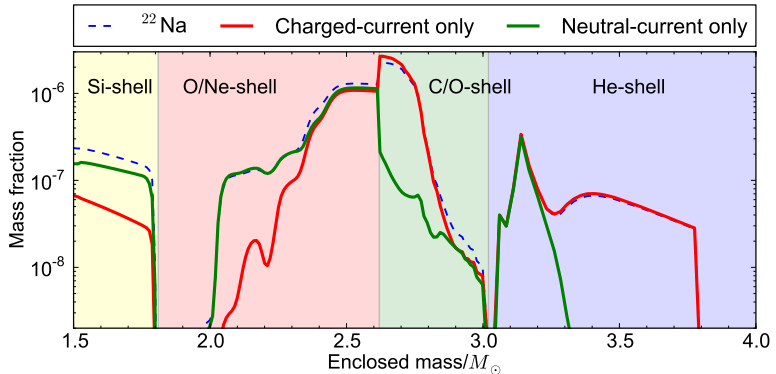
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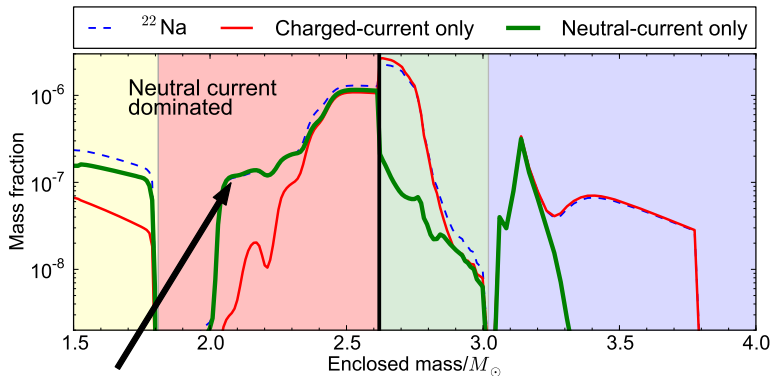
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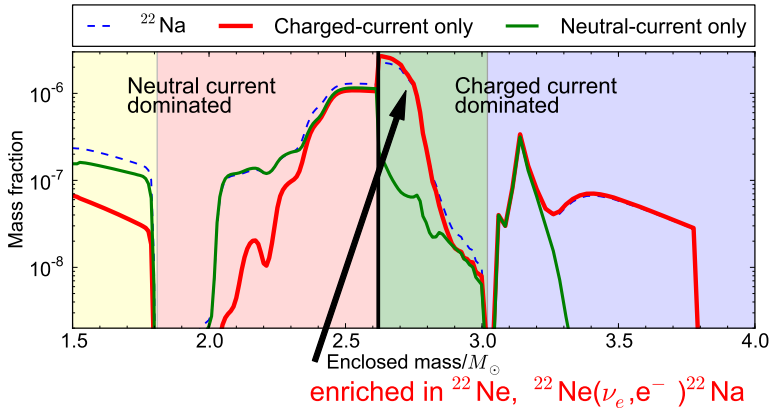
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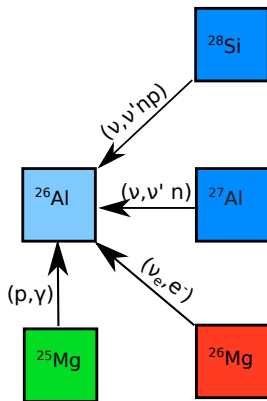
Indirect effect:  $^{20}\text{Ne}(\nu, \nu' p)$  enhances  $^{21}\text{Ne}(p, \gamma)^{22}\text{Na}$

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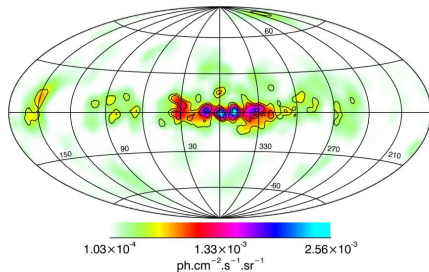
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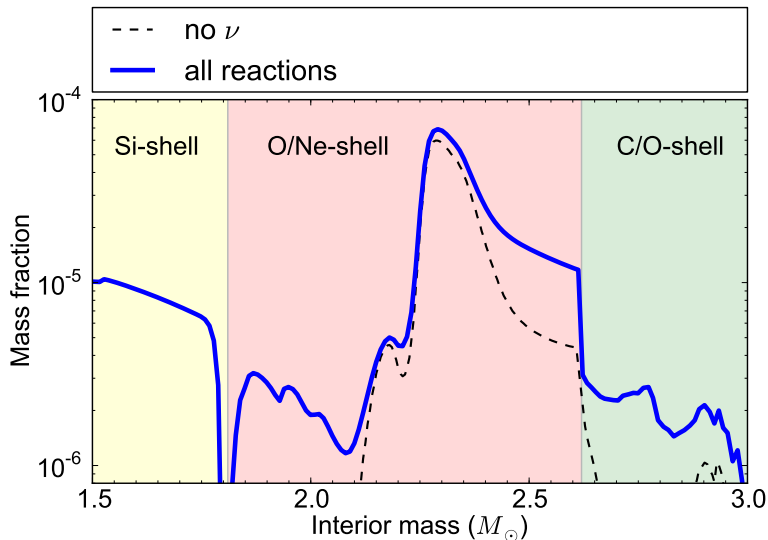
Galactic  $^{26}\text{Al}$  emission with *INTEGRAL* SPI



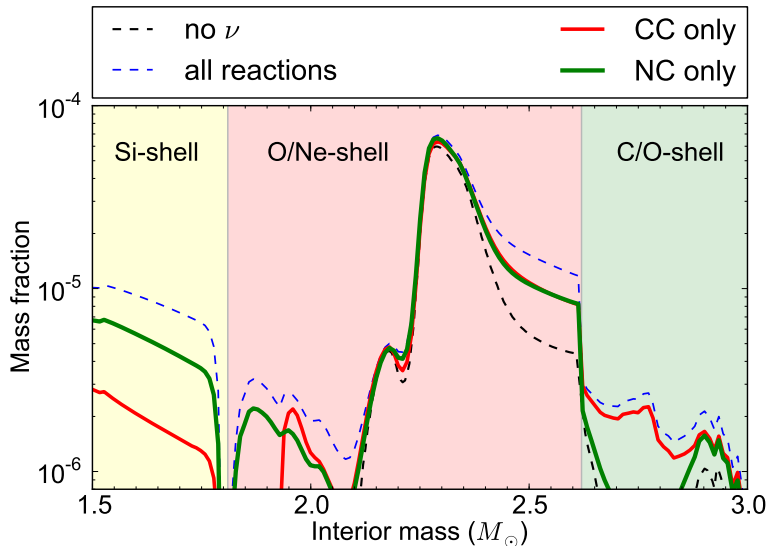
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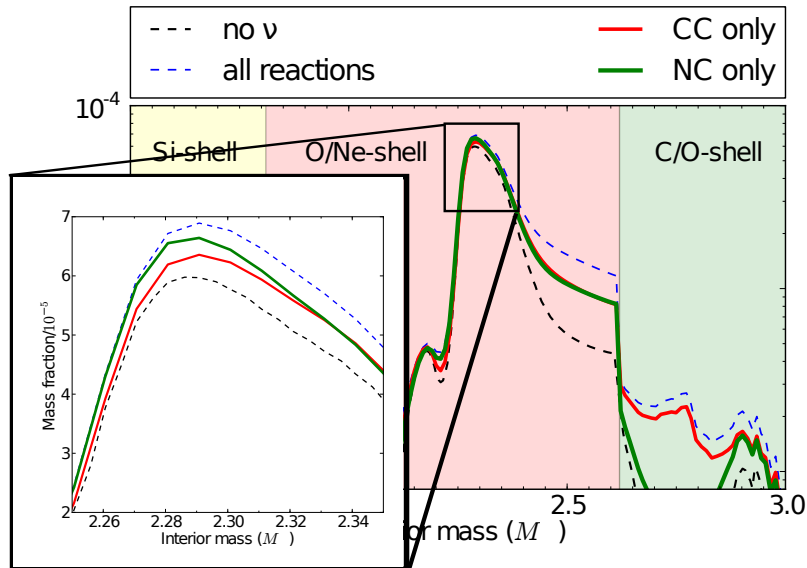
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- ▶ Include the neutrino interactions in Hydrodynamic Simulation
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- ▶ Use time-dependent neutrino spectra
- ▶ Effects of neutrino oscillations



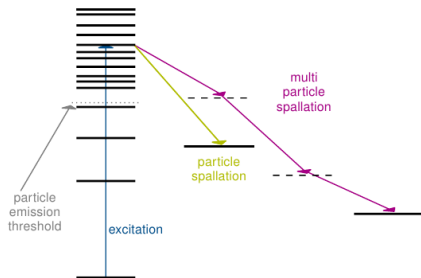
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# Neutrino cross sections

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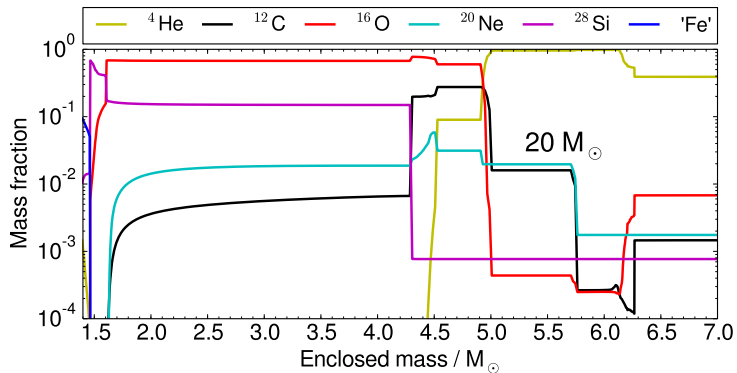
$$\bullet \sigma_{X \rightarrow Y}^k(E_\nu) = \sum_i \sigma_i^{RPA}(X) \times P_k(Y)$$

- Excitation spectra from RPA
- Decay rates from Hauser-Feshbach statistical models
- Including evaporation of up to 4 particles



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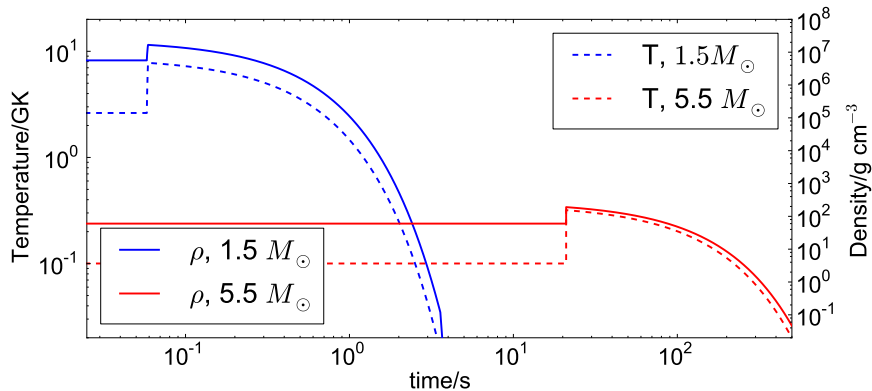
# Stellar composition



# Supernova model

- Thermodynamic parametrization
- Temperature and density constant until the passage of the shock at  $t_0$
- **Peak temperature** in the shock:  $T_P = E_{\text{expl}}^{1/4} \times R^{-3/4}$
- Exponential decrease of temperature with **time scale**  $\tau_{\text{dyn}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_{\text{initial}}}}$
- Expansion with **constant velocity** of 5000 km/s
- Explosion energy of  $10^{51}$  ergs

# Parametrization of the supernova event



- Example for thermodynamic trajectory

# Description of $\nu$ emission

- Decreasing Luminosity  $L_\nu \propto \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_\nu}\right)$
- Isotropic emission
- Emission of  $10^{53}$  ergs for each flavour
- Fermi-Dirac distributed energies,  $\langle E_\nu \rangle = 3.15 \times T_\nu$ 
  - ▶  $T_{\nu_e} = 4$  MeV
  - ▶  $T_{\bar{\nu}_e} = 4$  MeV
  - ▶  $T_{\nu_{\mu,\tau}} = 8$  MeV

- Description taken from Woosley and Weaver 1990 (*The  $\nu$ -process*, ApJ:356,272)

