Neutrino Nucleosynthesis

in the outer layers of supernovae

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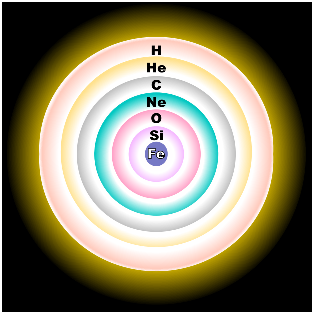
Neutrinos and Supernovae

- The core of a massive star collapses after the nuclear burning phases
- Collapse stops when nuclear densities are reached
- Hydrodynamic shock triggers explosive nucleosynthesis
- Cooling core emitts neutrinos
- Neutrinos can influence the nucleosynthesis in outer layers of SNe



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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

Neutral current (NC)

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{A}_{Z}N + \nu_x &\rightarrow {}^{A}_{Z}N^* + \nu_x' \\ &\rightarrow {}^{A-1}_{Z}N + n \\ &\rightarrow {}^{A-1}_{Z-1}N + p \\ &\rightarrow {}^{A-4}_{Z-2}N + \alpha \\ &\rightarrow \quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

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^{138}La and ^{180}Ta via ^{138}Ba(ν_e,e$^-$) and ^{180}Hf(ν_e,e$^-$)

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)

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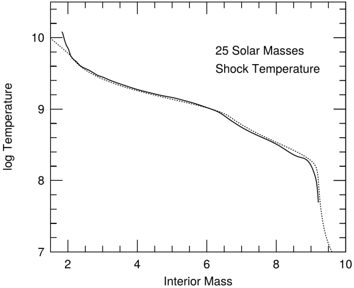

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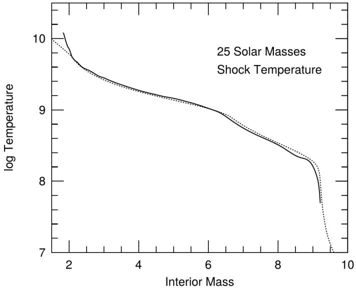

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Neutrino flux

- Exponentially decreasing neutrino luminosity
- Thermal Fermi-Dirac spectrum

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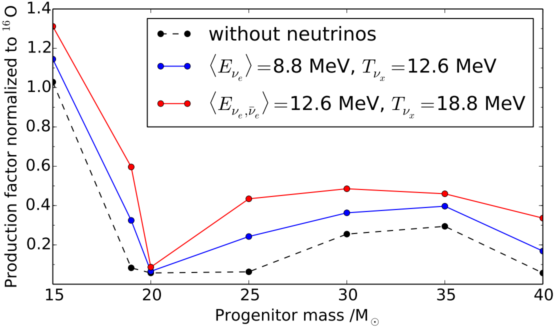

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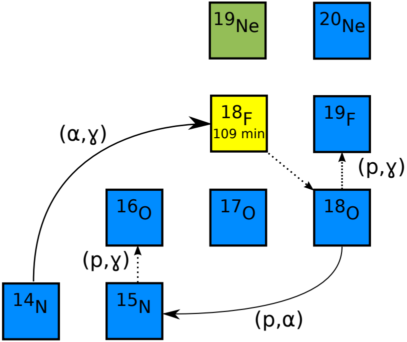

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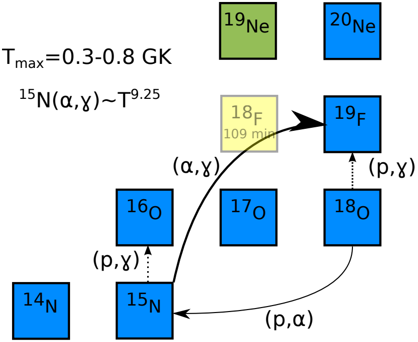

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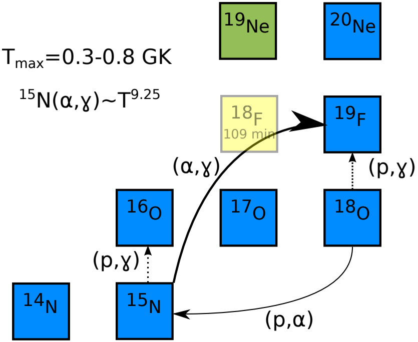

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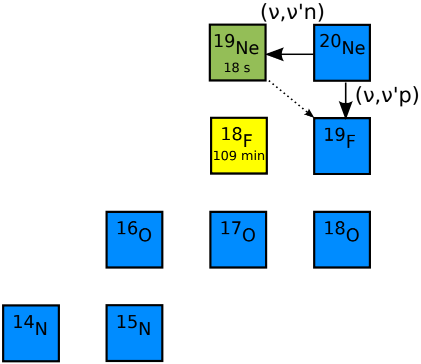

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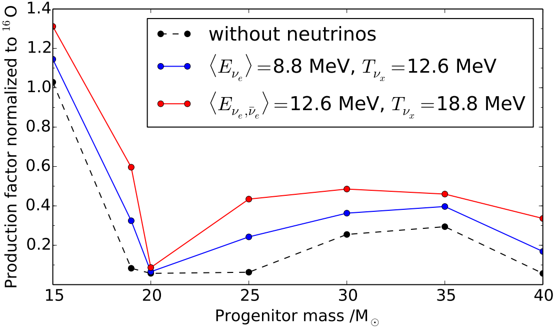

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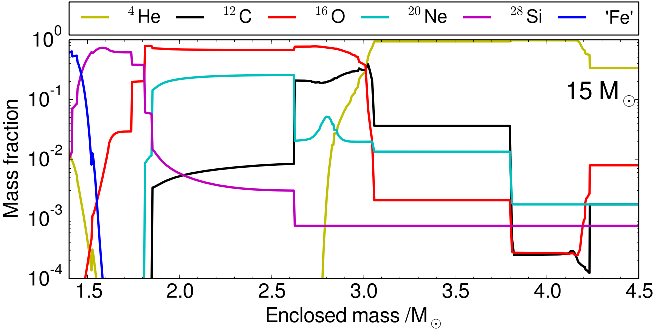

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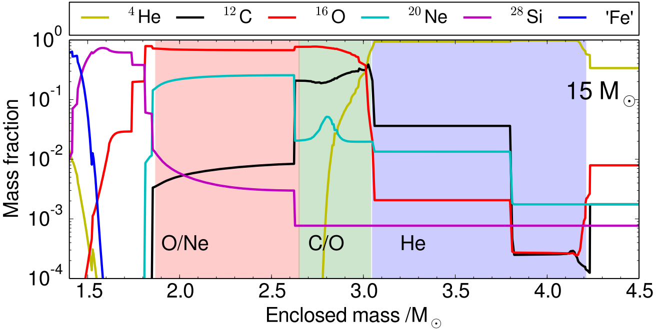

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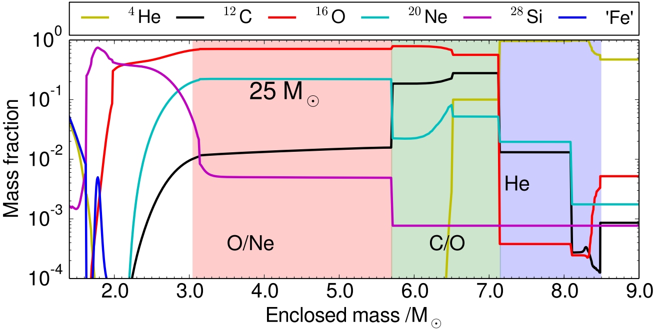

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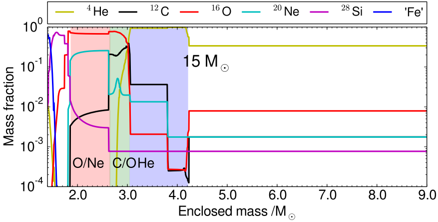

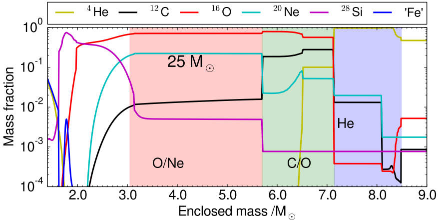

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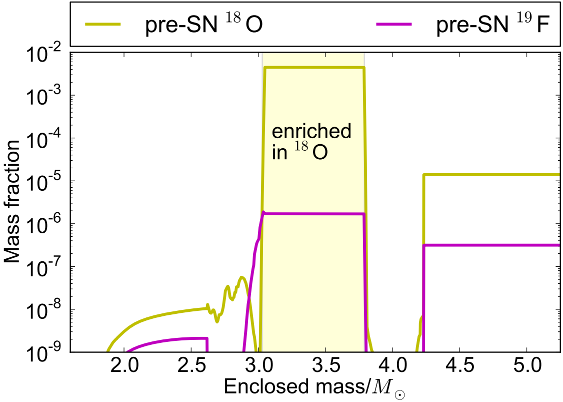

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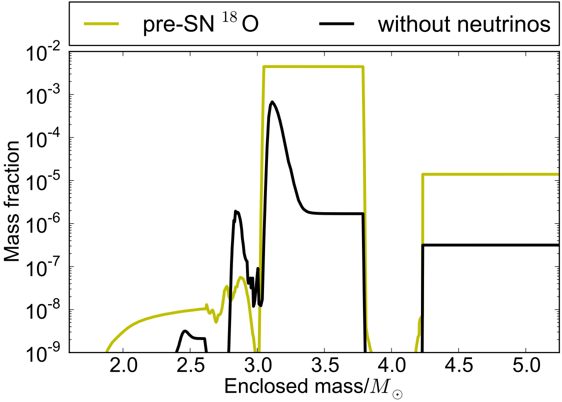

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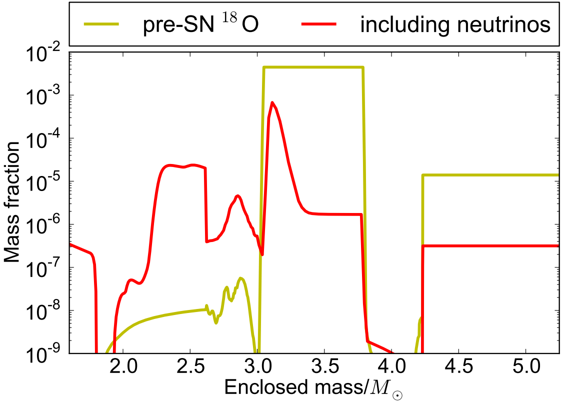

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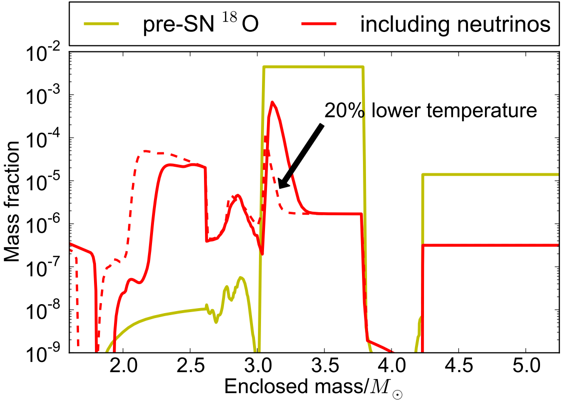

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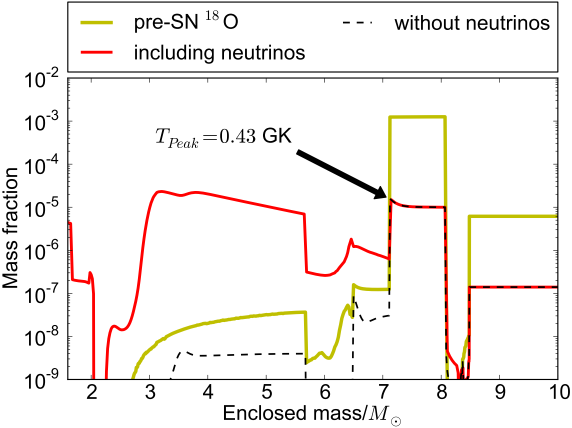

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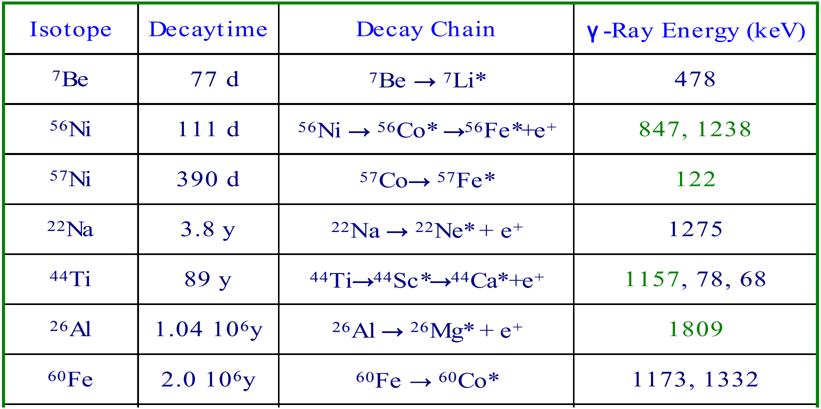

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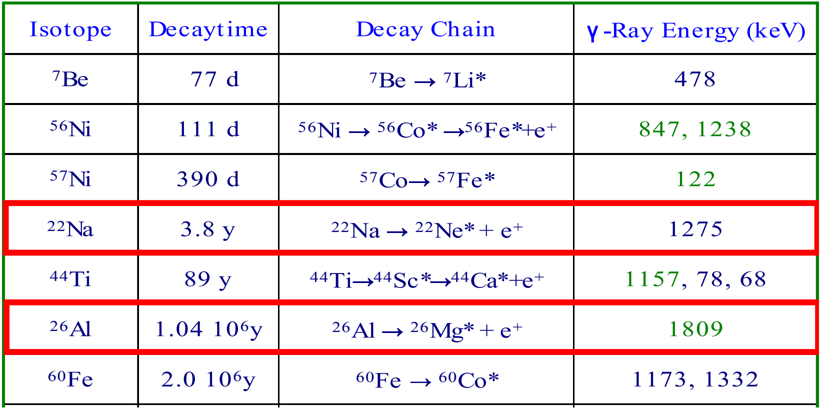

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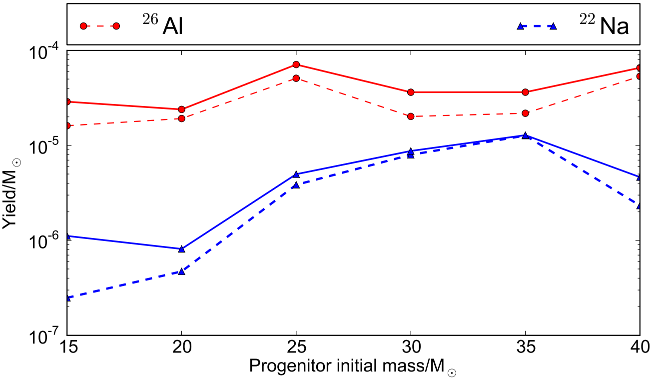

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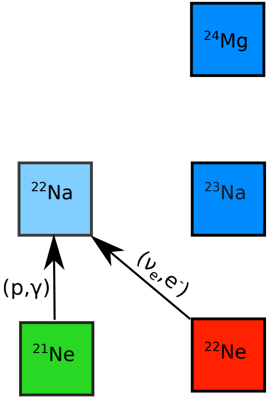

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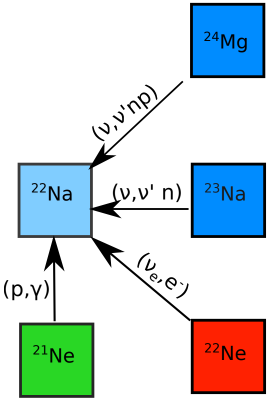

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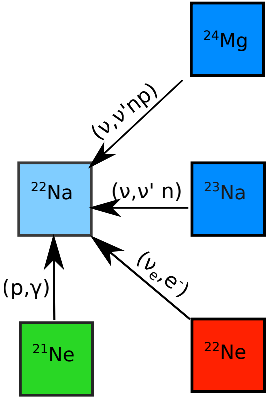

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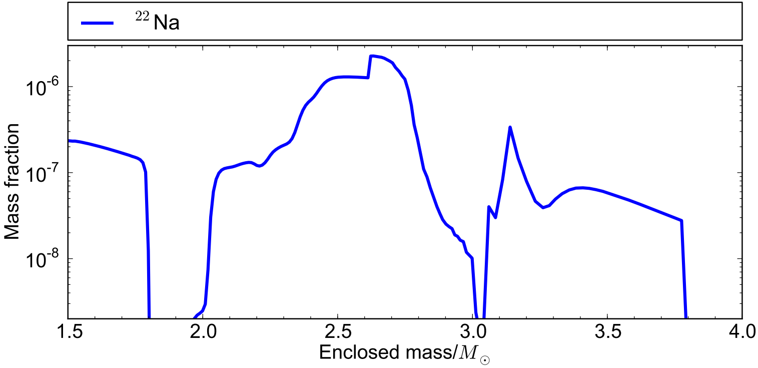

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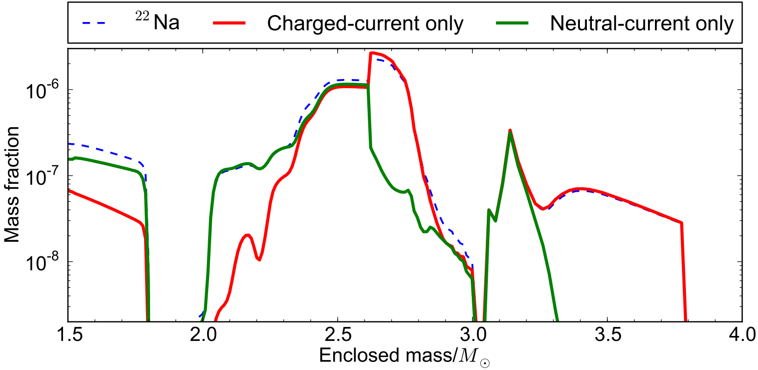

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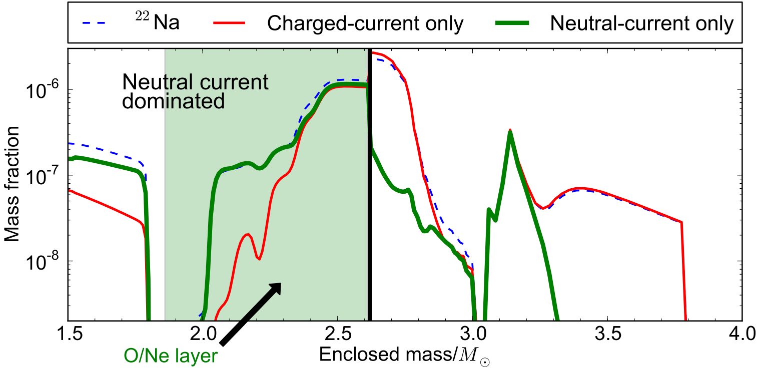

Indirect effect: ^{20}Ne(ν,ν' p) enhances ^{21}Ne(p,γ)^{22}Na

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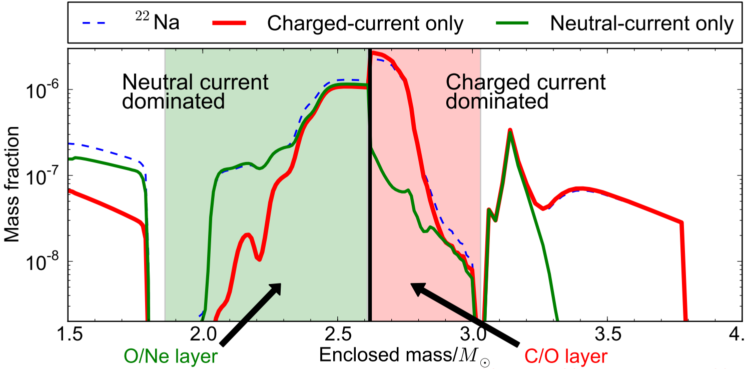

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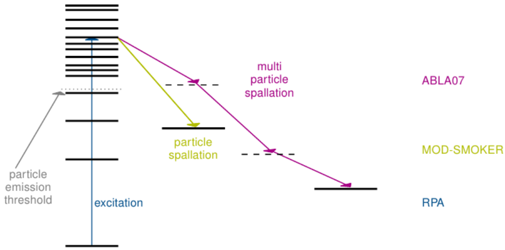
  - Study a larger range of progenitor models, especially lower mass
  - Explore effects of metallicity
  - Improve thermodynamic description
  - Improve neutrino spectra
  - Effects of neutrino oscillations

Thank you, for your attention

Neutrino cross sections

- Two step process: Excitation and decay
- $\sigma^k_{X\rightarrow Y}(E_\nu) = \sum_i \sigma_i^{RPA}(X) \times P_k(Y)$

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



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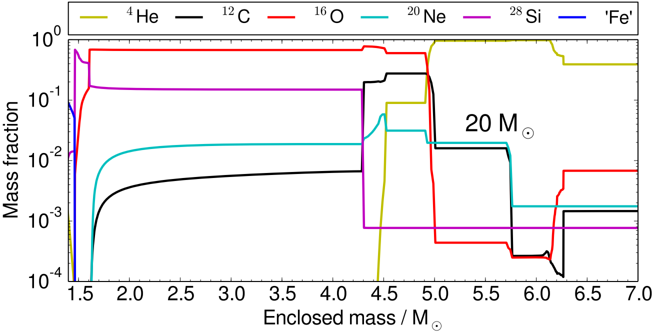
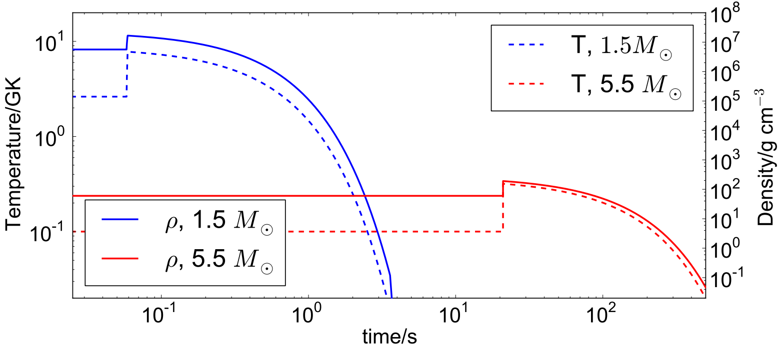
Stellar composition



Supernova model

- Simple 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 $\tau_{dyn} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_{\text{initial}}}}$
- 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 ν 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, $\langle E_\nu \rangle = 3.15 \times T_\nu$
  - $T_{\nu_e} = 4\ \mathrm{MeV}$
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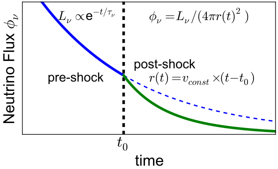

- Description taken from Woosley and Weaver 1990 (*The ν-process*, ApJ:356,272)