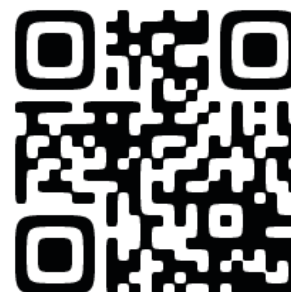


Discovering the most important temperatures of **helium burning reactions** in **pair-instability supernova** nucleosynthesis

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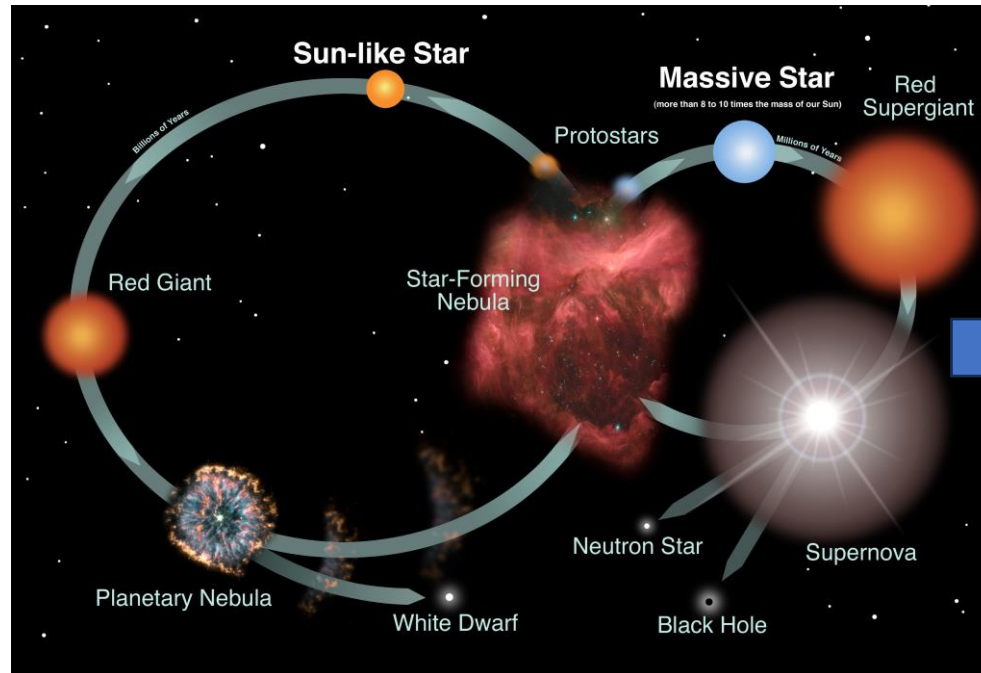
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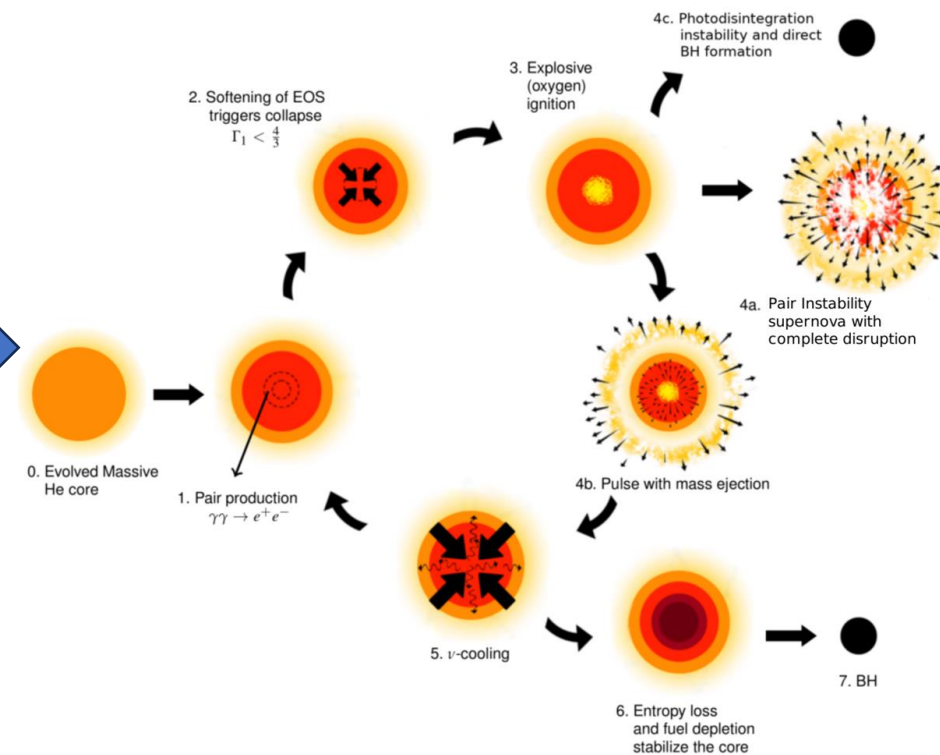


Introduction

Final fates of stars



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$\sim 8M_{\odot}$: White dwarf

$\sim 30(?)M_{\odot}$: Core-Collapse supernova (Neutron star, Black hole)

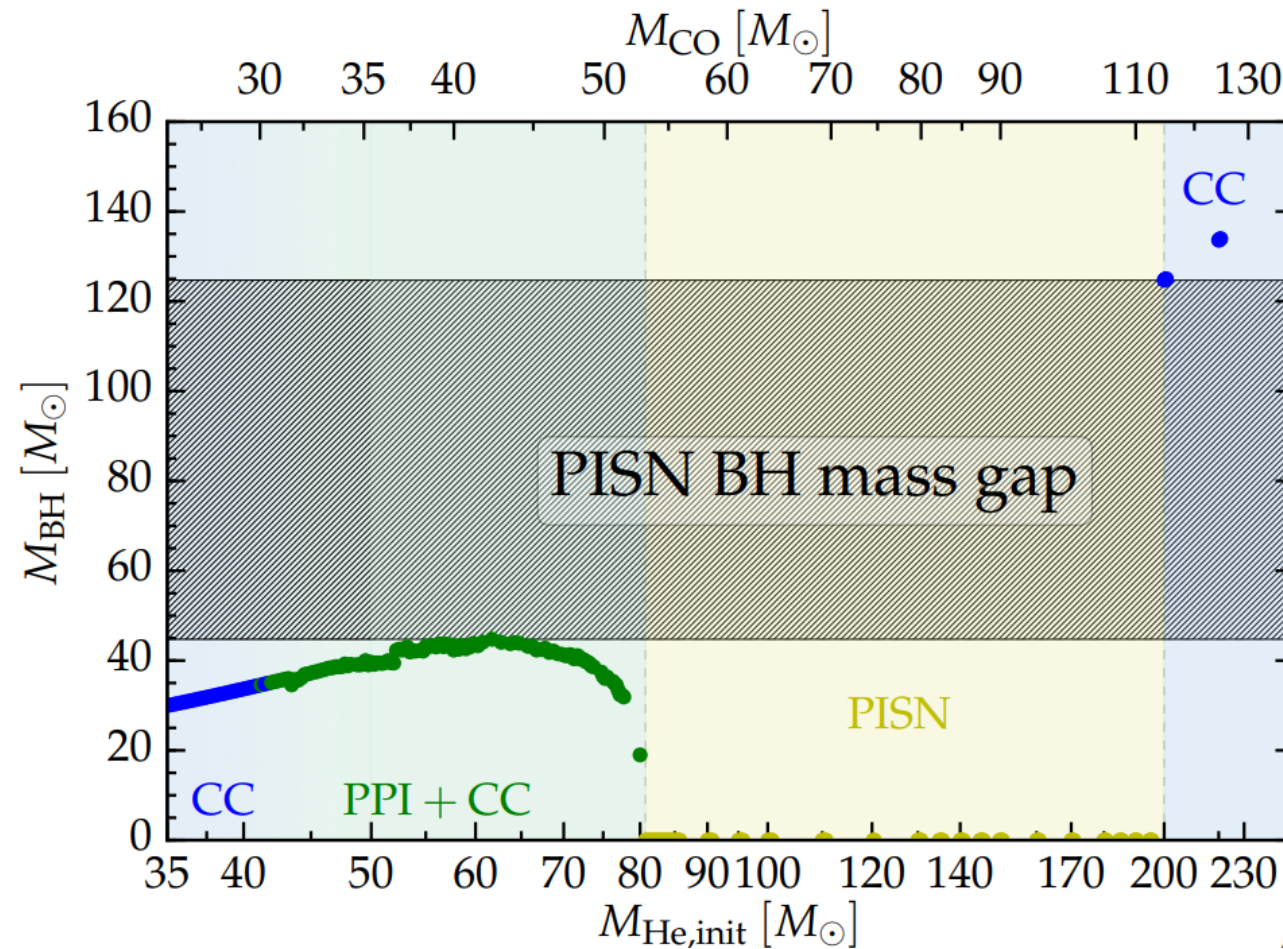
$\sim 140M_{\odot}$: Black hole (Direct collapse/ Failed supernova)

$\sim 260M_{\odot}$: Pair-instability supernova

$260M_{\odot} \sim$: Black hole (Direct collapse?)

Introduction

Final fates of stars



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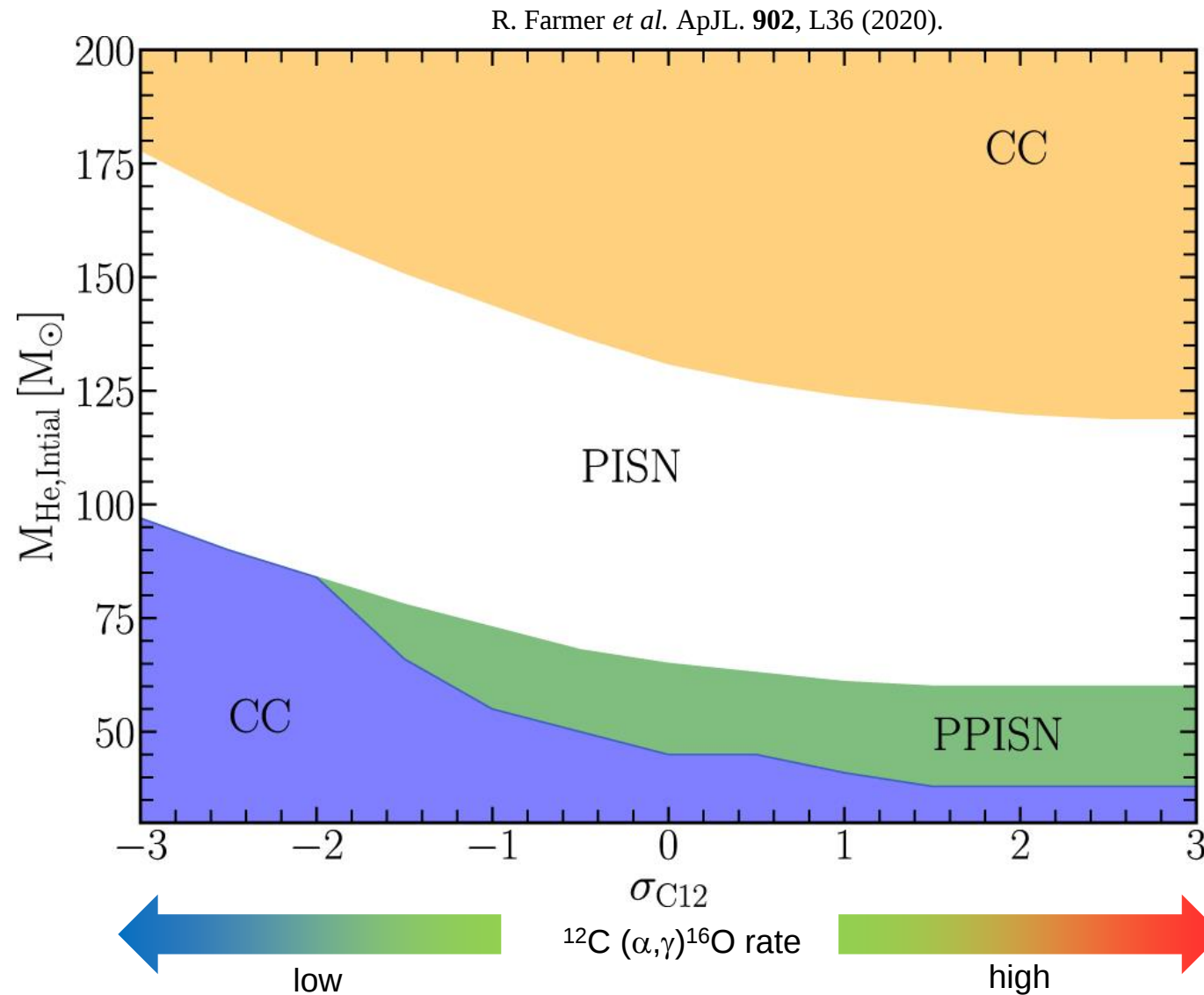
Final fate of ZAMS 140-260 $M_{\odot}$ low metal very massive star

→ Pair-instability supernova

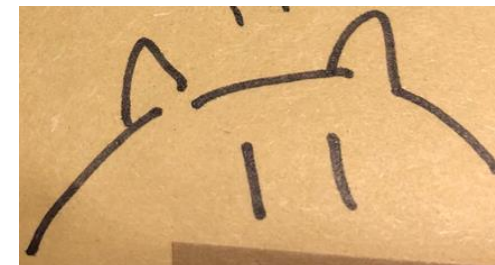
Complete destruction → No compact object (remnant)

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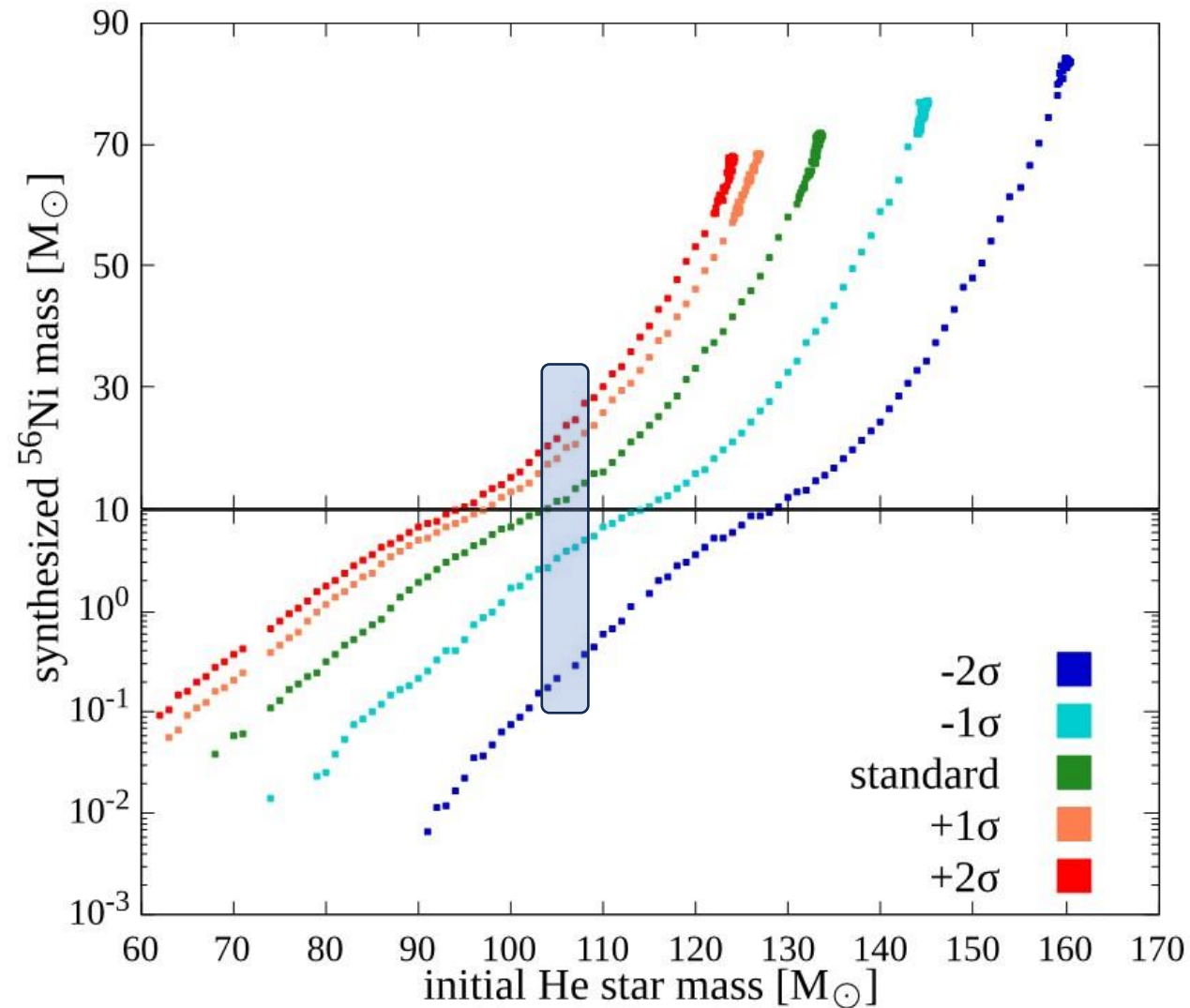
PISNe details (final fate) with rate



PISN final fate →
strongly effected from
 $^{12}\text{C} (\alpha, \gamma) ^{16}\text{O}$ reaction
rate

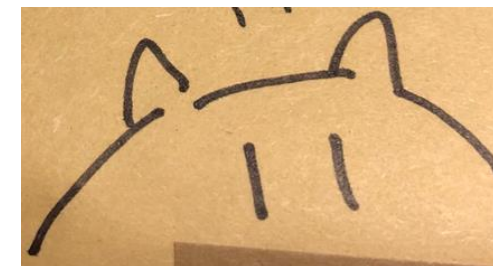


Introduction ^{56}Ni synthesis



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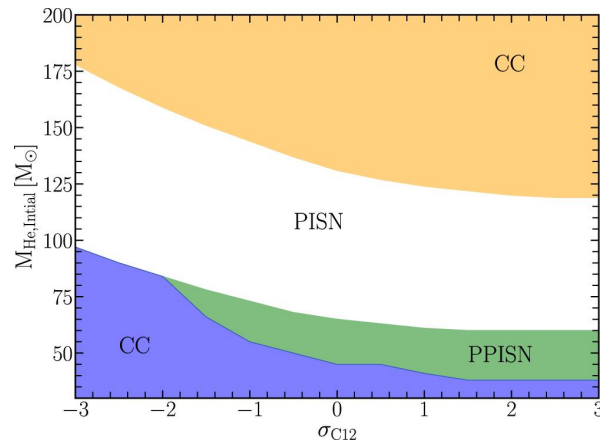
Focusing on the same initial mass, high $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction rate series makes more ^{56}Ni



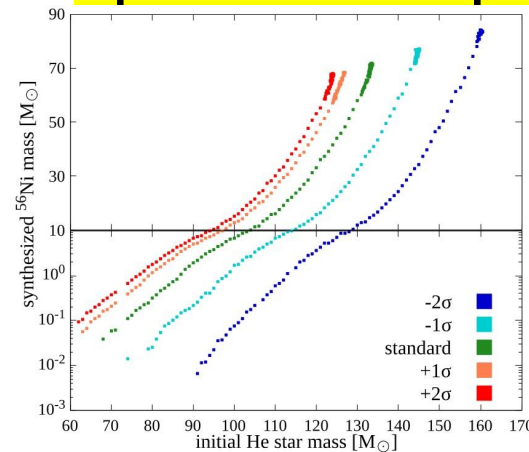
In this work...

VMS final fate, PISN Ni synthesis are strongly effected from $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction rate.

However, all of works considered for “high” of “low” reaction rate, without specific temperature importance.

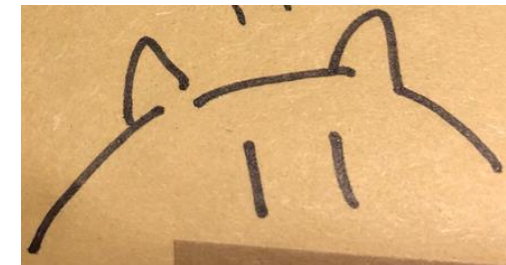


R. Farmer *et al.* ApJL. **902**, L36 (2020)



H. Kawashimo *et al.* MNRAS **531**, 2786 (2024)

We investigate where is the most important temperature for ^{56}Ni synthesis in He-bunring ($^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ and 3α) reaction by Monte-Carlo method



Method

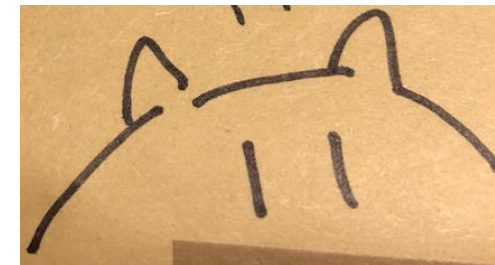
Stellar evolution

MESA r15140 (Paxton+ 2011 etc.)

Initial conditions and setups: Marchant+ 2019

- He star (Main sequence terminated + H envelope removed)
- Metallicity $Z = 10^{-5}$
- Initial mass $M = 100 M_{\odot}$

MESA

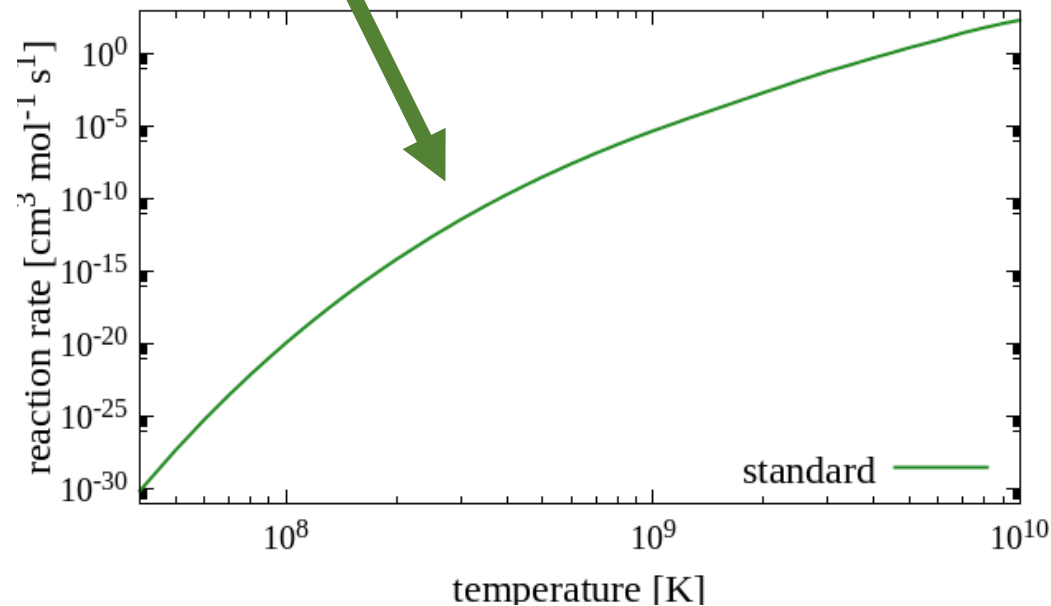


Methods

How to make reaction rate tables

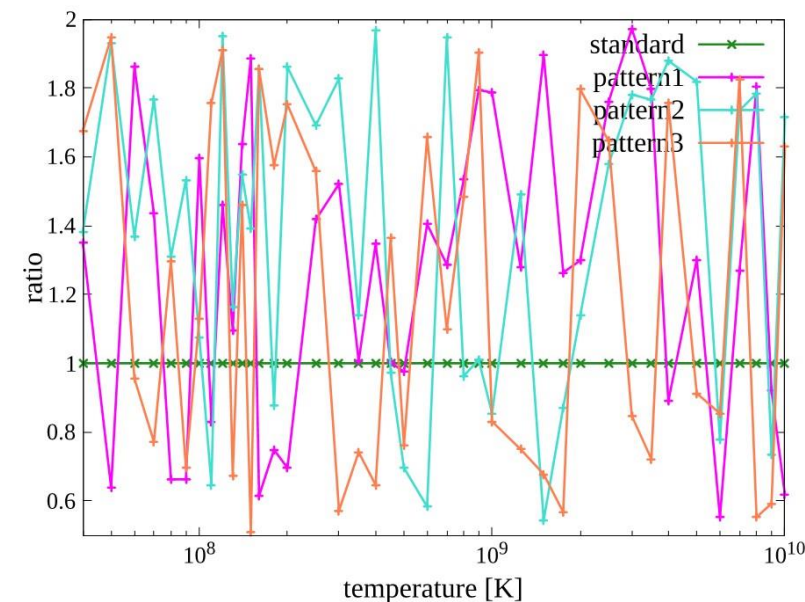
- Get “standard” reaction rates between 4.0×10^8 K and 1.0×10^{10} K from STARLIB (and it bases on Kunz+ 2002 ($^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$) and Angulo+ 1999 (3α)) $\rightarrow p_{\text{std}}(T)$
- Generate random value in $0.5 \sim 2$ for each STARLIB temperature points $\rightarrow f_{\text{ptn}}(T)$
- Calculate $p_{\text{std}}(T) \times f_{\text{ptn}}(T) \rightarrow$ We obtain randomized reaction rate!

$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ example



$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ standard reaction rate

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$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ random factors examples

Methods

How to consider the strength of corr.

- Finally we obtain synthesized ^{56}Ni mass $M_{56\text{Ni},\text{ptn}}$. Therefore, we get this table below:

		Pattern number 			
$M_{56\text{Ni},\text{ptn}}$		$M_{56\text{Ni},1}$	$M_{56\text{Ni},2}$	$M_{56\text{Ni},3}$	...
 Temperature	$f_{\text{ptn}}(T_1)$	$f_1(T_1)$	$f_2(T_1)$	$f_3(T_1)$	...
	$f_{\text{ptn}}(T_2)$	$f_1(T_2)$	$f_2(T_2)$	$f_3(T_2)$	...
	$f_{\text{ptn}}(T_3)$	$f_1(T_3)$	$f_2(T_3)$	$f_3(T_3)$	...
	$f_{\text{ptn}}(T_4)$	$f_1(T_4)$	$f_2(T_4)$	$f_3(T_4)$	...
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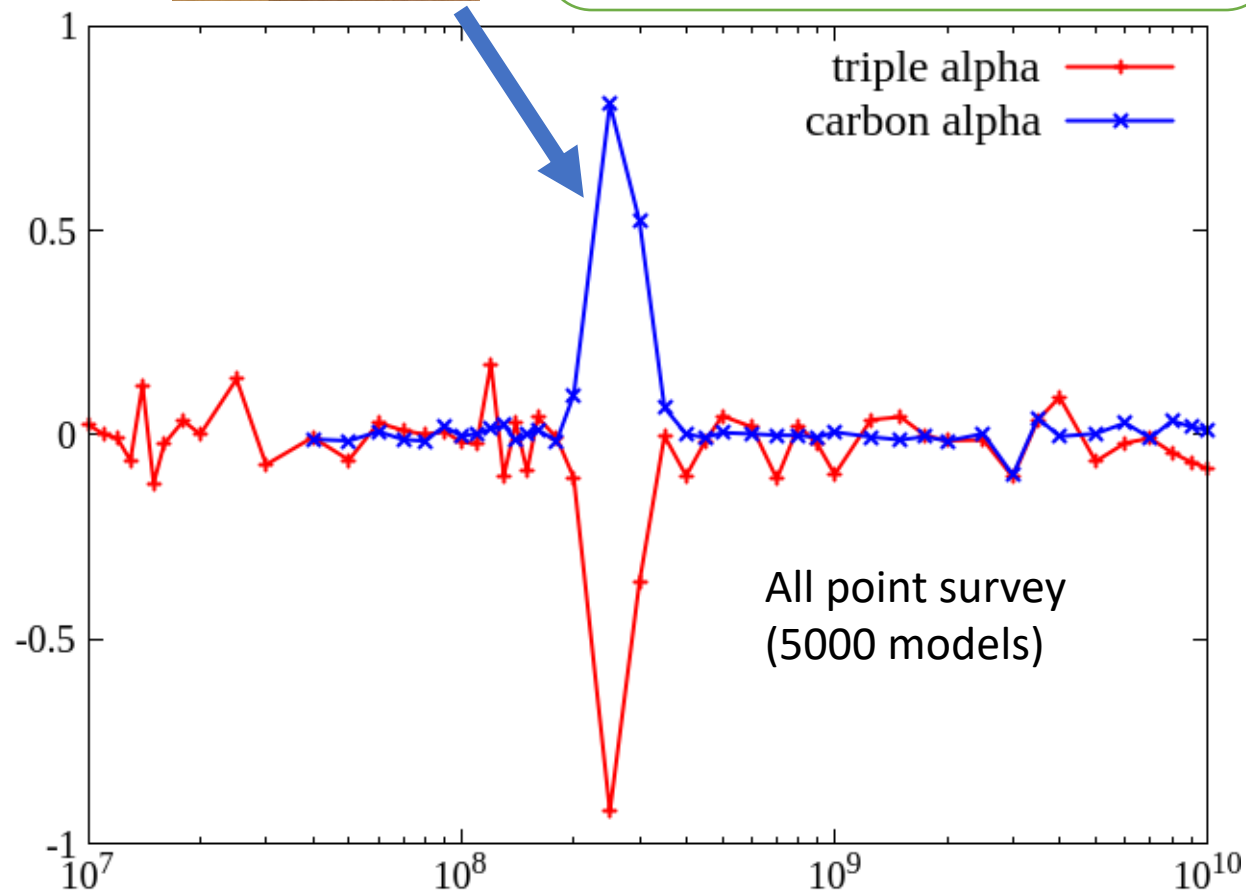
We can calculate correlation coefficients $r(T_b)$ between $M_{56\text{Ni},\text{ptn}}$ and each random factors f_{ptn} focusing on T_b as

$$r(T_b) = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{\text{ptn}=1}^n (M_{56\text{Ni},\text{ptn}} - \overline{M_{56\text{Ni}}}) (f_{\text{ptn}}(T_b) - \overline{f_{\text{ptn}}(T_b)})}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{\text{ptn}=1}^n (M_{56\text{Ni},\text{ptn}} - \overline{M_{56\text{Ni}}})^2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{\text{ptn}=1}^n (f_{\text{ptn}}(T_b) - \overline{f_{\text{ptn}}(T_b)})^2}}$$

Results

Correlation Coefficients

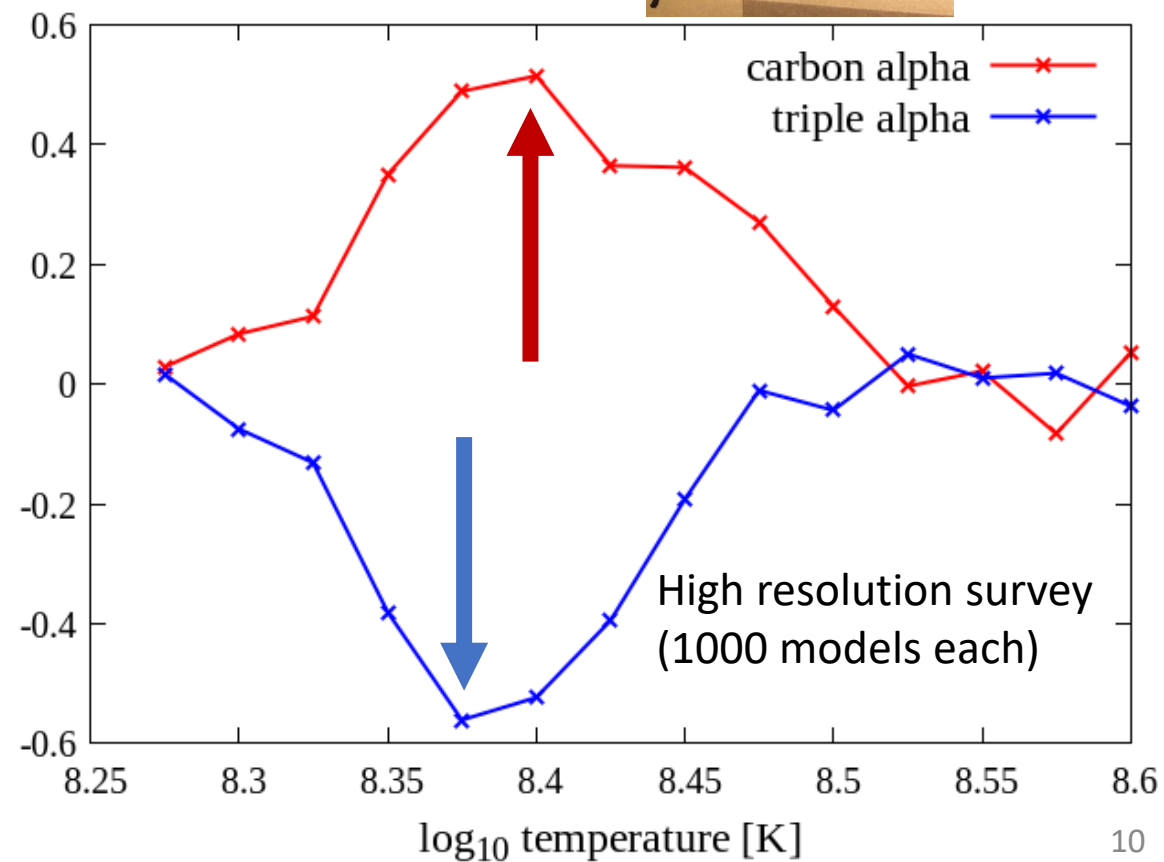
Very strong correlation at 2.5×10^8 K!



$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$: $10^{8.4}$ K

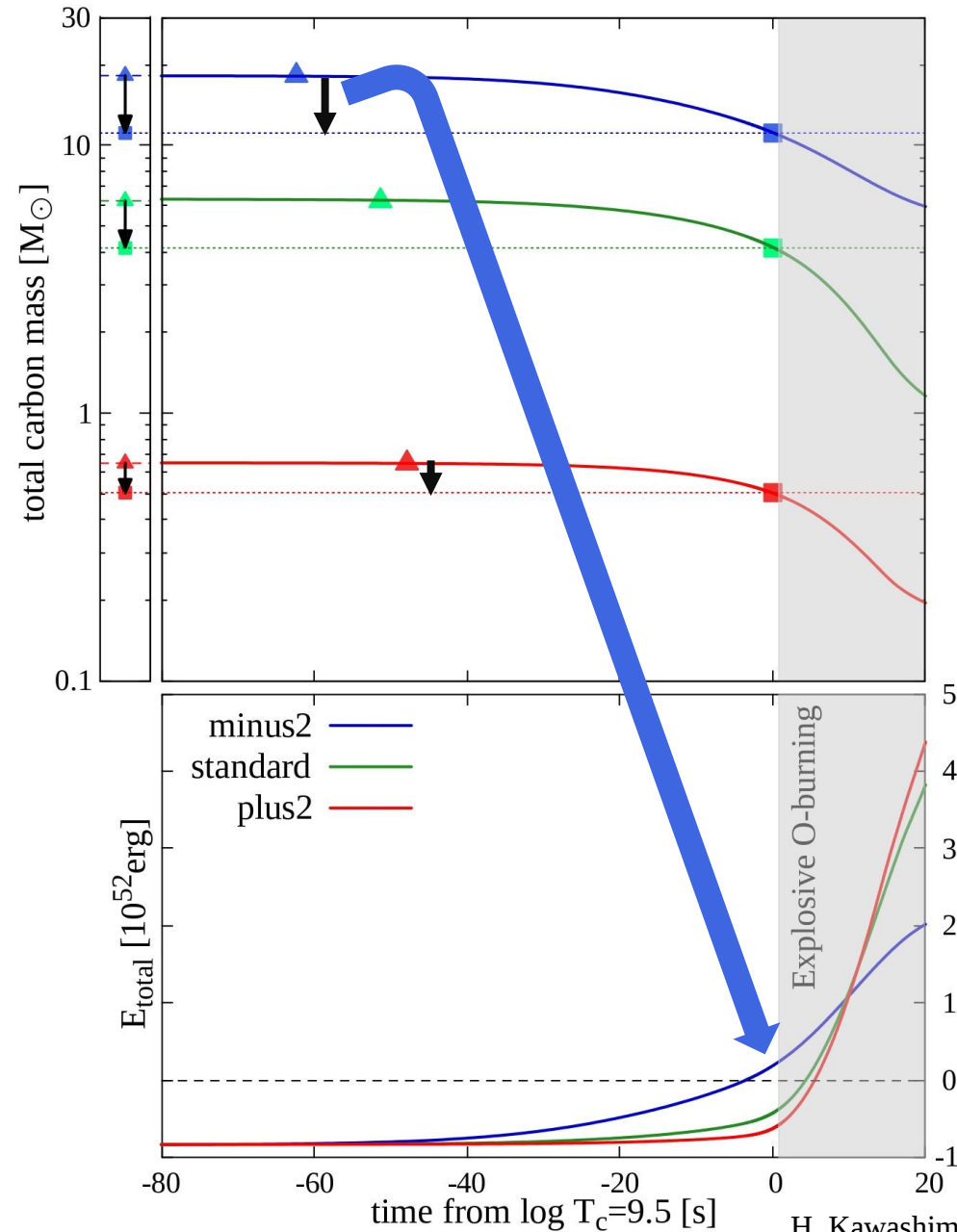
Triple alpha : $10^{8.375}$ K

3α produce ^{12}C → $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ consume ^{12}C

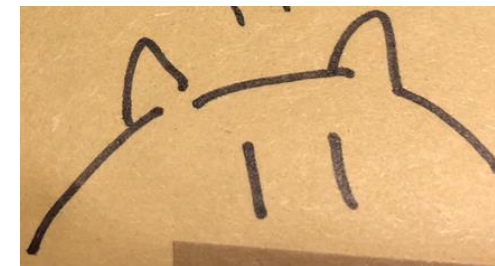


Discussion

Carbon “pre-heating”



Low reaction rate $\rightarrow$ C rich CO core
C burning process makes star “softer”



Summary

Introduction

- $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ plays an important role for PISN explosion
- Previous works based on “high” or “low” reaction rate without considerations for specific temperatures

In our work...

- Generate randomized He burning reaction rate tables
- Calculate the correlation between synthesized ^{56}Ni mass and speeds of He burning reaction for each temperatures

Result

The most important temperature(s) for ^{56}Ni synthesis are

- $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$: $10^{8.4}$ K (1)
- Triple alpha : $10^{8.375}$ K (2)

Discussion

- Result (1) > Result (2) :
 $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ consumes ^{12}C , product of 3α reaction
- Result (1) supports the “carbon-preheating” effect.

