

A vibrant astronomical image showing a nebula with swirling red and orange filaments against a dark green background. A bright blue star is visible in the center-right. The overall scene is filled with numerous small blue and white stars.

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# The impact of stellar winds on the final structure and fate of massive stars

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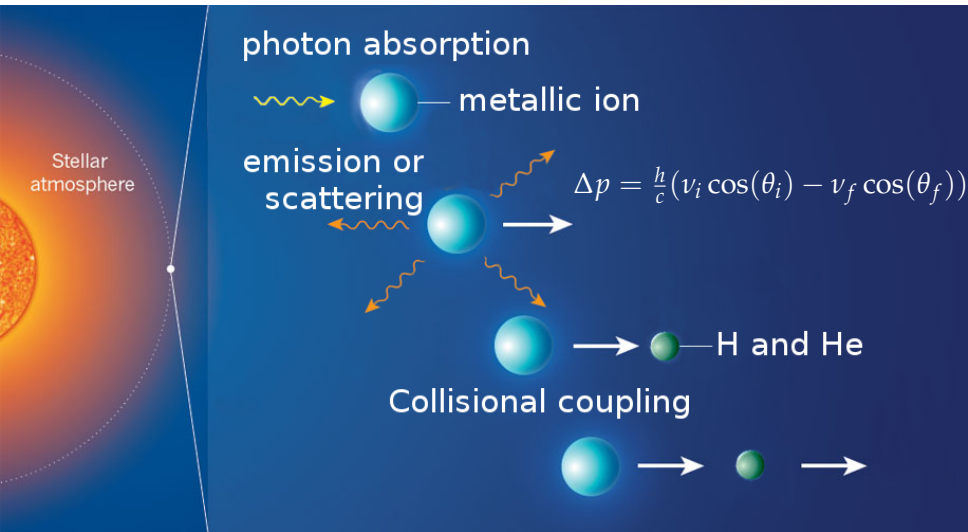
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Problems: High Non-Linearity and Clumpiness

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## Risk:

Possible overestimation of the  
wind mass loss rate

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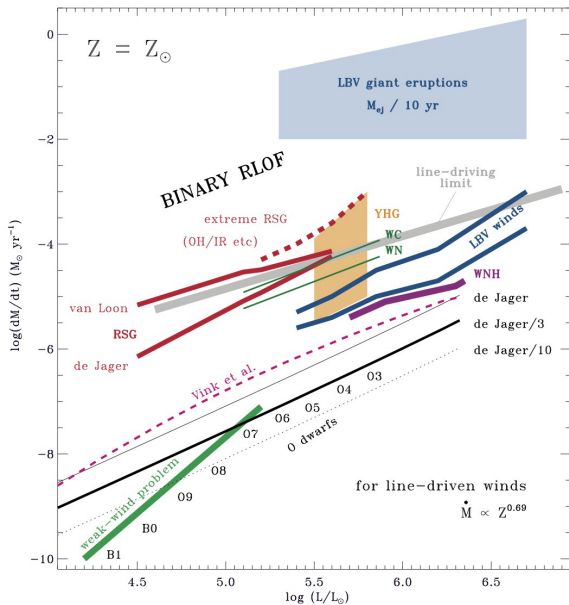
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(Semi-)Empirical  
parametric models.

Efficiency factor:

$$\dot{M}(L, T_{\text{eff}}, Z, R, M, \dots)$$

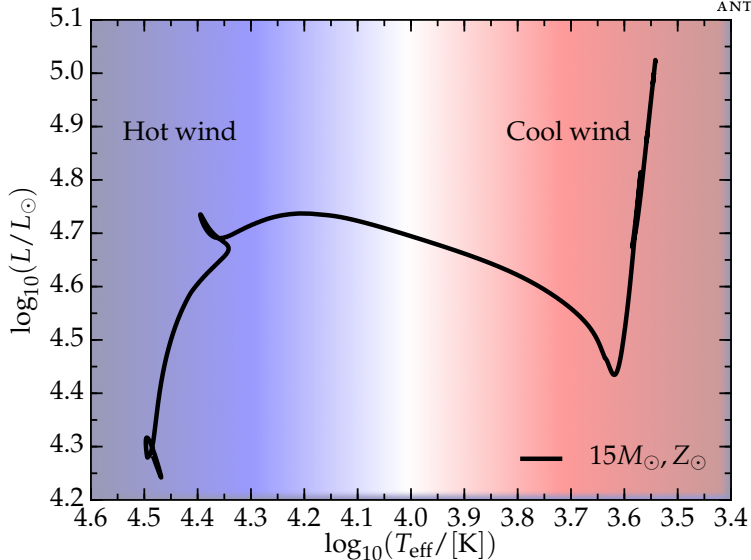


$$\eta \dot{M}(L, T_{\text{eff}}, Z, R, M, \dots)$$

$\eta$  is a **free** parameter:

$$\eta \in [0, +\infty)$$

Figure: from N. Smith 2014, ARA&A, 52, 487



WR wind  $\Leftrightarrow X_s < 0.4$

Grid of  $Z_{\odot} = 0.019$ , non-rotating stellar models:

- Initial mass:

$$M_{\text{ZAMS}} = \{15, 20, 25, 30, 35\} M_{\odot};$$

- Efficiency:

$$\eta = \left\{1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{10}\right\};$$

- Combinations of wind mass loss rates for “hot” ( $T_{\text{eff}} \geq 15$  [kK]), “cool” ( $T_{\text{eff}} < 15$  [kK]) and WR:

Kudritzki *et al.* '89; Vink *et al.* '00, '01;  
 Van Loon *et al.* '05; Nieuwenhuijzen *et al.* '90;  
 De Jager *et al.* '88;  
 Nugis & Lamers '00; Hamann *et al.* '98.

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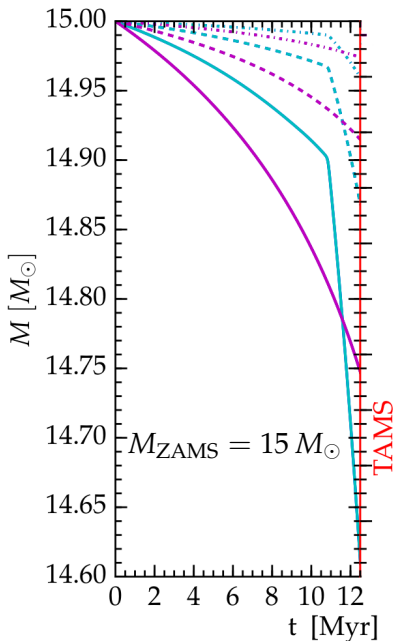
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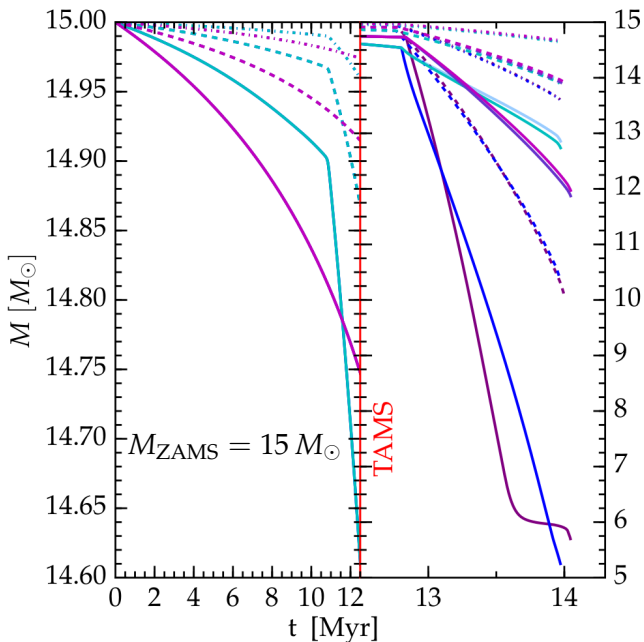
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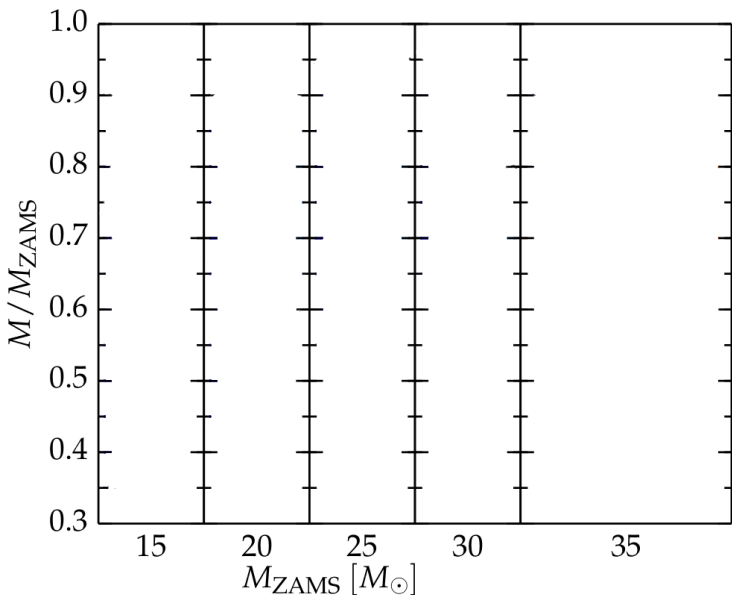
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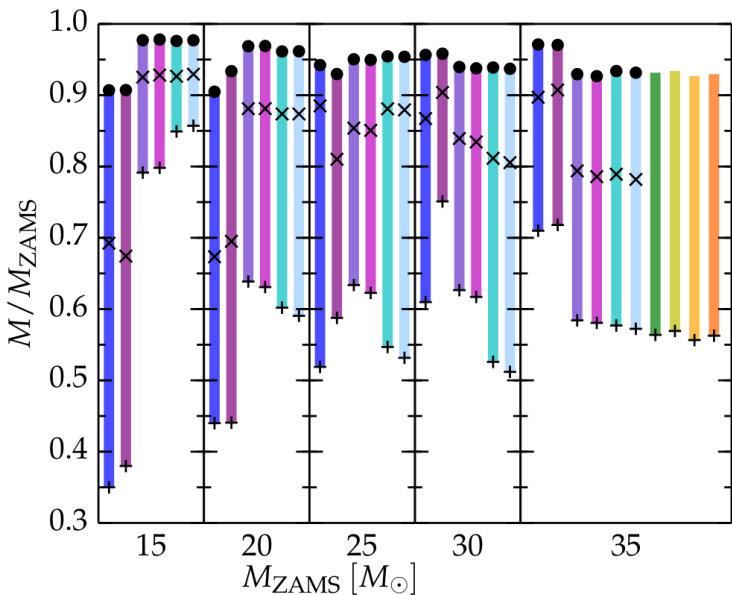




MESA

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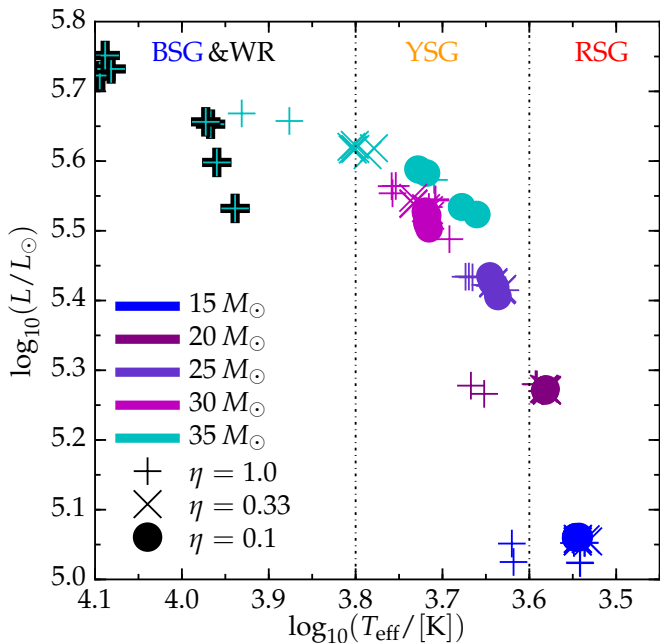


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$\eta \rightarrow$  largest  
uncertainty



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# “Explodability” & Compactness



$$\tilde{\zeta}_{\mathcal{M}}(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\mathcal{M}/M_{\odot}}{R(\mathcal{M})/1000 \text{ km}}$$

- “Large”  $\tilde{\zeta}_{2.5} \Rightarrow$  harder to explode  $\Rightarrow$  BH formation
- “Small”  $\tilde{\zeta}_{2.5} \Rightarrow$  easier to explode  $\Rightarrow$  NS formation

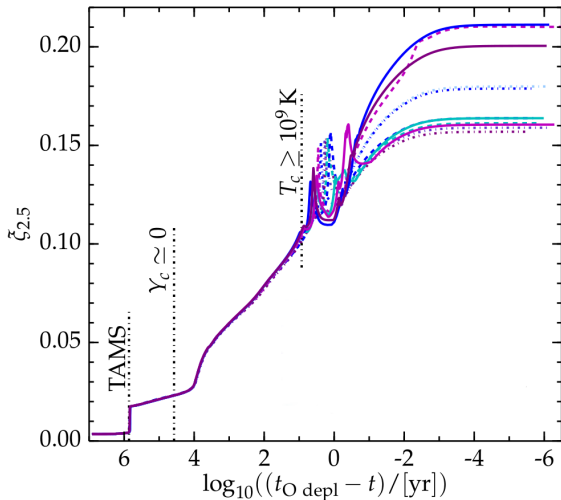
(e.g., O'Connor & Ott '11,  
Ugliano *et al.* '12,  
Sukhbold & Woosley '14)

$$\mathcal{M} = 2.5 M_{\odot}$$

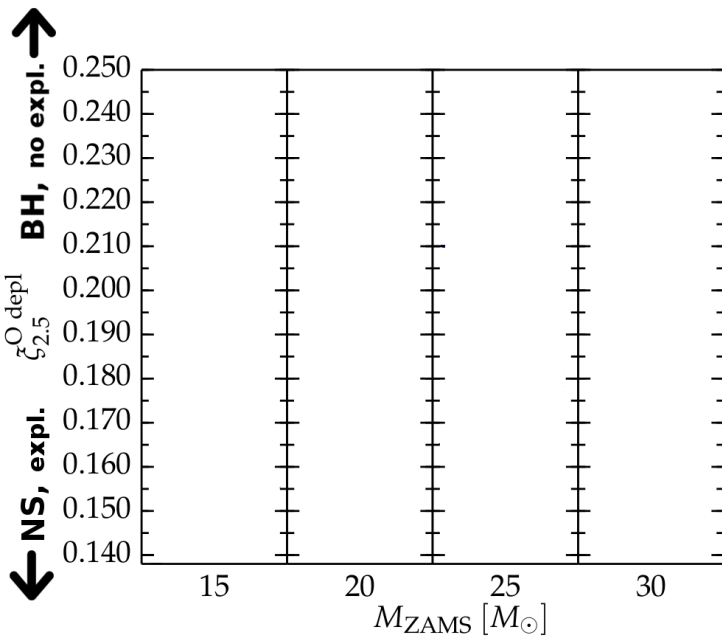
not to scale!

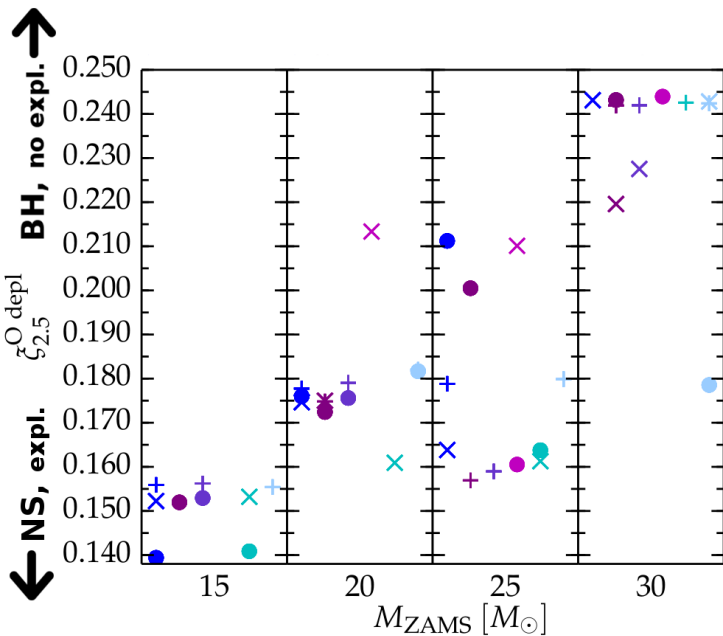
$R(\mathcal{M})$

$M_{ZAMS} = 25 M_{\odot}$  MESA models



Critical point: Ne core burning/C shell burning



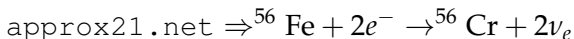


Post O burning  
 evolution  
 $\downarrow$   
 Core contraction  
 $\downarrow$   
**Amplification of  
 the differences.**



- Initially small effect  $\Rightarrow N_{\text{zones}} \gtrsim 20\,000$
- Complex nuclear burning  $\Rightarrow N_{\text{iso}} \gtrsim 200$

$$M_{\text{Ch}}^{\text{eff}} \sim (5.83M_{\odot})Y_e^2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{s_e}{\pi Y_e} \right)^2 \right]$$



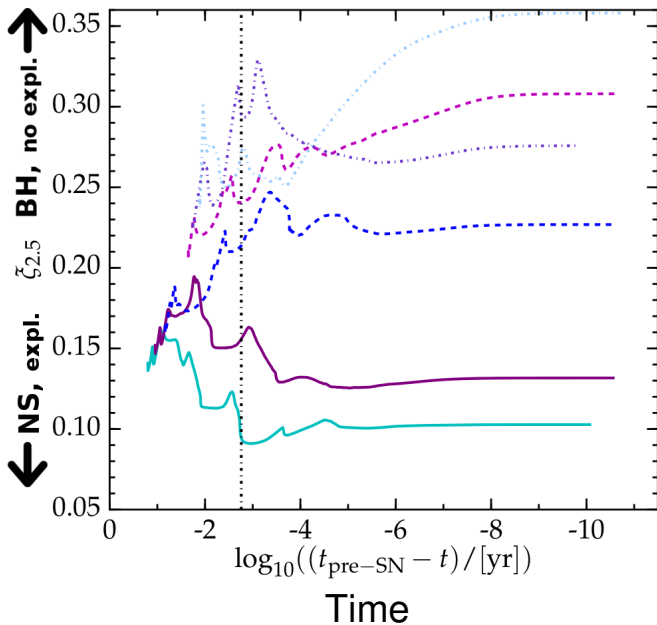
$$Y_e(r=0) \equiv Y_e({}^{56}\text{Cr}) = 0.428$$

Largest array size in **MESA**:

$$\mathcal{L} \sim (N_{\text{iso}} + N_{\text{zones}})^2 \sim ((N_{\text{iso}} + 5) \cdot N_{\text{zones}}) \cdot (3N_{\text{iso}} + 9)$$

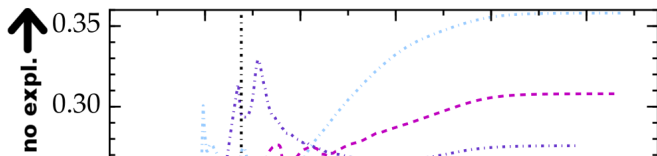
$\mathcal{L}$  is a FORTRAN integer  $\Rightarrow \max\{\text{memory}\} = 17\text{Gb}$

Si shell burning →



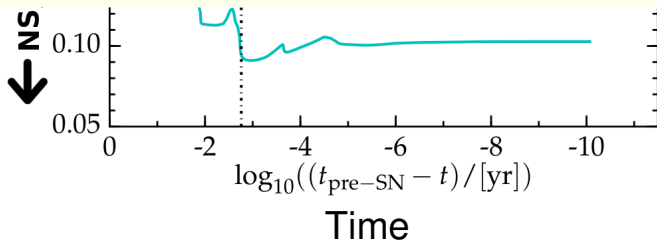
- $15M_{\odot}, \eta = 1.0$
- - -  $25M_{\odot}, \eta = 0.33$
- ⋯  $30M_{\odot}, \eta = 0.33$

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~30% Uncertainty in  $\zeta_{2.5}^{\text{pre-SN}}$

$M_{\text{ZAMS}} [M_{\odot}]$	$\eta$	ID	$\zeta_{2.5}^{\text{pre-SN}}$	$M_4 [M_{\odot}]$	$\mu_4$	$M_{\rho_6} [M_{\odot}]$	$M_{\text{CO}} [M_{\odot}]$	$M_{\text{Fe}} [M_{\odot}]$
15	1.0	V-NJ	0.103	1.71	0.045	1.68	2.91	1.39
		K-vL	0.132	1.78	0.051	1.79	3.07	1.50
25	0.33	V-vL	0.227	1.73	0.084	1.84	6.38	1.51
		K-dJ	0.308	2.05	0.100	2.19	6.40	1.63
30	0.33	V-dJ	0.358	1.60	0.163	2.21	7.98	1.56
		K-NJ	0.276	1.82	0.100	1.98	7.90	1.58



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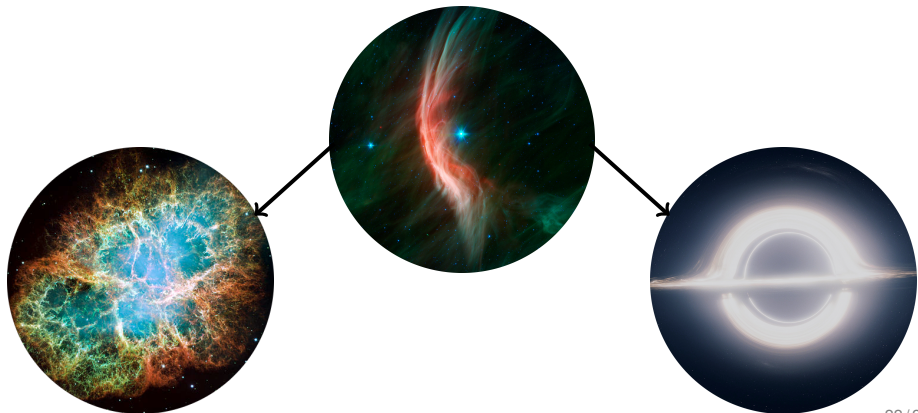
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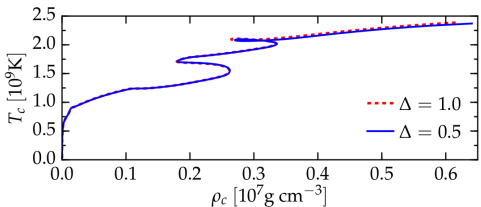
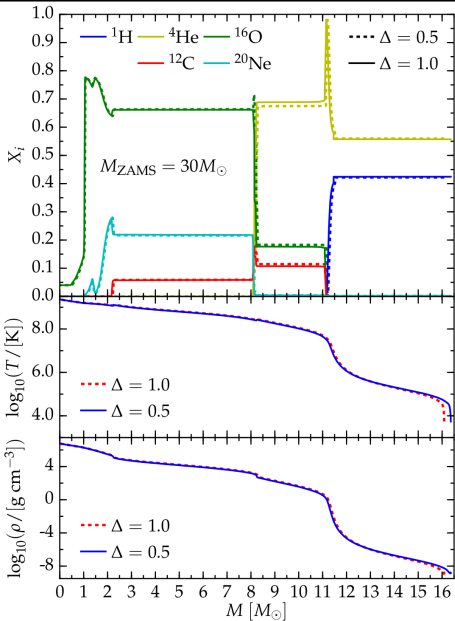


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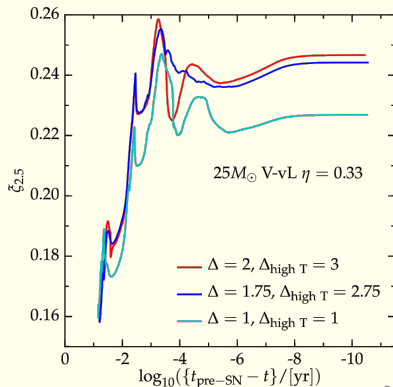
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## Backup slides

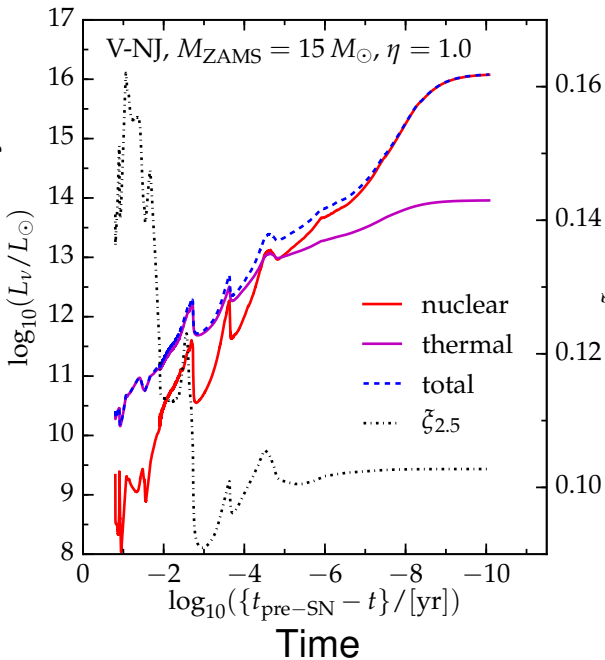


## post O depletion





Neutrino Luminosity



Fuel ignition in  
(partially)  
degenerate  
environment



Flash

- P Cygni line profiles
- Optical and near UV lines (e.g.  $H\alpha$ )
- Radio and IR continuum excess
- IR spectrum of molecules (e.g. CO)
- Maser lines (for low density winds)

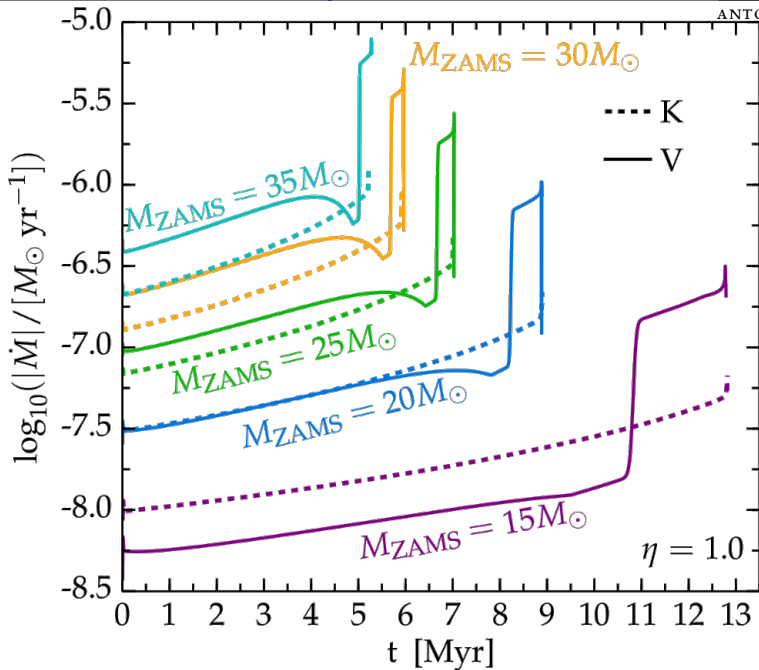
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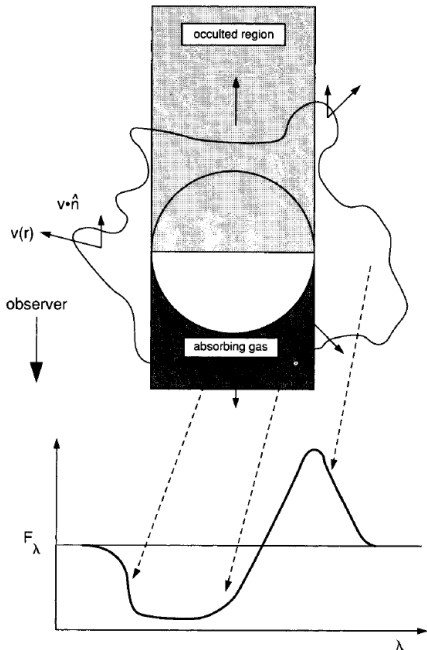
Assumptions commonly needed:

- Velocity structure:  $v(r) \simeq \left(1 - \frac{r}{R_*}\right)^\beta$  with  $\beta \simeq 1$
- Chemical composition and ionization fraction
- Spherical symmetry:  $\dot{M} = 4\pi r^2 \rho v(r)$
- Steadiness and (often) homogeneity

$\dot{M}$  derived from fit of (a few) spectral lines.

No theoretical guarantees coefficients are constant.





- Blue shifted Absorption Component
- Red shifted Emission Component
- Broadening from scattering into the line of sight

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi\rho v(r)$$

Assuming:

Chemical composition  
Velocity Structure

the fit of the line profile gives  $\rho$



Figure: 34 Cyg or P Cygni, first star to show the eponymous profile.