

# Effect of $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ Rate & Convective Mixing on the Mass of ONe WD Progenitors

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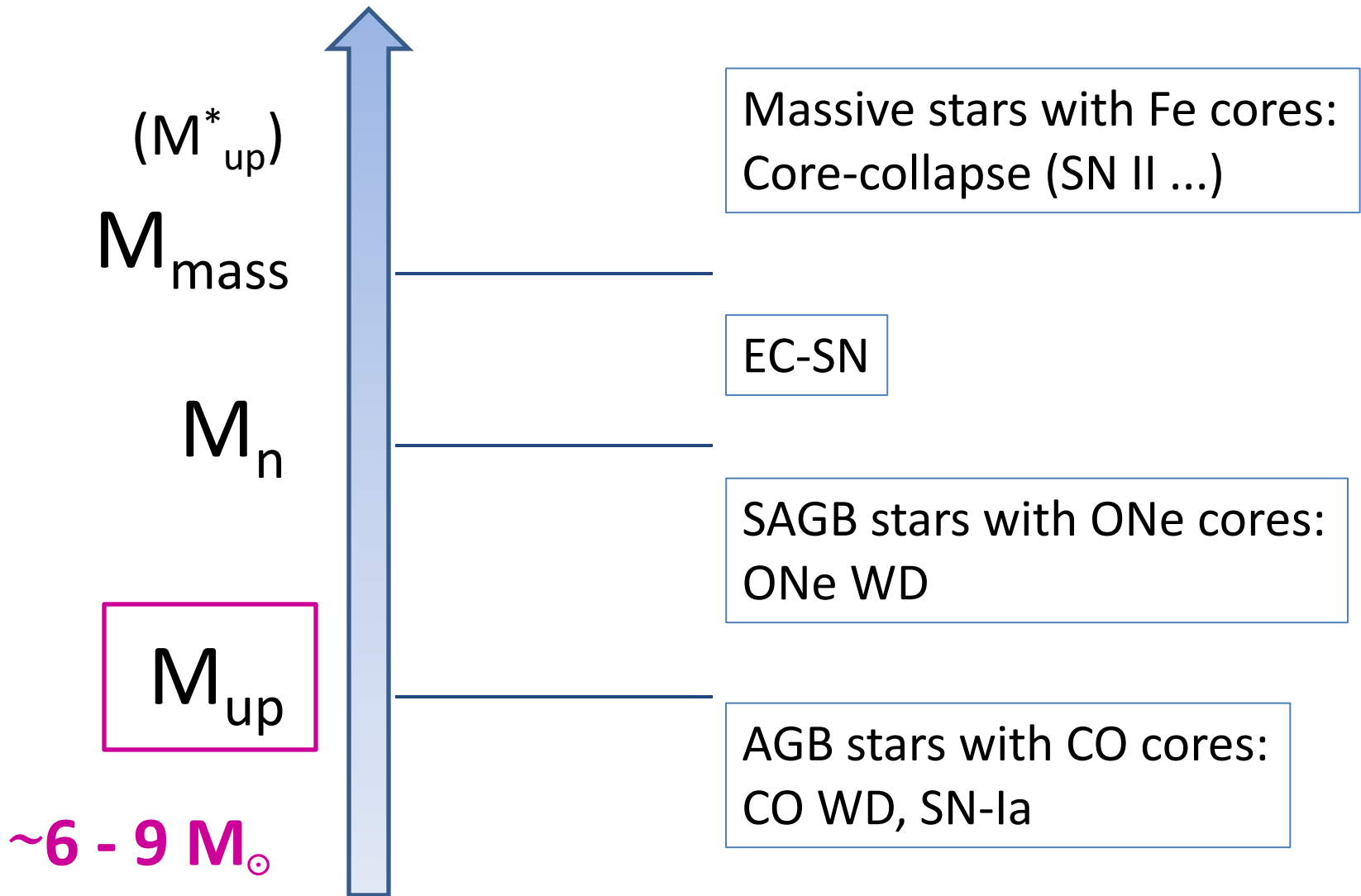
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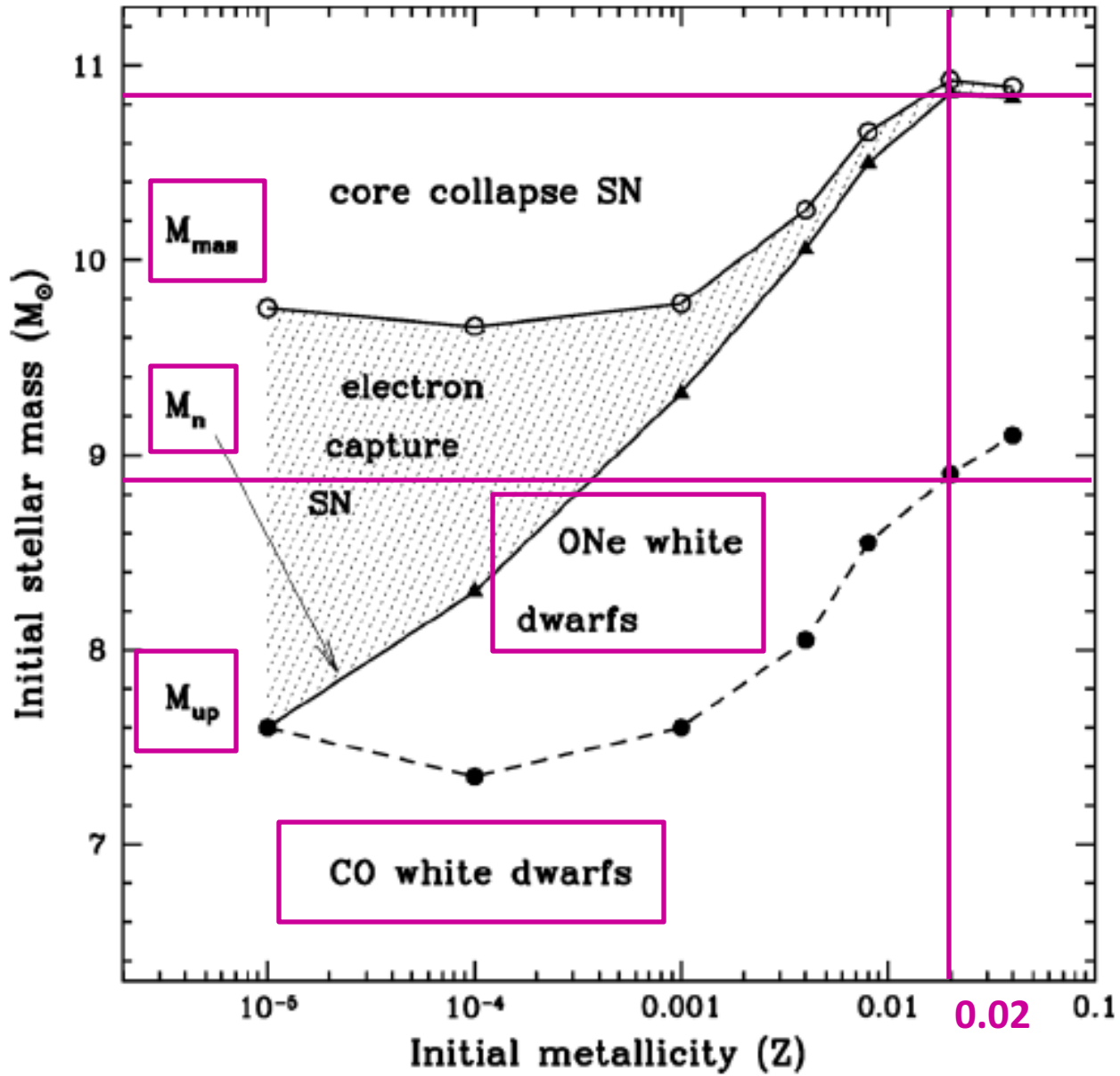
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Summary: Astronomers have identified possibly the coldest, faintest white dwarf star ever detected. This ancient stellar remnant is so cool that its carbon has crystallized, forming -- in effect -- an Earth-size diamond in space. The object in this new study is likely the same age as the Milky Way, approximately 11 billion years old.

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# Cold Dead Star May Be a Giant Diamond

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Astronomers aren't being poetic when they say this star is a diamond. Scientists have identified what is possibly the coldest white dwarf ever detected. In fact, this dim stellar corpse is so cool that its carbon has crystallized, forming a diamond.

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## A 1.05 $M_{\odot}$ COMPANION TO PSR J2222-0137: THE COOLEST KNOWN WHITE DWARF?

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# Importance of $M_{\text{up}}$

## Astrophysical consequences

- Important for the **theory of novae outbursts** in cataclysmic variables when these stars belong to close binary systems
- Mass limits of **WDs** and their progenitors
- Mass limits of **SNe** and their progenitors
- Chemical **yield of massive AGB stars** and enrichment of ISM.
- For the **SNe Rates**: SNIa explosion requires a CO WD growing to the Chandrasekhar mass, which is favoured with a higher  $M_{\text{up}}$
- A lot of **debate** over  $M_{\text{up}}$
- Etc...

# What Affects $M_{\text{up}}$ ?

- Rates: eg.  $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$
- Convective mixing
- Metallicity
- Binarity
- Rotation
- Multi-dimensional simulations
- Mass-loss (?)

# $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ : Current Status

- **CF88** (Caughlan & Fowler 1988)
- Pignatari et al. 2013 (*ApJ*, 762, 31), M. Wiescher:

Possible **strong cluster resonance** at  
 $E_{cm} = 1.5\text{MeV}$  (Perez-Torres et al. 2006)



**Upper limit (CU)**

Pronounced  $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$  **resonance structure**  
reported in the p and  $\alpha$  channels, at  
 $E_{cm} = 2.138\text{ MeV}$  (Spillane et al. 2007)

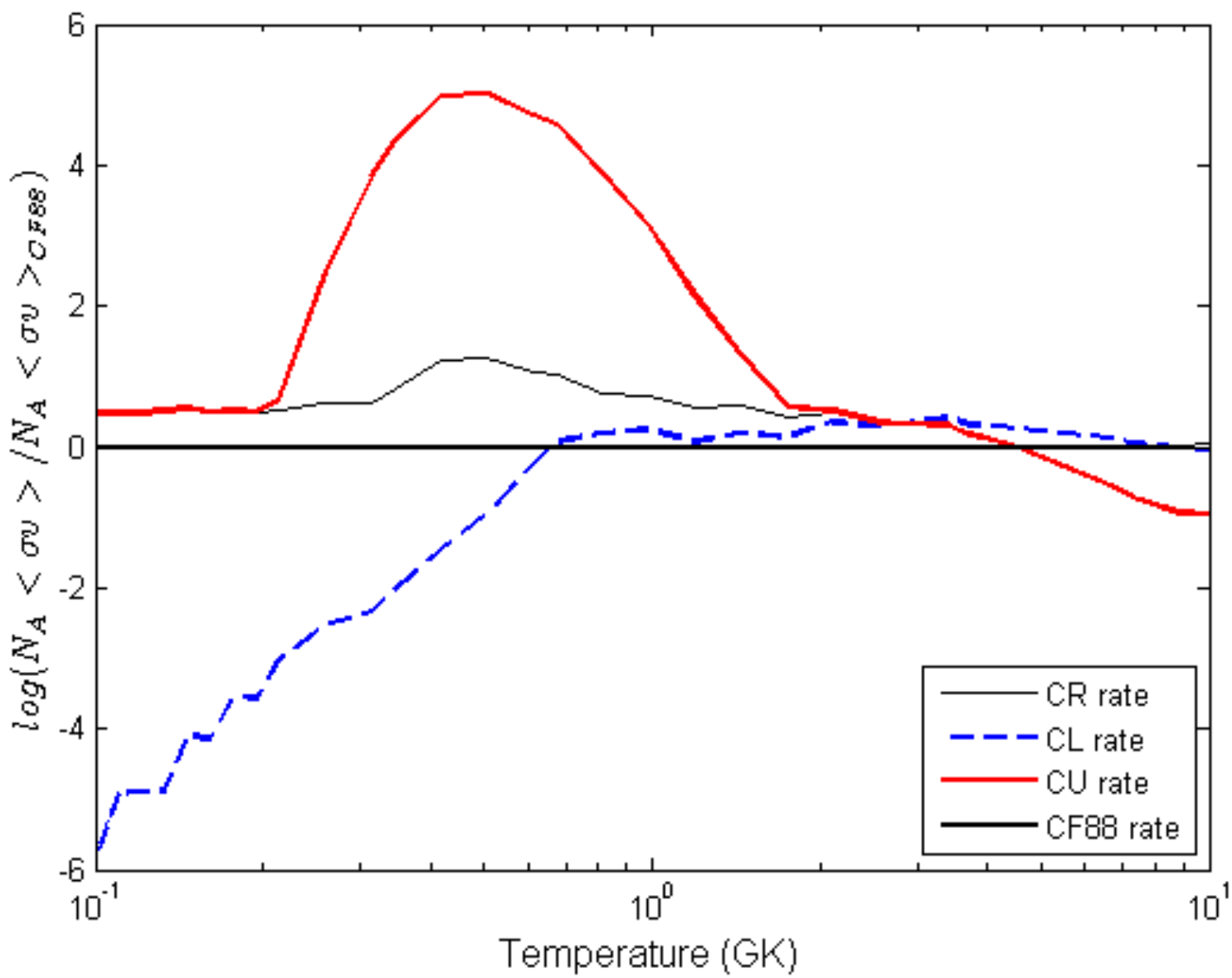


**Recommended rate (CR)**

Existence of a **hindrance term** for low  
energy fusion processes

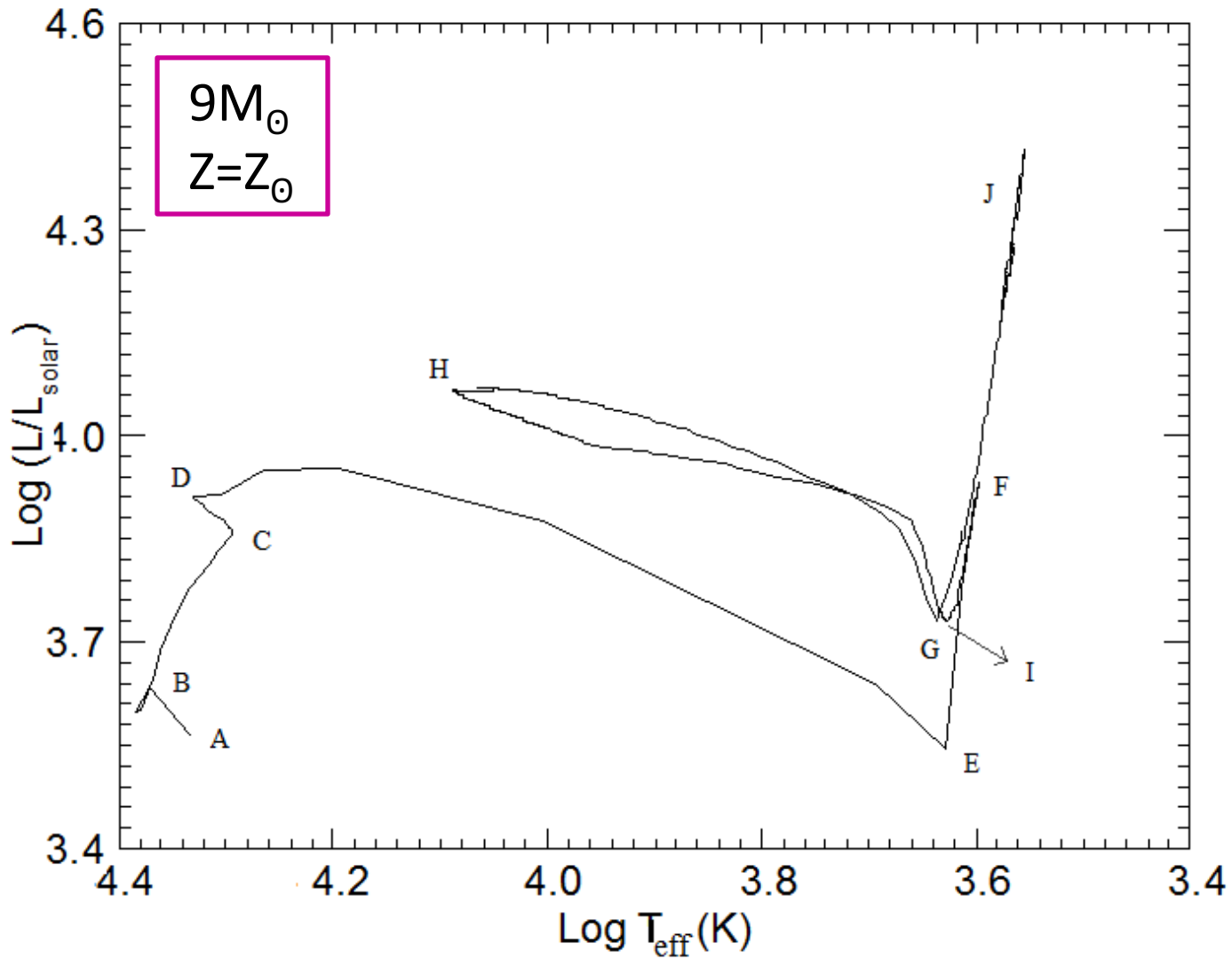


**Lower limit (CL)**



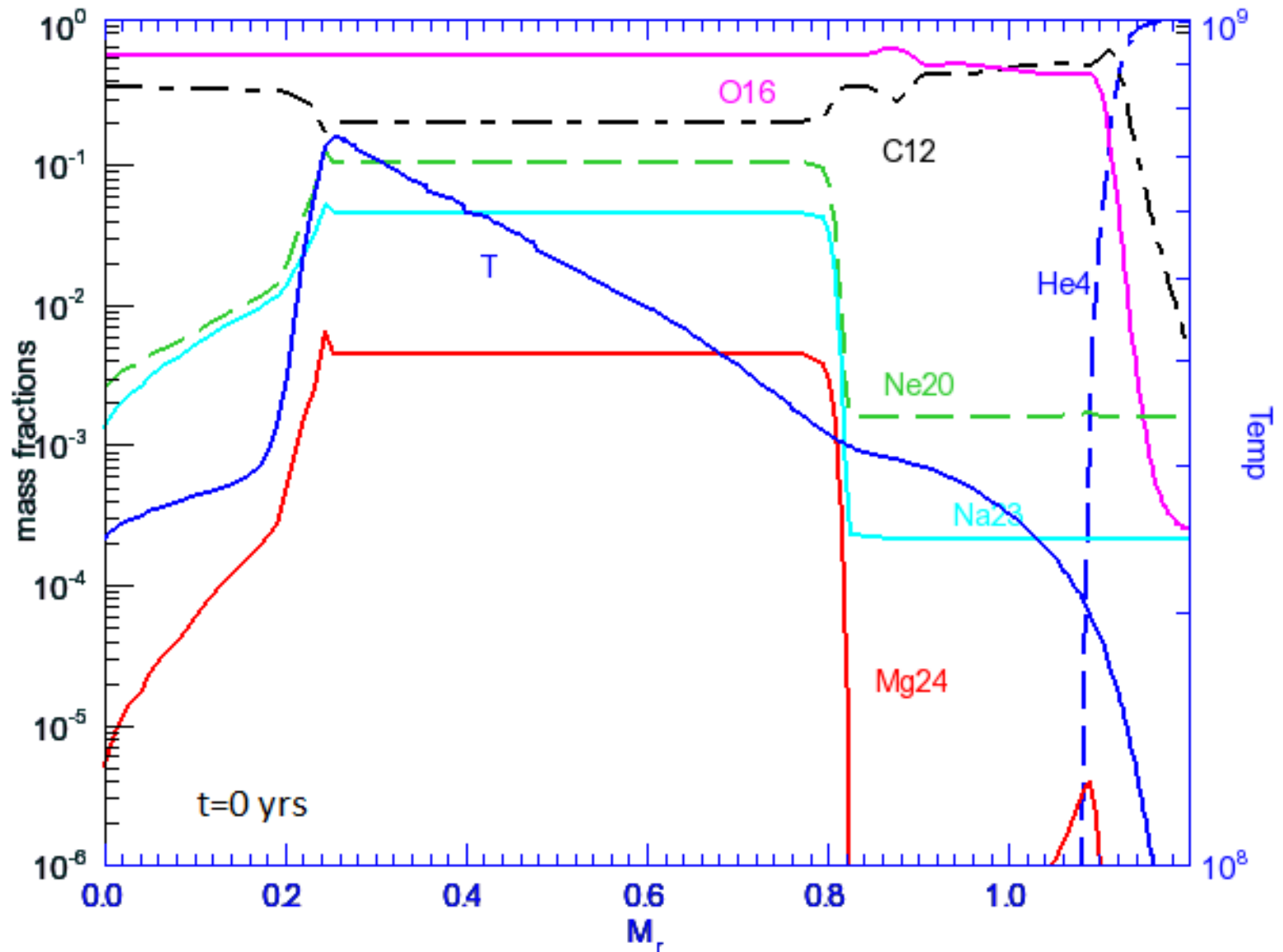


# Evolution of a $9M_{\odot}$ model

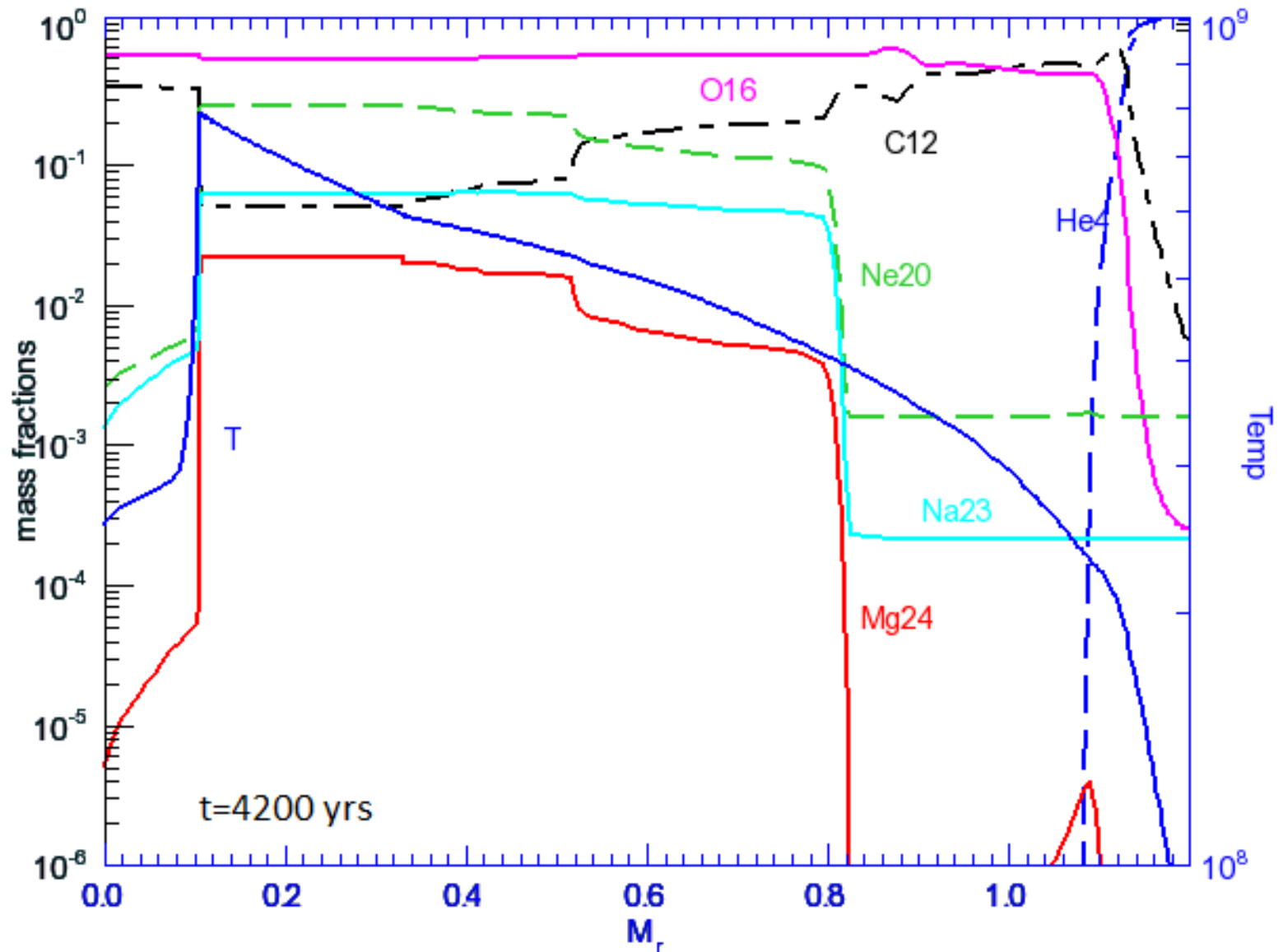


with the **CF88** rate ...

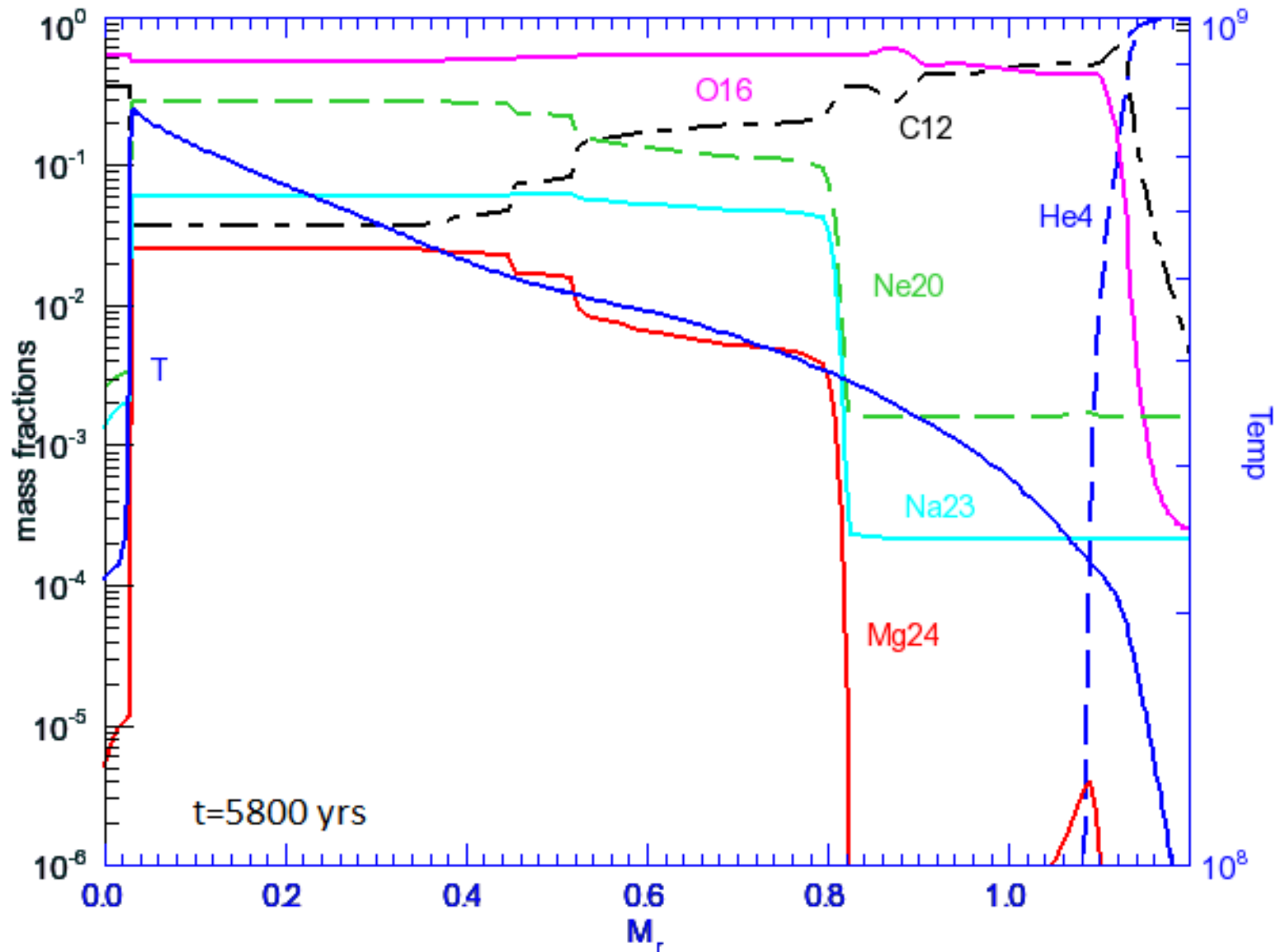
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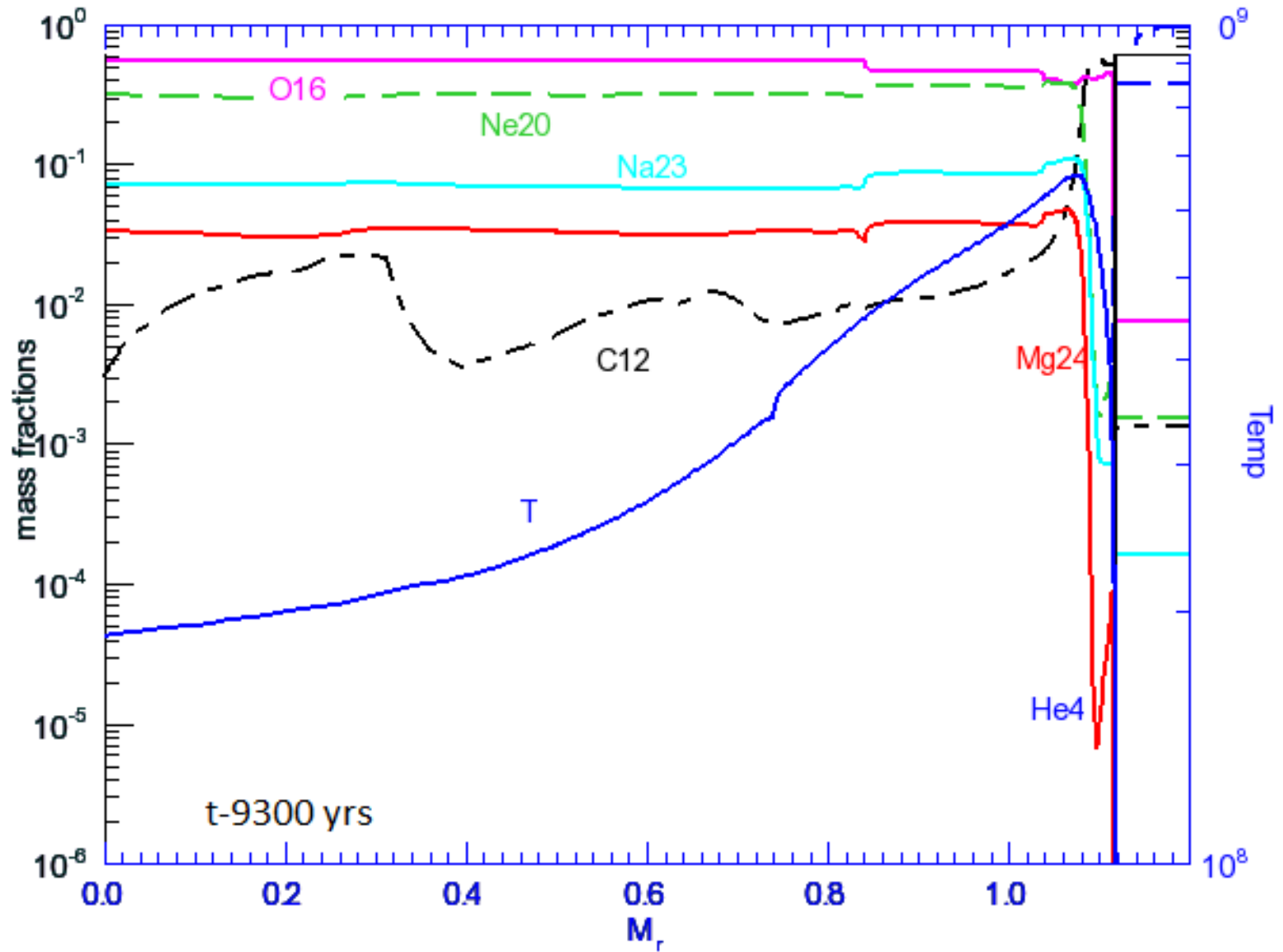
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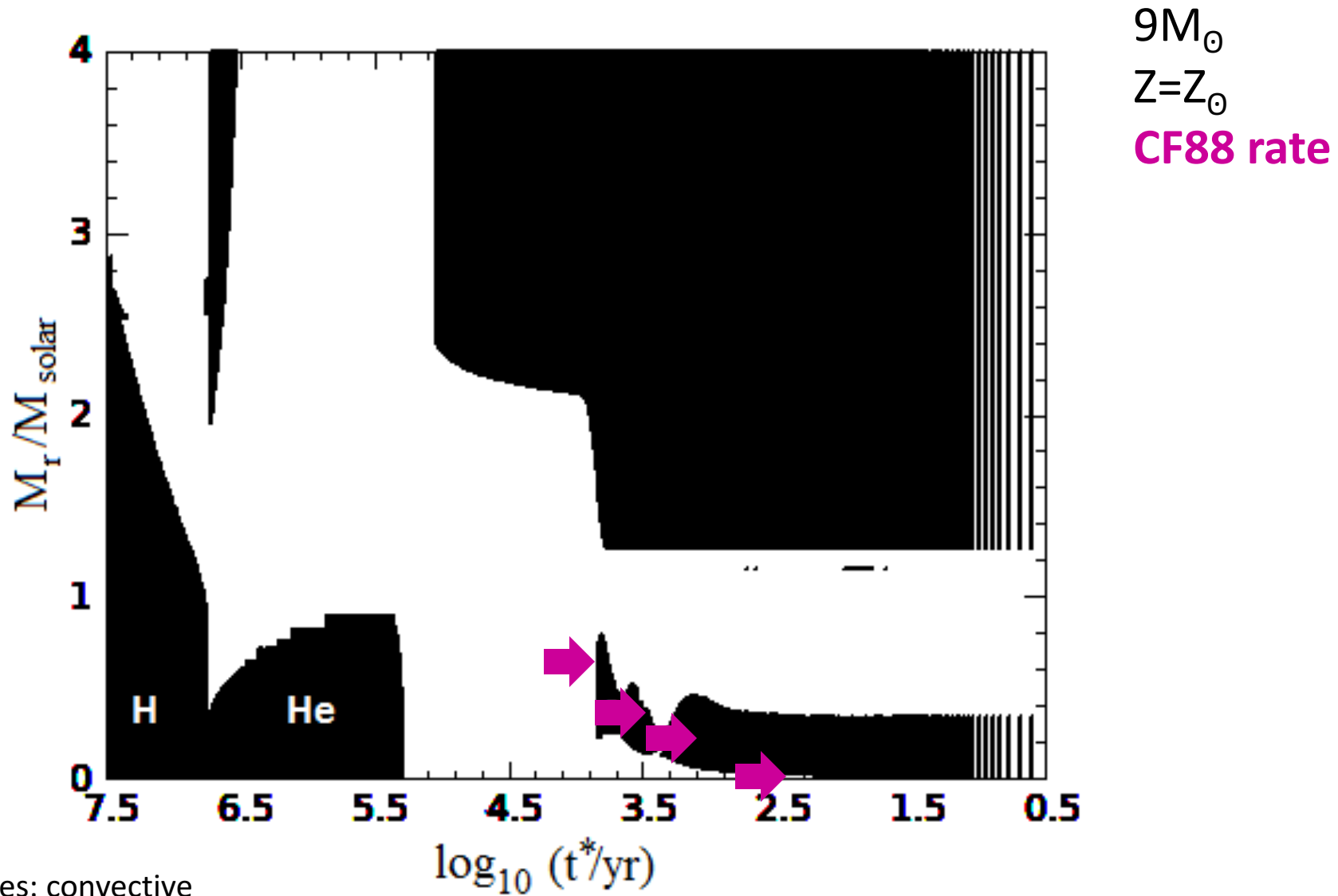


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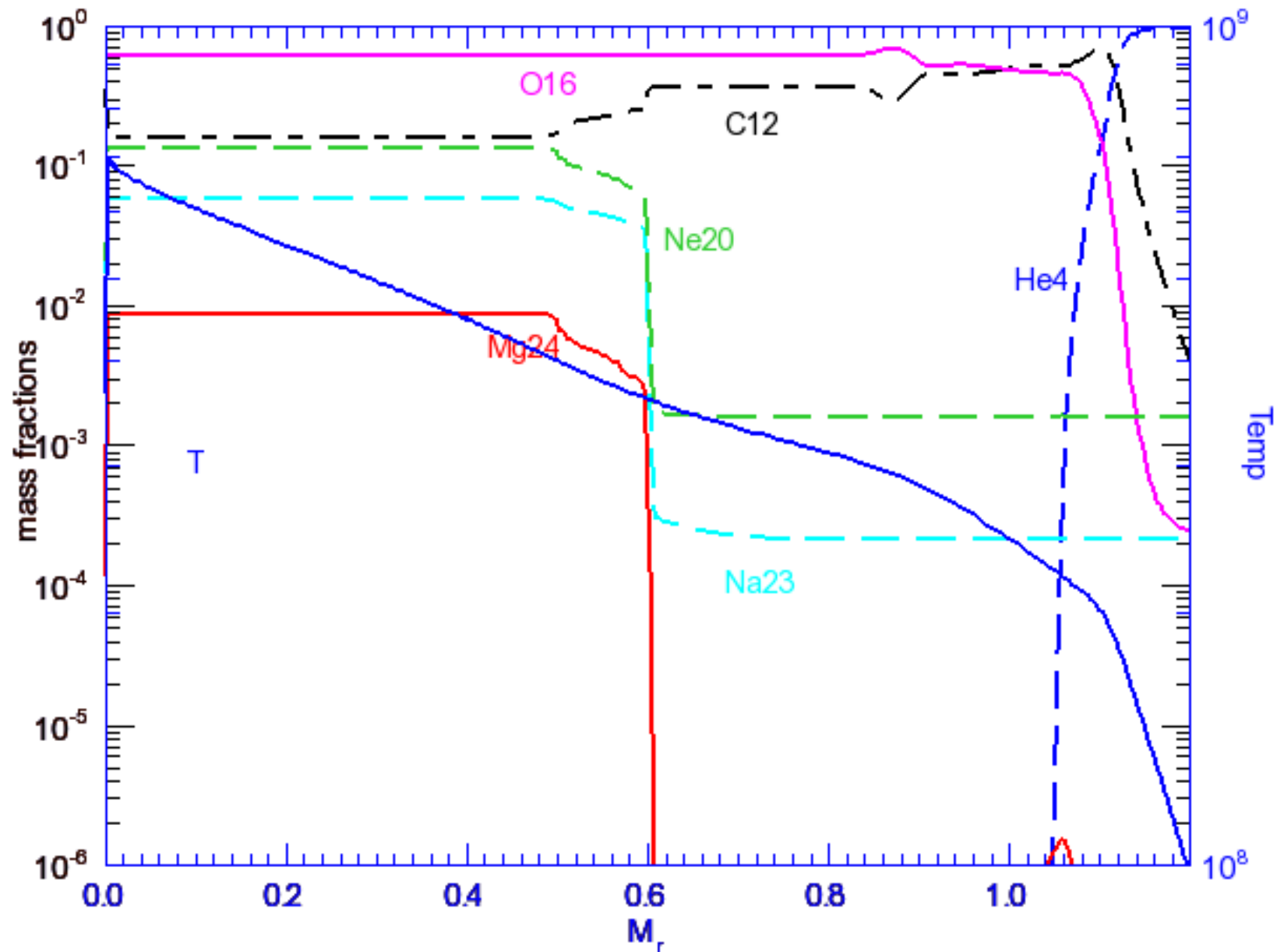


Black zones: convective  
 White zones: radiative

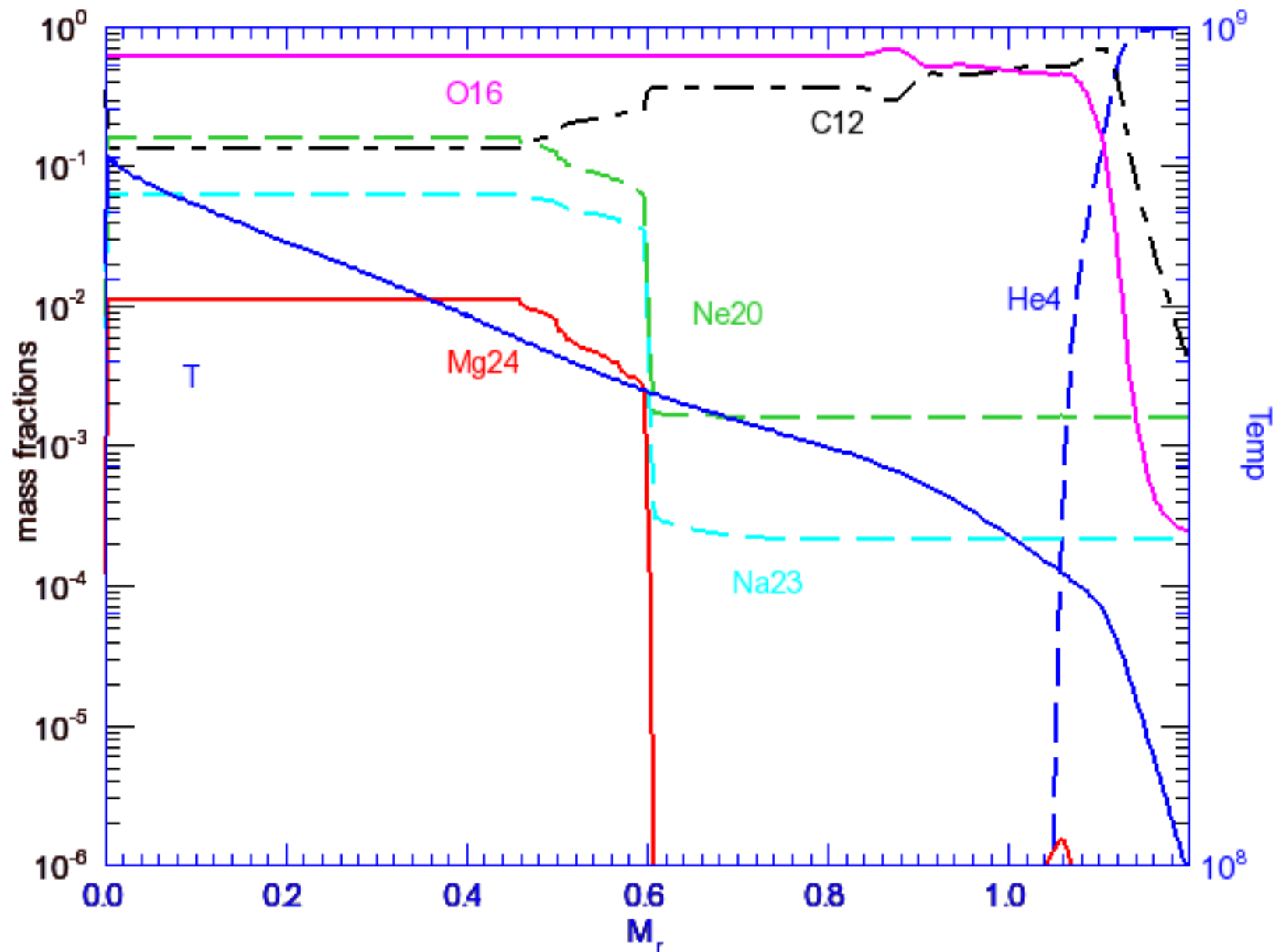
with the **CR** rate ...



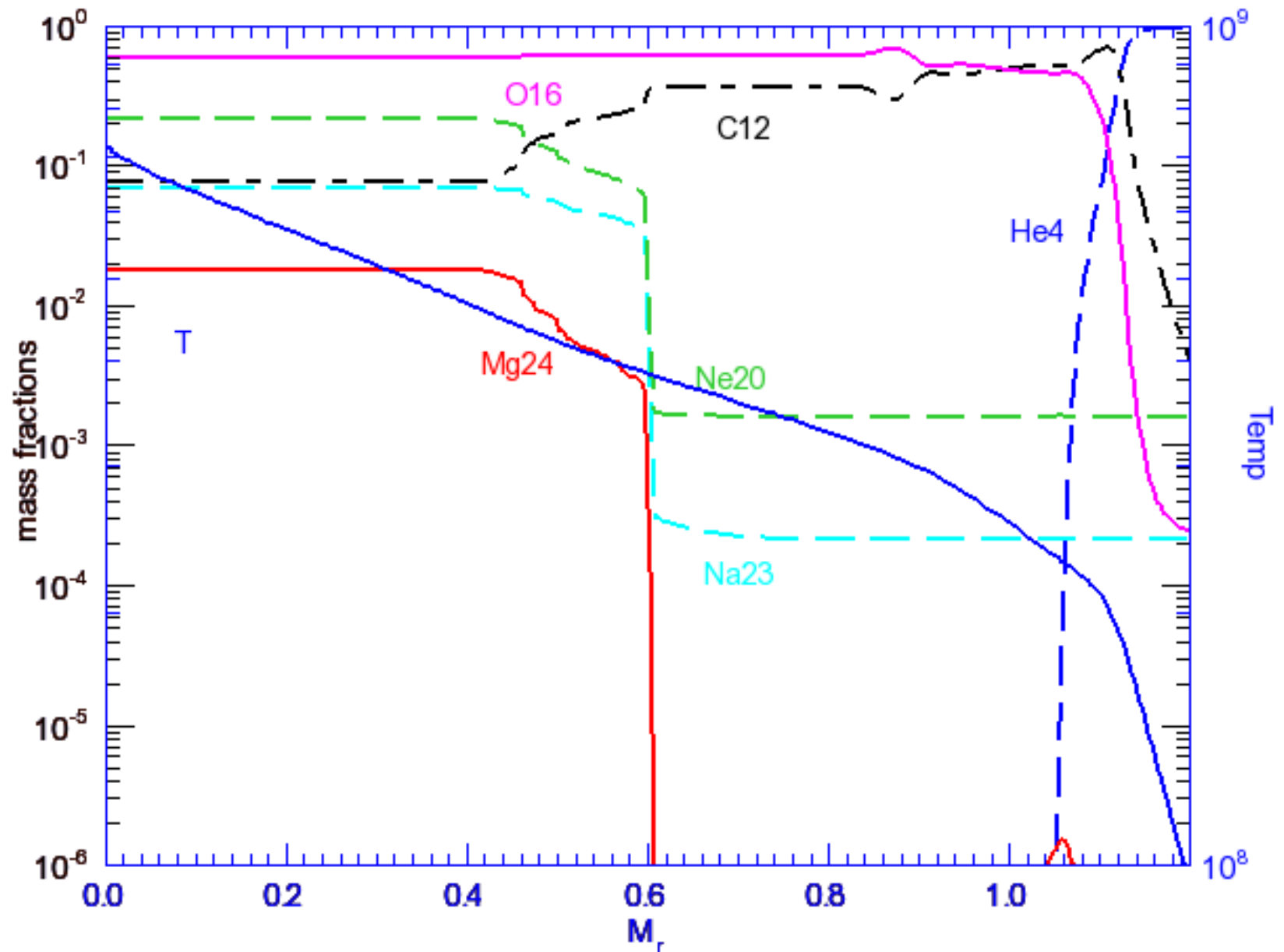
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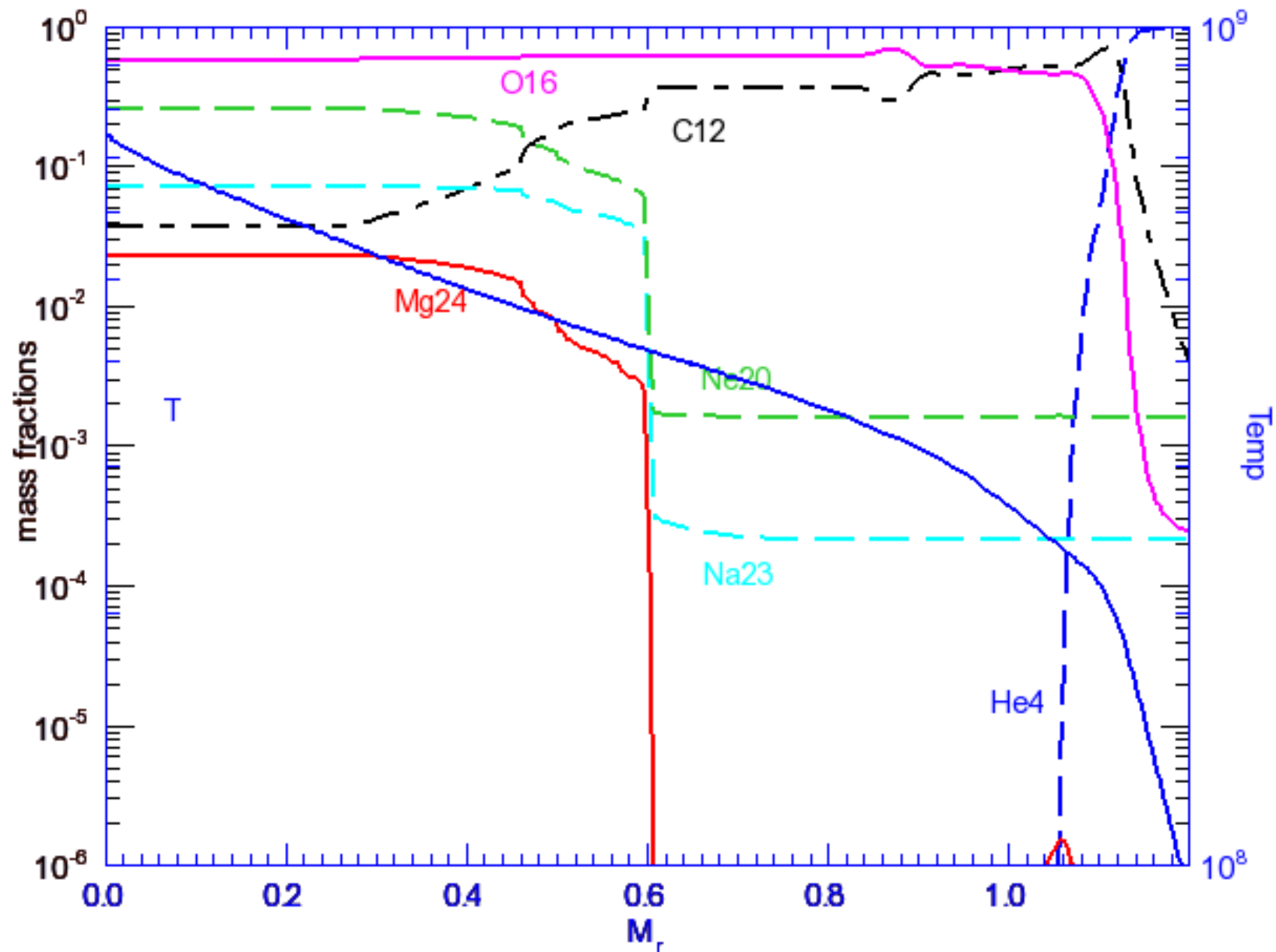
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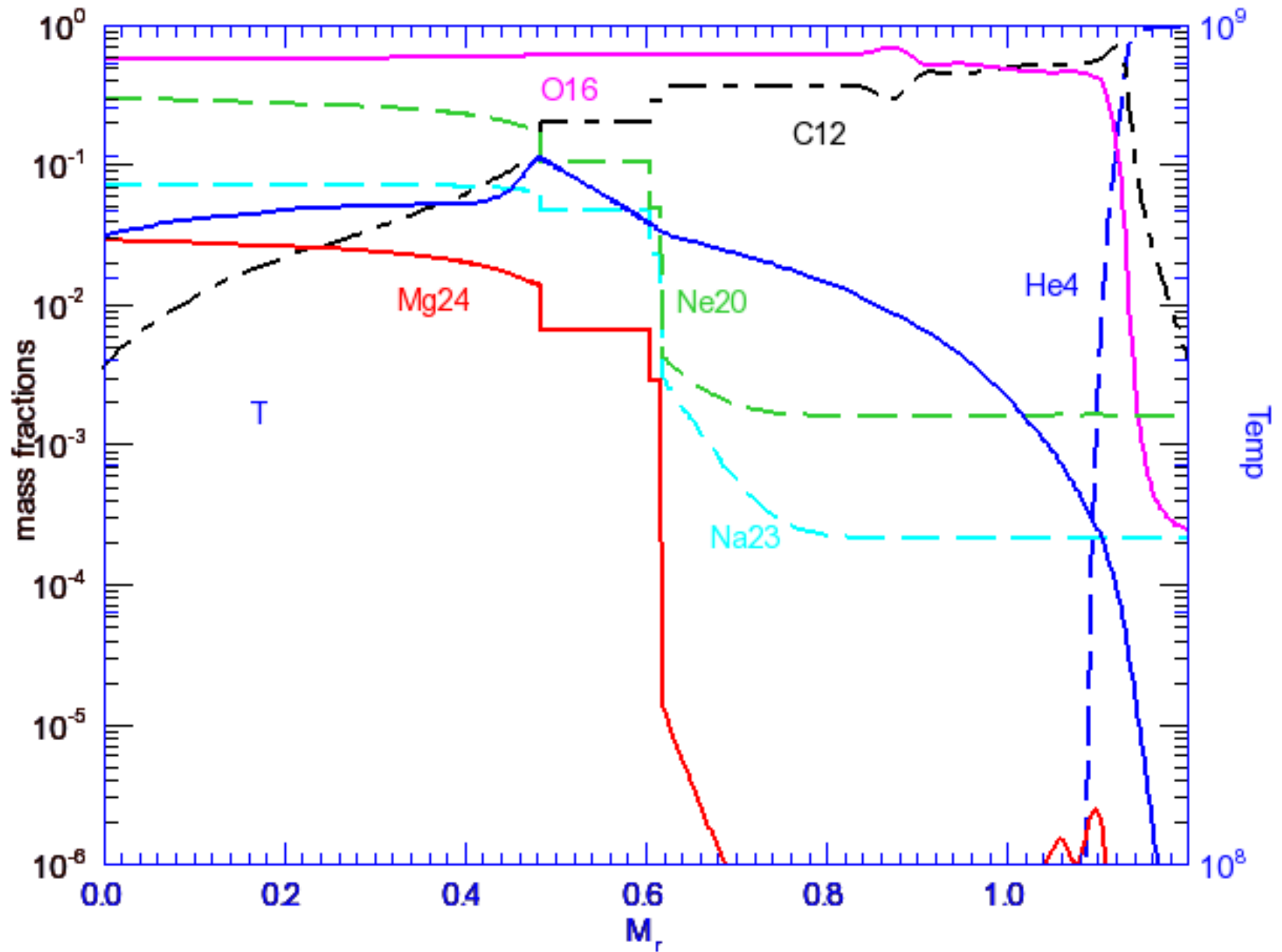
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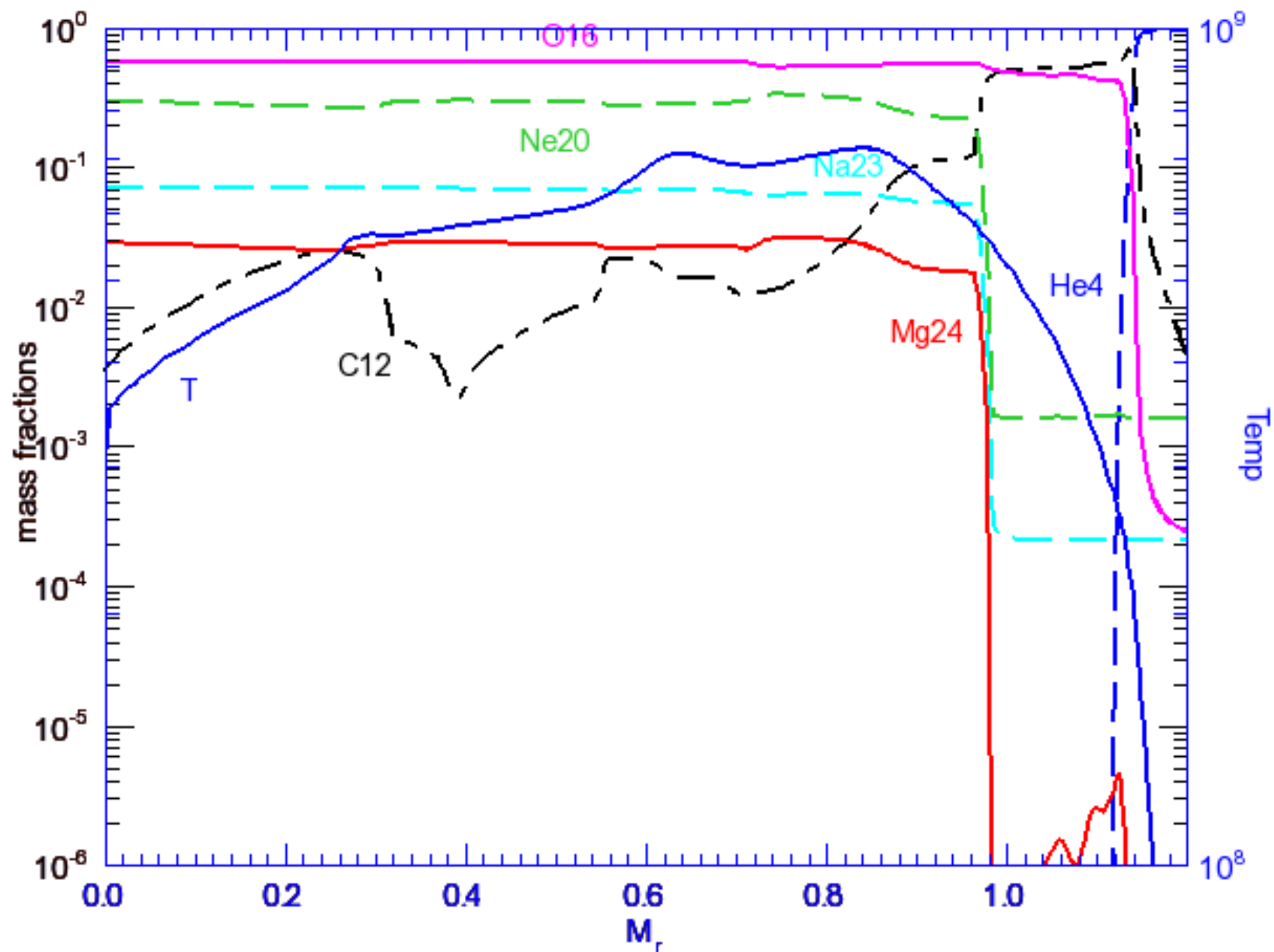
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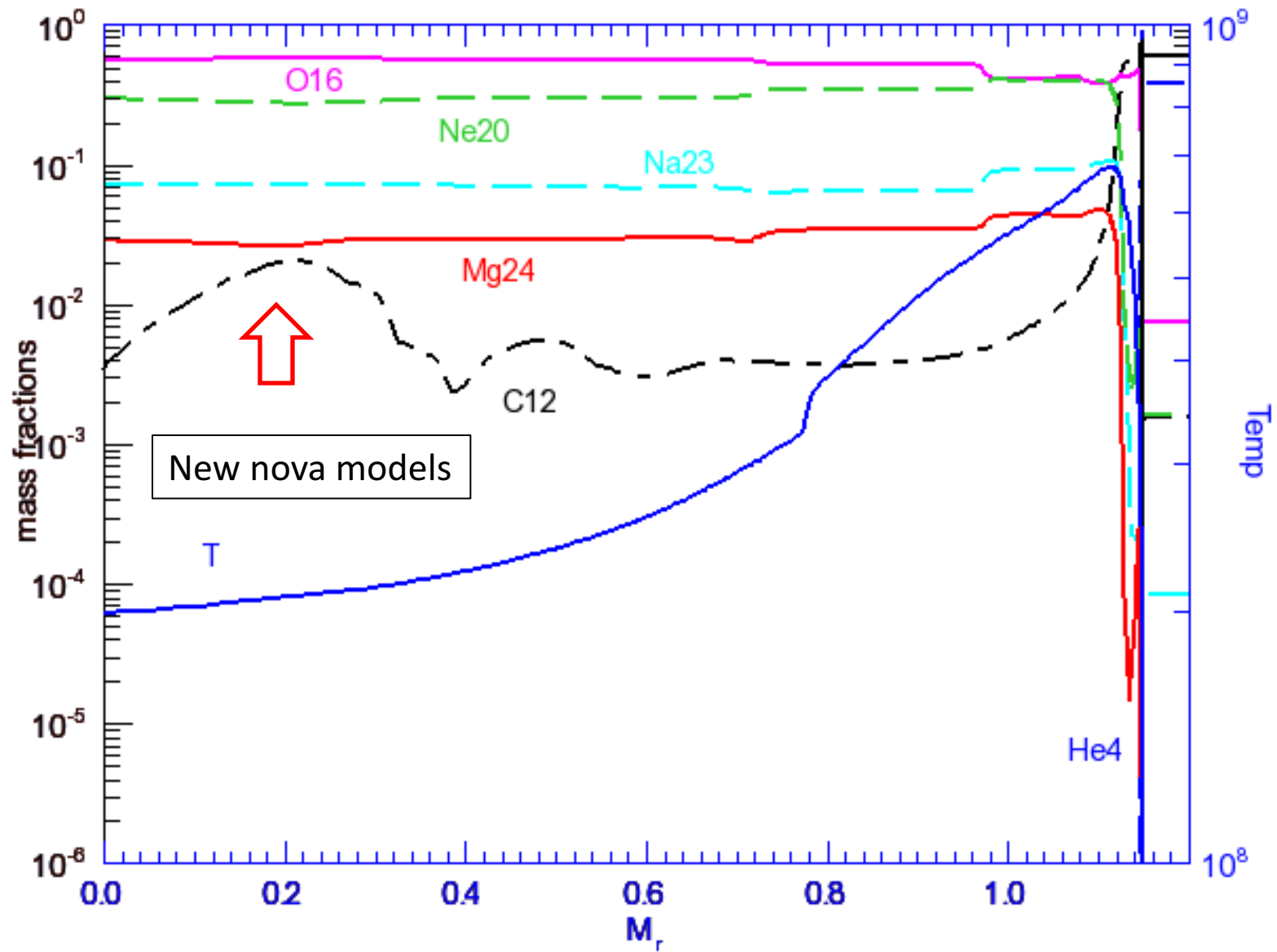
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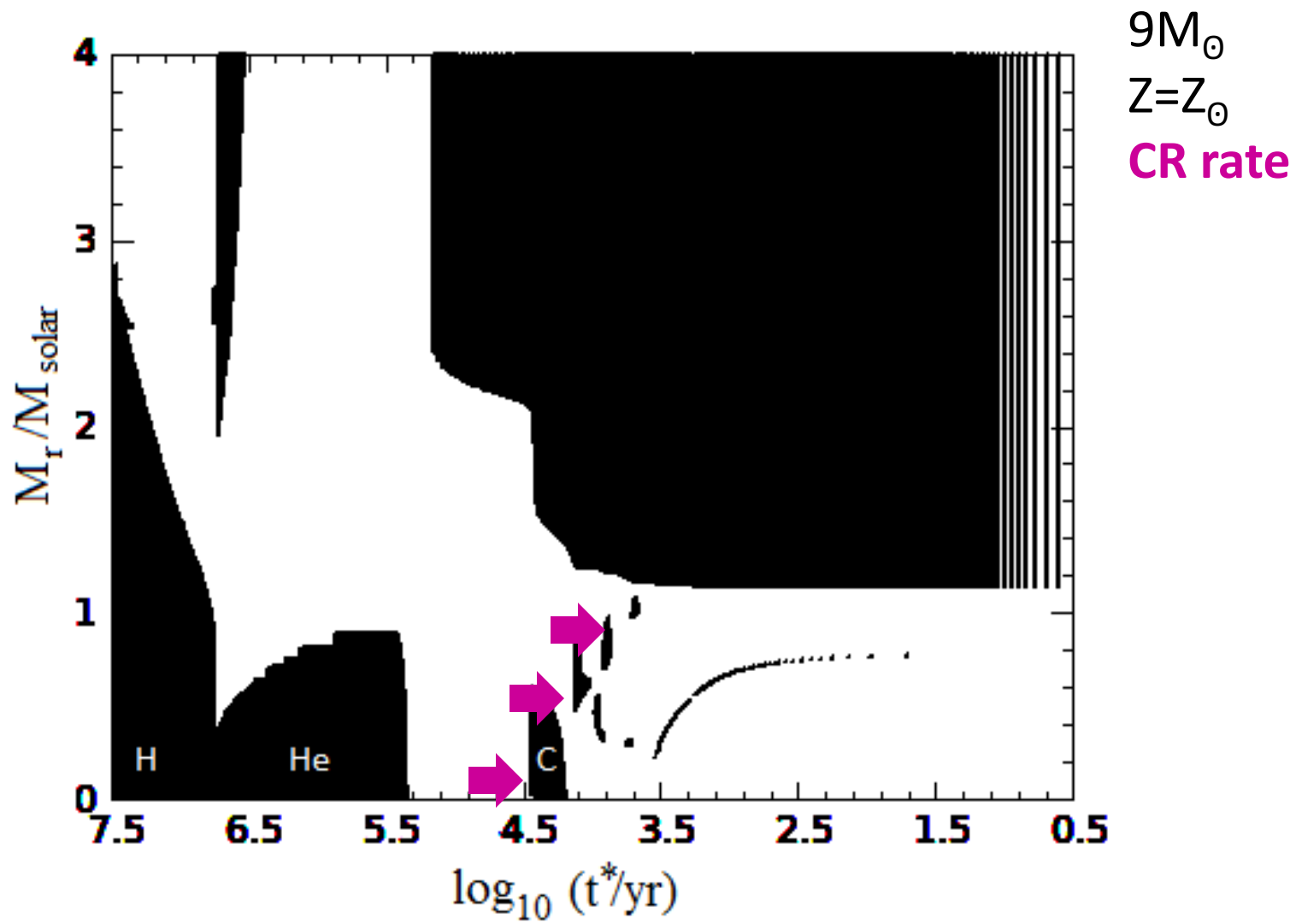


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# Determination of $M_{\text{up}}$

## Effect of the $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ rate

Rate	$M_{\text{up}}$ (Standard mixing)
CF88	8.5 $M_{\odot}$
CR	8.3 $M_{\odot}$
CU	7 $M_{\odot}$
CL	9 $M_{\odot}$

# Effect of core overshooting

$$\frac{dX_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial M_r} \left[ (4\pi r^2 \rho)^2 D \frac{\partial X_i}{\partial M_r} \right]$$

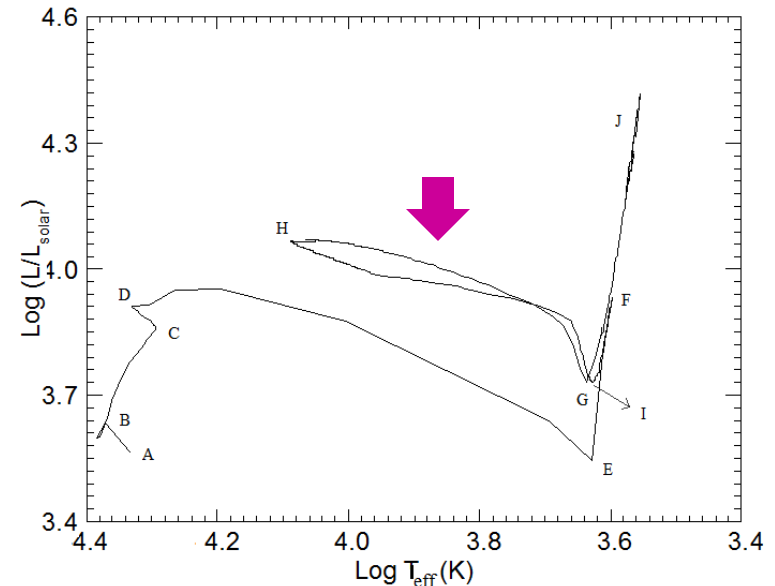
$D = 0$  in radiative zones

$D \neq 0$  in convective zones

$D$  in convective boundaries given by:

$$D_{os \text{ region}}(z) = D_{conv \text{ boundary}} e^{\frac{-2z}{fH_p}} \quad z =$$

$f$  free parameter,  $H_p$  pressure scale height.



$$z = 0.1H_p$$

Halabi, El Eid, Champagne, ApJ (2012)  
Halabi AIP Conf.Proc (2014)

## Effect of the $^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$ rate + **Overshooting**

Rate	$M_{\text{up}}$ (Standard mixing)	$M_{\text{up}}$ (Core overshooting)
CF88	8.5 $M_{\odot}$	8 $M_{\odot}$
CR	8.3 $M_{\odot}$	7.5 $M_{\odot}$
CU	7 $M_{\odot}$	--
CL	9 $M_{\odot}$	--

# Comments on Mass-loss

No mass-loss	----	----
“low” mass-loss	Reimer’s ( $\eta=0.5$ ) +Bowen	$10^{-6}-10^{-7} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ + $10^{-5} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$
“high” mass-loss	Reimer’s ( $\eta=1.0$ ) +Bowen	$2 \times (10^{-6}-10^{-7}) M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ + $2 \times 10^{-5} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$

# $M_{\text{up}}$ is **not** affected by mass-loss **BUT**

“high” mass-loss suppresses thermal pulsation (envelope mass cannot support effective He-shell burning)

“low” mass-loss has slight effect on central abundances

eg. prior to carbon burning for  $M_{\text{initial}} = 8.3M_{\odot}$

$^{12}\text{C} = 0.4869$  and  $^{16}\text{O} = 0.4886$  (no mass-loss)

$^{12}\text{C} = 0.5072$  and  $^{16}\text{O} = 0.4682$  (“low” mass-loss)

( $M_{\text{TP-AGB}} = 7.98M_{\odot}$ )

# Conclusions and Future work

- The determination of  $M_{\text{up}}$  is important and has several astrophysical consequences.
- $M_{\text{up}}$  is affected by the uncertainty in the carbon-fusion rate. We need Better experimental determination & more insight on the probability of the  $\alpha$  and p channels.
- $M_{\text{up}}$  is also affected by the efficiency of convective mixing during the helium and hydrogen burning phases. Other factors are worth investigating.
- Mass-loss affects the core composition and thus, the composition of resulting ONe WD.
- SAGB evolution is extremely computationally demanding (high spatial and temporal resolutions)- we hope to investigate more masses/effects in the near future.
- The consequences on novae eruptions will be investigated through a collaboration with Prof. Jordi Jose, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona (Halabi, El Eid, Jose 2014, in preparation).