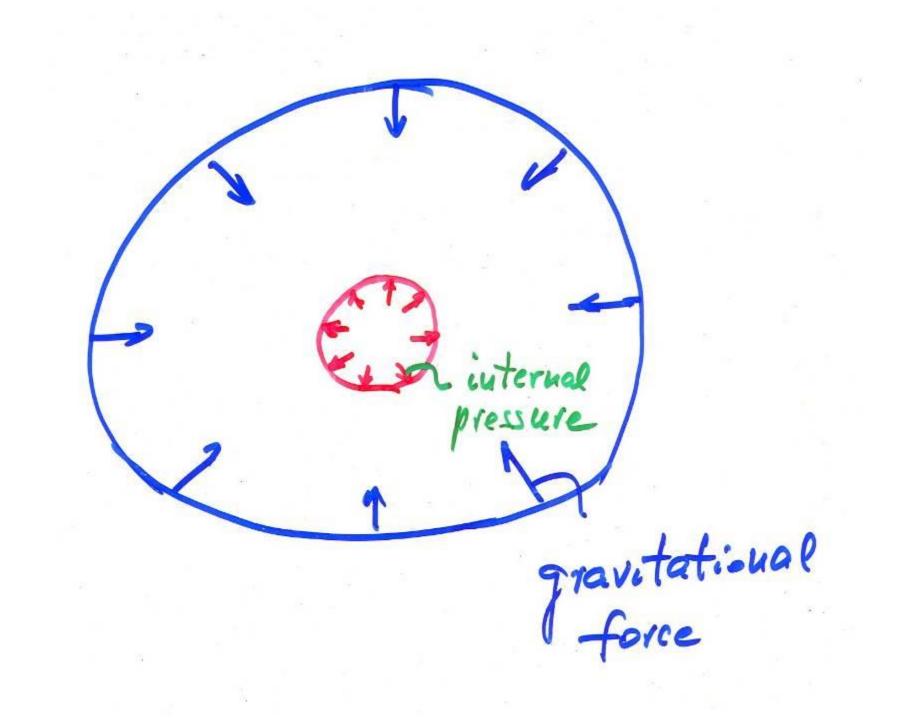
# Introduction to Cosmology

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# The virial theorem: $\frac{1}{2}$ of the released GPE is used to heat up the center of a star, the other $\frac{1}{2}$ has to be radiated away

#### **Massive Stars Cook Heavy Elements**

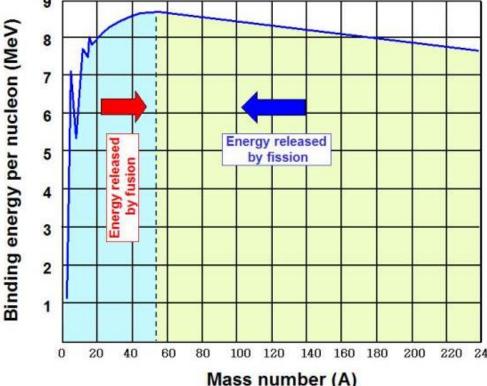
The carbon core of a massive star becomes **hot enough** (T>7 x 10<sup>8</sup> K) for carbon to fuse:

$$^{12}C + ^{12}C \rightarrow ^{24}Mg + \gamma$$
 and

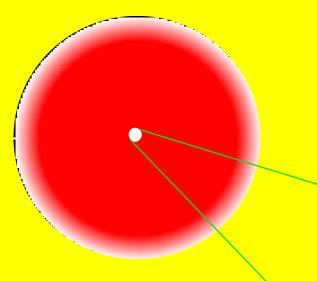
+ <sup>4</sup>He 
$$\rightarrow$$
 <sup>20</sup>Ne +  $\gamma$ 

These reactions produce less E per reaction, consuming fuel faster and faster...

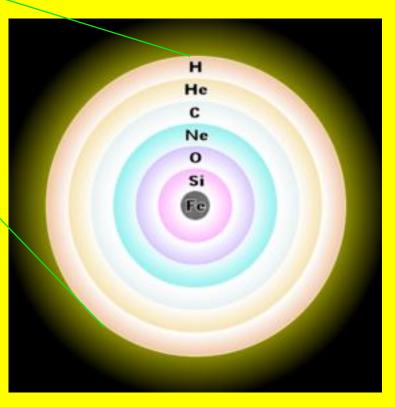
 $\rightarrow$  evolution accelerates



#### **Multiple Shell Burning Stages**



Advanced nuclear burning proceeds in a series of nested shells, giving rise to an "onion skin" structure



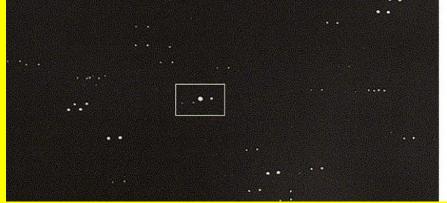
Cepheid Variables

# **Digression:** Cepheid Variables

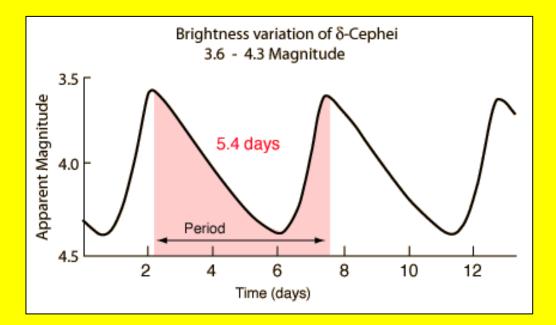
- Young, yellow supergiants with periodic L variation.
- Periods range from 2 days to about 100-120 days.
- $2-10 \text{ M}_{\odot} \sim 10^4 \text{L}_{\odot}$   $\text{T}_{\text{eff}} = 5000-6400 \text{K}$
- Brightness fluctuations ~1 magnitude, surface velocities ~ 40-60 km/s.
- Located in the disks of spiral galaxies.



# A Cepheid at max and min

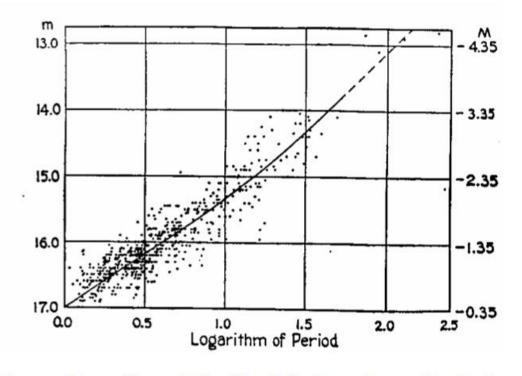


Composite Cepheid photograph at maximum (left) and minimum (right) brightness

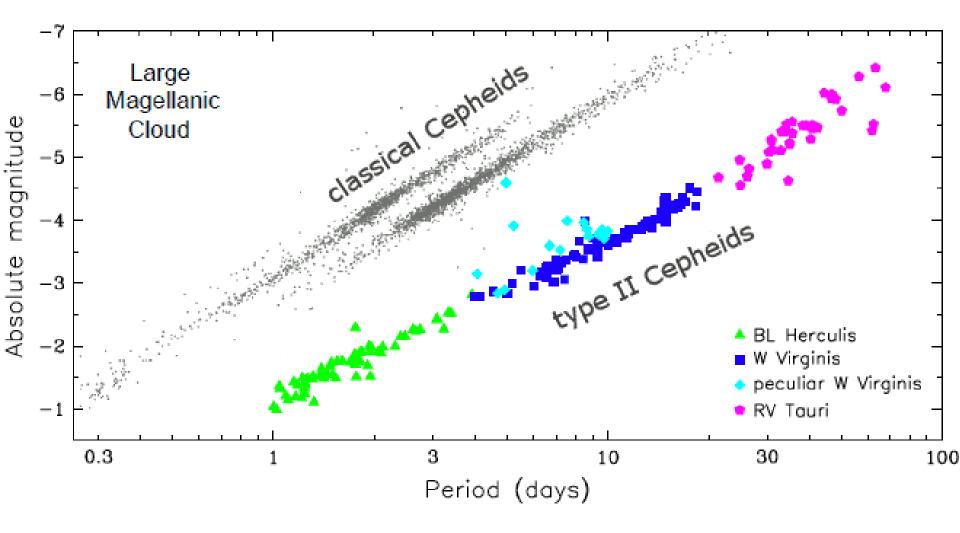


## **Leavitt's Data**

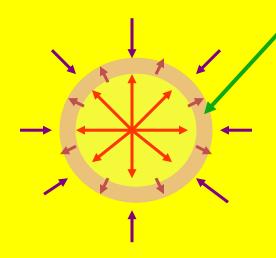
#### Henrietta Leavitt's SMC Cepheids



(From Carroll and Ostlie, Modern Astrophysics)



#### **Cepheid Broken Valve Mechanism**

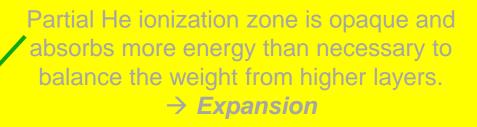


Partial He<sup>+</sup> ionization zone<sup>\*</sup> is opaque and absorbs more energy than necessary to balance the weight from higher layers.

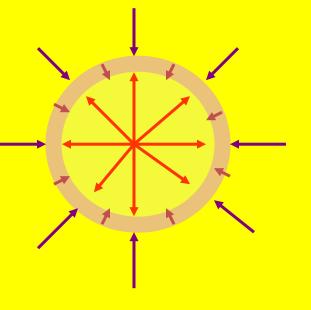
→ Expansion

\*region below surface where helium is partly He<sup>+</sup> and partly He<sup>++</sup>

#### **The Valve Mechanism**



Upon expansion, partial He ionization zone becomes more transparent, absorbs less energy  $\rightarrow$  weight from higher layers pushes it back inward.  $\rightarrow$  Contraction



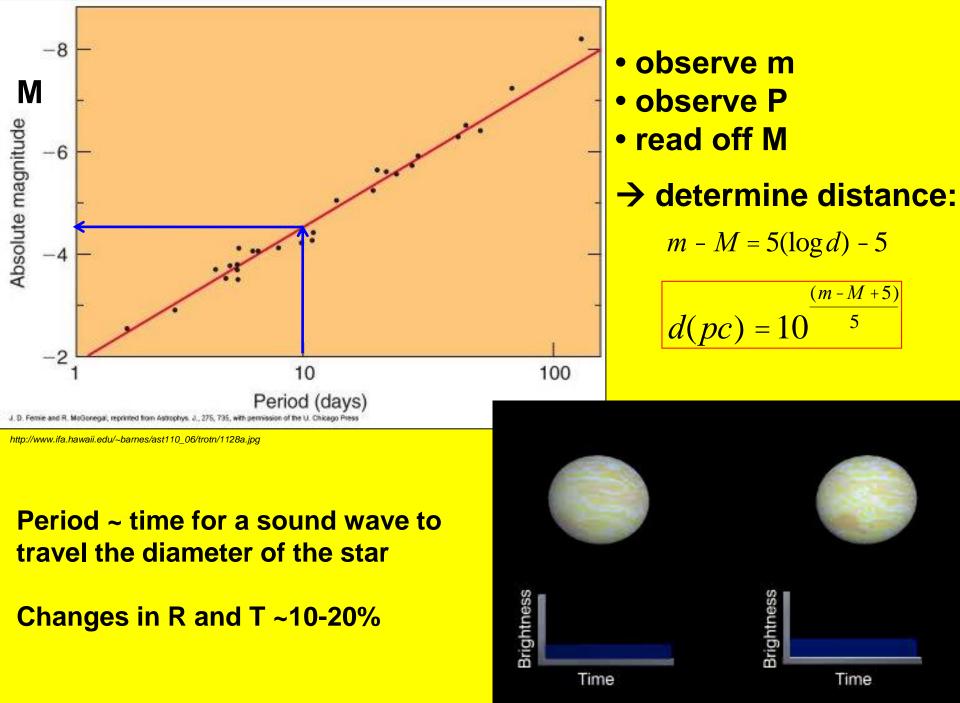
#### **The Valve Mechanism**

Partial He ionization zone is opaque and absorbs more energy than necessary to balance the weight from higher layers. → Expansion

Upon expansion, partial He ionization zone becomes more transparent, absorbs less energy → weight from higher layers pushes it back inward. → Contraction

Upon compression, partial He ionization zone becomes more opaque again, absorbs more energy than needed for equilibrium  $\rightarrow$  *Expansion* 

= positive feedback (like pushing someone on a swing; perpetuates instability



Supernovae

#### **Steps to a Supernova**

- <sup>56</sup>Fe core means *no more E can be extracted*
- M<sub>core</sub> > 1.44 M<sub>☉</sub> (Chandrasekhar Limit)
- $\rightarrow$  CORE COLLAPSE!
- Core still heats up as it collapses, but to no avail, except photodisintegration!

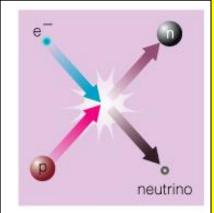
• <sup>56</sup>Fe + 
$$\gamma \rightarrow 13(^{4}$$
He) + 4 n and <sup>4</sup>He +  $\gamma \rightarrow 2p$  + 2n

Think about it ... All the star's previous nucleosynthesis over many millions of years is undone in seconds!

#### **Neutronization and Collapse**

- photodisintegration occurs in < 0.1 second!</p>
- Density is so high that protons and electrons are crushed into neutrons, which also produces huge numbers of neutrinos:

$$p^+ + e^- \rightarrow n + v$$



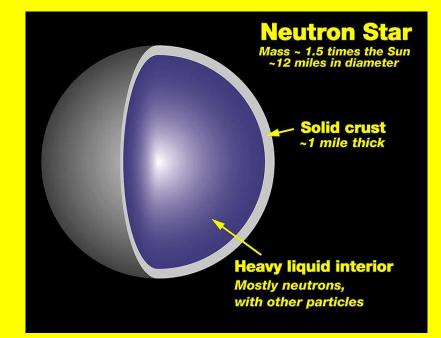
- Atoms disappear and become nuclear matter, with density about 4 x 10<sup>14</sup> g/cm<sup>3</sup> !
- ... as if a whole sun collapsed to city size: 10<sup>9</sup> tons/tsp!





#### Core Collapse, continued

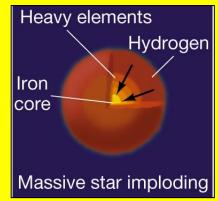
- When *neutronization* is nearly complete, core collapse is halted by a combination of **neutron** degeneracy pressure, and strong-force repulsion.
- The core, with R ~ 10 km, has become a *NEUTRON STAR*.

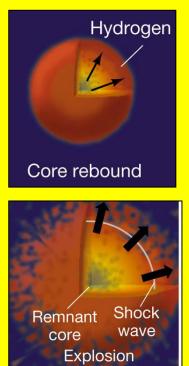


n:p:e=8:1:1

#### But what about the rest of the star??

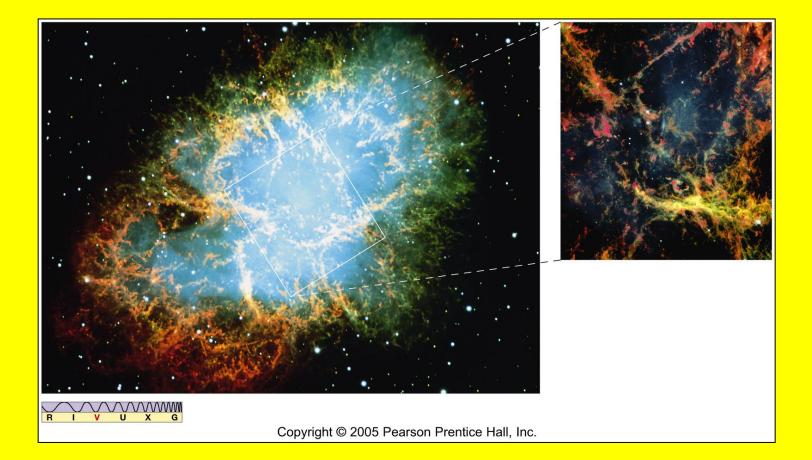
- **Ca, Si, S, Mg, Ne, O, C** layers obliviously continue to burn, until...
- When core collapses, they collapse onto it.
- "Stiff" core, plus pressure from all the v produce a bounce and an outgoing shock wave that blasts off the outer layers
- Energy released allows *explosive nucleosynthesis*, producing elements beyond the Fe peak in binding energy
- The rapidly-expanding outer layers get very luminous, very quickly, producing a TYPE II SUPERNOVA





#### Supernova Remnants

- The expelled gas interacts with the ISM to make a SUPERNOVA REMNANT, which glows for ~ 10<sup>5</sup> years
- CRAB SN was seen in 1054 CE appears in Chinese records



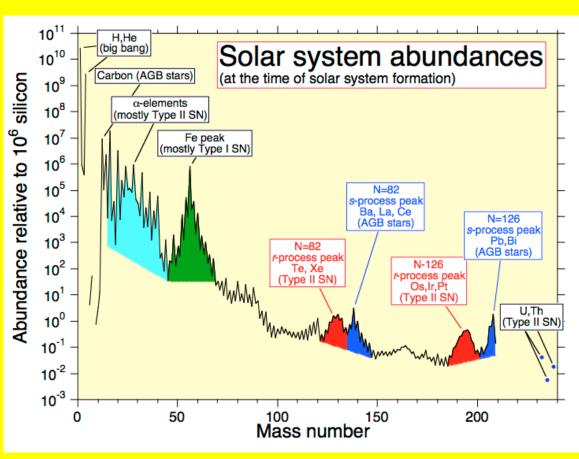
#### **3 Main Nucleosynthesis Sites & Timescales**

Massive stars (M>10 M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>) and SNe II: synthesis of most of the nuclear species from oxygen through zinc, and the r-process heavy elements ( $\tau < 10^8$  years)

**Red G/AGB Stars:** (1<M<10 M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>) synthesis of heavy s-process elements ( $\tau > 10^9$  years)

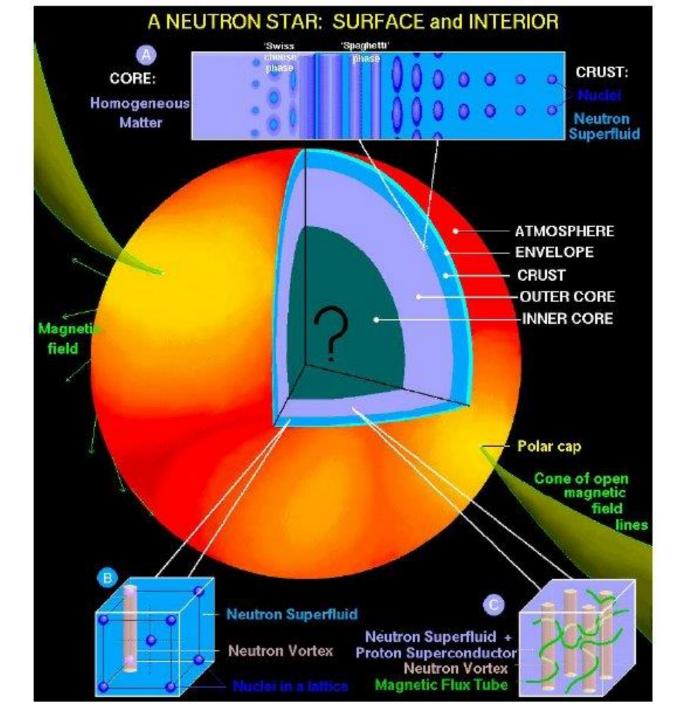
SNe Ia: synthesis of ~ 50-70% of Fe-peak nuclei <u>not</u> produced by SNe II ( $\tau > 1.5-2 \times 10^9$  years)

**NS-NS** mergers  $\tau \sim sec$ 



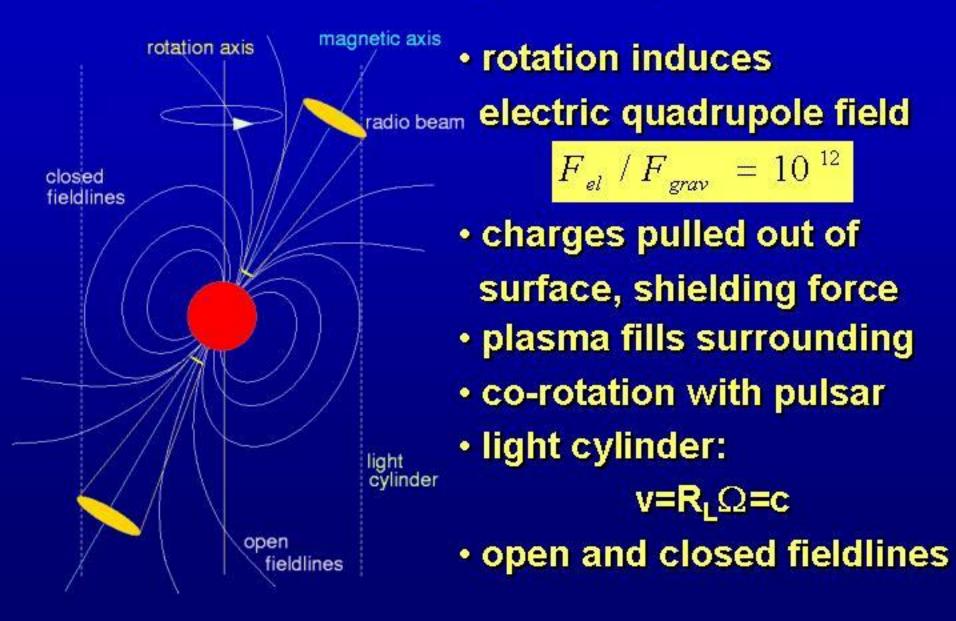
Expected characteristics of neutron stars

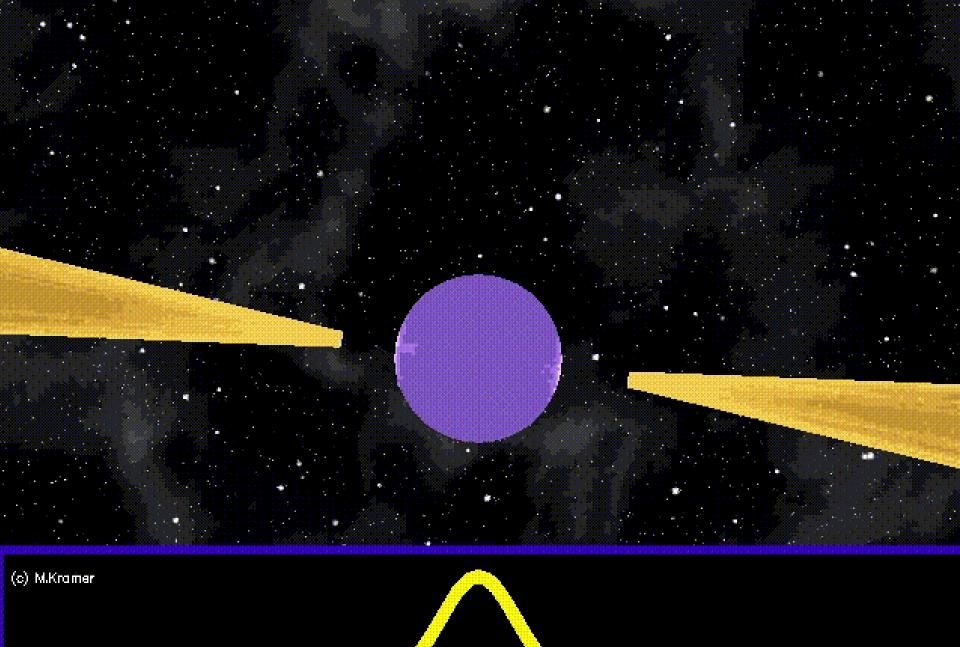
- $\cdot$  Mass ~ 1.4 M $_{\odot}$
- Radius ~ 10 20 km !
- Density ~  $10^{17}$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Initial temperature ~ 10<sup>11</sup> K



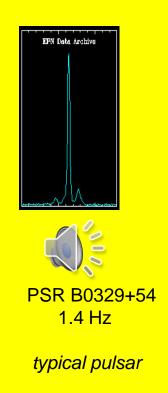


# **Pulsar - Magnetosphere**





# Sound of pulsars





Crab

Pulsar

30 Hz

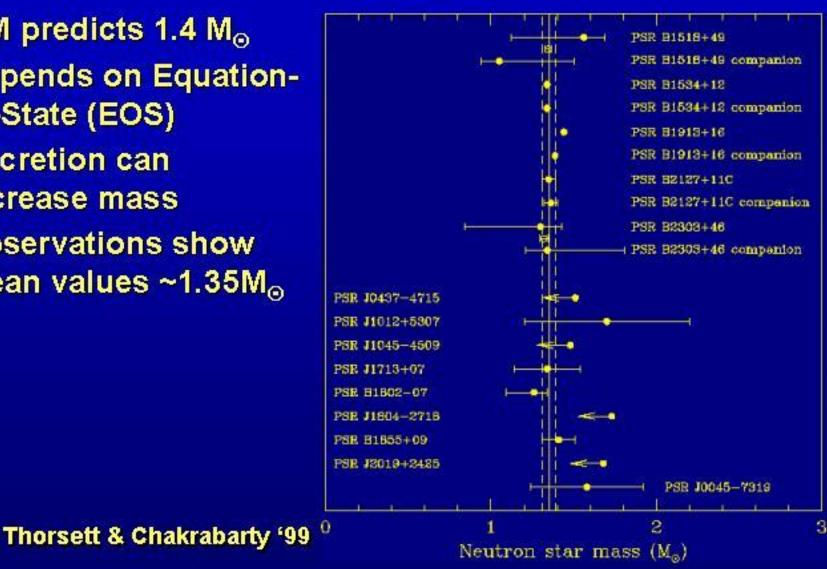


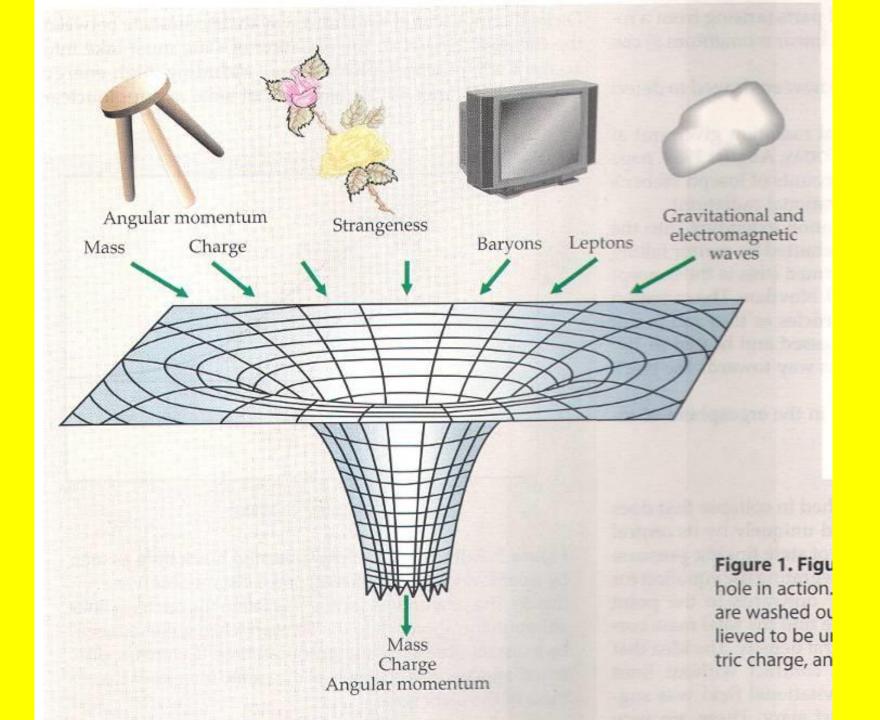


PSR 1937 645 Hz

# Masses

- QM predicts 1.4 M<sub>o</sub> 0
- **Depends on Equation-**• of-State (EOS)
- Accretion can increase mass
- Observations show mean values ~1.35M<sub>o</sub>

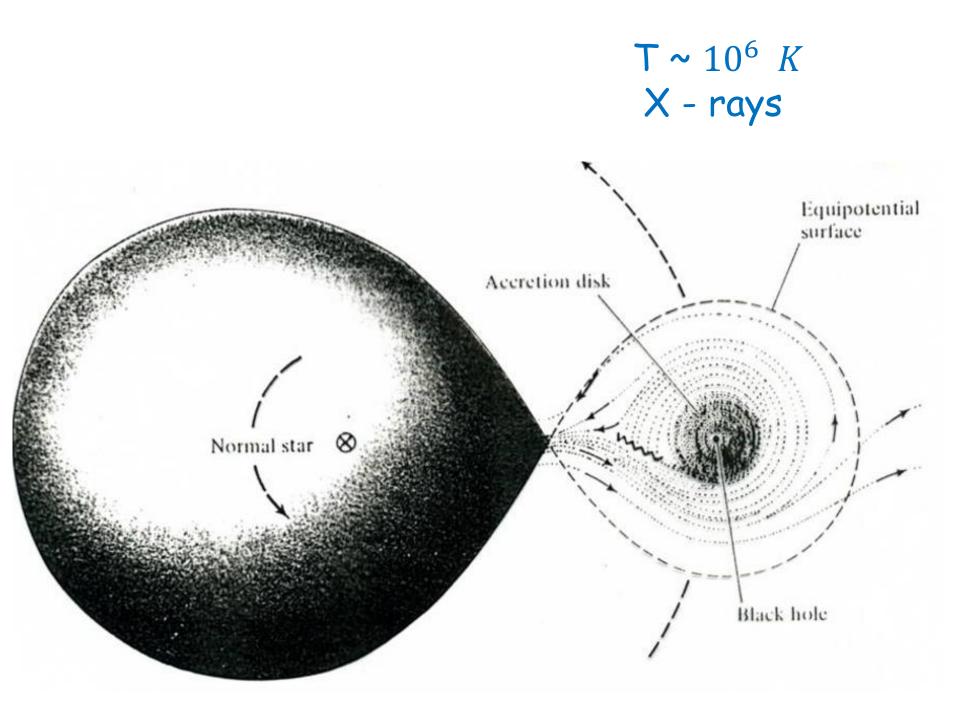




#### Black holes

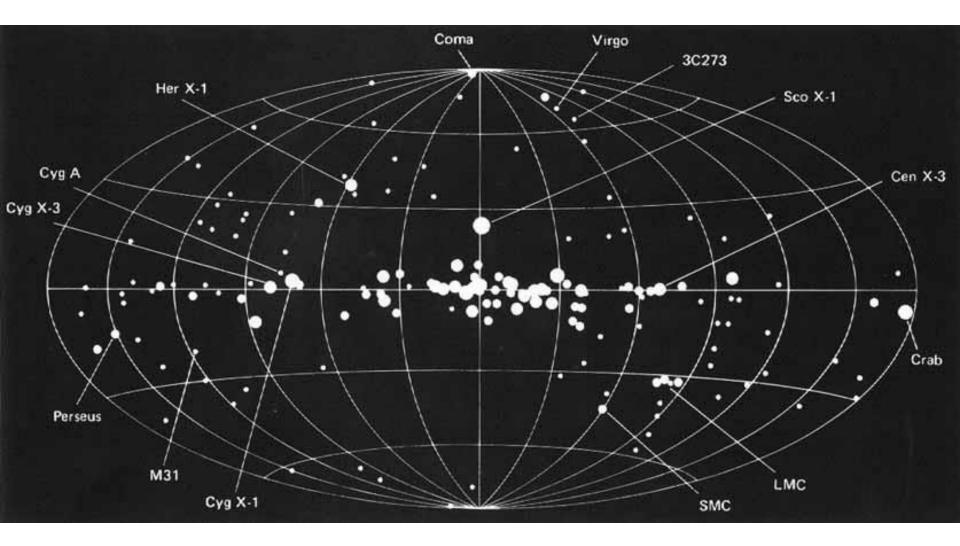
- 1. Mass  $> 3M_{\odot}$
- 2. Electric charge  $\approx 0$
- 3. Rotation period could be as small as 0.001 s
- 4. Does not radiate !!
- 5. Strong gravitational field

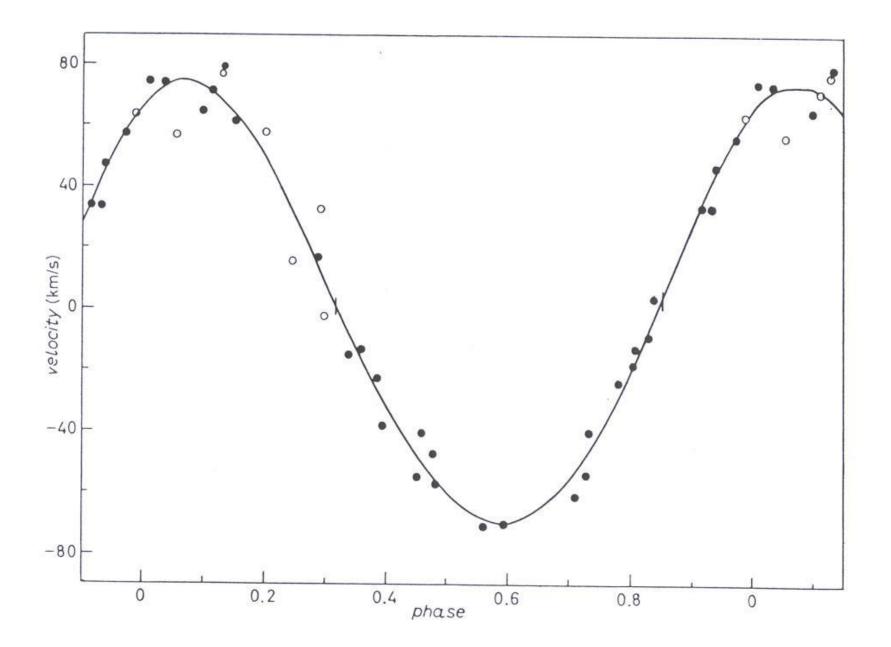
How to find them ??

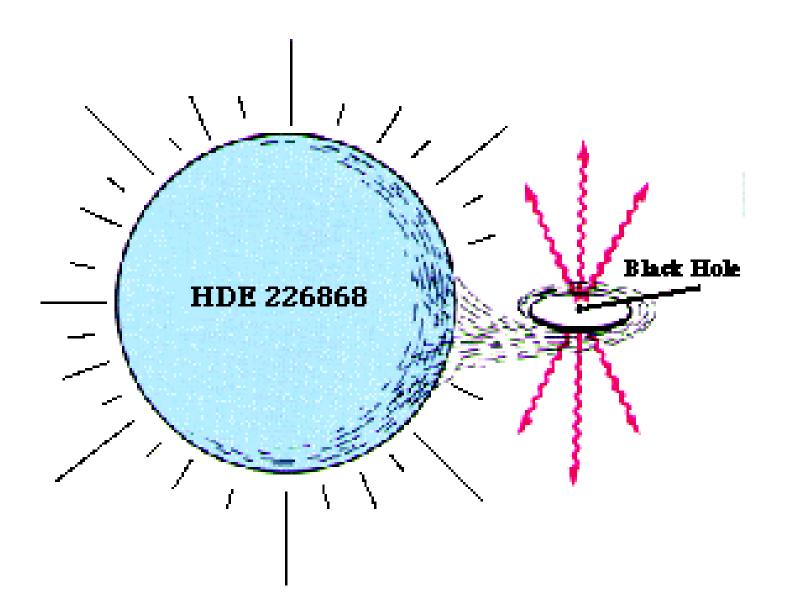




#### UHURU - the first X-ray satellite

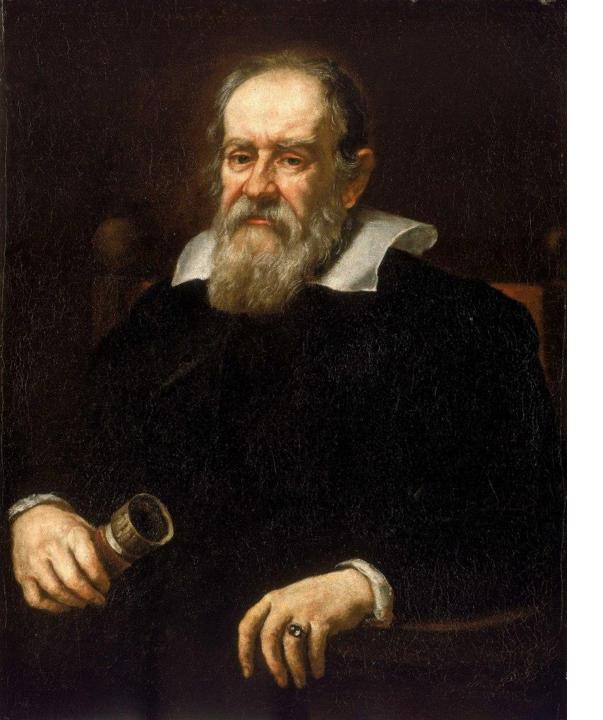




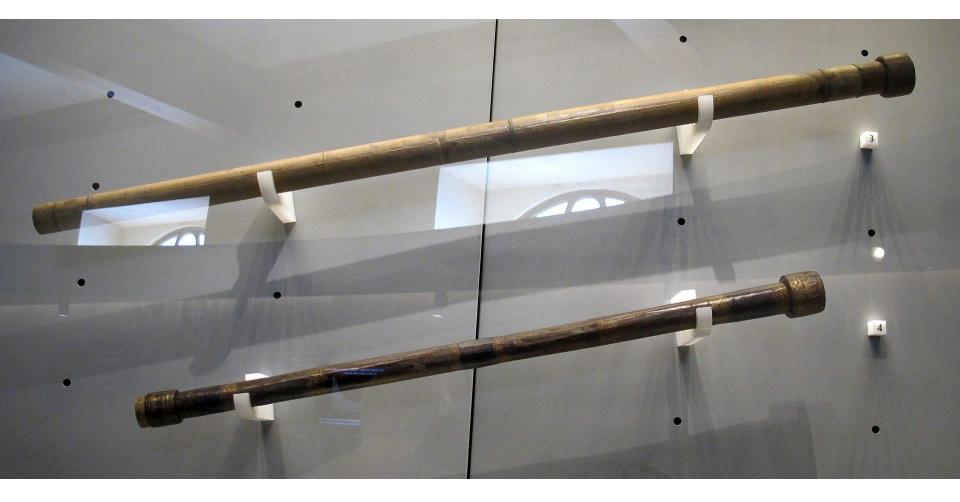


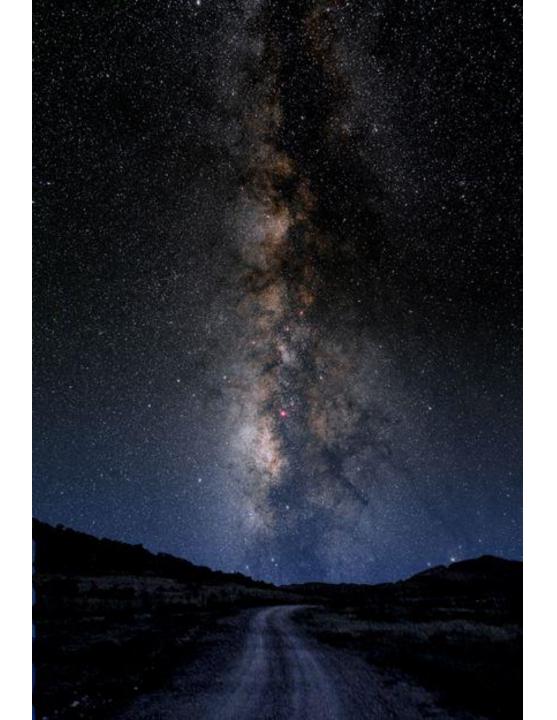
### Remnants of stellar evolution

 $0.001 < M_{in}/M_{\odot} < 0.085 \rightarrow brown dwarfs$  $0.085 < M_{in}/M_{\odot} < 8 \sim 12 \rightarrow$  white dwarf  $M_{WD}$  < 1.4  $M_{\odot}$ planetary nebula  $8 \sim 12 < M_{in}/M_{\odot} < \sim 20 \rightarrow$  neutron star supernova explosion MNS < 3Mo  $M_{in}/M_{\odot} > \sim 20 \rightarrow black hole$ supernova explosion MBH > 3Mo

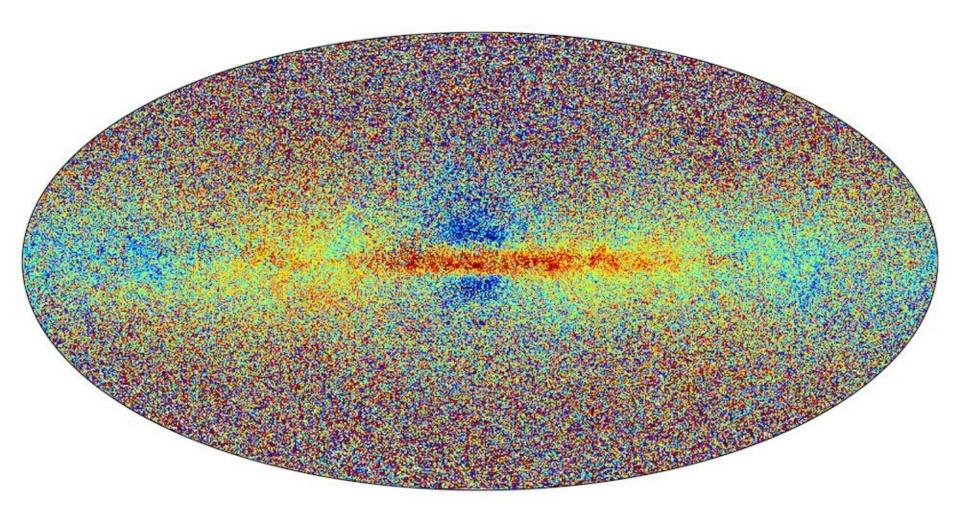


#### Galileo 1564 - 1642





## **Chemical evolution**



Astronomical Mendeleev table:

X - fraction of hydrogen (by weight)

**Y** - fraction of helium

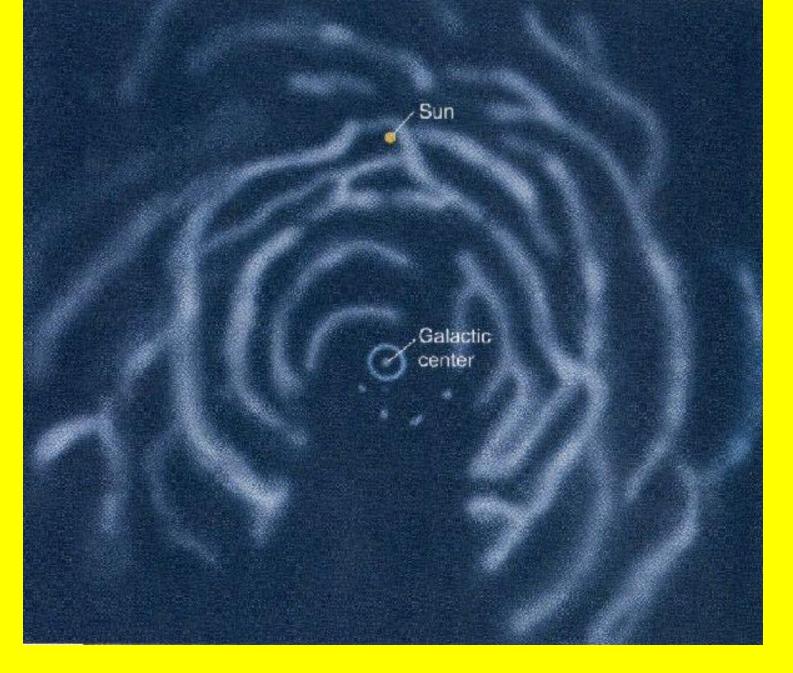
Z - fraction of all other elements (astronomers call them metals)

$$X + Y + Z = 1$$

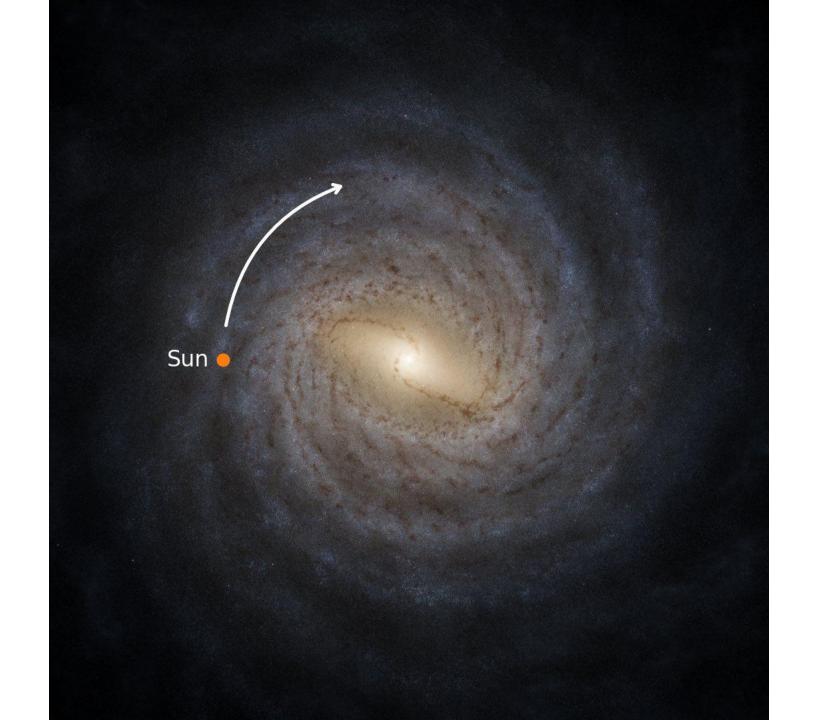
 $X_{\odot} = 0.73, Y_{\odot} = 0.24 Z_{\odot} = 0.03$ 

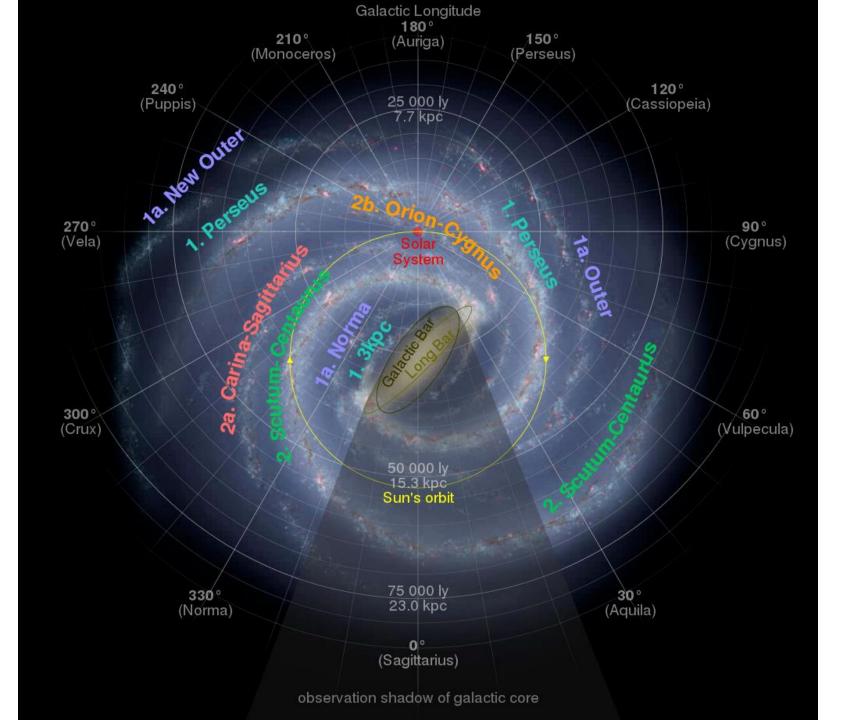
Population I stars, are, the young stars confined to the disk of the galaxy and of metal abundances near the solar value Z ~ 0.03

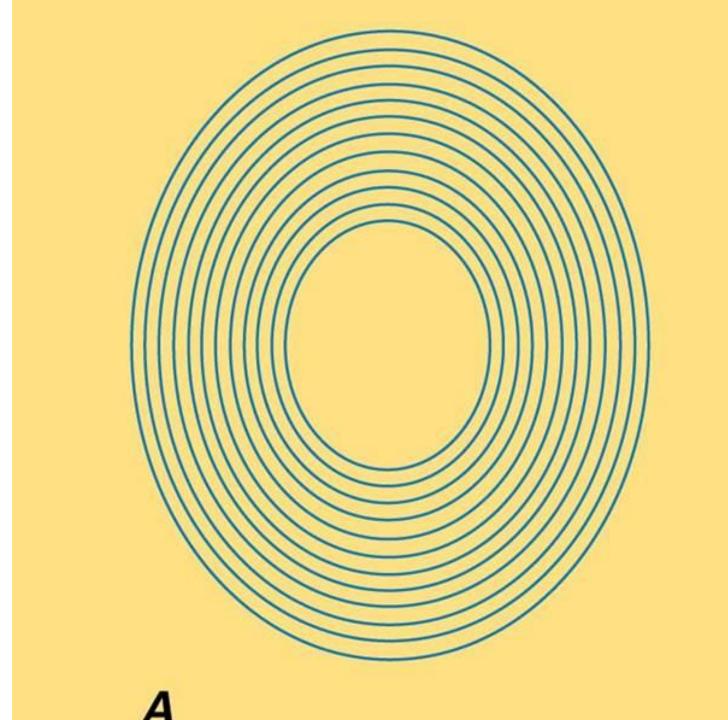
Population II stars - the old stars that appear in the galactic halo and of very low metal abundance  $Z \le 0.01$ 

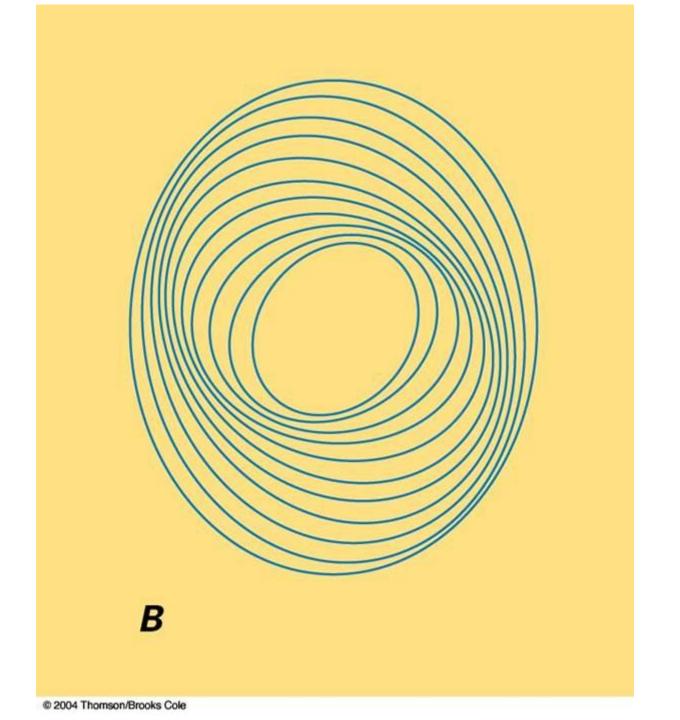


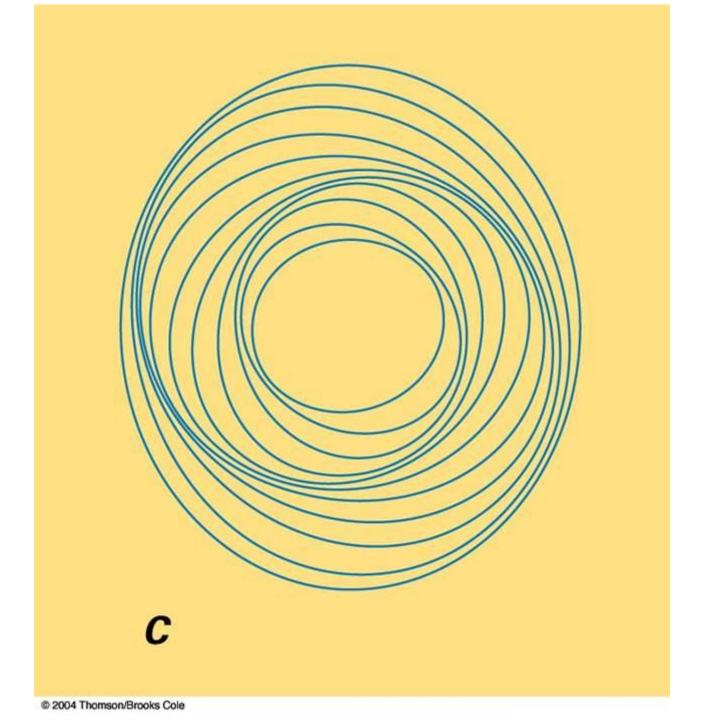
## Distribution of neutral hydrogen - radio

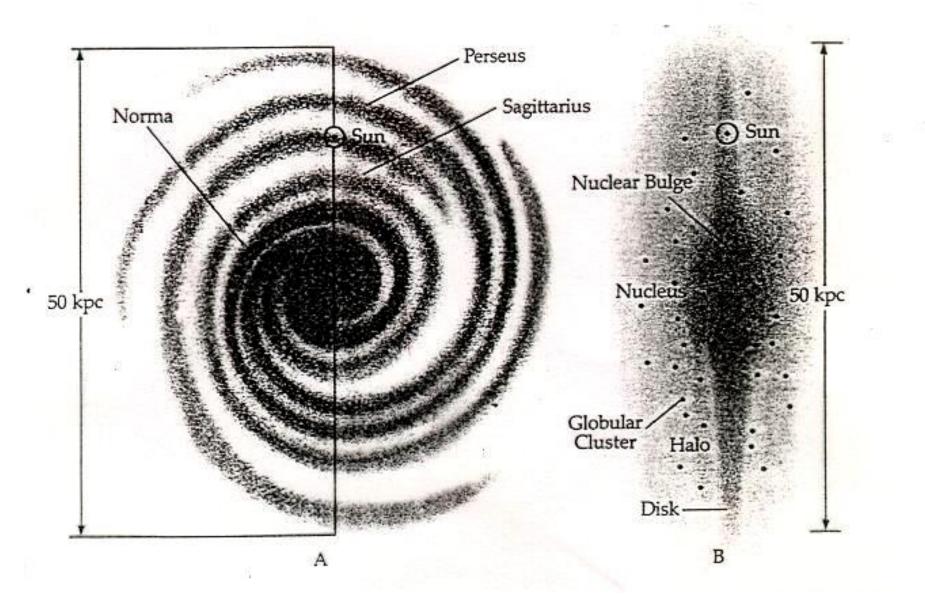


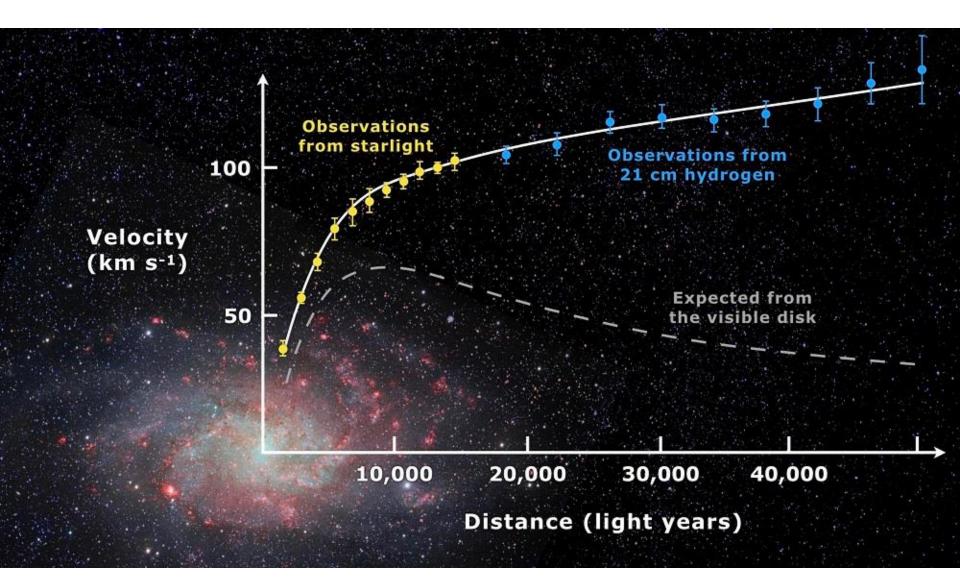


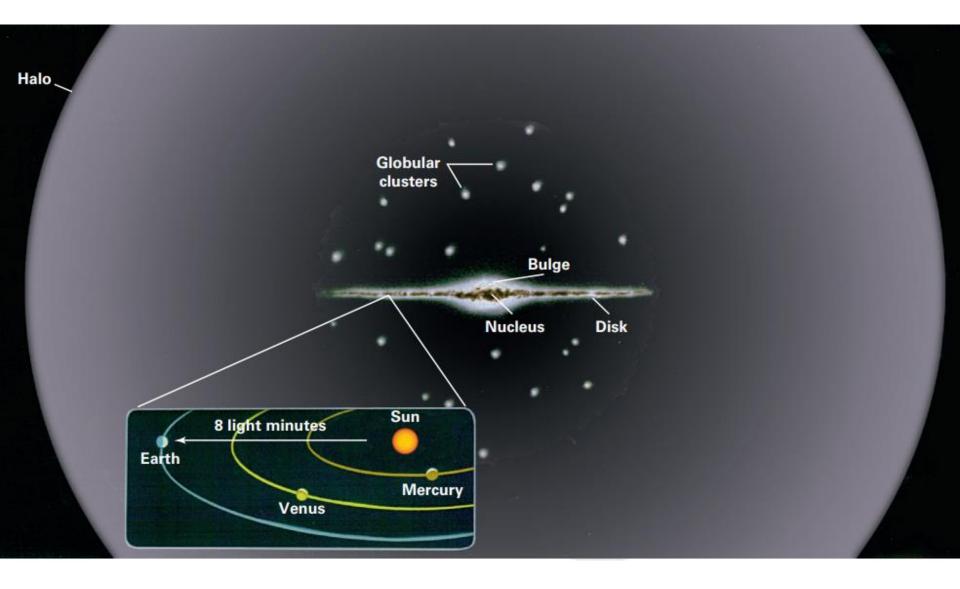












## The Milky Way + dark matter halo

## Size of the Milky Way

- Diameter of the disk 120000 ly
- Thickness of the disk 1000 ly
- Diameter of the galactic halo 300000 ly
- Distance of the Sun from the galactic center ~ 25000 ly
- Mass ~  $120 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$