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Synthesis of the Elements in Stars*

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"It is the stars, The stars above us, govern our conditions";
(*King Lear*, Act IV, Scene 3)

but perhaps

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, But in ourselves,"
(*Julius Caesar*, Act I, Scene 2)

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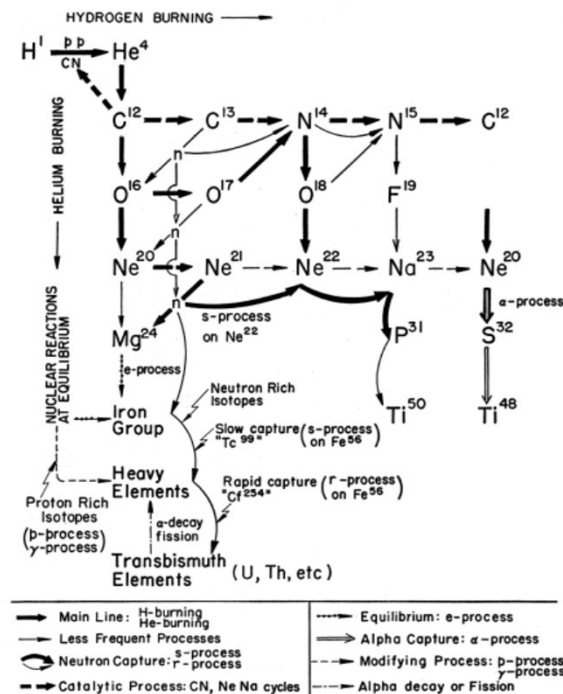
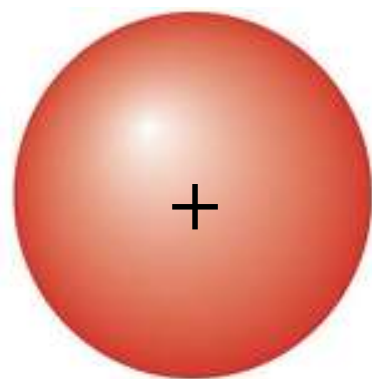


FIG. 1.2. A schematic diagram of the nuclear processes by which the synthesis of the elements in stars takes place. Elements synthesized by interactions with protons (hydrogen burning) are listed horizontally. Elements synthesized by interactions with alpha particles (helium burning) and by still more complicated processes are listed vertically. The details of the production of all of the known stable isotopes of carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, fluorine, neon, and sodium are shown completely. Neutron capture processes by which the highly charged heavy elements are synthesized are indicated by curved arrows. The production of radioactive Cf^{254} is indicated as an example for which there is astrophysical evidence of neutron captures at a slow rate over long periods of time in red giant stars. Similarly Cf^{254} , produced in supernovae, is an example of neutron synthesis at a rapid rate. The iron group is produced by a variety of nuclear reactions at equilibrium in the last stable stage of a star's evolution.

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1 H	2 He											13 3A	14 4A	15 5A	16 6A	17 7A	18 8A		
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne		
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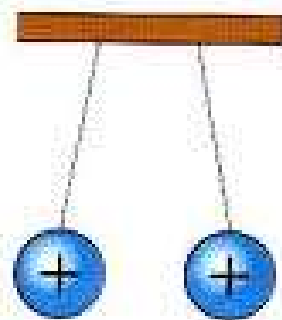
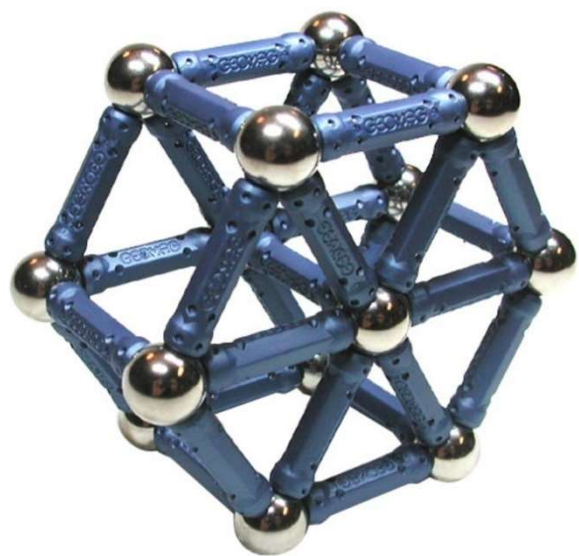


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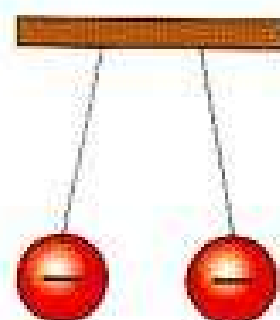
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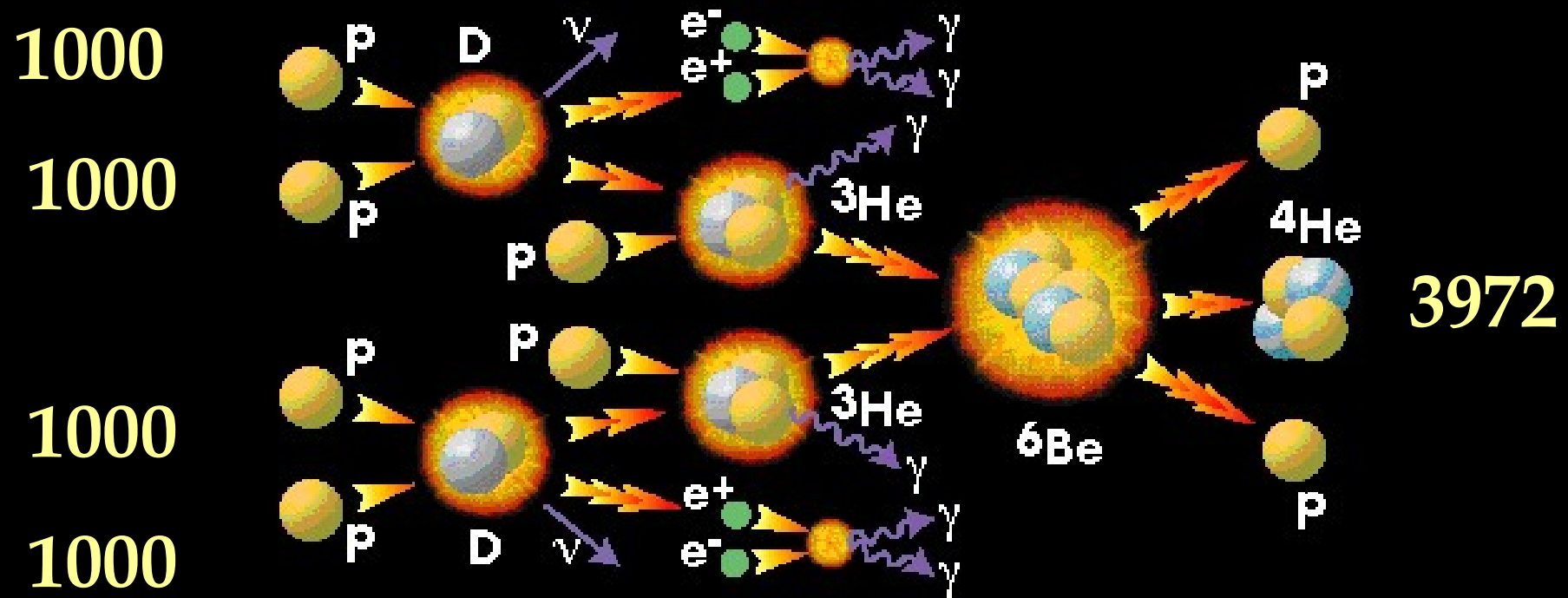
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*Lanthanides

†Actinides

58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

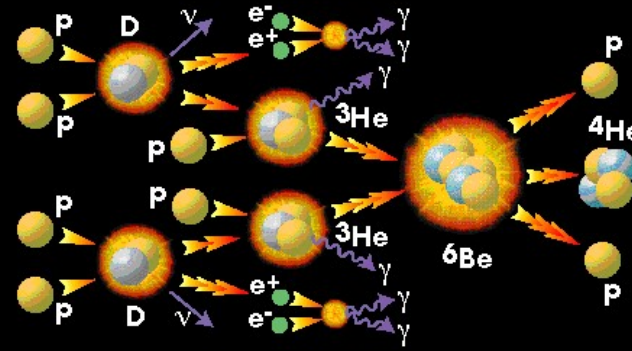
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$$E = m c^2$$

$$E_{\text{reazione}} = 4 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ J}$$

Numero di atomi di idrogeno: 10^{57}

Ogni reazione coinvolge 4 atomi di idrogeno

Ogni reazione produce una energia di : $4 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ J}$

Il Sole emette : $4 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ J} / \text{s} = 4 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ W}$

Ad ogni secondo si verificano : 10^{38} reazioni

Con questo tasso il sole potrebbe vivere per **70 miliardi di anni**

All'interno della stella avvengono delle reazioni tra le particelle chiamate reazioni nucleari:

