

At the beginning...

Matter + antimatter



Matter has the advantage



baryons \rightarrow quarks, leptons, electrons, photons (no protons or neutrons)



Hadrons \rightarrow protons, neutrons



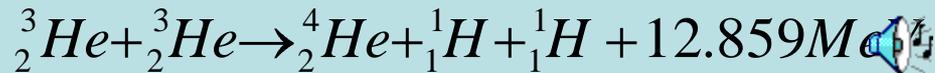
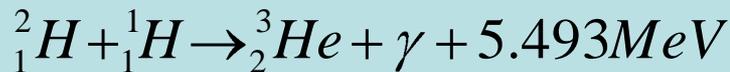
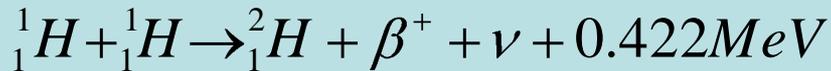
Hydrogen, helium (1:10 H:He)

Origin of the Universe

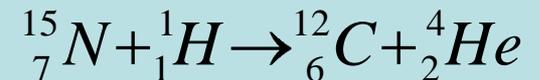
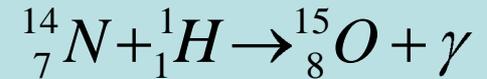
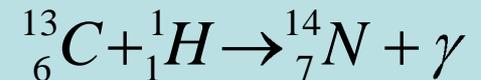
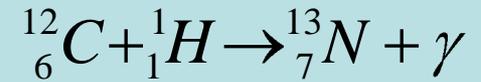
- Hubble observed the universe seemed to be expanding from a central point – origin of the Big Bang Theory
- Formation of subatomic particles → H and He nuclei, then cooling to form mostly H and He – still the most abundant elements in the universe

Nuclear reactions – the beginning

- Hydrogen fusion:



Proton-proton chain



CNO cycle



Triple-alpha fusion

Particles:

α - ${}^4_2\text{He}$

β – proton, aka positron (+)

γ - high energy photon

ν – neutrino

Nuclear reactions

- Helium Burning
 - Only goes to ${}^{56}_{26}\text{Fe}$...

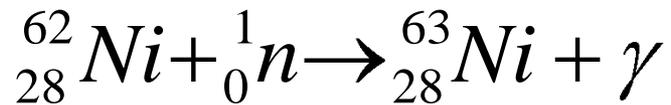


What about the rest of the elements??

Neutron-capture Reactions

- At the end of a red star's life:

Neutrino capture

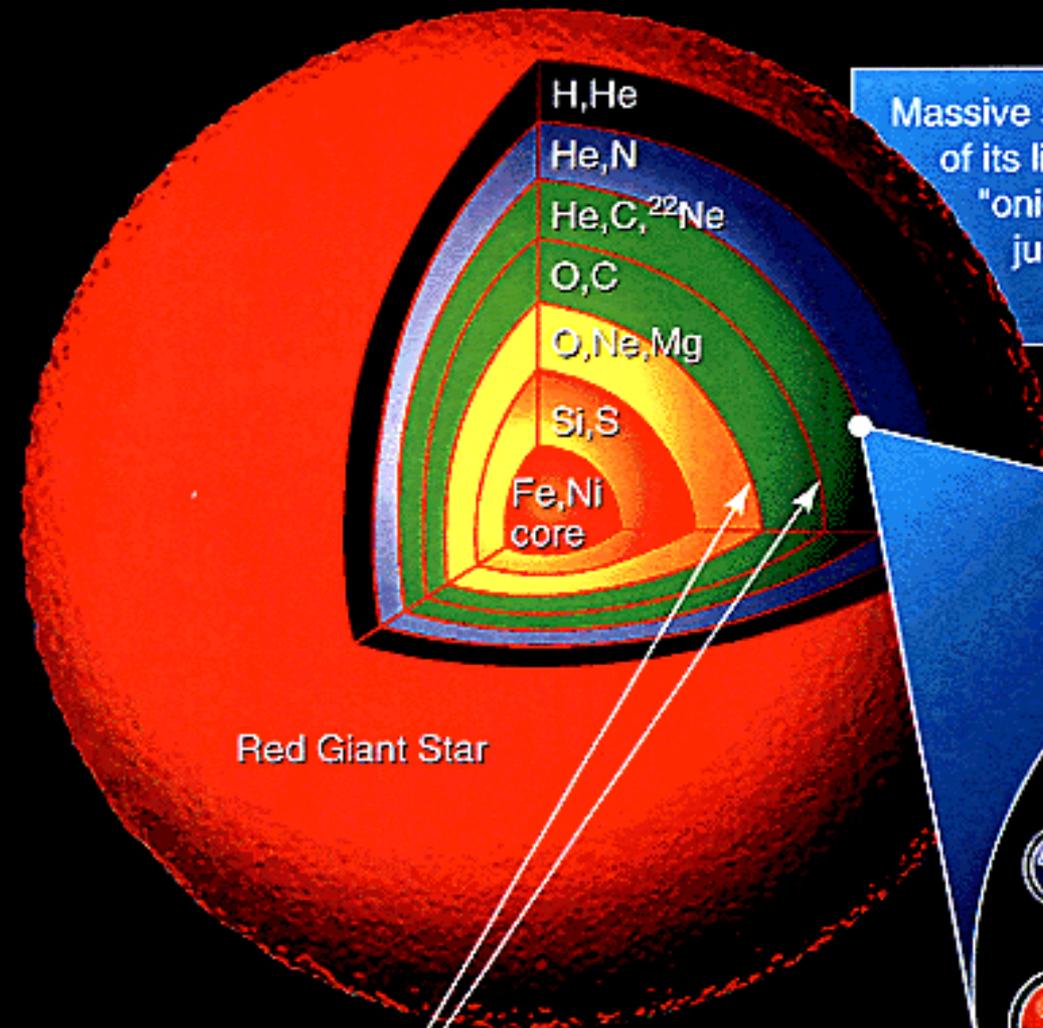


Radioactive decay



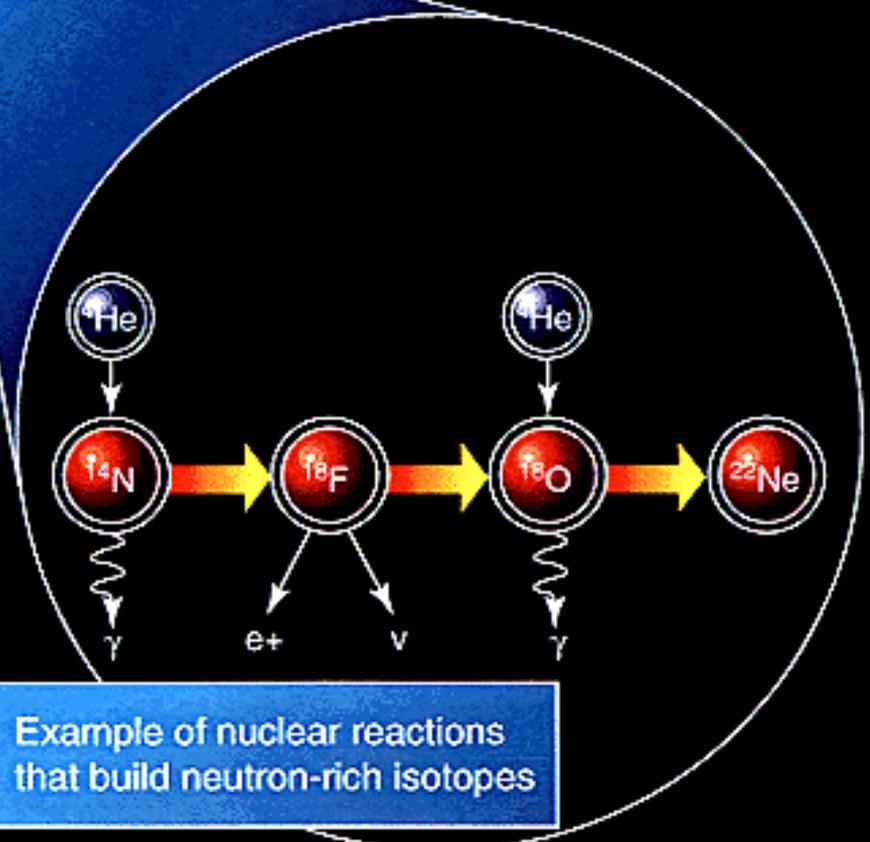
Other elements have to have this occur very fast, the rate of neutron capture before radioactive decay requires a supernova





Massive star near the end of its lifetime has an "onion-like" structure just prior to exploding as a supernova

Nuclear burning occurs at the boundaries between zones



Example of nuclear reactions that build neutron-rich isotopes

TWO PLANET FORMATION SCENARIOS

Accretion model



Orbiting dust grains accrete into "planetesimals" through nongravitational forces.



Planetesimals grow, moving in near-coplanar orbits, to form "planetary embryos."



Gas-giant planets accrete gas envelopes before disk gas disappears.



Gas-giant planets scatter or accrete remaining planetesimals and embryos.

Gas-collapse model



A protoplanetary disk of gas and dust forms around a young star.



Gravitational disk instabilities form a clump of gas that becomes a self-gravitating planet.



Dust grains coagulate and sediment to the center of the protoplanet, forming a core.



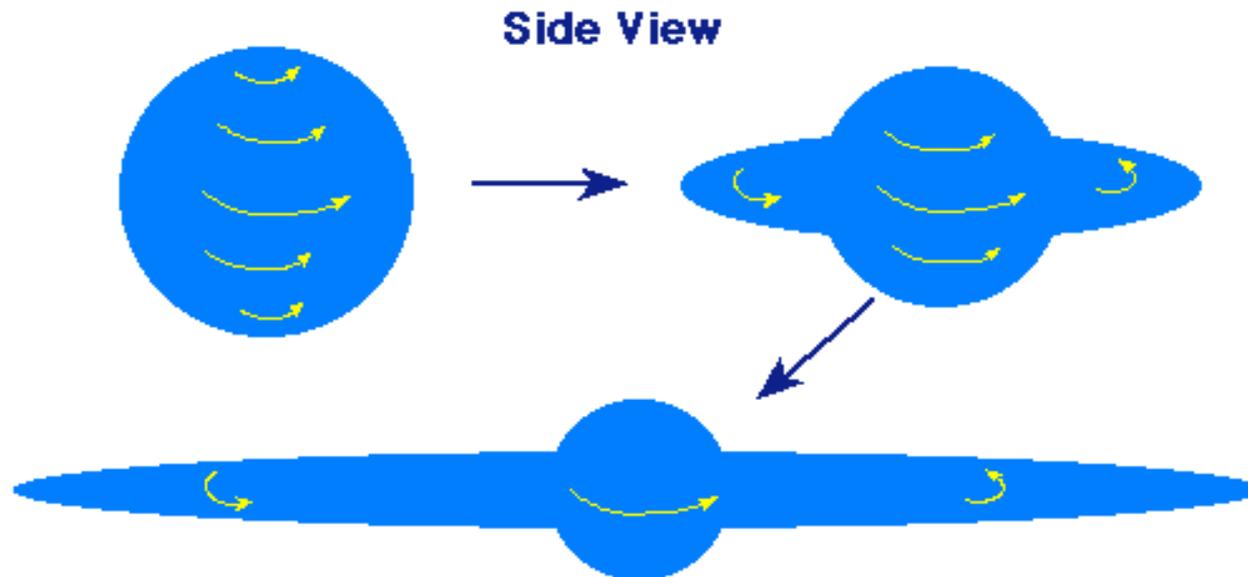
The planet sweeps out a wide gap as it continues to feed on gas in the disk.

Planetesimal theory

- Number of large 'planetesimals' which may have had significantly different compositions
- Collisions of these formed larger bodies which became planets – some think the chemical differences between core and mantle could be derived from this
- Moon formed from collision of Mars-sized body, likely altered the atmosphere significantly

Nebular Hypothesis

- Idea presents the solar system as a disk of material which on turning and gravitational attraction resulted in large bodies, which then reduced in size to form inner planets

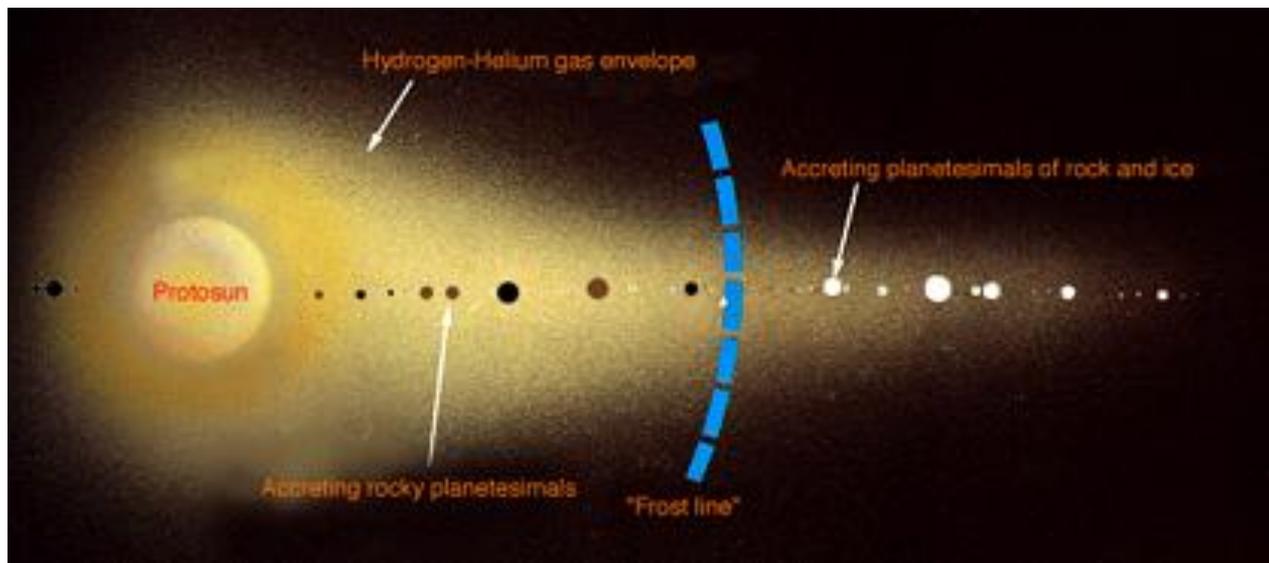


Temperature-Pressure gradients

- As the nebular material began rotating (gravitational, magnetic, electrostatic forces cause this), the material starts to develop some order
- The temperature and pressure gradients began chemical differentiation → because of condensation reactions, forming particles of solid material
 - NASA probes have ‘seen’ this in bodies thought to be actively forming planetoids

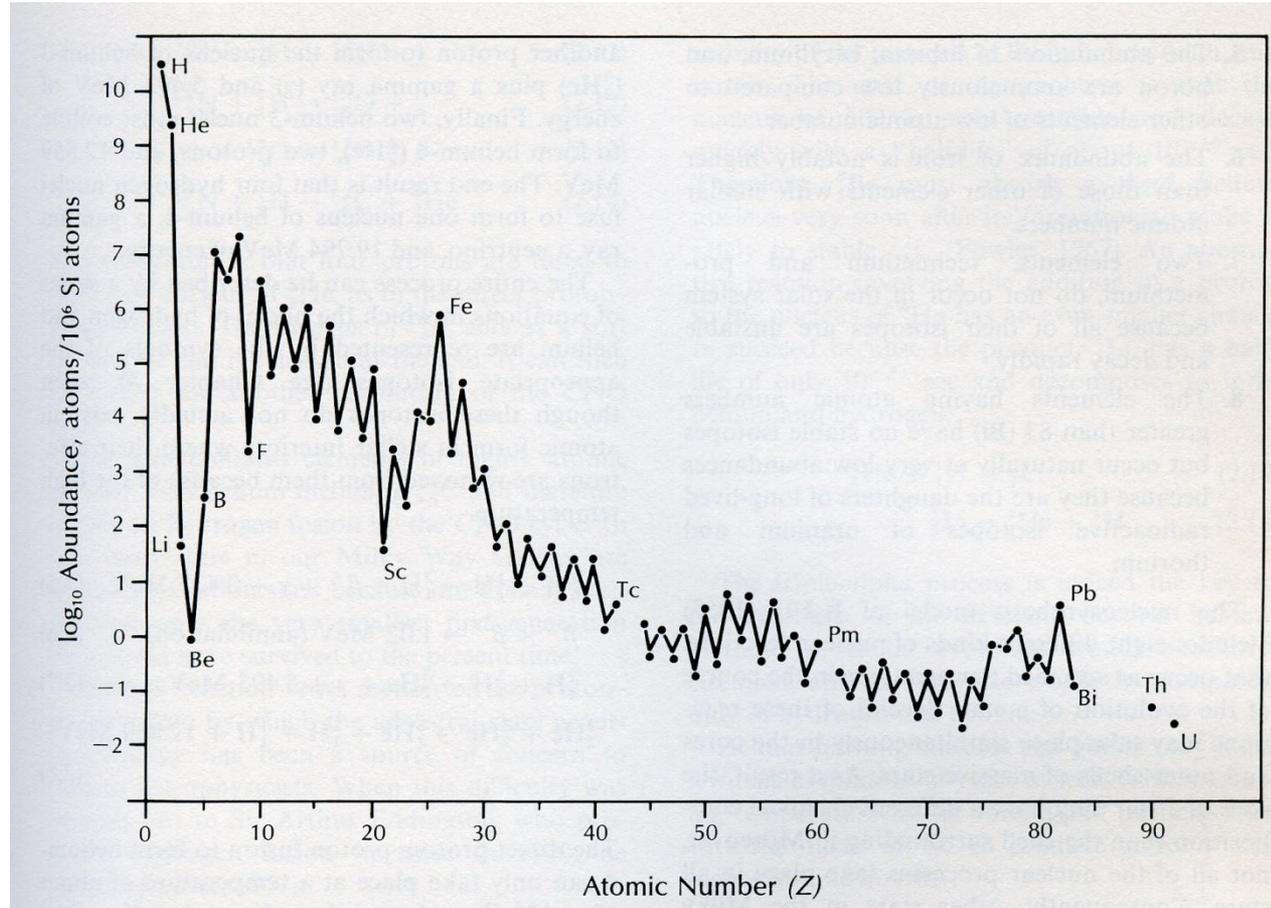
Condensation reactions

- Temperature thought to vary from 2000-40 K
 - Closer to the sun → refractory oxides (CaO, Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , REE oxides), Fe and Ni metals
 - Further out, silicates form
 - Finally, ices (H_2O , NH_4 , CH_4 , etc) form



Elemental abundances

- O – 62.5% (atomic %)
- Si – 21.2%
- Al – 6.5%
- Fe – 1.9%
- Ca – 1.9%
- Na – 2.6%
- K – 1.42%
- Mg – 1.84%

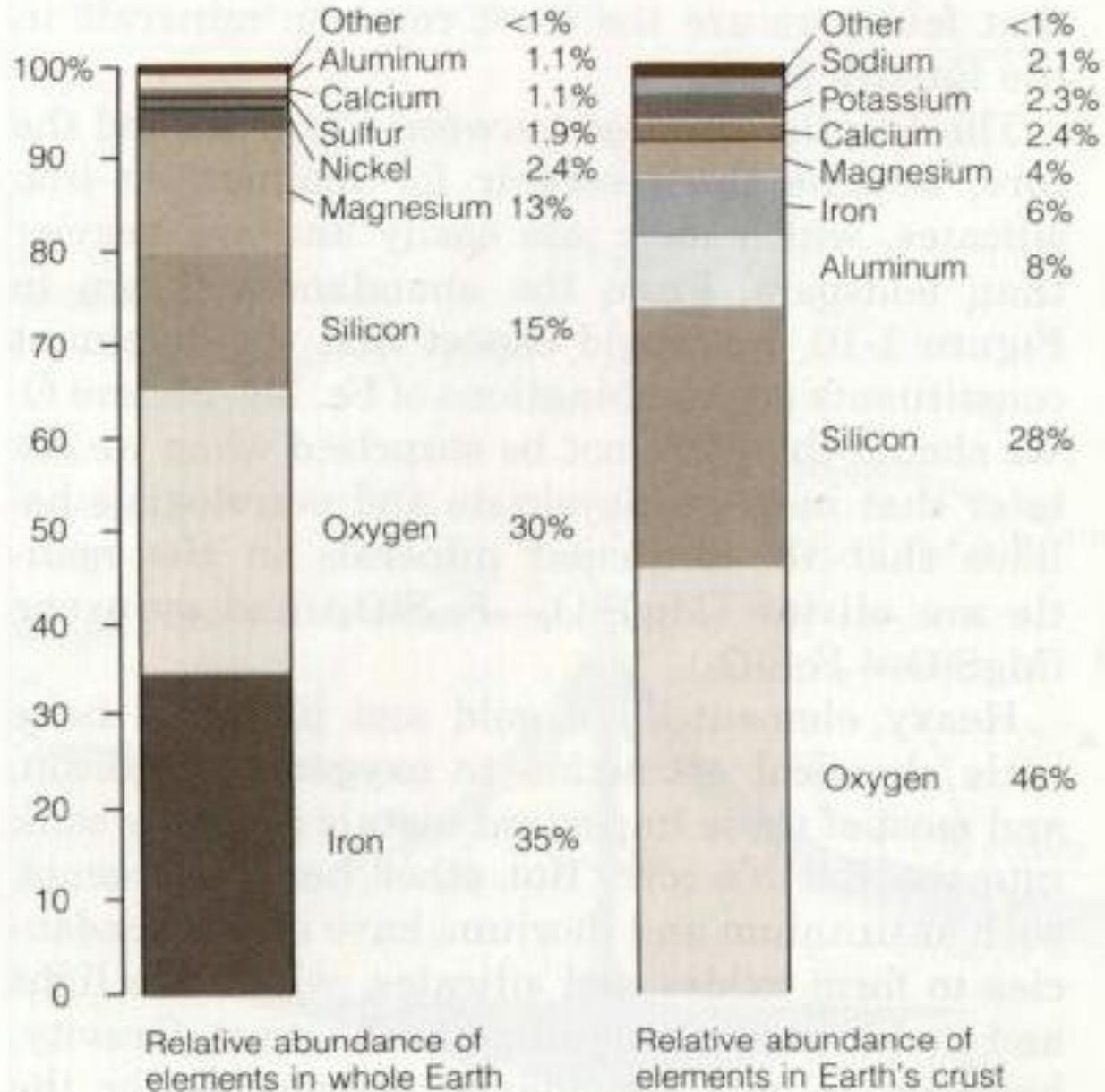


- Nuclear reactions determine element abundance...

- Is the earth homogeneous though?

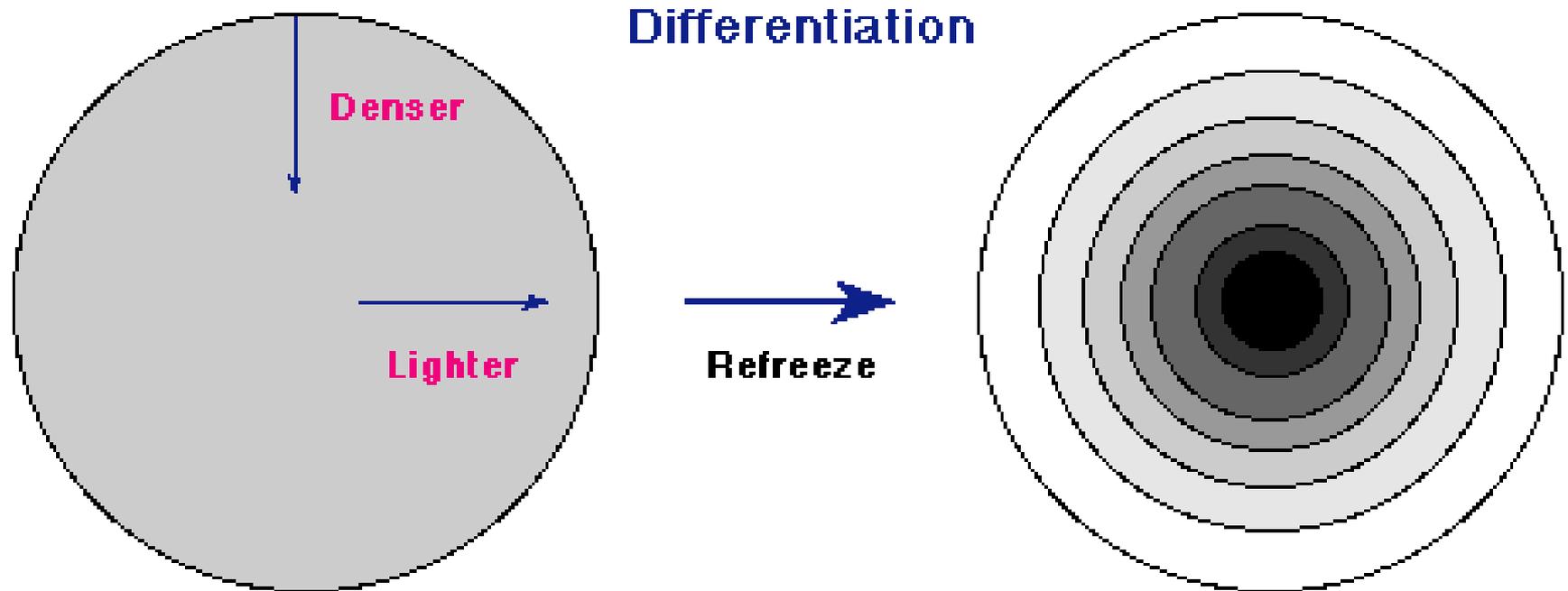
- Is the solar system??

- Is the universe???

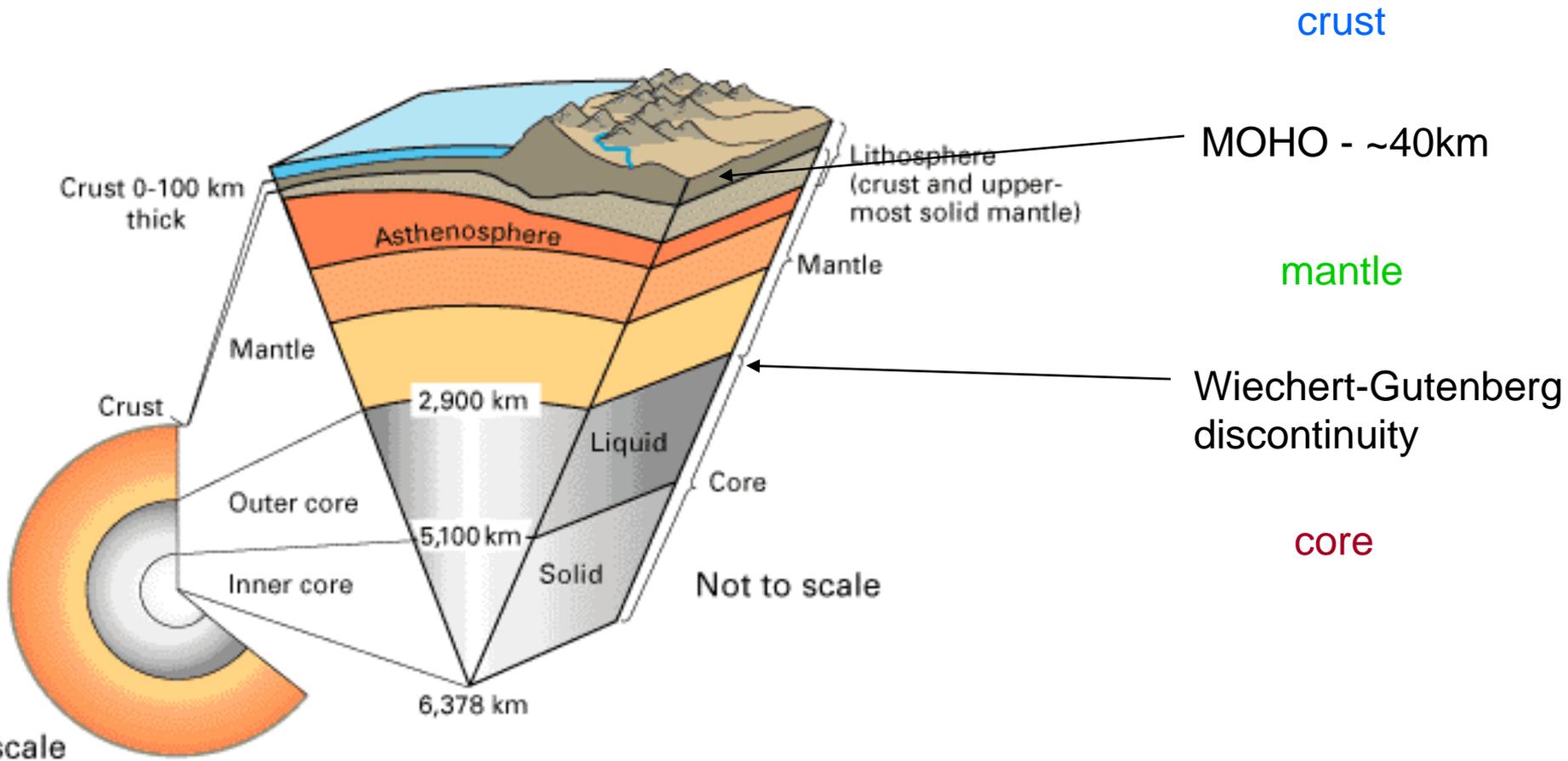


Earth's Chemical Differentiation

- In earth's early history, it was molten, and the chemicals continued to differentiate throughout it based on physical principles



3 Major Zones, 2 Transitions



Crustal Differentiation

- The earth's crust has widely varying chemistry
→ why is that?
- Differentiation processes affect all major rock types
- Wide variety of specific reactions happen as igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks form, change, transport ions, and 'decompose' which result in geochemical differentiation

Plate Tectonics - Igneous Genesis

1. Mid-ocean Ridges

2. Intracontinental Rifts

3. Island Arcs

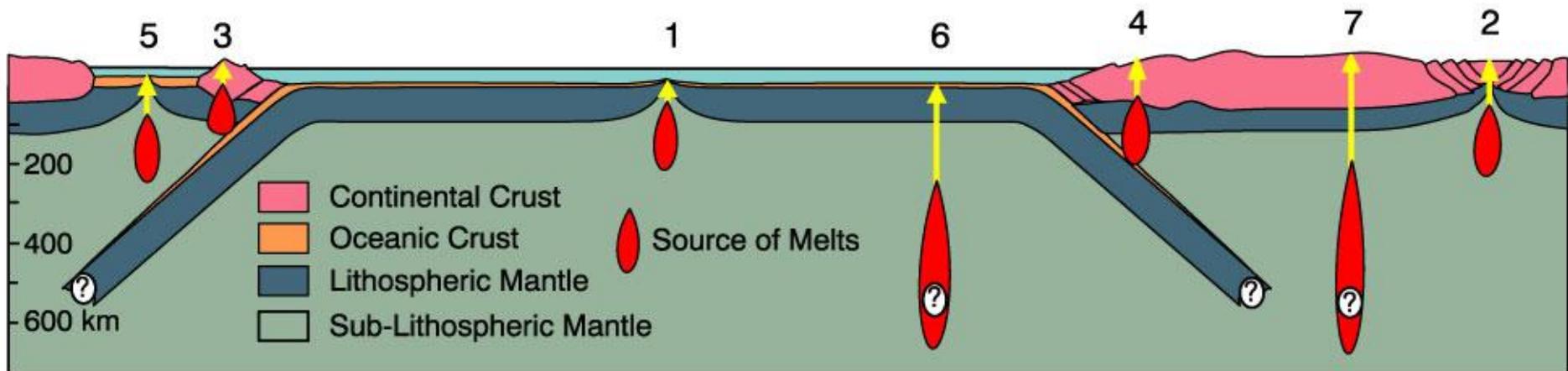
4. Active Continental Margins

5. Back-arc Basins

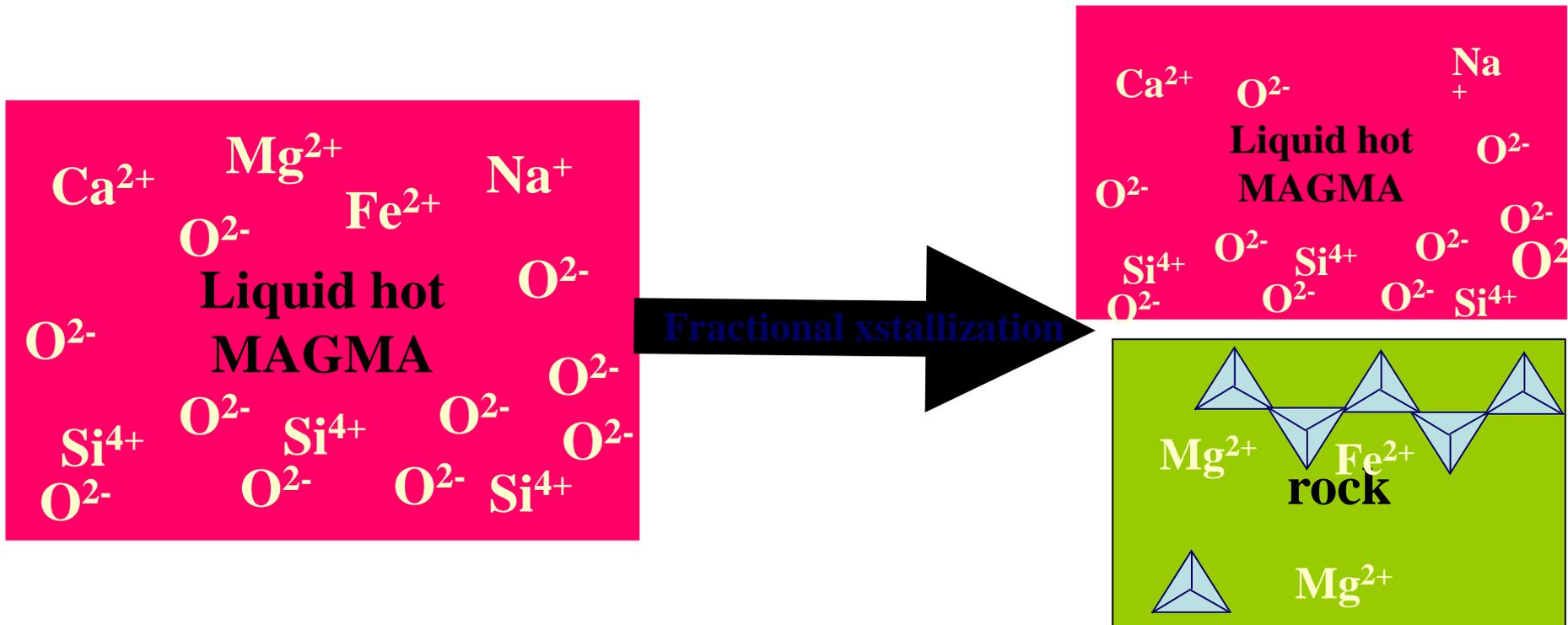
6. Ocean Island Basalts

7. Miscellaneous Intra-Continental Activity

◆ kimberlites, carbonatites, anorthosites...



- **How does Magma composition change?**
 - Hot material in different parts of the mantle?
 - Melts some rocks into it – interacts with surrounding material (Partial Melting)
 - Fractional crystallization → crystals form and get separated from source

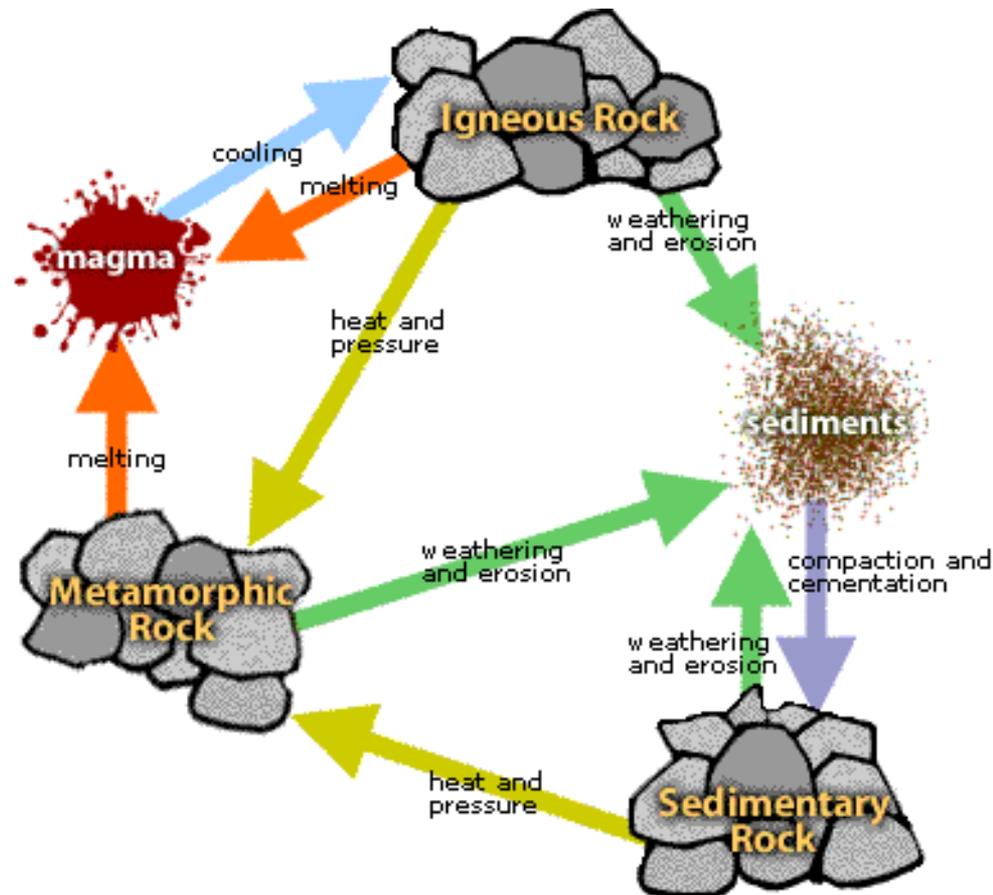


Metamorphic Rocks

- Agents of Change → T, P, fluids, stress, strain
- **Metamorphic Reactions!!!!**
 - Solid-solid phase transformation
 - Solid-solid net-transfer
 - Dehydration
 - Hydration
 - Decarbonation
 - Carbonation

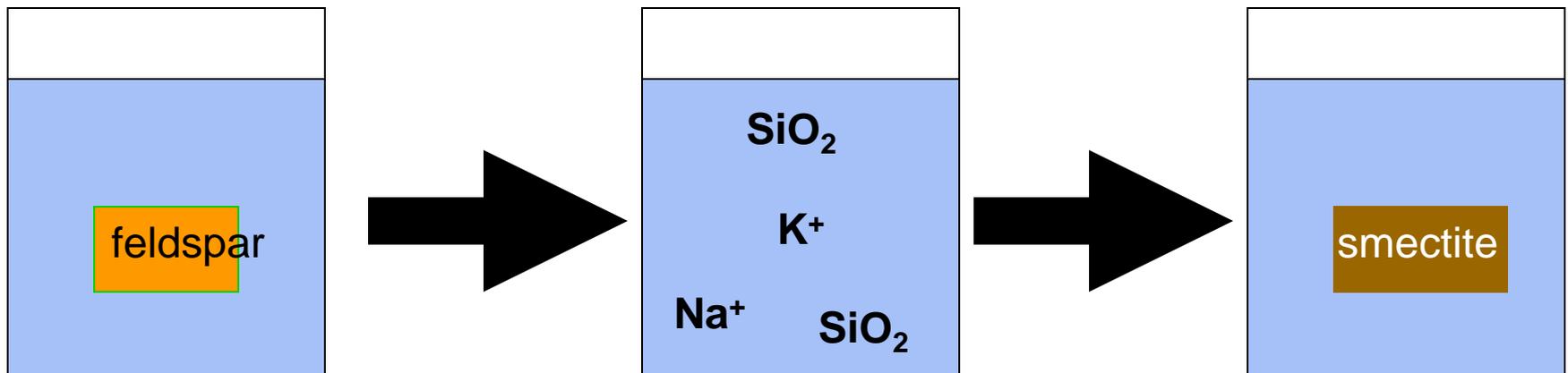
Sedimentary Materials

- Sedimentary rocks cover 80% of the earth's surface but only comprise ~1% of the volume of the crust



Aqueous Species

- Dissolved ions can then be transported and eventually precipitate
- Minerals which precipitate from solution are rarely the same minerals the ions dissolved out of
- Why would they need to be transported before precipitating?



Earth = anion balls with cations in the spaces...

- View of the earth as a system of anions packed together → By size and abundance, Si and O are the most important
- If we consider anions as balls, then their arrangement is one of efficient packing, with smaller cations in the interstices
- Closest packed structures are ones in which this idea describes atomic arrangement – OK for metals, sulfides, halides, some oxides

