

Interlude 2 Talks

Space Art

Wednesday, December 4

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Team 10: Rachel Williamson, Stella Brockwell, Carter Helmandollar, Guy Rahat

Team 11: Emily MacKenzie, Abby Maher, Margaret McLaughlin, William Rhodes

Team 12: Kira Quintin, Jeannine Brokaw, Alex MacNamara, Jireh Jin Lee

Note 1: Talks will be 10 minutes long.

Note 2: Do not use paragraphs and long sentences.

Send me your PowerPoint or PDF talk by 8am Monday morning.

Interlude 2 Papers

Space Art

If you make your own space art:

- Paper length is 4 pages (instead of 5).
- Art should incorporate some knowledge from the course.
- Quality of art will be graded Pass/Fail.

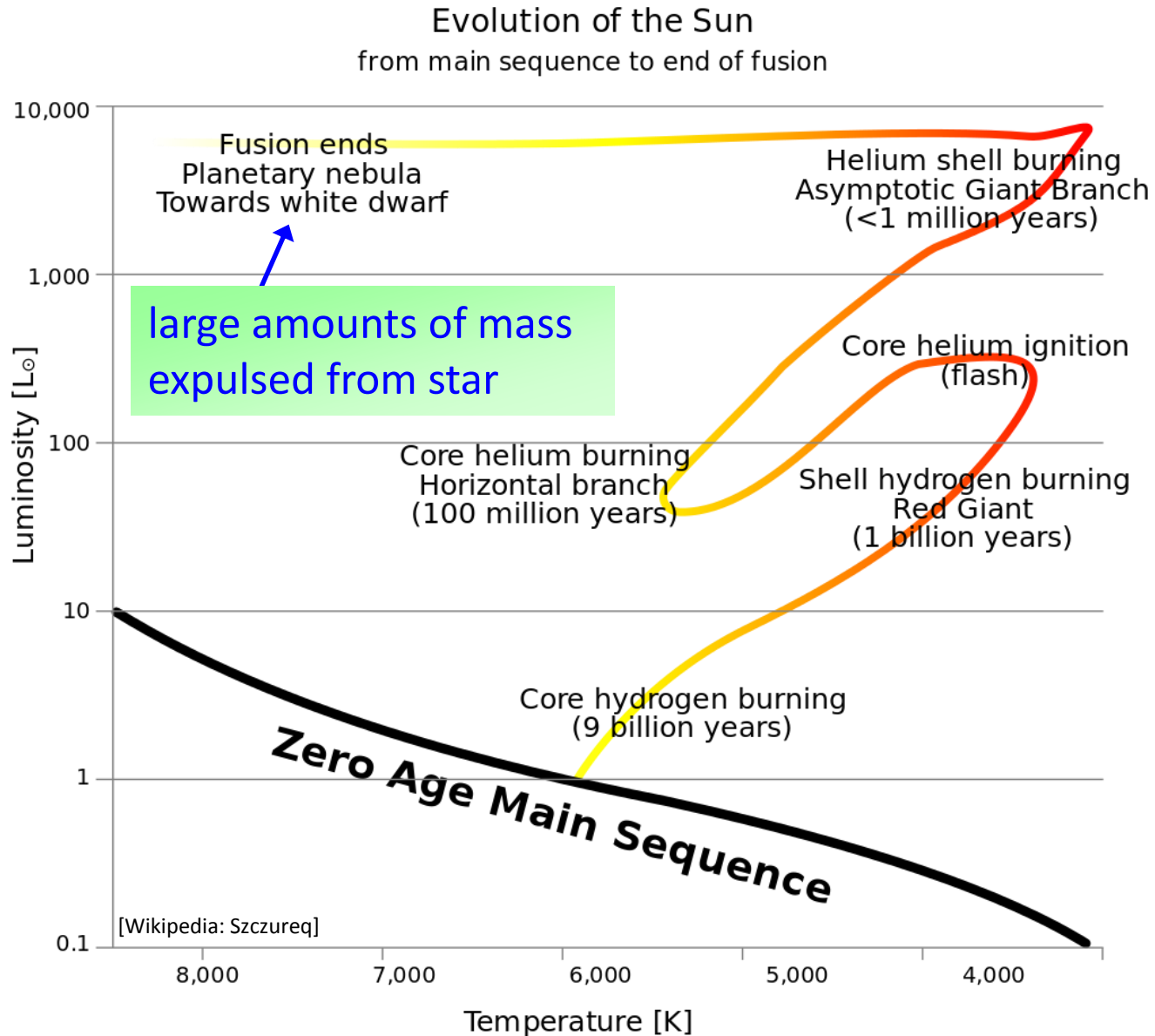
Papers are due in class on Friday, December 6 (last day of classes).

Today's Topics

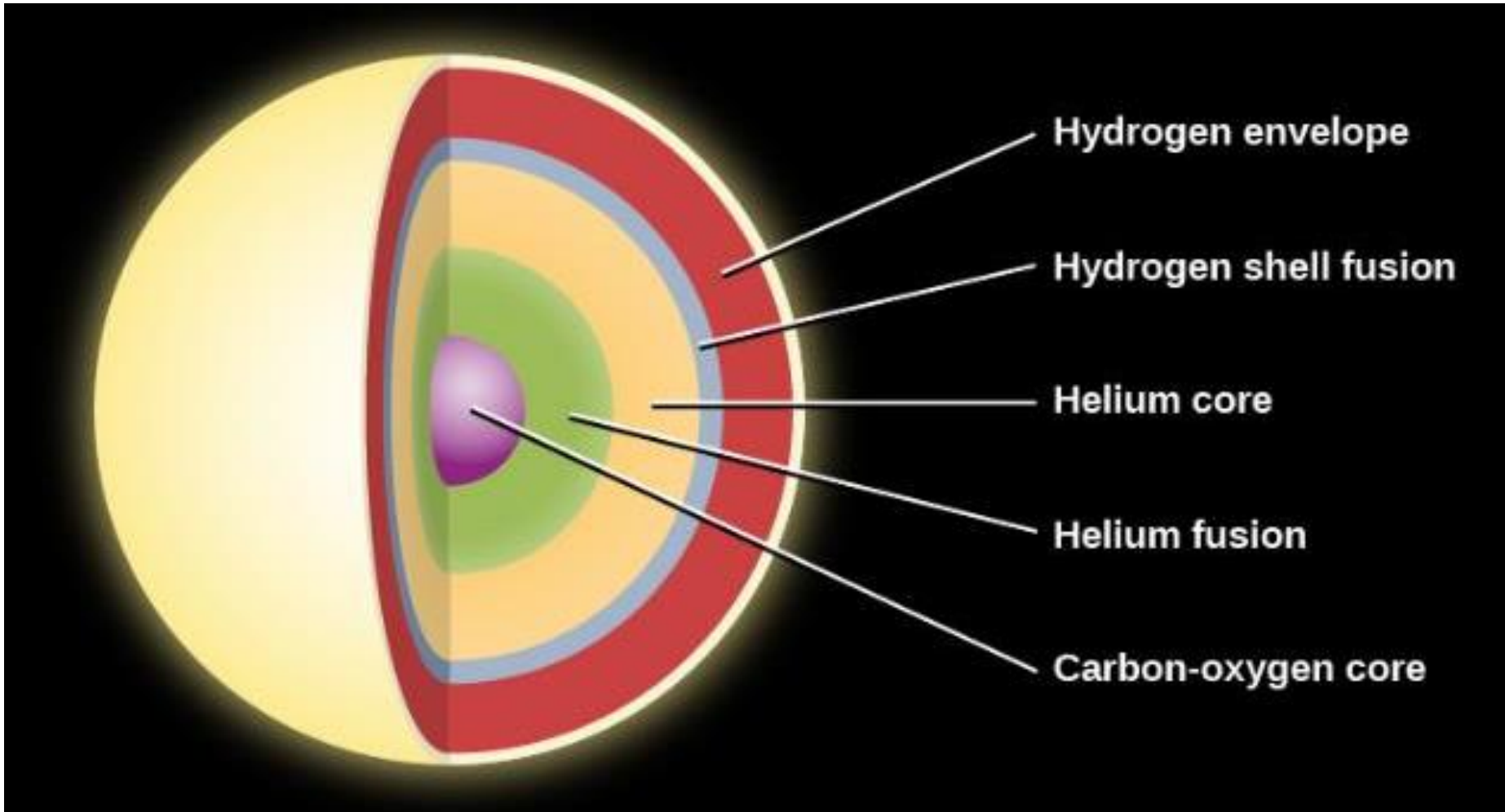
Friday, November 22, 2019 (Week 12, lecture 30) – Chapters 22, 23.

1. Planetary Nebulae.
2. White Dwarfs.
3. Evolution of High Mass Stars.

Red Giant Evolution from Sun-like Star



Structure of Red Giant Star before “Death”



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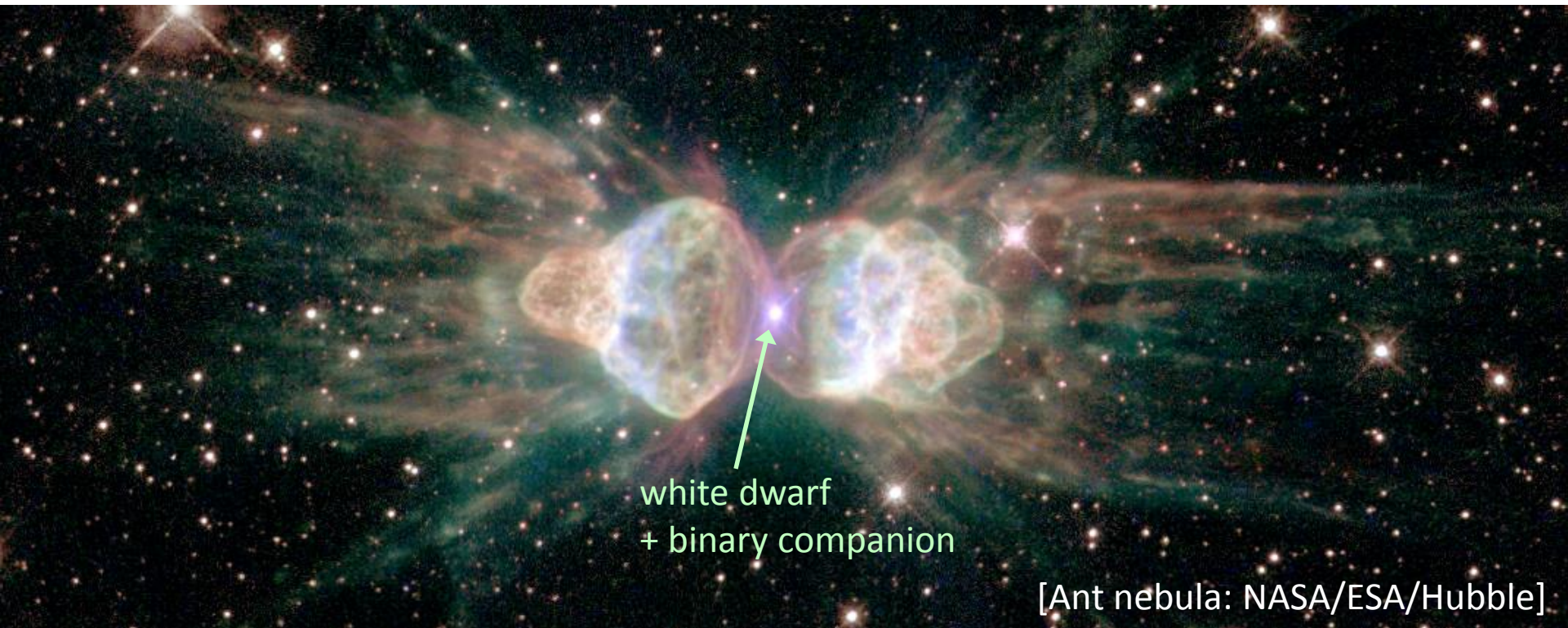
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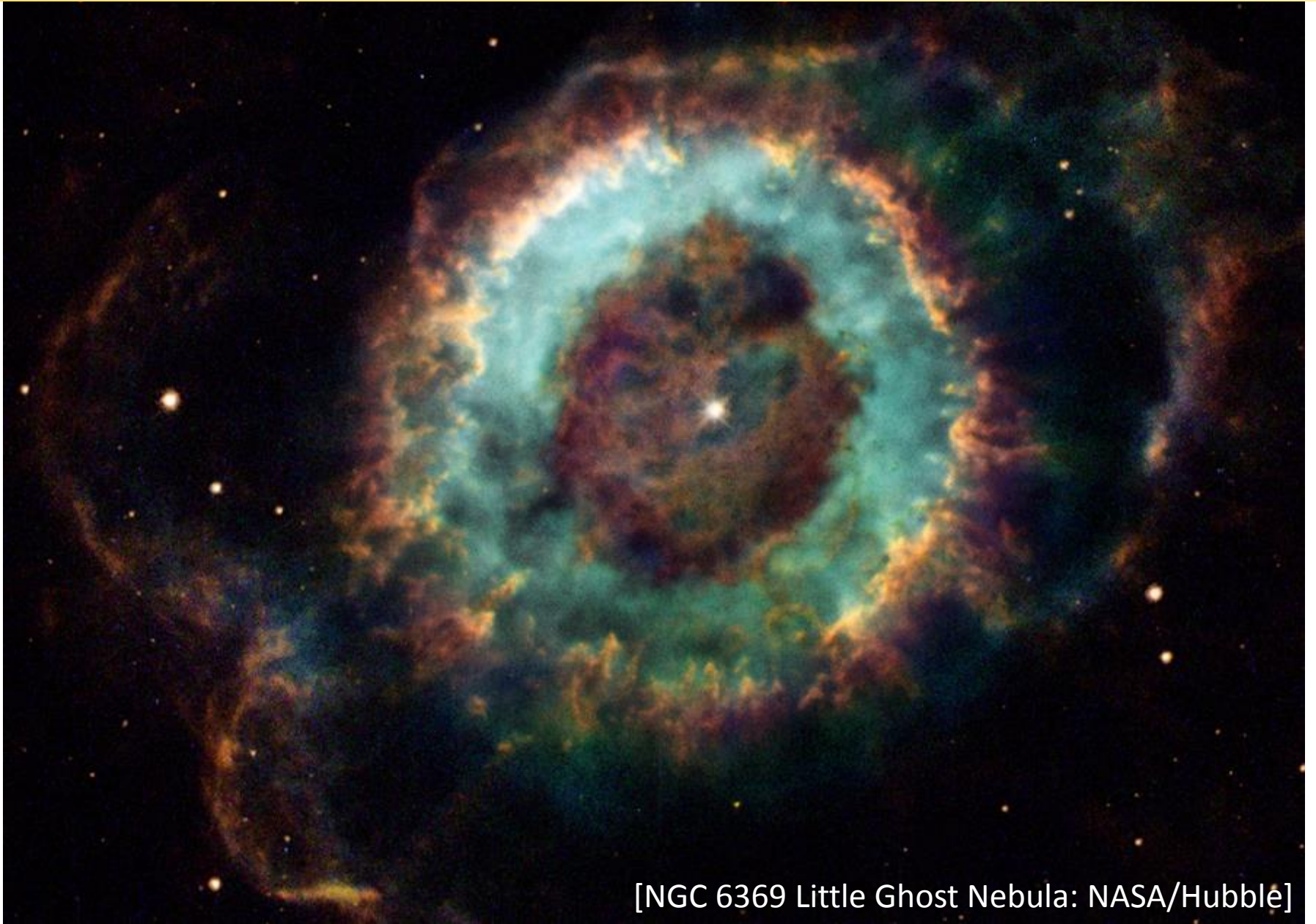
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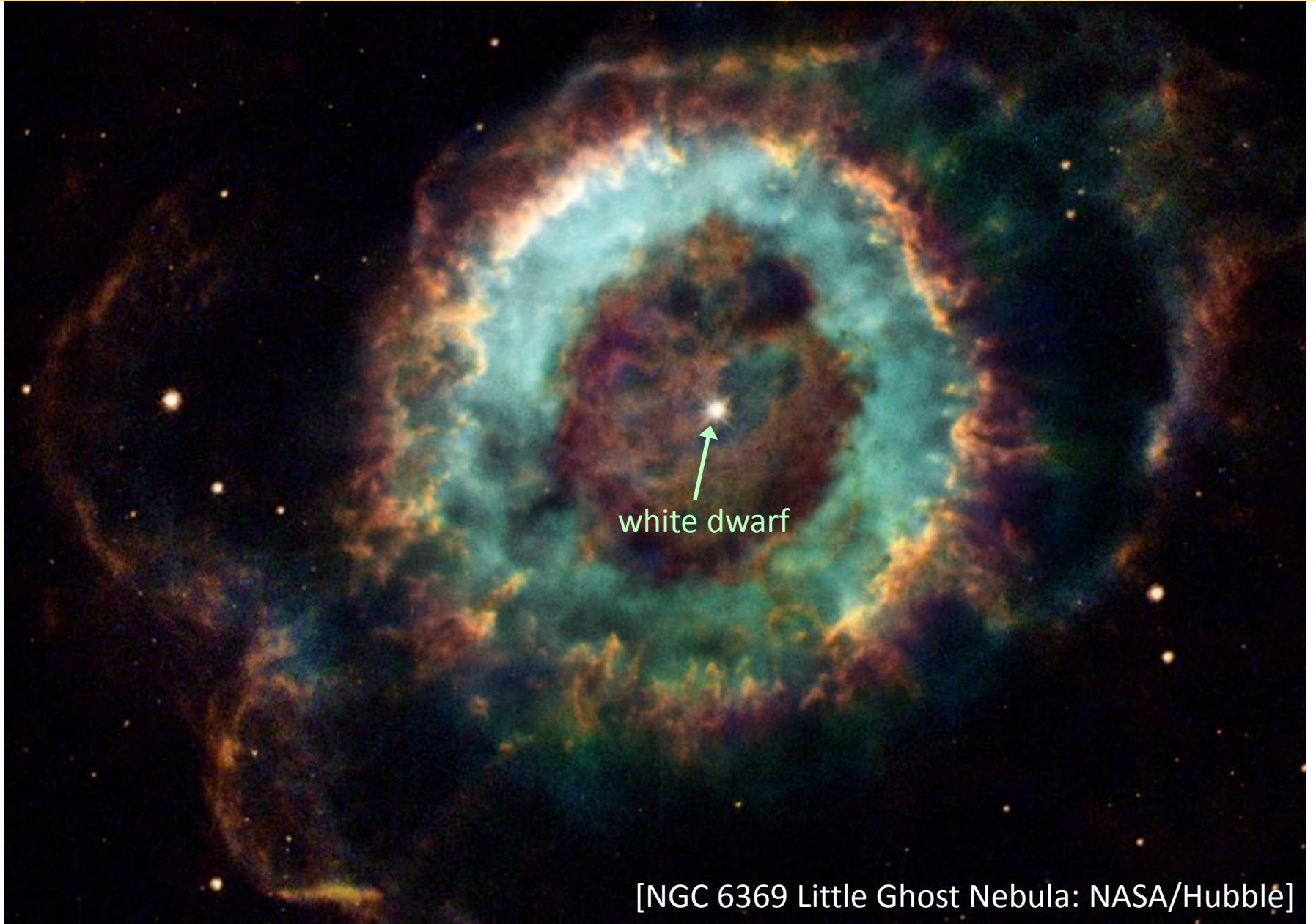


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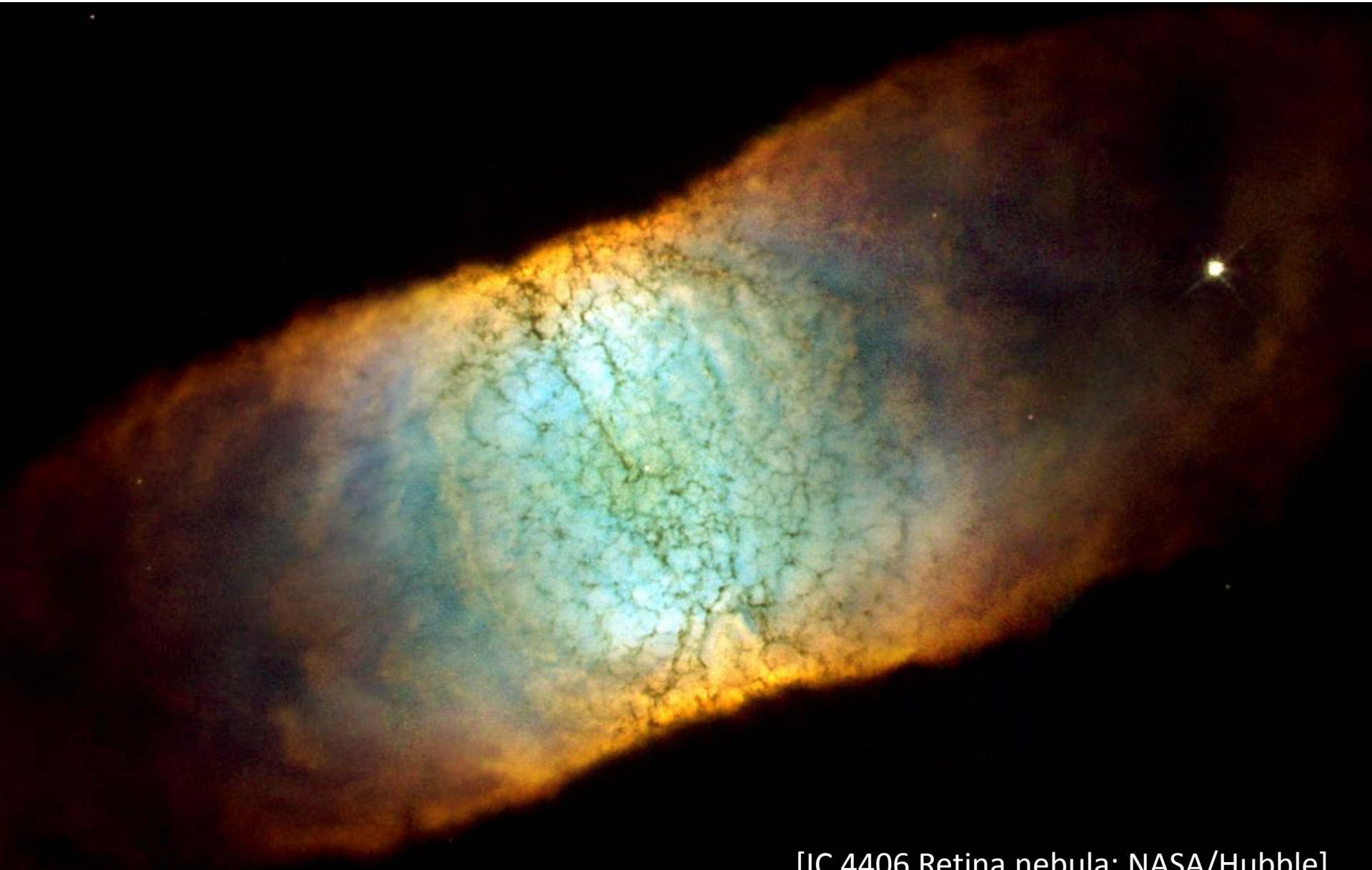
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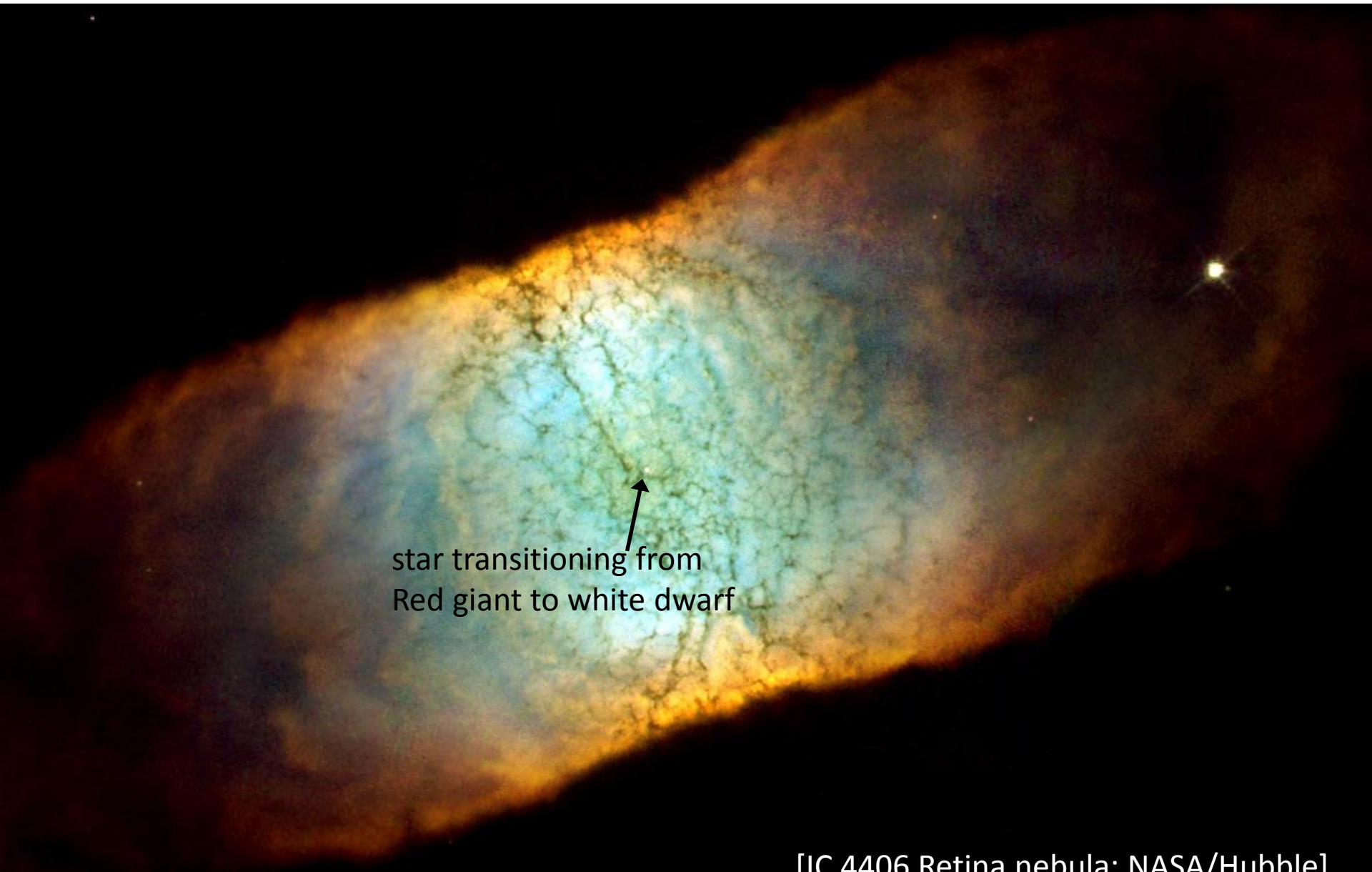
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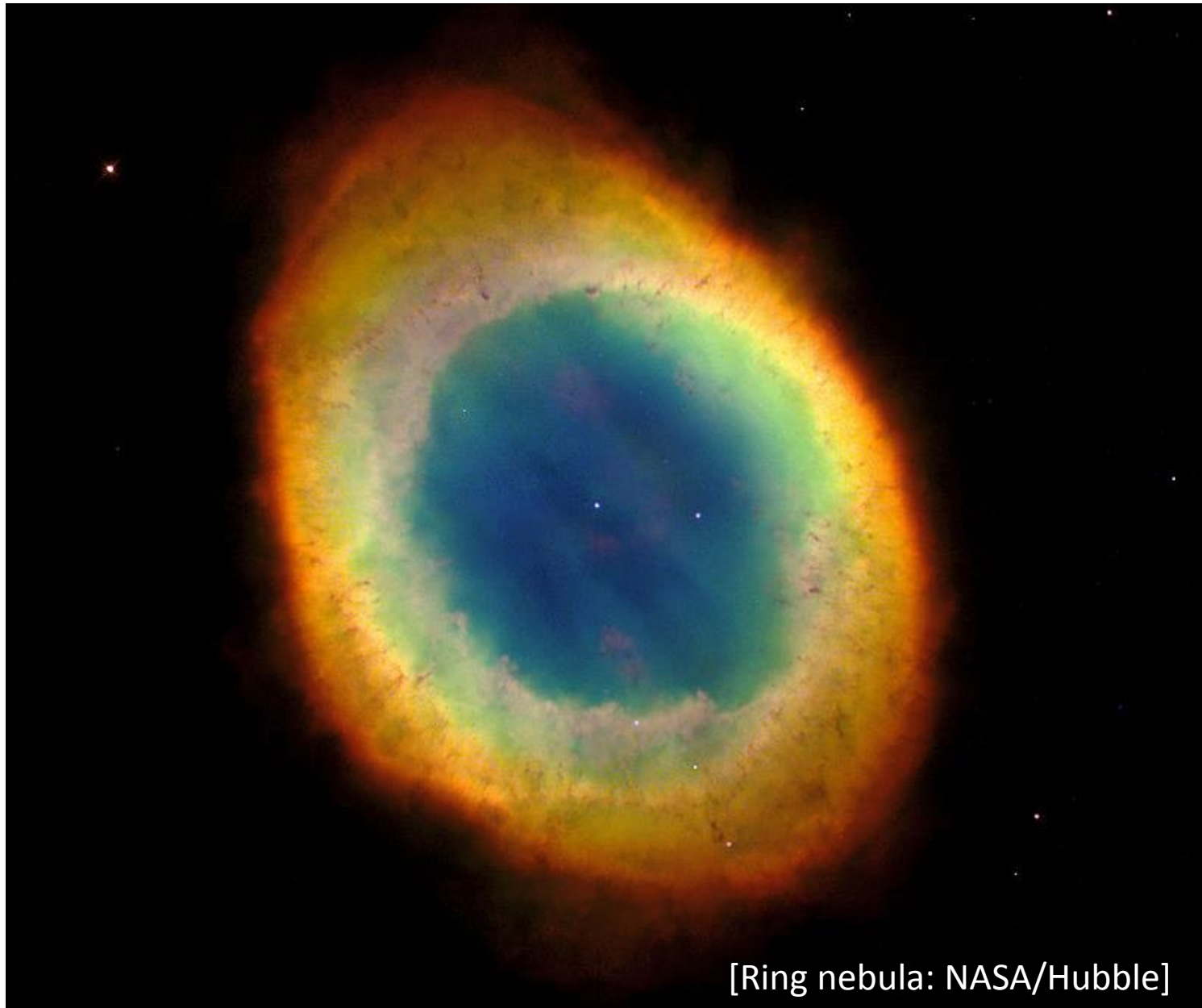
[IC 4406 Retina nebula: NASA/Hubble]

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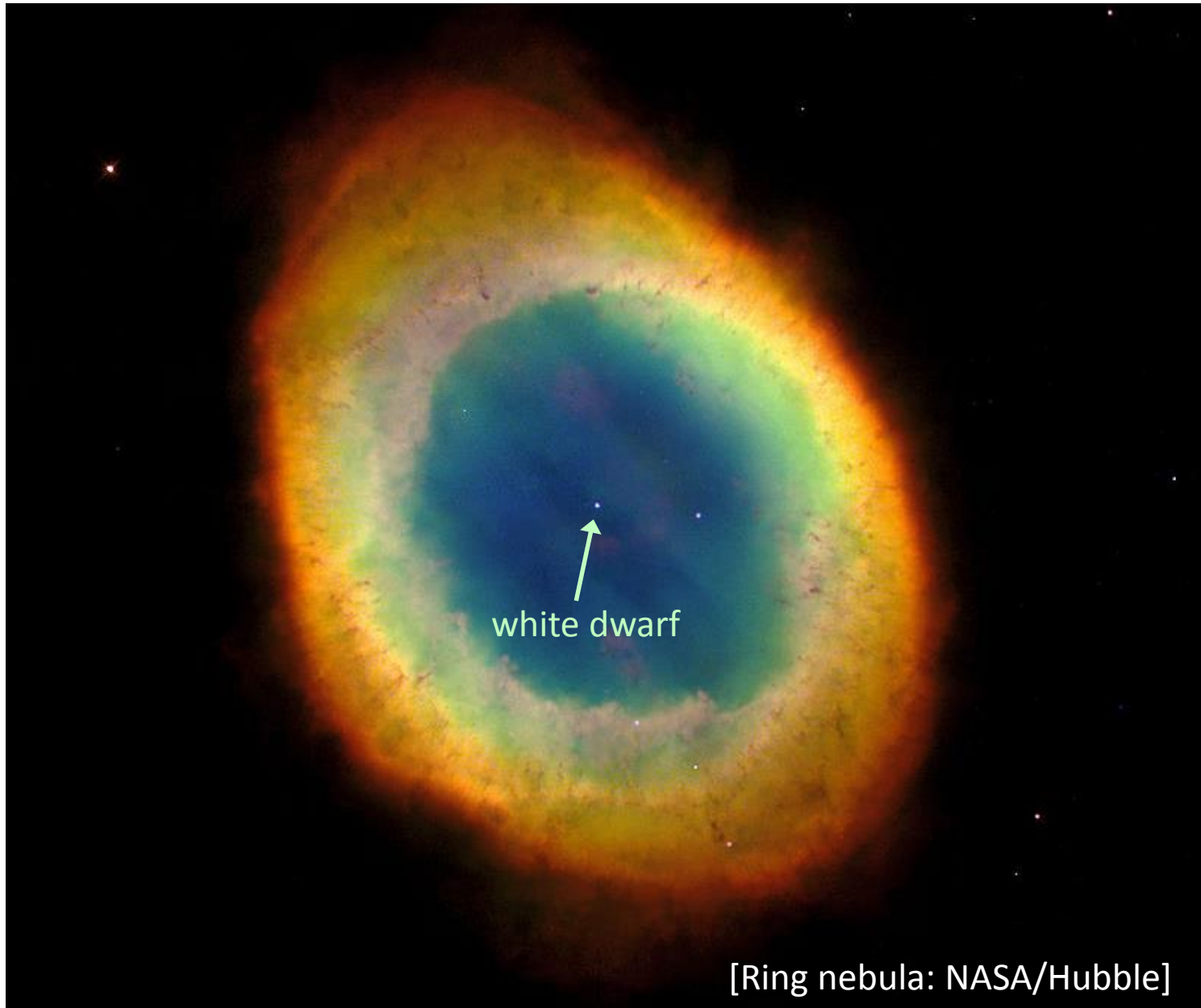
star transitioning from
Red giant to white dwarf

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[Ring nebula: NASA/Hubble]

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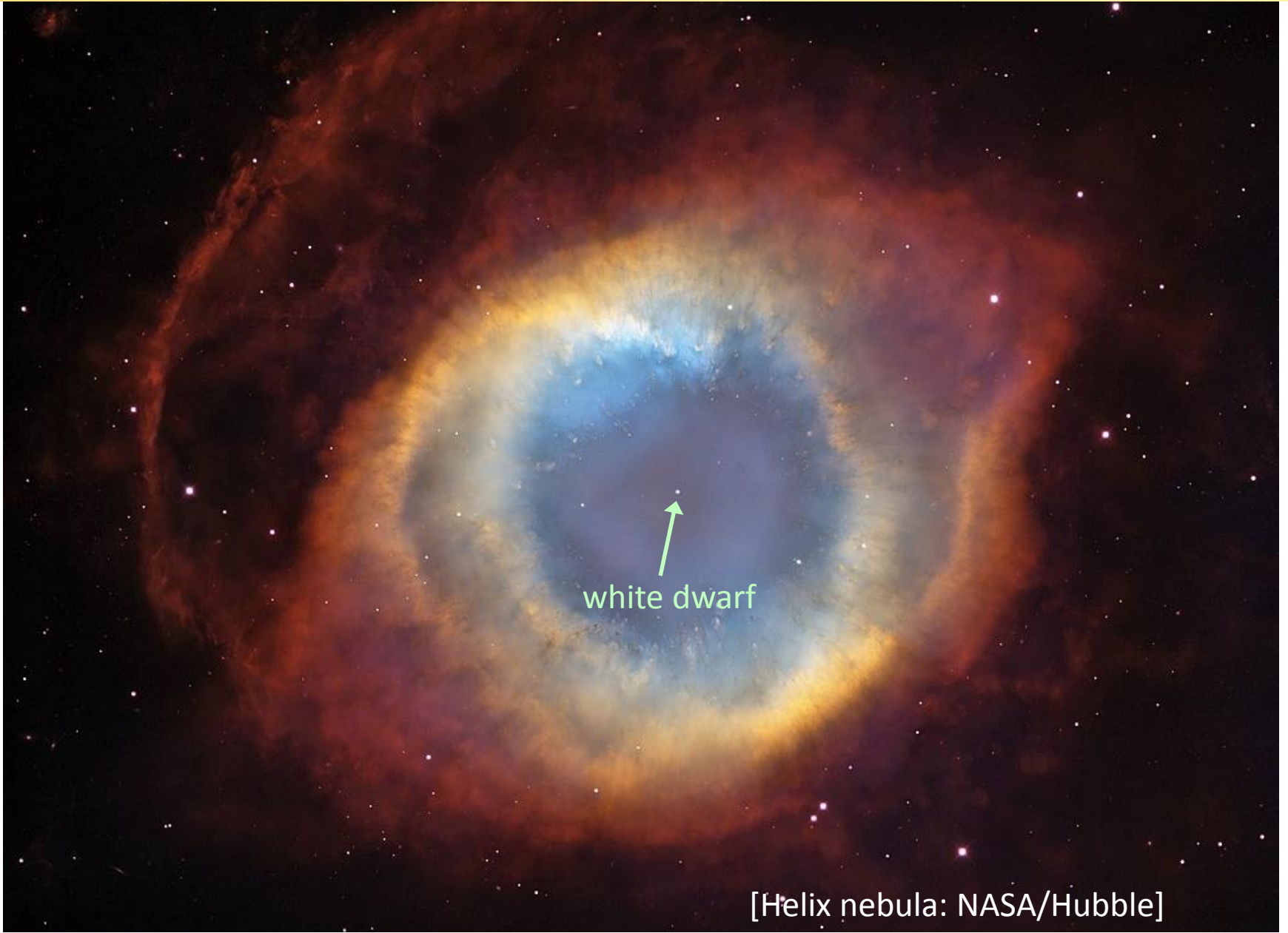
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[M2-9 Twin Jet / Butterfly Wings Nebula: ESA/Hubble]

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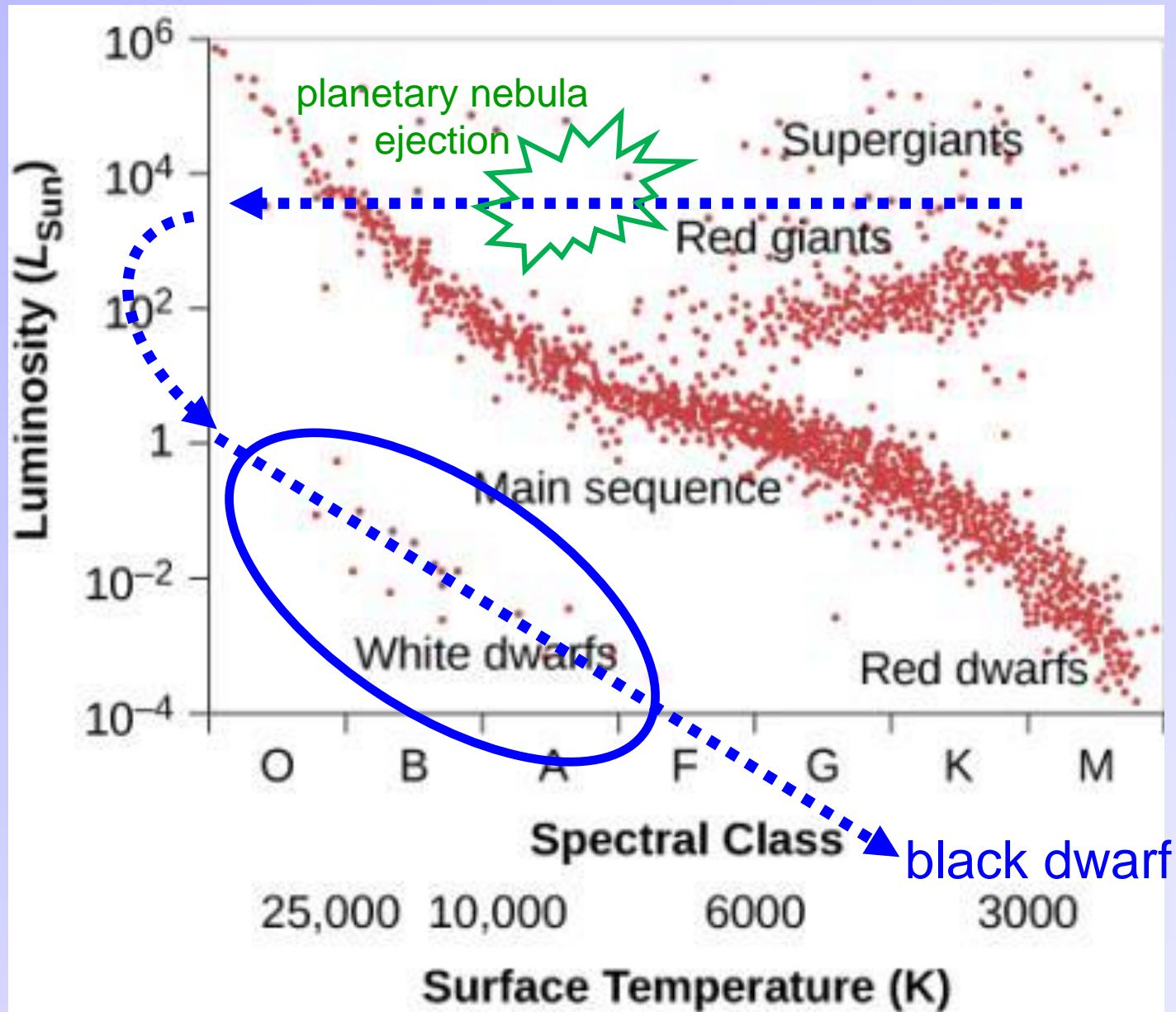


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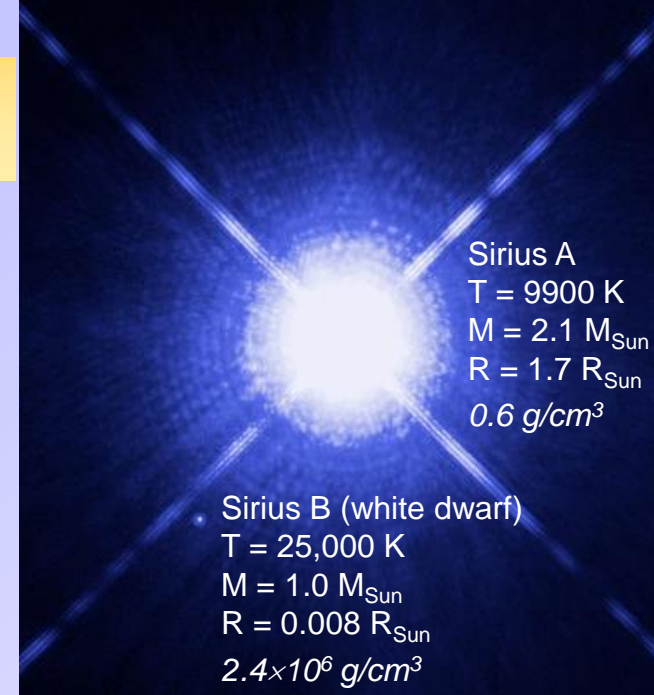
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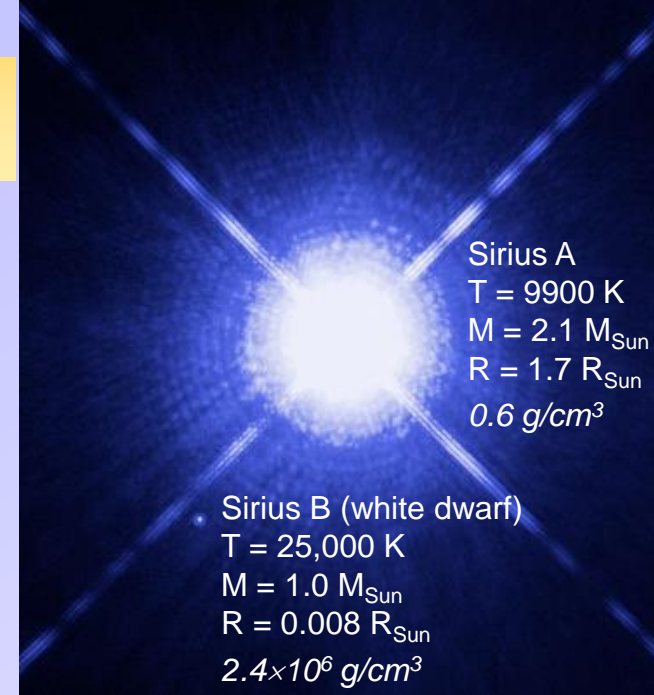
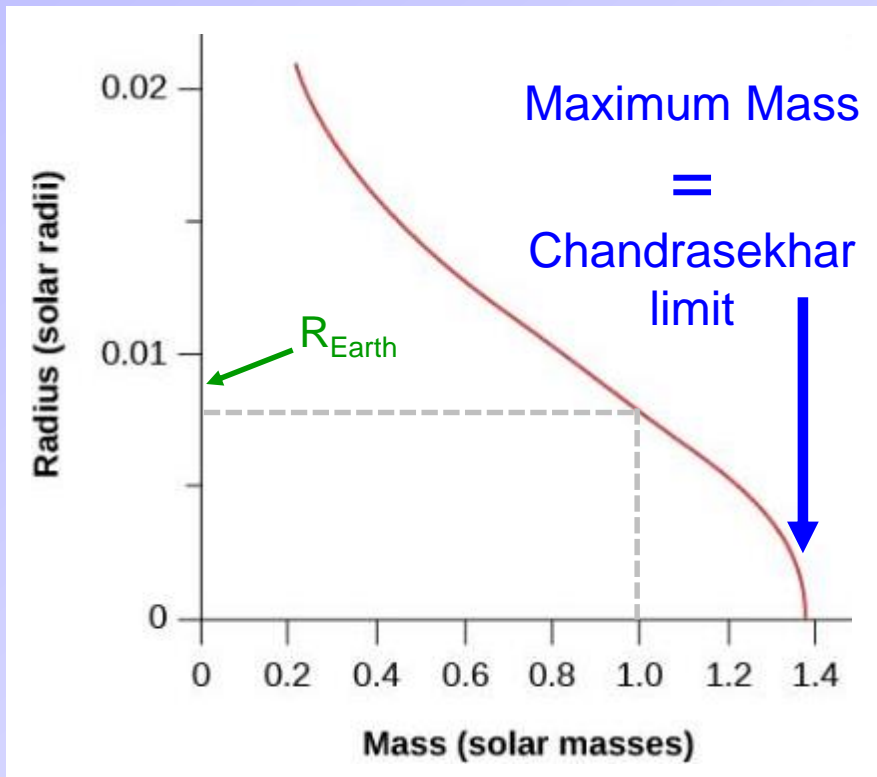


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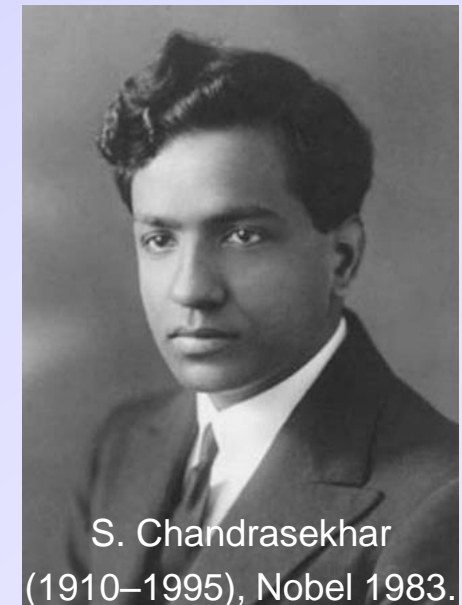
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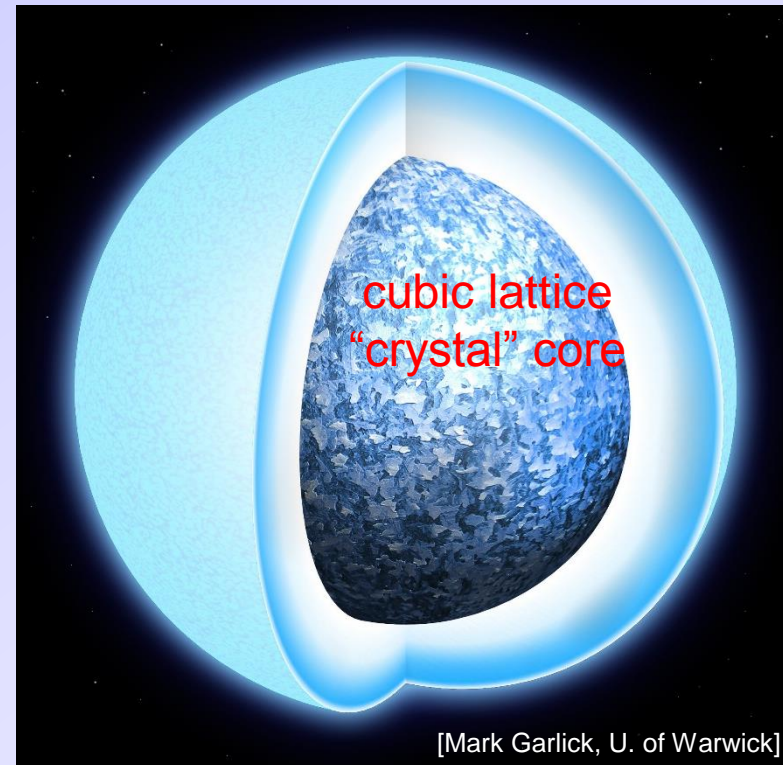
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White dwarf crystallization

Below ~ 4,000 K, the electric force between nuclei is strong enough to make an ordered arrangement of nuclei, i.e. “**nuclear crystal.**”

- The **core** of the white dwarf **crystallizes.**
- Some asteroseismology evidence.



Evolution of Massive Stars

Mass is destiny

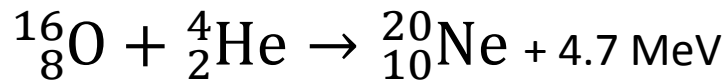
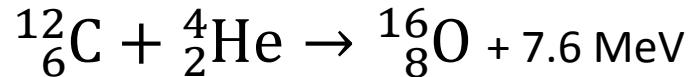
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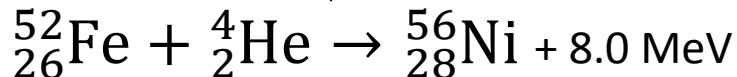
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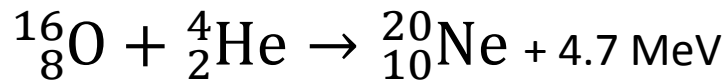
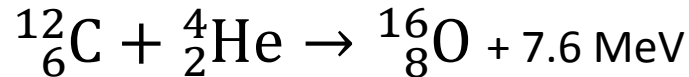
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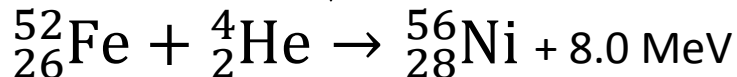
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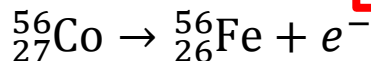
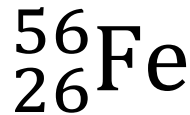
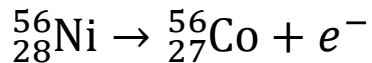
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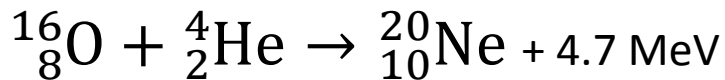
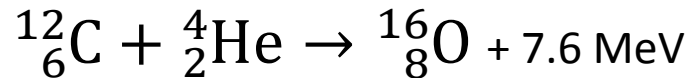
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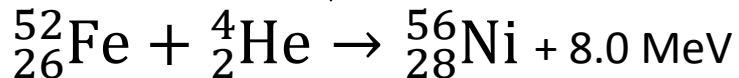
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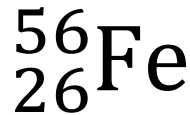
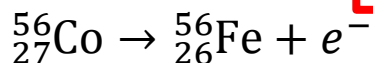
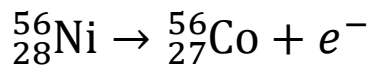
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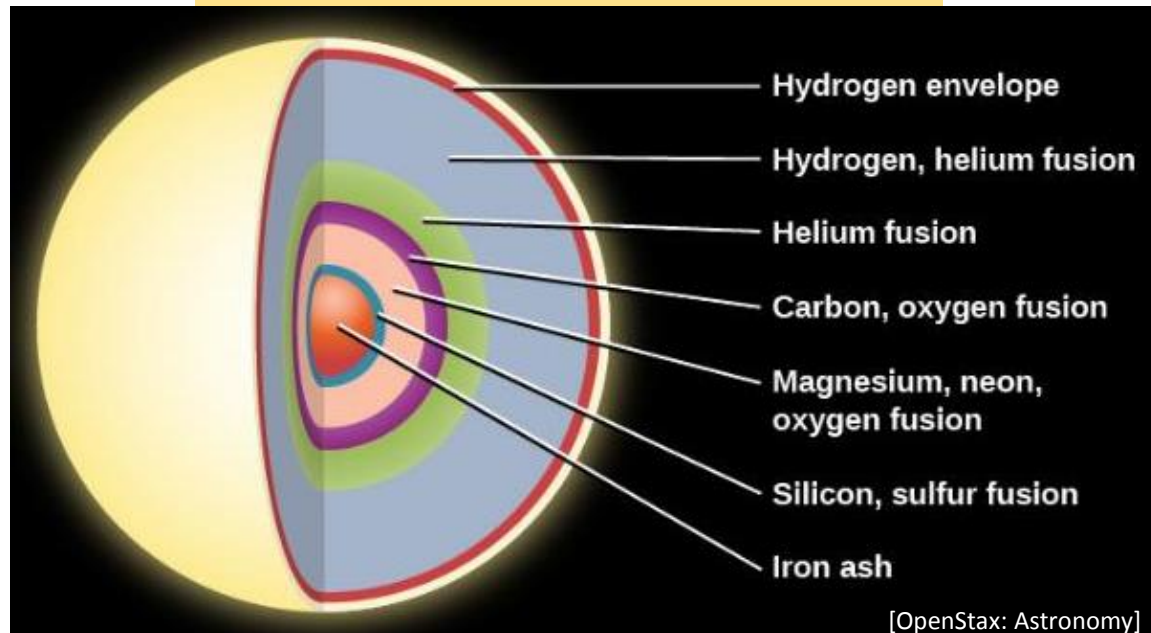
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Stellar "onion" of elements



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Example: SN 1987A

Mass of SN 1987A $\approx 20M_{\text{Sun}}$

Phase	Central Temperature (K)	Central Density (g/cm ³)	Time Spent in This Phase
Hydrogen fusion	40×10^6	5	8×10^6 years
Helium fusion	190×10^6	970	10^6 years
Carbon fusion	870×10^6	170,000	2000 years
Neon fusion	1.6×10^9	3.0×10^6	6 months
Oxygen fusion	2.0×10^9	5.6×10^6	1 year
Silicon fusion	3.3×10^9	4.3×10^7	Days
Core collapse	200×10^9	2×10^{14}	Tenths of a second

type II supernova \rightarrow neutron star typically (or black hole)

Fusion production of iron & nickel

[Table 23.2, OpenStax: Astronomy]

Ultimate Fate of Stars

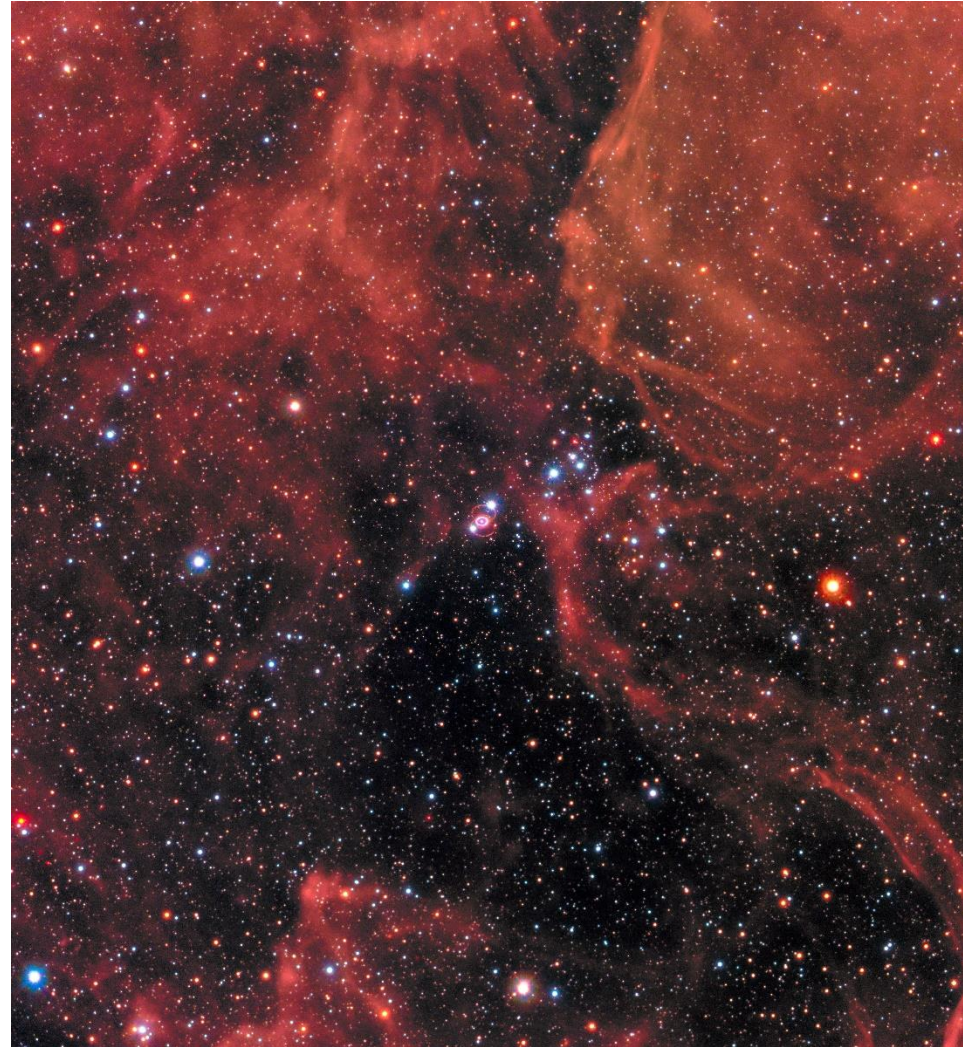
Initial Mass (Mass of Sun = 1) ^[1]	Final State at the End of Its Life
< 0.01	Planet
0.01 to 0.08	Brown dwarf
0.08 to 0.25	White dwarf made mostly of helium
0.25 to 8	White dwarf made mostly of carbon and oxygen
8 to 10	White dwarf made of oxygen, neon, and magnesium
10 to 40	Supernova explosion that leaves a neutron star
> 40	Supernova explosion that leaves a black hole

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Supernova SN 1987A



[ESO: Large Magellanic Cloud, Tarantula nebula, Feb. 24, 1987]



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Note: No neutron star has been detected yet !

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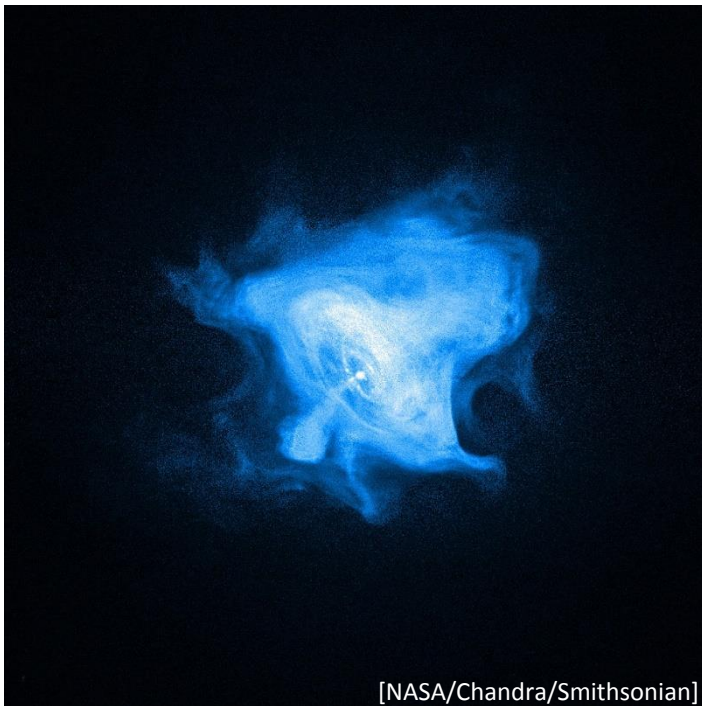
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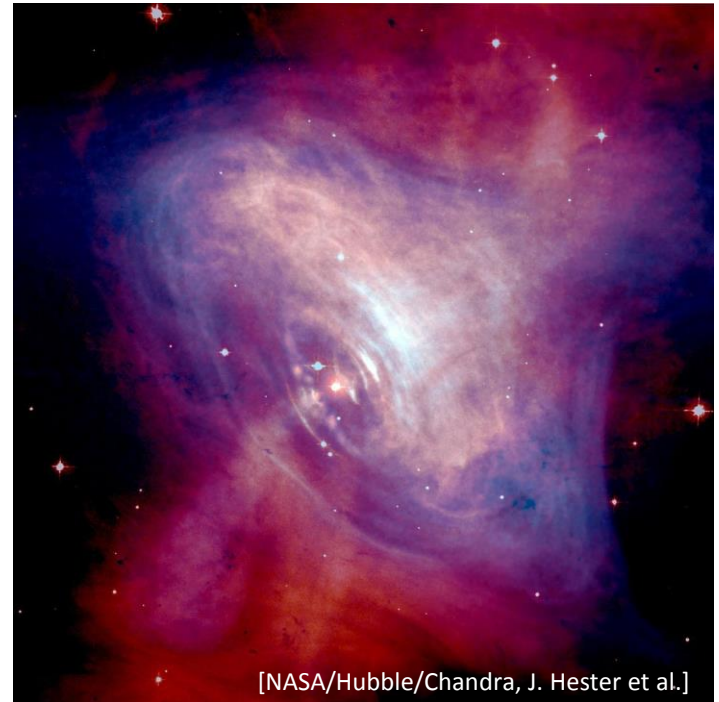
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[NASA/Chandra/Smithsonian]

X-ray image of Crab Nebula neutron star, 2008



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X-ray + optical images of Crab Nebula neutron star