

# Multi-Zone X-Ray Burst Reaction Rate Sensitivities

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# Today's discussion

1. Previous JINA Sensitivity Study
2. New Study Configuration --  
Better Baselines, Updated ReacLib, and  
Fully Multi-Zone Variations
3. Preliminary Results From 1756  
GS 1826 Variations

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## JINA-CEE themes

- + “Light elements to heavy elements”
- + MA2: Understanding neutron stars, dense matter
- + Productively engage
  - + Astrophysical modeling
  - + Observation
  - + Nuclear experiment
  - + Nuclear theory (esp. reaction theory)

# Previous JINA Sensitivity Study

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Cyburt, Amthor, Heger, et al 2016

# Spherical hydrodynamic models with Kepler

- Kepler code employed to carry out multi-zone models
  - See e.g. Woosley et al., ApJS, 2004; Heger et al., ApJ, 2007
- Lagrangian grid with reactive fluid equations
- Realistic microphysics, large adaptive reaction network
- Mixing-length models of convection
- Primary XRB model specification parameters:

X_acc	Z_acc (n14)	m_dot	Q_b	g
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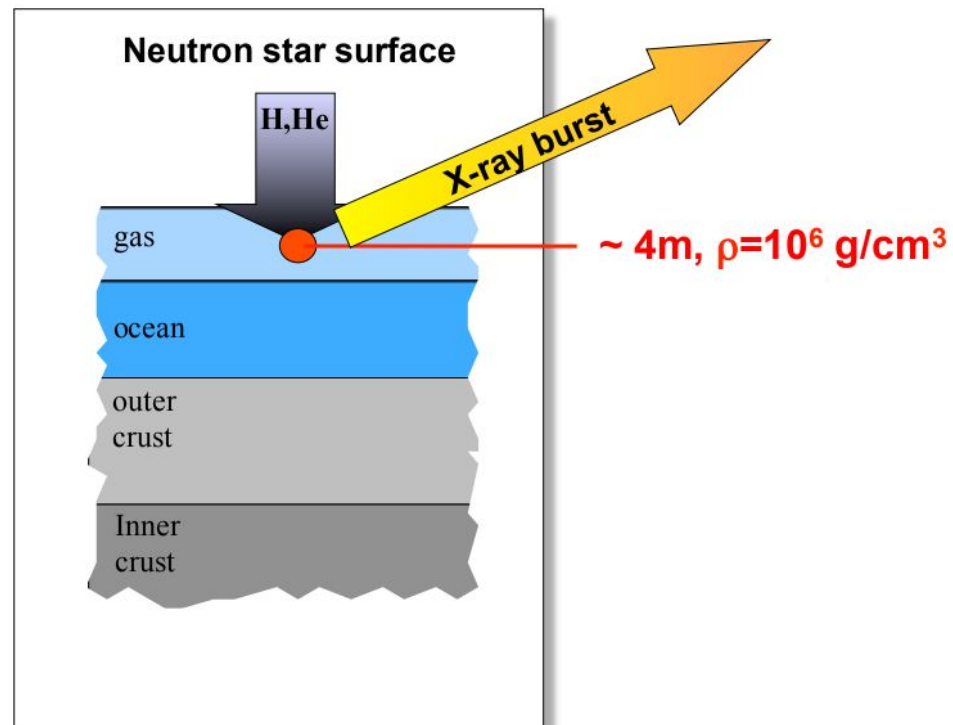


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# Summary of previous work, Cyburt et al., 2016

Reactions that Impact the Burst Light Curve  
in the Multi-zone X-ray Burst Model

Rank	Reaction	Type <sup>a</sup>	Sensitivity <sup>b</sup>	Category
1	$^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$	D	16	1
2	$^{56}\text{Ni}(\alpha, p)^{59}\text{Cu}$	U	6.4	1
3	$^{59}\text{Cu}(p, \gamma)^{60}\text{Zn}$	D	5.1	1
4	$^{61}\text{Ga}(p, \gamma)^{62}\text{Ge}$	D	3.7	1
5	$^{22}\text{Mg}(\alpha, p)^{25}\text{Al}$	D	2.3	1
6	$^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, p)^{17}\text{F}$	D	5.8	1
7	$^{23}\text{Al}(p, \gamma)^{24}\text{Si}$	D	4.6	1
8	$^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha, p)^{21}\text{Na}$	U	1.8	1
9	$^{63}\text{Ga}(p, \gamma)^{64}\text{Ge}$	D	1.4	2
10	$^{19}\text{F}(p, \alpha)^{16}\text{O}$	U	1.3	2
11	$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$	U	2.1	2
12	$^{26}\text{Si}(\alpha, p)^{29}\text{P}$	U	1.8	2
13	$^{17}\text{F}(\alpha, p)^{20}\text{Ne}$	U	3.5	2
14	$^{24}\text{Mg}(\alpha, \gamma)^{28}\text{Si}$	U	1.2	2
15	$^{57}\text{Cu}(p, \gamma)^{58}\text{Zn}$	D	1.3	2
16	$^{60}\text{Zn}(\alpha, p)^{63}\text{Ga}$	U	1.1	2
17	$^{17}\text{F}(p, \gamma)^{18}\text{Ne}$	U	1.7	2
18	$^{40}\text{Sc}(p, \gamma)^{41}\text{Ti}$	D	1.1	2
19	$^{48}\text{Cr}(p, \gamma)^{49}\text{Mn}$	D	1.2	2

## Notes.

<sup>a</sup> Up (U) or down (D) variation that has the largest impact.

<sup>b</sup>  $M_{LC}^{(i)}$  in units of  $10^{38}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup>.

- Uses “generic” GS 1826 fit Woosley et al., 2004
- ReacLib v 1.0 rate library
- Multi-Zone Rxn variation set: 84 rxns (168 models)

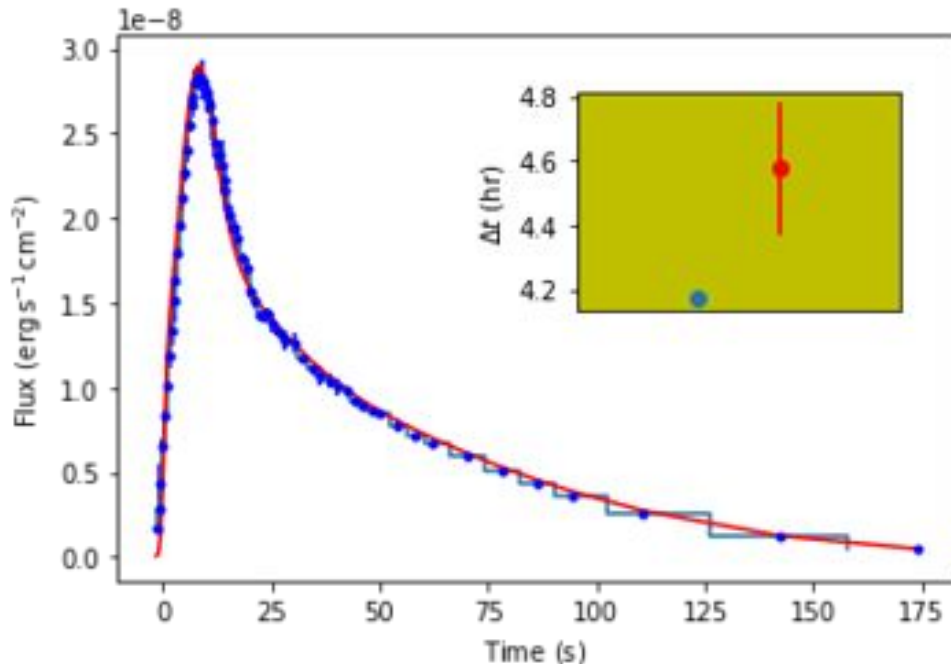
X_acc	Z_acc (n14)	m_dot	Q_b	g
0.7048	0.02	0.1 Edd	?	1.9e14 cm / s <sup>2</sup>

# New Study Configuration

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Better Baselines, Updated ReacLib, and  
Fully Multi-Zone Variations

# My model set:



Example GS 1826 fit to reference set data from Zac Johnston

- GS 1826-24, 4U 1820-303, baselines developed by Zac Johnston (Monash)
- ReacLib v 2.2 rate library
- Rxn variation set (2492):  
 200 (a,g) ; 130 (a,p) ; 27 (g,a) ;  
 108 (g,p) ; 233 (p,a) ; 548 (p, g)
- 2 variations, 3 baselines =  
**7476 models**  
**~ 120,000 CPU hours**

X_acc	Z_acc (n14)	m_dot Edd	Q_b MeV/u	g cm/s <sup>2</sup>
0.7048	0.02	0.1	?	1.9e14
0.7	0.0075	0.19	0.025	2.65e14

# New, rich X-ray burst reference dataset

**Table 1** Target thermonuclear burst source properties

Source	Dist. (kpc)	Accreted fuel		$1+z$	$g$ ( $10^{14} \text{ cm s}^{-2}$ )	$R$ (km)	Ref.
		$X_0$	$Z_{\text{CNO}}$				
GS 1826–24	6.1	0.7	0.02	1.23	<i>2.34</i>	12.1	[1,2]
SAX J1808.4–3658	$3.4 \pm 0.1$	$0.48^{+0.12}_{-0.08}$	$0.017^{+0.007}_{-0.005}$	<i>1.26</i>	<i>1.86</i>	<i>11.2</i>	[2]
4U 1820–303	$7.6 \pm 0.4$	$\lesssim 0.1$	<i>0.02</i>	1.409	2.96	$11.1 \pm 1.8$	[3,4,5]
4U 1636–536	$5.6 \pm 0.4$	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>1.26</i>	<i>1.86</i>	<i>11.2</i>	

- Specifically for validating and comparing numerical models
- Source data broken into epochs, publicly available
- <https://burst.sci.monash.edu/reference>



# Preliminary Results

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1756 Multi-Zone Reaction Variations on GS 1826 Baseline

~20 000 CPU hours

200 (a,g); 130 (a,p); 548 (p,g);

up and down by 100 unless noted

# Preliminary Sensitivities

Reaction	Sensitivity (1e38)
O14 (a, p) * 0.01	21.9
Cu59 (p, g) * 0.01	19.1
Ga63 (p, g) * 0.01	11.7
O15 (a, g) * 0.1	11.1
S30 (a, p) * 100	9.7
Ar34 (a, p) * 100	8.5
Al23 (p, g) * 100	8.1
S29 (a, p) * 100	7.3
Mg22 (a, p) * 0.01	7.2
As65 (p, g) * 100	6.5

Reaction	Sensitivity (1e38)
Al23 (p, g) * 0.01	6.4
Ga61 (p, g) * 0.01	6.3
Si26 (a, p) * 100	6.2
P27 (p, g) * 0.01	5.6
Mg22 (a, p) * 100	5.5
S28 (a, p) * 100	5.0
O14 (a, p) * 100	4.7
S30 (a, p) * 0.01	4.1
Ca37 (a, p) * 100	3.9
Mg22 (p, g) * 0.01	3.7

# Significant qualitative difference from previous work

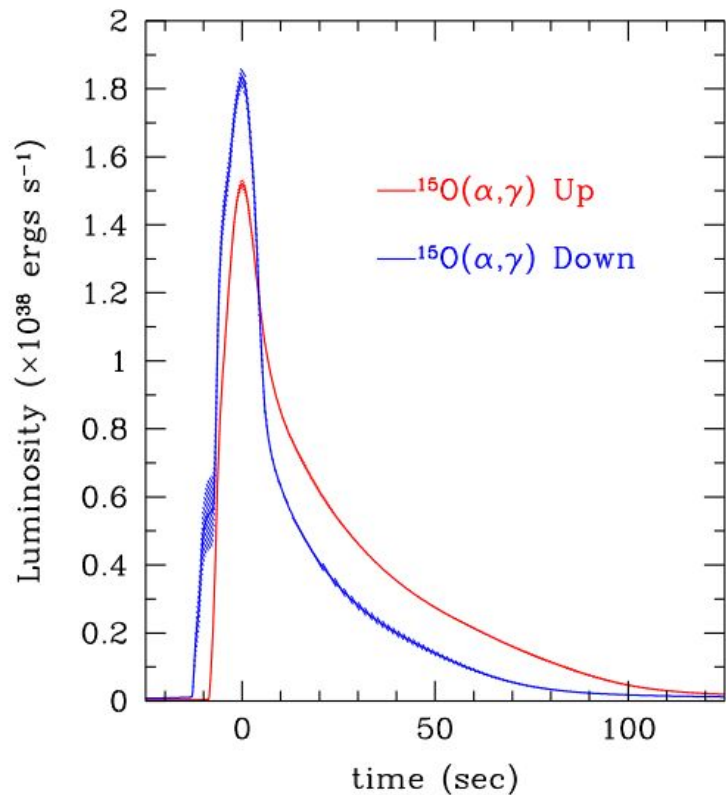
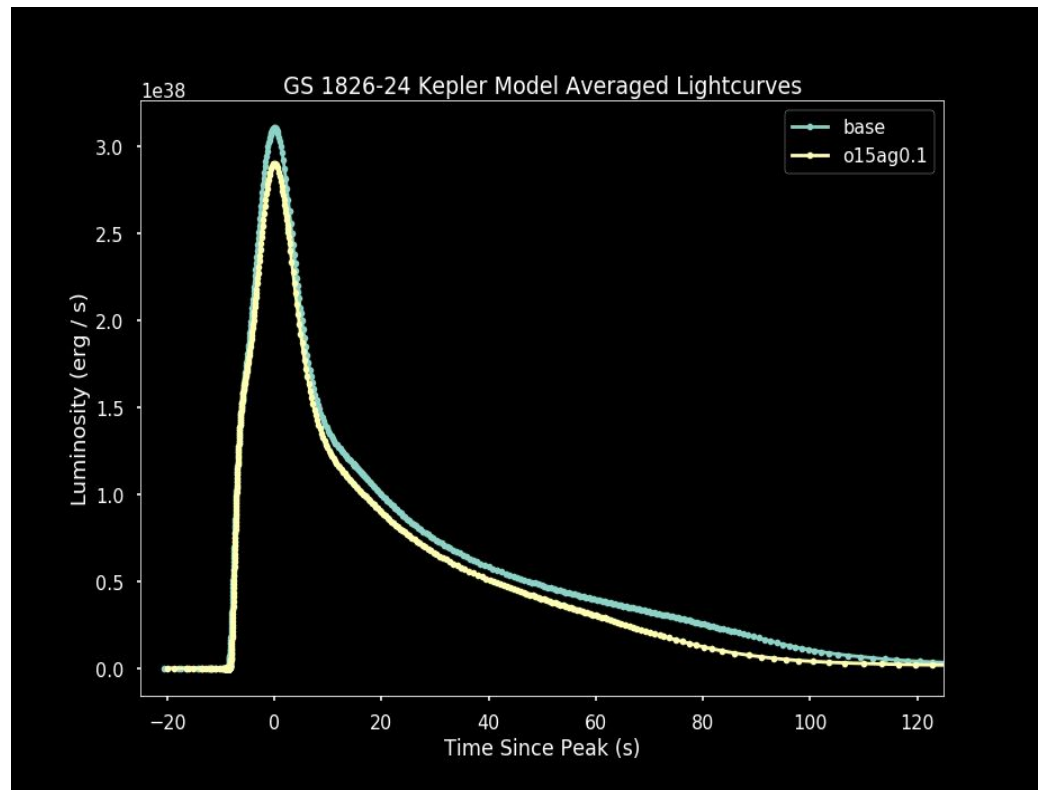
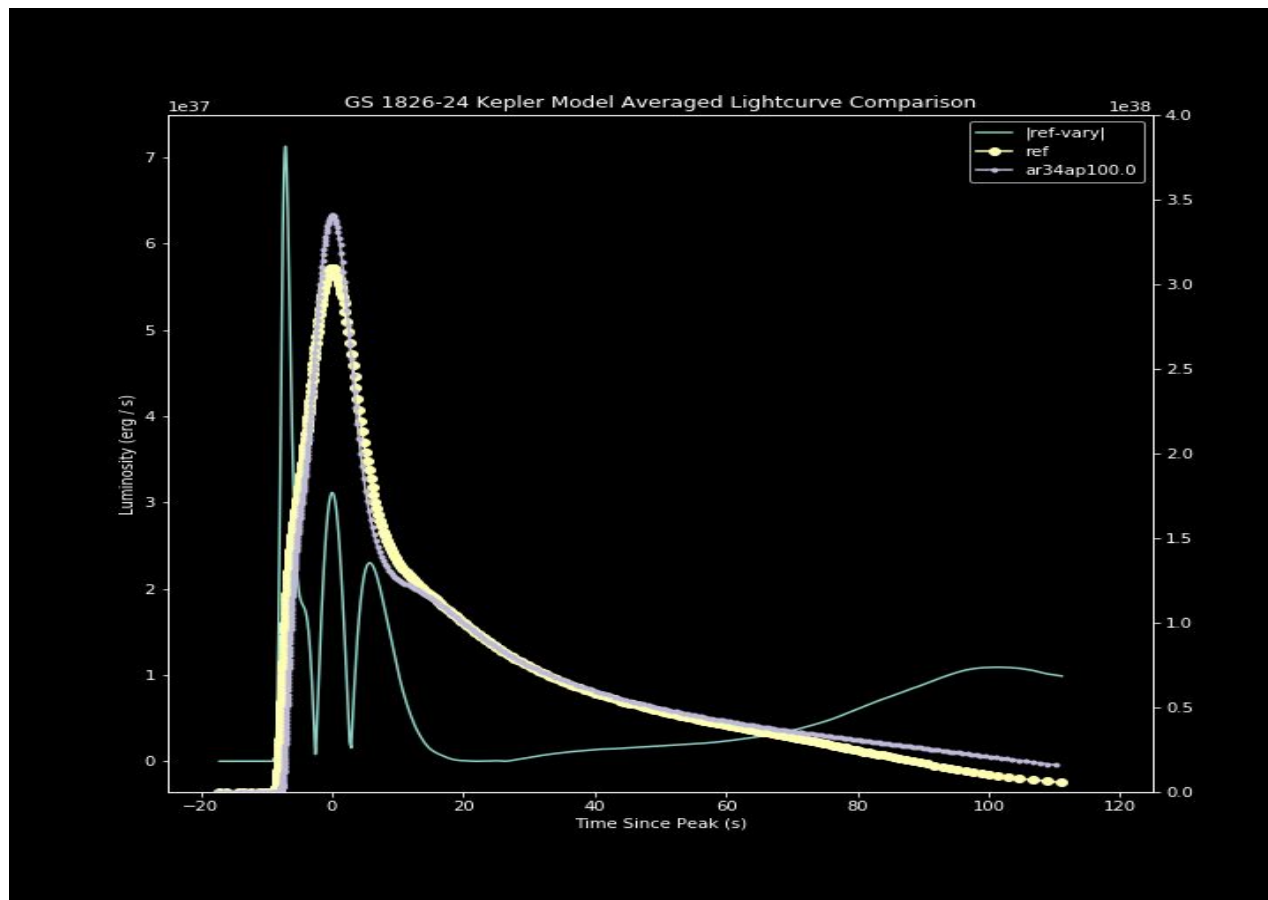


Fig 7 of Cyburt et al. 2016



# Example Lightcurve Comparison



# Next Steps and Conclusions

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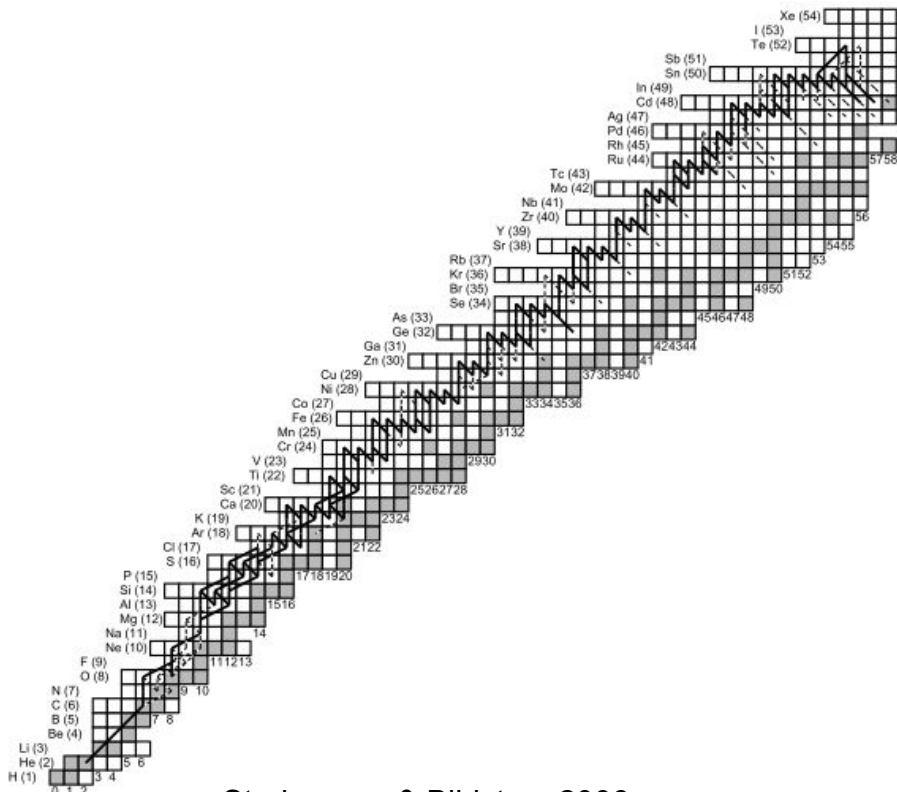
# In Summary

- I'm carrying out a fully multi-zone reaction rate sensitivity study (~50x more models than previous work, including new 4U 1820 baseline)
  - Uses newer rxn database ReacLib 2.2
  - Uses better-defined baseline models with updated fits to well-defined reference data  
Enables meaningful comparison with observation *and* other models
- I've completed an initial grid of 1756 models varying on GS 1826
- Study confronting detailed reference data with rxn variations is moving forward. **Next:**
  - Complete simulation suites of: GS 1826, 4U 1820 (low and hi X limiting cases)
  - Analyze impact on composition, ashes
  - Adjust scaling as needed
  - Determine most useful sensitivity metric(s)

# Supplemental Slides

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# Reactions driving the burst: the rp-process



Strohmayer & Bildsten, 2006

Burst Ignition:

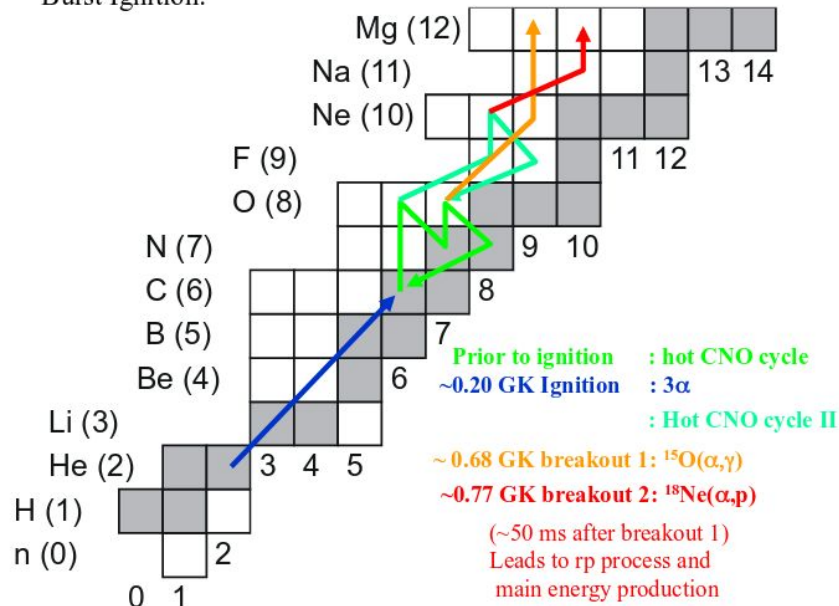
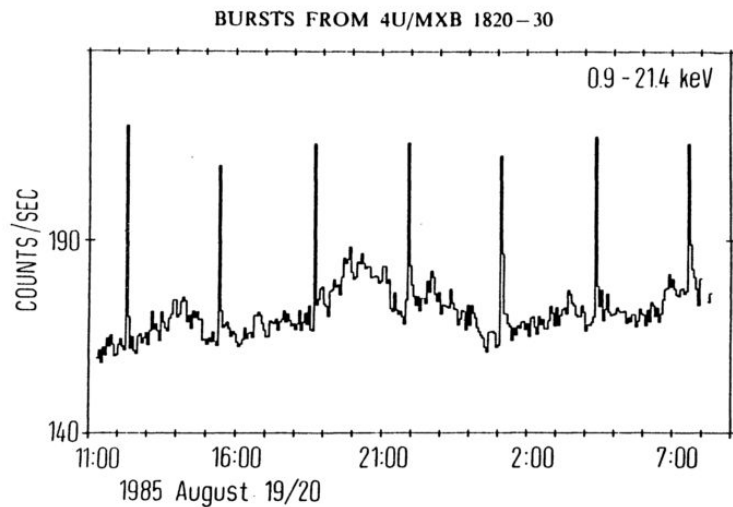


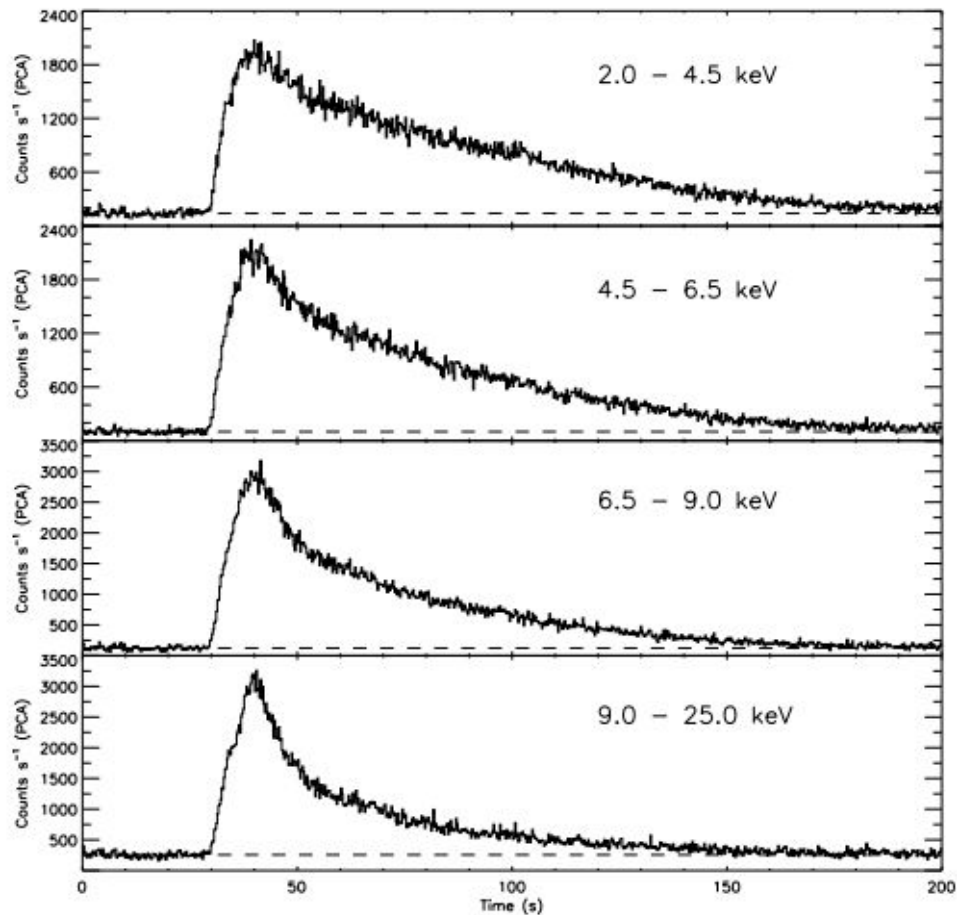
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# What it really looks like



Lewin, van Paradijs, & Taam, 1993



Strohmayer & Bildsten, 2006

# The ubiquitous X-ray burst picture



<http://www.astro.uva.nl/research/cosmics/thermonuclear-x-ray-bursts/>

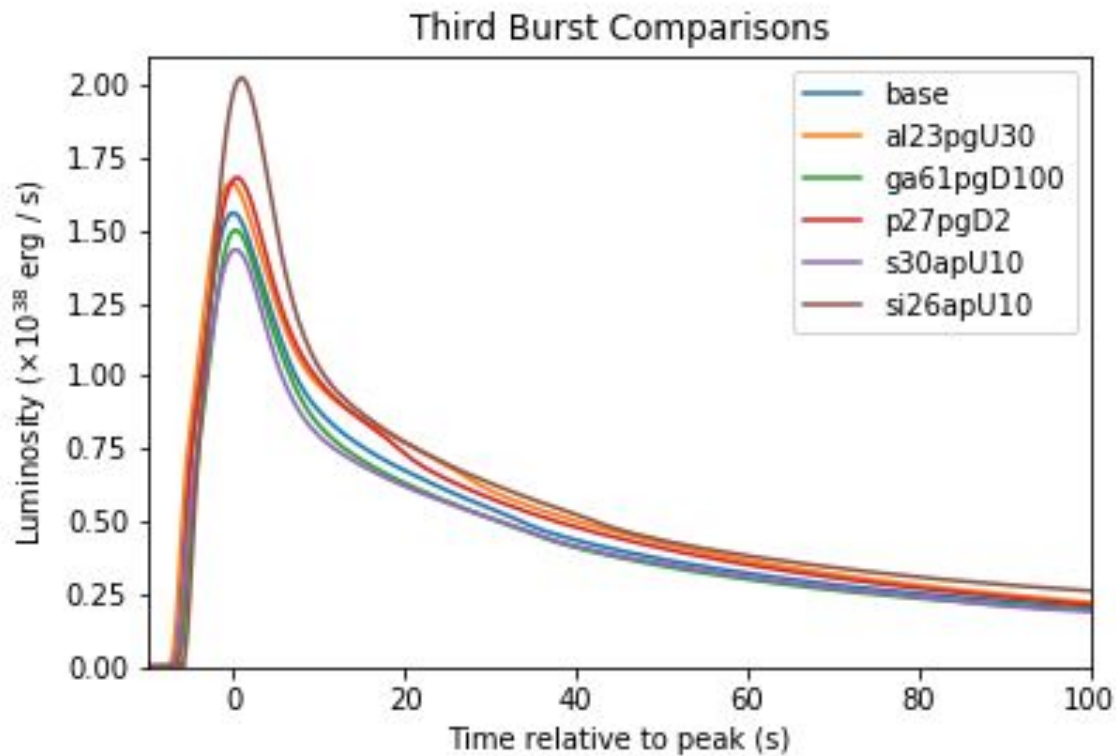
# Bursts as probes of dense matter EoS

- Cooling curves probe crust properties
- Photospheric radius expansion can probe neutron star mass-radius relation:

$$L_{Edd} = (4\pi cGM/\kappa) (1 - 2GM/c^2 R)^{-1/2} = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{eff}^4$$

- Need correct models to properly extract M-R

# Early test, no ReacLib rates



# Cyburt et al., 2016 Multi-Zone Reaction Variations

**Table 3**  
Rate Variations in the Multi-zone Model Calculations

Reaction	Variation <sup>a</sup>	Reaction	Variation <sup>a</sup>	Reaction	Variation <sup>a</sup>
$3\alpha$	x1.2 (2)	$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$	2.0 (3)	$^{12}\text{C}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{13}\text{N}$	1.1 (1)
$^{13}\text{N}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{14}\text{O}$	10	$^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, \text{p})^{17}\text{F}$	10	$^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$	10
$^{16}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$	1.80 (1)	$^{16}\text{O}(\alpha, \text{p})^{19}\text{F}$	10	$^{17}\text{F}(\alpha, \text{p})^{20}\text{Ne}$	10
$^{17}\text{F}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{18}\text{Ne}$	6.33 <sup>b</sup>	$^{18}\text{F}(\alpha, \text{p})^{21}\text{Ne}$	100	$^{19}\text{F}(\alpha, \text{p})^{22}\text{Ne}$	10
$^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha, \text{p})^{21}\text{Na}$	30 (4)	$^{19}\text{Ne}(\alpha, \text{p})^{22}\text{Na}$	10	$^{19}\text{Ne}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{20}\text{Na}$	100
$^{20}\text{Ne}(\alpha, \gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$	1.40 (1)	$^{22}\text{Na}(\alpha, \text{p})^{25}\text{Mg}$	10	$^{22}\text{Na}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{23}\text{Mg}$	2 (1)
$^{22}\text{Mg}(\alpha, \text{p})^{25}\text{Al}$	10	$^{23}\text{Mg}(\alpha, \text{p})^{26}\text{Al}$	10	$^{24}\text{Mg}(\alpha, \gamma)^{28}\text{Si}$	10
$^{23}\text{Al}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{24}\text{Si}$	30–100 <sup>c</sup>	$^{26}\text{Al}(\alpha, \text{p})^{29}\text{Si}$	10	$^{26}\text{Al}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{27}\text{Si}$	2 <sup>b</sup>
$^{24}\text{Si}(\alpha, \text{p})^{27}\text{P}$	10	$^{25}\text{Si}(\alpha, \text{p})^{28}\text{P}$	10	$^{26}\text{Si}(\alpha, \text{p})^{29}\text{P}$	10
$^{27}\text{Si}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{28}\text{P}$	3 <sup>b</sup>	$^{27}\text{P}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{28}\text{S}$	2–3 <sup>c</sup>	$^{29}\text{P}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{30}\text{S}$	10
$^{28}\text{S}(\alpha, \text{p})^{31}\text{Cl}$	10	$^{29}\text{S}(\alpha, \text{p})^{32}\text{Cl}$	10	$^{30}\text{S}(\alpha, \text{p})^{33}\text{Cl}$	10
$^{31}\text{S}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{32}\text{Cl}$	6 <sup>b</sup>	$^{31}\text{Cl}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{32}\text{Ar}$	2–3 <sup>c</sup>	$^{34}\text{Ar}(\alpha, \text{p})^{37}\text{K}$	10
$^{35}\text{Ar}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{36}\text{K}$	100	$^{35}\text{K}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{36}\text{Ca}$	3–10 <sup>c</sup>	$^{36}\text{K}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{37}\text{Ca}$	10
$^{39}\text{Ca}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{40}\text{Sc}$	3 <sup>b</sup>	$^{40}\text{Ca}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{41}\text{Sc}$	1.40 <sup>b</sup>	$^{40}\text{Sc}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{41}\text{Ti}$	100
$^{45}\text{V}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{46}\text{Cr}$	100	$^{47}\text{Cr}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{48}\text{Mn}$	10	$^{48}\text{Cr}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{49}\text{Mn}$	100
$^{49}\text{Cr}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{50}\text{Mn}$	10	$^{47}\text{Mn}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{48}\text{Fe}$	100	$^{51}\text{Mn}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{52}\text{Fe}$	100
$^{52}\text{Fe}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{53}\text{Co}$	100	$^{53}\text{Fe}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{54}\text{Co}$	100	$^{54}\text{Fe}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{55}\text{Co}$	10
$^{54}\text{Co}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{55}\text{Ni}$	10	$^{56}\text{Ni}(\alpha, \text{p})^{59}\text{Cu}$	100	$^{56}\text{Ni}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{57}\text{Cu}$	5 <sup>c</sup>
$^{57}\text{Cu}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{58}\text{Zn}$	100 <sup>d</sup>	$^{59}\text{Cu}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{60}\text{Zn}$	100	$^{60}\text{Cu}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{61}\text{Zn}$	10
$^{60}\text{Zn}(\alpha, \text{p})^{63}\text{Ga}$	100	$^{61}\text{Zn}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{62}\text{Ga}$	100	$^{62}\text{Zn}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{63}\text{Ga}$	10
$^{61}\text{Ga}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{62}\text{Ge}$	100	$^{63}\text{Ga}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{64}\text{Ge}$	10	$^{61}\text{Ge}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{62}\text{As}$	100
$^{65}\text{Ge}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{66}\text{As}$	100	$^{66}\text{Ge}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{67}\text{As}$	100	$^{65}\text{As}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{66}\text{Se}$	100
$^{67}\text{As}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{68}\text{Se}$	100	$^{69}\text{Se}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{70}\text{Br}$	100	$^{70}\text{Br}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{71}\text{Kr}$	100
$^{71}\text{Br}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{72}\text{Kr}$	100	$^{72}\text{Br}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{73}\text{Kr}$	10	$^{73}\text{Kr}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{74}\text{Rb}$	10
$^{74}\text{Rb}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{75}\text{Sr}$	10	$^{75}\text{Rb}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{76}\text{Sr}$	100	$^{76}\text{Rb}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{77}\text{Sr}$	10
$^{79}\text{Y}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{80}\text{Zr}$	10	$^{83}\text{Zr}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{84}\text{Nb}$	10	$^{83}\text{Nb}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{84}\text{Mo}$	10
$^{84}\text{Nb}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{85}\text{Mo}$	10	$^{85}\text{Mo}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{86}\text{Tc}$	100	$^{86}\text{Mo}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{87}\text{Tc}$	100
$^{89}\text{Tc}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{90}\text{Ru}$	10	$^{92}\text{Rh}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{93}\text{Pd}$	10	$^{93}\text{Pd}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{94}\text{Ag}$	10