

# **Section 4. Stellar evolution (I)**

**4.1 Virial theorem**

**4.2 Evolution of density and temperature**

**4.3 Burning stages**

# Goals of this lecture

- **Standard properties of stars**
  - Stellar structure and properties
  - **Stellar evolution**
- Origin of the elements in the Universe
  - Nucleosynthesis in stars and supernovae
  - Explosion mechanism of supernovae
- Topics in time-domain astronomy
  - Radiation from explosive phenomena
  - Multi-messenger astronomy

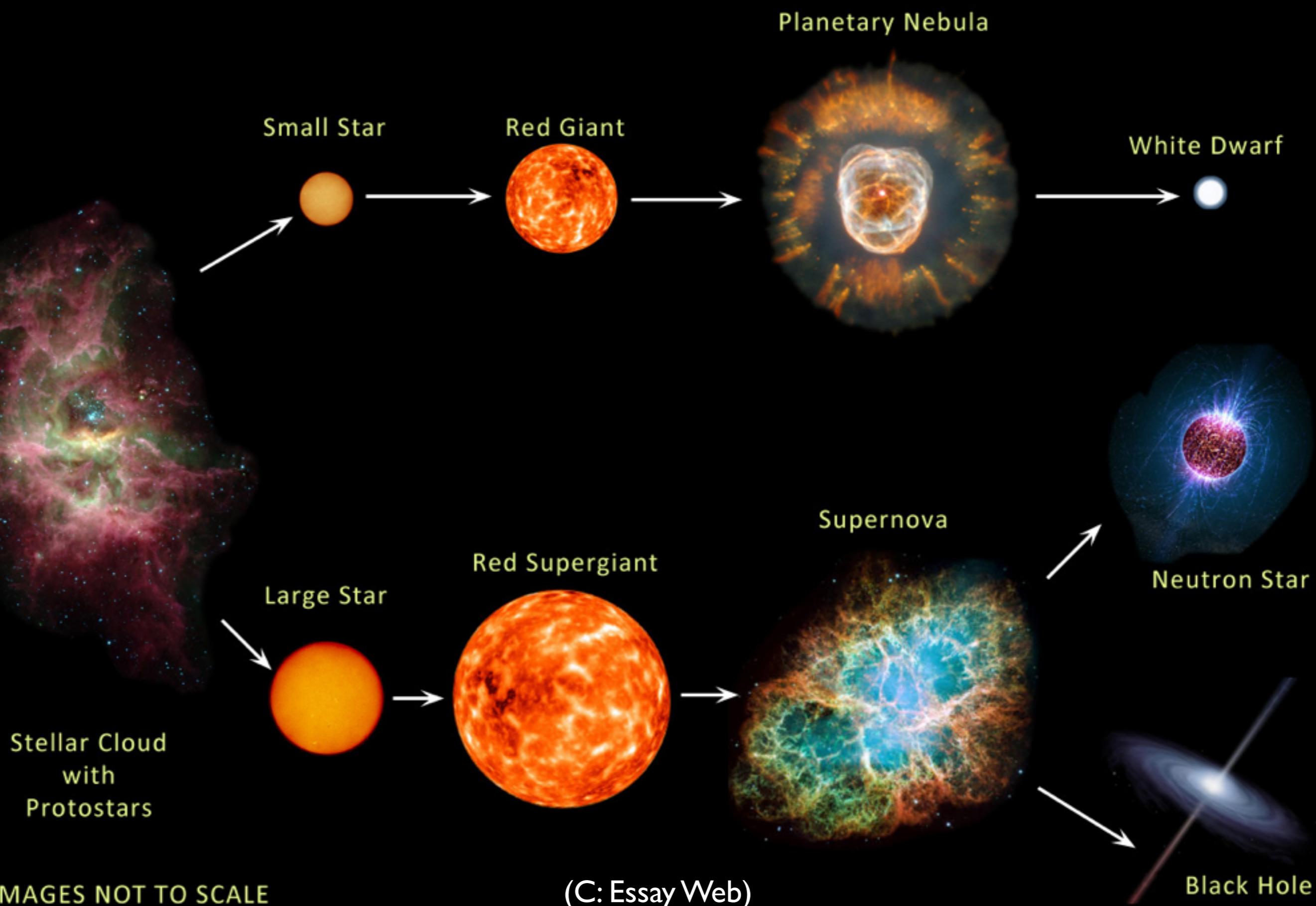
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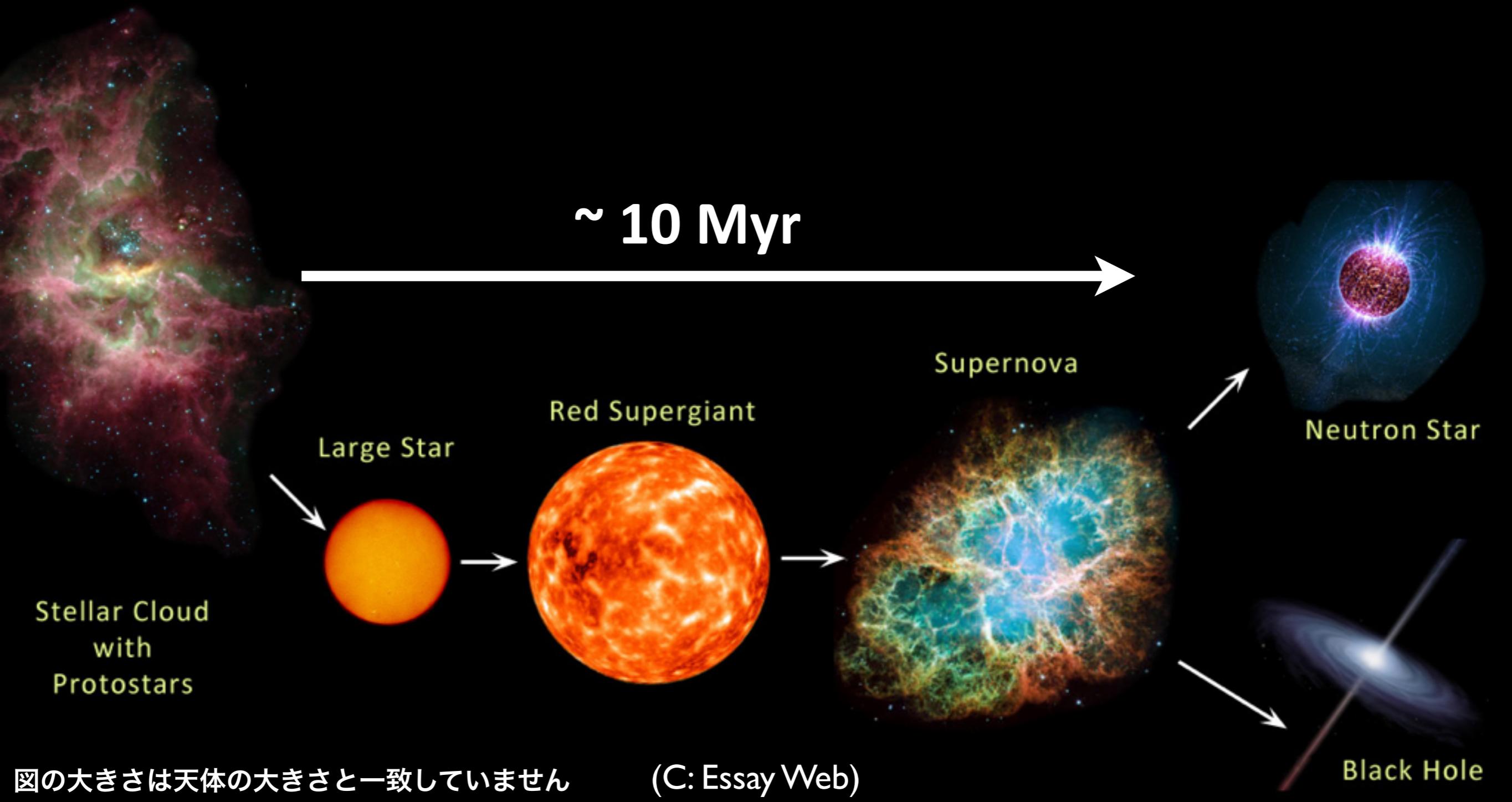
**4.3 Burning stages**

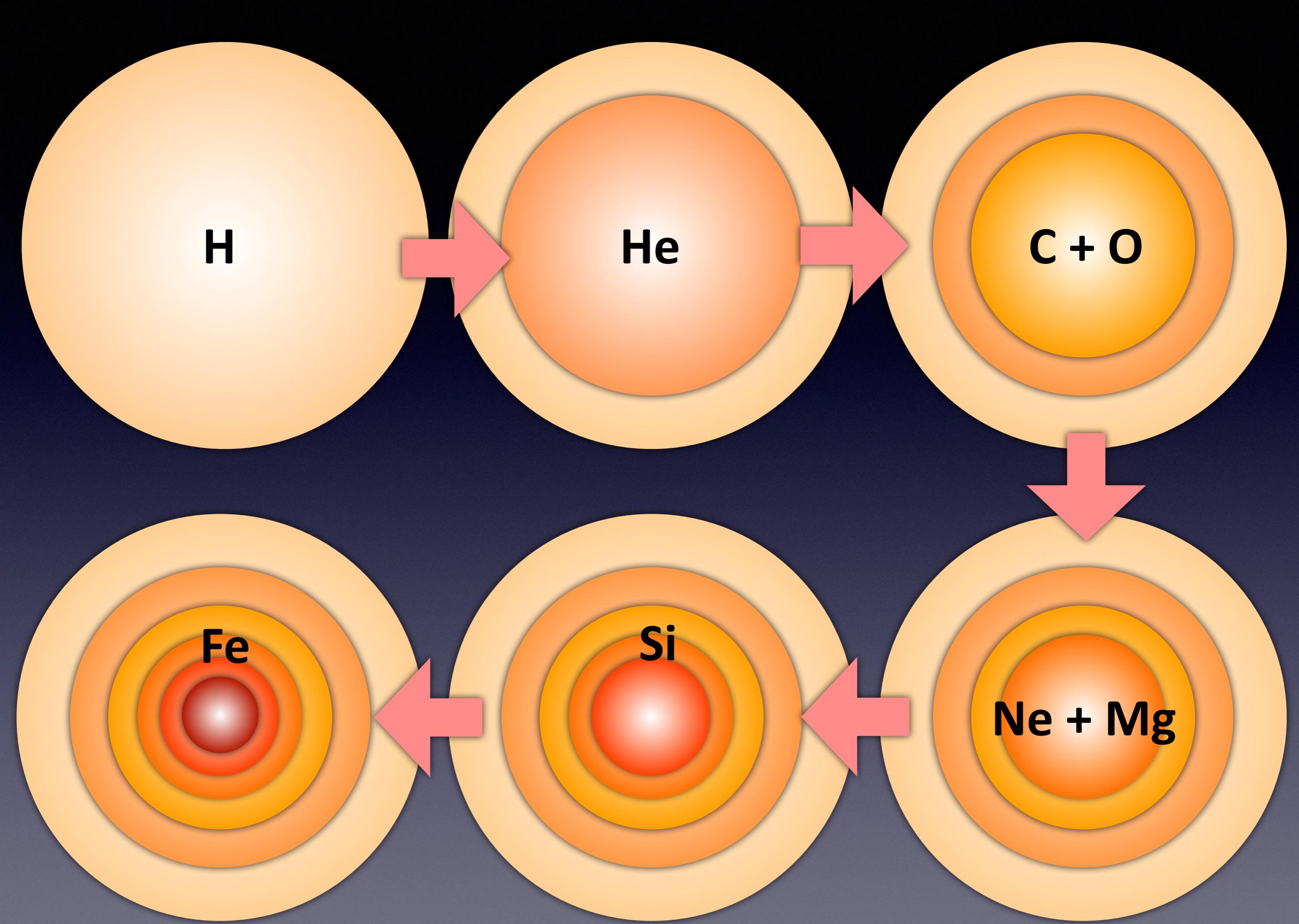
# Stellar life



# 1. Massive stars

$M > 10 M_{\odot}$





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## Why do stars evolve??

“Evolution” = Changes in the state with time

What happens when there is no more fuel for nuclear burning

$E_{\text{tot}}$ : Total energy

$\Omega$ : Gravitational energy

$U$ : Internal energy

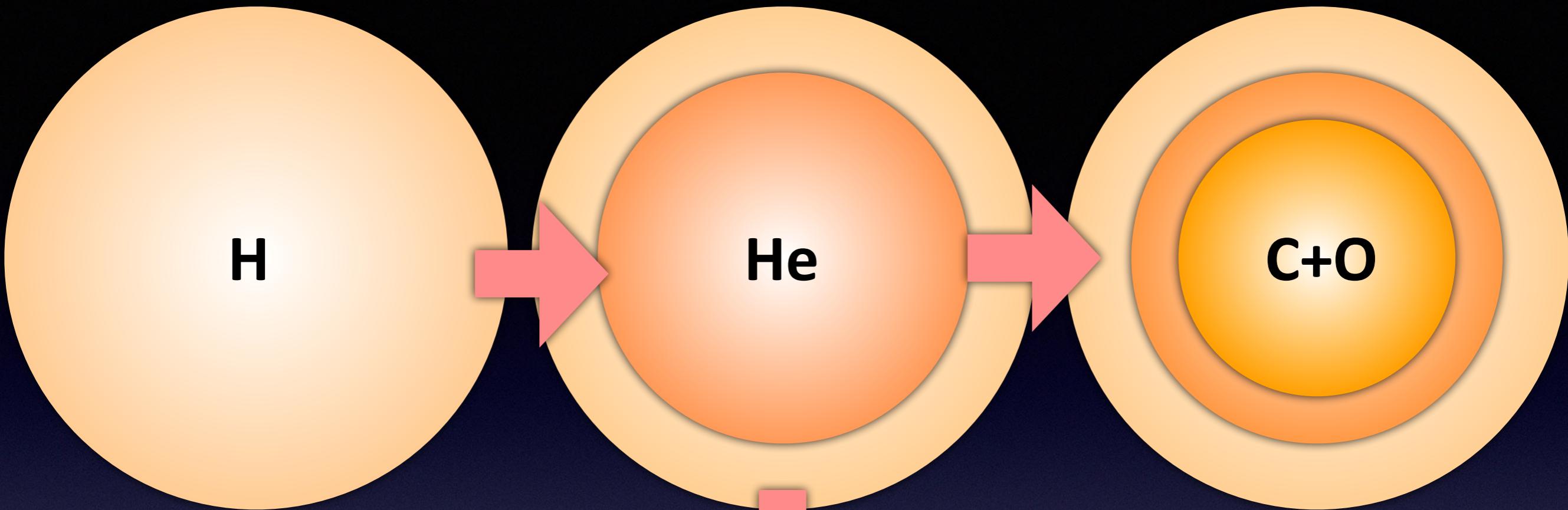
$$U = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega$$

$$E_{\text{tot}} = U + \Omega = \frac{1}{2}\Omega = -U$$

No nuclear burning

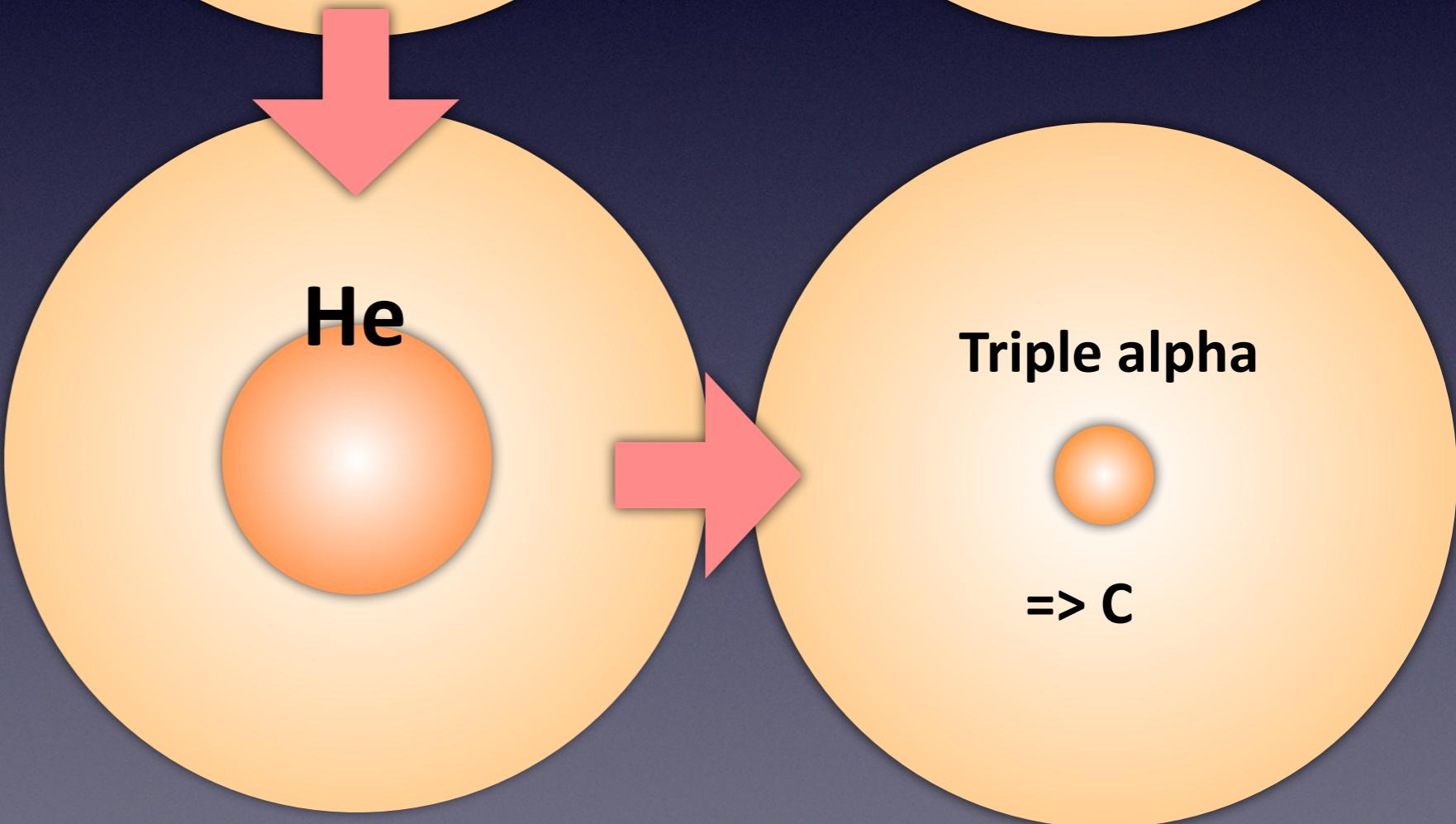
- Total energy decreases
- Contraction (gravitational energy decreases)
- Temperature rises





**Contraction**  
=> temperature rise

$$T \sim \rho^{1/3}$$

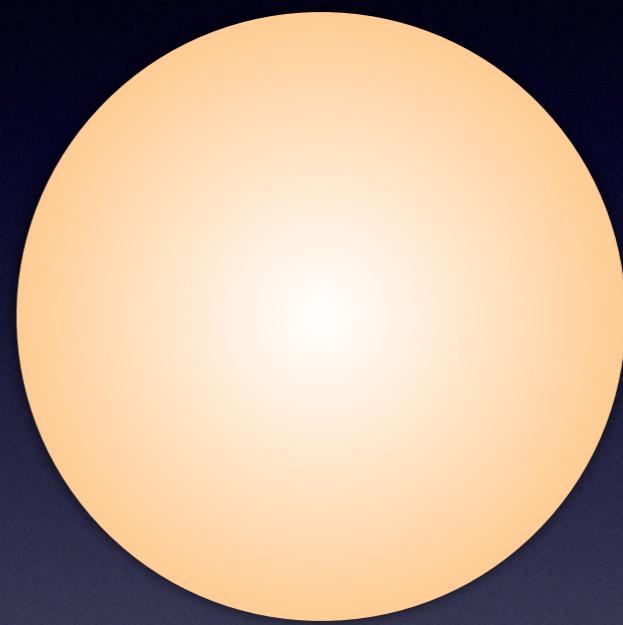


Heated iron

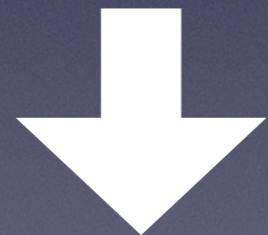


<http://iron.minatoseiki.co.jp/seizo.html>

stars



Gets colder



Gets hotter

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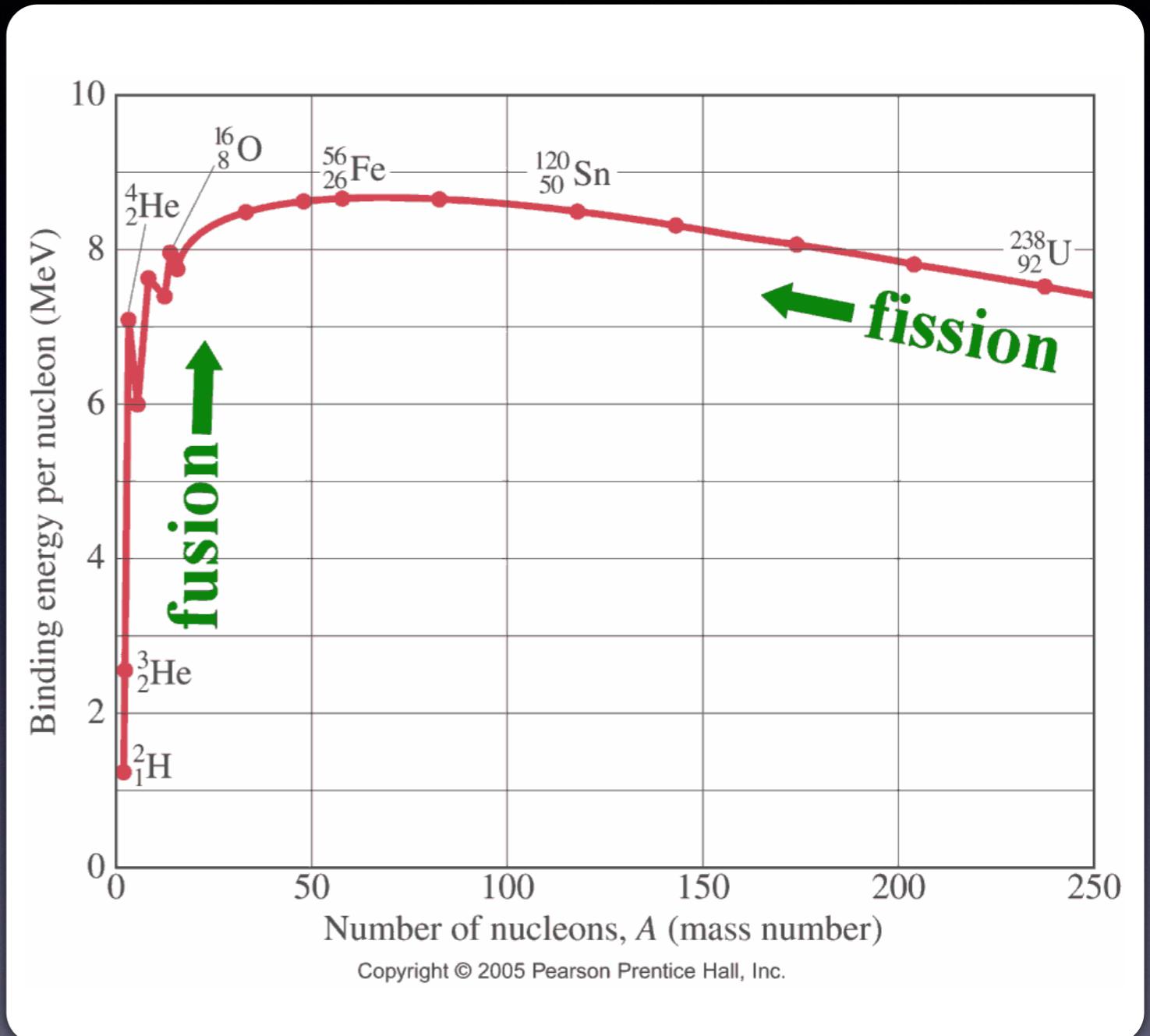
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# Nuclear binding energy

$$E_b = [N m_N + Z m_p - m_i] c^2 > 0$$

Larger binding energy  
= more stable

Fe has the largest  
Eb/nucleon



Then, all the stars produce Fe? => No  
Stellar material does not always behave as ideal gas

Phase	Main reactions	Products	T
燃焼段階	おもな反応	おもな生成物	温度 ( $10^8$ K)
H	PP チェイン CNO サイクル	${}^4\text{He}$ ${}^{14}\text{N}$	0.15-0.2
He	${}^3{}^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}$ ${}^{12}\text{C} + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{16}\text{O} + \gamma$	${}^{12}\text{C}$ ${}^{16}\text{O}$	1.5
C	${}^{12}\text{C} + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \begin{cases} {}^{23}\text{Na} + \text{p} \\ {}^{20}\text{Ne} + \alpha \end{cases}$	Ne, Na Mg, Al	7
Ne	${}^{20}\text{Ne} + \gamma \rightarrow {}^{16}\text{O} + \alpha$ ${}^{20}\text{Ne} + \alpha \rightarrow {}^{24}\text{Mg} + \gamma$	O Mg	15
O	${}^{16}\text{O} + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow \begin{cases} {}^{28}\text{Si} + \alpha \\ {}^{31}\text{P} + \text{p} \end{cases}$	Si, P, S, Cl, Ar, Ca	30
Si	${}^{28}\text{Si} + \gamma \rightarrow {}^{24}\text{Mg} + \alpha$ ${}^{24}\text{Mg} + \gamma \rightarrow \begin{cases} {}^{23}\text{Na} + \text{p} \\ {}^{20}\text{Ne} + \alpha \end{cases}$ 多くの反応 $\rightarrow$ 統計平衡	Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu	40

Nuclear statistical equilibrium



$\rho$ -T plane

密度 - 温度平面

# Summary: Stellar evolution (I)

- Virial theorem (for ideal gas case)
- Internal energy always relates with gravitational energy
- When stars lose energy, they contract
- Temperature rises (“negative heat capacity”)
- Evolution of density and temperature
- Rise in temperature due to contraction  $T \sim \rho^{1/3}$
- Next burning stages => Onion-like structure
- Do all the stars produce Fe?? => No.  
Equation of states plays an important role

# Let's **understand** these questions with the word of physics

**Knowing ≠ Understanding**

- Why do some stars explode?
- Why don't normal star explode?
- Why do stars show  $L \sim M^4$ ?
- Why do stars evolve?
- Why does the destiny of stars depend on the mass?
- Why does stellar core collapses?
- Why is the energy of supernova so huge?
- ...

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Electromagnetism

Classical  
mechanics

Statistical  
mechanics

Astrophysics

Hydrodynamics

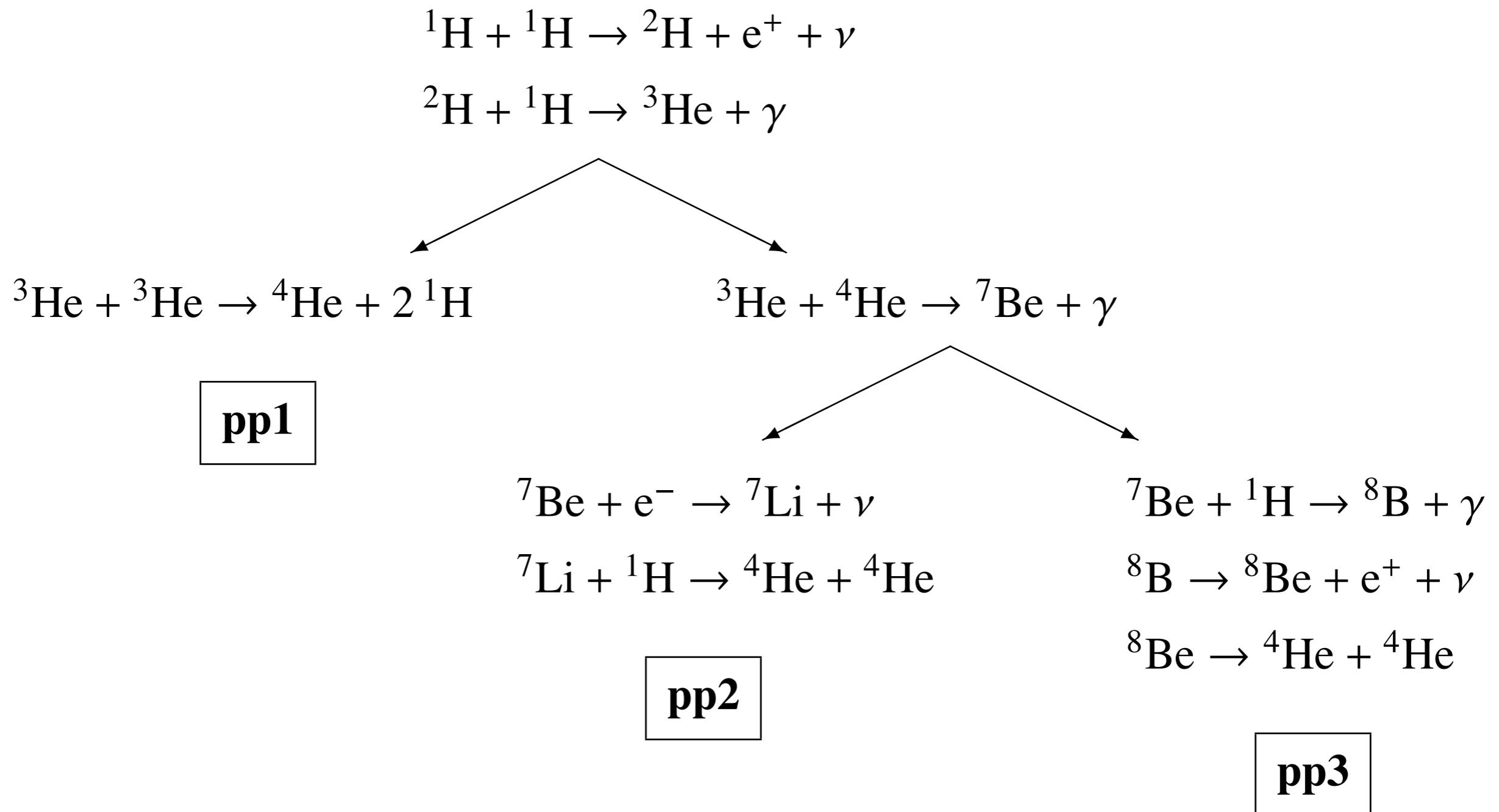
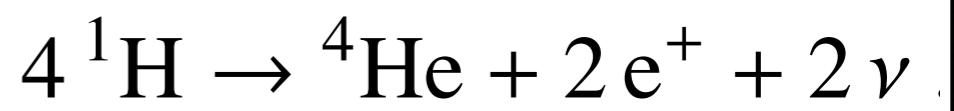
Quantum  
mechanics

Relativity

Nuclear physics

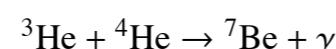
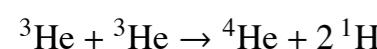
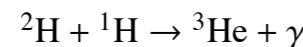
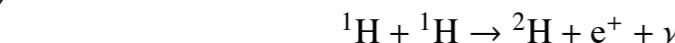
# Appendix

# 1a. H-burning (pp chain)

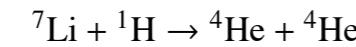
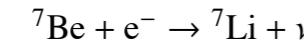


**Energy production rate  
(per gram)**  
 $q \sim \rho T^4$

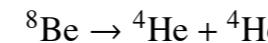
$$T \sim 4 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$$



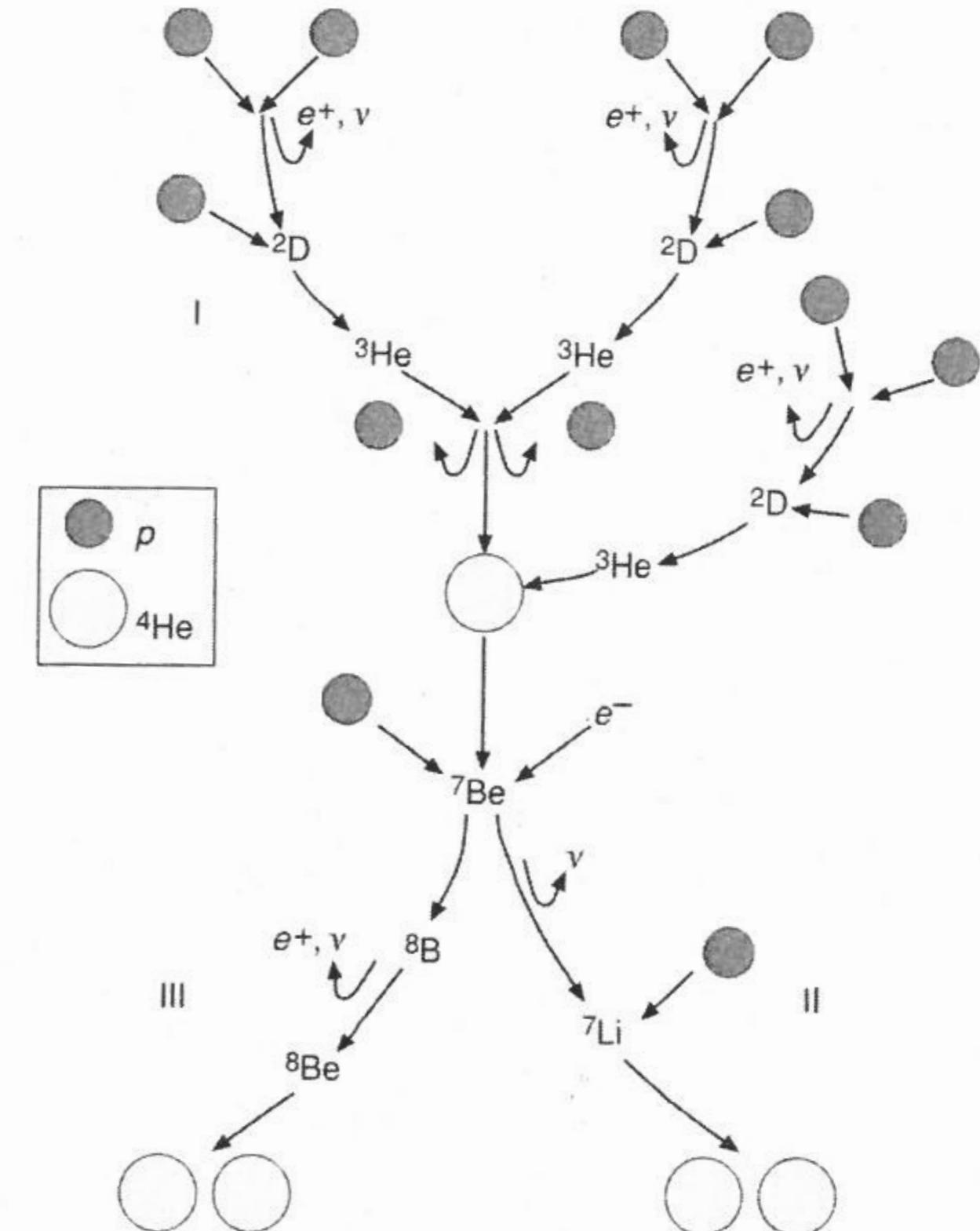
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**pp2**



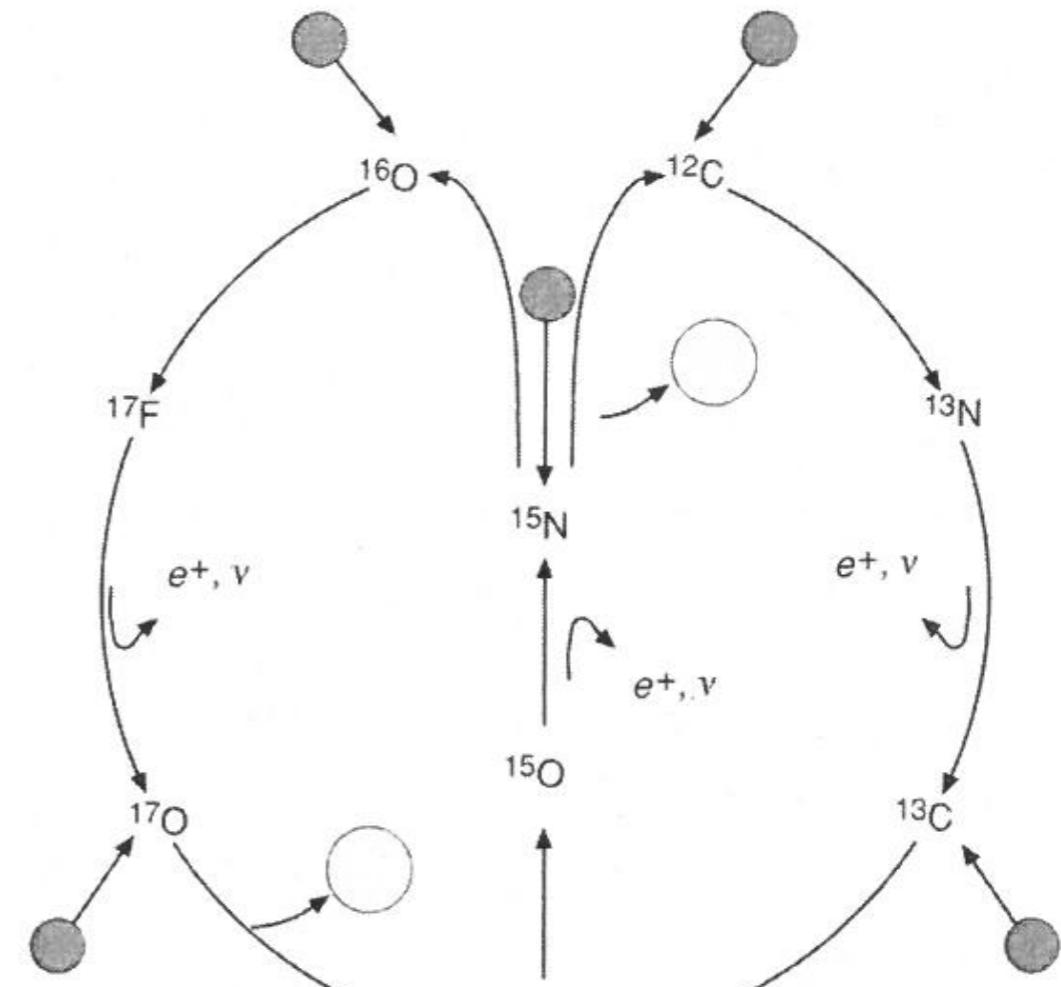
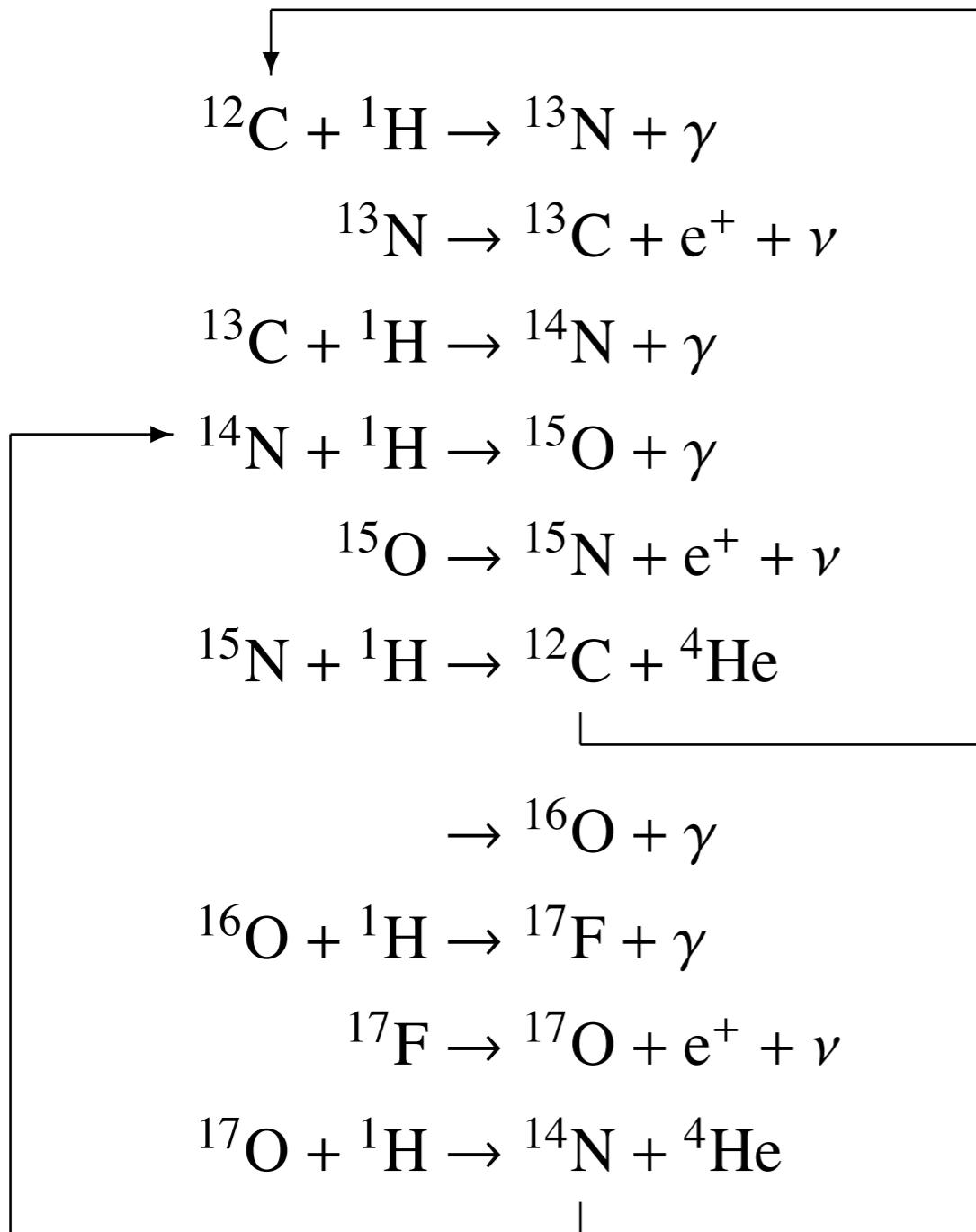
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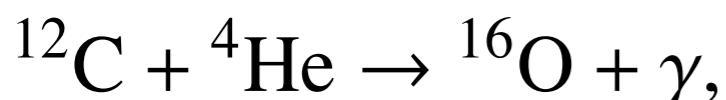
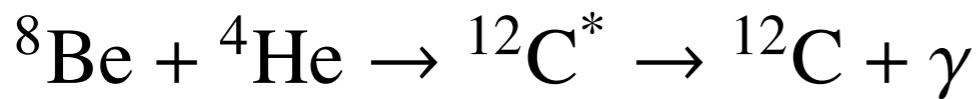
# 1b. H burning (CNO cycle)

E production rate  $q \sim \rho T^{16}$

$T \sim 1.5 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$



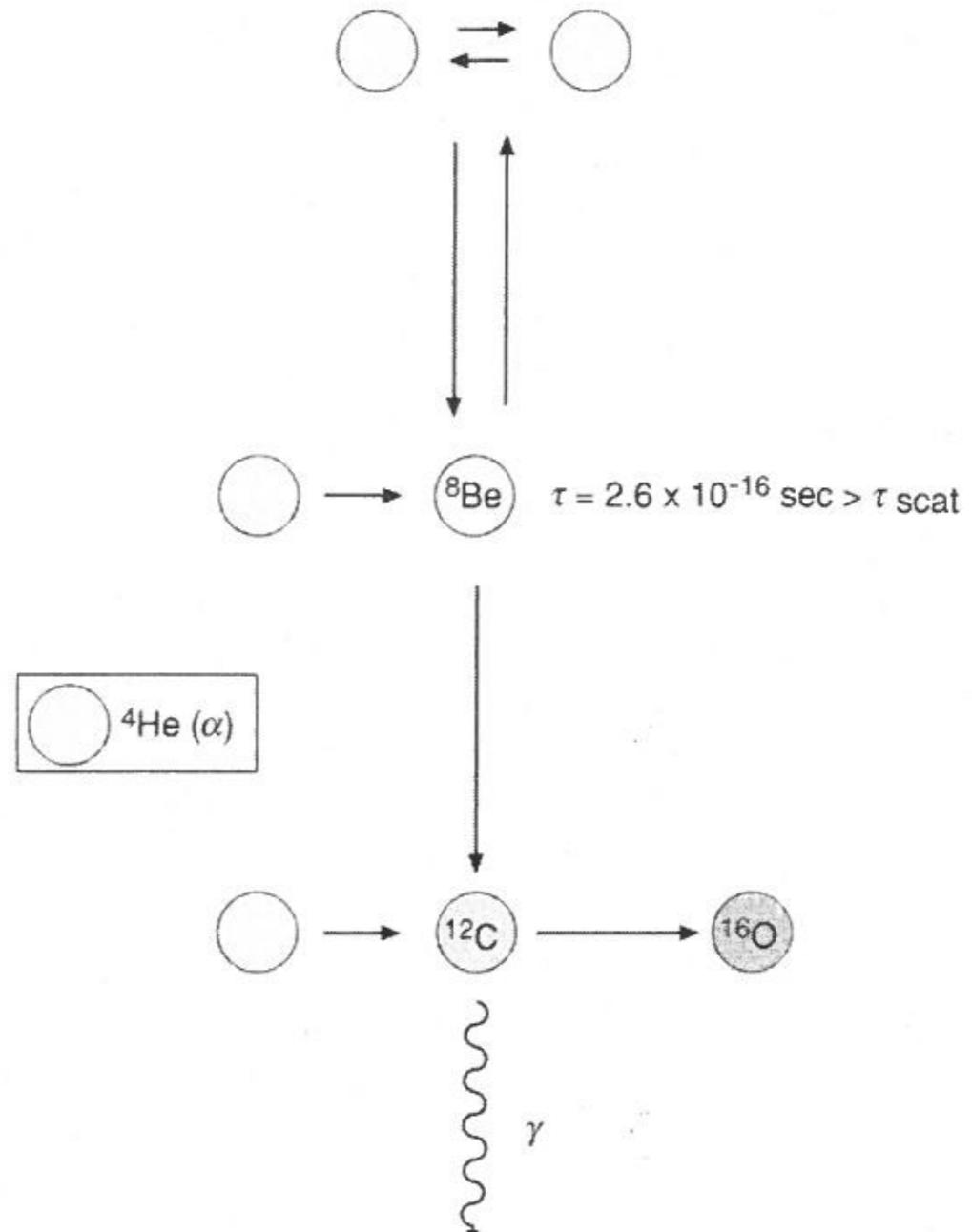
## 2. He-burning (triple alpha)



Energy production rate  
(per gram)

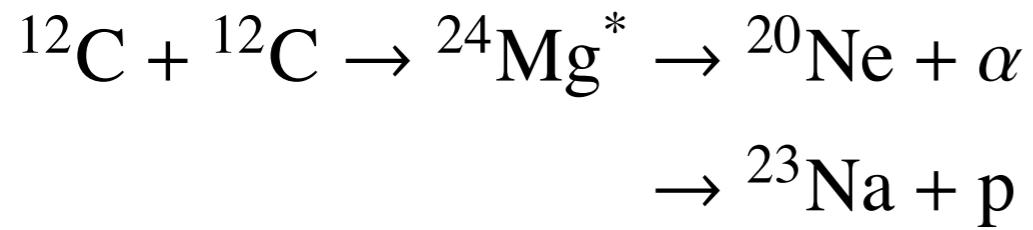
$$q \sim \rho^2 T^{40}$$

$$T \sim 1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$$



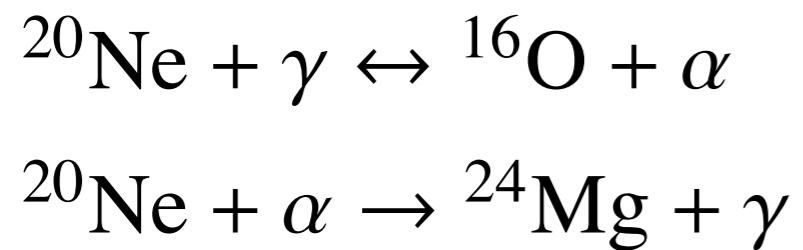
$$\begin{aligned} T &= 10^8 \text{ K} \\ \rho &= 10^5 \text{ g cm}^{-3} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow n(^8\text{Be}) : n(^4\text{He}) = 1 : 10^9$$

### 3. C-burning



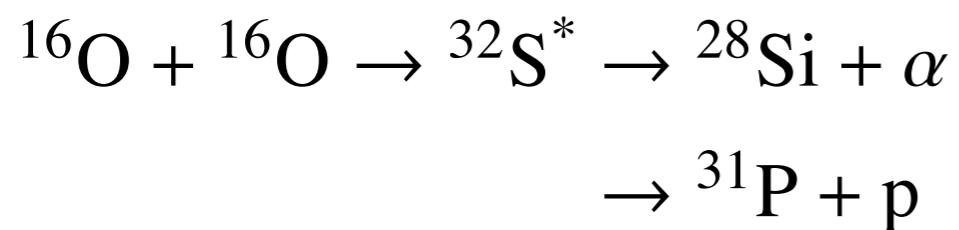
$T \sim 7 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$

### 4. Ne-burning



$T \sim 1.5 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$

### 5. O-burning



$T \sim 2-3 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$

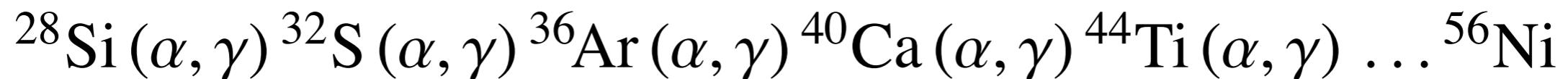
# 6. Si-burning (Nuclear statistical equilibrium)

$T > 4 \times 10^9$  K

High temperature  $\Rightarrow$  photo-dissociation

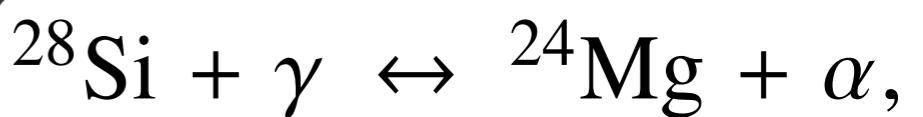


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(Ex.)

$\Rightarrow$  equilibrium of many reactions



Nuclei with high binding energy tend to be produced (Fe, Co, Ni)