

## **Section 2.**

# **Stellar structure and properties (I)**

**2.1 Hydrostatic equilibrium**

**2.2 Nuclear burning**

# Let's understand these questions with the words of physics

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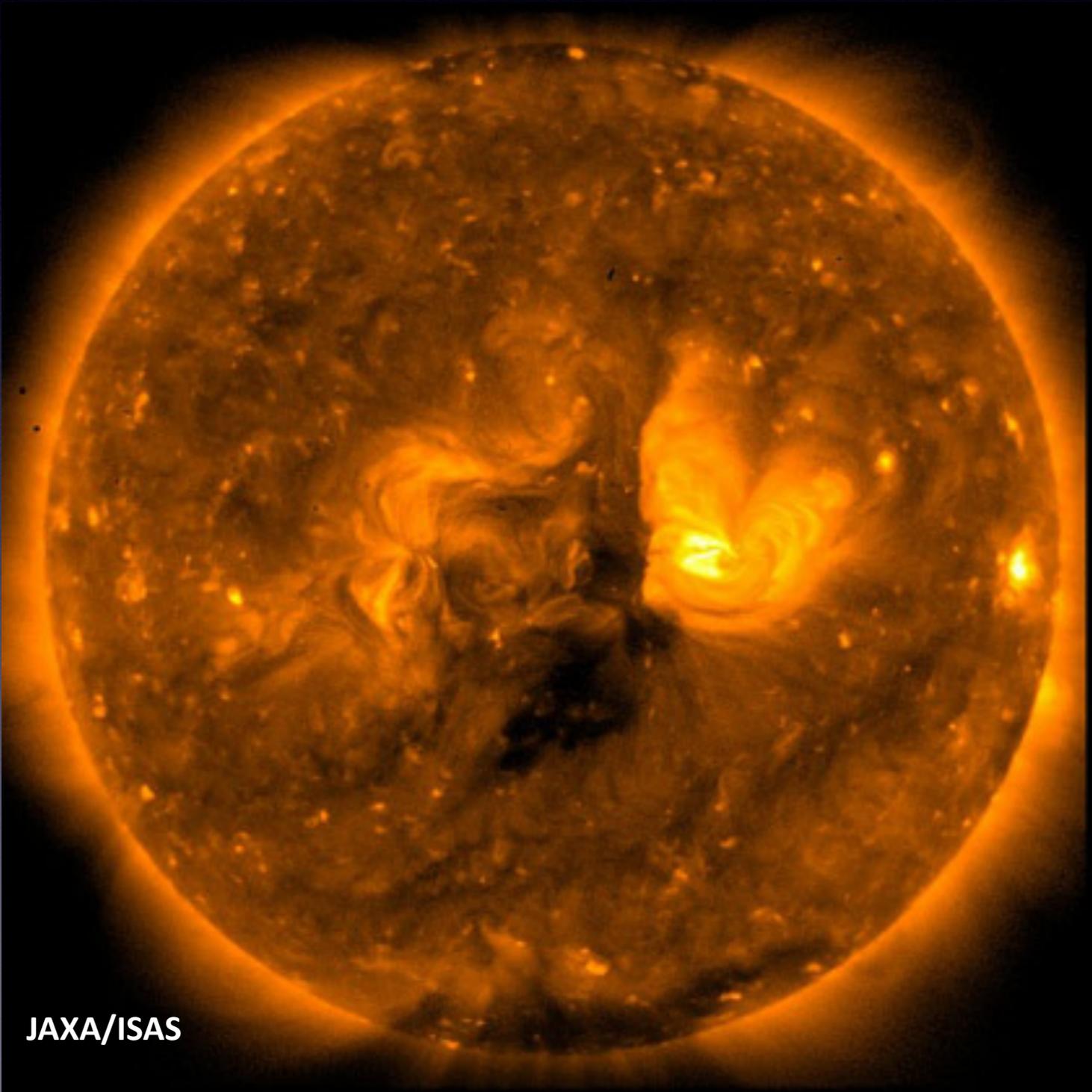
# Our sun

$$L = 4 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s} = 4 \times 10^{26} \text{ J/s (W)}$$

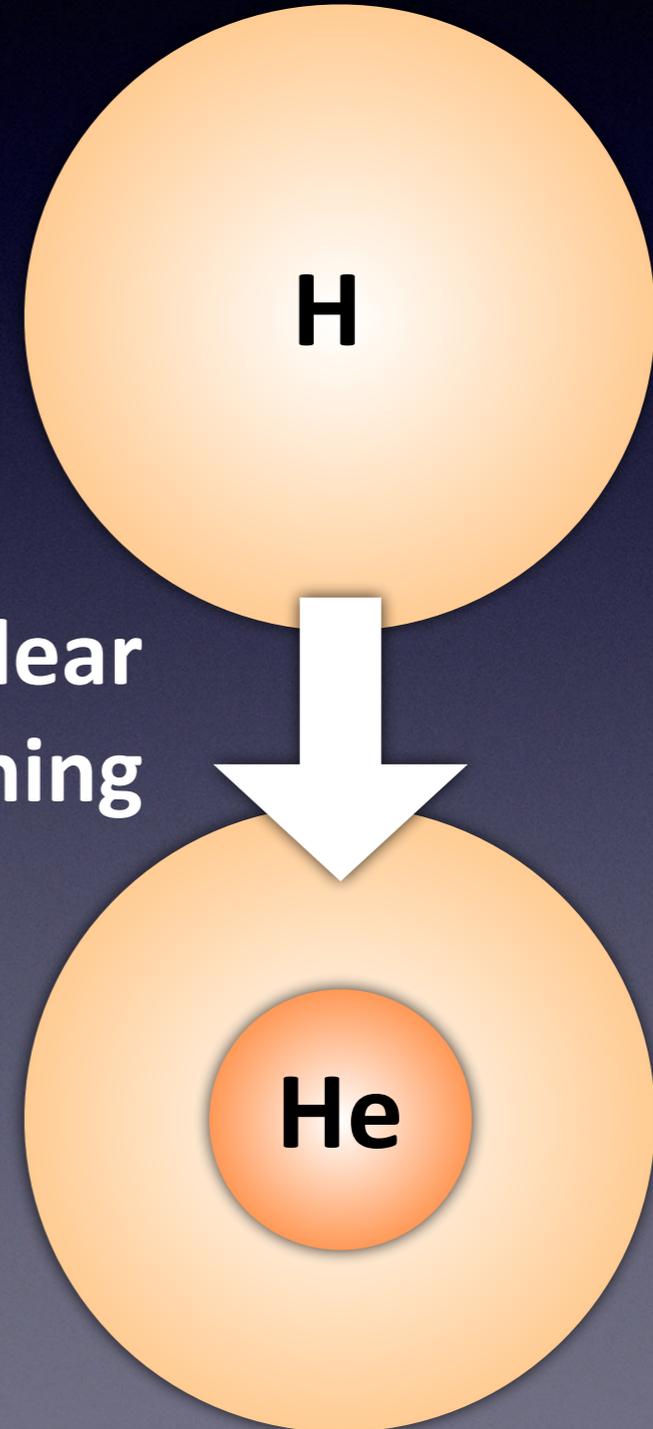
Electronic power consumption in Japan

$1.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ J / year}$

==> Japanese power consumption for  $2 \times 10^7 \text{ yr}$   
= solar radiation in 1 second

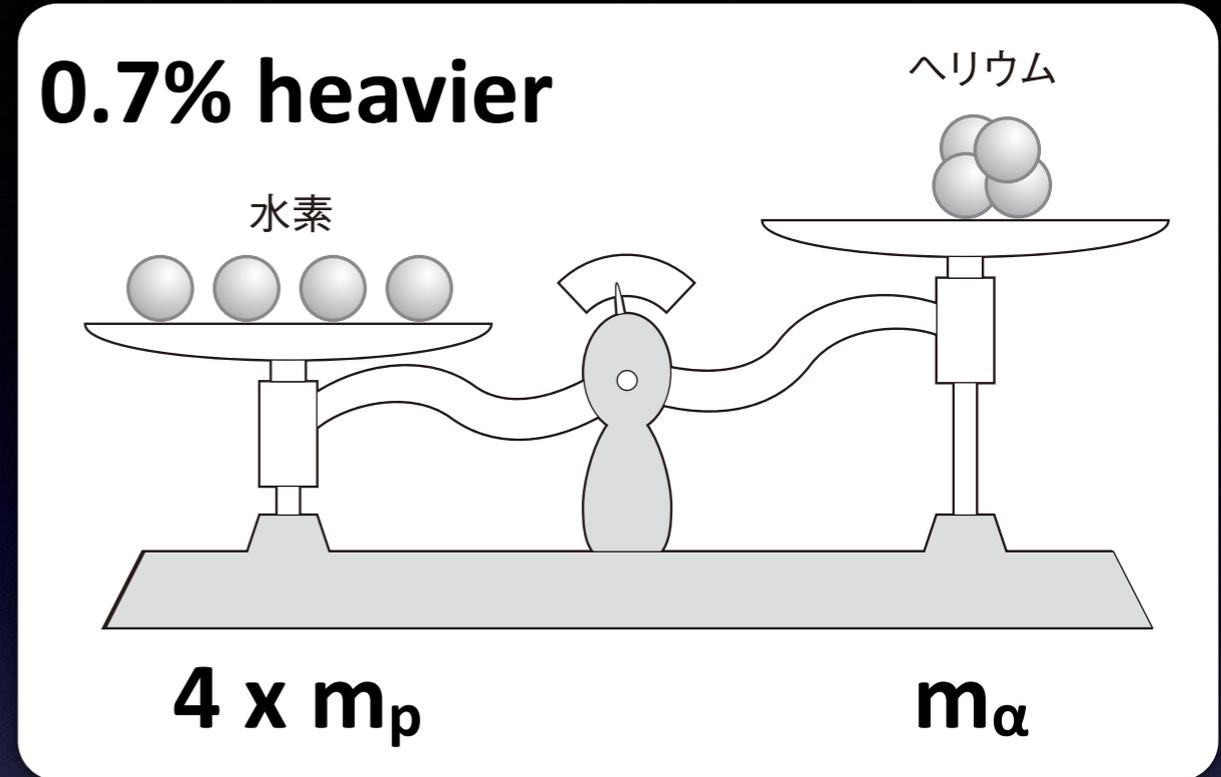


Nuclear  
burning





Energy source:  $E = mc^2$



Q1: How much energy is released for one nucleon? (核子あたり)

$$E = \Delta mc^2$$

Solar mass :  $2 \times 10^{33}$  g

Q2: How much energy does the Sun can produce?

(assume 10% of solar mass can be used for nuclear burning)

Q3: How many years the sun can keep shining?

$$L = 4 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$$

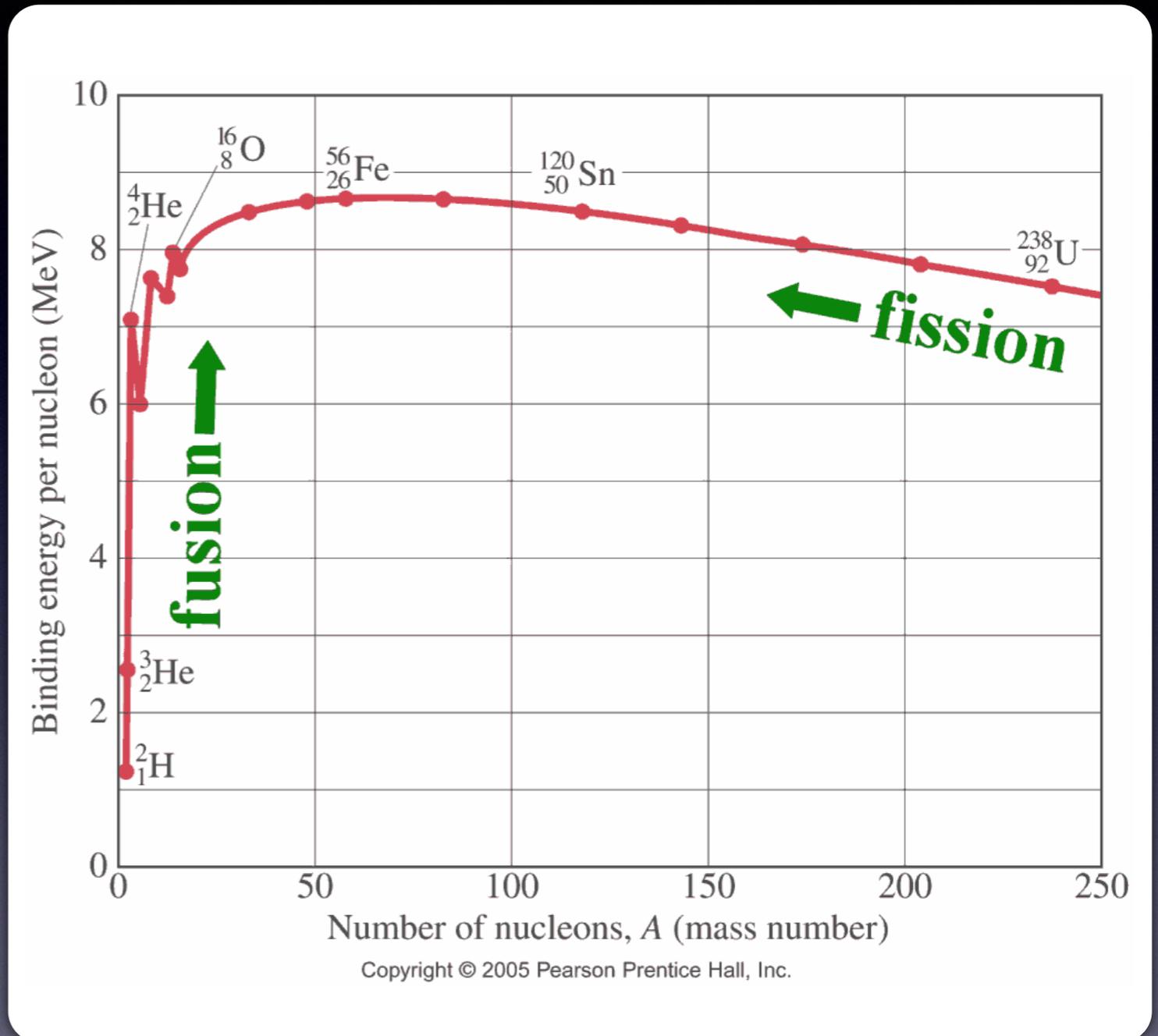
$$1 \text{ yr} \sim 3 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}$$

# Binding energy of nuclei

$$E_b = \frac{[Nm_N + Zm_p - m_i] c^2}{P + n \quad \text{Nuclei}}$$

Higher binding energy  
= strongly “bound”  
= more stable  
= “lighter”

**Fe is the most stable nucleus**





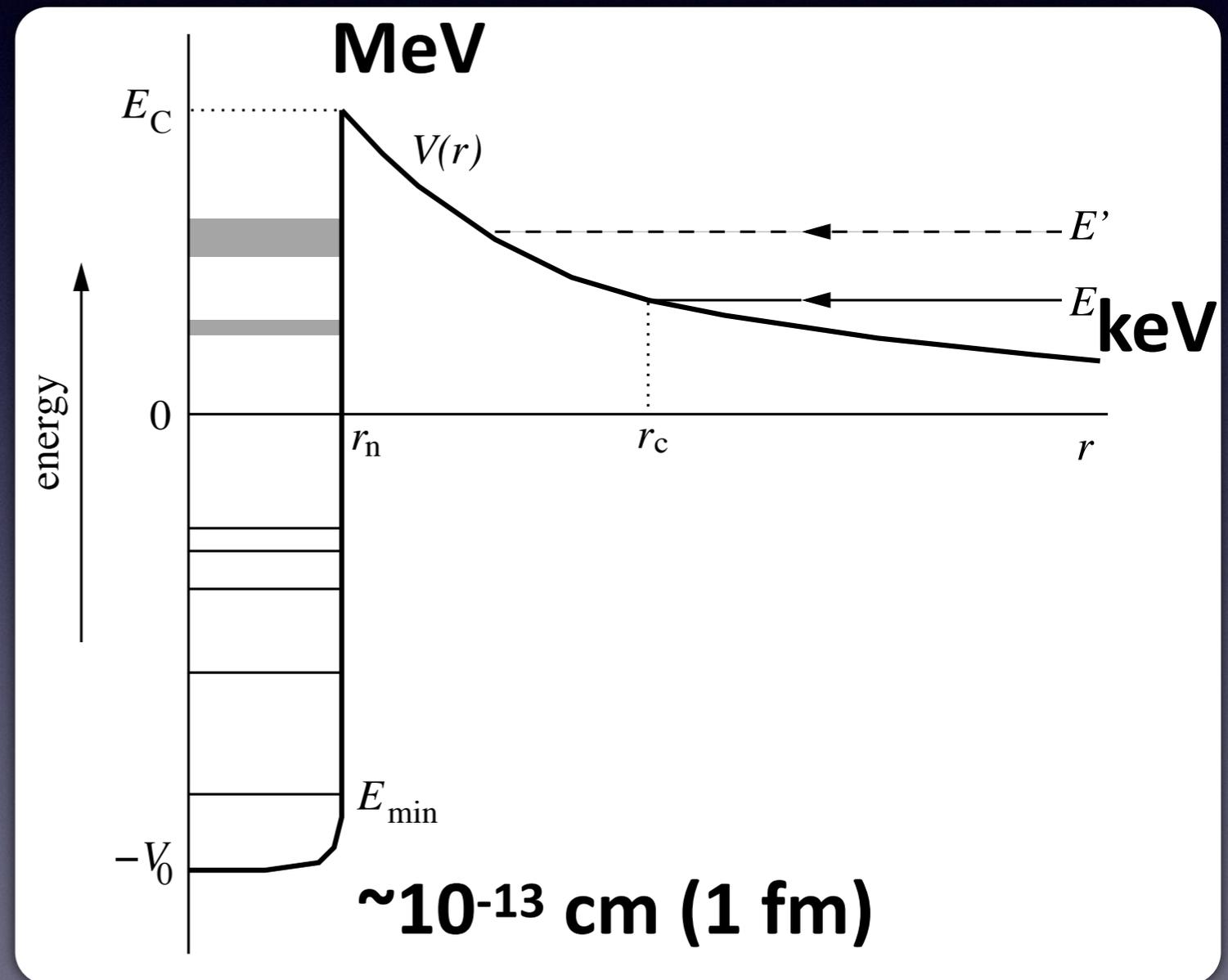
**What is going on at the center of the star?  
How does nuclear burning occurs?**

# Nuclear burning

Coulomb barrier  $E \sim (Z_1 Z_2 e^2)/r \sim 10^6 \text{ eV (MeV)}$

Typical energy of the gas  $E \sim kT \sim 10^3 \text{ eV (keV)} \ll 10^7 \text{ K}$

=> Tunnel effects



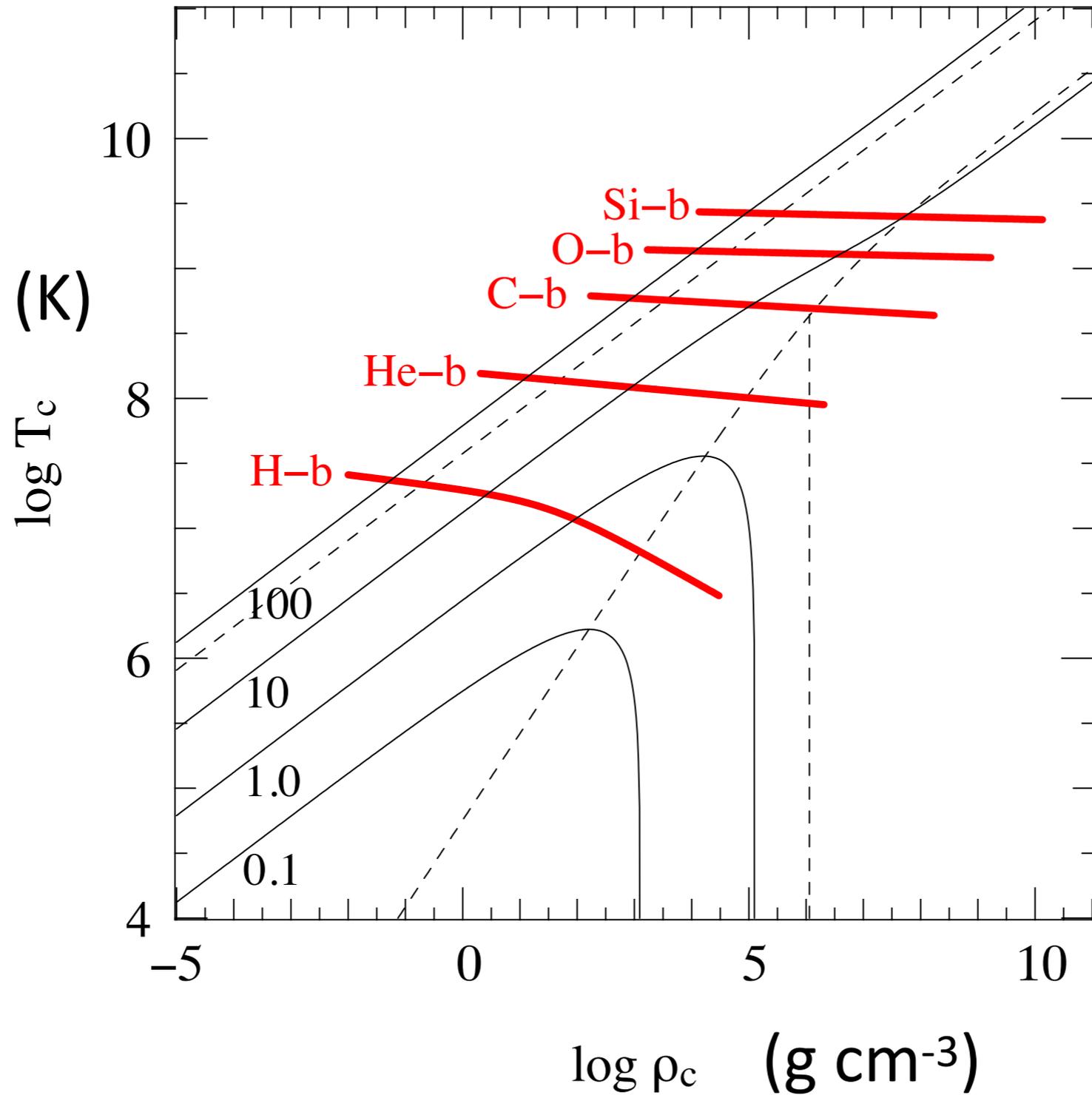
# Condition of H-burning

Fusion  
reactor

$\sim 10^8$  K



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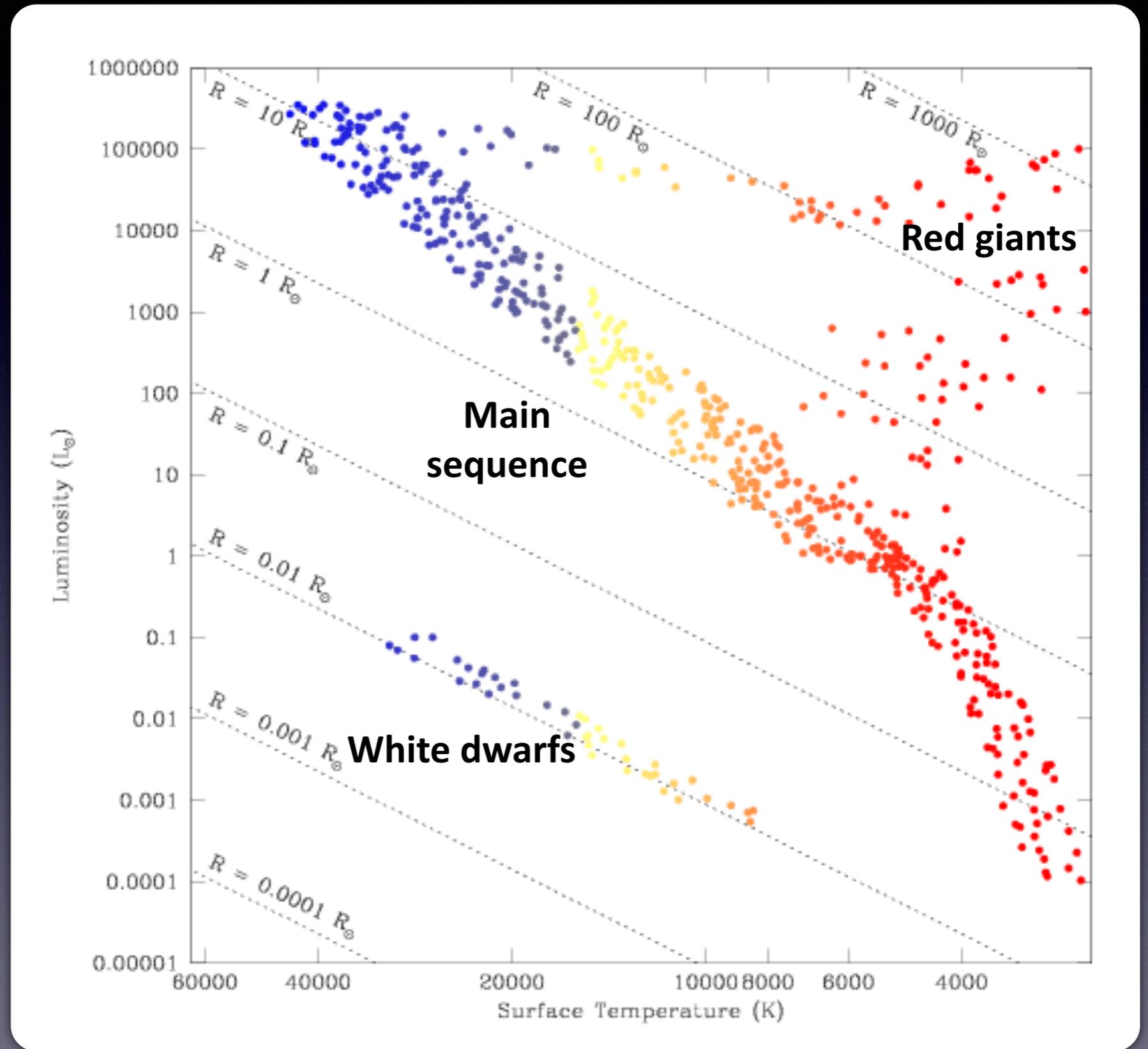


# Hertzsprung-Russel diagram

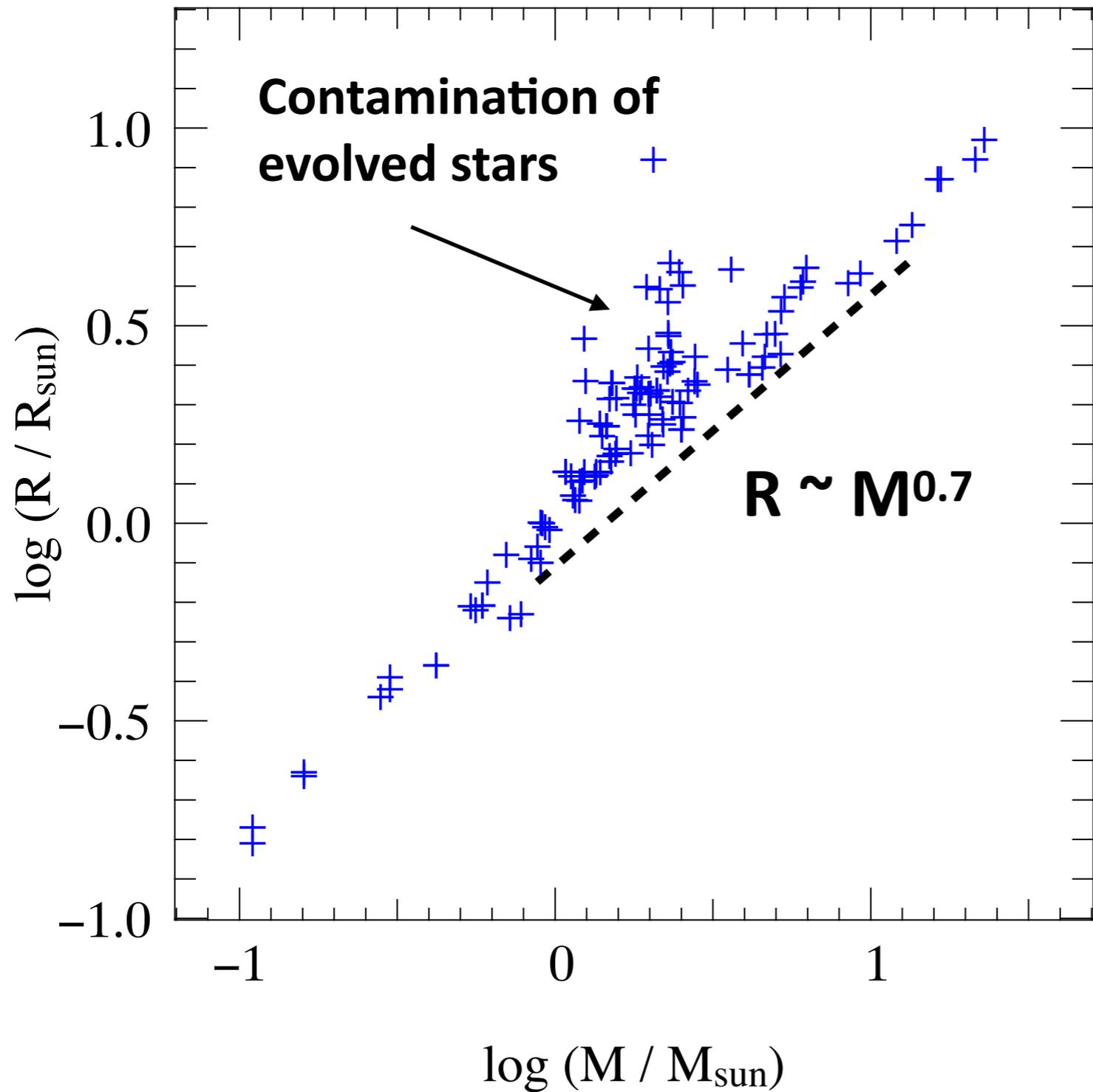
Luminosity



Temperature (K)



# Mass - radius relation for the main sequence



**Outcome of  
the central property  
of the star**

# Summary: Stellar structure and properties (I)

- Energy source of the stars
  - Nuclear burning
  - $E = mc^2$
- Stellar structure
  - Hydrostatic Equilibrium
  - Central temperature of the stars  $T \sim 10^7$  K
  - Require tunnel effects for nuclear burning
- Stellar properties
  - Almost constant central  $T \Rightarrow R \sim M$
  - Observed mass-radius relation ( $R \sim M^{0.7}$ )

# Appendix

# Virial theorem (galaxy clusters)

# Velocity of galaxies in Virgo Cluster

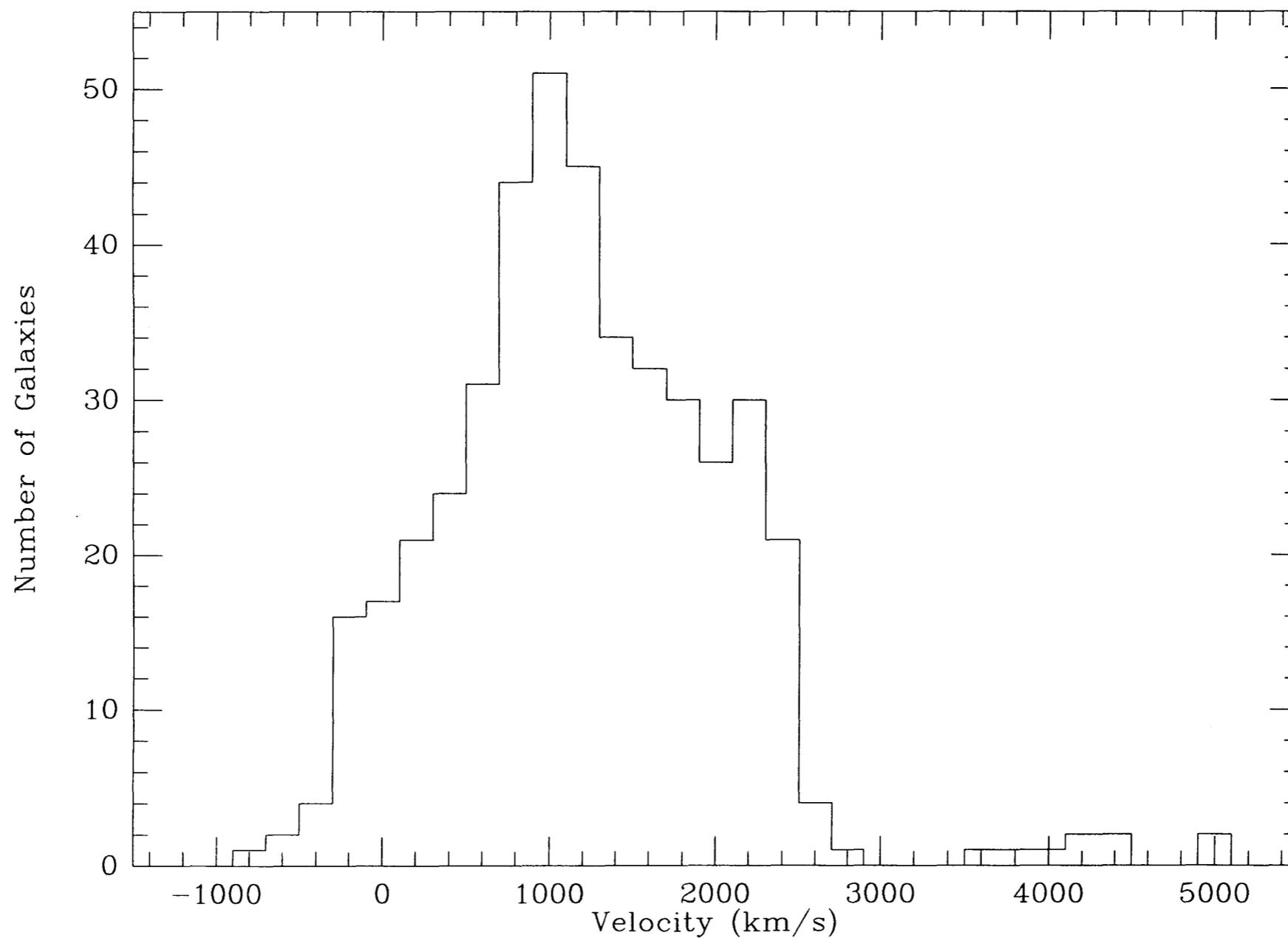
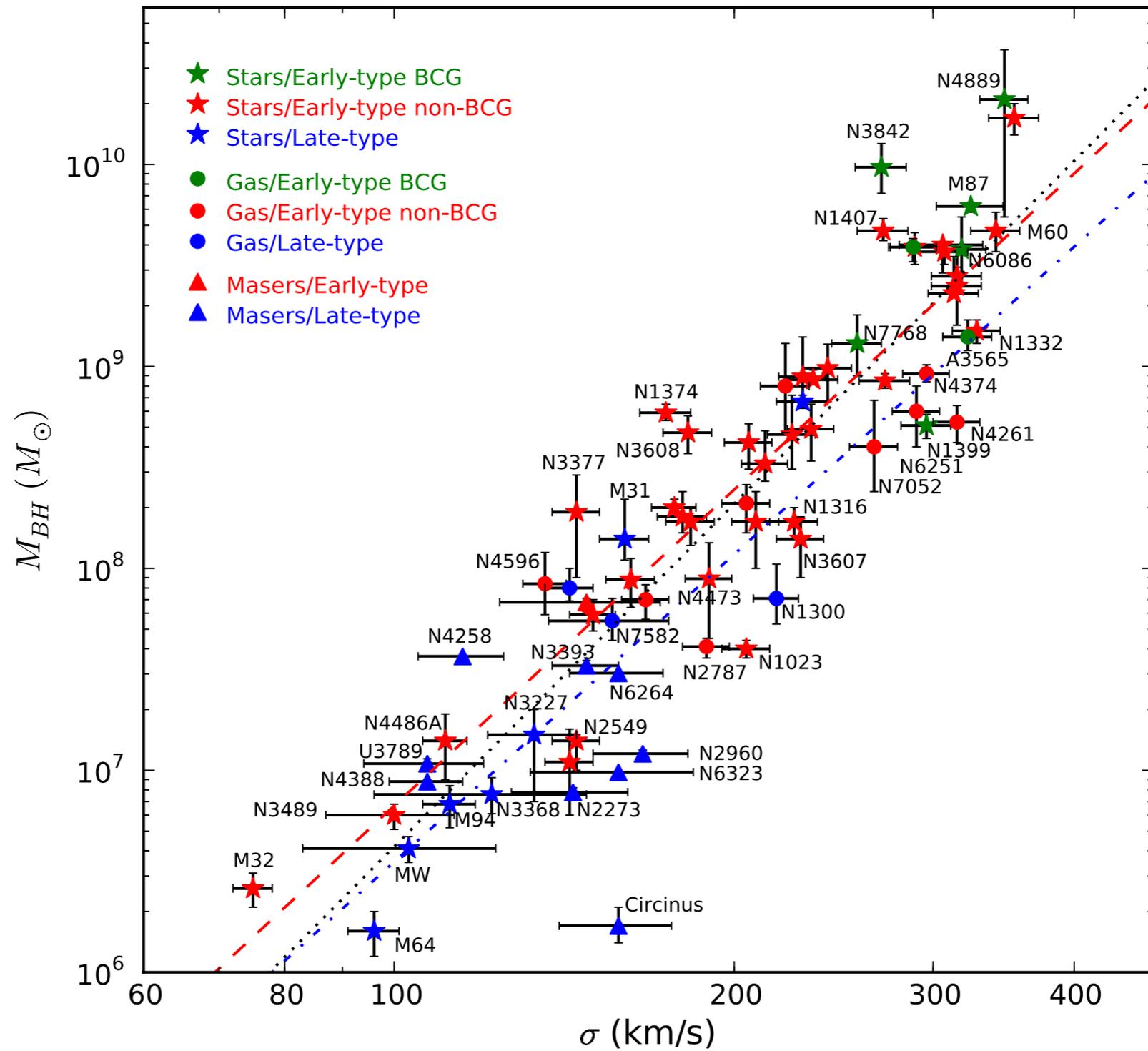


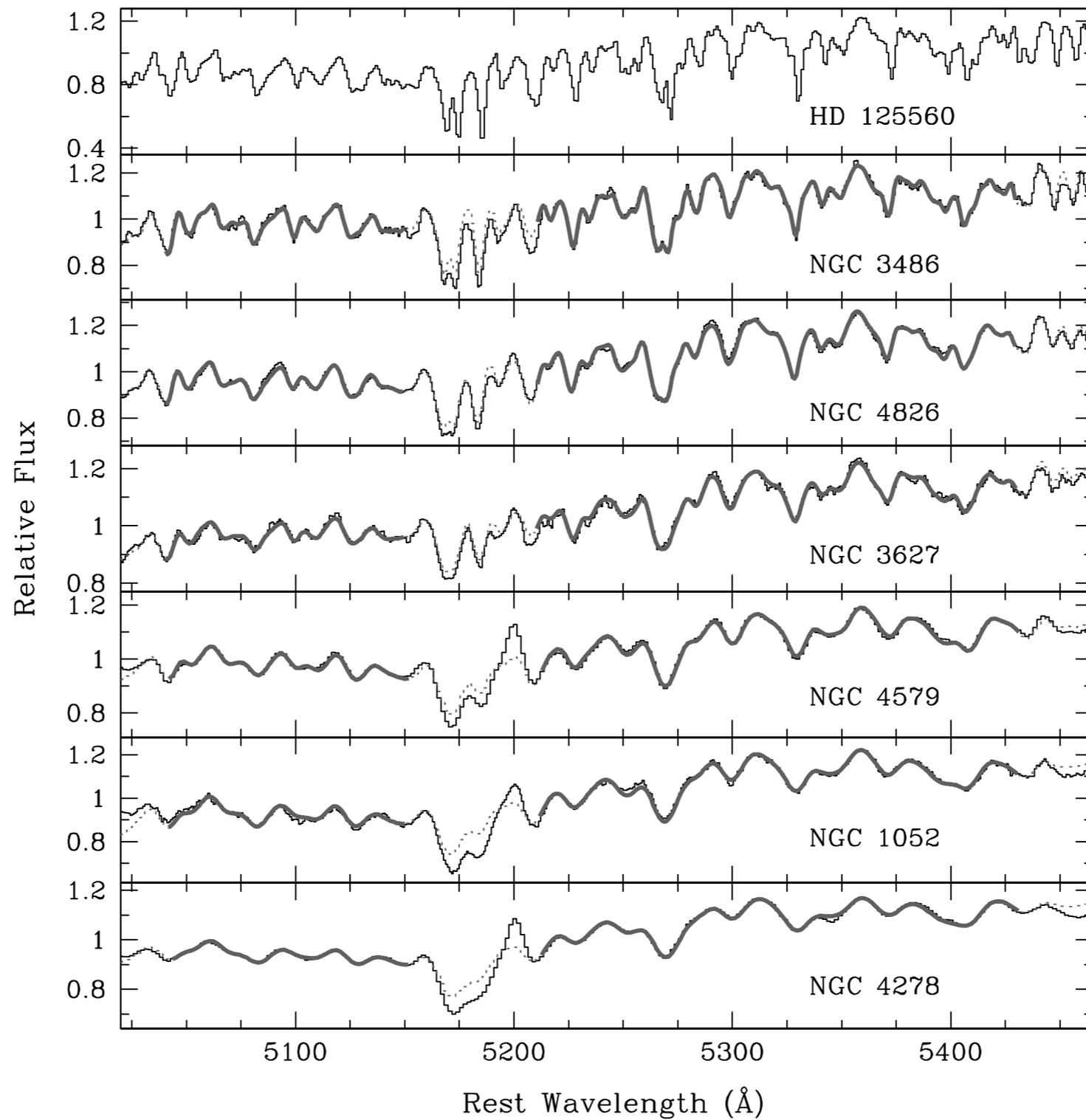
FIG. 1.—Velocity histogram for the Virgo Cluster. Notice the obvious background group at  $\sim 4000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ .

# Virial theorem (galaxies)

# M-sigma relation

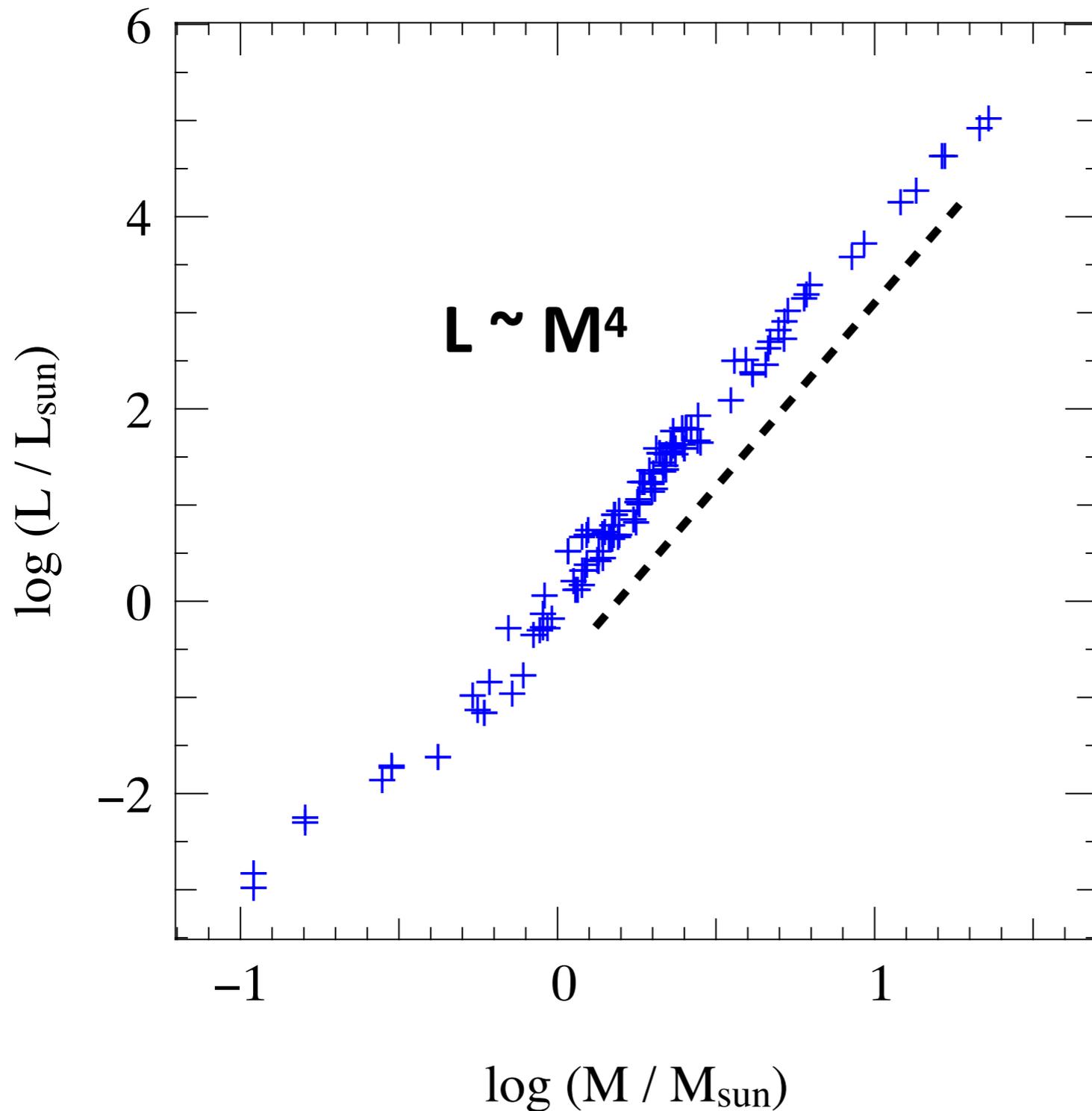


# Velocity dispersion



# Central temperature of stars

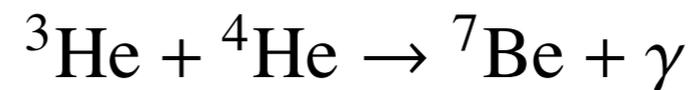
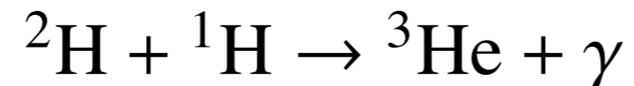
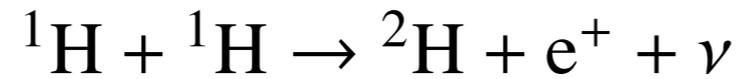
# Mass - luminosity relation of the main sequence stars



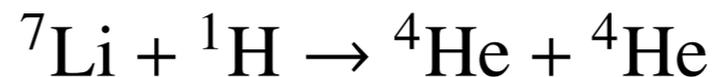
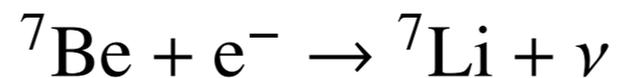
**Star with  $M = 10 M_{\text{sun}}$**   
 **$\Rightarrow L \sim 10^4 L_{\text{sun}}$**   
 **$\Rightarrow$  Lifetime**  
 **$\sim 1/10^3$  of the Sun**  
 **$\sim 10^{10}$  yr (100億年)/ $10^3$**   
 **$\sim 10^7$  yr (1000万年)**

**More massive stars  
have shorter lifetime**

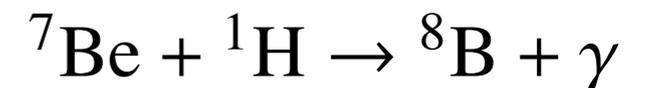
# 1a. H-burning (pp chain)



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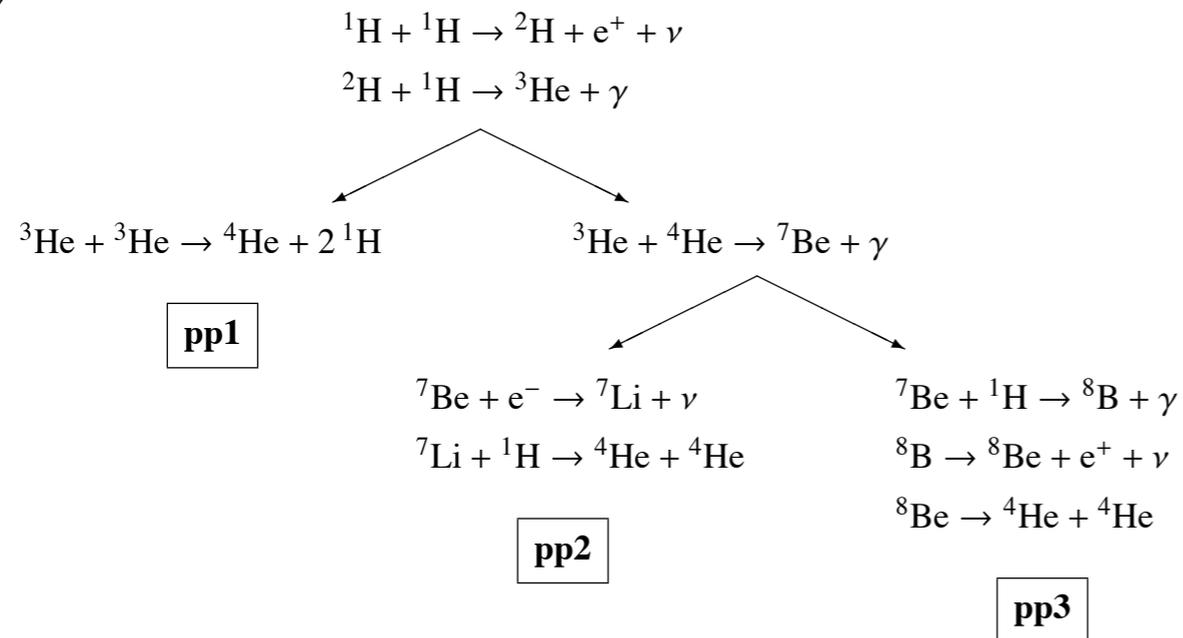


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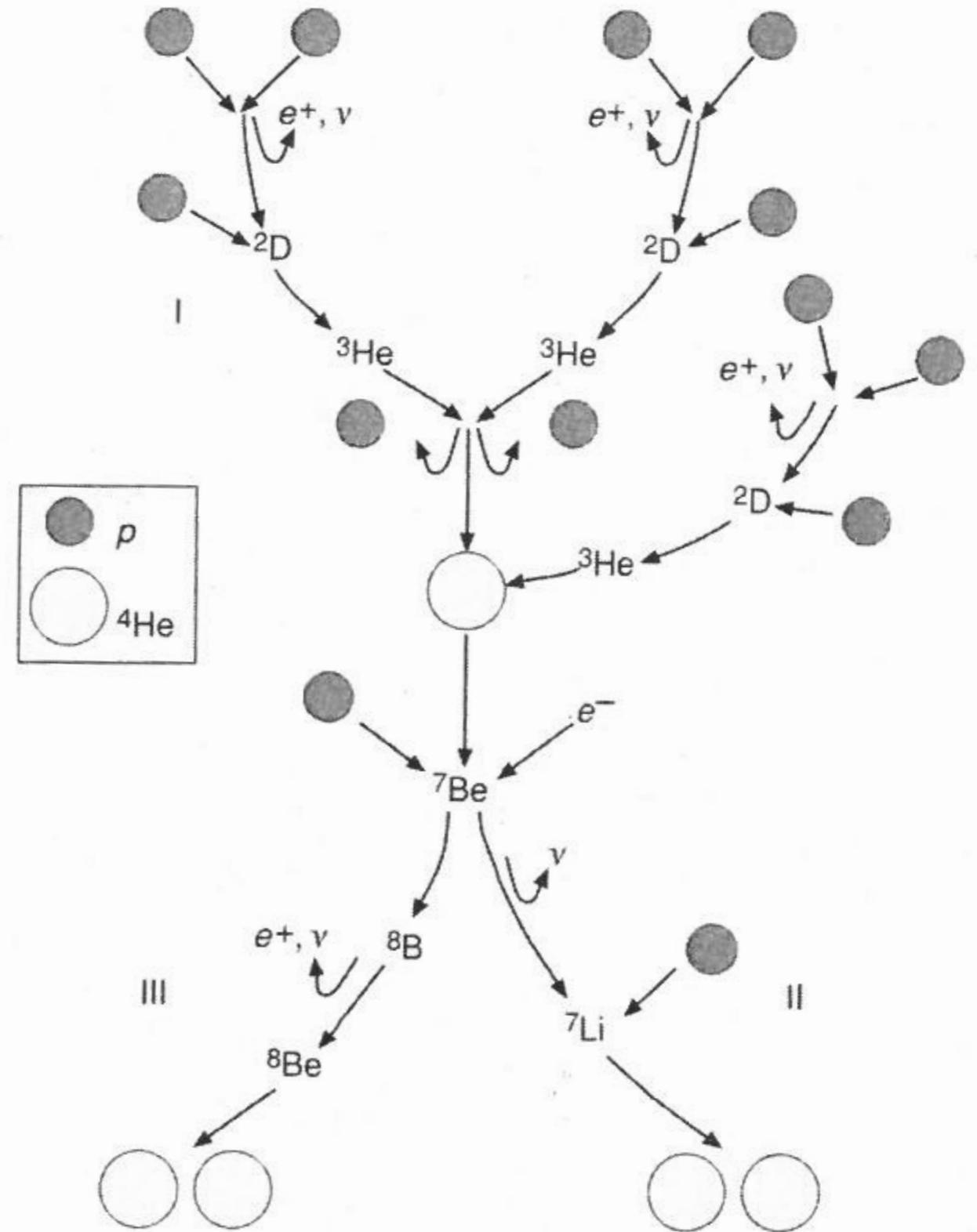
# Energy production rate (per gram)

$$q \sim \rho T^4$$

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



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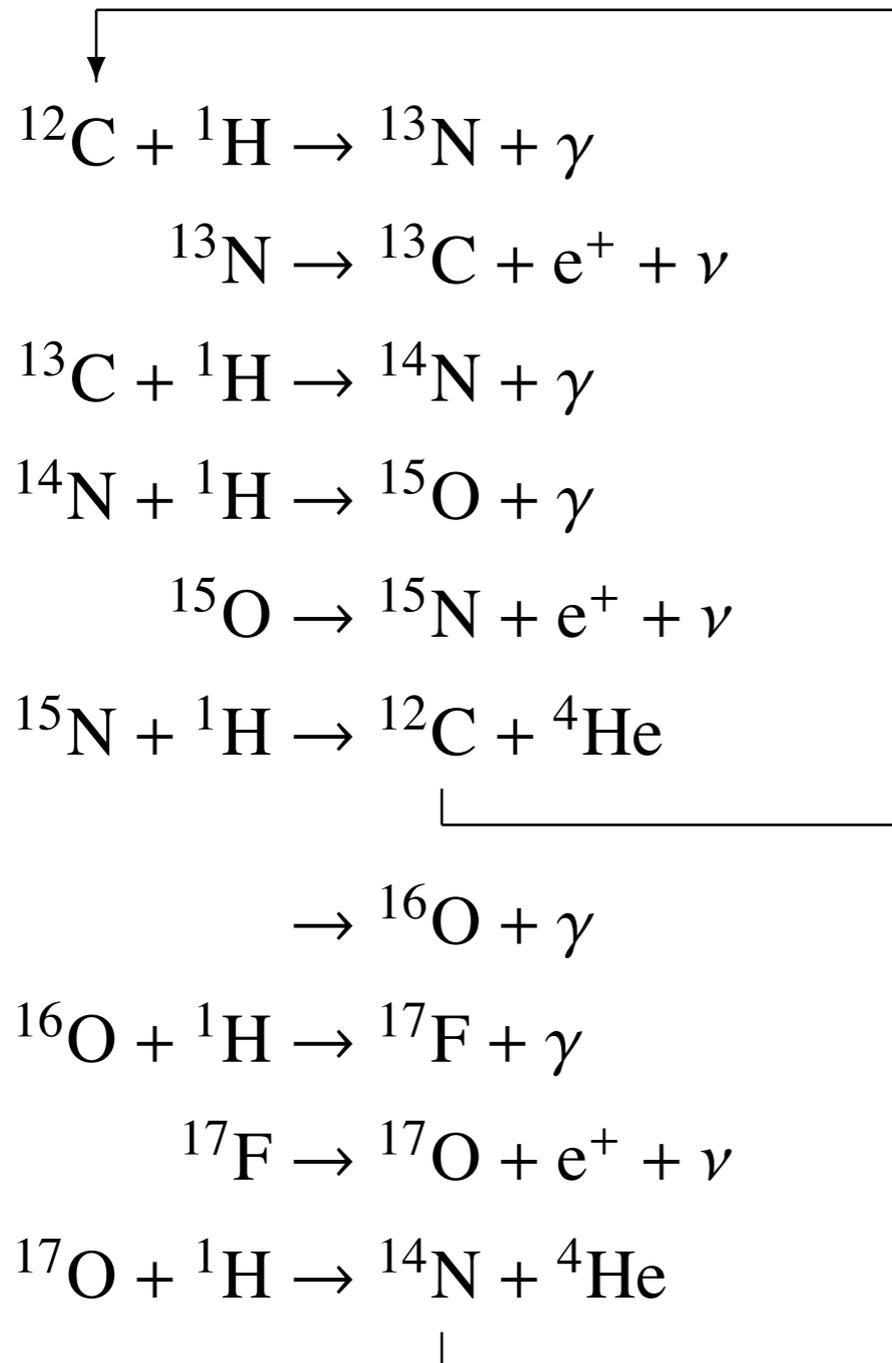


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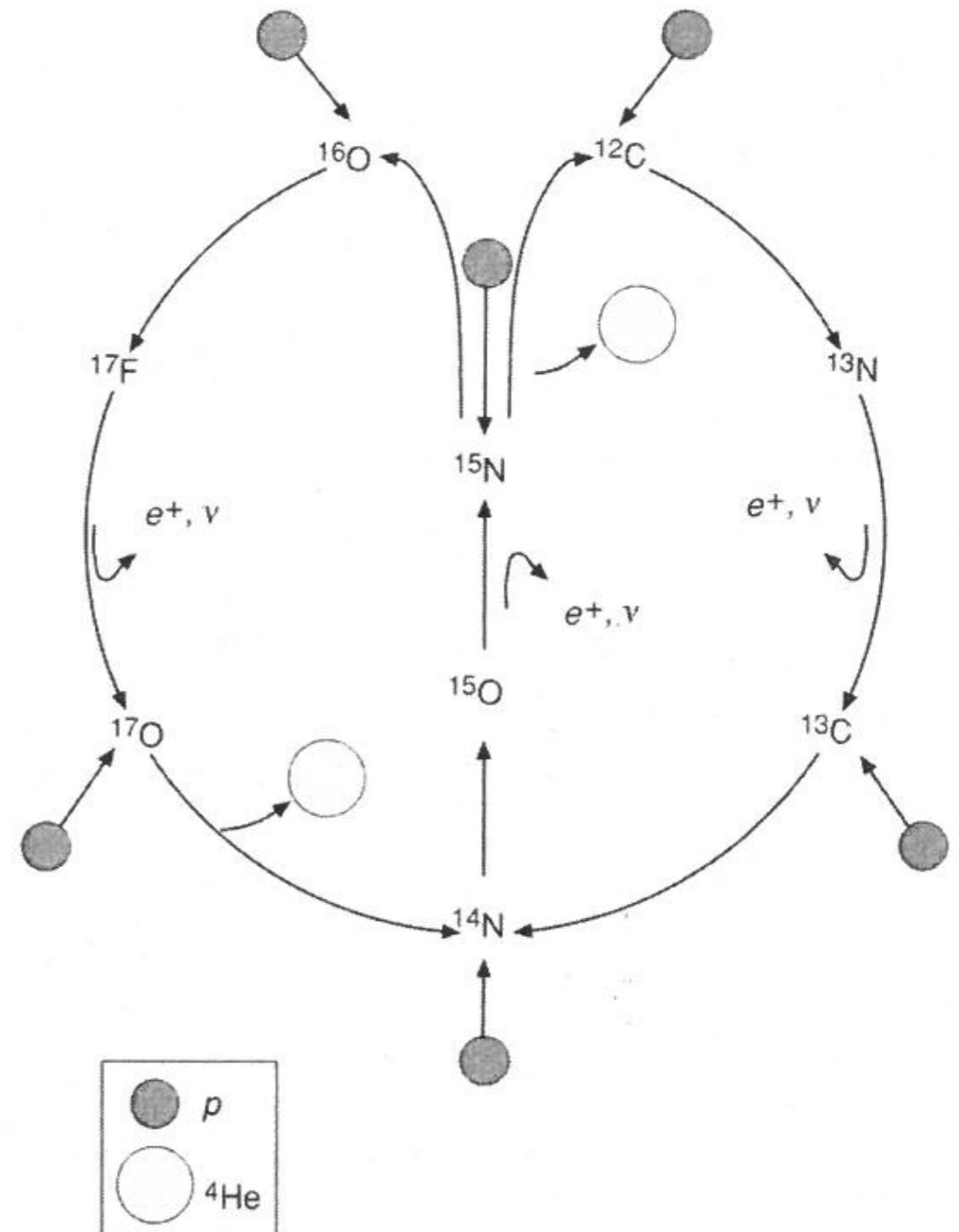
# 1b. H burning (CNO cycle)

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

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



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