

Section 4.

Stellar evolution (I)

4.1 Virial theorem

4.2 Evolution of density and temperature

4.3 Burning stages

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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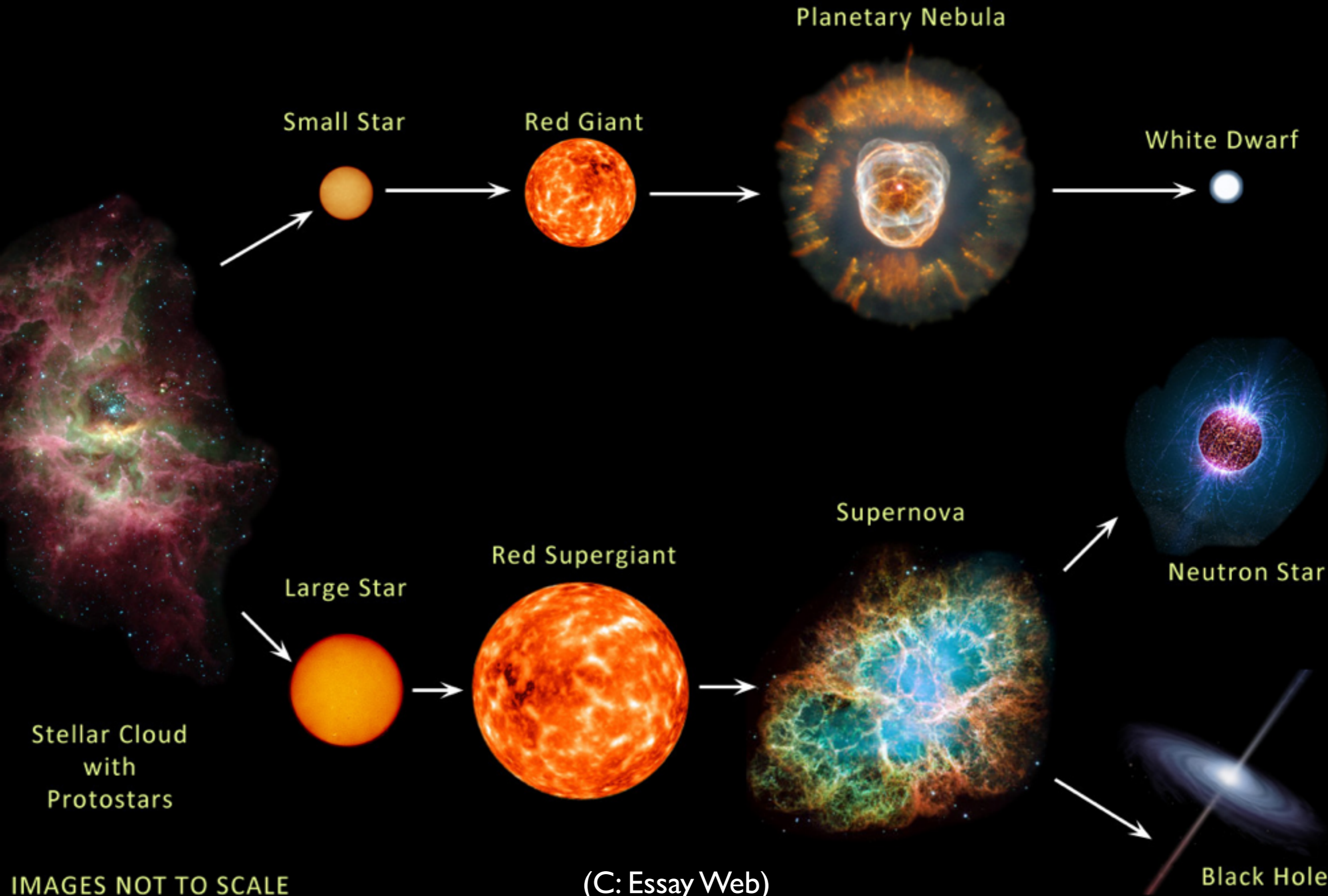
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Stellar life

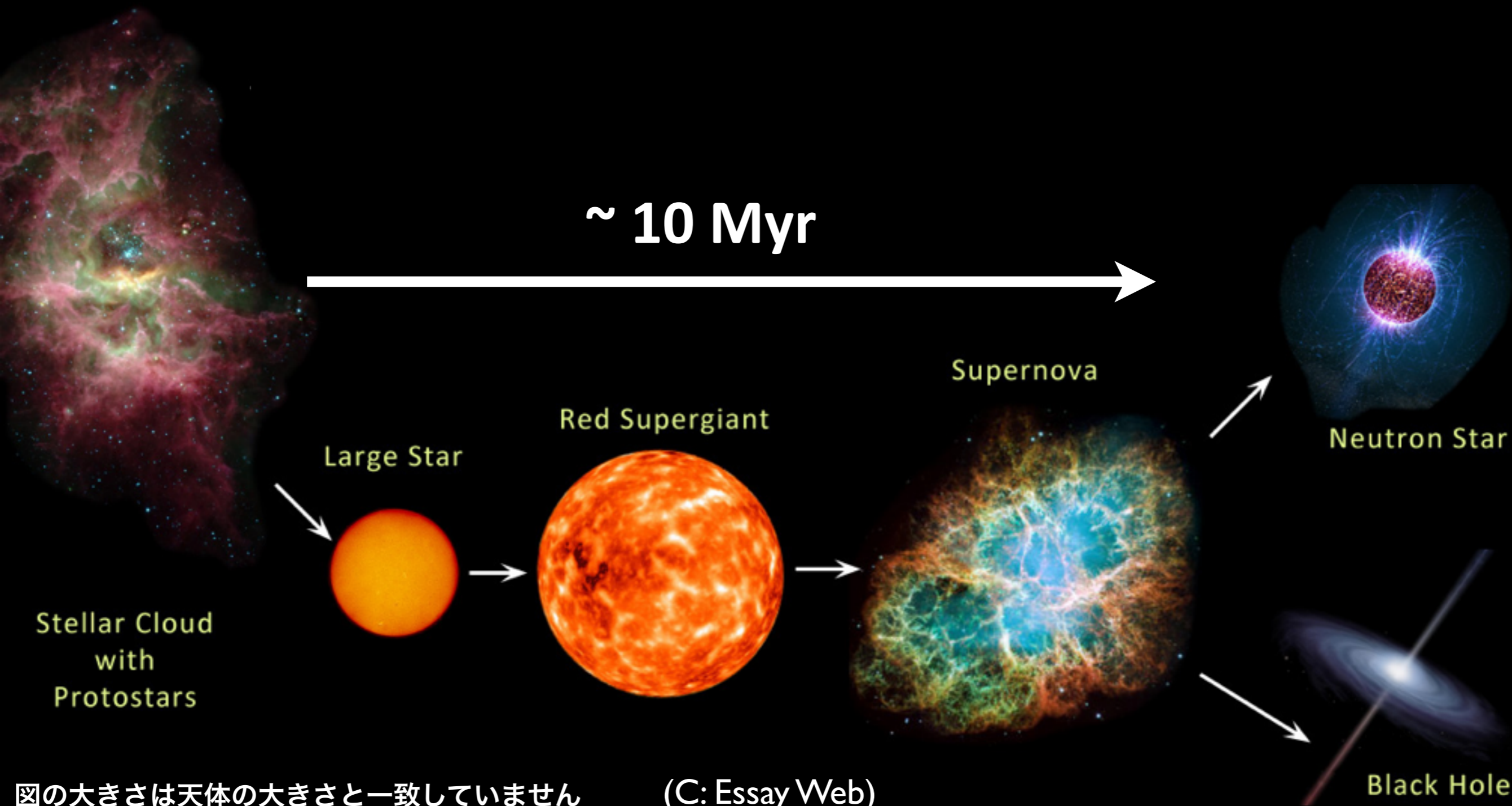


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1. Massive stars

$M > 10 M_{\text{sun}}$



~ 10 Myr

Stellar Cloud
with
Protostars

Large Star

Red Supergiant

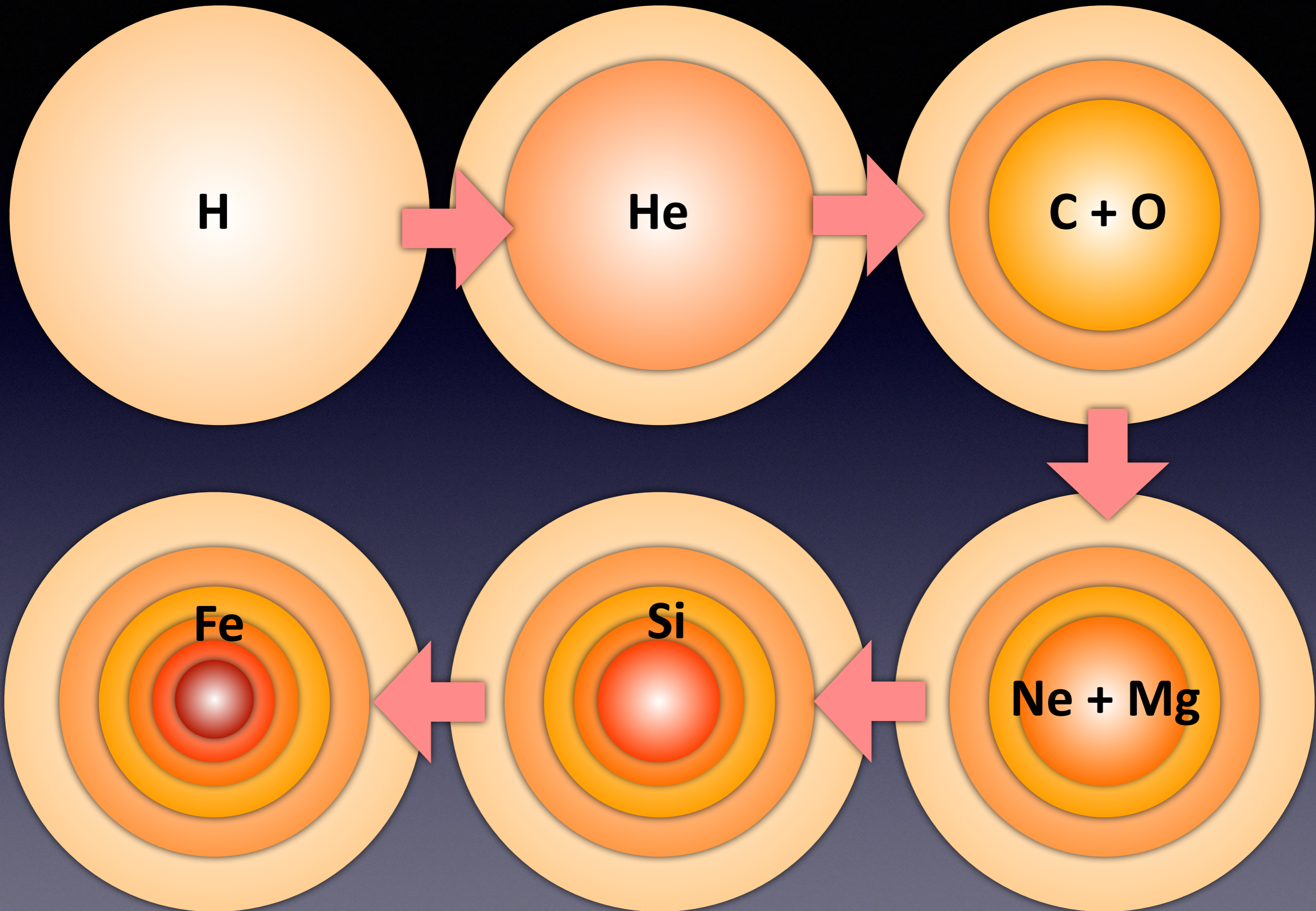
Supernova

Neutron Star

Black Hole

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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_{tot} : Total energy

Ω : Gravitational energy

U : Internal energy

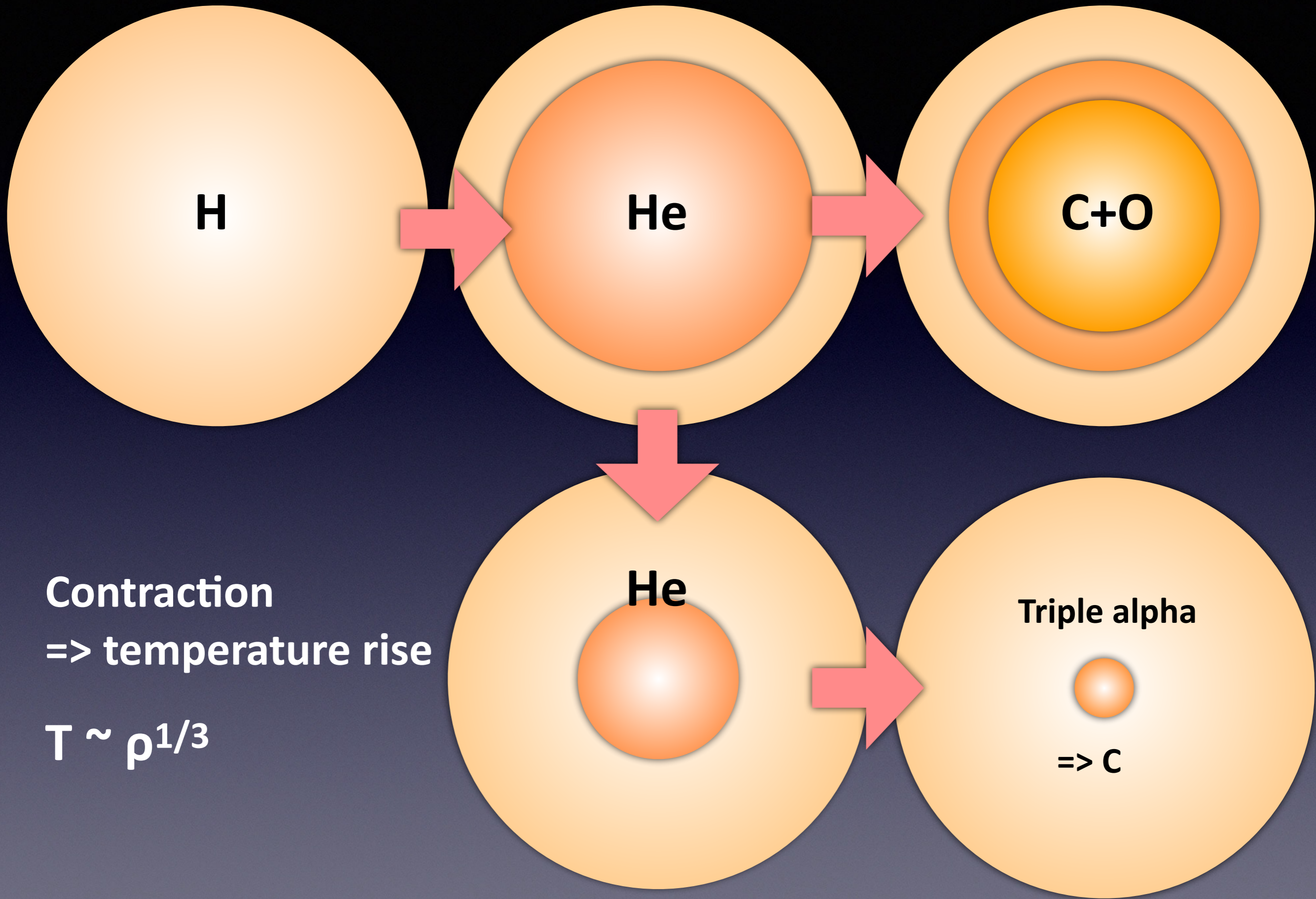
$$U = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega$$

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

No nuclear burning

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

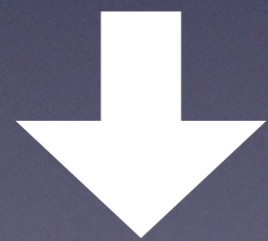




Contraction
=> temperature rise

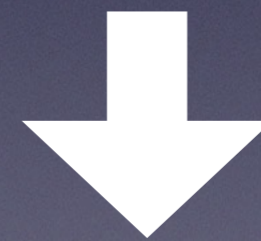
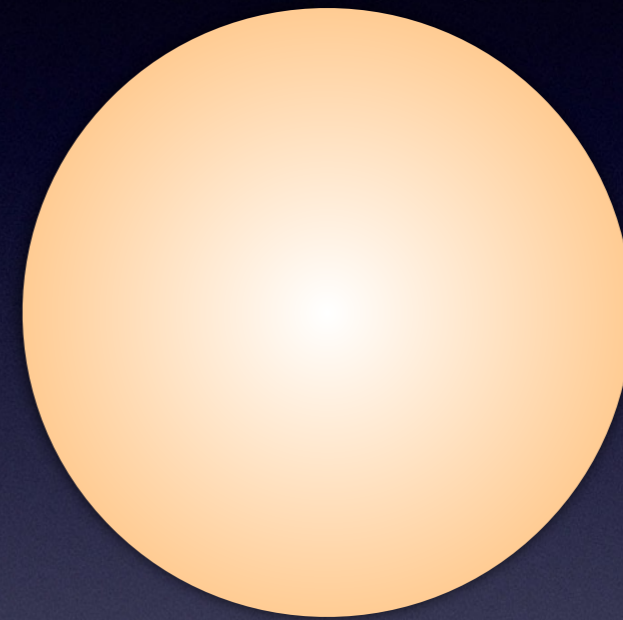
$$T \sim \rho^{1/3}$$

Heated iron



Gets colder

stars



Gets hotter

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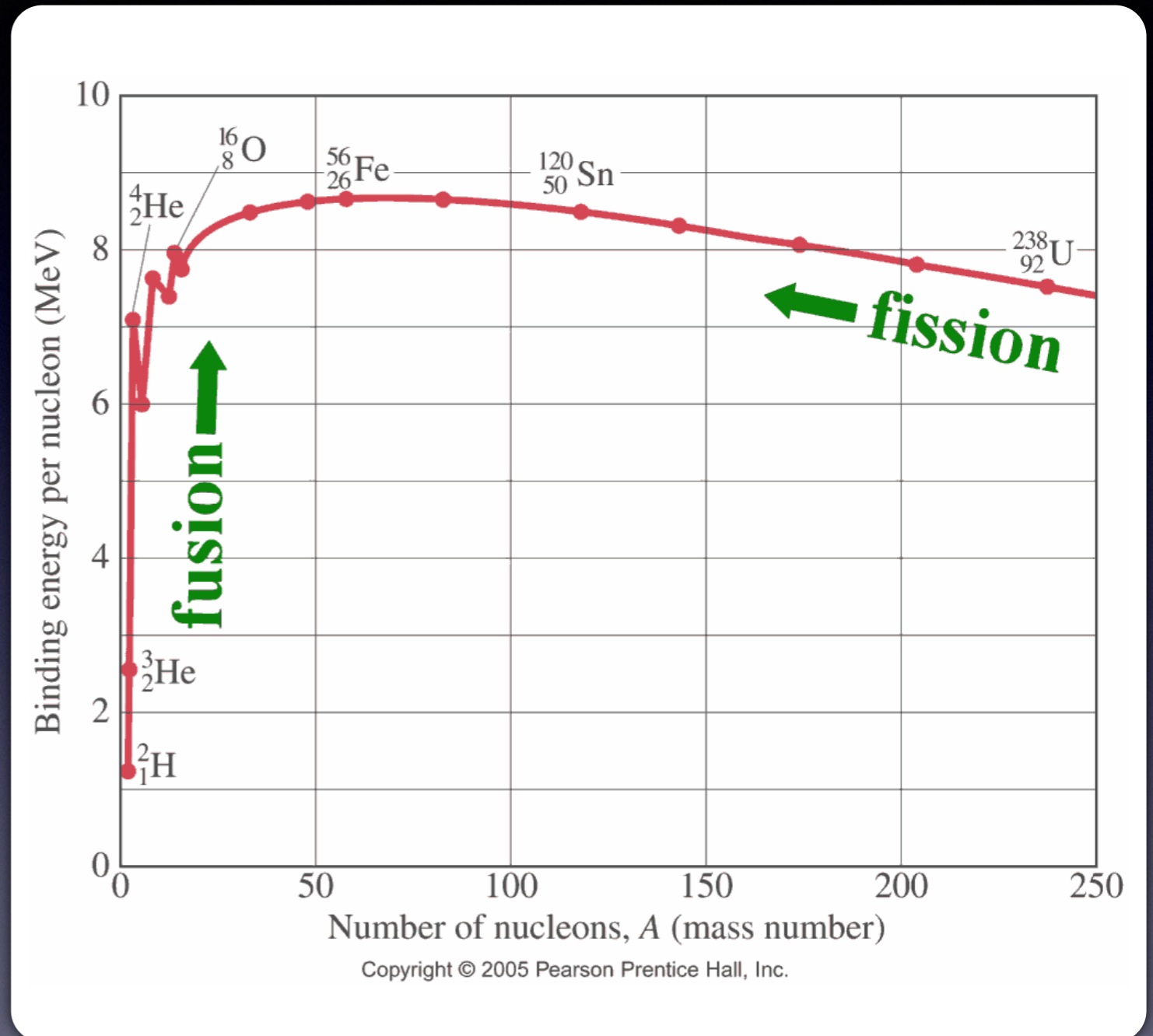
4.3 Burning stages

Nuclear binding energy

$$E_b = [Nm_N + Zm_p - m_i] c^2 > 0$$

Larger binding energy
= more stable

Fe has the largest
 $E_b/\text{nucleon}$



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 | $3{}^4\text{He} \longrightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}$ ${}^{12}\text{C} + {}^4\text{He} \longrightarrow {}^{16}\text{O} + \gamma$ | ${}^{12}\text{C}$ ${}^{16}\text{O}$ | 1.5 |
| C | ${}^{12}\text{C} + {}^{12}\text{C} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} {}^{23}\text{Na} + \text{p} \\ {}^{20}\text{Ne} + \alpha \end{cases}$ | Ne, Na Mg, Al | 7 |
| Ne | ${}^{20}\text{Ne} + \gamma \longrightarrow {}^{16}\text{O} + \alpha$ ${}^{20}\text{Ne} + \alpha \longrightarrow {}^{24}\text{Mg} + \gamma$ | O Mg | 15 |
| O | ${}^{16}\text{O} + {}^{16}\text{O} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} {}^{28}\text{Si} + \alpha \\ {}^{31}\text{P} + \text{p} \end{cases}$ | Si, P, S, Cl, Ar, Ca | 30 |
| Si | ${}^{28}\text{Si} + \gamma \longrightarrow {}^{24}\text{Mg} + \alpha$ ${}^{24}\text{Mg} + \gamma \longrightarrow \begin{cases} {}^{23}\text{Na} + \text{p} \\ {}^{20}\text{Ne} + \alpha \end{cases}$ 多くの反応 \longrightarrow 統計平衡 | Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu | 40 |

Nuclear statistical equilibrium

元素はいかにつくられたか (岩波書店)



ρ -T plane

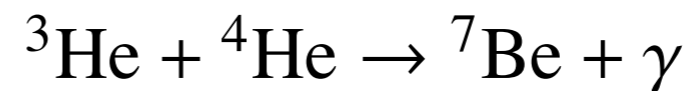
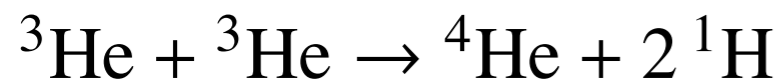
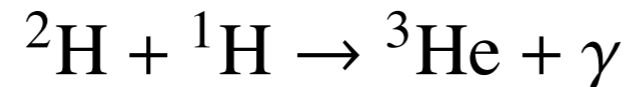
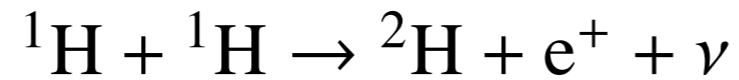
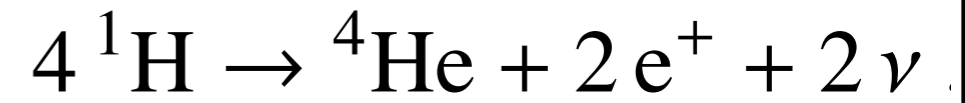
密度 - 温度平面

Summary: Stellar evolution (I)

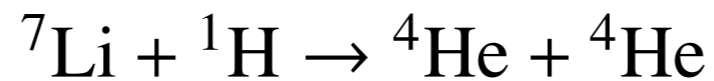
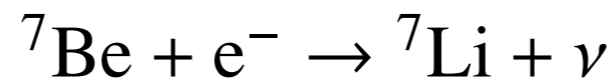
- Virial theorem (for ideal gas case)
 - Internal energy always relates with gravitational energy
 - When stars lose energy, they contract
 - Temperature rises (“negative heat capacity”)
- Evolution of density and temperature
 - Rise in temperature due to contraction $T \sim \rho^{1/3}$
 - Next burning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

Appendix

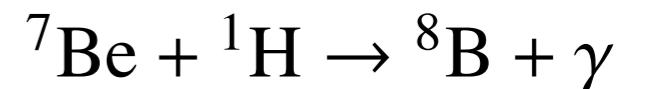
1a. H-burning (pp chain)



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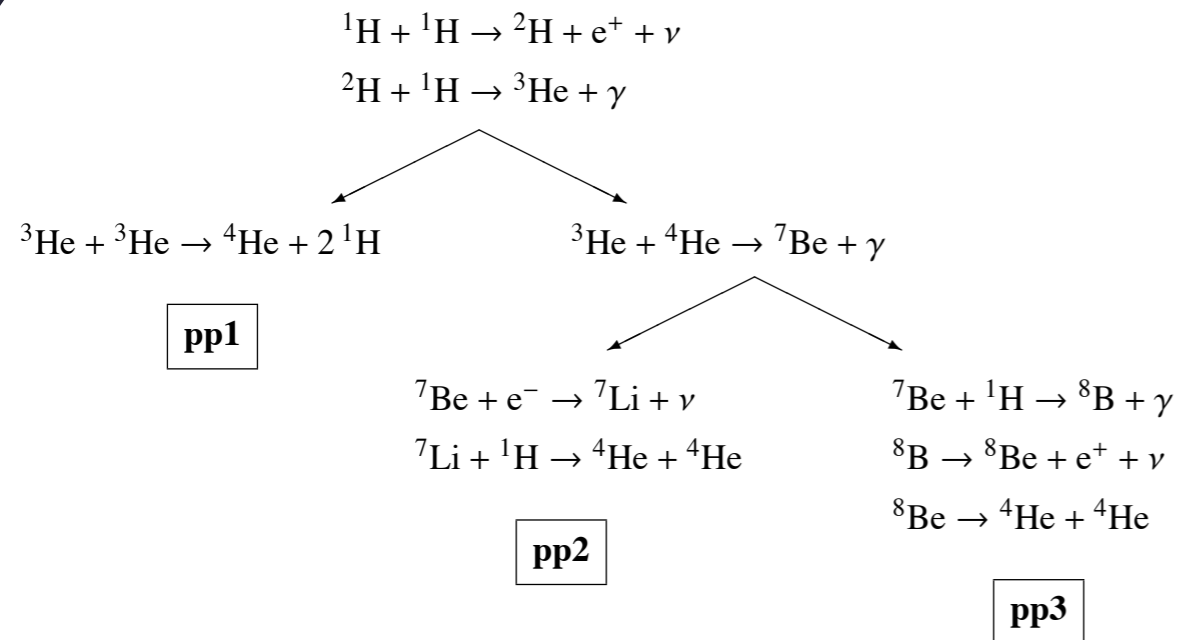


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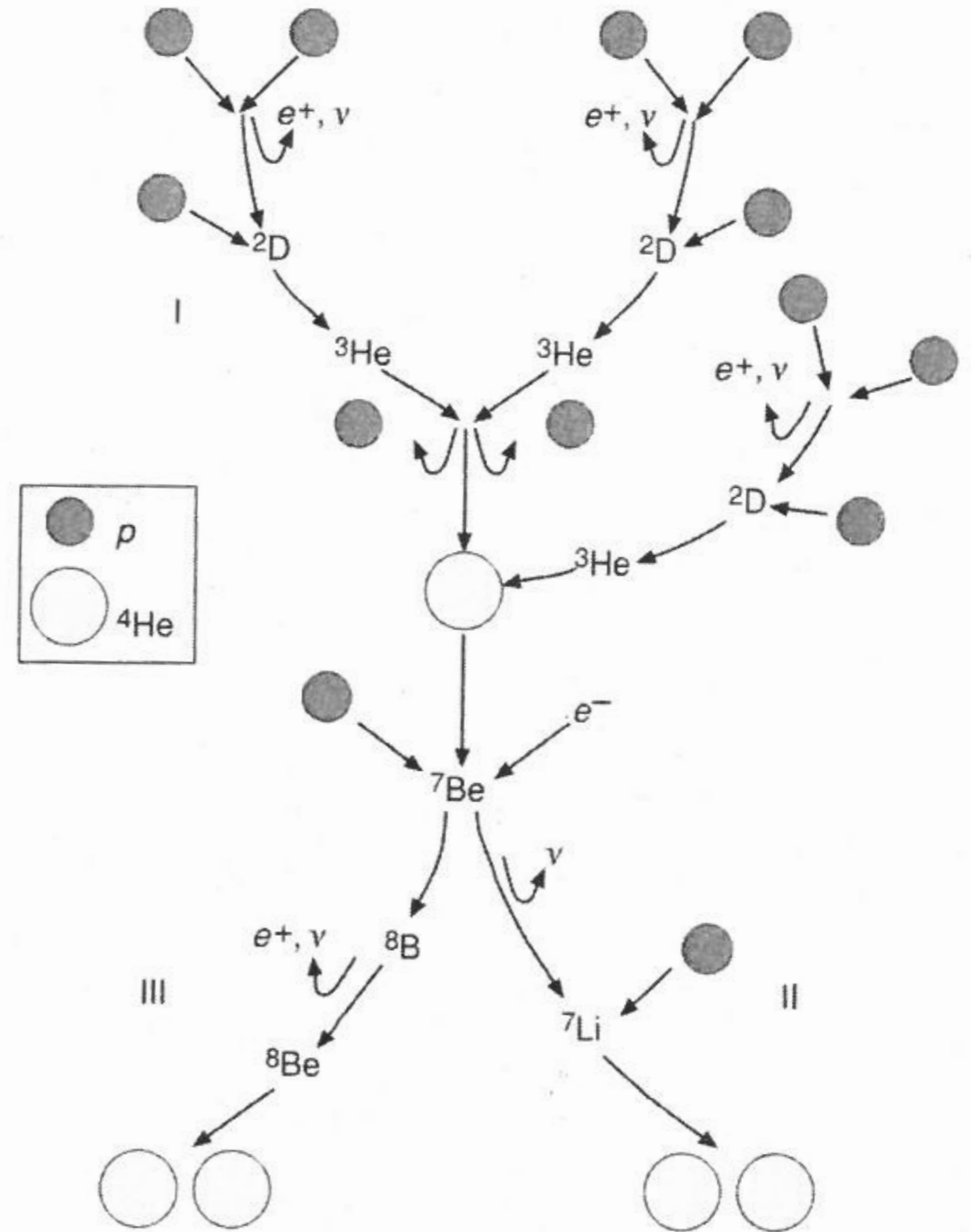
Energy production rate (per gram)

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

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



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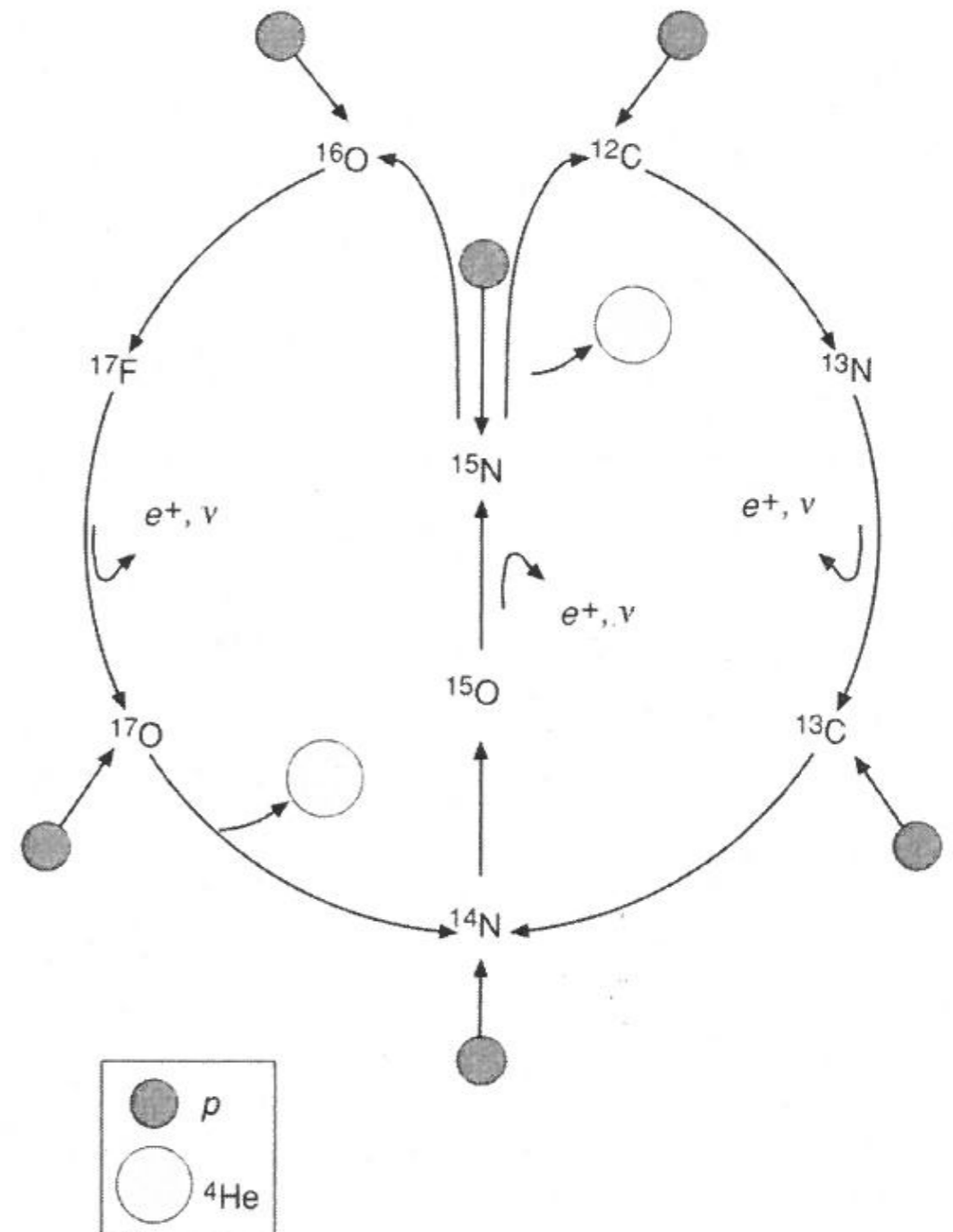
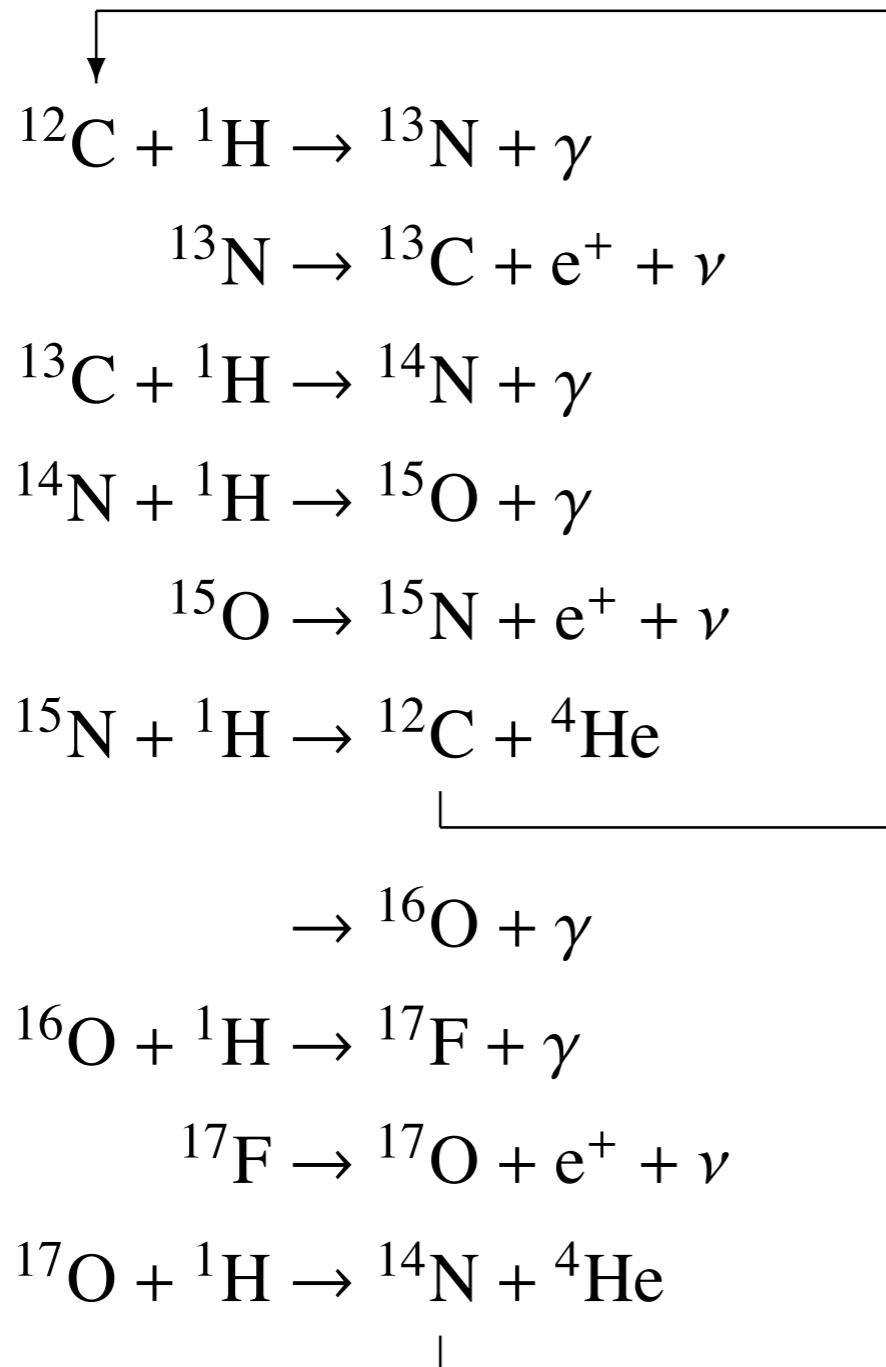


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1b. H burning (CNO cycle)

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

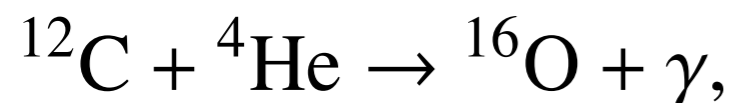
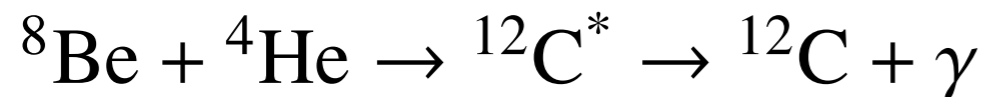
$T \sim 1.5 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$



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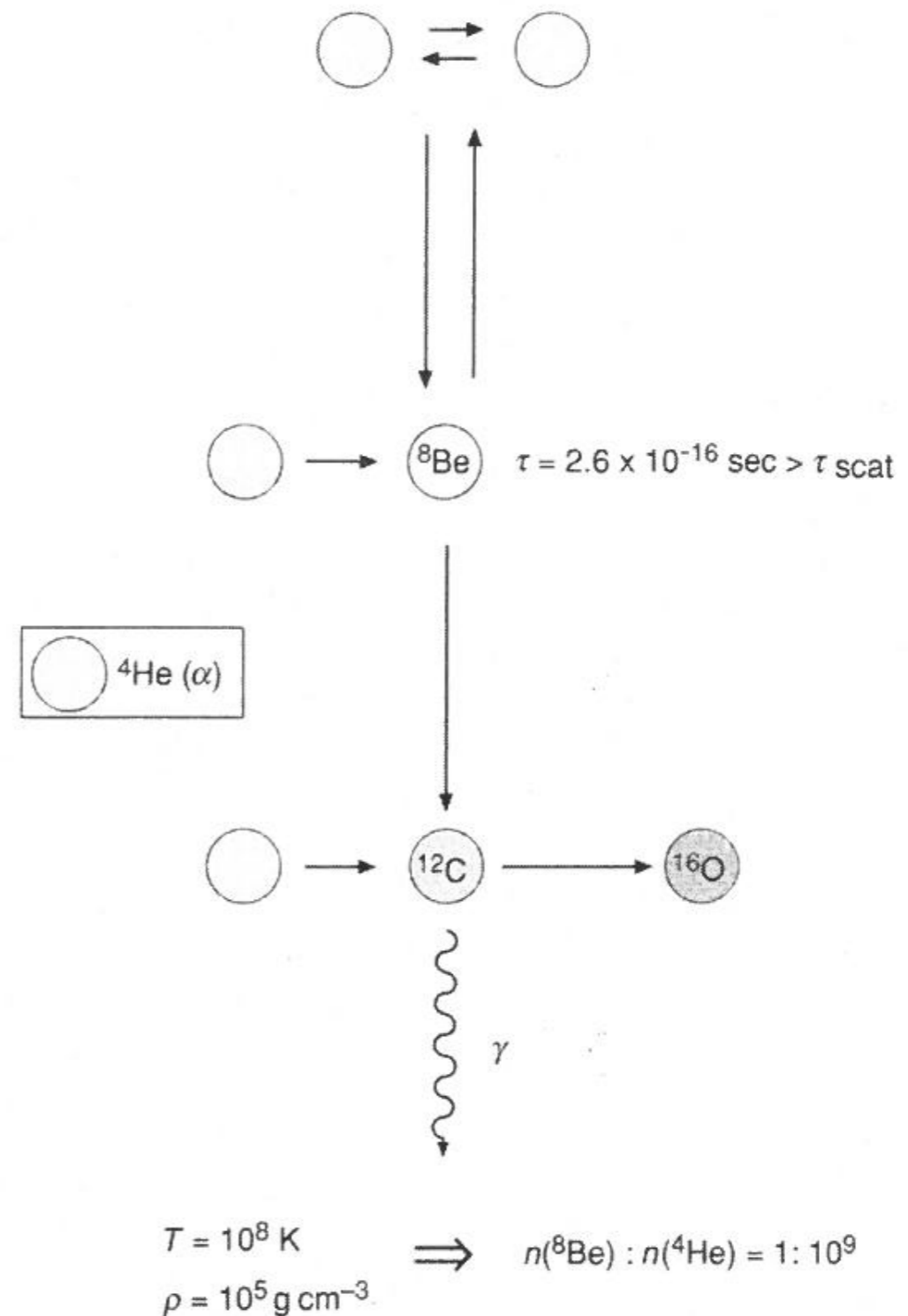
2. He-burning (triple alpha)



Energy production rate
(per gram)

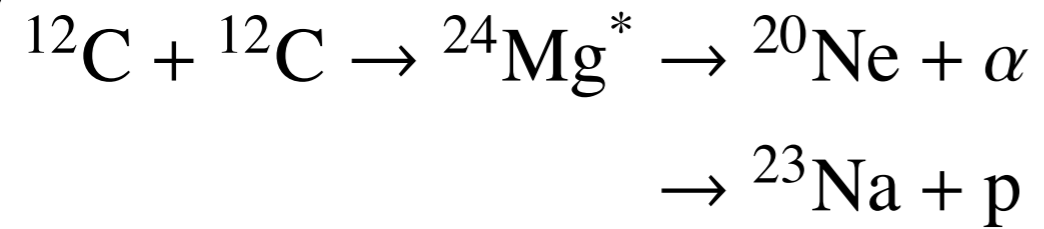
$$q \sim \rho^2 T^{40}$$

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



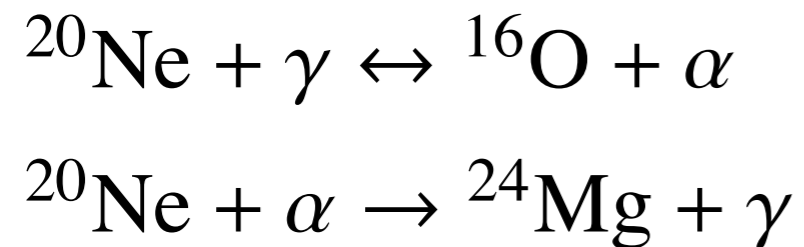
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3. C-burning



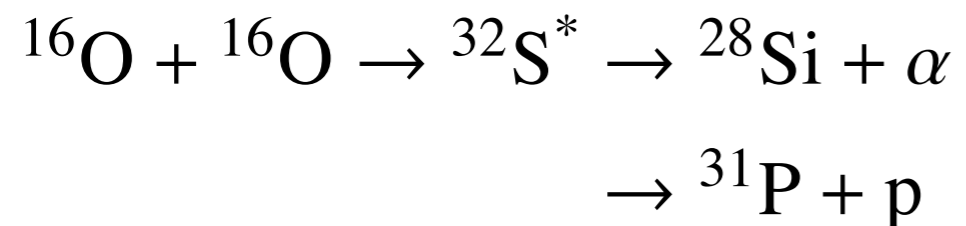
$$T \sim 7 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$$

4. Ne-burning



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

5. O-burning

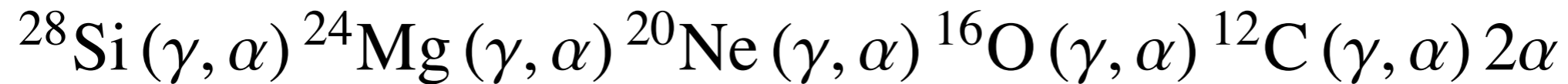


$$T \sim 2\text{-}3 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$$

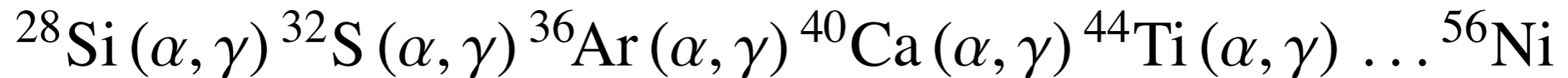
6. Si-burning (Nuclear statistical equilibrium)

$T > 4 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$

High temperature => photo-dissociation

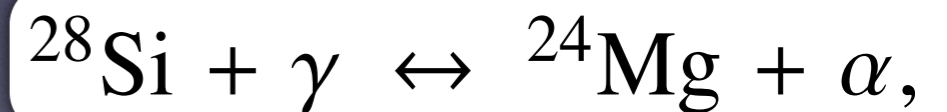


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=> equilibrium of many reactions

(Ex.)



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