



Stars:

Part I: The Building Blocks

of the Universe



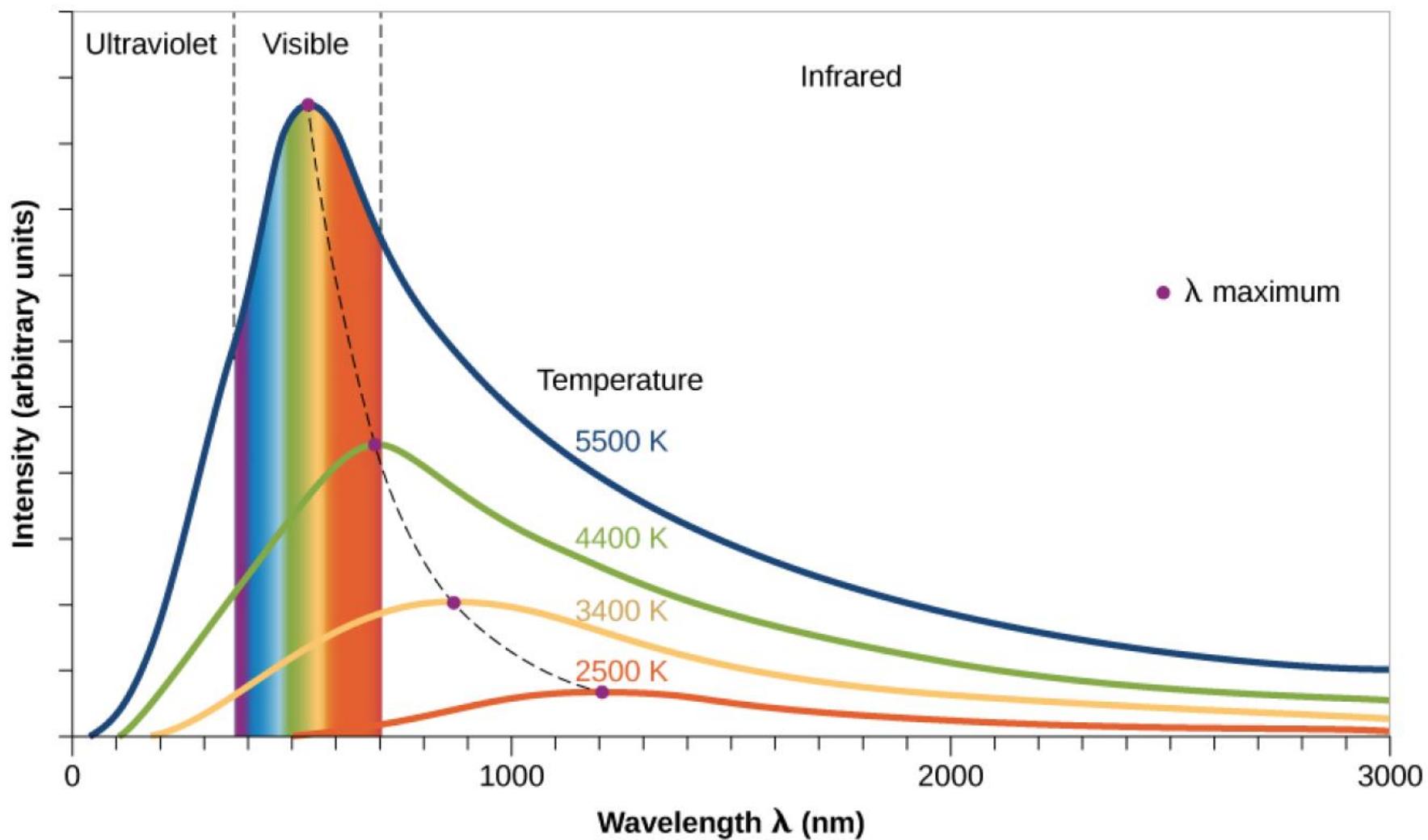
Part II:

Stellar Evolution, the Stellar Graveyard, and Star Formation,

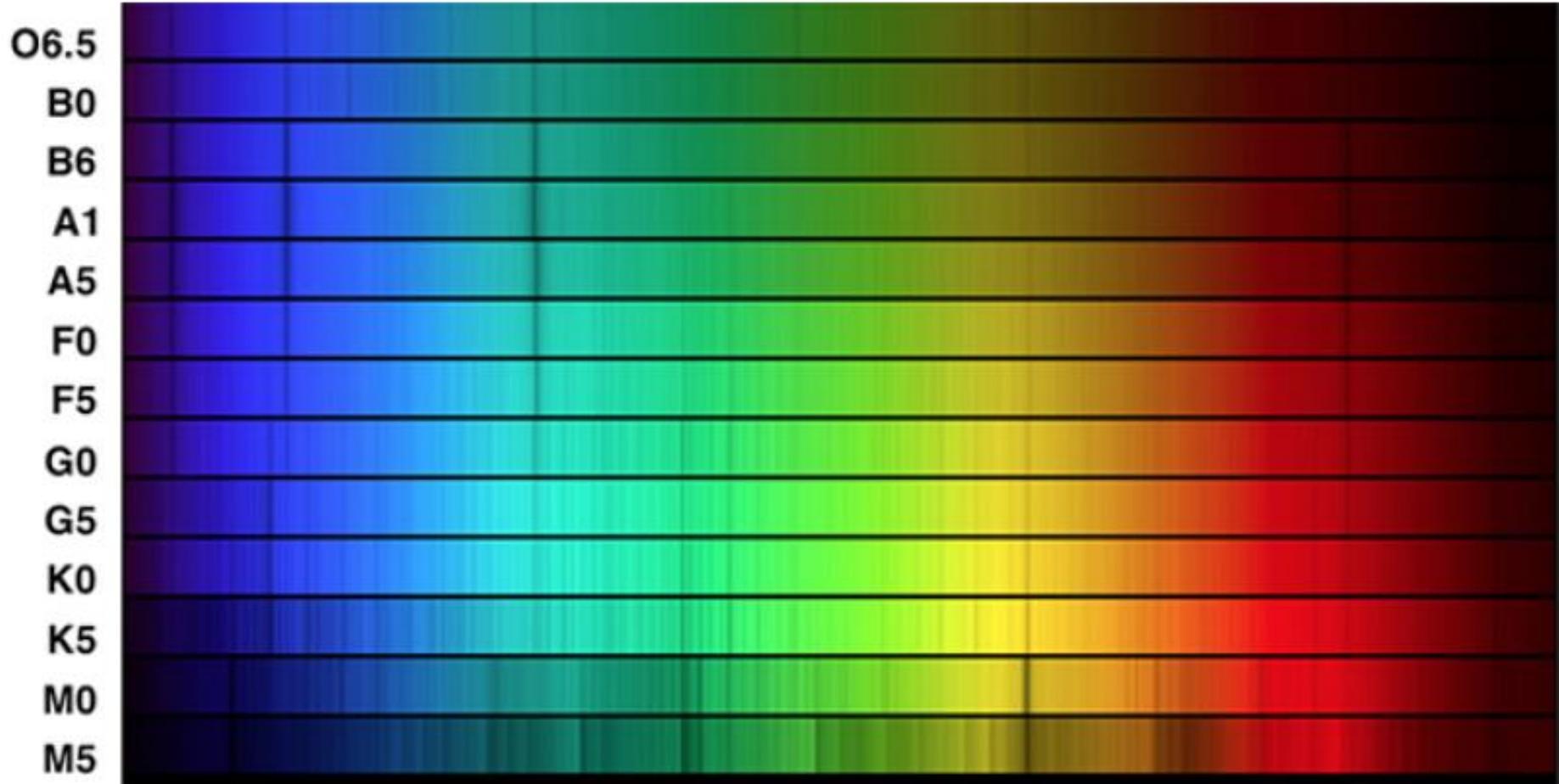
Questions on homework?

Blackbody emission: hotter things emit at higher energies (=shorter wavelengths)

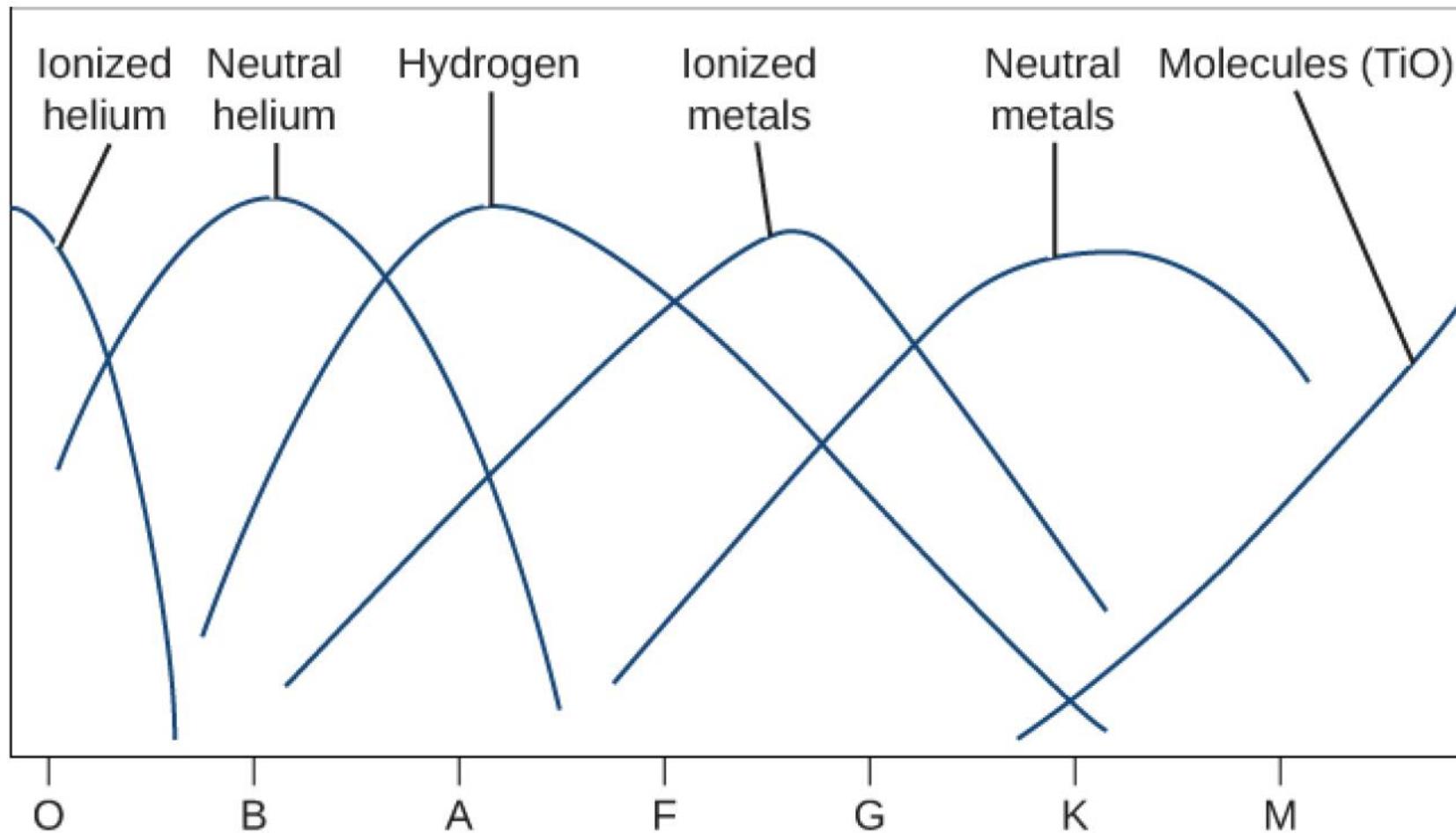
Peak of blackbody: $\lambda_{\max} \cdot T = 0.288 \text{ cm} \cdot \text{K}$



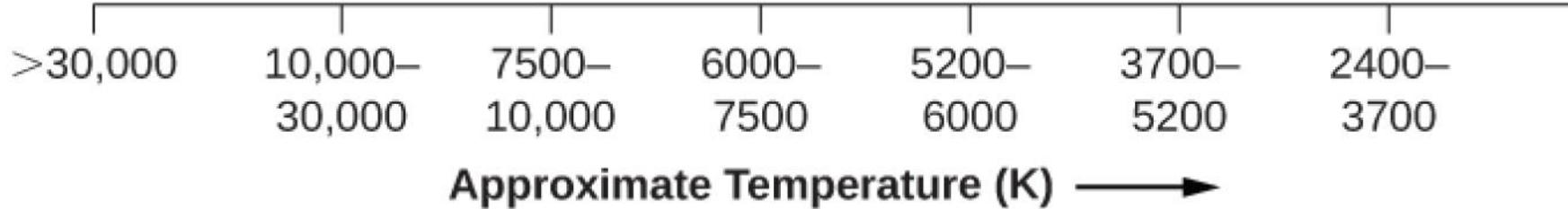
Spectral type = temperature sequence



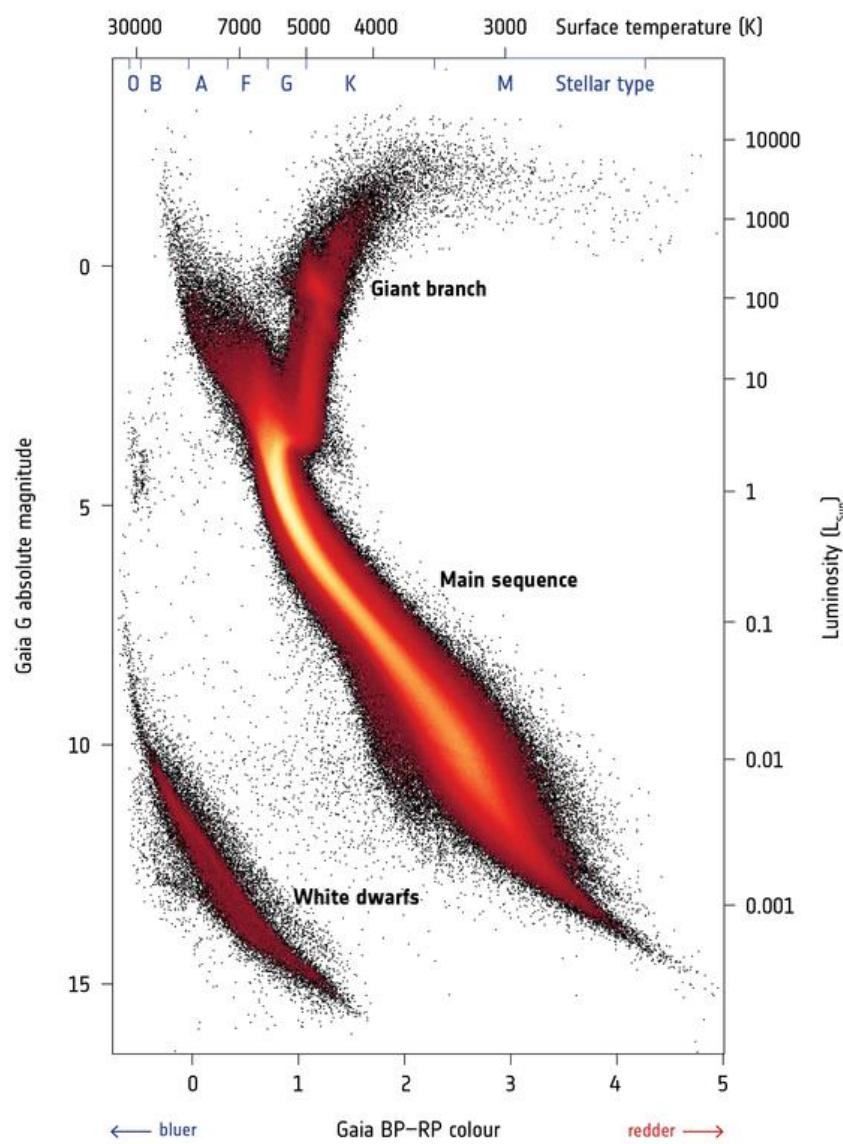
Relative Strengths of
Absorption Lines



Spectral Class



→ GAIA'S HERTZSPRUNG-RUSSELL DIAGRAM



HR diagram (Hertzsprung-Russell)

Main sequence:

- most stars on main sequence
- Defined by hydrogen burning

Stars in other locations:

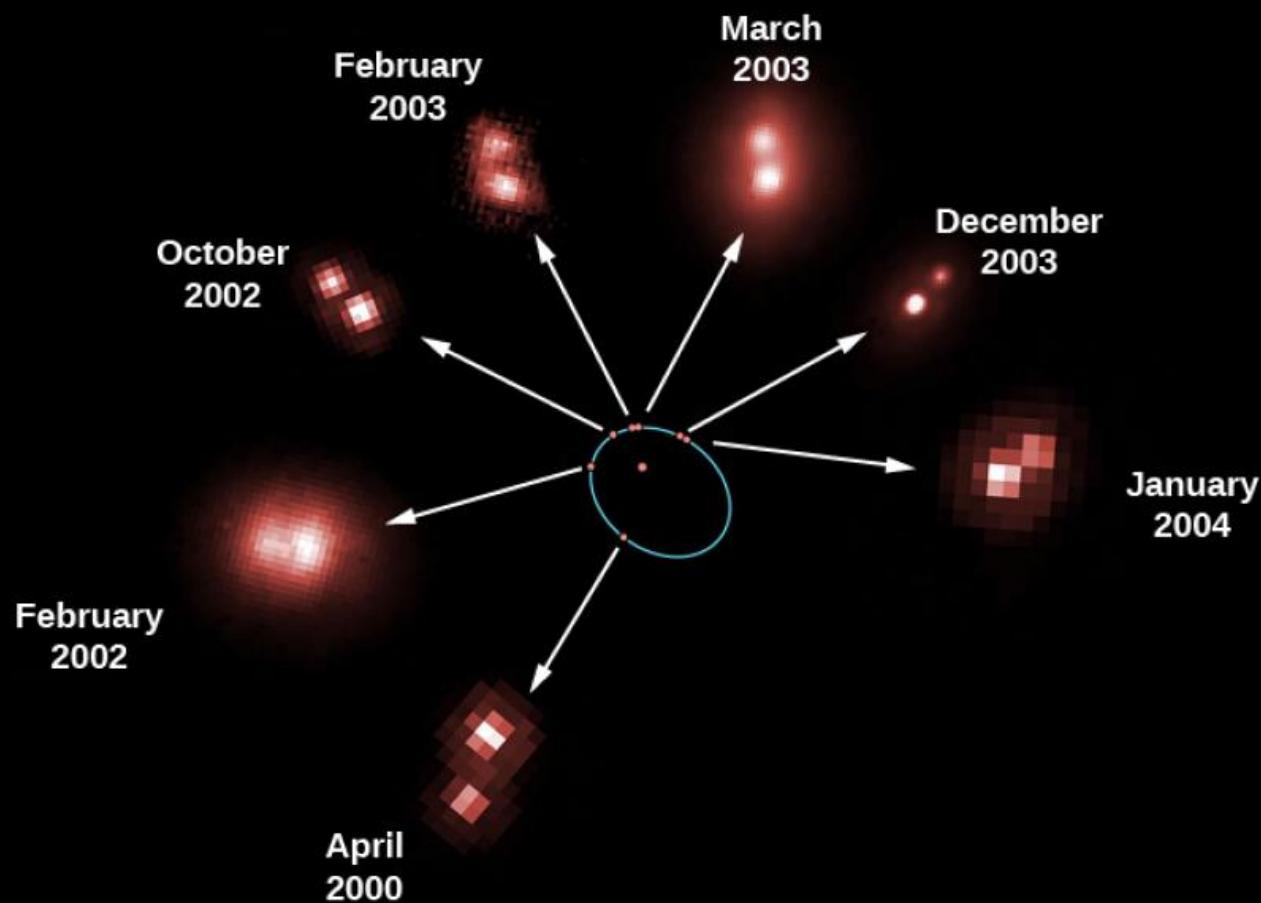
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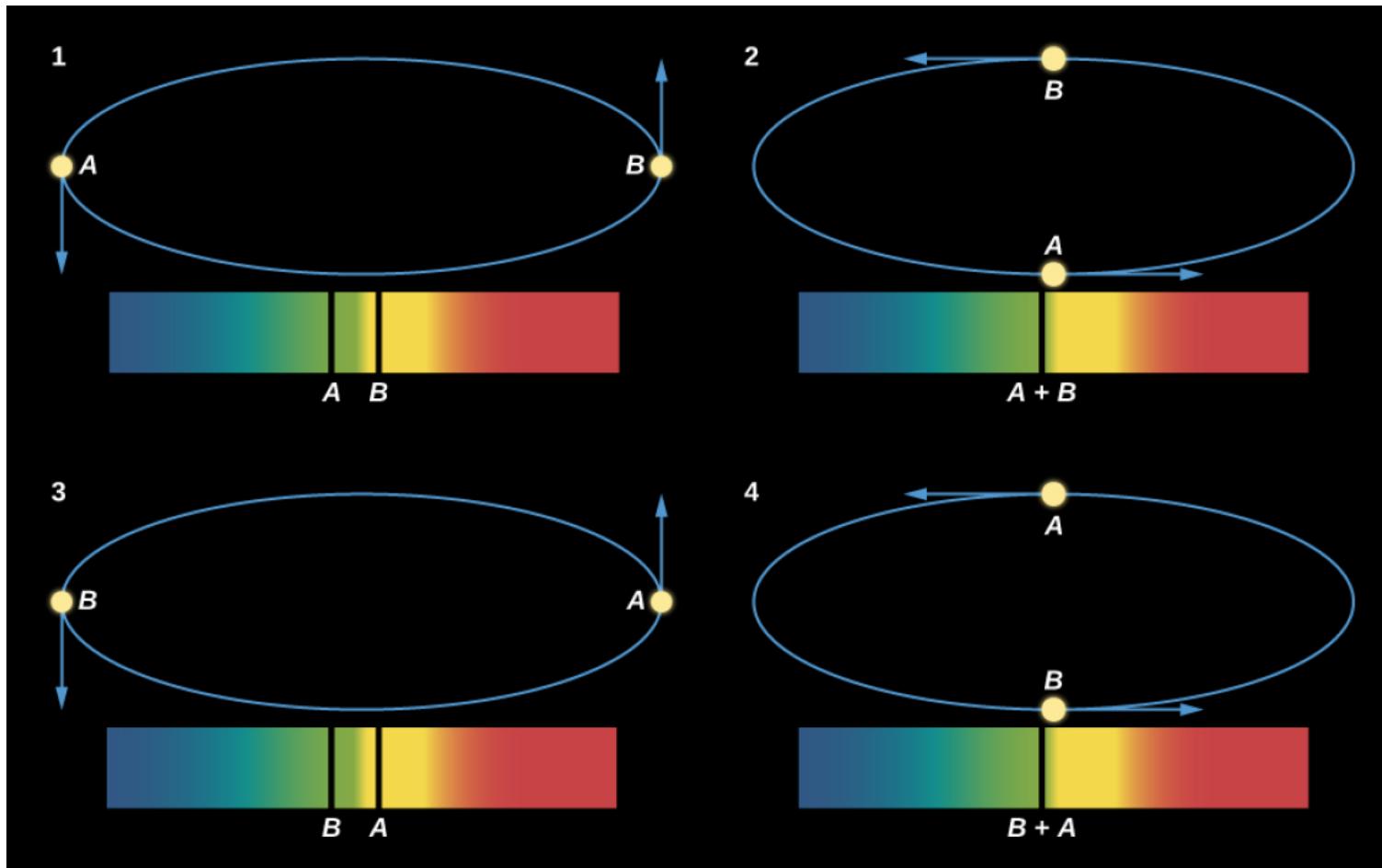
The Abundance of Elements in the Sun

Element	Percentage by Number of Atoms	Percentage By Mass
Hydrogen	92.0	73.4
Helium	7.8	25.0
Carbon	0.02	0.20
Nitrogen	0.008	0.09
Oxygen	0.06	0.80
Neon	0.01	0.16
Magnesium	0.003	0.06
Silicon	0.004	0.09
Sulfur	0.002	0.05
Iron	0.003	0.14

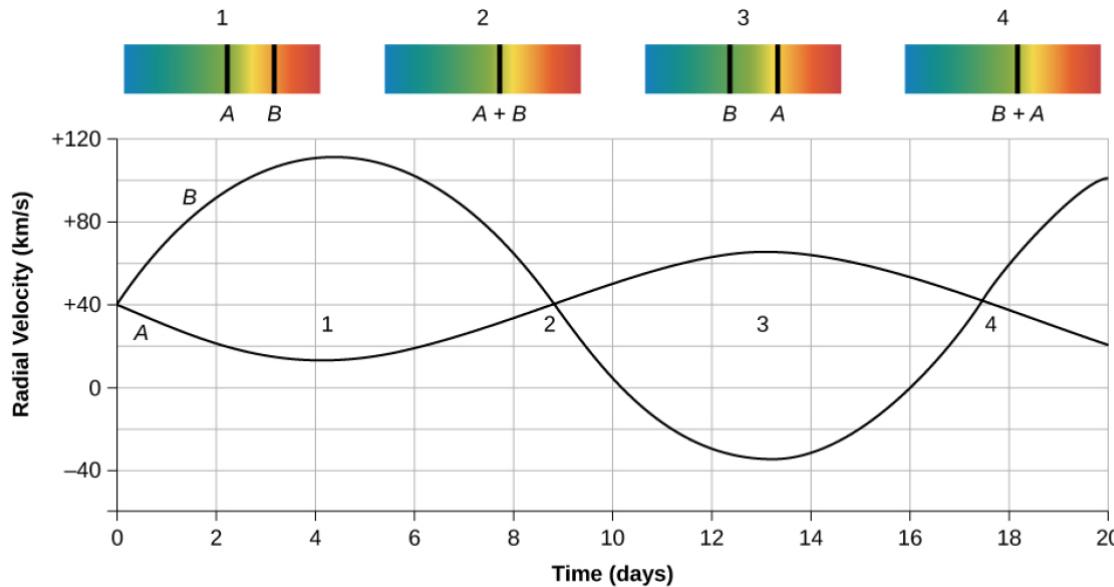
Measuring the Characteristics of Stars

Characteristic	Technique
Surface temperature	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Determine the color (very rough).2. Measure the spectrum and get the spectral type.
Chemical composition	Determine which lines are present in the spectrum.
Luminosity	Measure the apparent brightness and compensate for distance.
Radial velocity	Measure the Doppler shift in the spectrum.
Rotation	Measure the width of spectral lines.
Mass	Measure the period and radial velocity curves of spectroscopic binary stars.
Diameter	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Measure the way a star's light is blocked by the Moon.2. Measure the light curves and Doppler shifts for eclipsing binary stars.

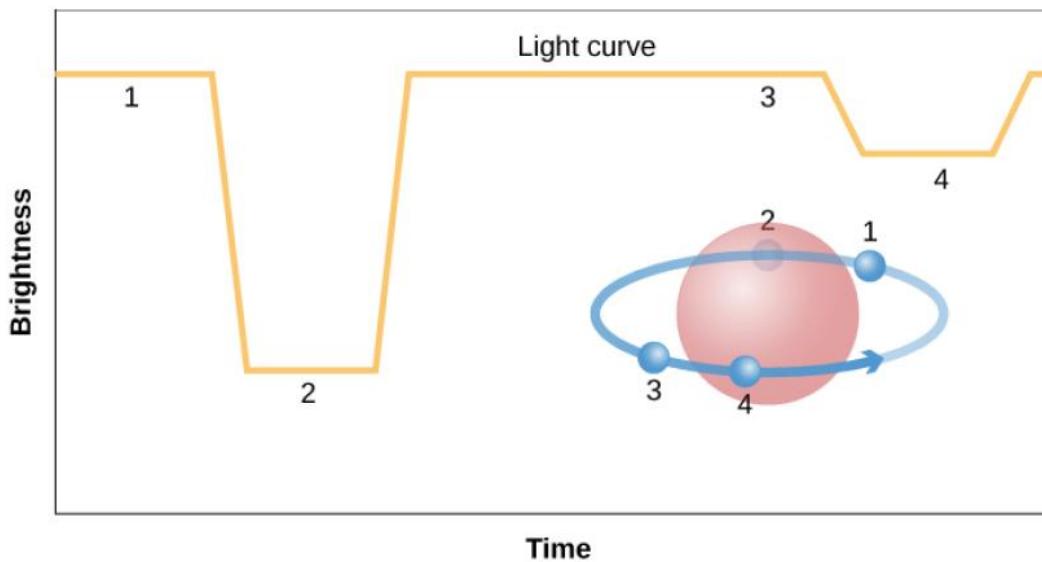


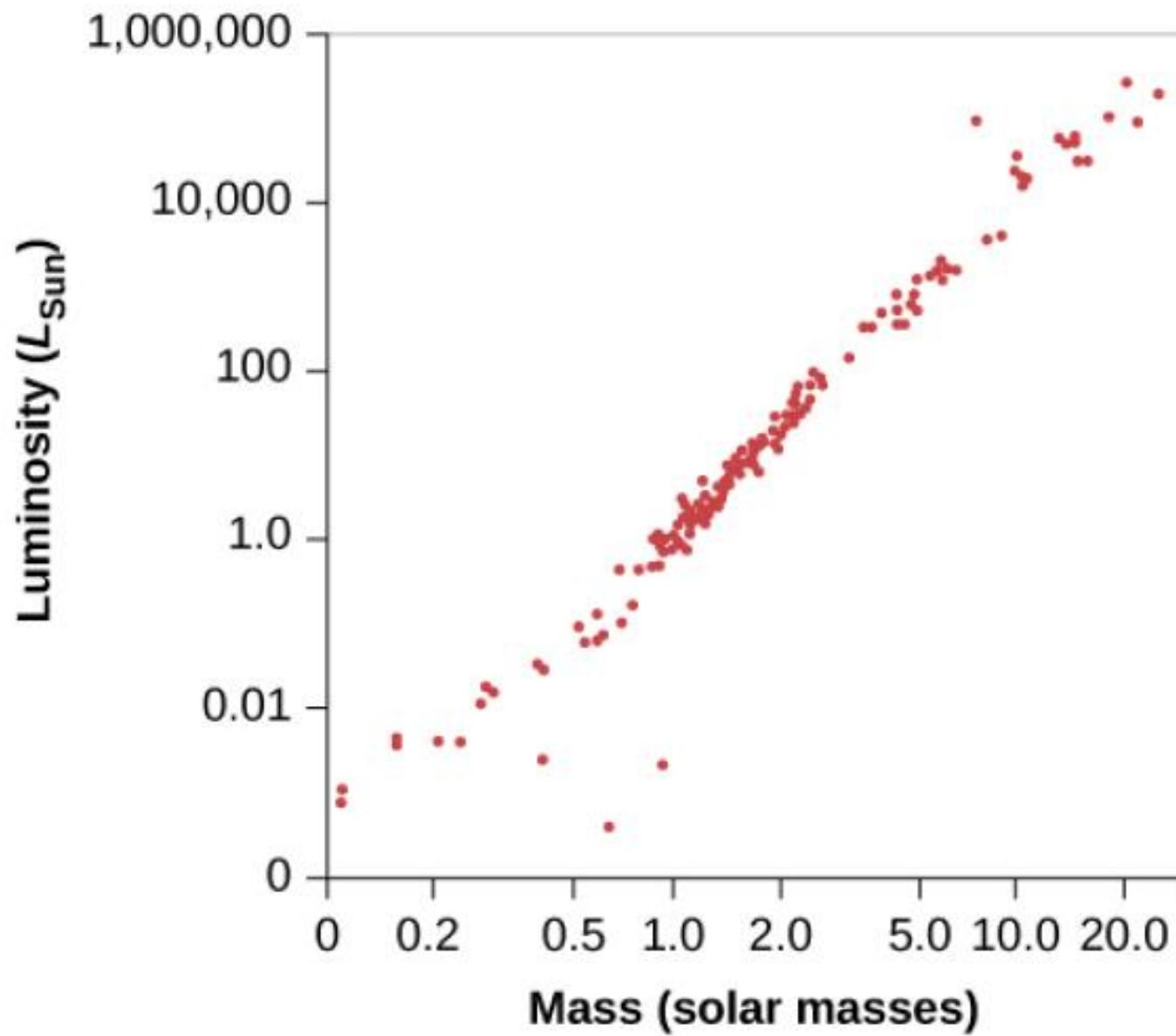


Stellar masses from radial velocity and gravity

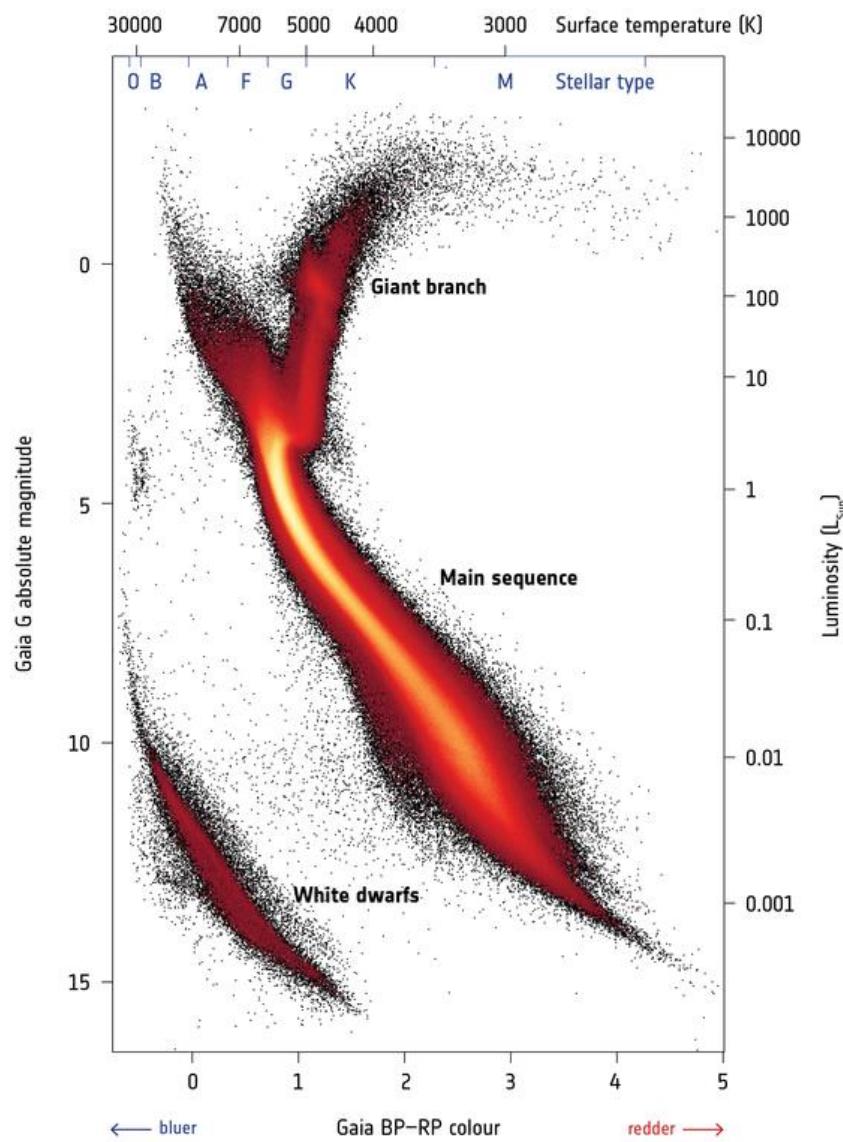


Eclipsing binary systems:
Benchmarks for stellar masses





→ GAIA'S HERTZSPRUNG-RUSSELL DIAGRAM



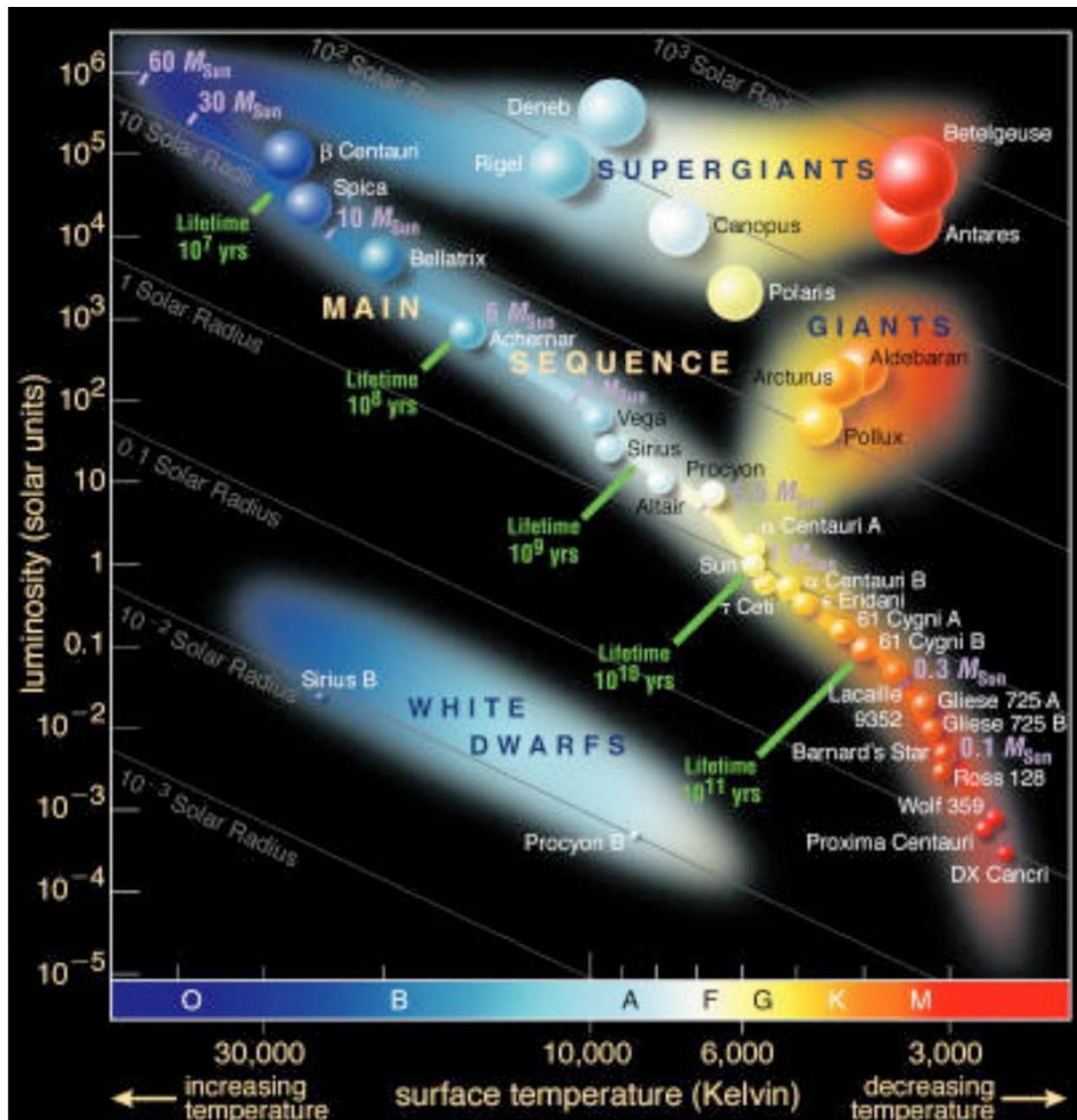
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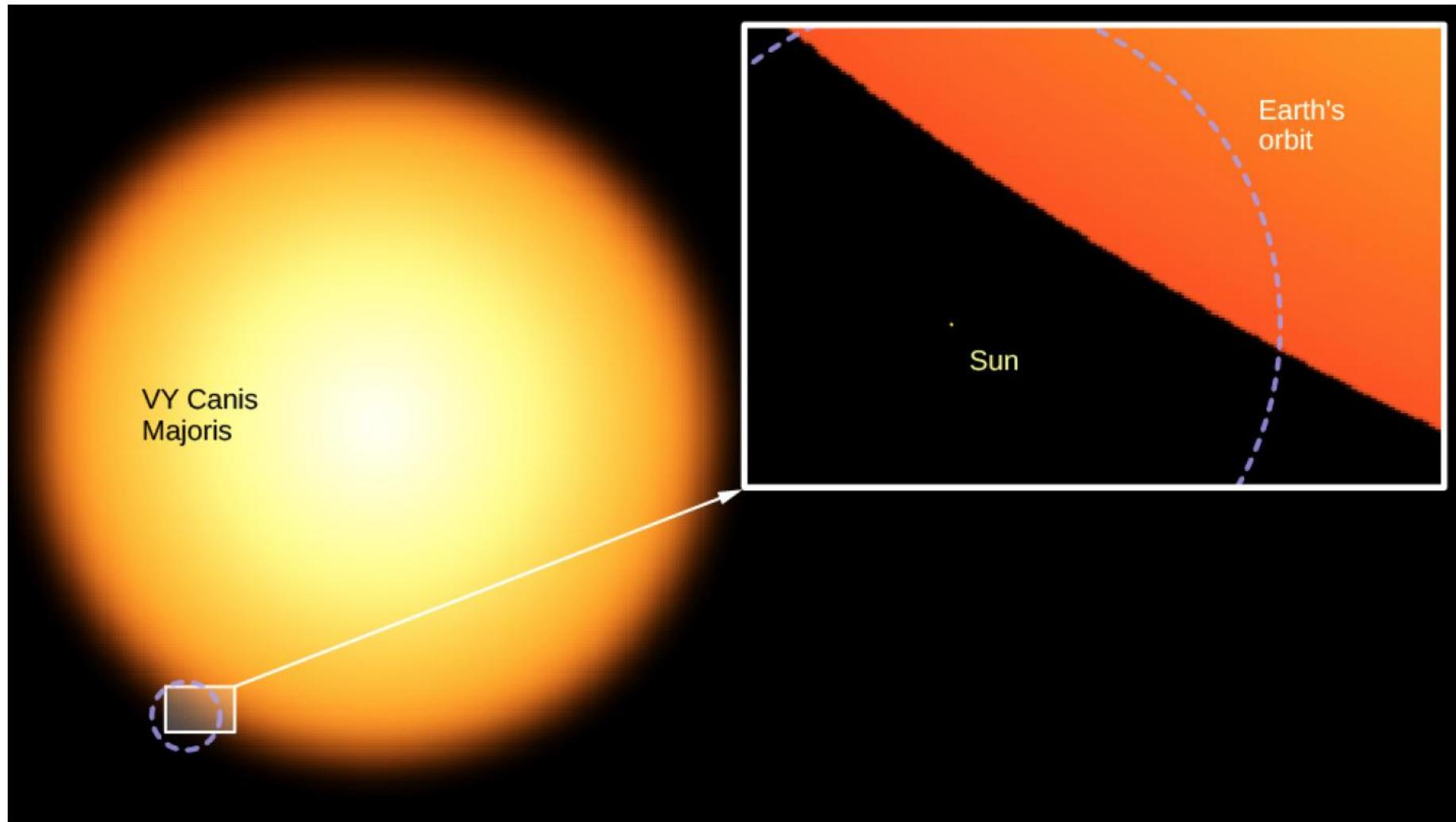
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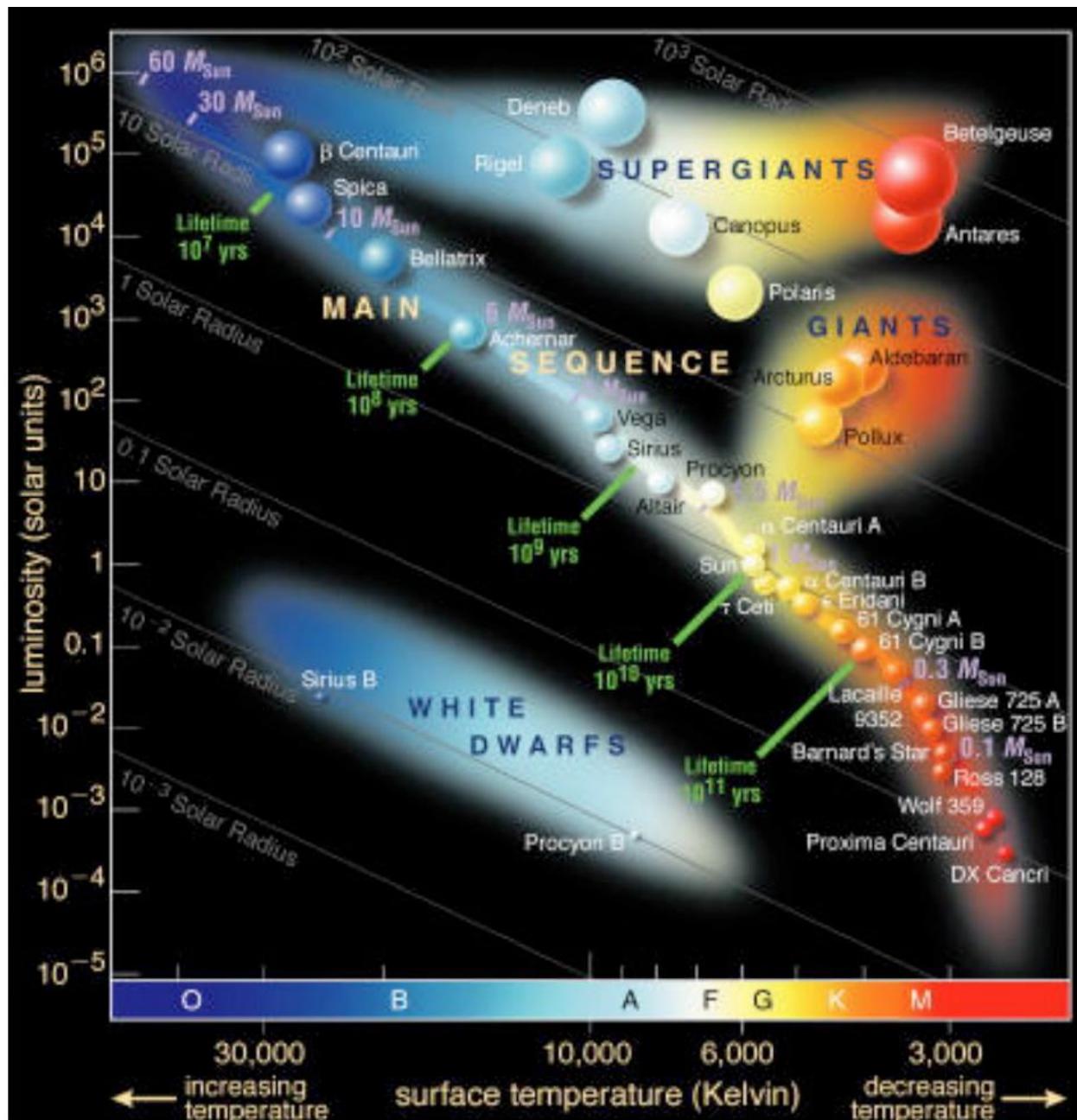


Characteristics of Main-Sequence Stars

Spectral Type	Mass (Sun = 1)	Luminosity (Sun = 1)	Temperature	Radius (Sun = 1)
O5	40	7×10^5	40,000 K	18
B0	16	2.7×10^5	28,000 K	7
A0	3.3	55	10,000 K	2.5
F0	1.7	5	7500 K	1.4
G0	1.1	1.4	6000 K	1.1
K0	0.8	0.35	5000 K	0.8
M0	0.4	0.05	3500 K	0.6

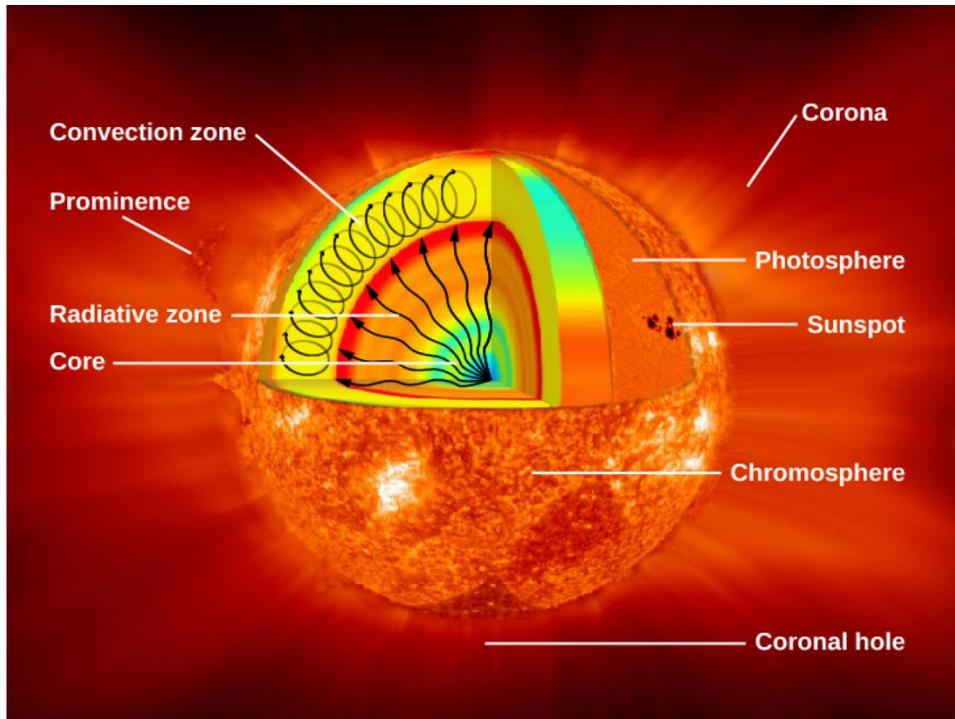
Evolved stars: red giants, can be huge!





Where does the sun's energy come from?

Hydrogen burning and the interior of the sun



▼ 15 The Sun: A Garden-Variety Star

Thinking Ahead

15.1 The Structure and Composition of the Sun

15.2 The Solar Cycle

15.3 Solar Activity above the Photosphere

15.4 Space Weather

Key Terms

Summary

For Further Exploration

Collaborative Group Activities

► Exercises

▼ 16 The Sun: A Nuclear Powerhouse

Thinking Ahead

16.1 Sources of Sunshine: Thermal and Gravitational Energy

16.2 Mass, Energy, and the Theory of Relativity

16.3 The Solar Interior: Theory

16.4 The Solar Interior: Observations

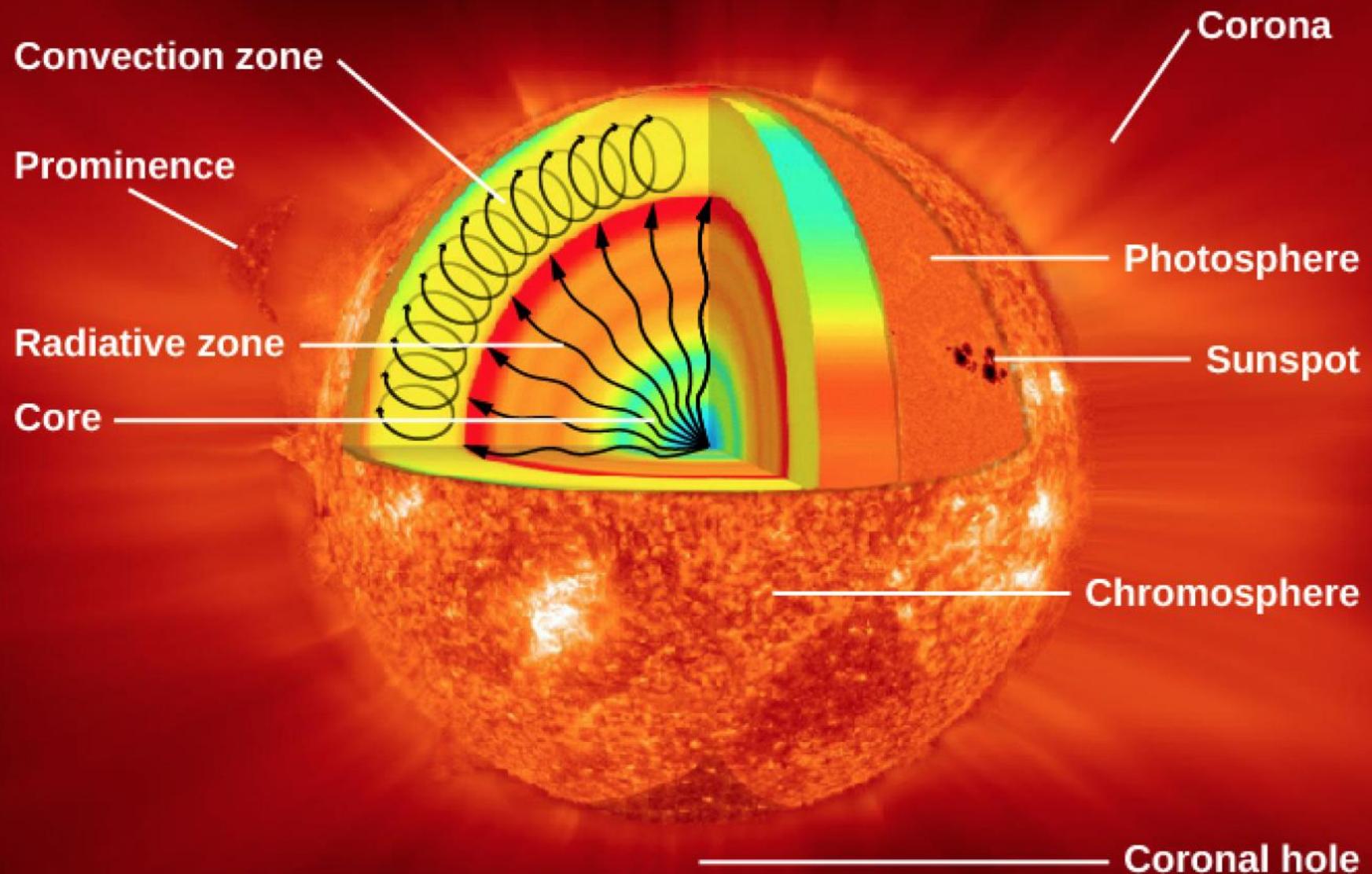
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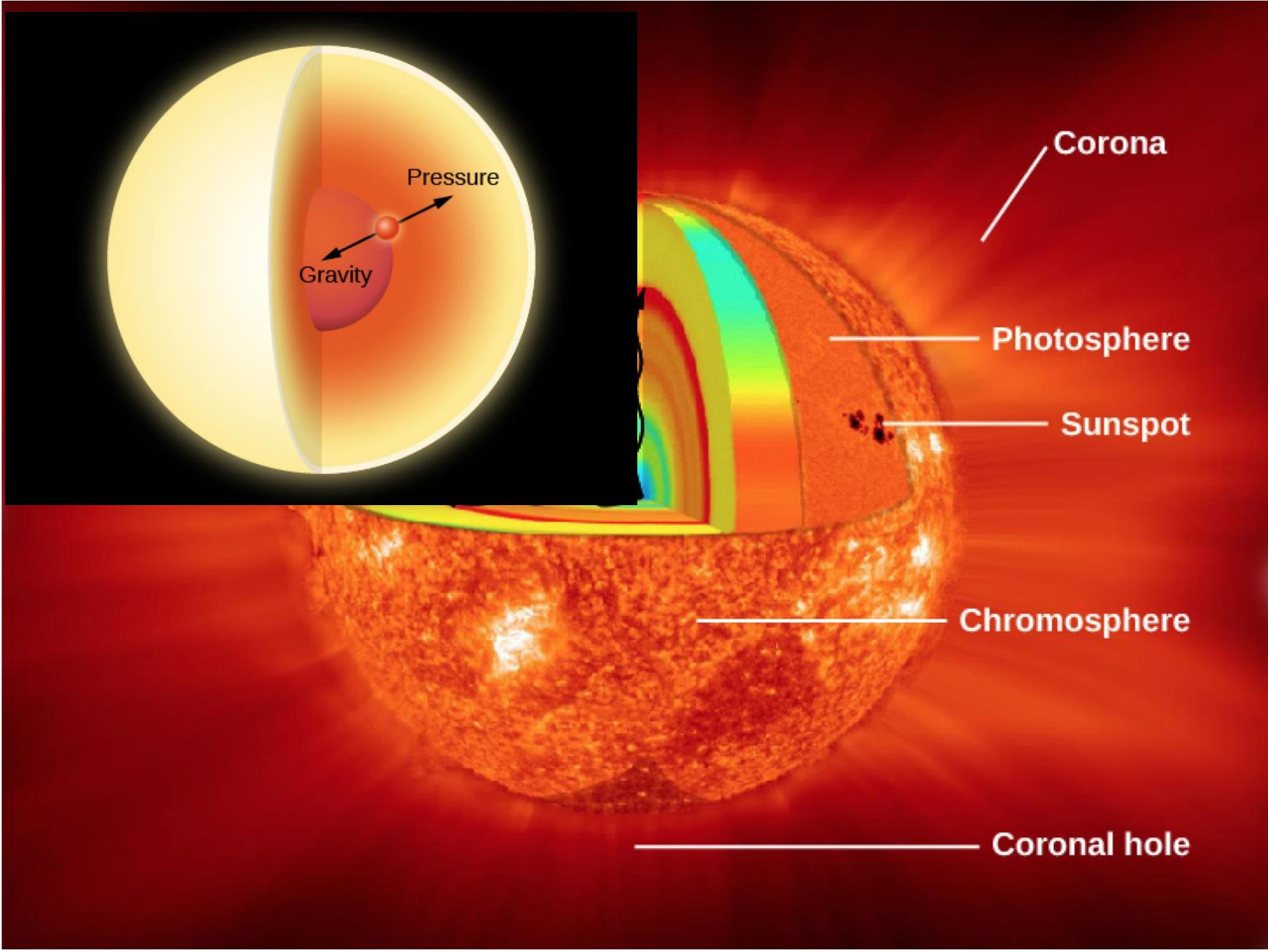
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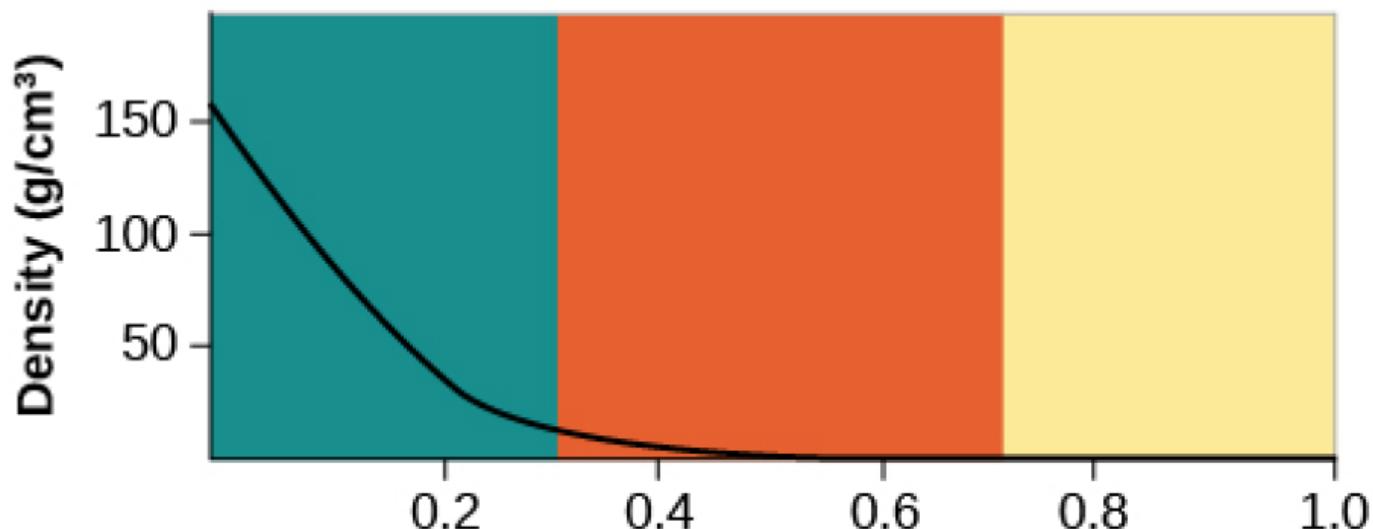
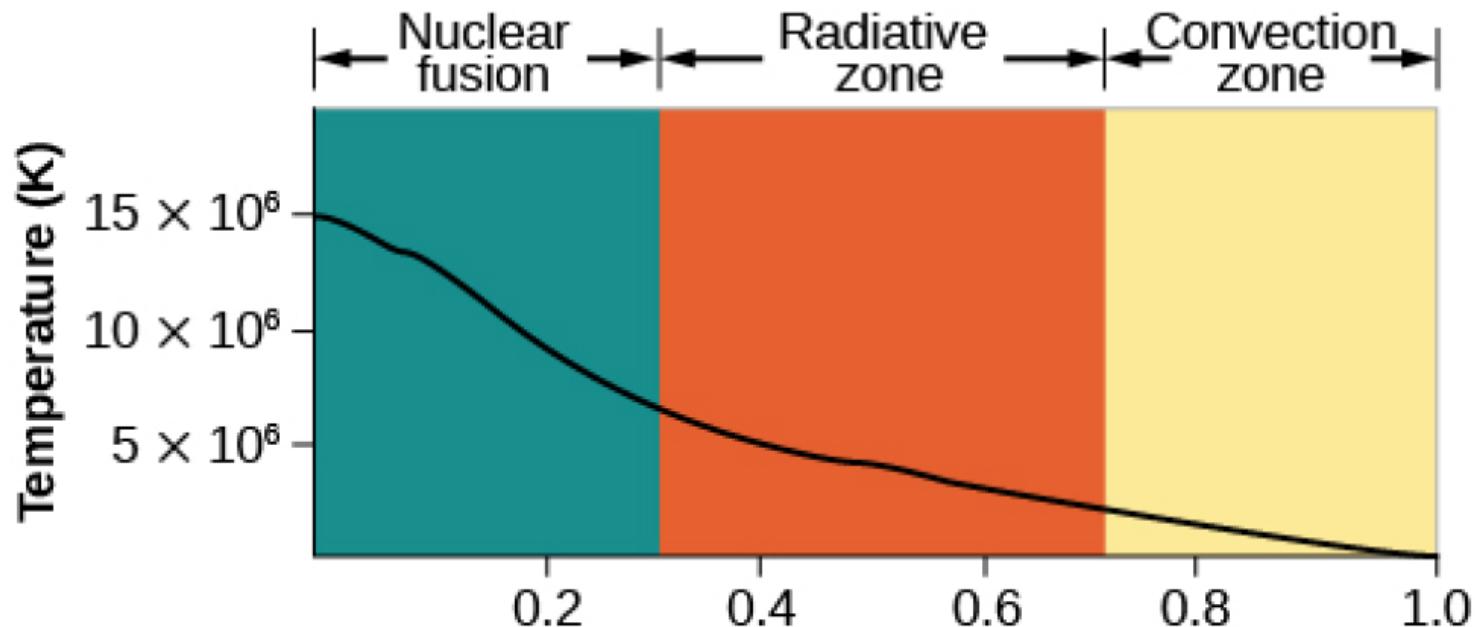
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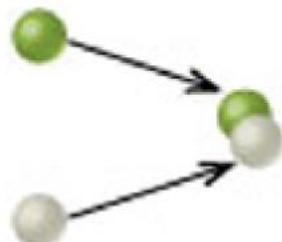


Core of the sun: very dense, 15 million K



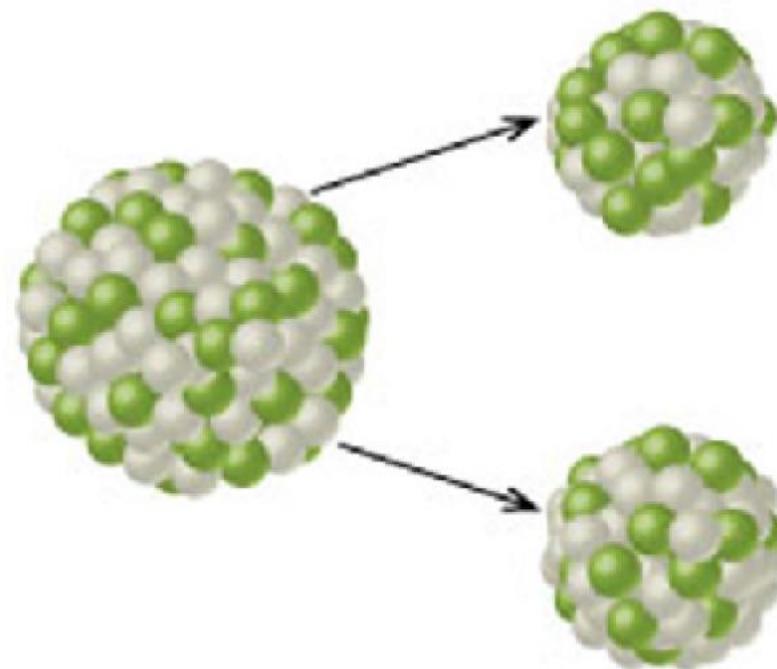
Fusion

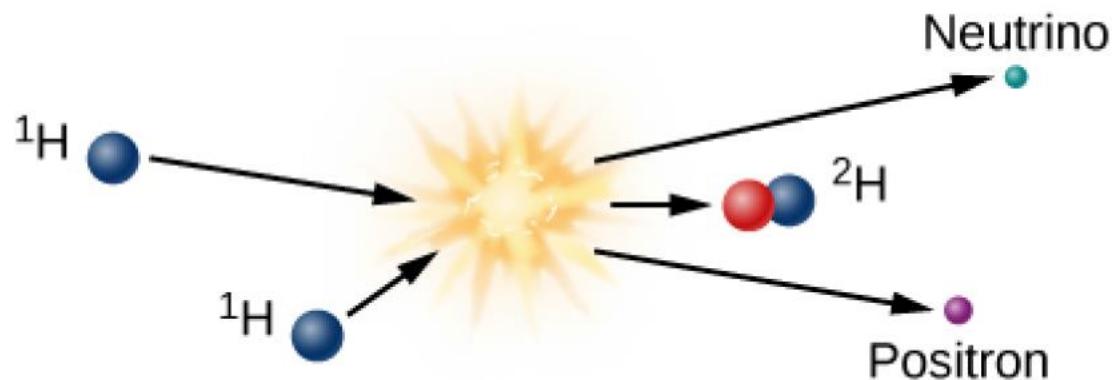
2 light => 1 heavy



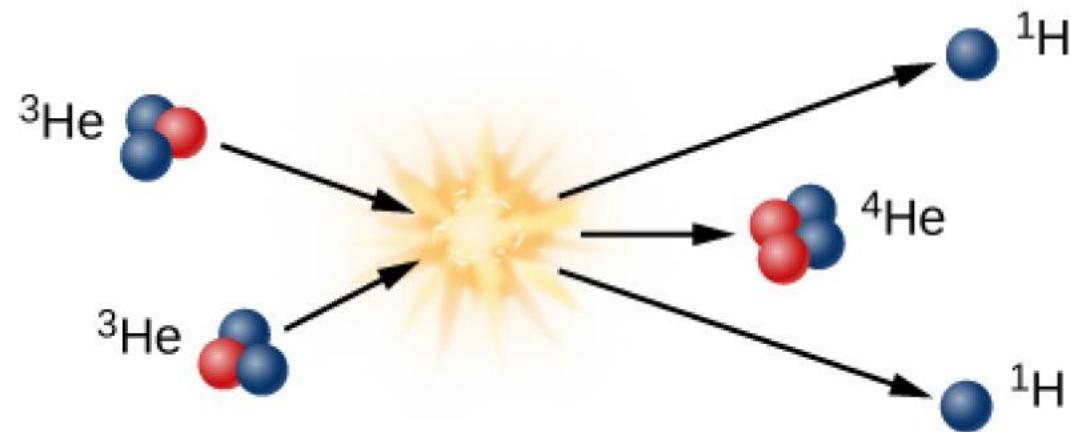
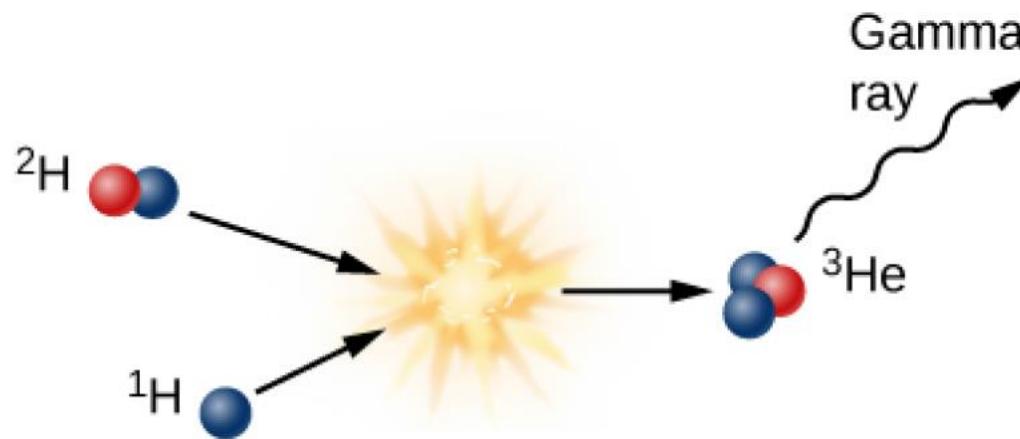
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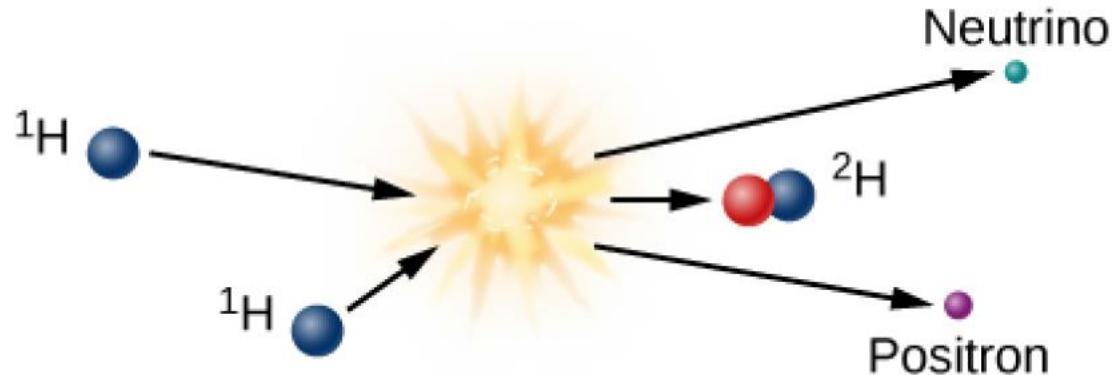
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Fusion at core
4 Hydrogen atoms
turns into 1 He atom





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Atomic weights

4 H: 4.032

1 He: 4.003

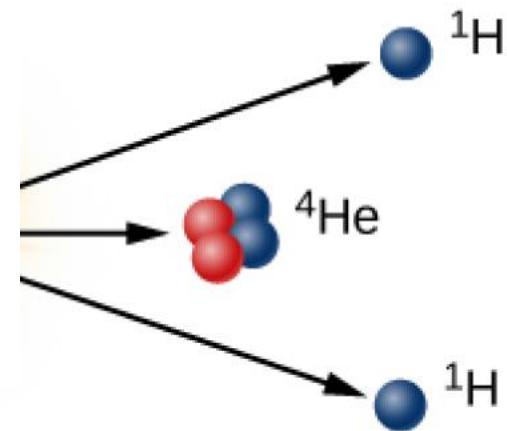
Lose 0.7% of the mass:
it turns into energy!

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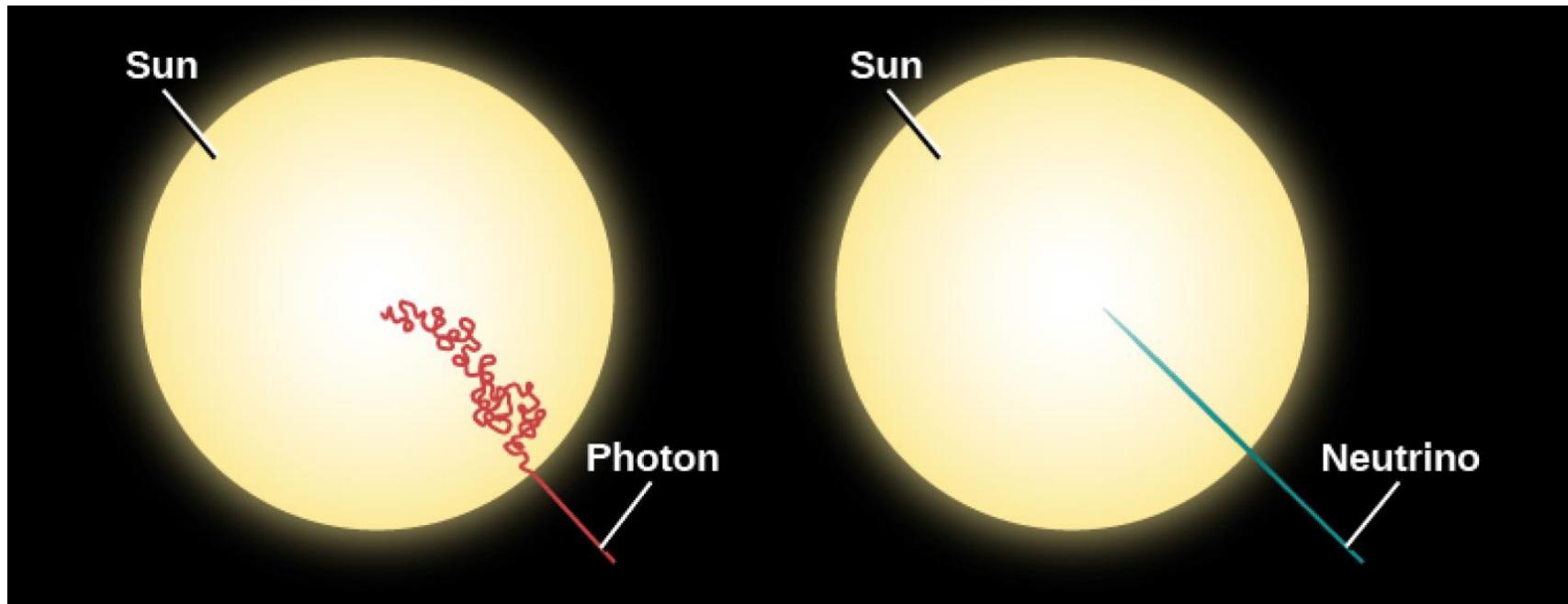


$$E=mc^2$$

(c=speed of light, E=energy,
m=mass)



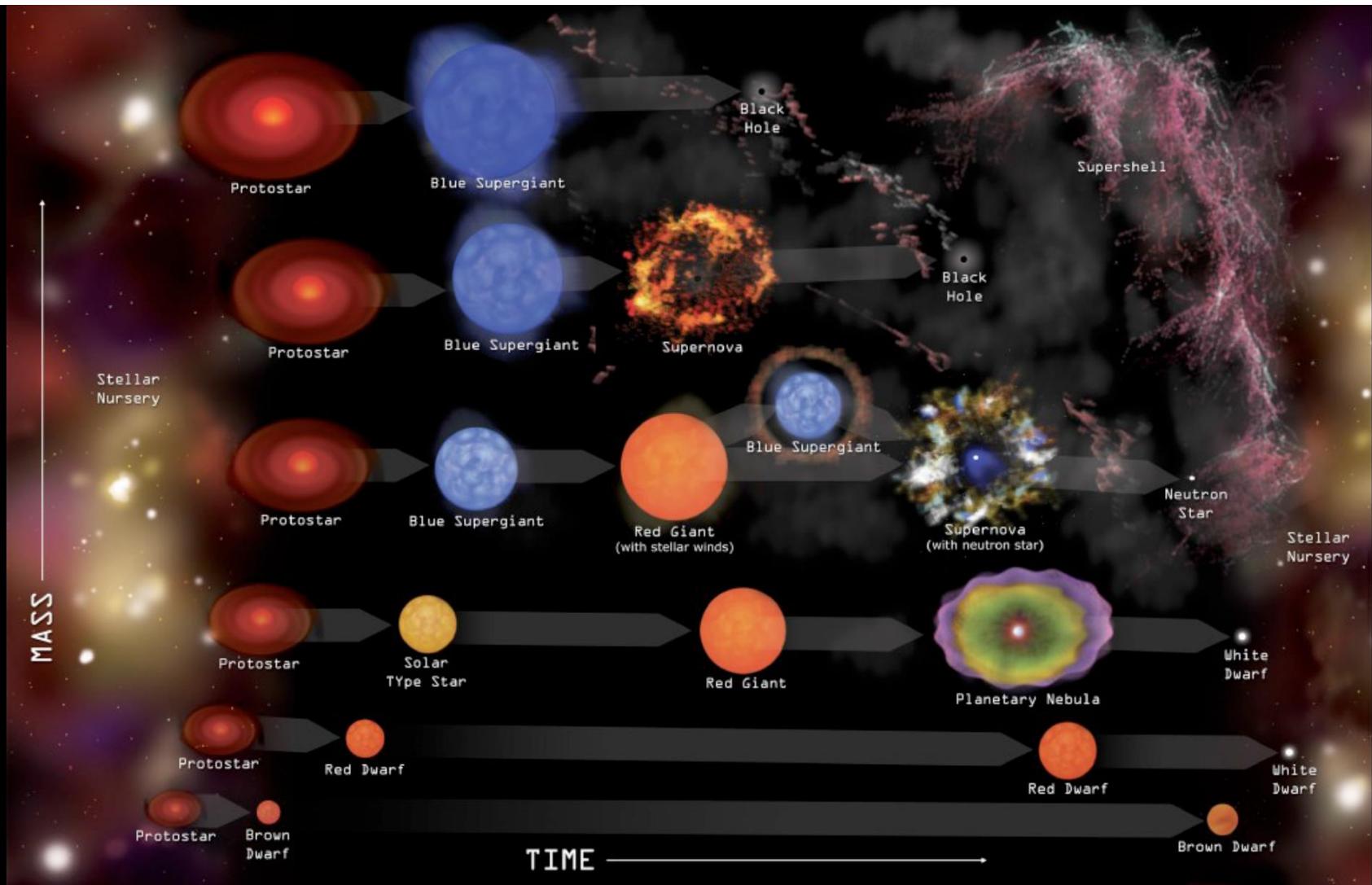
How long does it take energy to escape from the sun's core?



Most energy: 1 million years!

Neutrinos: do not interact with matter, so escapes immediately

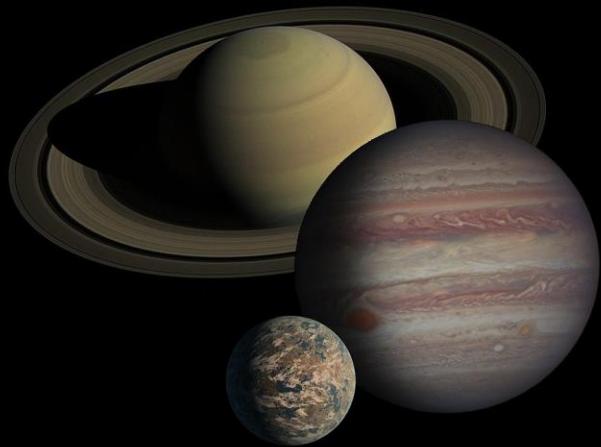
Solar neutrino problem: recent Nobel Prize



Brown dwarfs

- Central temperature in core: depends on mass
- Very faint, cool, and red: hard to find!

**Planets &
Exoplanets**



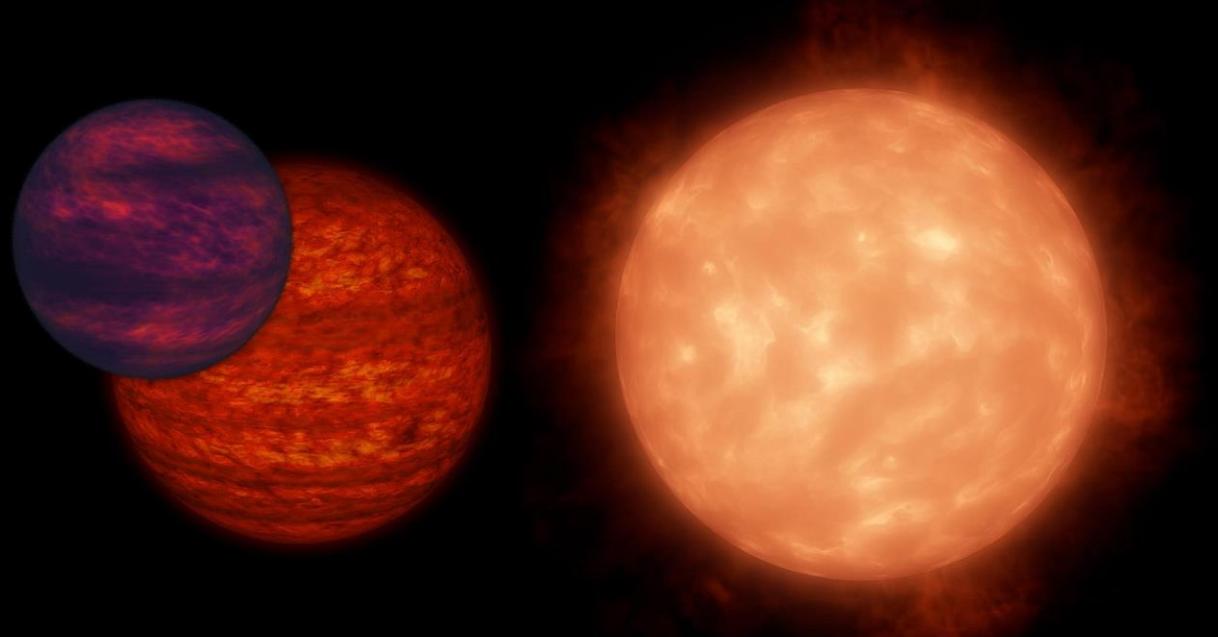
Up to ~13x
Jupiter's mass

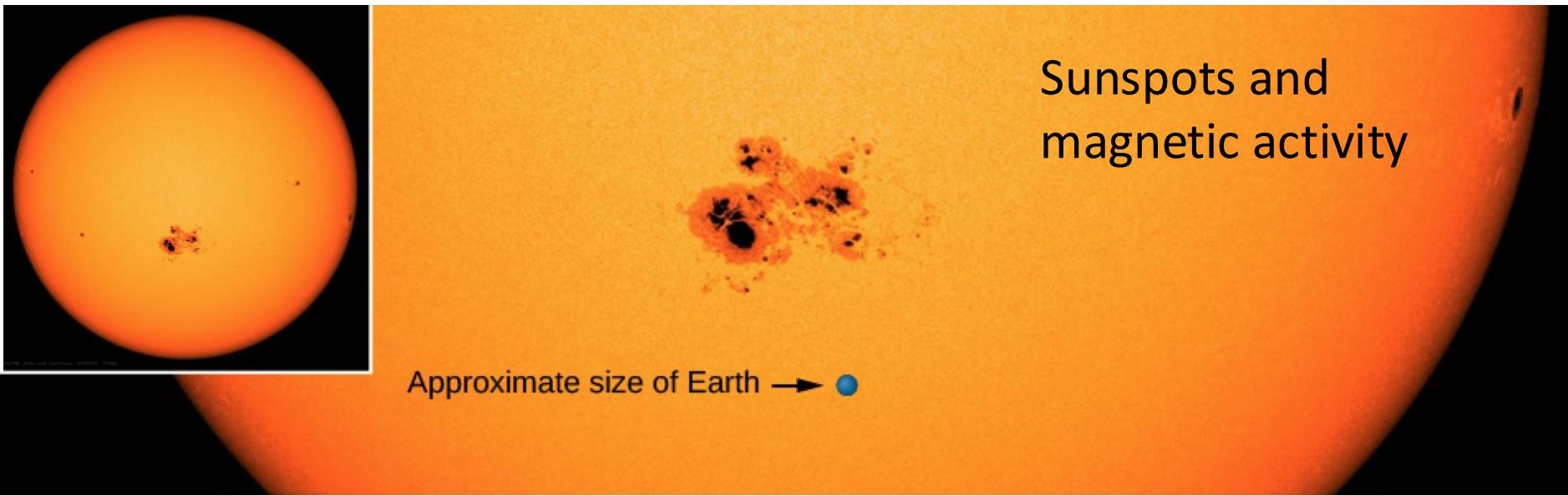
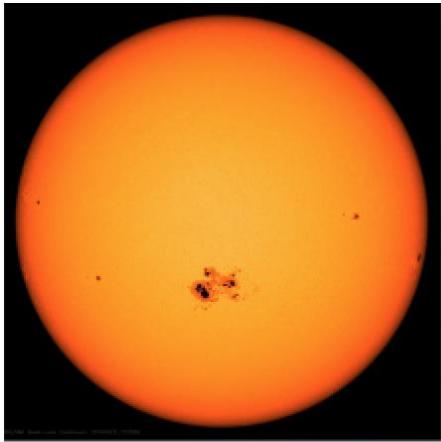
~13x to 80x
Jupiter's mass

Over ~80x
Jupiter's mass

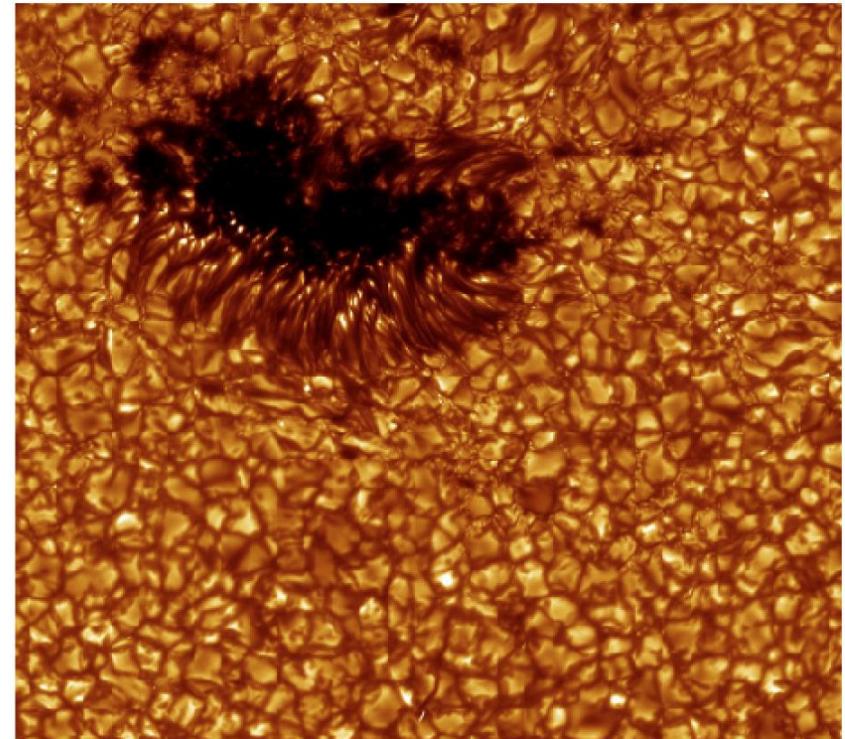
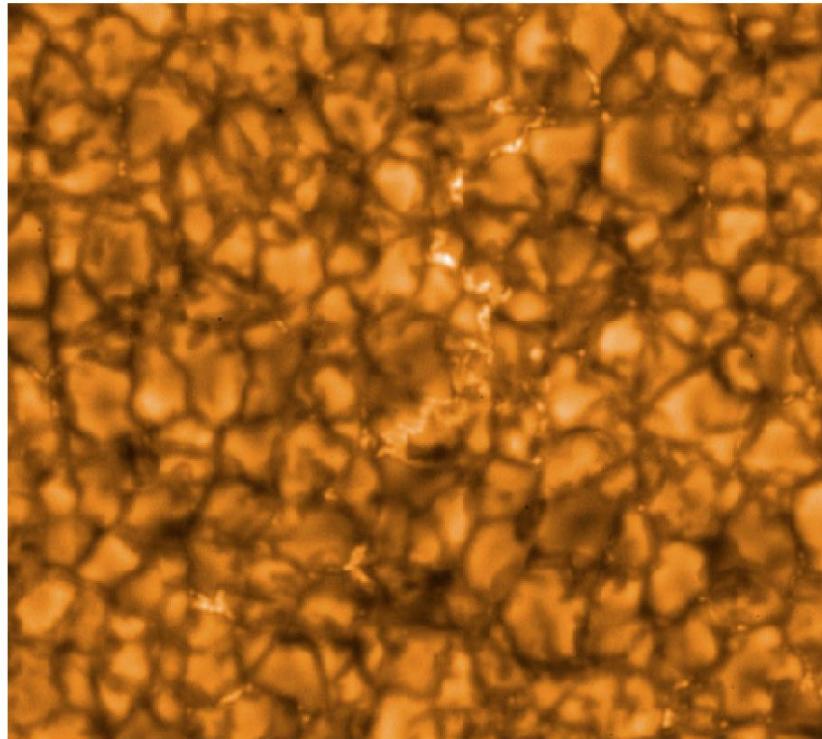
**Brown
Dwarfs**

Stars
(Fueled by Nuclear Fusion)

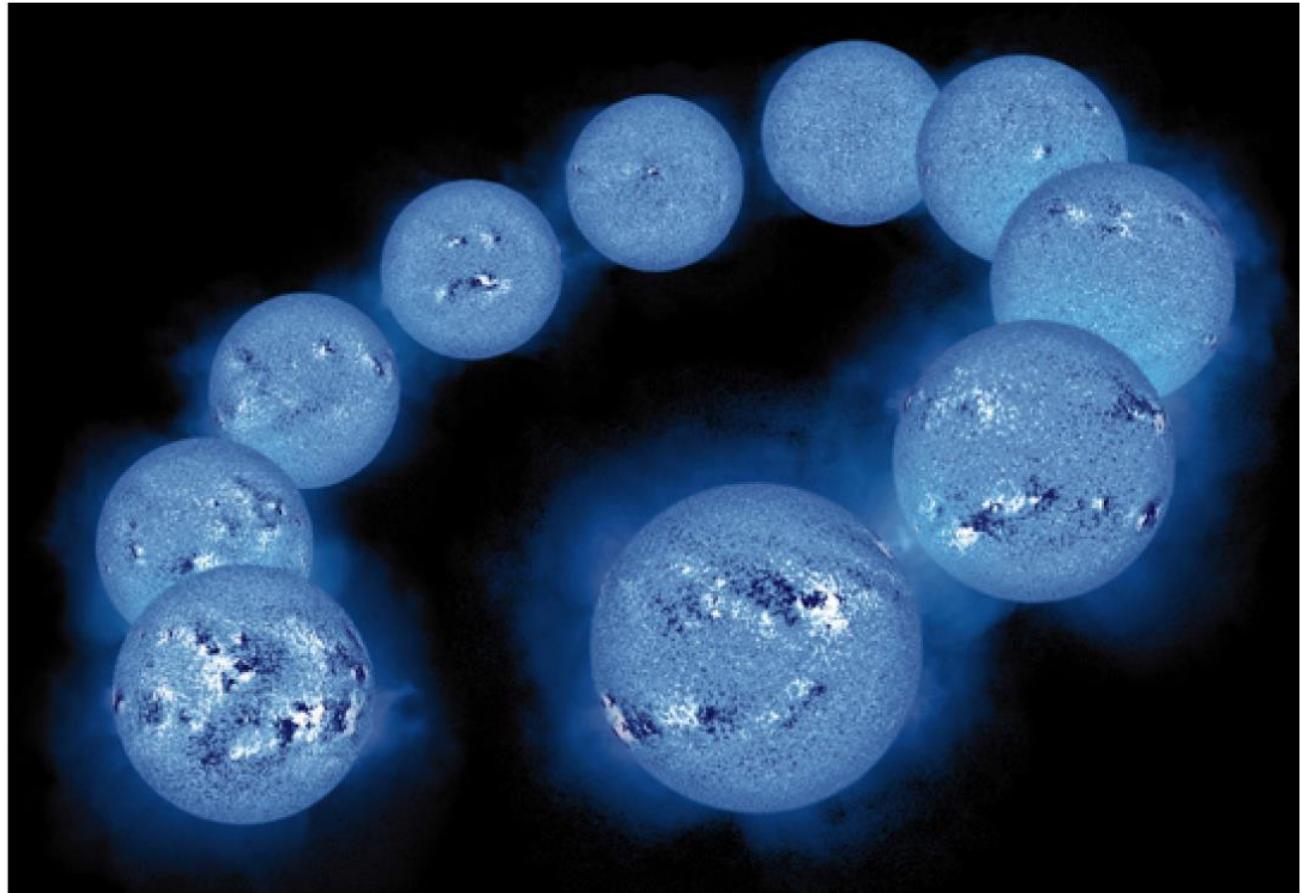




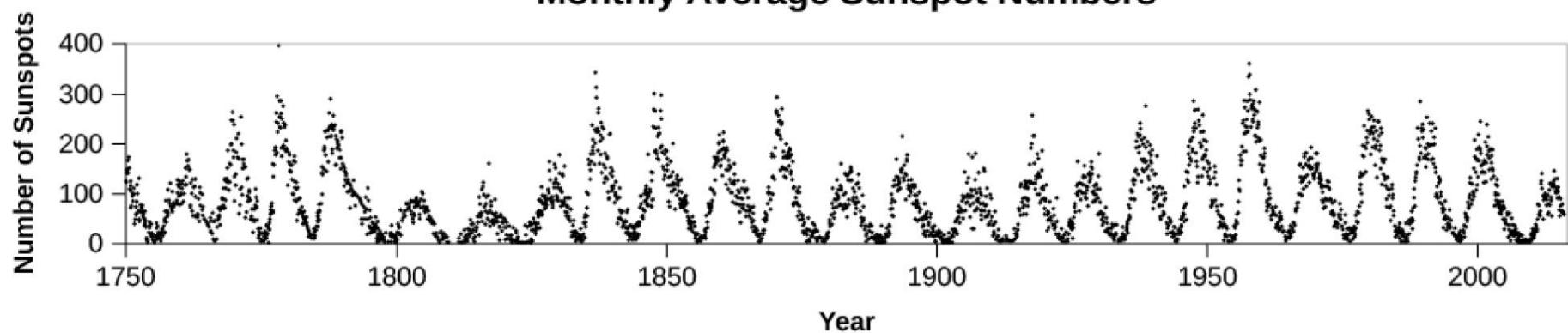
Sunspots and
magnetic activity

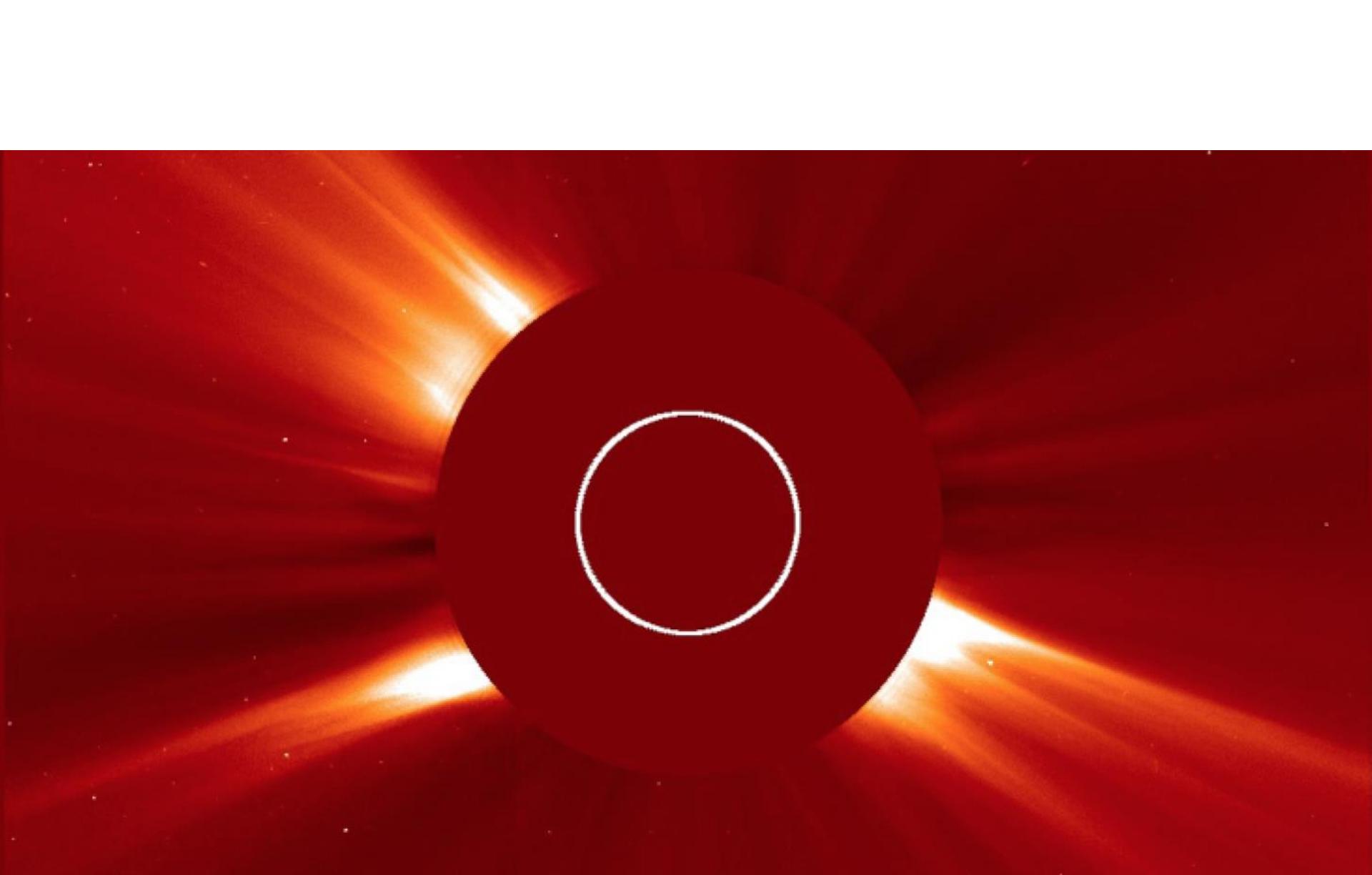


11 year
magnetic cycles



Monthly Average Sunspot Numbers

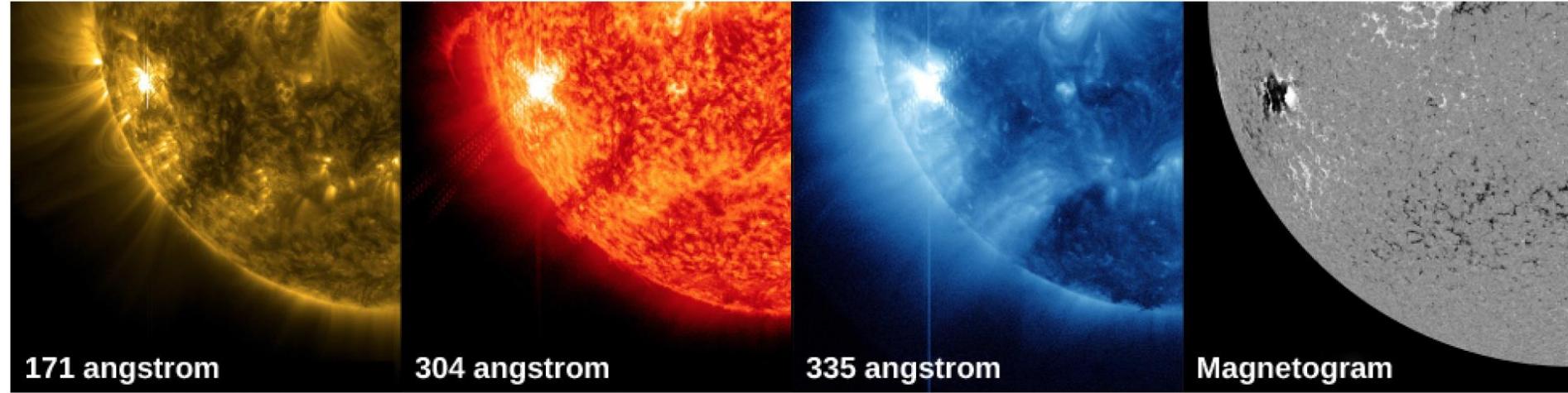






"WHITE SATIN"

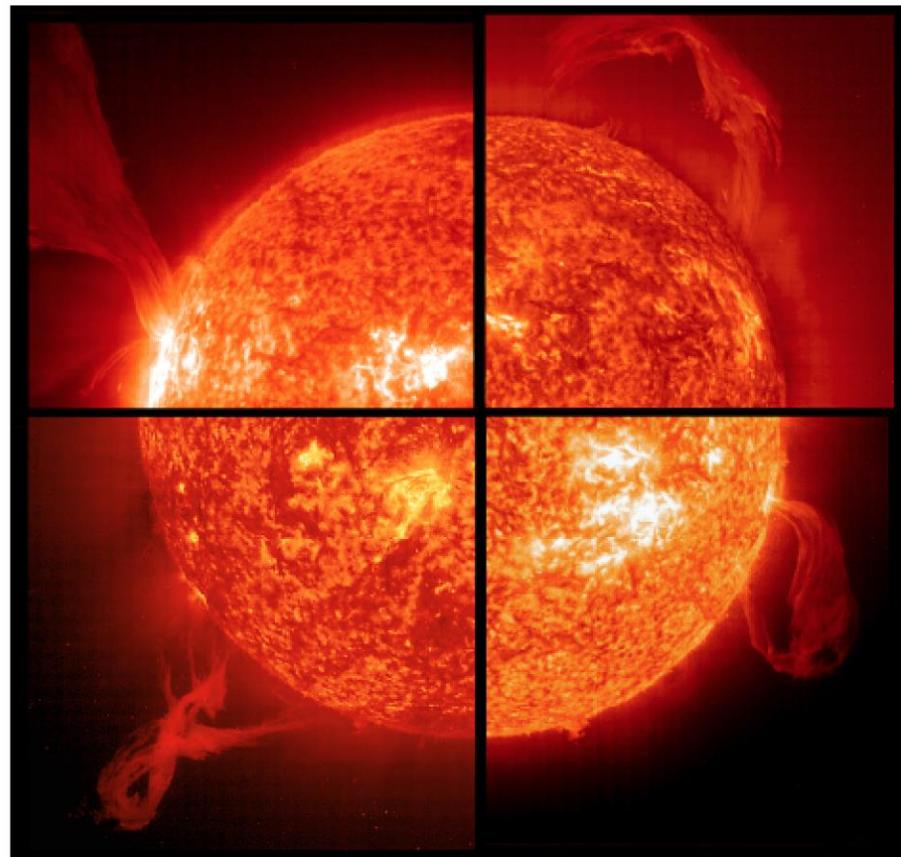
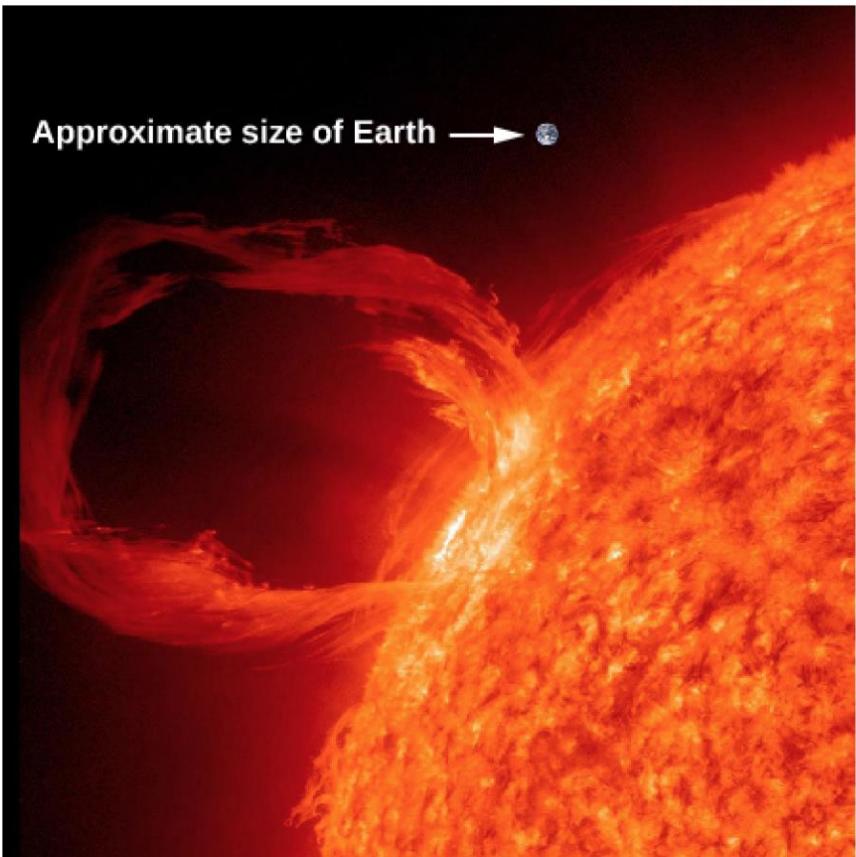
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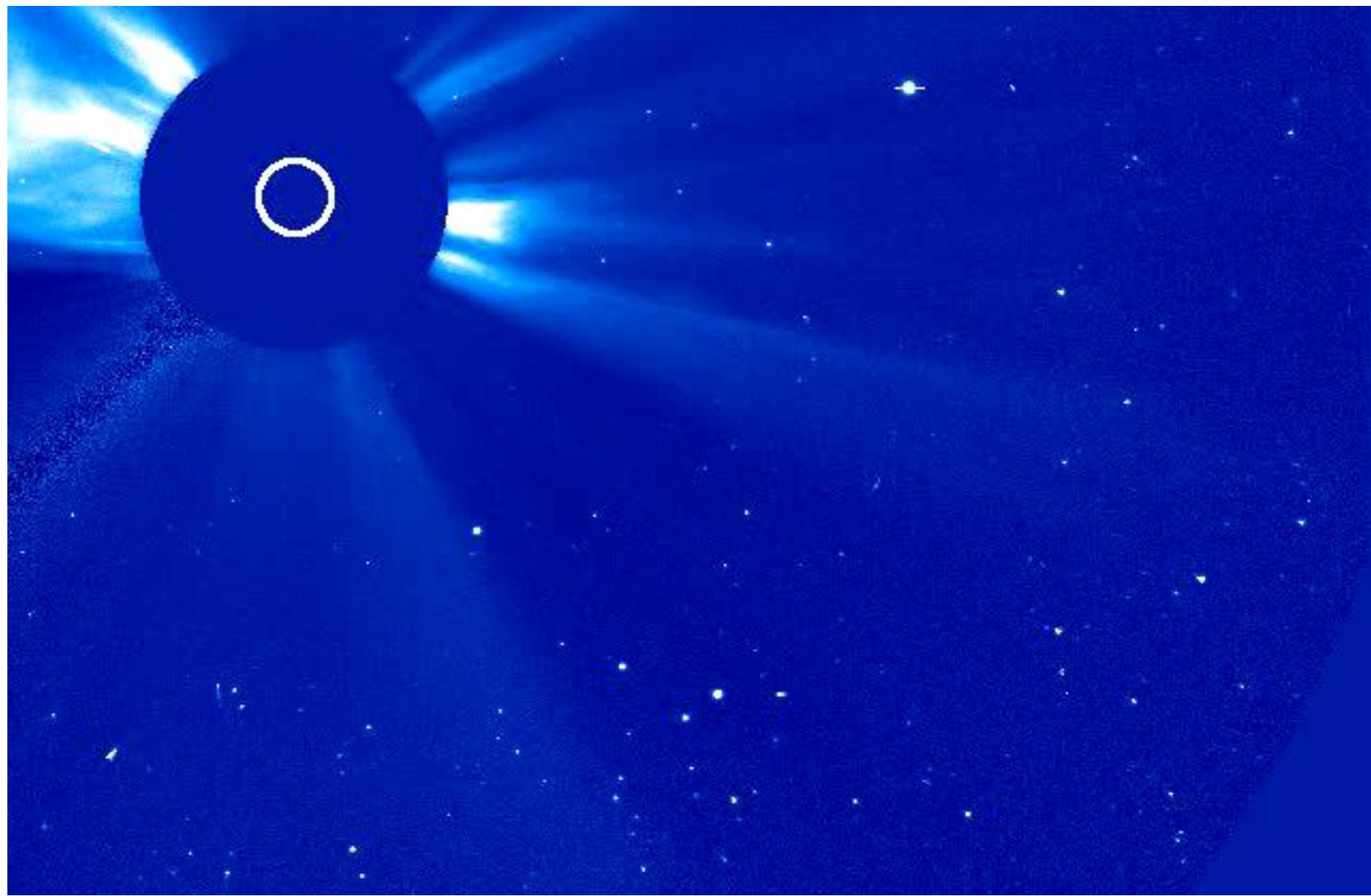


Sun: looks different at different wavelengths:
magnetic activity!

Flares, coronal mass ejections, corona

Approximate size of Earth → ☽





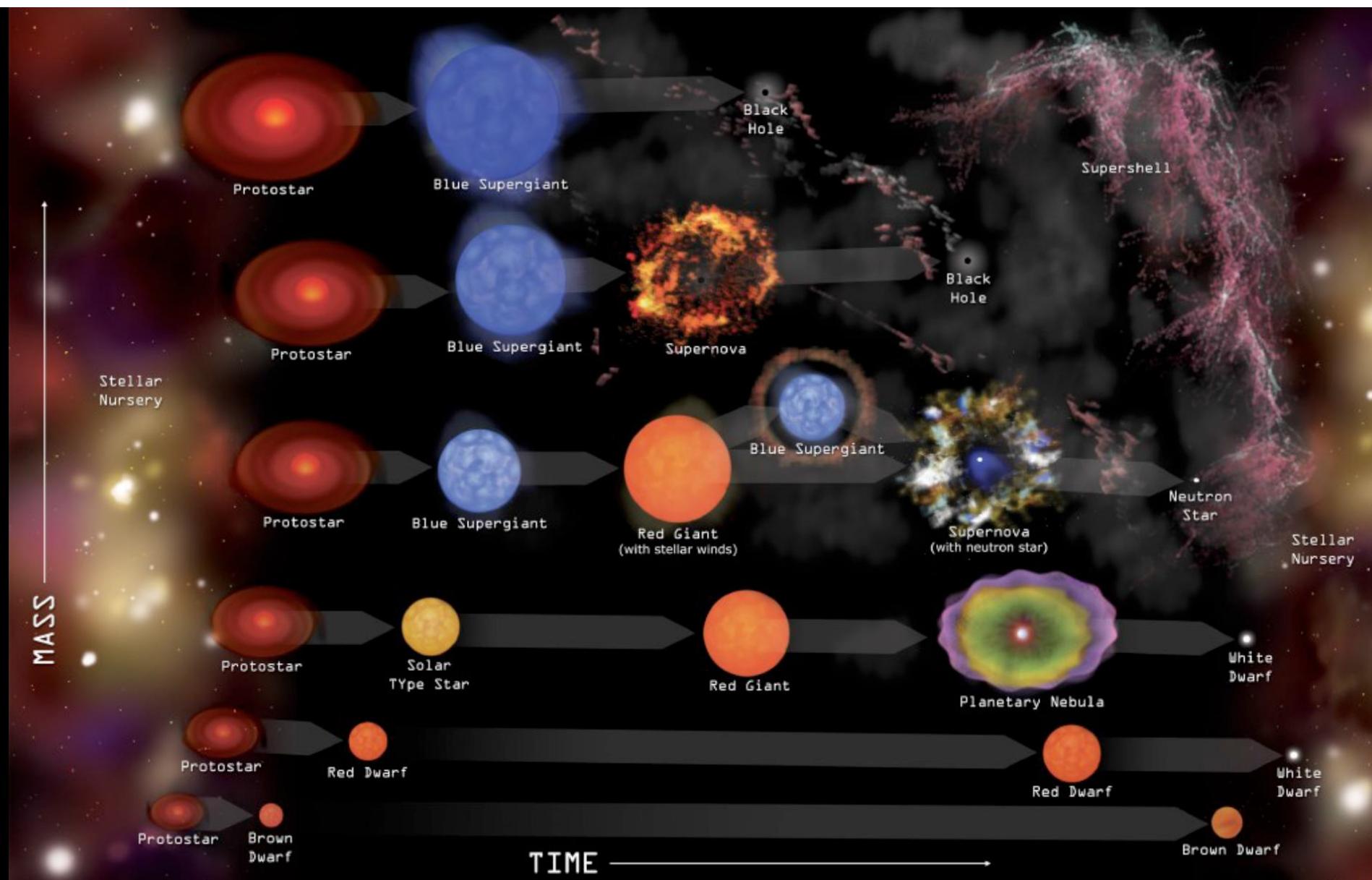
Important concepts for lecture 2

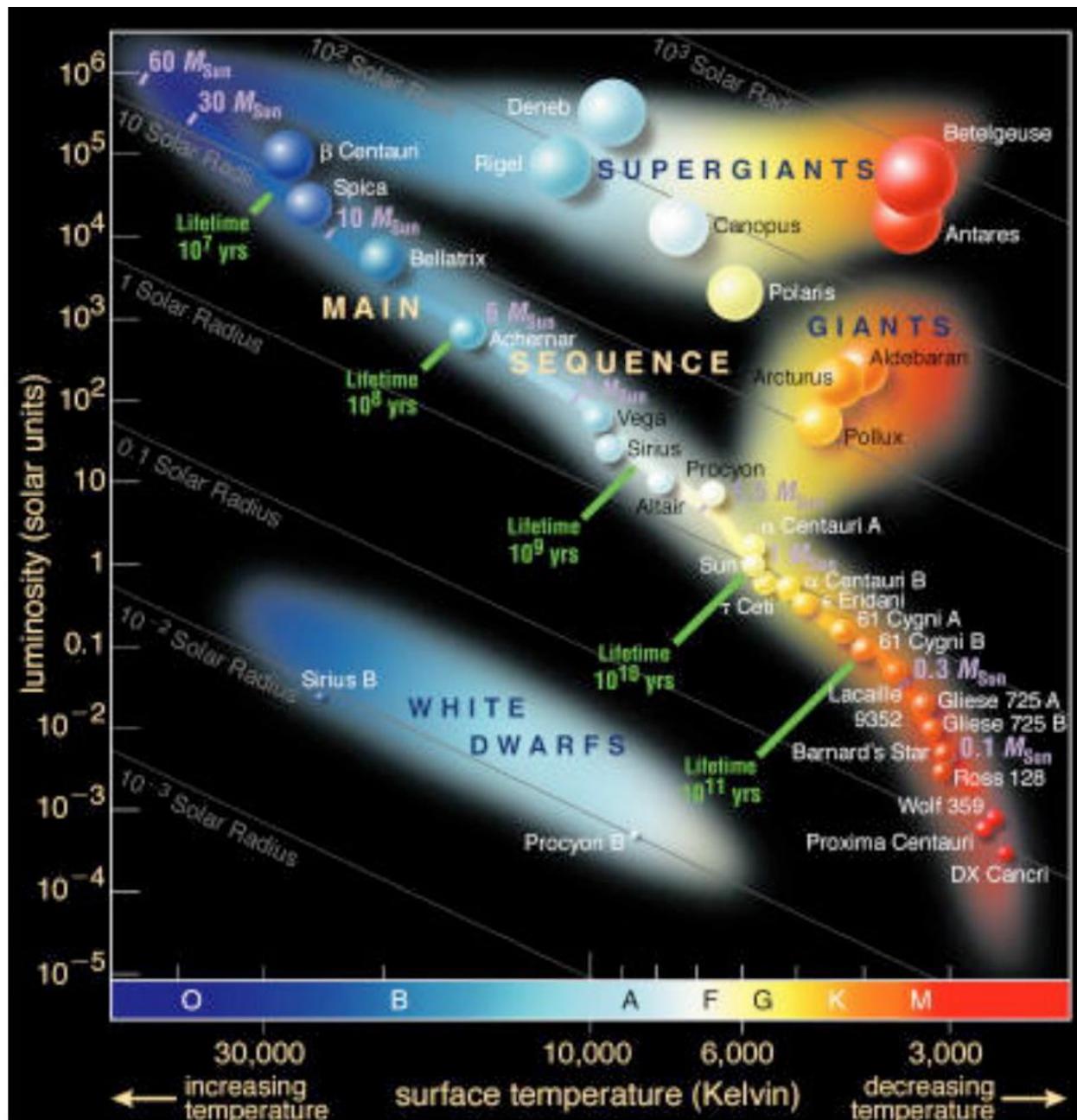
- HR Diagram: how we understand stars and stellar evolution
 - Apparent magnitude: the magnitude we see
 - Absolute magnitude (luminosity): corrected for distance
 - x-axis: temperature (measured from spectra or colors)
- Main sequence: where stars spend most of their life
 - H burning
- After H burning: stars become giants
 - Core shrinks until He burning
- Fusion: lighter elements => heavier elements
 - Difference in mass converted to energy
 - Occurs in very hot core
- Sun: we see the cool photosphere in optical light
 - Hot corona in X-rays
- Stars often born in clusters:
 - same time, same location+proper motion



Part II:

Star Formation, Stellar Evolution, and the Stellar Graveyard





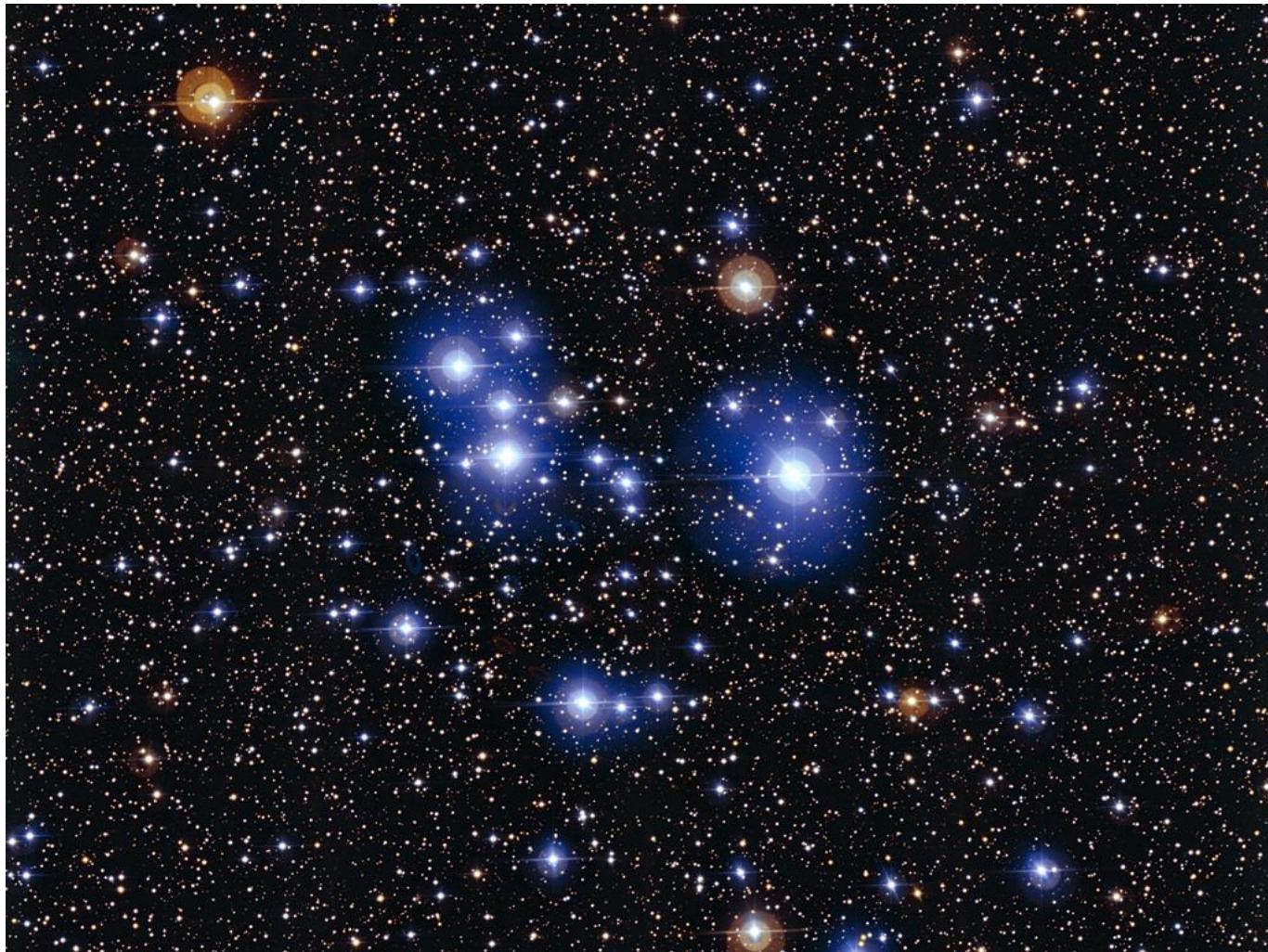
Clusters: stars born at same time
and travel together in space



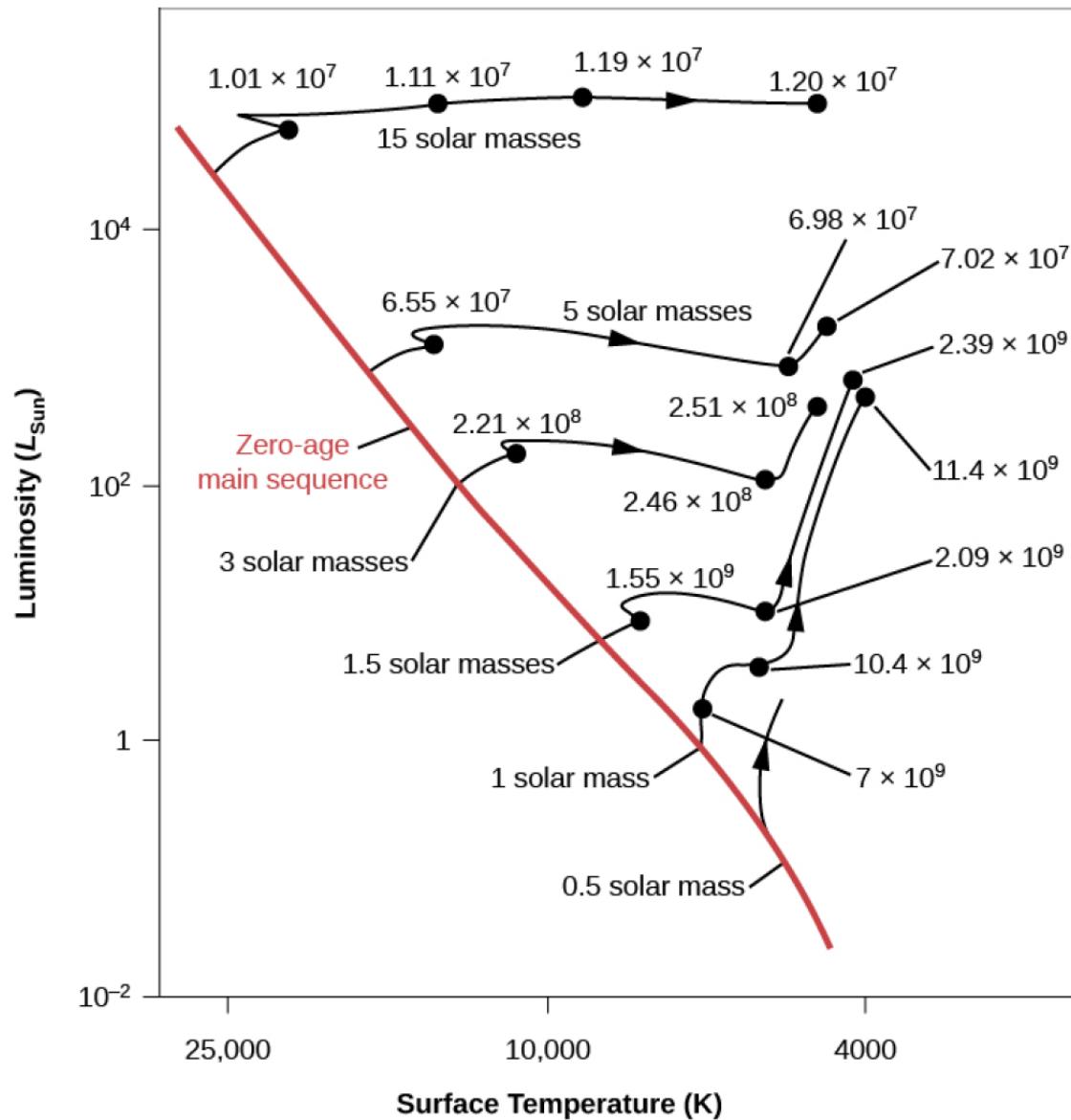
Pleiades (seven sisters, Subaru)



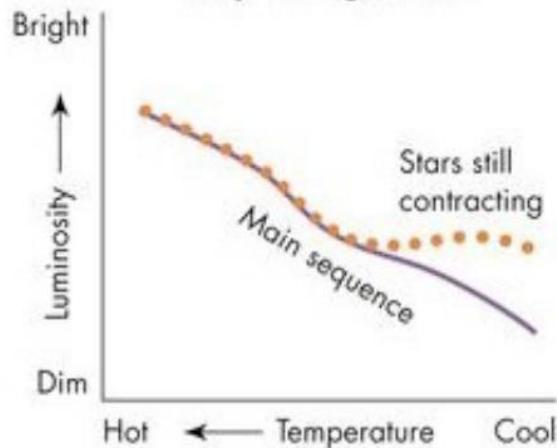
Pleiades: famous and benchmark cluster for young stars



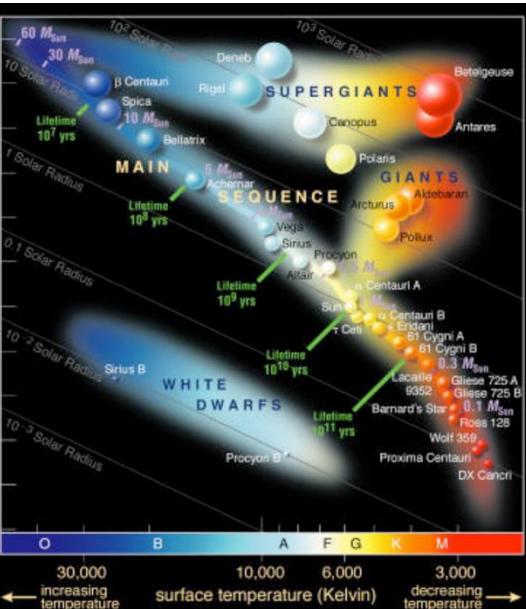
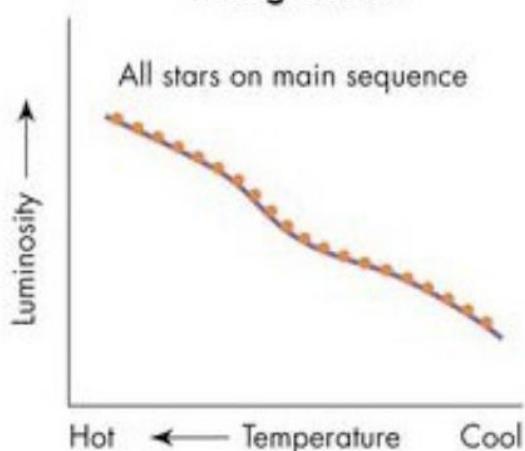
Location of stars tells us age of cluster



Very Young Cluster



Young Cluster

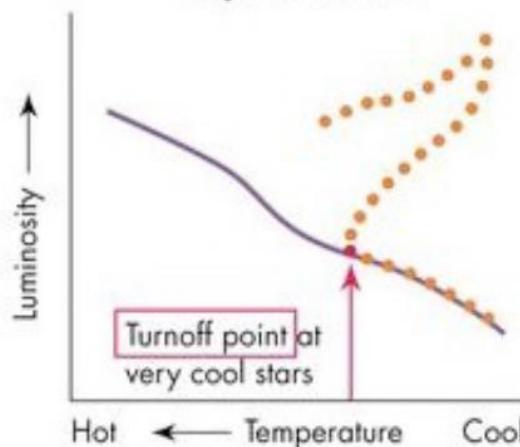
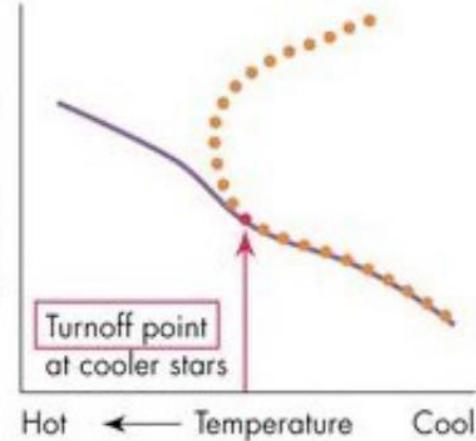


All stars on main sequence

A few massive stars have evolved off main sequence

Turnoff point
at hot stars

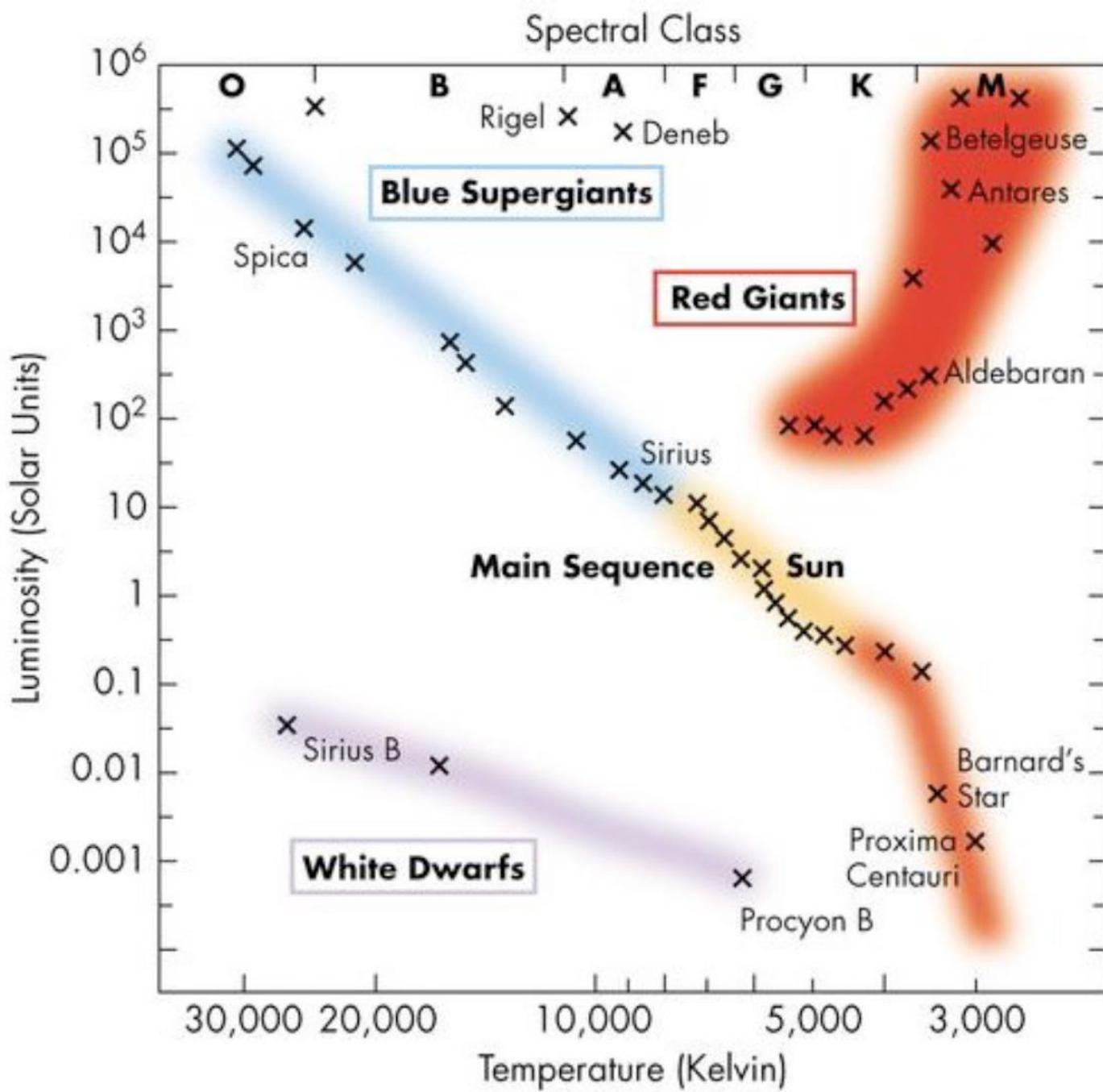
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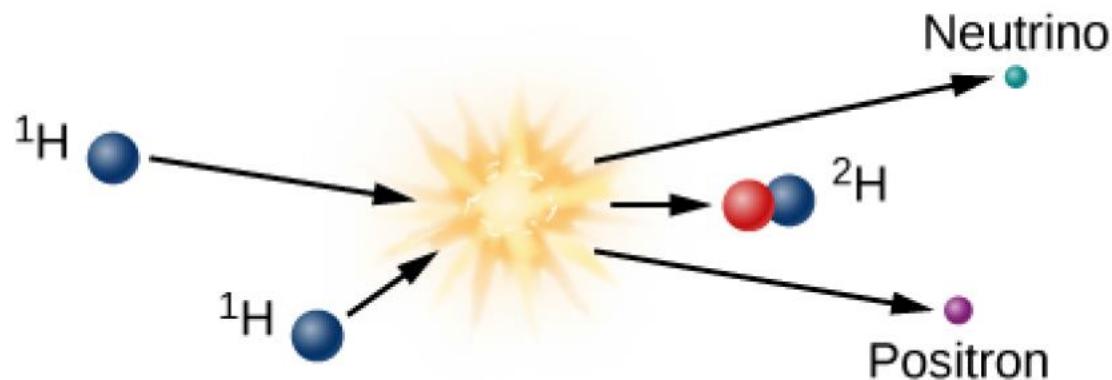


Turnoff point
at very cool stars

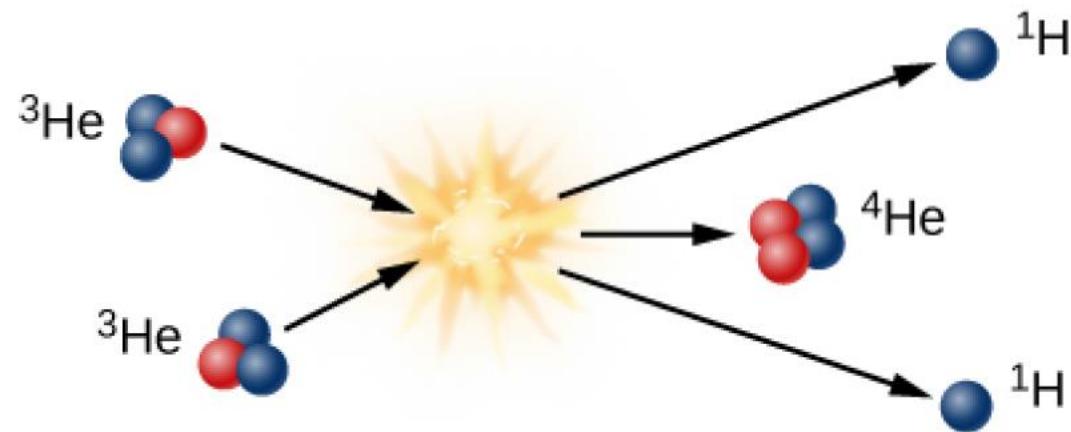
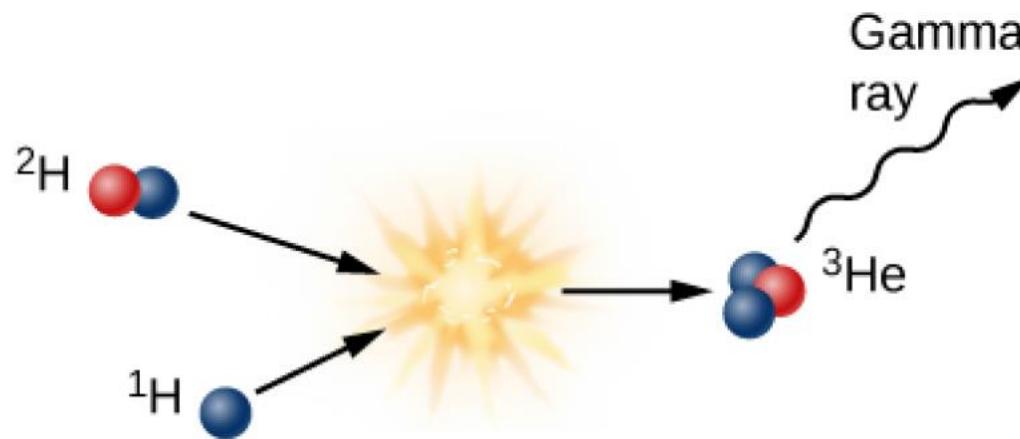
Key concepts

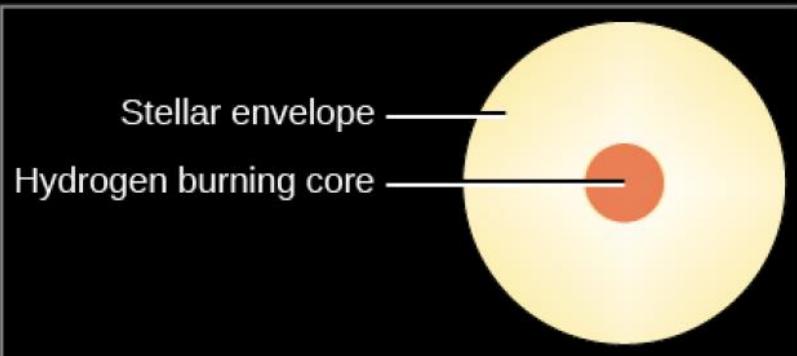
- **Blackbody radiation:** temperature/color of star
- **Main sequence:** where a star spends most of its life
 - Hydrogen burning in core
- **Hydrogen burning:** how most stars get energy
- **Core:** hot core where H burns
- **Stellar evolution:** how star changes, from birth to death
- **HR Diagram:** Luminosity and temperature of stars
 - How we understand stars and stellar evolution
- **Molecular cloud:** dense material where stars form
- **White dwarfs:** end state of the sun and low-mass stars
- **Neutron stars/black holes:** end state of high-mass stars
- **Supernova!**
- **Origin of the Elements:** mostly in stars+explosions



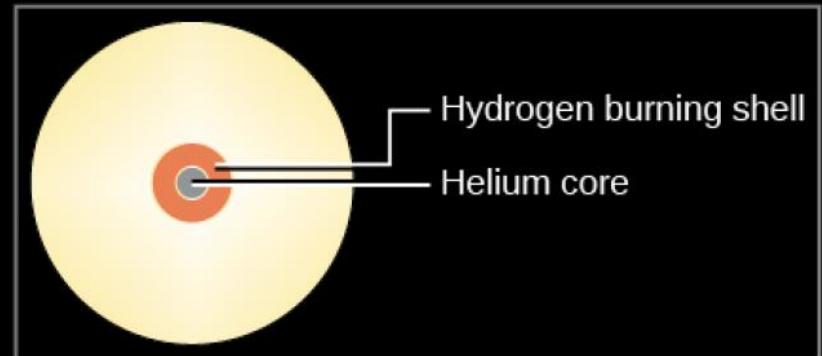


Fusion at core
4 Hydrogen atoms
turns into 1 He atom





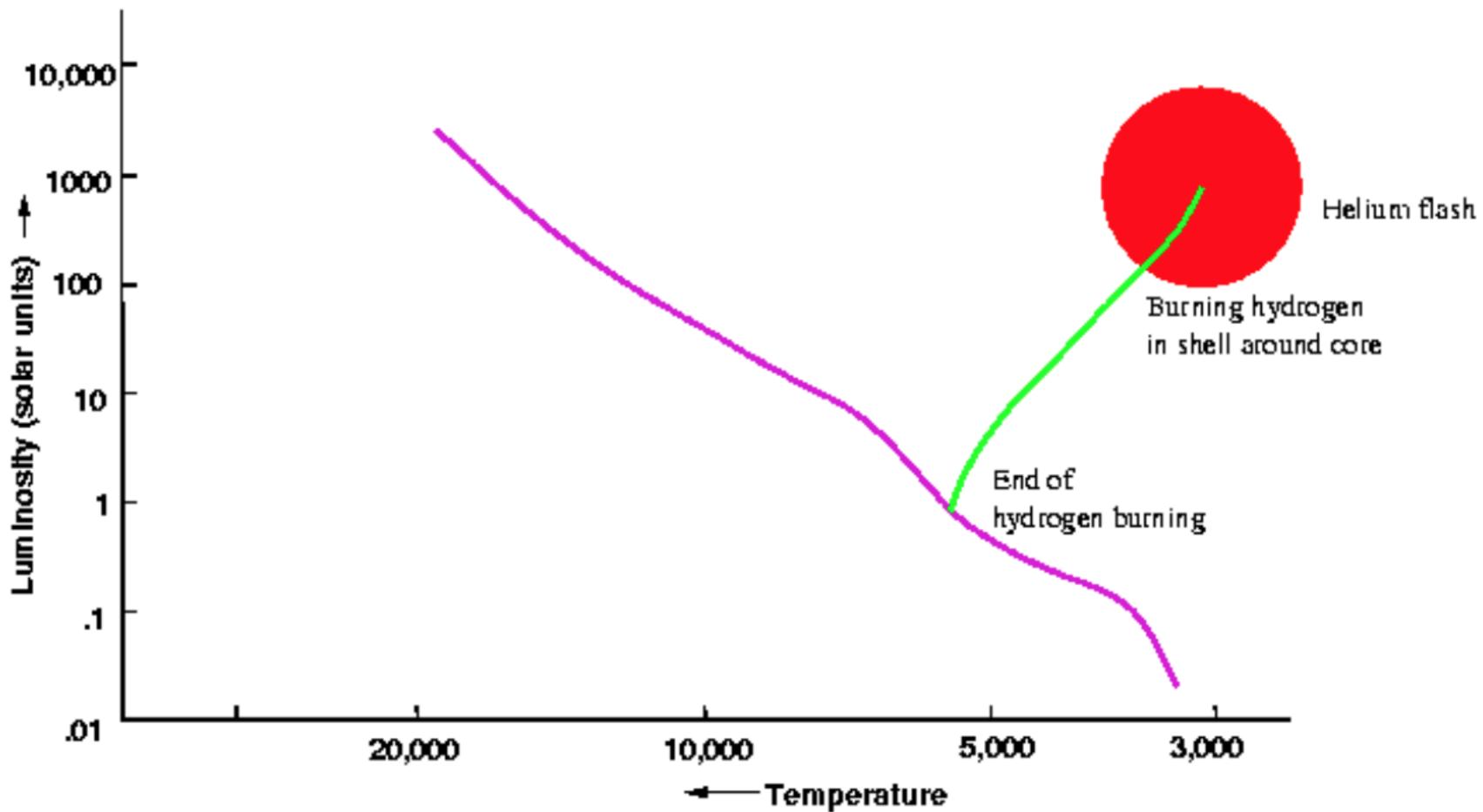
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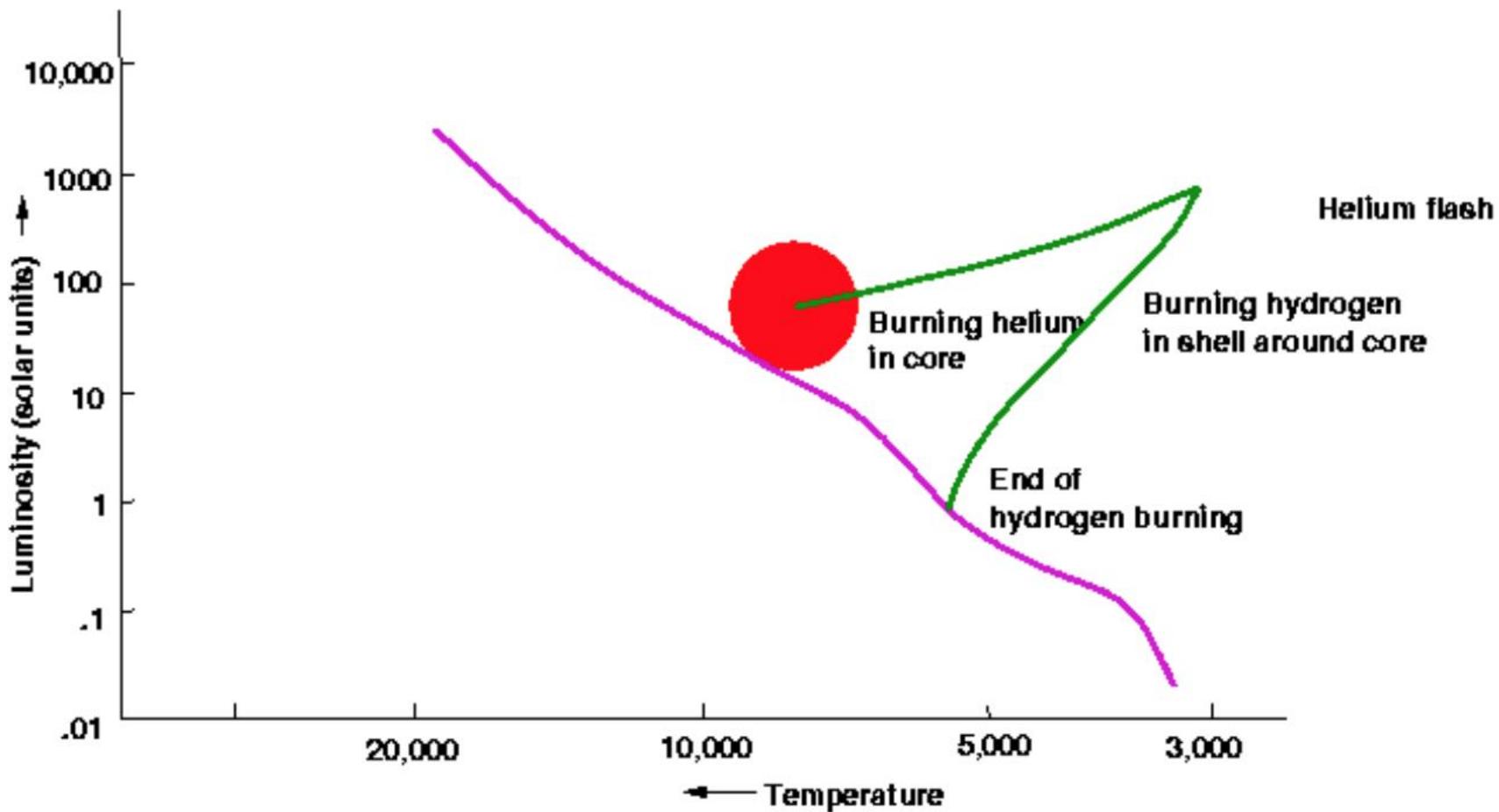


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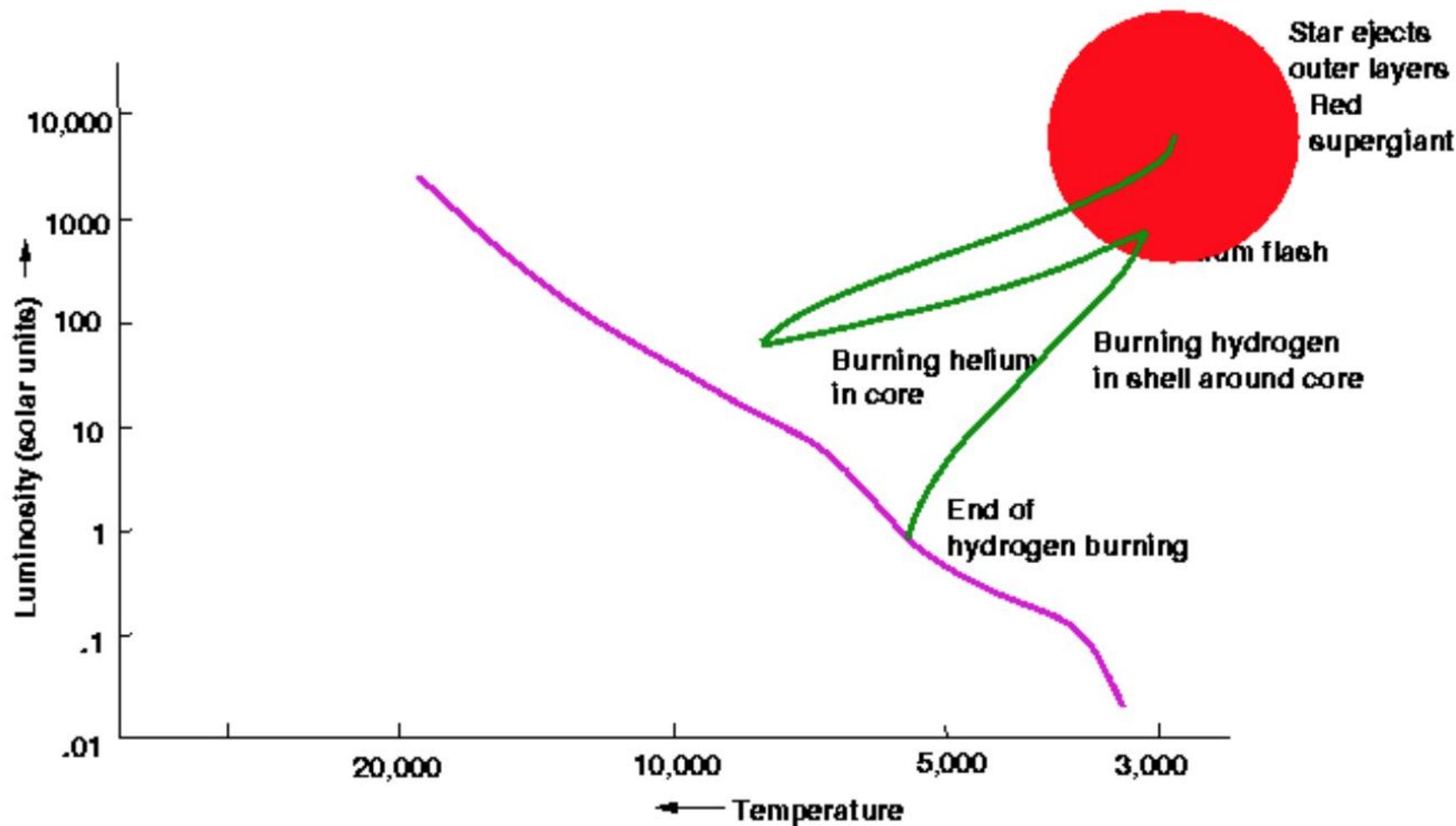
**Main sequence: Hydrogen
burning in core**

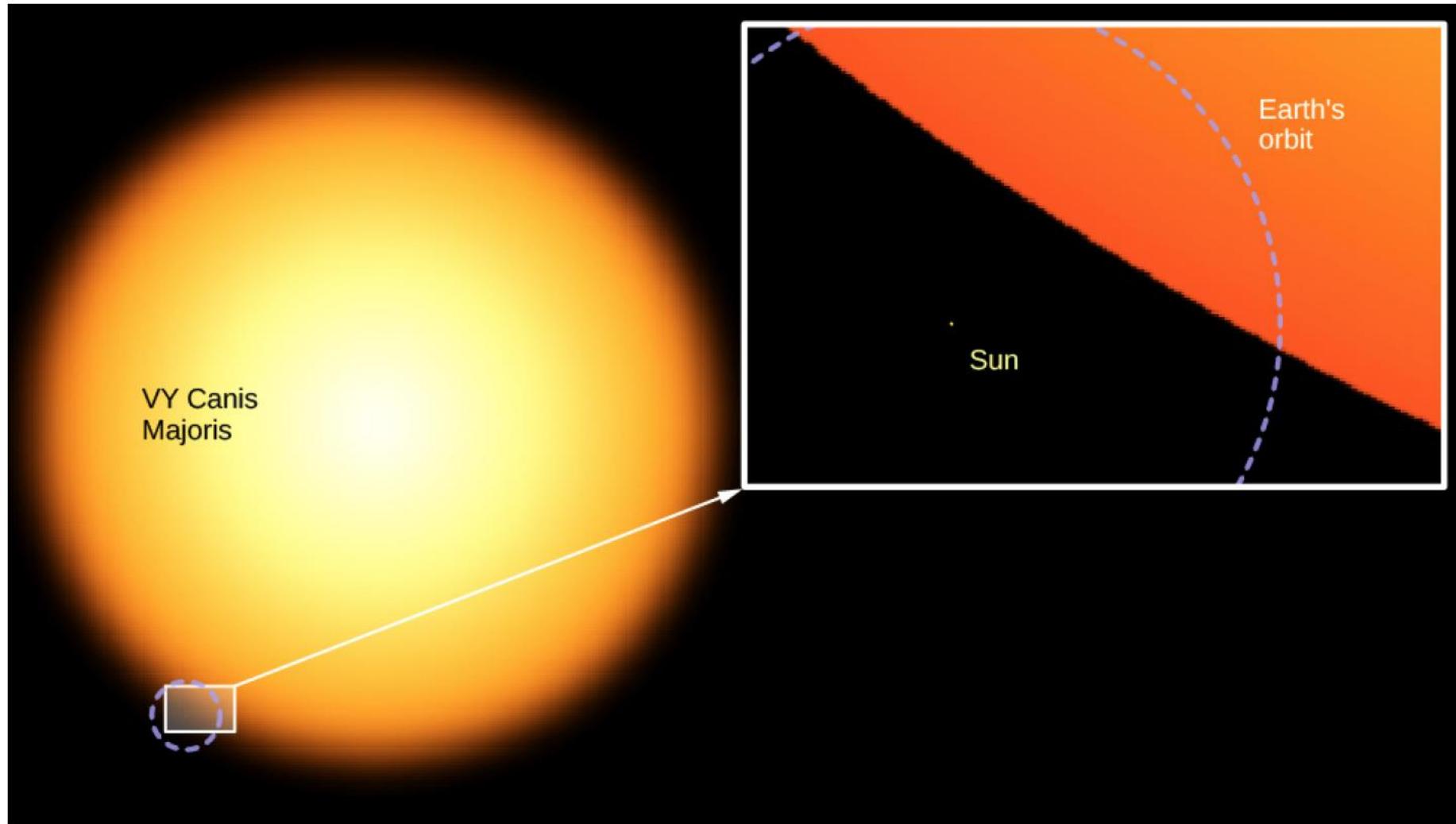
**What happens when the core
runs out of Hydrogen?**



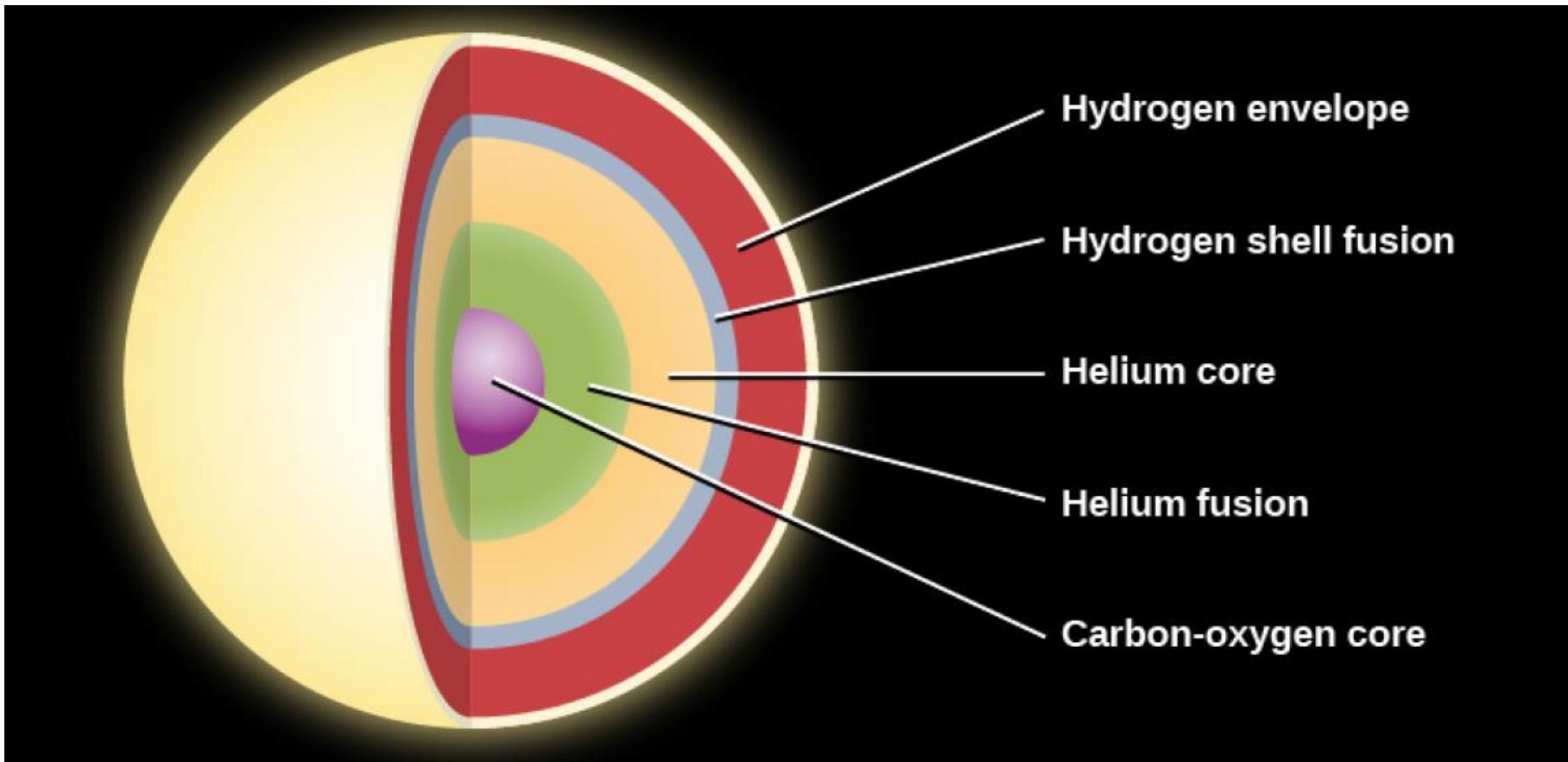


Evolution of a solar-mass star

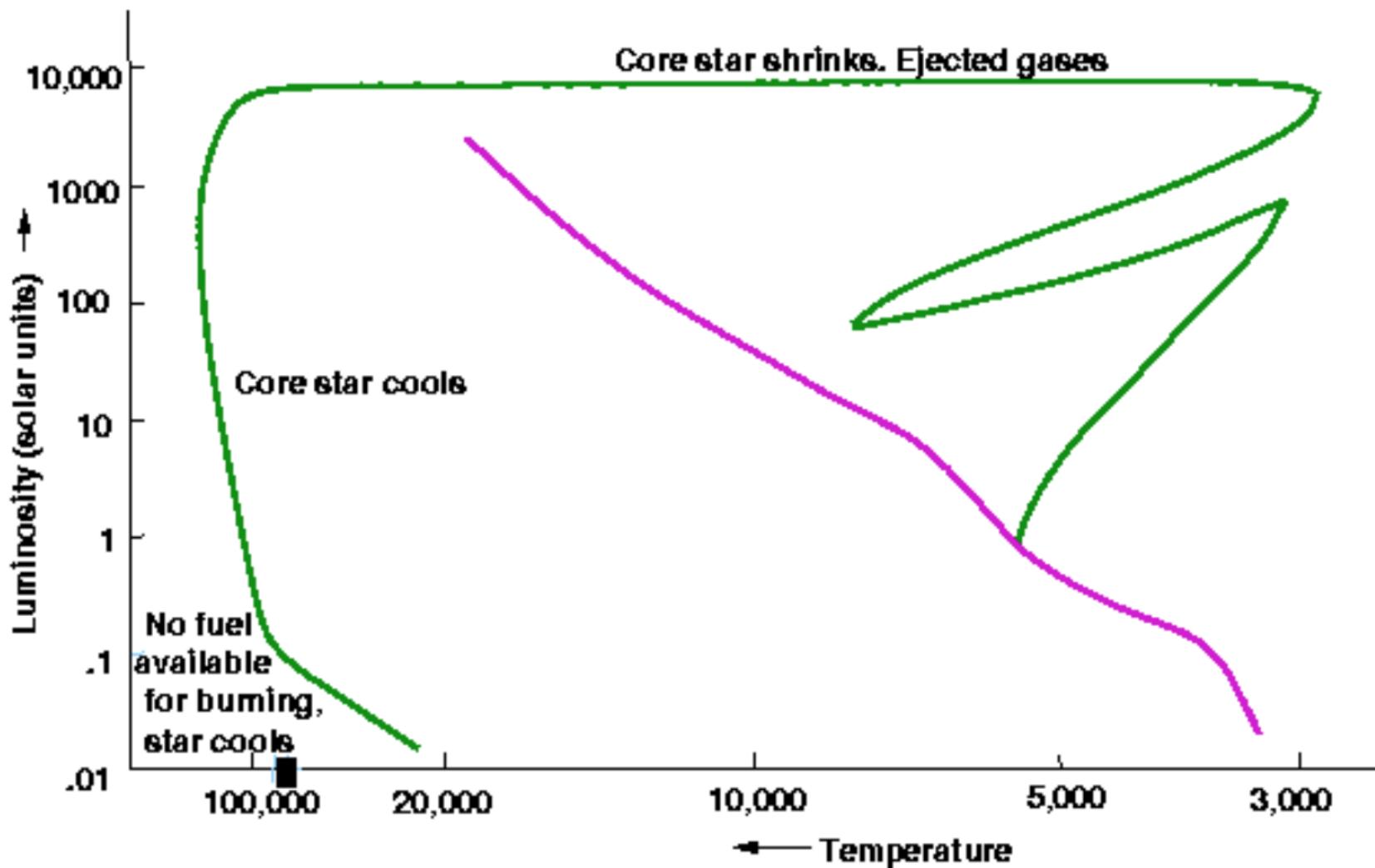




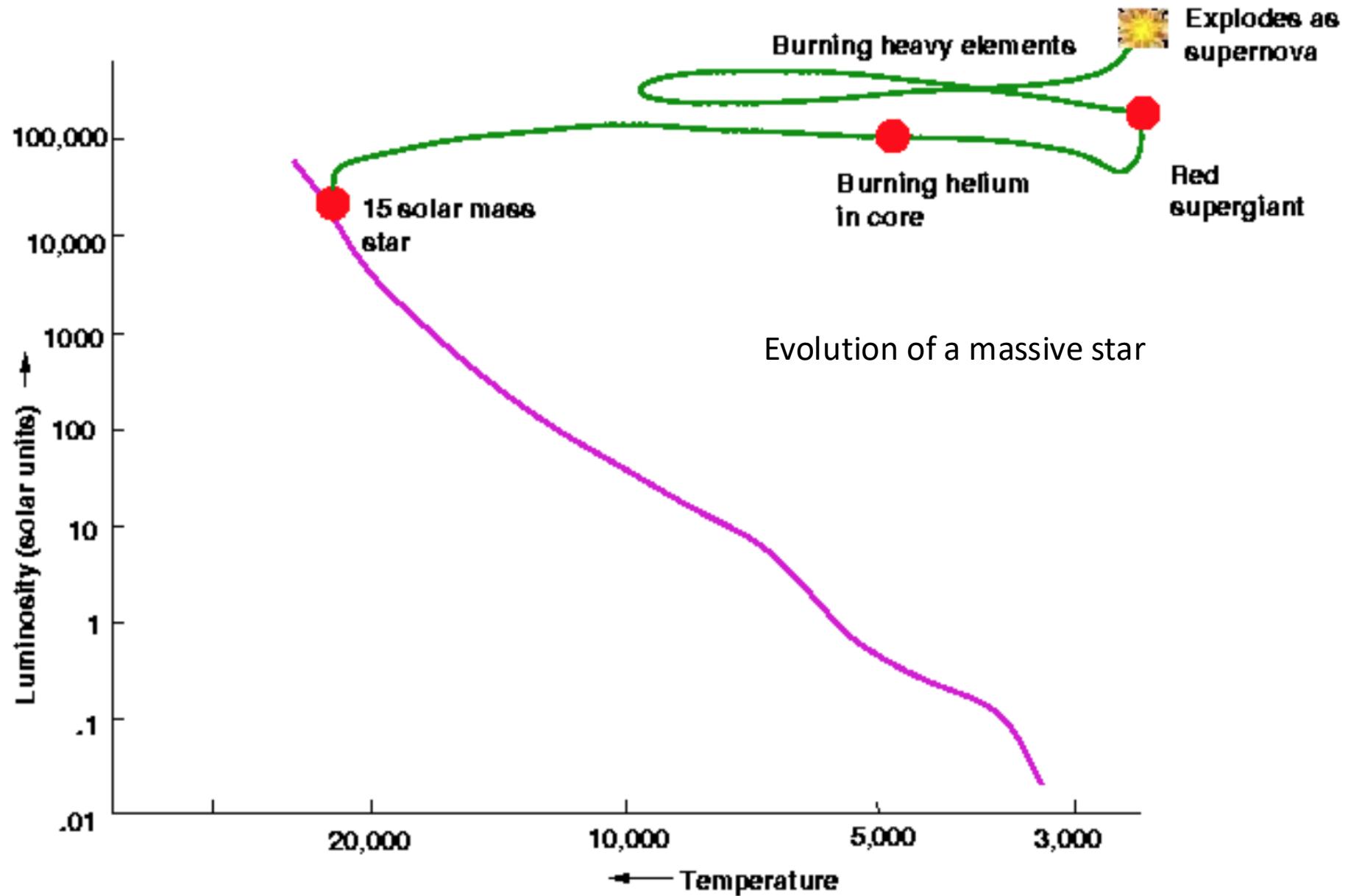
Interior structure of evolved star; Will lose the envelope (outer region)

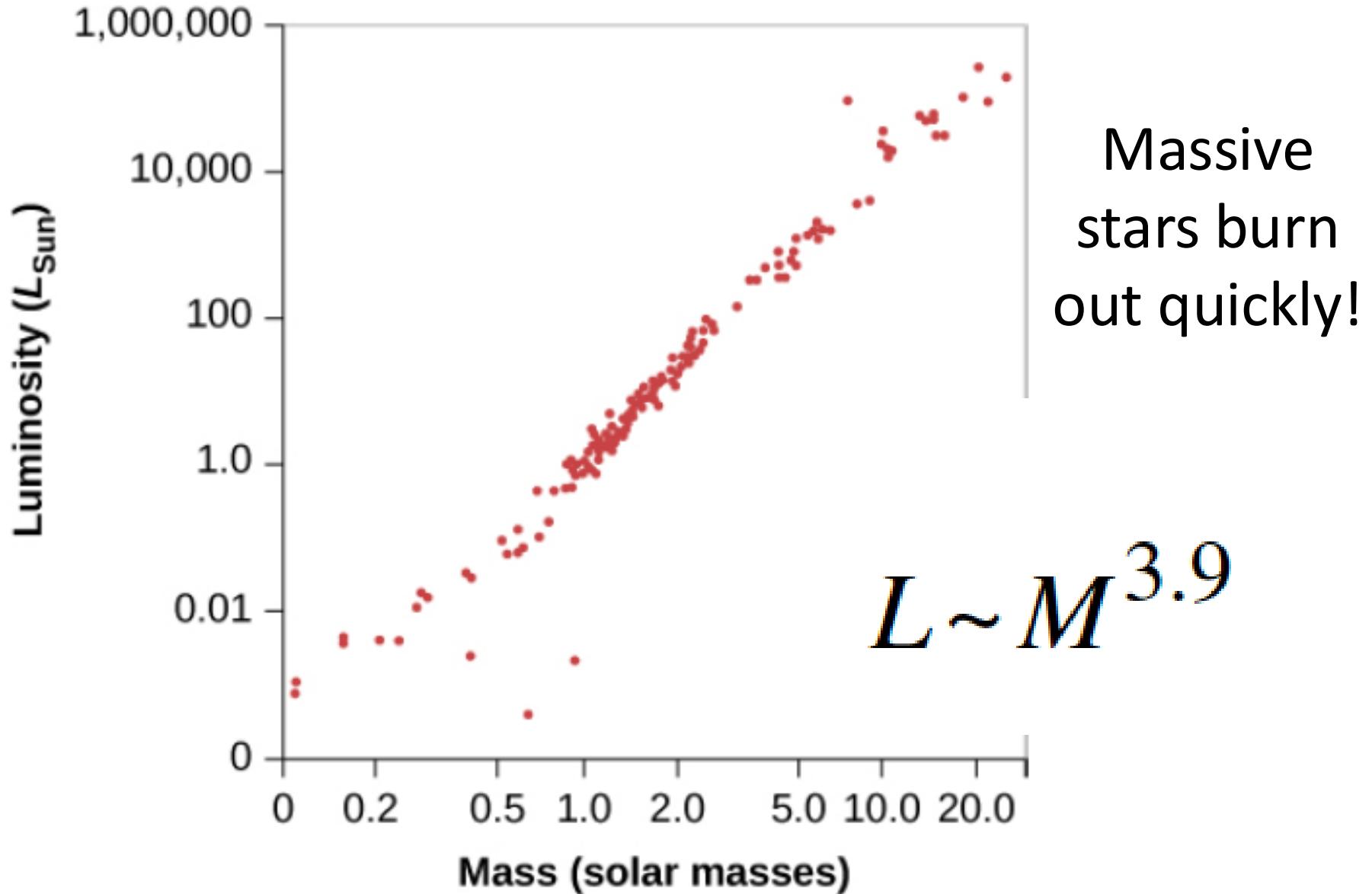


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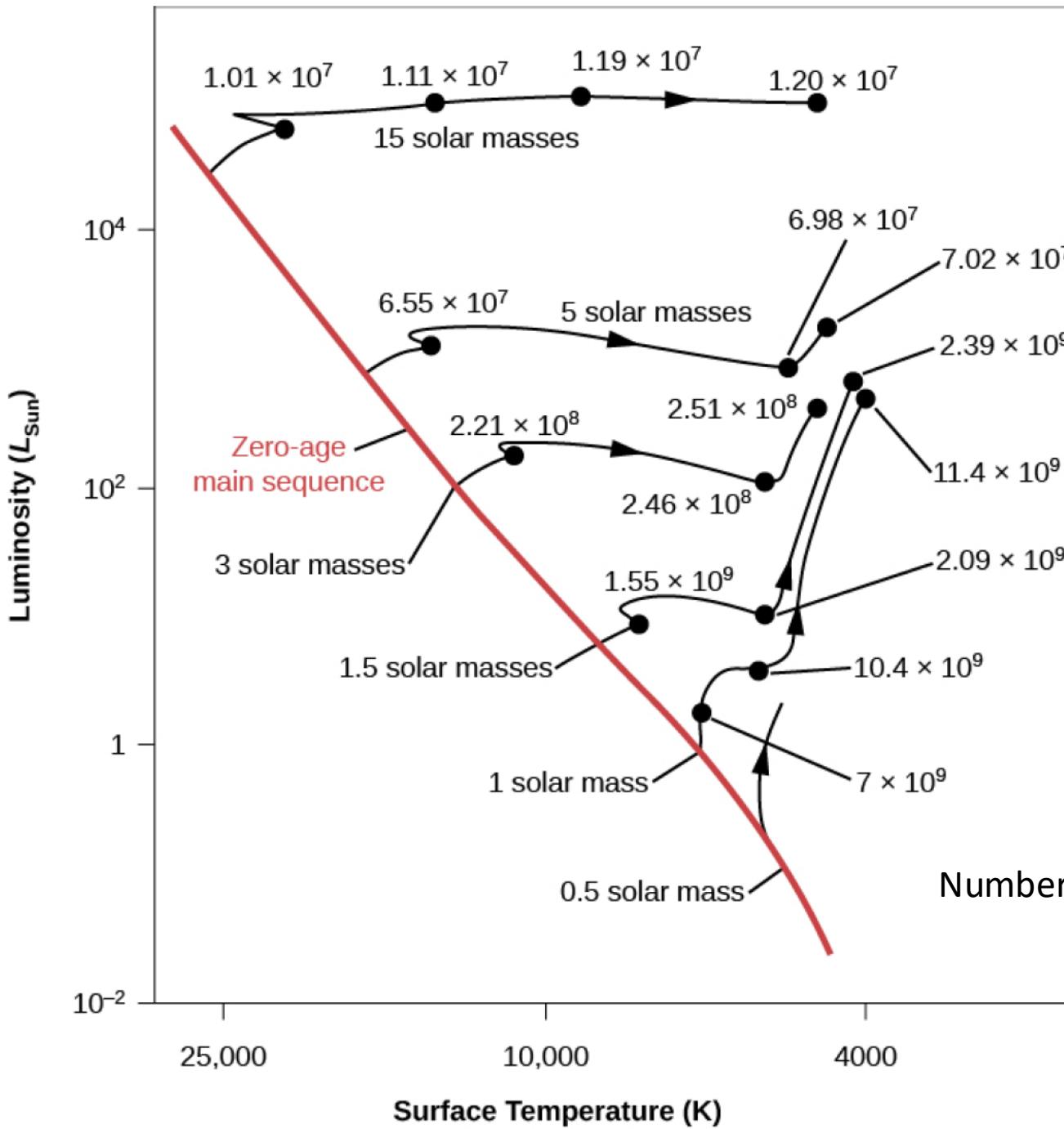
Stage	Time in This Stage (years)	Surface Temperature (K)	Luminosity (L_{Sun})	Diameter (Sun = 1)
Main sequence	11 billion	6000	1	1
Becomes red giant	1.3 billion	3100 at minimum	2300 at maximum	165
Helium fusion	100 million	4800	50	10
Giant again	20 million	3100	5200	180

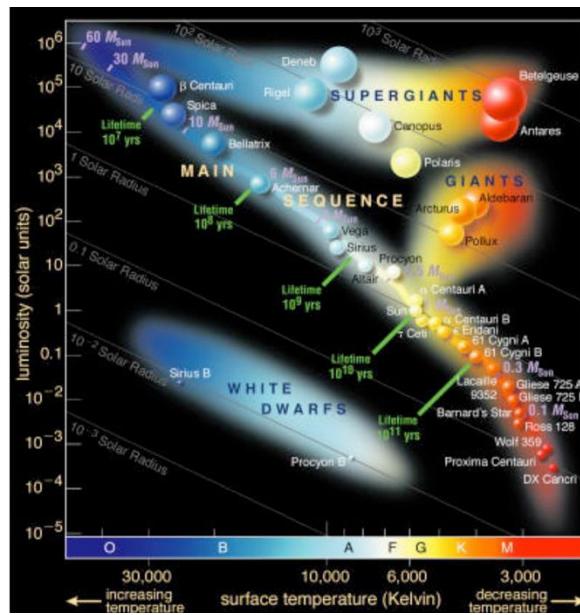
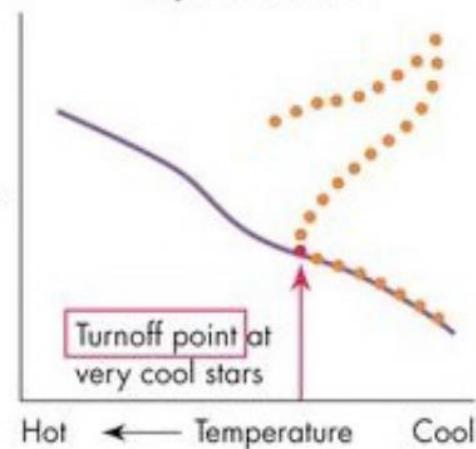
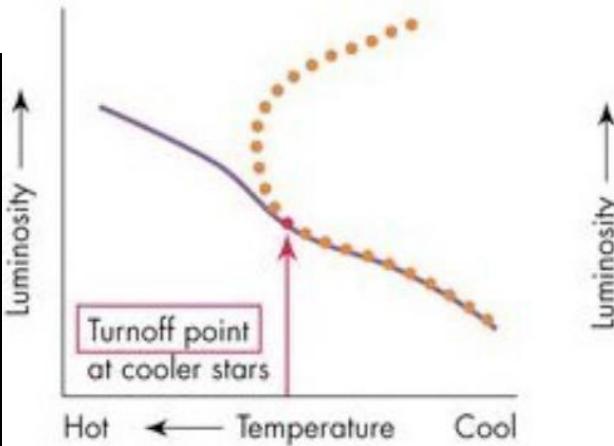
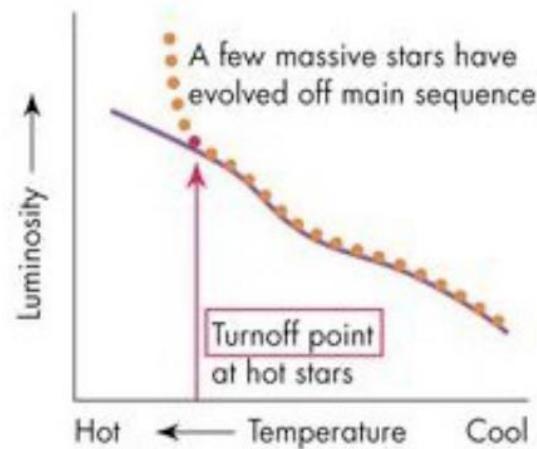
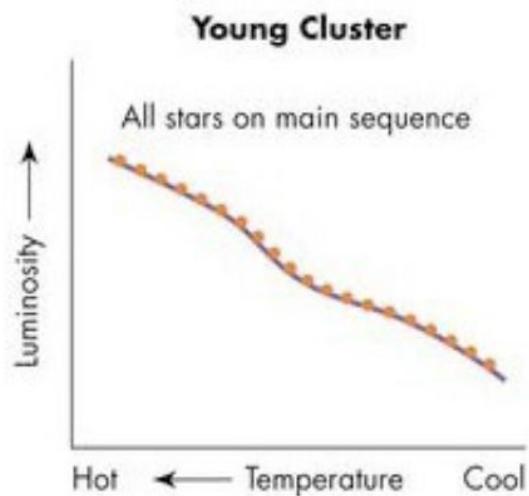
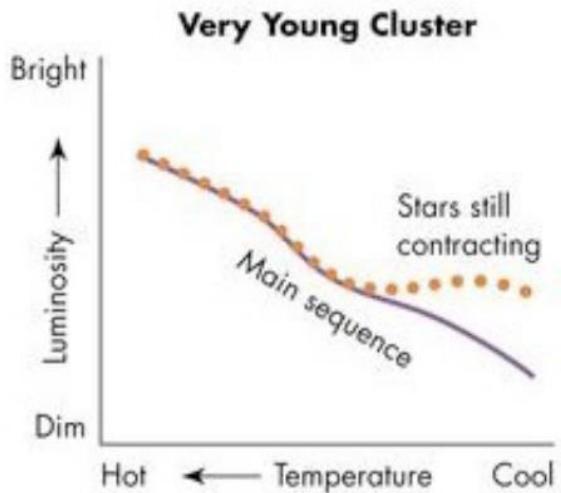


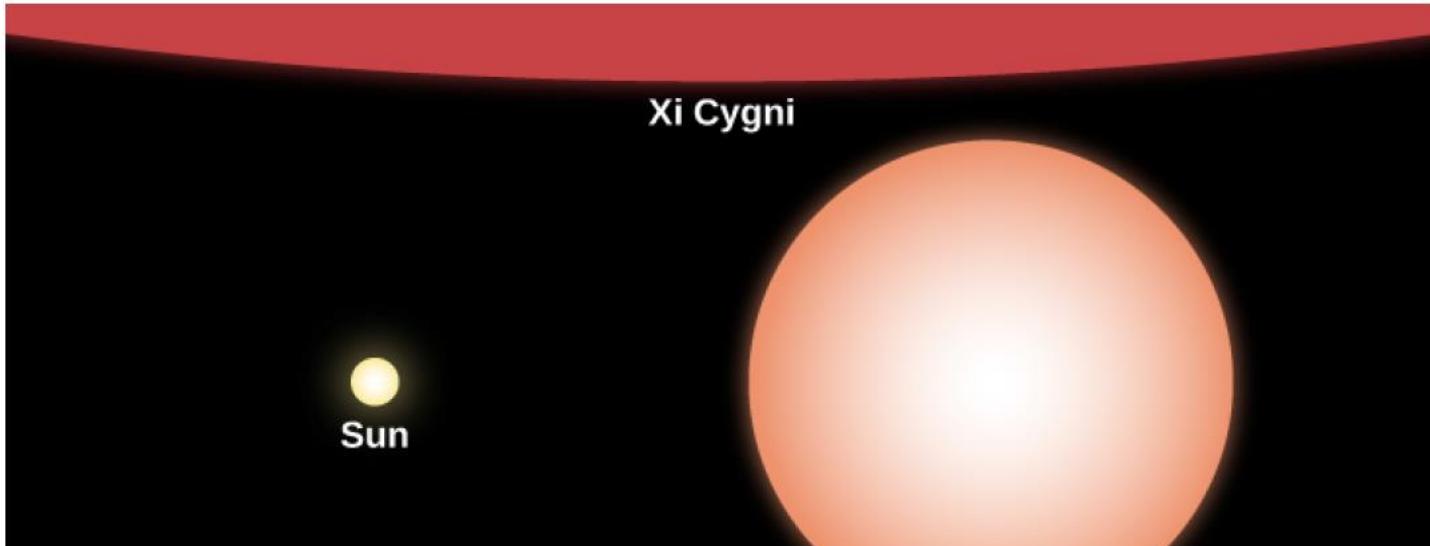


$$L = R^2 T^4$$

Stars get cool at surface, but luminous: radius must get very large



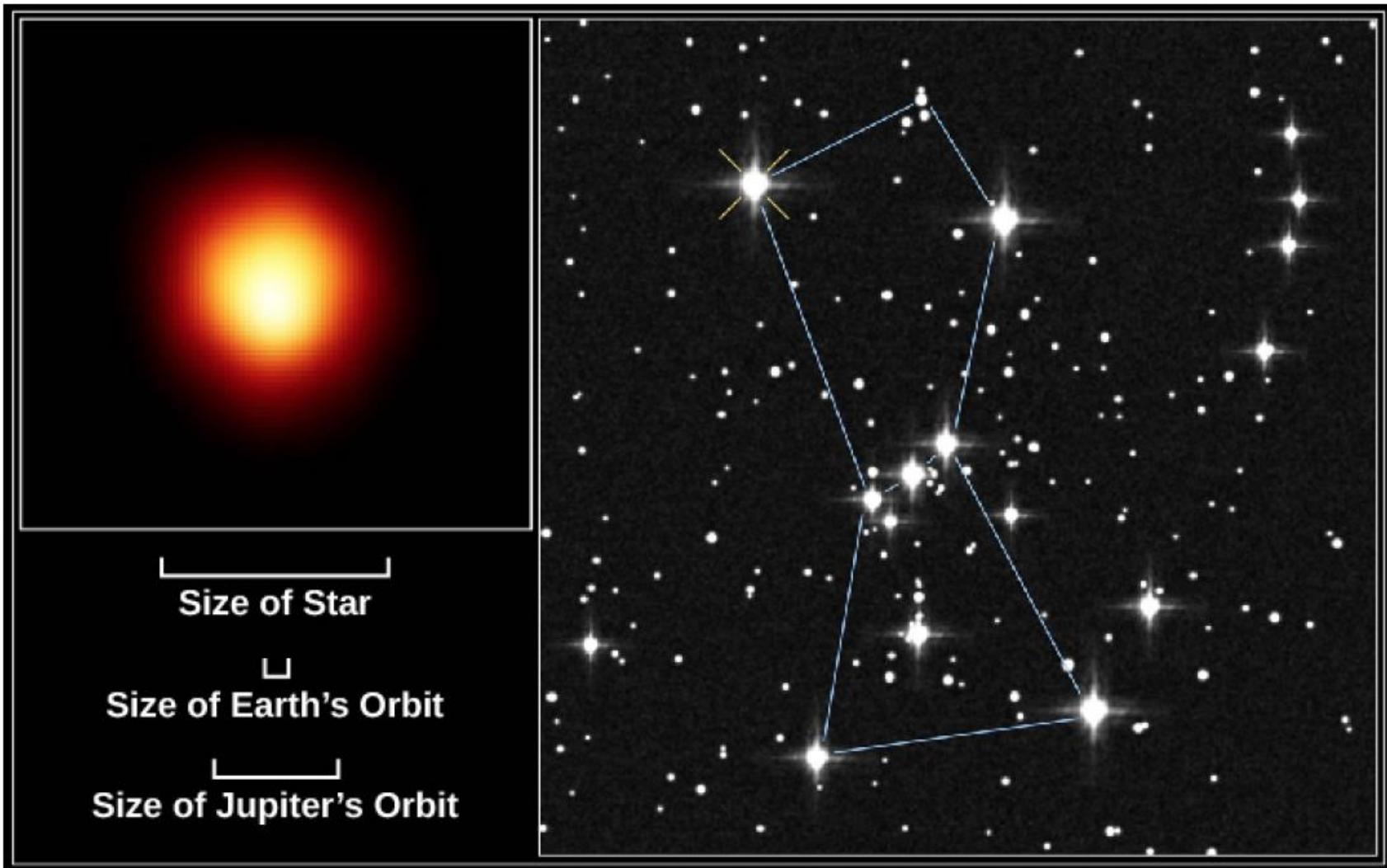




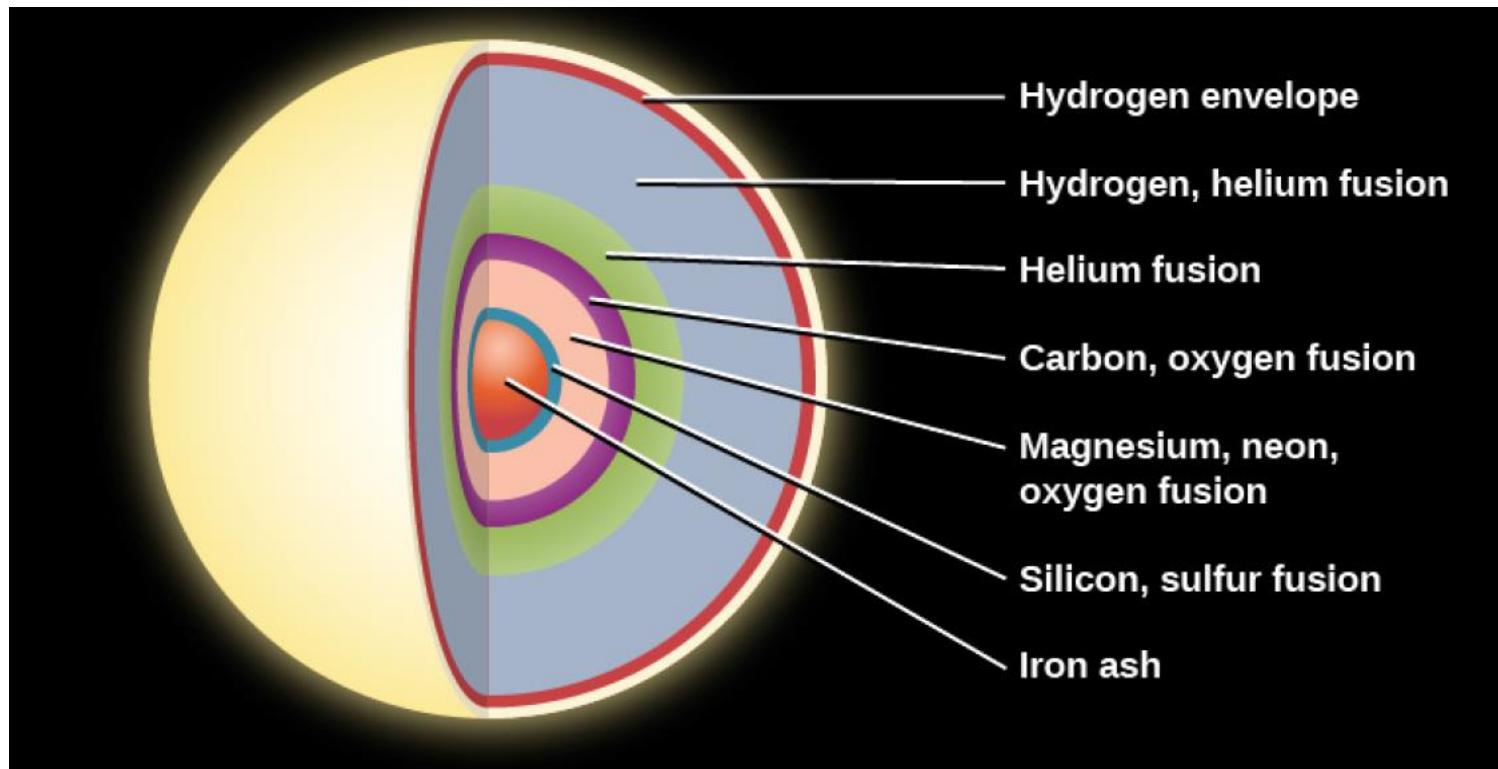
Comparing a Supergiant with the Sun

Property	Sun	Betelgeuse
Mass (2×10^{33} g)	1	16
Radius (km)	700,000	500,000,000
Surface temperature (K)	5,800	3,600
Core temperature (K)	15,000,000	160,000,000
Luminosity (4×10^{26} W)	1	46,000
Average density (g/cm ³)	1.4	1.3×10^{-7}
Age (millions of years)	4,500	10

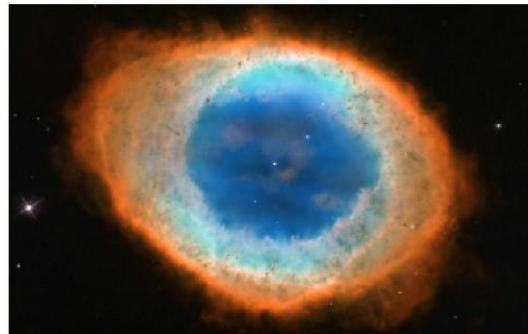
The supergiant star Betelgeuse



Planetary nebula: lost envelopes,
only core is left; we see lost material



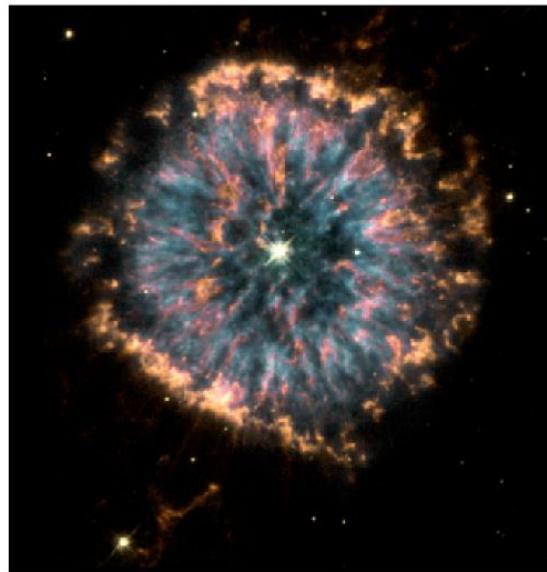
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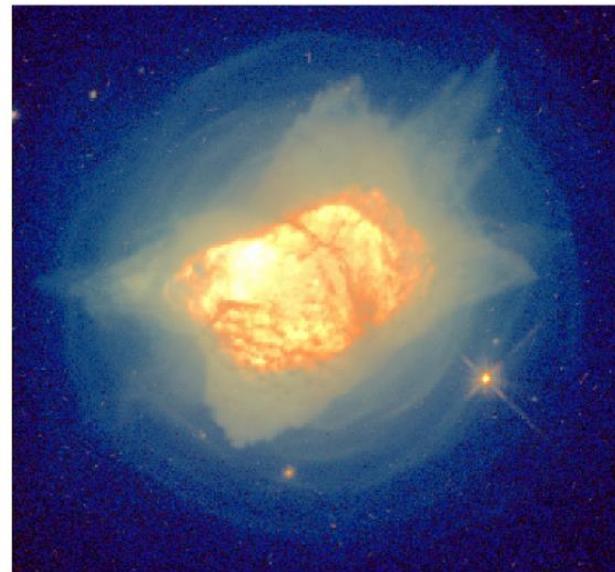
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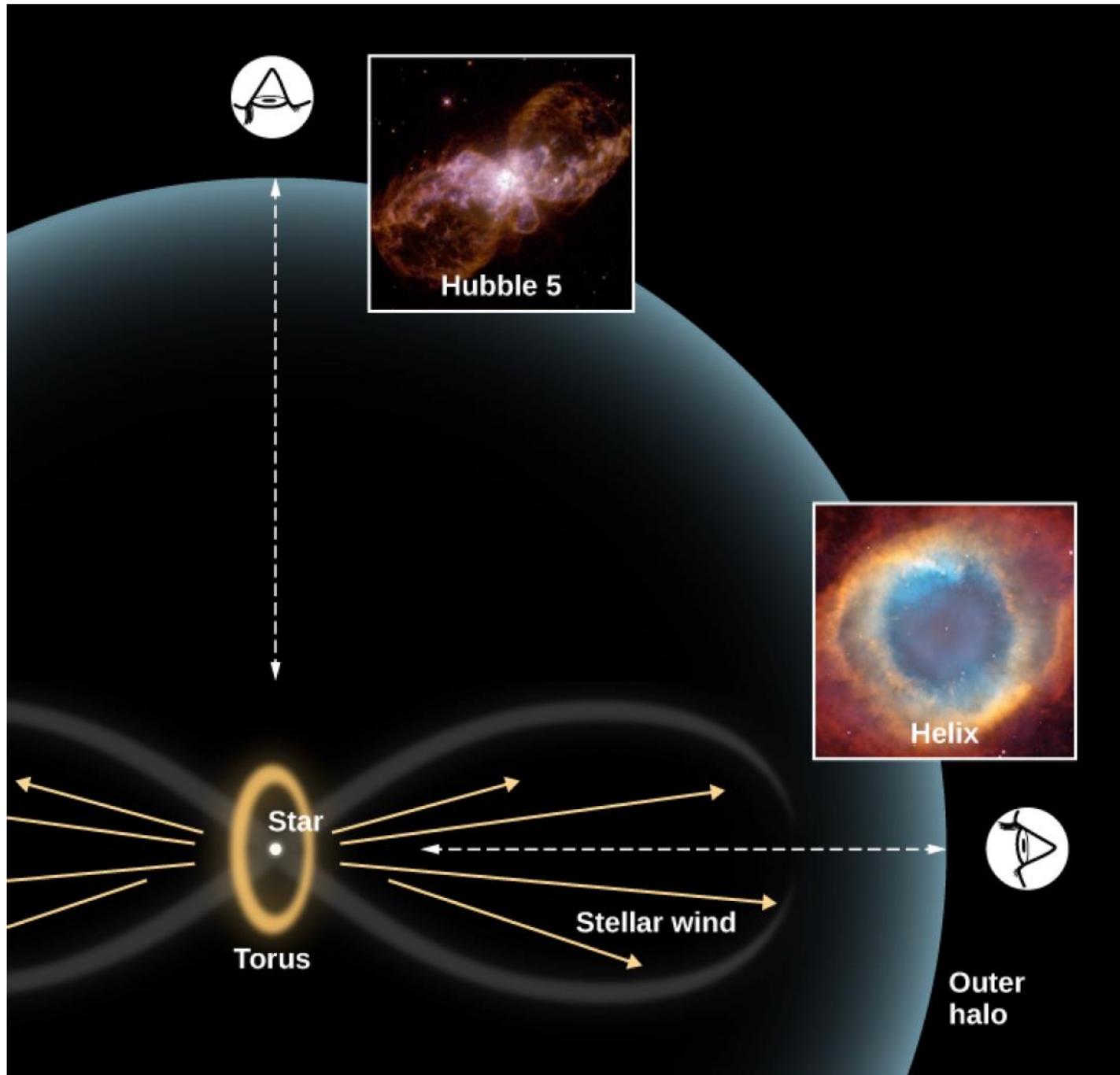
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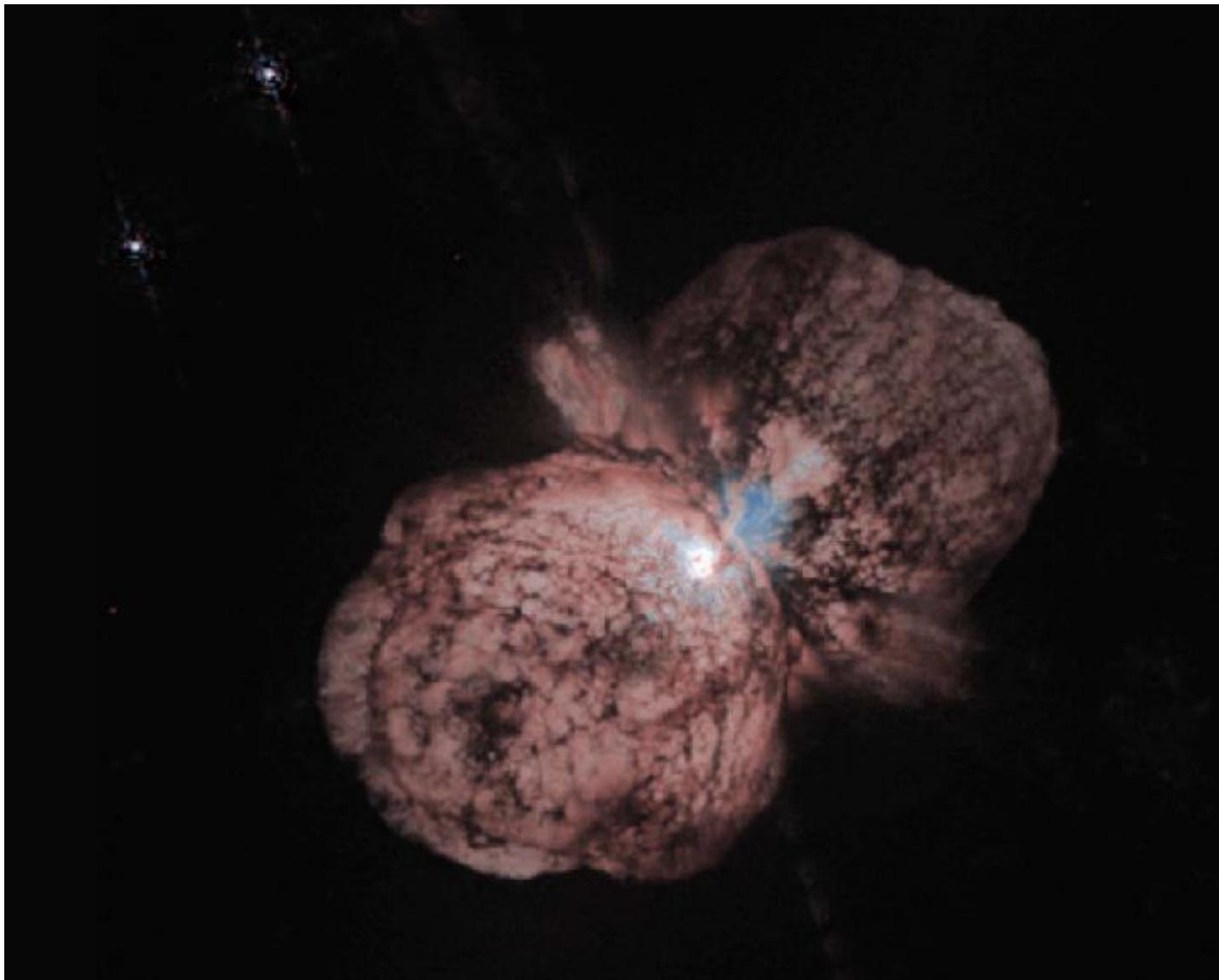
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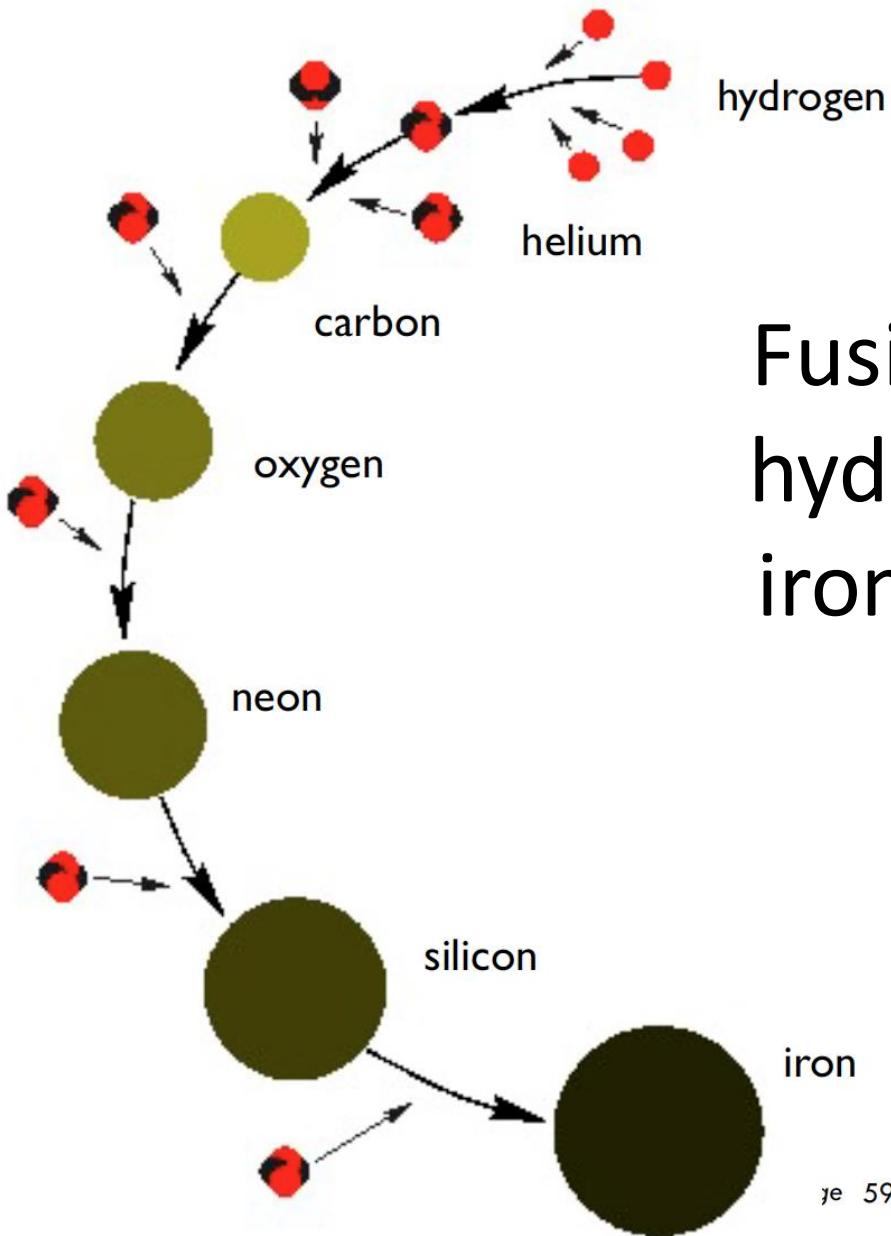


(d)



Eta Carina: what a 100 Msun star looks like





Fusion from
hydrogen to
iron in stars

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

Supernova 1987A (brightest in modern times)



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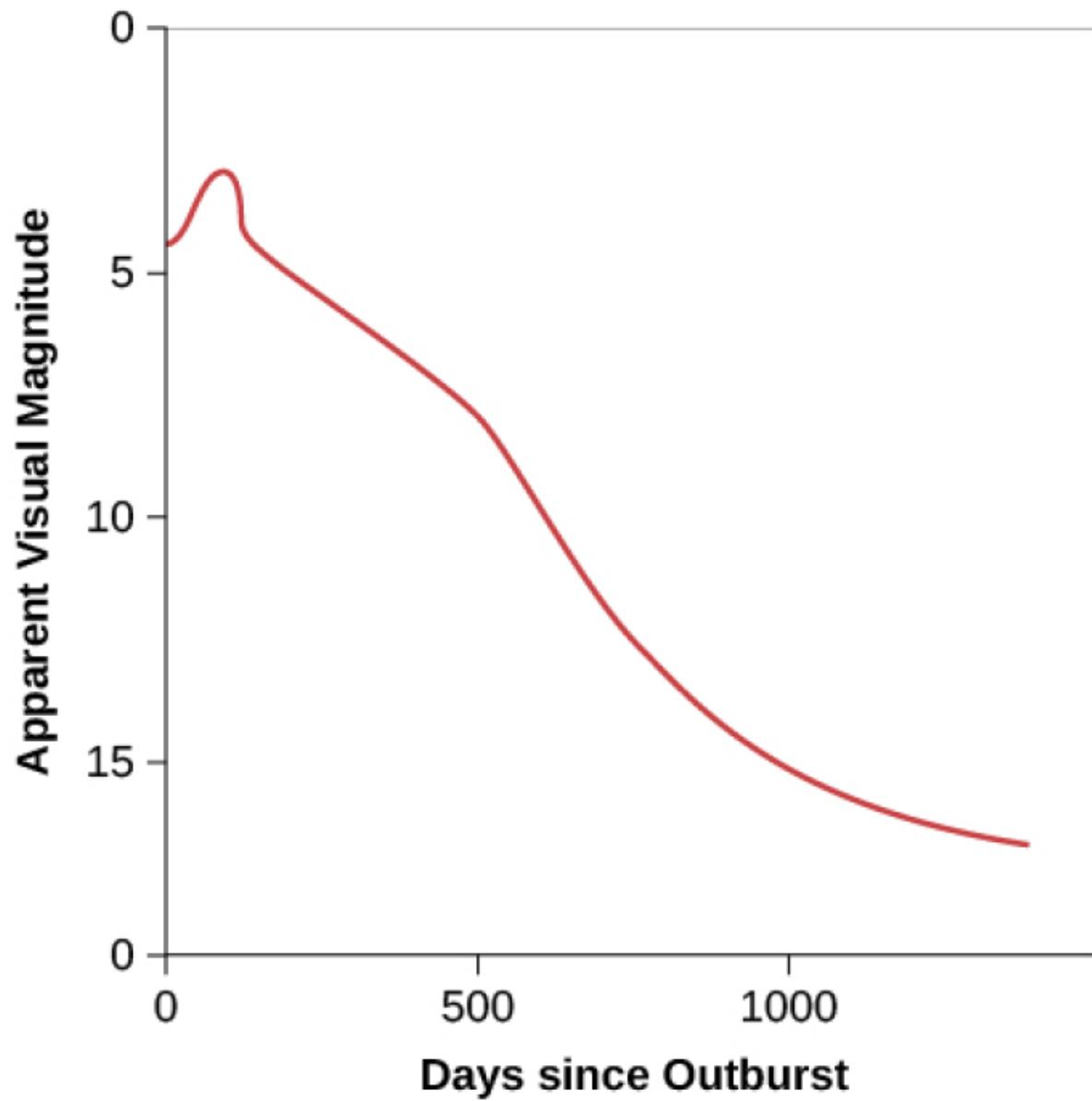
“On the Jisi day, the 7th day of the month, a big new star appeared in the company of the Ho star.”

“On the Xinwei day the new star dwindled.”

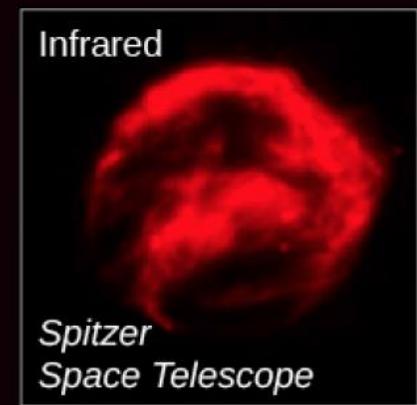
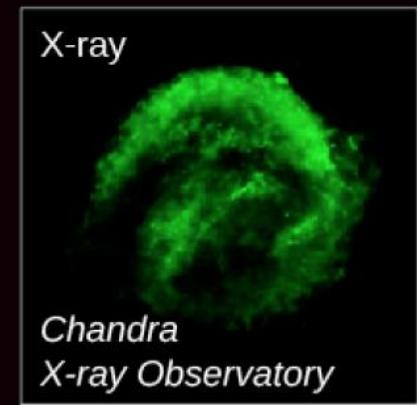
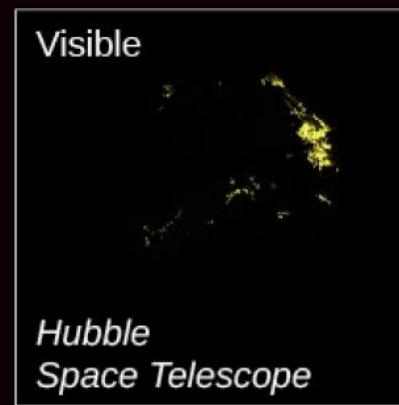
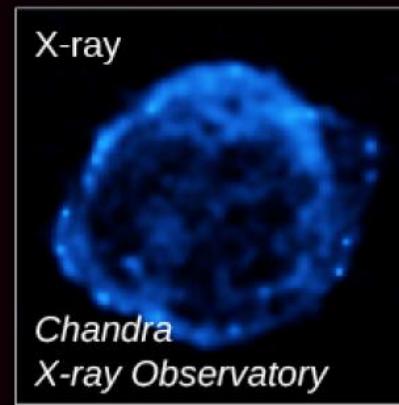
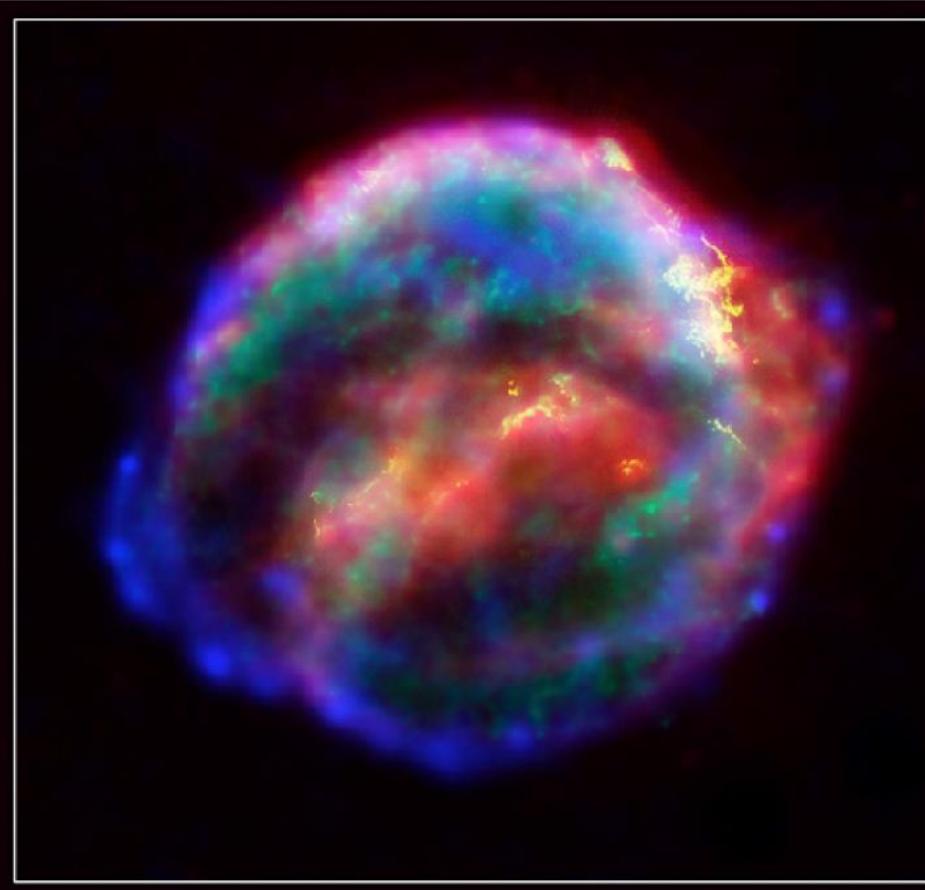


Year	Where observed	Brightness
185	China	Brighter than Venus
369	China	Brighter than Mars or Jupiter
1006	China, Japan, Korea, Europe, Arabia	Brighter than Venus
1054	China, SW India, Arabia → Crab Nebula	Brighter than Venus
1572	Tycho	Nearly as bright as Venus
1604	Kepler	Brighter than Jupiter
1987	Ian Shelton (Chile)	-

Brightness of supernova with time



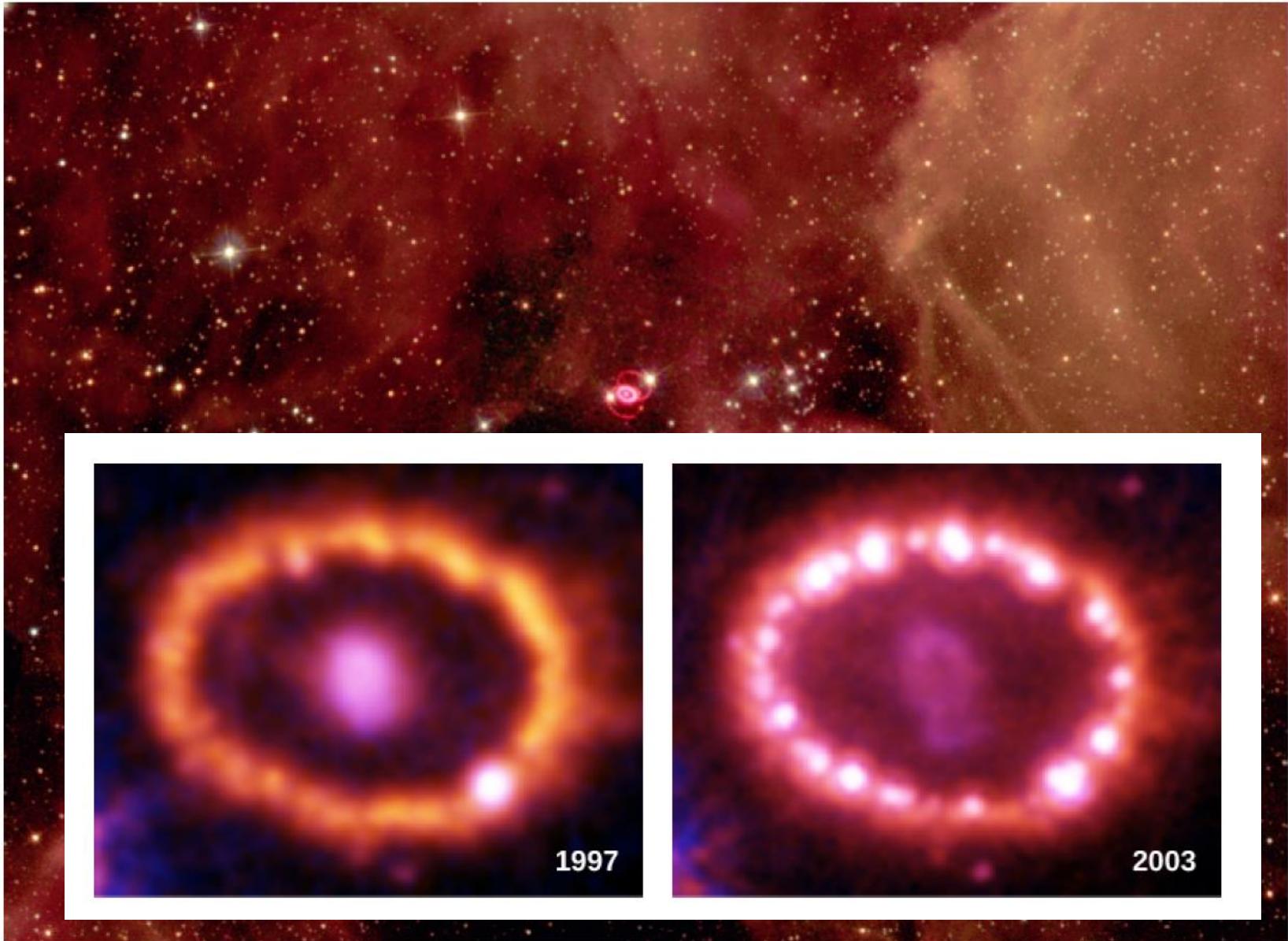
Supernova remnant



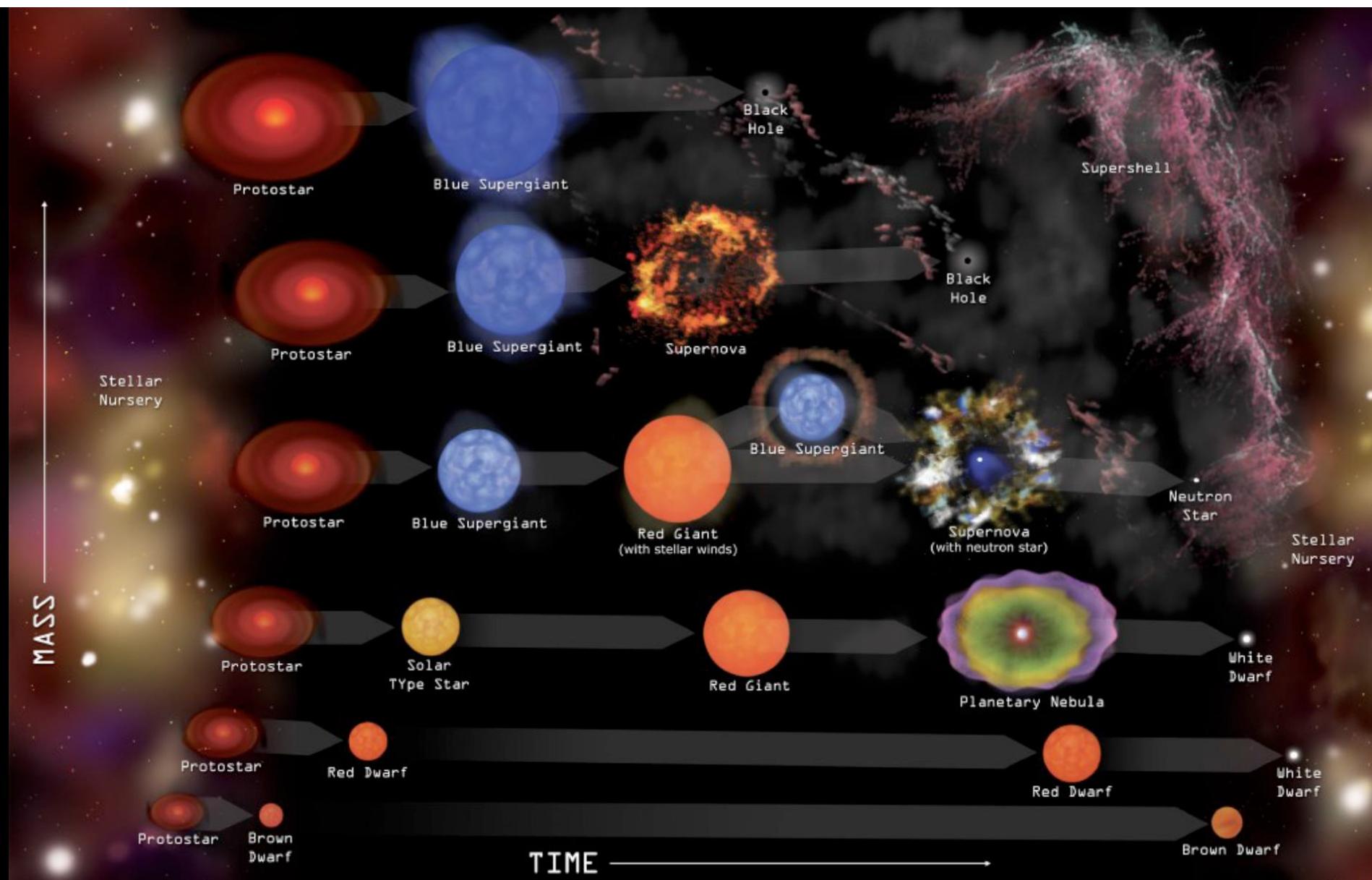
Supernova remnant



Supernova remnant



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



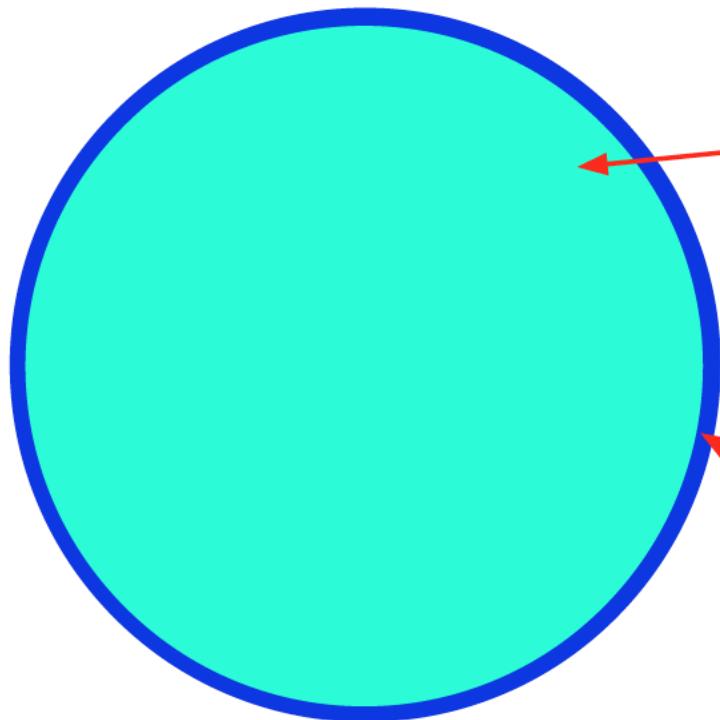
Properties of a Typical White Dwarf and a Neutron Star

Property	White Dwarf	Neutron Star
Mass (Sun = 1)	0.6 (always <1.4)	Always >1.4 and <3
Radius	7000 km	10 km
Density	8×10^5 g/cm ³	10^{14} g/cm ³



X-ray image
of accreting
neutron star

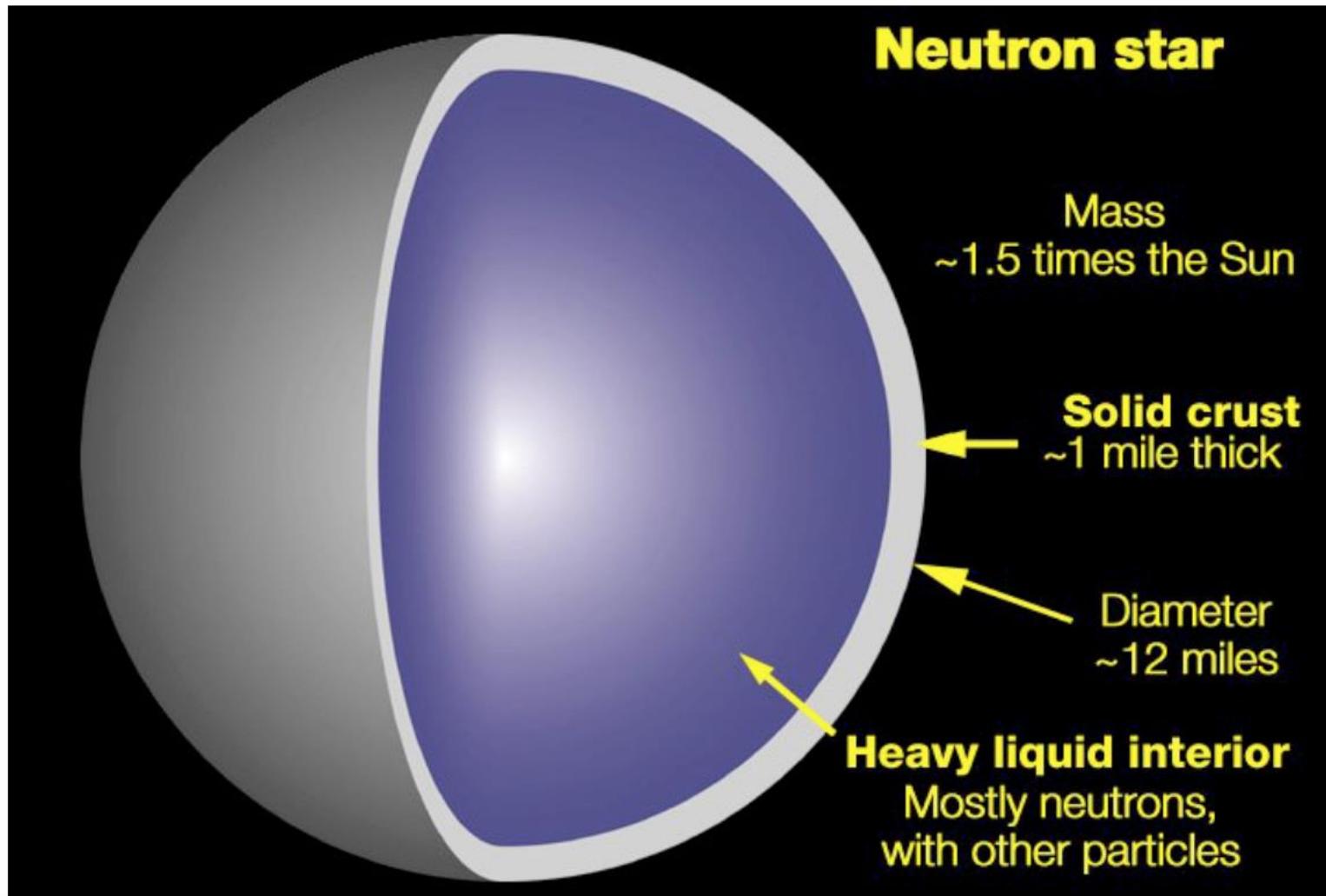
White dwarf



C+O nuclei plus
degenerate electrons
 $T \sim 10^6$ degrees

normal matter
 $T \sim 10,000$ degrees

Neutron star: density of nucleus!



- **white dwarf:** electrons run out of room and halt the collapse of the star

*maximum mass
1.4 solar masses*



- **neutron star:** neutrons run out of room and halt the collapse of the star

*maximum mass
~3 solar masses*



- **black hole:** gravity wins: collapse continues

Sun: size 1.4×10^6 km

rotation period 27 days = 2.3×10^6 s

Neutron star: size 14 km = 1 million times smaller

☞ rotation period 1 million times shorter = 2.3 s

The Origin of the Solar System Elements

1 H	big bang fusion 					cosmic ray fission 					2 He						
3 Li	4 Be	merging neutron stars? 			exploding massive stars 			5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne				
11 Na	12 Mg	dying low mass stars 			exploding white dwarfs 			13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar				
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn	
87 Fr	88 Ra	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu	
89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	Very radioactive isotopes; nothing left from stars											

Interstellar medium

- Space is not quite empty
 - Hot interstellar medium: 10^{-4} ions per cm^3
 - In this room: 10^{19} molecules/ cm^3
 - Best vacuum in lab: 10^{10} molecules/ cm^3
- Some places are denser and colder
 - **Molecular clouds**, where stars form
 - Densities of 10^2 - 10^6 molecules/ cm^3

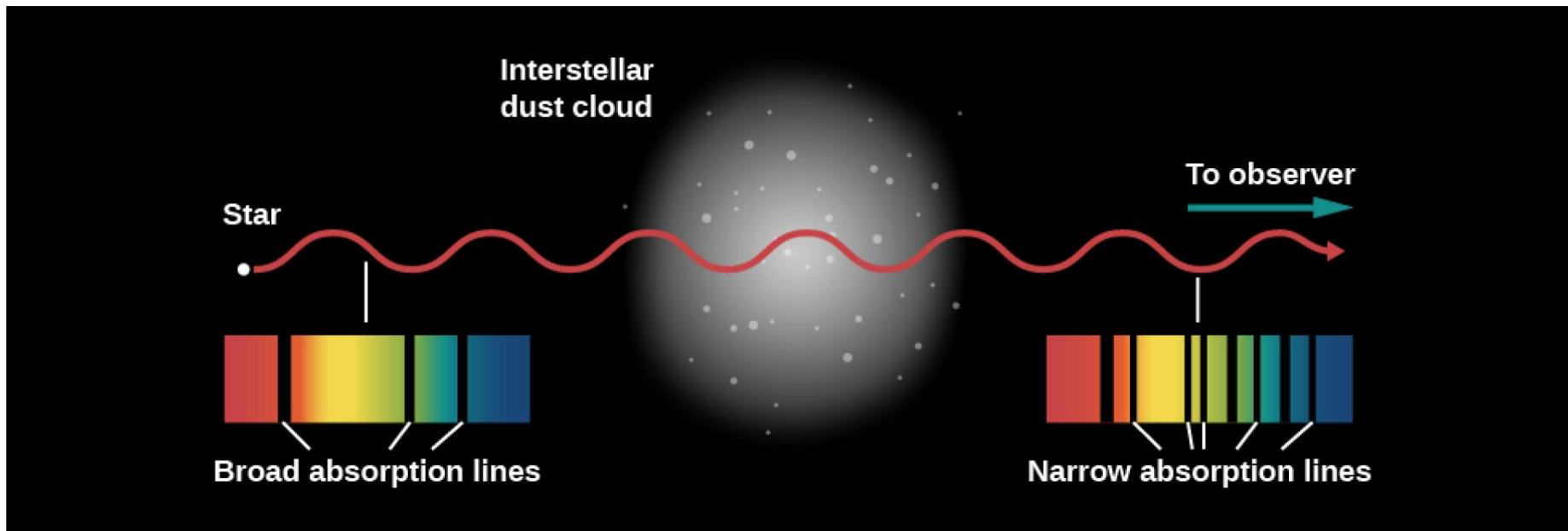


Interstellar medium, supernova remnants

Intestellar medium: how to detect?

Absorption of photons by gas

Emission from gas/dust





Orion Nebula
Largest nearby star-
forming region

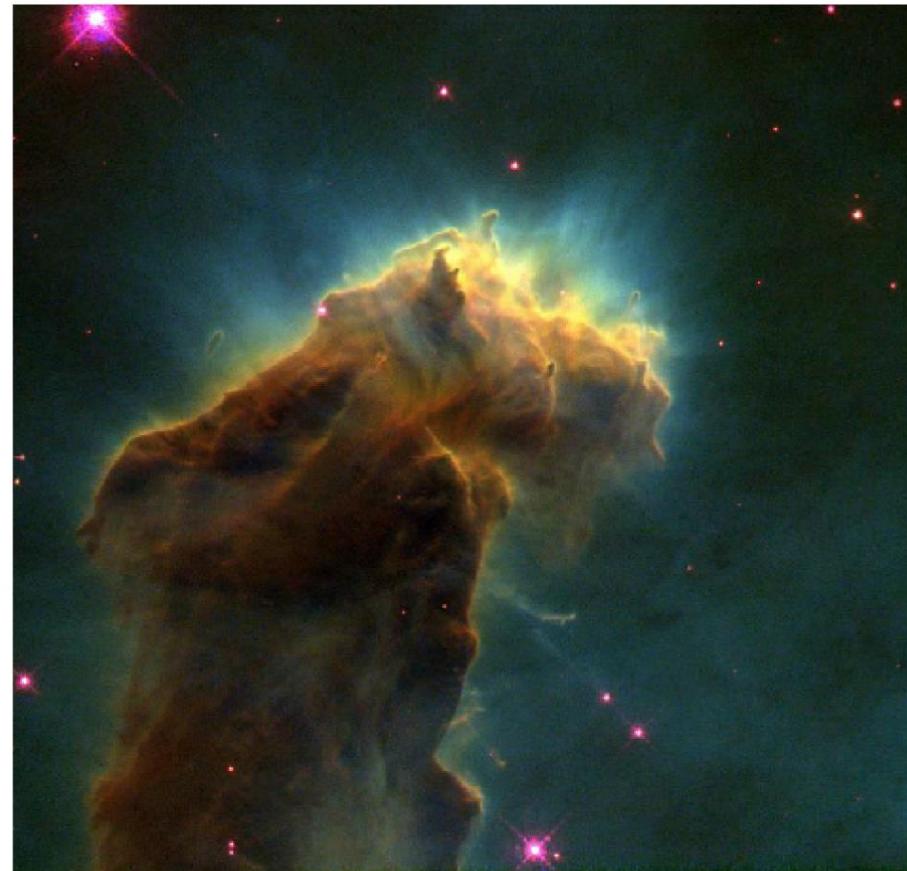
Eta Carina Cluster, Hubble Space Telescope Much larger than Orion Nebula



"Mystic Mountain" A Pillar of Gas and Dust in the Carina Nebula



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Hubble Space Telescope: dust in a star-forming region blocking background light



Hubble's "Pillars of Creation"
[shown to scale]



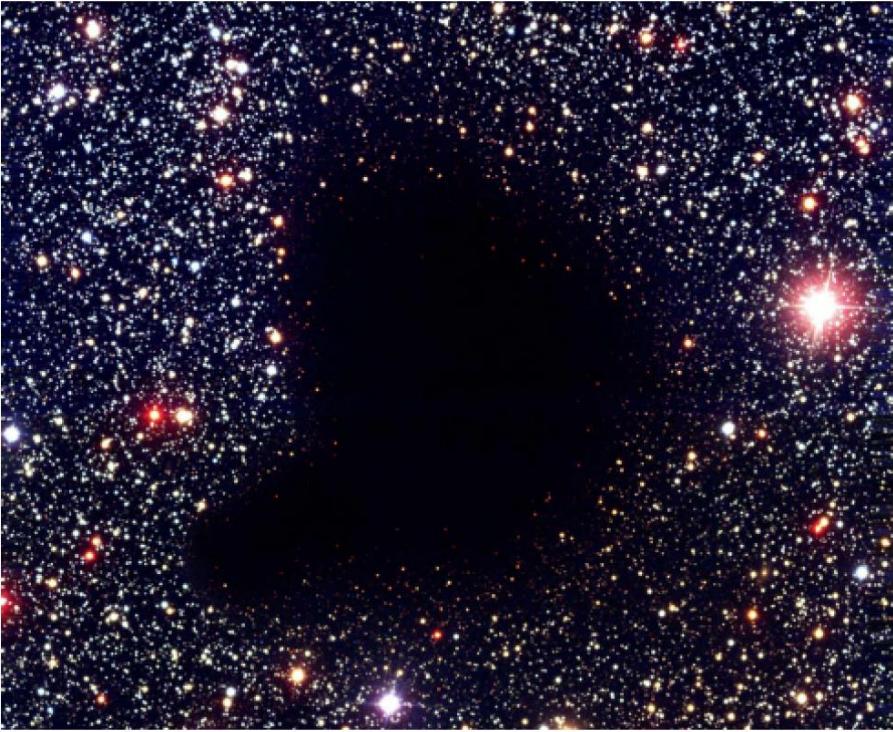
"Pillars" and "Mountains" of Star Formation

NASA / JPL-Caltech / L. Allen (Harvard-Smithsonian CfA)

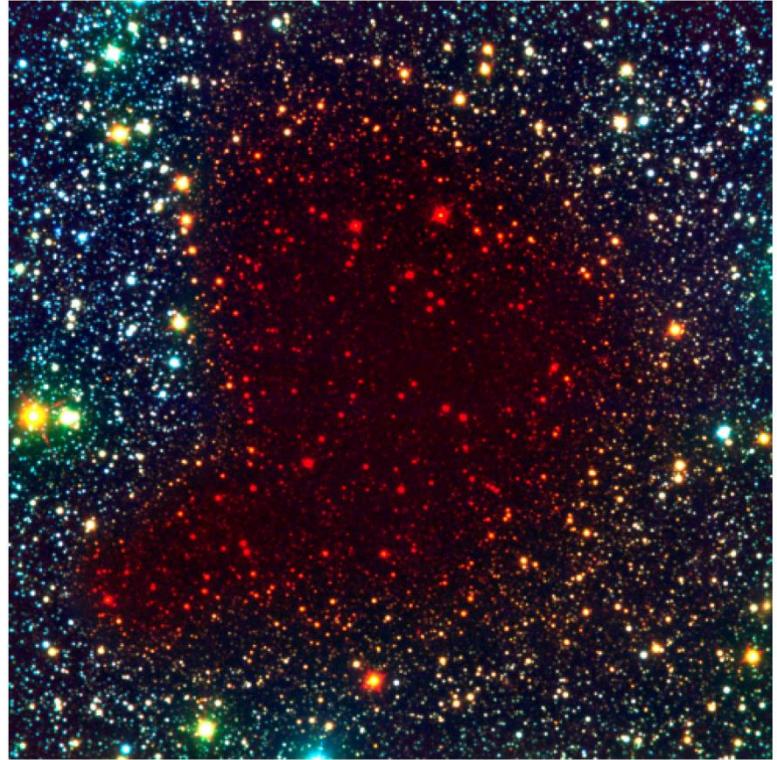
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Inset: Hubble Space Telescope

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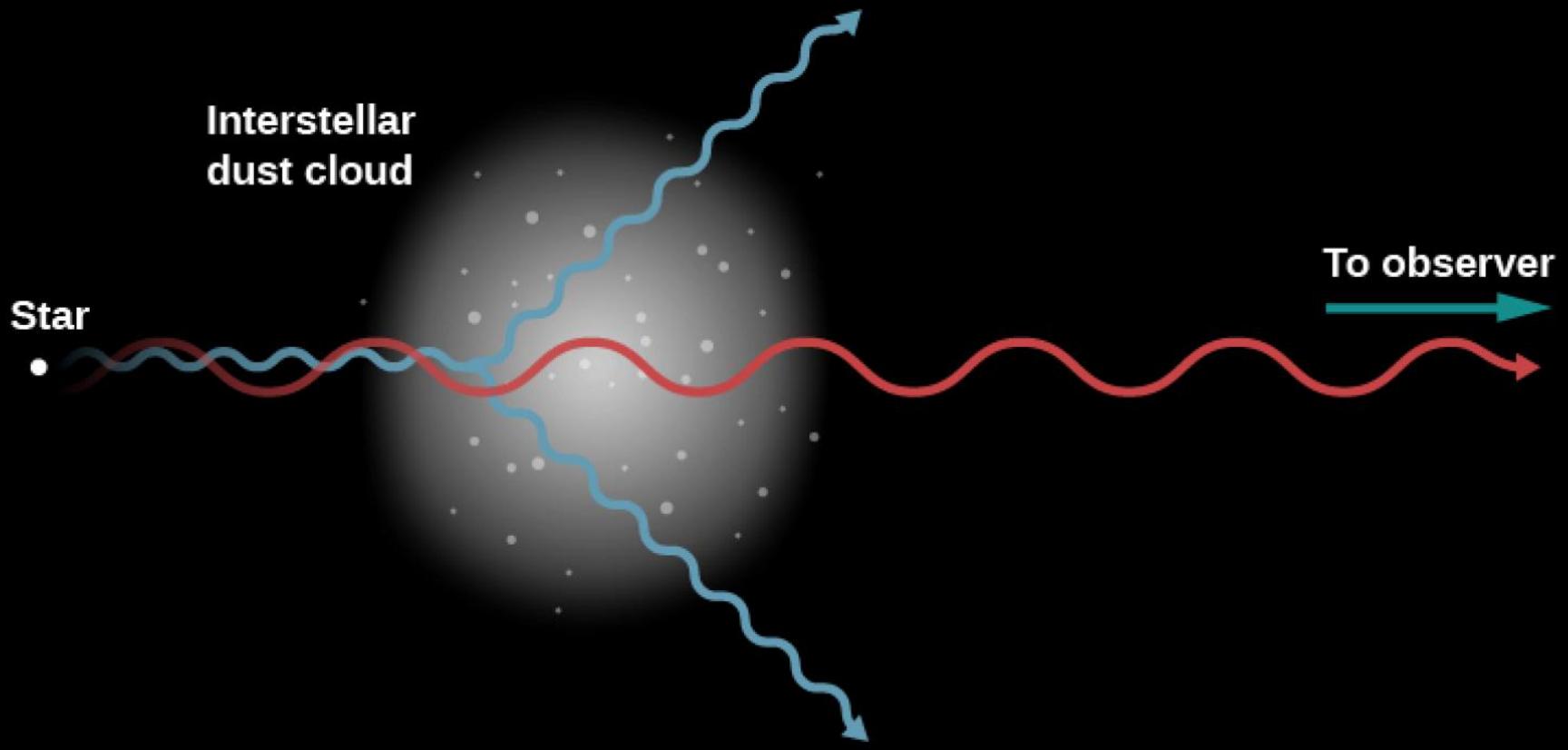
Optical



Near-infrared

Barnard 68: very dusty!

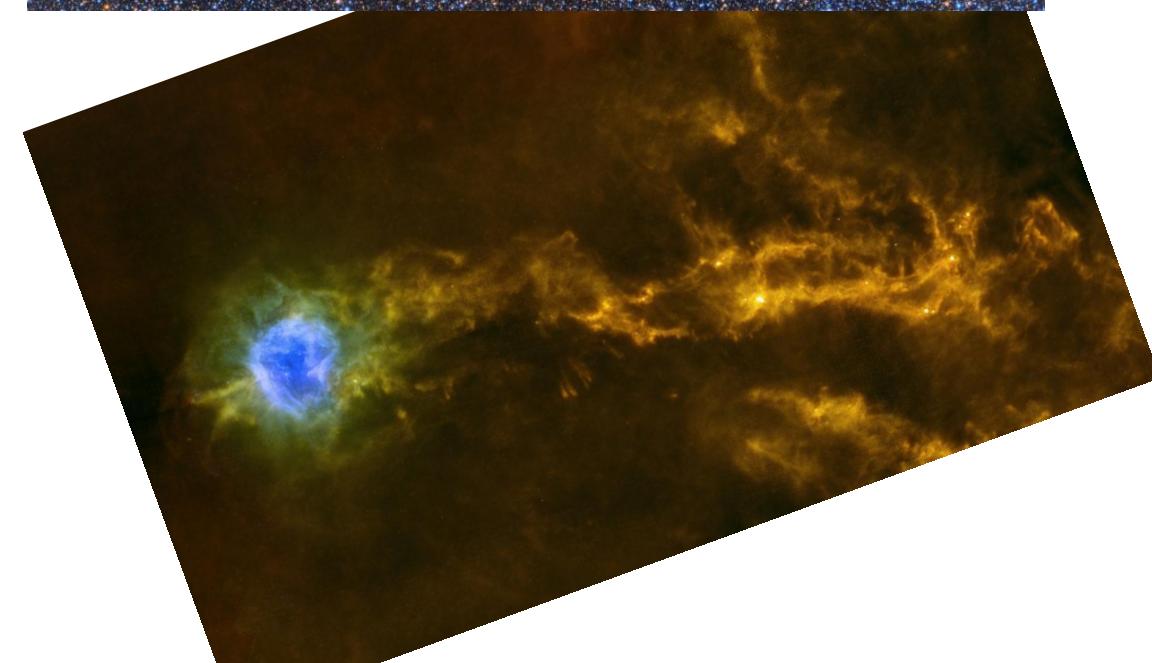
Longer wavelengths look through dust (red objects on right)



Blue wavelengths: absorbed/scattered by dust
Red wavelengths: pass through dust



Rosette Nebula
Far-infrared: dust in emission



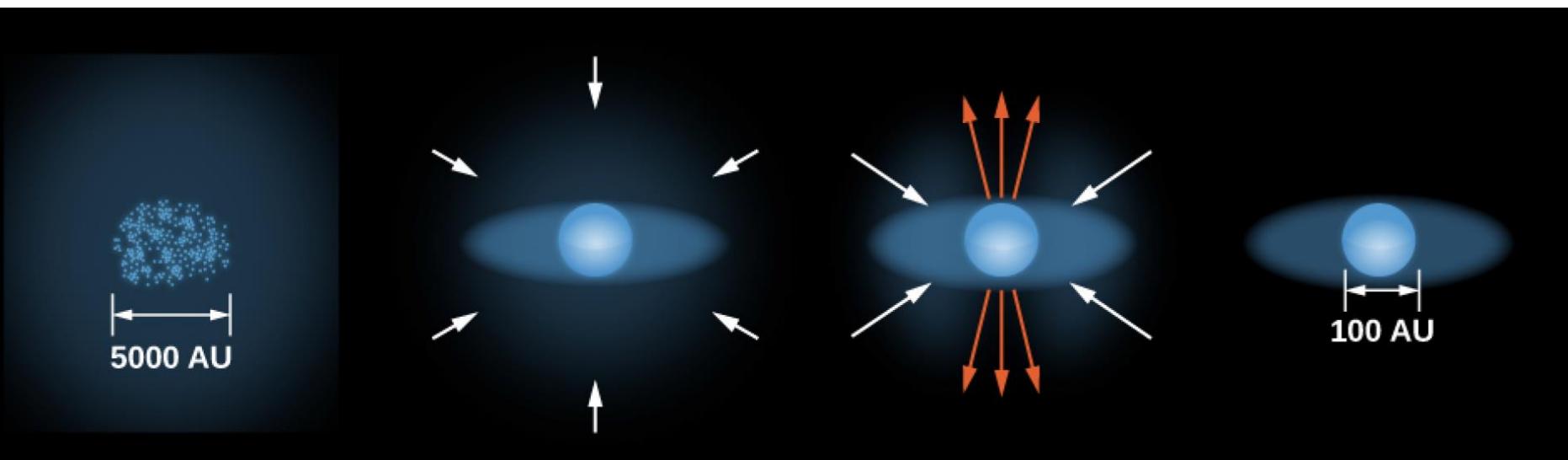
The same nebula can appear in both emission at short wavelengths and absorption at long wavelength

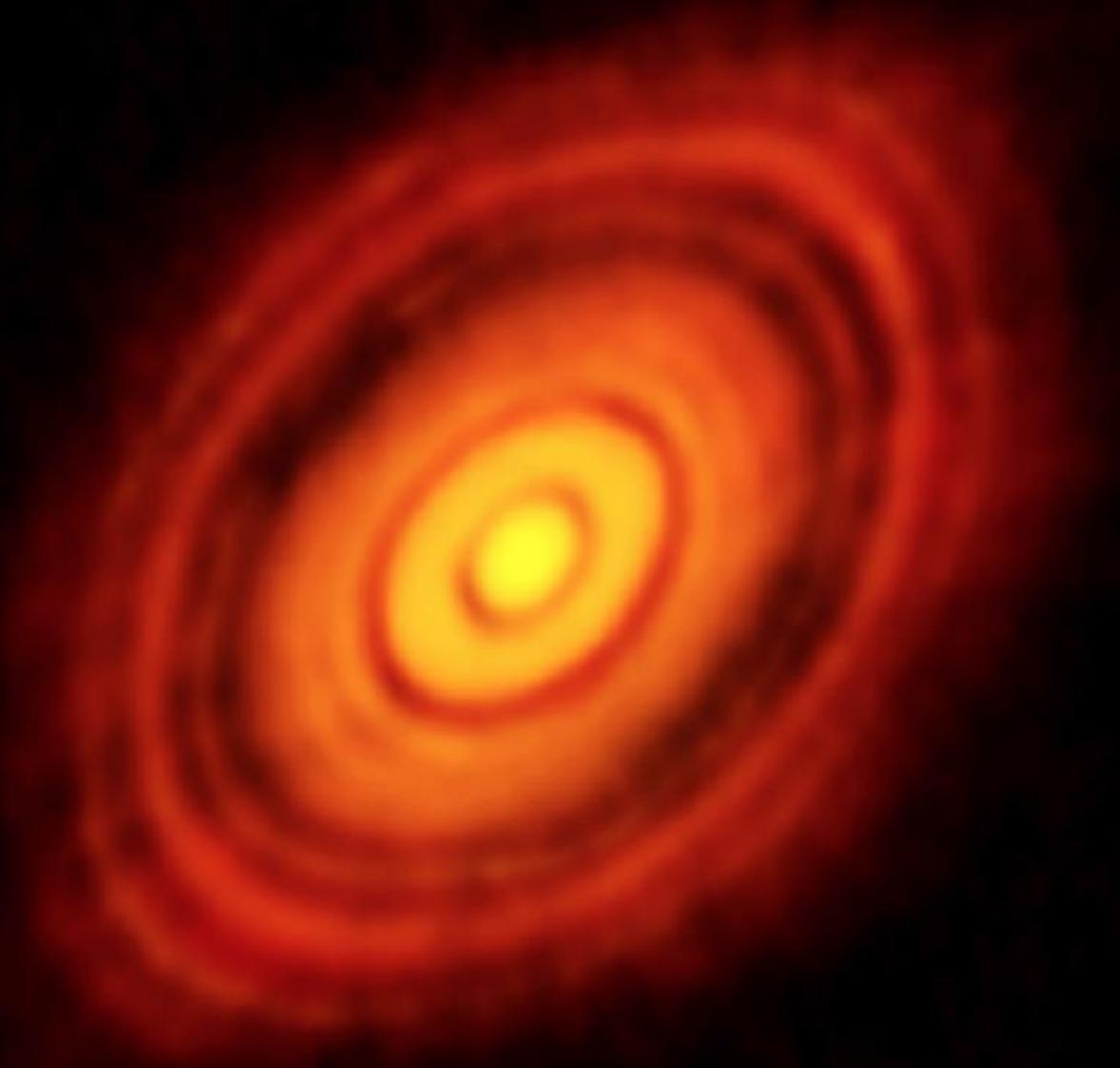
JWST image of Carina Nebula: hot stars ionize gas



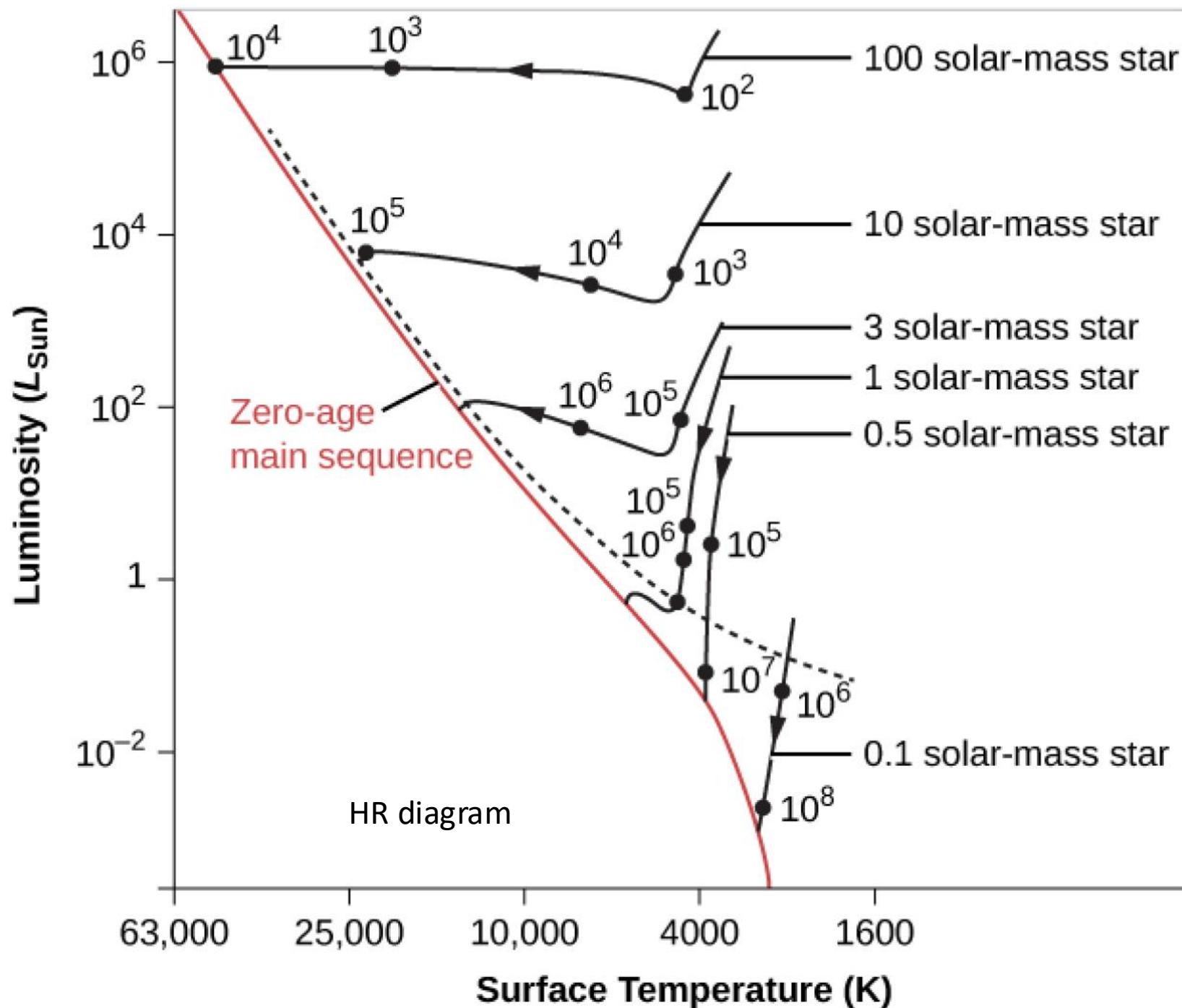
Steps of star formation:

- 1) Region is dense enough to be gravitationally unstable and collapse
- 2) Protostar forms, with envelope and disk
- 3) Star grows, leads to jets and outflows
- 4) Envelope and disk disappear, leaving behind planets+star



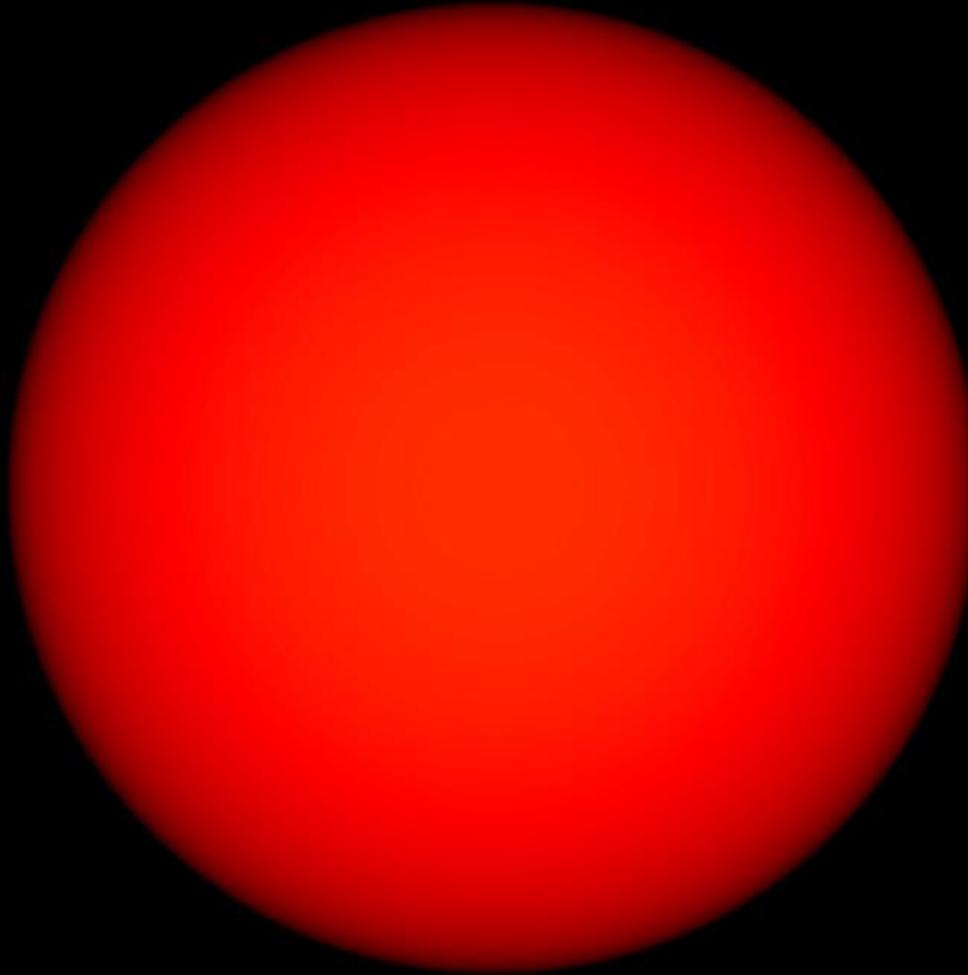


**Protoplanetary disk:
where planets form (next
lecture)**



Simulation of a star-forming region

UK Astrophysical
Fluids Facility



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EXOPLANETS!

