

THE NIGHT SKY



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PICTURES

Corona Borealis

Draco

Cygnus

Lacerta

Cepheus

Ursa Minor

Andromeda

Cassiopeia

Triangulum

Perseus

Canes Venatici

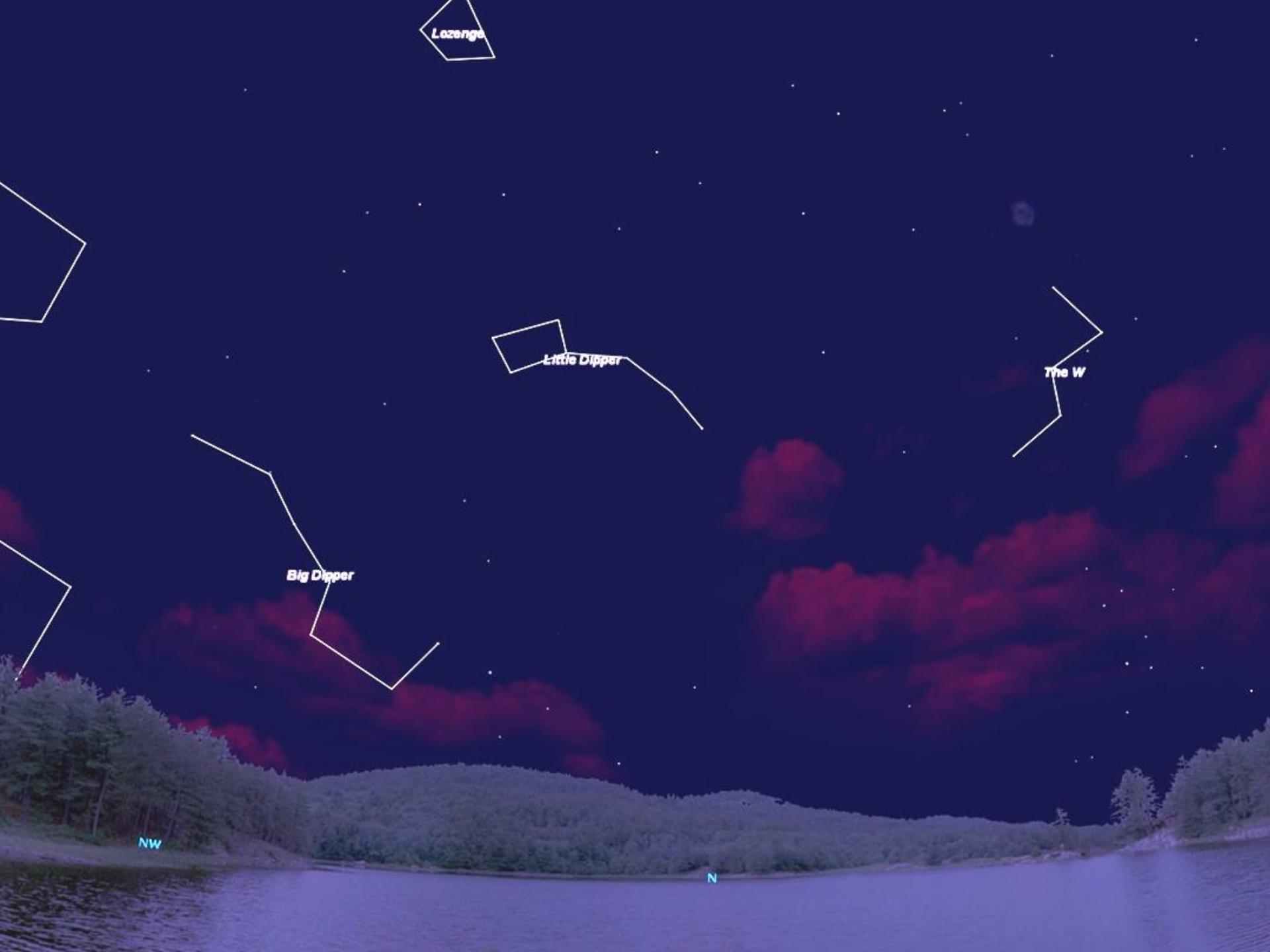
Camelopardalis

Ursa Major

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Lozenge

Little Dipper

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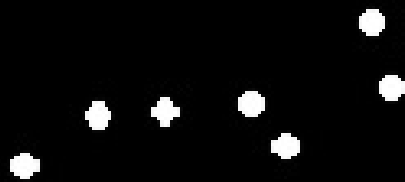
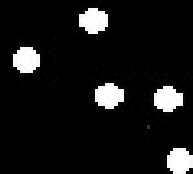
Perseus

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Finding the North Star

- The North Star is not an especially bright star
- There are not a lot of stars near it that are bright enough to confuse the observer.
- Asterisms that are easily found serve as pointers.



Cassiopeia



Big Dipper



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Finding the North Star



Finding Your Way Around the Night Sky

- Star Chart
- Planisphere
- Planetarium programs and apps
- Smart Telescope

The Evening Sky Map

FREE* EACH MONTH FOR YOU TO EXPLORE, LEARN & ENJOY THE NIGHT SKY

Sky Calendar – March 2016

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- 1 Last Quarter Moon at 23:11 UT.
- 2 Moon near Saturn (86° from Sun, morning sky) at 7h UT. Mag. +0.5.
- 7 Moon near Venus (23° from Sun, morning sky) at 9h UT. Mag. -3.9.
- 8 Moon near Mercury (13° from Sun, morning sky) at 3h UT. Mag. -0.6.
- 8 Jupiter at opposition at 11h UT. Best time to observe the largest planet in the solar system. Mag. -2.6.
- 9 New Moon at 1:54 UT. Start of lunation 1153.
- 9 Total Solar Eclipse along a path from Indonesia to across the Pacific Ocean. Greatest eclipse at 1:57 UT. Partial eclipse visible from SE Asia, China, Japan, and parts of Australia.
- 10 Moon at perigee (closest to Earth) at 7h UT (359,510 km; angular size 33.2').
- 13 Moon near the Pleiades (evening sky) at 21h UT.
- 14 Moon very near Aldebaran (evening sky) at 14h UT. Occultation visible from central Asia.
- 15 First Quarter Moon at 17:03 UT.
- 18 Moon near Beehive cluster (evening sky) at 23h UT.
- 20 Vernal equinox at 4:30 UT. The time when the Sun reaches the point along the ecliptic where it crosses into the northern celestial hemisphere marking the start of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere.
- 20 Moon near Regulus (evening sky) at 18h UT.
- 22 Moon near Jupiter (evening sky) at 3h UT. Mag. -2.5.
- 23 Penumbral Lunar Eclipse from 9:39 to 13:55 UT, mid-eclipse at 11:47 UT. Just visible around mid-eclipse.
- 23 Full Moon at 12:01 UT.
- 25 Moon near Spica (morning sky) at 5h UT.
- 25 Moon at apogee (farthest from Earth) at 14h UT (distance 406,125 km; angular size 29.4').
- 28 Moon near Mars (morning sky) at 20h UT. Mag. -0.4.
- 29 Moon near Saturn (morning sky) at 15h UT. Mag. +0.4.
- 31 Last Quarter Moon at 15:17 UT.

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All times in Universal Time (UT). (USA Eastern Summer Time = UT - 4 hours.)



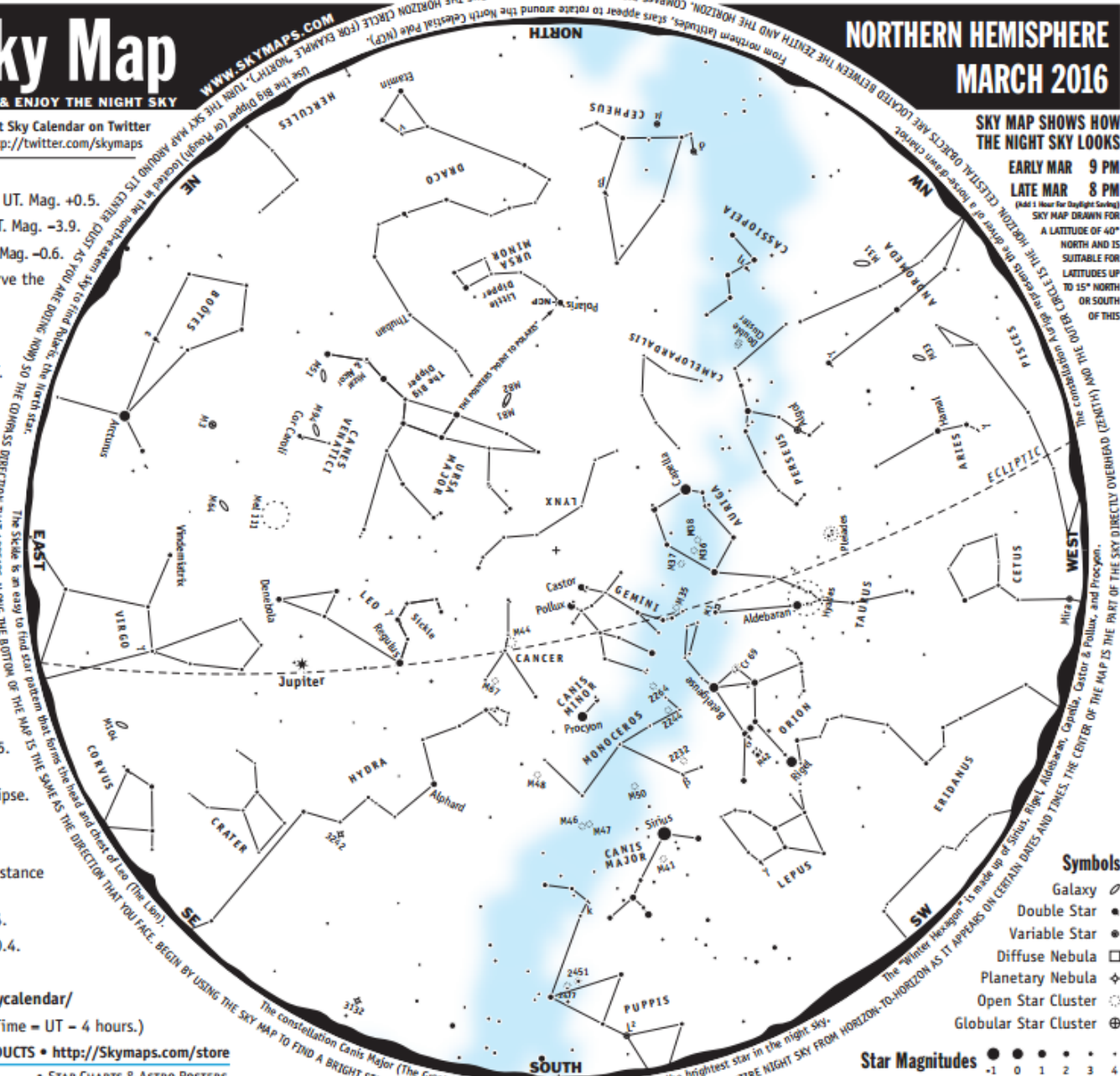
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NORTHERN HEMISPHERE MARCH 2016

SKY MAP SHOWS HOW
THE NIGHT SKY LOOKS

EARLY MAR 9 PM
LATE MAR 8 PM
(Add 1 hour for Daylight Saving)
SKY MAP DRAWN FOR
A LATITUDE OF 40°
NORTH AND IS
SUITABLE FOR
LATITUDES UP
TO 15° NORTH
OR SOUTH
OF THIS



Symbols

- Galaxy
- Double Star
- Variable Star
- Diffuse Nebula
- Planetary Nebula
- Open Star Cluster
- Globular Star Cluster

Star Magnitudes -1 0 1 2 3 4

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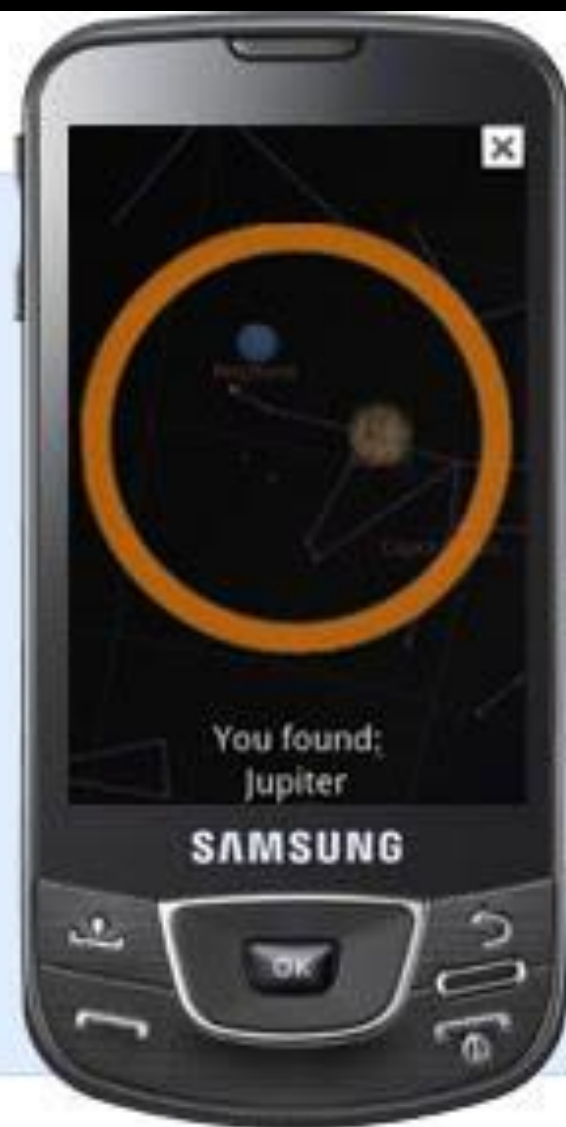
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30°-40°

NORTH LATITUDE

Read with a red-filtered flashlight at night.





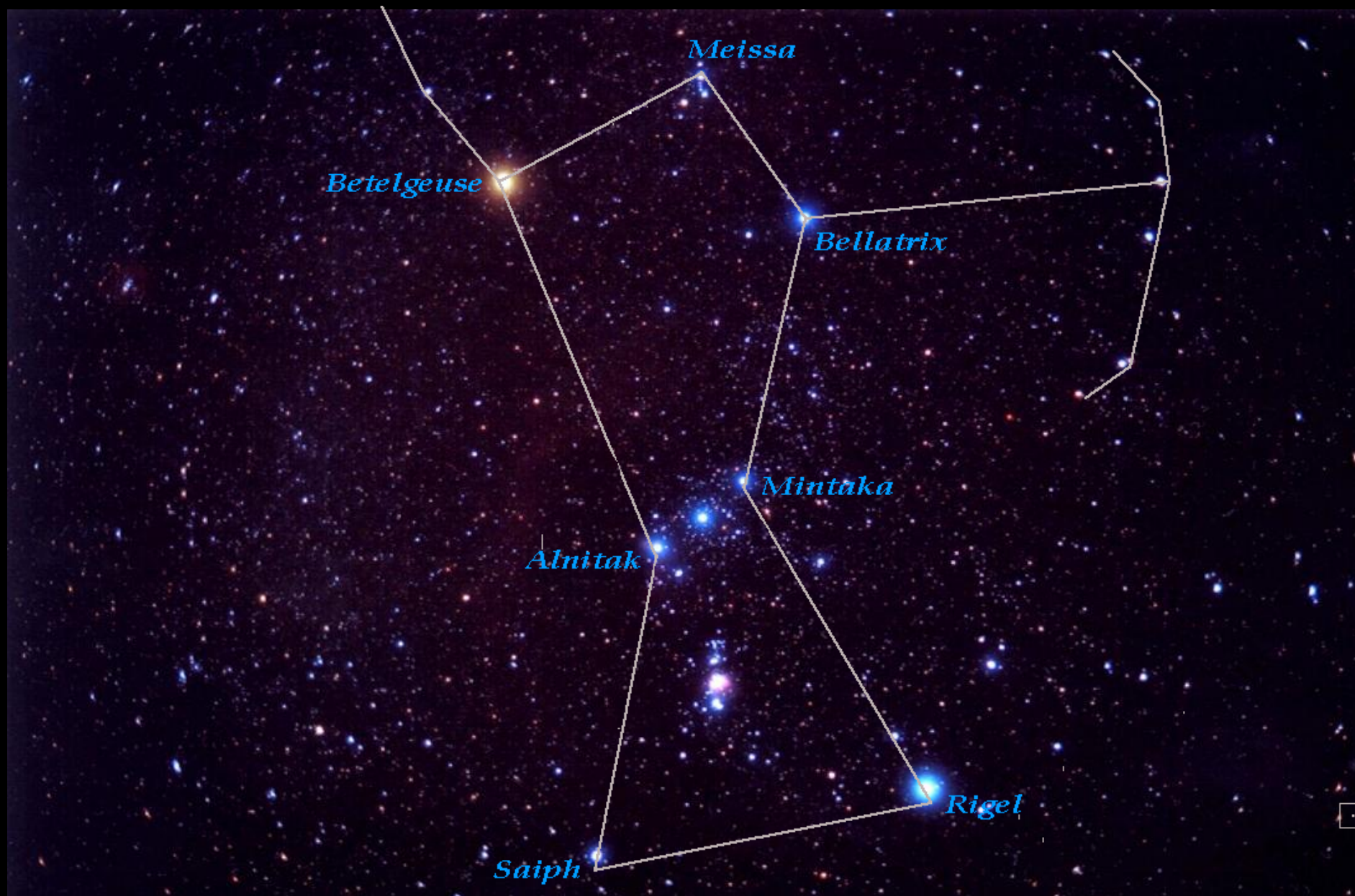






Constellations

- Arbitrary Designations
- 88 Modern constellations
- Northern Constellations are named after Greek Myths with Latin Names
- Southern Constellation named by early Mariners
- Although the stars are all moving, they are so far apart that the basic patterns have stayed the same over the last few thousand years.
- If seen three dimensionally, the patterns no longer exist.



Meissa

Betelgeuse

Bellatrix

Mintaka

Alnitak

Saiph

Rigel



STARS

WHERE DOES OUR SUN AND ALL
OTHER STARS GET ENERGY?

NUCLEAR FUSION

The Fusion Process



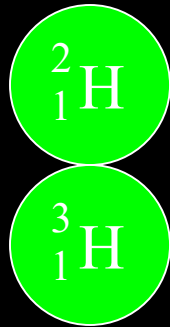
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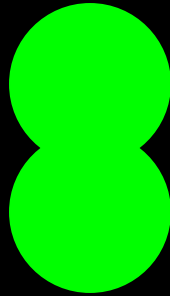
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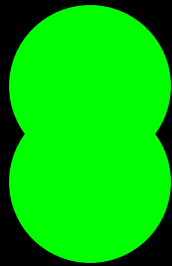
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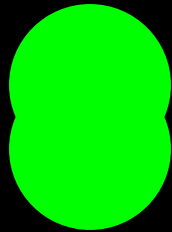
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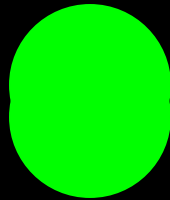
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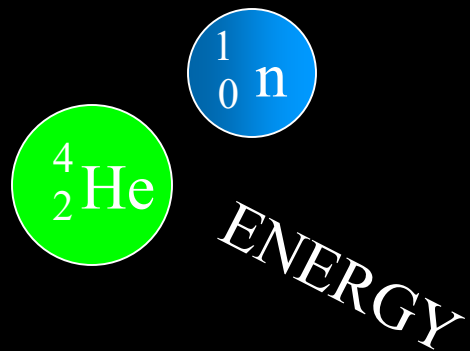
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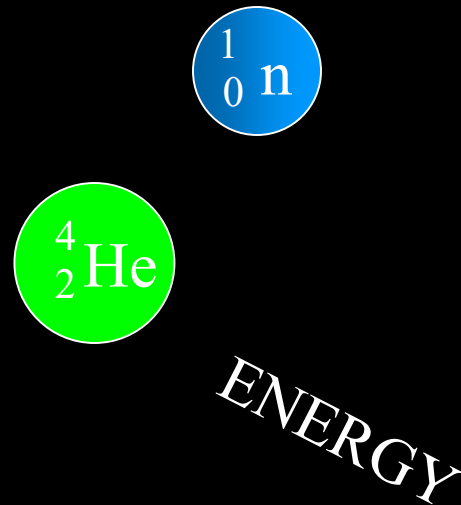
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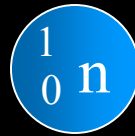
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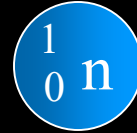


The Fusion Process



ENERGY

The Fusion Process




ENERGY

$$E = MC^2$$

*Energy (E) is equal to Mass (m)
multiplied by the Speed of Light (c)
squared*

- This tells us that a small amount of mass can be converted into a very large amount of energy because the speed of light (c) is an extremely large number
- When Hydrogen Fuses into Helium, a small amount of mass is converted to energy.

A large, dark, and ominous mushroom cloud from a nuclear explosion dominates the sky. The cloud has a bright, glowing orange and yellow core at its base, where the explosion occurred. Below the cloud, a coastal landscape is visible, including a body of water, a sandy beach, and some distant structures. The overall scene is dramatic and powerful.

This Explosion burns about $\frac{1}{2}$
a pound of Hydrogen

The Sun burns 600
Million Tons of Hydrogen
per second.

Table of Elements

1 Hydrogen H																	2 Helium He
3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be											5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg											13 Aluminum Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulfur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca	21 Scandium Sc	22 Titanium Ti	23 Vanadium V	24 Chromium Cr	25 <small>Manganese</small> Mn	26 Iron Fe	27 Cobalt Co	28 Nickel Ni	29 Copper Cu	30 Zinc Zn	31 Gallium Ga	32 Germanium Ge	33 Arsenic As	34 Selenium Se	35 Bromine Br	36 Krypton Kr
37 Rubidium Rb	38 Strontium Sr	39 Yttrium Y	40 Zirconium Zr	41 Niobium Nb	42 <small>Molybdenum</small> Mo	43 <small>Technetium</small> Tc	44 Ruthenium Ru	45 Rhodium Rh	46 Palladium Pd	47 Silver Ag	48 Cadmium Cd	49 Indium In	50 Tin Sn	51 Antimony Sb	52 Tellurium Te	53 Iodine I	54 Xenon Xe
55 Cesium Cs	56 Barium Ba	57-71 *	72 Hafnium Hf	73 Tantalum Ta	74 Tungsten W	75 Rhenium Re	76 Osmium Os	77 Iridium Ir	78 Platinum Pt	79 Gold Au	80 Mercury Hg	81 Thallium Tl	82 Lead Pb	83 Bismuth Bi	84 Polonium Po	85 Astatine At	86 Radon Rn
87 Francium Fr	88 Radium Ra	89-103 **	104 <small>Rutherfordium</small> Rf	105 Dubnium Db	106 <small>Seaborgium</small> Sg	107 Bohrium Bh	108 Hassium Hs	109 Meitnerium Mt	110 <small>Darmstadtium</small> Ds	111 <small>Roentgenium</small> Rg	112 Ununbium Uub	113 Ununtrium Uut	114 Ununquadium Uuq	115 Ununpentium Uup	116 Ununhexium Uuh	117 Ununseptium Uus	118 Ununoctium Uuo

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Atomic Number
(Number of Protons)

Carbon ←

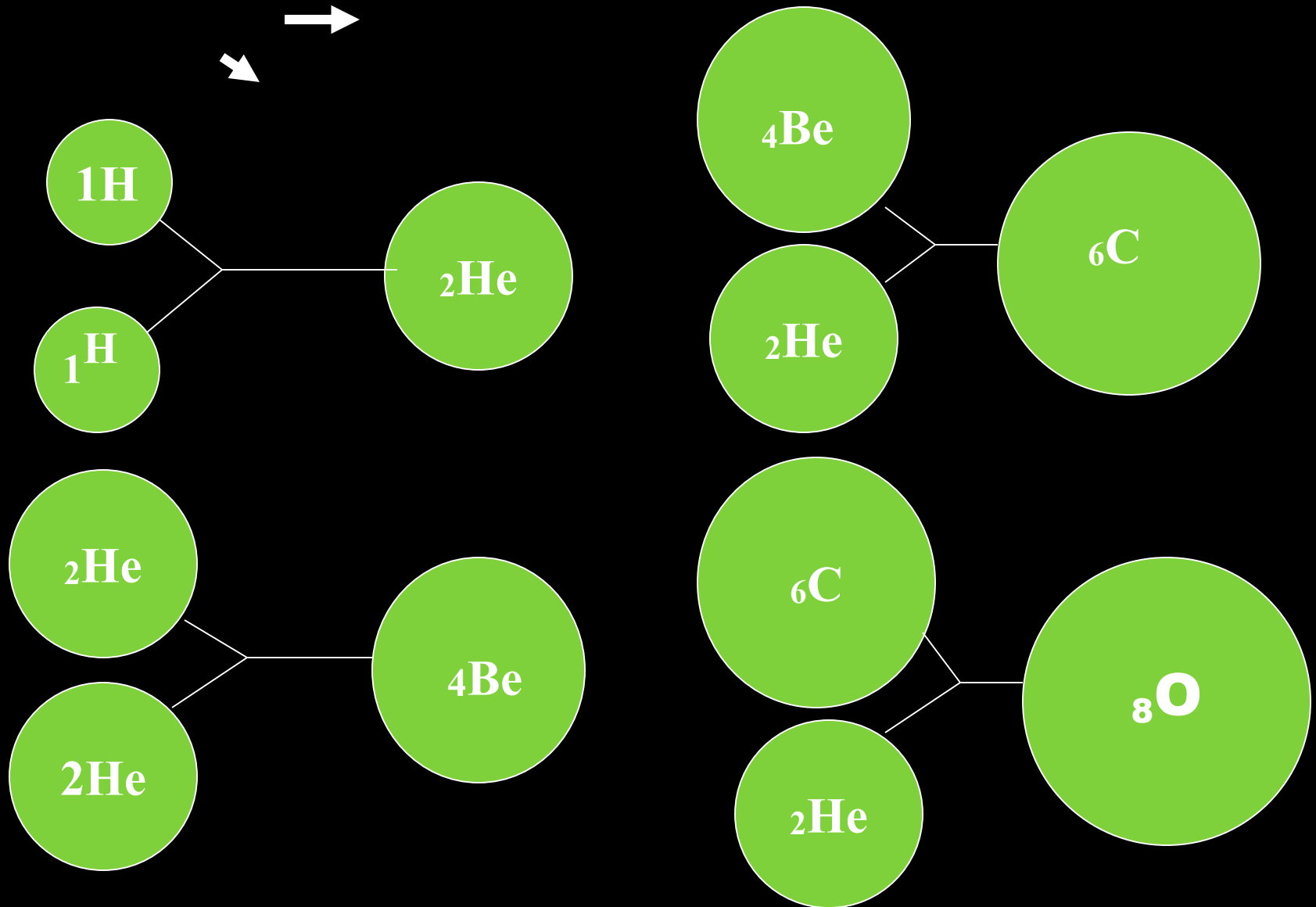
Chemical Name

C ←

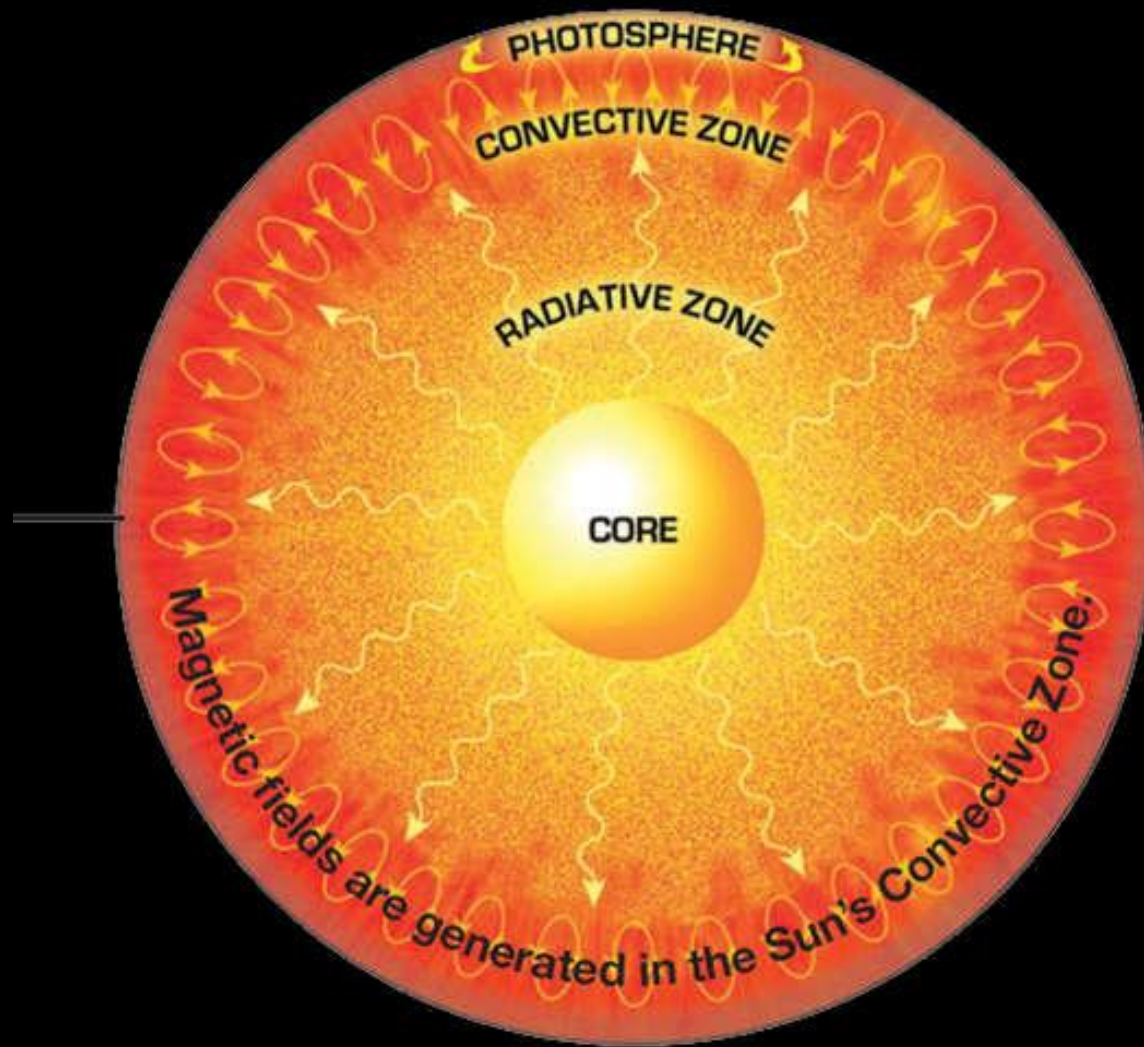
Chemical Symbol

*	57 Lanthanum La	58 Cerium Ce	59 <small>Praseodymium</small> Pr	60 <small>Neodymium</small> Nd	61 <small>Promethium</small> Pm	62 Samarium Sm	63 Europium Eu	64 <small>Gadolinium</small> Gd	65 Terbium Tb	66 <small>Dysprosium</small> Dy	67 Holmium Ho	68 Erbium Er	69 Thulium Tm	70 Ytterbium Yb	71 Lutetium Lu
**	89 Actinium Ac	90 Thorium Th	91 <small>Protactinium</small> Pa	92 Uranium U	93 Neptunium Np	94 Plutonium Pu	95 Americium Am	96 Curium Cm	97 Berkelium Bk	98 <small>Californium</small> Cf	99 Einsteinium Es	100 Fermium Fm	101 <small>Mendelevium</small> Md	102 Nobelium No	103 Lawrencium Lr

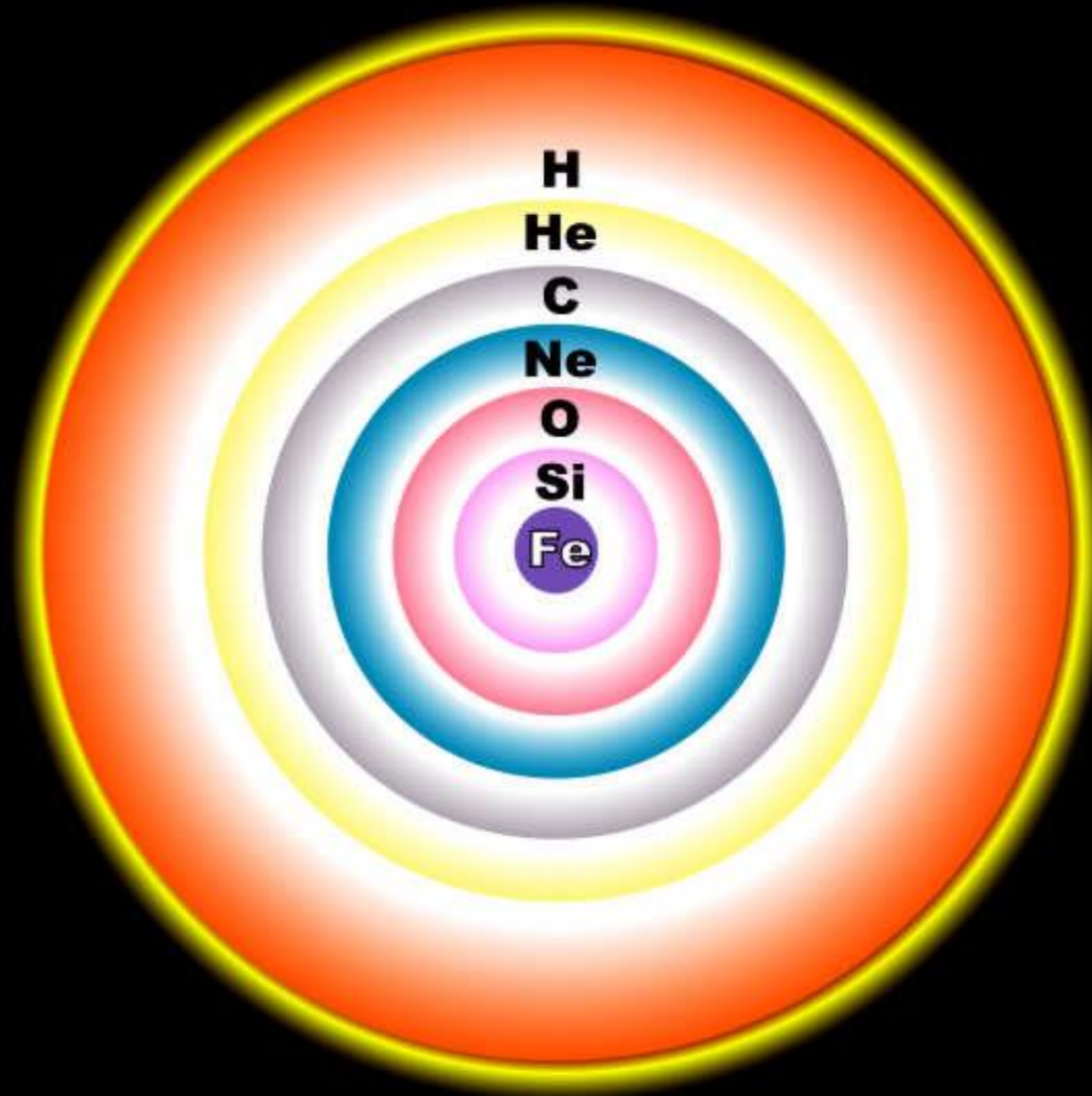
Fusion Reactions



The Interior of the Sun



The Interior of an Older Star



The background of the entire image is a deep space scene. It features several spiral galaxies in shades of blue and white, scattered across a dark, star-filled field. In the lower corners, there are partial views of planets or moons with cratered surfaces. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, blacks, and the bright whites and yellows of the celestial bodies.

THE NITROGEN IN
OUR DNA,

THE CALCIUM IN
OUR TEETH,

THE IRON IN
OUR BLOOD,

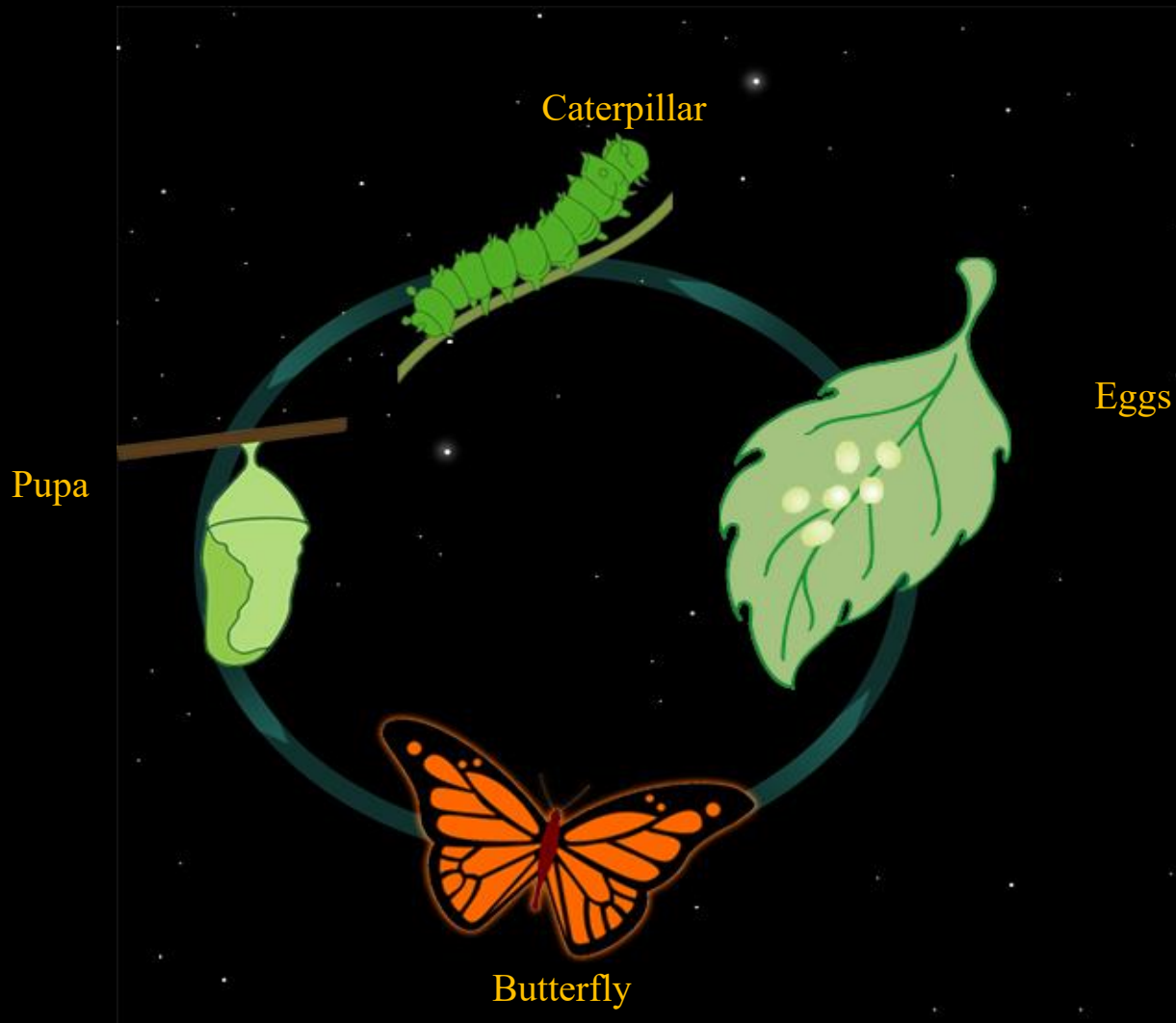
THE CARBON IN
OUR APPLE PIES,

WERE MADE IN THE INTERIORS
OF COLLAPSING STARS.

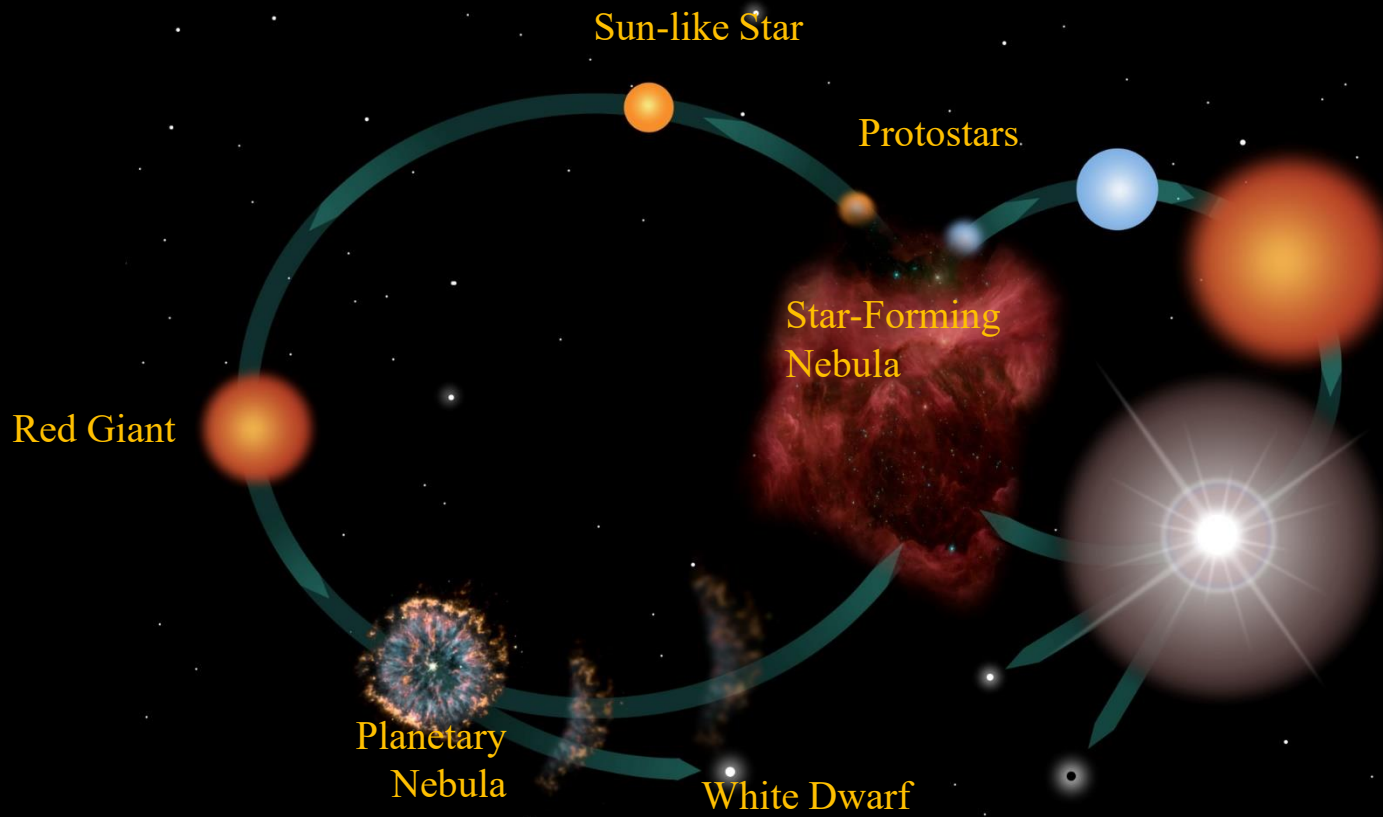
WE ARE MADE OF
STAR STUFF

CARL SAGAN

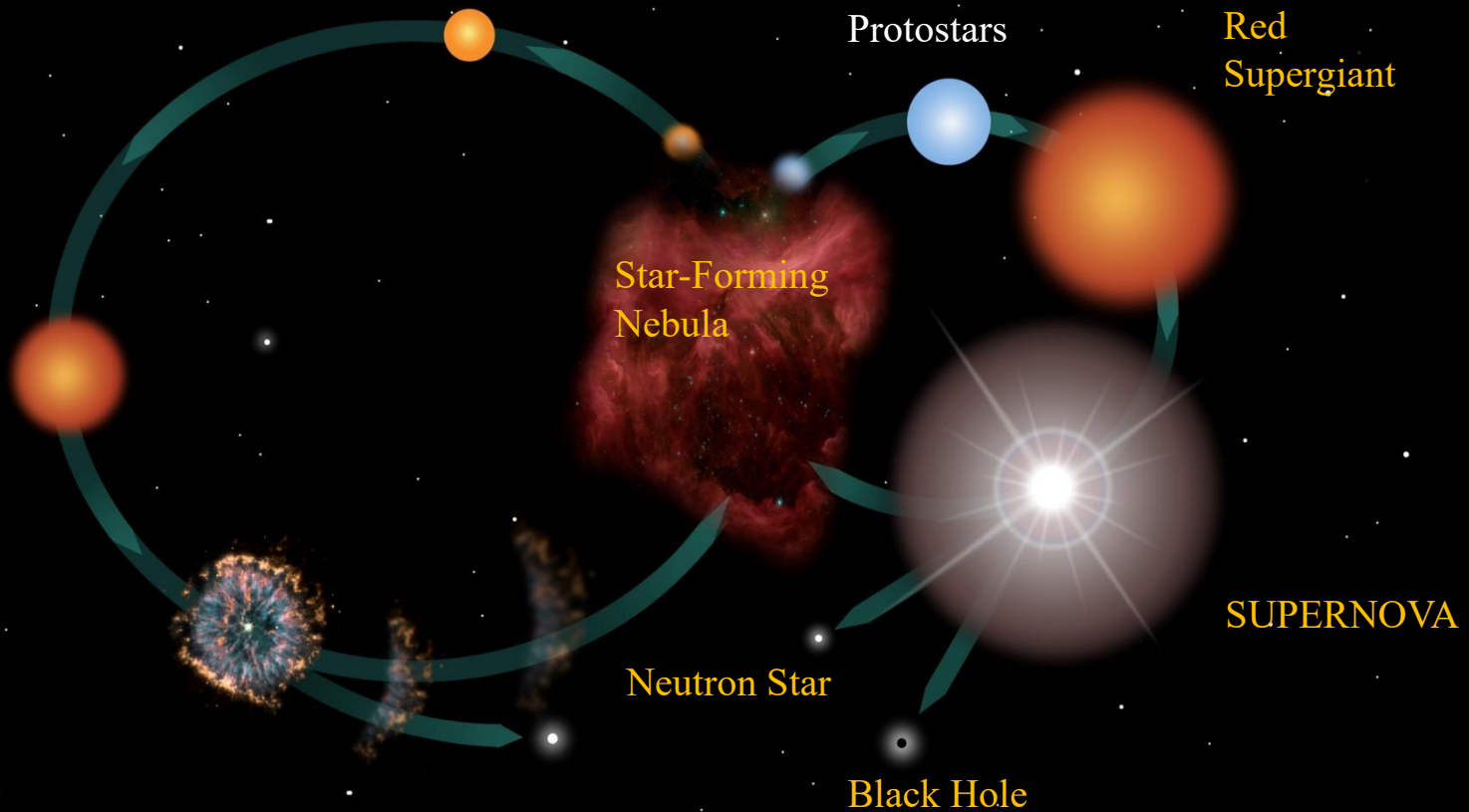
Life of a Butterfly



Life of a Sun-like Star



Life of a Massive Star



Supernova!



Supernova in Our Neighborhood

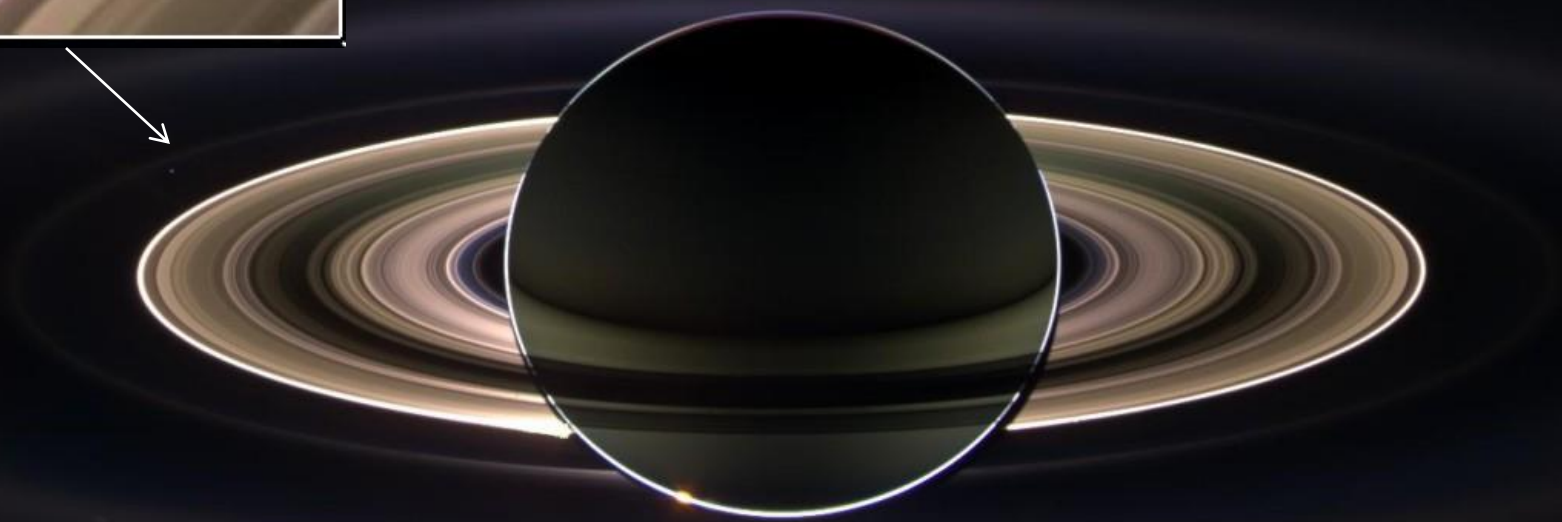
Which stars?

Orion's stars likely to go
supernova!



Designating Stars

- About 600 have names
- Cataloged by Brightness and Constellation
- A large number of star catalogs exist.





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