Today's Topics

Monday, March 17, 2025 (Week 7, lecture 17) – Chapters 18, 19, 22.

A. Luminosity

B. Stellar statistics

C. Luminosity vs mass

D. H-R diagram.

E. Stellar evolution: *Main sequence to red giants.*

Problem Set #6 is available on ExpertTA and is due on Friday, March 21 by 9:00 am

Interlude 1 Essay is due on Friday, March 28 by 9:00 am

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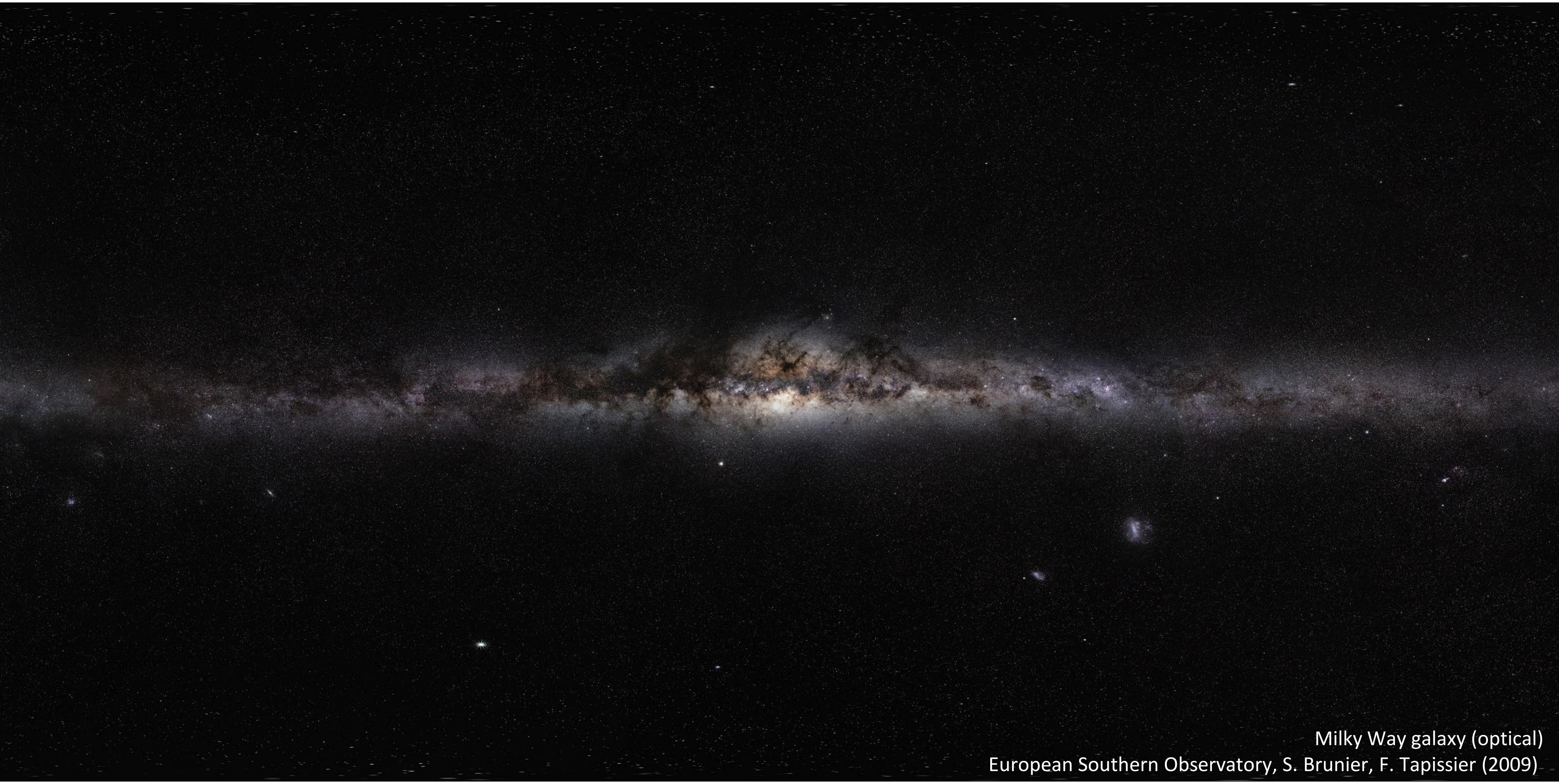
- The surface area of a star is related to its radius, i.e. size:

$$Surface\ Area = 4\pi R^2$$

→ A large star is more luminous

Stellar Census → Stellar Statistics

Our Milky Way galaxy has 100-400 billion stars → a statistical analysis of stars is feasible.



Milky Way galaxy: 360° view.

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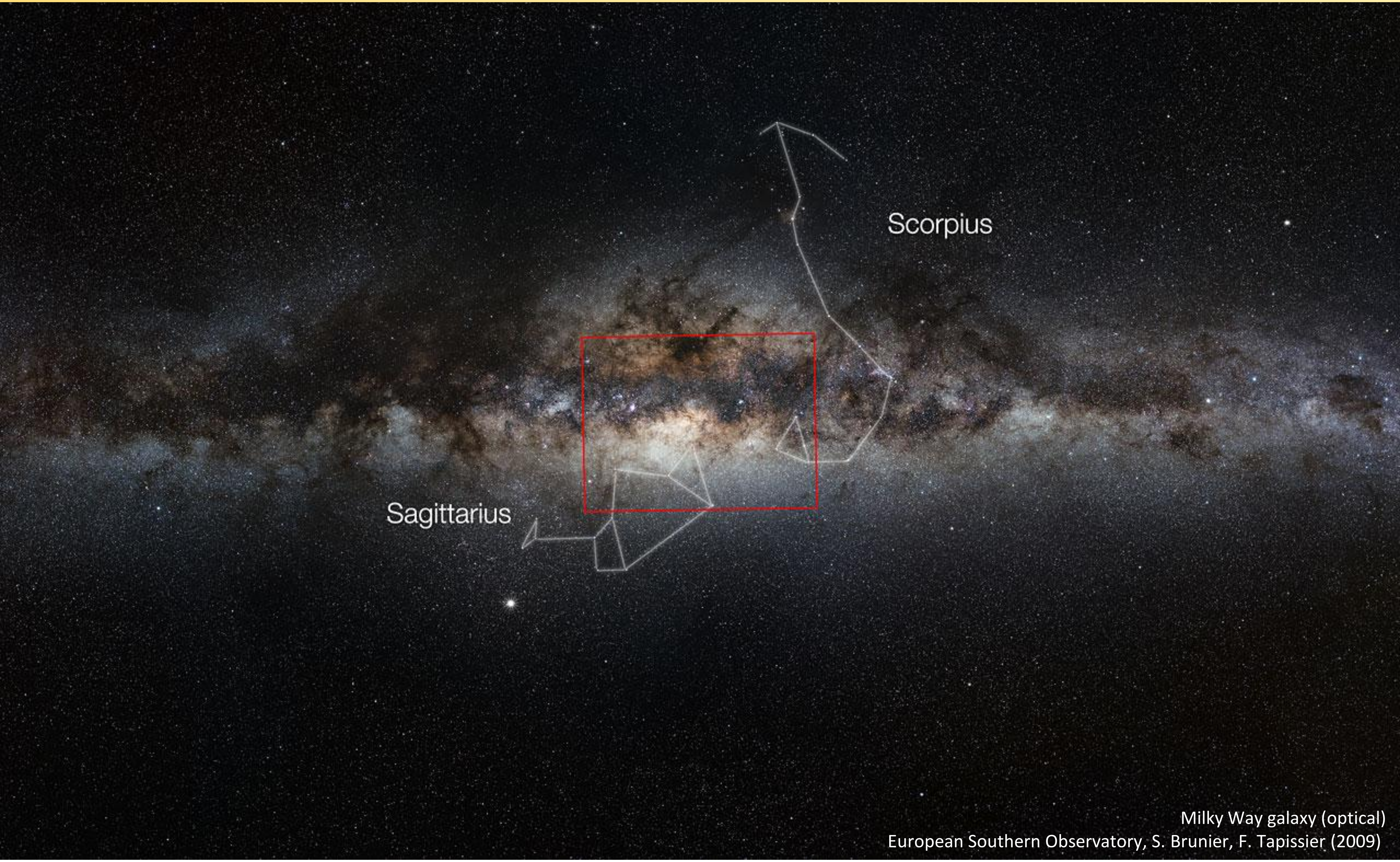

Milky Way galaxy (optical)
European Southern Observatory, S. Brunier, F. Tapissier (2009)

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Center of Milky Way galaxy (optical)
European Southern Observatory

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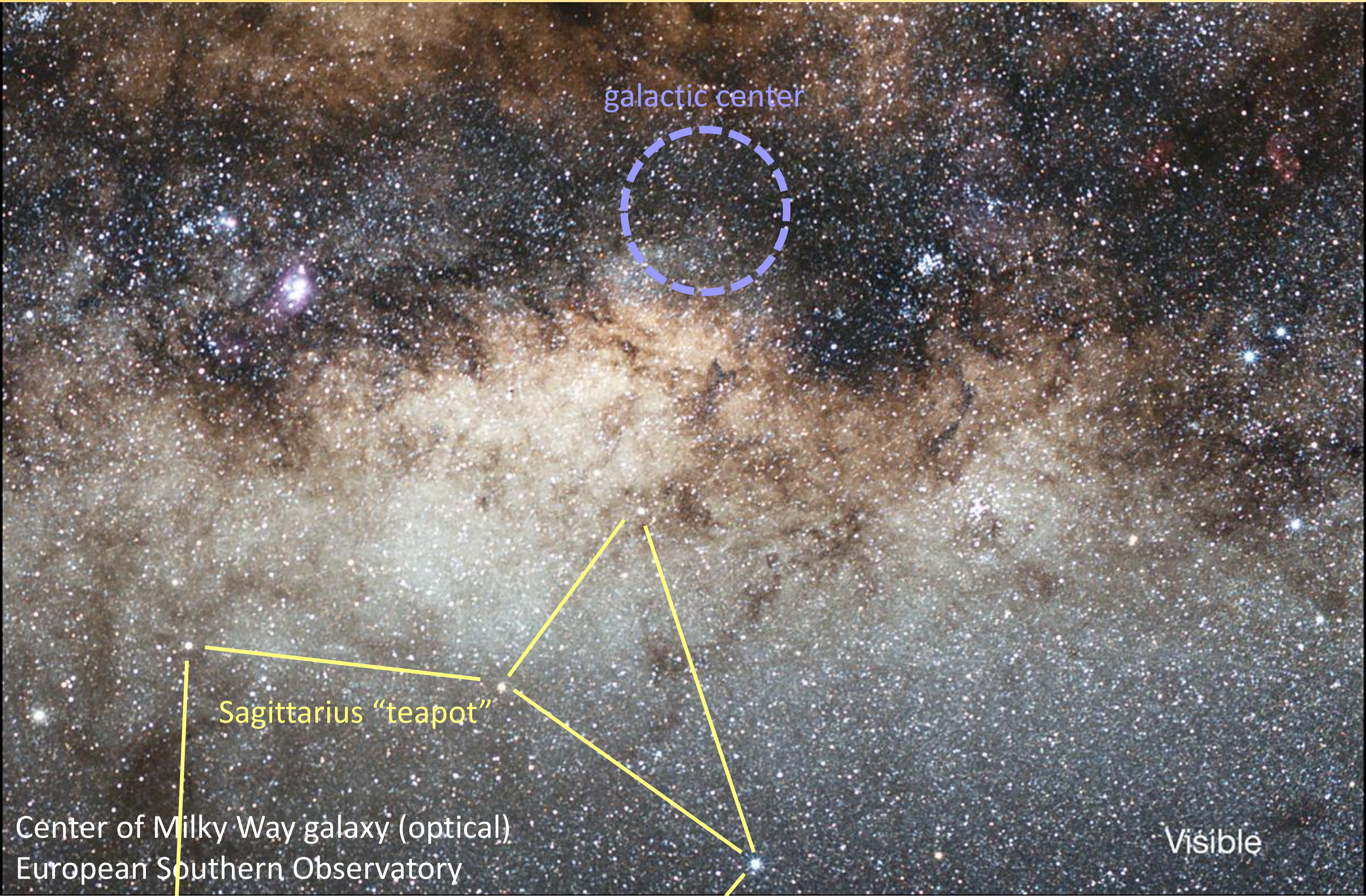

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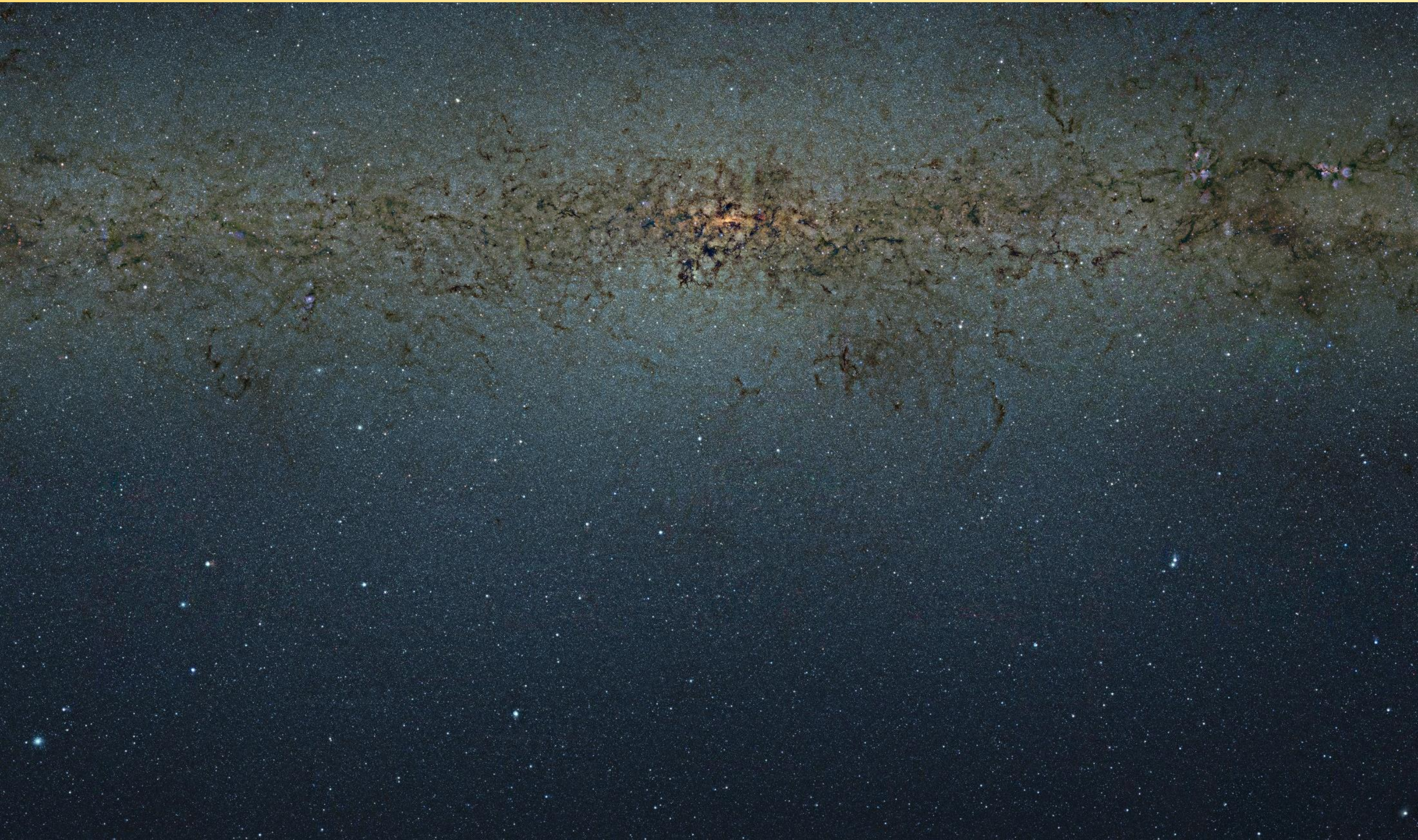

Center of Milky Way galaxy (near-IR, IR: 1.25 µm, 1.65 µm, 2.15 µm)
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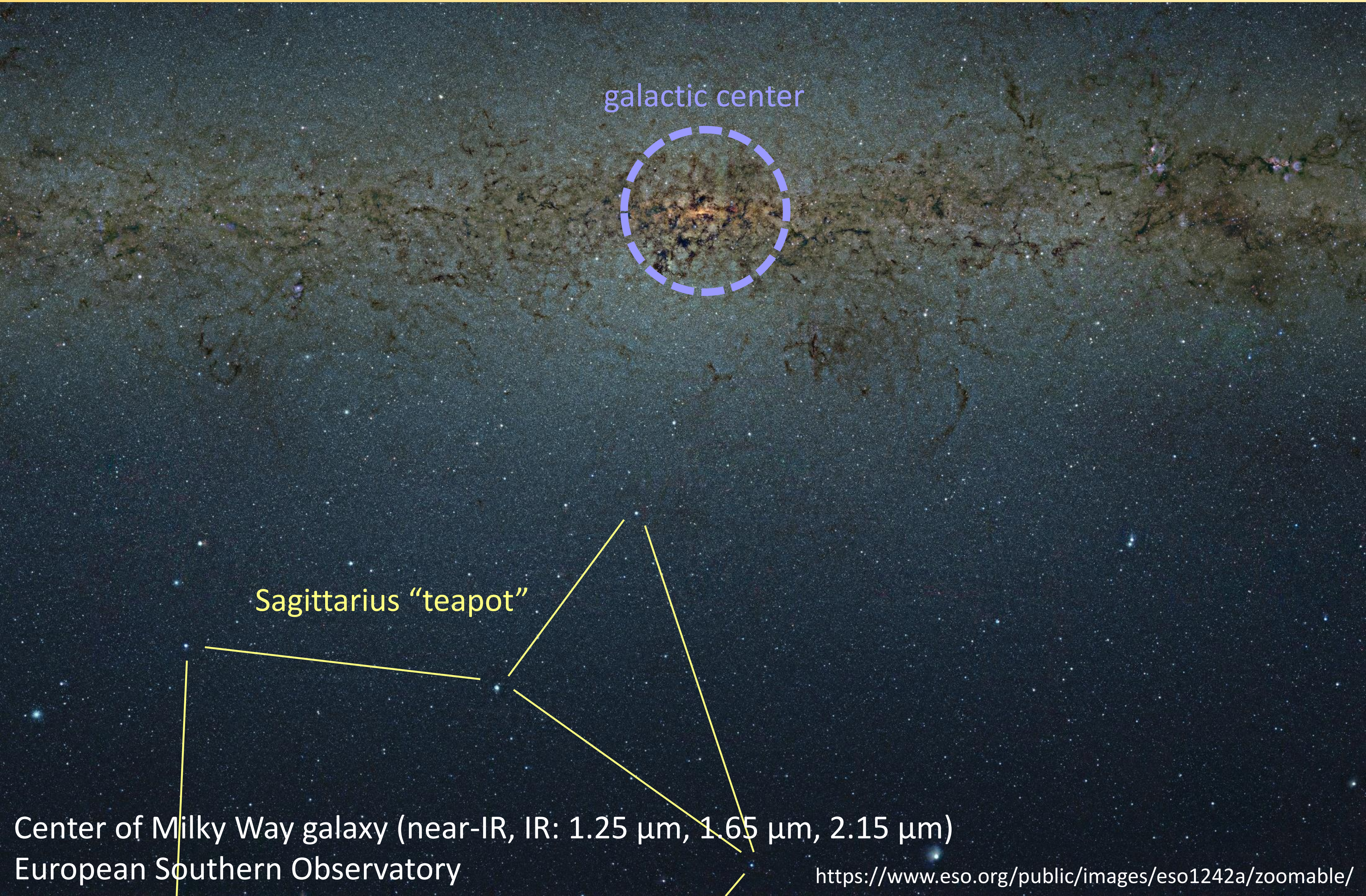

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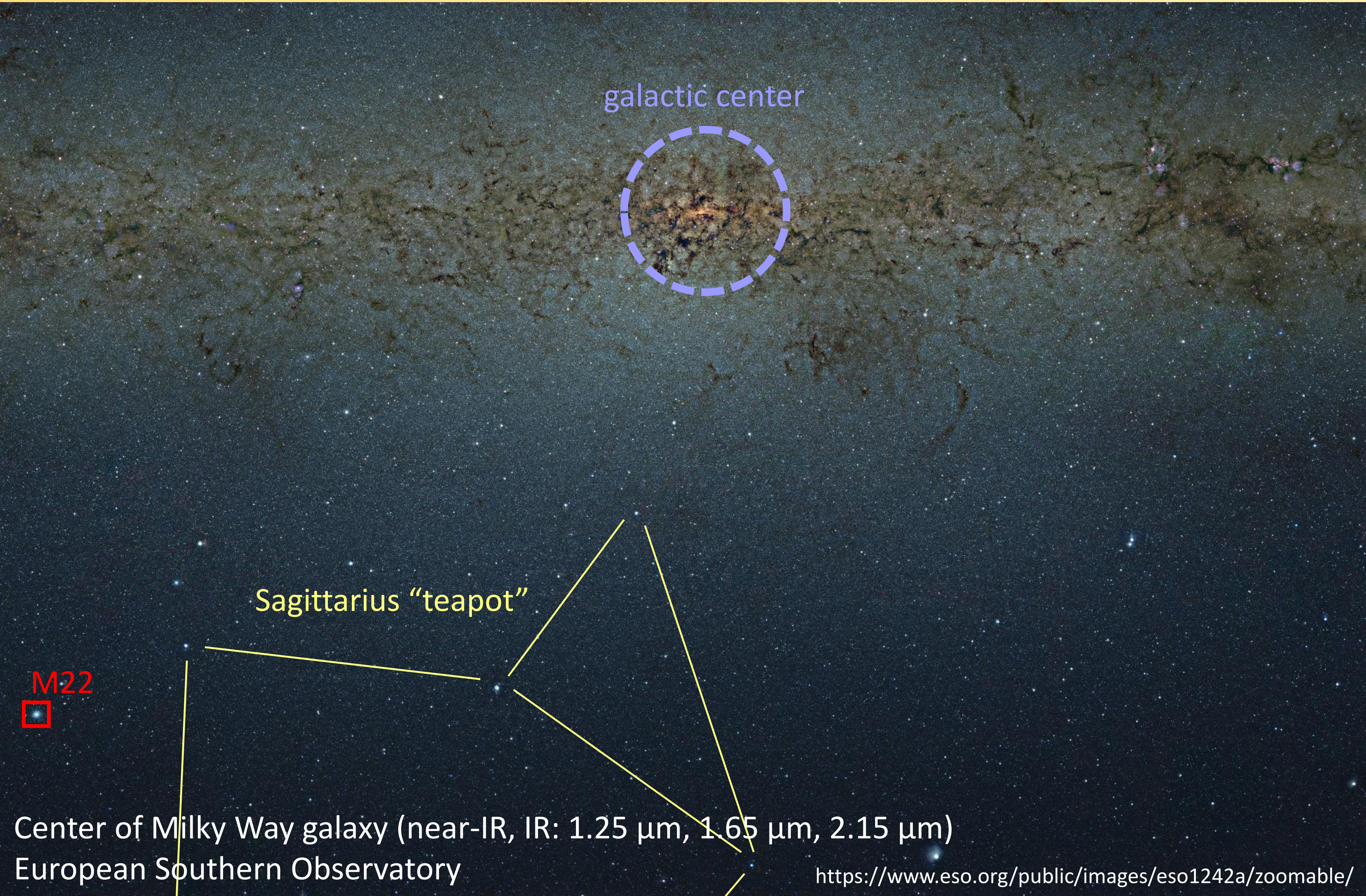

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[Zoom-in of previous photo, (near/short-infrared)]

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M22 globular cluster, Milky Way galaxy

PollEv Quiz: PollEv.com/sethaubin

Mass-Luminosity Relation

- Luminosity can be determined by the brightness of star (as seen from Earth) and its distance.

→ *Reminder: distance can be measured by* ***parallax.***

- How do you determine the mass of a star?

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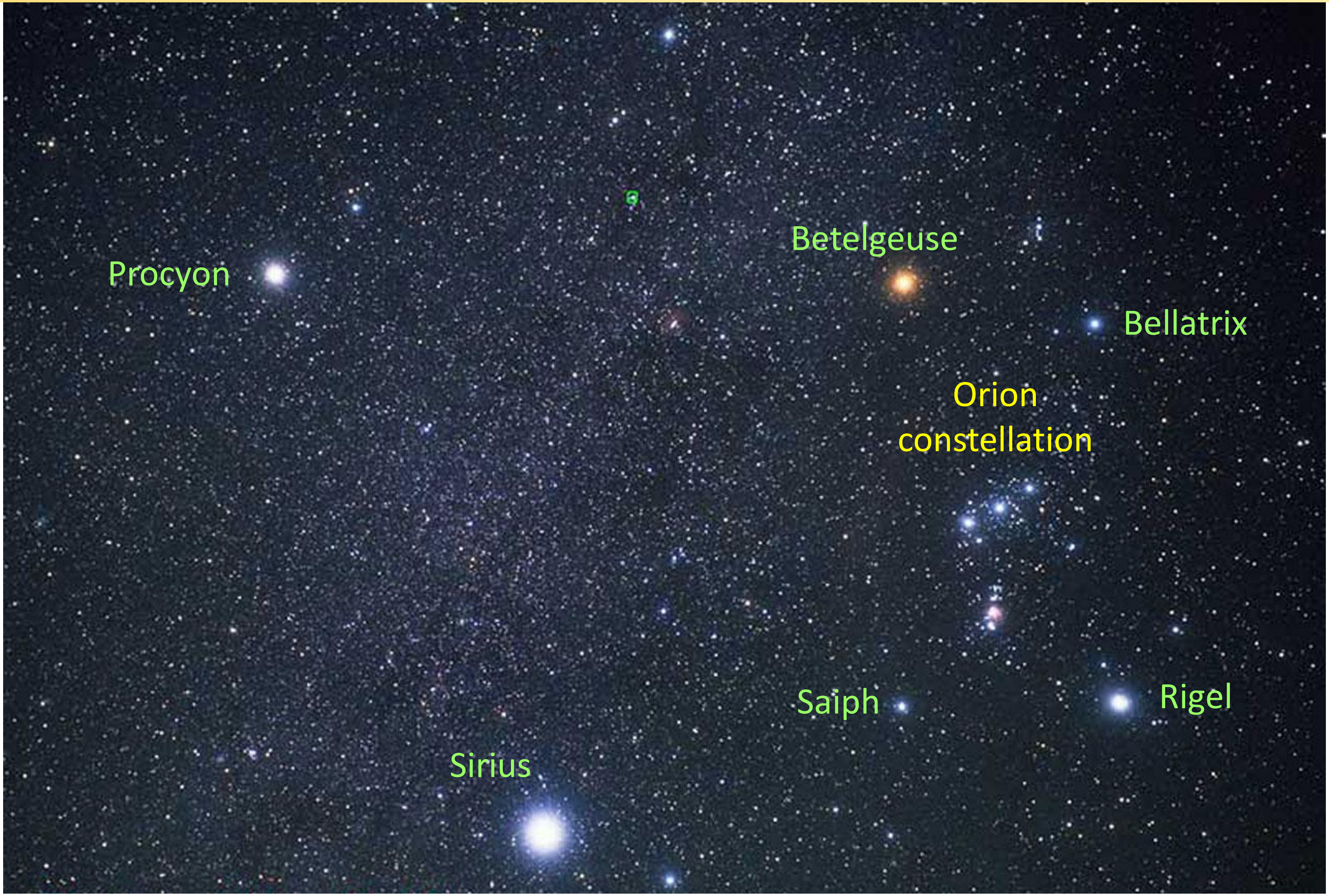

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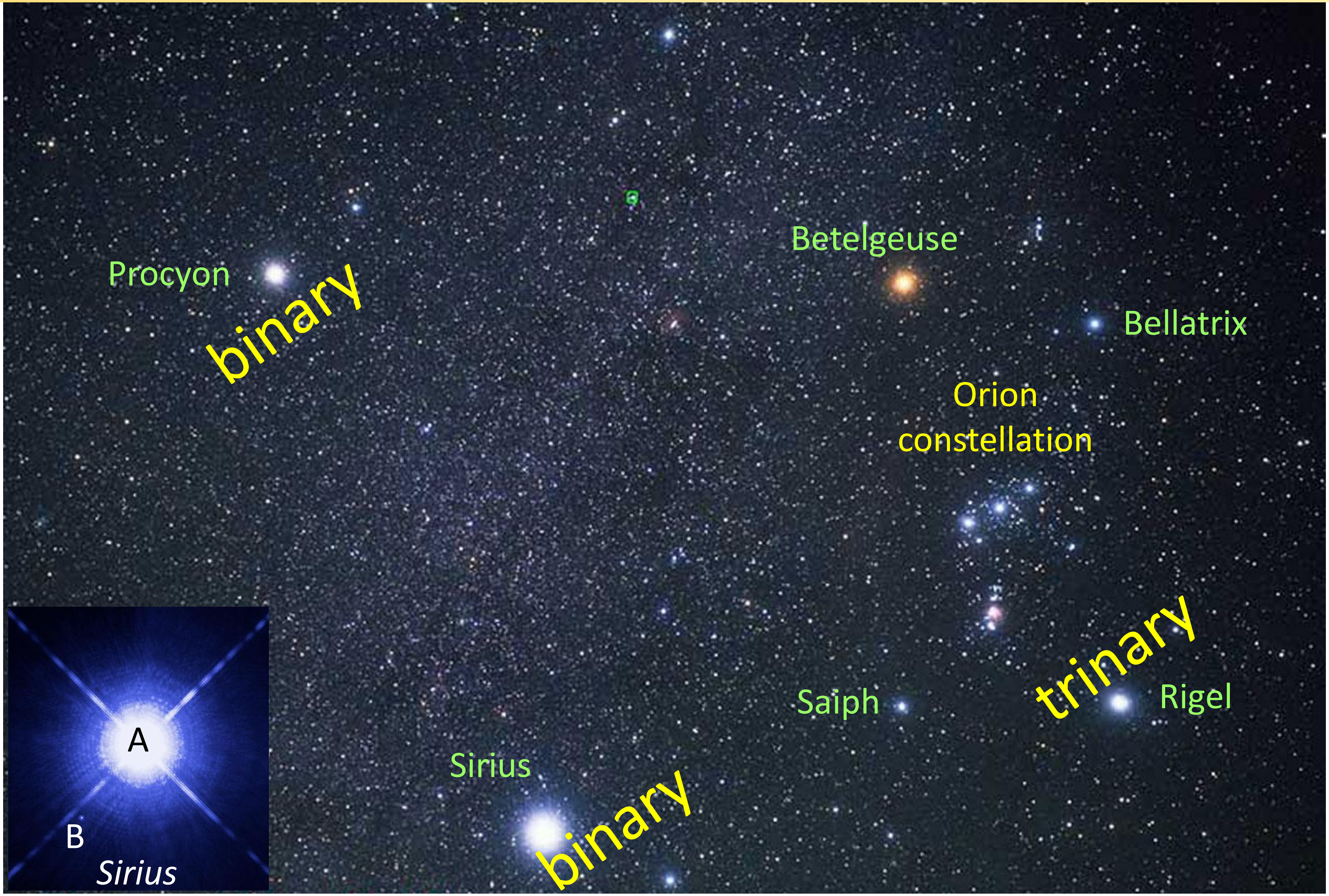

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How to Determine Stellar Mass ?

- Use binary star systems.
- Use Kepler's 3rd law (Newton's version) to determine M1 + M2.
- Use observation of center-of-mass to obtain M1/M2.
  (or use Doppler velocimetry)

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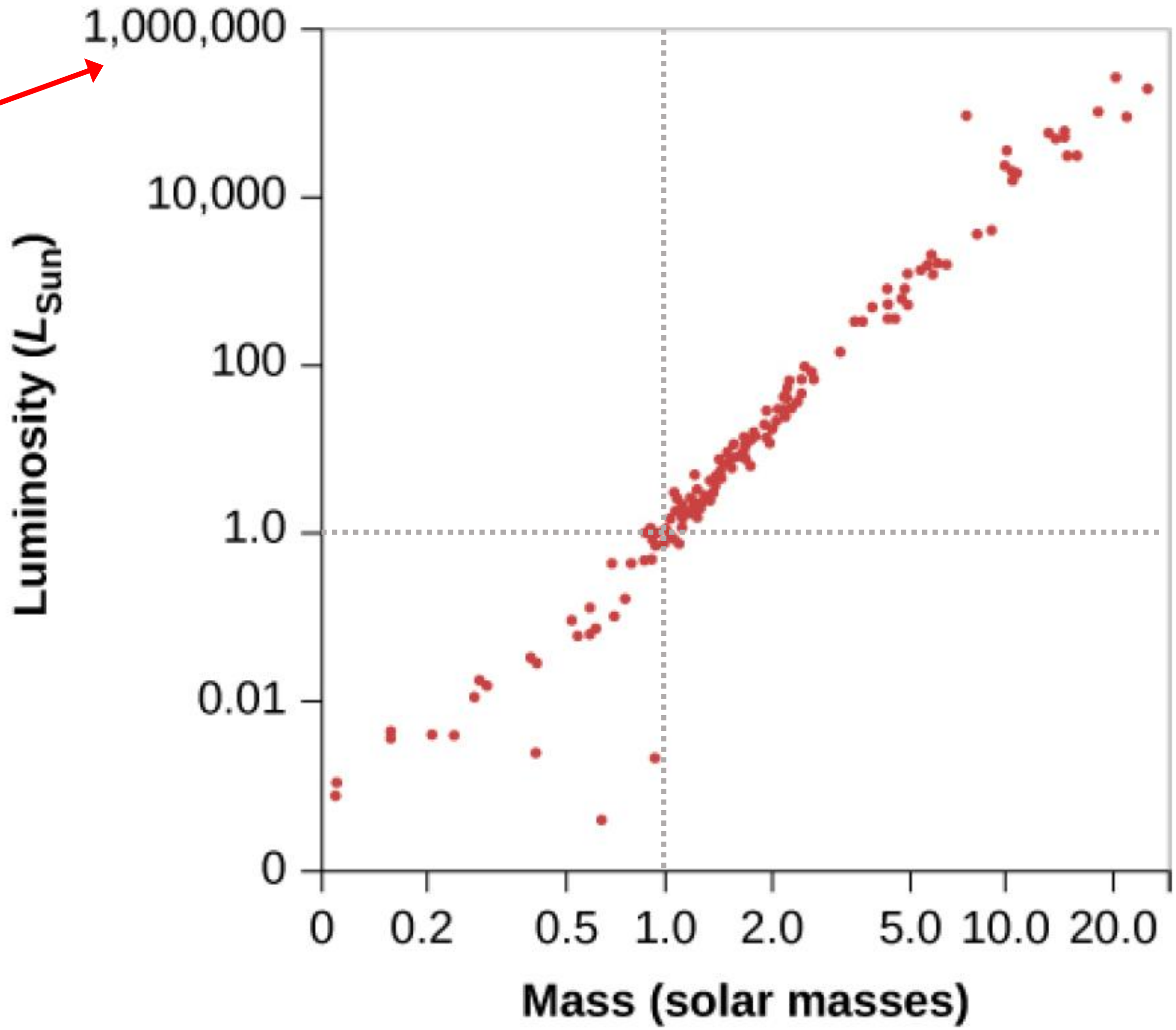
logarithmic scale



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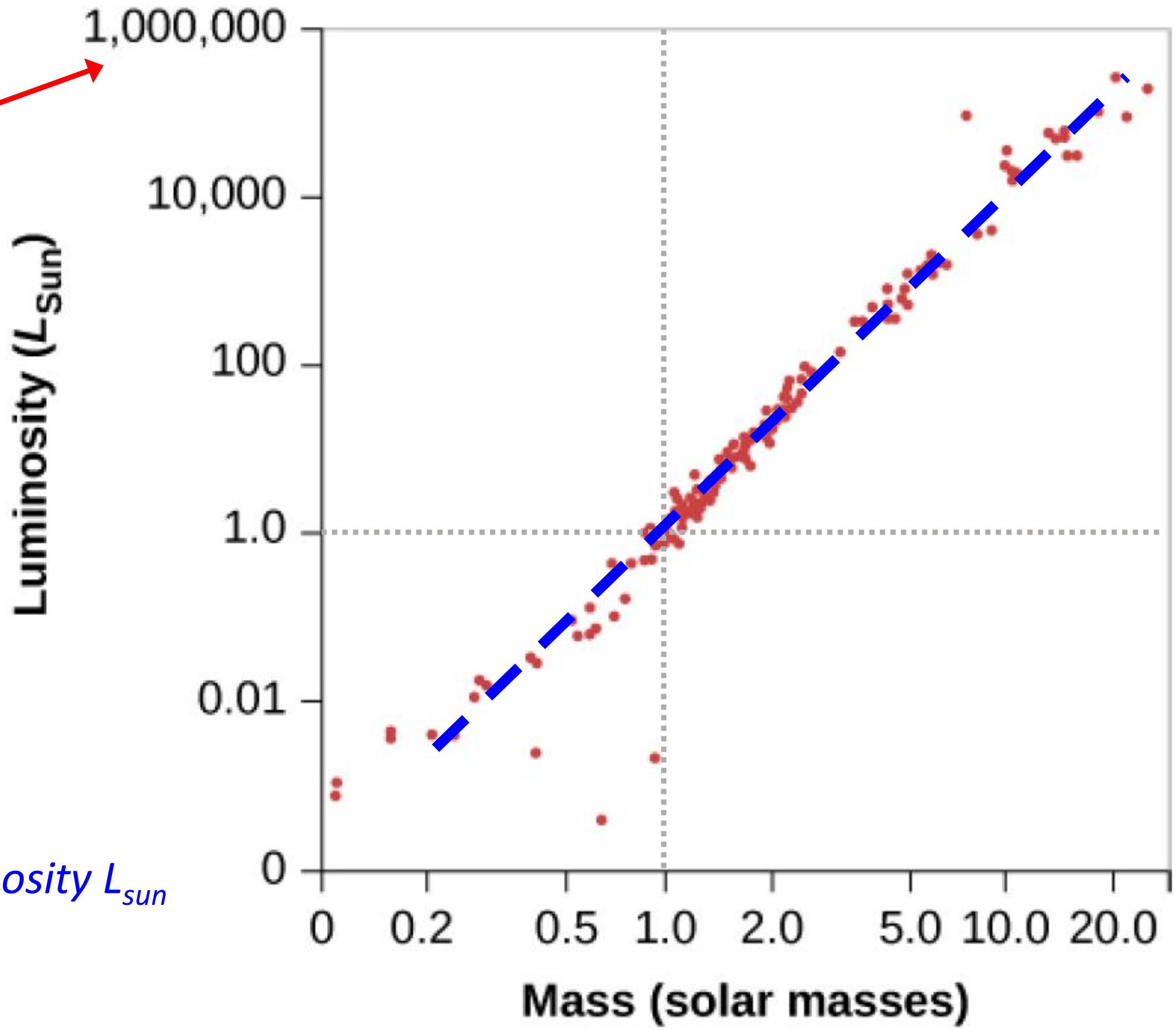

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Units: Solar Luminosity L_{sun}

$$Luminosity \sim Mass^{3.9}$$

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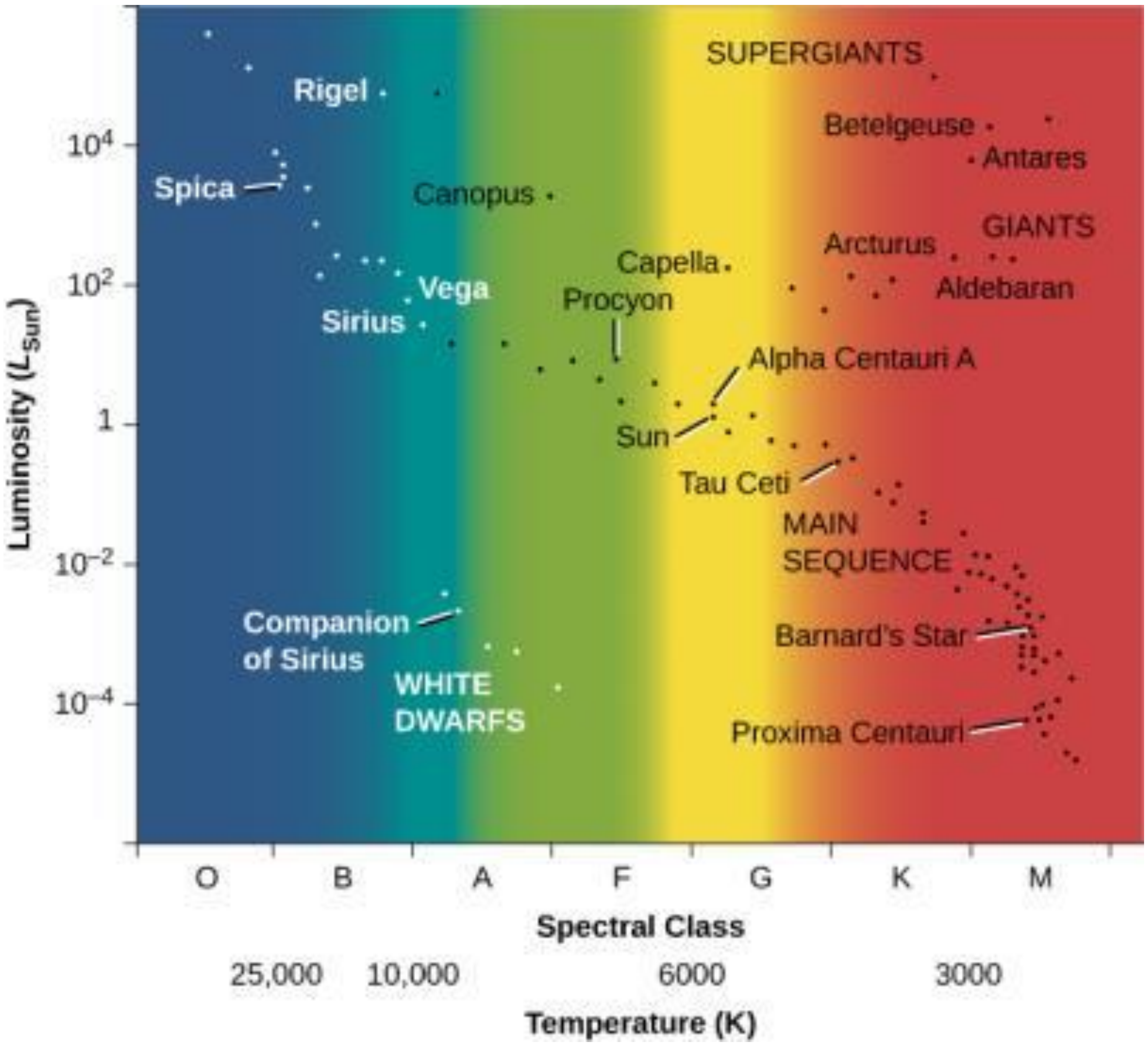
H-R diagram

(Hertsprung-Russell diagram)



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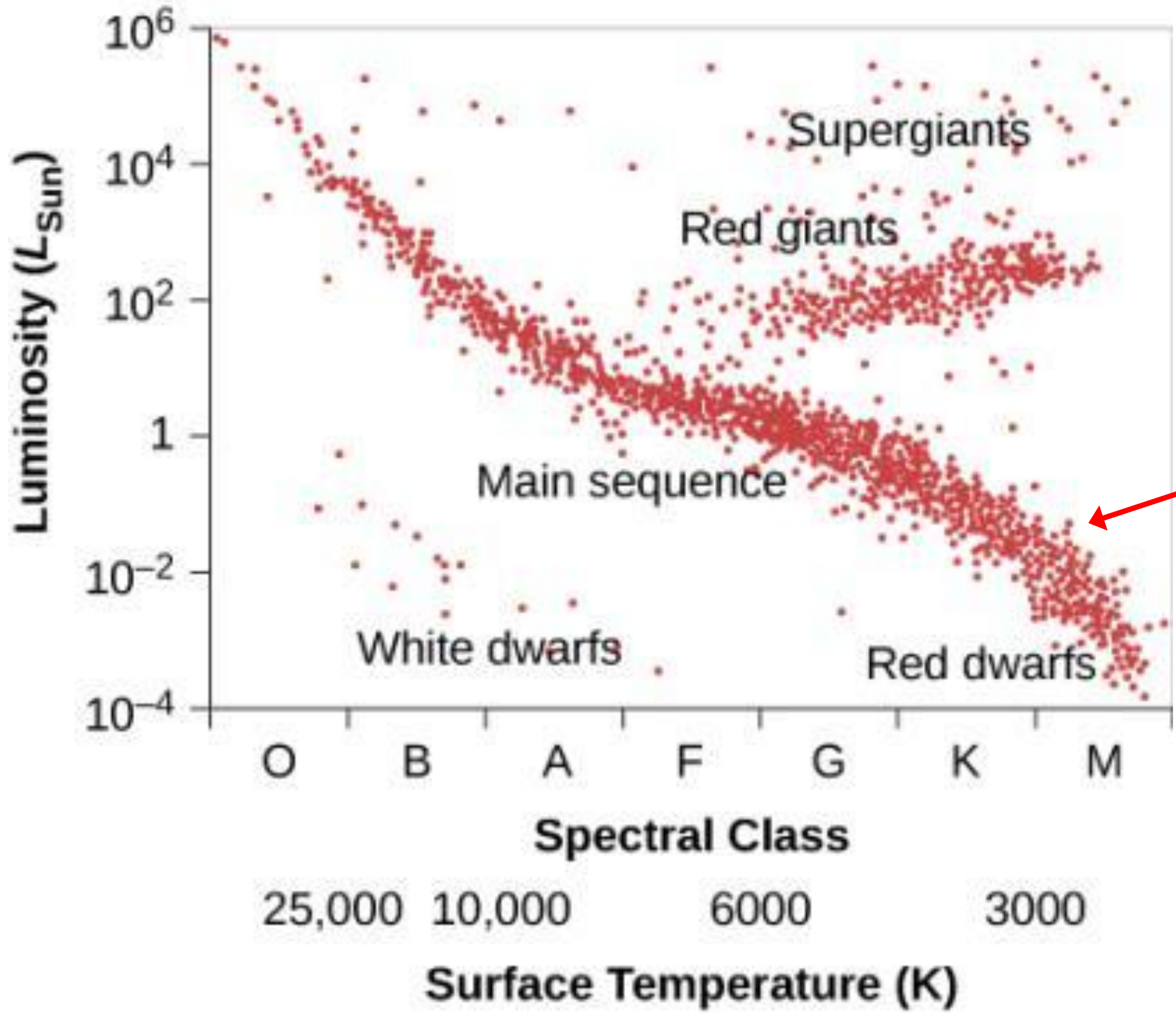

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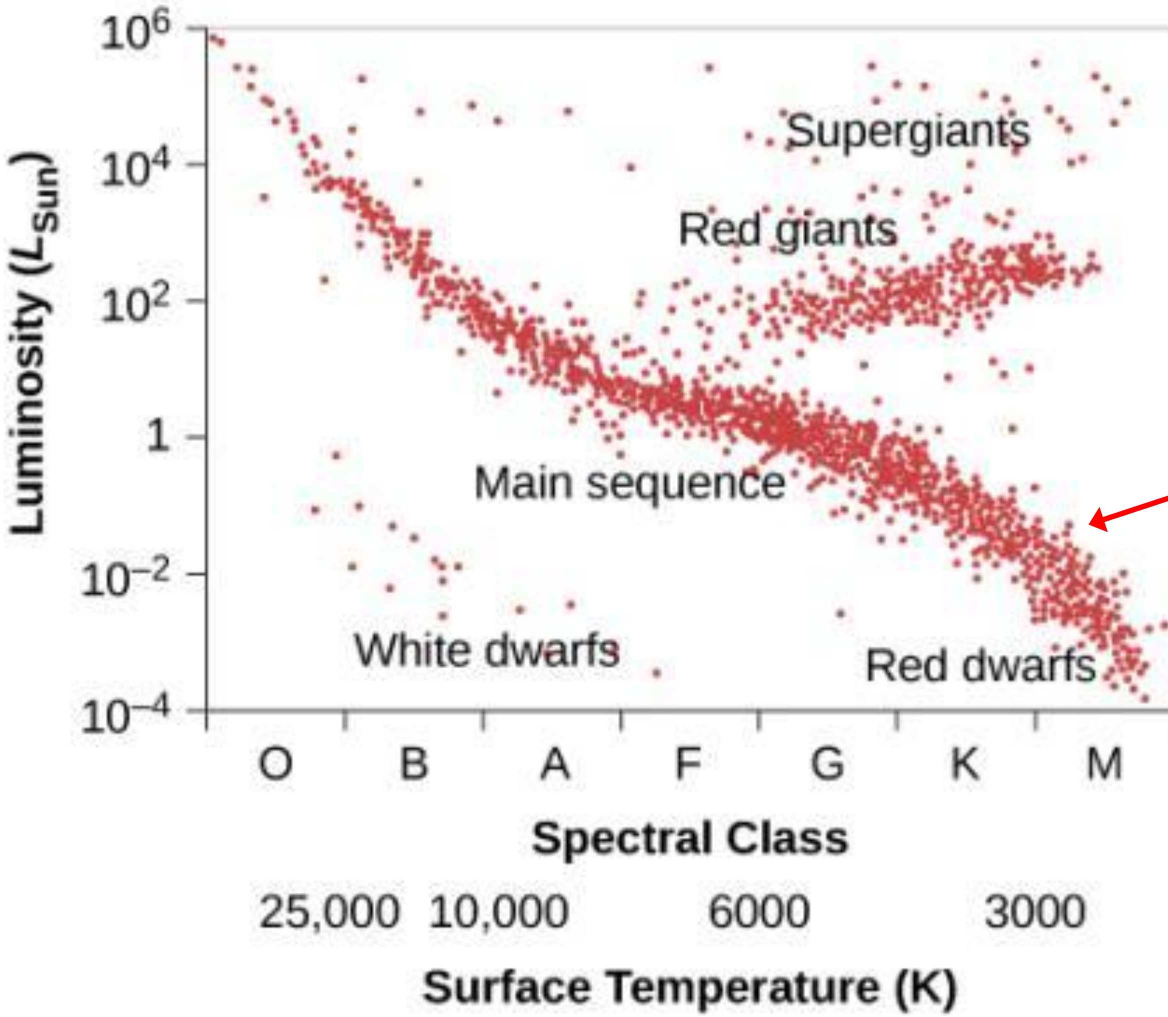

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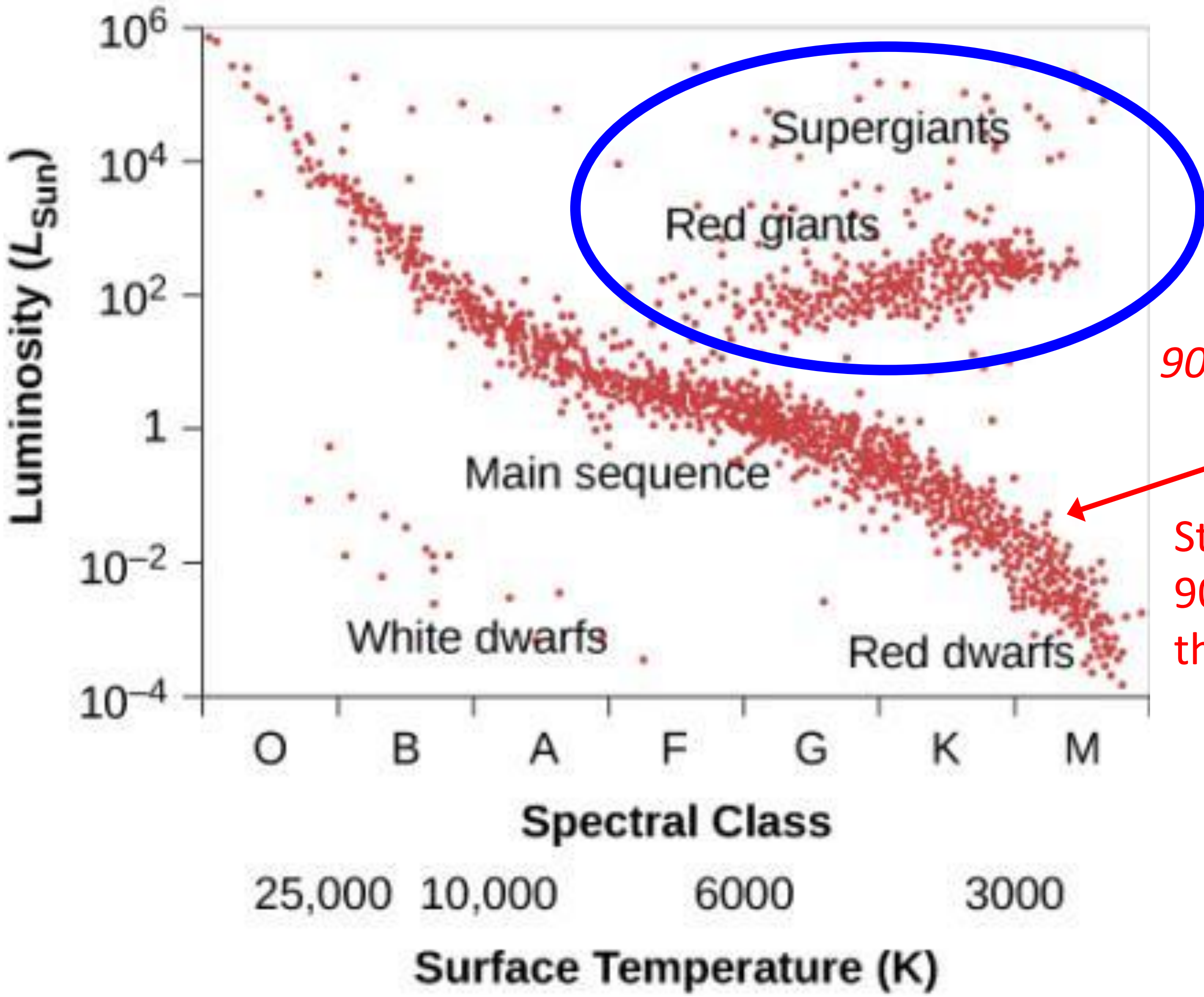

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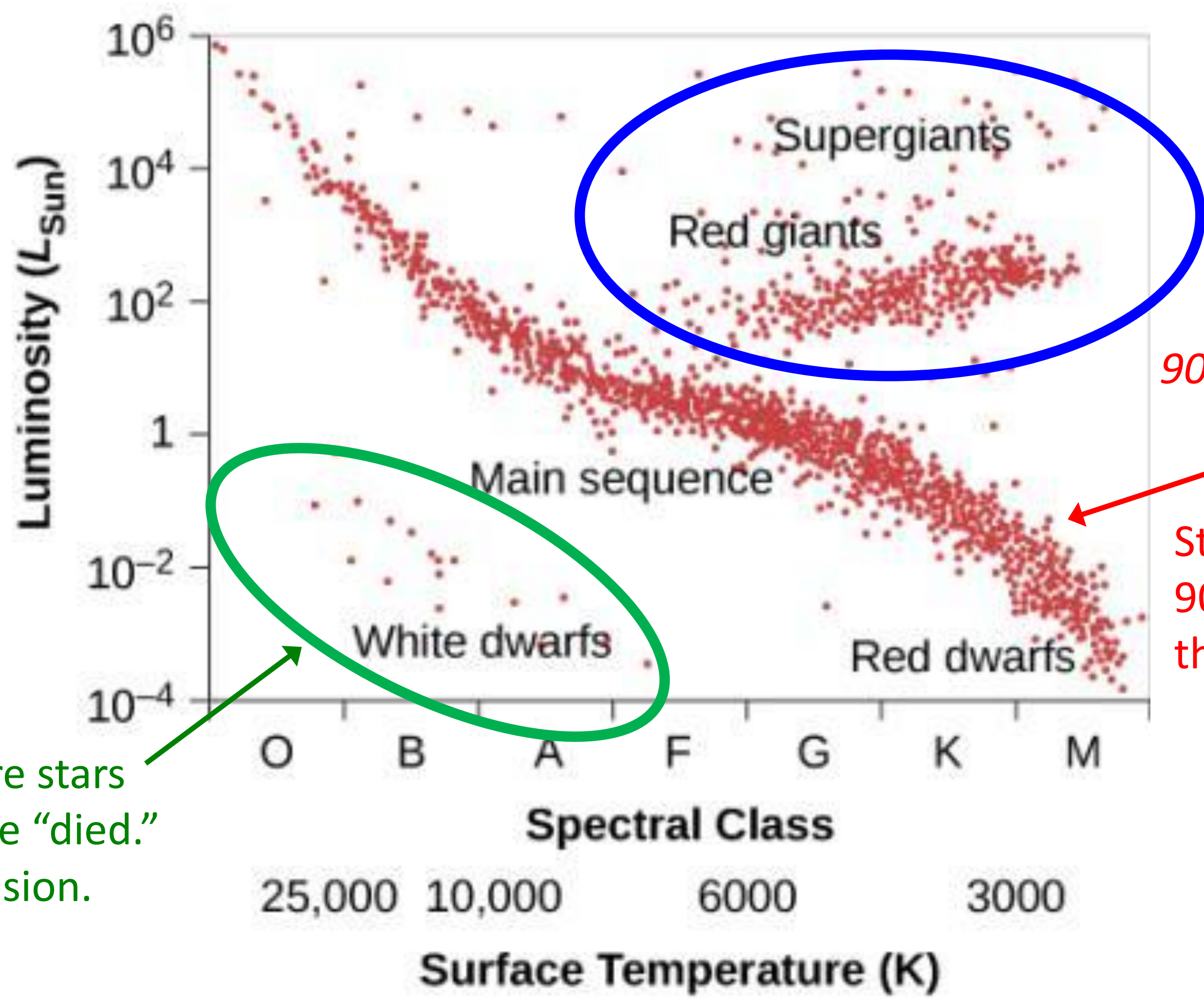

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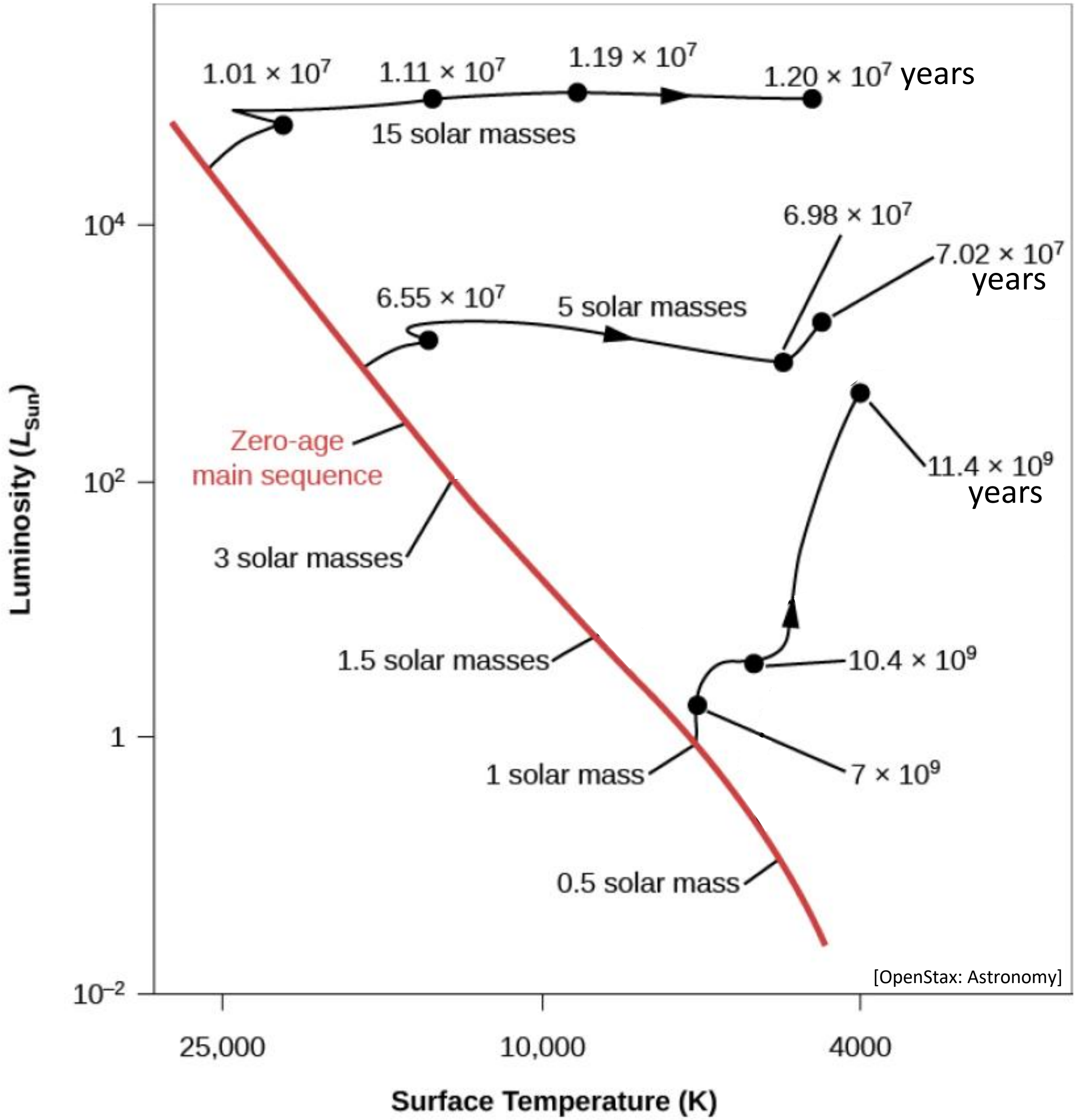
These are stars that have "died."
→ No fusion.

Stellar Evolution: on the H-R Diagram



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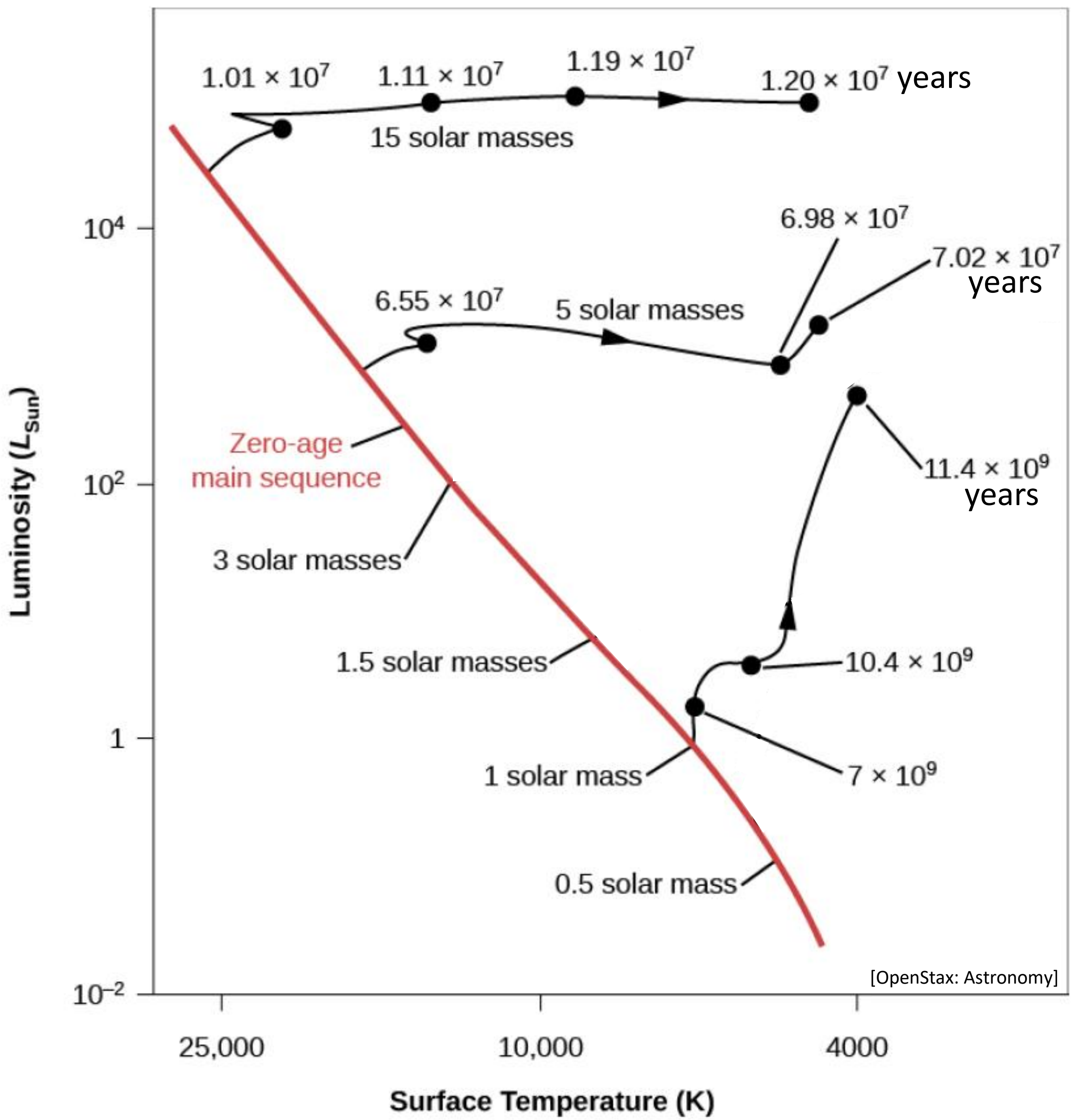

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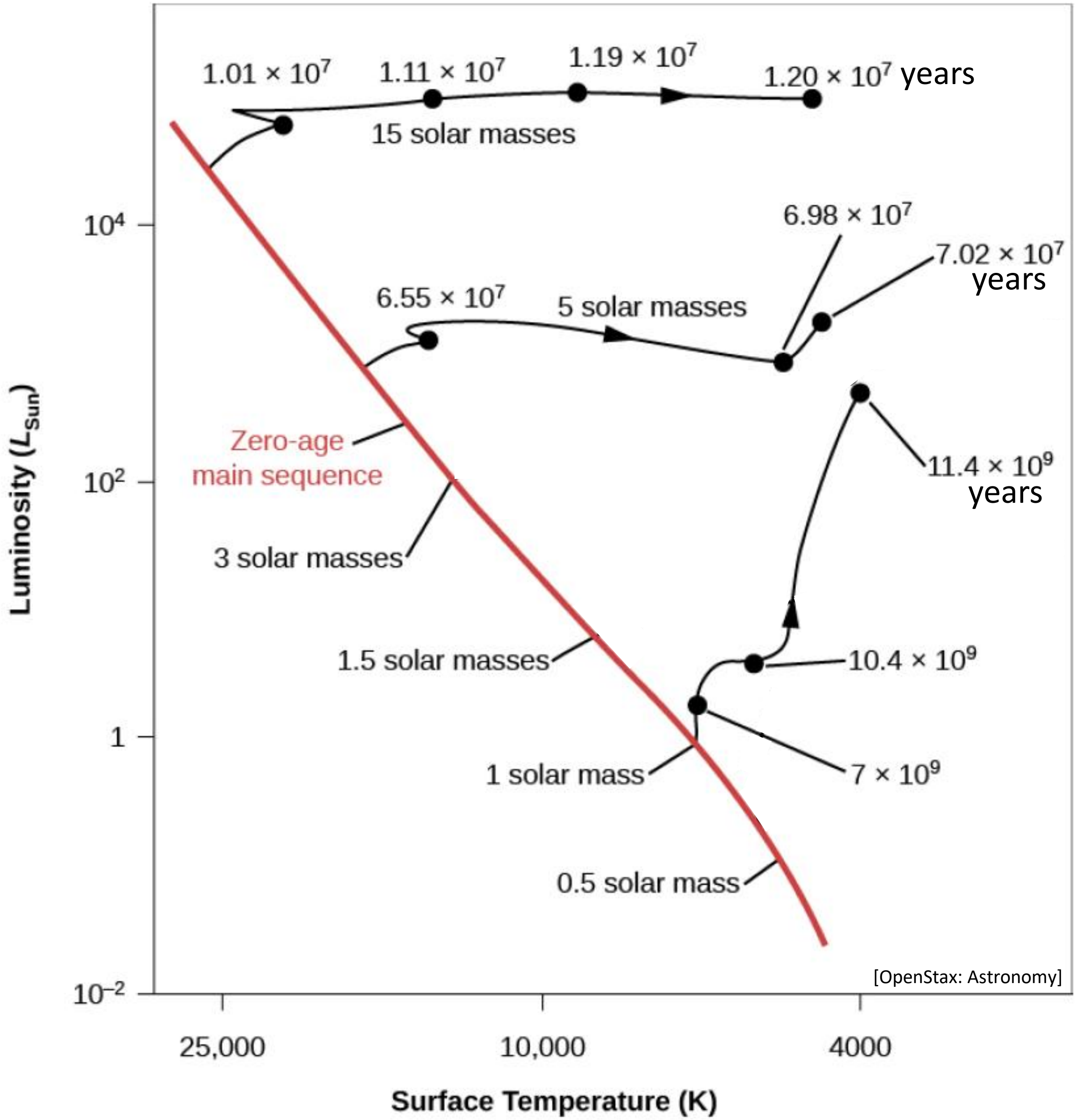

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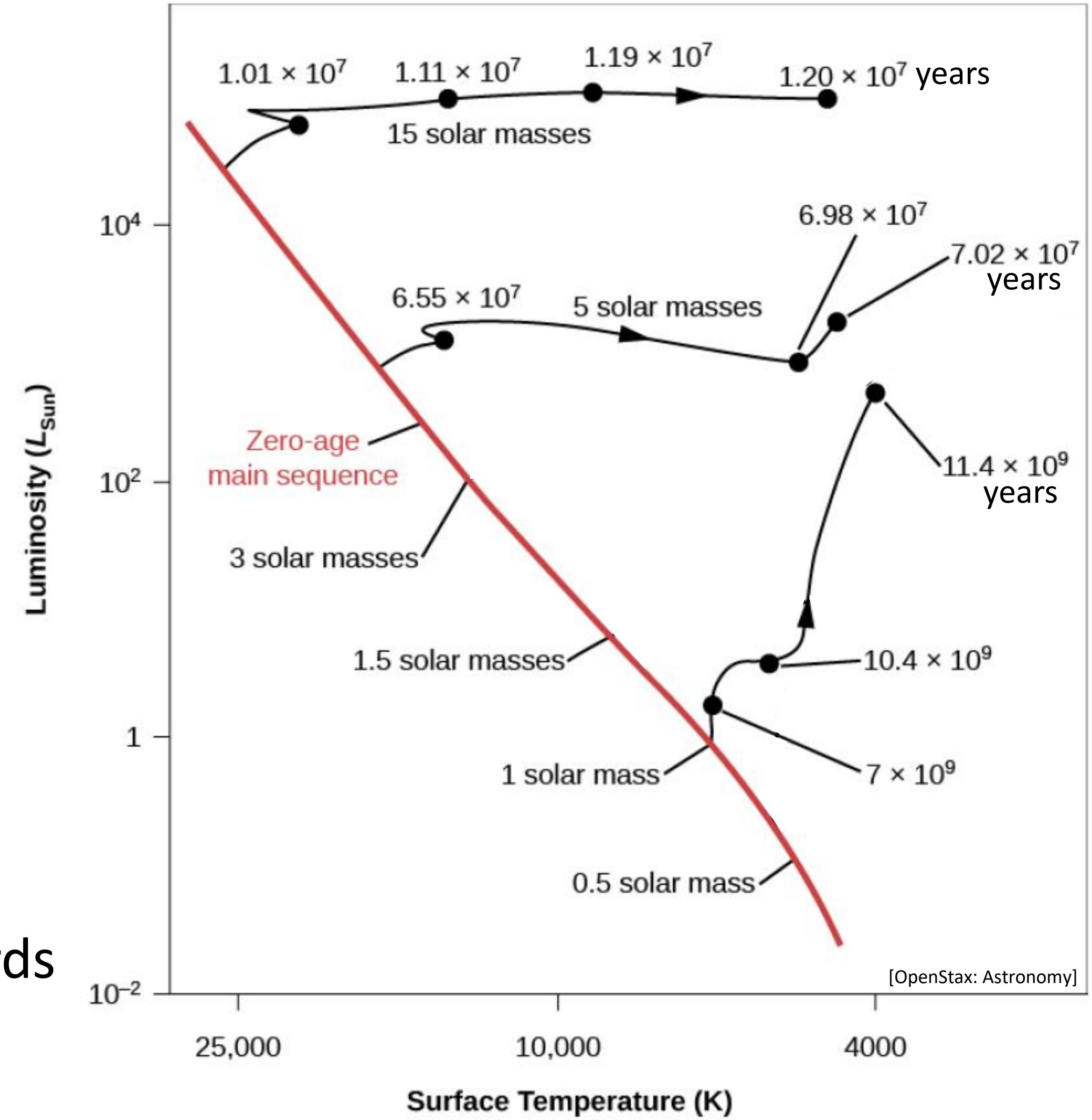

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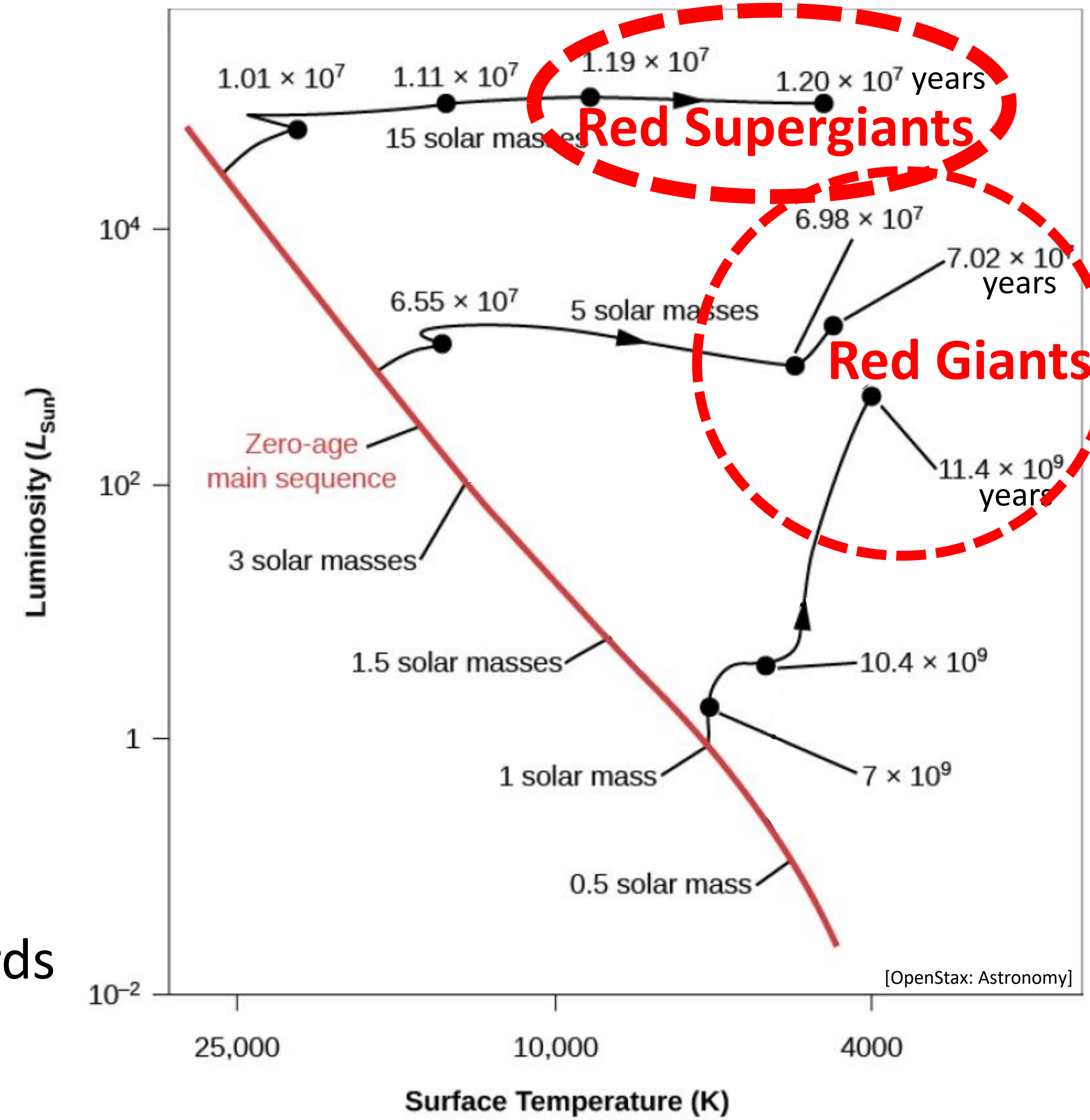

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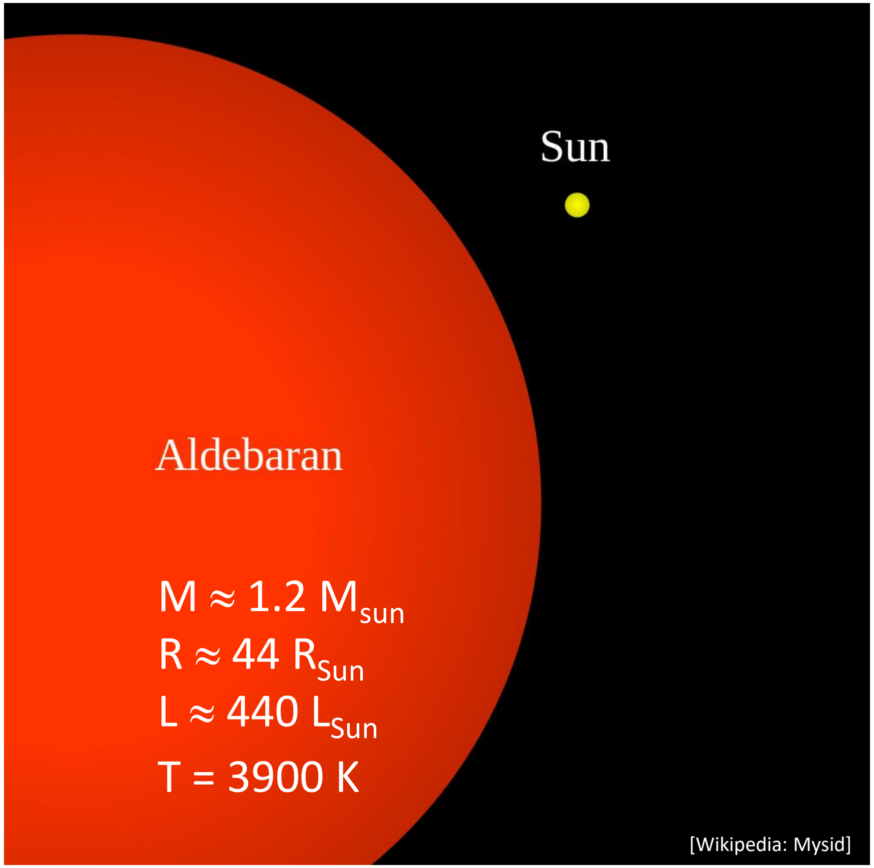

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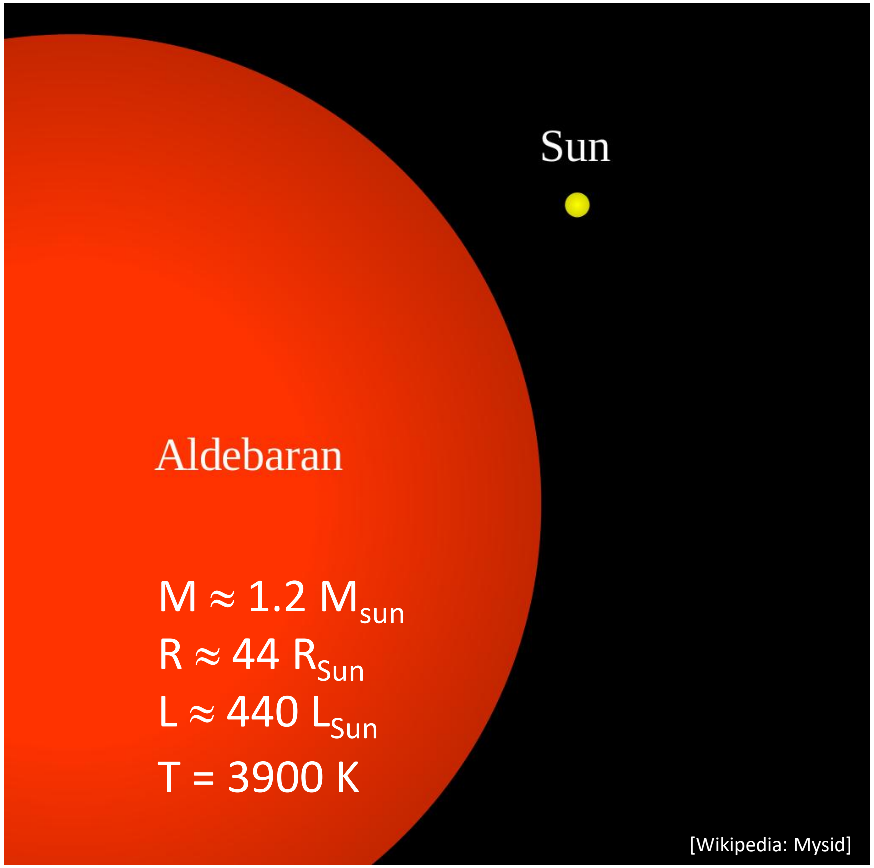

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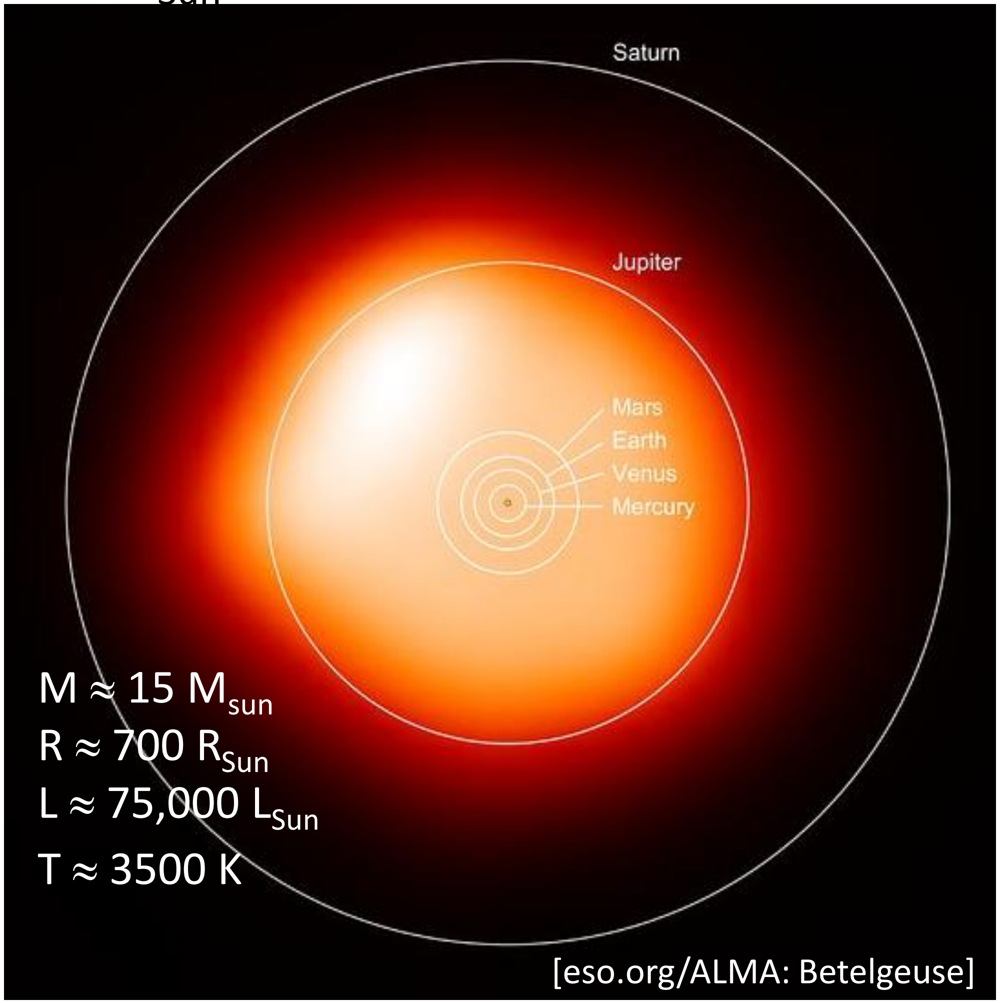
Red Supergiants

End-of-life stars with masses of 10-40 M_{Sun}.



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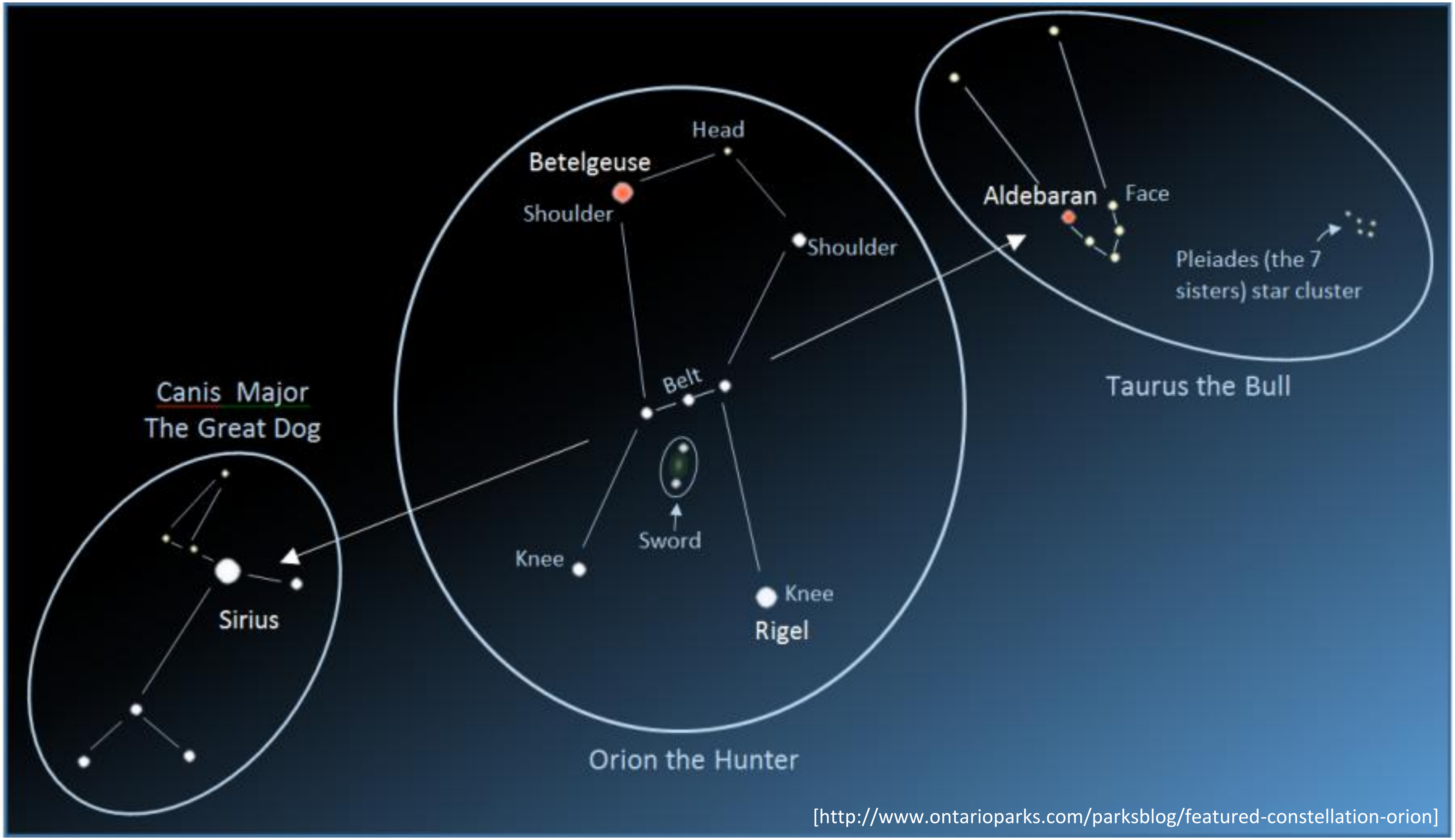
Aldebaran & Betelgeuse in the Sky



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