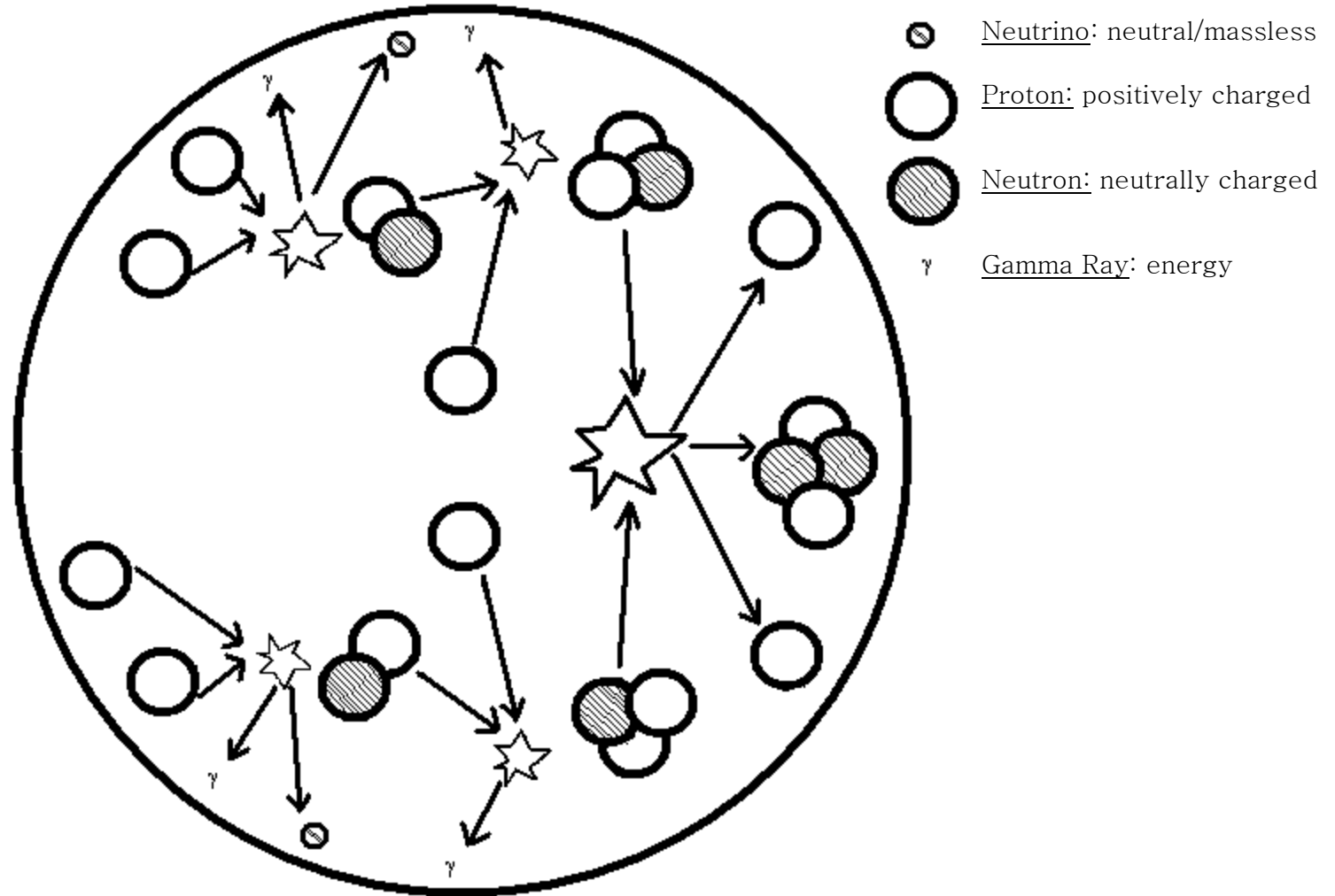


# The Proton-Proton Chain



If you follow the proton-proton chain from left to right, you will see a series of reactions that begin with two protons (or Hydrogen nuclei), and form into a deuteron. Another proton collides to form a tritium, and two tritium nuclei collide to form an alpha particle. This fusion process releases energy in stars like our sun.