

## Finite Groups with Weakly $s$ -Semipermutable Subgroups

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ABSTRACT - Suppose  $G$  is a finite group and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .  $H$  is said to be  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$  if  $HG_p = G_pH$  for any Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $G_p$  of  $G$  with  $(p, |H|) = 1$ ;  $H$  is called weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$  if there is a subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $G = HT$  and  $H \cap T$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . We investigate the influence of weakly  $s$ -semipermutable subgroups on the structure of finite groups. Some recent results are generalized and unified.

### 1. Introduction.

All groups considered in this paper will be finite. We use conventional notions and notation, as in Huppert [1].  $G$  denotes always a group,  $|G|$  is the order of  $G$ ,  $\pi(G)$  denotes the set of all primes dividing  $|G|$  and  $G_p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $p \in \pi(G)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a class of groups. We call  $\mathcal{F}$  a formation provided that (i) if  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $H \triangleleft G$ , then  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ , and (ii) if  $G/M$  and  $G/N$  are in  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $G/(M \cap N)$  is in  $\mathcal{F}$  for any normal subgroups  $M, N$  of  $G$ . A formation  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be saturated if  $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathcal{F}$  implies that  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ . In this paper,  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{N}$  will denote the class of all supersolvable groups and the class of all nilpotent groups, respectively. As well-known results,  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{N}$  are saturated formations.

Two subgroups  $H$  and  $K$  of  $G$  are said to be permutable if  $HK = KH$ . A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be  $s$ -permutable (or  $s$ -quasinormal,  $\pi$ -quasinormal) in  $G$  if  $H$  permutes with every Sylow subgroup of  $G$  [2]. Asaad, Ramadan and Shaalan proved in [3]: Suppose  $G$  is a solvable group with a normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H$  is supersolvable. If all

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maximal subgroups of any Sylow subgroup of  $F(H)$  are  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable. Later Asaad in [4] extended the result using formation theory: Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that  $G$  is a solvable group with a normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all maximal subgroups of all Sylow subgroups of  $F(H)$  are  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ . As a generalization of  $s$ -permutable subgroup, the concept of  $s$ -semipermutable subgroup is introduced. A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$  if  $HG_p = G_pH$  for any Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $G_p$  of  $G$  with  $(p, |H|) = 1$ . Q. Zhang and L. Wang [5] obtained the following: Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all maximal subgroups of all Sylow subgroups of  $F(H)$  are  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ . In recent years, it has been of interest to use supplementation properties of subgroups to characterize properties of a group. For example, Y. Wang [6] introduced the concept of  $c$ -supplemented subgroups and obtained the similar result in [7]: Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all maximal subgroups of all Sylow subgroups of  $F(H)$  are  $c$ -supplemented in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .

There is no obvious general relationship between  $s$ -semipermutable subgroup and  $c$ -supplemented subgroup. Hence it is meaningful to unify and generalize the two concepts and relate results. Recall that  $H$  is  $c$ -supplemented in  $G$  if there exists a subgroup  $K_1$  such that  $G = HK_1$  and  $H \cap K_1 \leq H_G$ , where  $H_G$  is the maximal normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $H$ . In this case, writing  $K = H_GK_1$  we have  $G = HK$  and  $H \cap K = H_G$ ; of course,  $H \cap K$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . On the basis of this observation, we introduce a new embedding property:

**DEFINITION 1.1.** *A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is called weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$  if there is a subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $G = HT$  and  $H \cap T$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ .*

In the present paper, we study the influence of weakly  $s$ -semipermutable subgroups on the structure of some groups. In particular, we give some new characterizations of supersolvability and  $p$ -nilpotency of a group (and, more general, a group belonging to a given formation of finite groups) by using the weakly  $s$ -semipermutability of some primary subgroups. As application, we unify and generalize a series of known results.

## 2. Preliminaries.

LEMMA 2.1. *Suppose that  $H$  is an  $s$ -semipermutable subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then*

- (a)  $H$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $K$  whenever  $H \leq K \leq G$ .
- (b) If  $H$  is  $p$ -group for some prime  $p \in \pi(G)$ , then  $HN/N$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/N$ .
- (c) If  $H \leq O_p(G)$ , then  $H$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ .

PROOF. (a) is [5, Property 1], (b) is [5, Property 2], and (c) is [5, Lemma 3].

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $U$  be a weakly  $s$ -semipermutable subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $N$  a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then*

- (a) If  $U \leq H \leq G$ , then  $H$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $H$ .
- (b) Suppose that  $U$  is a  $p$ -group for some prime  $p$ . If  $N \leq U$ , then  $U/N$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/N$ .
- (c) Suppose  $U$  is a  $p$ -group for some prime  $p$  and  $N$  is a  $p'$ -subgroup, then  $UN/N$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/N$ .

PROOF. By the hypotheses, there is a subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $G = UK$  and  $U \cap K$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ .

(a)  $H = H \cap UK = U(H \cap K)$  and  $U \cap (H \cap K) = U \cap K$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $H$  by Lemma 2.1(a). Hence  $U$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $H$ .

(b)  $G/N = UK/N = U/N \cdot NK/N$  and  $(U/N) \cap (KN/N) = (U \cap K)N/N = (U \cap K)N/N$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/N$  by Lemma 2.1(b). Hence  $U/N$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/N$ .

(c) Since  $(|G : K|, |N|) = 1$ ,  $N \leq K$ . It is easy to see that  $G/N = UN/N \cdot KN/N = UN/N \cdot K/N$  and  $(UN/N) \cap (K/N) = (UN \cap K)/N = (U \cap K)N/N$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/N$  by Lemma 2.1(b). Hence  $UN/N$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/N$ .

LEMMA 2.3 ([8], Lemma 2.6). *Let  $H$  be a solvable normal subgroup of a group  $G$  ( $H \neq 1$ ). If every minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  which is contained in  $H$  is not contained in  $\Phi(G)$ , then the Fitting subgroup  $F(H)$  of  $H$  is the direct product of minimal normal subgroups of  $G$  which are contained in  $H$ .*

LEMMA 2.4 ([7], Lemma 2.8). *Let  $M$  be a maximal subgroup of  $G$ ,  $P$  a normal  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  such that  $G = PM$ , where  $p$  a prime. Then  $P \cap M$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .*

LEMMA 2.5 ([9], Lemma 2.16). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a normal subgroup  $N$  such that  $G/N \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $N$  is cyclic, then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

LEMMA 2.6 ([9], Lemma 2.20). *Let  $A$  be a  $p'$ -automorphisms of a  $p$ -group  $P$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime. Assume that every subgroup of  $P$  with prime order is  $A$ -invariant. Then  $A$  is cyclic.*

LEMMA 2.7 ([1], III, 5.2 and IV, 5.4). *Suppose  $G$  is a group which is not nilpotent but whose proper subgroups are all nilpotent. Then*

- (a)  *$G$  has a normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  for some prime  $p$  and  $G = PQ$ , where  $Q$  is a non-normal cyclic  $q$ -subgroup for some prime  $q \neq p$ .*
- (b)  *$P/\Phi(P)$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G/\Phi(P)$ .*
- (c) *If  $P$  is non-abelian and  $p > 2$ , then the exponent of  $P$  is  $p$ ; If  $P$  is non-abelian and  $p = 2$ , then the exponent of  $P$  is 4.*
- (d) *If  $P$  is abelian, then the exponent of  $P$  is  $p$ .*
- (e)  *$\Phi(P) \leq Z(P)$ .*

LEMMA 2.8 ([8], Lemma 3.12). *Let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of a group  $G$ , where  $p$  is the smallest prime dividing  $|G|$ . If  $G$  is  $A_4$ -free and  $|P| \leq p^2$ , then  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent.*

### 3. Results.

THEOREM 3.1. *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . A group  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if there is a normal subgroup  $E$  of  $G$  such that  $G/E \in \mathcal{F}$  and every cyclic subgroup  $\langle x \rangle$  of any noncyclic Sylow subgroup of  $E$  with prime order or order 4 ( if the Sylow 2-subgroup is non-abelian ) is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ .*

PROOF. We need only to prove the sufficiency part since the necessity part is evident. Suppose that the assertion is false and let  $(G, E)$  be a counterexample for which  $|G||E|$  is minimal. Then

- (1)  $E$  is solvable.

Let  $K$  be any proper subgroup of  $E$ . Then  $|K| < |G|$  and  $K/K \in \mathcal{U}$ . Let  $\langle x \rangle$  be any cyclic subgroup of any noncyclic Sylow subgroup of  $K$  with prime order or order 4 ( if the Sylow 2-subgroup is non-abelian ). It is clear that  $\langle x \rangle$  is also a cyclic subgroup of a noncyclic Sylow subgroup of  $E$  with prime order or order 4. By the hypothesis,  $\langle x \rangle$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable

in  $G$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $\langle x \rangle$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $K$ . This shows that the hypothesis still holds for  $(\mathcal{U}, K)$ . By the choice of  $G$ ,  $K$  is supersolvable. By [10, Theorem 3.11.9],  $E$  is solvable.

(2)  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is a  $p$ -group, where  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is the  $\mathcal{F}$ -residual of  $G$ .  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is a chief factor of  $G$  and  $\exp(G^{\mathcal{F}}) = p$  or  $\exp(G^{\mathcal{F}}) = 4$  (if  $p = 2$  and  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is non-abelian).

Since  $G/E \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq E$ . Let  $M$  be a maximal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \not\subseteq M$  (that is,  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -abnormal maximal subgroup of  $G$ ). Then  $G = ME$ . We claim that the hypothesis holds for  $(\mathcal{F}, M)$ . In fact,  $M/M \cap E \cong ME/E = G/E \in \mathcal{F}$  and by the similar argument as above, we can prove that the hypothesis holds for  $(\mathcal{F}, M)$ . By the choice of  $G$ ,  $M \in \mathcal{F}$ . Thus (2) holds by [10, Theorem 3.4.2].

(3)  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$  for any element  $x \in G^{\mathcal{F}}$ .

Let  $x \in G^{\mathcal{F}}$ . Then the order of  $x$  is  $p$  or  $4$  by step (2). By the hypothesis,  $\langle x \rangle$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Then there is a group  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $G = \langle x \rangle T$  and  $\langle x \rangle \cap T$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . It follows that  $G = \langle x \rangle T$  and  $G^{\mathcal{F}} = G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap G = G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap \langle x \rangle T = \langle x \rangle (G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap T)$ . Since  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is abelian,  $(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap T)\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}}) \triangleleft G/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ . Since  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is a chief factor of  $G$ ,  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap T \leq \Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  or  $G^{\mathcal{F}} = (G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap T)\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}}) = G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap T$ . If  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap T \leq \Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ ,  $\langle x \rangle = G^{\mathcal{F}} \triangleleft G$ . In this case,  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ . Now assume that  $G^{\mathcal{F}} = G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap T$ . Then  $T = G$  and  $\langle x \rangle = \langle x \rangle \cap T$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Since  $\langle x \rangle \leq G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq O_p(G)$ ,  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$  by Lemma 2.1.

(4)  $|G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})| = p$ .

Assume that  $|G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})| \neq p$  and let  $L/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  be any cyclic subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ . Let  $x \in L \setminus \Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ . Then  $L = \langle x \rangle \Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ . Since  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$  by step (3),  $L/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ . It follows from [9, Lemma 2.11] that  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  has a maximal subgroup which is normal in  $G/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ . But this is impossible since  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is a chief factor of  $G$ . Thus  $|G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})| = p$ .

(5) The final contradiction.

Since  $(G/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}}))/(\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})) \cong G/G^{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $G/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}}) \in \mathcal{F}$  by Lemma 2.5. As  $\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}}) \leq \Phi(G)$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a saturated formation, we have  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ . The final contradiction completes the proof.

**COROLLARY 3.2** [14, Theorem 3.4]. *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ , the class of all supersolvable groups. If every cyclic subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  with prime order or order 4 is  $c$ -normal in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.3** ([15], Theorem 4.2). *If every cyclic subgroup of a group  $G$  with prime order or order 4 is  $c$ -normal in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable.*

**COROLLARY 3.4** ([16], Theorem 4.1). *If every cyclic subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{U}}$  with prime order or order 4 is  $c$ -supplemented in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable.*

**COROLLARY 3.5** ([17], Theorem 1). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ , the class of all supersolvable groups. If there is a normal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$  and every cyclic subgroup of  $H$  with prime order or order 4 is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.6** ([21], Theorem 3.9). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ , the class of all supersolvable groups. Then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if there is a normal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$  and the subgroups prime order or order 4 of  $H$  with are  $c$ -normal in  $G$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.7** ([19], Theorem 3.1). *Let  $G$  be a group and  $N$  a normal subgroup of a group  $G$  such that  $G/N$  is supersolvable. If every minimal subgroup of  $E$  is  $c$ -supplemented in  $G$  and if every cyclic subgroup of order 4 of  $N$  is  $c$ -normal in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable.*

**THEOREM 3.8.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . A group  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if there is a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$  and every cyclic subgroup  $\langle x \rangle$  of any noncyclic Sylow subgroup of  $F(H)$  with prime order or order 4 (if the Sylow 2-subgroup is non-abelian) is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ .*

**PROOF.** It is clear that the condition is necessary. We only need to prove that it is sufficient. Suppose that the assertion is false and let  $(G, H)$  be a counterexample for which  $|G||H|$  is minimal. Let  $p$  be the smallest prime divisor of  $|F(H)|$  and  $P$  the Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $F(H)$ . Then  $P \triangleleft G$ . Now we proceed with our proof as follows:

(1)  $F(H) \neq H$  and  $C_H(F(H)) \leq F(H)$ .

If  $F(H) = H$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  by Theorem 3.1, a contradiction. Obviously,  $C_H(F(H)) \leq F(H)$  since  $H$  is solvable.

(2) Let  $V/P = F(H/P)$  and  $Q$  be a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $V$ , where  $q \parallel |V/P|$ . Then  $q \neq p$  and either  $Q \leq F(H)$  or  $p > q$  and  $C_Q(P) = 1$ .

Since  $V/P$  is nilpotent,  $QP/P \text{ char } V/P$  and so  $QP \triangleleft H$ . Then, it is easy to see that  $p \neq q$ . By Theorem 3.1,  $PQ$  is supersolvable. If  $q > p$ , then  $Q \triangleleft PQ$  and so  $Q \leq F(H)$ . Now assume that  $p > q$ . Then  $p > 2$ . Since  $p$  is the minimal prime divisor of  $|F(H)|$ ,  $F(H)$  is a  $q'$ -group. Let  $R$  be a Sylow  $r$ -

subgroup of  $F(H)$  where  $r \neq p$ . Then  $r \neq q$  and so  $[R, Q] \leq P$ . Assume that for some  $x \in Q$ , we have  $x \in C_H(P)$ . Since  $V/P$  is nilpotent,  $[R, \langle x \rangle] = [R, \langle x \rangle, \langle x \rangle] = 1$  by [11, Chapter 5, Theorem 3.6]. Hence  $x \in C_H(F(H))$ . By (1),  $C_H(F(H)) \leq F(H)$  and so  $C_Q(P) = 1$ .

(3)  $p > 2$ . If  $p = 2$ , then by (2), we see that  $F(H/P) = F(H)/P$  and  $2 \nmid |F(H/P)|$ . This implies that if  $\langle x \rangle P/P$  is an arbitrary minimal subgroup of  $F(H)/P$ , then  $|x| = r$ , where  $r \neq 2$ . By Lemma 2.2, every minimal subgroup of  $F(H/P)$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/P$ . Hence  $(G/P, H/P)$  satisfies the hypothesis. The minimal choice of  $(G, H)$  implies that  $G/P \in \mathcal{F}$ . Hence by Theorem 3.1,  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ , a contradiction. Thus, (3) holds.

(4) Final contradiction. Let  $V/P = F(H/P)$  and  $Q$  be a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $V$ , where  $q \nmid |V/P|$ . Then by (2), either  $Q \leq F(H)$  or  $p > q$  and  $C_Q(P) = 1$ . In the second case,  $Q$  is cyclic by (3) and Lemma 2.6. Hence every Sylow subgroup of  $F(H/P)$  either is cyclic or is contained in  $F(H)$ . Moreover by (2),  $p \nmid |F(H/P)|$ . Let  $K/P$  be a cyclic subgroup of a non-cyclic Sylow subgroup of  $F(H/P)$  with prime order. Then it is easy to see that  $K/P = \langle x \rangle P/P$ , where  $\langle x \rangle$  is a cyclic subgroup of some non-cyclic Sylow subgroup of  $F(H)$  with prime order. By hypothesis,  $\langle x \rangle$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Hence  $\langle x \rangle P/P$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/P$  by Lemma 2.2. This shows that  $(G/P, H/P)$  satisfies the hypothesis. The minimal choice of  $(G, H)$  implies that  $G/P \in \mathcal{F}$ . Therefore,  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  by Theorem 3.1. The final contradiction completes the proof.

**COROLLARY 3.9** ([22], Theorem 3). *Let  $G$  be a group and  $E$  a solvable normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $G/E$  is supersolvable. If all minimal subgroups and all cyclic subgroups with order 4 of  $F(E)$  are  $c$ -normal in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable.*

**COROLLARY 3.10** ([23], Theorem 2). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all minimal subgroups and all cyclic subgroups with order 4 of  $F(H)$  is  $c$ -normal in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.11** ([24], Theorem 3). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . A group  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if there is a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$  and the subgroups of prime order or order 4 of  $F(H)$  is  $c$ -normal in  $G$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.12** ([7], Theorem 4.1). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup*

*H such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all minimal subgroups and all cyclic subgroups with order 4 of  $F(H)$  is  $c$ -supplemented in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.13** ([5], Theorem 4). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all minimal subgroups and all cyclic subgroups with order 4 of  $F(H)$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.14** ([27], Corollary 1). *Suppose  $G$  is a solvable group with a normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H$  is supersolvable. If every subgroup of  $F(H)$  of prime order or order 4 is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable.*

**COROLLARY 3.15** ([27], Theorem 1). *A group  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if there is a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$  and the subgroups of prime order or order 4 of  $F(H)$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ .*

**THEOREM 3.16.** *Suppose  $G$  is a group. If every subgroup of  $G$  with prime order is contained in  $Z_\infty(G)$  and every cyclic subgroup of  $G$  with order 4 is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$  or lies in  $Z_\infty(G)$ , then  $G$  is nilpotent.*

**PROOF.** Suppose that the theorem is false, and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Let  $H$  be an arbitrary proper subgroup of  $G$  and  $\langle x \rangle$  be a cyclic subgroup of  $H$  with prime order or order 4, then  $\langle x \rangle \leq Z_\infty(G) \cap H \leq Z_\infty(H)$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $\langle x \rangle$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $H$ . Thus  $H$  satisfies the hypotheses of the theorem in any case. The minimal choice of  $G$  implies that  $H$  is nilpotent, thus  $G$  is a group which is not nilpotent but whose proper subgroups are all nilpotent. By Lemmas 2.7,  $G = PQ$ , where  $P$  is normal in  $G$  for some  $p \in \pi(G)$  and  $Q$  is non-normal cyclic. Then we have:

(1)  $p = 2$  and every element with order 4 is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ .

If  $p > 2$ , by Lemma 2.7,  $\exp(P) = p$ . Thus  $P \leq Z_\infty(G)$  by hypotheses. Therefore,  $G/Z_\infty(G)$  is nilpotent. It follows that  $G$  is nilpotent, a contradiction. If every element with order 4 of  $G$  lies in  $Z_\infty(G)$ , then  $P \leq Z_\infty(G)$ , we have the same contradiction. Thus (1) holds.

(2) For every  $x \in P \setminus \Phi(P)$ , we have  $\circ(x) = 4$ .

If not, there exists  $x \in P \setminus \Phi(P)$  and  $\circ(x) = 2$ . Denote  $M = \langle x \rangle^G \leq P$ . Then  $M\Phi(P)/\Phi(P) \triangleleft G/\Phi(P)$ , we have that  $P = M\Phi(P) = M \leq Z(G)$  as  $P/\Phi(P)$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G/\Phi(P)$  by Lemma 2.7, a contradiction.



(3) Final contradiction.

By (2), every element  $x$  in  $P \setminus \Phi(P)$  is order 4. Then  $x$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Thus there is a subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $G = \langle x \rangle T$  and  $\langle x \rangle \cap T$  is semipermutable in  $G$ . Hence  $P = P \cap G = P \cap \langle x \rangle T = \langle x \rangle (P \cap T)$ . Since  $P/\Phi(P)$  is abelian, we have  $(P \cap T)\Phi(P)/\Phi(P) \trianglelefteq G/\Phi(P)$ . Since  $P/\Phi(P)$  is the minimal normal subgroup of  $G/\Phi(P)$ ,  $P \cap T \leq \Phi(P)$  or  $P = (P \cap T)\Phi(P) = P \cap T$ . If  $P \cap T \leq \Phi(P)$ , then  $\langle x \rangle = P$ , a contraction with Lemma 2.7(d). Therefore  $P = P \cap T$ . Then  $T = G$  and so  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Since  $\langle x \rangle \leq O_p(G) = P$ ,  $\langle x \rangle$  is permutable in  $G$  by Lemma 2.1. We have  $\langle x \rangle Q$  is a proper subgroup of  $G$  and so  $\langle x \rangle Q = \langle x \rangle \times Q$ . Therefore  $x \in N_G(Q)$ , and it follows that  $P \leq N_G(Q)$  and  $G = P \times Q$ , the final contradiction.

**THEOREM 3.17.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation such that  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $G$  be a group such that every cyclic subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  with order 4 is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if every subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  with prime order lies in the  $\mathcal{F}$ -hypercenter  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$  of  $G$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G) = G$  and we are done. So we only need to prove that the converse is true. Assume the converse is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Then  $G \notin \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $x$  be an element with prime order of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$ . Then  $x \in Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G) \cap G^{\mathcal{F}}$  which is contained in  $Z(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  by [12, IV, 6.10]. By Lemma 2.2, every cyclic subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  with order 4 is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$ . Theorem 3.16 implies that  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is nilpotent. If  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq \Phi(G)$ , then  $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathcal{F}$ , hence  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  since  $\mathcal{F}$  is saturated. This is a contradiction. So there exists a maximal subgroup of  $G$ , say  $M$ , such that  $G = MG^{\mathcal{F}} = MF(G)$ . By [13, Theorem 3.5], we may choose  $M$  to be an  $\mathcal{F}$ -critical maximal subgroup. Since  $G/M_G \notin \mathcal{F}$ , it follows that  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G) \leq M$ . Moreover, a  $G$ -chief factor  $A/B$  below  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$  is actually an  $M$ -chief factor and  $\text{Aut}_M(A/B)$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Aut}_G(A/B)$  because  $F(G)$  centralizes  $A/B$ . Consequently  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$  is contained in  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(M)$ . By [12, IV, 1.17],  $M^{\mathcal{F}} \leq G^{\mathcal{F}}$ . Hence  $M$  satisfies the hypotheses of the theorem. The minimal choice of  $G$  implies that  $M \in \mathcal{F}$ . By [10, Theorem 3.4.2],  $G$  has the following properties:

- (a)  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is a  $p$ -group, for some prime  $p$ .
- (b)  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ .
- (c) If  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is abelian, then  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is an elementary abelian  $p$ -group.
- (d) If  $p > 2$ , then  $\exp(G^{\mathcal{F}}) = p$ ; if  $p = 2$ , then  $\exp(G^{\mathcal{F}}) = 2$  or  $4$ .

If  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is abelian, then  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is an elementary abelian subgroup by (c). Hence, by hypothesis, we have that  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$ . It follows that  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .

This contradiction shows that  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is nonabelian. If  $\exp(G^{\mathcal{F}}) = p$ , then  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$  by hypothesis and consequently  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ , a contradiction again. Thus,  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is a non-abelian 2-group and  $\exp(G^{\mathcal{F}}) = 4$ .

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ . Then  $|x| = 4$ . Indeed, suppose that there exists an element  $x \in G^{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  such that  $|x| = 2$ . Let  $T = \langle x \rangle^G$ . Then  $T \leq G^{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $T\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is normal in  $G/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ . Since  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is a chief factor of  $G$ ,  $G^{\mathcal{F}} = T$ , which contradicts the fact that  $\exp(G^{\mathcal{F}}) = 4$ . Now we will prove  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ . By hypothesis,  $\langle x \rangle$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Hence there exists a subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $G = \langle x \rangle K$  and  $\langle x \rangle \cap K$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . It follows that  $G^{\mathcal{F}} = G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap G = G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap \langle x \rangle K = \langle x \rangle (G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap K)$ . Since  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is abelian,  $(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap K)\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}}) \triangleleft G/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ . Since  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  is a chief factor of  $G$ ,  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap K \leq \Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  or  $G^{\mathcal{F}} = (G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap K)\Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}}) = G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap K$ . If  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap K \leq \Phi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$ ,  $\langle x \rangle = G^{\mathcal{F}} \triangleleft G$ . In this case,  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ . Now assume that  $G^{\mathcal{F}} = G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap K$ . Then  $K = G$  and  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Since  $\langle x \rangle \leq G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq O_p(G)$ ,  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$  by Lemma 2.1.

Thus for any  $q \in \pi(G)$ ,  $q \neq 2$ ,  $\langle x \rangle$  is normalized by any Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $Q$  of  $M$ . So  $Q$  acts on  $\langle x \rangle$  by conjugation. But the automorphism group of a cyclic group of order 4 is a cyclic group of order 2, so  $Q$  acts trivially on  $\langle x \rangle$  and  $Q$  centralizes  $\langle x \rangle$ . Thus  $\langle x \rangle$  is centralized by  $O^2(M)$ , it implies that  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is centralized by  $O^2(M)$ . Hence  $O^2(M) \triangleleft G$  as  $G = MG^{\mathcal{F}}$ . It follows that  $G/M_G$  is a 2-group. Therefore,  $G/M_G \in \mathcal{F}$  since  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ , a final contradiction. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.17.

**COROLLARY 3.18** ([14], Theorem 3.2). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation such that  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $G$  be a group such that every cyclic subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  with order 4 is  $c$ -normal in  $G$ . Then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if every subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  with prime order lies in the  $\mathcal{F}$ -hypercenter  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$  of  $G$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.19** ([18], Theorem 4.4). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation such that  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $G$  be a group such that every cyclic subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  with order 4 is  $c$ -supplemented in  $G$ . Then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if every subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  with prime order lies in the  $\mathcal{F}$ -hypercenter  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$  of  $G$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.20** ([19], Theorem 2.5). *Suppose that  $p$  is a prime and  $K = G^{\mathcal{N}}$  be the nilpotent residual of  $G$ . Then  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent if every minimal subgroup of  $K$  is contained in  $Z_{\infty}(G)$  and every cyclic  $\langle x \rangle$  of  $K$  with order 4 is  $c$ -supplemented in  $G$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.21** ([20], Theorem 2.4). *Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $K = G^{\mathcal{N}}$  be the nilpotent residual of  $G$ . Then  $G$  is nilpotent if and only if*

every minimal subgroup  $\langle x \rangle$  of  $K$  lies in the hypercenter  $Z_\infty(G)$  of  $G$  and every cyclic element of  $P$  with order 4 is  $c$ -normal in  $G$ .

**THEOREM 3.22.** *Let  $p$  be the smallest prime dividing the order of a group  $G$  and  $N$  a normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $G/N$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. If  $G$  is  $A_4$ -free and every subgroup of  $N$  with order  $p^2$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ , then  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent.*

**PROOF.** Assume that the Theorem is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Then:

(1) Every proper subgroup of  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent.

By Lemma 2.8, we see that  $|N|_p > p^2$ . Let  $L$  be a proper subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $L/(L \cap N) \cong LN/N \leq G/N$ ,  $L/(L \cap N)$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. If  $|L \cap N|_p \leq p^2$ , then  $L$  is  $p$ -nilpotent by Lemma 2.8. If  $|L \cap N|_p > p^2$ , then every subgroup of  $L \cap N$  of order  $p^2$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $L$  by Lemma 2.2. Hence  $L$  is  $p$ -nilpotent by the choice of  $G$ . This shows that  $G$  is a minimal non- $p$ -nilpotent group.

(2)  $G$  has the following properties: (i)  $G = PQ$ , where  $P = G^N$  is a normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $Q$  is a non-normal cyclic Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $G$ ; (ii)  $P/\Phi(P)$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G/\Phi(P)$ ; (iii) If  $p > 2$ , then the exponent of  $P$  is  $p$ ; if  $p = 2$ , then the exponent of  $P$  is 2 or 4; (iv)  $\Phi(P) \leq Z(P)$ ; (v)  $p^3$  dividing the order of  $P$ ; (vi)  $P \leq N$ .

By Step (1) and [1, Theorem IV. 5.4],  $G$  is a minimal non-nilpotent group. Hence (i)-(iv) follow directly from Lemma 2.7. (v) follows from Lemma 2.8. (vi) is clear since  $P = G^N$  is the  $p$ -nilpotent residual of  $G$  and  $G/N$  is  $p$ -nilpotent.

(3) If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $P$  of order  $p^2$ , then  $H$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ .

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $P$  of order  $p^2$ . By the hypothesis,  $H$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Then there is a subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $G = HT$  and  $H \cap T$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Hence  $P = P \cap G = P \cap HT = H(P \cap T)$ . Since  $P/\Phi(P)$  is abelian, we have  $(P \cap T)\Phi(P)/\Phi(P) \triangleleft G/\Phi(P)$ . By step (2) (ii),  $P \cap T \leq \Phi(P)$  or  $P = (P \cap T)\Phi(P) = P \cap T$ . If  $P \cap T \leq \Phi(P)$ , then  $H = P \triangleleft G$ . In this case,  $H$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ . If  $P = P \cap T$ , then  $T = G$  and so  $H$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Since  $H \leq P = O_p(G)$ ,  $H$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$  by Lemma 2.1.

(4) There exists a subgroup  $H$  of  $P$  such that  $|H| = p^2$  which is not contained in  $\Phi(P)$ .

If  $\Phi(P) = 1$ , then it is clear. Hence we may assume that  $\Phi(P) \neq 1$ . If  $|P| = p^3$ , then clearly  $P$  has a maximal subgroup of order  $p^2$ . Since  $P$  is not cyclic by Burnside's Theorem [11, Theorem 4.3, P.252],  $P$  has at least two

different maximal subgroups  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are all contained in  $\Phi(P)$ , then  $P = P_1P_2 \leq \Phi(P)$ , a contradiction. Hence, we can assume that  $|P| > p^3$ . Let  $x \in P \setminus \Phi(P)$  and  $a \in \Phi(P)$  where  $|a| = p$ . Since  $\Phi(P) \leq Z(P)$ ,  $\langle x \rangle \langle a \rangle \leq G$ . By Step (2), we see that  $|x| = p$  or 4. If  $|x| = 4$ , we can choose  $H = \langle x \rangle$ . If  $|x| = p$ , then  $|\langle x \rangle \langle a \rangle| \leq p^2$ . If  $|\langle x \rangle \langle a \rangle| = p$ , then  $\langle x \rangle = \langle a \rangle$ , a contradiction. Hence  $|\langle x \rangle \langle a \rangle| = p^2$ . Therefore (4) holds.

(5) Final contradiction.

By Step (2),  $G = [P]Q$ . By Step (4), there exists a subgroup  $H$  of  $P$  with order  $p^2$  such that  $H \not\leq \Phi(P)$ . Then by (3),  $H$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ . Hence  $HQ = QH$ . Then  $H = H(Q \cap P) = HQ \cap P \triangleleft HQ$ . It follows that  $Q \leq N_G(H)$ . On the other hand, since  $P/\Phi(P)$  is abelian,  $H\Phi(P)/\Phi(P) \triangleleft P/\Phi(P)$ . This implies that  $H\Phi(P)/\Phi(P) \triangleleft G/\Phi(P)$ . However, since  $P/\Phi(P)$  is chief factor of  $G$ , we obtain that  $H\Phi(P) = P$  and consequently  $H = P$ , a contradiction.

**THEOREM 3.23.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ , the class of all supersolvable groups. Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all maximal subgroups of all Sylow subgroups of  $F(H)$  are weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

**PROOF.** Assume that the assertion is false and let  $(G, H)$  be a counter example with  $|G||H|$  is minimal. Let  $P$  be an arbitrary Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $F(H)$ . Clearly  $P \triangleleft G$ . We proceed the proof by the following steps.

(1)  $P \cap \Phi(G) = 1$ .

If  $P \cap \Phi(G) \neq 1$ , then  $P \cap \Phi(G) = R \triangleleft G$ . Obviously,  $(G/R)/(H/R) \cong G/H \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $F(H/R) = F(H)/R$ . Let  $P_1/R$  be a maximal subgroup of the Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P/R$ . Then  $P_1$  is a maximal subgroup of the Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$ . By hypothesis,  $P_1$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Hence  $P_1/R$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/R$  by Lemma 2.2. Let  $M_1/R$  be a maximal subgroup of the Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $F(H)/R$ , where  $p \neq q$ . It is clear that  $M_1 = Q_1R$ , where  $Q_1$  is a maximal subgroup of the Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $F(H)$ . Then  $Q_1$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$  by hypothesis. Hence  $M_1/R$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/R$  by Lemma 2.2. Now we have proved that  $(G/R, H/R)$  satisfies the hypotheses of the theorem. Therefore  $G/R \in \mathcal{F}$  by minimal choice of  $(G, H)$ . Since  $R \leq \Phi(G)$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a saturated formation, we have that  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ , a contradiction. Thus (1) holds.

(2)  $P = R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_m$ , where  $R_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, m)$  is some normal subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p$ .

Since  $P \triangleleft G$  and  $P \cap \Phi(G) = 1$ ,  $P = R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_m$ , where  $R_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, m)$  is an abelian minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  by Lemma 2.3. We now prove that  $|R_i| = p$ . Since  $R_i \not\subseteq \Phi(G)$ , there exists a maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  such that  $G = R_i M$  and  $R_i \cap M = 1$ . Let  $M_p$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $M$  and  $G_p = M_p R_i$ . Then  $G_p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $G_1$  be a maximal subgroup of  $G_p$  containing  $M_p$  and  $P_1 = G_1 \cap P$ . Then  $|P : P_1| = |P : G_1 \cap P| = |PG_1 : G_1| = |G_p : G_1| = p$  and so  $P_1$  is a maximal subgroup of  $P$ . We also have that  $P_1 M_p = (G_1 \cap P) M_p = G_1 \cap P M_p = G_1 \cap G_p = G_1$  and  $P_1 \cap M_p = P \cap G_1 \cap M = P \cap M_p$ . By hypothesis,  $P_1$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Hence there exists a subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $G = P_1 T$  and  $P_1 \cap T$  is  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . By Lemma 2.1(c),  $P_1 \cap T$  is  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ . Then, for an arbitrary Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $G_q$  of  $G$  with  $q \neq p$ ,  $(P_1 \cap T) G_q = G_q (P_1 \cap T)$ . Hence  $P_1 \cap T = (P_1 \cap T) (P \cap G_q) = P \cap (P_1 \cap T) G_q \triangleleft (P_1 \cap T) G_q$ . It follows that  $G_q \leq N_G(P_1 \cap T)$ . On the other hand,  $P \cap T \triangleleft T$  and  $P \cap T \triangleleft P$  since  $P$  is abelian. Hence  $P \cap T \triangleleft PT = G$  and consequently  $P_1 \cap T = G_1 \cap P \cap T \triangleleft G_1$ . It follows that  $P_1 \cap T \triangleleft G_1 P = G_p$ . This shows that both  $G_p$  and  $G_q$  are contained in  $N_G(P_1 \cap T)$ . The arbitrary choice of  $q$  implies that  $P_1 \cap T \triangleleft G$  and so  $P_1 \cap T \leq (P_1)_G$ . Assume that  $P_1 \cap T < (P_1)_G$  and let  $N = (P_1)_G T$ . Then  $G = P_1 T = P_1 (P_1)_G T = P_1 N$  and  $P_1 \cap N = P_1 \cap (P_1)_G T = (P_1)_G (P_1 \cap T) = (P_1)_G$ . This shows that there always exists a subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $G = P_1 K$  and  $P_1 \cap K = (P_1)_G$ .

Since  $P$  is abelian,  $P_1(P \cap M) \triangleleft P$ . Thus  $P_1(P \cap M) = P$  or  $P_1(P \cap M) = P_1$ . If  $P_1(P \cap M) = P$ , then  $G = PM = P_1(P \cap M)M = P_1 M$  and so  $P = P \cap P_1 M = P_1(P \cap M) = P_1(P \cap G_1 \cap M) = P_1(P_1 \cap M) = P_1$ , a contradiction. Hence  $P_1(P \cap M) = P_1$  and so  $P \cap M \leq P_1$ . Since  $P \cap M \triangleleft G$  by Lemma 2.4,  $P \cap M \leq (P_1)_G = P_1 \cap K$ .

Assume that  $K < G$ . Let  $K_1$  be a maximal subgroup of  $G$  containing  $K$ . Then  $P \cap K_1 \triangleleft G$  by Lemma 2.4. Hence  $(P \cap K_1)M$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $M < G$ ,  $(P \cap K_1)M = G$  or  $(P \cap K_1)M = M$ . If  $(P \cap K_1)M = G = PM$ , then  $P = P \cap (P \cap K_1)M = (P \cap K_1)(P \cap M) = P \cap K_1$  since  $P \cap M \leq (P_1)_G = P_1 \cap K \leq P \cap K_1$ . It follows that  $P \leq K_1$  and hence  $G = PK \leq PK_1 = K_1$ , a contradiction. If  $(P \cap K_1)M = M$ , then  $P \cap K_1 \leq M$  and so  $P_1 \cap K \leq P \cap K \leq P \cap K_1 = P \cap K_1 \cap M \leq P \cap M \leq P_1 \cap K$ . Hence  $P_1 \cap K = P \cap K$ . Since  $G = PK = P_1 K$ ,  $|G : P| = |PK : P| = |K : (P \cap K)| = |K : (P_1 \cap K)| = |P_1 K : P_1| = |G : P_1|$ , which is impossible. Thus  $K = G$ . It follows that  $P_1 \cap K = P_1 = (P_1)_G \triangleleft G$ . Consequently,  $P_1 \cap R_i \triangleleft G$ . But since  $G_p = R_i M_p = R_i G_1$  and  $G_1$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G_p$  containing  $M_p$ , we have  $R_i \not\subseteq P_1 = G_1 \cap P$ . The minimal normality of  $R_i$  implies that  $P_1 \cap R_i = 1$ . Hence  $|R_i| = |R_i : (P_1 \cap R_i)| = |R_i P_1 : P_1| = |R_i(P \cap G_1) : P_1| = |(P \cap R_i G_1) : P_1| = |P \cap G_p : P_1| = |P : P_1| = p$ . Therefore  $R_i$  is a cyclic group of order  $p$ .

(3) Final contradiction.

Let  $R_i \subseteq H$  and  $C_0 = C_H(R_i)$ . We claim that the hypothesis holds for  $(G/R_i, C_0/R_i)$ . Indeed, since  $G/C_G(R_i) \leq \text{Aut}(R_i)$  is abelian,  $G/C_G(R_i) \in \mathcal{F}$ . Consequently,  $G/C_0 = G/(H \cap C_G(R_i)) \in \mathcal{F}$ . Besides, since  $R_i \leq Z(C_0)$  and  $F(H) \leq C_0$ , we have  $F(H) = F(C_0)$ . Thus  $F(C_0/R_i) = F(H)/R_i$ . Let  $P/R_i$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $F(H)/R_i$ , where  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $F(H)$  and  $G_1/R_i$  is a maximal subgroup of  $P/R_i$ . Then  $P_1$  is a maximal subgroup of  $P$ . By hypothesis,  $P_1$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ . Hence  $P_1/R_i$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/R_i$  by Lemma 2.2. Now assume that  $QR_i/R_i$  is the Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $F(H)/R_i$ , where  $q \neq p$  and  $Q$  is the Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $F(H)$ . Then every maximal subgroup of  $QR_i/R_i$  is of the form of  $Q_1R_i/R_i$ , where  $Q_1$  is a maximal subgroup of  $Q$ . By hypothesis and Lemma 2.2, we see that  $Q_1R_i/R_i$  is weakly  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G/R_i$ . This shows that  $(G/R_i, C_0/R_i)$  satisfies the condition of the theorem. The minimal choice of  $(G, H)$  implies that  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  by Lemma 2.5. The final contradiction completes the proof.

**COROLLARY 3.24** ([5], Theorem 2). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ , the class of all supersolvable groups. Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all maximal subgroups of all Sylow subgroups of  $F(H)$  are  $s$ -semipermutable in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.25** ([4], Theorem 1.4). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that  $G$  is a solvable group with a normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all maximal subgroups of all Sylow subgroups of  $F(H)$  are  $s$ -permutable in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.26** ([23], Theorem 1). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ , the class of all supersolvable groups. Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all maximal subgroups of all Sylow subgroups of  $F(H)$  are  $c$ -normal in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.27** ([7], Theorem 4.5). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ , the class of all supersolvable groups. Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all maximal subgroups of all Sylow subgroups of  $F(H)$  are  $c$ -supplemented in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

COROLLARY 3.28 ([25], Theorem 1.6). *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ , the class of all supersolvable groups. Suppose that  $G$  is a group with a solvable normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathcal{F}$ . If all maximal subgroups of all Sylow subgroups of  $F(H)$  are complemented in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

COROLLARY 3.29 ([22], Theorem 2). *Let  $G$  be a group and  $E$  a solvable normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $G/E$  is supersolvable. If all maximal subgroups of the Sylow subgroups of  $F(E)$  are  $c$ -normal in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable.*

COROLLARY 3.30 ([28], Theorem 1.2). *Suppose that  $G$  is a solvable group with a normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H$  is supersolvable. If all maximal subgroups of every Sylow subgroup of  $F(H)$  are complement in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable.*

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