Hydrogen Burning on the Main Sequence

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Homology relations



This slide from JS Pineda shows circles indicating the radius that encloses 20% mass increments of two stars that are homologous and one that is not

Then for example the mass conservation equation can be written for anywhere inside star number 1: $dm_1 = 4\pi r_1^2 \rho_1 dr_1$ $\frac{dr_1}{dm_1} = \frac{1}{4\pi r_1^2 \rho_1} \qquad x = \frac{m_1}{M_1} \qquad \Rightarrow \frac{dr_1}{dx} = \frac{M_1}{4\pi r_1^2 \rho_1}$ and since $r_1 = r_2 \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2}\right) \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2}\right) \frac{dr_2}{dx} = \frac{dr_1}{dx}$ $\left(\frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)\frac{dr_2}{dx} = \frac{M_1}{4\pi r_1^2 \rho_1} = \frac{M_1}{4\pi r_2^2 \rho_1} \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)^2 = \frac{M_2}{4\pi r_2^2 \rho_2} \cdot \left|\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}\frac{M_1}{M_2}\left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)^2\right|$ $\frac{dr_2}{dx} = \frac{M_2}{4\pi r_2^2 \rho_2} \cdot \left| \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \frac{M_1}{M_2} \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)^3 \right|$

$$\frac{dr_2}{dx} = \frac{M_2}{4\pi r_2^2 \rho_2} \cdot \left[\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \frac{M_1}{M_2} \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)^3\right]$$

but mass conservation for star 2 implies $\frac{dr_2}{dx} = \frac{M_2}{4\pi r_2^2 \rho_2}$, so

$$\left[\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}\frac{M_1}{M_2}\left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)^3\right] = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\rho_2(x)}{\rho_1(x)} = \frac{M_2}{M_1}\left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)^{-3} \qquad \rho(x) \propto \frac{M_2}{R^3}$$

This must hold for any mass shell $0 \le x \le 1$ and for x = 0

$$\frac{\rho_{c2}}{\rho_{c1}} = \frac{M_2}{M_1} \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)^{-3} = \frac{\overline{\rho}_2}{\overline{\rho}_1}$$

Similarly using the HE equation $\frac{dP}{dm} = -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^2}$,

(Pols p.104) shows

$$\mathsf{P}(\mathsf{x}) \propto P_c \propto \frac{M^2}{R^4}$$

This is the same result one gets by dimensional analysis or by just "canceling the d's" in the differential equation and capitalizing the letters (i.e., using full star values).

$$\frac{dP}{dm} = -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^4}$$

Putting this together with $\rho(\mathbf{x}) \propto \frac{M}{R^3} \Rightarrow R \propto (\rho / M)^{1/3}$, one gets a

"new" result

$$P(x) \propto M^{2/3} \rho(x)^{4/3}$$
 (i.e., $P_c = const M^{2/3} \rho_c^{4/3}$)

which we have actually seen several times before, e.g., when talking about polytropes. (polytropes of the same index n are homologous). and the whole set for radiative stars supported by ideal gas pressure

$$\frac{dr}{dm} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho} \qquad \rho \propto \frac{M}{R^3} \qquad 1)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dm} = -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^4} \qquad P \propto \frac{M^2}{R^4} \propto \frac{M\rho}{R} \qquad 2)$$

$$\frac{dT}{dm} = -\frac{3}{4ac} \frac{\kappa}{T^3} \frac{L(r)}{(4\pi r^2)^2} \qquad L \propto \frac{R^4 T^4}{\kappa M} \qquad 3)$$

$$\frac{dL(m)}{dm} = \varepsilon \qquad L \propto M\varepsilon \qquad 4)$$

$$P = P_0 \rho T / \mu \qquad P \propto \frac{\rho T}{\mu} \qquad 5)$$

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \rho T^{\nu} \qquad \varepsilon \propto \rho T^{\nu} \qquad 6)$$

$$\kappa = \kappa_0 \rho^a T^b \qquad \kappa \propto \rho^a T^b \qquad 7)$$

These are 7 equations in 9 unknowns.

ρ, T, μ, P, L, R, M, ε, κ

Once can solve for any one of them in terms of at most two others. e.g. L as $f(\mu,M)$

 $\rho \propto \frac{M}{R^3} + P \propto \frac{M^2}{R^4}$ $+ P \propto \frac{\rho T}{\mu}$ $+L \propto \frac{R^4 T^4}{\kappa M}$ $+L \propto M\varepsilon + \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \rho T^{\nu}$

$$\Rightarrow P \propto \frac{M^2 \rho^{4/3}}{M^{4/3}} = M^{2/3} \rho^{4/3}$$
$$\Rightarrow T \propto \frac{\mu P}{\rho} \propto \frac{\mu}{\rho} M^{2/3} \rho^{4/3} \propto \frac{\mu M}{R}$$
$$\Rightarrow L \propto \frac{\mu^4 M^4}{\kappa M} = \frac{\mu^4 M^3}{\kappa}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mu^4 M^3}{\kappa} \propto M \frac{M}{R^3} \left(\frac{\mu M}{R}\right)^{\nu}$$
$$R^{3+\nu} \propto M^{\nu+2-3} \mu^{\nu-4} \kappa$$
$$R \propto M^{\left(\frac{\nu-1}{\nu+3}\right)} \mu^{\left(\frac{\nu-4}{\nu+3}\right)} \kappa^{\left(\frac{1}{\nu+3}\right)}$$

These have been evaluated for constant κ , e.g., electron scattering, but the generalization to $\kappa = \kappa_0 \rho^a T^b$ is straightforward.

$$\mathsf{R} \, \propto \, \mathit{M}^{\left(\frac{\nu-1}{\nu+3}\right)} \mu^{\left(\frac{\nu-4}{\nu+3}\right)} \kappa^{\left(\frac{1}{\nu+3}\right)}$$

e.g. pp cycle (v = 4) and electron scattering κ =constant

 $\mathsf{R} \propto M^{3/7}$

while for the CNO cycle (v = 18) and electron scattering κ =constant

 $\mathsf{R} \propto \mu^{2/3} M^{17/21}$

If one further includes the density and temperature variation of κ

other relations result. E.g. if $\kappa = \kappa_0 \rho T^{-7/2}$

$$L \propto \mu^{7.5} \frac{M^{5.5}}{R^{1/2}}$$
 (*HW problem*)
Note

Note that the relevant values of e.g., κ and μ , are averages for the whole star, not just the photosphere

and

$$R \propto \mu^{\frac{\nu-7.5}{\nu+2.5}} M^{\frac{\nu-3.5}{\nu+2.5}}$$

e.g. v = 4 $R \propto \mu^{-0.54} M^{0.0769}$ and $L \propto \mu^{7.77} M^{5.46}$

In general, the radius is weakly dependent on the mass Given these relations one can also estimate how the central temperature and density will vary on the main sequence. For illustration, just the electron scattering case

$$T_c \propto \frac{\mu M}{R} \propto \mu M^{0.57} (pp)$$
 or $\mu^{1/3} M^{0.19}$ (CNO)
 $\rho_c \propto \frac{M}{R^3} \propto M^{-0.29} (pp)$ or $\mu^{-2} M^{-1.43}$ (CNO)

Summary Table for Mass Luminosity and Mass-Temperature

Assume:

$$P = \frac{N_A \rho T}{\mu}$$

$$\kappa = \kappa_0 \rho^a T^{-s} \quad a = b = 0 \text{ electron scattering}$$

$$a = 1, b = 3.5 \text{ Kramers}$$

 $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \rho T^v$ $v = 4 \ pp \ cycle$ $v = 17 \ CNO \ cycle$ (Cox and Guilli's choice)

$$R = const(\varepsilon_{0}\kappa_{0})^{\frac{1}{3+\nu-b+3a}}\mu^{\frac{\nu-b-4}{3+\nu-b+3a}}M^{\frac{1+\nu-b+a-2}{3+\nu-b+3a}}$$

$$L = const \ \varepsilon_0^{-\alpha} \kappa_0^{-\beta} \mu^{\gamma} M^{\delta} \qquad Const \ \kappa = \kappa_0 \rho^a T^{-b}; \ \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \rho T^{\gamma}$$

Cox and Guilli Chap 22

			cno	рр
Exponent	а	b	v=17	v=4
α	1	3.5	0.026	0.077
	0	0	0	0
eta	1	3.5	1.026	1.077
	0	0	1	1
γ	1	3.5	7.256	7.769
	0	0	4	4
δ	1	3.5	5.154	5.462
	0	0	3	3

$$L = const \ \varepsilon_0^{-\alpha} \kappa_0^{\beta} \mu^{-\gamma} T_{eff}^{\delta}$$

Cox and Guilli Chap 22

 $\kappa = \kappa_0 \rho^a T^{-b}; \ \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \rho T^v$

			cno	рр
Exponent	а	b	v=17	v=4
α	1	3.5	0.15	0.319
	0	0	0.214	0.400
eta	1	3.5	0.517	0.348
	0	0	1.357	0.800
γ	1	3.5	1.333	1.333
	0	0	1.786	1.600
δ	1	3.5	5.469	4.116
	0	0	8.571	5.600

Implications of homology - summary

These results from homology have many interesting implications.

 The mass luminosity relation varies with mass. For lighter stars on the pp cycle with Kramers opacity L is predicted to be proportional to M^{5.46}. For stars where electron scattering dominates it is M³. For very high masses where radiation dominates (not included in the examples), L becomes proportional to M (this could be shown by repeating the derivations assuming $P = 1/3 aT^4$). The observed mass-luminosity relation for stars lighter than about 0.5 solar masses is not consistent with homology because the convective structure of the star, neglected here, changes things. But overall the agreement with observations is good.



Figure 9.5. ZAMS mass-luminosity (left) and mass-radius (right) relations from detailed structure models with X = 0.7, Z = 0.02 (solid lines) and from homology relations scaled to solar values (dashed lines). For the radius homology relation, a value v = 18 appropriate for the CNO cycle was assumed (giving $R \propto M^{0.81}$); this does not apply to $M < 1 M_0$ so the lower part should be disregarded. Symbols indicate components of double-lined eclipsing binaries with accurately measured M, R and L, most of which are MS stars.





Implications of homology-continued

The radii of main sequence stars does not vary rapidly with mass (M^{0.15 to 0.81}). This implies that for stars of higher M

The effective temperature $T_{eff} = \left(\frac{L}{4\pi\sigma R^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ will be higher. $L \propto M^{3 \text{ to } 5.5}$, $R^2 \propto M^{0.3 \text{ to } 1.62}$

The Kelvin helmholtz time scale $\tau_{\kappa H} = \frac{\alpha G M^2}{RI}$ will be shorter

- More massive stars have higher central temperatures and will tend to be powered by the CNO cycle and have radiation as a larger component of their pressure
- At higher temperature and lower density (more massive stars) electron scattering opacity will dominate

Implications of homology

- Lower mass stars with Kramers opacity will have higher opacity (because of their lower T and larger ρ) especially near their surfaces and will tend to be convective there.
- Higher mass stars will shine by the CNO cycle and will therefore have more centrally concentrated energy generation. They will thus have convective cores.
- And to restate the obvious, massive stars with their higher luminosities will have shorter lifetimes.



Figure 9.8. Occurrence of convective regions (gray shading) on the ZAMS in terms of fractional mass coordinate m/M as a function of stellar mass, for detailed stellar models with a composition X = 0.70, Z = 0.02. The solid (red) lines show the mass shells inside which 50% and 90% of the total luminosity are produced. The dashed (blue) lines show the mass coordinate where the radius r is 25% and 50% of the stellar radius R. (After KIPPENHABN & WEIGERT.)

Implications of homology

• As hydrogen burns in the center of the star, μ rises. The central temperature and luminosity will both rise..

 $T_c \propto \frac{\mu M}{R} \propto \mu M^{0.57}$ (pp) or $\mu^{1/3} M^{0.19}$ (CNO) e – scattering κ $L \propto \mu^4$ e – scattering κ $L \propto \mu^{7.256}$ (pp) $\mu^{7.769}$ (CNO) Kramers κ

- The density evolution is not properly reflected because the sun's outer layers evolve non-homologously.
- Stars of lower metallicity with have somewhat smaller radii and bluer colors.

 $R = const(\varepsilon_0 \kappa_0)^{\frac{1}{3+v-s+3}} \quad s = 0, 7/2 \quad \text{for e-scattering, Kramers}$ $v = 4, 17 \quad \text{for pp, CNO}$

10⁹ years – "isochrones"

"env" are conditions at the base of the convective envelope if there is one

Mass	TC	roc	etac	Menv	Renv/R	Teny	flag	
0.100	4.396E+06	5.321E+02	3.78	0.0000	0.00000	4.3968+06	0	
0.130	5.490E+06	3.372E+02	1.96	0.0000	0.00000	5.490E+06	0	
0.160	6 120E+06	2 4848+02	1 15	0.0000	0.00000	6 119E+06	0	
0.200	6.678E+06	1.826E+02	0.49	0.0000	0.00000	6.677E+06	ő	
0.250	7 3705+06	1 4228+02	-0.02	0.0000	0.00000	7 3698+06	0	
0.200	7 9078+06	1 1338+02	-0.41	0.0000	0.00000	7 8088+06	0	
0.400	8 479E+06	7 9138+02	-0.99	0.0000	0.08784	7.8512+06	0	
0.500	8.4795+06	7 1532+01	-0.96	0.0237	0.54073	1.5032+06	0	
0.500	0 5272+06	7.1038+01	1 25	0.2003	0.54073	2 0032+06	0	
0.000	9.5375+00	7.5025+01	-1.25	0.4558	0.61232	3.8035+06	0	
0.700	1.1368+07	7.5235+01	-1.35	0.8057	0.65363	3.2225+06	0	
0.800	1.1265+07	7.8355+01	-1.40	0.7371	0.6/965	2.8355+06	0	
0.900	1.2326+07	8.2195+01	-1.56	0.854/	0.69772	2.62/5+06	0	
1.000	1.3456+07	8.6595+01	-1.66	0.9/22	0.72340	2.3028+06	0	
1.100	1.455E+07	8.963E+01	-1.75	1.0864	0.75981	1.855E+06	0	
1.200	1.603E+07	9.832E+01	-1.85	1.1965	0.81750	1.246E+06	0	
1.300	1.745E+07	1.026E+02	-1.96	1.2995	0.87643	7.524E+05	0	
1.400	1.877E+07	1.027E+02	-2.09	1.4000	0.92522	4.121E+05	0	
1.500	1.974E+07	9.869E+01	-2.23	1.5000	0.96242	1.984E+05	0	
1.600	2.058E+07	9.373E+01	-2.39	1.6000	0.98761	7.253E+04	0	
1.700	2.141E+07	8.955E+01	-2.55	1.7000	0.99140	5.515E+04	0	
1.800	2.232E+07	8.822E+01	-2.70	1.8000	0.99068	5.390E+04	0	
1.900	2.369E+07	9.350E+01	-2.84	1.9000	0.99004	5.362E+04	0	. .
2.000	2.476E+07	5.130E+02	-1.27	2.0000	0.98780	5.242E+04	1	flag = 1
2.200	2.523E+07	4.656E+02	-1.41	2.2000	0.98660	5.216E+04	1	moone the
2.500	2.625E+07	3.782E+02	-1.69	2.5000	0.98610	5.109E+04	1	means the
2.700	2.739E+07	3.086E+02	-1.97	2.7000	0.98580	5.085E+04	1	model is
3.000	2.692E+07	4.346E+02	-1.58	3.0000	0.98420	5.056E+04	1	
3.500	2.867E+07	4.214E+02	-1.72	3.5000	0.98300	5.029E+04	1	invalid at
4.000	2.972E+07	2.322E+02	-2.40	4.0000	0.98460	4.947E+04	1	the late
5.000	3.483E+07	3.636E+01	-4.50	5.0000	0.99460	1.705E+04	1	
6.000	3.464E+07	2.000E+02	-2.79	6.0000	0.94480	1.825E+05	1	time selected
7.000	3.822E+07	1.860E+02	-3.01	7.0000	0.94200	1.971E+05	1	

http://www.astro.ulb.ac.be/~siess/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/WWWTools/Isochrones

		The sur	n - past	and futu	lre
	Time (10 ⁹ years)	Luminosity (L _O)	Radius (R _O)	T _{central} (10 ⁶ *K)	Central density rises as $T_c^{1/3}$
	Past				
	0	0.7688	0.872	13.35	Eero age mun
	0.143	0.7248	0.885	13.46	Bellinenen.
	0.856	0.7621	0.902	13.68	
	1.863	0.8156	0.924	14.08	
	2.193	0.8352	0.932	14.22	
	3.020	0.8855	0.953	14.60	
	3.977	0.9522	0.981	15.12	
	Now				
	4.587	1.000	1.000	15.51	
	Future				
	5.506	1.079	1.035	16.18	0
	6.074	1.133	1.059	16.65	Oceans gone
	6.577	1.186	1.082	17.13	
	7.027	1.238	1.105	17.62	CNO dominatos
	7.728	1.318	1.143	18.42	CNO dominales
	8.258	1.399	1.180	18.74	
	8.7566	1.494	1:224	18.81	
4	9.805	1.760	1.361	19.25	

*Adapted from Turck-Chiése et al. (1988). Composition X = 0.7046, Y = 0.2757, Z = 0.0197. Present values are R₀ and L₀. **For time t before the present age t₀=4.6 × 10⁹ years.



http://www.astro.soton.ac.uk/~pac/PH112/notes/notes/node100.html



Interlude: The Solar Neutrino "Problem"

Hydrogen Burning on the Main Sequence



T_{central} = 15.7 Million K

- pp2 15%
- pp3 0.02%

Neutrino Energies

Species	Average energy	Maximum energy
p+p	0.267 MeV	0.420 MeV
⁷ Be	0.383 MeV 0.861	0.383 MeV 10% 0.861 90%
⁸ B	6.735 MeV	15 MeV

In the case of ⁸B and p+p, the energy is shared with a positron hence there is a spread. For ⁷Be the electron capture goes to two particular states in ⁷Li and the neutrino has only two energies



Since 1965, experiements have operated to search for and study the neutrinos produced by the sun - in order to:

• Test solar models

• Determine the central temperature of the sun

The flux of neutrinos from ${}^{8}B$ is sensitive to T^{18}

• Learn new particle physics

DETECTORS

The chlorine experiment – Ray Davis – 1965 - ~1999

$$^{37}Cl + v_e \rightarrow ^{37}Ar + e^- - 0.814 \text{ MeV}$$

i.e., a neutron inside of ³⁷Cl is turned into a proton by a weak interaction involving an incident neutrino

³⁷Cl ³⁷Ar

17 p 18 n 18 p 17 n



Homestake Gold Mine Lead, South Dakota

4850 feet down

tank 20 x 48 feet 615 tons (3.8 x 10^5 liters) C₂Cl₄

Threshold 0.814 MeV

Half-life 37 Ar = 35.0 days

Neutrino sensitivity ⁷Be, ⁸B

 $8 \ge 10^{30}$ atoms of Cl

Nobel Prize 2002

Other Detectors

The gallium experiments (GALLEX and SAGE) – 1991 – 1997 and 1990 – 2001

 $^{71}Ga + v_e \rightarrow ^{71}Ge + e^- - 0.233 \text{ MeV}$

Kamiokande II - 1996 – 2001

 $e^- + v_e^- \rightarrow e^- + v_e^-$

Inelastic scattering of neutrinos on electrons in water. Threshold 9 MeV. Scattered electron emits characteristic radiation.



In Gran Sasso Tunnel – Italy

3300 m water equivalent

30.3 tons of gallium in GaCl₃-HCl solution

 $^{71}\text{Ga} + v_e \rightarrow ^{71}\text{Ge} + e^{-1}$

Threshold 0.233 MeV

Sees pp, ⁷Be, and ⁸B.

Calibrated using radioactive ⁵¹Cr neutrino source

Kamiokande II (in Japanese Alps) 1996 - 2001



Depth 1 km Detector H_2O Threshold 9 MeV Sensitive to ⁸B 20'' photomultiplier tubes Measure Cerenkov light 2.3 x 10³² electrons





The Sun - 1999 (First picture in neutrinos)

This "picture" was taken using data from the Kamiokande 2 neutrino observatory. It contains data from 504 nights (and days) of observation. The observatory is about a mile underground.

Each pixel is about a degree and the whole frame is 90° x 90°.

And finally, the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory

6800 ft down

1000 tons D_2O .

20 m diameter

Sudbury, Canada

Threshold 5 MeV

Sees ⁸B decay but can see all three kinds of neutrinos

 V_e, V_μ, V_τ

http://www.sno.phy.queensu.ca/sno/sno2.html - interactions

Neutrino interactions with heavy water $D_2O = {}^2H_2O$ Electron neutrino

$$v_{e} + {}^{2}H \rightarrow (pp) \rightarrow p + p + e^{-}$$

(np)

All neutrinos with energy above 2.2 MeV = $BE(^{2}H)$

$$v_{e,\mu,\tau} + {}^{2}H \rightarrow n + p + v_{e,\mu,\tau}$$

add salt to increase sensitivity to neutrons,

$$V_{e,\mu,\tau} + e^{-} \rightarrow V_{e,\mu,\tau} + e^{-}$$

Results from SNO – 2002 (turned off in 2006)

The flux of electron flavored neutrinos above 5 MeV (i.e., only $pp3 = {}^{8}B$ neutrinos) is

$$1.76 \pm 0.1 \times 10^{6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

But the flux of μ and τ flavored neutrinos is

 $3.41\pm0.64\times10^{6}$ cm⁻² s⁻¹

Nobel Prize in Physics - 2002

Standard Solar Model ⁸B neutrinos $5.05 + 1.01 - 0.81 \times 10^{6}$ neutrinos cm⁻² s⁻¹

Particle physics aside:

Bosons (Forces

emitted by pp-cycle cosmology limits the sum of the 3 neutrino masses to < 1 eV The explanation of the solar neutrino "problem" is apparently *neutrino flavor mixing*.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neutrino_oscillation

A flux that starts out as pure electron-"flavored" neutrinos at the middle of the sun ends up at the earth as a mixture of electron, muon, and tauon flavored neutrinos in comparable proportions.

The transformation occurs in the sun and is complete by the time the neutrinos leave the surface. The transformation affects the highest energy neutrinos the most (MSW-mixing).

Such mixing requires that the neutrino have a very small but non-zero rest mass. This is different than in the so called "standard model" where the neutrino is massless. The mass is less than about 10⁻⁵ times that of the electron. (Also observed in earth's atmosphere and neutrinos from reactors).

New physics.... (plus we measure the central temperature of the sun very accurately – 15.71 million K)

	10 M	25 M
X_{H}	0.32	0.35
L	$3.74 \times 10^{37} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$	$4.8 \times 10^{38} \mathrm{erg s^{-1}}$
$T_{e\!f\!f}$	24,800(B)	36,400 (O)
Age	16 My	4.7 My
T _{center}	$33.3 x 10^6$ K	$38.2 x 10^6 \text{ K}$
$ ho_{center}$	8.81 g cm ⁻³	$3.67 \mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$
$ au_{_{M\!S}}$	23 My	7.4 My
R	$2.73 \times 10^{11} \mathrm{cm}$	$6.19 x 10^{11} \mathrm{cm}$
P _{center}	3.13×10^{16} dyne cm ⁻²	1.92×10^{16} dyne cm ⁻²
$\% P_{radiation}$	10%	33%

More Massive Main Sequence Stars

Surfaces stable (radiative, not convective); inner roughly 1/3 of mass is convective.

Evolution on the main sequence

The composition is not constant on the main sequence because hydrogen is changing especially in the center. This has two consequences

- As hydrogen decreases μ increases. Since the luminosity depends on μ to some power, the luminosity increases
- To keep the luminosity slightly rising as hydrogen decreases the central temperature must rise (slightly). This has important secondary consequences.

Since μ_c increases more than T_c increases (due to the high sensitivity of ε to T), and since the pressure is due to ideal gas, $\frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \propto \frac{T}{\mu}$ must decrease. Thus P_c must decline or ρ_c must increase or both. Which alternative dominates depends on the relative changes of μ and T and hence on whether the star is burning by the pp cycle with $\varepsilon \propto T^4$ (M < 1.5M_o) or CNO cycle with $\varepsilon \propto T^{18}$. Since ρ_c varies roughly as T_c^3 , it too cannot increase much, so especially for stars burning by the CNO cycle, P must decrease. This is accomplished by an expansion of the overlying layers - and the star in general. Note the nonhomologous aspect. ρ goes up in the center but declines farther out. For stars burning by the pp chain, the changes in ρ and T are bigger so P does not have to change so much as μ goes up.

Figure 9.9. Evolution tracks in the H-R diagram during central hydrogen burning for stars of various masses, as labelled (in M_{\odot}), and for a composition X = 0.7, Z = 0.02. The dotted portion of each track shows the continuation of the evolution after central hydrogen exhaustion; the evolution of the $0.8 M_{\odot}$ star is terminated at an age of 14 Gyr. The thin dotted line in the ZAMS. Symbols show the location of binary components with accurately measured mass, luminosity and radius (as in Fig. 9.5). Each symbol corresponds to a range of measured masses, as indicated in the lower left corner (mass values in M_{\odot}).

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Figure 9.10. Hydrogen abundance profiles at different stages of evolution for a 1 M_{\odot} star (left panel) and a 5 M_{\odot} star (right panel) at quasi-solar composition. Figures reproduced from SALARIS & CASSISI.

Post-main sequence evolution segregates into three cases based upon the mass of the star

- Low mass stars lighter than 2 (or 1.8) solar masses. Develop a degenerate helium core after hydrogen burning and ignite helium burning in a "flash"
- Intermediate mass stars 2 8 solar masses.
 Ignite helium burning non-degenerately but do not ignite carbon
- Massive stars over 8 solar masses. Ignite carbon burning and in most cases heavier fuels as well (8 – 10 is a complex transition region) and go on to become supernovae.

In the hydrogen depleted core there are no sources of nuclear energy. Further its surface is kept warm by the overlying hydrogen burning, so that the core does not radiate and contract, at least not quickly (on a Kelvin Helmholtz time scale). In these circumstances the core becomes *isothermal*.

A full star with constant temperature is unstable. With ideal gas pressure, hydrostatic equilibrium would have to be provided entirely by the density gradient. This is not possible because $\gamma < 4/3$.

However, one can stably have an isothermal core inside a larger star, provided that core does not exceed some fraction of the total mass. That fraction can be approximately derived assuming hydrostatic equilibrium and ideal gas pressure. Evaluate the Virial Theorem out to some critical radius R_c where the enclosed mass is M_c .

$$\frac{dP}{dm} = -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^4} \quad \text{or} \quad 4\pi r^3 \frac{dP}{dm} = -\frac{Gm}{r} \quad \text{but}$$

$$4\pi r^3 \frac{dP}{dm} = \frac{d\left(4\pi r^3 P\right)}{dm} - 12\pi r^2 P \frac{dr}{dm} = \frac{d\left(4\pi r^3 P\right)}{dm} - \frac{3P}{\rho} \qquad \text{since} \quad \frac{dr}{dm} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho}$$

Integrating over just the mass of the core we have

$$\int_{0}^{M_{c}} \frac{d\left(4\pi r^{3} P\right)}{dm} dm - \int_{0}^{M_{c}} \frac{3P}{\rho} dm = -\int_{0}^{M_{c}} \frac{Gm}{r} dm$$
$$4\pi r^{3} P \Big]_{0}^{M_{c}} - \int_{0}^{M_{c}} \frac{3P}{\rho} dm = -\Omega_{c}$$

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$$4\pi R_{c}^{3} P(R_{c}) - \int_{0}^{M_{c}} \frac{3P}{\rho} dm = -\Omega_{c} \qquad \frac{P}{\rho} = \frac{N_{A} kT}{\mu_{c}}$$

but T = constant in the core = T_c so

$$\int_{0}^{M_{c}} \frac{3P}{\rho} dm = \frac{3N_{A}kT_{c}M_{c}}{\mu_{c}} = 2 U(\text{core})$$

$$4\pi R_{c}^{3}P(R_{c}) = \frac{3N_{A}kT_{c}M_{c}}{\mu_{c}} - \frac{\alpha GM_{c}^{2}}{R_{c}}$$

$$P(R_{c}) = \frac{3N_{A}kT_{c}M_{c}}{4\pi R_{c}^{3}\mu_{c}} - \frac{\alpha GM_{c}^{2}}{4\pi R_{c}^{4}}$$

$$P(R_c) = \frac{3N_A kT_c M_c}{4\pi R_c^3 \mu_c} - \frac{\alpha GM_c^2}{4\pi R_c^4} \quad \text{agrees with } GK$$

The pressure is a combination of competing terms. It has
a maximum given by $\frac{dP(R_c)}{dR_c} = 0$
 $\frac{-9N_A kT_c M_c}{4\pi R_c^4 \mu_c} + \frac{4\alpha GM_c^2}{4\pi R_c^5} = 0$
 $\frac{-9N_A kT_c}{\mu_c} + \frac{4\alpha GM_c}{R_c} = 0$
 $R_c = \frac{4\alpha GM_c \mu_c}{9N_A kT_c}$

Putting this into our expression for pressure gives

$$P(R_{c}) = \frac{3N_{A}kT_{c}M_{c}}{4\pi R_{c}^{3}\mu_{c}} - \frac{\alpha GM_{c}^{2}}{4\pi R_{c}^{4}}$$

$$P(R_{c}) = \frac{3N_{A}kT_{c}M_{c}(9N_{A}kT_{c})^{3}}{4\pi (4\alpha GM_{c}\mu_{c})^{3}\mu_{c}} - \frac{\alpha GM_{c}^{2}(9N_{A}kT_{c})^{4}}{4\pi (4\alpha GM_{c}\mu_{c})^{4}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{3^{7}}{2^{8}} - \frac{3^{8}}{2^{10}}\right) \left(\frac{N_{A}kT_{c}}{\mu_{c}}\right)^{4} \frac{1}{\pi \alpha^{3}G^{3}M_{c}^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{3^{7}}{2^{10}} (4-3) \left(\frac{N_{A}kT_{c}}{\mu_{c}}\right)^{4} \frac{1}{\pi \alpha^{3}G^{3}M_{c}^{2}} = \frac{3^{7}}{2^{10}} \left(\frac{N_{A}kT_{c}}{\mu_{c}}\right)^{4} \frac{1}{\pi \alpha^{3}G^{3}M_{c}^{2}}$$

The key point here is that as the core mass grows the pressure it is able to support at its boundary declines (as $1/M_c^2$).

The pressure that the envelope requires in order to be supported does not decrease much as M_c grows.

That pressure, P_{env} , can also be estimated using HE

$$\int_{P_{env}}^{0} dP = -P_{env} = -\int_{M_{c}}^{M} \frac{Gm}{4\pi r^{4}} dm$$

Now m \propto r³ and dm $\propto \rho$ r² and $\rho \downarrow$ as r \uparrow , so the integrand is not varying very rapidly, very approximately we can replace

Pressure balance when the core is providing the maximum pressure at its edge that it is able is then

$$\frac{GM^2}{8\pi R^4} \approx \left(\frac{3^7}{2^{10}}\right) \left(\frac{N_A k T_c}{\mu_c}\right)^4 \frac{1}{\pi \alpha^3 G^3 M_c^2}$$

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Ideal gas implies that the density at the core-envelope interface is given by

$$\rho_{\text{interface}} = \frac{P_{\text{interface}} \mu_{env}}{N_A k T_c} \sim \overline{\rho} = \frac{3M}{4\pi R^3}$$
So
$$\frac{GM^2}{8\pi R^4} \frac{\mu_{env}}{N_A k T_c} \sim \frac{3M}{4\pi R^3} \Rightarrow R \sim \frac{GM \mu_{env}}{6N_A k T_c}$$

$$\frac{GM^2 (6N_A k T_c)^4}{8\pi (GM \mu_{env})^4} \approx \left(\frac{3^7}{2^{10}}\right) \left(\frac{N_A k T_c}{\mu_c}\right)^4 \frac{1}{\pi \alpha^3 G^3 M_c^2}$$

$$\frac{(6)^4}{8M^2 (\mu_{env})^4} \approx \left(\frac{3^7}{2^{10}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\mu_c}\right)^4 \frac{1}{\alpha^3 M_c^2}$$

$$\frac{\left(6\right)^{4}}{8M^{2}\left(\mu_{env}\right)^{4}} \approx \left(\frac{3^{7}}{2^{10}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\mu_{c}}\right)^{4} \frac{1}{\alpha^{3}M_{c}^{2}}$$
$$\frac{M_{c}}{M} \sim \left(\frac{3^{7} \cdot 8}{2^{10}(6)^{4}\alpha^{3}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\mu_{env}}{\mu_{c}}\right)^{2} = \sqrt{\frac{27}{2048}} \alpha^{-3/2} \left(\frac{\mu_{env}}{\mu_{c}}\right)^{2} \approx 0.115 \left(\frac{\mu_{env}}{\mu_{c}}\right)^{2}$$

A more accurate derivation gives

$$\frac{M_c}{M} = 0.37 \left(\frac{\mu_{env}}{\mu_c}\right)^2$$

For $\mu_{env} = 0.59$ and $\mu_{He} = 1.3$, the limit is 0.08. When hydrogen has been depleted in the inner 8% of the stars mass, the helium core begins to contract and the star burns hydrogen in a shell. It leaves the main sequence. For quite massive stars (> 6 M_o) or so, the helium core is not very isothermal because of the short Kelvin Helmholtz time, so the equation loses accuracy. For a 15 M_o star, the initial H–depleted core is 2.4 M_o, not 1.5 M_o.

Figure 9.10. Hydrogen abundance profiles at different stages of evolution for a $1 M_{\odot}$ star (left panel) and a $5 M_{\odot}$ star (right panel) at quasi-solar composition. Figures reproduced from SALARIS & CASSISI.

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