

# Lecture 13

## Hydrogen Burning on the Main Sequence and Homology

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### Scaling Relations

$$T_c \propto \frac{\mu M}{R} \quad \rho \propto \frac{M}{R^3} \Rightarrow T_c \propto \frac{\mu M}{M^{1/3} \rho_c^{1/3}} = \mu M^{2/3} \rho^{1/3}$$

That is, at least for spheres of constant density, as a star (or protostar) in hydrostatic equilibrium contracts its central temperature rises as the cube root of the density. It also says that stars (or protostars) will have a higher temperature at a given density if their mass is bigger.

In the absence of nuclear reactions the contraction occurs at a rate needed to balance the luminosity of the star (Kelvin-Helmholz evolution). The Virial theorem says that half the work goes into radiation and half into heat.

### Scaling Relations

Assuming constant density

$$\rho = \frac{3M}{4\pi R^3}$$

the equation of hydrostatic equilibrium

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = \frac{-GM(r)\rho}{r^2} = \frac{-G\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho^2}{r^2}$$

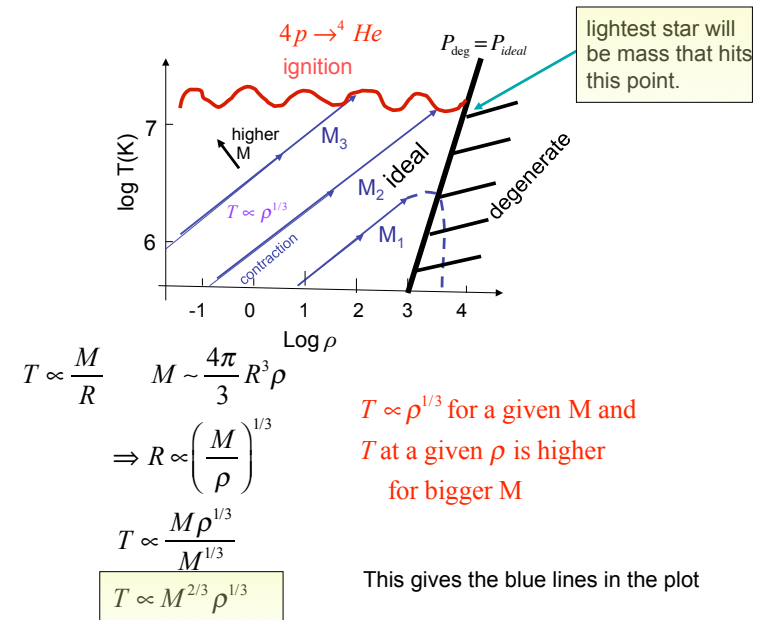
can be integrated to give the central pressure

$$P_c = \frac{GM\rho}{2R} \quad (\text{an underestimate for stars since } \rho \text{ not constant})$$

Then if ideal gas pressure dominates (it does on the main sequence)

$$\frac{\rho N_A k T_c}{\mu} = \frac{GM\rho}{2R} \Rightarrow T_c = \frac{GM\mu}{2N_A k R} \quad \text{i.e., } T_c \propto \frac{\mu M}{R}$$

[For a solar mass, radius, and central composition this gives a central temperature of close to 10 million K]



## Minimum Mass Star

*Solve for condition that ideal gas pressure and degeneracy pressure are equal at  $10^7$  K.*

$$P_{\text{deg}} \approx P_{\text{ideal}}$$

$$1.69 \rho N_A k T \approx 1.00 \times 10^{13} (\rho Y_e)^{5/3} \quad (\text{assuming } 75\% \text{ H, } 25\% \text{ He by mass})$$

At  $10^7$  K, this becomes

$$1.40 \times 10^8 \rho (10^7) \approx 8.00 \times 10^{12} \rho^{5/3} \quad (\text{taking } Y_e = 0.875)$$

which may be solved for the density to get  $\rho \approx 2300 \text{ gm cm}^{-3}$

The total pressure at this point is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{tot}} &\approx \frac{1}{2} (P_{\text{deg}} + P_{\text{ideal}}) \approx \frac{1}{2} (2P_{\text{ideal}}) \approx P_{\text{ideal}} \\ &\approx 1.40 \times 10^8 (2300) (10^7) \approx 3.2 \times 10^{18} \text{ dyne cm}^{-2} \\ &= \left( \frac{GM\rho}{2R} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } R = \left( \frac{3M}{4\pi\rho} \right)^{1/3} \quad \text{i.e., } \rho = \frac{M}{4/3 \pi R^3}$$

Combining terms we have

$$3.2 \times 10^{18} \approx \frac{(GM\rho)(4\pi\rho)^{1/3}}{2(3M)^{1/3}}$$

$$M^{2/3} \approx \frac{2(3.2 \times 10^{18})(3^{1/3})}{G\rho^{4/3}(4\pi)^{1/3}}$$

and using again  $\rho \approx 2300 \text{ gm cm}^{-3}$

$$M \approx 8.7 \times 10^{31} \text{ gm}$$

or 0.044 solar masses.

For constant density

$$P = \left( \frac{GM\rho}{2R} \right)$$

$$R = \left( \frac{3M}{4\pi\rho} \right)^{1/3}$$

*A more detailed calculation gives **0.08 solar masses.***

*Protostars lighter than this can never ignite nuclear reactions.*

*They are known as brown dwarfs (or planets if the mass is less than 13 Jupiter masses, or about 0.01 solar masses.*

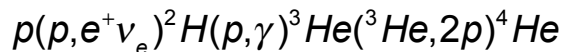
*[above 13 Jupiter masses, some minor nuclear reactions occur that do not provide much energy - "deuterium burning"]*

*Similar mass limits exist for helium burning ignition (0.5 Msun) and carbon burning ignition (8 Msun)*

## Hydrogen Burning Reactions –

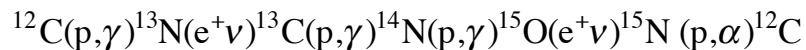
Core hydrogen burning defines "Main Sequence"

### pp1



$$\epsilon \propto \rho X_H^2 T^4$$

### CNO-1



$$\epsilon \propto \rho X_H X(\text{CNO}) T^{18}$$

From these scalings we expect some tendencies on the main sequence.

1. The central temperature of more massive main sequence stars tends to be hotter (unless R increases more than linearly with M on the main sequence and it doesn't)
2. That the actual radius of the star will depend on the form of the energy generation. Until nuclear energy generation is specified, R is undetermined, though L may be.
3. Stars will get hotter in their centers when they use up a given fuel – unless they become degenerate
4. More massive stars will arrive at a given temperature (e.g. ignition) at a lower central density

One also expects  $L$  roughly  $\propto M^3$  for main sequence stars

Luminosity  $\approx \frac{\text{Heat content in radiation}}{\text{Time for heat to leak out}} = \frac{E_{\text{radiation}}}{\tau_{\text{diffusion}}}$

True even if star is not supported by  $P_{\text{rad}}$   
Note this is not the total heat content, just the radiation.

$$E_{\text{radiation}} \approx \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 a T^4 \propto R^3 T^4 \propto \frac{R^3 M^4}{R^4} = \frac{M^4}{R}$$

$$\tau_{\text{diffusion}} \approx \frac{R^2}{l_{\text{mfp}} c} \quad l_{\text{mfp}} = \frac{1}{\kappa \rho} \quad \kappa \text{ is the "opacity" in cm}^2 \text{ gm}^{-1}$$

Assume  $\kappa$  is a constant

$$M \approx \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho \Rightarrow \rho \approx \frac{3M}{4\pi R^3}$$

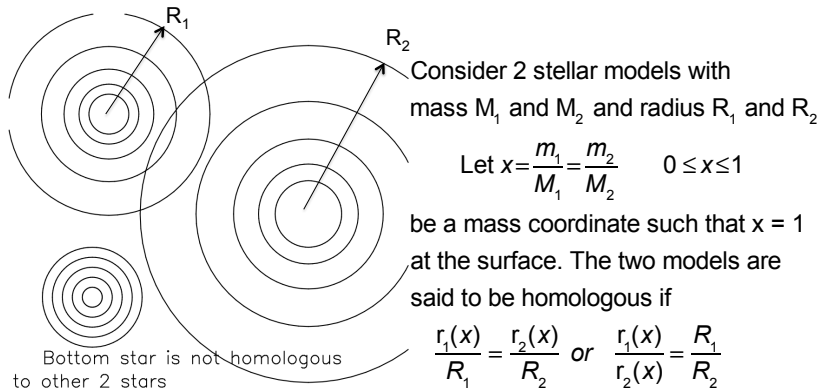
$$l_{\text{mfp}} \propto \frac{R^3}{M} \quad \tau_{\text{diffusion}} \propto \frac{R^2 M}{R^3} = \frac{M}{R}$$

$$L \propto \frac{M^4}{R} / \frac{M}{R} = M^3$$

But one can do better

- Actually solve the structure equations on a computer (e.g., MESA) – but 1D
- Polytropes – gives approximate numerical results
- Homology – gives scalings

### 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:  $dm_1 = 4\pi r_1^2 \rho_1 dr_1$

$$\frac{dr_1}{dm_1} = \frac{1}{4\pi r_1^2 \rho_1} \quad x = \frac{m_1}{M_1} \Rightarrow \frac{dr_1}{dx} = \frac{M_1}{4\pi r_1^2 \rho_1}; \quad \frac{dr_2}{dx} = \frac{M_2}{4\pi r_2^2 \rho_2}$$

and since  $r_1 = r_2 \left( \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)$   $\left( \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right) \frac{dr_2}{dx} = \frac{dr_1}{dx}$

$$\left( \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right) \frac{dr_2}{dx} = \frac{M_1}{4\pi r_1^2 \rho_1} = \frac{M_1}{4\pi r_2^2 \rho_1 \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)^2} = \frac{M_2}{4\pi r_2^2 \rho_2} \left[ \frac{\rho_2 M_1}{\rho_1 M_2} \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)^2 \right]$$

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

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

so

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

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

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

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

$$(dm = 4\pi r^2 \rho dr) \quad \frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{Gm\rho}{r^2} \text{ in Lagrangian coordinates,}$$

(Pols p.104) shows

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

Again, this is the same result one gets by replacing  $dm$ ,  $m(r)$ , and  $r$  in the differential equation by their full star counterparts.

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

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

"new" result

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

which we have actually seen several times before, e.g., when talking about polytropes. (polytropes of the same index  $n$  are homologous). Taking  $P \propto \rho T$  recovers  $T_c \propto M^{2/3} \rho_c^{1/3}$

i.e.,

$$dm = 4\pi r^2 \rho dr \Rightarrow \rho(x) \propto \frac{M}{R^3}$$

for any value of  $x$   $0 \leq x \leq 1$

In practice this is equivalent to replacing  $dm$  with  $M$  and  $r$  and  $dr$  with  $R$ . This only works because of the assumption of homology. Does not work e.g., for red giants, but pretty good for main sequence stars.

and the whole set for radiative stars supported by ideal gas pressure

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

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

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

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

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

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \rho T^v \quad \varepsilon \propto \rho T^v \quad 6)$$

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

These are 7 equations in 9 unknowns.

$$\rho, T, \mu, P, L, R, M, \varepsilon, \kappa$$

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

**e.g. ideal gas and constant opacity**

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &\propto \frac{M}{R^3} + P \propto \frac{M^2}{R^4} &\Rightarrow P &\propto \frac{M^2 \rho^{4/3}}{M^{4/3}} = M^{2/3} \rho^{4/3} \\ + P &\propto \frac{\rho T}{\mu} &\Rightarrow T &\propto \frac{\mu P}{\rho} \propto \frac{\mu}{\rho} M^{2/3} \rho^{4/3} \propto \frac{\mu M \rho^{1/3}}{M^{1/3}} \propto \frac{\mu M}{R} \\ + L &\propto \frac{R^4 T^4}{\kappa M} &\Rightarrow L &\propto \frac{\mu^4 M^4}{\kappa M} = \frac{\mu^4 M^3}{\kappa} \quad \text{Independent of } \varepsilon \\ + L &\propto M \varepsilon \text{ and } \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \rho T^v &\Rightarrow \frac{\mu^4 M^3}{\kappa} &\propto M \frac{\varepsilon_0 M}{R^3} \left( \frac{\mu M}{R} \right)^v \\ & &R^{3+v} &\propto M^{v+2-3} \mu^{v-4} \kappa \varepsilon_0 \\ & &R &\propto M^{\left(\frac{v-1}{v+3}\right)} \mu^{\left(\frac{v-4}{v+3}\right)} (\kappa \varepsilon_0)^{\left(\frac{1}{v+3}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

e.g. pp cycle ( $v = 4$ ) and electron scattering  $\kappa = \text{constant}$

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

while for the CNO cycle ( $v = 18$ ) and electron scattering  $\kappa = \text{constant}$

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

If one further includes the density and temperature variation of  $\kappa$  other relations result. E.g. if  $\kappa = \kappa_0 \rho T^{-7/2}$  and pp-energy generation dominates

$$L \propto \mu^{7.5} \frac{M^{5.5}}{R^{1/2}} \quad \text{(left to the student)}$$

and

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

Note that the relevant values of e.g.,  $\kappa$  and  $\mu$ , are averages for the whole star, not just the photosphere

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

Aside:

The Kramer's opacity solution is not particularly useful because when the opacity becomes high the star becomes convective and the simplest homology arguments rely on the assumption of transport by radiative diffusion.

Still the prediction that L becomes sensitive to a power of M steeper than 3 at low mass is generally true.

In general, for main sequence stars, 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, the electron scattering case ( $\kappa = \text{constant}$ )

$$T_c \propto \frac{\mu M}{R} \propto \mu M^{0.57} \text{ (pp)} \text{ or } \mu^{1/3} M^{0.19} \text{ (CNO)}$$

$$\rho_c \propto \frac{M}{R^3} \propto M^{-0.29} \text{ (pp)} \text{ or } \mu^{-2} M^{-1.43} \text{ (CNO)}$$

since  $R \propto M^{3/7}$  (pp) or  $\mu^{2/3} M^{17/21}$  (CNO)  $\frac{3}{7} = 0.43$   $\frac{17}{21} = 0.81$

That is the central temperature will increase with mass while the central density decreases

### Summary for constant opacity and ideal gas

pp-chain	$\nu \approx 4$	$R \propto M^{0.43}$	$T_c \propto \mu M^{0.57}$	$\rho_c \propto M^{-0.3}$
CNO cycle	$\nu \approx 18$	$R \propto \mu^{2/3} M^{0.81}$	$T_c \propto \mu^{1/3} M^{0.19}$	$\rho_c \propto \mu^{-2} M^{-1.4}$

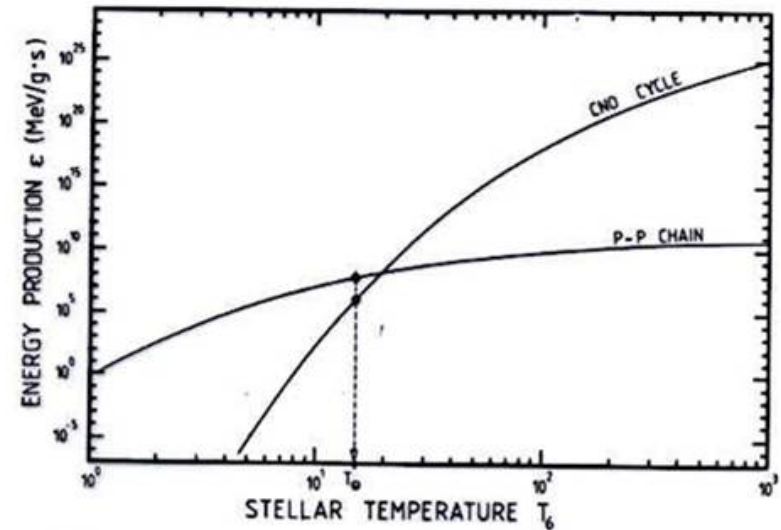
It turns out that the pp chain dominates above 1.3 solar masses (for solar metallicity)

In general R slowly rises with M on the main sequence, central T rises and central density declines

10<sup>9</sup> years – “isochrones”

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

Mass	Tc	roc	etac	Menv	Renv/R	Tenv	flag
0.100	4.396E+06	5.321E+02	3.78	0.0000	0.00000	4.396E+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	2.484E+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	0
0.250	7.370E+06	1.422E+02	-0.02	0.0000	0.00000	7.369E+06	0
0.300	7.807E+06	1.133E+02	-0.41	0.0000	0.00000	7.808E+06	0
0.400	8.479E+06	7.813E+01	-0.98	0.0237	0.08784	7.851E+06	0
0.500	8.901E+06	7.153E+01	-1.16	0.2883	0.54073	4.593E+06	0
0.600	9.537E+06	7.302E+01	-1.25	0.4558	0.61232	3.803E+06	0
0.700	1.030E+07	7.523E+01	-1.35	0.6057	0.65363	3.222E+06	0
0.800	1.126E+07	7.835E+01	-1.46	0.7371	0.67965	2.835E+06	0
0.900	1.232E+07	8.219E+01	-1.56	0.8547	0.69772	2.627E+06	0
1.000	1.345E+07	8.659E+01	-1.66	0.9722	0.72340	2.302E+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



The sun (Model is a bit old; best  $T_c$  now is 15.71)

Mass ( $M_\odot$ )	Radius ( $R_\odot$ )	Luminosity ( $L_\odot$ )	Temperature ( $10^6 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$ )	Density ( $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ )
0.0000	0.000	0.0000	15.513	147.74
0.0001	0.010	0.0009	15.48	146.66
0.001	0.022	0.009	15.36	142.73
0.020	0.061	0.154	14.404	116.10
0.057	0.090	0.365	13.37	93.35
0.115	0.120	0.594	12.25	72.73
0.235	0.166	0.845	10.53	48.19
0.341	0.202	0.940	9.30	34.28
0.470	0.246	0.985	8.035	21.958
0.562	0.281	0.997	7.214	15.157
0.647	0.317	0.992	6.461	10.157
0.748	0.370	0.9996	5.531	5.566
0.854	0.453	1.000	4.426	2.259
0.951	0.611	1.000	2.981	0.4483
0.9809	0.7304	1.0000	2.035	0.1528
0.9964	0.862	1.0000	0.884	0.042
0.9999	0.965	1.0000	0.1818	0.00361
1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.005770	$1.99 \times 10^{-7}$

Radiative

Convective

\*Adapted from Turck-Chièze et al. (1988).  
Composition X = 0.7046, Y = 0.2757, Z = 0.0197

More Massive Main Sequence Stars

	$10 M_\odot$	$25 M_\odot$
$X_H$	0.32	0.35
$L$	$3.74 \times 10^{37} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$	$4.8 \times 10^{38} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
$T_{eff}$	24,800 (B)	36,400 (O)
Age	16 My	4.7 My
$T_{center}$	$33.3 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$	$38.2 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$
$\rho_{center}$	$8.81 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$	$3.67 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$
$\tau_{MS}$	23 My	7.4 My
$R$	$2.73 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}$	$6.19 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}$
$P_{center}$	$3.13 \times 10^{16} \text{ dyne cm}^{-2}$	$1.92 \times 10^{16} \text{ dyne cm}^{-2}$
$\% P_{radiation}$	10%	33%

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

Suppose radiation pressure dominates and opacity is constant (very massive stars)

$$L \propto \frac{R^4 T^4}{\kappa M} \text{ if energy transport by radiative diffusion}$$

(actually as M goes up, convection increasingly dominates)

$$P \propto \frac{M^2}{R^4} \propto T^4 \text{ so } R^4 T^4 \propto M^2$$

$$L \propto \frac{R^4 T^4}{\kappa M} \propto \frac{M}{\kappa}$$

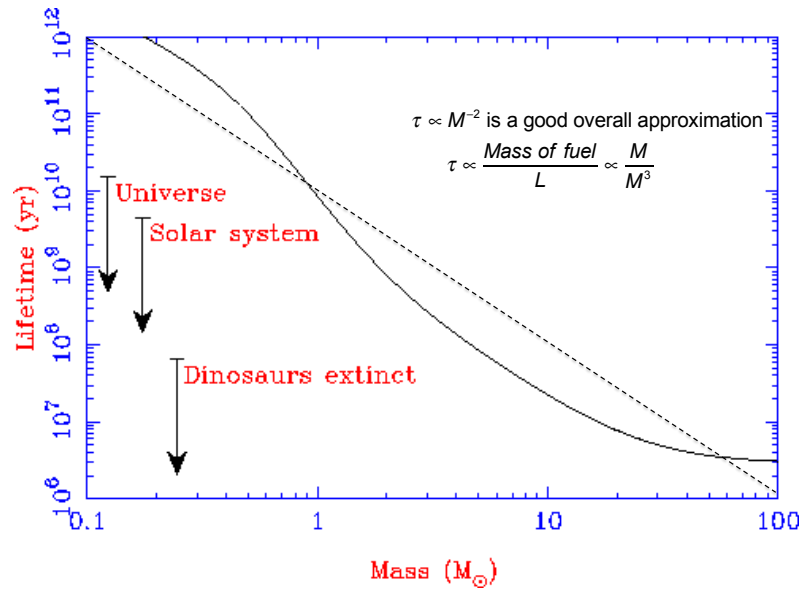
It can in fact be shown that extremely massive stars approach the "Eddington limit" (though this is not the best way to derive it)

$$L_{Ed} = \frac{4\pi GMc}{\kappa} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{38} \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{0.34 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}}{\kappa} \right) \text{ erg s}$$

There is also a lower limit to the lifetime of an extremely massive star given by the Eddington luminosity and the assumption that the (fully convective) star burns its entire mass

$$\tau_{Ed} = \frac{Mq}{L_{Ed}} = \frac{(6.8 \times 10^{18} \text{ erg g}^{-1})(2 \times 10^{33} \text{ g})}{1.3 \times 10^{38} \text{ erg s}^{-1}} = 3.3 \text{ million years}$$

Very massive stars approach these luminosities and lifetimes

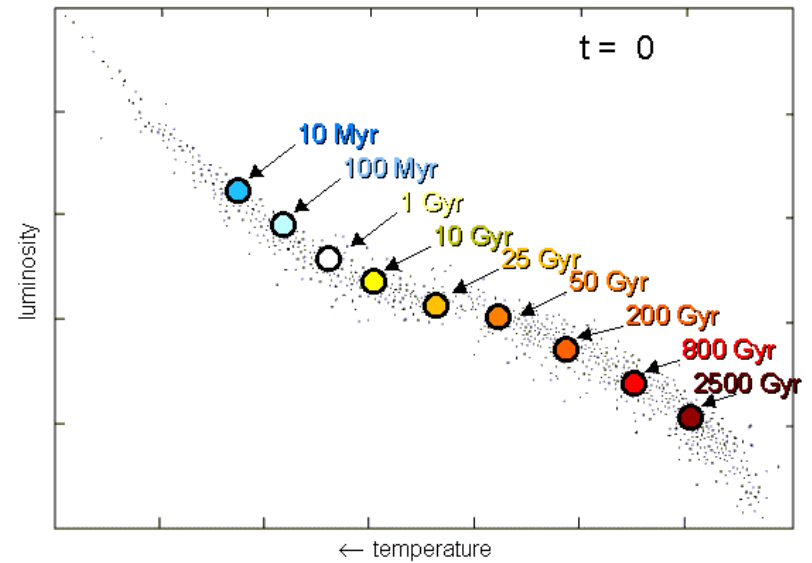


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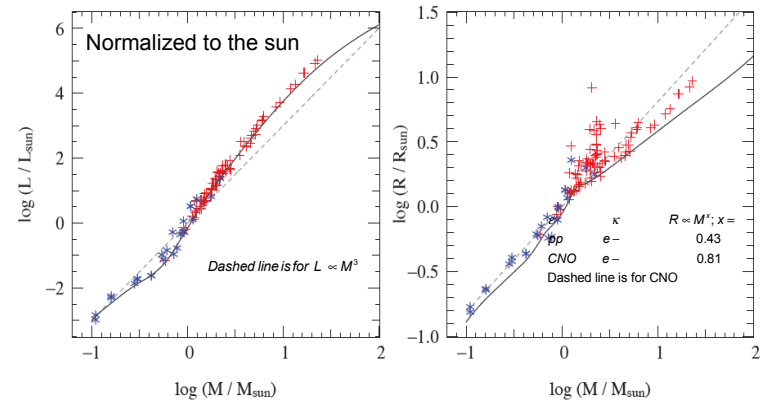
### More implications of homology

- The mass luminosity relation  $L = f(M)$ , varies with mass. For lighter stars on the pp cycle with Kramers opacity  $L$  is predicted to be proportional to  $M^{5.46}$  though convection complicates the interpretation. For stars where electron scattering dominates it is  $M^3$ . For very high masses where radiation pressure becomes important,  $L$  becomes proportional to  $M$ .

This is consistent with what is seen (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.

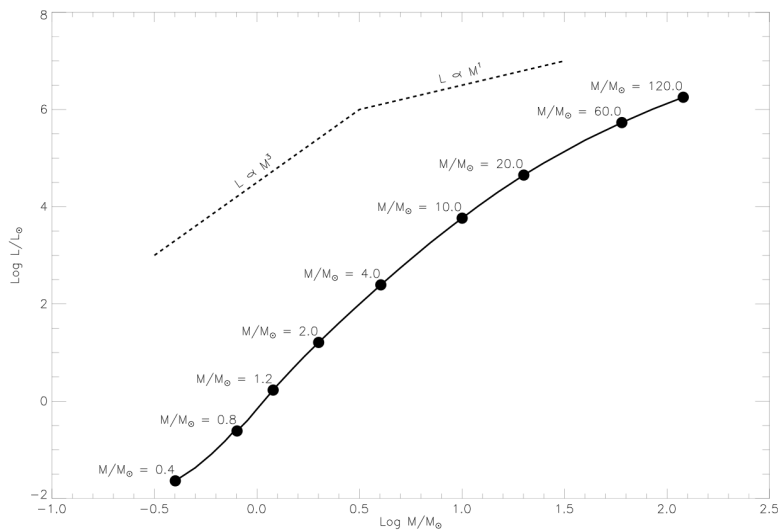


Homology works well for massive main sequence stars but does not give the mass luminosity relation correctly below 1 Msun



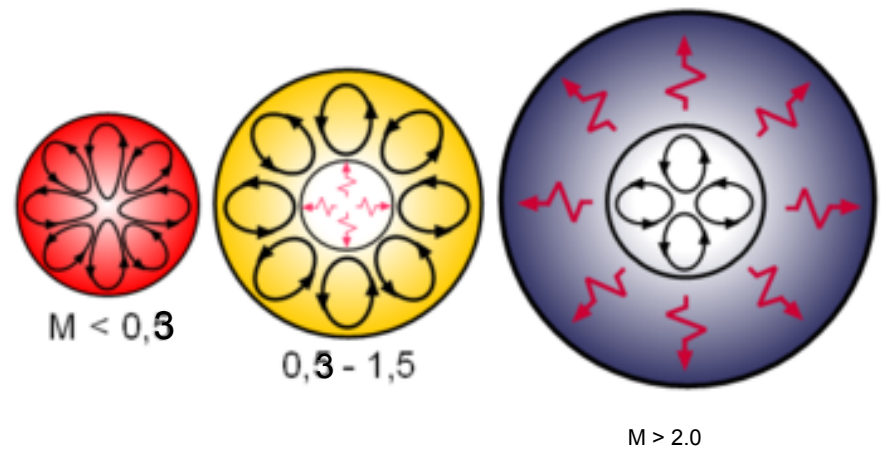
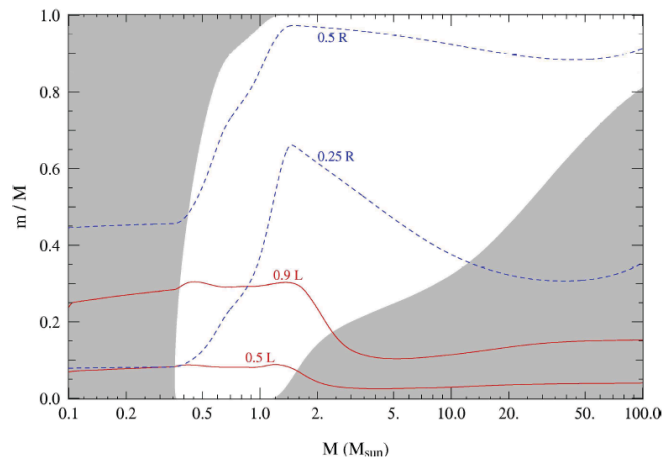
**Figure 9.5.** ZAMS mass-luminosity (left) and mass-radius (right) relations from detailed structure models with  $X = 0.7, Z = 0.02$  (solid lines) and from homology relations scaled to solar values (dashed lines). For the radius homology relation, a value  $\nu = 18$  appropriate for the CNO cycle was assumed (giving  $R \propto M^{0.81}$ ); this does not apply to  $M < 1 M_{\odot}$  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 Kelvin helmholtz time scale  $\tau_{KH} = \frac{\alpha GM^2}{RL}$  will be shorter for more massive stars. They will not only live shorter lives but be born more quickly
- Lower mass stars with Kramers opacity will have higher opacity (because of their lower T and larger  $\rho$ ) 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 KIPPENHAHN & WEIGERT.)

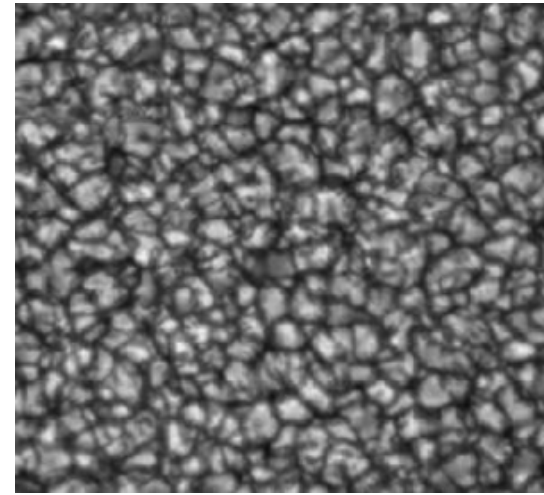
Whether the surface of the star is convective or not has important effects on its evolution and appearance.

Convection coupled with differential rotation can generate magnetic fields that energize surface activity like winds, flares, sunspots, coronal emission, etc.

These winds may play a role in braking the rotation rate of the star over time. The sun rotates at only about 2 km/s at its equator but a massive O or B star may rotate at 200 km/s. Lighter stars also have longer times to slow down because they live longer.

Average rotational velocities <sup>[15]</sup>	
Stellar class	$v_e$ (km/s)
O5	190
B0	200
B5	210
A0	190
A5	160
F0	95
F5	25
G0	12

<http://www3.kis.uni-freiburg.de/~pnb/granmovtext1.html>



June 5, 1993

Matter rises in the centers of the granules, cools then falls down. Typical granule size is 1300 km. Lifetimes are 8-15 minutes. Horizontal velocities are 1 – 2 km s<sup>-1</sup>. The movie is 35 minutes in the life of the sun

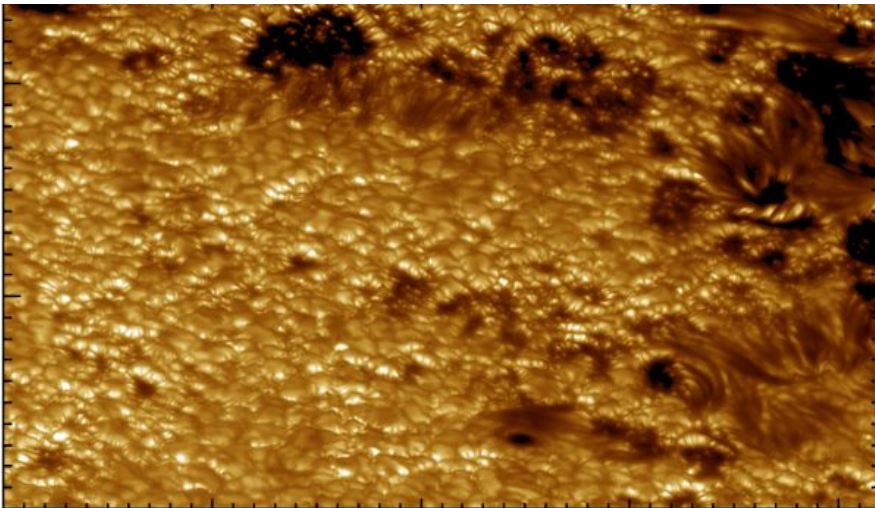


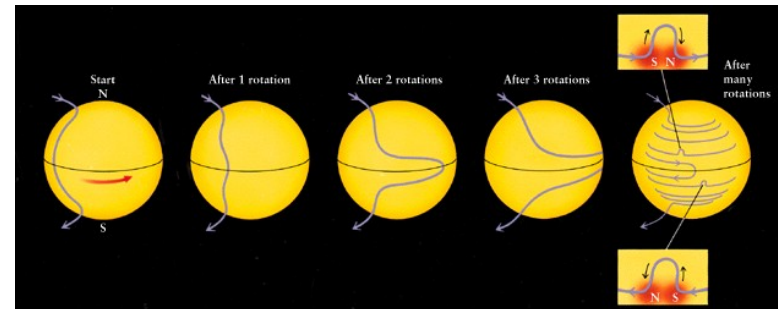
Image of an active solar region taken on July 24, 2002 near the eastern limb of the Sun.

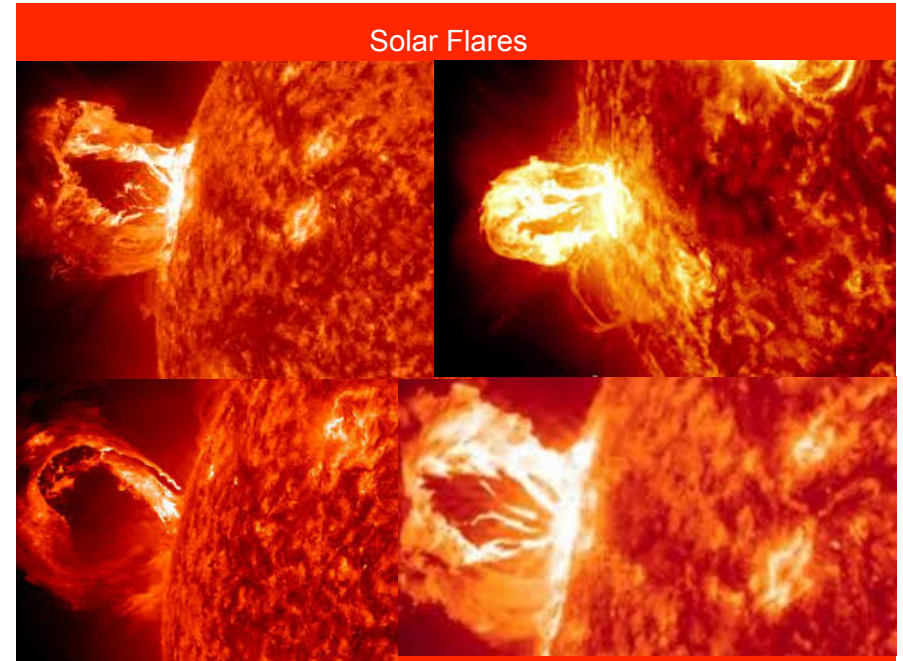
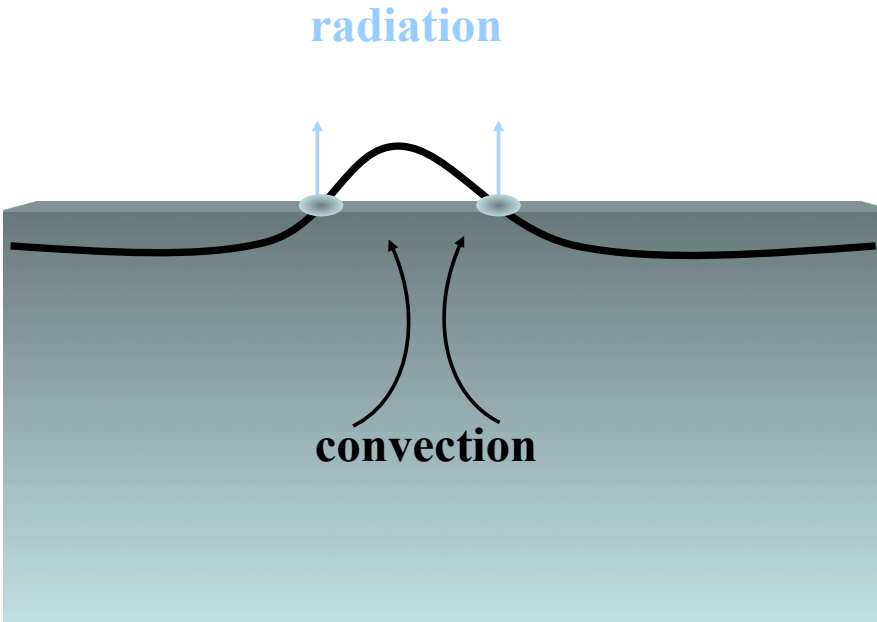
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<http://www.uwgb.edu/dutchs/planets/sun.htm>

Rotation:  
26.8 d at equator  
31.8 d at 75° latitude

This differential rotation exists only in the convection zone. The radiative core rotates rigidly.





## THE HR DIAGRAM

$$L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4 \propto R^2 T_{\text{eff}}^4$$

and in the simplest case (constant opacity; ideal gas)

$$L \propto \frac{\mu^4 M^3}{\kappa} \quad \text{and} \quad R \propto M^{3/7} \text{ (pp)}; \quad R \propto \mu^{2/3} M^{17/21} \text{ (CNO)}$$

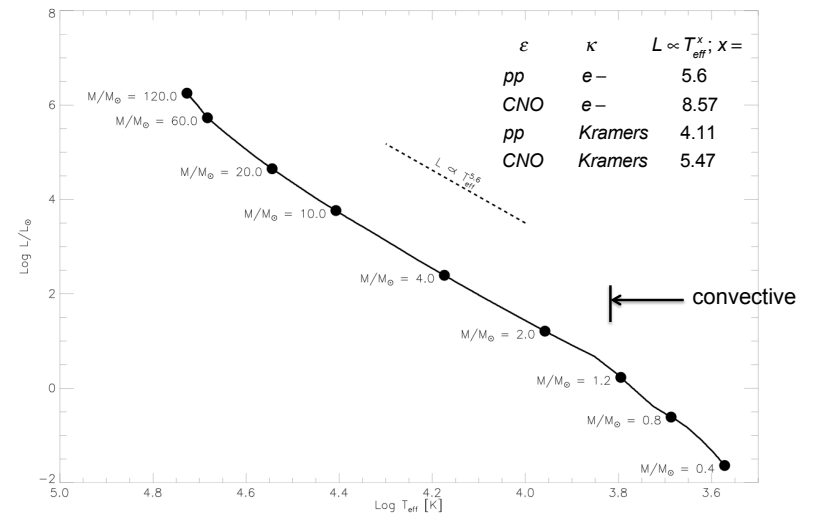
$$L \propto R^2 T_{\text{eff}}^4 \Rightarrow \mu^4 M^3 \propto M^{6/7} T_{\text{eff}}^4 \Rightarrow M^{15/7} \propto \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{\mu} \right)^4 \text{ (pp)}$$

$$M \propto \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{\mu} \right)^{28/15} \quad R \propto M^{3/7} \propto \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{\mu} \right)^{84/105}$$

$$L \propto R^2 T_{\text{eff}}^4 \propto \mu^{-168/105} T_{\text{eff}}^{588/105} = \mu^{-1.6} T_{\text{eff}}^{5.6} \text{ (pp)}$$

Similarly for CNO it can be shown

$$L \propto \mu^{-1.786} T_{\text{eff}}^{8.571} \text{ (CNO)}$$



## Implications of homology for end of H-burning

- As hydrogen burns in the center of the star,  $\mu$  rises. The central temperature and luminosity will thus both rise.

$$T_c \propto \frac{\mu M}{R} \propto \mu M^{0.57} \text{ (pp)} \text{ or } \mu^{1/3} M^{0.19} \text{ (CNO)} \quad e\text{-scattering } \kappa$$

$$L \propto \mu^4 \quad e\text{-scattering } \kappa \quad L \propto \mu^{7.256} \text{ (pp)} \quad \mu^{7.769} \text{ (CNO)} \quad \text{Kramers } \kappa$$

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

$$R = \text{const} (\epsilon_0 \kappa_0)^{\frac{1}{3+\nu}} \quad \text{for e-scattering}$$

$\nu = 4, 17 \quad \text{for pp, CNO}$

## To repeat: 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  $\mu$  increases. Since the luminosity depends on  $\mu$  to some power, the luminosity increases
- To keep the luminosity slightly rising as hydrogen decreases the central temperature must rise (slightly).

## Recall: How is $\mu$ defined?

$$P = nkT = \frac{\rho N_A kT}{\mu} \quad n = n_e + n_i$$

$$\mu^{-1} = \frac{n_e}{\rho N_A} + \frac{n_i}{\rho N_A} = \sum Z_i \frac{X_i}{A_i} + \sum \frac{X_i}{A_i} = \sum (1 + Z_i) \frac{X_i}{A_i}$$

eg. Pure ionized hydrogen

$$\mu^{-1} = (1+1) \cdot 1 = 2 \quad P = 2 \rho N_A kT \quad \mu = 0.5$$

Pure ionized helium

$$\mu^{-1} = (1+2) \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad P = \frac{4}{3} \rho N_A kT \quad \mu = 1.333$$

Burning hydrogen to helium increases  $\mu$

The sun - past and future

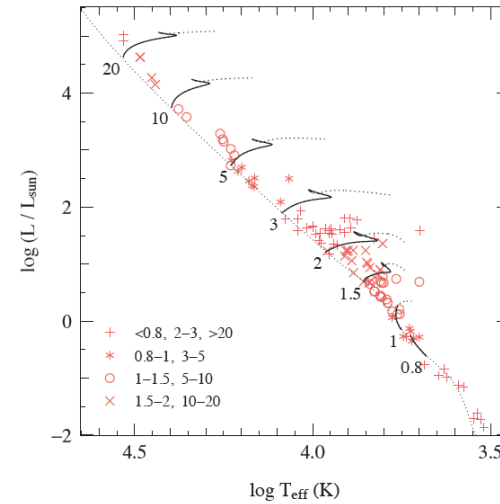
Time (10 <sup>9</sup> years)	Luminosity (L <sub>⊙</sub> )	Radius (R <sub>⊙</sub> )	T <sub>central</sub> (10 <sup>8</sup> K)	Central density rises roughly as T <sub>c</sub> <sup>3</sup>
<b>Past</b>				
0	0.7688	0.872	13.35	Zero age main sequence
0.143	0.7248	0.885	13.46	
0.856	0.7621	0.902	13.68	
1.863	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	
<b>Now</b>				
4.587	1.000	1.000	15.51	
<b>Future</b>				
5.506	1.079	1.035	16.18	Oceans gone
6.074	1.133	1.059	16.65	
6.577	1.186	1.082	17.13	CNO dominates
7.027	1.238	1.105	17.62	
7.728	1.318	1.143	18.42	
8.258	1.399	1.180	18.74	
8.7566	1.494	1.224	18.81	
9.805	1.760	1.361	19.25	

\*Adapted from Turck-Chièse et al. (1988).  
Composition X = 0.7046, Y = 0.2757, Z = 0.0197.  
Present values are R<sub>⊙</sub> and L<sub>⊙</sub>.  
\*\*For time t before the present age t<sub>0</sub> = 4.6 × 10<sup>9</sup> years.

Since  $\mu_c$  increases more than  $T_c$  increases (due to the high sensitivity of  $\epsilon$  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  $\rho_c$  must increase or both. Which alternative dominates depends on the relative changes of  $\mu$  and  $T$  and hence on whether the star is burning by the pp cycle with  $\epsilon \propto T^4$  ( $M < 1.5 M_\odot$ ) or CNO cycle with  $\epsilon \propto T^{18}$ .

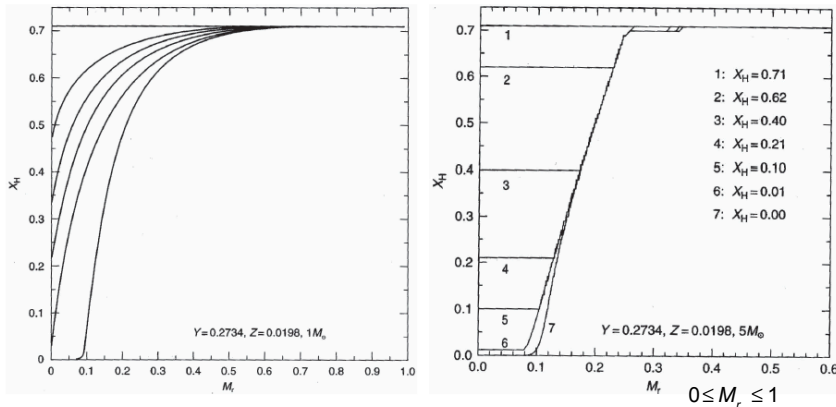
Since  $\rho_c$  varies roughly as  $T_c^3$ , it too cannot increase much, so especially for stars burning by the CNO cycle,  $P_c$  must decrease. This is accomplished by an expansion of the overlying layers - and the star in general. Note the non-homologous aspect.  $\rho_c$  goes up in the center but declines farther out. For stars burning by the pp chain, the changes in  $\rho$  and  $T$  are bigger so  $P$  does not have to change so much as  $\mu$  goes up.

Combining – L increases and R increases. Path moves up on the HR diagram



**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.

Once the hydrogen depleted core exceeds the Schonberg Chandrasekhar mass, about 8% of the mass of the star, that depleted (isothermal) core can no longer support its own weight and begins to contract rapidly. This causes vigorous hydrogen shell burning that expands the star to red giant proportions

### Schonberg Chandrasekhar mass

In the hydrogen depleted core there are no sources of nuclear energy, but the core's surface is kept warm by the overlying hydrogen burning, so that it does not radiate and therefore cannot contract, at least not quickly (on a Kelvin Helmholtz time scale). In these circumstances the core becomes *isothermal*.  $L = 0$  implies  $dT/dr = 0$

A full star with constant temperature is unstable. With ideal gas pressure, hydrostatic equilibrium would have to be provided entirely by the density gradient, which would be very steep. Such a star ( $n = 1$  polytrope) would not be stable because  $\gamma < 4/3$ .  $n = 1$  polytropes in fact have either infinite radius or infinite central density. They are not physical

## Schonberg Chandrasekhar mass

A star can be stable however if only a certain fraction of its inner core is isothermal (so long as its own gravitational binding energy is negligible). Even with  $dT/dr = 0$  it can sustain a certain pressure at its edge. Once that combination of core mass (binding) and pressure is exceeded however, the core must contract. Once it starts to contract it either become degenerate or contracts rapidly.

The derivation is not given here but see Pals 9.1 and especially GK Chap 16

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

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 hydrogen shell burning is accelerated. The star becomes a red giant.

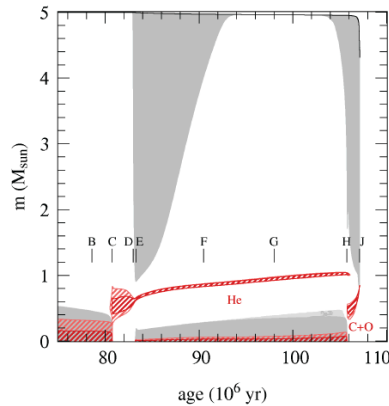
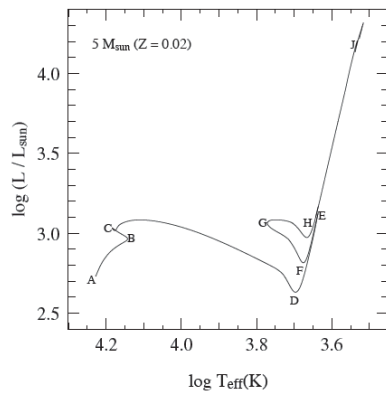
In high and intermediate mass stars, the hydrogen depleted core is usually initially smaller than the SC mass but the core grows by hydrogen shell burning. After exceeding the SC mass, H shell burning accelerates and the star moves quite rapidly to the right in the HR diagram

For lower mass stars, like the sun, the He core becomes degenerate before exceeding the SC mass (which then becomes irrelevant). Their evolution off the main sequence is more “steady”

## 5 Solar Masses

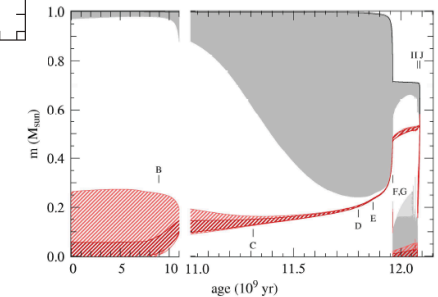
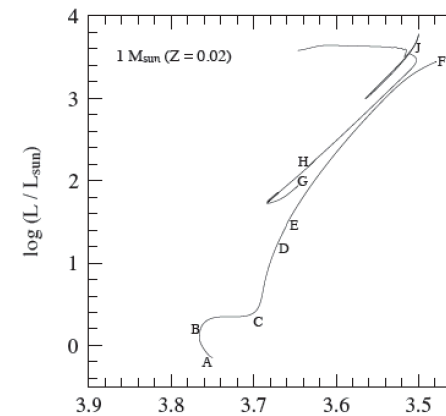
- A H ignition
- B H = 0.03 – rapid contraction
- C H depletion in center

- C → D Very fast towards end HR gap.
- D He core now bigger than SC mass
- H shell narrows
- E Red giant formation



## One Solar Mass

- A H ignition
- B H depletion at center
- C narrowing of H shell, exceed SC mass. RG formation. He core has become degenerate



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.