

Astro Formulas

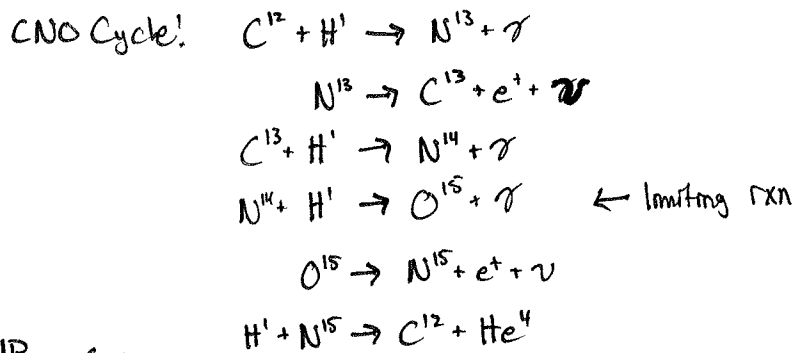
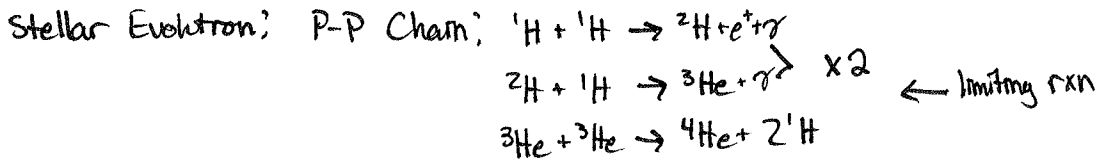
Basics:

$$m_2 - m_1 = -2.5 \log \left(\frac{F_2}{F_1} \right)$$

$$M = m - 5 \log \left(\frac{d}{10 \text{ pc}} \right)$$

$$F = \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4 = \frac{L}{4\pi r^2} \Rightarrow L = 4\pi r^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$$

$$L_{\text{add}} = \frac{4\pi G c}{\kappa} m$$



Stellar Structure:

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{Gm}{r^2} \rho$$

$$\frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho$$

$$\frac{dT}{dm} = \epsilon_{\text{nuc}}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dm} = -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^4} \frac{T}{P} \nabla$$

$$\nabla_{\text{rad}} = \frac{3}{16\pi a c G} \cdot \frac{P}{T^4} \frac{\kappa_{\text{cl}}}{m}$$

$$\nabla_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\partial(\log T)}{\partial(\log P)}$$

Virial Thm: $E_{\text{int}} = -\frac{\psi}{3} E_{\text{gr}}, \quad \psi = \begin{cases} 3/2 & \text{for ideal gas/non-relativistic} \\ 3 & \text{for relativistic} \end{cases}$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} E_{\text{gr}}$$

Redshift: $z \equiv \frac{\lambda_{\text{obs}} - \lambda_{\text{rest}}}{\lambda_{\text{rest}}} = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_{\text{rest}}}$

$$z+1 = \frac{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}{\Delta t_{\text{rest}}}$$

Binary/Orbit Problems: $P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G(M+m)} a^3$

* Remember, for bodies orbiting a mutual center of mass:

$$\frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{r_2}{r_1} = \frac{a_2}{a_1}; \quad \alpha = \frac{a}{d}, \quad \text{where } \alpha = \text{angle subtended, } d = \text{distance to system}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 + m_2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G} \frac{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)^3 d^3}{P^2}$$

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Orbital Mechanics

$$P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G(m_1+m_2)} a^3$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$x_{cm} = \frac{\sum r_i m_i}{\sum m_i}$$

$$\frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{v_2}{v_1} = \frac{v_{2,r} \sin(i)}{v_{1,r} \sin(i)}$$

$$v_r = v \sin(i)$$

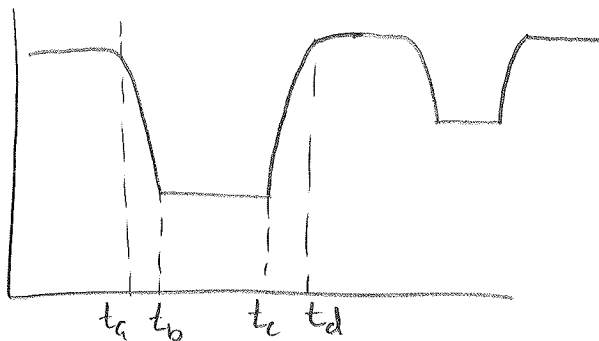
$$a = \frac{P}{2\pi} (v_{1,r} + v_{2,r})$$

$$d \propto a, \quad \begin{array}{l} d = \text{distance} \\ \alpha = \text{separation in radians} \\ a = \text{semi-major axis} \end{array}$$

$$m_1 + m_2 = \frac{P}{2\pi G} (v_{1,r} + v_{2,r})^3$$

$$\frac{m_2^3}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} = \frac{P v_{1,r}}{2\pi G}$$

* For an eclipsing binary system:



$$r_s = \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} (t_b - t_a)$$

$$r_L = \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} (t_c - t_a)$$

$$\frac{T_s}{T_L} = \left(\frac{B_0 - B_p}{B_0 - B_s} \right)^{1/4}$$

* where absolute magnitudes given

* To find temperature of a planet

$$T_p = T_s (1-a)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{R_s}{2D}}$$

a = albedo

R_s = radius of star

D = distance

T_s = temp of star

Miscellaneous Basics

$$F = \sigma T^4$$

$$m_1 - m_2 = -2.5 \log \left(\frac{F_1}{F_2} \right)$$

$$z = \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda_{rest}}$$

$$L = 4\pi r^2 F$$

$$M = m - 5 \log \left(\frac{d}{pc} \right)$$

$$z+1 = \frac{\Delta t_{obs}}{\Delta t_{rest}}$$

$$L_{edd} = \frac{4\pi G c M}{\kappa}$$

$$F_g = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$F_{light, cyl} = \frac{cP}{2\pi r}$$

(from $| \frac{dP_{rad}}{dr} | < | \frac{dP}{dr} |$)

$$v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} U \quad \text{Viral Thm}$$

$$R_s = \left(\frac{3E}{4\pi n^2 \pi} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\frac{L_s}{L_\odot} = 100^{(M_\odot - M_s)/5}$$

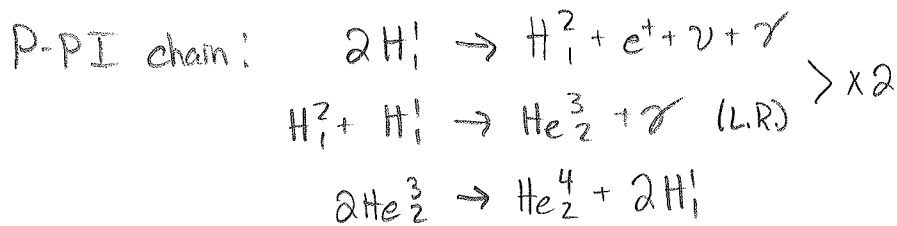
$$T = \frac{1}{2} U \quad \text{self-gravity}$$

$$U_g = \frac{-GM_1 M_2}{r} = \frac{-GM^2}{r}$$

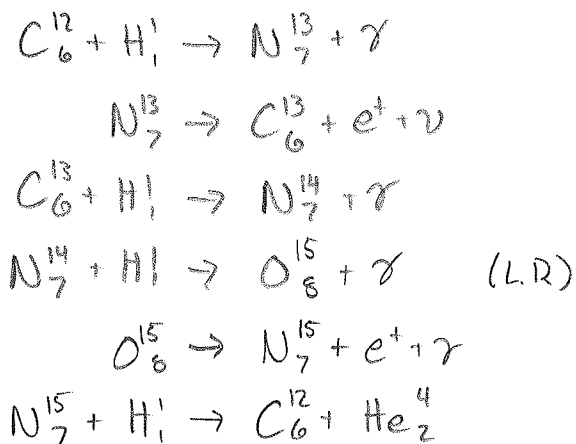
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Stellar Evolution

$$\tau_{\text{KH}} = \frac{\Delta E_0}{L_s}$$



CNO Cycle!



Stellar Structure

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$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{Gmp}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{dL}{dm} = E_{\text{nuc}}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dm} = \frac{-GMT}{4\pi r^4 \rho} \quad \nabla_{\text{rad}}$$

$$\nabla_{\text{rad}} = \frac{-3\kappa L \rho}{16\pi acGMT^4}$$

Radiative Transport

Pulsars: \Rightarrow Light cylinder

$$r = \frac{cP}{2\pi}$$

Galaxies / AGN's !

Radiative Transfer: \Rightarrow Plane Parallel Approx RTE:

$$\mu \frac{dI_\nu}{dz} = \kappa_\nu I_\nu - \eta_\nu$$

Astro Qualifier Study Guide

Basics

Angles / Solid Angles - Useful for measuring shifts in position / area of object on sky

⇒ Angle is 1-D, [radians]

Solid Angle is 2-D; [steradians]

* Distance formula using parallax: $d = 1/p$, where d is distance in pc
 p is angle in arcsec

Flux - aka apparent brightness of a star; $\frac{dE}{dA \cdot dt} \Rightarrow [W/m^2]$ or $[erg/cm^2s]$

$$F = \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4 = \frac{L}{4\pi r^2}$$

* flux can be integrated over all λ/ν or determined monochromatically

$$F_{\nu} = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} I_{\nu}(z, \nu) \nu d\nu$$

Luminosity / Eddington Luminosity - aka intrinsic brightness of a star; $\frac{dE}{dt} \Rightarrow [W]$ or $[erg/s]$

$$L = 4\pi r^2 F = 4\pi r^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$$

* Eddington luminosity is maximum luminosity of a star in hydro-static equilibrium

$$L_E \approx 3.8 \cdot 10^4 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) \left(\frac{0.34 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}}{\kappa}\right) L_{\odot} \text{ (for star dominated by } H_{\text{res}})$$

$$\text{Derivation: } \frac{dT}{dr} = \frac{-3\kappa \rho l}{16\pi a c T^4 r^2}; \quad P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{3} a T^4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP_{\text{rad}}}{dr} &= \frac{4}{3} a T^3 \frac{dT}{dr} \\ &= \frac{-\kappa \rho l}{4\pi c r^2} \end{aligned}$$

⇒ for stars in H.S.E

$$\left| \frac{dP_{\text{rad}}}{dr} \right| < \left| \frac{dP}{dr} \right|$$

$$\frac{\kappa \rho l}{4\pi c r^2} < \frac{GM\rho}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow L < \frac{4\pi c G M}{\kappa}$$

Magnitudes - 2 Types: ① Apparent

$$m_2 - m_1 = -2.5 \log\left(\frac{F_2}{F_1}\right)$$

② Absolute

$$M = m - 5 \log(d/10 \text{ pc})$$

> $m - M$ is distance modulus

Binary Systems

- * Remember Keplers Laws:
- ① Planets have elliptical orbits w/ star at 1 focus
 - ② Equal areas in equal time (Conservation of Angular Momentum)
 - ③ $P^2/a^3 = k$ for all planets $\Rightarrow P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G(M+m)} a^3$

* Binary Systems allow us to determine mass of stars from orbital dynamics

ex. Two stars orbiting mutual center of mass

* knowing $\frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{r_2}{r_1} = \frac{a_2}{a_1}$ and that angle subtended by major axes is

$$\alpha = \frac{q}{d}, \text{ we see that: } \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}$$

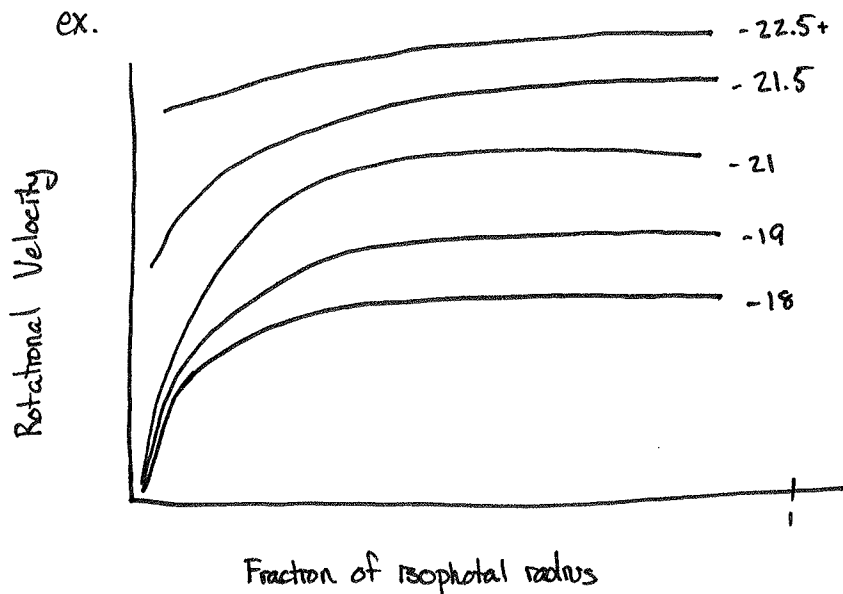
$$\Rightarrow m_1 + m_2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G} \frac{(\tilde{\alpha}d)^3}{P^2} \text{ where } \tilde{\alpha} = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

* We can then determine masses by ratio of semi-major axes of individual ellipses

Galaxies

- * 3 Types: ① Spiral \Rightarrow Both barred and unbarred
② Elliptical
③ Irregular

* Light profile gives distribution of luminous matter in galaxy but need rotation curves to measure dark matter / total matter distribution



* isophotal radius is estimation of size of galaxy based off a defined minimum brightness level

* These rotation curves illustrate a matter distribution that has dark matter at the edge of disk to increase rotation speed as amount of visible matter decreases.

\Rightarrow Implies spherical distribution of matter, $\rho \approx \text{constant}$ in center, $\rho \propto r^{-2}$ on edges

* Tully - Fisher relation implies relation b/w luminosity + max rotation velocity of galaxy (from 21 cm H₁)

* Parts of a galaxy include:

- ① Thin disk - composed of young stars, dust, + gas; active star formation
- ② Thick disk - older stellar population, little to no star formation
- ③ Bulge -
- ④ Halo - Globular clusters + field stars
- ⑤ Dark Matter Halo
- ⑥ Spiral Arms / Bar
- ⑦ Magnetic Field
- ⑧ SMBH

Nuclear Processes

* b/c stars are in equilibrium (thermal), they require an internal energy source to shine

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{lost}} = E_{\text{produced}}; \quad E_{\text{produced}} \text{ via nuclear fusion}$$

- but particles must overcome Coulomb potential in order to begin fusion

$$\Rightarrow @ T \approx 10^7 \text{ K}, \quad \langle E \rangle = 1.3 \text{ keV}, \quad E_{\text{fusion}} \approx 1.44 \text{ MeV}$$

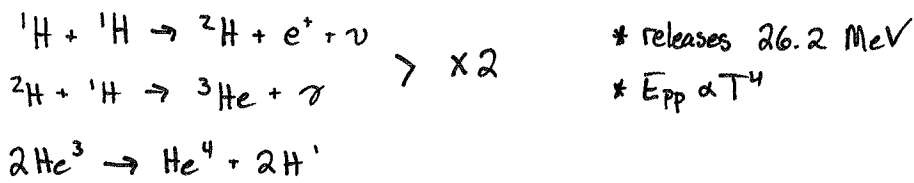
* However, Gamow discovered there is a finite probability of tunnelling

$$P = P_0 e^{-b/\sqrt{E}}, \quad b = \frac{\pi \sum_i z_i z_j e^2}{\hbar} \left(\frac{M}{2}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P \uparrow \text{ as } E \uparrow, \quad P \downarrow \text{ as } z \uparrow$$

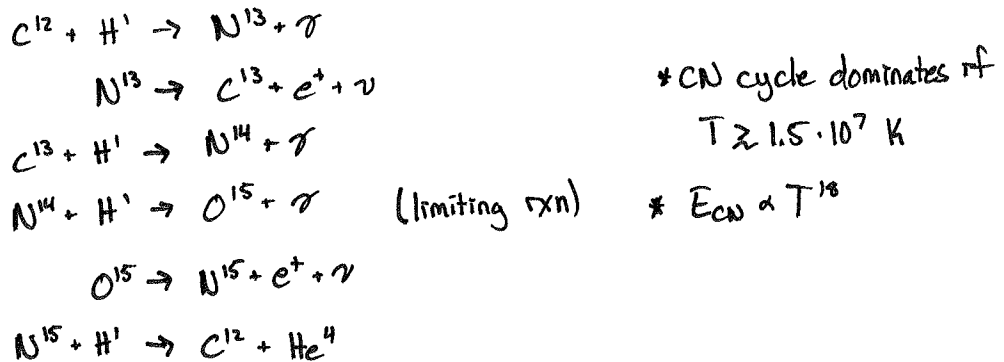
* H-fusion occurs via 2 processes

① P-P Chain

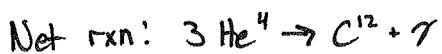


② CN cycle

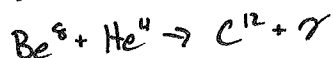
* utilizes C, N, O as catalysts if large enough quantities are present



* He-fusion occurs at $T > 10^8 \text{ K}$



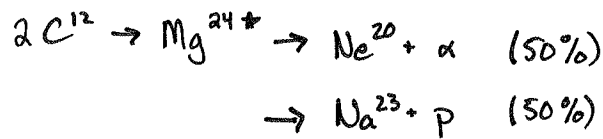
* Note: $2^4\text{He} \leftrightarrow ^8\text{Be}$



$$* E_{3\alpha} \propto T^{40}$$

$$* E_{3\alpha} = 7.275 \text{ MeV}$$

* C-burning occurs @ $T > 5 \cdot 10^8$ K; competes w/ He-burning if enough C is initially present

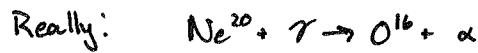
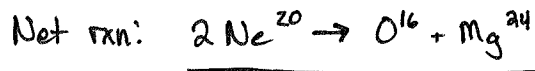


* indicates neutron rich isotope

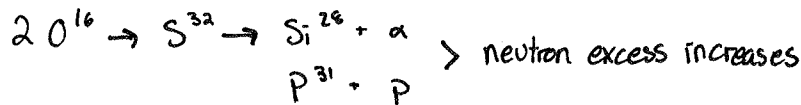
Note: α and p will react w/ other nuclei to yield: $\text{O}^{16}, \text{Ne}^{20}, \text{Mg}^{24}$
 \Rightarrow 95% by mass fraction is $\text{O}^{16}, \text{Ne}^{20}, \text{Mg}^{24}$

* Ne-burning occurs @ $T > 1.5$ billion K

\Rightarrow photodisintegration now possible b/c γ have $E \sim 1$ MeV



* O-burning occurs @ $T > 2 \cdot 10^9$ K



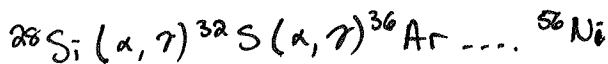
\Rightarrow 90% Si^{28} and S^{32} by mass

* Si-burning occurs at $T > 3 \cdot 10^9$ K

* Coulomb potential is too high for 2 Si nuclei to merge



\Rightarrow photodisintegration chain produces extra α particles



\Rightarrow Nickel decays to Fe^{56} , results in mostly Fe^{56} by mass

* Iron is heaviest element that can be fused in core of star

* Elements heavier than Fe formed by neutron capture + subsequent β -decay via s-process and r-process (slow/rapid)

\Rightarrow Heaviest elements form thru r-process b/c of larger neutron flux that allows multiple neutron captures during $1/2$ -life of unstable particles.

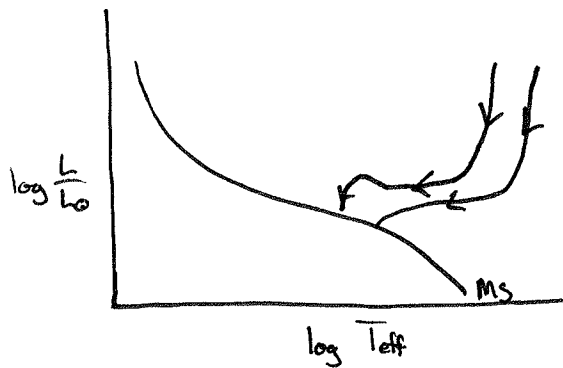
Stellar Evolution

* Pre-Main Sequence Evolution

- Starts as cool interstellar gas cloud that begins contraction + heating

$$L = -\frac{1}{2} E_g$$

- proto-star is a cool object w/ large opacity; fully convective
 \Rightarrow At turning point on Hayashi track, develops radiative core + "falls" onto MS



- H^2 burning begins @ $T \approx 10^6$ K while star is still on Hayashi track
 - all H^2 in star used up
 - contraction halts for $\sim 10^5$ yr
- Li burning begins @ higher temps; contraction again stops temporarily
- $\tau_{\text{pms}} \approx 10^7 \left(\frac{M}{M_\odot}\right)^{-2.5}$ yr
- When star reaches MS, star is in both H.S / Thermo equilibrium; nearly homogeneous composition
 - metal poor stars are hotter & smaller than metal rich stars

* H-burning phase (similar for stars of all masses)

* since stars remain in equilibrium, changes occur due to changing composition of core

ex. as $H \rightarrow He$, $\mu \uparrow$ and $L \uparrow$ b/c $L \propto \mu^4 m^3$

- during central H-burning: $L \uparrow$, $X \downarrow$, $T_c \uparrow$ (still \sim constant), $\mu \uparrow$

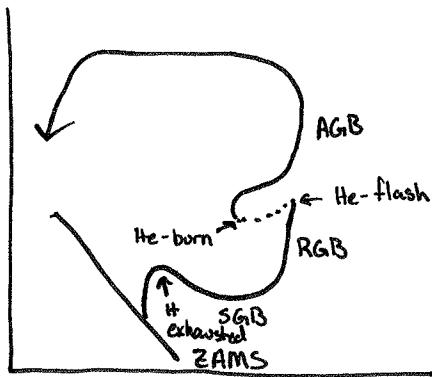
$\Rightarrow P_c \uparrow$ or $P_c \downarrow$ due to $\frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \propto \frac{T_c}{\mu}$ from E.O.S for ideal gas \therefore ENVELOPE EXPANDS

- if $M > 1.3 M_\odot$ (CNO stars): $P_c \downarrow$ b/c $E \propto pT^{18}$, larger envelope expansion
 convective core results in contraction + $T_c \uparrow$ in late stages of MS life

- if $M < 1.3 M_\odot$ (P-P stars): $E \propto pT^4 \Rightarrow$ smaller expansion

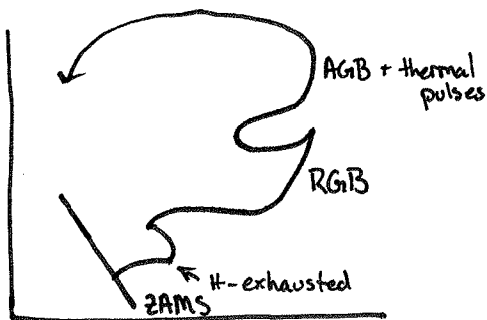
radiative core results in gradual depletion of X ; smoothly transitions to H-shell burning

* for star of $M < 2 M_{\odot}$



- After H exhausted in core, star transitions to H-shell burning ($L \uparrow$, $T_{\text{eff}} \downarrow$), which dumps He-ash onto an increasingly degenerate core. When degenerate core mass becomes large enough, through contraction it reaches a temperature high enough to start fusion via He-flash. After several flashes, the core degeneracy is lifted and the core expands, the envelope contracts, and $T \uparrow$ as the star is now constantly burning its He-core. Eventually, an inert C-O core is built up and the star begins He-shell burning (still w/ outer H-shell burning). If the convective part of outer envelope is large enough, C-O, from core is dredged up to surface where it forms dust that is blown away by star's radiation. This radiation induced mass loss causes the star to become a C-O white dwarf at the center of a planetary nebula.

* for a star of $M \sim 5 M_{\odot}$



Similar evolution to above, but star starts w/ convective core + radiative envelope. Once H is exhausted in core, star transitions to H-shell burning. Inert He-shell contracts + envelope expands until He-burning starts (Note: Core never becomes degenerate). As star begins to build up C/O in core, it becomes an AGB star and undergoes thermal pulses. These thermal pulses cause mass loss and begin forming a planetary nebula w/ C-O white dwarf at center.

Stellar Structure

* 4 equations of stellar structure

$$\frac{dr}{dm} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho}$$

$$\frac{dl}{dm} = \epsilon_{\text{nuc}}$$

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

$$\frac{dT}{dm} = \frac{-GM}{4\pi r^4} \frac{T}{P} \nabla; \quad \nabla = \sum \frac{\nabla_{\text{rad}}}{\nabla_{\text{ad}}} = \frac{-3K \rho P}{16\pi a c G m T^4}$$

Radiative Transport

$$\frac{v}{\rho} \frac{dI_\nu}{dz} = j_\nu - \kappa_\nu I_\nu \quad \text{or} \quad v \frac{dI_\nu}{dt} = I_\nu - S_\nu$$

* to find a general solution

$$\left(v \frac{dI_\nu}{dt} = I_\nu - S_\nu \right) e^{-\tau/v}$$

$$v \frac{dI_\nu}{dt} e^{-\tau/v} = I_\nu e^{-\tau/v} - S_\nu e^{-\tau/v}$$

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{dt} e^{-\tau/v} - \frac{I_\nu}{v} e^{-\tau/v} = -\frac{S_\nu}{v} e^{-\tau/v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \frac{d(I_\nu e^{-\tau/v})}{dt} = \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} -\frac{S_\nu}{v} e^{-\tau/v} dt$$

$$I_\nu e^{-\tau/v} \Big|_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} = \int -\frac{S_\nu}{v} e^{-\tau/v} dt$$

$$I_\nu(\tau_1) = I_\nu(\tau_2) e^{(\tau_1 - \tau_2)/v} + \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} -\frac{S_\nu}{v} e^{-\tau/v} dt$$

* moment of radiative field

Astro Qualifier Topic List

*This topic list covers the Spring 2012 to Spring 2015 Qualifiers

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 - ◊ Luminosity, Eddington Luminosity
 - ◊ Magnitudes
 - Power Law
 - Standard Candles
 - Cepheid Variable Stars
 - Type Ia SNe
- Binary Systems
 - Habitable Zones
 - ◊ Masses of bodies in system
 - Orbits/Semi-major axis calculations (from parallax)
 - Radial Velocity Curves
 - Separation Distance
 - Surface gravity calculations
 - Transits (both star and planet)
 - Transit depth
 - Transit duration
 - Luminosity calculations during transit
- Cosmology
 - Composition
 - Effects of relative abundances
 - Equations of state for each component
 - Constants and their meanings
 - Cosmological redshift and how to determine age from it
 - Distances
 - Angular diameter
 - Co-moving line of sight
 - Co-moving transverse
 - Luminosity
 - Friedman Equation
 - Inflation
 - Equation of state
 - Impact on energy/momentum
 - Scale factor (including derivation)
 - Surface brightness calculations
 - Type Ia SNe
 - Calculations
 - Uncertainties
- Galaxies
 - Age-metallicity relation
 - Components (include evidence)
 - Dark matter
 - Bulge
 - Halo
 - Cold/hot ISM

- Central black hole
 - Population I/II stars
- G-dwarf problem
- ✓ ○ Isophotal radius
- Luminosity functions
 - Schechter luminosity function
- Mass-light ratio
- Mergers
- ✓ ○ Rotational velocity curves
- Tully-Fisher Relation
- Thin v thick disk
- Interstellar gas clouds
 - Stromgren Sphere
 - Wind speed of expanding gas clouds
- Lorentz Force
- Kepler's Laws & Mechanics
- Neutron Stars
 - GR effects
 - Magnetic field strength
- Nuclear Fusion
 - ✓ ○ PP Chain (including rxn's and tunneling)
 - ✓ ○ CNO cycle (including rxn's)
 - Impact of fusion on elemental abundances outside of star
 - ✓ ○ S-process and r-process
 - ✓ ○ He burning
 - ✓ ○ Heavy element (C, O, Ne, Si) burning
- Planetary systems
 - Derive temperature
 - Derive period
- Pulsars
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 - Light Cylinder
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 - PP Diagram
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 - Timescales
 - ✓ ○ Evolutionary Tracks (including pre-MS)
 - ✓ ○ Formation
 - Initial Mass Function
 - Virial Theorem & Gravitational Energy
 - Lifetime estimates
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 - ✓ ○ 4 equations
 - Polytropes

- Hydro-static equilibrium calculations
 - Equations of State
- Radiative Transport
 - Plane-parallel approximation
 - Derive zeroth and first moments
 - Grey Atmosphere approximation
 - Optically thin v optically thick
 - Rosseland Mean Opacity
 - Source Functions, etc.
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 - Diffraction Limit
 - Quantum efficiency
 - CCD's
- Virial Theorem
 - Derive Jeans mass
 - Derive central temp of star
- 21 cm H-I Line
 - Temperature of Interstellar Medium
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