

4. Astrophysics

8.1 (units)

- kilogram(kg)
- meter(m)
- meters per second (m/s)
- meters per second squared (m/s^2)
- Newtons (N)
- seconds (s)
- Newton per kilogram (N/kg)

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- universe - large collection of billions of galaxies
- galaxy - large collection of billions of stars
- Milky Way galaxy - our galaxy

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Gravitational field strength (g) varies in different on other planets and the Moon because of the size/mass of the planets

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Gravitational force:

- causes moon to orbit planets
- causes the planets to orbit the sun
- causes artificial satellites to orbit the Earth
- causes comets to orbit the sun

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Moons and planets have a circular orbit and comets have an oval, unstable orbit

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orbital speed = $(2 \times \pi \times \text{orbital radius})/\text{time period}$

$$v = (2 \times \pi \times r)/t$$

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Larger stars are brighter than smaller stars

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Star's color changes depending on their surface temperature

- higher temperature stars have blue color
- lower temperature stars have red color

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Evolution of stars of similar mass to the Sun:

- Nebula
- Protostar
- star (main sequence)
- red giant
- white dwarf

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Evolution of stars much large than the sun:

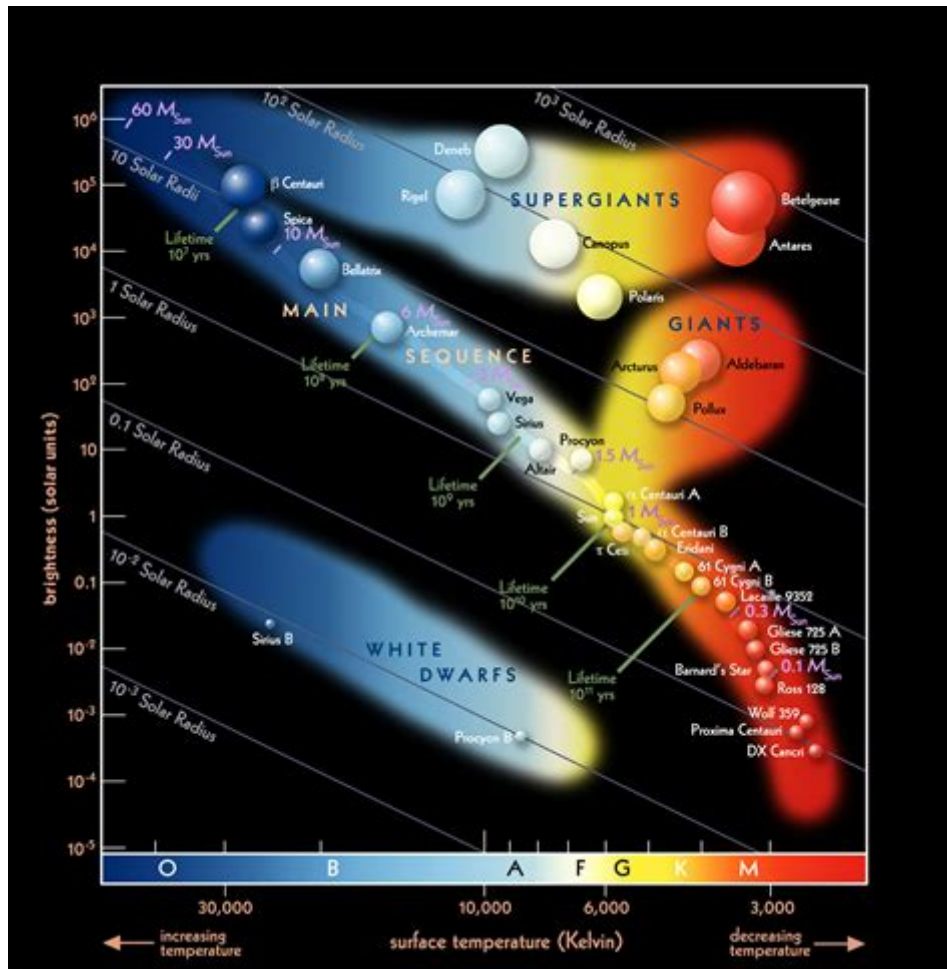
- Nebula
- Protostar
- star (main sequence)
- red super giant
- black hole or neutron star

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Brightness of a star at a standard distance can be represented using absolute magnitude

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Hertzsprung-Russel diagram (HR diagram)



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Big bang theory says that the universe originated billions of years ago in a rapid expansion from a single point of nearly infinite energy density

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Evidence that supports the Big Bang Theory:

- red-shift
- cosmic microwave background radiation

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If a wave source is moving relative to an observer there will be a change in the observed frequency and wavelength. Stars can be classified according to their color as red shift or blue shift because of the Doppler Effect

- Blue shift means the stars are moving closer
- Red shift means the stars are moving away

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(Change in wavelength)/(reference wavelength) = (velocity of a galaxy)/(speed of light)

$$(\lambda - \lambda_0)/\lambda_0 = \Delta\lambda/\lambda_0 = v/c$$

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Red-shift of galaxies provide evidence for the expansion of the universe because it indicates that galaxies are moving away