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MASSIVE ROTATING

This test is to show a 15 M_{\odot} rapidly rotating star. It starts with pre-main sequence model and evolves it until the mass fraction for center neon reaches 0.25 (xa_central_upper_limit_species(1) = 'ne20'; xa_central_upper_limit(1) = 0.25).

There are two inlists for this test. The first inlist creates the 15 M_{\odot} pre-main sequence model and evolves it until the nuclear burning luminosity reaches surface luminosity (Lnuc_div_L_upper_limit = 1). The second inlist sets a uniform rotational frequency to give surface omega = $0.5 \times \text{critical}$ omega for the first 10 steps with the following controls:

- change_rotation_flag = .true.
- new_rotation_flag = .true.
- set_initial_omega_div_omega_crit = .true.
- new_omega_div_omega_crit = 0.5
- set_omega_div_omega_crit_step_limit = 10

The HR-diagram below shows the evolution from the second inlist (figure 1), with some important features marked by the colored dots. The red dot marks the end of core hydrogen burning. The blue dot marks the start of core helium burning. The green dot marks the end of core helium burning. The orange dots mark the two points when the surface rotation frequency reaches the critical rotation frequency and significant mass loss occurs as a result.

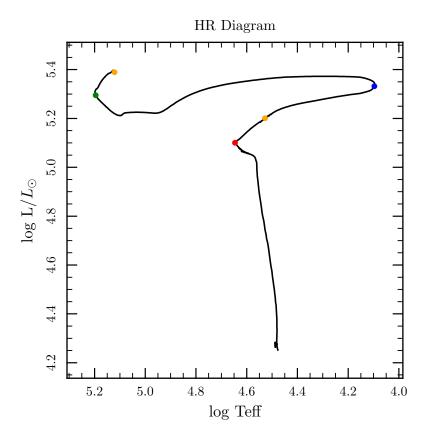
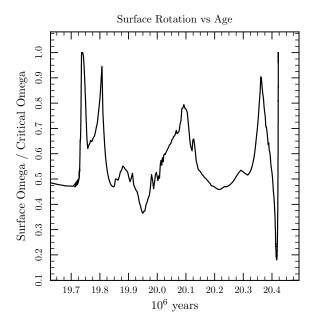


Figure 1: Red: end of core H burning, Blue: start of core He burning, Green: end of core He burning, Orange: critical rotation rates

The star keeps its relative surface rotation frequency until the first orange dot, starting just after 19.7 Myr. The plot to the left shows the evolution of the relative surface rotation frequency (figure 2). The plot to the right shows the log of the factor of increased mass loss rate due to rotation (e.g. factor of 1 means no additional mass loss from rotation, factor of 2 means rotation has doubled the mass loss rate). During the two peaks shown, rotation increased mass loss by a factor of 10^6 (figure 3).



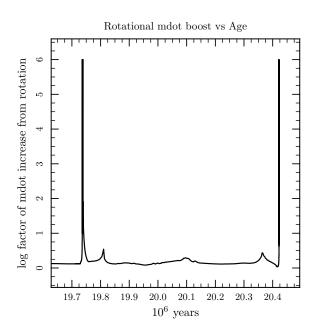


Figure 2: Surface omega/critical omega

Figure 3: log of factor of increase in mass loss rate due to rotation

To the left is a plot of the mass and total angular momentum for the last 6 Myr of the run (figure 4). To the right is a plot of the evolution of the center temperature and density (figure 5).

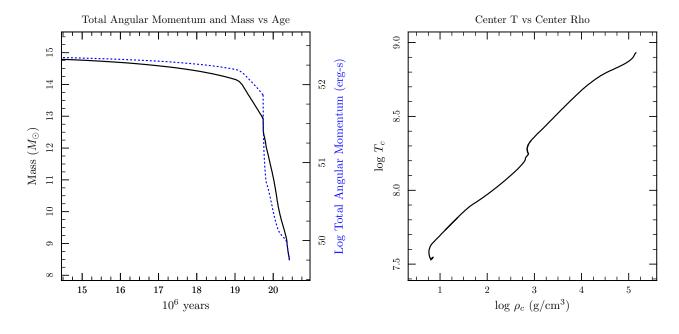


Figure 4 Figure 5

All of the plots on this page are profile from the first orange dot on the HR-diagram (figure 1). The following two profiles show the magnetic fields generated by the Taylor-Spruit dynamo in the poloidal (radial) and toroidal (azimuthal) components. The profile to the left (figure 6) shows that these magnetic fields are only being generated in the radiative region between convection zones. The profile to the right (figure 7) shows how magnetic field generation is affected by rotation rate.

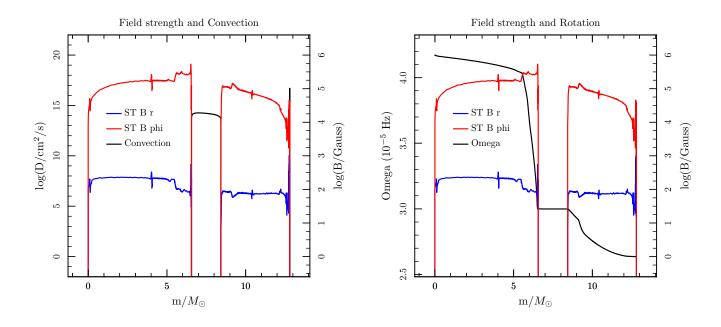
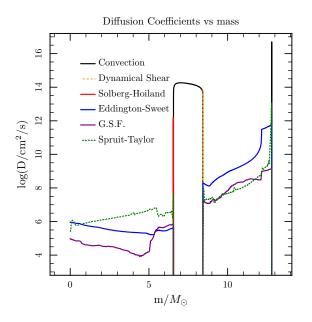
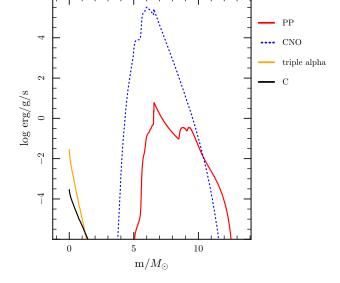


Figure 6: Magnetic field generation and Convection at first orange Figure 7: Magnetic field generation and Rotation frequency at first dot

The profile to the left shows a number of diffusion coefficients (figure 8). To the right is a burning rate profile (figure 9).





Burn rate vs mass

Figure 8: Diffusion coefficients at first orange dot

Figure 9: Burning rate profile at first orange dot

All of the plots on this page are profile from the second orange dot on the HR-diagram (figure 1). The following two profiles show the magnetic fields generated by the Taylor-Spruit dynamo in the poloidal (radial) and toroidal (azimuthal) components. The profile to the left (figure 10) shows that these magnetic fields are only being generated in the radiative region between convection zones. The profile to the right (figure 11) shows how magnetic field generation is affected by rotation rate.

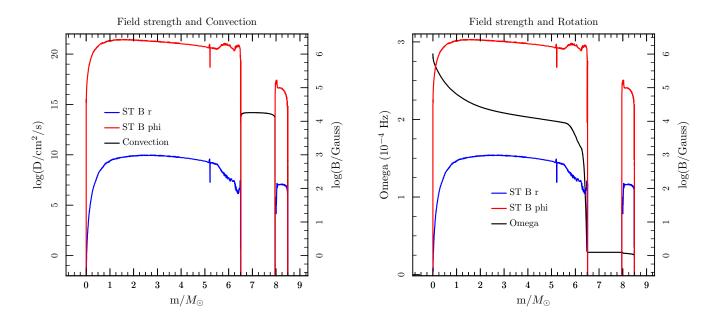
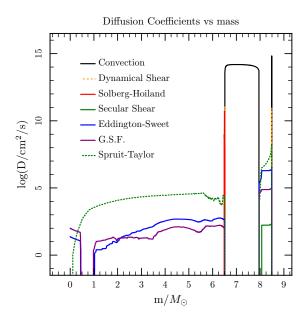
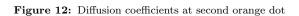


Figure 10: Magnetic field generation and Convection at second orange dot Figure 11: Magnetic field generation and Rotation frequency at secange dot

The profile to the left shows a number of diffusion coefficients (figure 12). To the right is a burning rate profile (figure 13).





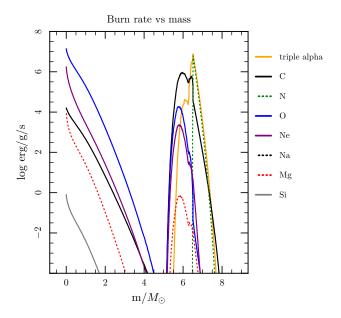


Figure 13: Burning rate profile at second orange dot

Below is a profile of the abundances at the end of the run (figure 14).

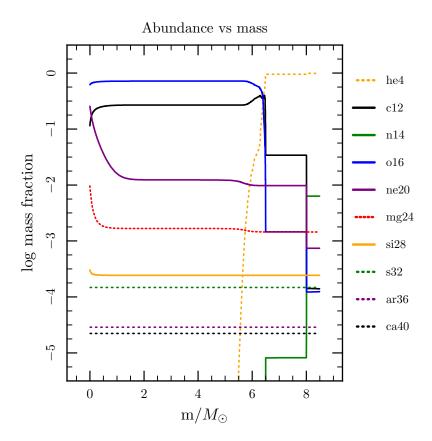


Figure 14: Abundance profile from end of run

This final plot (figure 15) shows a few internal MESA variables, such as the size of the time-step, the number of zones, and the number of retries against the model number in order to give some understanding of how hard MESA is working throughout the run and where some areas of problems/interest might be.

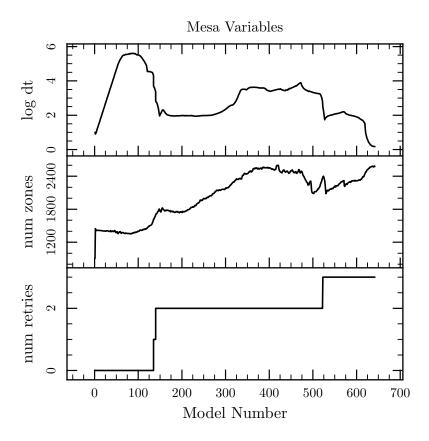


Figure 15: MESA variables plotted against model number show how hard MESA is working