

PRESUPERNOVA EVOLUTION OF DIFFERENTIALLY ROTATING MASSIVE STARS INCLUDING MAGNETIC FIELDS

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ABSTRACT

As a massive star evolves through multiple stages of nuclear burning on its way to becoming a supernova, a complex, differentially rotating structure is set up. Angular momentum is transported by a variety of classic instabilities and also by magnetic torques from fields generated by the differential rotation. We present the first stellar evolution calculations to follow the evolution of rotating massive stars including, at least approximately, all these effects, magnetic and nonmagnetic, from the zero-age main sequence until the onset of iron-core collapse. The evolution and action of the magnetic fields is as described by Spruit in 2002, and a range of uncertain parameters is explored. In general, we find that magnetic torques decrease the final rotation rate of the collapsing iron core by about a factor of 30–50 when compared with the nonmagnetic counterparts. Angular momentum in that part of the presupernova star destined to become a neutron star is an increasing function of main-sequence mass. That is, pulsars derived from more massive stars rotate faster and rotation plays a more important role in the star’s explosion. The final angular momentum of the core has been determined—to within a factor of 2—by the time the star ignites carbon burning. For the lighter stars studied, around $15 M_{\odot}$, we predict pulsar periods at birth near 15 ms, though a factor of 2 range is easily tolerated by the uncertainties. Several mechanisms for additional braking in a young neutron star, especially by fallback, are explored.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Massive stars are known to be rapid rotators with typical equatorial velocities around 200 km s^{-1} or more during hydrogen burning (e.g., Fukuda 1982). It has long been known that this much rotation could have a significant influence on the evolution of the star, both on the main sequence and during its later stages of evolution (Endal & Sofia 1976, 1978; Heger et al. 2000; Maeder & Meynet 2001; Hirschi et al. 2004). For example, on the main sequence, surface abundance patterns are observed (Gies & Lambert 1992; Herrero 1993; Vrancken et al. 2000; Venn 1999) that are most naturally explained by rotationally induced mixing in the stellar interior (Venn 1999; Heger & Langer 2000; Meynet & Maeder 2000).

Numerical studies of the later evolutionary stages of rotating massive stars initially found that the stellar core would reach critical (Keplerian) rotation by the time carbon ignited in the core (Kippenhahn et al. 1970; Endal & Sofia 1976), especially when angular momentum transport is neglected. Thus, one might encounter triaxial deformation early on, with continued evolution hovering near instability. Modern stellar models that include more instabilities capable of transporting angular momentum find that considerable angular momentum is lost from the core during hydrogen and helium burning (Endal & Sofia 1978), especially when the stabilizing effect of composition gradients is reduced (Pinsonneault et al. 1989; Heger et al.

2000; Maeder & Meynet 2004; Hirschi et al. 2004). Such stars now evolve to iron core collapse but still form very rapidly rotating ($\sim 1 \text{ ms}$) neutron stars.

However, with the exception of Spruit & Phinney (1998) and Maeder & Meynet (2004), all studies of massive stellar evolution to date have ignored what is probably a major effect, the torques exerted in differentially rotating regions by the magnetic fields that thread them. This omission has not been because such torques were thought to be unimportant but because of the complexity and uncertainty of carrying out even one-dimensional calculations that included them. This uncertainty, in turn, related to the absence of a credible physical theory that would even qualitatively describe the separate evolution of the radial and poloidal components of the field, both of which are necessary to calculate the torque,

$$S = \frac{B_r B_{\phi}}{4\pi}. \quad (1)$$

Spruit & Phinney (1998) estimated these torques assuming that the poloidal field results from differential winding and that the radial field would, because of the action of unspecified instabilities, be comparable. Particular attention was paid to the region of large shear that separates the core of helium and heavy elements from the very slowly rotating hydrogen envelope of a

red supergiant star. This assumption, $B_r \sim B_\phi$, probably overestimated the actual B_r by orders of magnitude, and the rotation rates that Spruit & Phinney (1998) estimated for young pulsars were thus too slow (see also Livio & Pringle 1998).

More recently, Spruit (2002) provided improved estimates for B_r and B_ϕ based on a dynamo process that takes into account the effect of stable stratifications. Here we investigate the effect of this prescription in a stellar evolution code used to study the complete evolution of massive stars. Particular attention is given to the rotation rate it implies for young neutron stars. In § 2, we describe the physical and numerical modeling. In § 3, the results for 12, 15, 20, 25 and 35 M_\odot stars are presented and, in § 4, compared with observational data. Typical neutron star rotation rates, at birth, are ~ 15 ms. In § 5, we discuss other possible ways that such rapidly rotating stars might be slowed during the first days of their evolution by magnetic winds and fallback. The surface abundance changes due to rotationally induced mixing are discussed in § 6, and in § 7 we give our conclusions.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF MAGNETIC BRAKING

The treatment of magnetic torques given by Spruit (2002) was implemented in a version of the implicit hydrodynamics stellar evolution code (KEPLER; Weaver et al. 1978) that already included angular momentum transport and mixing due to a number of nonmagnetic processes. See Heger et al. (2000) for a discussion of these nonmagnetic instabilities and Spruit (1999, 2002) for a detailed description of the dynamo mechanism. Here we discuss only the implementation of and results from that physical model.

Both angular momentum transport and chemical mixing are calculated by solving the time-dependent diffusion equation (Heger et al. 2000). It is assumed that the dynamo adjusts and reaches equilibrium field strength on a timescale that is short compared to the evolution timescales of the star; i.e., we neglect the time required to reach the steady state field strength and distribution described by Spruit (2002) and only apply their equilibrium values. This should be a reasonable approximation in all but the most advanced burning stages, which occur when the angular momentum distribution has already been frozen in. The validity of this assumption is revisited in § 7.

2.1. The Dynamo Process in Radiative Regions

Spruit (2002) discusses two limiting cases: stabilization by composition gradients (Spruit's case 0) and stabilization by superadiabatic temperature gradients (Spruit's case 1). Realistic stellar models exhibit both kinds of gradients at same time, so the intermediate case must also be included (see also Maeder & Meynet 2004). Here and in Appendices A and B we derive, for the case of a general equation of state, the expression for the adiabatic indexes and the Brunt-Väisälä frequency.

The effective viscosity, ν_e , for the radial transport of angular momentum results from azimuthal stress due to the field generated by the dynamo, $S = B_r B_\phi / 4\pi$. Its value is given by

$$\nu_e \equiv S / \rho q \Omega. \quad (2)$$

See also equations (34)–(40) of Spruit (2002). We also implement the “effective diffusivity,” $D_e \equiv \eta_e$, given in his equations (41)–(43). Here Ω is the angular velocity, $q = d \ln \Omega / d \ln r$ is the shear, r is the radius, ρ is the density, and S is the stress.

For application outside the regime of “ideal gas with radiation,” where the gradient of the mean molecular weight determines

the stabilization, we replace N_μ^2 by a more general formulation (N_{comp}^2) but do not change nomenclature. This way the discussion in Spruit (2002) can be followed without further revision. Generally, the Brunt-Väisälä frequency is

$$N^2 = \frac{g}{H_p} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma_1} - \frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln P} \right), \quad (3)$$

where $g = -GM(r)/r^2$ is the local gravitational acceleration, P is the pressure, $H_p = -dr/d \ln P$ is the pressure scale height, and the derivatives are total derivatives in the star. The compositional contribution to the Brunt-Väisälä frequency is given by

$$N_\mu^2 = \frac{g}{H_p} \left(\alpha - \delta \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P} - \frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln P} \right), \quad (4)$$

where T is the temperature. The thermodynamic quantities α , δ , and Γ_1 obey their common definitions (e.g., Kippenhahn & Weigert 1994). Again, the derivatives are the actual gradients in the star, not thermodynamic derivatives. The thermal contribution to the Brunt-Väisälä frequency is then given by

$$N_T^2 = N^2 - N_\mu^2 = \frac{g}{H_p} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma_1} - \alpha + \delta \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P} \right). \quad (5)$$

As stated above, we use the symbol N_μ^2 to indicate (the square of) the Brunt-Väisälä frequency due to the composition gradient for a general equation of state ($\equiv N_{\text{comp}}^2$), not just due to changes of mean molecular weight, μ . Appendices A and B give a derivation of the general expressions. This formulation is identical with the stability analysis for the different regimes (next section) as used in KEPLER and is therefore necessary for consistency in regimes in which the assumption of an ideal gas is a poor approximation.

2.2. The Dynamo in Semiconvective and Thermohaline Regions

In addition to the radiative regime, I, where both composition gradients and temperature gradients are stabilizing, other regimes have to be considered in which “secular” mixing processes operate. These are secular processes, as opposed to processes such as convection, which operate on a hydrodynamic timescale. Two of these are semiconvection (II; where a stabilizing composition gradient dominates a destabilizing temperature gradient) and thermohaline convection, also called the salt-finger instability (III; where a stabilizing temperature gradient dominates a destabilizing composition gradient; e.g., Braun 1997; Heger et al. 2000, their Fig. 1 for an overview). The final regime of hydrodynamic instability in nonrotating stars is that of Ledoux convection (Ledoux 1958; regime IV; where the destabilizing temperature gradient is stronger than any stabilization by the composition gradient). In the Ledoux regime, effective viscosities and diffusivities are given by mixing-length theory (Heger et al. 2000). A very approximate treatment of regimes II and III is given in the next two sections.

2.2.1. The Semiconvective Case

In semiconvective regions (regime II), the square of the thermal buoyancy frequency is negative, and thus the limiting case 1 of Spruit (2002; see § 2.1) would be convection. Instead of equation (34) of Spruit (2002), we first compute a “dynamo” effective viscosity by

$$\nu_{\text{re}} = \nu_e f(q), \quad (6)$$

with ν_{e0} from equation (35) of Spruit (2002) and $q_{\min} = q_0$ (eqs. [37]–[39] of Spruit 2002).

We adopt the Spruit (1992) model for mixing and transport of heat in semiconvective regions. As in corresponding laboratory and geophysical systems, the transport in this model takes place by overturning motions in thin layers separated by jumps across which the transport is by diffusion. For the sake of simplicity, an effective turbulent viscosity is computed,

$$\nu_{\text{sc}} \equiv \frac{1}{3} H_P \nu_{\text{conv}}, \quad (7)$$

using the velocities according to mixing-length theory (Schwarzschild & Härm 1958) assuming Schwarzschild convection (i.e., when the μ gradient is neglected),

$$\nu_{\text{conv}} \equiv \left(\frac{g \delta H_P L}{64 \pi \rho c_P T r^2} \right)^{1/3} \quad (8)$$

(e.g., as derived from eqs. [7.6] and [7.7] of Kippenhahn & Weigert 1994) and assuming a characteristic mixing length scale of H_P (however, see Spruit 1992). Here c_P is the specific heat capacity at constant pressure.

Finally, we assume that the actual viscosity is somewhere between that of the case of mere semiconvection and that of the dynamo dominated by composition stratification and take the geometric mean between the two viscosities,

$$\nu_e \equiv \sqrt{\nu_{\text{re}} \nu_{\text{sc}}}. \quad (9)$$

The effective (“turbulent”) diffusion coefficient D_e for the constituents of the gas mixture is computed in a way analogous to the effective viscosity ν_e . Because of the properties of layered semiconvection (Spruit 1992), D_{sc} is much smaller than the effective thermal diffusivity, and it is negligible in typical stellar environments. In the absence of a model for semiconvection in the presence of the magnetic turbulence considered here, we just add the magnetic and nonmagnetic contributions, i.e., $D = D_e + D_{\text{sc}}$. Implemented in this way, diffusion typically has a negligible effect on the composition profiles.

2.2.2. The Thermohaline Case

In this regime (III) the compositional buoyancy frequency becomes negative and the limiting case 0 would be Rayleigh-Taylor unstable. We assume the limiting case 1 of Spruit (2002) and compute $\nu_e = \nu_{e1}$, $D_e = D_{e1}$, and $q_{\min} = q_1$, analogous to the semiconvective case.

In massive stars, thermohaline convection typically occurs following radiative shell burning in the fuel “trace” left behind by a receding central convective burning phase. The higher temperature of shell burning can sometimes create heavier ashes than core burning, and the resulting compositional structure is unstable. The contraction phase after central helium burning is the most important domain in massive stars.

Generally, the motions associated with the growth of this instability (“salt fingers”) are very slow. Thus, the interaction with the dynamo is much more restricted than in the case of semiconvection. Therefore, we do *not* employ an interpolation between the dynamo effective radial viscosity or diffusivity, as is done in § 2.2.1.

2.3. Evaluating the Magnetic Field Strength

The most interesting result of the dynamo model is the magnetic field strength. Combining equations (21), (23), (35), and (36) of Spruit (2002), one has

$$\nu_e = r^2 \Omega \left(\frac{B_r}{B_\phi} \right)^2. \quad (10)$$

Using his equation (28), the components of the field are

$$B_r^4 = 16 \pi^2 \rho^2 \nu_e^3 q^2 \Omega r^{-2}, \quad (11)$$

$$B_\phi^4 = 16 \pi^2 \rho^2 \nu_e q^2 \Omega^3 r^2. \quad (12)$$

3. RESULTS INCLUDING MAGNETIC TORQUES

3.1. Implementation

Based on the assumptions in § 2, the full evolution of stars of 12, 15, 20, 25, and 35 M_\odot of solar metallicity was calculated. For comparison, equivalent models were also calculated without magnetic fields for three of these stars. The initial models and input physics were the same as in Rauscher et al. (2002), but the total angular momentum of the star was chosen such that a typical initial equatorial rotation velocity of $\sim 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (Fukuda 1982) was reached on the zero-age main sequence (ZAMS; see Heger et al. 2000). Time-dependent mixing and angular momentum transport were followed, as discussed by Heger et al. (2000), with the turbulent viscosities and diffusivities from the dynamo model added to those from the model for the hydrodynamic instabilities. For the time being, possible interactions between the two are neglected (but see Maeder & Meynet 2004). Our standard case (B) implements the description as outlined in the previous sections.

3.2. Presupernova Models and Pulsar Rotation Rates

Tables 1–6 and Figure 1 summarize our principal results. As also noted by Maeder & Meynet (2004), the inclusion of magnetic torques with a magnitude given by Spruit (2002), greatly decreases the differential rotation of the star, leading to more slowly rotating cores.

For illustration, we consider in some detail the evolution of the 15 M_\odot model with standard parameter settings. Table 1 shows that, over the course of the entire evolution, the total angular momentum enclosed by fiducial spheres of mass coordinate 1.5, 2.5, and 3.5 M_\odot decreases in the magnetic models by a factor of 100 to 200, far more than in the nonmagnetic comparison model. In both cases most of the angular momentum transport occurs prior to carbon ignition (Figs. 2 and 3). The greatest fractional decrease occurs during the transition from hydrogen depletion to helium ignition (Table 1, Fig. 2), as the star adjusts to its new red giant structure. During this transition, the central density goes up by a factor of about 100 (from 11 to 1400 g cm^{-3}) with an accompanying increase in differential rotation and shear. Though the angular momentum evolves little after carbon burning, modified only by local shells of convection, there is a factor of 2 change after carbon ignition (central temperature = $5 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$).

The magnetic torques are sufficiently strong to enforce rigid rotation both on the main sequence and in the helium core during helium burning for all masses considered (see also Maeder & Meynet 2004). The appreciable braking that occurs during hydrogen and helium burning is therefore a consequence of mass loss and evolving stellar structure, especially the formation of a

TABLE 1
EVOLUTION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM INSIDE FIDUCIAL MASS COORDINATES FOR $15 M_{\odot}$ STAR

EVOLUTION STAGE	MAGNETIC STAR			NONMAGNETIC STAR		
	$J(1.5)$ (ergs s)	$J(2.5)$ (ergs s)	$J(3.5)$ (ergs s)	$J(1.5)$ (ergs s)	$J(2.5)$ (ergs s)	$J(3.5)$ (ergs s)
ZAMS	1.75×10^{50}	4.20×10^{50}	7.62×10^{50}	2.30×10^{50}	5.53×10^{50}	1.00×10^{51}
H-burn ^a	1.31×10^{50}	3.19×10^{50}	5.83×10^{50}	1.51×10^{50}	3.68×10^{50}	6.72×10^{50}
H-dep	5.02×10^{49}	1.26×10^{50}	2.37×10^{50}	1.36×10^{50}	3.41×10^{50}	6.37×10^{50}
He-ign ^c	4.25×10^{48}	1.21×10^{49}	2.57×10^{49}	1.16×10^{50}	2.98×10^{50}	4.87×10^{50}
He-burn ^d	2.85×10^{48}	7.84×10^{48}	1.83×10^{49}	7.06×10^{49}	1.85×10^{50}	3.86×10^{50}
He-dep ^e	2.23×10^{48}	5.95×10^{48}	1.21×10^{49}	4.72×10^{49}	1.26×10^{50}	2.52×10^{50}
C-ign ^f	1.88×10^{48}	5.52×10^{48}	1.12×10^{49}	4.69×10^{49}	1.26×10^{50}	2.46×10^{50}
C-dep ^g	8.00×10^{47}	3.26×10^{48}	9.08×10^{48}	4.06×10^{49}	1.25×10^{50}	2.24×10^{50}
O-dep ^h	7.85×10^{47}	3.19×10^{48}	8.43×10^{48}	3.94×10^{49}	1.20×10^{50}	1.99×10^{50}
Si-dep ⁱ	7.76×10^{47}	3.05×10^{48}	7.23×10^{48}	3.75×10^{49}	1.16×10^{50}	1.95×10^{50}
PreSN ^j	7.55×10^{47}	2.59×10^{48}	7.31×10^{48}	3.59×10^{49}	1.09×10^{50}	1.94×10^{50}

^a At 40% central hydrogen mass fraction.

^b At 1% hydrogen left in the core.

^c At 1% helium burned.

^d At 50% central helium mass fraction.

^e At 1% helium left in the core.

^f Central temperature of 5×10^8 K.

^g Central temperature of 1.2×10^9 K.

^h Central oxygen mass fraction drops below 5%.

ⁱ Central Si mass fraction drops below $\times 10^{-4}$.

^j Infall velocity reaches 1000 km s^{-1} .

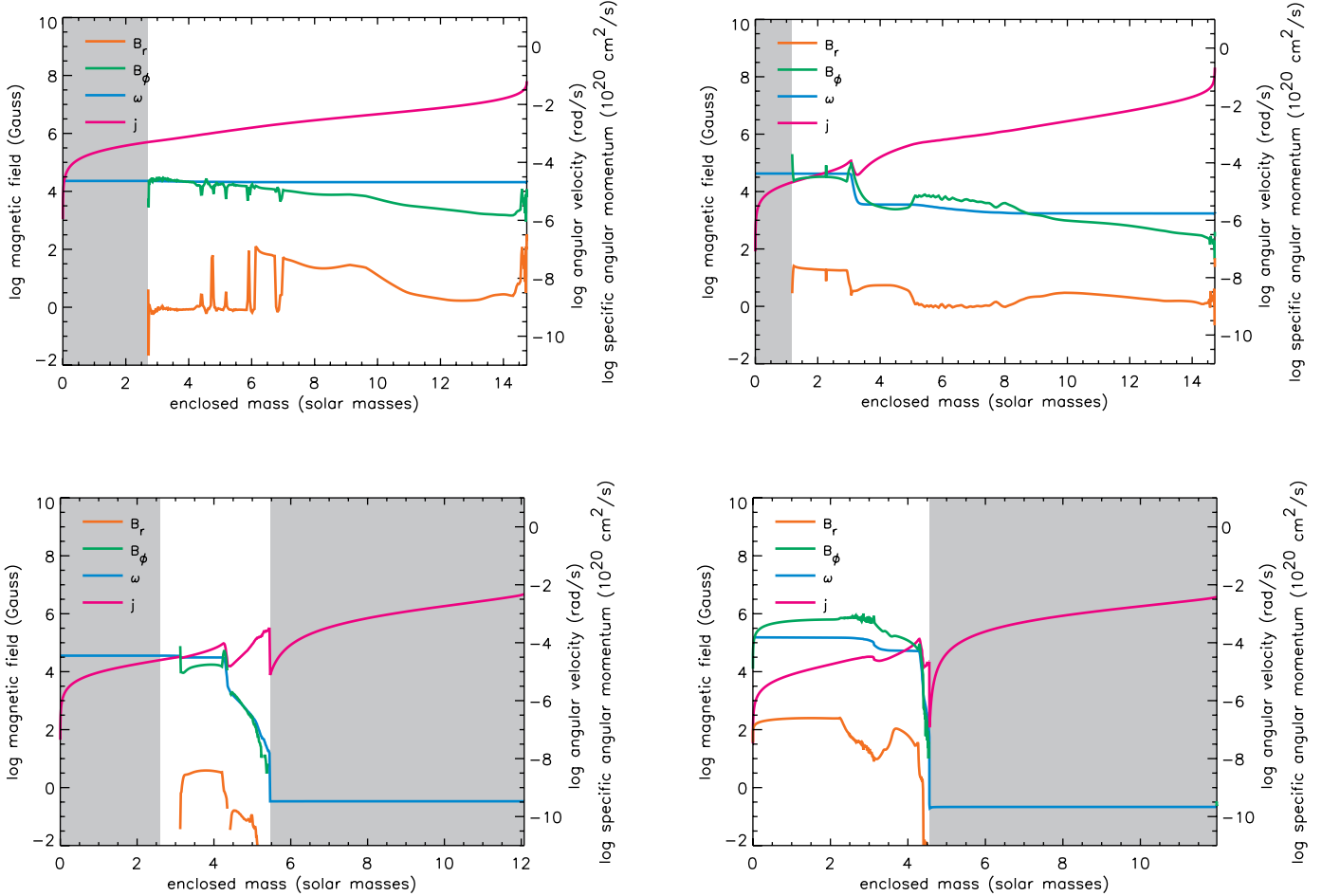


FIG. 1.—Magnetic field structure and angular momentum distribution for the standard $15 M_{\odot}$ model at hydrogen depletion (top left), helium ignition (top right), helium depletion (bottom left), and carbon ignition (bottom right). See Table 1 for the definitions of these times. The shaded regions are those portions of the star that are convective. In those regions large diffusion coefficients for angular momentum lead to nearly rigid rotation in all but the latest stages of the evolution.

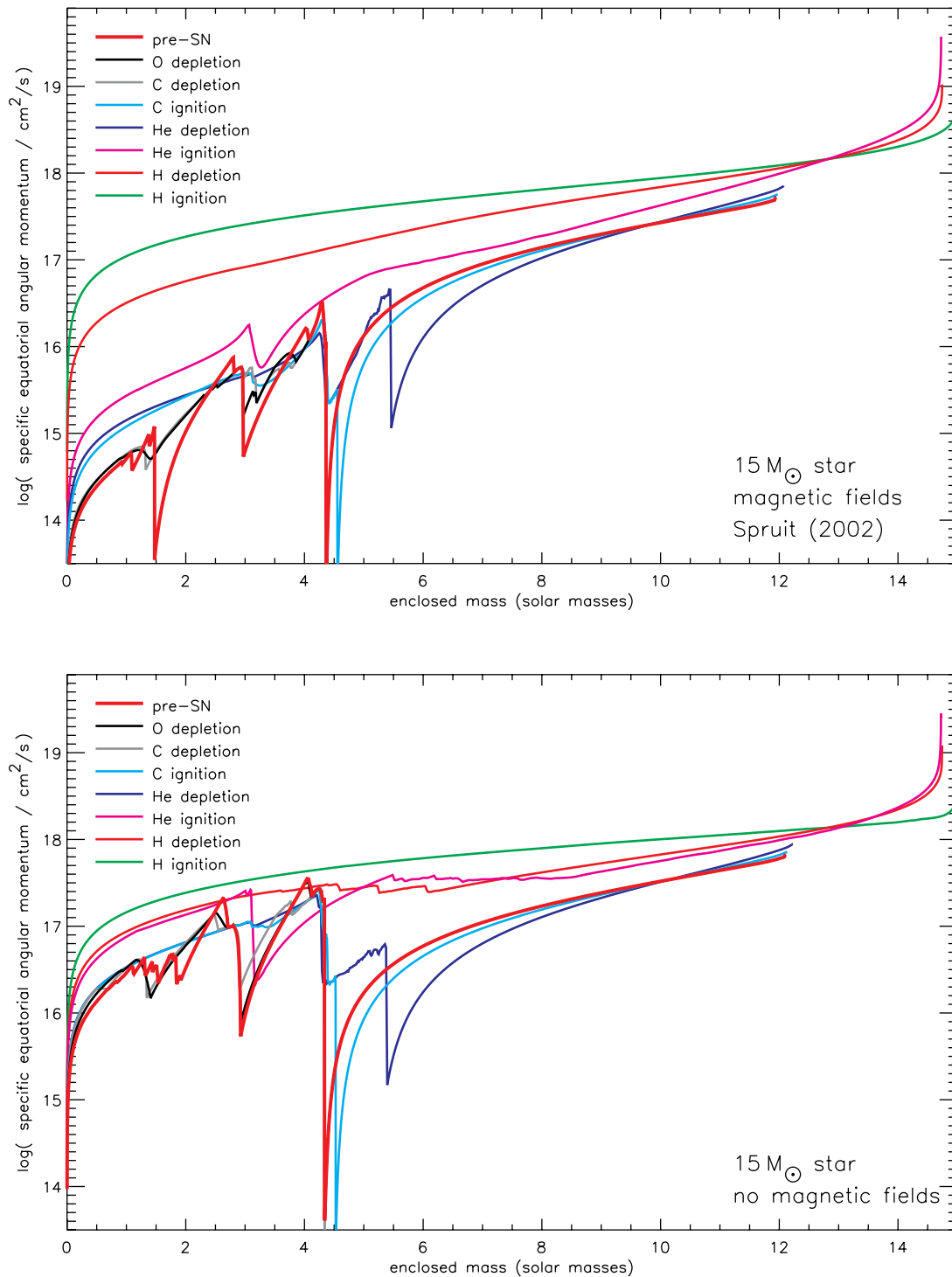
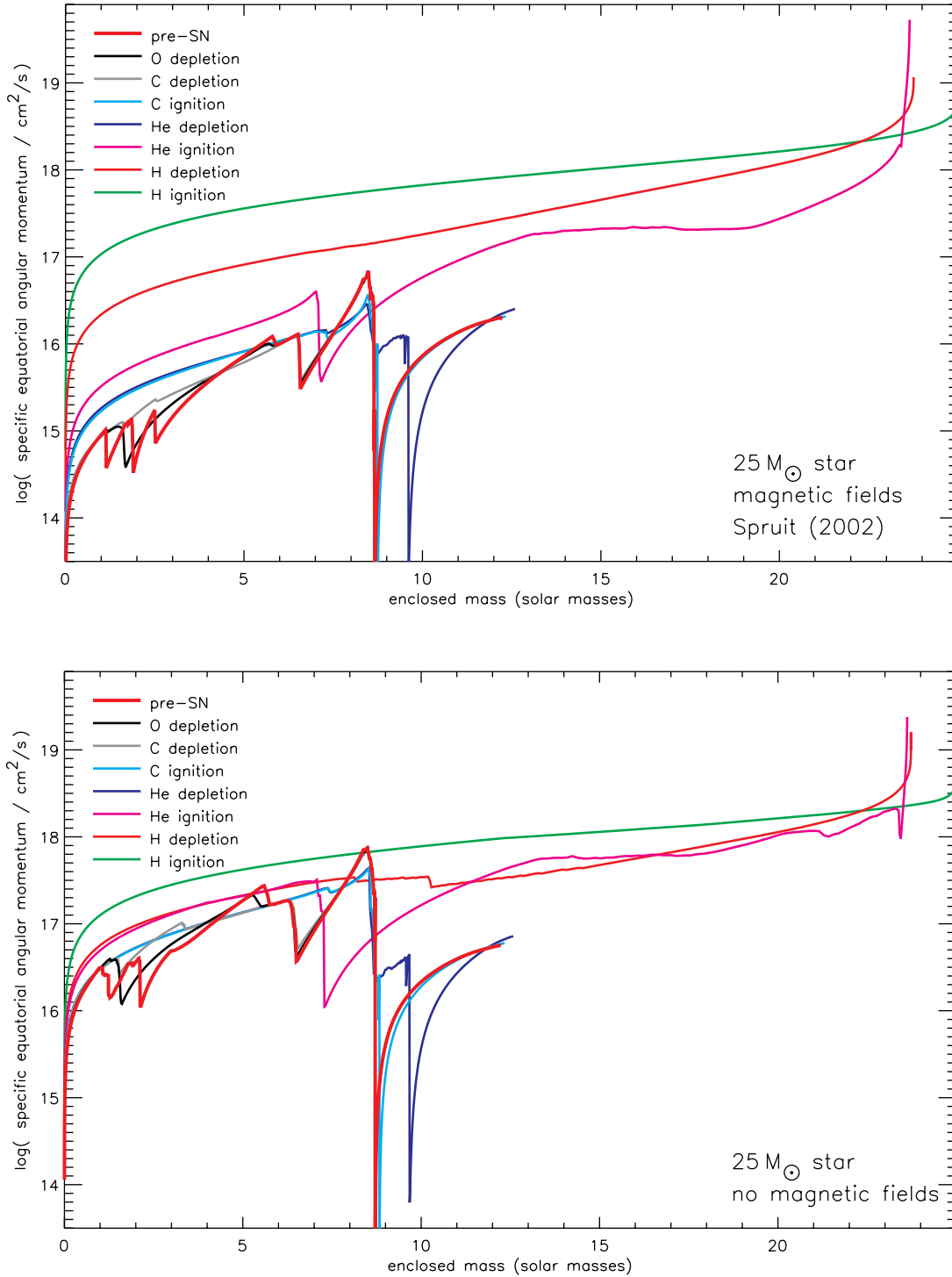


FIG. 2.—Specific angular momentum distribution for the standard $15 M_{\odot}$ model with (*top*) and without (*bottom*) magnetic fields at different evolution stages. See Table 1 for the definitions of these times.

slowly rotating hydrogen envelope around a rapidly rotating helium core. Typically, the more massive stars spend a shorter time during the critical Kelvin-Helmholtz contraction between hydrogen depletion and helium ignition and also have a shorter helium burning lifetime. Hence, even though they actually have a little *less* angular momentum at the fiducial mass points in Table 1 on the main sequence, the more massive stars have *more* angular momentum in their cores at the end of helium burning. This distinction persists, and the more massive stars give birth to more rapidly rotating neutron stars.

Stars that include all the usual nonmagnetic mechanisms for rotational mixing and angular momentum transport (Heger et al. 2000) but that lack magnetic fields have a considerably different evolution and end up with 30 to 50 times more angular momentum in that part of their core destined to collapse to a neutron star (Tables 1 and 3, Figs. 2 and 3). Most notable is the lack of appreciable braking of the helium core by the outer layers in the period between hydrogen core depletion and helium ignition. The post-carbon-ignition braking that accounted for an additional factor of 2 in the magnetic case is also much weaker. In

FIG. 3.—Same as Fig. 2, but for $25 M_{\odot}$ stars.

fact, the inner $1.5 M_{\odot}$ of the $15 M_{\odot}$ model has only about 5 times less angular momentum at core collapse than implied by strict conservation from the (rigidly rotating) main sequence onward. As noted previously many times, such a large amount of angular momentum would have important consequences for the supernova explosion mechanism. Rigidly rotating neutron stars cannot have a period shorter than about 1 ms.

Table 2 gives the magnetic field components that exist in different parts of the star during different evolutionary phases. The magnetic field is highly variable from location to location in the star, and the values given are representative but not accurate to better

than a factor of a few (Fig. 1), especially during the late stages. As expected, the toroidal field, which comes from differential winding, is orders of magnitude larger than the radial field generated by the Tayler instability. The product $B_{\phi} B_r$ scales very approximately as the central density with the ratio B_r/B_{ϕ} times $\sim 10^{-3}$ to 10^{-4} . Though the formulae used here are expected to break down during core collapse, a simple extrapolation to $\times 10^{15} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ for the central density of a neutron star suggests B_{ϕ} times $\sim 10^{14}$ and B_r times $\sim 10^{10}$.

Table 3 gives the expected pulsar rotation rates based on a set of standard assumptions (see column headed “Std.”). Following

TABLE 2
APPROXIMATE MAGNETIC FIELD AND ANGULAR VELOCITY EVOLUTION IN A $15 M_{\odot}$ STAR AT THE LAGRANGIAN MASS COORDINATE M_{samp}

Evolution Stage	M_{samp} (M_{\odot})	ρ_{samp} (g cm^{-3})	R_{samp} (10^9 cm)	B_{ϕ} (G)	B_r (G)	Ω (rad s^{-1})
MS ^a	5.0	1.9	90	2×10^4	0.5	4×10^{-5}
TAMS ^b	3.5	2.7	67	3×10^4	1	2×10^{-5}
He ignition ^c	3.5	0.90	52	5×10^3	5	4×10^{-6}
	1.5	470	9.8	3×10^4	20	4×10^{-5}
He depletion ^d	3.5	150	14	2×10^4	3.5	3×10^{-5}
C ignition ^e	1.5	1×10^4	3.5	6×10^5	250	2×10^{-4}
C depletion ^f	1.2	3×10^5	0.80	3×10^7	5×10^3	1×10^{-3}
O depletion ^g	1.5	4×10^5	0.73	2×10^7	2×10^3	1×10^{-3}
Si depletion ^h	1.5	2×10^6	0.44	5×10^7	5×10^3	3×10^{-3}
PreSN ⁱ	1.3	5×10^7	0.12	5×10^9	1×10^6	5×10^{-2}

Evolution Stage	M_{samp} (M_{\odot})	ρ_c (g cm^{-3})	T_c (10^9 K)	t_{death} (s)
MS	5.0	5.6	0.035	2.0×10^{14}
TAMS	3.5	11	0.045	6.4×10^{13}
He ignition	3.5	1400	0.159	6.0×10^{13}
He ignition	1.5	1400	0.159	6.0×10^{13}
He depletion	3.5	2700	0.255	1.4×10^{12}
C ignition	1.5	3.8×10^4	0.50	2.4×10^{11}
C depletion	1.2	7.0×10^6	1.20	3.4×10^8
O depletion	1.5	1.0×10^7	2.20	1.1×10^7
Si depletion	1.5	4.8×10^7	3.76	8.3×10^4
PreSN	1.3	8.7×10^9	6.84	0.5

^a At 40% central hydrogen mass fraction.

^b At 1% hydrogen left in the core.

^c At 1% helium burned.

^d At 1% helium left in the core.

^e Central temperature of $5 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$.

^f Central temperature of $1.2 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$.

^g Central oxygen mass fraction drops below 5%.

^h Central Si mass fraction drops below $\times 10^{-4}$.

ⁱ Infall velocity reaches 1000 km s^{-1} .

Lattimer & Prakash (2001), it is assumed that all neutron stars (with realistic masses) have a radius of 12 km and a moment of inertia $0.35 M_{\text{grav}} R^2$. Adding the binding energy to the gravitational mass, assumed in Table 3 to be $1.4 M_{\odot}$ gives the baryonic mass of the core that collapsed to the neutron star, $1.7 M_{\odot}$. Taking the angular momentum inside $1.7 M_{\odot}$ from the presupernova model, assuming conservation during collapse, and solving for the period then gives the values in the table.

3.3. Sensitivity to Uncertain Parameters

It is expected that our results are sensitive to several uncertain factors, including the effect of composition gradients, the effi-

ciency of the dynamo in generating magnetic field, and the initial angular momentum of the star. To some extent, these uncertainties are reduced by the strong sensitivity of the expected magnetic torques to rotation speed and differential shear (eq. [34]–[36] of Spruit 2002). Composition gradients have very significant influence on the resulting angular momentum transport by inhibiting the action of the dynamo. In particular, composition interfaces, as resulting from the nuclear burning processes in combination with convection, usually also show significant shear, but if the dynamo action is suppressed by a steep change in mean molecular weight, angular momentum can become “trapped” in a fashion similar to that observed by Heger et al. (2000). To

TABLE 3
PULSAR ROTATION RATE DEPENDENCE ON DYNAMO MODEL PARAMETERS^a

INITIAL MASS (M_{\odot})	Std.	N_{μ}^2		N_T^2		$B_{\phi}B_r$		Ω_{ZAMS}		$B = 0$
		0.1	10	0.1	10	0.1	10	0.5	1.5	
		Period (ms)								
12.....	9.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15.....	11	24	4.4	12	10	5.7	21	9.8	10	0.20
20.....	6.9	14	3.2	8.4	6.4	3.3	11	7.2	6.5 ^b	0.21
25.....	6.8	13	3.1	7.3	4.9	2.6	13	7.1	4.3 ^b	0.22
35.....	4.4 ^b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

^a All numbers here can be multiplied by 1.2–1.3 to account for the angular momentum carried away by neutrinos.

^b Became a Wolf-Rayet star during helium burning.

illustrate the uncertainties of the dynamo model, we studied several test cases in which the stabilizing effect of composition gradients is varied by multiplying N_μ^2 and N_T^2 by 1/10. We also explored multiplying the overall coefficient of the torque in equation (1) by varying $B_\phi B_r$ by a factor of 10 and by multiplying the initial rotational rate by 0.5 and 1.5 (Table 3).

In three cases, the ones with 20 and 25 M_\odot and high rotation rate and the “normal” 35 M_\odot model, the star lost its hydrogen-rich envelope because of mass loss either during (25 and 35 M_\odot) or just at the end (20 M_\odot) of its evolution. The KEPLER code was not able to smoothly run these models through the period in which they lost their last solar mass of envelope because violent pulsations were encountered. The last 0.5 to 1.0 M_\odot was thus removed abruptly, and the calculation continued for the resulting Wolf-Rayet star. Based on the stellar mass loss rate, this remaining envelope would have been most on a short timescale anyway.

Since it is clear that the loss of the hydrogen envelope removes an appreciable braking torque on the helium core, it is reasonable that the remnants of stars that lost the envelope rotate more rapidly (see simulations marked by footnote b in Table 3).

3.4. Variable Neutron Star Masses

Since the iron core masses, silicon shell masses, and density profiles all differ appreciably for presupernova stars in the 12 to 35 M_\odot range, it is not realistic to assume that they all make neutron stars of the same mass. Ideally, one would extract realistic masses from a reliable, credible model for the explosion, but unfortunately such models have not reached the point of making accurate predictions. Still there are some general features of existing models that provide some guidance. As noted by Weaver et al. (1978), the remnant mass cannot typically be less than the mass of the neutronized iron core. Otherwise, one overproduces rare neutron-rich isotopes of the iron group. More important to the present discussion, successful explosions, when they occur in modern codes, typically give “mass cuts” in the vicinity of large entropy jumps. The reason is that a jump in the entropy corresponds to sudden decrease in the density. This in turn implies a sudden falloff in accretion as the explosion develops. The lower density material is also more loosely bound by gravity. The largest jump in the vicinity of the iron core is typically at the base of the oxygen burning shell, and that has sometimes been used to estimate neutron star masses (Timmes et al. 1996). Recent studies by T. Janka (2004, private communication) suggest a numerical criterion, that the mass cut occurs where the entropy per baryon equals $4 k_B$. In Table 4, instead of assuming a constant baryonic mass of 1.7 M_\odot for the neutron star progenitor (as in Table 3), we take the value where the specific entropy is $4 k_B$ baryon $^{-1}$.

As expected this prescription gives larger baryonic masses for the remnant (“Baryon” in the table). The fraction of this mass that is carried away by neutrinos is given by Lattimer & Prakash (2001),

$$f = \frac{0.6\beta}{1 - 0.5\beta}, \quad (13)$$

where $\beta = GM_{\text{grav}}/Rc^2$. When this is subtracted, one obtains the gravitational masses, M_{grav} in Table 4. Using these, assuming once more a moment of inertia $I = 0.35M_{\text{grav}}R^2$ and a radius of 12 km and conserving angular momentum in the collapse, one obtains the period. Because the angular momentum per unit mass increases as one goes out in the star, using a larger mass for the remnant increases its rotation rate.

TABLE 4
PULSAR ROTATION RATE WITH VARIABLE REMNANT MASS^a

Mass (M_\odot)	Baryon ^b (M_\odot)	Gravitational ^c (M_\odot)	$J(M_{\text{bary}})$ (10^{47} ergs s)	BE (10^{53} ergs)	Period ^d (ms)
12.....	1.38	1.26	5.2	2.3	15
15.....	1.47	1.33	7.5	2.5	11
20.....	1.71	1.52	14	3.4	7.0
25.....	1.88	1.66	17	4.1	6.3
35.....	2.30	1.97	41	6.0	3.0

^a Assuming a constant radius of 12 km and a moment of inertia $0.35MR^2$ (Lattimer & Prakash 2001).

^b Mass before collapse, where specific entropy is $4 k_B$ baryon $^{-1}$.

^c Mass corrected for neutrino losses.

^d Not corrected for angular momentum carried away by neutrinos.

^e Became a Wolf-Rayet star during helium burning.

The resulting values are similar to those in Table 3 for the same “standard” parameter settings but show even more clearly the tendency of larger stars to make more rapidly rotating pulsars. They also show an additional prediction of the model—that more massive pulsars rotate more rapidly. The numbers in Table 4 have not been corrected for the fact that the typical neutrino, since it last interacts at the edge of the neutron star, carries away more angular momentum than the average for its equivalent mass. Thus, the periods in Table 4 can probably be multiplied by an additional factor of ~ 1.2 (Janka 2004).

4. COMPARISON WITH OBSERVED PULSAR ROTATION RATES

Table 5 gives the measured and estimated rotation rates and angular momenta of several young pulsars at birth (Muslimov & Page 1996; Marshall et al. 1998; Kaspi et al. 1994). To estimate the angular momenta in the table, we have assumed, following Lattimer & Prakash (2001), that the moment of inertia for ordinary neutron stars (not quark stars) is $I \approx 0.35MR^2 \approx 1.4 \times 10^{45}$ g cm 2 . Here a constant fiducial gravitational mass of 1.4 M_\odot is assumed.

Given the uncertainties in both our model and the extrapolation of observed pulsar properties, the agreement, at least for the 12–15 M_\odot models, is quite encouraging. This is all the more true when one realizes that the periods in Tables 3 and 4 should be multiplied by a factor of approximately 1.2–1.3 to account for the angular momentum carried away by neutrinos when the neutron star forms (Janka 2004). Then our standard, numerically typical supernova, of 15 M_\odot , would produce a neutron star with angular momentum 5.8×10^{47} ergs s [PreSN entry $J(1.5)$ for a magnetic star in Table 1 divided by 1.3]. It should also be noted that the most common core collapse events—by number—are in the 12–20 M_\odot range, because of the declining initial mass function. Moreover, stars above around 25–30 M_\odot may end up making black holes (Fryer 1999).

What then is the observational situation? Marshall et al. (1998) discovered a pulsar in the Crab-like supernova remnant, N157B, in the Large Magellanic Cloud, with a rotation rate of 16 ms. This is probably an upper bound to its rotation rate at birth. Glendenning (1996) gives an estimated initial rotation rate for the Crab pulsar itself of 19 ms. Estimating the initial rotation rate of the much larger sample of pulsars that are known to be rotating now much more slowly is fraught with uncertainty. Nevertheless, PSR 0531+21 and PSR 1509–58 are also estimated to have been born with ~ 20 ms periods (Muslimov & Page 1996; although 0540–69 is estimated to have $P_0 \approx 39$ ms). At the other extreme, Pavlov et al. (2002) find for PKS 1209–51/52 a rotation period of 424 ms and argue that the initial rate was not much

TABLE 5

PERIODS AND ANGULAR MOMENTUM ESTIMATES FOR OBSERVED YOUNG PULSARS

Pulsar	Current (ms)	Initial (ms)	J_o (ergs s)
PSR J0537–6910 (N157B, LMC).....	16	~10	8.8×10^{47}
PSR B0531+21 (Crab).....	33	21	4.2×10^{47}
PSR B0540–69 (LMC)	50	39	2.3×10^{47}
PSR B1509–58	150	20	4.4×10^{47}

greater. Similarly, Kramer et al. (2003) argue that the initial rotation rate of PSR J0538+2817 was 139 ms.

5. FURTHER BRAKING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPLOSION

5.1. *r*-Mode Instability

For some time it was thought that gravitational radiation induced by the “*r*-mode instability” would rapidly brake young neutron stars. However, Arras et al. (2003) found that the *r*-mode waves saturate at amplitudes lower than those obtained in previous numerical calculations (Lindblom et al. 2001) that assumed an unrealistically large driving force. Much less gravitational radiation occurs and the braking time for a rapidly rotating neutron star becomes millennia rather than hours. Arras et al. calculate that

$$\tau_{\text{spin down}} = 2000 \text{ yr} \left(\frac{\alpha_e}{0.1} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{335 \text{ Hz}}{\nu} \right)^{11}, \quad (14)$$

with α_e , the maximum amplitude of the instability (for which Arras et al. estimate 0.1 as an upper bound). A 3 ms pulsar will thus take about 2000 years to substantially brake, and the more slowly rotating neutron stars listed in Tables 3 and 4 will take even longer.

5.2. Neutrino-Powered Magnetic Stellar Winds

Woosley & Heger (2004) and Thompson et al. (2004) discussed the possibility that a young, rapidly rotating neutron star is braked by a magnetic stellar wind. This wind, powered by the neutrino emission of the supernova, may also be an important site for *r*-process nucleosynthesis (Thompson 2003).

During the first 10 s of its life, a neutron star emits about 20% of its mass as neutrinos. This powerful flux of neutrinos passing through the proto-neutron star atmosphere drives mass loss, and the neutron star loses $\sim 0.01 M_\odot$ (Duncan et al. 1986; Qian & Woosley 1996; Thompson et al. 2001). Should magnetic fields enforce corotation on this wind out to a radius of 10 stellar radii, appreciable angular momentum could be lost from a $1.4 M_\odot$ neutron star (since $j \sim r^2 \omega$). The issue is thus one of magnetic field strength and its radial variation.

For a neutron star of mass M and radius, R_6 , in units of 10 km, the mass-loss rate is approximately (more accurate expressions are given by Qian & Woosley)

$$\dot{M} \approx \times 10^{-3} M_\odot \text{ s}^{-1} \left(\frac{L_{\nu, \text{tot}}}{10^{53} \text{ ergs s}} \right)^{5/3} R_6^{5/3} \left(\frac{1.4 M_\odot}{M} \right)^2. \quad (15)$$

The field causes corotation of this wind out to a radius (Mestel & Spruit 1987) at which

$$\rho(v_{\text{wind}}^2 + \omega^2 r^2) \approx \frac{B^2}{4\pi}. \quad (16)$$

Calculations that include the effect of rotation on the neutrino-powered wind have yet to be done, but one can estimate the radial density variation from the one-dimensional models of Qian & Woosley (1996). For a mass-loss rate of $10^{-2} M_\odot \text{ s}^{-1}$ they find a density and radial speed at 100 km of 10^8 g cm^{-3} and 1000 km s^{-1} , respectively. At this time, the proto-neutron star radius is 30 km, and these conditions persist for ~ 1 s. Later, for a mass-loss rate of $10^{-5} M_\odot \text{ s}^{-1}$ and a radius of 10 km, they find a density at 100 km of $\sim 10^5 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ and velocity 2000 km s^{-1} . This lasts ~ 10 s. Unless ω is quite low, v_{wind} is not critical. For $\omega \sim 1000 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ the field required to hold 10^8 g cm^{-3} in corotation at 100 km is $\sim 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ G}$; for 10^5 g cm^{-3} it is 10^{13} G .

To appreciably brake such a rapidly rotating neutron star, assuming $B \sim r^{-2}$, thus requires ordered surface fields of $\sim 10^{15} - 10^{16} \text{ G}$. Similar conclusions have been reached independently by Thompson (2003). Such fields are characteristic of magnetars but probably not of ordinary neutron stars. On the other hand, if the rotation rate were already slow, $\omega \sim 100 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ ($P \sim 60 \text{ ms}$), even a moderate field of 10^{14} G could have an appreciable effect. It should also be kept in mind that the field strength of a neutron star when it is 1–10 s old could be very different than thousands of years later when most measurements have been made.

5.3. Fallback and the Propeller Mechanism

After the first 1000 s, the rate of accretion from fallback is given (MacFadyen et al. 2001) by

$$\dot{M} \approx 10^{-7} t_5^{-5/3} M_\odot \text{ s}^{-1}, \quad (17)$$

with the time in units of 10^5 s . For the accretion rate in units of 10^{26} g s^{-1} , we obtain

$$\dot{M}_{26} \approx 2 t_5^{-5/3} \text{ g s}^{-1}. \quad (18)$$

For a dipole field with magnetic moment $\mu_{30} = B_{12} R_6^3$, with B_{12} the surface field in units of 10^{12} G , the infalling matter will be halted by the field at the Alfvén radius (Alpar 2001),

$$r_A = 6.8 \mu_{30}^{4/7} \dot{M}_{26}^{-2/7} \text{ km}. \quad (19)$$

At that radius matter can be rotationally ejected, provided the angular velocity there corresponding to corotation exceeds the Keplerian orbital speed. The ejected matter carries away angular momentum and brakes the neutron star. This is the propeller mechanism (Illarionov & Sunyaev 1975; Chevalier 1989; Lin et al. 1991; Alpar 2001; but see the critical discussion in Rappaport et al. 2004).

Obviously, r_A must exceed the neutron star radius (10 km here) if the field is to have any effect. The above equations thus require a strong field, $B > 10^{12} \text{ G}$, and accretion rates characteristic of an age of at least 1 day. In addition, there is a critical accretion rate, for a given field strength and rotation rate, above which the corotation speed at the Alfvén radius is slower than the Keplerian orbit speed. In this case the matter accretes rather than being ejected. Magnetic braking is thus inefficient until $\omega^2 r_A^3 > GM$, or

$$\dot{M}_{26} < 5.7 \times 10^{-4} \omega_3^{7/3} \mu_{30}^2, \quad (20)$$

TABLE 6
EVOLUTION OF SURFACE MASS FRACTIONS ($15 M_{\odot}$)

Model	Isotope	H-Burn ^a	He-Burn ^b	Pre-SN	Isotope	H-Burn ^a	He-Burn ^b	Pre-SN
No-rot.....	⁴ He	0.2762	0.2781	0.3292	¹² C	2.8×10^{-3}	2.3×10^{-3}	1.6×10^{-3}
Rot.....	⁴ He	0.2777	0.2872	0.3401	¹² C	2.2×10^{-3}	1.2×10^{-3}	9.1×10^{-4}
Rot + B	⁴ He	0.2770	0.2833	0.3365	¹² C	2.2×10^{-3}	1.4×10^{-3}	1.0×10^{-3}
No-rot.....	¹³ C	3.4×10^{-5}	1.3×10^{-4}	1.0×10^{-4}	¹⁵ N	3.2×10^{-6}	1.8×10^{-6}	1.3×10^{-6}
Rot.....	¹³ C	1.2×10^{-4}	1.7×10^{-4}	1.4×10^{-4}	¹⁵ N	1.6×10^{-6}	4.9×10^{-7}	4.3×10^{-7}
Rot + B	¹³ C	1.3×10^{-4}	1.9×10^{-4}	1.5×10^{-4}	¹⁵ N	1.6×10^{-6}	4.9×10^{-7}	4.3×10^{-7}
No-rot.....	¹⁴ N	8.2×10^{-4}	1.3×10^{-3}	3.3×10^{-3}	¹⁶ O	7.6×10^{-3}	7.6×10^{-3}	6.3×10^{-3}
Rot.....	¹⁴ N	1.6×10^{-3}	3.0×10^{-3}	4.4×10^{-3}	¹⁶ O	7.5×10^{-3}	7.0×10^{-3}	6.0×10^{-3}
Rot + B	¹⁴ N	1.5×10^{-3}	2.6×10^{-3}	4.1×10^{-3}	¹⁶ O	7.5×10^{-3}	7.3×10^{-3}	6.1×10^{-3}
No-rot.....	¹⁷ O	3.1×10^{-6}	3.6×10^{-6}	5.7×10^{-6}	¹⁸ O	1.7×10^{-5}	1.6×10^{-5}	5.7×10^{-6}
Rot.....	¹⁷ O	5.4×10^{-6}	8.2×10^{-6}	8.1×10^{-6}	¹⁸ O	1.5×10^{-5}	1.0×10^{-5}	7.6×10^{-6}
Rot + B	¹⁷ O	4.9×10^{-6}	7.0×10^{-6}	7.2×10^{-6}	¹⁸ O	1.5×10^{-5}	1.1×10^{-5}	8.6×10^{-6}
No-rot.....	²³ Na	3.4×10^{-5}	3.6×10^{-5}	6.4×10^{-5}	¹⁹ F	4.1×10^{-7}	4.0×10^{-7}	3.2×10^{-7}
Rot.....	²³ Na	4.5×10^{-5}	6.1×10^{-5}	8.0×10^{-5}	¹⁹ F	3.7×10^{-7}	3.3×10^{-7}	2.6×10^{-7}
Rot + B	²³ Na	4.2×10^{-5}	5.2×10^{-5}	7.5×10^{-5}	¹⁹ F	3.8×10^{-7}	3.5×10^{-7}	2.8×10^{-7}
No-rot.....	¹¹ B	3.8×10^{-9}	2.6×10^{-10}	1.8×10^{-10}	⁹ Be	1.7×10^{-10}	3.5×10^{-13}	2.4×10^{-13}
Rot.....	¹¹ B	2.4×10^{-10}	1.3×10^{-11}	8.4×10^{-12}	⁹ Be	9.8×10^{-14}	6.0×10^{-16}	4.0×10^{-16}
Rot + B	¹¹ B	1.1×10^{-10}	6.5×10^{-12}	4.5×10^{-12}	⁹ Be	2.9×10^{-15}	5.7×10^{-18}	3.9×10^{-18}

^a The 35% central hydrogen mass fraction.

^b 50% central helium mass fraction.

where ω_3 is the angular velocity in thousands of radians per second ($\omega_3 = 1$ implies a period of 2π ms). This turns out to be a very restrictive condition. For a given μ_{30} and ω_3 , equations (18) and (20) give a time, $t_{5,\min}$, when braking can begin. The torque on the neutron star from that point on is

$$I\dot{\omega} = \mu^2/r_A^3 = 10^{60} \frac{\mu_{30}^2}{r_A^3}, \quad (21)$$

with I , the moment of inertia of the neutron star, approximately 10^{45} (Lattimer & Prakash 2001). The integrated deceleration is

$$\Delta\omega = 250 \mu_{30}^{2/7} t_{5,\min}^{-3/7}. \quad (22)$$

Putting it all together, a $1.4 M_{\odot}$ neutron star can be braked to a much slower speed ($\Delta\omega \sim \omega$) by fallback if $\mu_{30} > 78, 43$, or 25 for initial periods of 6, 21, or 60 ms, respectively. If the surface field strength—for a dipole configuration—is less than 2×10^{13} G, braking by the propeller mechanism is negligible in most interesting situations.

However, we have so far ignored all nonmagnetic forces save gravity and centrifugal force. A neutron star with an age of less than 1 day is in a very special situation. The accretion rate given by equation (17) is vastly super-Eddington. This means that matter at the Alfvén radius will be braked by radiation as well as centrifugal force, and the likelihood of its ejection is greater. Fryer et al. (1996) considered neutron star accretion at the rates relevant here and found that neutrinos released very near the neutron star actually drive an *explosion* of the accreting matter. Just how this would all play out in a multidimensional calculation that includes magnetic braking, rotation, and a declining accretion rate has yet to be determined but is worth some thought.

If the accreting matter is actually expelled under “propeller” conditions, one might expect that the mechanism also inhibits the accretion, so the process might be self-limiting. This traditional view of the propeller mechanism may be misleading, however.

There is a range of conditions in which accretion accompanied by *spindown* is expected to occur (Sunyaev & Shakura 1977; Spruit & Taam 1993; for a recent discussion see Rappaport et al. 2004), as observed in the X-ray pulsars. If fallback is the way most neutron stars are slowed, one might expect a correlation of pulsar period with the amount of mass that falls back and that might increase with progenitor mass.

More massive stars may experience more fallback (Woosley & Weaver 1995) and make slowly rotating neutron stars. But, on the other hand, as Tables 3 and 4 show, neutron stars derived from more massive stars are born rotating more rapidly. There may be a mass around $15 M_{\odot}$ or so at which the two effects combine to give the slowest rotation rate. Interestingly, the Crab pulsar was probably once a star of $\sim 10 M_{\odot}$ (Nomoto et al. 1982) and may thus have experienced very little fallback. The matter that is ejected by the propeller mechanism in more massive stars could contribute appreciably to the explosion of the supernova and especially to its mixing.

5.4. Effect of a Primordial Field

As noted above, the results agree with the initial rotation periods found in Crab-like pulsars, but not with the long periods inferred for pulsars such as PSR J0538+2817. Within the framework of our present theory, slowly rotating pulsars must have formed from stars with different or additional angular momentum transport mechanisms. Another possibility is that their main-sequence progenitors started with a qualitatively different magnetic field configuration. The dynamo process envisaged here assumes that the initial field of the star was sufficiently weak such that winding-up by differential rotation produces the predominantly toroidal field in which the dynamo process operates. Any weak large-scale field initially present is then expelled by turbulent diffusion associated with the dynamo.

Stars with strong initial fields, such as those seen in the magnetic A stars, cannot have followed this path. In these stars, the magnetic field is likely to have eliminated any initial differential rotation of the star on a short timescale (Spruit 1999),

after which it relaxed to the observed stable configurations (Braithwaite & Spruit 2004). In these configurations the radial and azimuthal field components are of similar magnitude. To the extent that such magnetic fields also exist in massive MS stars (where they are much harder to detect; see, however, Donati et al. 2002), they are likely to have led to a stronger magnetic coupling between core and envelope and hence to more slowly rotating pre-SN cores.

6. SURFACE ABUNDANCES

The abundances of certain key isotopes and elements on the surfaces of main-sequence stars and evolved supergiants are known to be diagnostics of rotationally induced mixing (Heger & Langer 2000; Maeder & Meynet 2000). In particular, on the main sequence one expects enhancements of ^4He , ^{13}C , ^{14}N , ^{17}O , and ^{23}Na and extra depletion of ^{12}C , ^{15}N , ^{16}O , ^{18}O , ^{19}F , Li, Be, and B. To test these predictions and their sensitivity to assumed magnetic torques in the present models, we calculated three additional versions of our $15 M_{\odot}$ model in which a large nuclear reaction network was carried in each zone. The adopted nuclear physics and network were essentially the same as seen in Rauscher et al. (2002). One model assumed no rotation; a second assumed rotation without magnetic torques; and a third, which included both rotation and magnetic torques, was our standard model in Tables 1–4. The initial rotation rate assumed in the magnetic and nonmagnetic models was the same.

The results (Table 6) show the same sort of rotationally induced enhancements and depletions on the main sequence (defined by half-hydrogen depletion at the center) as those in Heger & Langer (2000). Helium is up by about half a percent and nitrogen is increased by a factor of 2. Carbon is depleted by about 25% and ^{15}N is depleted by a factor of 2. The isotopes ^{13}C and ^{17}O are enhanced by factors of 3 and 1.6, respectively. Be and B are depleted.

Most important to the current discussion, we see no dramatic differences between the surface abundances calculated with and without magnetic torques. Maeder & Meynet (2004) obtained larger differences and suggested that such differences might be a discriminant, perhaps ruling out torques of the magnitude suggested by Spruit (2002).

7. CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION

Given the uncertainty that must accompany any first-principles estimate of magnetic field generation in the interior of stars, the rotation rates we derive here compare quite favorably with those inferred for a number of the more rapidly rotating pulsars. Without invoking any additional braking during or after the supernova explosion, the most common pulsars, which come from stars of $10\text{--}15 M_{\odot}$, have rotation rates around $10\text{--}15$ ms (Table 3). Reasonable variation in uncertain parameters could easily increase this rate to 20 ms. Given that the torques in the formalism of Spruit (2002) depend on the fourth power of the shear between layers, this answer is robust to small changes in the overall coupling efficiency and inhibition factors. If we accept the premise that only the fastest solitary pulsars represent their true birth properties and the others have been slowed by fallback or other processes occurring during the first few years of evolution, our predictions are in agreement with observations.

If correct, this conclusion will have important implications, not only for the evolution of pulsars but for the supernova explosion mechanism, gravitational wave generation, and for gamma-

ray bursts (GRBs). For rotation rates more rapid than 5 ms, centrifugal forces are an important ingredient in modeling the collapse and the kinetic energy available from rotation is more than the 10^{51} ergs customarily attributed to supernovae. At 10 ms, the energy is nearly negligible.

Given recent observational indications that supernovae accompany some if not all GRBs of the “long-soft” variety (e.g., S. E. Woosley & J. Bloom 2005, in preparation), rotation is apparently important in at least *some* explosions. Otherwise, no relativistic jet would form. Indeed, the only possibilities are a pulsar with very strong magnetic field and rotation rate ~ 1 ms (e.g., Wheeler et al. 2000) and a rapidly rotating black hole with an accretion disk (Woosley 1993; MacFadyen & Woosley 1999). Both require angular momenta considerably in excess of any model in Table 3, except those that did not include magnetic torques.

We shall address this subject in a subsequent paper, but for now we note a possible important symmetry braking condition—the presence of a red supergiant envelope. The most common supernovae—Type IIp—results from stars that spent an extended evolutionary period with a rapidly rotating helium core inside a nearly stationary hydrogen envelope. GRBs, on the other hand, come from Type Ic supernovae, the explosions of stars that lost their envelopes either to winds or binary companions. Whether a comprehensive model can be developed within the current framework that accommodates both a slow rotation rate for pulsars at birth and a rapid one for GRBs remains to be seen, but we are hopeful.

As noted in § 2, the magnetic torques have been computed assuming that the dynamo process is always close to steady state. The time to reach this steady state scales as some small multiple of the time for an Alfvén wave to travel around the star along the toroidal field. This time is very short throughout most of the evolution, but in the latest stages it eventually becomes longer than the timescale on which the moment of inertia of the core changes. After this, the dynamo effectively stops tracking the changing conditions and the field is frozen in (its components varying as $1/r^2$ for homologous contraction). With the data in Tables 1 and 2, we can estimate the effect this would have on the angular momentum loss from the core. The Alfvén crossing time first exceeds the evolution time around the end of carbon burning. Evolving the field under frozen-in conditions from this time on then turns out to produce field strengths that do not differ greatly (by less than a factor of 4) from those shown in Table 2. Since the angular momentum of the core does not change by more than 5% after carbon burning, the effect of using frozen field conditions instead of a steady dynamo is therefore small.

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APPENDIX A

THERMODYNAMIC DERIVATIVES

Instead of the formulations

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_1 &\equiv \gamma_{\text{ad}} = \frac{1}{\alpha - \delta \nabla_{\text{ad}}}, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{\Gamma_2} &\equiv \nabla_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\mathcal{R}\beta}{\delta\mu c_P},\end{aligned}\tag{A1}$$

for an ideal gas with radiation (\mathcal{R} is the gas constant; Kippenhahn & Weigert 1994), the general expressions should be used for more general equations of state, such as, e.g., to include the effect of degeneracy, which is important in the late stages of stellar evolution of massive stars and in low-mass stars. The thermodynamic derivatives at constant entropy

$$\Gamma_1 \equiv \gamma_{\text{ad}} = \left(\frac{d \ln P}{d \ln \rho} \right)_{\text{ad}},\tag{A2}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{\Gamma_2} \equiv \nabla_{\text{ad}} = \left(\frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P} \right)_{\text{ad}},\tag{A3}$$

$$\Gamma_3 - 1 = \left(\frac{d \ln T}{d \ln \rho} \right)_{\text{ad}},\tag{A4}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1}{\Gamma_3 - 1} = \frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_2 - 1}\tag{A5}$$

(Kippenhahn & Weigert 1994) can be derived from $ds = dq/T$, $dq = du + Pd(1/\rho) = du - P/\rho^2 d\rho$, and the total derivative on the specific internal energy

$$du = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho} \right)_T d\rho + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_\rho dT,\tag{A6}$$

assuming adiabatic changes, $ds = 0$:

$$0 = ds = \frac{dq}{T} = \frac{1}{T} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho} \right)_T - \frac{P}{\rho^2} \right] d\rho + \frac{1}{T} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_\rho dT\tag{A7}$$

(Kippenhahn & Weigert 1994). This can be transformed into

$$\left(\frac{dT}{d\rho} \right)_{\text{ad}} = \left[\frac{P}{\rho^2} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho} \right)_T \right] / \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_\rho,\tag{A8}$$

and we readily obtain

$$\Gamma_3 - 1 = \left(\frac{d \ln T}{d \ln \rho} \right)_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\rho}{T} \left(\frac{dT}{d\rho} \right)_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\rho}{T} \left[\frac{P}{\rho^2} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho} \right)_T \right] / \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_\rho\tag{A9}$$

as a function of the partial derivatives of u with respect to T and ρ . Using the equation of state for bubble without mixing or composition exchange with its surrounding,

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} = \alpha \frac{dP}{P} - \delta \frac{dT}{T},\tag{A10}$$

where

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{\partial \ln \rho}{\partial \ln P} \right)_T = 1 / \left[\frac{\rho}{P} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right)_T \right],\tag{A11}$$

$$\delta = - \left(\frac{\partial \ln \rho}{\partial \ln T} \right)_P = \frac{T}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_\rho / \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right)_T,\tag{A12}$$

and using the thermodynamic relation (e.g., Kippenhahn & Weigert 1994)

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_\rho = \frac{P\delta}{T\alpha} \quad (\text{A13})$$

to transform the last term, we can write equation (A7) as

$$0 = ds = \left\{ \frac{1}{T} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho}\right)_T - \frac{P}{\rho^2} \right] - \frac{1}{\rho\delta} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T}\right)_\rho \right\} d\rho + \frac{\alpha}{P\delta} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T}\right)_\rho dP \quad (\text{A14})$$

and obtain

$$\Gamma_1 = \left(\frac{d \ln P}{d \ln \rho}\right)_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\rho}{P} \left(\frac{dP}{d\rho}\right)_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\rho}{P} \left\{ \left[\frac{P}{\rho^2} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho}\right)_T \right] \left[\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_\rho / \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T}\right)_\rho \right] + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}\right)_T \right\} \quad (\text{A15})$$

as a function of the derivative of u and P with respect to T and ρ only. Using equation (A5) we can solve for Γ_2 employing the relation for Γ_3 :

$$1 - \frac{1}{\Gamma_2} = \frac{\Gamma_3 - 1}{\Gamma_1} = \left(\frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P}\right)_{\text{ad}} = \frac{T}{P} \left(\frac{dT}{dP}\right)_{\text{ad}} = \left[P - \rho^2 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho}\right)_T \right] / \left[T \rho \Gamma_1 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T}\right)_\rho \right]. \quad (\text{A16})$$

APPENDIX B

COMPOSITIONAL BRUNT-VÄISÄLÄ FREQUENCY

We derive the compositional fraction of the Brunt-Väisälä frequency from the following consideration: we compare a change of density if we move a fluid element to a new location and allow adjusting its pressure and temperature to its surroundings. When moving to the new location, P will be different by dP and T be different by dT . The density change we then obtain from the equation of state, equation (A10), for a displacement with such a change in pressure thus is

$$\left(\frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln P}\right)_{\text{element}} = \alpha - \delta \left(\frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P}\right)_{\text{element}} = \alpha - \delta \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P}. \quad (\text{B1})$$

The buoyancy is obtained by comparing with a density change in the star over the same change in pressure, with the remainder then due to compositional changes:

$$\left[\frac{d \ln (\Delta \rho)}{d \ln P} \right]_{\text{comp}} = \alpha - \delta \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P} - \frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln P}. \quad (\text{B2})$$

For a compositionally stably stratified medium this quantity is negative since pressure decreases outward.

As an example, let us consider an ideal gas with radiation. For the surrounding, the equation of state, as a function of T , P , and mean molecular weight, μ , is given by

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} = \alpha \frac{dP}{P} - \delta \frac{dT}{T} + \varphi \frac{d\mu}{\mu}, \quad (\text{B3})$$

with

$$\varphi = \left(\frac{\partial \ln \rho}{\partial \ln \mu}\right)_{T,P}. \quad (\text{B4})$$

Substituting this for the last term of equation (B2), we obtain

$$\left[\frac{d \ln (\Delta \rho)}{d \ln P} \right]_{\text{comp}} = -\varphi \frac{d \ln \mu}{d \ln P} \equiv -\varphi \nabla_\mu, \quad (\text{B5})$$

and the usual expression for buoyancy in an ideal gas with radiation is recovered.

For a displaced blob of material the square of the oscillation “angular” frequency ($\nu = 1/\text{period}$), the Brunt-Väisälä frequency, can be obtained by multiplication with g/H_P , analogous to the harmonic oscillator, here for the case of isothermal displacements that only consider stabilization by composition gradients:

$$N_{\text{comp}}^2 = \frac{g}{H_P} \left(\alpha - \delta \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P} - \frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln P} \right). \quad (\text{B6})$$

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