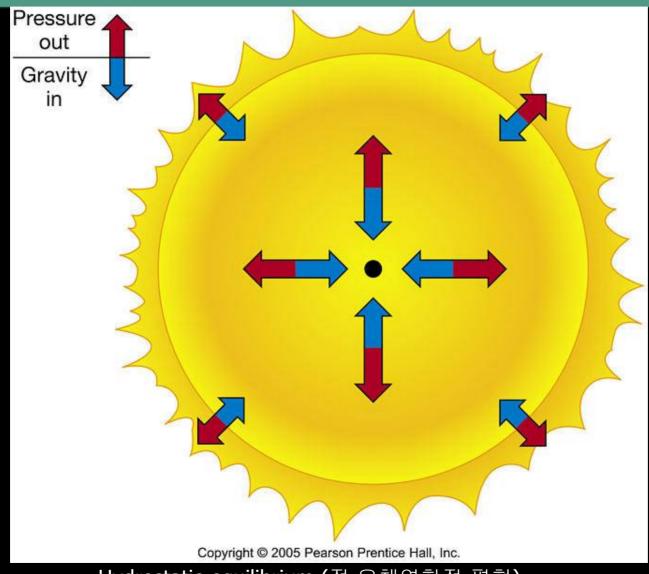
2. The Evolution of Stars (별의 진화) 2-1 Energy Generation (에너지 생성)



Hydrostatic equilibrium (정 유체역학적 평형)

https://pages.uoregon.edu/jimbrau/BraulmNew/Chap16/FG16 06.jpg

김상철 (Sang Chul KIM)

Main Sequence (MS, 주계열성)

- Equilibrium between pressure and gravity, almost constant luminosity
- Nuclear fusion
 - proton-proton chain (양성자-양성자 연쇄반응)
 - → energy generation and radiation → mass decreases slowly
 - H burning by CNO cycle (탄소 순환반응) : M > 1.5 M_☉, T_{center} > 1.5 × 10⁷ K
- core : N(H) decreases, N(He) increases

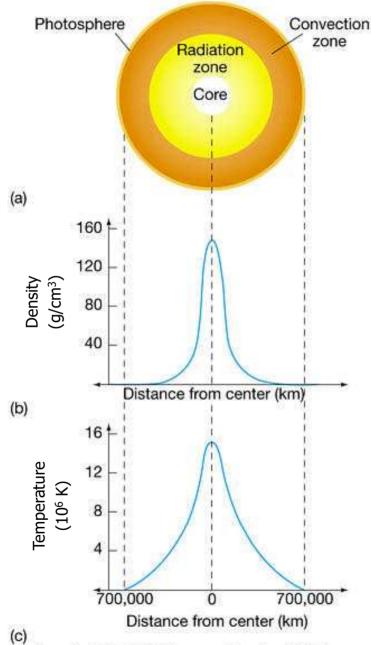
Hydrostatic equilibrium (정 유체역학적 평형)

- If somehow core H-burning accelerates \rightarrow Core T \uparrow , P \uparrow \rightarrow star expands
- Expansion makes T ↓ → H-burning decelerates

Hydrostatic equilibrium makes H-burning speed keep ~constant

→ constant luminosity

Interior structure of the Sun (태양의 내부 구조)



Low temperature : small speeds



Low temperature: small speeds Mutual electrical repulsion prevents fusion

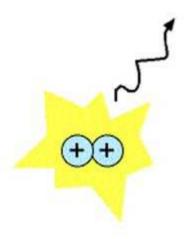
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Nuclei able to get close enough for strong nuclear force (강한 핵력) to act

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→ Nuclei fuse & energy released

Chemical element - symbol

 ${}_{Z}^{A}X$

X: chemical symbol (e.g.: H, He, ...)

Z: number of protons (total positive charge, in units of e) 원자번호

A: mass number (total number of nucleons) = atomic weight 원자량(原子量)

A = Z+N = number of protons + number of neutrons

$$^{(e.g.)}_{1}H$$
 $^{4}_{2}He$

Energy from proton-proton chain

* $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 12 \text{ (1.998467052} \times 10^{-23} \text{ g) (since 1962)}$ H atomic weight (원자량, 原子量): 1.0078 $4 H \rightarrow 4.0312$ 1 He \rightarrow 4.0026 \triangle m = $4 \times m(p) - m(He) = 0.0286$ (mass deficit/defect, 질량 결손) $F = \wedge m c^2$ $E = mc^2$ (Einstein's equation for the = $(0.0286 \times 1.67 \times 10^{-24} \text{g}) \times (3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/s})^2$ equivalence of mass and energy) $= 4.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ erg}$ $= 4.3 \times 10^{-12} J$ 1 Joule = $1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$ = 1 N·m $= 10^7 \text{ erg}$ = 6.24×1018 eV Released = 0.2390 cal $= 2.78 \times 10^{-7} \text{ kW} \cdot \text{h}$ energy

4 protons

1 He nucleus (2 protons +

2 neutrons)

Energy from proton-proton chain

- Energy from coal 1 kg \sim 5000 kcal = 2.1 \times 10⁷ J
- Use H 1 kg to produce He
 - → 0.993 kg He produces, 0.007 kg changes into E

$$\rightarrow$$
 E = mc² = 7 g × (3 × 10¹⁰ cm/s)² = 7 × 9 × 10²⁰ g cm²/s²
= 6.3 × 10²¹ erg = 6.3 × 10¹⁴ J

 \rightarrow same as E from 3 \times 10⁷ kg = 30,000 tons of coal

Sun : 4×10^{38} protons/sec = 6.68×10^{14} g/sec are consumed.

Energy from proton-proton chain

$$1 L_{\odot} = 3.9 \times 10^{33} \, \text{erg/s} = 3.9 \times 10^{26} \, \text{J/s}$$

= amount of electricity for all human beings can use for 10^7 years

Assuming:

Mankind populations = $5 \times 10^9 \rightarrow 10^9$ families (assume 1 family = 5 members)

Monthly family electricity uses, home use: 200~250 kW·h

Let's assume ~1000 kW·h/month including commercial use, etc

 $= 10^6 \text{ W} \times 3600 \text{ s/month} = 10^6 \text{ J/s} \times 3600 \text{ s/month} = 3.6 \times 10^9 \text{ J/month}$

$$1 W = 1 J/s$$

Monthly mankind electricity uses $\sim 3.6 \times 10^9 \text{ J} \times 10^9 \text{ families/month} = 3.6 \times 10^{18} \text{ J/month}$

$$\rightarrow \frac{3.9 \times 10^{26} \text{J}}{3.6 \times 10^{18} \text{J}} = 1.1 \times 10^8 \text{ months} = 9.2 \times 10^6 \text{ years} \sim 10^7 \text{ years}$$

Terminology and β (beta)-decay

 α -ray, α -particle : He nucleus

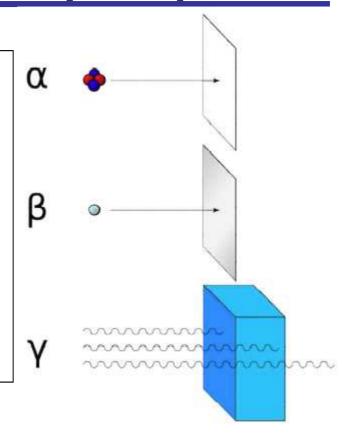
→ cannot penetrate a paper

 β -ray : electron

→ cannot penetrate aluminum

 γ -ray : high-energy photon

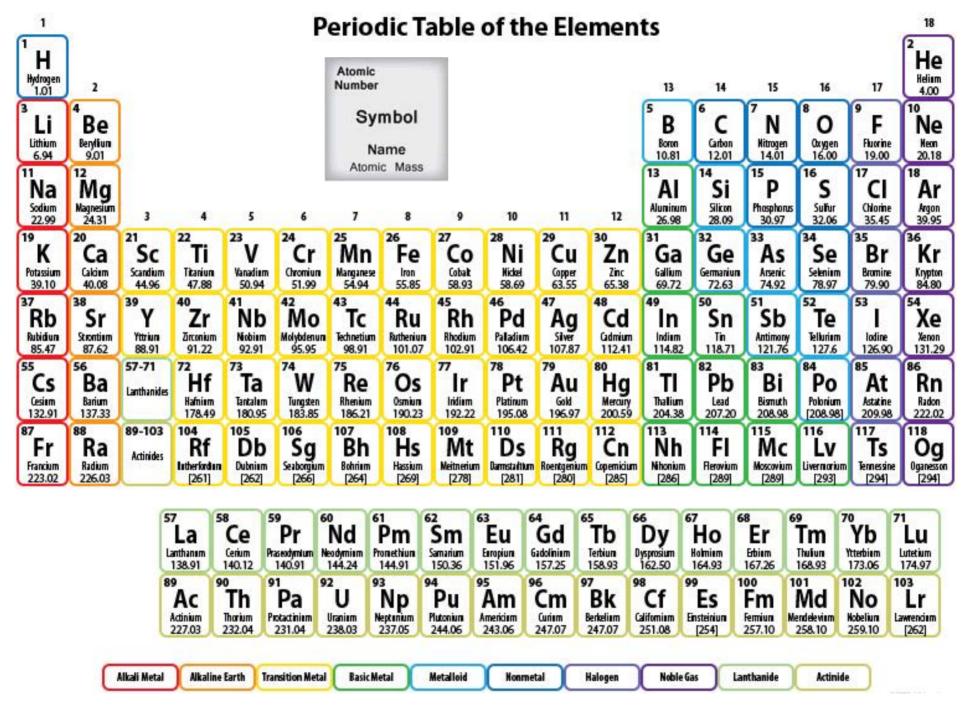
→ absorbed by dense materials (water, lead)



$$\beta$$
- decay : $n \rightarrow p + \beta$ - $+ \overline{\nu_e}$

$$\beta^+$$
 decay : $p \rightarrow n + \beta^+ + \nu_e$

inverse
$$\beta$$
 decay : $p + e \rightarrow n + \nu$ (IBD)



Energy generation rate

H atomic weight: 1.0078

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4 \text{ H} \rightarrow 4.0312
1 \text{ He} \rightarrow 4.0026
\triangle m = 0.0286
• 0.0286/4.0312 = 0.0071 \rightarrow 0.71\%
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- Only H in the core → T, P high enough to permit nuclear reactions → ~10 %
 of the mass of the Sun is available for energy conversion
- Thermonuclear energy available in the Sun :

$$\begin{split} E_{Total} &= mc^2 = (\frac{4^1 H - ^4 He}{4^1 H} \times \cancel{0.1 M_{\odot}}) \times (c^2) \\ &= 0.0071 \times (1.99 \times 10^{32} \, \text{g}) \times (3 \times 10^{10} \, \text{cm/s})^2 \\ &\approx 10^{51} \, \text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^2/\text{s}^2 \\ &\approx 10^{44} \, \text{J} \end{split}$$

1 L_☉ = 3.90 × 10³³ erg/s = 3.90 × 10²⁶ J/s
→ E/L_☉ = Solar lifetime =
$$8.11 \times 10^9 \text{ yr} \sim 10 \text{ Gyr}$$

Energy generation rate

** AGN → efficiency of conversion from mass to energy ~10% (η=0.1)
 (see, e.g., Fabian & Rees 1995, MNRAS, 277, L55,
 http://phys.huji.ac.il/~joaw/winterschool/heckman_1.pdf)

** Gravitational wave (e.g, by merging of two identical black holes) → conversion efficiency ~30% (η~0.3)

(FBlack Hole Physics 1991, Edited by Venzo de Sabbata, Zhenjiu Zhang, NATO ASI Series, Vol. 364, p. 139)

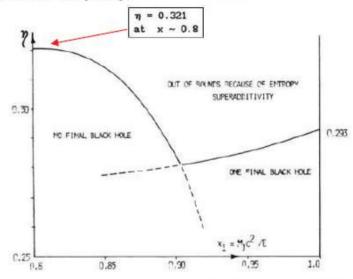
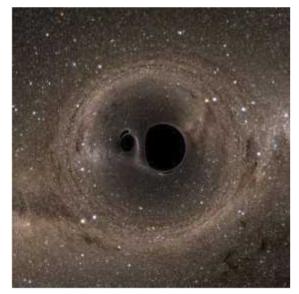


Figure 8. The maximum possible efficiency of gravitational wave energy production by the merging of two identical Schwarzschild black holes. The curves intersect at $x_1 \sim 0.903$, $\eta \sim 0.281$.



http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/02/1602 11-gravitational-waves-found-spacetime-science/



Energy generation rate

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MS Lifetime : \tau=10<sup>10</sup>(M/L) yr (M=stellar mass, L=stellar luminosity) 

** Mass-Luminosity Relation : L/L_{\odot} = (M/M_{\odot})^{4} \quad \text{for M} > 0.4M_{\odot}
L/L_{\odot} = (M/M_{\odot})^{2.3} \quad \text{for M} < 0.4M_{\odot}
\to \tau = 10^{10} \, (M/M^{4}) \, \text{yr} = 10^{10} / \, [M(M_{\odot})]^{3} \, \text{yr}
1 \, M_{\odot} \to 10^{10} \, \text{yr}
10 \, M_{\odot} \to 10^{7} \, \text{yr}
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O stars (the most massive stars) → a million years
"we are seeing some O stars!" = SF is still occurring in the MW

Main-sequence Lifetimes

http://www.ifa.Hawaii.edu/~szapudi/astro110/2007/ch21.pdf

Mass (M _☉)	Effective Temperature (K)	Spectral Class	Luminosity (L _o)	MS Lifetime (10 ⁶ yr)
25	35,000	0	80,000	3
15	30,000	В	10,000	15
3	11,000	Α	60	500
1.5	7000	F	5	3000
1.0	6000	G	1	10,000
0.75	5000	K	0.5	15,000
0.50	4000	M	0.03	200,000

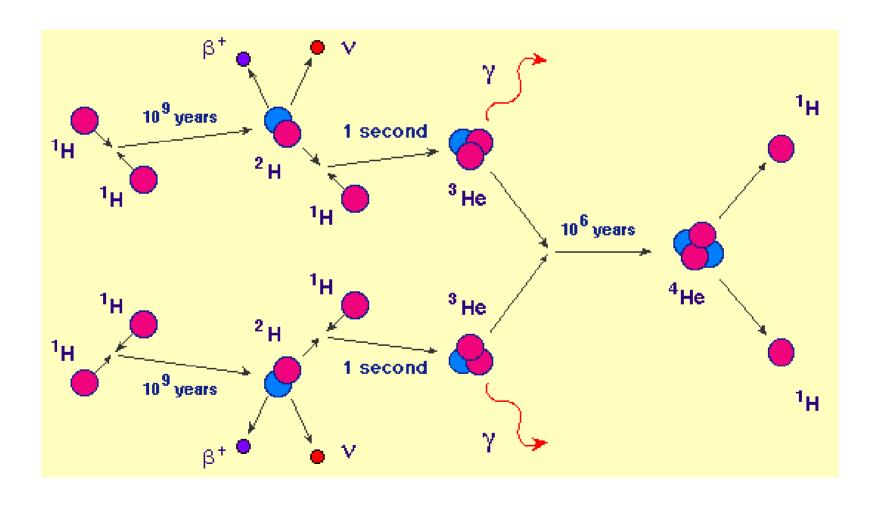
Proton-proton (PP) fusion chain process

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1st step: {}^{1}H + {}^{1}H \rightarrow {}^{2}H + e^{+} + \nu_{e} (\rightarrow1.44 MeV)
               ^{1}H + ^{1}H \rightarrow ^{2}H + e^{+} + \nu_{e} \leftarrow \text{weak nuclear force}
                (It takes 5 \times 10^9 years for a given proton to undergo this reaction.)
2^{\text{nd}} step: {}^{2}\text{H} + {}^{1}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^{3}\text{He} + \gamma
                                                      (\rightarrow 5.49 \text{ MeV})
                                                               (occurs in \sim 1 s)
                ^{2}H + ^{1}H \rightarrow ^{3}He + \gamma
3^{rd} step: {}^{3}He + {}^{3}He \rightarrow {}^{4}He + {}^{1}H + {}^{1}H \quad (\rightarrow 12.9 \text{ MeV})
                                                               ← strong nuclear force
                                                              (It takes \sim 3 \times 10^5 years.)
 {}^{1}H = p : proton
 <sup>2</sup>H: deuterium (중수소) = p + n
 e+: positron (e-의 반물질 antimatter, same mass,
                                         positive charge)
 v: neutrino (energy, spin, very small mass)
   ν<sub>e</sub>: electron neutrino
 ^{3}He: helium-3 nucleus = 2p + 1n
 y: photon
 ^{4}He: helium-4 nucleus = ^{2}p + ^{2}n
 \rightarrow 91% of the time in the Sun
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Proton-proton (PP) fusion chain process

Why this complicated process?

- Direct collision of 4 H atoms to produce He → probability is very low
- Relatively, 2-body collision is more often!



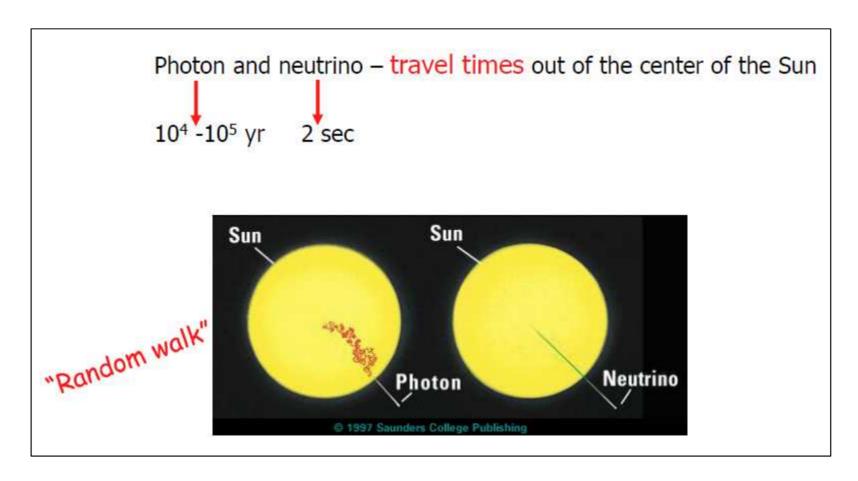
Photon, neutrino – escape from the Sun

Sun: 2×10^{38} neutrinos/sec are generated

Solar neutrino problem

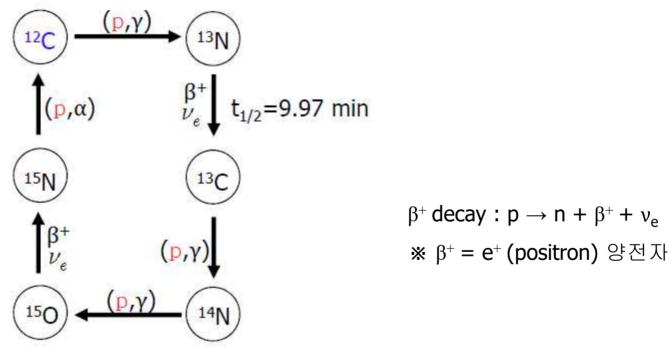
Super-Kamiokande (50,000 ton water)

- : neutrino oscillation, mass≠0
- → Takaaki KAJITA (2015 Nobel prize)



CNO Cycle

- Carbon = catalyst : a substance that causes a chemical reaction to happen more quickly, while the substance not consumed and remain unchanged
- 촉매(觸媒): 반응과정에서 소모되거나 변화되지 않으면서 반응속도를 빠르거나 느리게 변화시키는 물질



- Start : C + p
- At high-temp stars : T > 1.6 \times 10⁷ K, M > 1.5 M $_{\odot}$

CNO cycle process

$$^{12}\text{C} + ^{1}\text{H} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{N} + \gamma$$

$$^{13}N \rightarrow ^{13}C + e^+ + \nu_e$$
 $^{13}N : unstable isotope$

$$^{13}C + ^{1}H \rightarrow ^{14}N + \gamma$$

$$^{14}N + ^{1}H \rightarrow ^{15}O + \gamma$$

$$^{15}O \rightarrow ^{15}N + e^{+} + \nu_{e}$$

 $^{15}O \rightarrow ^{15}N + e^+ + \nu_e$ ^{15}O : unstable isotope

$$^{15}N + ^{1}H \rightarrow ^{12}C + ^{4}He$$

CNO cycle process

$$^{12}\text{C} + ^{1}\text{H} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{N} + \gamma$$
 (1.95 MeV)

 $^{13}\text{N} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{C} + \text{e}^{+} + \nu_{\text{e}}$ (1.20 MeV, ^{13}N half-life=9.965m)

 $^{13}\text{C} + ^{1}\text{H} \rightarrow ^{14}\text{N} + \gamma$ (7.54 MeV)

 $^{14}\text{N} + ^{1}\text{H} \rightarrow ^{15}\text{O} + \gamma$ (7.35 MeV)

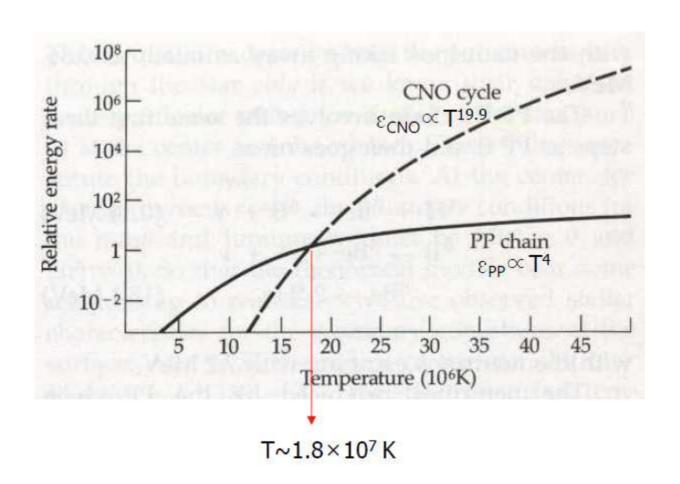
$$^{15}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{15}\text{N} + \text{e}^+ + \nu_{\text{e}}$$
 (1.73 MeV, ^{15}O half-life=122.24s)

$$^{15}N + ^{1}H \rightarrow ^{12}C + ^{4}He$$
 (4.96 MeV)

※ 2 positrons annihilate with 2 ambient electrons → produce 2.04 MeV

Total 24.73 + 2.04 = 26.73 MeV

Energy-generation rates



Triple-alpha (3α) process

Nucleosynthesis using He: T \geq 10⁸ K, $\rho \geq$ 10⁵ g cm⁻³ : He \rightarrow heavier elements $^{4}\text{He} + ^{4}\text{He} \Leftrightarrow ^{8}\text{Be} + \gamma$ (-0.0918 MeV) \times 8Be lifetime ~ 2.6 \times 10⁻¹⁶ s > mean collision (scattering) time of α -particle ($T_{\text{scattering}}$) Huge amount of He, $n(^{8}Be)$: $n(^{4}He) = 1 : 10^{9}$ ${}^{8}\text{Be} + {}^{4}\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C} + \gamma$ (+7.367 MeV) \langle Emitted energy \rangle = +7.275 MeV ⁴He/ "Triple- a process" Proton

Gamma ray γ

Neutron

C, O-burning

$$T \geq 5 \times 10^8 \text{ K} \rightarrow \text{C-burning}$$

$$^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{24}\text{Mg} + \gamma \quad \text{(13.933 MeV)}$$

$$\rightarrow ^{23}\text{Mg} + n \quad \text{(-2.599 MeV) (endothermic)}$$

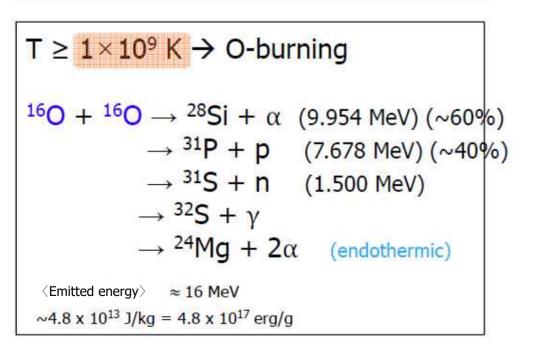
$$\rightarrow ^{23}\text{Na} + p \quad \text{(2.241 MeV)}$$

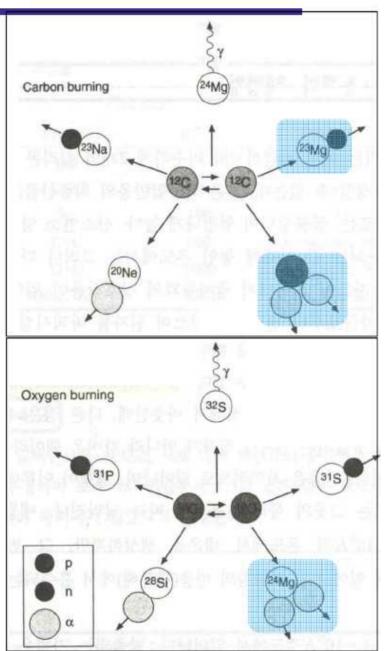
$$\rightarrow ^{20}\text{Ne} + \alpha \quad \text{(4.617 MeV)}$$

$$\rightarrow ^{16}\text{O} + 2\alpha \quad \text{(-0.113 MeV) (endothermic)}$$

$$^{\text{Emitted energy)} \approx 13 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\sim 5.2 \times 10^{13} \text{ J/kg} = 5.2 \times 10^{17} \text{ erg/g}$$



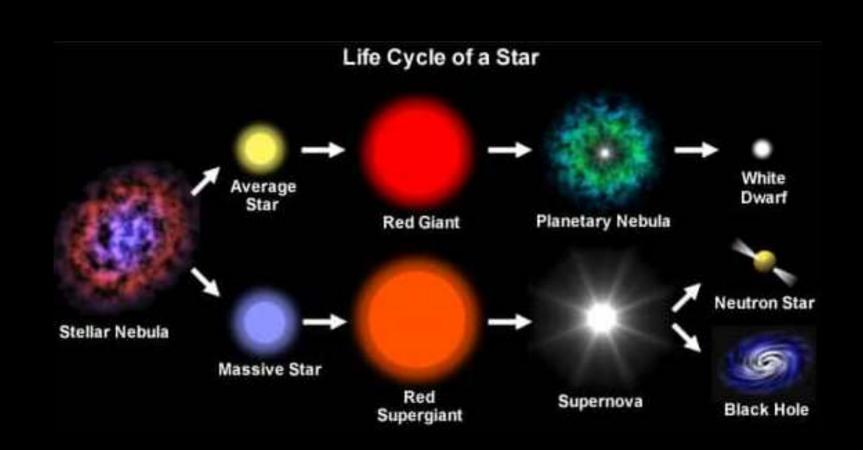


Si-burning

- After O-burning, core = Si + S
- T ~ $(2.7-3.5) \times 10^9$ K (depends on mass)
- Duration ~ 2 weeks
- No further fusion is possible.

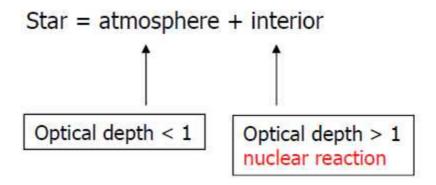
$$^{28}_{14}\text{Si}$$
 + $^{4}_{2}\text{He}$ \rightarrow $^{32}_{16}\text{S}$
 $^{32}_{16}\text{S}$ + $^{4}_{2}\text{He}$ \rightarrow $^{36}_{18}\text{Ar}$
 $^{36}_{18}\text{Ar}$ + $^{4}_{2}\text{He}$ \rightarrow $^{40}_{20}\text{Ca}$
 $^{40}_{20}\text{Ca}$ + $^{4}_{2}\text{He}$ \rightarrow $^{44}_{22}\text{Ti}$
 $^{44}_{22}\text{Ti}$ + $^{4}_{2}\text{He}$ \rightarrow $^{48}_{24}\text{Cr}$
 $^{48}_{24}\text{Cr}$ + $^{4}_{2}\text{He}$ \rightarrow $^{52}_{26}\text{Fe}$
 $^{52}_{26}\text{Fe}$ + $^{4}_{2}\text{He}$ \rightarrow $^{56}_{28}\text{Nii}$

2. The Evolution of Stars (별의 진화) 2-2 Stellar Evolution (항성 진화)



Sun + Star

Solar surface composition: X=0.73, Y=0.25, Z=0.02

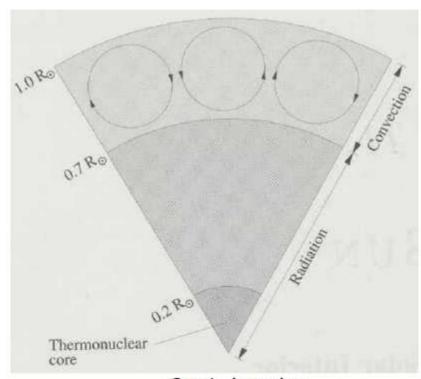


% Optical depth, $\, au_{\lambda}\,:\,\,d au_{\lambda}=\,-\,\kappa_{\lambda}\,\rho\,ds\,$

 $au_{\lambda}\gg 1$: optically thick

 $au_{\lambda} \ll 1$: optically thin

ptically thin $imes \kappa_\lambda$: absorption coefficient (opacity)



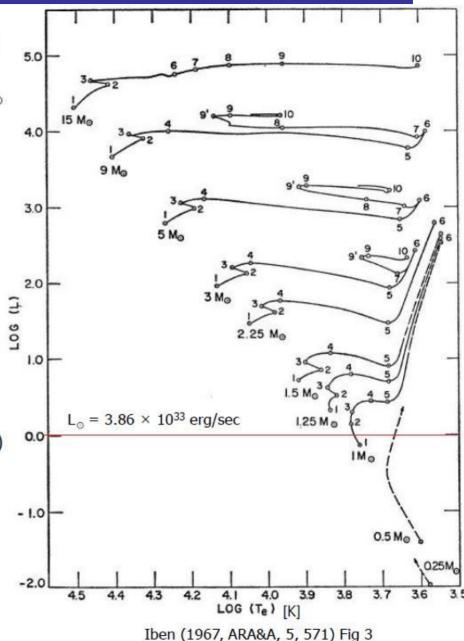
Sun's interior

Post-MS Stellar Evolution

Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram of Metal-rich stars (X=0.708, Y=0.272, Z=0.020)

 $M = 15, 9, 5, 3, 2.25, 1.5, 1.25, 1, 0.5, 0.25 M_{\odot}$ Dashed lines : estimates

 Sun's L, R, T: increased steadily since it reached the zero-age main sequence (ZAMS) ~4.5 Gyr ago



Solar Evolution

Sun's center, during its lifetime :

 $X: 0.71 \rightarrow 0.34$ $Y: 0.27 \rightarrow 0.64$

changing the composition and structure

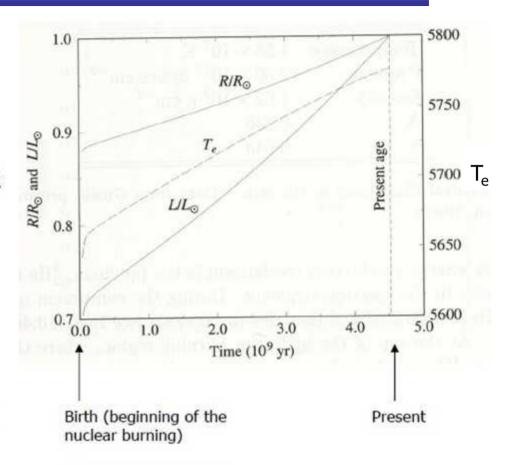
The change in the Sun's central composition
→direct influence on observable L, T_{eff}, and R

L increased by 40% R increased by >10%

※ Physical parameters of the Solar center (standard solar model of Joyce Guzik)

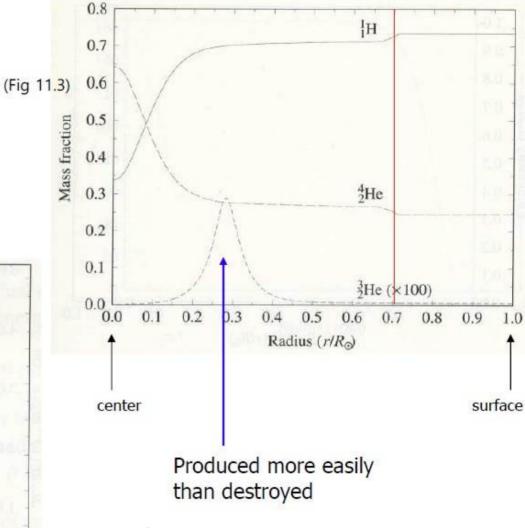
Central conditions in the Sun

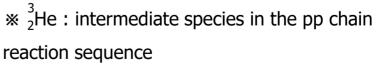
Tc	(1.56~) 1.58 ×10 ⁷ K
P _C	2.50×10 ¹⁷ dyne/cm ²
ρ_{C}	162 (150-160) g/cm ³
X_{C}	0.336
Yc	0.643



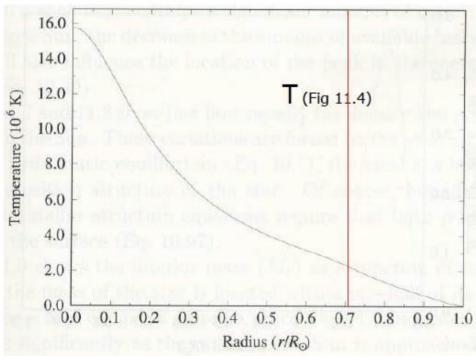
L: 1.43 times increase

Solar composition structure



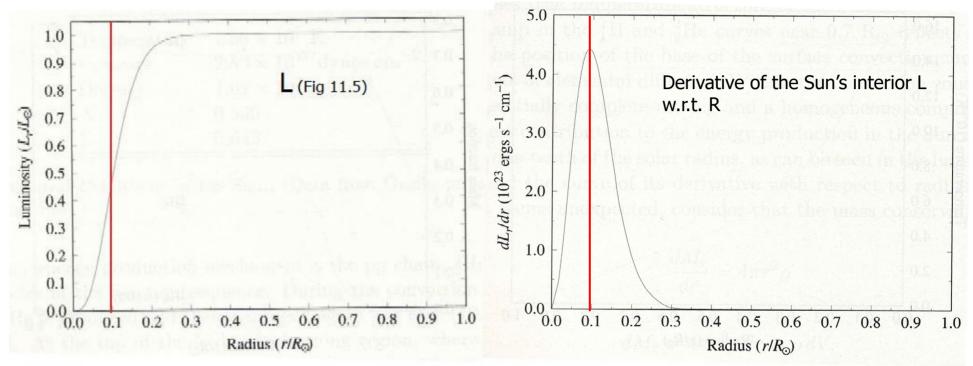


Solar Temp structure



Interior Lum of the Sun

Location of the greatest contribution to the E output



Though amount of E liberated per gram of material (ε) decreases steadily from R=0 outward

→ Largest contribution to the total L – in a shell that contains a significant amount of mass

Post-MS Stellar Evolution

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Interval $(i-j)$ Mass (M_{\odot})	(1-2	2)	(2-3	3)	(3-	1)	(4-	5)	(5-6	5)
15	1.010	(7)	2.270	(5)			7.55	(4)		
9	2.144	(7)	6.053	(5)	9.113	(4)	1.477	(5)	6.552	(4)
5	6.547	(7)	2.173	(6)	1.372	(6)	7.532	(5)	4.857	(5)
3	2.212	(8)	1.042	(7)	1.033	(7)	4.505	(6)	4.238	(6)
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1.5	1.553	(9)	8.10	(7)	3.490	(8)	1.049	(8)	≥2	(8)
1.25	2.803	(9)	1.824	(8)	1.045	(9)	1.463	(8)	≥4	(8)
1.0	7	(9)		(9)	1.20	0.57075	1.57	(8)	≥1	(9)

Numbers in parentheses beside each entry give the power of ten to which that entry is to be raised.

TABLE IV STELLAR LIFETIMES (yr)*

Interval (i-j) Mass (M ₀)	(6–7)	(7–8)	(8-9)	(9–10)
15	7.17 (5)	6.20 (5)	1.9 (5)	3.5 (4)
9	4.90 (5)	9.50 (4)	3.28 (6)	1.55 (5)
5	6.05 (6)	1.02 (6)	9.00 (6)	9.30 (5)
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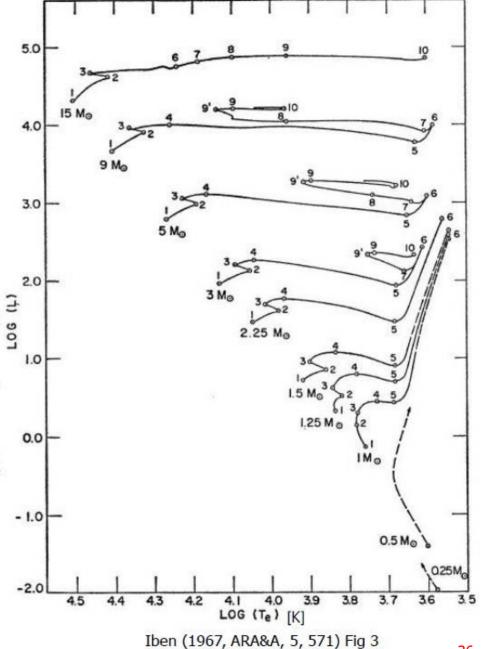


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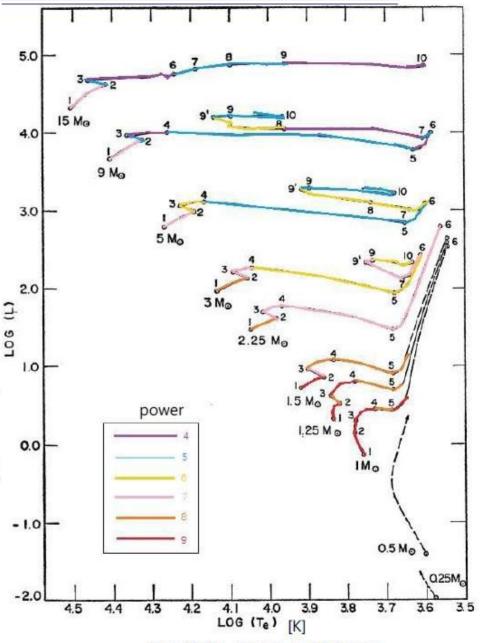
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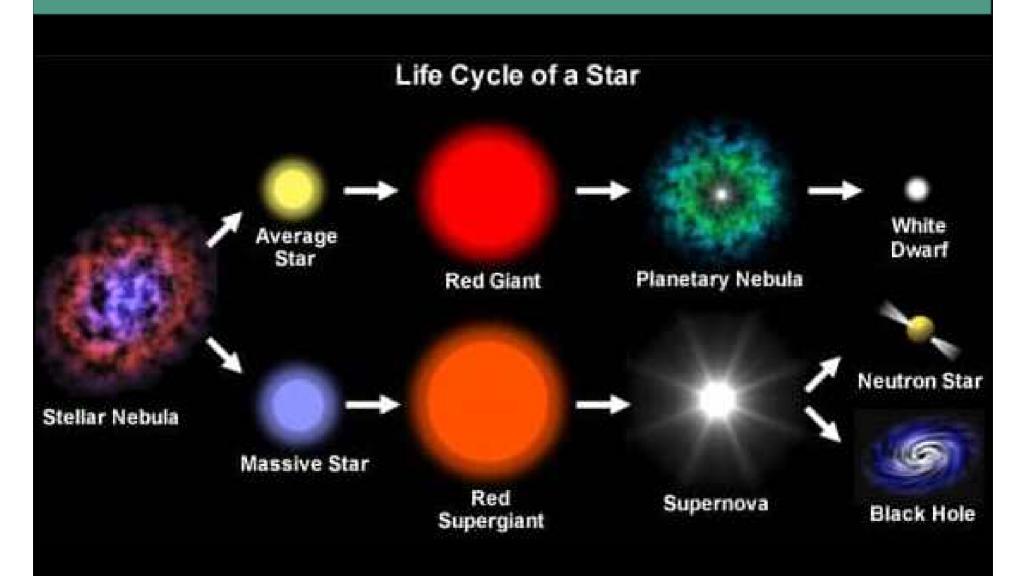
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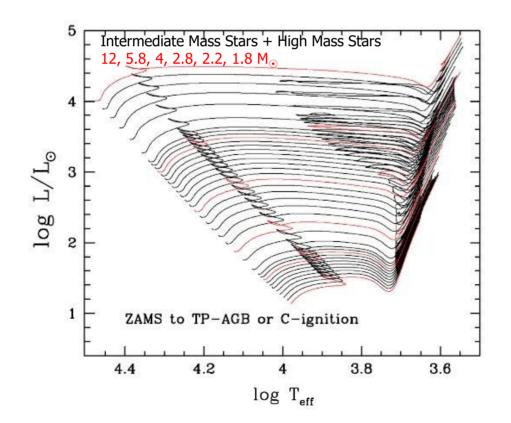
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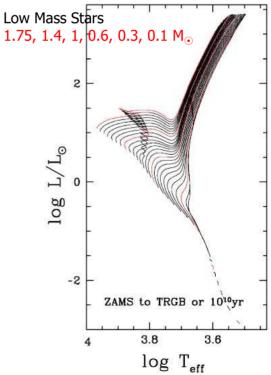


Stellar evolution isochrones

- Padova (Bressan+12 MN 427 127)
- Geneva
- VandenBerg (83 ApJS 51 29)
- Yonsei-Yale (Y²) (Demarque+04 ApJS 155 667)
- Dartmouth (Dotter+07 ApJ 666 403)
- Modules for Experiments in Stellar Astrophysics (MESA)
 (Paxton+11 ApJS 192 3)
- MESA Isochrones and Stellar Tracks (MIST) (Dotter 16 ApJS 222 8)
- Yunnan-III (Zhang+13 MN 428 3390)

Bressan et al. 2012 MNRAS 427 127 (PARSEC: stellar tracks and isochrones with the PAdova and TRieste Stellar Evolution Code)





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Grids of stellar models.

IV. From 0.8 to 120 M_{\odot} at Z = 0.040

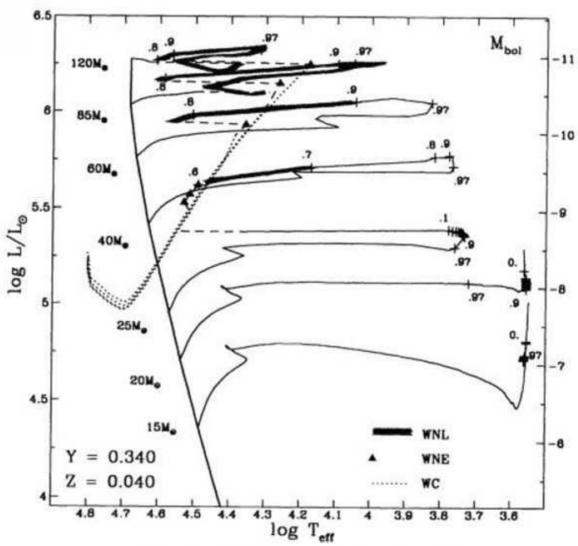
HRD of massive stars (15 – 120 M_{\odot}) with Z=0.040

Yc (central He content): 0.97, 0.90, 0.80, 0.70, 0.60, ---, 0.10, 0

Wolf-Rayet stars

- Hot : $T_{eff} = 30,000 200,000 \text{ K}$
- Broad emission lines of He I, He II, C III, C IV, N III, N V
- Very high surface enhancement of heavy elements (He etc.), depletion of hydrogen
- Strong stellar winds

N rich: WN C rich: WC

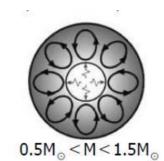


Schaerer et al (1993, A&AS, 102, 339) - Fig 3

Characteristics of MS Stars

M > 1.5 M _☉	M <1.5 M _☉		
$T_c > 2 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$	$T_c < 2 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$		
CNO cycle	PP chain		
Energy production rate : $\epsilon_{CNO} \propto T^{19.9} \rightarrow$ Production of most E near the center	$\epsilon_{CNO} \propto T^4 \rightarrow E$ source is not concentrated to the center		
core : convective	core : radiative		
envelope : radiation	envelope : H-convection		
The more massive, the larger convective core.	As mass decreases, H-convection zone deepens.		







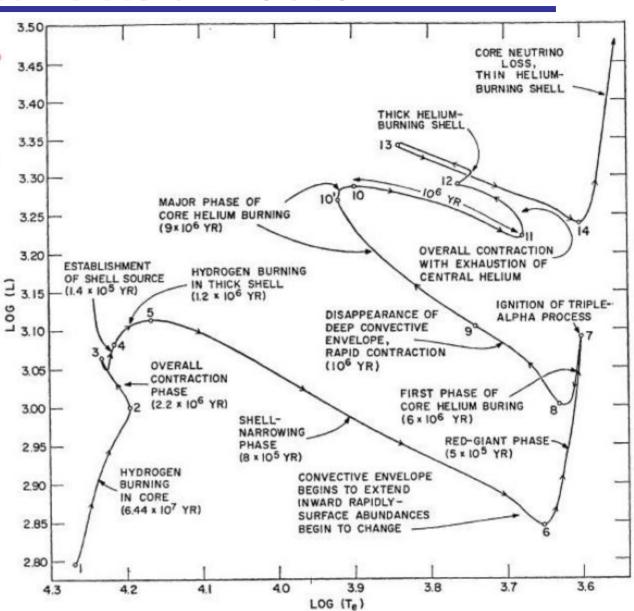
M<0.5M_o

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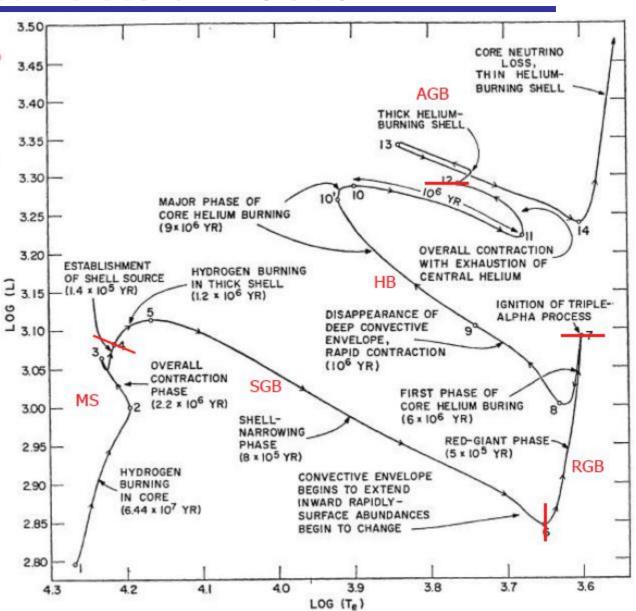
Dominant energy transport mode :

- Low temperature gradient, low opacity → radiation
- Steep temperature gradient → convection

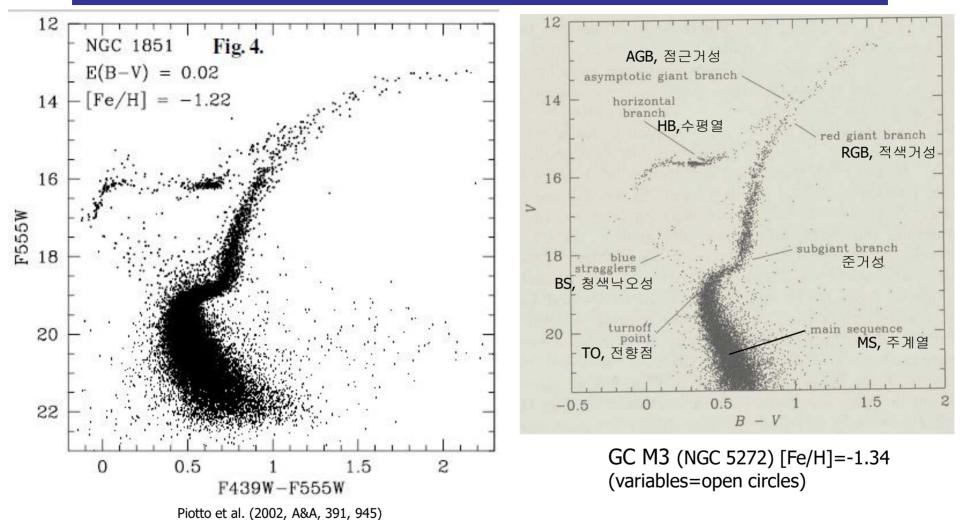
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 (AGB)



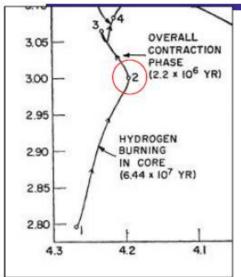
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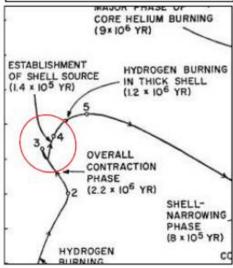
Color-Magnitude Diagrams for globular clusters (GCs)



5 M_o star - structure



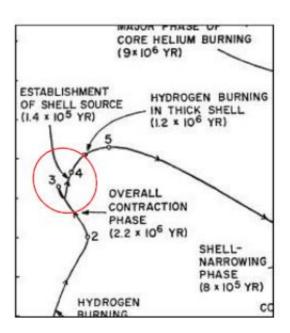
- At point 2: near depletion of H fuel in the core
- During 2 → 3 : overall contraction (Core H mass fraction X : reduced to 0.01)



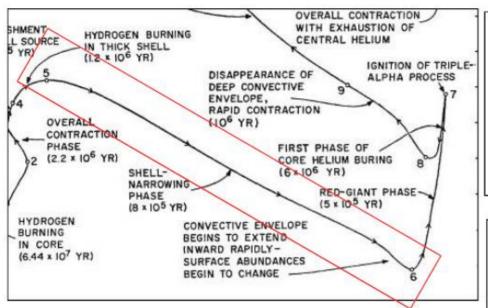
- During 3 → 4 : establishment of shell source H burning begins in a thick shell
 - Overlying envelope absorbs some or much of the E release by the shell → envelope slightly expands

Evolution beyond point 3

- Generated energy → goes into slow expansion of the envelope
- T_{eff} decreases slightly, evolutionary track bens to the right
- Redward locus = subgiant branch

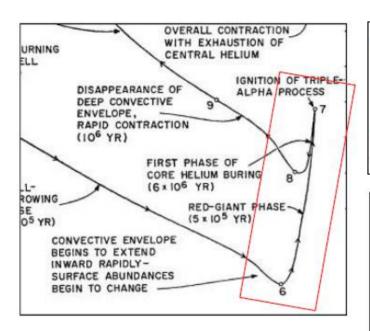


Sub Giant Branch (SGB): 5 M_☉ star



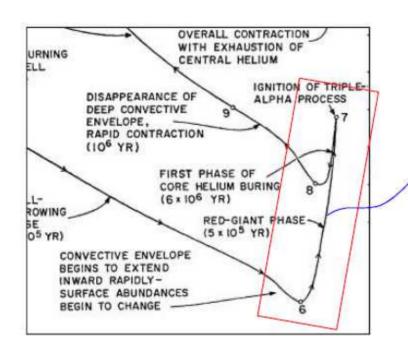
- During point 5 → 6 :
 - Envelope expands (absorbing much of the shell's E, before it reaches the surface)
- → L decreases, effective T decreases, photospheric optacity increases (H⁻ ion)
- convection zone begins to develop near the surface
- Base of the convection zone → extends down into regions where the chemical composition has been modified by nuclear processes
- Surface convection zone encounters these chemically modified regions
- → Processed material become mixed
- \rightarrow Photosphere composition change (Li \downarrow , ${}_{2}^{3}$ He \uparrow)
- "First dredge-up" begins at point 6

5 M_☉ star at the RGB



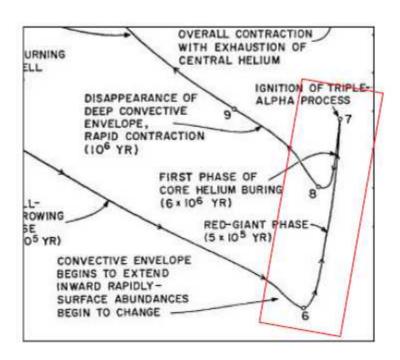
- During 6 → 7
 - : core continues to contract degenerate He
- → (narrowing) H-b shell E-production rate ↑
- \rightarrow L1, R1
- → vertical evolution, "red giant branch (RGB)"
- At point 7 :
- $-T_c = 1.3 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$
- $-\rho_c = 7700 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- High central T and density → quantum-mechanical tunneling through the Coulomb barrier (acting between ⁴He nuclei) becomes effective
 - \rightarrow triple- α process begins
- Slow ignition of He-burning phase!
- New source of E → core expands
- → Shell E-generation rate decreases
- $\rightarrow L \downarrow$
 - and envelope contracts, T_{eff}↑

※ For low mass stars of M < 2 M_☉



- As He-core continues to collapse
- → Core becomes strongly electron-degenerate
- T, ρ become high enough to initiate the triple- α process (10⁸ K, 10⁴ g/cm³)
- → Explosive E release! (core) helium flash
- Luminosity ~10¹¹ L_o
- → For only a few seconds!
 (most of the E never reaches the surface)
- → E "lifts" the degeneracy and absorbed by the overlying layers of the envelope (possibly cause some mass loss)

※ For low mass stars of M < 2 M_☉



(core) helium flash

: Nearly constant mass – function of metallicity $\sim 1.6~{\rm M}_{\odot}$ for population I stars

 $\sim 1~{\rm M}_{\odot}$ for population II stars

For pop II stars (ages 2-15 Gyr),
 if metallicity is same

→ bolometric luminosity is ~ constant (varies only by ~ 0.1 mag)

→ TRGB (tip of the red giant branch)
: distance indicator for old, resolved galaxies

TRGB (tip of the red giant branch)

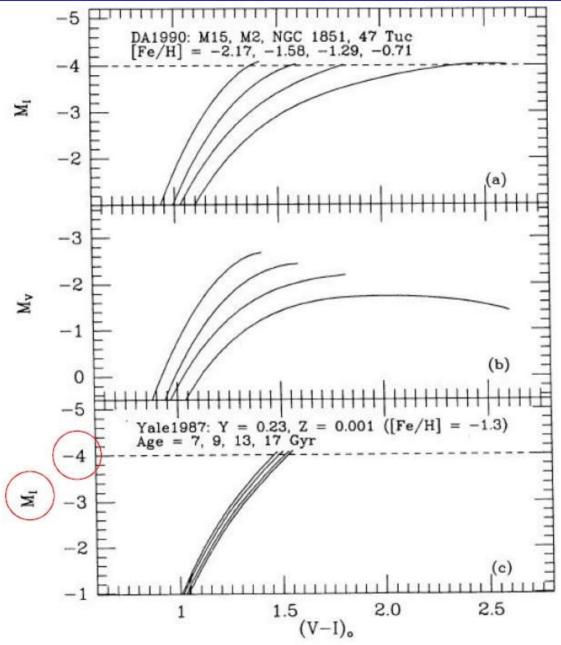


Fig. 1

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