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Stellar nucleosynthesis All main-sequence stars have a core region where energy is generated by nuclear fusion. The temperature and density of this core are at the levels necessary to sustain the energy production that will support the remainder of the star. A reduction of energy production would cause the overlaying mass to compress the core, resulting in an increase in the fusion rate because of higher temperature and pressure. Likewise an increase in energy production would cause the star to expand, lowering the pressure at the core. Thus the star forms a self-regulating system in hydrostatic equilibrium that is stable over the course of its main sequence lifetime. Astronomers divide the main sequence into upper and lower parts, based on which of the two is the dominant fusion process. In the lower main sequence, energy is primarily generated as the result of the proton-proton chain , which directly fuses hydrogen together in a series of stages to produce helium. This process uses atoms of carbon , nitrogen and oxygen as intermediaries in the process of fusing hydrogen into helium. As this is the core temperature of a star with about 1. Thus, roughly speaking, stars of spectral class F or cooler belong to the lower main sequence, while A-type stars or hotter are upper main-sequence stars. In the Sun, a one solar-mass star, only 1. Stellar structure This diagram shows a cross-section of a Sun-like star, showing the internal structure. Because there is a temperature difference between the core and the surface, or photosphere , energy is transported outward. The two modes for transporting this energy are radiation and convection. A radiation zone , where energy is transported by radiation, is stable against convection and there is very little mixing of the plasma. By contrast, in a convection zone the energy is transported by bulk movement of plasma, with hotter material rising and cooler material descending. Convection is a more efficient mode for carrying energy than radiation, but it will only occur under conditions that create a steep temperature gradient. Consequently, there is a high temperature gradient in the core region, which results in a convection zone for more efficient energy transport. The outer regions of a massive star transport energy by radiation, with little or no convection. This results in a steady buildup of a helium-rich core, surrounded by a hydrogen-rich outer region. By contrast, cool, very low-mass stars below 0. Since it is the outflow of fusion-supplied energy that supports the higher layers of the star, the core is compressed, producing higher temperatures and pressures. Both factors increase the rate of fusion thus moving the equilibrium towards a smaller, denser, hotter core producing more energy whose increased outflow pushes the higher layers further out. Thus there is a steady increase in the luminosity and radius of the star over time. This effect results in a broadening of the main sequence band because stars are observed at random stages in their lifetime. That is, the main sequence band develops a thickness on the HR diagram; it is not simply a narrow line. As an example, there are metal-poor stars with a very low abundance of elements with higher atomic numbers than helium that lie just below the main sequence and are known as subdwarfs. These stars are fusing hydrogen in their cores and so they mark the lower edge of main sequence fuzziness caused by variance in chemical composition. These stars vary in magnitude at regular intervals, giving them a pulsating appearance. The strip intersects the upper part of the main sequence in the region of class A and F stars, which are between one and two solar masses. Pulsating stars in this part of the instability strip that intersects the upper part of the main sequence are called Delta Scuti variables. Main-sequence stars in this region experience only small changes in magnitude and so this variation is difficult to detect. Lifetime[edit] This plot gives an example of the mass-luminosity relationship for zero-age main-sequence stars. The mass and luminosity are relative to the present-day Sun. The total amount of energy that a star can generate through nuclear fusion of hydrogen is limited by the amount of hydrogen fuel that can be consumed at the core. For a star in equilibrium, the energy generated at the core must be at least equal to the energy radiated at the surface. The energy output of the helium fusion process per unit mass is only about a tenth the energy output of the hydrogen process, and the luminosity of the star increases. For example, the Sun is predicted to spend million years burning helium, compared to about 12 billion years burning hydrogen.

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Abstract The scope of modern astrophysics is the entire cosmos and everything in it. As and substantial as its subject, The Tapestry of Modern Astrophysics provides advanced undergraduates or graduate-level students with a comprehensive introduction to the subject.

Advanced Astrophysics This class will cover a selection of topics in astrophysics that are of interest to the professor and the students enrolled in the class. Undergraduate astrophysics is prerequisite, but usually a motivated student can succeed by doing some reading during the winter break to prepare for the class. Physics is also prerequisite. Astrophysics is not so much a branch of physics as a concatenation of all of physics, applied to all there is: Thus a study of astrophysics requires first an extensive knowledge of physics. In this class, I shall assume that all of you have a basic working knowledge of undergraduate physics: No graduate courses other than Phys are prerequisite to this course. Undergraduate astronomy of some sort is a prerequisite: ASTR is preferred. Because the field is so broad, I have chosen a selection of topics that interest me. The textbook - Rybicki and Lightman - covers some but not all of these topics. I have listed it as an optional text. The new text The tapestry of modern astrophysics by Steven N. Shore should also be a useful reference. Problems will be assigned throughout the semester. Assignments turned in late will be accepted only under exceptional circumstances. Please note that many of the assignments will involve a computer calculation. Computers are an essential tool of all astrophysicists. Computers may also be used to construct plots and diagrams in other assignments. Please feel free to discuss all aspects of the class with me at any time. Discuss the homework problems among yourselves as well as with me. As graduate students, more is expected of you. You may find it helpful, indeed necessary, to use reference materials other than the assigned texts. I may include journal articles as assigned reading to be discussed in class. You will need to become proficient at using the Astophysics Data System. The class will be run as a seminar. I will give some lectures, but I will also assign readings in the text as well as in the astrophysics journals, which we will then discuss in class. Some lecture notes are available on line. Check the class schedule. The paper should be a major project that I expect you to work on all semester not just the last week. Due dates for topic, abstract etc are listed in the class schedule. Please begin to think about your topic immediately. All paper assignments must be typed. The topic statement should be about a page long typed, double-spaced and should include at least one reference. You may choose to do a review, or to complete an original project. The abstract should be at least a full paragraph. The outline should indicate section and subsection headings. You should have at least a half dozen references by this time. A 1st draft should be a complete paper, with references and figures. You may have some calculations to complete or a few ideas still to include. Figures may need further work. A suitable paper will be pages typed, double-spaced and will include technical material appropriate to a graduate-level Physics class. The 2nd draft should be your final paper, and should be essentially complete. It should include response to my comments on the first draft, but may need a final polish. Student presentations will be given during the last week of class, and also during the final exam period Thursday May 25th. All students must be present during all the presentation periods. The room is HSS Radiative Processes in Astrophysics. Wiley Required The tapestry of modern astrophysics. Shore Optional Optional The physics of astrophysics. Radiation Physical processes in the interstellar medium.

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