

Stellar Structure and Evolution

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Ejnar Hertzsprung (1873 – 1967)

Henry Norris Russel (1877 – 1957)





The 'Jewel Box' cluster (credit: M. Bessel, MSSSO)





The globular cluster 47 Tucanae (credit: SALT)









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Evolutionary Tracks off the Main Sequence







I. Equations of stellar structure

- 1. The viral theorem and relevant timescales
- 2. Hydrostatic equilibrium
- 3. Energy generation in stars thermonuclear reactions
- 4. Energy transport in stars
 - by radiation and heat conduction
 - by convection

II. Stellar evolution

- 1. Stellar models
- 2. Main-sequence evolution
- 3. Late stages of stellar evolution
- 4. Evolution of binary stars





III. Stars as laboratories for fundamental physics

- Binary Black Hole merger & gravitational waves

IV. Stars and cosmology

- Stars as distance indicators





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1.The virial theorem and relevant timescales

(i) Thermal energy (ideal gas)

 $E_T = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Re}{\mu} < T > M \ (\Re = 8.314 \cdot 10^7 \text{ (erg/K·mol)}, \mu = \text{ mean mol. weight)}$ (ii) Gravitational binding energy

$$E_{G} = -\alpha \frac{G M^{2}}{R} \quad \alpha \sim O(1)$$
(iii) Nuclear energy

$$\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{N}} = 1.3 \cdot 10^{52} \mathsf{fX}_{\mathsf{H}} \frac{M}{M_{sun}}$$

- $E_G \approx E_T << E_N$; Sun: $E_T \approx 5 \cdot 10^{48} erg$, $E_N \approx 10^{52} erg$



- 1-atomic ideal gas:
- $E_G = -2E_T$
- In case of contraction:

$$-\delta E_{G} > 0 \Rightarrow \delta E_{T} = -\frac{1}{2} \delta E_{G} > 0 \Rightarrow E_{T} \uparrow$$

 $-\frac{1}{2}\delta E_{G} > 0$ radiated away

Relevant timescales

(i) Dynamical timescale:
$$\tau_{\rm D} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi G\rho}}$$
; sun: ≈ 3000 s

- (ii) Kelvin-Helmholtz/thermal timescale: $\tau_{KH} := E_G/L$; $\tau_{th} := E_T/L$; sun: L= 4·10³³ erg/s $\Rightarrow \tau_{KH} \approx \tau_{th} \approx 3 \cdot 10^7$ years (>> τ_D)
- (iii) Nuclear timescale: $\tau_N = E_N/L = 1.3 \cdot 10^{52} \text{ fX}_H \text{M/M}_{sun}/L$ sun: $\tau_N \approx 10^{10}$ years





Sir Arthur S. Eddington (1882 – 1944)





$$\frac{\mathrm{d}m}{\mathrm{d}r} = 4\pi r^2 \rho.$$

mass conservation (m = m(r) = M_r)



momentum conservation (ρ: density; P: pressure)



energy conservation $(L = L(r) = L_r$: luminosity, $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_N$: nuclear energy generation rate)





(i) Equation of state (EoS)

a) Ideal gas equation of state:

 $P/\rho = (\gamma-1)u; \gamma = C_P/C_V$ ('adiabatic index'); u = energy/gram

1-atomic ideal gas:

P =
$$nk_BT$$
, ρu = 3/2 nk_BT => P/ ρ = 2/3 u, γ = 5/3

Photon gas:

 P_{rad} = 1/3 aT^4, ρu_{rad} = aT^4; P_{rad}/ρ = 1/3 $u_{rad},~\gamma$ = 4/3

 $k_B = 1.380 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ erg/K}; a = 7.565 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ erg/cm}^3 \text{K}^4$





(ii) Energy transport equation (see Section I.4) Example: diffusion of radiation, black body

$$rac{\mathrm{dT}}{\mathrm{dr}} = -rac{3}{4\mathrm{ac}}rac{\kappa\varrho}{\mathrm{T}^3}rac{\mathrm{L}}{4\pi\mathrm{r}^2}$$
; $\kappa = mean\ opacity$

(iii) Nuclear energy generation rates (see Section I.3) Example: Hydrogen burning

$$\varepsilon_{\rm N} = \varepsilon_0 \rho T^{\alpha}$$
, $\alpha \sim 4 (pp) \text{ or } \sim 17 - 20 (CNO)$





The MESA code



Go to:

http://mesa.sourceforge.net

MESA





code capabilities

https://screenshots.firefox.com/zsrklNvIHyJsSCfR/mesa.sourceforge.net



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H. Bethe (1906-2005), C.F.v.Weiszäcker(1912-2007)







$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathrm{d}Y_i}{\mathrm{d}t} &= \sum_j N_i \lambda_j Y_j + \sum_{j,k} \frac{N_i}{N_j! N_k!} \rho N_A \langle \sigma v \rangle_{j,k} Y_j Y_k \\ &+ \sum_{j,k,l} \frac{N_i}{N_j! N_k! N_l!} \rho^2 N_A^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle_{j,k,l} Y_j Y_k Y_l. \end{aligned}$$

 $Y_i = X_i/A_i$: abundance od species i; N_i : number of species i produced in the reaction; N_A : Avogadro number; $<\sigma v>$: Maxwell averaged cross section







CNO-bicycle – reaction equations



$$dY_{12C}/dt = -\lambda_{p12C} Y_{p}Y_{12C} + a_{1}\lambda_{p15N}Y_{p}Y_{15N} \quad (p,a)$$

$$dY_{13N}/dt = -\lambda_{e+13N}Y_{13N} + \lambda_{p12C}Y_{p}Y_{12C}$$

$$dY_{13C}/dt = +\lambda_{e+13N}Y_{13N} - \lambda_{p13C}Y_{p}Y_{13C}$$

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$$dY_{16O}/dt = -\lambda_{p16O} Y_{p}Y_{16O} + a_{2}\lambda_{p15N}Y_{p}Y_{15N} (p,\gamma) (a_{1}+a_{2}=1)$$

<u>Net result: $4p = 4He + 2e^{+} + 2v_{e}$; $Q \approx 26MeV$ </u>

$$<\sigma v>$$

= $\left(\frac{8N_A}{A_{ij}\pi}\right)^{1/2} (k_B T)^{-3/2} \int_{0}^{\infty} E\sigma(E) \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right) dE$

$$N_A = 6.0247 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$r_{ij} \coloneqq (1 + \delta_{ij})^{-1} n_i n_i < \sigma v >$$



Incoming particle `sees` (repulsive) potential:

 $V_{l} = \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^{2}}{2\mu r^{2}} + \frac{Z_{1}Z_{2}e^{2}}{r}$ (angular momentum + Coulomb barrier)

In general: $\langle E_{kin} \rangle \ll E_C \Rightarrow QM$ tunneling through barrier

Two possibilities:

- Non-resonant reactions: no state in compound nucleus at Ekin
- Resonant reactions: state at or near Ekin

Non-resonant reactions (I=0 only):





Barrier penetrability:
$$P_C \propto e^{\frac{-2\pi Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{\hbar v}}$$

Effective cross section:

$$\propto \lambda^2 \pi$$
; $\lambda = de Broglie wavelength = \frac{\hbar}{m_0 v} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{1/2} \cong \frac{\hbar}{p}$

$$\Rightarrow \pi \lambda^2 \propto (\frac{1}{p})^2 \propto \frac{1}{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(E) =: \frac{S(E)}{E} exp\left\{-\frac{2\pi Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{\hbar v}\right\} \qquad (det$$

(defines S(E), `astrophysical S-factor`)

Advantage: less energy dependent than $\sigma(E)$!





Write cross section as:

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{S(E)}{E} exp(-bE^{-1/2}),$$

where $b=31.28 \bullet Z_1 Z_2 A^{1/2}$, $A=A_1 A_2/(A_1+A_2)=\mu/M_u$

In $\langle \sigma v \rangle$: Integral over product of Maxwell-distribution $\left(\propto \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right) \right)$ and coss section $\left(\propto \exp\left(-bE^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \right)$.

Peaks at: $E_0 = 1.220(Z_1^2Z_2^2AT_6^2)^{1/3}$ (`effective` stellar energy)

(typically ~ $10k_BT$)

Gamov peak







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Gamov peak for ¹²C + ⁴He







S(E) from extrapolations of experimental data (if available) or from theory

Examples:

- Statistical model (good for rather heavy nuclei)
- Direct captures, optical potential

Reference:

C. Iliadis: *Nuclear Physics of Stars; Wiley-VCH, Berlin (2007)* (contains resonant reactions also)

- Mostly relevant for ligth nuclei (A≤30)
- A particular state in the compound nucleus is at E_i: *resonant reaction*
- No problem for broad resonances, but:

 \rightarrow Narrow resonances

 \rightarrow Sub-threshold resonances

• Apply Breit-Wigner resonance formula (Blatt & Weisskopf: Theoretical Nuclear Physics, Dover (1991))


S-factor for $a+^{12}C$ E1 capture (from an *R*-matrix fit)



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S-factor for $a+^{12}C$ E2 capture (from a cluster-model fit)



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Examples, sub-threshold reactions

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$$\sigma(p, \alpha) = \left(\frac{\pi}{k^2}\right) \left[\frac{2J_{\rm B} + 1}{(2J_p + 1)(2J_{\rm Be} + 1)}\right] \left[\frac{\Gamma_p \Gamma_\alpha}{(E - E_r)^2 + (\Gamma/2)^2}\right]$$

 $l = 0, \ \theta_0^2 = 0.10$ (p,α) -reaction, non-resonant $^{9}\text{Be}(p,\alpha)^{6}\text{Li}$ 10 $\sigma v \rangle$ (resonant) $l = 0, \ \theta_0^2 = 0.01$ (E. Brown, ApJ 905, 495, 1998) 0V) 0.1 $l = 2, \ \theta_2^2 = 0.5$ $S(0) = 47.0 \left(\frac{\theta_0^2}{0.01}\right) \text{ MeV barns }.$ 0.01 5

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 $T/(10^{6} \, {\rm K})$

Reaction rate tables: NON_SMOKER





www.nucastro.org/ nonsmoker.html

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burning phase	fuel	ash	ignition temperature [10 ⁹ K]	energy release [10 ¹⁸ erg/g]	cooling due to
D-burning	² H	³ He	0.0004	~0.0001	γ
H-burning	¹ H	⁴ He, ¹⁴ N	0.003	5—8	γ
He-burning	⁴He	¹² C, ¹⁶ O, ²² Ne	0.2	0.7	γ
C-burning	¹² C	²⁰ Ne, ²⁴ Mg, ¹⁶ O, ²³ Na	0.8	0.5	ν
Ne-burning	²⁰ Ne	¹⁶ O, ²⁴ Mg, ²⁸ Si,	1.5	0.1	ν
O-burning	¹⁶ O	²⁸ Si, ³² S	2	0.5	ν
Si-burning	²⁸ Si	⁵⁶ Ni, A ¼ 56	3.5	0.1—0.3	ν
photo disintegration	⁵⁶ Ni	n, ⁴ He, p	6—10	8	v



$d\mathcal{E}_{\nu} = I_{\nu}(\vec{x}, t; \vec{n}, \nu) dA \cos \vartheta d\Omega d\nu dt$



► <u>specific intensity</u>

 $d\mathcal{E}_{\nu} = I_{\nu}(\vec{x}, t; \vec{n}, \nu) dA \cos \vartheta d\Omega d\nu dt$

- <u>radiation flux</u> $F_{\nu} d\sigma = \int I_{\nu} \cos \theta d\sigma d\Omega$
- total (bolometric) flux

$$F = \int F_{\nu} \mathrm{d}\nu$$

► <u>luminosity</u>

$$L = AF$$



Stellar opacities

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$$F_{\nu}(r) = -\frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{\kappa_{\nu}} \frac{dB_{\nu}}{dT} \frac{dT}{dr}$$

$$F(r) = \int F_{\nu} d_{\nu} = \int -\frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{\kappa_{\nu}} \frac{dB_{\nu}(T)}{dT} \frac{dT}{dr} d\nu = -\frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{\kappa_{R}} \frac{dB(T)}{dT} \frac{dT}{dr}$$

$$\frac{1}{\kappa_{R}} = \frac{\int \frac{1}{\kappa_{\nu}} \frac{dB_{\nu}(T)}{dT} d\nu}{\frac{dB(T)}{dT}}$$

with

$$B_{\nu}(T) = \frac{2h\nu^{3}}{c^{2}} [e^{h\nu/kT} - 1]^{-1} \quad \underline{and} \quad B(T) = \int B_{\nu}(T) d\nu$$







Schematic; density: 10⁻⁴ g/cm³, ~solar composition





(see, e.g., D.D. Clayton: Principles of Stellar Evolution and Nucleosynthesis; University of Chicago Press (1984)

- 1. Bound-bound transitions (trans. between bound states) $\sigma_{bb}(\nu) \propto 1/\nu^2$
- 2. Photoionization (`bound-free opacities`)

$$\sigma_{bf}(Z,\nu) \propto \frac{Z^4}{n^5 \nu^3}$$



Stellar opacities



3. Inverse bremsstrahlung (`free-free` opacities) $\gamma + e^- + (Z, A) \rightarrow e^- + (Z, A)$

$$\sigma_{ff}(Z,\nu) \propto \frac{Z^2 n e}{T^{1/2} \nu^3}$$
 and $\bar{\sigma}_{ff} \propto (Z,\nu) \propto n_e Z^2 T^{-7/2}$

 $(2^{nd} \text{ order contributions}; 1^{st} \text{ order} = 0)$

4. Electron scattering (non-relativistic: Thomson scattering)

$$\sigma_T = \frac{8\pi}{3} r_e^2 = 0.665 (\text{barn})$$
(valid up to T \approx 5•10⁸ K)



Stellar opacities





Fig. 3. Opacity versus temperature for the 12 element King4a mixture.



Fig. 4. Comparison of OPAL and OP for the same 14 element mixture. The results are shown for constant tracks of log R.





Energy transport by conduction of heat:

Only relevant in degenerate matter (white dwarfs, neutron stars)

In white dwarfs: electrons In neutron stars: neutrons

States $p < p_{Fermi}$ are blocked \Rightarrow large mean free path \Rightarrow high (thermal) conductivity

$$\kappa_{c} = \frac{4ac}{3\rho} T^{3} \frac{1}{\lambda_{c}}; \ \lambda_{c} = mean \ free \ path \ (electrons, neutrons)$$
$$\frac{1}{\kappa_{tot}} = \frac{1}{\kappa_{R}} + \frac{1}{\kappa_{c}}$$



New opacities (past ~ 15 years)

"OPAL" opacities (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory): Iglesias & Rogers: Astrophysical Journal 464 (1996) 943 Also:

http://www.cita.utoronto/~boothroy/kappa.html

"Opacity Project (OP)" (Hummer, Michalas, Seaton, ...) See:

http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/topbase/op.html



`Kramer's opacity`

bound-free: $\bar{\kappa}_{bf} = 4.34 \cdot 10^{25} cm^2 g^{-1} Z (1+X) \varrho T^{-7/2}$

free-free: $\bar{\kappa}_{\rm ff} = 3.68 \cdot 10^{22} cm^2 g^{-1} (X + Y) (1 + X) \varrho T^{-7/2}$

X: hydrogen mass fraction Y: helium mass fraction Z: heavy element mass fraction ("metals")

Karl Schwarzschild (1873 – 1916)

















Schwarzschild criterion

Instability if:
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_1} \frac{\varrho}{P} \left(\frac{dP}{dr}\right)_* < \left(\frac{d\varrho}{dr}\right)_*$$

Or:
$$\left| \left(\frac{dT}{dr} \right)_{ad} \right| < \left| \left(\frac{dT}{dr} \right)_{rad} \right|$$

Good approximation for stellar structure:

$$\left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right)_* \cong \left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right)_{ad}$$



Mixing-length `theory`



Convective flux:
$$F_{c} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\varrho} \overline{c_{p}} \overline{w} l \left(\frac{dT}{dz} - \frac{\overline{dT}}{dz} \right) \cdot \omega$$

In practice:
$$\omega = 1$$
; $l = \alpha \left(\frac{dlnP}{dr}\right)^{-1}$; $\alpha = O(1)$;

$$\overline{w}^{2} = \frac{g}{T} \left(\frac{dT}{dz} - \frac{\overline{dT}}{dz} \right) \frac{l^{2}}{4}$$

l: `mixing length`, w: convective velocity



- Non-adiabatic effects (radiation losses)
- Time dependence
- Non-locality ("over-" and "under-shooting")
- Ledoux criterion (takes abundance gradients into account)









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Stellar convection: evolved stars



Stellar convection: classical novae





Summary: Stellar structure equations

m is the Lagrangian coordinate;

- r, P, T, L_r are the dependent variables;
- X_i are the composition variables;

 $\rho, \kappa, \epsilon, \ldots$ are physical functions, all depending on (P, T, \vec{X}) .

The four structure equations to be solved are:

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial m} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho} \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial m} = -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^4} - \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial t^2}$$
(10)

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial m} = -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^4} - \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial t^2}$$
(10)
$$\frac{\partial L_r}{\partial m} = \epsilon_n - \epsilon_\nu - c_P \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{\delta}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t}$$
(11)
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial m} = -\frac{GmT}{4\pi r^4 P} \nabla$$
(12)

with ∇ depending of the type of energy transport:

$$\nabla = \nabla_{\text{rad}} = \frac{3}{16\pi acG} \frac{\kappa L_r P}{mT^4}$$
(13)

$$\nabla = \nabla_{\rm con} (\approx \nabla_{\rm ad}) \tag{14}$$

Finally, for the composition, we have (schematically)

$$\frac{\partial X_i}{\partial t} = \frac{m_i}{\rho} \left(\sum_j r_{ji} - \sum_k r_{ik} \right)$$
(15)

which may include a diffusive term (here: representative for concentration diffusion)

$$\frac{\partial X_i}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left[(4\pi r^2 \rho)^2 D \frac{\partial X_i}{\partial r} \right]$$
(16)

Boundary conditions

at center: $M_r = 0 \rightarrow r(0) = 0, L_r(0) = 0$

at **surface**: different possibilities

(1) "zero" b.c.: for $M_r = M$: P(M) = 0, T(M) = 0; gives inner parts of stars approximately correct, but outer parts are unrealistic; cannot be compared to observations

(2) **photospheric b.c.**: b.c. taken at photosphere, i.e. at *optical depth* $\tau_{ph} = 2/3$, where $T = T_{eff}$

Boundary-value problem!

<u>"Stellar evolution" :</u> sequence of stellar models

Scheme for numerical solutions





Structure of evolved massive stars







Stellar evolution





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Stellar evolution (and the HR diagram)



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Star formation









Condition for collapse:

$$t_{ff} < t_{sound} \Rightarrow M > M_{Jeans} \coloneqq \left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \varrho_0 \lambda_{Jeans}^3$$

$$\lambda_{Jeans} := \left(\frac{\pi}{G\varrho_0}\right)^{1/2} c_s$$

$$\begin{split} M_{Jeans} &= 1.2 \bullet 10^5 M_{sun} \left(\frac{T}{100 K} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{10^{-24} g/cm^3}{\varrho_0} \right)^{1/2} \mu^{-3/2} \end{split}$$

Star formation





Star burst galaxy NGC 1569 (©NASA)

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Primordial stars






Initial mass function









<u>Hayashi track:</u> fully convective (S=const) configurations (n=3/2, γ=5/3 polytropes) (*see wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/~weiss/Vorlesung_WS1617/index.html*)

MS mass-luminosity relation (data)



MS mass-radius relation (data)









pp-chains





<u>PPI:</u> Q ≈ 26.2 MeV



CNO-cycles



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

$${}^{13}N \rightarrow {}^{13}C + e^{+} + \nu$$

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

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

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

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

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

$${}^{16}O + {}^{1}H \rightarrow {}^{17}F + \gamma$$

$${}^{16}O + {}^{1}H \rightarrow {}^{17}F + \gamma$$

$${}^{17}F \rightarrow {}^{17}O + e^{+} + \nu$$

$${}^{17}O + {}^{1}H \rightarrow {}^{14}N + {}^{4}He$$

CNO (main cycle): Q ≈ 25.0 MeV



CNO versus pp

















Evoltion of the sun





- A: Middle of main sequene phase
- B: Turn-off from the main sequence
- C: End of core-H burning
- D: He flash, formation of a planetary nebula







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 $7 M_{sun} star$



Red-giant branch star





Hydrogen Shell Burning on the Red Giant Branch





Estimated Stellar Lifetimes(in units of 10⁶ years)

MASS (solar masses)	SPECTRAL TYPE ON THE MAIN SEQUENCE	PERIOD OF CONTRACTION TO MAIN SEQUENCE (10 ⁶ yrs)	ESTIMATED LIFETIME ON THE MAIN SEQUENCE (10 ⁶ yrs)	PERIOD FOR MAIN SEQUENCE TO RED GIANT (10 ⁶ yrs)	RED GIANT DURATION (10 ⁶ yrs)
30	05	0.02	4.9	0.55	0.3
15	B 0	0.06	10	1.7	2
9	B2	0.2	22	0.2	5
5	B5	0.6	68	2	20
3	A0	3	240	9	80
1.5	F2	20	2,000	280	
1.0	G2	50	10,000	680	
0.5	M0	200	30,000		
0.1	M7	500	107		

Source: Fundamental Astronomy, edited by H. Karttunen et al., 1994













Core-He flash





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WD's & Planetary Nebulae





Abundaces in Planetary Nebulae







3-alpha Reaction





$$\epsilon_{3\alpha} = 5.3 \times 10^{21} \text{ ergs g}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} f \frac{\rho_5^2 Y^3}{T_8^3} \exp\left(\frac{-44}{T_8}\right)$$

(f = screening corrections; Y = He mass fraction)

3-alpha Reaction





Morel et al. , A&A 520, A41 (2010)

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Detailed evolution: 5 M_{sun} star







M/M _{sun}	T _{c-He} (years)		
3	2.5 · 10 ⁷		
5	6.0 · 10 ⁶		
9	2.9 · 10 ⁶		
15	1.4 · 10 ⁶		
25	7.2 · 10 ⁵		

Homologous contraction & ignition masses





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Iben (1991), ApJ Suppl 76, 55

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C-O core grows towards Chandrasekharmass (~1.4M_{sun})

Contraction, luminosity mostly from He shell



FIG. 13. Carbon-abundance profiles at selected times (time increasing upwards) during several pulse cycles of an asymptotic giant branch star of total mass 7 M_{\odot} and core mass 0.95 M_{\odot} . Each panel gives the abundance by mass of ¹²C as a function of mass outward from the centre. The cross-hatched regions mark the location of a helium-burning convective shell and the single hatched regions show how far envelope convection extends inward. During pulse peak, convection extends outward from the base of the burning shell almost, but not quite, to the point H beyond which hydrogen is found. After shell convection dies down, the base of the convective envelope moves inward into the region where freshly made carbon has been carried by shell convection during pulse peak. Fresh carbon is thereupon dredged to the stellar surface. Note that there is an 'overlap' between successive convective shell also appears in succeeding convective shells. This has important consequences for the distribution of neutron-rich isotopes formed in each convective shell. From Iben, I. (Jr), 1976. Astrophys. J., 208, 165.



 $L^{max}_{He} \approx 10^{6} - 10^{7} L_{sun}$ (pulse maximum)

 $L^{max}_{H} \approx 10^{4} - 10^{5} L_{sun}$ (in between pulses)

Energy generation -> expansion -> luminosity pulse

Expected: several 10³ – 10⁴ pulses!










Thermal pulses of AGB stars











































White-

dwarf

1.4

Main-sequence mass

Further evolution: massive stars



Si

AI

Mg

14



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At the onset of core-C burning:

$$T_{center} = \begin{cases} 7.5 \ 10^8 \ K \ (15 \ Ms_{un}) \\ 7.8 \ 10^8 \ K \ (25 \ M_{sun}) \end{cases}$$

$$\varrho_{center} = \begin{cases} 4.3 \ 10^4 \ gcm^{-3} \ (15 \ M_{sun}) \\ 1.5 \ 10^5 \ gcm^{-3} \ (25 \ M_{sun}) \end{cases}$$

During core-C burning:

$$T_{eff} = \begin{cases} 4.4 \ 10^{3} K \ (15 M_{sun}) \\ 4.0 \ 10^{3} K \ (25 M_{sun}) \end{cases}$$
$$R_{ph} = \begin{cases} 3.7 \ 10^{13} \ cm \ (15 \ M_{sun}) \\ 6.7 \ 10^{13} \ cm \ (25 \ M_{sun}) \end{cases}$$

"Red Supergiant"

Envelope does not change much: $\tau_C \leq \tau_{KH}$

He & onset of core-C burning

15

M₀

25



FIG. 2.—The time variation of convective regions in a 15 M_{\odot} stellar model evolving from the zero-age main sequence into shell carbon burning. Ordinate, the Lagrangian mass coordinate measured in solar units; abscissa, the logarithm of the time measured backward from an evolutionary time slightly later than the last model calculated, that is, $t^* \equiv \log_{10}(t_f - t)$. Cross-hatching, convective regions; Double cross-hacking, regions only marginally unstable to convection. Dashed lines, discontinuities in the composi-tion; dash-dot lines, regions of maximum energy generation.







FIG. 9.—Composition profiles within the 15 M_{\odot} star at a time just prior to carbon burning ($t^* \approx 3.11$). Abscissa, the Lagrangian mass coordinate; ordinate, the mass fraction. The scale for ¹⁴N and ²²Ne is different from that for the other nuclei.



Core-Carbon burning





15 M_{sun}



25 M_{sun}

Massive stars: through core-C burning



FIG. 7.—The paths of the 15 M_{\odot} and 25 M_{\odot} model stars in the H-R diagram. The path during the major core helium-burning phase is bounded by points B and C in the 25 M_{\odot} case and by points B and B' in the 15 M_{\odot} case. Most observed blue supergiants should lie in the crosshatched region bounded by the lines BB and CB'. Core carbon burning occurs between points D and E along the evolutionary paths. The intersection of the Cepheid instability strip with the carbon-burning band defines the upper mass and period limits of observable Cepheids. Extreme possibilities for the outer boundaries of the carbon-burning band are shown by the dash-dot lines.



Lamb et al. (1976)

FIG. 8.—The variation of central density with central temperature from the zero-age main sequence into shell carbon burning. The demarcation line between degenerate and nondegenerate regimes $(\epsilon_F | kT \leq 1)$ is indicated, as is the region where electronpositron pair production becomes important in the equation of state. The lettered points correspond to similarly lettered points in Fig. 7, and their significance is explained at the beginning of § III in the text.





During core-C burning:

$$\varepsilon_{C} = \begin{cases} 2.8 \ 10^{7} \ ergg^{-1}s^{-1} \ (15M_{sun}) \\ 4.4 \ 10^{7} ergg^{-1} \ s^{-1} \ (25M_{sun}) \end{cases}$$

Most of this energy is carried away by neutrinos!

$$L_{\nu} = \begin{cases} 3.4 \ 10^{38} \ ergs^{-1} \ (15 \ M_{sun}) \\ 1.0 \ 10^{39} \ ergs^{-1} \ (25 \ M_{sun}) \end{cases}$$

Processes:

 $\gamma + e^- \rightarrow e^- + \nu_e + \overline{\nu}_e$ ("photo neutrinos")

 $\gamma_{plasmon} \rightarrow \nu_e + \overline{\nu}_e$ ("plasmon neutrinos")

Massive stars: after core-C burning



Without mass loss: blue supergiant -> yellow supergiant -> red supergiant



Massive stars: O and Si burning

¹⁶O + ¹⁶O
$$\rightarrow$$
 ²⁴Mg + 2⁴He
 \rightarrow ²⁸Si + ⁴He
 \rightarrow ³¹P + p⁺
 \rightarrow ³¹S + n
 \rightarrow ³²S + γ

$${}^{28}_{14}Si + {}^4_2He \rightarrow {}^{32}_{16}S + \gamma$$

 ${}^{32}_{16}S + {}^4_2He \rightarrow {}^{36}_{18}Ar + \gamma$

 ${}^{52}_{24}Cr$ + ${}^{4}_{2}He$ ightarrow ${}^{56}_{26}Fe$ + γ

 α - particles from ²⁸Si + $\gamma \rightarrow {}^{24}Mg + \alpha$



Oxygen burning (~middle):

	15 M _{sun}	25 M _{sun}
Т _С (К)	1.9 10 ⁹	1.8 10 ⁹
ρ _c (g cm ⁻³)	5.4 10 ⁶	1.7 10 ⁶
L _v (erg s ⁻¹)	7.9 10 ⁴²	2.3 10 ⁴³
т (s)	5.7 10 ⁷	1.2 10 ⁷

Silicon burning (beginning):

	15 M _{sun}	25 M _{sun}
Т _с (10 ⁹ К)	3.1	3.4
ρ _c (10 ⁷ g cm ⁻³)	2.3	1.1
L _v (10 ⁴⁴ erg s ⁻¹)	3.4	38
т (10 ⁵ s)	5.2	1.2

Massive stars: after core-Si burning





- ➢ All stars more massive than 8-9 M_{sun} evolve a central core of Fe-group elaments of about 1.5 M_{sun} (≥ M_{Chandrasehar})
- This core contracts and heats up (Virial theorem!)
- Photo-dissociation of "Fe", γ<4/3: collapse to neutron star or black hole (+ supernova)
- All massive stars (with solar metallicity) should be red supergiants when the explode
- But: The progenitor of SN 1987A was a blue supergiant!





- Progenitor: Sanduleak -69° 202
- Blue supergiant (B3Ia)
- \succ L_{bol} ~ 10⁵ L_{sun}
- ≻ T_{eff} ~ 15 000 K
- $> M_{MS} \sim (20 \pm 2) M_{sun}$ (stellar models)
- $> M_{He} \sim (6 \pm 1) M_{sun}$ (stellar models)
- > M_{H} (ejected) ~ (10 ± 1) $M_{sun} \implies$ mass loss before explos.!
- "Rings": Star was "red" ~40 000 years before the explosion!



SN 1987 A in the LMC











Supernova 1987A in the LMC





Supernova 1987A 7:35 UT 23.2.1987 Blue Supergiant Sanduleak 69.202



SN 1987 A





SN 1987 A

















SN 1987A progenitor evolution

SAIO, KATO, AND NOMOTO (1988)





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Central stars of PNe; Maciel et al. (2010)









Neutron stars: the Crab pulsar













Neutron star interiors






Neutron star masses





Binary pulsar: orbit











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Compact object mass in solar masses

Final fate of single (non-rotating) stars



Roche model: coordinates



Roche model: potential at (x,y)



$$-\Phi \equiv \Omega(x, y) = \frac{GM_1}{r_1} + \frac{GM_2}{r_2} + \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)\omega^2$$
$$\omega = \frac{\sqrt{GM}}{R^{3/2}} (3rd Kepler's law)$$

$$\implies \Omega = GM(\frac{1-f}{r_1} + \frac{f}{r_2} + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2GM}\omega^2)$$

Equipotential surfaces: $\frac{\Omega}{GM} = const$

$$r_1^2 = (x^2 + y^2) + a^2 - 2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} a \cos \alpha$$

$$r_2^2 = (x^2 + y^2) + b^2 - 2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} b \cos \alpha$$

Roche model: equipotential surfaces







Roche lobes









Close-binary types



semidetached

semidetached with disk



contact

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Main sequence star + White Dwarf

	Period (days)	M _{WZ} /M _{sun}	M _{MS} /M _{sun}
V471 Tau	0.5212	0.71	0.73
UU Sag	0.4651	1.05	0.60
LSS 2018	0.3571	0.70	0.31





 $M_1 {=} 9 M_{sun}$, $M_2 {=} 5 M_{sun}$, $R {=} 10^{12} cm, \ R_{c1} {=} 4\ 10^{11} cm,$ reached 1.25 107 years after onset of core-H burning

Binary stars: "Case B" evolution



 $M_1=9M_{sun}$, $M_2=3.13M_{sun}$, R=2 10¹²cm, $R_{c1}=10^{12}$ cm, reached during shell-H burning, $R_1^*_{max}$ (core-H)=5 10¹¹cm



Binary stars: Classical Novae



Nova Cygni 1992

Hubble Space Telescope Faint Object Camera



Raw Image



Binary stars: Classical Novae







Classical Novae: Lightcurves



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Classical Novae: Lightcurves



Bode & Evans (1989)

Supernova classification





Supernova light curves (schematically)



Supernova spectra (schematically)







Type la supernovae





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 'Single degenerates'
Chandrasekhar mass Pure deflagration
'delayed' detonation
sub-Chandrasekhar mass







Which of them are realized in Nature? All of them?





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Type la supernovae



The standard 'single-degenerate' model



White dwarf star in a binary system with MS or (R)G star

→ Growing to the critical mass $(M_{chan} \approx 1.4 \text{ M}_{\odot})$ by mass transfer

Disrupted by a thermonuclear explosion (fusion of C and O to iron-group elements)

➤ Light comes from radioactive decay : ⁵⁶Ni → ⁵⁶Co → ⁵⁶Fe

The standard 'single-degenerate' model

'sub-Chandra double-detonation'





Type la supernovae: merger





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Double-degenerate merger

(with a He layer on top of the secondary C+O WD)



Pakmor et al. (2013)

Einstein's quadropole formula





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GW detectors (e.g. LIGO)







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MPA, 1970





MPA, 1975



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GW detectors: a bit of history







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Possible formation channels:

- I. Dynamical formation in dense clusters
 - in dense clusters: dynamical interactions → close BH+BH binaries
- **II. Non-dynamical formation**
 - common-envelope scenarios: conversion of wide binary to close binary
 - homogeneous evolution scenarios: close binary from the beginning

(References:

P. Podsiadlowski, <u>http://www-astro.physics.ox.ac.uk/~podsi/grav_waves.pdf</u> S.Stevenson et al. (2017): *Nature communications* **8***)*

- in dense clusters, BHs segregate quickly and can form sub-clusters of BHs (Spitzer instability)
- three-body encounters \rightarrow BH+BH binaries
- most are ejected, but some harden sufficiently to ultimately merge
- aLIGO detection rates (e.g. Banerjee 2016): $10 300 \, yr^{-1}$







(Credit: Banerjee 2016)

- the progenitors of black holes are big stars
- need to get them into a close orbit to merge
- possible solution: common-envelope evolution
- standard scenario to produce compact NS+NS binaries (Hulse-Taylor pulsar, PSR J0737-3039)
- problem with black holes:
 - > difficult to form two black holes
 (requires late mass transfer)
 - but possible with some fine-tuning
 - rates highly uncertain (Belczynski et al. [2016] vs. Kruckow, et al. [2016])













The Massive Overcontact Binary (MOB) Model (Marchant et al. 2016; also de Mink & Mandel 2016a,b)

- initial homogeneous evolution is enforced by tidal locking in a very close massive binary (de Mink et al. 2009)
- needs to avoid binary widening by stellar wind mass loss
- \rightarrow requires low metallicity
 - most systems pass through contact phase on main sequence
- ightarrow evolution drives systems towards mass ratio of 1

Model Description

- uses latest MESA code (Paxton et al. 2015)
- with binary evolution fully implemented (Marchant)
- mass loss:

 \triangleright Vink (2001) ×1/3 (H-rich), Hamann (1995) (no H) \triangleright $\dot{M} \propto Z^{0.85}$









But: Very massive stars are active ('LBVs'), show eruptions, (example: Eta Carinae) Very idealized models!



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- H₀ measures the present expansion rate of the Universe
- It enters as a scale factor into most other cosmological parameters
- Different methods to measure it claim uncertainties below 3%
- > However, on this level they are inconsistent
- What is the reason? Systematic errors? 'New physics?

The Cosmic Distance Scale H_o





Direct Measurements: Measuring the physical distance to an object directly

Standard Rulers: Size = Distance x q(angle on sky) Need to know the real size of the object

Standard Candles: $L_{apparent} = L_{absolute} / D^2$ Need to know the true luminosity of an object

The "distance ladder"











- Measure the position of an object with respect to its background
- Nearby objects show a larger "motion" than objects far away do
- The parallax angle *θ*, the distance of the object *D* and the diameter of the Earth's orbit *d* are connected by simple geometrical relations. For small angles, it is

 $d = D \times \theta$ [units !!!! θ measured in rad !]







Parallaxes







Parallaxes





The "distance ladder"







Main Sequence fitting: Calibrate the luminosity of main sequence stars in nearby clusters with parallax distances and fit clusters farther out. Good to 10-100 kpc.



The "distance ladder"







Luminosity functions

- Choose a type of object with a characteristic distribution of absolute luminosities
- Measure distribution of apparent luminosities in a distant galaxy
- Scale to match true luminosities, get distance
- Globular clusters and planetary nebulae good to ~50-100 Mpc

- Surface brightness fluctuations (SBF)
 - Distant objects appear smaller
 - More stars per pixel in a galaxy far, far away
 - Smoother light distribution, less variation from pixel to pixel
 - Amplitude of fluctuations proportional to distance
 - Good to ~100 Mpc, z~0.01



(Stellar) Standard Candles





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- Cepheid and RR Lyrae variables
 - Pulsating stars which change in brightness with a characteristic period
 - Period is proportional to absolute luminosity
 - Common and bright (esp. Cepheids), thus visible in nearby galaxies
 - Good to ~20 Mpc

- Different techniques useful at different distances:
- use nearby standards to calibrate more distant ones where they overlap
- Cepheids are a key step: many in the Milky Way and LMC, so distances are directly measurable by parallax, yet bright enough to overlap many secondary distance indicators
- ► Cepheids ⇒ luminosity functions, SBF (→ galaxy kinematics, SNe Ia)



Edwin Hubble (1888 – 1953)



The redshift-distance relation





Hubble (1938)










- Most galaxies are moving away from us
- The recession speed v is larger for more distant galaxies. The relation between recess velocity v and distance d fulfills a linear relation:

 $V = H_0 \times D$

- ► Hubble's measurement of the constant H_0 : $H_0 = 500 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$
- Today's best fit value (based on Cepheids) of the constant:

$$H_0 = 72 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

- Distance measurement based on the period-luminosity relation of Cepheid stars
- What are Cepheids? They are variable pulsating stars



► There exists a luminosity-period relation for Cepheid stars



- there are two populations of Cepheids (but Hubble was not aware of that)
 - type I: metal rich stars (disk of galaxies)
 - type II: metal poor stars (halo of galaxies)
 - type II Cepheids ("W Virginis") are less luminous than type I Cepheids ("δ Cephei")









initial distance: recess velocity:

final distance:

initial distance: final distance: recess velocity:

1 length unit 2 length units 1 length unit per time unit

2 length units 4 length units 2 length units per time unit

- Distance scale was calibrated based on type II Cepheids
- Distances to other galaxies were measured using type I Cepheids
- "yard stick" was systematically too small



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TIME IN DAYS





 $P = 10^{(M-a)/b}$

 $P_1 - P_2 \approx 0.44^{(M1-M2)/mag}$

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► Use the Hubble diagram (*m-M vs.* log *z*) $\succ m-M=5\log(z)+25+5\log(c)-5\log(H_0)$

Note that the slope is given here.

 Hubble constant can be derived when the absolute luminosity *M* is known
 log H₀=log (z)+5+log (c)-0.2(m-M)



- Calibrate the absolute luminosity
 - ► through Cepheids
 - 'classical distance ladder'
 - depends on the accuracy of the previous rungs on the ladder
 - ► LMC distance, P-L(-C) relation, metallicities
 - HST program (Sandage, Tammann)
 - HST Key Programme (Freedman, Kennicutt, Mould, Madore)
 - through models
 - > extremely difficult (but possible!)



SN	Galaxy	m-M	M _B	M_V	MI	Δm_{15}
1937C	IC 4182	28.36 (12)	-19.56 (15)	-19.54 (17)	-	0.87 (10)
1960F	NGC 4496	31.03 (10)	-19.56 (18)	-19.62 (22)	-	1.06 (12)
1972E	NGC 5253	28.00 (07)	-19.64 (16)	-19.61 (17)	-19.27 (20	0.87 (10)
1974G	NGC 4414	31.46 (17)	-19.67 (34)	-19.69 (27)	-	1.11 (06)
1981B	NGC 4536	31.10 (12)	-19.50 (18)	-19.50 (16)	-	1.10 (07)
1989B	NGC 3627	30.22 (12)	-19.47 (18)	-19.42 (16)	-19.21 (14	1.31 (07)
1990N	NGC 4639	32.03 (22)	-19.39 (26)	-19.41 (24)	-19.14 (23	1.05 (05)
1998bu	NGC 3368	30.37 (16)	-19.76 (31)	-19.69 (26)	-19.43 (21	1.08 (05)
1998aq	NGC 3982	31.72 (14)	-19.56 (21)	-19.48 (20)	-	1.12 (03)
Straight m	ean		-19.57 (04)	-19.55 (04)	-19.26 (0 6	6)
Weighted	mean		-19.56 (07)	-19.53 (06)	-19.25 (0 §	9)

(Saha et al. 1999)

Nearby SNe Ia



Calan/Tololo "Low Extinction" Sample



Phillips et al. (1999)



(B-band light curves; Calan/Tololo sample, Kim et al. 1997)

After calibration:: SNe Ia look like good "standard candles"!





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- Extremely good (relative) distance indicators
 distance accuracy better than 10%
- Uncertainty in H₀ mostly from the LMC and the Cepheid P-L relation
- Today's best value (Cepheids + SN Ia):

$H_0 = (73.24 \pm 1.74) \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

(Riess et al., Astrophys. Journal 826, 31 (2016))



H_o from CMB





Fit a model to the CMB power spectrum (e.g. Λ CDM) \implies H₀

Cosmological parameters from Planck







Parameter	Best fit	68% limits
$\overline{\Omega_{ m b}h^2}$	0.022068	0.02207 ± 0.00033
$\Omega_{ m c}h^2$	0.12029	0.1196 ± 0.0031
$100\theta_{\rm MC}$	1.04122	1.04132 ± 0.00068
au	0.0925	0.097 ± 0.038
<i>n</i> _s	0.9624	0.9616 ± 0.0094
$\ln(10^{10}A_{\rm s})$	3.098	3.103 ± 0.072
$\overline{\Omega_{\Lambda}}$	0.6825	0.686 ± 0.020
$\Omega_{\rm m}$	0.3175	0.314 ± 0.020
σ_8	0.8344	0.834 ± 0.027
$Z_{\rm re}$	11.35	$11.4_{-2.8}^{+4.0}$
H_0	67.11	67.4 ± 1.4
$10^9 A_s$	2.215	2.23 ± 0.16
$\Omega_{ m m}h^2\ldots\ldots\ldots$	0.14300	0.1423 ± 0.0029
$\Omega_{ m m}h^3\ldots\ldots\ldots$	0.09597	0.09590 ± 0.00059
<i>Y</i> _P	0.247710	0.24771 ± 0.00014
Age/Gyr	13.819	13.813 ± 0.058
<i>Z</i> * · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1090.43	1090.37 ± 0.65
<i>r</i> _*	144.58	144.75 ± 0.66
$100\theta_*$	1.04139	1.04148 ± 0.00066
Zdrag • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1059.32	1059.29 ± 0.65
<i>r</i> _{drag}	147.34	147.53 ± 0.64
$k_{\rm D}$	0.14026	0.14007 ± 0.00064
$100\theta_{\rm D}$	0.161332	0.16137 ± 0.00037
<i>Z</i> _{eq}	3402	3386 ± 69
$100\theta_{\rm eq}$	0.8128	0.816 ± 0.013
$r_{\rm drag}/D_{\rm V}(0.57)$	0.07130	0.0716 ± 0.0011

The Cosmic Distance Scale H_o



H_o: What can be wrong?

<u>Cepheids:</u> Calibration? Systematics?

Type Ia supernovae: Systematics?

<u>CMB</u>: Data reduction? Systematics?

<u>Or:</u> "New physics"?

Way out: Use other (independent) methods!