## Cosmic rays accelerator



### Stars

- Self-gravitating gaseous systems at hydrostatic equilibrium.
- An equilibrium in which the gravitational force is balanced by the radiative pressure.

Hydrostatic 
$$ho rac{\delta^2 r}{\delta t^2} = -rac{\delta P}{\delta r} - rac{GM
ho}{r^2}$$

• Thanks to the hydrostatic equilibrium equation and perfect gas law, some quantities of a star can be determined.

$$\circ \frac{P_C - P_{Ext}}{R} = \frac{GM\rho}{R^2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} P_C \simeq 2 \cdot 10^{14} \text{N m}^{-2} \\ T_C \simeq 10^7 \text{K} \end{cases} \circ \tau_{ff} = \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{GM}} \simeq 1/2h \end{cases}$$

### Virial theorem

• How the gravitational force is balanced with the radiative pressure during stellar evolution

$$\begin{split} & \delta^{2} r \\ \rho \overleftarrow{\delta t^{2}} = -\frac{\delta P}{\delta r} - \frac{GM\rho}{r^{2}} & -2U = -\int_{0}^{R} \frac{3nk_{B}T}{P} 4\pi r^{2} dr = \int_{0}^{R} \left(-\frac{GM_{r}}{r}\right) 4\pi r^{2} \rho dr = \Omega \\ & \bullet \text{ Virial theorem:} & \begin{cases} 2U + \Omega = 0 \\ E = \Omega + U \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} U = -\frac{1}{2} |\Omega| \\ E = -\frac{1}{2} |\Omega| \\ E = -\frac{1}{2} |\Omega| \end{cases} \\ & \bullet \text{ For a gaseous system:} & \begin{cases} \gamma = \frac{c_{p}}{c_{v}} \\ E = \frac{3\gamma - 4}{3(\gamma - 1)}\Omega = -(3\gamma - 4)U \end{cases} \end{split}$$

### Star evolution without nuclear reactions

• From the virial theorem conclusions applied to a star.

$$\begin{cases} \gamma = \frac{5}{3} \\ E = \frac{1}{2}\Omega = -U \end{cases} \quad L > 0 \Rightarrow E \searrow \rightarrow \dot{\Omega} \searrow \rightarrow \dot{U} \nearrow \end{cases}$$

• Lifetime of a star described by Kelvin (1862) and Helmotz (1854):

$$\tau_{KH} \sim \frac{\frac{1}{2}|\Omega|}{L} \sim 10^7 \,\mathrm{yr}$$



### Nuclear fusion process

- After the discovery of the nuclear reactions, Eddinghton (1920) suggests that, to justify the lifetime of a star, nuclear reactions (NR) have to happen inside the inner core of the star.
- Energy is released during NR:

 $A + B \to C + E[\text{MeV}]$   $E_B = [Zm_p + (A - Z)m_n - m_{nuc}]c^2$ • Lifetime with NR:  $\tau_{nuc} \sim \frac{0.007Mc^2}{L} \sim 10^{11} \text{ yr}$ 



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## Fusion inside the Sun

How nuclei have been created



### CN-NO cycle

- Carbon and Oxygen nuclei are used as catalyst.
- It is impossible to create nuclei with A less than 20 with odd number of nucleons.
- Cycles ignite efficiency depend differently on the temperature.



### Helium burning

- After the end of the hydrogen burning a star evolves following again the virial theorem until the helium burning is ignited.
- Nuclei with mass A=5 or A=8 are instable.
- The only process to burn the helium creating  $^{12}\text{C}$  is the 3-a.
- The 3- $\alpha$  is a resonance process that "starts" at a temperature of  $10^8$ k.

$${}^{4}He + {}^{4}He + {}^{4}He \rightarrow {}^{8}Be + {}^{4}He \rightarrow {}^{12}C + \gamma$$

### Heavier nuclei fusion

- The heavier nuclei fusion involves a lot of different process. A single nucleus can interact with p, α, n, photon or decay.
- The burning chain since the core of a star is full of iron

Carbon burning (T>0.8-1x10<sup>9</sup>k)
Neon burning (T>1.5x10<sup>9</sup>k)
Oxygen burning (T>2x10<sup>9</sup>k)
Silicon burning (T>2.5-3x10<sup>9</sup>k)

• More hotter is the star less time is recquired to end the burning phase.



### Abundaces



# End of a star

Cosmic ray emission

#### STELLAR LIFE CYCLE



### Nuclei heavier than Iron, Supernova II

 Only under the extreme conditions reached during a supernova explosion an electron can combine with a proton

p + e<sup>-</sup>→ n + v

- The neutron interact with iron nuclei forming an A+1 nucleus
- After the B- decay a nucleus with mass A has become a nucleus with mass A+1 and charge Z+1

### Abundaces



## Spare slides

In realtà è più qualcosa che non entrava nella presentazione

## Evolution of a star



### HR diagram



### Evolution of a Sun-like star



### Stars with mass less than 8 solar masses

- Different time spent in the main sequence.
- Higher mass allow the star to burn higher massive nuclei.
- Stellar wind emission doesn't justify the CR emission.



### Supernova la, Tycho 1572

