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Neutrinos in Astrophysics and Cosmology

Part II

Neutrinos in Ordinary Stars



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Equations of Stellar Structure

Assume spherical symmetry and static structure (neglect kinetic energy)
Excludes: Rotation, convection, magnetic fields, supernova-dynamics, ...

Hydrostatic equilibrium	$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{G_N M_r \rho}{r^2}$	r Radius from center P Pressure G_N Newton's constant ρ Mass density M_r Integrated mass up to r L_r Luminosity (energy flux) ϵ Local rate of energy generation [erg/g/s] $\epsilon = \epsilon_{\text{nuc}} + \epsilon_{\text{grav}} - \epsilon_{\nu}$
Energy conservation	$\frac{dL_r}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \epsilon \rho$	κ Opacity $\kappa^{-1} = \kappa_{\gamma}^{-1} + \kappa_{\text{c}}^{-1}$ κ_{γ} Radiative opacity $\kappa_{\gamma} \rho = \langle \lambda_{\gamma} \rangle_{\text{Rosseland}}^{-1}$ κ_{c} Electron conduction
Energy transfer	$L_r = \frac{4\pi r^2}{3\kappa \rho} \frac{d(aT^4)}{dr}$	

Literature

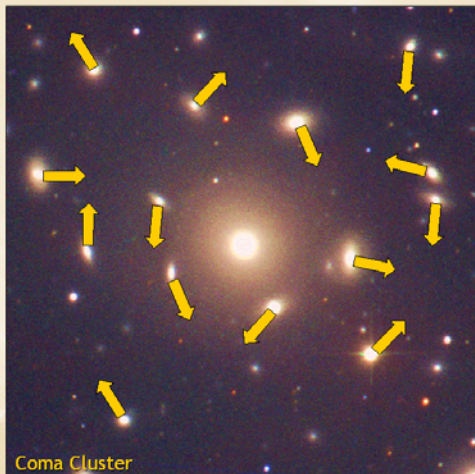
- Clayton: Principles of stellar evolution and nucleosynthesis (Univ. Chicago Press 1968)
- Kippenhahn & Weigert: Stellar structure and evolution (Springer 1990)

Virial Theorem and Hydrostatic Equilibrium

Hydrostatic equilibrium	$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{G_N M_r \rho}{r^2}$
Integrate both sides	$\int_0^R dr 4\pi r^3 P' = -\int_0^R dr 4\pi r^3 \frac{G_N M_r \rho}{r^2}$
L.h.s. partial integration with $P = 0$ at surface R	$-3 \int_0^R dr 4\pi r^2 P = E_{\text{grav}}^{\text{tot}}$
Classical monatomic gas: $P = \frac{2}{3}U$ (U density of internal energy)	$U^{\text{tot}} = -\frac{1}{2} E_{\text{grav}}^{\text{tot}}$
Average energy of single "atoms" of the gas	$\langle E_{\text{kin}} \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \langle E_{\text{grav}} \rangle$ Virial Theorem

Most important tool to understand self-gravitating systems

Dark Matter in Galaxy Clusters



Coma Cluster

A gravitationally bound system of many particles obeys the virial theorem

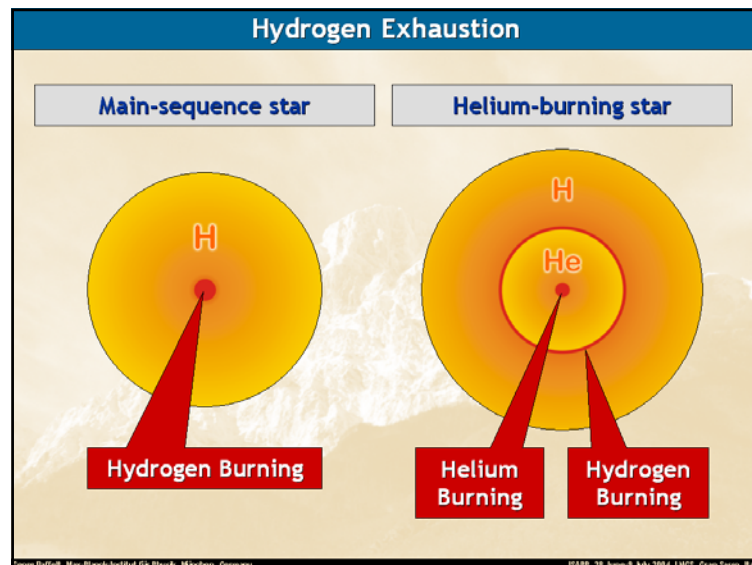
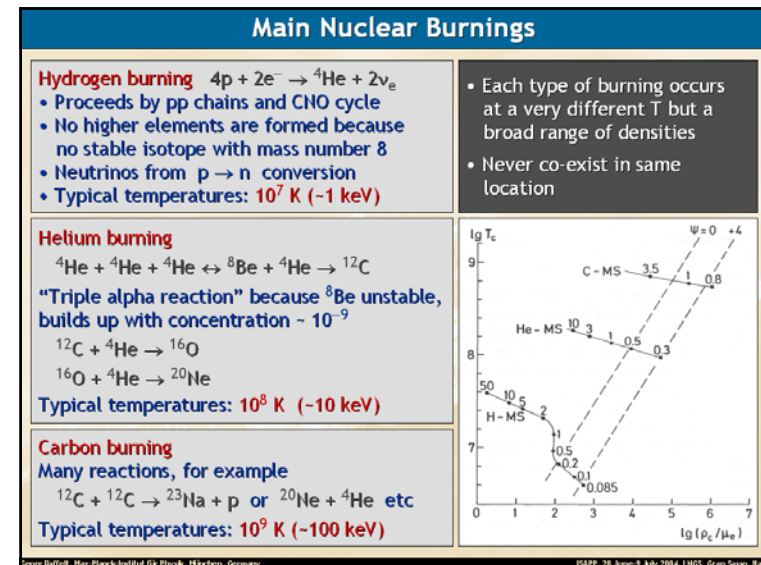
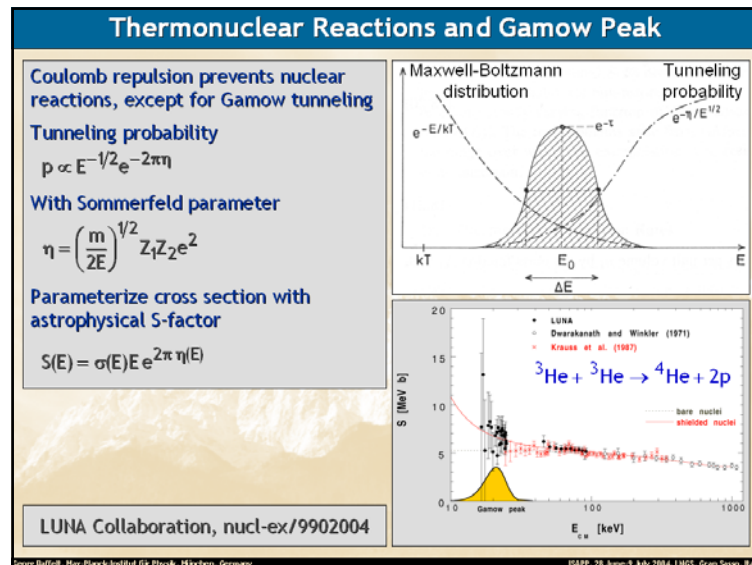
$$2\langle E_{\text{kin}} \rangle = -\langle E_{\text{grav}} \rangle$$

$$2\left\langle \frac{mv^2}{2} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{G_N M_r m}{r} \right\rangle$$

$$\langle v^2 \rangle \approx G_N M_r \langle r^{-1} \rangle$$

Velocity dispersion from Doppler shifts and geometric size

Total Mass



Burning Phases of a 15 Solar-Mass Star

Burning Phase	Dominant Process	T_c [keV]	ρ_c [g/cm ³]	L_Y [$10^4 L_{\text{sun}}$]		Duration [years]
				L_Y	L_V/L_Y	
Hydrogen	$\text{H} \rightarrow \text{He}$	3	5.9	2.1	—	1.2×10^7
Helium	$\text{He} \rightarrow \text{C, O}$	14	1.3×10^3	6.0	1.7×10^{-5}	1.3×10^6
Carbon	$\text{C} \rightarrow \text{Ne, Mg}$	53	1.7×10^5	8.6	1.0	6.3×10^3
Neon	$\text{Ne} \rightarrow \text{O, Mg}$	110	1.6×10^7	9.6	1.8×10^3	7.0
Oxygen	$\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Si}$	160	9.7×10^7	9.6	2.1×10^4	1.7
Silicon	$\text{Si} \rightarrow \text{Fe, Ni}$	270	2.3×10^8	9.6	9.2×10^5	6 days

Neutrinos from Thermal Plasma Processes

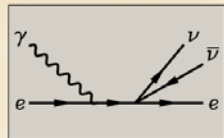
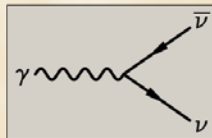
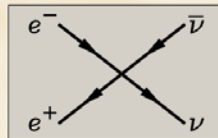


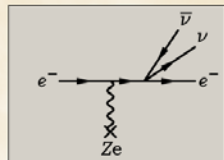
Photo (Compton)



Plasmon decay

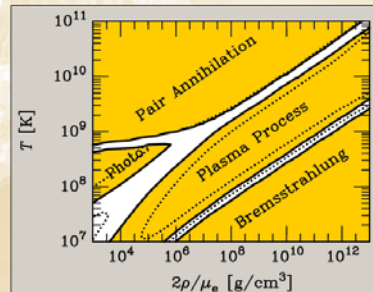


Pair annihilation



Bremsstrahlung

These processes first discussed in 1961-63 after V-A theory



Existence of Direct Neutrino-Electron Coupling

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ASTROPHYSICAL DETERMINATION OF THE COUPLING CONSTANT FOR THE ELECTRON-NEUTRINO WEAK INTERACTION

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The existence of the $(\bar{\nu}_\nu)(\bar{\nu}_\nu e)$ weak interaction is confirmed by the results of nine astrophysical tests. The value of the coupling constant is equal to, or close to, the coupling constant of beta decay, namely, $g^2 = 10^{8.4} g_\beta^2$.

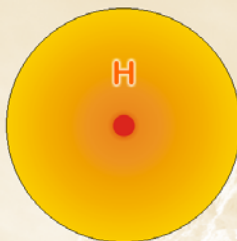
Of all the astrophysical tests applied so far for the inference of a direct electron-neutrino interaction in nature, none has unambiguously provided a useful upper limit on the coupling constant, which in the V-A theory of Feynman and Gell-Mann¹ is taken to be equal to the "universal" weak-interaction coupling constant measured from beta decays (called g_β hereafter). However, it is important to point out that these tests, made by the author and his colleagues during the past eight years, do provide a nonzero lower limit, and therefore establish at least the existence of the $(\bar{\nu}_\nu)(\bar{\nu}_\nu e)$ interaction. It should be emphasized, nonetheless, that all of these tests rely on the validity of various stellar model calculations. These models, while not subject to scrutiny in the same sense as a laboratory ex-

relative theoretical lifetimes, calculated with and without the inclusion of neutrino emission. In this Letter, the unmodified term "luminosity" will mean the photon luminosity L radiated by the star. The "neutrino luminosity" will be designated L_ν . Quantities referring to the sun are subscripted with an encircled dot.

The most accurate available data on white dwarfs are those collected by Eggen⁷ for the two clusters Hyades and Pleiades and for the nearby general field. Of chief interest here are the hot white dwarfs, for which the observational data^{7,8} have been reduced following the procedure of Van Horn.⁹ The resulting luminosities are estimated to have a statistical accuracy of ± 0.1 in $\log(L/L_\odot)$, which is adequate here.

Models of cooling white dwarfs have been con-

Self-Regulated Nuclear Burning



Main-Sequence Star

Virial Theorem $\langle E_{\text{kin}} \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \langle E_{\text{grav}} \rangle$

Small Contraction
→ Heating
→ Increased nuclear burning
→ Increased pressure
→ Expansion

Additional energy loss ("cooling")
→ Loss of pressure
→ Contraction
→ Heating
→ Increased nuclear burning

Hydrogen burning at a nearly fixed T
→ Gravitational potential nearly fixed:
 $G_N M/R \sim \text{constant}$
→ $R \propto M$ (More massive stars bigger)

Degenerate Stars ("White Dwarfs")

Assume T very small
→ No thermal pressure
→ Electron degeneracy is pressure source

Pressure ~ Momentum density x Velocity

- Electron density $n_e = p_F^3 / (3\pi^2)$
- Momentum p_F (Fermi momentum)
- Velocity $v \propto p_F / m_e$
- Pressure $P \propto p_F^5 \propto \rho^{5/3} \propto M^{5/3} R^{-5}$
- Density $\rho \propto M R^{-3}$ (Stellar mass M and radius R)

Hydrostatic equilibrium

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{G_N M(r) \rho}{r^2}$$

With $dP/dr \sim -P/R$ we have approximately

$$P \propto G_N M \rho R^{-1} \propto G_N M^2 R^{-4}$$

Inverse mass-radius relationship for degenerate stars: $R \propto M^{-1/3}$

$$R = 10,500 \text{ km} \left(\frac{0.6 M_{\text{sun}}}{M} \right)^{1/3} (2Y_e)^{5/3}$$

(Y_e electrons per nucleon)

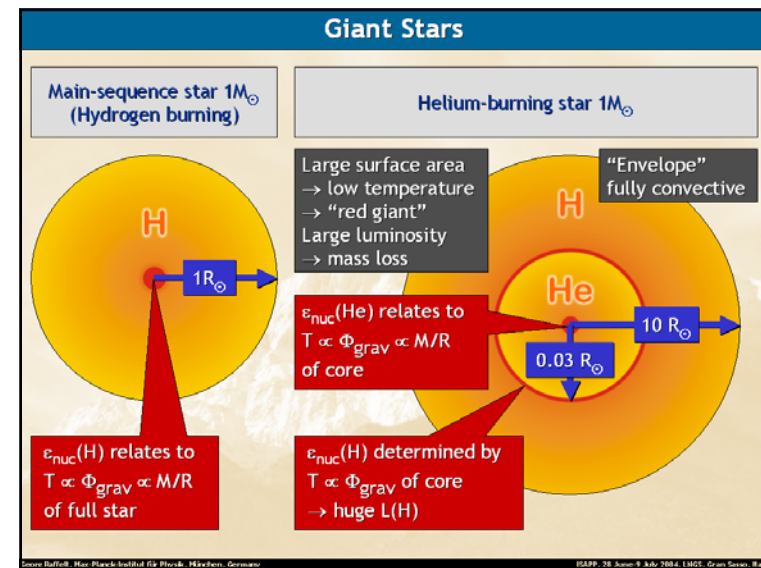
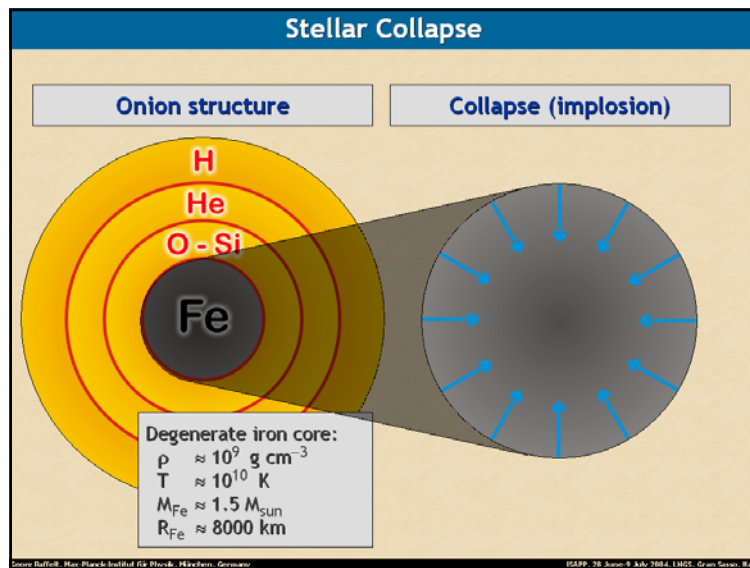
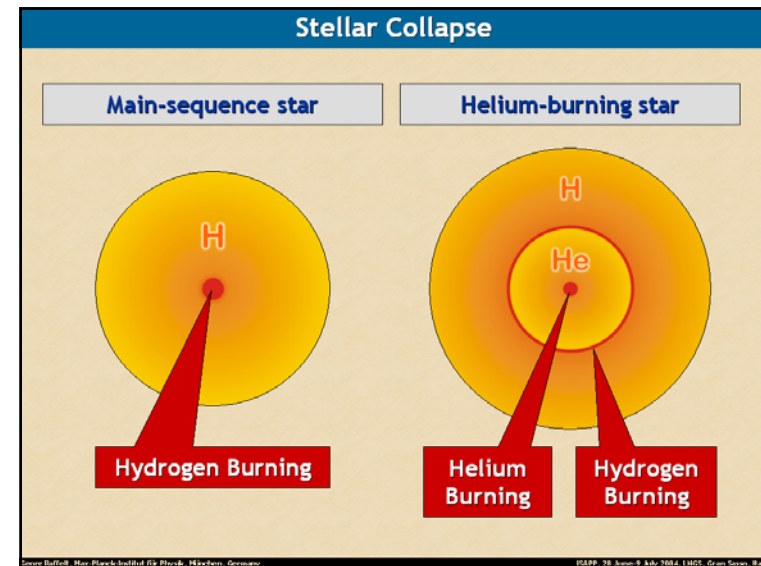
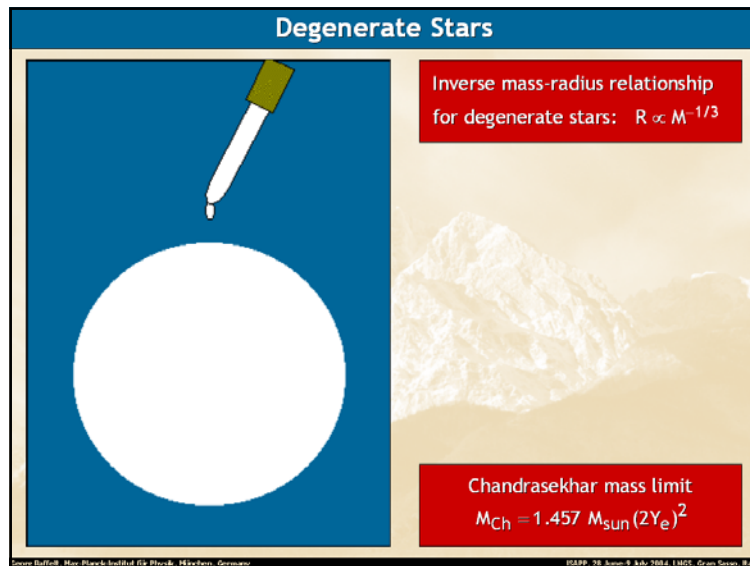
For sufficiently large mass, electrons become relativistic

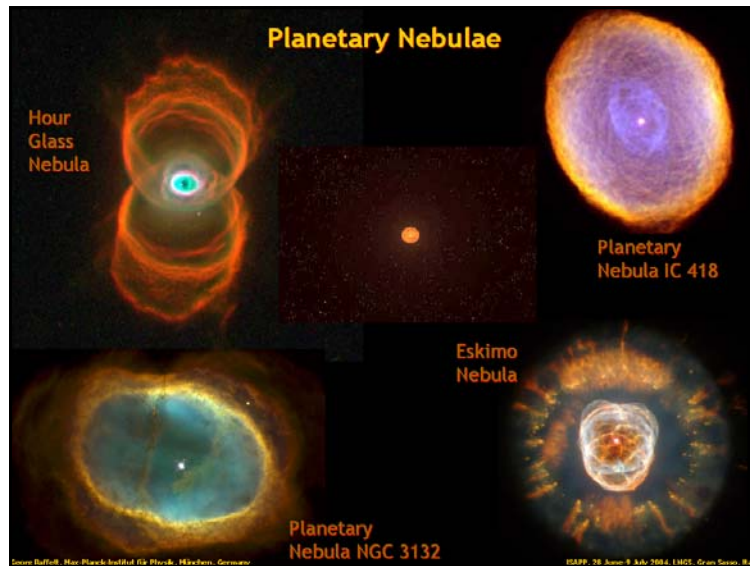
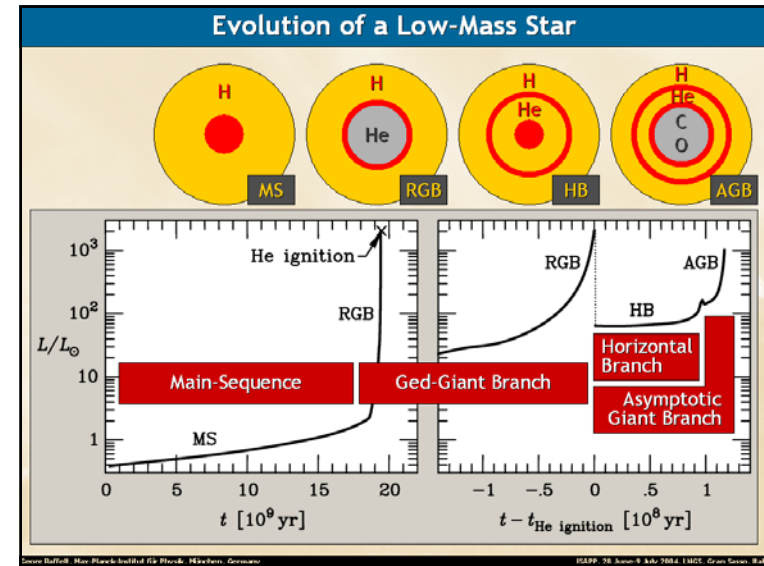
- Velocity = speed of light
- Pressure

$$P \propto p_F^4 \propto \rho^{4/3} \propto M^{4/3} R^{-4}$$

No stable configuration

Chandrasekhar mass limit
 $M_{\text{Ch}} = 1.457 M_{\text{sun}} (2Y_e)^2$

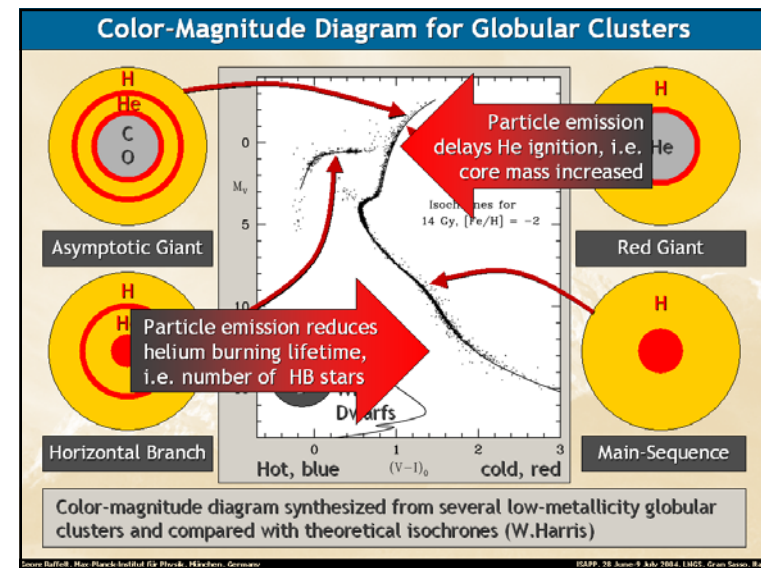
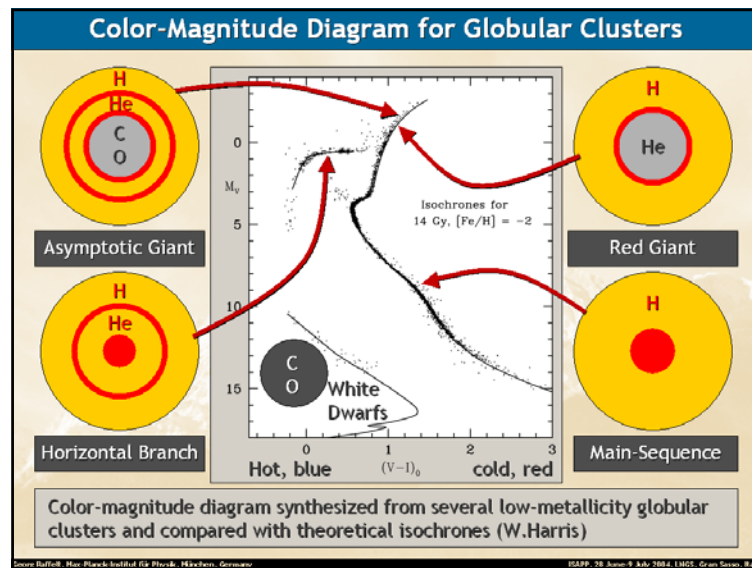
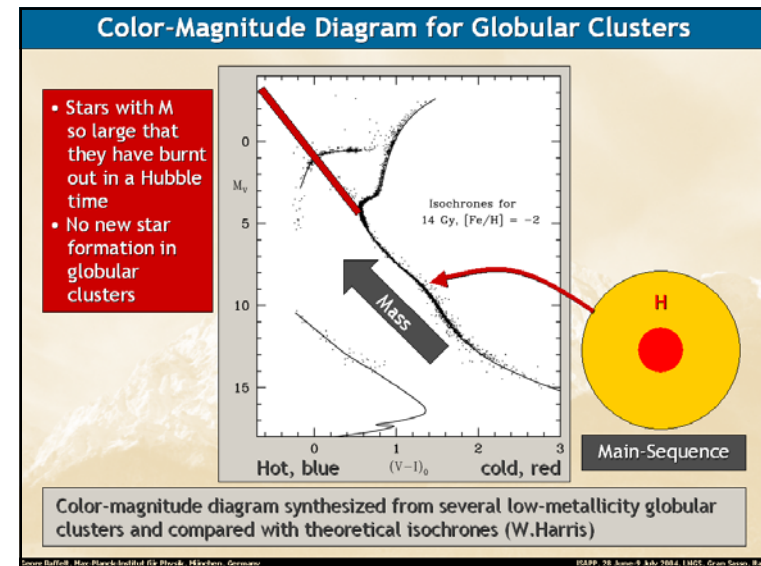
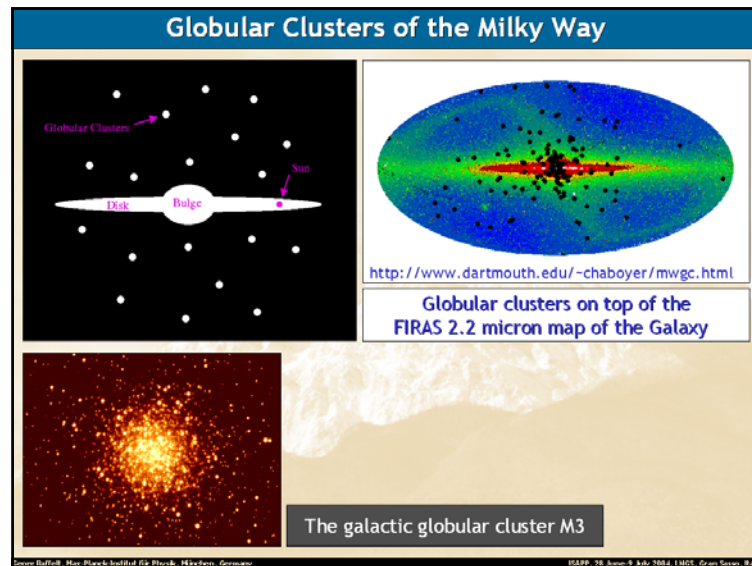




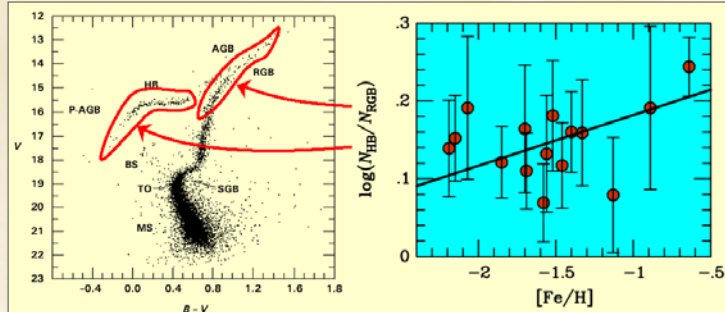
Evolution of Stars

$M < 0.08 M_{\text{sun}}$	Never ignites hydrogen → cools ("hydrogen white dwarf")	Brown dwarf
$0.08 < M \lesssim 0.8 M_{\text{sun}}$	Hydrogen burning not completed in Hubble time	Low-mass main-sequence star
$0.8 \lesssim M \lesssim 2 M_{\text{sun}}$	Degenerate helium core after hydrogen exhaustion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon-oxygen white dwarf Planetary nebula
$2 \lesssim M \lesssim 5-8 M_{\text{sun}}$	Helium ignition non-degenerate	
$5-8 M_{\text{sun}} \lesssim M < ???$	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> All burning cycles → Onion skin structure with degenerate iron core </div> <div> Core collapse supernova </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neutron star (often pulsar) Sometimes black hole? Supernova remnant (SNR), e.g. crab nebula

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Helium-Burning Lifetime of Globular Cluster Stars



Number ratio of HB-Stars/Red Giants in 15 galactic globular clusters (Buzzoni et al. 1983)

Helium-burning lifetime established within $\pm 10\%$

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Particles with Two-Photon Coupling

Particles with two-photon vertex:

- Neutral pions (π^0), Gravitons
- Axions (a) and similar hypothetical particles

$$L_{a\gamma} = g_{a\gamma} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} a \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---}$$

Two-photon decay

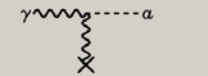
$$\Gamma_{a\gamma} = \frac{g_{a\gamma}^2 m_a^3}{64\pi}$$

Photon Coalescence



Primakoff Effect

Conversion of photons into pions, gravitons or axions, or the reverse



Magnetically induced vacuum birefringence

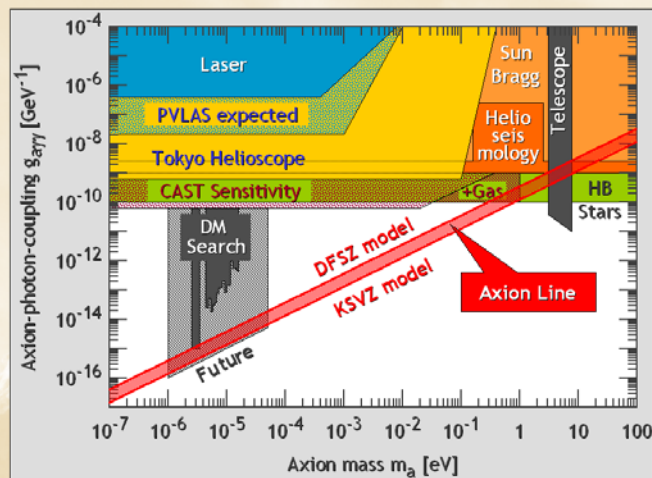
In addition to QED Cotton-Mouton-effect



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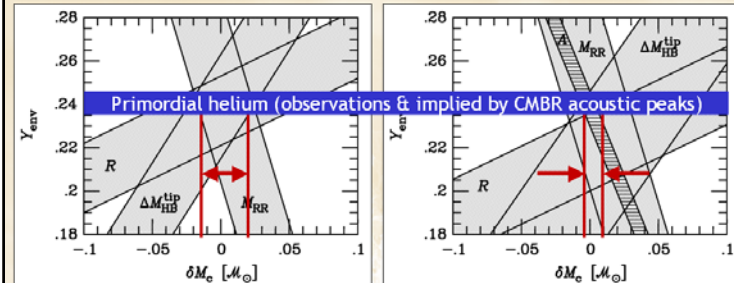
Limits on Axion-Photon-Coupling



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Core-Mass at Helium Ignition



G. Raffelt, Stars as Laboratories for Fundamental Physics (1996)

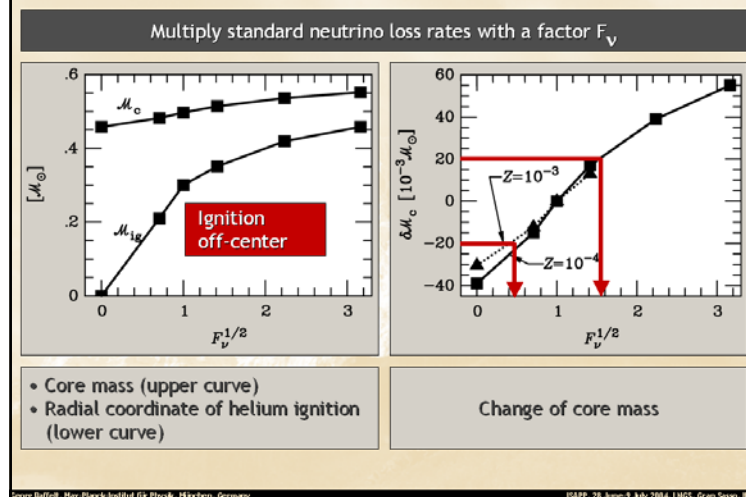
Catalan et al., astro-ph/9509062

Core mass at helium ignition established to $\pm 0.02 M_{\text{sun}}$ or $\pm 4\%$

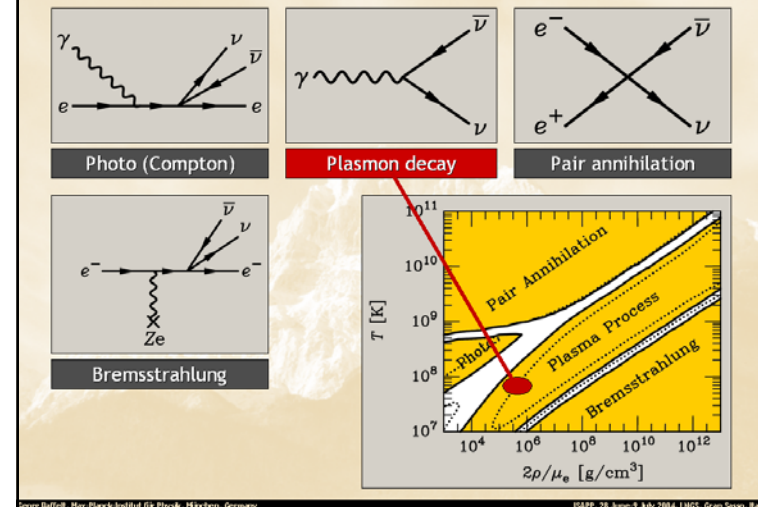
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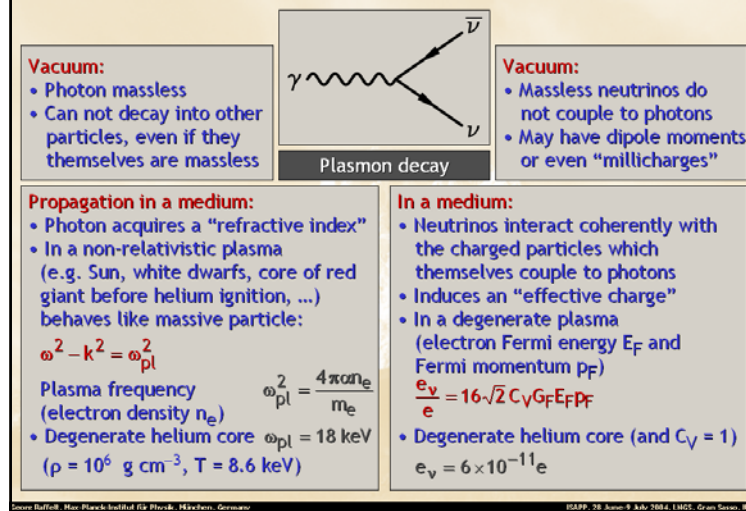
Core-Mass Dependence on Neutrino Cooling



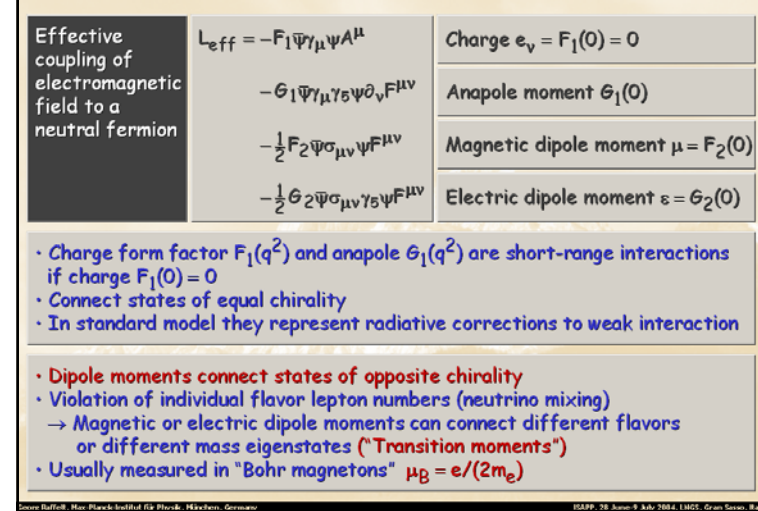
Neutrinos from Thermal Plasma Processes



Plasmon Decay in Neutrinos



Neutrino Dipole Moments



Plasmon Decay And Stellar Energy Loss Rates

Assume photon dispersion relation like a massive particle (nonrelativistic plasma)

$$E_\gamma^2 - p_\gamma^2 = \omega_{pl}^2 = \frac{4\pi n e^2}{m_e}$$

Decay rate of photon (transverse plasmon) with energy E_γ

$$\Gamma(\gamma \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{E_\gamma} \times \begin{cases} \alpha_\nu \left(\omega_{pl}^2 / 4\pi \right) & \text{Millicharge} \\ \frac{\mu_\nu^2}{2} \left(\omega_{pl}^2 / 4\pi \right)^2 & \text{Dipole moment} \\ \frac{C_V^2 G_F^2}{\alpha} \left(\omega_{pl}^2 / 4\pi \right)^3 & \text{Standard model} \end{cases}$$

Energy-loss rate of stellar plasma (temperature T and plasma frequency ω_{pl})

$$Q(\gamma \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) = \int \frac{2d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{E_\gamma \Gamma}{e^{E_\gamma/T} - 1} = \frac{8\zeta_3}{3\pi} T^3 \times \begin{cases} \alpha_\nu \left(\omega_{pl}^2 / 4\pi \right) \\ \frac{\mu_\nu^2}{2} \left(\omega_{pl}^2 / 4\pi \right)^2 \\ \frac{C_V^2 G_F^2}{\alpha} \left(\omega_{pl}^2 / 4\pi \right)^3 \end{cases}$$

Source: Raffelt, Max-Planck-Institut für Physik, München, Germany

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Globular Cluster Limits on Neutrino Dipole Moments

Compare magnetic-dipole plasma emission with standard case

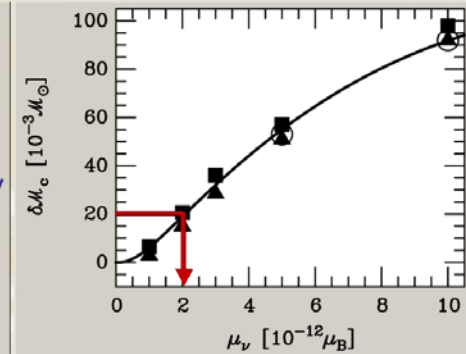
$$\frac{Q_\mu}{Q_{SM}} = \frac{2\pi\alpha\mu_\nu^2}{C_V^2 G_F^2 \omega_{pl}^2}$$

For red-giant core before helium ignition $\omega_{pl} = 18 \text{ keV}$

$$\frac{Q_\mu}{Q_{SM}} = 9 \times 10^{22} \left(\frac{\mu_\nu}{\mu_B} \right)^2$$

Require this to be < 1

$$\mu_\nu < 3 \times 10^{-12} \mu_B$$



Globular-cluster limit on neutrino dipole moment

$$\mu_\nu < 2 \times 10^{-12} \mu_B$$

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Standard Dipole Moments for Massive Neutrinos

In standard electroweak model, neutrino dipole and transition moments are induced at higher order



Massive neutrinos ν_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$), mixed to form weak eigenstates

$$\nu_\ell = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\ell i} \nu_i$$

Explicit evaluation for Dirac neutrinos (Magnetic moments μ_{ij} electric moments ϵ_{ij})

$$\mu_{ij} = \frac{e\sqrt{2}G_F}{(4\pi)^2} (m_i + m_j) \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\ell j} U_{\ell i}^* f\left(\frac{m_\ell}{m_W}\right)$$

$$\epsilon_{ij} = \dots (m_i - m_j) \dots$$

$$f\left(\frac{m_\ell}{m_W}\right) = -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{m_\ell}{m_W}\right)^2 + O\left(\left(\frac{m_\ell}{m_W}\right)^4\right)$$

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Standard Dipole Moments for Massive Neutrinos

Diagonal case (Magnetic moments of Dirac neutrinos)

$$\mu_{ii} = \frac{3e\sqrt{2}G_F}{(4\pi)^2} m_i = 3.20 \times 10^{-19} \mu_B \frac{m_i}{\text{eV}} \quad \mu_B = \frac{e}{2m_e}$$

$$\epsilon_{ii} = 0$$

Off-diagonal case (Transition moments)

$$\mu_{ij} = \frac{3e\sqrt{2}G_F}{4(4\pi)^2} (m_i + m_j) \left(\frac{m_\ell}{m_W}\right)^2 \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\ell j} U_{\ell i}^* \left(\frac{m_\ell}{m_\tau}\right)^2$$

First term in $f(m_\ell/m_W)$ does not contribute ("GIM cancellation")

$$= 3.96 \times 10^{-23} \mu_B \frac{m_i + m_j}{\text{eV}} \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\ell j} U_{\ell i}^* \left(\frac{m_\ell}{m_\tau}\right)^2$$

$$\epsilon_{ij} = \dots (m_i - m_j) \dots$$

Largest neutrino mass eigenstate $0.05 \text{ eV} < m < 0.7 \text{ eV}$
For Dirac neutrino expect

$$1.6 \times 10^{-20} \mu_B < \mu_\nu < 2.2 \times 10^{-19} \mu_B$$

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