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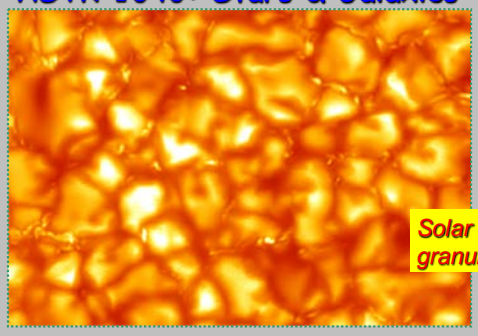

Solar granulation

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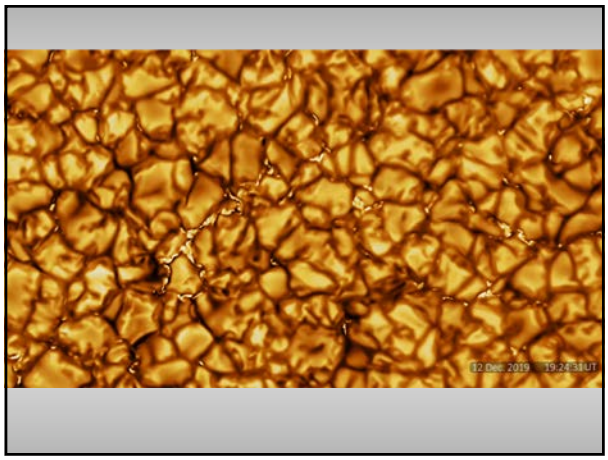
Topics for Today and Thur

- Consider Sun's energy source (fusion H--He)
- What about the elusive neutrinos ?
- Transport of energy by convection
- Helioseismology: acoustic waves excited by convection to probe interior
- Finish second read of Chap 14 (Our Star), for magnetism discussion on Thurs
- Re-read S4.1, S4.2 (fermions, bosons, quarks, leptons) Building blocks of universe
- Observ # 2 this Thur eve, signup on Thur



Big System View of Sun

core
radiative zone
convection zone
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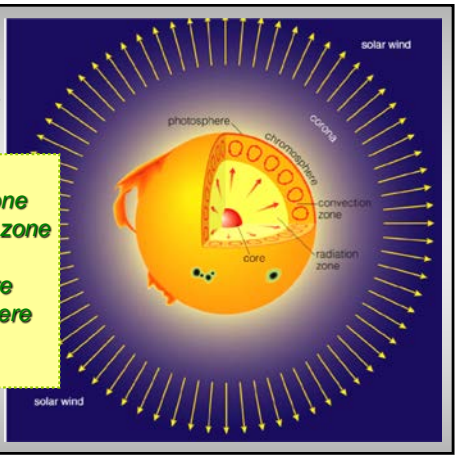
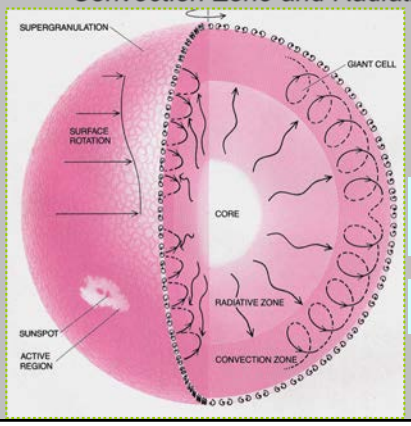
photosphere
chromosphere
corona
solar wind



Convection Zone and Radiative Interior



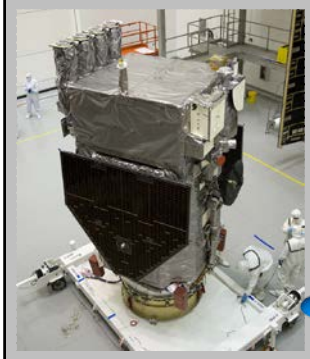
REMINDER

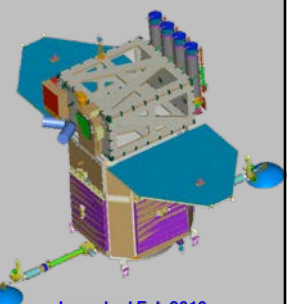
Just below the photosphere:

Deep shell (30%) of very turbulent convection

Drives strong differential rotation

Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO)





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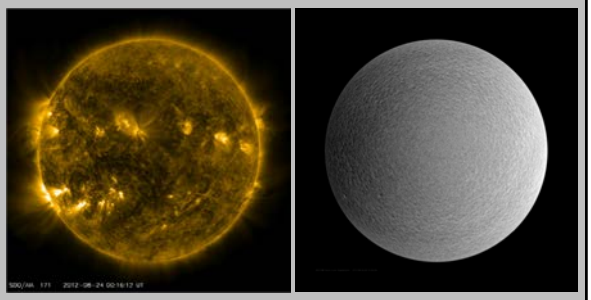
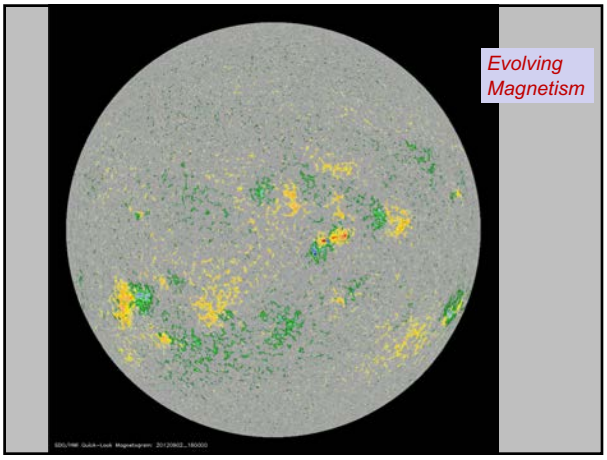
EUV and Visible Images



AIA 171 Å
(Low Corona ~ 6×10^5 K)

HMI Dopplergrams
(Photosphere ~ 5000 K)



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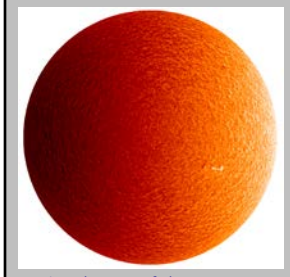
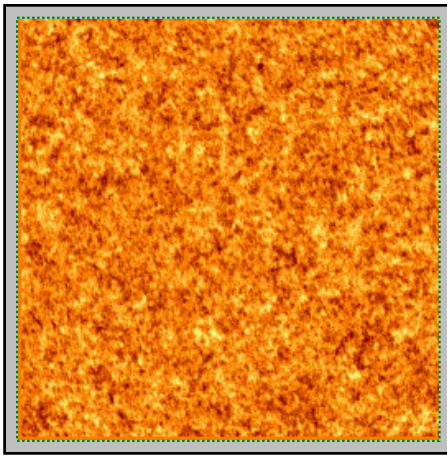


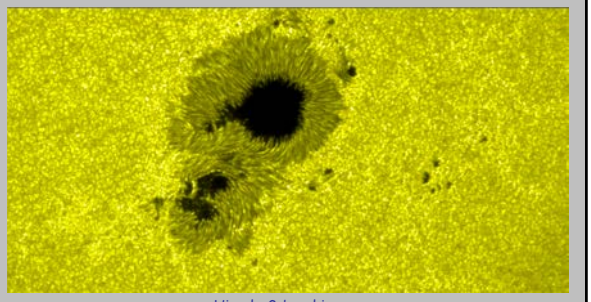
Dopplergram of the Sun

Dopplergram sequence with
Rotation removed

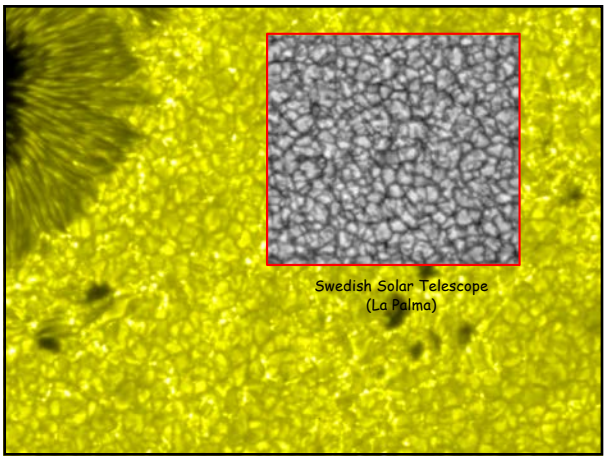


Excitation of Acoustic Waves

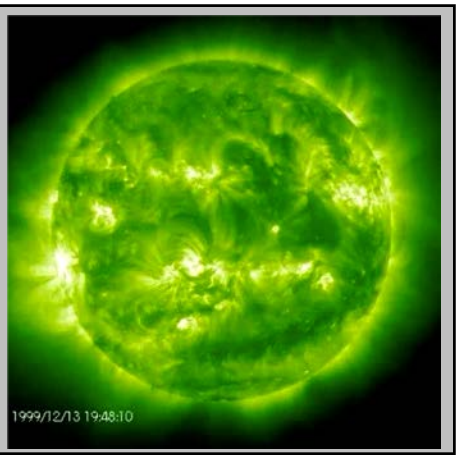
Solar convection in the form of granulation
drives broad range of acoustic (sound) waves



Hinode G-band image



UV view of solar magnetism



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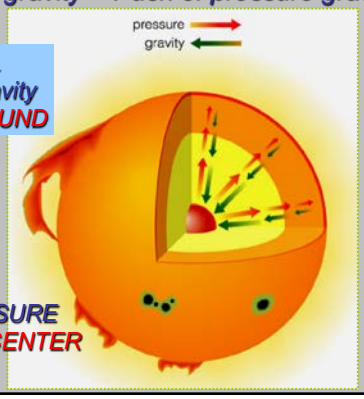
Pull of gravity = Push of pressure gradient



SPHERICAL nature of gravity makes it ROUND

High PRESSURE needed at CENTER

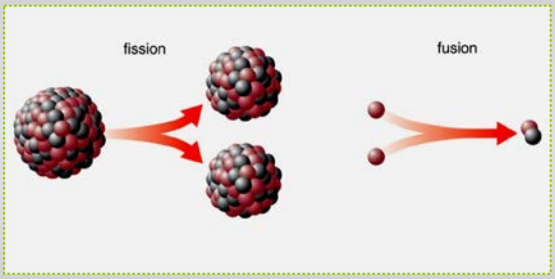
How to get high central pressure?

In gases, plasmas, "equation of state" is roughly

PRESSURE = DENSITY x TEMPERATURE

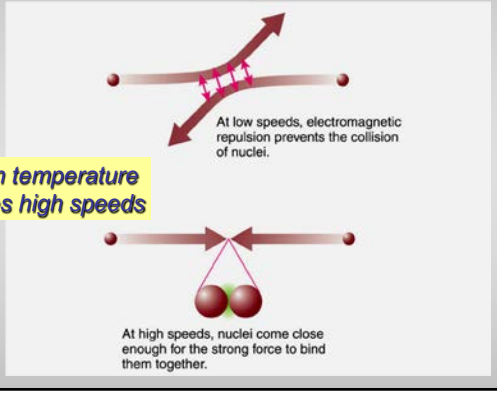
1. Making the CENTER HOT yields high pressure that keeps star from collapsing
2. If really hot, NUCLEAR BURNING can supply the energy that always leaks away from hot places

Fusion or fission as star's energy source?



Plenty of H for fusion, almost no `heavy' fuel for fission: H converted to He

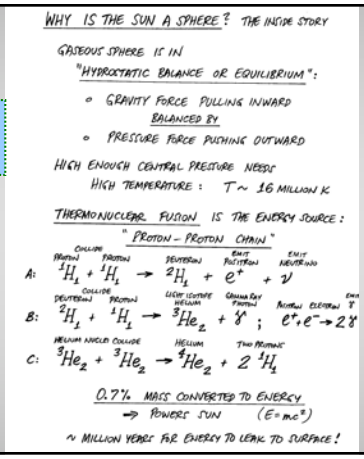
Need high temperatures to make fusion happen



High temperature gives high speeds

SUN as a SPHERE

NUCLEAR BURNING near center



P - P chain

Hans Bethe (1937)

"Proton – Proton Chain"

A: $^1H_1 + {}^1H_1 \rightarrow {}^2H_1 + e^+ + \nu$ (collide: proton + proton; emit: positron, neutrino)

B: $^2H_1 + {}^1H_1 \rightarrow {}^3He_2 + \gamma$; $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow 2\gamma$ (collide: deuteron + proton; light isotope helium; gamma ray photon; positron electron emit γ)

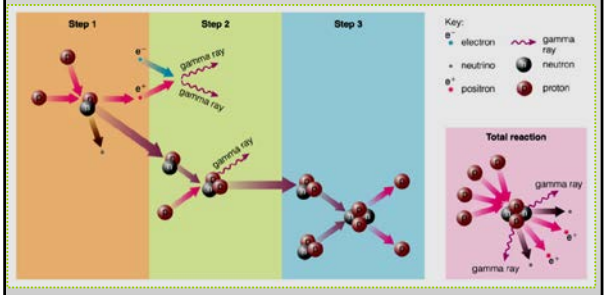
C: $^3He_2 + {}^3He_2 \rightarrow {}^4He_2 + 2\,{}^1H_1$ (helium nuclei collide; helium; two protons)

0.7% mass converted to energy ⇒ powers sun ($E = mc^2$)

~ million years for energy to leak to surface!

Proton-Proton (P-P) Chain

Thermonuclear FUSION



Clicker Question

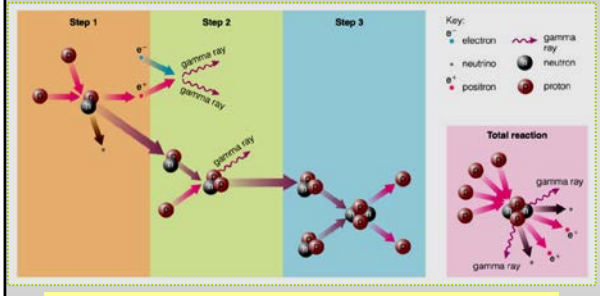
The Sun is made up of (mostly) hydrogen. Yet the P-P chain starts with two protons. Why are they not with their electrons?

A. The core is very hot so the electrons are all ionized.
B. The electrons have all moved to the outer layers of the Sun.
C. The Sun is electrically positive, so all that exists are hydrogen ions.
D. Neutral hydrogen only consists of one proton and one neutron in the first place.

Sun's energy budget (simply put)

- Helium has atomic mass 3.97 times that of hydrogen, NOT exactly 4 times
- Tiny amount of the protons' mass is lost to energy
- $E = mc^2$ (a little mass makes a lot of energy)
- Rates are fast enough that 4 million tons of mass are converted into energy each second!

Proton-Proton (P-P) Chain

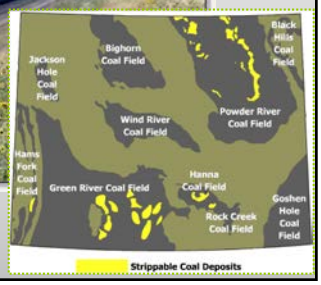


Burn 600 million tons of H every sec, making 596 million tons of He and `4 million tons goes into ENERGY'

Nuclear vs chemical burning

- Nuclear p-p burning : 1 kg of H becomes 0.993 kg He
- 7 grams releases : 6.3×10^{14} joules
- Same energy released by chemically burning ~20,000 tons of coal !! (2 unit trains)
- Sun's luminosity : (vs 40 W lightbulb)
  $L \sim 3.8\ 10^{26}$ joules/sec (watts)

Wyoming "unit coal trains"



Unit train: 100-110 hopper cars, each 100 T of coal, mile long. 80/day, 26,000 trains in 2000

How much is 7 grams compared to 1000 grams (1 kg) ?

7 paper clips!

Proton-proton chain: summary

- *Input:* 6 protons
- *Output:* 1 helium
  2 protons
  2 positrons → gamma rays
  2 neutrinos
  + more gamma rays

4 hydrogens → 1 helium + 2 neutrinos + gamma rays (energy)

DO WE SEE THE GAMMA-RAYS, NEUTRINOS ?