

Topics for Today

- Briefly look at life in stars AFTER they have exhausted the hydrogen fuel in their cores – return to this in Thur+ lecture
- But next look at how do stars get to the "Main Sequence" – with MS their longest phase
- · Examine birth of stars in molecular clouds
- Find many more M and G stars are made than massive O and B stars

Things to do

- Read Chap 16 'Star Birth' in detail it is a bit complex, so devote some time
- We will revisit <u>Birth of Stars</u> several times
- Overview read Chap17 'Star Stuff', and 17.2 'Life as Low-Mass Star' for Thur lecture
- Then read 17.3 'Life as High-Mass Star'
- Class meets in Fiske Planetarium next Tues
 March 6 -- go there directly
- HW #5 returned graded, with answer sheet











Short lives of massive stars on MS

· Rock-star analogy:

More massive, hotter, more luminous stars burn through the available fuel faster -leading to early burnout C-N-O fusion cycle is

the way massive stars do it !





























STAR BIRTH within big cold clouds

Start with clouds of cold, interstellar gas

- Molecular clouds -cold enough to form molecules T=10-30K
- Often dusty
- Collapses under its own gravity









Recurring theme in forming stars: Conservation of <u>energy</u> and <u>angular momentum</u>

- 1. Collapse due to gravity increases the temperature. If thermal energy can escape via radiation (glowing gas), collapse continues
- 2. If <u>thermal energy is trapped</u>, or more energy is generated due to fusion, collapse is slowed











Collapse from large, cold cloud

Conservation of angular momentum: material spins faster

Disks and Jets form around protostar















