

## MULTIPLE STARS

This test is to show how MESA can evolve multiple stars with separate inlists simultaneously. Each star is evolved for the same amount of time,  $1.5 \times 10^8$  years. Therefore, if everything ran successfully, the terminal output at the end of the run should read ‘‘all stars have reached stopping age’’.

Each star being computed in this test case has its own inlist. The number of stars and the filenames of their inlists are set in `inlist_multi_stars_job`, along with their stopping age (`stopping_age = 1.5e8`). The three inlists for this test are very similar. The first inlist, `inlist1`, loads a pre-saved model, `m3ms.mod`, while the other two inlists load  $Z = Z_{\odot}$  ZAMS models. The only other difference is in the masses; inlists 1, 2, and 3 have masses  $3 M_{\odot}$ ,  $3.1 M_{\odot}$ , and  $3.2 M_{\odot}$ , respectively. This setup allows users to evolve and compare similar stars simultaneously while still being able to change a wide set of parameters and controls for each star individually.

Below is an HR-diagram showing the evolutionary tracks of all three stars (figure 1).

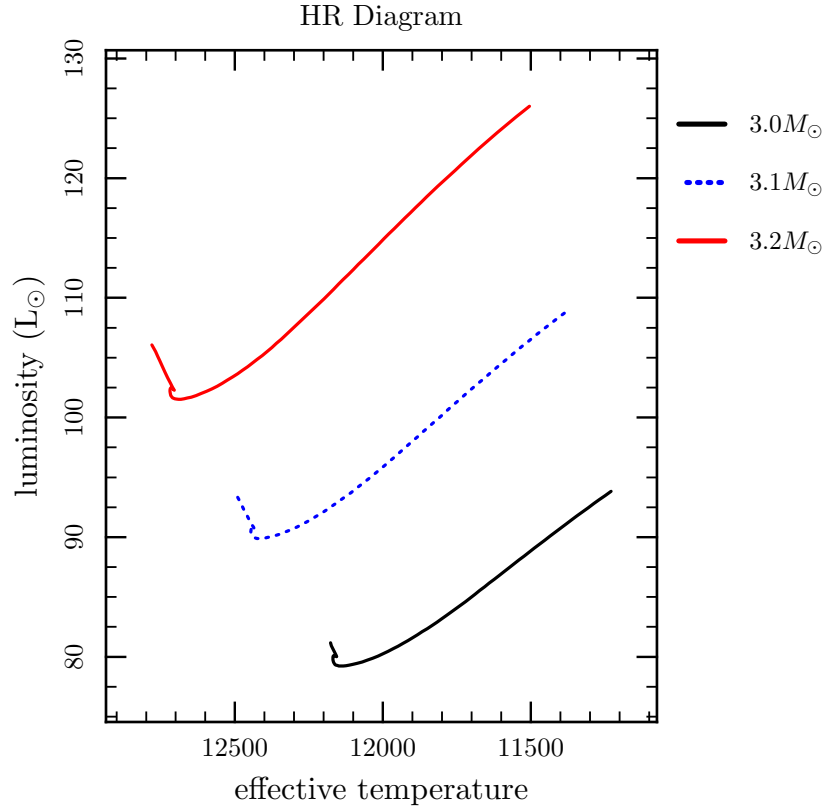
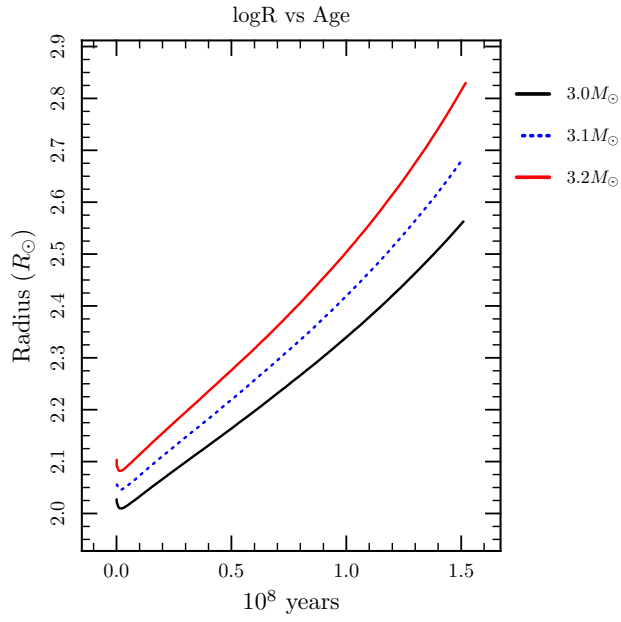
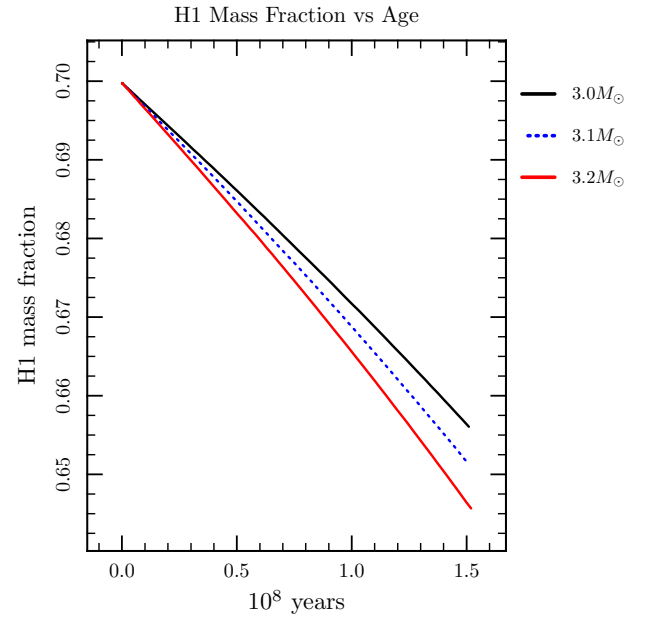


Figure 1

The growth of the radius on the main sequence depends on the mass (Figure 2), as does the rate of hydrogen consumption (Figure 3).



**Figure 2:** Radius evolution depends on mass



**Figure 3:** Burning rate of Hydrogen depends on mass