

How long will a  $5M_{\odot}$  star burn hydrogen as fuel, given that the Sun will do so for about  $10^{10}$  years?

**Solution:**

The dependence of the lifetime on the star mass:

$$t = t_{\odot} \times \left( \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{-3}$$

For the star with  $M=5M_{\odot}$ .

For the sun  $t_{\odot} = 10^{10}$  years.

The final expression:

$$t = 10^{10} \text{ years} \times \left( \frac{5M_{\odot}}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{-3} = 10^{10} \times 5^{-3} = 8 \cdot 10^7 \text{ years}$$

**Answer:** the star will burn its fuel in  $8 \cdot 10^7$  years