

Fig. 3. Evolution of the internal structure of stars of  $60 M_{\odot}$  up to central C-exhaustion. Cloudy regions represent convective zones, heavy diagonals indicate regions where the nuclear energy rates are larger than  $10^3 \text{ erg g}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The vertically hatched regions are zones of variable hydrogen and helium contents and the horizontally hatched zones represent areas of variable  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$ , and  $^{20}\text{Ne}$  contents. The evolution of the surface of the star is indicated, as well as the observable status of the star: O-star, Wolf-Rayet star of type WN, then WC:  $Y_s$ ,  $Y_c$  mean surface contents in hydrogen and helium;  $Y_c$  means the central content of helium.  $^{12}\text{C}_s$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}_s$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}_s$  are the surface abundances of  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}$ , and  $^{16}\text{O}$  respectively.  $^{12}\text{C}_c$  and  $^{16}\text{O}_c$  mean central contents of  $^{12}\text{C}$  and  $^{16}\text{O}$

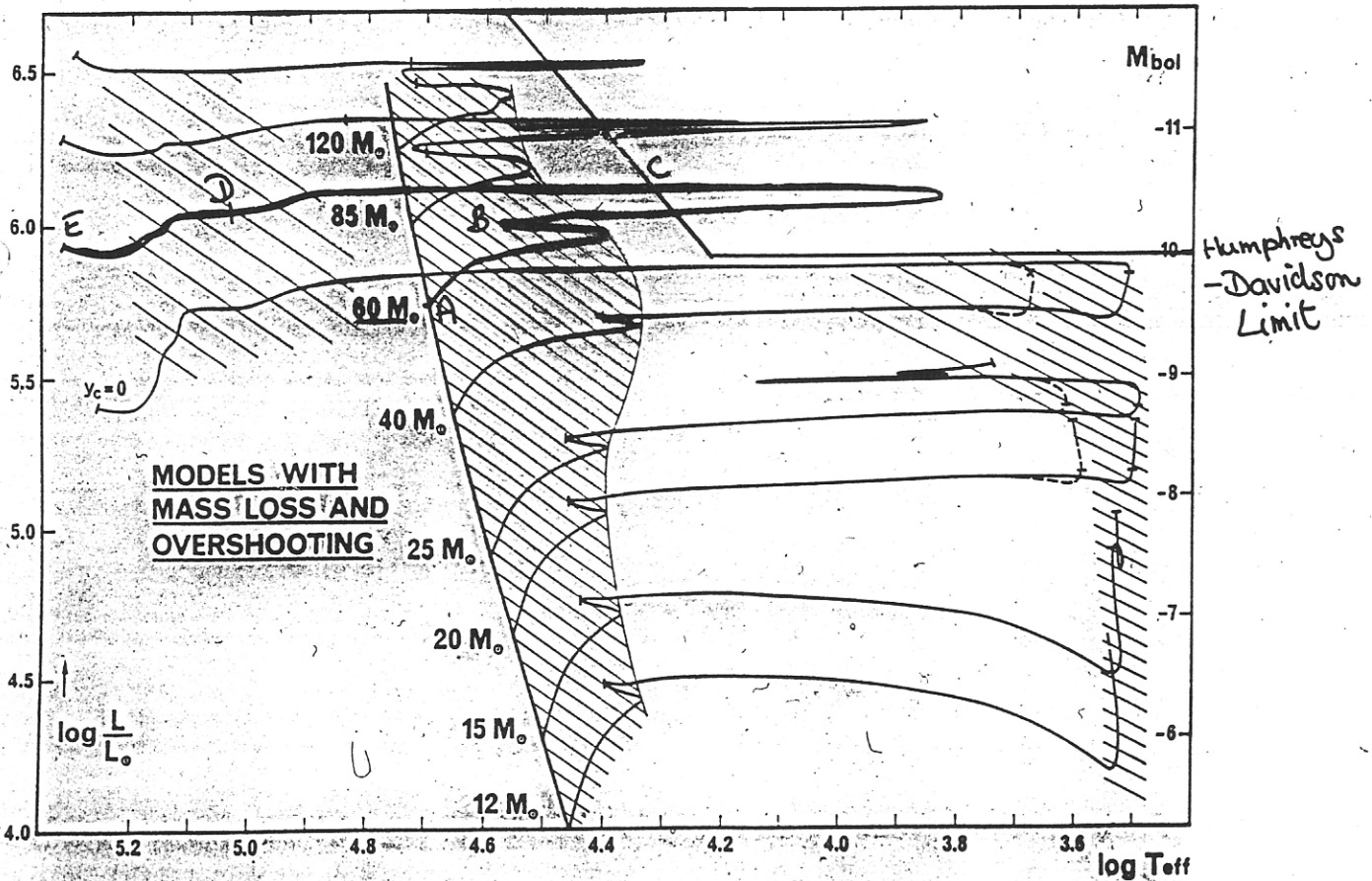


Fig. 9. Evolutionary tracks of massive stars with initial composition  $X = 0.70$  and  $Z = 0.02$  evolved with mass loss by stellar winds and overshooting. Hatched areas indicate the main sequence band and the He-burning phase. For red supergiants, the broken lines indicate the tracks computed with  $\alpha_s = 1/H_s = 0.3$  while the continuous lines refer to the usual mixing length theory with  $\alpha_s = 1/H_s = 1.5$ . The first slash along the evolutionary tracks indicates the central exhaustion of H, the second the beginning of the He-burning phase and the last the central exhaustion of He