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The Origin of Stellar Rotation STEWART BREKKE, Northeastern Illinois University (former grad student) — In the early universe stellar cores were formed primarly in the galactic and pre-galactic arms. These cores were made up of a dense hydrogen mass prinarly which were slowly rotating. Orbiting these dense hydrogen cores were dense concentric rings of primarily hydrogen gas moving at a relatively fast rate. As the orbits of the rings decayed due to gravitational attraction, the rings of orbiting hydrogen matter tangentially collided and adhered to the preformed stellar core transfering the faster orbital angular momentum of the rings to the stellar cores resulting in a faster rotating stellar bodies which over time began to rotate differentially due to internal forces from stellar burning.

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