

# Paper III

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Have Minkowski space as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , so  $r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dt} = b v_{\infty}$ .



Follows that  $\frac{r^2 \dot{\phi}}{v_{\infty}} = b$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{h}{v_{\infty}} = \frac{h/c}{k\sqrt{1-1/k^2}} = \frac{h}{c\sqrt{k^2-1}}$$

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(ii) We have

$$c^2 = \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 = (1-2\mu/r)c^2 t^2 - (1-2\mu/r)^{-1} \dot{r}^2 - r^2 \dot{\phi}^2$$

$$= (1-2\mu/r)^{-1} c^2 k^2 - (1-2\mu/r)^{-1} \dot{r}^2 - \frac{h^2}{r^2}$$

It follows that  $c^2(1-2\mu/r) = c^2 k^2 - \dot{r}^2 - \frac{h^2}{r^2}(1-2\mu/r)$

$$\Rightarrow c^2(k^2-1) = \dot{r}^2 + \frac{h^2}{r^2}(1-2\mu/r) - \frac{2\mu c^2}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \dot{r}^2 + \underbrace{\frac{h^2}{2r^2}(1-2\mu/r) - \frac{2\mu c^2}{r}}_{V_{\text{eff}}(r)} = \frac{1}{2} c^2(k^2-1)$$

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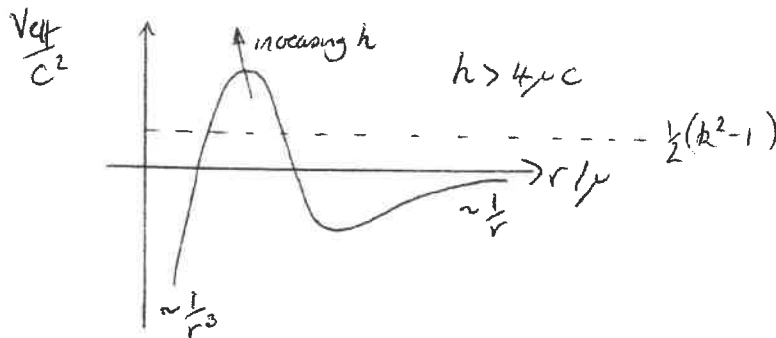
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For any  $h$ , a particle with sufficient energy at  $\infty$  (i.e., large enough  $h$ ) will be able to cross the barrier at the maximum of  $V_{\text{eff}}$  and hence reach  $r=0$ . Note: very different to the Newtonian case, where  $V_{\text{eff}}$  does not turn over at small  $r$  and instead has a "centrifugal barrier".

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{dr} &= \frac{\mu c^2}{r^2} + \frac{h^2}{2} \left( -\frac{2}{r^3} + \frac{6\mu}{r^4} \right) \\ &= \frac{\mu c^2}{r^2} - \frac{h^2}{r^3} \left( 1 - \frac{3\mu}{r} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The turning points are at

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mu c^2 r^2}{h^2} - \frac{1}{r} + \frac{3\mu}{r^2} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow r &= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 12 \left( \frac{\mu c}{h} \right)^2}}{2\mu c^2/h^2} = \frac{h}{2\mu c^2} \left( h \pm \sqrt{h^2 - 12(\mu c)^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{At the extrema, } V_{\text{eff}} = \underbrace{-\frac{\mu c^2}{r}}_{-\frac{h^2}{r^2} \left( 1 - \frac{3\mu}{r} \right)} + \frac{h^2}{2r^2} \left( 1 - \frac{3\mu}{r} \right) = \frac{h^2}{2r^2} \left( \frac{4\mu}{r} - 1 \right)$$

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For  $v_{\infty} \ll c$ ,  $k \rightarrow 1$  and the particle will reach  $r=0$  if  $\max(V_{eff}) < 0$ . The max of  $V_{eff}$  is at 0 when the maximum is at  $r=4\mu$ , i.e. when

$$\frac{\mu c^2}{h^2} \times 16\mu^2 - 4\mu + 3\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{4\mu c}{h} = 1.$$

So, as  $k \rightarrow 1$ , need  $h < 4\mu c$  for capture, hence

$$b = \frac{h}{v_{\infty}} = \frac{4\mu c}{k v_{\infty}} \rightarrow \frac{4\mu c}{v_{\infty}}, \text{ so need}$$

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$$b < \frac{4\mu c}{v_{\infty}}$$

For  $v_{\infty} \rightarrow c$  (i.e., massless case),  $k \gg 1$ . The critical case now has  $h \gg 4\mu c$ , in which case

$$r \text{ at the maximum} \rightarrow \mu \left[ \frac{1 - (1 - 6(\frac{\mu c}{h})^2)}{2(\frac{\mu c}{h})^2} \right] = 3\mu$$

$$\text{Follows that } V_{eff} \text{ at max is } \approx \frac{h^2}{27\mu^2} \left( \frac{4}{3} - 1 \right) = \frac{h^2}{54\mu^2}$$

(4)

$$\text{For capture, need } \frac{1}{2}(k^2 - 1)c^2 > \frac{h^2}{54\mu^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h^2}{c^2(k^2 - 1)} < 27\mu^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{b < \sqrt{27}\mu} \text{ (as for a photon).}$$

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2 i) Geometrically thin disk around point mass  $M$

(AFD)

$$\frac{u_\phi^2}{r} = \frac{GM}{r^2} \Rightarrow u_\phi = \left(\frac{GM}{r}\right)^{1/2}$$

Angular velocity  $\Omega = \frac{u_\phi}{r} = \left(\frac{GM}{r^3}\right)^{1/2}$

Start with momentum equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (r \Sigma u_\phi) = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\Sigma r^2 u_\phi u_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v \Sigma r^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{u_\phi}{r}\right))$$

$$r \cdot \frac{1}{r^{3/2}} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\Sigma r^{3/2} u_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v \Sigma r^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (1/r^{3/2}))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{r^{3/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\Sigma r^{3/2} u_r) - \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{r^{3/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v \Sigma r^3 \cdot r^{-5/2})$$

Sub in mass conv. eq.

$$-\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \Sigma u_r) = -\frac{1}{r^{3/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\Sigma r^{3/2} u_r) - \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{r^{3/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v \Sigma r^{1/2})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \Sigma u_r) = r^{-1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\Sigma r u_r \cdot r^{1/2}) + \frac{3}{2} r^{-1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v \Sigma r^{1/2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \Sigma u_r) = \frac{r^{-1/2}}{2} \cdot r^{-1/2} \Sigma r u_r + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\Sigma r u_r) + \frac{3}{2} r^{-1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v \Sigma r^{1/2})$$

$$0 = \frac{\Sigma u_R}{2} + \frac{3}{2} R^{-1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (v \Sigma R^{1/2})$$

$$u_R = - \frac{3}{\Sigma R^{1/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (v \Sigma R^{1/2}) \quad //$$

Local mass accretion rate

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{M} &= 2\pi R \Sigma (-u_R) \\ &= 2\pi R \Sigma \cdot \frac{3}{\Sigma R^{1/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (v \Sigma R^{1/2}) \\ &= 6\pi R^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (v \Sigma R^{1/2}) \quad // \quad // \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Continuity equation is

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R \Sigma u_R) = 0$$

Substitute in for  $u_R$  from Part (i)

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( R \Sigma \cdot \left[ -\frac{3}{R^{1/2} \Sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (v \Sigma R^{1/2}) \right] \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = \frac{3}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( R^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (v \Sigma R^{1/2}) \right) // \quad //$$

$$v = v_0 r, \quad x = r^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = x^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial r} = 2x \frac{\partial}{\partial r} = 2r^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = \frac{3}{4x^2} r^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v \Sigma r^{1/2}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{3}{4x^3} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (v \Sigma x)$$

$$\Rightarrow x v \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = \frac{3v}{4x^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (v \Sigma x)$$

if  $v = v(r)$ , i.e., independent of  $t$ , then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (x v \Sigma) = \frac{3v}{4x^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (x v \Sigma)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = \frac{3v_0 x^2}{4x^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{3v_0}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2}$$

where we have used  $v = v_0 r = v_0 x^2$

and defined  $\Phi = v \Sigma x = v_0 \Sigma x^3$  //

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Mass accretion rate  $\dot{m} = 6\pi v^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v \Sigma r^{1/2})$

$$= 3\pi \cdot 2 v^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v \Sigma r^{1/2})$$

$$= 3\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (v \Sigma x)$$

$$= 3\pi \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} //$$

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Mass  $m$ ,  $r = r_0$ , @  $t=0$

$$\Sigma(r, t=0) = \frac{m}{2\pi r_0} \delta(r - r_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi(x, t=0) = v_0 x_0^3 \cdot \frac{m}{2\pi x_0^2} \cdot \frac{\delta(x - x_0)}{|dr/dx|_{r_0}} \quad \text{using } \Psi = v \Sigma x^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} v_0 \cdot \frac{m}{2\pi} \delta(x - x_0)$$

$$= \frac{v_0 m}{4\pi} \delta(x - x_0)$$

Using Green's function, subsequent evolution given by:

$$\Psi(x, t) = \int \frac{m v_0}{4\pi} \delta(x - x_0) \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi a t}} e^{-(x-x_0)^2/4at} dx$$

$$= \frac{m v_0}{4\pi\sqrt{3\pi v_0}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-(x-x_0)^2/3v_0 t} \quad \left(0 \equiv \frac{3v_0}{4}\right)$$

Mass accretion rate at center ( $l=x=0$ ) is

$$\dot{M}_0 = 3\pi \left. \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0}$$

$$= \frac{m v_0 \cdot 3\pi}{4\pi\sqrt{3\pi v_0}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \cdot 2(x_0 - x) \frac{1}{3v_0 t} \cdot e^{-(x-x_0)^2/3v_0 t} \Big|_{x=0}$$

$$= \frac{m x_0}{2\sqrt{3\pi v_0}} \frac{1}{t^{3/2}} e^{-x_0^2/3v_0 t}$$

$$\therefore \dot{M}_0 = \frac{m l_0^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3\pi v_0}} \frac{1}{t^{3/2}} e^{-l_0/3v_0 t} \quad // \quad //$$

Thus

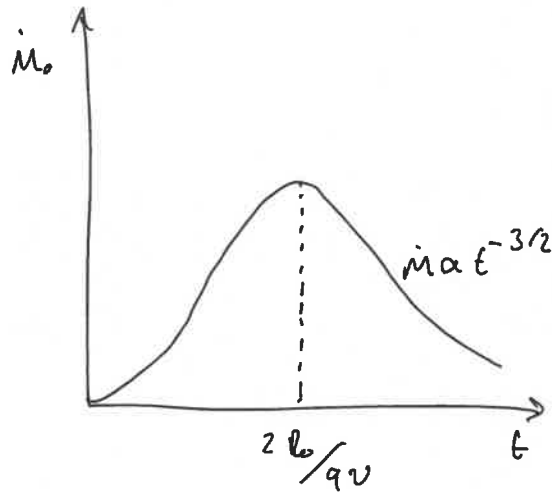
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( t^{-3/2} e^{-l_0/3v_0 t} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( -\frac{3}{2} t^{-5/2} e^{-l_0/3v_0 t} + t^{-3/2} \cdot \frac{l_0}{3v_0} \frac{1}{t^2} e^{-l_0/3v_0 t} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{l_0}{3v_0} t^{-7/2} = \frac{3}{2} t^{-5/2}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 l_0}{q v_0}$$



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In a spatially-flat universe dominated by the matter,

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho = 1 \left( \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \right)^2 \propto R^{-3(1+w)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{R} \propto R^{-\frac{1}{2}(1+3w)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^R dR' R'^{\frac{1}{2}(1+3w)} \propto t,$$

so  $R^{\frac{3}{2}(1+w)} \propto t$  and  $R \propto t^{\frac{2}{3(1+w)}}$ . Power-law

expansion with  $p = \frac{2}{3(1+w)}$ , so  $p = 1 \Rightarrow 1+w = \frac{2}{3}$

[5]

$w = -\frac{1}{3}$

The Friedmann equation,  $\frac{\ddot{R}}{R} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left( \rho + \frac{3P}{c^2} \right)$   
 $= -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \rho (1+3w),$

[2]

implies  $\ddot{R} > 0$  if  $w < -\frac{1}{3}$  gives accelerated expansion, i.e., inflation. In inflation, the particle horizon can become much larger than the Hubble radius  $\frac{c}{H(t)}$  solving the classical horizon problem.

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(ii) If  $R(t) \propto e^{H_I t}$ , particle horizon grows faster as

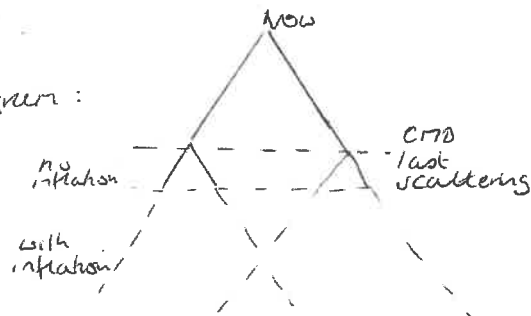
$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{ph}(t) &= c e^{H_I t} \int_{t_i}^t e^{-H_I t'} dt' \\
 &= \frac{c}{H_I} e^{H_I t} \left[ e^{-H_I t'} \right]_t^{t_i} \\
 &= \frac{c}{H_I} \left[ e^{H_I(t-t_i)} - 1 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

[5]

Horizon problem: in standard big bang cosmology, the particle horizon at recombination only subtends a few degrees on sky today, but CMB is very uniform. What can explain this? Inflation allows the particle horizon to grow quasi-exponentially, becoming much larger than the Hubble radius, allowing apparently causally disconnected regions at recombination actually to be causally connected.

Optional conformal diagram:

[5] Exponential expansion requires  $w = -1$ , but inflation occurs for  $w < -\frac{1}{3}$ .



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$$\phi = \sqrt{2p} \ln \left( t \sqrt{\frac{v_0}{p(3p-1)}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{p(3p-1)}{v_0}} e^{\phi/\sqrt{2p}}, \text{ so}$$

$$V = v_0 \left( \sqrt{\frac{v_0}{p(3p-1)}} t \right)^{-2} = \frac{p(3p-1)}{t^2}$$

Have

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\sqrt{2p}}{t}, \quad \ddot{\phi} = -\frac{\sqrt{2p}}{t^2}, \text{ and}$$

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2p}{t^2} + \frac{p(3p-1)}{t^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{p}{3t^2} (1 + 3p-1) = \frac{p^2}{t^2},$$

[6] so  $\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} = -\frac{\sqrt{2p}}{t^2} + \frac{3p}{t} \frac{\sqrt{2p}}{t} = (3p-1) \frac{\sqrt{2p}}{t^2}$

Compare to  $-\frac{dV}{d\phi} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{p}} V = \sqrt{\frac{2}{p}} \frac{p(3p-1)}{t^2}$

$$= \sqrt{2p} (3p-1) / t^2 \checkmark$$

From  $H = \frac{p}{t}$ , it follows that  $R \propto t^p$

[2] Since  $\frac{\dot{R}}{R} = \frac{p}{t} \Rightarrow \ln R = p \ln t + \text{const.}$

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$R \propto t^p \Rightarrow \frac{\ddot{R}}{R} = \frac{p(p-1)}{t^2}$ . Inflation requires  
 $\ddot{R} > 0$ , i.e.,  $p(p-1) > 0$ . We must have  $p > 1/3$   
 for the solution to be valid, so inflation occurs for  
 $p > 1$ .

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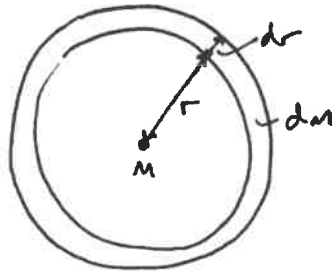
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4 i) Star mass  $M$ , radius  $R$ , hydrostatic eq. Derive exp. for  $U$  in terms of  $\rho$



$$dm = 4\pi r^2 \rho dr, \text{ where } \rho \text{ is mass density}$$

$$dU = -\frac{GM(r)}{r} dm = -\frac{GM(r)}{r} 4\pi r^2 \rho dr, \text{ where } M(r) \text{ is the mass within radius } r$$

Integration gives total gpe of star

$$U = -\int_0^R \frac{GM(r)}{r} \cdot 4\pi r^2 \rho dr //$$

(4)

If the density is uniform then

$$\rho = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3}, \text{ at all radii}$$

and

$$M(r) = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho$$

Hence

$$U = -\int_0^R \frac{G \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho}{r} \cdot 4\pi r^2 \rho dr$$

$$U = - \int_0^R \frac{4}{3} \cdot 4\pi^2 G r^4 \rho^2 dr$$

$$= - \frac{16}{3} \pi^2 G \rho^2 \left[ \frac{1}{5} r^5 \right]_0^R$$

$$= - \frac{16}{15} \pi^2 G \rho^2 R^5$$

$$\text{Now, } M = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho$$

$$M^2 = \frac{16}{9} \pi^2 R^6 \rho^2$$

$$\therefore U = - \frac{3}{5} \frac{G M^2}{R} //$$

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$$\text{Hence } U \propto \frac{1}{R} //$$

①

Show that total thermal energy of the star,  $K$ , is given by

$$K = \int_0^R \frac{3}{2} \rho 4\pi r^2 dr$$

In a shell of  $dr$ , total particle number is

$$dN = 4\pi r^2 n dr$$

where  $n$ , is the particle number density

with the kinetic energy of each particle being  $\frac{3kT}{2}$ , the total kinetic energy in the shell

$$dK = \frac{3kT}{2} 4\pi r^2 n dr$$

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$$k = \int_0^R \frac{3kT}{2} 4\pi r^2 n dr$$

noting that  $p = nkT$

$$k = \int_0^R \frac{3}{2} p 4\pi r^2 n dr //$$

③



ii) Assuming spherical symmetry throughout, the energy that goes into ejecting the mass is

$$\Delta E_v = \frac{3}{10} f G M_\odot^2 \left( \frac{1}{r_{c,f}} - \frac{1}{r_{c,i}} \right)$$

$$f = 0.01$$

$r_{c,i}$  = core radius at start of collapse

$r_{c,f}$  = core radius after collapse

Energy needed to eject  $9 M_\odot$  of material out of potential well of core of  $1 M_\odot$  is

$$E_{ej} = \frac{G 9 M_\odot^2}{\langle r_g \rangle}$$

where  $\langle r_g \rangle$  is the mass weighted radius of the  $9 M_\odot$  envelope before core collapse

Equating the two expressions

$$\frac{1}{\langle r_g \rangle} = \frac{1}{30} f \left( \frac{1}{r_{c,f}} - \frac{1}{r_{c,i}} \right)$$

$$\frac{30}{\langle r_g \rangle} \frac{1}{f} + \frac{1}{r_{c,i}} = \frac{1}{r_{c,f}}$$

$$r_{c,f} = \left( \frac{30}{\langle r_g \rangle} \frac{1}{f} + \frac{1}{r_{c,i}} \right)^{-1}$$

Challenge is to find a sensible expression for  $\langle r_g \rangle$

For the initial pre-collapse core, we have  $r_{c,i} \sim r_{\odot} \sim 3000 \text{ km}$

Possibilities for  $\langle r_g \rangle$

a) assume uniform density in envelope

$\Rightarrow 0.5$  of the mass in  $0.5^{1/3}$  of envelope radius

$$\sim 0.8$$

with the radius of a  $10 M_{\odot}$  Super giant  $\lesssim 100 - 200 R_{\odot}$

can approximate  $\langle r_g \rangle \sim 100 R_{\odot}$

$$\therefore r_{c,f} = \left( \frac{30}{100 \cdot 7 \times 10^3} \cdot \frac{1}{0.01} + \frac{1}{3000 \times 10^3} \right)^{-1} \approx 2660 \text{ km}$$

b) But, there will be a density gradient in the envelope  
 $\rho$  will decrease outwards

$\Rightarrow \langle r_g \rangle$  lower than for uniform  $\rho$

conservative guess  $\langle r_g \rangle \approx 1 R_{\odot}$  for centrally condensed Super giant

$$r_{c,f} = \left( \frac{30}{7 \times 10^3} \cdot \frac{1}{0.01} + \frac{1}{3 \times 10^6} \right)^{-1} \approx 216 \text{ km} \quad // \quad (12)$$

Both values of  $r_{c,f}$  are significantly  $> r_{c,f} \approx 20 \text{ km}$  (from lecture)

The wrong assumption is that the energy liberated is 'just enough' to eject the remaining mass to  $\infty$ . SN remnants are observed with velocities  $> 1000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

// (2)

Velocity of ejecta if energy absorbed by envelope is  $10^{51}$  erg

$$E_g = 10^{51} \times 10^{-7} = \frac{1}{2} M_{ej} \langle v \rangle^2$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \left( \frac{2 \times 10^{51} \times 10^{-7}}{M_{ej}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 3340 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

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Type II SN are generally believed to be the end point of the evolution of stars  $\gtrsim 10 M_{\odot}$

Such stars have lifetimes  $\leq 3 \times 10^7$  years

Globular clusters have ages  $\gtrsim 3 \times 10^9$  years

$\therefore$  all massive stars in globular clusters should have long ago exploded as type II SN

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Stat Phys - Paper 3, Question 5, Part (i)

• Relevant integral for summing over states is:

$$\begin{aligned}\int g(E) dE &= g_s \frac{V}{(2\pi)^d} \int d^d k \\ &= g_s \frac{V}{(2\pi)^d} \int S_{d-1} k^{d-1} dk\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

$$\text{As } E = A(kk)^\alpha$$

$$dE = A\alpha k^{\alpha-1} k^{d-1} dk$$

$$\therefore \int g(E) dE = g_s \frac{V}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{A\alpha k^\alpha} S_{d-1} \int k^{d-\alpha} dE \quad (2)$$

$$\text{But } k = (E/A)^{1/\alpha} k^{-1}$$

$$\therefore k^{d-\alpha} = A^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}(d-\alpha)} k^{\alpha-d} E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \int g(E) dE &= g_s \frac{V}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{A\alpha k^\alpha} S_{d-1} A^{-\frac{d}{\alpha}} k^{\alpha-d} \int E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}-1} dE \\ &= \int \frac{g_s S_{d-1} V}{\alpha (2\pi)^d A^{d/\alpha} k^d} E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}-1} dE\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

• Bose-Einstein distribution

$$\langle n_r \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E_r - \mu)} - 1} \quad (2)$$

Stat Phys - Paper 3, Question 5, Part (ii)

- $\mu$  has to be  $< 0$ , as otherwise the grand partition function for Bose gas doesn't make sense (sum doesn't converge)

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•  $P = -\partial F / \partial V$

where  $F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z$

$\therefore P = \frac{1}{\beta} \partial \ln Z / \partial V$

But  $\ln Z = \int_0^\infty g(E) dE \ln [(1 - e^{-\beta(E-\mu)})^{-1}]$

and  $g(E) = AV E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}-1}$  (from Part i)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \ln Z &= -AV \int_0^\infty E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}-1} \ln(1 - e^{-\beta(E-\mu)}) dE \\ &= -AV \left[ -\left[ \frac{\alpha}{d} E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}} \ln(1 - e^{-\beta(E-\mu)}) \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{\alpha}{d} \right) \frac{E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}-1} \beta e^{-\beta(E-\mu)}}{1 - e^{-\beta(E-\mu)}} dE \right] \\ &= \left( \frac{\beta \alpha}{d} \right) \int_0^\infty AV E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}-1} E / (e^{\beta(E-\mu)} - 1) dE \\ &= \left( \frac{\beta \alpha}{d} \right) \int_0^\infty E g(E) / [e^{\beta(E-\mu)} - 1] dE \\ &= \frac{\beta \alpha}{d} E \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\beta \alpha}{d} E / V$

$\therefore PV = DE$ , where  $D = \alpha/d$

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- Number of particles not in ground state

$$N = \int_0^\infty g(E) / [e^{\beta(E-\mu)} - 1] dE$$

$$= AV \int_0^\infty E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}-1} / [e^{\beta(E-\mu)} - 1] dE$$

Integrand  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $E \rightarrow \infty$  ✓

For  $E \rightarrow 0$ , integrand  $\rightarrow E^{\frac{d}{\alpha}-1} / E$

for this to be finite  $\rightarrow \frac{d}{\alpha} - 1 - 1 > -1$   
 $\therefore d > \alpha$

Thus, get Bose-Einstein condensate at sufficiently low temperatures when  $\alpha < d$

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# Paper III

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(i) Total  $\vec{j} = (j_1 + j_2), (j_1 + j_2 - 1) \dots (j_1 - j_2)$

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The eigenvalues of  $\hat{J}$  along any axis, given  $j$ , are

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$m_j$ 's with  $m_j = -j, -j+1 \dots j-1, j$ .

Consider constructing the  $j = 2j_1$  multiplet. The top state of this multiplet must be

$$|2j_1, 2j_1\rangle = |j_1\rangle \otimes |j_1\rangle$$

↑  $m_j$  value

Lowering repeatedly with  $\hat{J}_- = \hat{J}_{1-} + \hat{J}_{2-}$  gives all other states in the multiplet. Since  $\hat{J}_-$  is symmetric under exchange  $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ , the entire multiplet is symmetric.

Now consider the top state of the  $2j_1 - 1$  multiplet. This is  $|2j_1 - 1, 2j_1 - 1\rangle$  and must be constructed from  $|j_1\rangle \otimes |j_1 - 1\rangle$  and  $|j_1 - 1\rangle \otimes |j_1\rangle$ . It has to be orthogonal to the  $|2j_1, 2j_1 - 1\rangle$  state, which is of the form  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|j_1\rangle \otimes |j_1 - 1\rangle + |j_1 - 1\rangle \otimes |j_1\rangle)$  since symmetric under particle exchange. It follows that

$$|2j_1 - 1, 2j_1 - 1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|j_1\rangle \otimes |j_1 - 1\rangle - |j_1 - 1\rangle \otimes |j_1\rangle)$$

and so the entire  $2j_1 - 1$  multiplet is antisymmetric.

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Now consider the top state of the  $j=2j_i-2$  multiplet  
This will be of the form

$$|2j_i-2, 2j_i-2\rangle \propto |j_i\rangle \otimes |j_i-2\rangle + a |j_i-2\rangle \otimes |j_i\rangle + b |j_i-1\rangle \otimes |j_i-1\rangle \quad (+)$$

The  $m_j = 2j_i-2$  state in the  $j=2j_i$  multiplet is exchange symmetric, so must be

$$|2j_i, 2j_i-2\rangle \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|j_i\rangle \otimes |j_i-2\rangle + |j_i-2\rangle \otimes |j_i\rangle + c |j_i-1\rangle \otimes |j_i-1\rangle)$$

and in the  $j=2j_i-1$  multiplet (exchange antisymmetric),

$$|2j_i-1, 2j_i-2\rangle \propto |j_i\rangle \otimes |j_i-2\rangle - |j_i-2\rangle \otimes |j_i\rangle$$

As mutually orthogonal,  $a = +1$  and (+) is exchange symmetric.

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(ii) On  $j=1$  states, have  $\hat{J}_- |1\rangle = \sqrt{2}k |0\rangle$ ,  $\hat{J}_- |0\rangle = \sqrt{2}k |-1\rangle$   
and  $\hat{J}_+ |-1\rangle = \sqrt{2}k |0\rangle$  and  $\hat{J}_+ |0\rangle = \sqrt{2}k |1\rangle$ .

In the  $j=2$  multiplet, the top state is

$$|2,2\rangle = |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$$

Applying  $\hat{J}_- \Rightarrow |2,1\rangle \propto |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$ ,

and applying  $\hat{J}_-$  again gives

$$\begin{aligned}
|2,0\rangle &\propto |-1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle + |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \\
&\quad + |0\rangle \otimes (-1) \\
&\propto |-1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes (-1) + 2|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

In the  $j=1$  multiplet (exchange antisymmetric), we must have  $|1,0\rangle \propto |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle - |1\rangle \otimes (-1)$ .

Finally, in the  $j=0$  multiplet, we must have

$$\begin{aligned}
|0,0\rangle &\propto |-1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes (-1) + d |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \\
&\quad \text{(exchange symmetric)}
\end{aligned}$$

Orthogonality with  $|2,0\rangle \Rightarrow d = -1$ , hence (projectively)

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$$|0,0\rangle \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|1\rangle \otimes |-1\rangle + |-1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle - |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)$$

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Final spin state has  $S=2, 1, \text{ or } 0$  with  $S=2$  and  $S=0$  exchange symmetric. This will be combined with a spatial state describing the relative motion  $\psi(\underline{r})$ , where  $\underline{r} = \underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2$ . Under particle exchange  $\underline{r}_1 \leftrightarrow \underline{r}_2$  and  $\underline{r} \rightarrow -\underline{r}$ . The final total angular momentum must be zero so an  $S=2$  spin state can only combine with an  $l=2$   $\psi(\underline{r})$ ,  $S=1$  with  $l=1$  and  $S=0$  with  $l=0$ .

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However, the  $Y_{lm}$  are bosons so the final state must be exchange symmetric. All cases satisfy this since, e.g.,  $S=2$  is symmetric and  $l=2$  is exchange symmetric.

Parity is restrictive though. The initial parity is  $-1$  and the final parity is  $(-1)^l$  for  $\psi(\underline{r})$  and an orbital angular momentum state. Must have  $l=1$ .

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The final state is thus  $S=1, l=1$  and zero total angular momentum. This is of the form constructed above,

$$|{}^1\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{total spin} \\ \text{azimuthal} \\ \text{quantum} \\ \text{number}}}]{|11\rangle} \otimes Y_{1,-1} + |1-1\rangle \otimes Y_{1,1} - |10\rangle \otimes Y_{1,0} \right)$$

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Required probability is thus

$$P = \frac{1}{3} \int_{\frac{\pi}{4} < \theta < \frac{3\pi}{4}} |Y_{1,-1}|^2 d\Omega = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \sin^2 \theta \, d\cos\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{\int_{-1}^1 \sin^2 \theta \, d\cos\theta}{[\cos - \frac{1}{3} \cos^3]_0^{1/\sqrt{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}]}{2/3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (1 - \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{5}{12\sqrt{2}}$$

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(i) For  $t > 0$ ,  $|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_n c_n(t) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} |n\rangle$  and

at  $t = 0$ ,  $|\psi(0)\rangle = |0\rangle$  so  $c_n(0) = \delta_{n0}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time-dependent S.E.} \Rightarrow (H_0 + V(t)) \sum_n c_n(t) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} |n\rangle \\ = i\hbar \sum_n (\dot{c}_n - i\frac{E_n}{\hbar} c_n) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} |n\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $H_0 |n\rangle = E_n |n\rangle$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \dot{c}_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} &= \sum_m c_m(t) e^{-iE_m t/\hbar} \langle n|V|m\rangle \\ \Rightarrow \dot{c}_n &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_m c_m(t) e^{i(E_n - E_m)t/\hbar} \langle n|V(t)|m\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

At zero order in  $V$ , have  $c_n(t) = \delta_{n0}$  i.e. nothing,

at 1st order in  $V$  have

$$\dot{c}_n = -\frac{i}{\hbar} e^{i(E_n - E_0)t/\hbar} \langle n|V(t)|0\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow c_n(t) = \delta_{n0} - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t e^{i(E_n - E_0)t'/\hbar} \langle n|V(t')|0\rangle dt'$$

The probability of finding the particle in  $|1\rangle$  at time  $t$  is

$$\begin{aligned} P &= |\langle 1|\psi(t)\rangle|^2 = |c_1(t)|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left| \int_0^t e^{i(E_1 - E_0)t'/\hbar} \langle 1|V(t')|0\rangle dt' \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Dynamic - Paper 3, Question 7, Part (i)

- Collisionless Boltzmann equation:  $\partial f / \partial t + (\partial f / \partial x_i)(dx_i / dt) + (\partial f / \partial v_i)(dv_i / dt) = 0$   
for phase space density distribution  $f(\underline{x}, \underline{v})$   
Stationary  $\rightarrow \partial / \partial t = 0$

Also  $d\underline{x} / dt = \underline{v}$

and  $d\underline{v} / dt = -\nabla \Phi$

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So CBE  $\rightarrow \underline{v} \nabla f - \nabla \Phi \partial f / \partial \underline{v} = 0$

- If  $f(\underline{x}, \underline{v}) = f(E)$  where  $E = \frac{1}{2} \underline{v}^2 + \Phi(\underline{x})$

then  $\nabla f = (\partial f / \partial E) \nabla E = (\partial f / \partial E) \nabla \Phi$

and  $\partial f / \partial \underline{v} = (\partial f / \partial E)(\partial E / \partial \underline{v}) = (\partial f / \partial E) \cdot \underline{v}$

(2)

$\therefore$  CBE  $\rightarrow \underline{v} (\partial f / \partial E) \nabla \Phi - \nabla \Phi (\partial f / \partial E) \cdot \underline{v} = 0$  ✓

- Spherical  $\rightarrow \Phi(r)$  is a monotonic function of  $r$ , and so is  $\Psi(r)$

$\therefore g(r) = g(\Psi) = \int m f(r, \underline{v}) d^3 \underline{v}$   
 $= \int m f(r, \underline{v}) 4\pi v^2 dv$

(2)

Now  $f(\underline{v}) \neq 0$  only if  $\varepsilon = \Phi_0 - E = \Phi_0 - (\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \Phi) = \Psi - \frac{1}{2} v^2 > 0$

$\therefore g(\Psi) = 4\pi m \int_0^{\sqrt{2\Psi}} f(\varepsilon) v^2 dv$

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But  $d\varepsilon = -v dv$

and  $v = 0 \rightarrow \varepsilon = \Psi$

and  $v = \sqrt{2(\Psi - \varepsilon)}$

$\therefore g(\Psi) = 4\pi m \sqrt{2} \int_0^{\Psi} f(\varepsilon) (\Psi - \varepsilon)^{1/2} d\varepsilon$

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Dynamics - Paper 3, Question 7, Part (ii)

• Poisson's eq  $\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \rho$

As  $\Phi = \Phi_0 - \Psi \rightarrow \nabla^2 \Psi = -4\pi G \rho$

Spherical  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 \frac{d\Psi}{dr}) + 4\pi G \rho = 0$

$\therefore$  satisfied if  $\rho = C \Psi^n$

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•  $\rho(\Psi) = 2^{5/2} \pi m \int_0^\Psi f(\epsilon) \sqrt{\Psi - \epsilon} d\epsilon$   
 $= 2^{5/2} \pi m F \int_0^\Psi \epsilon^{n-3/2} (\Psi - \epsilon)^{1/2} d\epsilon$

Let  $\epsilon = \Psi \cos^2 \theta$

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$d\epsilon = -2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \Psi d\theta$

$\therefore \rho(\Psi) = 2^{5/2} \pi m F \int_{\pi/2}^0 [\Psi \cos^2 \theta]^{n-3/2} [\Psi (1 - \cos^2 \theta)]^{1/2} (-2) \cos \theta \sin \theta \Psi d\theta$

$= 2^{7/2} \pi m F \Psi^n \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 \theta \cos^{2n-2} \theta d\theta$

(3)

satisfied if  $C = 2^{7/2} \pi m F \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 \theta \cos^{2n-2} \theta d\theta$

•  $\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 \frac{d\Psi}{dr}) + 4\pi G C \Psi^n = 0$

Let  $s = kr$  where  $k = \sqrt{4\pi G C \Psi_0^{n-1}}$

$\therefore \frac{k^2}{s^2} k \frac{d}{ds} (s^2 k \frac{d\Psi}{ds}) + k^2 \Psi^n / \Psi_0^{n-1} = 0$

(2)

$\therefore \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{d}{ds} (s^2 \frac{d\Psi'}{ds}) + \Psi'^n = 0$  where  $\Psi' = \Psi / \Psi_0$

For  $n=5$ , let  $\Psi' = (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-1/2}$

$s^2 d\Psi'/ds = s^2 (-\frac{1}{2}) \frac{2}{3}s (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-3/2} = -\frac{1}{3}s^3 (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-3/2}$

$\therefore \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{d}{ds} (s^2 \frac{d\Psi'}{ds}) = s^{-2} [-\frac{1}{3}s^3 (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-3/2} + \frac{1}{3}s^3 \frac{3}{2} \frac{2}{3}s (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-5/2}]$

$= (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-5/2} [-1 - \frac{1}{3}s^2 + \frac{1}{3}s^2]$

$= -(1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-5/2} = -\Psi'^5 \checkmark$

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•  $\rho(r) = C \Psi^5 = C \Psi_0^5 (1 + \frac{1}{3}k^2 r^2)^{-5/2}$

$\therefore \rho(r) > 0$  for  $r=0 \rightarrow \infty$  and as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\rho \propto r^{-5}$   $\therefore$  mass is finite

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•  $M_{tot} = \int_0^\infty 4\pi r^2 \rho dr$

$= 4\pi C \Psi_0^5 k^{-3} \int_0^\infty s^2 (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-5/2} ds$

$= \frac{4\pi C \Psi_0^5}{[4\pi G C \Psi_0^4]^{3/2}} I$

where  $I = \int_0^\infty [-s] [-s (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-5/2}] ds$

$= \int_0^\infty (-s) \frac{d}{ds} (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-3/2} ds$

$= [-s (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-3/2}]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-3/2} ds$

$= 0 + [s (1 + \frac{1}{3}s^2)^{-1/2}]_0^\infty$

$= \sqrt{3}$

$\therefore M_{tot} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Psi_0^{-1} C^{-1/2} \pi^{-1/2} G^{-3/2}$

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## Topics - Paper 3, Question 8, Part (i)

• Decay equation:  $dN/dt = -\lambda N$   
 $\int_{N_0}^N dN/N = \int_0^t -\lambda t$   
 $N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$

Given half-life  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{-\lambda t_{1/2}} \rightarrow t_{1/2} = \ln 2 / \lambda$  (3)

• Heating rate:  $dH/dt = -\epsilon dN/dt = \epsilon \lambda N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$

• Total heating since formation at  $t_f$ :  $H_{\text{tot}} = \int_{t_f}^{\infty} \epsilon \lambda N_0 e^{-\lambda t} dt$   
 $= \epsilon \lambda N_0 \frac{1}{\lambda} [e^{-\lambda t}]_{t_f}^{\infty} = \epsilon N_0 e^{-\lambda t_f}$  (2)

• Heating required:  $\Delta H_f M_p$  where  $M_p$  = mass of planetesimal

Equating these:  $\epsilon N_0 e^{-\lambda t_f} = \Delta H_f M_p$

$\lambda t_f = \ln[\epsilon N_0 / \Delta H_f M_p]$

$t_f = t_{1/2} \ln[\epsilon N_0 / \Delta H_f M_p] / \ln 2$  (2)

• Initial number:  $N_0 = M_p \cdot X_{26\text{Al}}^0 / (26 M_p)$

$\therefore t_f = t_{1/2} \ln[\epsilon X_{26\text{Al}}^0 / 26 M_p \Delta H_f] / \ln 2$

$= 10^5 \ln[10^{-12} \cdot 10^{-7} / 26 \cdot 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \cdot 10^6] / \ln 2$  (2)

$= 0.12 \text{ Myr}$  i.e. within 0.12 Myr (independent of size)

• Has assumed that heat goes into melting rather than radiation, requiring time for diffusion to be longer than  $t_f$

$t_{\text{diff}} \approx L^2 / D$

Average radius of mass  $\approx \frac{3}{4} R_p$  so  $(\approx \frac{1}{4} R_p)$

$t_{\text{diff}} \approx (0.25 \times 50 \times 10^3)^2 / 10^{-6} = 1.56 \times 10^{14} \text{ s} = 5 \text{ Myr}$  (1)

$\gg t_f$

## Topics - Paper 3, Question 8, Part (ii)

- Gravitational potential energy from adding  $dM$  to planet of  $M, R$  is  $dE = GMdM/R$

Given  $M \propto R^2 \rightarrow M = \left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right) R^2$

$\therefore dM = 2\left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right) R dR$

$dE = G\left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right) R^2 2\left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right) R dR / R$   
 $= 2G\left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right)^2 R^2 dR$

$\therefore E_{\text{tot}} = \int_0^R dE = \frac{2}{3} G\left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right)^2 R^3$  (3)

- Energy for melting is  $\Delta H_f M = \Delta H_f \left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right) R^2$

Equating these:  $R = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Delta H_f R_{\oplus}^2 / M_{\oplus}}{G}$  (2)  
 $= 150 \text{ km}$

- Isothermal atmosphere  $p = nk_B T = \rho k_B T / (\mu m_p)$

Adding shell  $\rightarrow dp = -\rho g dz$

$= -\frac{\mu m_p}{k_B T} \rho g dz$

$\therefore \int_{p_0}^p \frac{dp}{\rho} = \int_0^z -\frac{\mu m_p}{k_B T} g dz$  (3)

$\therefore p = p_0 e^{-(\mu m_p g / k_B T) z}$

But  $p_0 = M_{\text{atm}} g / 4\pi R^2$

$g = GM/R^2 = GM_{\oplus}/R_{\oplus}^2 \approx 10 \text{ m/s}^2$  (3)

$M_{\text{atm}} = f_w M \rightarrow p_0 = f_w G\left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right)^2 / 4\pi$

Need to find  $z$  for  $p = 1 \text{ mbar}$

$\therefore z = \left(\frac{k_B T}{\mu m_p g}\right) \ln \left[ \frac{f_w g \left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right)}{4\pi p} \right]$

$= \left(\frac{1.381 \times 10^{-23} \times 1000}{18 \times 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \times 10}\right) \ln \left[ \frac{0.01 \times 10 \times (5.976 \times 10^{24})^2 / (6.371 \times 10^6)^2}{4\pi \times 100} \right]$  (3)

$= 750 \text{ km}$

- Sound speed  $c_s = \sqrt{k_B T / \mu m_p} \approx 700 \text{ m/s}$

Escape speed at surface:  $v_{\text{esc}} = \sqrt{2GM/R}$

$= \sqrt{2G\left(\frac{M_{\oplus}}{R_{\oplus}^2}\right) R}$

For planet capable of melting  $v_{\text{esc}} = \sqrt{3\Delta H_f} = 1,700 \text{ m/s}$  (4)

As  $v_{\text{esc}} > c_s$  atmosphere is bound (just) and would be molten for larger bodies  $\rightarrow$  yes likely can retain steam atmos.

- Transit depth  $\propto R_{\text{atm}}^2$

Increase in transit depth  $= (R + \epsilon)^2 / R^2$

$= (R_{\oplus} + \epsilon)^2 / R_{\oplus}^2$

$= 1.25$  (2)