

Recap

Discussed concept of hydrostatic equilibrium

(1) Balance between inward gravitational and outward pressure forces leads to:

$$\boxed{\frac{dP}{dr} = - \frac{G M(r) \rho(r)}{r^2}} \quad (1)$$

(2) Stability of hydrostatic equilibrium:  
Any deviation from eq. (1) quickly erased.

$$T_{\text{free-fall}} = \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{32G(1-\alpha)\langle\rho\rangle}} ; \alpha = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dr}}{GM/r^2}$$

$$= \frac{0.58 \text{ hr}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \quad \text{for the Sun}$$

(3) Crude estimates of central conditions

Central Pressure  $P_c \sim \frac{GM\langle\rho\rangle}{R_0} \sim \frac{GM^2}{R_0^4}$

Accurate:  $P_c \approx 2 \times 10^{17} \text{ dynes/cm}^2$

(4) Ideal gas law:

$$P = \left(\frac{k}{m_H}\right) \frac{\rho T}{\mu} = \frac{R \rho T}{\mu} ; R = \frac{k}{m_H}$$

$\mu$  is mean molecular weight  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mass of} \\ \text{average} \\ \text{free particle} \\ \text{in units of } m_H \end{array} \right.$

Central temperature

$$T_c \sim \frac{GM\langle\rho\rangle}{R \cdot R_0} \approx 2 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$$

(5) Virial Theorem

when we integrated eq. (1) we found important result for this equilibrium object.

(1) Thermal kinetic energy:  $E_{KE}$

$$E_{KE} = -\frac{1}{2} \Omega_G \quad (2)$$

where  $\Omega_G$  is gravitational potential energy

(2) Total energy  $E = E_{KE} + \Omega_G$

$$E = +\frac{1}{2} \Omega_G \quad (3)$$

(6) Kelvin-Helmholtz Contraction

Loss of energy due to radiative output:

~~$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Omega_G$$~~

$$\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta \Omega_G}{\Delta t} \quad (4)$$

Isolated hot gravitational bound body ~~loses~~ suffers net loss in energy per unit time

$$\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t} < 0$$

Eq. (4) implies  $\Delta \Omega_G / \Delta t < 0$

$$\text{Since } \Omega_G = - \int \frac{G M(r) dm}{r} \approx \frac{3}{5} \frac{G M_0^2}{R_0}$$

So, since  $M_0 = \text{const}$  the only way for  $\Omega_G$  to become more negative is for  $R_0$  to decrease; i.e., for star to contract.

(7) Negative heat capacity

As star contracts, gravitational potential energy decreases. Where does  $|\Delta \Omega_G|$  ~~released~~ released go?



(a)  $\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Omega_G$ : Half of released potential energy gets radiated away

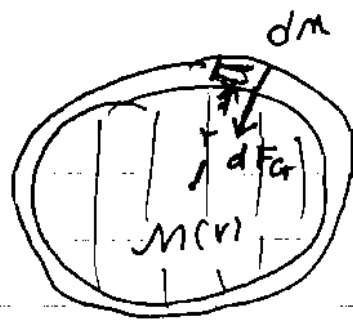
(b)  $\Delta E_{KE} = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Omega_G$ : other half of released potential energy increases thermal kinetic energy. Since  $\Delta \Omega_G < 0$ ,  $\Delta E_{KE} > 0$ . Star heats up.

(c) Negative heat capacity:  
 $\Delta Q = C_v \Delta T \Rightarrow \Delta T = \frac{\Delta Q}{C_v}$   
 So if  $\Delta Q < 0$  is accompanied by  $\Delta T > 0$ , implication is that  $C_v < 0$ .

(8) Kelvin Contraction

Slow Kelvin Contraction (not dynamic free fall) through sequence of hydrostatic equilibrium states keeps star shining for time scale, the Kelvin-Helmholtz contraction time,  $\tau_{KH}$ .

First let's work out expression for  $\Omega_G$



c) Gravitational force between mass element  $dm$

at edge of spherical mass distribution with mass  $M(r)$  is given by

$$dF_G = \frac{G M(r) dm}{r^2}$$

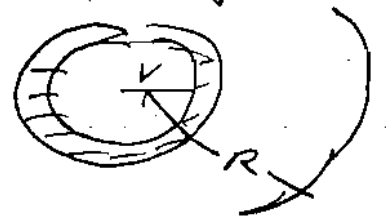
where  $dF_G$  is directed toward center of the sphere. This is the same force that would exist if all mass of the sphere were located at  $r=0$  from  $dm$ .



on that case

$$d\Omega_G = -\frac{G M(r) dm}{r}$$

Now, assume  $dm$  is distributed uniformly in shell of thickness  $dm = 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) dr$ .



$$\therefore d\Omega_G = -\frac{G M(r) \cdot 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) dr}{r}$$

Integrate over all mass shells from  $r=0$  to total radius,  $R$ , of the star.

$$\Omega_G = -G \int_0^R M(r) \rho(r) 4\pi r dr$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\Omega_G = -G \int_0^R \frac{M(r) dm}{r}} \quad (5)$$

For a uniform shell,  ~~$\rho = \text{const.}$~~   $\rho = \text{const.}$ , one gets simple result:

$$\Omega_G = -\frac{3}{5} \frac{GM^2}{R}$$

In general  $\Omega_G = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{GM^2}{R}$  (6)

Back to Kelvin time-scale

$$\text{Let } \frac{dE}{dt} = -L = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\Omega_G}{dt}$$

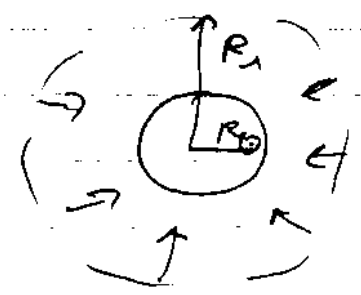
From eq. (6) we have  $\frac{d\Omega_G}{dt} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{GM^2}{R^2} \frac{dR}{dt}$

Assume  $L \approx \text{const.}$  during contraction.

Therefore:  $-L = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{3}{2} \frac{GM^2}{R^2} \frac{dR}{dt} \right]$

on  $dt = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{GM^2}{L} \times \frac{dR}{R^2}$

$$\int_0^{\tau_{KH}} dt = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{GM^2}{L} \int_{R_i}^{R_0} \frac{dR}{R^2}$$



where  $R_i$  is the initial radius of the star as it starts Kelvin contraction.

$$\tau_{KH} = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{GM^2}{L} \left[ -\frac{1}{R} \right]_{R_i}^{R_0} = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{GM^2}{L} \left[ -\frac{1}{R_0} + \frac{1}{R_i} \right]$$

Assuming  $R_{\text{initial}} \approx R_i \gg R_0$ , we get -

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$$\tau_{\text{KH}} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{GM^2}{R_0 L} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\Omega_G(R_0)|}{L}$$

Kelvin-Helmholtz time scale  $\approx$  time it takes for star to radiate away half its potential energy!

Numerics:  $\tau_{\text{KH}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{6.7 \times 10^{28} (2 \times 10^{33})^2}{7 \times 10^{10} \times 4 \times 10^{33}}$

$$\tau_{\text{KH}} \approx 4.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ s} \Rightarrow \boxed{\tau_{\text{KH}} \approx 2 \times 10^7 \text{ yr}}$$

This is the maximum time that the sun could be in its current state. Future? shrinkage heats star up to higher  $T$ , which would increase  $L$  and shorten  $\tau_{\text{KH}}$ .

Problem: radioactive dating of meteorites tells us that solar system (hence sun) formed  $4.6 \times 10^9$  years ago. Something is wrong! Sun in its current state for  $\sim 4.6 \times 10^9$  yr!

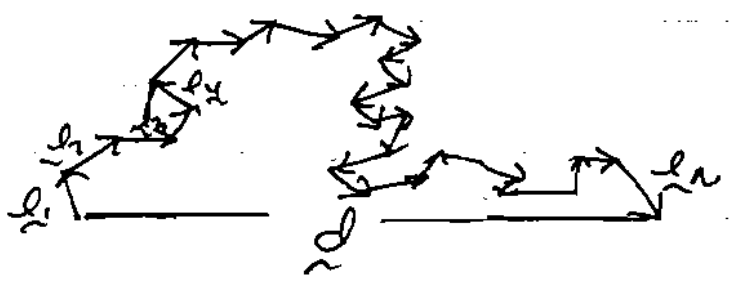
Implication: Gravitational potential energy is not the energy source that keeps the sun shining. Some other source of potential energy decrease is required!

But before we discuss this I want to discuss one more timescale, radiative diffusion time!

# Diffusion Time

There is no direct outward flow of radiation streaming out of stars. Rather photons travel in st. direction for distance  $d \approx l_\lambda$  where  $l_\lambda$  is mean-free-path due to scattering and/or absorption. Photon is either scattered, i.e., changes direction due to Thomson scattering, or is absorbed and another photon is re-emitted in its place. In both cases photon changes direction!

Result: Photons undergo haphazard random walk



Photons undergo random walk in  $N$  steps. Each step is a displacement given by  $\underline{l}_i$  where

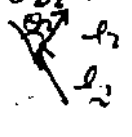
$$|\underline{l}_i| = l = \text{mfp}$$

$$\underline{d} = \underline{l}_1 + \underline{l}_2 + \underline{l}_3 + \dots + \underline{l}_N$$

Scalar product  $\underline{d} \cdot \underline{d} = \underline{l}_1 \cdot (\underline{l}_1 + \underline{l}_2 + \underline{l}_3 + \dots + \underline{l}_N) + \underline{l}_2 \cdot (\underline{l}_1 + \underline{l}_2 + \underline{l}_3 + \dots + \underline{l}_N) + \dots + \underline{l}_N \cdot (\underline{l}_1 + \underline{l}_2 + \underline{l}_3 + \dots + \underline{l}_N)$

$$d^2 = \underline{d} \cdot \underline{d} = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + l_3^2 + \dots + l_N^2 + l^2 (\cos\theta_{12} + \cos\theta_{13} + \dots + \cos\theta_{1N} + \cos\theta_{21} + \cos\theta_{23} + \dots + \cos\theta_{2N} + \dots + \cos\theta_{N1} + \cos\theta_{N2} + \dots + \cos\theta_{N,N-1})$$

where  $\theta_{ij}$  is angle between  $\underline{l}_i$  and  $\underline{l}_j$



$$d^2 = Nl^2 + l^2 \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} \cos \theta_{ij}$$

on the average = no. of positive and negative steps:



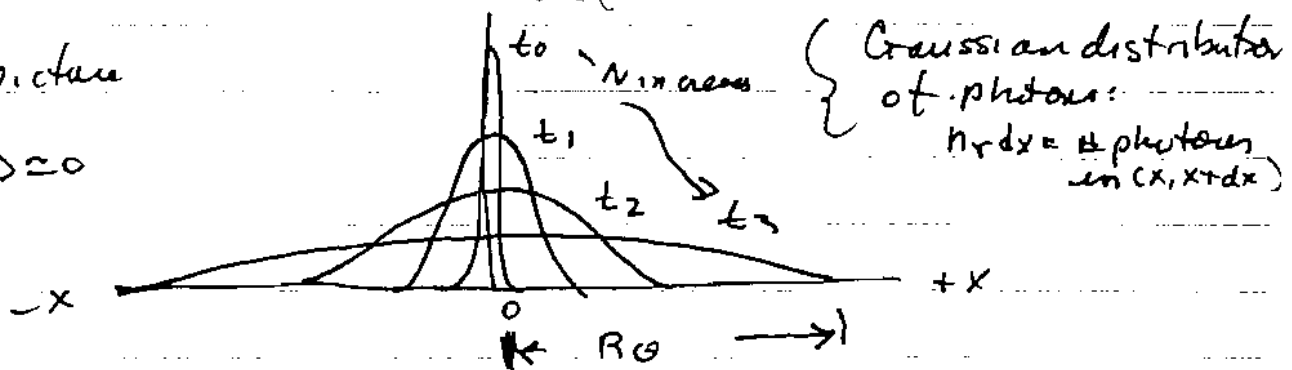
at the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , the  $\cos \theta$  sum vanishes and

$$d^2 \approx N \cdot l^2 \quad \text{or} \quad d = \sqrt{N} l$$

Diffusion time: Time taken for a photon to originate at  $r=0$  and escape from  $r=R_0$

$$t_{diff} = N \times \frac{l}{c} \quad (7)$$

Realistic picture  
mean  $\langle d \rangle \approx 0$



dispersion of  $n_0 \propto \exp\left[-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right] \quad \therefore \sigma_x \approx d = \sqrt{N} l$

where  $N = c \cdot t / l$  so  $t$  increases so will  $\sigma_x$

Finally at  $t_3 \quad d \approx R_0$ .

So no. of scatterings  $N_{sc} = (d/l)^2 = (R_0/l)^2$

$$\therefore t_{diff} = \left(\frac{R_0}{l}\right)^2 \times \frac{l}{c} \quad \boxed{R_0^2 / c}$$



As a result  $t_{diff} \approx \frac{R_0^2}{l \cdot c}$  (1-9)

Expressed differently:  $t_{diff} \approx \left(\frac{R_0}{l}\right) \times \left(\frac{R_0}{c}\right)$

$(R_0/l) \approx \tau$  optical depth

$(R_0/c) =$  light travel time directly through sun

$$\therefore \boxed{t_{diff} \approx \tau \cdot \frac{R_0}{c}}$$

It takes much longer than direct light-travel time for photon to diffuse out of the sun!

What is  $l$ :  $l \approx \frac{1}{n \sigma_{cross}}$

Thomson Scattering. Recall solar interior is very hot. As a result all of H and everything else is ionized.



Electron scattering cross-section:  $\sigma_T = \frac{8\pi}{3} r_e^2$   
where  $r_e$  is classical electron radius

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{m_e c^2} \quad (\text{cgs})$$

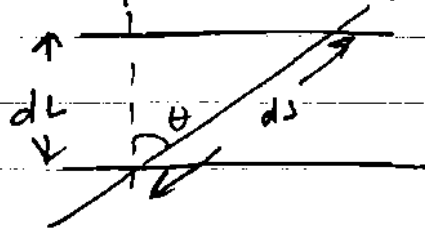
$$\therefore \sigma_T = 6.65 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2 \quad (6.65 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2)$$

recall  $\langle \rho \rangle \sim 1.4 \text{ g cm}^{-3} \Rightarrow n = \frac{\langle \rho \rangle}{\mu m_H} \sim \frac{1.4}{1.67 \times 10^{-24}} \sim 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

therefore: photon mean-free path in sun

$$l_T \sim \frac{1}{10^{24} (6.6 \times 10^{-29})} \sim \frac{1}{6.6 \times 10^{-5}} \sim 1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}$$

(2) Light stays in pill box for time  $dt = ds/c$



But  $dL = ds \cdot \cos \theta$

Therefore  $dt = dL / c \cdot \cos \theta$

(3) Consequently  $dE_\nu = \frac{I_\nu d\nu dA \cos^2 \theta d\Omega \cdot dL}{c \cdot \cos \theta}$

(4) Energy Density:

$$U_\nu d\nu = (dE_\nu / dV)_{4\pi}$$

- where  $d\Omega$  integrated over  $4\pi$  sterad

-  $dV = dA \cdot dL$

$$dE_\nu = \frac{I_\nu d\nu dV d\Omega}{c}$$

$$\therefore U_\nu d\nu = (dE_\nu / dV)_{4\pi} = \left( \int_{4\pi} \frac{I_\nu d\Omega}{c} \right) d\nu$$

(5) Mean Intensity

Recall:  $J_\nu = (1/4\pi) \int I_\nu d\Omega$

Therefore  $4\pi J_\nu = c U_\nu$

or  $U_\nu = \left( \frac{4\pi}{c} \right) J_\nu$

(6) Black-Body Radiation

$$J_\nu = B_\nu(T) \Rightarrow U_\nu = \frac{4\pi}{c} \times B_\nu(T)$$

(7) Integrate  $U_\nu$  over all frequencies

As a result:

$$t_{d,ff} \sim \left( \frac{7 \times 10^{10}}{1} \right) \left( \frac{7 \times 10^{10}}{3 \times 10^{10}} \right) \sim 2 \times 10^{11} \text{ sec} \sim 10^4 \text{ years}$$

But we neglected other emission and absorption processes (bound-free, free-free, ...)

Best guess  $t_{d,ff} \approx 2 \times 10^4 \text{ yr}$

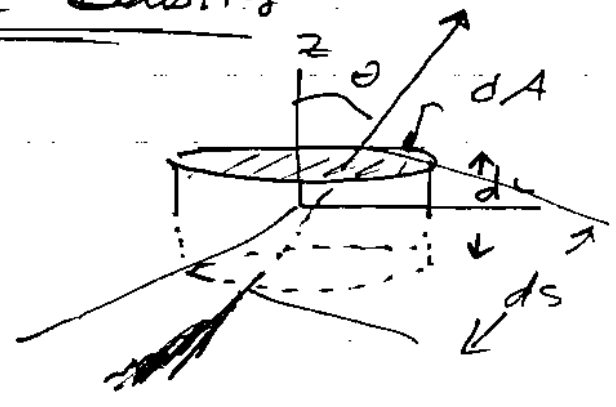
Consequences

(1) Comparison with other timescales:

$$t_{d,ff} \ll t_{KH} \approx 2 \times 7 \text{ yr.}$$

What is total energy in photons?

Radiant Energy Density



Photons propagating in +z direction at angle  $\theta$  w.r.t z-axis encounter pill box with height  $dl$ , area  $dA$ .

$$(1) dE_{\nu} = I_{\nu} d\nu dA \cos\theta d\Omega dt$$

(~~photon~~ Energy in radiation crossing pill box into  $dV$ )

$$U_{rad} = \int U_{\nu} d\nu$$

$$U_{rad} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \int B_{\nu} d\nu$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{c} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\pi} T^4 \right) = \left( \frac{4\sigma}{c} \right) \cdot T^4$$

(8) Total radiant

Energy

$U_{rad} = a \cdot T^4$  where  $a = 4\sigma/c = 7.56 \times 10^{-15}$  (cgs)  
 $7.56 \times 10^{-16}$  (mks)

$$E_{rad} = U_{rad} \cdot 4\pi R^3/3$$

$$\text{(\cancel{\phi}) } \cancel{\sigma}_{\text{fact}} = \cancel{1} / \cancel{7.56} \times \cancel{10}^{-\cancel{15}} \times \cancel{(2 \times 10^7)^3}$$

Estimate  $E_{rad}$  by assuming  $\langle T \rangle \approx 5 \times 10^6$  K

$$\therefore E_{rad} \approx 7.6 \times 10^{-15} \times (5 \times 10^6)^4 \cdot 4 \times (7 \times 10^{10})^3$$

$$E_{rad} \sim 6 \times 10^{45} \text{ ergs}$$

Recall ~~the actual value~~  $E_{KE} \sim 3 \times 10^{48}$  ergs

Thus 
$$E_{rad} \sim 10^{-3} E_{KE}$$

$L \sim \frac{E_{rad}}{t_{diff}} \sim 10^{33}$  ergs/s which is about right almost equal to  $L_{\odot} = 4 \times 10^{33}$  ergs/s measured value.

How much energy radiated in 1 diffusion time?

$$(\Delta E)_1 = L \cdot t_{d.f.} = E_{rad} \sim 10^{-3} E_{th} E$$

Thus, to radiate away all thermal f.e. present in sun.

$$(\Delta E)_1 = L \cdot 10^3 \cdot t_{d.f.} = E_{th} E \text{ requires } 10^3 \text{ diffusion times.}$$

Nuclear Fusion

We saw last lecture that if gravitational potential energy is the only source of energy emitted by the sun, it would last in its present state no longer than one Kelvin-Helmholtz contract time scale,  $\tau_{KH}$ . Since  $\tau_{KH} \approx 2 \times 10^7 \text{ yr}$ , this is unacceptable physical explanation, because age of the sun is  $\approx 4.6 \times 10^9 \text{ yr}$ .

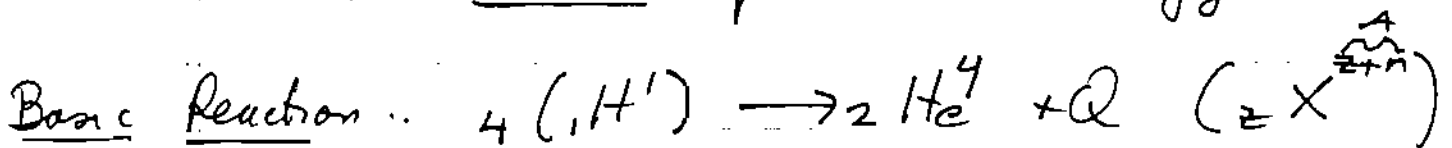
Solution: We need an energy source to balance <sup>radiative</sup> energy output.

Virial theorem: Recall -  $\frac{dE}{dt} = -L_{rad} = +\frac{1}{2} \frac{dQ_g}{dt}$

Since  $L_{rad} > 0$ ,  $\frac{dQ_g}{dt} < 0$  and star contracts.

Energy Source:

But core of a star is so hot ( $T \approx 2 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$  for the sun) that, as we shall see, nuclear fusion reactions are possible. Fusion reactions result in the release of nuclear binding energy, i.e., decrease in nuclear potential energy.



Release of  $Q$  per unit time, integrated over all  ${}^1_1\text{H}$  nuclei =  $L_{nuc}$

New Virial Theorem:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -L_{rad} + L_{nuc} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\Omega_g}{dt}$$

$\uparrow$  sink                       $\uparrow$  source

If  $L_{nuc} = L_{rad}$ , then  $\frac{dE}{dt} = 0$ . Result is no net change

in total energy. Result is that  $\frac{d\Omega_g}{dt} = 0$  and star will not contract.

But, this mechanism works, provided nuclear energy supply lasts longer than  $t_{age} \approx 4.6 \times 10^9$  y.

stated differently: Release of gravitational binding energy  $B = |\Omega_g|$  cannot account for energy radiated by the sun in its  $4.6 \times 10^9$  y lifetime!

$$|\Delta E_{tot}| \approx L_{\odot} \times t_{\odot} = 4 \times 10^{33} \times 4.6 \times 10^9 \times 3 \times 10^7$$

$$\approx 5.5 \times 10^{49} \approx 0.6 \times 10^{51} \text{ ergs} \Rightarrow |\Omega_g| \approx 2.9 \times 10^{48} \text{ ergs}$$

Comparison of Energy Sources

Gravity

Suppose  $\Omega_g = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{GM^2}{R}$

Further suppose star contracts a significant fraction of its radius, say  $\Delta R = -R/2$



~~$$E = \frac{1}{2} \Omega_g = -\frac{3}{4} \frac{GM^2}{R}$$~~

$$dE = \frac{3}{4} \frac{GM^2}{R^2} dR \Rightarrow \Delta E = \frac{3}{4} GM^2 \int_R^{R/2} \frac{dR}{R^2}$$

$$\Delta E = -\frac{3}{4} \frac{GM^2}{R}$$

Energy released per unit mass

$$\left| \frac{\Delta E}{M} \right| = \frac{3}{4} \frac{GM}{R} \sim \frac{GM}{R} \text{ (order of mag.)}$$

$$\left| \frac{\Delta E}{M} \right| \sim \frac{6.7 \times 10^{-8} \times 2 \times 10^{33}}{7 \times 10^{10}} \sim 2 \times 10^{15} \text{ erg/g}$$

This is rough estimate of amount of energy that gravitational contraction extracts from stars like the sun.

Fraction of rest-mass energy

$$\left| \frac{\Delta E}{Mc^2} \right| \sim \frac{GM}{Rc^2} \sim \frac{2 \times 10^{15}}{(3 \times 10^{10})^2} \sim 2 \times 10^{-6}$$

Fusion Reactions

By contrast to long-range gravitational interactions, fusion reactions between nuclei are short range. These occur when nuclei are within a few  $\times 10^{-13}$  cm of each other. At these scales, strong interaction turns on. Like gravity, strong interaction is attractive

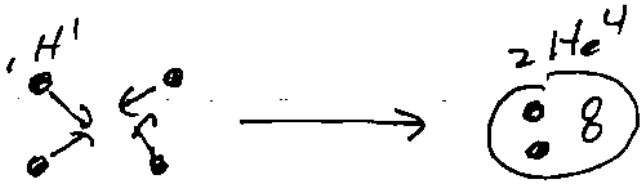
protons attract protons  
neutrons " neutrons  
protons " neutrons

Just as in case of KH contraction, energy of individual nuclei decreases. And released energy is what powers stars



Essentially what happens

$$\boxed{\frac{v}{c} \ll 1}$$



• proton  
○ neutron

Energetics

Start out with 4 free particles.  
Special relativity tells us that

$$E = \gamma m_p c^2 \text{ for each proton, where}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}}$$

$$\text{On sun: } \left\langle \frac{1}{2} m_H v^2 \right\rangle = \frac{3}{2} k_B T \Rightarrow \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2 = \frac{3 \left( \frac{k_B}{m_H} \right) T}{c^2}$$

$$\left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2 = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \times 2 \times 10^7}{(3 \times 10^{10})^2} = \frac{6 \times 10^{15}}{9 \times 10^{20}} \approx 6.6 \times 10^{-5} \ll 1$$

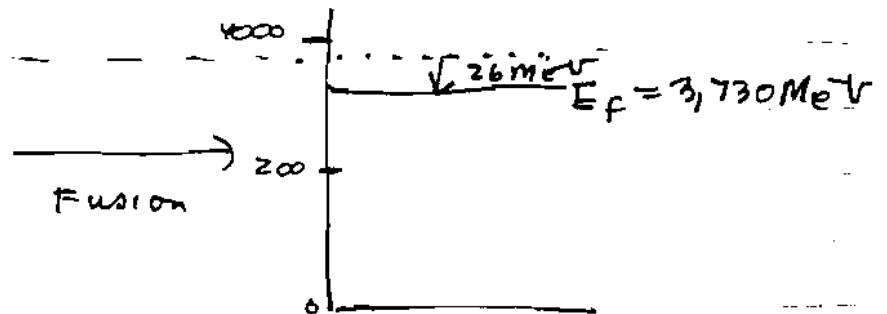
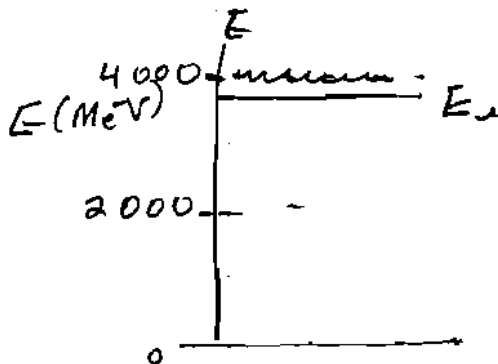
Therefore most of the energy is rest-mass energy, i.e.  
 $E = mc^2$  ( $\gamma \approx 1$ )

Proton rest-mass energy

$$m_H c^2 = 1.67 \times 10^{-24} \times 9 \times 10^{20} = 15 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ergs}$$

$$m_H c^2 = \frac{15 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ergs}}{1.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ erg/eV}} = 9.39 \times 10^9 \text{ eV} \approx 939 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_{\text{TOT}} = 4 \times m_H c^2 = 3,756 \text{ MeV}$$




initial  
4 x 1H

Final  
2 He<sup>4</sup>

Final mass, i.e., rest + mass energy of  ${}^4_2\text{He}$  is lower than that of 4 protons by 26 MeV.

He nucleus is a bound particle containing 2 protons + 2 neutrons. No  $e^-$  since they have been ejected.

Rest-mass energy   $M_{\text{He}} c^2 = 2m_p c^2 + 2m_n c^2 + \Omega_{\text{nuc}}$  nuclear potential energy

But  $\Omega_{\text{nuc}} = -26 \text{ MeV}$  or binding energy  $B_{\text{He}} = -\Omega_{\text{nuc}}$   
 For simplicity assume  $m_n = m_p$ ;

Therefore:  $M_{\text{He}} c^2 = 4m_p c^2 - B_{\text{He}}$

Conservation of energy:

$$E_i = 4m_p c^2 \quad (\text{initial})$$

$$E_f = M_{\text{He}} c^2 + Q \quad (\text{final})$$

↑ energy liberated

Energy Conservation:  $E_i = E_f$

$$4m_p c^2 = M_{\text{He}} c^2 + Q$$

$$4m_p c^2 = 4m_p c^2 - B_{\text{He}} + Q$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Q = B_{\text{He}}} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Liberated energy} \\ = {}^4_2\text{He} \text{ binding energy} \end{array} \right)$$

Mass difference:

$$\Delta m c^2 = 4m_p c^2 - M_{\text{He}} c^2$$

$$\Delta m c^2 = 4m_p c^2 - (4m_p c^2 - B_{\text{He}})$$

$$\text{or } \Delta m c^2 = B_{\text{He}} = Q$$

Conversion of mass into energy!

# Comparison between Energy Production Efficiencies

## ① Gravity

$$\left(\frac{|\Delta E|}{M}\right)_{\text{grav}} = 2 \times 10^{15} \text{ erg/g}$$

## ② Nuclear

$$\left(\frac{|\Delta E|}{M}\right)_{\text{nuc}} = \left(\frac{Q}{M}\right) = \left(\frac{B_{\text{He}}}{4mp}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{|\Delta E|}{M}\right)_{\text{nuc}} = \left(\frac{26 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-6}}{4 \times 1.67 \times 10^{-24}}\right) = 6 \times 10^{18} \text{ erg/g}$$

Therefore:  $\left(\frac{|\Delta E|}{M}\right)_{\text{nuc}} \approx 3500 \left(\frac{|\Delta E|}{M}\right)_{\text{grav}}$

or  $\frac{Q}{Mc^2} \approx \frac{6 \times 10^{18}}{9 \times 10^{20}} \approx 7 \times 10^{-3}$

**0.7% of rest mass liberated as energy!**

## Nuclear Time Scale

Total Energy Available:  $E_{\text{nuc}} = \left(\frac{B_{\text{He}}}{4mp}\right) \times (X \cdot M_{\text{CH}})$

where  $X \equiv \frac{\rho(\text{H})}{\rho_{\text{tot}}} = \text{H abundance by mass}$

$$E_{\text{nuc}} = 6.8 \times 10^{18} \times (X \cdot 2 \times 10^{33}) = 1.4 \times 10^{52} X \text{ erg}$$

$$t_{\text{nuc}} = \frac{E_{\text{nuc}}}{L} = \frac{1.4 \times 10^{52}}{4 \times 10^{33}} \approx 3 \times 10^{18} X \text{ sec}$$

$$= 10^{11} \cdot X \text{ years}$$

However, we shall see that this phase in the life of sun, i.e., fusion of  $H \rightarrow He$  ends when only 10% of sun's mass gets converted into  $H_0$ .

On that case  $E_{nuc} \approx 0.1 \times \left(\frac{B_{\#e}}{4mp}\right) (X \cdot M_0)$

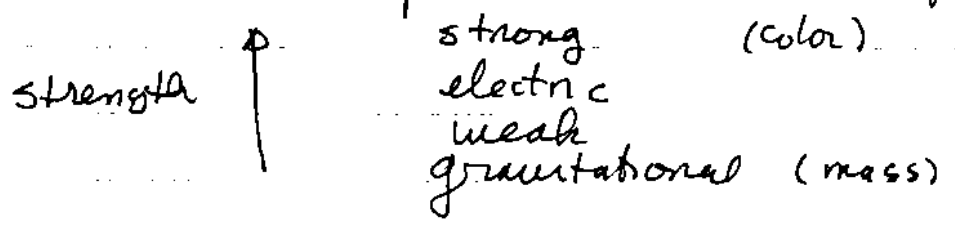
or  $t_{main-sequence} (0) \approx 10^{10}$  years

Closer Look at Nuclear Physics (Particle Physics)

- (1) All ordinary matter made up of
  - Leptons (light)
  - Quarks (heavy)

Both are Fermions (Spin = 1/2 in units of  $\hbar$ )

- (2) Fermions posses 4 types of charge



- (3) Boson Exchange :

Modern concept of force: we associate a force with each type of charge arising from exchange of Bosons between 2 particles.

- Bosons with odd integer spin ( $=1$ )
  - {repulsion between like particles}
- Bosons with even integers spin ( $=2, 0$ )
  - {attraction between like particles}

Goal  $\rightarrow$  Unify 4 interactions  $\rightarrow$  1 super <sup>( $V=21$ )</sup> interaction

## ④ Families

(A) Leptons: 6 kinds: come in 3 pairs  
electron and its neutrino ( $e^-$ ,  $\nu_e$ )  
muon and its neutrino ( $\mu$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ )  
 $\tau$  lepton " " " ( $\tau$ ,  $\nu_\tau$ )

(B) Quarks: 6 kinds: come in 3 pairs  
up and down ( $u$  and  $d$ )  
strange & charm ( $s$  and  $c$ )  
top & bottom ( $t$  and  $b$ )

(C) Unified Theories: leptons, quarks, paired  
in 3 generations  
-  $e^-$ ,  $\nu_e$  and  $u$ ,  $d$  quarks  
-  $\mu$ ,  $\nu_\mu$  and  $s$ ,  $c$  "  
-  $\tau$ ,  $\nu_\tau$  and  $t$ ,  $b$  "

## ⑤ Protons and Neutrons

Primary stuff we will be dealing with  
since all ~~the~~ nuclei are made up of protons  
and neutrons ( $p$  and  $n$ )

But,  $p$  and  $n$  are not elementary particles.  
Each consists of 3 quarks.

To see how this works, let's take a  
look at particle properties

Particle	Spin	Electric charge	Baryon number	Lepton Number
u quark	1/2	+2/3	+1/3	0
d quark	1/2	-1/3	+1/3	0
p (uud)	1/2	+1	1	0
n (udd)	1/2	0	1	0

Specifics

Spin

Proton : 2 u quarks (Pauli exclusion says they must be ↑↓)  
 + 1 d quark (spin = 1/2)  
 Net spin = 1/2 - 1/2 + 1/2 = 1/2

Neutron : 2 d quarks (↑↓)  
 + 1 u quark  
 Net spin = 1/2 - 1/2 + 1/2 = 1/2

Charge

Proton :  $2 \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = +1$

Neutron :  $2 \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 0$

Baryon no.

Proton or neutron :  $3 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) = 1$

Designation of any Particle: chg X <sup>bary no.</sup>

Proton p  
 Neutron n

(8) Leptons (electrons and neutrinos)

Electron is a true elementary particle. No internal structure

Particle	Spin	Electric charge	Baryon number	Lepton number
Electron	1/2	-1	0	1
Neutrino	1/2	0	0	-1
	Designation	$-1 e^0$ (short hand $e^-$ )		
	Designation	$0 \nu^0$ (short hand $\nu_e$ )		

(9) Anti matter : Relativistic Quantum Mechanics requires that each particle has corresponding anti-particle with opposite electric charge.

Example: (A) Anti proton :

- 2 anti up quarks ( $2 \bar{u}$ )
- 1 anti down quark ( $1 \bar{d}$ )

Charge:  $2(-2/3) + 1/3 = -1$

Baryon no.  $3(-1/3) = -1$

Spin = 1/2

Designation  $-1 \bar{p}^{-1}$

- (B) anti-electron; positron
- $+1 e^0$  (e+ short hand)
- Lepton no. = -1

# Particles interact through exchange forces

All these Fermions interact through emission and absorption of virtual Bosons.

(1) Uncertainty principle :

Suppose  $\Delta E$  is uncertainty in particle energy. Then  $\Delta t$  is uncertainty about time in which particle possessed that energy, where

$$\Delta E \cdot \Delta t \geq \hbar$$

or  $(\Delta p_x \Delta x) \geq \hbar$

(2) Force .. Q. M. picture push and pull mediated by exchange of Bosons (integer or 0 spin).

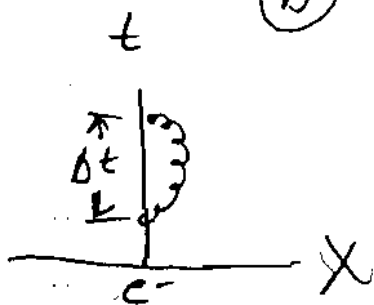
(3) Example Coulomb force

Coulomb force between  $e^-$  and  $e^-$ ,  $e^-$  and  $p^+$ , etc. mediated by exchange of photons. But such photons are virtual, i.e., undetectable

(a) Not detected because they are emitted and absorbed on time-scale  $\Delta t$ , that is too short for detectability

(b) Suppose photon created with energy  $E$ , but absorbed within

$$\Delta t \leq \hbar/E$$



world line



(c) Description: Photon violates energy conservation because energy  $\Delta E = E$  extracted from stationary charge. Recall, only accelerated charges radiate detectable energy, not stationary charges.

But, if  $E$  is absorbed on timescale  $\Delta t \leq h/E$  after emission, then product,  $\Delta E \Delta t < h$ , will not satisfy uncertainty principle and thus photon is virtual, it is impossible to detect.

(d) distance traveled by virtual photon:

$\Delta d = c \Delta t$ , but if  $\Delta t \leq h/E$   
 $\Delta d \leq \frac{ch}{E}$

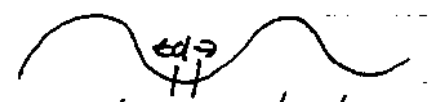
Since  $E = h\nu$  we have

$\Delta d \leq \frac{c}{\nu} = \lambda$

Distance traveled by virtual photon is less than 1 wavelength.

Result:

Electric  $\underline{E}$  field transmitted by virtual photons is not wavy transverse electromagnetic. Rather it is longitudinal static Coulomb field.



(e) Long range

As  $E$  decreases,  $\Delta d(\lambda)$  increases, and virtual photon gets far from its source.