

# Astrophysics

## Conservation Laws

Conservation of linear momentum:

If no external forces,

$$\sum m\vec{v} = \text{constant}$$

- always observed in collisions

- write 1 eqn along each direction or write vector eq

Conservation of angular momentum:

$$\sum \vec{L}_{\text{torque}} = \sum m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v}) = \text{constant}$$

$\vec{r}$ : clockwise/anticlockwise

- particle subject to central force only

Conservation of energy:

$$\sum E = \sum KE + GPE = \text{constant}$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$GPE = V = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r}, \quad G = 6.67408 \times 10^{-11}$$

- GPE always negative, attracting

## Fundamental laws

Newton's law of gravity:

2 point masses attract with a force of

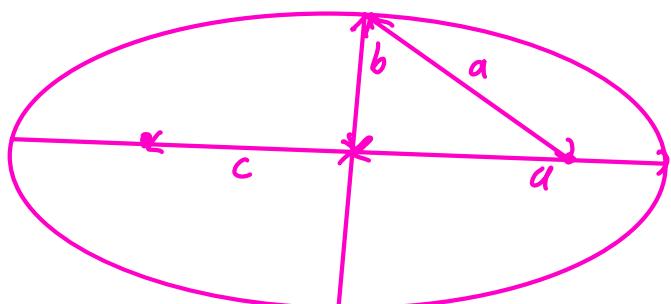
$$F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

gravity provides centripetal force in circular orbits

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$$

Kepler's first law:

The orbit of a planet is an ellipse with the sun at a focus.

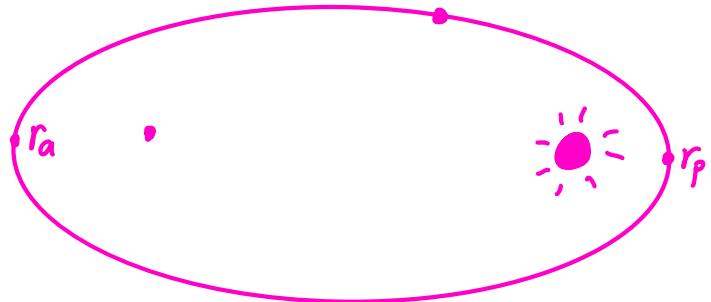


$$S_{\text{ellipse}} = \pi ab$$

$$e(\text{eccentricity}) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}}$$

$$c = ea = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$$

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$r_p$ : periaxis, planet closest to sun,  
planet travel fastest

$r_a$ : apoaix, planet farthest from sun,  
planet travel slowest

$$v_p = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{a} \cdot \frac{1+e}{1-e}} \quad = \text{velocity at periaxis}$$

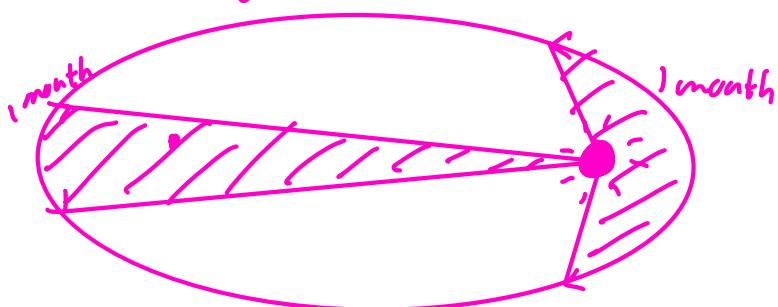
$$v_a = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{a} \cdot \frac{1-e}{1+e}} \quad = \text{velocity at apoaix}$$

Vis Viva:  $KE + GPE = -\frac{GMm}{2a}$  in elliptical orbit

$$V = \sqrt{GM(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a})}, \quad r = \text{current distance}$$

Kepler's second law:

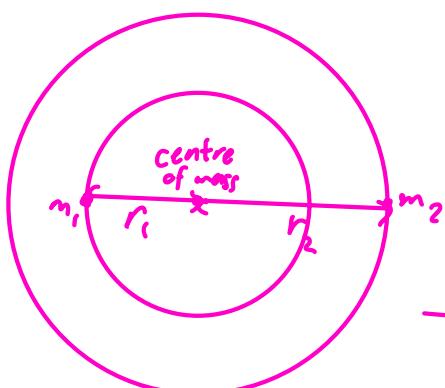
line joining planet and star traces equal area in equal time.



Kepler's third law:

$$\frac{T^2}{\text{orbit period}} = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} a^3$$

## 2 body systems



bodys orbit with equal angular velocity,  
opposite sides of centre of mass

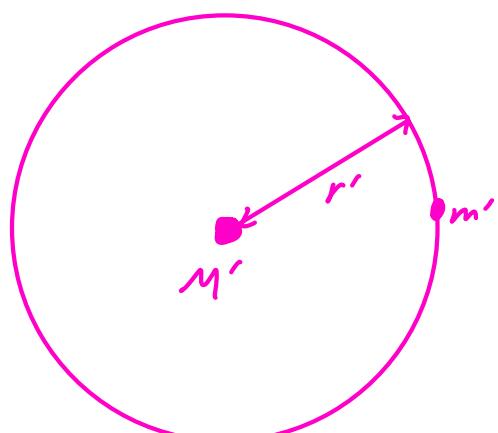
$$\frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{r_2}{r_1} = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$$

reduced mass

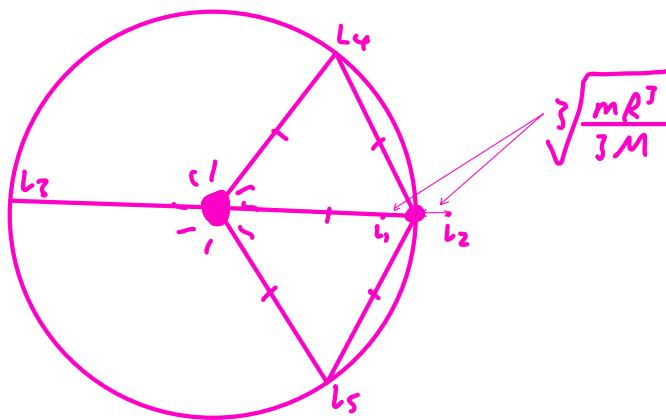
$$M' = m_1 + m_2$$

$$r' = r_1 + r_2$$

$$m' = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$



## Lagrange Points:



- points of equilibrium

- small mass placed at Lagrange point stays at rest relative to sun and earth

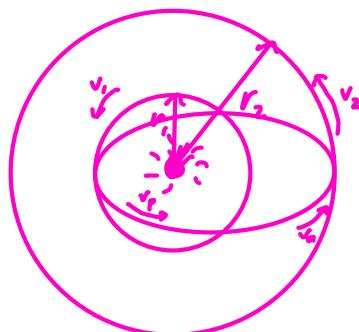
## Roche limit:

- tidal force = gravity
- point of collapse

$$d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{2Mr^3}{m}}$$

## Hohmann Transfer Orbit:

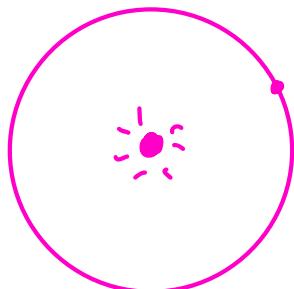
- circular  $\rightarrow$  ellipse  $\rightarrow$  circular



$$\begin{aligned}v_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r_1}} \\v_2 &= \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r_2}} \\v_p &= \sqrt{GM\left(\frac{2}{r_1} - \frac{1}{a}\right)} \\v_a &= \sqrt{GM\left(\frac{2}{r_2} - \frac{1}{a}\right)} \\a &= \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2}\end{aligned}$$

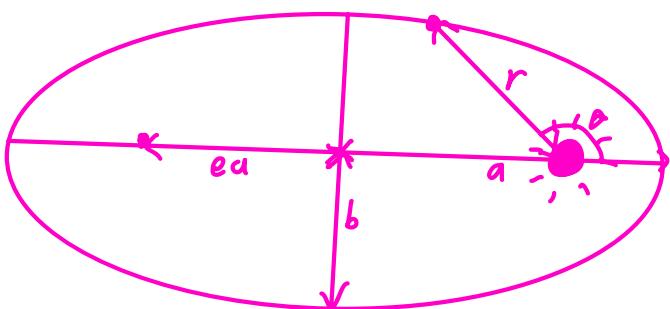
## Orbit types:

### circular:



$$\begin{aligned}e &= 0 \\E &= -\frac{GMm}{2a} \\r &= a = b\end{aligned}$$

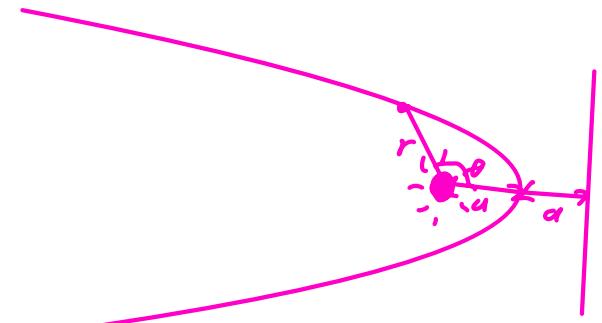
### elliptical:



$$0 < e < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}E &= -\frac{GMm}{2a} \\r &= \frac{a(1-e^2)}{1+e\cos\theta}\end{aligned}$$

parabolic:



$$e = 1$$

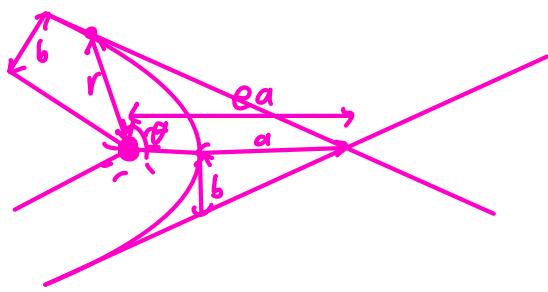
$$E = 0$$

$$r = \frac{2a}{1 + e \cos \theta}$$

- escape velocity

- minimum energy for unbounded orbit

hyperbola:

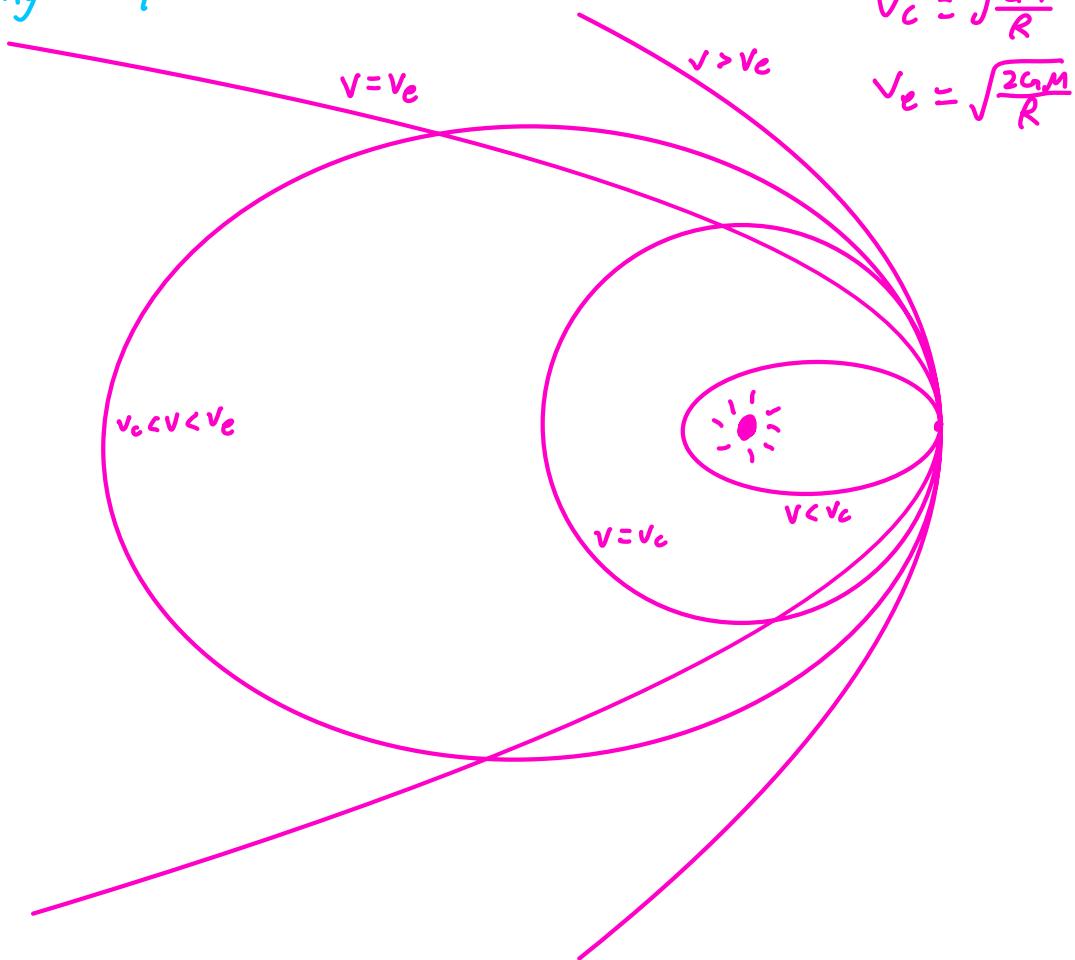


$$e > 1$$

$$E = \frac{GMm}{2a}$$

$$r = \frac{a(e^2 - 1)}{1 + e \cos \theta}$$

Velocity comparison:



# Light

## Definition:

- electro magnetic radiation
- wave-particle duality

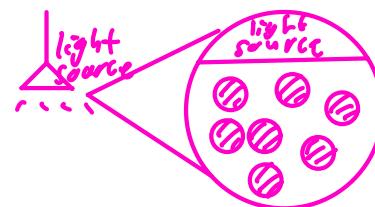
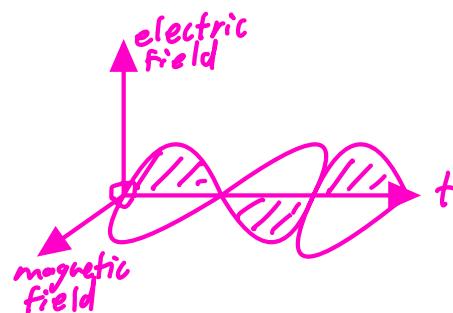
waves: waves travelling through space at speed c

$$c = v\lambda, \lambda = \text{wavelength}$$

particles: packets of energy (photons) emitted from objects, quantised

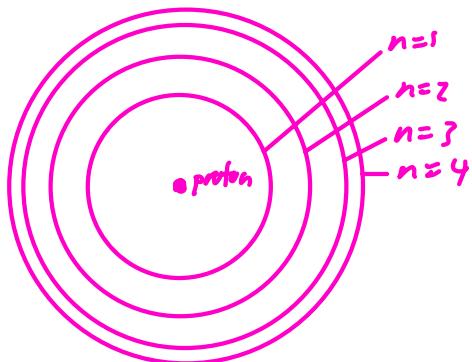
$$\text{E of 1 photon: } E = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ (Planck's constant)}$$

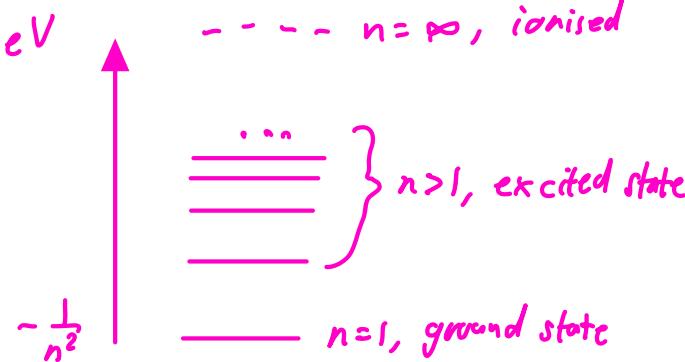


## Energy levels:

Hydrogen:



$$\text{Ionisation} = -13.6 \text{ eV}$$



Transitions:

Emission:

higher energy level  $\longrightarrow$  lower energy level + photon

- spontaneous: incoherent

- induced: coherent, same direction as received radiation, atom get then release photon as reaction

$$\Delta E = |E_1 - E_2| = hv = \frac{hc}{\lambda}, v = \text{frequency}$$

$$\text{For hydrogen: } \Delta E = |-13.6 \text{ eV} \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right)|$$

Absorption:

lower energy level + photon  $\longrightarrow$  higher energy level

Ionisation:

-  $e^-$  gains enough energy to escape

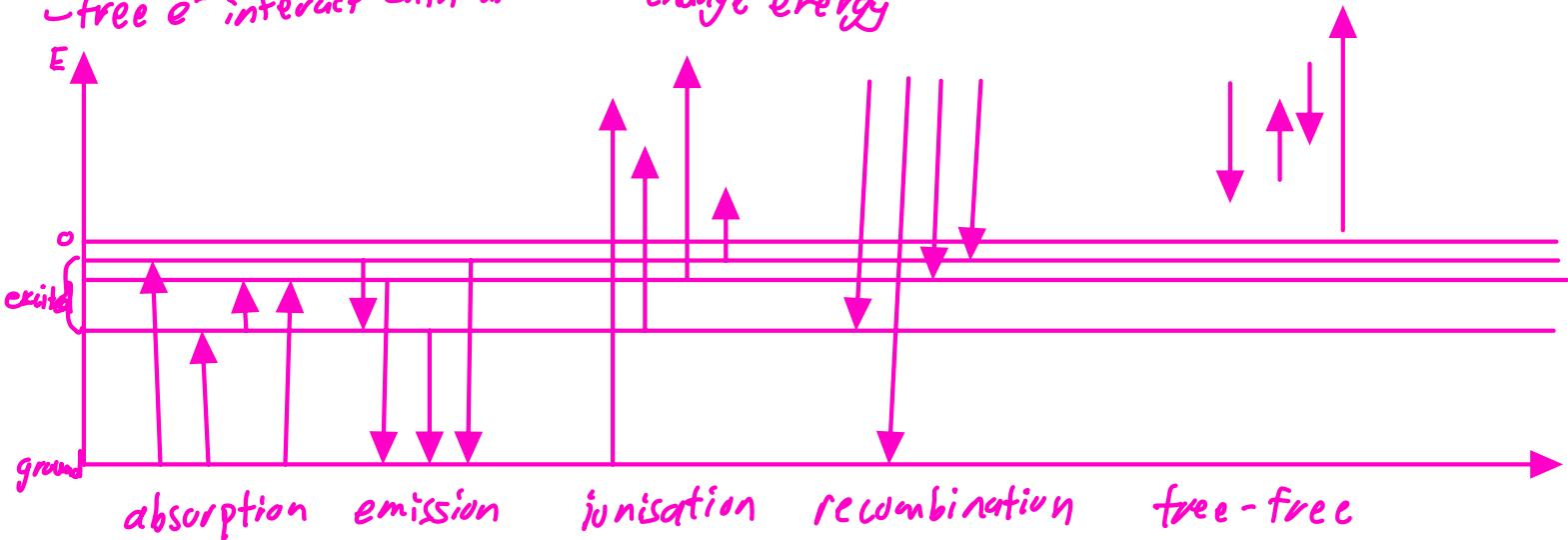
- extra energy is KE of  $e^-$

Recombination:

- free  $e^-$  get trapped in atom

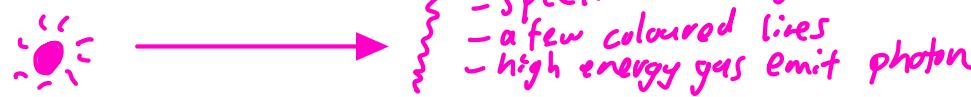
free-free:

- free  $e^-$  interact with atom and change energy



## Spectra:

Emission:



Molecular:

- energy levels only depend on electron orbits in atoms
- in molecules, also rotation and vibration
- vibration transitions in infrared
- rotation transitions in microwave
- narrow bands, many lines

## Radiation Laws:

Blackbody:

- object does not reflect or scatter radiation
- entirely absorb and reemit all radiation
- radiation of blackbody depends only on temperature

Planck's Law:

$$\text{specific radiance} = B_\nu(\nu, T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1} = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}} - 1}, k = \text{Boltzmann's constant}$$
$$\text{peak wavelength} = \lambda_{\max} = \frac{0.0029}{T}$$

when  $\lambda \approx \lambda_{\text{max}}$ ,  $\frac{hc}{\lambda kT} \gg 1$ ,

$$B_v(v, t) = \frac{2hv^3}{c^2} e^{-\frac{hv}{kT}} \approx \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} e^{-\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}}$$

When  $\lambda > \lambda_{\text{max}}$ ,  $\frac{hc}{\lambda kT} \ll 1$ ,

$$B_v(v, t) = \frac{2ckT}{\lambda^4} = \frac{2v^2 kT}{c^2}$$

Stefan-Boltzmann Law:

$$\text{radiation} = L = \sigma A T^4, \sigma = \text{Stefan-Boltzmann constant} = 5.67 \times 10^{-8}$$
$$\approx 4\pi R^2 \sigma T^4 \text{ for star}$$

## Photometry:

$$\text{Solid } C = \Omega = \frac{\text{area on surface of sphere}}{r^2} \text{ (steradians)}$$

Power: E released per time

Luminosity: emitted power, given by Stefan-Boltzmann Law (L)

Spectral radiance: emitted power per solid angle, frequency, area, given by Planck Law.

Flux: power through surface

Intensity: flux per area (I)

flux density: intensity per frequency

$$I = \frac{L}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$\text{Flux} = IA \cos \theta$$

## Magnitude:

- exponential system

- divide by  $\sqrt{100}$  each step

- apparent / absolute magnitude

- more negative  $\longrightarrow$  brighter

Apparent magnitude:

- flux received by instrument

- Vega's apparent magnitude set at zero

$$m_1 - m_2 = -\frac{5}{2} \ln \left( \frac{F_1}{F_2} \right)$$

Absolute magnitude:

- apparent magnitude at fixed 10 parsec away

- actual brightness of star.

Surface brightness:

- apparent brightness per unit of angular area.

$$m - M = 5 \ln \left( \frac{d}{10} \right)$$

$$SB = m + \ln A$$

- all measurements depend on instruments measures which wavelength range

## Colour filtering:

Bolometry:

- human eye most sensitive to green light
- visual magnitude  $m_V$
- bolometric magnitude  $m_{bol}$

$$m_{bol} = m_V - BC \text{ (bolometric correction)}$$

$BC = 0$  for F5 class stars

- across all wavelength

UBV:

- measurements using CCD cameras, allowing certain type of light to enter

bandwidth      average wavelength

$U = \text{ultraviolet}$	66	367
$B = \text{blue}$	94	436
$V = \text{visual}$	88	545
$R = \text{red}$	138	638
$I = \text{infrared}$	149	797

- has average wavelength and bandwidth

- different apparent magnitude in different bands

- usually given  $V$ ,  $V-B$ ,  $B-R$

$M_U = M_B = M_V$  for A0 type stars

Extinction:

$$L = L_0 e^{-\tau}, \tau = \text{optical thickness}$$

# Stars

## Thermonuclear fusion:

light atom + light atom  $\longrightarrow$  heavy atom + E

- energy released from mass lost

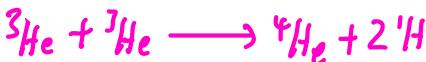
$$E = mc^2, \quad m = M_{\text{reactants}} - m_{\text{products}}$$

- release binding energy of atomic nucleus

- mass of nucleus > mass of  $p^+$  and  $n$

- binding E per nucleon = total bonding E / atomic mass

Proton-Proton chain



} mass of star  
≤ solar mass

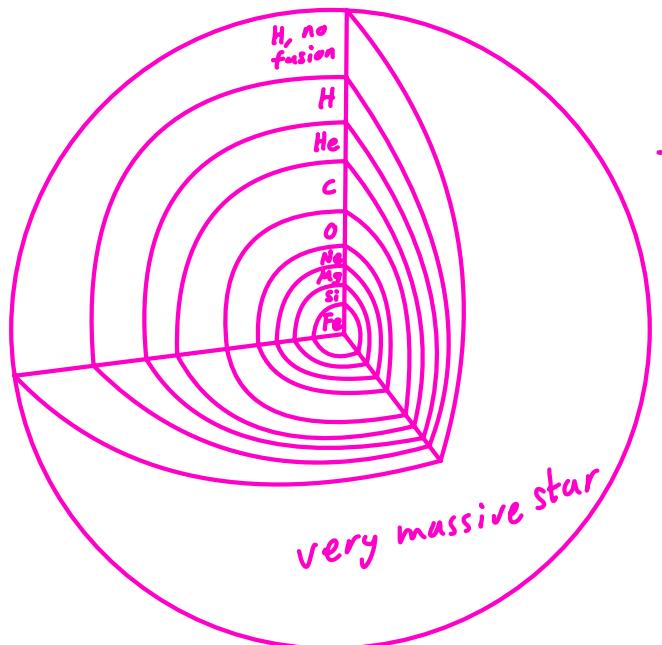
CNO cycles:



} mass of star  
> 1.5 solar mass

Triple alpha:



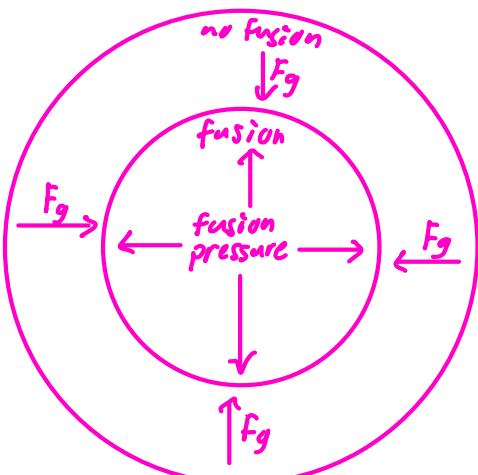


- Fusion stops at iron as further fusion requires, not produces energy
- heavier elements formed by neutron capture, for example in neutron star mergers

## Equilibrium:

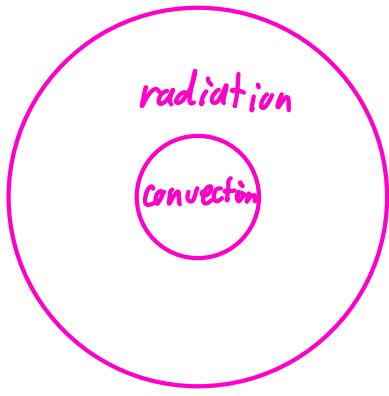
Hydrostatic equilibrium:

- balance between gravity and gas pressure



temperature gradient:

- convection: hot gas rises, cools, then fall back again
- radiation: photons travel out and is absorbed



mass > 1.5 solar mass



0.5 solar mass < mass < 1.5 solar mass



mass < 0.5 solar mass

radiation pressure:

- pressure in gas due to momentum of gas particles

- perfect absorber:  $P = \frac{2}{c}$

- perfect reflector:  $P = \frac{2I}{c}$

state of gas:

- high temperature, near complete ionisation

- obeys ideal gas law

pressure due to gas particles:

$$P = \frac{k p T}{\mu m_H},$$

atomic mass of hydrogen

At higher temperature with radiation pressure,

$$P = \frac{k p T}{\gamma M_H} + \frac{40 T^4}{3c}$$

At higher pressure  $\geq 10^9 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , gas become degenerate,

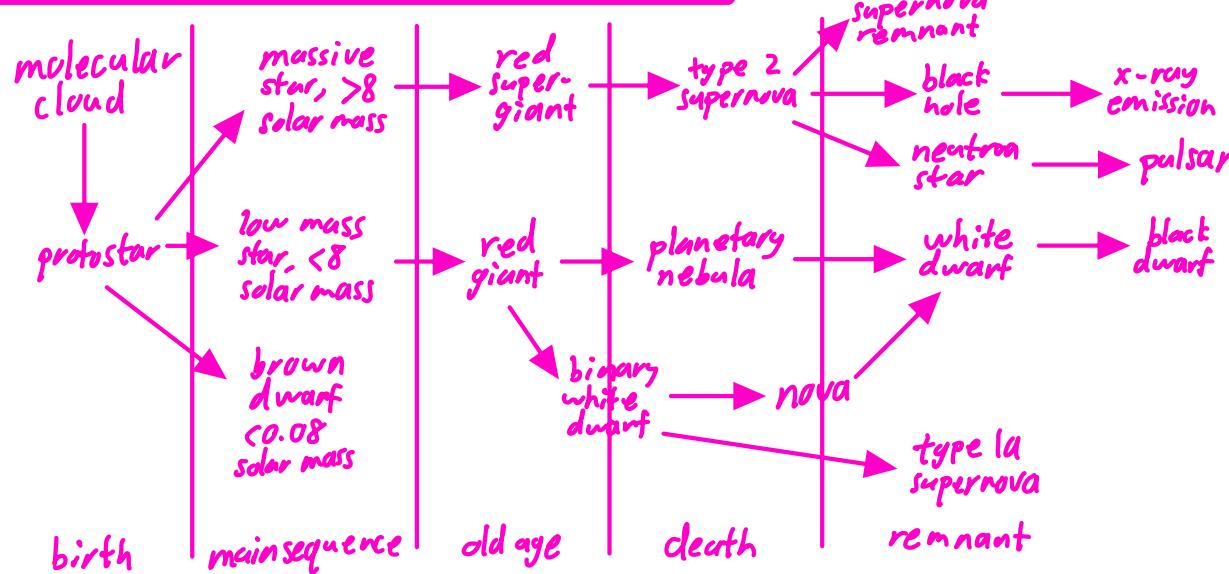
(nonrelativistic)  $P = \left(\frac{h^2}{m_e}\right) \left(\frac{P}{\gamma_e M_H}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

(relativistic)  $P = hc \left(\frac{P}{\gamma_e M_H}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Chandrasekhar limit (max mass of white dwarf) = 1.44 solar mass

GPE of star =  $-\frac{3GM^2}{5R}$

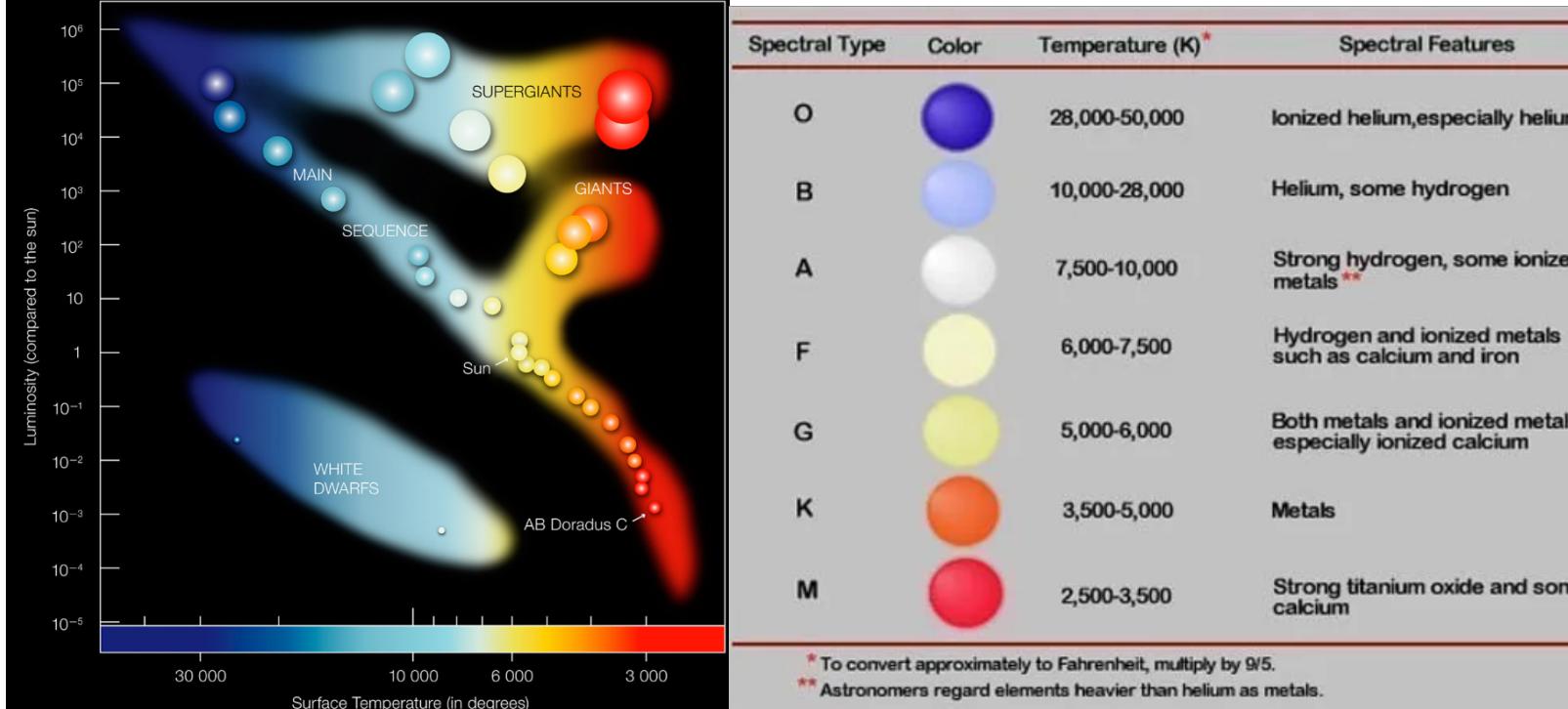
## Stellar evolution:



Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram:

- luminosity (absolute magnitude)

- temperature (spectral class)



## Timeline:

### Dynamical timescale:

- fast
- only gravity, no pressure, collapse
- formation of protostar

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{GM}}$$

### Thermal timescale:

- medium
- radiate away all thermal energy
- contraction of protostar towards main sequence

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{GM^2}{RL}}$$

### Nuclear timescale:

- slow
- radiate away all fusion energy
- no more hydrogen
- main sequence

$$t = \frac{0.00007 Mc^2}{L}$$

$$L \propto M^{-3.5}$$

## Variable stars:

### Eclipsing:

- binary systems
- 1 star pass in front of the other

Pulsating:

- expansion/contraction of outer layers

Erupting:

- faint stars ejecting mass

Rotating:

- rotation
- uneven temperature distribution
- uneven brightness

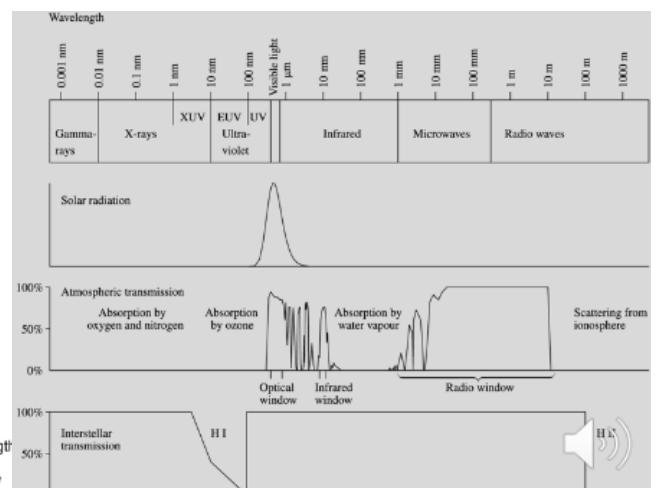
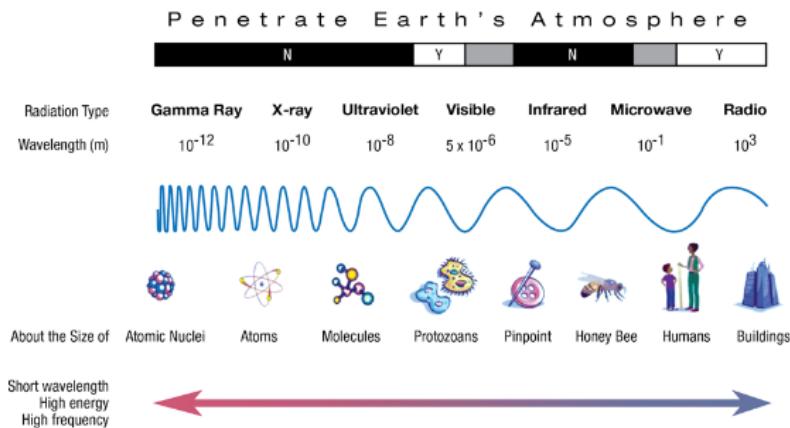
Cepheid:

- compressed by gravity
- becomes opaque, trapping radiation
- gas heats up and expands, becomes transparent
- photons released, gas cools back down, pressure drops
- gas compressed by gravity, cycle repeats

# Optics

## multi-wavelength astronomy:

### THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



Extinction of light:

absorption:

- radiation energy change to heat
- re radiated at infrared

scattering:

- changed direction of light propagation
- reduced intensity along original direction

Rayleigh scattering:

- particle size  $\ll$  wavelength
- oscillating electric field of light wave act on charges in particles
- charges move at same frequency
- particle become small radiating dipole
- scattered light radiated
- shorter wavelength scatter more

Mie scattering:

- particle size  $\approx$  wavelength
- scattering of electromagnetic plane wave by homogeneous sphere
- does not depend on wavelength

21 cm line:

- spin-flip  $e^-$  transition in hydrogen
- fixed 21cm wavelength
- uniform hydrogen distribution throughout galaxy
- wavelength difference by Doppler effect (redshift)
- gives rotation curve of galaxy
- map motion and presence of hydrogen

# Common observations:

## $\gamma$ rays:

- highly energetic events
- supernovae
- gamma ray bursts
- black hole accretion
- black hole collisions
- solar flares

## X rays:

- black holes at galactical centre
- supernova remnants
- white dwarf
- hot stars

## UV rays:

- interstellar medium
- hot young stars
- white dwarf

## Visible light:

- moons
- meteors
- planets
- stars

## Infrared rays:

- interstellar medium
- comets
- asteroids

## Microwaves, radio waves:

- cosmic microwave background radiation
- radio galaxies
- quasars
- pulsars
- stars
- galaxies
- 21cm hydrogen line
- can see through interstellar medium

# Stellar Systems

## Star Systems:

### Visual:

- can see both stars actually moving around each other

### Astrometric:

- can see 1 brighter star moving around centre of mass

### Spectroscopic:

- appear as 1 star even in powerful telescopes
- 2 spectral lines
- Doppler shift (redshift / blueshift)

### Photometric:

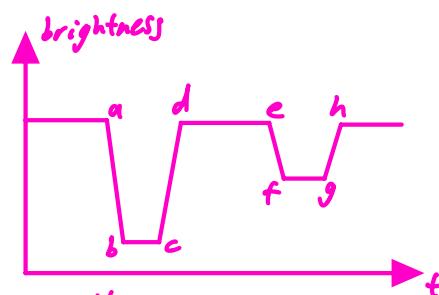
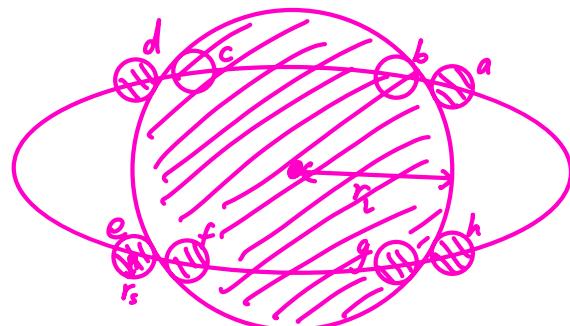
- periodic oscillation in total brightness
- eclipsing each other

### Optical double:

- looks like binary star system
- actually single star

### Eclipsing light patterns:

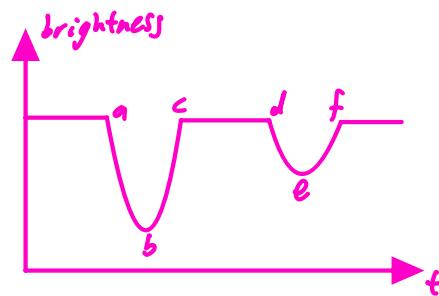
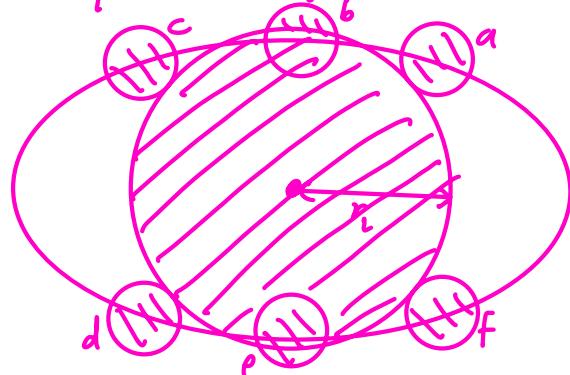
#### Complete eclipse:



$$r_s = \frac{v}{2} (t_b - t_a)$$

$$r_c = \frac{v}{2} (t_c - t_a)$$

#### partial eclipse:



primary minimum: hotter star behind

secondary minimum: cooler star behind

### open clusters:

- $10 \leq$  number of stars  $\leq 1000$
- irregular

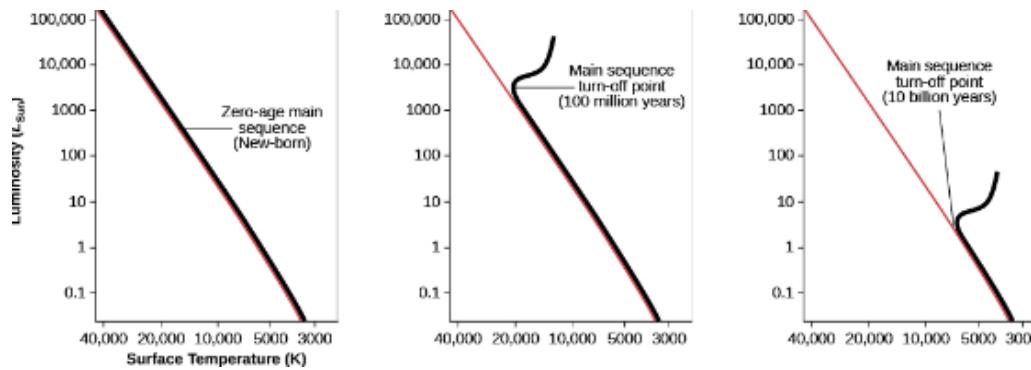
- gradually dispersed
- generally younger ( $< 10^9$  yrs)

globular cluster:

- $10^5$  stars
- globular, spherical symmetry
- generally older

main sequence turn off point:

- each point on main sequence has main sequence lifetime
- age of cluster = main sequence lifetime of turn off point



Star populations:

Population I:

- young stars
- contain a lot of metals from remains of older stars

Population II:

- old stars
- mostly H and He, little metals

Population III:

- hypothetical
- first stars, made of H and He only
- died quickly, ejecting their components

# Cosmology

## Big Bang Theory:

Hubble's Law:

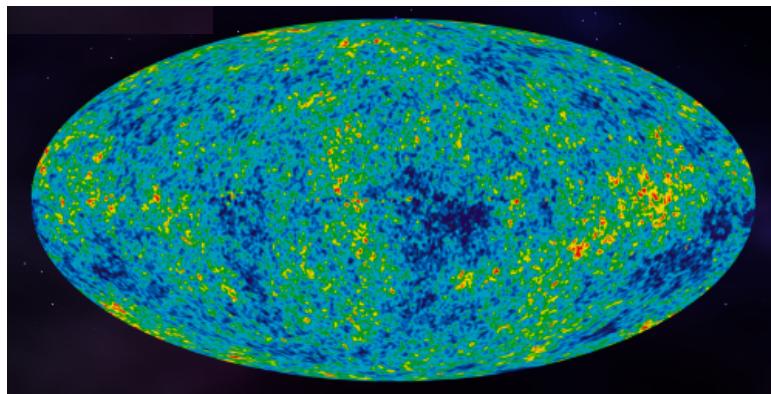
- objects recede with velocity proportional to distance

$$V = H d, \quad H = \text{Hubble constant} \approx 70$$

$$\text{Hubble time (age of universe)} = 1.44 \times 10^{10} \text{ yrs}$$

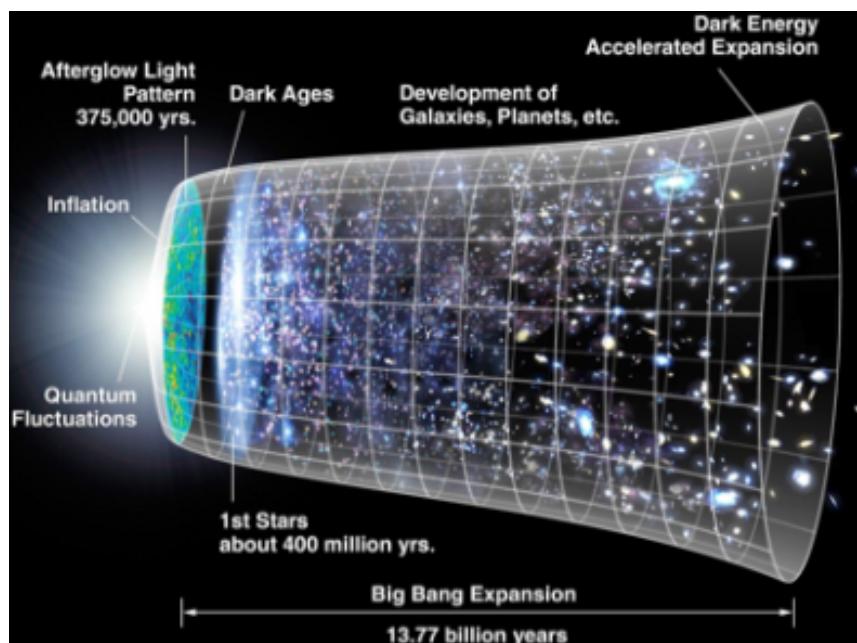
Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation:

- constant microwave background at 2.73K



Big Bang Theory:

- universe started from singularity
- rapid, then slow, then accelerate expansion
- space itself expanding
- finite observable universe
- light from far objects redshifted
- microwave background from leftover radiation



Expansion of universe:

proper distance:

- distance between 2 objects at certain time
- changes as universe expands

comoving distance:

- fixed distance unit
- defined to be current proper distance

$$d \stackrel{\text{comoving}}{=} d_0, a = \text{expansion factor}$$

redshift:

observed wavelength > source wavelength due to expansion of space

Generally:

$$z + 1 \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{a_{\text{received}}}{a_{\text{source}}} = \frac{\lambda_{\text{received}}}{\lambda_{\text{source}}}$$

relativistic ( $v \approx c$ ):

$$v = \frac{(1+z)^2 - 1}{(1+z)^2 + 1} \cdot c$$

non-relativistic ( $v \ll c$ ):

$$z = \frac{v}{c}, d = \frac{c^2}{H}$$

luminosity distance:

$$z = \frac{L}{4\pi d_0^2 (1+z)^2}$$

## Friedmann Model:

Geometry of universe:

$k=0$ :

- flat, ordinary Euclidean space
- no edge, no centre, infinite volume

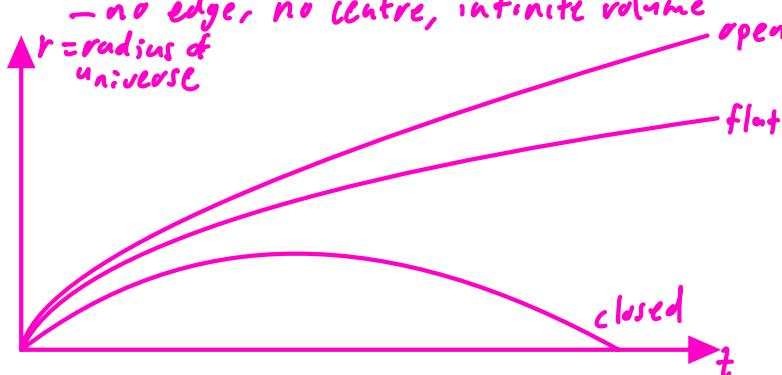
$k=1$ :

- closed
- finite volume, but no edge, no centre

$k=-1$ :

- open

- no edge, no centre, infinite volume



## Dark Energy:

- unknown
- causes expansion of universe
- energy in vacuum
- theoretical

# Universe Components:

Effects on expansion constant,  $a$ :

Matter:

$$a = \left(\frac{3}{2}H\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} t^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Radiation:

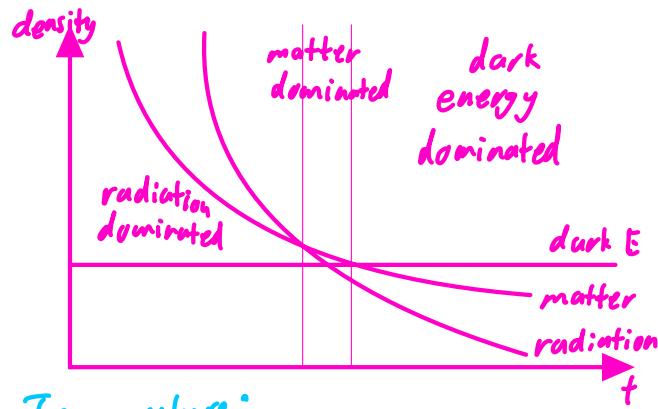
$$a = \sqrt{2H_0 t}$$

Dark E:

$$a = a_0 e^{H_0 t}$$

Proportionality table:

	matter	radiation	dark E
$\rho \propto a$ relation	$\rho \propto a^{-3}$	$\rho \propto a^{-4}$	$\rho \propto \text{constant}$
$a \propto t$ relation	$a \propto t^{\frac{2}{3}}$	$a \propto t^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$a \propto e^{H_0 t}$



Temperature:

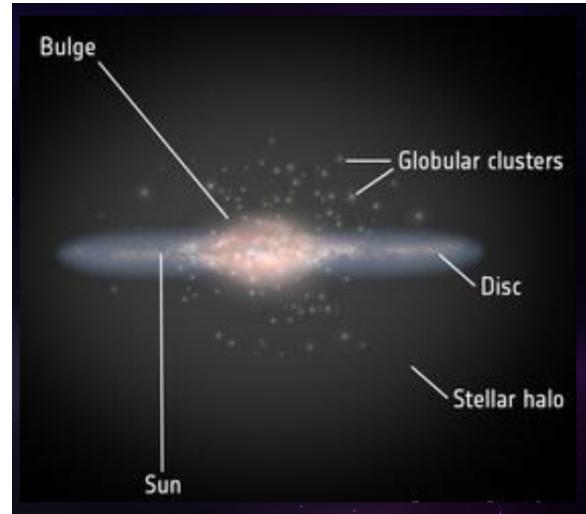
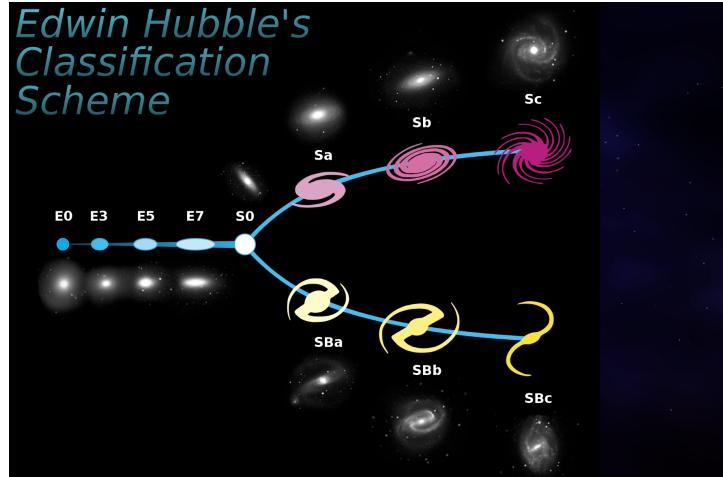
$$E \text{ density} = U = \frac{4\sigma}{c} T^4$$

$aT = \text{constant} = T_0 = \text{initial temperature}$

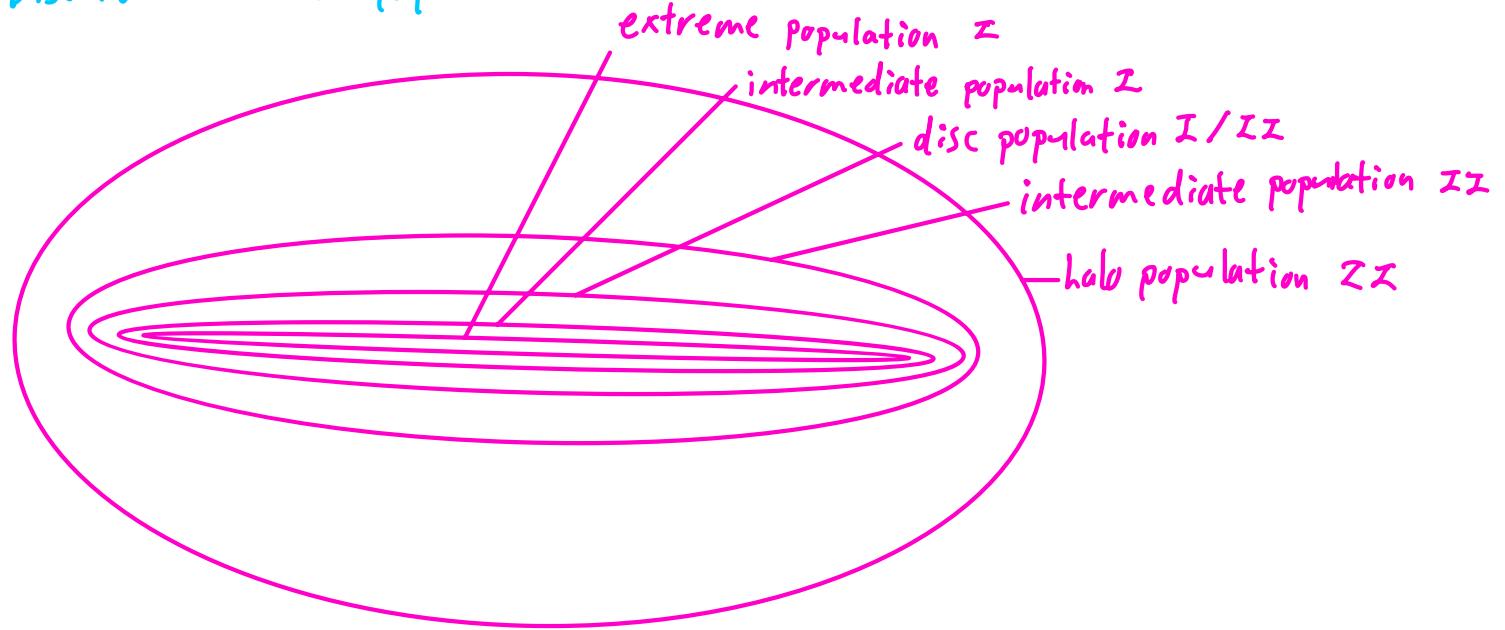
# Galactic Astrophysics

## Spiral Galaxies:

Edwin Hubble's Classification Scheme



Distribution of star populations:



bulge, halo: older stars

spiral arms: younger stars

density wave theory:

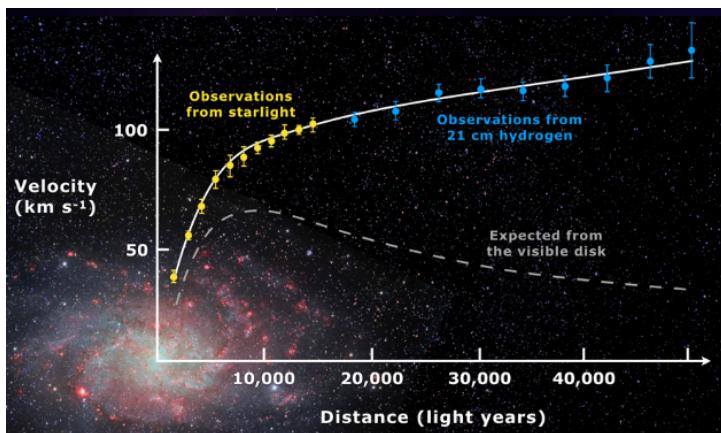
if spiral arms are single objects:

- near centre, higher angular velocity
- winds faster
- spiral arms disappear???

Spiral arms are waves

- stars rotate around centre
- density of stars uneven, form waves (spiral arms)
- objects move through density waves and are compressed

galaxy rotation curve:



inner region

- like rigid body
- angular velocity independent of distance

outer region

- assume galaxy has mass concentrated at centre
- according to visual observations
- velocity decrease with distance
- actual velocity  $\propto$  constant
- extra mass in outer region (dark matter)

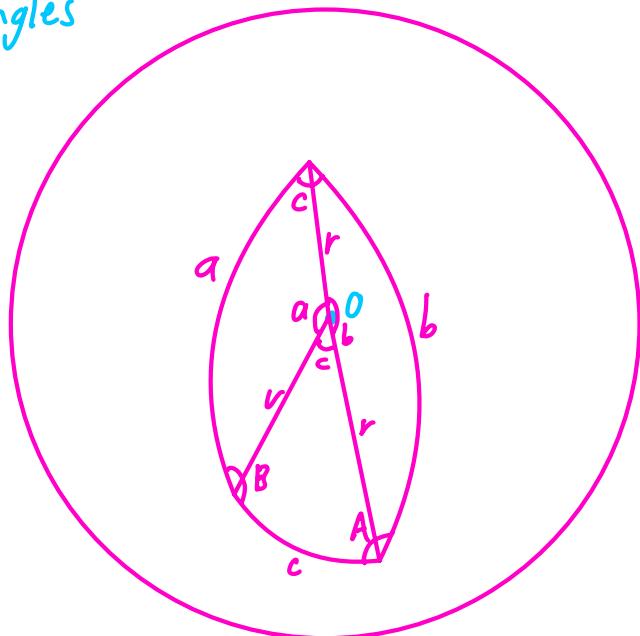
# Coordinates and time

## Spherical trig:

great circles

- plane of circle pass through centre of sphere
- shortest distance between 2 points

angles



$$\text{distance} = r\theta$$

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C > 180^\circ$$

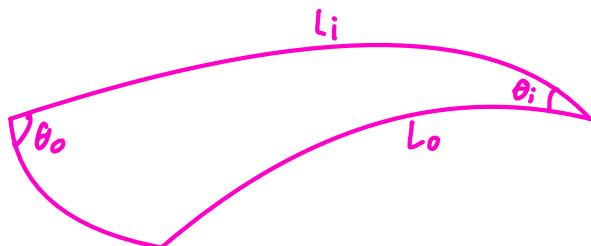
$$S_{\triangle ABC} = r^2(\angle A + \angle B + \angle C - 180^\circ)$$

$$\frac{\sin a}{\sin A} = \frac{\sin b}{\sin B} = \frac{\sin c}{\sin C}$$

$$\cos C = \cos a \cos b + \sin a \sin b \cos C$$

$$\cos C = -\cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B \cos C$$

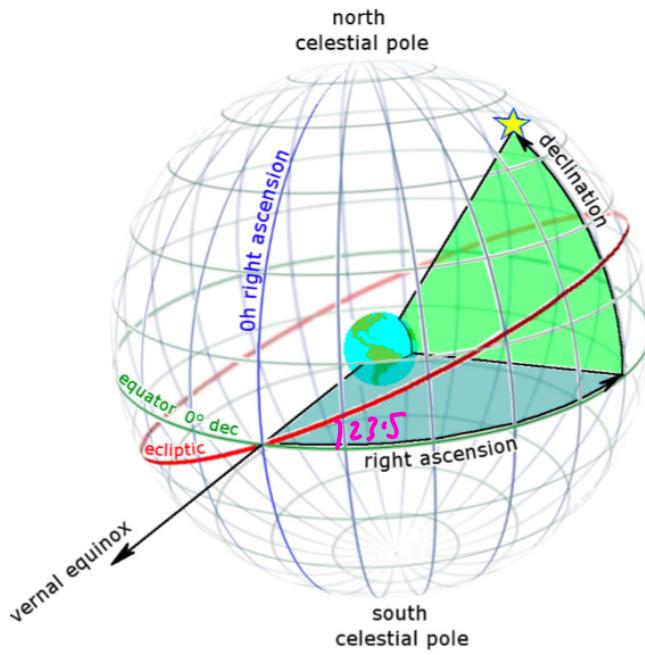
Cotangent rule



$$\cos L_i \cos \theta_i = \cot L_o \sin L_i - \cot \theta_o \sin \theta_i$$

# Spherical coordinates:

## Celestial sphere



- imaginary sphere centred on Earth
- contain projection of stars

celestial equator: projection of Earth's equator

ecliptic: projection of Sun's orbit

$\angle$  between celestial equator and ecliptic = Earth's axis tilt = 23.5

vernal equinox: intersection of celestial equator and ecliptic

- where Sun rises
- First Point of Aries
- in Pisces

- stars are points on celestial sphere

declination: angle above celestial equator

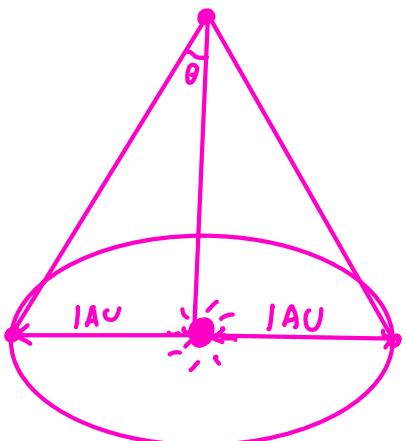
right ascension: angle from Vernal Equinox, in direction of Sun moving

parallax

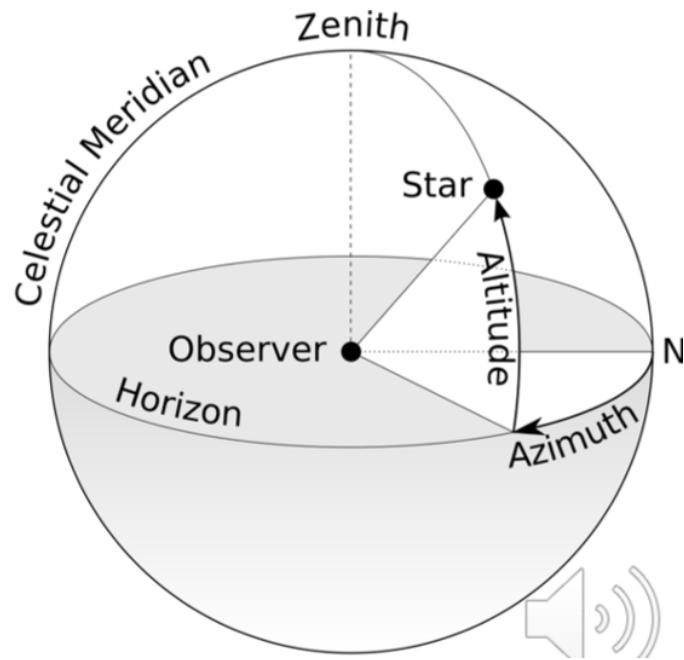
$$\text{parallax} = \theta$$

distance (in parsec)

$$= \frac{1}{\text{parallax}} \text{ (in arc seconds)}$$



# Alt-Azimuth Coordinates



Azimuth: angle clockwise from North

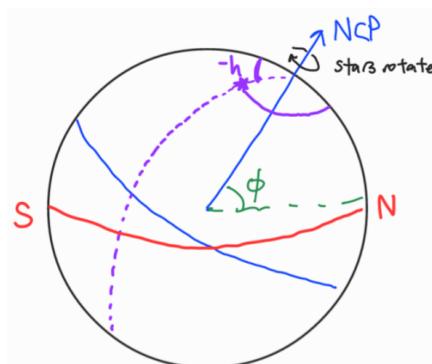
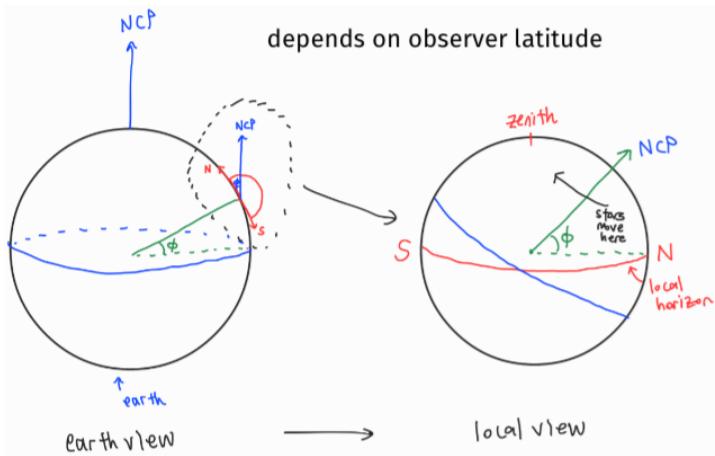
Altitude: angle upwards from local horizon

Zenith: directly above observer

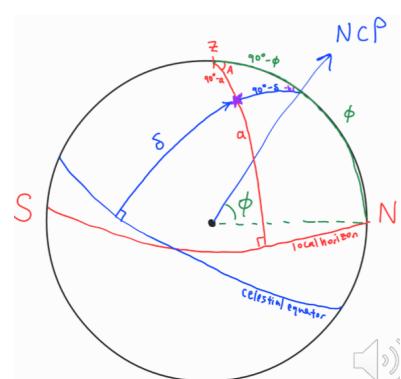
Meridian: line through Zenith, North

- object culminates (crosses meridian) twice a day
- marks highest and lowest altitude

Hour angle: time since object crossed meridian above horizon



## Coordinate conversion



draw master diagram, then solve using spherical trig

# Time:

## Days

- Earth's rotation around axis and around Sun are in same direction
- Solar day: time between Sun overhead (24h)

Sidereal day: time between distant star overhead (23h 56min 4s)

- for every round around the Sun there is 1 more sidereal day than solar day

## time zones

### civil time

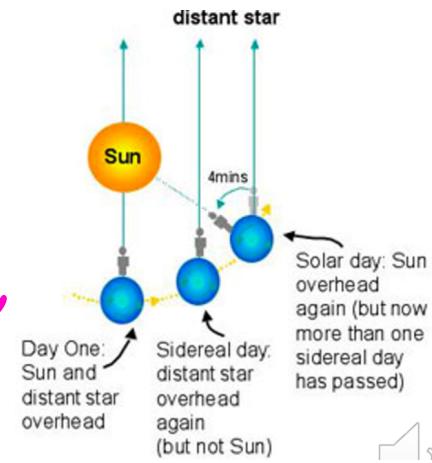
- Universal Coordinated Time
- Greenwich Mean Time
- solar time at 0 longitude (Greenwich, England)

### local solar time

- noon = sun cross meridian above horizon
- depend on longitude

### local sidereal time

- defined based on distant celestial object
- hour angle of vernal equinox
- sun move slower than distant stars



# Data Analysis

## Calculation:

Variance

population variance =  $\sigma^2$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2}{N}$$

$N = \text{population size}$   
 $\mu = \text{population mean}$

= mean of square - square of mean

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 - \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right)^2$$

sample variance =  $s^2$

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$$

$\bar{x} = \text{sample mean}$   
 $n = \text{sample size}$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 \right]$$

1D data

MENU >> 3:stats >> 1:1-VARIABLE >> (enter values) >> OPTN >> 3:1-VARIABLE CALC

$\bar{x}$  = mean

$\sum x$  = sum

$\sum x^2$  = sum of square

$\sigma^2 x$  = variance

$\sigma x$  =  $\sqrt{\text{variance}}$

$s^2 x$  = sample variance

$s x$  =  $\sqrt{\text{sample variance}}$

$n$  = number of data

$\min(x)$  = minimum

$Q_1$  = 1st quartile

Med = median

$Q_3$  = 3rd quartile

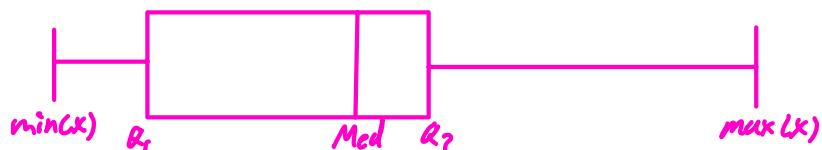
$\max(x)$  = maximum

2D data

MENU >> 3:stats >> (choose regression equation) >> (enter data) >> OPTN >> 3:2-VARIABLE CALC

-Similar to 1D data

box plot:



## Regression

MENU > 3: stats > (choose regression equation) >> (enter data) >> OPTN >> 4: REGRESSION CALC  
- find coefficients in regression equation

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)^2\right)}}$$

accurate correlation if  $r \approx 1, -1$

## Spreadsheet

MENU >> 4: SPREADSHEET

Performing operation on data in column A, results go to B:

1. enter data in column A
2. go to cell B1
3. click OPTN
4. click 1: FILL FORMULA
5. type in formula in terms of A1, for example  $(A1 \times 5)^2$
6. type in range, for example B1:B10
7. press = twice

## Graph plotting:

### Linearisation:

convert given or found equation into the form  $y = mx + c$ ,

$y$  in terms of dependent variable

$x$  in terms of independent variable

$m, c$  in terms of possibly unknown constants

find unknown constants from slope and intercept of plotted graph

### general graph plotting:

- correct points
- good scale
- large enough graph
- good line / curve of best fit
  - ↳ must pass through centroid