

Two-Layer Model of Earth



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Motivation/Intro

- Create a two-layer model of the Earth using Central Pressure Method
- Analyze our model with Earth's data points in mind
- End goal is to analyze how adding a layer to a planet impacts mass and radius

Methods

- Copy example class code
- Python plotting
- Use EOS
- Normalize and compare values
- Notice equations —>

Pressure:

$$dP = P_0 - \rho g dr.$$

Mass:

$$dM = \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho dr.$$

Core Radius:

$$R_c = \left(\frac{\frac{3M_{\oplus}}{4\pi} - R_{\oplus}^3 \rho_m}{\rho_c - \rho_m} \right)^{(1/3)}$$

Gravity:

$$g = \frac{GM}{r^2}.$$

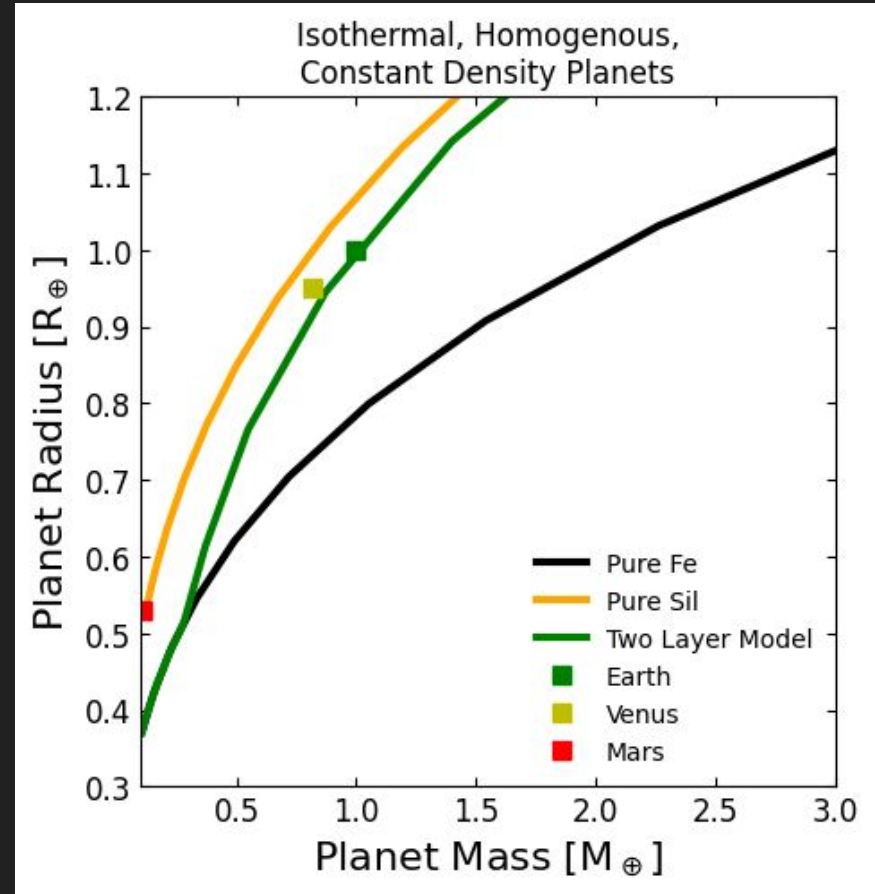
Code

- Calculate Core-Mantle Boundary (CMB)
- Rewrite example code to differentiate layers
- Store a pressure array
- Plotting two-layer model
- Plot pressure profiles

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def get_rho(r, core_radius=core_radius):  
    if r < core_radius: # Inside the core  
        return constant_density_Fe  
    else: # In the mantle  
        return constant_density_sil
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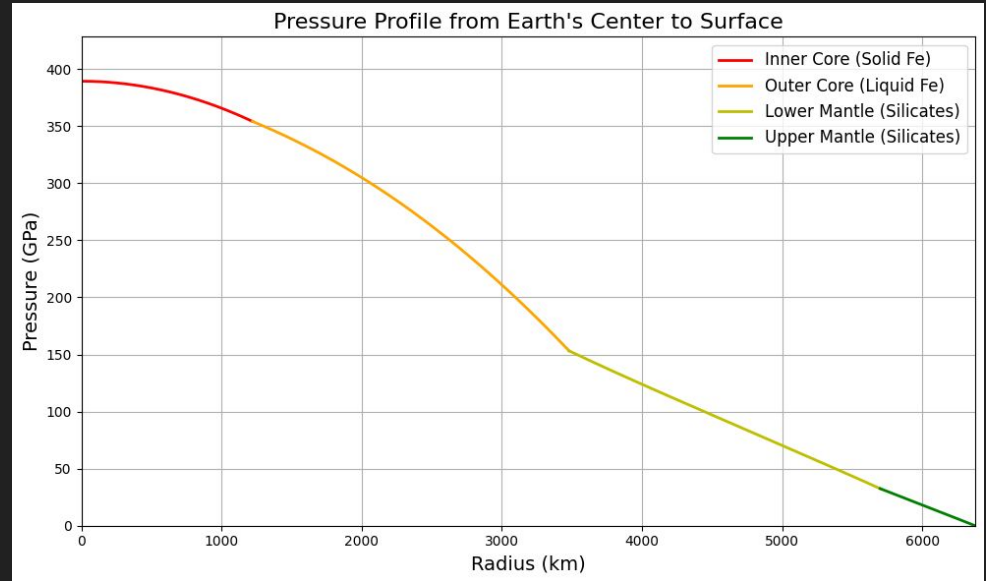
Plot 1

- Planet Radius and Planet Mass
- Pure Iron line, radius constantly decreases (black)
- Silicon line does the same but decreases less than iron (yellow)
- We can conclude as planetary density increases the mass-radius relation decreases
- Notice two layer model (Green)



Plot 2

- Pressure and Radius
- As core transitions to mantle, pressure goes from decreasing quadratic to negative linear slope
- Many assumptions to account for...



Conclusion

- Motivation successful!!
- Successfully created two layer model
- A Mass-Radius curve is not as simple as a log curve...
- Compared to other projects...