

Stars and Galaxies

Stars

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Lecture 1

see *DUO for slides* Black body emission curve:

- LHS from peak λ is Rayleigh Jeans tail
- RHS from peak is Wien tail

$$\lambda_{max} = \frac{2.9 \times 10^{-3}}{T} m$$
$$\lambda_{max, Bet} = 8.3 \times 10^{-7} m \implies T \approx 3500 K$$
$$\lambda_{max, Sun} = 5.5 \times 10^{-7} m \implies T \approx 5300 K$$
$$\lambda_{max, Bel} = 3.0 \times 10^{-7} m \implies T \approx 9400 K$$

Lecture 2

2.1 Excitation Energies

- Bohr model
- page 8 on slides
- n denotes the orbitals/electron shells
- $n = 1$ is the ground state

$$E = E_{high} - E_{low} = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = -13.6 \left(\frac{1}{n_{high}^2} - \frac{1}{n_{low}^2} \right)$$

$$n = 2 \rightarrow 4$$

$$E = 2.55 eV \implies \lambda = 486.1 nm \implies H\beta$$

- this was absorption
- $H\beta$ is shorthand for Balmer series β
- Optical light

$$n = 2 \rightarrow 1$$

$$E = 10.2 eV \implies \lambda = 121.6 nm \implies Ly\alpha$$

- this was emission
- $Ly\alpha$ is shorthand for Lyman series α
 - ➡ UV light
- Photons emitted from de-excitation in random direction
 - ➡ statistics means we probably won't see this

Lecture 3 Ratios of Excitation Levels

$$\begin{aligned}
 n &= 2 \rightarrow 1 \\
 \frac{N_2}{N_1} &= \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-\frac{(E_2-E_1)}{kT}} \\
 g_1 &= 2 ; g_2 = 8 ; T = 5800 \text{ K} \\
 \frac{N_2}{N_1} &= 5.1 \times 10^{-9}
 \end{aligned}$$

- 1 billionth of H atoms in first excited state, negligible

3.1 Ionisation Energies

- χ is the ionisation energy

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{N_{i+1}}{N_i} &= \frac{2Z_{i+1}}{n_e Z_i} \left(\frac{2\pi m_e kT}{h^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{\chi}{kT}} E > -13.6 \left(\frac{1}{\infty^2} - \frac{1}{n_{low}^2} \right) eV \\
 n = 1 \rightarrow \infty &\implies E > 13.6 \text{ eV} \\
 n = 2 \rightarrow \infty &\implies E > 3.4 \text{ eV}
 \end{aligned}$$

Lecture 4

4.1 Binary Star Systems

- slide 8, binary system
- look at the semi-major axes of the orbits of the two stars around the centre of mass of the system
 - ➡ a_1 and a_2 for m_1 and m_2

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^2 &= \frac{4\pi^2 a^3}{G(m_1 + m_2)} \\
 a &= a_1 + a_2
 \end{aligned}$$

- Smaller semi-major axis means larger mass
- similar to see-saw

$$m_1 a_1 = m_2 a_2 \implies \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{a_2}{a_1}$$

- ratio of the semi-major axes gives ratio of masses
- actually measure α , angle of separation:
 - ➡ for d, distance from us

$$\alpha_n = \frac{a_n}{d} \implies \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}$$

4.2 Visual Binary Systems

Normal Example

- $d = 10 \text{ pc}$; $P = 200 \text{ days}$
- $\alpha_1 = 0.02''$; $\alpha_2 = 0.08''$

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= \alpha_1 d = 0.2 \text{ Au} ; a_2 = \alpha_2 d = 0.8 \text{ Au} \\a &= a_1 + a_2 = 1 \text{ Au} \\m_1 + m_2 &= \frac{4\pi^2 a^3}{GP^2} = 3.4 M_\odot = M_{tot} \\\frac{m_1}{m_2} &= \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = 4.0 = M_{rot} \\m_1 &= \left[\frac{M_{rot}}{1 + M_{rot}} \right] M_{tot} = 2.72 M_\odot \\m_2 &= \left[\frac{1}{1 + M_{rot}} \right] M_{tot} = 0.68 M_\odot\end{aligned}$$

Inclination Example

- For angled systems that aren't flat against our observations:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\alpha}_n &= \alpha_n \cos i \\m_1 + m_2 &= \frac{4\pi^2}{G} \left(\frac{d}{\cos i} \right) \frac{\hat{\alpha}^3}{P^2} \\\hat{\alpha} &= \hat{\alpha}_1 + \hat{\alpha}_2\end{aligned}$$

- Has no effect on mass ratios observed - cos cancels
- Above equation means the actual masses will be affected by the inclination

4.3 Spectroscopic Binaries

- Correcting for inclination:

$$v_{nr}^{max} = v_n \sin i$$

- Assume $e \ll 1$

$$v_n = \frac{2\pi a_n}{P} \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$$

- Same sort of stuff as visual binaries, but sin instead of cos basically

Special Case: Eclipsing Spectroscopic Binaries

- $i \approx 90^\circ$
- don't need any corrections etc

Lecture 5

$$P = \underbrace{\frac{\rho k T}{\mu m_H}}_{\text{ideal gas law}} + \frac{1}{3} a T^4$$

- Hydrostatic Equilibrium:

➡ Pressure force = Gravitational force

$$P \text{ on } dA = [P(r + dr) - P(r)]dA \\ = dP dA$$

$$\text{Gravitational} = g \underbrace{dA dr}_{\substack{\text{volume} \\ \text{mass}}} \rho, \quad g = \frac{GM_r}{r^2}$$

$$dP dA = -g \rho dA dr$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{GM_r \rho}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{dM_r}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho$$

$$M_r = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -G \frac{4}{3}\pi r \rho^2$$

$$\int_{P_s}^{P_c} dP = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G \rho^2 \int_R^0 r dr$$

$$P_c = \frac{2}{3}\pi G \rho^2 R^2, \quad P_s = 0 \text{ at } r = R \\ = \frac{2}{3}\pi G R^2 \left[\frac{3}{4} \frac{M}{\pi R^3} \right]^2 \\ = \frac{3}{8\pi} \frac{GM^2}{R^4}$$

➤ Example for our sun:

$$M = 2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}; \quad R \approx 7 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$$

$$P_c \approx 10^{14} \text{ N m}^{-2}$$

$$P_{c, \text{true}} \approx 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ N m}^{-2}$$

➤ out as assumed uniform density

Lecture 6

6.1 Virial Theorem

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{GM\rho}{r^2} \times V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$V \frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{GM\rho}{r^2} \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$\text{-- plug in } \frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho$$

$$V \frac{dP}{dr} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{GM}{r} \frac{dm}{dr}$$

$$\int_0^{P(R)} V dP = -\frac{1}{3} \underbrace{\int_0^M \frac{GM}{r} dm}_{\text{Total GPE}=U}$$

$$LHS : \int U dV = UV - \int V dU$$

$$\int_0^{P(R)} V dP = \underbrace{[PV]_0^{R_0}}_{=0} - \int_0^{V(R)} P dV = -\frac{1}{3}U$$

$$\begin{aligned}
-3 \int_0^{V(R)} P dV &= U, \quad dV = \frac{dm}{\rho} \implies \\
-3 \int_0^M \frac{P}{\rho} dm &= U \quad - \text{generalised form of Virial Theorem} \\
\text{Ideal Gas: } P &= nkT = \frac{\rho kT}{\mu m_H} \\
\text{Average KE: } &= \frac{3}{2} kT \\
\text{KE per kilo: } &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{kT}{\mu m_H} \\
E_{KE} &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{kT}{\mu m_H} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{P}{\rho} \\
-3 \int_0^M \frac{P}{\rho} dm &= U, \quad \frac{P}{\rho} = \frac{2}{3} E_{KE} \\
\underbrace{\int_0^M E_{KE} dm}_{\text{Total KE, assume ideal gas}} &= -\frac{1}{2} U \\
\implies K &= -\frac{1}{2} U
\end{aligned}$$

6.1.1 Energy from Gravitational Collapse

$$\begin{aligned}
dU_{g,i} &= -\frac{GM_r dm_i}{r} \quad - \text{GPE of point mass} \\
\text{Consider shells of material} \\
dm &= 4\pi r^2 \rho dr \\
dU_g &= -\frac{GM_r 4\pi r^2 \rho}{r} dr \quad - \text{GPE of a shell} \\
U_g &= -4\pi G \int_0^R M_r \rho_r dr \\
M_r &= \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \bar{\rho} \quad - \text{avg density isn't too bad here} \\
U_g &= -\frac{16}{3} \pi^2 G \bar{\rho}^2 \int_0^R r^4 dr \\
&= -\frac{16}{15} \pi^2 G \bar{\rho}^2 R^5 \\
\text{Convert back to mass} \\
U &= -\frac{9}{15} \frac{GM^2}{R} \quad - \text{GPE of the star} \\
K &= -\frac{1}{2} U \\
\implies E &= \frac{3}{10} \frac{GM^2}{R} \\
E &\approx \frac{3}{10} GM^2 \left[\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{R_{initial}} \right] \\
&= \frac{3}{10} \frac{GM^2}{R} \iff R \ll R_{initial}
\end{aligned}$$

Lecture 7

7.1 Binding Energies of Fusion

$$E_b(Z, N) = \Delta mc^2 = [Zm_p + Nm_n - m(Z, N)]c^2$$

$$E_b(4, 0) = [4m_p - m_{He,4}]c^2 = 26.731 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{4m_p}{m_{He,4}} = 1.007 \implies e = 0.7\%$$

$$E_\odot = (0.1 \times M_\odot) \times 0.007 \times c^2 \\ = 1.3 \times 10^{44} J$$

$$t \approx \frac{E_\odot}{L_\odot} = 10^{10} \text{ yr}$$

7.2 Coulomb Barrier

- looking at probability that two particles are close enough for nuclear force to be important
- see figure on page 7 of slides
- using classical physics, we get

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{3}{2}kT = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{r} \\ T = \frac{1}{6\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{rk} = \underbrace{1.1 \times 10^{10} K}_{r=10^{-15}m ; Z_1=Z_2=1}$$

- too high for our Sun
- use deBroglie wavelength and consider quantum effects

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}, p = mv [m = \mu_m] \\ E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 ; v^2 = \frac{p^2}{m^2} \\ E = \frac{p^2}{2m} \\ p^2 = \left(\frac{h}{\lambda}\right)^2 \\ E = \frac{(\frac{h}{\lambda})^2}{2m} = \frac{h^2}{\lambda^2} \frac{1}{2m} \\ = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{\lambda} = \frac{h^2}{\lambda^2} \frac{1}{2m} \\ \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2 m}{h^2} \\ \text{replace } \frac{1}{r} \text{ with } \frac{1}{\lambda} \\ T = \frac{1}{12\pi^2\epsilon_0^2} \frac{Z_1^2 Z_2^2 e^4 m}{kh^2} = 9.8 \times 10^6 K$$

- this happens due to quantum tunneling

7.3 Probability of Nuclear Reactions

- see graph on page 13 of slides
- nuclear reaction probability is the product of Maxwell-Boltzmann and Tunneling Probability

Lecture 8

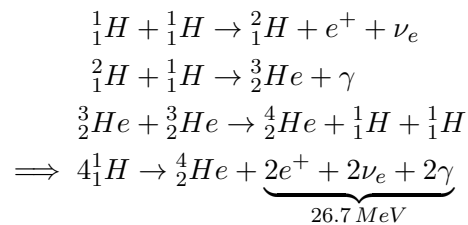
8.1 Nuclear Conservation Rules

1. electric charge must be conserved
2. nucleon number must be conserved
 - $p, n = +1$
3. lepton number must be conserved
 - $e^\mp = \pm 1$
 - $\nu_e^\mp = \pm 1$

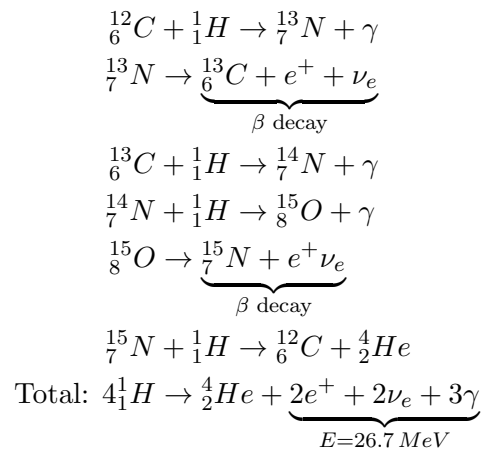
A_ZX

- A - atomic number for element X (nucleon number)
- Z - number of protons (electric charge)

8.2 Proton-Proton Chains



8.3 CNO Cycle



Lecture 9

9.1 Energy produced in Stars

$$\begin{aligned}
 dL &= \epsilon dm \quad [W] \\
 \epsilon_{i,X} &= \epsilon_0 X_i X_X \rho^\alpha T^\beta \quad [W \text{ kg}^{-1}] \\
 dm &= 4\pi r^2 \rho dr \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dL}{dr} &= 4\pi r^2 \rho \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Slide 5 diagram

- Solid line just to do with fusion then no fusion
- Dashed line has that shape as volume increase so dL/dr does but then temperature starts falling so fusion decreases

9.2 Energy Seen on Earth

- Electrons lose energy travelling through sun

$$\frac{\lambda_{surface}}{\lambda_{core}} \approx 3 \times 10^6$$

9.3 Mean Free Paths

- vt - distance travelled
- n - particles per unit volume
- nvt - particle per unit area
- $n\sigma vt$ - number of interactions

$$l = \frac{vt}{n\sigma vt} \\ = \frac{1}{n\sigma}$$

- This is the mean distance before a collision

$$d = \sum_i l_i \\ d^2 = d \cdot d \\ = \sum_j \sum_i l_i \cdot l_j$$

- When $i \neq j$, $l_i \cdot l_j = 0$

$$d^2 = Nl^2 \\ \Rightarrow N = \left(\frac{d}{l}\right)^2$$

- Use ideal gas law to help in questions of this

$$t_{total} = t_{travel} + Nt_{scatter} \\ = \frac{Nl}{c} + N \times 10^8 \\ = 5700 \text{ yrs} + \dots = 10^6 \text{ yrs}$$

9.4 Radiation

$$P = \frac{1}{3}aT^4 \\ \frac{dP}{P}dr = \frac{dP}{dT} \frac{dT}{dr} \\ \frac{dP}{dr} = \frac{4}{3}aT^3 \frac{dT}{dr} \\ \frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{\kappa\rho}{c}F_{rad}$$

$$\kappa r h o = n \sigma$$

$$\frac{dT}{dr} = -\frac{3}{4ac} \frac{\kappa \rho F_{rad}}{T^3}$$

$$L = 4\pi r^2 F_{rad}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dr} = -\frac{3}{16\pi ac} \frac{\kappa \rho L_r}{T^3 r^2}$$

Lecture 10

10.1 Opacity

$$\begin{aligned} dI_\lambda &= -\kappa_\lambda \rho I_\lambda ds \\ \int_{I_{\lambda,0}}^{I_{\lambda,f}} \frac{dI_\lambda}{I_\lambda} &= - \int \kappa_\lambda \rho ds \\ \implies I_{\lambda,f} &= I_{\lambda,0} e^{-\int_0^s \kappa_\lambda \rho ds} \\ I_{\lambda,f} &= I_{\lambda,0} \underbrace{e^{-\kappa_\lambda \rho s}}_{\text{optical depth, } \tau} \\ &= I_{\lambda,0} e^{-\tau}, \quad \tau = \kappa_\lambda \rho s \end{aligned}$$

- $\tau < 1$ - optically thin
- $\tau > 1$ - optically thick

Different sources of Opacity

- Two classes of opacity:
 1. Absorption - photon energy lost or KE of gas or degraded
 2. Scattering - photon reemitted at different direction, sometimes degraded
- 1. Bound-Bound transitions
 - typical temperature roughly $\leq 10^5 \text{K}$
 - most effective for neutral gas
 - scattering and absorption
- 2. Bound-free transitions
 - typical temperature of $10^4 \rightarrow 10^6 \text{K}$
 - partially ionised gas
 - absorption
- 3. Free-free emission
 - typical temperature of $10^4 \rightarrow 10^6 \text{K}$
 - partially ionised gas
 - absorption
- 4. Electron scattering
 - dominant at roughly $\geq 10^6 \text{K}$
 - fully ionised gas
 - scattering

Lecture 11 Lecture 10

11.1 Schwarzschild Criterion for Convection

- slide 4 - 9

$$\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_V} = \frac{s+2}{s}$$

► s is degrees of freedom

$$P = k_a \rho^\gamma$$

$$\frac{dP}{P} = \frac{\gamma d\rho}{\rho}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\rho}{P} \frac{dP}{d\rho}$$

Surrounding gas

$$P = nkT = \frac{\rho kT}{\mu m_H}$$

$$\frac{dP}{P} = \frac{d\rho}{\rho} + \frac{dT}{T}$$

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} = \frac{dP}{P} - \frac{dT}{T}$$

$$\frac{dP}{d\rho}_{sur} > \frac{dP}{d\rho}_{adiab} \left[\times \frac{\rho}{P} \right]$$

$$\frac{\rho}{P} \frac{dP}{d\rho}_{sur} > \frac{\rho}{P} \frac{dP}{d\rho}_{adiab}$$

$$\frac{\rho}{P} \frac{dP}{d\rho}_{sur} > \gamma_{ad}$$

$$\frac{P}{dP} \left(\frac{dP}{P} - \frac{dT}{T} \right)_{sur} < \frac{1}{\gamma_{adiab}}$$

$$\frac{P}{dP} \frac{dP}{P} - \frac{P}{dP} \frac{dT}{T} < \frac{1}{\gamma_{adiab}}$$

$$1 - \left(\frac{P}{dP} \frac{dT}{T} \right)_{sur} < \frac{1}{\gamma_{adiab}}$$

$$\frac{T}{P} \left(\frac{dP}{dT} \right)_{sur} < \frac{\gamma_{adiab}}{\gamma_{adiab} - 1}$$

$$\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{sur} > \left(\frac{\gamma_{adiab} - 1}{\gamma_{adiab}} \right) \frac{T}{P} \left| \frac{dP}{dr} \right|_{sur}$$

Convection in the Sun For the sun:

$$-\frac{3}{16\pi ac} \frac{k\rho L_r}{T^3 r^2} > \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{T}{P} \frac{dP}{dr}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{GM_r \rho}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{L_r}{M_r} > \frac{16\pi ac G}{\kappa \rho} \frac{aT^4}{3} \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma}$$

$$> \frac{16\pi ac G}{\kappa \rho} P_{rad} \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma}$$

$$> 1.9 \times 10^{-3} W kg^{-1}$$

Mixing length

$$l = \alpha H_p$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{GM_r \rho}{r^2} \implies \frac{1}{H_p} = -\frac{1}{P} \frac{dP}{dr}$$

$$H_p = \frac{Pr^2}{GM_r \rho}$$

$$l = \frac{\alpha P r^2}{G M_r \rho}$$

Lecture 12

12.1 Cepheid Variables

$$\begin{aligned}\log\left(\frac{L}{L_\odot}\right) &= 1.15 \log_{10} \Pi^d + 2.47 \\ \Pi^d = 10 \text{ days} &\implies L = 4200 L_\odot \\ \text{observed } \langle f \rangle &= 10^{-15} \text{ W m}^{-2} \\ L &= 4\pi d^2 \langle f \rangle \\ d &= \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi \langle f \rangle}}\end{aligned}$$

12.2 Stellar Pulsation

$$\begin{aligned}V_s &= \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P}{\rho}}, \quad \gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_V} \\ \Pi &= 2 \int_0^R \frac{dr}{V_s} \\ \frac{dP}{dr} &= -\frac{G M_r \rho}{r^2} \\ \text{const } p &\implies \mu = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \rho \\ \frac{dP}{dr} &= -\frac{4}{3} G \pi r \rho^2 \\ dP &= -\frac{4}{3} G \pi \rho^2 \int_0^R r dr \\ P(r) &= \frac{4}{3} G \pi \rho^2 \left[\frac{R^2}{2} - \frac{r^2}{2} \right] \\ \Pi &= 2 \int_0^R \frac{dr}{V_s} \\ &= 2 \int_0^R \frac{dr}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \gamma G \rho (R^2 - r^2)}} \\ &= 2 \sqrt{\frac{3}{2 \gamma \pi G \rho}} \left[\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right) \right]_0^R \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{2 G \rho \gamma}}\end{aligned}$$

Lecture 13

13.1 Jeans Mass

- For the gravitational collapse of a gas cloud:

$$\begin{aligned}
GE = U &= -\frac{3}{5} \frac{GM^2}{R} \\
KE = K &= \frac{3}{2} NkT \\
&= \frac{3}{2} \frac{M_c}{\mu m_H} kT \\
2K &< |U| \\
2 \left(\frac{3}{2} \frac{M_c kT}{\mu m_H} \right) &< \frac{3}{5} \frac{GM_c^2}{R_c} \\
R_c &= \left(\frac{3}{4} \frac{M_c}{\pi \rho_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
2 \left(\frac{3}{2} \frac{M_c kT}{\mu m_H} \right) &< \frac{3}{5} GM_c^2 \left(\frac{4}{3} \frac{\pi \rho_0}{M_c} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
\frac{5M_c kT}{\mu m_H G} &< M_c^2 \left(\frac{4}{3} \frac{\pi \rho_0}{M_c} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
M_c &< M_J \\
M_J &\approx \left(\frac{5kT}{G\mu m_H} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{3}{4\pi\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

13.2 Free-fall gravitational collapse

1. $M_c > M_J$
 - free fall collapse
 - optically thin
 - pressure increase
 - temperature constant
2. Fragmentation
 - optically thin
 - individual regions exceed local M_J
3. M_J minimised: Protostar
 - optically thick
 - pressure increase
 - temperature increase
 - Slow contraction (Kelvin-Helmholtz timescale)

Lecture 14

14.1 Stellar Evolution

1. Increase in μ (mean molecular mass) with time:

$$P = nkT = \frac{\rho kT}{\mu m_H}$$

As μ increases, ρ and T also increase for the pressure to remain constant. Recall:

$$\epsilon_{i,X} = \epsilon_0 X_i X_X \rho^\alpha T^\beta, \alpha \approx 1$$

For proton-proton chain, $\beta \approx 4$. For CNO, $\beta \approx 17$. Luminosity increases with time.

14.1.1 Lifetime of Nuclear Fusion

$$\begin{aligned}t &= \frac{E_{tot}}{L} = \frac{X\zeta Mc^2}{L} \\ \zeta_{pp} &= \frac{4m_p - m_{He}}{m_{He}} \approx 0.007 \\ t_{\odot} &= 10^{10} \text{ yrs} \\ L_{ms} &= L_{\odot} \left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{M} \right)^{\alpha} \\ t_{ms} &= \frac{X\zeta Mc^2}{L_{\odot}} \left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{M} \right)^{\alpha} \\ &= 10^{10} \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{M} \right)^{\alpha} \\ \therefore t_{ms} &= 10^{10} \left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{M} \right)^{\alpha-1}\end{aligned}$$

Lecture 15

15.1 Eddington Limit

$$\begin{aligned}L_{Edd} &= \frac{4\pi cGM}{\kappa}, M = 100M_{\odot}, \kappa = \kappa_{es} = 0.04 \text{ kg m}^{-2} \\ &= 3 \times 10^6 L_{\odot}\end{aligned}$$

15.2 Photodisintegration

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{max} &= \frac{2.9 \times 10^{-3}}{T}, E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \\ T_c &\geq 3 \times 10^9 K \implies E \geq 1 \text{ MeV}\end{aligned}$$

Last Days of Fusion

- Shell fusion
- Silicon to Iron in Core
- P_{core} = high

Endothermic Release

- Iron breaking down into Helium and Helium breaking down in protons and neutrons
- still shell fusion ongoing
- P_{core} = rapidly decreasing

Electron capture

- very high density
- shell fusion
- $p + e^- \implies n + \nu_e$
- P_{core} = rapidly decreasing
- neutrino burst

Rapid core collapse

- shell fusion
- $P_{core} \approx 0$

Core rebound

- shell fusion
- $\rho > 8 \times 10^{18} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$
- the strong force repels collapse and rebounds outwards

Supernova

- previous step drives supernova
- strong force drives high energy pushing
- generates a shock wave - more photodisintegration
- electron capture repeats and another neutrino burst
- nuclear synthesis of heavier elements, including beyond iron (endothermic)

Lecture 16 Lecture 16

16.1 Electron Degeneracy Pressure

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta x \Delta p_x &\approx \hbar \\ p_{min} &\approx \Delta p_x \approx \frac{\hbar}{\Delta x} \\ P &\approx \frac{1}{2} n_e p v \\ n_e &= \frac{\#e}{vol} = \frac{Z}{A} \frac{\rho}{m_H} \\ p_x &= \Delta p_x = \frac{\hbar}{\Delta x} \\ \Delta x &= n_e^{-1/3} \implies p_x = \hbar n_e^{1/3} \\ p^2 &= p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2 = 3p_x^2 \\ \implies p &= \sqrt{3} p_x = \sqrt{3} \hbar n_e^{1/3} \\ p &= m v = m_e v \\ \implies v &= \frac{p}{m_e} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{m_e} \hbar n_e^{1/3} \\ P &= \frac{1}{3} n_e p v \\ p &= \sqrt{3} \hbar \left[\left(\frac{Z}{A} \right) \frac{\rho}{m_H} \right]^{1/3} \\ v &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{m_e} \hbar \left[\left(\frac{Z}{A} \right) \frac{\rho}{m_H} \right]^{1/3} \\ \therefore P &= \frac{\hbar^2}{m_e} \left[\left(\frac{Z}{A} \right) \frac{\rho}{m_H} \right]^{5/3}\end{aligned}$$

16.2 White Dwarf Cooling

$$t_{cool} = \frac{E_{WD}}{L_{WD}} = \left(\frac{3kT_{c,WD}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{M_{WD}}{A m_H} \right) \left(\frac{1}{L_{WD}} \right)$$

Lecture 17

17.1 Rotation Period of Pulsars

Centripetal Acceleration = Gravitational Acceleration

$$\omega_{max}^2 R = \frac{GM}{R}$$

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

$$\omega_{max}^2 R = G \frac{4}{3}\pi R \rho$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{P}$$

$$\frac{4\pi^2}{P^2} R = \frac{4}{3}G\pi R \rho$$

$$P_{min} = \left(\frac{3\pi}{G\rho} \right)^{1/2}$$

17.2 Stellar Core Rotation

Conservation of angular momentum:

$$I_i \omega_i = I_f \omega_f, \quad I = CMR^2$$

$$CMR_i^2 \omega_i = CMR_f^2 \omega_f, \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{P}$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{P_f} = \frac{2\pi}{P_i} \left(\frac{R_i}{R_f} \right)^2$$

$$P_f = P_i \left(\frac{R_f}{R_i} \right)^2$$