

Convection... but first, some thermodynamics

We will need some derivatives for convection

specific heat

$$c_\alpha = \left( \frac{dq}{dT} \right)_\alpha \quad \text{where} \quad dq = de + P d\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right)$$

T units of erg/g

$$c_v = \left. \frac{dq}{dT} \right|_p = \left. \frac{\partial e}{\partial T} \right|_r$$

T specific volume

introducing specific enthalpy,  $h = e + \frac{P}{\rho}$

$$dh = de + d\left(\frac{P}{\rho}\right) = de + P d\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right) + \frac{1}{\rho} dP$$

$$\therefore dq = \left( dh - \frac{1}{\rho} dP \right)$$

$$\text{and } c_p = \left. \frac{dq}{dT} \right|_p = \left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial T} \right|_p$$

one can show that  $c_p - c_v = \frac{P}{\rho T} \frac{\chi_T^2}{\chi_p}$  ( note  $\chi_T = \chi_p = 1$   
for ideal gas  
 $\therefore c_p - c_v = \frac{k}{\mu m}$  )

$$\text{w/ } \chi_T \equiv \left. \frac{\partial \ln P}{\partial \ln T} \right|_p \quad \chi_p \equiv \left. \frac{\partial \ln P}{\partial \ln p} \right|_T$$

ratio of specific heats:  $\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$  — not necessarily constant

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Adiabatic exponents:

$$\Gamma_1 \equiv \left. \frac{2 \ln P}{2 \ln p} \right|_s \quad \text{--- we saw this in homework \#2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_2 - 1} = \left. \frac{2 \ln P}{2 \ln T} \right|_s \equiv \frac{1}{\nabla_{ad}}$$

$$\Gamma_3 - 1 = \left. \frac{2 \ln T}{2 \ln p} \right|_s \quad \text{--- you may have essentially computed this along the way to homework \#3's } P,$$

$$\nabla_{ad} = \frac{\Gamma_2 - 1}{\Gamma_2} = \frac{\Gamma_3 - 1}{\Gamma_1}$$

many more relations exist...

note that for an ideal monatomic gas,

$$\gamma = \Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2 = \Gamma_3$$

but this is not true in general

Note that if you are adiabatic, then your EOS can be written as

$$P = K \rho^{\Gamma_1}$$

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What about the sound speed?

we'll look at linear acoustics

The Euler equations appear as

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} = 0$$

(conservation of mass)

$$\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = 0$$

(conservation of momentum)

$$\frac{\partial(\rho E)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u E + u P)}{\partial x} = 0$$

(conservation of energy)

if we assume isentropic flow, then we can replace the energy equation by

$$P = K \rho^\gamma$$

expanding the first two, we have

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = 0$$

consider a stationary background w/ small perturbations

$$\rho = \rho_0 + \delta \rho$$

$$P = P_0 + \delta P$$

$$u = 0 + \delta u$$

To first order

$$(a) \quad \frac{\partial \delta p}{\partial t} + \rho_0 \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \delta P}{\partial x} = 0$$

eliminating  $\delta u$  by differentiating (a) wrt  $t$  and (b) wrt  $x$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \delta p}{\partial t^2} + \rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 \delta u}{\partial x \partial t} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \delta u}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial^2 \delta P}{\partial x^2} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{\partial^2 \delta p}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \delta P}{\partial x^2}$$

since we are isentropic,  $P(p, s) = P(p) \rightarrow p = K_p \Gamma_1$

$$\delta P = \Gamma_1 K_p^{\Gamma_1 - 1} \delta p = \frac{\Gamma_1 P}{p} \delta p$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 \delta P}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\Gamma_1 P}{p} \frac{\partial^2 \delta p}{\partial x^2}$$

this is a wave equation. We define  $c_s^2 \equiv \frac{\Gamma_1 P}{p}$  as the speed of sound

$$\therefore c_s = \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma_1 P}{p}}$$

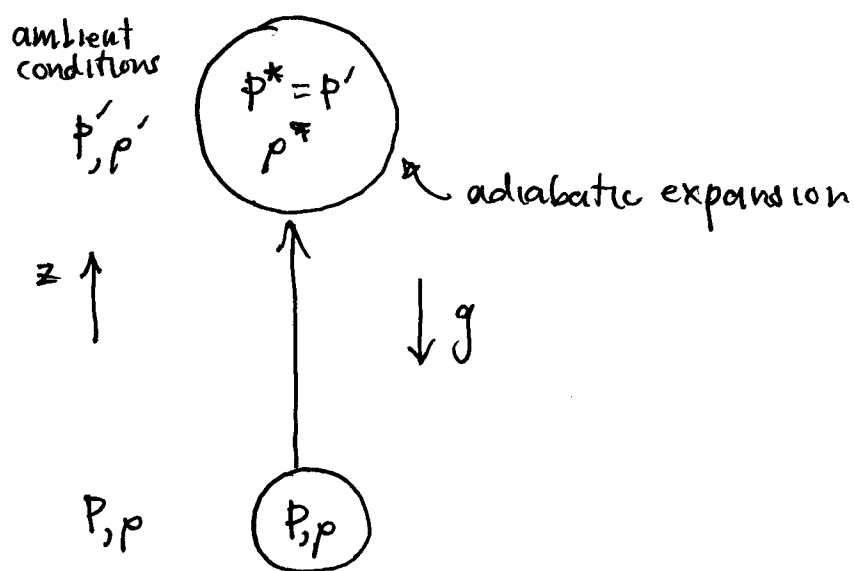
this admits propagating waves as solution (linear acoustic waves)

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Real convection is messy. We'll look at the idealized case and look for a condition for a fluid parcel to be convectively unstable.

This is different than HKT's approach (we follow Choudhuri and C&O)

Q: If we displace a fluid parcel upwards, will it continue to rise?



if the motion is adiabatic, then the fluid parcel always remains in pressure equilibrium w/ its surroundings

Adiabatic expansion implies  $P = K \rho^{\Gamma_1}$

$\therefore$  after rising, the new density is

$$\rho^* = \rho \left( \frac{P'}{P} \right)^{1/\Gamma_1}$$

writing  $P' = P + \frac{dP}{dr} \Delta r$ , we have

$$\rho^* = \rho \left[ 1 + \frac{\Delta r}{P} \frac{dP}{dr} \right]^{1/\Gamma_1} \sim \rho + \frac{\rho}{\Gamma_1 P} \frac{dP}{dr} \Delta r \quad (\text{for } \Delta r \ll H)$$

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 scale height

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How does the ambient density vary?

$$\rho' = \rho + \frac{d\rho}{dr} \Delta r$$

To make further progress we'll assume an ideal gas (we'll relax this later)

$$\rho = \frac{\mu m P}{kT} \quad (\rho = \rho(T, P))$$

We also take  $\mu$  as constant — much more complicated behavior results if  $\mu$  varies

$$\frac{d\rho}{dr} = \left. \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial P} \right|_T \frac{dP}{dr} + \left. \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \right|_P \frac{dT}{dr}$$

$$= \frac{\mu m}{kT} \frac{dP}{dr} - \frac{\mu m P}{kT^2} \frac{dT}{dr}$$

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

$$\therefore \rho' = \rho + \left\{ \frac{\rho}{P} \frac{dP}{dr} - \frac{\rho}{T} \frac{dT}{dr} \right\} \Delta r$$

Our parcel will continue to rise as long as it is buoyant, at its new height

convective instability:  $\rho^* - \rho' < 0$

$$\rho^* - \rho' = \frac{\rho}{\gamma P} \frac{dP}{dr} \Delta r - \left\{ \frac{\rho}{P} \frac{dP}{dr} - \frac{\rho}{T} \frac{dT}{dr} \right\} \Delta r$$

$$= \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\gamma} - 1 \right) \frac{\rho}{P} \frac{dP}{dr} + \frac{\rho}{T} \frac{dT}{dr} \right] \Delta r$$

note:  $\Delta r > 0$   
since we displaced upward

$$\therefore \left( \frac{1}{\gamma} - 1 \right) \frac{\rho}{P} \frac{dP}{dr} < - \frac{\rho}{T} \frac{dT}{dr}$$

7 Note that both  $\frac{dP}{dr}$  and  $\frac{dT}{dr} < 0$ .

$\therefore$  we can write this as

$$\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right| > \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{T}{P} \left| \frac{dP}{dr} \right| \quad \left( \text{using } \left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right| = - \frac{dT}{dr}, \dots \right)$$

Essentially, this is saying that if the temperature profile in the star is steep, then we are unstable to convection.

How does this compare to an adiabatic  $\frac{dT}{dr}$ ?

start w/  $\frac{dP}{dr} = \frac{P}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dr} + \frac{P}{T} \frac{dT}{dr}$  (remember, we are still assuming an ideal gas)

but also, if we are adiabatic, then

$$P = K \rho^\gamma, \text{ so (using 8)}$$

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

$$\therefore \frac{dP}{dr} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{dP}{dr} + \frac{P}{T} \frac{dT}{dr}$$

$$\text{or } \left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{T}{P} \frac{dP}{dr}$$

$\overline{T}$  We use the 'ad' subscript to indicate this was derived under adiabatic conditions

so we have

$$\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right| > \left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} \text{ for convection to take place}$$

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The adiabatic temperature gradient is the temperature profile we realize if the star has constant entropy

$$\left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}\right) \frac{T}{P} \frac{dP}{dr}$$

We are comparing the actual temperature gradient in the star,  $\frac{dT}{dr}$ , to the adiabatic gradient.

$$\text{if } \left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right| > \left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dT}{dr} < \left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad}$$

then convection takes place (we are convectively unstable)

This means that very steep temperature gradients lead to convection.

Often, if we are convecting, then it will dominate, and radiation will not be significant (except near the surface)

Convection is also very efficient, so if  $\frac{dT}{dr} < \left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad}$ , then convection can typically carry the entire stellar luminosity  $L$ .



9. What about a real gas?

$$\text{We had } p^* = p + \frac{p}{\Gamma_1 p} \frac{dp}{dr} \Delta r$$

$$\text{and } p' = p + \frac{dp}{dr} \Delta r$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{dp}{dr} &= \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial T} \right|_p \frac{dT}{dr} + \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial p} \right|_T \frac{dp}{dr} \\ &= \frac{p}{T} \chi_T \frac{dT}{dr} + \frac{p}{p} \chi_p \frac{dp}{dr} \end{aligned}$$

Note for  $\chi$ , we can think of this as  $p = p_0 p^{\chi_p} T^{\chi_T}$

$$\therefore \frac{dp}{dr} = \frac{1}{\chi_p} \frac{p}{p} \left( \frac{dp}{dr} - \frac{p}{T} \chi_T \frac{dT}{dr} \right)$$

$$\text{so } p' = p + \left\{ \frac{p}{\chi_p p} \frac{dp}{dr} - \frac{p}{T} \frac{\chi_T}{\chi_p} \frac{dT}{dr} \right\} \Delta r$$

and convection again results if

$$p^* - p' < 0$$

$$p^* - p' = \left\{ \frac{p}{\Gamma_1 p} \frac{dp}{dr} - \frac{p}{\chi_p p} \frac{dp}{dr} + \frac{p}{T} \frac{\chi_T}{\chi_p} \frac{dT}{dr} \right\} \Delta r$$

so we require

$$\frac{p}{p} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma_1} - \frac{1}{\chi_p} \right] \frac{dp}{dr} < - \frac{p}{T} \frac{\chi_T}{\chi_p} \frac{dT}{dr}$$

$$\text{or } \left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right| > \frac{T}{p} \left( \frac{1}{\chi_p} - \frac{1}{\Gamma_1} \right) \frac{\chi_p}{\chi_T} \left| \frac{dp}{dr} \right|$$

$\uparrow$   
actual

What is

$$\left( \frac{1}{\chi_p} - \frac{1}{\Gamma_1} \right) \frac{\chi_p}{\chi_T} ?$$

$$= \left( 1 - \frac{\chi_p}{\Gamma_1} \right) \frac{1}{\chi_T}$$

but HKT Eq 3.98 says  $\Gamma_1 = \chi_T(\Gamma_2 - 1) + \chi_p$

$$\therefore 1 - \frac{\chi_p}{\Gamma_1} = \chi_T \frac{\Gamma_2 - 1}{\Gamma_1} = \chi_T \nabla_{ad}$$

so we have

$$\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right| > \frac{T}{P} \nabla_{ad} \left| \frac{dP}{dr} \right| = \frac{T}{P} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\Gamma_2} \right) \left| \frac{dP}{dr} \right|$$

or

$$\frac{dT}{dr} < \frac{T}{P} \nabla_{ad} \frac{dP}{dr}$$

but since  $\nabla_{ad} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial \ln T}{\partial \ln P} \right|_s$ , we have

$$\frac{T}{P} \left. \frac{\partial \ln T}{\partial \ln P} \right|_s \frac{dP}{dr} = \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial P} \right|_s \frac{dP}{dr} = \left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad}$$

so, again we find that

$$\frac{dT}{dr} < \left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} \text{ for convection}$$

$\left( \left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right| > \left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} \right)$  — steeper than adiabatic gradient needed

Playing around some more, we have

$$\frac{dT}{dr} < \frac{T}{P} \nabla_{ad} \frac{dP}{dr} \quad \left( \text{since } \frac{dT}{dr} < 0 \text{ and } \frac{dP}{dr} < 0 \right)$$

or

$$\frac{P}{T} \frac{dT}{dP} > \nabla_{ad} \quad \left( \text{inequality switches direction because we divided by } dP/dr < 0 \right)$$

or

$$\nabla > \nabla_{ad} \quad \text{for convection!}$$

This was all idealized!

neglected:

- overshoot
- composition gradients
- radiative leakage
- turbulence
- semi-convection
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Note that for an isothermal atmosphere,

$$\nabla = \frac{d \log T}{d \log P} = \frac{(d \log T / dr)}{(d \log P / dr)} = \frac{0}{(d \log P / dr)} = 0$$

$\therefore$  an isothermal atmosphere is not convective

Consider

$$L = - \frac{16\pi a c r^2}{3k_p} T^3 \frac{dT}{dr} \quad (\text{radiation transfer})$$

Notice that:

- if  $\kappa$  is really large, then  $\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|$  also must be large to carry the same  $L$
- if  $L$  is large, then  $\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|$  must be large to carry the energy radiatively

but  $\frac{dT}{dr}$  cannot grow without bound — convection kicks in  
— it is an instability

We can also see (show) that convection arises when you have high entropy material beneath low entropy material.

Efficient convection will tend to make the region isentropic ( $s = \text{constant}$ )

Also note: when convection is operating, and nuclear products are created, they will be distributed throughout the convective zone.

Adiabatic T gradient for an ideal gas

$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} &= - \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{T}{P} \left| \frac{dP}{dr} \right| \\ &= - \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{\mu m_0}{p k} P |g| \\ &= - \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{\mu m_0}{K} \frac{GM}{r^2}\end{aligned}$$

now, recall  $\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$  and  $c_p - c_v = \frac{k}{\mu m_0}$  (both for ideal gas)

then

$$\left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} = - \left( 1 - \frac{c_v}{c_p} \right) \frac{1}{c_p - c_v} |g| = - \frac{|g|}{c_p}$$

regions where ionization is occurring have a large  $c_p$   
— ionization means that  $dT$  does not rise as fast  
as  $de$ , since some of  $e$  goes into ionization

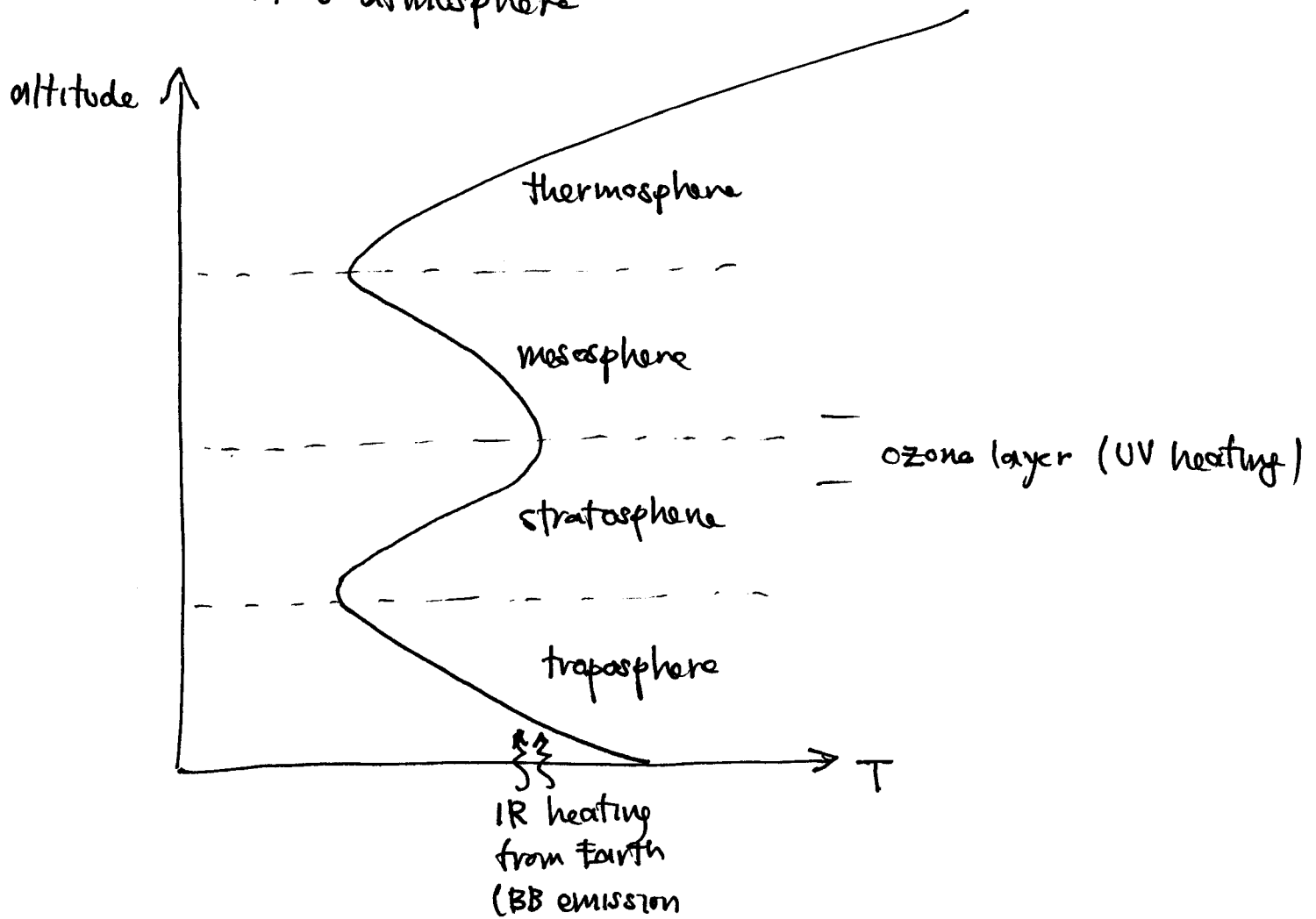
$\therefore c_x \sim \frac{\partial e}{\partial T}$  increases

then ionization means large  $c_p$  and  $\therefore$  small  $\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad}$

— convection becomes easier

Finally,  $\frac{dT}{dr}$  can be large for energy generation rates that are very  $T$  sensitive — e.g. CNO or  $3-\alpha$

# Aside: Earth's atmosphere



troposphere:  $\frac{dT}{dr} < 0$  and  $\frac{dP}{dr} < 0$  and is convectively unstable  
HSE

stratosphere:  $\frac{dT}{dr} > 0$  and  $\frac{dP}{dr} < 0$  making  
 $\nabla \equiv \frac{d \log T}{d \log P} < 0$  — convectively stable

We can have weather in the troposphere because of convection (allows cloud formation)

What now?

We've only shown that an instability exists.

It's easy to see that the fluid element can transport heat.

Conservation of mass requires both upward (hot) and downward (cooler) bubbles — a complex overturning motion.

To incorporate these ideas into our stellar models, we need a way of finding the  $dT/dr$  necessary to carry the luminosity — this will replace or augment the radiation equation

∴ we need to find the convective flux



## mixing length theory (MLT)

- this is heuristic model for describing convection in stellar evolution codes.

Here MLT is a local process that can provide an estimate for the convective flux

Note: real life is 3-d — convection is characterized by overturning fluid motions carrying the energy.

We'll consider a simple idealized description of MLT to get a flavor (following C&O)

convection results if  $\rho^* < \rho'$  (bubble remains buoyant)

$$\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right| - \left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} > 0$$

↑ actual

$$\frac{dT}{dr} - \frac{dT}{dr} \Big|_{ad} < 0$$

define  $\delta T \equiv \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \Big|_{ad} - \frac{dT}{dr} \right) dr = \delta \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \right) dr$  (some texts write  $\Delta \nabla$ )

$\delta T > 0$  means superadiabatic  $\rightarrow$  convection

Assume that our bubble rises a distance

$$l = \alpha H$$

$\downarrow$  scale height

at which point it dissipates and gives its excess heat to the surrounding fluid

$l$  is the mixing length

$\alpha$  is a parameter, assumed  $\alpha \sim 1$

The exchange of heat to the surroundings is at constant pressure, so

$$\delta Q = (c_p \delta T) \rho$$

$\downarrow$  heat release/volume

taking  $dr \sim l$  and assuming a velocity of the convective bubble  $\bar{v}_c$ , the heat flux (convective flux) is

$$F_c = \delta Q \bar{v}_c \quad (\text{energy / time / area})$$

$$= c_p \delta T \underbrace{\rho \bar{v}_c}_{\text{mass flux}}$$

We estimate  $\bar{v}_c$  from the forces on the bubble

$$\delta P = \frac{P}{\rho} \delta \rho + \frac{P}{T} \delta T \quad (\text{ignoring } \mu)$$

$$\text{but } \delta P = P_{\text{bubble}} - P_{\text{ambient}} = 0$$

$$\therefore \delta \rho = - \frac{\rho}{T} \delta T$$

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The buoyant force is

$$f_{\text{buoy}} = -g \frac{\rho}{T} \text{ difference wrt background}$$

$$= + \frac{\rho g}{T} \delta T$$

since the bubble starts out nearly in equilibrium wrt the surroundings,  $f_{\text{buoy}} \sim 0$  initially

Averaging over initial and final,

$$\langle f_{\text{buoy}} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{2} \frac{\rho g}{T} \delta T_f$$

The work goes into kinetic energy:

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho v_f^2 = \langle f_{\text{buoy}} \rangle d$$

$$\therefore \bar{v}_c \sim \left( \frac{2 \beta \langle f_{\text{buoy}} \rangle d}{\rho} \right)^{1/2}$$

$\beta$  is some parameter representing how  $v^2$  changes over a mixing length:  $0 < \beta < 1$

taking  $dr = d$

$$\bar{v}_c \sim \left( \beta \frac{g}{T} \delta T d \right)^{1/2} \sim \left( \beta \frac{g}{T} s \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \right) \right)^{1/2} d \propto H$$

The flux is then

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_c &= c_p \delta T \rho v_c \\
 &= c_p \delta T \rho \left[ \beta \frac{g}{T} \delta \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \right) \right]^{1/2} \ell \\
 &= c_p \left[ \delta \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \right) \ell \right] \rho \left[ \beta \frac{g}{T} \delta \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \right) \right]^{1/2} \ell \\
 &= c_p \rho \left( \frac{\beta g}{T} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \delta \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \right) \right]^{3/2} \alpha^2 H^2 \\
 &\sim \rho c_p \beta^{1/2} \left( \frac{T}{g} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{k}{\mu m_J} \right)^2 \alpha^2 \left[ \delta \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \right) \right]^{3/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{recall} \\ H \sim \frac{P}{\rho g} = \frac{kT}{\mu m_J g} \end{array} \right]$$

Note the strong dependence on  $\delta \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \right)$  and  $\alpha$

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Let's estimate  $\delta\left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right)$  in the Sun

Imagine all flux is carried by convection

$$F_c = \frac{L(r)}{4\pi r^2} = \rho c_p \beta^{1/2} \left(\frac{T}{g}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{k}{\mu m_u}\right)^2 \alpha^2 \left[\delta\left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right)\right]^{3/2}$$

$$\therefore \delta\left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right) = \left[ \frac{L}{4\pi r^2} \left(\frac{\mu m_u}{k}\right)^2 \left(\frac{g}{T}\right)^{3/2} \beta^{-1/2} \frac{1}{\rho c_p \alpha^2} \right]^{2/3}$$

To get a feel for how superadiabatic we need to be, recall from before

$$\left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} = - \frac{g}{c_p}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\delta\left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right)}{\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad}} = \left( \frac{L}{4\pi r^2} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{\mu m_u}{k} \right)^{4/3} \frac{1}{T} \beta^{-1/3} \frac{1}{(\rho \alpha^2)^{2/3}} c_p^{1/3}$$

Take  $\alpha \sim \beta \sim 1$

the convective zone is in the outer part of the Sun — most of the mass is enclosed,

$$\therefore M \sim 1 M_\odot$$

$$L \sim 1 L_\odot \text{ — all energy generated in core}$$

$$r \sim 0.75 R_\odot$$

$$c_p = \frac{5}{2} \frac{k}{\mu m_u}$$

$$p \sim 3 \times 10^{13} \text{ dyn/cm}^2$$

$$\rho \sim 0.1 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\mu \sim 0.6$$

$$T \sim 1.8 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$$

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Putting in these numbers

$$\left. \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad} \sim 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ K cm}^{-1}$$

$$s\left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right) \sim 8 \times 10^{-11} \text{ K cm}^{-1}$$

$\therefore$  the amount by which the T gradient needs to be superadiabatic is

$$\frac{s\left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right)}{\left| \frac{dT}{dr} \right|_{ad}} \sim 6 \times 10^{-7}$$

$\therefore$  in stellar interiors taking the T gradient to be adiabatic is usually a good approx

Our equations for stellar structure are now

$$\frac{dr}{dM} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dM} = -\frac{GM}{4\pi r^4}$$

$$\frac{dL}{dM} = \epsilon$$

$$\frac{dT}{dM} = -\frac{3}{4ac} \frac{\bar{\kappa}}{T^3} \frac{L(r)}{(4\pi r^2)^2} \quad (\text{radiation})$$

- or -

$$\frac{dT}{dM} = \frac{T}{P} \nabla_{\text{ad}} \frac{dP}{dM} \quad (\text{convection})$$

↑ we'll use this when  $\nabla \geq \nabla_{\text{ad}}$   
(in fact this just says  $\nabla = \nabla_{\text{ad}}$ )

└ We could instead use  
the actual expression  
from MLT here ┘

Note: these are time-independent

real stars have time dependent

- if evolution is slow, we can make snapshots, change composition, new snapshot, ...

Later we'll look at some of the time-dependent terms