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Simplified Stellar Model

Newton's Gravitation

$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{dr} = -G \frac{\mathcal{M}(r)\rho(r)}{r^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{M}}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) \quad (2)$$

Total Energy

$$E_T = \sum_i \left(m_i + \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} \right) + E_g + E_\gamma$$

$$E_g = -G \int_0^R \frac{\mathcal{M}(r)\rho(r)}{r} 4\pi r^2 dr$$

Integrating (1) by parts:

$$3\bar{\mathcal{P}}V = \frac{3}{5}G \frac{M^2}{R_g}$$

where we have defined, R_g ,
gravitational radius :

$$R_g = -\frac{\frac{3}{5}GM^2}{E_g}$$

$$R_g \sim 0.37R_\odot$$

Star \sim Ideal Gas

- $N\bar{T} = \bar{\mathcal{P}}V$
- $\langle K \rangle = \frac{3}{2}N\bar{T}$

$$c = 1, \hbar = 1, k_b = 1$$

Combining all together:

$$E_T = \sum_i m_i - \frac{3}{10} G \frac{M^2}{R_g} + E_\gamma$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= -\frac{dE_T}{dt} \\ &= -\left(\frac{d\mathcal{M}_{\text{rest}}}{dt} + \frac{3}{10} G \frac{M^2}{R_g^2} \frac{dR_g}{dt} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{dE_\gamma}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$L > 0$

$\frac{dE_\gamma}{dt} < 0 \rightarrow \gamma$ Diffusion

$\frac{d\mathcal{M}_{\text{rest}}}{dt} < 0 \rightarrow$ Exothermic Reactions

$\frac{dR_g}{dt} < 0 \rightarrow$ Contraction

- Nuclear energy production increases
 $\Rightarrow T$ increases locally
 \Rightarrow Expansion (reduces T)
 \Rightarrow reaction rate decreases.
- Nuclear production decreases
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ decreases
 \Rightarrow Contraction.
 $\Rightarrow T$ increases
 \Rightarrow reaction rate increases.

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Star life-time

Gravitational time scale

$$\frac{GM^2}{R} \sim L\tau_g$$

$$\tau_g \sim \frac{GM^2}{RL}$$

In the case of the sun:

$$\tau_g \sim \frac{GM_{\odot}^2}{R_{\odot}L_{\odot}} \sim 3 \times 10^9 \text{y}$$

Non-Gravitational Energy

$$E_{n-g} = \mathcal{M} - \frac{GM^2}{R}$$

$$E_{n-g} \odot \sim 1.78 \times 10^{54} \text{erg}$$

Nuclear time scale



Binding Energy (${}^4\text{He}$) \sim **28MeV**
 Fraction of mass converted into energy:

$$\epsilon = \frac{28.28\text{MeV}}{4 \times 938.27\text{MeV}} \sim 0.7\%$$

Again for the sun (having about 10% H):

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{nuc} &\simeq 0.1 \times 0.007 \frac{1.78 \times 10^{54}}{3.846 \times 10^{33}} \text{s} \\ &\simeq 10^{10} \text{y} \end{aligned}$$

Some Numbers

Natural Units:

$$\hbar c = 197.33 \text{ MeV} \times \text{fm} = 1$$

Temperature ($k_b = 1$):

$$1 \text{ MeV} = 1.1604 \times 10^{10} \text{ K}$$

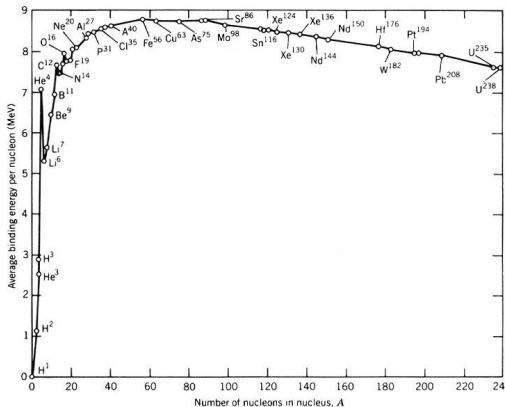
| Quantity | Value | |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| G | $6.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3/\text{gs}^2$ | |
| M_\odot | $1.99 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}$ | $1.12 \times 10^{60} \text{ MeV}$ |
| R_\odot | $6.96 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}$ | |
| L_\odot | $3.846 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$ | |
| T_\odot^c | $1.5 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$ | $\sim 10^{-3} \text{ MeV}$ |
| ρ_\odot | 150 g/cm^3 | |
| ρ_0 | $3 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$ | $\sim 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ |

Stellar Evolution

Nuclear Reactions

- ① $p + p \rightarrow \text{He}$
- ② $4\text{He}, {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \text{C and O}$
- ③ $\text{C, O and He} \rightarrow \text{Ne and Mg}$
- ④ $\text{Mg} + \text{He} \rightarrow {}^{28}\text{Si}$
- ⑤ $\text{Si} \rightarrow \text{Fe}$ (This lasts days).

Depending on Star's Mass.



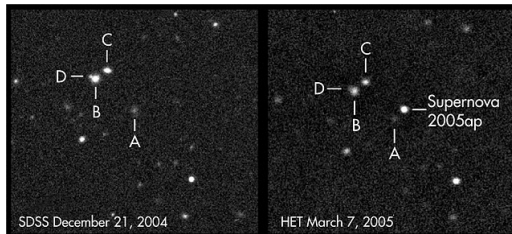
Formation of Compact Objects

Low mass Stars: $\sim 1M_{\odot}$

- Burns He.
- Sheds some mass.
- Never gets hot enough to burn C or O. Only until stage 2.
- Electron degeneracy provides pressure.
- No explosion.
- Remnant is a White Dwarf.

Massive Stars: $M \geq 8M_{\odot}$

- Burns all the way to Fe (gets to stage 5).
- Fe core collapses \leftrightarrow Core Collapse supernovae.
- Remnant is a Neutron Star or a Black Hole.



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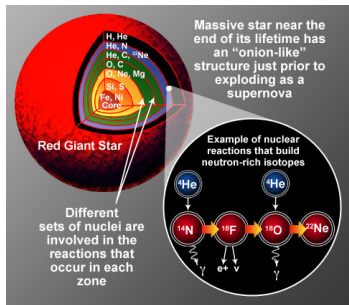
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Gravitational Collapse

$$M > 8M_{\odot}$$

More or less close:

| Name | Year | Distance[kpc] |
|--------------|------|---------------|
| SN1006 | 1006 | 2 |
| Crab | 1054 | 2.2 |
| SN1181 | 1181 | 8.0 |
| RXJ0852-4642 | 1300 | ~0.2 |
| Tycho | 1572 | 7.0 |
| Kepler | 1604 | 10.0 |
| CasA | 1680 | 3.4 |
| SN1987A | 1987 | 50 ± 5 |

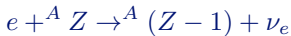


Structure of a massive star.

Before collapsing

- $\rho \sim 2 \times 10^9 \text{g/cm}^3$.
- $T \sim 0.5 \text{MeV} \sim 5 \times 10^9 \text{K}$.
- Planet size: $R \sim 20 \text{km}$.
- Proto-neutron Star: hot and lepton rich.

- Proto-neutron star is hot and lepton-rich.
- Iron core grows.
- Collapse to $3 \times 10^{14} \text{g/cm}^3$.
- Density is high enough to drive electron capture



- In chemical equilibrium

$$E_\nu \sim \mu_\nu$$

$$\mu_e + \mu_n = \mu_p + E_\nu$$

- e^- captures decreasing Y_e
(and $n_e = Y_e n_b$)

- Delicate balance between pressure and gravity

- $\mathcal{P} \sim n_e^{4/3}$

- Electron fraction:

$$Y_e = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{H} \\ 1/2 & {}^4\text{He}, {}^{12}\text{C}, {}^{16}\text{O} \\ 26/56 & {}^{56}\text{Fe} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow Y_e$ goes lower than $1/2$

Y_e too small to fail...

If ν s continue to escape, Y_e gets too small (not enough \mathcal{P}) \Rightarrow collapse to **Black Hole**.

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ν s do not leave that fast

$\lambda_\nu := \nu$ mean free path.

$n_b :=$ number baryon density.

$\sigma :=$ cross section

$$\lambda_\nu = \frac{1}{n_b \sigma(E)}$$

$\nu + {}^A Z$

Coherent Scattering

$\nu +$ Spin zero Nucleus.

- Assume contact interaction.
- Elastic process.
- Assume Q is small.
- $Q^2 = 2E_\nu^2(1 - \cos \theta)$

q_n and q_p are weak charges of the neutron and the proton.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\theta) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi^2} E_\nu^2 (1 + \cos \theta) q_A^2 F(Q^2)$$

$q_A :=$ Nucleus weak charge.

$F(Q^2) :=$ Nucleus form factor.

$$F(Q^2) = \frac{1}{q_A} \int d\mathbf{r} e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} (q_n n_n(\mathbf{r}) + q_p n_p(\mathbf{r}))$$

Cross section

$q_W :=$ Weak charge $=$ Weak Isospin $- 2 \sin^2 \theta_W q_{em}$

$$q_u = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W$$

$$q_d = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W$$

$$q_p = 2q_u + q_d = \frac{1}{2} - 2 \sin^2 \theta_W$$

$$q_n = 2q_d + q_u = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Since $\sin^2 \theta_W \sim 1/2$ then $q_p \sim 0$

Nucleus total weak charge

$$q_A \sim -\frac{1}{2} \times (A - Z) = -\frac{N}{2}$$

Nucleus Form Factor

For small momentum transfer: $Q \times \text{Nucleus Size} \ll 1$:

$$F(Q^2) \sim 1$$

ν s mean free path

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\theta) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi^2} E_\nu^2 (1 + \cos\theta) q_A^2 F(Q^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{tr} &= \int d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} (1 - \cos\theta) \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \frac{G_F^2}{\pi} E_\nu^2 \frac{N^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Consider Iron core:

^{56}Fe , $N = 30$

$G_F = 1.16 \times 10^{-11} \text{MeV}^{-2}$ and
 $E_\nu \sim 10 \text{MeV}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{tr} &= 6.4 \times 10^{-19} \text{MeV}^{-2} \\ &= 2.49 \times 10^{-13} \text{fm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

... baryon number density is:

$$\begin{aligned} n_b &= \rho_b \frac{N_A}{56\text{g}} \\ &= 10^{12} \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23}}{56\text{g}} \\ &\sim 1.07 \times 10^{-5} \text{fm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

ν trapping

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_\nu &= \frac{1}{n_b \sigma_{tr}} \sim 3.7 \times 10^{18} \text{fm} \\ &= 3.7 \text{km} < R_{NS} \end{aligned}$$

Questions from last time

- ① **Simplest stellar model**, E_γ counts only photons that do not come from nuclear reactions.
- ② **Star life-time** Had a typo: should be **10% Hydrogen**. This is the amount of H available to burn in the sun.
- ③ **Stellar Evolution** Where the ${}^3\text{He}$ comes from in stellar reactions?
 \Rightarrow For all pp chains:



from here different possible paths could produce ${}^4\text{He}$, different pp -chains, all of them destroy ${}^3\text{He}$.

- ④ **νs role** Why that form for the differential cross section?

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\theta) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi^2} E_\nu^2 (1 + \cos\theta) q_A^2 F(Q^2)$$

Original paper by Freedman (PRD **9** 1389 (1974))

- Since ν s still in the star.
- Y_e does not fall as fast (**e -capture is suppressed**),
 ⇒ This prevents the collapse to happen faster.
- ν s are radiated from the proto-neutron star ($\tau_\nu \sim \text{s}$),
BUT timescale of the collapse is ms ⇒ ν s are trapped.
- The supporting pressure is still decreasing.
- When $\rho_{\text{core}} > \rho_0$, $\rho_0 = 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$
 the outer core free-falls onto inner core.
- The hard core repulsion makes the core to bounce
 ⇒ a shock wave is generated.
- Shock losses its energy through scattering with ν and nuclear processes.
- ν s from the core (assisted by other mechanisms) resuscitate the shock (**no conclusive**),
 ⇒ expelling the massive stellar mantle.
- Proto-neutron star shrinks because of the losses of neutrinos

Role of Supernovae

Energy released in ν s:

$$\delta E = \left(-G \frac{\mathcal{M}_{GS}}{R_{GS}} \right) - \left(-G \frac{\mathcal{M}_{NS}}{R_{NS}} \right) \simeq 10^{53} \text{ erg.}$$



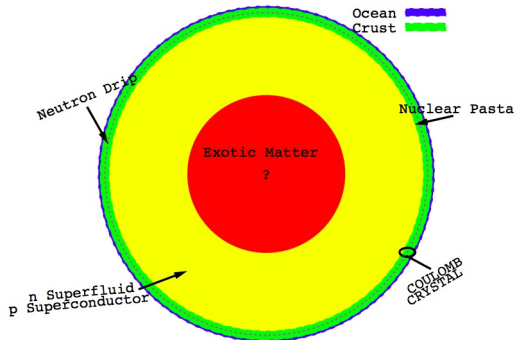
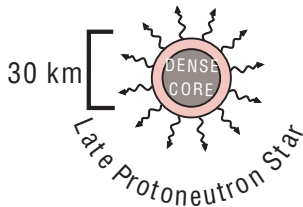
Hubble image of the crab nebulae.

Image from NASA.

Expanding ejecta from the explosion
in 1054.

- Stellar Nucleosynthesis.
(Abundances).
- Trigger star formation.
- Accelerate cosmic rays.
- Important source of ν s.
- The remnant is either a Neutron Star or a Black hole.
- Type Ia can be used as standard ruler for astronomy.

Supernovae Remnant \Rightarrow Neutron Star



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Weeks after the explosion, $T \sim 10^9 - 10^{10}$ K.

$$C_V(T_i) \frac{dT_i}{dt} = -L_\nu(T_i) - L_\gamma(T_s) + \sum_k H_k$$

- In 10 to 10^2 years heat is transported by electrons into the interior, where it is radiated away in ν s.
- $T_i \neq T_s$.

$$C_V = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 c_v T_i$$

$$L_\nu(T_i) = \int Q_\nu dr$$

$$L_\gamma(T_s) = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_s^4$$

By then the star is in thermal equilibrium.

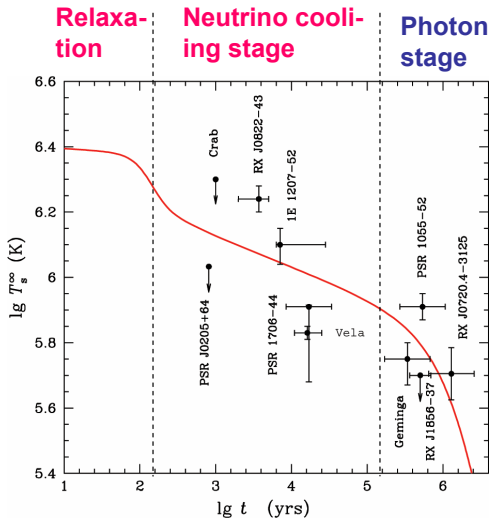
T_i := Internal temperature.

T_s := Surface temperature.

H_k := Heating mechanisms (frictional heating of superfluid neutrons in the inner crust or exothermal nuclear reactions.)

Q_ν := Neutrino emissivity

Cooling Timescales



Red line is model of Modified Urca (slow cooling) by Yakovlev & Pethick (2004)

ν cooling- emissivity

Q_ν := ν emissivity

- Depends on specific reactions (microphysics).
- In general two forms are found:

$$Q_\nu^1 = Q_1 T_i^8$$

$$Q_\nu^2 = Q_2 T_i^6$$

- From where the ν luminosity is:

$$L_\nu^1 = \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} Q_1 T_i^8$$

$$L_\nu^2 = \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} Q_2 T_i^6$$

In the ν - cooling era: $L_\nu \ll L_\gamma$
 Neglect other processes ($H_k \sim 0$).

$$C_V(T_i) \frac{dT_i}{dt} = -L_\nu(T_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} Q_1 T_i^8 \\ \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} Q_2 T_i^6 \end{cases}$$

from where we find:

$$T_i \sim \begin{cases} t^{-1/6}, & \text{for } L_\nu^1 \\ t^{-1/4}, & \text{for } L_\nu^2 \end{cases}$$

$L_\nu^1 \Rightarrow$ slow cooling.

$L_\nu^2 \Rightarrow$ fast cooling.

But how to relate T_s and T_i ?

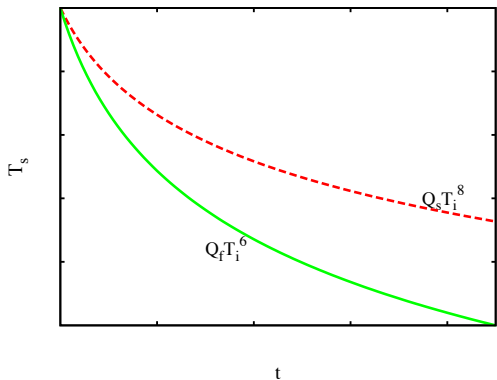
T_i and T_s

Assume a power law:

$$T_s = \kappa_{\text{env}} T_i^{\frac{1}{2} + a}$$

- Here κ_{env} and a depend on the composition of the envelope.
- It has been found $a \ll 1$ for most of the proposed compositions.
- Then from previous slide:

$$T_s \sim \begin{cases} t^{-1/12}, & \text{for } L_\nu^1 \\ t^{-1/8}, & \text{for } L_\nu^2 \end{cases}$$



ν emission processes

At high densities

| Name | Process | Q_ν [erg/cm ³ s] | L_ν [erg/s] |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dir. Urca | $n \rightarrow p + e + \bar{\nu}_e$ | $\simeq 10^{27} T_9^6$ | $10^{46} T_9^6$ |
| | $p + e \rightarrow n + \nu_e$ | | |
| Quark Urca | $d \rightarrow u + e + \bar{\nu}_e$ | $\simeq 10^{26} \alpha_c T_9^6$ | $10^{41-42} T_9^6$ |
| | $u + e \rightarrow d + \nu_e$ | | |
| Kaon Condensate | $n + K^- \rightarrow n + e + \bar{\nu}_e$ | $\simeq 10^{24} T_9^6$ | $10^{42} T_9^6$ |
| | $n + e \rightarrow n + K^- + \nu_e$ | | |
| Pion condensate | $n + \pi^- \rightarrow n + e + \bar{\nu}_e$ | $\simeq 10^{26} T_9^6$ | $10^{44} T_9^6$ |
| | $n + e \rightarrow n + \pi^- + \nu_e$ | | |

At any density

| Name | Process | Q_ν [erg/cm ³ s] | L_ν [erg/s] |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mod. Urca | $n + n' \rightarrow n' + p + e + \bar{\nu}_e$ | $\simeq 10^{20} T_9^8$ | $10^{40} T_9^8$ |
| | $p + e + n' \rightarrow n' + n + \nu_e$ | | |
| Bremsstrahlung | $N + N \rightarrow N + N + \nu_\ell + \bar{\nu}_\ell$ | $\simeq 10^{20} T_9^8$ | $10^{38} T_9^8$ |

$$T_n = \frac{T}{10^n \text{K}}$$

Checking the Urca

Direct Urca

$$n \rightarrow p + e + \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$p + e \rightarrow n + \nu_e$$

Effectively:

$$n \rightarrow n + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$$

Charge Neutrality

Since gravitational attraction should win against Coulomb repulsion:

$$\frac{Ze^2}{R} \leq \frac{G(Am_b)m}{R}$$

Then net charge number:

$$Z \leq \begin{cases} 10^{-39} A, & \text{electron added} \\ 10^{-36} A, & \text{proton added} \end{cases}$$

- Composition does not change, $Y_e = \text{const.}$
- $n_p = n_e$ (charge neutrality).
- But if n_p is too small since:

$$p_p = (3\pi^2 n_p)^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_p \text{ \& } p_e, \text{ are too small.}$$
- Direct Urca could only occur at high densities.

Next

- Finalize review on Cooling of Neutron Stars.
- Pulsars as Neutron Stars.
- Period of rotation, speed of sound, and causality.
- Uniform Nuclear Matter.
- Equation of State for Nuclear matter.
- Beta Equilibrium.
- Size and Mass. (Chandrasekar limit).
- Overview

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