

NOTES: CH 4 & 5

POLYTROPIC & ENERGY TRANSPORT

SUMMARY PREVIOUS CLASS

EQUATION OF STATE (EOS) FOR STARS
LOCAL THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM + IDEAL GAS

$$P = P(\rho, T, X)$$

relation with internal energy (for both gas & photons)

non relativistic case

$$U = \frac{3}{2}P$$

gas in Main Sequence
(MS) stars and protons
in WDs

ultra relativistic case

$$U = 3P$$

photons
electrons in massive WD

in general

$$U = \phi P$$

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EQUATION OF STATE (EOS) FOR STARS LOCAL THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM + IDEAL GAS

$$P = P(\rho, T, X)$$

classical limit: NR & R

$$P_{\text{gas}} = nk_{\text{b}}T = \frac{R}{\mu}\rho T$$

stars on the main
sequence

degenerate gas $T=0$

$$P_{\text{gas,d}} = K_{\text{nr}} \rho^{5/3}$$

$$P_{\text{gas,d}} = K_{\text{ur}} \rho^{4/3}$$

white dwarfs &
cores of late
stage stars

radiation

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{3}aT^4$$

black body
spectrum

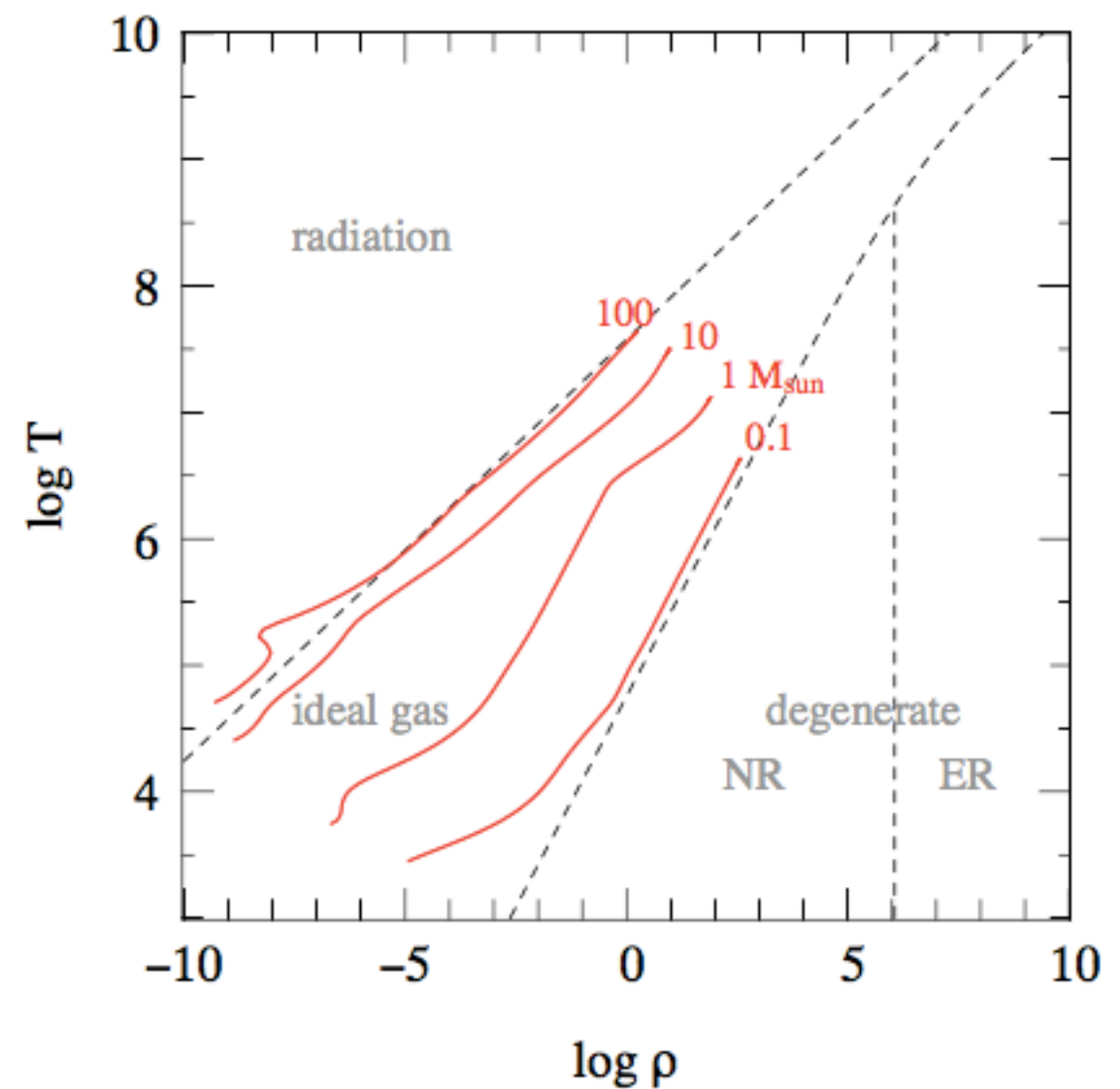
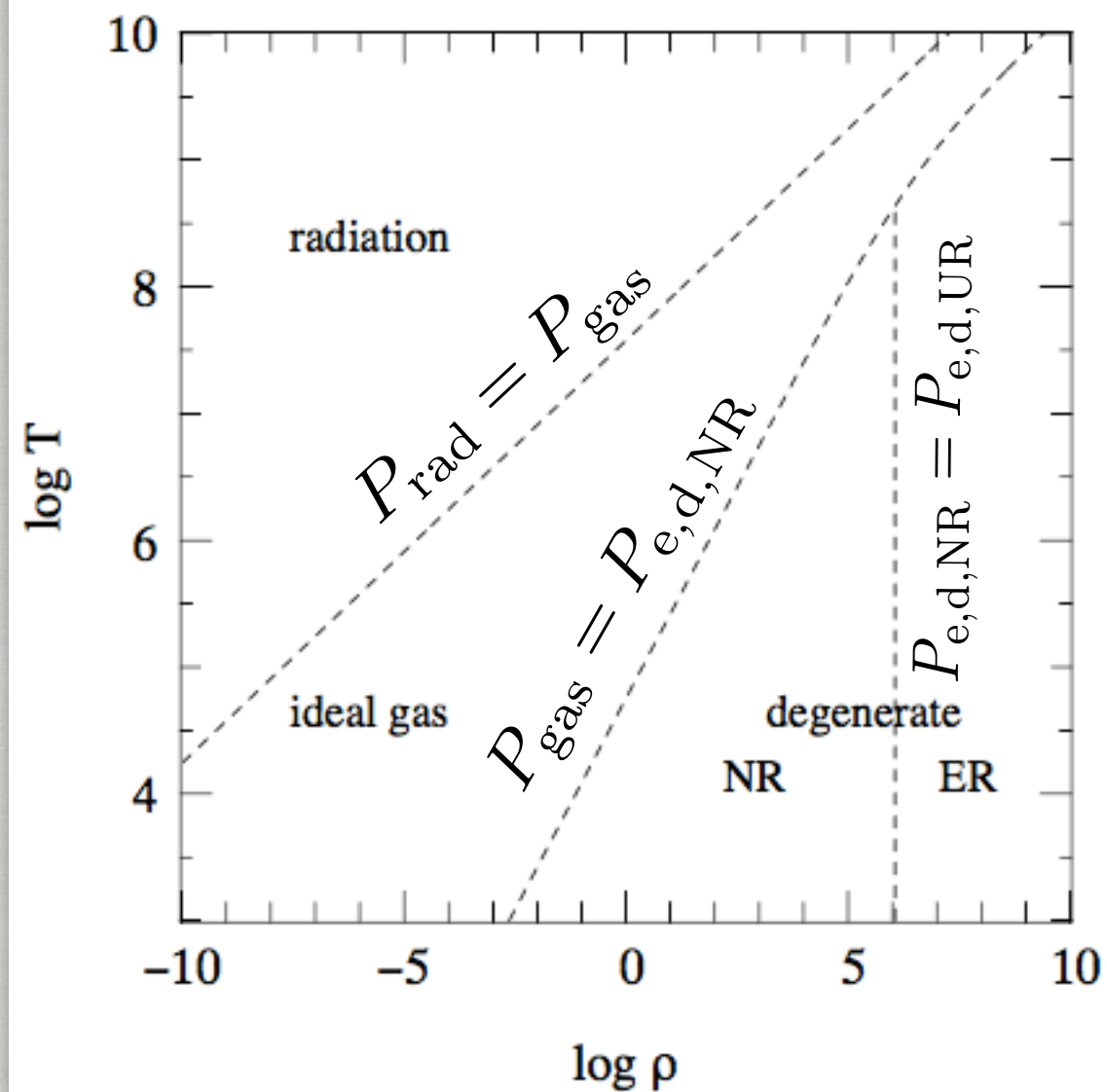
Pressure is additive

$$P = P_{\text{e-}} + P_{\text{ion}} + P_{\text{neutron}} + P_{\text{rad}} = P_{\text{gas}} + P_{\text{rad}}$$

$$P_{\text{gas}} = \beta P$$

$$P_{\text{rad}} = (1 - \beta)P$$

SUMMARY PREVIOUS CLASS



from O.R. Pols

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POLYTROPIC STARS

Chapter 4

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POLYTROPIC RELATION

polytropic index n:

$$n = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \quad \text{or} \quad \gamma = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$$

CHAPTER 4

$$\bullet \quad P = K \rho^\gamma \quad \text{where } K \text{ and } \gamma \text{ are constant}$$

Examples:

1) the pressure of degenerate electrons (see previous class)

$$P_e = K_{\text{NR}} \left(\frac{\rho}{\mu_e} \right)^{5/3}$$

$$\text{with} \quad K_{\text{NR}} = \frac{h^2}{20m_e m_u^{5/3}} \left(\frac{3}{\pi} \right)^{2/3} = 1.0036 \times 10^{13} \text{ [cgs]}.$$

$$P_e = K_{\text{ER}} \left(\frac{\rho}{\mu_e} \right)^{4/3}$$

$$\text{with} \quad K_{\text{ER}} = \frac{hc}{8m_u^{4/3}} \left(\frac{3}{\pi} \right)^{1/3} = 1.2435 \times 10^{15} \text{ [cgs]}.$$

2) the response of pressure to adiabatic compression or expansion (Ch 3.4)

$$\gamma_{\text{ad}} = \left(\frac{\partial \log P}{\partial \log \rho} \right)_{\text{ad}}$$

$$\gamma_{\text{ad}} = \text{const.}$$



$$P \propto \rho^{\gamma_{\text{ad}}}$$

$$\gamma_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\phi + 1}{\phi} \quad (\text{for a simple, perfect gas}).$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \gamma_{\text{ad}} = \frac{4}{3} (\phi = 3) & \text{UR} \\ \gamma_{\text{ad}} = \frac{5}{3} (\phi = 3/2) & \text{NR} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{For a mixture of gas and radiation: } \frac{4}{3} < \gamma_{\text{ad}} < \frac{5}{3}$$

POLYTROPIC STELLAR MODEL

- for a newtonian star the mechanical structure of a star is fully determined by:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial r}{\partial m} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho}} \quad + \quad \boxed{\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{Gm}{r^2} \rho,} \quad + \quad P = K \rho^\gamma \quad \equiv$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \rho^{\gamma-2} \frac{d\rho}{dr} \right) = -\frac{4\pi G}{K\gamma}$$

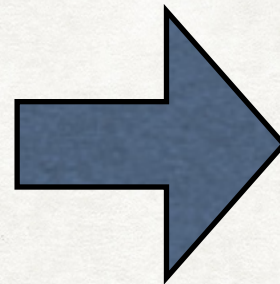
with

$$\rho(0) = \rho_c \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{d\rho}{dr} \right)_{r=0} = 0,$$

LANE-EMDEN EQ.

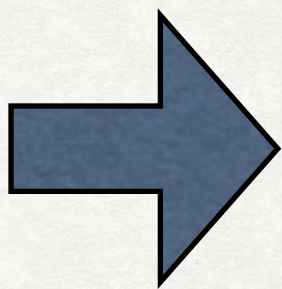
- with a dimensional analysis it is possible to build a length-scale from G , K , and ρ_c

$$r_c = \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{4\pi} \frac{\kappa \rho_c^{\frac{1}{n}-1}}{G}}$$



$$x = \frac{r}{r_c} \quad \text{et} \quad y = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_c} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

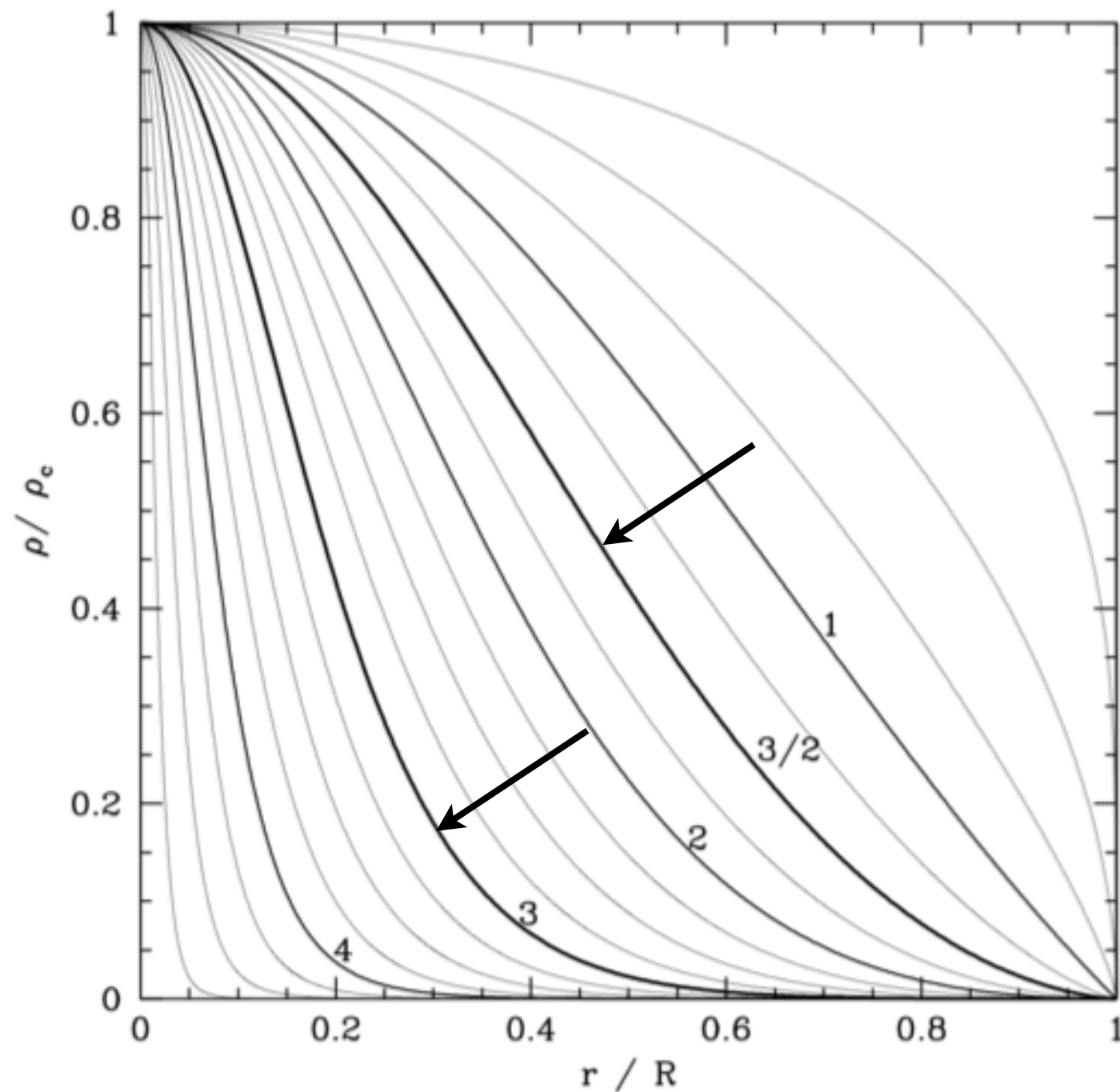
normalised variables



$$\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d}{dx} \left(x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = -y^n$$
$$y(0) = 1 \quad ; \quad y'(0) = 0$$

only $n < 5$ have a finite size (at $x = x_{\max}$) and it is physically acceptable

LANE-EMDEN SOLUTIONS



in evidence solutions for $n=1, 2/3, 2, 3, 4$

LANE-EMDEN EQ.

It is possible to find relation between R, M, central density

$$R = \left((n+1) \frac{\kappa}{4\pi G} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \rho_c^{\frac{1-n}{2n}} x_{\max}$$

$$\rho_c = \left((n+1) \frac{\kappa}{4\pi G} \right)^{\frac{n}{n-1}} R^{\frac{2n}{1-n}} x_{\max}^{\frac{2n}{n-1}}$$

$$M = 4\pi \left((n+1) \frac{\kappa}{4\pi G} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \rho_c^{\frac{3-n}{2n}} \left(-x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{x_{\max}}$$

$$M = 4\pi \left((n+1) \frac{\kappa}{4\pi G} \right)^{\frac{n}{n-1}} R^{\frac{3-n}{1-n}} \left(-x^{\frac{5-3n}{1-n}} \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{x_{\max}}$$

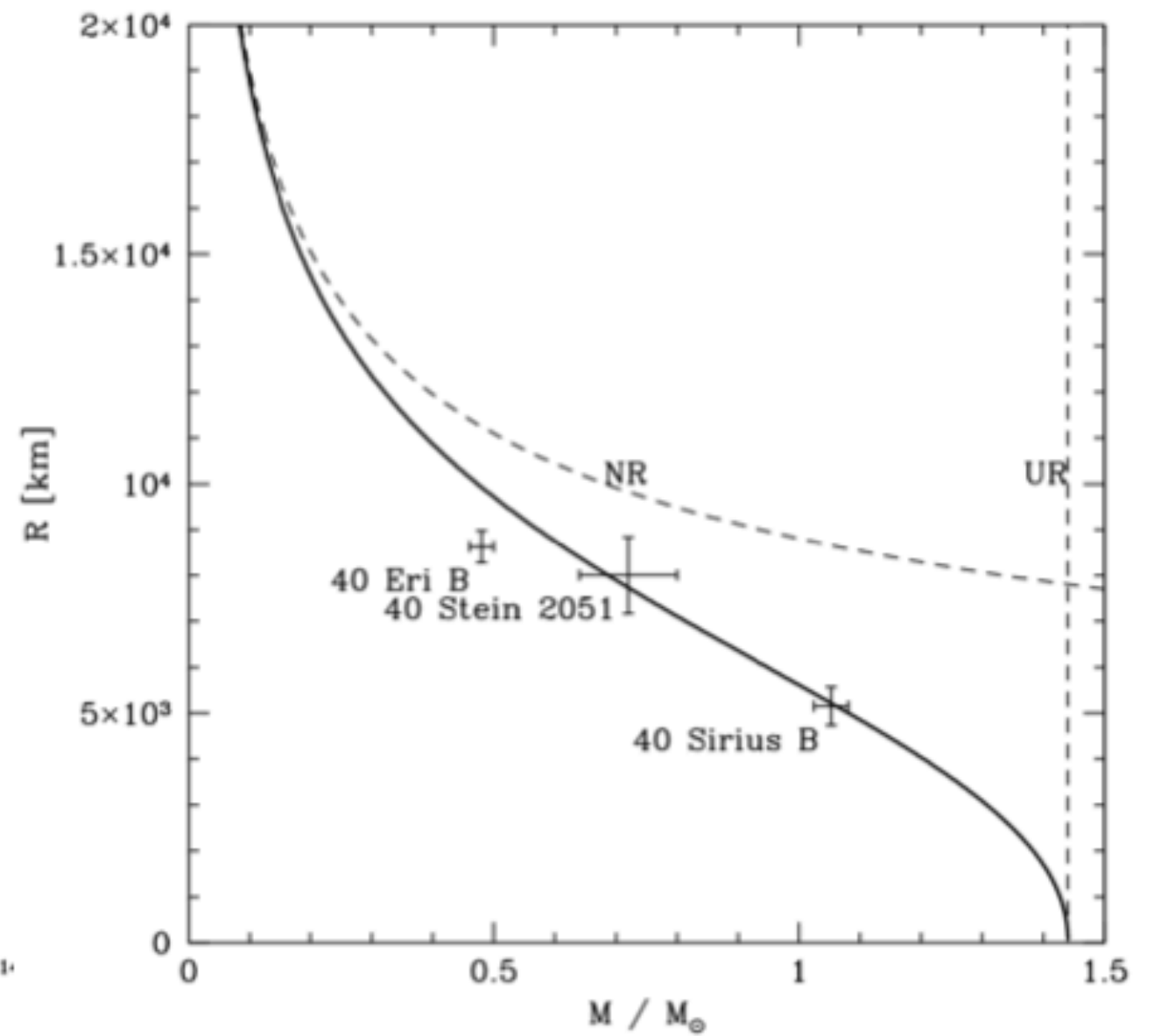
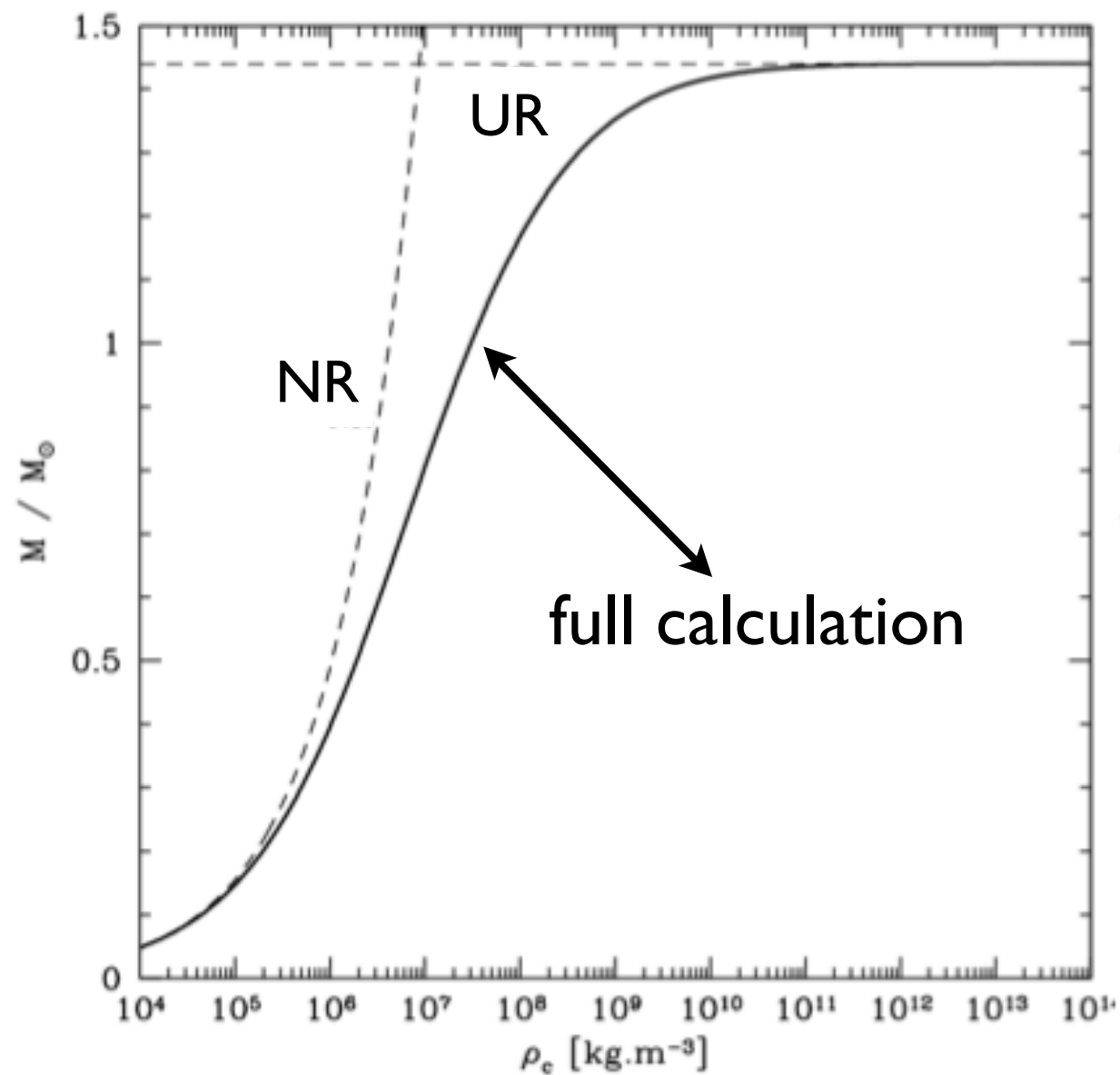
mass & radius for $n=3/2$ $n=3$

γ	n	x_{\max}	$-x_{\max}^2 y'(x_{\max})$	Mass & Radius
5/3	3/2	3.65375	2.71406	$R = 11\,220 \text{ km} \left(\frac{\rho_c}{10^9 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \left(\frac{Y_e}{0.5} \right)^{5/6}$
				$M = 0.4964 M_{\odot} \left(\frac{\rho_c}{10^9 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{Y_e}{0.5} \right)^{5/2}$ $= 0.7011 M_{\odot} \left(\frac{R}{10^4 \text{ km}} \right)^{-3} \left(\frac{Y_e}{0.5} \right)^5$
4/3	3	6.89685	2.01824	$R = 33\,470 \text{ km} \left(\frac{\rho_c}{10^9 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{Y_e}{0.5} \right)^{2/3}$
				$M = 1.457 M_{\odot} \left(\frac{Y_e}{0.5} \right)^2$

$\gamma = 5/3$ $M \propto R^{-3}$: the more massive, the denser, the more relativistic...

$\gamma = 4/3$ $M = \text{const.}$ with a mass limit given by UR limit!

Chandrasekhar mass



classical WD, observations

EDDINGTON ``STANDARD MODEL''

Let's assume $\beta = \text{const.}$ (for radiative stars this is roughly true)

$$1 - \beta = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{P} = \frac{aT^4}{3P}$$

$$P_{\text{gas}} = \beta P = \frac{R}{\mu} \rho T$$

$$P = \frac{aT^4}{3(1 - \beta)}$$

$$T = \frac{\beta P \mu}{\rho R}$$

$$P = \left(\frac{3R^4}{a\mu^4} \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta^4} \right)^{1/3} \rho^{4/3} = K \rho^{4/3}$$

Polytropic relation with $n=3$

$$M = 4\pi \Theta_3 \left(\frac{K}{\pi G} \right)^{3/2}$$

Unique relation between beta and Mass:
the more massive the star, the more radiation dominated

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ENERGY TRANSPORT IN STELLAR INTERIOR

Chapter 5

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LOCAL ENERGY CONSERVATION

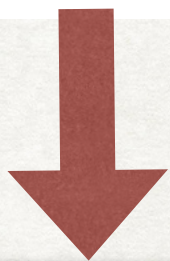
- first law of thermodynamics [changes per unit mass in a time ∂t]

$$\delta u = \delta q + \frac{P}{\rho^2} \delta \rho.$$

work compression adds energy ($\delta \rho > 0$)

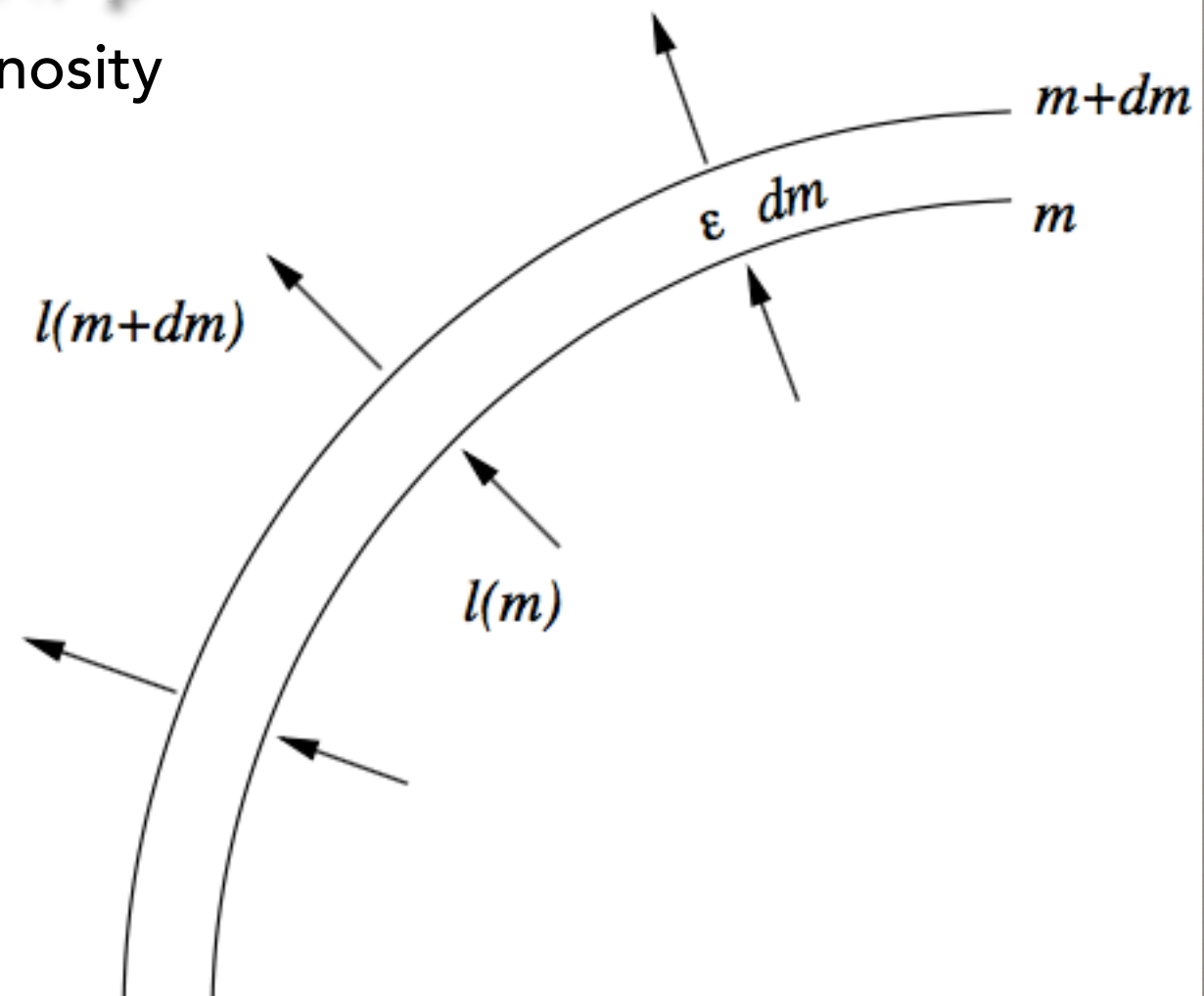
heat

$$\partial q = \left(\epsilon_{\text{nuc}} - \epsilon_{\nu} - \frac{\partial l}{\partial m} \right) \partial t$$



$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial m} = \epsilon_{\text{nuc}} - \epsilon_{\nu} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{P}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$l \equiv a\pi r^2 F$
luminosity



LOCAL ENERGY CONSERVATION

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial m} = \epsilon_{\text{nuc}} - \epsilon_{\nu} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{P}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$$dq = Tds = du + PdV = du - \frac{P}{\rho^2} d\rho$$

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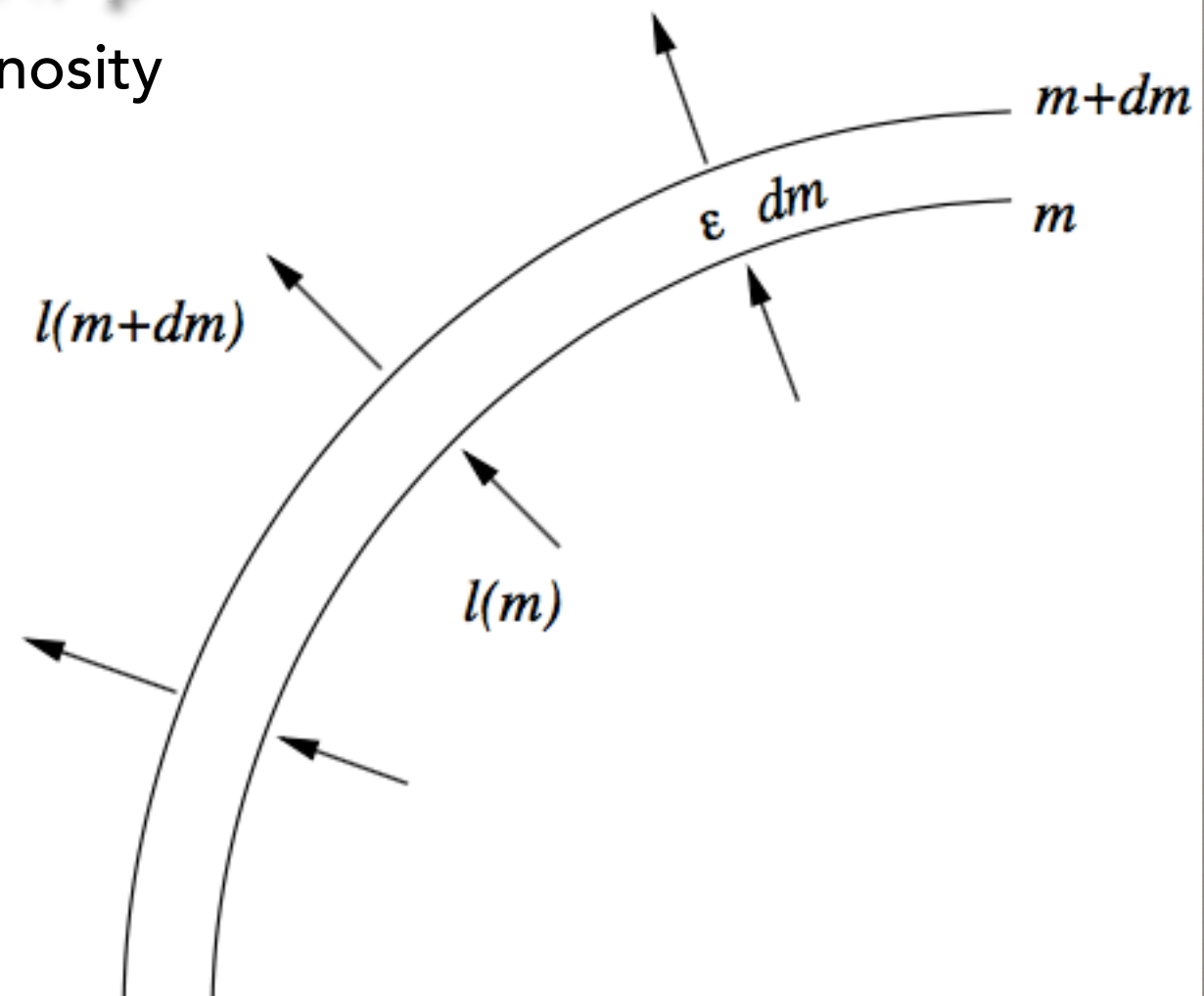
second law of thermodynamics
(s = entropy)

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{\text{gr}} &= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{P}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \\ &= -T \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial m} = \epsilon_{\text{nuc}} - \epsilon_{\nu} + \epsilon_{\text{gr}}$$

$l \equiv a\pi r^2 F$
luminosity



THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial m} = \epsilon_{\text{nuc}} - \epsilon_{\nu} + \epsilon_{\text{gr}}$$



$$\frac{dl}{dm} = \epsilon_{\text{nuc}} - \epsilon_{\nu}.$$

equilibrium = no changes in time

At equilibrium over whole star

nuclear reaction luminosity

$$L = \int_0^M \epsilon_{\text{nuc}} dm - \int_0^M \epsilon_{\nu} dm \equiv L_{\text{nuc}} - L_{\nu}$$

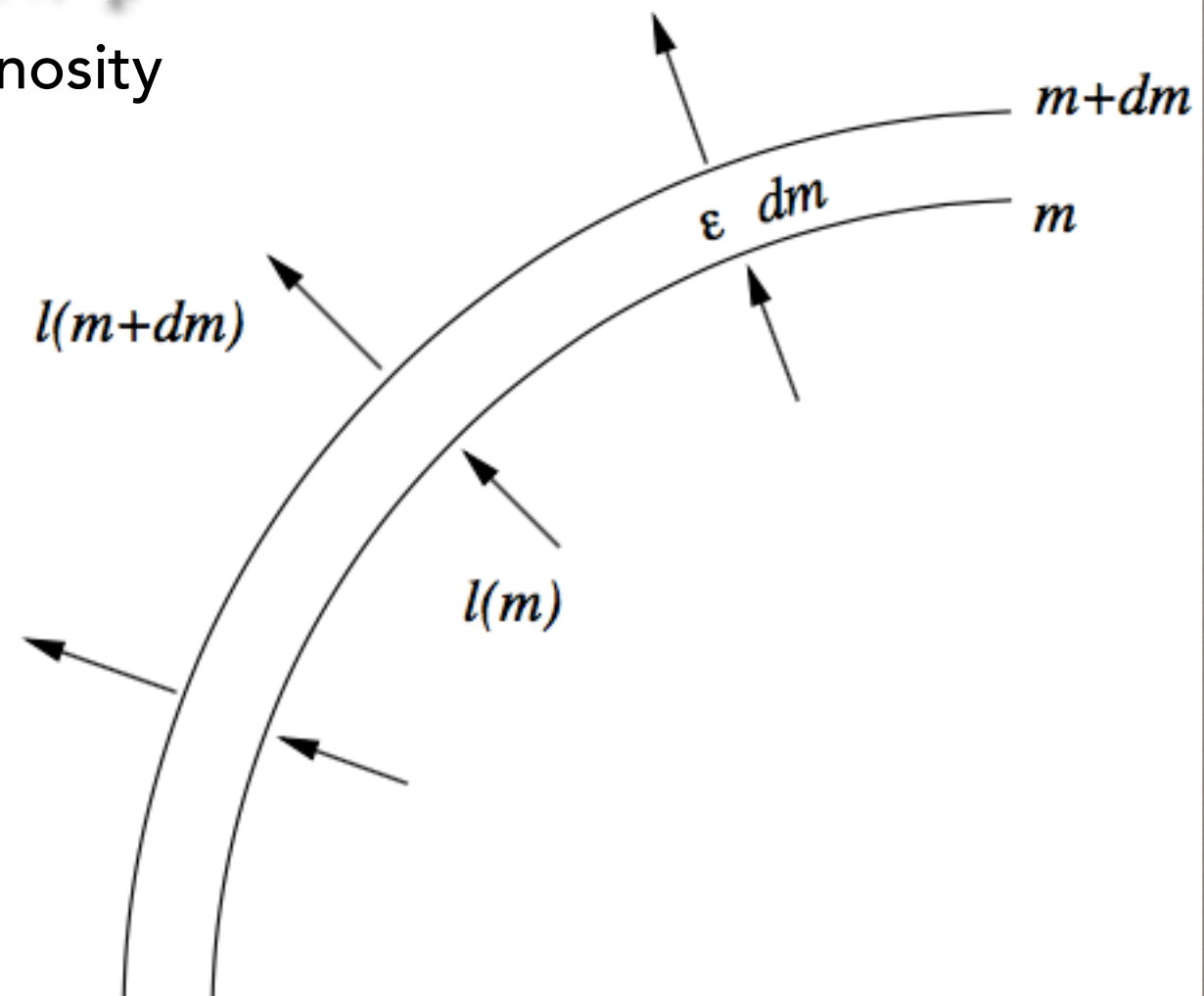
neutrino luminosity

neglecting neutrino losses, we re-obtain

$$L = L_{\text{nuc}}$$

$$\dot{E}_{\text{tot}} = L_{\text{nuc}} - L = 0$$

$l \equiv a\pi r^2 F$
luminosity



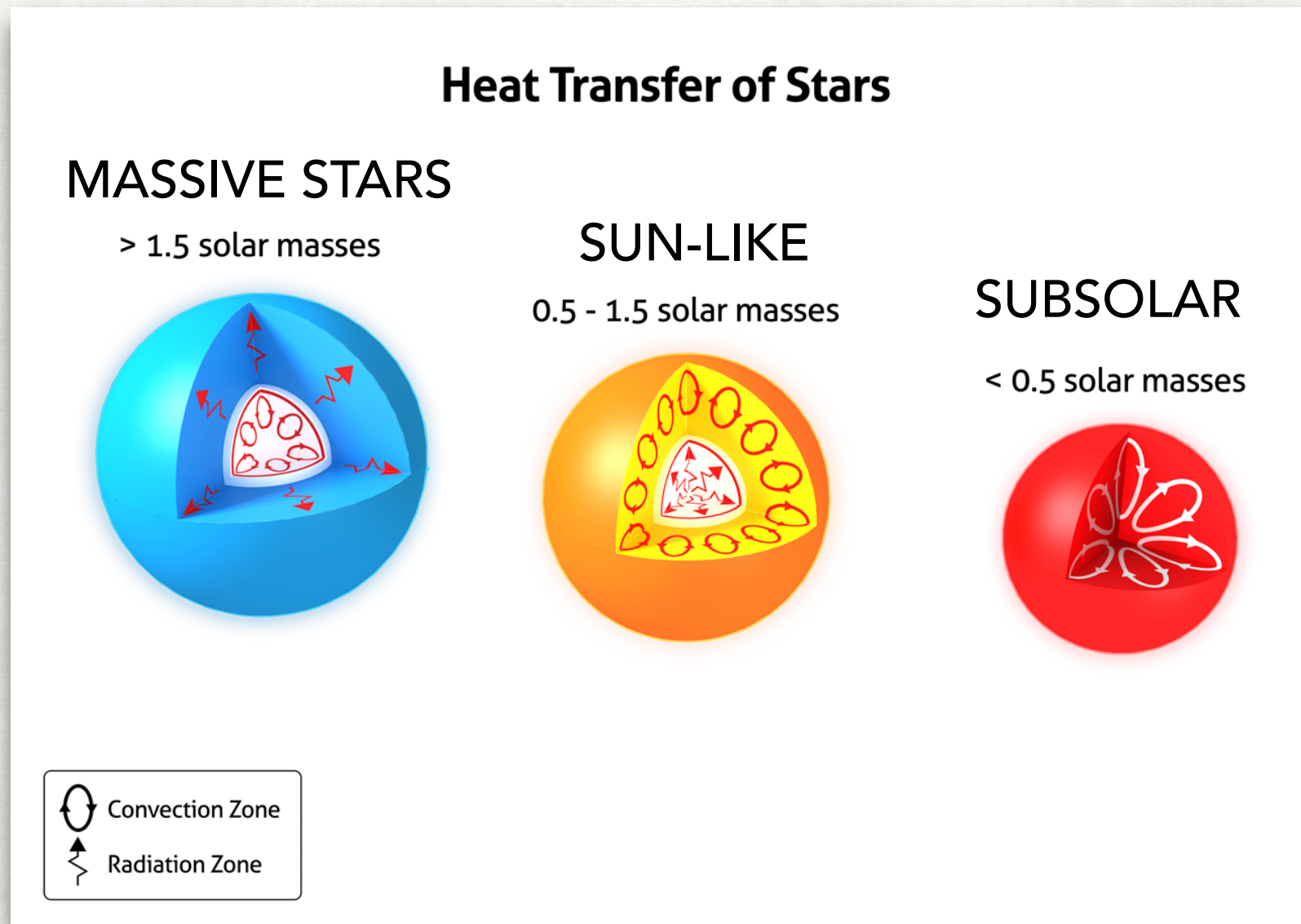
MECHANISMS TO TRANSPORT ENERGY FROM HOT STELLAR INTERIOR TO THE COOLER ATMOSPHERE

- **HEAT DIFFUSION**
 - radiative diffusion by motion of radiation
 - heat conduction by motion of gas particles (e-)

random thermal motion of particles

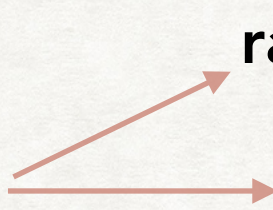
- **CONVECTION**

bulk motion of particles



RELATIVE IMPORTANCE: MASS DEPENDENT

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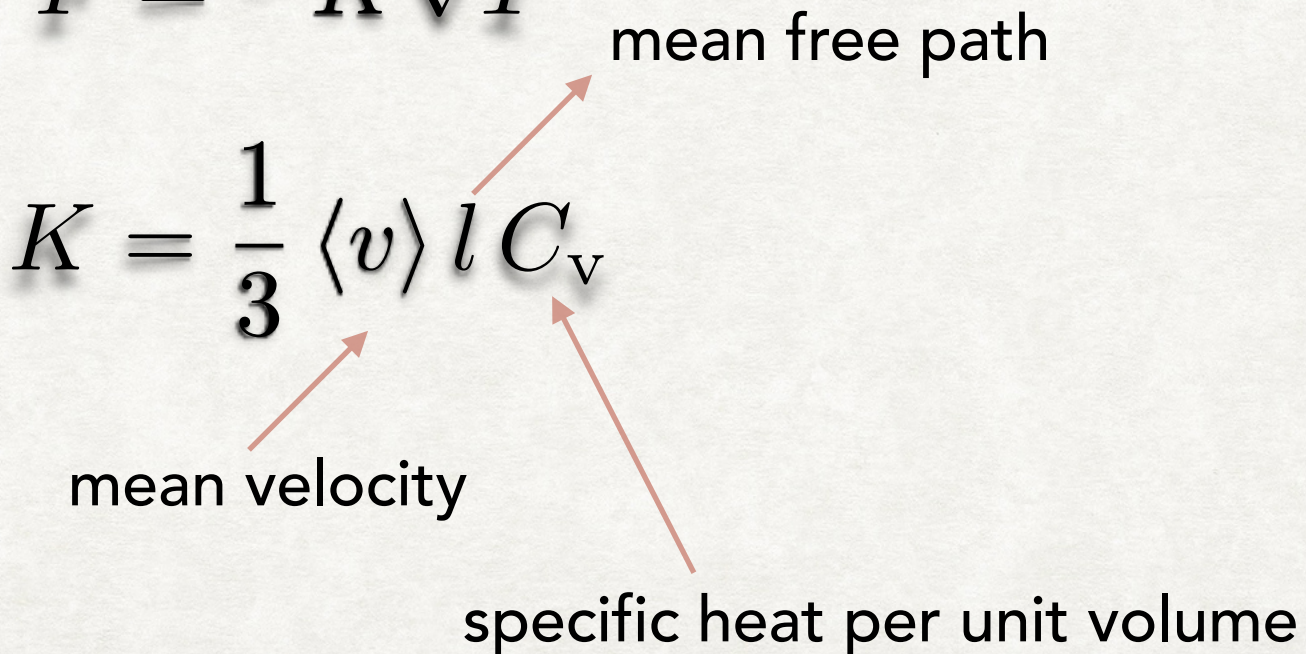
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random thermal motion of particles

- ✓ **Equation of heat conduction, valid for all particles in LTE (gas & photons)**

with conductivity

$$F = -K \nabla T$$
$$K = \frac{1}{3} \langle v \rangle l C_v$$



- mean free path
- mean velocity
- specific heat per unit volume

RADIATIVE DIFFUSION

FACTS ALREADY KNOWN TO US

- ✓ If nuclear source is suddenly quenched ($L_{\text{nuc}} = 0$) it takes a Kelvin-Helmholtz timescale ($\sim 10^7$ yr) for the star to realise it. this is also the time for photons to diffuse outwards \Rightarrow stars very opaque.
- ✓ locally the radiation field is close to black body $\Rightarrow U = u\rho = aT^4$
there is some anisotropy in the field that gives rise to heat diffusion

RADIATIVE DIFFUSION

conductivity $K = \frac{1}{3} \langle v \rangle l C_v$

PHOTONS: $C_v \equiv \frac{dU}{dT} = 4aT^3$ and $\langle v \rangle = c$

and mean free path ?

equation of radiative transfer without absorption

optical depth: $d\tau_\nu = \rho\kappa_\nu$

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = -\kappa_\nu \rho I_\nu,$$

$$I_\nu(s) = I_\nu(s_0) e^{-\int_{s_0}^s \rho\kappa_\nu ds'} = I_\nu(s_0) e^{-\rho\kappa_\nu \Delta s}$$

homogeneous medium

mass absorption coefficient or opacity $\text{cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$

$$\Delta s = \frac{1}{\rho\kappa_\nu} \equiv l_\nu \quad \text{then} \quad \frac{I_\nu(s)}{I_\nu(s_0)} = e^{-1}$$

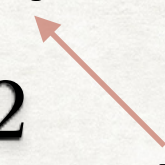
mean free path: length over which the intensity is suppressed by "e"

Thomson scattering

A free electron has a cross section to radiation independent of frequency
given by

$$\sigma_T = 6.7 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\kappa_T = \frac{n_e}{\rho} \sigma_T = \frac{\sigma_T}{\mu_e m_u} = 0.4 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ for pure hydrogen}$$

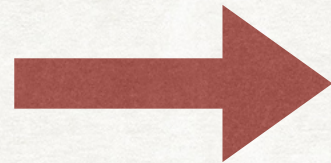
$$m_u = 1.66 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{\mu_e} \approx \frac{2}{1+X} = 1$$


$$l_T = \frac{1}{\rho \kappa_T} \approx 1.7 \text{ cm}$$

RADIATIVE TEMPERATURE GRADIENT

PUTTING ALL TOGETHER:

$$K_{\text{rad}} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{acT^3}{\kappa\rho}$$

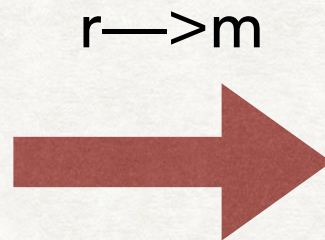


$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{rad}} = -K_{\text{rad}} \nabla T = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{acT^3}{\kappa\rho} \nabla T.$$

opacity
averaged over
frequency (see
later)

working in spherical symmetry and solving for grad T:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = -\frac{3\kappa\rho}{16\pi acT^3} \frac{l}{r^2}$$



$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial m} = -\frac{3}{64\pi^2 ac} \frac{\kappa l}{r^4 T^3}$$

This is the temperature gradient needed in a star to transport the luminosity “l”

- when this happens a star or region within a star is said to be radiative
- temperature decreases from the core towards the atmosphere (thus pressure)

RADIATIVE TEMPERATURE GRADIENT

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial T}{\partial m} = -\frac{3}{64\pi^2 ac} \frac{\kappa l}{r^4 T^3}} \quad + \quad \boxed{\frac{dP}{dm} = -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^4}} \quad =$$

$$\boxed{\nabla_{\text{rad}} = \left(\frac{d \log T}{d \log P} \right)_{\text{rad}} = \frac{3}{16\pi ac G} \frac{\kappa l P}{m T^4}}$$

logarithmic temperature gradient as a function of depth (Pressure) for a star in hydrostatic equilibrium, where energy is transported only radiatively

ROSSELAND MEAN OPACITY

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{rad}} = -K_{\text{rad}} \nabla T = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{acT^3}{\kappa \rho} \nabla T.$$

Derivation:

$$\mathbf{F}_\nu = -D_\nu \nabla U_\nu = -D_\nu \frac{\partial U_\nu}{\partial T} \nabla T$$

where

$$D_\nu = \frac{1}{3} c \ell_\nu = \frac{c}{3 \kappa_\nu \rho}.$$

Energy density
 $U_\nu = h\nu n(\nu)$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{rad}} = \int_0^\infty \mathbf{F}_\nu d\nu = - \left[\frac{c}{3\rho} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\kappa_\nu} \frac{\partial U_\nu}{\partial T} d\nu \right] \nabla T$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{rad}} = -\frac{c}{3\rho} \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{\partial U_\nu}{\partial \nu} d\nu \right) \frac{\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\kappa_\nu} \frac{\partial U_\nu}{\partial \nu} d\nu}{\int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\partial U_\nu}{\partial \nu} \right) d\nu} \nabla T$$

$$\left(\int_0^\infty \frac{\partial U_\nu}{\partial \nu} d\nu \right) = 4aT^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{k}$$

harmonic mean of opacity = transparency:
 i.e. frequency with smaller opacity are weighted more

LOCAL EDDINGTON LIMIT

in radiative zones, the radiative temperature implies a Pressure gradient:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{dr} &= -\frac{3\rho\kappa}{16\pi acT^3} \frac{l}{r^2} \\ P_{\text{rad}} &= \frac{1}{3}aT^4 \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{dP_{\text{rad}}}{dr} = -\frac{4}{3}aT^3 \frac{dT}{dr} = -\frac{\kappa\rho}{4\pi c} \frac{l}{r^2}.$$

In hydrostatic equilibrium this should be smaller than the inward gravitational force

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dP_{\text{rad}}}{dr} \leq \frac{Gm}{r^2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\kappa\rho}{4\pi c} \frac{l}{r^2} \leq \frac{Gm}{r^2}$$

$$l \leq \frac{Gm4\pi c}{\kappa\rho} = 3.8 \times 10^4 \left(\frac{m}{M_{\text{sun}}} \right) \left(\frac{0.34}{\kappa} \right) L_{\text{sun}} \equiv L_{\text{edd}}$$

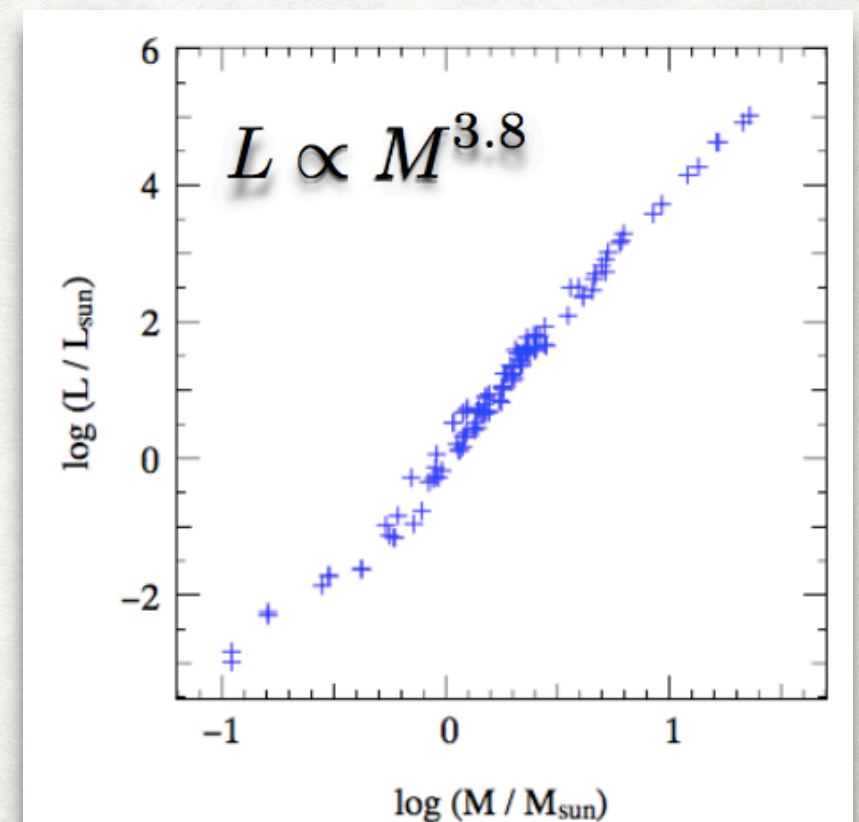
Thomson scattering $X=0.7$

LOCAL EDDINGTON LIMIT

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- $l = L_{\text{edd}}$ when $P \sim P_{\text{rad}}$: i.e. for radiation dominated stars \Rightarrow for massive stars
- Since $L \sim M^x$ $x > 1$ eventually $L \geq L_{\text{edd}}$ as M increases
- $l > L_{\text{edd}}$ in zones of large opacity (low T) like outer layers of Sun

When $l > L_{\text{edd}}$ convection must take over to ensure hydrostatic equilibrium



HEAT CONDUCTION

$$F = -K \nabla T$$

with conductivity

$$K = \frac{1}{3} \langle v \rangle l C_v$$

mean free path

mean velocity

specific heat per unit volume

IDEAL GAS:

$$\langle v \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}} \ll c$$

electron collision:

$$\sigma_c = 10^{-18} - 10^{-20} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{l_c}{l_{ph}} \approx \frac{\sigma_T}{\sigma_c} = 10^{-7} - 10^{-5}$$

$$K_{\text{rad}} \gg K_{\text{cd}}$$

l_{ph} is mean free path for $\simeq l_T$
 note: $\sigma_T = 6.7 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$

- Where ideal gas conditions of temperature and density hold, heat conduction is unimportant relative to radiative transport
- **main sequence stars**

HEAT CONDUCTION

$$F = -K \nabla T$$

with conductivity

$$K = \frac{1}{3} \langle v \rangle l C_v$$

mean free path

mean velocity

specific heat per unit volume

degenerate electron gas:

$$\frac{p_F}{m_e c} \approx 0.8 \quad \langle v \rangle \rightarrow c$$

degenerate electron collision:

$$\frac{l_c}{l_{ph}} \gg 1$$

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$$K_{\text{rad}} \ll K_{\text{cd}}$$

- When conditions for degenerate electrons hold, heat conduction can dominate radiative transport:
- degenerate core of evolved stars
- white dwarfs

HEAT CONDUCTION

In general

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{rad}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{cd}} = -(\mathbf{K}_{\text{rad}} + \mathbf{K}_{\text{cd}}) \nabla T.$$

$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{4acT^3}{3\kappa\rho} \nabla T \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{1}{K} = \frac{1}{K_{\text{rad}}} + \frac{1}{K_{\text{cd}}}$$

conductive opacity



the mechanism that dominates energy flux is that with the smallest opacity (highest transparency)

the opacity determined how large the temperature gradient should be in order to carry a given luminosity

OPACITY

- **conductive opacity:** important only in degenerate electron gas

$$\kappa_{\text{cd}} \approx 4.4 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\sum_i Z_i^{5/3} X_i / A_i}{(1 + X)^2} \frac{(T / 10^7 \text{ K})^2}{(\rho / 10^5 \text{ g/cm}^3)^2} \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}.$$

At high density and low temperature it becomes very small and flux of energy important

OPACITY (Rosseland mean over frequency)

- **Thomson scattering** : elastic scattering of photons with free electrons

$$\kappa_T = \frac{\sigma_T}{\mu_e m_u} = 0.2 (1 + X) \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1} \quad h\nu \ll m_e c^2 \quad \text{fully ionised } 10^4 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 10^8 \text{ K}$$

degree of ionisation drops drastically for $T < 10^4 \text{ K} \implies$ too few electrons, opacity strongly reduced

- **Free-free absorption** : inverse process of bremsstrahlung (ion + free e-)

$$\kappa_{\text{ff}} \approx 3.8 \times 10^{22} (1 + X) \rho T^{-7/2} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1} \quad \text{Kramer opacity}$$

- **Bound-free absorption** : absorption of photons by bound electrons

$$\kappa_{\text{bf}} \approx 4.3 \times 10^{25} (1 + X) Z \rho T^{-7/2} \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}.$$

for $T > 10^4 \text{ K}$, below photons not energetic enough to ionise electrons

Z = metallicity

$$\kappa_{\text{bf}} \approx 10^3 Z \times \kappa_{\text{ff}} \implies \text{bound-free dominates over free-free for } Z > 10^{-3}$$

- **Bound bound absorption** : photon induced electron transitions $T < 10^6 \text{ K}$.
cross section maybe large because the lines are broaden by motion

OPACITY

- **The negative hydrogen ion:** bound-free absorption of a photon by H^-

Important in cool stars and atmosphere (e.g. Sun's atmosphere)

Neutral H can form a bound state with another electron $\rightarrow \text{H}^-$
with a small ionisation potential (0.75 eV) so it is easily ionised with $T \sim 3-6 \times 10^3 \text{ K}$
Free electrons come from single ionised atom such as Na, K, Ca...so it is **sensitive to metallicity and temperature**

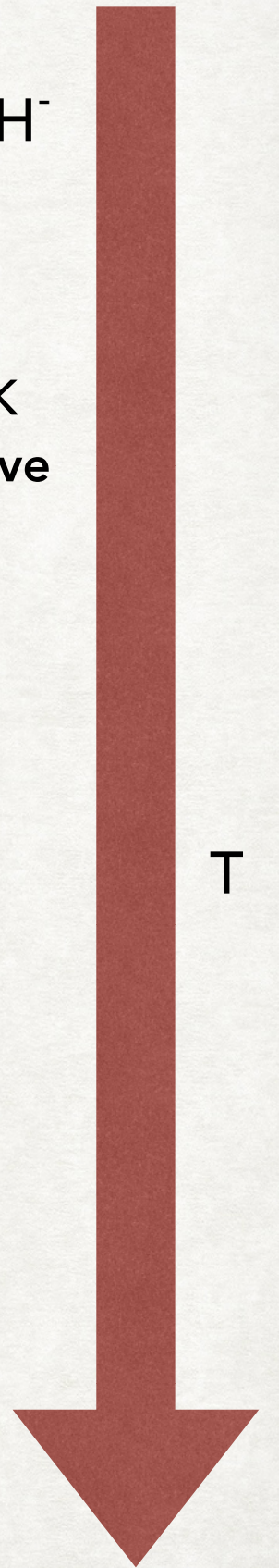
$$T \sim (3 - 6) \times 10^3 \text{ K}, \rho \sim (10^{-10} - 10^{-5}) \text{ g/cm}^3 \text{ and } 0.001 < Z < 0.02$$

$$\kappa_{\text{H}^-} \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-31} \left(\frac{Z}{0.02} \right) \rho^{1/2} T^9 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$$

- at lower temperature becomes negligible
- at $T > 10^4 \text{ K}$ H^- disappears and Kramer dominates

- **Molecules:** dominant in $T < 4 \times 10^3 \text{ K}$
- **Dust:** dust formation and opacity important at $T < 1.5 \times 10^3 \text{ K}$

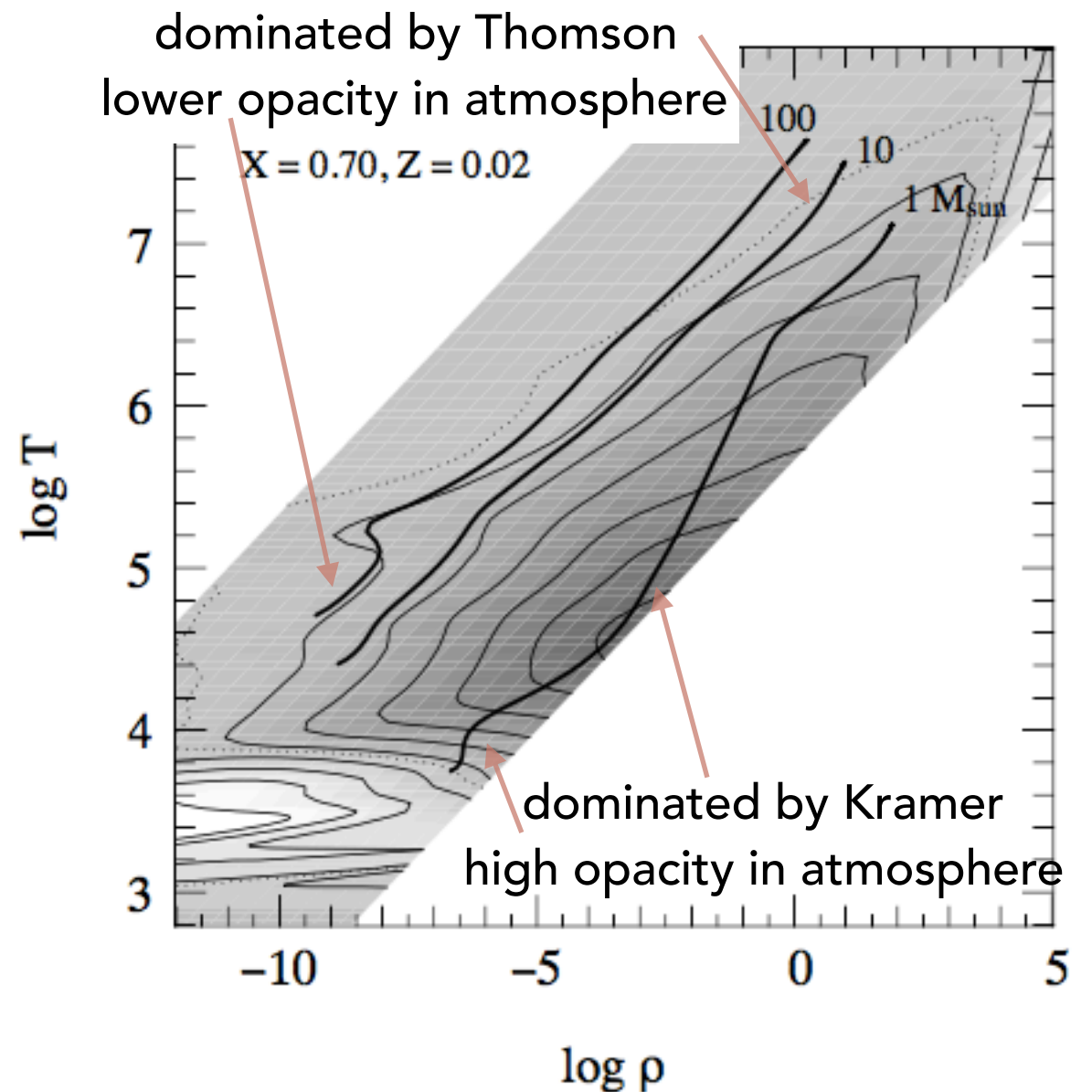
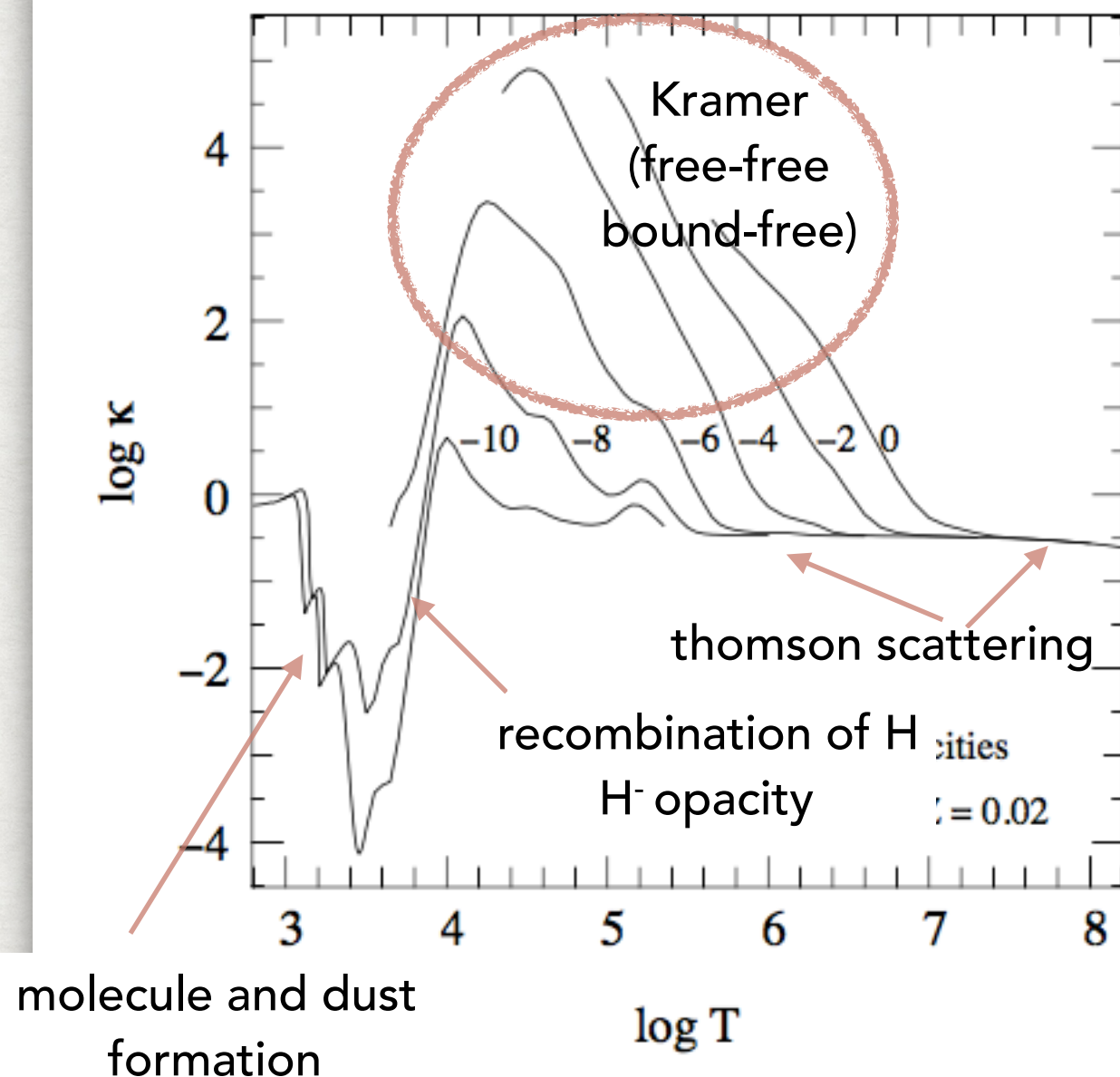
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OPACITY $\kappa = \kappa(\rho, T, X)$

IT IS A COMPLICATED FUNCTION AND OPACITY NEEDS TO BE ADDED FREQUENTLY BY FREQUENCY AND THEN AVERAGED OVER

SO STELLAR STRUCTURE CODES INTERPOLATE PRE-CALCULATED TABLES



note: these are Rosseland mean opacities