

# Backof Envelope Physics

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## "Speedy Neutrinos?"

Reports that neutrinos from CERN arrive 60 ns early relative to light speed at Grand Sasso

If this is true,

$$\frac{\delta v}{c} \sim \frac{\delta t}{t} \sim \frac{60 \text{ ns}}{1 \text{ ms}} \sim 6 \times 10^{-5}$$

300 Mm/s ~ 300 km/c

Delay due to finite rest mass

$$\frac{\delta v}{c} \sim \left(\frac{m_\nu}{E}\right)^2 \sim \left(\frac{1 \text{ eV}}{10 \text{ GeV}}\right)^2 \sim 10^{-20}$$

Why? negligible

SN 1987a in Large Magellanic Cloud  
at 50 kpc produced neutrinos seen at same time  
1 1/2 hr

$$\left|\frac{\delta v}{c}\right| \lesssim \frac{\delta t}{t} \sim \frac{5 \times 10^3 \text{ s}}{5 \times 10^{12} \text{ s}} \sim 10^{-9}$$

50 km/c @ ~ 4 MeV

# Universe

- Age, Size, Density
- Matter
- Microwave Background
- Dark Energy, Planck Units

## Age, Size, Density

Age  $t_0 = 4 \times 10^{17} \text{ s} \quad 14 \text{ Gyr.}$

Size  $R_0 = ct_0 = 10^{26} \text{ m}$   
 $\sim 10^5 \text{ R}_{\text{galaxy}}$

Density

When gravity is dominant,

$\rho \sim \frac{1}{\text{on dimensional grounds.}}$   
 $0.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ g cm}^{-3} \sim \text{g cm}^{-3}$

eg orbiting satellite

$$\frac{G \rho}{R^2} \sim \omega^2 R \sim \frac{R}{t^2}$$

Let's improve this estimate by using an energy equation.

$$\therefore \frac{R}{t^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} R^2 - \frac{G \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho R^3}{R} \sim \text{energy} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \sim \frac{3}{8\pi G t^2} \sim \frac{1}{10 \cdot 10^{10} \cdot 10^{35}} \sim 10^{-26} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

# Matter

Suppose all of this were hydrogen  
The number density would be

$$n_p \sim \frac{10^{-26} \text{ kg m}^{-3}}{10^{-27} \text{ kg}} \sim 10 \text{ m}^{-3}$$

— proton mass

In fact only 4% is hydrogen  
So  $n_p \sim 0.3 \text{ m}^{-3}$

About 20% is dark matter  
if, as conjectured, these are  
 $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$  particles, their  
number density will be

$$n_{DM} \sim 0.3 \times \frac{20}{4} \times \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ m}^{-3}$$

— proton mass

Dark matter particles would be  
 $(10^{-2})^{-1/3} \sim 5 \text{ m}$  apart.

The density within the Galaxy  
is  $\sim 10^6$  larger and so the spacing  
of DM particles here is 5 cm.

## Microwave Background

The temperature is  $T \sim 3\text{K}$

The mean photon energy is  
 $E \sim 3kT \sim 3 \times 10^{-23} \times 3 \sim 10^{-22}\text{J}$

So, the wavelength becomes  
 $\sim 6\text{dF.}$

$$\lambda \sim \frac{hc}{E} \sim \frac{7 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{10^{-22}} \sim 1\text{mm}$$

The number density of photons is then roughly, the density of states

$$n_{\text{CMB}} \sim \frac{1}{\lambda^3} \sim 10^9\text{m}^{-3}$$

Why  $\sim 2\pi$ ?

$$\sim 3 \times 10^9 \times n_p!$$

However the energy density is

$$u_{\text{CMB}} \sim 10^9 \times 10^{-22} \sim 10^{-13}\text{Jm}^{-3}$$

and the equivalent mass density is  
 $\rho \sim u_{\text{CMB}}/c^2 \sim 10^{-30}\text{kgm}^{-3}$

which is  $10^{-4}$  of the total density.  
or a negligible today (but not in the past)

# Dark Energy and Planck Mass

$\frac{3}{4}$  of the energy density is associated with an effective "cosmological constant" which behaves like material with pressure  $P = -\rho c^2$ . As the active gravitational mass density is  $\rho + 3P/c^2$ , this causes the universe to accelerate? What is this dark matter? One thought was that it was a type of vacuum energy associated with quantum gravity. However, there is a BIG problem.

A theory of relativistic quantum gravity surely involves  $c, \hbar, G$ . These can be combined to define a "Planck" mass using  $Gm/c^2 \sim \hbar/mc \Rightarrow m_p = (\hbar c/G)^{1/2} \sim 10^{-8} \text{ kg}$   
 $\Rightarrow L_p \sim 10^{-35} \text{ m}, T_p \sim 10^{-43} \text{ s}, \sim 10^{-34} \text{ J}$   
 $\rho_p \sim 10^{97} \text{ kg m}^{-3} \sim 10^{123} \rho_{DE}$ !  
This is not the explanation!

# Other explanations for dark energy

$$\rho_{DE} \sim 10^{-26} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

$$c^2 \rho_{DE} \equiv 10^{17} \times 10^{-26} \sim 10^{-9} \text{ J m}^{-3}$$

Magnetic field?  $B \sim (\mu_0 \rho_{DE})^{1/2} \sim 30 \text{ nT}$   
 $\sim 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \sim 10^{-6}$

Particles?

Energy density  $\propto \frac{m}{(1/m)^3} \propto m^4$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_{DE}}{m_{PL}} \sim \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_{PL}} \right)^{1/4} \sim (10^{-12})^{1/4} \sim 10^{-3}$$

Planck mass

$$\Rightarrow m_{DE} \sim 10^{-3} \times 10^{28} \text{ eV}$$

$\sim 1 \text{ meV}$

$\sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

we guess!

$$\sim 0.1 \frac{m_{susy}}{m_{PL}} \sim 0.1 \left( \frac{10^{12}}{10^{28}} \right)^2$$

We are just guessing!  
We hope to know soon!



# Galaxies, Stars, Planets

- Galaxies  
Number, stars, dark matter,  
nuclei, black holes.
- Stars  
Masses, radii, temperature,  
luminosities.
- Compact objects  
white dwarfs, neutron stars,  
black holes
- Planets  
masses, radii, gravity..  
asteroids

# Galaxies

There are  $\sim 10^{11}$  galaxies in the universe and a typical one like ours contains:

- $\sim 10^{12} M_{\odot}$  of dark matter
  - $\sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$  of stars
  - $\sim 10^{43} L_{\odot}$  of starlight
- Solar mass  
Solar luminosity

The circular speed is  $\sim 300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$



The solar radius is  $10 \text{ kpc} \sim 3 \times 10^4 \text{ AU} \sim 3 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}$

Earth orbit

Also,  $1 \text{ AU} / \text{pc} \sim 1 \text{ sec} \sim \frac{\pi}{180 \times 60 \times 60} \sim 5 \times 10^{-6}$

Hence  $\frac{M_{DM}}{M_{\odot}} \sim \left( \frac{V_{DN}}{V_{\oplus}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{R_{DN}}{1 \text{ AU}} \right) \sim \left( \frac{300}{30} \right)^2 \times \frac{10^5}{5 \times 10^{-6}} \sim 10^{12}$  — A "scaling" argument

Earth

## Stars

$$1 \text{ AU} = \text{Earth orbit radius} \\ \sim 3 \text{ Myr} \times 5 \times 10^{-6} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{nb } \frac{2\pi \text{ AU}}{\text{yr}} \sim \frac{6 \times 1.5 \times 10^{11}}{3 \times 10^7} \sim 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Solar radius} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{11} \times \frac{1}{4} \\ \sim 1.5 \times 10^{11} \times \frac{1}{200} \sim 7 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$$

## Escape Velocity

Circular speed at solar surface  $V \propto R^{-1/2}$

$$\Rightarrow V \sim 30 \text{ km s}^{-1} \times (200)^{1/2} \\ c \sim 450 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\text{esc}} \sim \sqrt{2} V_c \sim 600 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

## Black Hole

$$R \sim \frac{GM}{c^2} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{11} \times \left( \frac{30}{3 \times 10^5} \right)^2 \\ \sim 1.5 \left( \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right) \text{ km}$$

Useful for scaling!

# Solar Interior

Important for solar oscillations

$$h \Delta P A = \rho A h g \quad \rho \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{cube} \\ \text{height } h \\ \text{area } A \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} P \\ P + h \Delta P \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta P = \rho g \quad \text{--- sound speed}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P}{\rho} \sim c_s^2 \sim \frac{GM}{R} \sim v_c^2 \sim (450 \text{ km s}^{-1})^2$$

Temperature  $kT \sim m v^2 \sim m v_p^2$  proton speed

$$T \sim T_{\text{room}} \times \left( \frac{c_{s \odot}}{c_{s \text{ room}}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{30} \right) \quad \text{--- } m_p$$

$$\sim 300 \times \left( \frac{450 \times 10^3}{300} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{30} \quad \text{--- } m_{N_2}$$

$$\sim 2 \times 10^7 \text{ K} \sim 2 \text{ keV} < \text{MeV}$$

cf Homework 2

## Neutron star

$$N_{\text{nucleons}} \sim \frac{10^{30} \text{ stellar mass}}{10^{-27} \text{ nucleon mass}} \sim 10^{57} \quad \text{--- } A$$

$$R_{\text{NS}} \sim (10^{57})^{1/3} \times 1 \text{ fm} \sim 10 \text{ km} \quad \text{--- } R_{\text{nucleon}}$$

$$\rho_{\text{NS}} \sim \rho_{\text{nucleon}} \sim \frac{10^{-27} \text{ kg}}{(1 \text{ fm})^3} \sim 10^{18} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

## Solar Surface

$$\text{Gravity } g_{\odot} \sim \frac{GM}{R^2} \sim \frac{V_c^2}{R} \sim \frac{(450 \times 10^3)^2}{7 \times 10^8}$$

$$\sim 300 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

$$\sim 30 g_{\oplus} \text{ - Earth gravity}$$

Note that  $g \propto \rho R$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{\odot} \rho_{\oplus} \left( \frac{g_{\odot}}{g_{\oplus}} \right) \left( \frac{R_{\oplus}}{R_{\odot}} \right) \sim 5000 \times 30 \times \frac{6 \times 10^3}{7 \times 10^5} \sim 1300 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

Like H<sub>2</sub>O!

## Neutron star

$$g_{\text{NS}} \sim 300 \times \left( \frac{10^{18}}{1300} \right) \left( \frac{10}{7 \times 10^5} \right) \sim 3 \times 10^{12} \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

## Temperature Scaling

From HW 2, for black body

$$T_{\odot} \sim 6000 \text{ K}, L_{\odot} \sim 4 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}, R_{\odot} \sim 7 \times 10^5 \text{ km}$$

For other bodies,

$$L \propto R^2 T_{\text{surf}}^4$$

# Climate and Energy

- Basic properties of the earth and its atmosphere
- Green house effect
- Global energy consumption
- Coal ; carbon and water cycles
- Gas , autos and planes.

# The Earth - Basics

$M_{\oplus} \sim 6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ ,  $R_{\oplus} \sim 6.4 \text{ Mm}$ ,  $g_{\oplus} \sim 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$

of Sun

$P_{\oplus} \sim \rho g R \sim 5 \times 10^3 \times 10 \times 6 \times 10^6 \sim 3 \times 10^{11} \text{ N m}^{-2}$

Earth has solid Fe core

Bulk modulus  $K \sim (\rho^2 / 4\pi G a^2) / a^2$

$dP/dh \sim 3 \times 10^{11} \text{ N m}^{-2}$

$\Rightarrow \Delta \rho / \rho \sim 1$

Central density of earth is  $\sim 12000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

Central temperature is  $\sim 6000 \text{ K}$   
( $\sim$  melt by temperature of hottest material)

Internal Energy  $\sim \frac{M_{\oplus}}{M_{\text{Fe}}} \times 3kT$

$10^{25} \text{ kg}$

$U_{\oplus} \sim 10^{31} \text{ J}$

Core melt  
Melted  
heat-Dubay-Pet's

$L_{\oplus} \sim U_{\oplus} / t_{\oplus} \sim 60 \text{ TW} \sim 2 \times \text{actual}$

Radioactivity (+Tidal heating)  $\sim 20 \text{ TW}$

$\langle F_{\oplus} \rangle \sim \frac{30 + 20 \text{ TW}}{5 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^2} \sim 0.1 \text{ W m}^{-2}$

From 275

heat flux

# Atmosphere - Basics

1 atm.

$$P \sim 10^5 \text{ N m}^{-2}; \quad \Sigma \sim \frac{P}{g} \sim 10^4 \text{ kg m}^{-2}$$

30  
5 eV  
1 eV  
40

$$\rho \sim \frac{m_{N_2} P}{RT} \sim 1 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

Scale height,  $H \sim \frac{\Sigma}{\rho} \sim 10 \text{ km.}$   
from  $\text{N m}^{-2}$

Solar flux  $F_0 \sim 1.4 \text{ kW m}^{-2}$

Solar Power  $\sim F_0 \pi R_E^2 \sim 200 \text{ TW}$

>> internal, support power

If re-emit as blackbody

$$\sigma T_E^4 4\pi R_E^2 \sim F_0 \pi R_E^2$$

$$\Rightarrow T_E \sim 270 \text{ K}$$

Cosmic rays  $\sigma \sim (1 \text{ fm})^2 \times A^{2/3} \sim 14 \text{ fm}^2$

$$m_N \sim 14 \times m_p$$

Probability of stopping a cosmic ray

$$\approx \sum_{m_n} \sigma \sim 10$$

Atmosphere shields us !!



# Composition (Richter)

Greenhouse gases

$N_2 \sim 0.8$ ,  $O_2 \sim 0.2$ ,  $Ar \sim 0.01$   
 $CO_2 \sim 4 \times 10^{-4}$  (was  $3 \times 10^{-4}$ )  
 $H_2O \sim 0.004$  (height integrated)  
 $\sim 0.01 - 0.04$  at surface.

UV

$O_3 \sim 10^{-7}$   
Black body peak wavelength.

$$\lambda_{max} \sim 600 \text{ nm} \times \left( \frac{6000 \text{ K}}{T} \right) \quad \text{Solar Temp}$$

So for  $T \sim 270 \text{ K}$

$$\lambda_{max} \sim 13 \mu$$

This is where  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2O$  make the atmosphere opaque leading to heating, so that  $\lambda_{max} \sim 13 \mu$  and the incident radiation can escape **Greenhouse Effect**

$CH_4$  stored in frozen lakes or ocean floor are 25x as serious as greenhouse gas.

# Energy Consumption [Global US ~ 0-3]

very rough

not clearly defined

Fossil  
5 TW (oil) + 4 TW (coal) + 4 TW (gas)  
+ 1 TW (nuclear) + 1 TW (solar, wind, bio...)  
 $\approx 15$  TW

$\approx 5$  TW (transportation) + 5 TW (domestic)  
+ 5 TW (manufacturing)

Population: 7 Gp

(China, India  $\sim 0.15$ , US  $\sim 0.05$ , UK  $\sim 0.01$ )

Power consumption  $\sim 2$  kW p<sup>-1</sup>  
 $\sim 1.5$  kW p<sup>-1</sup> in 1995

cf Personal power  $\sim 70$  W p<sup>-1</sup>

US power consumption  $\sim 10$  kW p<sup>-1</sup>  
(UK  $\sim 5$  kW p<sup>-1</sup>)

Electricity  $\sim 2$  TW requiring 5 TW of power

Unusual Units

1 Quad  $\sim 1$  EJ, 1 barrel  $\sim 160$  l

Towers of 10<sup>3</sup>: RMGTPEZYX  
*unofficial*

Dependence on reserves  
Factor 10<sup>7</sup>-10<sup>8</sup> transform

# Coal

utilizing waste 2 MJ kg<sup>-1</sup>

Consumption  $\sim 200 \text{ M g s}^{-1}$   
Reserves  $\sim 1 \text{ t g}$   
Heat content  $\sim 30 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1} \equiv 0.3 \text{ eV/n}$

cf  $1 \text{ kT}_{\text{NT}} \equiv 4 \text{ GJ} \equiv 0.04 \text{ eV/n} \sim 1/7$  dynamite!  
cf  $3 \text{ MeV/n}$  - nuclear,  $30 \text{ MeV/n}$  gravity

Thermal power  $\sim \text{HC} \times \text{E} = 6 \text{ TW}$   $\boxed{\text{E} = \text{mc}^2}$   
3 TW of this produces 1 TW electrical power with 0.3 efficiency.  
Remainder  $\rightarrow$  steel, heating...

## Carbon cycle C fraction

$\text{CO}_2$  production  $\sim 200 \text{ M g s}^{-1} \times 0.8 \times \frac{44}{12}$   
 $\sim 600 \text{ M g s}^{-1}$  from coal

Total  $\text{CO}_2 \sim 1 \text{ G g s}^{-1}$  (to: l, gas)

However biomass  $\leftrightarrow$  Atmosphere  $\leftrightarrow$  Ocean exchange  $\text{CO}_2$  at a rate  $\sim 10 \text{ G g s}^{-1}$  each in equilibrium. Effect of coal burning is to disturb this balance

Water cycle  $M_{\text{ocean}} \sim 1000 \text{ km}^3 \rightarrow$  <sup>ocean depth</sup>  
 $\times 4\pi R_E^2 \times 2 \text{ km}$

Precipitation  $\sim 20 \text{ T g s}^{-1} \Rightarrow \tau_{\text{ocean}} \sim \frac{M}{P} \sim 200 \text{ y}$

Large exchanges of H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>

# Gas, Autos, Planes

Crude Oil consumption  $\sim 100 \text{ ng s}^{-1}$  }  $\sim 40 \text{ y}$   
 Reserves  $\sim 300 \text{ Pg}$   
 $\sim 50.5 \text{ TW}$  <sup>electricity</sup>

## Autos

$\frac{1}{3}$  Crude oil  $\text{km/mi}$   
 109 worldwide ( $\sim 1/4 \text{ US}$ )  
 gasoline usage  $\sim 30 \text{ Mg s}^{-1}$   
 gas mileage  $\sim 30 \text{ mpg} \approx 30 \times \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{gal}} \times \frac{1}{4} \sim 10 \text{ km kg}^{-1}$   
 $\sim 1/6 \text{ ct.}$   
 "Near speed"  $\sim \frac{30 \times 10^3}{10^9} \times 10 \sim 300 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$   
 $\sim 30 \text{ km d}^{-1}$

$\text{CO}_2$  rate

$\sim \frac{0.1}{2} \times \frac{4 \text{ k}}{12} \sim 0.2 \text{ kg km}^{-1}$   
 Reasonable.

## Planes

Boeing 747 Jet uses  $2.4 \times 10^5 \text{ l}$  to fly 9000 mi carrying 400 p.

$\text{O}_2$  rate  $\sim \frac{2.4 \times 10^5 \times 0.8 \times \left(\frac{44}{12}\right)}{9000 \times 8/5 \times 400} \sim 0.1 \text{ kg km}^{-1} \text{ p}^{-1}$   
 density

cf Autos

no planes also cause damage with fuel additives, ozone at high altitude and water  $\rightarrow$  clouds.

# Solids, Liquids, Gases (RVW notes)

- Pressure (kinetic + degenerate)
- Atoms, molecules
- Nuclear binding.
- Bulk modulus, flow (mountain)
- Surface tension (raindrops)
- Dimensions, Buckingham's theorem
- Sedov-Taylor explosions.
- Shallow, deep, capillary waves.

# Earth, Water, Air & Fire

- Earth - Geothermal
- Water - Hydro, waves.
- Air - Wind; land, sea
- Fire - solar power.

# Geothermal Power

$p$  present  
conservation

P15  
good  
?

$U_{\oplus} \sim 10^{31} \text{ J} \sim 15 \text{ TW} \times 20 \text{ Gyr!}$   
Can "mine" heat.

$\langle F_{\oplus} \rangle \sim 0.1 \text{ W m}^{-2} \sim 50 \text{ TW} / A_{\oplus}$   
More in hotspots like Iceland

Thermal conductivity of hot rock  
 $\sim 3 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$  dictated by phonons not fp  
Cendril to  $\sim 3 \text{ km} \Rightarrow \Delta T \sim 0.1 \text{ W m}^{-2} \cdot 3 \text{ km}$

cf.  
M. re

Pump water down, steam up  
 $\frac{3 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}}{\sim 100 \text{ K}}$

Efficiency  
Carnot cycle  $\epsilon \sim \frac{W}{Q_0} \sim \frac{\Delta T}{T_0} \sim \frac{1}{4}$

Typical  $\epsilon \sim 0.1$

Current production  $\sim 10 \text{ GW} \Rightarrow 1 \text{ TW} ??$

Problems:  $\text{CO}_2$ , environment,  
earthquakes, capital cost...

Aside  $\epsilon$  for Heat Pumps  $= \frac{Q_0}{W}$

Carnot cycle  $= Q_0 / W = T_u / \Delta T$

A little work can raise heat in temperature.

Hydroelectricty. check  
 p19 < Precipitation  $\sim 2 \times 10^{21} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \equiv 1 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$

Power  $\sim 2 \times 10^{21} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \times 10 \times 100 \text{ h}_2 \times f_{\oplus} \times \epsilon$   
 $\sim 2 \times 10^{21} \text{ h}_2 f_{\oplus} \epsilon \text{ TW}$

Global minor, locally feasible especially if dam large rivers  
 $\epsilon$  low because of evaporative loss, friction.

Environmental issues!

Three Gorges Dam

Yangtze river 20 GW even locally out of  $\sim 500 \text{ GW}$  total power

Overall hydro power produces  $\sim 0.5 \text{ TW}$  globally.



# Wave Power

RVW showed that  $\omega^2 = g k R^2$   
 For shallow water waves

Deep water wave,  $c$  independent of  $H$   
 so  $\omega^2 = g k \times \#$  ( $\# = 1$ , actually  $\tanh kH$  in  
 $KE \sim \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 h^2 \sim \rho h \times \frac{g h}{2} \times \#$  (great))

Group velocity  $V_g = \omega / 2k$   $\propto \sqrt{h}$   
 Energy flux:  $F = \frac{H}{2} \frac{\rho \omega^2 h^2}{2} \times 2 \times V_g$   
 per length



$$F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\rho \omega^2 h^2}{2} \frac{\omega}{2k}$$

$$= \frac{\rho g^2 h^2}{8\omega}$$

$$\omega \sim 2\pi / 10s$$

$$V_g = g/\omega \sim 16, \lambda \sim 160m, h \sim 1m$$

$$F \sim \frac{10^3 \times 2 \times 1}{50} \sim 20 kW m^{-1}$$

$$P \sim 20 \times 10^3 \times 40 \times 10^6 \sim 1 TW$$

$$\sim 1 TW \quad 2\pi R_\oplus$$

Globally insufficient

# HW4 Tidal Power D: 0-1:3

$$\frac{GM_{\oplus} R_{\oplus}}{a^3} \sim \frac{GM_{\oplus} h}{R_{\oplus}^2}$$

$$h/R_{\oplus} \sim (1.5h - / 310d)^2 \sim 0.2m \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} 2h \\ \text{Pool} \\ \text{Turbine} \end{array} \right]$$

Mut here because shallow water (cf tsunami)

Power  $\sim \frac{2 \rho g h^2}{6w} \sim 3 \text{ E W m}^{-2}$  for  $h \sim 3m$ .

10 TW would need  $(1 \text{ Mm})^2$

LaRance (STM also, Korea)

$L \sim 300m, h \sim 8m, P_{\text{max}} \sim 240 \text{ MW}$   
 $\langle P \rangle \sim 70 \text{ MW}$

Aside need larger tides

Tidal flow in a shallow channel

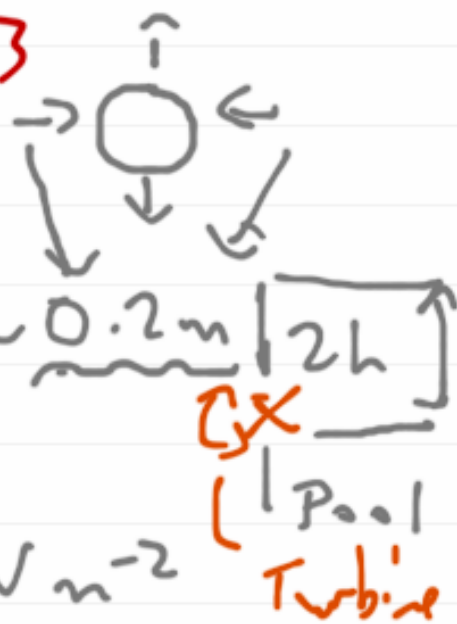
$$F \sim \frac{1}{2} \rho v^3$$

$$v \sim \frac{D}{6hr} \times \frac{h}{H}$$

$$\sim \frac{10^5}{2 \times 10^4} \times \frac{10}{100} \sim 1 \text{ m/s say.}$$

Energy from  $\oplus$  rotation!

Tsunami



# Wind Power

$$P = \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho v^3 \right] \epsilon A \sim 5 \times 10^3 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 30^2 \sim 300 \text{ kW}$$

$\sim 10^{-3}$  solar  
also  $\frac{1}{2}$  PV shadowing  $\Rightarrow f \sim 0.2$  on farm  
 $\sim 1-2 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  on land. - f: 11: - y factor

horizontal axis - several designs  
largest is 200m with 130m diameter  $\rightarrow 8 \text{ MW}$ !  
NB this is peak power typical power  
can be much less

largest wind farms are  $\sim 500 \text{ MW}$   
 $\sim 10 \text{ GW}$  planned

Offshore is better - have floating  
turbines when in deep water.

However, serious problems with gales,  
corrosion, cost of servicing...

## Capital costs

40% UK 2kW p-1 requires 1000kg p-1 of  
concrete and steel

Global.  $10 \text{ TW} \equiv 1 \text{ W m}^{-2} \times (3 \text{ km})^2$ !  
locally impactful, globally minor

# Solar Power - Generalities

$$P \sim 1.5 \text{ kW m}^{-2} \times \pi \times (6000 \text{ km})^2$$
$$\sim 200 \text{ PW} \sim 10^4 \times \text{consumption}$$

Solar power is dilute.

Effective duty cycle  $\delta \sim \frac{1}{8} \sim \frac{1}{4}$  /  $AZ$

Efficiency  $\epsilon \sim 0.1 \sim 0.5$   $nE$

Integrated area  $\sim 10^4 \text{ km}^2 (\delta \epsilon)^{-1}$   
of collectors for global consumption.

- Biomass (burning trees, plants, waste)  $\sim 1 \text{ TW}$
- Direct heating  $\sim 100 \text{ GW}$
- Photovoltaic  $\sim 10 \text{ GW}$

Commercial viability requires

$\sim 1 \$ \text{ W}^{-1} \equiv 1 \text{ B\$} / \text{GW capital cost}$

Electricity price  $\sim \$25 / 40 \text{ GWh}$  <sup>variable!</sup> wholesale/retail

- Domestic usage is total consumption

## Biomass

- Plants, trees etc  $\rightarrow$  fuel, gas, food
- Efficiency of photosynthesis is very low  $\sim 1 \text{ W m}^{-2}$   
[Corn ethanol  $\sim 20 \text{ m W m}^{-2}$  according to Tackx et al.]
- Growing plants can absorb  $\text{CO}_2$  but burning them creates more  $\text{CO}_2$  unless you have carbon sequestration
- Biofuel produces  $30 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1}$   
waste produces  $27 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1}$
- Most biofuel usage is not being renewed (but could be).

## Direct heating

For domestic hot water, space heating  
 $\sim 1/4 \times$        $\sim 1/2 \times$  domestic

Circulate water from reservoir onto roof and heat exchange with domestic water supply.

eg  $1 \text{ m}^3$  reservoir  $\equiv 10^3 \text{ kg}$

heat by  $30 \text{ K}$  for  $\sim 1 \text{ d}$

$$\text{Power} \sim \frac{10^3 \text{ kg} \times 4 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \times 30 \text{ K}}{10^5 \text{ s}}$$

$$\sim 1 \text{ kW}, \quad \epsilon \sim 0.1$$

Need an area  $\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$

Also skylights, windows contribute to space heating.

# Photovoltaic Devices (for electricity)

Flat screen  $\epsilon \sim 0.1 - 0.2$

Example Fig 6.6 Parkway

$2\text{m}^2$  panel rated @  $300\text{W}$

produce a peak power  $\sim 250\text{W}$  and  
an average power  $\sim 40\text{W}$   
(a dim light bulb)

Full domestic electricity production

requires  $\sim 100$  panels  $> 1$  roof!

However, partial power is practical  
& economics changing because

capital costs are falling.

and solar power more promising

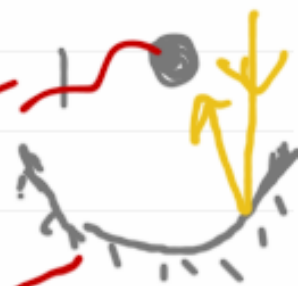
# Cylindrical Mirrors

Intensity ( $\equiv$  temperature) of sunlight in  $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$  is conserved through optical system. Sun subtends an angle  $\sim 0.01 \text{ rad}$  so if focus in 1D can increase flux by  $\sim 100$  by increasing the solid angle to  $\sim 1 \text{ rad}$ .

Andrusol power station (Spain)

Pipe containing molten salt at  $1000 \text{ K}$

Cylindrical mirror



$$\frac{dM_{\text{salt}}}{dt} \sim \frac{50 \text{ MW}}{6 \text{ kJ h}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1} \times 1000 \text{ K}} \quad \$8/\text{W!}$$

specific heat.

$$\sim 1 \text{ kg s}^{-1} \sim 100 \text{ kg d}^{-1}$$

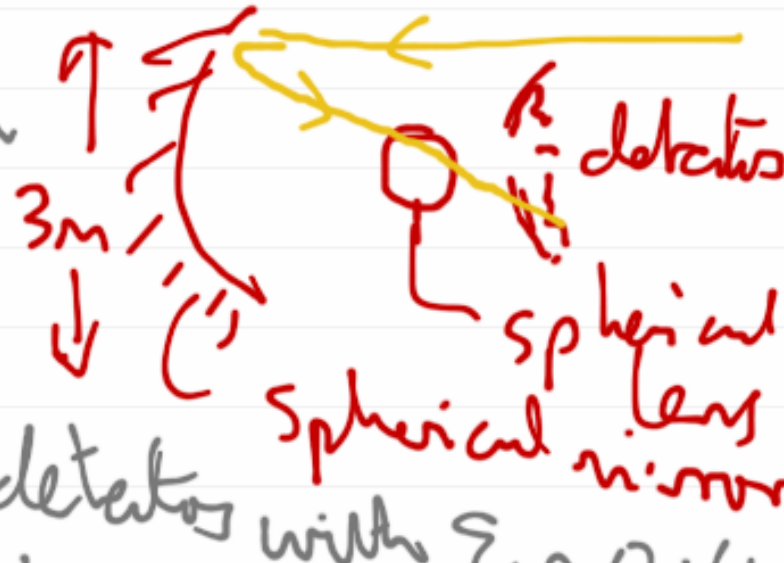
Can load batteries and run generators at night.



# Spherical Mirrors

2D Focusing - concentrate flux by  
up to  $10^4$  C (typically  $10^3 \sim 10^4 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ )  
Prototype facility REX in Arizona

Detector area  
 $\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$   
 $\frac{1000}{10000}$   
 $\sim 100 \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$  detectors with  $\epsilon \sim 0.4$   
10 kW  $\epsilon$  each! *cooling?*  
cost  $\sim 1\$ \text{ W}^{-1}$ ! *load balance?*



'Tower of Power' flat mirrors



# Nuclear Power

- Nuclear fuel . Fission, fusion.
- Light Water reactors
- Global implications
- Bottomline .

# Nuclear Fuel

Fission



Yield:  $10^{14} \text{ J kg}^{-1} \times 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C}^2 \sim 200 \text{ GJ kg}^{-1}$  of U ore  
 $1 \text{ MeV}/n \quad \epsilon_{\text{fission}}$

PIG

cf coal/gas/oil  $\sim 30 \times 4 \sim 10 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1}$

RWV  
notes



A-bombs:  $20 \text{ kt} \times 4 \text{ GJ t}^{-1} = 80 \text{ TJ}$   
 $Pu^{239}$  is fissile; smallest critical mass!

Fusion



absorb n on Li, regenerate t

HW

Temperature  $\sim 10^8 \text{ K}$  to overcome Coulomb barrier

- Magnetic confinement (Tokamaks, ITER)  
 $10 \text{ T field, } \tau \sim 1 \text{ s for breakeven.}$
- Inertial confinement (Lasers, NIF)

Ablation:  $\frac{\text{Momentum}}{\text{Energy}} \sim \frac{2}{v} (NR) \sim \frac{1}{c} \text{ photon}$

H bombs:  $10 - 50 \text{ MT} \sim 40 - 200 \text{ PJ!}$

# Light Water Reactors

- Commercial reactors are "once through" LWR
- use centrifuges to increase  $f_{235} \sim 0.4$
  - burn  $\sim 0.1$  of fuel and store waste
  - PWR - 2 stage, BWR - 1 stage
  - Rankine cycle (isobaric Carnot)
  - breeder reactors burn most of the fuel
    - create  $Pu^{239}$
    - concern of proliferation of nuclear weapons

$\sim 100$  <sup>dr</sup> reactors in US  $\sim 400$  world  
Power  $\sim 0.1 - 1$  GW

France, Sweden  $\sim 60$  y lifetime  
Sweden  $\sim 800$  Wp - plutonium, US  $300$  Wp  
high grade waste  $\sim 0.02 \times 2$  TW

$\sim 20$  kg  $^{235}U$  / kg  
300 power stations (100 in US)  
None in a 30 y.

2 TW need  $2000 \times$  GW or 20,000  
 $\times 100$  MW.

## Global Implications

P18 Suppose we try to supply the total global electrical power today 2 TW by nuclear power we need

$2 \text{ TW} / 200 \text{ GJ kg}^{-1} \sim 10 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$  fuel for a breeder reactor and  $1 \text{ Mg s}^{-1}$  for a one through cycle.

The known reserves of U are  $30 \text{ Tg}$  which would be exhausted in  $30 \text{ Tg} / 10 \text{ kg s}^{-1} \sim 100 \text{ yr}$  and  $\sim 10^5$  for a one through cycle?

-  $5 \text{ Tg}$  of oceanic U turns over  $\sim 10^3 \text{ yr}$

P19 supply  $\sim 200 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$  U.

Economics: Dominated by capital cost

-  $5-7 \text{ \$ W}^{-1}$  (Europe, US),  $\sim 2 \text{ \$ W}^{-1}$  (China)

- Advantages: No  $\text{CO}_2$  (except for construction), load balances, cheap running costs

- Issues: Waste disposal (political) proliferation, accidents, Int. disarmament  
Tukishun

## Bottom Lines

- Two power crises -  $\text{CO}_2$  release
    - increase in demand.
  - Address with combination of power sources + conservation
  - Economic and political problem
  - Brutal arithmetic not romantic vision
  - All sources have drawbacks; seek least problematic
  - Still plenty of opportunity for new ideas and cost reduction.
  - Solutions take a decade lead time
  - Power consumption increasing
  - $\text{CO}_2$  increasing
- Go figure!

# Computation and Information

- Fourier Transform
- Storage
- Computation
- Power
- Brain

# Fourier Transform

$$V(t) \left[ \begin{array}{c} \Delta t \\ \text{graph of } V(t) \end{array} \right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} df e^{2\pi i f t} \hat{V}(f) \left[ \begin{array}{c} \hat{V} \\ \text{graph of } \hat{V}(f) \\ - \Delta t^{-1} \end{array} \right] \quad \text{UP!}$$

Shannon: data rate  $\sim$  bandwidth  $\log_2 \left( \frac{S}{N} \right)$

Human audi. range  $\sim 20$  kHz

Sampling rate  $\sim$  audio CD  $\sim 40$  kHz.

Power: If  $f$  is amplitude for a finite length  $T$  of data.

$$\int dt V^2 = \int df \frac{|V|^2}{T} P_f$$

$$C(\tau) = \int dt V(t)V(t+\tau) \sim P_f$$

(Wiener-Khinchin)

## Fast Fourier Transform

$$\text{Discretize } \hat{V}_R = \sum_n V_n e^{-2\pi i k n / N}$$

$N^2$  operations.

Coolidge-Tukey algo rather reduces this

to  $O(N \ln N)$  (usually set  $N = 2^p$ )



## Storage

Audio CD  $R \sim 6 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\lambda \sim 800 \text{ nm}$  red!  
D:  $\text{fracturing} \Rightarrow \text{pits} \sim \lambda$   
 $\Rightarrow L \sim 2\pi \times 0.5 \text{ m} \times 4 \times 10^4 \sim 10 \text{ km!}$

Storage in "pits" which change brightness # rings  
can store up to  $700 \text{ MB} \sim 6 \text{ Gb (i.t.)}$   
read out in  $80 \text{ m} \sim 5 \text{ Ks} \Rightarrow \text{rate} \sim 1 \text{ Mb/s}$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{bits} \sim 1 \mu \text{ apart. } v \sim 2 \text{ m/s}^{-1}!$

Minimum storage for music  $\sim 40 \text{ kHz} \times 5 \text{ h}$   
 $\sim 200 \text{ Mb}$

## Flash memory

"Non-moving" memory. up to  $250 \text{ GB}$   
Read/Write up to  $5 \text{ Gb/s}^{-1}$   
limited # of read/writes  
Hard Drive - Disk Storage

Spinning ferrimagnetic disk R/W  
with moving head. Can spin up to  
 $250 \text{ Hz}$  and store several TB  
(for  $100 \text{ } \tau_{\text{R}} \sim$ ) magnetic domain  
size  $\sim 10 \text{ nm}$ . (Storage  $\sim 10^4 \times \text{CD}$ )  
Data size  $\sim 10 \text{ PB}$  now  $> 100 \text{ PB}$  soon!



# Power

Although reversible computation is theoretically possible, practical computers are dissipative and this limits their expansion.

Energy loss in wires is  $\sim kT \ln 2$  and so short communications important

	Power W	FLOPs	Energy (fJ)
Cellphone	1	na	na
Brain	15	na	na
Laptop	30	TBD	TBD
Supercomputer	$3 \times 10^6$	$10^{15}$	3
Google site servers	$10^8$	$3 \times 10^{16}$	3

US total  $\sim 100 \text{ GW} \sim \$10 \text{ B y}^{-1}$   
Global total  $\sim 300 \text{ GW} \sim \$30 \text{ B y}^{-1}$   
(likely to be underestimates).

- Cost of power and cooling of computers already ex. cap. cost
- $10^5$  core clusters are being constructed
- $10^3$  core CPU-GPUs under construction for special purpose operation.
- E-waste is major problem

# Brain

- $10^{11}$  neurons,  $10^4$  synapses (electrical, chemical connections) per neuron.
- $\sim 10$  Wms; Mem rate  $\sim 1$  Hz  $\Rightarrow 10^{15}$  SOPS (S ops: operations per S) possible
- typical operation consumes  $\sim 1$  pJ
- Power  $\sim 5$  KW  $\sim 15$  W measured.  
Suggesting that duty cycle  $\sim 0.1$   
[2g of food @ 30M's/kg  $\Rightarrow 60$  KJ good for a lecture!]
- $V \sim 1$  (M -  $1.5$  M $\epsilon$ ) spacing  $\sim 30$   $\mu$ m  
(Neuron size  $\sim 3 - 40$   $\mu$ m)
- Dendrites for low power
- "memory" estimated at  $\sim 1$  byte/syn  
?  $\Rightarrow$  1 PB. **What does this mean?**
- Reasons for low power include low "clock rate", 3d connectivity and massive parallelization.
- The IBM Blue Gene/Brain project needs 106 KW to simulate  $10^5$  neurons

## Summary


- Computation currently at Petascale (petaflops, petabytes)
- Needs to get to Exascale in ~5yr
- Total power usage of current computation is  $> 0.01$  of electrical power usage
- Physics limits clock speed, component size.
- Future improvement in energy per flop must come from chip design parallelization and minimizing communication.
- The brain can execute  $\sim$ PHZ Spikes using 15W?
- We may learn from the brain!!

# Optics and Acoustics

- Geometrical Optics
- Ionosphere
- Cylindrical Lenses
- Fraunhofer diffraction
- Instruments
- Fresnel diffraction

# Geometrical Optics - Refraction

Atomic Polarizability.



electron cloud

$$\frac{Ze}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x^2} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^3 \sim Ze E$$

$$\Rightarrow p \sim Ze x \sim 4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3 E$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi = \frac{p}{\epsilon_0 E} \sim 4\pi N a^3$$

$\sim 1$  for water, glass

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{c}{v} = \frac{\epsilon}{(\chi+1)^{1/2}} \sim 1.5$$

refractive index

For air  $\chi \sim 1 \sim n-1 \sim \frac{N_{air}}{N_{solid}} \sim 10^{-3}$   
 (at 37°C)  $(3 \times 10^{-4})$



$$R_{\perp} = \omega k \sim n \sin \theta$$

Snell's Law

# Electron density in ionosphere

AM - 0.5 - 1.6 MHz reflects

FM - 90 - 110 MHz no reflect

"cut off" for normal incidence  $\sim 10$  MHz

Consider electron in EM wave  $E e^{i\omega t}$

Maxwell  $\nabla \times B = \mu_0 j + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$  ;  $\nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$

$$j \sim N e v \sim i \frac{N e^2}{m \omega} E$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times B = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \left( 1 - \frac{N e^2}{m \epsilon_0 \omega^2} \right) \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

plasma freq.  $\omega_p^2$

So cut off when

$$N \sim \frac{m \epsilon_0 \omega^2}{e^2} \sim \frac{10^{-30} 10^{-11} (6 \times 10^7)^2}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}$$

refractive index

$$\sim 10^{12} \text{ m}^{-3}$$

$$\textcircled{n}^2 = \frac{c^2 k^2}{\omega^2} = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$

Dispersion relation

Oblique

$$n \sin \theta = \text{const}$$

$$\sim n = n_c = \sin \theta_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_c = \omega_p \sec \theta_0$$





# Gravitational Lenses

Solar deflection  
Newtonian



$$\alpha_N \sim \frac{GM}{b^2} \cdot \frac{2b}{c} \sim \frac{2GM}{bc^2} \sim \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{GR}$$

$620 \text{ km s}^{-1} \sim 2 \frac{v_{esc}^2}{c^2} \sim 10^{-3}$

Galaxy.  $\frac{GM}{b} \sim (2)\sigma^2$  from hydro eqn

$\Rightarrow \alpha \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2} \sim 10^{-5} \sim 1''$  10 vel disp

## Multiple Imaging



use Fermat P!

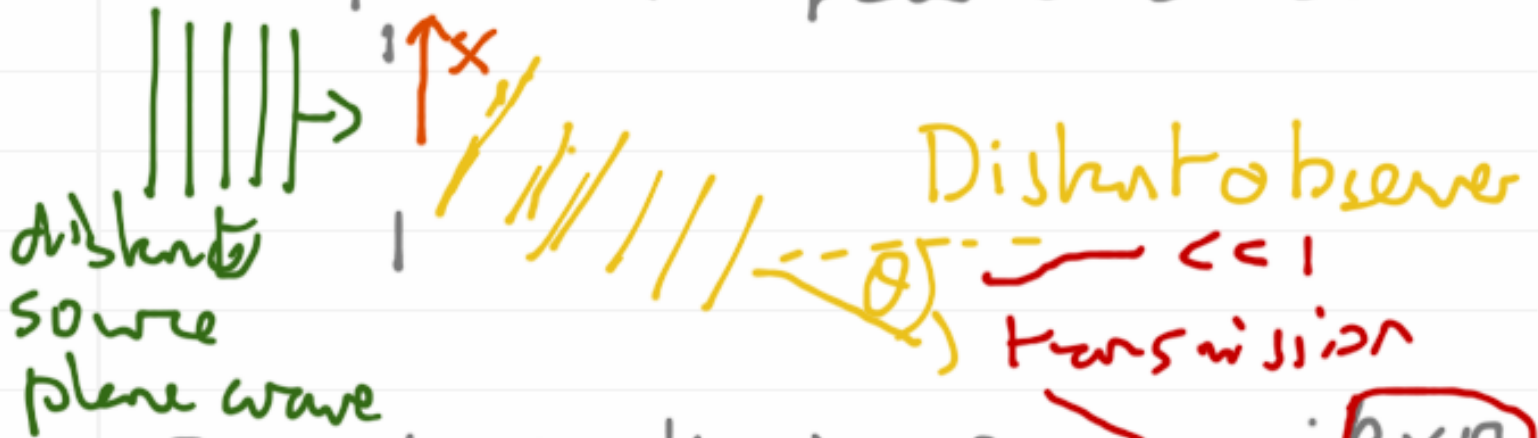
$$2b \sim D \theta \sim (D/2) \alpha \sim \frac{D}{2} \frac{4GM}{bc^2}$$

"Rule of Thumb"

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma > \Sigma_c \equiv \frac{M}{\pi b^2} \sim \frac{c^2}{\pi D G} \sim \frac{10^{17}}{3.18 \times 10^{26} \times 10^{-11}} \sim 2 R_g \text{ m}^{-2}$$

# Fraunhofer D: Fractions

Diffraction - extended source  
 Interference - few beams.



Amplitude  $\psi(\theta) \sim \int dx t(x) e^{i k x \theta}$  (where  $k \times \theta$  is circled in red)

Intensity  $I \sim |\psi|^2$  (where  $k \times \theta$  is circled in red)

FT phase

If aperture size is  $a$ ,  $\theta \sim \frac{1}{ka}$

Young

2 narrow slits  $\int_a \psi \sim \cos ka\theta/2$



2 finite slits  $\int_a \psi$  slit-width  $S$

Convolve with  $\int_a$  with width  $S$

Multiply FT by function with width  $\Delta\theta \sim 1/kS$   $I \sim \text{sinc}^2$

# Instruments

## Telescope



Angular resolution  $\sim \lambda/D$  MW

## Interferometer



Angular resolution  $\sim \lambda/b \ll \frac{\lambda}{D}$

## Grating



$N$  slits of width  $S$



Convolution multiplication

FT  $\Psi(\dots \otimes \Lambda) \times \dots \sim \lambda/S$  MW



# Fresnel Diffraction

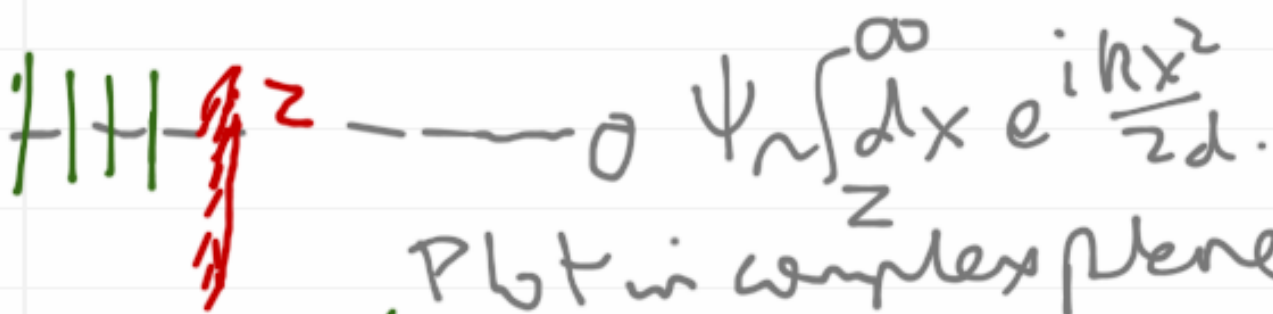
Observer/detector near aperture.



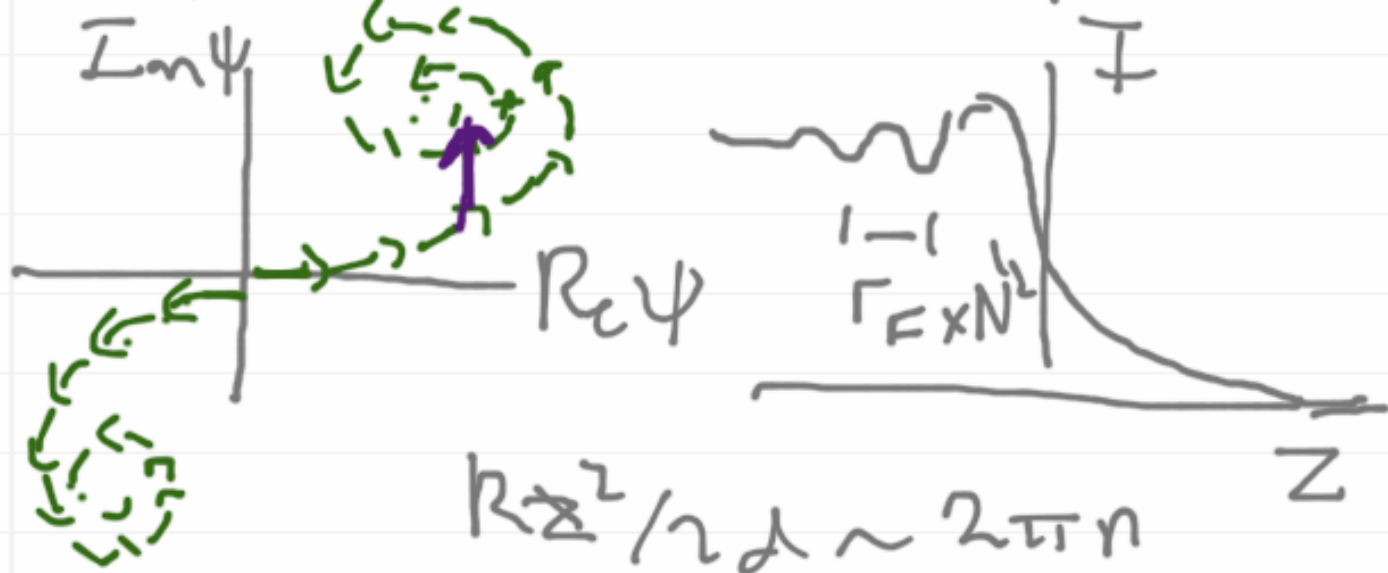
Fresnel length  $\Gamma_F \sim (\lambda d)^{1/2}$

Fraunhofer if  $a \ll \Gamma_F$

## Diffraction by straight edge



Plot in complex plane



# Sound

Speed - air  $\sim 300 \text{ m s}^{-1} \sim (\delta P / \rho)^{1/2} \propto T^{1/2}$

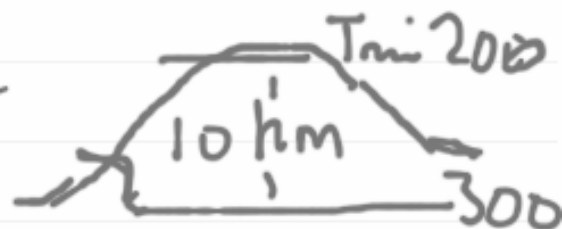
$\lambda \sim 302 / f \text{ cm}$  - longitudinal  
 $F \sim \rho v^2 c$ , 1 db  $\sim 10^{-12}$ , 120 db  $\sim 1 \text{ W m}^{-2}$   
 threshold rock concert

$v \sim 50 \text{ nm s}^{-1} \sim 50 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$\delta P / P \sim \delta P / P \sim \eta \sim 10^{-10} \sim 10^{-4}$

Refraction - Stratosphere

Also above lake



Generation - Scalar field / wave;  $\omega = c k$

Monopole radiation from radial oscillation of sphere

$V \cos \omega t$

$V (kR)^2$

$v \sim V \frac{(kR)^2}{k r}$

Near field

Wave field

$\sim r^{-1}$

$\sim r^{-2}$

$P_{\text{near}} \sim \rho \left[ V \frac{(kR)^2}{k r} \right]^2 c 4\pi r^2 \sim \frac{(4\pi R^2 \rho c)^2}{4\pi} \frac{dV}{dt} = \omega V$

$P_{\text{dual}} \sim \left( \frac{V}{c} \right)^2 P_{\text{dip}} \sim \left( \frac{V}{c} \right)^4 P_{\text{near}} \frac{4\pi \rho c}{4\pi}$

# Aerodynamic Sound Generation

From jet engines etc.

In a free flow, fluctuations must conserve momentum



$\Rightarrow$  Quadrupole emission

$\Rightarrow$  Aerodynamic power per unit volume from turbulence with characteristic speed  $V$  and characteristic length  $l$  is

$$\sim \frac{(\rho l V^2)^2}{\rho c l^3} \left(\frac{V}{c}\right)^4$$

$$\sim \frac{\rho c^3}{l} \left(\frac{V}{c}\right)^8 \quad \text{very sensitive to speed}$$

# Aside on EM, Grav. Radiation

EM - vector waves

most power in electric dipole.

dipole moment

↑ μ constant  
Near

$$E \sim \frac{\mu R^3}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \sim \frac{j R^3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R r}$$

h<sup>-1</sup> ! wave

$$P_{\text{dip}} \sim \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{\mu R^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \right)^2 \cdot 4\pi r^2 \sim \frac{(\omega^2 \mu)^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \sim \text{dip}$$

GR - tensor waves

most power in mass quadrupole

R<sup>M</sup>

$$Q \sim MR^2$$

$$\phi \sim G R^3 Q$$

$$\phi \sim \frac{G R^3 Q}{R r}$$

Near R<sup>-1</sup> ! wave

$$P_{\text{quad}} \sim \left( \frac{c^5}{G} \right) \left( \frac{R \cdot \phi}{c^2} \right)^2 4\pi r^2 \sim 4\pi G (\omega^3 Q)^2$$

Dimensions of power

Dimensions of amplitude

# Music

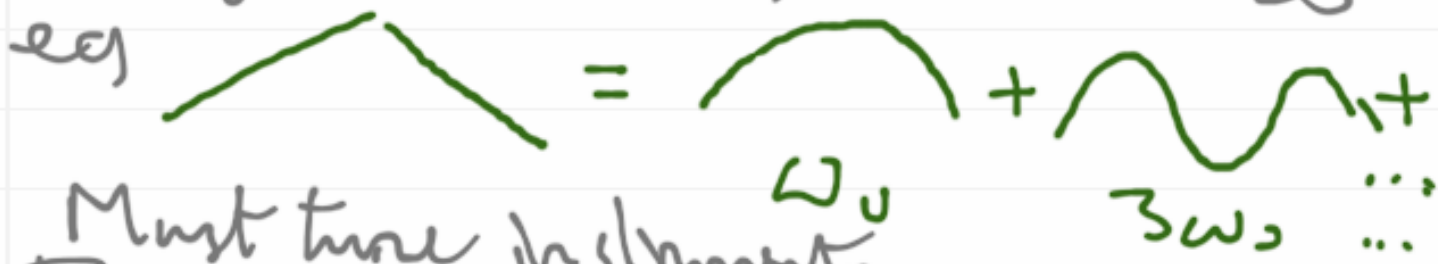
Equal tempered scale eg Piano

16      ~250      **440**      500...500 Hz  
C<sup>4</sup>      **A<sup>4</sup>**      C<sup>5</sup>  
(middle)

$$\frac{\nu_{A\#}}{\nu_A} = 2^{1/12} \approx e^{\frac{\ln 2}{12}} \approx 1.06 \text{ etc.}$$

(Commonly true to whole number ratios)

An individual note contains many (melifluous) harmonics



Must trace instruments  
Power Spectrum of music!



However fluctuations and phases matter! Ear imposes filters.



# Criteria, violin-chordophone

eg plucked violin string  
(~~good~~ plucks many times per stroke)  
Sound amplified and "improved"  
by resonance effects in wood.



open G string.

← 30 cm → bridge.

mass per length  $\lambda \sim 60 \text{ cm}$ ;  $\omega \sim 200 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $c_T \sim 120 \text{ m/s}$   
 $\mu \sim 4 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-6} \sim 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg m}^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow T \sim \mu c_T^2 \sim 4 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^4 \sim 5 \text{ N}$

tension

Strain  $\sim T/EA \sim \frac{50}{10^{11} \times 10^{-6}} \sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$  indep of A

Temperature sensitivity of tuning.

To change by a semitone -  $c_T$  changes by 3% strain by 6%  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-5}$ .

Typical coefficients of linear expansion  $\sim 10^{-5}$  So a temperature change of a few degrees will detune a violin

# Trumpet - Aerophone

We can simplify this as a bent pipe of length  $\approx 1.2$  m (allowing for the bell with a node at the mouthpiece end and an antinode at the bell). The standing wave can be tuned at the lips and changed with the valves. The lowest note played is the first overtone.

more  
correct



$$\lambda = \frac{4}{3} \times 1.2 \text{ m} \approx 1.6 \text{ m}$$

$$v \approx \frac{340}{1.6} \approx 215 \text{ Hz}$$

close to B<sup>b</sup>

A semi tone change  $c$  requires a 6% change in  $c$  and a 12% change in  $T \approx 30^\circ$ . Can tune by lengthening tube.

# Isosphere - Xylophone



Wooden bar composed of "fibres"



Bending Moment  $M \sim \int dy dz E \left( y \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial x^2} \right) y$

Area  $\int dy dz$       Strain lever arm  $y$   
 Young's Mod.  $E$

$$M \sim w t^3 E \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial x^2}$$



$$dM = S dx$$

$$dS = \underbrace{\mu dx}_{\text{mass/length}} \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial t^2}$$

$$w t^3 E \frac{\partial^4 \zeta}{\partial x^4} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial t^2}$$

This equation, unlike the wave equation has hyperbolic as well as harmonic solutions, in order to make music, we need to impose boundary conditions which will select harmonic solutions.

eg



$$3 \times 10^3 \times 10^4$$

$$k \sim 2\pi / .15 \sim 40 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$\omega \sim \left( \frac{w \epsilon^3 E}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} k^2 \propto k^2!$$

$$\sim \left( \frac{E}{\omega^2} \right)^{1/2} k^2 \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \sim \left( \frac{10^{10}}{10^3} \right)^{1/2} \frac{40^2 10^{-3}}{6}$$

$$\sim 600 \text{ Hz.}$$

## People and other animals

- Allometry
- Blood flow
- Turbulence
- Structural limit

# Allometry (Scaling relations)

Range of animal sizes.  $\rho$  const.

$\rho \sim 1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$   
line  
deber?

Mycoplasma	100 fg	500 nm ( $10^4 \mu$ )
Bee	100 mg	5 mm
Human	100 kg	500 mm
Blue Whale ( $H_2O$ ) (> dinosaurs!)	100 Mg	5 m
	$\times 10^{21}$ range	$\times 10^7$ range

Scaling: — Schmidt & Nielsen.

Many approximate relations.



$$\left( \frac{\text{Metabolic rate}}{100 \text{ W}} \right) \sim \left( \frac{M_{\text{body}}}{100 \text{ kg}} \right)^{0.7}$$

$\sim \text{Area?}$

# Blood Flow

Healthy human circulates 5l of blood  $\text{min}^{-1}$   
Aorta  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right] \cdot 0.2\text{m} \quad v \sim \frac{5 \times 10^{-3}}{60 \times 4 \times 10^{-4}} \sim 2 \text{ms}^{-1}$   
 $\leftarrow 0.3\text{m} \quad \uparrow$

Navier-Stokes equation

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P + \vec{g} + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{v}$$

Kinematic viscosity

	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	blood	air
$\nu \sim 2 \text{ms}^{-1}$	$10^{-6}$	$3 \times 10^{-6}$	$10^{-5}$
	$\nu \sim \nu \text{ l mfp. for gas}$		

Pipe flow  $d\vec{v}/dt, g=0 \quad v \sim a^2 P' / \rho \nu$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta P \sim \frac{10^3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 3}{10^{-4}} \sim 20 \text{N m}^{-2}$$

Blood pressure 110-60 mmHg  $\sim 0.5 \times 1.4 \times 10^4 \times 10$   
 $\sim 7 \text{ k.N m}^{-2}$

Most of pressure pushes flow through capillaries.

Oxygen supply 250ml  $\text{O}_2$  per minute

$$\text{"Power"} \sim \frac{0.25 \times 10^{-3} \times 1 \times 30 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1}}{60} = 120 \text{ W}$$

$\approx 70 \text{ W heat}$

# Turbulence

We assumed the flow is laminar. If we increase the pressure gradient, the flow becomes irregular. The critical parameter is:

Flow is aided by shear stress waves in wall

$$\text{Reynolds' No} \sim \frac{|\Delta \bar{v}|}{|\Delta \bar{v}|} \sim \frac{VL}{\nu}$$

$R \lesssim 1000$  - flow laminar ignore metric

$R \gtrsim 1000$  - flow unstable - turbulent.

Flows with same  $R$  are similar.

For aorta  $\sim R \sim \frac{2 \times 0.2}{3 \times 10^{-6}} \sim 1000$

of nuclear reactor design!

A trout as small as can be bred remains efficient. Most animals have evolved this performance

As devolve to N arteries / capillaries.

of size  $a$ , expected flow  $\propto NaR$

$$\Rightarrow N \sim 1/a, P' \sim a^{-3}?$$

Swimming  $R$  when  $\sim 10^8$  - turbulent wake


$R_{\text{drag}} \sim 0.1$  - inertia unimportant

flow reversible. Propel with waves, screws.



## Structural limits

Bone has  $\rho \sim 1500 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ ,  $E \sim 20 \text{ GN m}^{-2}$   
mass fraction - 0.06 ( $\text{M/M}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ )<sup>1.1</sup>

Xylophore  $M \sim \frac{E d^4 L}{L^2} \downarrow F_g$  

$> F_r$  for restoring force to prevent

So stress  $< E (d/l)^2 \sim 200 \text{ MN m}^{-2}$  for  $d \sim 0.1 \text{ l}$ .

**2 femurs g**  
cf  $\frac{50 \text{ kg} \times 10}{(0.1)^2} \sim 50 \text{ MN m}^{-2}$

So 4g places you in danger of fracture! **no cracks, very rough**

Large animals are more vulnerable  
Elephants have  $d/l \sim 0.2$

Blue whales ( $M \sim L^3$ , Stress  $\sim L$ )

cannot stand on land.

Buckling

## Some Helpful Suggestions

- Estimation needs to precede or obviate a proper calculation
- Sometimes we need a 20% estimate; sometimes an order of magnitude in the exponent suffices!
- It's OK to know something or look it up and use it!
- Physicists use strange, idiosyncratic units. Regrettable but true. Use the units that are useful and practice changing units.
- Practice mental arithmetic
- If you don't know, guess and learn
- Dimensions matter!
- Be bold. You won't "bat 100".
- Look out for "sanity checks"

- Scaling arguments can bypass looking up lots of constants
- Thinking about whether or not 2TI's should be there - eg torch - can lead to greater accuracy.
- Scaling arguments can bypass solving hard problems.
- Temper your enthusiasm for understanding a new area with an appreciation for how subtle many 'real world' problems can be
- Be skeptical of numbers from the web or newspapers, especially on politically-charged issues
- Physical descriptions can be expressed as functional relationships between independent dimensional combinations of relevant dimensional quantities
- Learn how to skim large amounts of material for the key facts, numbers etc you need and then check!
- Follow the energy!

- Many problems are flow processes. Consider what is conserved and estimate flow rates and residence times.
- Handle acoustic, electromagnetic and gravitational radiation by evolving near field to  $r \sim R^{-1}$  and wave field beyond.
- Flows typically become turbulent when the Reynolds number  $R \sim LV/\nu \gtrsim 1000$
- Structures typically fail when (buckle) when the moment associated with a small displacement of an external force exceeds the elastic restoring force.

## Some Important Numbers

$$c \approx 300 \text{ Mm s}^{-1} \sim 3 \times 10^5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

Sound  
speed

$$c_s \sim 300 \text{ m s}^{-1} \sim 10^{-6} c!$$

$$1 \text{ pc} \sim 3 \text{ lt yr} \sim 3 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}$$

Age of Universe  $t_0 \sim 14 \text{ Gyr}$

$$G \sim 7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$\hbar \sim 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$\sigma \sim 6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$$

$$M_\odot \sim 2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}, L_\odot \sim 4 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$$

$$T_\odot \sim 6000 \text{ K}, \text{AU} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

$$1 \text{ eV} \sim 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \cong 10^4 \text{ K}$$

$$\sim 1.2 \mu \sim 240 \text{ THz}$$

$$M_\oplus \sim 6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}; R_\oplus \sim 6.4 \text{ Mm}$$

$$F_\oplus \sim 1.4 \text{ kW m}^{-2} \quad g_\oplus \sim 10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

$$1 \text{ Calorie} = 1000 \text{ calories} \cong 4 \text{ kJ}$$

$$1 \text{ ton} \cong 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$1 \text{ kiloton (TNT)} \cong 4 \text{ GJ}$$

$$a_0 \sim 50 \text{ pm}, m_p \sim 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_e \sim 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$$

$$\sim 0.5 \text{ MeV}$$

Power of 1000

$\gamma$   $\alpha$   $f$   $p$   $n$   $\mu$   $m$   $|$   $R$   $M$   $G$   $T$   $P$   $E$   $Z$   $Y$   $X$  (unofficial)

$$1 \text{ gallon } H_2O \sim 4 \text{ kg}$$

$$1'' \sim 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ rad.}$$

$$4 \pi \text{ steradians} \sim 40,000 \text{ deg}^2$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \sim 10^{-6} \text{ H m}^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \sim 10^{-11} \text{ F m}^{-1}$$

$$\rho_{\text{air}} \sim 1 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \rightarrow \rho_{H_2O} = 1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

$$\gamma_{\text{air}} \sim 10^{-5}, \gamma_{\text{blood}} \sim 3 \times 10^{-5}, \gamma_{H_2O} \sim 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Blood volume} \sim 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \text{ (5L)}$$

circulation time  $\sim 1$  minute.

$$\text{Bone } \rho \sim 1500 \text{ kg m}^{-3}, E \sim 2 \times 10^{10} \text{ N m}^{-2}$$

# Sketch Solutions age

1 a.  $\frac{M}{M_P} \sim f \frac{c^3 T}{G M_P} \sim \frac{0.03 \times 10^{25} \times 4 \times 10^{17}}{7 \times 10^{-11} \times 1.7 \times 10^{32}}$   
.04  $\sim 5 \times 10^7$

b.  $P \sim \rho g R \sim 5 \times 10^3 + 1 \times 7 \times 10^6$   
 $\sim 3 \times 10^{11} \text{ N m}^{-2}$

c.  $F_{\oplus} \sim \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} c \sim 1.4 \times 10^3$

$\Rightarrow B \sim \left( \frac{1.4 \times 10^3}{3 \times 10^{10}} \right)^{1/2} \sim 2 \mu\text{T}$

d.  $N_{\text{trees}} \sim \frac{(7 \times 10^6)^2 (3)^3 \times \frac{1}{3}}{10}$   
 $\sim 2 \times 10^{11}$

e.  $\omega \sim \frac{6}{24 \times 3600} \sim 7 \times 10^{-5}$

$I \sim \frac{2}{5} 10^4 \times 4\pi (7 \times 10^6)^4 \sim 10^{32} \text{ kg m}^2$   
PH R

"  $T \sim \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 \sim 200 \text{ J}$

f.  $\tau \sim \frac{2\pi R}{\delta C} \sim \frac{6 \times 5 \times 10^5}{10^4 \times 3 \times 10^8} \sim 1 \text{ ns}$

g.  $\# \left( \frac{0.1}{3 \times 10^{-4}} \right)^2 \sim 3 \times 10^6$

$\Rightarrow \Sigma V_{\text{hair}} \sim \frac{3 \times 10^6 \times 0.1 \text{ m}}{3 \times 10^6 \text{ s}} \sim 0.1 \text{ m}$

h.  $\lambda_{\text{green}} \sim \sqrt{400 \cdot 700} \sim 520 \text{ nm}$

$\lambda_{\text{green}} \sim 3 \times 10^8 / 5.2 \times 10^{14} \sim 600 \text{ THz}$

$\lambda_{\text{FM}} \sim \frac{3 \times 10^8}{10^8} \sim 3 \text{ m}$

i.  $\frac{v}{2^x} \times \frac{2v}{2^{y+1}g} \sim d \sim 100 \text{ m}$

$v_{\perp} \quad E \quad \Rightarrow v \sim 30 \text{ m/s}$

j.  $\frac{50 \text{ kg}}{16 \times 10^{-27}} \sim 2 \times 10^{27}$

$16 \times 10^{-27}$

A

(can't estimate because of air resistance. Pibler knows @ 40 m/s)



$$2. \frac{M}{M_P} \sim \left( \frac{m_e c R}{\hbar} \right)^3 \sim \frac{GM^2}{R m_e c^2} \sim \text{Internal energy}$$

$N_e$

$$\Rightarrow R \sim \frac{GM}{c^2} \left( \frac{M_P}{m_e} \right)$$

$$a) \frac{M}{M_P} \sim \left( \frac{M M_P}{M_{PL}^2} \right)^2 \Rightarrow M \sim \frac{M_{PL}^3}{M_P^2}$$

$$b) R \sim \frac{M_{PL}^2}{m_e M_P} \Gamma_{PL}$$

$$c) F \sim \frac{c^5}{G} \left( \frac{\phi}{c^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\omega}{c} \right)^2 c \sim \frac{\omega^2 \phi^2}{c^2}$$

power  $\sim 1/\text{Area} \cdot G$   
 dimensions  $\sim \text{ampl.} \cdot \text{length}$

$$d) \text{a) } \frac{F}{G} \omega, L \sim \frac{c \omega^2}{G} \times \left( \frac{c}{\omega} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{GM R^2 \omega^3}{c^3} \right)^2$$

$$\sim GM^2 R^4 \omega^6 c^{-5} \sim \frac{c^5}{G} \left( \frac{m_e}{m_P} \right)^5$$

Area  $\phi$

$$e) \pm \sim \frac{GM^2}{R} \left( \frac{\omega}{L} \right) \sim \left( \frac{m_e}{m_P} \right)^{5/2}$$

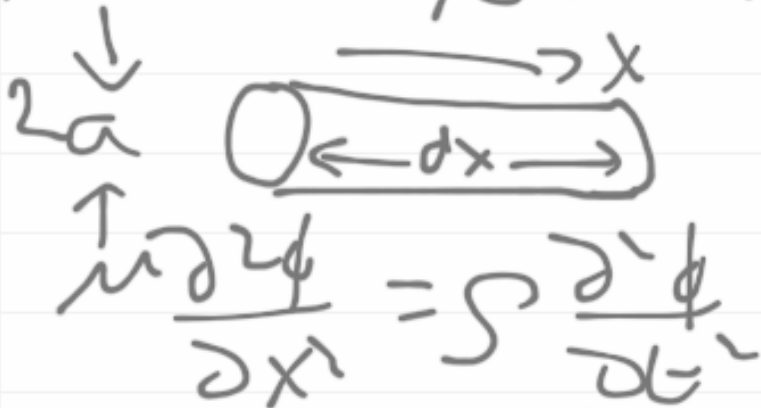
3a)  $\lambda \sim 2 \times 0.3 \text{ m} \sim 0.6 \text{ m}$

b)  $\omega \sim 250 \text{ Hz} \Rightarrow v \sim 150 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$T \sim \sigma v^2 \sim 8 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-6} \times 2 \times 10^4$

$\pi r^2$

c)  $\sim 200 \text{ N}$



$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (\mu a^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}) \sim \rho a^2 a^2 dx \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2}$

area stress  $\mu$   $\rho a^2$   $a^2 dx$   $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2}$   
 lever arm  $\pi r^2$  ang. acc.

No tension because no extension

d)  $v \sim \left( \frac{10^{11}}{5 \times 10^3} \right)^{1/2} \sim 4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

$\omega \sim 4 / 0.6 \sim 7 \text{ kHz}$

4.  
a)



b)  $\omega_{max} \sim R_B T / \hbar$

c)  $U_{rad} \sim \left(\frac{\omega_{max}}{c}\right)^3 R_B T w^2 d$   
 $\sim \frac{R_B^4 T^4 w^2 d}{\hbar^3 c^3}$

d) ZPE because mode is an oscillator and a D dicitakes it cannot have  $\dot{x} = \dot{p} = 0$

e)  $\frac{\Delta U}{w^2 d} \sim \left(\frac{1}{d}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\hbar c}{d}\right) \Rightarrow \Delta P \sim -1 \frac{\partial \Delta U}{\partial d} \sim \frac{\hbar c}{d^4}$

f)  $|\Delta P| \sim \frac{10^{-34} 3 \times 10^8}{10^{-28}} \sim 300 \text{ N m}^{-2}$

5a) Druck:  $\Delta n \sim 0.15 \text{ mg} \sim 300 \text{ Rg m}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow m \sim 2 \text{ Rg}$

b)  $v \sim c \sim 300 \text{ m s}^{-1}$   
 $n \sim \frac{1}{2 \times 10^{-27} \times 300} \sim 2 \times 10^{25} \text{ m}^{-3}$

$\sigma \sim 10^{-18} \text{ m}^2$

$\Rightarrow l \sim \frac{1}{n \sigma} \sim 100 \text{ nm}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \sim \frac{1}{3} v l \sim 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$

c)  $R \sim v d / \gamma \sim 2 \times 10^4 \text{ (1/m s)}$

$\gg 1000 \Rightarrow$  turbulenter Fluss

d)  $\rho v^2 d^2 \sim mg$

$\Rightarrow v \sim \left( \frac{2 \times 10}{1 \times 0.4} \right)^{1/2} \sim 25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

