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# Lecture 21      Stellar pulsations

Cepheids, — Pulsating (changing luminosity stars)

By 2005 — 40K of such stars discovered  
with periods from hours → to days → years

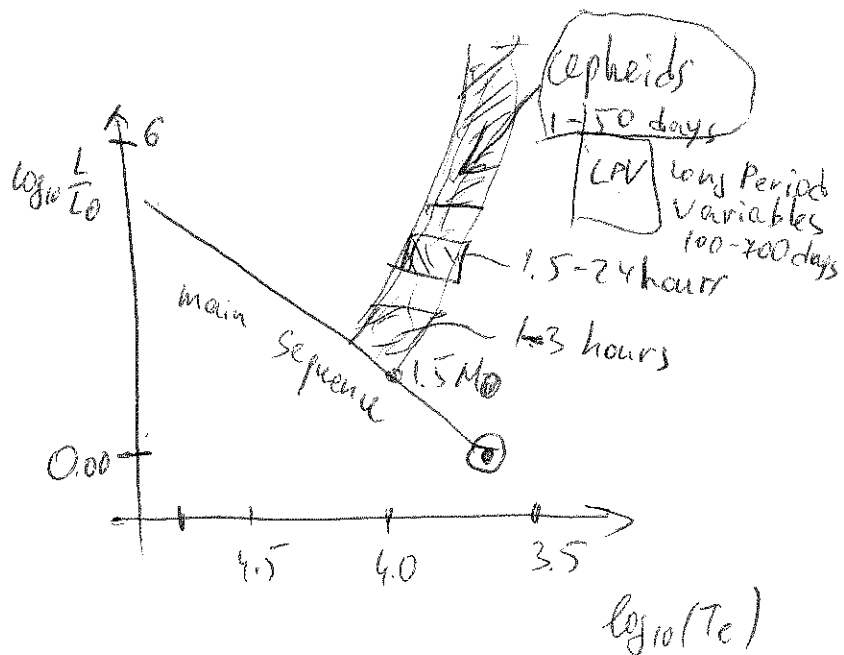
Q: What is a big deal about them?

A: there is one to one relationship  
 $L \leftrightarrow$  Period.

Thus if we know P, we know L,  
and then we know how far is such  
star away from us.  
Cepheids are "standard candles"

$$\log_{10} \frac{\langle L \rangle}{L_{\odot}} = 1.15 \log_{10} P_d + 2.47$$

Instability strip



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Speed of sound

$$v_s = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P}{\rho}}, \quad \gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v} = \frac{5}{2} \text{ for ideal gas}$$

Recall hydrostatic equilibrium condition  
assuming  $\rho = \text{const}$

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

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

$$P(r) = \frac{2}{3}\pi G \rho^2 (R^2 - r^2)$$

period  $\pi = 2 \int_0^R \frac{dr}{v_s} =$

Q: why



$$= 2 \int_0^R \frac{dr}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}\pi G \rho (R^2 - r^2)}} =$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}\pi G \rho}} \int_0^R \frac{dr}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}\pi G \rho}} \cdot \left[ \arctan\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}\right) \right]_0^R$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \arccos|x| = \int_{\pi/2}^0 \frac{-\sin\theta d\theta}{\sin\theta} = \pi/2$$

$$\pi = \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{2\rho G}}$$

Typical Cepheid  $M = 5 M_{\odot}$   
 $R = 50 R_{\odot}$

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$$\pi = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \frac{\pi}{8G\rho}} = 2.06 \cdot 10^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

For sun  $\pi = 2.06 \cdot 10^5 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1400}} = 5500 \text{ sec} = 1.5 \text{ hours}$   
not observed

A more realistic cepheid

$$M = 5 M_{\odot}, R = 50 R_{\odot}$$

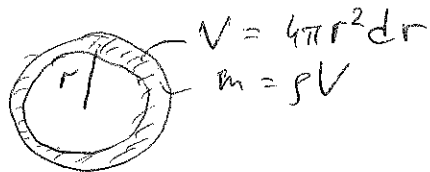
$$\rho = \frac{M}{\frac{4\pi}{3} R^3} = \frac{5 M_{\odot}}{\frac{4\pi}{3} R_{\odot}^3 (50)^3} = \frac{5}{50^3} \rho_{\odot} = 4 \cdot 10^{-5} \rho_{\odot}$$

$$\pi_{\text{cepheid}} = \pi_{\odot} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 \cdot 10^{-5}}} = 8.7 \cdot 10^5 \approx 10 \text{ days}$$

More accurate hydrodynamic model

Recall  $\int \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = -G \frac{M_r \rho}{r^2} - \frac{dP}{dr}$  (eq 1)

We do thin ~~outer~~ shell model



Multiply eq 1 by volume of the shell we will arrive to simple Newton's law

$$\underbrace{4\pi r^2 dr}_{m} \rho \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = -G \frac{M_r}{r^2} \underbrace{\rho 4\pi r^2 dr}_{m} - 4\pi r^2 dr \frac{dP}{dr}$$

$$m \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = -G \frac{M_r m}{r^2} - 4\pi r^2 \frac{dP}{dr}$$

this  $\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{P}_{\text{outside}} - \text{P}_{\text{inside}} \\ \text{P} \end{matrix}$

$$m \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = -G \frac{M_r m}{r^2} + 4\pi r^2 P$$

notice sign change

assuming  $R_0$  and  $P_0$  equilibrium values  
i.e.

$$0 = -\frac{G M_r m}{R_0^2} + 4\pi R_0^2 P_0$$

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assuming that our shell do small perturbations around equilibrium

$$r = R_0 + \delta R \quad , \quad p = P_0 + \delta P$$

constants

$$\frac{m d^2(R_0 + \delta R)}{dt^2} = \frac{m d^2 \delta R}{dt^2} = - \frac{GM_r m}{(R_0 + \delta R)^2} + 4\pi (R_0 + \delta R)^2 (P_0 + \delta P)$$

We do Taylor expansion

$$(R_0 + \delta R)^{-2} = \left( R_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right) \right)^{-2} =$$

$$\approx R_0^{-2} \left( 1 + 2 \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right) \quad \text{and drop terms } \sim \left( \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right)^2 \text{ and higher powers}$$

$$m \frac{d^2 \delta R}{dt^2} \approx - \frac{GM_r m}{R_0^2} \left( 1 + 2 \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right) + 4\pi R_0^2 \left( 1 + 2 \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right) (P_0 + \delta P)$$

$$= - \frac{GM_r m}{R_0^2} + 2 \frac{GM_r m}{R_0^2} \frac{\delta R}{R_0} + 4\pi R_0^2 P_0 +$$

(see equilibrium eq.)

$$+ 4\pi R_0^2 \cdot 2 \frac{\delta R}{R_0} P_0 + 4\pi R_0^2 \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \frac{P_0}{P_0} + 4\pi R_0^2 \cdot 2 \frac{\delta R}{R_0} (\delta P)$$

$\delta \sim \delta R, \delta P$   
we keep only linear terms

$$= \text{Notice from equilibrium } 4\pi R_0^2 P_0 = \frac{GM_r m}{R_0^2}$$

$$\frac{m d^2 \delta R}{dt^2} = \frac{GM_r m}{R_0^2} \left[ 4 \left( \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right) + \frac{\delta P}{P_0} \right]$$

(eq. 2)

Adiabatic process - no heat in or out

i.e. change of internal energy only due to work on gas

$$\Delta U = W = -\int p dV$$

$$U = \frac{f}{2} NkT$$

$$\frac{f}{2} Nk \Delta T = \frac{f}{2} Nk (T_2 - T_1) = -\int p dV$$

$f \equiv$  # degrees of freedom

$$\frac{f}{2} Nk \int dT = -\int p dV$$

ideal gas

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f}{2} Nk dT = -p dV \quad \leftarrow PV = NkT$$

$$\frac{f}{2} Nk dT = -\frac{NkT}{V} dV$$

$$\frac{f}{2} \frac{dT}{T} = -\frac{dV}{V}$$

$$\frac{f}{2} \ln T \Big|_{T_1}^{T_2} = -\ln V \Big|_{V_1}^{V_2}$$

$$\frac{f}{2} \ln T_2/T_1 = -\ln V_2/V_1 = \ln \frac{V_1}{V_2}$$

$$\left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{f/2} = \frac{V_1}{V_2} \Rightarrow \boxed{T^{f/2} V = \text{const}}$$

$$T^{f/2} V = \text{const} \left(\frac{PV}{Nk}\right)^{f/2} V \Rightarrow PV \cdot V^{2/f}$$

const so we drop it

$$\Rightarrow PV^{\frac{f+2}{f}} = \boxed{PV^\gamma = \text{const}}$$

revisit  $T^{f/2} V \Rightarrow TV^{2/f} = \boxed{TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{const}}$

$P_0$

We need to move from  $\frac{\delta P}{P_0}$  to  $\delta R$

Adiabatic (no energy exchange) ~~exp~~  
expansion/contraction;  $PV^\gamma = \text{const}$

$$PV^\gamma = \text{const} \Rightarrow P(R^3)^\gamma = PR^{3\gamma} = \text{const}_2$$

$$PR^{3\gamma} = (P_0 + \delta P)(R_0 + \delta R)^{3\gamma} =$$

$$= (P_0 + \delta P) \left[ R_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right) \right]^{3\gamma} \approx (P_0 + \delta P) R_0^{3\gamma} \left( 1 + 3\gamma \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right)$$

$$= \underbrace{P_0 R_0^{3\gamma}}_{=\text{const}_2} + \underbrace{P_0 R_0^{3\gamma} \left( 3\gamma \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right)}_{\text{must be equal to } 0 \text{ so RHS} = \text{const}_2} + \delta P R_0^{3\gamma} + \dots \delta R \delta P \text{ too small}$$

$$P_0 R_0^{3\gamma} \left( 3\gamma \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right) = -\delta P R_0^{3\gamma}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\delta P}{P_0} = -3\gamma \frac{\delta R}{R_0}}$$

let's plug it to eq 2

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$$\frac{d^2 \delta R}{dt^2} = \frac{GM_r}{R_0^2} \left[ 4 \left( \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right) + \frac{\delta P}{P_0} \right] =$$

$$= \frac{GM_r}{R_0^2} \left[ 4 \frac{\delta R}{R_0} - 3\gamma \frac{\delta R}{R_0} \right]$$

Let's ~~say~~  $M_r \rightarrow M$

$$(\delta R)'' = - [3\gamma - 4] \frac{GM}{R_0^3} \delta R$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta R = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$$

i.e. periodic

$$\omega^2 = (3\gamma - 4) \frac{GM}{R_0^3}$$

$$\pi = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{(3\gamma - 4) \frac{GM}{R_0^3} \cdot \frac{4\pi}{3}}} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3} (3\gamma - 4) G \rho}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{(3\gamma - 4) G \rho}} = \pi$$

~~stuck to~~ pressure is restoring mechanism

Compare it to simple round trip estimate earlier

$$\pi_{\text{simple}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{2\gamma G \rho}}$$

same except some numeric factor



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Well, it's all very nice to see oscillations of star size but we detect luminosity. So what about  $L$ ?

Recall,  $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T^4$

$$dL = 4\pi R \cdot 2dR \sigma T^4 + 4\pi R^2 \sigma 4T^3 dT$$
$$= L_0 \frac{2dR}{R_0} + L_0 \frac{4dT}{T_0}$$

$$\frac{dL}{L_0} = \frac{2dR}{R_0} + \frac{4dT}{T_0}$$

Recall in adiabatic process  $TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{const}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} TR^{3(\gamma-1)} = \text{const}$$

$$dT R^{3(\gamma-1)} + T R^{3(\gamma-1)-1} dR \cdot 3(\gamma-1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dT}{T} = -3(\gamma-1) \frac{dR}{R}}$$

$$\frac{dL}{L_0} = \frac{2dR}{R} + 4 \cdot (-3(\gamma-1)) \frac{dR}{R} =$$

$$= 2(1 - 6(\gamma-1)) \frac{dR}{R}$$

for ideal gas  $\gamma = 5/3$

So  $\frac{dL}{L_0} = 2(1 - 6 \cdot \frac{2}{3}) \frac{dR}{R} = -6 \frac{dR}{R}$

i.e. luminosity higher when star shrinks.