Welcome to The Natural World N190: Life in the Universe

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"The Search for Life in the Universe" 3rd Edition Goldsmith and Owen

The Search for Life in the Universe THIRD EDITION

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n Powerpoint presentations online @ mais-ccd-spectroscopy.com n Frequent N190 refreshers -chemistry -physics -astronomy -biology n Reading list soon...

Course Outline

Survey of the Solar System

Distances Elements of life Our place in the galaxy

Electromagnetic radiation Their classification Their life and death

Geological history of the Earth

Formation of the Solar System Earth's atmosphere and it's evolution Has geology influenced life on earth?

Characteristics of life

Definition Molecules of life Age of life

How do we search for Life

Which stars do we search...there are a lot of them! How do we search What technologies do we use, both current and future ones

How many are out there?

The Drake equation Where are they all?

Fermi's paradox

Interstellar travel

- The laws of physics speak out!

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What should a "Life in the Universe" class cover??















The Sizes and Numbers of Objects in the Universe



"The COSMOS is all that is... or ever was... or ever will be"



- Carl Sagan COSMOS





Solar System Inventory: 8 Planets

The Terrestrial Planets

The Jovian Planets

The Jovian Planets

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The Jovian Planets





Solar System Inventory: 91 + moons





Titan 5150 km



Mercury 4880 km Callisto 4806 km



Solar System Inventory: Countless numbers of Asteroids, Comets, Meteors, Dust



Asteroids (some are dwarf planets now)





Terrestrial Characteristics: n Metallic core n Oxygen dominated (silicates)

	Material	% (by mass)
	Iron	35
	Oxygen	30
l	Silicon	15
	Magnesium	13
	Nickel	2.4
	Sulfur	1.9

Terrestrial Characteristics:

n Thin (or nonexistent) atmospheres
n Few (or no) natural satellites
n Closely spaced orbits



Jovian Characteristics: n Solid metallic-rocky cores n Hydrogen dominated

Material	% (by mass)
Hydrogen	74
Helium	24
Water	0.6
Methane	0.4
Ammonia	0.1
Rock & Metals	0.3

Jovian Characteristics: n Thick gaseous atmospheres n Many natural satellites n Widely spaced orbits




Cosmic Distances Astronomical units of distance: Astronomical Unit: The distance between the Sun and the Earth 93 million miles Light year: The distance light travels in a year Speed of light: 186,282 miles/sec Light year: 5.9 trillion miles

The Sizes of Stars in our Universe











The Distribution of Stars in the Universe













A New Scale of Things

Sun....the size of a volley ball Earth....half the size of a BB, 100 yards away Solar System....ends at Notre Dame campus Pioneer Space Craft....approaching Niles Nearest star....State of New Mexico Center of Milky Way Galaxy....40x farther then Earth-Moon





How do we know how many stars there are in the Universe?



If we *literally* counted the stars in each galaxy...

1 per second, 8 hours every day... 38,000 years!

How many stars are in the Milky Way? $4p^{2}$ d^3 $G(m_1 + m_2)$ $m_1 + m_2 = \frac{4p^2}{G} \frac{\alpha}{n}$ $4p^2 d^3$ $m_{gal} + m_{sun}$ G 4p, m_{gal}

How many stars are in the Milky Way?

Orbital period_{sun} ~ 240 million years

Orbital distance_{sun} ~ 28,000 light years

M_{gal} » 100 billion M_{sun}

Does this represent the <u>actual</u> <u>number</u> of stars in our galaxy?

n Our Sun is an "average star" in mass and luminosity.

n The galaxy has many more low mass stars compared to high mass stars

Adjusted estimate of stars in Milky Way: 300 – 400 billion stars



How are the galaxies distributed in the Universe?





Virgo Supercluster

The Local Group

Virgo Cluster











How do we know how <u>OLD</u> the Universe is?





Edwin Hubble - 1929



Edwin Hubble accomplished 2 great things:

1. 1924 he was able to recognize Cepheids (variable stars) in nearby galaxies and once and for all showed that these were separate "island universes".

2. 1929 he showed through the analysis of red shifts of galaxies (spectroscopy) that the more distant a galaxy is the faster it is rushing away from us.

"Expanding Universe"

Sidebar: In 1916 Albert Einstein published his opus on General relativity. This theory *predicted* that the universe should be expanding!!! Since the prevailing thinking of the time was that the universe was static (not expanding or contracting), he added a term to his relativity equations that made the universe static.

Einstein 14 years later called it was his greatest scientific blunder.






$H_o = ~70 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$

1 Mpc = 1 million parsecs = 3.26 million light years



It all depends on H_o

H_o – The "Hubble Constant"
n It is a measure of the slope of the line in the Hubble Diagram
n Represents the expansion rate of the Universe



Current observations suggest:

 $\frac{70 \frac{km}{sec}}{Mpc}$ $\frac{km}{sec}$ 20 H_0 Mly

Age of Universe ~ 14 billion years

The really big question:

1. What is life?

2. What is life made of?

What are the ingredients of Life?

C H O N ! carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen





The Stars: Their life and death cycle allows for life



A brief history on why we are where we are

The Ptolemeic System:



THE ASTRONOMICAL REVOLUTION



HELIOCENTRIC COSMOLOGY

n The <u>SUN</u> is the center of the solar system and Universe. All planets, including the Earth, move around the Sun.

Nicholas Copernicus (1473 – 1543)

Andreas Osiander

"...declare that the fundamental principles laid down in this book are merely abstract hypotheses convenient for the purposes of calculation only"









Johannes Kepler (1571 – 1630)

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The Paradigm shift !!

Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion



Kepler's 1st Law:

"The orbit of a planet about the Sun is an ellipse with the Sun at one focus"



Kepler's 2nd Law:

"A line joining a planet and the Sun sweeps out equal areas in equal intervals of time."





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$\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{d}^3$

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Galileo Galilei (1564 – 1642)
















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THE HISTORY OF ASTRONOMY

"It is therefore impossible that reason not previously instructed should imagine anything other than that the Earth is a kind of vast house with the vault of the sky placed on top of it; it is motionless and within it the Sun being so small passes from one region to another, like a bird wandering through the air."

-Johannes Kepler

"Our ancestors were eager to understand the world but had not quite stumbled upon the method."

- Carl Sagan

Isaac Newton (1642 – 1727)



The miracle years: 1665-1666

The Principia: 1686

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}, \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}, \\ f_1(u_1, \dots, u_p) \end{aligned}$$
$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx &= F(b) - F(a), \\ \int_g^f f(z) \, dz &= F(z(\beta)) - F(z(\alpha)). \end{aligned}$$

Newton's First Law A body at rest remains at rest unless acted upon by an outside force...



Newton's First Law cont'd

... a body in motion remains in motion moving in a straight line at constant speed unless acted upon by an outside force.

Inertia:

An object's natural tendency to resist changes in motion.

Mass:

A measure of the amount of material that makes up an object.

<u>Weight</u>



A measure of the gravitational force between two bodies.



W=mg W: weight m: mass

g: gravitational acceleration

Mass

A measure of the amount of an object's inertia



The rate at which something moves.



Velocity

Speed + Direction

miles Northbound hour

Acceleration:

in velocity change

change in time



Is it possible to change your velocity without changing your speed?



Newton's Second Law

The acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the applied force and inversely proportional to its mass.

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Newton's Third Law

For every force there is an <u>equal</u> but <u>opposite</u> force.







Newton's laws lead to the <u>Universal Law of Gravitation:</u>



F = force of gravity G = Universal Gravitational Constant 6.67×10^{-11} Newton m²/ kg² m₁, m₂ = masses of the two bodies r = distance between the two bodies

small masses = small force

large masses = large force

 Gm_1m_2





Orbiting Bodies









Orbital velocity:

Minimum orbital speed:

17,500 miles per hour

5 miles per second

Mach 25!



Lets return to Kepler's 3rd Law

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The Nature of Light

What is the <u>speed</u> of light?

The Speed of Light n Accurately measured in a vacuum: 186,282 miles per second! 11 million miles per minute 671 million miles per hour 5.9 trillion miles per year

The Speed of Light

n Light's finite speed has important and bizarre consequences.

n It takes time for light to travel a given distance.

Moon: 234,000 miles 1.25 seconds

Sun: 93 million miles 8 minutes 19 seconds

Betelgeuse: 427 years Rigel: 773 years Orion Nebula: 1600 years

Betelgeuse

Alnilam Mintaka Alnitak

Rigel

How does light *travel*?

Isaac Newton

ROY G. BiV

Light must behave as a *packet* of energy...

How does light <u>behave</u>?

Thomas Young









Light must behave like a wave of energy...

What *is* light?

James Clerk Maxwell

What we commonly refer to as "light" is actually the combination of *electricity* and *magnetism*.
ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGY
ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION

Wave Mechanics





Wavelength (1) n The distance between two successive wave peaks or valleys

n Wavelength for light is measured in Ångstroms

where $1\text{\AA} = 10^{-10}$ meters





Range of wavelengths for visible light: 7000 Å – 4000 Å

Moving in this direction at speed of light

Frequency (n)

The number of cycles per second that pass a given point.

Hertz (Hz) where 1Hz = 1 cycle/second





How are wavelength and frequency related?

Speed = wavelength x frequency C = U





AM Radio 540 KHz – 1650 KHz 1825 ft – 598 ft

 $\begin{array}{l} 88 \ \text{MHz} - 108 \ \text{MHz} \\ 11.2 \ \text{ft} - 9.2 \ \text{ft} \end{array} \\ \hline \text{Television} \\ 1 \ \text{GHz} - 100 \ \text{GHz} \\ 1 \ \text{ft} - 1/10 \ \text{inch} \end{array}$



FM Radio

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



How are Wavelength, Frequency and Energy Related?



"Light is composed of packets of energy (particles) called <u>PHOTONS</u> "

Each photon carries an associated energy with it

hc $OR \quad E = hu$

Example: Photon energy for red light: E=0.00012 calories Photon energy for blue light: E=0.00021 calories Short 1 = High Energy Long 1 = Low Energy

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1 Calorie = amount of energy needed to raise temperature of 1 gram (~ 1 teaspoon) of water 1 degree C

> red light = 8333 photons blue light = 4761 photons

James Clerk Maxwell





Maxwell's Equations





Electromagnetic Radiation and Temperature

Everything in the Universe has a temperature associated with it.

Temperature can be thought of as a measure of the average velocity of atoms or molecules.

TEMPERATURE SCALES:

FAHRENHEIT (°F) 32° = freezing point of water 212° = boiling point of water CENTEGRADE (°C) 0° = freezing point of water 100° = boiling point of water

 $T_F = (\frac{9}{5}T_C) + 32$ $T_C = (T_F - 32)\frac{5}{9}$

Absolute Scale

KELVINS (K)

Lord Kelvin (William Thompson)

Based on theoretical limit for temperature

Absolute Zero Ø 0 K

Uses same increment as CENTIGRADE
Freezing point of water 273° K, 0°C, 32°F

0°K, -273°C, -459.4°F

373°K, 100°C, 212°F Boiling point of water

Josef Stefan (1879)

 $E \propto T$



Everything in the Universe has a temperature associated with it.

Objects in nature will emit energy based upon their temperature.

BLACKBODY RADIATION
Thermodynamic Rules for Blackbodies:
1. An object that reflects *NO* light.
2. An object that absorbs *ALL* light that falls upon it.

3. An object that emits light as a result of its temperature <u>only</u>.











Example of Wien's Law: How to find the cat in the dark...

 2.9×10^{7} 2.9×10^{7} = 93247 Amax 311











Star Colors

Betelgeuse



















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The Simplest: Hydrogen











Kirchhoff's Laws





Spectrochemistry fundamentals



•from hot objects are *continuous*, like a rainbow

•atoms only emit light of specific colours, revealing their fingerprints as a *line spectrum*

•atoms in front of a hot object absorb light at these colours, giving an *absorption spectrum*

Generation of Emission or Absorption Line Spectrum



Visible Spectra of common Elements Hydroge Helium Iron



Prism or Diffraction Grating

Early spectroscopes





	Spectral Sequence in Color							
White								
O5V								
B1V								
A1V								
F3V								
G2V								
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Doppler Shift of Light: measuring the speed <u>of objects</u>

 $z = v/c = (1 - l_o)/l_o$

v = velocity of object c = velocity of light (300,000 km/sec) l_o = rest wavelength l = measured wavelength





In 1835, Auguste Comte, the French philosopher and founder of sociology, said of the stars:

"We shall never be able to study, by any method, their chemical composition or their mineralogical structure... Our positive knowledge of stars is necessarily limited to their geometric and mechanical phenomena".