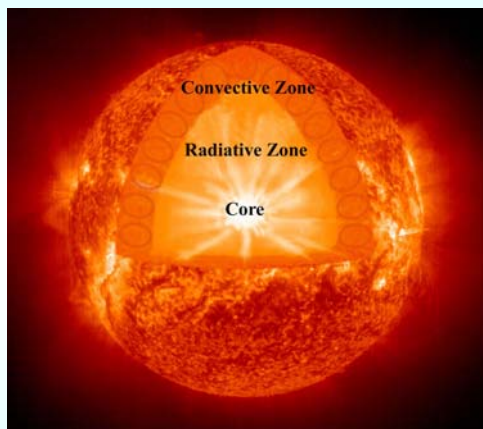




# Plasma Polarization in Massive Astrophysical Objects

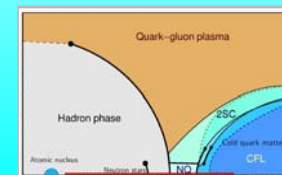


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## Expected consequences

Polarization **always** accompanies gravitation

Polarization field must be of the **same order** as gravitation field (*per one proton*)

Polarization field must be **congruent** to gravitation field

**Any mass-acting force** must be accompanied by polarization

Rotation – centrifugal force  $F_c \Leftrightarrow ( F_E \sim -\alpha F_c )$

Expansion *or* compression – inertial force  $F_a \Leftrightarrow ( F_E \sim -\alpha F_a )$

Vibration  $\Leftrightarrow$  no pure acoustic oscillations  $\Leftrightarrow$  (*+ electromagnetic oscillations*)

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## Basic statement

( *J. Phys. A: Math. & Theor. 2009* )

New “**Coulomb non-ideality force**” is third “**participant**” in competition between gravitation and polarization forces in equilibrium MAO.

In most cases this new “force” **increases** final **electrostatic field** in comparison with that of ideal-gas solution.

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# Micro- & Macro- Screening



Peter Debye      Erich Hückel

## Microscopic screening (*ideal plasma*)

Debye - Hückel screening ( $n\lambda^3 \ll 1$ )

Thomas - Fermi screening ( $n\lambda^3 \gg 1$ )

$$F_{av}(\mathbf{r}) = F_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) + F_{scr}(\mathbf{r}) \approx F_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) \exp\{-r/r_{scr}\} \rightarrow 0$$

$$r \rightarrow \infty$$

## Macroscopic screening (*ideal plasma*)

Pannekoek - Rosseland screening ( $n\lambda^3 \ll 1$ )

Bildsten *et al* screening ( $n\lambda^3 \gg 1$ )

$$F_{av}^{(Z)}(\mathbf{r}) = F_{grav}^{(Z)}(\mathbf{r}) - F_{scr}^{(Z)}(\mathbf{r}) \approx 0$$

# What is the problem ?

Micro-scopic screening: - Correct screening for **non-ideal** plasma at **micro-** level

Macro-scopic screening: - Correct screening for **non-ideal** plasma at **macro-** level

Announce  
Main result  
of  
present work

$$e\nabla \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | M \rangle}{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | Z \rangle}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu^n = (\mathbf{D}_\mu^n)^{id} + \Delta \mathbf{D}_\mu^n$$

$\mathbf{D}_\mu^n$  - Jacobi matrix

$$\left[ \left[ \frac{\partial n_j}{\partial \mu_k} \right]_{T, \mu_i (i \neq k)} \right] (j, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

# Historical comments

Plasma polarization at **micro**-level – Debye and Hückel, *Phys. Zeitschr.*, **24**, 8, 1923.

Plasma polarization at **macro**-level – Pannekoek A., *Bull. Astron. Inst. Neth.*, 1 (**1922**)

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– Rosseland S. *Mon. Roy. Astron. Soc.*, **84**, (**1924**)

## Pannekoek - Rosseland electrostatic field

Application to plasma:

- 1) - **ideal**
- 2) - **non-degenerate**
- 3) - equilibrium
- 4) - **isothermal** ( $T = \text{const}$ )
- 5) - electroneutral

$$\{ n_+(r) = n_-(r) \}$$

$$dP_e/dr = -GMm_e n_e/r^2 - n_e eE$$

$$dP_i/dr = -GMm_i n_i/r^2 + n_i qE$$

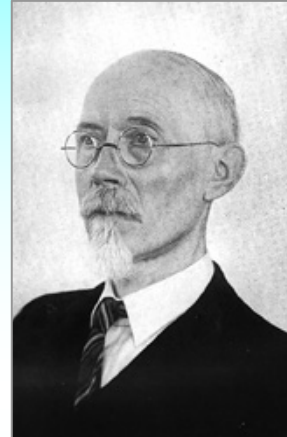
$M$  – mass of the Sun,

$G$  – gravitational constant,

$m_e, m_p$  – electron & proton masses

$$F_E^{(p)} = -(1/2)F_G^{(p)}$$

$$F_E^{(e)} = +(1/2)F_G^{(p)}$$



A. Pannekoek

## Generalization to ideal plasma of ions ( $A, Z$ ) and electrons

$$F_E^{(p)} = -\frac{A}{(Z+1)} F_G^{(p)}$$

$$F_E^{(Z)} = -\frac{Z}{(Z+1)} F_G^{(Z)}$$

(\*)  $F_E^{(p)}, F_G^{(p)}, F_E^{(Z)}, F_G^{(Z)}$ , - electrostatic and gravitational forces acting on one proton (p) and ion ( $A, Z$ )

# Extension to the strongly degenerated plasma

The model of **L. Bildsten** *et al.* (2001 – 2007)

L. Bildsten & D. Hall // *Ap.J.*, 549: (2001) *Gravitational settling of  $^{22}\text{Ne}$  in liquid white dwarf interior*  
 P. Chang & L. Bildsten // *Ap.J.*, 585 (2003) *Diffusive nuclear burning in neutron star envelopes*

$$\frac{dP_e}{dr} = -n_e(r) \{m_e g(r) + eE\}$$

$$\frac{dP_i}{dr} = -n_i(r) \{A_i m_p g(r) - Z_i eE\}$$

- 1) - **ideal**
- 2) - **strongly degenerated**
- 3) - isothermal ( $T = \text{const}$ )
- 4) - electroneutral  
 $\{ n_+(r) = n_-(r) \}$   
 -----
- 5) - equilibrium

The SUN

$(p^+ + e^-)$

$$F_E^{(p)} \approx -(1/2)F_G^{(p)}$$

White Dwarf

$(_{16}\text{O}^{8+}, _{12}\text{C}^{6+}, _4\text{He}^{2+})$

$$F_E^{(p)} \approx -2F_G^{(p)}$$

$$F_E^{(Z)} \approx -F_G^{(Z)}$$

With accuracy ~ small parameter  $x_c$

$$x_c \equiv \left( \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial p_e} \right)_T \bigg/ \left( \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial p_i} \right)_T$$

**NB!**

- Average electrostatic field must be of the same order as gravitational one\*

(\* - counting per one proton)

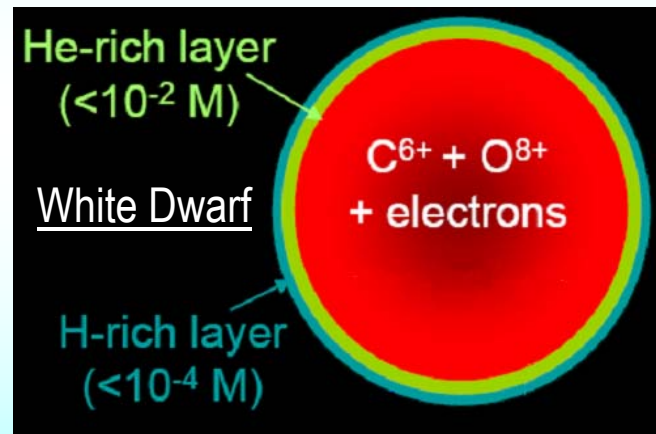
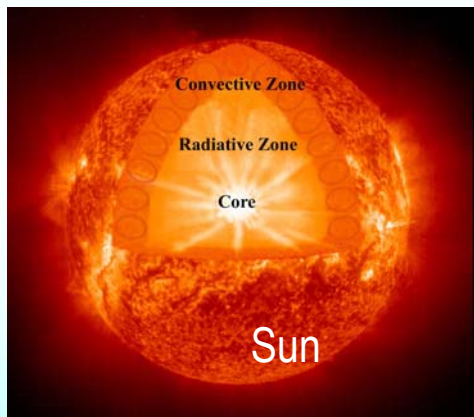
**Question:** (Bally & Harrison, 1978)

? - Do both limiting cases (ideal non-degenerate and degenerate electrons) restrict interval of possible ratio of gravitational and electrostatic forces - ?

$$F_E^{(p)} = -(1/2)F_G^{(p)}$$



$$F_E^{(p)} = -2F_G^{(p)}$$



**Answer:**

**! Yes :** - if one takes into account the electron degeneracy only !

**! No :** - if one takes into account non-ideality effects additionally !

(see below)

It may be

$$|F_E^{(p)} / F_G^{(p)}| \geq 2$$

i.e.

$$|F_E^{(Z)} / F_G^{(Z)}| \geq 1$$

(“Overcompensation”)

## Widely used approach (*standard*)

From unique equation of hydrostatic (i.e. mechanical) equilibrium of electro-neutral matter in gravitational field . . .

$$\frac{dP_{\Sigma}}{dr} = -\{n_e(r)m_e + n_i(r)m_i\}g(r) = -\rho(r)g(r)$$



. . . to the set of separate equations of hydrostatic equilibrium for each charged specie (*in terms of partial pressures*)

$$\frac{dP_e}{dr} = -n_e \{m_e g(r) + eE\}$$



$$\frac{dP_i}{dr} = -n_i \{A_i m_p g(r) - Z_i eE\}$$

## What is non-correct ?

**NB!**

- partial pressures and separate equations of "hydrostatic" equilibrium are not well-defined quantities in non-ideal plasmas of compact stars

## What should be done instead ?



# Quasi-stationary state in non-ideal self-gravitating body

(the problem in general)

Joint self-consistent description of **thermodynamics** and **kinetics** for heat, mass and impulse transfer (diffusion, thermo-conductivity and equation of state)

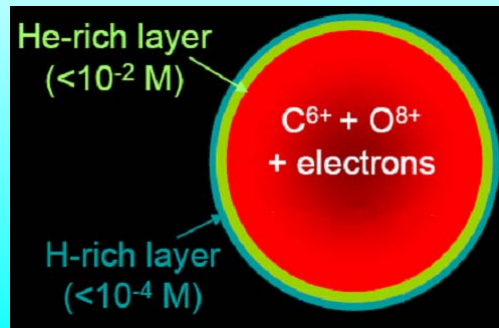
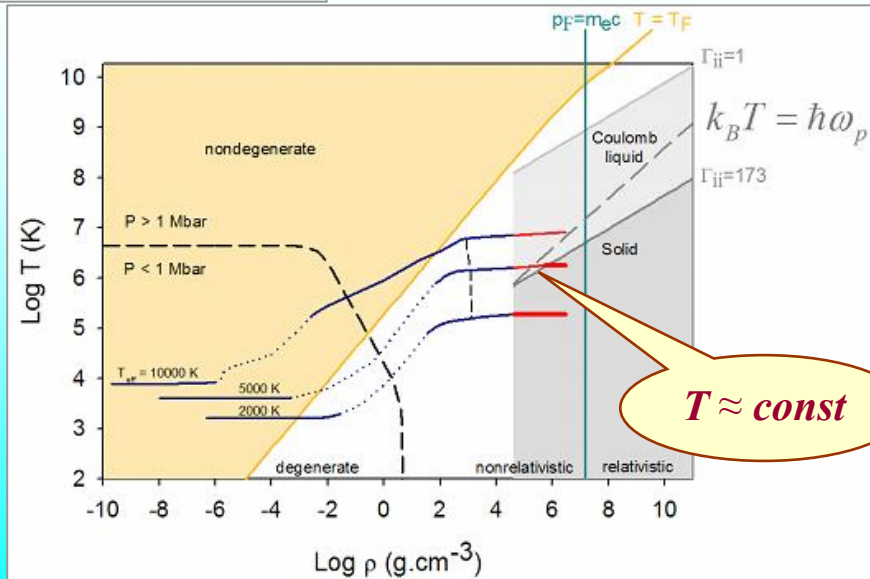
$$e\mathbf{E} + m_e\mathbf{G} + \nabla\mu_e + c_T\nabla T = 0$$

## Simplified case

- Total thermodynamic equilibrium** ( $T = \text{const}$ )

- No influence of magnetic field
- No relativistic effects
- No energy loss or deposition

for example:  
White Dwarfs



# Local and Integral forms of thermodynamic equilibrium conditions

## Variational formulation (multi-component version)

$$F\{T, V(\mathbf{r}) / [\{n_i(\cdot)\} / \{n_{ij}(\cdot, \cdot)\}]\} \equiv \\ \equiv - \sum_{jk} \frac{Gm_j m_k}{2} \int \frac{n_j(\mathbf{r}) \cdot n_k(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' + \sum_{jk} \frac{Z_j Z_k e^2}{2} \int \frac{n_j(\mathbf{r}) \cdot n_k(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' + F^*[\{n_i(\cdot)\} // \{n_{ij}(\cdot, \cdot)\}]$$

## In terms of potentials

Constancy of total (generalized) electro-chemical potential

$$m_j \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) + q_j \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) + \mu_j^{(\text{chem})} \{n_i(\mathbf{r}), n_e(\mathbf{r}), \{n_{jk}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\} T\} = \text{const} \\ (j, k = \text{electrons, ions})$$

## In terms of forces

$$\mu_j^{(\text{chem})} \equiv \left( \delta F^*[\dots] / \delta n_j(\cdot) \right)_{T, n_{k \neq j}}$$

Balance of forces including generalized "non-ideality" force

$$m_j \nabla \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) + q_j \nabla \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) + \nabla \mu_j^{(\text{chem})} \{n_i(\mathbf{r}), n_e(\mathbf{r}), \{n_{jk}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\} T\} = 0 \\ (j, k = \text{electrons, ions})$$

$\varphi_G(\mathbf{r})$  и  $\varphi_E(\mathbf{r})$  – gravitational and electrostatic potentials

## NB !

The set of equations for electro-chemical potentials instead of the set of separate equations of "hydrostatic" equilibrium for partial pressures !

# Macroscopic Screening in Non-Ideal Plasma

In electroneutrality regions one obtains:

$$e\nabla \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\langle \mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | \mathbf{M} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | \mathbf{Z} \rangle}$$

Here:

$\mathbf{D}_\mu^n(\mathbf{r})$   
matrix

$$\{\delta \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}) / \delta \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{r}')\}_T \equiv \left[ \left[ \delta n_j(\mathbf{r}) / \delta \mu_k(\mathbf{r}') \right] \right]_{T, \mu_i (i \neq k)} \equiv \left[ \left[ \delta^2 F^* / \delta \mu_j(\mathbf{r}) \delta \mu_k(\mathbf{r}') \right] \right]_{T, \mu_i (i \neq k)}$$

$\langle \mathbf{Z} | \equiv \{Z_j\}$   
 $|\mathbf{M}\rangle \equiv \{M_j\}$

$\mathbf{D}_\mu^n$

is inverse matrix to:

$$\mathbf{D}_n^\mu \equiv \left[ \left[ \delta^2 F^* / \delta n_j(\mathbf{r}) \delta n_k(\mathbf{r}') \right] \right]_{T, n_i (i \neq k)}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu^n * \mathbf{D}_n^\mu = \mathbf{E}$$

Non-ideality effects  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu^n = \left( \mathbf{D}_\mu^n \right)^{id} + \Delta \mathbf{D}_\mu^n$$

$$e\nabla \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | M \rangle}{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | Z \rangle}$$

**Does not restricted by:**

*Spherical symmetry condition*

*Nomenclature of ions*

*Degree of ionization*

*Degree of Coulomb non-ideality*

*Degree of electronic degeneracy*

.....

**NB!** *Matrix  $\mathbf{D}_\mu^n$  is non-local*

$$e\nabla \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | M \rangle}{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | Z \rangle}$$

## Simplified cases:

### - **Ideal-mixture approximation**

*(multi-component "chemical picture")*

### - **Classical weakly non-ideal plasma**

*(Debye approximation in Grand Canonical Ensemble)*

### - **Strongly non-ideal ionic mixture on strongly degenerated weakly non-ideal electrons**

*(switching-off the electron-ionic correlations)*

### - **Two-component electron-ionic system with arbitrary degree of degeneracy and non-ideality**

*(strongly correlated system)*

# Ideal-mixture approximation

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu^n = (\mathbf{D}_\mu^n)^{id}$$

(chemical picture: - a, b, ab, ab<sub>2</sub>, a<sub>2</sub>b, . . . a<sub>n</sub>b<sub>m</sub>)

$$e\nabla\varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla\varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\langle \mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | \mathbf{M} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | \mathbf{Z} \rangle} \Leftrightarrow e\nabla\varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla\varphi_M(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\left( \sum_j \tilde{n}_j M_j Z_j \right)}{\left( \sum_j \tilde{n}_j Z_j^2 \right)}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{Z} | \equiv \{Z_j\} \quad \langle \mathbf{M} | \equiv \{M_j\} \quad \tilde{n}_j \equiv kT \left( \partial n_j / \partial \mu_j \right)_{T, n_{k \neq j}}^{id. gas} \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$\tilde{n}_e \rightarrow 0 \quad (n_e \lambda_e^3 \gg 1)$$

**NB !** Electronic contribution falls out from  $e^{\epsilon^* n_e(\mathbf{r}) - \nabla \varphi_e(\mathbf{r}) \left( \frac{\sum_j n_j M_j Z_j}{\sum_j n_j Z_j^2} \right)}$  in the limit of strong electron degeneracy due to diminishing of ideal-gas electronic compressibility:

Here:

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu^n(\mathbf{r}) \Leftrightarrow \{ \delta \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}) / \delta \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{r}') \}_T \equiv \left[ \left[ \delta^2 F^* / \delta \mu_j(\mathbf{r}) \delta \mu_k(\mathbf{r}') \right] \right]_{T, \mu_i (i \neq k)} \quad \mathbf{D}_\mu^n * \mathbf{D}_n^\mu = \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu^n \text{ is inverse to: } \mathbf{D}_n^\mu \equiv \left[ \left[ \delta^2 F^* / \delta n_j(\mathbf{r}) \delta n_k(\mathbf{r}') \right] \right]_{T, n_i (i \neq k)}$$

# Classical weakly non-ideal plasma

*(Debye approximation in Grand Canonical Ensemble)*

Coulomb “non-ideality force” moves positive ions *inside* the star in addition to gravitation

Hence “non-ideality force” *increases* compensating electrostatic field  $\varphi_E(r)$   
*in comparison with the ideal-gas approximation*

## Classical weakly non-ideal *i-e* plasma

*(Debye approximation)*

$$F_G^{(Z)} \approx -F_E^{(Z)} \left[ 1 + \frac{(1 - Z^2\Gamma_D/4)}{Z(1 - \Gamma_D/4)} \right],$$

$$\Gamma_D \equiv (e^2/kTr_D) \ll 1, \quad \{r_D^{-2} \equiv (4\pi e^2(1 + Z^2)/kT)\}, \quad \zeta_e \equiv n_e \lambda_e^3 \ll 1$$

# Non-ideality effects in two-component plasma

$\{+Z, e\}$

Equilibrium condition with “non-ideality force”

$$m_k \nabla \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) + Z_k e \nabla \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) + \nabla \mu_k^{(\text{chem})} \{n_i(\mathbf{r}), n_e(\mathbf{r}), T\} = 0 \quad (k = \text{electrons, ions})$$

Final equation for average electrostatic field

(with taking into account non-ideality and degeneracy effects)

$$m_i \nabla \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) + Z_i e \nabla \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) \left[ 1 + \frac{(\mu_{ii}^0 + \Delta_i^i + Z \Delta_e^i)}{Z(Z \mu_{ee}^0 + Z \Delta_e^e + \Delta_i^e)} \right] = 0$$

Here:

$\mu_j^0(n_j, T)$  – ideal-gas part of (*local*) chemical potential of specie  $j$

$\Delta \mu_j^{(\text{chem})}(n_j, n_i, \dots, n_k, T)$  – non-ideal-gas part of (*local*) chemical potential of specie  $j$

$$\mu_{jj}^0 \equiv \left( \frac{\partial \mu_j^0}{\partial n_j} \right)$$

$$\Delta_k^j \equiv \left( \frac{\partial \Delta \mu_j}{\partial n_k} \right)$$



# Non-ideality effects in two-component plasma $\{+Z, e\}$

(summary)

1) **Ideal** and **non-degenerate gas** ( $n\lambda_e^3 \ll 1$ )

$$F_G^{(Z)} + 2F_E^{(Z)} = 0$$

Polarization compensates just one half of gravitational attraction (*for symmetric ion  $A=2Z$* )

2) **Non-ideal** and **non-degenerate gas** ( $n\lambda_e^3 \ll 1$ )

Polarization compensates more than one half of gravitational attraction (*for symmetric ion*)

$$F_G^{(Z)} + F_E^{(Z)} [2 - \varepsilon(\Gamma)] = 0$$

$$0 < \varepsilon(\Gamma) < 1$$

3) **Ideal** and **highly-degenerate gas** ( $n\lambda_e^3 \gg 1$ )

$$F_G^{(Z)} + F_E^{(Z)} \cong 0$$

Polarization compensates gravitational attraction of ions almost totally

4) **Non-ideal** and **highly-degenerate gas** ( $n\lambda_e^3 \gg 1$ )

$$F_E^{(Z)} + F_G^{(Z)} [1 + \varepsilon(\Gamma, n\lambda_e^3)] = 0$$

Polarization compensates not only gravitational attraction  
but additional “non-ideality force” directed towards the center of a star !

«Global» non-ideality effect !

# Quickly rotating star

(*addition of centrifugal force*)

Constance of total (generalized) electro-chemical potential

$$m_j \{ \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) + \varphi_C(\mathbf{r}) \} + q_j \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) + \mu_j^{(\text{chem})} \{ n_i(\mathbf{r}), n_e(\mathbf{r}), \{ n_{jk}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \} T \} = \text{const}$$

( $j, k = \text{electrons, ions}$ )

Balance of forces including generalized “non-ideality” force

$$m_j \{ \nabla \varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) + \nabla \varphi_C(\mathbf{r}) \} + q_j \nabla \varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) + \nabla \mu_j^{(\text{chem})} \{ n_i(\mathbf{r}), n_e(\mathbf{r}), \{ n_{jk}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \} T \} = 0$$

( $j, k = \text{electrons, ions}$ )

$\varphi_G(\mathbf{r})$ ,  $\varphi_C(\mathbf{r})$  and  $\varphi_E(\mathbf{r})$  – gravitational, *centrifugal* and electrostatic potentials

Polarization field should be equal to zero in the case of the rotation limit when the centrifugal force is equal to the gravitational one.

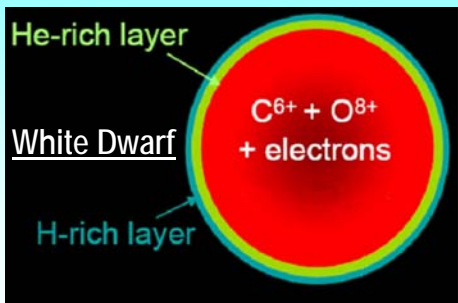
**“Что касается электростатического потенциала в звездах, ...  
... то очень трудно себе вообразить какие-либо особенные его проявления. ...”**

*NN*

**Observable consequences *for* plasma polarization**

# Two well-known examples

Accretion → diffusion → burning *of* hydrogen  
*in outer layer of compact stars*



Chang & Bildsten (2003) *Diffusive nuclear burning in neutron star envelopes*

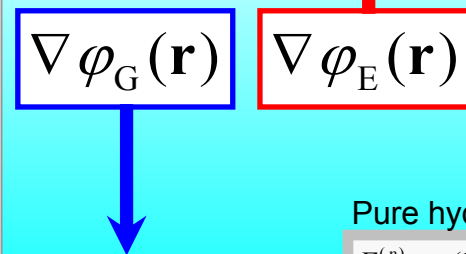
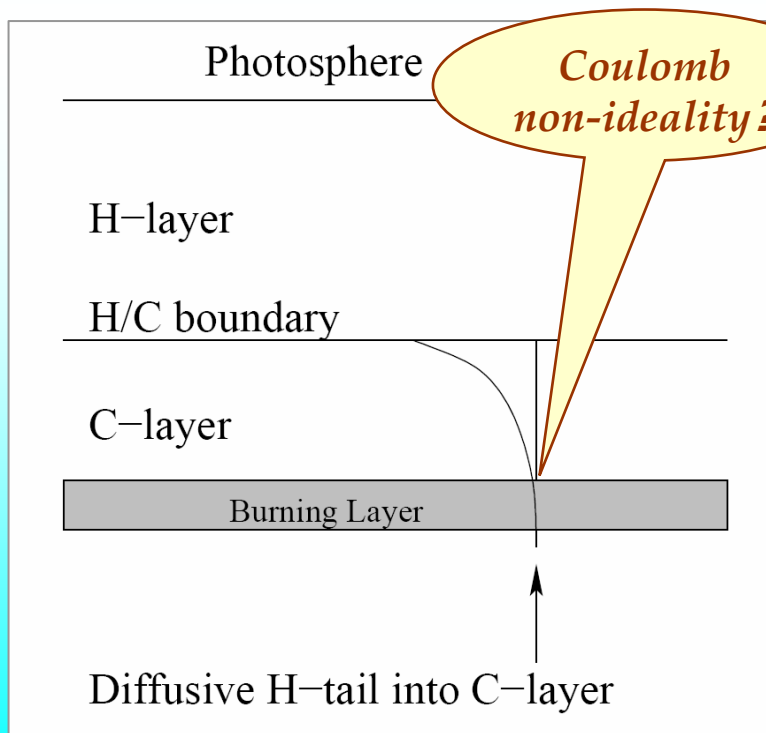
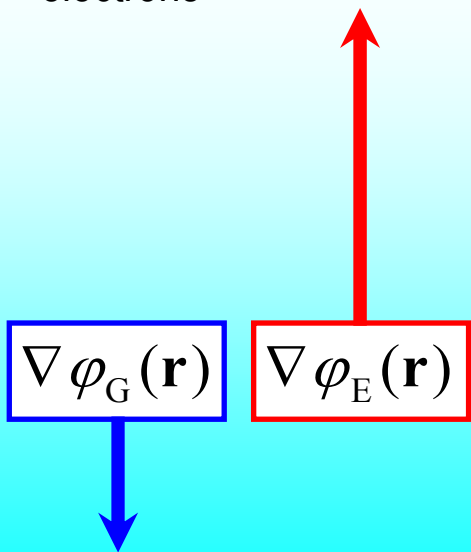
Mixture  $_{12}C^{6+}$ ,  $_{16}O^{8+}$ ,  $_4He^{2+}$

$$F_E^{(p)} = -\frac{A}{(Z+1)} F_G^{(p)} \approx -(1.3 \div 1.8) F_G^{(p)}$$

$$F_E^{(p)} = -\frac{A}{Z} F_G^{(p)} \approx -2 F_G^{(p)}$$

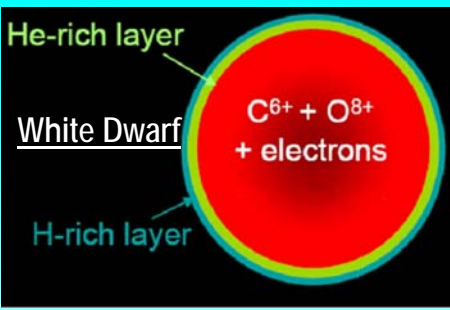
Ideal ions + degenerated electrons

Ideal ions + non-degenerated electrons



Pure hydrogen

$$F_E^{(p)} \approx -(1/2) F_G^{(p)}$$



# White Dwarf

Mixture  $_{12}\text{C}^{6+}$ ,  $_{16}\text{O}^{8+}$ ,  $_{4}\text{He}^{2+}$

$$F_E^{(p)} = -\frac{A}{Z} F_G^{(p)} \approx -2F_G^{(p)}$$

$$F_E^{(Z)} + F_G^{(Z)} \approx 0$$

Carbon, oxygen and helium does **not sink** or **float** in each other!

## Diffusion *and* sedimentation of $^{22}\text{Ne}$ in interior of WD

Bildsten & Hall (2001) *Gravitational settling of  $^{22}\text{Ne}$  in liquid white dwarf interior*

The net force on  $^{22}\text{Ne}$   
 $F = -22m_p g \hat{r} + 10eE \hat{r} = -2m_p g \hat{r}$

... The total increase in cooling age by the time the WD completely crystallizes ranges from 0.25-1.6 Gyr, depending on the value of  $D$  and the WD mass.

$$e\nabla \phi_E(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \phi_G(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | M \rangle}{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | Z \rangle}$$

$$F_E^{(Z)} \approx -F_G^{(Z)} \left[ 1 - \frac{a_M \Gamma_Z}{Z} x_c(\zeta_e) \right]^{-1} \approx -F_G^{(Z)}$$

$$x_c(\zeta_e) \equiv \left( \frac{\mu_{ii}^0}{Z \mu_{ee}^0} \right) \sim 10^{-3} \div 3 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

**NB !**  
 Coulomb non-ideality effect at *macro-level* (plasma polarization) **suppresses** Rayleigh–Taylor hydrodynamic instability

Coulomb non-ideality at *micro-level* discriminates  $_{16}\text{O}^{8+}$  vs  $_{12}\text{C}^{6+}$ , and  $_{12}\text{C}^{6+}$  vs  $_{4}\text{He}^{2+}$  .. and **amplifies** Rayleigh–Taylor hydrodynamic instability

# Macroscopic charge *on* phase boundaries *in massive astrophysical objects*

$$e\nabla\varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla\varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | M \rangle}{\langle Z | \mathbf{D}_\mu^n | Z \rangle}$$

## Basic statement:

Any **jump-like discontinuity** in thermodynamic parameters (**phase boundary**, **jump** in ionic **composition** *etc*) must be accompanied with existing of **macroscopic charge** localized at this interface.

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# Plasma polarization in thermodynamics of neutron stars

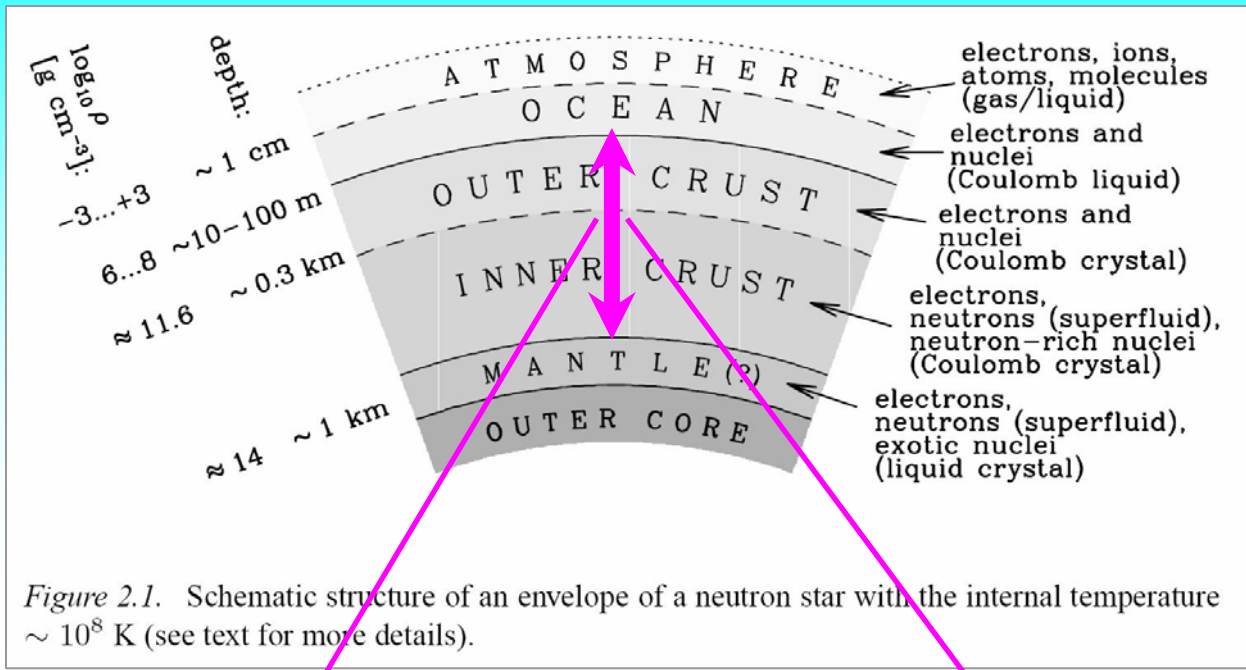
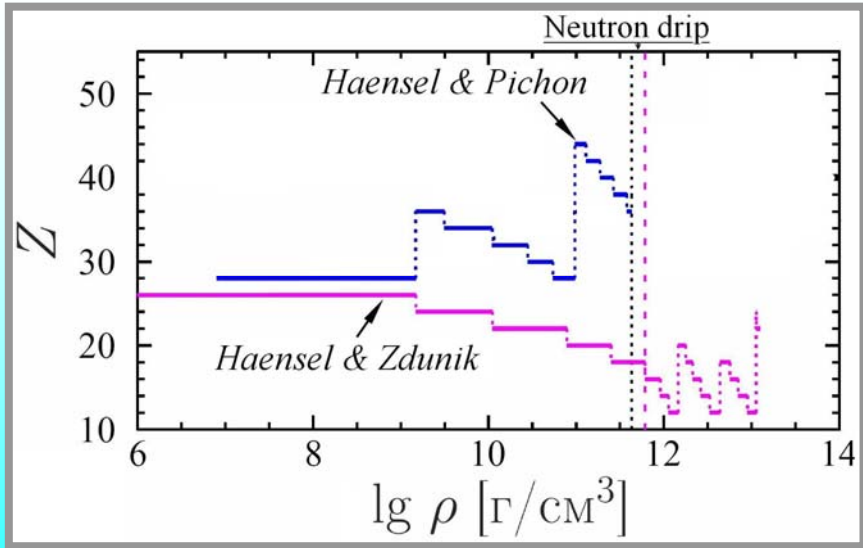
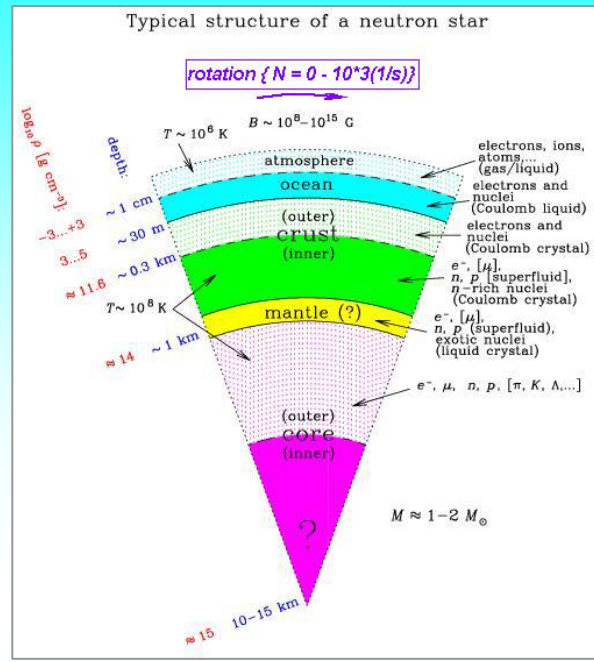


Figure 2.1. Schematic structure of an envelope of a neutron star with the internal temperature  $\sim 10^8$  K (see text for more details).

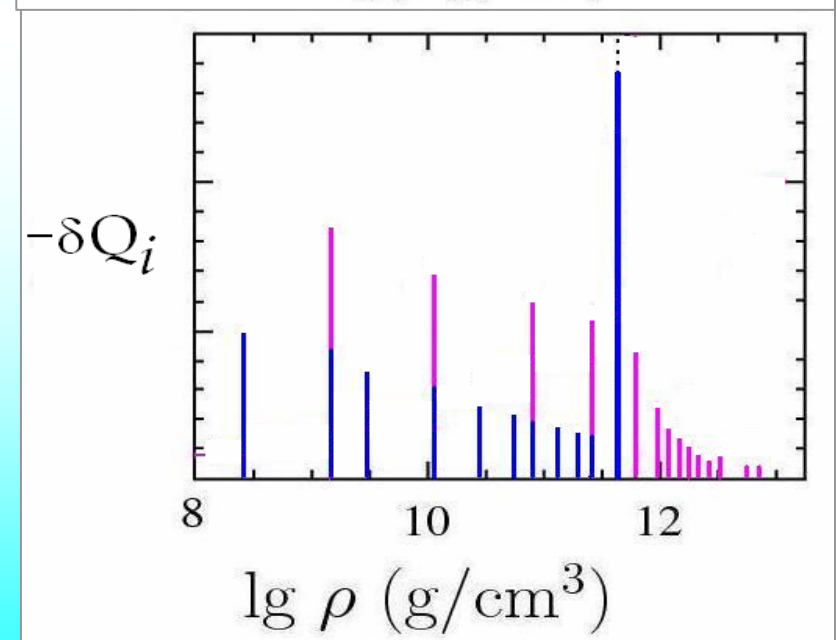
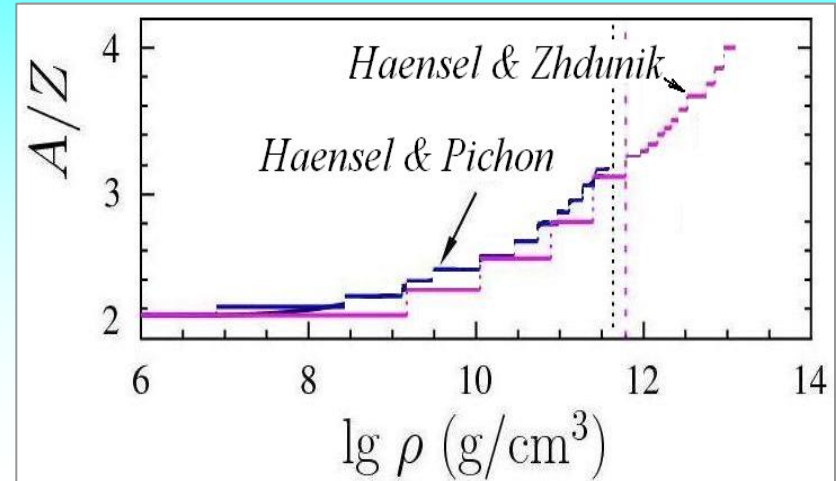
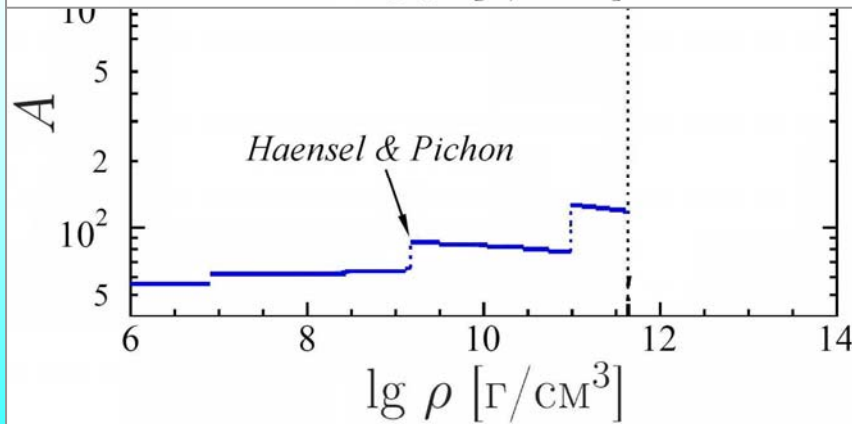
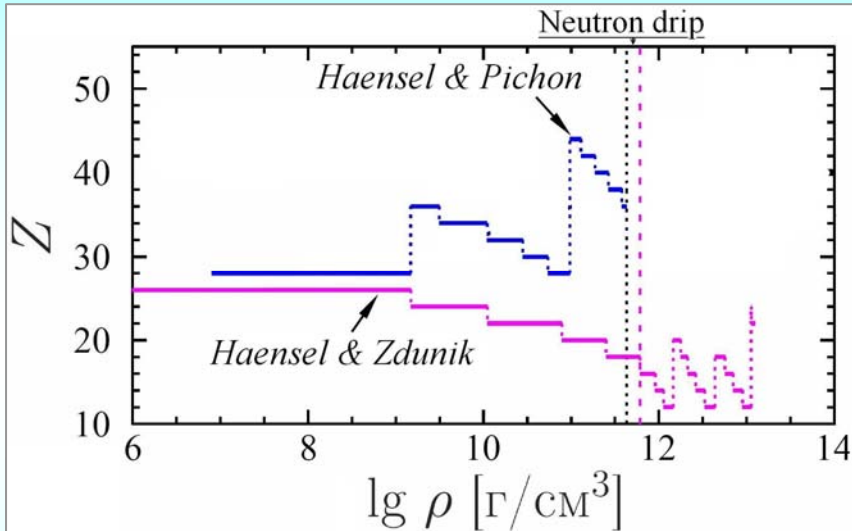


# Macroscopic charge on phase boundaries in MAO

Typically – ratio  $A/Z$  *increases* when we cross the interface toward the inner layer.

It means *decreasing* of electrostatic field, i.e. macroscopic *negative charge* localized on two-layer interface.

$$e\nabla\varphi_E(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla\varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\langle Z|\mathbf{D}_\mu^n|\mathbf{M}\rangle}{\langle Z|\mathbf{D}_\mu^n|\mathbf{Z}\rangle} \cong -m_p\nabla\varphi_G(\mathbf{r}) \frac{A}{Z}$$







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## Conclusions and perspectives

- **Plasma polarization** in massive astrophysical bodies is **general** phenomenon

- **Plasma polarization** in massive astrophysical bodies is **universal** phenomenon

- **Plasma polarization** in massive astrophysical bodies is **interesting** phenomenon

- **Plasma polarization** in massive astrophysical bodies manifests itself in great number of **observable consequences** in **thermodynamics** of MAO

- **Plasma polarization** in massive astrophysical bodies manifests itself in great number of **observable consequences** in **hydrodynamics** of MAO

- **Coulomb non-ideality** effects at **micro**-level could **amplify hydrodynamic instability** in MAO, while **Coulomb non-ideality** at **macro**-level could **suppress hydrodynamic instability**

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# Milestones

1903 // W. Sutherland – Discussed basic idea of gravitational polarization in MAO

1922 // A. Pannekoek

1924 // S. Rosseland

Obtained the key relation of proportionality for average gravitational and electrostatic fields (counting per proton) for the case of ideal non-degenerated plasma of the Sun  $\{ F_E = \frac{1}{2} F_G \}$

1924 // E. Milne – Net charge on the star // Discussed basic idea of non-electroneutrality of stars

1926 // A. Eddington – Respected these ideas in his book

1968 // L. Rosen – Discussed gravitational polarization in the stars as a standard

1976 // T.Montmerle & A.Mishaud

1979 // A.Mishaud & G.Fontain

Idea:- protons are “repelled out” by electrostatic field from helium star envelope due to the gravitational polarization

1978 // J. Bally & E. Harrison – *The Electrically Polarized Universe* // Idea of non-electroneutrality of all self-gravitating objects in the Universe, including stars, galaxies and their clusters

1980 // C. Alcock – *Electric field of a chemically inhomogeneous star* /Electrostatic pollution of hydrogen from helium envelope of white dwarfs

1986 // Alcock, Fachri, Olinto – *Electric field on the Strange Star Surface* / Idea of huge local charge densities and average electrostatic field at the surface of the “strange” star

1992 // N. Glendenning / “Solidified” concept of «Structured Mixed Phase» for quark-hadron phase transition in Strange (Hybrid) Stars /*Compact Stars: Springer, 2000*

1996 // D. Kirzhnits – Gravitational polarization exists, but gives no noticeable observable effects

2000-2005 // L. Bildsten *et al* – Extended the idea of gravitational polarization influence on diffusion of heavy ions in interiors of white dwarfs, and thus on cooling and evolution of a star

2003-2005 // S.Ray et al.

2005 // A.Mattei

2007 // A.Di Prisco et al.

Exotics: Ideas of ultra high charges and fields, charged black holes, charged gravitational collapse . . . *etc.*

*And many other papers missed by this short list . . .*