

## Hydrogen and galaxies (10 points)

This problem aims to study the peculiar physics of galaxies, such as their dynamics and structure. In particular, we explain how to measure the mass distribution of our galaxy from the inside. For this we will focus on hydrogen, its main constituent.

Throughout this problem we will only use  $\hbar$ , defined as  $\hbar = h/2\pi$ .

### Part A - Introduction

#### Bohr model

We assume that the hydrogen atom consists of a non-relativistic electron, with mass  $m_e$ , orbiting a fixed proton. Throughout this part, we assume its motion is on a circular orbit.

**A.1** Determine the electron's velocity  $v$  in a circular orbit of radius  $r$ .

0.2pt

#### SOLUTION:

Newton's second law on the electron in the electrical field of the proton for a circular orbit and projected

on  $\vec{u}_r$  :  $-m_e \frac{v^2}{r} = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$  hence  $v = \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e r}}$

#### Marking Scheme

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| A.1.1 : Using Newton's second law  | 0.1 |
| A.1.2 : Expression of the velocity | 0.1 |

In the Bohr model, we assume the magnitude of the electron's angular momentum  $L$  is quantized,  $L = n\hbar$  where  $n > 0$  is an integer. We define  $\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c} \approx 7.27 \times 10^{-3}$ .

**A.2** Show that the radius of each orbit is given by  $r_n = n^2 r_1$ , where  $r_1$  is called the Bohr radius. Express  $r_1$  in terms of  $\alpha$ ,  $m_e$ ,  $c$  and  $\hbar$  and calculate its numerical value with 3 digits. Express  $v_1$ , the velocity on the orbit of radius  $r_1$ , in terms of  $\alpha$  and  $c$ . 0.5pt

#### SOLUTION:

If the norm  $L$  of the angular momentum is quantified, for a circular orbit of radius  $r_n$  it is  $L = m_e r_n v_n = n\hbar$ . In the previous question, we have already obtained a relation between  $r$  and  $v$  that can be used for  $r_n$  and  $v_n$  and gives  $v_n = \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e r_n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha \hbar c}{m_e r_n}}$ . Then using the quantified expression we get  $r_n = \frac{n\hbar}{m_e v_n} = \frac{n\hbar}{m_e} \sqrt{\frac{m_e r_n}{\alpha \hbar c}}$

thus  $r_n = \frac{\hbar n^2}{\alpha m_e c}$  and then  $r_1 = \frac{\hbar}{\alpha m_e c}$ . For the numerical value we previously compute  $\alpha = 7.27 \times 10^{-3}$  and

then  $r_1 = 5.31 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$ . For the velocity, we get  $m_e v_1^2 = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_1} = \frac{e^2 m_e v_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar}$  and then  $v_1 = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar} = \alpha c$ .

#### Marker Scheme

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| A.2.1 : Expression of $r_n$       | 0.1 |
| A.2.2 : Expression of $r_1$       | 0.1 |
| A.2.3 : Numerical value for $r_1$ | 0.1 |
| A.2.4 : Expression of $v_1$       | 0.2 |

**A.3** Determine the electron's mechanical energy  $E_n$  on an orbit of radius  $r_n$  in terms of  $e$ ,  $\epsilon_0$ ,  $r_1$  and  $n$ . Determine  $E_1$  in the ground state in terms of  $\alpha$ ,  $m_e$  and  $c$ . Compute its numerical value in eV. 0.5pt

**SOLUTION:**

The mechanical energy is  $E_n = \frac{1}{2} m_e v_n^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_n} = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r_n}$ , hence  $E_n = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 n^2 r_1}$  then for the ground state  $E_1 = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r_1}$ . Using the expression of  $\alpha$ , we get the beautiful formula  $E_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 m_e c^2$ . The numerical value is  $E_1 = -2.17 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$  which corresponds to  $E_1 = -13.6 \text{ eV}$ .

**Marker Scheme**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| A.3.1 : Expression for $E_n$               | 0.2 |
| A.3.2 : Expression for $E_1$ with $\alpha$ | 0.2 |
| A.3.3 : Numerical value for $E_1$          | 0.1 |

**Hydrogen fine and hyperfine structures**

The rare spontaneous inversion of the electron's spin causes a photon to be emitted on average once per 10 million years per hydrogen atom. This emission serves as a hydrogen tracer in the universe and is thus fundamental in astrophysics. We will study the transition responsible for this emission in two steps.

First, consider the interaction between the electron spin and the relative motion of the electron and the proton. Working in the electron's frame of reference, the proton orbits the electron at a distance  $r_1$ . This produces a magnetic field  $\vec{B}_1$ .

**A.4** Determine the magnitude  $B_1$  of  $\vec{B}_1$  at the position of the electron in terms of  $\mu_0$ ,  $e$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $c$  and  $r_1$ . 0.5pt

**SOLUTION:**

The period of the motion is :  $T = \frac{2\pi r_1}{v_1}$ .

The current  $i$  corresponding to the orbit of the proton is  $i = \frac{e}{T}$  hence  $i = \frac{e v_1}{2\pi r_1} = \frac{e \alpha c}{2\pi r_1}$ .

The magnetic field created by a loop with current  $i$  and radius  $R$  is :  $B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2R}$ , which here gives  $B_1 = \frac{\mu_0 e \alpha c}{4\pi r_1^2}$ .

**Marker Scheme**

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| A.4.1 : Expression for the period  | 0.1 |
| A.4.2 : Expression for the current | 0.2 |
| A.4.3 : General expression for $B$ | 0.1 |
| A.4.4 : Inject $i$ into $B$        | 0.1 |

Second, the electron spin creates a magnetic moment  $\vec{\mathcal{M}}_s$ . Its magnitude is roughly  $\mathcal{M}_s = \frac{e}{m_e} \hbar$ . The *fine* (F) structure is related to the energy difference  $\Delta E_F$  between an electron with a magnetic moment  $\vec{\mathcal{M}}_s$  parallel to  $\vec{B}_1$  and that of an electron with  $\vec{\mathcal{M}}_s$  anti-parallel to  $\vec{B}_1$ . Similarly, the *hyperfine* (HF) structure is related to the energy difference  $\Delta E_{HF}$ , due to the interaction between parallel and anti-parallel magnetic moments of the electron and the proton. It is known to be approximately  $\Delta E_{HF} \approx 3.72 \frac{m_e}{m_p} \Delta E_F$  where  $m_p$  is the proton mass.

|            |   |       |
|------------|---|-------|
| <b>A.5</b> | Express $\Delta E_F$ as a function of $\alpha$ and $E_1$ .<br>Express the wavelength $\lambda_{HF}$ of a photon emitted during a transition between the two states of the hyperfine structure and give its numerical value with two digits. | 0.5pt |
|------------|---|-------|

**SOLUTION:**

The potential energy corresponding to the interaction between the spin magnetic moment  $\vec{\mathcal{M}}_s$  and the nuclear magnetic field :  $E_p = -\vec{\mathcal{M}}_s \cdot \vec{B}_1$

The difference  $\Delta E_F$  between the energy of two electrons with a spin parallel and antiparallel to  $\vec{B}_1$  is then  $\Delta E_F = 2\mathcal{M}_s B_1$ . Using previous expressions one finds:  $\Delta E_F = 2 \frac{e}{m_e} \hbar B_1 = 2 \frac{e}{m_e} \hbar \frac{\mu_0 e \alpha c}{4\pi r_1^2}$  which writes

$$\Delta E_F = -4\alpha^2 E_1 \text{ hence } \Delta E_{HF} = -3.72 \frac{m_e}{m_p} 4\alpha^2 E_1.$$

The wavelength of the photon corresponding to this transition is then  $\frac{hc}{\lambda_{HF}} = \Delta E_{HF} = -3.72 \frac{m_e}{m_p} 4\alpha^2 E_1$  hence

$$\lambda_{HF} = -\frac{hc}{3.72 \frac{m_e}{m_p} 4\alpha^2 E_1} \text{ whose value is } \lambda_{HF} = 21 \text{ cm}.$$

**Marker Scheme**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| A.5.1 : Expression for the potential energy                | 0.1 |
| A.5.2 : Expression for $\Delta E_F$                        | 0.1 |
| A.5.3 : Expression for $\Delta E_{HF}$ in term of $\alpha$ | 0.1 |
| A.5.4 : Expression for $\lambda_{HF}$                      | 0.1 |
| A.5.5 : Numerical value for $\lambda_{HF}$                 | 0.1 |

**Part B - Rotation curves of galaxies****Data**

- Kiloparsec:  $1 \text{ kpc} = 3.09 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}$
- Solar mass :  $1 M_\odot = 1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$

We consider a spherical galaxy centered around a fixed point  $O$ . At any point  $P$ , let  $\rho = \rho(P)$  be the volumetric mass density and  $\varphi = \varphi(P)$  the associated gravitational potential (i.e. potential energy per unit mass). Both  $\rho$  and  $\varphi$  depend only on  $r = \|\overrightarrow{OP}\|$ . The motion of a mass  $m$  located at  $P$ , due to the field  $\varphi$ , is restricted to a plane containing  $O$ .

- B.1** In the case of a circular orbit, determine the velocity  $v_c$  of an object on a circular orbit passing through  $P$  in terms of  $r$  and  $\frac{d\varphi}{dr}$ . 0.2pt

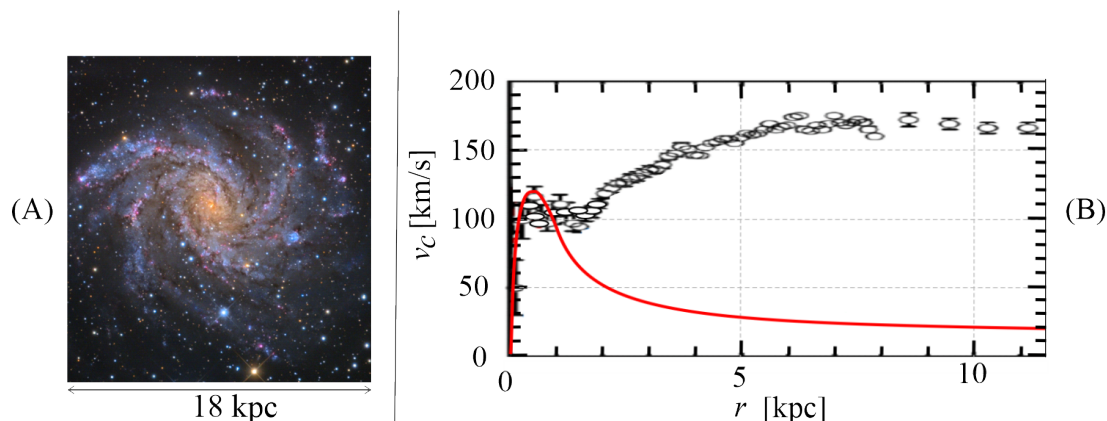
**SOLUTION:**

The force created by the potential is  $\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla}(m\varphi(r)) = -m\frac{d\varphi}{dr}\vec{u}_r$ . Newton's second law for a circular orbit then gives  $m\frac{v_c^2}{r} = m\frac{d\varphi}{dr}$  hence  $v_c = \sqrt{r\frac{d\varphi}{dr}}$ .

**SOLUTION:**

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| B.1.1 : Using Newton's second law    | 0.1 |
| B.1.2 : Expression for the velocity. | 0.1 |

Fig. 1(A) is a picture of the spiral galaxy NGC 6946 in the visible band (from the 0.8m Schulman Telescope at the Mount Lemmon Sky Center in Arizona). The little ellipses in Fig. 1(B) show experimental measurements of  $v_c$  for this galaxy. The central region ( $r < 1\text{kpc}$ ) is named the bulge. In this region, the mass distribution is roughly homogeneous. The red curve is a prediction for  $v_c$  if the system were homogeneous in the bulge and keplerian ( $\varphi(r) = -\beta/r$  with  $\beta > 0$ ) outside it, i.e. considering that the total mass of the galaxy is concentrated in the bulge.



**Fig. 1:** NGC 6946 galaxy: Picture (A) and rotation curve (B).

- B.2** Deduce the mass  $M_b$  of the bulge of NGC 6946 from the red rotation curve in Fig. 1(B), in solar mass units. 0.5pt

**SOLUTION:**

Either by Gauss's theorem  $4\pi r^2 g(r) = -4\pi G M_{\text{int}}(r)$ , then one gets  $g(r) = G M_{\text{int}}(r) / r^2$  and  $\varphi(r) = -G M_{\text{int}}(r) / r$ . or one knows the law  $g(r) = G M / r^2$  and  $\varphi(r) = -G M / r$  and intuit that one can use the interior mass

$$g(r) = GM_{\text{int}}(r)/r^2 \quad \underline{g(r) = -GM_{\text{int}}(r)/r^2}$$

If there is almost no more mass after the bulge radius  $r_b$

then if  $r > r_b$ ,  $M_{\text{int}}(r) = M_b$  and  $\underline{\vec{g}(r > r_b) = -\frac{GM_b}{r^2} \hat{u}_r}$ . But  $\vec{g} = -\frac{d\phi}{dr} \hat{u}_r$ .

This gives  $v_c(r > r_b) = \sqrt{\frac{GM_b}{r}}$ .

One can then deduce that if the velocity is given only by the bulge, at a given distance  $R$  we must have  $\underline{M_b = v_c^2 R / G}$ . On the red curve we can read  $v_c = 20 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  at  $R = 10 \text{ kpc}$  hence

$$M_b = \frac{v_c^2 R}{G} \simeq \frac{4 \cdot 10^8 \times 3 \cdot 10^{20}}{6.7 \cdot 10^{-11}} \simeq 1.8 \cdot 10^{39} \text{ kg so that } \underline{M_b \simeq 9 \cdot 10^8 M_\odot}.$$

### Marker Scheme

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| B.2.1 : $g(r) = GM_{\text{int}}(r)/r^2 \quad \underline{g(r) = -GM_{\text{int}}(r)/r^2}$ via Gauss' Theorem or another method resulting in an equivalent result. | 0.1 |
| B.2.2 : Expression for $\vec{g}(r > r_b)$  | 0.1 |
| B.2.3 : Expression for $M_b$   | 0.1 |
| B.2.4 : Taking the right value of $v_c$ in the figure  | 0.1 |
| B.2.5 : Numerical value for $M_b$ with a tolerance of $\pm 25\%$   | 0.1 |

Comparing the keplerian model and the experimental data makes astronomers confident that part of the mass is invisible in the picture. They thus suppose that the galaxy's actual mass density is given by

$$\rho_m(r) = \frac{C_m}{r_m^2 + r^2} \quad (1)$$

where  $C_m > 0$  and  $r_m > 0$  are constants.

**B.3** Show that the velocity profile  $v_{c,m}(r)$ , corresponding to the mass density in Eq. 1.8pt

1, can be written  $v_{c,m}(r) = \sqrt{k_1 - \frac{k_2 \cdot \arctan(\frac{r}{r_m})}{r}}$ . Express  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  in terms of  $C_m$ ,  $r_m$  and  $G$ .

(Hints:  $\int_0^r \frac{x^2}{a^2 + x^2} dx = r - a \arctan(r/a)$ , and:  $\arctan(x) \simeq x - x^3/3$  for  $x \ll 1$ .)

Simplify  $v_{c,m}(r)$  when  $r \ll r_m$  and when  $r \gg r_m$ .

Show that if  $r \gg r_m$ , the mass  $M_m(r)$  embedded in a sphere of radius  $r$  with the mass density given by Eq. 1 simplifies and depends only on  $C_m$  and  $r$ .

Estimate the mass of the galaxy NGC 6946 actually present in the picture in Fig. 1(A).

### SOLUTION:

On the one hand, writing Gauss' theorem on a sphere of radius  $r$  gives  $\int \vec{g}(r) \cdot \vec{dS} = 4\pi r^2 g(r) = -4\pi G M_{\text{int}}$  and thus  $g(r) = -GM_{\text{int}}(r)/r^2 \quad \underline{g(r) = -GM_{\text{int}}(r)/r^2}$ . As long as this final formula is given it doesn't matter the method.

But, on the other hand  $M_{\text{int}} = \int_0^r 4\pi x^2 \rho(x) dx = \underline{4\pi C_m \left[ r - r_m \arctan\left(\frac{r}{r_m}\right) \right]}$  hence

$$g_m(r) = -\frac{4\pi C_m G \left[ r - r_m \arctan\left(\frac{r}{r_m}\right) \right]}{r^2} \quad (2)$$

But as  $-m \frac{v_{c,m}^2}{r} = -m g_m(r) - m \frac{v_{c,m}^2}{r} = m g_m(r)$  we finally get  $v_{c,m} = \sqrt{r g_m(r)}$   $v_{c,m} = \sqrt{-r g_m(r)}$  which writes

$$v_{c,m} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi C_m G \left[ r - r_m \arctan\left(\frac{r}{r_m}\right) \right]}{r}} \quad (3)$$

One can then read  $k_1 = 4\pi C_m G$  and  $k_2 = 4\pi C_m G r_m$

Two regime could be considered:

- if  $r \ll r_m$ , a third order Taylor expansion of arctan gives  $v_{c,m} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{4\pi C_m G r^2}{3r_m^2}}$ ,
- and if  $r \gg r_m$  then  $\arctan\left(\frac{r}{r_m}\right) \simeq \pi/2$  and  $v_{c,m} \simeq \sqrt{4\pi C_m G}$ .

The function  $v_{c,m}(r)$  is vanishing when  $r \rightarrow 0$  and is asymptotically constant with value  $\sqrt{4\pi C_m G}$  when  $r \rightarrow +\infty$ : this corresponds to the observational curve for the galaxy considered (black circles on the right part of figure 1(B)). A natural interpretation for  $r_m$  is the typical radius beyond which the circular velocity is constant. On this picture one can read  $v_c \simeq 160 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  for the constant value of  $v_{c,m}$  after  $r_m$ , then one can deduce  $C_m = \frac{v_c^2}{4\pi G} \simeq \frac{(1.6 \cdot 10^5)^2}{4\pi \times 6.67 \cdot 10^{-11}} \simeq 3 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$ . The mass embedded in a sphere of radius  $r$  is given by  $M_{\text{int}} = \int_0^r 4\pi x^2 \rho_m(x) dx = 4\pi C_m \left[ r - r_m \arctan\left(\frac{r}{r_m}\right) \right]$  which reduces to  $M_{\text{int}} \simeq 4\pi C_m r$  if  $r \gg r_m$ . In the picture we have a radius  $R = 9 \text{ kpc} = 2.27 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}$  of the galaxy, then a mass  $M_{\text{in the figure}} \simeq 4\pi C_m R \simeq 10^{41} \text{ kg} \simeq 10^{11} M_\odot$ . This mass corresponds to more than ten times the value of the mass actually visible in this picture: this is the dark matter concept.

### Marker Scheme

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| B.3.1 : $g(r) = G M_{\text{int}}(r)/r^2$ via Gauss' Theorem or another method resulting in an equivalent result. | 0.2 |
| B.3.2 : Interior mass  | 0.3 |
| B.3.3. : Expression for $g(r)$   | 0.1 |
| B.3.4 : Using Newton's second law  | 0.1 |
| B.3.5 : Expression for $k_1$   | 0.1 |
| B.3.6 : Expression for $k_2$   | 0.1 |
| B.3.7 : Simplification for $v_c$ in the case $r \ll r_m$   | 0.2 |
| B.3.8 : Simplification for $v_c$ in the case $r \gg r_m$   | 0.2 |
| B.3.9 : Value of $C_m$   | 0.2 |
| B.3.10 : Expression for $M_m$ in the case $r \gg r_m$  | 0.2 |
| B.3.11 : Mass in the figure (good if nearest power of ten)   | 0.1 |

### Part C - Mass distribution in our galaxy

For a spiral galaxy, the model for Eq. 1 is modified and one usually considers the gravitational potential

is given by  $\varphi_G(r, z) = \varphi_0 \ln\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right) \exp\left[-\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)^2\right]$ , where  $z$  is the distance to the galactic plane (defined by  $z = 0$ ), and  $r < r_0$  is now the axial radius and  $\varphi_0 > 0$  a constant to be determined.  $r_0$  and  $z_0$  are constant values.

- C.1** Find the equation of motion on  $z$  for the vertical motion of a point mass  $m$  in such a potential, assuming  $r$  is constant. Show that, if  $r < r_0$ , the galactic plane is a stable equilibrium state by giving the angular frequency  $\omega_0$  of small oscillations around it. 0.5pt

**SOLUTION:**

The equation of motion is given by Newton's second law  $m\vec{a} = \vec{F} = -m\nabla\varphi$ , projected on  $\vec{u}_z$ , it gives  $m\ddot{z} = -m\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial z}$ . Using the given potential we have  $\ddot{z} = \frac{2z}{z_0^2}\varphi_0 \ln\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right) \exp\left[-\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)^2\right]$ . Near the galactic plane ( $z = 0$ ) the exponential is equal to 1 and can be simplified to give  $\ddot{z} \simeq \frac{2z}{z_0^2}\varphi_0 \ln\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)$ . If  $r < r_0$  the  $\ln$  is negative and the equation of motion is of the form  $\ddot{z} \simeq -\omega_0^2 z$  with  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2\varphi_0}{z_0^2} \left|\ln\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)\right|}$ . This proves that  $z$  is oscillating around  $z = 0$  and that the motion is stable.

**Marker Scheme**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| C.1.1 : Newton's second law, or equivalent method | 0.1 |
| C.1.2 : Projection on the $z$ axis                | 0.1 |
| C.1.3 : Equation of motion                        | 0.1 |
| C.1.4 : Equation near the galactic plane          | 0.1 |
| C.1.5 : Expression for $\omega_0$                 | 0.1 |

From here on, we set  $z = 0$ .

- C.2** Identify the regime, either  $r \gg r_m$  or  $r \ll r_m$ , in which the model of Eq. 1 recovers a potential of the form  $\varphi_G(r, 0)$  with a suitable definition of  $\varphi_0$ . Under this condition  $v_c(r)$  no longer depends on  $r$ . Express it in terms of  $\varphi_0$ . 0.6pt

**SOLUTION:**

Using the density given by equation (1) in part B, we have obtained

$$g_m(r) = -\frac{4\pi C_m G \left[ r - r_m \arctan\left(\frac{r}{r_m}\right) \right]}{r^2} \quad (4)$$

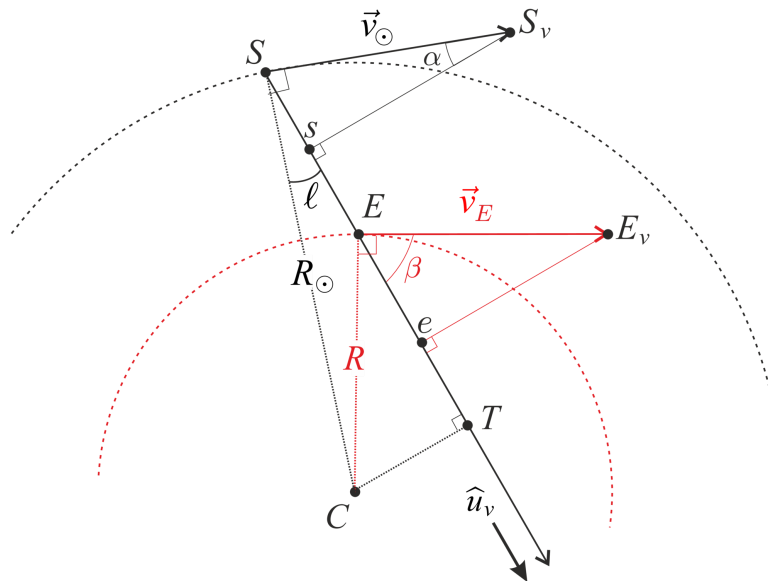
Hence, considering  $r \gg r_m$ , one can simplify this relation to  $g_m(r) \simeq -\frac{4\pi C_m G}{r}$ . The gravitational potential can be obtained by integration, we then have :  $\varphi(r) = +4\pi C_m G \ln(r) + \text{cst}$ . The constant can be found by correctly choosing the origin of the potential. This potential corresponds to:  $\varphi_G(r, z = 0) = \varphi_0 \ln\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)$  with  $\varphi_0 = +4\pi C_m G$ . In that case, the equation of motion in the galactic plane gives  $-m\frac{v_c^2}{r} = -mg_m(r)$  which writes  $v_c = \sqrt{r g_m(r)} = \sqrt{4\pi C_m G}$ , so that  $v_c = \sqrt{\varphi_0}$ .

## Marker Scheme

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| C2.1 : Condition for simplification $r \gg r_m$ | 0.1 |
| C2.2 : Expression for $\varphi(r)$              | 0.2 |
| C2.3 : Identification of $\varphi_0$            | 0.1 |
| C2.4 : Newton's second law                      | 0.1 |
| C2.5 : Expression for $v_c$                     | 0.1 |

Therefore, outside the bulge the velocity modulus  $v_c$  does not depend on the distance to the galactic center. We will use this fact, as astronomers do, to measure the galaxy's mass distribution from the inside.

All galactic objects considered here for astronomical observations, such as stars or nebulae, are primarily composed of hydrogen. Outside the bulge, we assume that they rotate on circular orbits around the galactic center  $C$ .  $S$  is the sun's position and  $E$  that of a given galactic object emitting in the hydrogen spectrum. In the galactic plane, we consider a line of sight  $SE$  corresponding to the orientation of an observation, on the unit vector  $\hat{u}_v$  (see Fig. 2).



**Fig. 2:** Geometry of the measurement

Let  $\ell$  be the galactic longitude, measuring the angle between  $SC$  and the  $SE$ . The sun's velocity on its circular orbit of radius  $R_\odot = 8.00 \text{ kpc}$  is denoted  $\vec{v}_\odot$ . A galactic object in  $E$  orbits on another circle of radius  $R$  at velocity  $\vec{v}_E$ . Using a Doppler effect on the previously studied  $21 \text{ cm}$  line, one can obtain the relative radial velocity  $v_{rE/S}$  of the emitter  $E$  with respect to the sun  $S$ : it is the projection of  $\vec{v}_E - \vec{v}_\odot$  on the line of sight.

**C.3** Determine  $v_{rE/S}$  in terms of  $\ell$ ,  $R$ ,  $R_\odot$  and  $v_\odot$ . Then, express  $R$  in terms of  $R_\odot$ ,  $v_\odot$ ,  $\ell$  and  $v_{rE/S}$ . 0.7pt



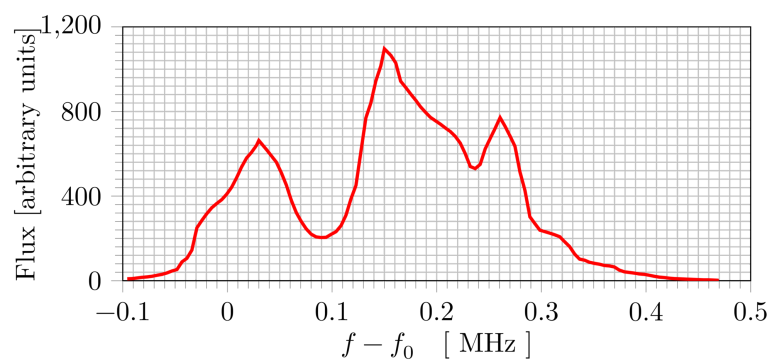
**SOLUTION:**

We have  $\vec{S}s = v_{\odot} \sin(\alpha) \hat{u}_v$  and  $\vec{E}e = v_E \cos(\beta) \hat{u}_v$ . In the right triangle  $SsS_v$ , the sum of angles gives  $\widehat{(\vec{S}s, \vec{S}s_v)} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha$ , but, as  $\vec{v}_{\odot}$  is perpendicular to the radius  $CS$ , we also have  $\widehat{(\vec{S}s, \vec{S}s_v)} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \ell$ : then  $\alpha = \ell$ . On the other side, we have  $CT = R_{\odot} \sin(\ell) = R \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \beta)$ , which gives  $\cos(\beta) = \frac{R_{\odot}}{R} \sin(\ell)$ . Merging all of these results and taking into account that  $v_E = v_{\odot}$  and that  $\vec{v}_{rE/S} = \vec{E}e - \vec{S}s$  we have  $v_{rE/S} = v_{\odot} \left( \frac{R_{\odot}}{R} - 1 \right) \sin(\ell)$  and finally  $R = \frac{R_{\odot}}{1 + \frac{v_{rE/S}}{v_{\odot} \sin(\ell)}}$ .

**Marker Scheme**

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| C3.1 : Expression for $\vec{S}s$    | 0.1 |
| C3.2 : Expression for $\vec{E}e$    | 0.1 |
| C3.3 : $\alpha = \ell$              | 0.1 |
| C3.4 : Expression for $\cos(\beta)$ | 0.1 |
| C3.5 : Expression for $v_{r,E/S}$   | 0.2 |
| C3.6 : Expression for $R$           | 0.1 |

Using a radio telescope, we make observations in the plane of our galaxy toward a longitude  $\ell = 30^\circ$ . The frequency band used contains the 21 cm line, whose frequency is  $f_0 = 1.42 \text{ GHz}$ . The results are reported in Fig. 3.



**Fig. 3:** Electromagnetic signal as a function of the frequency shift, measured in the radio frequency band at  $\ell = 30^\circ$  using EU-HOU RadioAstronomy

- C.4** In our galaxy,  $v_{\odot} = 220 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ . Determine the values of the relative radial velocity (with 3 significant digits) and the distance from the galactic center (with 2 significant digits) of the 3 sources observed in Fig. 3. Distances should be expressed as multiples of  $R_{\odot}$ . 0.6pt

**SOLUTION:**

In Fig. 3 one can measure the 3 frequency shifts ( $f - f_0$ ) corresponding to each peak :  $\Delta f_1 = 0.03$  MHz ,  $\Delta f_2 = 0.15$  MHz and  $\Delta f_3 = 0.26$  MHz. One can then compute the relative Doppler velocity using  $v_{r,i} = c \Delta f_i / f_0$  , with  $f_0 = 1420$  MHz one gets

- $v_{r,1} = 6.33 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- $v_{r,2} = 31.7 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- $v_{r,3} = 54.9 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

As peaks are placed on grid points, the tolerance in the value is due to fact that candidates could use  $c = 3.00 \times 10^8$  m/s in the place of the 9 digits given in the formulary.

The corresponding distances from the galactic center are then obtained using the relation  $R_i = \frac{R_\odot}{1 + \frac{v_{r,i}}{v_\odot \sin \ell}}$  , with  $\ell = 30^\circ$  we obtain :

- $R_1 = 0.95 R_\odot$
- $R_2 = 0.78 R_\odot$
- $R_3 = 0.67 R_\odot$

### Marker Scheme

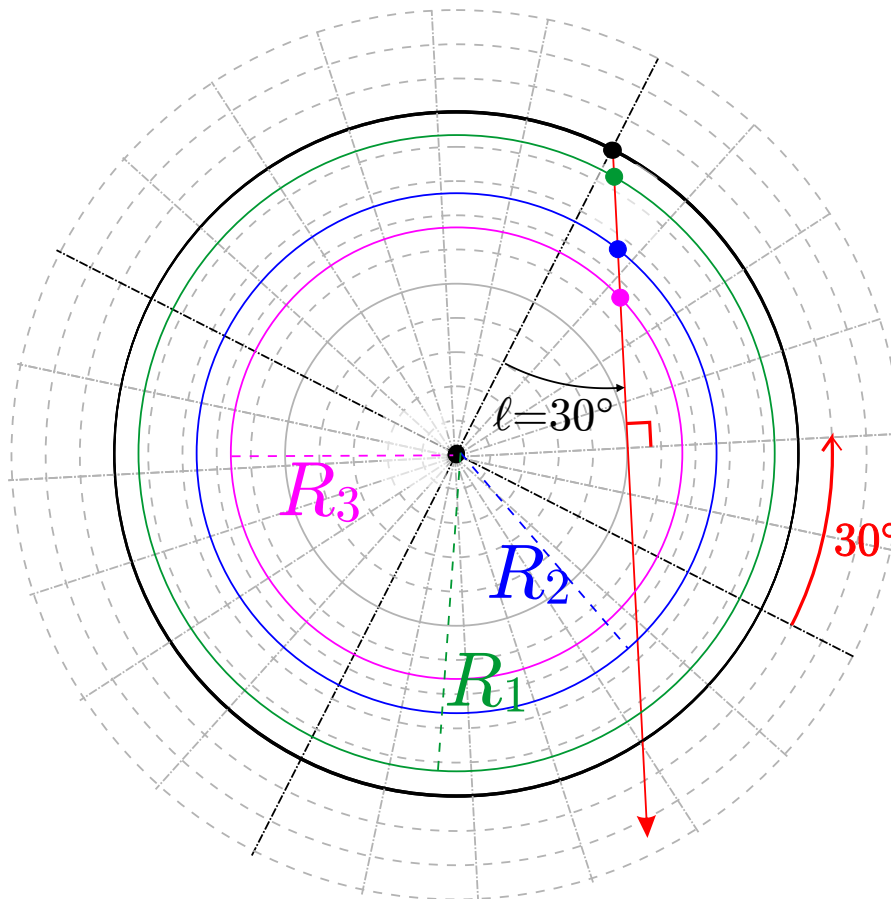
|   |     |
|---|-----|
| C4.1 : Doppler formula for $v_r$  | 0.1 |
| C4.2 : Getting the 3 numerical values for $\Delta f$                                      | 0.2 |
| C4.3 : Numerical values of the 3 velocities ( $\pm 0.01 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ) | 0.2 |
| C4.4 : Numerical values of the 3 distances ( $\pm 0.01 R_\odot$ )                         | 0.1 |

- C.5** On the top view of our galaxy (in the answer box), indicate the positions of the sources observed in Fig. 3. 0.6pt  
What could be deduced from repeated measurements changing  $\ell$ ?

### SOLUTION:

As indicated on the figure below, the right line of sight could be obtained geometrically (i.e. without protractor) : using the  $15^\circ$  grid graduation one can go back from  $30^\circ$  from the perpendicular line to CS, we then obtain a radius which is perpendicular to the line of sight, in other words as  $\sin(30^\circ) = 0.5$  the line of sight is passing by S and is tangential to the circle of radius  $CS/2$ .

Drawing the circles of radius  $R_i$  and the line of sight with from we get 2 possible intersections for each peak : a near one and a far one. We plot only the nearest for each source on the answer figure.



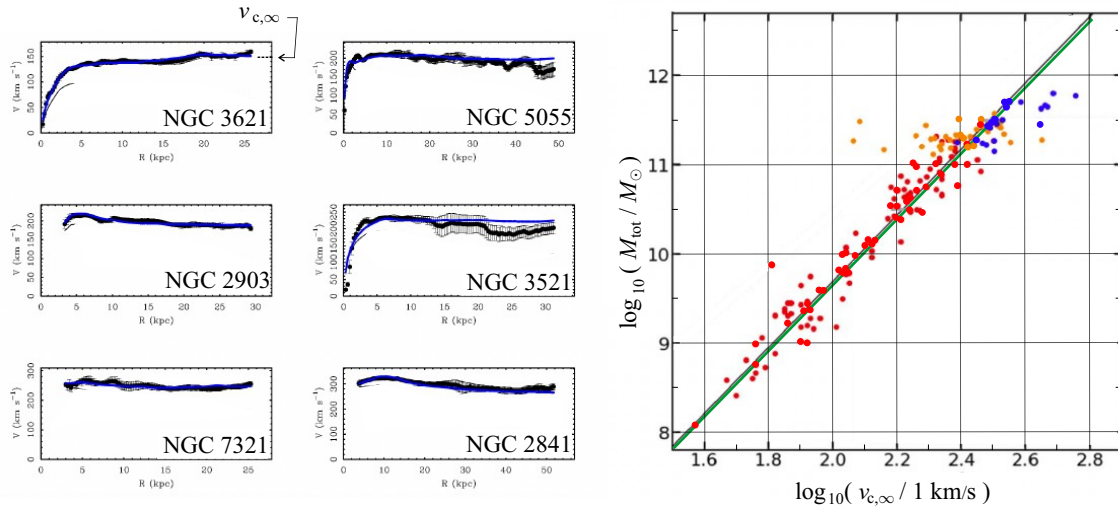
The far intersections for each source is much further away and hence is likely less intense. Astronomers could also use the variation in the radio signal when they slowly vary the longitude to determine the right position of the actual source. A continuous variation of  $\ell$  in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  makes hydrogen sources appear in the galaxy, as the galaxy is essentially composed of hydrogen, one can trace its mass distribution : *i.e.* the spiral structure.

### Marker Scheme

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| C5.1 : Getting the right line of sight | 0.1 |
| C5.2 : Drawing for the 3 circles       | 0.2 |
| C5.3 : Drawing for the 3 points        | 0.2 |
| C5.4 : Deduction                       | 0.1 |

### Part D - Tully-Fisher relation and MOND theory

The flat external velocity curve of NGC 6946 in Fig. 1 is a common property of spiral galaxies, as can be seen in Fig. 4 (left). Plotting the external constant velocity value  $v_{c,\infty}$  as a function of the measured total mass  $M_{\text{tot}}$  of each galaxy gives an interesting correlation called the Tully-Fisher relation, see Fig. 4 (right).



**Fig. 4.** Left: Rotation curves for typical spiral galaxies - Right:  $\log_{10}(M_{\text{tot}})$  as a function of  $\log_{10}(v_{c,\infty})$  on linear scales. Colored dots correspond to different galaxies and different surveys. The green line is the Tully-Fischer relation which is in very good agreement with the best fit line of the data (in black).

- D.1** Assuming that the radius  $R$  of a galaxy doesn't depend on its mass, show that the model of Eq. 1 (part B) gives a relation of the form  $M_{\text{tot}} = \eta v_{c,\infty}^\gamma$  where  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  should be specified. 0.4pt  
Compare this expression to the Tully-Fischer relation by computing  $\gamma_{TF}$ .

### SOLUTION:

We have obtained  $v_{c,\infty}^2 = 4\pi C_m G$  and for a galaxy of radius  $R$ , we have  $M_{\text{tot}} \simeq 4\pi C_m R$ . This gives  $C_m = \frac{M_{\text{tot}}}{4\pi R}$  and  $v_{c,\infty}^2 = 4\pi \frac{M_{\text{tot}}}{4\pi R} G$ . This relation is of the expected form  $M_{\text{tot}} = \eta v_{c,\infty}^\gamma$  with  $\gamma = 2$  and  $\eta = R/G$ . Analysing the data we get the power law exponent of the Tully-Fisher relation as  $\gamma_{TF} \simeq \frac{12-9}{2.6-1.8} = 3.75$ : the dark matter model from part B is not able to reproduce this law.

### Marker Scheme

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| D1.1 : Recall for $v_{c,\infty}$  | 0.1 |
| D1.2 : Expression for $\eta$  | 0.1 |
| D1.3 : Expression for $\gamma$  | 0.1 |
| D1.4 : Numerical value for $\gamma_{TF}$ (correct if it is between 3.5 and 4) | 0.1 |

In the extremely low acceleration regime, of the order of  $a_0 = 10^{-10} \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$ , the MODified Newtonian Dynamics (MOND) theory suggests that one can modify Newton's second law using  $\vec{F} = m\mu\left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)\vec{a}$  where  $a = \|\vec{a}\|$  is the modulus of the acceleration and the  $\mu$  function is defined by  $\mu(x) = \frac{x}{1+x}$ .

- D.2** Using data for NGC 6946 in Fig. 1, estimate, within Newton's theory, the modulus of the acceleration  $a_m$  of a mass in the outer regions of NGC 6946. 0.2pt

**SOLUTION:**

Considering that outer orbits are circular, the corresponding acceleration for a test mass  $m$  is radial and given in newtonian theory by  $a_m \approx v_c^2/R$ . In the case of NGC 6946, the value of the velocity is roughly constant and equal to  $v_c = 160 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  as far  $R > 5 \text{ kpc}$ . For this smallest distance from the center, the acceleration is  $a_m = \frac{(1.6 \cdot 10^5)^2}{5.3 \cdot 10^{19}} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$ , this value is the maximal acceleration to which a star is submitted in the outer regions of this galaxy. It corresponds to the MOND regime.

**Marker Scheme**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| D2.1 : Expression for $a_m$                                  | 0.1 |
| D2.2 : Numerical value for $a_m$ (good nearest power of ten) | 0.1 |

- D.3** Let  $m$  be a mass on a circular orbit of radius  $r$  with velocity  $v_{c,\infty}$  in the gravity field of a fixed mass  $M$ . 0.8pt  
Within the MOND theory, with  $a \ll a_0$ , determine the Tully-Fischer exponent. Using data for NGC 6946 and/or Tully-Fischer law, calculate  $a_0$  to show that MOND operates in the correct regime.

**SOLUTION:**

If  $x = a/a_0 \ll 1$ , then  $\mu(x \ll 1) \approx x$  and MOND theory gives  $\vec{F} = m \frac{a}{a_0} \vec{a}$ . Considering a gravitational interaction between  $M$  and  $m$  we then have for the radial component of the modified Newton's second Law  $G \frac{M}{r^2} m = m \frac{a^2}{a_0}$ . The radial acceleration on a circular orbit of radius  $r$  is always given by  $a = v_{c,\infty}^2/r$ , the modified second law writes now  $G \frac{M}{r^2} = \frac{v_{c,\infty}^4}{r^2 a_0}$  which gives  $v_{c,\infty} = (a_0 G M)^{1/4}$ , and thus  $M = \frac{1}{a_0 G} v_{c,\infty}^4$ . Considering the notation from D.1, this is a power law relation with  $\gamma_{\text{MOND}} = 4$  in accordance with the Tully-Fischer relation.

For the NGC 6946 galaxy, we read  $v_{c,\infty} = 160 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  thus  $\log_{10} \left( \frac{v_{c,\infty}}{1 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}} \right) = 2.2$  and one can read the corresponding total mass by the Tully-Fischer relation as  $\log(M_{\text{tot}}/M_{\odot}) = 10.5$  thus  $M_{\text{tot}} = 2.10^{40.5} \text{ kg}$ . One can obtain similar numbers using experimental data on the curve of Fig. 4. Introducing these values in the relation  $a_0 = \frac{v_{c,\infty}^4}{G M_{\text{tot}}}$  it gives  $a_0 = 1.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$  as expected.

**Marker Scheme**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| D3.1 : Considering the hypothesis $a \ll a_0$                       | 0.1 |
| D3.2 : Newton's second law  | 0.1 |
| D3.3 : Expression for $v_{c,\infty}$                                | 0.1 |
| D3.4 : Numerical value for $\gamma_{MOND}$                          | 0.1 |
| D3.5 : Numerical value for $\log_{10}(v_{c,\infty}/1 \text{ km/s})$ | 0.1 |
| D3.6 : Numerical value for $\log_{10}(M)$                           | 0.1 |
| D3.7 : Expression for $a_0$   | 0.1 |
| D3.8 : Numerical value for $a_0$ (good if nearest power of ten)     | 0.1 |

**D.4** Considering relevant cases, determine  $v_c(r)$  for all values of  $r$  in the MOND theory in the case of a gravitational field due to a homogeneously distributed mass  $M$  with radius  $R_b$ . 0.9pt

**SOLUTION:**

Taking the full formula for  $\mu$ , the modified second law with circular velocity  $v_c$  at radius  $r$  writes now  $\mathcal{G}(r)m = -m \frac{\frac{v_f^2}{a_0 r}}{1 + \frac{v_f^2}{a_0 r}} \frac{v_f^2}{r}$  where  $\mathcal{G}(r)$  is the gravitational field of the homogeneous ball of mass  $M$  and with radius  $R_b$ . This field can be deduced from Gauss' theorem it is

$$\mathcal{G}(r) = \begin{cases} -GM/r^2 & \text{if } r > R_b \\ -GM r/R_b^3 & \text{if } r \leq R_b \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Outside the ball :  $r > R_b$ . After a small reorganisation,  $v_c$  appears to be solution of the biquadratic equation  $v_c^4 - \frac{GM}{r} v_c^2 - a_0 GM = 0$ . The positive root of this equation is

$$v_c(r) = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{2r} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4a_0 r^2}{GM}} \right)} \quad \text{which is valid only if } r > R_b \quad (6)$$

When  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $v_c$  is asymptotically constant and  $M \rightarrow \frac{v_{c,\infty}^4}{a_0 G}$  which is the Tully-Fisher relation. Inside the ball :  $r \leq R_b$ . With a similar reorganisation,  $v_c$  appears now to be solution of another biquadratic equation which is  $v_c^4 - \frac{GM}{r} \left( \frac{r}{R_b} \right)^3 v_c^2 - a_0 GM \left( \frac{r}{R_b} \right)^3 = 0$ . The positive solution is now

$$v_c(r) = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{2r} \left( \frac{r}{R_b} \right)^3 \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4a_0 r^2}{GM} \left( \frac{R_b}{r} \right)^3} \right]} \quad \text{which is valid only if } r \leq R_b \quad (7)$$

When  $r \rightarrow 0$ , we recover  $v_c \rightarrow 0$  as in the experimental data.

**Marker Scheme**



|  |     |
|--|-----|
| D4.1 : Modified second law                           | 0.1 |
| D4.2 : Gravitational field in the case $r > R_b$     | 0.1 |
| D4.3 : Gravitational field in the case $r < R_b$     | 0.1 |
| D4.4 : Bi-quadratic equation in the case $r > R_b$   | 0.1 |
| D4.5 : Expression for $v_c$ in the case $r > R_b$    | 0.1 |
| D4.6 : Behaviour in the limit $r \rightarrow \infty$ | 0.1 |
| D4.7 : Bi-quadratic equation for $r < R_b$           | 0.1 |
| D4.8 : Expression for $v_c$ when $r < R_b$           | 0.1 |
| D4.9 : Behaviour when $r \rightarrow 0$              | 0.1 |

## Cox's Timepiece (10 points)

In 1765, British clockmaker James Cox invented a clock whose only source of energy is the fluctuations in atmospheric pressure. Cox's clock used two vessels containing mercury. Changes in atmospheric pressure caused mercury to move between the vessels, and the two vessels to move relative to each other. This movement acted as an energy source for the actual clock.

We propose an analysis of this device. Throughout, we assume that

- the Earth's gravitational field  $\vec{g} = -g \vec{u}_z$  is uniform with  $g = 9.8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$  and  $\vec{u}_z$  a unit vector;
- all liquids are incompressible and their density is denoted  $\rho$ ;
- no surface tension effects will be considered;
- the variations of atmospheric pressure with altitude are neglected;
- the surrounding temperature  $T_a$  is uniform and all transformations are isothermal.



Fig. 1. Artistic view of Cox's clock <sup>1</sup>

### Part A - Pulling on a submerged tube

We first consider a bath of water that occupies the semi-infinite space  $z \leq 0$ . The air above it is at a pressure  $P_a = P_0$ . A cylindrical vertical tube of length  $H = 1 \text{ m}$ , cross-sectional area  $S = 10 \text{ cm}^2$  and mass  $m = 0.5 \text{ kg}$  is dipped into the bath. The bottom end of the tube is open, and the top end of the tube is closed. We denote  $h$  the altitude of the top of the tube and  $z_\ell$  that of the water inside the tube. The thickness of the tube walls is neglected.

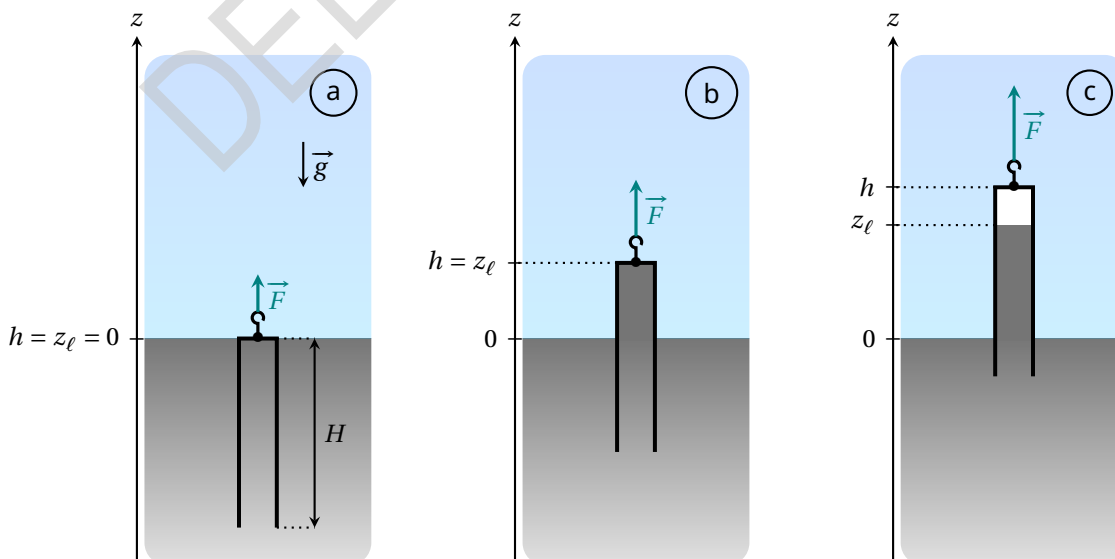


Fig. 2. Sketch of the tube in different configurations



We start from the situation where the tube in Fig. 2 contains no gas and its top is at the bath level: in other words,  $h = 0$  and  $z_\ell = 0$  (case a). The tube is then slowly lifted until its bottom end reaches the bath level. The pulling force exerted on the tube is denoted  $\vec{F} = F \vec{u}_z$ .

- A.1** For the configuration shown in Fig. 2 (case b), express the pressure  $P_w$  in the water at the top of the tube. Also express the force  $\vec{F}$  necessary to maintain the tube at this position. Expressions must be written in terms of  $P_0$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $m$ ,  $S$ ,  $h$ ,  $g$  and  $\vec{u}_z$ . 0.2pt

**SOLUTION:**

According to the hydrostatic law, one has

$$P_w = P_a - \rho g h = P_0 - \rho g h$$

In the configuration shown in Fig. 2 (case b), the tube is submitted to three forces: its weight, the resultant of the pressure forces and the force exerted by the operator. Thus, at equilibrium, one has

$$\vec{0} = m \vec{g} + (P_w - P_0) S \vec{u}_z + \vec{F}$$

which leads to

$$\vec{F} = -[m + \rho S h] \vec{g} = [m + \rho S h] g \vec{u}_z$$

**MARKING SCHEME:**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Expression of $P_w$ (as a function of $P_a$ or $P_0$ ) | 0.1 |
| Expression of $\vec{F}$                                | 0.1 |

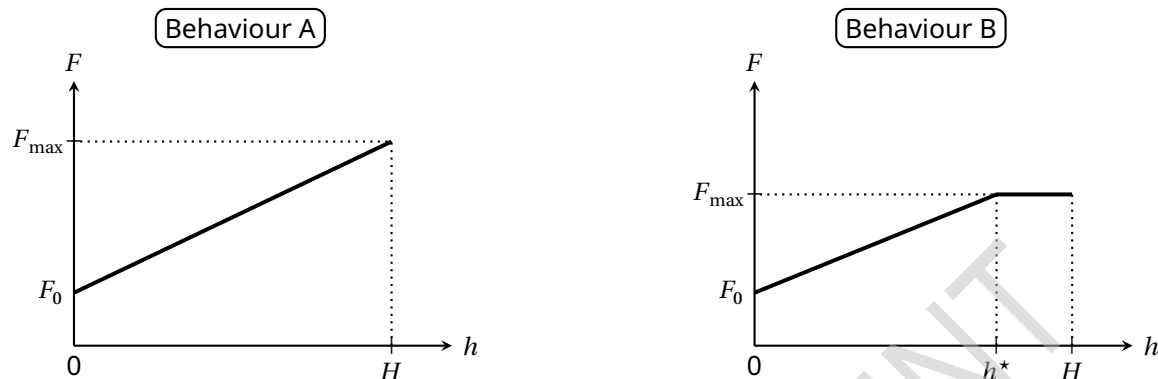
Three experiments are performed. In each, the tube is lifted from the initial state shown in Fig. 2(a) under the conditions specified in Table 1.

| Experiment | Liquid | $T_a$ (°C) | $\rho$ (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ) | $P_{\text{sat}}$ (Pa) |
|------------|--------|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1          | Water  | 20         | $1.00 \times 10^3$           | $2.34 \times 10^3$    |
| 2          | Water  | 80         | $0.97 \times 10^3$           | $47.4 \times 10^3$    |
| 3          | Water  | 99         | $0.96 \times 10^3$           | $99.8 \times 10^3$    |

**Table 1.** Experimental conditions and numerical values of physical quantities for each experiment

( $P_{\text{sat}}$  designates the saturated vapour pressure of the pure fluid)

In each case, we study the evolution of the force  $F$  that must be applied in order to maintain the tube in equilibrium at an altitude  $h$ , the external pressure being fixed at  $P_a = P_0 = 1.000 \times 10^5$  Pa. Two different behaviours are possible



**A.2** For each experiment, complete the table in the answer sheet to indicate the expected behaviour and the numerical values for  $F_{\max}$  and for  $h^*$  (when pertinent), where  $F_{\max}$  and  $h^*$  are defined in the figures illustrating the two behaviours. 0.8pt

**SOLUTION:**

Physically, the altitude  $h^*$  corresponds to the threshold at which saturated vapour appears in the tube. This altitude can be expressed using the hydrostatic law, writing

$$P_w = P_0 - \rho g h^* = P_{\text{sat}}(T_a).$$

One can find

$$h^* = \frac{P_0 - P_{\text{sat}}(T_a)}{\rho g},$$

and calculate its numerical value for each experiment. If the value obtained is higher than  $H$ , behaviour A is observed; otherwise, behaviour B is observed. According to the previous question, the force  $F$  is related to  $h$  by

$$F = [m + \rho S h] g$$

which leads to

$$F_{\max} = \begin{cases} [m + \rho S H] g & \text{for behaviour A} \\ [m + \rho S h^*] g & \text{for behaviour B} \end{cases}$$

One can deduce the following predictions:

| Experiment | Behaviour (A or B ?) | $h^*$ (cm) | $F_{\max}$ (N) |
|------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|
| 1          | A                    |            | 14.7           |
| 2          | A                    |            | 14.4           |
| 3          | B                    | 2.1        | 5.1            |

## MARKING SCHEME:

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| All behaviours are correct (*all or nothing*): A/A/B   | 0.2 |
| Experiment 1: Numerical value of $F_{\max}$ in $[14.6, 15]$ (N)  | 0.1 |
| Experiment 2: Numerical value of $F_{\max}$ in $[14, 14.5]$ (N)  | 0.1 |
| Experiment 3: Numerical value of $h^*$ in $[2, 2.2]$ (cm) (0.1 pt if only literal expression is correct)     | 0.2 |
| Experiment 3: Numerical value of $F_{\max}$ in $[5, 5.2]$ (N) (0.1 pt if only literal expression is correct) | 0.2 |

When we replace the water with liquid mercury (whose properties are given below), behaviour B is observed.

| Liquid  | $T_a$ (°C) | $\rho$ (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ) | $P_{\text{sat}}$ (Pa) |
|---------|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mercury | 20         | $13.5 \times 10^3$           | 0.163                 |

**A.3** Express the relative error, denoted  $\varepsilon$ , committed when we evaluate the maximal force  $F_{\max}$  neglecting  $P_{\text{sat}}$  compared to  $P_0$ . Give the numerical value of  $\varepsilon$ . 0.3pt

## SOLUTION:

For behaviour B, the expression of  $F_{\max}$  previously obtained can be reformulated as

$$F_{\max} = m g + (P_0 - P_{\text{sat}}) S$$

Neglecting the saturated vapour pressure compared to the atmospheric pressure, one obtains

$$F_{\max} \simeq m g + P_0 S$$

Thus, the relative error  $\varepsilon$  is given by

$$\varepsilon = \frac{P_{\text{sat}}}{P_0 + m g / S} \simeq 1.6 \times 10^{-6}$$

## MARKING SCHEME:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Literal expression of $\varepsilon$ (with or without $P_{\text{sat}}$ in denominator) | 0.2 |
| Numerical value of $\varepsilon$ in $[1, 2] \times 10^{-6}$                           | 0.1 |

## Part B - Two-part barometric tube

From now on, we work with mercury (density  $\rho = 13.5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ ) at the ambient temperature  $T_a = 20^\circ\text{C}$  and we take  $P_{\text{sat}} = 0$ .

Let us consider a tube with a reservoir on top, modeled as two superposed cylinders of different dimensions, as shown in Fig. 3.

- the bottom part (still called the tube) has cross-sectional area  $S_t$  and height  $H_t = 80 \text{ cm}$  ;
- the top part (called the bulb) has cross-sectional area  $S_b > S_t$  and height  $H_b = 20 \text{ cm}$ .

This two-part tube is dipped into a semi-infinite liquid bath.

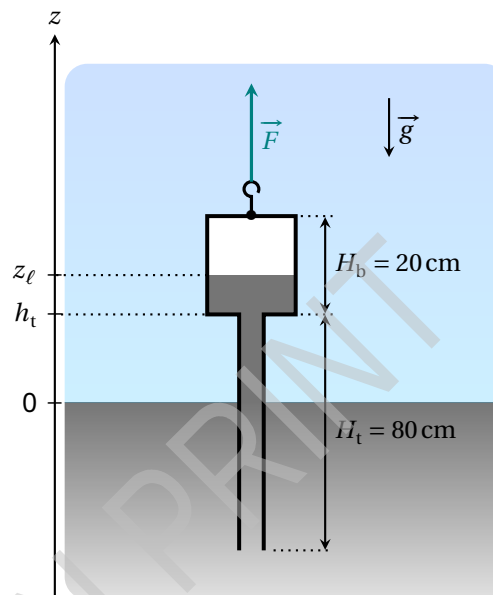


Fig. 3. Sketch of the two-part barometric tube

As in Part A, the system is prepared such that the tube contains no air. We identify the vertical position of the tube by the altitude  $h_t$  of the junction between the tube and the bulb. The height of the column of mercury is again denoted  $z_\ell$ . The force  $\vec{F}$  that must be exerted to maintain the tube in equilibrium in the configuration shown in Fig. 3 can now be written as

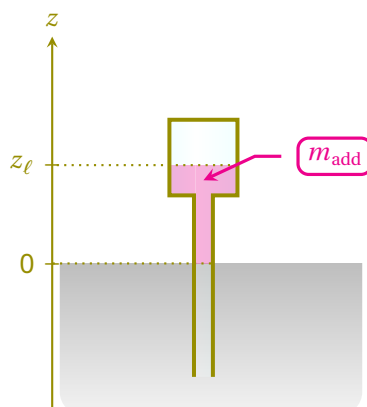
$$\vec{F} = (m_{\text{tb}} + m_{\text{add}}) g \vec{u}_z \quad (1)$$

where  $m_{\text{tb}}$  is the total mass of the two-part tube (when empty of mercury).

**B.1** On the answer sheet, color the area corresponding to the volume of liquid mercury that is responsible for the term  $m_{\text{add}}$  appearing in equation (1). 0.3pt

### SOLUTION:

By adapting the reasoning used at part A, one can deduce that the mass  $m_{\text{add}}$  corresponds to the liquid mass in the two-part tube which is above the outside surface of the liquid bath, as shown below.



## MARKING SCHEME:

Coloring of the correct area (0.1 pt only if a correct expression of  $m_{\text{add}}$  is provided but the colored area is incorrect)

0.3

The mass  $m_{\text{add}}$  depends both on the height  $h_t$  and the atmospheric pressure  $P_a$ . For the next question, assume that the atmospheric pressure is fixed at  $P_a = P_0 = 1.000 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ . Starting from the situation where the system is completely submerged, the tube is slowly lifted until its base is flush with the liquid bath.

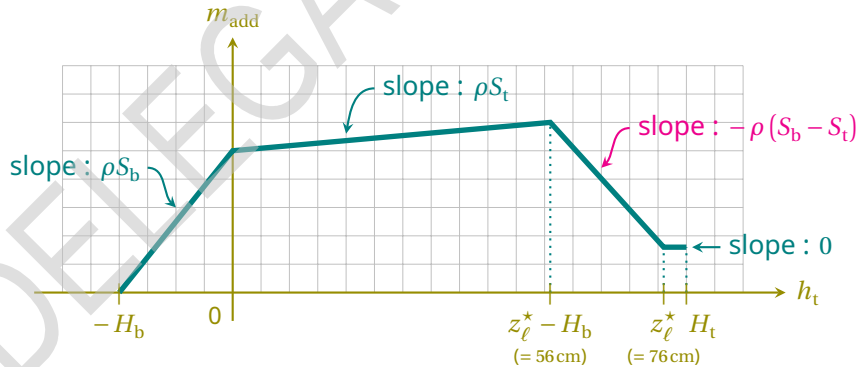
- B.2** Sketch the evolution of the mass  $m_{\text{add}}$  as a function of  $h_t$  for  $h_t \in [-H_b, H_t]$ . On the graph, provide the expression for the slopes of the different segments, as well as the  $h_t$  analytical value of any angular points, in terms of  $P_0$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $g$ ,  $S_b$ ,  $S_t$ ,  $H_b$  and  $H_t$ . 1.4pt

## SOLUTION:

Using the same reasoning as in question A2, one can determine that saturated vapour appears in the two-part barometric tube when the altitude of the liquid column in the tube reaches the critical value

$$z_\ell^* = \frac{P_0 - P_{\text{sat}}}{\rho g} = \frac{P_0}{\rho g} = 76 \text{ cm}$$

taking  $P_{\text{sat}} = 0$ . Combining this result with that of the previous question, one obtains the following graph:



## MARKING SCHEME:

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Qualitative aspect: Graph with 4 straight pieces (0.1pt only if there are 3 pieces; 0 else)  | 0.2 |
| Qualitative aspect: For the 1st & 2nd pieces, the slopes are positive *and* the slope of 2nd piece is less than that of 1st (*all or nothing*) | 0.2 |
| Qualitative aspect: The 3rd piece has a negative slope   | 0.2 |
| Qualitative aspect: The 4th piece has a null slope   | 0.2 |
| Expressions of the two first slopes (*all or nothing*)   | 0.1 |
| Expression of the negative slope   | 0.2 |
| $h_t$ analytical values of the 3 intermediate angular points (0.1pt per value)   | 0.3 |

As the system is lifted while  $P_a = P_0 = 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ , we stop when the free surface of the liquid is in the middle of the bulb. The value of  $h_t$  is fixed and then we observe variations in the mass  $m_{\text{add}}$  due to variations in the atmospheric pressure described by

$$P_a(t) = P_0 + P_1(t) \quad (2)$$

where  $P_0$  designates the average value and  $P_1$  is a perturbative term. We model  $P_1$  by a periodic triangular function of amplitude  $A = 5 \times 10^2 \text{ Pa}$  and period  $\tau_1$  of 1 week.

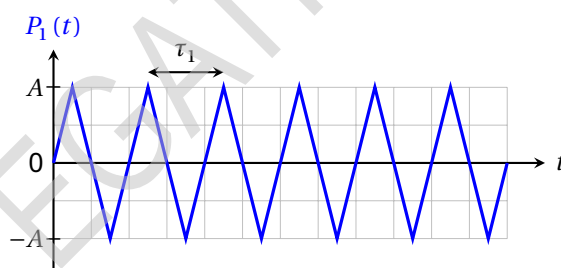


Fig. 4. Simplified model of the perturbative term  $P_1(t)$

- B.3** Given that  $S_t = 5 \text{ cm}^2$  and  $S_b = 200 \text{ cm}^2$ , express the amplitude  $\Delta m_{\text{add}}$  of the variations of the mass  $m_{\text{add}}$  over time, then give its numerical value. Assume that the liquid surface always stays in the bulb. 0.3pt

### SOLUTION:

By neglecting the saturated vapour pressure in the bulb, the altitude  $z_\ell$  of the free surface of the liquid in the tube is given by

$$z_\ell(t) = \frac{P_a(t)}{\rho g} = \frac{P_0}{\rho g} + \frac{P_1(t)}{\rho g} = \underbrace{h_t + \frac{H_b}{2}}_{\text{mean value } z_{\ell,0}} + \underbrace{\frac{P_1(t)}{\rho g}}_{\text{perturbative term}}$$

which leads to

$$m_{\text{add}}(t) = \rho [S_t h_t + S_b (z_\ell(t) - h_t)] = \rho [S_t h_t + S_b (z_{\ell,0} - h_t)] + \frac{S_b P_1(t)}{g}$$

The first term gives the mean value of the mass  $m_{\text{add}}(t)$ , while the last term characterizes its temporal variations. One can deduce the magnitude

$$\Delta m_{\text{add}} = \frac{S_b A}{g} \simeq 1 \text{ kg}$$

#### MARKING SCHEME:

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Literal expression of $\Delta m_{\text{add}}$  | 0.2 |
| Numerical value *with unit*, in [1 kg, 1.1 kg] | 0.1 |

#### Part C - Cox's timepiece

The real mechanism developed by Cox is complex (Fig. 5). We study a simplified version, depicted in Fig. 6, and described below

- a cylindrical bottom cistern containing a mercury bath ;
- a two-part barometric tube identical to that studied in part B, which is still completely emptied of any air, is dipped into the bath ;
- the cistern and the two-part tube are each suspended by a cable. Both cables (assumed to be inextensible and of negligible mass) pass through a system of ideal pulleys and finish attached to either side of the same mass  $M$ , which can slide on a horizontal surface ;
- the total volume of liquid mercury contained in the system is  $V_\ell = 5L$ .

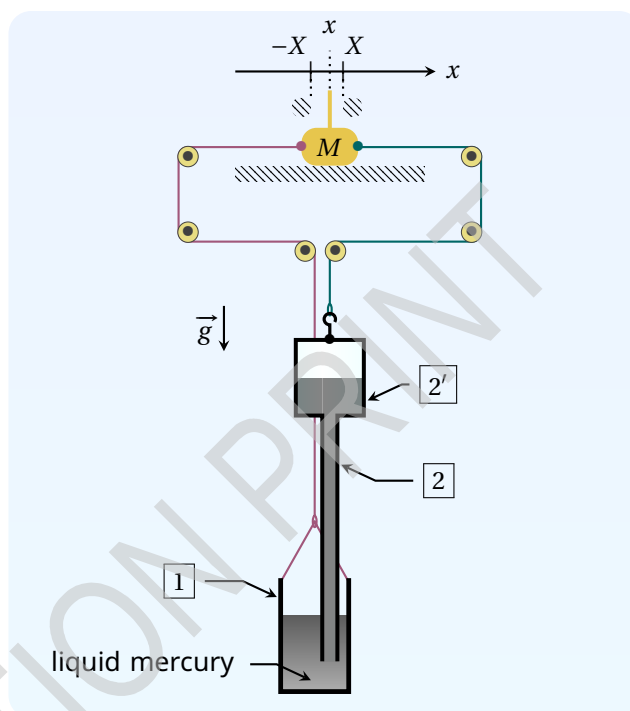
The height, cross-section and masses of each part are given in Table 2. The position of mass  $M$  is referenced by the coordinate  $x$  of its center of mass. We consider solid friction between the horizontal support and the mass  $M$ , without distinction between static and dynamic coefficients; the magnitude of this force when sliding occurs is denoted  $F_s$ .

Two stops limit the displacement of the mass  $M$  such that  $-X \leq x \leq X$  (with  $X > 0$ ). Assume that the value of  $X$  guarantees that

- the bottom of the two-part tube never touches the bottom of the cistern nor comes out of the liquid bath;
- the altitude  $z_\ell$  of the mercury column is always in the upper bulb.



**Fig. 5.** Real Cox's timepiece<sup>2</sup> (without mercury)



**Fig. 6.** Sketch of the system modeling the timepiece

| Reference | Name                                | Height                | Cross section area       | Empty mass                                   |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1         | cistern                             | $H_c = 30 \text{ cm}$ | $S_c = 210 \text{ cm}^2$ | $m_c$  |
| 2         | tubular part of the barometric tube | $H_t = 80 \text{ cm}$ | $S_t = 5 \text{ cm}^2$   | total mass of the barometric tube : $m_{tb}$ |
| 2'        | bulb of the barometric tube         | $H_b = 20 \text{ cm}$ | $S_b = 200 \text{ cm}^2$ |  |

**Table 2.** Dimensions and notations for the model system

The system evolves in contact with the atmosphere, whose pressure fluctuates as in Fig. 4 (still with amplitude  $A = 5 \times 10^2 \text{ Pa}$  and period  $\tau_1 = 1 \text{ week}$ ). At the start  $t = 0$ , the mass  $M$  is at rest at  $x = 0$  and the tensions exerted by the two cables on either side of the mass  $M$  are in balance while  $P_1(0) = 0$ . We define

$$\xi = \frac{S_b + S_c - S_t}{S_b S_c} \frac{F_s}{A} \simeq \frac{S_b + S_c}{S_b S_c} \frac{F_s}{A} \quad (3)$$

where the last expression uses that  $S_t \ll S_b, S_c$  (which we will assume is valid until the end of the problem).

**C.1** Determine the threshold  $\xi^*$  such that  $M$  remains indefinitely at rest when  $\xi > \xi^*$ . 1pt

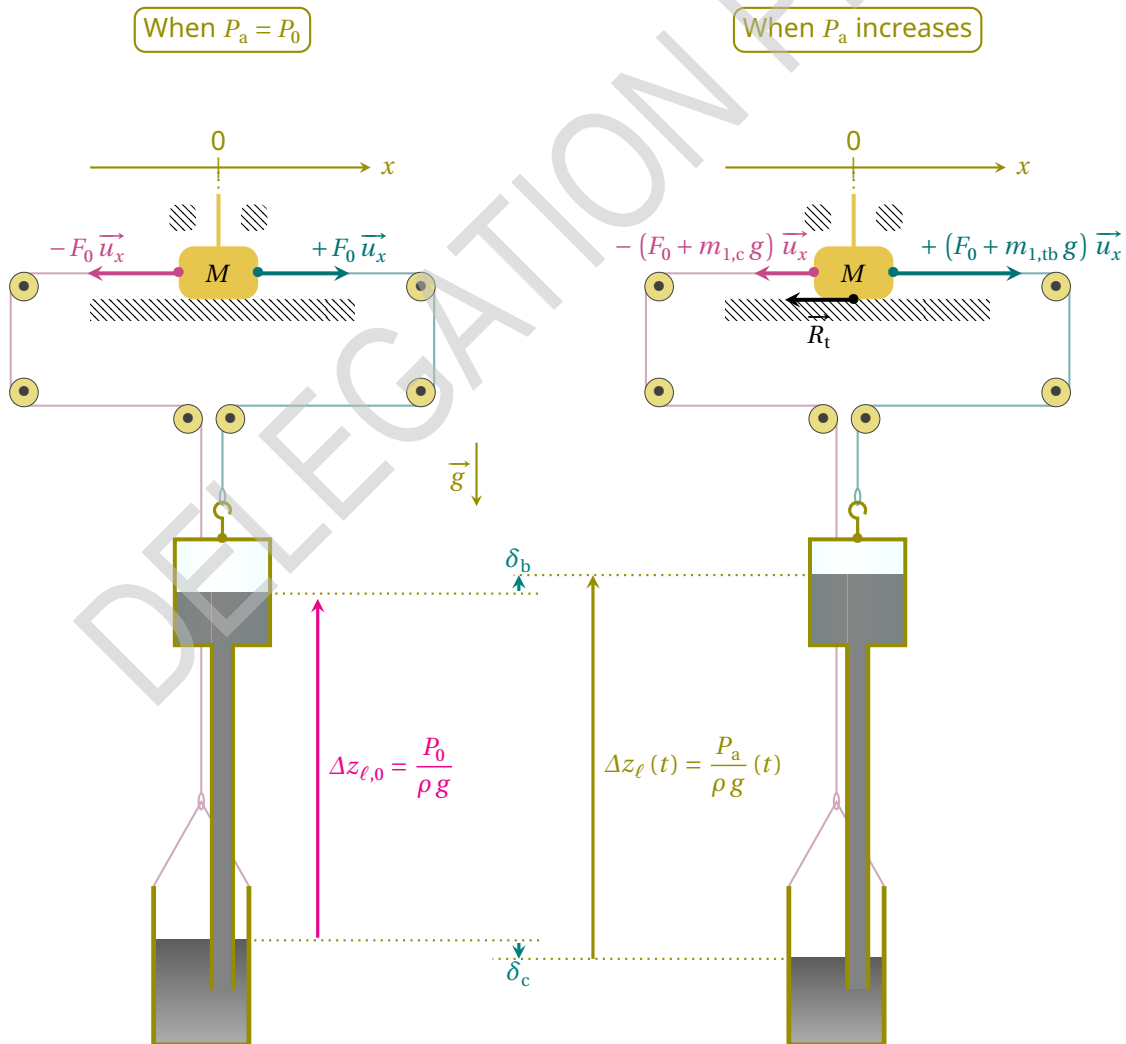


**SOLUTION:**

Consider the case in which the mass  $M$  stays at rest at  $x = 0$ . At the start  $t = 0$ , the tensions exerted by the two cables on either side of the mass  $M$  are in balance: the force  $F_0$  required to suspend the barometric tube (with the fluid it contains) is equal to that required to suspend the cistern (with the fluid it contains). When the atmospheric pressure increases from  $P_a = P_0$ , the fluid rises in the barometric tube while it descends in the cistern. As a result, the added mass in the tube increases, while the added mass in the cistern decreases. We denote  $m_{1,tb}$  and  $m_{1,c}$  the (algebraic) variation of the apparent masses of each container. Thus, the tensions exerted by the two cables can be written:

- $[F_0 + m_{1,tb}g] \vec{u}_x$  for the cable on the right, suspending the tube;
- $-[F_0 + m_{1,c}g] \vec{u}_x$  for the cable on the left, suspending the cistern.

According to the principle of mass conservation, one can immediately state that  $m_{1,tb} = -m_{1,c}$ . Subsequently, we choose to keep only  $m_{1,c}$  in the expressions (but all the calculations can be carried out while keeping  $m_{1,tb}$ ).



The friction force between the support and the mass  $M$  needed to maintain the equilibrium is therefore given by

$$\vec{R}_t = -[F_0 - m_{1,c}g]\vec{u}_x + [F_0 + m_{1,c}g]\vec{u}_x = 2m_{1,c}g\vec{u}_x$$

In addition, according to the sketch above (where displacements  $\delta_b$  and  $\delta_c$  are algebraic), we have  $m_{1,c} = \rho S_c \delta_c$ .

It is now necessary to determine  $\delta_c$ . One can use

- the hydrostatic law :  $\delta_b - \delta_c = \frac{P_1}{\rho g}$
- the conservation of the total volume/mass of mercury :  $S_b \delta_b = -[S_c - S_t] \delta_c \approx -S_c \delta_c$  (given that  $S_t \ll S_b, S_c$ )

Solving the system formed by those equations, one finds

$$\delta_c = -\frac{S_b}{S_b + S_c - S_t} \frac{P_1}{\rho g} \approx -\frac{S_b}{S_b + S_c} \frac{P_1}{\rho g}$$

which finally yields

$$\vec{R}_t = -\frac{2S_b S_c}{S_b + S_c - S_t} P_1 \vec{u}_x \approx -\frac{2S_b S_c}{S_b + S_c} P_1 \vec{u}_x$$

With the triangular model for  $P_1(t)$ , the maximum static friction force is obtained when  $P_1 = \pm A$ . Therefore, according to the Coulomb's law of friction, the mass  $M$  stays at rest if and only if

$$\frac{2S_b S_c}{S_b + S_c - S_t} A < F_s$$

This inequality can be rewritten as

$$2 < \frac{S_b + S_c - S_t}{S_b S_c} \frac{F_s}{A} = \xi$$

which allows us to identify

$$\xi^* = 2$$

**MARKING SCHEME:**

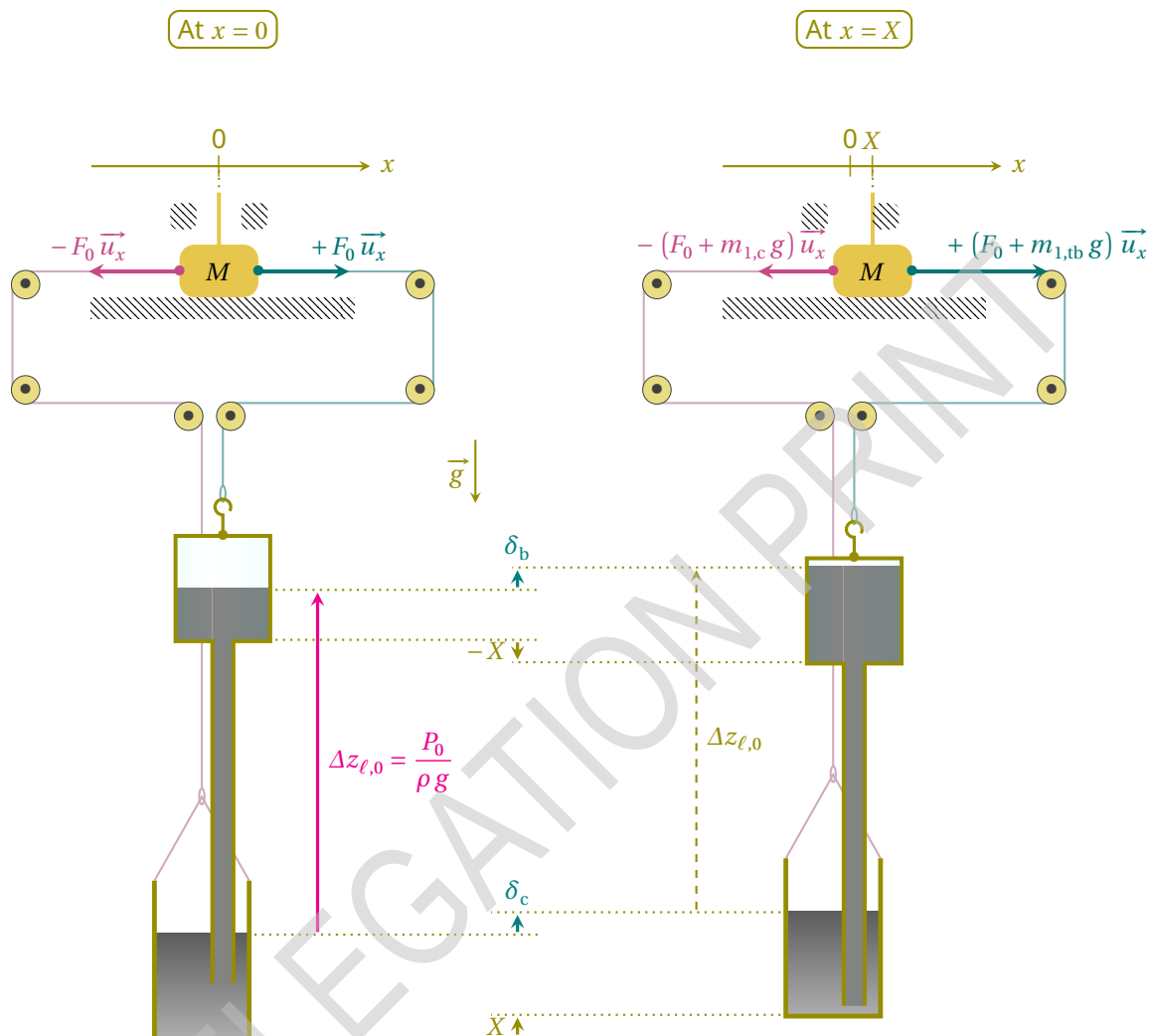
|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Introduction of geometric parameters to locate the positions of the fluid surfaces in each vessel  | 0.1 |
| Expression of mass or volume variation of fluid in at least one of the vessels, in terms of those geometric parameters (with or without using $S_t \ll S_b, S_c$ ) | 0.1 |
| Physical law: Conservation of the total mass/volume  | 0.2 |
| Physical law: Expression of barometric difference of heights between the two surfaces  | 0.2 |
| Physical law: Expression of the friction force at equilibrium (with or without using $S_t \ll S_b, S_c$ )  | 0.1 |
| Physical law: Use of Coulomb's law in sticky situation   | 0.1 |
| Conclusion: Obtaining $\xi^*$  | 0.2 |

For the next question only, suppose that the mass  $M$  is temporarily blocked at  $x = X$ .

- C.2** Give an expression for the total tension force  $\vec{T} = T \vec{u}_x$  acting on the mass  $M$  due to the tension in two cables at this position, when  $P_1 = 0$ , in terms of  $\rho$ ,  $g$ ,  $X$  and pertinent cross-sections. 1pt

**SOLUTION:**

Let us compare the configurations of the system when  $x = 0$  and when  $x = X$ .



Assuming that the atmospheric pressure is temporarily fixed at  $P_0$ , the difference  $\Delta z_\ell$  of fluid heights between the cistern and the barometric tube is the same in both configurations. It is given by  $\Delta z_{\ell,0} = P_0 / \rho g$  and leads to

$$\delta_b = \delta_c$$

The total volume/mass of mercury is also conserved. This conservation can be expressed by the equation

$$\underbrace{(S_c - S_t) \delta_c - (S_c + S_t) X}_{\text{volume of mercury algebraically won by the cistern}} + \underbrace{S_b (\delta_b + X)}_{\text{volume of mercury algebraically won by the bulb}} = 0$$

which can be reformulated as

$$S_b \delta_b + (S_c - S_t) \delta_c = (S_c - S_b + S_t) X$$

One obtains

$$\delta_b = \delta_c = \frac{S_c - S_b + S_t}{S_b + S_c - S_t} X$$

Thus, the supplementary added mass in the cistern is given by

$$m_{1,c} = \rho S_c (\delta_c - X) = -\rho \frac{2S_c (S_b - S_t)}{S_c + S_b - S_t} X \simeq -\frac{2S_b S_c}{S_b + S_c} \rho X$$

and, as explained in C1, we still have  $m_{1,tb} = -m_{1,c}$ .

Finally, according to the sketch, one obtain the resultant tension force  $\vec{T} = (m_{1,tb} - m_{1,c}) g \vec{u}_x = -2 m_{1,c} g \vec{u}_x$ , that is

$$\vec{T} = \frac{4S_c (S_b - S_t)}{S_b + S_c - S_t} \rho g X \vec{u}_x \simeq \frac{4S_b S_c}{S_b + S_c} \rho g X \vec{u}_x$$

#### MARKING SCHEME:

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Introduction of geometric parameters to locate the positions of the fluid surfaces in each vessel  | 0.1 |
| Expressions of mass or volume variations of fluid in one of the vessels in terms of $X$ and those geometric parameters (with or without using $S_t \ll S_b, S_c$ ) | 0.3 |
| Physical law: Conservation of the total mass/volume  | 0.2 |
| Physical law: Expression of barometric difference of heights between the two surfaces  | 0.2 |
| Expression of the total tension force $\vec{T}$ (with or without using $S_t \ll S_b, S_c$ )  | 0.2 |

When  $\xi < \xi^*$ , starting again from  $x = 0$  and  $P_1 = 0$ , two different behaviours can be observed for  $t \geq 0$ . To distinguish them, we need to introduce another parameter

$$\lambda = \frac{2(S_b - S_t)}{S_b} \frac{\rho g X}{A} \simeq \frac{2\rho g X}{A} \quad (4)$$

- C.3** Complete the table in the answer sheet to indicate the condition under which each regime is obtained. Conditions must be expressed as inequalities on  $\xi$  and/or  $\lambda$ . In addition, sketch the variations of  $x(t)/X$  for  $t \in [0, 3\tau_1]$  that are consistent with the variations of  $P_1(t)/A$  already present. *Specification of remarkable points coordinates is not required.* 2pt

#### SOLUTION:

When  $\xi < \xi^*$ , there necessarily exists an instant from which the mass  $M$  begins to sweep on the right. From there, the mass  $M$  is continuously accelerated by the total tension  $\vec{T}$  until it is blocked by the stop at  $x = X$ . According to Fig. 5, one can assume that  $X$  is of the order of a few centimeters, so the time

needed to switch between the two positions  $x = 0$  and  $x = X$  can reasonably be neglected in front of the period  $\tau_1$ .

Once blocked at  $x = X$ , the resultant tension  $\vec{T}$  can be determined by generalizing the reasoning carried out in the two previous questions. One obtains the following equations:

- hydrostatic law :  $\delta_b - \delta_c = \frac{P_1}{\rho g}$
- conservation of the volume/mass :  $S_b \delta_b + (S_c - S_t) \delta_c = (S_c - S_b + S_t) X$

The resolution of this system gives

$$\delta_c = \frac{S_c - S_b + S_t}{S_b + S_c - S_t} X - \frac{S_b}{S_b + S_c - S_t} \frac{P_1}{\rho g}$$

from which we deduce the perturbative added mass

$$m_{1,c} = \rho S_c (\delta_c - X) = -\rho \left[ \frac{2S_c (S_b - S_t)}{S_b + S_c - S_t} X + \frac{S_b S_c}{S_b + S_c - S_t} \frac{P_1}{\rho g} \right] = -m_{1,tb}$$

Then finally

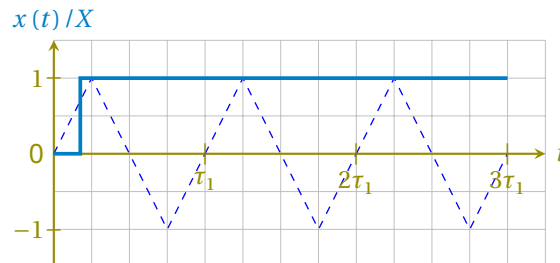
$$\vec{T} = -2 m_{1,c} g \vec{u}_x = \left[ \frac{4S_c (S_b - S_t)}{S_b + S_c - S_t} \rho g X + \frac{2S_b S_c}{S_b + S_c - S_t} P_1 \right] \vec{u}_x$$

According to Coulomb's law of friction, the mass  $M$  will stay at rest at the position  $x = X$  while  $\vec{T} \cdot \vec{u}_x > -F_s$ . With the model adopted for  $P_1(t)$ , this condition is always satisfied if

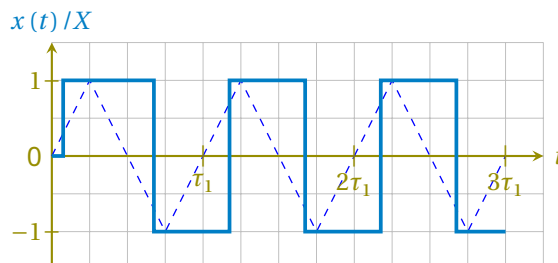
$$\frac{4S_c (S_b - S_t)}{S_b + S_c - S_t} \rho g X - \frac{2S_b S_c}{S_b + S_c - S_t} A > -F_s$$

Hence, using the parameters  $\xi$  and  $\lambda$ , one can identify the two possible regimes :

- Regime 1 :  $\xi + 2\lambda > 2$  (once at  $x = X$ , the mass  $M$  stays indefinitely at rest)



- Regime 2 :  $\xi + 2\lambda < 2$  (once at  $x = X$ , the mass  $M$  will periodically sweep between the two stops)



## MARKING SCHEME:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Expression for $\vec{T}$ in the general case, containing both $P$ and $X$ terms.  | 0.2 |
| At least one inequality is correct (without considering strict or large)  | 0.2 |
| Both inequalities are correct (without considering strict or large)   | 0.1 |
| Global appearance of *both* graphs: one seems to show an aperiodic behaviour, the other a periodic behaviour (*all or nothing*)   | 0.2 |
| Global appearance: each graph is in accordance with the correct sign of obtained inequality (focus on symbols $>$ / $<$ , without considering if the inequality is strict or large) | 0.2 |
| Either graph 1 or 2 shows: A first switch from $x = 0$ to $x = X$ that begins somewhere in the interval $t \in \left(0, \frac{\tau_1}{4}\right]$                                    | 0.2 |
| Either graph 1 or 2 shows: The switch is instantaneous  | 0.2 |
| Graph in aperiodic regime: $x = X$ for all times after the first switch   | 0.1 |
| Graph in periodic regime: the behaviour is periodic with period $\tau_1$ (except for the first switch)  | 0.1 |
| Graph in periodic regime: the positive and negative parts of the graph are similar  | 0.2 |
| Graph in periodic regime: $x(t)/X$ is described by a rectangular function, of magnitude 1 and duty cycle 50% in steady state  | 0.2 |
| Graph in periodic regime: the first step at $x = X$ last longer than others   | 0.1 |

In the real Cox's timepiece, energy provided by the mechanism is stored using a system of ratchets and used to raise a counterweight, like in a traditional clock. In the simplified model studied here, the energy recovered by the clock corresponds to the energy dissipated by the friction force exerted by the horizontal surface on the mass  $M$ . From now on, we assume that the system is dimensioned such that to work in the regime that allows the clock to recuperate energy. We also assume that the permanent regime is established. We denote  $W$  the energy dissipated by the solid friction force during a period  $\tau_1$ , which can be expressed only in terms of  $F_s$  and  $X$ .

All else equal,  $F_s$  and  $X$  can be adjusted to maximize the energy  $W$ ; we denote  $F_s^*$  and  $X^*$  their respective values in the optimal situation.

- C.4** Considering  $S_b \approx S_c$  and  $S_t \ll S_b$ , determine the expressions for  $F_s^*$  and  $X^*$  as functions of  $\rho$ ,  $g$ ,  $S_c$  and  $A$ . Express the corresponding maximum energy  $W^*$ , then calculate its numerical value with  $A = 5 \times 10^2$  Pa. 1pt

**SOLUTION:**

During a period, there is one motion to the left and one to the right. The total length of the displacement is  $4X$ . The total work  $W$  of the friction force is thus  $W = 4F_s X$ .

We have to optimize this quantity with the constraint  $\xi + 2\lambda \leq 2$ , which can also be written as

$$\frac{2\rho g X}{A} + \frac{F_s}{S_c A} \leq 1$$

The optimum is obtained at the limit of the condition, when  $F_s = S_c(A - 2\rho g X)$ . The work is then  $W = 4X S_c(A - 2\rho g X)$ . It is maximal for

$$X^* = \frac{A}{4\rho g} \quad \text{and} \quad F_s^* = \frac{AS_c}{2}$$

leading to the following optimal work

$$W^* = \frac{A^2 S_c}{2\rho g} \approx 20 \text{ mJ}$$

**MARKING SCHEME:**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Starting point: $W = 4F_s X$  | 0.2 |
| Optimization: $\xi + 2\lambda = 2$ or equivalent $F_s = S_c(A - 2\rho g X)$ | 0.3 |
| Expression of $X^*$   | 0.1 |
| Expression of $F_s^*$   | 0.1 |
| Expression of $W^*$   | 0.2 |
| Numerical value for $W^*$ *with unit*: in [19 mJ, 21 mJ]                    | 0.1 |

We denote  $W_{\text{pr}}^*$  the work of atmospheric pressure forces received by the system in the optimal situation during a period  $\tau_1$ .

- C.5** Express  $W_{\text{pr}}^*$ , then calculate the ratio  $W^*/W_{\text{pr}}^*$ . It could be useful to represent the evolution of the system in a  $(P, V)$  diagram, where  $V$  is the system's volume. 1.7pt

**SOLUTION:**

The variations of pressure and of the vessel's position lead to fluid transfer between the cistern and the two-part tube. As a consequence, the total volume  $V(t)$  occupied by the system in the atmosphere changes and can be denoted



$$V(t) = V_0 + V_1(t)$$

where  $V_0$  is the volume in the initial state (when  $x = 0$  and  $P_a = P_0$ ) whereas  $V_1(t)$  is a perturbation term. Physically,  $V_1$  corresponds to the change of the volume of liquid in the cistern, and is thus given by

$$V_1 = \frac{m_{1,c}}{\rho}$$

where  $m_{1,c}$  has already been expressed in C3 (just replace  $X$  with  $x(t)$ ). Given that  $S_b \simeq S_c$  and  $S_t$  is neglected, one obtains in any state

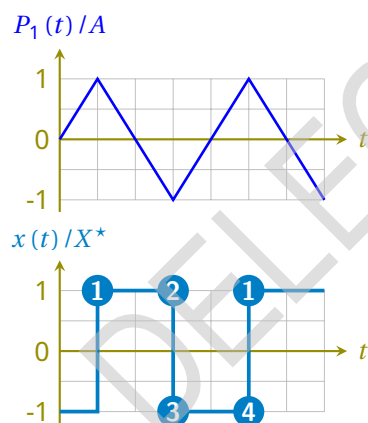
$$V_1(t) = -S_c \left[ x(t) + \frac{P_1(t)}{2\rho g} \right] = -S_c X \left[ \frac{x(t)}{X} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{P_1(t)}{A} \right]$$

Over one period, the work of atmospheric pressure forces received by the system is defined as

$$W_{pr} = \oint_{1 \text{ period}} -P_a dV = - \oint_{1 \text{ period}} P_1 dV_1$$

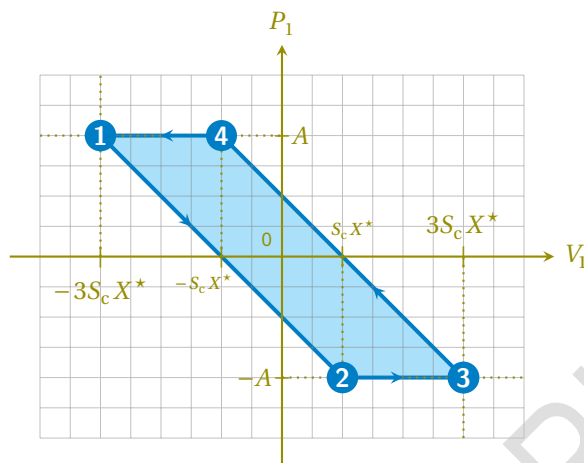
and can thus be identified to the area of the cycle described by the system in a  $(P_1, V_1)$  diagram.

Considering the optimal situation determined in the previous question, one observes the following behaviour once in steady state



| State | $P_1$ | $x$    | $V_1$       |
|-------|-------|--------|-------------|
| 1     | $A$   | $X^*$  | $-3S_c X^*$ |
| 2     | $-A$  | $X^*$  | $S_c X^*$   |
| 3     | $-A$  | $-X^*$ | $3S_c X^*$  |
| 4     | $A$   | $-X^*$ | $-S_c X^*$  |

Therefore, one can draw the following cycle in a  $(P_1, V_1)$  diagram



The work of the pressure force is the surface area inside this parallelogram, that is the product of its base  $4S_c X^*$  by its height  $2A$ . As a consequence

$$W_{\text{pr}}^* = 4S_c X^* A = \frac{S_c A^2}{\rho g}$$

and

$$\frac{W^*}{W_{\text{pr}}^*} = \frac{1}{2}$$

#### MARKING SCHEME:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Physical analysis: In the optimal case, the mass $M$ switches between the two positions $x = \pm X$ when $P_1 = \pm A$  | 0.1 |
| Physical analysis: During a period, the system describes a cycle formed of 2 iso- $x$ and 2 iso- $P$ transformations (sketch of cycle, or a table or any other pertinent description)                       | 0.2 |
| Physical analysis: Correct sequence of the successive states and/or direction of the cycle using $x$ and $P$  | 0.2 |
| General expression of the volume of the system in an $(P, x)$ state: $V = -S_c \left[ x + \frac{P_1}{2\rho g} \right] + \text{Cste}$  | 0.3 |
| Expressions of the volume in the 4 states of the cycle: $-3S_c X^* \rightarrow S_c X^* \rightarrow 3S_c X^* \rightarrow -S_c X^*$ (*all or nothing*)  | 0.2 |
| Method used to calculate the work of atmospheric pressure forces: $W_{\text{pr}} = - \oint_{\text{1 period}} P_a dV$ (explicit integral or area of the cycle in $(P, V)$ diagram or other pertinent method) | 0.2 |
| Obtaining $W_{\text{pr}}^* = 4S_c X^* A = \frac{S_c A^2}{\rho g}$   | 0.2 |
| Final result: $\frac{W^*}{W_{\text{pr}}^*} = \frac{1}{2}$   | 0.3 |



Credits:

[1]: Bruno Vacaro;

[2]: Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

DELEGATION PRINT

## Champagne! (10 points)

**Warning:** Excessive alcohol consumption is harmful to health and drinking alcohol below legal age is prohibited.

Champagne is a French sparkling wine. Fermentation of sugars produces carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) in the bottle. The molar concentration of  $\text{CO}_2$  in the liquid phase  $c_\ell$  and the partial pressure  $P_{\text{CO}_2}$  in the gas phase are related by  $c_\ell = k_H P_{\text{CO}_2}$ , known as Henry's law and where  $k_H$  is called Henry's constant.

### Data

- Surface tension of champagne  $\sigma = 47 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- Density of the liquid  $\rho_\ell = 1.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$
- Henry's constant at  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $k_H(20^\circ\text{C}) = 3.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \cdot \text{Pa}^{-1}$
- Henry's constant at  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $k_H(6^\circ\text{C}) = 5.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \cdot \text{Pa}^{-1}$
- Atmospheric pressure  $P_0 = 1 \text{ bar} = 1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
- Gases are ideal with an adiabatic coefficient  $\gamma = 1.3$



**Fig. 1.** A glass filled with champagne.

### Part A. Nucleation, growth and rise of bubbles

Immediately after opening a bottle of champagne at temperature  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ , we fill a glass. The pressure in the liquid is  $P_0$  and its temperature stays constant at  $T_0$ . The concentration  $c_\ell$  of dissolved  $\text{CO}_2$  exceeds the equilibrium concentration and we study the nucleation of a  $\text{CO}_2$  bubble. We note  $a$  its radius and  $P_b$  its inner pressure.

**A.1** Express the pressure  $P_b$  in terms of  $P_0$ ,  $a$  and  $\sigma$ .

0.2pt

### SOLUTION:

A.1. Laplace's law:  $P_b = P_0 + \frac{2\sigma}{a}$

0.2

In the liquid, the concentration of dissolved  $\text{CO}_2$  depends on the distance to the bubble. At long distance we recover the value  $c_\ell$  and we note  $c_b$  the concentration close to the bubble surface. According to Henry's law,  $c_b = k_H P_b$ . We furthermore assume in all the problem that bubbles contain only  $\text{CO}_2$ .

Since  $c_\ell \neq c_b$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$  molecules diffuse from areas of high to low concentration. We assume also that any molecule from the liquid phase reaching the bubble surface is transferred to the vapour.

**A.2** Express the critical radius  $a_c$  above which a bubble is expected to grow in terms of  $P_0, \sigma, c_\ell$  and  $c_0$  where  $c_0 = k_H P_0$ . Calculate numerically  $a_c$  for  $c_\ell = 4c_0$ .

0.5pt

### SOLUTION:

A.2.1.  $a_c$  is so  $c_\ell = c_b$

A.2.2.  $c_b = k_H P_b = k_H(P_0 + \frac{2\sigma}{a})$  and  $c_0 = k_H P_0$  so  $a_c = \frac{2\sigma}{P_0(c_\ell/c_0 - 1)}$

A.2.3.  $a_c = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$ 

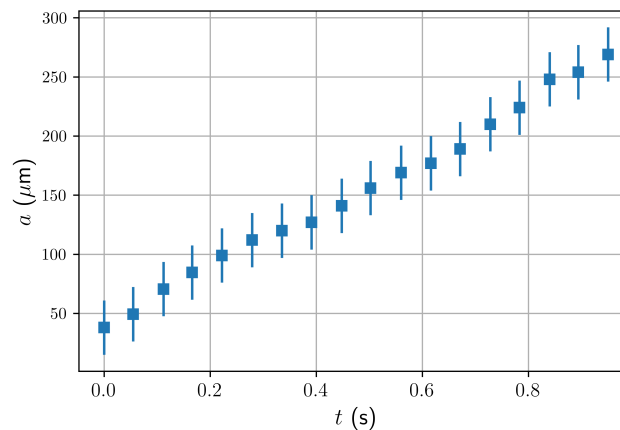
|  |     |
|--|-----|
| A.2.1. comparison (equality $c_b = c_\ell$ or inequality $c_b \leq c_\ell$ ) | 0.1 |
| A.2.2. exact expression $a_c = \frac{2\sigma}{P_0(c_\ell/c_0 - 1)}$          | 0.2 |
| A.2.3. numerical value $a_c = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$                               | 0.2 |

In practice, bubbles mainly grow from pre-existing gas cavities. Consider then a bubble with initial radius  $a_0 \approx 40 \mu\text{m}$ . The number of moles of  $\text{CO}_2$  transferred at the bubble's surface per unit area and time is noted  $j$ . Two models are possible for  $j$ .

- model (1)  $j = \frac{D}{a}(c_\ell - c_b)$  where  $D$  is the diffusion coefficient of  $\text{CO}_2$  in the liquid.
- model (2)  $j = K(c_\ell - c_b)$  where  $K$  is a constant here.

Experimentally, the bubble radius  $a(t)$  is found to depend on time as shown in **Fig. 2**. Here  $c_\ell \approx 4c_0$ , and since bubbles are large enough to be visible, the excess pressure due to surface tension can be neglected and  $P_b \approx P_0$ .

**A.3** Express the number of  $\text{CO}_2$  moles in the bubble  $n_c$  in terms of  $a, P_0, T_0$  and ideal gas constant  $R$ . Find  $a(t)$  for both models. Indicate which model explains the experimental results in **Fig. 2**. Depending on your answer, calculate numerically  $K$  or  $D$ . 1.2pt



**Fig. 2.** Time evolution of  $\text{CO}_2$  bubble radius in a glass of champagne (*adapted from [1]*).

**SOLUTION:**

A.3.1. The number of moles of  $\text{CO}_2$  (ideal gas) inside the bubble is  $n_c = \frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 \frac{P_0}{RT_0}$

A.3.2. Equation : balance of  $\text{CO}_2$  in the bubble

$$\text{A.3.3 } \frac{dn_c}{dt} = 4\pi a^2 \frac{da}{dt} \frac{P_0}{RT} = j 4\pi a^2 \Rightarrow \frac{da}{dt} = j \frac{RT}{P_0}$$

$$\text{A.3.4. Model 1: } \frac{da}{dt} = \frac{DRT}{aP_0}(c_\ell - c_0) \text{ so } a^2 = a_0^2 + \frac{2DRT_0}{P_0}(c_\ell - c_0)t$$

A.3.5. Model 2:  $\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{KRT_0}{P_0}(c_\ell - c_0)$  so  $a = a_0 + \frac{KRT_0}{P_0}(c_\ell - c_0)t$

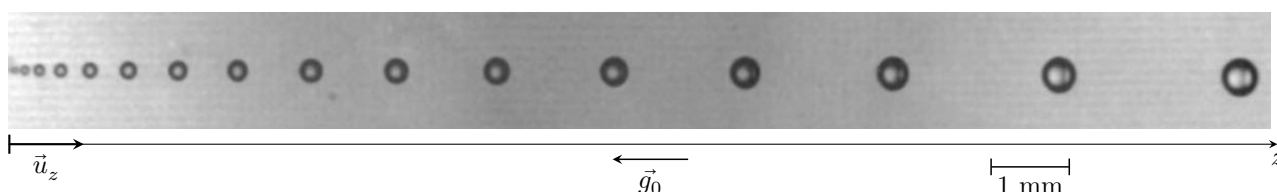
A.3.6. Experimental data :  $\frac{da}{dt}$  is constant: model 2

A.3.7 Slope of the experimental data :  $\dot{a} \approx 150/0.62 \approx 0.24 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

A.3.8  $K = 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| A.3.1. $n_c = \frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 \frac{P_0}{RT_0}$  | 0.1 |
| A.3.2. any equation that that can be interpreted as a particule balance   | 0.1 |
| A.3.3. equation between $\dot{a}$ (or $\dot{n}_c$ ) and $j$   | 0.2 |
| A.3.4. model 1 $a$ exact with $a_0$ present   | 0.2 |
| A.3.5. model 2 $a$ exact with $a_0$ present   | 0.2 |
| A.3.6. model 2  | 0.1 |
| A.3.7. value of the slope: total mark only if $\frac{da}{dt}$ is in range $[210 - 250] \mu\text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ | 0.1 |
| A.3.8. any value of $K$ in range $[0.9 - 1.1] \times 10^{-4} \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$                             | 0.2 |

Eventually bubbles detach from the bottom of the glass and continue to grow while rising. **Fig. 3.** shows a train of bubbles. The bubbles of the train have the same initial radius and are emitted at a constant frequency  $f_b = 20 \text{ Hz}$ .



**Fig. 3.** A train of bubbles. The photo is rotated horizontally for the page layout (*adapted from [1]*).

For the range of velocities studied here, the drag force  $F$  on a bubble of radius  $a$  moving at velocity  $v$  in a liquid of dynamic viscosity  $\eta$  is given by Stokes' law  $F = 6\pi\eta av$ . Measurements show that at any moment in time, the bubble can be assumed to be travelling at its terminal velocity.

**A.4** Give the expression of the main forces exerted on a vertically rising bubble. 0.8pt  
Obtain the expression of  $v(a)$ . Give a numerical estimate of  $\eta$  using  $\rho_\ell$ ,  $g_0$  and quantities measured on **Fig. 3.**

### SOLUTION:

A.4.1. Main forces: buoyancy  $\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 \rho_\ell g_0$ , drag force  $6\pi\eta av$ , weight is negligible:  $\frac{\rho_{\text{CO}_2}}{\rho_\ell} = \frac{P_e M_{\text{CO}_2}}{RT\rho_\ell} \approx 10^{-3}$  :  $m_b \ll m_\ell$

A.4.2. Simplified equation is a balance between buoyancy and drag force  $\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 \rho_\ell g_0 = 6\pi\eta av$  so  $v = \frac{2}{9\eta} a^2 \rho_\ell g_0$ .

A.4.3. Time between two bubbles:  $\Delta t = 1/f_b$

A.4.4. Using  $\eta = \frac{2\rho_\ell g_0}{9} \times \frac{a^2}{v}$  for the penultimate bubble (  $n-1$  ) with  $a_{n-1} \approx 0.19$  mm

A.4.5.  $v(t_{n-1}) = \frac{z(t_n) - z(t_{n-2})}{2 \times f_b^{-1}} = 4.5 \text{ cm} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

A.4.6.  $\eta \approx 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| A.4.1. Expression of main forces (gravity force present or absent): fullmark   | 0.1 |
| A.4.2. expression $v = \frac{2}{9\eta} a^2 \rho_\ell g_0$ (full mark on this point with or without the gravity force)  | 0.2 |
| A.4.3. taking account of the time during two positions<br>$\Delta t = 1/f_b = 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}$  | 0.1 |
| A.4.4. full mark for one coherent value of the radius measured on Fig.3.<br>last bubble in $[0.20 - 0.30]$ mm<br>penultimate bubble : radius in $[0.16 - 0.24]$ mm<br>antepenultimate bubble : radius in $[0.14 - 0.22]$ mm  | 0.1 |
| A.4.5. full mark for one coherent value of the velocity measured on Fig.3.<br>last bubble $v \in [4.3, 4.8] \text{ cm} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$<br>penultimate bubble $v \in [4.2, 4.6] \text{ cm} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$<br>antepenultimate bubble $v \in [3.7 - 4.2] \text{ cm} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ | 0.1 |
| A.4.6. full mark for any value of $\eta$ in range $[1.0 - 4.0] 10^{-3} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$  | 0.2 |

The quasi-stationary growth of bubbles with rate  $q_a = \frac{da}{dt}$  still applies during bubble rise.

**A.5** Express the radius  $a_{H_\ell}$  of a bubble reaching the free surface in terms of height travelled  $H_\ell$ , growth rate  $q_a = \frac{da}{dt}$ , and any constants you may need. Assume  $a_{H_\ell} \gg a_0$  and  $q_a$  constant, and give the numerical value of  $a_{H_\ell}$  with  $H_\ell = 10$  cm and  $q_a$  corresponding to **Fig. 2**. 0.5pt

**SOLUTION:**

A.5.1.  $v = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{2\rho_\ell g_0}{9\eta} a^2$  and  $\frac{da}{dt} = q_a$  so  $\frac{dz}{da} = \frac{2\rho_\ell g_0}{9q_a\eta} a^2$

Neglecting  $a(z=0)$ ,  $z = \frac{2\rho_\ell g_0}{27q_a\eta} a^3$  so  $a_{H_\ell} = \left( \frac{27q_a\eta H_\ell}{2\rho_\ell g_0} \right)^{1/3}$

A.5.2.  $a_{H_\ell} = 3.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$  for  $\eta = 2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| A.5.1. $a_{H_\ell} = \left( \frac{27q_a\eta H_\ell}{2\rho_\ell g_0} \right)^{1/3}$ | 0.3 |
| A.5.2. full mark if $a_{H_\ell} \in [0.36 - 0.49]$ mm                              | 0.2 |

There are  $N_b$  nucleation sites of bubbles. Assume that the bubbles are nucleated at a constant frequency

$f_b$  at the bottom of a glass of champagne (height  $H_\ell$  for a volume  $V_\ell$ ), with  $a_0$  still negligible. Neglect diffusion of  $\text{CO}_2$  at the free surface.

**A.6** Write the differential equation for  $c_\ell(t)$ . Obtain from this equation the characteristic time  $\tau$  for the decay of the concentration of dissolved  $\text{CO}_2$  in the liquid. 1.1pt

**SOLUTION:**

A.6.1 The rate of bubbles reaching the free surface by unit time is  $N_b f_b$

A.6.2. So the volume of  $\text{CO}_2$  released per unit time at the free surface is:

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4}{3}\pi a_{H_\ell}^3 N_b f_b$$

A.6.3. According to A.5,  $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{18\pi N_b f_b \eta K H_\ell}{\rho_\ell g_0} q_a$

A.6.4. With  $q_a = \frac{da}{dt} = \frac{RT_0}{P_0} K (c_\ell - c_0)$  according to A3.

A.6.5. In the bubble,  $c_b \approx c_0$ . Using the ideal gas law, the total number  $n$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  moles in  $V_\ell$  verifies:

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = -\frac{P_0}{RT_0} \frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{18\pi N_b f_b \eta K H_\ell}{\rho_\ell g_0} (c_\ell - c_0)$$

With  $c_\ell = \frac{n}{V_\ell}$ , we get a first order linear ODE  $\frac{dc_\ell}{dt} = \frac{1}{V_\ell} \frac{dn}{dt} = -\frac{18\pi N_b f_b \eta K H_\ell}{\rho_\ell g V_\ell} (c_\ell - c_0)$

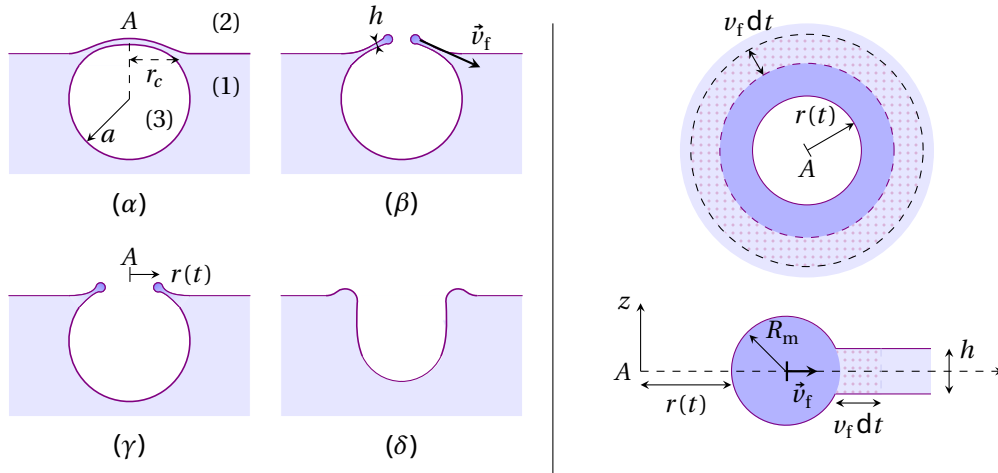
A.6.6. Exponential decay with characteristic time:  $\tau = \frac{\rho_\ell g V_\ell}{18\pi N_b f_b \eta K H_\ell}$

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| A.6.1. Correct count of bubbles reaching the free surface by unit time: $N_b f_b$   | 0.1 |
| A.6.2. Balance at the free surface: $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4}{3}\pi a_{H_\ell}^3 N_b f_b$   | 0.2 |
| A.6.3. Exact expression of $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{18\pi N_b f_b \eta K H_\ell}{\rho_\ell g_0} q_a$ using A.5.   | 0.1 |
| A.6.4. $q_a = \frac{da}{dt} = \frac{RT_0}{P_0} K (c_\ell - c_0)$  | 0.2 |
| A.6.5. First order linear differential equation $\frac{dc_\ell}{dt} + \frac{18\pi N_b f_b \eta K H_\ell}{\rho_\ell g_0 V_\ell} (c_\ell - c_0) = 0$ . If an homogeneous mistake has been made at a previous task, but the differential equation is first order and coherent, fullmark. | 0.3 |
| A.6.6. Exponential decay with characteristic time: $\tau = \frac{\rho_\ell g_0 V_\ell}{18\pi N_b f_b \eta K H_\ell}$ full mark if the numerical coefficient is absent or different of $1/18\pi$ (reasonable solution)   | 0.2 |

**Part B. Acoustic emission of a bursting bubble**

Small bubbles are nearly spherical as they reach the free surface. Once the liquid film separating the bubble from the air thins out sufficiently, a circular hole of radius  $r$  forms in the film and, driven by surface tension, opens very quickly (**Fig. 4.** left). The hole opens at constant speed  $v_f$  (**Fig. 4.** right). The film outside the rim remains still, with constant thickness  $h$ .





**Fig. 4.** (Left) (α) Bubble at the surface: (1) liquid, (2) air at pressure  $P_0$  and (3),  $\text{CO}_2$  at pressure  $P_b$ , (β) and (γ) retraction of the liquid film, where the rim is in dark blue, (δ) bubble collapse. (Right) Retraction of the liquid film at time  $t$ . Top: sketch of the pierced film seen from above. Bottom: cross-section of the rim and the retracting film. During  $dt$  the rim accumulates nearby liquid (dotted).

Due to dissipative processes, only half of the difference of the surface energy between  $t$  and  $t + dt$  of the rim and the accumulated liquid is transformed into kinetic energy. We further assume that the variation of the surface of the rim is negligible compared to that of the film.

**B.1** Express  $v_f$  in terms of  $\rho_\ell, \sigma$  and  $h$ .

1.1pt

### SOLUTION:

B.1.1. and 1.2. Variation of kinetic energy: system : the rim (perimeter  $\ell = 2\pi r$ ) and the volume  $\delta V = h\ell dt = h2\pi r v_f dt$   $\delta V = h\ell v_f dt = h2\pi r v_f dt$ ; during  $dt$  the volume  $\delta V$  get a kinetic energy  $dE_c = \frac{1}{2}\rho_\ell \delta V v_f^2 = \frac{1}{2}\rho_\ell h\ell v_f^2 dt = \pi r \rho_\ell h v_f^2 dt$   $dE_c = \frac{1}{2}\rho_\ell \delta V v_f^2 = \frac{1}{2}\rho_\ell h\ell v_f^2 dt = \pi r \rho_\ell h v_f^2 dt$ .

B.1.3. surface tension energy:  $E_s = \sigma S$  for a surface  $S$

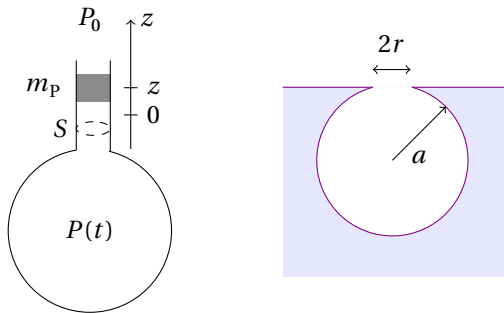
B.1.4.  $\delta E_s = -2\sigma \ell v_f dt = -4\sigma \pi r v_f dt$ .

B.1.5. Kinetic energy theorem: the lost energy is  $\delta E_s/2 < 0$  so  $dE_c + \delta E_s = \delta E_s/2$

B.1.6.  $v_f = \sqrt{2\sigma/\rho_\ell h}$

If partial answer:  $v_f = \sqrt{\sigma/\rho_\ell h}$  obtained only by dimensional analysis: 0.2 pt to the question

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| B.1.1. Any expression of kinetic energy  | 0.1 |
| B.1.2. Variation of kinetic energy (differential or finite variation accepted)   | 0.2 |
| B.1.3. Expression of a surface energy or a variation.  | 0.1 |
| B.1.4. Exact expression of $\delta E_s$  | 0.3 |
| B.1.5. Kinetic energy balance (without sign mistake). If the candidate forget the energy loss, it is treated as a small mistake (-0.1pt) | 0.2 |
| B.1.6. exact expression of $v_f$   | 0.2 |



**Fig. 5.** (Left) a Helmholtz resonator. (Right) a bubble as an oscillator.

When the film bursts, it releases internal pressure and emits a sound. We model this acoustic emission by a Helmholtz resonator: a cavity open to the atmosphere at  $P_0$  through a bottleneck aperture of area  $S$  (**Fig. 5.** left). In the neck, a mass  $m_p$  makes small amplitude position oscillations due to the pressure forces it experiences as the gas in the cavity expands or compresses adiabatically. The gravity force on  $m_p$  is negligible compared to pressure forces. Let  $V_0$  be the volume of gas under the mass  $m_p$  for  $P = P_0$  as  $z = 0$ .

**B.2** Express the frequency of oscillation  $f_0$  of  $m_p$ . Hint: for  $\varepsilon \ll 1$ ,  $(1 + \varepsilon)^\alpha \approx 1 + \alpha\varepsilon$ . 1.1pt

**SOLUTION:**

B.2.1. Pressure forces on  $m_p$ :  $F_z = P(t)S - P_0S$

B.2.2. Volume  $V(t) = V_0 + Sz$

B.2.3. Adiabatic and reversible compression for an ideal gas:  $PV(t)^\gamma = P_0V_0^\gamma$  so  $P(t) = P_0 \left( \frac{V_0}{V_0 + Sz} \right)^\gamma = P_0 \left( \frac{1}{1 + Sz/V_0} \right)^\gamma$

B.2.4. Approximation:  $P(t) \approx P_0(1 - \gamma \frac{Sz}{V_0})$

B.2.5. Pressure force:  $F_z = -\gamma S^2 P_0 \frac{z}{V_0}$

B.2.6. Newton's 2nd law:  $m_p \ddot{z} = -\gamma S^2 P_0 \frac{z}{V_0}$  so  $m_p \ddot{z} + \gamma S^2 P_0 \frac{z}{V_0} = 0$

B.2.7. Harmonic oscillator of angular frequency  $\omega_0^2 = S^2 \frac{P_0 \gamma}{m_p V_0}$

B.2.8.  $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{S^2 P_0 \gamma}{m_p V_0}}$

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| B.2.1. Pressure force with $P_0$   | 0.1 |
| B.2.2. Expression of volume $V(t)$   | 0.1 |
| B.2.3. Expression of $P(t)$ with adiabatic reversible process for an ideal gas | 0.2 |
| B.2.4. Approximate pressure  | 0.2 |
| B.2.5. Exact linearized pressure force   | 0.1 |
| B.2.6. Law of motion   | 0.1 |
| B.2.7. Harmonic oscillator, angular frequency                                  | 0.2 |
| B.2.8. Expression of $f_0$   | 0.1 |

The Helmholtz model may be used for a bubble of radius  $a$ .  $V_0$  is the volume of the closed bubble. From literature, the mass of the equivalent of the piston is  $m_p = 8\rho_g r^3/3$  where  $r$  is the radius of the circular aperture and  $\rho_g = 1.8\text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$  is the density of the gas (**Fig. 5.** right). During the bursting process,  $r$  goes from 0 to  $r_c$ , given by  $r_c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}a^2\sqrt{\frac{\rho_\ell g_0}{\sigma}}$ . At the same time, the frequency of emitted sound increases until a maximum value of 40kHz and the bursting time is  $t_b = 3 \times 10^{-2}$  ms.

**B.3** Find the radius  $a$  and the thickness  $h$  of the champagne film separating the bubble from the atmosphere. 1.1pt

### SOLUTION:

#### Determination of $a$

B.3.1. The maximal value of  $f_0$  is  $f_0 = 40\text{ kHz}$  is obtained for  $r = r_c$

B.3.2. Exact expression of  $f_0$  with  $m = \frac{8r^3}{3}\rho_g$  and  $S = \pi r_c^2$ :  $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{3r_c\pi^2 P_0 \gamma}{8\rho_g V_0}}$  so  $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\gamma P_0}{\rho_g}}\sqrt{\frac{3\sqrt{3}\pi}{16a}\sqrt{\frac{\rho_\ell g_0}{\sigma}}}$

$$\text{or } a = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{64\pi}\frac{\gamma P_0}{\rho_g f_0^2}\sqrt{\frac{\rho_\ell g_0}{\sigma}}$$

B.3.3.  $a = 0.53\text{ mm}$

#### Determination of $h$

B.3.4.  $r_c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}a^2\sqrt{\frac{\rho_\ell g_0}{\sigma}}$  and  $r_c = 0.15\text{ mm}$  so  $v_f = \frac{r_c}{t_b} = 5.0\text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

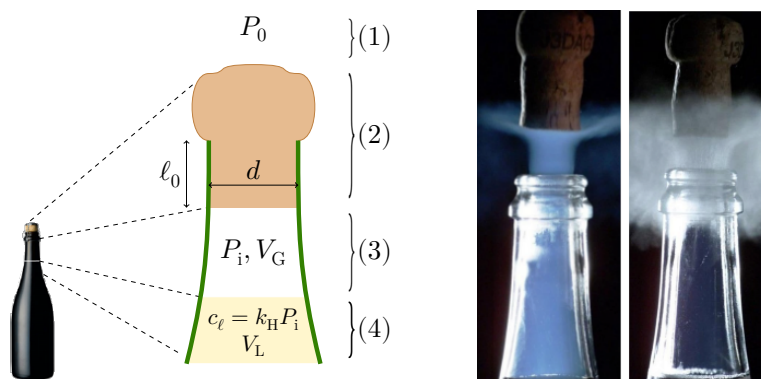
$$\text{B.3.5. } h = \frac{2\sigma}{\rho_\ell v_f^2} = \frac{3t_b^2}{2a^4}\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^3}{\rho_\ell^3 g_0}} \quad h = \frac{2\sigma}{\rho_\ell v_f^2} = \frac{3t_b^2\sigma^2}{2a^4\rho_\ell^2 g_0}$$

B.3.6. Numerical value  $h = 3.7\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| B.3.1. Use of $r_c$ for $f_0$  | 0.1 |
| B.3.2. Exact expression of $f_0$ in terms of $a, \rho_g, \sigma, g_0, \rho_\ell, P_0$ or expression of $a$ | 0.3 |
| B.3.3. Exact numerical value between 0.5 mm and 0.6 mm   | 0.2 |
| B.3.4. Relationship between $t_b, v_f$ and $r_c$ or $a$  | 0.2 |
| B.3.5. Expression of $h$ in terms of $\sigma, \rho_\ell$ and $v_f$ (or $a$ and $t_b$ )                     | 0.1 |
| B.3.6. Numerical value $h = 3.7 \mu\text{m}$   | 0.2 |

## Part C. Popping champagne

In a bottle, the total quantity of  $\text{CO}_2$  is  $n_T = 0.2 \text{ mol}$ , either dissolved in the volume  $V_L = 750 \text{ mL}$  of liquid champagne, or as a gas in the volume  $V_G = 25 \text{ mL}$  under the cork (**Fig. 6.** left).  $V_G$  contains only  $\text{CO}_2$ . The equilibrium between both  $\text{CO}_2$  phases follows Henry's Law. We suppose that the fast gaseous  $\text{CO}_2$  expansion when the bottle is opened, is adiabatic and reversible. Ambient temperature  $T_0$  and pressure  $P_0 = 1 \text{ bar}$  are constant.



**Fig. 6.** Left: traditional bottleneck: (1) surrounding air, (2) cork stopper, (3) headspace, (4) liquid champagne. Right: Two phenomena observed while opening the bottle at two different temperatures (adapted from [2]).

**C.1** Give the numerical value of the pressure  $P_i$  of gaseous  $\text{CO}_2$  in the bottle for  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$  and  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ . 0.4pt

### SOLUTION:

C.1.1. Conservation of  $\text{CO}_2$  molecules:  $n_T = n_V + n_L = n_V + k_H(T_0)P_iV_L$

C.1.2. Ideal gas law:  $n_V = \frac{P_i V_G}{RT_0}$

$$P_i = \frac{n_T}{V_L k_H(T_0) + \frac{V_G}{RT_0}} = \frac{\frac{n_T RT_0}{V_G}}{1 + RT_0 k_H(T_0) \frac{V_L}{V_G}}$$

C.1.3. For  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$ :  $P_i = 4.81 \text{ bar}$

C.1.4. For  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ :  $P_i = 7.76\text{ bar}$

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| C.1.1. Conservation of $\text{CO}_2$ molecules                | 0.1 |
| C.1.2. Litteral expression of $P_i$                           | 0.1 |
| C.1.3. For $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$ : $P_i = 4.81\text{ bar}$  | 0.1 |
| C.1.4. For $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ : $P_i = 7.76\text{ bar}$ | 0.1 |

Another step of champagne production (not described here) leads to the following values of  $P_i$  that we will use for the next questions:  $P_i = 4.69\text{ bar}$  at  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$  and  $P_i = 7.45\text{ bar}$  at  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ .

During bottle opening, two different phenomena can be observed, depending on  $T_0$  (Fig. 6. right).

- either a blue fog appears, due to the formation of solid  $\text{CO}_2$  crystals (but water condensation is inhibited);
- or a grey-white fog appears, due to water vapor condensation in the air surrounding the bottleneck. In this latter case, there is no formation of  $\text{CO}_2$  solid crystals.

The saturated vapor pressure  $P_{\text{sat}}^{\text{CO}_2}$  for the  $\text{CO}_2$  solid/gas transition follows :  $\log_{10}\left(\frac{P_{\text{sat}}^{\text{CO}_2}}{P_0}\right) = A - \frac{B}{T + C}$  with  $T$  in K,  $A = 6.81$ ,  $B = 1.30 \times 10^3\text{ K}$  and  $C = -3.49\text{ K}$ .

- C.2** Give the numerical value  $T_f$  of the  $\text{CO}_2$  gas at the end of the expansion, after opening a bottle, if  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$  and if  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ , if no phase transition occurred. Choose which statements are true (several statements possible): 0.7pt
1. At  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$  a grey-white fog appears while opening the bottle.
  2. At  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$  a blue fog appears while opening the bottle.
  3. At  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$  a grey-white fog appears while opening the bottle.
  4. At  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$  a blue fog appears while opening the bottle.

### SOLUTION:

C.2.1. The adiabatic reversible expansion goes from  $P_i$  to  $P_0$ .

C.2.2.  $T_f = T_0 \left(\frac{P_i}{P_0}\right)^{(1/\gamma)-1}$

C.2.3. For  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$ :  $P_i = 4.69\text{ bar}$  and  $T_f = 195.3\text{ K} = -77.8^\circ\text{C}$ .

C.2.4. For  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ :  $P_i = 7.45\text{ bar}$  and  $T_f = 184.3\text{ K} = -88.8^\circ\text{C}$ .

C.2.5. *First method:* comparison  $P_{\text{sat}}(T_f)$  and  $P_f = P_0$ .

*Second method:* evaluation of the transition temperature at  $P_0$  and comparison with  $T_f$ .

C.2.6. *First method:*  $P_{\text{sat}}^{\text{CO}_2}(T_f = 6^\circ\text{C}) = 1.07\text{ bar} > P_0$ . As the solid-liquid frontier has a positive slope in  $P, T$  state-diagram, the final state of  $\text{CO}_2$  is gaseous.  $P_{\text{sat}}^{\text{CO}_2}(T_f = 20^\circ\text{C}) = 0.41\text{ bar} < P_0$ . As the solid-gas frontier has a positive slope in  $P, T$  state-diagram, the final gaseous state hypothesis is inconsistent and a phase transition has occurred in the latter case.

*Second method:*  $T_{\text{trans}} = \frac{B}{A - \log_{10}\left(\frac{P_0}{P_0}\right)} - C$ .  $T_{\text{trans}} = 194.4\text{ K} = -78.8^\circ\text{C}$ . For  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$ :  $T_f = 195.3\text{ K} > T_{\text{trans}}$ ; the

final state of  $\text{CO}_2$  is gaseous. For  $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ :  $T_f = 184.3\text{ K} < T_{\text{trans}}$ ; the final gaseous state hypothesis is

inconsistent and a phase transition has occurred.

C.2.7. The true statements are: 1 and 4.

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| C.2.1. Final pressure of the expansion.   | 0.1 |
| C.2.2. Litteral expression of $T_f$ .   | 0.1 |
| C.2.3. For $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$ : $P_i = 4.69\text{ bar}$ and $T_f = 195.3\text{ K}$ ;   | 0.1 |
| C.2.4. For $T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ : $P_i = 7.45\text{ bar}$ and $T_f = 184.3\text{ K}$ ;  | 0.1 |
| C.2.5. Idea of comparison between $P_{\text{sat}}$ and $P_0$ or evaluation of the transition temperature at $P_0$ and idea of comparison with $T_f$ . | 0.1 |
| C.2.6. Numerical comparison.  | 0.1 |
| C.2.7. True statements (all or nothing).  | 0.1 |

During bottle opening, the cork stopper pops out. We now determine the maximum height  $H_c$  it reaches. Assume that the friction force  $F$  due to the bottleneck on the cork stopper is  $F = \alpha A$  where  $A$  is the area of contact and  $\alpha$  is a constant to determine. Initially, the pressure force slightly overcomes the friction force. The cork's mass is  $m = 10\text{ g}$ , its diameter  $d = 1.8\text{ cm}$  and the length of the cylindrical part initially stuck in the bottleneck is  $\ell_0 = 2.5\text{ cm}$ . Once the cork has left the bottleneck, you can neglect the net pressure force.

**C.3** Give the numerical value of  $H_c$  if the external temperature is  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$ .

1.3pt

### SOLUTION:

C.3.1. Let us evaluate the work of the friction force.  $\vec{F} = -\alpha \pi d(l_0 - z)\vec{u}_z$ . Initially, this force slightly compensates the pressure force:  $F = \pi \alpha d \ell_0 = \pi \frac{d^2}{4} (P_i - P_0)$  so  $\alpha = (P_i - P_0) \frac{d}{4\ell_0}$

C.3.2.  $\vec{F} = -(P_i - P_0) \pi d^2 \frac{(\ell_0 - z)}{4\ell_0} \vec{u}_z$  The total work is therefore:  $W_f = -\alpha \pi d \frac{\ell_0^2}{2} = -\frac{(P_i - P_0) \pi d^2}{8} \ell_0$

C.3.3. and C.3.4. Work of the internal pressure force:

*First method:* the variation of internal energy of the gas is:

$$\Delta U_g = \frac{n_V R}{\gamma - 1} (T_f - T_0) = \frac{n_V R}{\gamma - 1} T_0 \left( \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\pi d^2 \ell_0}{4 V_G}\right)^{\gamma - 1}} - 1 \right) = \frac{P_i V_G}{\gamma - 1} \left( \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\pi d^2 \ell_0}{4 V_G}\right)^{\gamma - 1}} - 1 \right)$$

As its expansion is adiabatic:  $\Delta U_g = W_{\text{cork} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2} = -W_{\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{cork}}$  The cork stopper receives therefore a work from this gas equals to  $-\Delta U_g$ .

$$W_{\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{cork}} = \frac{P_i V_G}{\gamma - 1} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\pi d^2 \ell_0}{4 V_G}\right)^{\gamma - 1}} \right)$$

*Second method:* let us write  $P$  the internal pressure during the expansion. The work received by the cork is:

$$W_{\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{cork}} = \int_{V_G}^{V_F} P dV, \text{ where } V_F = V_G + \frac{\pi d^2 \ell_0}{4} \text{ and } P_0 V_F^\gamma = P_i V_G^\gamma.$$

The integration leads to the same result.

C.3.5. The work due to the external pressure  $P_0$  is:  $W_e = -P_0 \cdot \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \ell_0$

C.3.6. Energy balance. The cork stopper has an initial kinetic energy:  $E_c = -\Delta U_g + W_f + W_e$

(The work of the weight is negligible and should not be taken into account).

At  $T_0 = 6^\circ\text{C}$ :  $P_i = 4.69\text{ bar}$  .  $W_f = -1.17\text{ J}$ ;  $W_e = -0.64\text{ J}$ ;  $\Delta U_g = -2.57\text{ J}$ ;  $E_c = 0.76\text{ J}$

C.3.7. The maximum height reached by the cork stopper is therefore:  $H_c = \frac{E_c}{mg_0} = \frac{-\Delta U_g + W_f + W_e}{mg_0}$ .

C.3.8.  $H_c = 7.7\text{ m}$

If the candidates assumed a constant pressure  $P_i$  for the gaseous  $\text{CO}_2$  during its expansion, they would find a work done by  $\text{CO}_2$  on the cork equal to:  $P_i(\pi \ell_0 d^2 / 4) = 3\text{ J}$  instead of  $2.56\text{ J}$  and finally  $H_c = 12\text{ m}$ . The difference is not negligible!

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| C.3.1. Correct expression of $\alpha$ (all or nothing).<br>If $\alpha$ is not correct (contribution of $P_0$ forgotten for example), 0 point but the following items are evaluated with this uncorrect $\alpha$ .                             | 0.2            |
| C.3.2. Expression of the friction work (all or nothing)   | 0.2            |
| C.3.3. Consequences of the adiabatic reversible expansion (1st principle with $Q = 0$ or $PV^\gamma = P_i V_G^\gamma$ )   | 0.1            |
| C.3.4. Exact expression of the work (all or nothing)<br><i>Partial points</i> : if $P$ is considered constant during the expansion, 0 point for C.3.4. but all points for the following items if coherent with the incorrect work expression. | 0.3            |
| C.3.5. Work due to external pressure correct.<br>If this item is forgotten by the candidate, 0 point.   | 0.1            |
| C.3.6. Correct $E_c$ with the 3 contributions (even if errors in the writing of the contributions).<br>If the candidate has forgotten the contribution of the external pressure, 0 point.   | 0.1            |
| C.3.7. Correct energy balance during the free flight or use of Newton's second law.   | 0.2 <u>0.1</u> |
| C.3.8. Correct numerical value of $H_c$ .<br>If the candidate has forgotten the contribution of the external pressure in C.3.5 but $H_c$ is coherent, fullmark.   | 0.2            |

[1] Liger-Belair *et al*, Am. J. Enol. Vitic., Vol. 50, No. 3 (1999).

[2] Liger-Belair *et al.*, Sc. Reports **7**, 10938 (2017).