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Errata in the fourth and fifth printings.

- Plate 5 caption, typo:
...seen in Plate 6. → ...seen in Plate 4.
noted 2018.04.07 by L. Bouma.
- §3.6, p. 28, Eq. 3.31, typo: factor of 2 error. Eq. (3.31) should read

$$\sigma_{\text{rr},u\ell}(E) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g(X_\ell)}{g(X_u^+)} \frac{(I_{X,\ell u} + E)^2}{Em_e c^2} \sigma_{\text{pi},\ell u}(h\nu = I_{X,\ell u} + E) \quad , \quad (3.31)$$

noted 2015.06.01 by E. B. Jenkins

- §3.7, p. 28, Eq. (3.33), typo: sign error. Change $e^{-I_n/kT} \rightarrow e^{I_n/kT}$.
noted 2017.02.09
- §3.8, p. 31, Eq. (3.48), typo: change

$$I_{n\alpha} \propto A_{n\alpha} h\nu_{n\alpha} \int n[\text{H}(n)] ds \propto n^{-6} b_n \int n_e n(\text{H}^+) ds$$

$$\rightarrow I_{n\alpha} \propto A_{n\alpha} h\nu_{n\alpha} \int n[\text{H}(n+1)] ds \propto n^{-6} b_{n+1} \int n_e n(\text{H}^+) ds$$

noted 2019.02.06

- §7.5, p. 69, Eq. (7.29), typo: missing a factor n_ℓ . Should read

$$\kappa_\nu = n_\ell \sigma_{\ell \rightarrow u} \left(1 - \frac{n_u/g_u}{n_\ell/g_\ell} \right) < 0$$

noted 2020.10.12 by Yan Liang.

- §9.8, p. 84, typo in line following Eq. (9.35): change
 $(v_{\text{FWHM}}/2 \text{ km s}^{-1})^2/3 \rightarrow (v_{\text{FWHM}}/2 \text{ km s}^{-1})^{2/3}$.
noted 2020.09.09 by Roohi Dalal.

- §10.2, sentence preceding Eq. (10.5): change
...the Gaunt factor from quantum-mechanical calculations is approximately
→
...the Gaunt factor is approximately (Scheuer 1960)
noted 2018.11.18 by S. Weinberg.

- §10.5, p. 97, Eq. (10.25), typo (missing factor of 2): should read

$$j_{\text{fb},\nu} = \frac{g_b}{g_e g_i} \frac{2 h^4 \nu^3}{(2\pi m_e kT)^{3/2} c^2} e^{(I_b - h\nu)/kT} \sigma_{\text{b,pi}}(\nu) n_e n_i$$

noted 2021.02.14 by Shigenobu Hirose.

- §11.4, p. 110, Eq. (11.34), typo (was off by factor 10^4): should read

$$= 6.53 \times 10^{-5} \text{ arcsec} \left(\frac{D/\text{kpc}}{L/10^{14} \text{ cm}} \right)^{1/2} \frac{(\Delta n_e)_{L,\text{rms}}}{10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \nu_9^{-2}$$

noted 2021.10.25 by I. Wasserman.

- §13.1, pp. 128, eq. (13.1), (13.3), (13.4): for notational consistency with the rest of the chapter, change $\sigma_{\text{pe}} \rightarrow \sigma_{\text{pi}}$
noted 2018.01.07 by L. Bouma.

- §13.1, p. 130, second paragraph, typo:
...to $3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for Si → ...to $3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for Si
noted 2017.03.05

- §14.2.4, p. 145, Eq. (14.13), typo (was off by factor of 10): should read

$$\tau_0(\text{Ly}\alpha) = 8.02 \times 10^3 \left(\frac{15 \text{ km s}^{-1}}{b} \right) \tau(\text{Ly cont})$$

noted 2024.06.11 by D. Chernoff.

- §14.7.1, p. 156, Eq. (14.21), typo:
 $\text{H}(^1\text{S}_{1/2}) \rightarrow \text{H}(^2\text{S}_{1/2})$
noted 2022.07.06 by S. R. Kulkarni.

- §14.9, p. 159, typo: factor of 2 error. Eq. (14.41) should read

$$\sigma_{\text{rr}}(E) = \frac{g_l}{2g_u} \frac{(I+E)^2}{Em_e c^2} \sigma_{\text{pi}}(h\nu = I+E) \quad . \quad (14.41)$$

noted 2015.06.01 by E. B. Jenkins.

- §14.9, p. 160, typo: factor of 2 error. Eq. (14.43) should read

$$\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{rr}}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{ci}}} \approx 2\pi\alpha^3 \frac{f_{\text{pi}}}{C} \frac{I}{kT} e^{I/kT} \quad , \quad (14.43)$$

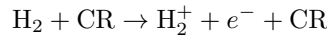
noted 2015.06.01 by E. B. Jenkins.

- §14.9, p. 160, typo: factor of 2 error. Eq. (14.44) and following should read

$$\frac{I}{kT} e^{I/kT} = \frac{C}{2\pi f_{\text{pi}}} \frac{1}{\alpha^3} \quad (14.44)$$

If $C \approx 1$ and $f_{\text{pi}} \approx 1$, this has solution $I/kT \approx 10.6$
noted 2015.06.01 by E. B. Jenkins.

- §15.5, p. 174, sentence preceding Eq. (15.36), typo:
 $N(\text{He}^+)/N(\text{H}^+) < n_{\text{H}}/n_{\text{He}} \rightarrow N(\text{He}^+)/N(\text{H}^+) < n_{\text{He}}/n_{\text{H}}$
noted 2020.09.29 by H. Jia
- §16.5, p. 188, Eq. (16.16), typo: should read



noted 2020.09.29 by R. Córdoba

- §17.3, p. 195, footnote 3, typos:
...frequency $\sim 8 \times 10^{10}$ Hz... \rightarrow ...frequency $\sim 1.1 \times 10^{10}$ Hz...
... $\sim 10^2$ precession periods. \rightarrow ... ~ 18 precession periods.
noted 2020.10.02
- §20.1, p. 229, typo just below Eq. (20.2): replace
...unit time that level x will... \rightarrow ...unit time the level u will...
noted 2020.10.12 by Yan Liang
- §22.6, p. 256, footnote 6: the DDSCAT website has moved. Change
<http://code.google.com/p/ddscat> \rightarrow <http://www.ddscat.org>
noted 2019.03.25
- §23.3.2, p. 268, typo: Si-O-Si bending mode \rightarrow O-Si-O bending mode
noted 2020.10.12
- §25.3, p. 299, typo following Eq. (25.11): change
...charge $Z_{\text{gr}} = Ua$ can... \rightarrow ...charge $Z_{\text{gr}} = Ua/e$ can...
noted 2021.06.25 by Yu Fung Wong.
- §27.3.1, p. 320, typos in coefficient of $\ln(T_4/Z^2)$ term: Eq. (27.19) and (27.20) should read

$$\gamma_A = -1.2130 - 0.0115 \ln(T_4/Z^2) \quad (27.19)$$

$$\gamma_B = -1.3163 - 0.0208 \ln(T_4/Z^2) \quad (27.20)$$

and (27.22) and (27.23) should read

$$\langle E_{\text{rr}} \rangle_A = [0.787 - 0.0115 \ln(T_4/Z^2)] kT \quad (27.21)$$

$$\langle E_{\text{rr}} \rangle_B = [0.684 - 0.0208 \ln(T_4/Z^2)] kT \quad (27.22)$$

noted 2023.01.29 by S. R. Kulkarni.

- §28.3, p. 328, 4th paragraph, typo: change distance from $\Theta_1\text{Ori C}$ to the Orion Bar ionization front: $\sim 7.8 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm} \rightarrow \sim 7.8 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}$
noted 2020.10.26
- §32.9, p. 368, just before eq. (32.11), typo: change $A_V/N_H = 1.87 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^2 \rightarrow A_V/N_H = 5.3 \times 10^{-22} \text{ mag cm}^2$.
noted 2016.03.04 by Ilsang Yoon.
- §32.11, p. 372, prepenultimate paragraph: terminological correction. Change “core” to “clump” (three occurrences).
noted 2015.04.16
- §34.4, p. 386, Eq. (34.10): sign mistake on RHS; change

$$-4\pi r^2 \kappa \frac{dT}{dr} \rightarrow 4\pi r^2 \kappa \frac{dT}{dr}$$

noted 2019.04.18 by G. Halevi.

- §36.2.3, p. 400, Eq. (36.10): v_x multiplying $B_y B_x$ should be v_y , and v_x multiplying $B_z B_x$ should be v_z .
noted 2015.12.17 by J. Miralda-Escudé.
The equation should read

$$\left\{ \left[\frac{\rho v^2}{2} + \frac{\gamma p}{(\gamma - 1)} \right] v_x + \frac{(B_y^2 + B_z^2)}{4\pi} v_x - \frac{(B_x B_y v_y + B_x B_z v_z)}{4\pi} - \kappa \frac{dT}{dx} \right\}_1 =$$

$$\left\{ \left[\frac{\rho v^2}{2} + \frac{\gamma p}{(\gamma - 1)} \right] v_x + \frac{(B_y^2 + B_z^2)}{4\pi} v_x - \frac{(B_x B_y v_y + B_x B_z v_z)}{4\pi} - \kappa \frac{dT}{dx} \right\}_2. \quad (36.10)$$

- §37.1, p. 413, 2nd paragraph: Change
Cases of astrophysical interest will normally have..
 \rightarrow
Many cases of astrophysical interest will have...
noted 2018.04.09.
- §37.1, p. 413, typo just above Eq. (37.3):
 $Jh\nu/c = \rho_1 u_1 h\nu/\mu_i c \ll \rho_1 (u_1^2 + c_1^2 + B_1^2/8\pi)$.
 \rightarrow
 $Jh\nu/c = \rho_1 u_1 h\nu/\mu_i c \ll \rho_1 (u_1^2 + c_1^2) + B_1^2/8\pi$.
noted 2016.12.08 by Ryohei Nakatani.
- §37.1, Eq. (37.8): The correction terms for u_R , x_R , u_D , and x_D can be improved by analyzing the full cubic equation (37.3): change

$$u_R \approx 2c_2 \rightarrow u_R \approx 2c_2 \left[1 - \frac{2c_1^2 - 3v_{A1}^2}{8c_2^2} \right]$$

$$x_R \approx \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2c_1^2 + v_{A1}^2}{16c_2^2} \rightarrow x_R \approx \frac{1}{2}$$

$$u_D \approx \frac{2c_1^2 + v_{A1}^2}{4c_2} \rightarrow \frac{2c_1^2 + v_{A1}^2}{4c_2} \left[1 + \frac{2c_1^2 + v_{A1}^2}{8c_2^2} \right]$$

$$x_D \approx \frac{4c_2^2}{2c_1^2 + v_{A1}^2} \rightarrow x_D \approx \frac{4c_2^2}{2c_1^2 + v_{A1}^2} \left[1 - \frac{v_{A1}^2}{8c_2^2} \right]$$

noted 2018.02.19 by Woong-Tae Kim.

- §37.1 and §37.2, pp. 414-416: the mathematics is correct, but the “weak-type”, and “strong-type” terminology was unfortunately inverted: all occurrences of “weak-type” should be changed to “strong-type”, and vice-versa:
 - §37.1.1, p. 414, first paragraph:
 - ...are called **strong R-type**. Strong R-type solutions...
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 - ...are called **weak R-type**. Weak R-type solutions...
 - §37.1.1, p. 414, second paragraph:
 - ...referred to as **weak R-type**,... → ...referred to as **strong R-type**,...
 - §37.1.1, p. 414, second paragraph:
 - Hence, only strong R-type I-fronts are physically relevant.
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 - Hence, only weak R-type I-fronts are physically relevant.
 - §37.1.2, p. 414, first paragraph:
 - ...is termed **weak D-type**. → ...is termed **strong D-type**.
 - §37.1.2, p. 414, second paragraph:
 - ...is termed **strong D-type**. → ...is termed **weak D-type**.
 - Fig. 37.1 and caption should be:

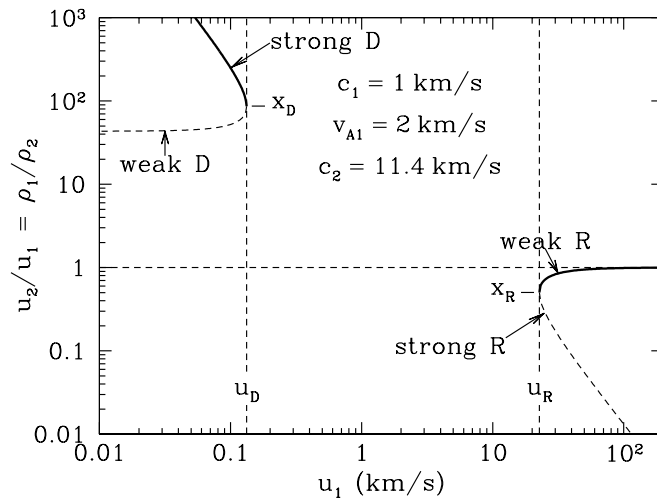


Figure 37.1 $u_2/u_1 = \rho_1/\rho_2$, as a function of the velocity u_1 of the I-front relative to the neutral gas just ahead of the I-front, for D-type and R-type ionization front

solutions (see text) for an example with $c_1 = 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, $v_{A1} = 2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, and $c_2 = 11.4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The astrophysically relevant solutions are the strong D-type and weak R-type cases, shown as heavy curves. There are no solutions with u_1 between u_D and u_R .

- §37.1, p. 416, first paragraph:

...will be strong R-type, ... → ...will be weak R-type, ...

- §37.1, p. 417, fourth line:

...will now be weak D-type, ... → ...will now be strong D-type, ...

noted 2016.12.06 by Ryohei Nakatani.

- §37.2, p. 418, typos:

...moving at a speed v_s that will be close to (just slightly larger than) the speed of the I-front:

$$v_s \approx V_i . \quad (37.21)$$

→

...moving at a speed V_s that will be close to (just slightly larger than) the speed of the I-front:

$$V_s \approx V_i . \quad (37.21)$$

noted 2016.12.08 by Ryohei Nakatani.

- §38.3, p. 428, last paragraph, typo:

$\dot{M}_w \approx 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ km s}^{-1} \rightarrow \dot{M}_w \approx 2 \times 10^{-5} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$

noted 2015.12.17 by J. Miralda-Escudé.

- §41.1, p. 453, typos: Eq. (41.17) should read

$$\begin{aligned} M_J &\equiv \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho_0 \left(\frac{\lambda_J}{2} \right)^3 = \frac{\pi}{6} \left(\frac{\pi k T}{G \mu} \right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{\rho_0^{1/2}} \\ &= 1.34 M_\odot \left(\frac{T}{10 \text{ K}} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{m_H}{\mu} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}}{n_H} \right)^{1/2} . \end{aligned} \quad (41.17)$$

noted 2024.07.09 by Zhang Zhijun.

- §41.3, p. 456, typo: missing factor of G . Eq. (41.36) should read

$$E_{\text{grav}} = -\frac{G}{2} \int dV_1 \int dV_2 \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}_1)\rho(\mathbf{r}_2)}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} \quad (41.36)$$

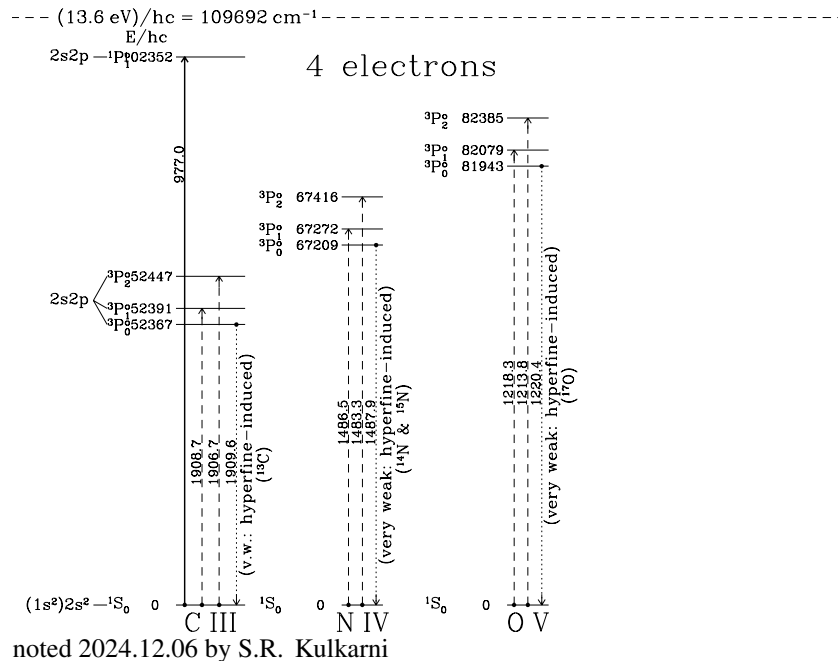
noted 2015.04.30 by J. Greco.

- Appendix B, p. 476: typo: incorrect units for Stefan-Boltzmann constant σ : $5.67040 \times 10^{-5} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-4} \rightarrow 5.67040 \times 10^{-5} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$
noted 2019.05.14 by Aaron Tran.

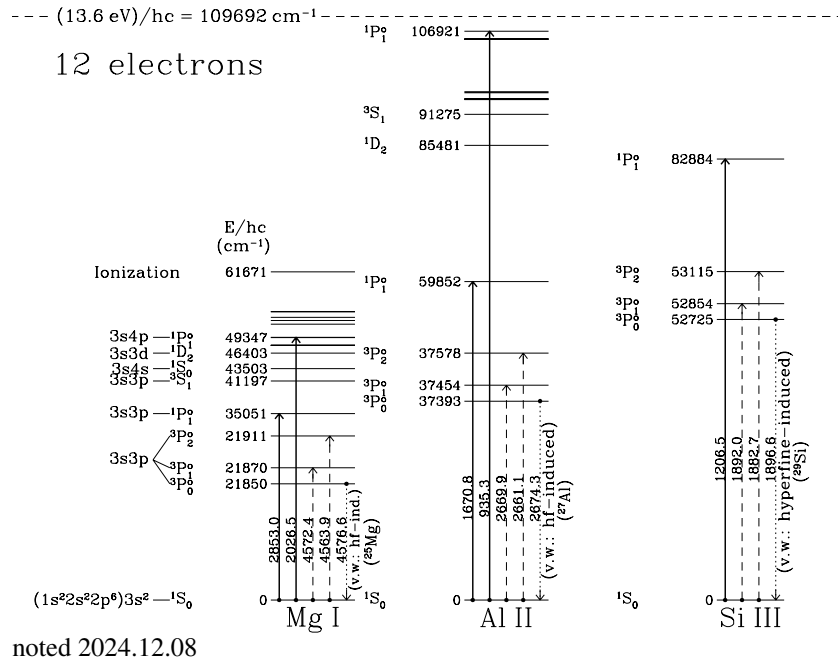
- Appendix D, p. 481: corrected typos:
 F VI → VII: $I = 147.163 \rightarrow 157.163$
 Ne VI → VII: $I = 154.214 \rightarrow 157.934$
 Ti III → IV: $I = 24.492 \rightarrow 27.492$
 Ti V → VI: $I = 123.7 \rightarrow 99.299$
 Zn VI → VII: $I = 133.903 \rightarrow 108.0$
 noted 2015.07.10 by Guangtun Ben Zhu.

- Appendix E, p. 485: diagrams for N IV and O V: the levels shown as ${}^2P_1^o$ and ${}^2P_2^o$ should be ${}^3P_1^o$ and ${}^3P_2^o$, respectively.
 noted 2023.05.23

- Appendix E, p. 485, diagrams for C III, N IV, and O V: The weak (spin-forbidden magnetic dipole) 1S_0 - 3P_2 transitions were inadvertently omitted. Very weak 1S_0 - 3P_0 transitions occur only if hyperfine-induced by nucleus with nonzero spin (now noted in figure). Corrected figure:



- Appendix E., p. 486: The weak (spin-forbidden magnetic dipole) 1S_0 - 3P_2 transitions were inadvertently omitted. Very weak 1S_0 - 3P_0 transitions can occur if hyperfine-induced by nuclei with nonzero spin (now noted in figure). Corrected figure:



- Appendix E, p. 488: inadvertent omission of $2P_{1/2}^o \rightarrow 2D_{5/2}^o$ emission lines for NI, OII, and Ne IV. Corrected figure:

- Appendix F, Table F.2, p. 497, typo: the first transition listed for S III: change ${}^3\text{P}_0-{}^1\text{P}_0 \rightarrow {}^3\text{P}_0-{}^3\text{P}_1$
noted 2016.10.03 by C.D. Kreisch.
- Appendix F, Table F.5, p. 500: Level u in the fourth line in the table should be ${}^2\text{P}_{3/2}^o$ rather than ${}^2\text{P}_{5/2}^o$.
noted 2022.09.03 by S. R. Kulkarni
- Appendix F, Table F.6, p. 501: The table title should be “Rate Coefficients for ... Deexcitation...” rather than “... Excitation...”
noted 2015.07.03
- Appendix F, Table F.6, p. 501: the rates for entries 5 and 6 should be interchanged, so that entries 4-6 read

H	CI	${}^3\text{P}_0 - {}^3\text{P}_1$	$1.26 \times 10^{-10} T_2^{0.115+0.057 \ln T_2}$	b
H	CI	${}^3\text{P}_0 - {}^3\text{P}_2$	$8.90 \times 10^{-11} T_2^{0.228+0.046 \ln T_2}$	b
H	CI	${}^3\text{P}_1 - {}^3\text{P}_2$	$2.64 \times 10^{-10} T_2^{0.231+0.046 \ln T_2}$	b

 noted 2015.07.03 by Munan Gong.
- Appendix F, Table F.6, p. 501: the rates for entries 23-28 should be changed to

H ₂ (para)	OI	${}^3\text{P}_2 - {}^3\text{P}_1$	$1.49 \times 10^{-10} T_2^{0.369-0.026 \ln T_2}$	h
H ₂ (ortho)	OI	${}^3\text{P}_2 - {}^3\text{P}_1$	$1.37 \times 10^{-10} T_2^{0.395-0.005 \ln T_2}$	h
H ₂ (para)	OI	${}^3\text{P}_2 - {}^3\text{P}_0$	$2.37 \times 10^{-10} T_2^{0.255+0.016 \ln T_2}$	h
H ₂ (ortho)	OI	${}^3\text{P}_2 - {}^3\text{P}_0$	$2.23 \times 10^{-10} T_2^{0.284+0.035 \ln T_2}$	h
H ₂ (para)	OI	${}^3\text{P}_1 - {}^3\text{P}_0$	$2.10 \times 10^{-12} T_2^{1.117+0.070 \ln T_2}$	h
H ₂ (ortho)	OI	${}^3\text{P}_1 - {}^3\text{P}_0$	$3.00 \times 10^{-12} T_2^{0.792+0.188 \ln T_2}$	h

 noted 2015.08.24 by E.B. Jenkins.
- Appendix G, p. 503, typo just before Eq. (G.7): change ...solution $x_0 = e^{-i\omega t} \rightarrow$...solution $x = x_0 e^{-i\omega t}$.
noted 2019.02.11
- Appendix I, p. 507, typo (15.78→31.56): Eq. (I.7) should read

$$\frac{Ze^2}{a_0 k T} = \frac{31.56 Z}{T_4}$$

noted 2019.01.14.

- Appendix J, p. 510, Eq. (J.8): missing sign:

$$Y_3 = E_{\text{grav}} = \frac{1}{2} \int dV_1 \int dV_2 G \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}_1)\rho(\mathbf{r}_2)}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}$$

\rightarrow

$$Y_3 = E_{\text{grav}} = -\frac{1}{2} \int dV_1 \int dV_2 G \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}_1)\rho(\mathbf{r}_2)}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}$$

noted 2020.11.13

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- Appendix J, p. 510, Eq. (J.13), typo:

$$\Pi_0 \equiv \oint d\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{r}p \quad \rightarrow \quad \Pi_0 \equiv \frac{1}{3} \oint d\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{r}p$$

noted 2017.03.08.