

Fermi Project Update

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1 Calculating Inputs

- Variables Visualized

- $T = \text{Technology}$
- $X = \frac{\# \text{ settled systems}}{\# \text{ total systems}} = \text{Settled Fraction}$

- Given

- $\rho = 0.08 \text{ pc}^{-3} = \text{stellar density}$
- $d_p = 10^{-2.51} \text{ kpc} \approx 10 \text{ lyr} = \text{Probe Range}$
- $v_p = 10^{-4} c \approx 30 \text{ km/s} = \text{Probe Range}$
- $v_s = 50 \text{ km/s} = \text{Stellar Velocity}$
- $\Delta T = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\theta}} = 1 = \text{Technology Standard Deviation}$
 - * $\theta = \text{Rate of Convergence} (\text{Myr}^{-1})$
 - $T_\theta = 1/\theta = \text{Tech Convergence to Mean Time} (\text{Myr})$
 - * $\sigma = \text{Degree of Randomness} (\text{Myr}^{-1/2})$
 - $T_\sigma = 1/\sqrt{\sigma} = \text{Timescale for Technological Spread} (\text{Myr})$
- $N = 10^4 = \text{Number of systems/stars}$
- $X_i = \frac{N_{\text{abio}}}{N} = 0.1 = \text{Initial Settled Fraction}$
- $N_{\text{abio}} = NX_i = 100 = \text{Number of Abiogenesis Seeds}$

- Specify f

- $\eta = f\rho d_p^3 = 2.36f$
- $T_C = (\pi f\rho d_p^2 v_s)^{-1} = \frac{8,148 \text{ yrs}}{f} = \text{Collision Timescale}$
- $T_R = \frac{(f\rho)^{-1/3}}{v_s} = \frac{45,386 \text{ yrs}}{f^{1/3}} = \text{Reconfiguration Timescale}$
 - * $\Delta t = T_R/10 = \frac{4,539 \text{ yrs}}{f^{1/3}} = \text{Timestep}$
- $L = \left(\frac{N}{f\rho}\right)^{1/3} = \frac{50 \text{ pc}}{f^{1/3}} = \text{Box Length/Width/Height}$
- Misc...
 - * $D = 1 - e^{-\frac{4\pi}{3}\eta} = \text{Odds of System Having At Least One Neighbor in Range}$
 - * $T_p = \Delta t = \text{Probe Launch Period}$
 - * $T_\ell = DT_p + (1 - D)T_c = \text{Launch Time}$

- Specify $T_\theta/T_C \equiv k$
 - $T_\theta = kT_C = 8,148 \left(\frac{k}{f}\right) yrs$
 - $\theta = \frac{1}{T_\theta} = 125 \left(\frac{f}{k}\right) Myr^{-1}$
 - $\sigma = \Delta T \sqrt{2\theta} = \left(\frac{250f}{k}\right) Myr^{-1/2}$
- Specify $X_{eq} \equiv 1 - \frac{T_\ell}{T_S} = \text{Equilibrium Settled Fraction}$
 - $T_{runtime} = \max\left(5T_\theta, \frac{T_C}{X_{eq}}\right) = \text{Total Simulation Runtime}$
 - $T_S = \frac{T_\ell}{1 - X_{eq}} = \text{Civilization Average Lifetime}$

2 Analytic Model (Non-Relativistic)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dT}{dt} &= \frac{X(1-X)T}{T_c d_p^{-2} e^{-2T}} - \frac{\Delta T}{T_\theta} \\ \frac{dX}{dt} &= \frac{X(1-X)}{T_c d_p^{-2} e^{-2T}} - \frac{X}{T_s}\end{aligned}$$

Note

- $d_p = d_{p,0} = \text{Initial Value}$
- $T_s = T_{s,0} = \text{Initial Value}$
- $T_c = T_{c,0} = \text{Initial Value}$

$$T_c \propto \frac{T_{c,0}}{(d_{p,0} e^T)^2}$$