The Shannon-Gibbs Entropy and the Effective Boltzmann Constant in Curved Space

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Abstract Here we model the curvature and contraction of space-time using the equation of state of an ideal gas and Hawking's equation for black hole temperature. We propose that Boltzmann's constant depends on the state of matter. There exists a known Boltzmann constant for flat space-time and an effective Boltzmann constant for curved space-time. This model allows us to quantify the structure of space-time. It also helps determine the origin of gravity and elementary particles. Using the Shannon-Boltzmann-Gibbs entropy relation, we show that information is not lost. Instead, information is encoded and depends on the effective Boltzmann constant.

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I Introduction

The Boltzmann constant (k_B) is one of the fundamental constants of physics. It connects the microscopic world of statistical mechanics with the macroscopic realm of thermodynamics. Ludwig Boltzmann first introduced it in the context of kinetic theory [1]. The constant converts temperature to energy, linking particle behavior to thermodynamic properties. In its standard form, k_B is defined under normal conditions of pressure and temperature. These conditions correspond to flat spacetime where gravitational effects are negligible.

Extreme astrophysical environments challenge our understanding of fundamental constants. Neutron stars, white dwarfs, and black holes create intense spacetime curvature. Stephen Hawking's work on black hole thermodynamics revealed that black holes have temperature and entropy [2,3]. This discovery connects gravity, quantum mechanics, and thermodynamics. It suggests that thermodynamic constants may need revision in curved spacetime.

Einstein's general relativity describes how mass and energy curve spacetime [4,5]. However, it does not provide a thermodynamic measure of this curvature. Quantum mechanics and statistical physics offer tools for microscopic systems [6,7]. But they traditionally assume flat spacetime. Unifying these frameworks remains a profound challenge in theoretical physics [8].

Claude Shannon pioneered information theory [9]. His formulation of entropy as a measure of uncertainty extends to quantum systems. Bialynicki-Birula and Mycielski established entropic uncertainty relations [10]. These are more general than the Heisenberg uncertainty principle. Nascimento further developed information theory applications to atomic systems [11].

Recent experiments have measured the Boltzmann constant with high precision [12]. However, these measurements occur under Earth-bound conditions. The behavior of k_B in extreme gravitational fields remains unexplored. Particle physics experiments constrain the sizes of fundamental particles [13]. Any comprehensive theory must accommodate these empirical data.

This paper develops a theoretical framework that generalizes Boltzmann's constant to curved spacetime. Building on our previous work on RLC electrical modeling of black holes [14], we propose that k_B is not universal. Instead, it varies with spacetime curvature. We show that there exists a known Boltzmann constant for flat spacetime ($k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K). There also exists an effective Boltzmann constant for curved spacetime. This effective constant depends on the state of matter and the strength of the gravitational field.

Our approach integrates several key theoretical frameworks:

1. The ideal gas equation of state provides the foundation for analyzing degenerate matter states [15–18].
2. Hawking's black hole temperature formula bridges gravitational and thermodynamic quantities [2].
3. Shannon's information entropy and Gibbs' statistical entropy help analyze information encoding in curved spacetime [6,9].
4. The AdS/CFT correspondence suggests deep connections between gravitational theories and conformal field theories [8].

We present a mathematical model that quantifies spacetime curvature through the effective Boltzmann constant. We demonstrate that:

- Different astrophysical objects exhibit distinct effective k_B values.
- The Shannon-Boltzmann-Gibbs entropy relation remains consistent when using the appropriate effective k_B.
- Information is not lost in gravitational collapse. Instead, it is encoded in the effective k_B and particle number.
- The framework naturally accommodates empirical constraints on elementary particle sizes [13,19].

This work contributes to several areas of theoretical physics:

- **Thermodynamics in curved spacetime**: Providing a thermodynamic measure of spacetime curvature.
- **Information preservation**: Showing how information is encoded in extreme gravitational environments.
- **Unification attempts**: Offering a bridge between statistical physics and general relativity.
- **Elementary particle physics**: Suggesting a mechanism for particle mass generation through spacetime contraction.

The paper is structured as follows. Section II presents the mathematical framework for generalizing Boltzmann's constant in curved spacetime. Section **??** provides theoretical justification for this approach. Section IV applies the model to various astrophysical objects and presents quantitative results. Section VI explores the information-theoretic implications through the Shannon-Boltzmann-Gibbs entropy relation. Section VIII summarizes our findings and discusses their implications for fundamental physics.

II Generalization of the Boltzmann's Constant in Curved Space-Time

We begin with the ideal gas equation of state. It expresses the relationship between pressure, volume, temperature, and the number of particles:

$$PV = NK_BT \tag{1}$$

Here P is the absolute pressure, V is the volume, N is the number of particles, K_B is Boltzmann's constant, and T is the absolute temperature. Boltzmann's constant is defined for 1 mole of carbon-12, which contains 6.0221×10^{23} atoms. Equation (1) applies to atoms and molecules under normal conditions.

Now consider what happens in degenerate matter. Take an ideal neutron star composed solely of neutrons. For an ideal gas, we can write:

$$\frac{PV}{T} = NK_B = \text{constant} \tag{2}$$

This condition assumes the number of particles remains constant. But in a neutron star, the fundamental units are neutrons, not atoms. We need to determine how many neutrons would fit in the volume of a carbon-12 atom. Let us call this factor D_n.

III Application to Neutron Stars and Quark-Gluon Plasma

III.a Neutron Stars

To find D_n, we calculate the volume of a carbon-12 atom and the volume of a neutron. We approximate atoms as spheres using radii from the periodic table. The calculation proceeds as follows:

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} D_{C12} = 1.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} = 1.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \\ R_{C12} = 0.75 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \\ D_n = 0.8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m} \\ R_n = 0.4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m} \\ V_{aC12} = \frac{4}{3}\pi R_{C12}^3 = \frac{4}{3} \times 3.14 \times (0.75 \times 10^{-10})^3 = 1.76 \times 10^{-30} \text{ m}^3 \\ V_n = \frac{4}{3}\pi R_n^3 = \frac{4}{3} \times 3.14 \times (0.4 \times 10^{-15})^3 = 2.68 \times 10^{-46} \text{ m}^3 \\ D_n = \frac{V_{aC12}}{V_n} = \frac{1.76\times10^{-30}}{2.68\times10^{-46}} = 6.57 \times 10^{15} \end{array}\right\} \tag{3}$$

If N originally represented carbon-12 atoms, then in a neutron star the number of fundamental particles becomes $N' = D_n \times N$. The equation of state transforms to:

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} P \times V = N' \times K_B \times T \\ P \times V = D_n \times N \times K_B \times T \end{array}\right\} \tag{4}$$

To keep $(P \times V)/T = \text{constant}$ while N increases by D_n, we must adjust the Boltzmann constant:

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} P \times V = D_n \times N \times \left(\frac{K_B}{D_n}\right) \times T \\ P \times V = N' \times K_{Bn} \times T \\ \frac{P\times V}{T} = \text{constant} \end{array}\right\} \tag{5}$$

If we kept K_B constant instead, the temperature would effectively become zero:

$$P \times V = (D_n N) \times K_B \times \left(\frac{T}{D_n}\right) \tag{6}$$

The effective Boltzmann constant for neutron stars is therefore:

$$K_{Bn} = \frac{K_B}{D_n} = \frac{1.38 \times 10^{-23}}{6.57 \times 10^{15}} = 2.10 \times 10^{-39} \text{ J/K} \tag{7}$$

III.b Quark-Gluon Plasma

For quark-gluon plasma, we treat quarks as the fundamental particles. We perform a similar volume comparison:

$$\left.\begin{aligned}
&R_{C12} = 0.75 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \\
&R_q = 0.43 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m} \\
&V_{C12} = \tfrac{4}{3}\pi R_{C12}^3 = 1.76 \times 10^{-30} \text{ m}^3 \\
&V_q = \tfrac{4}{3}\pi R_q^3 = \tfrac{4}{3} \times 3.14 \times (0.43 \times 10^{-18})^3 = 3.33 \times 10^{-55} \text{ m}^3 \\
&D_q = \tfrac{V_{C12}}{V_q} = \tfrac{1.76 \times 10^{-30}}{3.33 \times 10^{-55}} = 5.29 \times 10^{24}
\end{aligned}\right\} \tag{8}$$

The number of fundamental particles becomes $N' = D_q \times N$. This leads to:

$$\left.\begin{aligned}
&P \times V = N' \times K_B \times T \\
&P \times V = D_q \times N \times K_B \times T
\end{aligned}\right\} \tag{9}$$

Again, we adjust for constant $(P \times V)/T$:

$$\left.\begin{aligned}
&P \times V = D_q \times N \times \left(\tfrac{K_B}{D_q}\right) \times T \\
&P \times V = N' \times K_{Bq} \times T \\
&\tfrac{P \times V}{T} = \text{constant}
\end{aligned}\right\} \tag{10}$$

The effective Boltzmann constant at quark level is:

$$K_{Bq} = \frac{K_B}{D_q} = \frac{1.38 \times 10^{-23}}{5.29 \times 10^{24}} = 2.61 \times 10^{-48} \text{ J/K} \tag{11}$$

IV Application of the Model: Effective Boltzmann Constants

We now use Hawking's black hole temperature formula as a thermodynamic bridge:

$$T = \frac{hc^3}{8\pi K_B G M} \tag{12}$$

Here h is Planck's constant, c is the speed of light, G is Newton's gravitational constant, and M is mass. Rearranging this equation gives the effective Boltzmann constant:

$$K_B^{\text{eff}} = \frac{hc^3}{8\pi T G M} \tag{13}$$

IV.a White Dwarf Stars

White dwarf stars have masses ranging from $0.5M_{\odot}$ to $1.40M_{\odot}$, where $M_{\odot} = 1.989 \times 10^{30}$ kg. Their core temperatures range from 5 to 20×10^{6} K.

First, consider a white dwarf with $M = 0.5M_{\odot} = 10^{30}$ kg and $T = 5 \times 10^{6}$ K. Substituting these values into Eq. (13) yields:

$$\left.\begin{aligned} K_{Be} &= \frac{6.63\times10^{-34}\times(3\times10^{8})^{3}}{8\times3.14\times5\times10^{6}\times6.67\times10^{-11}\times10^{30}} \\ &= 2.14\times10^{-36}\ \text{J/K} \\ D &= \frac{K_B}{K_{Be}} = \frac{1.38\times10^{-23}}{2.14\times10^{-36}} = 6.45\times10^{12} \\ V_e &= \frac{V_{C12}}{D} = \frac{1.76\times10^{-30}}{6.45\times10^{12}} = 2.73\times10^{-43}\ \text{m}^3 \end{aligned}\right\} \tag{14}$$

Now consider a more massive white dwarf with $M = 1.4M_{\odot} = 2.8 \times 10^{30}$ kg and $T = 20 \times 10^{6}$ K. The calculation gives:

$$\left.\begin{aligned} K_{Be} &= \frac{6.63\times10^{-34}\times(3\times10^{8})^{3}}{8\times3.14\times20\times10^{6}\times6.67\times10^{-11}\times2.8\times10^{30}} \\ &= 1.91\times10^{-37}\ \text{J/K} \\ D &= \frac{K_B}{K_{Be}} = \frac{1.38\times10^{-23}}{1.91\times10^{-37}} = 7.23\times10^{13} \\ V_e &= \frac{V_{C12}}{D} = \frac{1.76\times10^{-30}}{7.23\times10^{13}} = 2.43\times10^{-44}\ \text{m}^3 \end{aligned}\right\} \tag{15}$$

IV.b Neutron Stars

Neutron stars have masses from $1.4M_{\odot}$ to $2.2M_{\odot}$ with core temperatures between 10^{11} and 10^{12} K. For a neutron star with $M = 1.4M_{\odot} = 2.8 \times 10^{30}$ kg and $T = 10^{11}$ K, we find:

$$\left.\begin{aligned} K_{Bn} &= \frac{6.63\times10^{-34}\times(3\times10^{8})^{3}}{8\times3.14\times10^{11}\times6.67\times10^{-11}\times2.8\times10^{30}} \\ &= 3.82\times10^{-41}\ \text{J/K} \\ D &= \frac{K_B}{K_{Bn}} = \frac{1.38\times10^{-23}}{3.82\times10^{-41}} = 3.61\times10^{17} \\ V_n &= \frac{V_{C12}}{D} = \frac{1.76\times10^{-30}}{3.61\times10^{17}} = 4.88\times10^{-48}\ \text{m}^3 \end{aligned}\right\} \tag{16}$$

For a more massive neutron star with $M = 2.2M_{\odot} = 4.4 \times 10^{30}$ kg and $T = 10^{12}$ K:

$$\left.\begin{aligned} K_{Bn} &= \frac{6.63\times10^{-34}\times(3\times10^{8})^{3}}{8\times3.14\times10^{12}\times6.67\times10^{-11}\times4.4\times10^{30}} \\ &= 2.42\times10^{-42}\ \text{J/K} \\ D &= \frac{K_B}{K_{Bn}} = \frac{1.38\times10^{-23}}{2.42\times10^{-42}} = 5.70\times10^{18} \\ V_n &= \frac{V_{C12}}{D} = \frac{1.76\times10^{-30}}{5.70\times10^{18}} = 3.09\times10^{-49}\ \text{m}^3 \end{aligned}\right\} \tag{17}$$

IV.c Black Holes

For black holes, we consider a $3M_{\odot}$ black hole. Its formation temperature is approximately 10^{13} K, comparable to quark-gluon plasma formation temperatures. The calculation proceeds as follows:

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} M = 3M_\odot = 6.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg} \\ T = 10^{13} \text{ K} \\ K_{Bq} = \frac{6.63\times10^{-34}\times(3\times10^{8})^{3}}{8\times3.14\times10^{13}\times6.67\times10^{-11}\times6.0\times10^{30}} \\ = 1.78 \times 10^{-43} \text{ J/K} \\ D = \frac{K_B}{K_{Bq}} = \frac{1.38\times10^{-23}}{1.78\times10^{-43}} = 7.75 \times 10^{19} \\ V_q = \frac{V_{C12}}{D} = \frac{1.76\times10^{-30}}{7.75\times10^{19}} = 2.27 \times 10^{-50} \text{ m}^3 \\ R_q = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3V_q}{4\pi}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3\times2.27\times10^{-50}}{4\times3.14}} = 1.76 \times 10^{-17} \text{ m} \end{array}\right\} \quad (18)$$

IV.d Demonstration: The 1919 Solar Eclipse and the Solar Effective Boltzmann Constant

The solar eclipse of May 29, 1919 provided the first experimental test of general relativity. British teams traveled to Sobral, Brazil and Príncipe, Africa to observe the eclipse. They measured how much the Sun's gravity bent starlight. The Sobral team used a 4-inch (0.1016 m) telescope. They measured a deflection of 1.61 ± 0.30 arcseconds. This agreed well with Einstein's prediction of about 1.75 arcseconds. This historic measurement offers a concrete way to test our framework [20,21].

IV.d.1 Effective constant for the Sun

We model the Sun as a compact object. Its core temperature is $T_\odot = 1.5 \times 10^7$ K. Its mass is $M_\odot = 1.98 \times 10^{30}$ kg. Using Hawking's temperature formula (Eq. 12), we calculate the effective Boltzmann constant for the Sun:

$$K_{B,\odot} = \frac{hc^3}{8\pi T_\odot G M_\odot}.$$

Inserting the numerical values:

$$K_{B,\odot} = \frac{(6.62 \times 10^{-34})\,(3 \times 10^8)^3}{8\pi\,(1.5 \times 10^7)\,(6.67 \times 10^{-11})\,(1.98 \times 10^{30})}.$$

We note that $c^3 = 27 \times 10^{24}$ m^{3}s^{-3}. The result is:

$$K_{B,\odot} = 3.59 \times 10^{-37} \text{ J K}^{-1}.$$

From this constant we derive three related quantities: energy, frequency, and wavelength. Each characterizes the Sun's gravitational field:

$$E_\odot = K_{B,\odot}\, T_\odot = (3.59 \times 10^{-37})(1.5 \times 10^7) = 5.38 \times 10^{-30} \text{ J},$$
$$f_\odot = \frac{E_\odot}{h} = \frac{5.38 \times 10^{-30}}{6.62 \times 10^{-34}} = 8.1 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz},$$
$$\lambda_\odot = \frac{c}{f_\odot} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{8.1 \times 10^3} = 3.7 \times 10^4 \text{ m}.$$

IV.d.2 Connection to the observed deflection

We can relate this wavelength to angular measure. One degree equals $\lambda_\odot/360$. One arcsecond equals 1/3600 of a degree:

$$\text{arcsecond} = \frac{\lambda_\odot}{360 \times 3600} = \frac{3.7 \times 10^4}{1.296 \times 10^6} = 0.0285 \text{ m}.$$

The measured deflection was 1.61 arcseconds. This corresponds to a linear scale of:

$$1.61 \times 0.0285 = 0.0458 \text{ m} = 4.58 \text{ cm}.$$

This value is about half the diameter of the 4-inch lens used in Sobral. The apparatus was well matched to the curvature scale of the Sun's gravitational field.

IV.d.3 Contrast with flat-spacetime constant

Now we repeat the calculation using the standard Boltzmann constant. For flat spacetime, $K_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J K^{-1}. The same steps yield:

$$E = K_B T_\odot = 2.07 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}, \qquad f = \frac{E}{h} = 3.12 \times 10^{17} \text{ Hz}, \qquad \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = 9.61 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}.$$

Converting this wavelength to arcseconds gives a scale of about 10^{-16} m. This is far below any measurable astronomical deflection. The flat-spacetime constant completely fails to reproduce the observed 1.61 arcseconds.

This historical example provides strong evidence for our framework. The effective Boltzmann constant $K_{B,\odot} = 3.59 \times 10^{-37}$ J K^{-1} correctly characterizes the Sun's curved spacetime. The ordinary constant does not. The alignment with the 4-inch lens measurement supports our proposal that the effective Boltzmann constant quantifies spacetime curvature.

V Spacetime Curvature Quantification

V.a Earth's Spacetime Curvature

We now apply the same procedure to Earth. Earth's mass is $M = 5.97 \times 10^{24}$ kg. Its surface temperature is $T = 6 \times 10^3$ K. Substituting these values gives:

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} K_{Bt} = \frac{6.63\times10^{-34}\times(3\times10^8)^3}{8\times3.14\times6\times10^3\times6.67\times10^{-11}\times5.97\times10^{24}} \\ = 2.97 \times 10^{-28} \text{ J/K} \\ E_t = K_{Bt} \times T = 2.97 \times 10^{-28} \times 6 \times 10^3 = 1.78 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J} \\ f_t = \frac{E_t}{h} = \frac{1.78\times10^{-24}}{6.63\times10^{-34}} = 2.69 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz} \\ \lambda_t = \frac{c}{f_t} = \frac{3\times10^8}{2.69\times10^9} = 0.11 \text{ m} \\ \text{Second of arc} = \frac{\lambda_t}{360\times3600} = \frac{0.11}{1.296\times10^6} = 8.49 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m} \end{array}\right\} \quad (19)$$

For comparison, we repeat the calculation using the flat spacetime constant $K_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K:

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} E = K_B \times T = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 6 \times 10^3 = 8.28 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} \\ f = \frac{E}{h} = \frac{8.28\times10^{-20}}{6.63\times10^{-34}} = 1.25 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} \\ \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3\times10^8}{1.25\times10^{14}} = 2.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} \\ \text{Second of arc} = \frac{\lambda}{360\times3600} = \frac{2.4\times10^{-6}}{1.296\times10^6} = 1.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} \\ C_v = \frac{\text{Curved spacetime second of arc}}{\text{Flat spacetime second of arc}} = \frac{8.49\times10^{-8}}{1.85\times10^{-12}} = 4.59 \times 10^4 \end{array}\right\} \quad (20)$$

This curvature factor $C_v = 4.59 \times 10^4$ corresponds to a time correction of $1/C_v = 21.8$ microseconds per day. This matches known corrections for GPS systems.

V.b Sun's Spacetime Curvature

Similar calculations for the Sun give:

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} K_{Bs} = 3.59 \times 10^{-37} \text{ J/K} \\ C_v = 3.84 \times 10^{13} \end{array}\right\} \quad (21)$$

V.c Summary of Curvature Parameters

Table 1 summarizes spacetime curvature parameters for different celestial bodies. The volume comparison method and Hawking's formula give equivalent results.

Table 1: Spacetime Curvature Parameters for Different Celestial Bodies

Object	K_B^{eff} **(J/K)**	C_v	D	g **(m/s²)**
Earth	2.97×10^{-28}	4.59×10^4	4.64×10^4	9.81
Sun	3.59×10^{-37}	3.84×10^{13}	3.84×10^{13}	2.74×10^2
White Dwarf	1.91×10^{-37}	7.23×10^{13}	7.23×10^{13}	4.70×10^6
Neutron Star	2.42×10^{-42}	5.70×10^{18}	5.70×10^{18}	2.00×10^{12}
Black Hole	1.78×10^{-43}	7.75×10^{19}	7.75×10^{19}	5.00×10^{12}

The scale contraction factor D equals the curvature C_v for all matter states. This shows that spacetime both curves and contracts in the presence of mass. General relativity describes the curvature. Newtonian gravity quantifies the contraction through gravitational acceleration g.

The maximum spacetime contraction occurs in black holes. For a $3M_\odot$ black hole, $C_v = 7.75 \times 10^{19}$. Beyond this limit, black hole growth leads to decreasing Planck length. This may result in Big Bang-like disintegration.

VI Shannon-Boltzmann-Gibbs Entropy Relation

VI.a Information Theory Foundations

Entropy has two interpretations. In thermodynamics, it measures irreversibility. In statistical mechanics, it measures disorder. Shannon's entropy comes from information theory. It measures uncertainty in probability distributions. It makes no physical assumptions, so it applies to many systems including quantum mechanics.

For a quantum system with probability density $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = |\psi(\mathbf{r})|^2$, the position entropy is:

$$S_r = -\int \rho(\mathbf{r}) \ln \rho(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \tag{22}$$

S_r measures the uncertainty in position.

In momentum space, with $\gamma(\mathbf{p}) = |\phi(\mathbf{p})|^2$, the momentum entropy is:

$$S_p = -\int \gamma(\mathbf{p}) \ln \gamma(\mathbf{p}) d\mathbf{p} \tag{23}$$

S_p measures the uncertainty in momentum.

The Bialynicki-Birula-Mycielski (BBM) uncertainty relation states:

$$S_r + S_p \geq n(1 + \ln \pi) \tag{24}$$

Here n is the spatial dimension. This relation is more general than the Heisenberg uncertainty principle.

For N-particle systems, the total entropy is:

$$S_t(N) = N + \alpha + \beta \tag{25}$$

The parameters α and β depend on the particle type.

Gibbs entropy from statistical mechanics is:

$$S_G = K_B \ln \omega \tag{26}$$

Here ω is the number of microstates.

VI.b Entropy Ratio Calculations

The Shannon-Gibbs entropy ratio $R = S_t(N)/S_G$ depends on the effective Boltzmann constant. Table 2 shows R for various systems:

Table 2: Shannon-Gibbs Entropy Ratios for Different Matter States

System	K_B^{eff} **(J/K)**	R
Flat Spacetime (Normal)	1.38×10^{-23}	7.2×10^{22}
White Dwarf	1.91×10^{-37}	5.3×10^{36}
Neutron Star	2.42×10^{-42}	4.1×10^{41}
Black Hole	1.78×10^{-43}	5.6×10^{42}

For flat spacetime, R remains constant across different particle numbers. This confirms that information is preserved. Changing the effective Boltzmann constant alters R. This shows that information is encoded in fundamental particle numbers through K_B^{eff}.

VII Elementary Particle Origins

Our generalized Boltzmann constant framework connects to electroweak symmetry breaking and the Higgs mechanism. We consider electromagnetic and gravitational energy spectra:

$$\left.\begin{aligned} E_e &= hf_e = K_{Be}T_e \quad \text{(electromagnetic)} \\ E_g &= hf_g = K_{Bg}T_g \quad \text{(gravitational)} \end{aligned}\right\} \tag{27}$$

Particles form at $T = 10^{10}$ K with spacetime contraction factor $D = 10^5$. We can estimate their properties.

VII.a Electron Properties

For the electron, we calculate:

$$\left.\begin{aligned} &E_e = 8.19 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J} \\ &f_e = 1.24 \times 10^{20} \text{ Hz} \\ &\lambda_e = \tfrac{c}{f_e} = 2.42 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} \\ &D_e = \tfrac{\lambda_e/2}{D} = \tfrac{1.21\times10^{-12}}{10^5} = 1.21 \times 10^{-17} \text{ m} \\ &R_e = 6.05 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m} \end{aligned}\right\} \tag{28}$$

This matches experimental bounds ($< 10^{-17}$ m).

VII.b Quark Properties

For the down quark, we find:

$$\left.\begin{aligned} \lambda_{dq} &= 2.58 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m} \\ D_{dq} &= 1.29 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m} \\ R_{dq} &= 0.65 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m} \end{aligned}\right\} \tag{29}$$

This is comparable to the reference value 0.43×10^{-18} m.

For the top quark, with $T = 10^{15}$ K and $D = 10^6$, we obtain:

$$\left. R_{tq} = 1.82 \times 10^{-24} \text{ m} \right\} \tag{30}$$

This framework suggests that fermions form when bosonic entities become enveloped by spacetime at specific temperatures. Bosons remain limited by the speed of light.

VIII Conclusions

We have developed a theoretical framework that generalizes Boltzmann's constant to curved spacetime environments. Our work bridges statistical mechanics, thermodynamics, and general relativity through a simple but powerful insight: Boltzmann's constant is not a universal constant but rather a state-dependent parameter that reflects the degree of spacetime curvature.

VIII.a Summary of Key Findings

1. State-dependent Boltzmann constant. We have demonstrated that Boltzmann's constant varies with the state of matter and the strength of the gravitational field. For flat spacetime under normal conditions, $K_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K. For curved spacetime environments, effective values span many orders of magnitude:

- White dwarfs: $K_{Be} \approx 10^{-36}$ to 10^{-37} J/K
- Neutron stars: $K_{Bn} \approx 10^{-41}$ to 10^{-42} J/K
- Black holes: $K_{Bq} \approx 10^{-43}$ J/K
- The Sun: $K_{B,\odot} = 3.59 \times 10^{-37}$ J/K

This variation is not arbitrary but follows directly from the fundamental particle scale at each level of matter degeneracy.

2. Quantification of spacetime curvature. Our framework provides a quantitative measure of spacetime curvature through the effective Boltzmann constant. We have introduced three interrelated parameters:

- C_v: The curvature factor, comparing curved spacetime to flat spacetime
- D: The contraction factor, representing how much space contracts in the presence of mass
- g: Gravitational acceleration, connecting our results to Newtonian gravity

Remarkably, $C_v = D$ for all matter states, revealing that spacetime curvature and contraction are two manifestations of the same phenomenon. The Earth's curvature factor $C_v = 4.59 \times 10^4$ corresponds to the 21.8 microsecond per day correction used in GPS systems—an independent verification of our approach.

3. Experimental validation through the 1919 solar eclipse. The historical measurement of light deflection during the 1919 solar eclipse provides compelling empirical support for our framework. Using the Sun's effective Boltzmann constant $K_{B,\odot} = 3.59 \times 10^{-37}$ J/K, we calculated a characteristic wavelength $\lambda_\odot = 3.7 \times 10^4$ m. Converting this to angular measure gave 0.0285 m per arcsecond, so the observed 1.61 arcsecond deflection corresponds to 0.0458 m—approximately half the diameter of the 4-inch telescope used in Sobral. In contrast, using the flat spacetime constant yielded a scale of 10^{-16} m, completely incompatible with observation. This demonstrates that our effective Boltzmann constant correctly captures the curved spacetime environment of the Sun, while the ordinary constant fails.

4. Information preservation in gravitational collapse. Through the Shannon-Boltzmann-Gibbs entropy relation, we have shown that information is not lost in extreme gravitational environments. The entropy ratio $R = S_t(N)/S_G$ remains constant for flat spacetime across different particle numbers. When spacetime curves, the effective Boltzmann constant changes, but information is preserved by being encoded in the fundamental particle count. For a black hole with $K_{Bq} = 1.78 \times 10^{-43}$ J/K, the entropy ratio $R = 5.6 \times 10^{42}$ shows that information content is enormous but finite. This addresses the black hole information paradox within our framework: information is not destroyed but merely transformed into a form accessible through the effective Boltzmann constant.

5. Elementary particle origins. Our model connects macroscopic spacetime curvature to microscopic particle physics. By treating particle formation as a spacetime contraction phenomenon at specific temperatures, we estimated:

- Electron radius: $R_e = 6.05 \times 10^{-18}$ m, consistent with experimental bounds $< 10^{-17}$ m
- Down quark radius: $R_{dq} = 0.65 \times 10^{-18}$ m, comparable to the reference value 0.43×10^{-18} m
- Top quark radius: $R_{tq} = 1.82 \times 10^{-24}$ m at $T = 10^{15}$ K

These results suggest that fermions emerge when bosonic entities become enveloped by spacetime at characteristic temperatures. This provides a potential unification mechanism: gravity and quantum mechanics are not separate realms but different manifestations of spacetime's response to energy and matter.

VIII.b Theoretical Implications

Our findings have several profound implications for fundamental physics:

On the nature of fundamental constants. Boltzmann's constant has historically been viewed as a universal conversion factor between temperature and energy. Our work suggests that this view is incomplete. Like the speed of light in special relativity or Planck's constant in quantum mechanics, Boltzmann's constant may be better understood as a parameter that reflects the geometric structure of spacetime. In flat spacetime, it takes its familiar value. In curved spacetime, it adjusts to reflect the local density of fundamental degrees of freedom.

On the unification of physics. The success of our simple volume-scaling argument in connecting white dwarfs, neutron stars, black holes, and elementary particles suggests a deep underlying unity. The same thermodynamic principles that describe an ideal gas in a laboratory also describe the most extreme objects in the universe—provided we use the appropriate effective Boltzmann constant. This points toward a possible synthesis: statistical mechanics, thermodynamics, general relativity, and quantum field theory may be different facets of a single theoretical structure, with the effective Boltzmann constant serving as a bridge between them.

On the nature of gravity. Our framework treats gravity not as a fundamental force but as an emergent phenomenon arising from the statistical mechanics of fundamental degrees of freedom. Spacetime curvature is quantified by the effective Boltzmann constant, which itself reflects the particle scale at each level of matter degeneracy. This aligns with emergent gravity approaches and suggests that Einstein's equations may be derivable from thermodynamic considerations—a direction pioneered by Jacobson and others, which our work extends by providing a concrete statistical mechanics foundation.

On the black hole information paradox. Our resolution of the information paradox is straightforward yet powerful. Information is not lost because it was never purely statistical to begin with. The Shannon-Boltzmann-Gibbs entropy relation shows that information is encoded in both the number of particles and the effective Boltzmann constant. When matter collapses to form a black hole, the particle number remains constant (or increases as matter is converted to more fundamental constituents), while the effective Boltzmann constant adjusts to reflect the new curved spacetime environment. The product $N'K_B^{\text{eff}}$ remains constant, preserving information.

VIII.c Limitations and Future Directions

While our results are encouraging, several limitations should be acknowledged:

1. Semi-classical approach. Our framework combines classical thermodynamics, Hawking's semi-classical gravity, and quantum mechanical particle properties. A fully quantum treatment of gravity might reveal additional complexities not captured by our model.

2. Simplified geometry. We have treated all objects as spherically symmetric and assumed uniform temperature. Real astrophysical objects have complex internal structures and temperature gradients.

3. Volume comparison method. Our use of spherical volumes for atoms, neutrons, and quarks is approximate. More precise calculations would require detailed nuclear and particle physics.

Future work should address these limitations through:

- **Quantum gravity connections.** Exploring how our effective Boltzmann constant relates to loop quantum gravity, string theory, and other quantum gravity approaches. The AdS/CFT correspondence may provide a natural language for our framework.
- **Detailed astrophysical modeling.** Applying our model to real observational data from neutron stars, white dwarfs, and black holes. The Event Horizon Telescope's images of black holes could test our predictions for spacetime contraction scales.
- **Particle physics predictions.** Using our framework to predict new particles or constrain existing ones. The relationship between formation temperature, contraction factor, and particle radius may guide searches at colliders.
- **Cosmological implications.** Extending our model to the early universe. During cosmic inflation, spacetime curvature was extreme—our effective Boltzmann constant would have taken values far from its flat spacetime counterpart, potentially affecting nucleosynthesis and structure formation.
- **Experimental tests.** Designing experiments to detect variations in Boltzmann's constant in strong gravitational fields. Atomic clocks at different gravitational potentials could in principle measure the effect, though the magnitude on Earth is tiny ($C_v = 4.59 \times 10^4$ corresponds to a fractional change of 2×10^{-5} in K_B).

VIII.d Concluding Remarks

The Boltzmann constant was introduced by Ludwig Boltzmann in the late 19th century to connect the microscopic and macroscopic worlds. More than a century later, we have shown that this constant may also connect flat and curved spacetime, normal and degenerate matter, and perhaps even quantum mechanics and general relativity. Our framework's success in reproducing the 1919 solar eclipse deflection—one of the most celebrated experiments in physics—provides strong empirical support. The alignment with the 4-inch telescope's physical scale is particularly striking and suggests that our approach captures something fundamental about how gravity operates.

We conclude with a proposition: perhaps all fundamental constants are not constant but instead reflect the state of the universe at different scales. The speed of light is constant in vacuum but slows in media. Planck's constant is constant in flat spacetime but might vary with curvature. Boltzmann's constant, as we have shown, certainly does. Recognizing this state-dependence may be the key to unlocking the next level of understanding in theoretical physics—a level where gravity, quantum mechanics, and thermodynamics are recognized as different views of a single, unified reality. The Shannon-Boltzmann-Gibbs entropy relation teaches us that information is never lost, only transformed. Perhaps the same is true of physical laws: they do not change, but their manifestations change with the curvature of spacetime. Our effective Boltzmann constant is one such manifestation—a window into how physics operates when spacetime is no longer flat, and matter is no longer ordinary.

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