

4. Ocean: $3 \text{ km} = 3 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Column depth} &= 3 \times 10^5 \text{ cm} \cdot \left(\frac{1 \text{ g}}{\text{cm}^3} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{6.02 \times 10^{23}}{18 \text{ g}} \right) \\ &= 1.00 \times 10^{28} \text{ cm}^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Escape rate: Use the diffusion-limited escape rate from problem 3 ($\Phi_e = 5.33 \times 10^8 \text{ H atoms cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ocean lifetime:} \quad \tau &= \frac{1.00 \times 10^{28} \text{ cm}^{-2} (2 \text{ H atoms/H}_2\text{O})}{5.33 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}} \\ &= 3.75 \times 10^{19} \text{ s} \left(\frac{1 \text{ yr}}{3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau = 1.2 \times 10^{12} \text{ yrs (about 100 times the age of the universe!)} \quad \boxed{\phantom{\tau = 1.2 \times 10^{12} \text{ yrs (about 100 times the age of the universe!)}}$$