Dynamical processes in stellar radiation zones

Advances in secular magnetohydrodynamics of rotating stars



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Secular magnetohydrodynamics of stellar radiation zones



A coherent picture of the stars and their evolution — need to understand the dynamical transport processes which operate in their radiation zones

Major impact of differential rotation



Those processes transport



Matter — modify chemical composition & nucleosynthesis

Major impact on the internal dynamics, the evolution and the environment of the stars

Impact on stellar evolution



Transport in Convection Zones



Brun & Toomre 2002

Brun & Palacios, in prep.

Massive parallel simulations - no simple prescription (yet)



Rotational transport

standard model



Transport equations in stellar interiors

- Dynamics equation (Navier-Stockes equation)

$$\rho \left[\partial_t V + (V \cdot \nabla) V\right] = -\nabla P - \rho \nabla \phi + \nabla \cdot ||\tau|| + \left[\frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\nabla \wedge B\right)\right] \wedge B$$
Advection
Diffusion

- Equation of continuity

 $\partial_t \rho + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\rho V) = 0$

- Induction equation for magnetic field

 $\partial_t \boldsymbol{B} - \boldsymbol{\nabla} \wedge (\boldsymbol{V} \wedge \boldsymbol{B}) = -\boldsymbol{\nabla} \wedge (\|\boldsymbol{\eta}\| \otimes \boldsymbol{\nabla} \wedge \boldsymbol{B})$

- Equation for the transport of heat

$$\rho T \left[\partial_t S + V \cdot \nabla S\right] = \nabla \cdot (\chi \nabla T) + \rho \epsilon - \nabla \cdot F + \mathcal{J}(B)$$

(+Poisson equation and the transport equation for chemicals)

Hydrostatic and thermal equilibrium hypothesis → equations for standard stellar evolution codes

The angular momentum transport: an advective process



Evolution of the angular velocity of a 20 M_{\odot} star taking a flat profile as inital condition *Meynet & Maeder, 2000*

Advection could not be treated as a diffusion

A multi-scales problem in time and space



Modelling of rotational transport



Vector fields are expanded in vectorial spherical harmonics (Rieutord 1987):

$$\begin{split} u\left(r,\theta,\varphi,t\right) &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} u_{m}^{l}\left(r,t\right) \boldsymbol{R}_{l}^{m}\left(\theta,\varphi\right) + v_{m}^{l}\left(r,t\right) \boldsymbol{S}_{l}^{m}\left(\theta,\varphi\right) + w_{m}^{l}\left(r,t\right) \boldsymbol{T}_{l}^{m}\left(\theta,\varphi\right) \\ \hline \boldsymbol{Poloidal \ part} \quad \boldsymbol{Toroidal \ part} \quad \boldsymbol{Toroidal \ part} \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{S} &= \widehat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{\theta} \partial_{\theta} + \widehat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{\varphi} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \partial_{\varphi} \end{split}$$

Allows to separate variables in transport equations — modal equations in r and t only

Preliminary definitions

- Internal macroscopic velocity field:

 $V = r \sin \theta \Omega (r, \theta) \widehat{\mathbf{e}}_{\varphi} + \hat{r} \widehat{\mathbf{e}}_{r} + \mathcal{U}_{M}(r, \theta) + u(r, \theta, \varphi, t)$

Transport equations system

Thermal wind equation (baroclinic equation):

$$\varphi \Lambda_l - \delta \Psi_l = \frac{r}{\overline{g}} \mathcal{D}_l \left(\Omega, \boldsymbol{B} \right)$$

Transport with gravito-inertial waves

We consider a 'shellular' rotation:



We get:

$$4\pi r^{2} \mathcal{F}_{J}(r) = \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \text{Spectrum excited by convection}}} \left\{ 4\pi r_{c}^{2} \mathcal{F}_{J}(k, m, \sigma; r_{c}) \exp\left[-\tau_{k,m}\left(r, \delta\overline{\Omega}\left(r\right); \nu\right)\right] \right\}$$

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where

Numerical simulation of secular transport

Hydrodynamical case with $\Omega(r,\theta)=\Omega(r)$ (I=2); STAREVOL CODE



Decressin, Mathis et al.; en prep.

Diagnosis and identification



-Meridional circulation

$$R_{\odot}^4 F_{\rm MC}(r) = \frac{1}{5} \rho r^4 \overline{\Omega} U_2$$

-Shear induced $R_{\odot}^4 F_{\rm S}(r) = \rho v_{\rm V} r^4 \partial_r \overline{\Omega}$ turbulence

Work is in progress to implement differential rotation in latitude and transport by magnetic field and gravito-inertial waves (crucial to explain the internal rotation profile of the Sun) and the associated diagnosis (IGW: Eggenberger & Mathis)

Hydrodynamical (& MHD) vision of stellar evolution ready for helio and asteroseismic predictions and diagnosis

Type I Rotational Transport

The same processes (circulation and turbulence) are responsible for the transport of angular momentum and the mixing of chemicals Successes:

-properties of massive stars (correct prediction of surface abundances and of population ratio (blue and red SG); Meynet 2004 and references therein)

-Li abundance on blue side of Li gap (Talon & Charbonnel 1998)

-peculiar abundances of subgiants (Palacios et al. 2003, Palacios et al. 2004)

Weaknesses: for late type stars, predicts

-fast rotating core

≠ helioseismology (Pinsonneault et al. 1989; Chaboyer et al. 1995; Matias & Zahn 1997)

-strong destruction destruction of ⁹Be in Sun ≠Balachandran & Bell 1998; may be explained by tachocline mixing

-mixing correlated with loss of angular momentum
 ≠ Li in tidally locked binaries (Balachandran 2002)
 ≠ little dispersion in the Spite plateau

Another process is responsible for the transport of angular momentum

Type I Rotational Transport



Type II Rotational Transport

Circulation and turbulence are responsible for the mixing of chemicals;

Another process operates for the transport of angular momentum; has indirect impact on mixing, by shaping the rotation profile

Magnetic field ?

Internal Gravity Waves ?

Magnetic field in radiative zones

-Does it prevent the spread of tachocline? -Does it enforce uniform rotation?

> Convection Zone Dynamo field

> > Tachocline



Radiation Zone Fossil field

Gough & McIntyre 1998

Role of the magnetic field in radiation zones



3D solutions Brun & Zahn 2006



Ferraro's law and 3D non-axisymmetric MHD instabilities

At high latitudes poloidal field threads through CZ enforces diff. rotation Ferraro's law

Dynamo field: rapid models of tachocline Forgacs-Dajka 2004

Internal Gravity Waves

a crucial transport process for the evolution of solar-type stars



Asteroseismic effects of rotational transport

Structural changes due to rotational transport — indirect effects on oscillations frequencies

Example: 1.5 M_{\odot} star with V_i = 150 km s⁻¹ (Eggenberger, PhD Thesis)

Asymptotic theory

$$v_{n,l} \approx \left(n + \frac{l}{2} + \varepsilon\right) \Delta v - \frac{l(l+1)}{6} \frac{\delta v_{0,2}}{n}$$

$$\underline{\Delta v} = v_{n,l} - v_{n-1,l} = \left(2 \int_0^R \frac{\mathrm{d}r}{c_s}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\delta v_{l,l+2} = v_{n,l} - v_{n-1,l+2} \approx -(4l+6) \frac{\Delta v}{4\pi^2 v_{n,l}} \int_0^R \frac{\mathrm{d}c_s}{\mathrm{d}r} \frac{\mathrm{d}r}{r}$$

	Without rotation	V _i = 150 km s ⁻¹
Δv	70.40 μHz	69.94 μHz
δv_{02}	5.07 μHz	5.76 μHz
X _c	0.330	0.443



Asteroseismic effect due to a dynamical processes: the case of the horizontal turbulence

Eggenberger, PhD Thesis

Physics included in models:

-Geneva evolution code (Meynet & Maeder 2000, A&A, 361, 101) -microscopic diffusion (Richard et al. 1996, A&A, 312, 1000) -magnetic braking (Kawaler 1988, ApJ, 333, 236)

Asteroseismic analysis:

-Aarhus oscillation code (Christensen-Dalsgaard 1997) -modes $\ell \le 3$

Initial parameters:

-1 M_{\odot} and solar calibration of Y_i , (Z/X)_i, α_{MLT} et K

 $-V_i = 0, 10, 30 \text{ et } 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

-3 prescriptions for the horizontal turbulence:

D_h Zahn (1992), Maeder (2003) et Mathis et al. (2004)

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 New prescriptions for the horizontal transport increase transport and mixing and thus the rotational effects on frequencies

What should be done

Major impact on:



Excitation of gravity (gravito-inertial) waves

Numerical simulations of penetrative convection

Spectrum and flux of the excited waves Kiraga et al. 2003-2005, Dintrans 2005, Rogers & Glatzmaier 2005-2006



Numerical and semi-analytical treatment of the excitation of gravito-inertial waves

(A.-S. Brun, S. Mathis, J.-P. Zahn; S. Mathis, K. Belkacem, R. Samadi, M.-J. Goupil)

Analytical treatment

Goldreich, Murray & Kumar 1994 used by Talon & Charbonnel 2003-2004-2005



Context

-Astero and helioseismology spatial missions (COROT, MOST; GOLF- (ESPADONS, HARPS, VLT ...) NG (DYNAMICS), SOHO)



- -Physics instruments (LIL, LMJ, ITER)
- Laboratory experiments relevant for astrophysical plasmas



-Numerical simulation of stellar (magneto-)hydrodynamics (ASH, ESTER)

