Internal Gravity Waves in the Sun



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The dynamical Sun



Internal mixing signatures

A coherent picture of the dynamical Sun and its evolution — need to understand the dynamical transport processes in RZ

Rotation profile not understood

(Corbard 1998, Turck-Chièze et al. 2004, Garcia et al. 2007-08, Leibacher et al. 2007, Mathur et al. 2008, Eff-Darwich et al. 2008)



Transport processes in radiation zone



modify the dynamics and the evolution of the Sun

Rotational transport in RZ

standard model



Transport equations in stellar radiation zones

- Dynamics equation (Navier-Stockes equation)

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

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

- 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

$$\rho T \left[\partial_t S + \underline{V \cdot \nabla S}\right] = \underline{\nabla \cdot (\chi \nabla T)} + \rho \epsilon - \underline{\nabla \cdot F} + \mathcal{J}(\underline{B})$$
Thermal
diffusion
perturbing
force
$$\begin{bmatrix} Spherical \\ thermal \\ diffusion \end{bmatrix}$$
Nuclear energy production
and heatings due to gravitational
adjustments, turbulence and ohmic effects

(+ Poisson equation and the transport equation for chemicals)

A multi-scale problem in time and space



Type I rotational transport

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



Turck-Chièze et al. 2010

It does not reproduce the flat rotation profile of the solar radiative interior!

> (Talon & Zahn 1998, Talon & Charbonnel 2005, Turck-Chièze et al. 2010)

Another process is responsible for the transport of angular momentum

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 transport in radiation zones





- Ferraro's law (even if penetrating flows)
- 3D non-axisymmetric MHD instabilities (wave-like);
 - on the track of a potential dynamo

Internal Gravity Waves



Transport of angular momentum by internal waves

Basis





High horizontal degree waves damped before low-degree ones

If prograde and retrograde waves are equally excited:



Transport by high degree waves below the convection zone: the Shear Layer Oscillation



Talon & Charbonnel 2005

Internal waves cycle?

Transport by low degree (l≈10), low frequency waves (v<5µHz): the secular extraction



Transport of Angular Momentum by internal waves

If prograde and retrograde waves are equally excited:



Dynamical vision of a 1.2 M_{\odot} star with the magnetic braking (V_i=50 Km.s⁻¹); 1D simulation: Ω averaged over latitudes

Diagnosis and identification

Dynamical vision of the evolution of a $1M_{\odot}$ star with magnetic braking $(V_i=50 \text{ km.s}^{-1})$

Secular extraction of angular momentum with an associated **highly multi-cellular** meridional circulation

Transport driven by the braking at the surface and the associated extraction fronts

Spectrum of the Action of A. M. at $r_c \& r_{max}$





Mathis, Eggenberger, Talon, Charbonnel; in prep.

Modelling weaknesses

Need for prescriptions for wave excitation by turbulent convection

Effects of rotation and magnetic field are not taken into account

Non-linear effects (critical layers and breaking) are not treated

Ω & B effects in the treatment of internal waves: a necessity



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Transport of angular momentum by regular G.-I. waves

Angular momentum extraction by low frequency waves



Magnetic field effects on internal waves

The set-up:



Non-linear effects



Booker & Bretherton 1957, Rogers et al. 2008, Barker & Ogilvie 2010, Mathis & Belkacem (WIP)

Mode and internal wave excitation

Numerical simulations of penetrative convection

Spectrum and flux of the excited waves Kiraga et al. 2003-2005, Dintrans 2005, Rogers et al. 2005-2006-2008, work in progress **Brun et al.**

Analytical treatment of volumic excitation

Goldreich, Murray & Kumar 1994 used by Talon & Charbonnel 2003-2004-2005, Samadi et al. 2001, Belkacem et al. 2008-09, Belkacem, Mathis, Goupil, Samadi 2009



Towards a complete picture



Context

- Helio and asteroseismology spatial missions (SOHO, SDO, PICARD, Golf-NG, Solar Orbiter; MOST, COROT, KEPLER, PLATO) - Powerful ground-based instruments (BiSON, GONG; EsPaDonS, HARPS, SONG)



- Numerical simulation of stellar (magneto-)hydrodynamics (ASH, ESTER) - Laboratory experiments relevant for astrophysical plasmas (ITER, LIL)

Dynamical vision of the Sun (and stars)