2020: challenges for stellar evolution & formation

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I) Transport properties

Understanding energy transport in stellar/planetary interiors (convection, turbulence, accretion,...)

Motivation for time-implicit multi-D simulations

Stellar physics/evolution rely on various processes characterised by very different time/length scales Convection, pulsation, rotation, dynamo, nuclear burning, turbulence, radiation transport ...

One-dimensional stellar evolution models: rely on **phenomenological** description of hydrodynamica processes:

- ► <u>Convection</u>: Mixing Length Theory all substellar/stellar objects: a few M_{lup} to a few 100 M_☉
- Pulsation: time-dependent convection models with several free parameters (up to 7 !) radial/non-radial pulsators: Cepheids, RR-Lyrae, Delta Scuti, γ Doradus

Rotation: formalism (Zahn 1992) with several free parameters Mixing + transport of angular momentum: Sun, solar type stars, red giants, pre-SN stages (final yields, GRB's, hypernovae)

➡ Magnetic fied:

$$\mathcal{F}_{r} = \bar{\rho}r\sin\theta \left[-\nu r\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(\frac{\hat{v}_{\phi}}{r}\right) + \widehat{v_{r}'v_{\phi}'} + \hat{v}_{r}(\hat{v}_{\phi} + \Omega r\sin\theta) - \frac{1}{4\pi\bar{\rho}}\widehat{B_{r}'B_{\phi}'} + \frac{1}{4\pi\bar{\rho}}\hat{B}_{r}\hat{B}_{\phi} \right]$$
(21)

► <u>Accretion</u>: phenomenological description of mass/heat redistribution of accreted matter Very early stages of evolution: from brown dwarfs → massive stars

➡ Pre-SN stages

ONE-D Phenomenological approaches have reached their limits To match high quality data, we need **sophisticated** tools and models

Multi-dimensional models

• Anelastic approach: filter sound waves (ASH code)

Restricted to very low Mach number flows: convection in stellar cores ($M \leq 10^{-2}$) not appropriate for most asteroseimological studies

Compressible hydrodynamical codes (FLASH, DJEHUTY, PENCIL, ZEUS, ...)
based on explicit time integration

$$\frac{du(t)}{dt} = f(u(t)) \qquad u^{n+1} = u^n + \Delta t f(u^n)$$

conditionally stable: $\Delta t < \Delta t_{stab}$

Time step is limited:
$$\Delta t < \Delta t_{CFL}$$

Courant-Friedrich-Lewy condition

- Motivation for using time-implicit methods: $\frac{du(t)}{dt} = f(u(t)) \longrightarrow u^{n+1} = u^n + \Delta t f(u^{n+1})$ unconditionally stable No stability limit on the time-step

 Δx

 \rightarrow Appropriate methods to describe most of stellar physics problem:

 $T_{evol} = T_{therm}, T_{conv}, T_{rot}, T_{nuc} >> T_{dyn}$

adapted for problems with various stiff scales (e.g disparate timescales)

Time step choice is driven by accuracy and physical considerations





Early stages of accretion history

Spread in the HRD:

Well know problem: spread in Teff-L diagram of young cluster members (1-10 Myr)

Age spread?

→Accretion at early stages of evolution can affect the evolution even after a few Myr and produce the observed HRD spread

$$t_{acc} = \frac{M}{\dot{M}} \ll t_{KH}$$

⇒ No need to invoke an age spread (Baraffe et al.2009, 2010, 2012)



Bayo et al. 2011 λ Orionis (~5Myr)



Comparison v_{conv} (MLT, 1D) vs <v_{rms}²>^{1/2} (2D and 3D) for a young Sun



convective turnover timescale (~I/Vrms) -> magnetic braking (torque) (Matt et al '15)

II) Magnetic field

Dynamo generation, interaction convection-magnetic field

Effect of rotation

$$LMS: v_{rot} \ge 10 \, km \, s^{-1} \quad t_{conv} \sim \frac{H_P}{v_{conv}} \sim 10^6 - 10^7 \, s \Rightarrow Ro = \frac{P}{t_{conv}} \le 0.1$$

Rapidly rotating body : $2\rho \mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u} = \nabla p \Rightarrow (\mathbf{\Omega} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = 0$

Taylor-Proudman theorem: velocity uniform along the rotation axis => convective motions = columnar patterns with a charactristic length scale perpendicular to the rotation axis << the one parallel to the rotation axis (~ R) => Reduces the efficiency of large-scale thermal convection to transport the internal heat flux

Effect of magnetic field $Rm = \frac{v_{conv}R}{\eta} \gg 100 \rightarrow B_{eq} \approx (8\pi\bar{\rho}\eta\Omega)^{1/2} \sim \text{kG}$ $\frac{B^2}{4\pi l} \approx \rho g \delta (\nabla - \nabla_{ad})$

Effect of rotation and/or magnetic field -> inhibates large-scale convection => α =l/Hp < 1

possible explanation for the eclipsing BD binary of Stassun et al. 2006 (Chabrier et al. 2007)



3D HD simulations: Rotation of fully convective objects

Radial velocity Vr on a surface near the top of a simulation of a <u>slowly rotating M-dwarf</u>. Up flows are <u>reddish</u> down flows are <u>blue-ish</u>. Same, but in a more <u>rapidly rotating</u> simulation (<u>10x faster</u>) The rotation has organised the convection into organised rolls. (Interior rotation profile constant on cylinders, reflects the Taylor-Proudman constraint)





M. Browning , in prep

3D MHD simulations

- Development of differential rotation strongly affected by magnetic fields
- Magnetic field also impact the convective flows weakening of the convection (along the lines of Chabrier et al. 2007)

Quenching Differential Rotation



At lower ME, find less quenching of differential rotation

III) Atmospheric processes in cool atmospheres Radiation-hydrodynamics, grain formation, non-equilibrium chemistry (cool giants, cool dwarfs, brown dwarfs, exoplanets)



Fig. 1. This snapshot from a brown dwarf simulation with $T_{\text{eff}} = 1858$ K, log g = 5 shows the velocity field as pseudo-streamlines, color-coded according to the dust concentration. The flow in the lower part is due to the surface granulation of the stellar convection zone. The top is dominated by gravity waves.

(Freytag et al. 2013)

Better agreement for LMS (MKG types)

(Baraffe, Homeier, Allard, Chabrier, 2015, sub.)



Important for the determination of the age of young clusters
Important for the characterisation of planets around M-dwarfs (SPIROU, SPHERE, PLATO)

IV) Star / Brown dwarf / Planet formation (Dominant) formation mechanisms, stellar/BD IMF, Galactic (baryonic) census

Brown dwarf mass function



$\begin{array}{l} n_{BD} \approx n_{MS} / 3 \approx 0.03 \ pc^{-3} \\ \rho_{BD} \approx \rho_{MS} / 30 \approx 0.001 \ M_{sol} pc^{-3} \end{array}$

Parameter		Disk	Spheroid	Dark halo
nBD		2.6×10^{-2}	3.5×10^{-5}	
ρ_{BD}		1.0×10^{-3}	$\leq 2.3 \times 10^{-6}$	
n_*		$(9.3 \pm 2) \times 10^{-2}$	$\leq (2.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-4}$	
ρ_*		$(3.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2}$	$\leq (6.6 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-5}$	$\ll 10^{-5}$
n_{rem}		$(0.7 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2}$	$\leq (2.7 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-5}$	
ρ_{rem}		$(0.6 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2}$	$\leq (1.8 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-5}$	$< 10^{-4}$
n_{tot}		0.13 ± 0.03	$\leq 3.0 \times 10^{-4}$	
ρ_{tot}		$(4.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2}$	$\leq (9.4 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-5}$	$< 10^{-4}$
BD:	N; M	0.20; 0.02	0.10; 0.03	
$LMS(\leq 1 M_{\odot})$:	N; M	0.71; 0.68	0.80; 0.77	
$IMS(1-9 M_{\odot})$:	N; M	0.03; 0.15	0.; 0.	
WD+NS:	N; M	0.06; 0.15	0.10; 0.20	

^aThe number densities n are in $[pc^{-3}]$, the mass densities ρ are in $[M_{\odot} pc^{-3}]$.

$N_{BD}/N = 1/4 - 1/3$ WISE (now !)~1/5

Chabrier ASSL, 2005





Tremblin et al., in prep.



Fig. 2. Top: spectral flux of Ross 458C in red compared to a cloudless model (green) and with cooler deep layers (blue). Bottom: similar models for the spectral flux of UGPS 0722-05.

Star/Brown dwarf formation



Can we test these ideas ?

ALMA will offer the spatial resolution required

Synthetic observations done with the ALMA simulator Included in the Gildas software



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Conroy, van Dokkum et al.



Chabrier, Hennebelle & Charlot, 2014

