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Diffusion equation



- → Resolution of the equation: **finite elements**
- → approximation of the scalar product: **Gauss integration**
- → Iteration of **Newton-Raphson** for convergence
- → H, He, Li, Be, B, C, N, O, Ne, Na, Mg, Al, Si, S, Ca, Fe and isotops

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Diffusion velocity in the trace element case



Paquette et al. 1986

- → Diffusion velocities from Burgers 1969 OF Michaud & Proffitt 1993
- → Partial ionisation: Saha equation

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Radiative accelerations



Expensive to compute (10 time faster with Hui-Bon-Hoa 2021 procedure)

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i: ionisation state *E*: element

SVP approximation

$$g_{i,line} = q \varphi_i^* (1 + \xi_i^* c_i) \left(1 + \frac{c_i}{b \psi_i^*} \right)^{\alpha_i}$$

$$g_{i,cont} = 7, 16 \times 10^{-26} \frac{N_e T_{eff}^4}{T^{3/2}} \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 \frac{1}{A_i^2} \Theta_i \left(\frac{\chi}{1+\chi} \right)^{b_i}$$

$$\Theta_i \approx \overline{a_i} \frac{N_{i-1,0} p_{i-1}}{N_{i-1} p_i g_0} \sum_k n_k g_k Q_k$$

$$g_{rad,E} = \frac{\sum_{i} N_i(g_{i,cont} + g_{i,line})}{\sum_{i} N_i}$$

- → Single-Valued Parameter (6 tabulated parameters)
- → Fast to compute

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Alecian & LeBlanc 2004, 2020

Atomic diffusion + rotation

Lithium in Pop. II stars

5.6 F 4.8 F 5.2 -5.2 4.4 5.0 4.8 4.4 4.6 4.0 4.4 3.6 4.2 3.2 4.0 2.0 Ca Mg 2.8 3.8 2.4 6.0 5.2 5.6 6.0 5.2 5.6 6.0 5.2 5.6 4.8 4.8 4.8 5.0 F Ξ 4.5 4.5 4.0 4.0 4.0 3.5 F 3.5 3.0 4 3.0 3.0 2.0 Na 2.5 Ne 2.5 1.0 2.0 5.6 6.0 5.2 5.6 6.0 5.2 5.6 6.0 5.2 4.8 4.8 5.0 F 4.5 4.5 45 7 4.0 4.0 log grad 4.0 3.5 A 3.5 3.0 3.0 S Si 3.0 F 2.5 2.5 5.2 5.6 6.0 4.8 5.2 5.6 6.0 5.2 5.6 6.0 4.8 4.8 log T(K)

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These effects are different for each element and depend on :

- the abundance of the element
- the ionisation state
- the photon flux



Direct influence on stellar structure and surface abundances

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 $\log(\Delta M/M_*)$

0.1

0.0

-0.1

 $\log (X_{|}^{(K)}X_{imi}(A) / X_{imi}(A)) = 0.0$

0.1

0.0

-0.1

-

-5

....



Campilho, Deal et al. 2022

Fe Ni

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Difference of M_{c7} between models with and without radiative accelerations



Difference of M_{cr} between models with and without radiative accelerations



Larger than the uncertainty on the acoustic depth of surface convective zone of some F type stars from *Kepler* (Vermat 2017)

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Difference of radius between models with and without radiative accelerations



2% in radius at maximum

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Shear turbulence





Meridional circulation



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Transport induced by the rotation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left(r^2 \Omega \right)_{M_r} = \frac{1}{5\rho r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\rho r^4 \Omega U_2 \right) + \frac{1}{\rho r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\rho \nu_v r^4 \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$D_{\rm eff} = \frac{(rU_2)^2}{30D_h} \qquad \qquad D_v = \nu_v$$

$$D_{
m turb,rota} = D_v + D_{
m eff}$$

- \rightarrow **D**_b:Mathis et al. 2004, 2018
- → D_v: Talon & Zahn 1997 (+ possibility to include an additional vertical viscosity)
- → Am loss: Matt et al. 2015
- → Transport of chemicals directly linked to the transport of angular momentum



Is atomic diffusion negligible in rotating stars?

What is the combined effect of atomic diffusion and rotation on stellar parameters?





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What are the processes responsible of the depletion in stars?

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Next step: use more realistic modelling of the penetration convection, similarly to Dumont et al. 2020

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Garaud 2014

- unstable mean molecular weight gradient
- stable temperature gradient

1D prescriptions (from 2D and 3D simulations):

Kippenhahn et al. 1980, Denissenkov et al. 2010, Traxler et al. 2011, Brown et al. 2013

$$D_{\rm fing} = N u_{\mu} \kappa_{\mu}$$

Apply on stellar cases : Planetary matter accretion, elements accumulation due to radiative accelerations, evolved stars, ...

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Conclusions

- → A proper modelling of the transport (angular momentum and chemicals) is mandatory for an accurate inference of stellar parameters
- → Atomic diffusion is not negligible in solar-like rotating stars
- → An accurate modelling of the transport of chemicals requires an accurate modelling of the transport of angular momentum
- → We are still **missing transport processes** to explain surface abundances of solar-like stars (the parameters we infer are then still uncertain)
- → Atomic diffusion, rotation and penetrative convection may explain lithium abundances in Population II stars, starting with an initial primordial abundance

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Diffusion velocities (for mixture of metals)	 Burger 1969 Chapman & Cowling 1970 Michaud & Proffitt 1993 Thoul+94 		
Radiative accelerations	 direct use of atomic data (atmospheres) use of opacity tables with fixed frequency grids (Montréal/Montpellier code: Turcotte+98, OPCD: Seaton 2005) Single-Valued Parameter approximation (LeBlanc & Alecian 2004) 		
Opacities	- OP monochro - OPAL monoc not public)	- OP monochromatic opacities (OPCD, Seaton 2005) - OPAL monochromatic opacities (Montréal/Montpellier code, tables not public)	

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Calibrating the missing process(es) with ah-hoc prescription:

$$D_{\rm turb} = \omega D(He)_0 \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\rho}\right)^n$$

Richer et al. 2000; Richard et al. 2001; Michaud et al. 2011; Semenova, Bergemann, Deal et al. 2020

NGC2420: ~2.5 Gyr, [Fe/H] = -0.10 +/- 0.1 dex

Semenova, Bergemann, Deal et al. 2020

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 $P \sim e^{-\chi^2/2} / P_{max}$

