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A NEW SIMPLE DYNAMO MODEL FOR STELLAR ACTIVITY CYCLE

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Large-scale flow generation by inhomogeneous helicity

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I. Vortex dynamo and helicity

Vortex generation

Reynolds stress
$$\mathcal{R}^{ij} = \langle u'^i u'^j \rangle$$
 $V_{\mathrm{M}}^i = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{R}^{ij}}{\partial x^j} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}^i}{\partial x^i}$

Helicity

Pseudo-scalar

Breakage of mirror-symmetry (inversion)

 $\begin{aligned} x^{i} &\longmapsto \tilde{x}^{i} = -x^{i} \\ u^{i}(\mathbf{x}, t) &\longmapsto \tilde{u}^{i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, t) = -u^{i}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ H(\mathbf{x}, t) &\longmapsto \tilde{H}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, t) = \left\langle \tilde{u}'^{i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, t)\tilde{\epsilon}^{ijk}\frac{\partial \tilde{u}'^{k}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, t)}{\partial \tilde{x}^{j}} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle -u'^{i}(\mathbf{x}, t)\epsilon^{ijk}\frac{\partial (-u'^{k})(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial (-x)^{j}} \right\rangle \\ &= -\left\langle u'^{i}(\mathbf{x}, t)\epsilon^{ijk}\frac{\partial u'^{k}(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial x^{j}} \right\rangle \\ &= -H(\mathbf{x}, t) \end{aligned}$



mirror-symmetric system

$$F(\mathbf{x},t) \longmapsto \tilde{F}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}},t) = F(\tilde{\mathbf{x}},t)$$

pseudo-scalar

$$F(\mathbf{x},t) \longmapsto \tilde{F}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}},t) = -F(\tilde{\mathbf{x}},t)$$

pseudo-scalar in mirror-symmetric system

$$F(\mathbf{x},t) = -F(\mathbf{x},t)$$
$$\longrightarrow F(\mathbf{x},t) = 0$$

Topological invariant

Knottedness

$$\frac{(\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})^2}{|\mathbf{u}|^2 |\boldsymbol{\omega}|^2} + \frac{(\mathbf{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega})^2}{|\mathbf{u}|^2 |\boldsymbol{\omega}|^2} = 1$$



Suppression of turbulent cascade

Scaling, energy cascade

Inverse energy cascade and negative viscosity in helical turbulence

Brissaud, et al. (1973) Kraichnan (1973) André & Lesieur (1977)

Recent work on time and length scales in helical turbulence

Ditllevsen & Giuliani (2001) Kurien (2004) Chkhetiani & Golbraikh (2008) Baerenzung, et al. (2008) Marino, et al. (2013) Lessinnes, et al. (2011)

Turbulent transport

Symmetry of the Reynolds stress Krause & Rüdiger (1974); Rüdiger (1980)

Helicity itself is insufficient

 Λ effect

Further breakage of symmetry is needed

CompressibilityMoiseev, et al. (1983)AnisotropyFrisch, et al. (1987) AKA effectMean flowGvaramadze, et al. (1989)



The relationship between helicity density and dissipation is tenuous.

Experimental study confirmed Rogers & Moin (1987)

(Wallace, Balint & Ong, PoF, 1992)

Transport suppression in turbulent swirling flow



Experimental studies (Kitoh, 1991; Steenbergen, 1995)



II. Theoretical formulation and modelling

Two-Scale Direct-Interaction Approximation (TSDIA)

Yoshizawa, 1984: mirrorsymmetric case Yokoi & Yoshizawa, 1993: non-mirrosymmetric case

DIA A closure theory (propagator renormalization) for homogeneous isotropic turbulence

Multiple-scale analysis Fast and slowly varying fields

- Introduction of two scales
- Fourier transform of the fast variables
- Scale-parameter expansion
- Introduction of the Green's function
- Statistical assumptions on the basic fields
- Calculation of the statistical quantities using the DIA

(i) Introduction of two scales

Fast and slow variables

 $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{x}, \ \mathbf{X} = \delta \mathbf{x}; \ \tau = t, \ T = \delta t$

Slow variables **X** and *T* change only when **x** and *t* change much.

$$\begin{split} f &= F\left(\mathbf{X}; T\right) + f'\left(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{X}; \tau, T\right) \\ \nabla &= \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} + \delta \nabla_{\mathbf{X}}; \ \ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \delta \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \end{split}$$

Velocity-fluctuation equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u'_{\alpha}}{\partial \tau} + U_a \frac{\partial u'_{\alpha}}{\partial \xi_a} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_a} u'_a u'_{\alpha} + \frac{\partial p'}{\partial \xi_{\alpha}} - \nu \nabla_{\xi}^2 u'_{\alpha} \\ &= \delta \left(-u'_a \frac{\partial U_{\alpha}}{\partial X_a} - \frac{D u'_{\alpha}}{DT} - \frac{\partial p'}{\partial X_{\alpha}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial X_a} \left(u'_a u'_{\alpha} - R_{a\alpha} + 2\nu \frac{\partial^2 u'_{\alpha}}{\partial X_a \partial \xi_a} \right) \right) \\ &+ \delta^2 \left(\nu \nabla_X^2 u'_{\alpha} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial u'_a}{\partial \xi_a} + \delta \frac{\partial u'_a}{\partial X_a} = 0 \qquad \text{where} \quad \frac{D}{DT} = \frac{\partial}{\partial T} + \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla_X$$

Theoretical formulation

Basic field: homogeneous isotropic but non-mirror-symmetric $\frac{\langle u'_{0\alpha}(\mathbf{k};\tau)u'_{0\beta}(\mathbf{k};\tau)\rangle}{\delta(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}')} = D_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k})Q_0(k;\tau,\tau') + \frac{i}{2}\frac{k_a}{k^2}\epsilon_{\alpha\beta a}H_0(k;\tau,\tau')$

Calculation of the Reynolds stress

$$\begin{split} \left\langle u^{\prime \alpha} u^{\prime \beta} \right\rangle &= \left\langle u^{\prime \alpha}_{\mathrm{B}} u^{\prime \beta}_{\mathrm{B}} \right\rangle + \left\langle u^{\prime \alpha}_{\mathrm{B}} u^{\prime \beta}_{01} \right\rangle + \left\langle u^{\prime \alpha}_{01} u^{\prime \alpha}_{\mathrm{B}} \right\rangle + \cdots \\ &+ \left\langle u^{\prime \alpha}_{\mathrm{B}} u^{\prime \alpha}_{10} \right\rangle + \left\langle u^{\prime \alpha}_{10} u^{\prime \beta}_{\mathrm{B}} \right\rangle + \cdots \end{split}$$

$$\left\langle u^{\prime \alpha} u^{\prime \beta} \right\rangle_{\mathrm{D}} = -\nu_{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{S}^{\alpha \beta} + \left[\Gamma^{\alpha} \left(\Omega^{\beta} + 2\omega_{\mathrm{F}}^{\beta} \right) + \Gamma^{\beta} \left(\Omega^{\alpha} + 2\omega_{\mathrm{F}}^{\alpha} \right) \right]_{\mathrm{D}}$$

where
$$S^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial U^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\beta}} + \frac{\partial U^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} - \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} \delta^{\alpha\beta}$$
 mixing length
 $\nu_{\mathrm{T}} \sim \tau u^{2} \sim u\ell$
Eddy viscosity $\nu_{\mathrm{T}} = \frac{7}{15} \int d\mathbf{k} \int_{-\infty}^{t} d\tau_{1} G(k;\tau,\tau_{1})Q(k;\tau,\tau_{1})$
Helicity-related
coefficient $\Gamma = \frac{1}{30} \int k^{-2} d\mathbf{k} \int_{-\infty}^{t} d\tau_{1} G(k;\tau,\tau_{1}) \nabla H(k;\tau,\tau_{1})$

helicity inhomogeneity is essential

Eddy-viscosity + Helicity model (Yokoi & Yoshizawa, 1993)

Reynolds stress

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{\alpha\beta} &\equiv \left\langle u'_{\alpha} u'_{\beta} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{2}{3} K \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \nu_{\mathrm{T}} \left(\frac{\partial U_{\alpha}}{\partial x_{\beta}} + \frac{\partial U_{\beta}}{\partial x_{\alpha}} \right) + \eta \left[\Omega_{\alpha} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_{\beta}} + \Omega_{\beta} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_{\alpha}} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \left(\mathbf{\Omega} \cdot \nabla \right) H \right] \\ &\nu_{\mathrm{T}} = C_{\nu} \tau K, \quad \tau = K/\epsilon, \quad \eta = C_{H} \tau (K^{3}/\epsilon^{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Turbulence quantities

 $K \equiv \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{u}'^2 \rangle, \ \epsilon \equiv \nu \left\langle \frac{\partial u'_b}{\partial x_a} \frac{\partial u'_b}{\partial x_a} \right\rangle,$ Helicity turbulence model $H \equiv \langle \mathbf{u}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}' \rangle, \ \epsilon_H \equiv 2\nu \left\langle \frac{\partial u'_b}{\partial x_a} \frac{\partial \omega'_b}{\partial x_a} \right\rangle$ 1.2 Velocity profiles in swirl \dot{U}^{z} $\boldsymbol{I}^{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.0 0.2 0.4 1.0 0.6 0.8 r/a

III. Global flow generation



Set-up of the turbulence and rotation $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{F}}$ (left), the schematic spatial profile of the turbulent helicity $H (= \langle \mathbf{u}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}' \rangle$) (center) and its derivative dH/dz (right).

Rotation

Inhomogeneous turbulent helicity

$$\omega_{\rm F} = (\omega_{\rm F}^x, \omega_{\rm F}^y, \omega_{\rm F}^z) = (0, \omega_{\rm F}, 0)$$
$$H(z) = -\frac{1}{2}H_0 z(z^2 - 3z_0^2)$$

ŀ	lun	$k_{ m f}/k_1$	Re	Co	$\eta/(\nu_{ m T} au^2)$
	А	15	60	0.74	0.22
	B1	5	150	2.6	0.27
	B2	5	460	1.7	0.27
•	B3	5	980	1.6	0.51
	C1	30	18	0.63	0.50
	C2	30	80	0.55	0.03
	C3	30	100	0.46	0.08
Summary of DNS results					

Global flow generation



Axial flow component U^yon the periphery of the domain



Turbulent helicity $\langle \mathbf{u}' \cdot \mathbf{\omega}' \rangle$ (top) and mean-flow helicity $\mathbf{U} \cdot 2\mathbf{\omega}_{\text{F}}$ (bottom)

Reynolds stress

$$\left\langle u^{\prime \alpha} u^{\prime \beta} \right\rangle_{\mathrm{D}} = -\nu_{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{S}^{\alpha \beta} + \left[\Gamma^{\alpha} \left(\Omega^{\beta} + 2\omega_{\mathrm{F}}^{\beta} \right) + \Gamma^{\beta} \left(\Omega^{\alpha} + 2\omega_{\mathrm{F}}^{\alpha} \right) \right]_{\mathrm{D}}$$

Early stage

$$\langle u'^y u'^z \rangle = \eta 2\omega_{\rm F}^y \frac{\partial H}{\partial z}$$



Reynolds stress $\langle u'^{y}u'^{z} \rangle$ (top),

helicity-effect term $(\nabla H)^z 2\omega_{F^y}$ (middle), and their correlation (bottom).



Mean axial velocity U^{y} (top), turbulent helicity multiplied by rotation $2\omega_{F}H$ (middle), and their correlation (bottom).

Spectra



Physical origin

Reynolds stress
$$\mathcal{R}^{ij} \equiv \langle u'^i u'^j \rangle$$
 $V_{\rm M}^i = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{R}^{ij}}{\partial x^j} + \frac{\partial K}{\partial x^i}$ Vortexmotive force $\mathbf{V}_{\rm M} \equiv \langle \mathbf{u}' \times \boldsymbol{\omega}' \rangle$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{\Omega}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{\Omega}) + \nabla \times \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{M}} + \nu \nabla^{2} \mathbf{\Omega}$$
$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{M}} = -D_{\Gamma} 2\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathrm{F}} - \nu_{\mathrm{T}} \nabla \times \mathbf{\Omega} \qquad D_{\Gamma} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\Gamma} \propto \nabla^{2} H$$
$$\bullet \quad \delta \mathbf{U} \sim -(\nabla^{2} H) \mathbf{\Omega}_{*} \qquad \nabla^{2} H \simeq -\frac{\delta H}{\ell^{2}} = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{u}' \cdot \delta \boldsymbol{\omega}' \rangle}{\ell^{2}}$$

$$\Omega_{*}$$

$$\delta U_{-} = \tau \langle \delta u' \times \delta \omega'_{-} \rangle$$

$$\delta H_{-}$$

$$\delta H_{-}$$

$$\delta H_{+}$$

$$\delta \omega'_{+}$$

$$\delta \Omega = \nabla \times \delta U$$

$$\delta u' = \tau u' \times \Omega_{*}$$

Reynolds stress evolution

(Inagaki, Yokoi & Hamba, submitted to Phys. Rev. Fluids)

Local helical forcing





Press. diff. $\Pi_{xy}^{GS} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \langle \overline{p}' \overline{u}'_x \rangle \qquad T_{xy}^{GS} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left\langle \overline{u}'_x \overline{u}'_y \right\rangle^2 \rangle$ Coriolis $C_{xy}^{GS} = 2R_{xz}^{GS} \Omega_x^F$

IV. Stellar convection zone

Angular-momentum transport in the solar convection zone

Angular momentum around the rotation axis

$$L = \Gamma r^2 \omega_{\rm F} + \Gamma r U^{\phi} \qquad \Gamma = \sin \theta$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho L + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{F}_L) = 0$$

Vector flux of angular momentum \mathbf{F}_L

$$F_L^r = LU^r + r\Gamma \mathcal{R}^{r\phi}$$
$$F_L^\theta = LU^\theta + r\Gamma \mathcal{R}^{\theta\phi}$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Helicity effect} & \mathcal{R}_{H}^{r\phi} = + \frac{\partial H}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r U^{\theta} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial U^{r}}{\partial \theta} \right) \\ & \mathcal{R}_{H}^{\theta\phi} = + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r U^{\theta} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial U^{r}}{\partial \theta} \right) \end{array}$

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Helicity effect in the stellar convection zone



Duarte, et al, (2016) MNRAS 456, 1708

Schematic helicity distribution



$$\delta \mathbf{U} \sim -(\nabla^2 H) \mathbf{\Omega}_*$$





V. Summary

Summary

In turbulent momentum transport in hydrodynamics

$$\left\langle u^{\prime \alpha} u^{\prime \beta} \right\rangle_{\mathrm{D}} = -\nu_{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{S}^{\alpha \beta} + \left[\Gamma^{\alpha} \left(\Omega^{\beta} + 2\omega_{\mathrm{F}}^{\beta} \right) + \Gamma^{\beta} \left(\Omega^{\alpha} + 2\omega_{\mathrm{F}}^{\alpha} \right) \right]_{\mathrm{D}}$$

Mean velocity strain (symmetric part of velocity shear) + Energy

Transport enhancement (structure destruction)

Mean absolute vorticity (antisymmetric part of velocity shear) + (Inhomogeneous) Helicity

Transport suppression (structure formation)

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