Non-Hydrostatic Dynamical Models of Giant Planet Atmospheres



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Outline

- Dynamical/Radiative Modeling Methodologies
- General Properties/Thermal Inversions (x2)
- Variations of Viscosity
- Changing Jets
- Shocks/ Potential Vorticity Generation
- Weather
- Observable Consequences
- Eccentric Planets

Dynamical Modeling Methodologies



Dynamical Methods

Completeness

- Equivalent Barotropic and Shallow Water (2D)
 - Cho et al (2003,2008) Langton and Laughlin (2007,2008)
 Rauscher et al (2007, 2008)
- Navier-Stokes equation (2D)
 - Burkert et al. 2007
- Primitive equations (~3D)
 - Showman et al. (2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009), Menou and Rauscher (2009)
- Eulers equations (3D)
 - Dobbs-Dixon and Lin (2008)
- Navier-Stokes equations (3D)
 - Dobbs-Dixon et al (2010)

Resolution

Radiation Transfer Methods

Relaxation methods (Newtonian heating)

- Cho et al (2003,2008) Langton and Laughlin (2007,2008) Rauscher et al (2007, 2008), Showman et al. (2002, 2005, 2006, 2008), Menou and Rauscher (2009)
- 2/3D one temperature flux-limited radiative diffusion
 - Burkert et al. (2007), Dobbs-Dixon and Lin (2008)
- 3D FLD + decoupled thermal and radiative components
 - Dobbs-Dixon et al (2009)
- 1D (radial) wavelength-dependent radiative transfer
 - Showman et al. (2009)

East-West
$$\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{r\cos\phi} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \lambda} + \rho \left(2\Omega + \frac{u}{r\cos\phi} \right) (\sin\phi)v - \rho \left(2\Omega\cos\phi + \frac{u}{r} \right)w$$
East-West
$$- \left[\frac{1}{r\cos\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (\rho u^2) + \frac{1}{r\cos\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (\rho uv\cos\phi) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\rho uwr^2) \right] + \rho F_{\lambda},$$
North-South
$$\rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \phi} - \rho \left(2\Omega + \frac{u}{r\cos\phi} \right) (\sin\phi)u - \rho \frac{vw}{r}$$
North-South
$$- \left[\frac{1}{r\cos\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (\rho uv) + \frac{1}{r\cos\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (\rho v^2 \cos\phi) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\rho r^2 vw) \right] + \rho F_{\phi},$$
Radial
$$\rho \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} - \rho g + \rho \left(2\Omega\cos\phi + \frac{u}{r} \right)u + \rho \frac{v^2}{r}$$
Radial
$$- \left[\frac{1}{r\cos\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (\rho uw) + \frac{1}{r\cos\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (\rho vw\cos\phi) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\rho r^2 w^2) \right] + \rho F_r.$$

Gilman and Glatzmaier 1981

3D Navier-Stokes, flux limited diffusion and decoupled thermal and radiative components

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \,\mathbf{u} &= -\frac{\nabla P}{\rho} + \mathbf{g} - 2\Omega \times \mathbf{u} - \Omega \times (\Omega \times \mathbf{r}) + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \frac{\nu}{3} \nabla \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}\right) \\ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\rho \mathbf{v}\right) &= 0 \\ \mathbf{F} &= -\lambda \frac{c}{\rho \kappa_R (T, P)} \nabla E_R \\ \frac{\partial E_R}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} &= \rho \kappa_P (T, P) \left[B \left(T\right) - c E_R\right] \\ \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \epsilon \right] &= -P \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - \rho \kappa_P (T, P) \left[B \left(T\right) - c E_R\right] + \rho \kappa_\star (T, P) F_\star e^{-\tau_\star} + \Phi_\nu. \end{aligned}$$

Absorption vs. Emission Opacities



$P_{rot} = P_{orb} = 3.52d, T_{\bigstar} = 6117K$ $M_{p} = 0.69M_{J}, R_{p} = 1.3R_{J}$



Photospheric Velocities



Observed Inversion (HD 209458b)



Burrows et al (2007)

HD209458b





5.1s+02 6.6s+02 8.0s+02 9.4e+02 1.1e+03 1.2e+03 1.4e+03

Varying Viscosity

-7.1e+04 -4.8e+04 -2.4e+04 -1.0e+03 2.2e+04 4.6e + 046.9e + 04

-4.3e+05 -2.8e+05 -1.4e+05 6.4e+03 1.5e+05 3.0e+05 4.4e + 05

Velocity Structure with Radius

Horizontal Equatorial Shock Structure

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Horizontal Latitudinal Shearing

Radial Shearing

Observed Variability?

Emission Spectra

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Transmission Spectra: temporal variations

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Transmission Spectra: viscous effects

Transmission Spectra: Viscous Variations

Eccentric Planets

Longitude

Eccentric Planets (e=0.5)

T_{peri}

T_{peri}+15hr

Eccentric Planets

Conclusions

- Numerical treatment of radiation and dynamics must be included as coupled model.
- Three (pseudo) jets (one equatorial and two mid-lat.) are common features, with width decreasing with increased planetary rotation.
- Optical and IR opacities both are important in determining location of stellar energy deposition and efficiency of redistribution to the night-side.
- Changing viscosity drastically alters streamlines, changing overall thermal structure
- Caution must be exercised in regions where material passes through strong shocks. Radial velocity becomes very important
- Dynamically driven variability causes variations transit spectra, but variation in hemispherically averaged phase curves will be difficult.
- Differences between ingress and egress transmission spectra may prove to be powerful tools for model diagnostics.
- Continuing observational programs, and coupling of dynamical and spectral models should allow tighter constraints on dynamical processes: eccentric planets, multiple wavelength (and continuous) observations, lower masses, younger planets.