Current status of the modelling of the stellar structure and evolution

of main sequence solar -like oscillating stars

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What do we need to know about the host star?

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Charactériser les exoplanètes ...

Masse + rayon → densité moyenne gaseuse vs rocheuse, structure

Composition \rightarrow formation

Propriété de l'atmosphère habitabilité

Age → évolution évolution des systèmes planétaires excellente connaissance de l'étoile requise !

- → masse et rayon de l'étoile
- → composition de l'étoile
- → propriétés de l'étoile, insolation
 - → age de l'étoile



Sources of uncertainties in deriving stellar properties

- Propagation of observational errors
- •Resolution power of the observables
- Biases due to the inference technique
- Biases due to the morphology of the grid for grid-based technique
- •Uncertainties on the physics of stellar models
 - \rightarrow known , can be partially improved or compensated by varying free parameters
 - \rightarrow known , modelling in progress if possible
 - \rightarrow unknown : needs benchmarks for diagnostics and hint on the missing process

- → statistical error / precision
 - → systematics
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- \rightarrow Observational errors have decreased at the level where systematics dominate as sources of uncertainties
- \rightarrow Caution : distinction between precision and accuracy

From now on, focuse on sources of uncertainties in stellar modelling for M,R,A inferences for stars with solar-like oscillations

Stars with solar -like oscillations

Wealth of high quality data mainly due to CoRoT (Baglin et al., 2006) Kepler (Borucki et al., 2010) K2 (Howell et al., 2014)

Here focuse on **main sequence** stars with solar like oscillation : **Mass range [0.7<~ - ~ <1.5]M**_{sun}



Git Kepler

Stellar mass, radius age inferences

OUTPUT : Ajusted parameters : Mass, radius, age

INPUT : Observational constraints : assume Teff, [Fe/H] (assimile to [M/H]), seismic data . In specific cases, L--> R , M

INPUT : Free parameters : initial chemical composition ($Y_{ini}, Z_{ini}, mixture$); $\alpha_{MLT}, \alpha_{ov}, ...$

Learning sets :

- Simulated samples of stars
- CoRot : ~ 10 * (Michel+2008, Noels & Deheuvels 2016, CoRoT Legacy book)
- Kepler : ~ 500 * with detection 66 * → Kepler legacy +32 → KOI hosting planets + 16 000 RG
 Chaplin+ 2014, Lund+2016, Davies+2015

Stellar mass, radius age inferences from seismic data : detailed modelling of individual stars

Many studies of individual stars

Here illustrations taken from studied of 4 specific stars

Kep 21 $1.408^{0.021}_{-0.030}$ M_{sun} (Silva Aguirre 2015) planet host Evolved : end of MS -subgiant depending on core overshoot

 $[Fe/H] = -0.03 \pm 0.010$

HD52265 : 1.14–1.32 M_{sun} (seismic, Lebreton & Goupil 2014) planet host [Fe/H] =0.22 ± 0.05 Existence of a small convective core ?

Alpha CenA(B) 1.1055 ± 0.0039 M_{sun} (binary, Kervella+ 2016

[Fe/H] =+0.24 ± 0.03 Existence of a tiny conv.core ? Alpha Cen B is a planet host

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16 CygA(B) 1.05-1.13 M<sub>sun</sub>(seismic)
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16 CygB is a planet host $[Fe/H] = 0.096 \pm 0.026$



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Impact of uncertainties on free parameters values: initial helium content

Mass - initial helium degeneracy (*Metcalfe 2009, Baudin2012,Lebreton,Goupil2014*)

M-Yini degeneracy can hamper the precise, accurate mass determination

Ex: HD 52265 a GOV solar-like oscillator MS bright star (V= 6.3 ±0.005)

Observational constraints :

Teff , metal rich [Fe/H]=0.22 \pm 0.05 Hipparccos distance \rightarrow L \rightarrow R/R_{sun} = 1.28 \pm 0.06 Seismic data (4 months CoRoT , Ballot+2011)

Ajusted parameters : Mass, age

Free parameters : Y_{ini} , α_{MLT} , $(Z/X)_{ini}$, α_{ov}

Inference: $Y_{ini} = 0.24 - 0.28$ and $\Delta Y/\Delta Z$ in the range 0.4–2.3.

 \rightarrow M/M_{sup} 1.18–1.28 i.e. Δ M/M ~10 %



HD52265

Lebreton & Goupil (2014)

Impact of uncertainties on free parameters values : initial helium content



Lebreton, Goupil, Montalban 2014



Fig. 4. Correlation between age and mass relative errors. The black circles correspond to models with relative age in the range [0.0; 0.2], the red triangles to relative ages in the range [0.2; 0.4], and the green crosses to relative ages in the range [0.4; 1.0].

Impact of uncertainties on free parameters values : initial helium content

Determining Yini \rightarrow several options :

- Use the calibrated solar value Y_{ini, sun} as a fixed value
- Initial helium content Yini from galactic enrichment law $\Delta Y / \Delta Z$ $Y_{ini} = Y_p + (\Delta Y / \Delta Z) Z$ - Large scatter in $\Delta Y / \Delta Z$ (*Gennaro+2010*)
 - Usually assumed $1 < \Delta Y / \Delta Z < 3$

- Ex : Silva Aguirre+17 BASTA grid-based inference of MRA of the Kepler Legacy sample : ΔY/ΔZ=1.4 (GS98) set fixed

- Yini can be inferred as a free parameter with M,R,A → ΔY /ΔZ can also be deduced ΔY /ΔZ depends on adopted solar mixture and the star
 Ex : CenAB (*Joyce & Chaboyer 2018, AGSS09*) : ΔY /ΔZ = 0.90± 0.12 When separating by star, Cen A gives ΔY /ΔZ = 1.08, on average, and Cen B gives ΔY /ΔZ = 0.72.
- Seismic glitch inference (Houdek & Gough (2007), Verma 2016)
 - surface helium of the actual star , not Y_{ini}
 - still model dependent (Y_{ini} not directly measured)
- Inversion for 16 Cyg A (Buldgen+2016)

Impact of uncertainties on free parameters values : initial helium content



When the surface helium constraint (from Verma+ 2016) is removed : 1.09 M_{sun} and an age of 7.19 Gyr compatible with similar to the results from Metcalfe et al. (2012).

To remove this degeneracy, highly precise oscillation frequencies are required \rightarrow brightest stars

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Solar chemical « mixture »

Chemical 'mixture' : relative chemical abundances of heavy elements Stars chemical composition most often defined with respect to the solar composition : same mixture as the Sun

- Revision of the solar chemical mixture (1D --> 3D) GN93 \rightarrow GS98 \rightarrow AGSS09 \rightarrow AGS15 leads to a high Z solar mixture \rightarrow a low Z solar mixture

– GN93 : a good agreement between the seismic Sun and standard solar model with GN93 except for a very localized region below the ZC

– AGSS09 : more physically justified but a more general mismatch

	GN93	GN98	m AGS05	Caff08	AGSS09	Lod09
$(Z/X)_{\odot}$	0.0245	0.0229	0.0165	0.0209	0.0181	0.0191



Difference in inverted sound speed between observations modelsB16 B16-GS98 computed with GS98 B16-AGSS09 computed with AGSS09 Increasing opacities by 7 % below the ZC does not solve the pb

Solar Mixture : GS98 → AGSS09

Nsamba+2018

32 stars from the Kepler legacy sample





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- mixing length

Impact of uncertainties on free parameters values : mixing length

1D modelling of superadiabatic turbulent convection \rightarrow Mixing length is a free parameter

Determining the mixing length : several options :

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- Inferences using only classical parameters (L, T eff and surface [Fe/H]) as constraints \rightarrow the mixing length must be fixed.
 - Most often calibrated solar value → errors bars (error propagation + internal precision only) are artificially small
 - if α_{MT} fixed taken within a (reasonable) range \rightarrow significantly large scatter in ages results.

Ex: $\Delta \alpha_{\text{MLT}} = 20 \%$ around $\Delta \alpha_{\text{sun}} \rightarrow \text{ the age changes by more than 50 \%}$

• Inferences using classical parameters and seismic data as constraints $\rightarrow \alpha_{MIT}$ is inferred in addition to M,R,A

Ex: $\Delta \alpha_{\text{MLT}} < ~4\%$ around $\alpha_{\text{sun}} \rightarrow$ the age changes decrease to 10 %

- Taking the value from **empirical relations** (Bonacca 2012, Viani+ 2018, Creevey + 2017)
- Taking the value from **3D hydrodynamic convection** (*Trampedach+ (2014), Magic+ (2015)*)

Impact of uncertainties on free parameters values : mixing length

α CenAB : highly precise characterisation (*Kervella*+ 2017, Porto de Mello+ (2008)) + seismic data \rightarrow Yin, Zin, alpha_MLT, age to be ajusted

Joyce & Chaboyer 2018 : five different sets of assumptions about the physics (150 000 tracks : > 15 millions models ; 27 pairs of optimal models at 3 sigma)

- inferences without seismic data :

* mass increases with $\alpha_{_{MLT}} / \alpha_{_{MLT,sun}}$ * age can be found between 2 and 8 Gyr depending on the choice of the $\alpha_{_{MLT}} / \alpha_{_{MLT,sun}}$ value

- Inferences using seismic data

* $\alpha_{MLT} / \alpha_{MLT,sun} \rightarrow$ same value independent of choices in input physics

* Correlation mass- α _MLT/ α _MLT,sun :

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{Cen\,A}} \ (1.10 - 1.11 \ \mathsf{M}) > \mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{sun}} > \mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{CenB}} \ (0.93 - 0.94 \ \mathsf{M}) \\ \xrightarrow{} \\ \alpha_{\mathsf{MLT,A}} \ / \alpha_{\mathsf{sun}} = 0.6 - 0.8 < 1 \ < \alpha_{\mathsf{MLT,B}} \ / \alpha_{\mathsf{sun}} = \ 0.8 - 0.11 \ 1.095. \end{array}$

Joyce & chaboyer 2018



in agreement with Yildiz+2017,

Impact of uncertainties on free parameters values : mixing length

 Empirical determination (Bonacca 2012, Viani+ 2018, Creevey + 2017) Creevey + 2017 : inference for 57 stars of the legacy sample using AMP → α = 5.972778 + 0.636997 log g -1.799968 log Teff + 0.040094[M/H] can serve as an initial guess for inference. Joyce & Chaboyer 2018 results for alpha Cen AB are in agreement

• Three-dimensional radiative hydrodynamic simulations of convection predict that the mixing length should also depend on L, [Fe/H], log g (*Ludwig+(1999), Trampedach+ (2014), Magic+ (2015)*)

Joyce & Chaboyer (2018) results on AcenAB in disagreement with 3D simulations of convection (*Magic+ 2015*) for the sign of the metallicity dependence of our mixing-length



Impact of priors on alpha and Yin

Free parameters are free to adjust but with some prior

Prior 1 : $Y_{ini} = Yp + 1.2 Z$ $\sigma = 0.01$ Prior 2 : $\alpha_{MLT} = \alpha_{3D}$ (Teff , log g, [Fe/H])

(from Magic+2015 but shifted by a constant value to match the solar calibrated value α_{MLT} = 1.802) and σ_{α} =0.05.

Uncertainty in mass ~ 4.4% deviation between the two most extreme cases: flat priors on Y_{ini} and $\alpha_{_{MLT}}$ and priors on Yini and α



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Impact of inferring the free parameters



With seismology

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Convective core : $M > ~ 1.1-1.2 M_{sun}$

- α_{ov}
- ¹⁴N(p,gamma)¹⁵O Pour M> ~ 1.3-1.4 M_{sun}
- radiative acceleration
- Rotation

No convective core, extended convective outer layers : M <~ 1.1-1.2 $\rm M_{sun}$

- Atomic diffusion : inclusion or not - 20 % uncertainty on efficiency
- Chemical mixture assimilated to solar chemical mixture
- Opacities
- α_{MLT}/(MLT/CGM)/3D
- Nuclear (lowest side of age error bar)



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Impact of uncertainties on atomic diffusion

- Inclusion of atomic diffusion has a large impact on age (*Miglio & Montalban 2005 Joyce Chaboyer 2018 , Valle et al 2013, 2014, 2015 , Silva Aguirre+2015*) $\Delta M/M < ~ 6 \% \Delta A/M < ~ 20 \%$ It reduces the age at turn-off of low-mass stars by a few per cent (*Lebreton & Goupil, 2014*)
- For **masses < 1.2 Msun** atomic diffusion matters while radiative acceleration are negligible

Still 20 % uncertainties on diffusion efficiency (Thoul 1994)

Ex : alpha Cen A,B : inferences favor models with standard diffusion $\eta_D = 1.0$ and models with suppressed diffusion ($\eta_D = 0.5$) over models with enhanced diffusion ($\eta_D = 1.5$)

For masses > 1.2 Msun, atomic diffusion drains the thin outer convective region of its heavy elements and helium
 However radiative acceleration can hamper the drain of heavy elements. Remains the problem of helium depletion → usually thought to be counteracted by some turbulent mixing



Fig. 2. Effect of the progressive inclusion of diffusion in a model of 16CygA. Each model still fits the observational constraints.

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	No	diffusion/2	diffusion
Mass	1.052	1.025	1.002
Radius	1.240	1.229	1.218

In-depth study of uncertainties on grid-bases estimates of stellar mass and radius

[0.8-1.1] Msun MS stars



- Systematic errors smaller than statistical errors when varying one item at a time
- Varying two items at a time showed that single one errors can be added .

 α_{MIT} + ΔY_{ini} \rightarrow 4.3 % on mass and 2.0 % on R

 $\rightarrow\,$ same order of magntitude than statistical errors



In-depth study of uncertainties on grid-bases estimates of stellar mass and radius Kepler legacy data

• Nsamba 2018 A study of 34 Kepler legacy stars

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 $\Delta Y / \Delta Z$ fixed to 2, no overshoot, no radiative levitation, $\alpha_{_{MLT}}$ is inferred

	Densit	y R	Μ	А		
Impact of diffusion :	0.5%	0.8%	2.1%	16%	syst in age >>	statistical uncert.
Solar mixture	0.7%	0.5%	1.4%	6.7%		
Surface correction	~1%	~1%,	~2%,	~8%		
(Sonoi+2015 : Ball & Gizon2014)						

• Silva Aguirre et al. , 2015 : 33 Kepler planet-candidate host stars \rightarrow systematics of ~1% in radius and density, ~2% in mass, and ~7% in age but $\alpha_{MLT} = \alpha_{MLT,sun}$

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- M/M_{sun} < 1.1- 1.2 Atomic diffusion
- $M/M_{sun} > 1.1-1.2$ Core overshoot

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Ex :α Cen A :

- Bazot+ (2016) report a 40% chance of a convective core.
 Fit only Cen A (mixture GN93)
- Nsamba+ (2018) report a 70% chance of core convection.
 Fit only Cen A (mixture GS98)
- Joyce & Chaboyer 2018 fit both CenA,B A convective core can exist when diffusion in enhanced compared to standard ($\eta_D = 1.5$) but are not the most
- optimal models. Fitted ages lower by ~0.5 Gyr than models without. (mixture AGSS09)



Impact of uncertainties on core overshoot

Changing the amount of convective overshoot can significantly change the recovered stellar properties ; the age at the turn off increases drastically with the onset of a convective core

Differences larger than 10 % for $M/M_{sun} > 1.1$





Deheuvels+2016

Impact of uncertainties on core overshoot



Rotationally induced transport

Transport of chemicals : rotationnaly induced mixing Turbulent mixing

Differences up to 10 % for M/M_{sun} > 1.15 between Geneva models withand without rotationally induced mixing .



Lebreton, Goupil & Montalban 2014

Impact of uncertainties on mass, age in a nutshell

40 20 $\alpha^{(n)}$ જ [Fe/H] α^(b) ∆age/age_{ret} and conv -01 D D(•) +0 1 Y+ α_{yL} Mix ∆Y/∆Z -20-4020 10 15 0 5 chemic/physics Lebreton, Goupil, Montalban, 2014

Uncertainties at turn off : relative differences compared to

reference values

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0.5%- 2.6% in density; 1.3%-4.2% in radius; 2.3%- 4.5% in mass; 6.7%-20% in age



Results from different codes

Valle 2015

Comparison in estimates of mass and radius for 7 stars from different codes often larger than statistical errors :

The results between codes significantly differ for many stars \rightarrow can have significant impact on planet characterisation

On the other hand, agreement for the benchmark stars Alpha Cen and Theta Ophiucis Additional constraints: mass from binarity, radius from interferometry



ig. 13. SCEPtER age and mass estimates for the observational sample from Mathur et al. (2012), compared with those by RADIUS, YB, and EEK. Objects were sorted by ascending SCEPtER estimated age.

Impact on planet characterisation

HD52265

- Mp,min = $1.13 \pm 0.03 M_{Jupiter}$ (Butler 2000) no age
- Mp,min = 1.09 ± 0.11 M_{Jupiter} (i.e. sin i = 1) (*Gizon+ 2013*)
- Mp sin i = 1.16–1.26 M_{Jupiter} (Lebreton & Goupil 2014)

and many other exemples... Kep21 for one



Some conclusions

1) Major uncertainties in stellar modelling are due to the existence of free parameters. They are pf different nature :

those due to improper modelling of a physical process, mainly macroscopic processes
 Theoretical work ought to remove or at least alleviate the problem and are in progress
 2D (rotation)/ 3D modelling(convection)

- those which are intrinsic to individual stars : initial helium abundance, initial heavier elements abundances Measurements should provide these quantities at least for the brightest stars with higher quality data

2) Differences in the results of different codes must be identified before using the mass, radius and age values of the star for star/planet studies

3) Physics description is continuously improving : microphysics (lab measurement (EOS), theoretical work (opacities)), macrophysics (transport processes), surface convection and patched models, ...

All this needs high quality data

Perspectives observationnelles



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