

# Scaling laws for internally heated mantle convection

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## Structure

#### → Motivation

- ✓ Why simulating the earth's mantle?
- ✓ Why a new numerical model?
- → Basics of Rayleigh-Bernard convection with variable viscosity
  - Mathematical model
  - ✓ Numerical model
- → Validation / Benchmarking
- → Parameter ranges
- → Regime classification
- → Scaling laws
- ✓ What's next?

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# **Simulation Setup**

- → Standard Boussinesq
- → Free slip
- → Flexible Grid
- → BiCGStab solver
- → Highly parallel DC
- IDL framework for evaluation / vis
- Purely internally heated w/ insulated bottom
- → 85 cases: 55 T-dep. & 30 T+P-dep.
- → Resolution: 10k lateral & 34 shells ~ 360k Nodes

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$$\nabla \cdot \left[ \eta \left( \nabla \vec{u} + (\nabla \vec{u})^{T} \right) \right] + R a_{Q} T \vec{e}_{r} - \nabla p = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \nabla T - \nabla^{2} T - 1 = 0$$

$$Ra_{Q} = \frac{\rho^{2}g\alpha Hd^{5}}{\kappa k\eta_{ref}}$$

$$\eta(T) = \exp(-\gamma T + \Delta \eta_P z)$$

 $\eta_{ref} = \eta(T_s)$ 

 $\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ 

#### **Parameter range**

 Ra0 and γ varied for two different scenarios, with P-dep. Viscosity of 100 and without



# **Points of interest**



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# Lid thickness determination

- ✓ Various methods possible
- → Delamination / erosion versus conductive heat flow
- ✓ Which one is "right"?
- ✓ Main methods:

  - Tangent through inflexion point →
     (fails on some weakly convecting systems!)



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# Lid thickness – A summary



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#### Reduction to iso-viscous parameters beneath the lid

- ✓ Measured lid thickness upper boundary
- Proves that convection beneath the lid can be treated as isoviscous

$$T_1 = \frac{\Delta T_{rh}}{d_{eff}^2} \qquad Ra_1 = Ra_i d_{eff}^5 \qquad T_1 = a Ra_1^\beta$$



# The quality of the rheological constant with the previous lid measurement methods

→ Assume relation between temperature drop and rheological gradient



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#### Internal temperature fit with the rheological constant

- ✓ After Davaille 92; Grasset 98; Reese 99,05; Deschamps 99
- $\checkmark$  Choose higher  $a_{rh}$  to get a less-eroded lid





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# **Mode Cycling**

- ✓ Cycling between low dominant modes for some mobile lid cases
- ✓ Fluent transistions between quasi-steady (low-) modes



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# Mode – Ra fit for the stagnant lid regime

➤ Dominant mode not suited

(00):

✓ Central mode provides better representation:



# Mode – Ra fit for the stagnant lid regime

- ✓ Jump function introduced to get continuous function
- Regularized gamma function P acts as jump function

$$\omega = P(a, Ra) m \left( \ln(Ra) - \ln(a) + \frac{b}{m} \right) + \omega_{min}$$

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# Time dependent convection and its dependence on the mode

- Only transient part considered to avoid influence of IC
- One as a good
   boundary to avoid
   erroneous fluctuations
- Transition around degree 8-9 confirmed for P-dependent cases as well



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## Velocity and its dependence on the mode

- ✓ Evident from correlation to Ra
- ✓ Different scaling between (quasi-)steady state and time dependent cases
- ✓ Velocity increase stronger with additional pressure dependence



## **Boundary layer**

- → Introducing reduced boundary layer thickness  $\delta_{rh^*}$
- $\checkmark$  Never reaches surface on mobile or isoviscous cases but centers around  $\delta_0$



# Omnipresent correlation of boundary layer depth to the Nusselt number



#### **Boundary layer thickness scaling**

→ As predicted by boundary layer theory, for all mobile & isoviscous cases:

$$\delta_{rh} \sim 2 \ \delta_0 = N u^{-1}$$

For stagnant lid cases, the layer thickness depends on its depth and viscosity:

$$\delta_{rh} \sim \frac{\delta_0}{\gamma T_i} = \frac{\delta_0}{\log \eta_i}$$

$$\delta_{rh} = 4 \, \delta_0 \, (\gamma \, T_i)^{-0.84} \sim \delta_0 \eta_i^{0.059}$$



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#### Reduced boundary layer thickness and the lid

- Correlation between reduced BL and Ra only in the time dependent regime
- → BUT: fits pressure dep. cases as well

$$\delta_{rh}^{*} = 2\delta_{0} - \delta_{b} \frac{1}{2} \delta_{rh} = R a_{H,i}^{-0.163}$$

 → Resulting equation for the lid:

$$\delta_l = \delta_0 + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{rh}^* - \delta_{rh}$$



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# **Boundary layer Rayleigh number**

- Calculated the same way as isoviscous Ra / T
- Layer thickness used as d<sub>eff</sub>
- Range similar to
   Deschamps & Sotin 2000
- Constant for time dependent convection with ~1193

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#### Lateral viscosity contrast

- ✓ Approximately equal to radial contrast for mobile regime on T-dep. cases
- $\checkmark$  For T&P dep. cases, in the mobile regime, increased by the amount of  $\Delta \eta_P$
- ✓ For stagnant lid cases constant: T-dep. cases ~30, T&P-dep. cases ~100



#### **Transition to the stagnant lid regime**



# **Direct heat flow profile reconstruction**

 → Regularized Gamma function P reconstructs heat flow profile

$$q(d) = q_c(d) (1 - P(\zeta d^{\epsilon}, 1)^4)$$

- ✓ Independent of regime or pressure dependent viscosity
- ✓ Only 2.5 parameters required to reconstruct complete HF and T profile



#### **Incomplete (regularized) Gamma function**



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# **Indirect fit**

- $\checkmark$  Scale ε and ζ from real input values Ra0 & γ
- Unfortunately different regimes lead again to different parameters no "Unification"

$$= \frac{1}{2} = \frac{$$

 $\epsilon = 0.864 \gamma + 0.277 \ln Ra_0 - 2.54$ 

$$\zeta = 4.33 \epsilon R a_0^{-\frac{1}{6}} + 4.8$$

#### **HFR examples**



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#### **HFR expamples**



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# HFR expamples – TP mobile case



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#### HFR examples: complete failure on weak convection



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#### Fit of internal temperature with HFR method







## Anomalies

- ✓ One case with too high viscosity contrast and without a stagnant lid
- → Ra0=1000, γ=100, Δη<sub>P</sub>=100



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## **The Frank-Kamenetskii approximation**

- From chemical combustion theory: approximates Arrhenius laws to linear exponential laws
- Mixed definition of the DAFK parameter, sometimes just γ and sometimes γ\*Ti

Arrhenius

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Linearised





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Reconstruction from simulated T profile: Dotted line from linear, black line Arrhenius

OK for SL cases, others?

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