

Stellar physics and exoplanetary science

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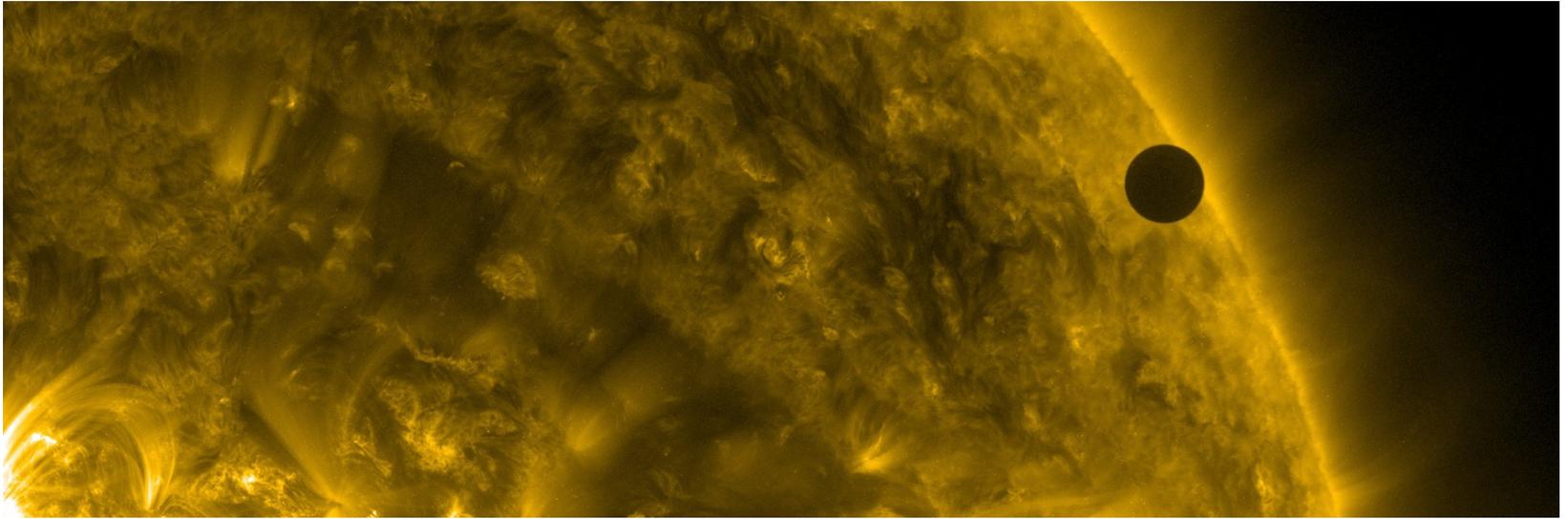
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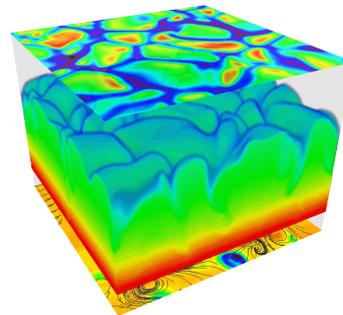
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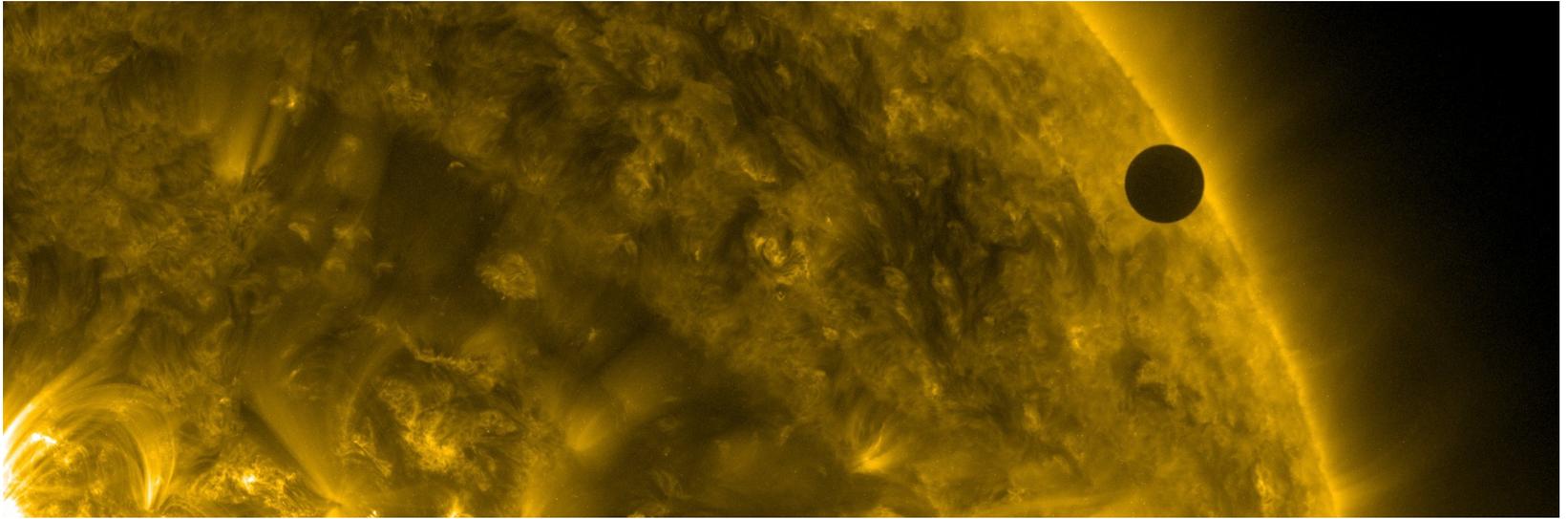
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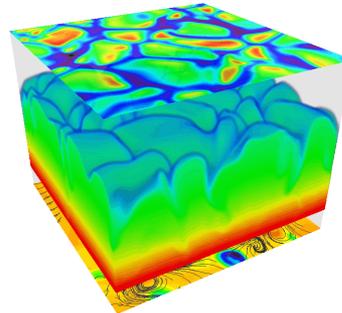
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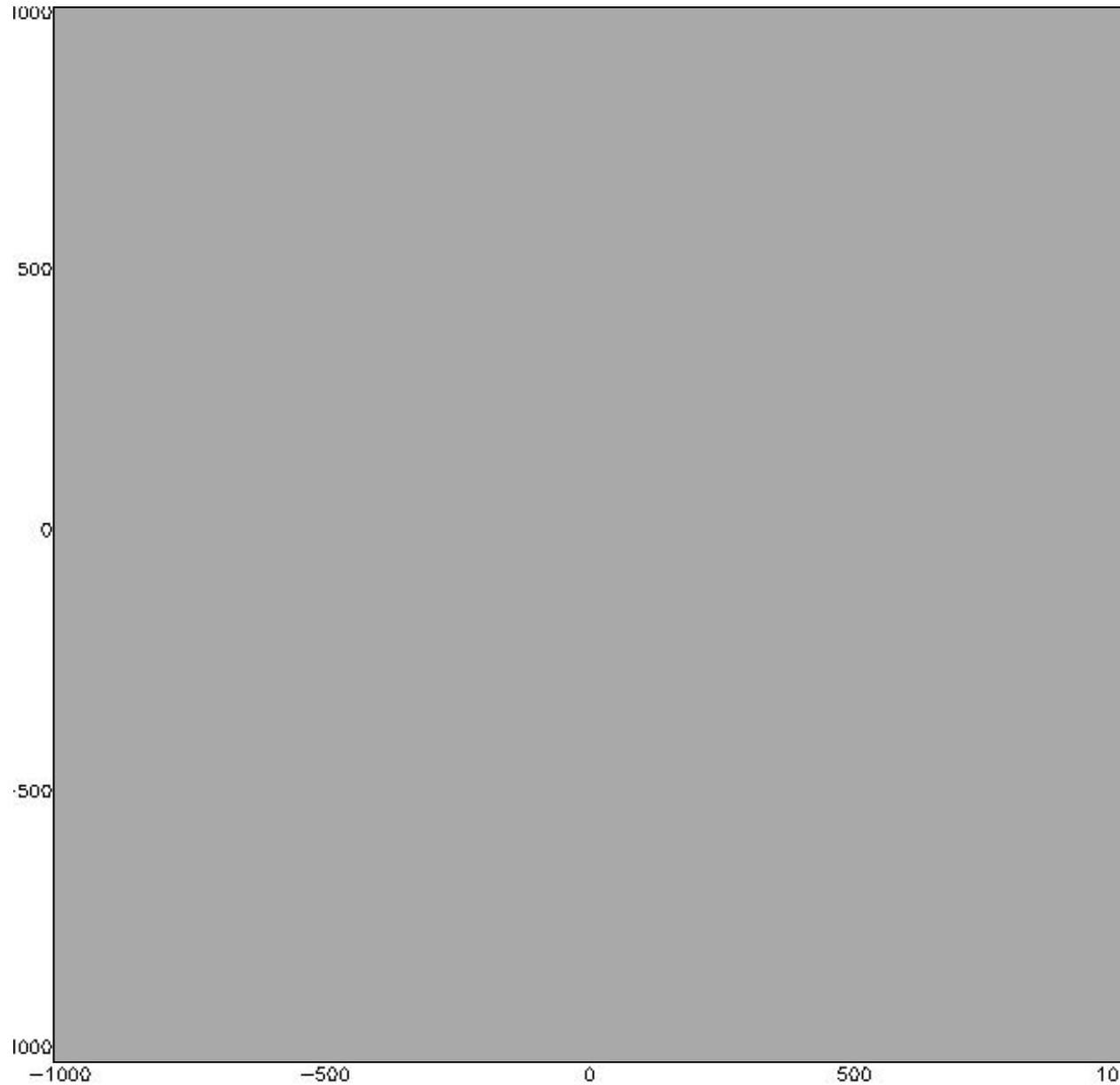
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Stellar surface convection



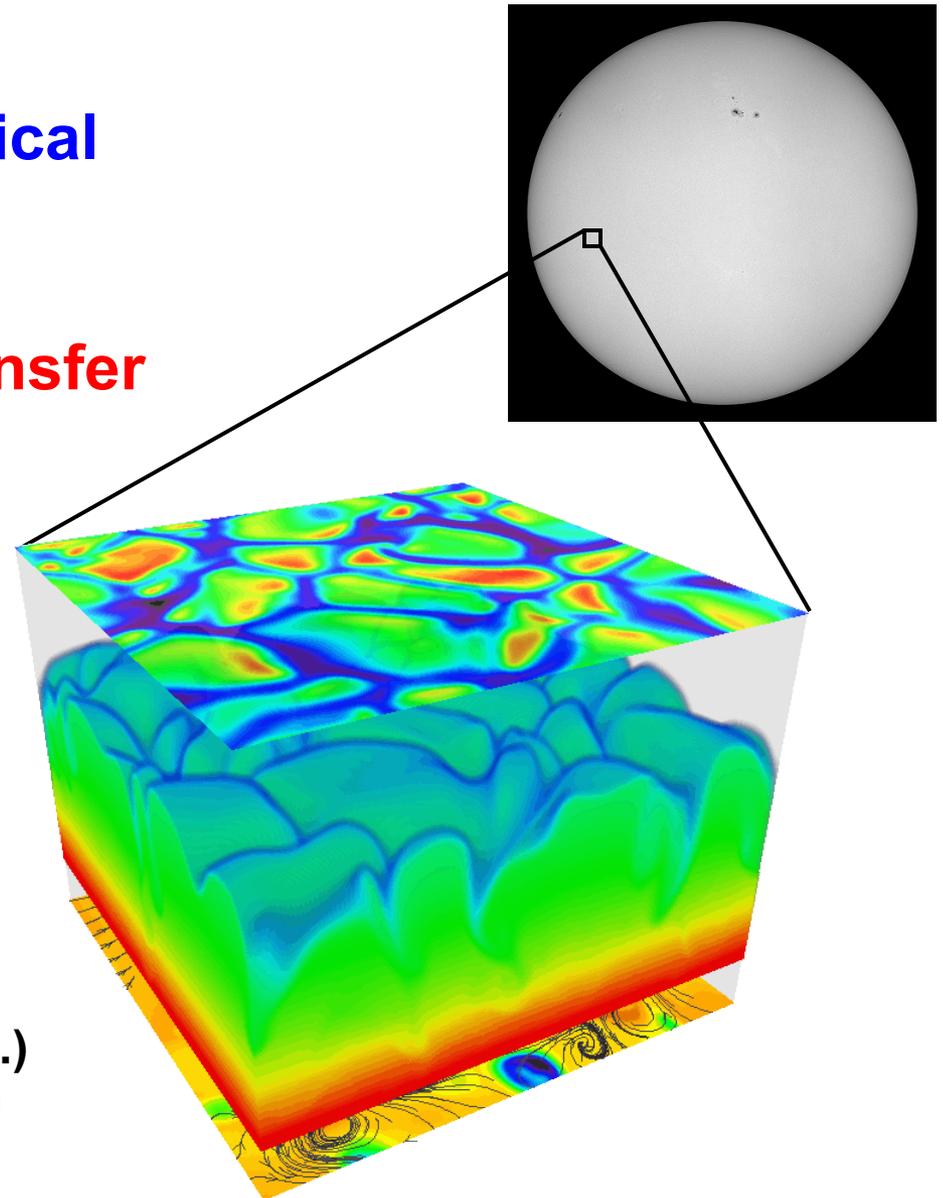
Mats Carlsson (Oslo)

3D stellar atmosphere models

Ingredients:

- Radiative-hydrodynamical
- Time-dependent
- 3-dimensional
- **Simplified radiative transfer**

Essentially parameter free

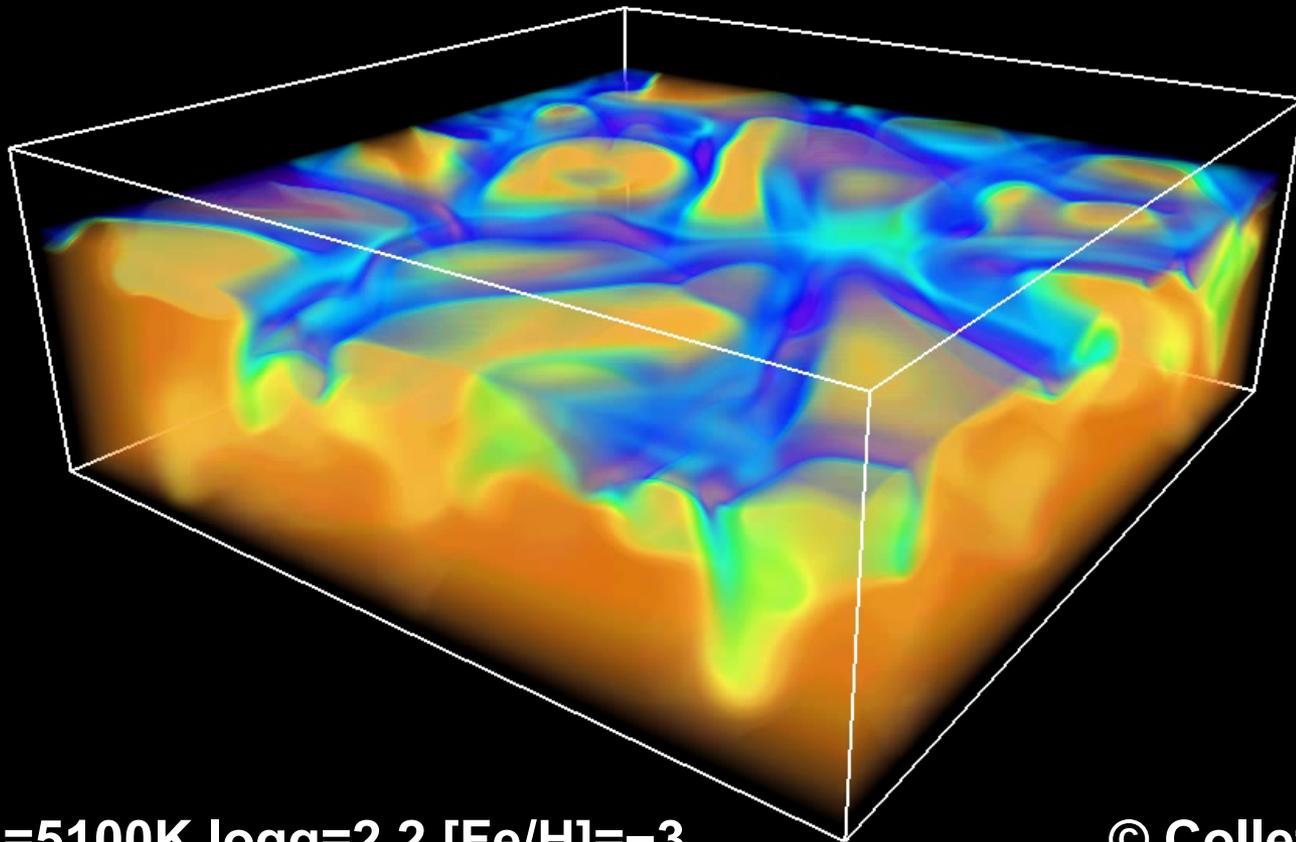


For the aficionados:

Stagger-code (Nordlund et al.)
MHD equation-of-state (Mihalas et al.)
MARCS opacities (Gustafsson et al.)
Opacity binning (Nordlund)

3D atmosphere simulation

Temporal evolution of entropy in atmosphere of metal-poor red giant

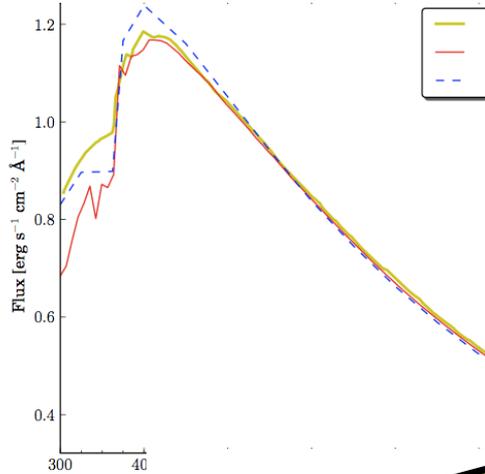


$T_{\text{eff}}=5100\text{K}$ $\log g=2.2$ $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]=-3$

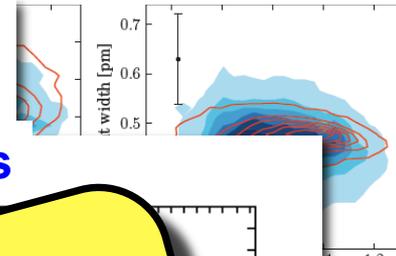
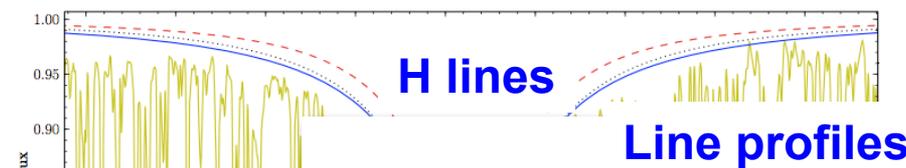
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Observational tests

Spectral energy distribution

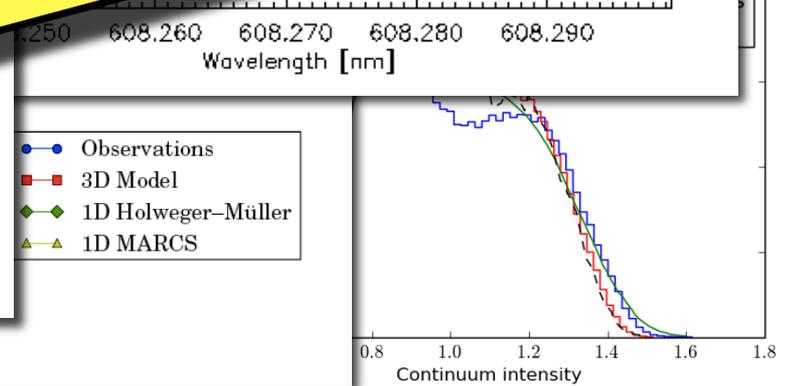
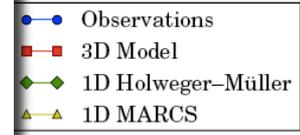
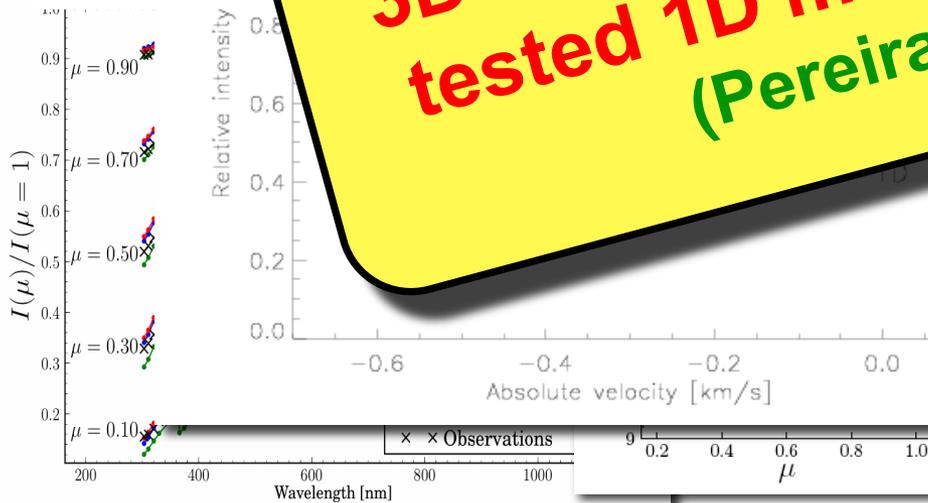


Spatially resolved lines



3D solar model outperforms all tested 1D model atmospheres (Pereira et al 2013)

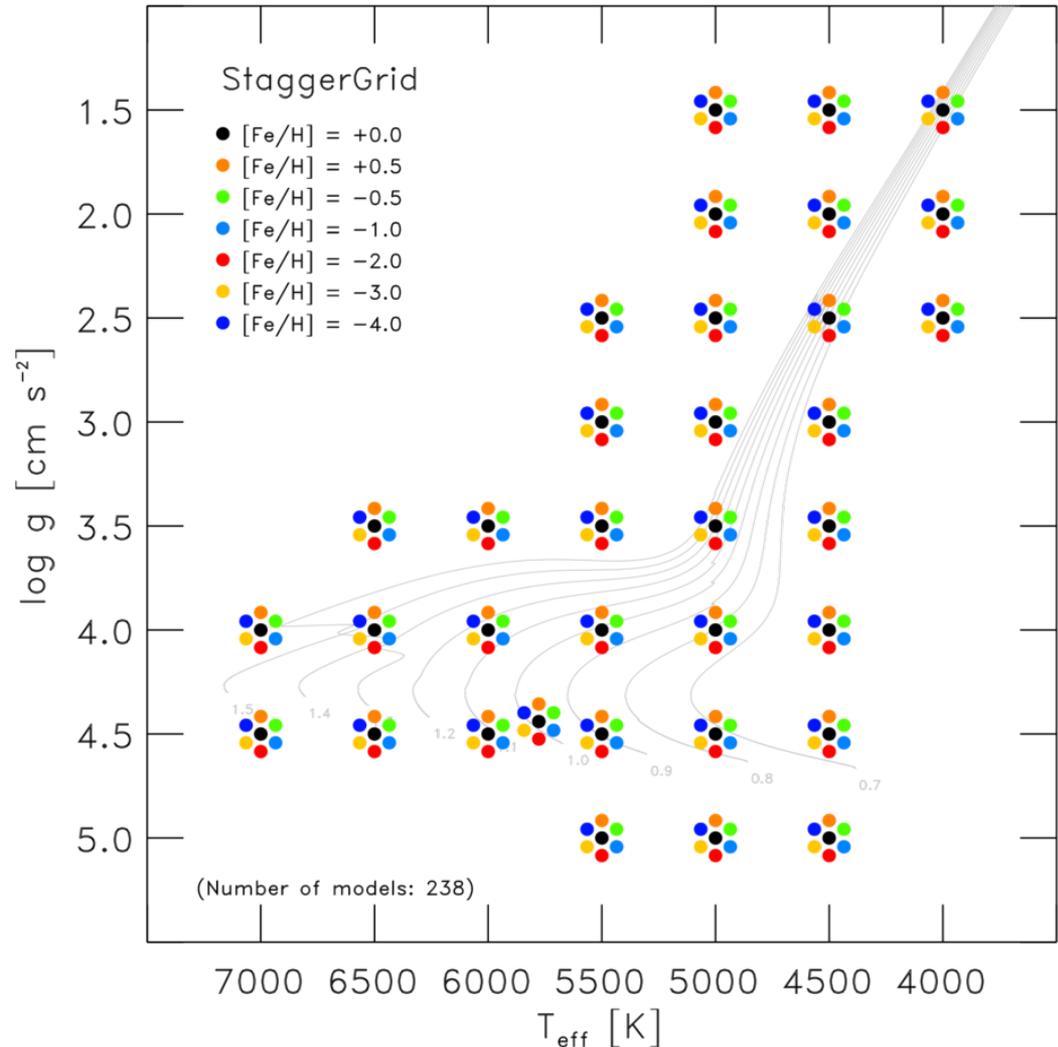
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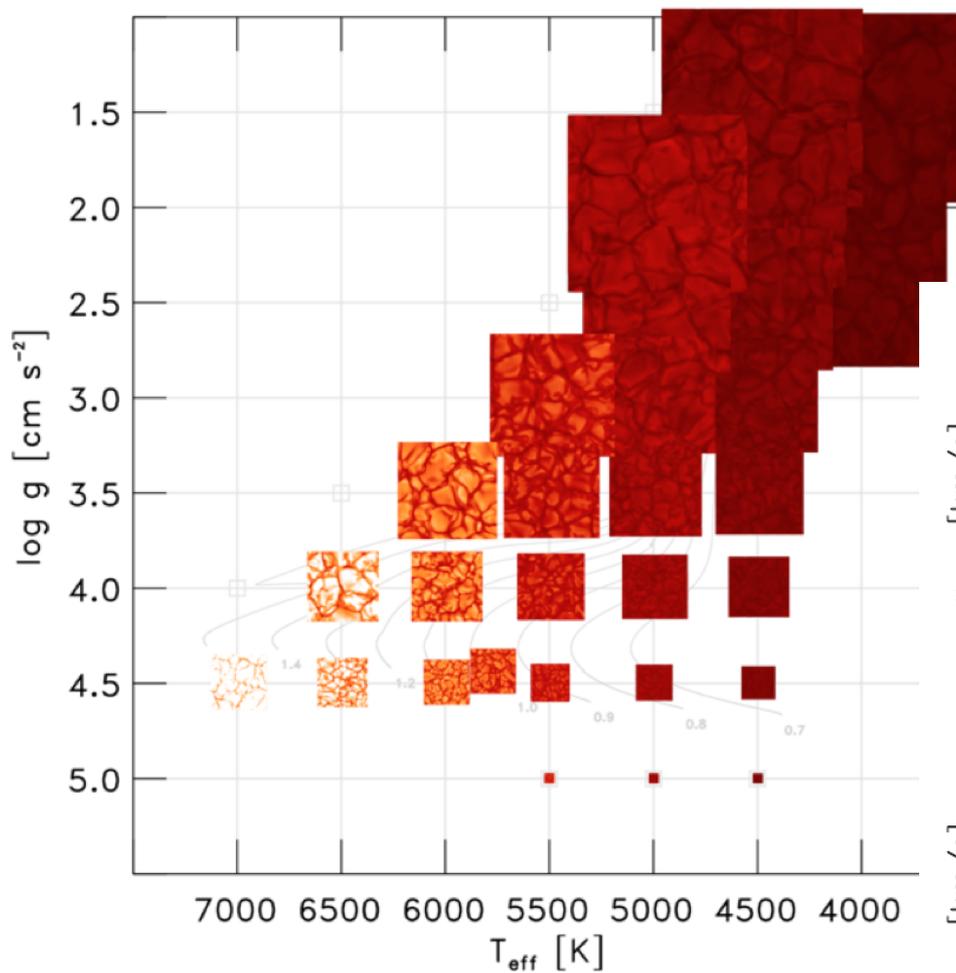
Stagger-grid of 3D stellar models



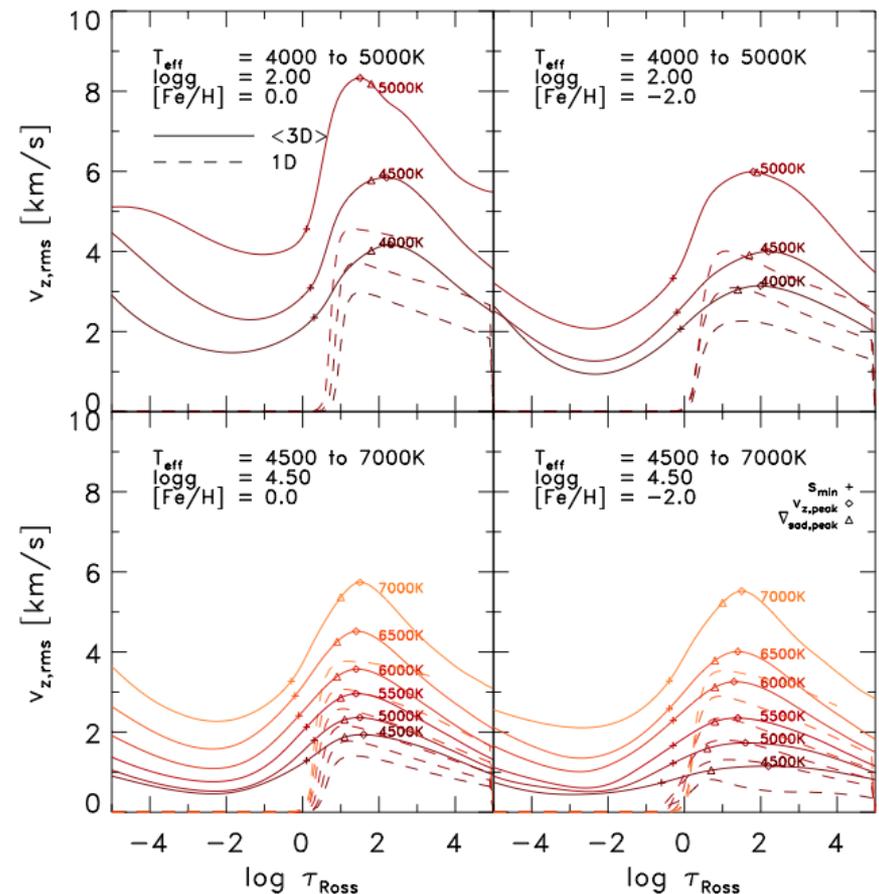
- Magic et al. 2013;**
Collet et al. 2012:
3D and <3D> models
and fluxes public:
- **Stellar spectroscopy**
 - **Stellar evolution**
 - **Asteroseismology**
 - **Exoplanet searches**
 - **Etc, etc**



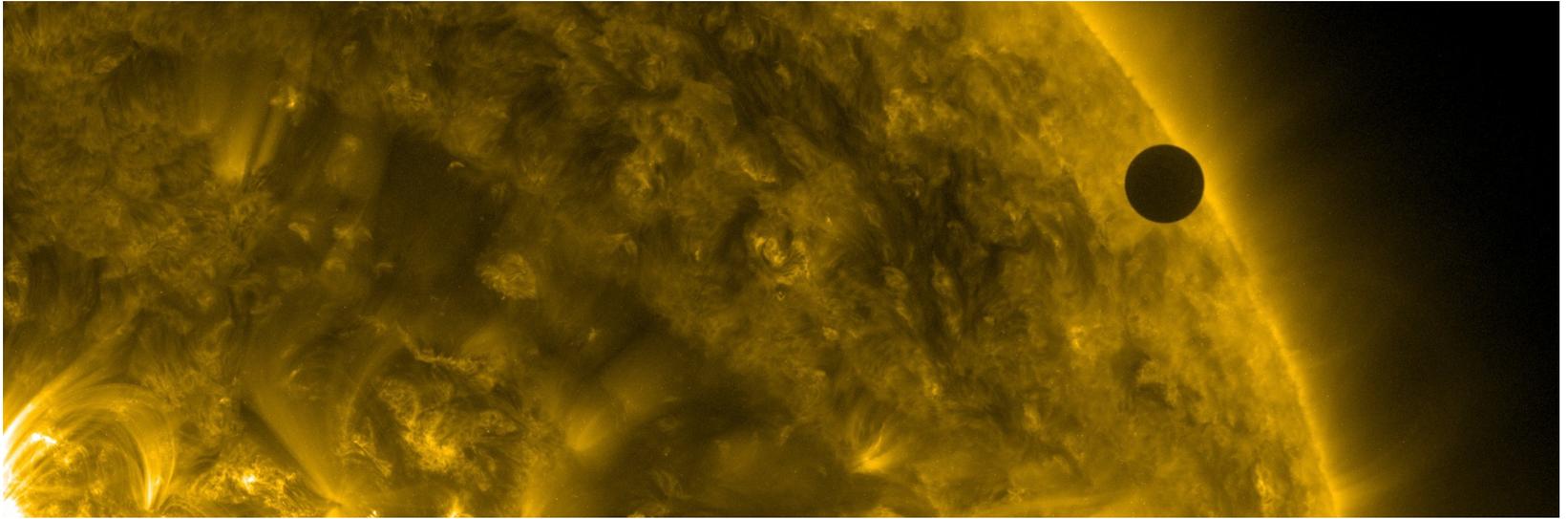
Convection across HR-diagram



Magic et al. 2013 Convection properties vs stellar parameters



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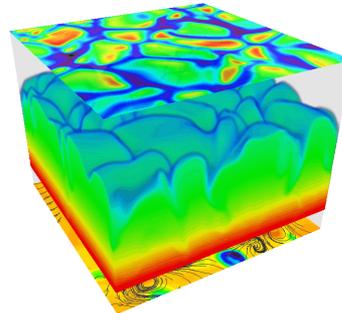
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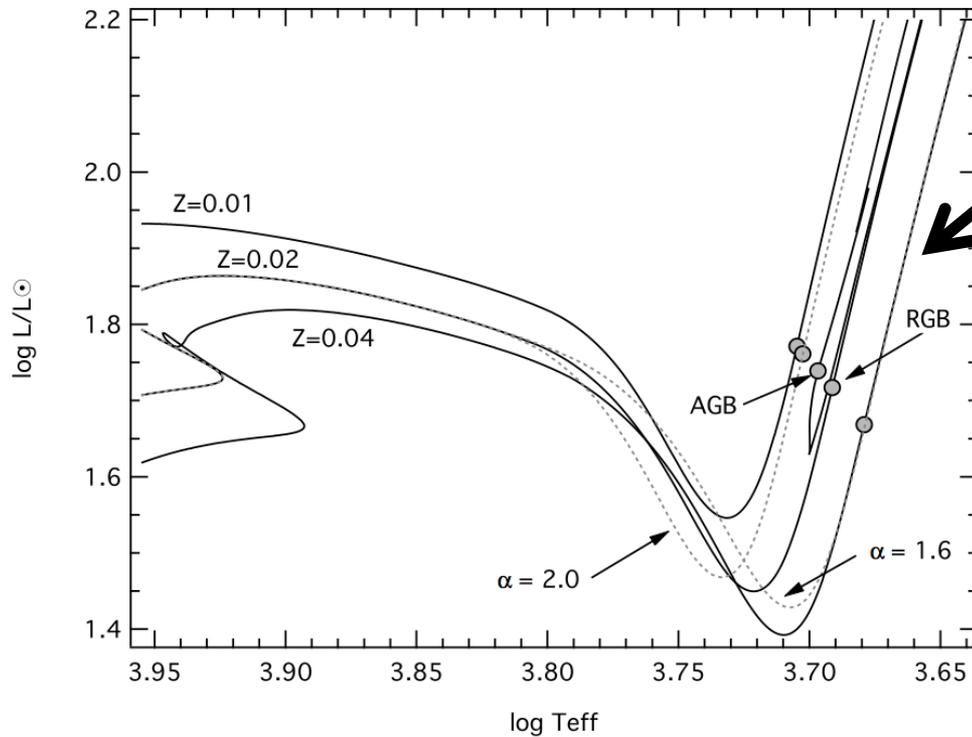
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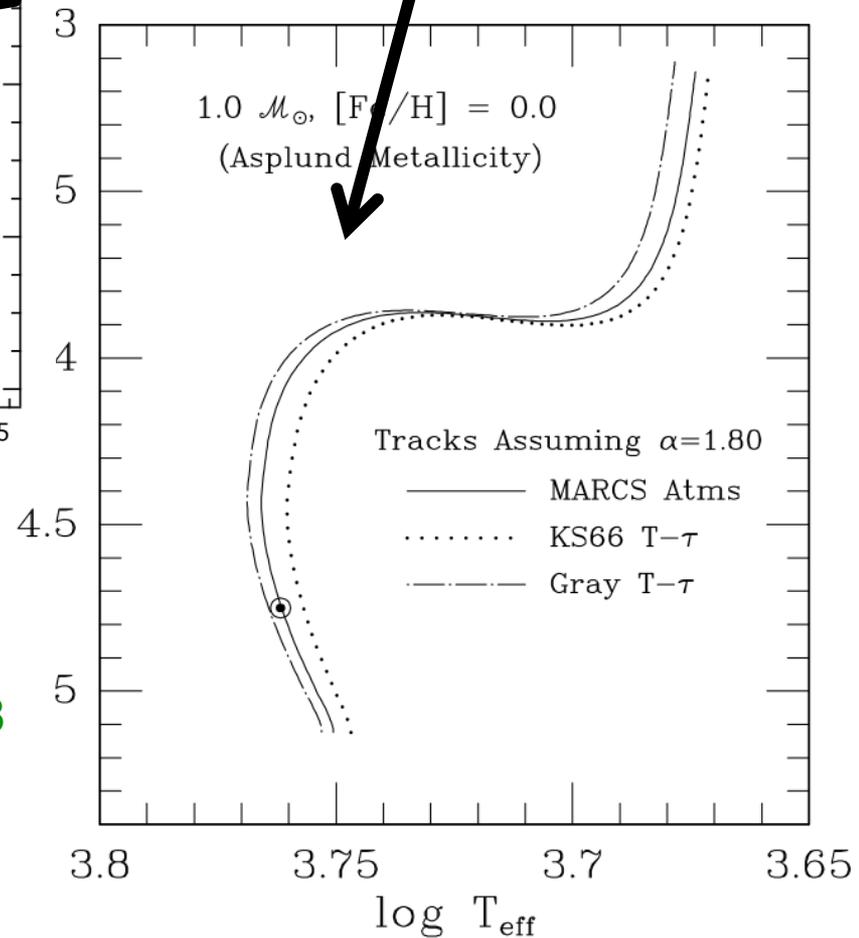
Stellar evolution



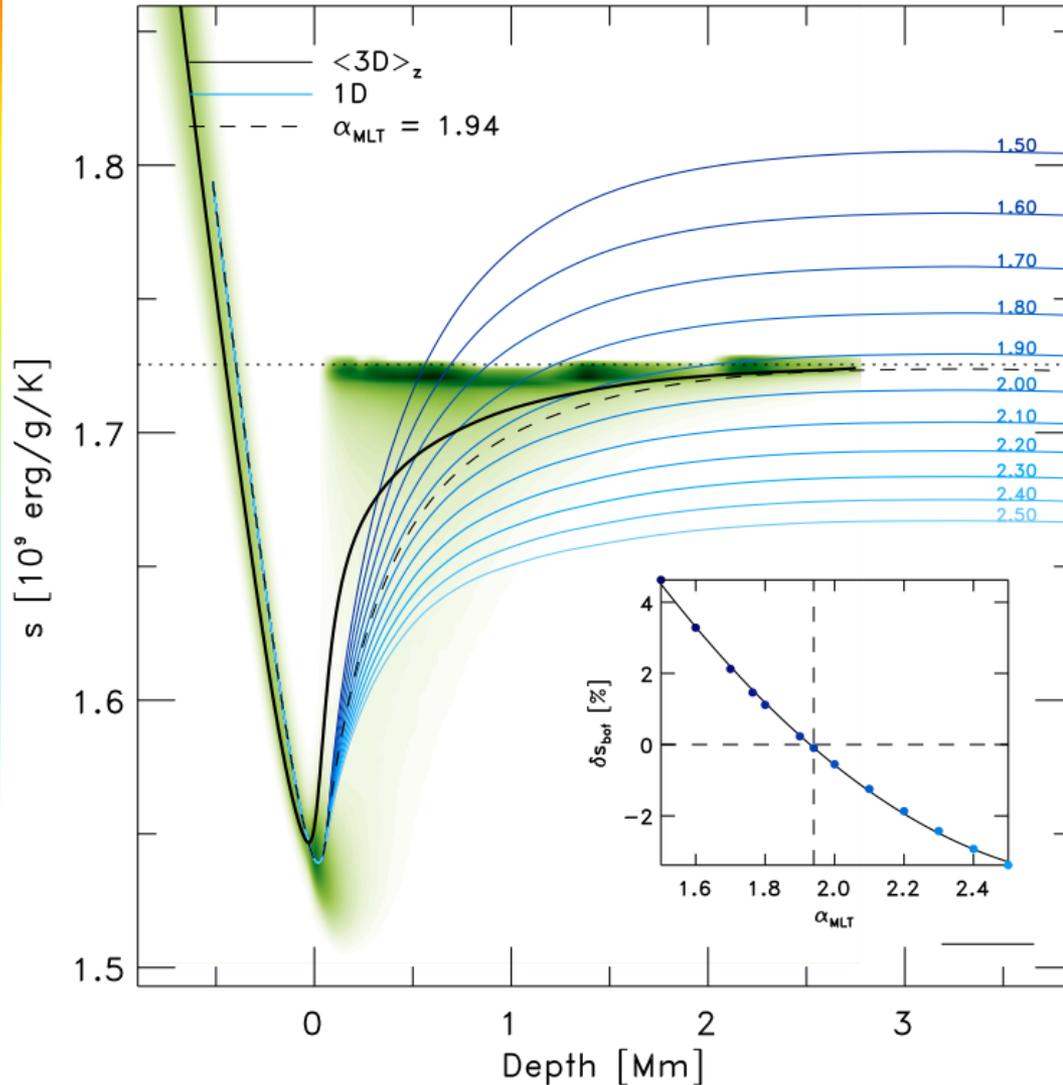
Kallinger et al. 2010

vandenBerg et al. 2008

Mixing length theory
Atmosphere



Calibrating mixing length theory



Magic et al. 2015:

Calibration of MLT with evolution models with different α_{MLT} to match entropy at depth

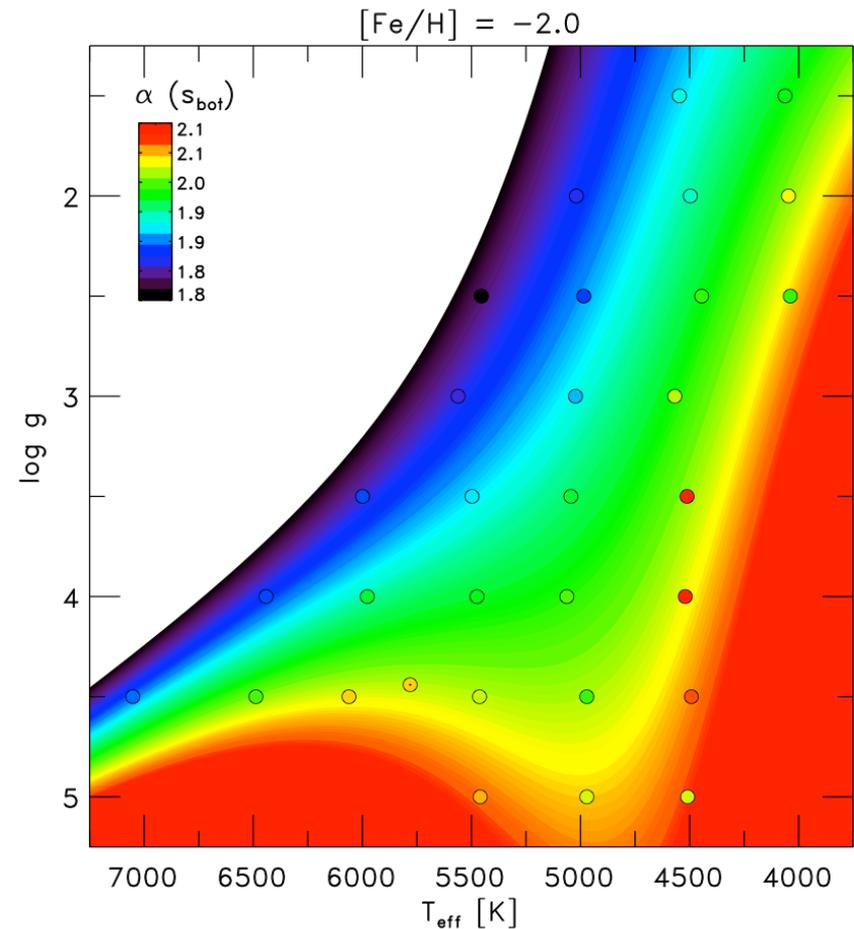
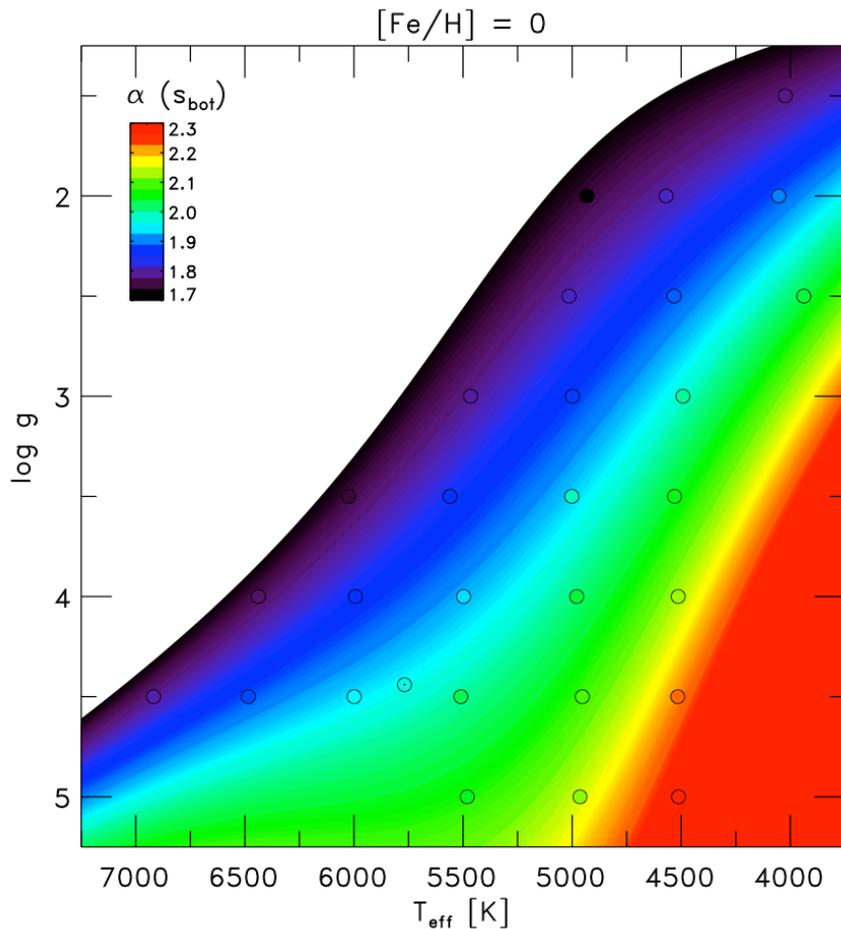
Note: Stellar evolution models should have identical microphysics as 3D surface models

Predicted variations of α_{MLT}

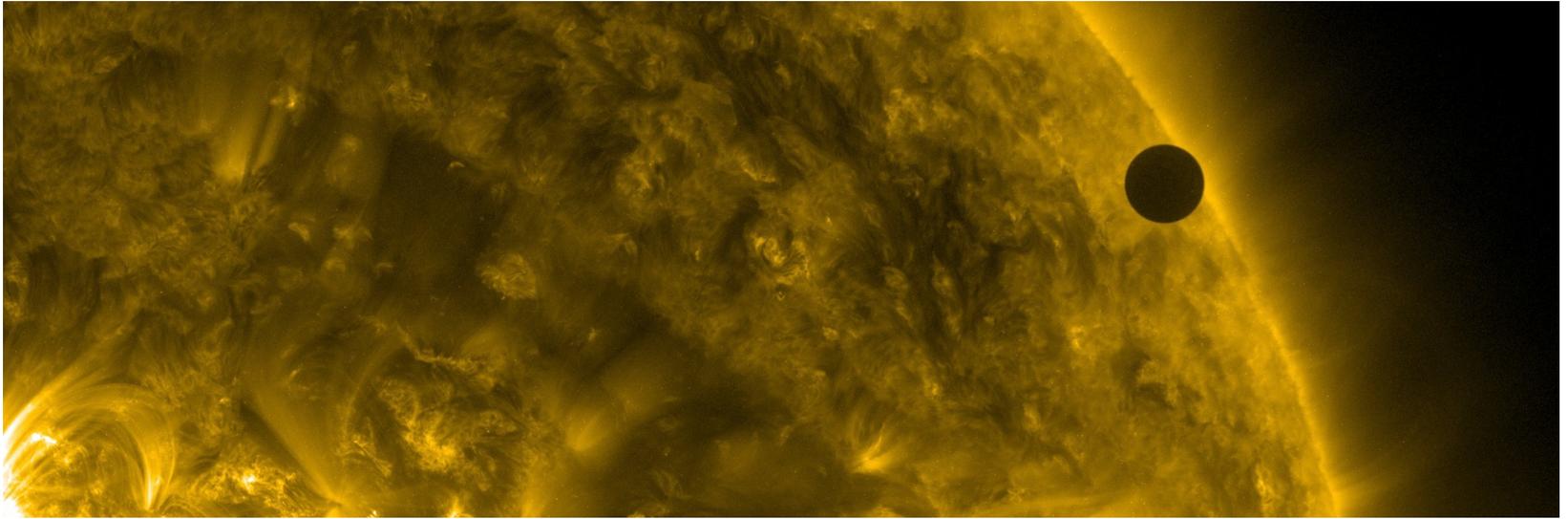
Magic et al. (2015):

Similar α_{MLT} along evolutionary tracks

Varying α_{MLT} with stellar mass



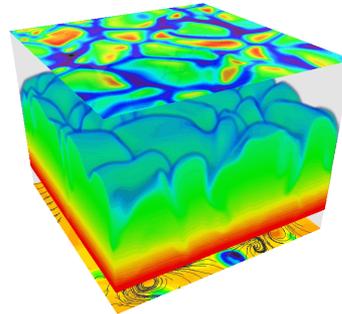
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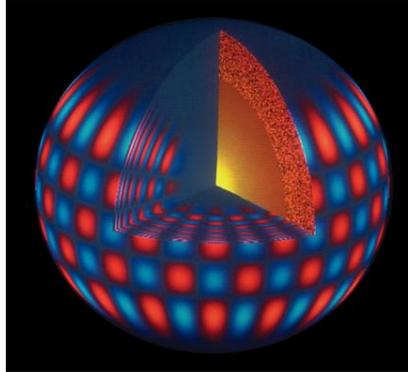
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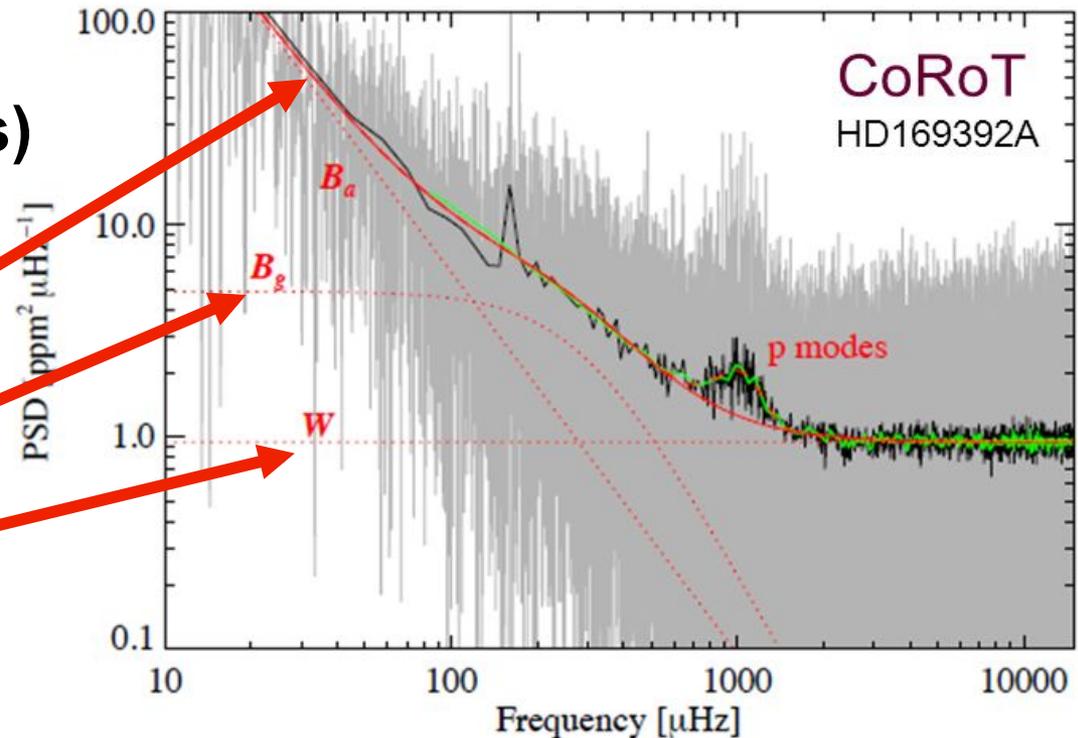
Exoplanets ♥ Asteroseismology

Asteroseismology \Rightarrow Stellar radius + mass
 \Rightarrow Planetary radius + mass

See Daniel Huber's talk

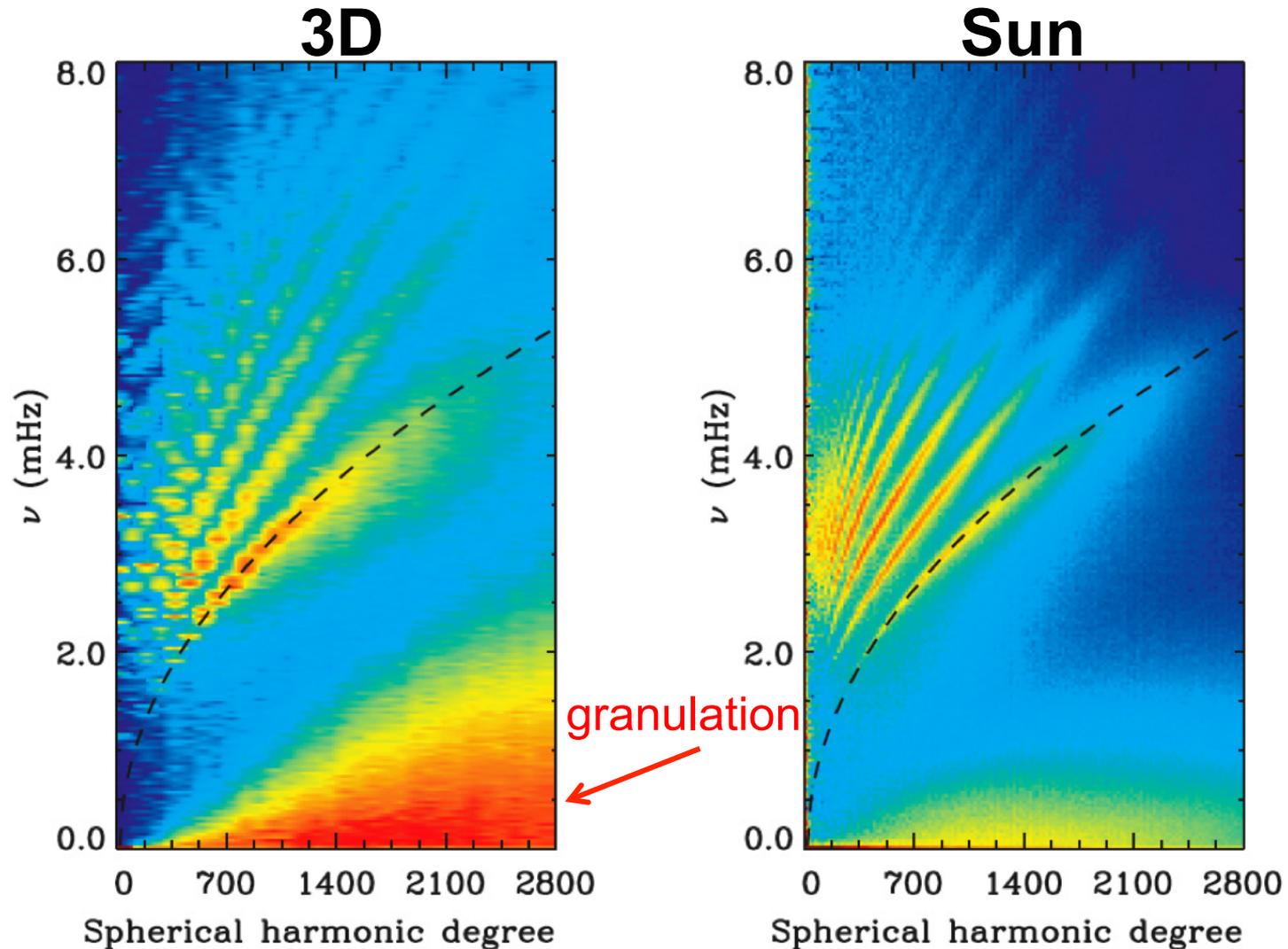
Solar-like oscillations:
Sound waves (p-modes)
Driven by convection

Background:
Activity
Granulation
White noise



Solar oscillations

P-modes driven by convective motions near surface



Nordlund et al. (2009)

P-mode frequencies: 1D

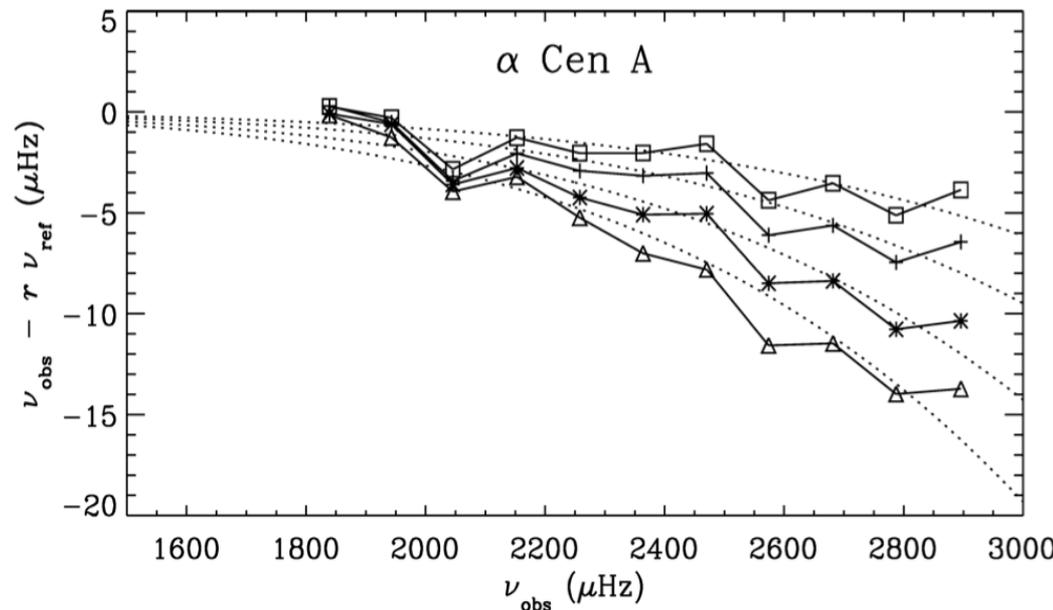
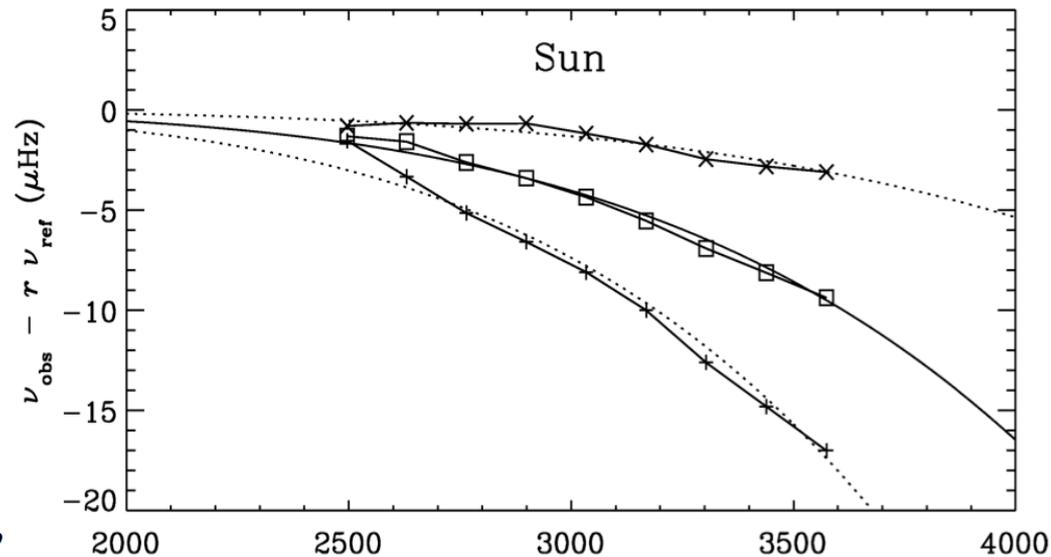
Wrong frequencies
predicted with
1D stellar models

Correct for “surface
effects”:

$$\nu_{\text{obs}}(n) - \nu_{\text{best}}(n) = a \left[\frac{\nu_{\text{obs}}(n)}{\nu_0} \right]^b$$

calibrated on Sun only
(Kjeldsen et al. 2008)

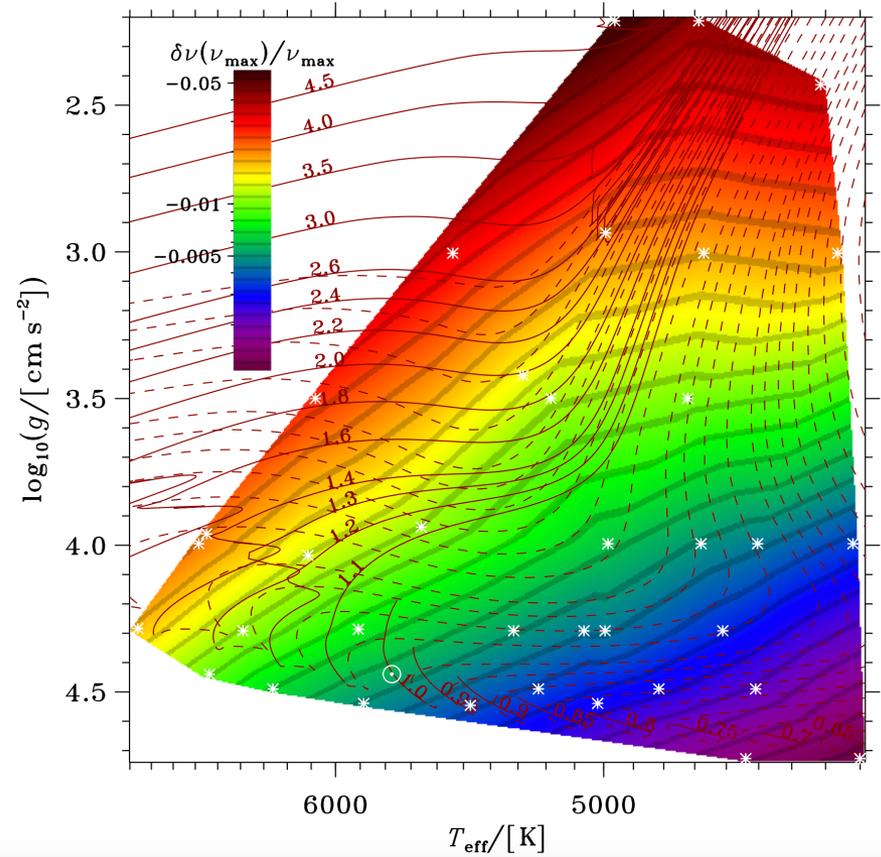
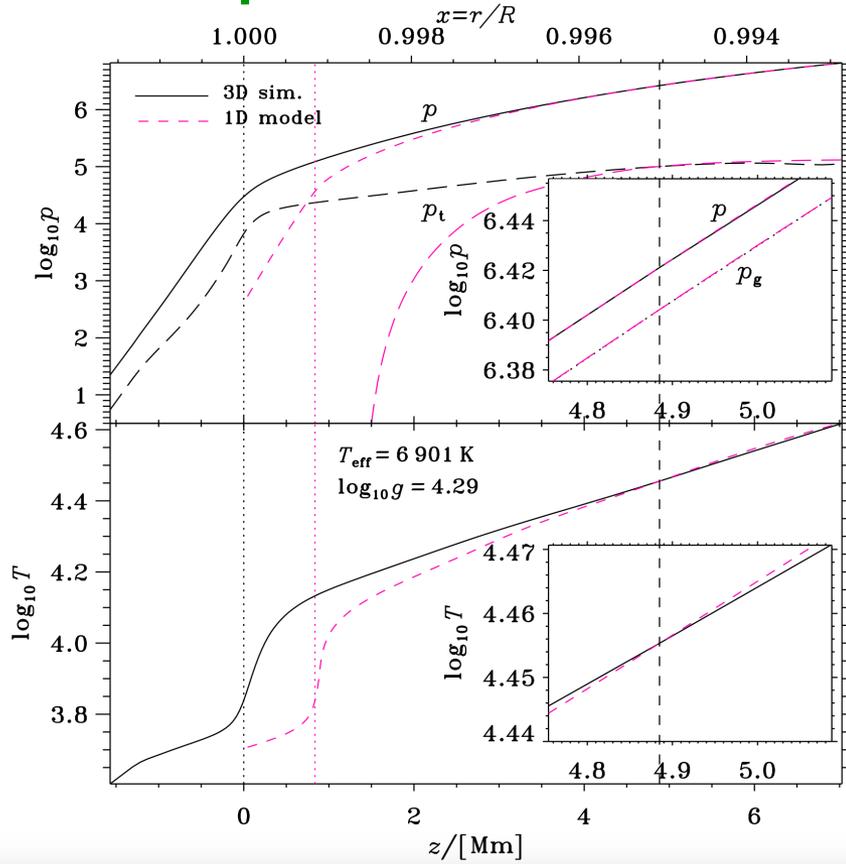
Be careful when doing
asteroseismology with
individual frequencies!



1D models with <3D> surface

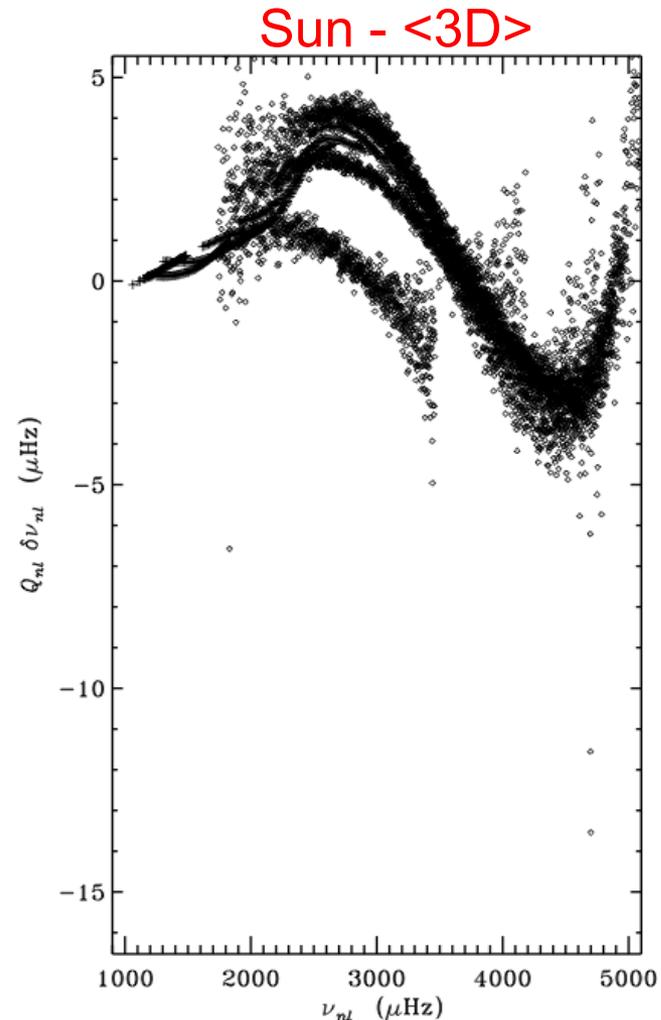
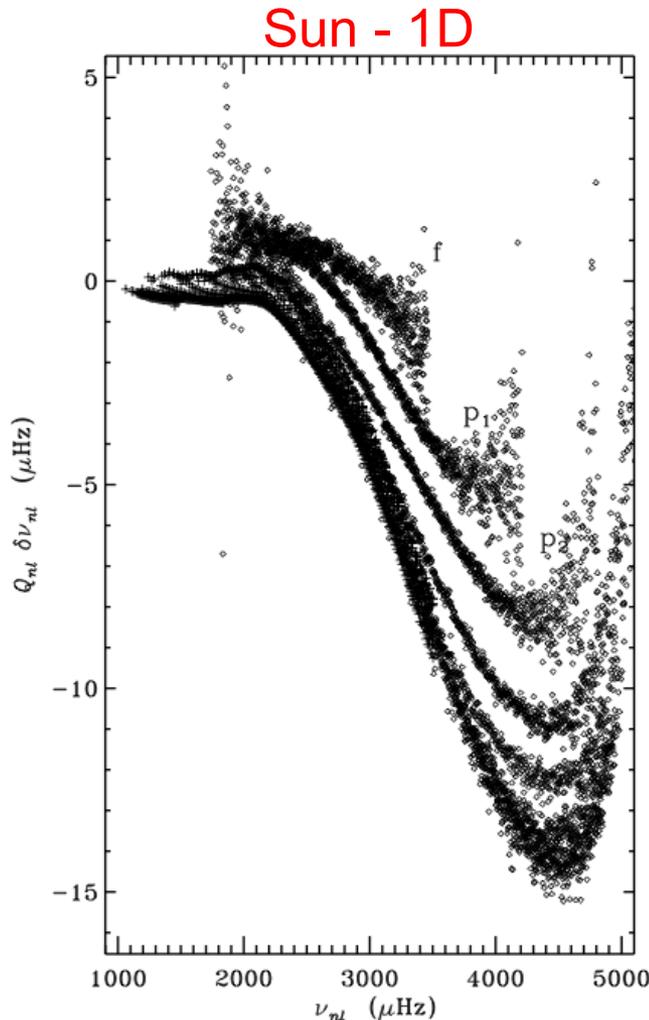
- 3D models can't predict all modes due to finite simulation box
- ⇒ Patch 1D interior models with average <3D>_{xy,t} models
- ⇒ Larger atmospheric extension + spatial inhomogenities
- ⇒ Oscillation frequencies shifted: “surface effects”

Trampedach et al. 2017



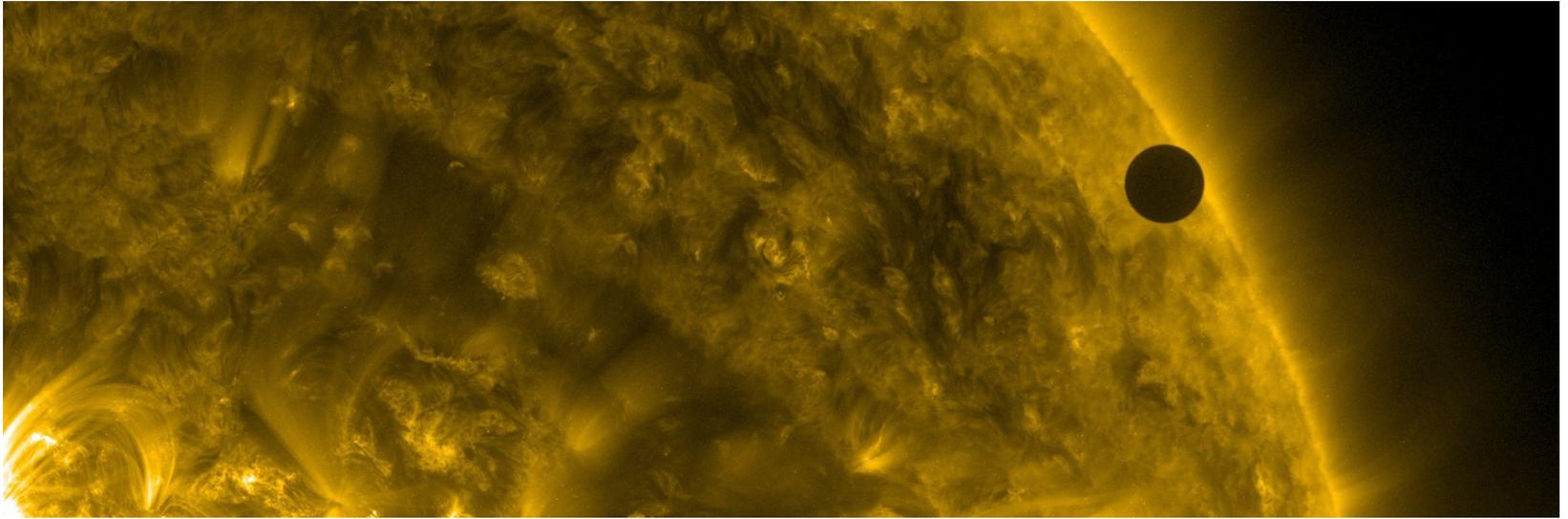
P-mode frequencies: <3D>

P_{turb} and horizontal fluctuations increase scale height (acoustic cavity) and lowers p-mode frequencies



Nordlund et al. (2009)

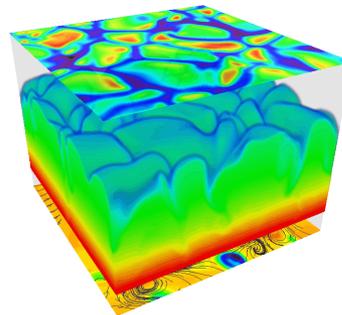
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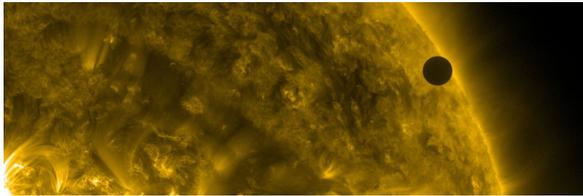
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Limb-darkening and transits



Shallower T-gradient

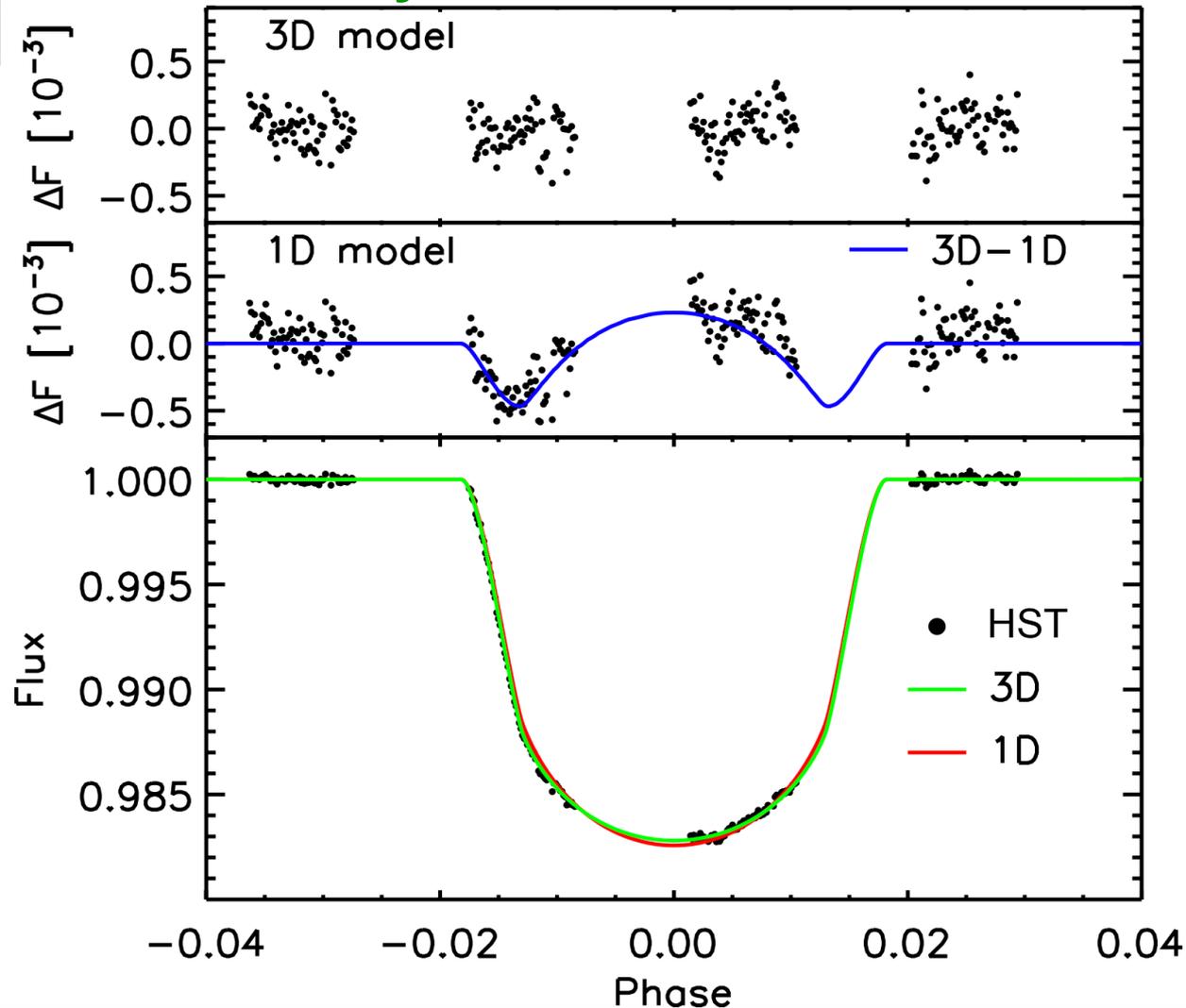


Different transit light curves



Better agreement with observations in 3D

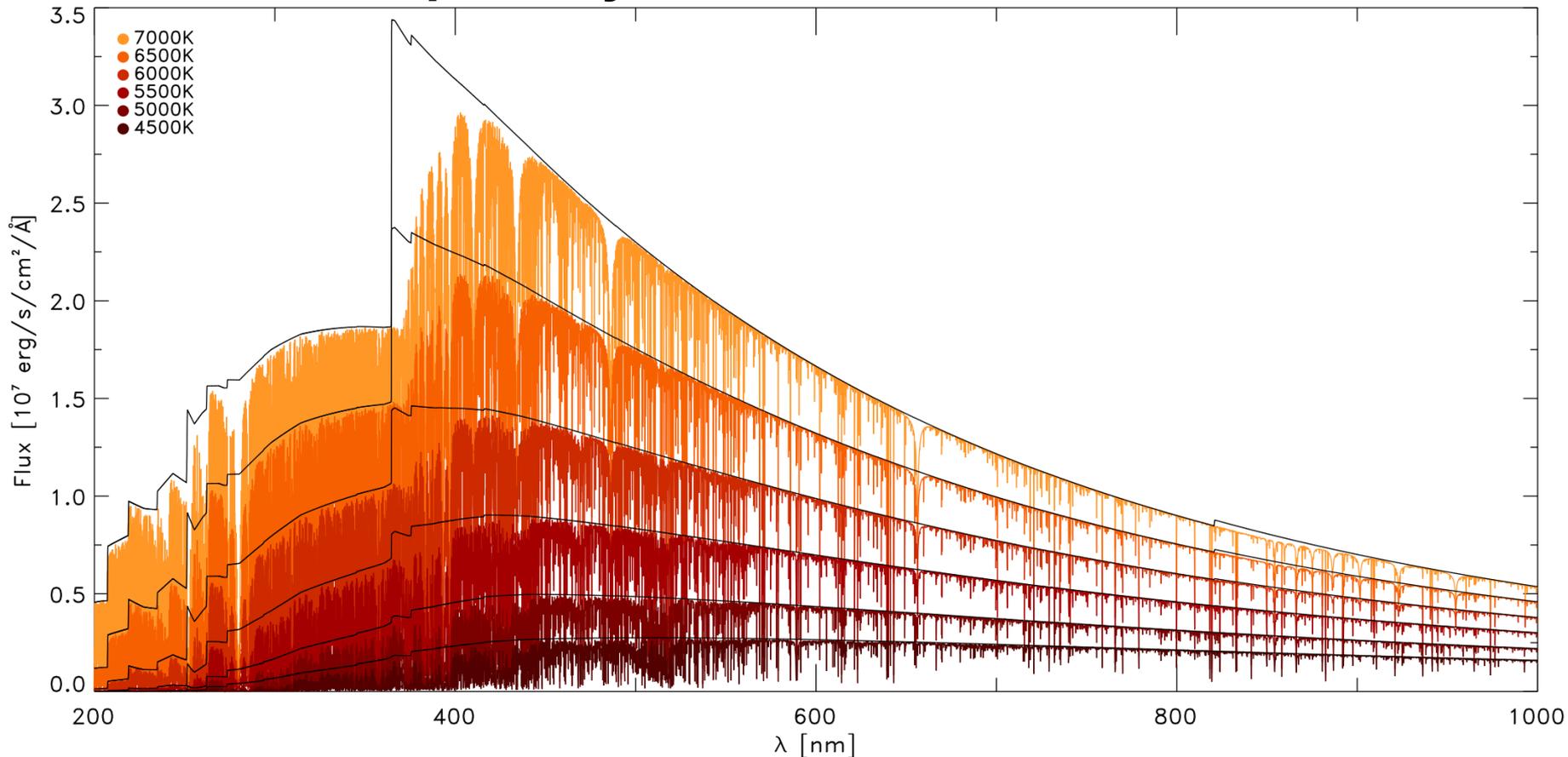
Hayek et al. 2012: HD209458



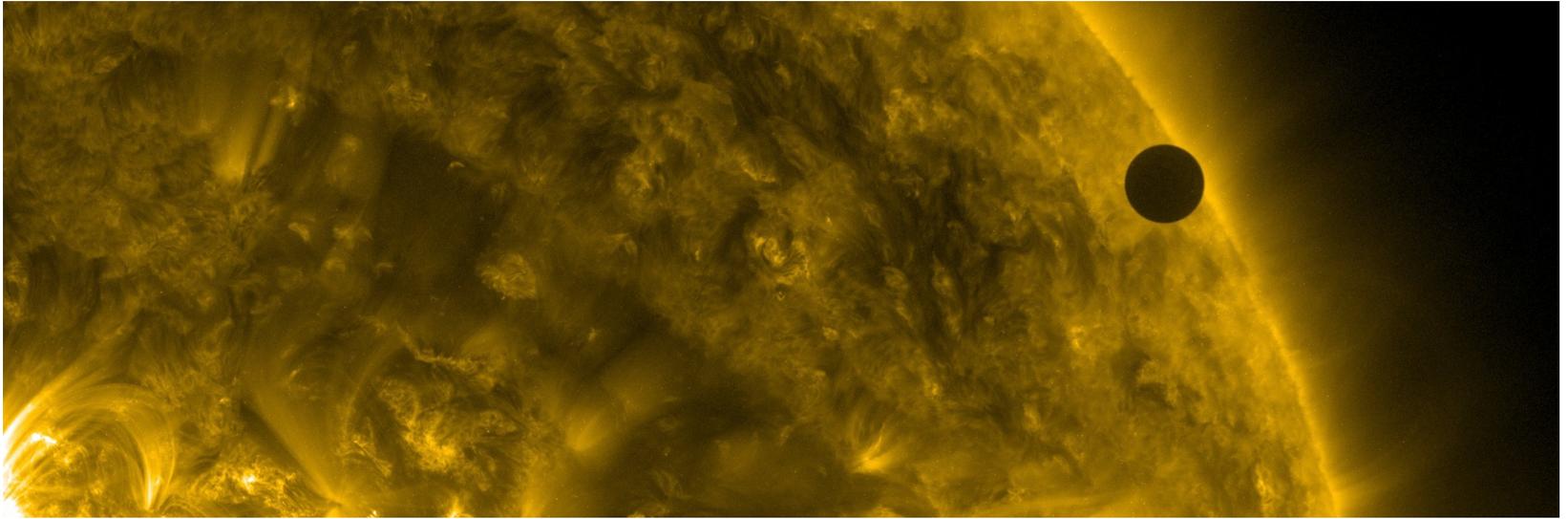
3D spectra and limb-darkening

Magic et al. 2015, Chiavassa et al. 2017:

Predicted stellar spectra, colours, limb-darkening and convective line shifts for full grid of Stagger 3D models of FGK stars publicly available



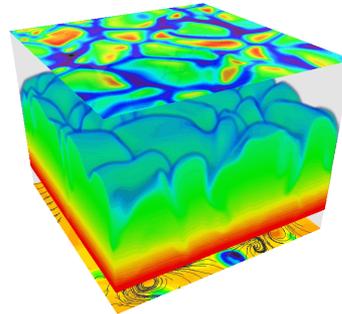
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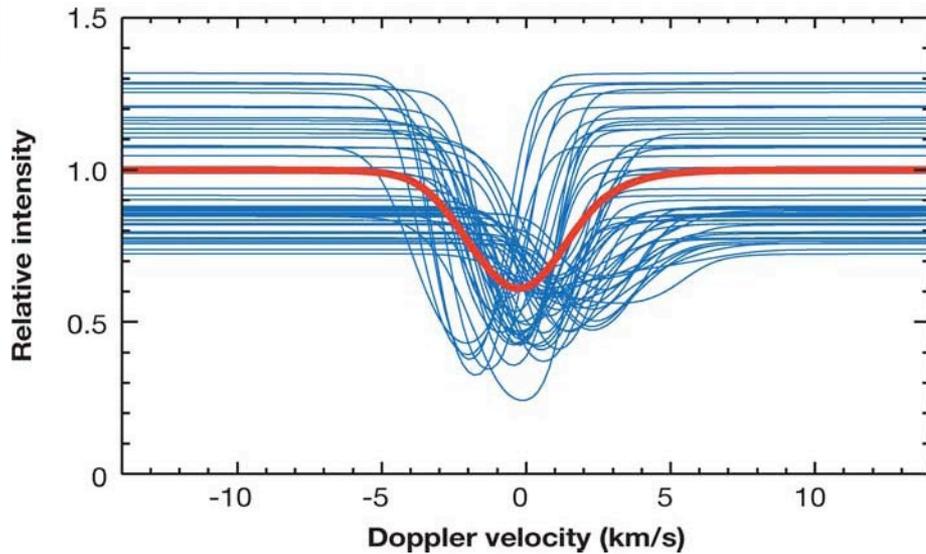
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Stellar spectroscopy in 3D

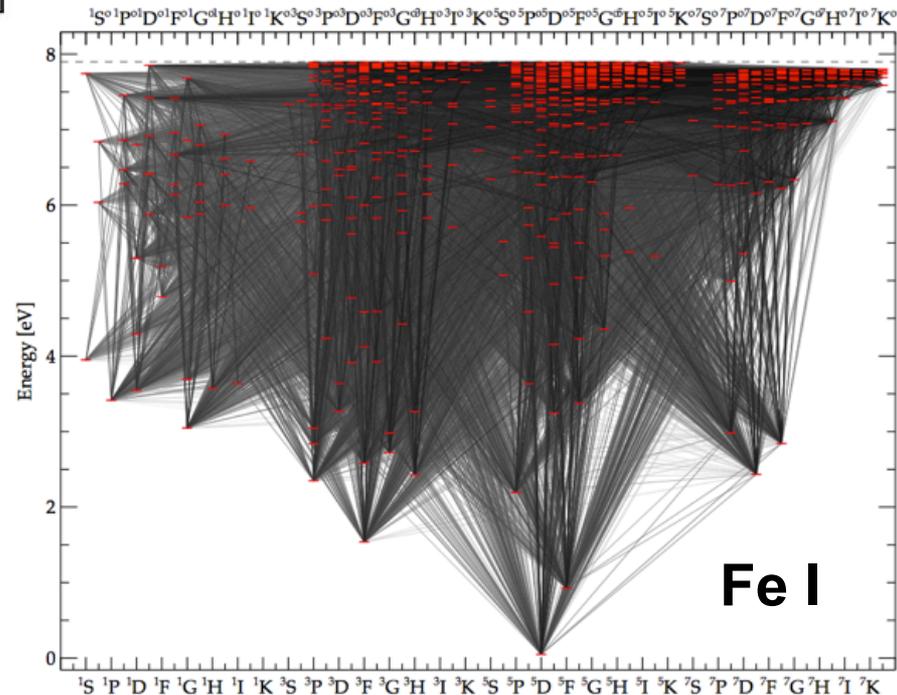


Stellar radiation and stellar atmosphere interconnected:
⇒ Non-local & non-linear
⇒ “Everything depends on everything, everywhere”
⇒ **3D non-LTE line formation**

3D non-LTE now possible:

- Complex atoms: Fe
Amarsi et al. 2017
- $>10^5$ stars: GALAH survey
Amarsi et al. 2018

More accurate stellar parameters and abundances



The solar yardstick

Z	Element	Photosphere	Meteorites	Z	Element	Photosphere	Meteorites
1	H	12.00	8.22 ± 0.04	44	Ru	1.75 ± 0.08	1.76 ± 0.03
2	He	[10.93 ± 0.01]	1.29	45	Rh	0.91 ± 0.10	1.06 ± 0.04
3	Li	1.05 ± 0.10	3.26 ± 0.05	46	Pd	1.57 ± 0.10	1.65 ± 0.02
4	Be	1.38 ± 0.09	1.30 ± 0.03	47	Ag	0.94 ± 0.10	1.20 ± 0.02
5	B	2.70 ± 0.20	2.79 ± 0.04	48	Cd		1.71 ± 0.03
6	C	8.43 ± 0.05	7.39 ± 0.04	49	In	0.80 ± 0.20	0.76 ± 0.03
7	N	7.83 ± 0.05	6.26 ± 0.06	50	Sn	2.04 ± 0.10	2.07 ± 0.06
8	O	8.69 ± 0.05	8.40 ± 0.04	51	Sb		1.01 ± 0.06

Asplund et al. 2009, ARAA, 47, 481;
 Scott et al. 2015ab; Grevesse et al. 2015:
3D-based analysis of all elements
Statistical and systematic errors
included in total uncertainties

25	Mn	5.43 ± 0.04	5.48 ± 0.01	69	Tm	0.10 ± 0.04	0.12 ± 0.03
26	Fe	7.50 ± 0.04	7.45 ± 0.01	70	Yb	0.84 ± 0.11	0.92 ± 0.02
27	Co	4.99 ± 0.07	4.87 ± 0.01	71	Lu	0.10 ± 0.09	0.09 ± 0.02
28	Ni	6.22 ± 0.04	6.20 ± 0.01	72	Hf	0.85 ± 0.04	0.71 ± 0.02
29	Cu	4.19 ± 0.04	4.25 ± 0.04	73	Ta		-0.12 ± 0.04
30	Zn	4.56 ± 0.05	4.63 ± 0.04	74	W	0.85 ± 0.12	0.65 ± 0.04
31	Ga	3.04 ± 0.09	3.08 ± 0.02	75	Re		0.26 ± 0.04
32	Ge	3.65 ± 0.10	3.58 ± 0.04	76	Os	1.40 ± 0.08	1.35 ± 0.03

Sun has a subsolar metallicity

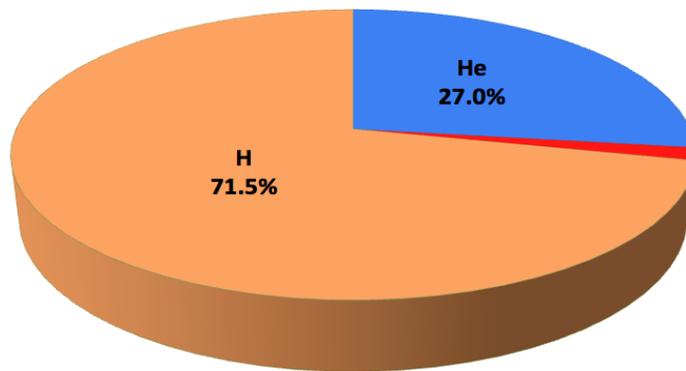
~~$Z=0.021$~~

(Anders & Grevesse 1989)

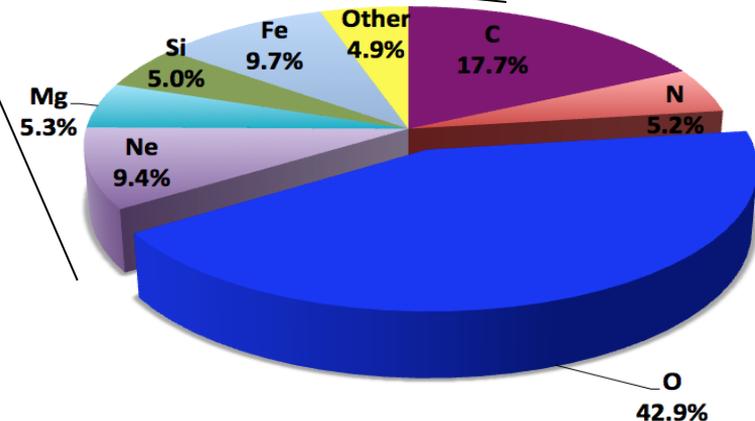
$Z=0.014 \pm 0.002$

(Asplund et al. 2009)

Mainly ~40% decrease in CNO
Problem w/ helioseismology!



Other
1.4%



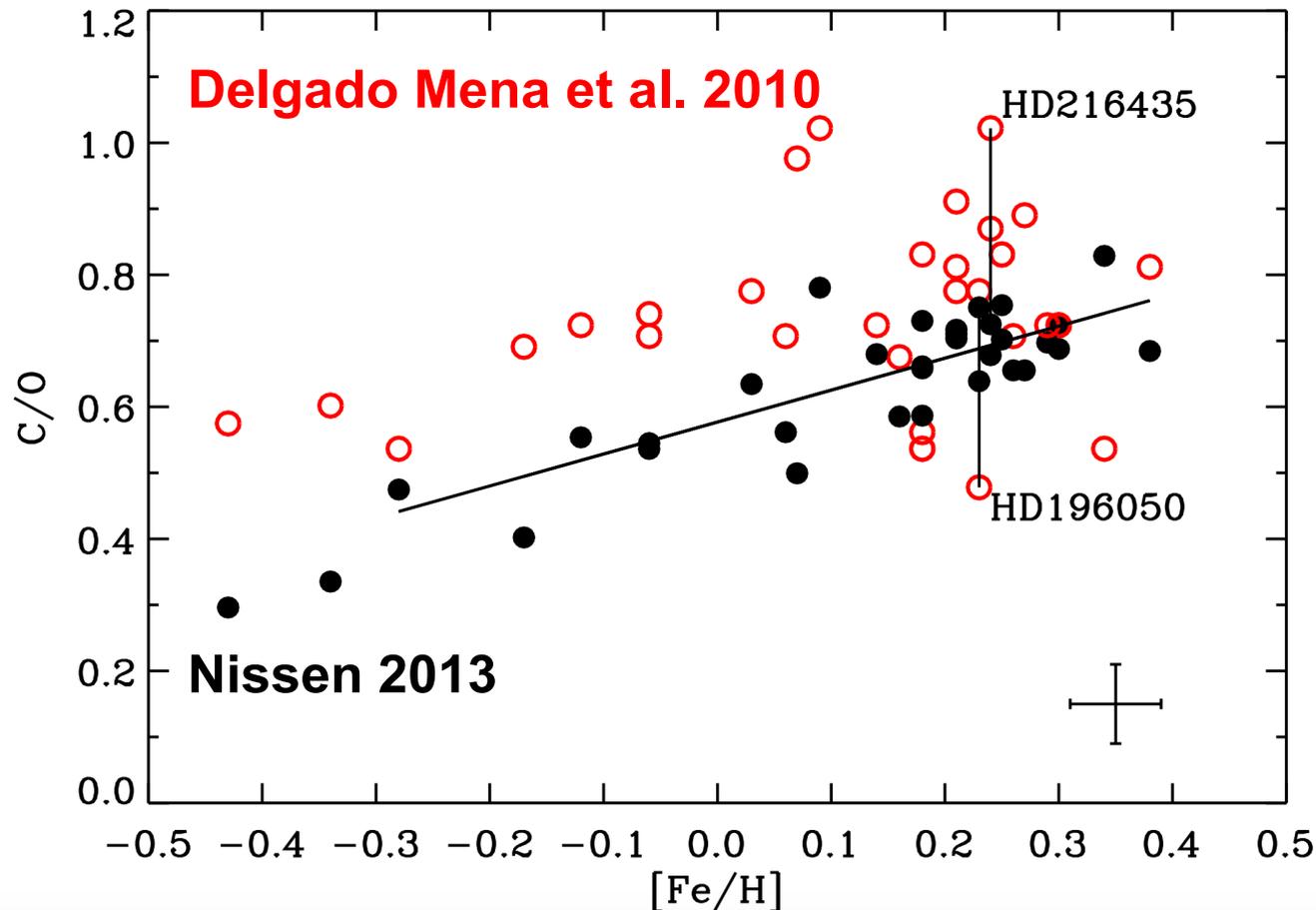
Solar chemical composition
Protosolar bulk abundances by mass
Asplund et al. 2009, ARAA, 47, 481

Stellar abundances as proxies

Bond et al. 2010: C/O, Mg/Si critical for planet formation

Nissen 2013: Small C/O ratios with little cosmic scatter

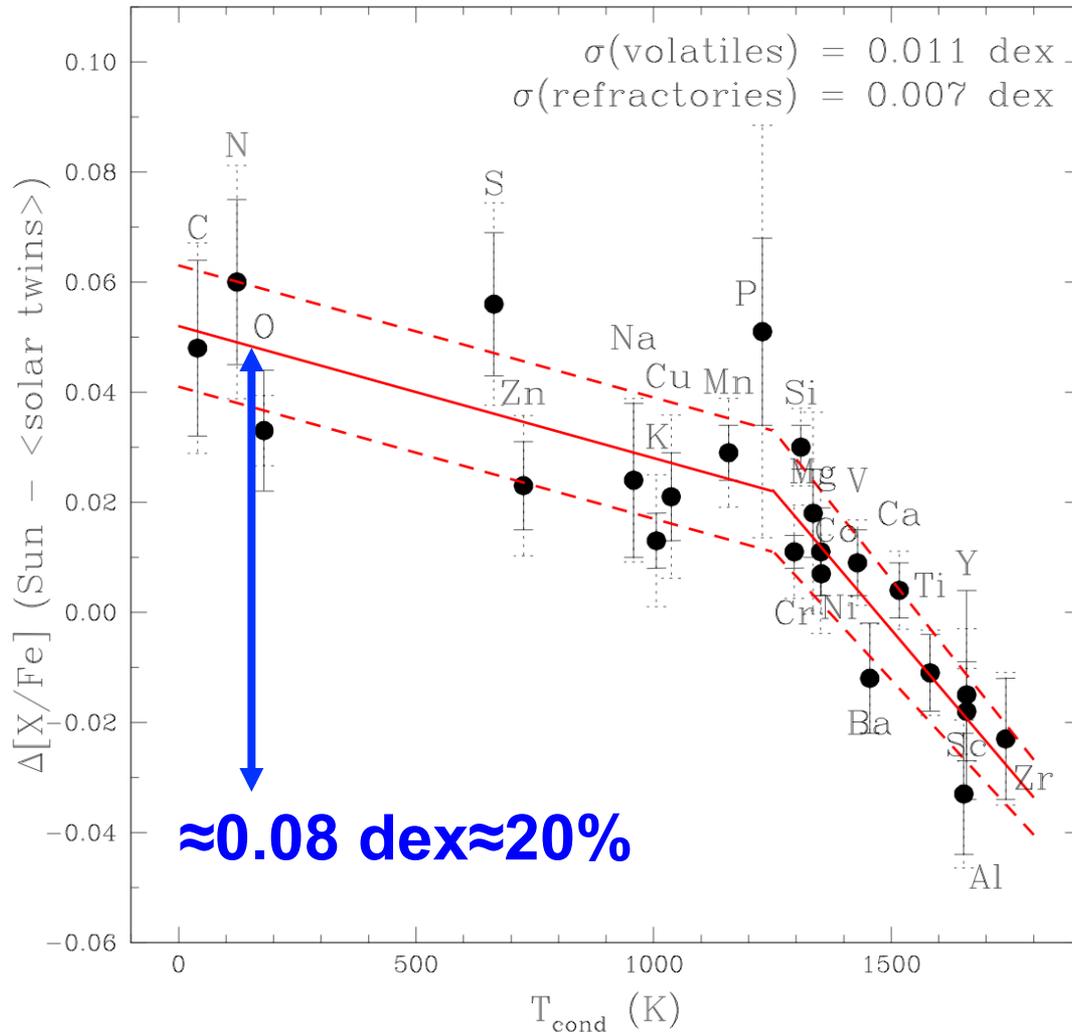
See Megan Bedell's talk!



Beware:
Forbidden and permitted CI and OI lines with different systematic effects
⇒ 3D non-LTE

What about other Suns?

Melendez et al. 2009: Sun vs solar twins



**Chemical signature
of (terrestrial?)
planet formation**

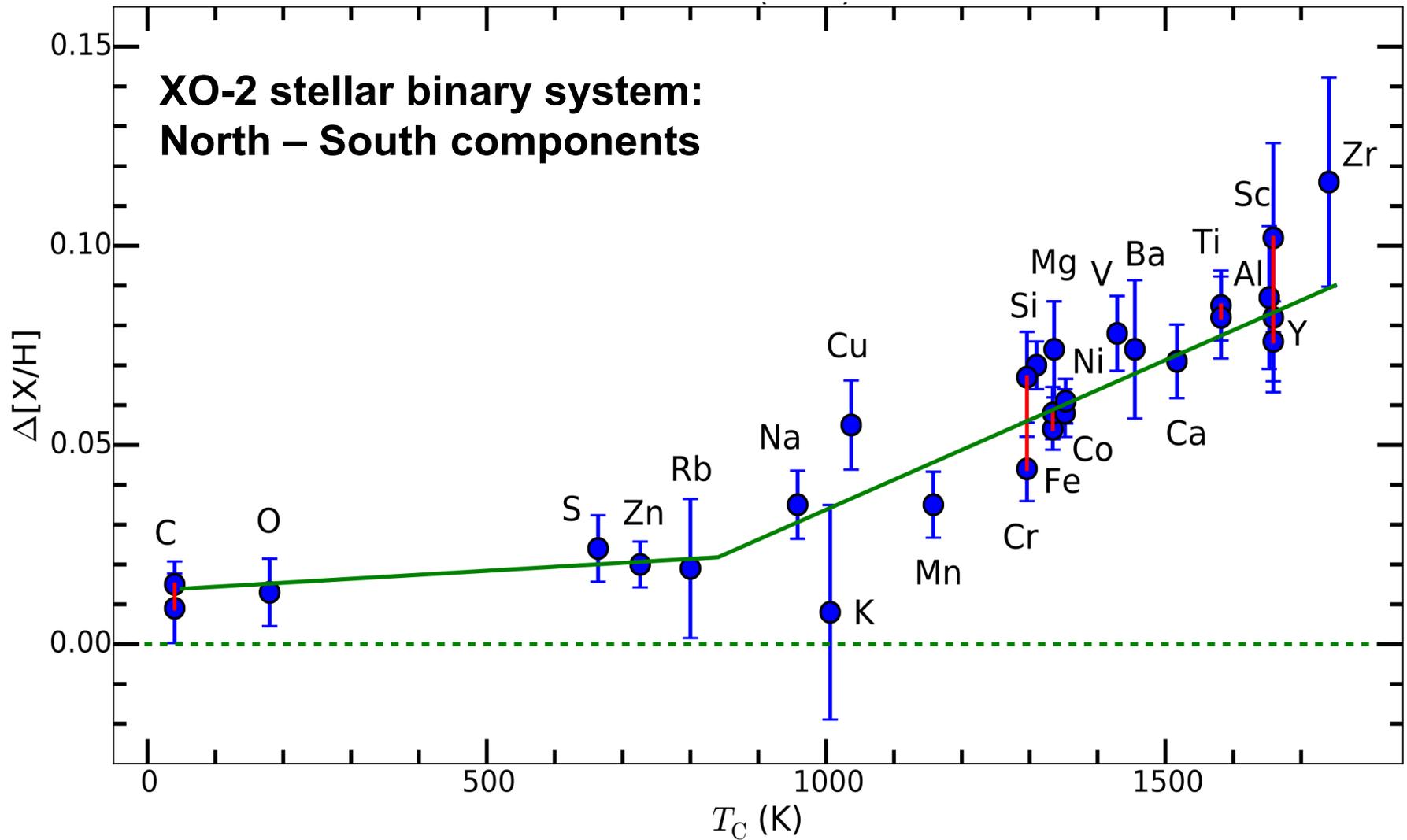
**Sun is unusual but
not unique (~15%)**

**See Megan Bedell's
talk for an update!**

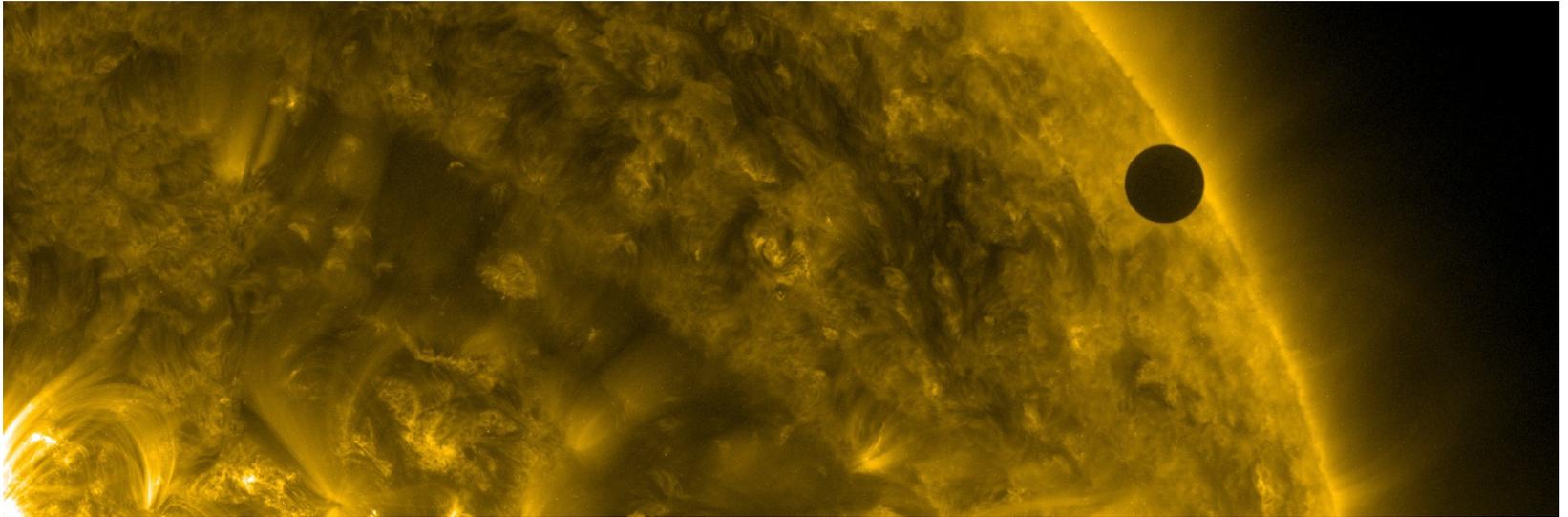
Precision spectroscopy critical!

Planet signature in (some) binaries

Ramírez et al. 2015:



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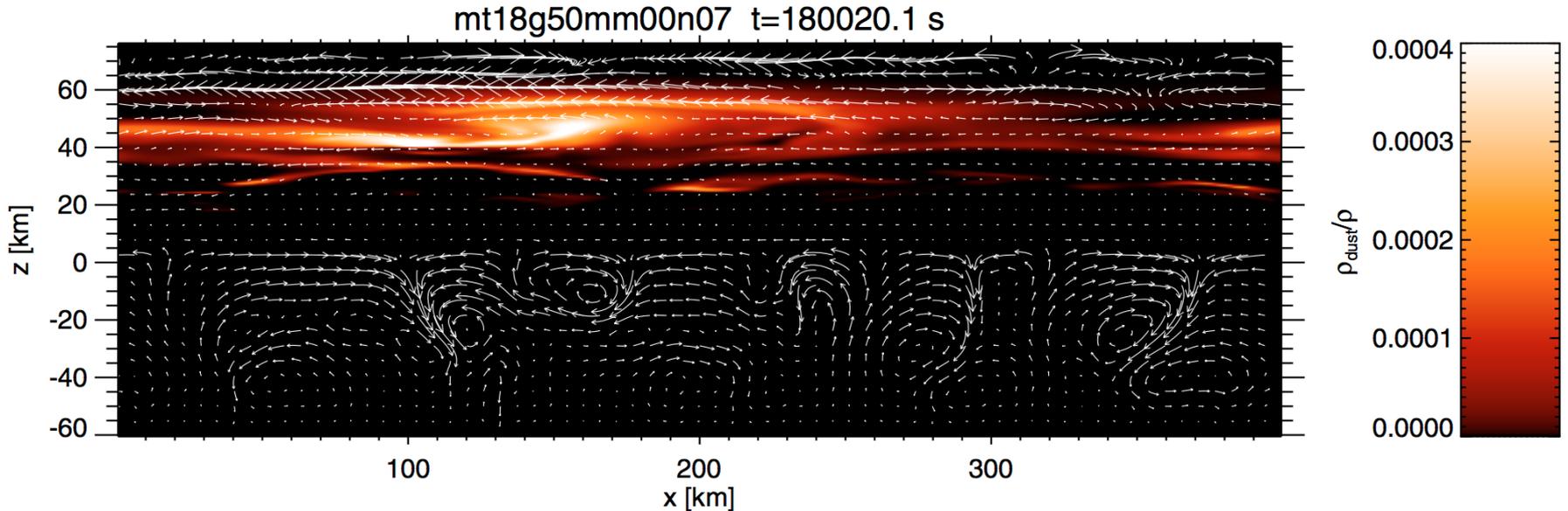
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Brown dwarfs



Freytag et al. (2010)

2D radiative-hydrodynamical models of brown dwarfs

Dust formation included but without nucleation

Dust clouds in higher layers maintained by gravity waves

Variability on short time-scales

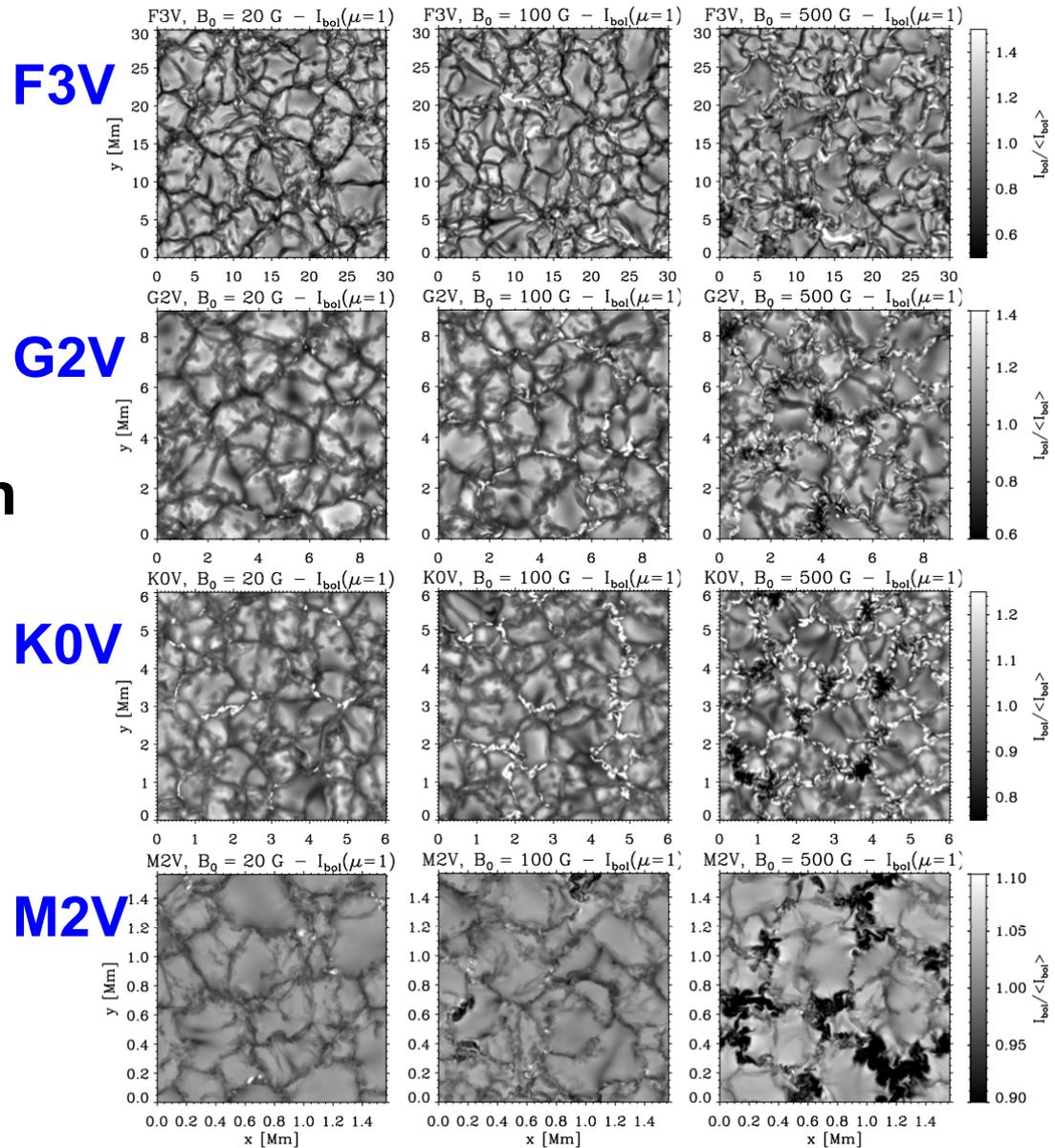
What about magnetic fields?

Beeck et al. (2015)

Granulation pattern changes: bright and dark features

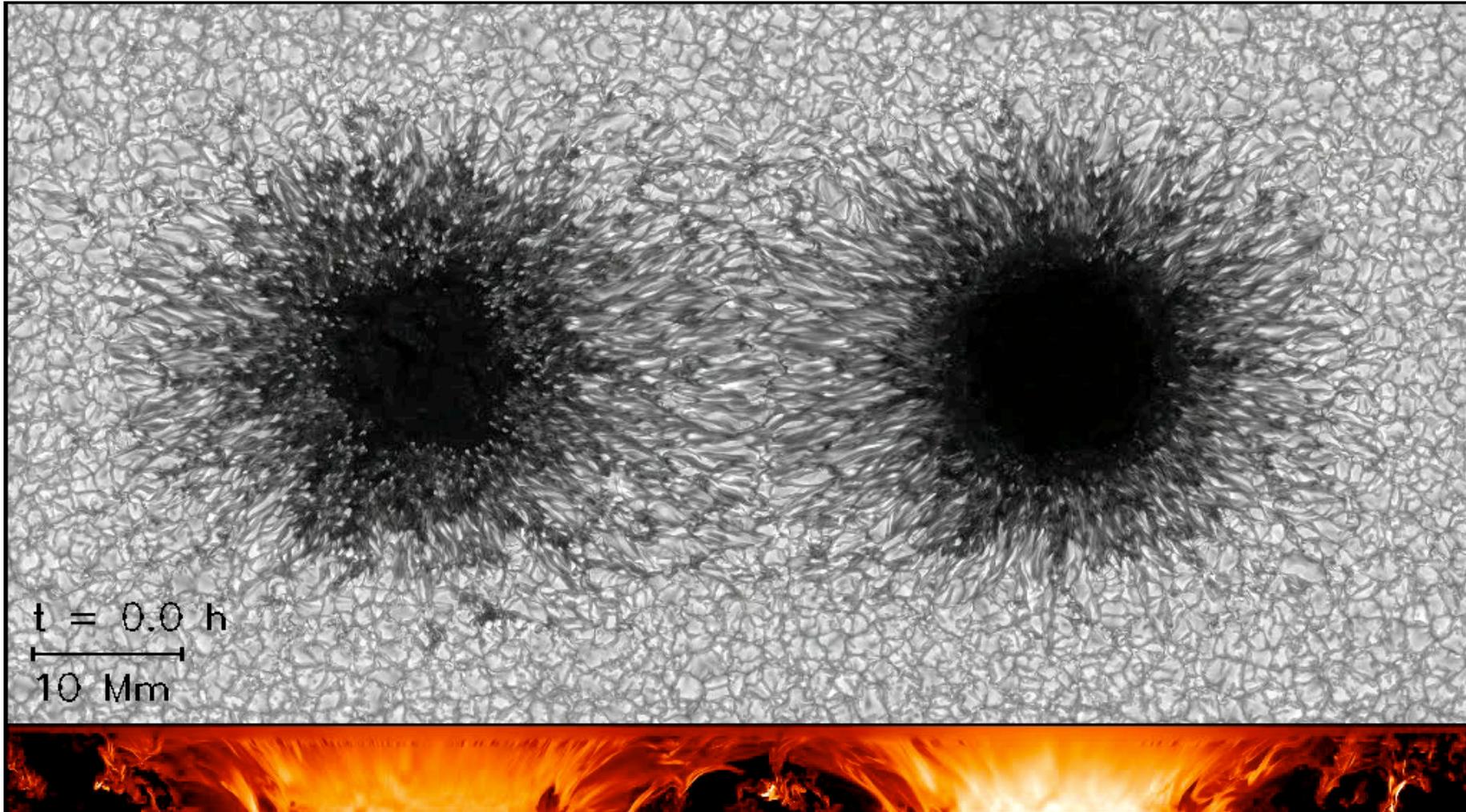
Higher temperatures in upper atmospheres

To do: systematically explore HR-diagram with more realistic magnetic field configurations



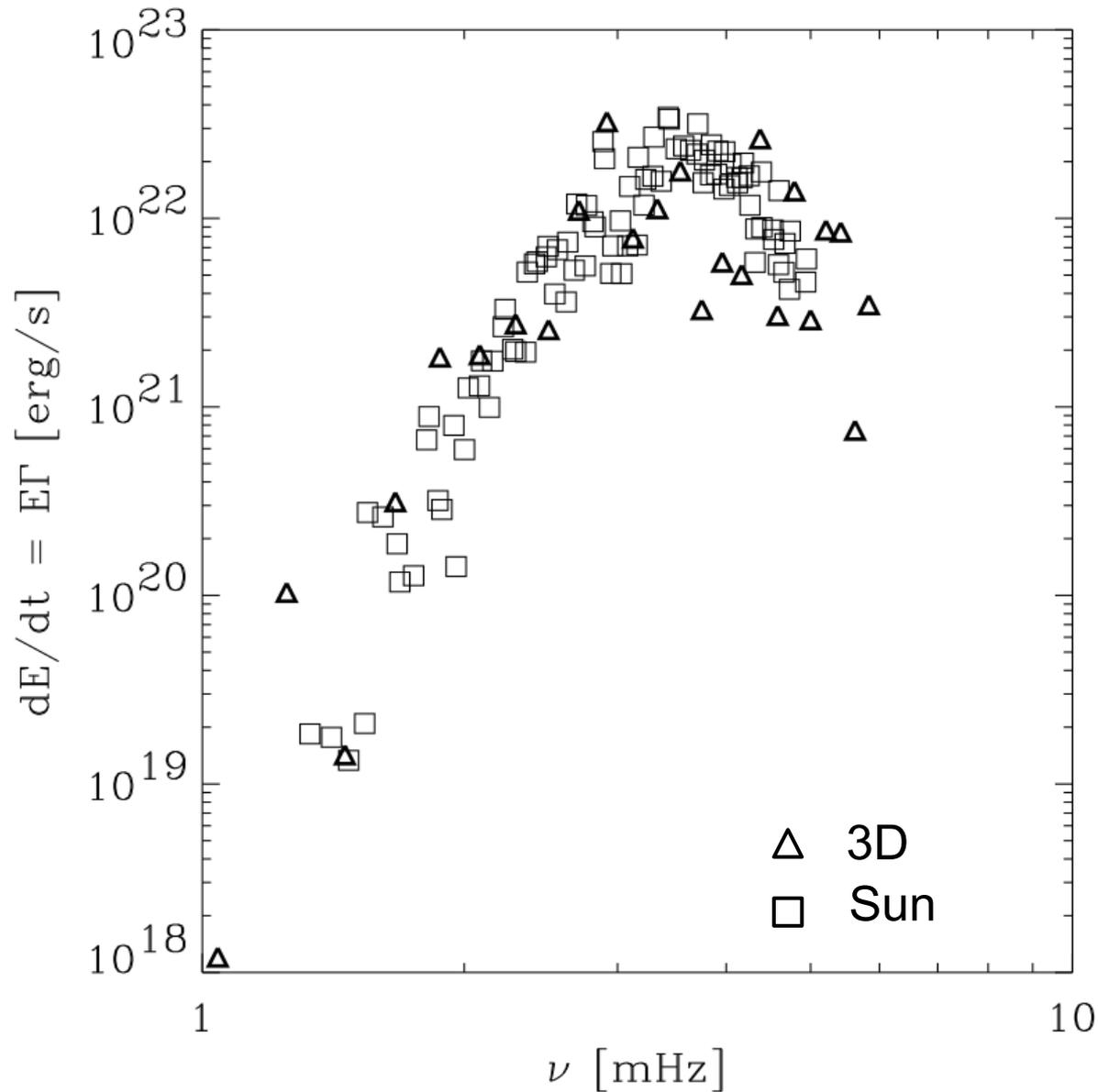
Sunspot models

Rempel et al. (2013)



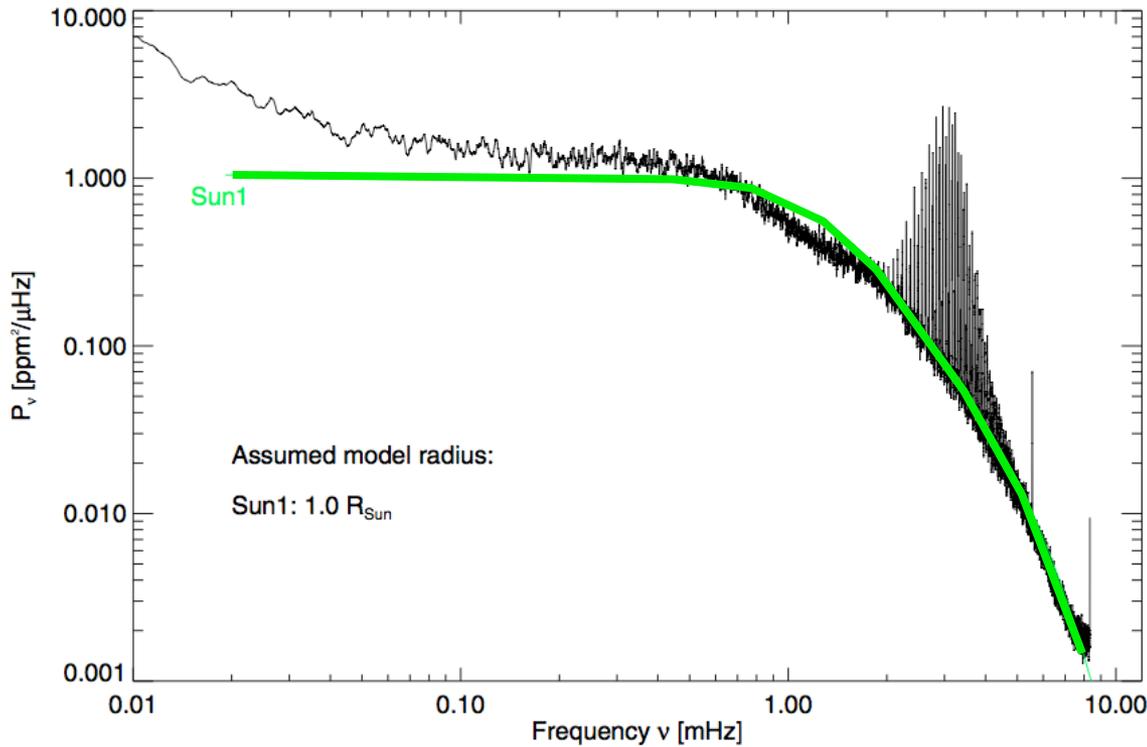
Note: imposed sunspot structure beforehand

Excitation of solar p-modes

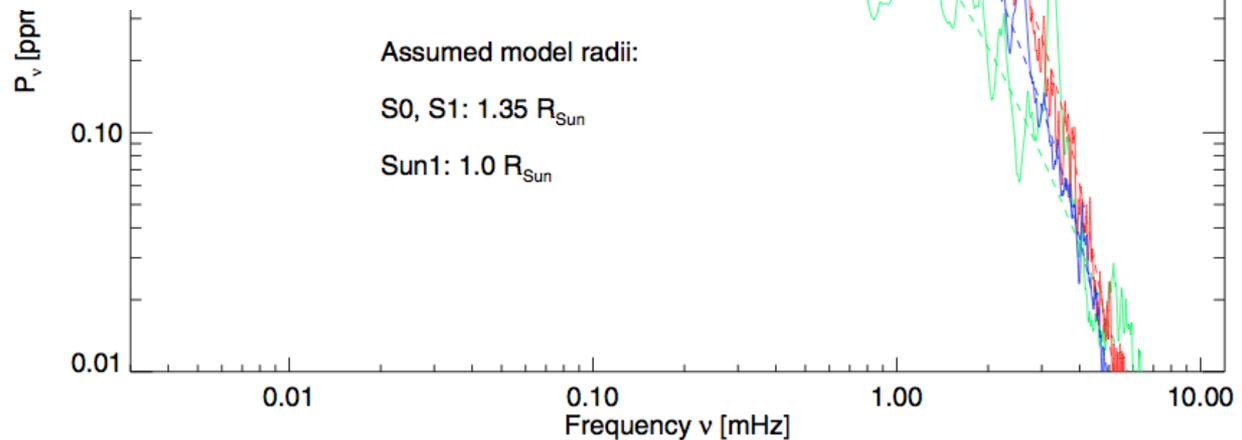


Nordlund et al. (2009)

Granulation background

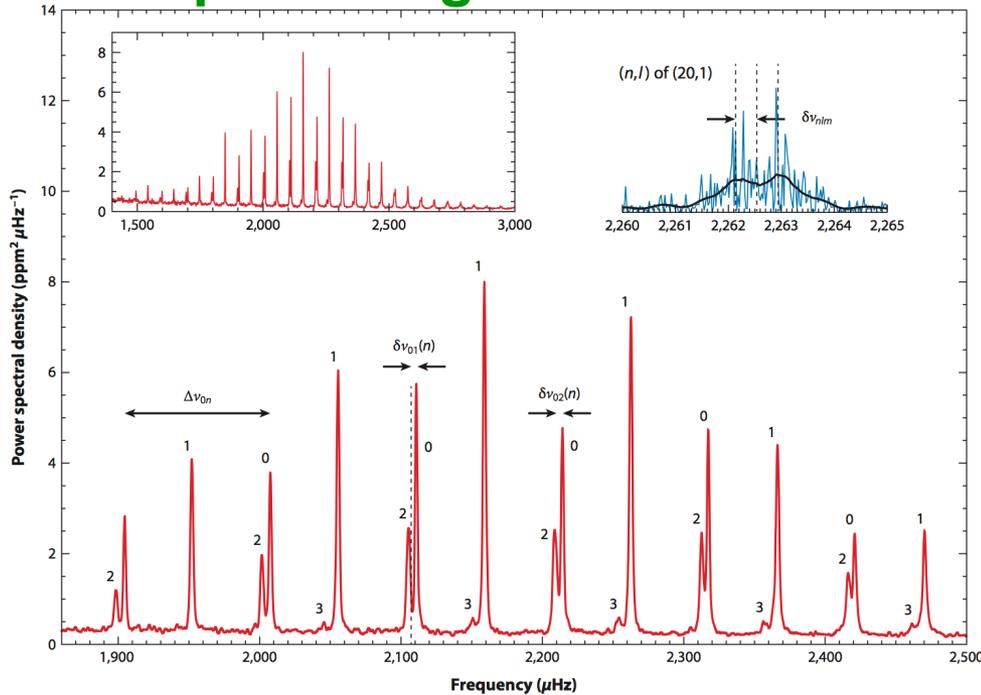


Ludwig et al. 2009:
Granulation power
from 3D models agree
well with observations



Asteroseismic scaling relations

Chaplin & Miglio 2013

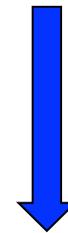


Large frequency separation:

$$\Delta\nu \propto \bar{\rho}^{1/2}$$

Frequency maximum power:

$$\nu_{\max} \propto \nu_c$$



Departures from scaling relations for stars different from the Sun?
e.g. T_{eff} , $\log g$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$



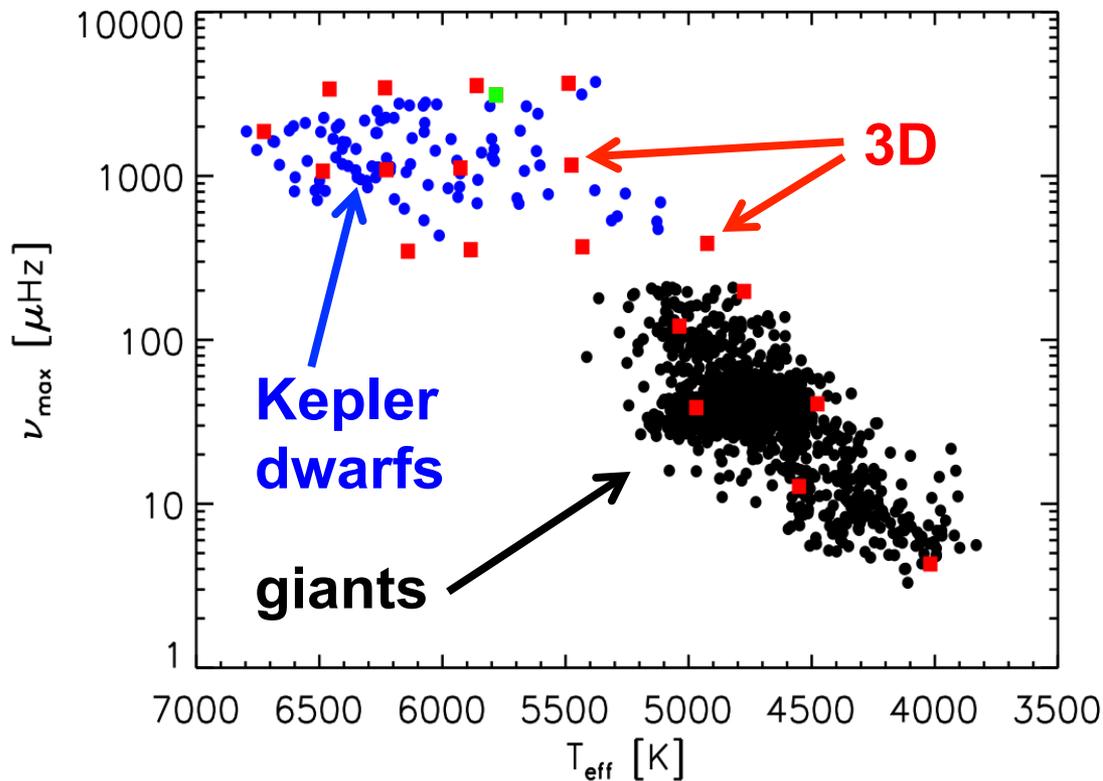
$$\left(\frac{R}{R_{\odot}}\right) \simeq \left(\frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max, \odot}}\right) \left(\frac{\langle \Delta \nu_{nl} \rangle}{\langle \Delta \nu_{nl} \rangle_{\odot}}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff}, \odot}}\right)^{0.5},$$

$$\left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) \simeq \left(\frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max, \odot}}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\langle \Delta \nu_{nl} \rangle}{\langle \Delta \nu_{nl} \rangle_{\odot}}\right)^{-4} \left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff}, \odot}}\right)^{1.5},$$

Global scaling relations

$$\Delta\nu \propto \bar{\rho}^{1/2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta\nu = \frac{(M/M_{\odot})^{1/2}}{(R/R_{\odot})^{3/2}} \Delta\nu_{\odot}$$

$$\nu_{\max} \propto \nu_c \quad \longrightarrow \quad \nu_{\max} = \frac{M/M_{\odot}}{(R/R_{\odot})^2 \sqrt{T_{\text{eff}}/T_{\text{eff},\odot}}} \nu_{\max,\odot}$$



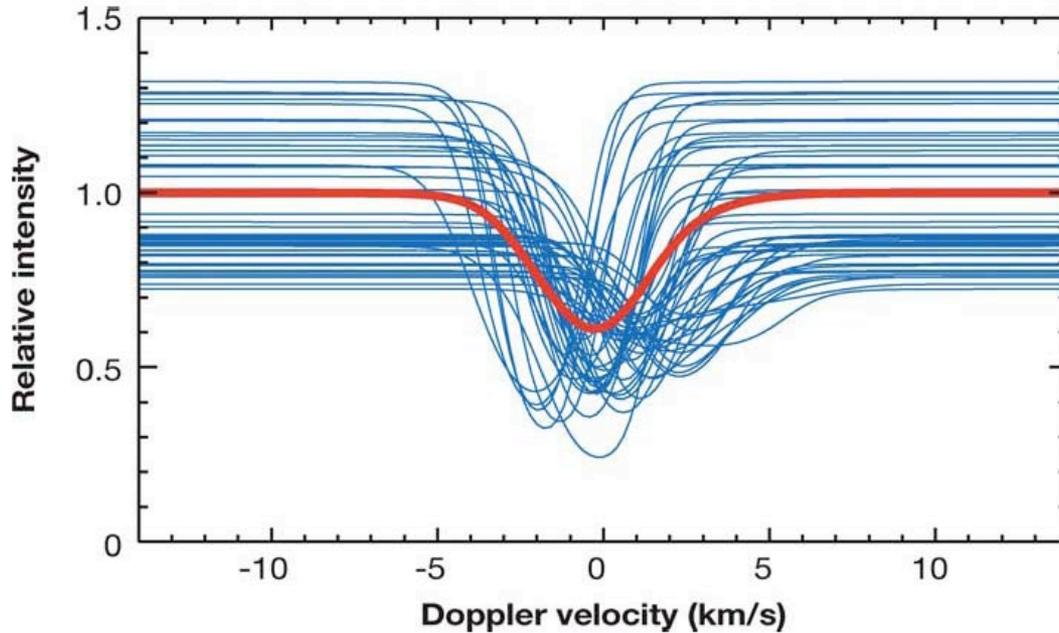
Belkacem et al. (2013)

**Dispersion
due to Mach
number:**

3D:
 $\nu_{\max} \propto \mathcal{M}_a^{2.7} \nu_c$

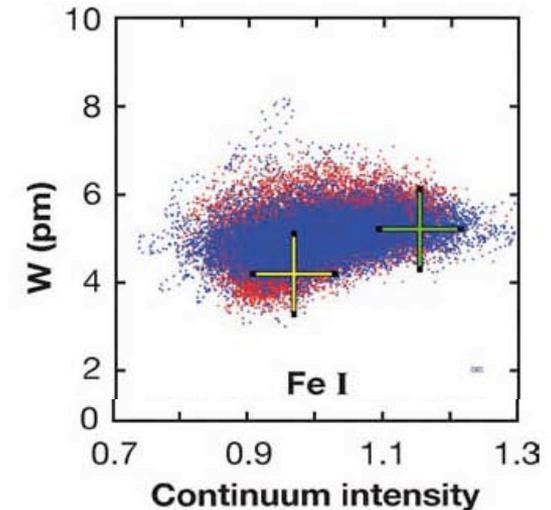
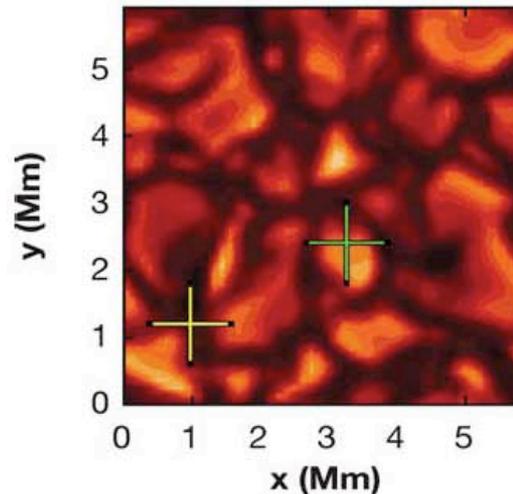
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Spatially resolved lines

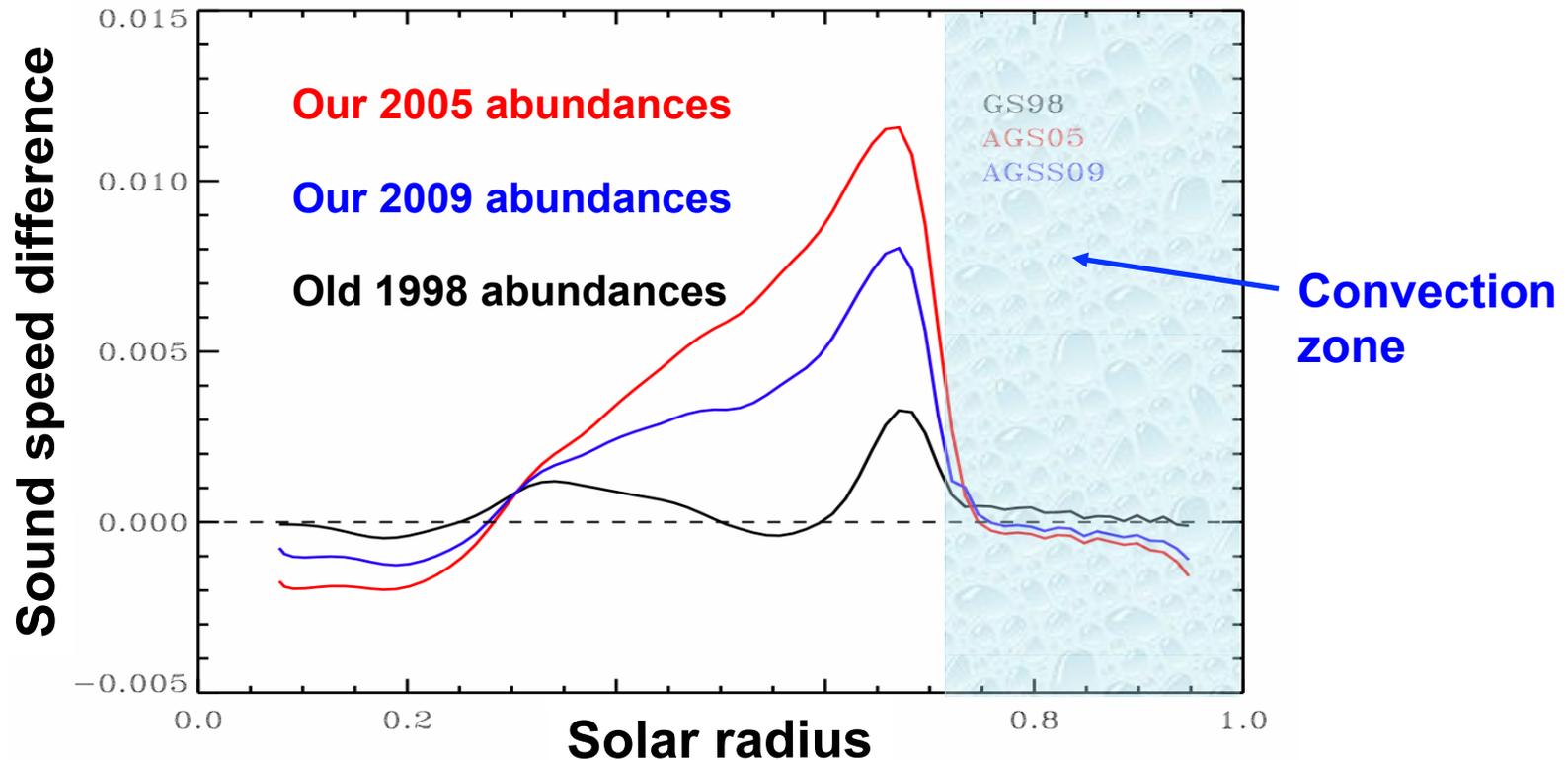


Line profiles vary tremendously across the solar surface

3D model describes observations very well in most cases



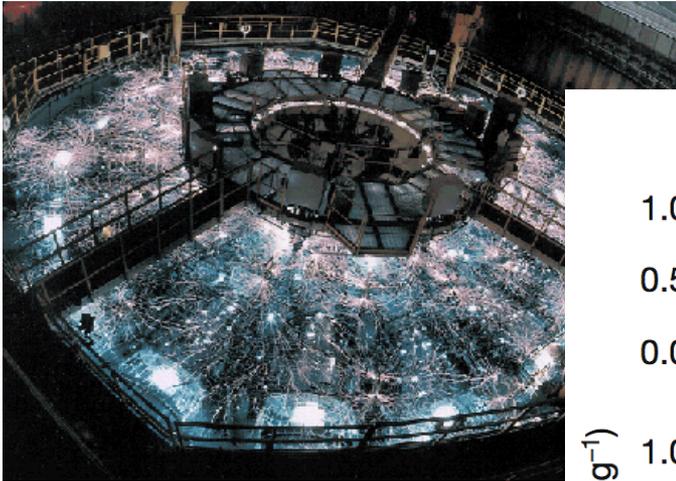
Trouble in paradise



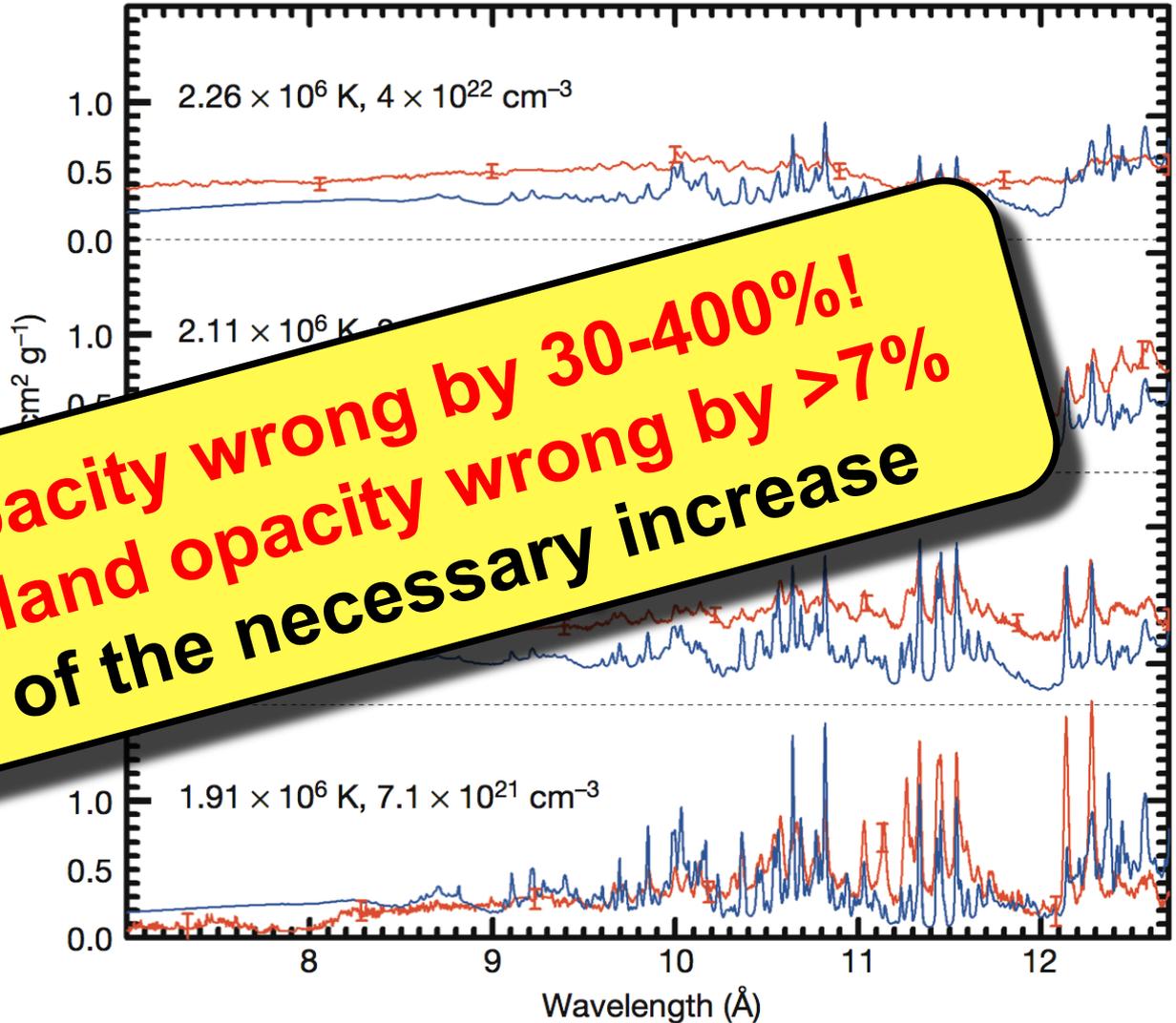
Solar interior models with new abundances are in conflict with helioseismology

- **Wrong sound speed**
- **Wrong depth of convection zone: $R=0.723$ vs 0.713 ± 0.001**
- **Wrong surface helium abundance: $Y=0.235$ vs 0.248 ± 0.004**

Missing opacity



Bailey et al. (2015)



Measurements of opacities at conditions relevant to the bottom of the convection zone using Sandia Z-pinch facility

Fe opacity wrong by 30-400%!
Rosseland opacity wrong by >7%
Half of the necessary increase

