

# 3D Radiation MHD Simulations of Massive Star Envelopes

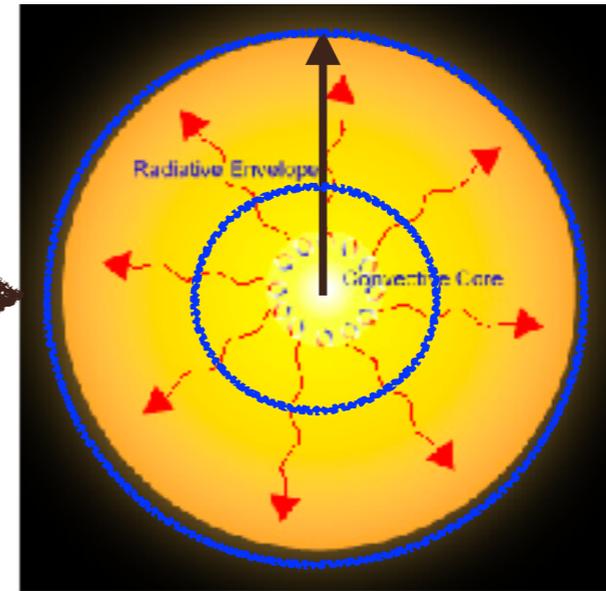
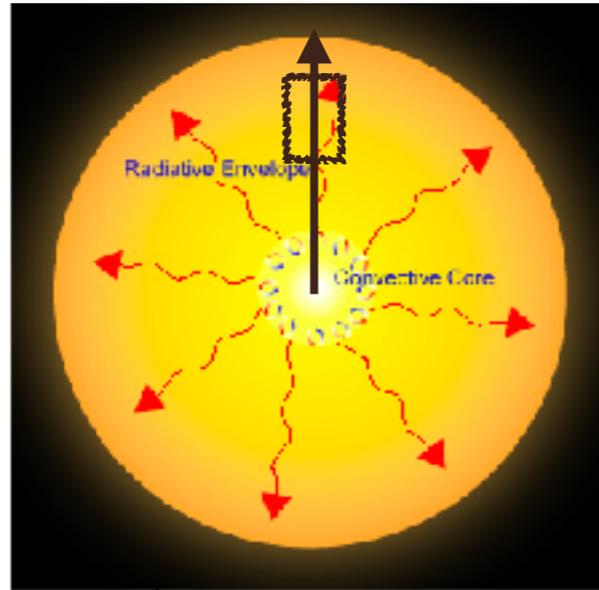
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# Outline



• Numerical methods



• Local radiation  
MHD simulations  
of massive star  
envelopes



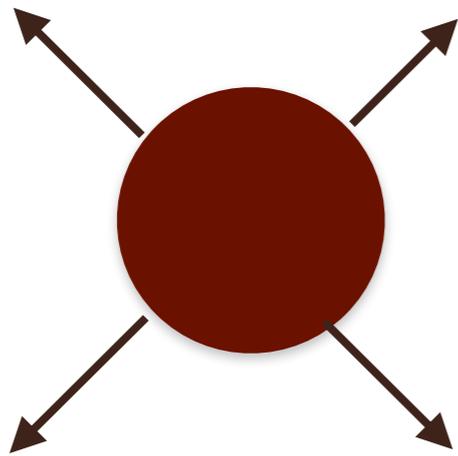
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# 1D Stellar Evolution Studies

Paxton et al. (2013)  
Joss et al. (1973)

See Frank's,  
Matteo's talks

- Thermal equilibrium: how to transport the energy out



$$L = 4\pi r^2 F_r = 4\pi r^2 [F_{r,0} + v (E_r + P_r)]$$

Diffusive  
radiation flux

Advective flux

- Hydrostatic equilibrium

$$\frac{dP_{\text{gas}}}{dr} = \left( \frac{dP_{\text{rad}}}{dr} \right) \left[ \frac{L_{\text{Edd}}}{L_{\text{rad}}} - 1 \right].$$

$$a_r = \frac{\kappa F_{r,0}}{c}$$
$$\frac{dP_{\text{rad}}}{dr} = -\rho a_r$$

# The Radiation MHD equations and Numerical Schemes

Jiang, Stone & Davis (2012)

Davis, Stone & Jiang (2012)

Jiang, Stone & Davis (2014)

Ideal MHD

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) &= 0, \\
 \frac{\partial (\rho \mathbf{v})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{P}^*) &= -\mathbf{S}_r(\mathbf{P}) - \rho \nabla \phi, \\
 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [(E + P^*) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{v})] &= -c \mathbf{S}_r(E) - \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \phi, \\
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) &= 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

photon momentum

radiation energy

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial t} + c \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla I = S.$$

Radiative Transfer

$$S = c \rho \kappa_a \left( \frac{a_r T^4}{4\pi} - I_0 \right) + c \rho \kappa_s (J_0 - I_0),$$

Absorption

Scattering

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photon momentum

radiation energy

Radiation moments

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial E_r}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_r &= c S_r(E), \\
 \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_r}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_r &= \mathbf{S}_r(\mathbf{P}),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_r = F_{r,0} + v(E_r + P_r)$$

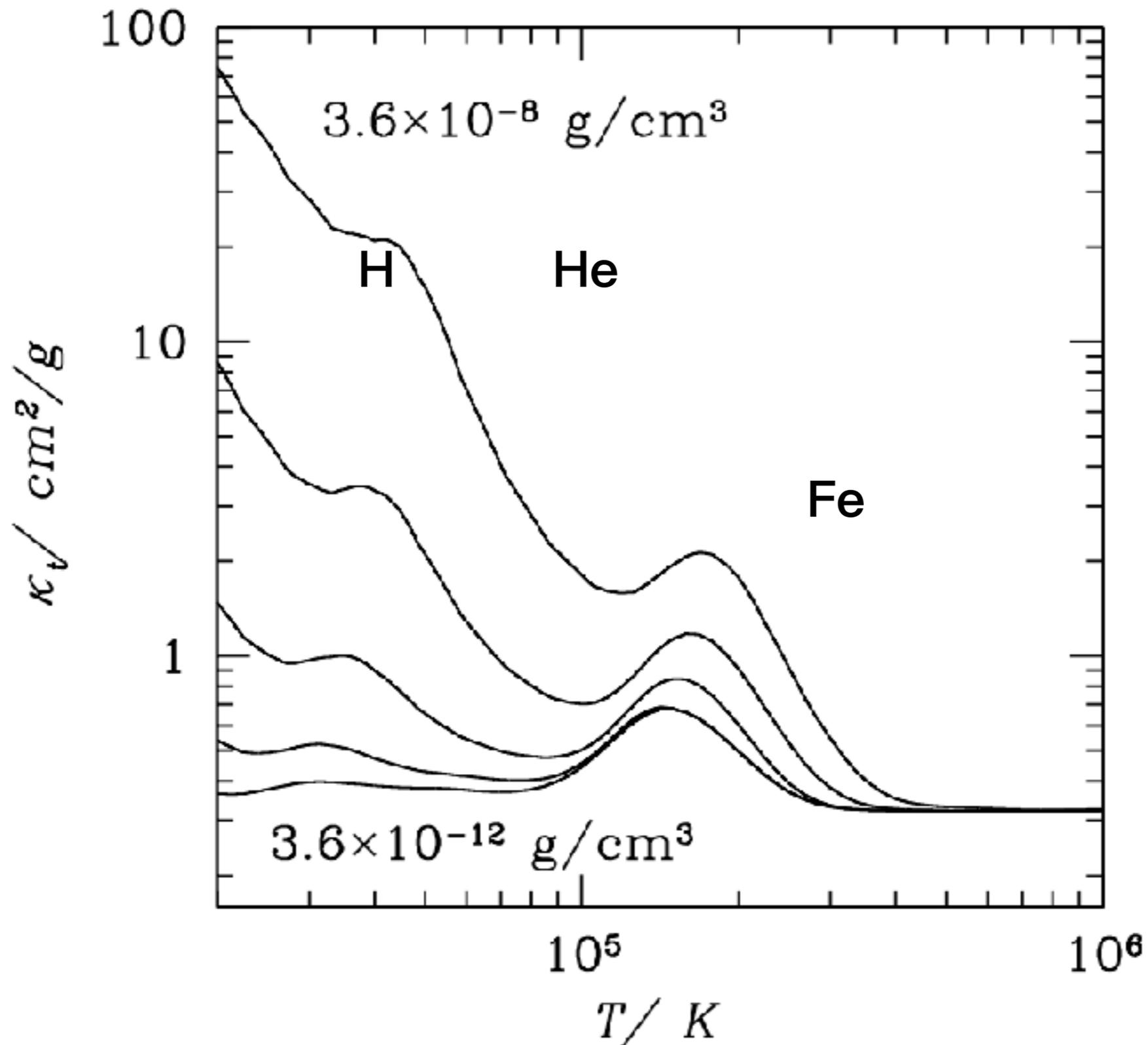
Closure:

$$\frac{\partial I_r}{\partial s} = \kappa_t (S - I_r) \quad \mathbf{f} = \frac{\int I_r \mathbf{n} n d\Omega}{\int I_r d\Omega}, \quad \mathbf{P}_r = \mathbf{f} E_r$$

# Super-Eddington due to the opacity peaks

Paxton et al. (2013)

Jiang et al. (2015)



constant  
density lines

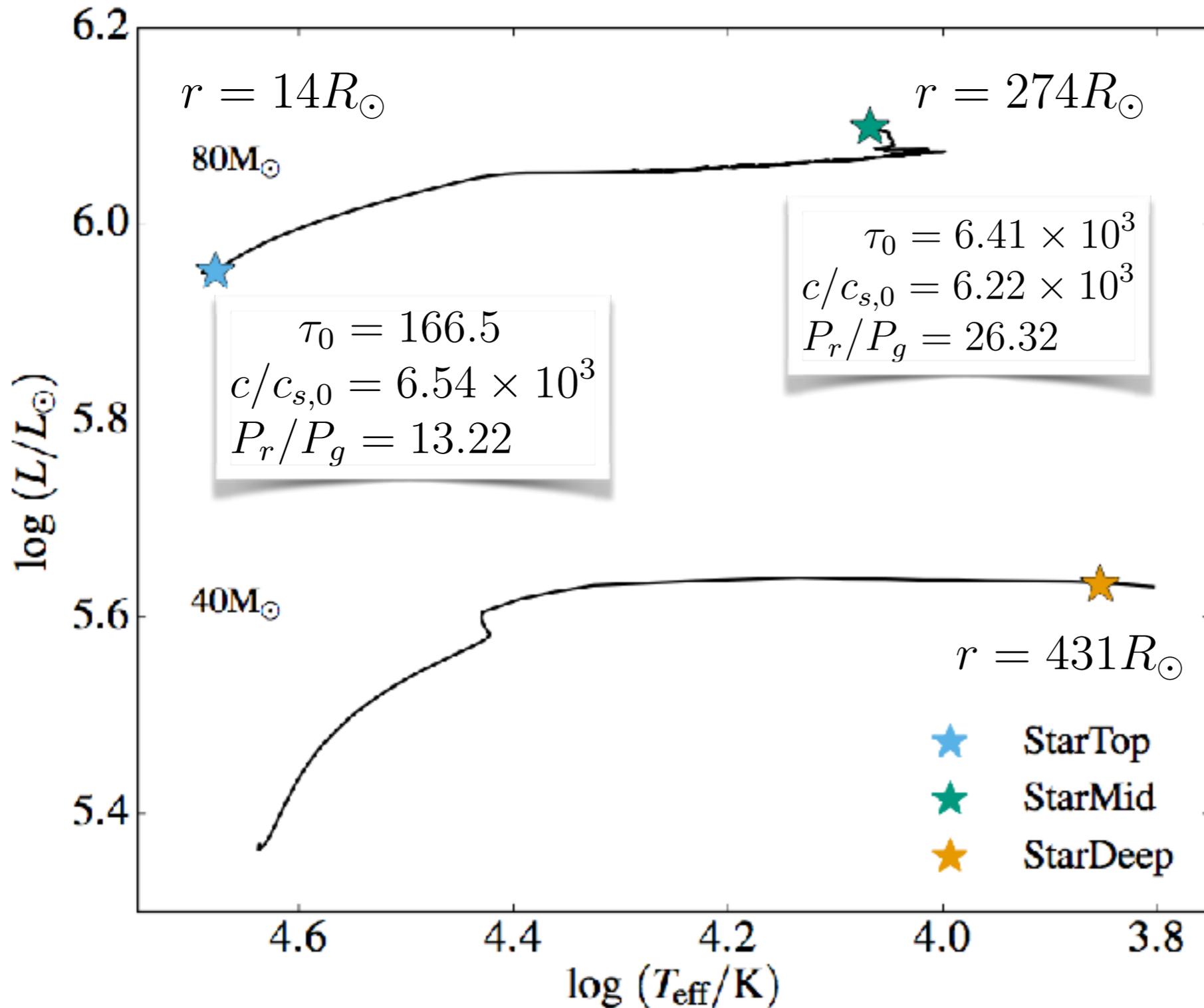
## • Advantages of 3D Simulations

- Capture the radiation (magneto-)hydrodynamic instabilities (convection)
- Calibrate the 1D mixing length theory in the radiation pressure dominated regime
- Capture the 3D effects (porosity caused by the density fluctuations)

## • Disadvantages of 3D Simulations

- Cannot cover the whole radial range of the star
- Cannot evolve for a long time (compared with the life time of the stars)

# The fiducial Models



$$c_{s,0} = \sqrt{\frac{a_r T_0^4}{3\rho_0}},$$

$$H_0 = \frac{c_{s,0}^2}{g} = \frac{a_r T_0^4}{3\rho_0 g},$$

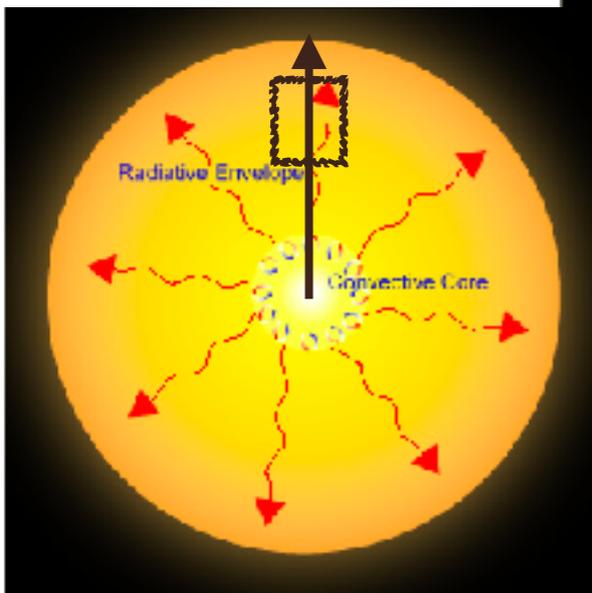
$$\tau_0 = \kappa_t(\rho_0, T_0)\rho_0 H_0,$$

$\tau_0 = 9.12 \times 10^4$   
 $c/c_{s,0} = 5.99 \times 10^3$   
 $P_r/P_g = 3.96$

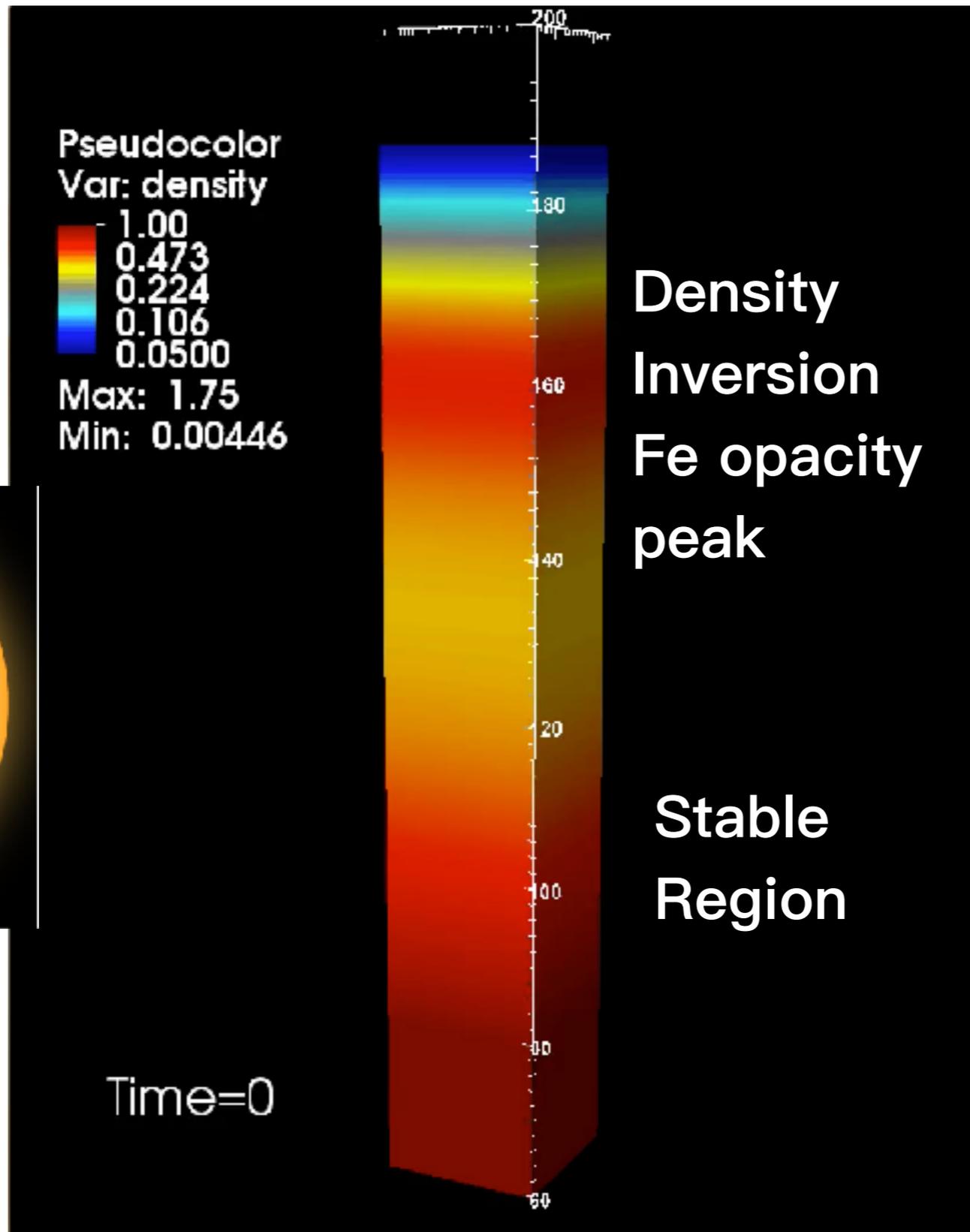


# Setup for the local calculations

Open top  
boundary  
(Photosphere  
can be  
included)



Reflection  
bottom  
boundary



Jiang et al. (2015)

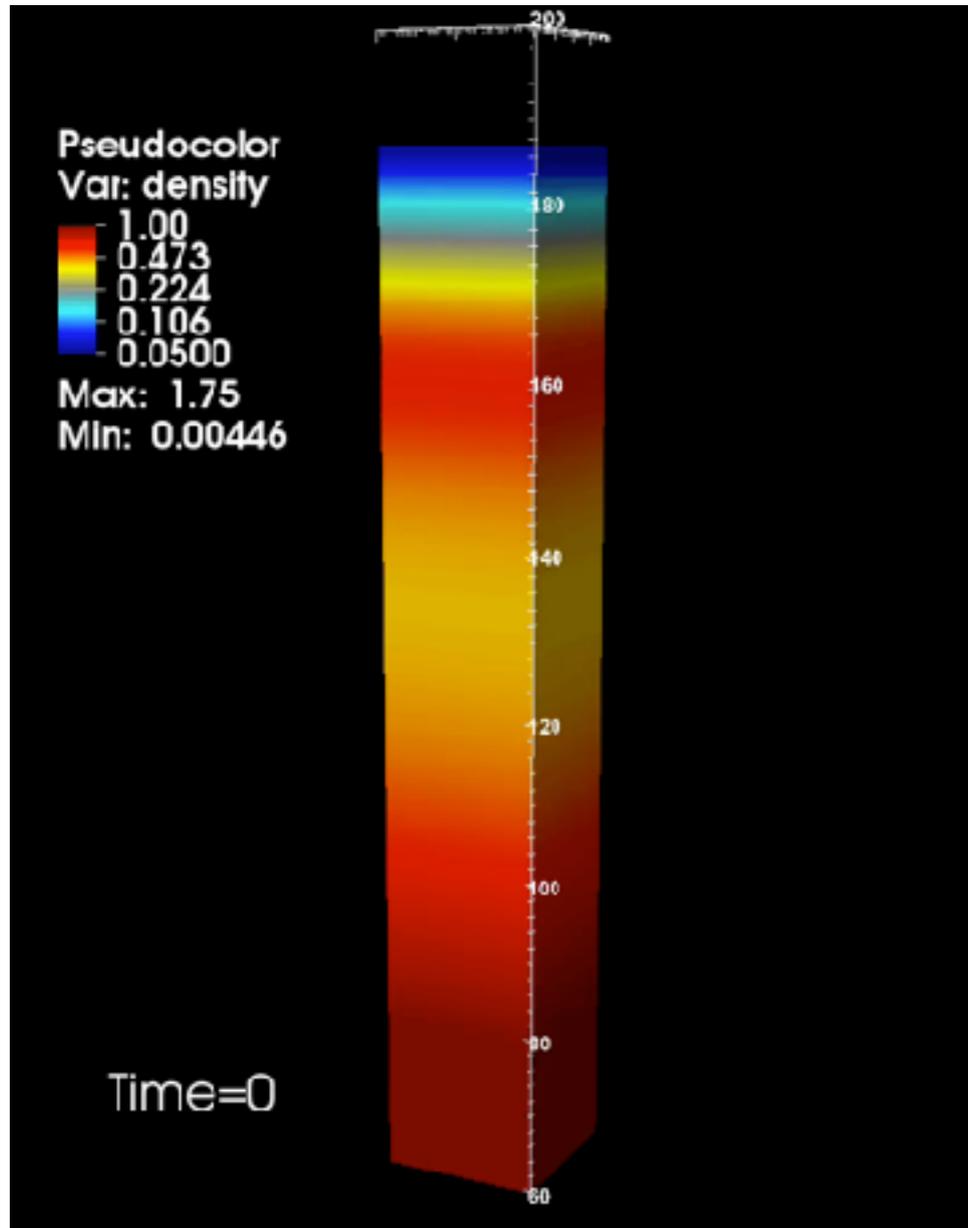
Constant gravity

$g$

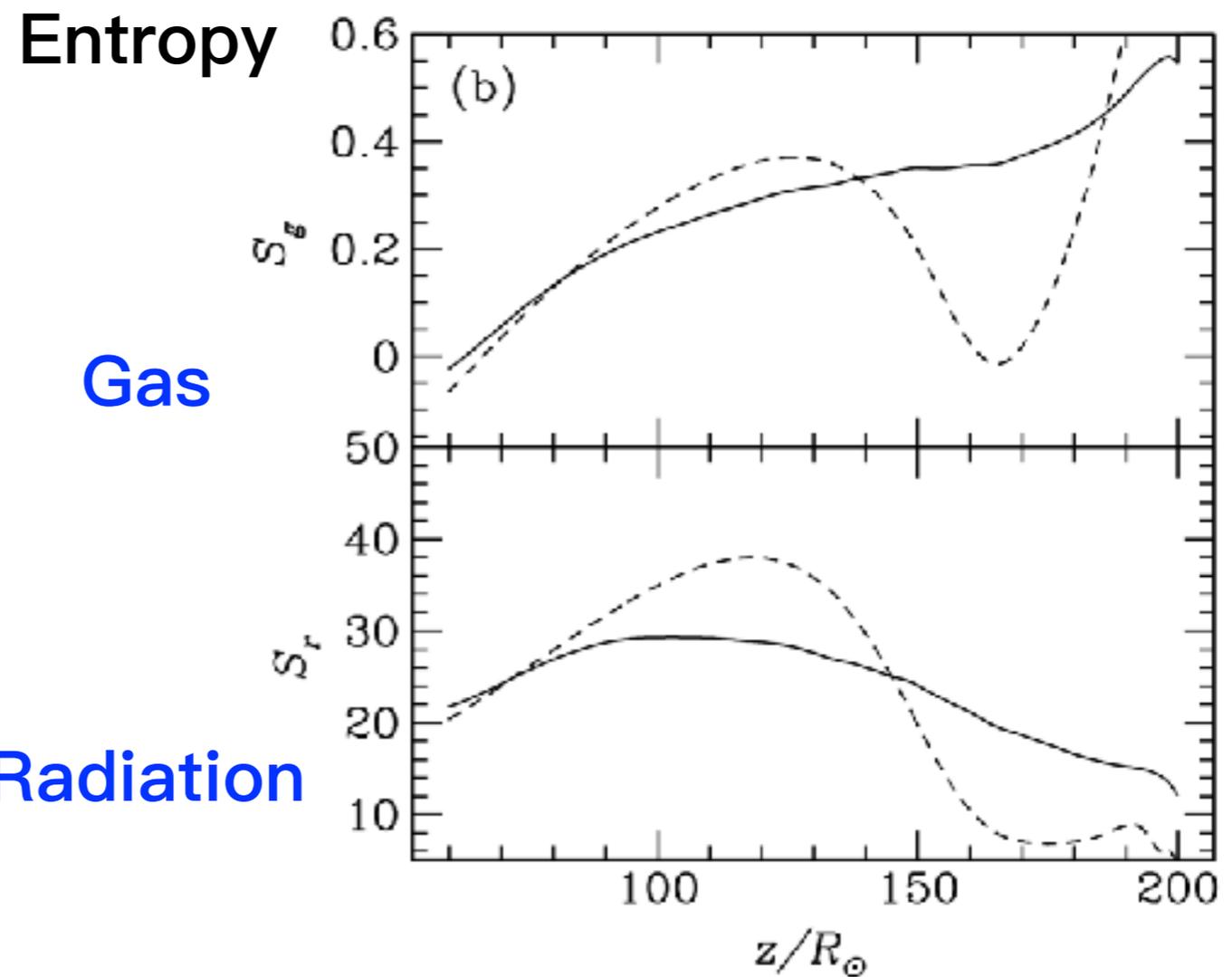
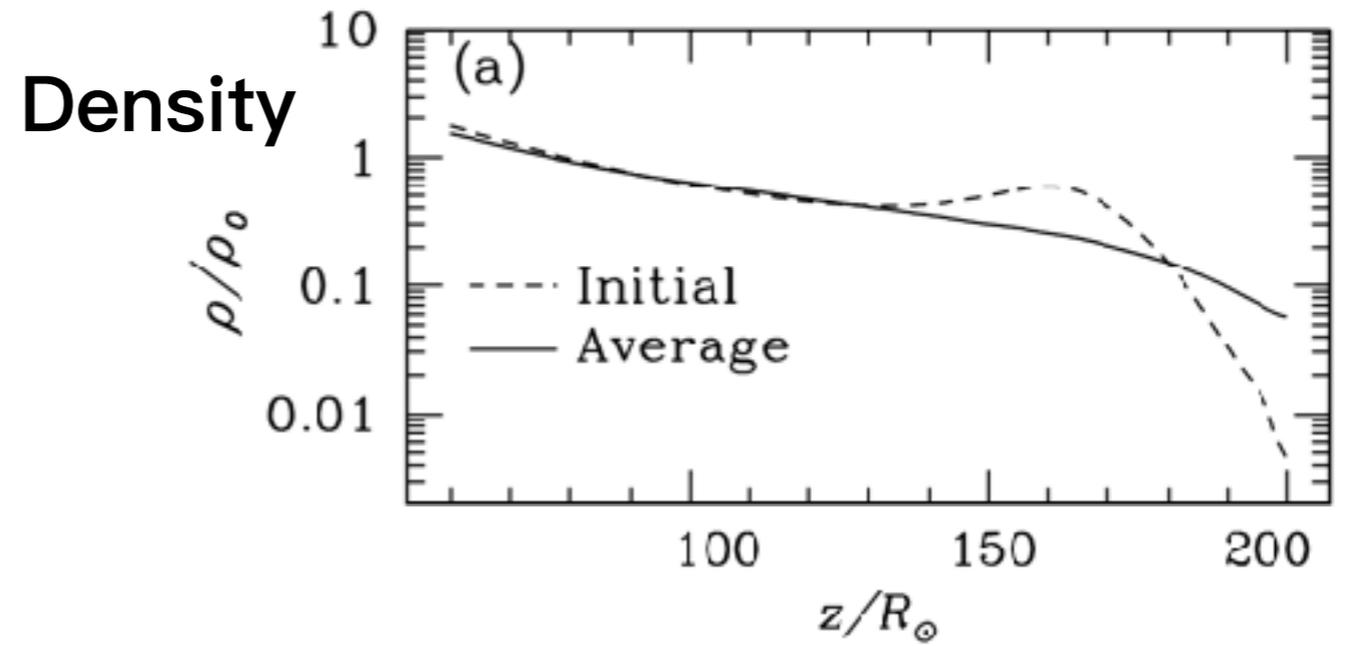
Constant  
radiation flux  
coming from the  
bottom

$Fr$

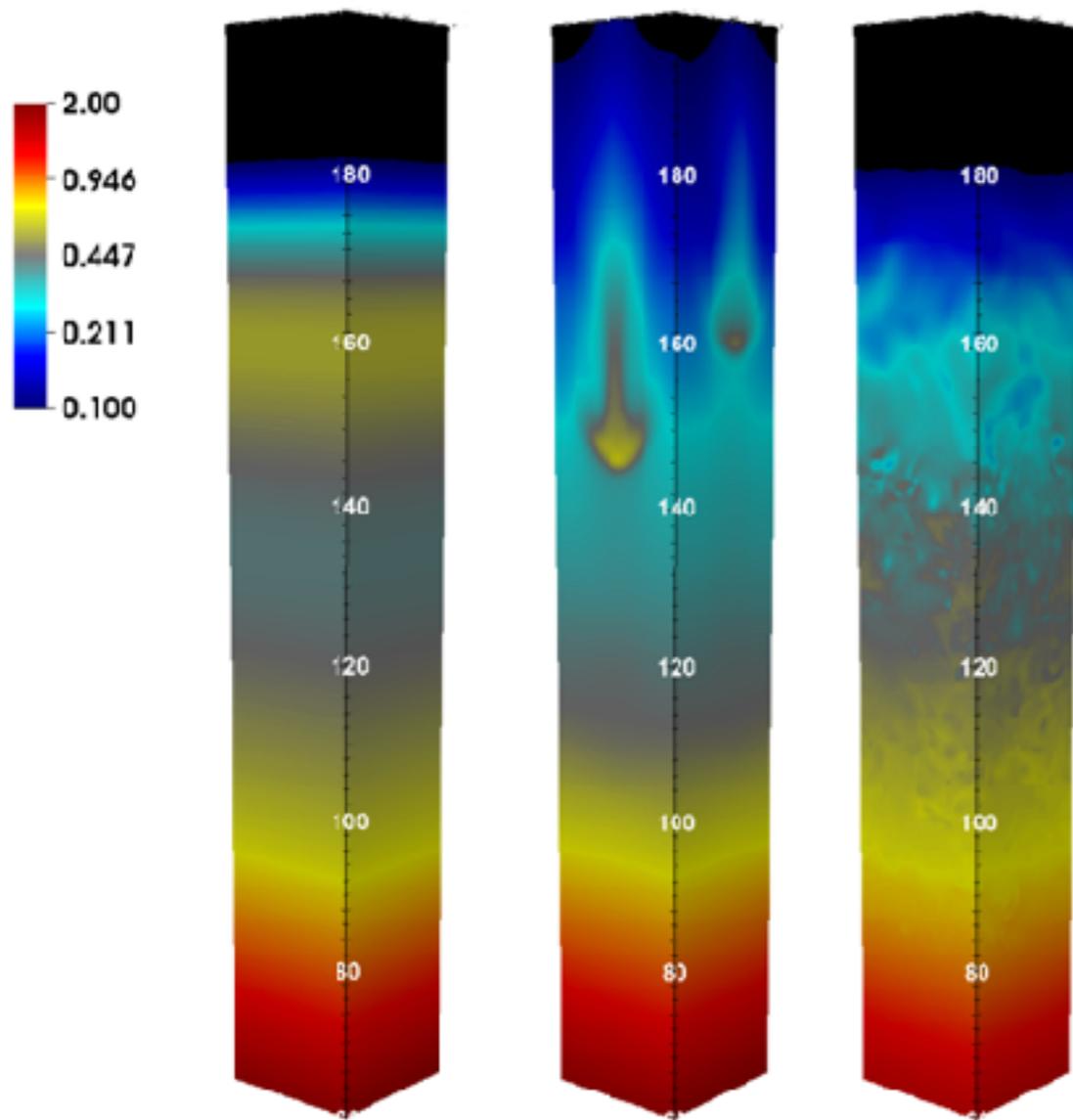
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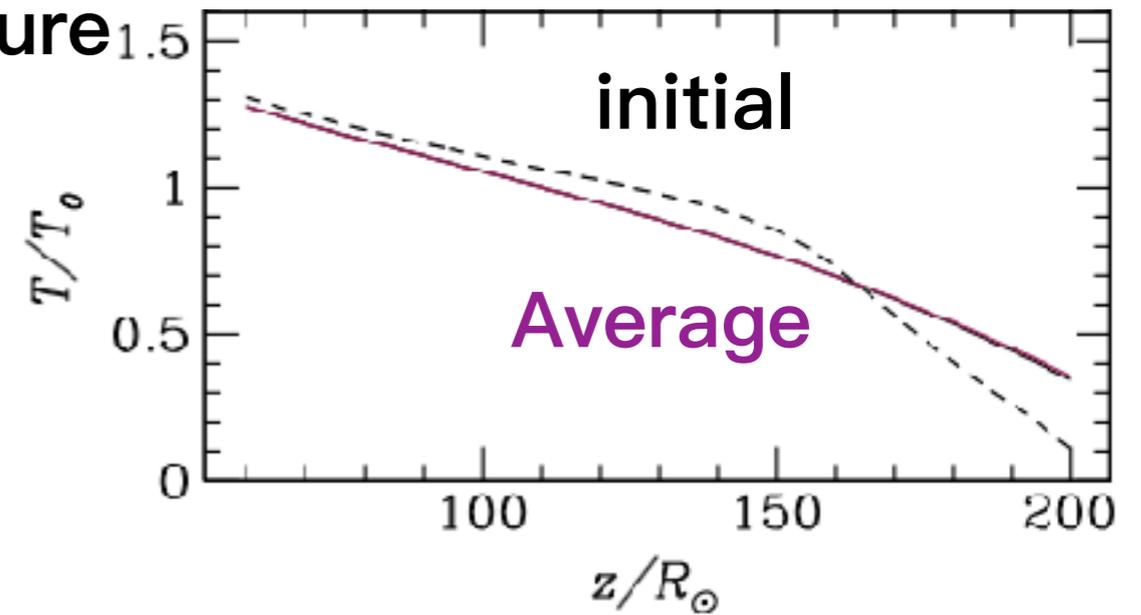
Density



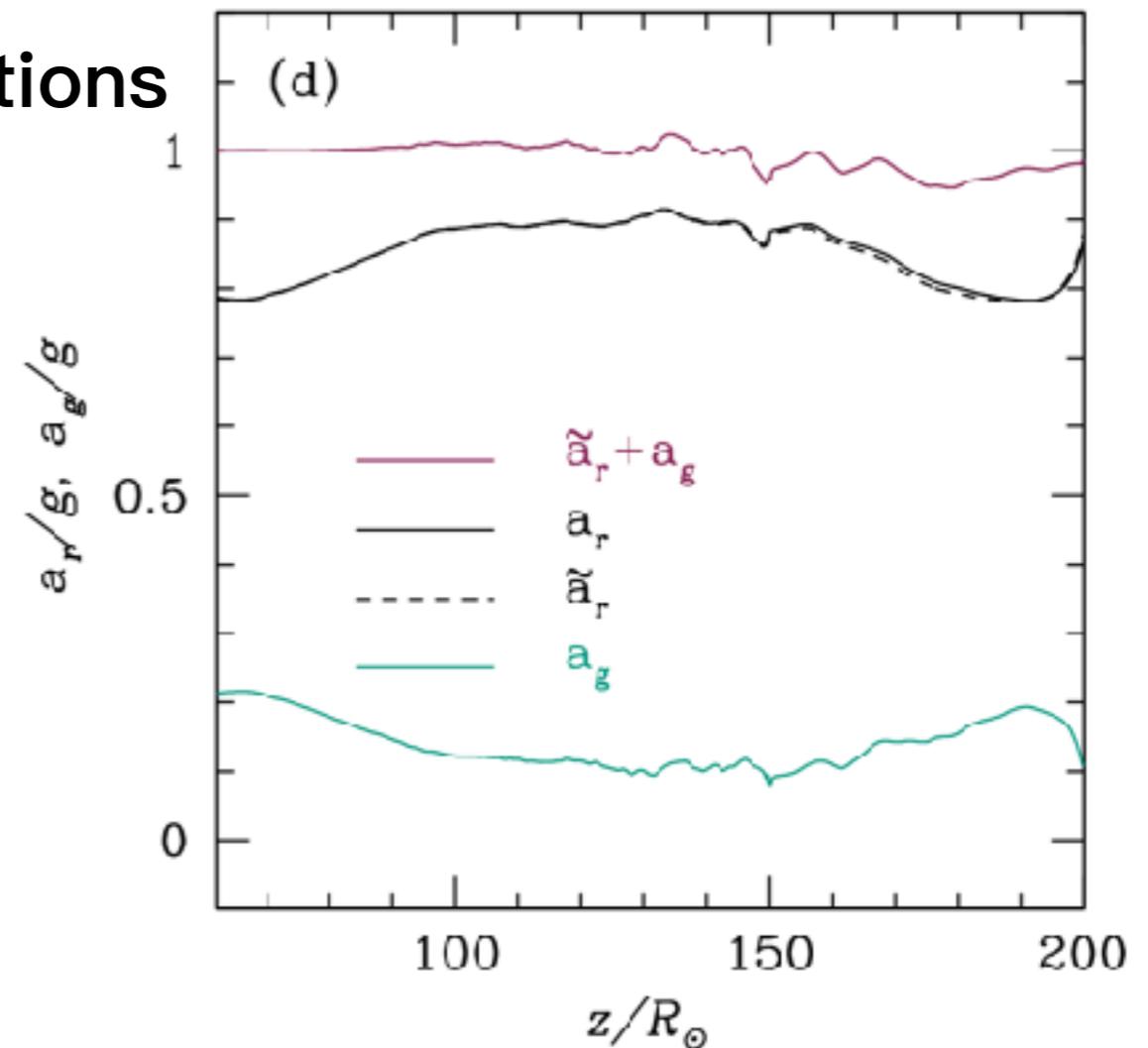
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Temperature



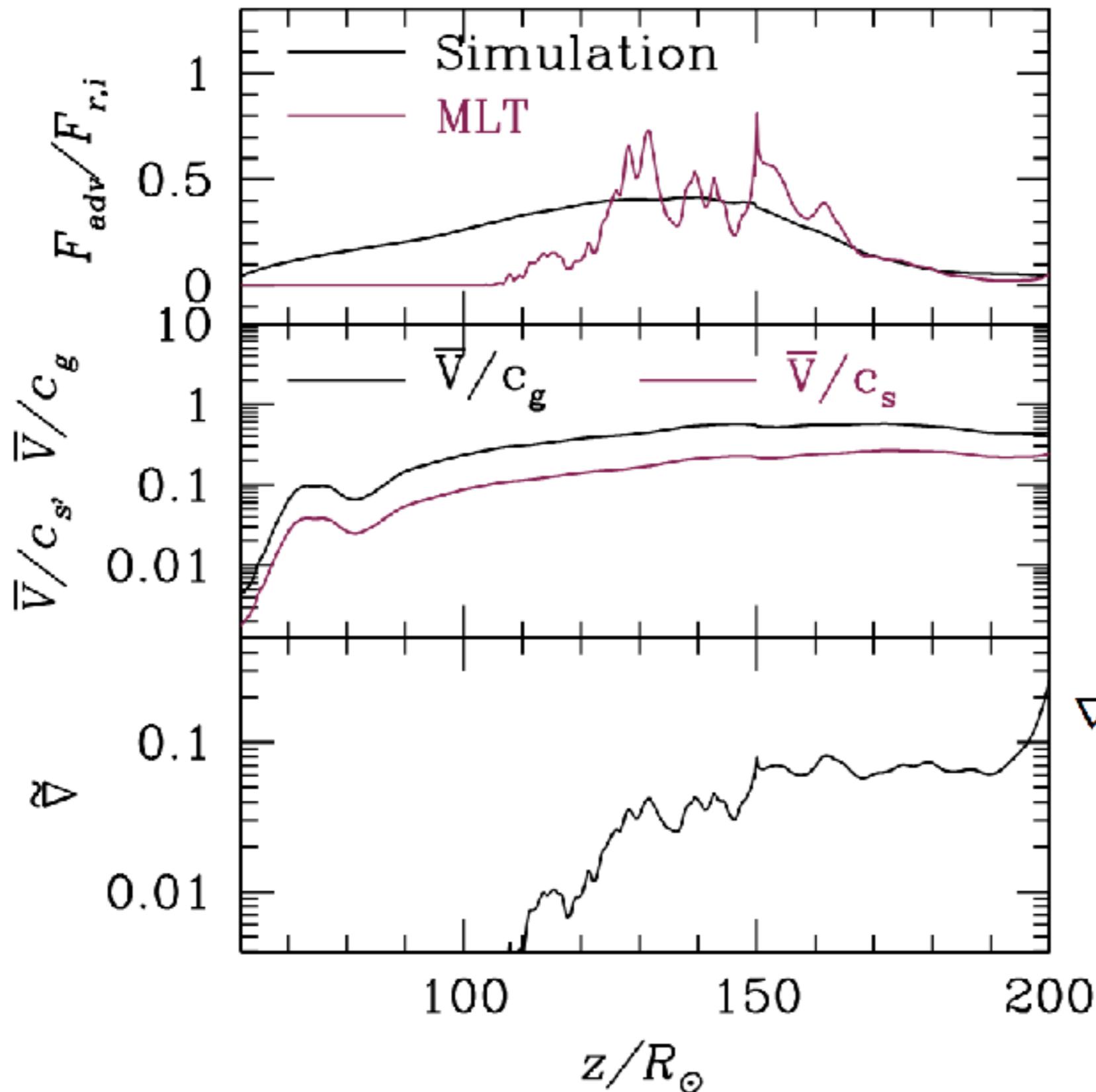
Accelerations



$$\tilde{a}_r = \frac{\langle \rho \kappa_t F_{r,0z} \rangle}{c \langle \rho \rangle}$$

$$a_r = \frac{\kappa_t}{c} F_{r,0z}$$

# Compared with MLT



$$\alpha = 0.55$$

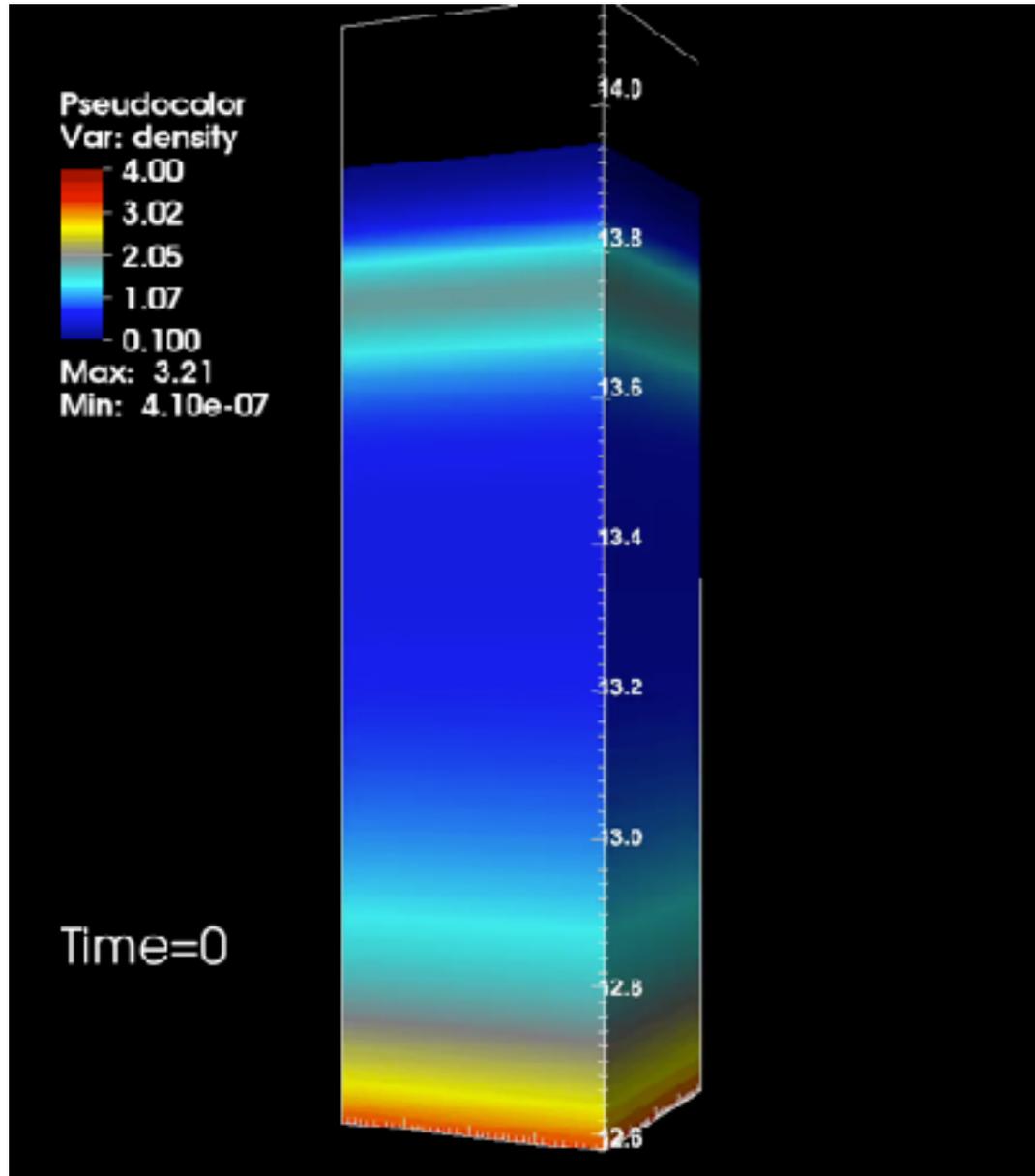
**Subsonic  
convection.**

$$\nabla \equiv d \ln T / d \ln (P + P_r)$$

$$\tilde{\nabla} \equiv (\nabla - \nabla_{ad}) / \nabla_{ad}$$

**Close to adiabatic.**

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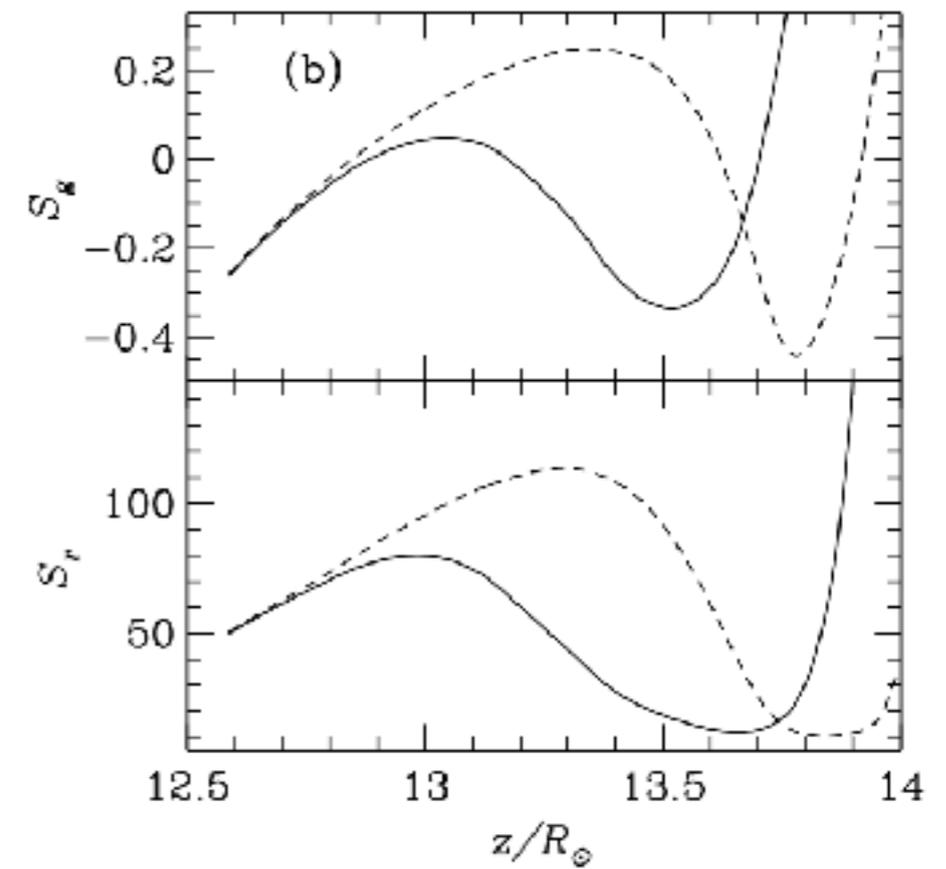
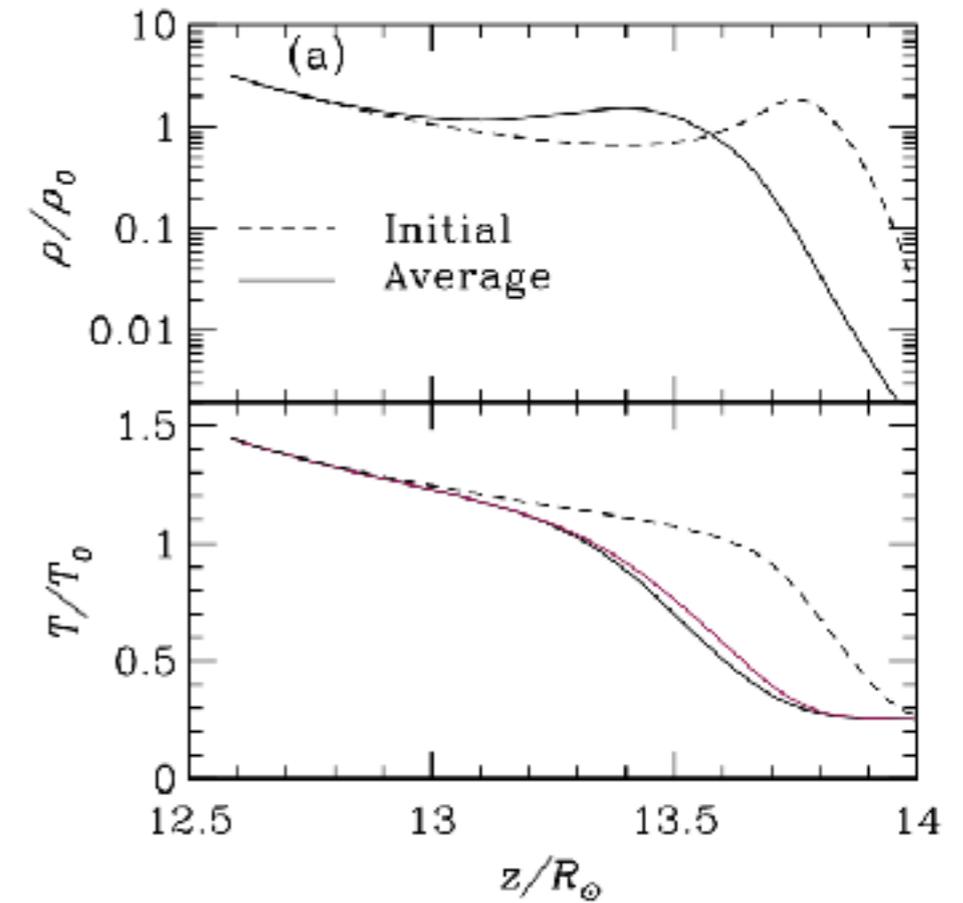


Density

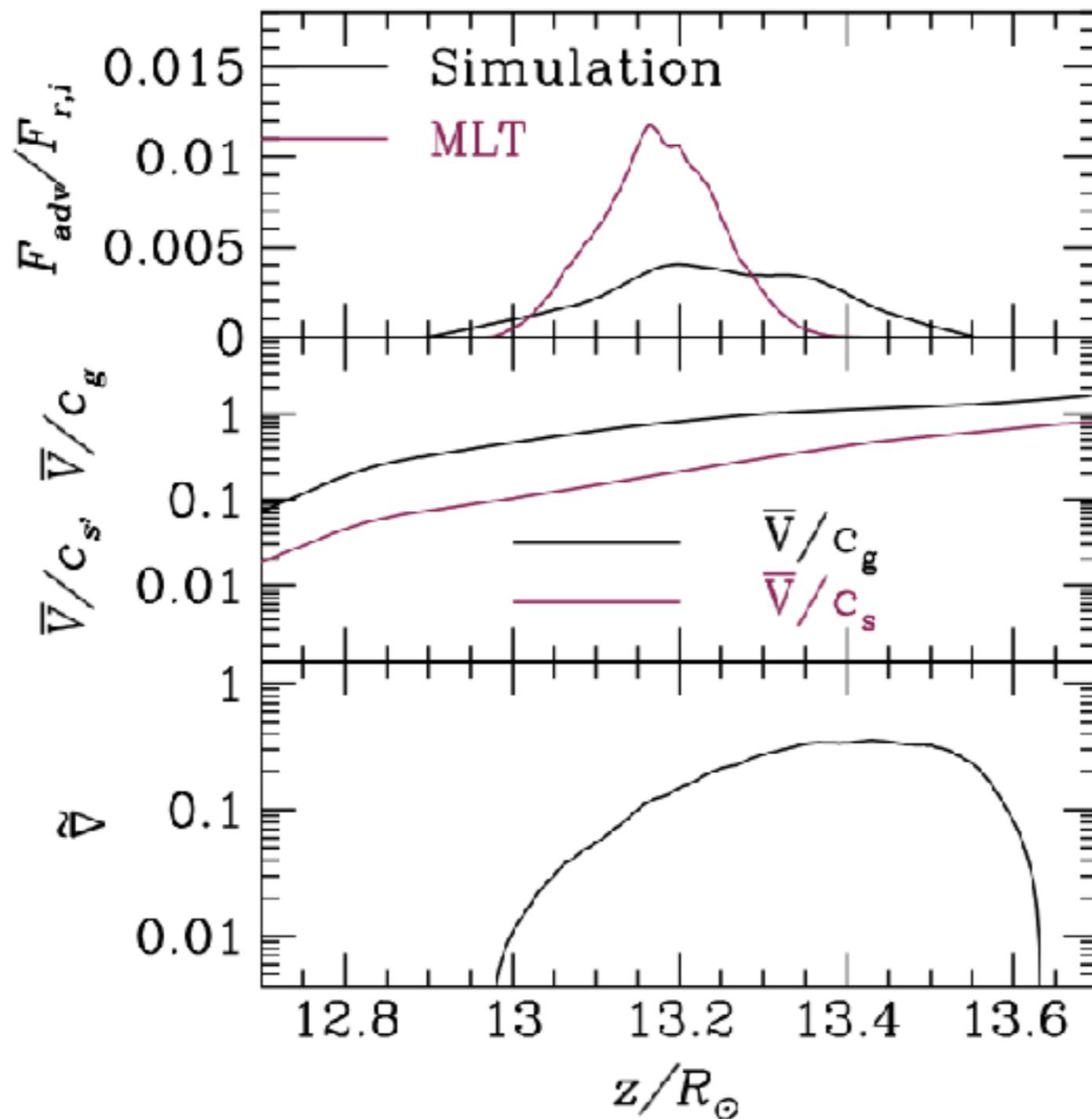
Density

Temperature

Entropy



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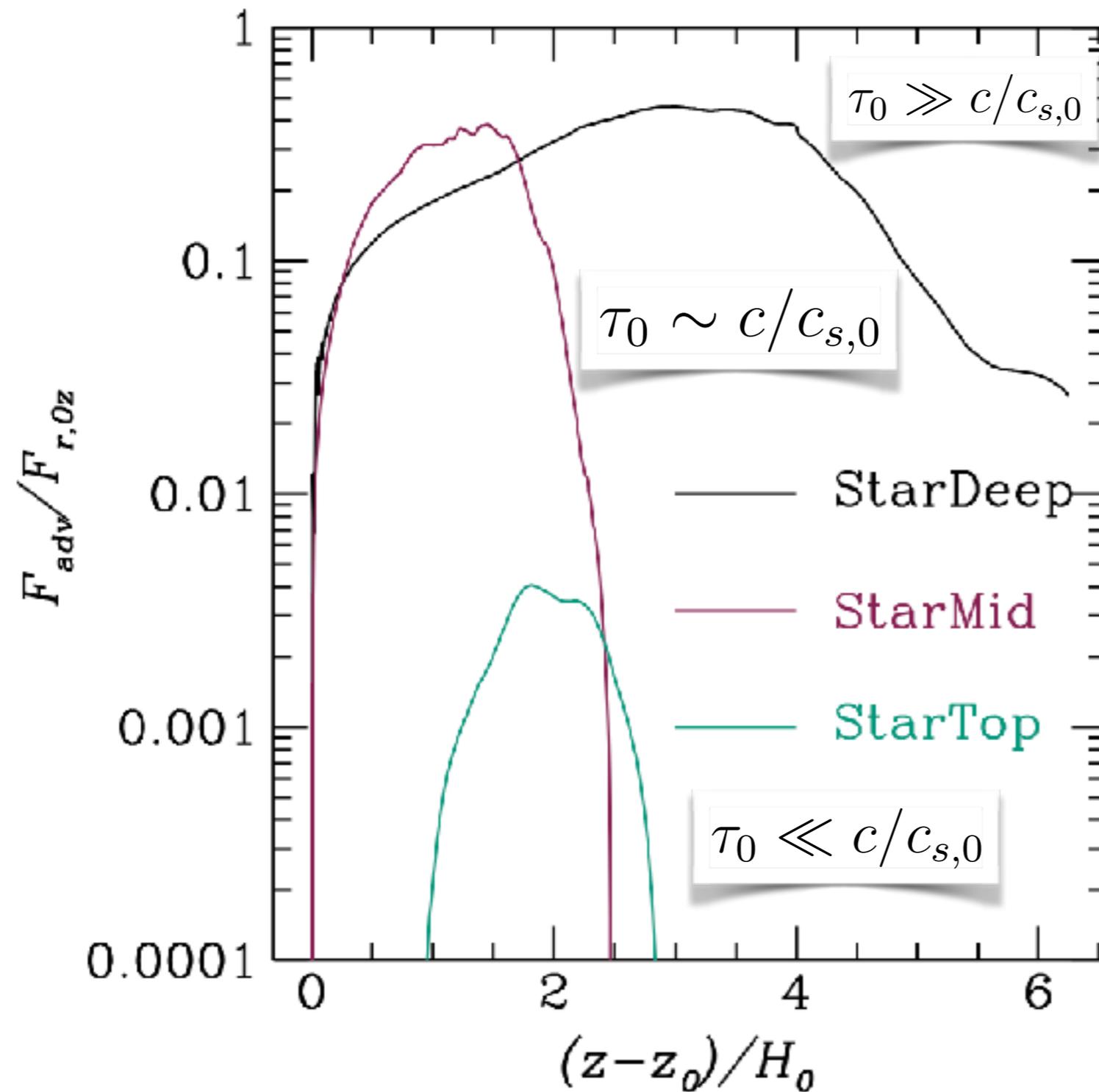


Convection flux much smaller than the MLT predicted value

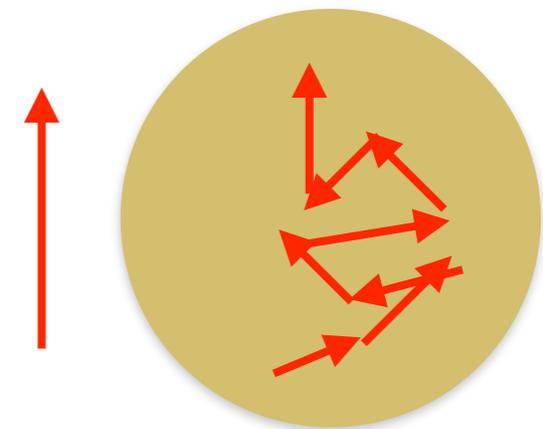
Supersonic turbulent velocity  $> 50$  km/s

Larger difference compared to the adiabatic value.

# Summary of Convection in Radiation Pressure dominated regime



The competition between diffusion time scale and advection time scale.



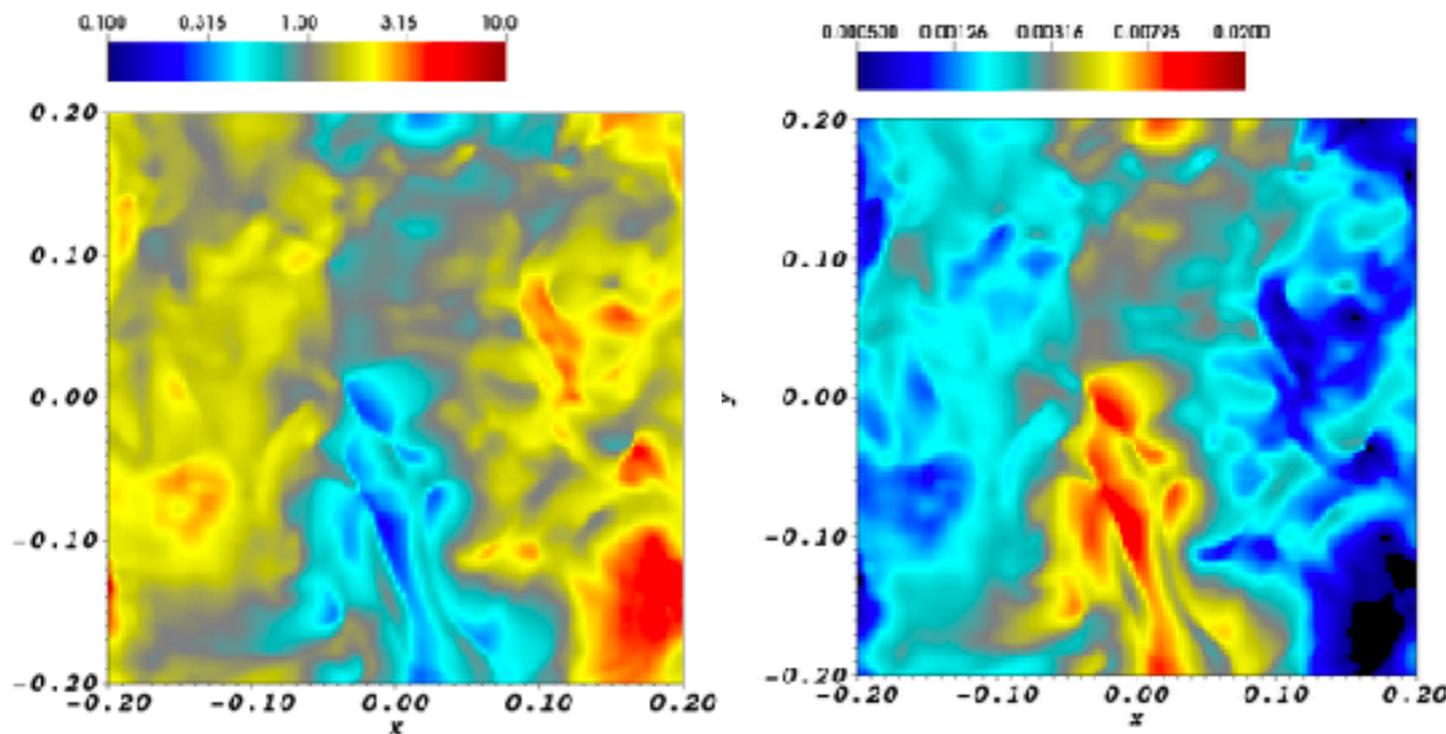
# The Porosity Factor When

$$\tau_0 \ll c/c_{s,0}$$

Horizontal slice

Shaviv (1998)

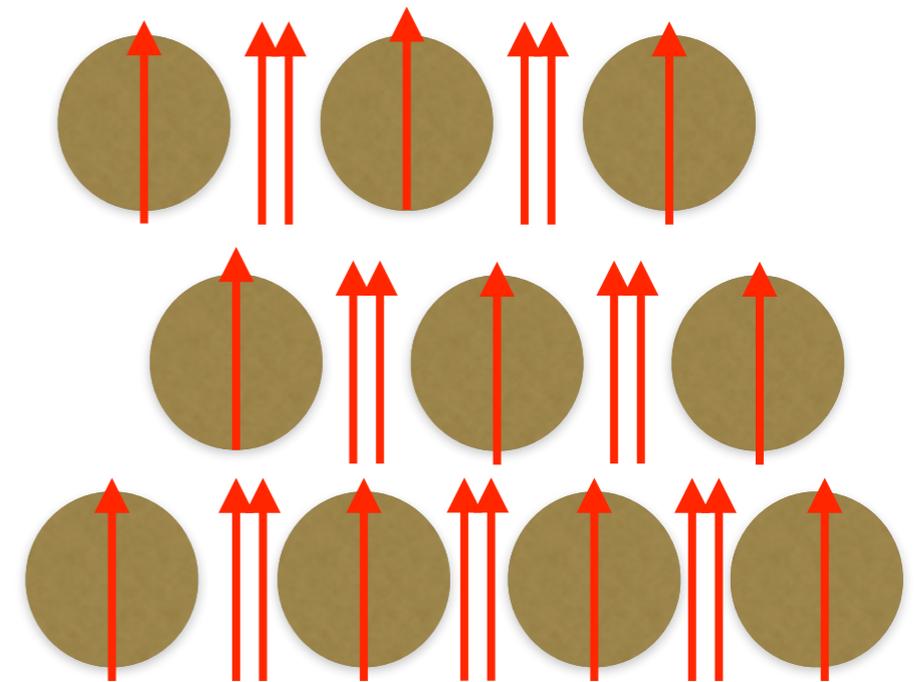
Van Marle et al. (2008)



Density

Radiation Flux

$$\tilde{a}_r = \frac{\langle \rho \kappa_t F_{r,0z} \rangle}{c \langle \rho \rangle} \quad a_r = \frac{\langle \kappa_t F_{r,0z} \rangle}{c}$$



Vertical Structure



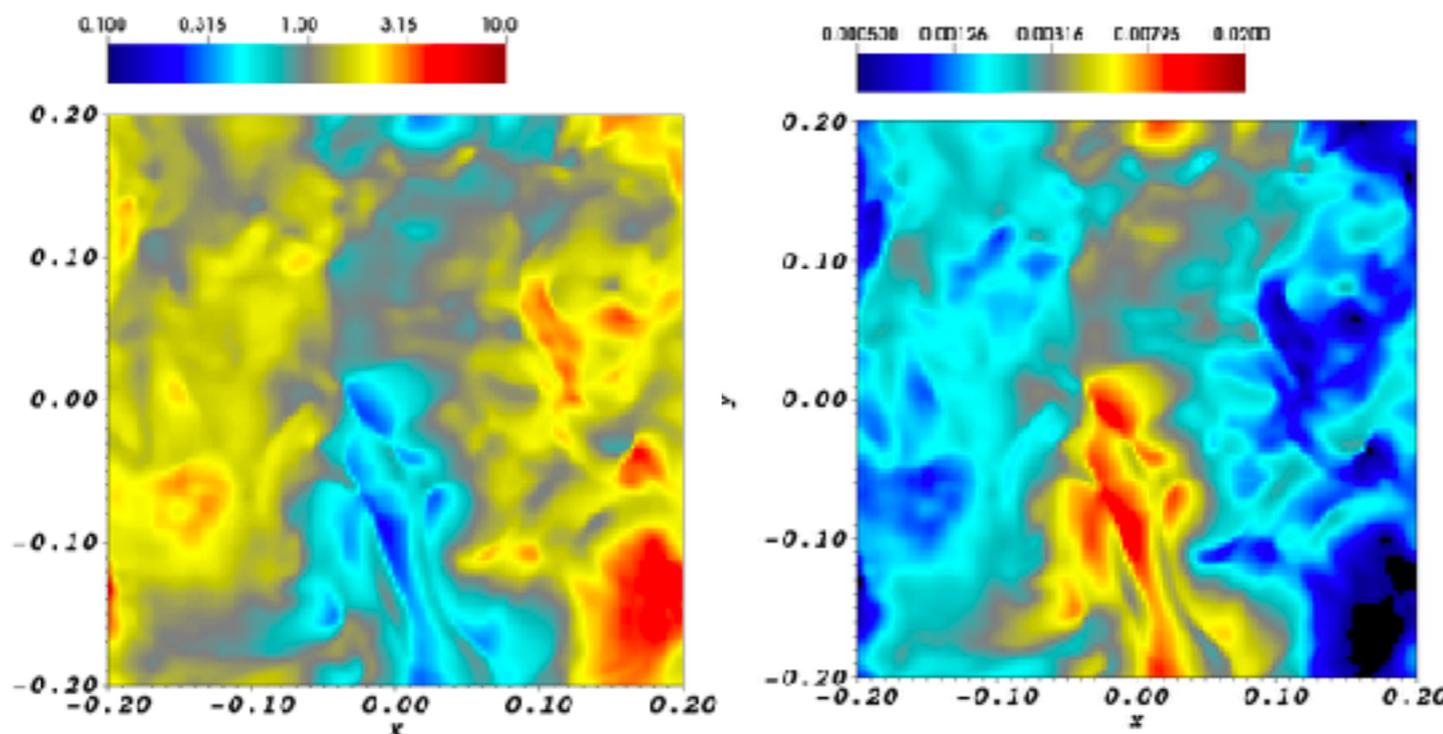
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Horizontal slice

Owocki (2014)

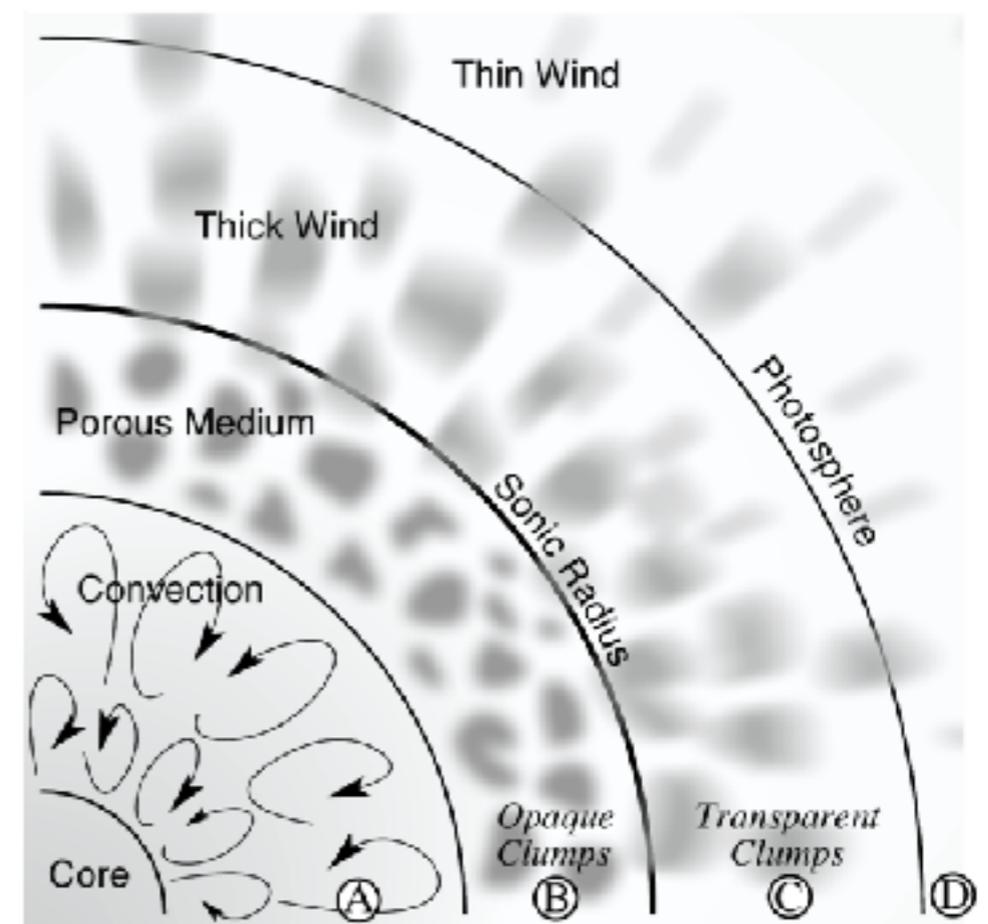
See Stan's talk



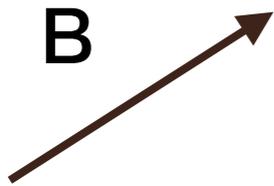
Density

Radiation Flux

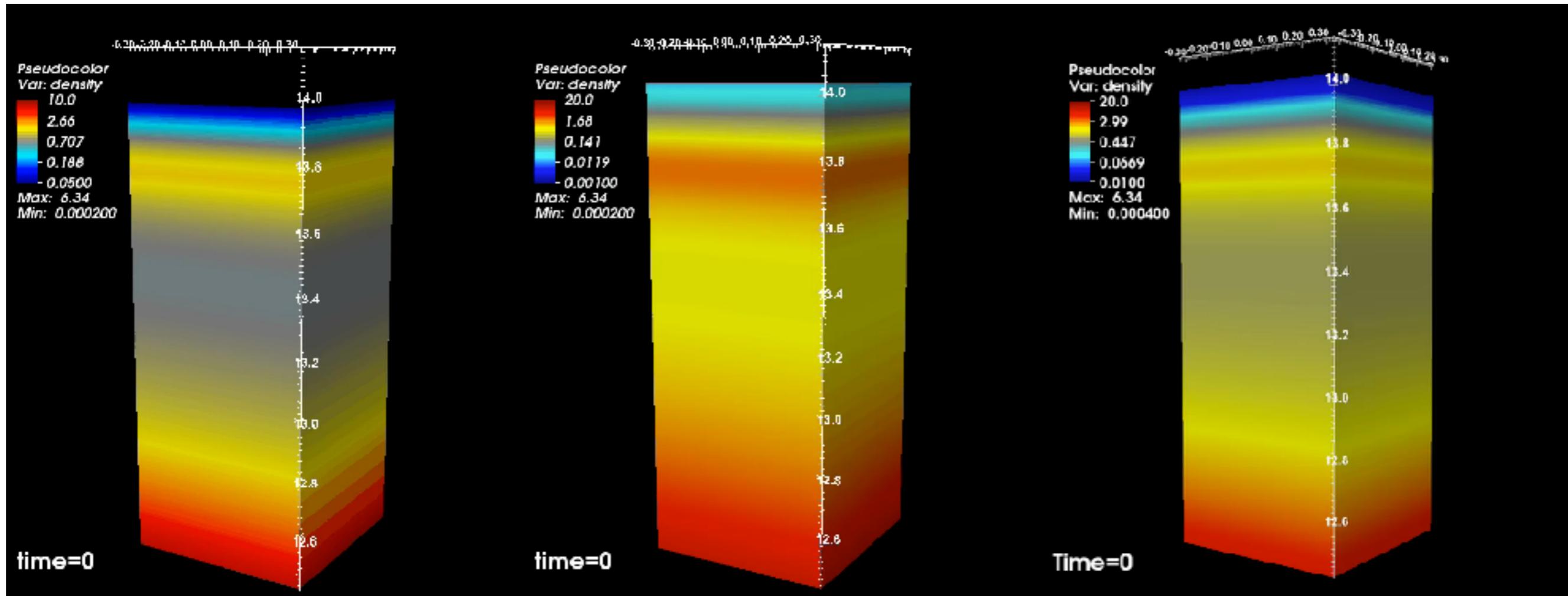
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# Effects of Magnetic Fields



Jiang et al. (2017,  
arXiv:1612.06434)



$$B_{z,0} = 60G$$

$$B_{y,0} = 121G$$

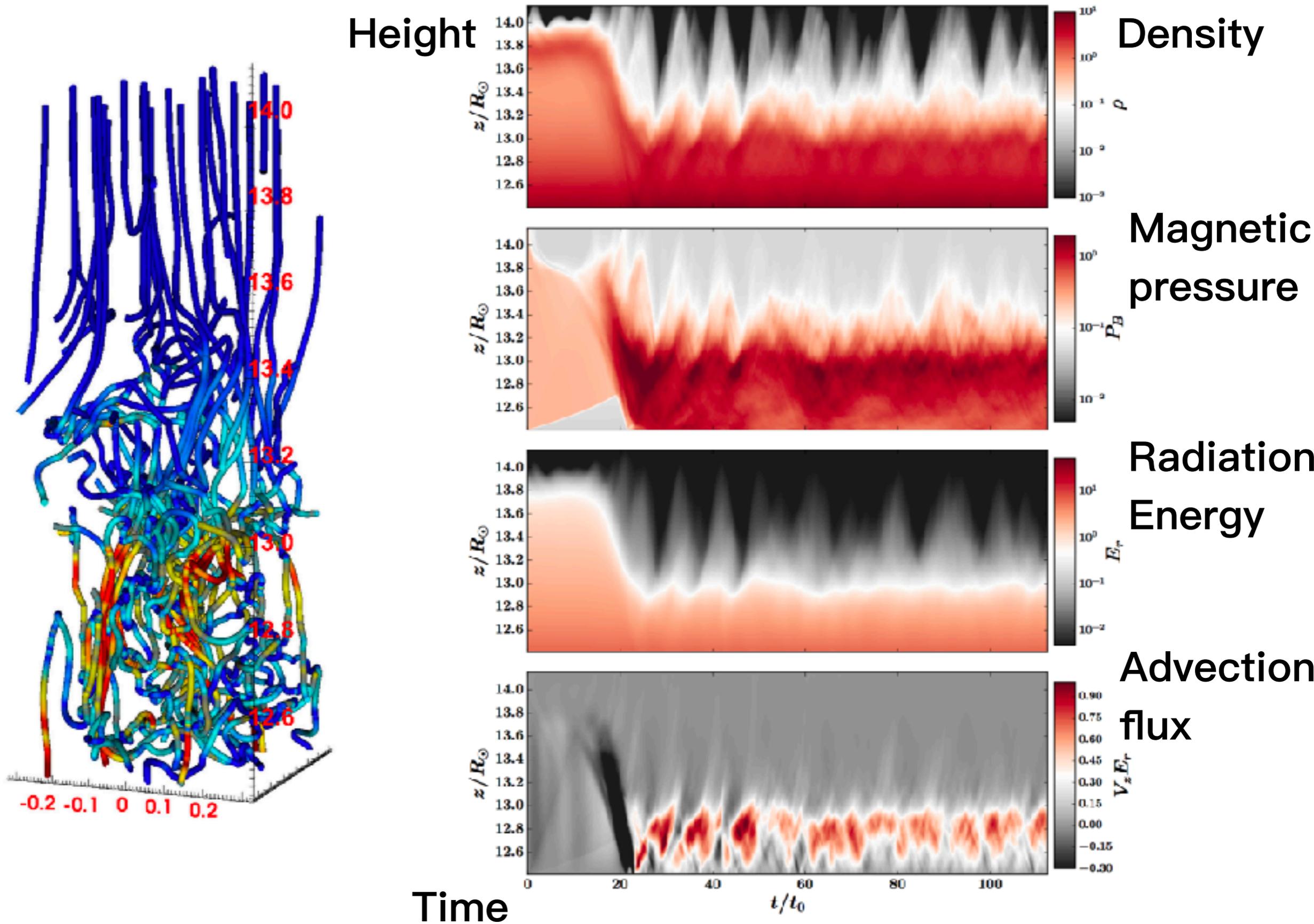
$$B_{z,0} = 382G$$

$$B_{y,0} = 764G$$

$$B_{z,0} = 382G$$

$$B_{y,0} = 3819G$$

# Magnetic Fields Amplified by the Convection

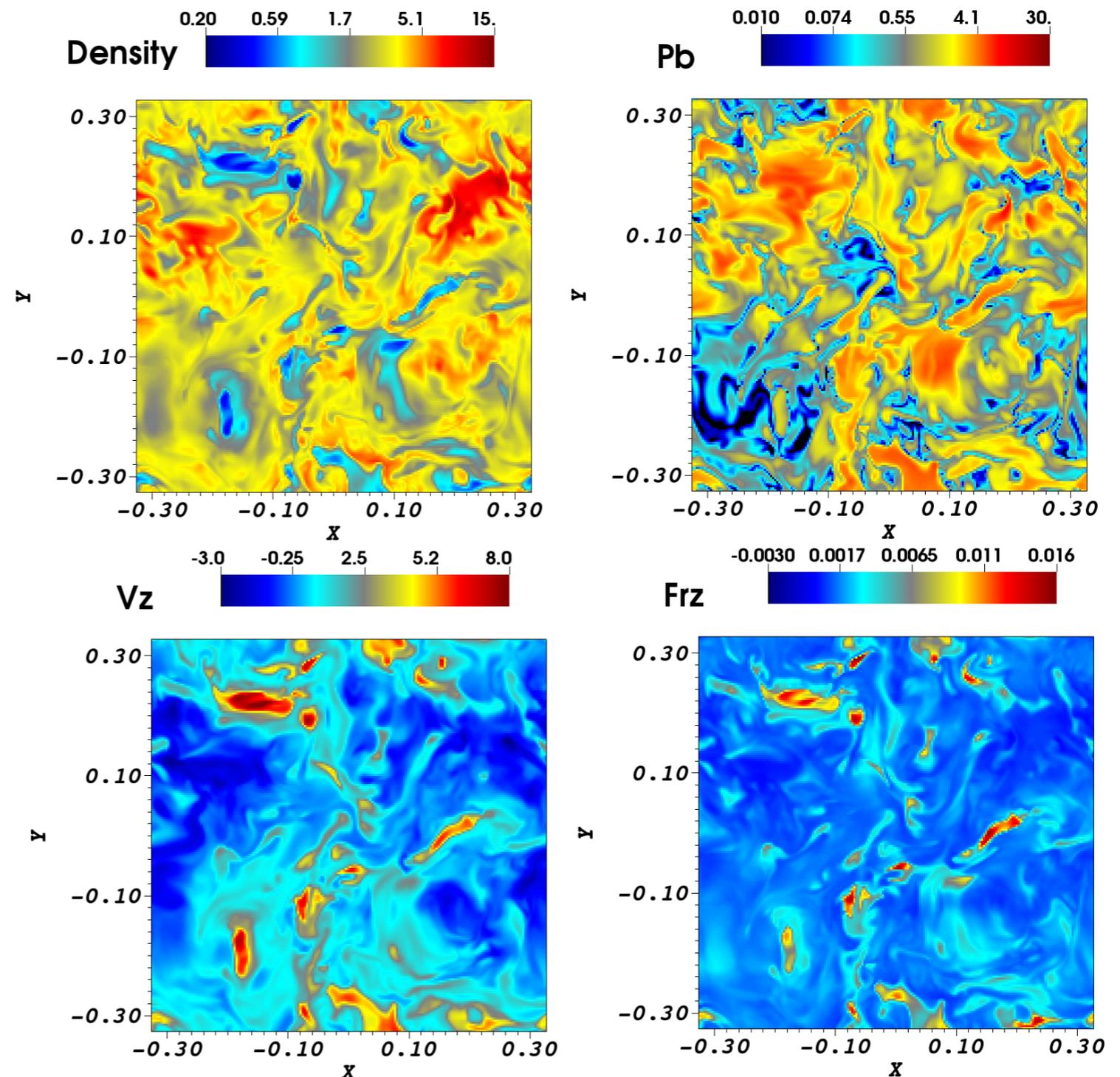


# Magnetic Fields Increase Density Fluctuations

Horizontal slice at

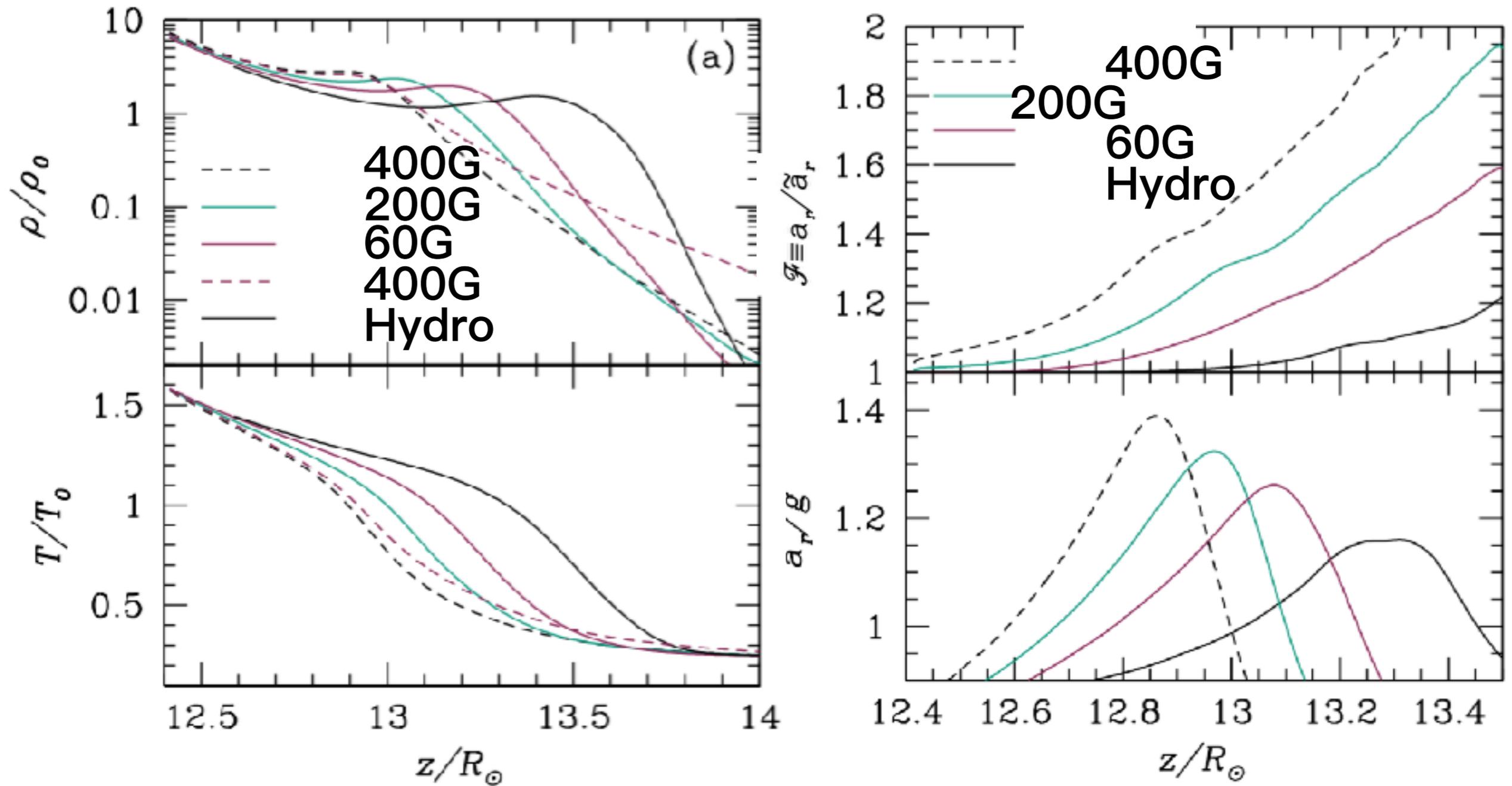
$$z = 12.9r_{\odot}$$

- Magnetic fields increase the density fluctuations, and the porosity factor.
- Magnetic buoyancy increases the advective flux.

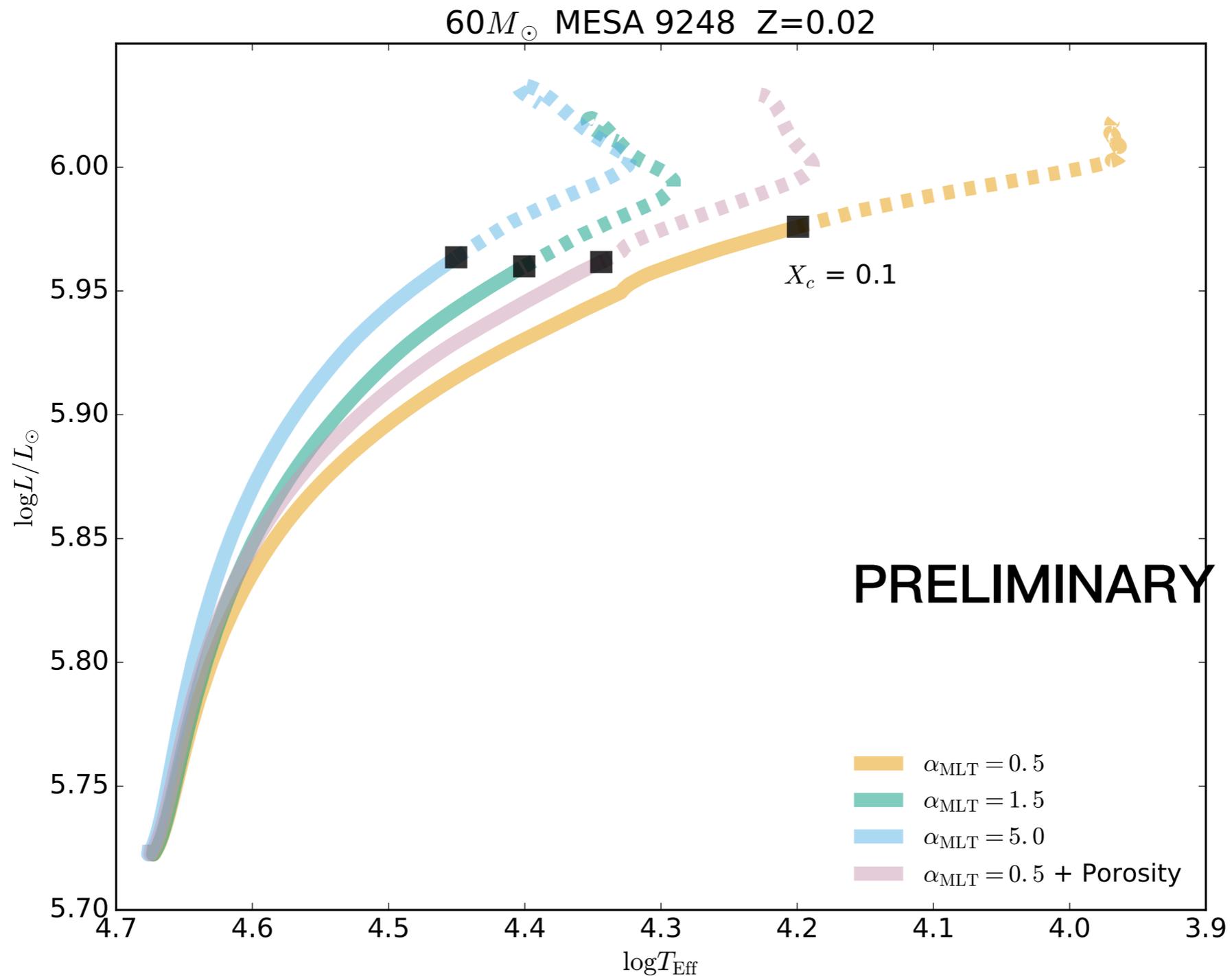


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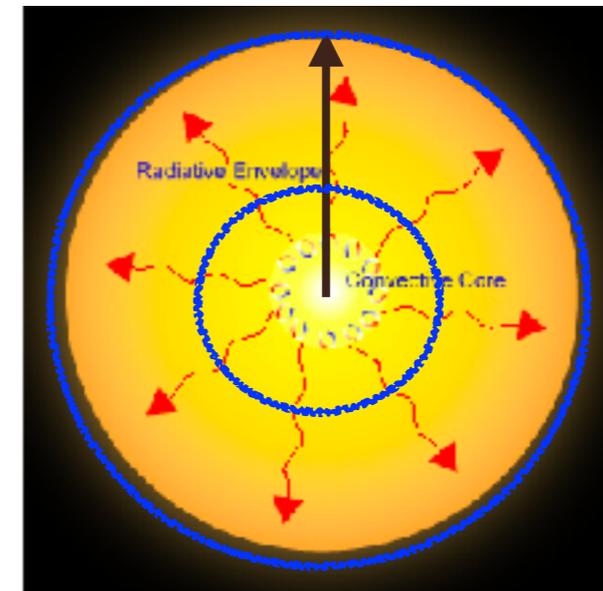
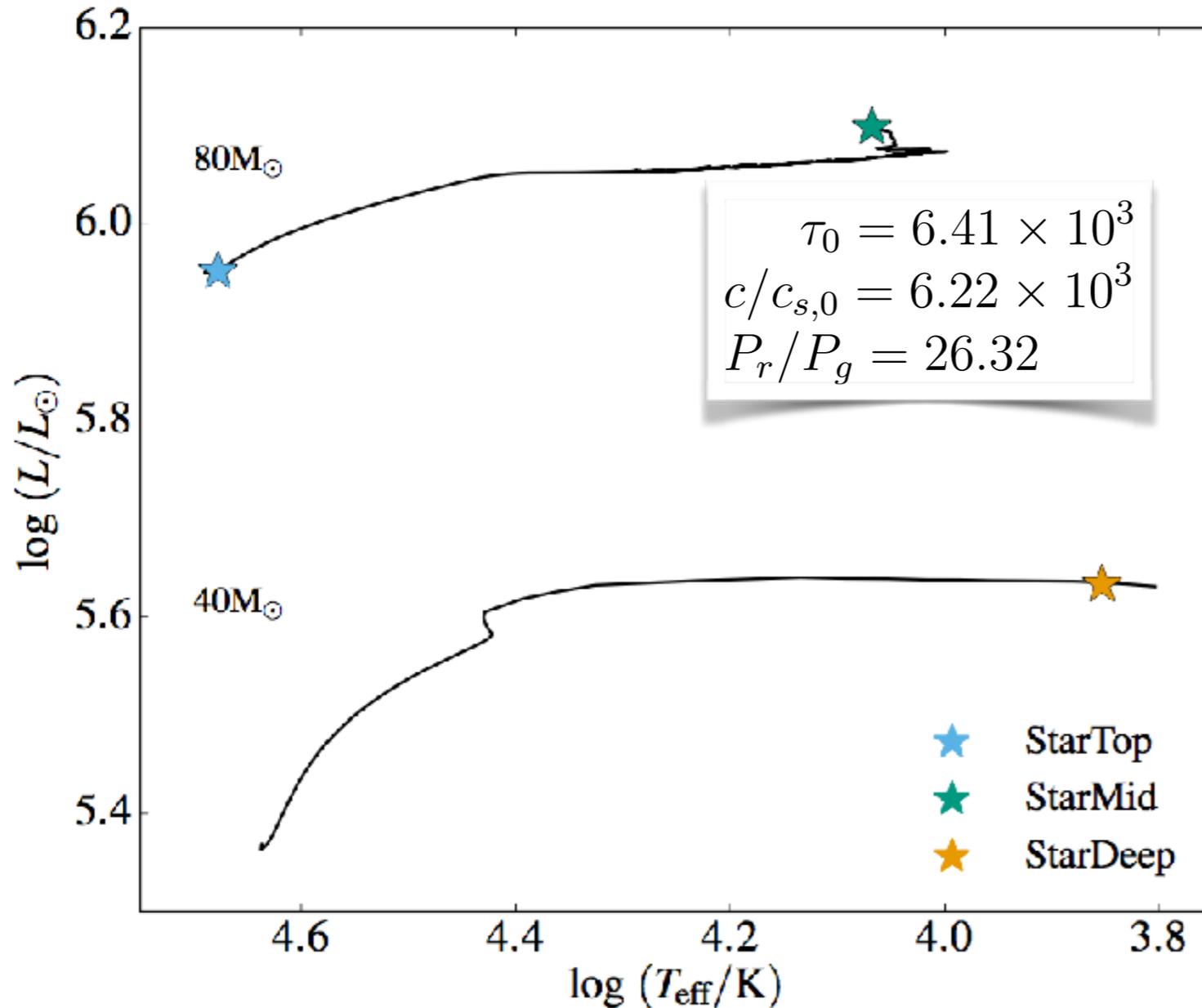
Porosity factor



# 1D models with and without Porosity



# Global Structures of the Massive Star Envelopes

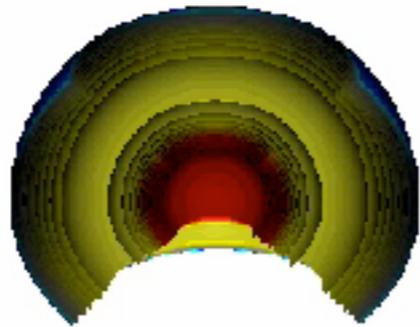


**PRELIMINARY RESULTS!**  
Jiang et al., in prep

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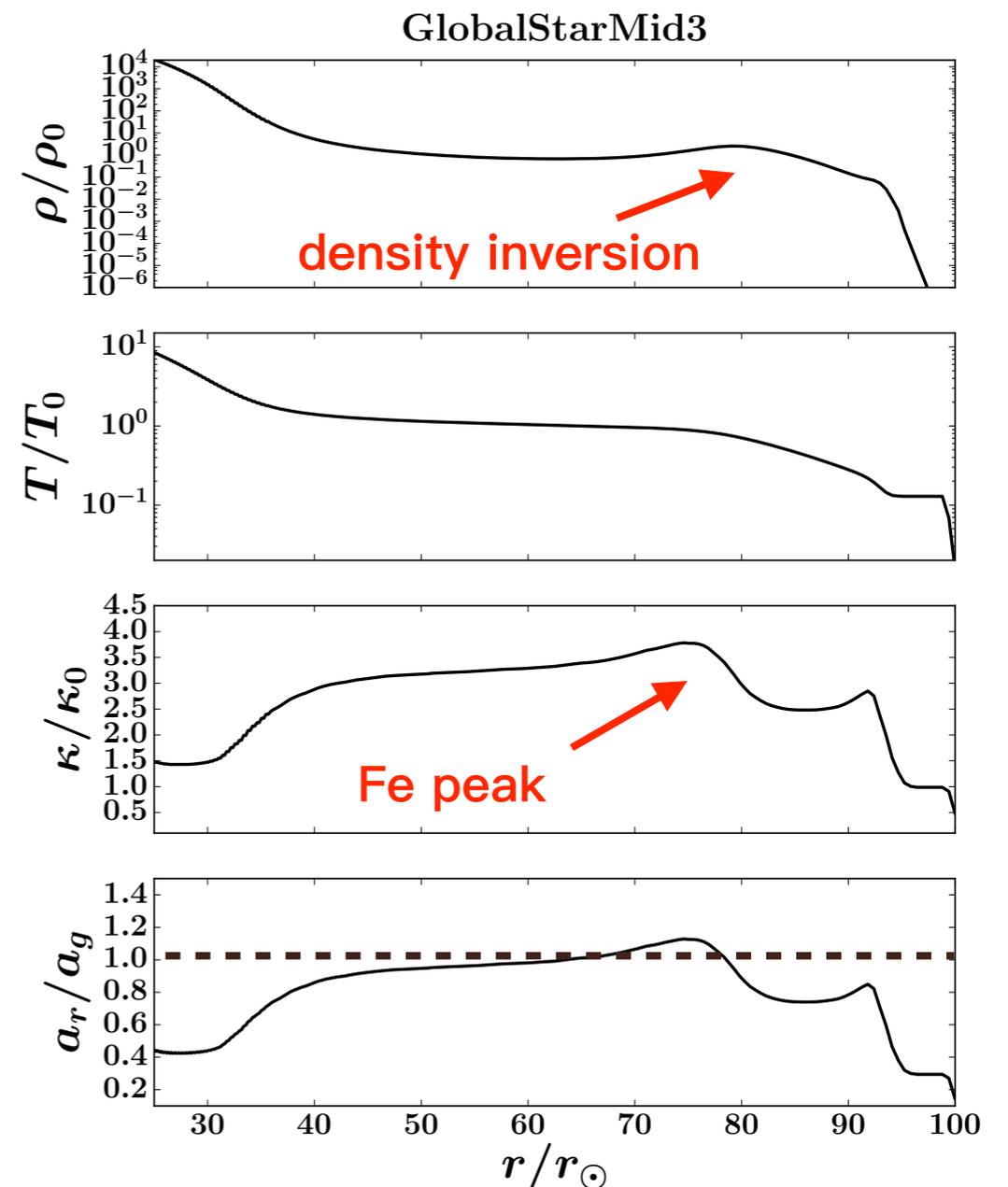
The initial profile:  
Hydrostatic and thermal equilibrium

Pseudocolor  
Var: rho  
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40.5  
0.0548  
7.40e-05  
1.00e-07  
Max: 2.70e+04  
Min: 1.00e-08



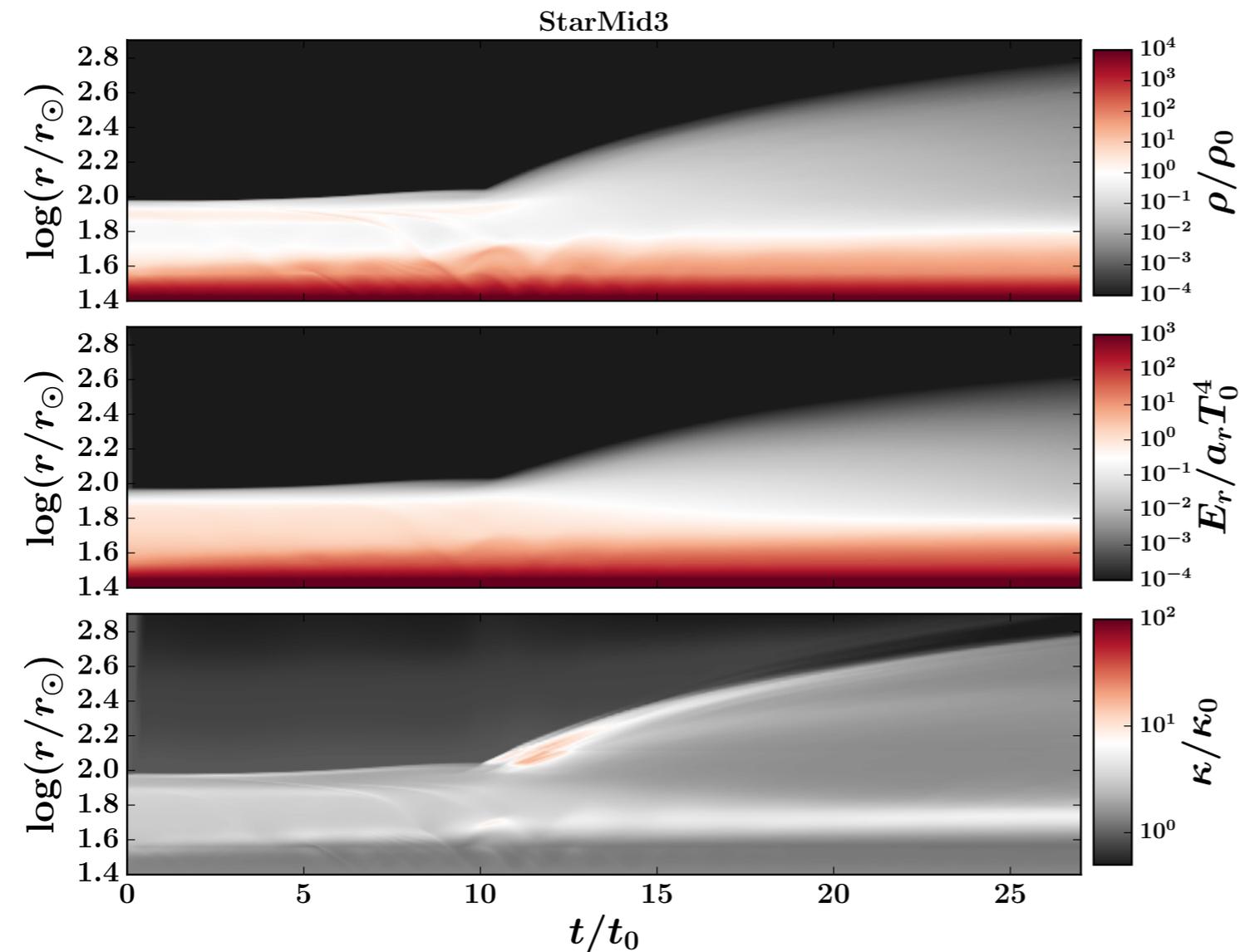
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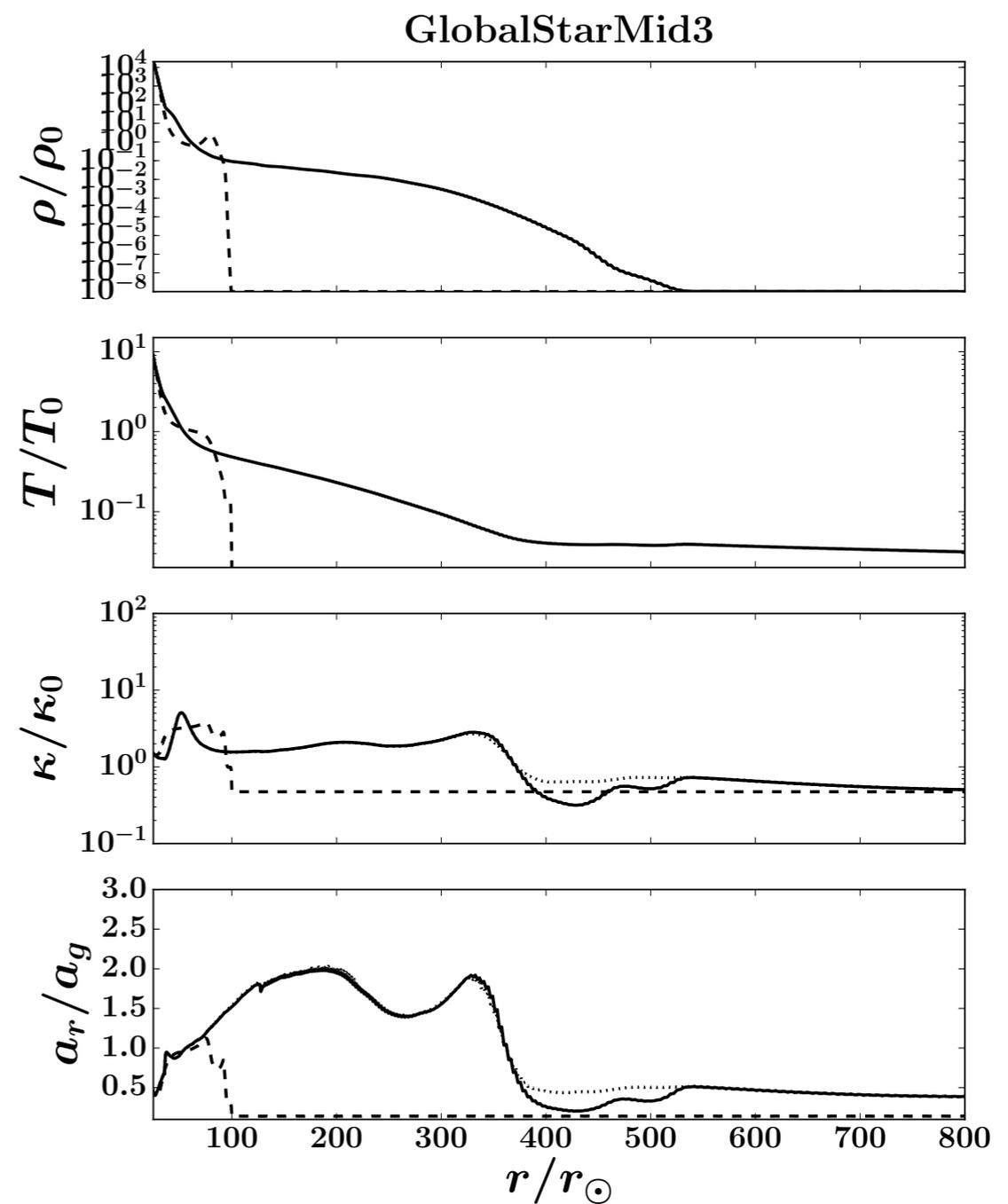


# Global Simulations of the Massive Star Envelopes



$$t_0 = H_0/c_{s,0}$$

Snapshot at  $t = 18t_0$



# Summary

- When  $\tau_0 \gg \tau_c$  , convection is efficient and the simulations calibrate the mixing length theory with  $\alpha = 0.55$
- When  $\tau_0 \ll \tau_c$  , convection is inefficient and convection flux is much smaller than the predicted values by mixing length theory.
- The porosity factor reduces the effective radiation acceleration in the inefficient convection regime.
- Magnetic field reduces the stellar radius, increases the density fluctuation and the porosity factor.
- Preliminary results show the development of winds driven by the continuum radiation around the iron opacity peak.