

# Gravity waves nonlinear excitation and propagation in solar-like stars

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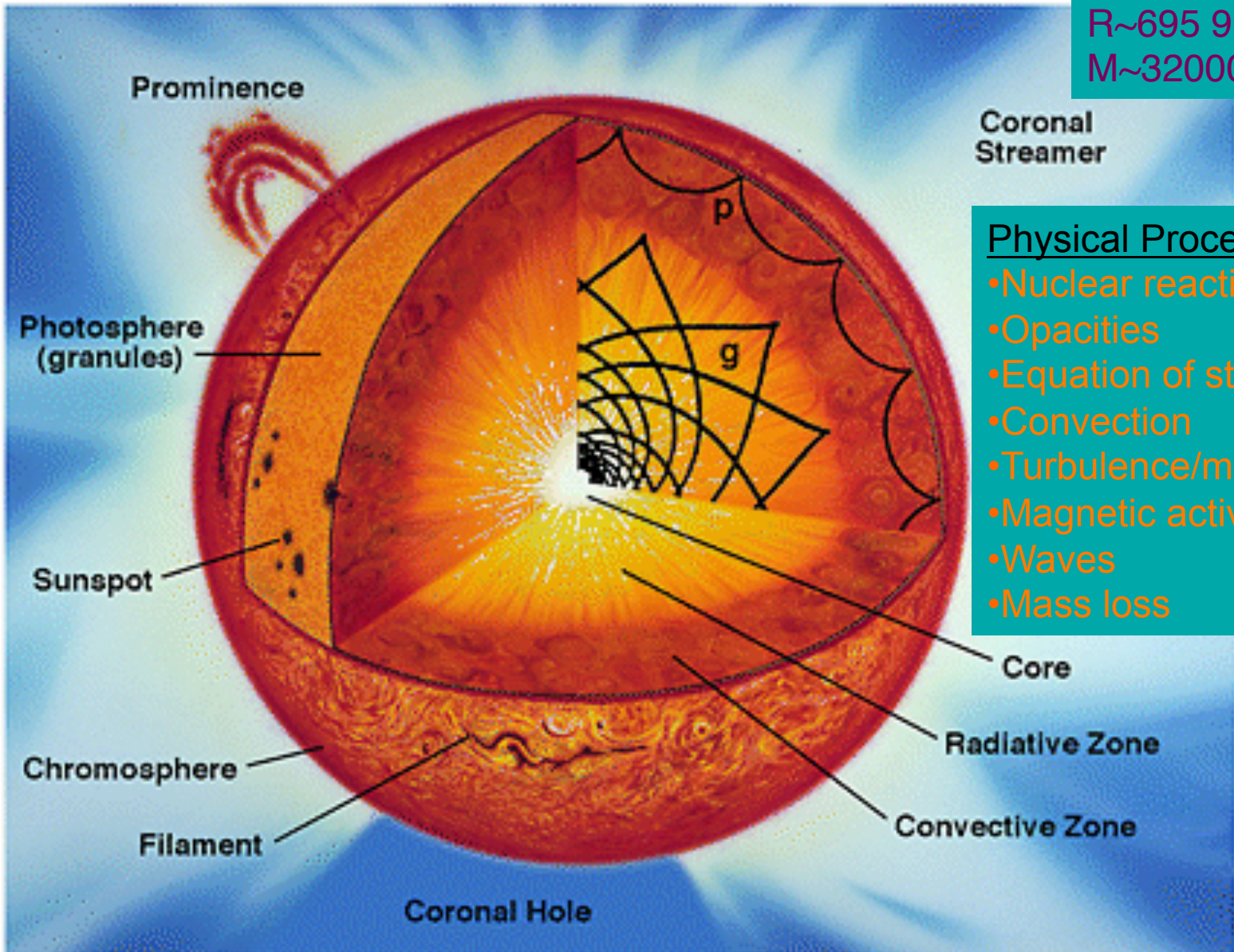
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- 3-D simulations of the Whole Sun
- Solar g-modes?

# Solar Interior: a cartoon view

$T_c \sim 15.5 \cdot 10^6 \text{ K}$   
 $\rho_c \sim 155 \text{ g/cm}^3$   
 $R \sim 695\,990 \text{ km}$   
 $M \sim 320\,000 M_{\text{terre}}$



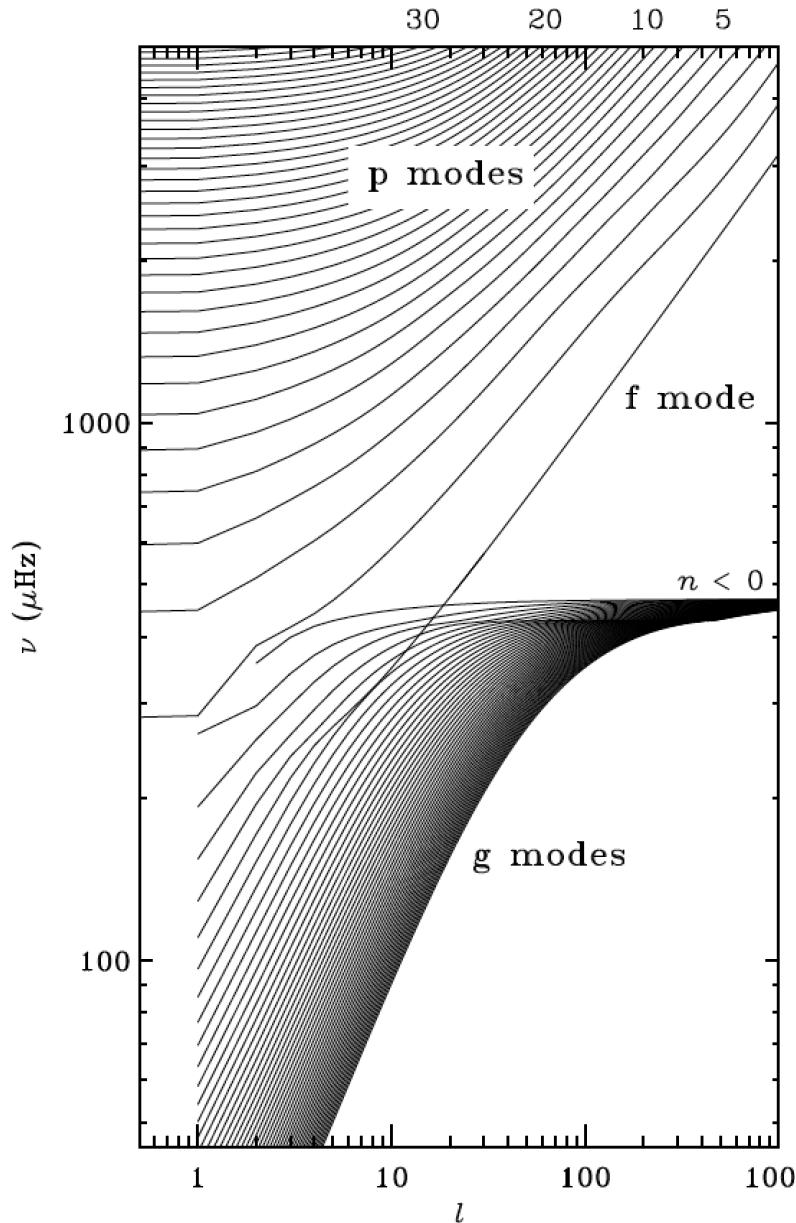
## Physical Processes:

- Nuclear reaction
- Opacities
- Equation of state
- Convection
- Turbulence/mixing
- Magnetic activity
- Waves
- Mass loss

general web site: <http://science.nasa.gov/ssl/pad/solar/default.htm>

# A Quick Reader Digest on Waves inside the Sun

JCD's Lecture Notes

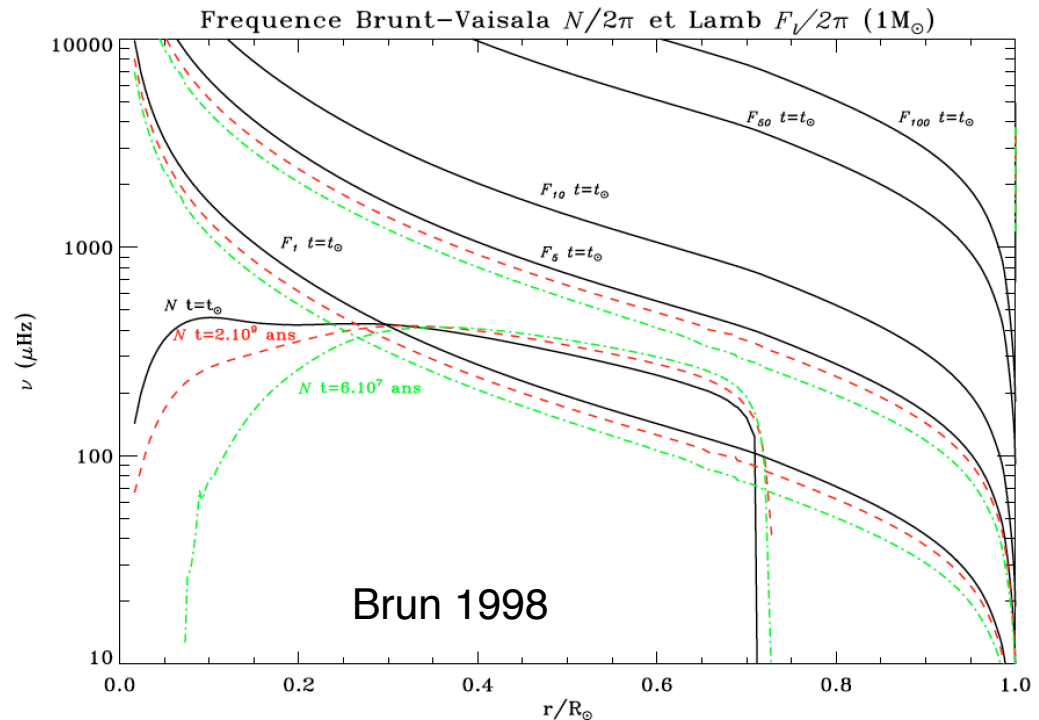


Acoustic and Internal waves are excited inside the Sun

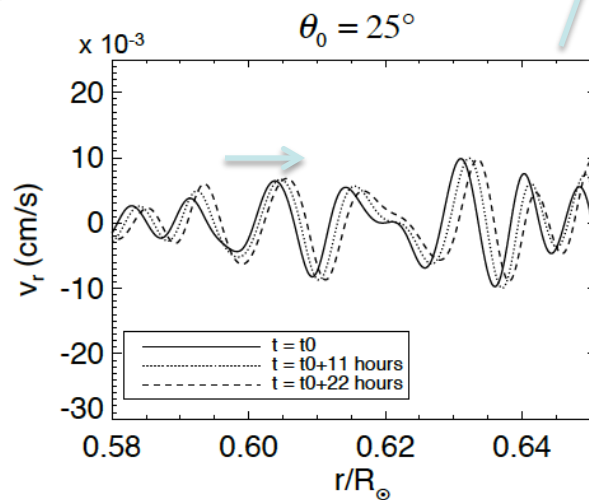
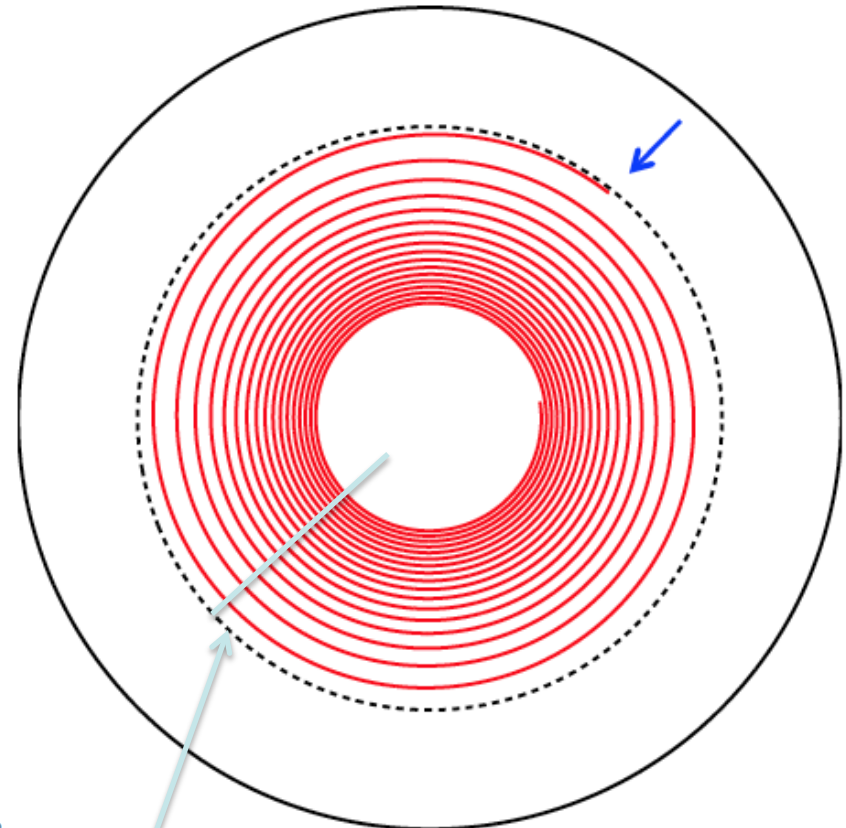
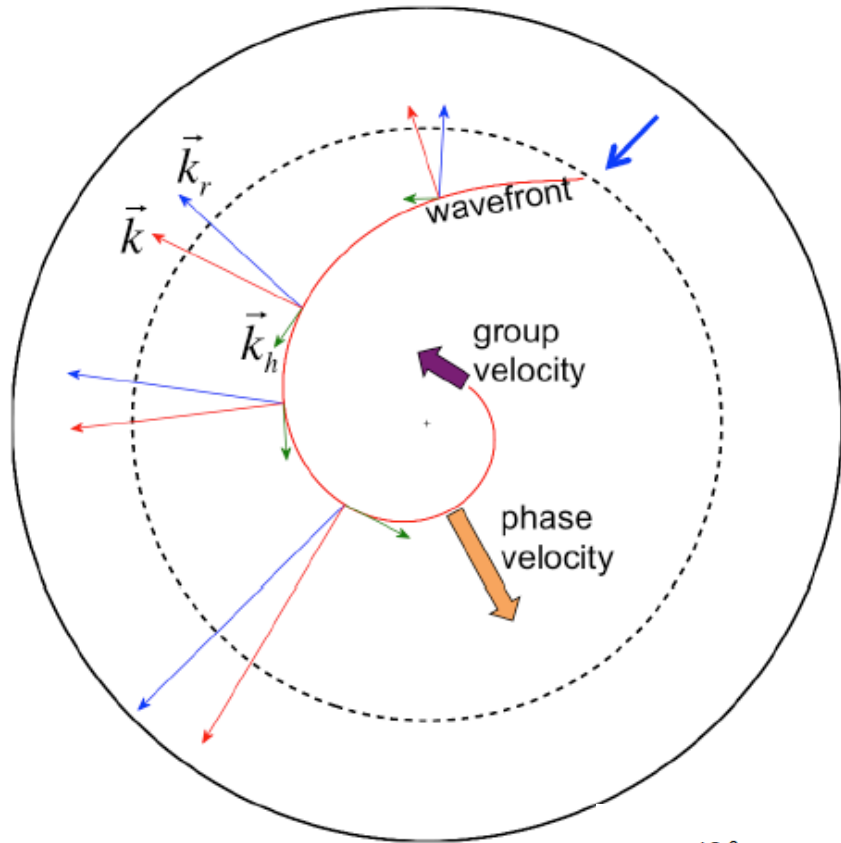
$$\frac{d^2 X}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[ S_l^2 \left( \frac{N^2}{\omega^2} - 1 \right) + \omega^2 - \omega_c^2 \right] X = 0 .$$

$$N^2 = g_0 \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{1,0}} \frac{d \ln p_0}{dr} - \frac{d \ln \rho_0}{dr} \right) \quad S_l = l(l+1)c^2/r^2$$

Brunt-Vaisala & Lamb Frequencies



# Basic Properties of internal waves



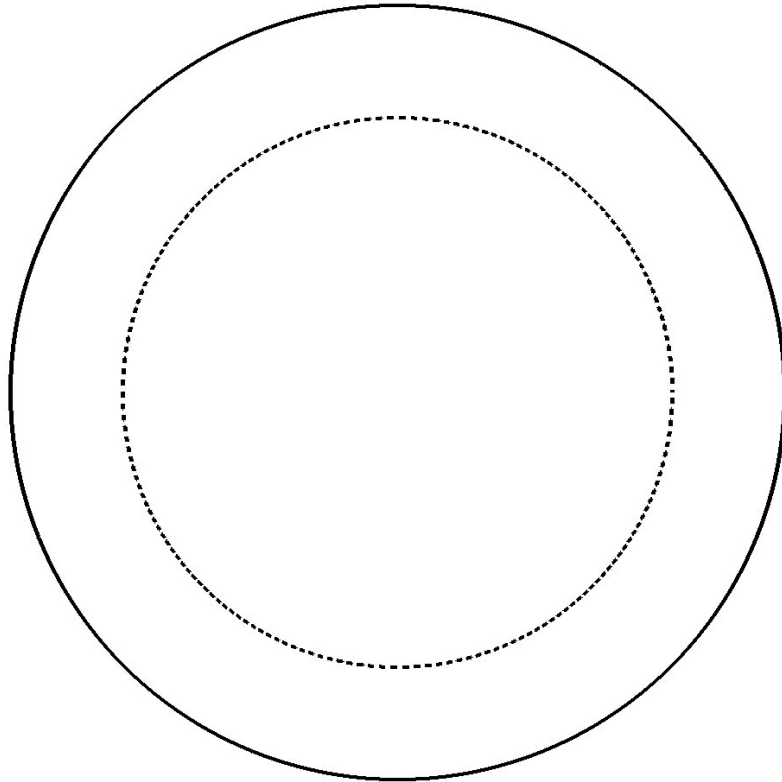
Radial cut in ASH simulation

Phase velocity  
clearly outward

P-modes

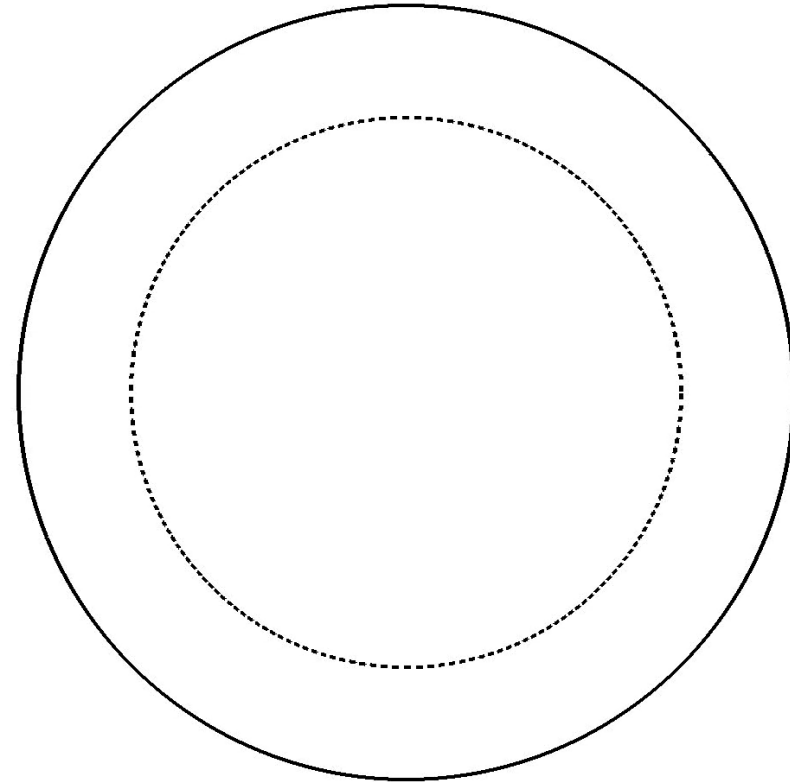
G vs P-modes: simple ray paths

G-modes



$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial k_i}$$

$$\frac{dk_i}{dt} = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial x_i}$$



$$k_r^2 = \frac{w^2}{c_s^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}$$

$$k_h^2 = \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}$$

$$w = c_s \sqrt{k_r^2 + k_h^2} = c_s k$$

$$dr = \frac{k_r}{k} c_s dt$$

$$d\theta = \frac{k_h}{k} c_s dt \frac{1}{r}$$

$$k_r^2 = \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \left( \frac{N^2}{w^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$k_h^2 = \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}$$

$$w = \frac{k_h}{\sqrt{k_r^2 + k_h^2}} N = \frac{k_h}{k} N$$

$$dr = -\frac{k_r k_h}{k^2} \frac{N dt}{k}$$

$$d\theta = \left( 1 - \frac{k_h^2}{k^2} \right) \frac{N dt}{k} \frac{1}{r}$$

Note: the Eikonal equation allowing to compute the ray paths are indept of  $l$  for g-modes, hence changing the order  $l$  does not change the ray path (does change the wave speed). Only changing the frequency does.

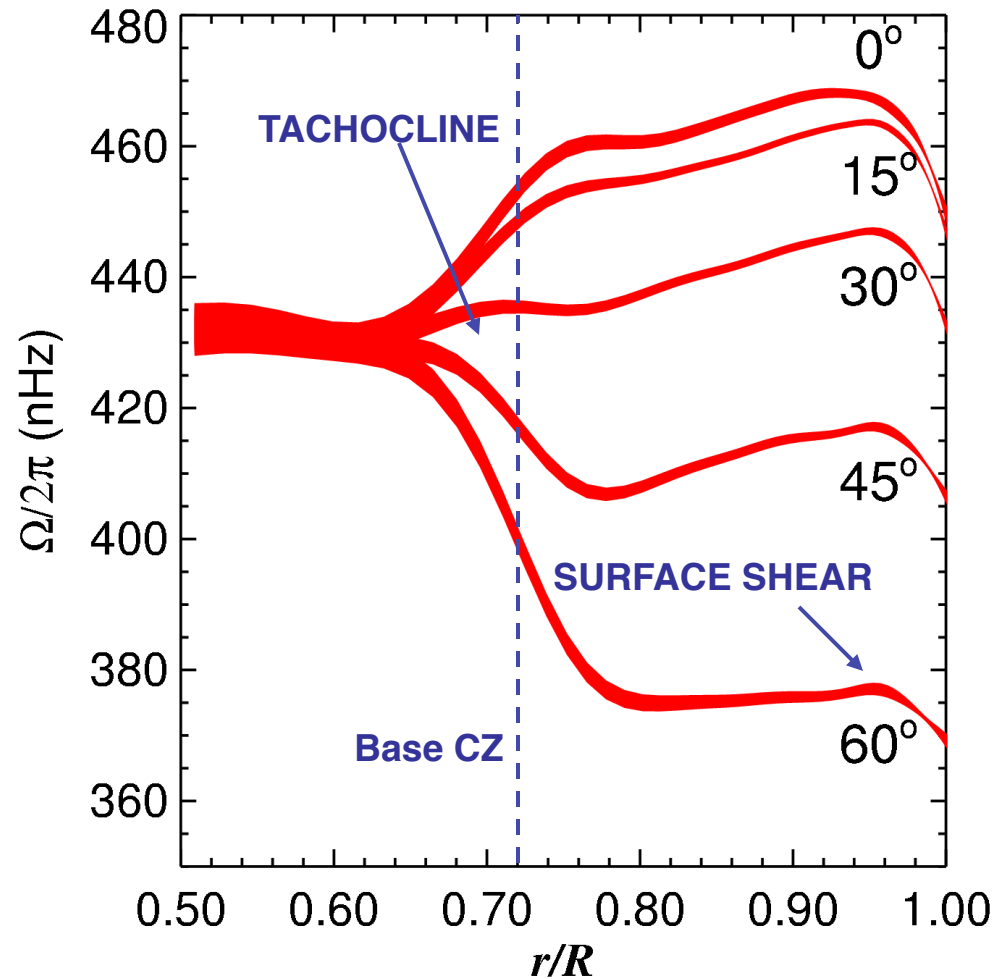
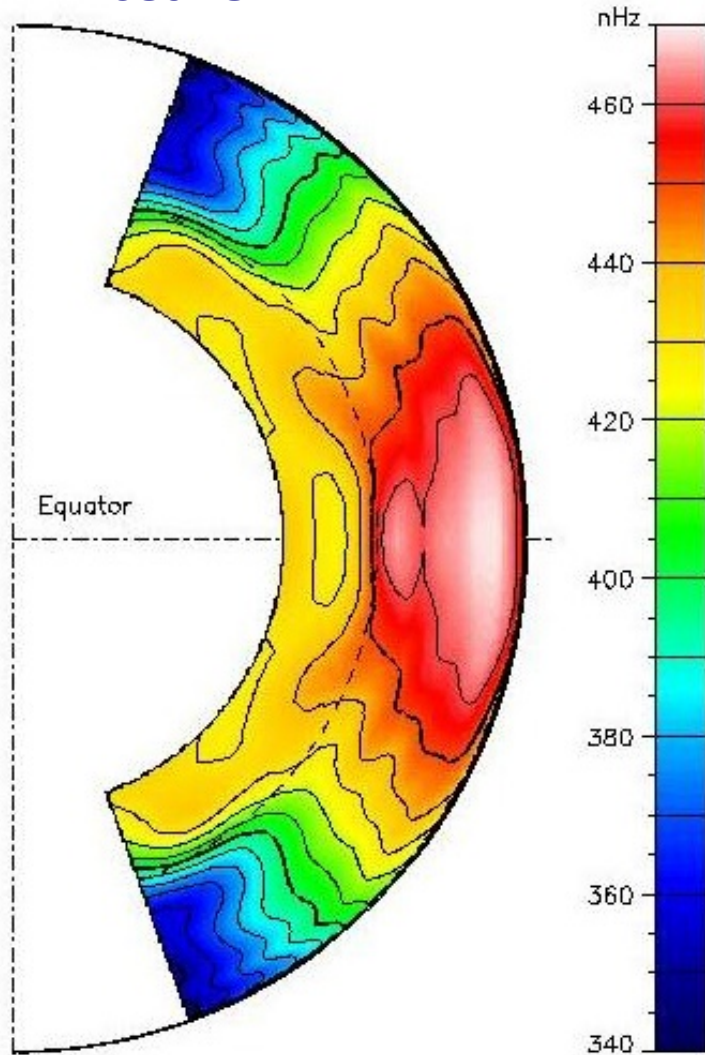
# St Andrew's Cross



# Solar Internal Rotation

(GONG, MDI data)

Helioseismology  
Results



# ASH models of the Whole Sun

⇒ MHD anelastic equations

⇒ 3-D global spherical Models

⇒ Realistic stratification up to 0.97 R<sub>sol</sub>

ASH code: Clune et al. 1999, Brun et al. 2004

New ASH-FD version (20,000+ cores): Featherstone et al. 2013

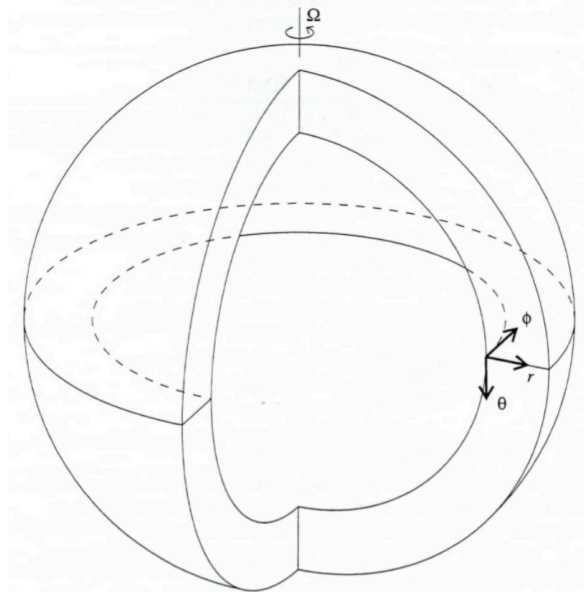
$$\nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \mathbf{v}) = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\bar{\rho} \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + 2\Omega_0 \times \mathbf{v} \right] = -\nabla P + \rho \mathbf{g} + \frac{1}{4\pi} (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} - \nabla \cdot \mathcal{D} - (\nabla \bar{P} - \bar{\rho} \mathbf{g}), \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho} \bar{T} \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho} \bar{T} \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla (\bar{S} + S) &= \nabla \cdot [\kappa_r \bar{\rho} c_p \nabla (\bar{T} + T)] \\ + \kappa \bar{\rho} \bar{T} \nabla (\bar{S} + S) &+ \frac{4\pi\eta}{c^2} \mathbf{j}^2 + 2\bar{\rho}\nu \left[ e_{ij} e_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})^2 \right] + \bar{\rho} \epsilon, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \times (\eta \nabla \times \mathbf{B}),$$

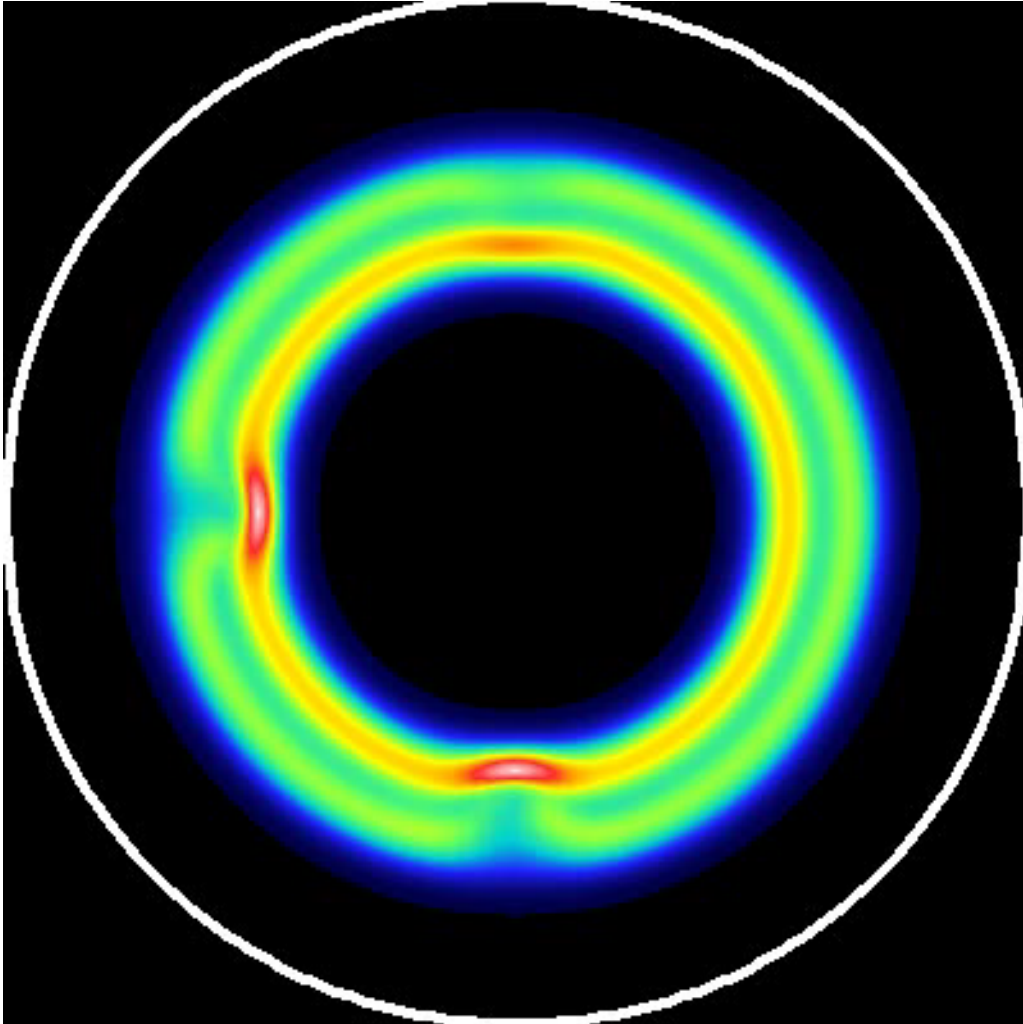




## Full Sphere Deep Sun Models

ASH Full Sphere: regularization of solution at  $r=0$  and implementation in the code operational (done jointly with [N. Featherstone](#)).

Test case: 3 cold entropy blobs and a magnetic torus encounter!

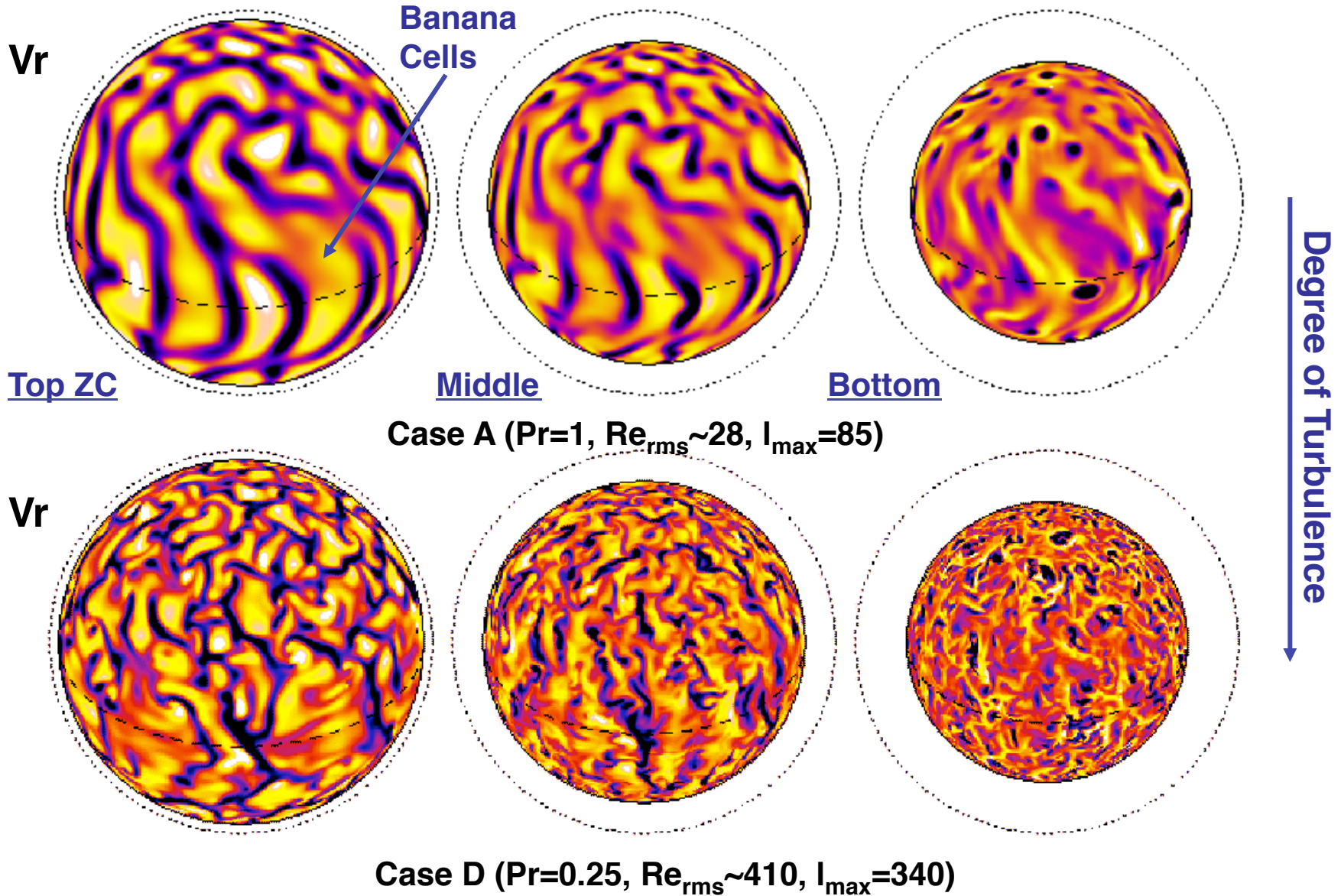


+ Anelastic Formulation

Brown, Vasil & Zweibel 2012 have shown that some formulations are more accurate. Recent tests in ASH do confirm their findings

# Convective Motions (radial velocity $V_r$ )

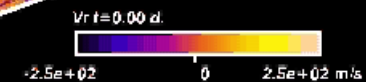
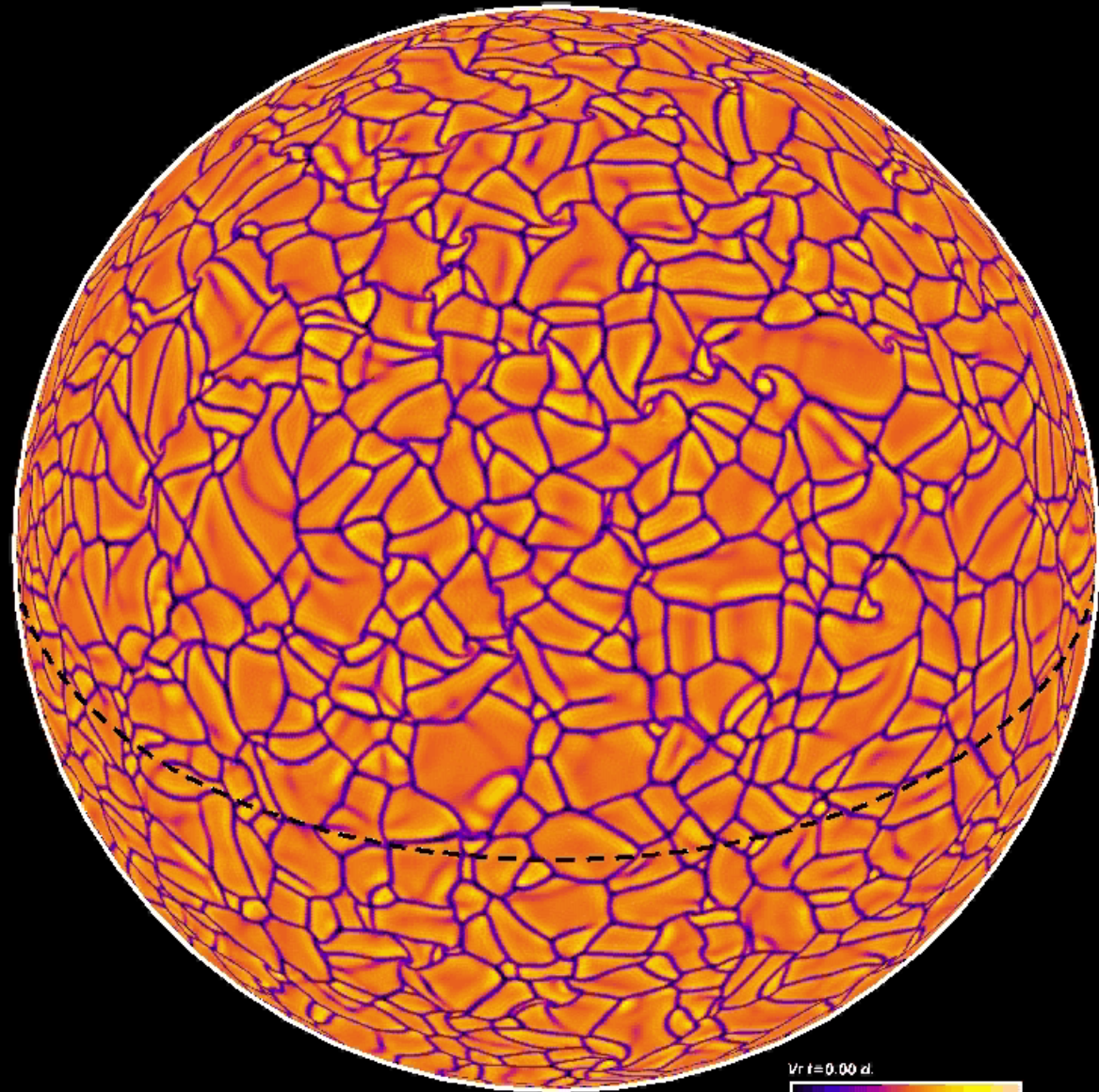
(Brun & Toomre 2002, ApJ, 570, 865)



# Convective Motions (radial velocity $v_r$ )

Resolution  $\sim 1500^3$   
 $Re = V_{rms} D / \nu \sim 1000$   
 $Pr = 0.25$

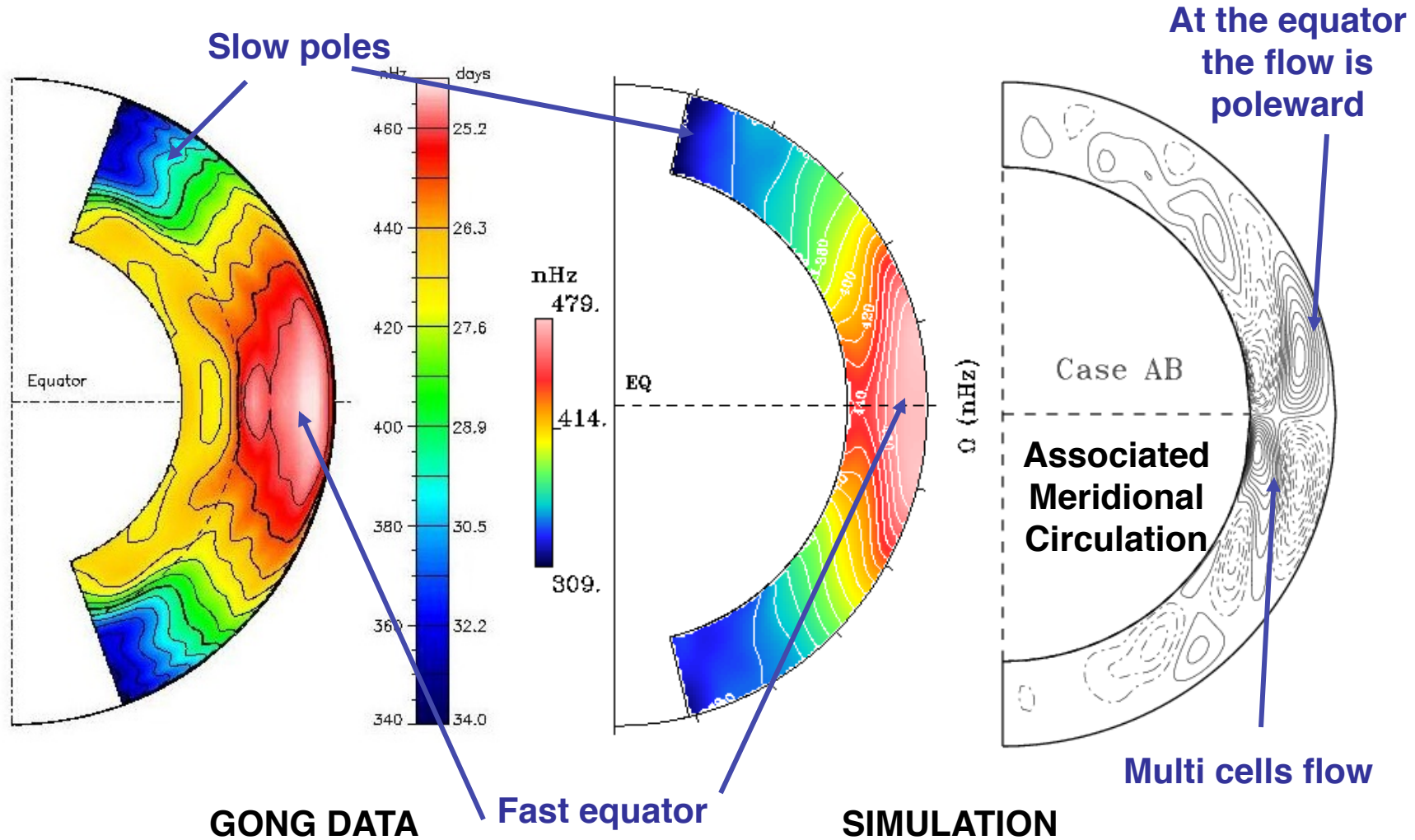
Simulation a  
6000 cpus  
(BlueGene/p)  
Or 2000 BullX  
depth = 0.96 R



**Brun 2011**

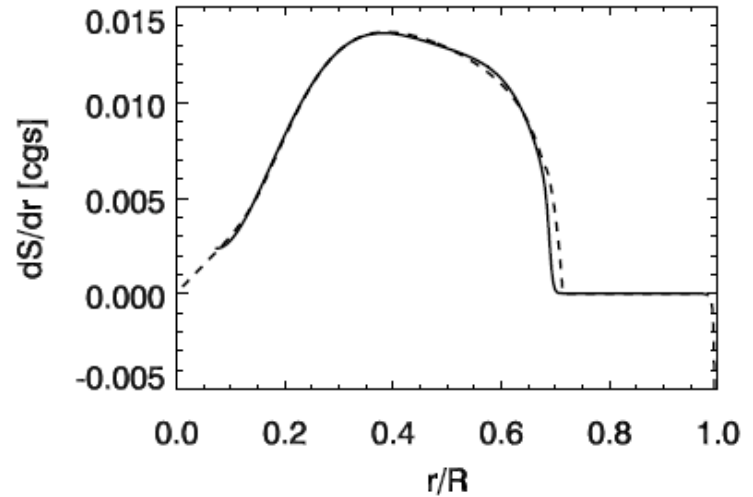
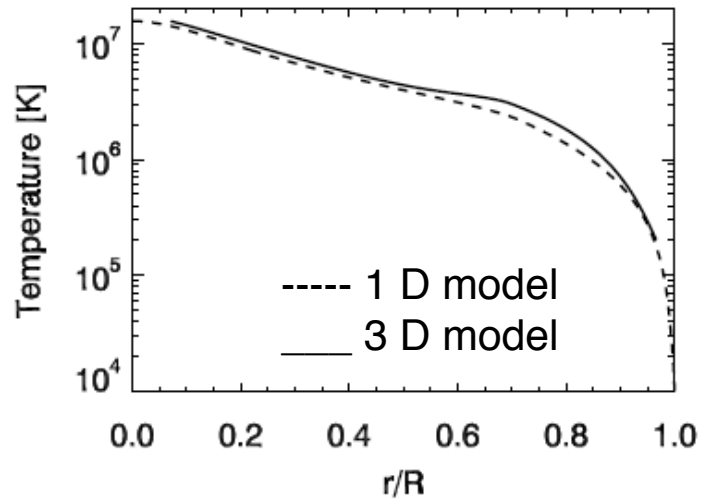
# Mean Angular Velocity $W$

(Brun & Toomre 2002, ApJ 570, 865)

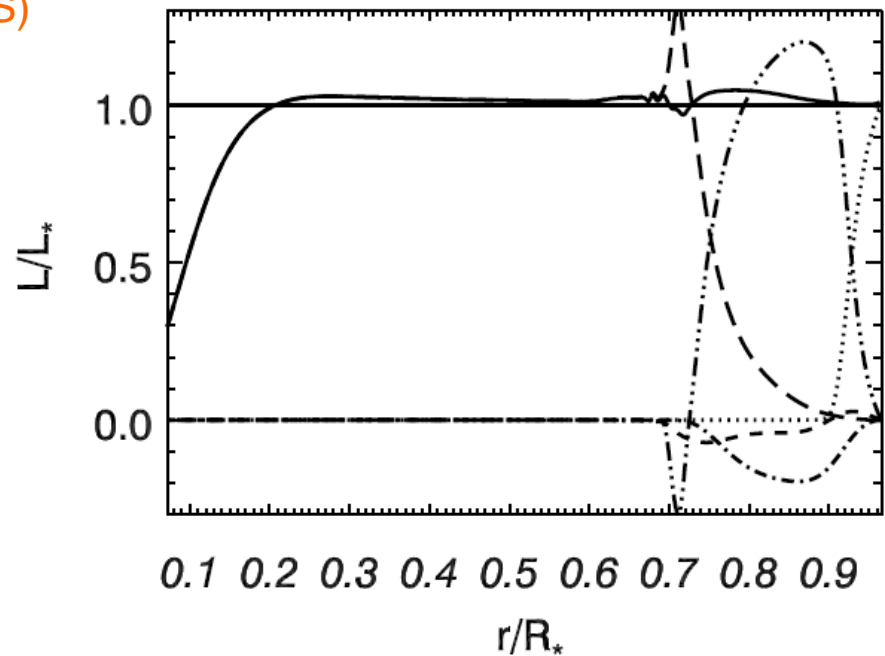
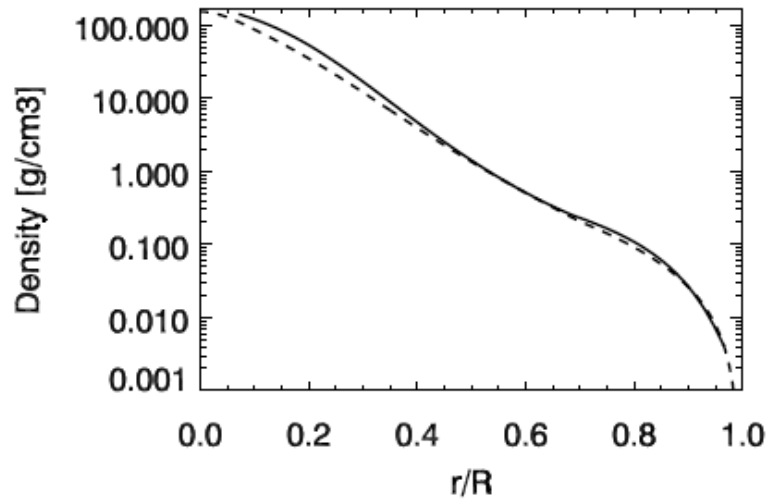


**Including a Stable Layer Below**

# Realistic Solar Stratification Background State



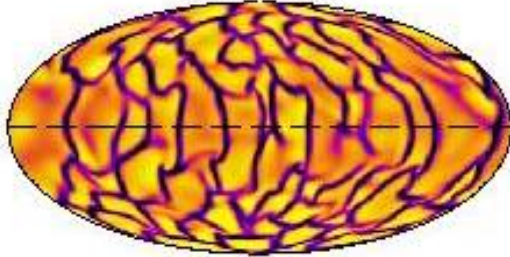
Cesam 1-D model (Brun et al. 2002 ~ model S)



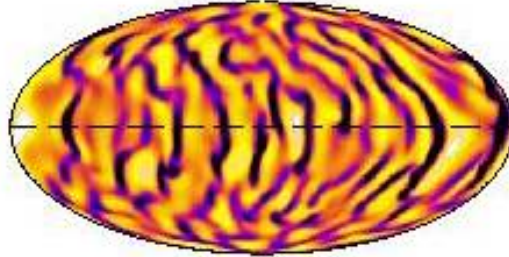
# Convection and Waves

0.96 R

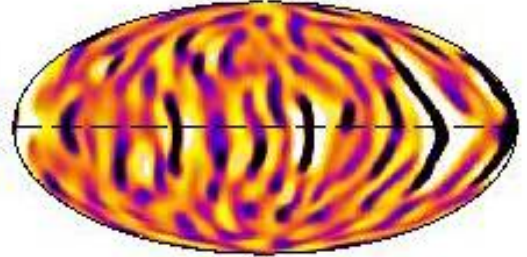
$V_r @ r=0.96 R_r$



$V_r @ r=0.84 R_r$

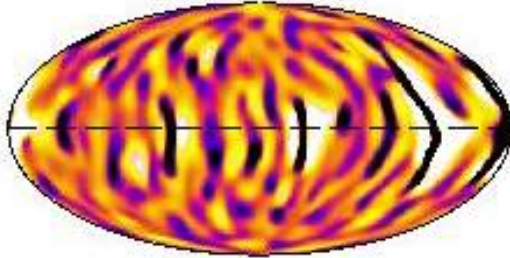


$V_r @ r=0.73 R_r$

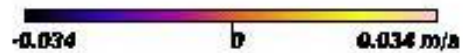
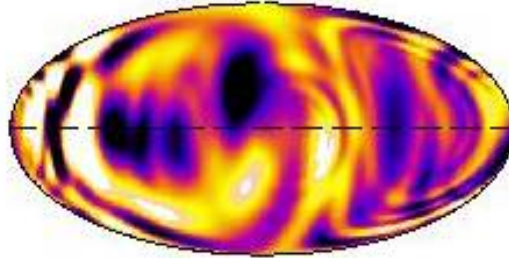


0.71 R

$V_r @ r=0.71 R_r$

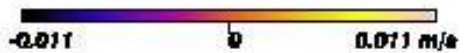
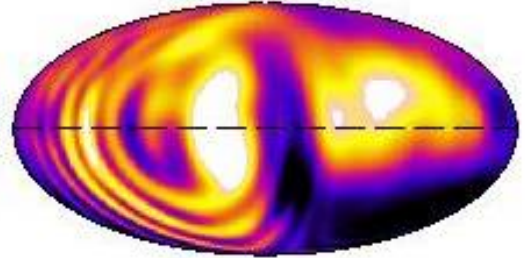


$V_r @ r=0.54 R_r$



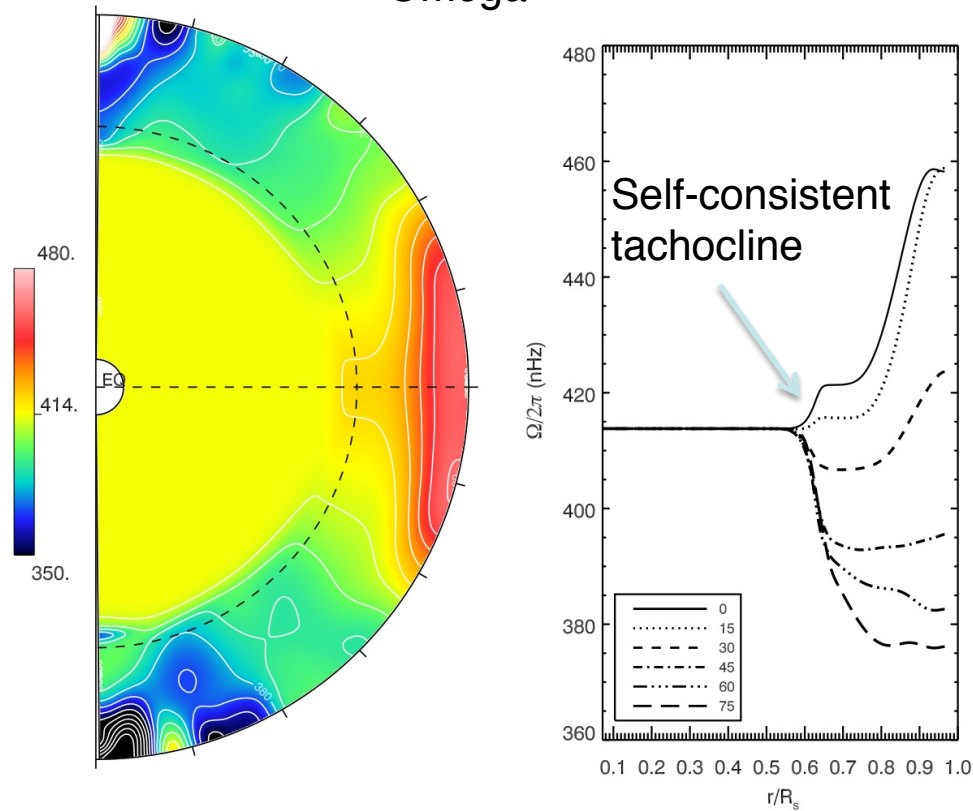
0.38 R

$V_r @ r=0.38 R_r$

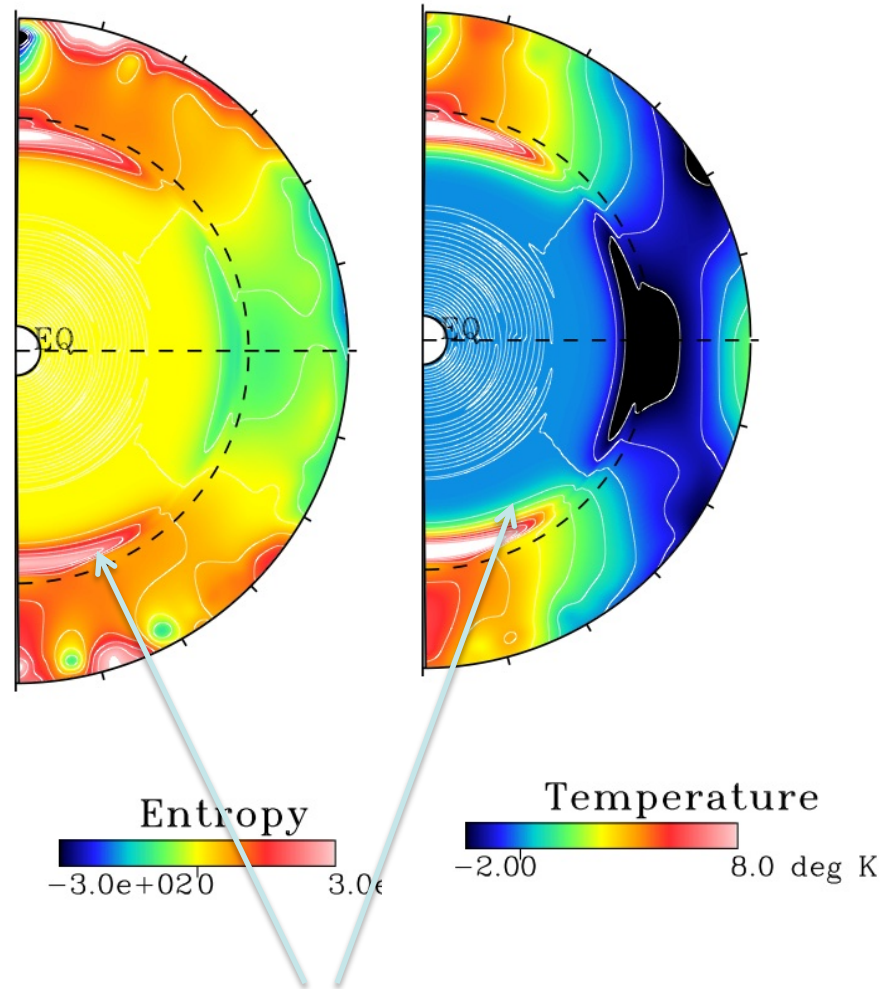


# Omega Profile & Thermal Perturbations

Omega



Warm poles, cool equator

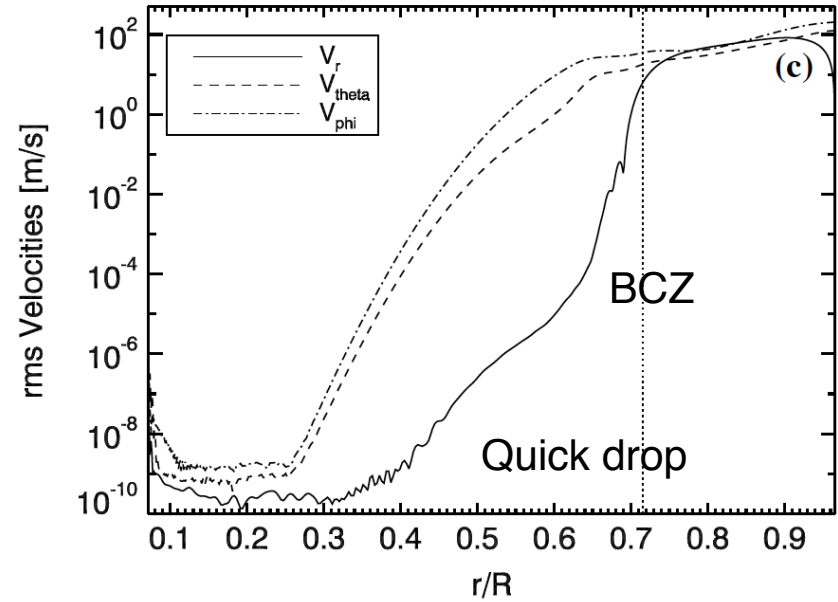
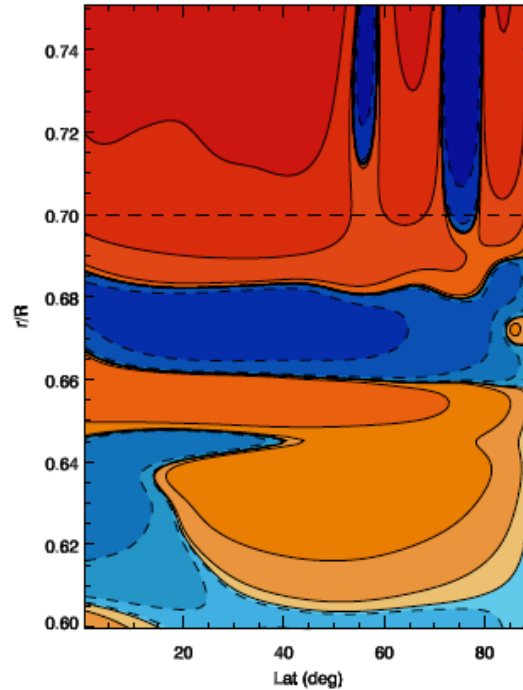
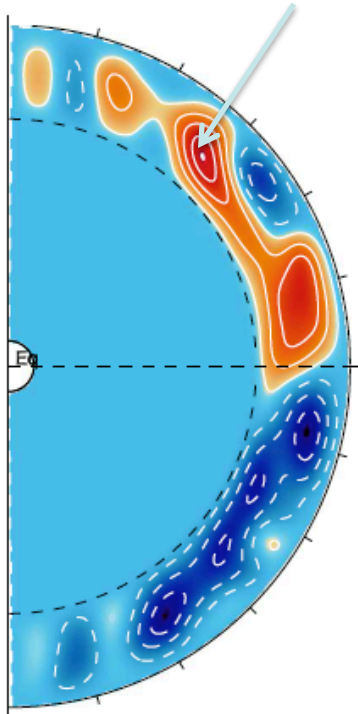


LARGER fluctuations at bcz



# Meridional Circulation

Almost unicellular flow

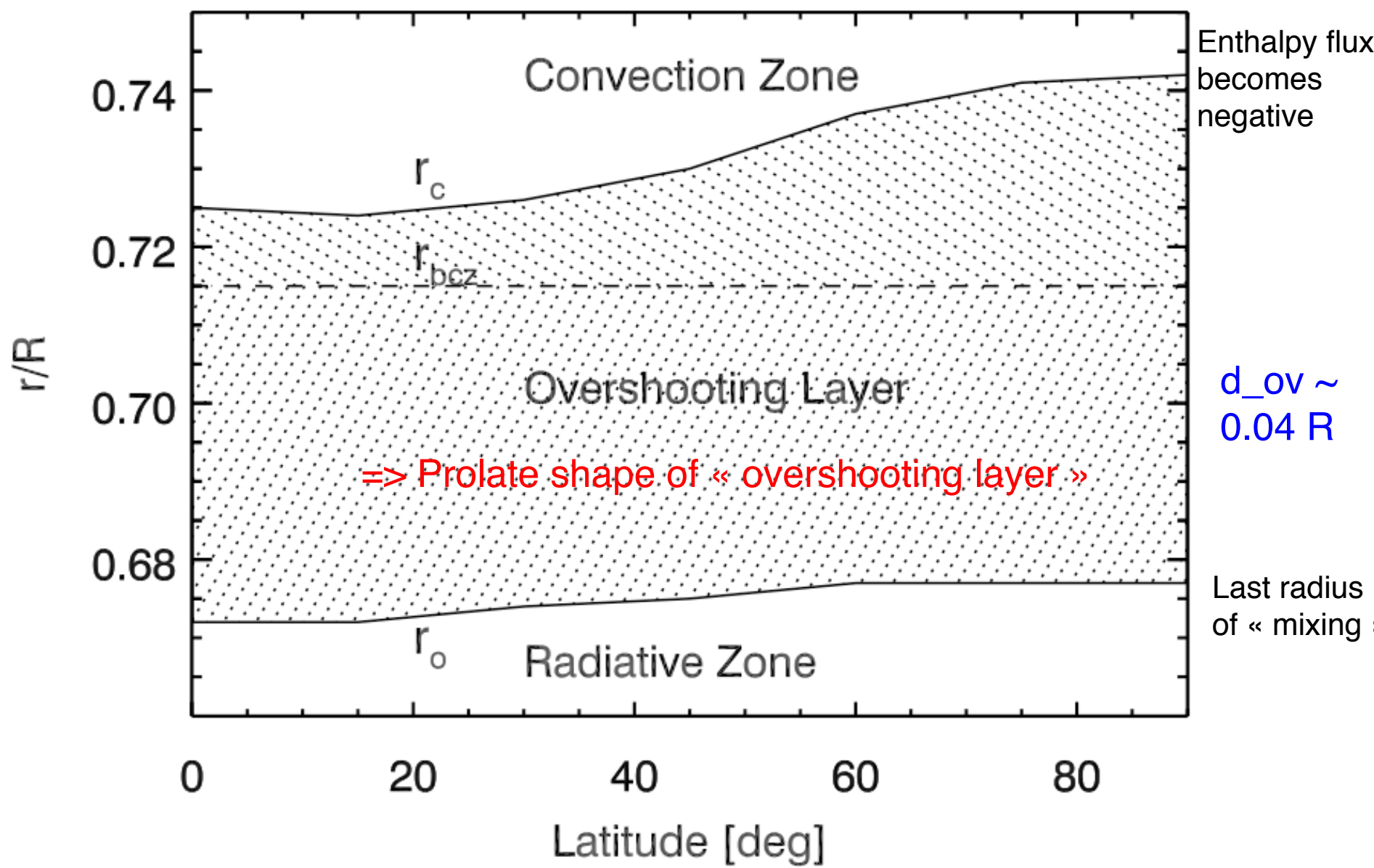


Penetration of MC flow  
 $< 0.02 R_{\text{sol}}$

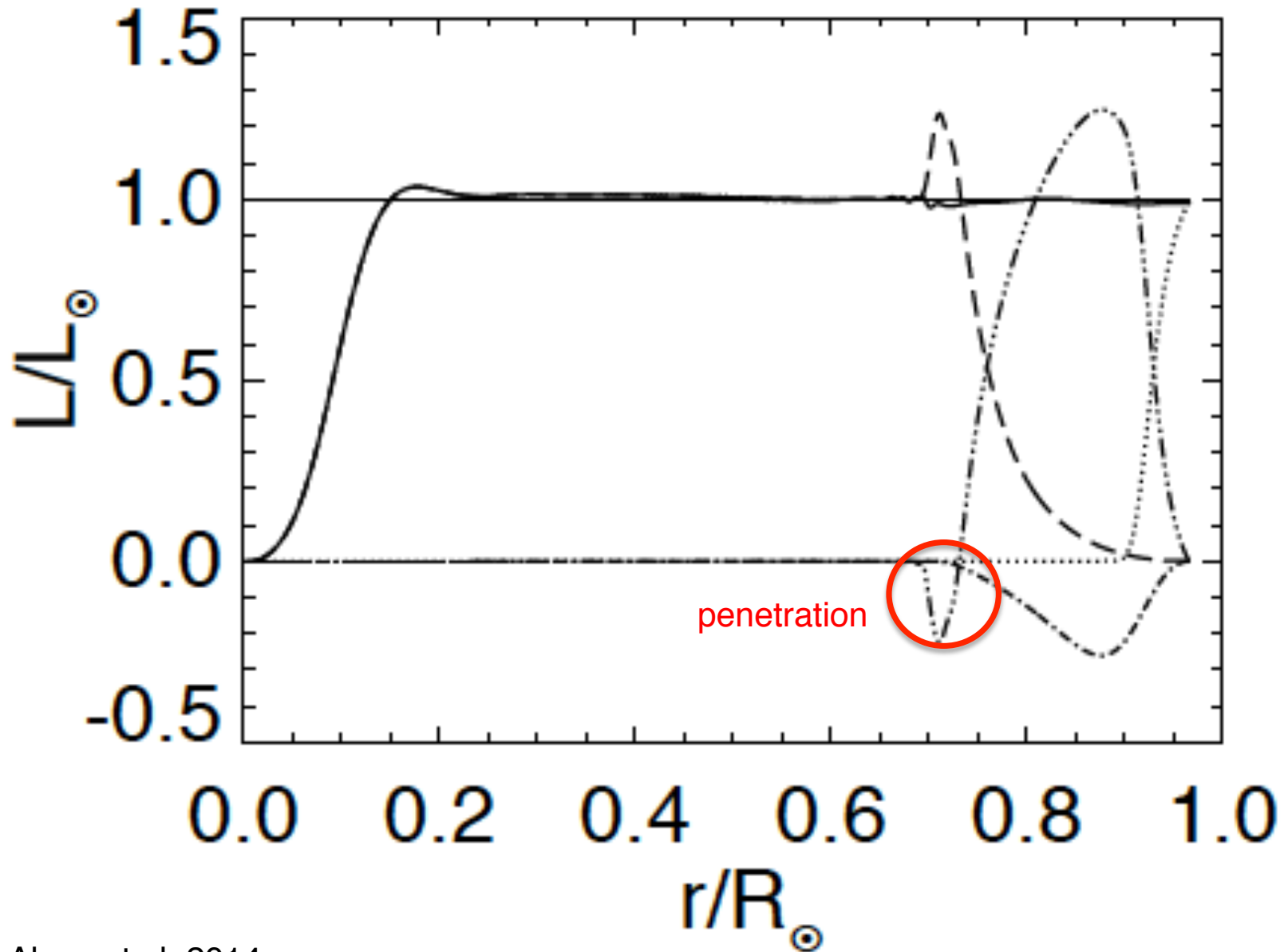
Drop by  
3 orders of  
magnitude  
over  $0.04 R$

Overshooting

# Radial Enthalpy Flux

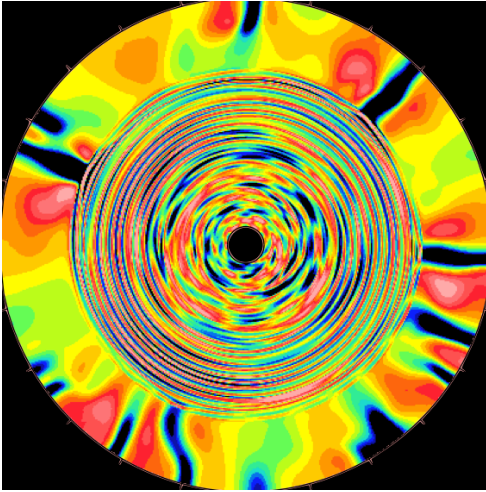


Going to  $r=0$

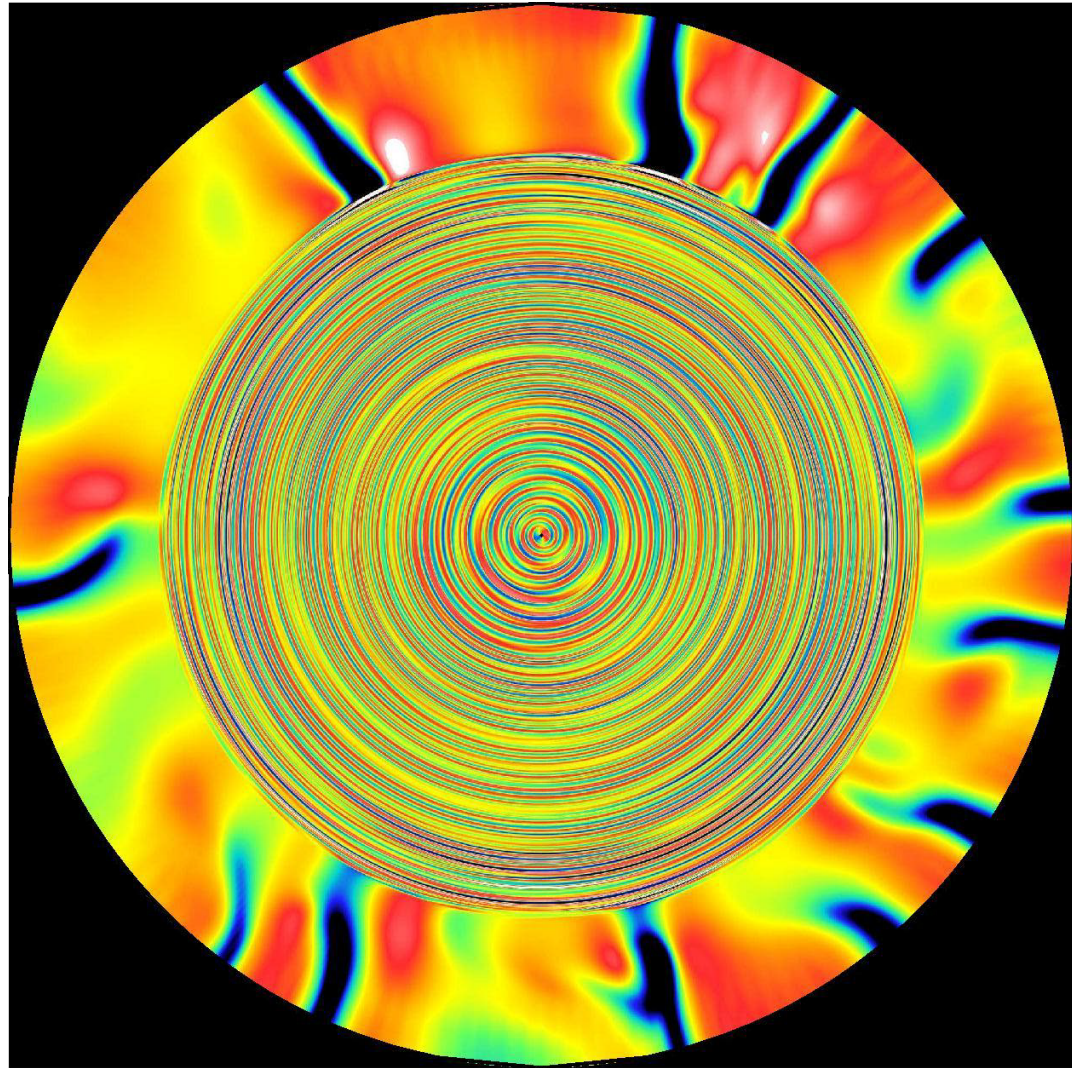


# Gravity waves in the Sun – improving BC's

Inner sphere



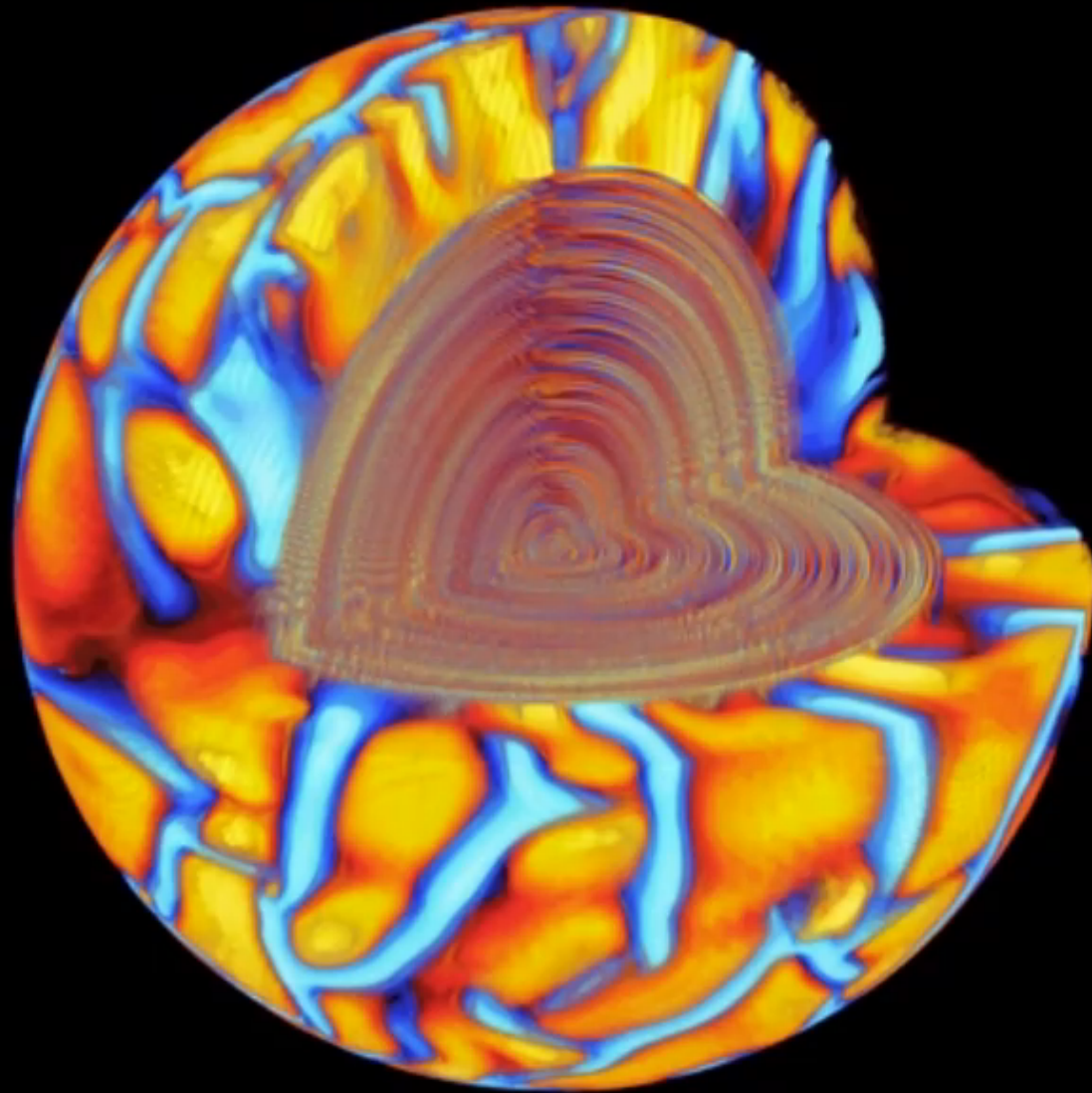
“Full sphere”



Alvan, Brun, Mathis 2014  
A&A in press

# Internal Waves

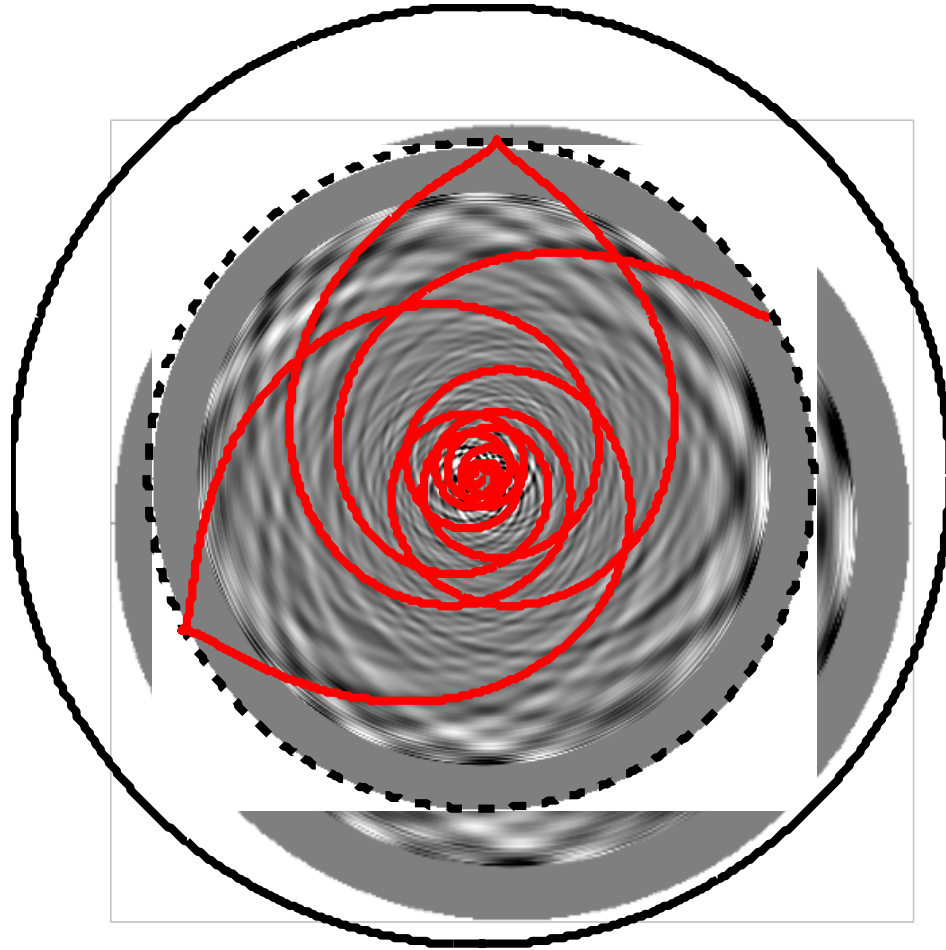
3D view



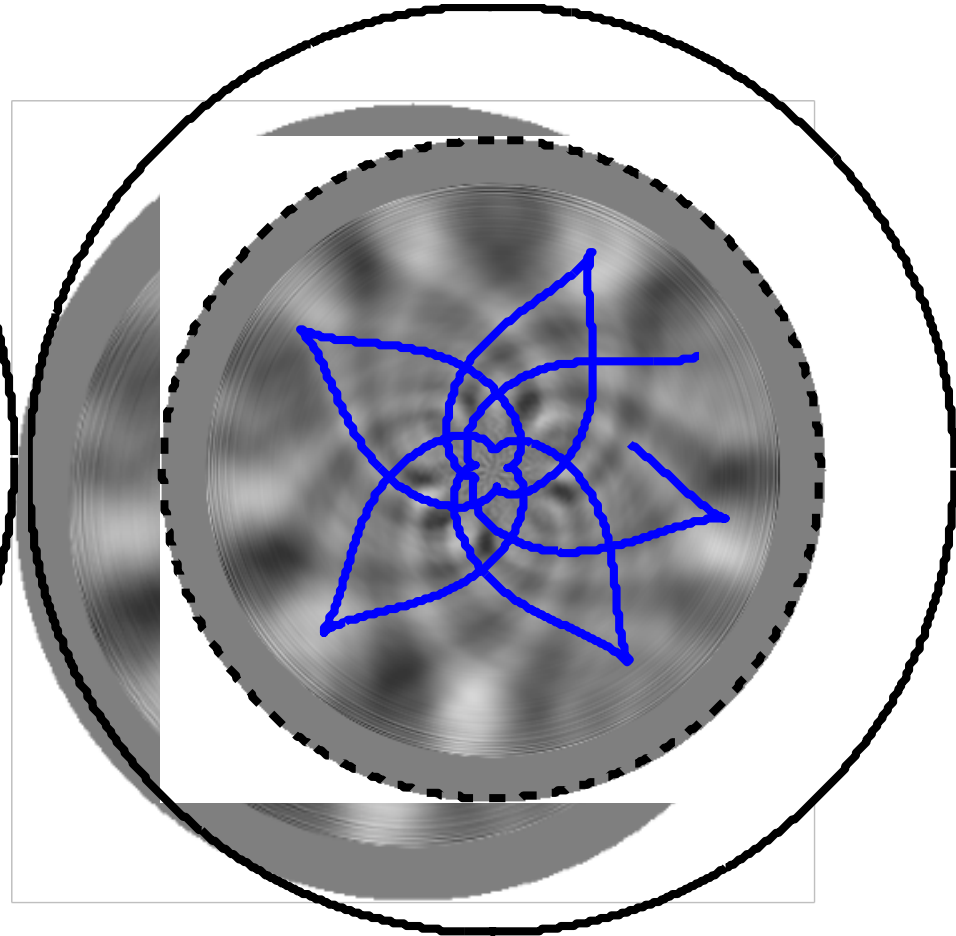
$$V_r / \sqrt{\langle V_r(r)^2 \rangle}$$

# Internal Gravity Modes: Frequency Filtering

0.1 mHz



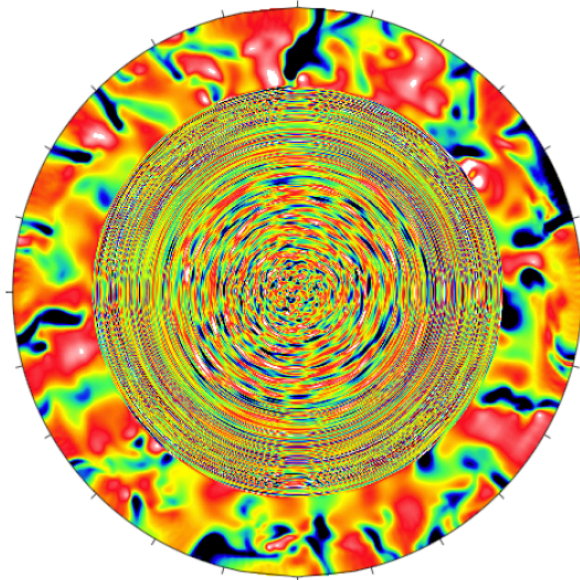
0.3 mHz



Ray path recovered

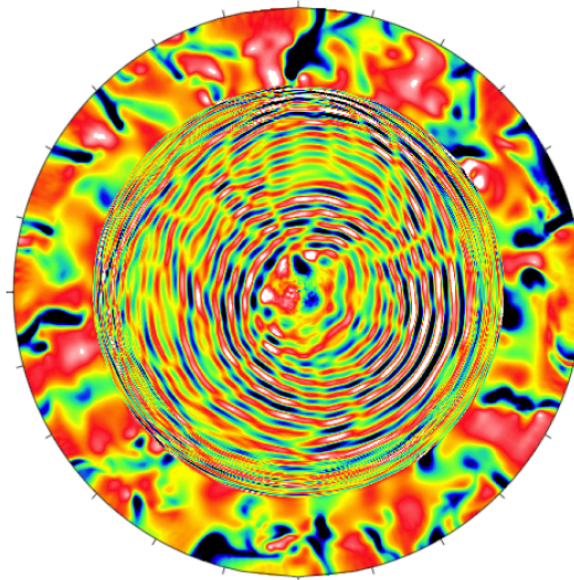
# Understanding Nonlinear Coupling between Waves

Full NL



(a)

Semi-Lin



(b)

Step fct in RZ cancels  
N.L. terms as in  
Rogers & Glatzmaier 2005

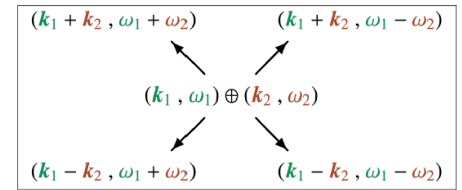
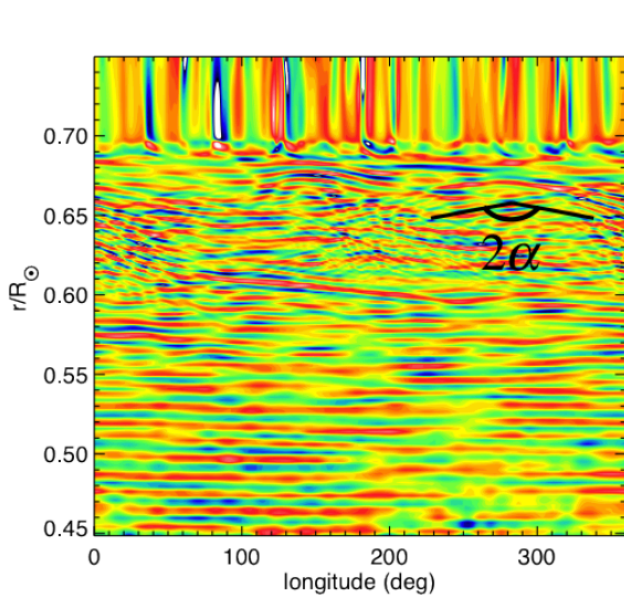
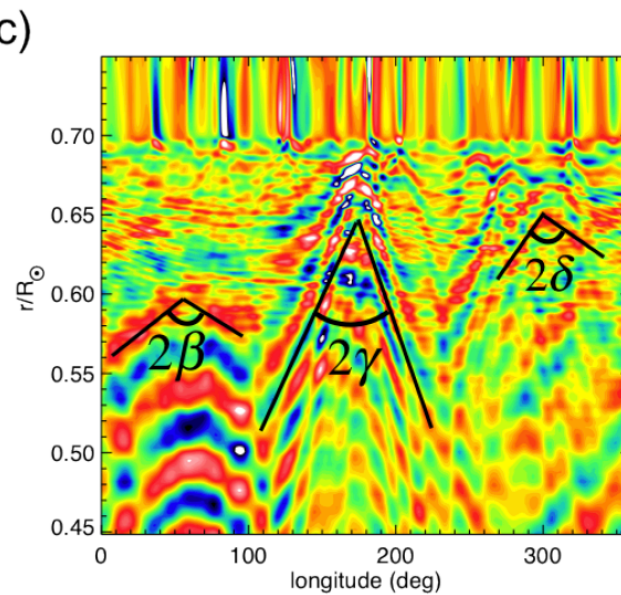


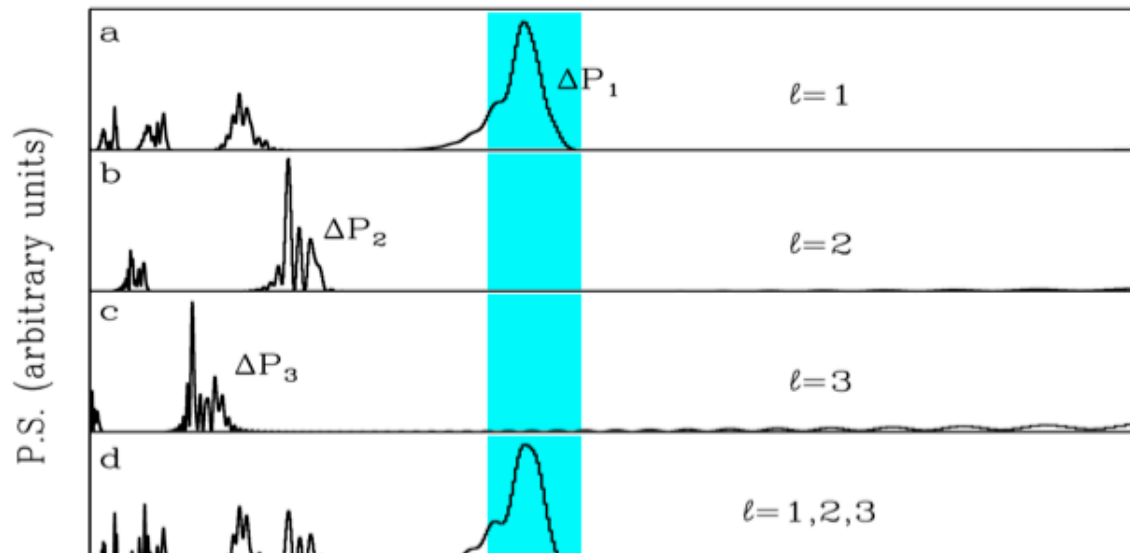
Fig. 23. Diagram showing the possibilities for two waves  $(k_1, \omega_1)$  and  $(k_2, \omega_2)$  to interact and give birth to a third wave.



(c)



(d)

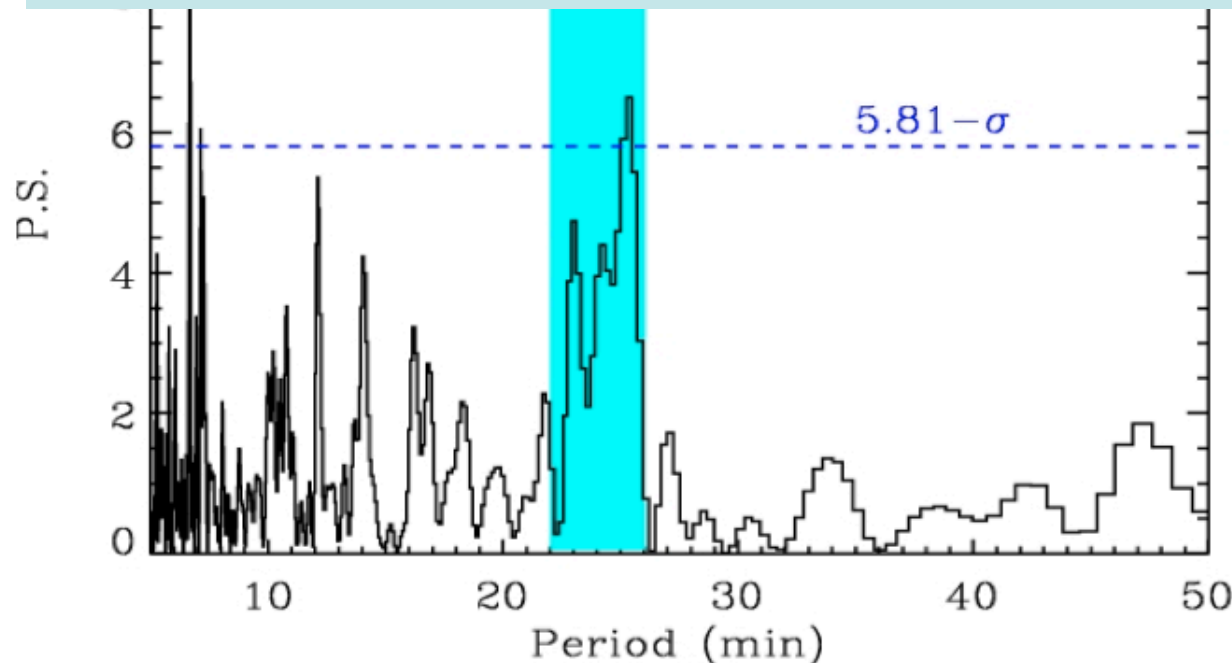


Solar G modes envelope detection

Simple model

Garcia et al. 2007, Science

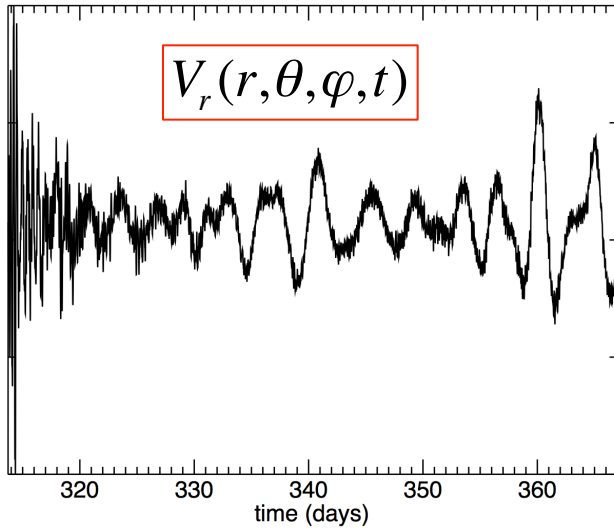
Can 3-D Global Simulations help confirming their detection and characterizing their nonlinear behavior and visibility?



GOLF observations

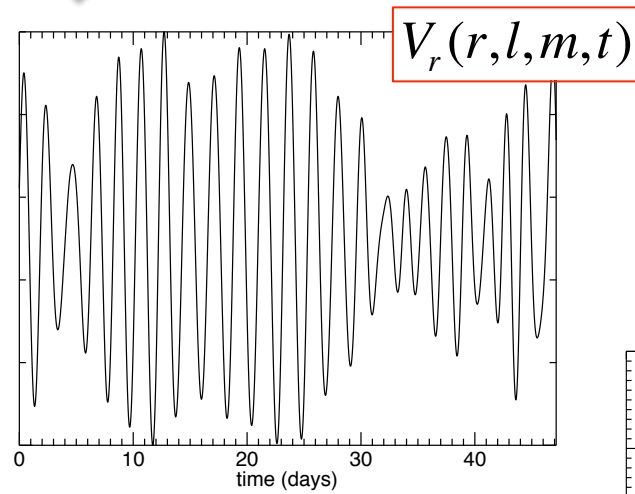


# From Physical Space to Spectral Space



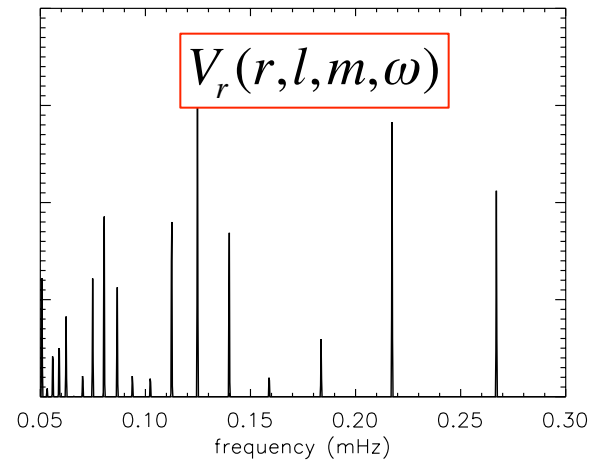
Spherical Harmonic  
transform

$$\theta, \varphi \rightarrow l, m$$

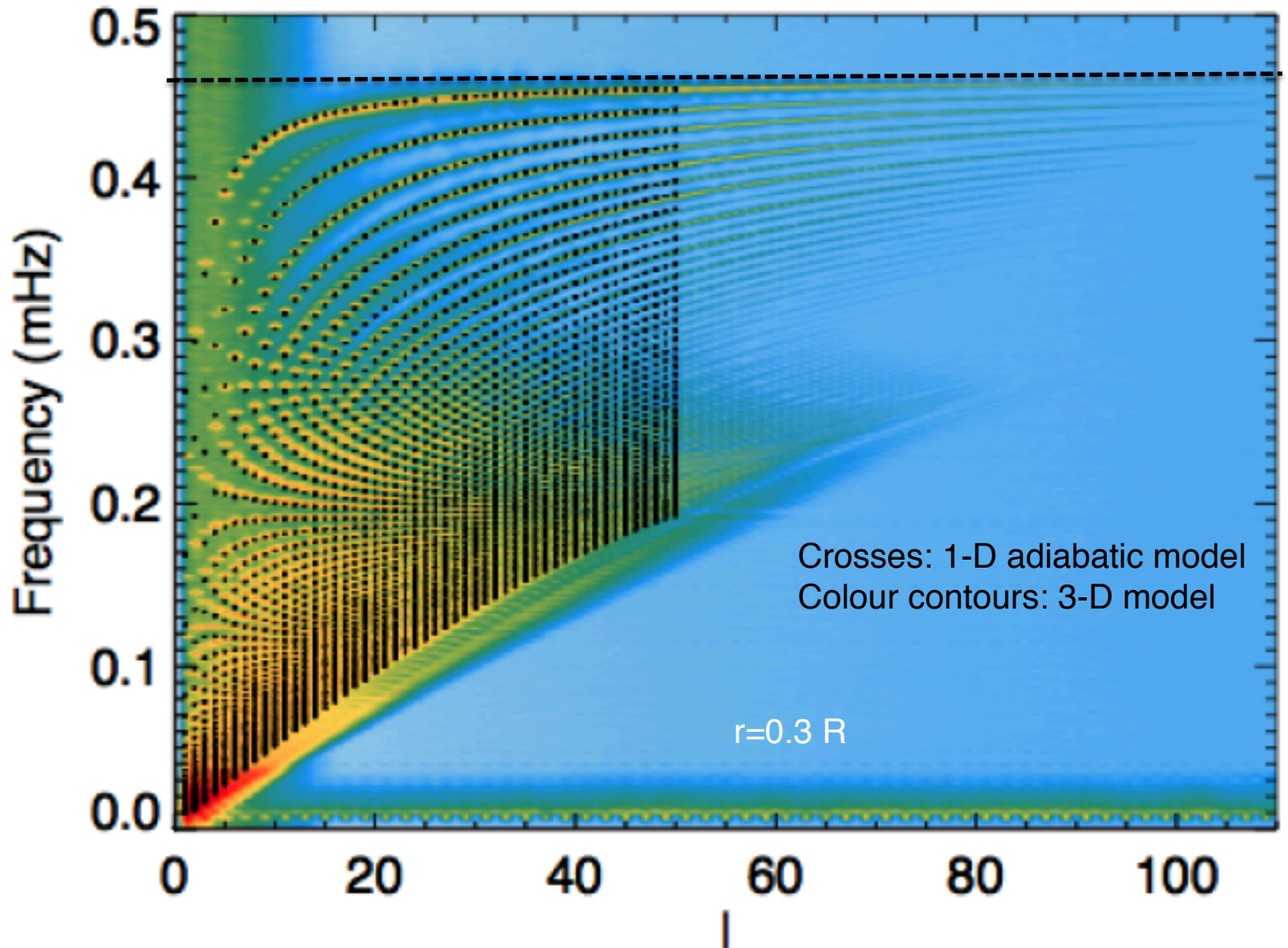


Temporal Fourier  
transform

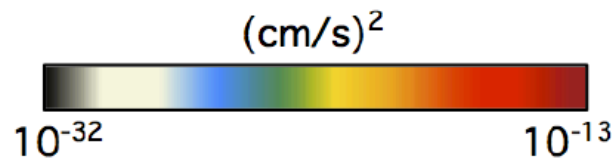
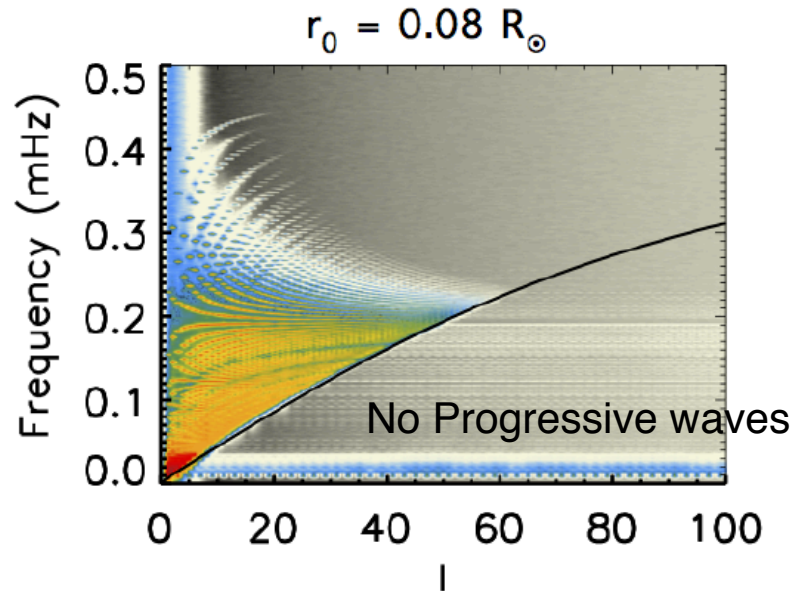
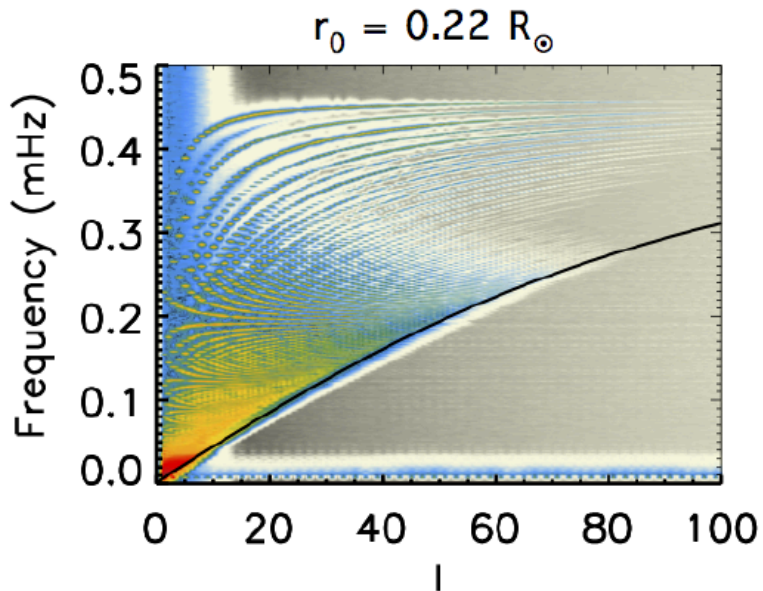
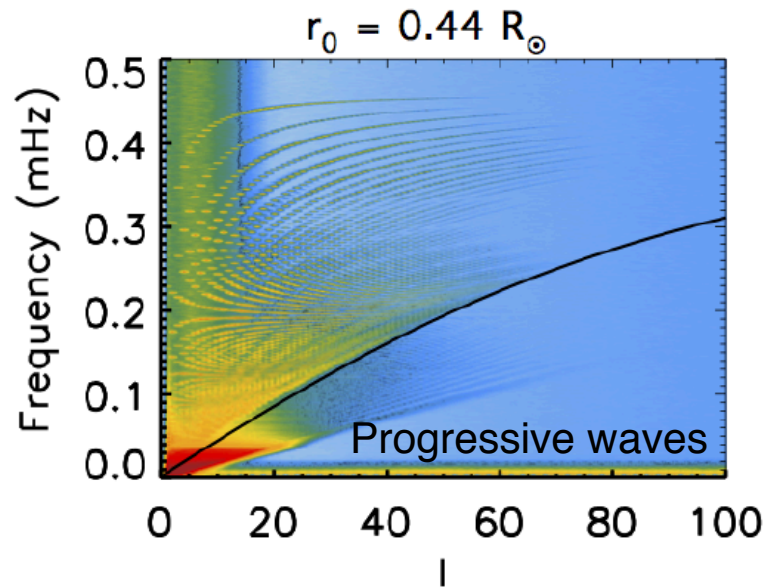
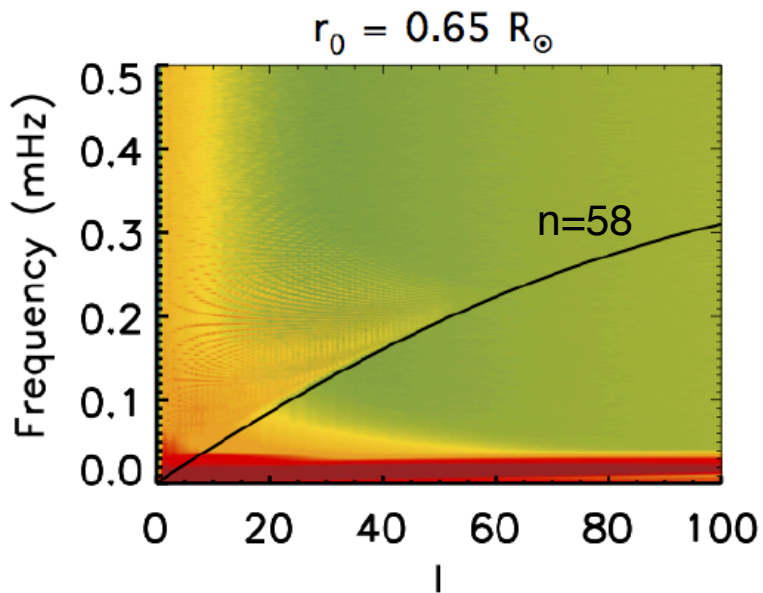
$$t \rightarrow \omega$$



## l-omega spectra (full sphere)

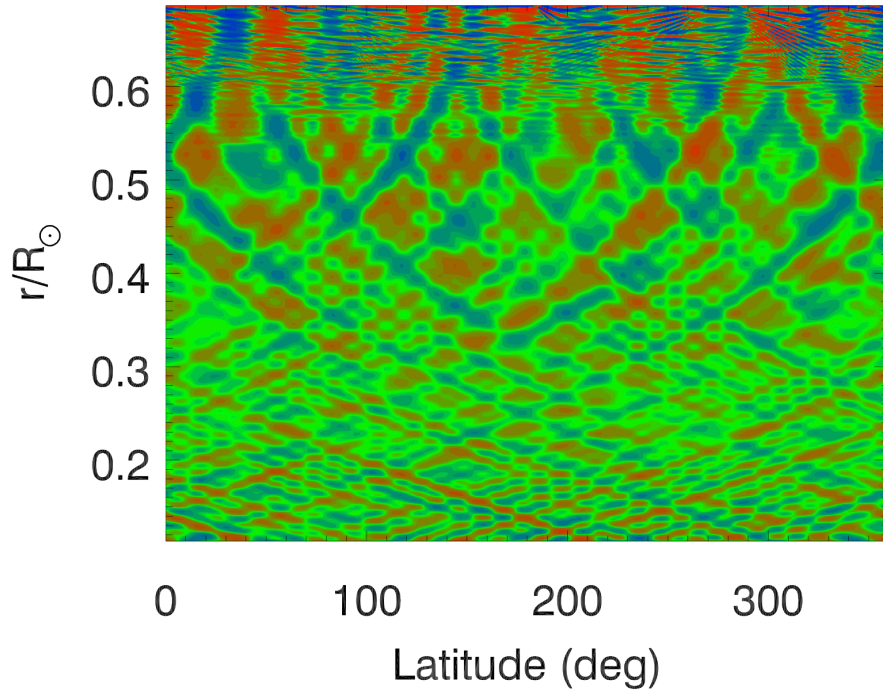


# Spectra vs Depth

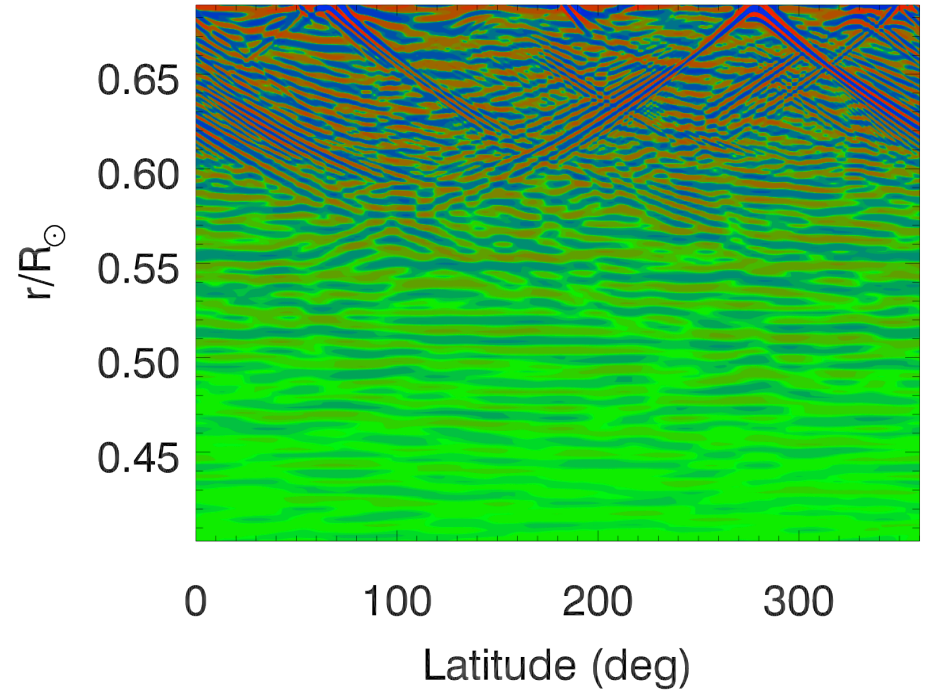


# Progressive vs Standing Waves

Resonant mode  
0.1 mHz



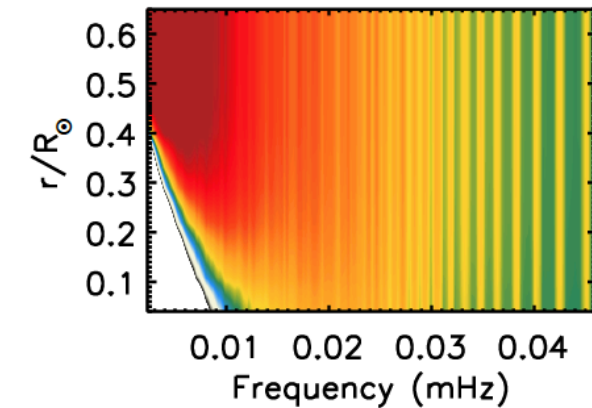
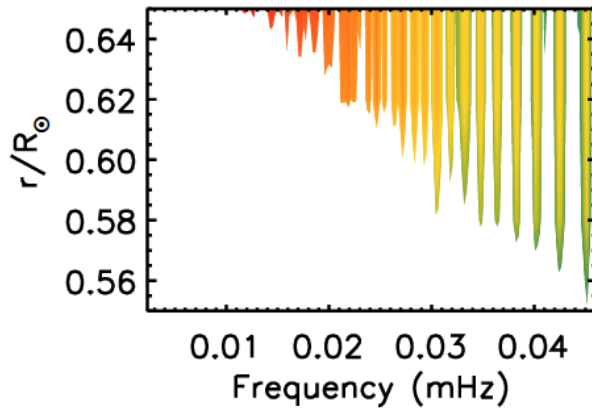
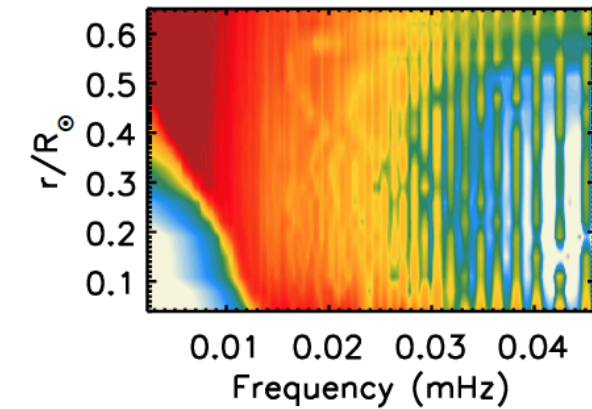
Damped propagative wave  
0.016 mHz



See Lucie Alvan's poster

# Radiative Damping of the waves

Zahn et al. 1997

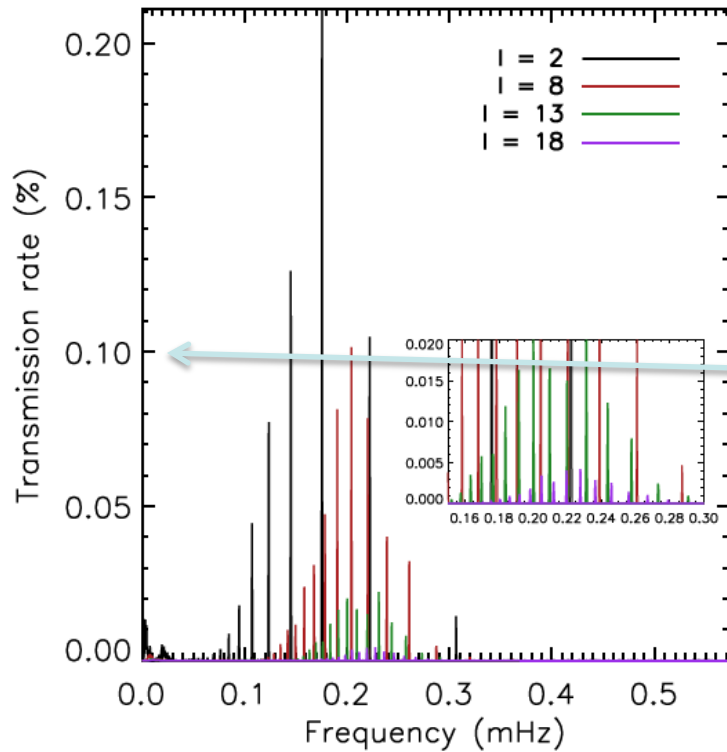


$$\tau(r, \ell, \omega) = [\ell(\ell + 1)]^{\frac{3}{2}} \int_r^{r_{cz}} \kappa \frac{N^3}{\omega^4 r'^3} dr'$$

$$E_{\text{damp}}(r, \omega) = E_0(\omega) \times e^{-\tau(r, \ell, \omega)}$$

Proportional to  $1/\omega^3$

(as in Rogers et al. 2013)



Wave's energy transmission  
from convective motions

about 0.1 to 0.4 % of Solar Luminosity

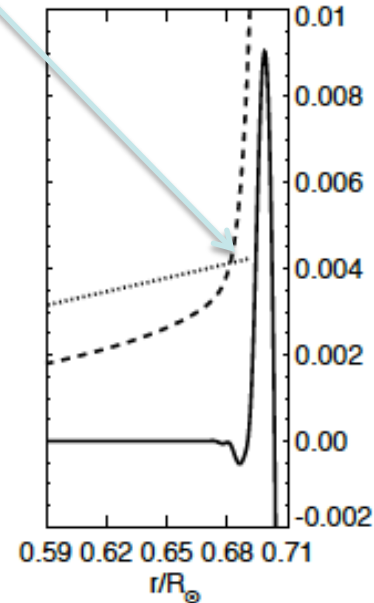
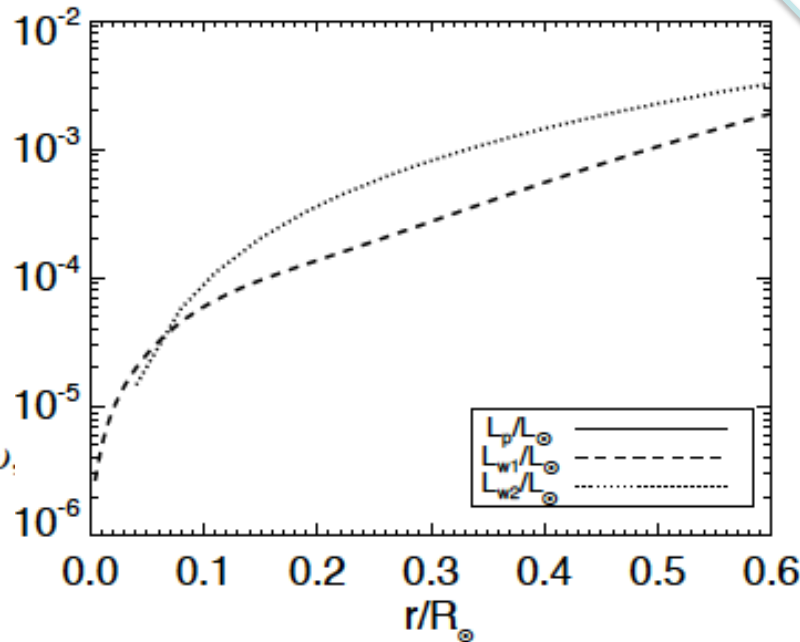
3 ways of evaluating the wave flux

$$\mathcal{F}_p = \langle \overline{V_r P} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{W1} \propto \frac{\omega_c}{N} \mathcal{F}_c,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{W2} = \int_{\omega_c}^N \int_{k_h} \rho \frac{E(k_h, \omega)}{k_h \omega} V_{gr}(k_h, \omega) dk_h d\omega,$$

$$V_{gr}(k_h, \omega) = \frac{\sqrt{N^2 - \omega^2}}{N^2} \frac{\omega^2}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} r,$$

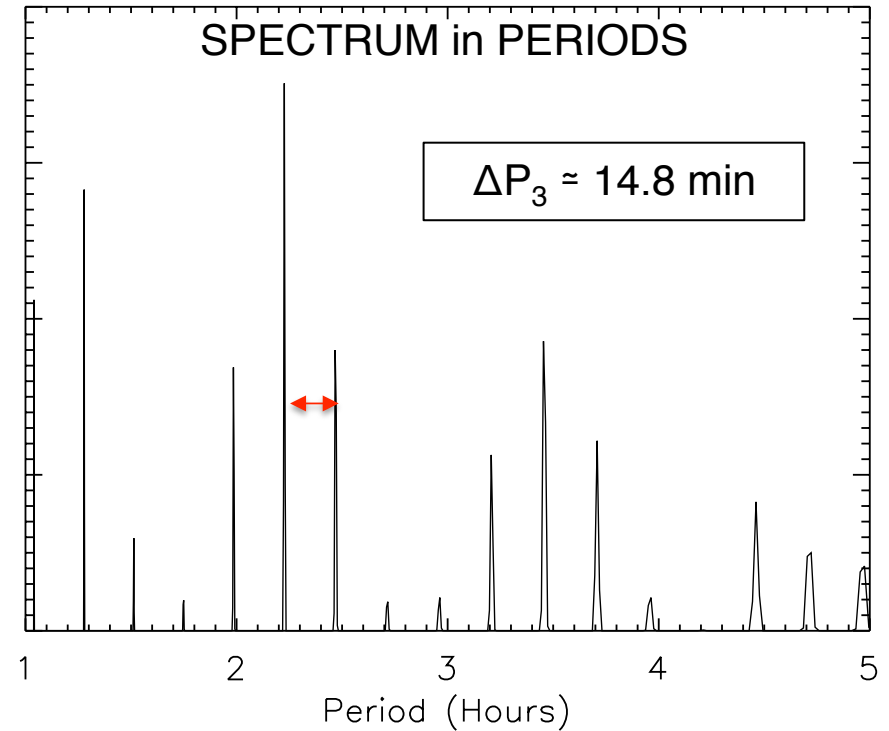
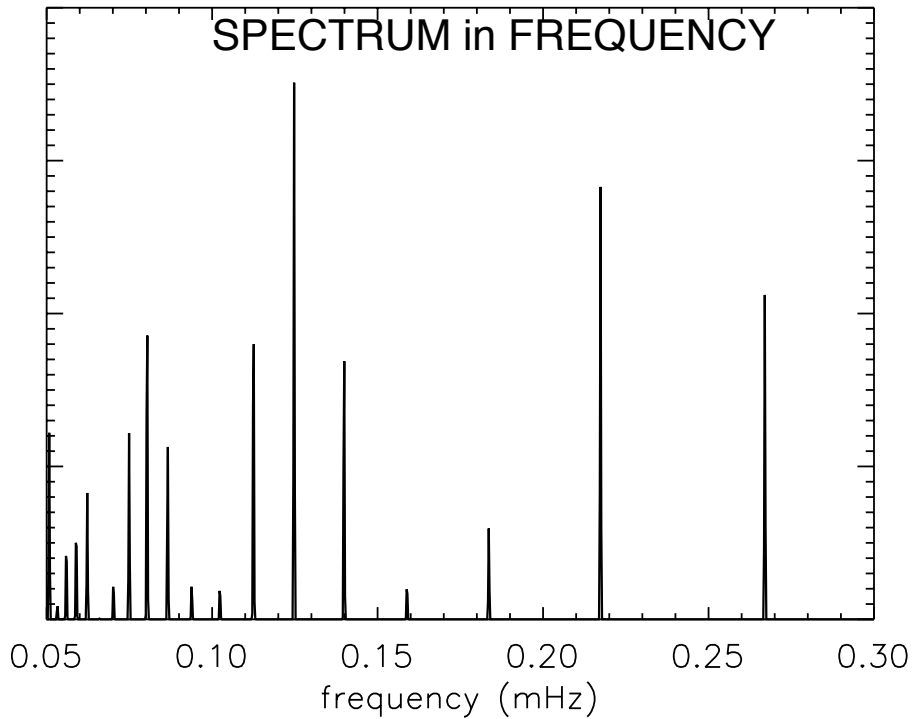


# Constant Period Spacing

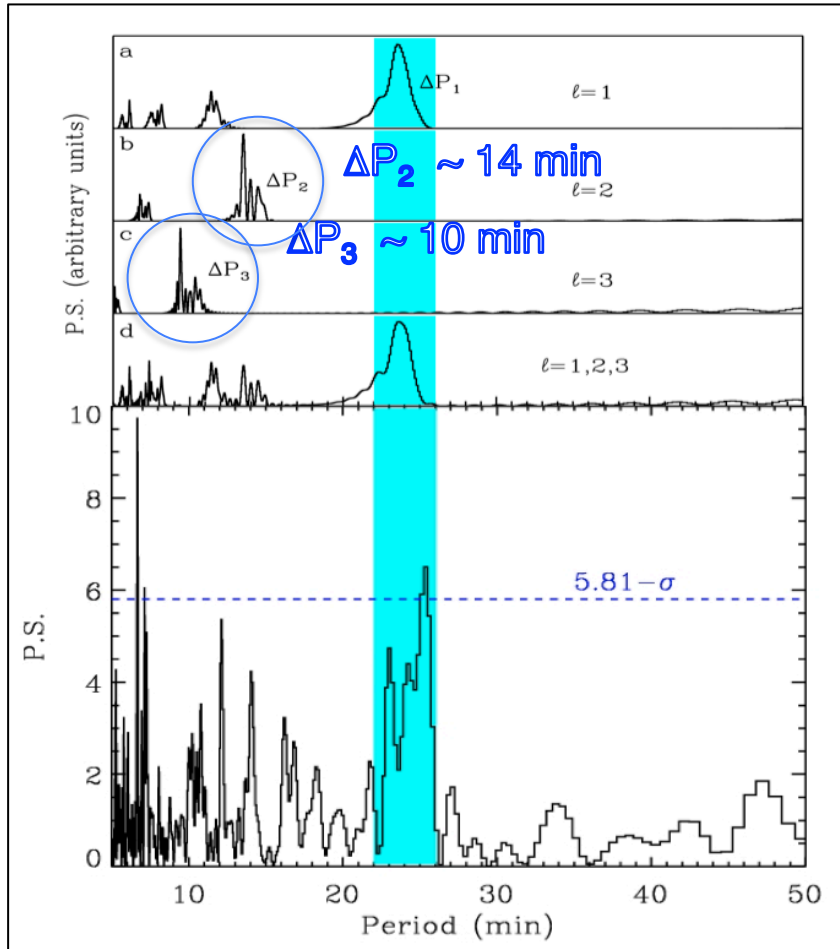
$$\delta \approx 5/6$$

$$P_{n,l} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \int_0^{r_1} \frac{N}{r} dr (2n+l-\delta)$$

$r_1(\omega)$  turning point

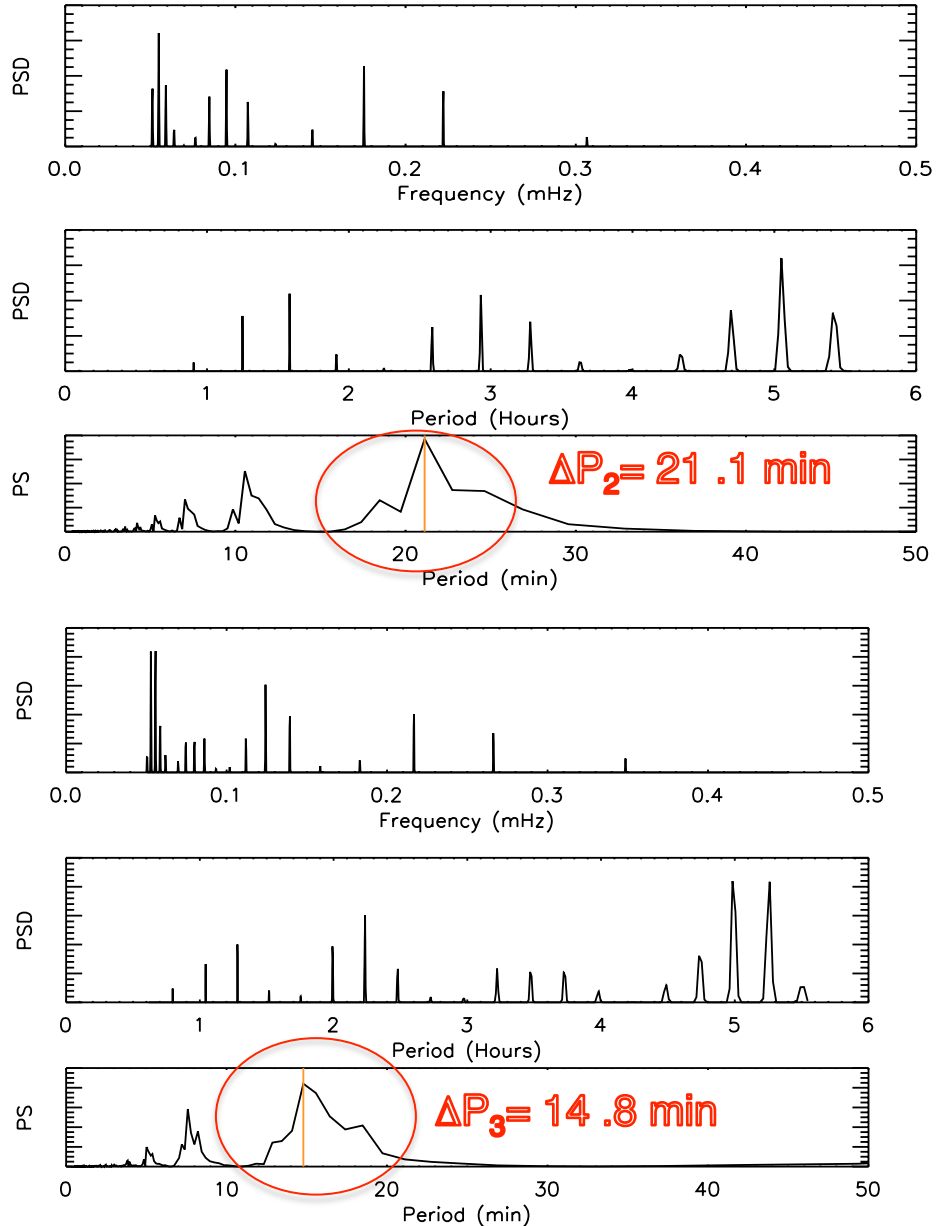


# Comparing Model to Observations: Full Sphere Case



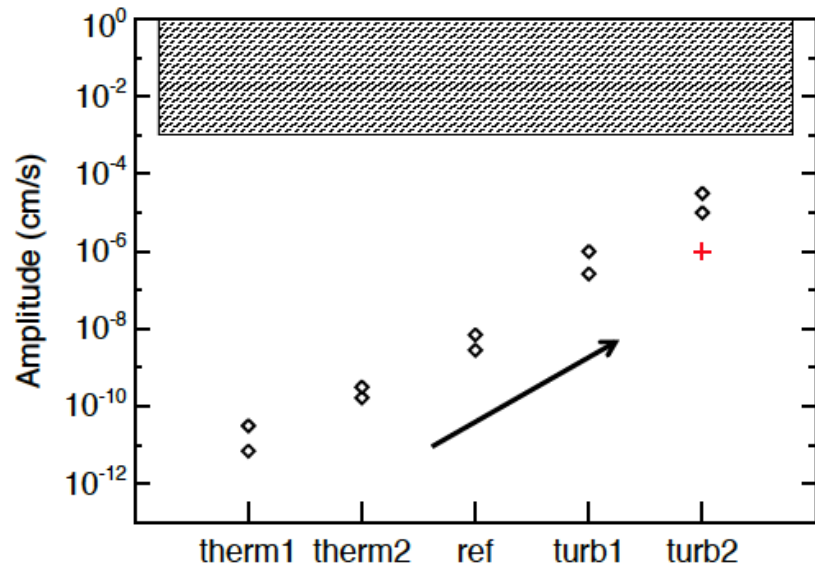
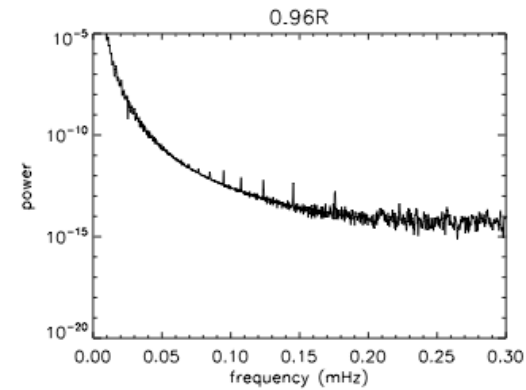
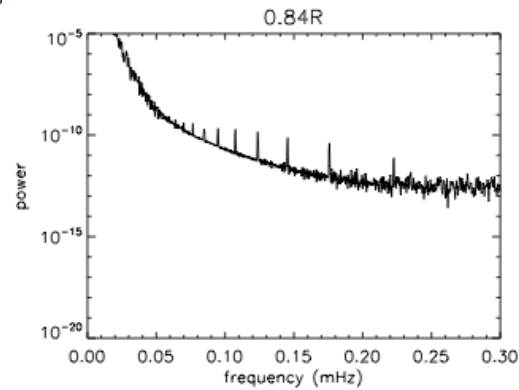
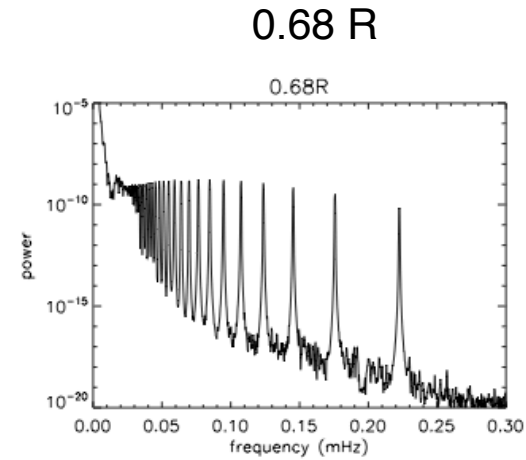
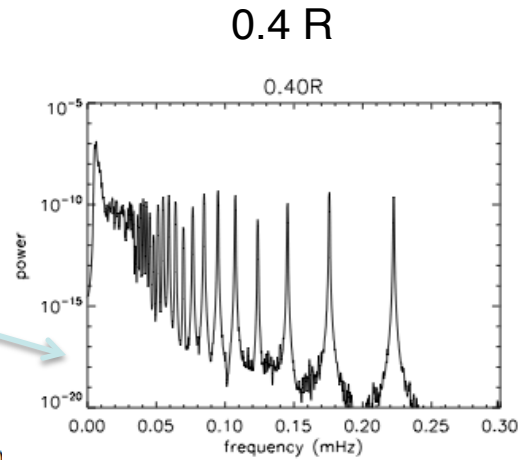
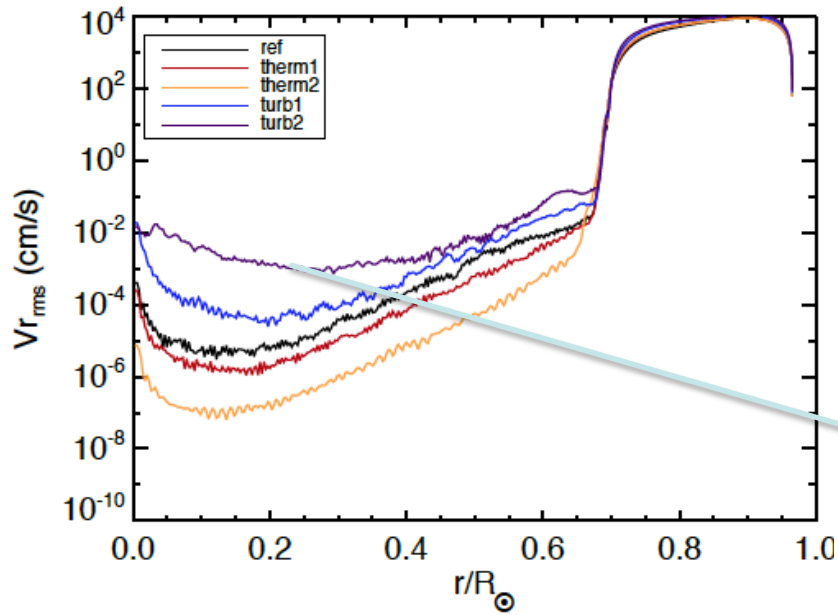
Garcia et al. 2007

$$\Delta P_l = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{l(l+1)} \int_0^{rc} \frac{N}{r} dr}$$





# Mode Visibility through Convective Layer?



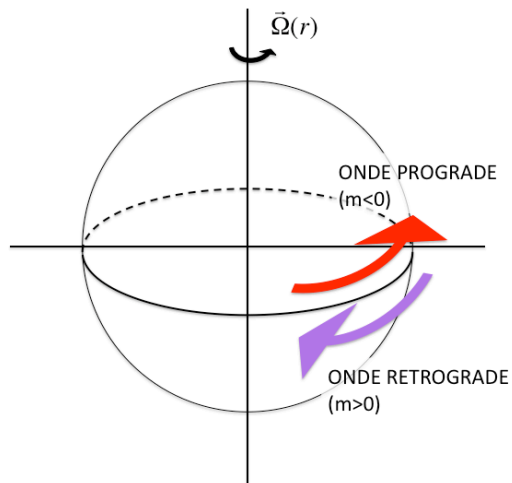
0.84 R

0.96 R

# EFFECTS of ROTATION

$F(V(r,l,m,t)) =$  Retrograde wave ( $m > 0$ )

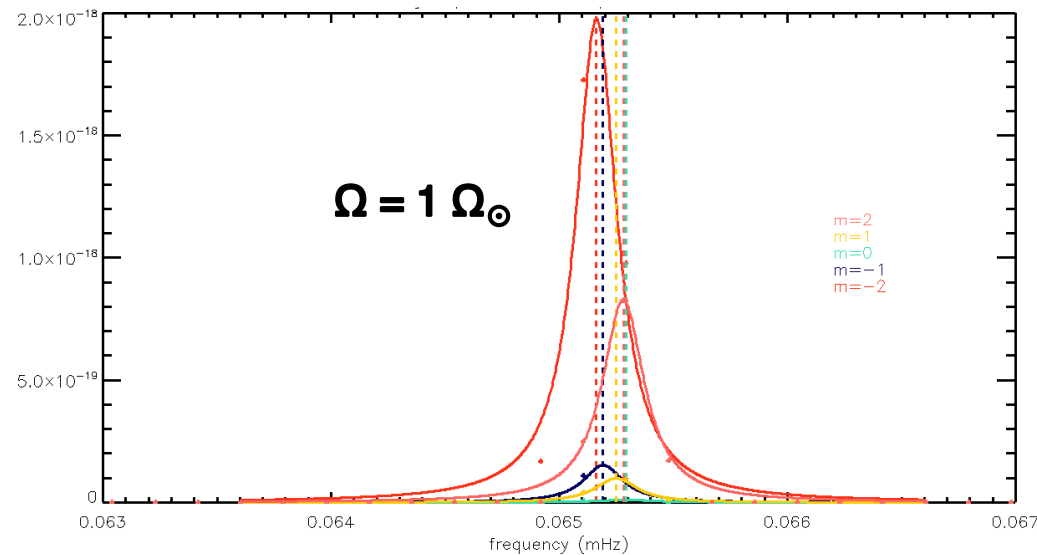
$F(\overline{V(r,l,m,t)}) =$  Prograde wave ( $m < 0$ )



Asymptotic law

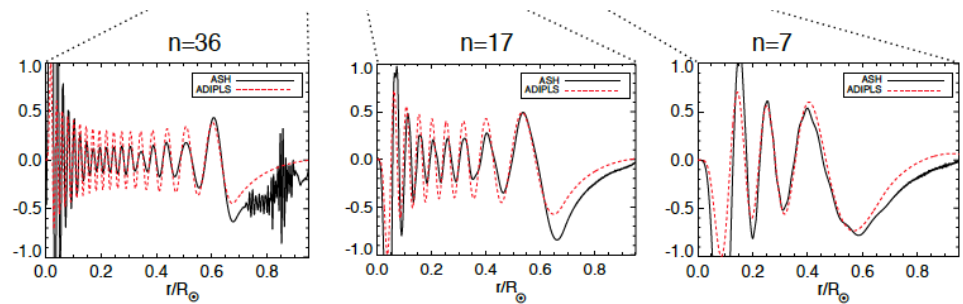
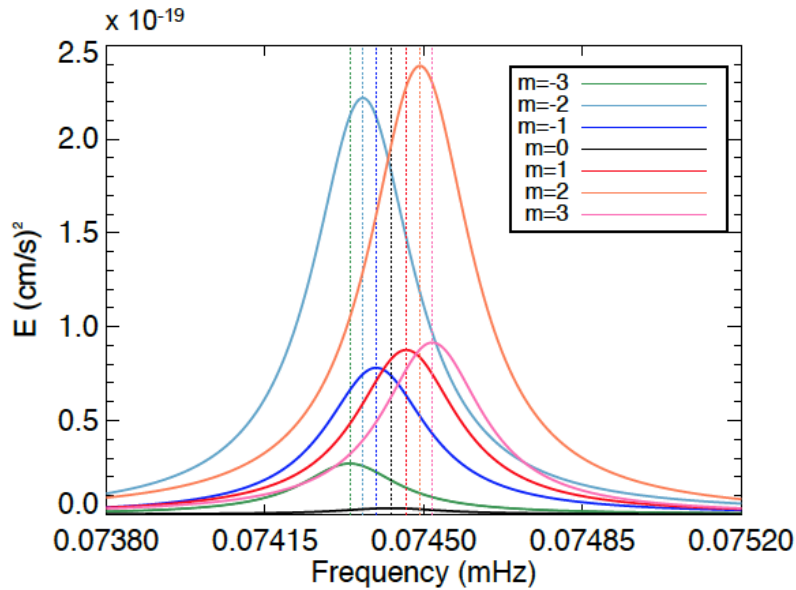
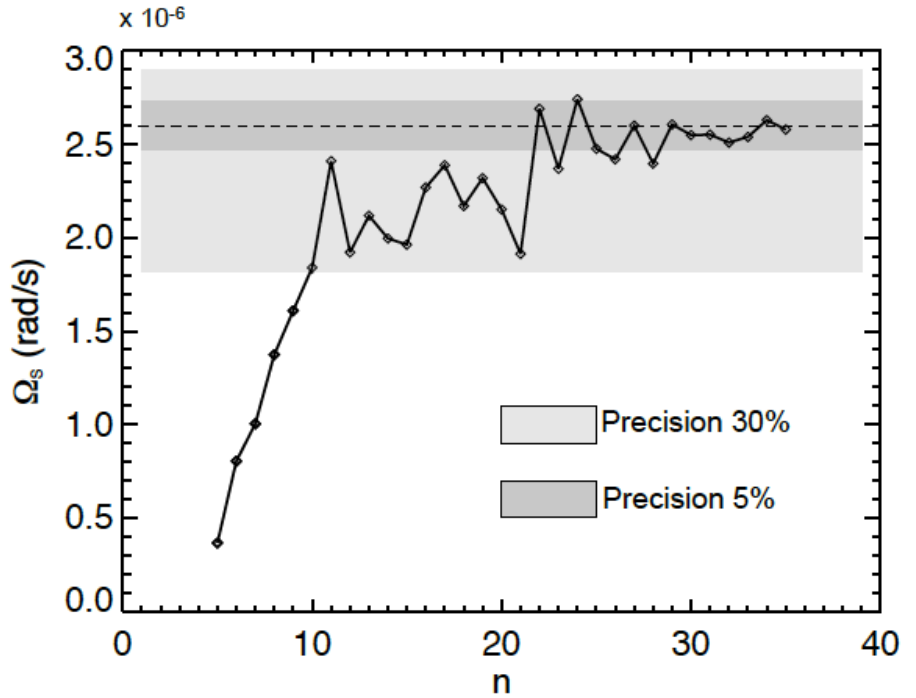
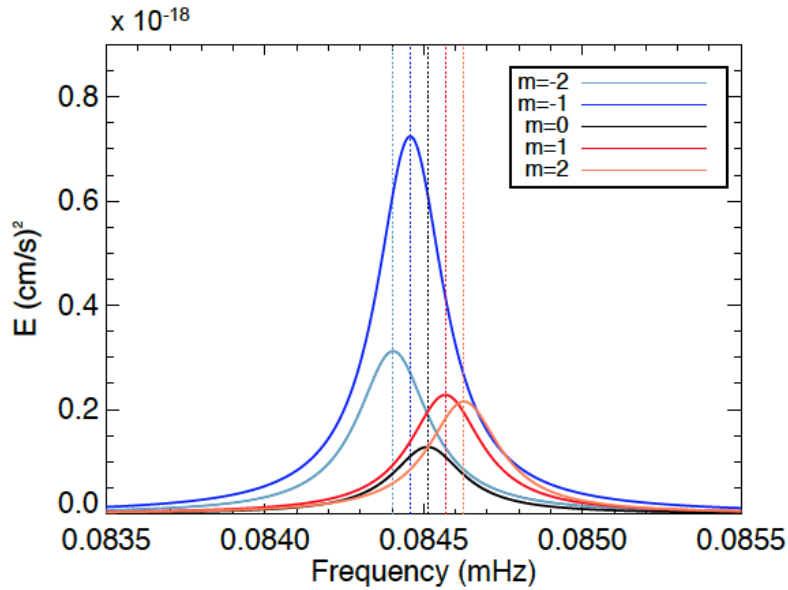
$$v_{n,l,m} = v_{n,l,0} + m \frac{\Omega}{2\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{l(l+1)} \right)$$

## Rotational Splitting



$$\delta_{n\ell m} = -m(1 - \beta_{n\ell})\Omega_S.$$

# Rotational Splitting (m azimuthal wave nb)

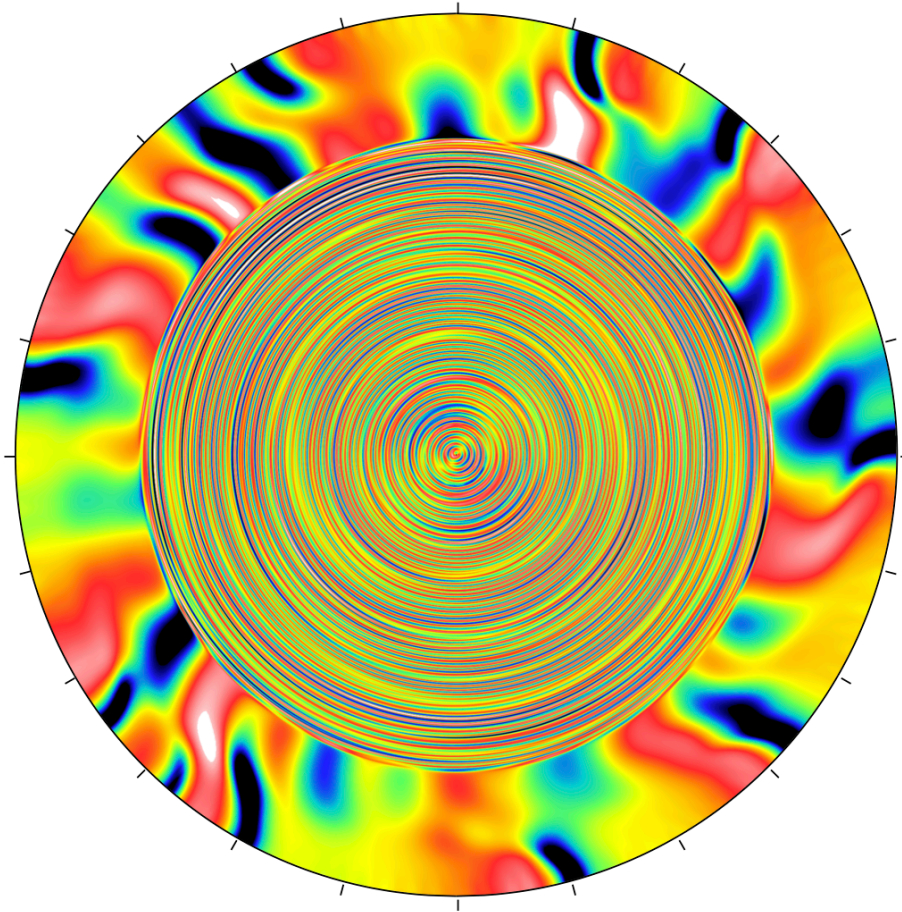


Mode radial eigenfunction (n order)

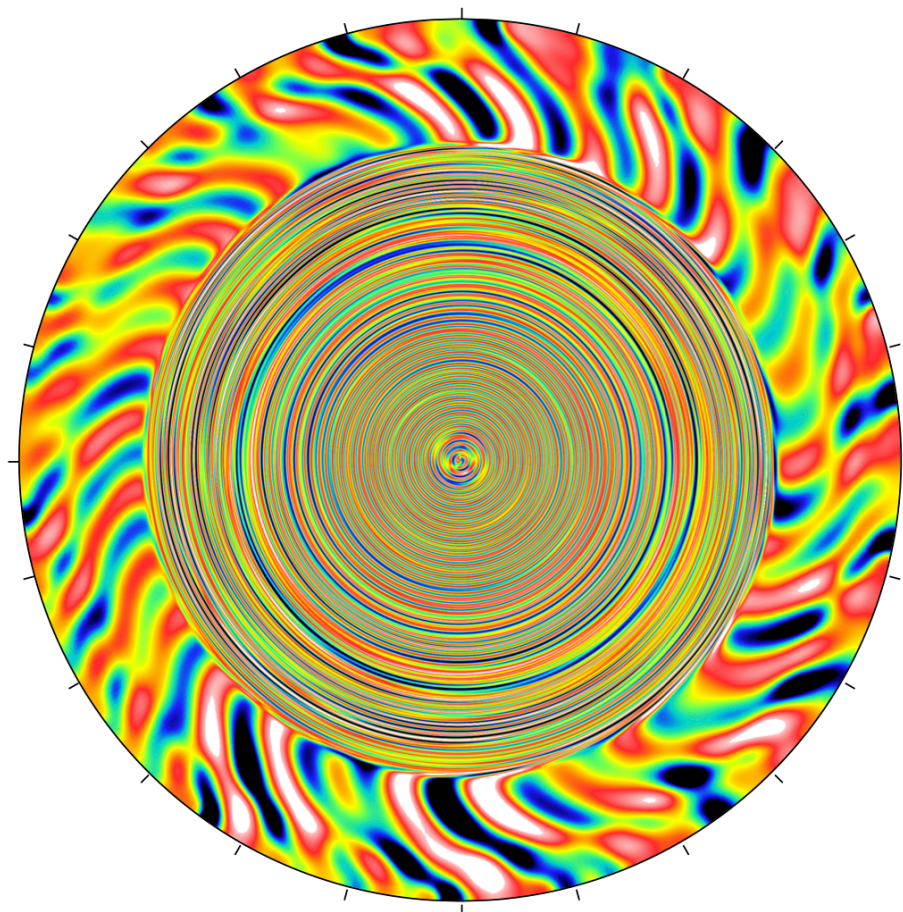
# Faster Suns & Internal Waves

Alvan et al. 2012 in prep

$2 \Omega$



$10 \Omega$



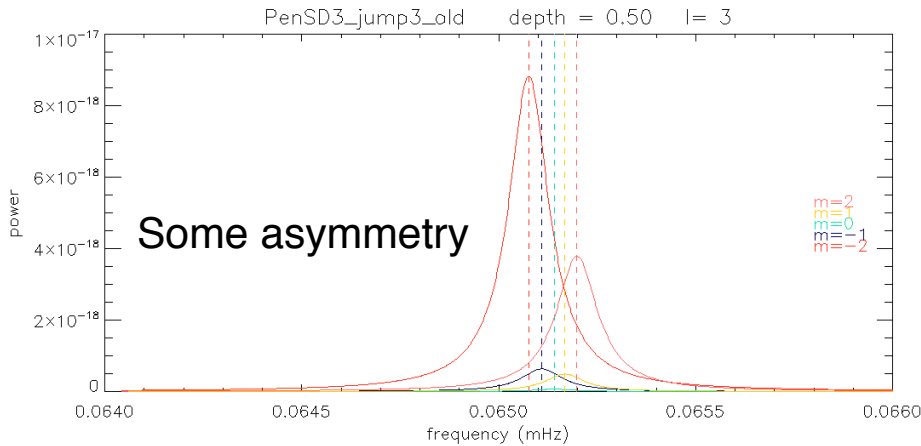
# Work in Progress: Rotational Splittings

Alvan et al. 2013

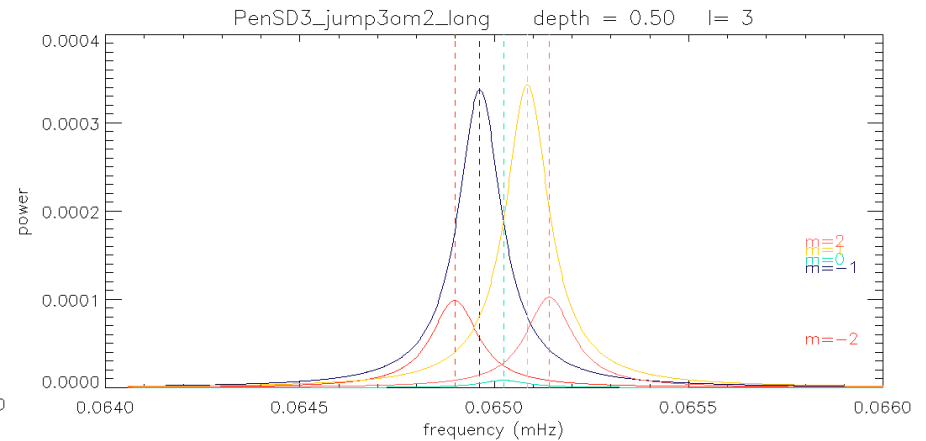
$$\nu_{n,l,m} = \nu_{n,l,0} + m \frac{\Omega}{2\pi} \left(1 - \frac{1}{l(l+1)}\right)$$

(Ledoux 1951)

Solar Rotation Rate



Rotation: Twice solar



Correct spacing of m multiplets but currently no good agreement with theory, need to understand why.

$$\nu_{n,l,m} = \nu_{n,l,0} + m\beta_{n,l} \int_0^R K_{n,l}(r)\Omega(r)dr$$

Last version of Adiplos code gives  $\beta$  & K

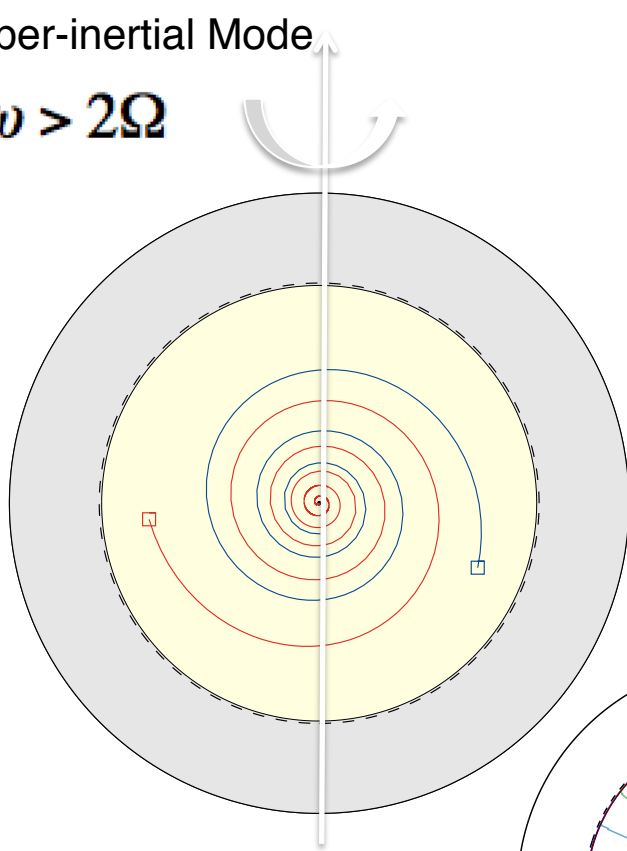
# GRAVITO-INERTIAL Modes : solid rotation

Dispersion relation:

$$(N^2 + 4\Omega^2 \sin^2 \theta - \omega^2) k_h^2 - (4\Omega^2 \sin 2\theta) k_r k_l + (4\Omega^2 \cos^2 \theta - \omega^2) k_r^2 = 0$$

Super-inertial Mode

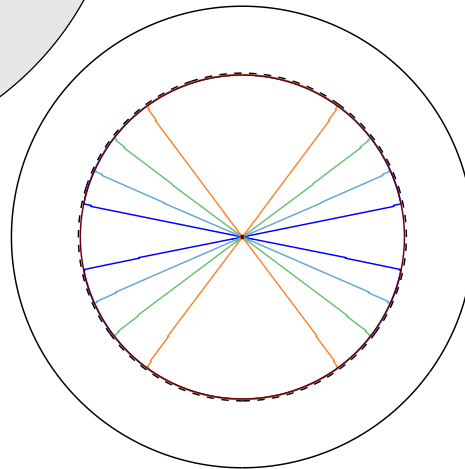
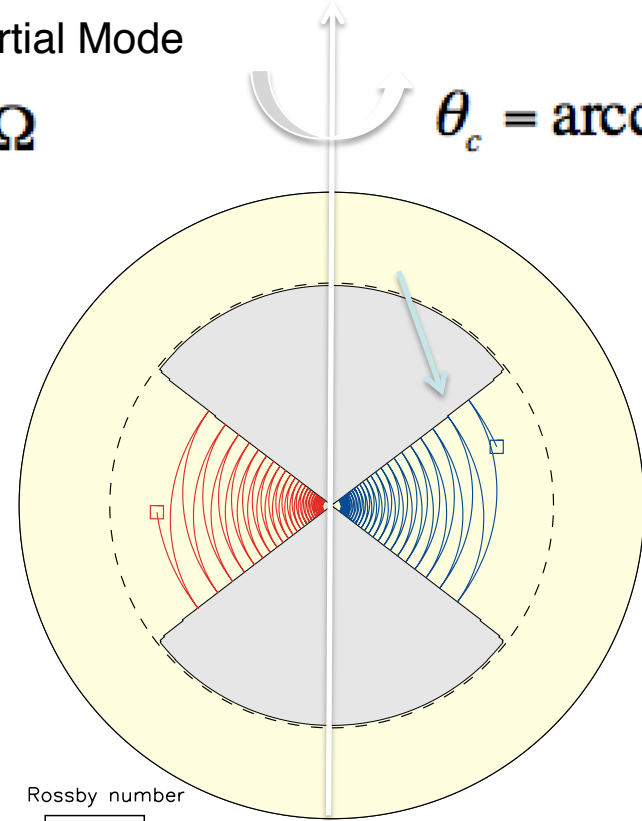
$$\omega > 2\Omega$$



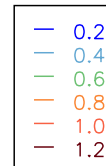
Sub-inertial Mode

$$\omega < 2\Omega$$

$$\theta_c = \arccos\left(\frac{\omega}{2\Omega}\right)$$



Rossby number



$$Ro = \frac{\omega}{2\Omega}$$

# GRAVITO-INERTIAL Modes : radial differential rotation

Dispersion relation:

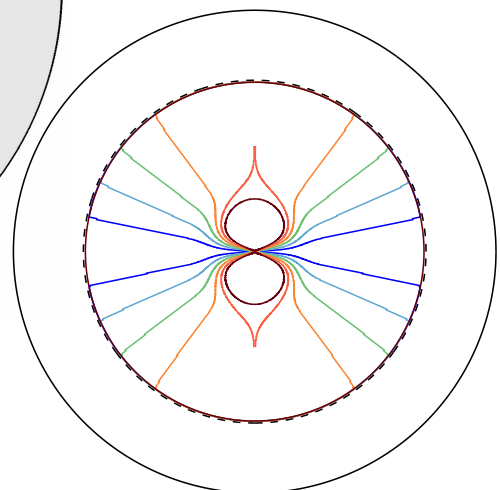
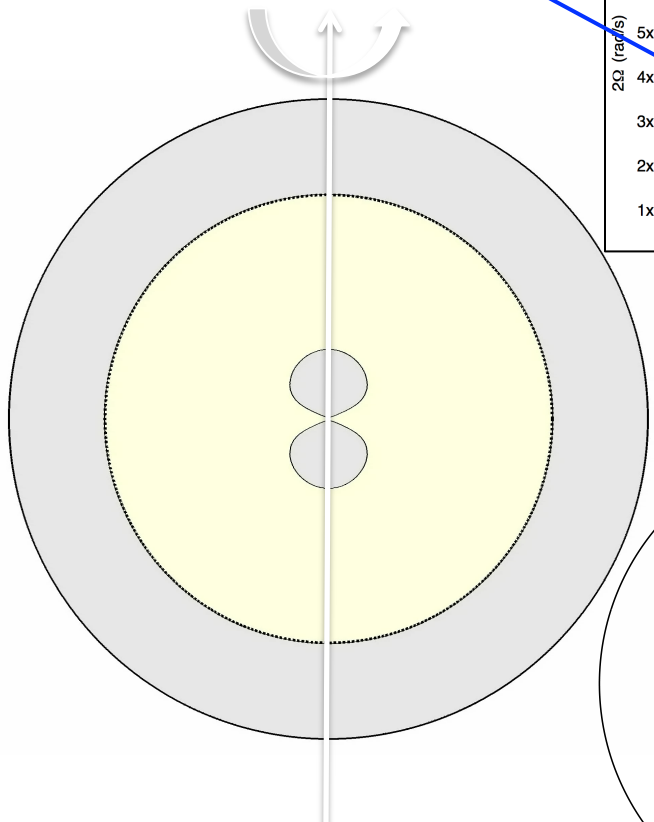
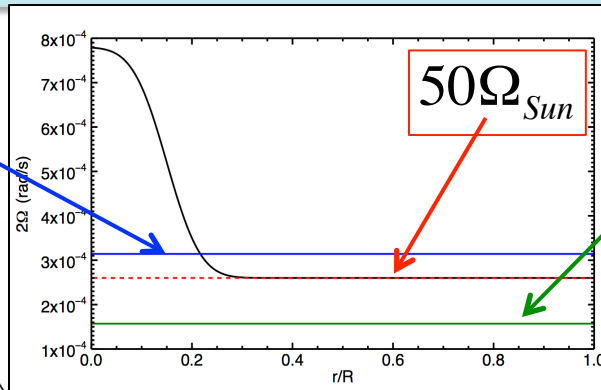
$$\Omega = \Omega(r)$$

$$(N^2 + 4\Omega^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2\Omega q \sin^2 \theta - \omega^2) k_h^2 - (4\Omega^2 \sin 2\theta + \Omega q \sin 2\theta) k_r k_h + (4\Omega^2 \cos^2 \theta - \omega^2) k_r^2 = 0$$

$$q = r \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial r}$$

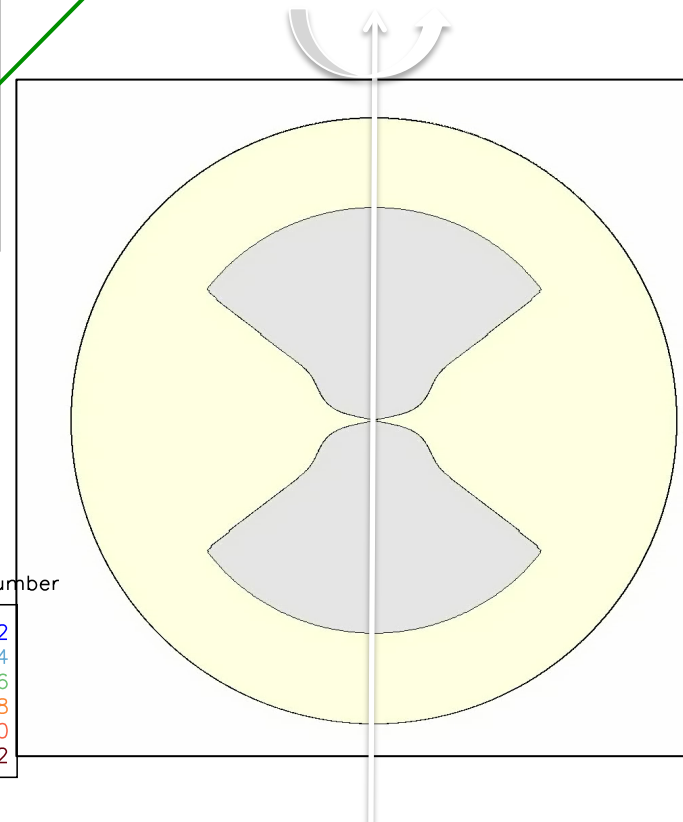
Super-inertial mode

Sub-inertial mode



Rossby number

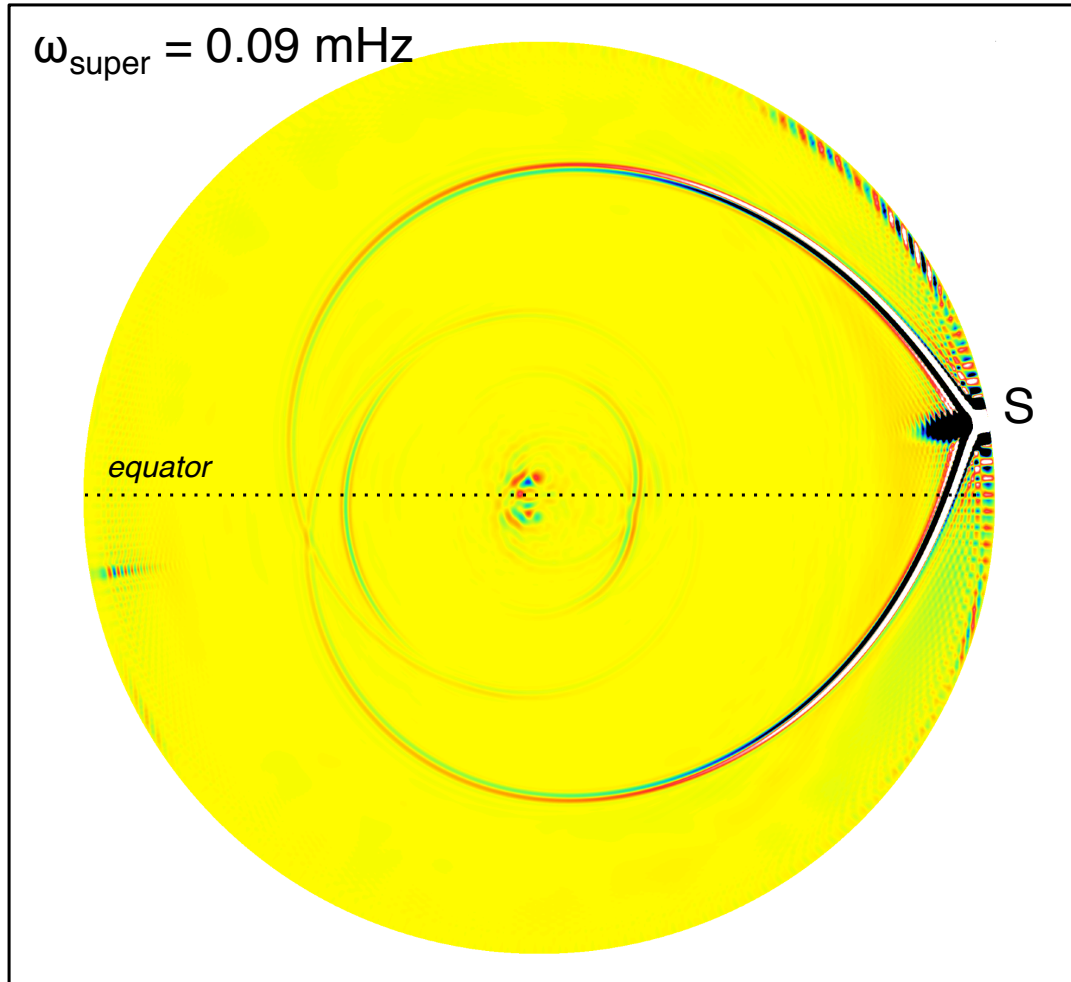
- 0.2
- 0.4
- 0.6
- 0.8
- 1.0
- 1.2



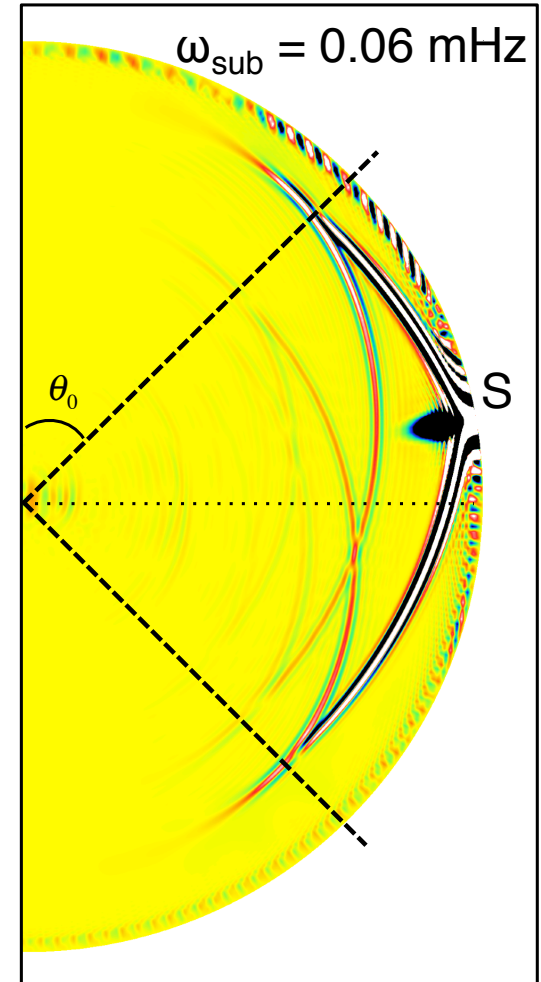
# Trapping of waves in ASH

$$2\Omega = 0.083 \text{ mHz}$$

$$\theta_c = \arccos\left(\frac{\omega}{2\Omega}\right)$$



Super-inertial



Sub-inertial

See Lucie Alvan's poster



# Conclusion

- 3-D model of the Whole Sun using realistic stratification are now tractable
- When coupling a radiative interior to a convective envelope the agreement with observations improve, for instance we get a correct differential rotation and a tachocline of shear
- The pummeling of downward plumes excite a large range of internal waves
- Detailed analysis revealed that they are indeed gravity waves
- Comparison with an adiabatic oscillations code confirms the good agreement
- Damping seems different in 3-D code vs linear analysis, likely due to nonlinearity
- Comparison with observations indicate that even better stratification is necessary  
If one wants to guide the observers
- trapping of waves recovered by simple model
- Same analysis/models underway for more massive stars with core convection

ASH is now a full sphere 3-D anelastic code using either finite difference or Tchebyshev polynomials in radius scaling up to 30,000 cores.