



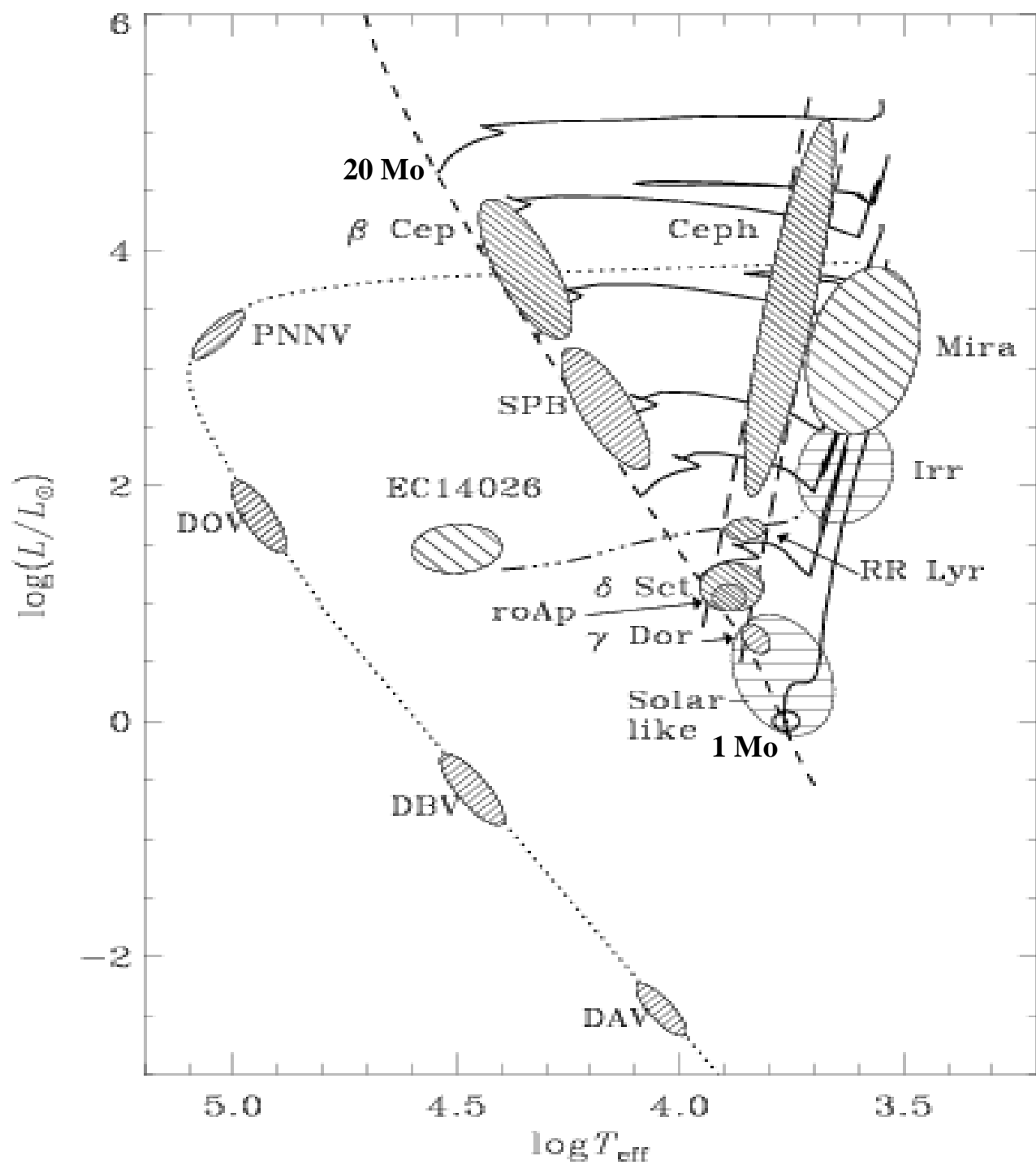
The light elements in a helio- and astero- seismic perspective

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Light elements and seismology

Helium 4 is directly related to asteroseismology as its abundance modifies stellar structure.

- > it may lead to κ mechanism
- > Y may be determined from seismology
- > internal helium gradients have seismic signatures

LiBeB and **He3** are indirectly related to asteroseismology through the determinations of macroscopic motions (convective zones, internal mixing) which have seismic signatures

VELOCITY FIELDS IN THE SOLAR ATMOSPHERE

I. PRELIMINARY REPORT*

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ABSTRACT

Velocity fields in the solar atmosphere have been detected and measured by an adaptation of a technique previously used for measuring magnetic fields. Data obtained during the summers of 1960 and 1961 have been partially analyzed and yield the following principal results:

1. Large "cells" of horizontally moving material are distributed roughly uniformly over the entire solar surface. The motions within each cell suggest a (horizontal) outward flow from a source inside the cell. Typical diameters are 1.6×10^4 km; spacings between centers, 3×10^4 km ($\sim 5 \times 10^3$ cells over the solar surface); r.m.s. velocities of outflow, 0.5 km sec^{-1} ; lifetimes, 10^4 – 10^6 sec. There is a similarity in appearance to the Ca^+ network. The appearance and properties of these cells suggest that they are a surface manifestation of a "supergranulation" pattern of convective currents which come from relatively great depths inside the sun.

2. A distinct correlation is observed between local brightness fluctuations and vertical velocities: bright elements tend to move upward, at the levels at which the lines $\text{Fe } \lambda 6102$ and $\text{Ca } \lambda 6103$ are formed. In the line $\text{Ca } \lambda 6103$, the correlation coefficient is ~ 0.5 . This correlation appears to reverse in sign in the height range spanned by the Doppler wings of the $\text{Na } D_1$ line and remains reversed at levels up to that of $\text{Ca}^+ \lambda 8542$. At the level of $\text{Ca } \lambda 6103$, an estimate of the mechanical energy transport yields the rather large value 2 W cm^{-2} .

3. The characteristic "cell size" of the vertical velocities appears to increase with height from ~ 1700 km at the level of $\text{Fe } \lambda 6102$ to ~ 3500 km at that of $\text{Na } \lambda 5896$. The r.m.s. vertical velocity of $\sim 0.4 \text{ km sec}^{-1}$ appears nearly constant over this height range.

4. The vertical velocities exhibit a striking repetitive time correlation, with a period $T = 296 \pm 3$ sec. This quasi-sinusoidal motion has been followed for three full periods in the line $\text{Ca } \lambda 6103$, and is also clearly present in $\text{Fe } \lambda 6102$, $\text{Na } \lambda 5896$, and other lines. The energy contained in this oscillatory motion is about 160 J cm^{-2} ; the "losses" can apparently be compensated for by the energy transport (2).

5. A similar repetitive time correlation, with nearly the same period, seems to be present in the *brightness fluctuations* observed on ordinary spectroheliograms taken at the center of the $\text{Na } D_1$ line. We believe that we are observing the transformation of potential energy into wave energy through the brightness-velocity correlation in the photosphere, the upward propagation of this energy by waves of rather well-defined frequency, and its dissipation into heat in the lower chromosphere.

6. Doppler velocities have been observed at various heights in the upper chromosphere by means of the $\text{H}\alpha$ line. At great heights one finds a granular structure with a mean size of about 3600 km, but at lower levels one finds predominantly *downward* motions, which are concentrated in "tunnels" which presumably follow magnetic lines of force and are geometrically related to the Ca^+ network. The Doppler field changes its appearance *very rapidly* at higher levels, typical lifetimes being about 30 seconds.

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THE FIVE-MINUTE OSCILLATIONS ON THE SOLAR SURFACE*

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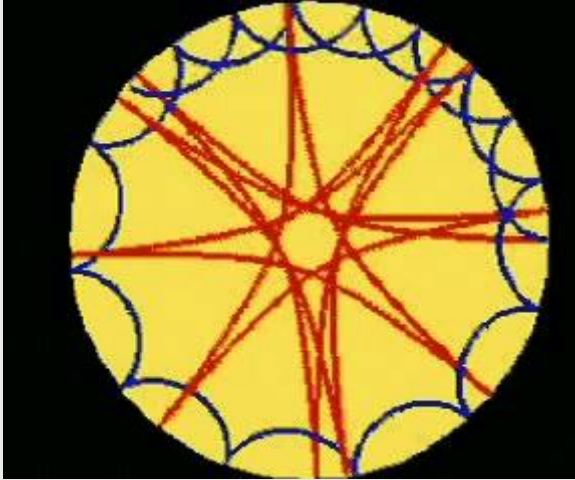
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ABSTRACT

The acoustic properties of the subphotospheric layers are examined. It is shown that standing acoustic waves may be trapped in a layer below the photosphere. These standing waves may exist only along discrete lines in the diagnostic diagram of horizontal wavenumber versus frequency. The positions of these lines are derived from a modal analysis of the solar envelope. The lines for the fundamental mode and the first-overtone mode pass through the centers of the two peaks observed by Frazier. An examination of the energy balance of the oscillations shows that they are overstable. When they are assigned an amplitude of 0.2 km sec^{-1} , they generate about $(5-7) \times 10^9 \text{ ergs cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$. This power output suggests that the dissipation of the 5-minute oscillations above the temperature minimum is responsible for heating the chromosphere and corona.

Also Leibacher and Stein 1971, *Astrophys Lett* 7, 191

Helioseismology



Special case for the Sun compared to other stars due to the spatial resolution.

Spatial filter: generalised 2D Fourier transform

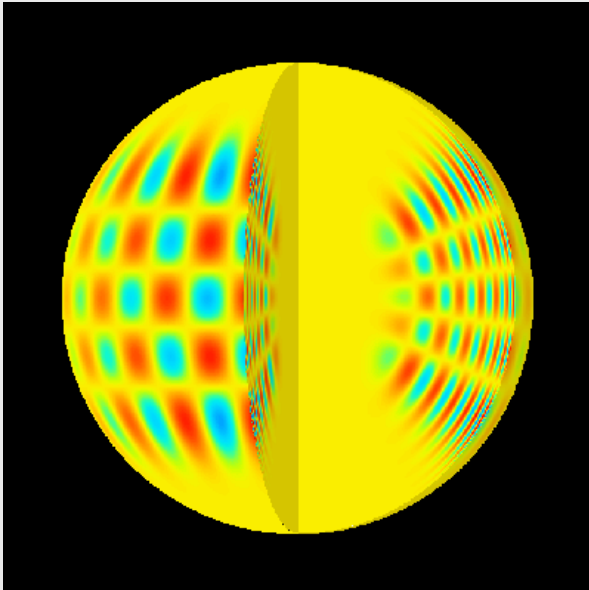
Spherical harmonics:

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^m c_{lm} P_l^m(\cos \theta) \exp(im\phi)$$

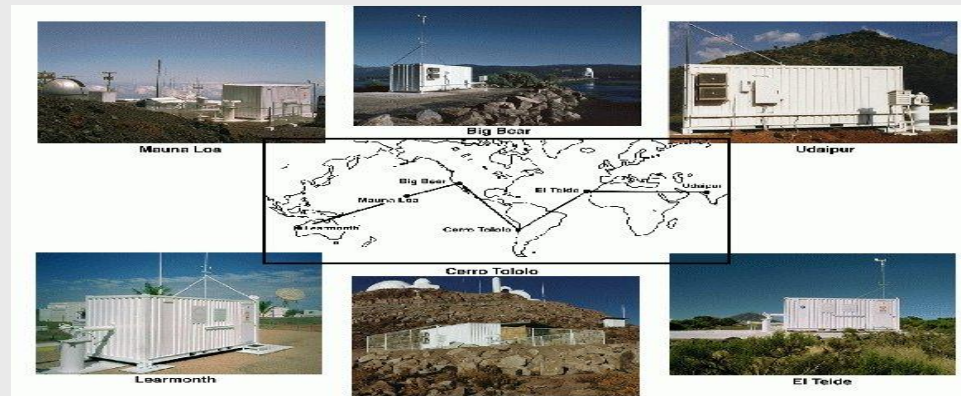
$P_l^m(\cos \theta)$ is a Legendre polynomial

c_{lm} is a normalisation factor, so that the integral of $|Y_l^m|^2$ on the sphere is 1.

$$c_{lm} = \frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}$$



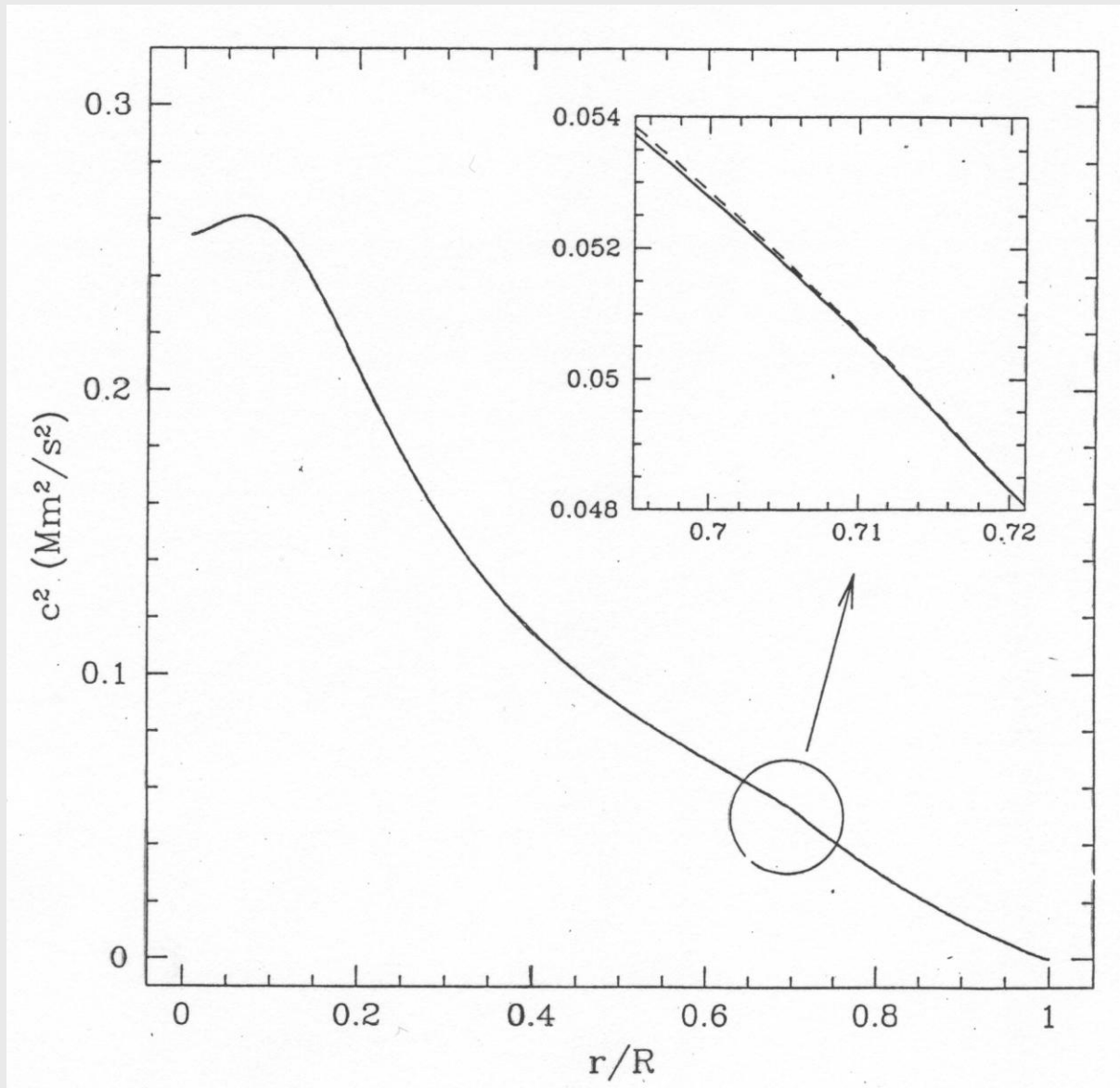
Helioseismology



- * Beginnings : south pole (Grec, Fossat, Pomerantz, 1980)
- * Observation networks: GONG+ (Doppler), BiSON (integrated light), etc.
- * Space : SoHO-Solar and Heliospheric Observatory

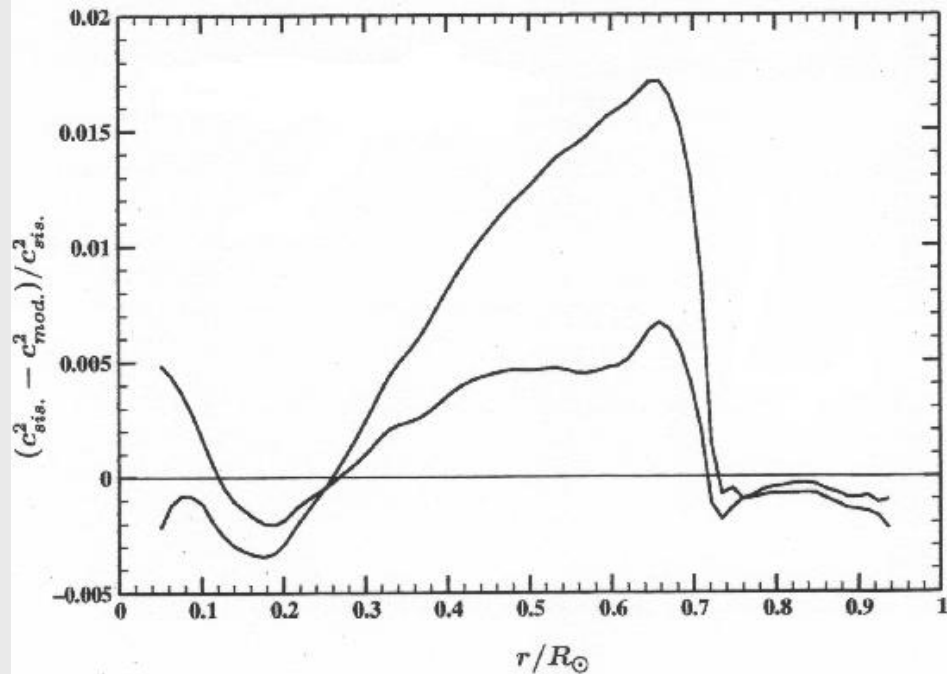
- * 10 millions of p-modes
- * Frequencies around 2 to 4 mhz (5min.)
- * Velocity amplitudes : about 1 cm.s^{-1} (max: 20 cm.s^{-1})
- * Relative light variations : 10^{-7}
- * Lifetime of modes :
 - a few hours for large l (~ 250) and small n (~ 1)
 - a few months for small l (~ 0) and large n (~ 10)

*For $l < 180$: global modes (lifetime larger than the propagation time around the Sun)



Bottom convective zone : $r/R = .713 \pm .003$

(science, 1996)



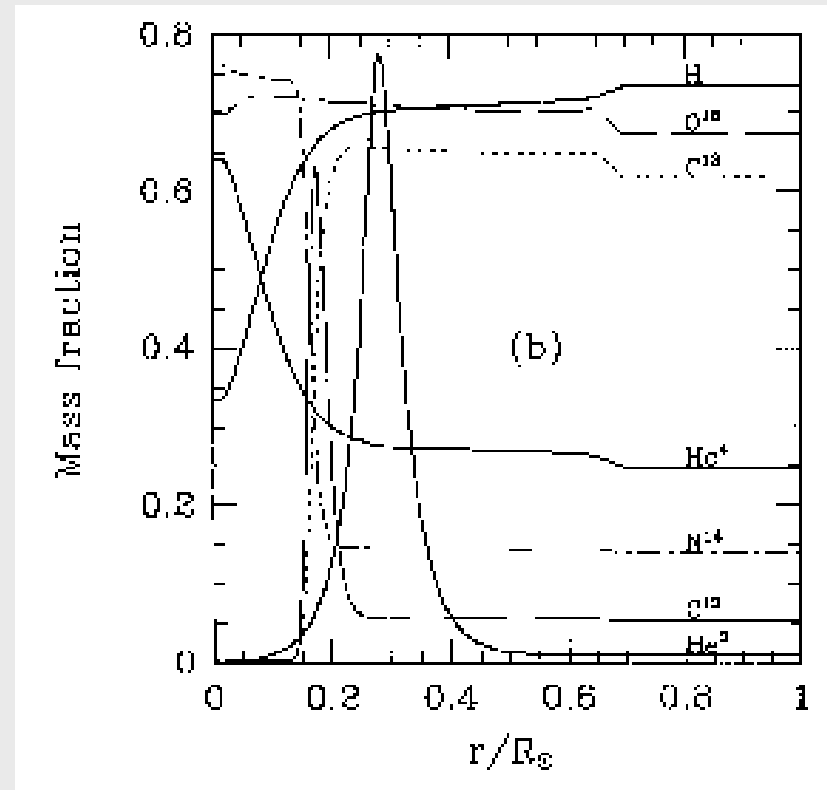
Effects of atomic diffusion and turbulence below the convective zone (cf Richard et al. A&A, 1996)

Y_s from seismic inversions (from Γ_1)
 0.248 ± 0.02 (Dziembowski et al. 1998)

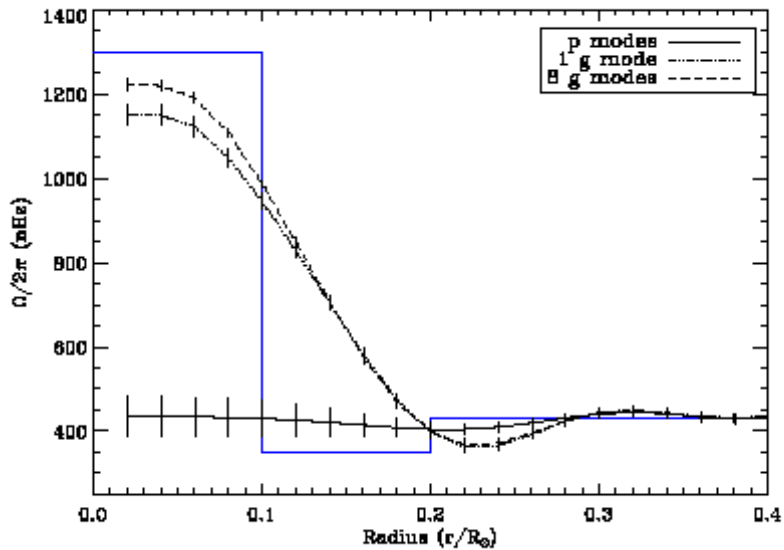
	Y_0	α	$Y_{surface}$	$X_{surface}$	L ($10^{34} \text{erg.s}^{-1}$)	R (10^{11}cm)	Li/Li ₀	Be/Be ₀
Model 1	0.2782	1.652	0.2782	0.7028	0.385145	0.695976	1	1
Model 2	0.2762	1.776	0.2477	0.7341	0.385154	0.696368	1/2.89	1/1.17
Model 3	0.2798	1.789	0.2513	0.7297	0.385143	0.695982	1/3.50	1/1.17
Model 4	0.2770	1.761	0.2563	0.7252	0.385131	0.695980	1/124.58	1/2.88
Model 5	0.2793	1.768	0.2584	0.7226	0.384993	0.695849	1/155.03	1/2.91

Table 3. Main physical parameter of solar models at the base of the convective zone and at the center.

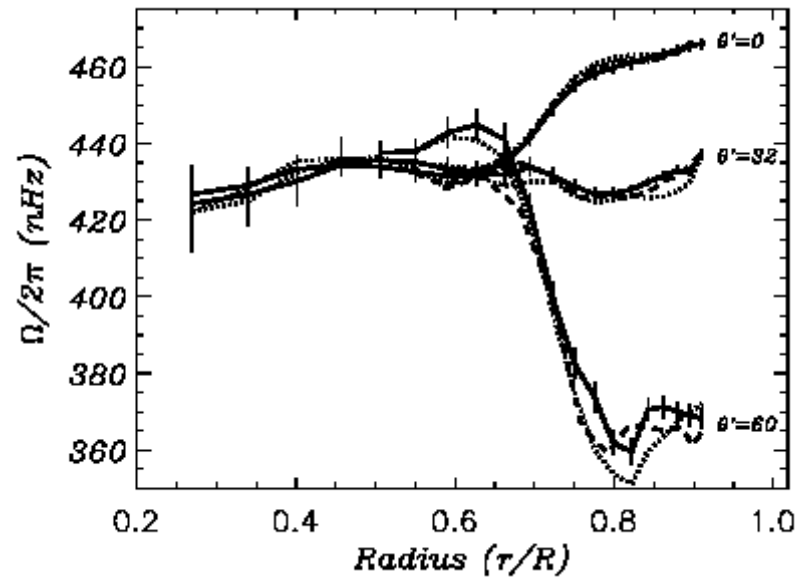
	$\frac{r_{cz}}{R_{\odot}}$	T_{cz} (10^6K)	ρ_{cz} (g.cm^{-3})	Y_c	X_c	T_c (10^6K)	ρ_c (g.cm^{-3})	P_c (dyn.cm^{-2})
Model 1	0.725	2.100	0.166	0.6346	0.3459	15.56	150.66	$2.303 \cdot 10^{17}$
Model 2	0.716	2.158	0.185	0.6416	0.3383	15.63	153.81	$2.344 \cdot 10^{17}$
Model 3	0.714	2.178	0.189	0.6464	0.3326	15.70	154.17	$2.345 \cdot 10^{17}$
Model 4	0.717	2.162	0.185	0.6431	0.3368	15.63	154.17	$2.350 \cdot 10^{17}$
Model 5	0.716	2.175	0.188	0.6465	0.3328	15.67	154.53	$2.350 \cdot 10^{17}$



Solar internal rotation



Garcia et al. 2008



Eff-Darwich et al. 2002

Shallow tachocline, solid body rotation in most of the Sun...

Gravity waves? Magnetic field? Other? Cf Charbonnel, Talon, Zahn, Gough et al....

TABLE 1
ADOPTED SOLAR CHEMICAL COMPOSITIONS.

Element	log ϵ			
	GS98	AGS05 ^a	AGSS09 ^a	AGSS09ph ^b
C	8.52	8.39	8.43	8.43
N	7.92	7.78	7.83	7.83
O	8.83	8.66	8.69	8.69
Ne	8.08	7.84	7.93	7.93
Na	6.32	6.27	6.27	6.24
Mg	7.58	7.53	7.53	7.60
Al	6.49	6.43	6.43	6.45
Si	7.56	7.51	7.51	7.51
S	7.20	7.16	7.15	7.12
Ar	6.40	6.18	6.40	6.40
Ca	6.35	6.29	6.29	6.34
Cr	5.69	5.63	5.64	5.64
Mn	5.53	5.47	5.48	5.43
Fe	7.50	7.45	7.45	7.50
Ni	6.25	6.19	6.20	6.22

THE CRISIS!
New solar abundances
Asplund et al 2005
Revised
(here: Serenelli et al. 2009)

TABLE 2
MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF SOLAR MODELS.

Model	$(Z/X)_{\text{surf}}$	Z_{surf}	Y_{surf}	R_{CZ}/R_{\odot}	$\langle \delta c/c \rangle$	$\langle \delta \rho/\rho \rangle$	Y_c	Z_c	Y_{ini}	Z_{ini}	α_{MLT}
GS98	0.0229	0.0170	0.2423	0.713	0.0010	0.011	0.6330	0.0201	0.2721	0.0187	2.15
AGS05	0.0165	0.0126	0.2292	0.728	0.0049	0.048	0.6195	0.0149	0.2593	0.0139	2.10
AGSS09	0.0178	0.0134	0.2314	0.724	0.0038	0.040	0.6220	0.0160	0.2617	0.0149	2.09
AGSS09ph	0.0181	0.0136	0.2349	0.722	0.0031	0.033	0.6263	0.0161	0.2653	0.0151	2.12

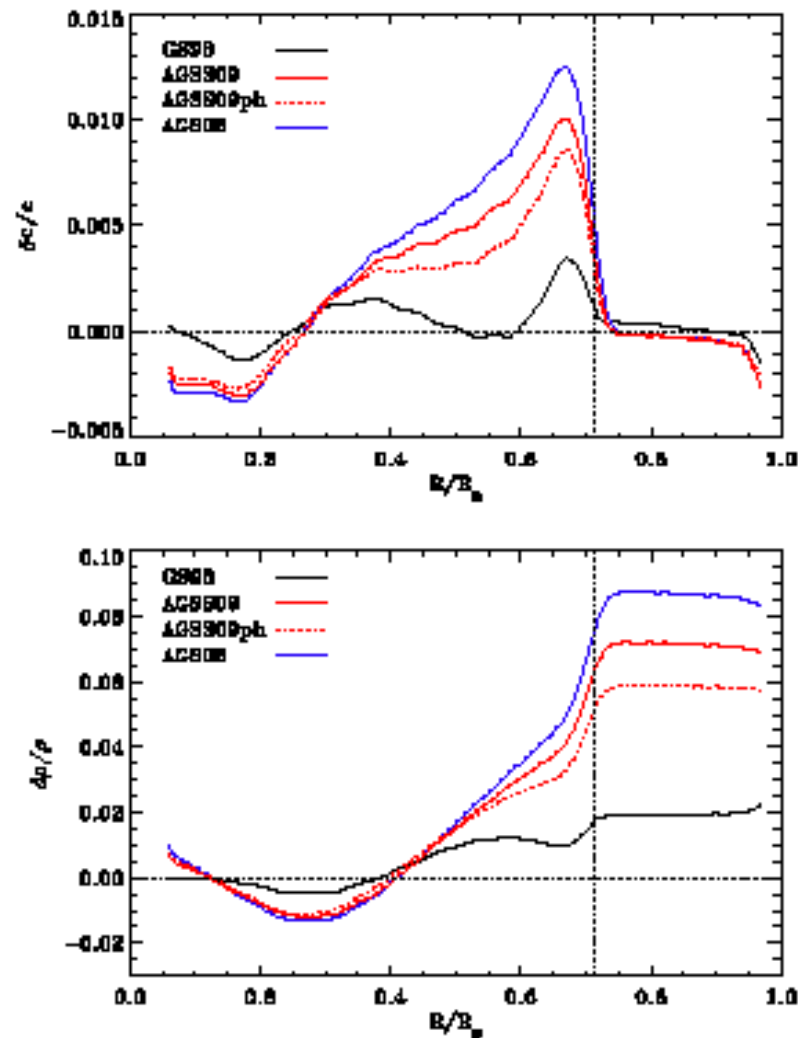


Fig. 1.— Relative sound speed $\delta c/c$ and density $\delta \rho/\rho$ differences, in the sense (Sun - Model)/Model, between solar models and helioseismological results. Details on the inversion procedure and data used, as well as the reference sound speeds and densities are given in [Basu et al. \(2009\)](#).

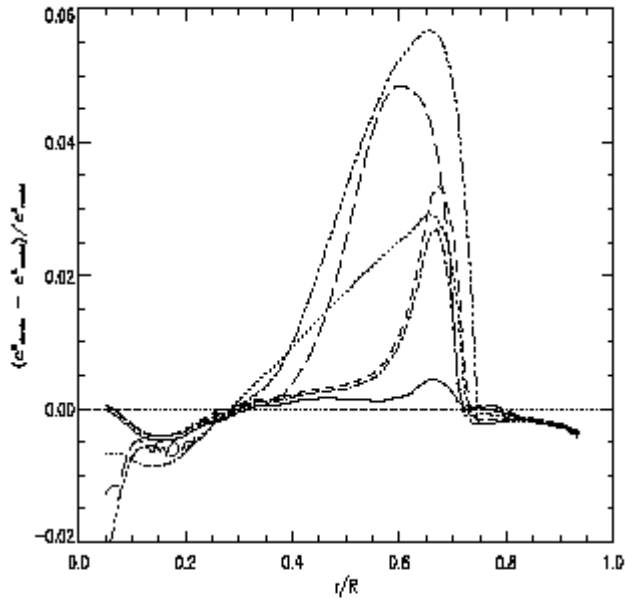


Fig. 1. Comparison between the profile of sound velocity of the different models (S1 : solid line, S2 : dotted line, S3 : dashed line, S4 : dot-dashed line, S5 : three dot-dashed line, S6 : long dashed line) and the one deduced from the helioseismology

Castro et al 2007
Accretion of
metal poor matter
(Cf. Nordlund 2009)

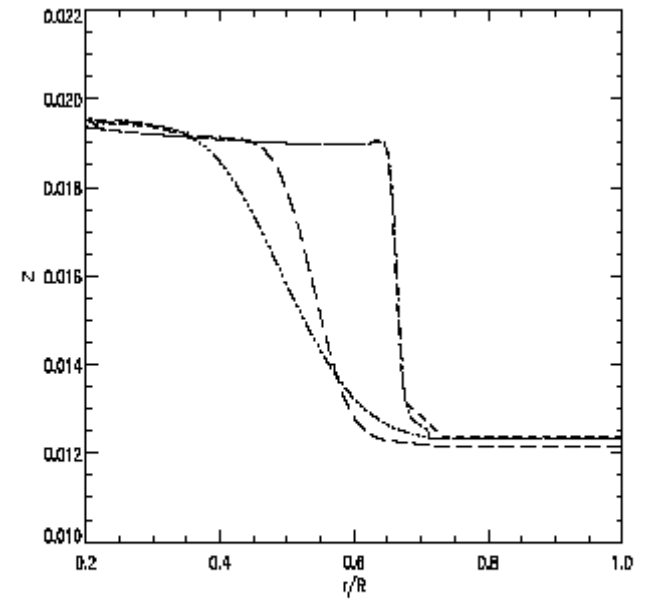
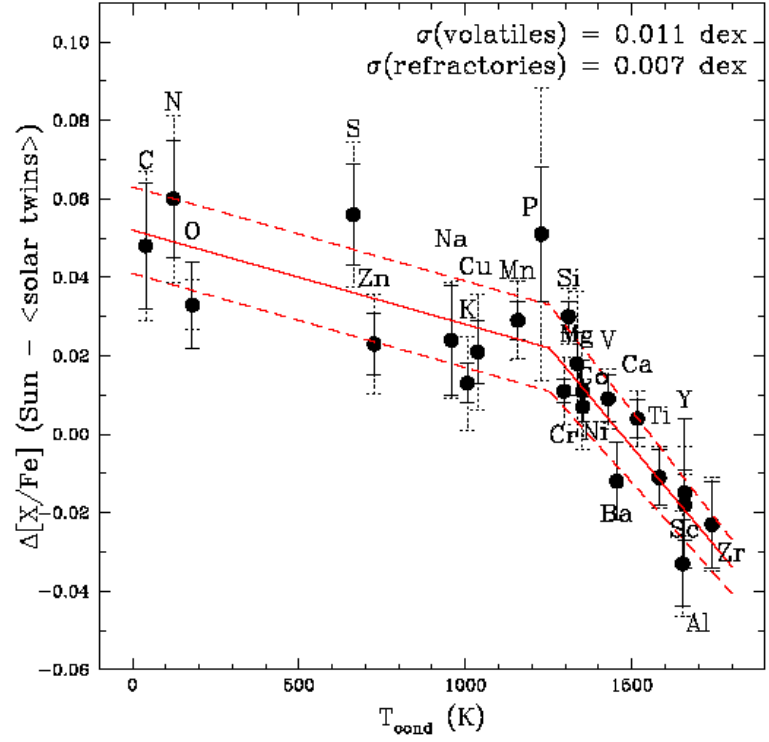
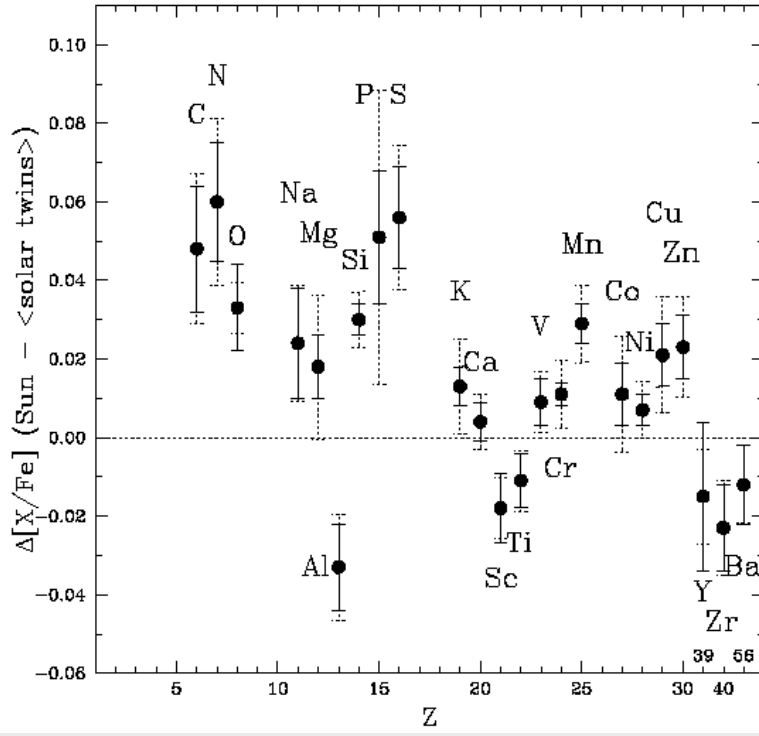
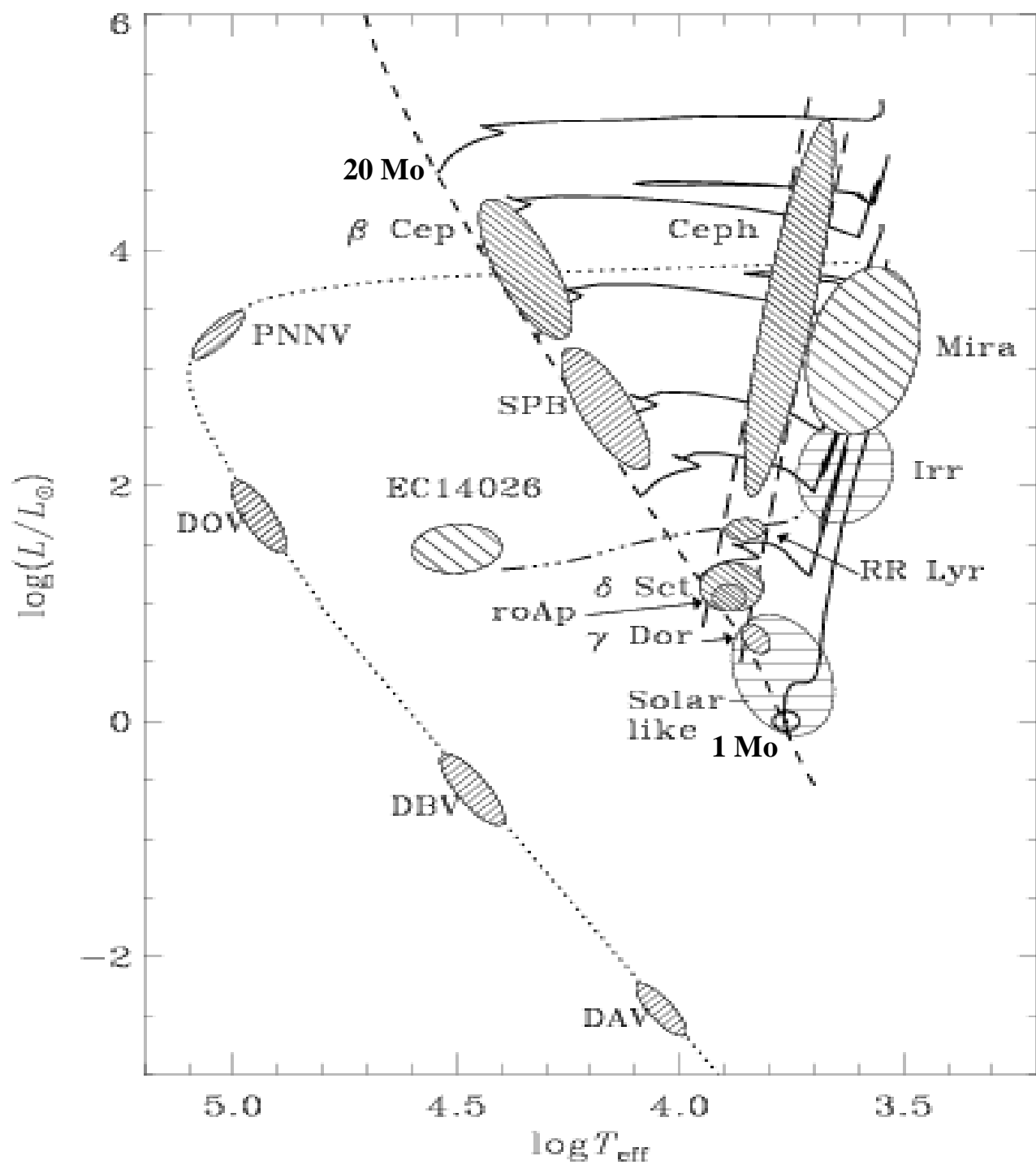


Fig. 2. Metal profile below the convective zone of models S3 (dashed line), S4 (dot-dashed line), S5 (three dot-dashed line), and S6 (long dashed line)

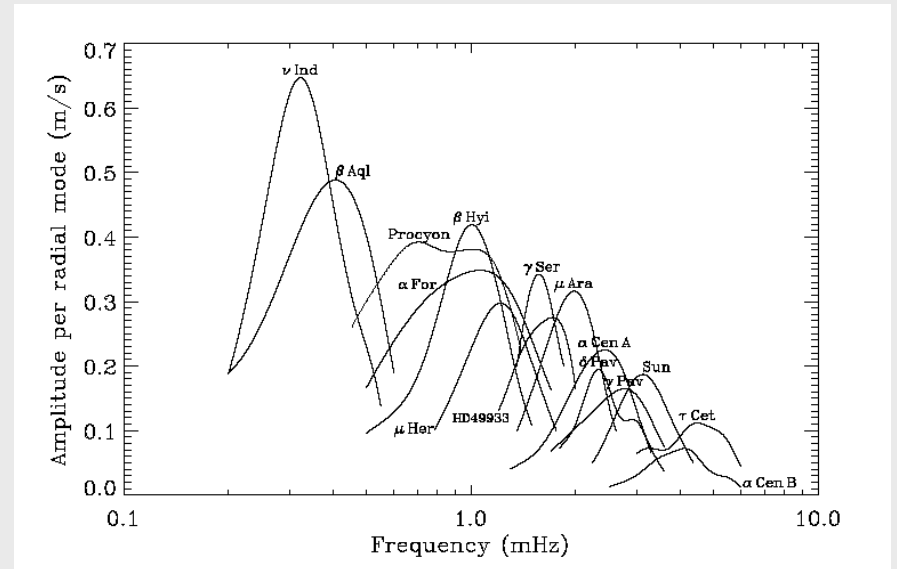
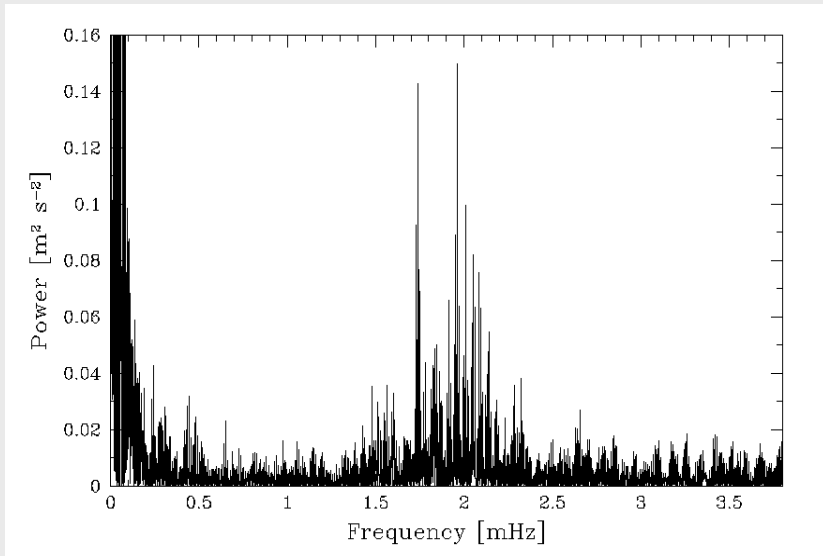
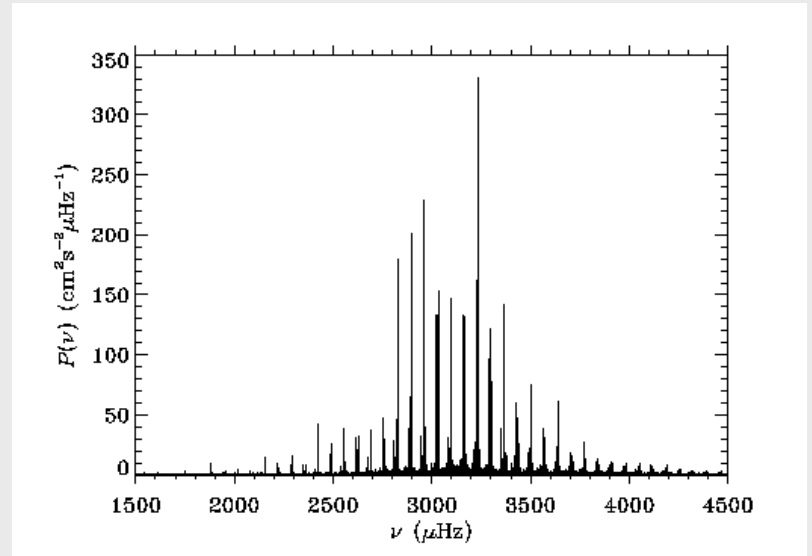
	Calibration parameters		External parameters				Convective zone r_{cz}/R_{\odot}
	α	Y_0	L (10^{33} erg.s $^{-1}$)	R (10^{10} cm)	Y_{\odot}	Z/X	
Model S1 (GN93)	1.8104	0.2716	3.8517	6.9575	0.240	0.0244	0.713
Model S2 (Asp05)	1.6556	0.2562	3.8511	6.9576	0.223	0.0164	0.730
Model S3 (GN93 + accr)	1.6338	0.2720	3.8514	6.9586	0.240	0.0165	0.732
Model S4 (GN93 +acrr +ov)	1.6344	0.2721	3.8519	6.9552	0.243	0.0166	0.712
Model S5 (GN93 +acrr +mix)	1.5101	0.2691	3.8514	6.9592	0.249	0.0167	0.751
Model S6 (GN93 +acrr +mix +ov)	1.5495	0.2705	3.8515	6.9593	0.249	0.0165	0.712

Meléndez et al. 2009





sun



mu Arae

Basics of asterosismology (for slowly rotating stars)

« asymptotic theory » (Tassoul 1980) :

$$\nu_{n,l} \simeq \left(n + \frac{l}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \alpha\right) \Delta\nu_l - \frac{l(l+1)\Delta\nu_l}{4\pi^2\nu_{n,l}} \left[\frac{c(R)}{R} - \int_{r_1}^R \frac{1}{r} \frac{dc}{dr} dr \right] - \delta \frac{\Delta\nu_l^2}{\nu_{n,l}}$$

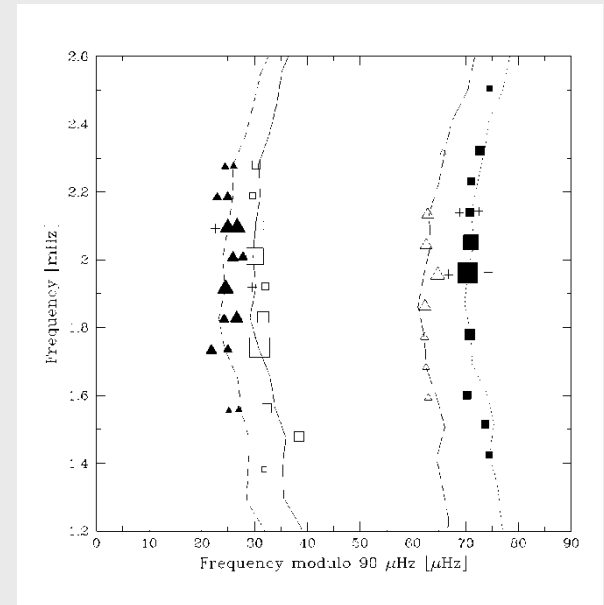
Large separations : $\Delta\nu(n,l) = \nu(n+1, l) - \nu(n, l)$

$$\Delta\nu_l \sim \Delta\nu_0 \sim 1/2t_a$$

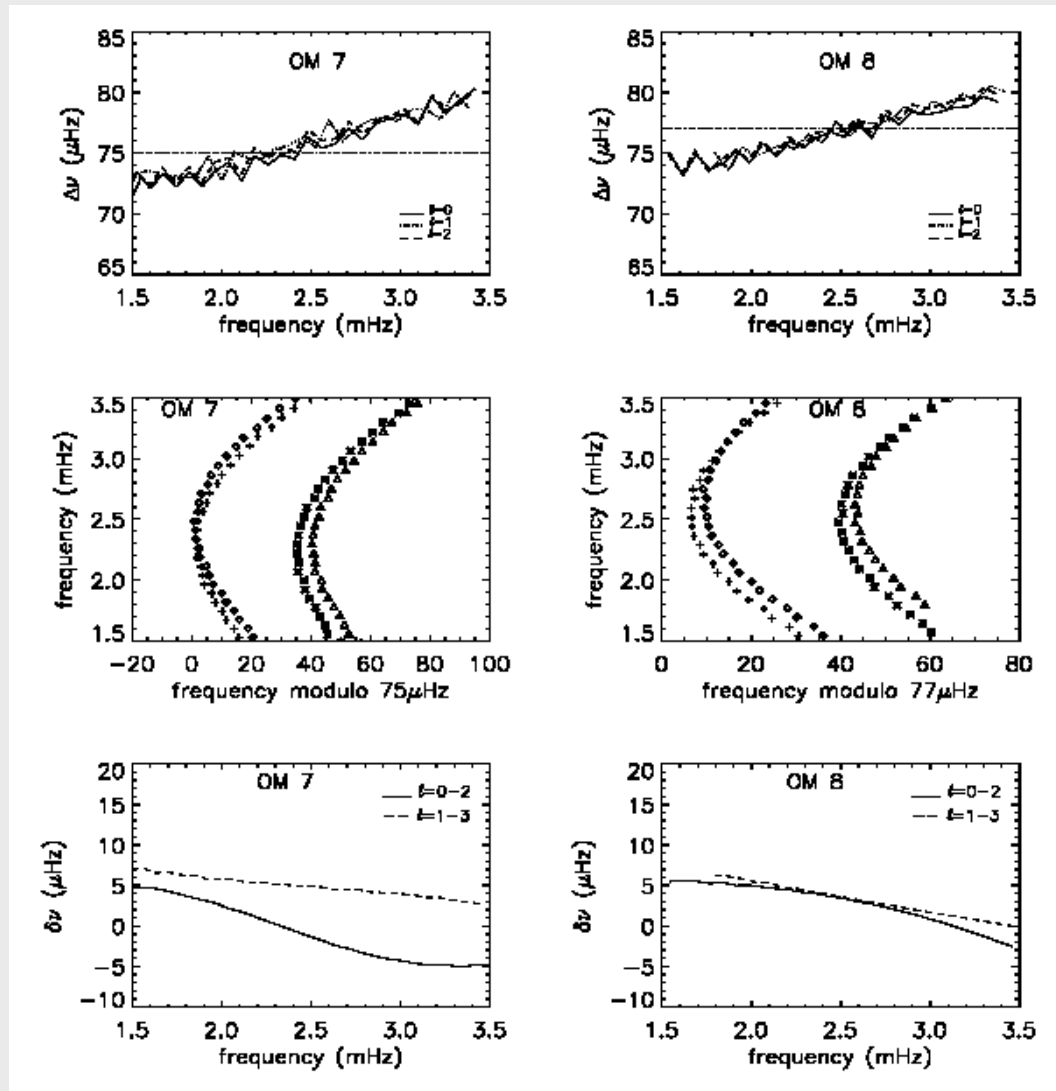
Small separations :

$$\delta\nu = \nu_{n,l} - \nu_{n-1,l+2} \simeq -(4l+6) \frac{\Delta\nu}{4\pi^2\nu_{n,l}} \int_0^R \frac{1}{r} \frac{dc}{dr} dr$$

échelle diagram



Negative small separations



Example: HD 52265 (« Corot Star ») Left : Main Sequence ; right : Subgiant

Asterosismology : ground based and space observations

Same instruments as for the detection of exoplanets

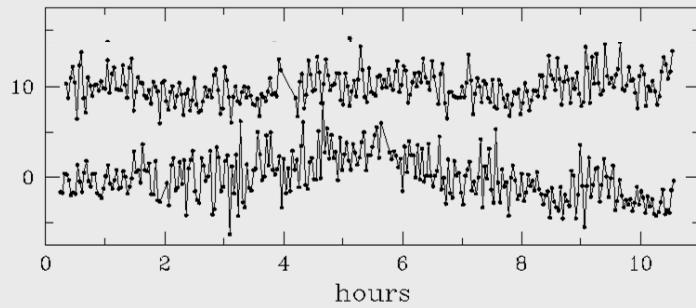


Ground: radial velocity methods
HARPS (La Silla), SOPHIE (OHP),
AAT, VLT, Keck, etc...future: SONG

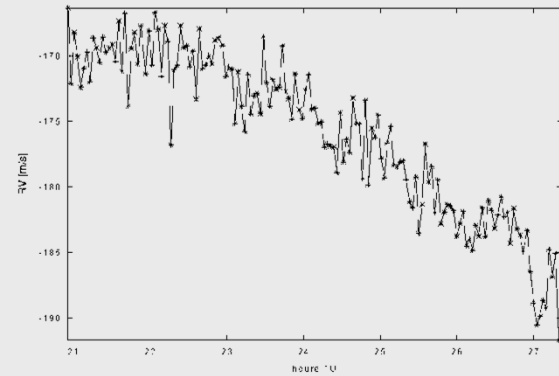


Space: photometric methods
MOST, COROT, KEPLER...

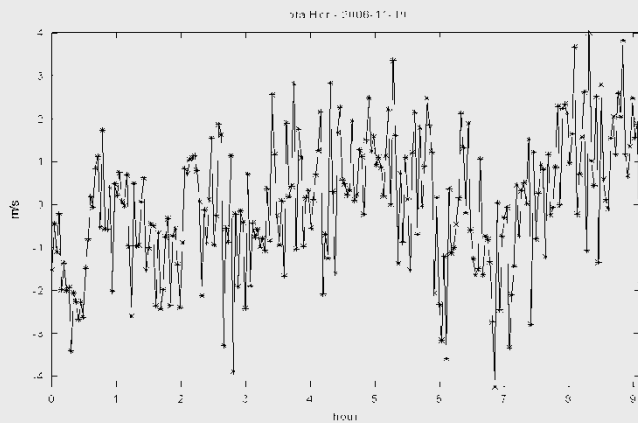
At least 4 planets-host stars already observed
on large periods (8 or 9 consecutive nights)
+ HD52265 (CoRoT star) :



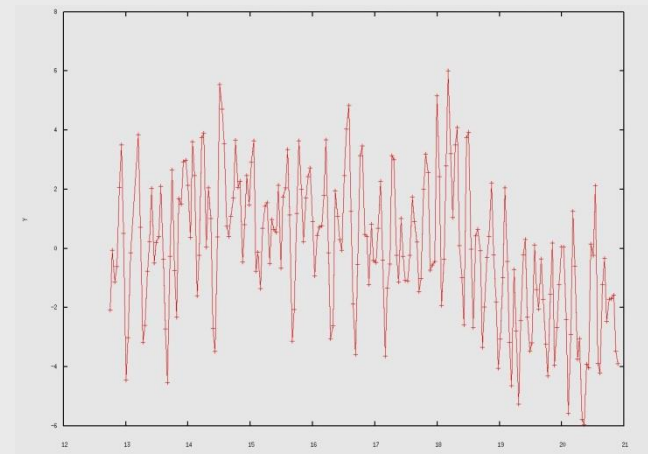
mu Arae, HARPS 2004



51 Peg, SOPHIE 2007



iota Hor, HARPS 2006

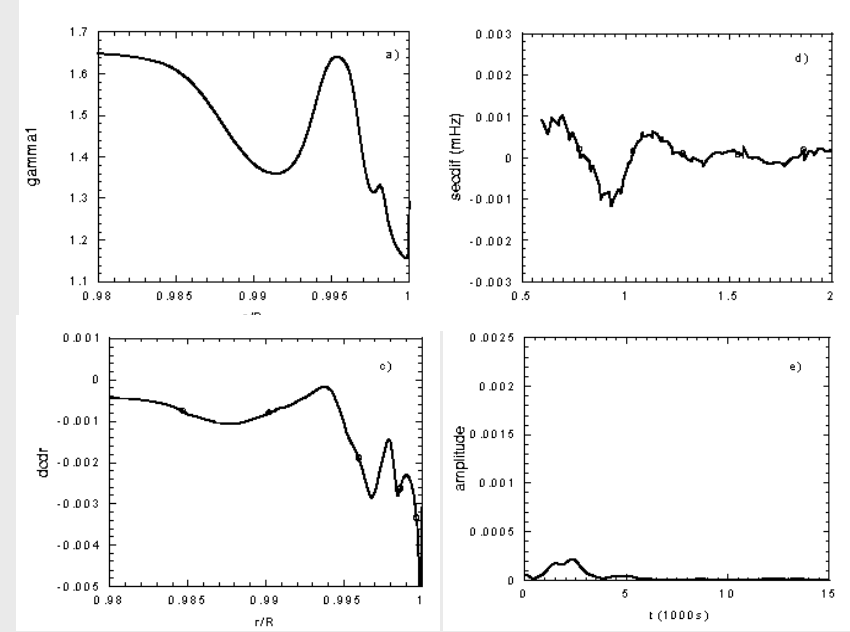
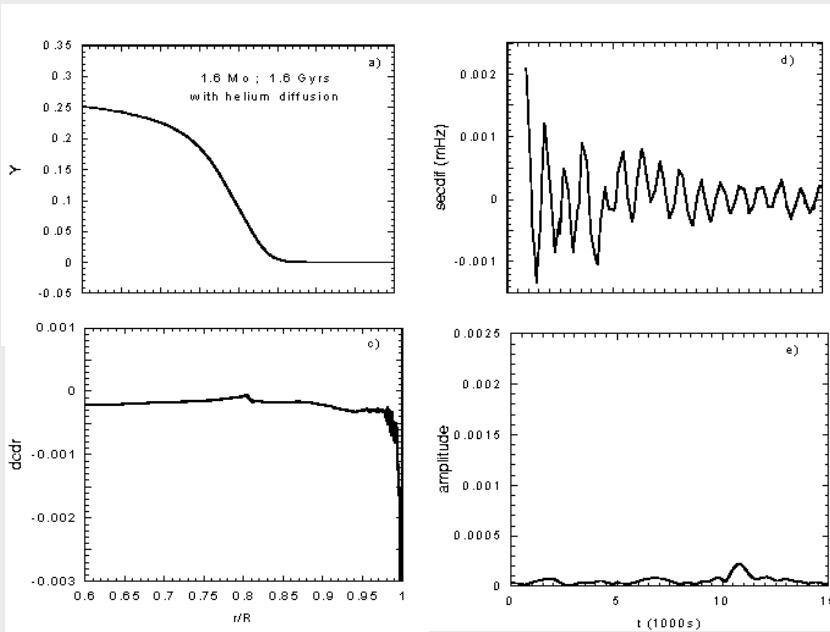


94 Cet, HARPS 2007

Characterisation of Y_{surf} and helium gradients

Frequency fluctuations due to wave partial reflexion in regions of rapid variations of c

$$\text{Second differences} : \delta_2 v_n = v_{n+1} + v_{n-1} - 2 v_n$$

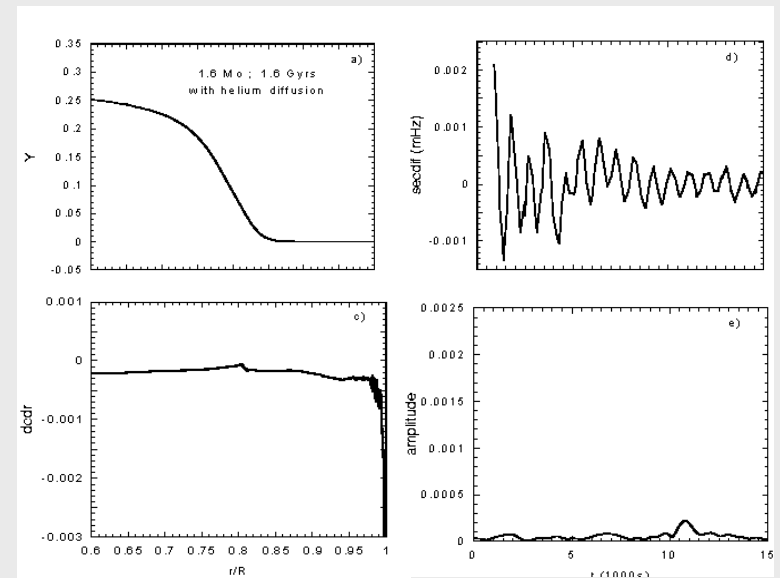
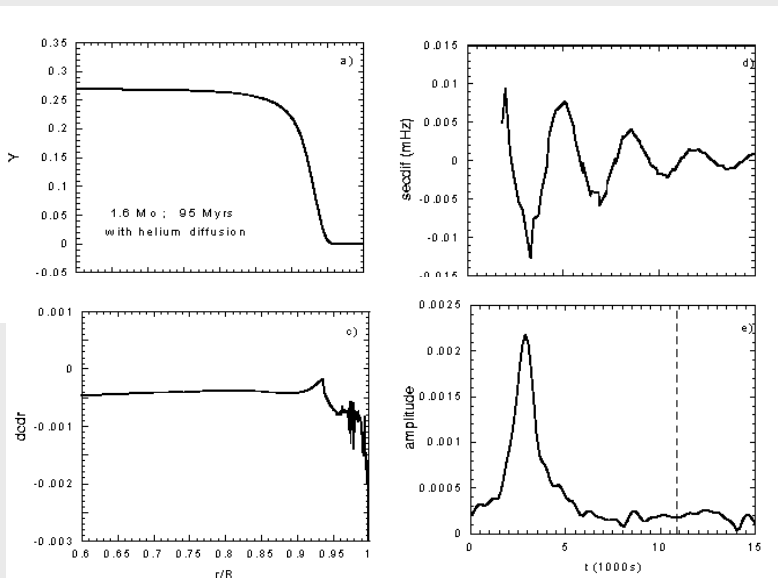
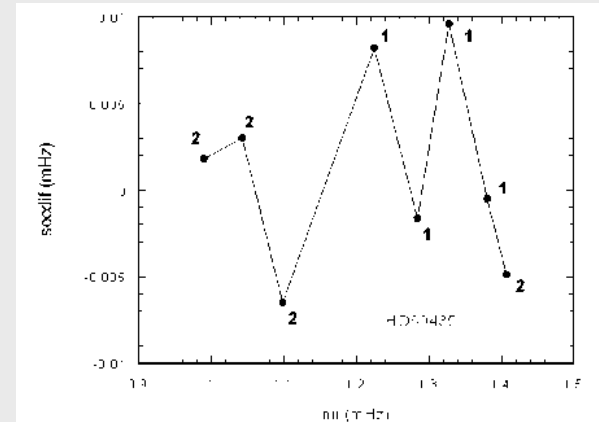


with diffusion

1.6Mo , 1.6 Gyr

without diffusion

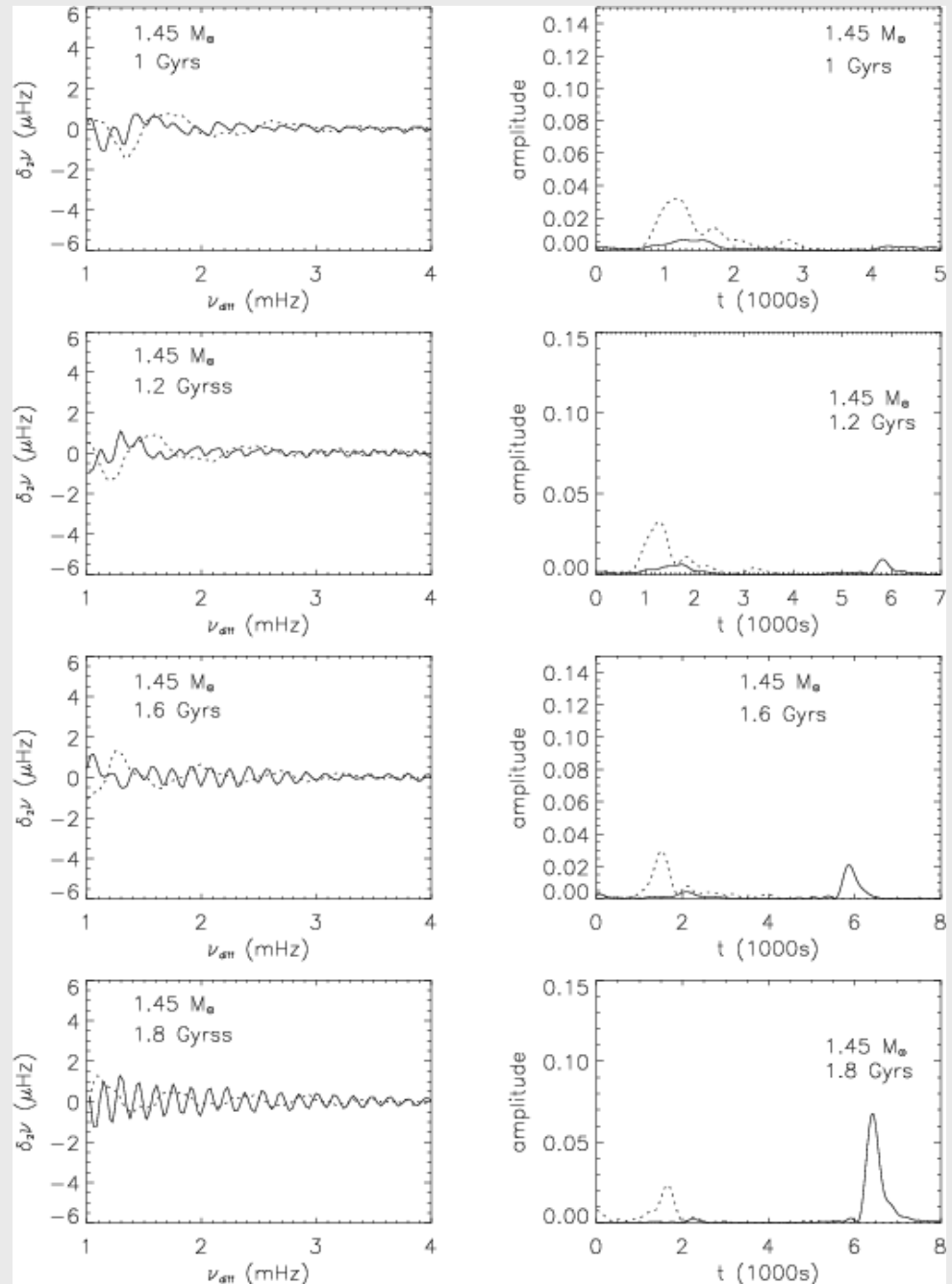
Example: The roAp star HD 60435,
Possible helium gradient at $r/R = 0.93$



(Vauclair et Théado 2004)

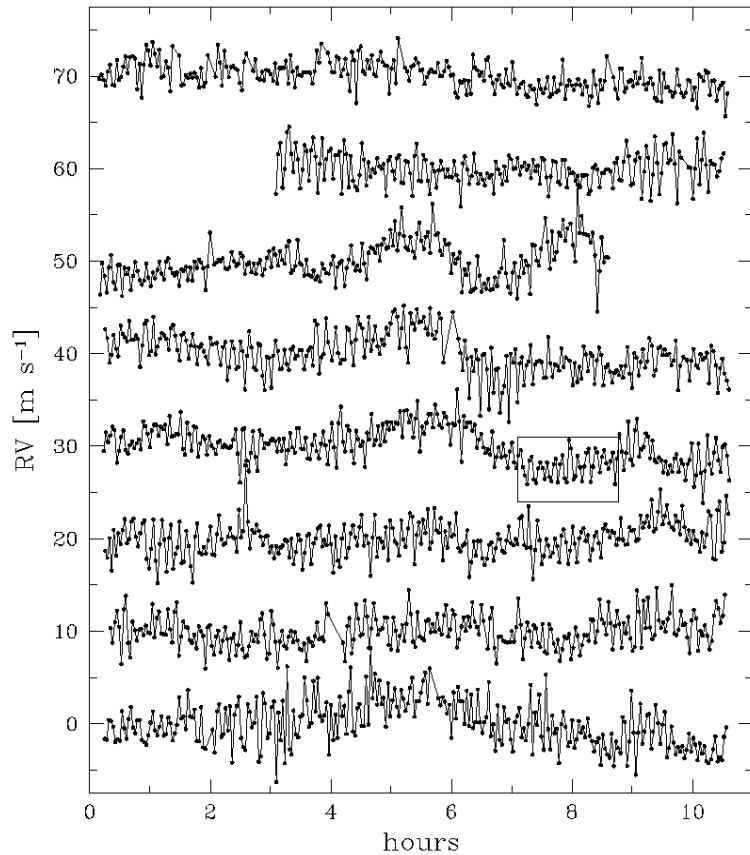
second example (theoretical) :
Helium gradients in solar type stars
Castro et Vauclair 2006

solid lines: with diffusion
dashed lines: without diffusion



Y_{init} determinations

1st ex: mu Arae, HD 160691

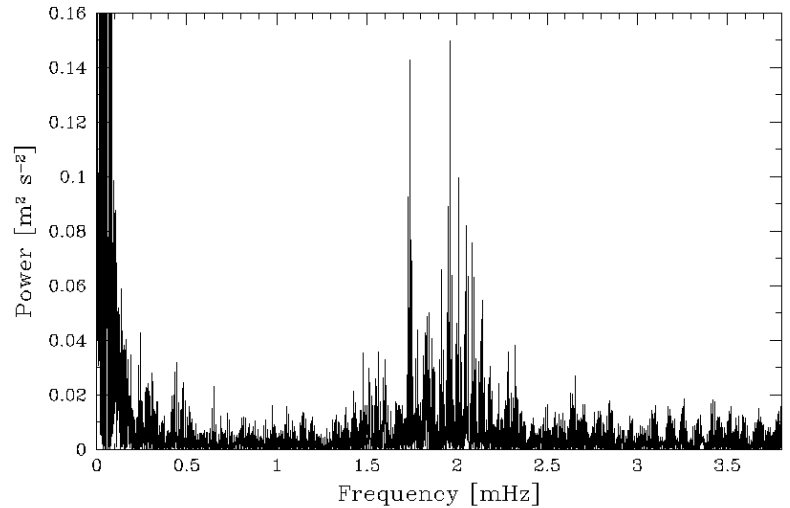
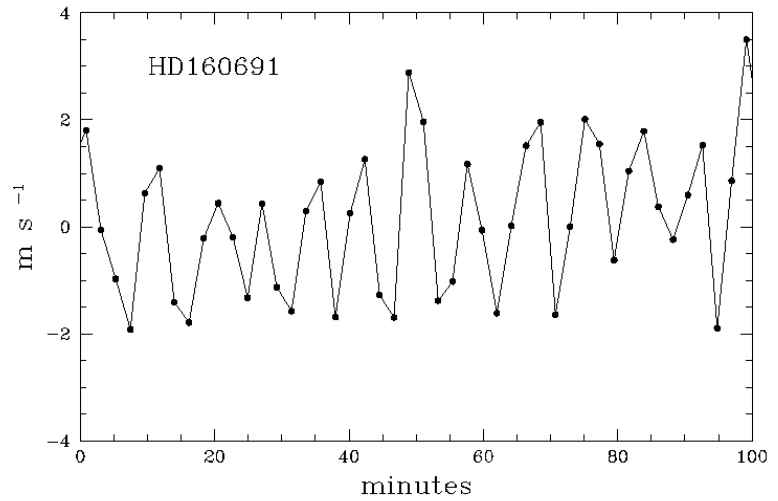


Ages from chromospheric index:

6.41 Gyr (Donahue 93)

1.45 Gyr (Rocha Pinto and Maciel 98)

(Cf. Saffe, Gomez & Chavero 2008)



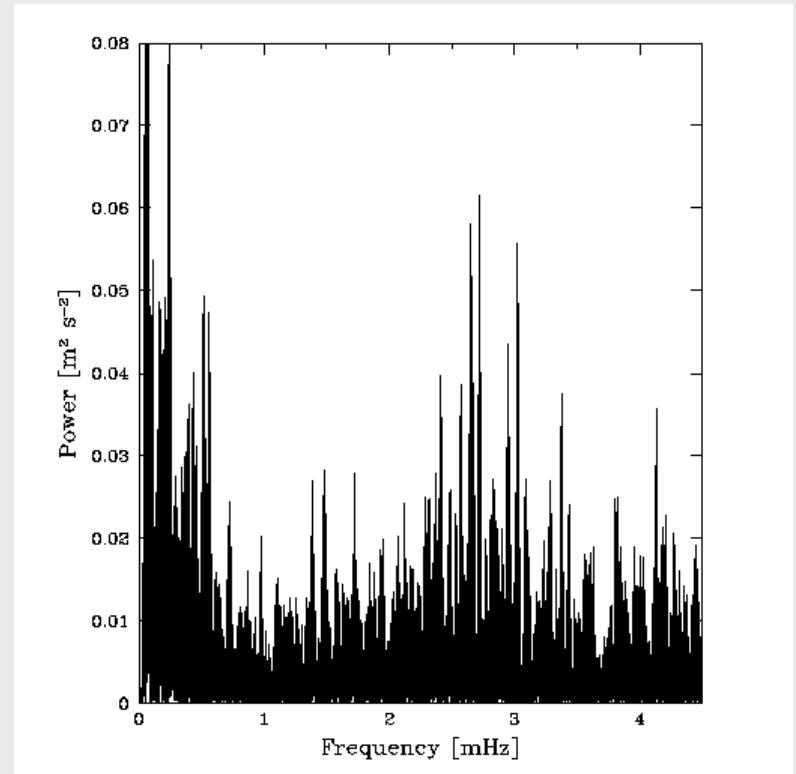
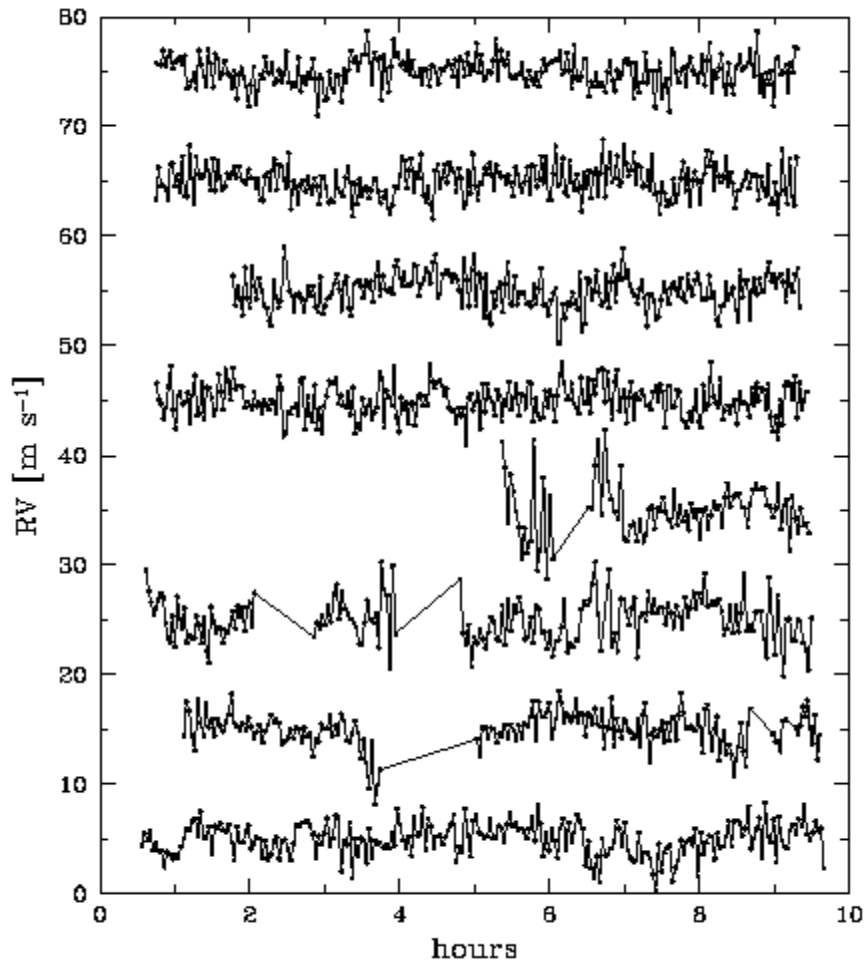
43 detected modes , $l = 0$ to 3

Bazot, M., Vauclair, S., 2004, A&A, 427, 965

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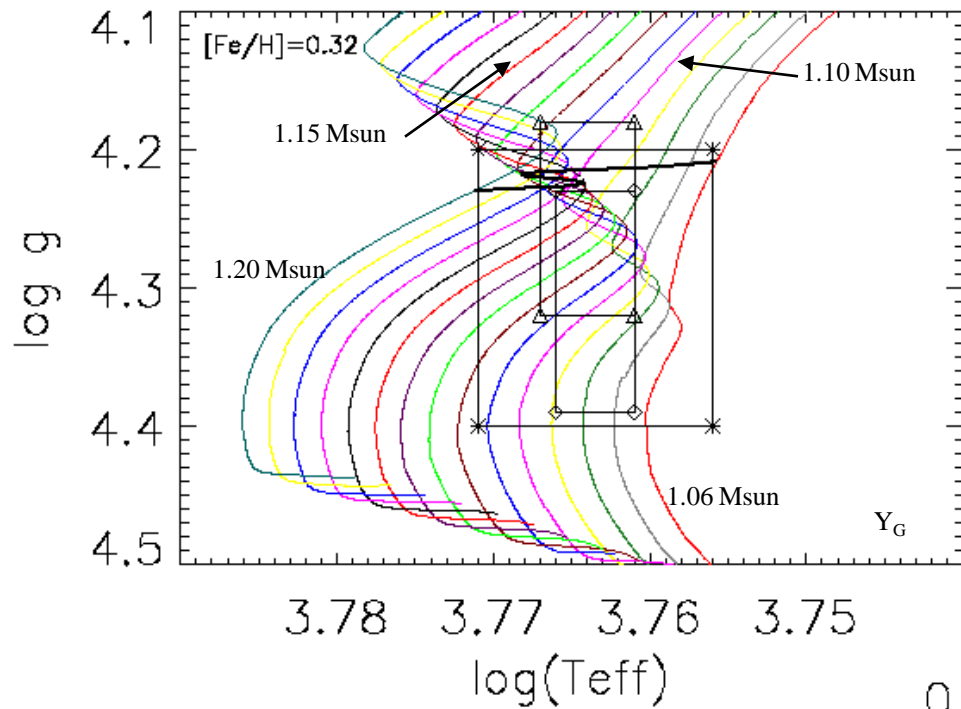
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8 nights with HARPS, November 2006
25 identified modes

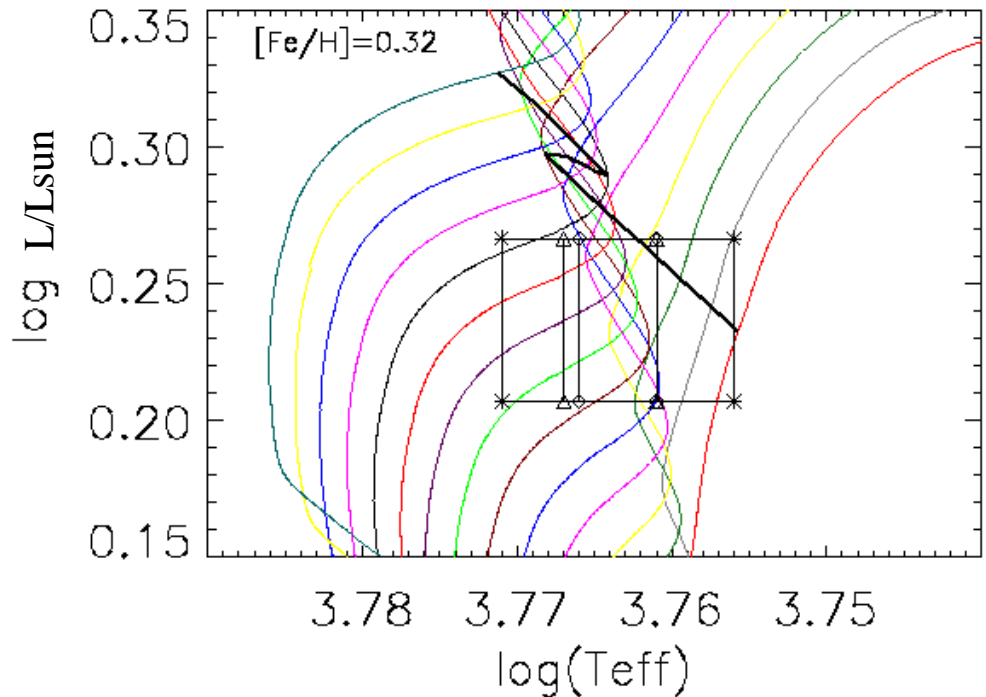
Laymand, Bouchy, Vauclair et al.

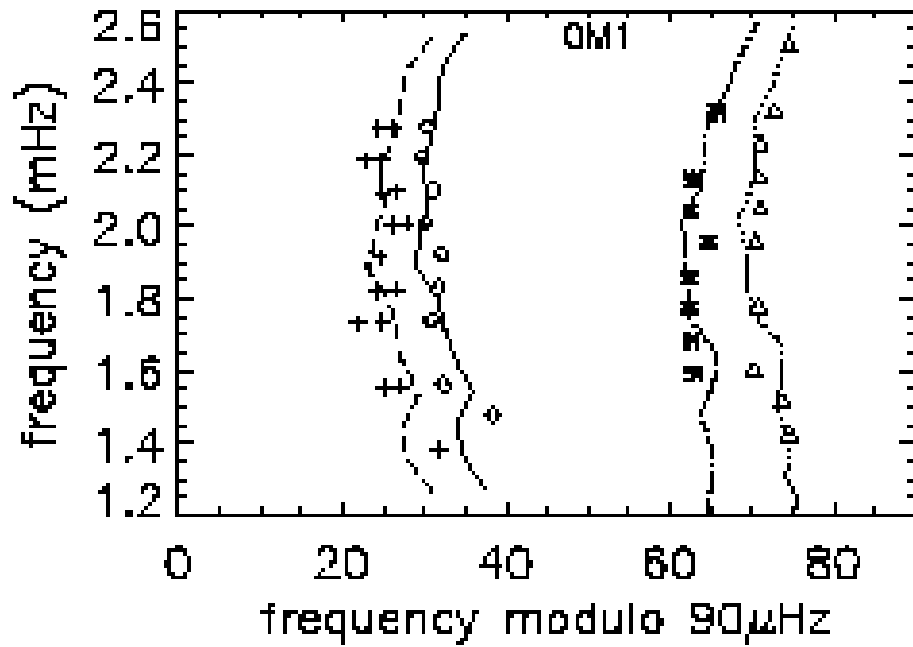
Ages (Gyr): 1.47 (D93); 0.43 (RPM98)
Isochrones: 3.6 (1.1 to 6.7) ; (Saffe et al.)



Ex of model computations:
 μ Arae
 (Soriano et al. 2009)

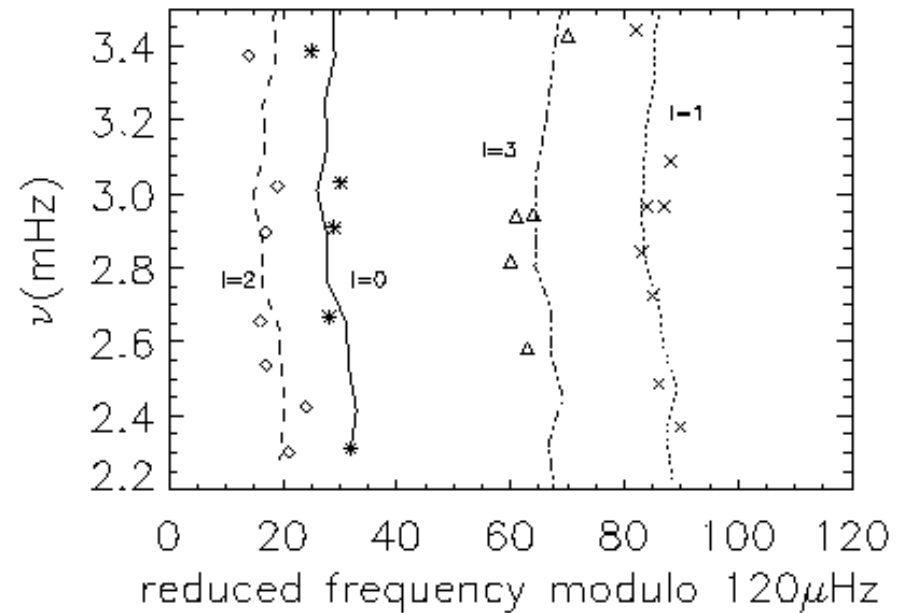
$T_{eff}(K)$	$[Fe/H]$	Reference
5798 ± 33	0.32 ± 0.04	Santos et al. (2004a)†
5813 ± 40	0.32 ± 0.05	Santos et al. (2004b)†
5800 ± 100	0.32 ± 0.10	Bensby et al. (2003)†
5811 ± 45	0.28 ± 0.03	Laws et al. (2003)†
5800 ± 90	0.28 ± 0.04	Favata et al. (1997)†
5570 ± 70	0.39 ± 0.10	Laird et al. (1985)‡
5597 ± 160	0.41 ± 0.15	Perrin et al. (1977)†

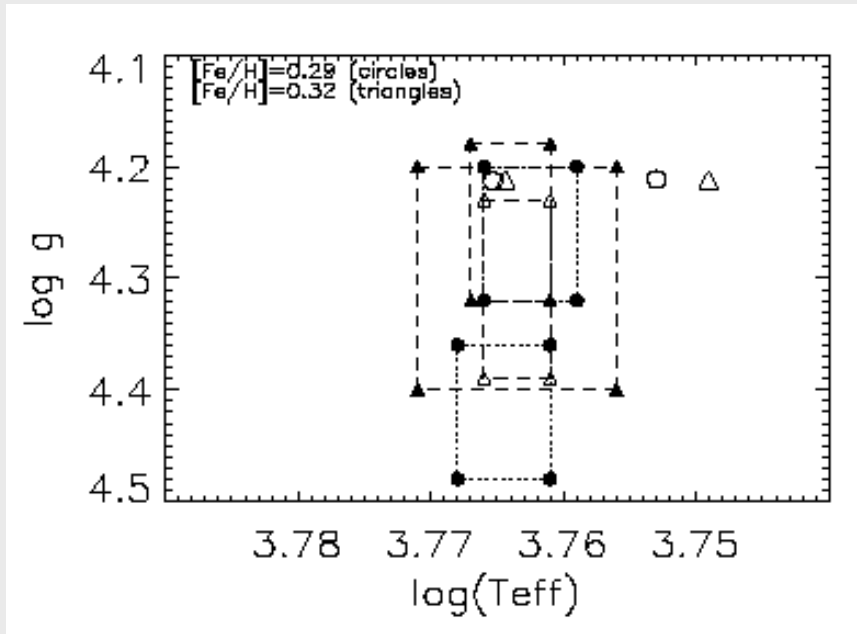




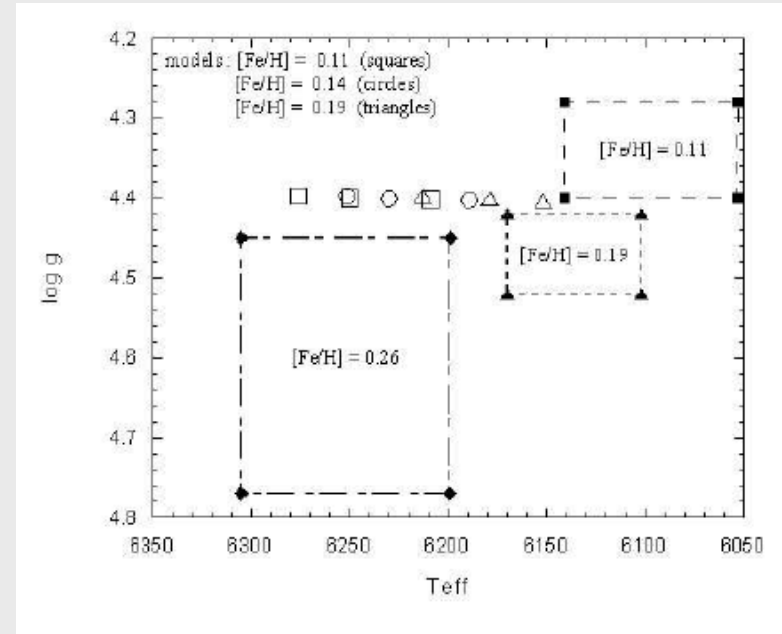
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$M/Mo = 1.10 \pm 0.01$
 $\text{Log } g = 4.215 \pm 0.01$
 $Y = 0.30 \pm 0.01$
 $[Fe/H] = 0.30 \pm 0.03$
 $\text{Age} = 6.34 \pm 0.4 \text{ Gyr}$



$M/Mo = 1.25 \pm 0.01$
 $\text{Log } g = 4.40 \pm 0.01$
 $Y = 0.255 \pm 0.015$
 $[Fe/H] = 0.16 \pm 0.03$
 $\text{Age} = 625 \pm 5 \text{ Myr}$

Note: does not include uncertainties on physics: opacities, EOS, nuclear reactions rates, etc.

conclusions

- Crisis for the Sun
- It is just beginning for solar type stars
- Determinations of Y in progress
- Other elements... non standard mixing? (cf Eggenberger)
- Improvements with CoRoT and Kepler.