

# Astrophysical Dynamos

Waves, stratification, helioseismology

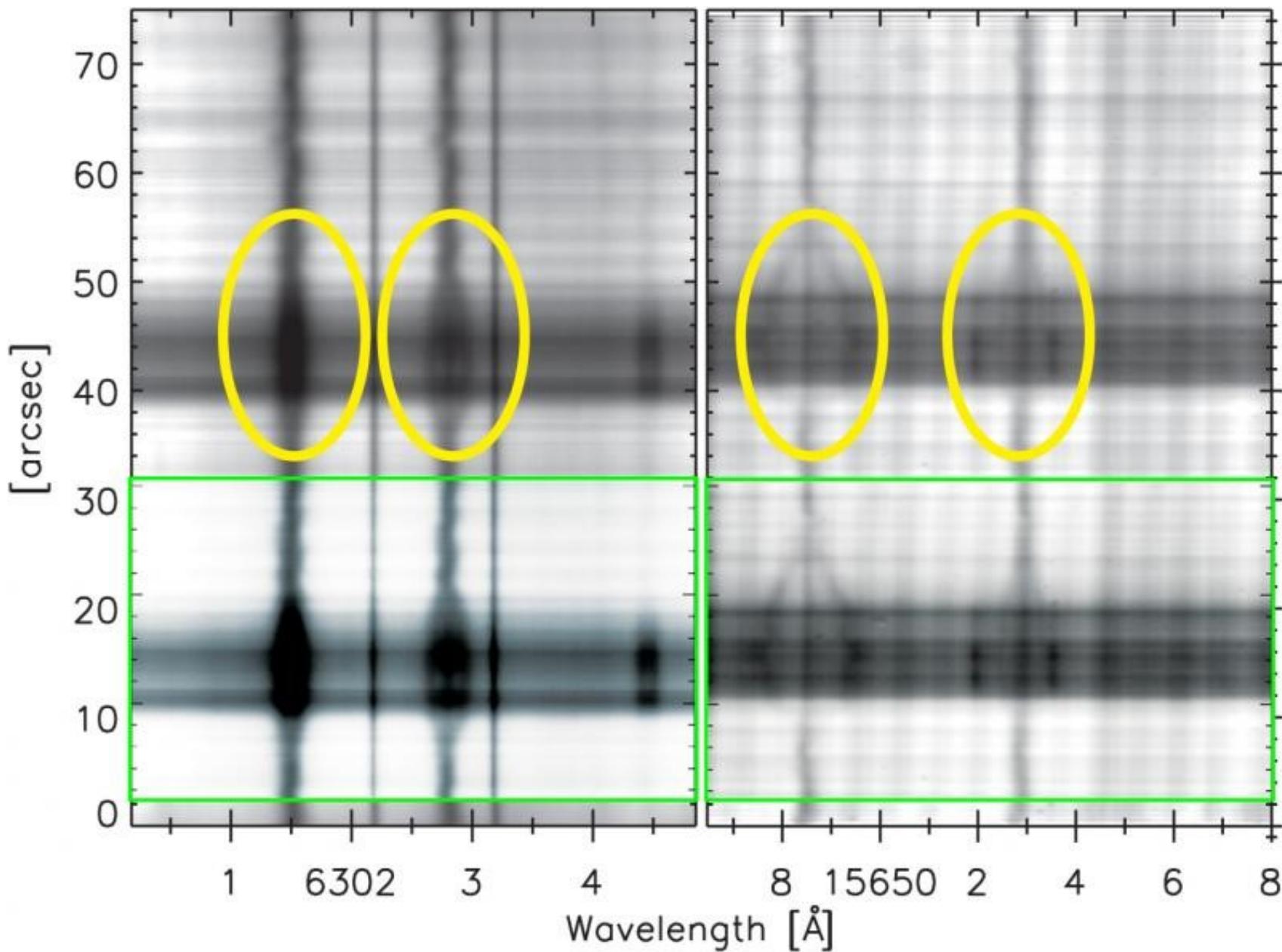
Turbulence & computer simulations

Dynamos: helical and non-helical

Dynamos in discs, stars, & galaxies

Axel Brandenburg (Nordita, Stockholm)

# *Line splitting (since Hale 1908)*



## THE MAGNETIC FIELD OF SUNSPOTS.

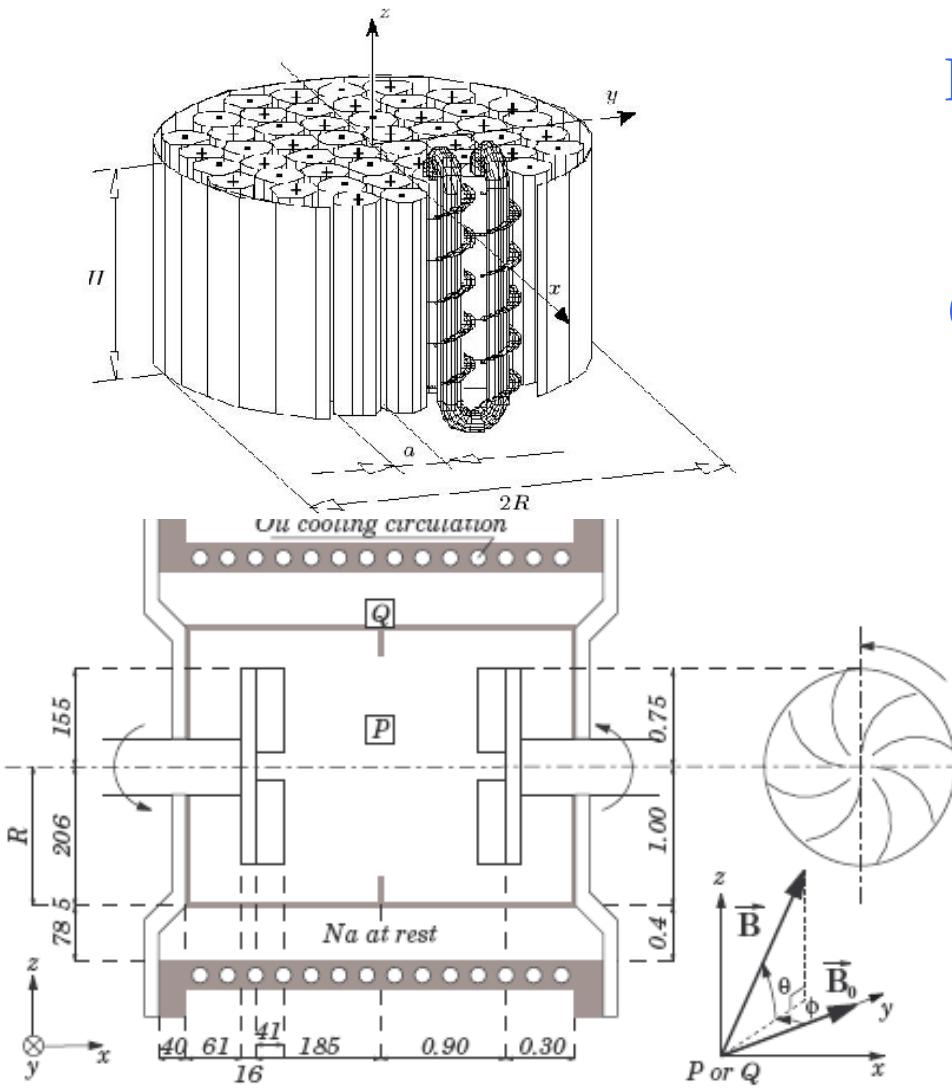
*Sir Joseph Larmor, F.R.S.*

In *M.N.* for 1933 November (pp. 39–48) there is a paper by Dr. T. G. Cowling on “The Magnetic Field of Sunspots.” The Summary appended to it is brief and reads as follows :—

“The theory proposed by Sir Joseph Larmor, that the magnetic field of a sunspot is maintained by the currents it induces in moving matter, is examined and shown to be faulty: the same result also applies for the similar theory of the maintenance of the general field of Earth and Sun. The possibility that the sunspot field may arise as a disturbance in the general field is examined, and it is shown that several of the properties of the spot field are explicable on this hypothesis. Observation, however, must ultimately decide on its validity.”

The view that I advanced briefly and tentatively long ago,\* which has come to be referred to as, perhaps too precisely, the self-exciting dynamo analogy, is still, so far as I know, the only foundation on which a gaseous body such as the Sun could possess a magnetic field: so that if it is demolished there could be no explanation of the Sun's magnetism even remotely in sight. I am, however, not ready to accept the present adverse decision: and a restatement, not so condensed, perhaps with rather different emphasis, may be permitted.†

# Now confirmed even by experiments

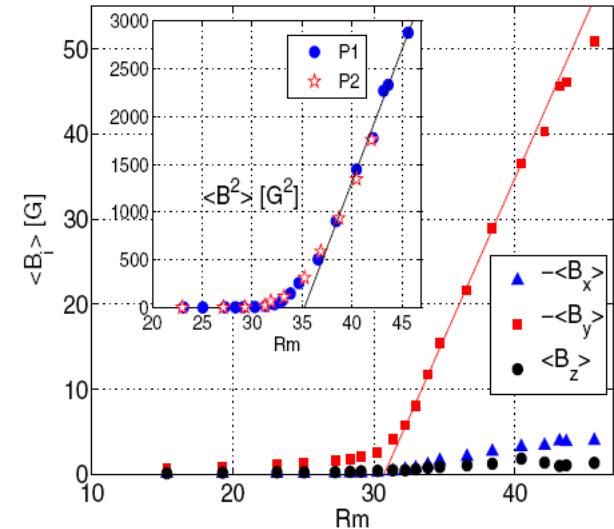


Karlsruhe and Riga: laminar

$$\overline{\mathbf{U}} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}$$

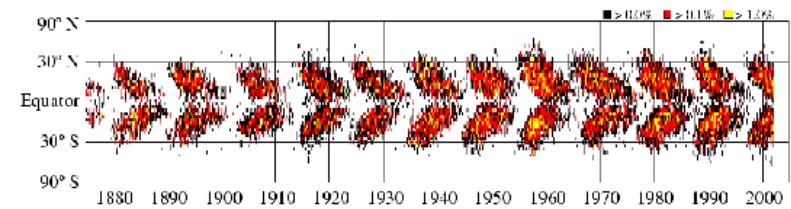
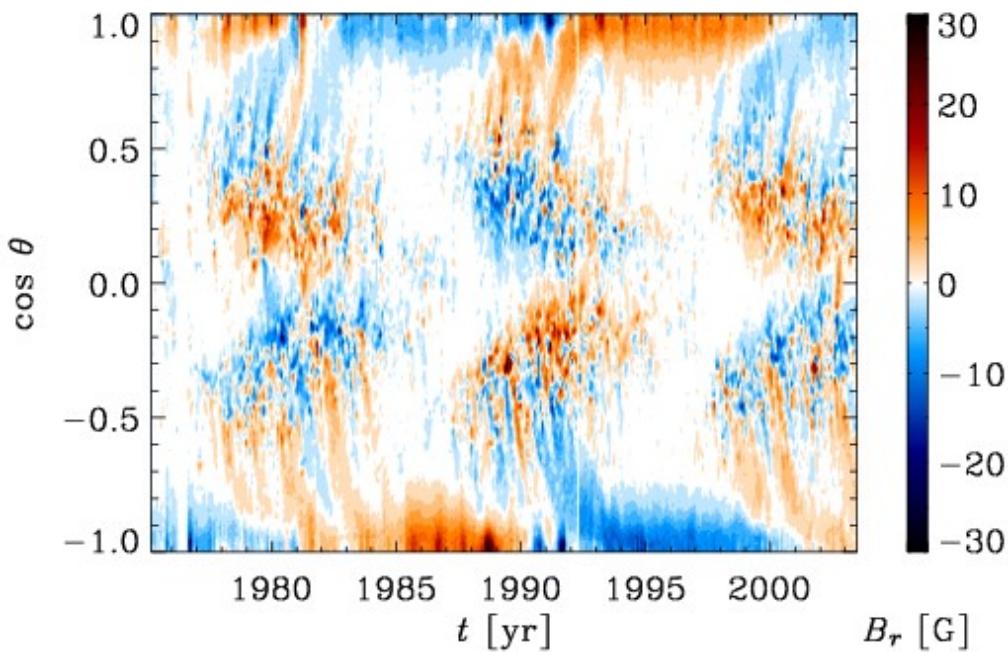
Cadarache: turbulent

$$\overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}}$$



# *The big challenge: solar cycle*

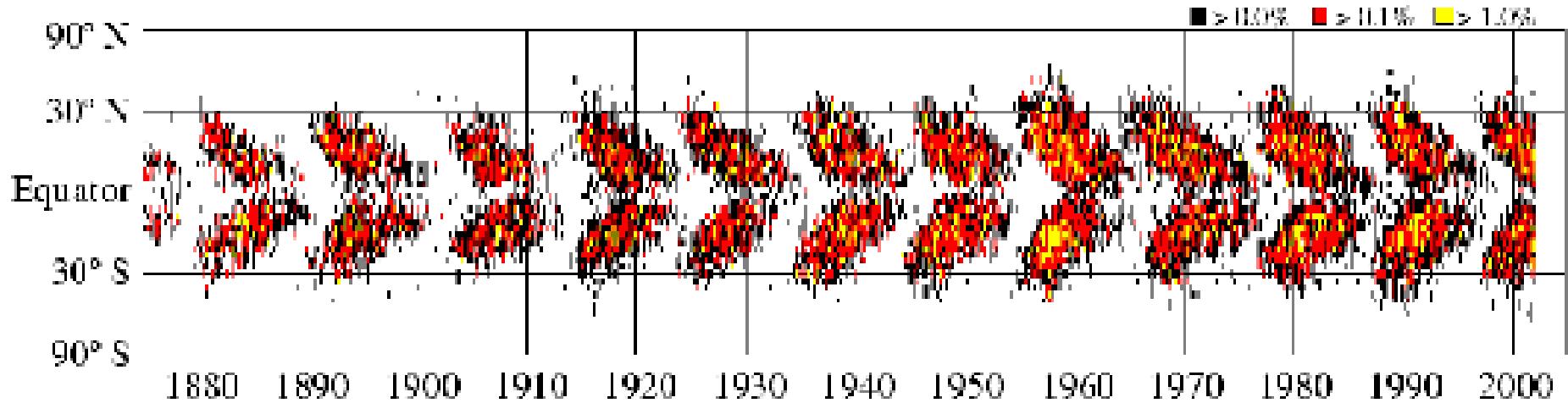
- Longitudinally averaged radial field  $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \int \mathbf{B} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$
- Spatio-temporal coherence
  - 22 yr cycle, equatorward migration



butterfly diagram

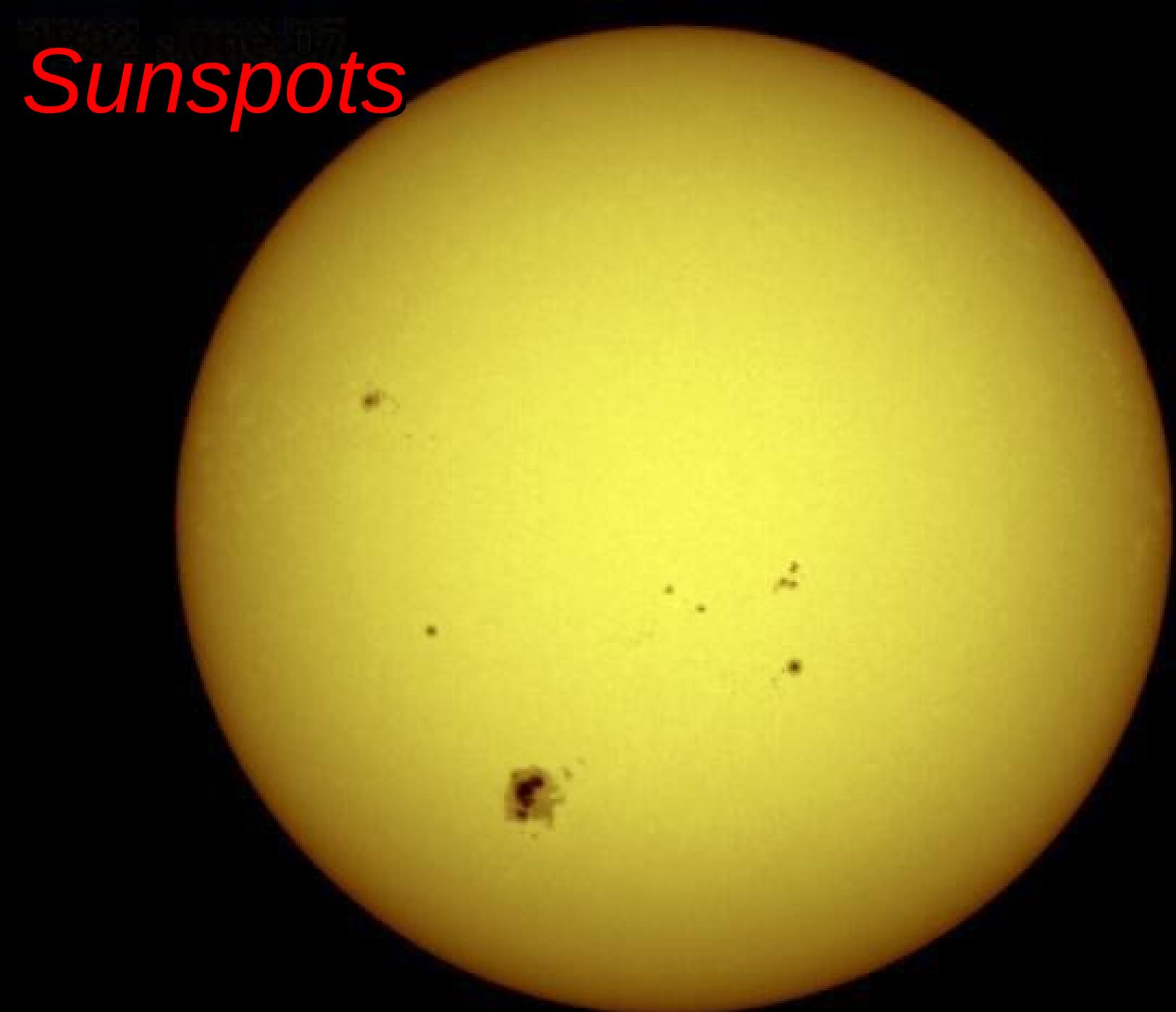
Mean field theory  
seems sensible

# *Solar 11 year sunspot cycle*



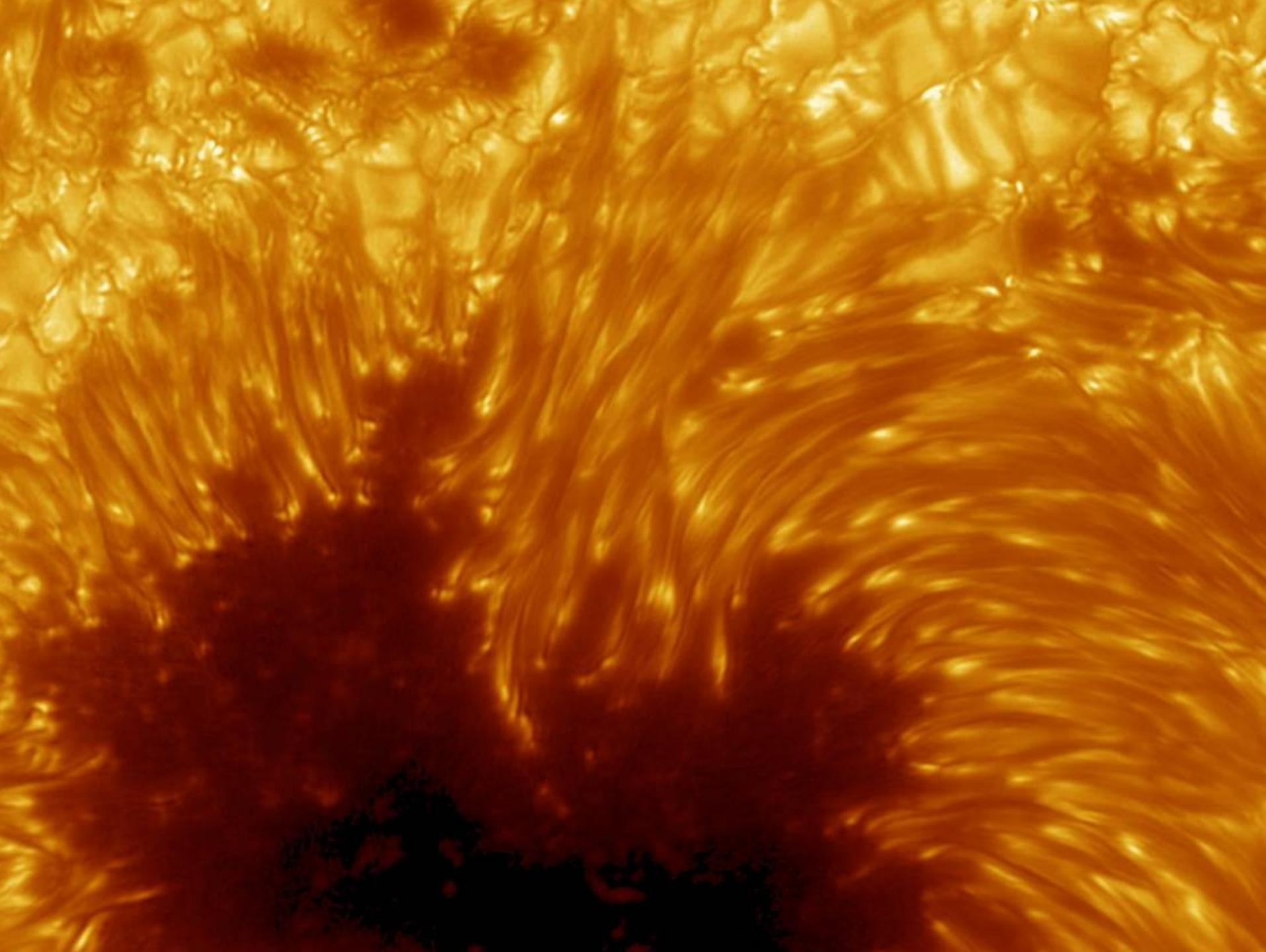
butterfly diagram

- Sunspots between +/- 30 degrees around equator
- New cycle begins at high latitude
- Ends at low latitudes
  - equatorward migration

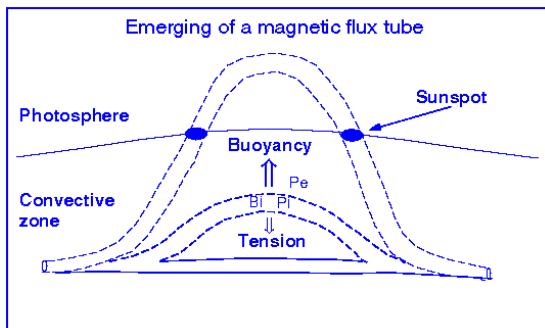
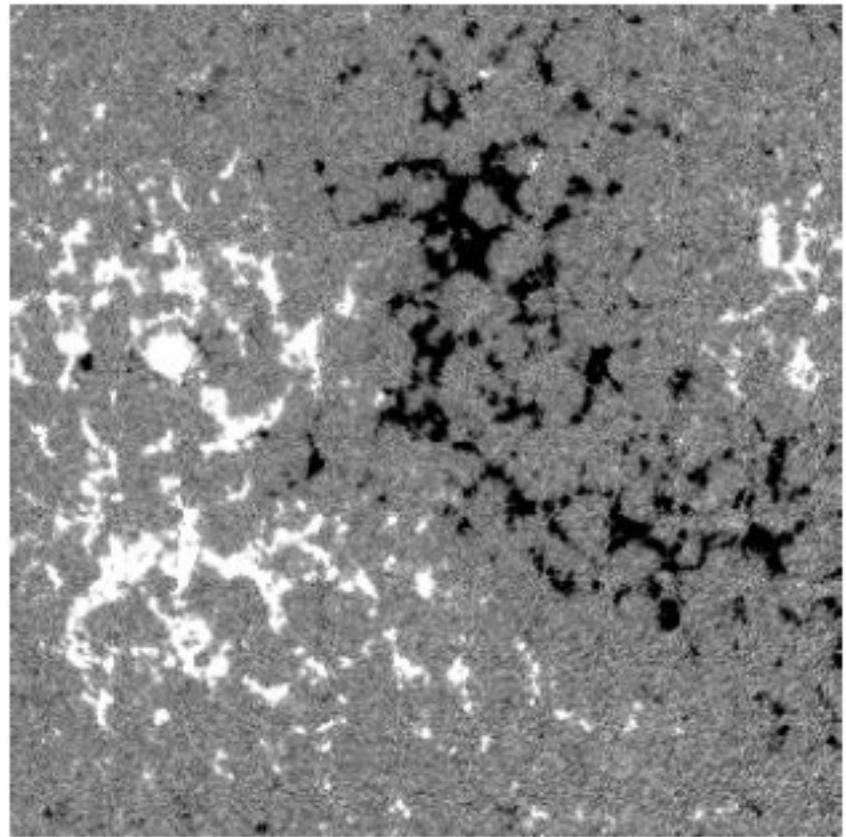
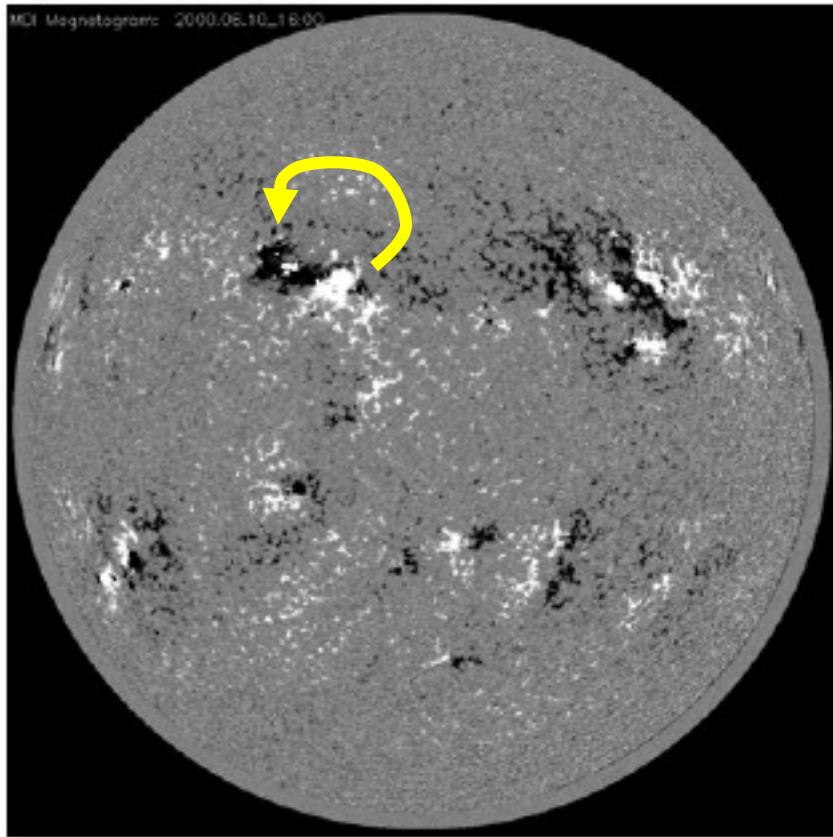


# *Sunspots*





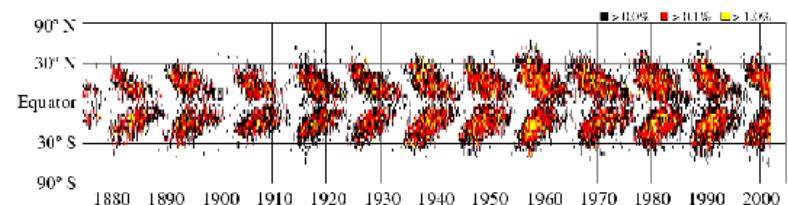
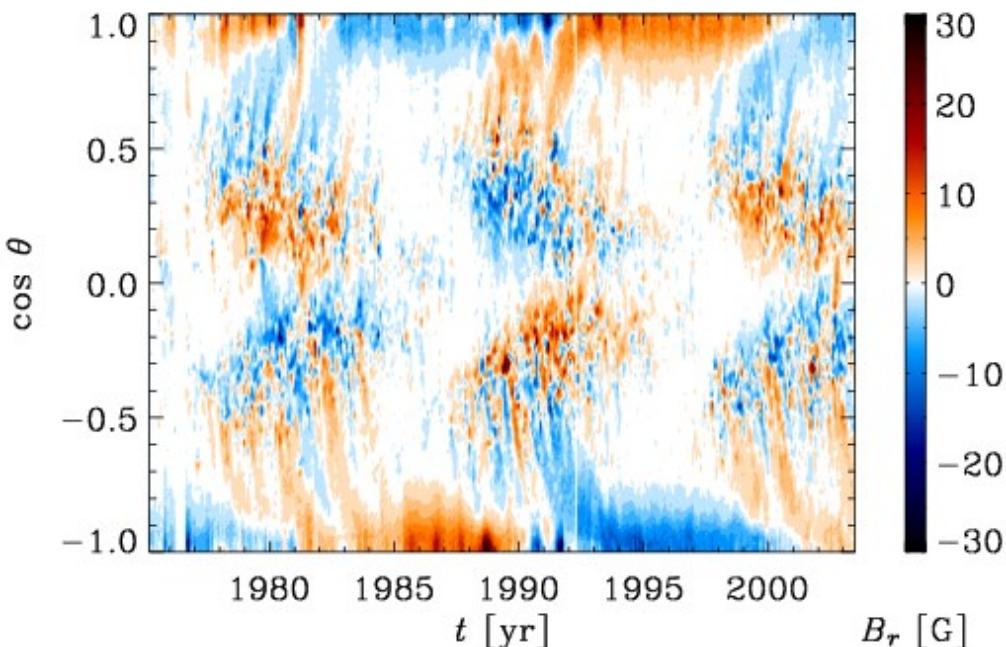
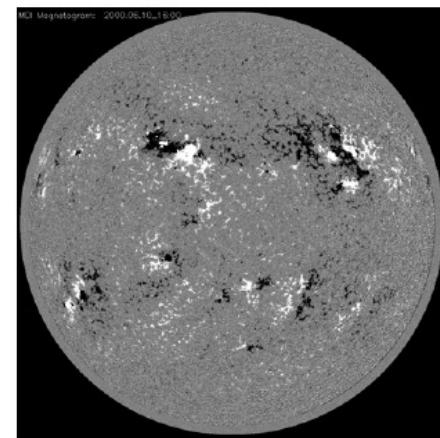
# Large scale coherence



Active regions, bi-polarity  
systematic east-west orientation  
opposite in the south

# 22 year magnetic cycle

- Longitudinally averaged radial field
- Spatio-temporal coherence
  - 22 yr cycle, equatorward migration

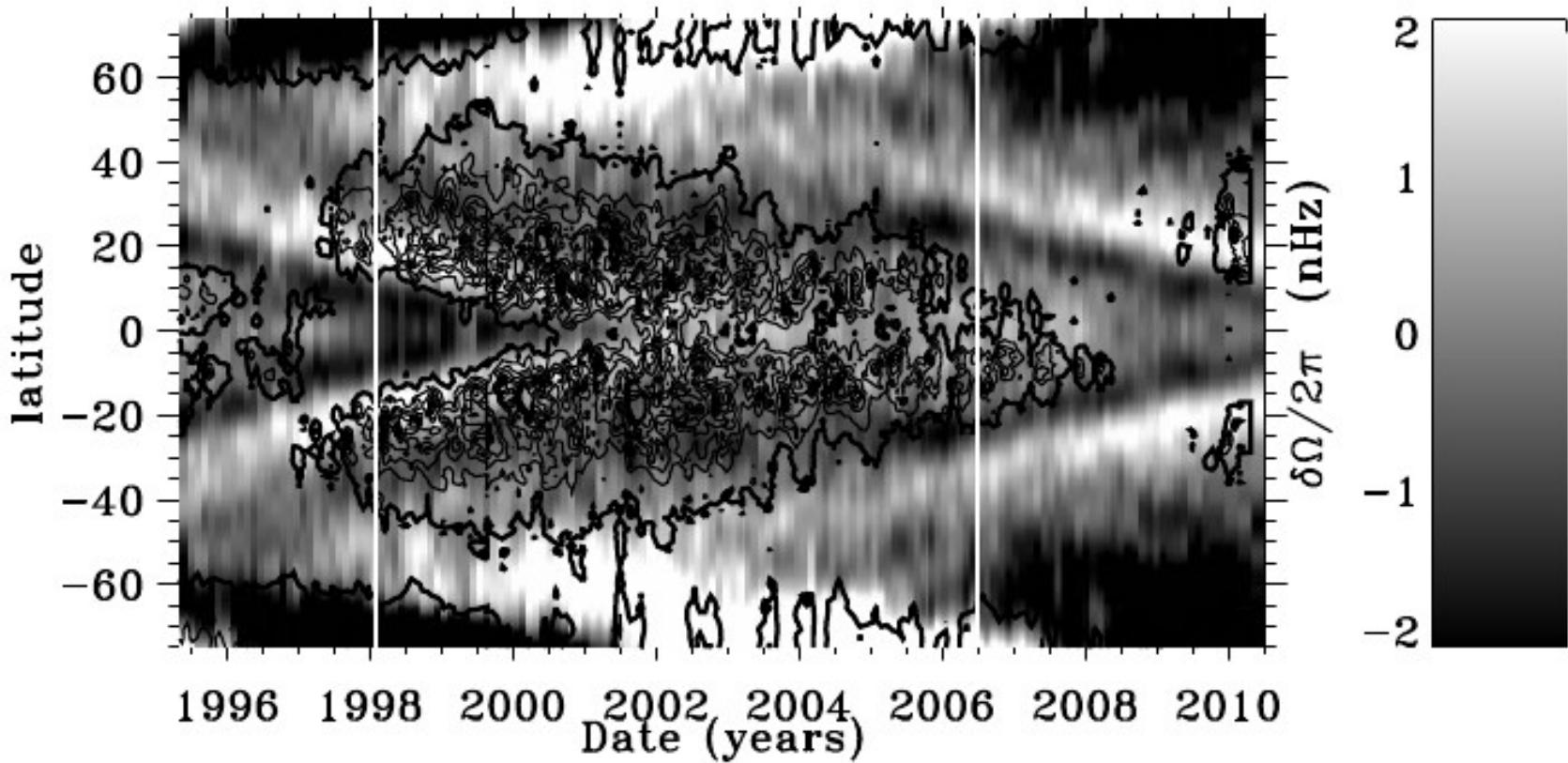


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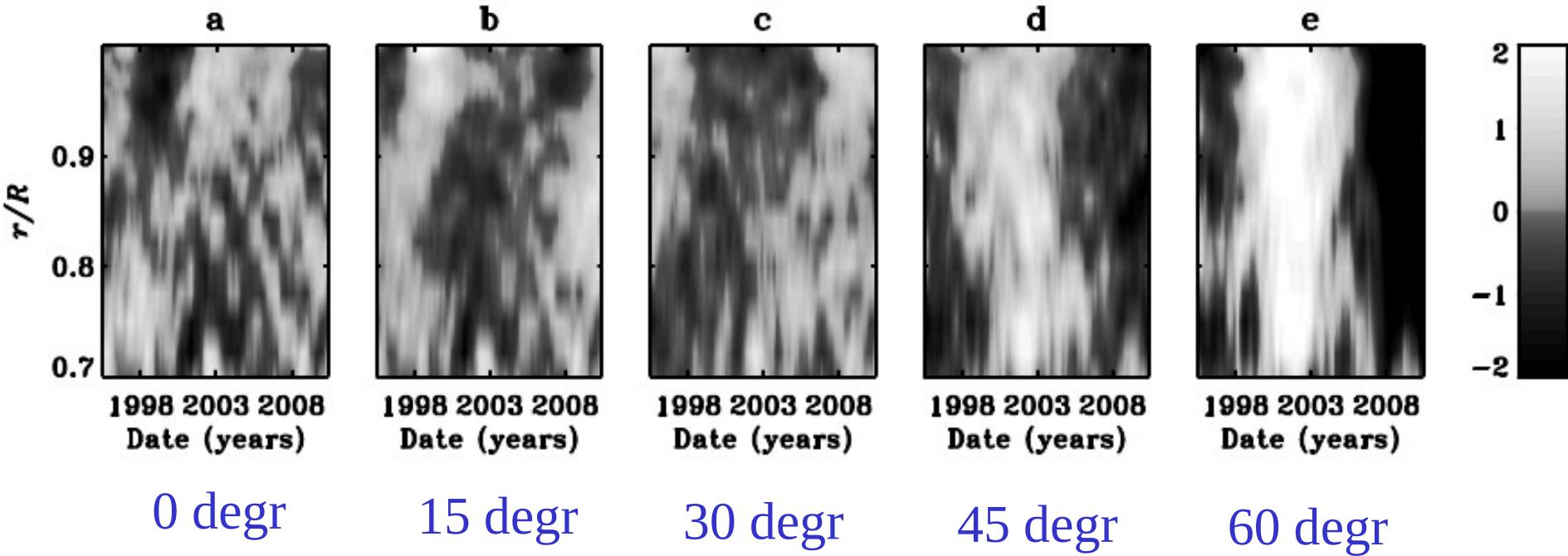
Poleward branch or  
poleward drift?

# *"Torsional" oscillation below surface*

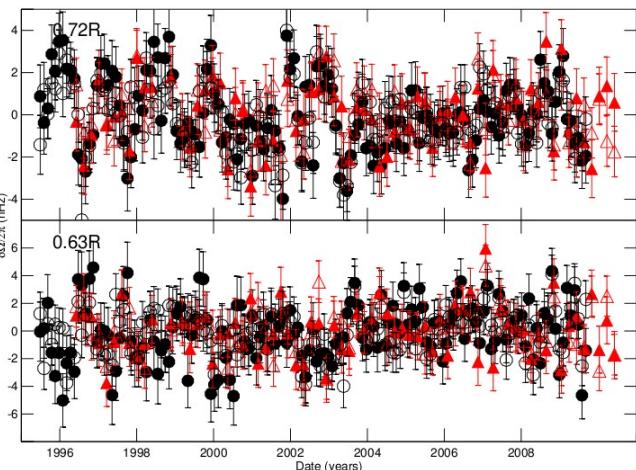
- At  $r=0.99R$ , 7 Mm below surface
- Accessed via helioseismology



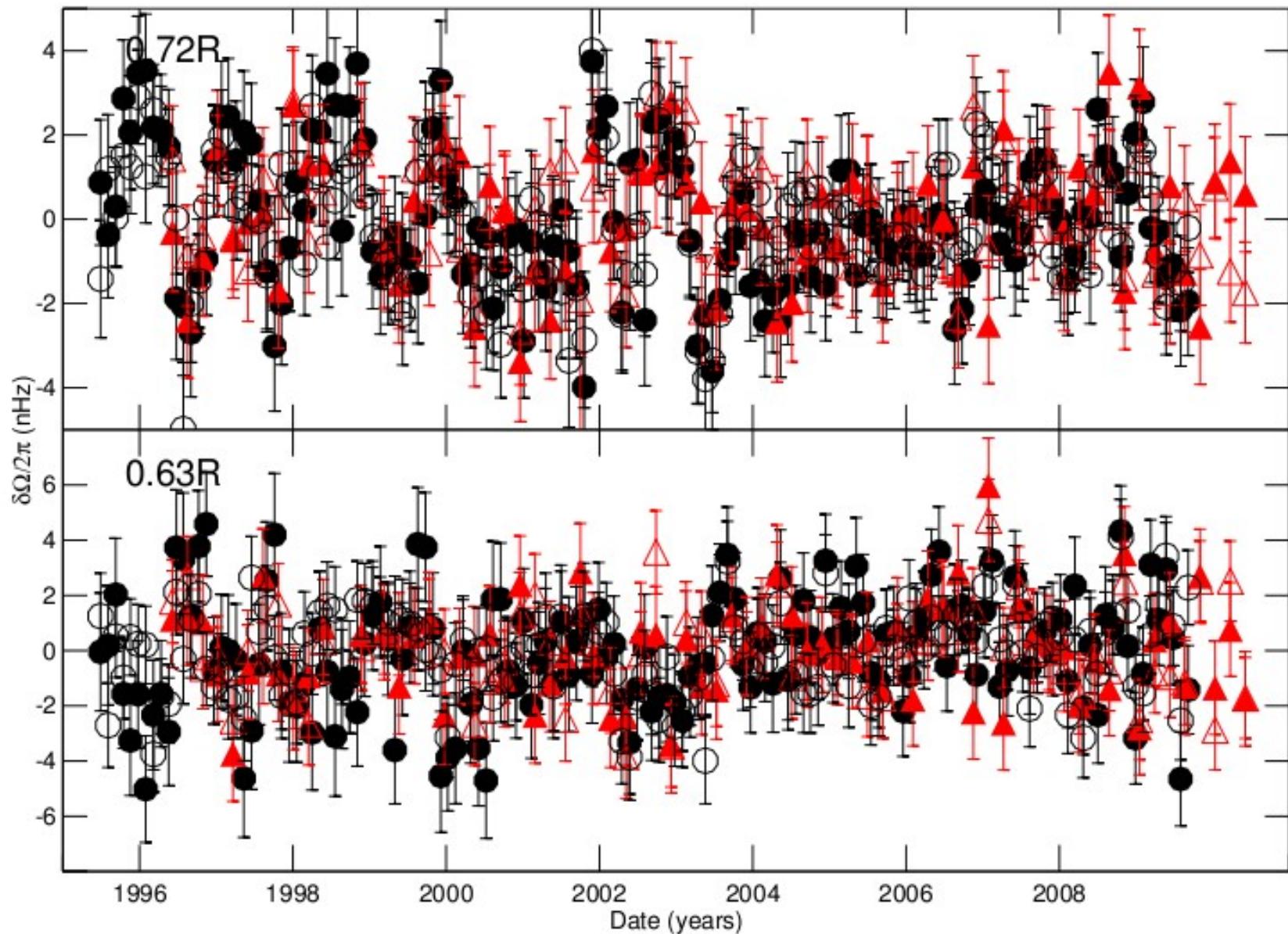
# *Seismic variations with depth*



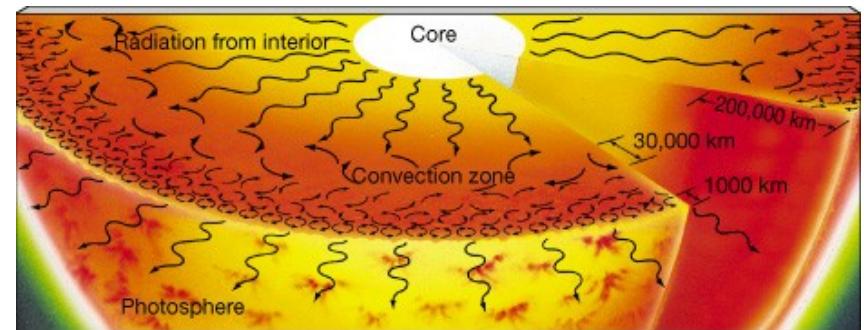
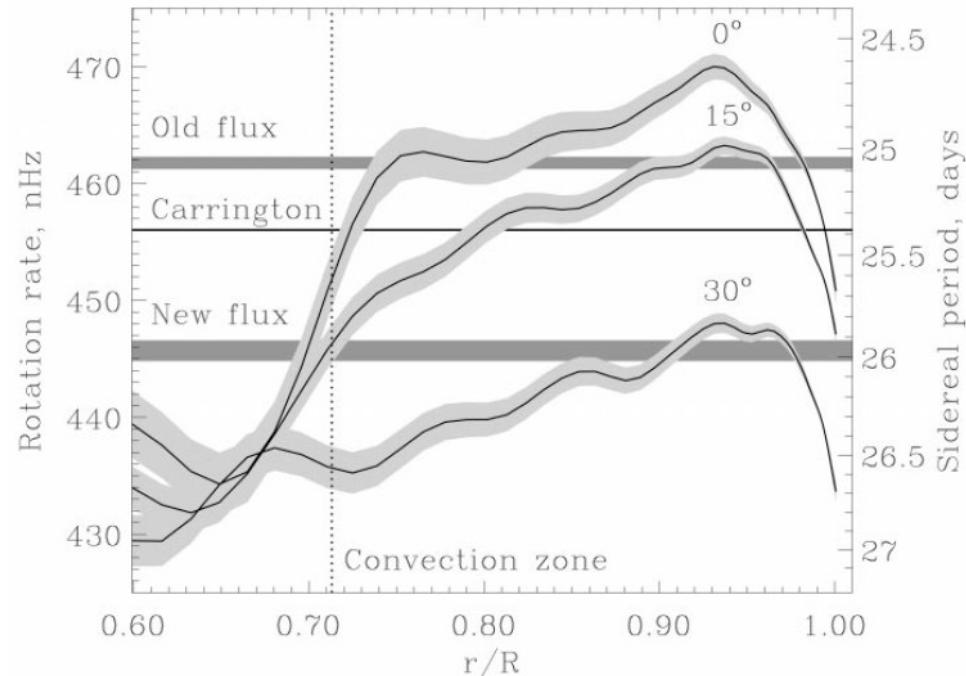
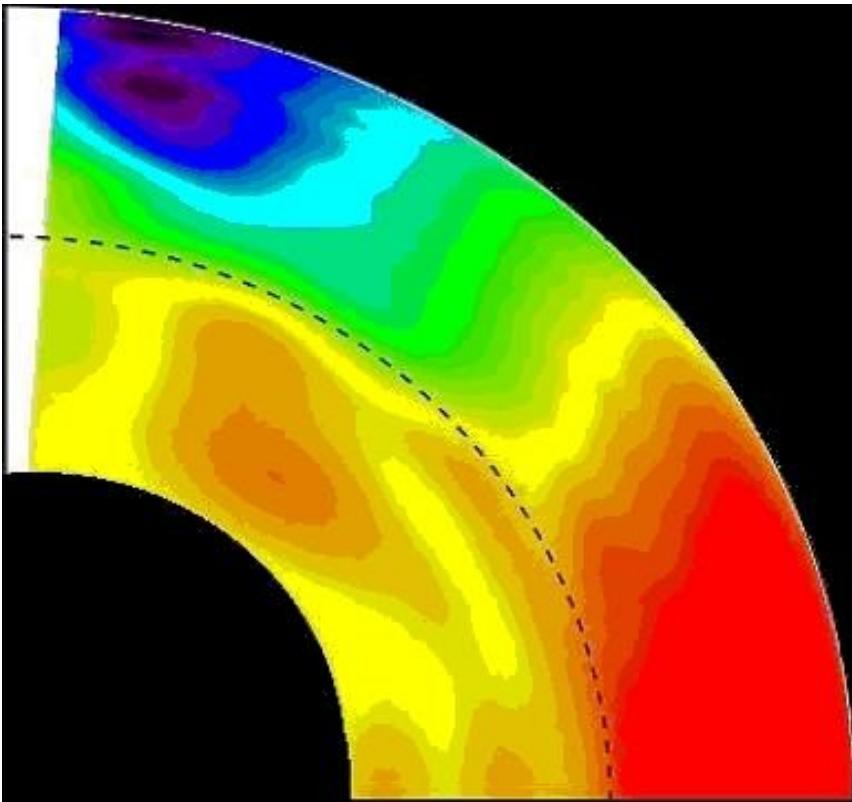
- 11 yr cycle down to  $r=0.99R$
- Radial outward migration
- perhaps 1.3 yr around  $0.7R$



# *1.3 yr oscillation in tachocline*

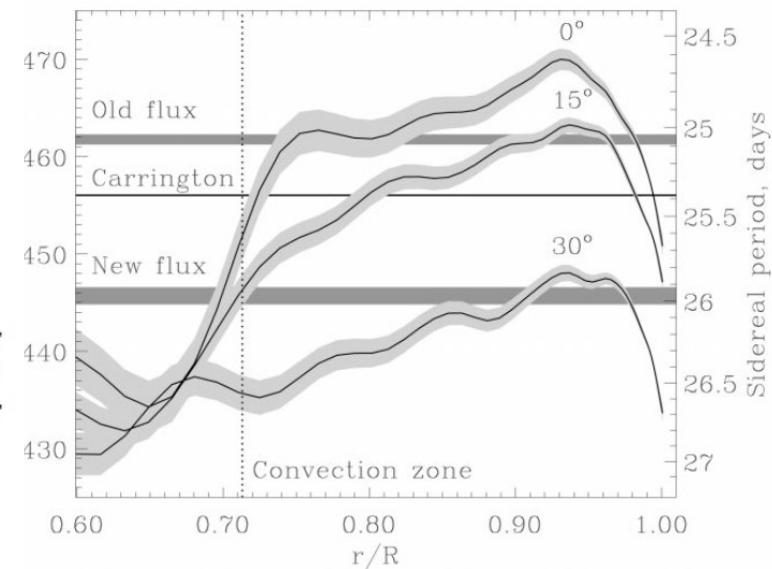
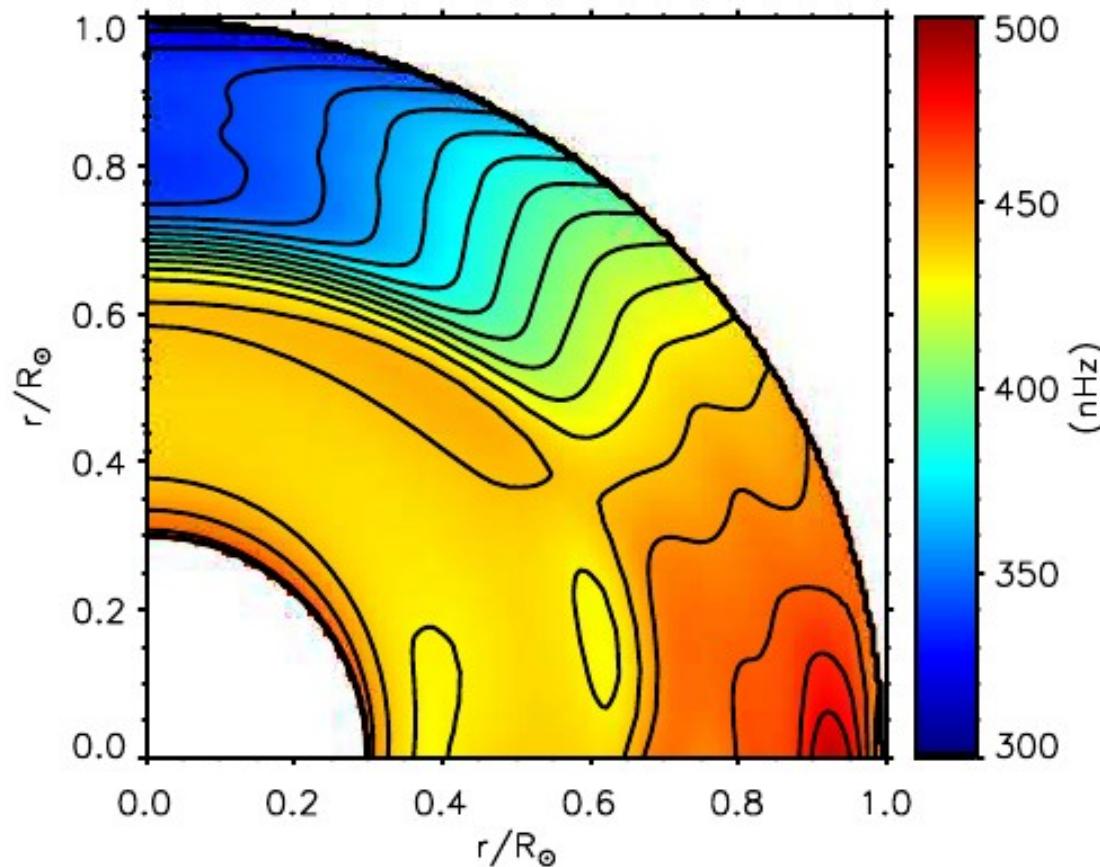


# *Spoke-like + radial shear layers*



- Tachocline around  $r/R=0.65\dots 0.75$
- Near-surface shear layer at  $r/R=0.95\dots 1$

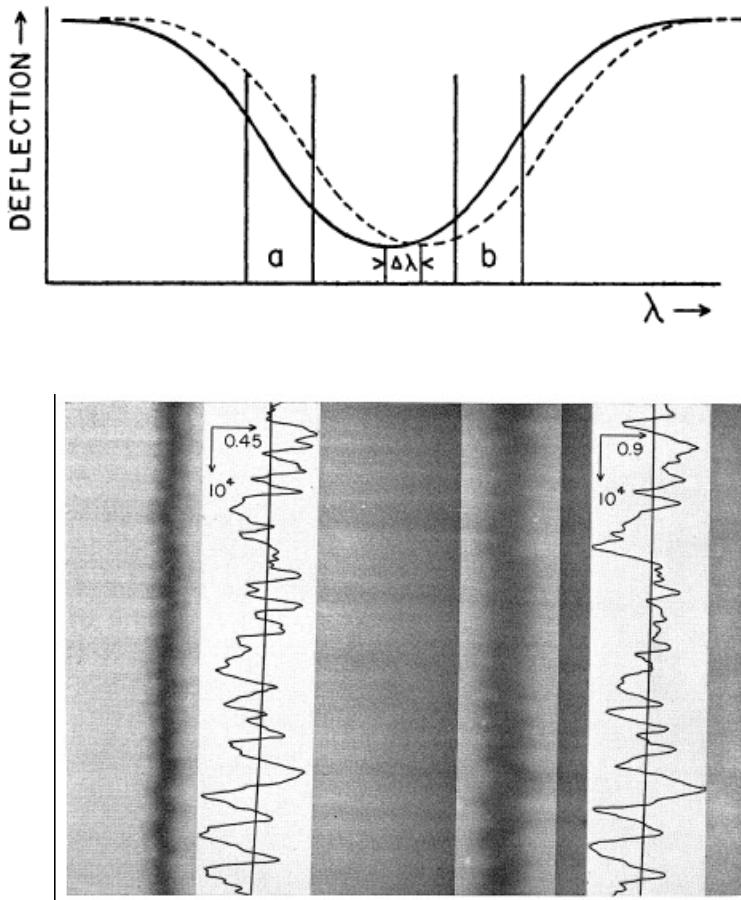
# Results from PICARD



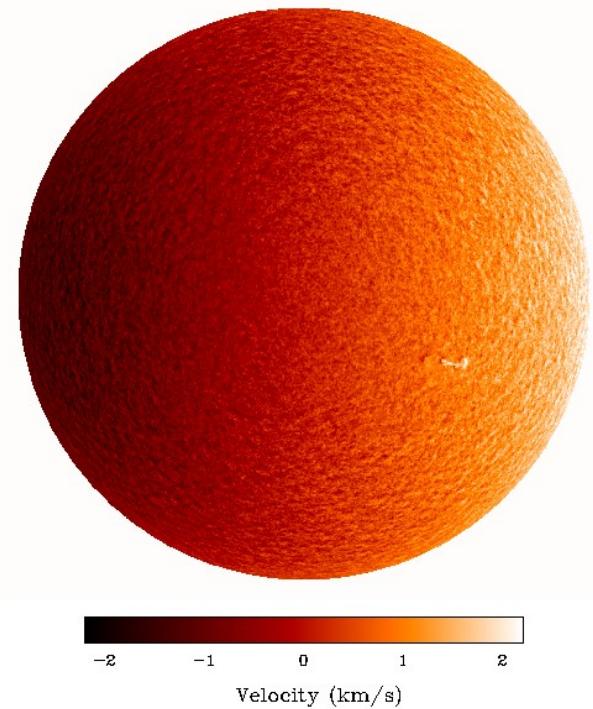
- Cyclindrical contours at high latitudes
- Negative radial shear near equator

# 5 min oscillations → helioseismology

Discovered in 1960 (Leighton et al. 1962)



Full-disk Dopplergram  
9 July 1996, 9:00:00



Was thought to be response of upper atmosphere to convection

# *Waves in stratified atmosphere*

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} + \nabla p - \rho \mathbf{g} = 0$$

$$\frac{Ds}{Dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{(1)}}{\partial t} - \mathbf{e}_z g \left( \frac{s^{(1)}}{c_p} - \frac{p^{(1)}}{\gamma p^{(0)}} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^{(0)}} \nabla p^{(1)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial s^{(1)}}{\partial t} + v_z^{(1)} \frac{ds^{(0)}}{dz} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial p^{(1)}}{\partial t} + v_z^{(1)} \frac{dp^{(0)}}{dz} + \gamma p^{(0)} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^{(1)} = 0$$

$$x' = x/H_0 \quad \text{with} \quad H_0 = \gamma H_p / (1 - \gamma/2)$$

$$t' = t/T_0 \quad \text{with} \quad T_0 = H_0/c$$

$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \exp(-z/2H_p)/(ic)$$

$$s' = s^{(1)} \exp(-z/2H_p)/[ic_p \sqrt{\gamma - 1}]$$

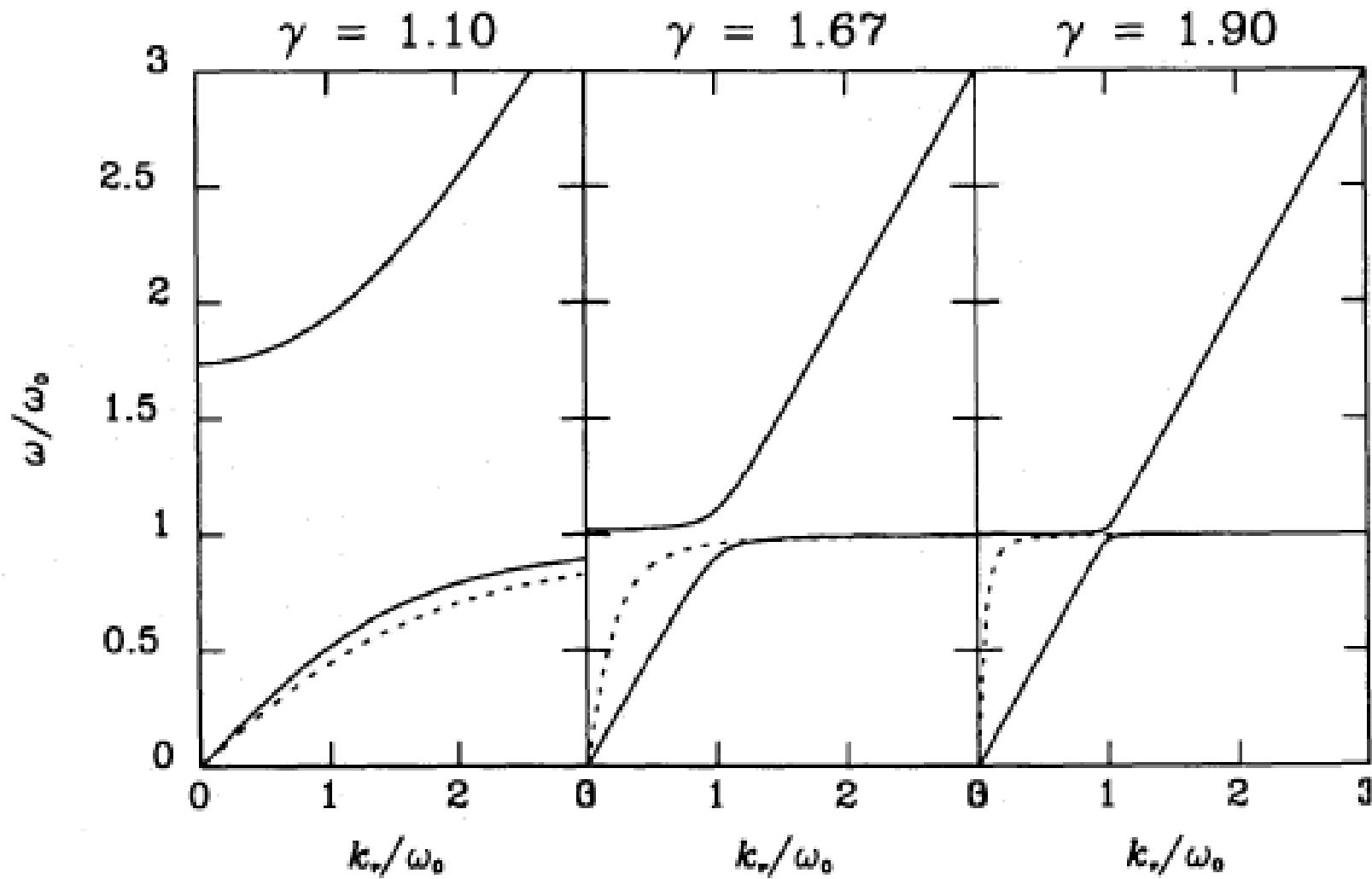
$$p' = p^{(1)} \exp(+z/2H_p)/[i\gamma p^{(0)}(0)]$$

# *Waves in stratified atmosphere*

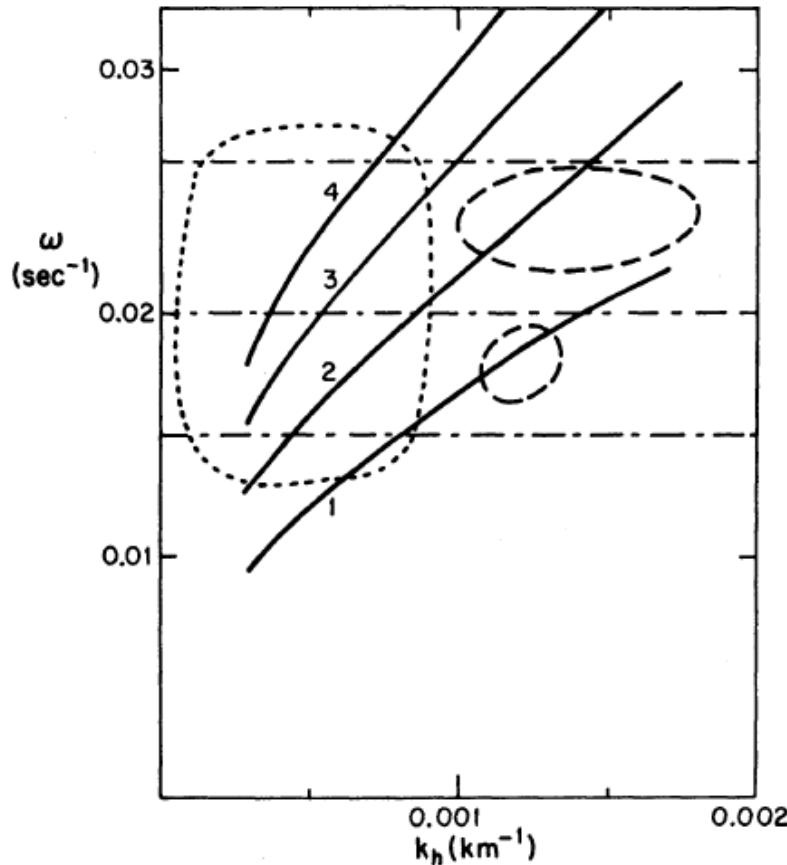
$$\begin{pmatrix} i\partial_t & 0 & 0 & 0 & i\partial_x \\ 0 & i\partial_t & 0 & 0 & i\partial_y \\ 0 & 0 & i\partial_t & -i\omega_0 & i + i\partial_z \\ 0 & 0 & i\omega_0 & i\partial_t & 0 \\ i\partial_x & i\partial_y & -i + i\partial_z & 0 & i\partial_t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v'_x \\ v'_y \\ v'_z \\ s' \\ p' \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det L &= \omega [(\omega^2 - k_r^2)(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2) - \omega^2(k_z^2 + 1)] \\ &= \omega [\omega^4 - \omega^2(k^2 + \omega_0^2 + 1) + \omega_0^2 k_r^2] \end{aligned}$$

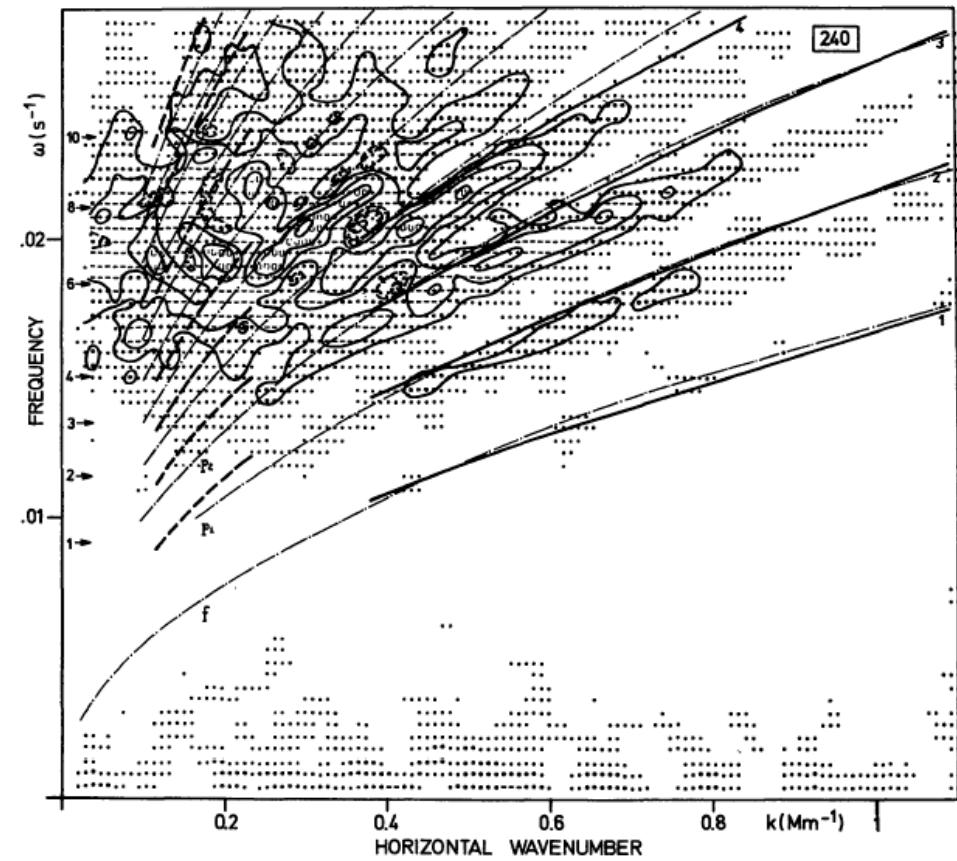
# *Dispersion relation*



# *5 min osc are global*

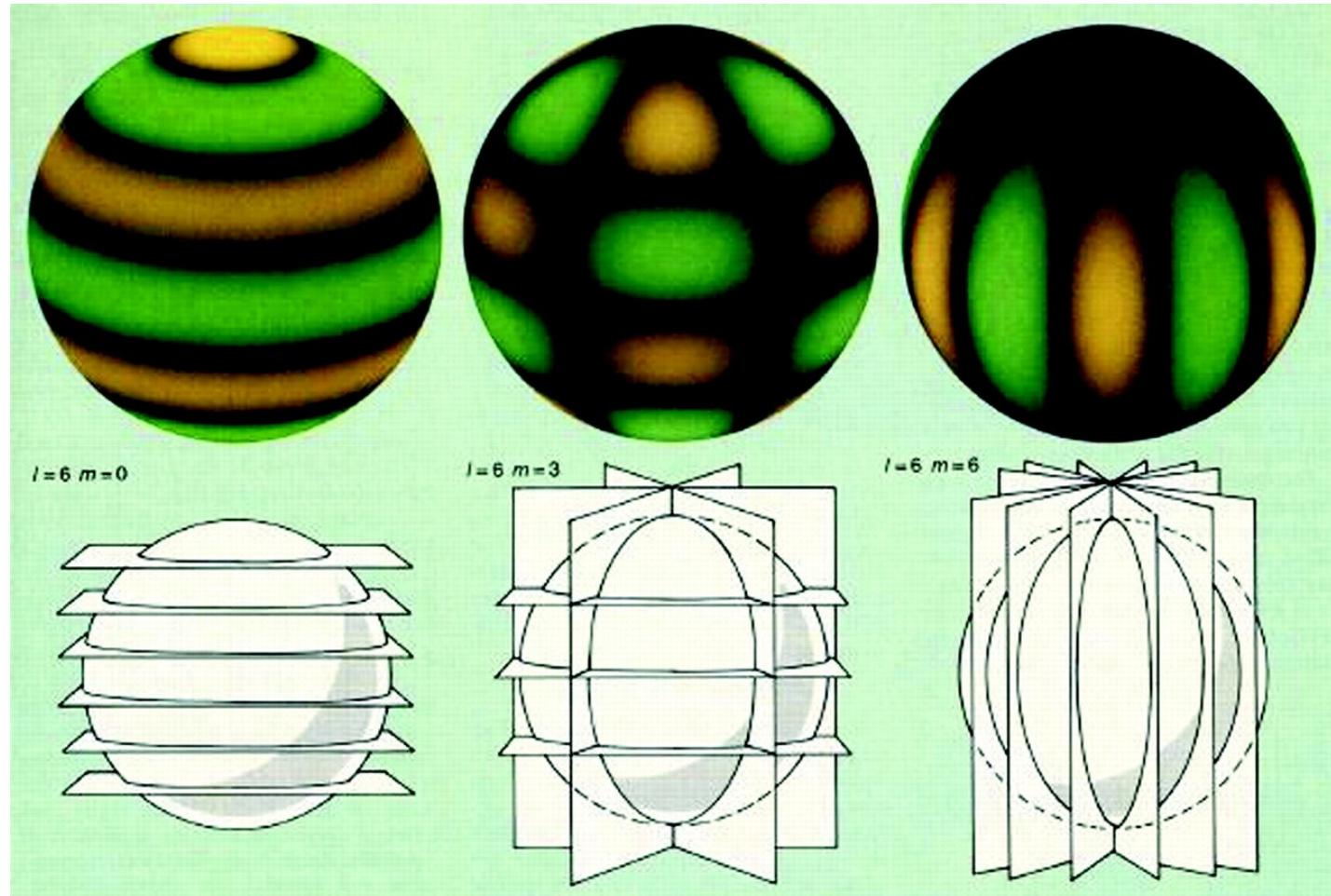


Roger Ulrich  
(1970)



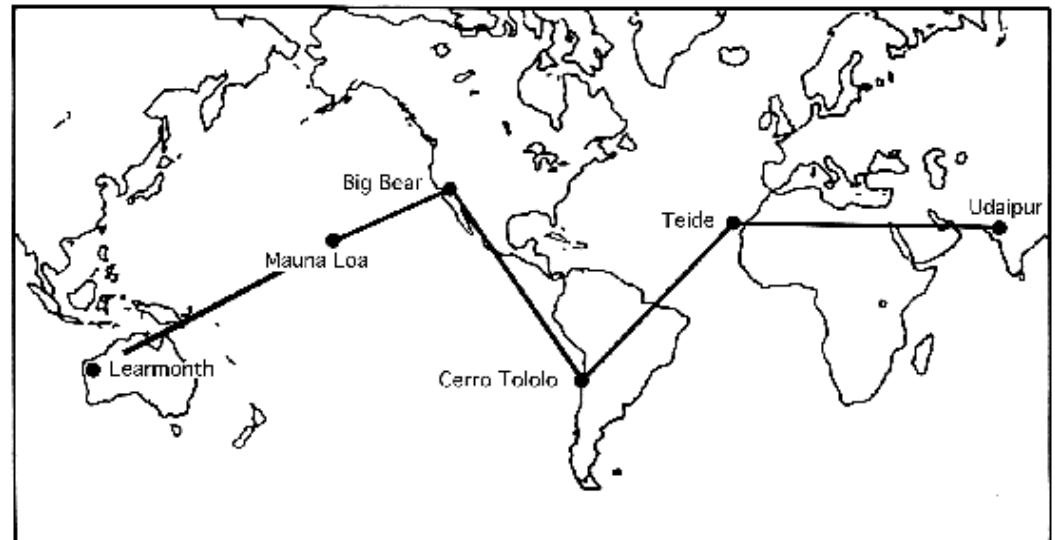
Franz-Ludwig Deubner  
(1974)

# Degree $l$ , order $m$



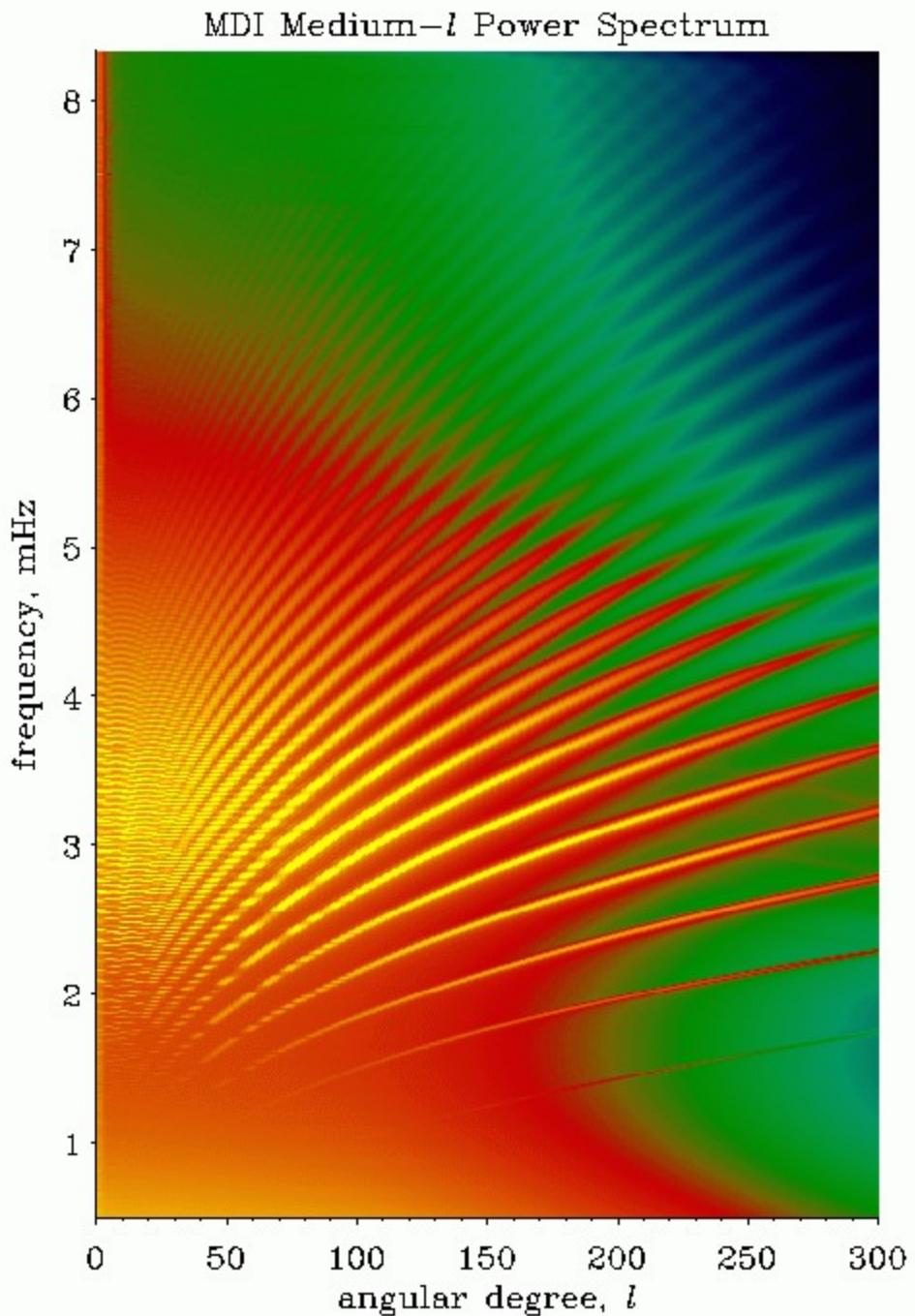
# GONG global oscillation network group

Since late 1980ties

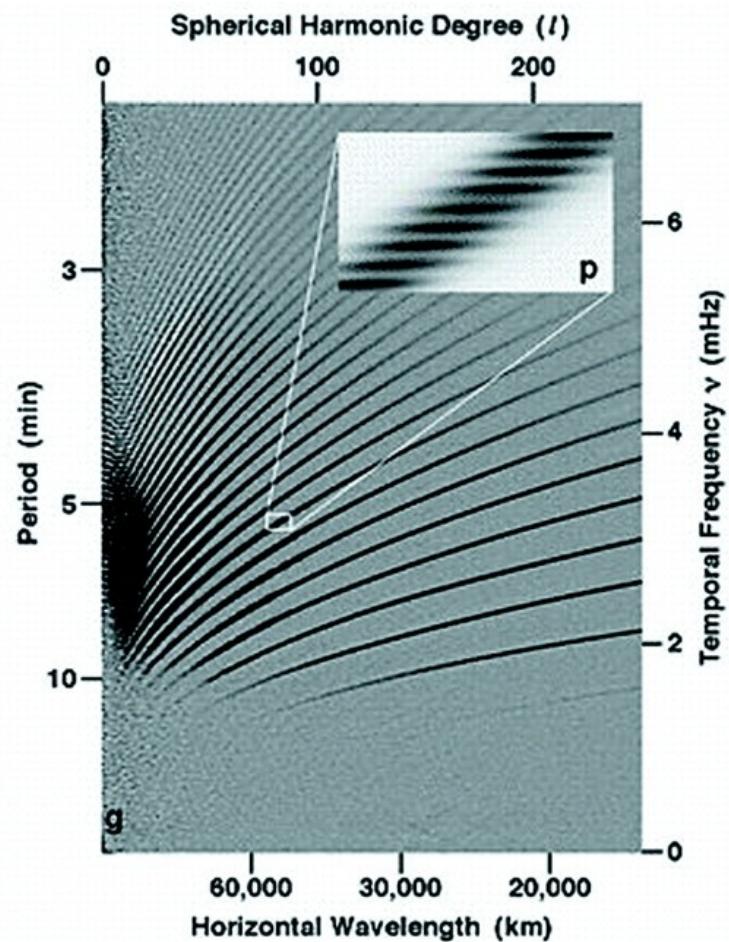
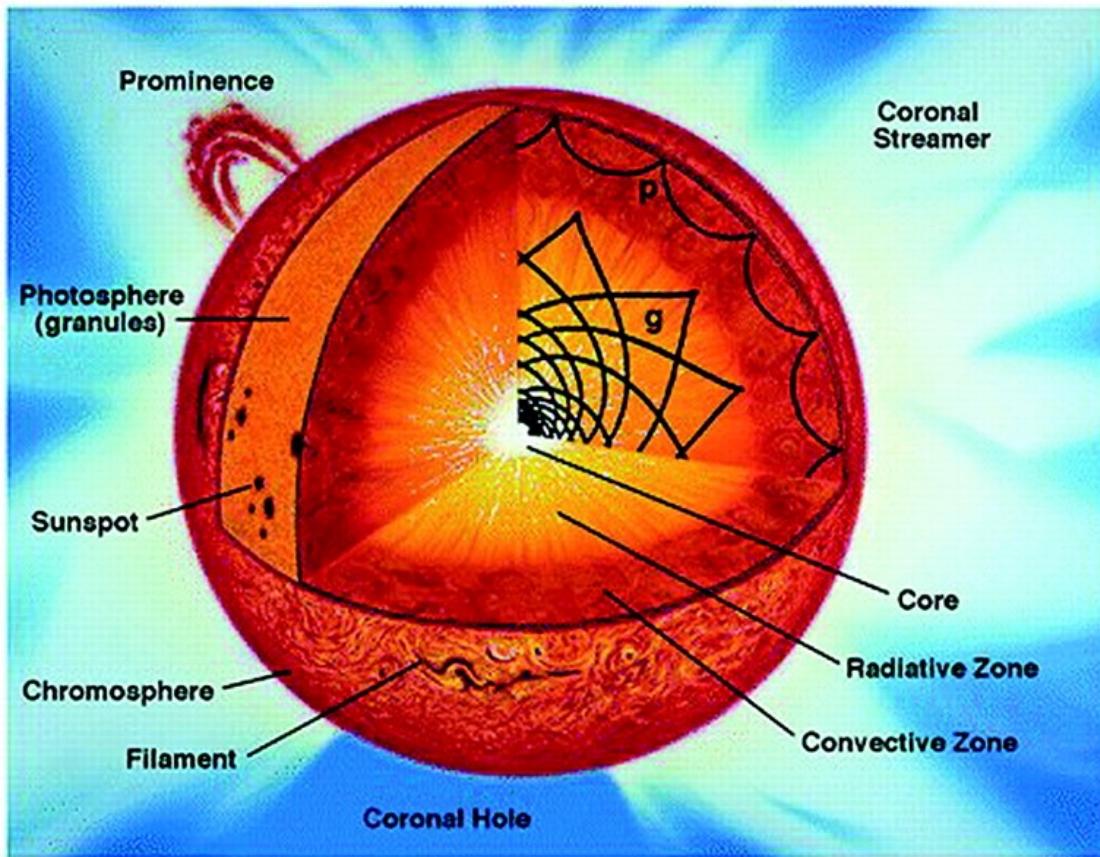


# Current state of the art

SOHO  
Space craft  
1993 – 2014  
(lost in 1998)



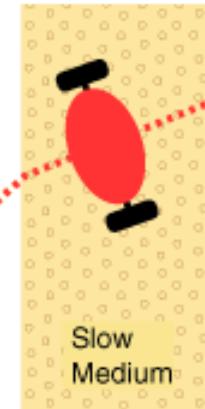
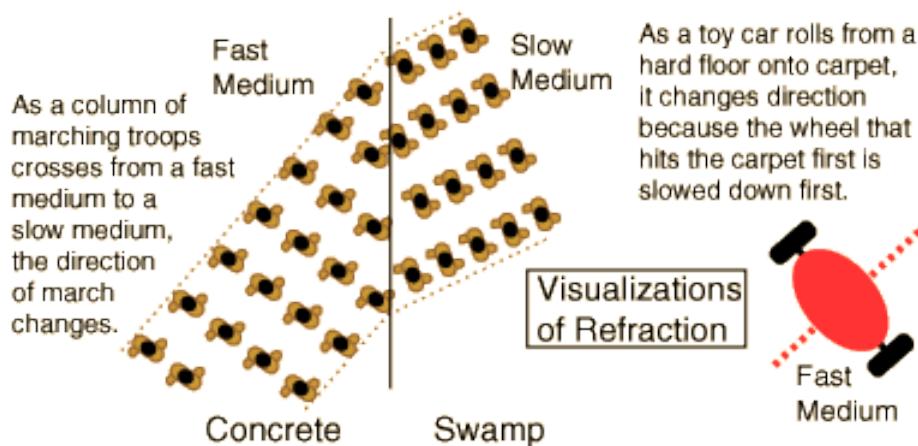
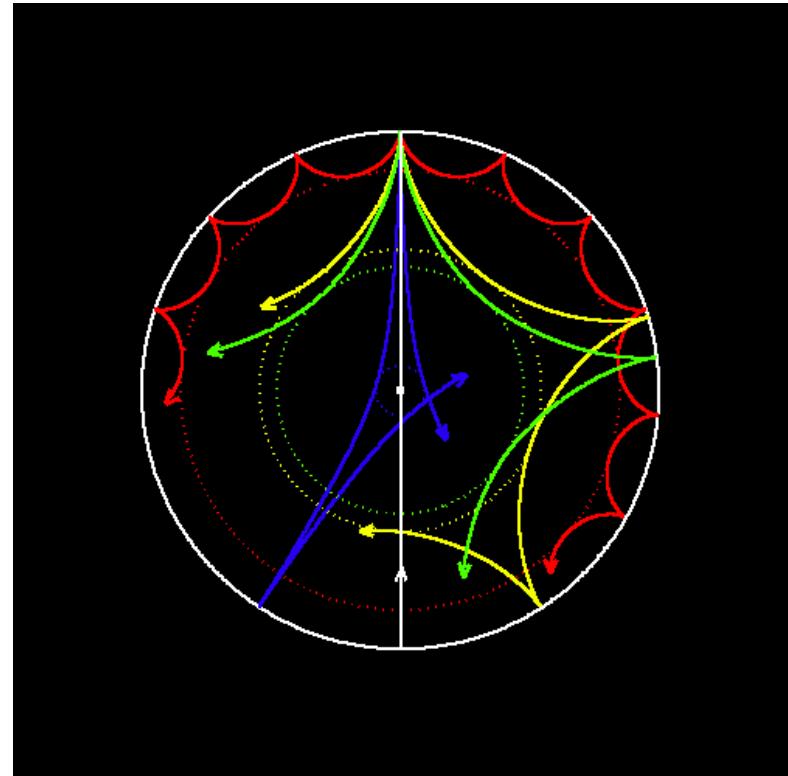
# Only p-modes observed



$$\omega^4 + \omega^2 ( ) + ..; = 0$$

# Refraction Reflection

Top: reflection  
when wavelength  
 $\sim$  density scale height



Deeper down:  
Sound speed large

$$c_s^2 = \frac{RT}{\mu}$$

# Inversion: input/output

$$n\pi = \int_{r_0}^{R_0} k_r \, dr$$

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

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

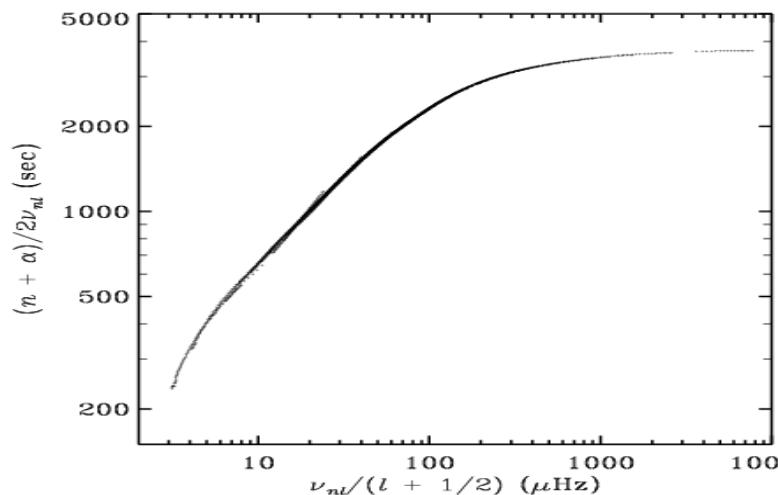
$$F(u) = \int_u^{\xi_0} \sqrt{\xi - u} \, G'(\xi) \, d\xi$$

$$G(\xi) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\xi}^{\xi_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi - u}} F'(u) \, du$$

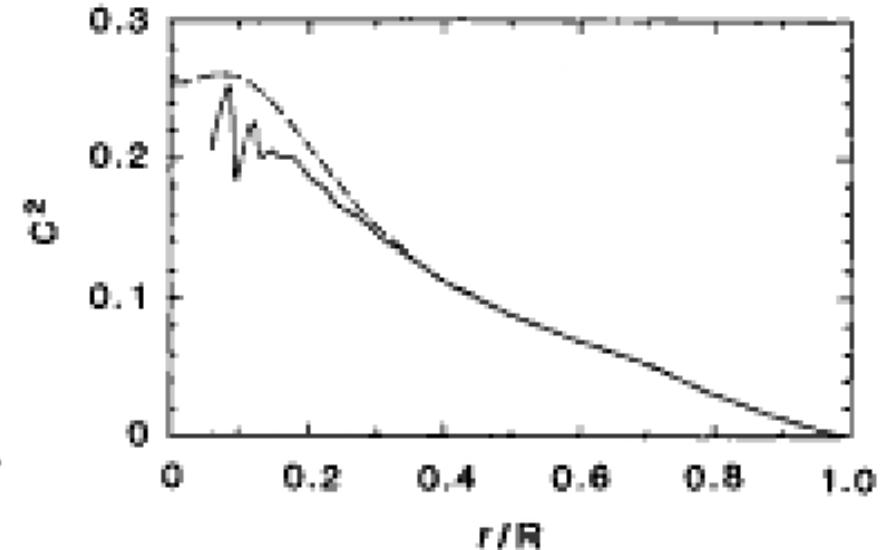
$$\xi \equiv \frac{r^2}{c_s^2}$$

$$u \equiv \frac{l(l+1)}{\omega^2}$$

Abel integral eqn



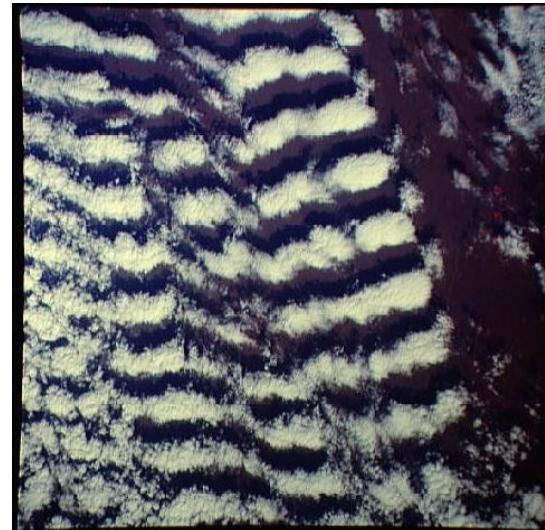
Duval law: collapsed  $k\omega$ -diagram



Sound speed

# g-modes

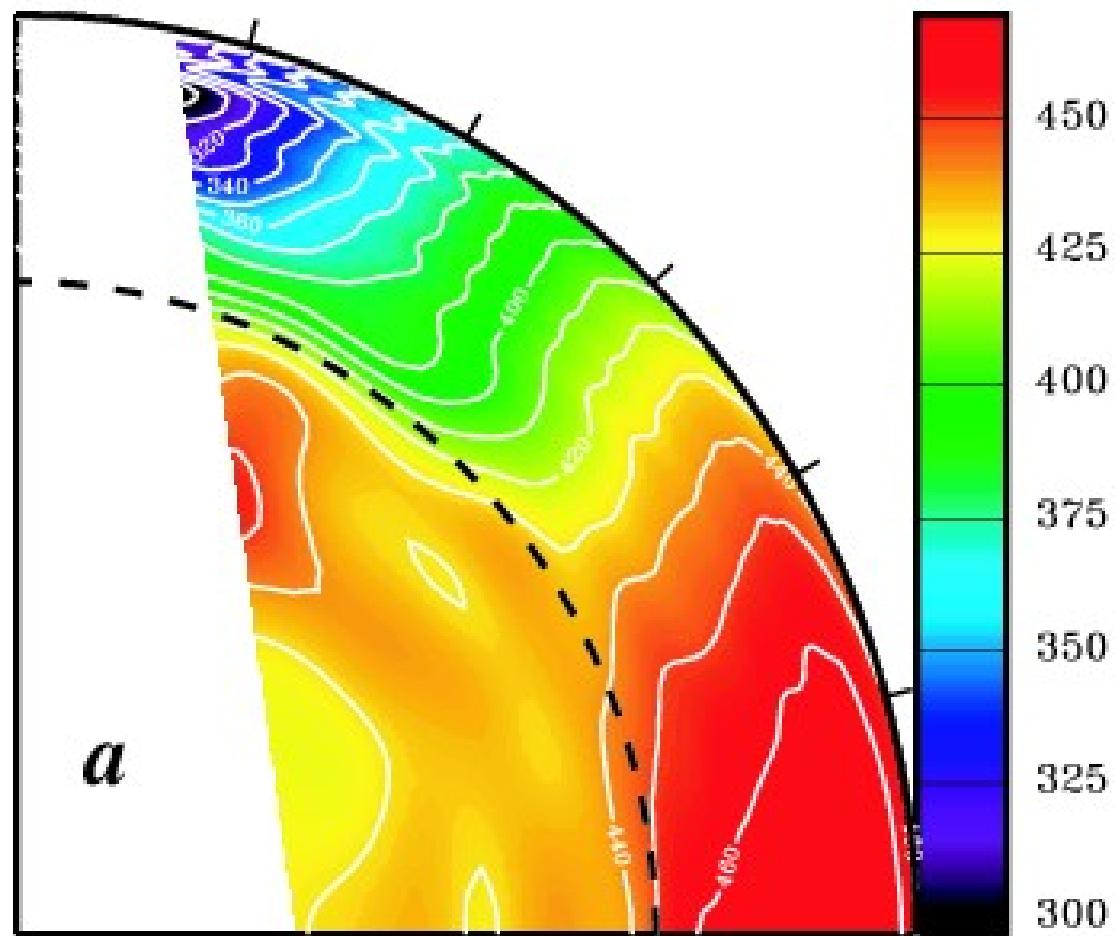
- Would probe the center
- Are evanescent in the convection zone



# *What else from helioseismology?*

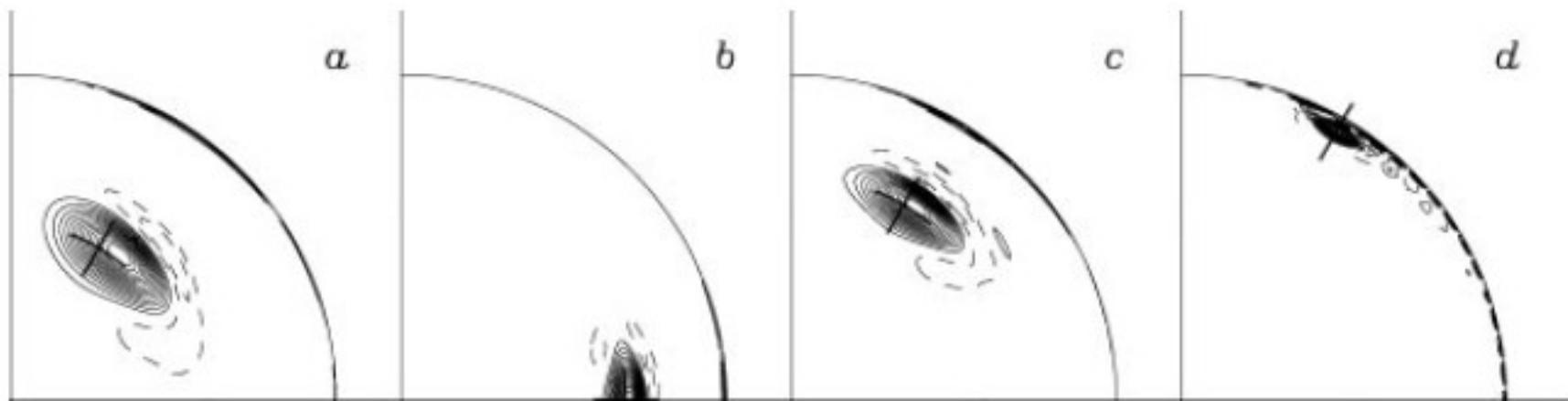


spoke-like at equ.  
 $d\Omega/dr > 0$  at bottom  
 $d\Omega/dr < 0$  at top  
Rigid below CZ

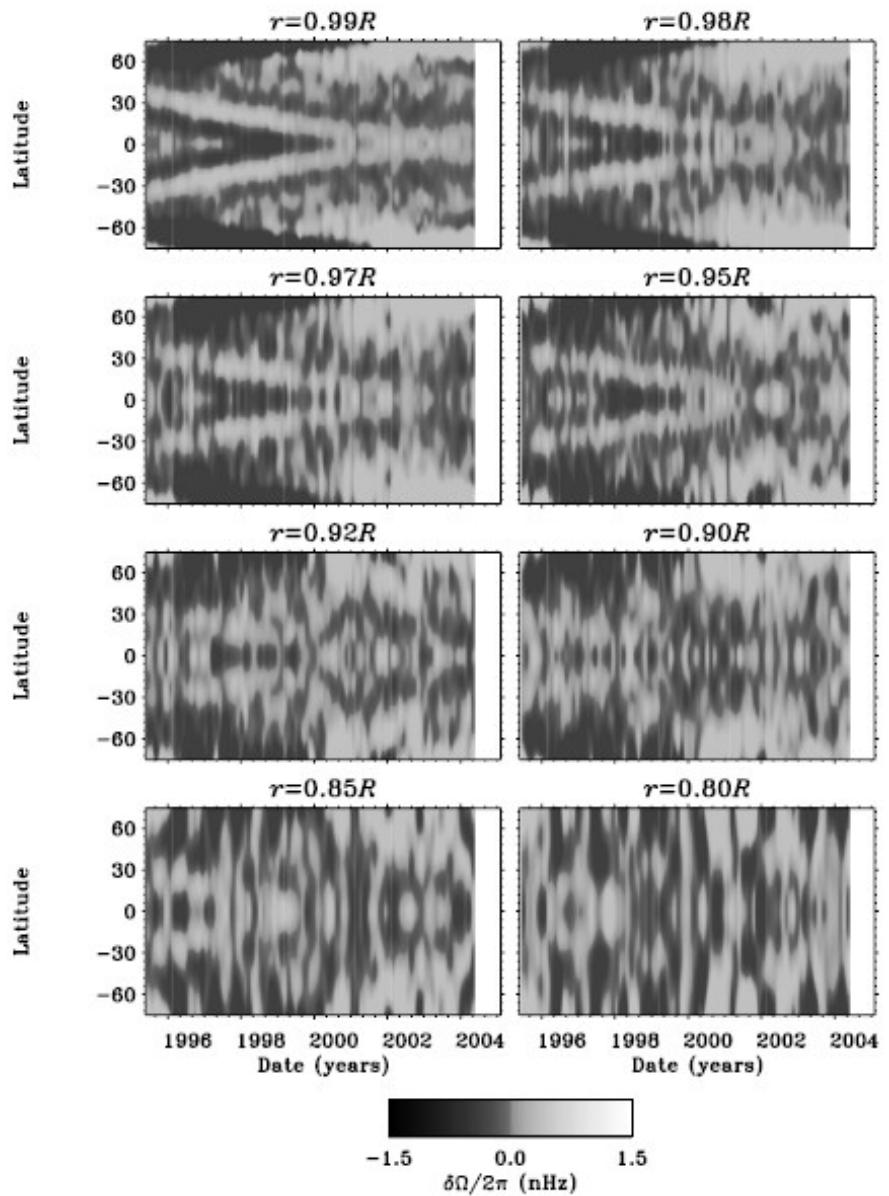
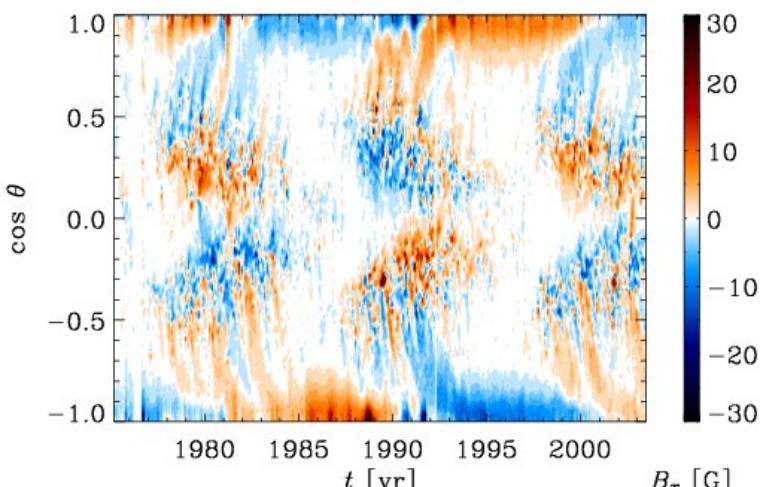


# *Internal angular velocity*

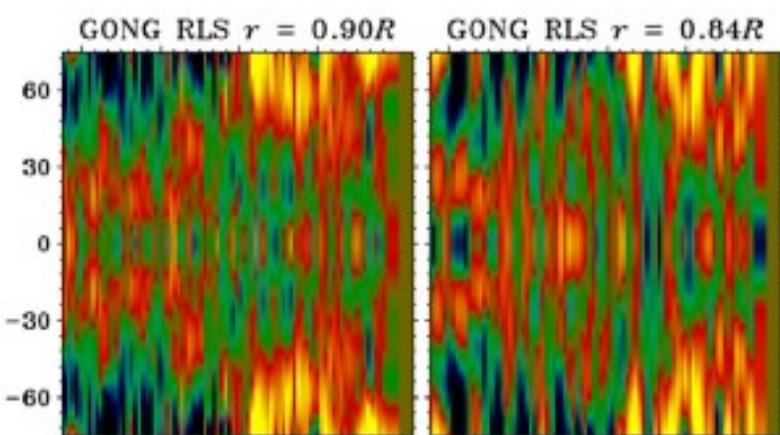
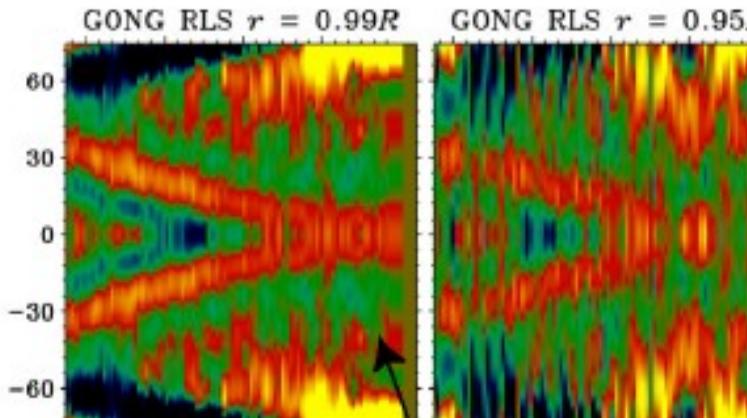
$$\omega_{nlm} - \omega_{nl0} = m \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^R K(r, \theta) \Omega(r, \theta) r dr d\theta$$



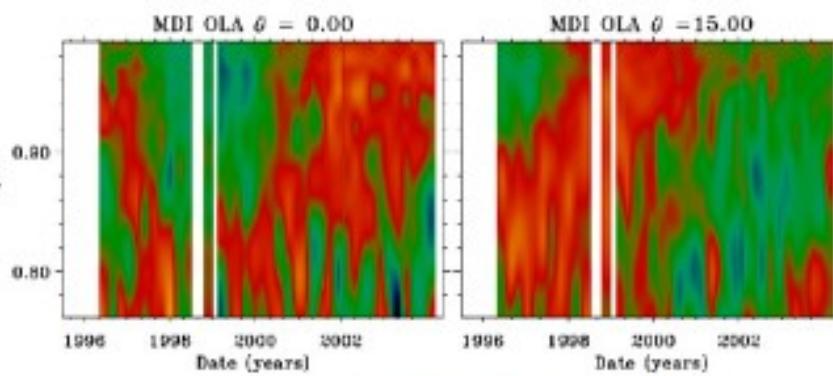
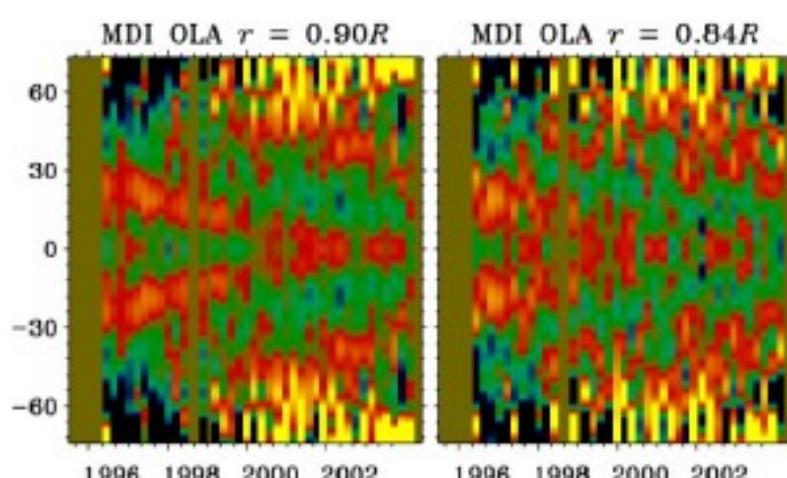
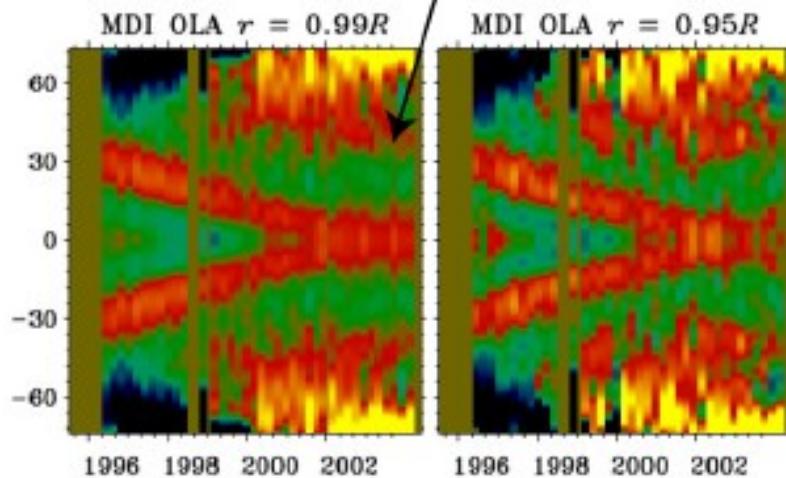
# Cycle dependence of $\Omega(r, \theta)$



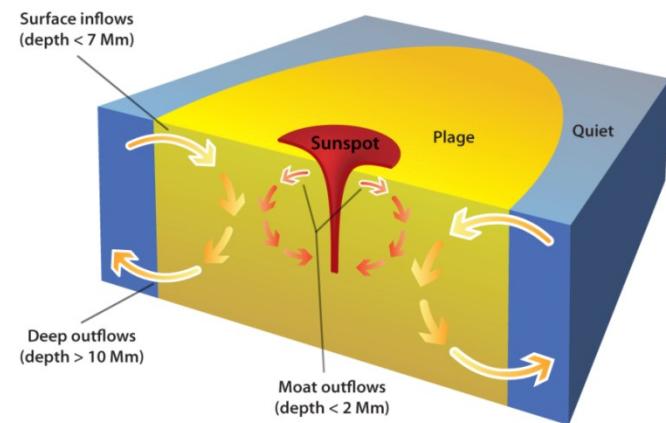
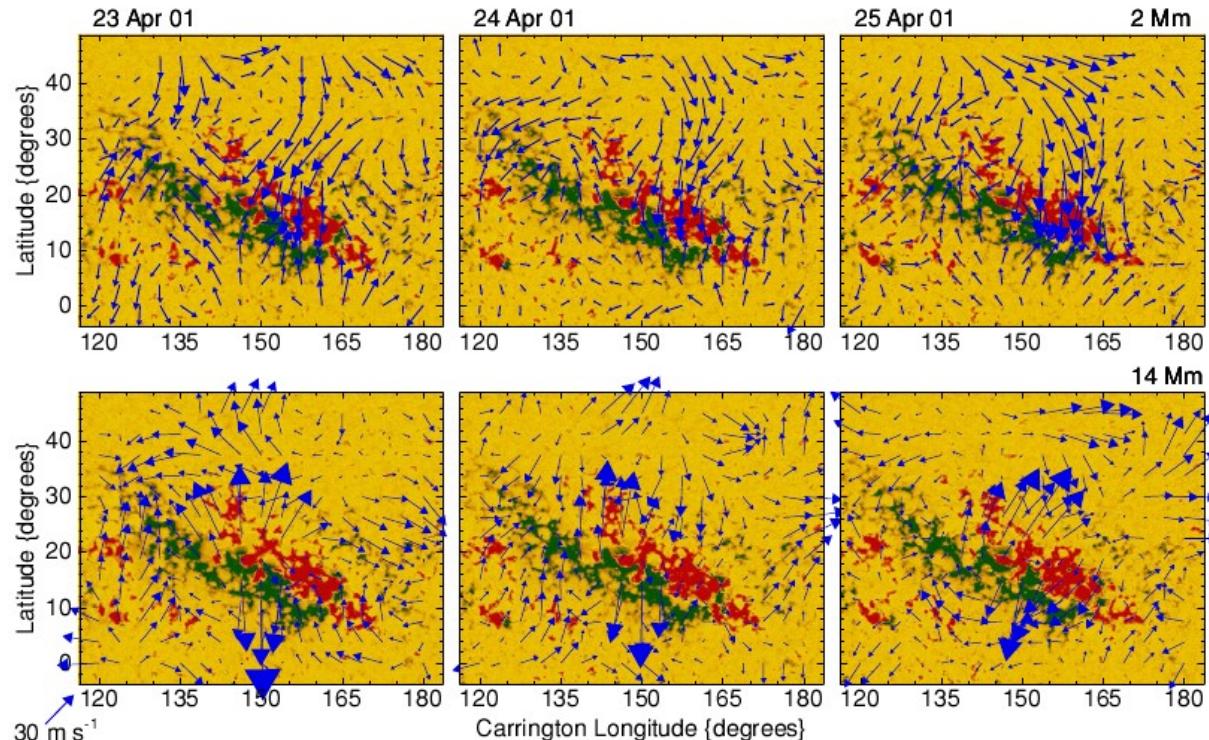
# GONG VS SOHO



the onset of new solar cycle 24

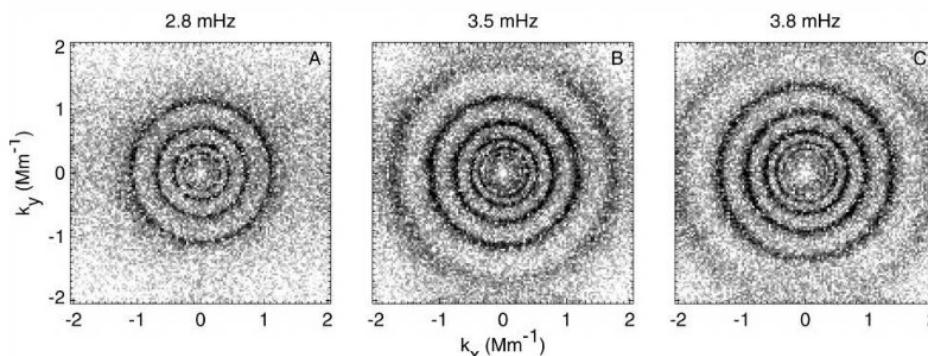


# Active region subsurface flows



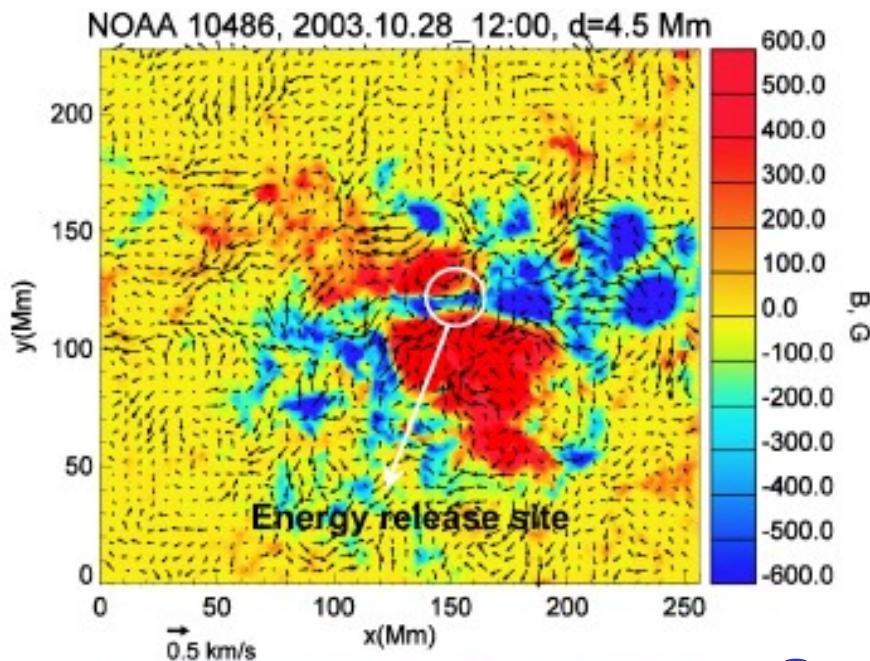
Hindman et al. (2009, ApJ)

Ring diagram analysis

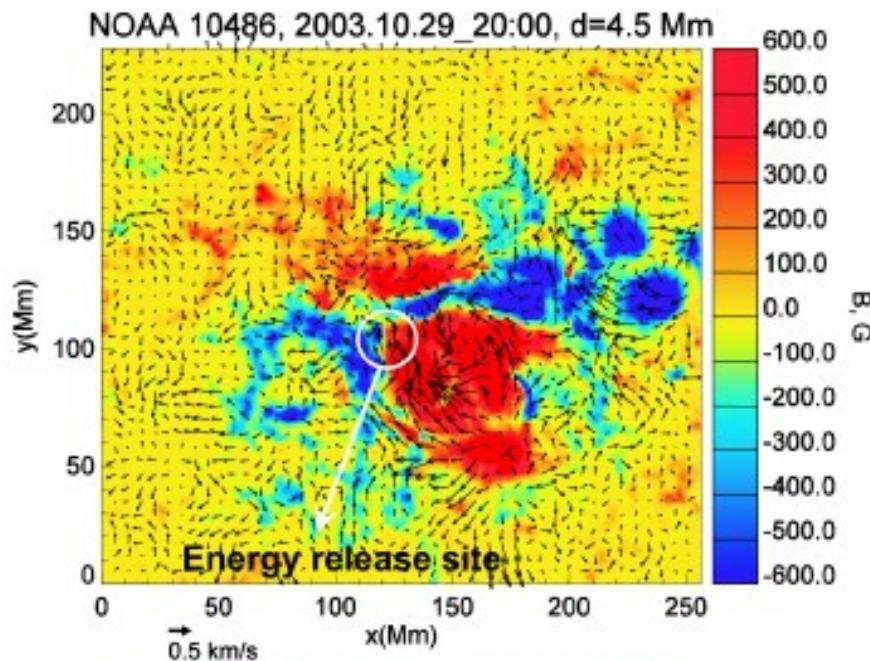


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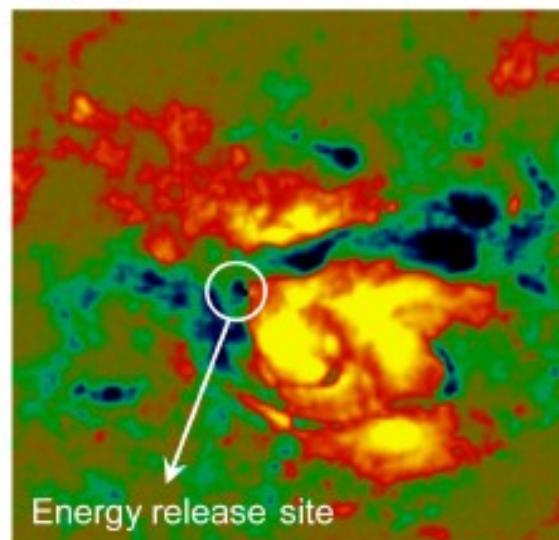
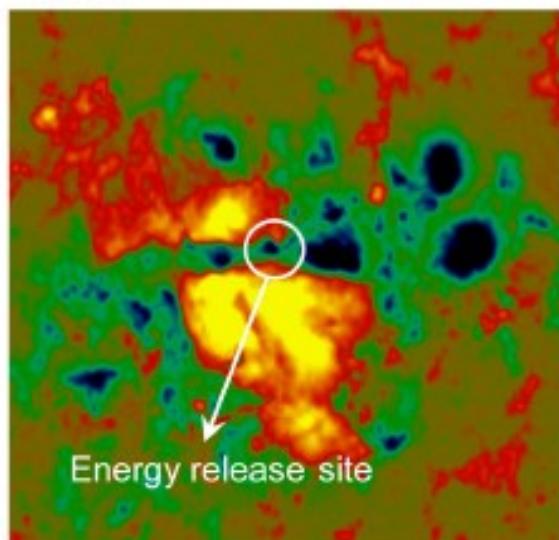
X17 flare



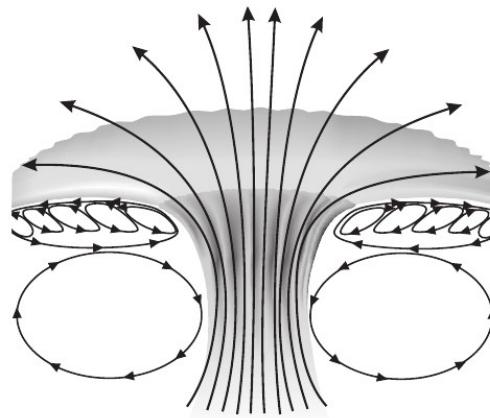
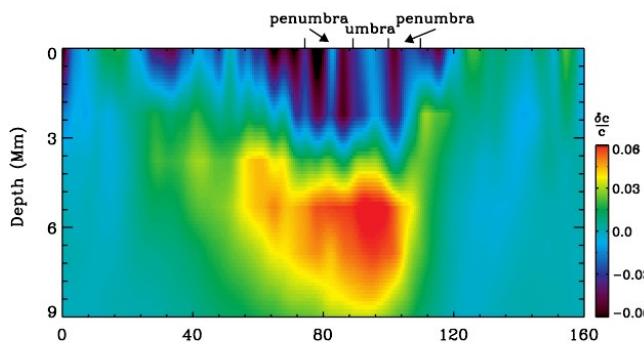
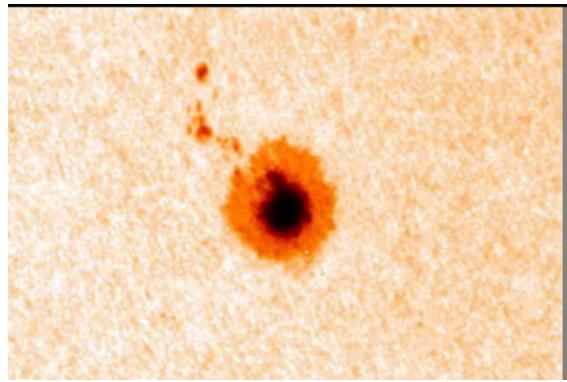
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Kosovichev & Zharkova (1998)



# Helioseismology vs current thinking



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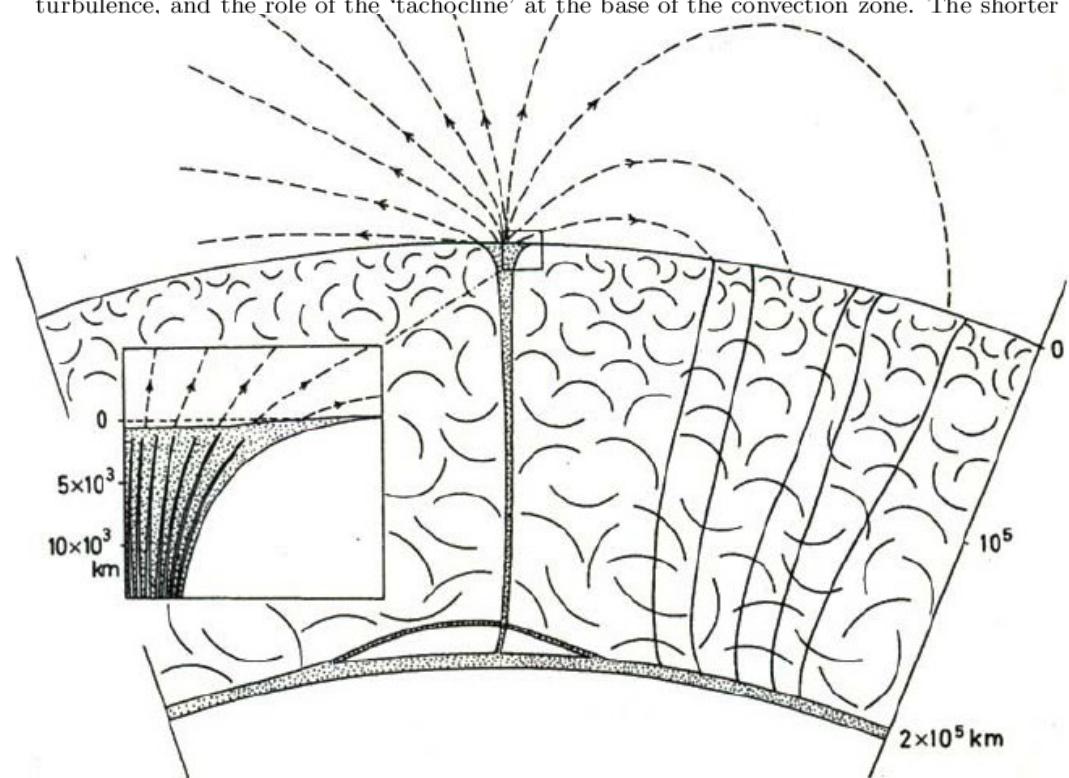
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## Theories of the Solar Cycle and Its Effect on Climate

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In the first part, some views of the solar magnetic cycle are discussed and confronted with observations, with focus on two aspects at the core of most models: the role of convective turbulence, and the role of the ‘tachocline’ at the base of the convection zone. The shorter



# **Tomorrow**

- MHD on the computer
- Numerical aspects
- Simple wave experiments

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## Numerical Experiments

Numerical Experiments, School on Astrophysical Turbulence and Dynamos, ICTP Trieste, 20-30 April 2009, by Axel Brandenburg & Boris Dintrabs

  - [MHD course \(Stockholm, January 2012\)](#)
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