



# Tutorials: ПОНАВЛАНЕ ЈЕ МАЈКА ЗНАНА

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# The Sun: a few numbers

- Mass =  $1.99 \cdot 10^{30}$  kg (=  $1 M_{\odot}$ )
- Average density =  $1.4$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Luminosity =  $3.84 \cdot 10^{26}$  W (=  $1 L_{\odot}$ )
- Effective temperature =  $5777$  K (G2 V)
- Core temperature =  $15 \cdot 10^6$  K
- Surface gravitational acceleration  $g = 274$  m/s<sup>2</sup>
- Age =  $4.55 \cdot 10^9$  years (from meteorite isotopes)
- Radius =  $6.96 \cdot 10^5$  km
- Distance =  $1$  AU =  $1.496$  (+/-0.025)  $10^8$  km
- $1$  arc sec =  $722 \pm 12$  km on solar surface (elliptical Earth orbit)
- Rotation period =  $27$  days at equator (sidereal, i.e. as seen from Earth; Carrington rotation)

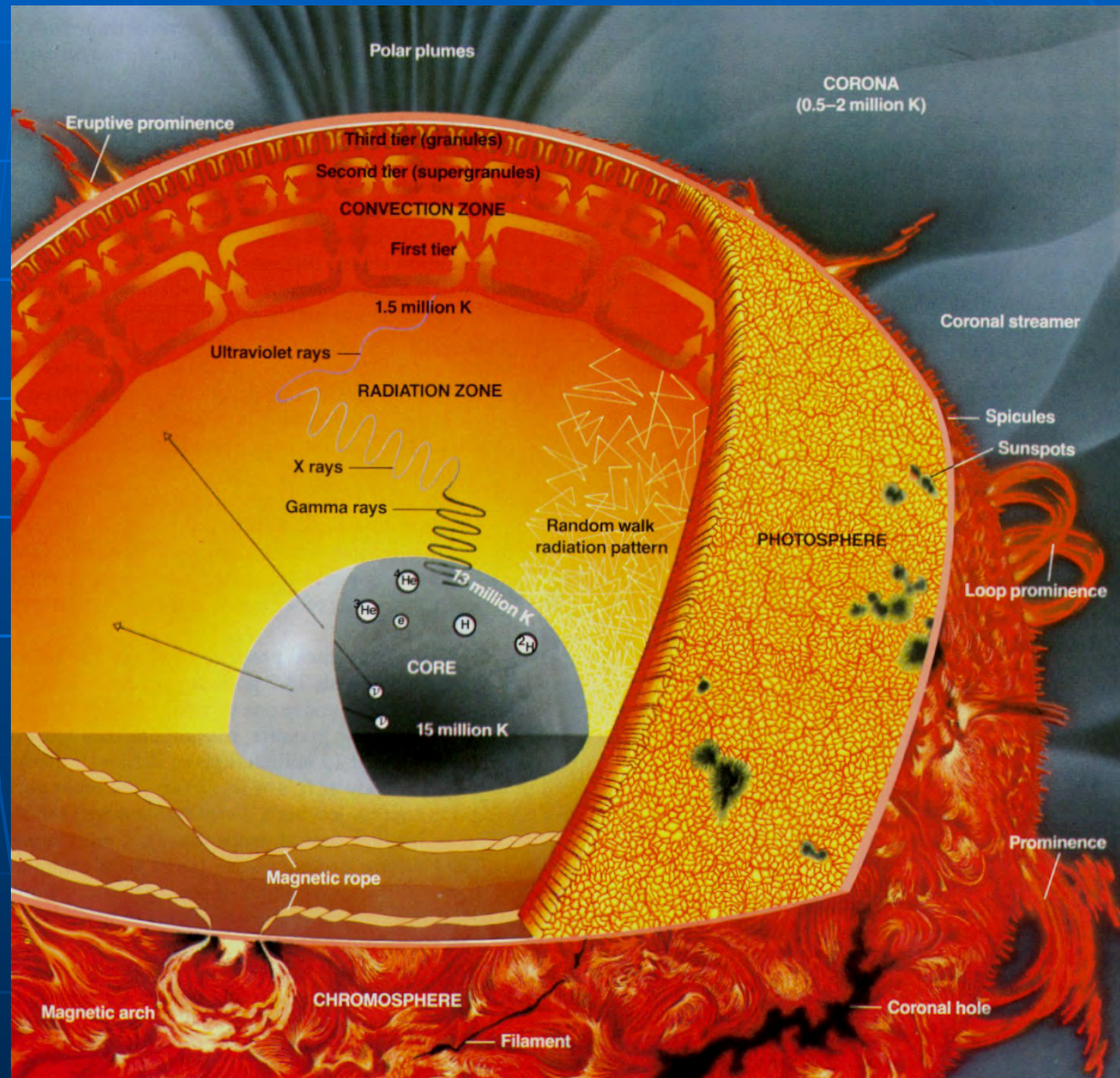
# The Sun's Structure

## Solar interior:

- Everything below the Sun's (optical) surface
- Divided into hydrogen-burning core, radiative and convective zones

## Solar atmosphere:

- Directly observable part of the Sun.
- Divided into photosphere, chromosphere, corona, heliosphere



# Nuclear reactions of CNO-cycle

- C, N and O act only as catalysts: Basically the same things happens as with proton chain.

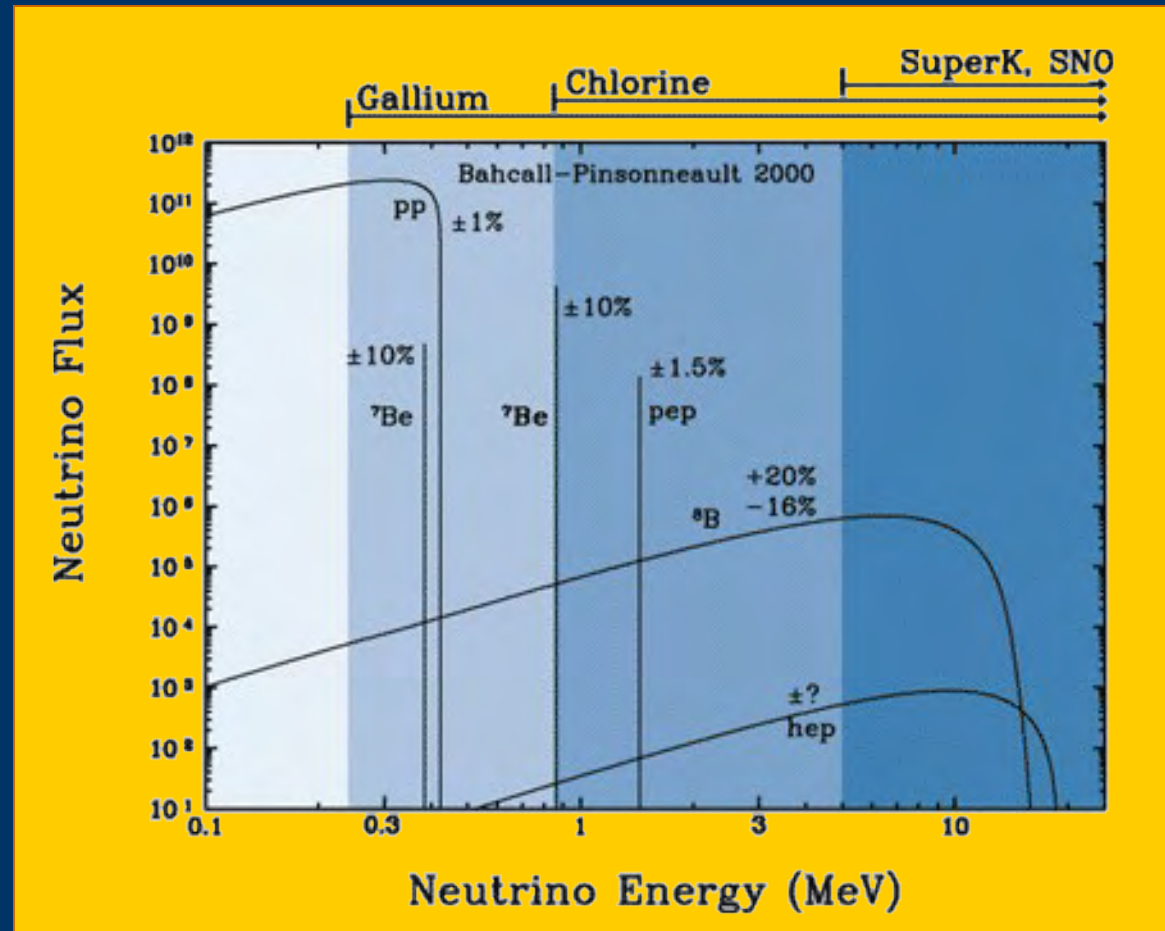
**Table 2.2.** Nuclear reactions of the CNO cycle. Energy values according to Bahcall and Ulrich (1988) and Caughlan and Fowler (1988)

Reaction	$Q'$ [MeV]	$Q_\nu$ [MeV]	Rate symbol
$^{12}\text{C}(p,\gamma)^{13}\text{N}$	1.944		$\lambda_{p12}$
$^{13}\text{N}(e^+\nu)^{13}\text{C}$	1.513	0.707	$\lambda_{13}$
$^{13}\text{C}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{N}$	7.551		$\lambda_{p13}$
$^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$	7.297		$\lambda_{p14}$
$^{15}\text{O}(e^+\nu)^{15}\text{N}$	1.757	0.997	$\lambda_{15}$
$^{15}\text{N}(p,\alpha)^{12}\text{C}$	4.966		$\lambda_{p15}$

# Solar Neutrinos

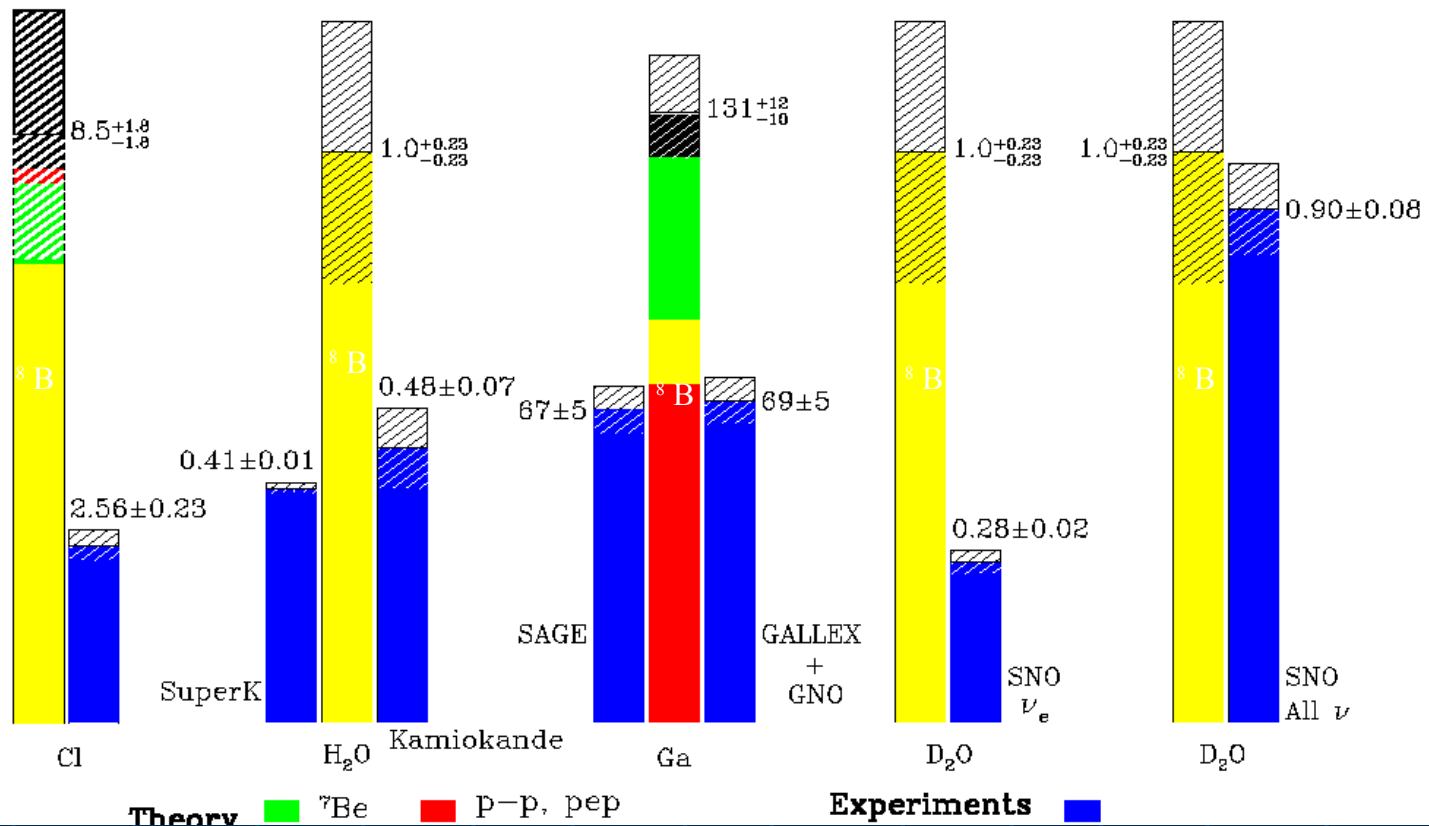
*J. Bahcall*

- Solar neutrinos escape from the solar centre in seconds, have been observed on Earth, and so bring us direct immediate information about the deep solar interior.



# Neutrino results

**Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment**  
Bahcall-Pinsonneault 2004



# Neutrino oscillations

$$\nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau$$

Neutrinos produced:  $\nu_e$

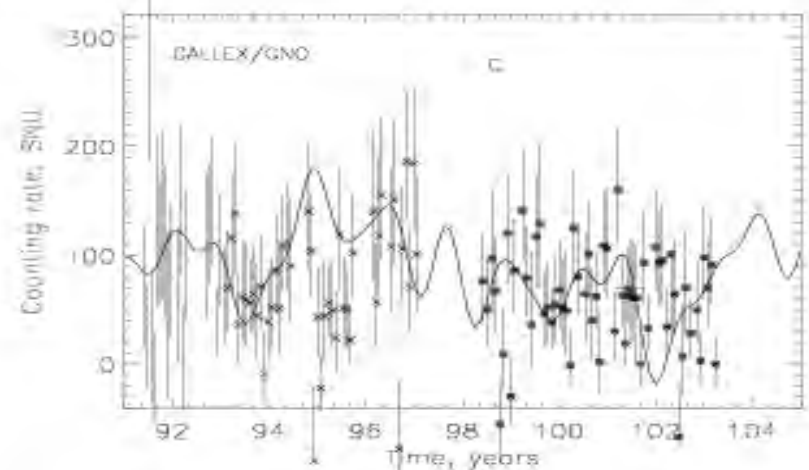
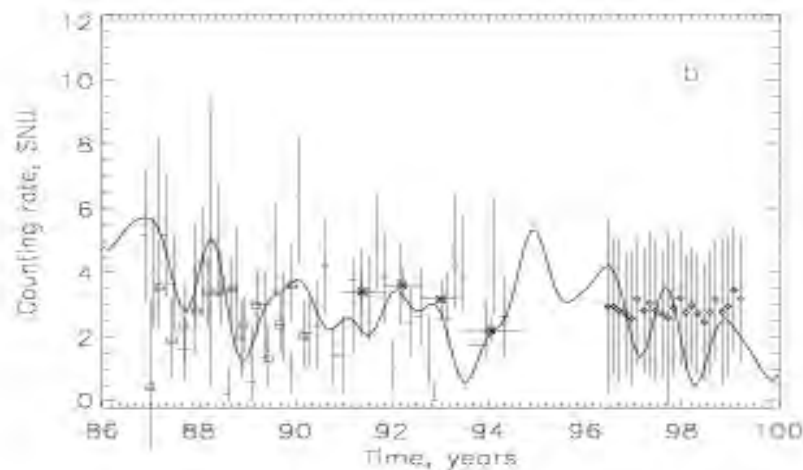
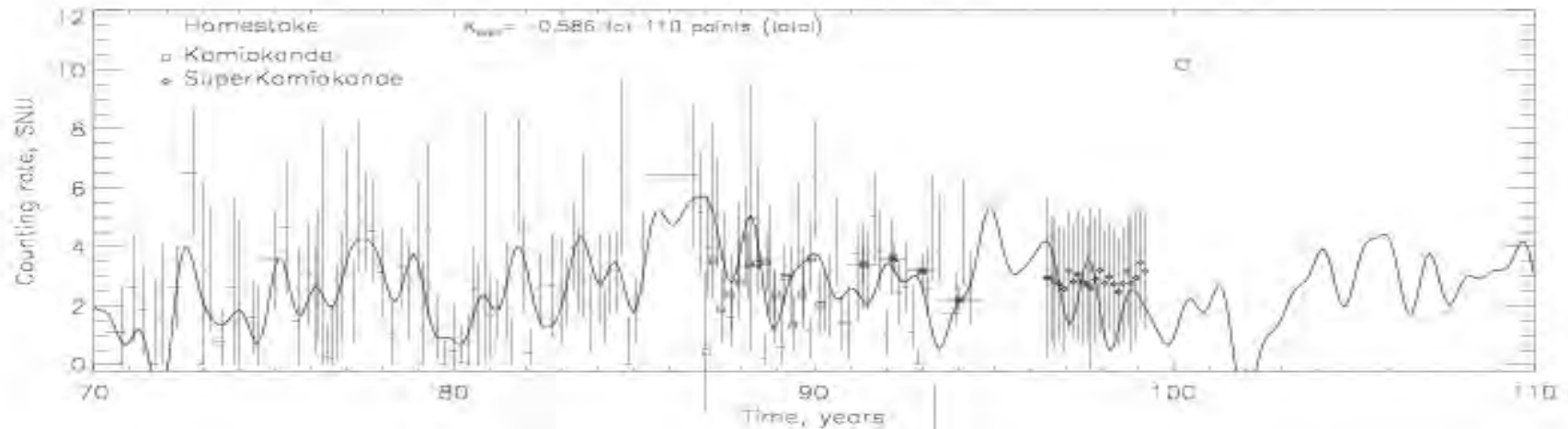
Neutrinos detected:

- $^{37}\text{Cl}, ^{71}\text{Ga}$  :  $\nu_e$
- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :  $\nu_e$  (and some  $\nu_\mu$  or  $\nu_\tau$ )

**Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (heavy-water detector):**

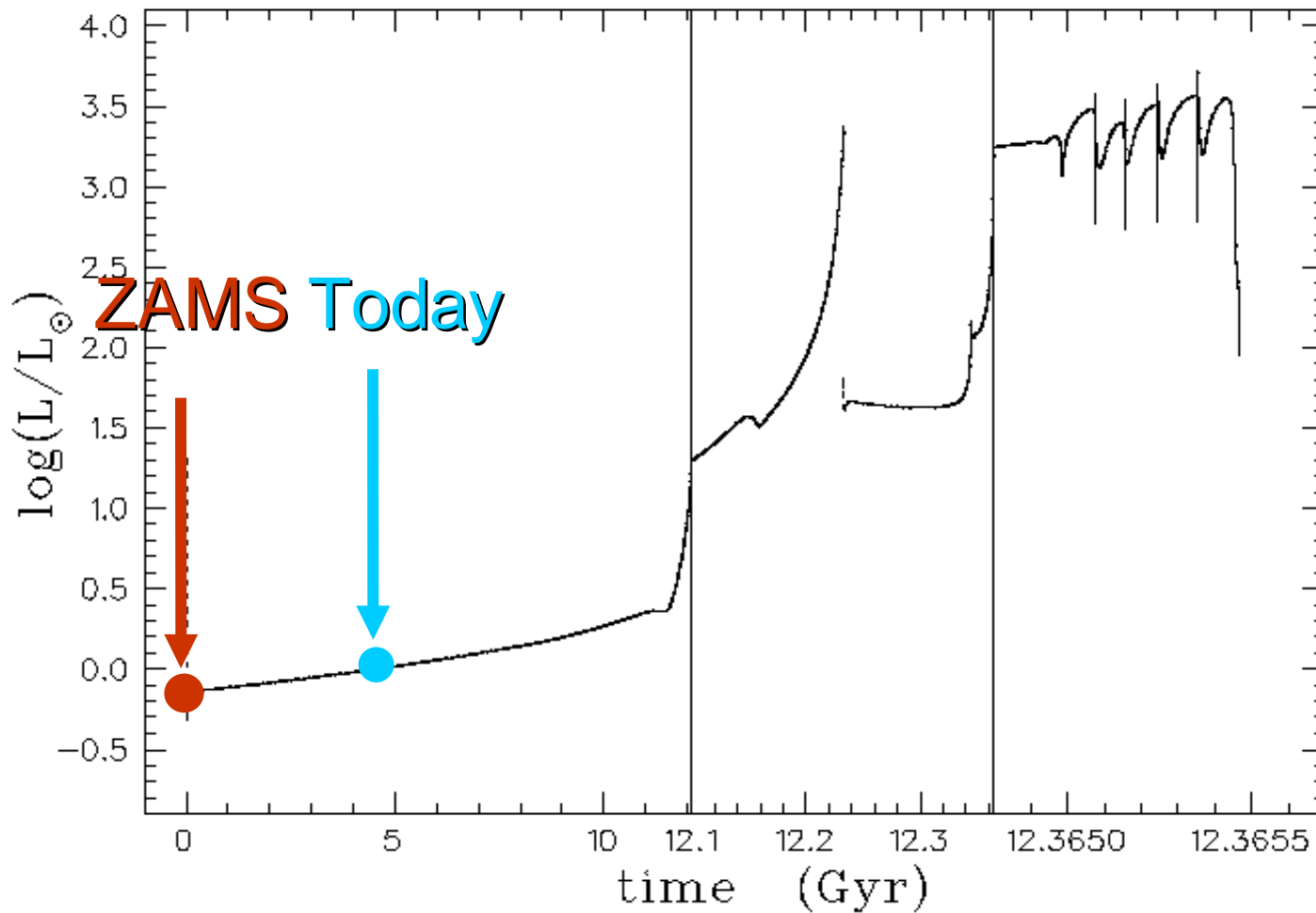


# Neutrino detectors and Phenomenological model



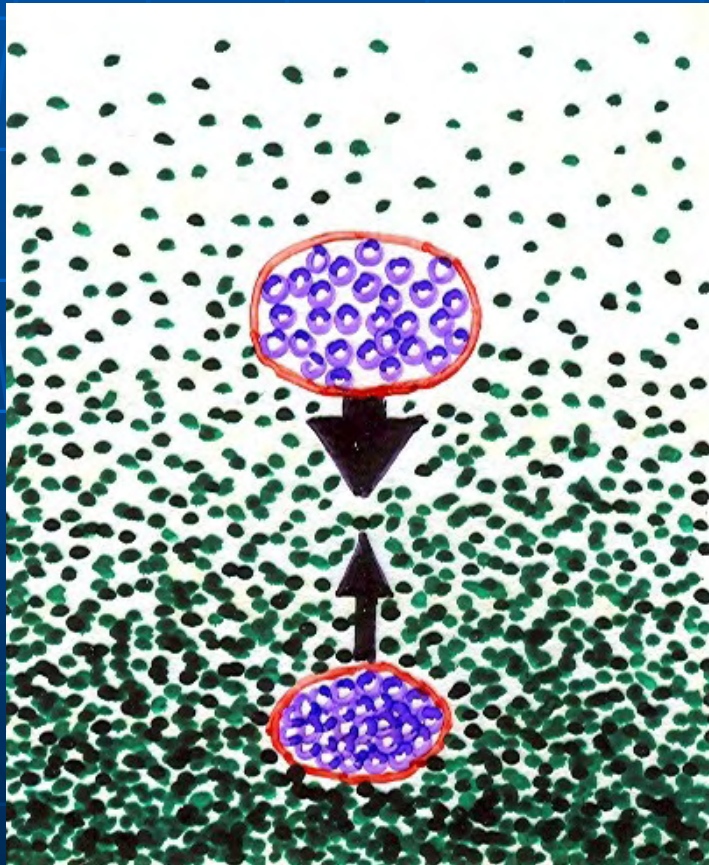


# Evolution of Sun's luminosity

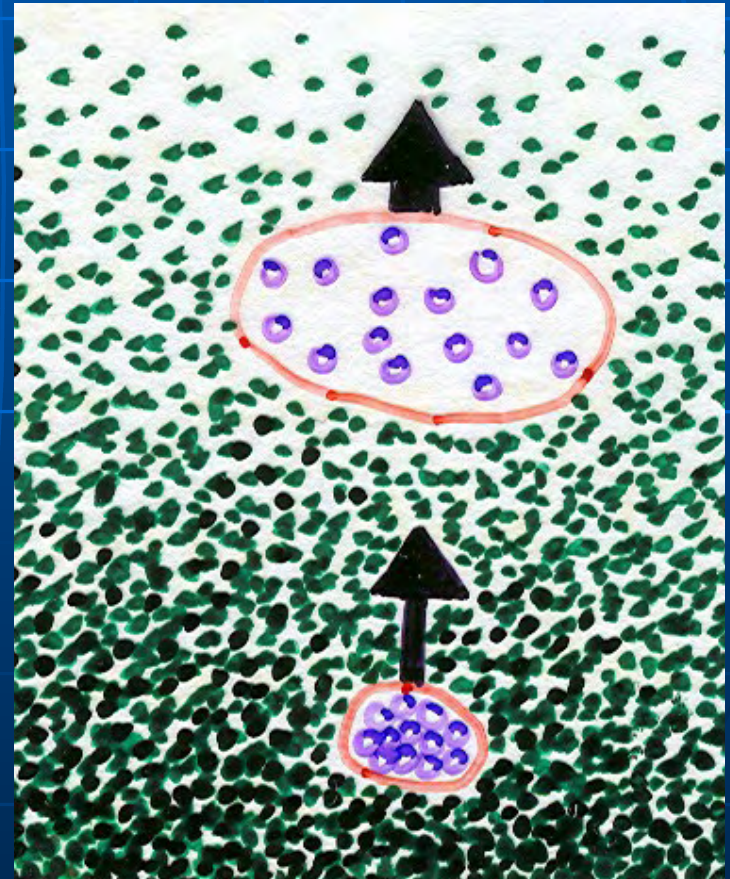


# Illustration of convectively stable and unstable situations

Convectively **stable**



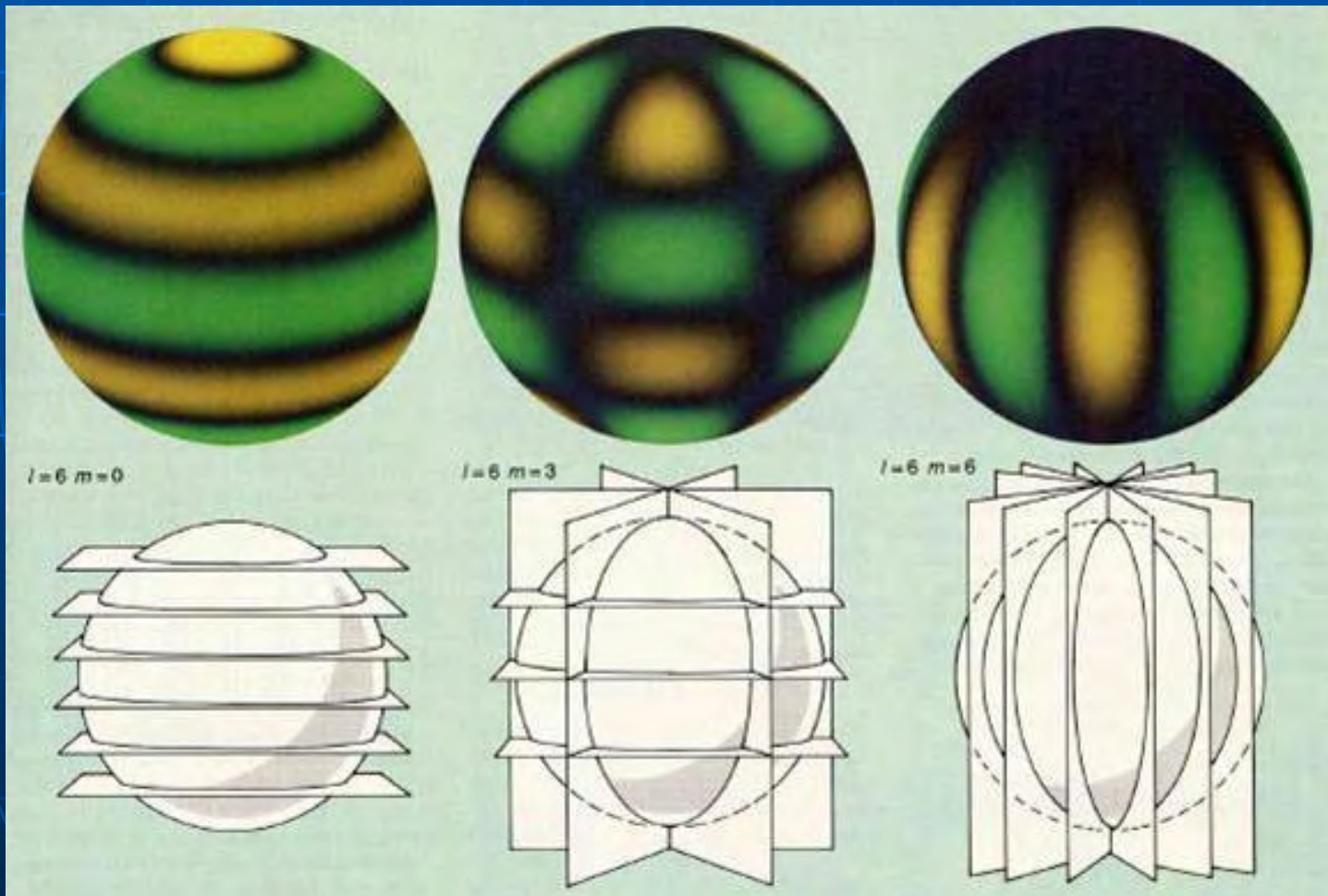
Convectively **unstable**



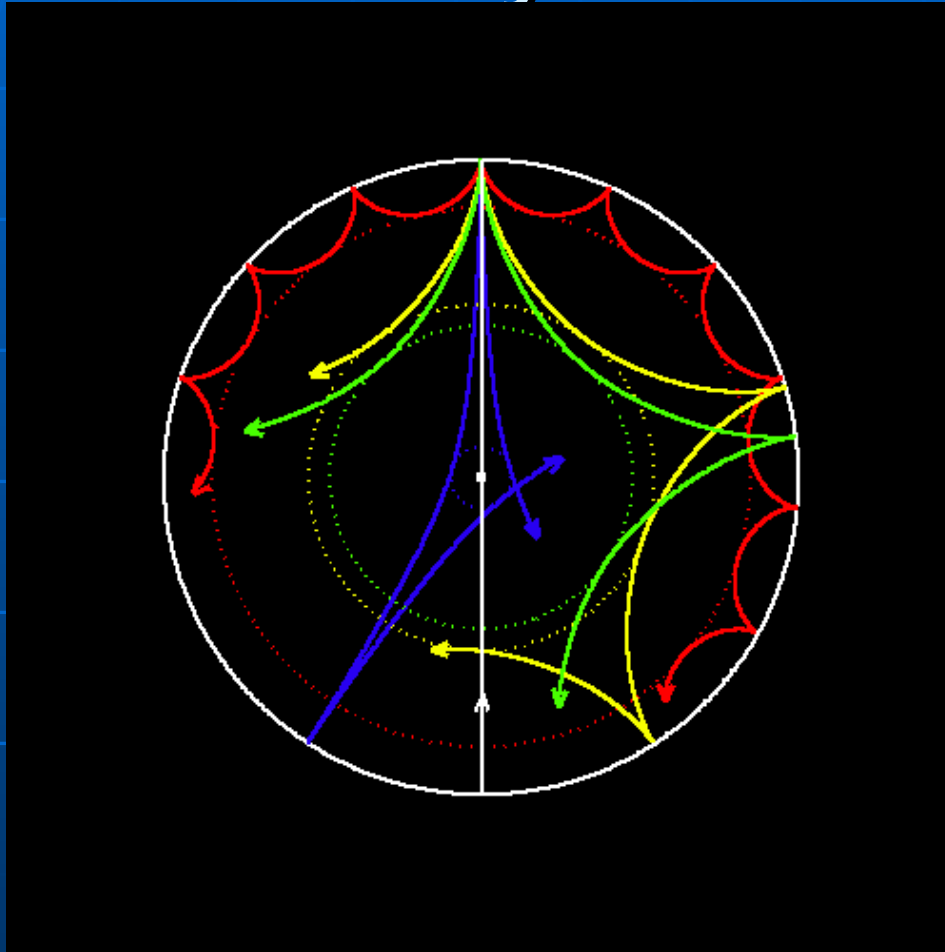
# Oscillations and helioseismology

# Illustration of spherical harmonics

- $l$  = total number of nodes (in images:  $l = 6$ ) = degree
- $m$  = number of nodes connecting the “poles”



# Rays



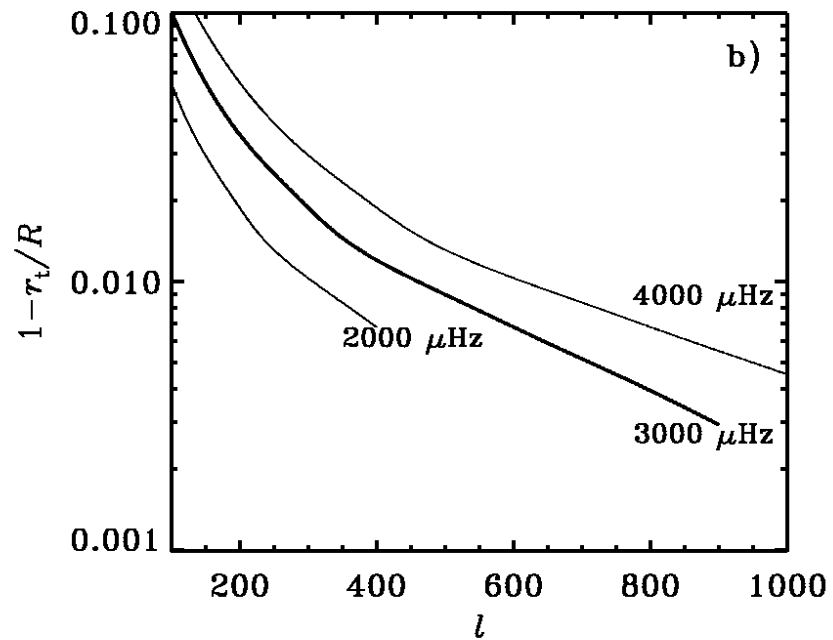
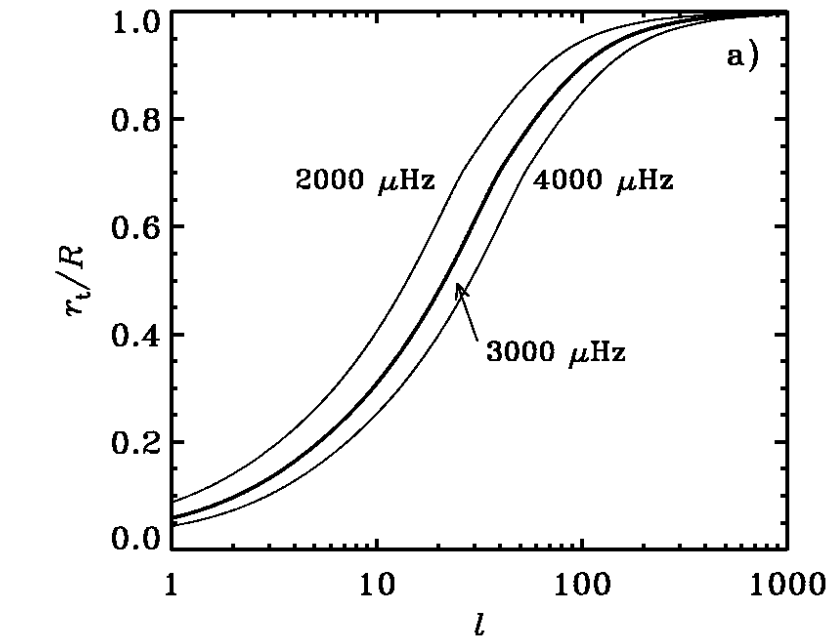
$$k_r = \left[ \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

Turning point:  $\frac{c(r_t)}{r_t} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}}$

# Global oscillations

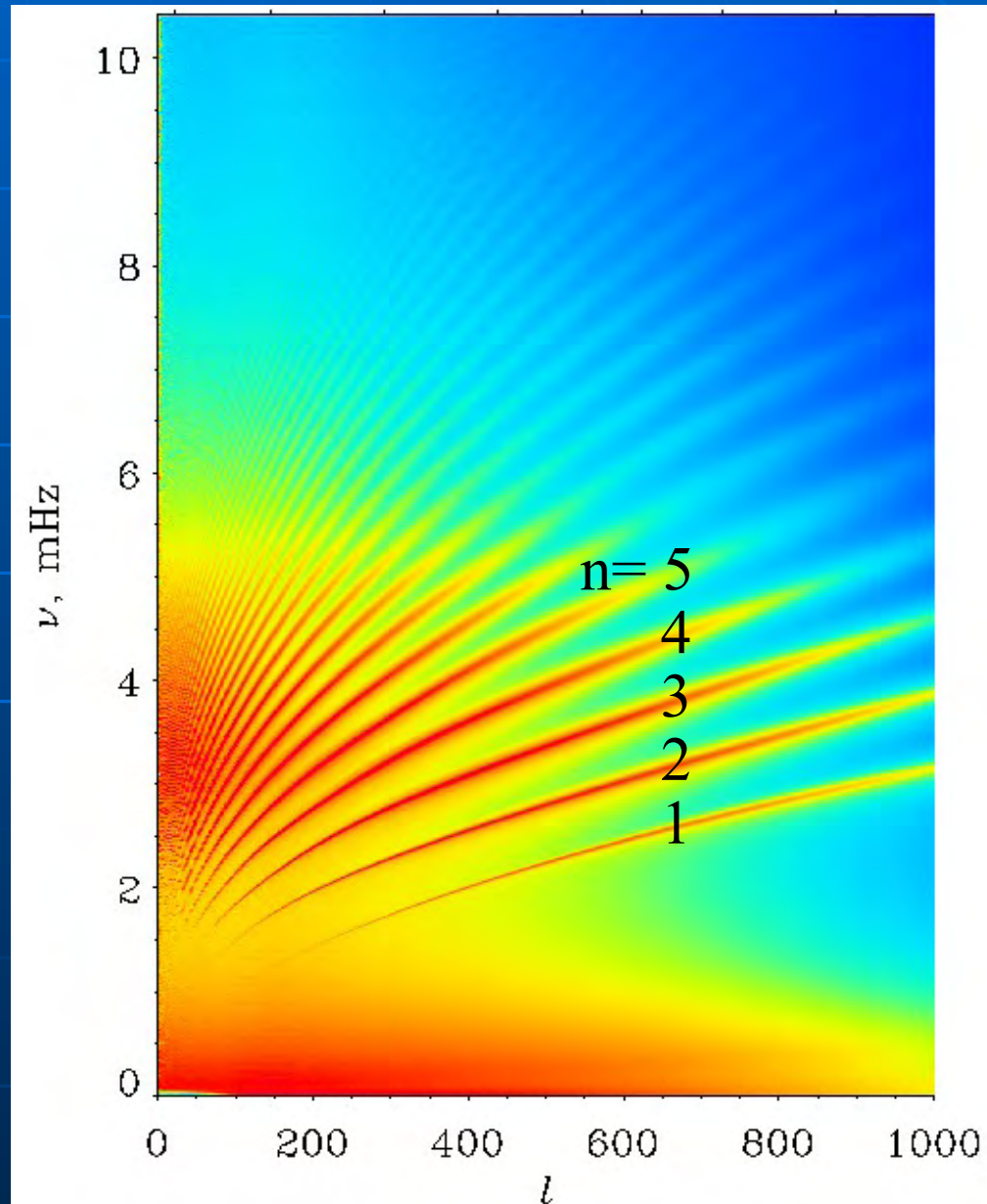
- The Sun's acoustic waves bounce from one side of the Sun to the other, causing the Sun's surface to oscillate up and down. They are reflected at the solar surface.
- Modes differ in the depth to which they penetrate: they turn around because sound speed ( $C_s \sim T^{1/2}$ ) increases with depth (refraction)
- p-modes are influenced by conditions inside the Sun. E.g. they carry info on sound speed
- By observing these oscillations on the surface we can learn about the structure of the solar interior

# Location of turning point



# Interpretation of $k$ - $\omega$ or $\nu$ - $l$ diagram

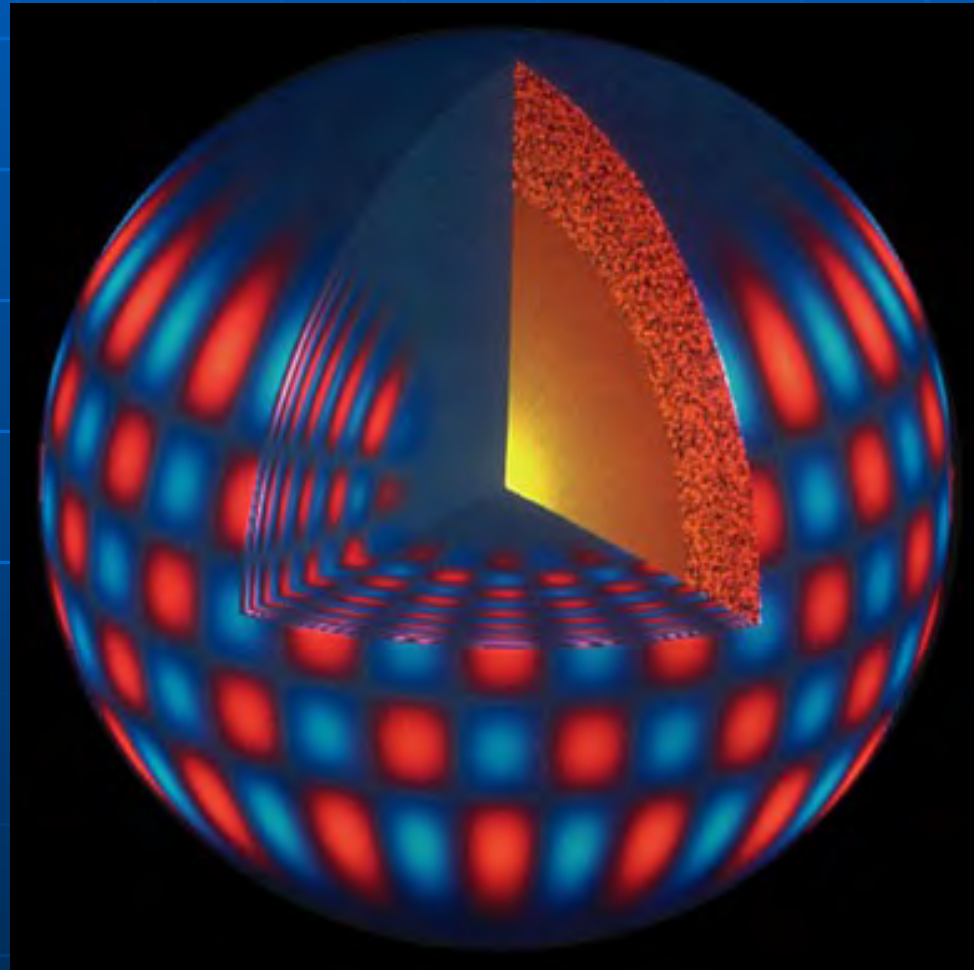
- At a fixed  $l$ , different frequencies show significant power. Each of these power ridges belongs to a different order  $n$  ( $n$  = number of radial nodes), with  $n$  increasing from bottom to top.
- Typical are small values of  $n$ , but intermediate to large degree  $l$ .





# Description of solar eigenmodes

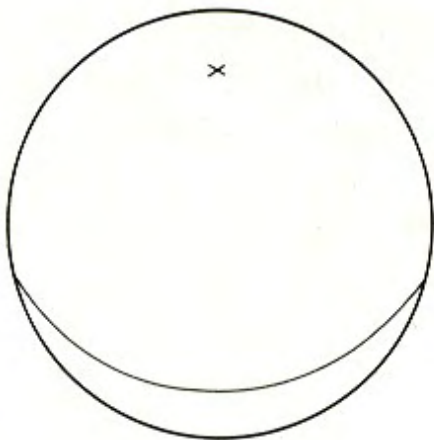
- Eigen-oscillations of a sphere are described by spherical harmonics
- Each oscillation mode is identified by a set of three parameters:
  - $n$  = number of radial nodes
  - $l$  = number of nodes on the solar surface
  - $m$  = number of nodes passing through the poles (next slide)



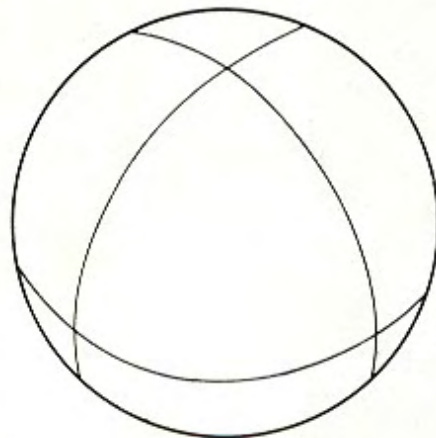
# More examples and a problem with identifying spherical harmonics

- General problem: Since we see only half of the Sun, the decomposition of the sum of all oscillations into spherical harmonics isn't unique.
- This results in an uncertainty in the deduced  $l$  and  $m$

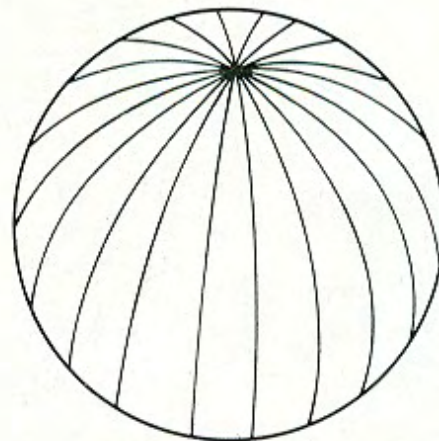
$l=1$   $m=0$



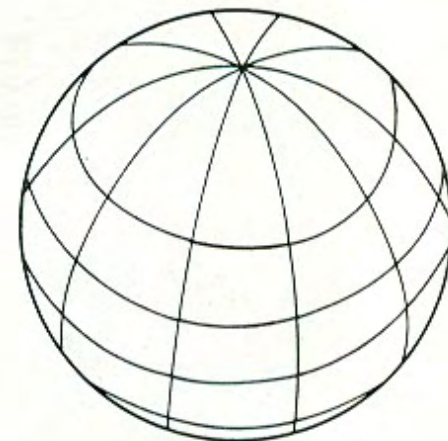
$l=3$   $m=2$



$l=10$   $m=10$

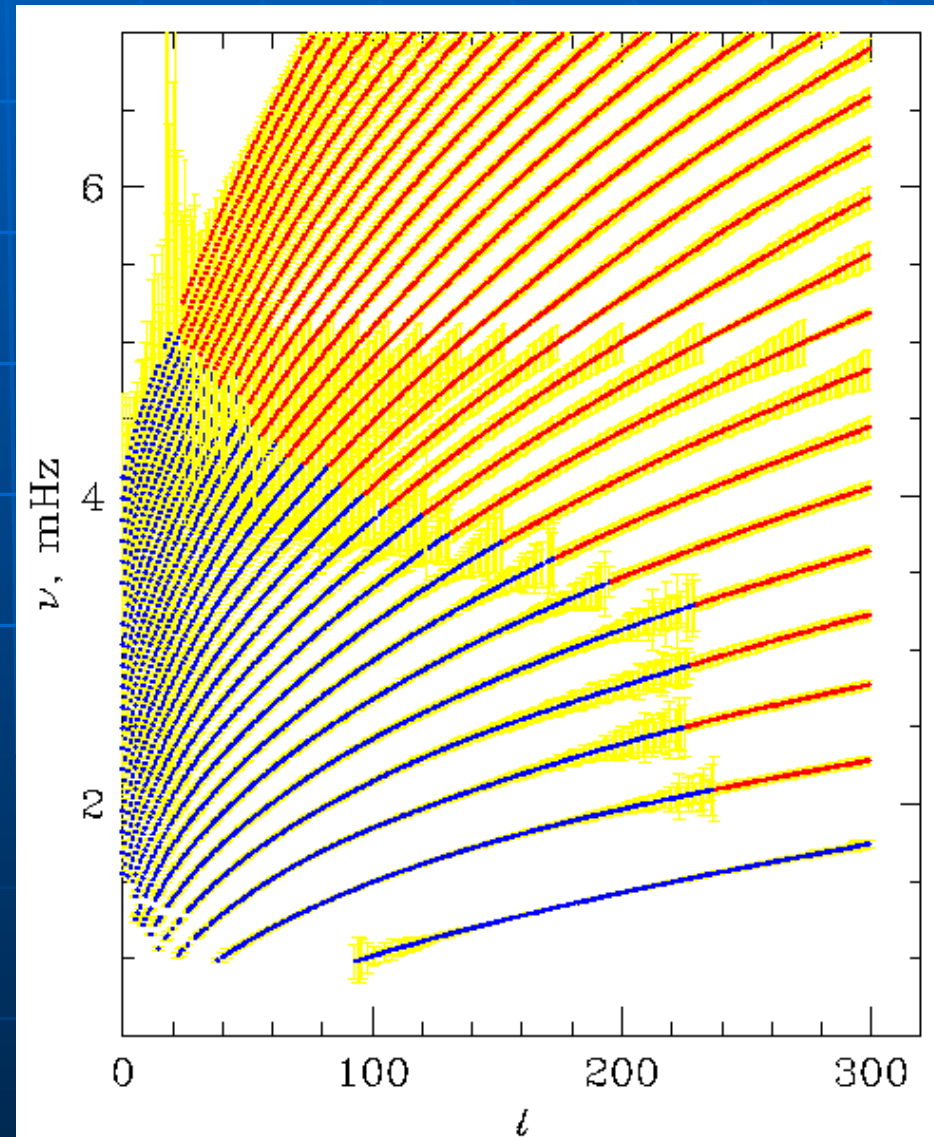


$l=10$   $m=5$



# Accuracy of frequency measurements

- Plotted are identified frequencies and error bars (yellow;  $1000\sigma$  for blue freq.,  $100\sigma$  for red freq. below 5 mHz and  $1\sigma$  for higher freq.)
- Best achievable freq. resolution: a few parts in  $10^5$ ; limit set by mode lifetime  $\sim 100$  d



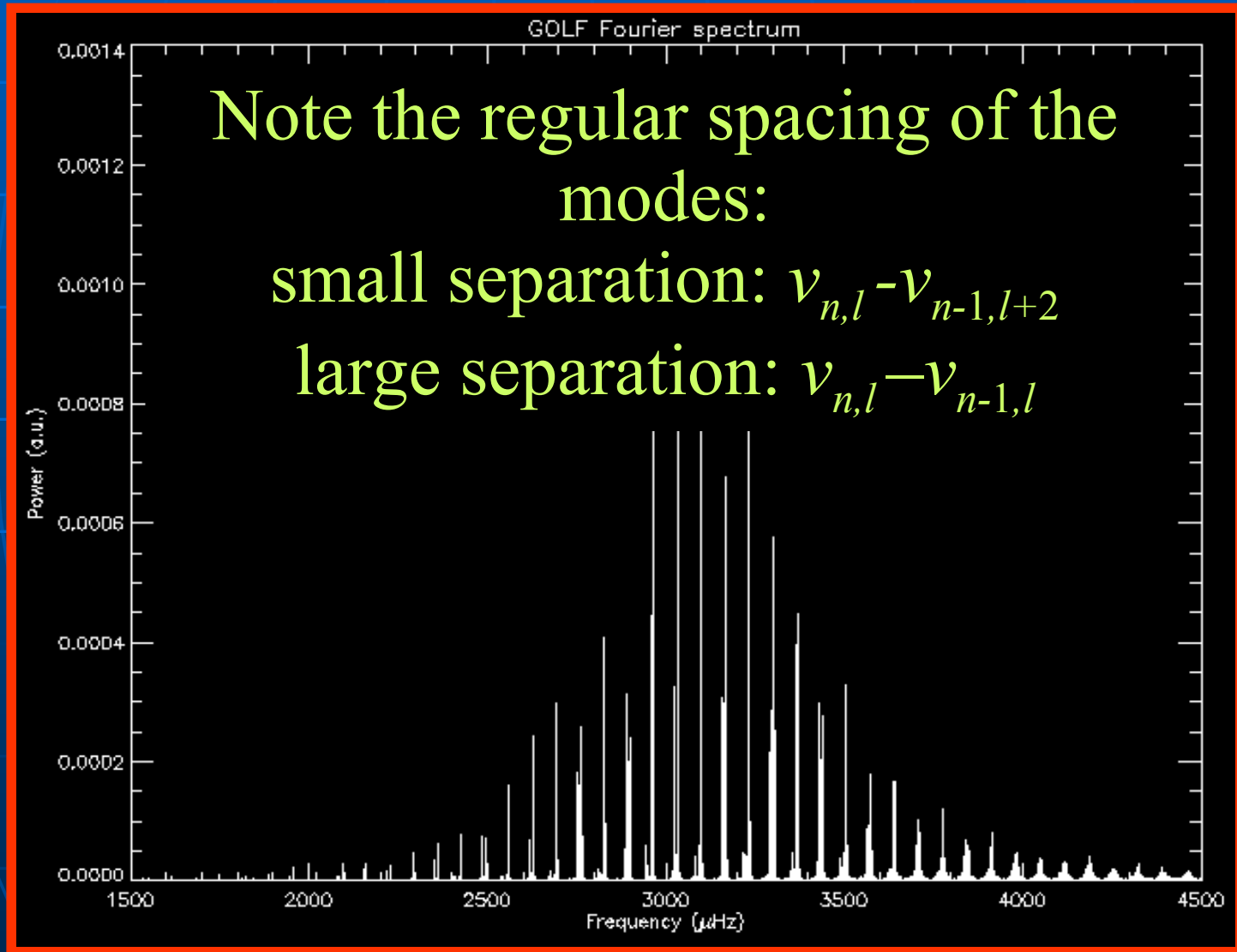
# Frequency vs. amplitude

- Frequencies are the important parameter, more so than the amplitudes of the modes or of the power peaks.
- The amplitudes depend on the excitation, while the frequencies do not. They carry the main information on the structure of the solar interior.
- p-modes are excited by turbulence, which excites all frequencies. However, only at Eigenfrequencies of the Sun can eigenmodes develop.
- Frequencies (being more constant) are also measured with greater accuracy.

# The measured low- $l$ eigenmode signal

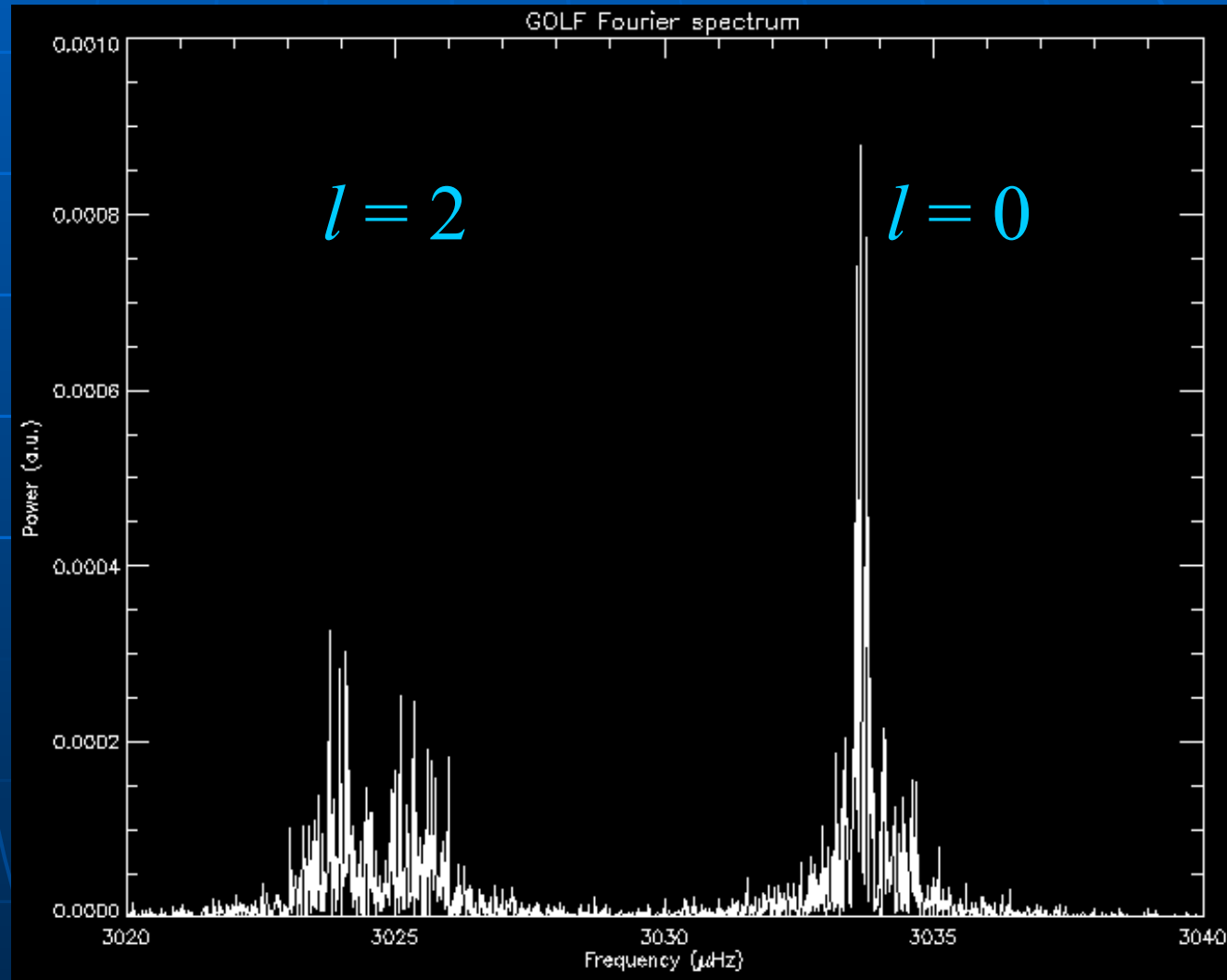
- **Sun seen as a star:** Due to cancellation effects, only modes with  $l=0,1,2$  are visible → simpler power spectrum.
- Low  $l$  modes are important for 2 reasons:
  - They reach particularly deep into the Sun (see cartoon on earlier slide).
  - These are the only modes measurable on other Sun-like stars.
- These modes are sometimes called “global” modes.
- The different peaks of given  $l$  correspond to different  $n$  values ( $n=15\dots25$  are typical).

# Best current low- $l$ power spectrum



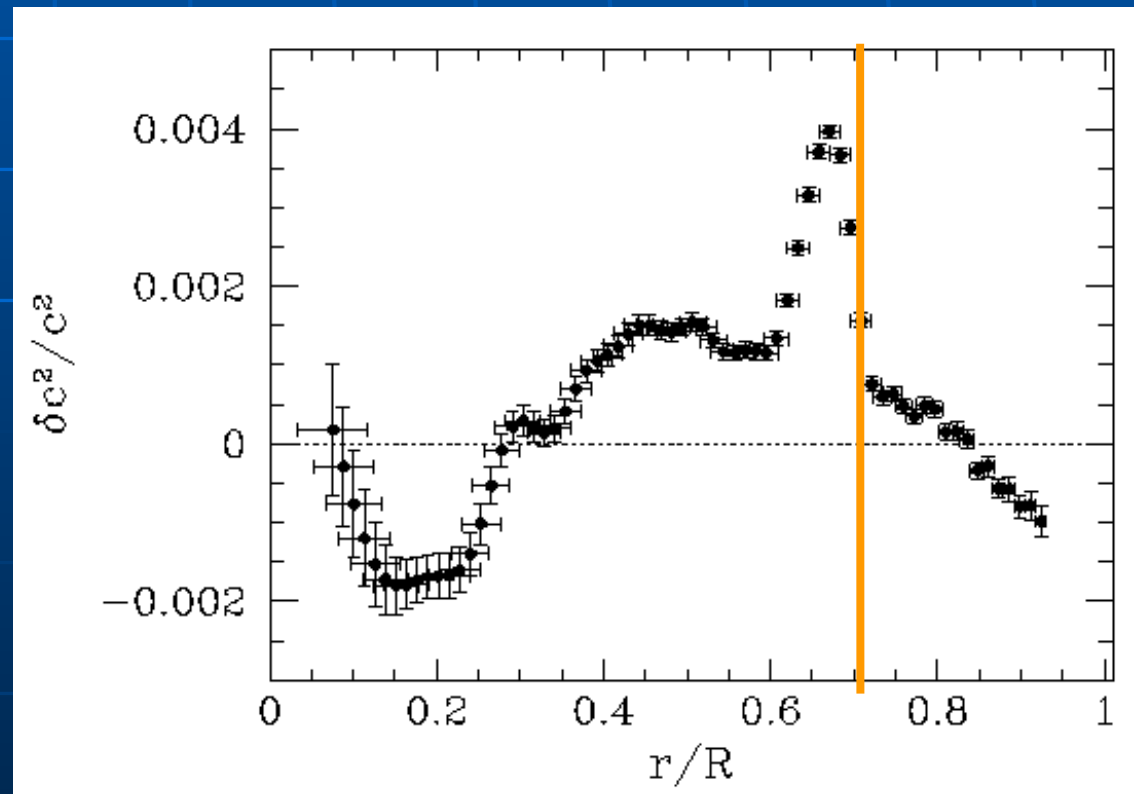
# Mode structure of low $l$ spectrum

- GOLF/SOHO observations showing a blowup of the power spectrum with an  $l = 0$  and an  $l = 2$  mode.
- The noise is due to random re-excitation of the oscillation mode by turbulence



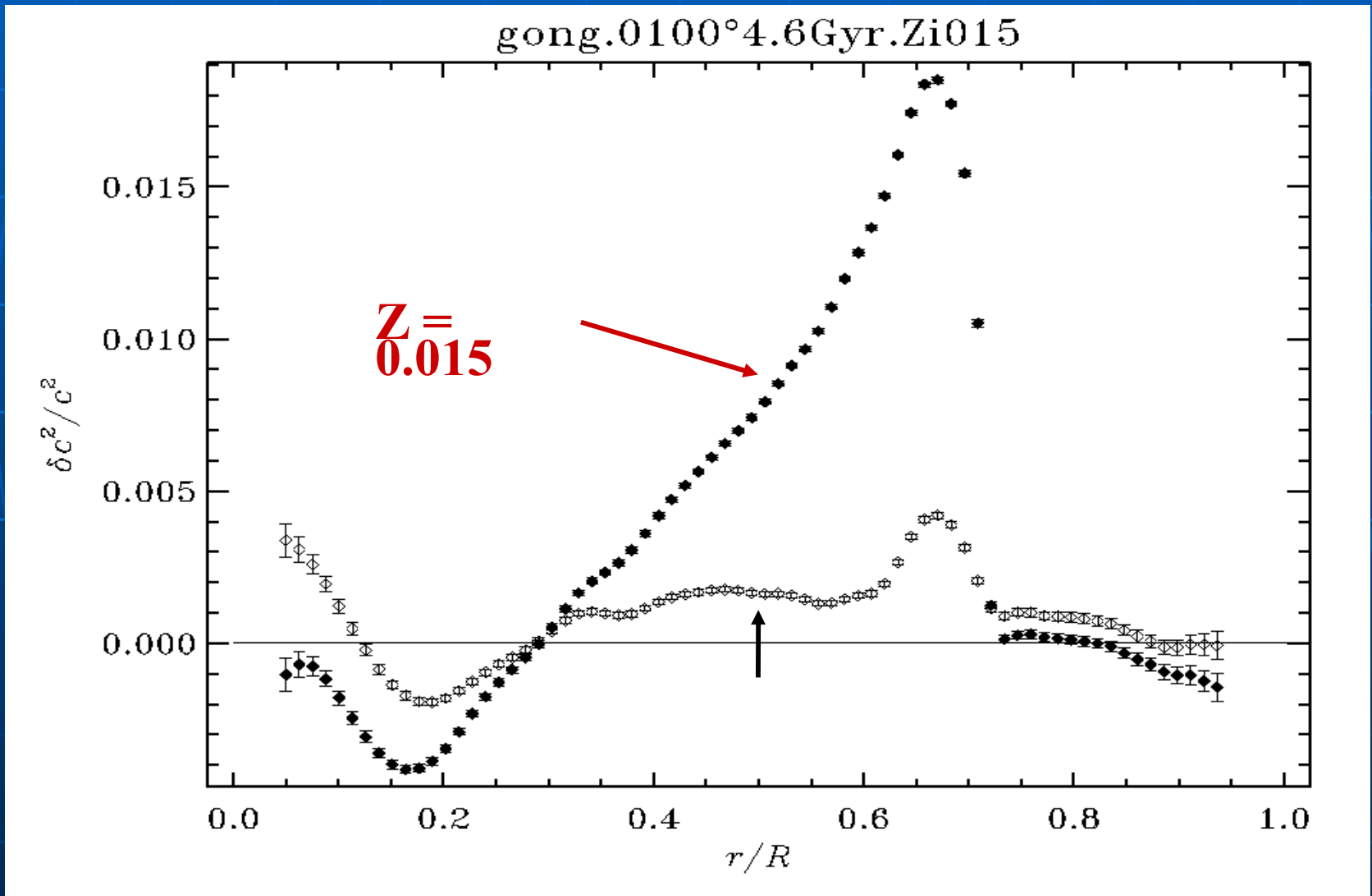
# Testing the standard solar model: results of forward modelling

- Relative difference between  $C_s^2$  obtained from inversions and from standard solar model plotted vs. radial distance from Sun centre.
- Typical difference:  $\rightarrow$  good!
- Typical error bars inversion: poor!
- Problem areas:
  - solar core
  - bottom of CZ
  - solar surface

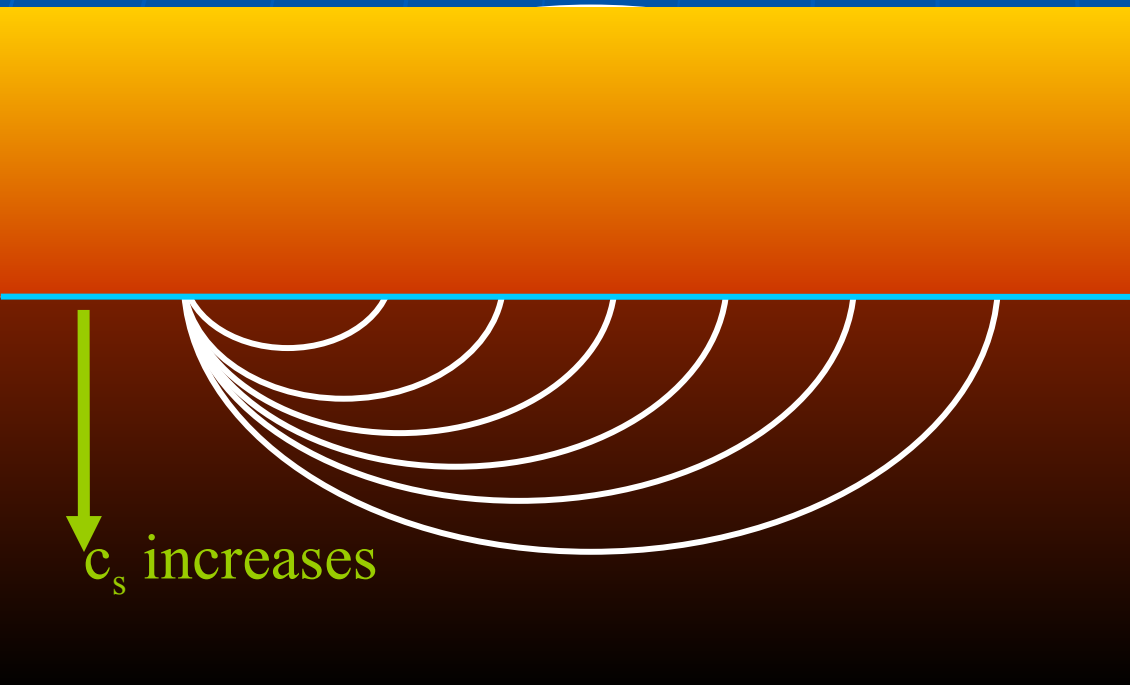




# Revision of solar surface abundances



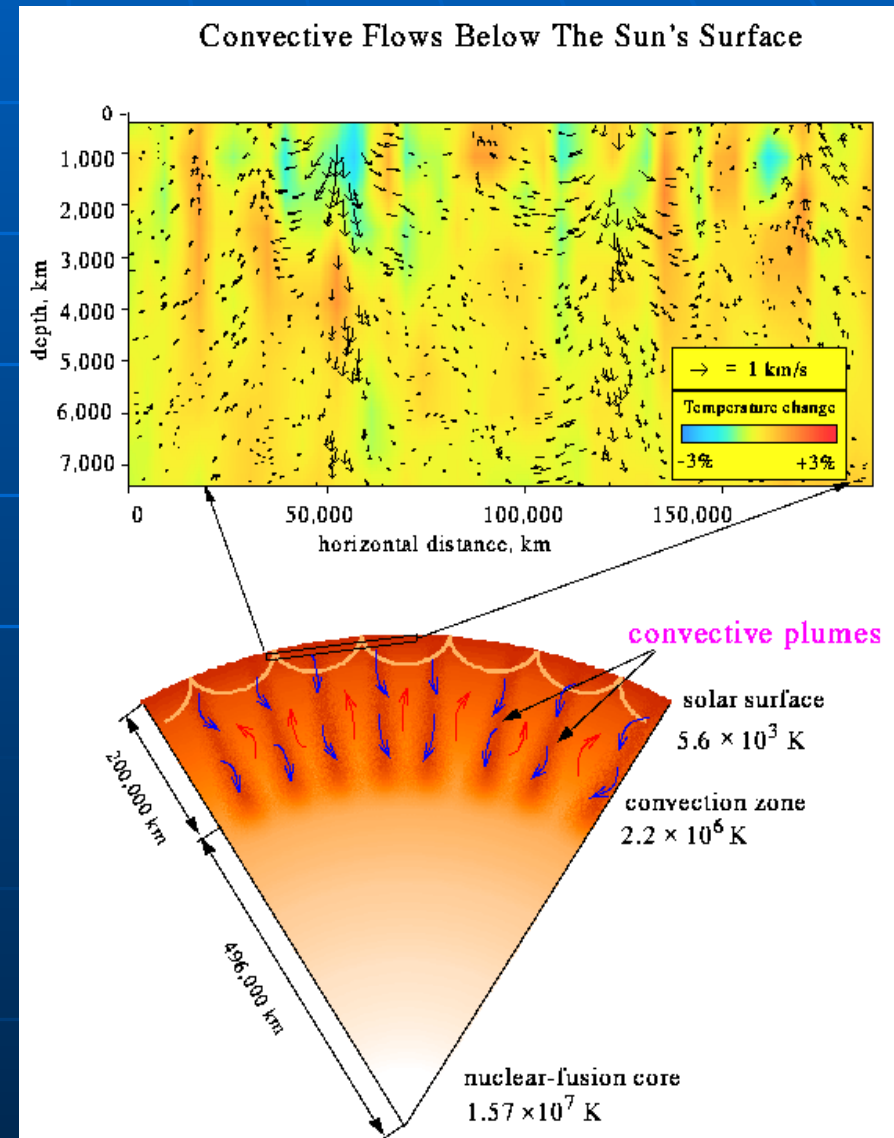
# Local excitation of wave by a flare



- Clear example of wave being triggered.
- The wave is not travelling at the surface, but rather reaching the surface further out at later times. Note how it travels ever faster.  
**Why?**

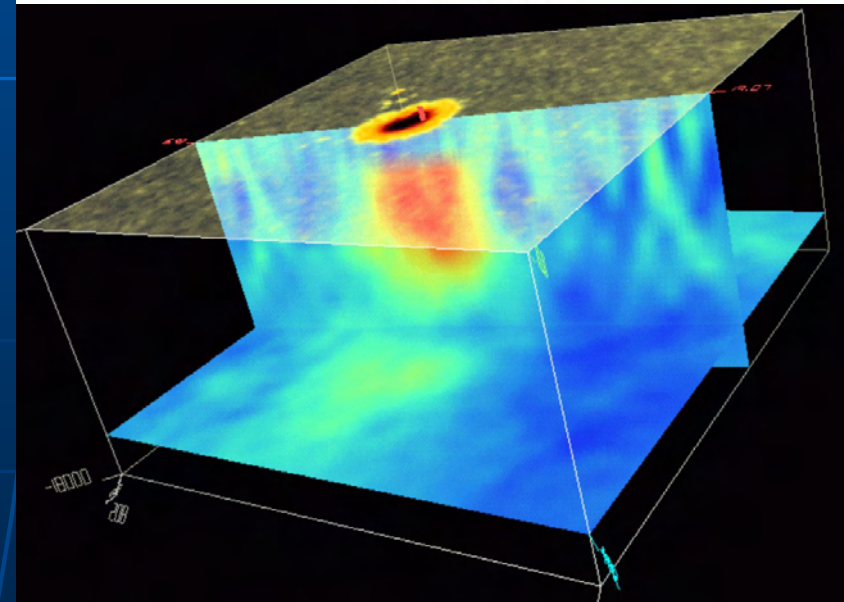
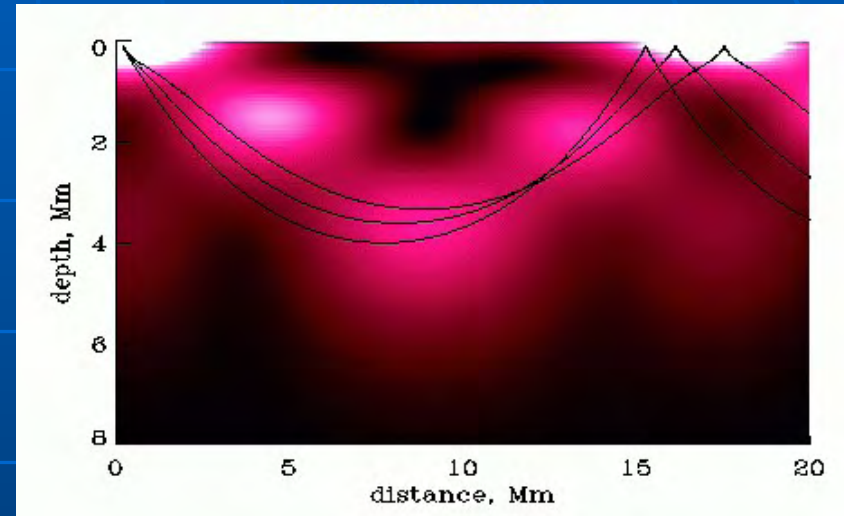
# Local helioseismology II

- Temperature and velocity structures can be distinguished, since a flow directed with the wave will affect it differently than a flow directed the other way (increase/decrease the sound speed).
- By considering waves passing in both directions it is possible to distinguish between T and velocity.
- At right: 1<sup>st</sup> images of convection zone of a star!

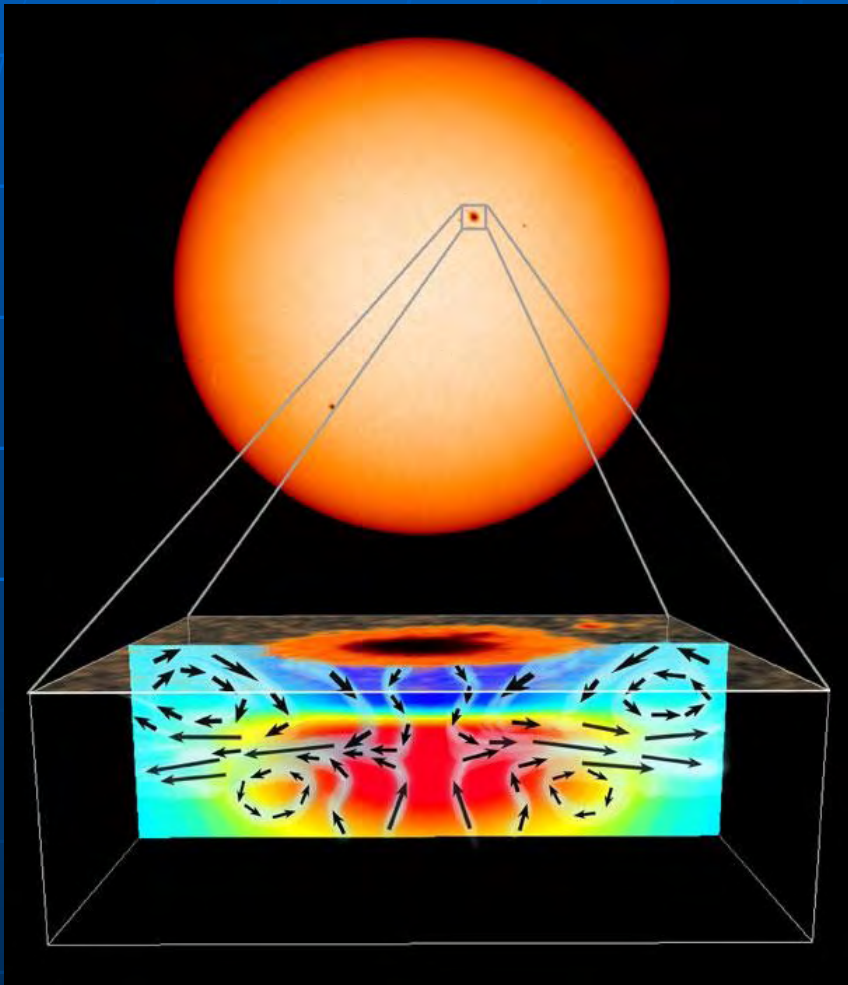


# Time-Distance Helioseismology of a sunspot

- Subsurface structure of sunspots
- Sunspots are good targets, due to the large temperature contrast.
- Major problem: unknown influence of the magnetic field on the waves.



# Time-Distance Helioseismology of a sunspot II

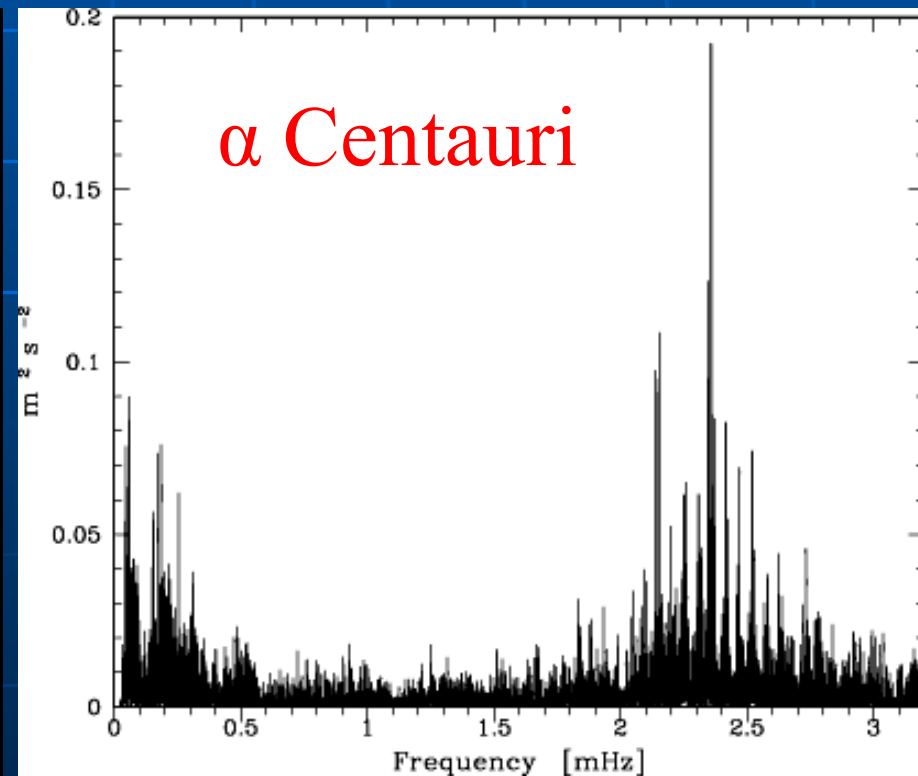
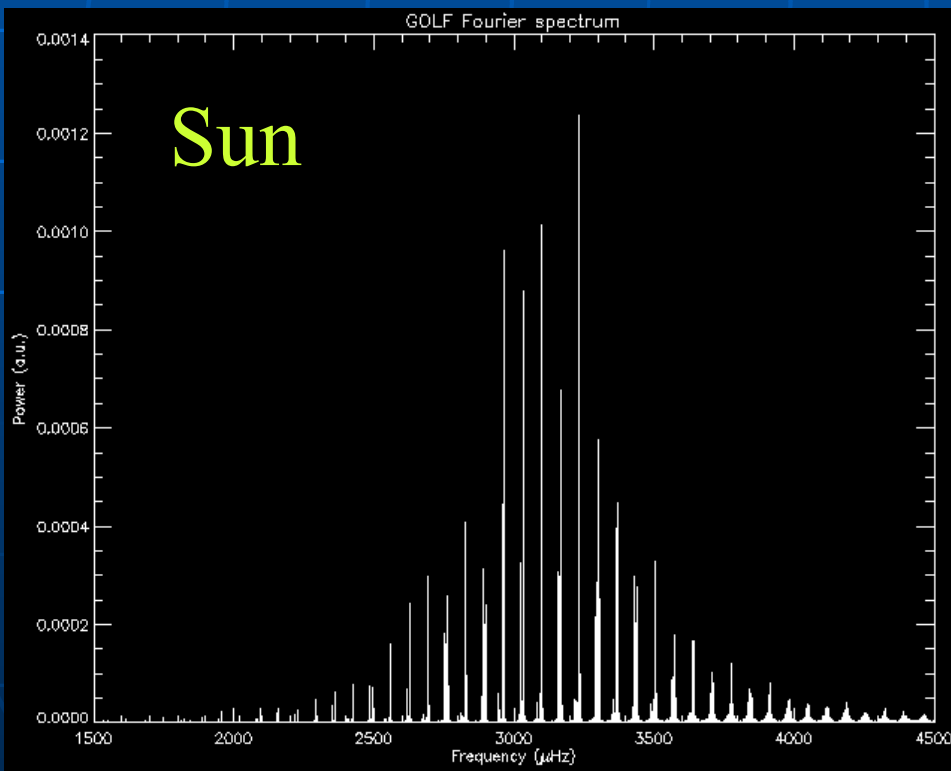


Kosovichev et al. 2000

Zhao et al. 2004

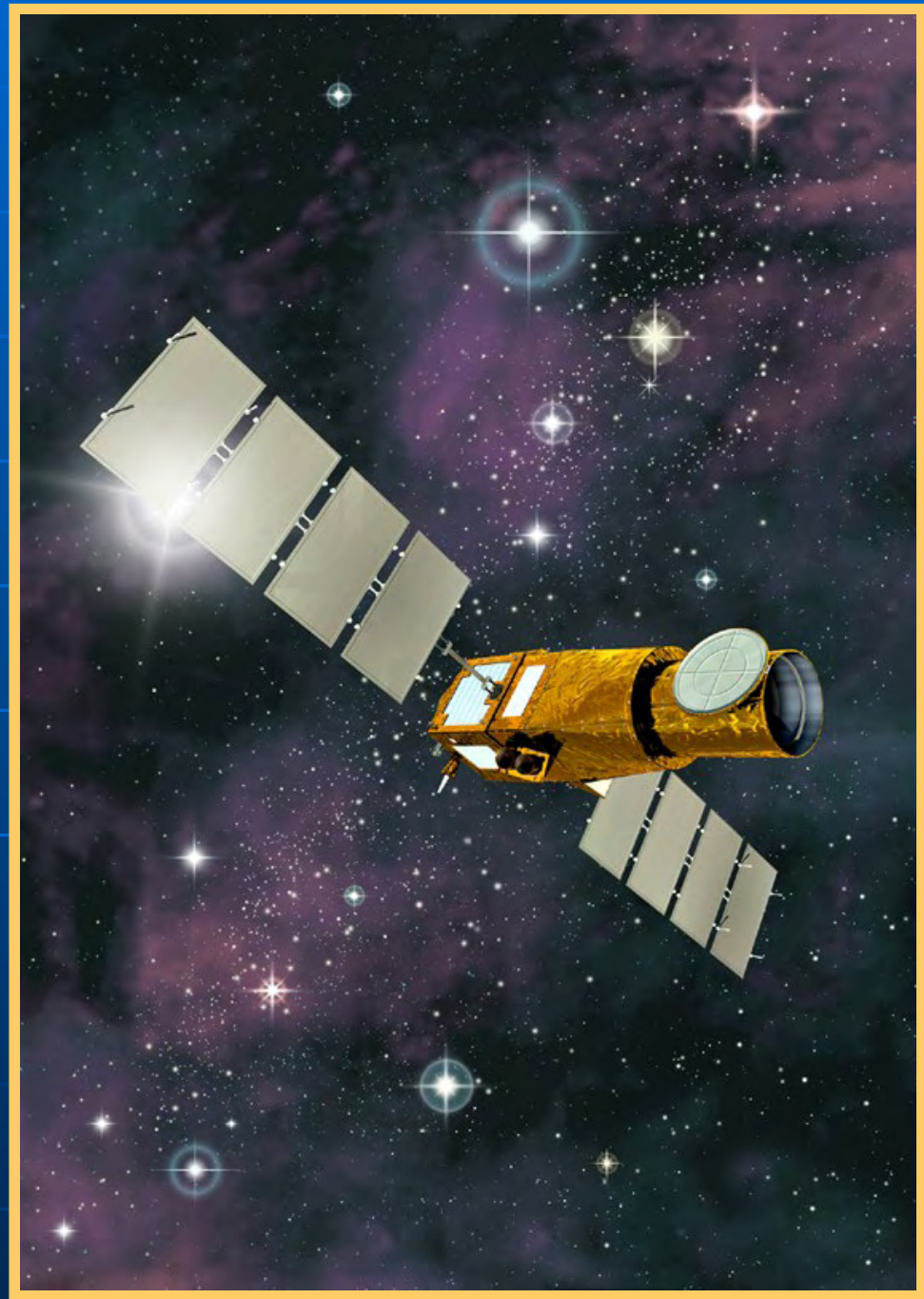
# Asteroseismology

First reliable detection of oscillations on the near solar analogue,  $\alpha$  Centauri, and other Sun-like stars. Note the shift in the p-mode frequency range to lower values for  $\alpha$  Centauri, which is older than the Sun (note also factor  $10^3$  difference in  $\nu$  scale)



# Projects

- Major asteroseismic Space missions:
  - COROT
  - Kepler
- Ground based:
  - ESO 3.6m (HARPS)
  - ESO VLT (UVES)
  - Networks of smaller Telescopes

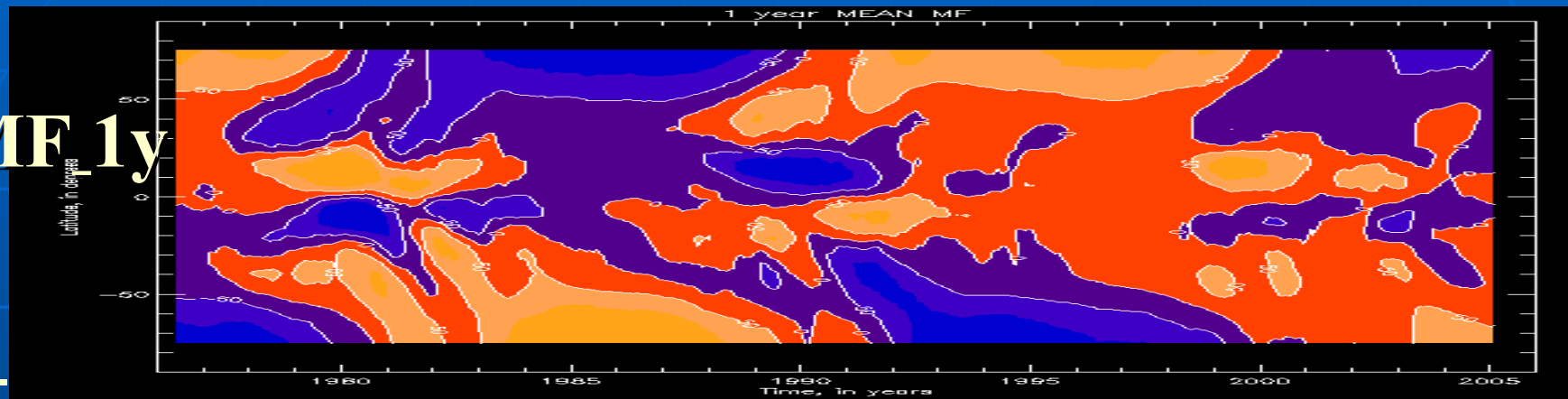


# Latitudinal structure of Solar Magnetic Field

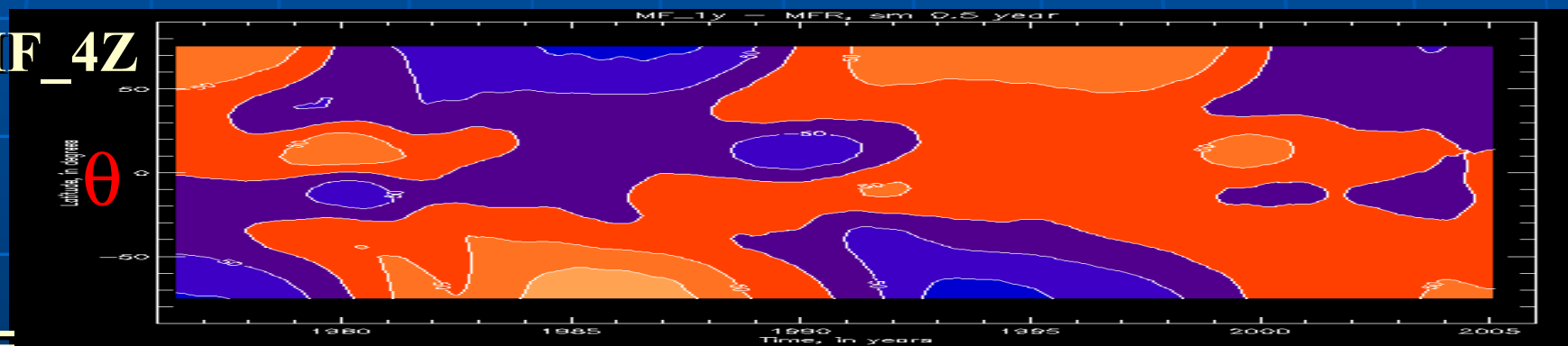


# MF\_1y – MF\_4zones = RMF

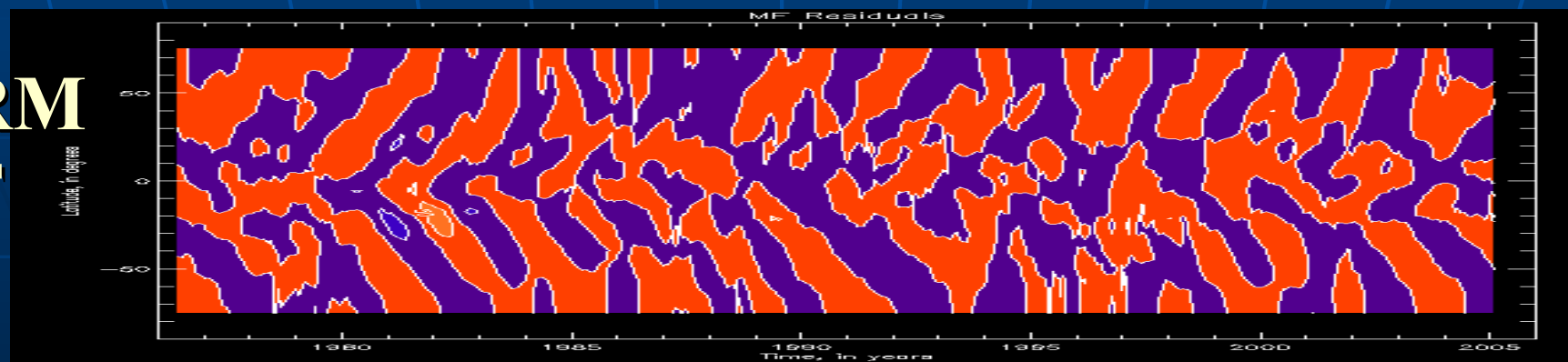
MF\_1y



MF\_4Z

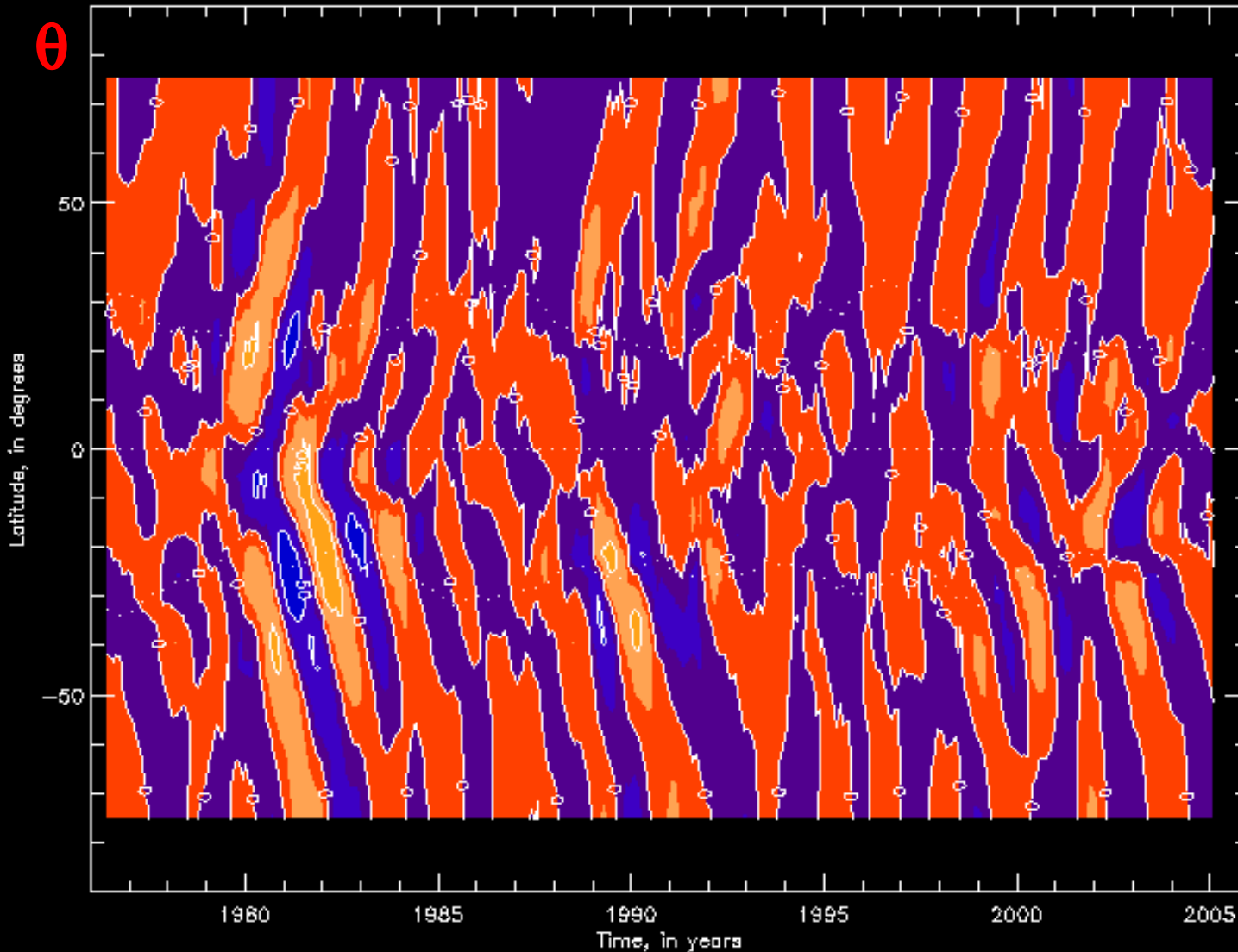


RMF



# MFR = 1-year MF mean - 2-year MF mean

MF Residual = MF\_13CR - MF\_27CR



**Velocity  
40 km/h**

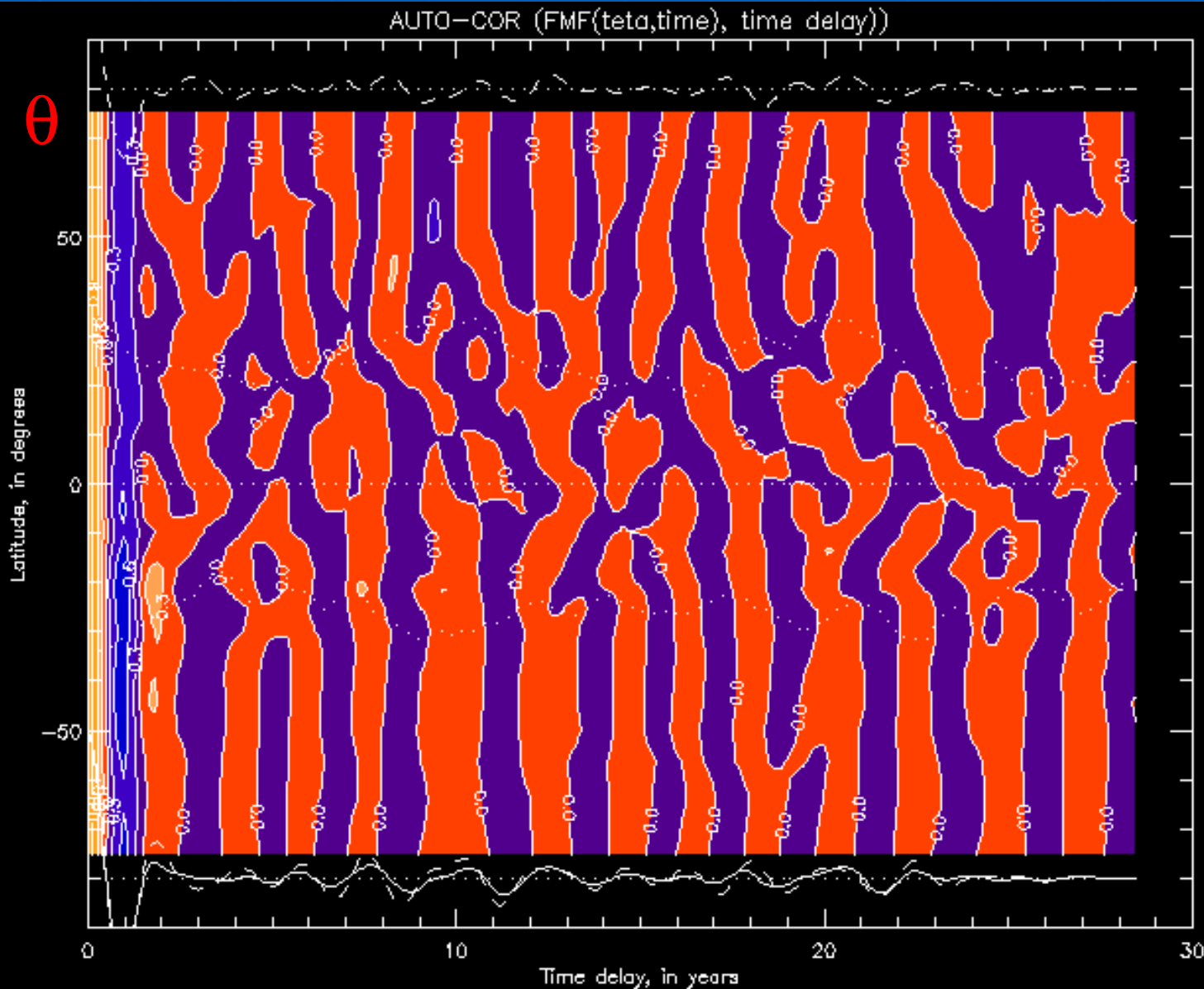
**Interference  
of streams**

**Double  
Maxima**

**It takes 2-3  
years to run  
from  
equator  
to pole**

**Time shift, in years**

# Auto-correlation of SMF Residuals

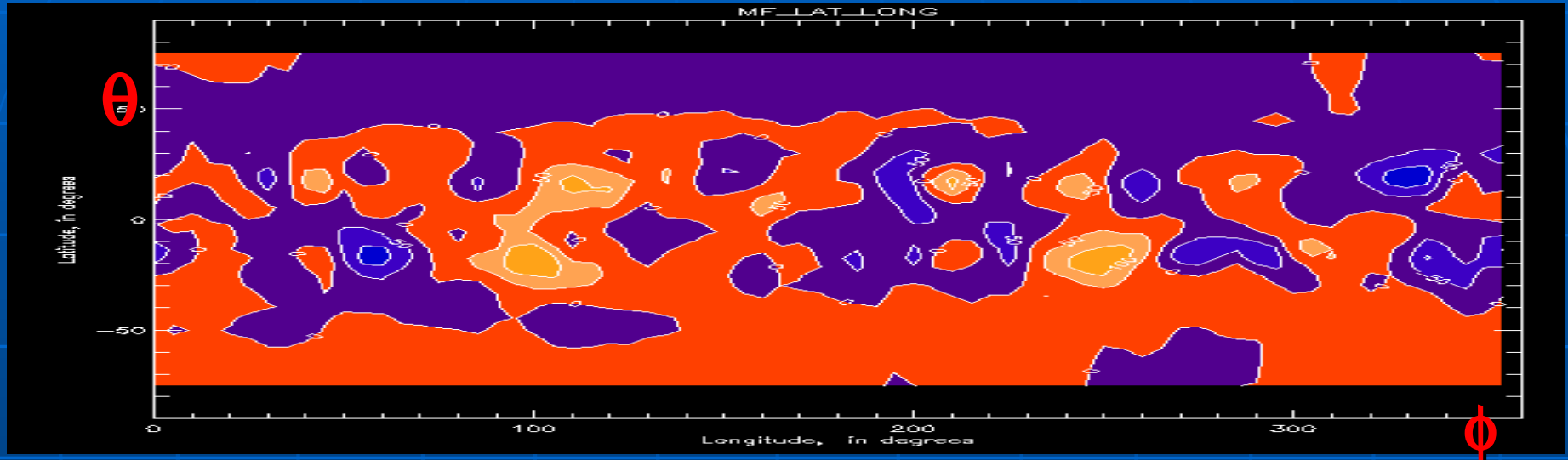


Quasi  
2-3-year  
periodicity  
over all  
latitudes  $\theta$

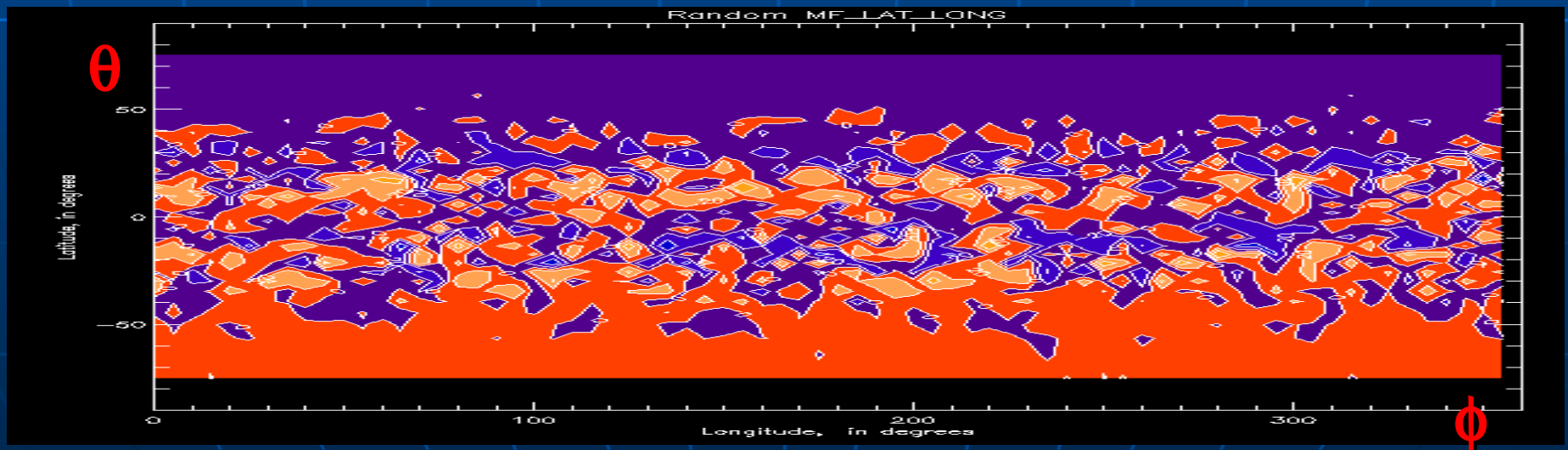
Different in  
the Northern  
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# Longitudinal structure of Solar Magnetic Field

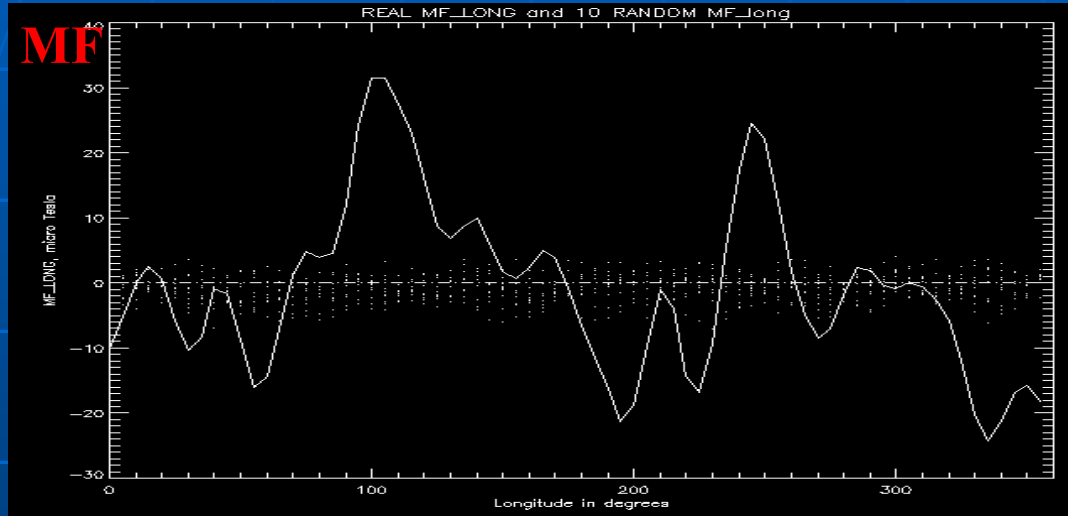
# Longitudinal structure of Real SMF in Carrington System



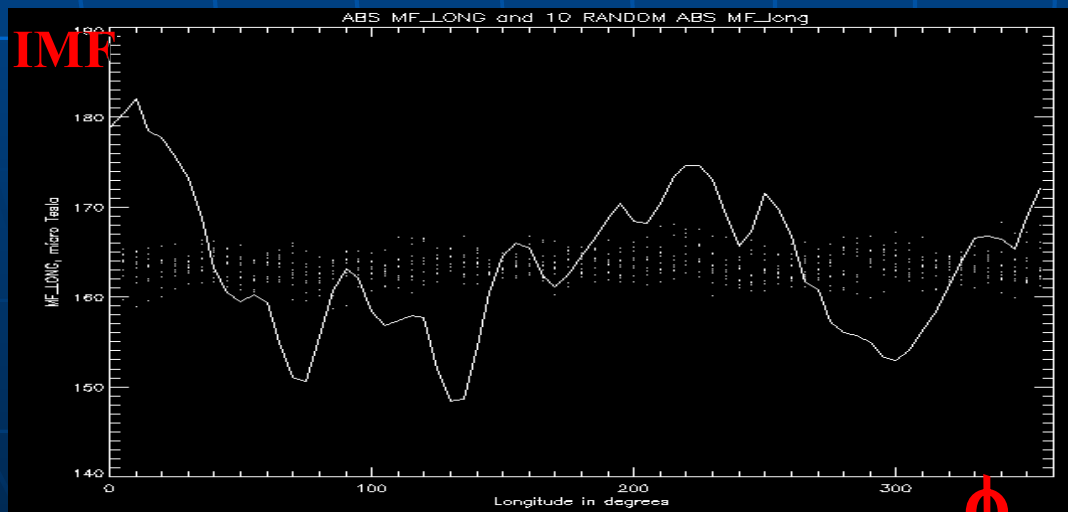
# of Random SMF in Carrington System



# Longitudinal structure in Carrington System



**Longitudinal  
structures for Real  
and 10 Random  
Distributions**

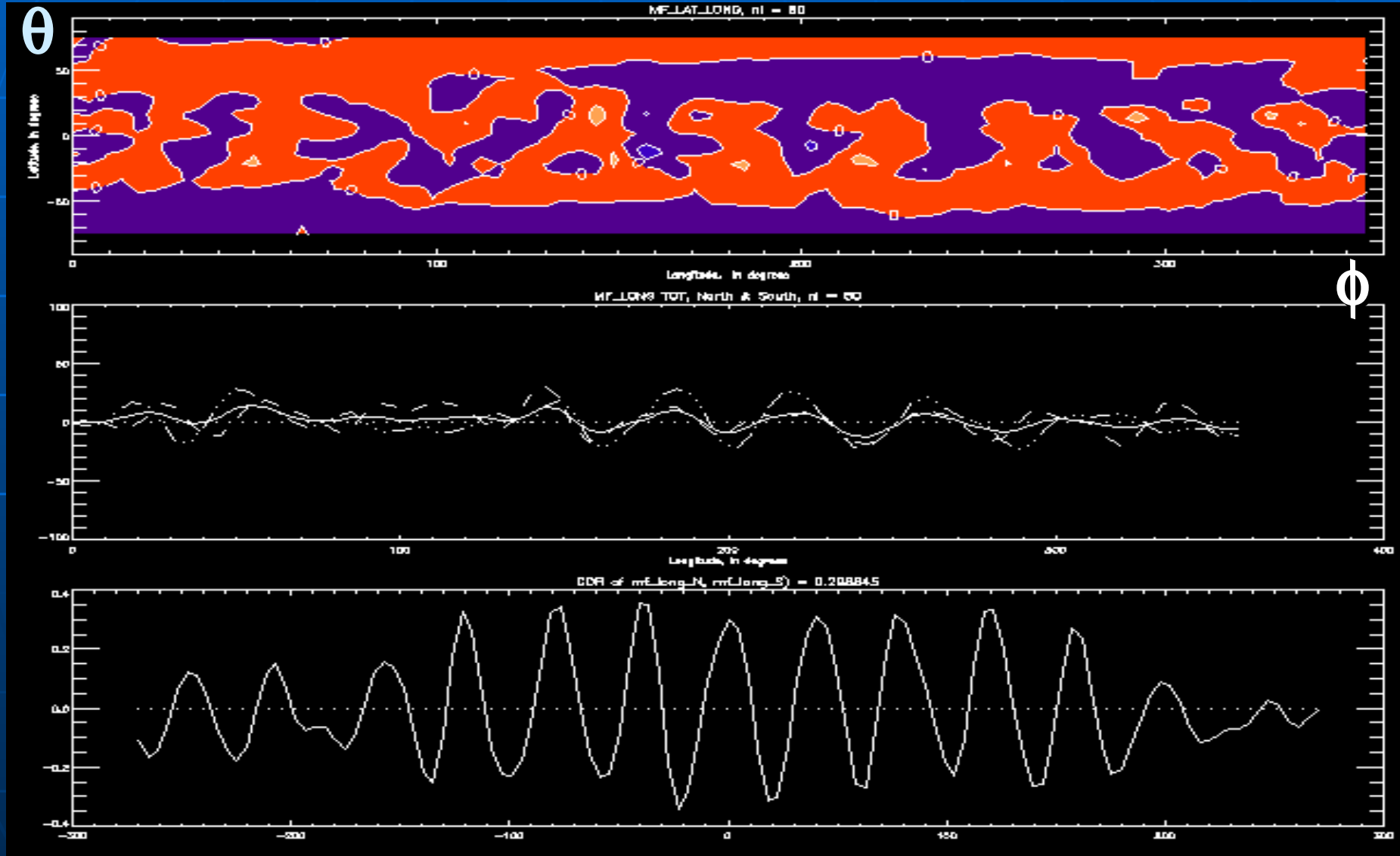


**Longitudinal  
structures for SMF  
Intensity and 10  
Random SMFI  
Distributions**



# Longitude structure of Solar Magnetic Field

$T_{\text{synodic}} = 30.31 \text{ d}$



# Solar rotation



# Solar rotation

- The Sun rotates differentially, both in latitude (equator faster than poles) and in depth (more complex).
- Standard value of solar rotation: Carrington rotation period: 27.2753 days (the time taken for the solar coordinate system to rotate once).
- Sun's rotation axis is inclined by  $7.1^\circ$  relative to the Earth's orbital axis (i.e. the Sun's equator is inclined by  $7.1^\circ$  relative to the ecliptic).

# Discovery of solar rotation

- Galileo Galilei and Christoph Scheiner noticed already that sunspots move across the solar disk in accordance with the rotation of a round body
- Sun is a rotating sphere
- Movie based on Galileo Galilei's historical data

# Surface differential rotation

- Poles rotate more slowly than equator.
- Surface differential rotation from measurements of:
  - Tracers, such as sunspots or magnetic field elements (always indicators of the rotation rate of the magnetic field)
  - Doppler shifts of the gas
  - Coronal holes (not plotted) rotate rigidly

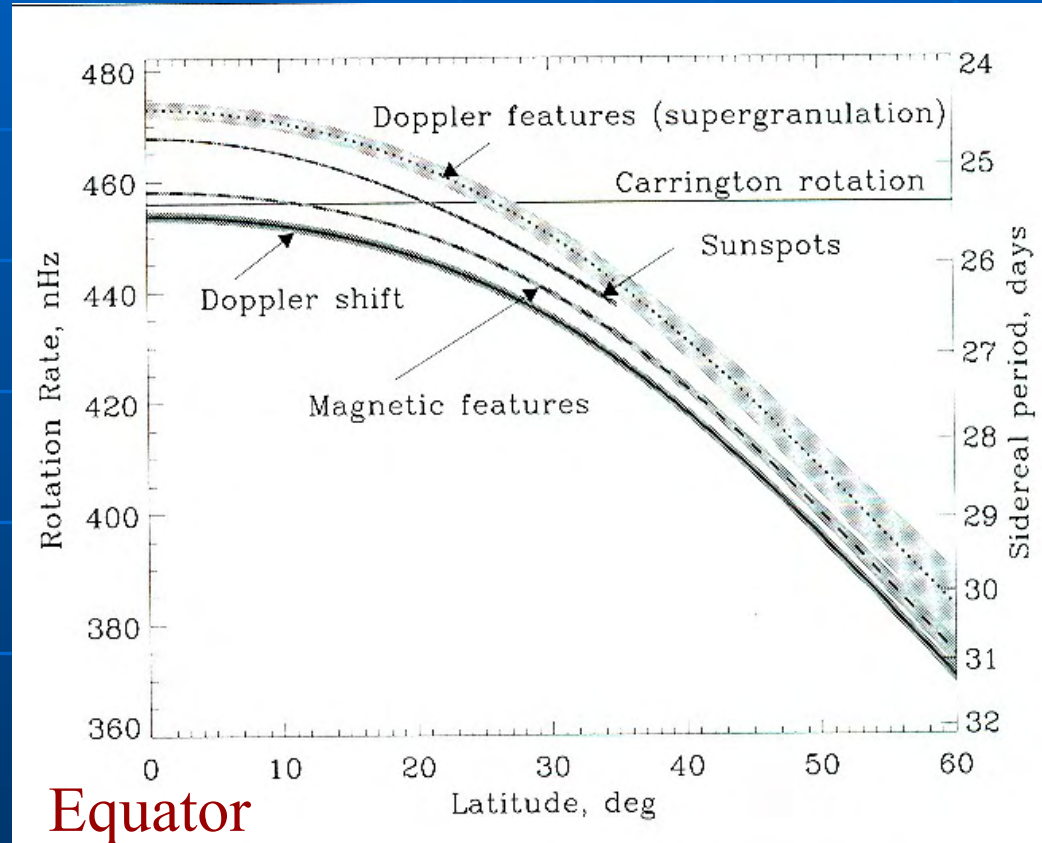
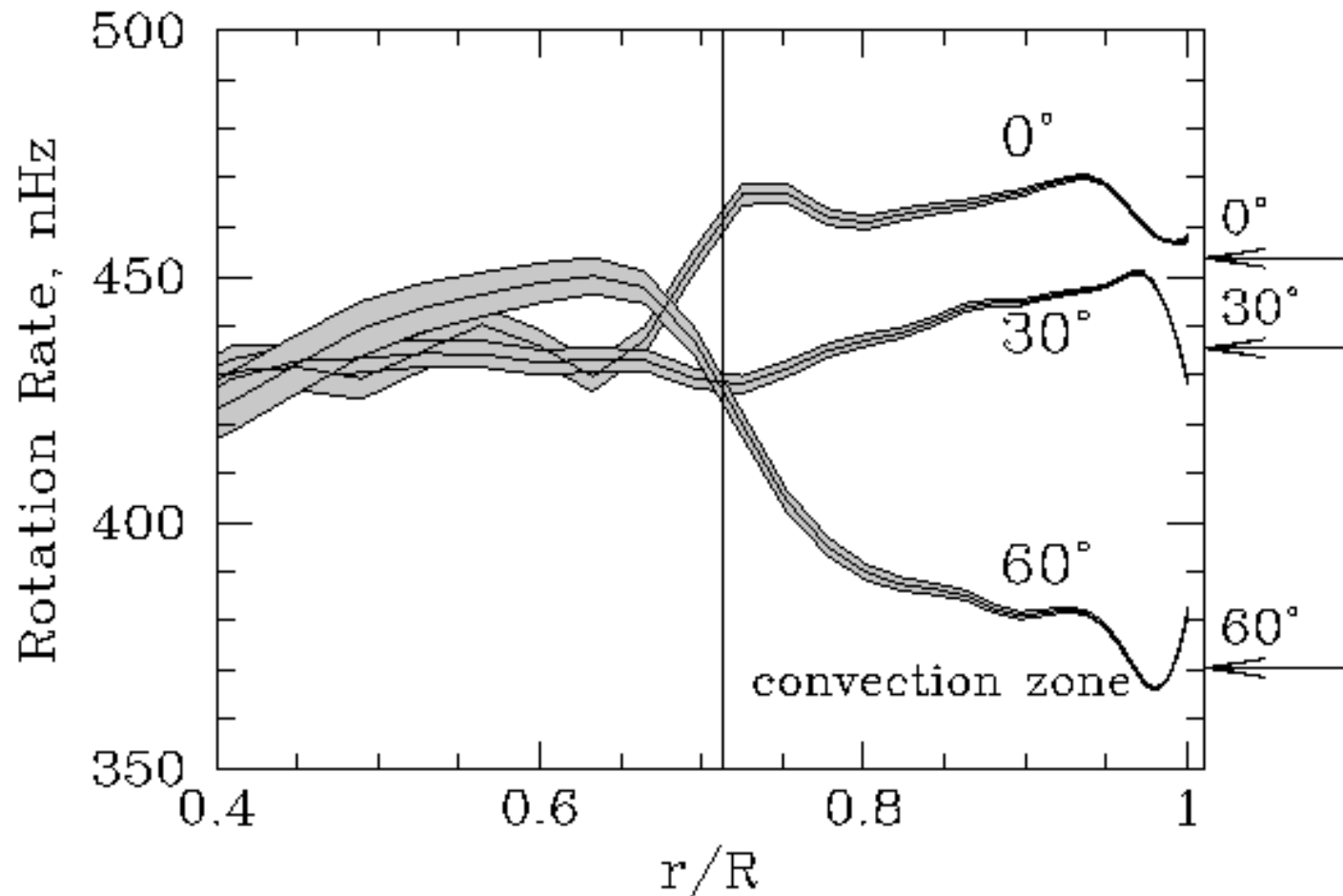


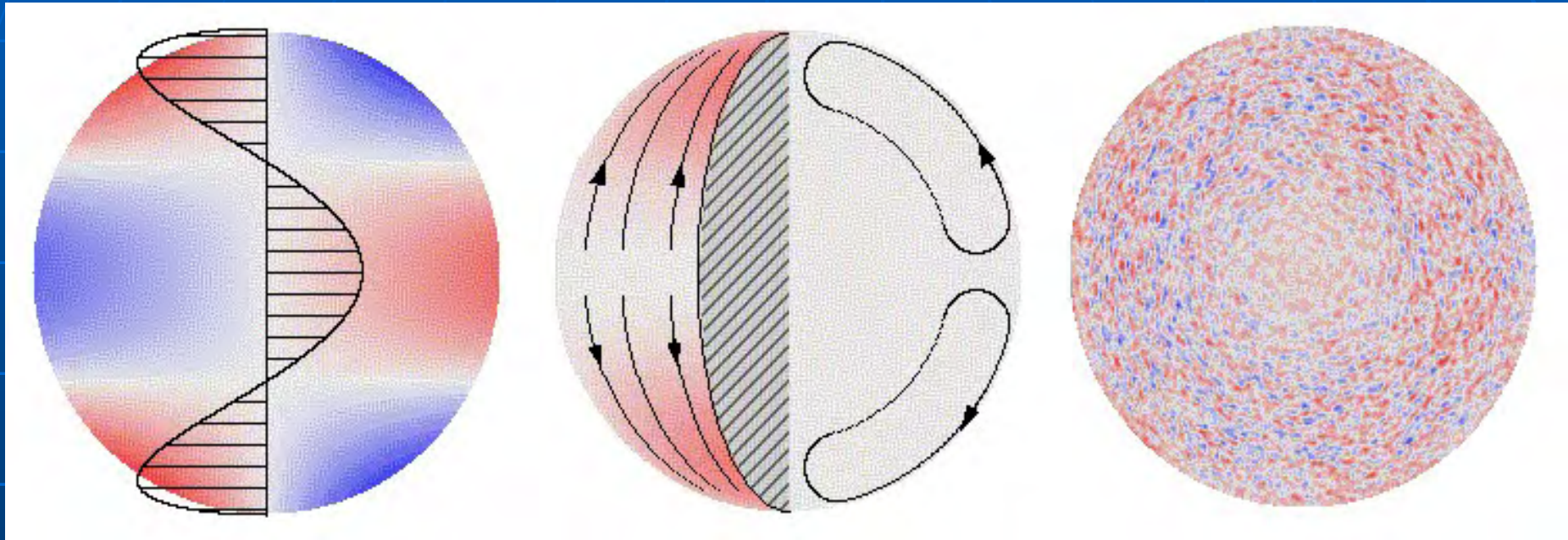
Figure 1. Rotation rate,  $\Omega/2\pi$ , and period of various tracers on the Sun's surface: recurrent (old) sunspots (dashed curve), magnetic features (dot-dash), and Doppler features (dots). The rotation rate and period determined spectroscopically through the Doppler shift are shown by the full curve. The shaded areas show the  $1\sigma$  error estimates.

# Internal differential rotation III : tachocline

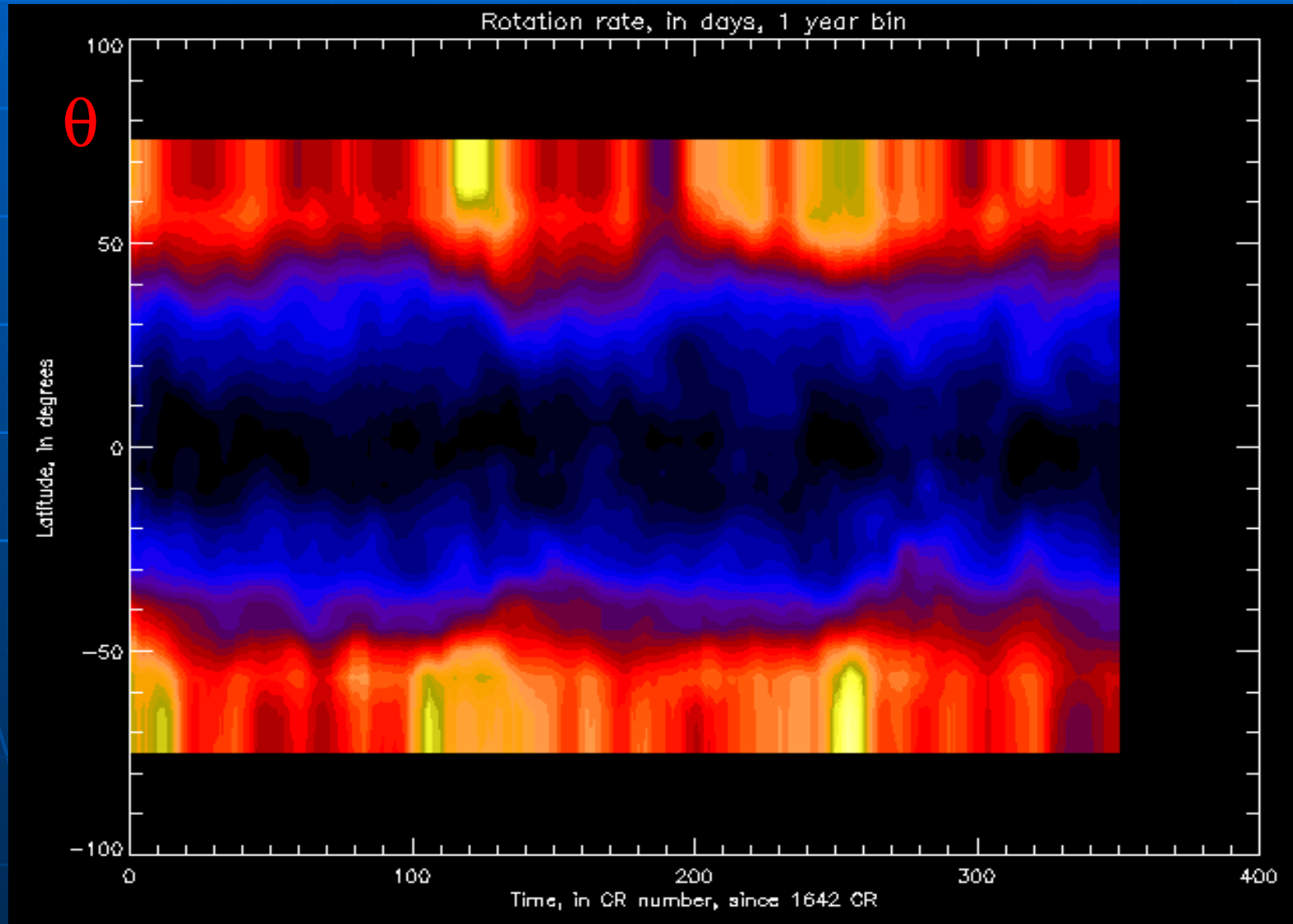
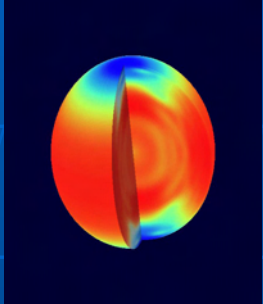
Large radial gradients in rotation rate at bottom of CZ (tachocline), but also just below solar surface (enigmatic). Note the slight mismatch of helio-seismic and Doppler measurements



# Flows in the Sun, Stanford Group of SOI/MDI

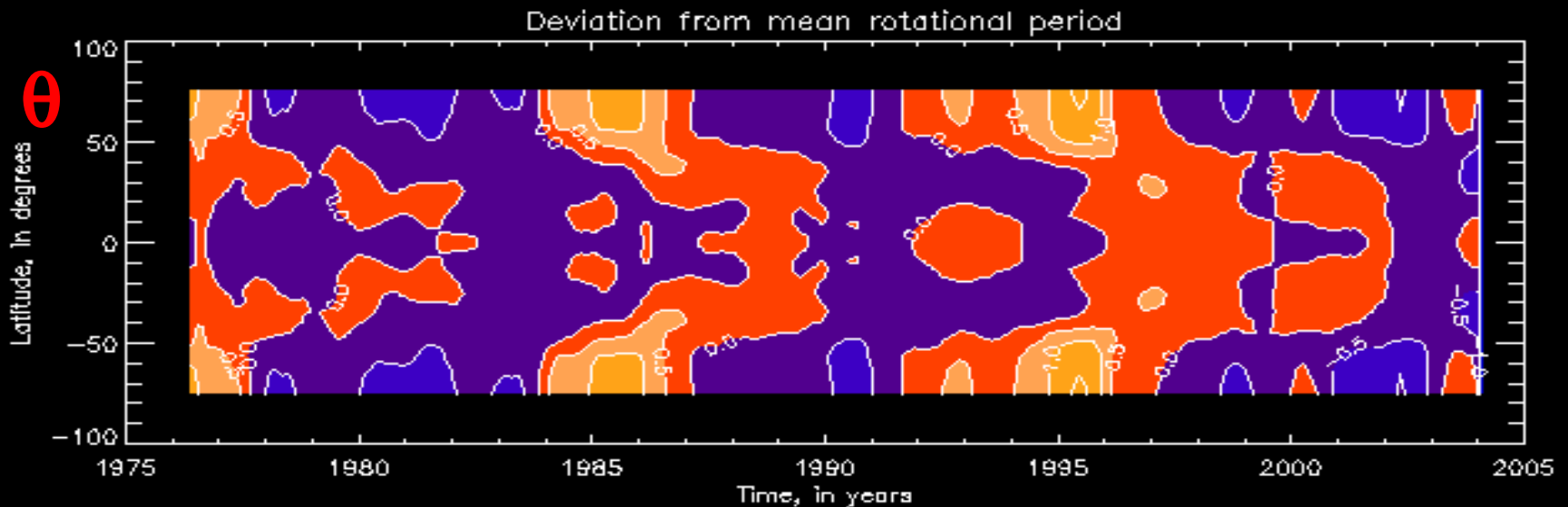
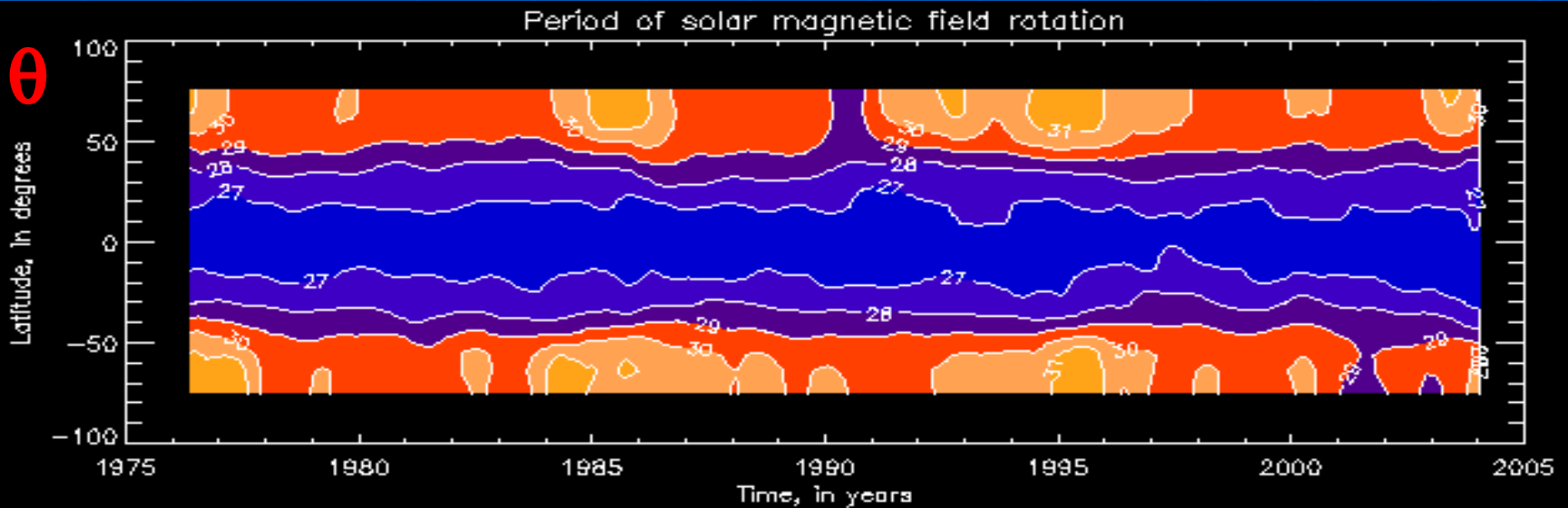


# Differential Rotation of the SMF



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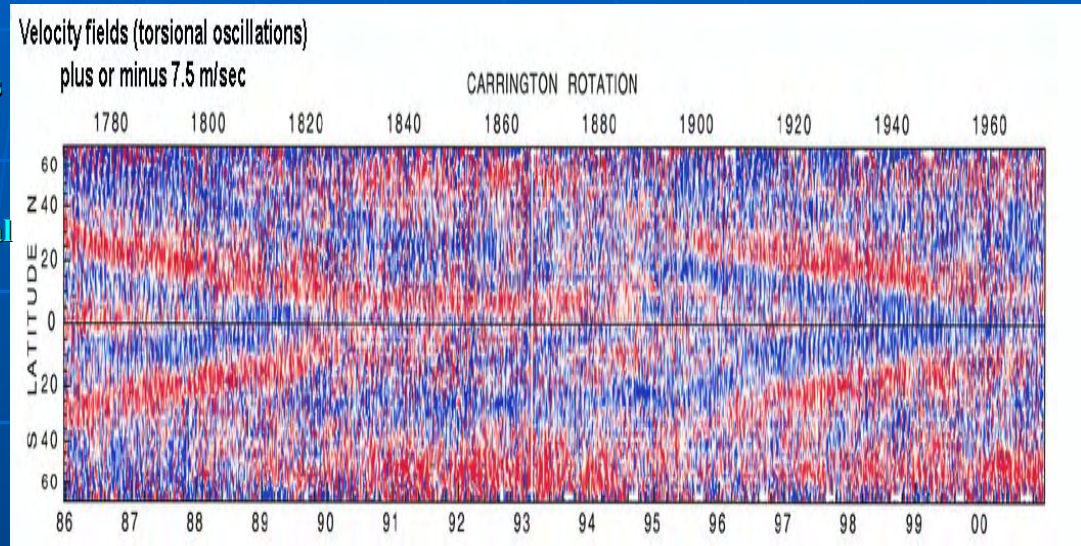
Sideral Periods & Deviations from  $P$  mean, in days



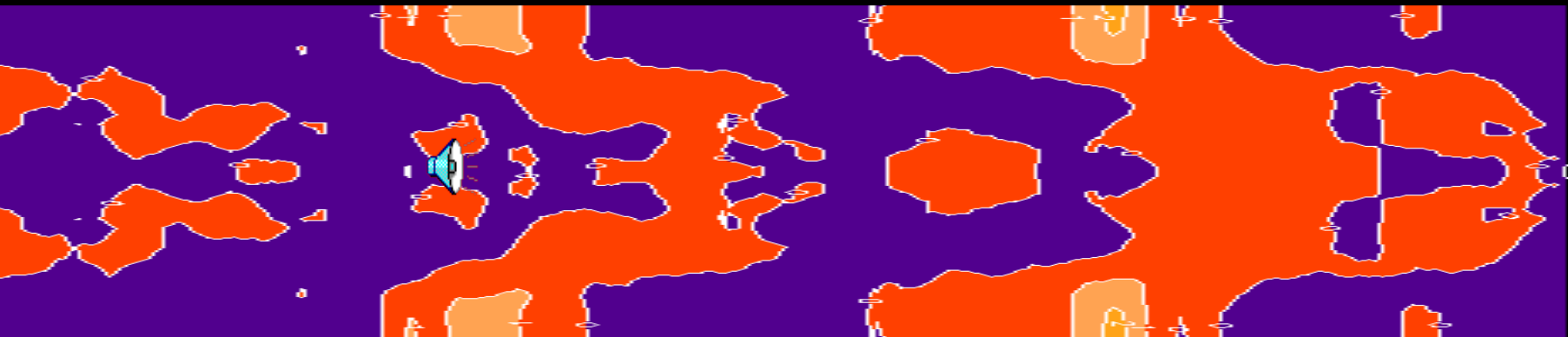
# Torsional waves, $P(\theta, t) - P(\theta)$

The torsional waves firstly discovered by Howard and LaBonte in sunspot rotation are present in the magnetic field rotation rate as well (Snodgrass, 1985, 1987; Gilman and Howard, 1984; Makarov et al., 1997) up to high latitudes as it is seen on the bottom plot of Fig. 5. The 11-year variability of the deviations of the period from the mean one in the sub-polar zones correspond to the torsional waves. The rotational rate of the pre-equatorial zones varies in time with a periodicity of 55--60 CR about (4--5 years).

**Doppler velocity, Howard R, LaBonte B.J., 1980**



**WSO MF Sun**  
**Gavryuseva, 2006**

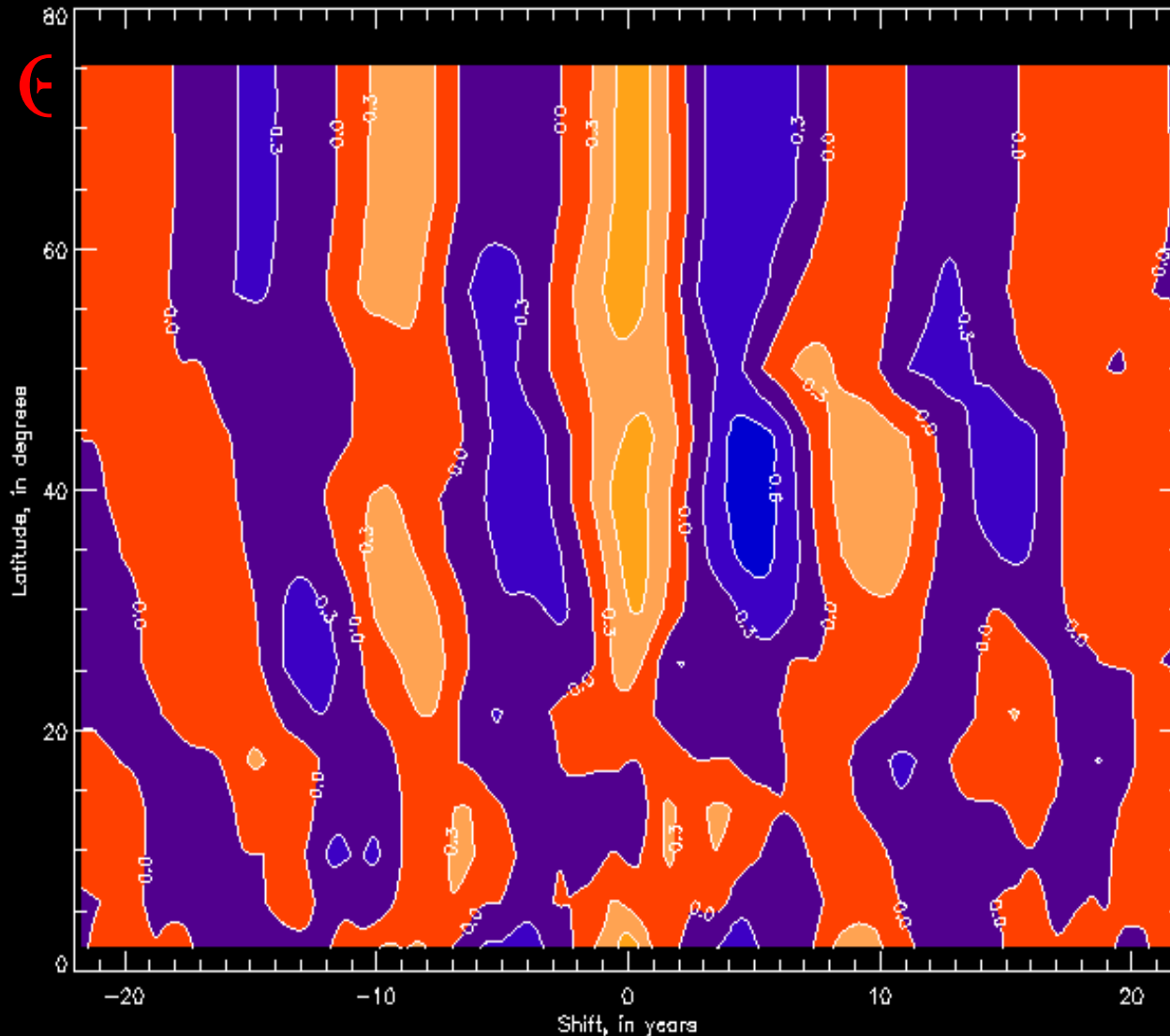


**Time, in years**



# K cor ( $\Omega(\theta, t), \Omega(-\theta, t)$ ),

$\Omega(\theta, t) = \text{smooth}(\Omega(\theta, t) \text{ over 1 year})$



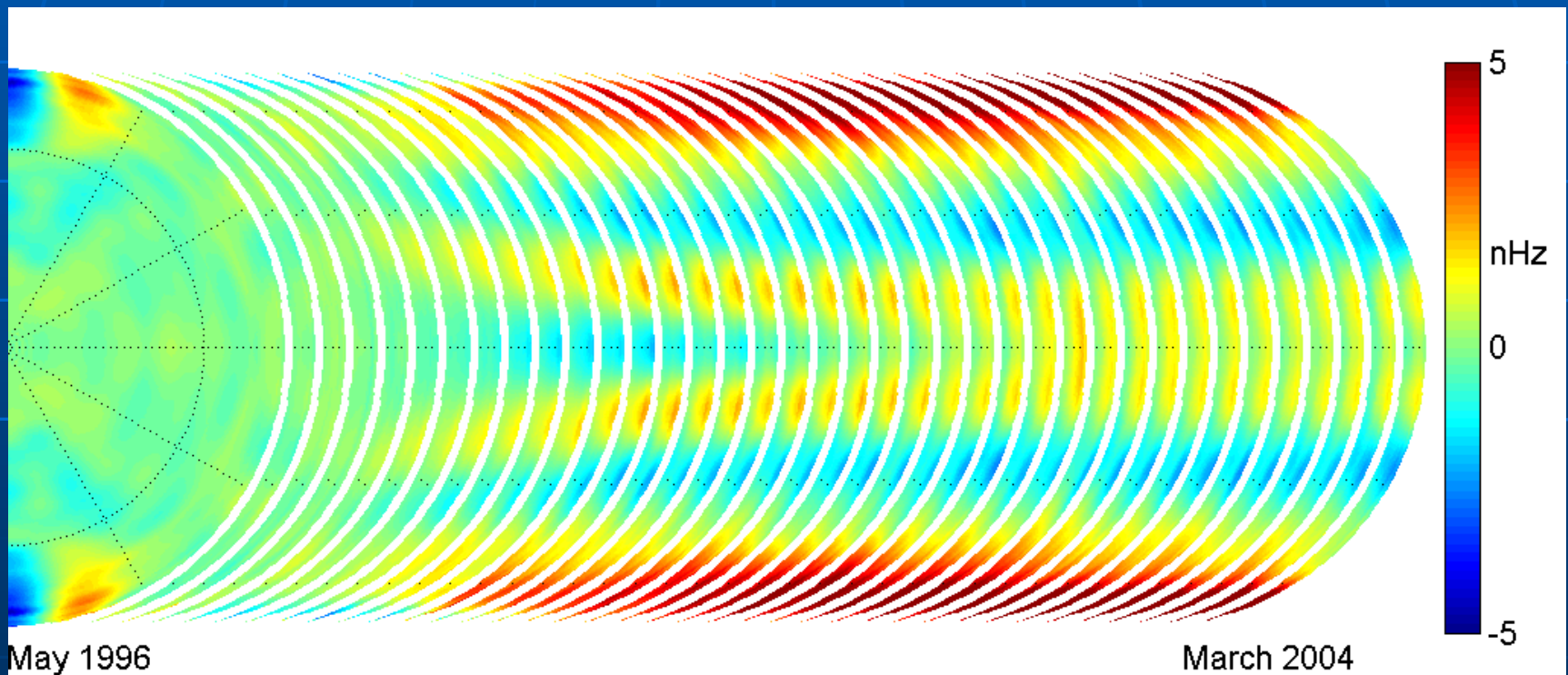
- **Correlation at 0- shift**

- **Quasi-10 year periodicity**

- **No correlation at +/-25 degrees**

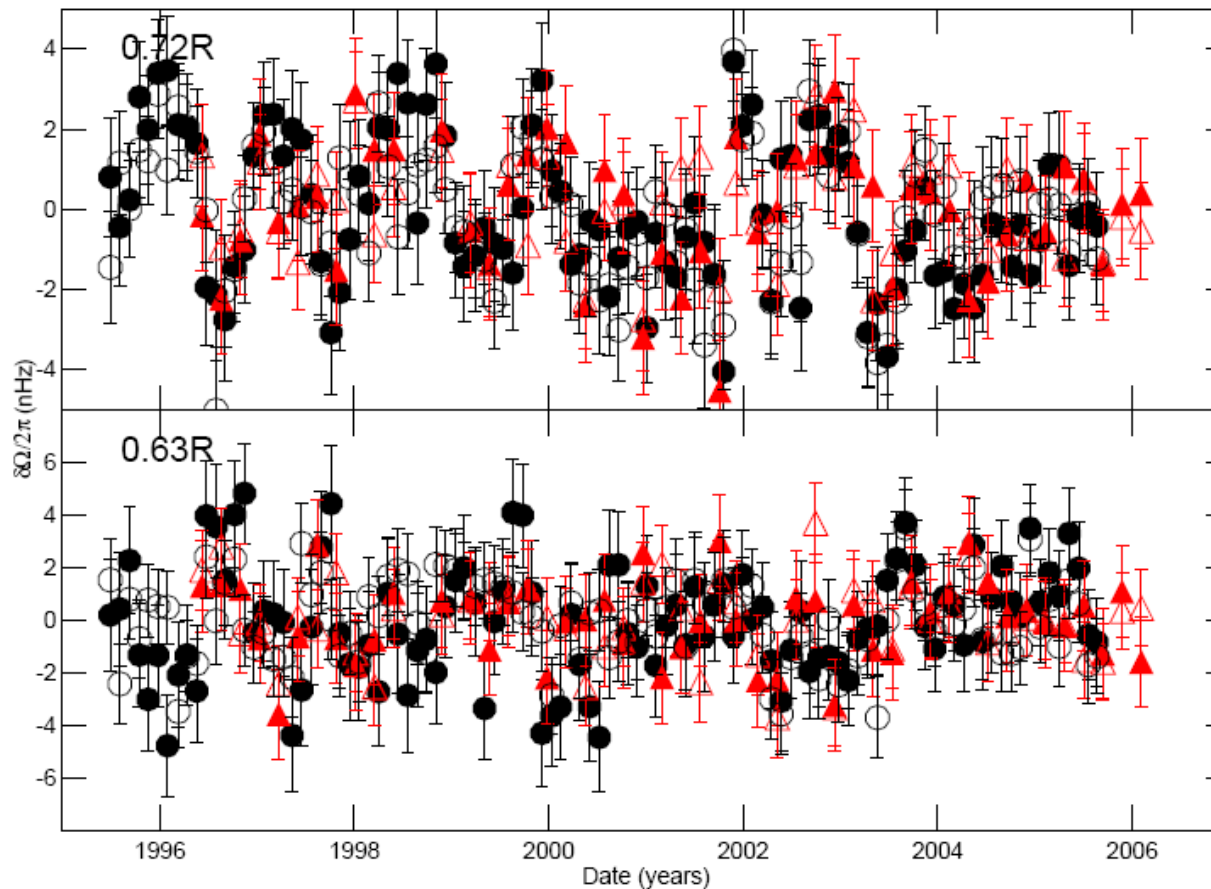
# Zonal flows

Rotation rate - average value at solar minimum



Vorontsov et al. (2002; Science 296, 101)

# Tachocline oscillations?



- GONG-RLS
- ▲ MDI-RLS
- △ MDI-OLA

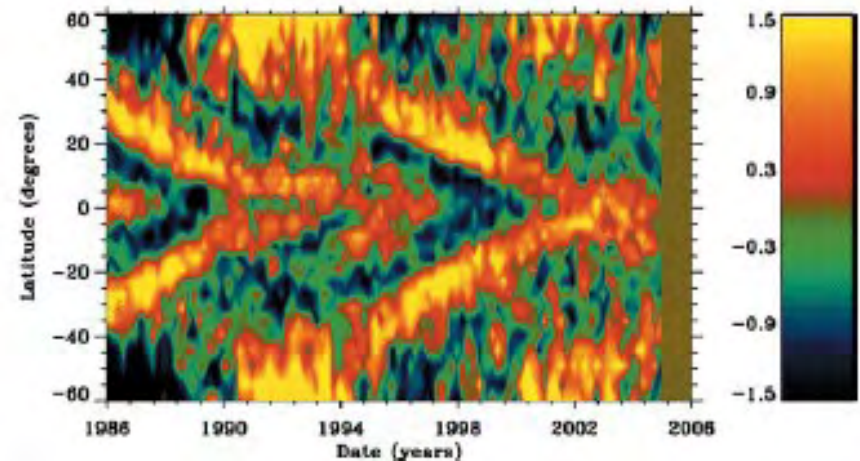
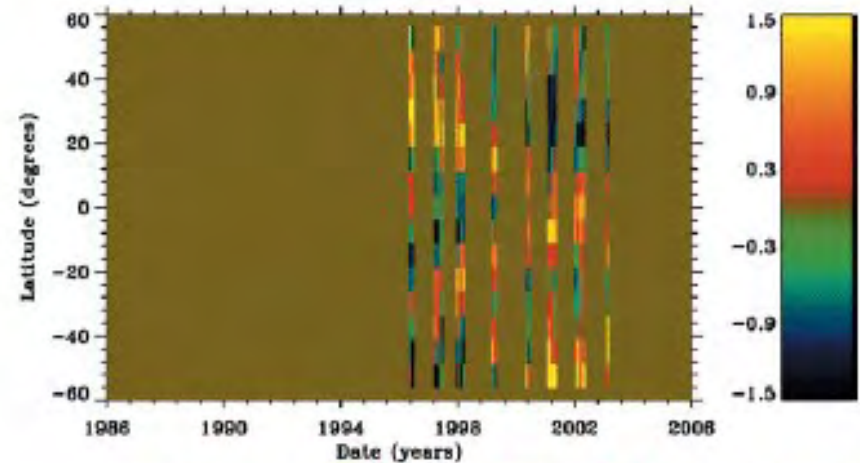
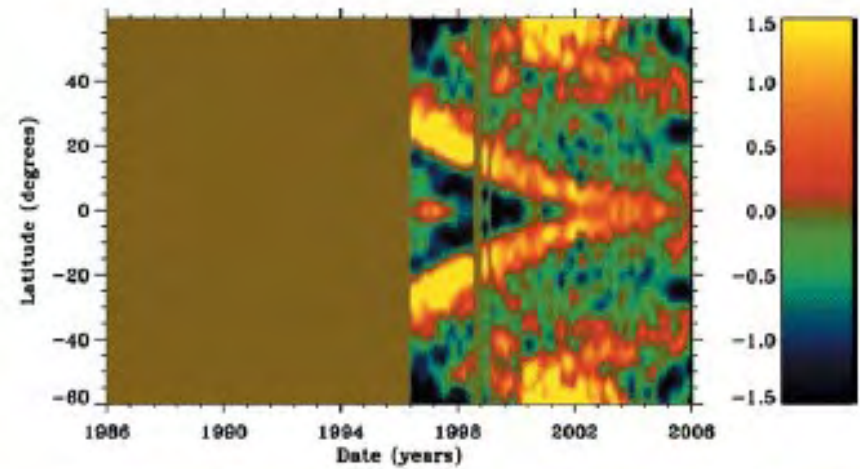
Howe, SOGO meeting, Sheffield, 2006

Global helioseismology, 0.99 R<sub>s</sub>

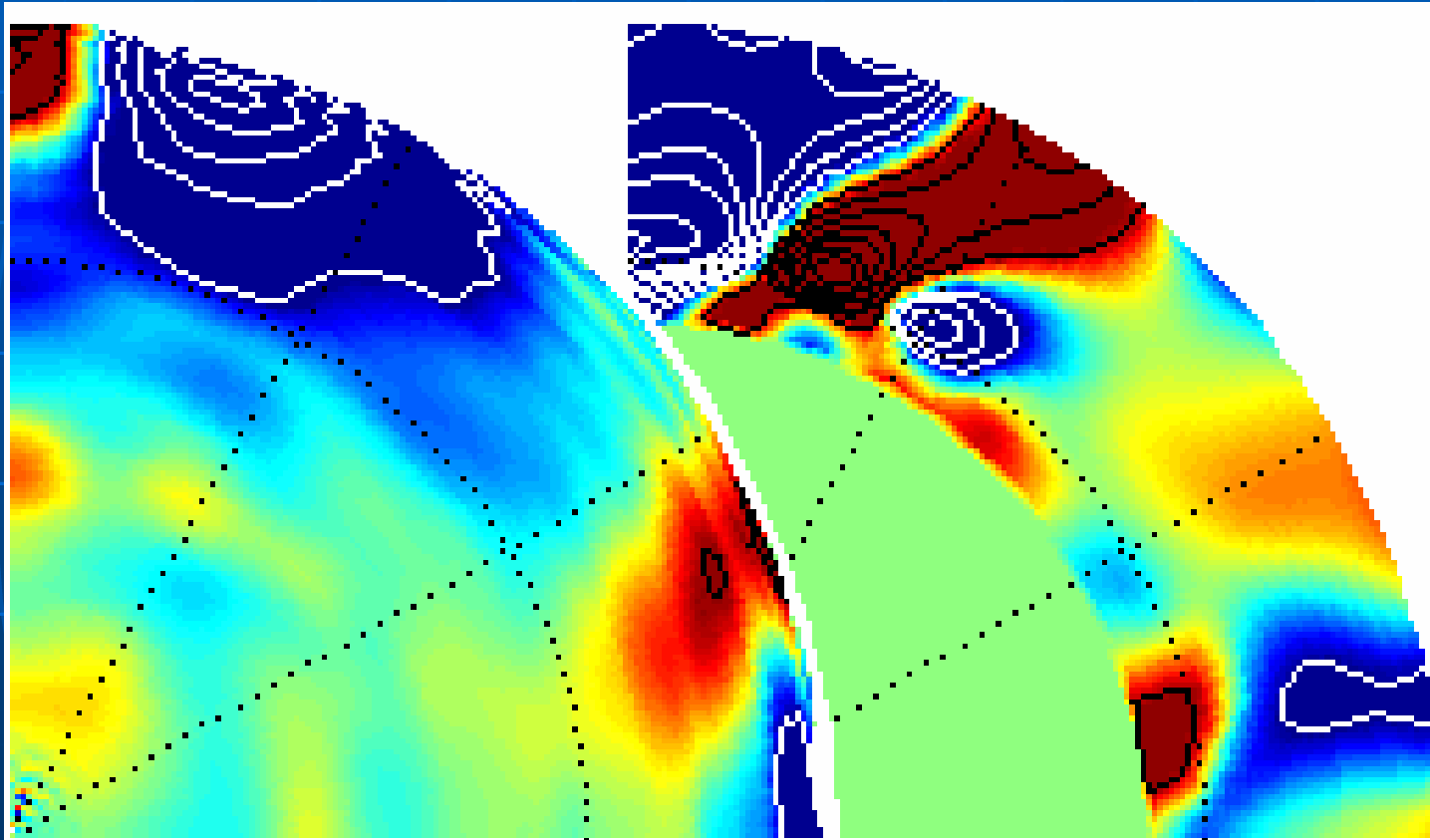
Local helioseismology, 0.99 R<sub>s</sub>  
(note asymmetry)

Surface flow (Mt Wilson)

Howe et al. (2006;  
Solar Phys 235, 1)



# Observed and modeled dynamics



**6 1/2 year MDI inversion,  
enforcing 11-yr periodicity**

**Vorontsov et al.**

**Non-linear mean-field solar  
dynamo models**

**Covas, Tavakol and Moss**

# Period of Differential Rotation of the SMF

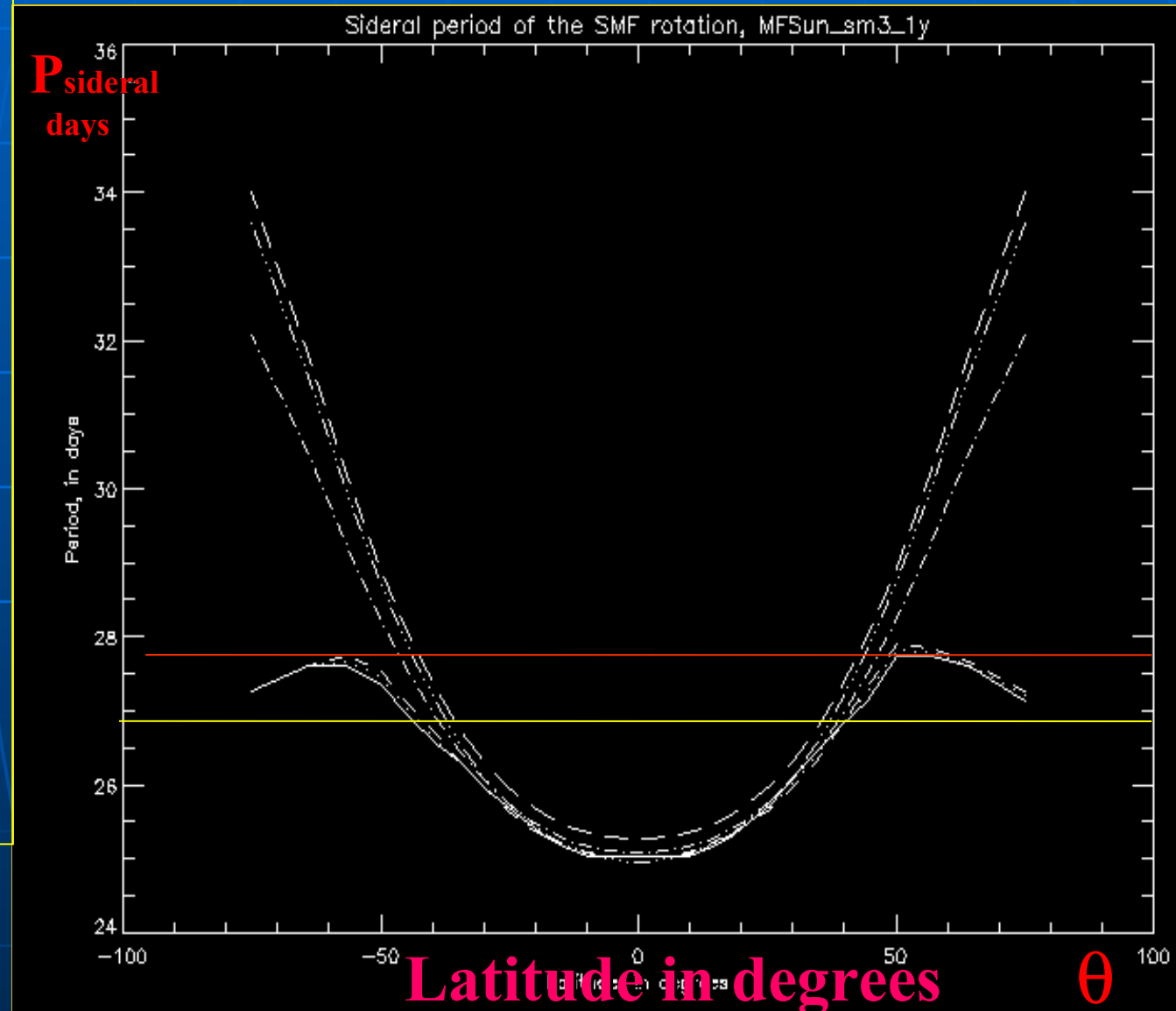
**Continuous line** is a sidereal period of the SMF by auto-correlation method.

**Dashed line** is periods of plasma rotation by different methods.

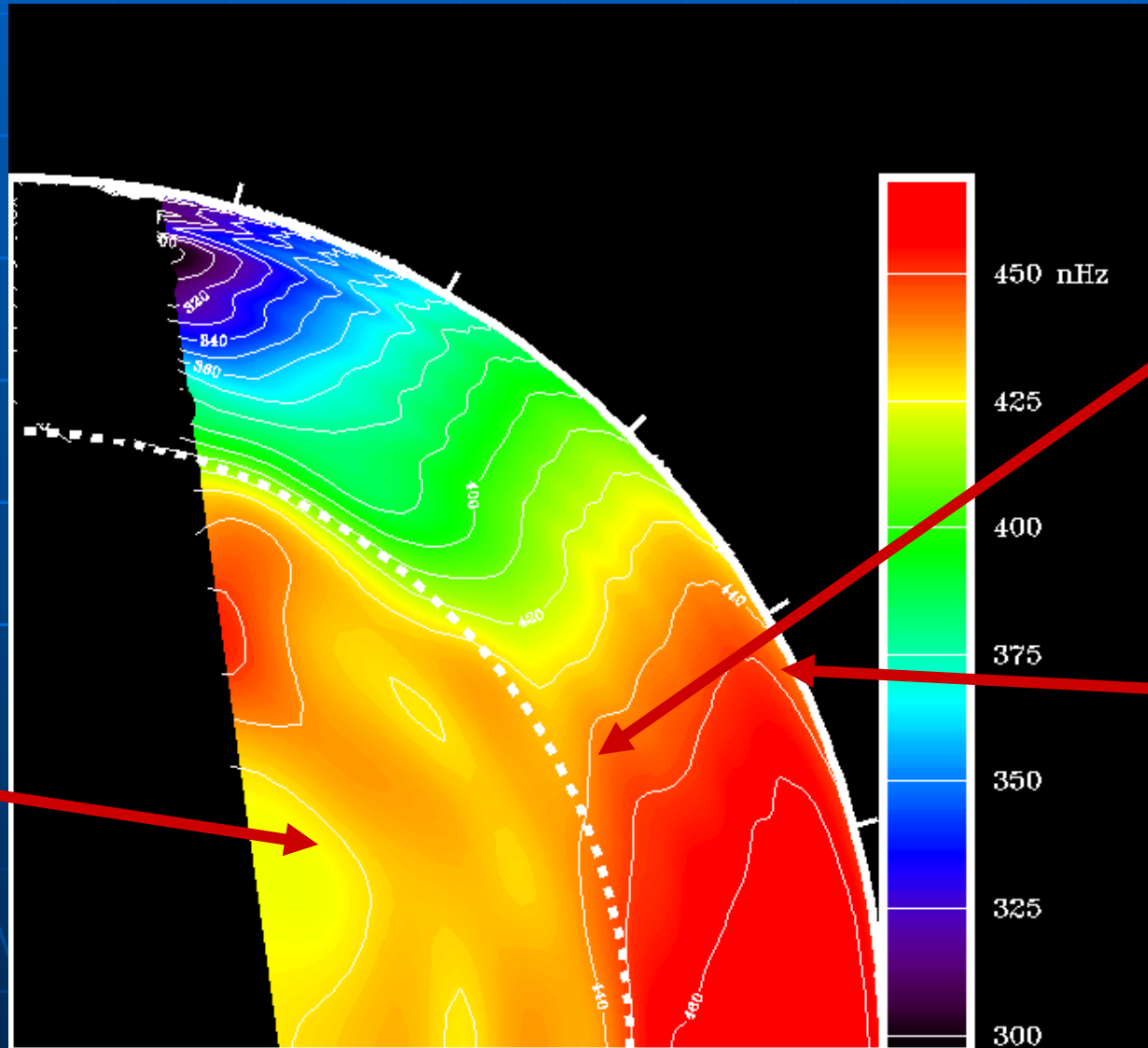
**Red line** corresponds to Sidereal Rotational Period of the longitudinal structure of the SMF

( $P_{\text{synodic}} = 30.3$  day, or  $T_{\text{sidereal}} = 27.8$  day, or  $\nu_{\text{sidereal}} = 424.326$  nHz).

**Yellow line** corresponds to  $P_{\text{sidereal}} = 26.92$  days equal to  $P$  rotation rate at the bottom of the convective zone).



# Inferred solar internal rotation



Near solid-body rotation of interior

Base of convection zone

Tachocline

Near-surface shear

# Some questions:

- 1) Mass, Radius, Rotation of the Sun ???
- 2) Who got Nobel Prize in Solar Physics?
- 3) What is more informative for the study
  - of the solar interior structure study:
  - Frequency or Amplitude of p-modes oscillations ?
- 4) - // - // - // - // - // - // - // - P or G modes ?
- 5) Which p-modes penetrate deeper  $l=0$  or  $l=4$  ?
- 6) What is a period of MAGNETIC activity ?
- 7) Does the LONGITUDINAL structure depend
  - on the rotation rate of the coordinate system ?
- 8) How many LATITUDINAL zone exist ?
- 9) What is the rotation period in tachocline zone ?
- 10) Does the STANDARD SOLAR model has some limits ?