

Better Stellar Modeling:

Numerical Tools and Techniques for the Modern Observational Landscape

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In this talk:

Stellar Structure and Evolution (SSE) Programs

- Explanation and examples
- The Modules for Experiments in Stellar Astrophysics (MESA) software suite

Insights from precision 1D stellar modeling

- calibrators for convection in the stellar interior
- Predicting the near-future behavior of T Ursae Minoris through seismic evolution models

^{1D}MESA2HYDRO^{3D}

- Translating the customizable physics of 1D SSE codes to 3D smoothed-particle hydrodynamics initial conditions

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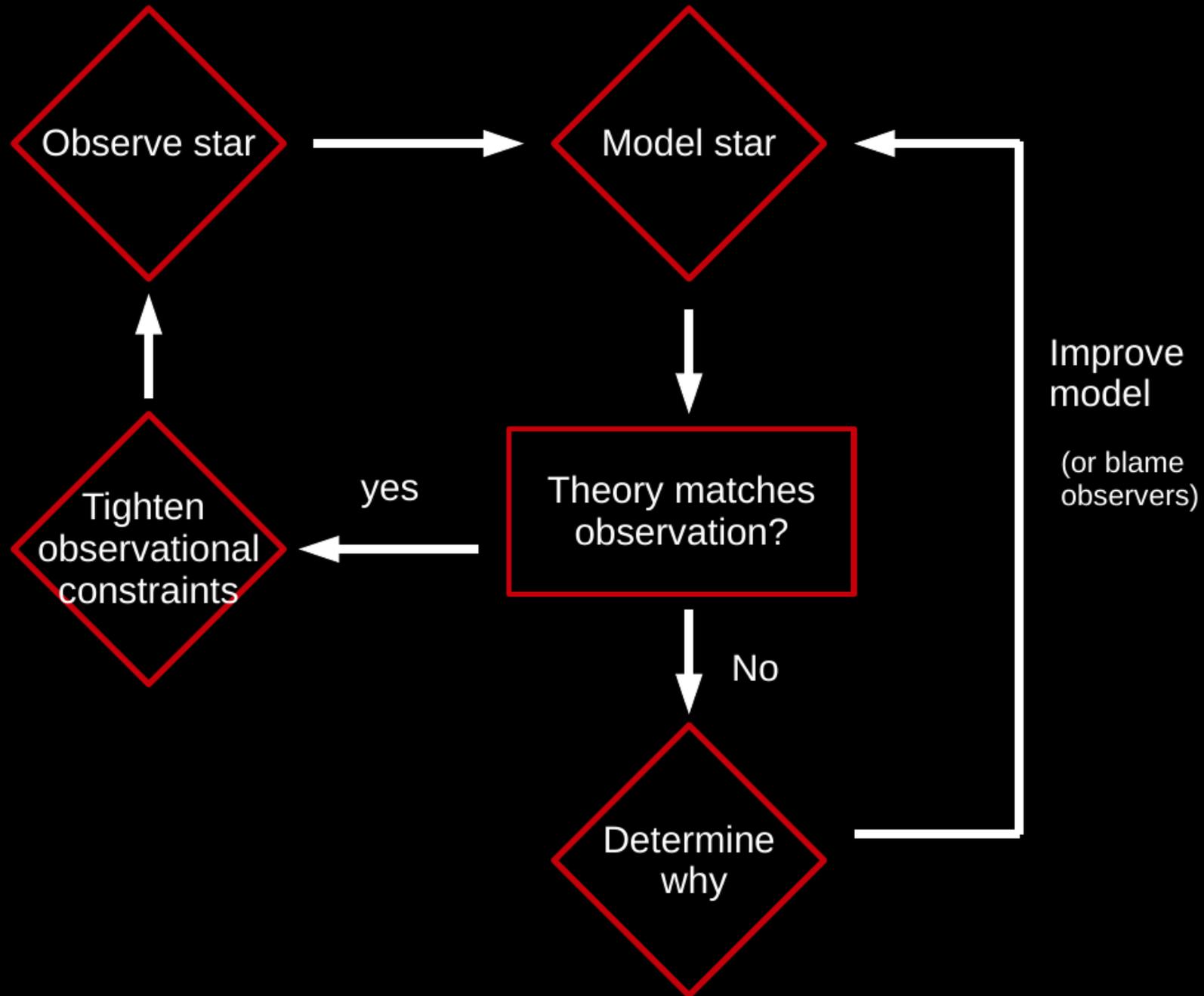
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Like any instrument, **stellar structure and evolution codes** are subject to calibration errors, biases, and “black-box” treatment

The cycle of computational stellar astrophysics



Stellar Structure and Evolution (SSE) codes/programs:



**We all need them,
but do we really
understand what
they do?**

How do stellar models work?

Mathematical Statement

$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\nabla P - \rho \nabla \Phi$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \rho$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\rho \frac{d\Phi}{dr}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho$$

$$\frac{dL}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho \epsilon(\rho, T, \mu)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{dr} &= -\frac{3}{16\pi ac} \frac{\kappa \rho L}{r^2 T^3} \\ &= -\frac{GM}{c_p r^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\rho_i}{dt} = Q_i$$

Physical Principle

Momentum conservation

Gravitation

Hydrostatic equilibrium

Mass continuity

Conservation of energy

Radiative energy transport

Adiabatic convective energy transport

Nuclear energy generation.

Simplest model of a star

A form of Poisson's equation describes a self-gravitating, spherically symmetric ball of fluid

Dimensionless form: Lane—Emden equation
$$\frac{1}{\xi^2} \frac{d}{d\xi} \left(\xi^2 \frac{d\theta}{d\xi} \right) + \theta^n = 0$$

Solve this under an equation of state relating certain physical quantities (e.g. ideal gas law) to obtain the radial profile, or stellar structure, described by

$P(r)$, $\rho(r)$, $m(r)$

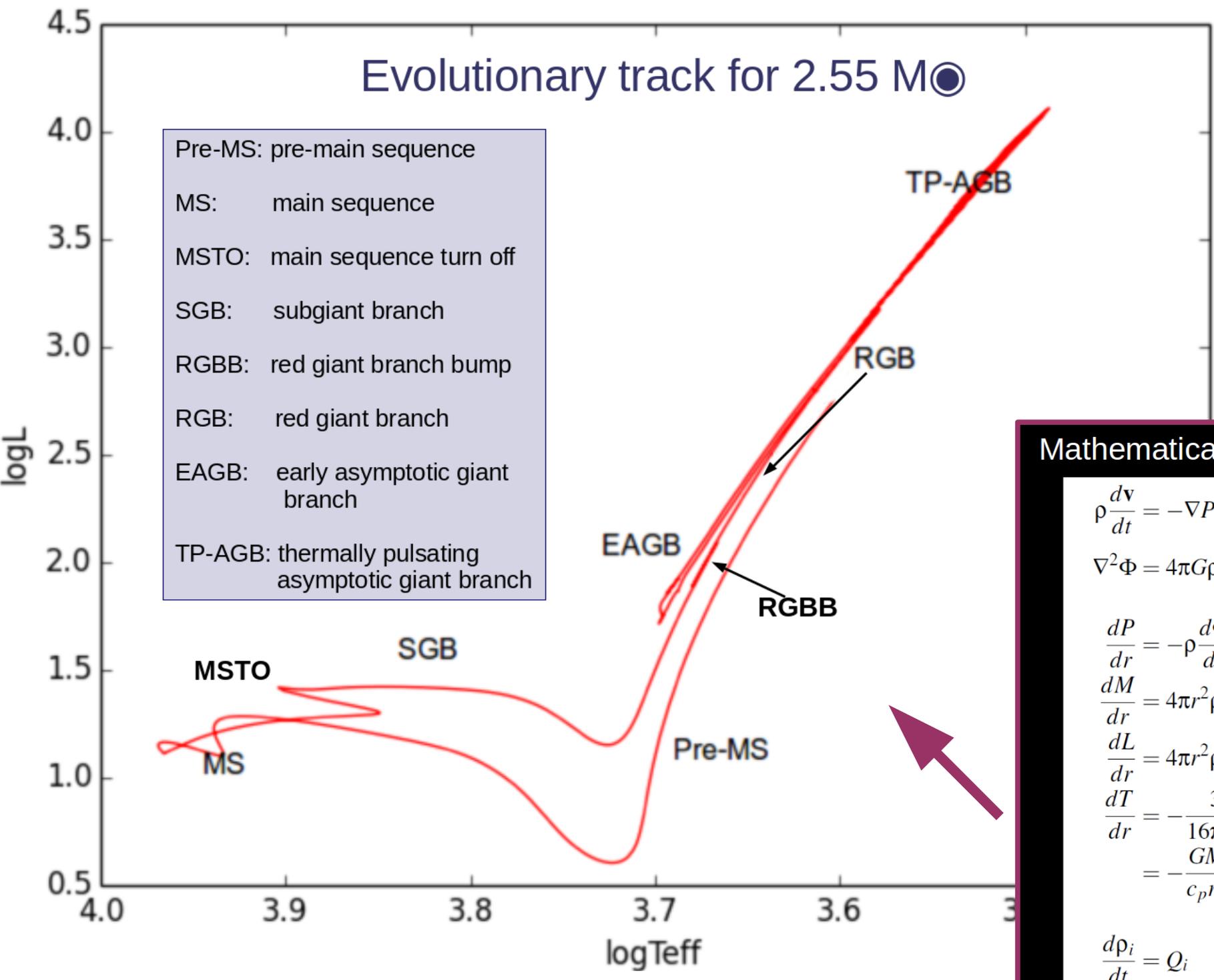
Simplest: polytropic EOS
$$P = K \rho^{1 + \frac{1}{n}}$$

Compute the structure of this sphere at many times t under prescribed conditions for energy transport to see changes in state variables: Luminosity (L), temperature (T), composition (μ)

A map of the state variables over time constitutes the evolution of the model

Evolutionary track for 2.55 M_☉

- Pre-MS: pre-main sequence
- MS: main sequence
- MSTO: main sequence turn off
- SGB: subgiant branch
- RGBB: red giant branch bump
- RGB: red giant branch
- EAGB: early asymptotic giant branch
- TP-AGB: thermally pulsating asymptotic giant branch



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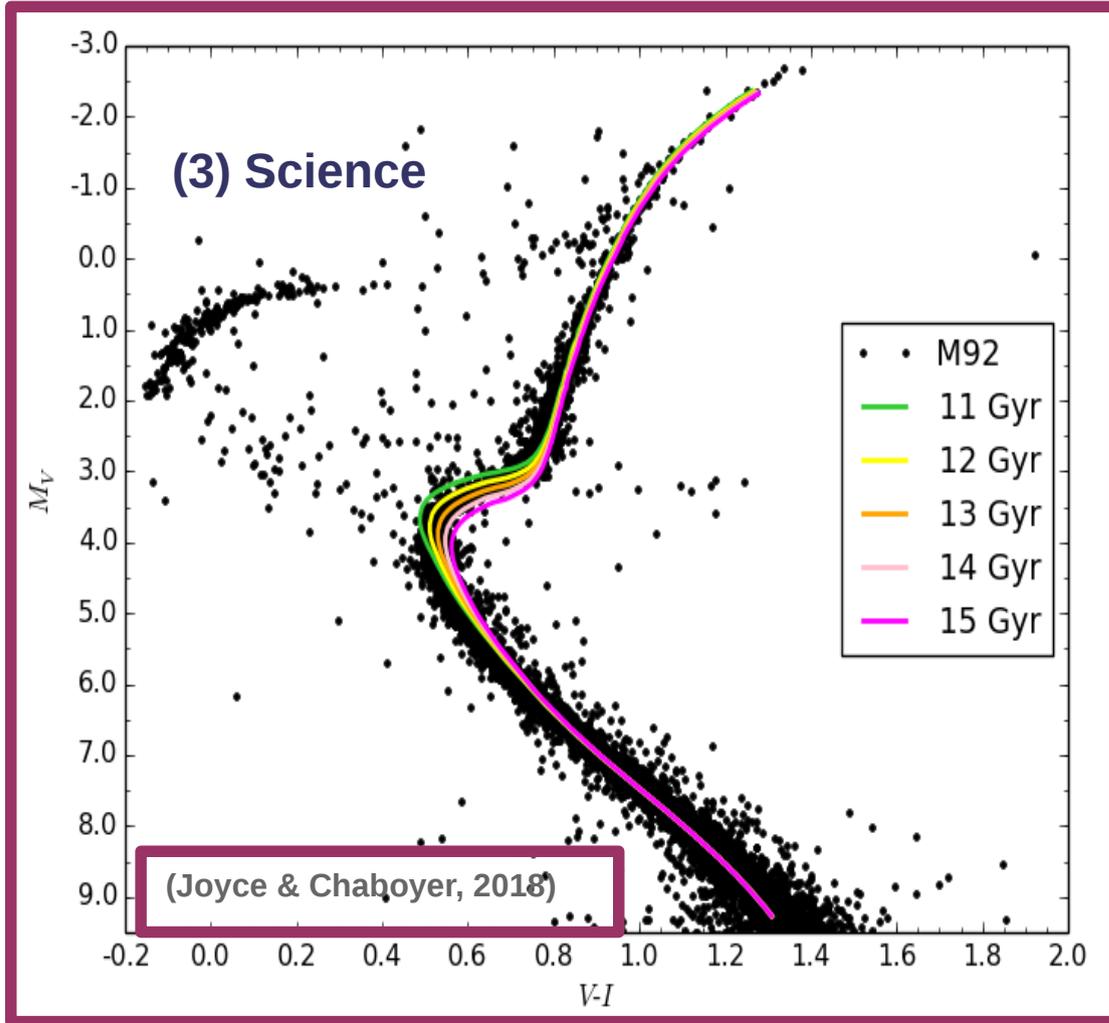
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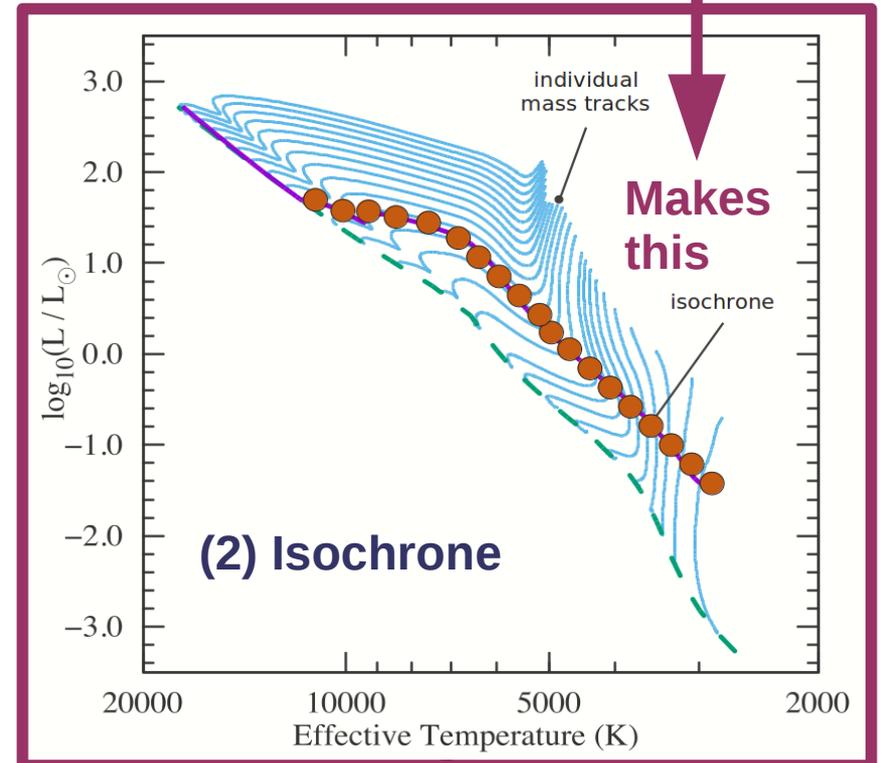
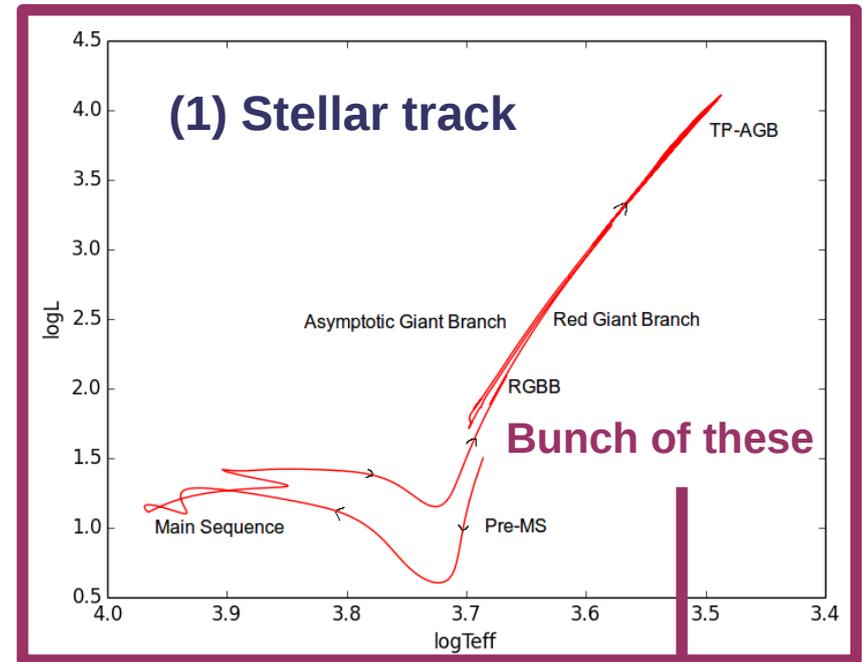
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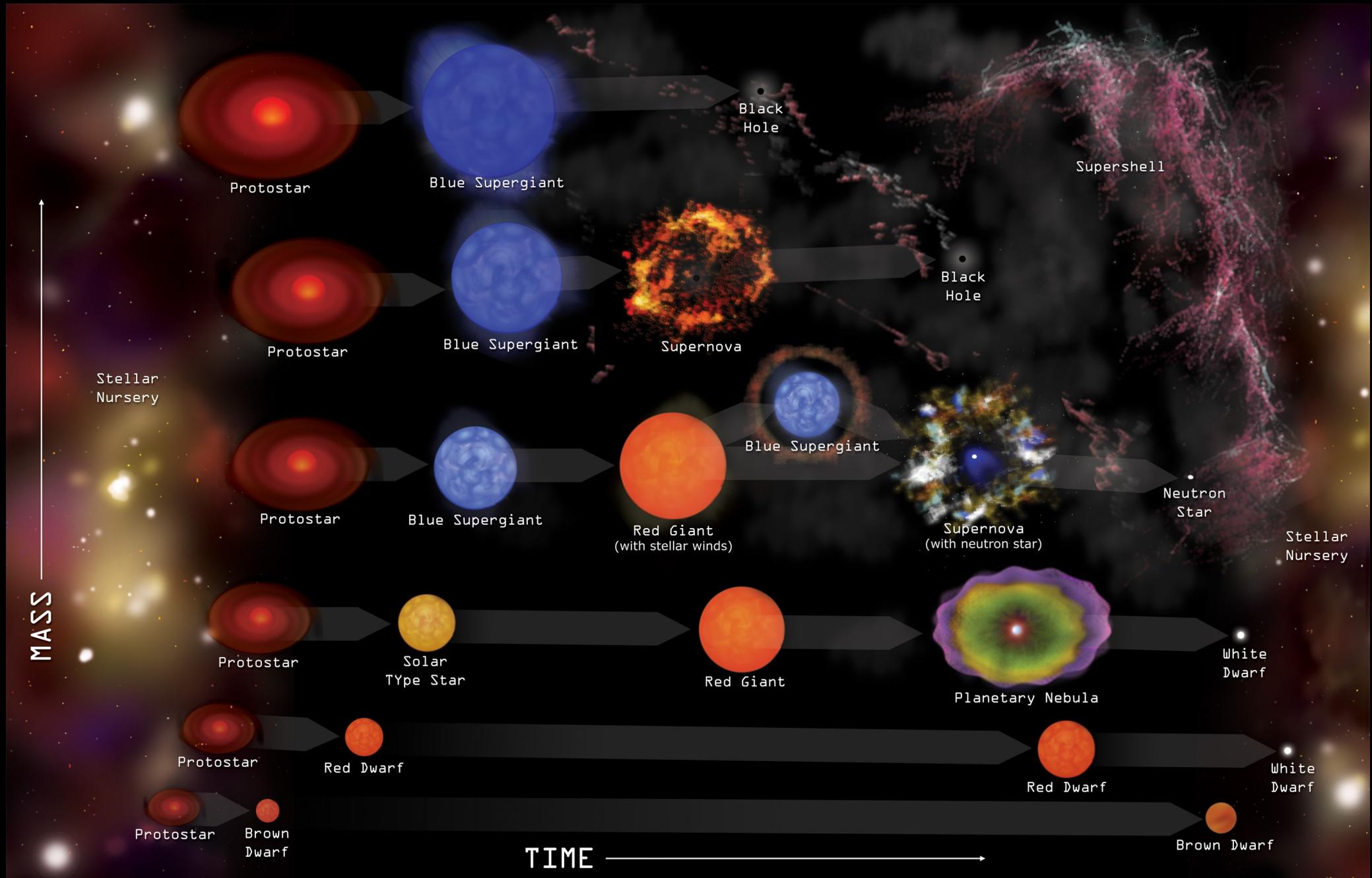
Math to Astronomy



Derive fundamental parameters for both individual stars and stellar populations



→ allows us to study how stars live and die



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Let me convince you.

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- “broad” rather than “deep” in its physics
- steep learning curve
- installation and technical barriers can be intimidating

But it is worth it!

Modules for Experiments in Stellar Astrophysics



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What are the official roles in MESA?

There are a few defined roles in the MESA community.

1st Author

- [Bill Paxton](#)

The 1st author is the primary developer of MESA and the first author on the MESA instrument papers

Developers

Current developers:

- [Warrick Ball](#)
- [Evan Bauer](#)
- [Lars Bildsten](#)
- [Matteo Cantiello](#)
- [Aaron Dotter](#)
- [Robert Farmer](#)
- [Adam Jermyn](#)
- [Meridith Joyce](#)
- [Pablo Marchant](#)
- [Josiah Schwab](#)
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Me: most recent developer



(still learning!)

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How I got involved with MESA:

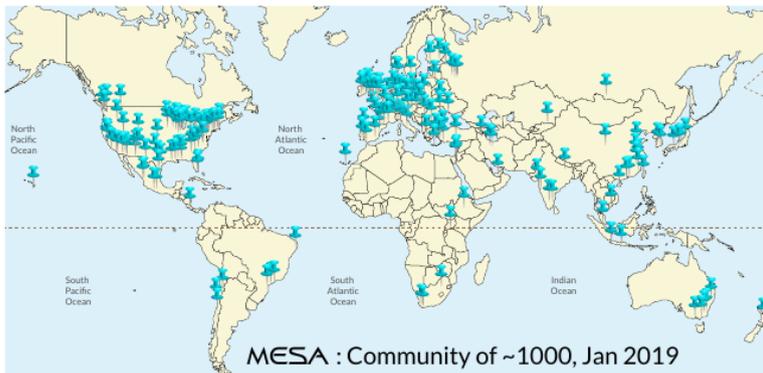
-wrote a software package that interfaces with MESA (Joyce et al., 2019, ApJ)

-talked w/ first female developer, Anne Thoul, after her presentation on implementing convective boundaries in MESA at “Stars and Their Variability,” University of Vienna

A. Thoul -« Stars and their Variability - Observed from Space” - August 19 - 23, 2019 - Vienna, Austria



Fixing the convective boundaries in MESA
collaboration with Rich Townsend (UWMadison)





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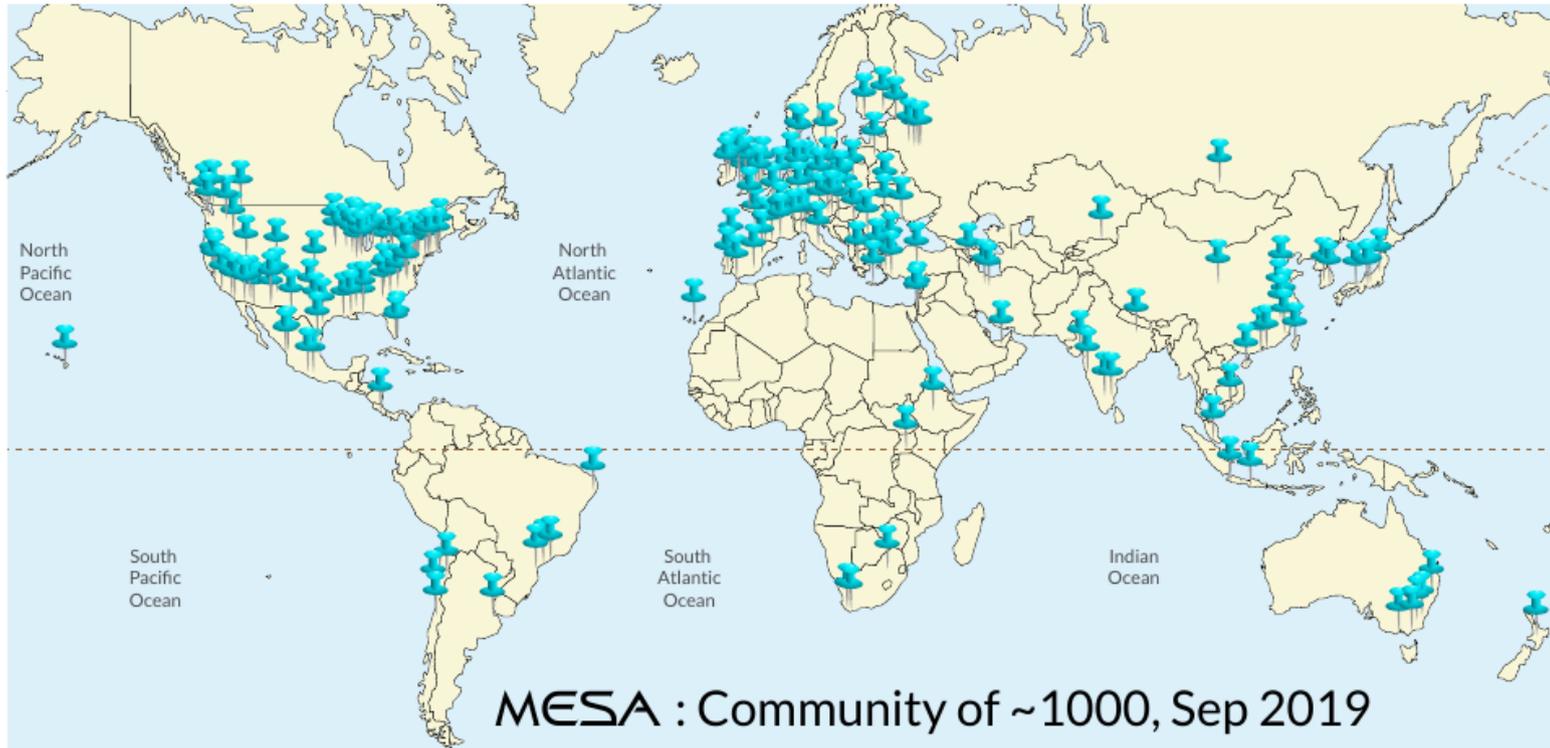
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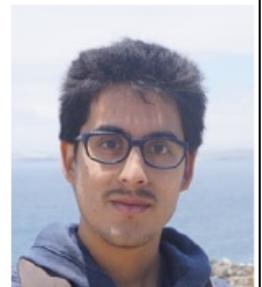
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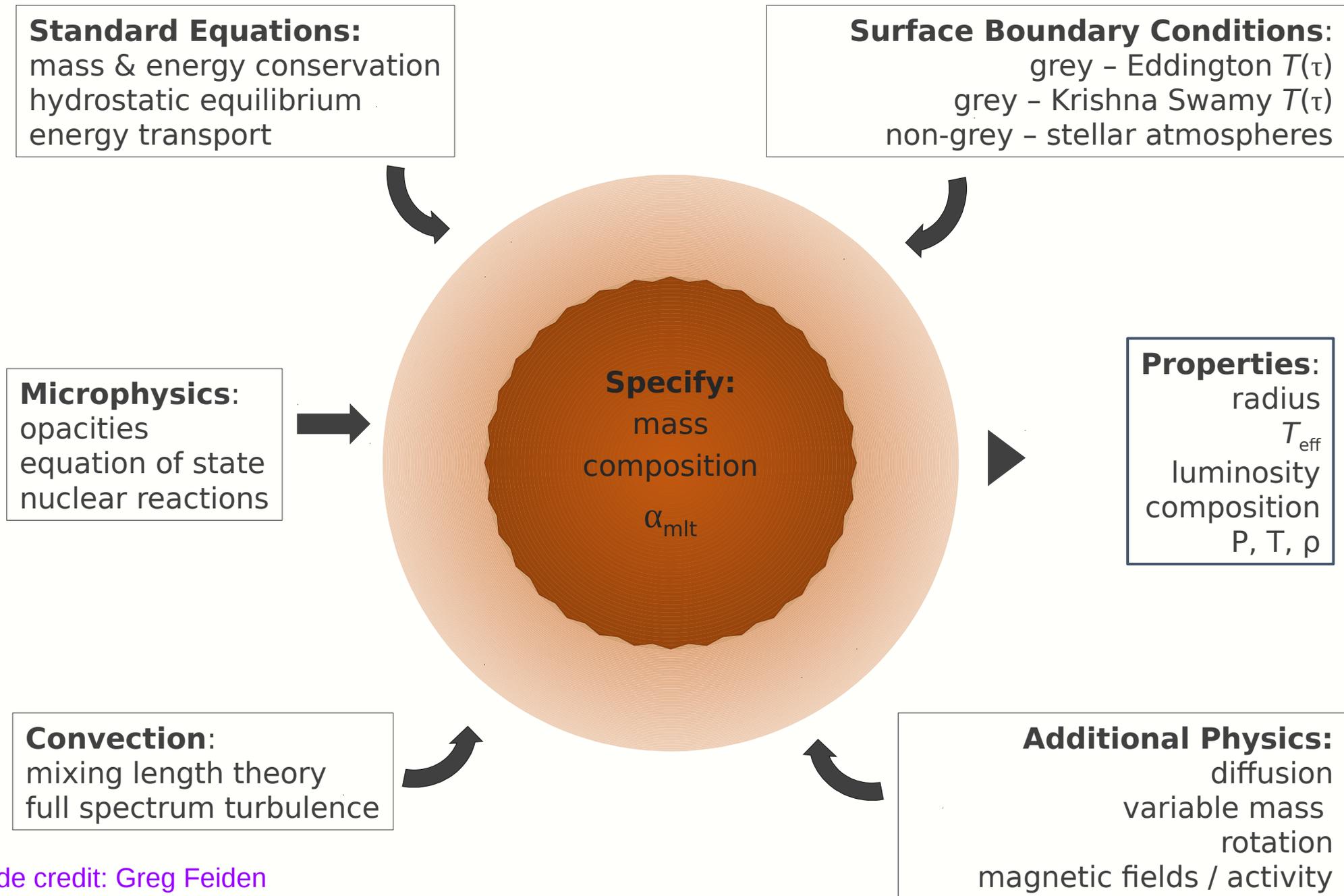


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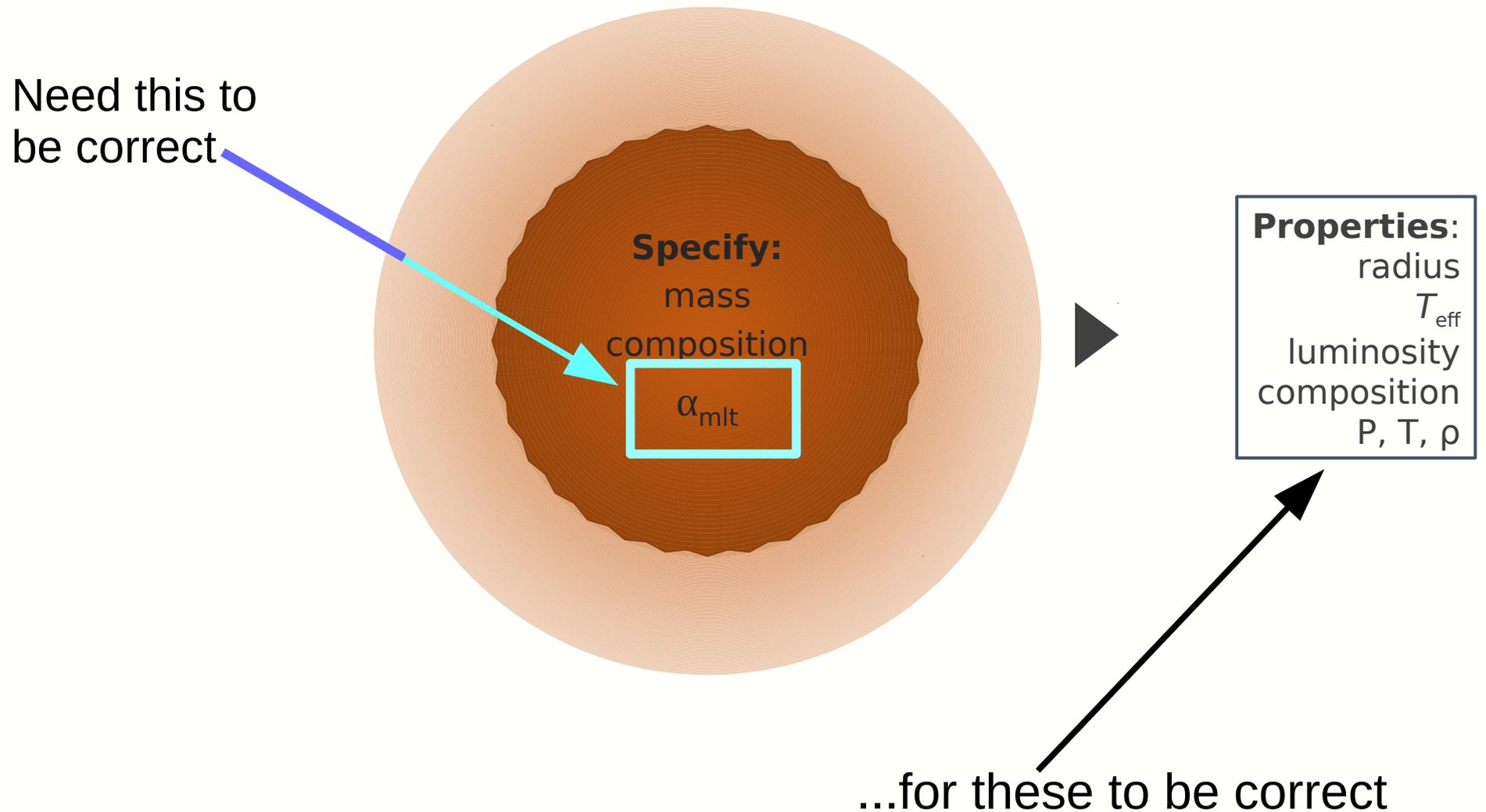


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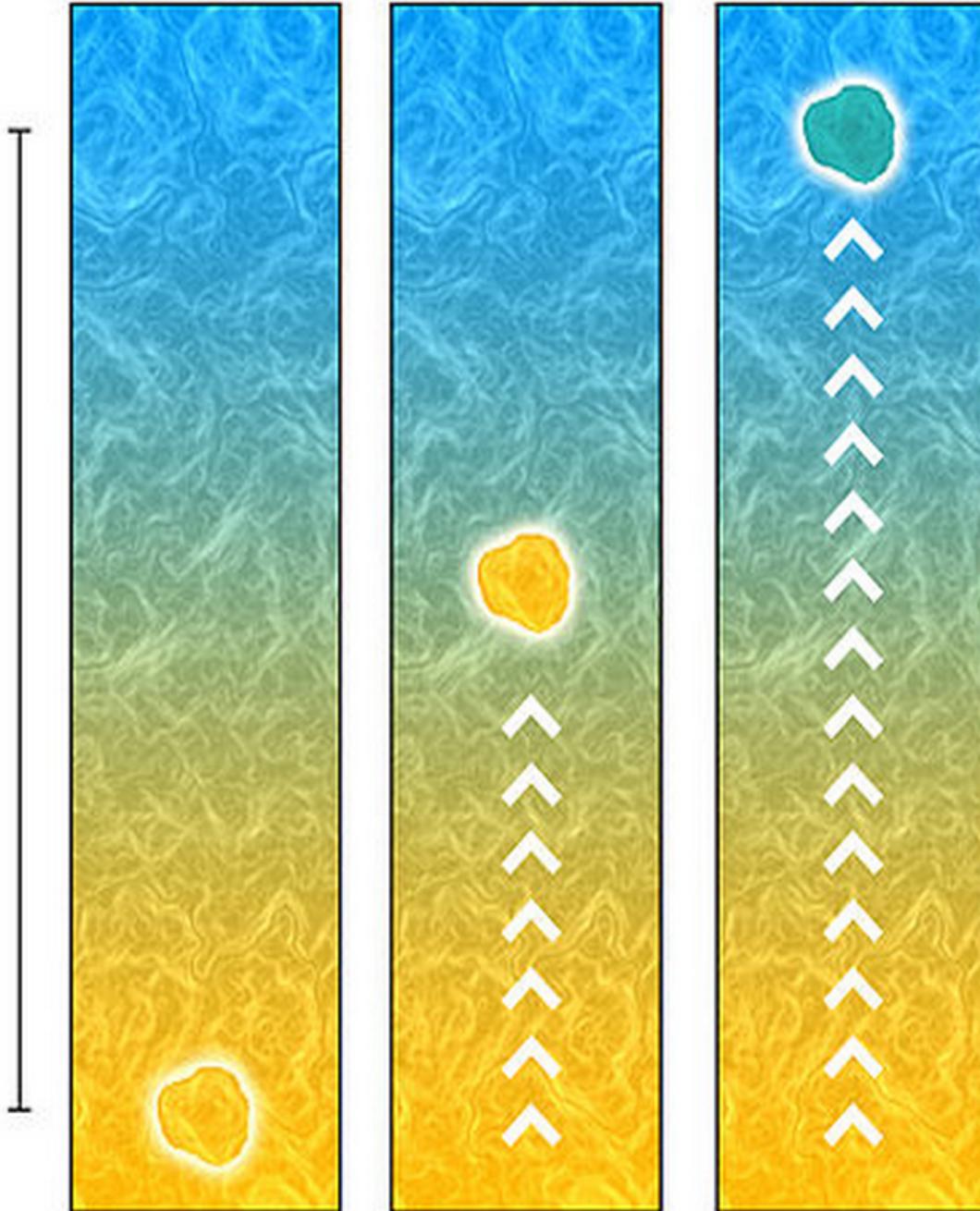
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Mixing Length Theory (MLT) Formalism



$$F_{\text{conv}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho v c_p T \frac{\lambda}{H_P} (\nabla_T - \nabla_{\text{ad}}).$$

$$\alpha_{\text{MLT}} = \frac{\lambda}{H_P} \quad \nabla_T = \left(\frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P} \right)$$

-discrete parcels consist of fluid which are in pressure, but not thermal, equilibrium

-parcels move along vertical trajectories

- “mixing length:” average distance which parcels can travel before denaturing

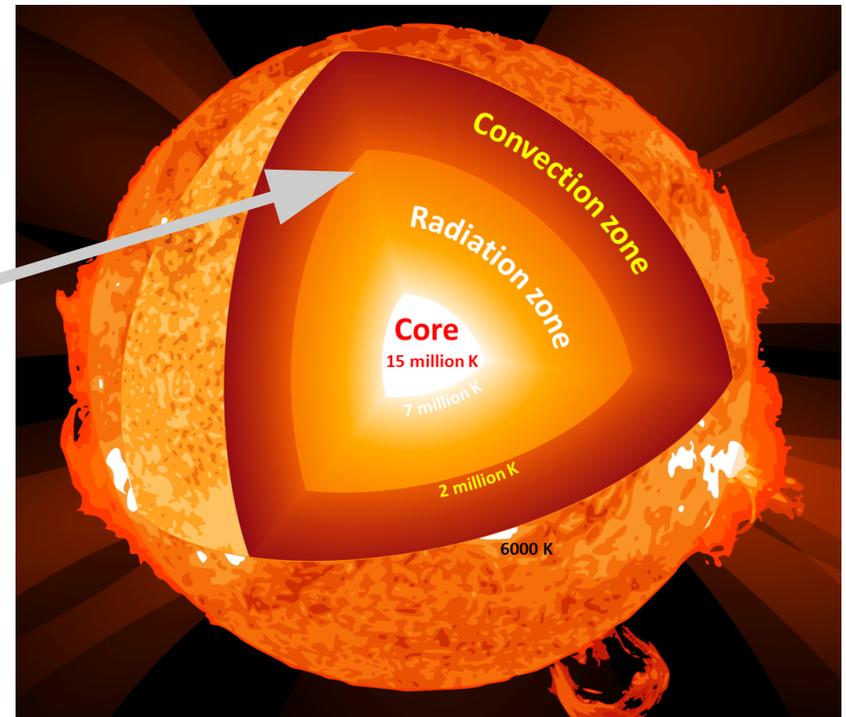
$-\alpha_{\text{MLT}}$ represents mean free path measured in pressure scale heights, $H_P = d \ln(P) / d \ln(T)$

MLT calibrations are tedious, difficult, and only possible in a specific regime, but using uncalibrated values introduces modeling errors

Because it is a free parameter, α_{MLT} absorbs modeling inconsistencies

Calibrate here:

- low mass stars (0.5 – 1.4 M_{\odot})
- sub-surface convective envelope
- main sequence, subgiant, or (maybe) early RGB



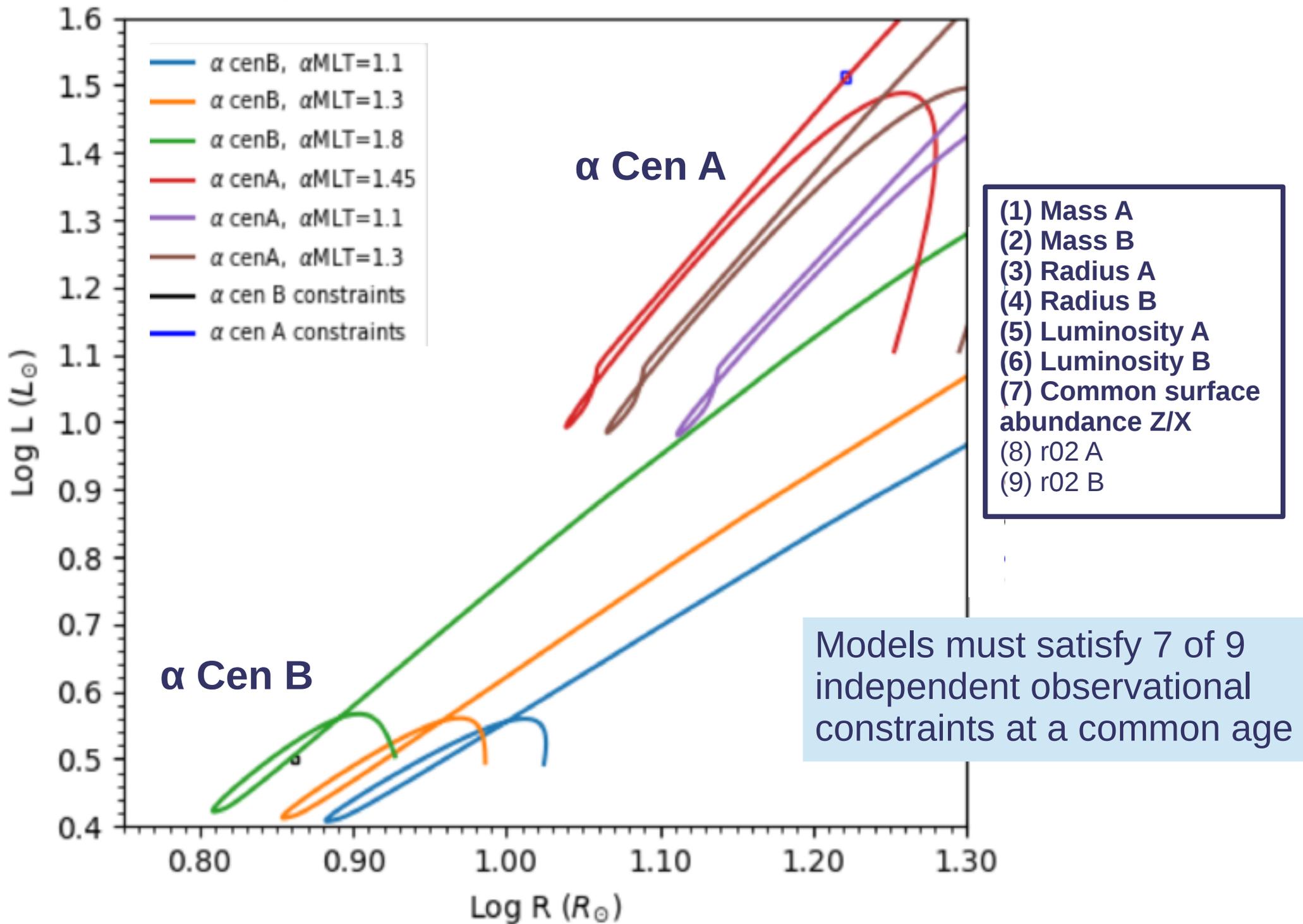
Two separate science questions:

- (1) How does α_{MLT} vary among stars with different global properties?
- (2) How does α_{MLT} change within a single star's evolution?

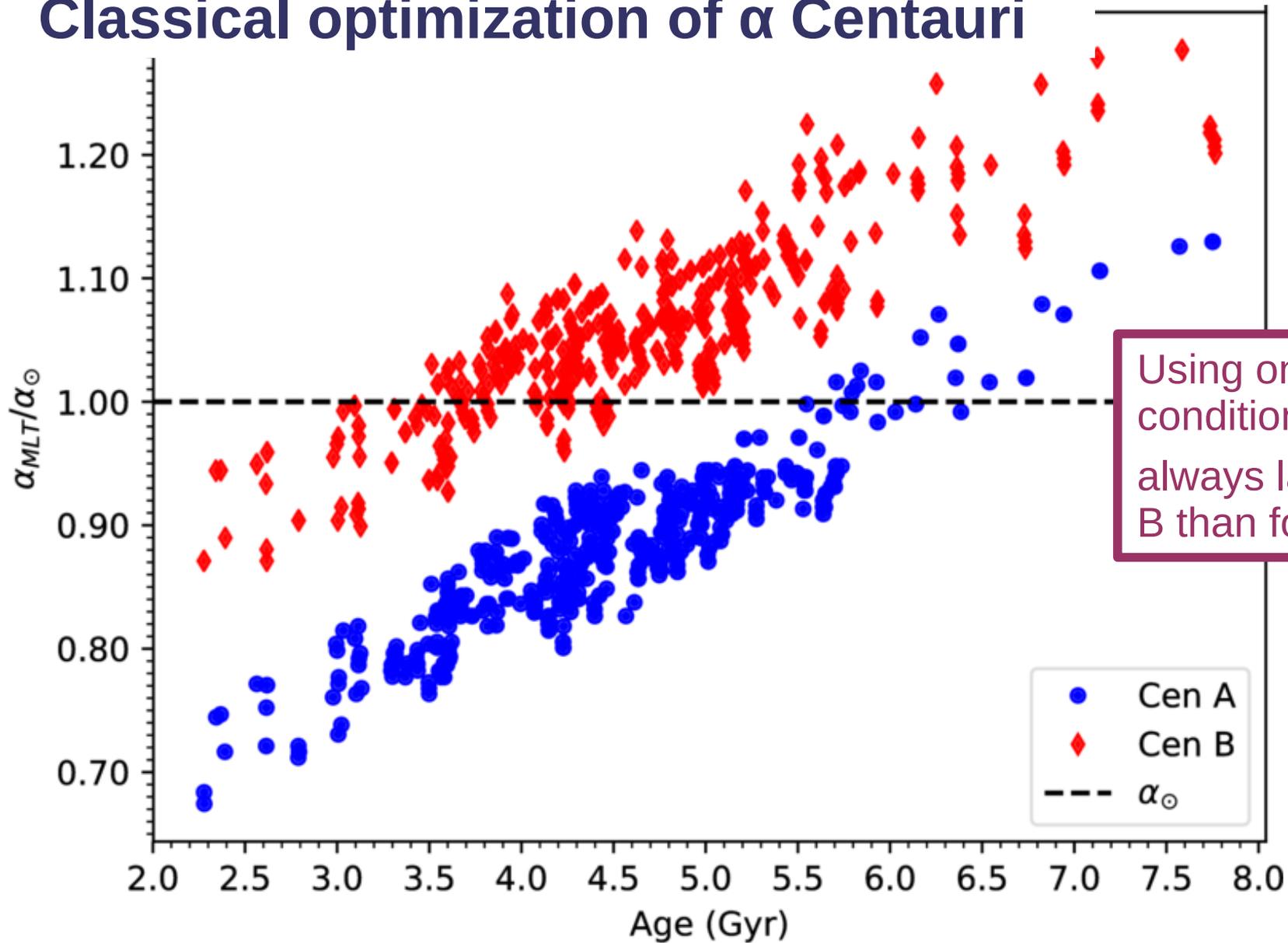
MLT Calibrations with Seismic Binaries

α Centauri A & B

Classical optimization of α Centauri



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$$s_{\text{classic}}^2 = \left[\frac{R_{A,\text{obs}} - R_{A,\text{mod}}}{\sigma_{R_{A,\text{obs}}}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{R_{B,\text{obs}} - R_{B,\text{mod}}}{\sigma_{R_{B,\text{obs}}}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{L_{A,\text{obs}} - L_{A,\text{mod}}}{\sigma_{L_{A,\text{obs}}}} \right]^2$$

$$+ \left[\frac{L_{B,\text{obs}} - L_{B,\text{mod}}}{\sigma_{L_{B,\text{obs}}}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{Z/X_{\text{obs}} - Z/X_{\text{mod}}}{\sigma_{Z/X_{\text{obs}}}} \right]^2$$

$$s_{\text{binary}}^2 = \left[\frac{\tau_A - \tau_B}{5 \text{ Myr}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{Y_A - Y_B}{0.005} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{Z_A - Z_B}{0.0005} \right]^2$$

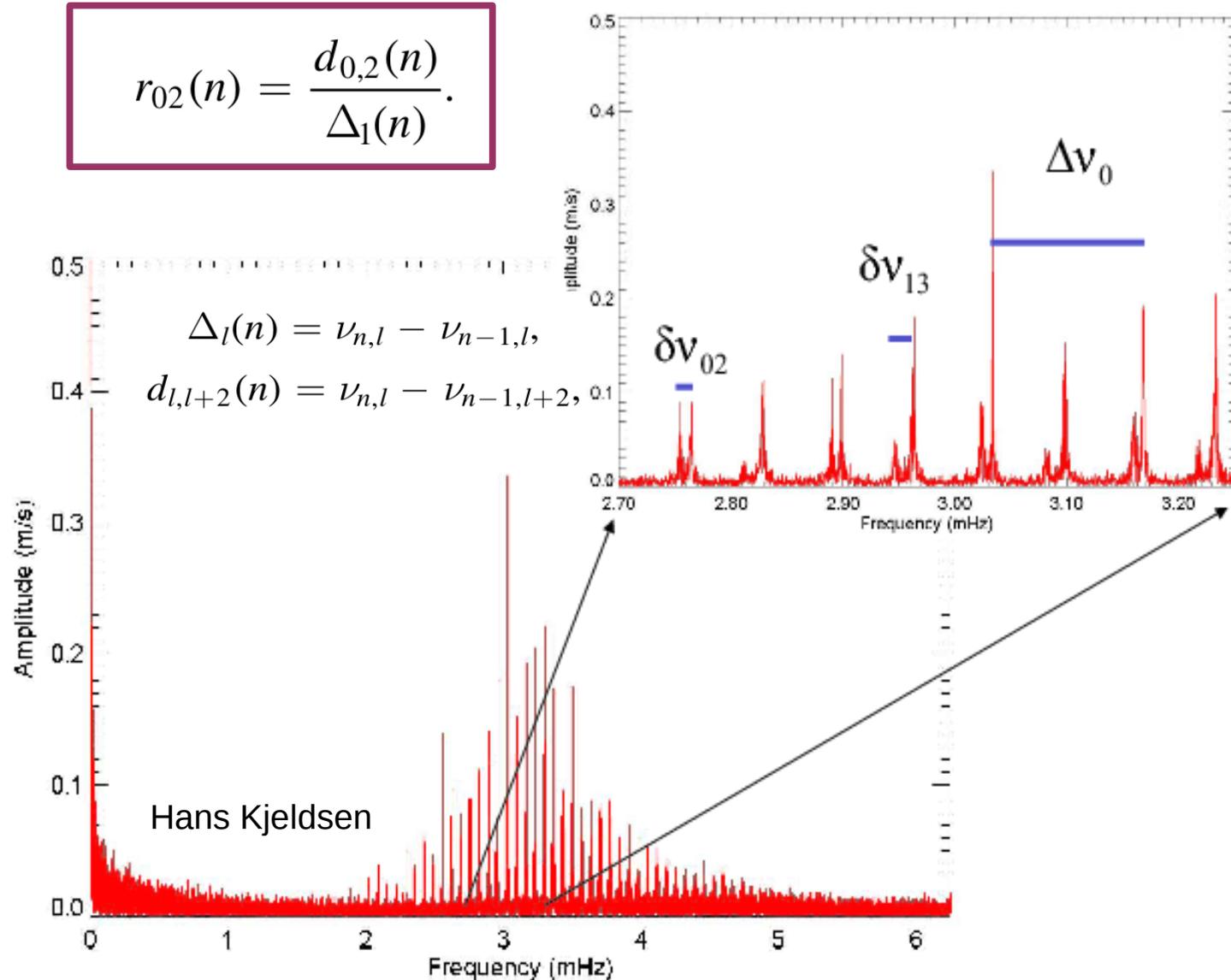
Incorporating seismic constraints

-Ratio between small and large frequency separation tells us about the sound speed in the interior

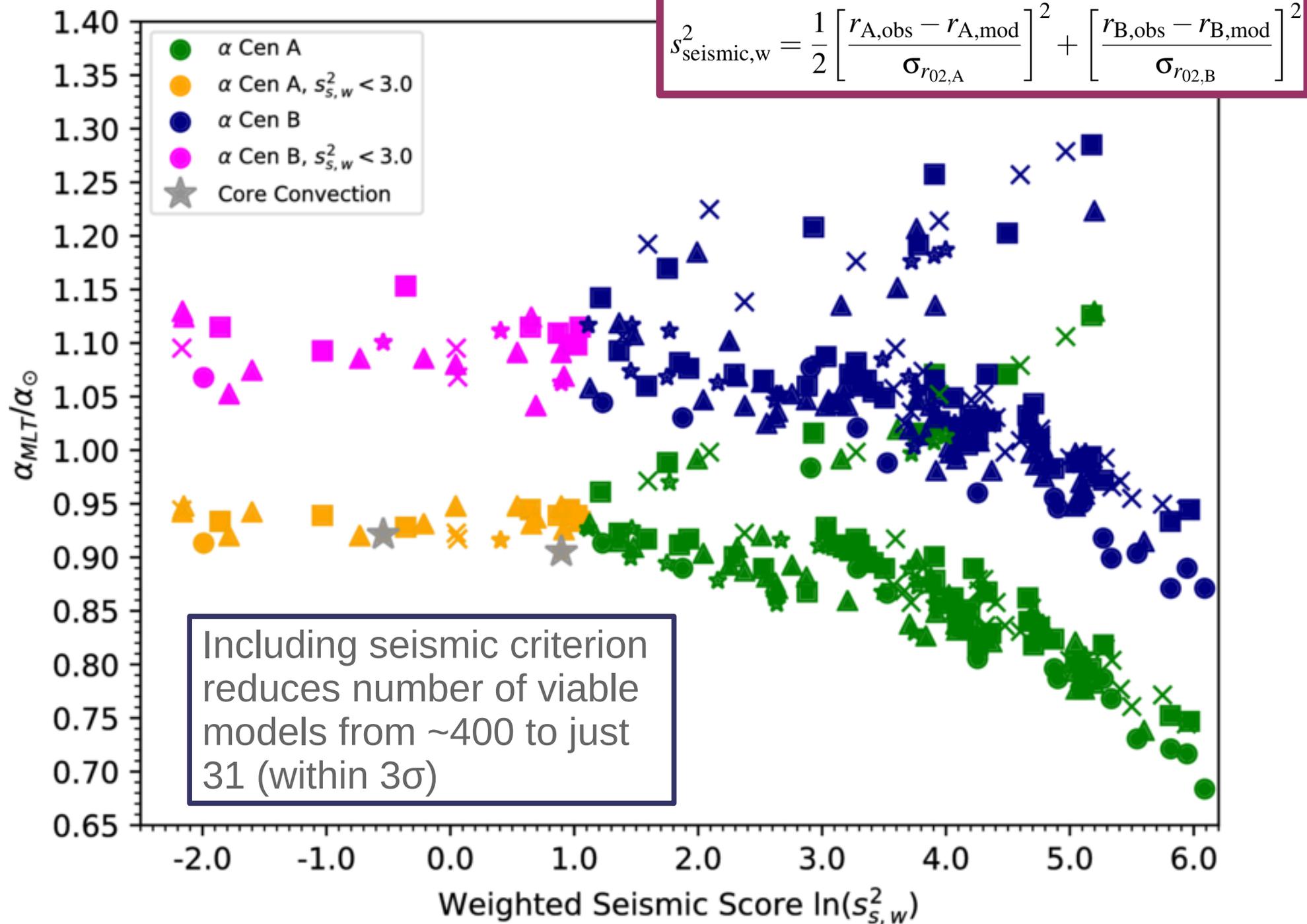
-can be computed from observations and obtained theoretically using **GYRE**

- r_{02} corrects “surface effects”—the known deviation of ridges in observed vs theoretical Echelle diagrams caused by approximate atmospheric modeling

$$r_{02}(n) = \frac{d_{0,2}(n)}{\Delta_1(n)}$$

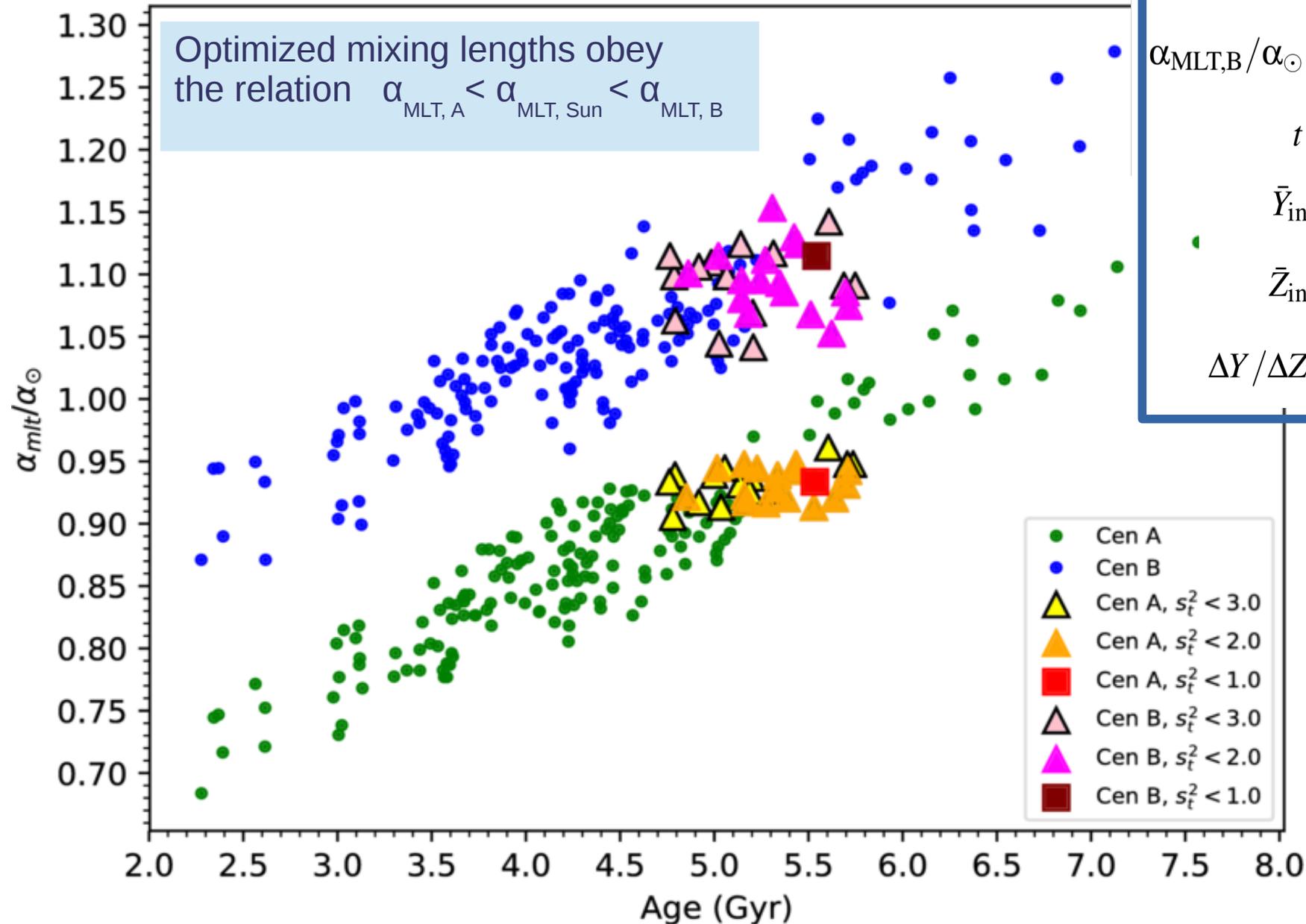


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Results:

- refined fundamental parameters of α Centauri A & B
- new method for age estimation



$$\alpha_{\text{MLT,A}}/\alpha_{\odot} = 0.932 \pm 0.17;$$

$$\alpha_{\text{MLT,B}}/\alpha_{\odot} = 1.095 \pm 0.20;$$

$$t = 5.26 \pm 0.95 \text{ Gyr};$$

$$\bar{Y}_{\text{in}} = 0.273 \pm 0.035;$$

$$\bar{Z}_{\text{in}} = 0.027 \pm 0.005;$$

$$\Delta Y/\Delta Z = 0.90 \pm 0.12.$$

General Conclusions:

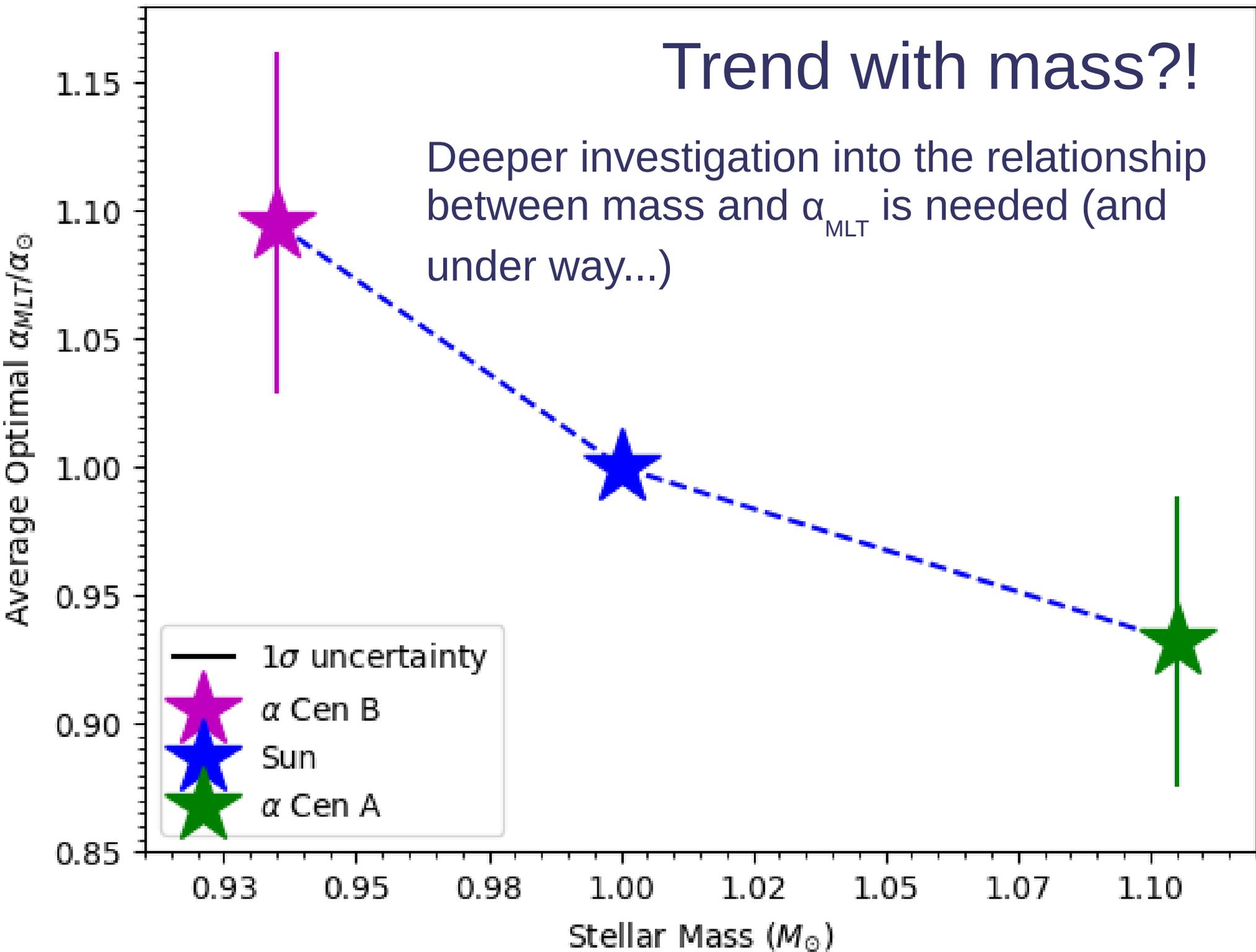
- seismic constraints severely restrict α_{MLT} , especially for α Cen A
- solar-normalized α_{MLT} converge to well-defined values in both stars!
- MLT calculations seem to be insensitive to variations in (1D) input physics; main effect is on the age estimate
- under all conditions tested, the hotter and more massive star prefers smaller mixing length values than its cooler, lower-mass counterpart

Important to note: this directly contradicts trends found when using 3D atmospheres (e.g. Zhou, Asplund, et al in prep; STAGGER grid)

Our group's work on this discrepancy continues...

Trend with mass?!

Deeper investigation into the relationship between mass and α_{MLT} is needed (and under way...)



More MLT calibrations with seismic binaries

Kepler targets
Solar twins
& Procyon

What makes alpha Cen the perfect lab?

Independent measurements remove degrees of freedom and isolate MLT

Mass – kinematics

Radius – interferometry

Luminosity – photometry



Surface abundance – high resolution spectroscopy

Stellar interior constraints **from which surface effects can be removed** – seismology

IF the candidate is binary with all classical measurements satisfied in both components --> free, prior-independent age constraint!

Problem:

No other (known) system satisfies all of these conditions!



Other contenders:

- doubly oscillating *Kepler* targets: usually missing interferometry
- interferometric targets: usually cannot also be spectroscopic binaries
- stars with high resolution spectroscopy (HRS): powerful for determining input composition, but lack an interior constraint
- stars that DO satisfy the basics:
 - [X] typically only measurements for one component
 - [X] period too long for dynamical mass (e.g. 16 Cyg)
 - [X] difficult to model / incorrect region of the HRD
 - wrong mass regime
 - nested or inverted convective structure

How about....Procyon?

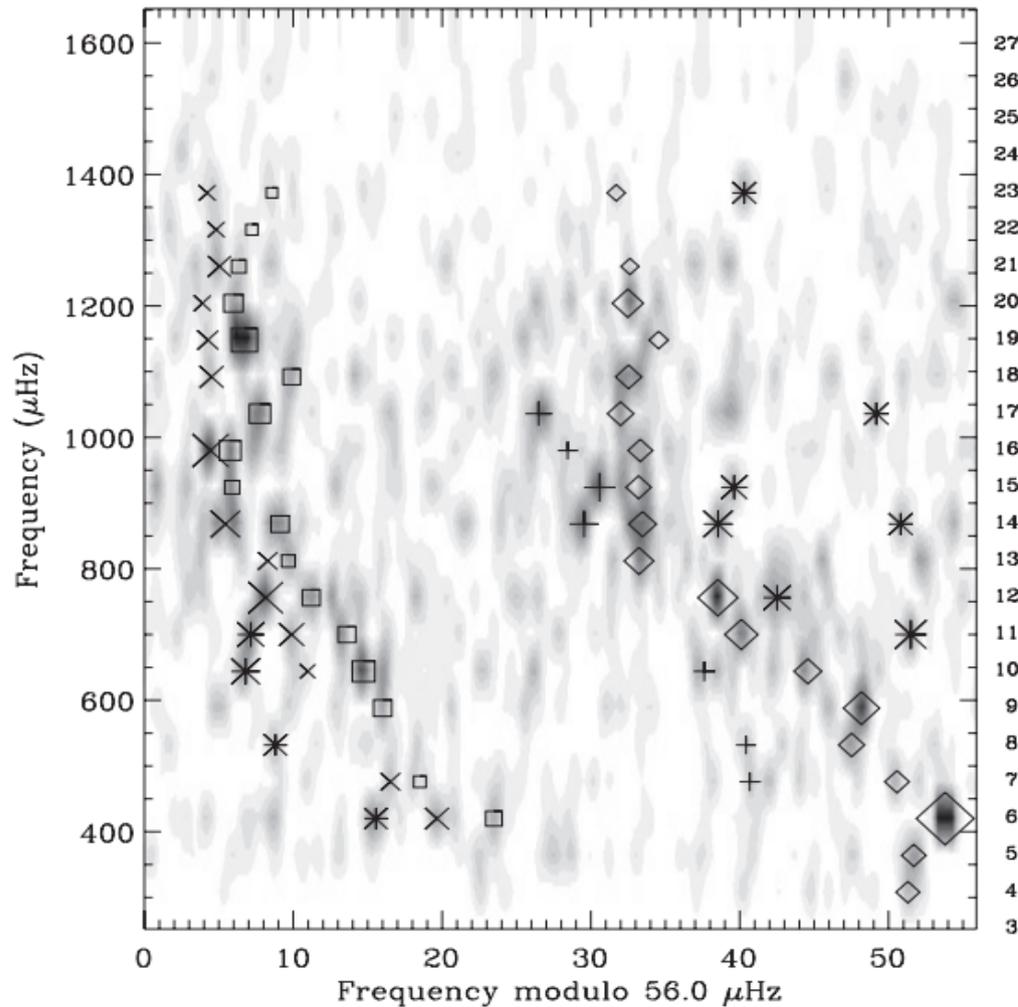
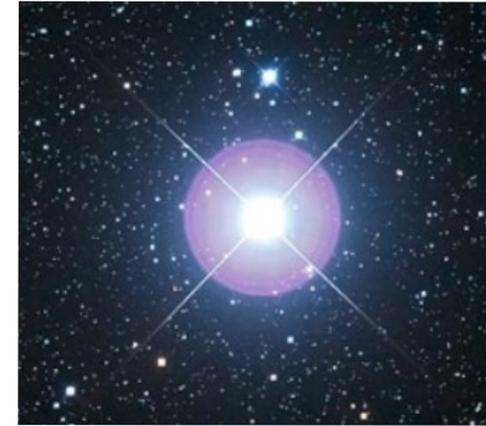


Figure 14. Power spectrum of Procyon overlaid with mode frequencies listed in Table 1. Symbols indicate angular degree (squares: $l = 0$; diamonds: $l = 1$; crosses: $l = 2$; pluses: $l = 3$). Asterisks show the peaks that have not been identified, as listed in Table 2.

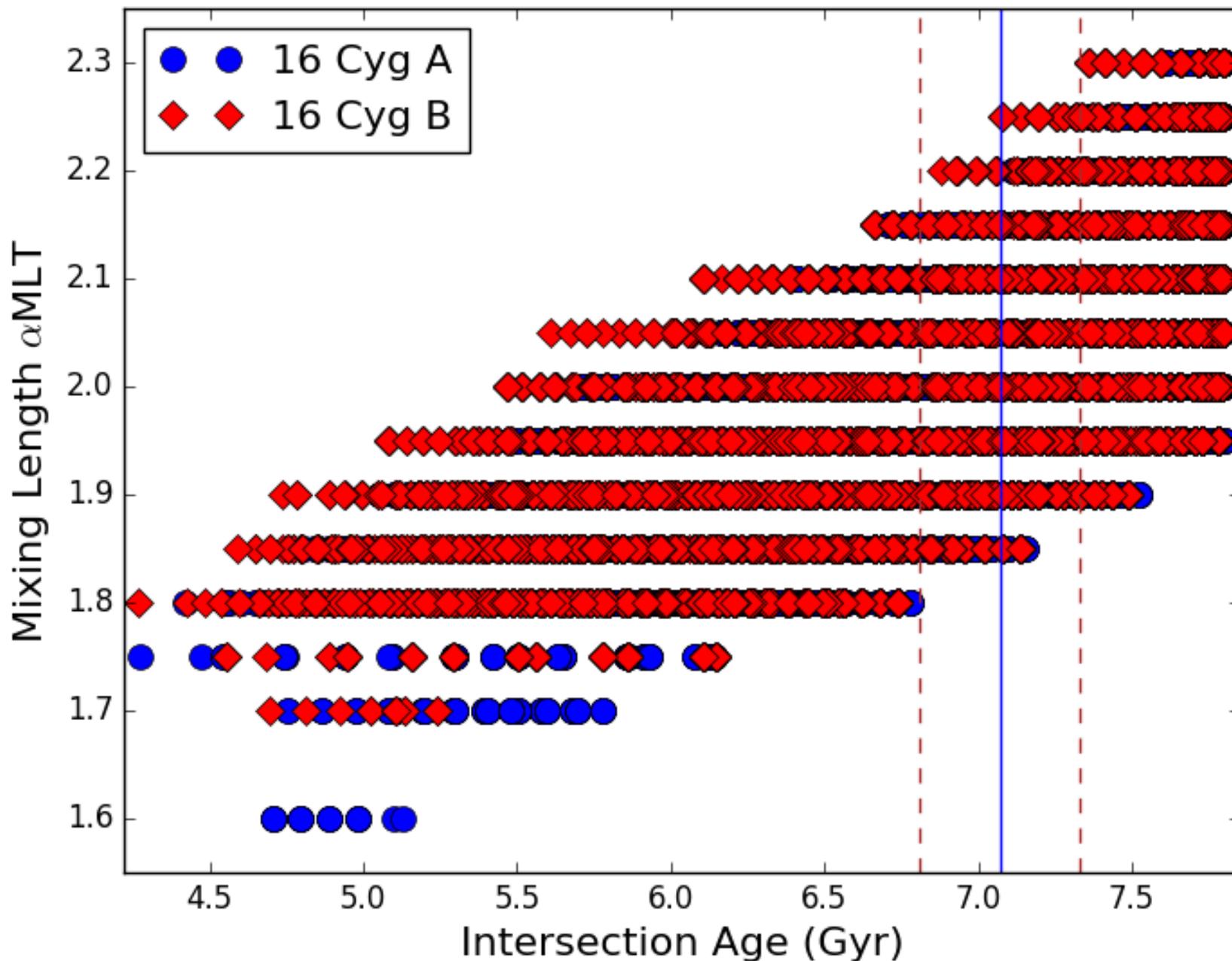
Bedding et al. 2010

Challenges:

- Ridge identification is difficult observationally
- p-mode behavior in this part of the HRD is much more complicated
- surface convection zone in evolutionary models is very thin and therefore much less sensitive to changes in α ml

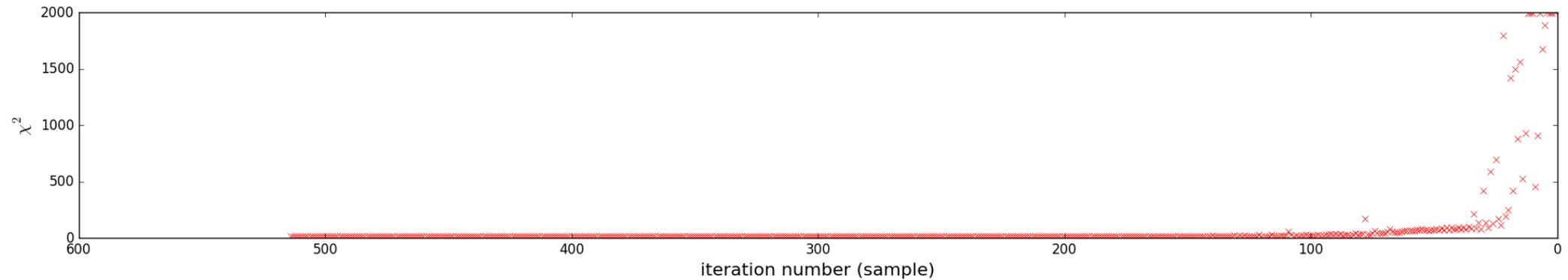
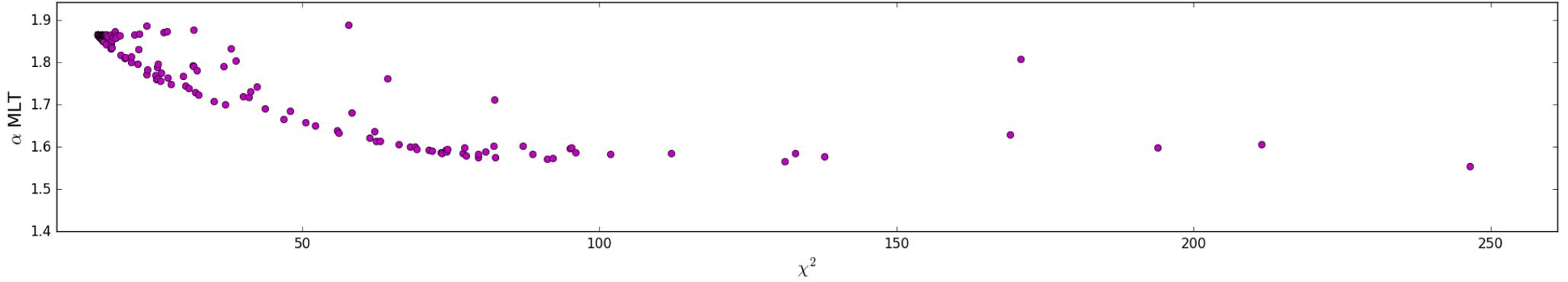
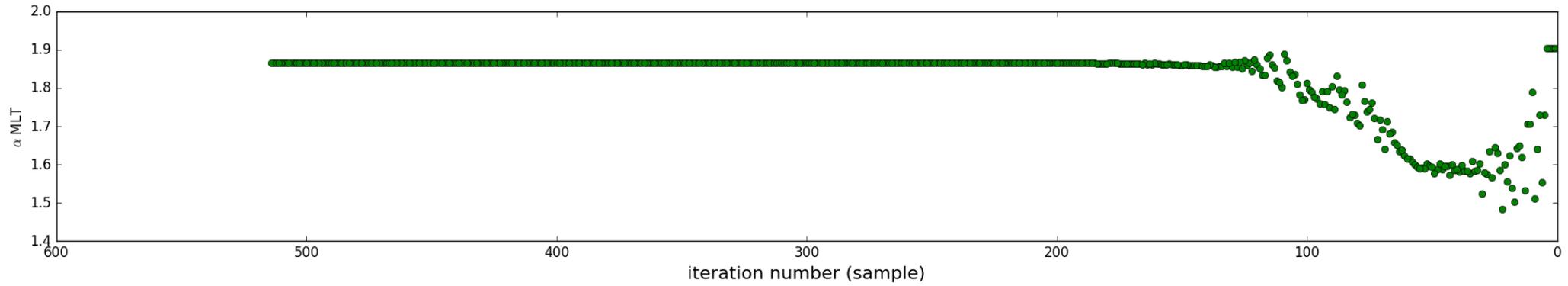
How about....16 Cyg A & B?

Preliminary results are UNLIKE α Cen A & B: --> no age bifurcation



New method: Simplex Optimizer with MESA

Work in progress using the ASTERO and SIMPLEX_SOLAR_CALIBRATION modules, to which I am currently contributing



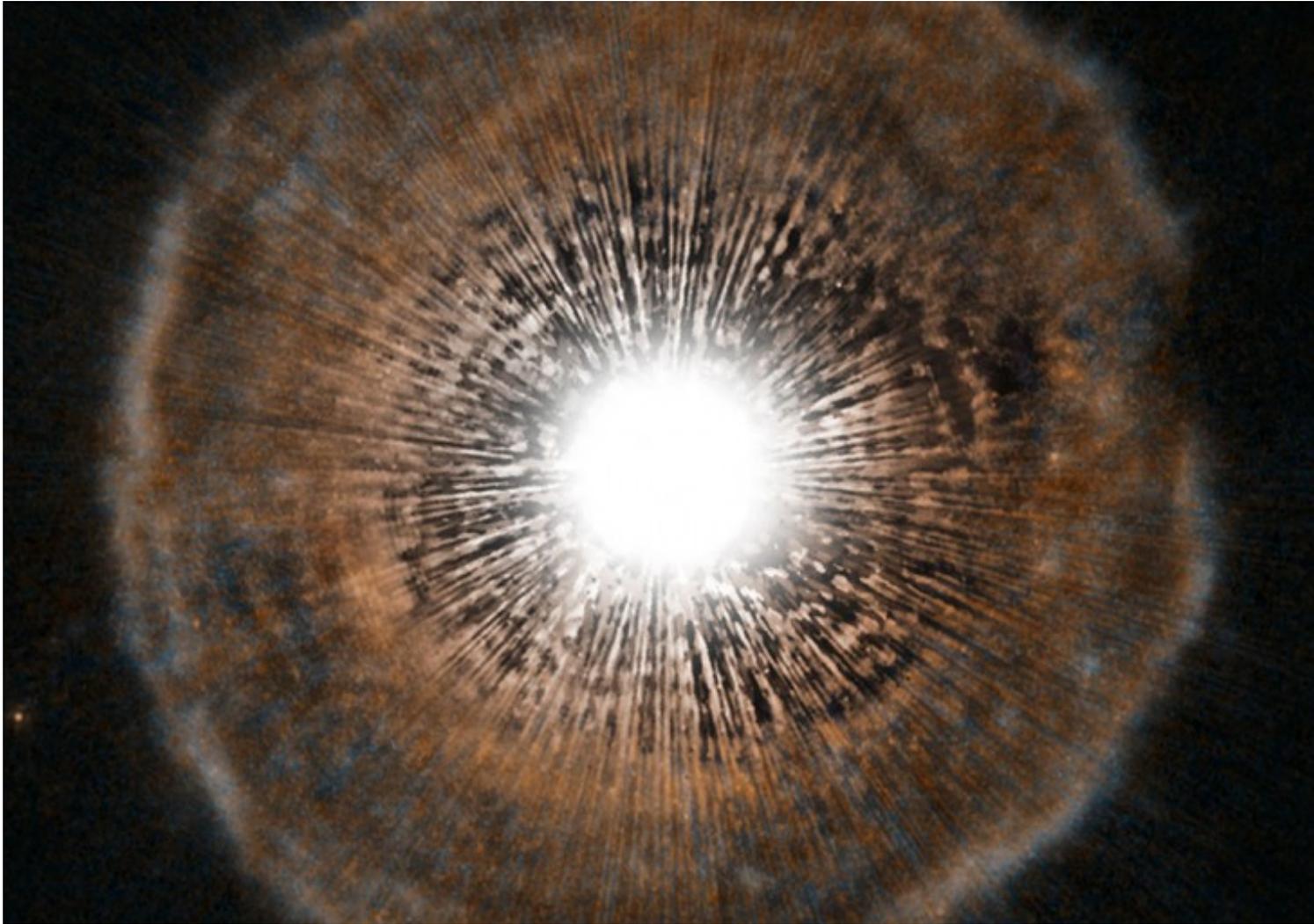
High precision seismic evolution

AGB stars
& T Ursae Minoris

The dying breaths of a Sun-like star

Live

Studied: T Ursae Minoris



Pictured: U Camelopardalis, a similar TP-AGB star

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The amateur observers of the AAVSO monitored the star T Ursae Minoris for a century. Now, astronomers think they can explain the star's recent change in behavior.

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Our Sun and T UMi are expected to end their days much like U Carapetris (pictured). Every few thousand years, it coughs out a fiery nebula and if you're a billion light-years away it can begin to form. Credit: European Space Agency

An international team of astronomers has witnessed a rare dramatic event: forecasting the death of a red dwarf star for the first time - a discovery that reinforces predictions about our Sun's ultimate demise.

Dr Meredith Joyce, an astronomer based at The Australian National University (ANU) co-led the study with Dr László Molnár and Dr László Kiss from the Konkoly Observatory of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Dr Joyce said the star studied, T Ursae Minoris (T UMi), was similar to the Sun.

"This has been one of the rare opportunities when the signs of ageing could be directly observed in a star with human timescales," said Dr Joyce.

"We anticipate our Sun and T UMi will be compared with a supernova - a star that has exploded and is now a cloud of gas and dust.

The findings support the prediction that our Sun will expand and become a red giant before finally shedding its outer layers and leaving behind a white dwarf as a remnant, Dr Joyce said.

"It will become much bigger as it expands in the process - before and after it sheds its outer layers - and the team found that over the past 100 million years the star has transitioned to a white dwarf size, brightness and temperature.

"Energy production in T UMi has upped its ante, causing 'flares' that are 100 times more powerful than those of our Sun.

"These quiet cause drastic, rapid declines over centuries. The gas is ejected and forms a nebula.

The team has observed the star for the past 30 years.

"We believe the star is entering its final phase of its life - a few hundred thousand years," Dr Joyce said.

"Both amateur and professional astronomers have observed the star in the coming decades, with 30 to 50 years."

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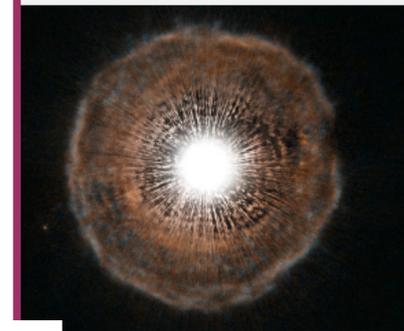
Scientists' glimpse of a dying star shows how Earth will be destroyed

Astronomers get a rare look at the final phase of stellar life that will eventually come for our own sun.

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The star captured in this Hubble Space Telescope image, is in a similar stage of evolution to T UMi.

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ASTRONOMERS MAKE 'RARE' OBSERVATIONS OF DYING STAR, GIVING US GLIMPSE INTO FATE OF OUR SUN

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE SUN DIES ?

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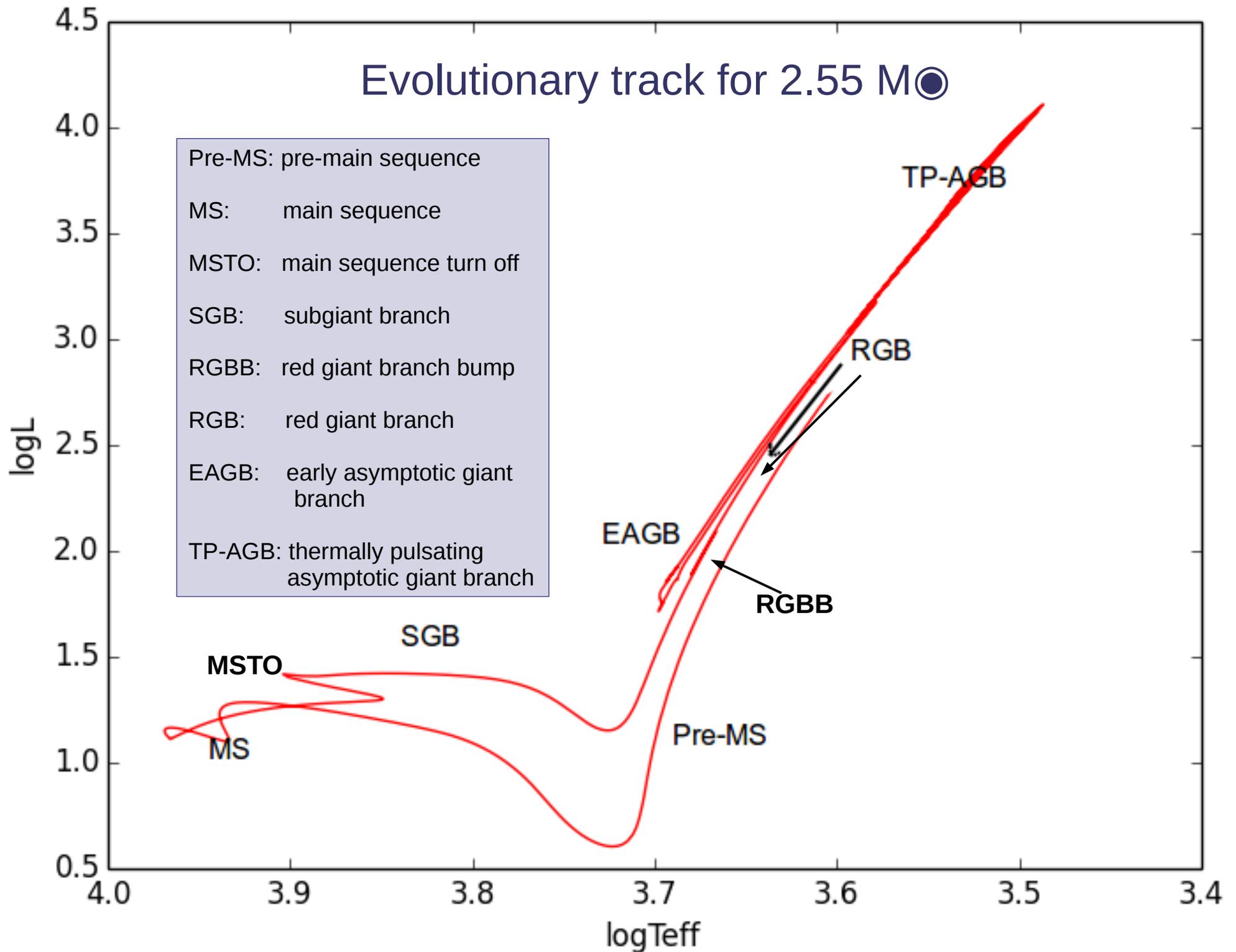
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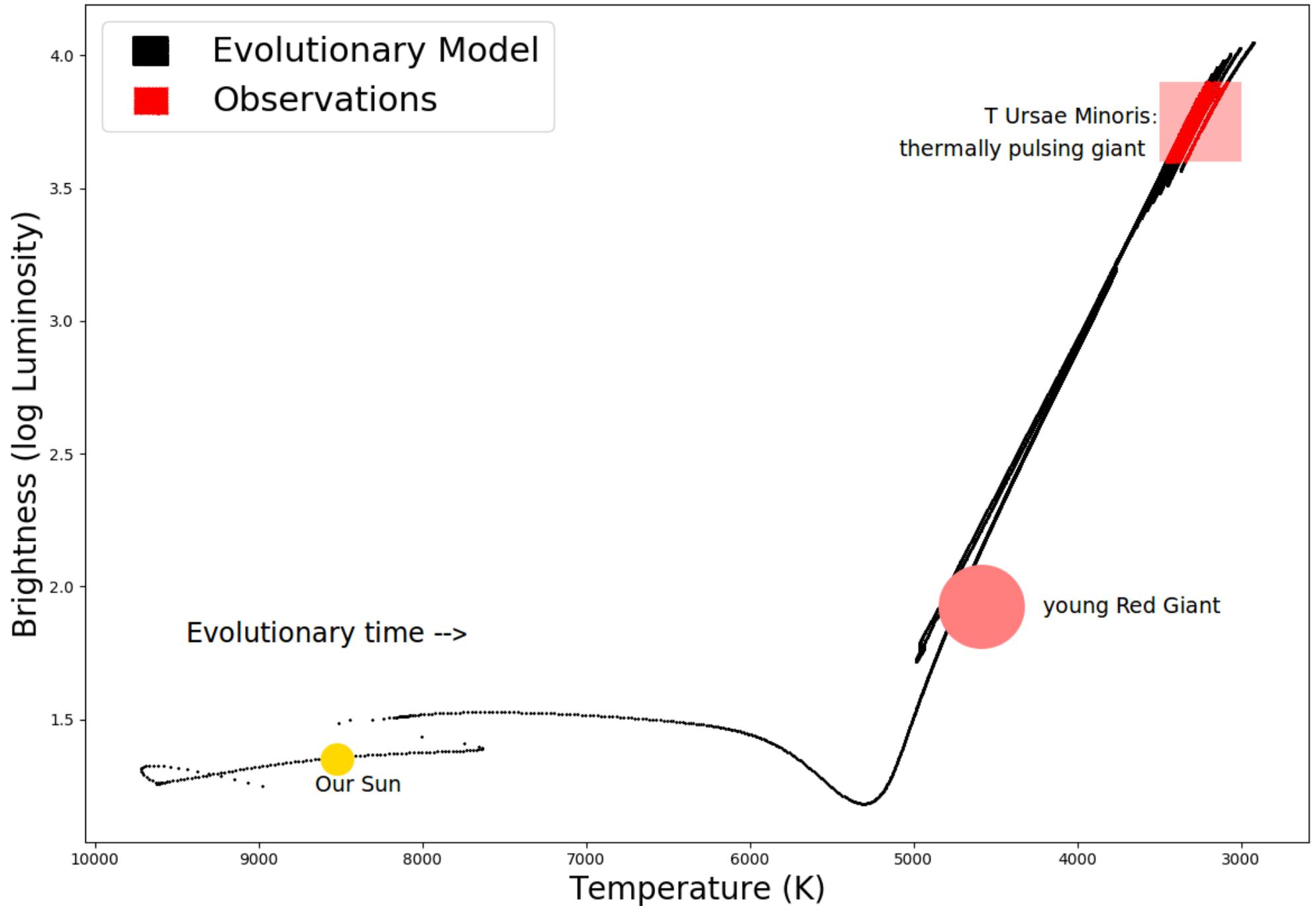
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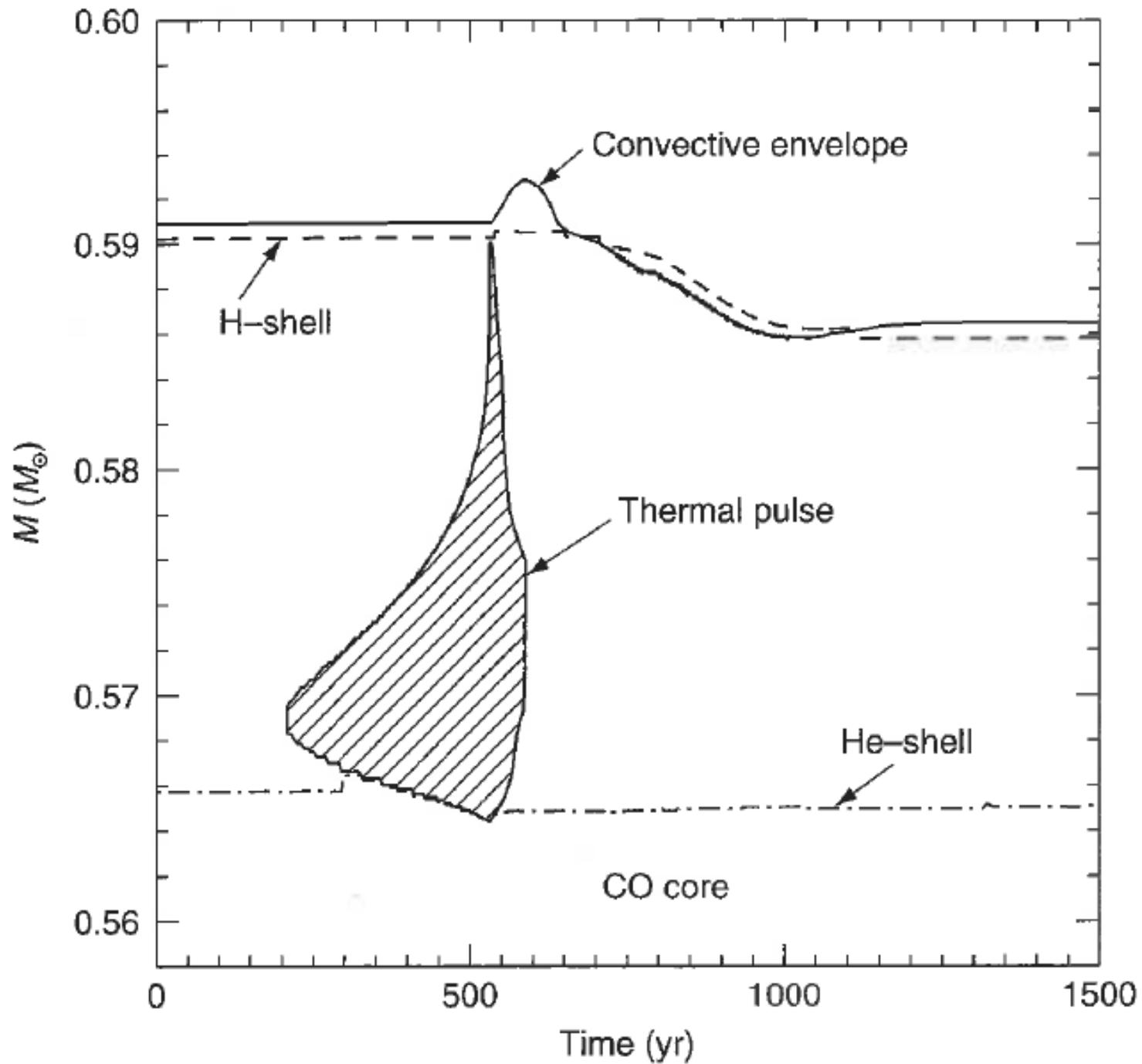
Evolutionary track for 2.55 M \odot



T Ursae Minoris: Evolutionary Context



Anatomy of a Thermal Pulse



T Ursae Minoris: why this star?

(1) 100+ years of visual observations

(2) undergoing dramatic changes while we're watching

(3) turns out to be located in a very special and short-lived part of the evolutionary diagram, a region amenable to capturing its **seismic evolution**

(4) evolutionary trajectory is similar to the Sun's

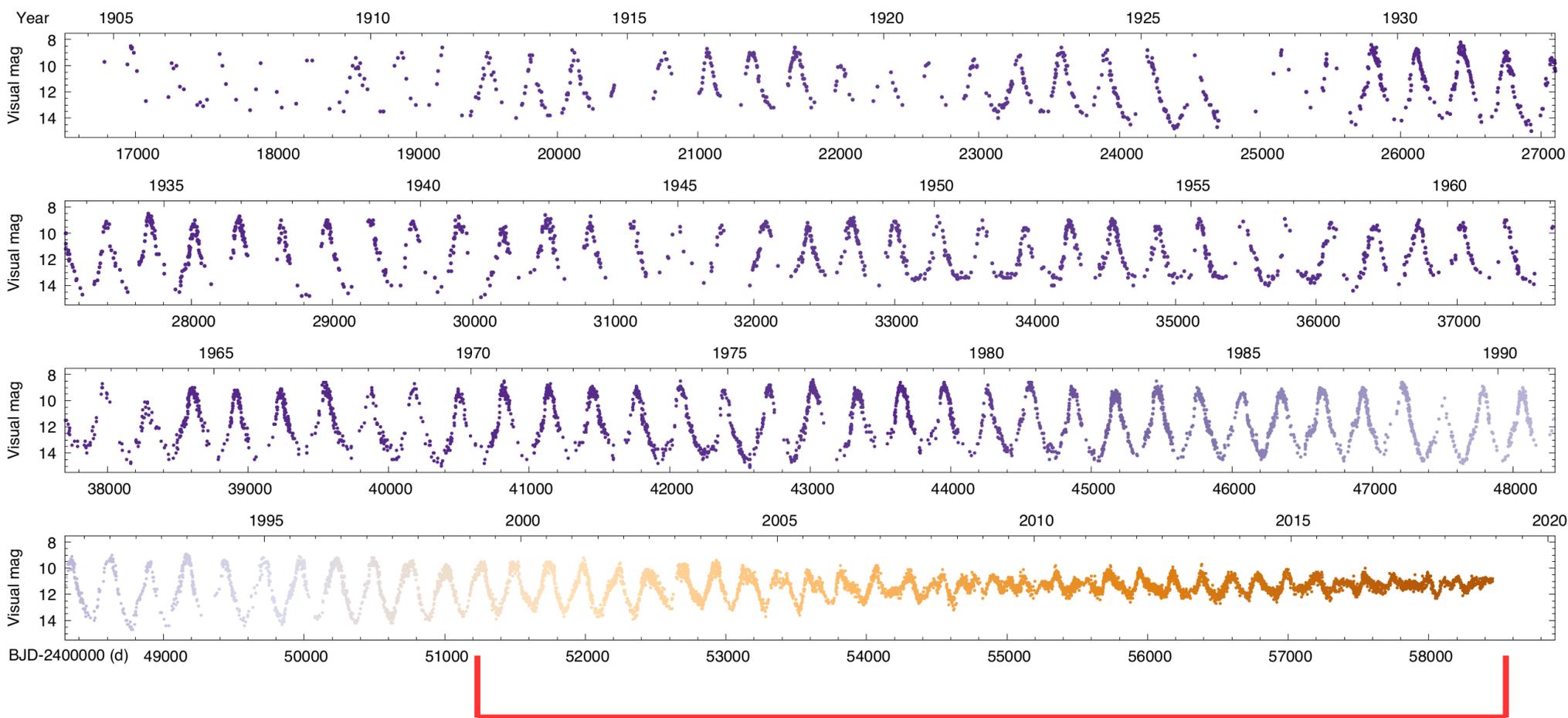
Important distinction:

Pulse—helium shell flash episode
(evolutionary behavior)

Pulsation—coherent global oscillation in
the envelope (seismic behavior)

→ **T UMi is experiencing both**

Lightcurve: dramatic change in amplitude of oscillations in visual mag over last ~30 years



Last 20 years

Difference in T UMi's period spectrum then-to-now suggests need for reclassification

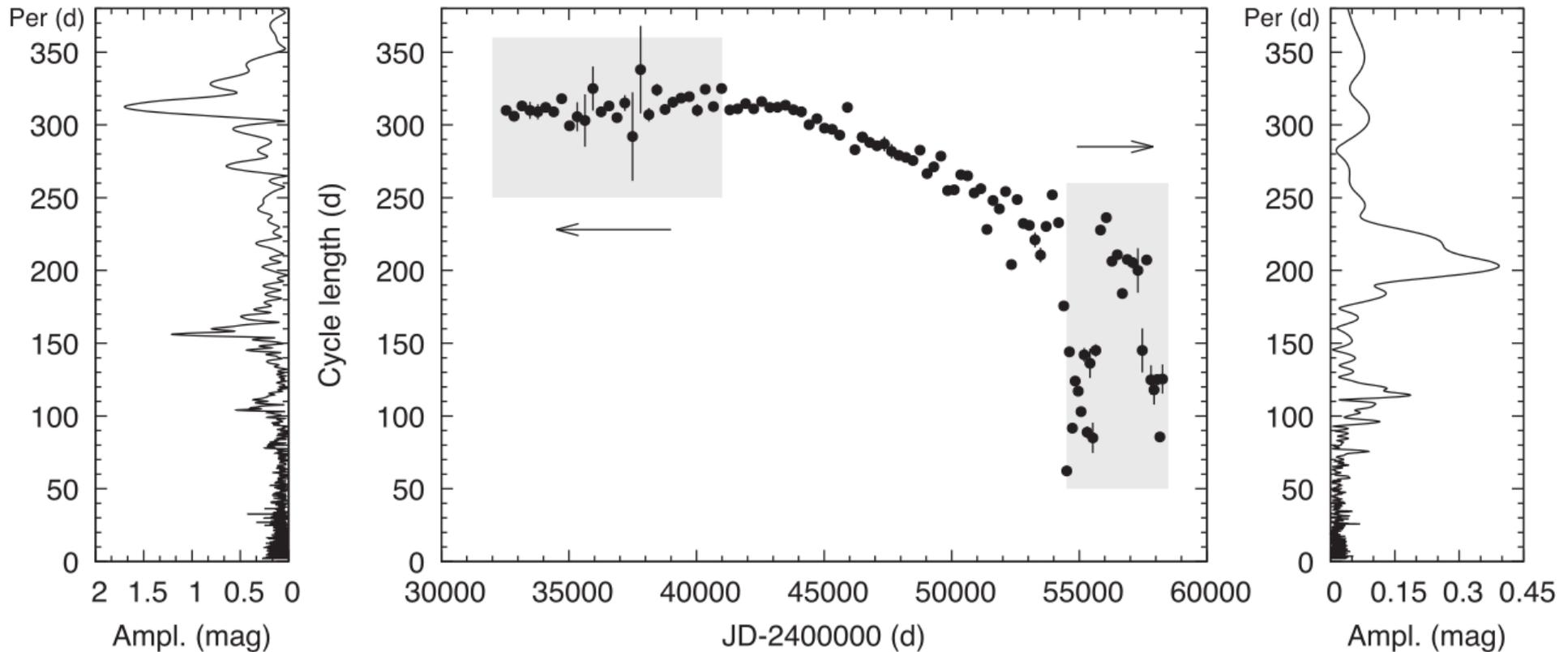
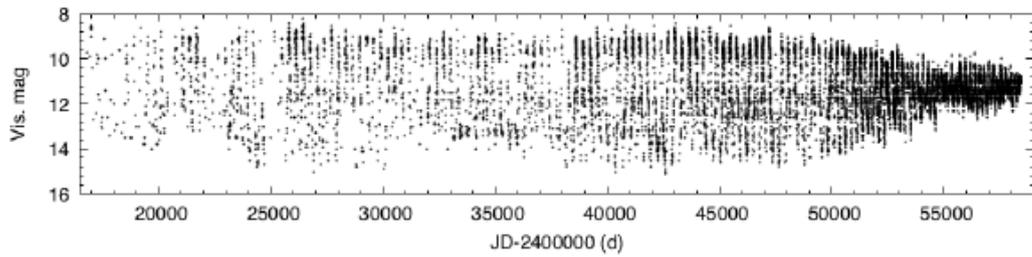
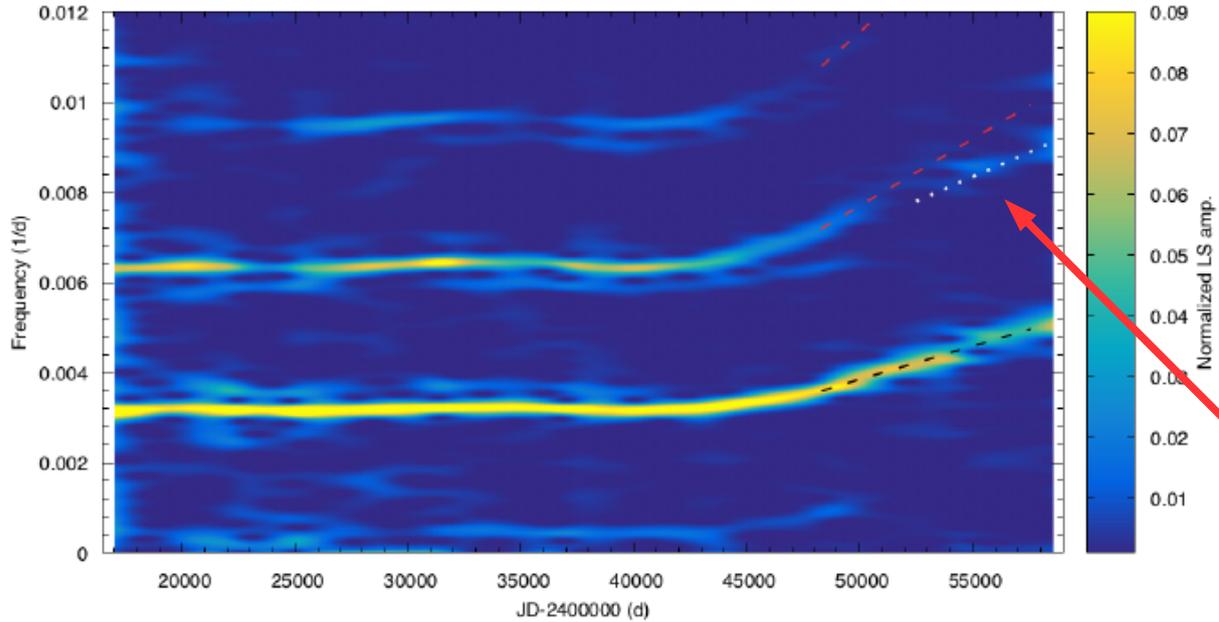


Figure 2. Middle: distances of successive (local) light maxima. Left and right: the corresponding periodograms from the early (gray highlighted region in the upper left of middle panel) and late (gray highlighted region in the lower right) sections of the light curve. The “early” region covers truncated JD 32,000 to 41,000 and the “late” region, 54,500 to 58,500.



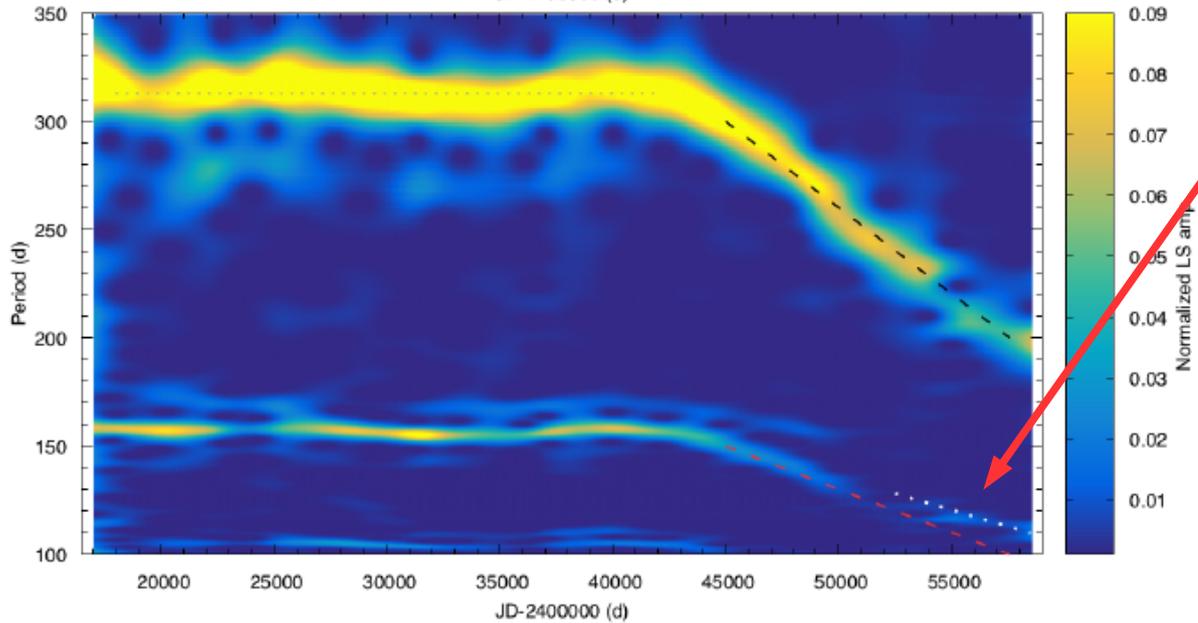
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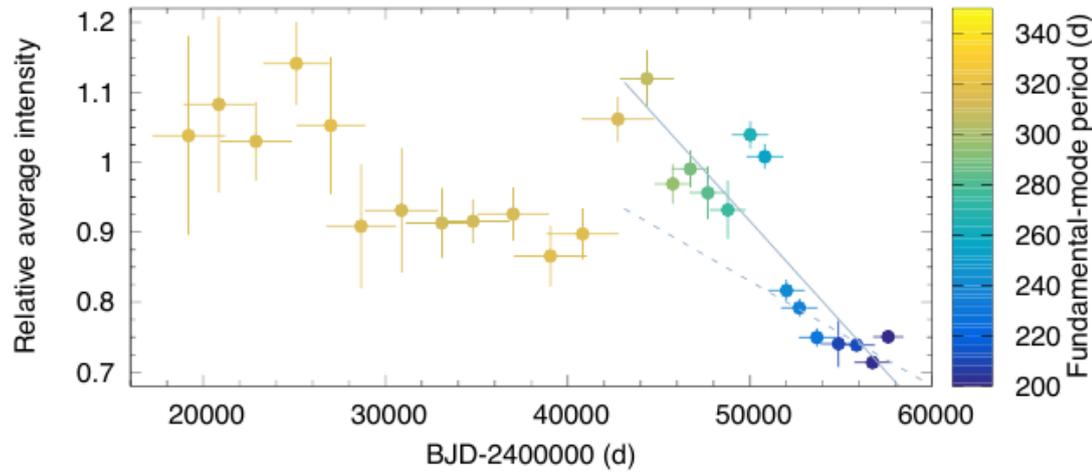
Time-frequency distribution

Emergence of new oscillation mode!

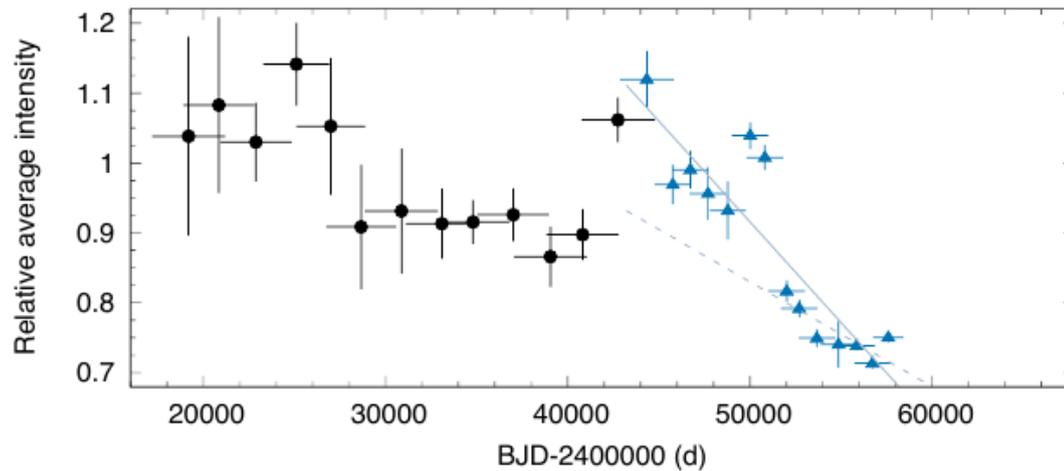
→ excellent news for seismic modeling



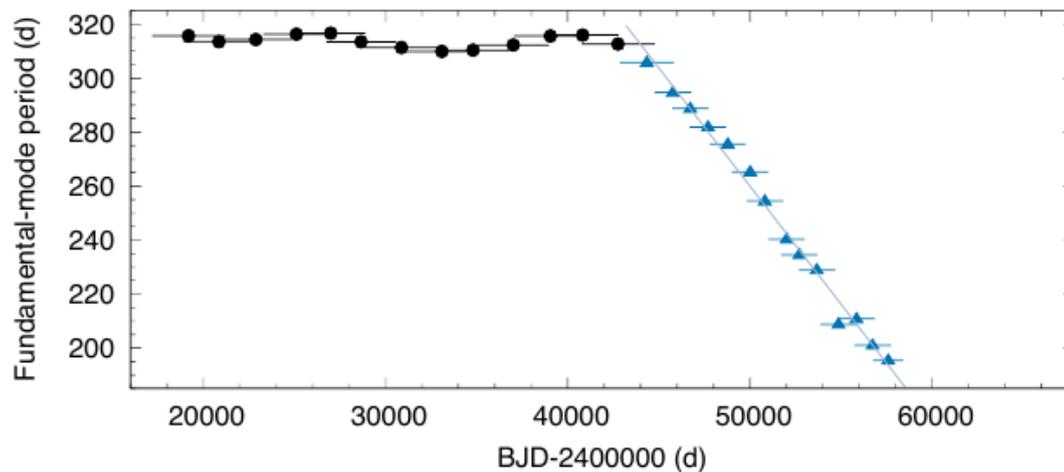
Time-period distribution



Visually, looks like it's just meandering
 Seismically, there is a **rapid period decline**

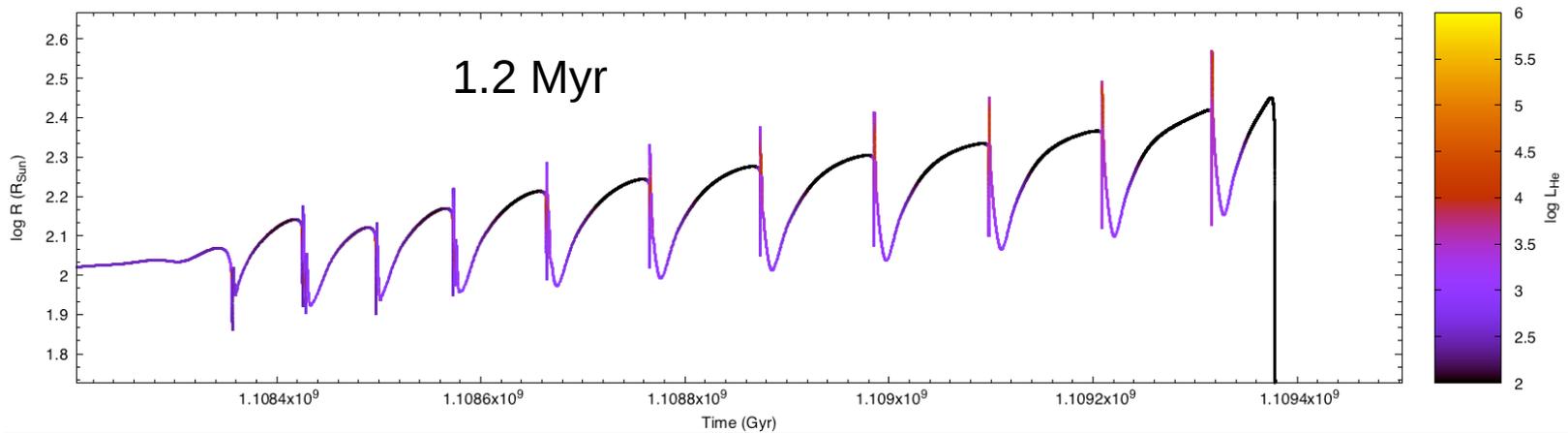
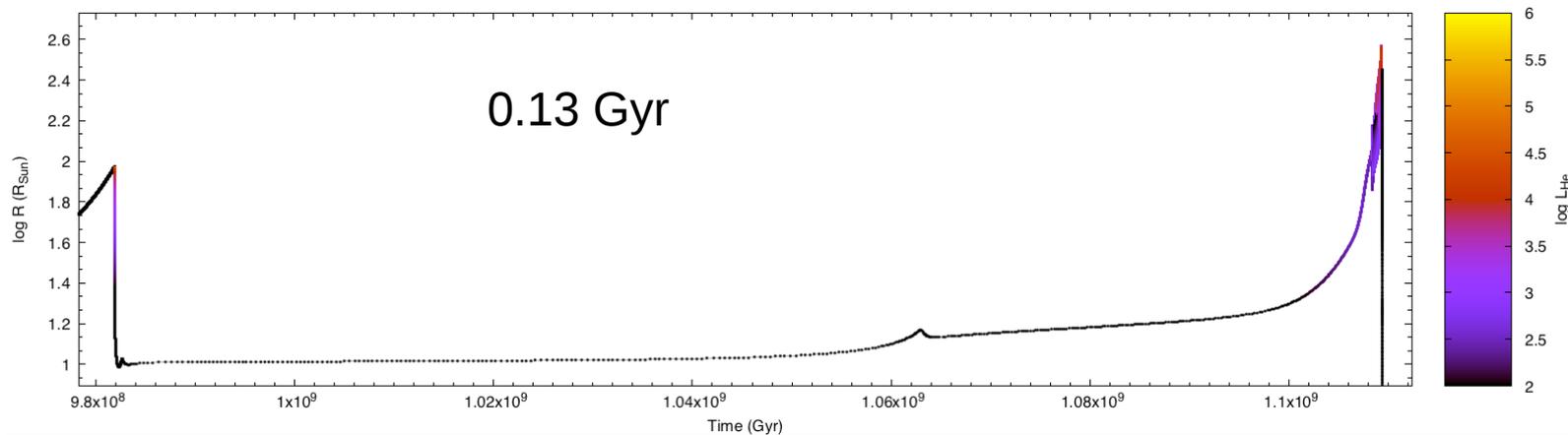
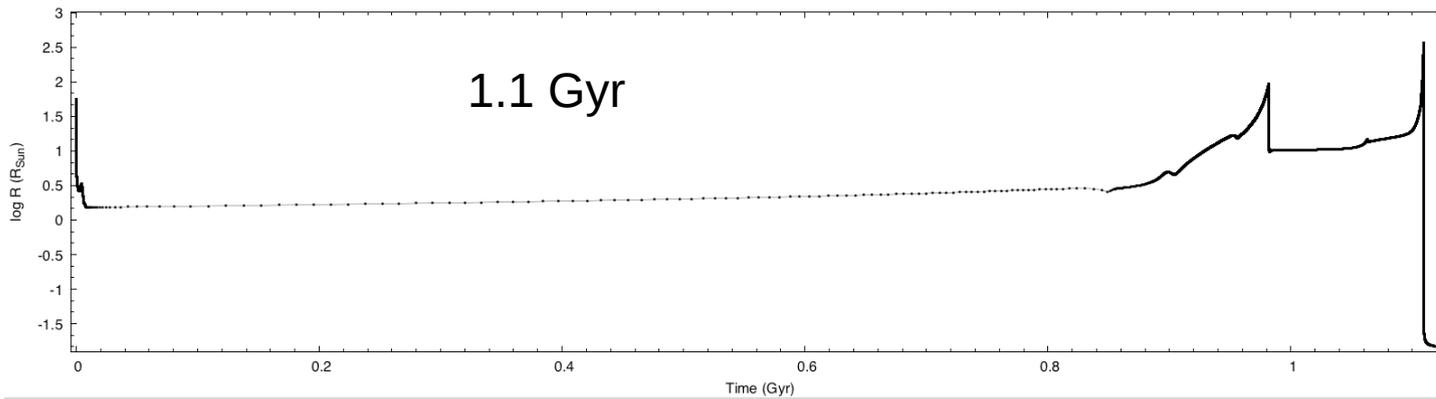


Same data, divided into **before (black) / after (blue)** the rapid period change

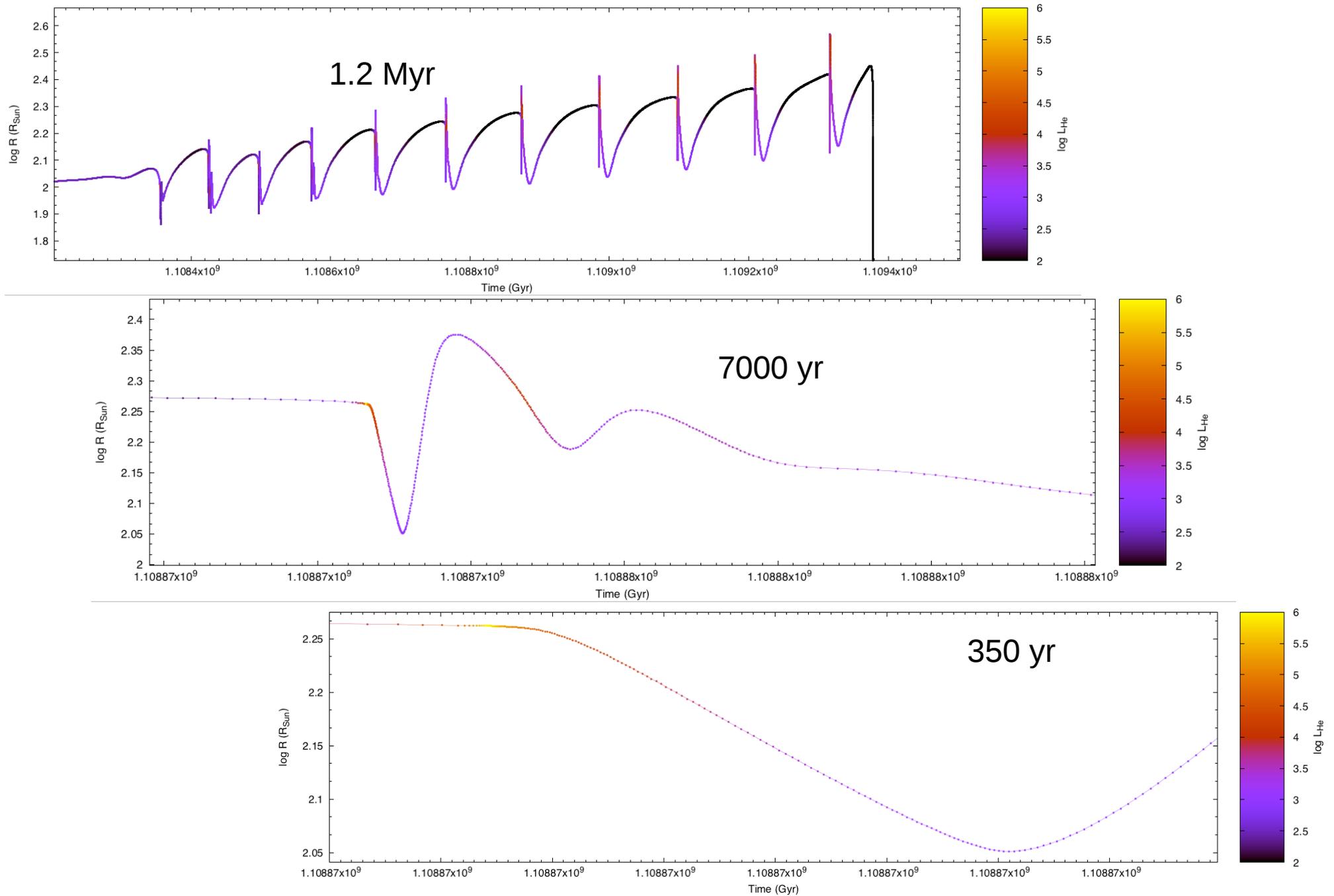


Same data, shown in terms of **fundamental mode period**

Let's model it!



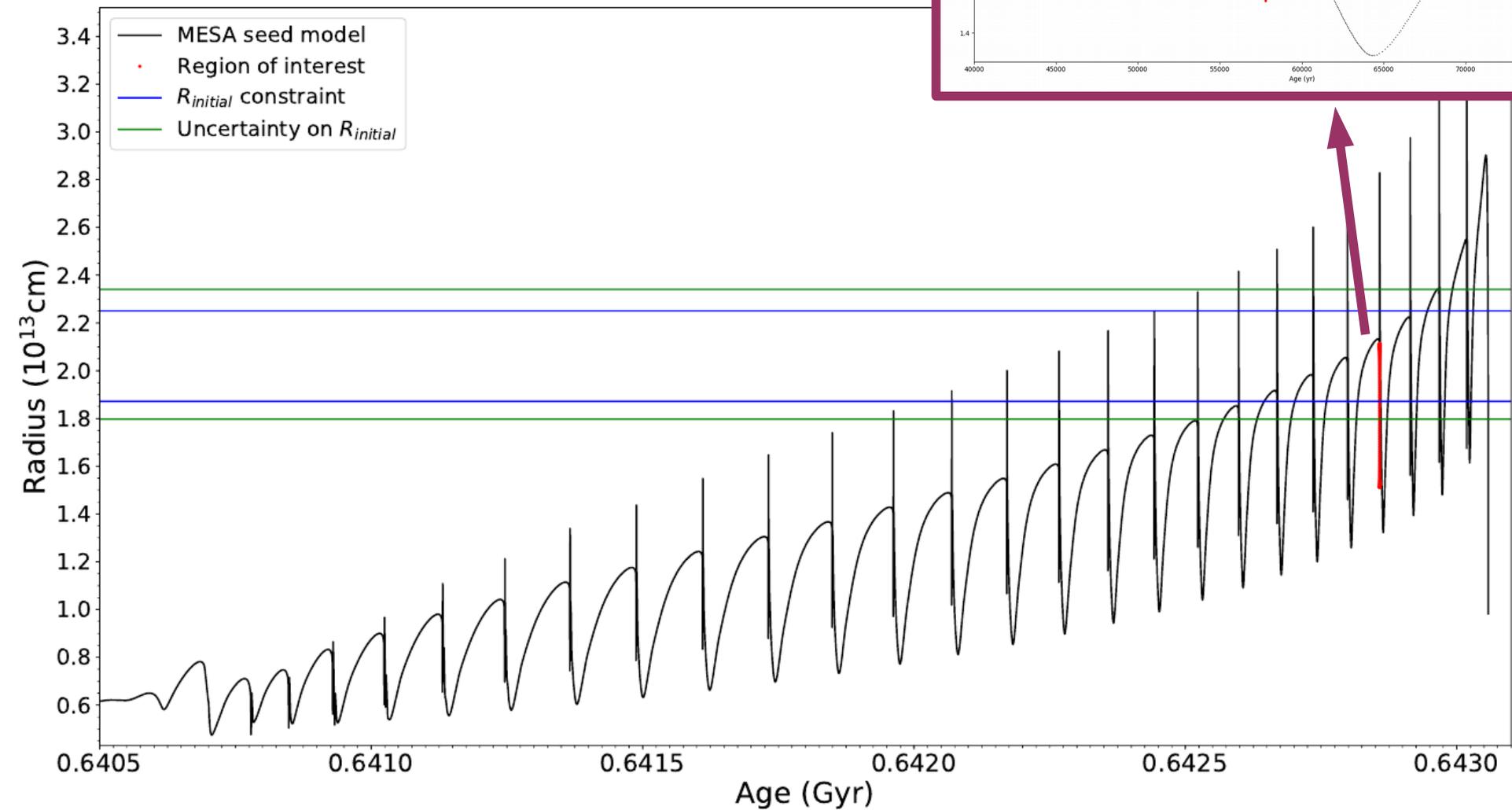
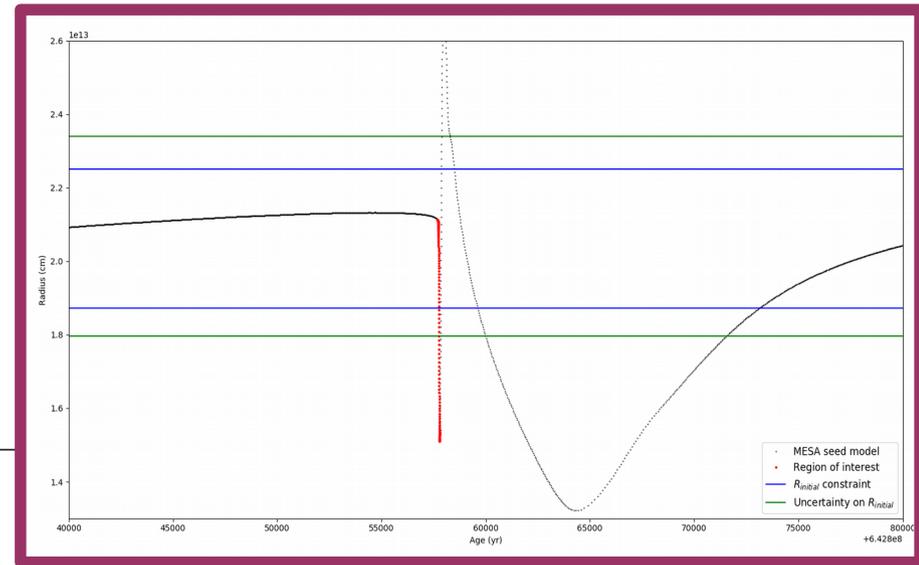
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Let's model it!

- The region over which we want to compute frequency spectra is ~ 50 years long (out of a 5 billion year evolutionary track)
- Isolating that region reliably—much less sampling it—is actually hard
- Only in the last year has anyone else tried to map seismic evolution onto stellar evolution: uncharted territory!

Need evolutionary resolution of 5-10 years for seismic calculations



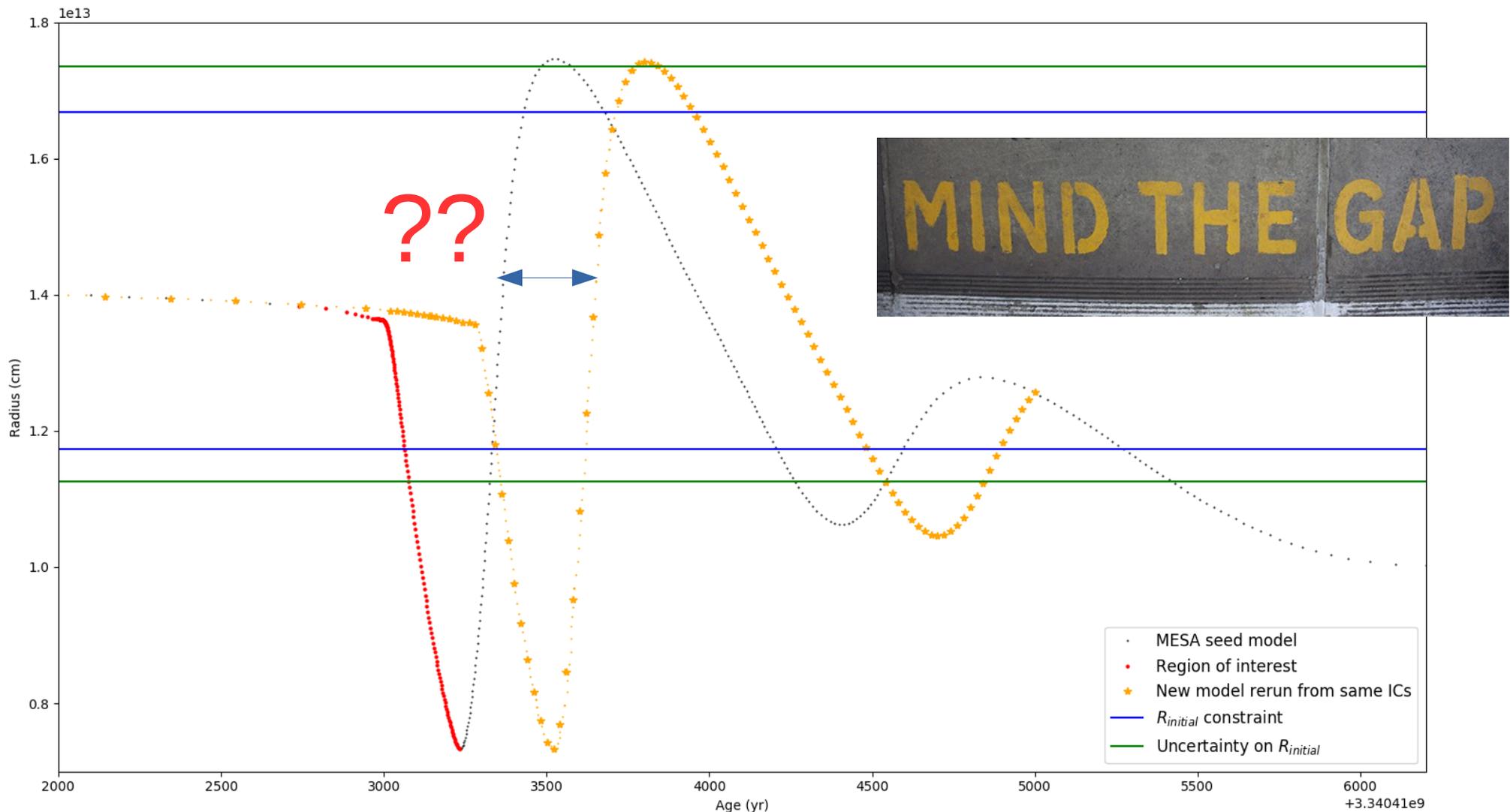
Constraints & Considerations

- Scientific:**
- luminosity change must be consistent with longitudinal brightness decrease in observations
 - need to match starting period ratio (function of radius) as well as **rate of change** of decay
 - period ratio implies a certain range of acceptable starting radii depending on initial mass
 - no metal enhancement: weak spectroscopic constraints suggest solar or slightly sub-solar metallicity
 - T UMi is not a carbon star → evolutionary profiles should not produce strange abundances (Li, Tc)
 - number of pulses we find in seed model should be roughly consistent with other theorists' calculations, to verify appropriate convective parameters

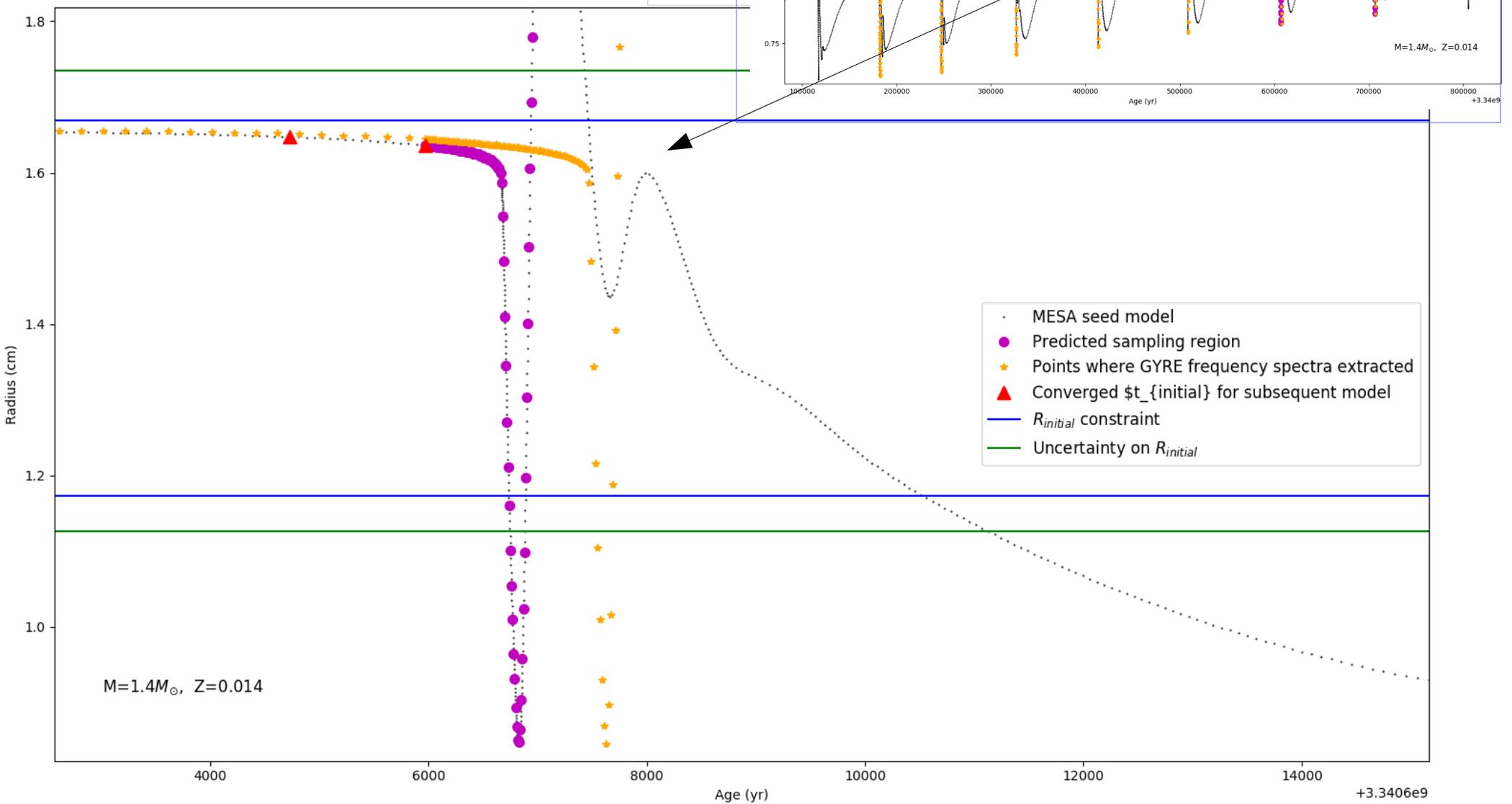
- Practical:**
- COMPUTING TIME
 - automation
 - avoiding excess data production
 - timestep issues

Meeting most of these conditions is “easy” enough, but one is not

→ MESA’s timestepping procedure has difficulty with this precision

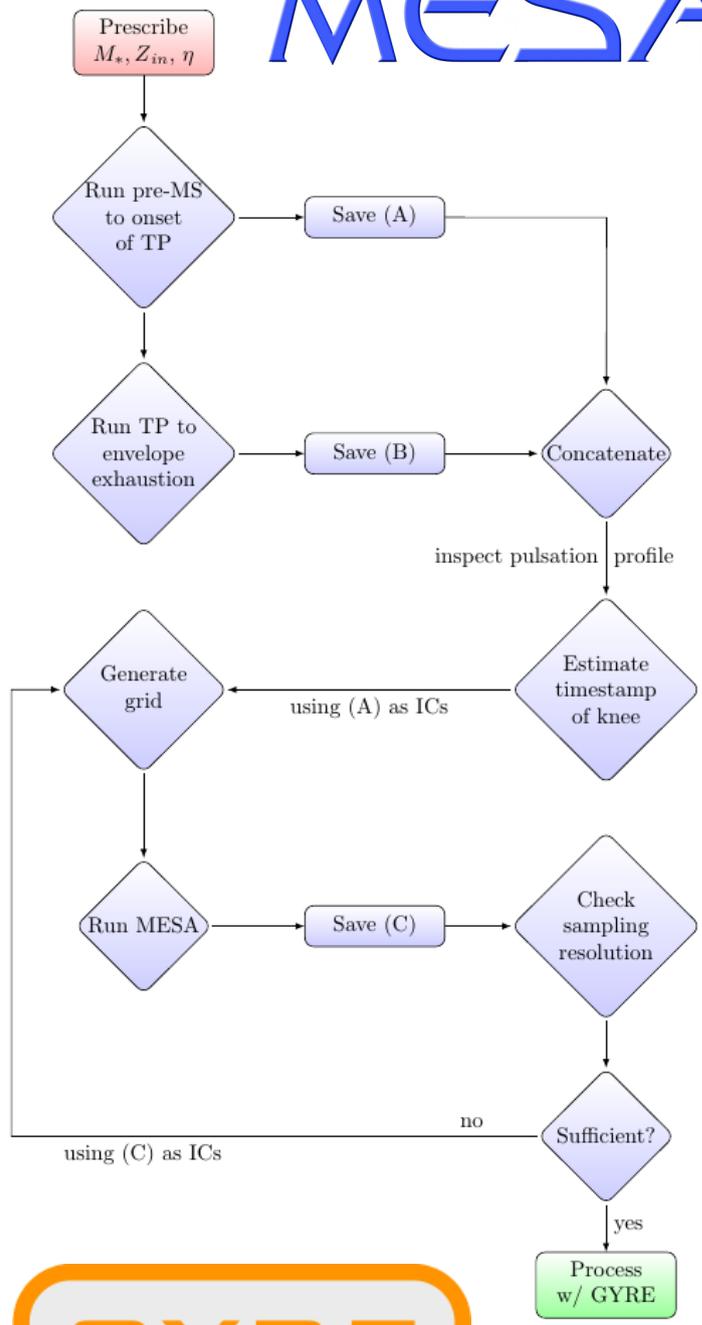
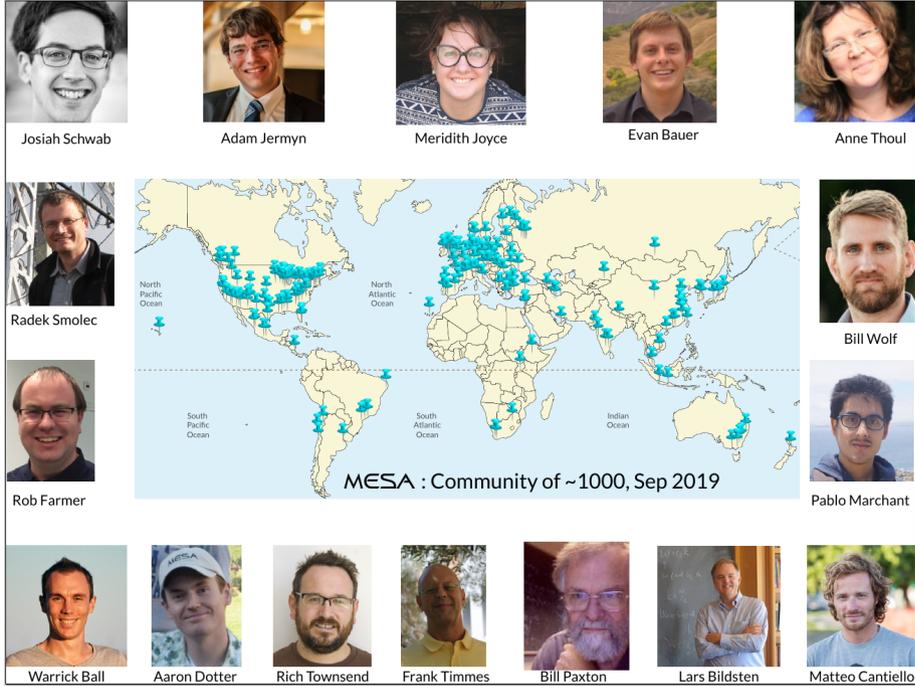


Pulses are being resolved, but offset in time...How can we ensure that we compute GYRE spectra for the appropriate region of the pulse?



MESA and an external adaptive time sampling algorithm

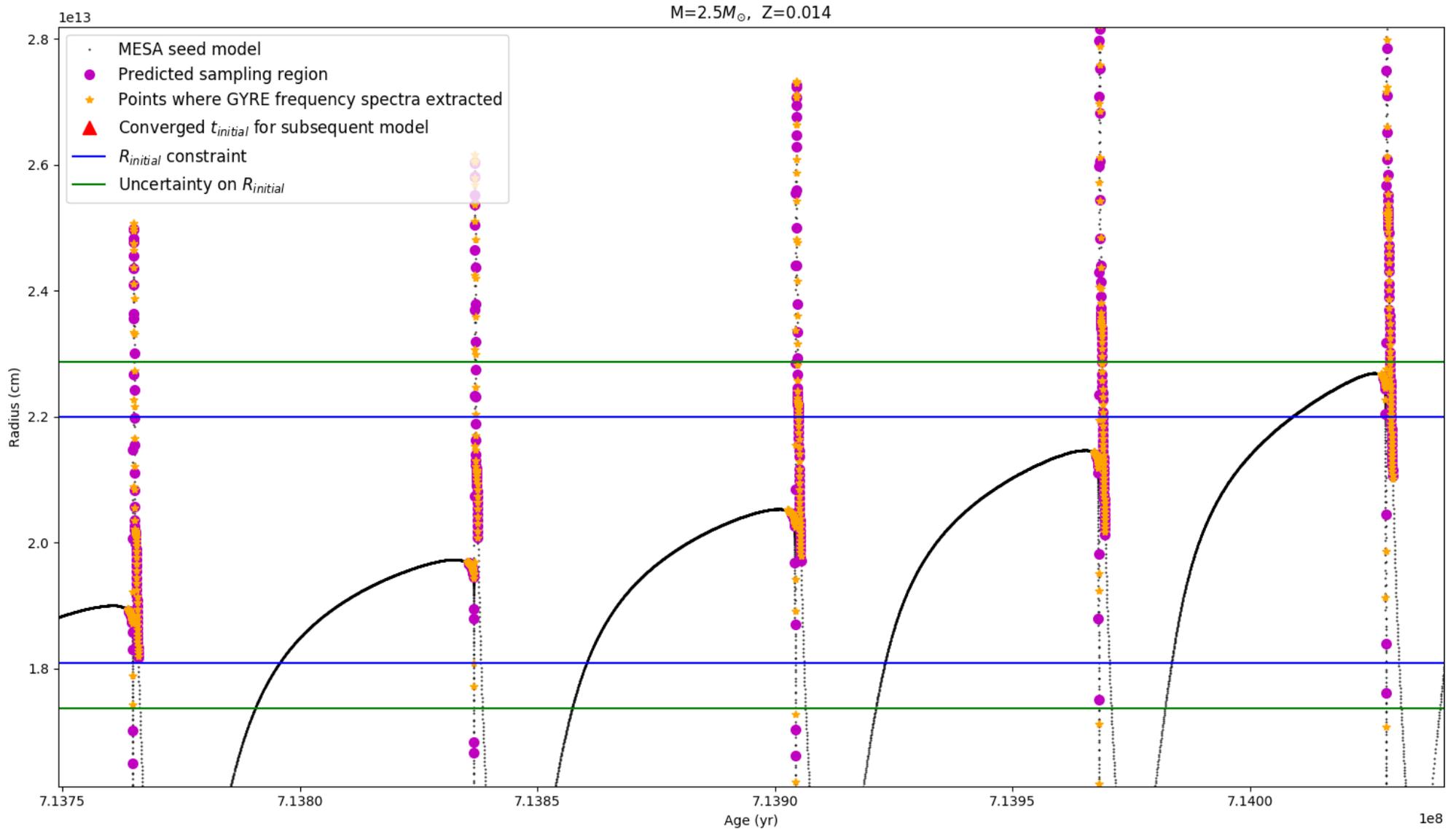
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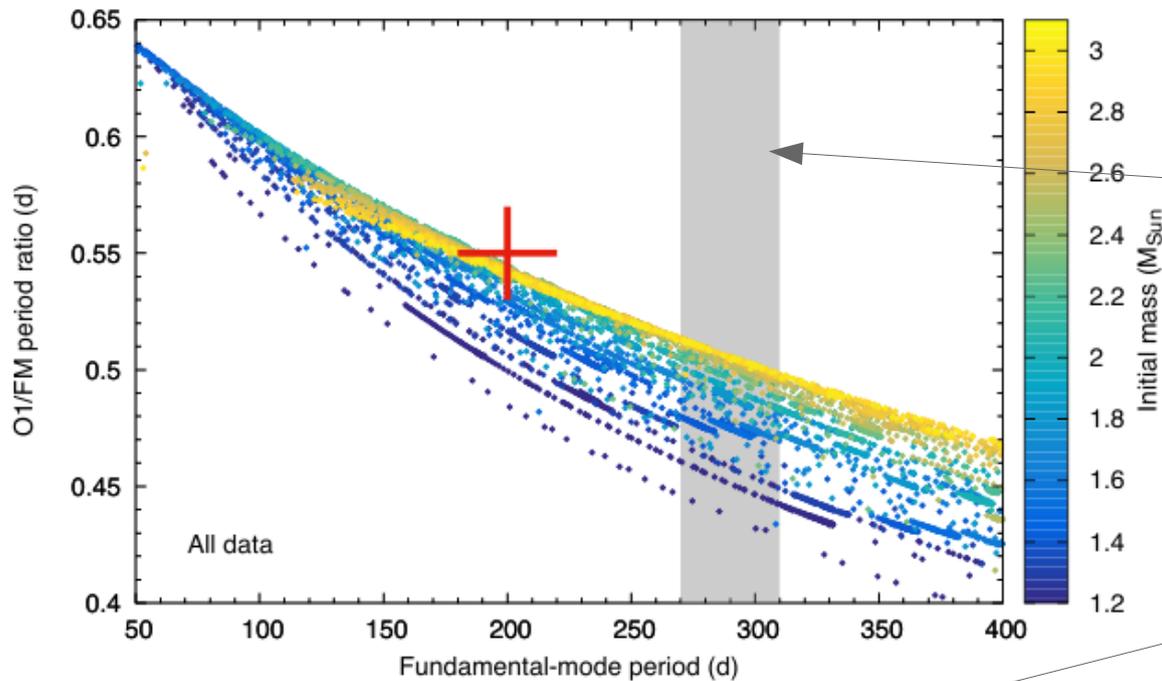
GYRE

Result of successful iteration scheme:

GYRE spectra are computed for critical pulse regions under variable radial constraints while working around MESA's local timestep resolution, without wasting storage and time on inter-pulse regions

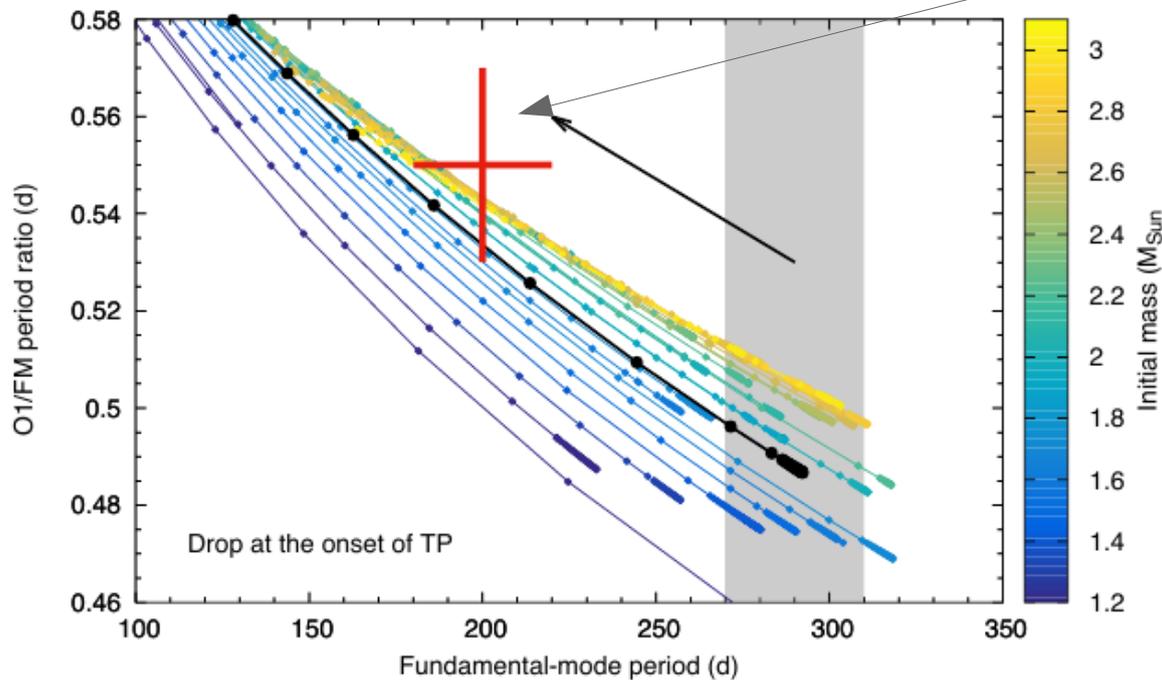


Utility of seismic constraints



Models need to match initial period range

and the intersection of fundamental mode period (horizontal) O1/FM period ratio (vertical)



This is highly constraining over the whole parameter space!

Major Result:

(Possibly) the best ZAMS mass and age estimate for a single AGB star:

$$2.0 \pm 0.15 M_{\text{Sun}}$$

$$1.17 \pm 0.21 \text{ Gyr}$$

Other parameters:

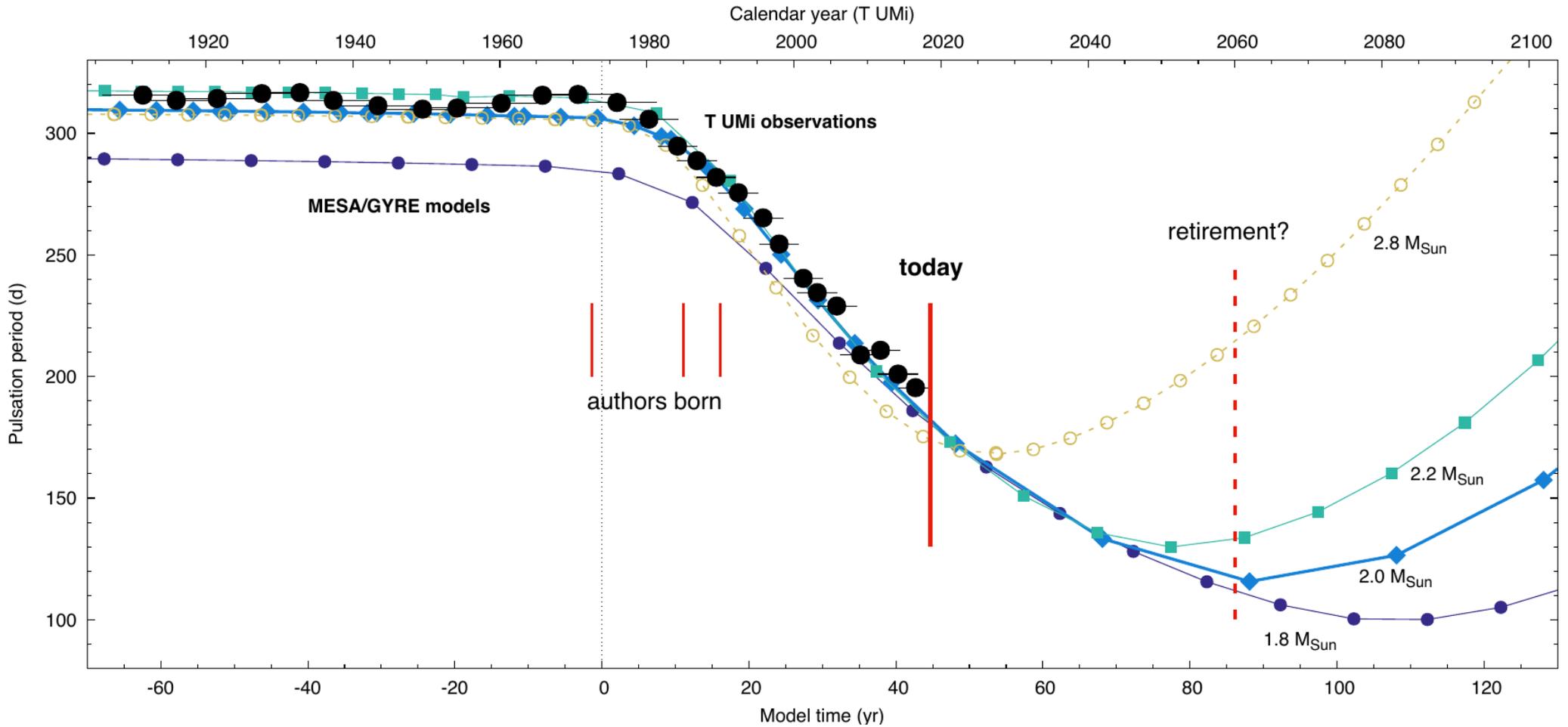
$$R = 290 \pm 15 R_{\text{Sun}},$$

$$M = 1.66 \pm 0.10 M_{\text{sun}},$$

$$T_{\text{eff}} = 3200 \pm 30 \text{ K}$$

...but these are highly dependent on modeling choices for e.g. convective parameters, mass loss, etc

We have testable predictions for its behavior over the next few decades!



In Short...

Mira has transitioned to semi-regular pulsator: identification of non-harmonic pulsation mode

Period dropped dramatically in last few decades and **first overtone (O1) oscillation mode emerged**

MESA + GYRE model grid exploited to fit mode periods, \dot{P} , and luminosity

→ sampling at this resolution is **very hard!**

First “confirmation” of ongoing **thermal pulse** via direct observation

Obtained most precise ZAMS mass (**$2.0 \pm 0.15 M_{\odot}$**) and age (**$1.17 \pm 0.21 \text{ Gyr}$**) for a single AGB star...ever(?)

Modeling implies **\dot{P} should reverse in 40-60 years**—evidence within our lifetimes

^{1D}MESA2HYDRO^{3D}

a Python interface tying stellar evolution calculations to 3D hydrodynamic simulations

Co-developers:

Lianne Lairmore (lead) packaging, portability, software development, upgrade to Python3

Dan Price integration with Phantom

Thomas Reichardt Ohlmann et al. 2017 damping scheme, dispersion analysis

Supporters and contributors:

Tom Jarrett 3D data visualization (VIDEO!)

Amanda Karakas AGB expertise and outreach

Orsola De Marco Phantom

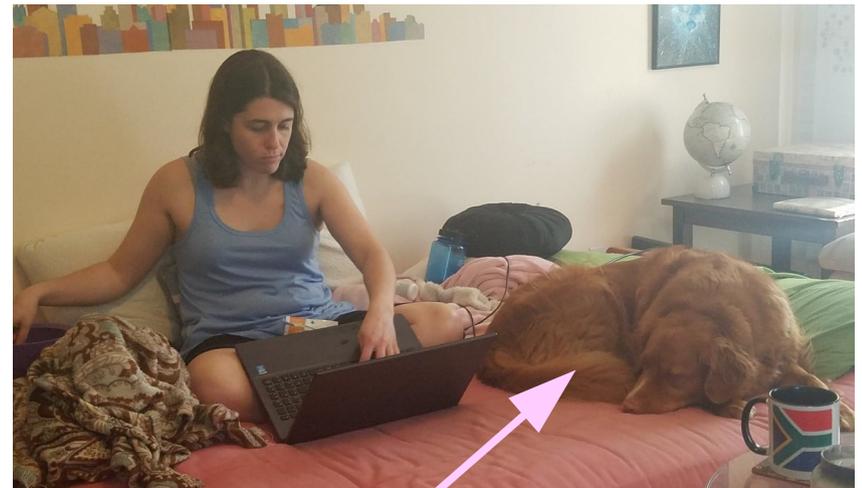
Phil Taylor & Zhengwei Liu soft testing with GADGET-2

Martin Asplund resources & supervision

Shazrene Mohamed project inception & oversight at SAAO

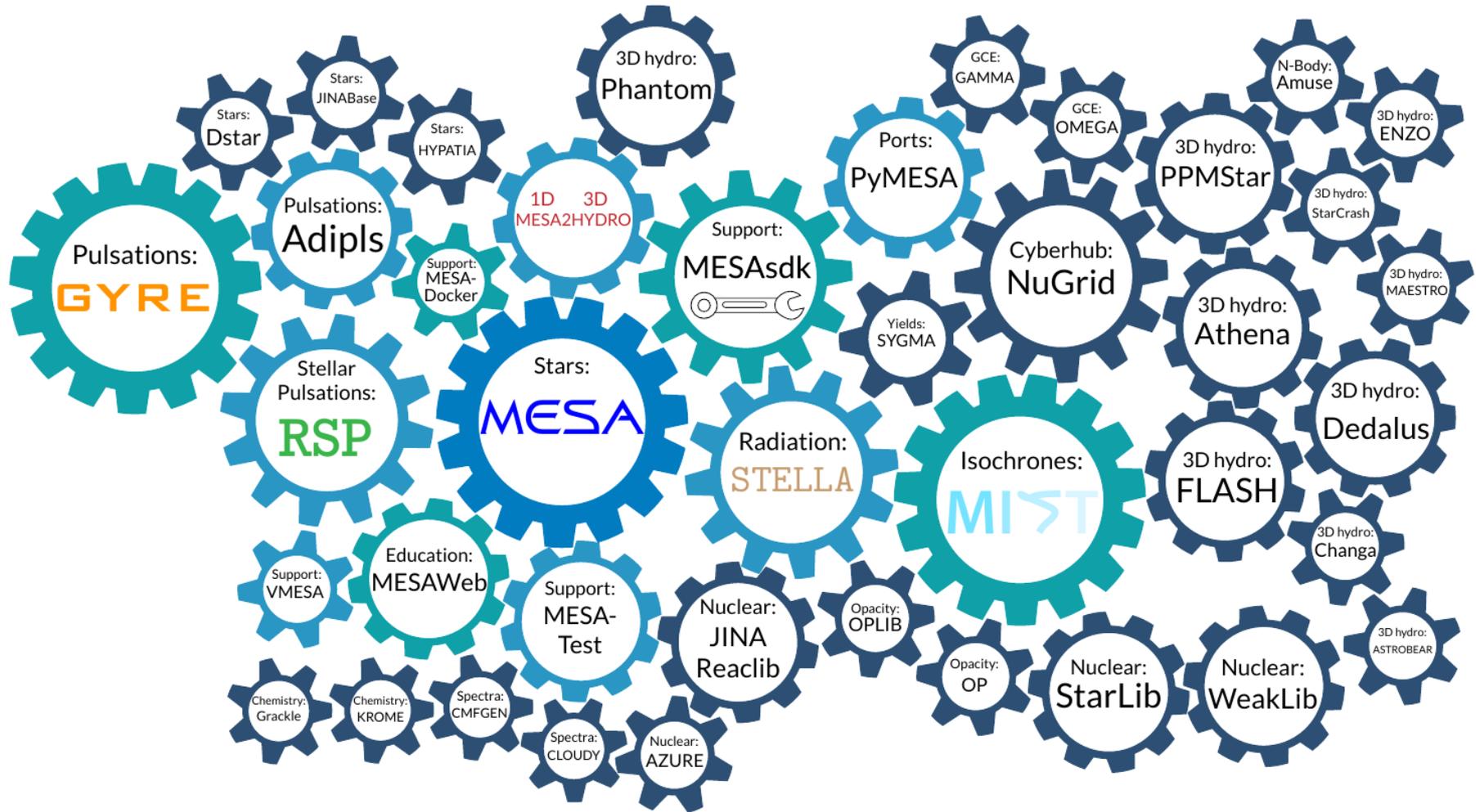
Computing & IT at ANU patience & technical support!

MESA developers, MESA collaboration, & Phantom community



Good dog, bad developer

Gaia LIGO SDSS Hubble JWST LSST TESS LCOGT NuSTAR



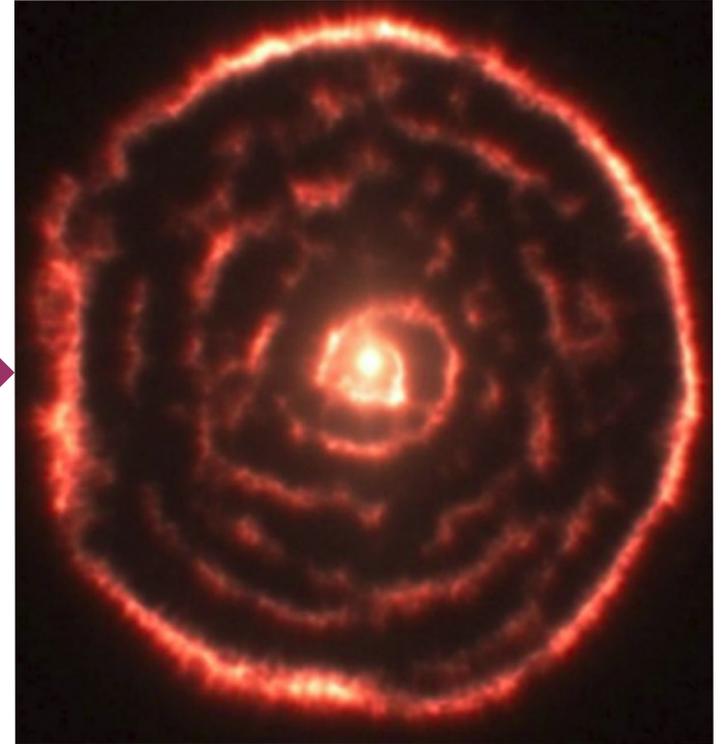
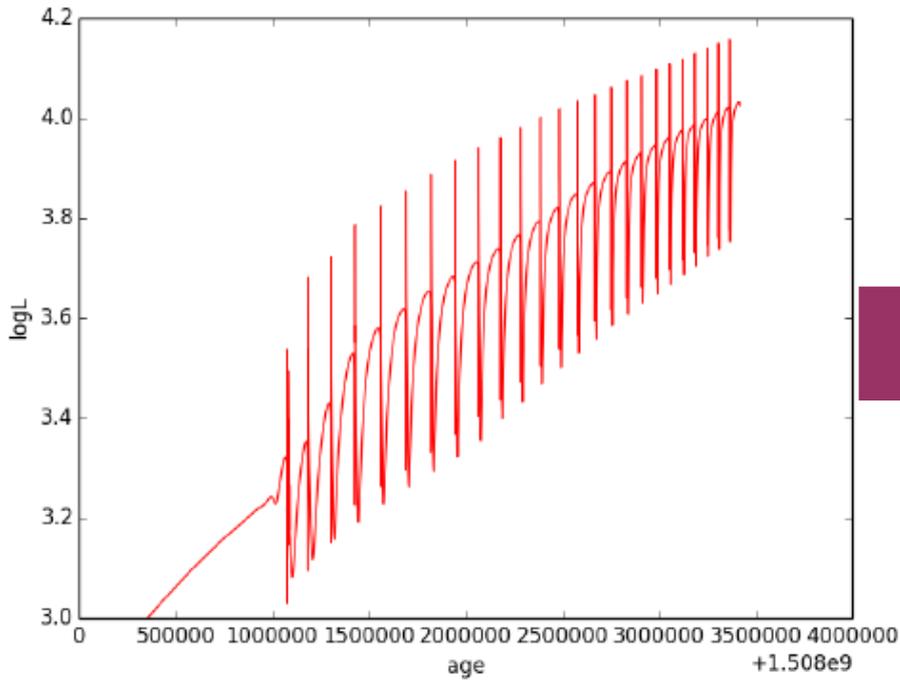
Laboratory Astrophysics

M2H's original motivation:

translate AGB capabilities of 1D SSECs to hydro models



MESA2HYDRO: Motivation



How can we combine the benefits of both types of simulation?

Mapping radially extended stars: not easy

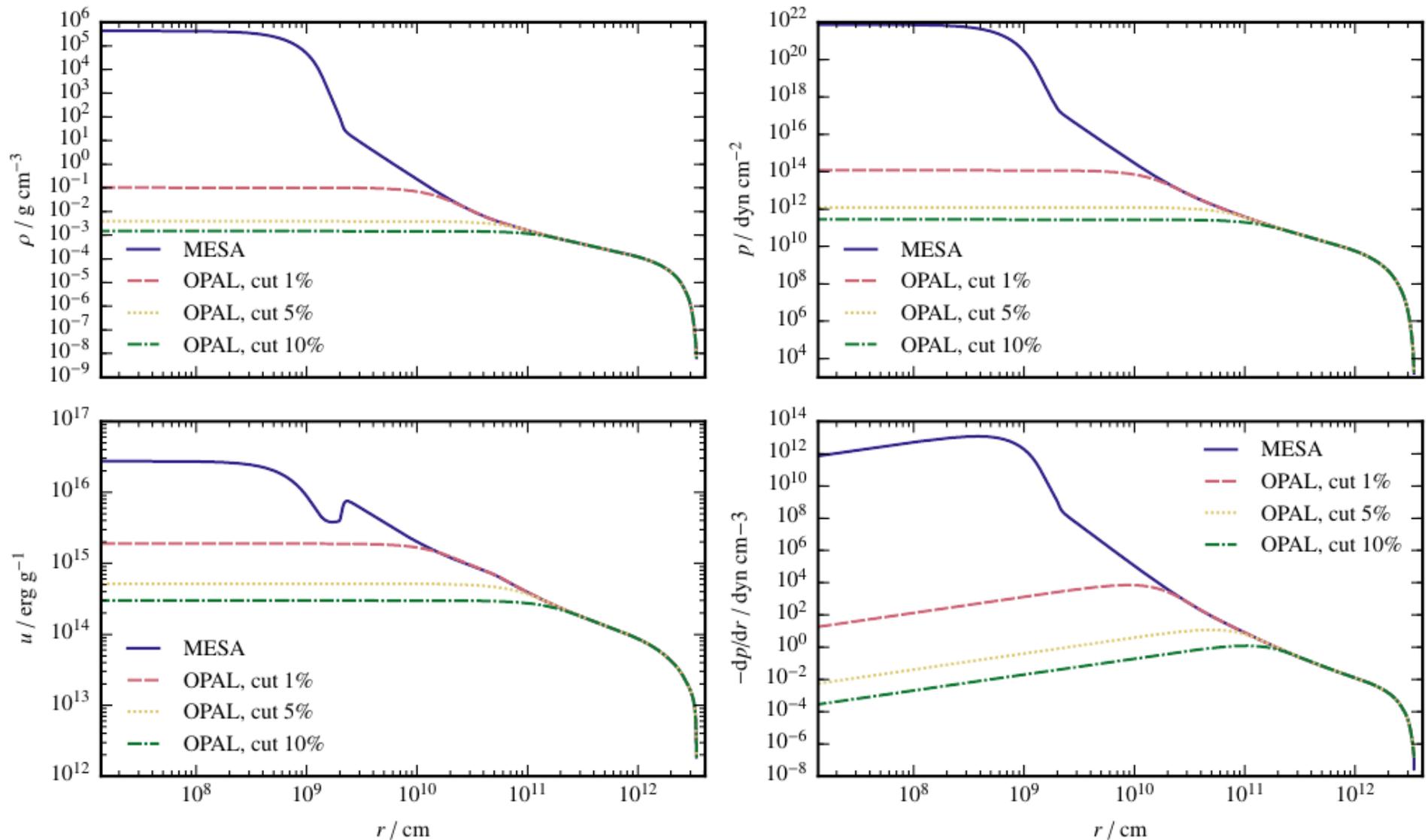
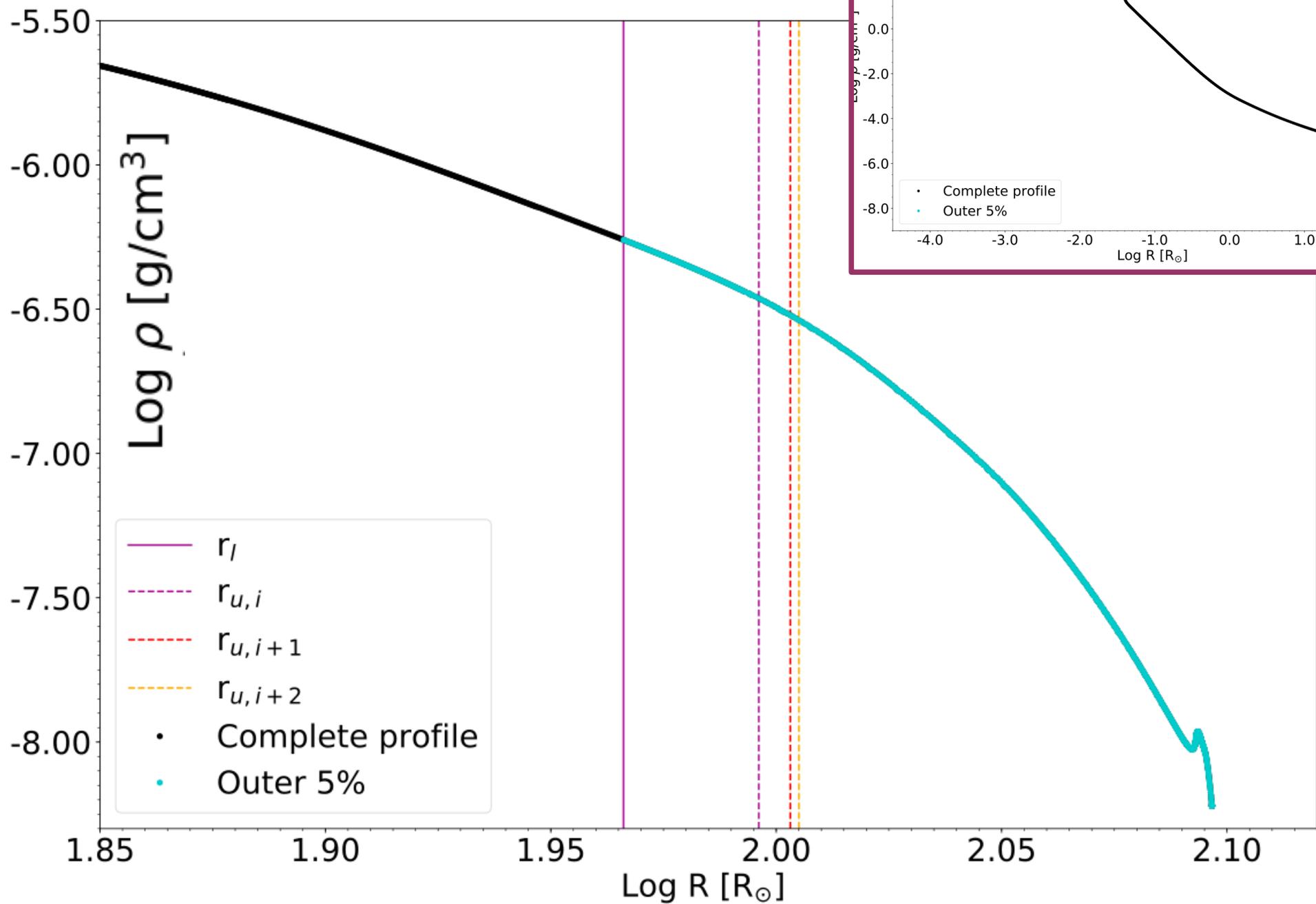


Fig. 4. Comparison of density (*upper left*), pressure (*upper right*), internal energy (*lower left*) and derivative of pressure (*lower right*) for a $2 M_{\odot}$ RG with a $\sim 0.4 M_{\odot}$ He core. Shown is the original profile from the MESA stellar evolution code as well as approximate profiles for cut radii of 1%, 5%, and 10% of the total radius. The approximate profiles were computed using a polytropic index of $n = 3$ for the interior part.

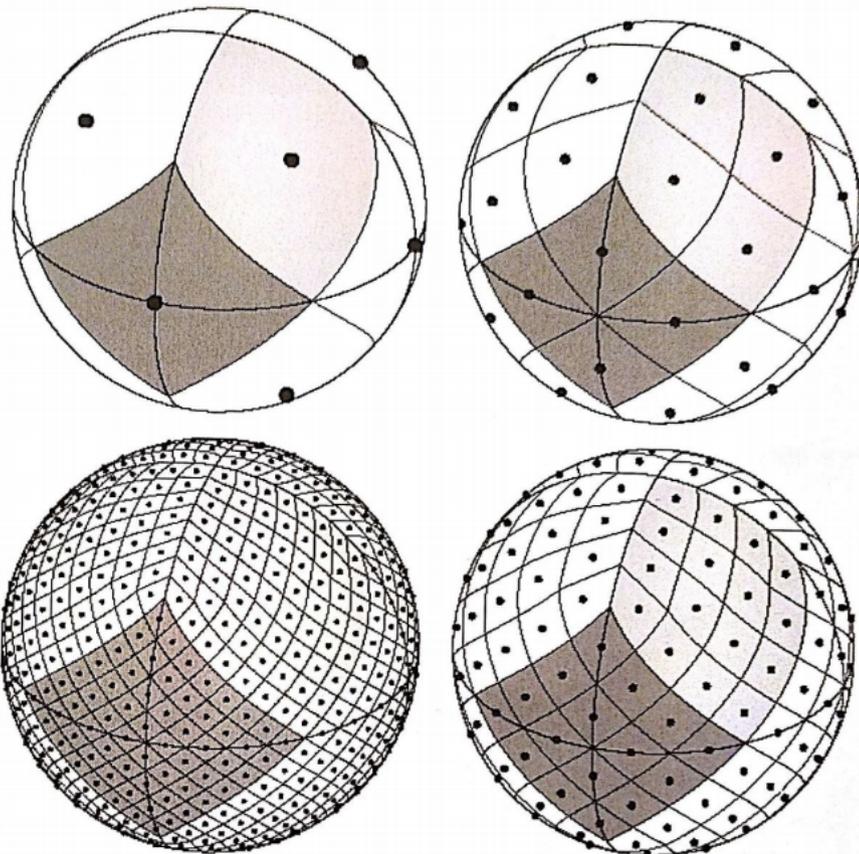
Stellar Profiles from MESA



HEALPix:

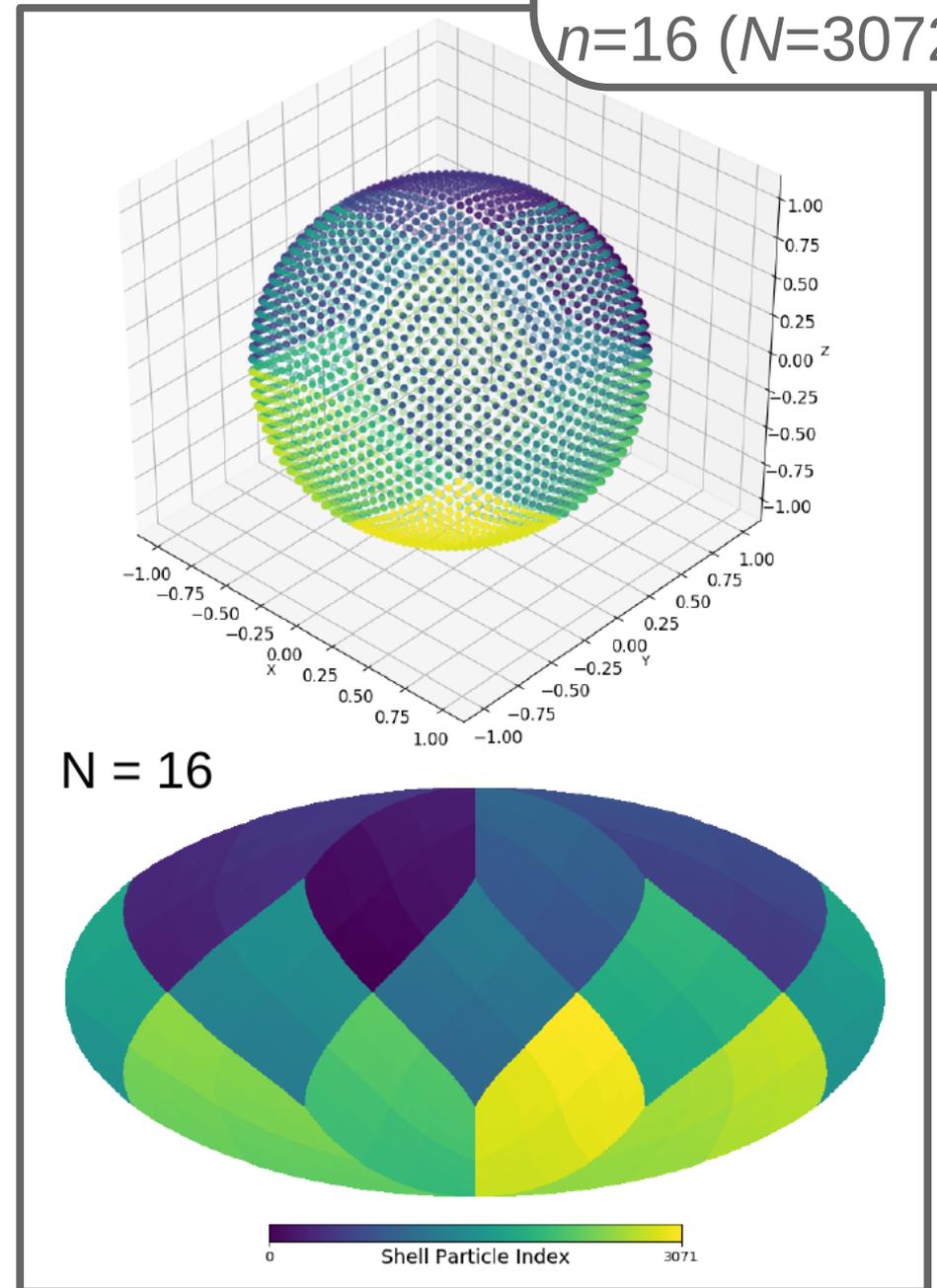
Hierarchical Equal Area iso-Latitude Pixelization

Pakmor et al. (2012): use HEALPix to construct 3D white dwarfs using concentric shells



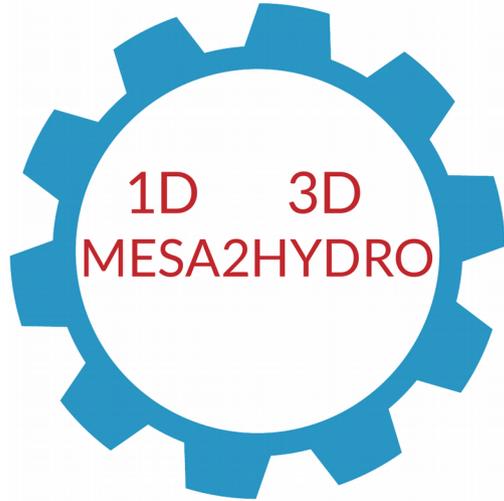
Górski et al., 2005

tessellation for $n=16$ ($N=3072$)



Flow of Control

MESA



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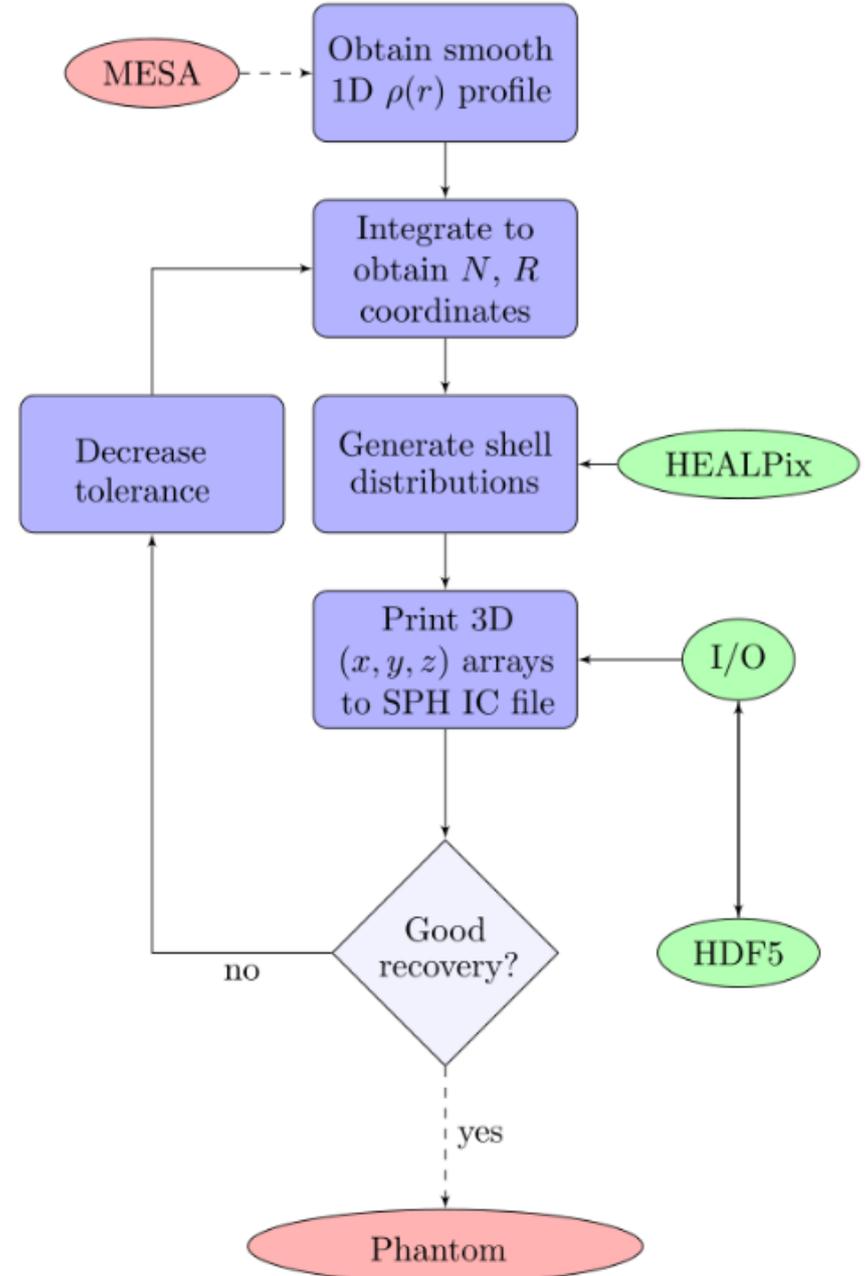
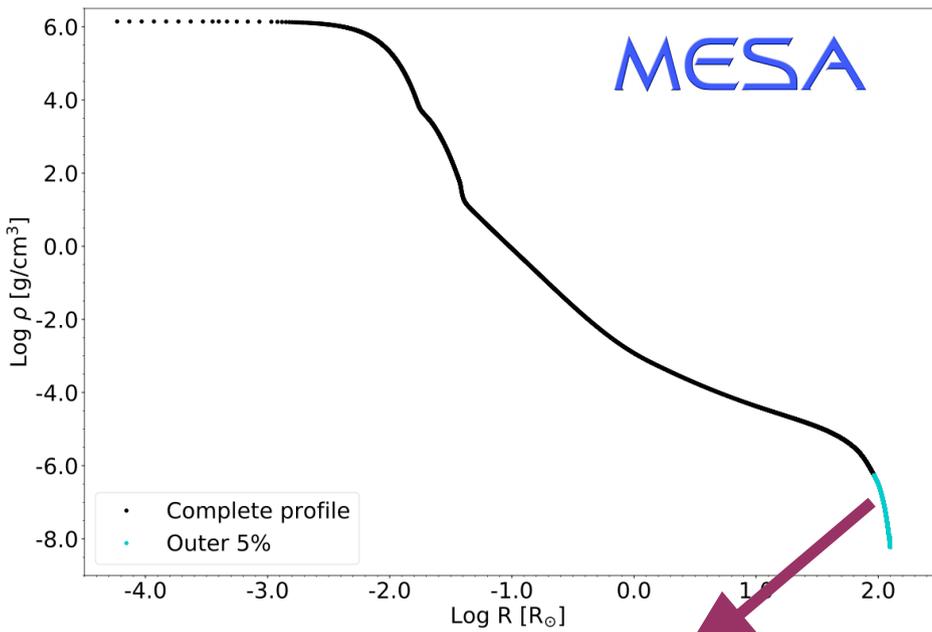
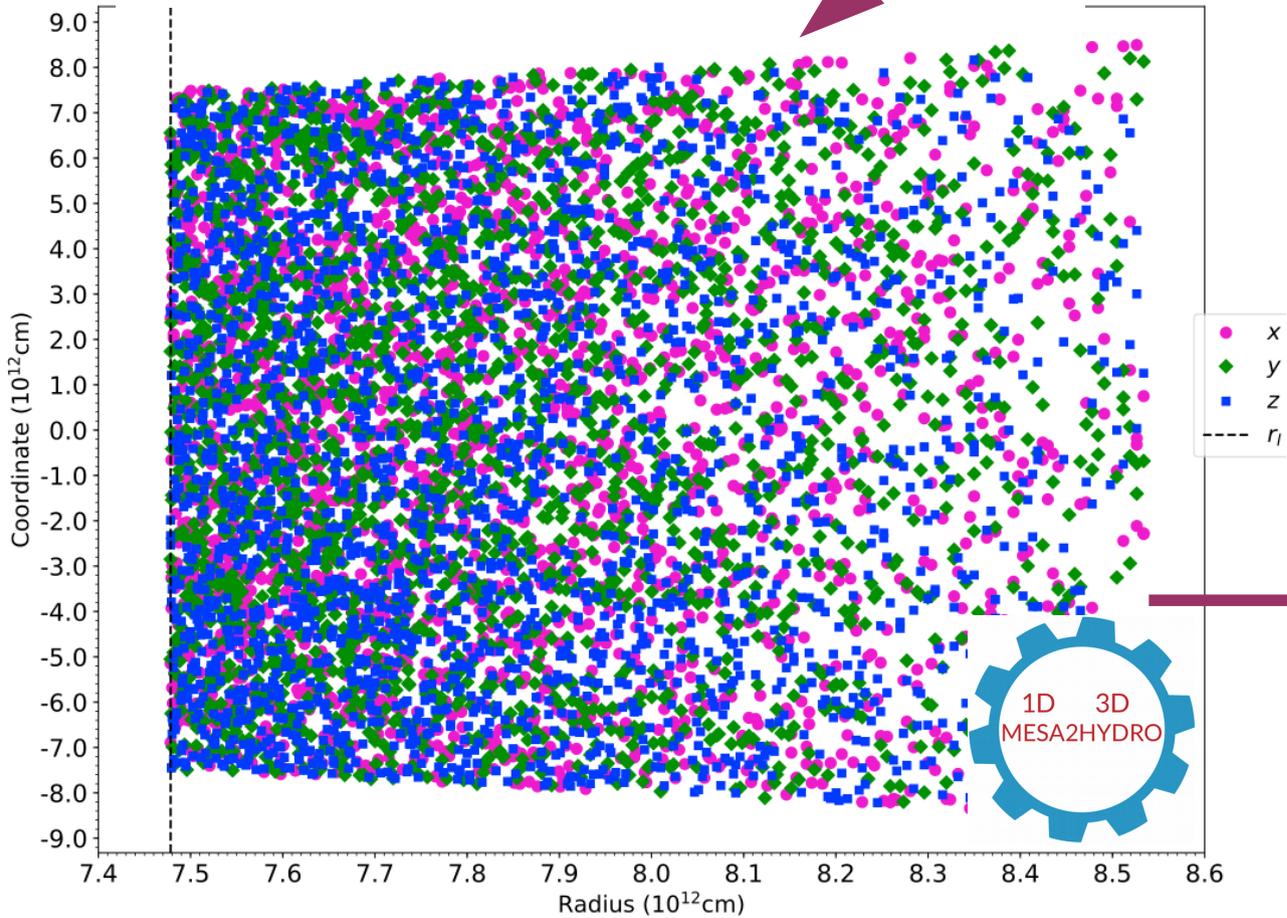
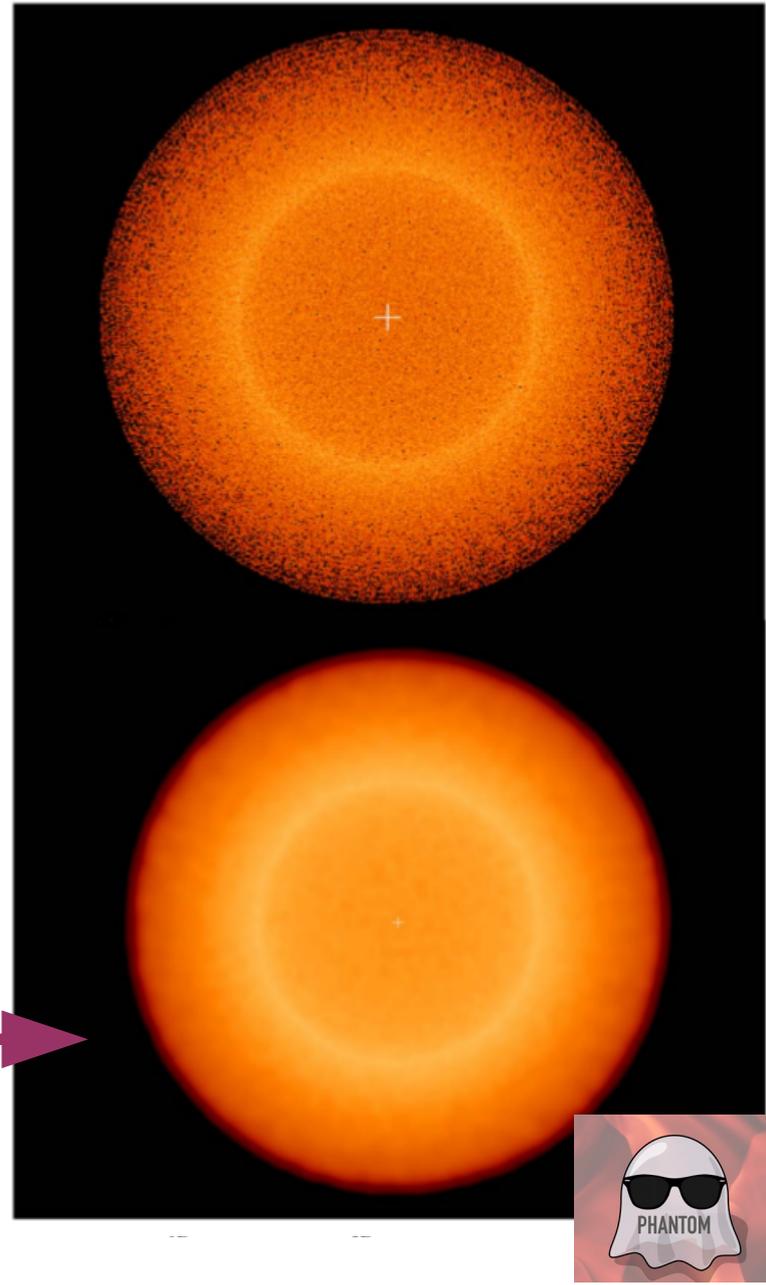


Figure 3. Flow of control diagram for ^{1D}MESA2HYDRO^{3D}.



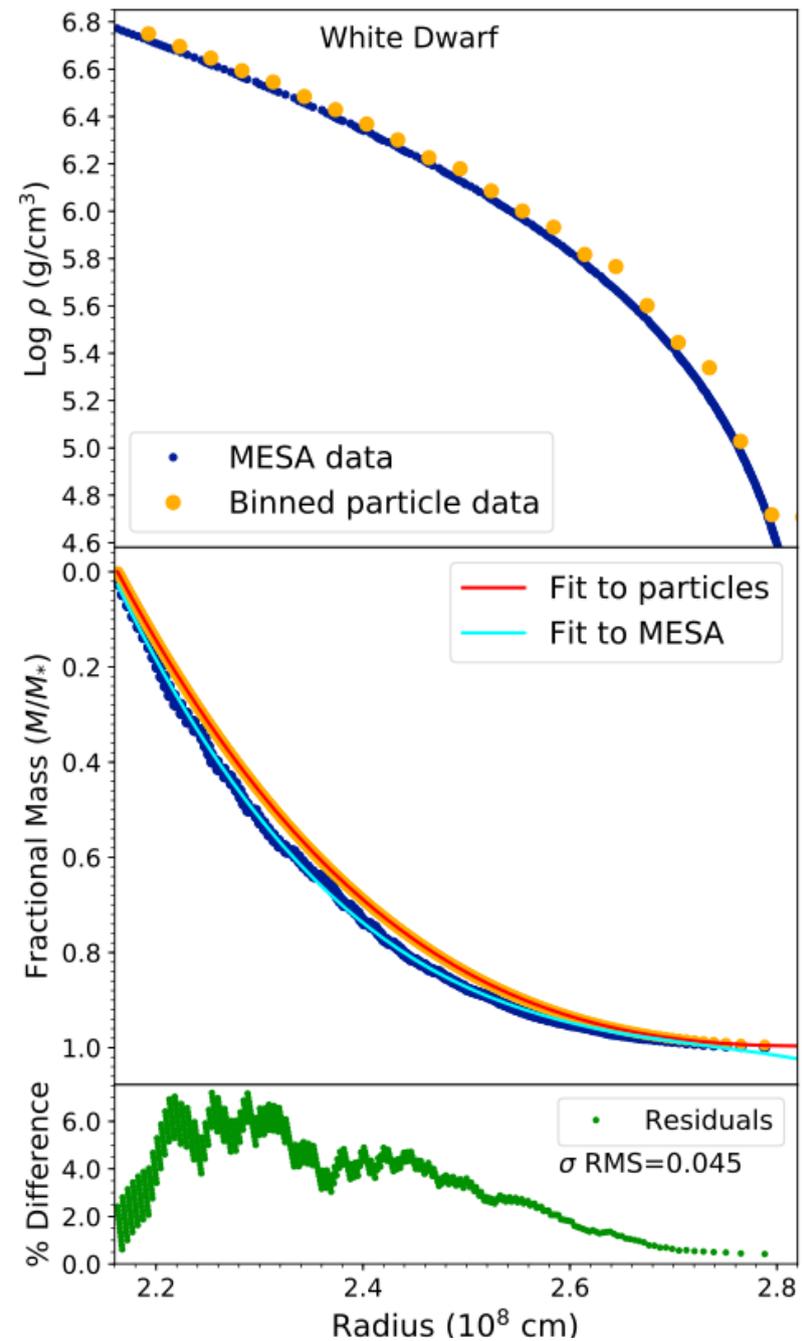
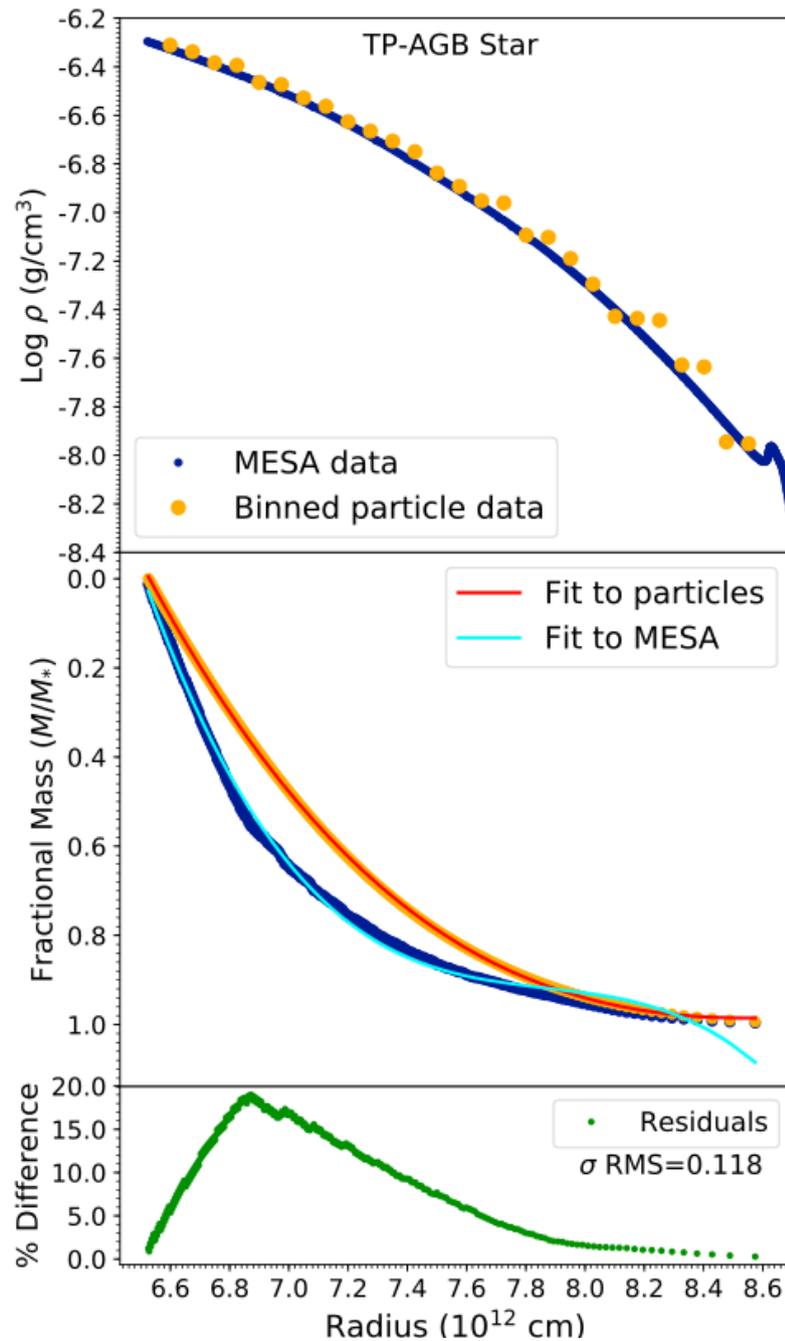
Result



Agreement between MESA input and M2H-rendered distributions

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Joyce et al.

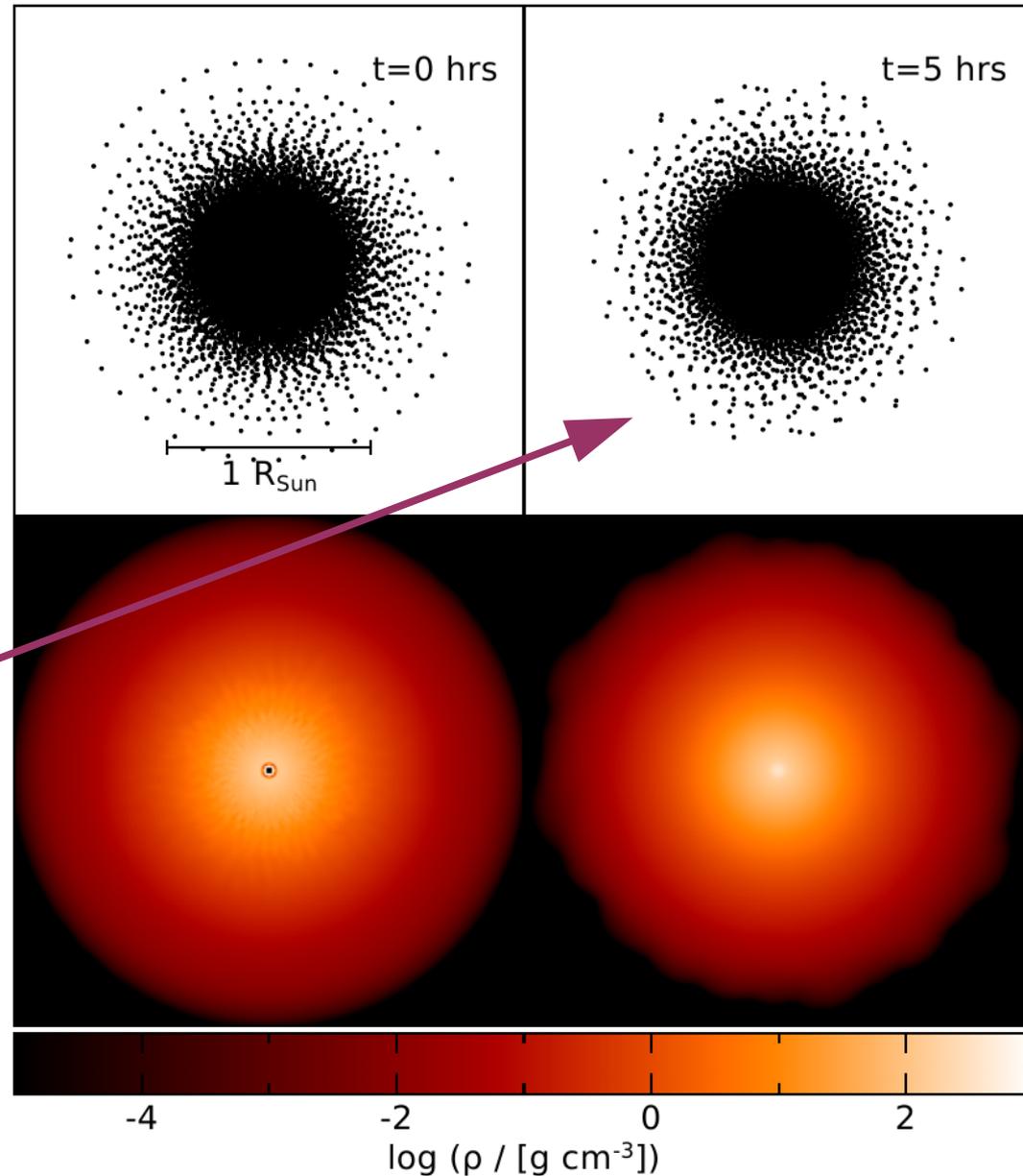


Stability Assessment

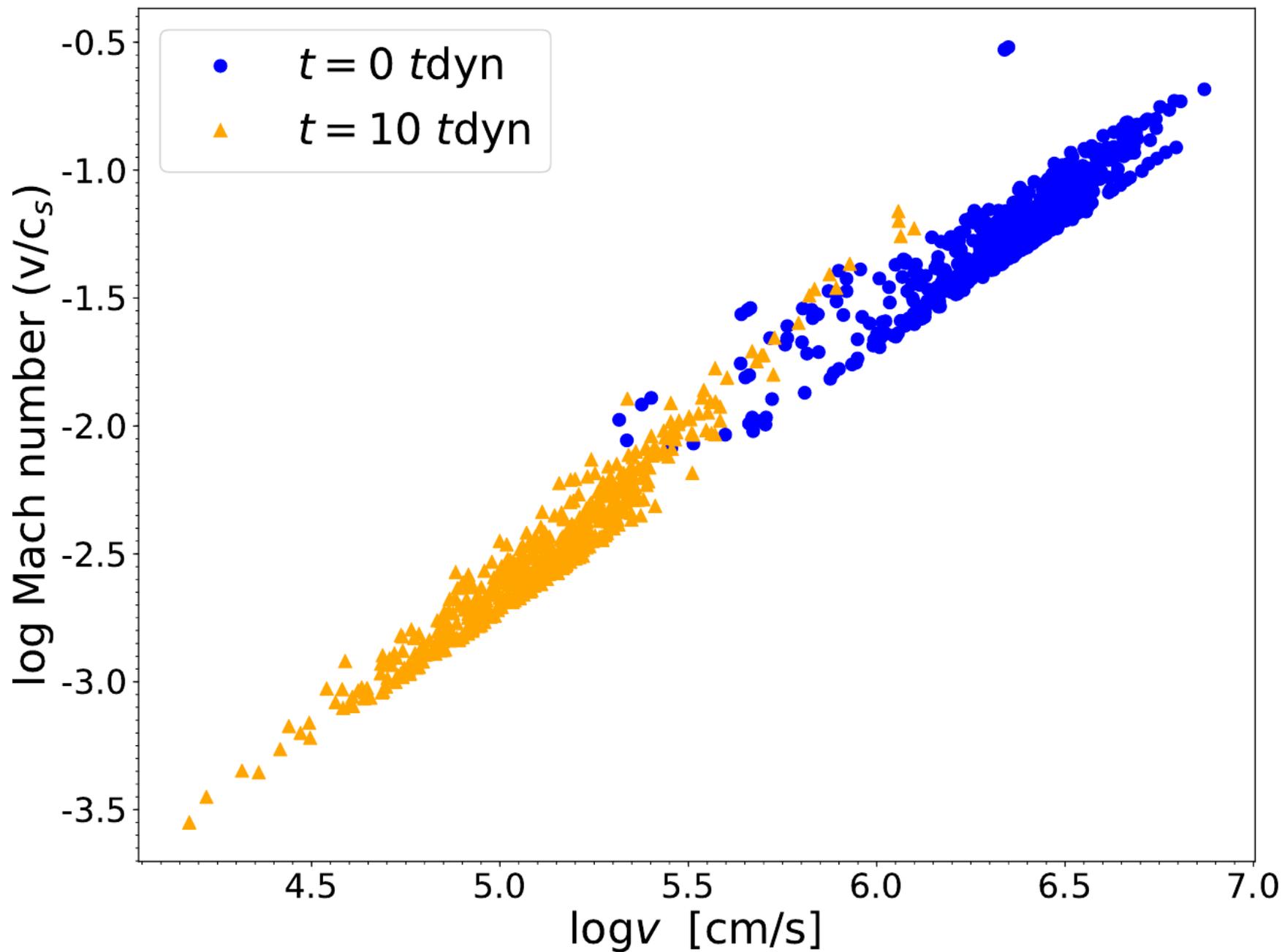
We evolve the distributions for 10 dynamical timescales (τ_{dyn}), following the damping prescription of Ohlmann et al.'s (2017) Equation (9), implemented in Phantom by Reichardt (2019):

$$\tau(t) = \begin{cases} \tau_1, & t < 2t_{\text{dyn}} \\ \tau_1 \left(\frac{\tau_2}{\tau_1} \right)^{\frac{t-2t_{\text{dyn}}}{3t_{\text{dyn}}}}, & 2t_{\text{dyn}} < t < 5t_{\text{dyn}} \\ \infty, & t > 5t_{\text{dyn}}. \end{cases}$$

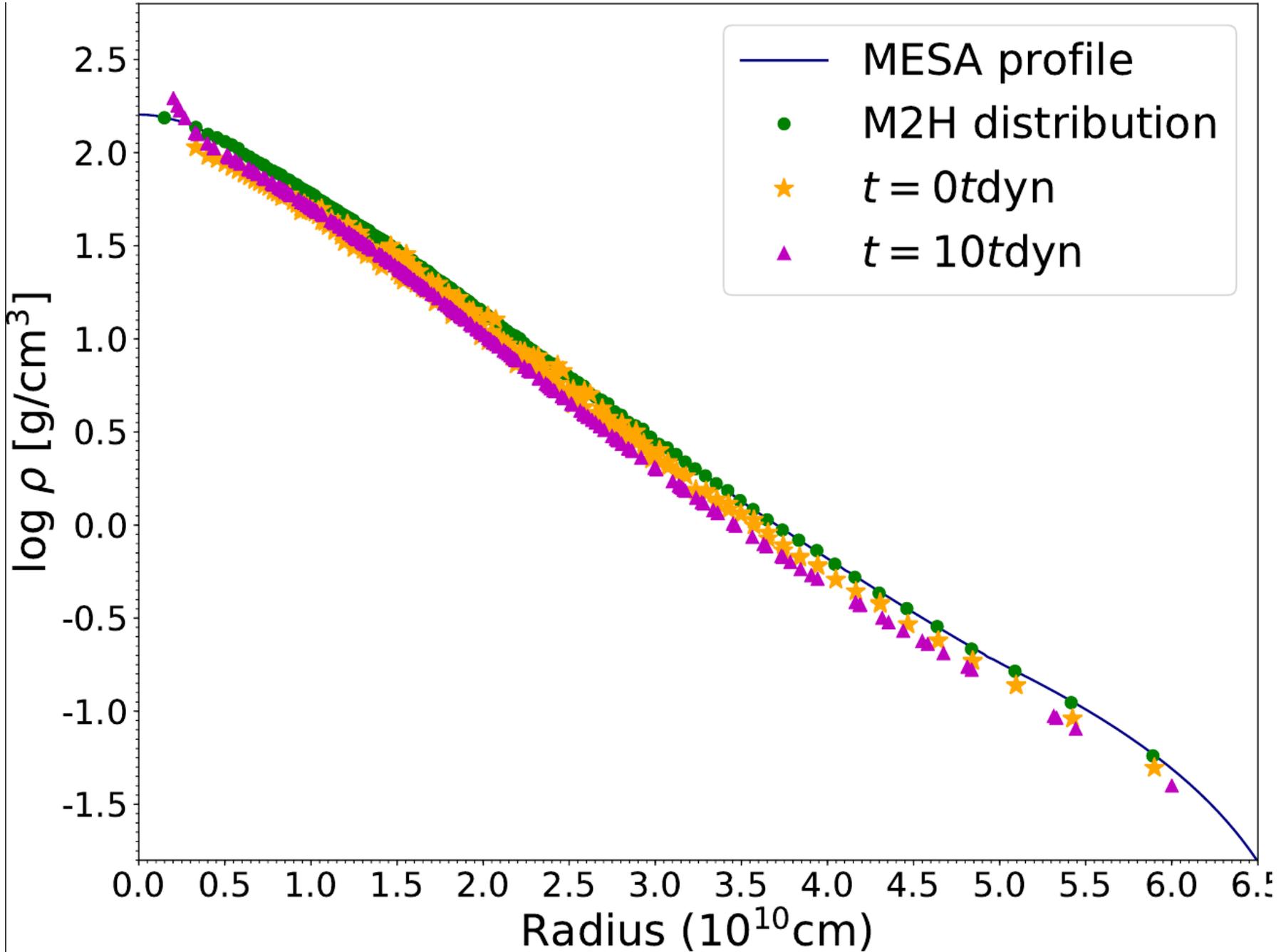
**Configuration
after relaxation
and undamped
evolution**



Stability Assessment: velocity field after 10 dynamical timescales



Agreement between MESA input, M2H-rendered distributions, and Phantom-evolved distributions (back-projected to 1D)



In Summary:

Precision 1D stellar modeling: plenty of innovation to come!

- Much work remains to be done calibrating stellar convection zones
- Predicting the near-future behavior of T Ursae Minoris through **seismic evolution models** has laid foundation for further attempts at modeling dynamical behavior in 1D
- **^{1D}MESA2HYDRO^{3D} : Extending 1D**
- Great potential in combining the customizable physics of 1D SSE codes with hydrodynamical modeling

Last Comment

MESA has been used successfully to model numerous high-energy phenomena, including...

- core-collapse supernova explosions
- x-ray bursts
- massive binaries as gravitational wave sources
- tidal disruption events
- modified theories of gravity
- new elementary particles (scalar and vector)
- universes without the weak force

D S E P

Dartmouth Stellar Evolution Program

MESA

GYRE

If you are interested in using MESA for your projects, please take advantage while I am here!

ありがとうございました

