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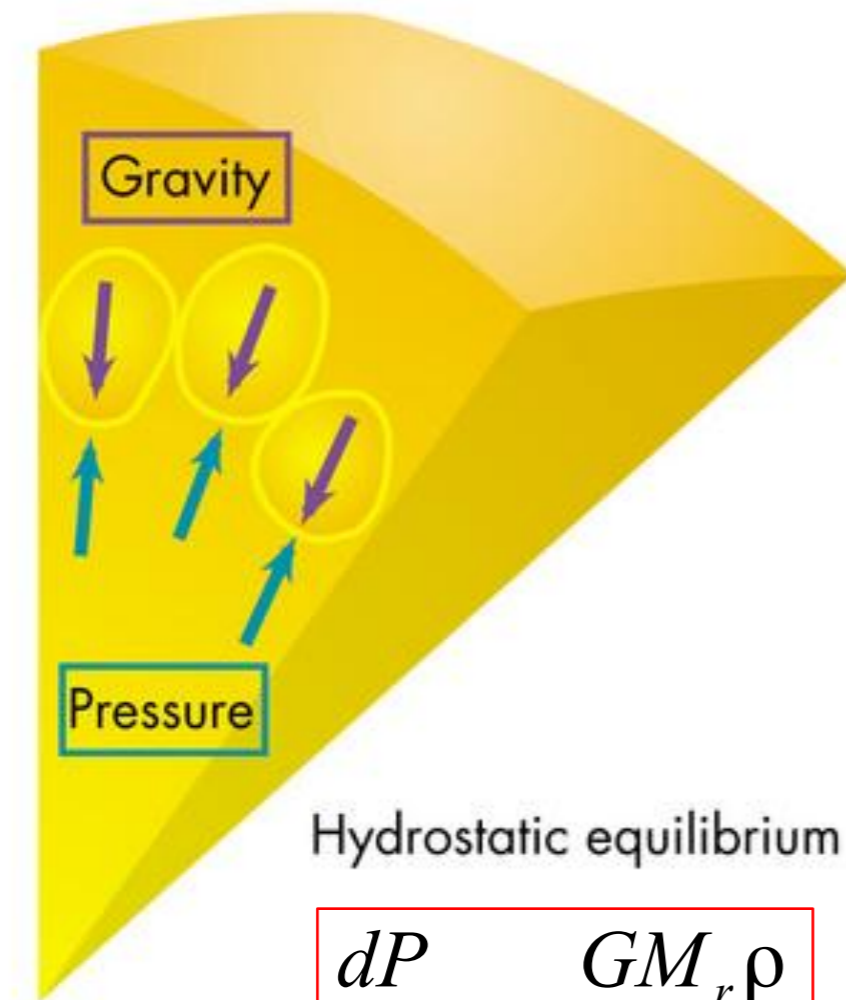
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Equations of stellar structure

Stellar structure

Hydrostatic Equilibrium

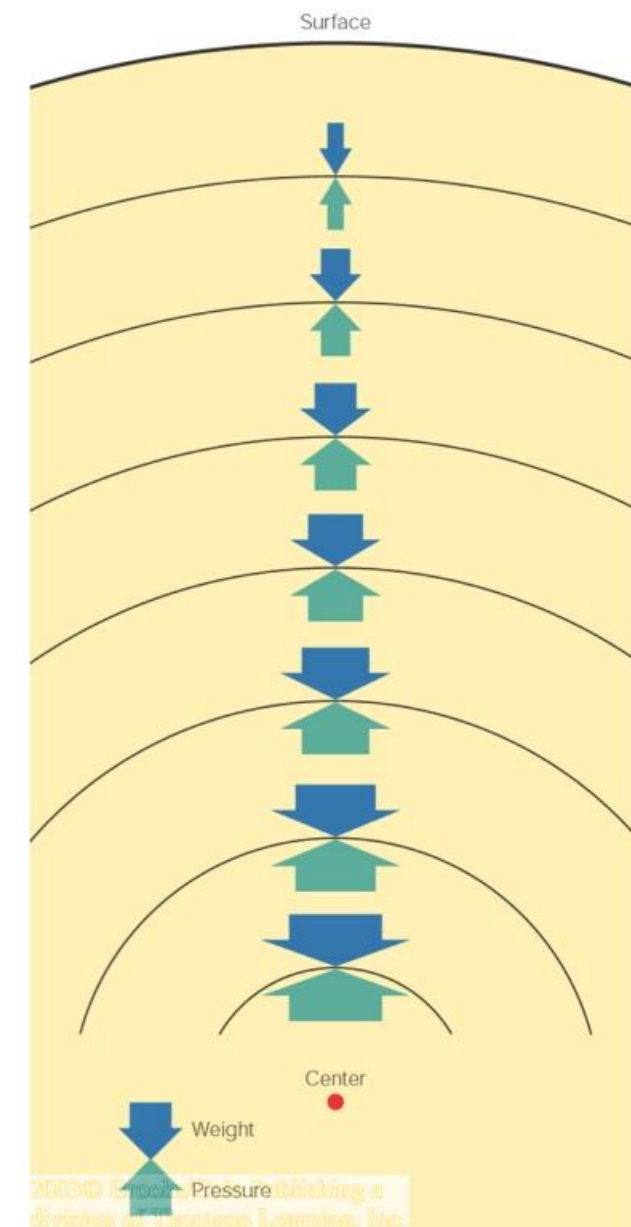
The outward **pressure force** balances the inward **gravitational force** everywhere inside the Sun.



Hydrostatic equilibrium

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{GM_r \rho}{r^2}$$

- Outward pressure of hot gas in the center balances the inward force due to gravity.
 - ➔ At any given radius balancing the weight of all layers above
 - ➔ Imbalance at some radius will result in corresponding adjustment of the stratification
 - ➔ Determines the interior structure (stratification)
- Main Sequence in the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram is a narrow strip as it requires stability over long enough time



Stellar interior

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Equation of state	$P = \frac{\rho k T}{\mu m_H}$
Energy “generation”	$\frac{dL_r}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho \epsilon$
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A “small” problem:
We cannot observe the interior of stars directly
 but rely mostly on few measurable properties (M, L, \dots), assumptions, (tested) physical laws and material properties (often with substantial uncertainties)

- And these boundary conditions:
 - In the centre ($r=0$): $M_r(0) = 0, L_r(0) = 0$
 - At the surface ($r=R$): $M_r(R) = M, L_r(R) = L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$
- Note that the chemical composition affects the density and thus the stratification via the mean molecular weight μ as function of radius (see equation of state)

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Solution Standard Model
 assumes [X:Y:Z] = [0.73:0.25:0.015]

TABLE X. Model physical and chemical characteristics.

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0.0017	0.0120	1.56E+07	1.46E+02	2.27E+17	0.001	-0.130	0.34546	8.04E-06	0.63432	1.62E-11	2.59E-05	6.31E-03	8.52E-03
0.0040	0.0158	1.56E+07	1.45E+02	2.26E+17	0.003	-0.132	0.34885	8.29E-06	0.63092	1.59E-11	2.56E-05	6.29E-03	8.54E-03
0.0078	0.0197	1.55E+07	1.44E+02	2.24E+17	0.007	-0.134	0.35328	8.63E-06	0.62649	1.56E-11	2.54E-05	6.26E-03	8.58E-03
0.0135	0.0237	1.55E+07	1.42E+02	2.21E+17	0.012	-0.137	0.35868	9.06E-06	0.62108	1.52E-11	2.50E-05	6.22E-03	8.62E-03
0.0214	0.0277	1.54E+07	1.40E+02	2.18E+17	0.018	-0.141	0.36499	9.58E-06	0.61476	1.47E-11	2.47E-05	6.18E-03	8.66E-03
0.0320	0.0317	1.53E+07	1.37E+02	2.15E+17	0.027	-0.144	0.37217	1.02E-05	0.60758	1.41E-11	2.43E-05	6.14E-03	8.71E-03
0.0456	0.0358	1.52E+07	1.35E+02	2.12E+17	0.038	-0.147	0.38016	1.09E-05	0.59958	1.34E-11	2.38E-05	6.10E-03	8.76E-03
0.0625	0.0400	1.51E+07	1.32E+02	2.08E+17	0.051	-0.150	0.38890	1.18E-05	0.59084	1.27E-11	2.34E-05	6.06E-03	8.81E-03
0.0832	0.0442	1.50E+07	1.29E+02	2.03E+17	0.067	-0.155	0.39833	1.28E-05	0.58140	1.19E-11	2.29E-05	6.02E-03	8.86E-03
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0.5769	0.0902	1.35E+07	9.33E+01	1.47E+17	0.363	-0.196	0.51817	3.60E-05	0.46150	3.70E-12	1.76E-05	5.79E-03	9.12E-03
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3.5000	0.2047	9.20E+06	3.40E+01	4.18E+16	0.945	-0.502	0.68885	6.20E-04	0.29088	2.71E-14	3.92E-06	1.21E-03	9.15E-03
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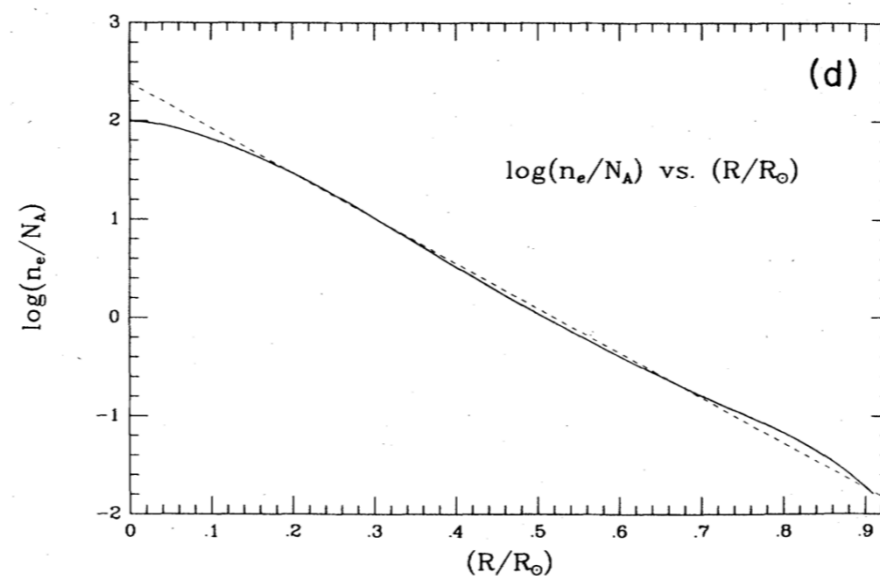
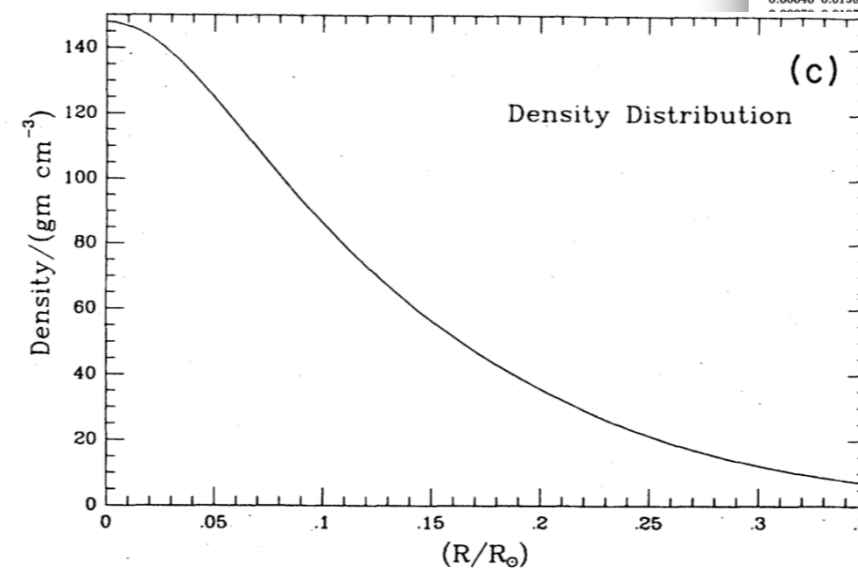
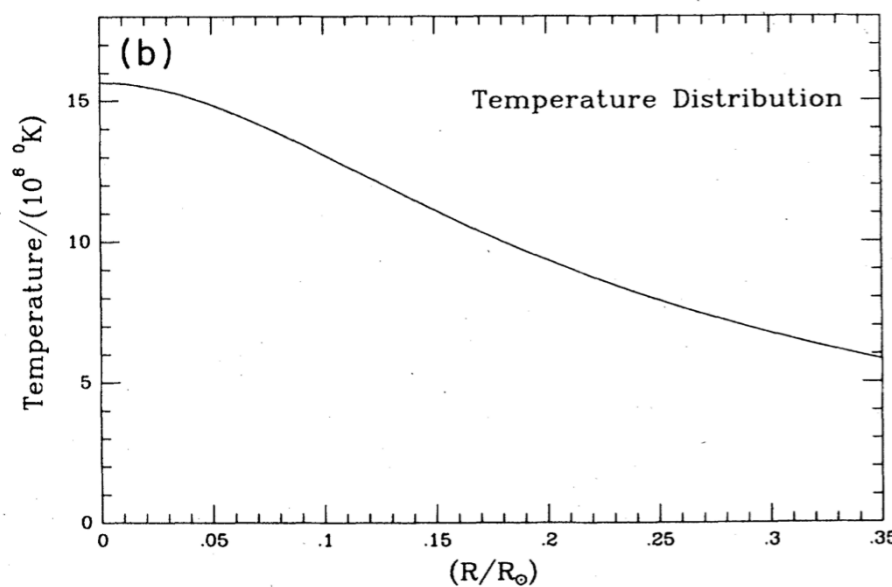
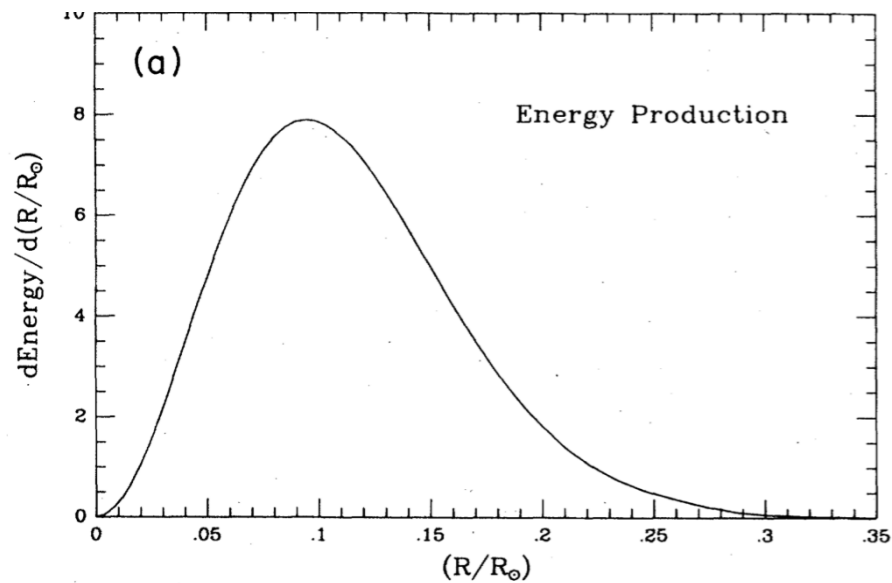
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0.00005	0.0083	1.56E+07	1.47E+02	2.28E+17	0.000	-0.127	0.34317	7.88E-06	0.63661	1.64E-11	2.60E-05	6.33E-03	8.50E-03
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.55E+07	1.44E+02	2.24E+17	0.007	-0.134	0.35328	8.63E-06	0.62649	1.56E-11	2.54E-05	6.26E-03	8.58E-03		
.54E+07	1.40E+02	2.18E+17	0.018	-0.141	0.36499	9.58E-06	0.61476	1.47E-11	2.47E-05	6.18E-03	8.66E-03		
.53E+07	1.37E+02	2.15E+17	0.027	-0.144	0.37217	1.02E-05	0.60758	1.41E-11	2.43E-05	6.14E-03	8.71E-03		
.52E+07	1.35E+02	2.12E+17	0.038	-0.147	0.38016	1.09E-05	0.59958	1.34E-11	2.38E-05	6.10E-03	8.76E-03		
.51E+07	1.32E+02	2.08E+17	0.051	-0.150	0.38890	1.18E-05	0.59084	1.27E-11	2.34E-05	6.06E-03	8.81E-03		
.50E+07	1.29E+02	2.03E+17	0.067	-0.155	0.39833	1.28E-05	0.58140	1.19E-11	2.29E-05	6.02E-03	8.86E-03		
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Stellar interior

Equations of stellar structure — Recap

- The interior structure of a star in equilibrium can be described with the following “ingredients”
- Variables and their stratification (function of radius) P, ρ, T, M_r, L_r
- The following equations :

Hydrodynamic equilibrium	$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{GM_r\rho}{r^2} - \rho \frac{d^2r}{dt^2}$
Mass conservation/continuity	$\frac{dM_r}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho$
Equation of state	$P = \frac{\rho kT}{\mu m_H}$
Energy “generation”	$\frac{dL_r}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho \left[\epsilon - T \frac{dS}{dt} \right]$
Energy transport	$\frac{dT}{dr} = -\frac{3\kappa\rho}{16\pi ac} \frac{L_r}{r^2 T^2}$

More general, **time-dependent form**

Stellar structure is time-dependent and will adjust

→ S: entropy

→ $T (dS/dt)$ is the energy of collapse expressed in terms of the entropy change

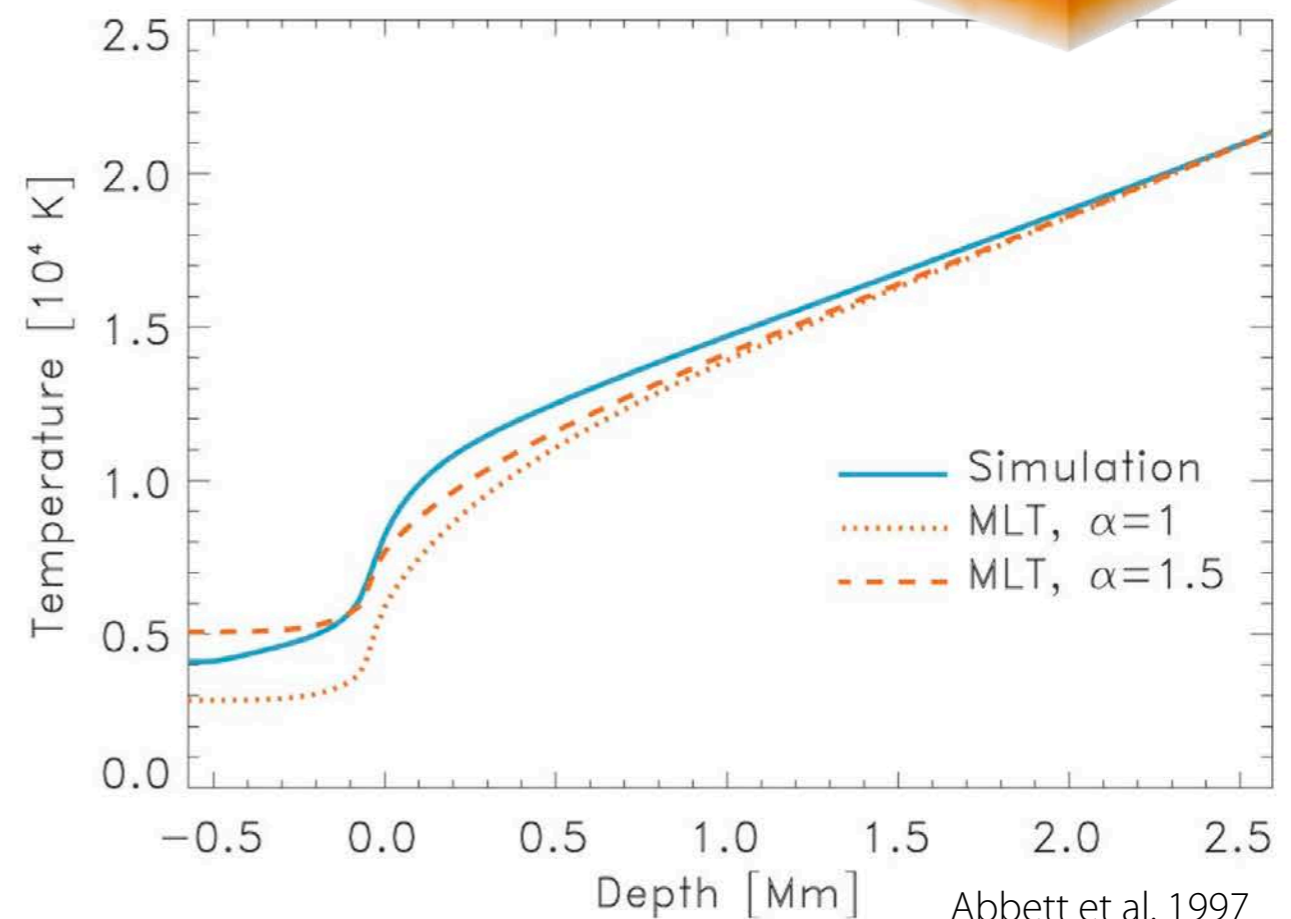
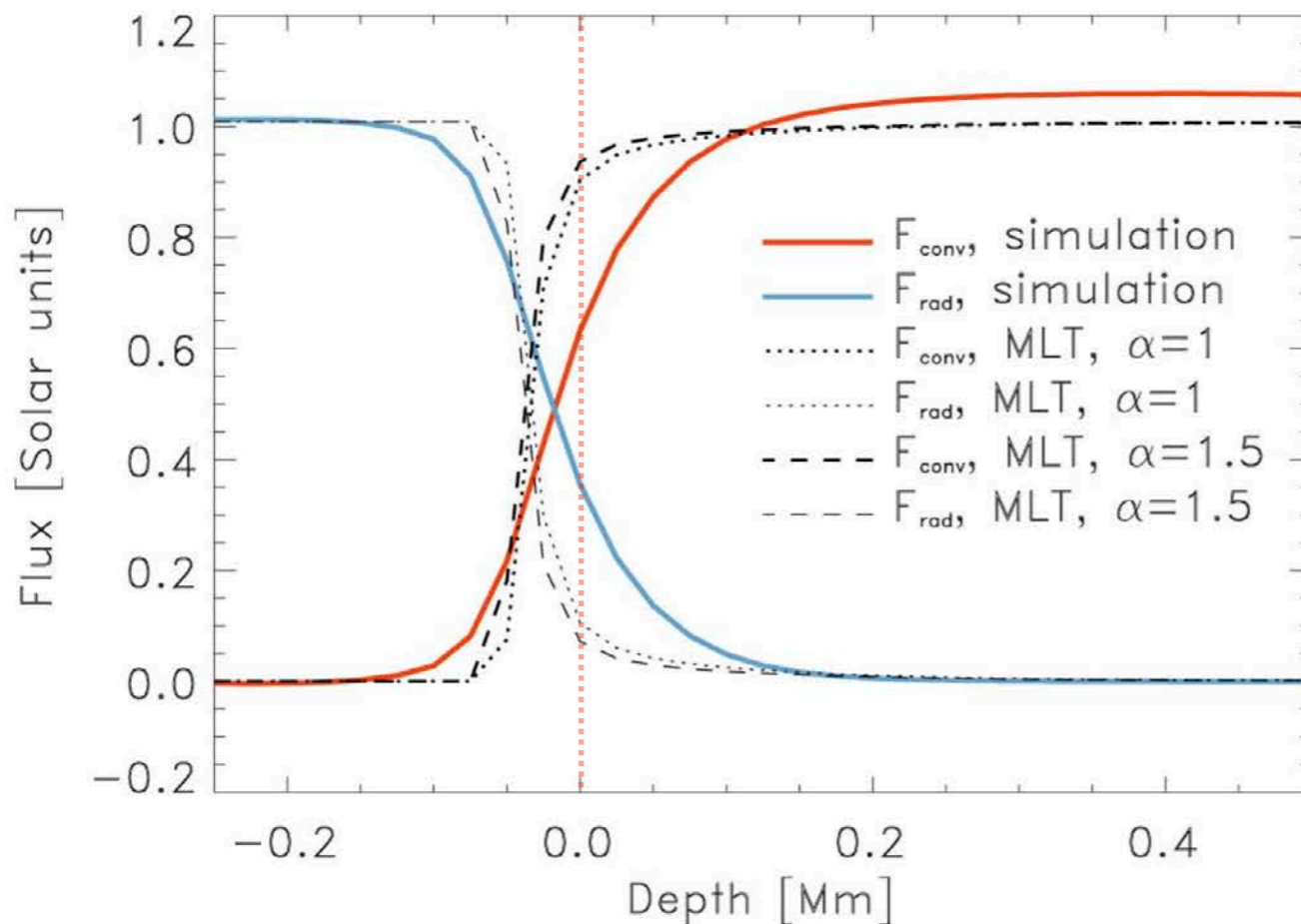
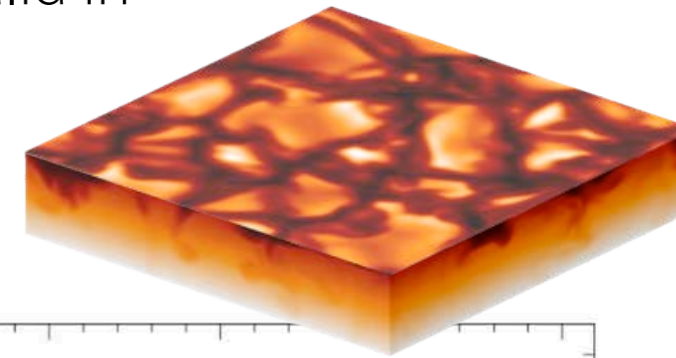
- And these boundary conditions:
 - In the centre ($r=0$): $M_r(0) = 0, L_r(0) = 0$
 - At the surface ($r=R$): $M_r(R) = M, L_r(R) = L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$
- Note that the mean molecular weight μ and the opacity κ are now functions of radius and time (due to fusion in the core)

Energy transport

Recap

- Radiative energy transport = default (in a stable layer)
- Convective energy transport very efficient, occurs if a layer is unstable against convection
- For stellar interior structure/evolution simplified mixing length theory valid in good approximation ($l_m = \alpha H_P$)
- Calibration of α from comparison of detailed 3D numerical models

$$\nabla_{\text{rad}} < \nabla_{\text{ad}} - \frac{\chi_{\mu}}{\chi_T} \nabla_{\mu}$$



Convection

Recap

- Convective energy transport very efficient
- Gradients decisive for convective (in)stability
 - Outer convection zone in the Sun at $r > 0.7 R_{\odot}$
- Properties of convection set by local conditions
 - Change with radius/depth due to the larger decrease of temperature, pressure, density
 - Local pressure scale height important
 - Convection cell diameter ~ 2 Mm near solar surface but much larger deeper in the convection zone
 - Turnover time scale in the Sun between 200s at surface and 25 days at bottom of convection zone
 - Detailed treatment of convection complex and numerically challenging; mixing length theory sufficient in the context of stellar evolution

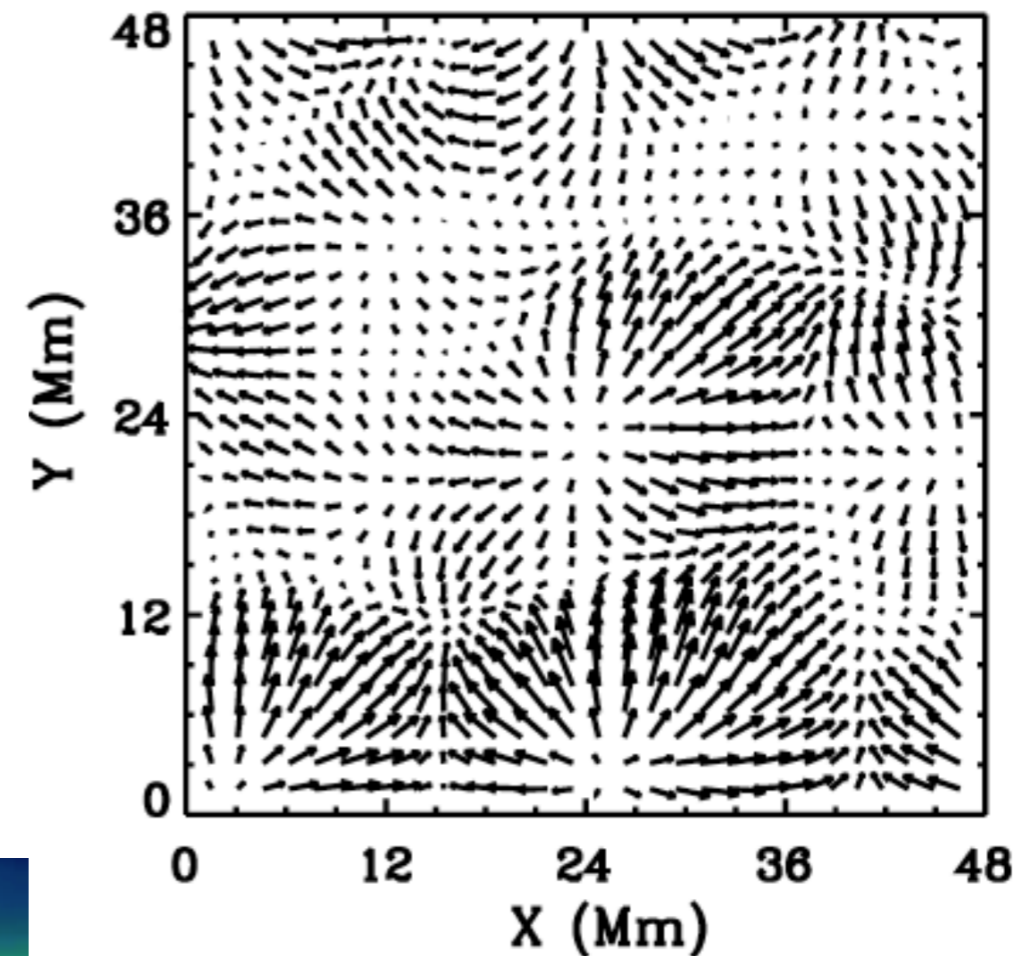
$$H_P = P/(\rho g)$$



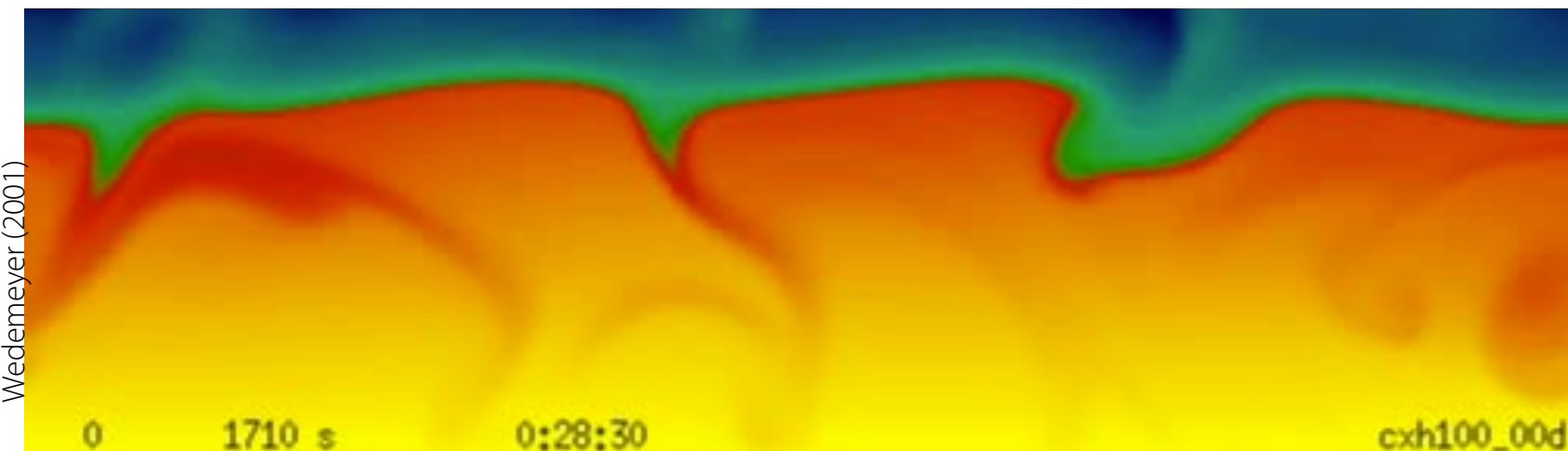
Convection

Flow field

- Hot gas elements rise upwards and diverge, typically within 1-2 pressure scale heights
- Downflowing material denser, can form turbulent plumes
 - Velocity field in a horizontal cross-section through a 3D simulation
 - Note the flow divergence!
- Vertical cross-section at the top of the convection zone — “surface” (photosphere)



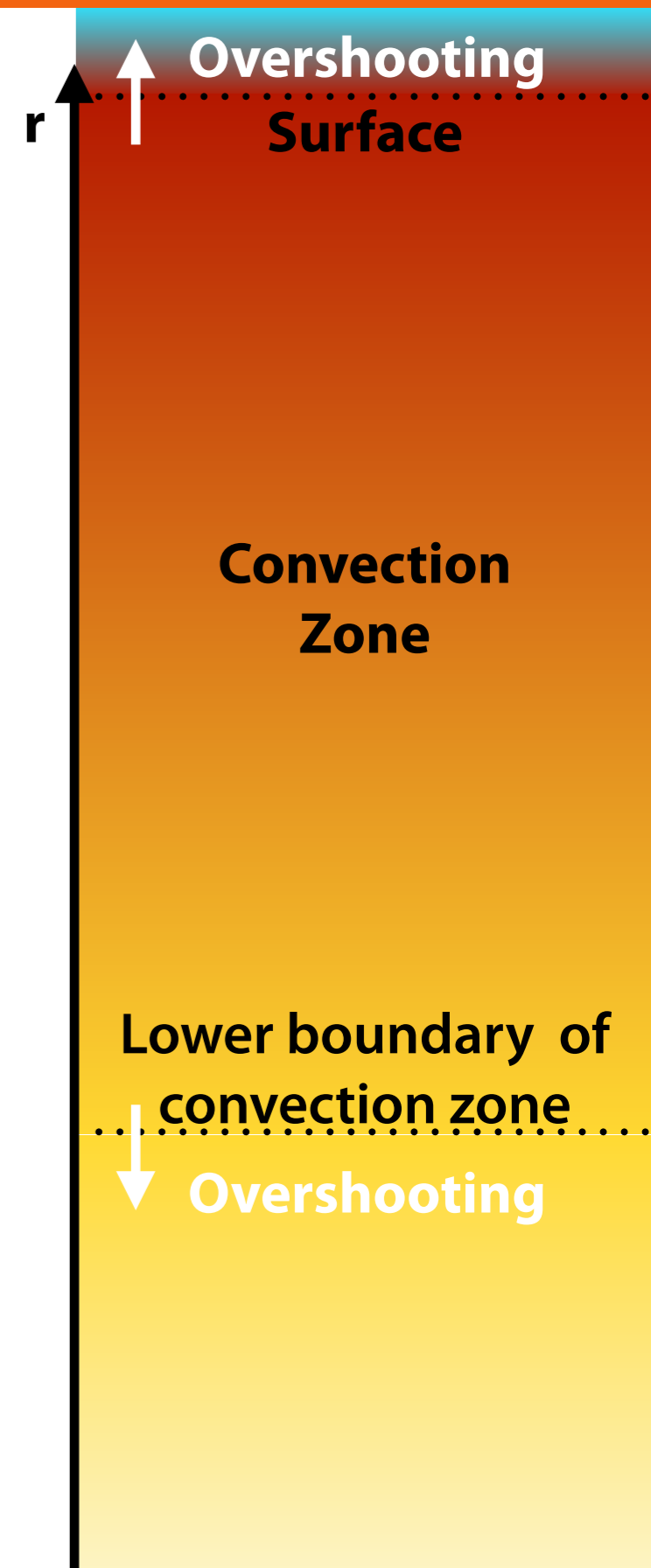
Nordlund et al (2009)



Convection

Convective overshooting

- Chemically homogeneous layer
(Schwarzschild criterion: $\nabla_{rad} < \nabla_{ad}$):
 - Convection zone stops where $\nabla_{rad} = \nabla_{ad}$
 - There, acceleration due to buoyancy force goes to zero:
 $a \approx g (\nabla - \nabla_{ad}) \longrightarrow a=0$
 - Beyond at point, any gas element braked, resulting into convectively stable layer
 - BUT: Gas elements reaching that location have on average still **inertia** and will (on average) **overshoot the boundary by some distance**
 - Overshooting by less than a pressure scale height
- ➔ Schwarzschild criterion determines boundary of convection zone quite accurately
- **IMPORTANT:** No net mass transport but convection **mixes** gas in neighbouring layers!



Convection

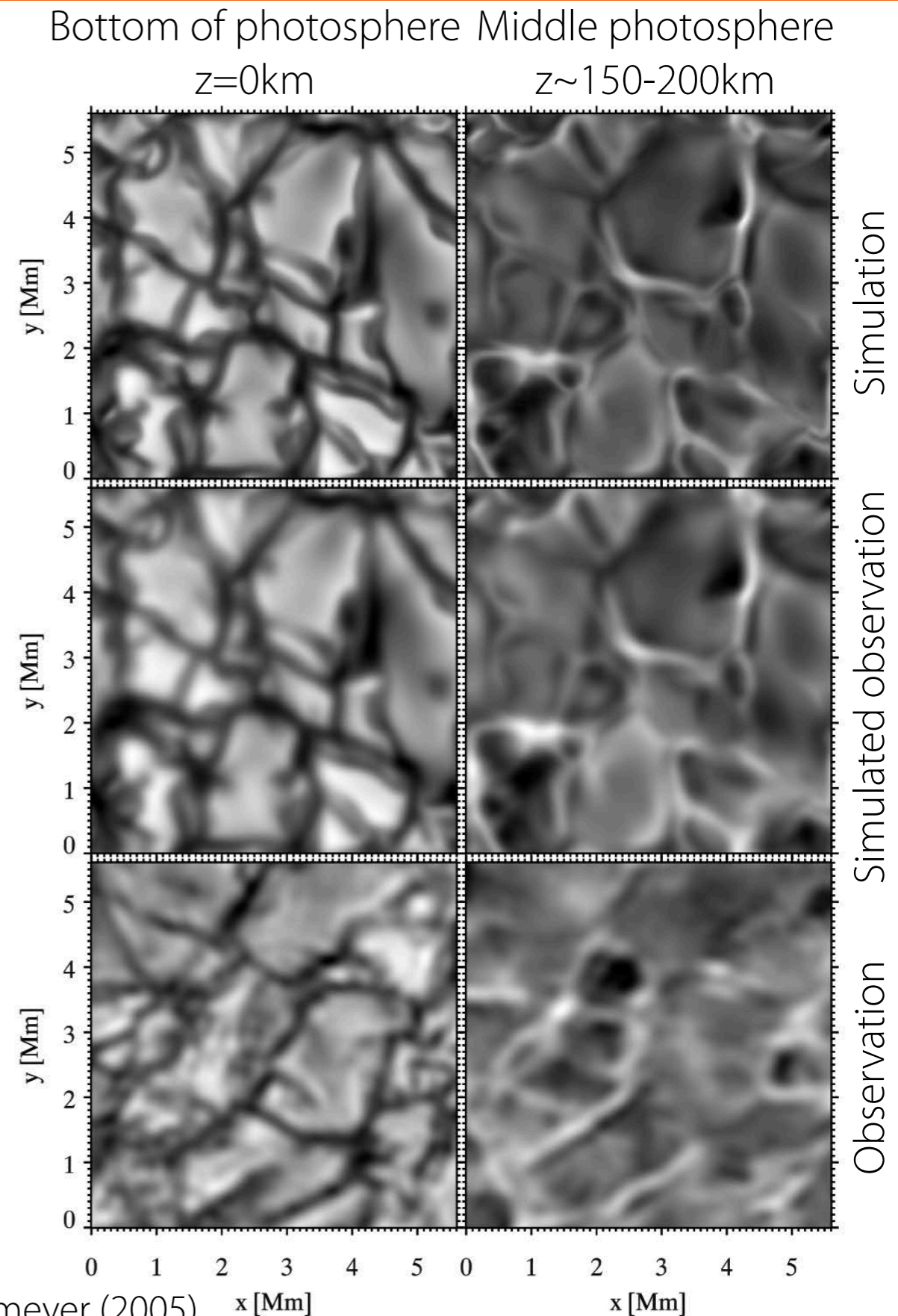
Convective overshooting

- Chemically inhomogeneous layer with $\nabla_{ad} \neq 0$ (Ledoux criterion: $\nabla_{rad} < \nabla_{ad} - \frac{\chi_{\mu}}{\chi_T} \nabla_{\mu}$)
 - Convective mixing decreases $|\nabla - \nabla_{ad}|$ and ∇_{μ} .
 - ➔ Effective buoyancy force increases
 - ➔ Positive feedback loop can develop with highly non-linear increase
 - ➔ Overshooting gas elements penetrate further and further.
 - Resulting overshoot distance is very uncertain and could be substantial.
- **Mixing due to convective overshooting important for stellar evolution.**
- In the core:
 - Convectively mixed core has “access” to a larger fuel supply for nuclear burning
 - ➔ Affects hydrogen-burning lifetime
 - ➔ Affects further evolution of that star
- Overshooting only taken into account in parameterised form, needs calibration for more detailed modelling

Convection

Convective overshooting

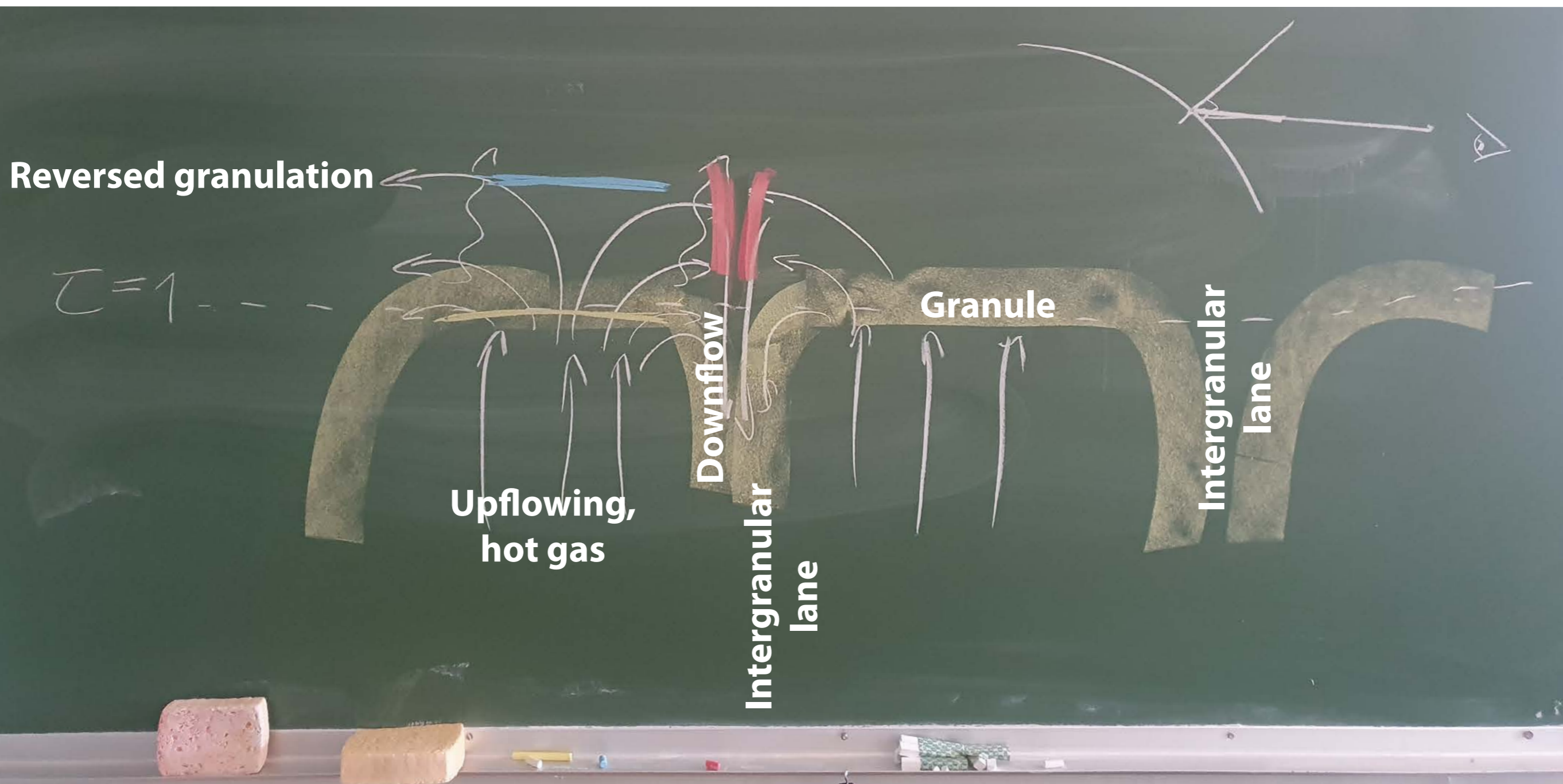
- In the Sun: Convective overshooting at the surface
- Overshooting into the stably (subadiabatically) stratified photosphere.
- Radiative losses make the overshooting material relatively cold and dense.
- Cooling by adiabatic expansion versus radiative heating (towards radiative equilibrium from the surrounding)



Convection

Convective overshooting

- Granulation pattern in the low photosphere (where optical depth $\tau \sim 1$)
- Reversed granulation pattern in the middle photosphere



Convection

Convective overshooting

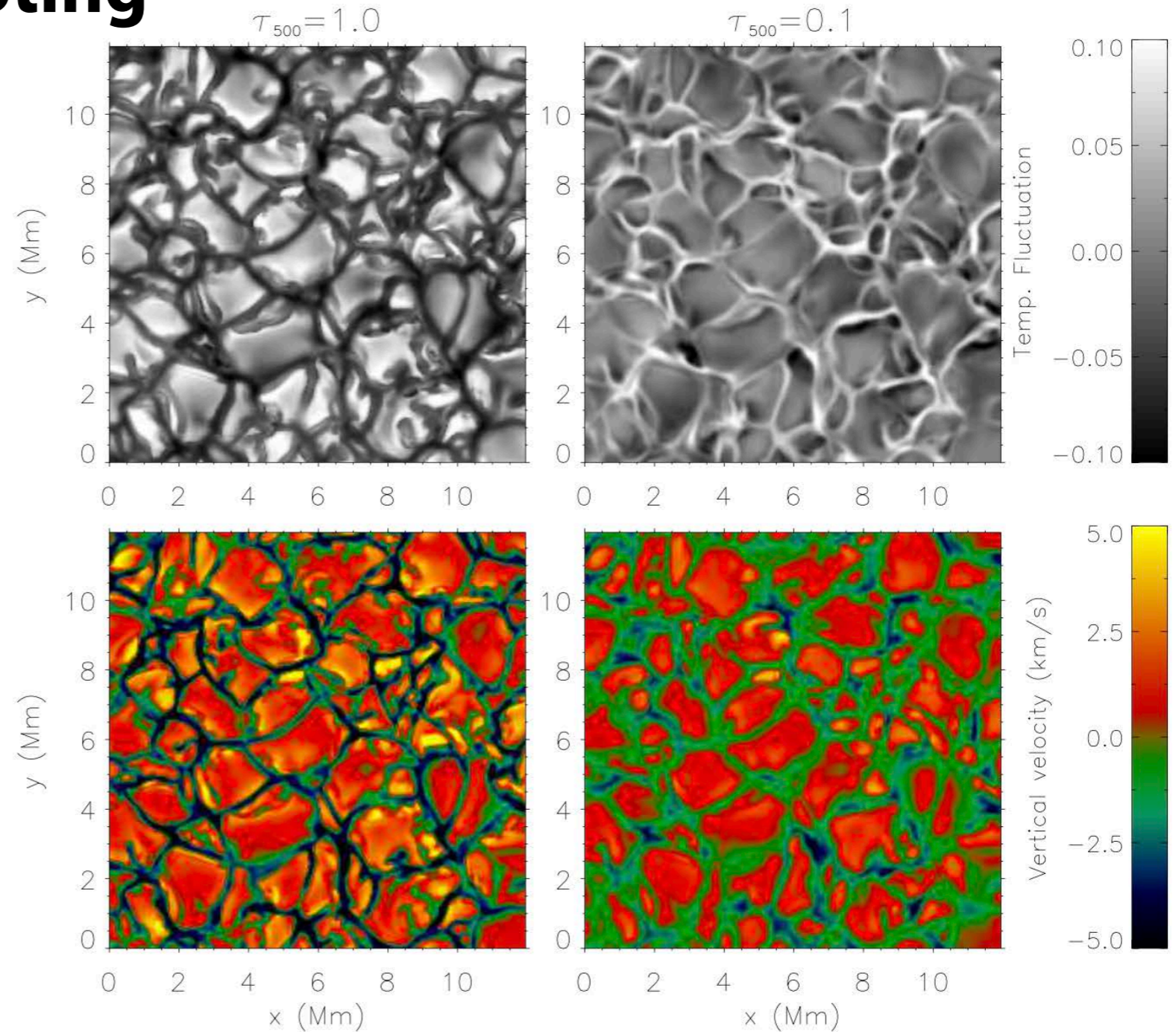


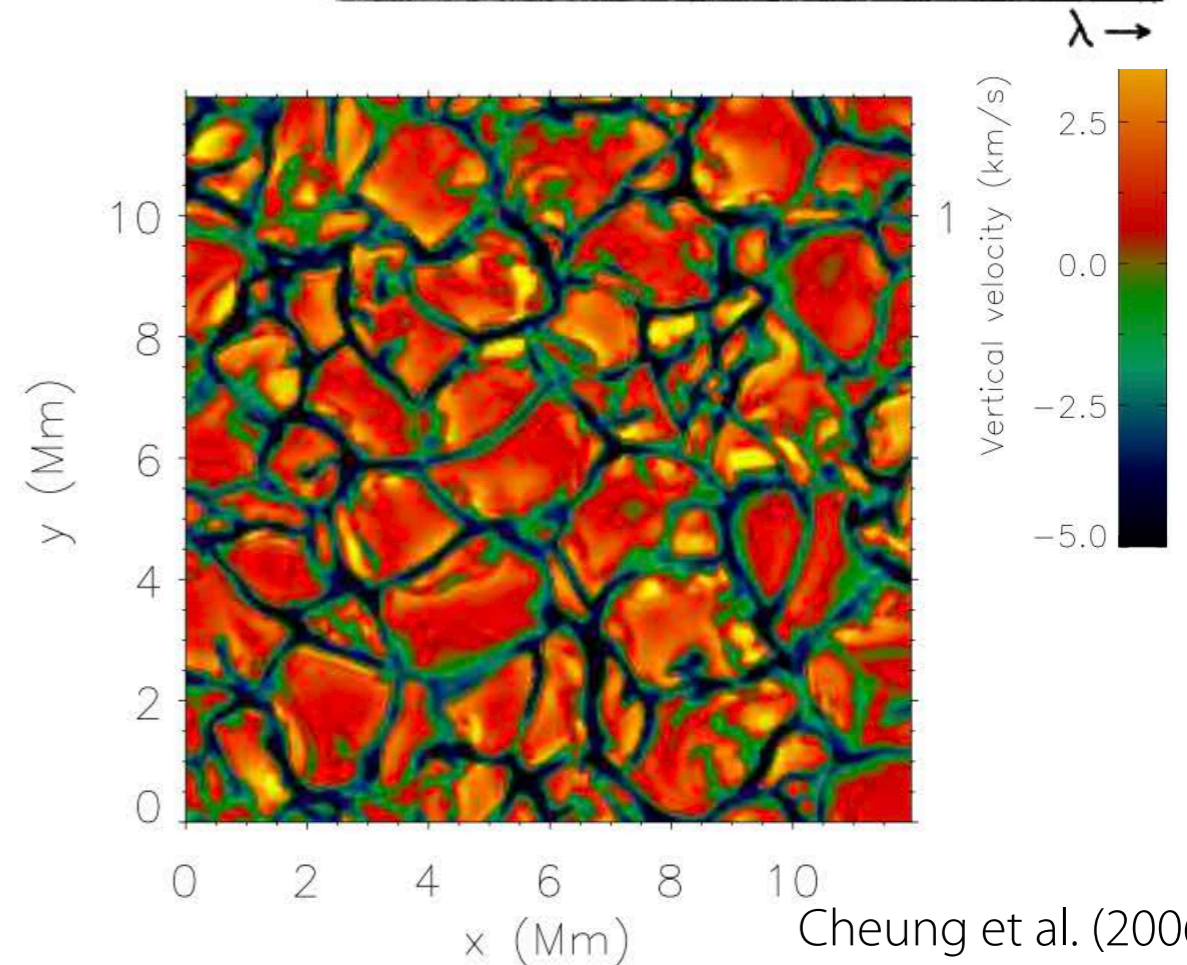
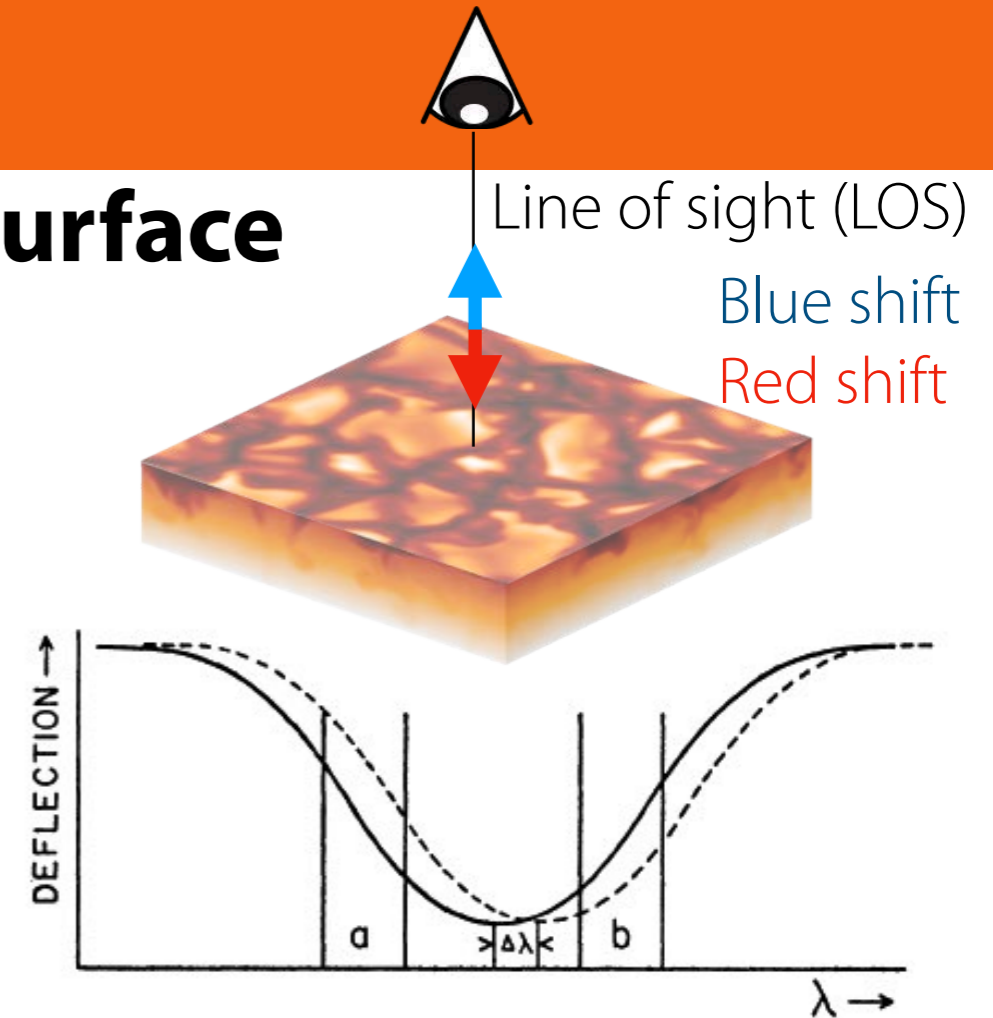
Figure 3: Temperature fluctuations ($\Delta T/\bar{T}$, upper row) and vertical velocity (lower row) at two surfaces of constant optical depth. The left column shows the patterns at $\tau_{500} = 1$, the right $\tau_{500} = 0.1$. The reversed granulation corresponds to a reversal of the temperature fluctuations while the velocity pattern remains qualitatively unchanged.

Cheung et al. (2006)

Convection

Velocity field — observable at the surface

- Granules visible in intensity but also in vertical velocity
- Vertical velocity (at solar disk-centre, observing from above) can be determined from **Doppler shifts** of spectral line cores that are formed deep in the photosphere
- Horizontal velocities can be determined by tracing the horizontal motion of granules (or even smaller feature): **local correlation tracking**
- Be aware of **projection effects** when not looking at the centre of the disk



Convection

Stability against convection

- Stability of a vertically displaced gas element against convection can be evaluated in terms of the **Brunt-Väisälä frequency** (buoyancy frequency)
 - Frequency at which a vertically displaced gas element oscillates in a convectively stable layer
- Gravity as restoring force (working against upwards displacement)
 - gravitational acceleration:

$$g = -\rho_0^{-1} dP_0/dr.$$

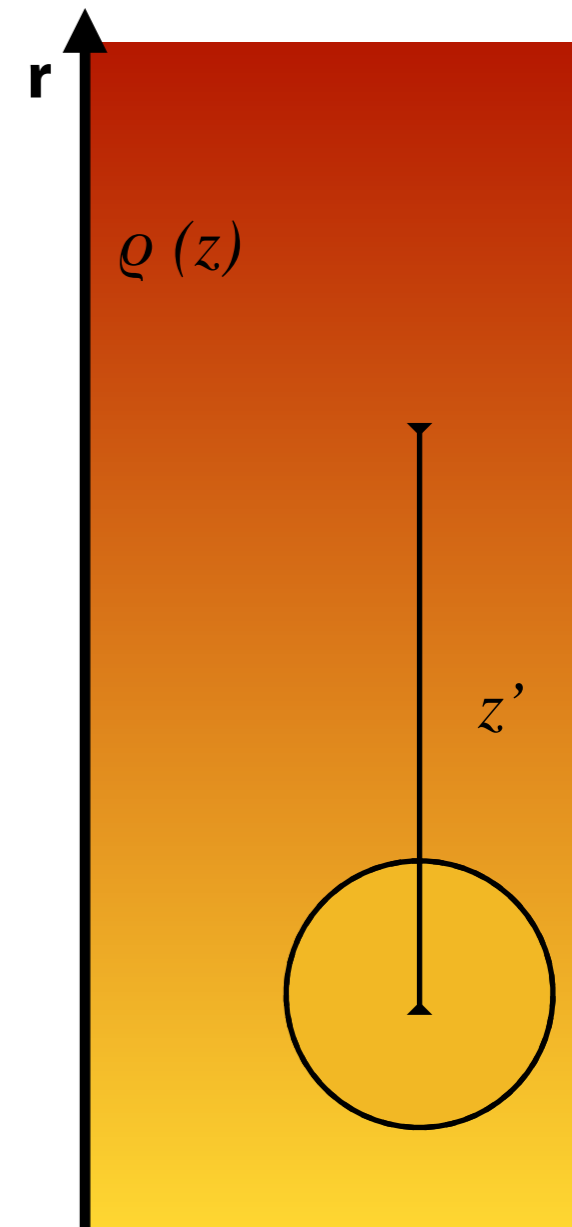
- Now: vertical displacement by z'

$$\Rightarrow \rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 z'}{\partial t^2} = -g [\rho(z) - \rho(z + z')]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 z'}{\partial t^2} = \frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z} z'$$

- Solutions of the form $z' = z'_0 e^{i\sqrt{N^2}t}$ with **Brunt-Väisälä frequency** N

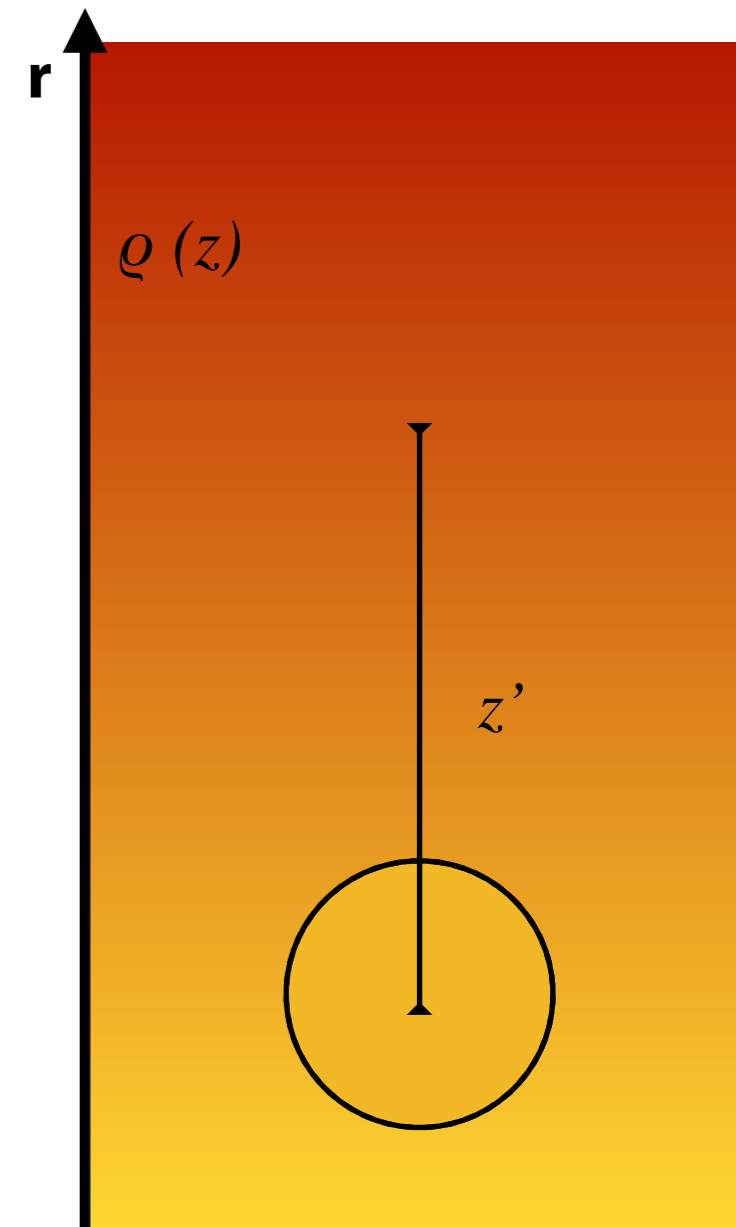
➔ Oscillations may occur depending on N !



Convection

Stability against convection

- **Brunt-Väisälä frequency** N :
$$N^2 = g \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma_1 P_0} \frac{dP_0}{dz} - \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{d\rho_0}{dz} \right)$$
- $N^2 > 0$: Oscillation around the height where density of surrounding matches density of gas element
- $N^2 = 0$: Gas element in rest after displacement
- $N^2 < 0$: (N imaginary) perturbation leads to instability, run away growth
- Buoyancy vs gravity as restoring force
- Gravity waves — g-modes (*not to be confused with gravitational waves*)
- Condition $N^2 > 0$ is equivalent to Schwarzschild / Ledoux criteria for stability against convection



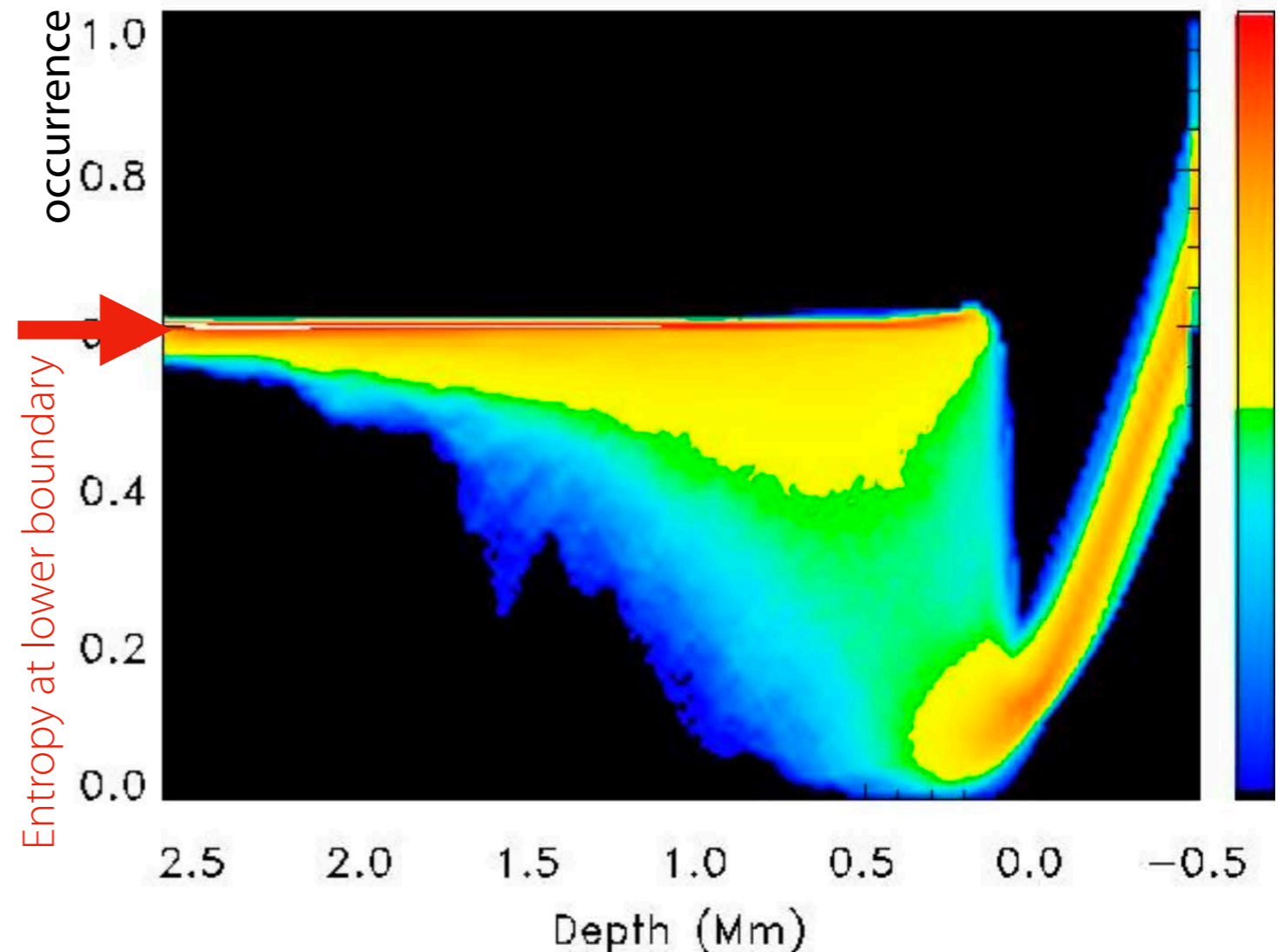
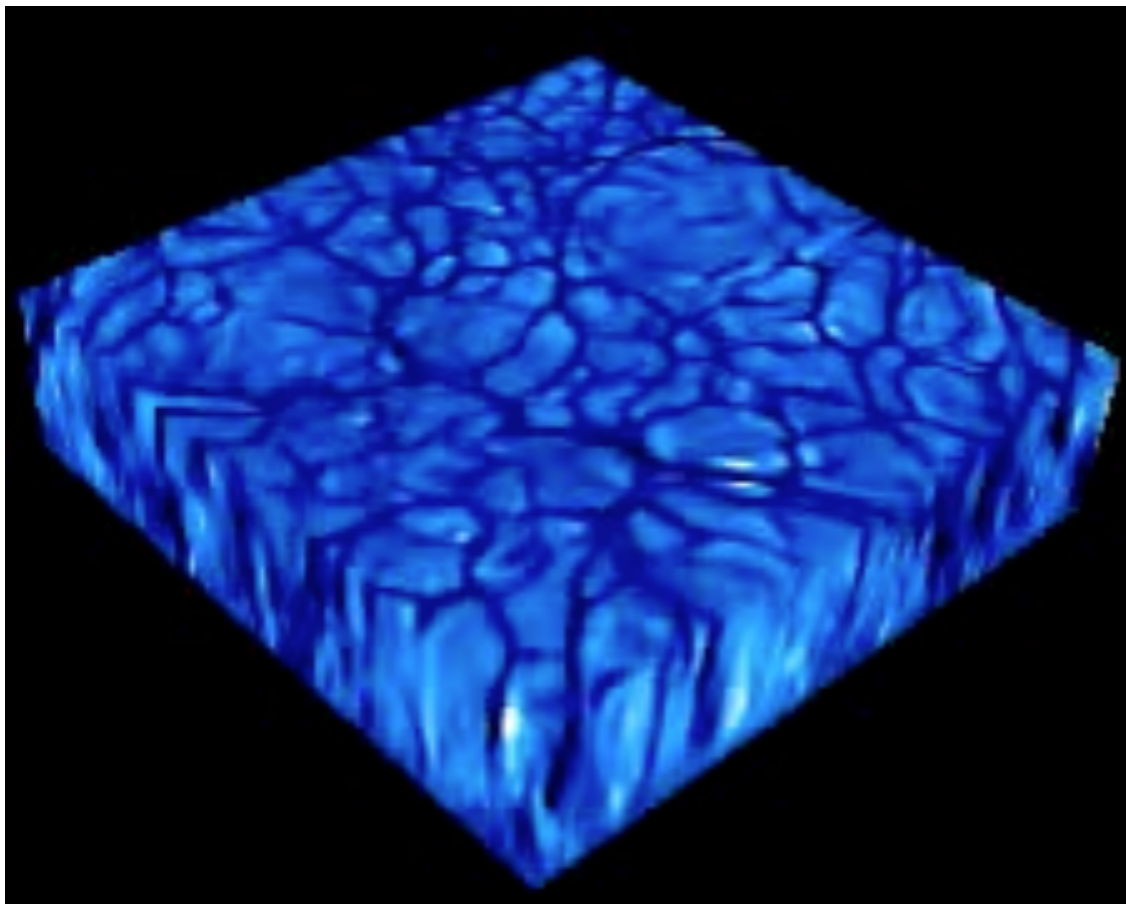
Stellar interior

Entropy

- Entropy quite constant in the upper solar convection zone (in contrast to stratification in temperature, pressure etc.)
- Exploited by some simulation codes for the lower boundary (less sensitive to the exact depth, prescribed entropy of gas inflowing through the lower boundary)

Histogram of the entropy

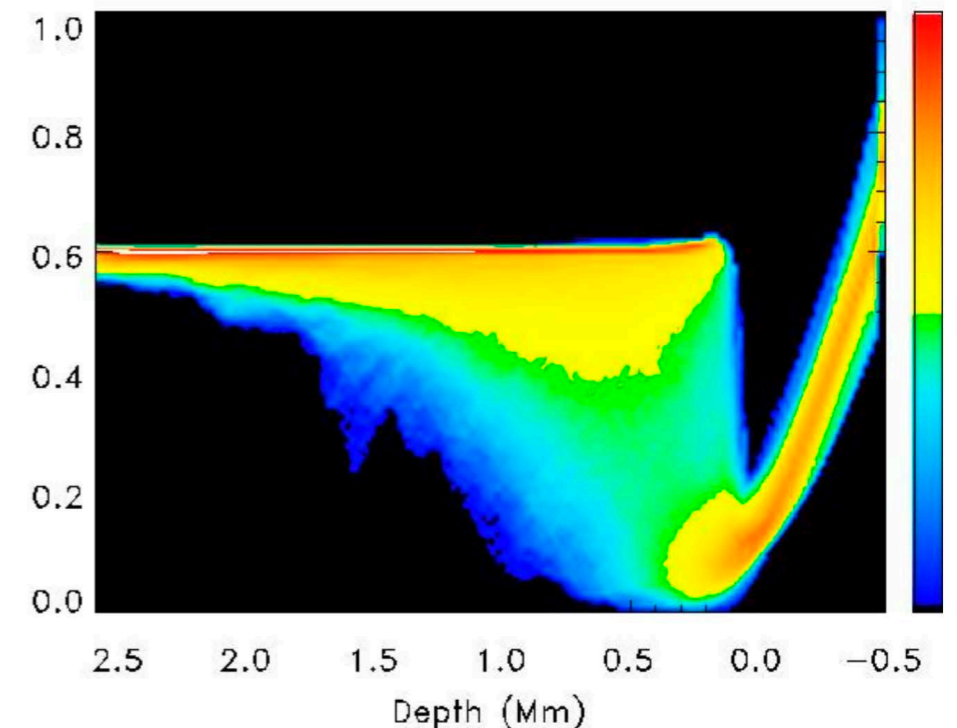
(*logarithmic color scale with arbitrary units*) as a function of depth



Stellar interior

Entropy

- At the surface: Plasma becomes (more) transparent (longer mean free path of photons)
 - ➔ Radiative energy transport becomes efficient
 - ➔ Plasma at surface loses thermal energy via radiative cooling
 - ➔ Hydrogen ions **recombine** with free electrons to form neutral hydrogen atoms
 - ➔ Large amount of ionisation energy set free, also radiated away
 - ➔ Escaping photons remove energy and also entropy
 - ➔ Resulting overdense fluid sinks back into convection zone (due to gravity)
- Rising plasma in the granules: hot, underdense, high entropy
- Sinking plasma in the intergranular lanes: cool, overdense, low entropy
- Strong impact on entropy at the surface (**entropy jump** + fluctuations) but not so much deeper in the convection zone as diverging upflowing plasma all has almost the same entropy



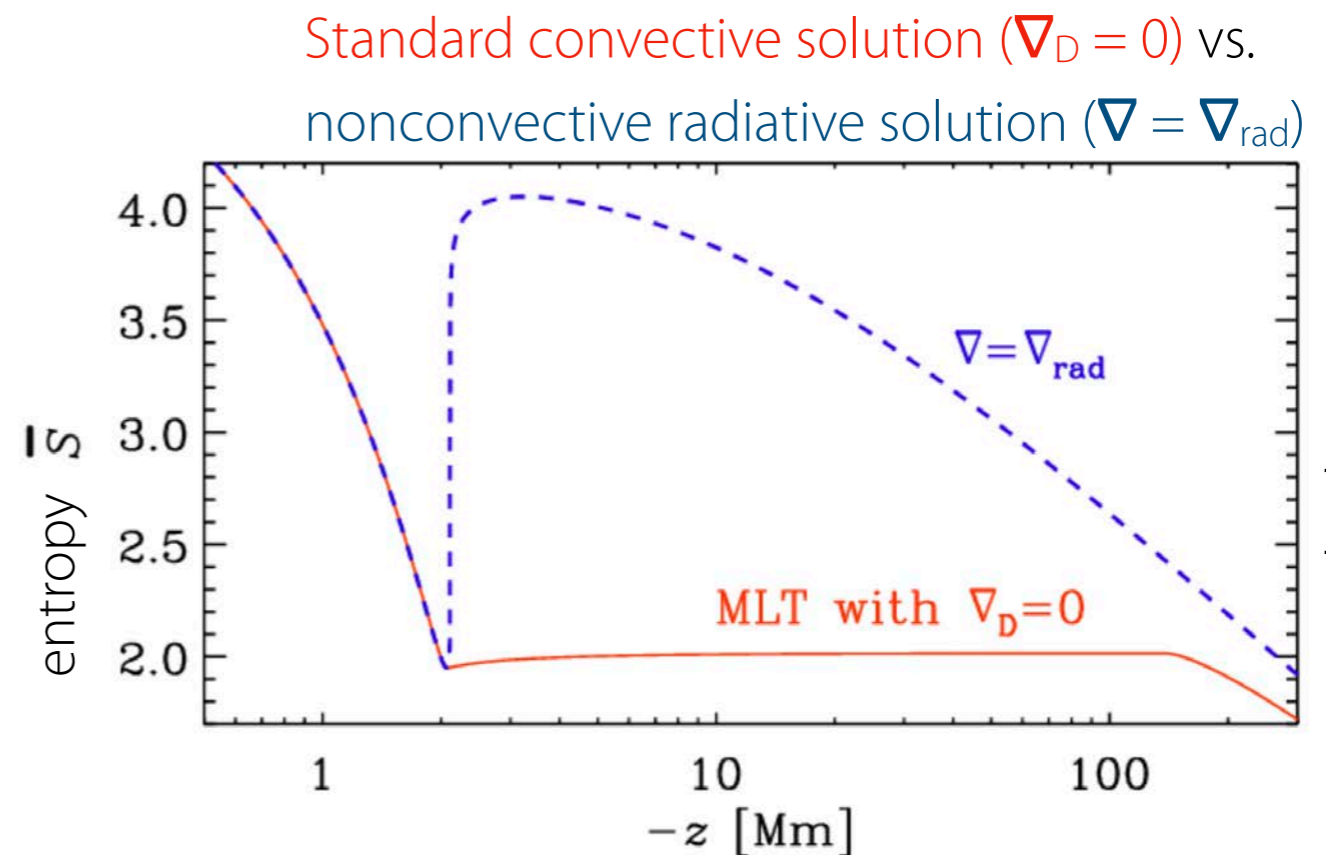
Stellar interior

Entropy

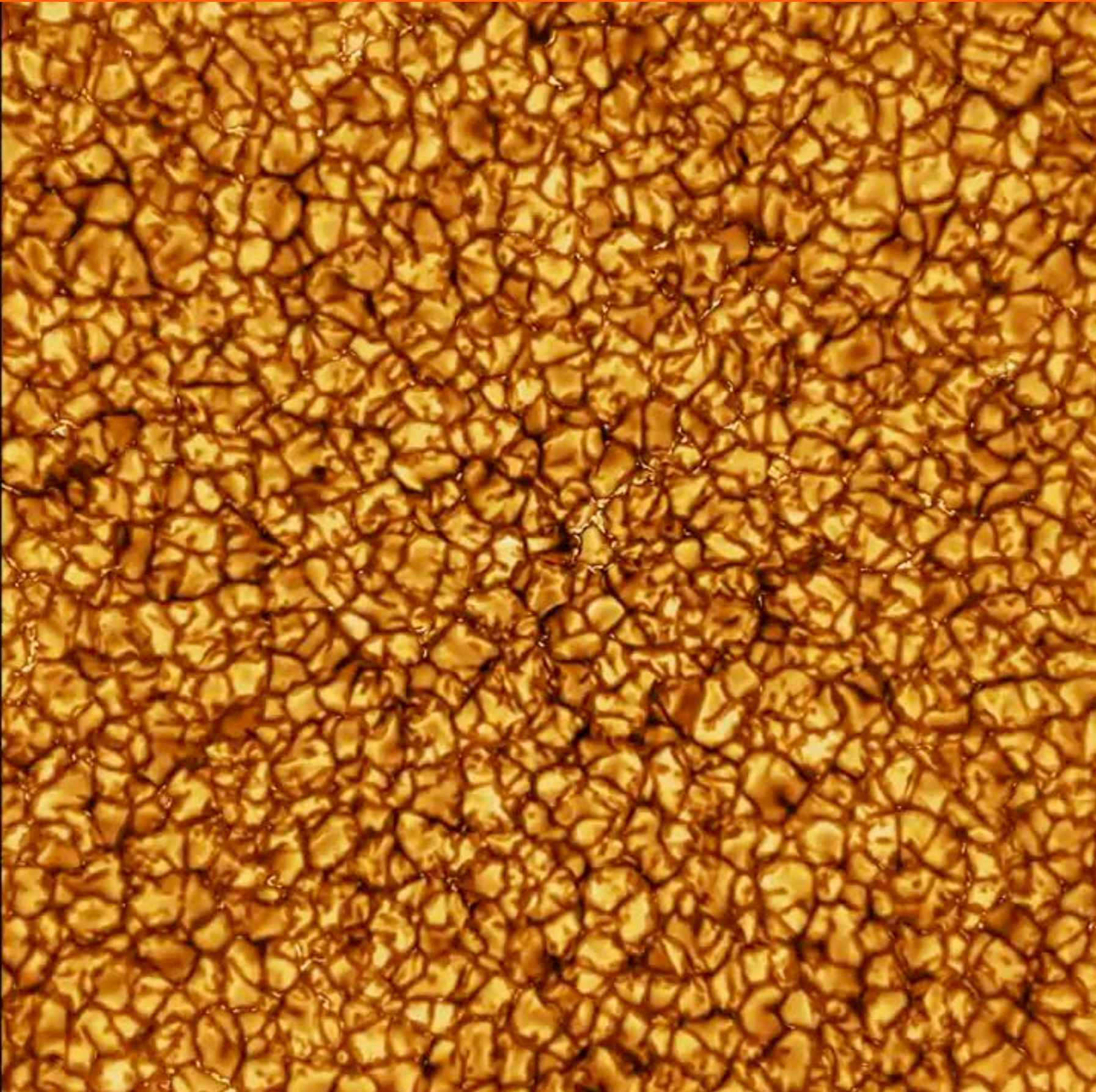
- Convection needs to transport the flux $F = L_{\odot}/4 \pi r^2$
 - Smaller **superadiabaticity*** $\nabla - \nabla_{\text{ad}} \Leftrightarrow$ More efficient transport of energy flux by convection
 - Related to the excess of specific entropy over the entropy of the marginal state ($\nabla = \nabla_{\text{ad}}$)
- $$\Delta S = \int c_P (\nabla - \nabla_{\text{a}}) d \ln P$$
- ΔS : entropy "jump" across the outermost layers of the convection zone (only there $\nabla = \nabla_{\text{ad}}$, significantly larger than zero)

*difference between actual and adiabatic temperature gradient

- Note: Efficiency of convection connected to mixing length parameter α
- Detailed properties of convection (including impact of downdraft on entropy) affect the mixing length parameter



Granulation



Highest-resolution observations of the Sun's granulation ever taken.

DKIST (4m)
(NSO/AURA/NSF)

- Prominent scale:
Granulation with 1-2Mm cell diameters



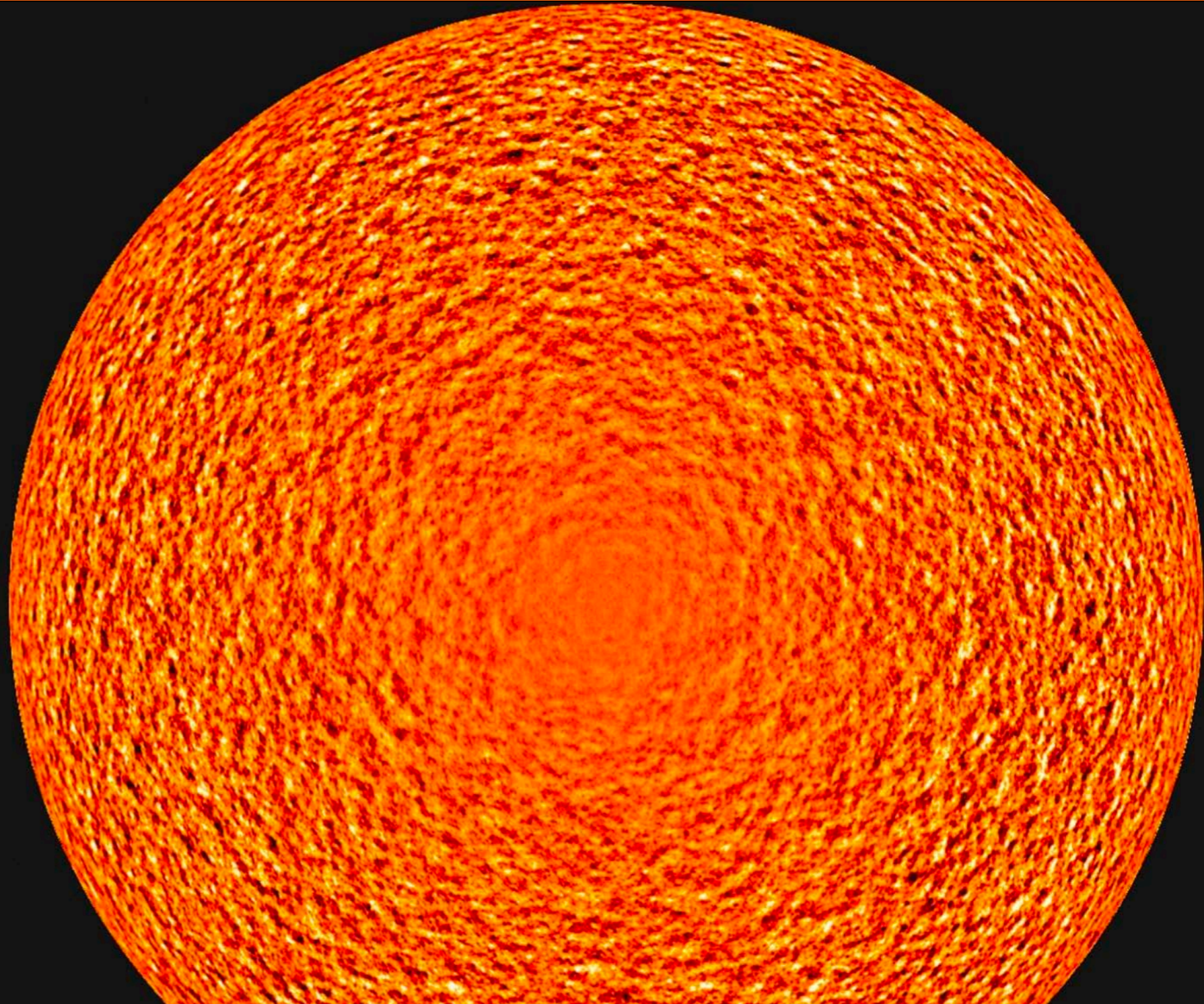
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Granulation

Supergranulation

- Dopplergram revealing the supergranulation pattern (credits SOHO/MDI/ESA).
- Prominent scale here: Supergranulation with typical cell diameters of $\sim 30\text{-}40\text{ Mm}$ (wider range $10\text{-}70\text{ Mm}$)
- Cell lifetime $\sim 40\text{ h}$
- Typical horizontal velocities $\sim 0.2\text{ km/s}$
- Convection on larger scales
- But: may only extend 5 Mm into convection zone (tbc)



- Supergranulation can be subtle, depending on the way the Sun is observed (wavelength etc.)
- Can be revealed by tracing the horizontal motion of granules / feature (local correlation tracking)
- Observation over such long uninterrupted periods are only possible from space

Granulation

Supergranulation

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Spectroheliogram K3

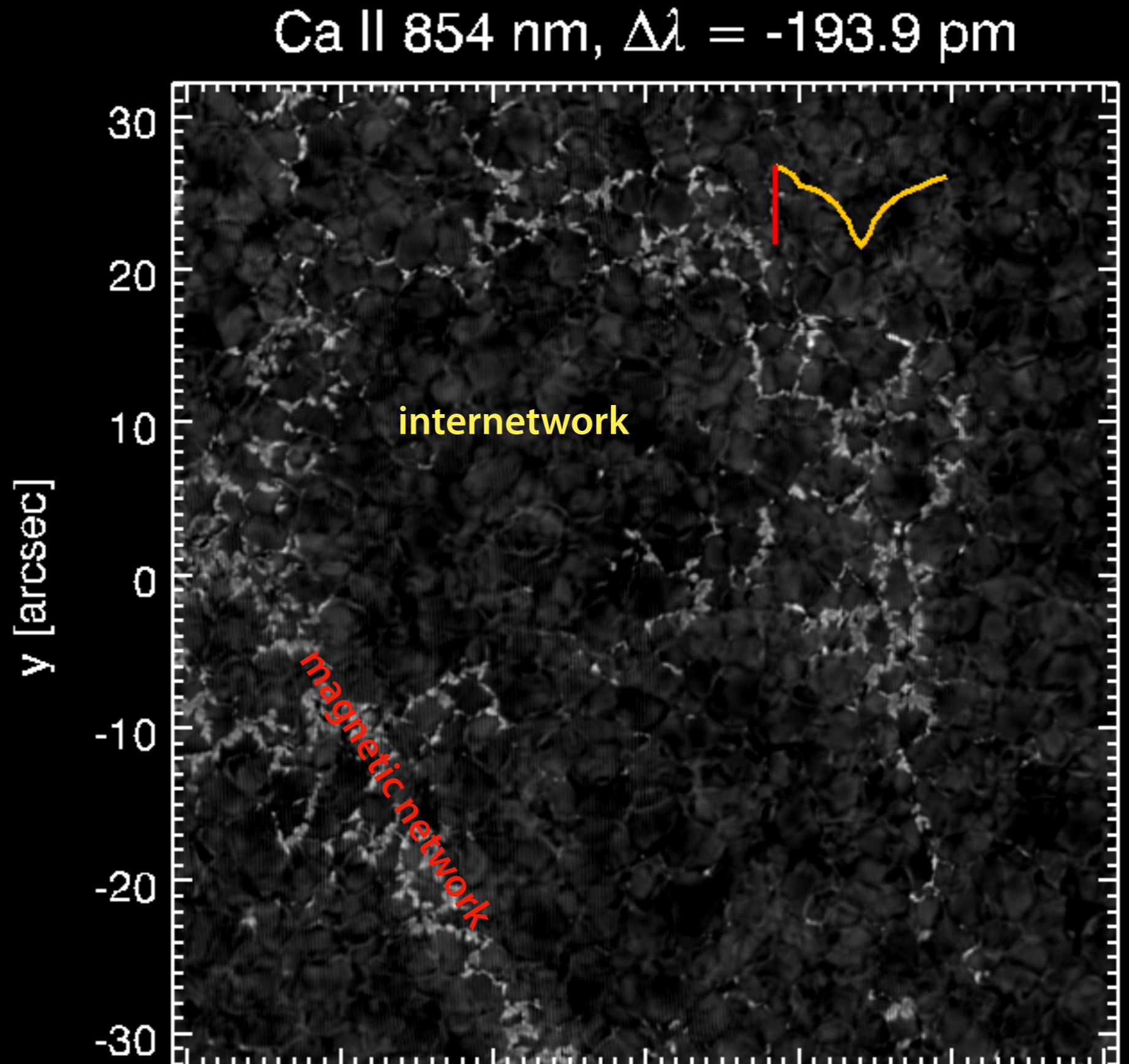
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- A bit higher in the atmosphere:
map in the Ca II K line core at (393.37 nm), showing the chromospheric network (from Meudon Observatory)
- Also outlines supergranulation scales



Granulation

- Looking a bit higher in the atmosphere
- Spatial scales corresponding to granulation visible
- Prominent scale with super granulation, here with cell sizes of $\sim 30\text{Mm}$



Granulation

Spatial scales

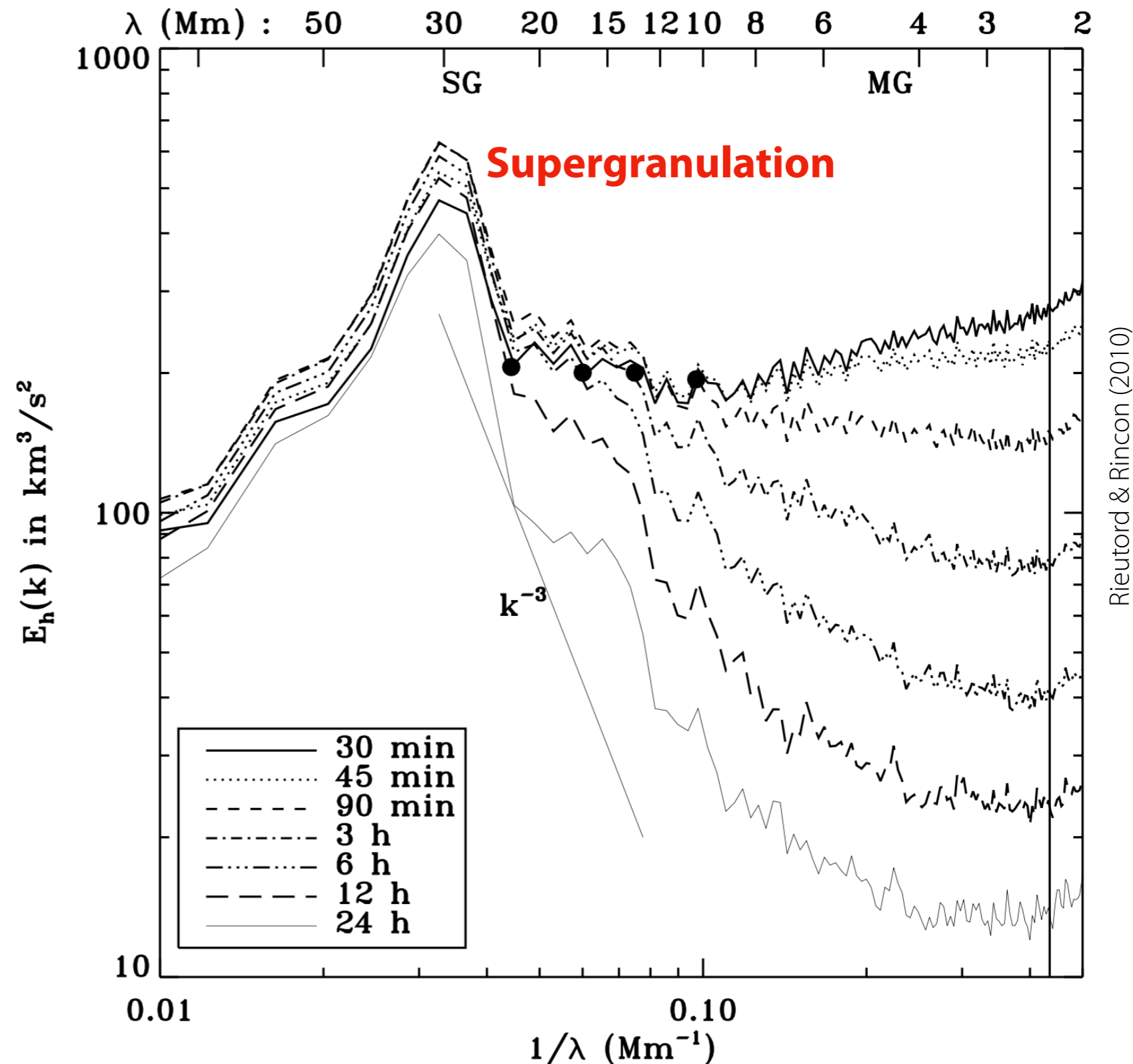
- Spectral density of horizontal kinetic energy

$$E_h(k)$$

- Describes the relation between the spatial scale and amplitude of the flow

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle v_h^2 \rangle = \int_0^\infty E_h(k) dk$$

- v_h : horizontal velocity



$$\lambda = 2\pi/k$$

Granulation

Spatial scales

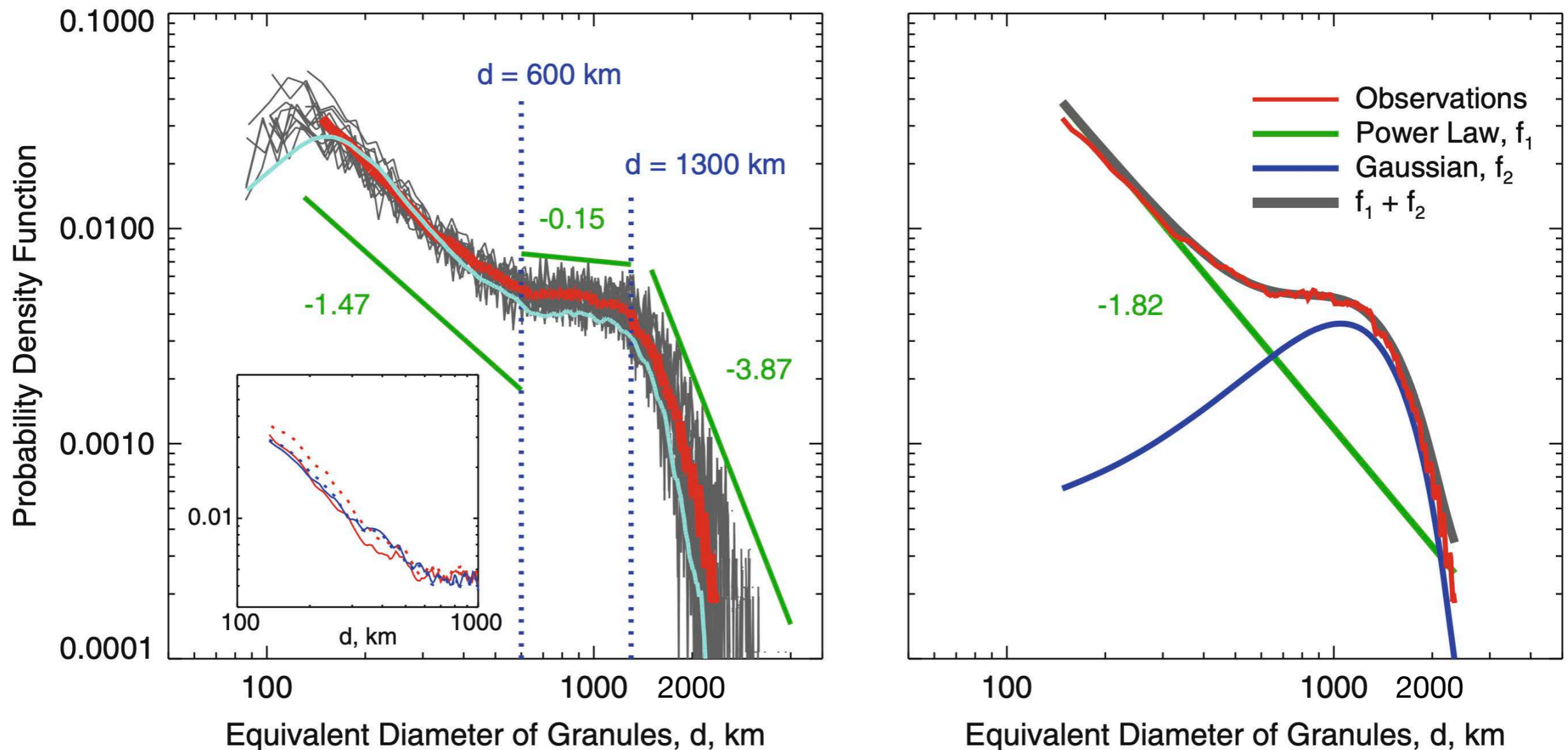


Fig. 4.11 The probability density function of the equivalent diameter of granules (in units of km) is shown, observed in Quiet Sun regions with the *New Solar Telescope (NST)*. The regular granules have a size of $w \approx 500\text{--}2000$ km, while the range of $w \approx 100\text{--}500$ km exhibits the new phenomenon of “mini-granules” (Abramenko et al. [2012](#))

Granulation

Spatial scales

- 'Velocity spectrum'
- Fourier transformation of velocity
- ➔ velocity amplitudes over a large range of spatial scales

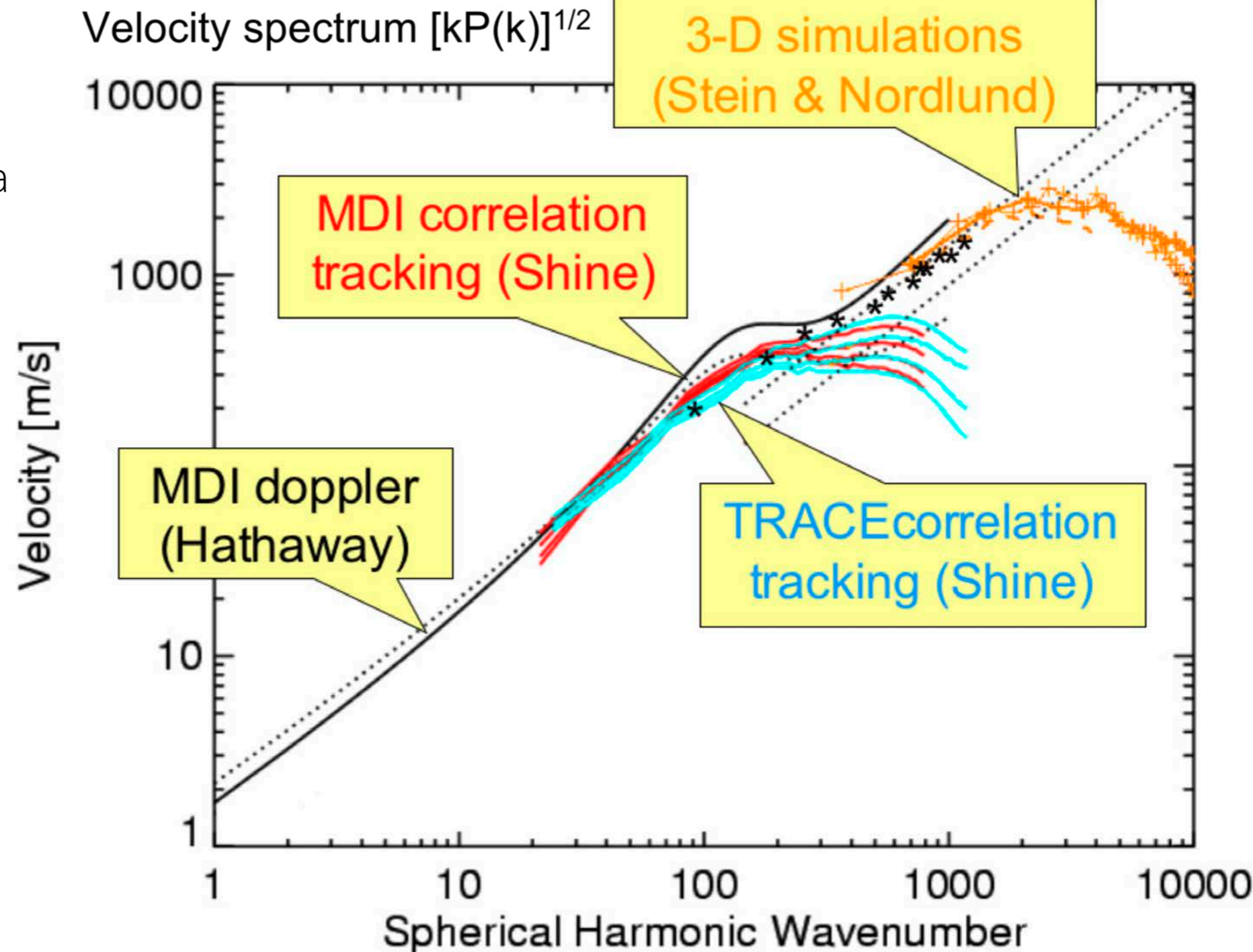
$$V(k) = \sqrt{kP(k)}$$

- $P(k)$: power spectrum (velocity power per unit linear wave number)
- k : wavenumber ($k = 2\pi/\Delta x$)

Giant cells

Supergranulation

Granulation



Granulation

Spatial scales of solar granulation

- **Mesogranulation:**
 - between granulation and supergranulation, first observational indication in 1980
 - Still debated if a true scale exhibited by convection or not
- **Giant cells:**
 - Larger than supergranulation on scales > 100 Mm
 - Observations need to cover large areas on the Sun over very long time; possible with space-borne telescopes since ~ 2000 (e.g., SOHO/MDI)
- **Summary:**
 - Continuous distribution of spatial scales and corresponding timescales (lifetimes) for surface convection cells
 - Granulation and supergranulation clearly present
 - Indications for giant cells, while existence of mesogranulation still debated