



The Sun as a star

Insights from BiSON, Kepler, and CoRoT

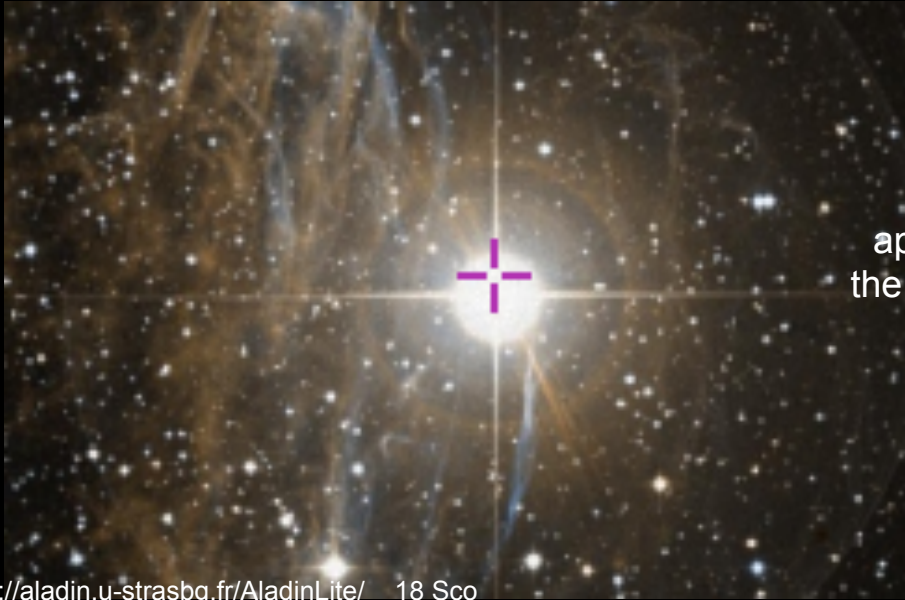
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The Sun



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BiSON: Sun as a star

- Ground based 6 station network
- 1978 to present
- 1985 onwards three or more stations
- Radial velocity using resonant scattering spectrometers
- Calibrated data are freely available!



BiSON: Get the data



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BiSON Time Series

The Birmingham Solar Oscillations Network (BiSON) provides high-quality high-cadence observations from as far back in time as 1978. However, 1985 is the earliest period for which at least three sites were observing regularly.

These data are calibrated from the raw observations into radial velocity and the quality of the calibration has a large impact on the signal-to-noise ratio of the final time series. For details on this procedure please see [arXiv:1405.0160 \[astro-ph.SR\]](#).

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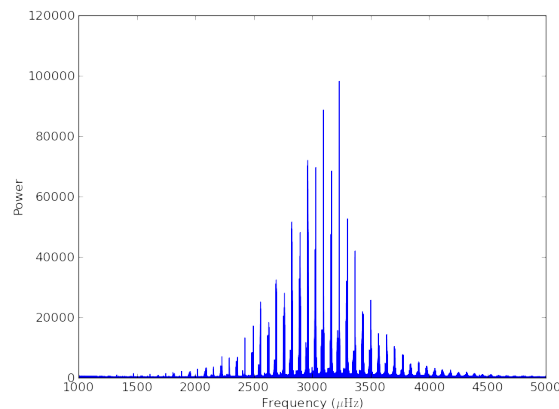
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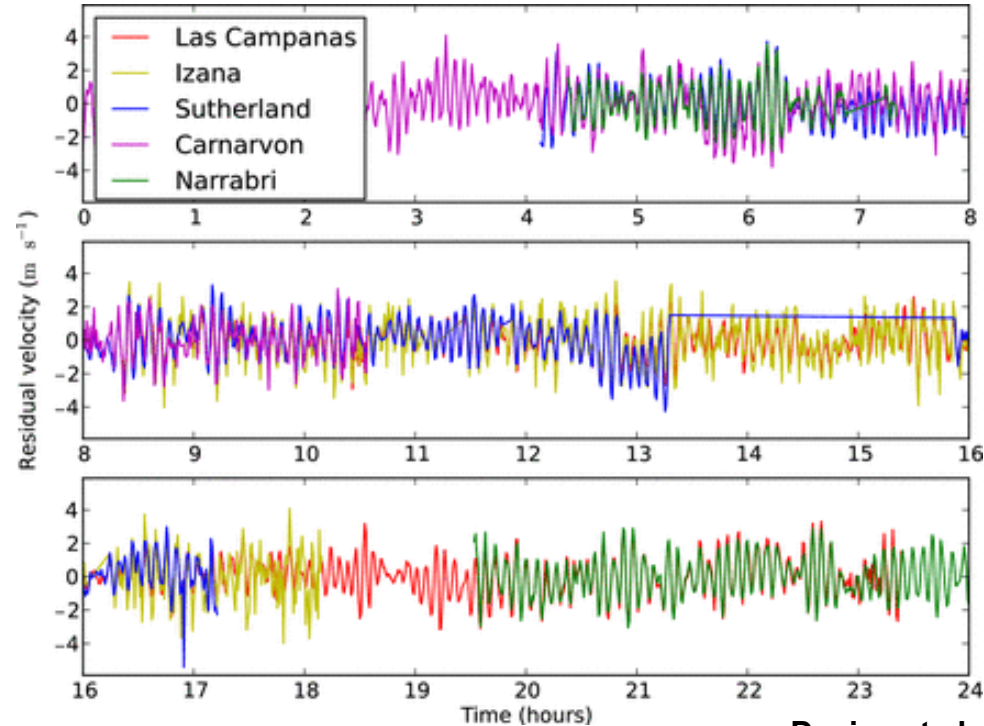
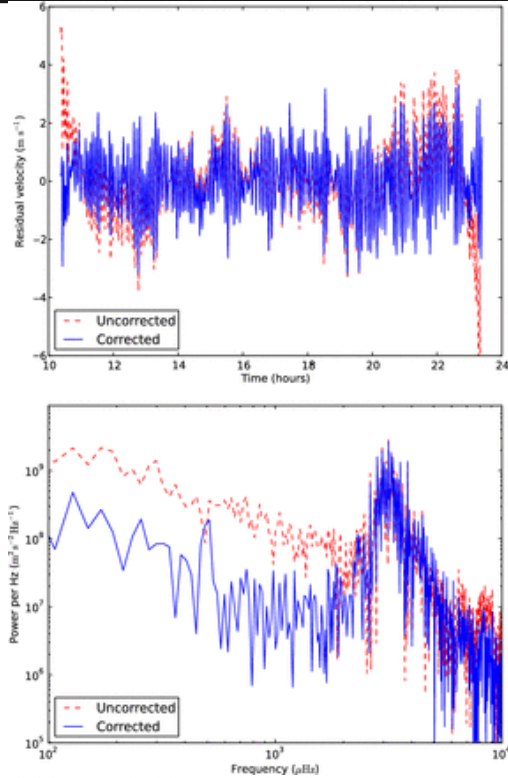


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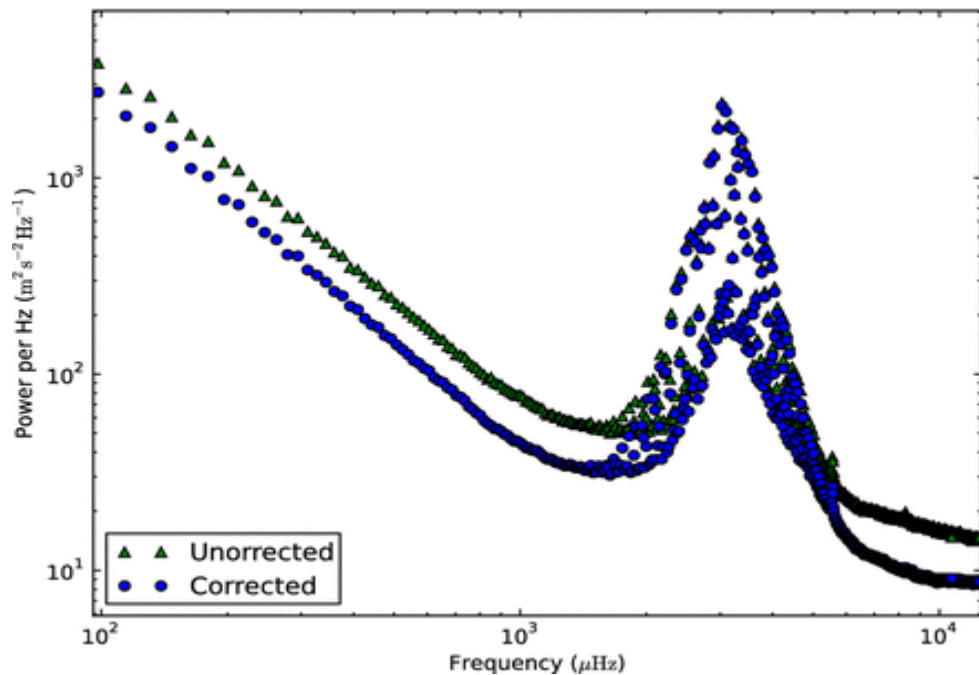
<http://bison.ph.bham.ac.uk/index.php?page=bison,timeseries>



BiSON: Improved calibration



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- Applied to 22 years of data and smoothed to help the eye.
- Signal-to-noise ratio improvement across a broad range of frequencies.
- This is most accessible in the low-frequency region.

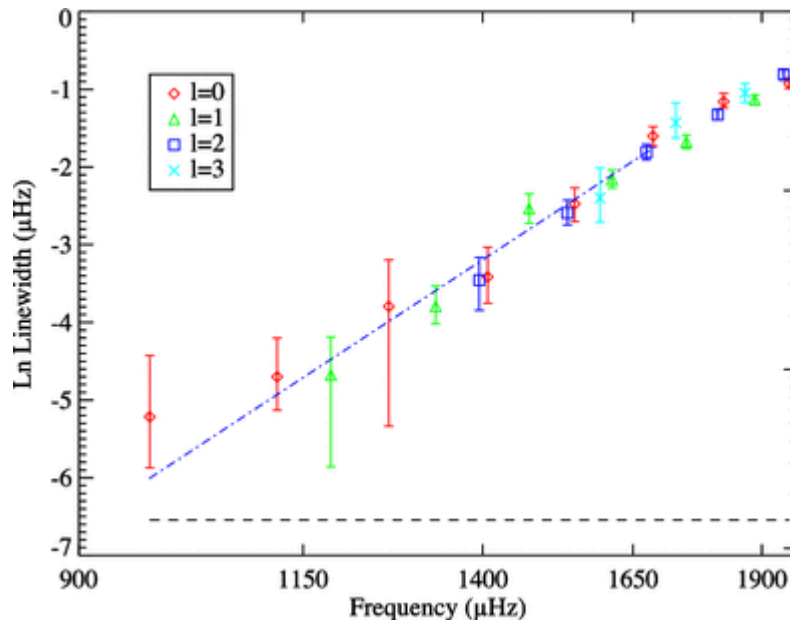
BiSON: Low-frequency p modes



- Increased SNR leads to new BiSON detections (a couple).
- Measured frequencies,
- linewidths,
- amplitudes,
- and rotational splittings.

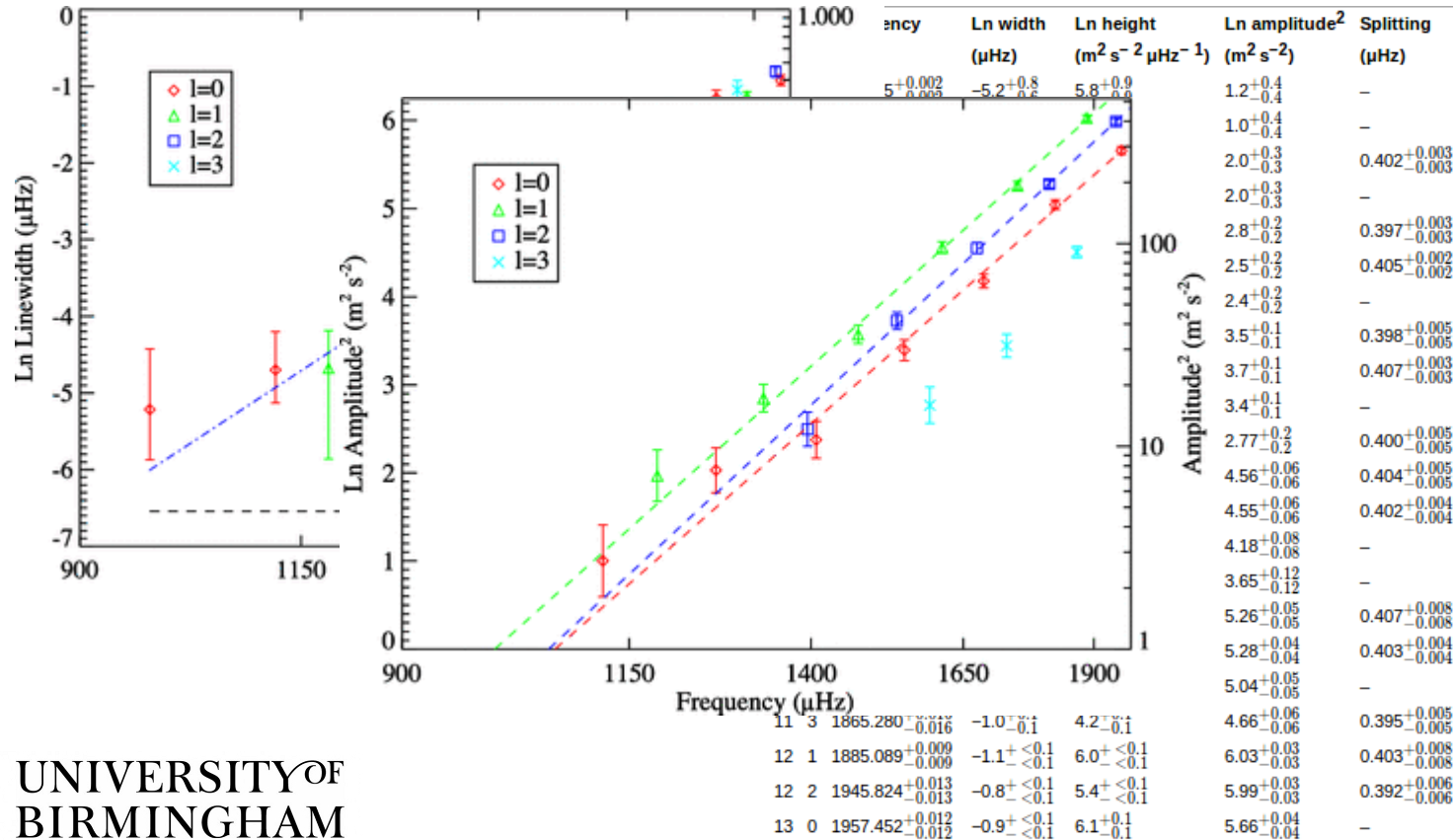
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|-----|-----|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 6 | 0 | $972.615^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | $-5.2^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$ | $5.8^{+0.9}_{-0.9}$ | $1.2^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$ | — |
| 7 | 0 | $1117.993^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$ | $-4.7^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$ | $5.3^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$ | $1.0^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$ | — |
| 7 | 1 | $1185.604^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$ | $-4.7^{+0.6}_{-1.2}$ | $5.4^{+1.6}_{-0.5}$ | $2.0^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$ | $0.402^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$ |
| 8 | 0 | $1263.198^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$ | $-3.8^{+0.6}_{-1.5}$ | $5.3^{+1.8}_{-0.5}$ | $2.0^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$ | — |
| 8 | 1 | $1329.635^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$ | $-3.8^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$ | $5.5^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$ | $2.8^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $0.397^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$ |
| 8 | 2 | $1394.689^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$ | $-3.5^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$ | $4.6^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$ | $2.5^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $0.405^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ |
| 9 | 0 | $1407.472^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$ | $-3.4^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$ | $5.3^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$ | $2.4^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | — |
| 9 | 1 | $1472.839^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$ | $-2.5^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $4.9^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $3.5^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $0.398^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$ |
| 9 | 2 | $1535.853^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$ | $-2.6^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$ | $5.0^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $3.7^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $0.407^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$ |
| 10 | 0 | $1548.336^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$ | $-2.5^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $5.4^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $3.4^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | — |
| 9 | 3 | $1591.536^{+0.014}_{-0.014}$ | $-2.4^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$ | $3.7^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$ | $2.77^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $0.400^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$ |
| 10 | 1 | $1612.724^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$ | $-2.2^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$ | $5.6^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$ | $4.56^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ | $0.404^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$ |
| 10 | 2 | $1674.538^{+0.008}_{-0.008}$ | $-1.8^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $4.9^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $4.55^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ | $0.402^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$ |
| 11 | 0 | $1686.594^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$ | $-1.6^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.3^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $4.18^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$ | — |
| 10 | 3 | $1729.088^{+0.022}_{-0.022}$ | $-1.4^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $3.5^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | $3.65^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$ | — |
| 11 | 1 | $1749.285^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$ | $-1.7^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.8^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.26^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$ | $0.407^{+0.008}_{-0.008}$ |
| 11 | 2 | $1810.308^{+0.009}_{-0.009}$ | $-1.3^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.2^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.28^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$ | $0.403^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$ |
| 12 | 0 | $1822.202^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$ | $-1.2^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.8^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.04^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$ | — |
| 11 | 3 | $1865.280^{+0.016}_{-0.016}$ | $-1.0^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $4.2^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $4.66^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ | $0.395^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$ |
| 12 | 1 | $1885.089^{+0.009}_{-0.009}$ | $-1.1^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $6.0^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $6.03^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$ | $0.403^{+0.008}_{-0.008}$ |
| 12 | 2 | $1945.824^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$ | $-0.8^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.4^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.99^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$ | $0.392^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$ |
| 13 | 0 | $1957.452^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$ | $-0.9^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $6.1^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.66^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$ | — |

BiSON: Low-frequency p modes

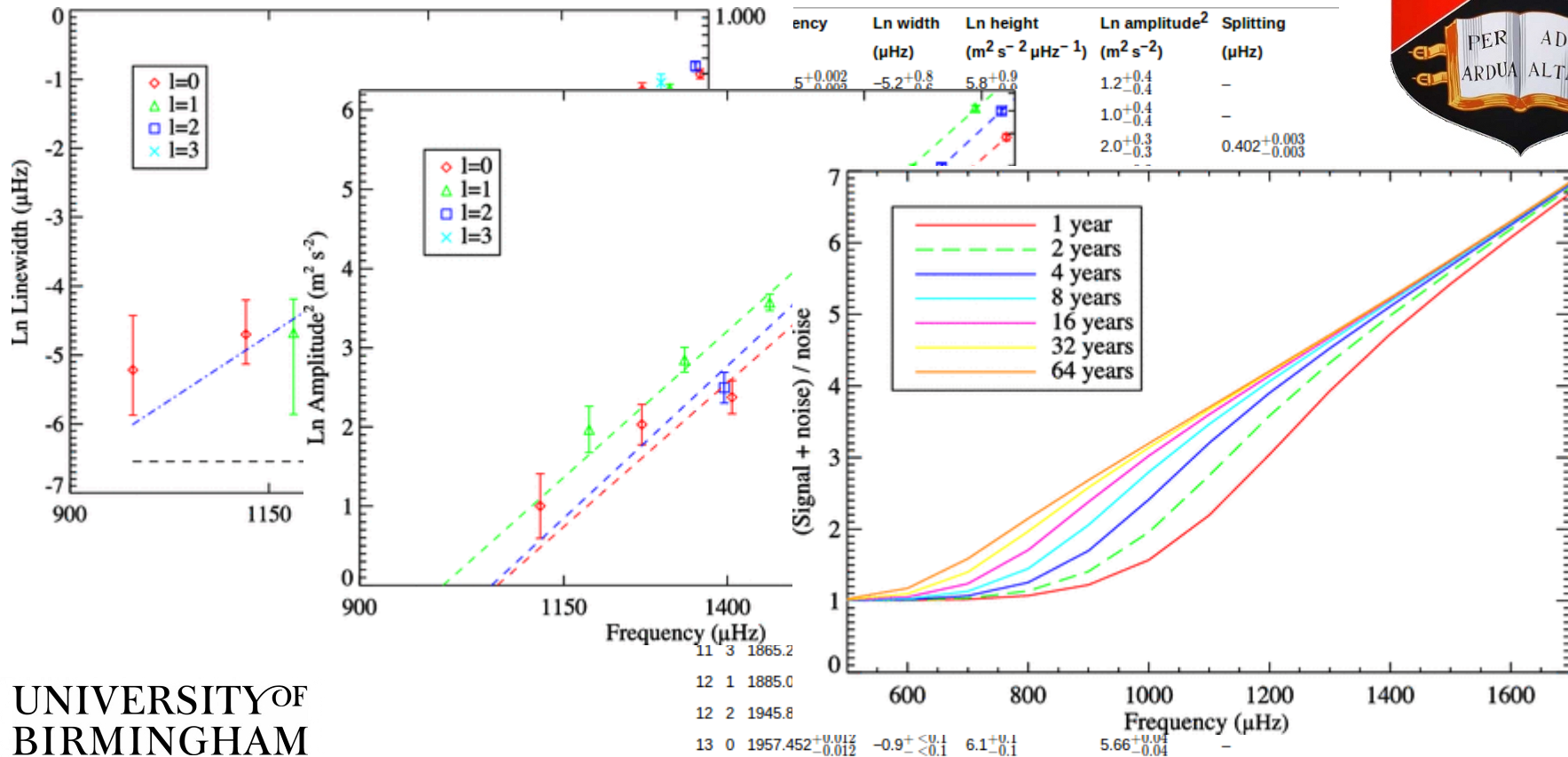


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| +0.012 | $-1.6^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $5.3^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ | $4.18^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$ | — |
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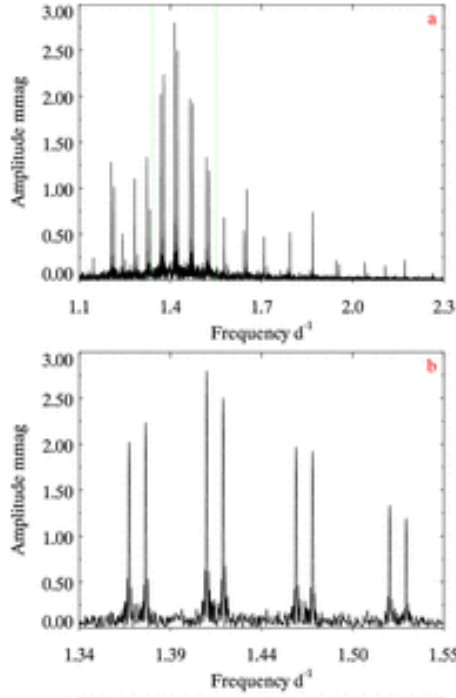
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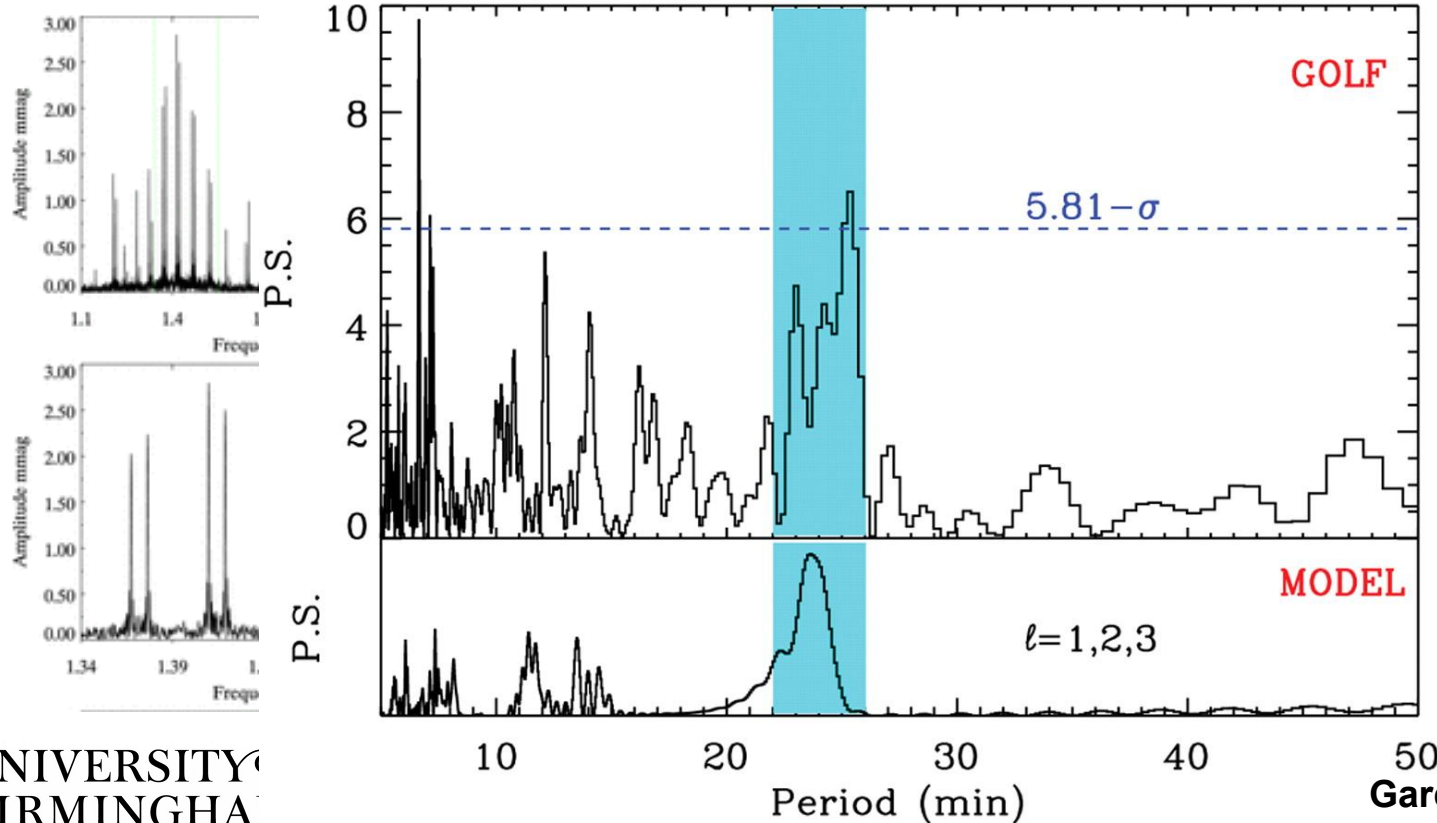
Kepler: Searching for g modes



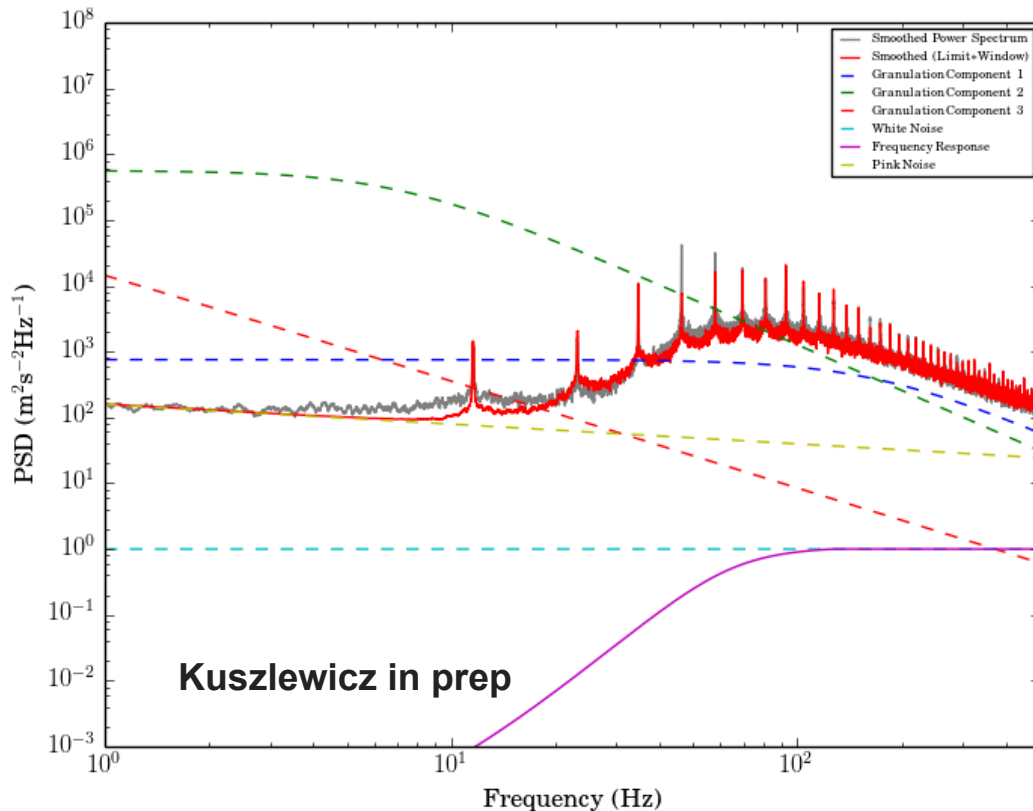
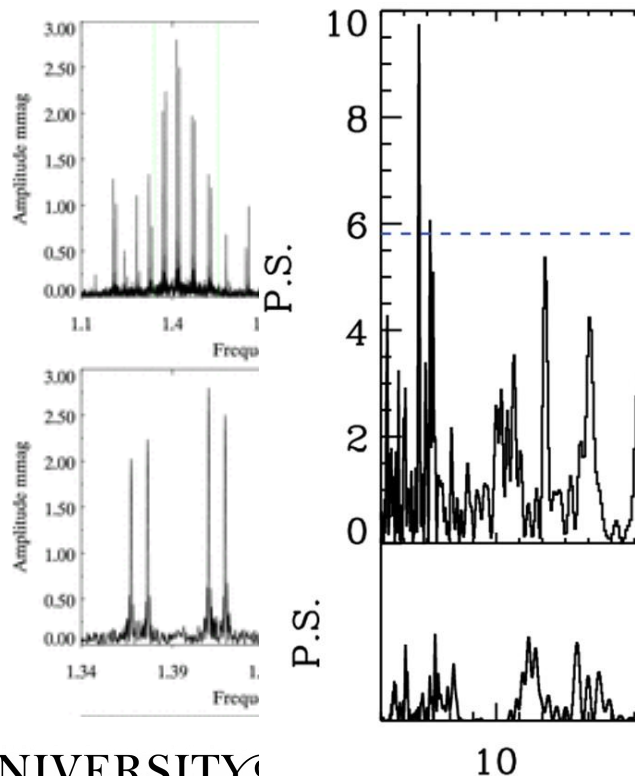
**Asteroseismic measurement of
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“Easy” to detect g modes.

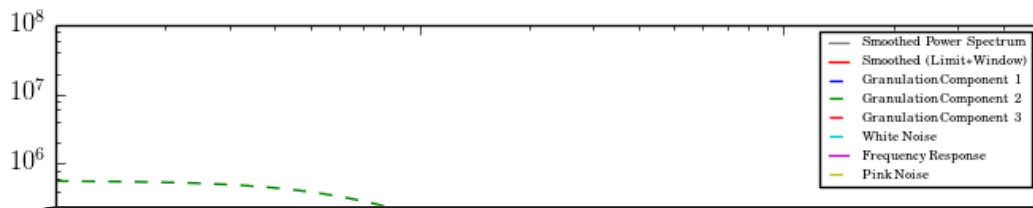
Golf: Searching for g modes



BiSON: Searching for g modes



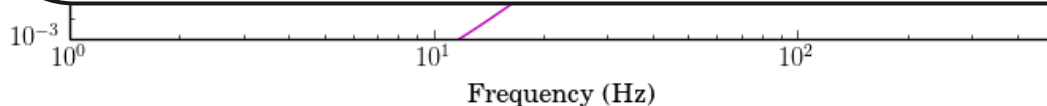
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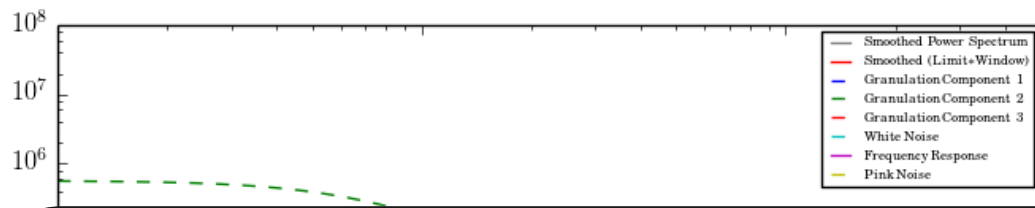
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Assuming unresolved g modes, no sensitivity to height of observation, and power leakage linear with duty cycle we have ...

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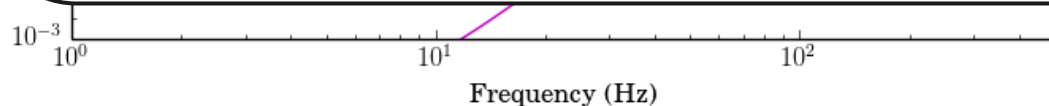
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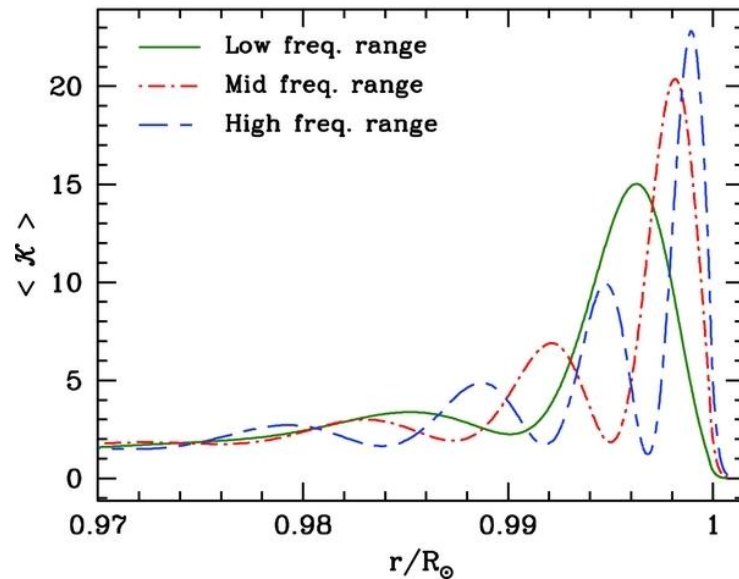
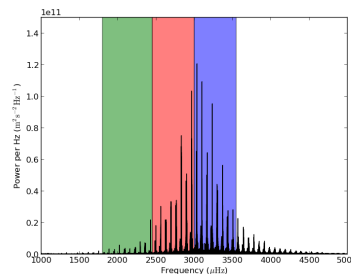
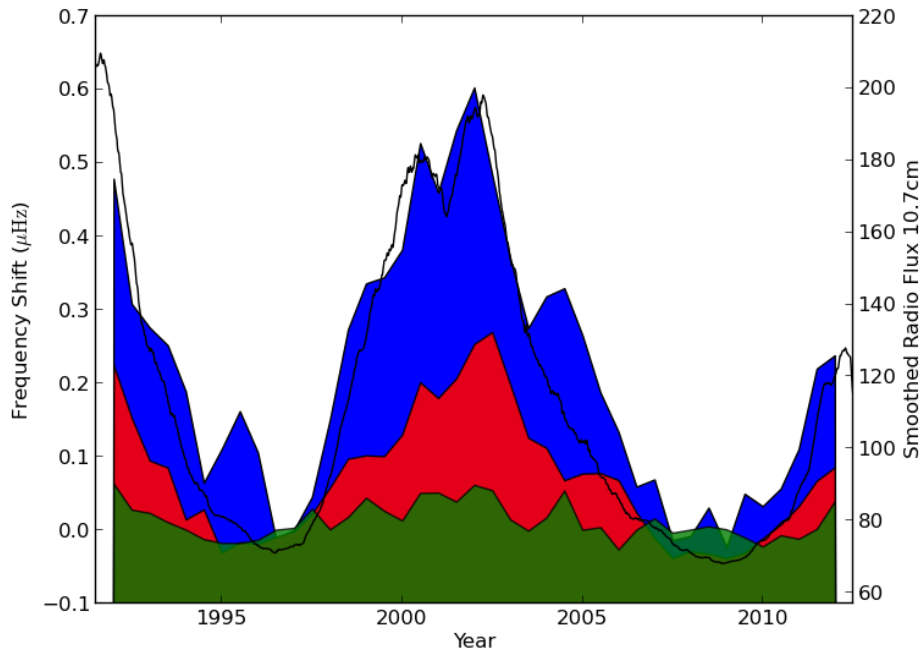
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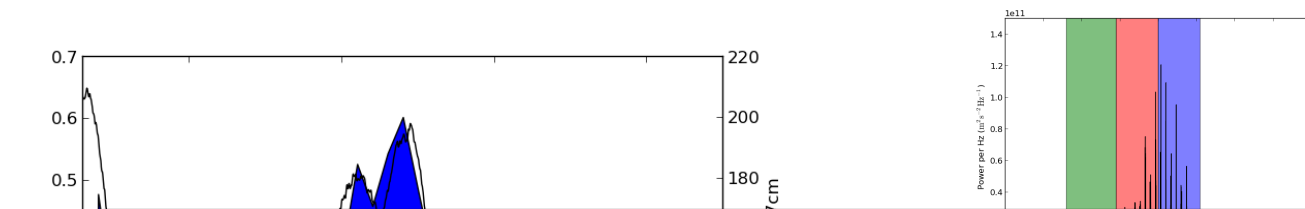
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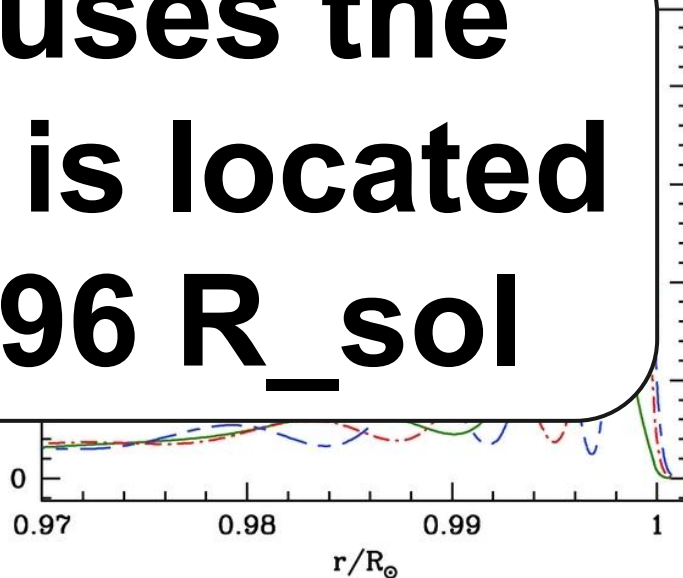
BiSON: Solar cycle



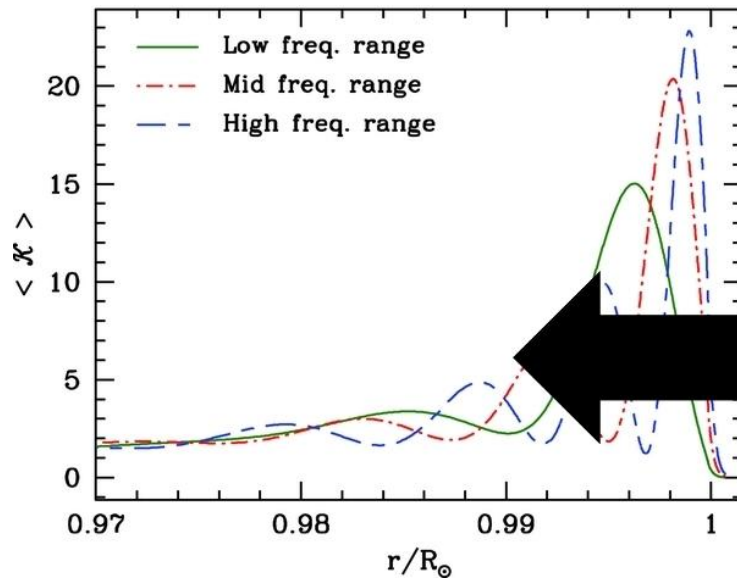
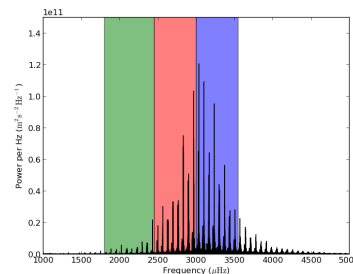
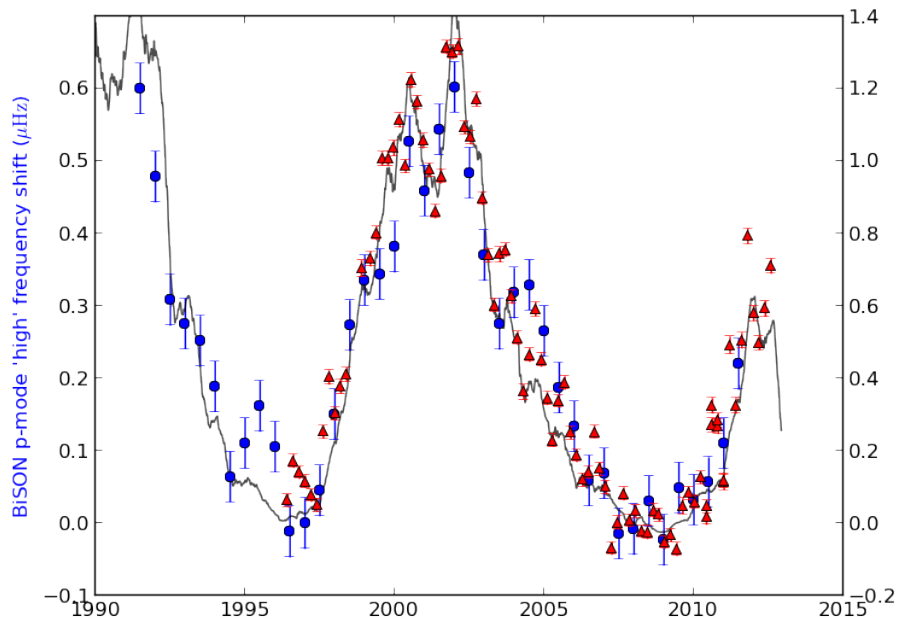
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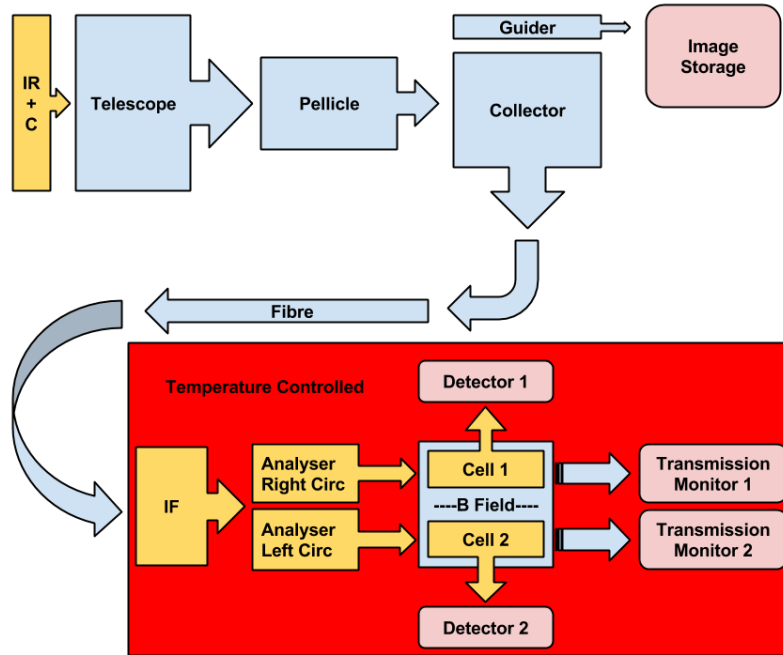
“Thing” that causes the frequency shift is located at a depth $> 0.996 R_{\text{sol}}$



BiSON: Solar cycle + f mode



BiSON: The mini future



BiSON Mini

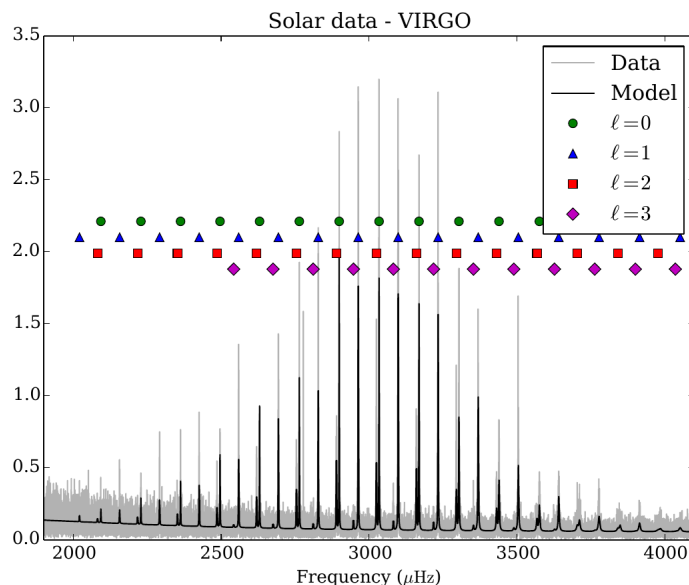
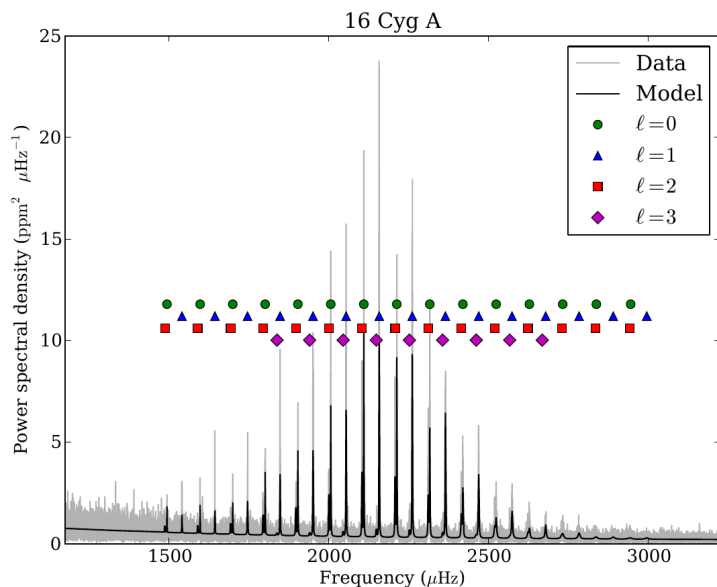


The stars as a Sun



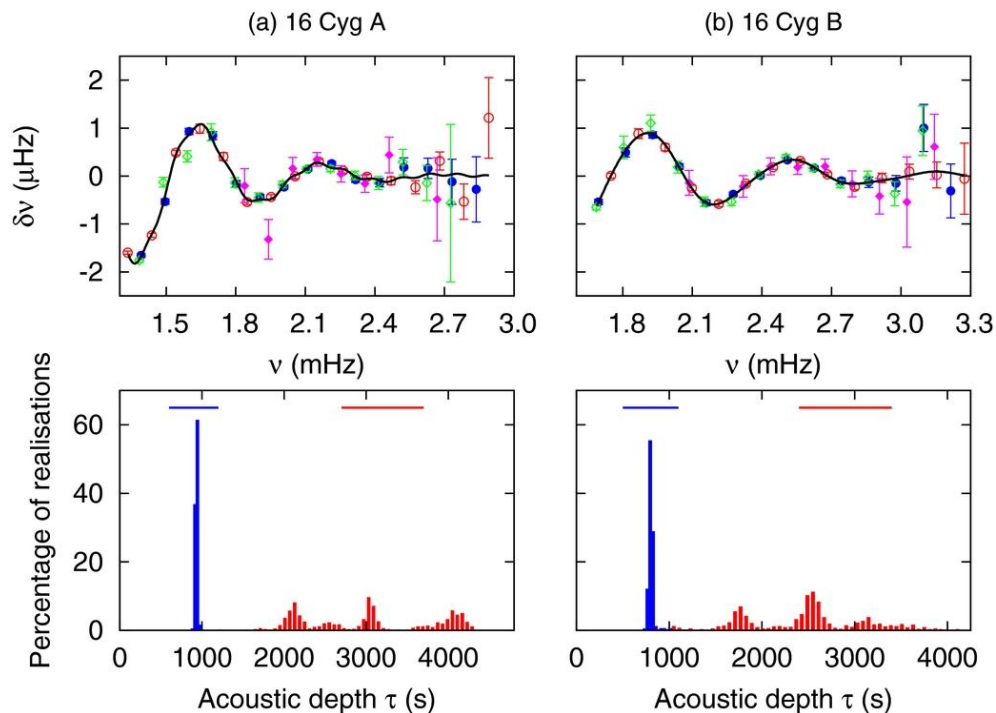
| Solar type | Solar analog | Solar twin |
|--------------------|---|--|
| K2 through to F8 | 5200 to 6300 K | 5720 to 5830 K |
| Main sequence | Main sequence and no close companion | MS, 3.5 to 5.6 Gyr, and no stellar companion |
| Any metallicity | Solar \pm 0.3 dex | Solar \pm 0.05 dex |
| About 10% of stars | >30 within 50 ly e.g., Alpha Cen A (& B) | A handful e.g., 18 Sco |

Kepler: Solar analog



| | 16 Cyg A | 16 Cyg B | 16 Cyg Bb |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Age (Gyr) | 6.8 ± 0.4^a | 6.8 ± 0.4^a | 6.8 ± 0.4 |
| Mass | $1.11 \pm 0.02^a M_{\odot}$ | $1.07 \pm 0.02^a M_{\odot}$ | $2.38 \pm 0.04^c M_{\text{Jup}}$ |
| Radius | $1.243 \pm 0.008^a R_{\odot}$ | $1.127 \pm 0.007^a R_{\odot}$ | - |
| $B - V$ | $0.64^b \pm 0.01$ | $0.66^b \pm 0.01$ | n/a |
| Orbital Period | $> 13000^c \text{ yr}$ | $> 13000^c \text{ yr}$ | $798.5 \pm 1.0^c \text{ days}$ |
| Eccentricity | $0.54 \text{ to } 1^d$ | $0.54 \text{ to } 1^d$ | 0.689 ± 0.011^c |
| Orbital Inclination ($^{\circ}$) | $100 \text{ to } 160^d$ | $100 \text{ to } 160^d$ | $45/135^c$ |

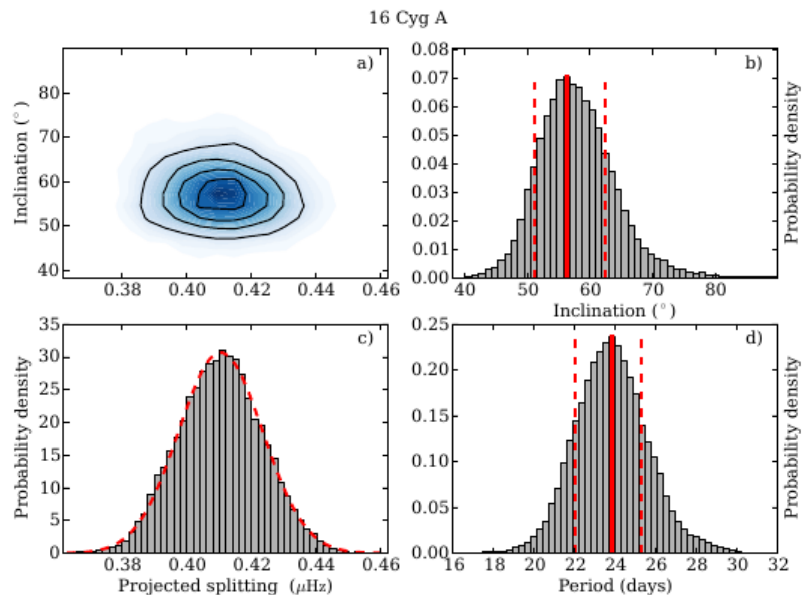
Kepler: 16 Cyg He II



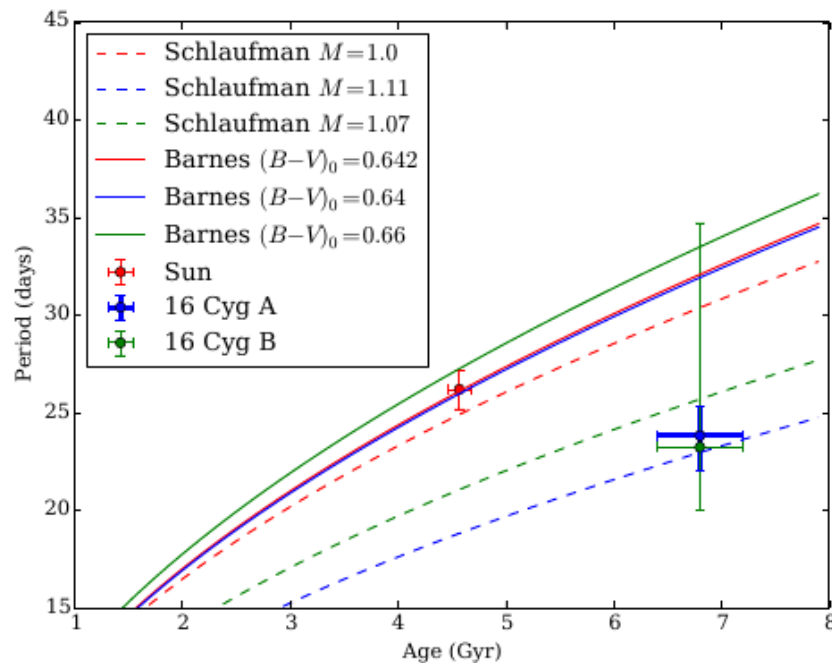
Helium abundance

| | MESA | | YREC |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Method | GS98 | AGSS09 | GS98 |
| 16 Cyg A | | | |
| A | 0.238 ± 0.009 | 0.243 ± 0.009 | 0.231 ± 0.009 |
| B | 0.239 ± 0.021 | 0.242 ± 0.023 | 0.236 ± 0.016 |
| C | 0.250 ± 0.009 | 0.251 ± 0.009 | 0.249 ± 0.009 |
| 16 Cyg B | | | |
| A | 0.263 ± 0.012 | 0.266 ± 0.012 | 0.257 ± 0.009 |
| B | 0.218 ± 0.013 | 0.228 ± 0.011 | 0.219 ± 0.009 |
| C | 0.251 ± 0.010 | 0.254 ± 0.010 | 0.255 ± 0.009 |

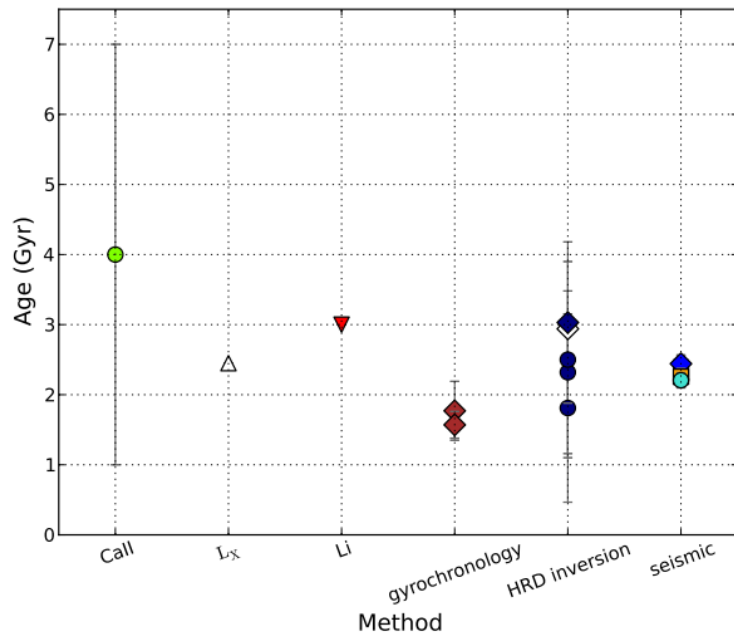
Kepler: 16 Cyg Rotation



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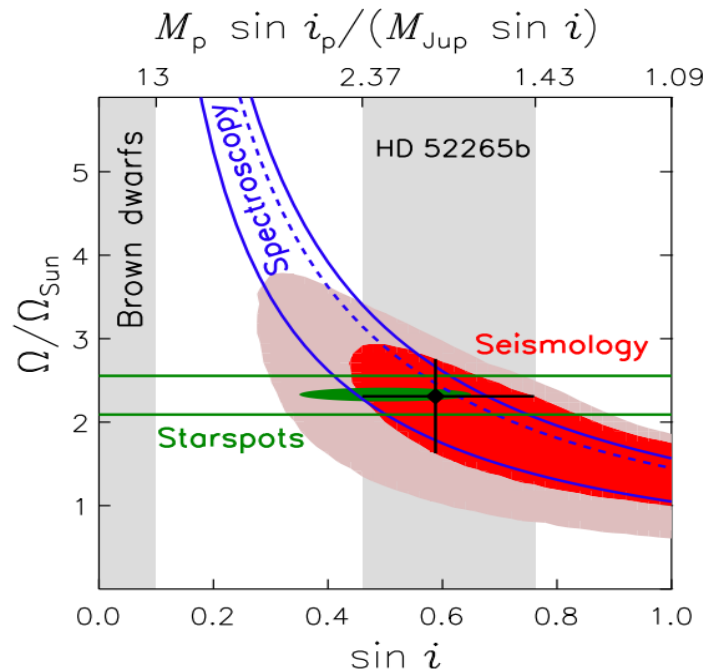


CoRoT: HD 52265



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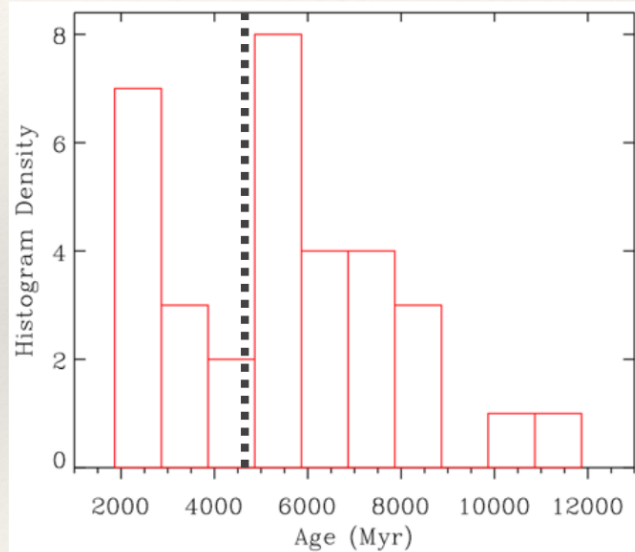
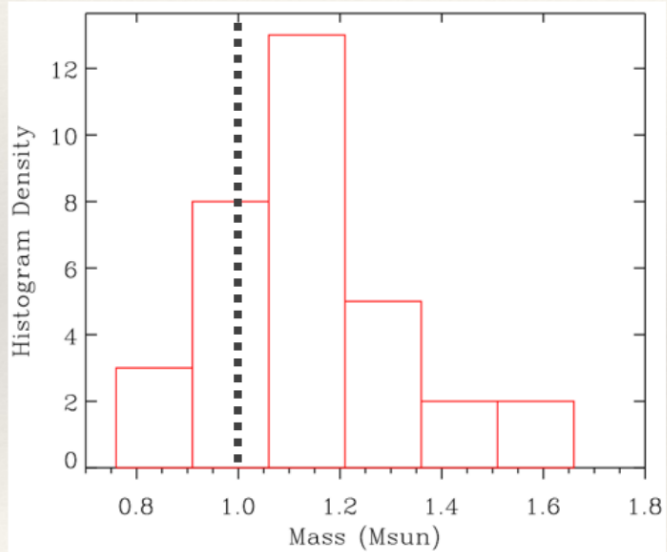
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Kepler: 33 Solar type KOI's



The Kages project



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Silva Aguirre 2014

Conclusions

- **Plenty still to learn about the Sun**
- **Lots still to learn about Sun-like stars**
- **...**

