

Structural and Evolutionary Diagnostics from Asteroseismic Phase Functions

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Motivation

Asteroseismology in a nutshell

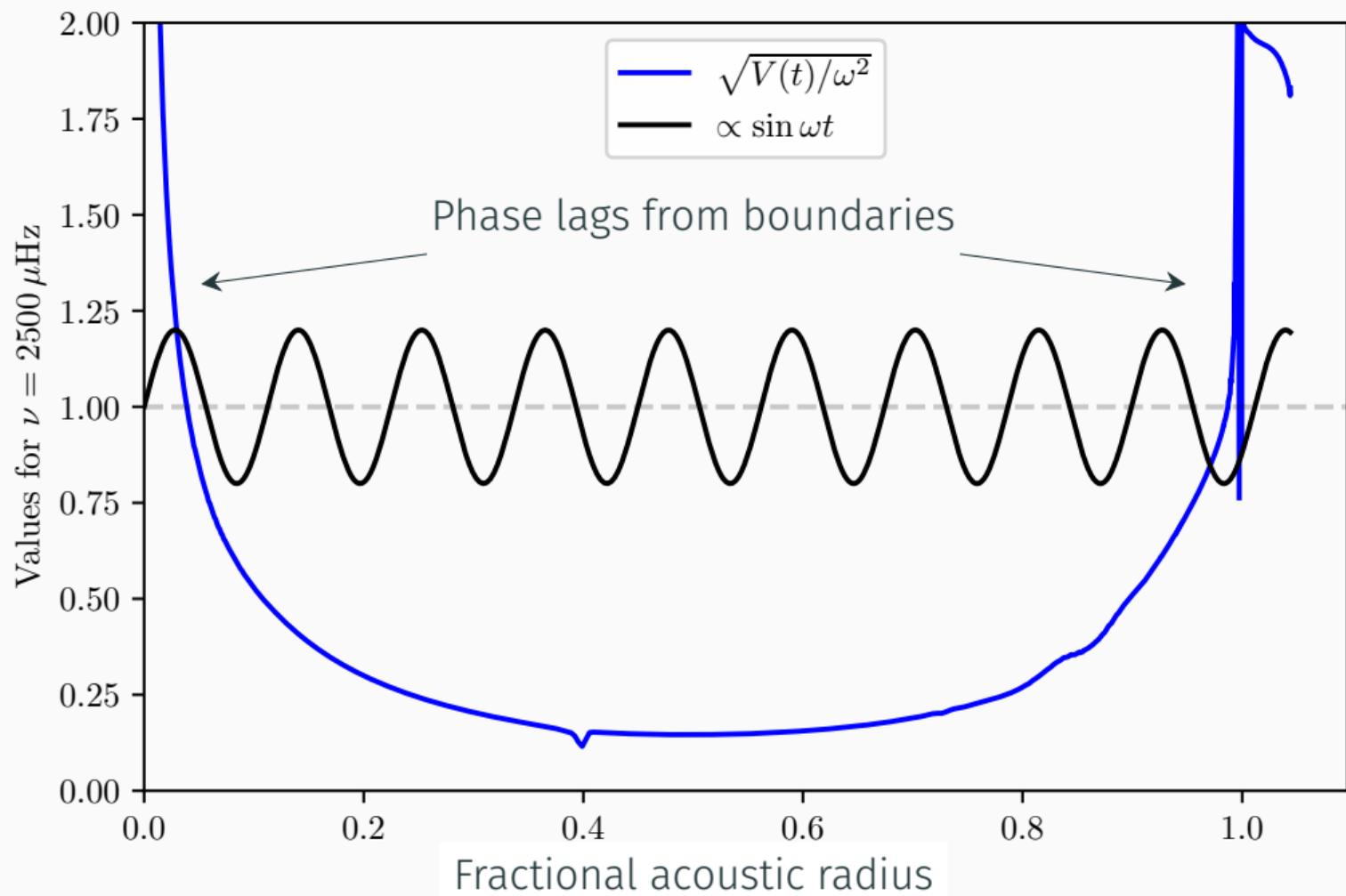
Frequencies of oscillation emerge as eigenvalues for solutions to a boundary-value problem:

Phase offset

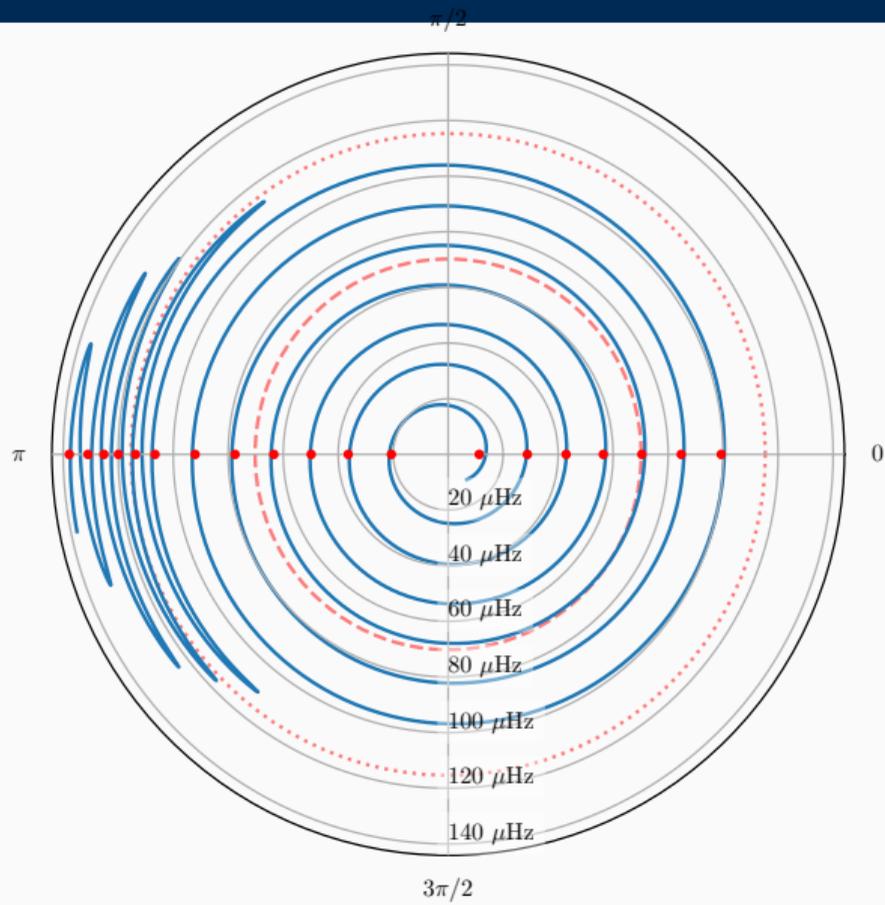
$$\theta(\omega) = \omega T_0 - \underbrace{\pi \epsilon_l(\omega)}_{\text{boundary conditions}} = \overbrace{\pi \left(n + \frac{l}{2} \right)}^{\text{homogeneous spherical well}}$$

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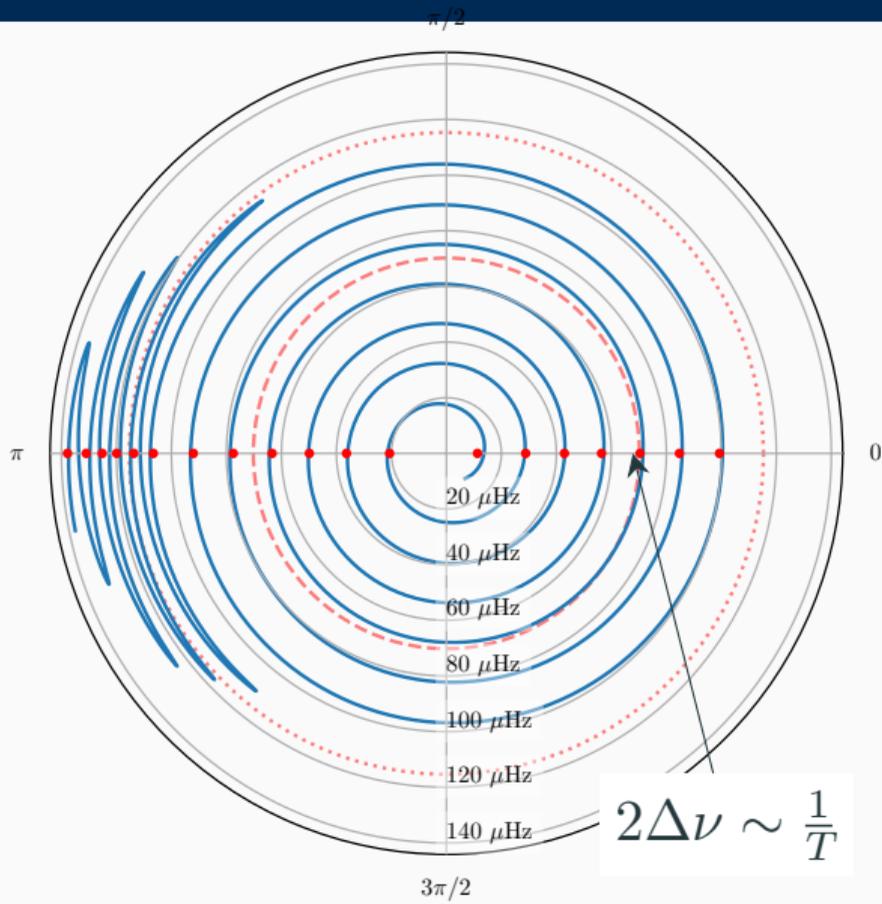
$$\nu_{nl} = \frac{1}{2T_0} \left(n + \frac{l}{2} + \epsilon_l(\nu_{nl}) \right)$$



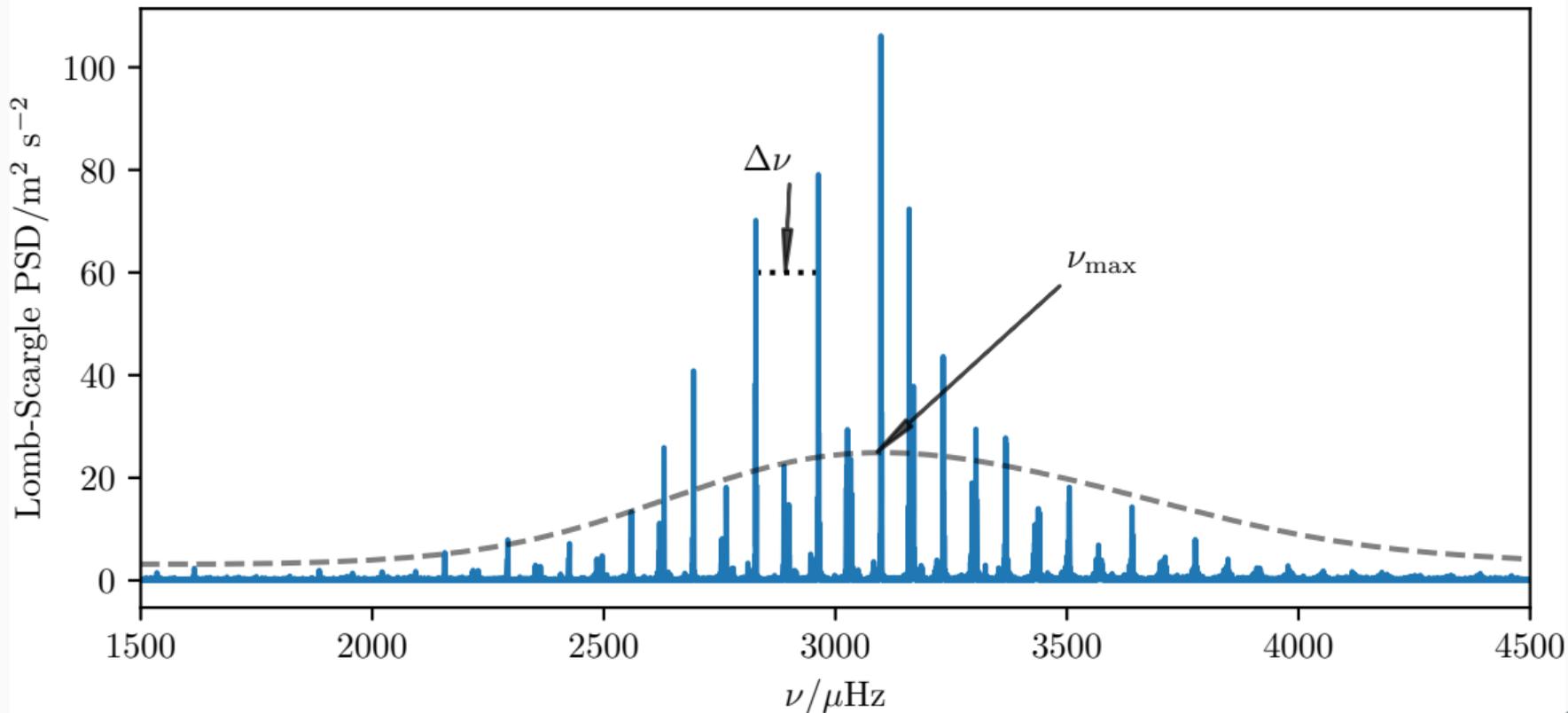
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What the observer sees



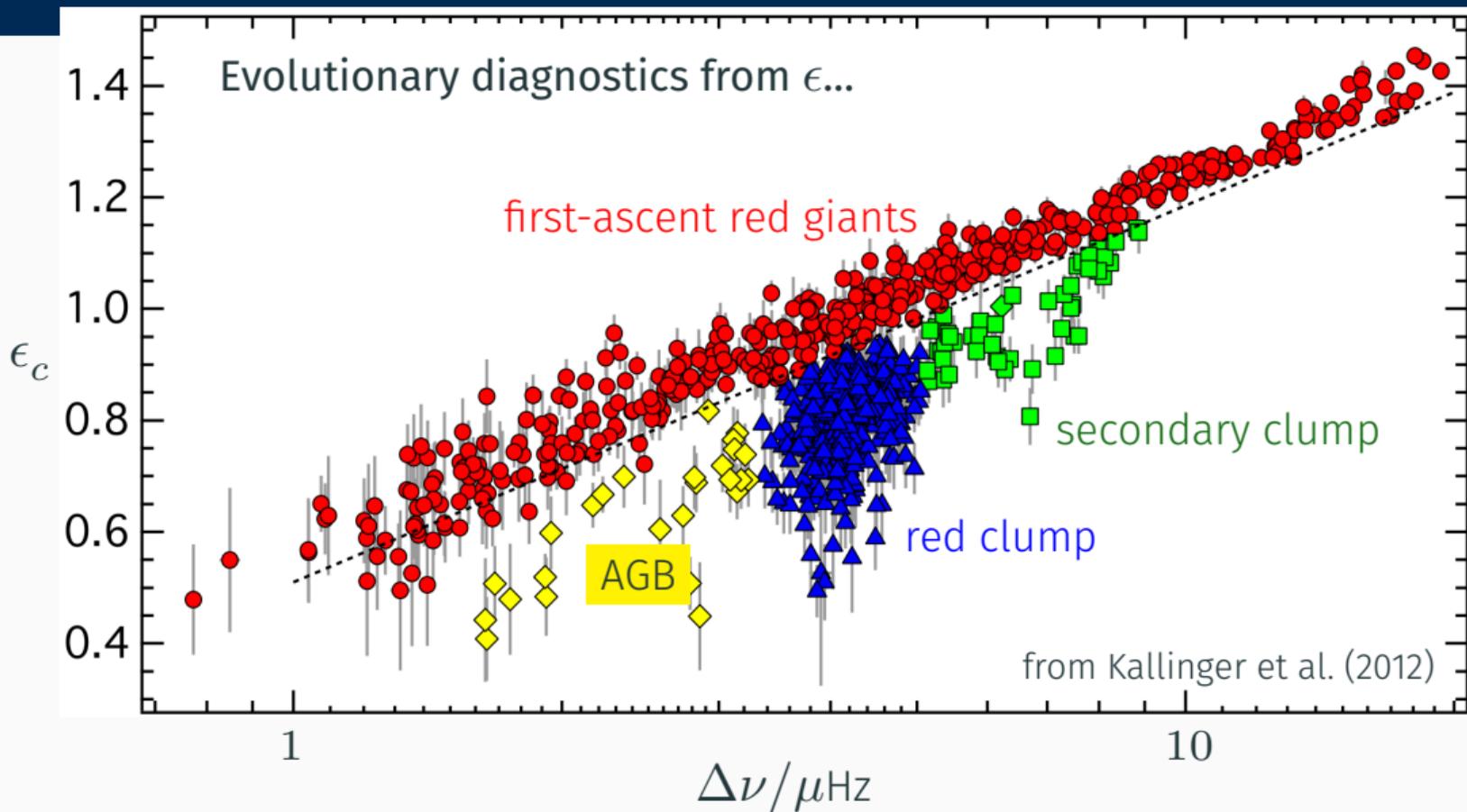
Asteroseismology in a nutshell (“data-driven” version)

- Approximate eigenvalue equation of the form

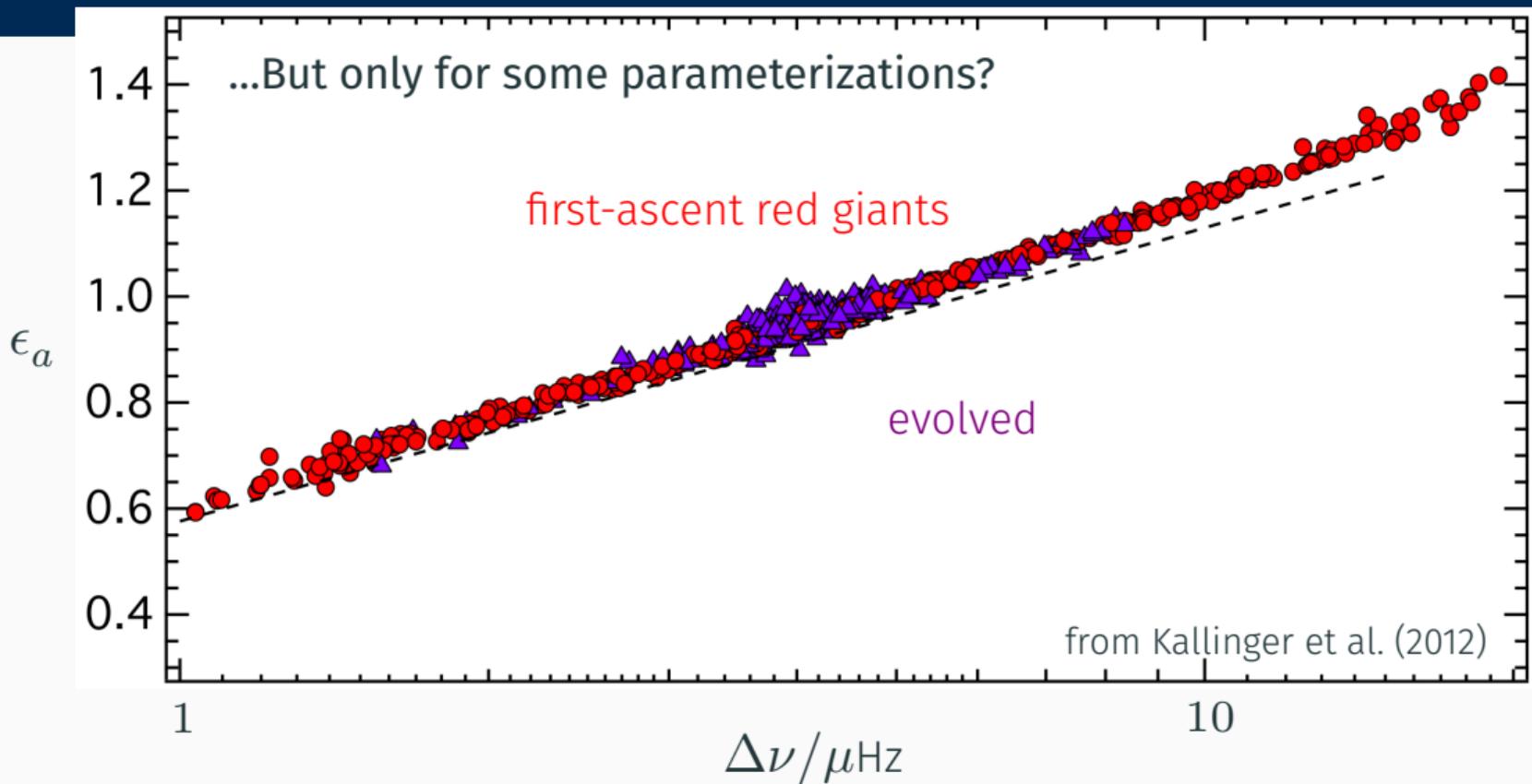
$$\nu_{nlm} \sim \Delta\nu \left(n + \frac{l}{2} + \epsilon_l \right), \quad \Delta\nu \sim 1/2T_0.$$

- Scaling relations for $\Delta\nu$ and ν_{\max} in terms of other stellar parameters

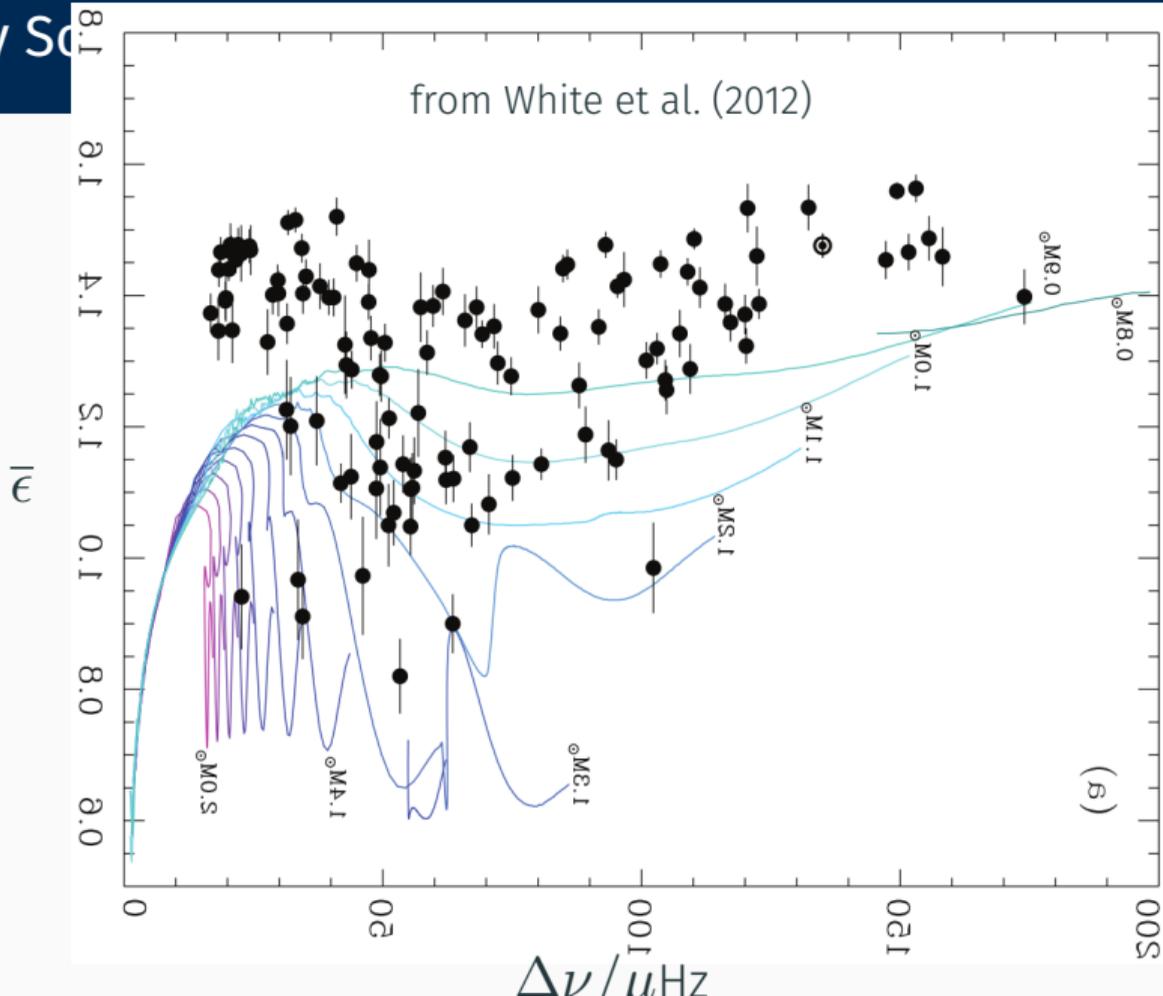
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Estimators of ϵ

$\bar{\epsilon}$ (“intercept”)

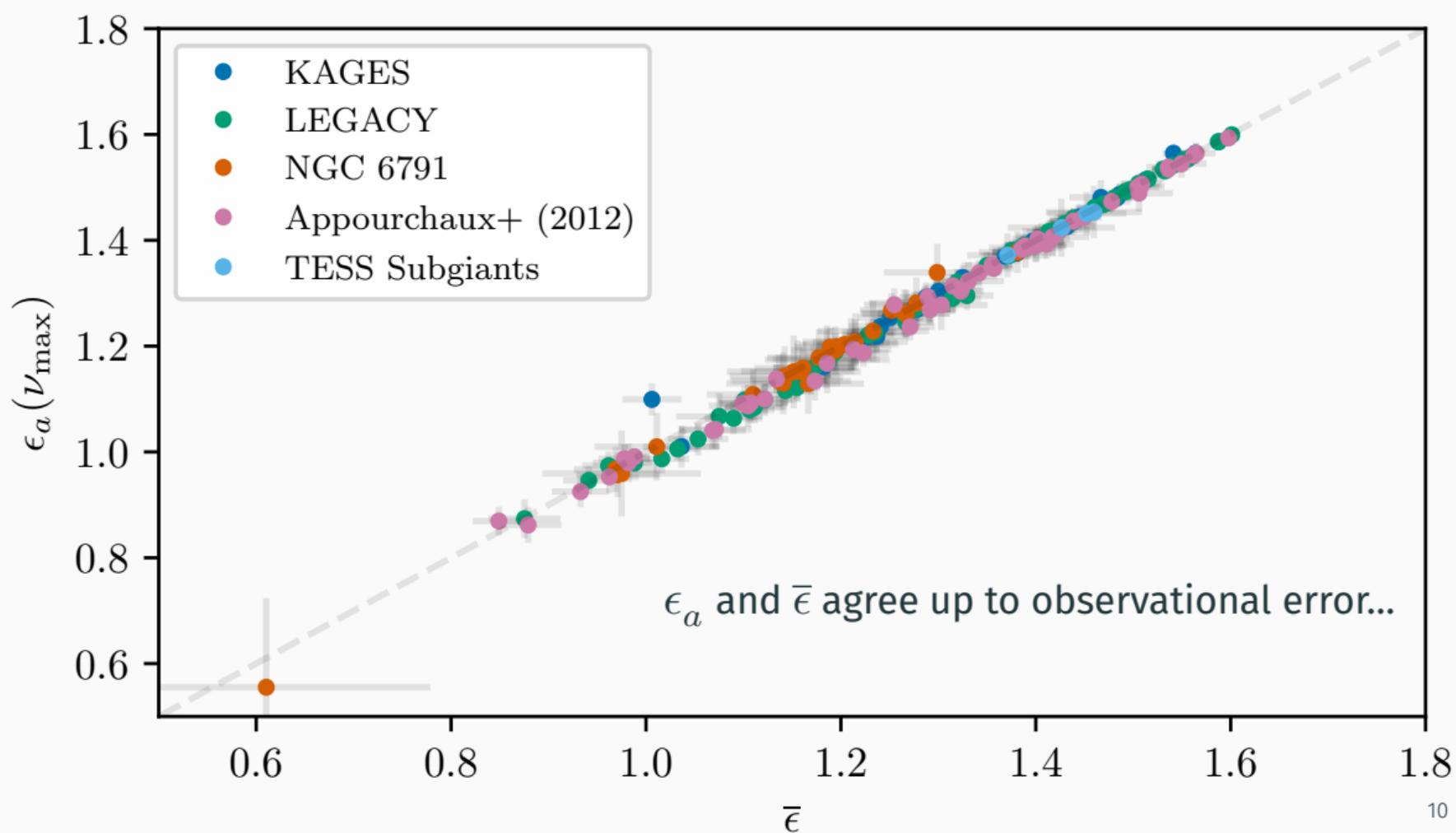
y -intercept to
linear fit (ν vs
 n) that also
returns $\Delta\nu$

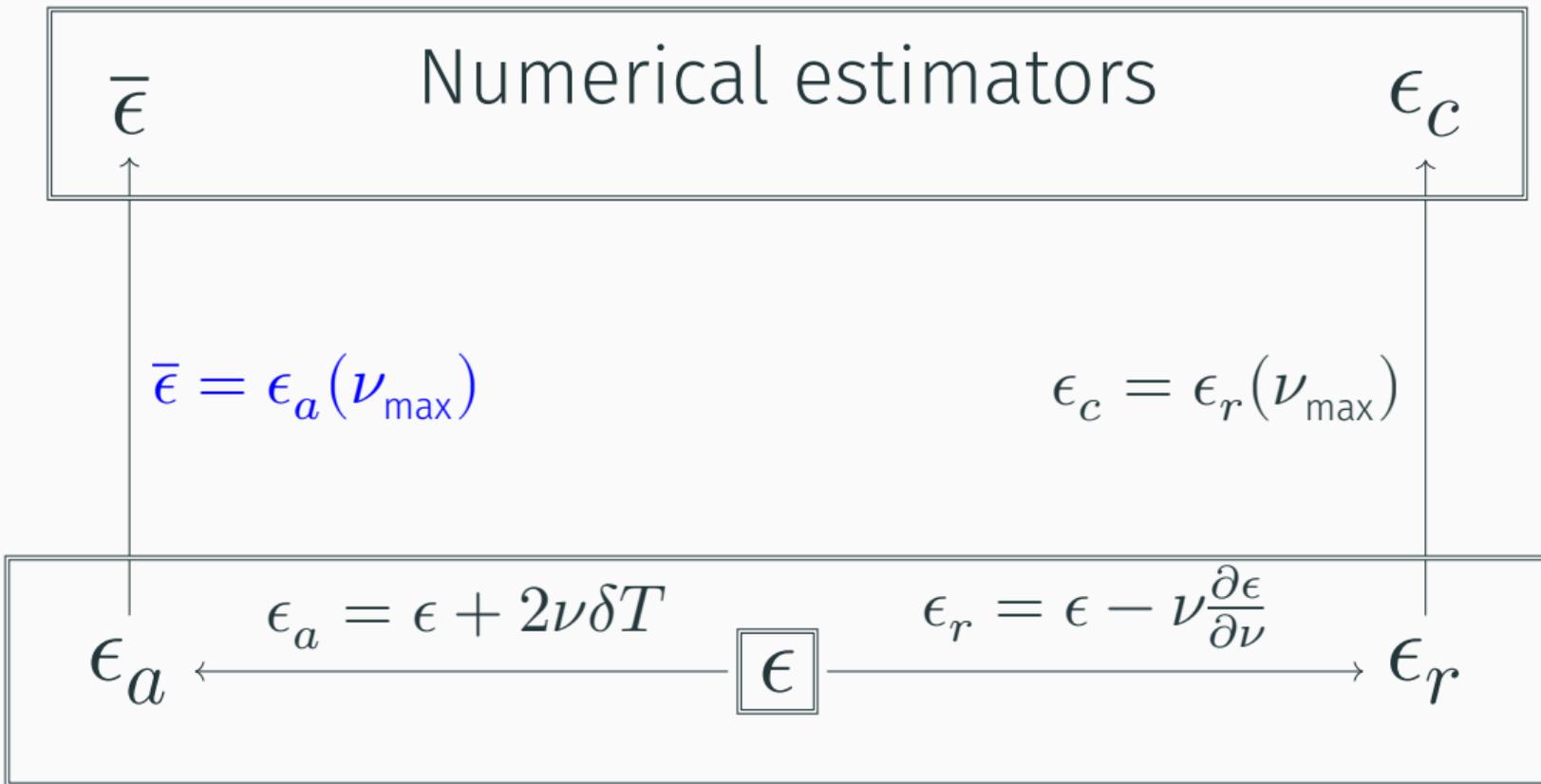
ϵ_a (“average”)

$$\epsilon_a \sim \left\langle \frac{\nu}{\Delta\nu} - n \right\rangle$$

ϵ_c (“central”)

$$\epsilon_c \sim \frac{\nu_c}{\Delta\nu_c} - n_c$$





Numerical estimators

 ϵ_c

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \epsilon_a(\nu_{\max})$$

$$\epsilon_c = \epsilon_r(\nu_{\max})$$

...but are affected by systematic errors in $\Delta\nu$.

$$\epsilon_a = \epsilon + 2\nu\delta T$$

$$\epsilon_r = \epsilon - \nu \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial \nu}$$

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Functions of frequency

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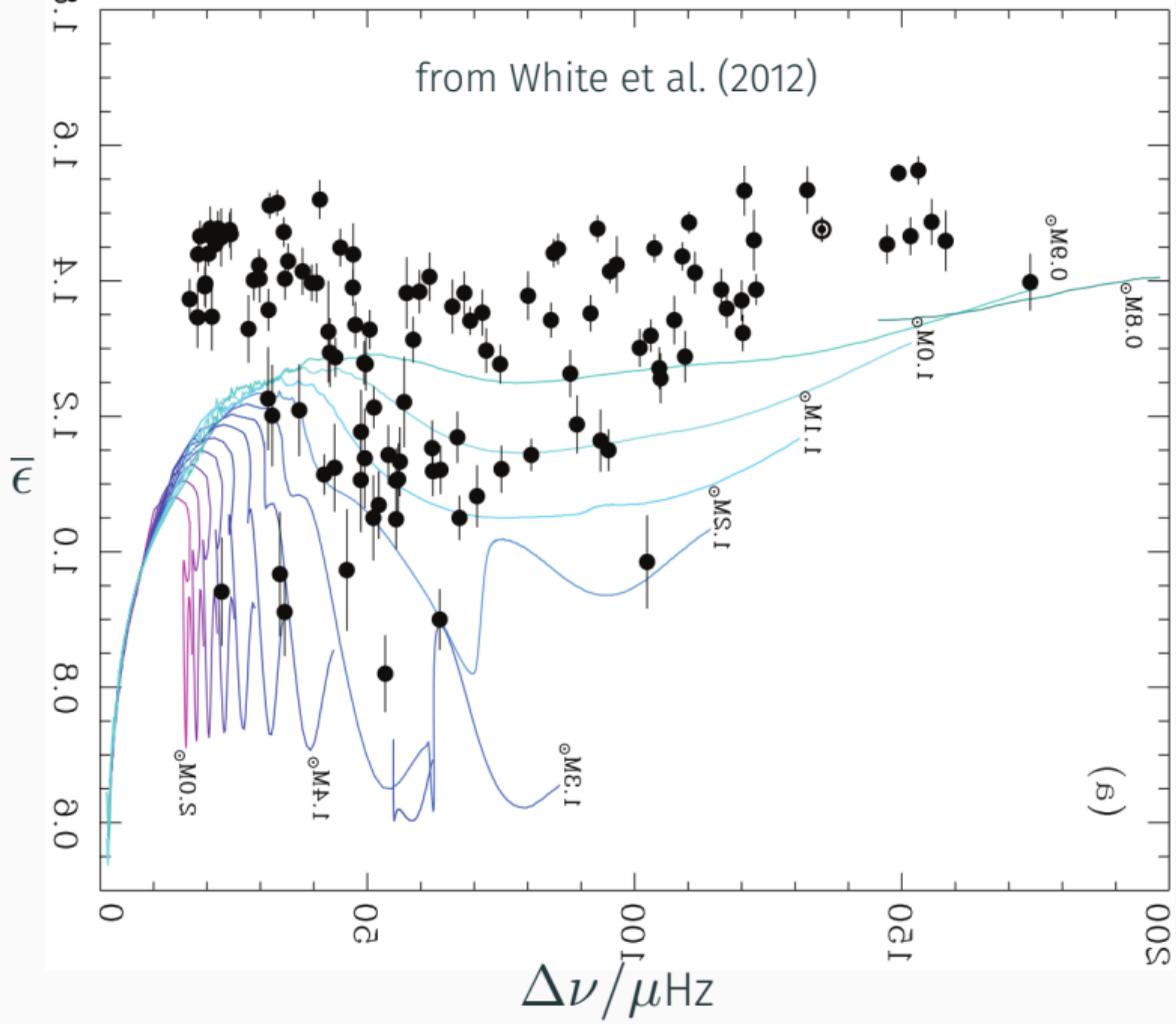
ϵ_c invariant to these errors

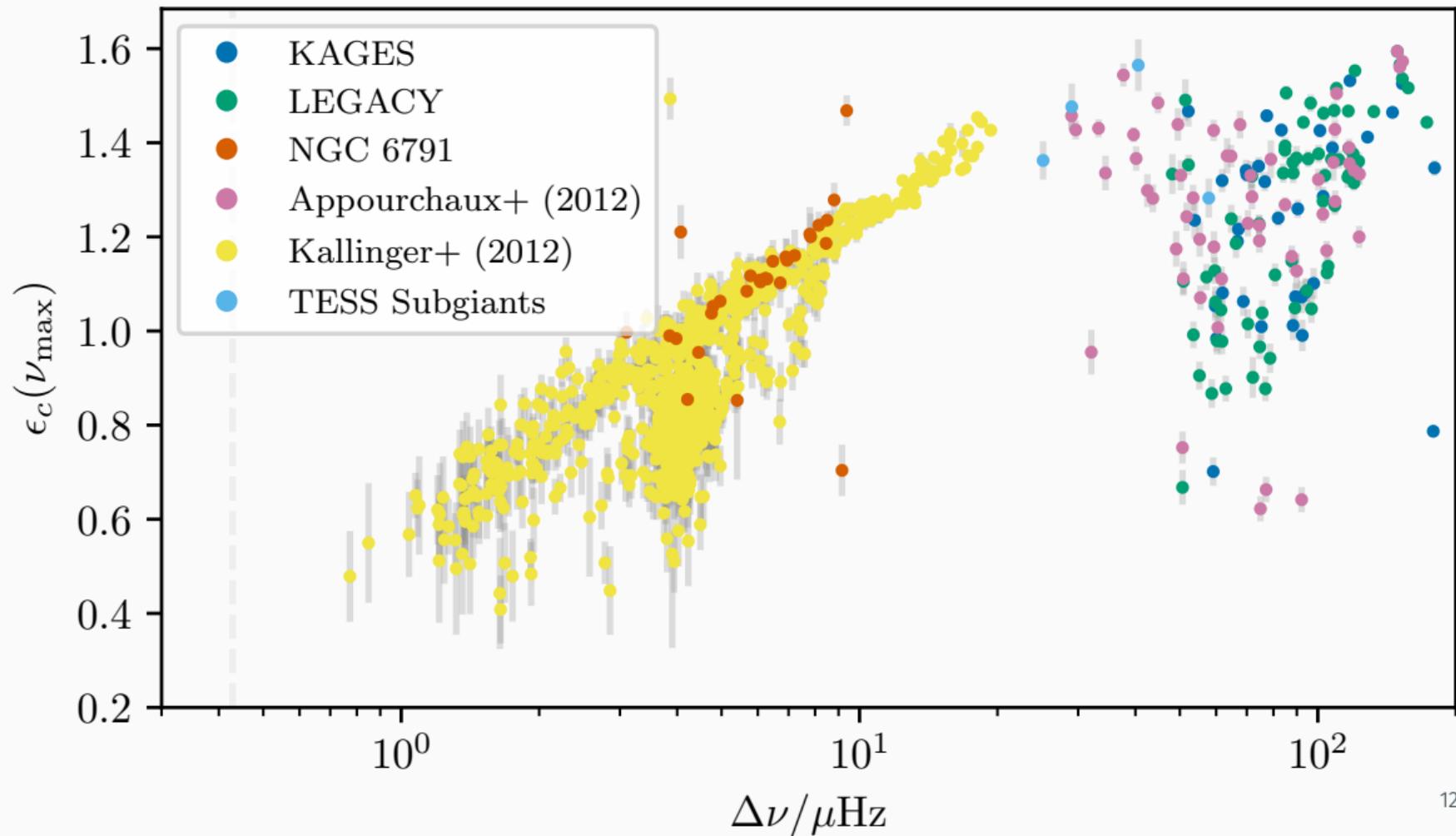
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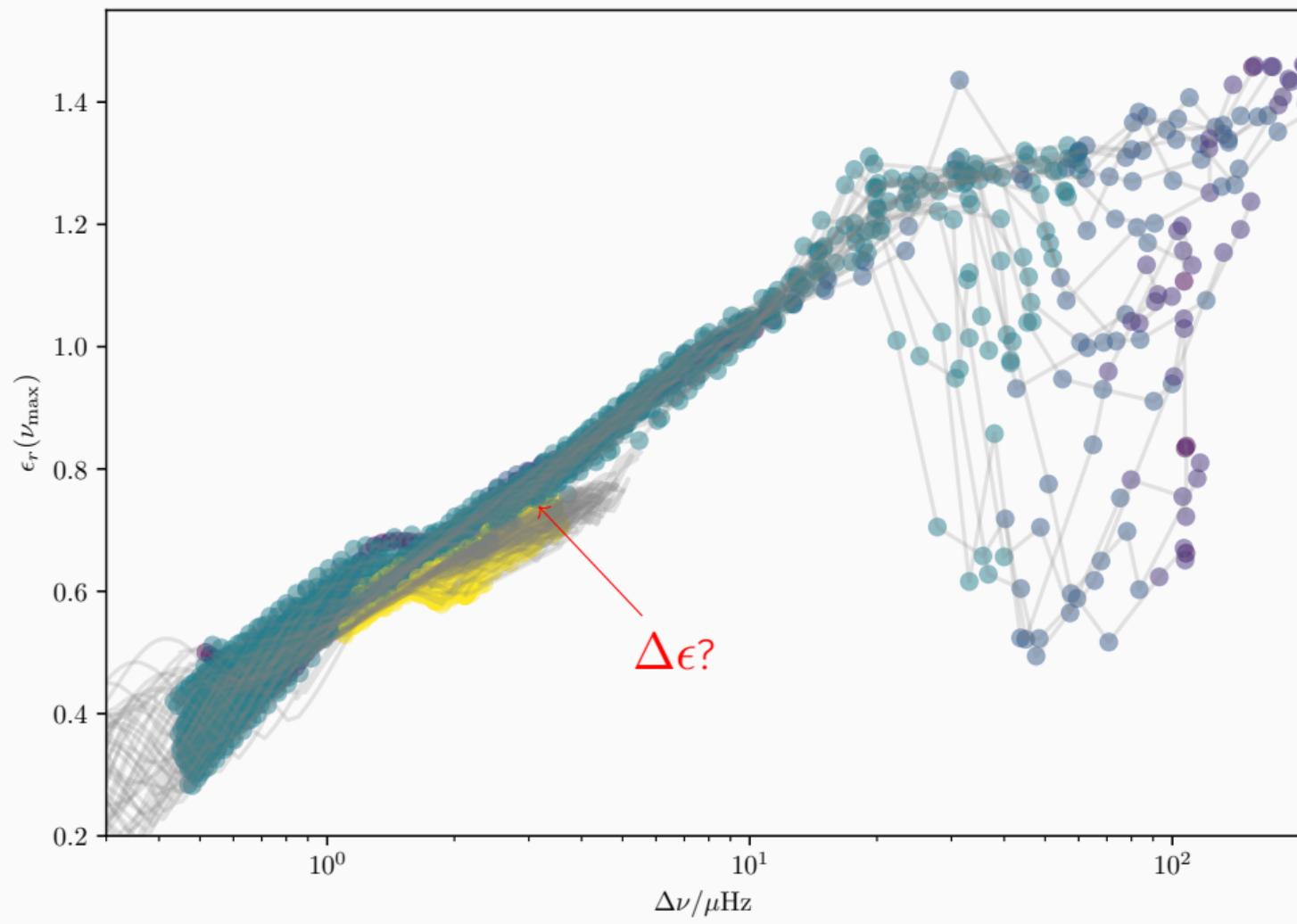
$$\epsilon_r = \epsilon - \nu \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial \nu}$$

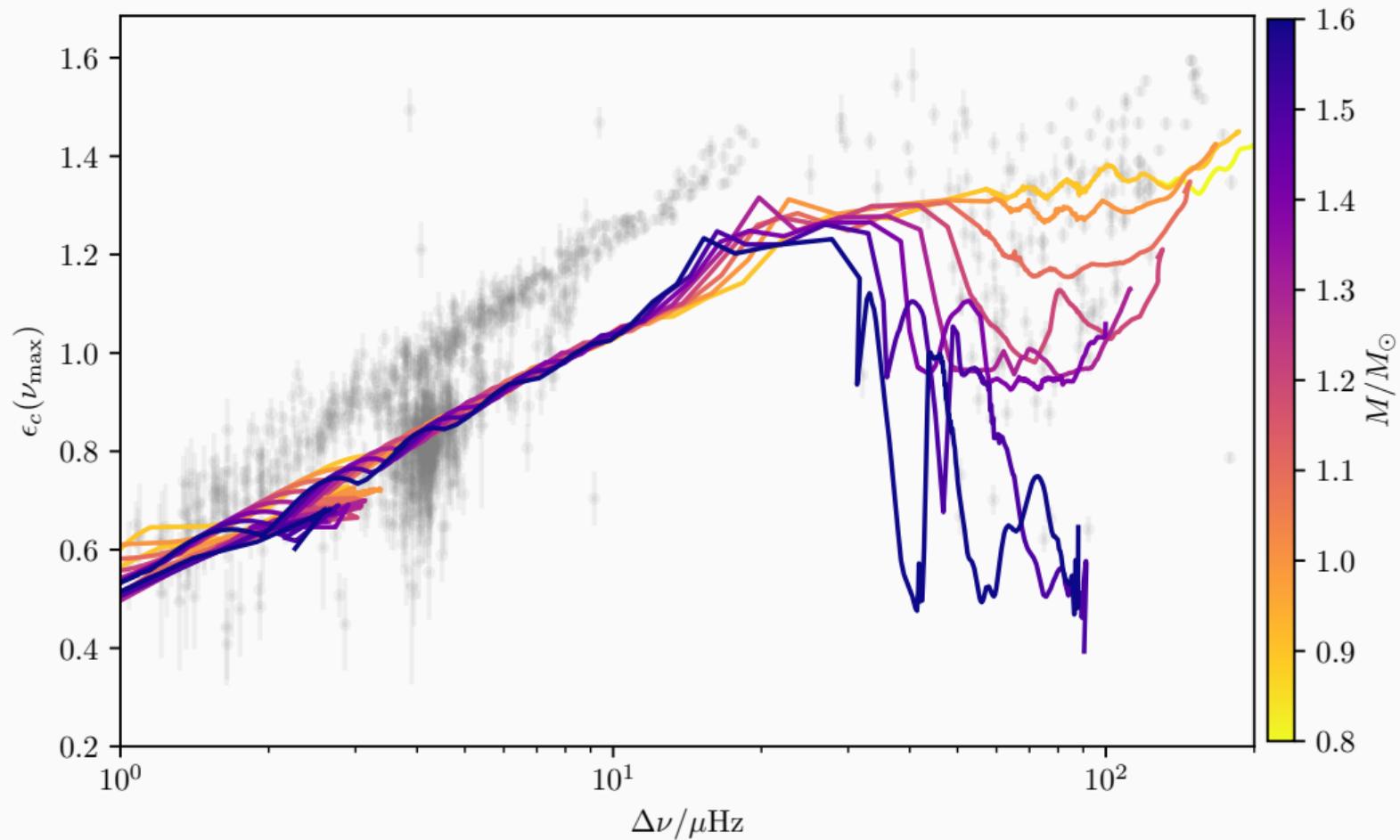
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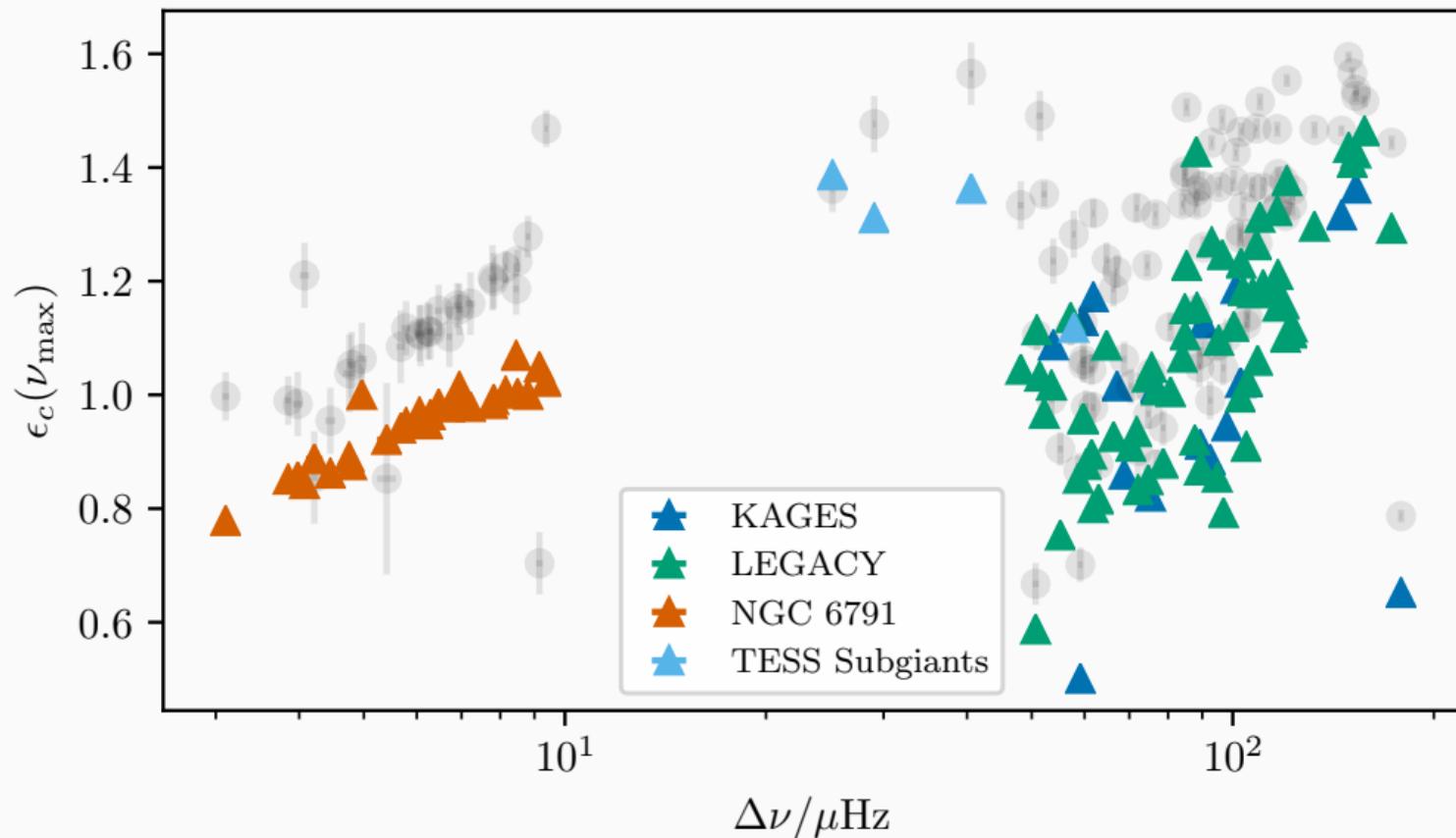




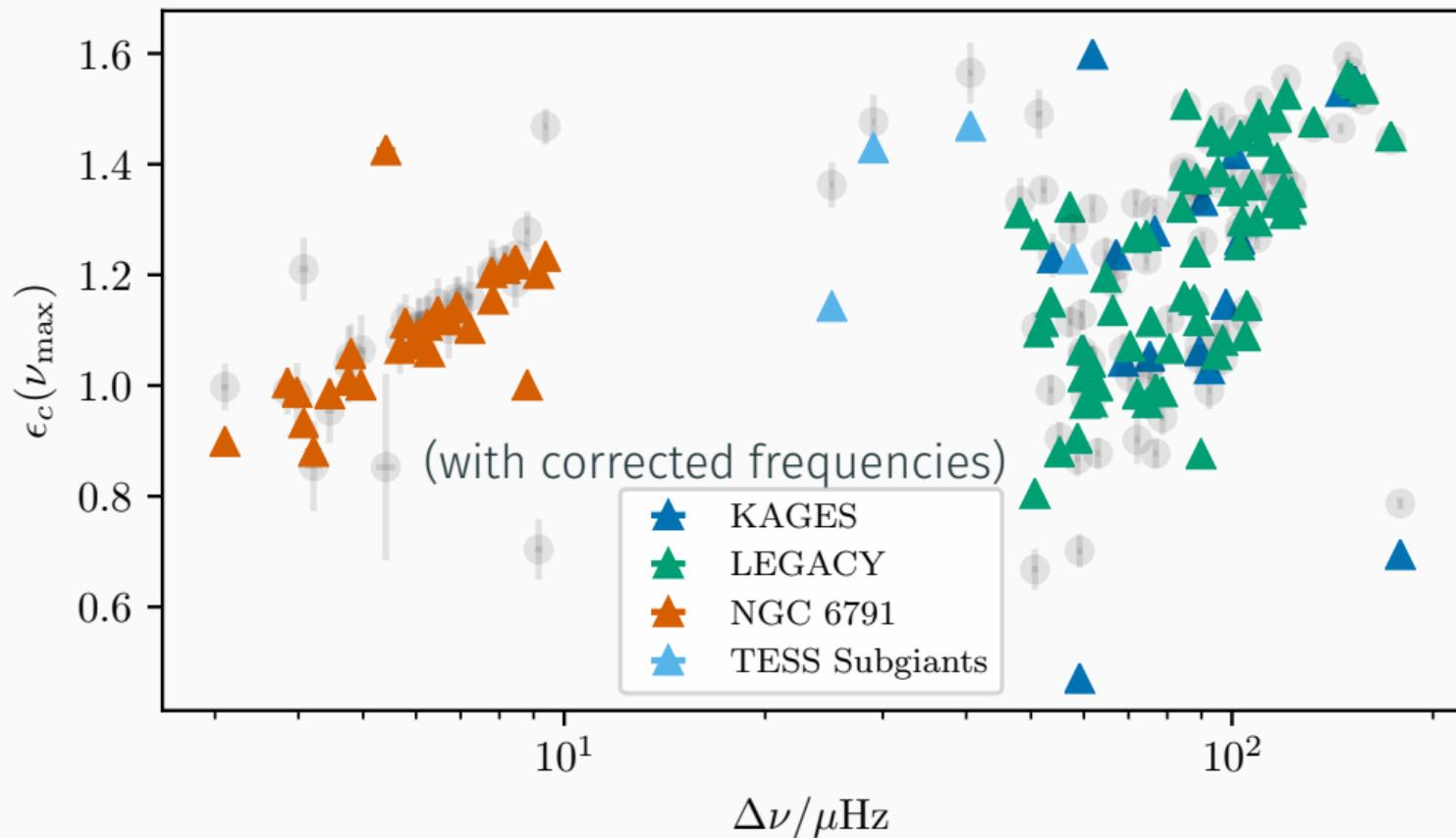




vs. Best-fitting Models

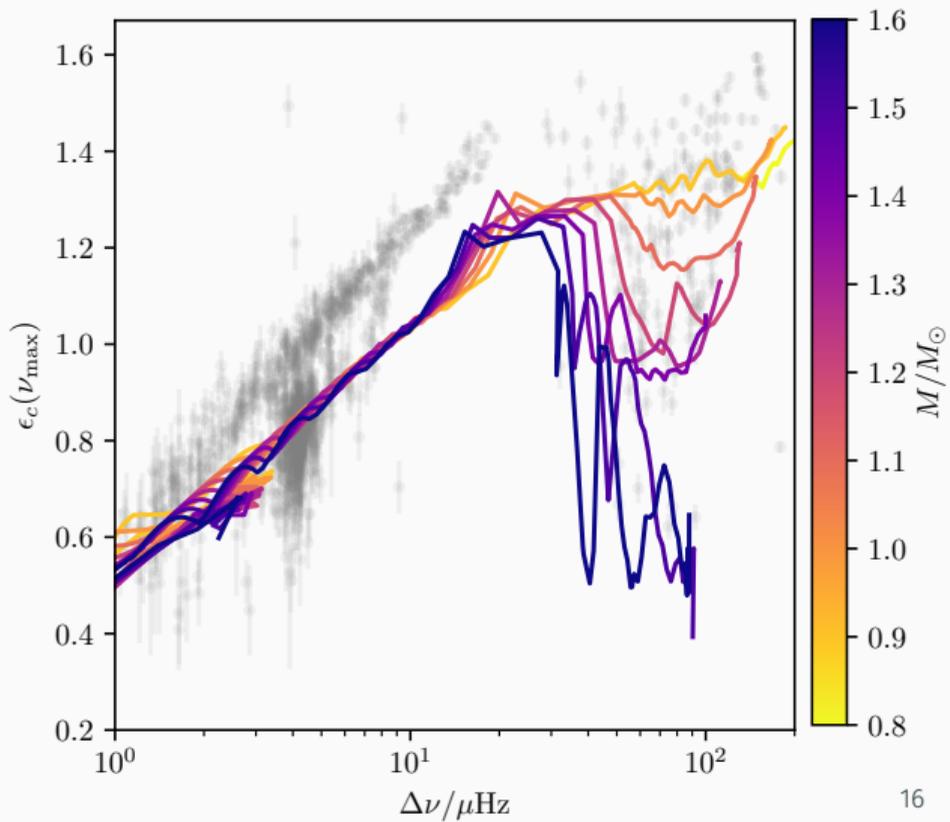
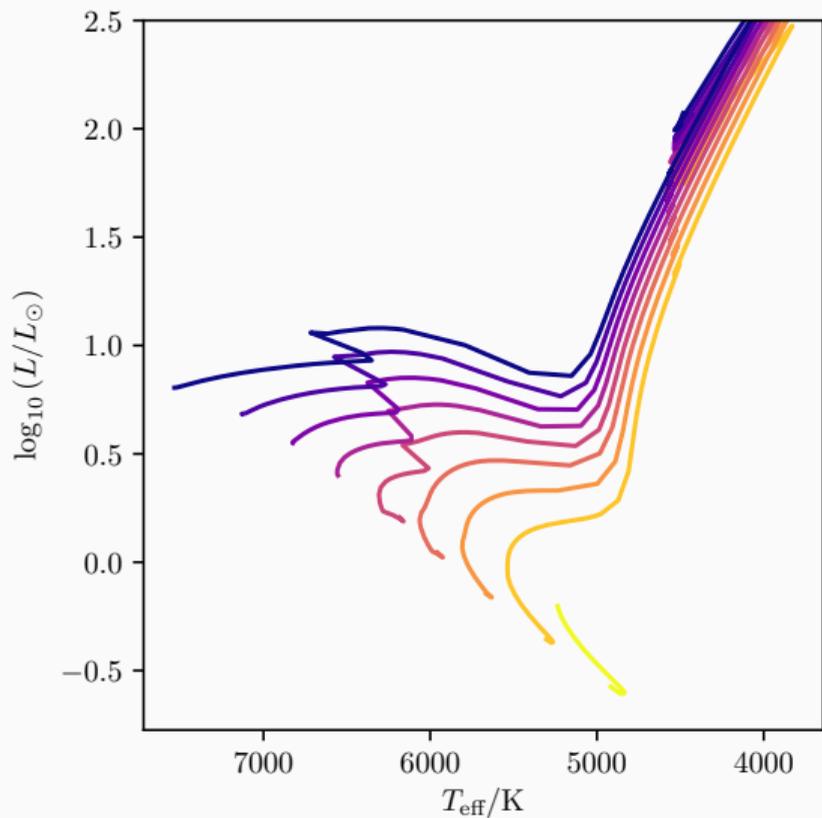


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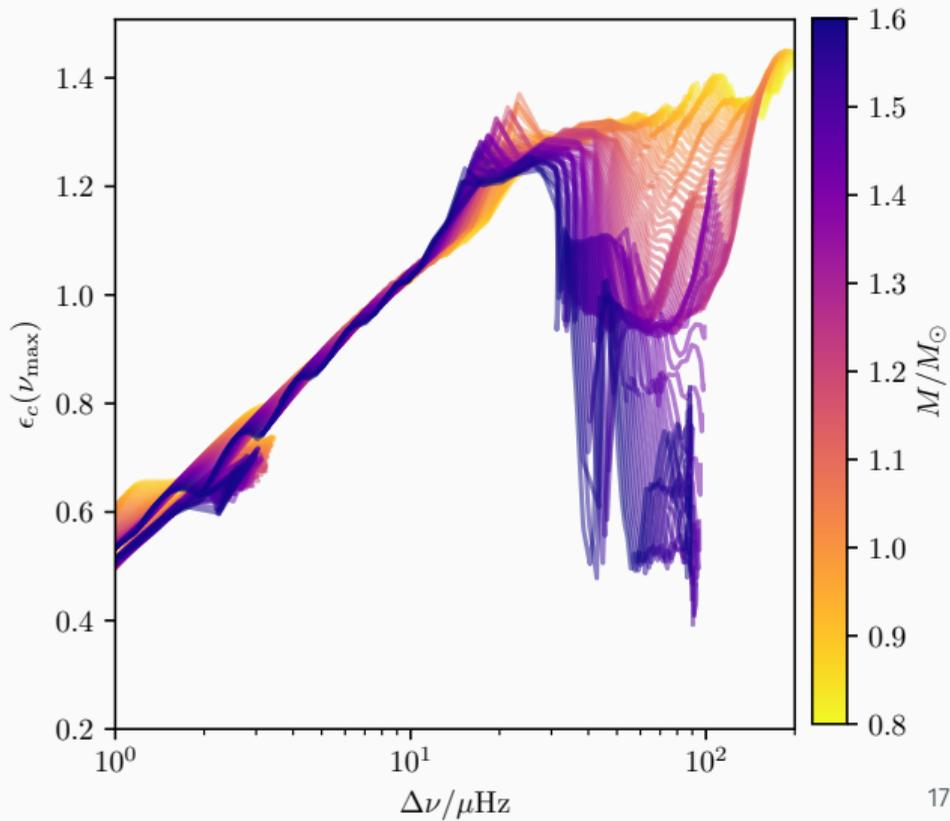
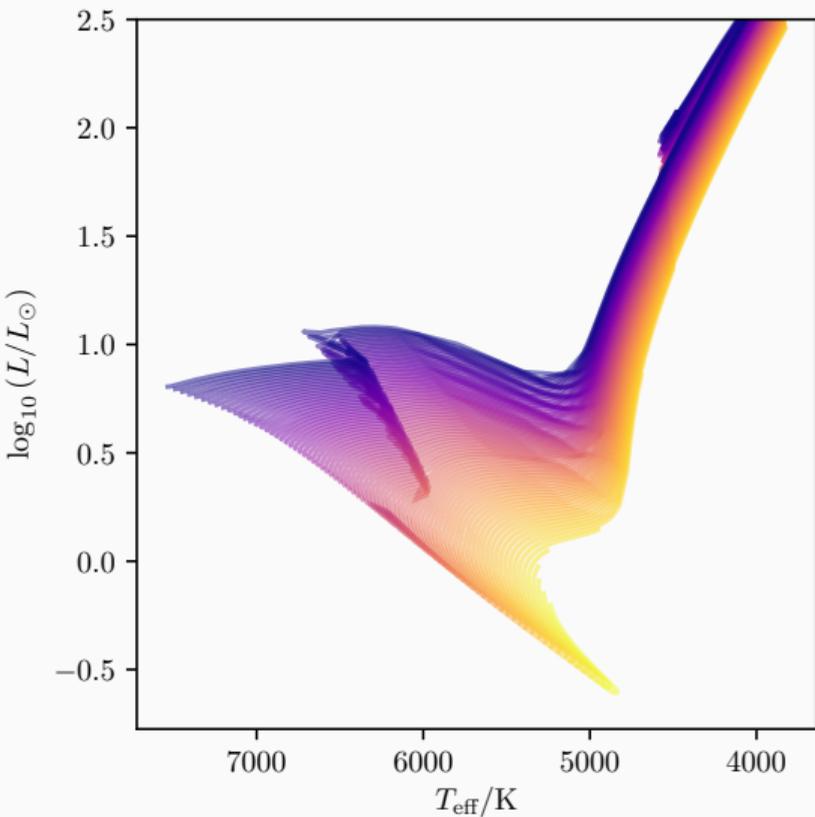


Evolutionary Diagnostics

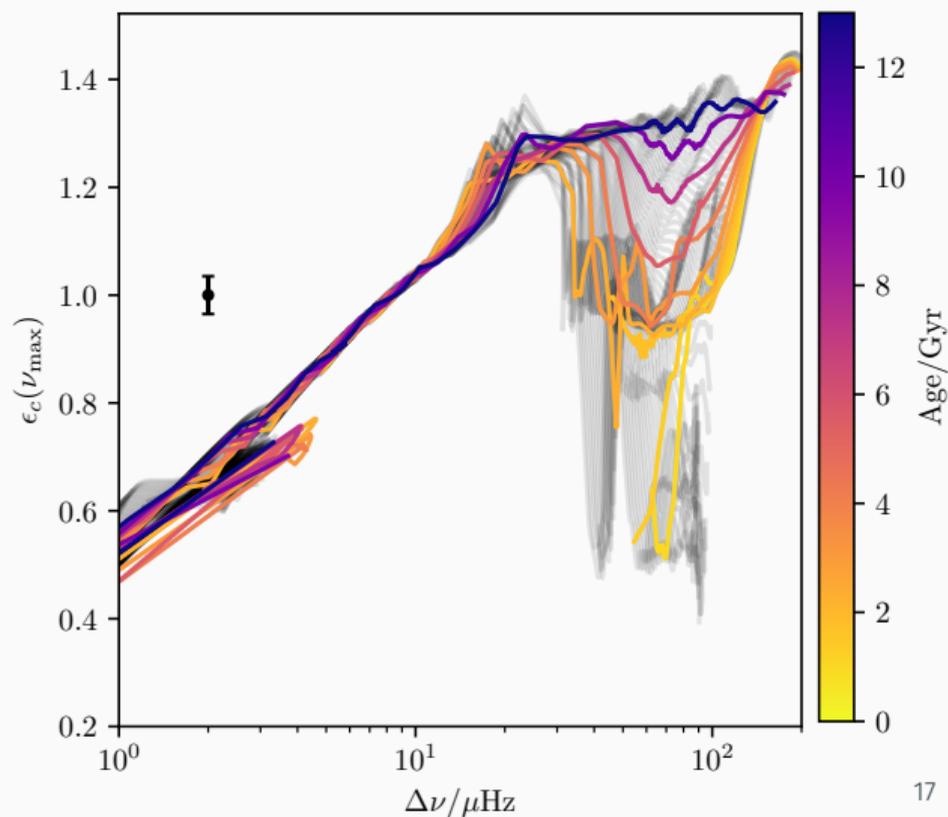
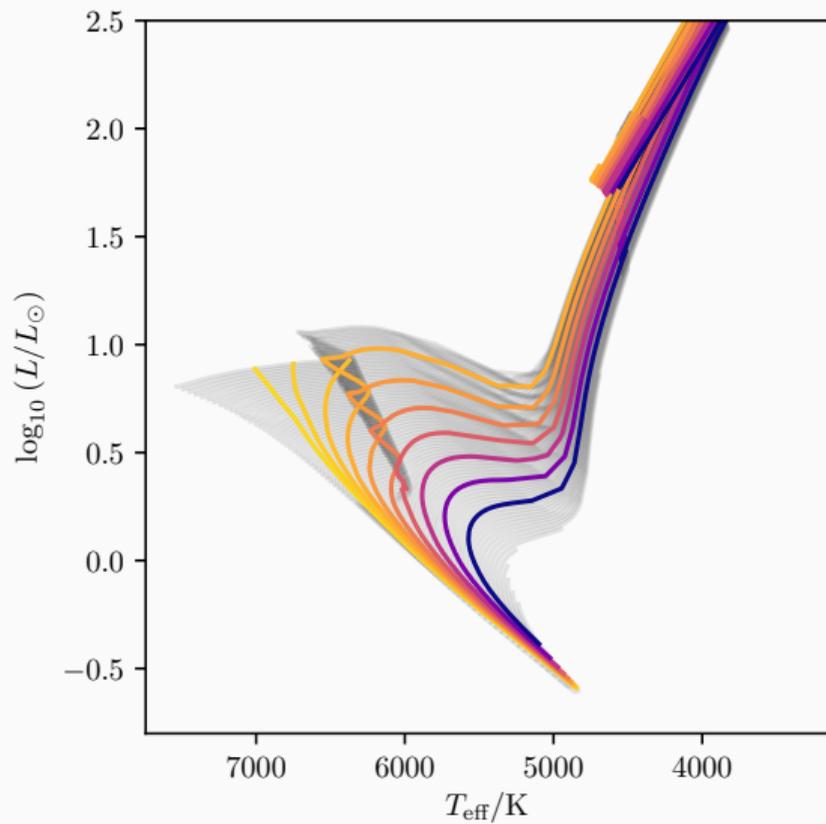
Tracks



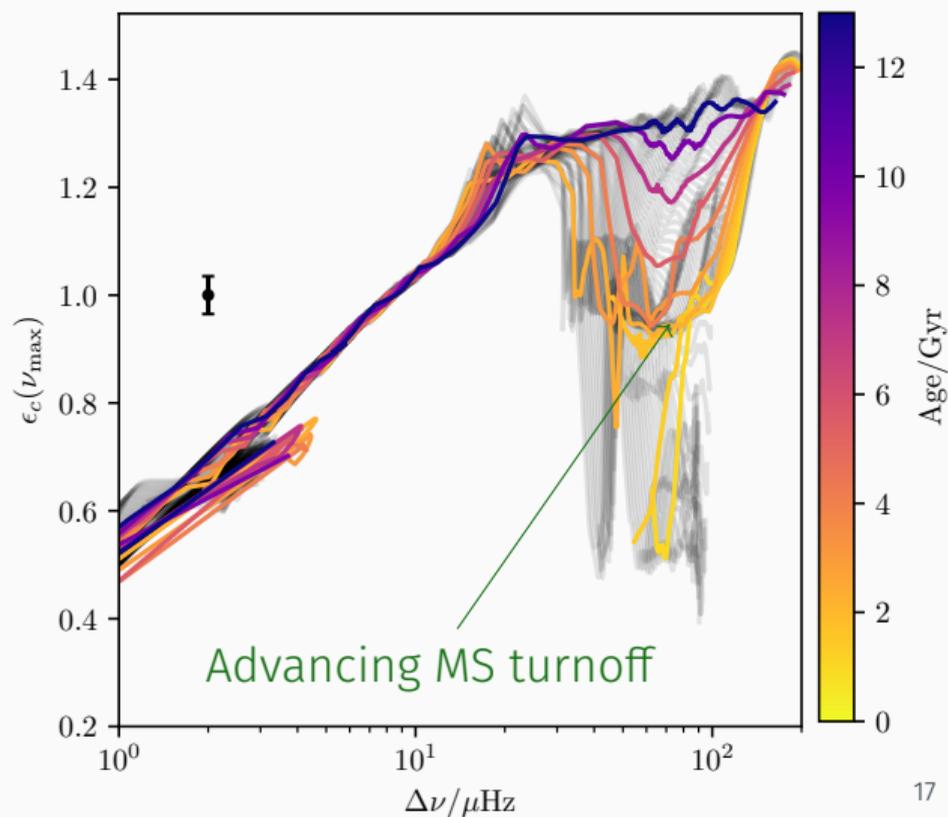
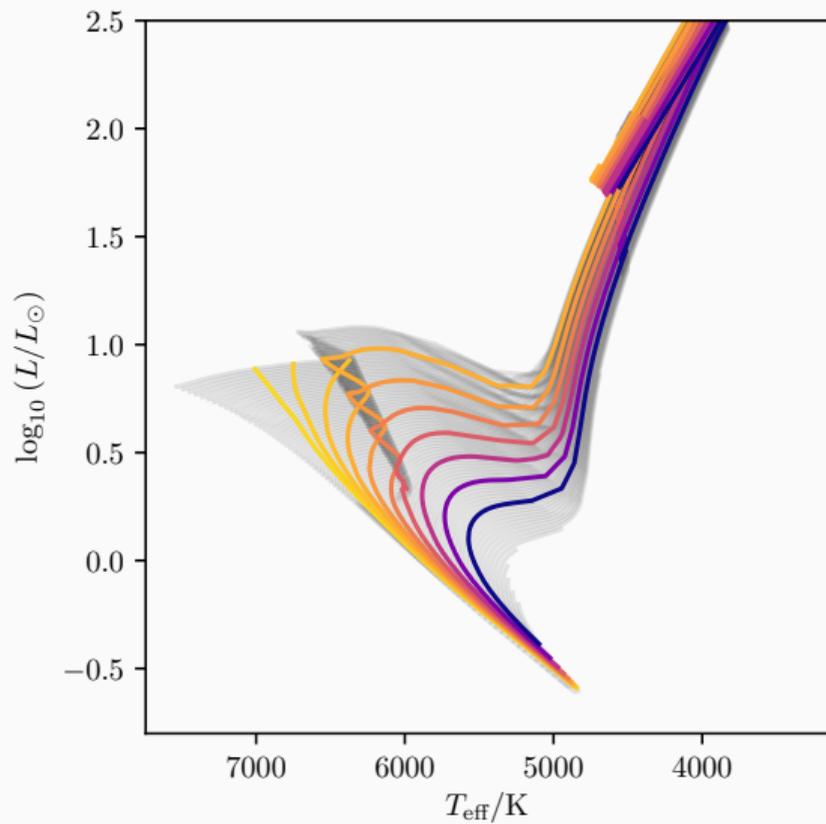
Isochrones



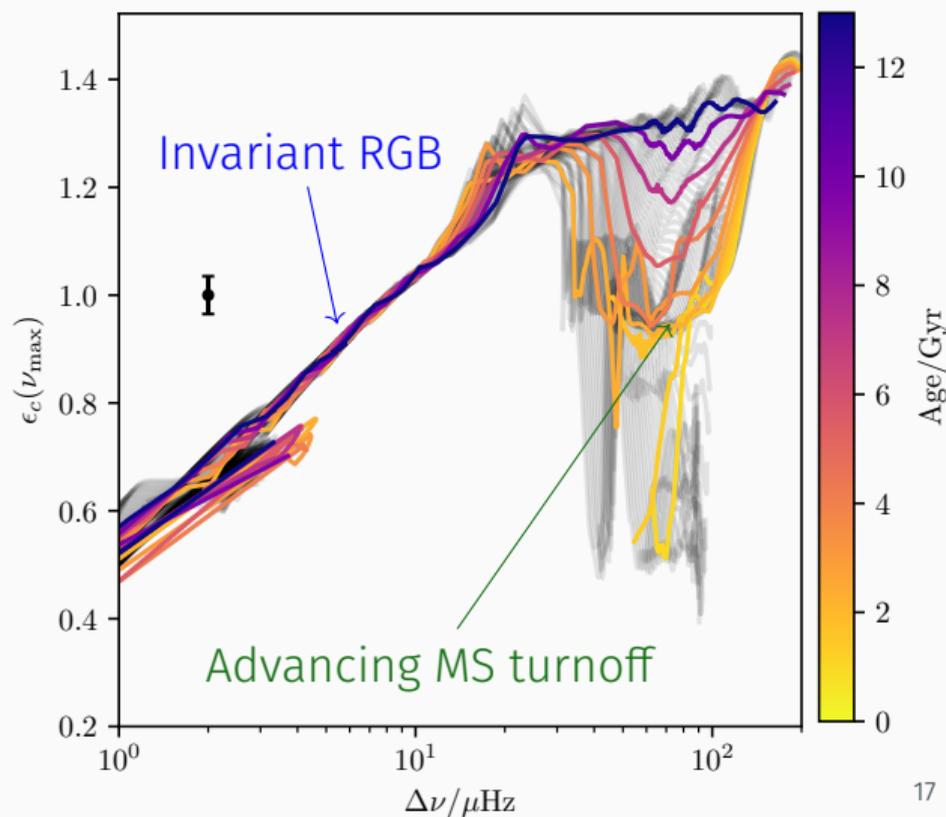
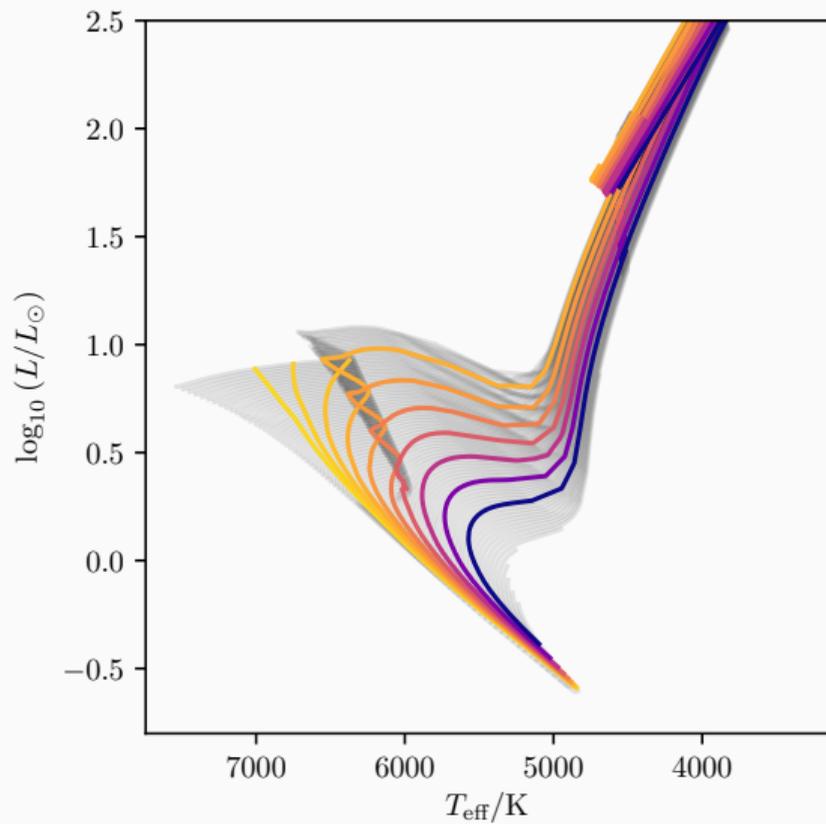
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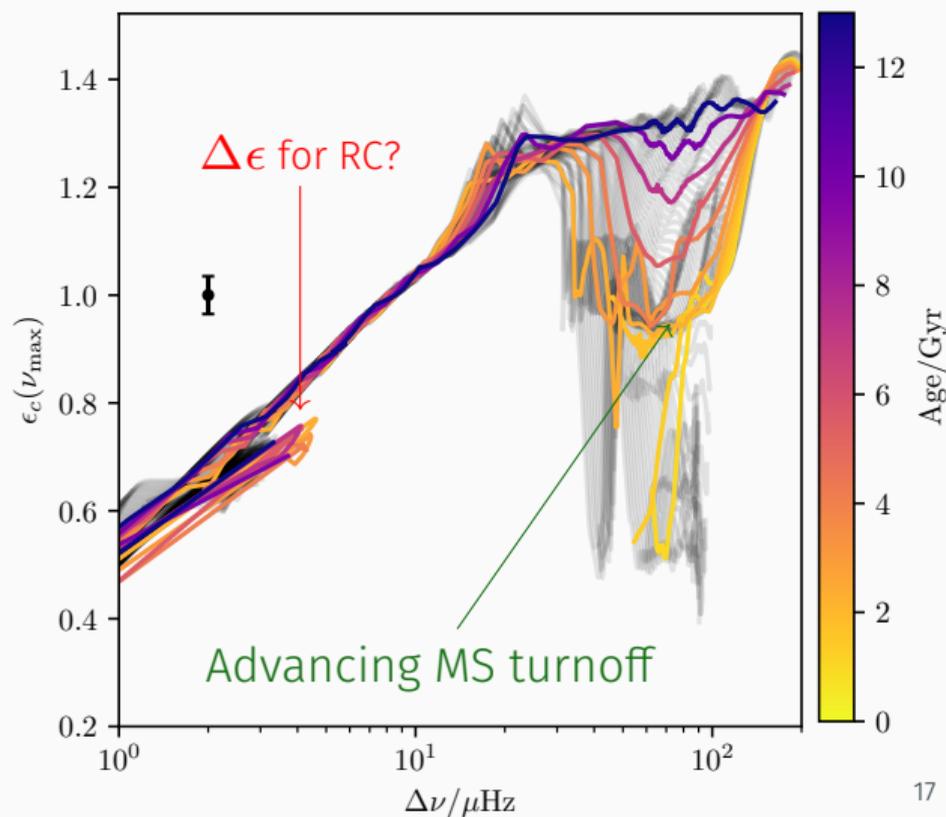
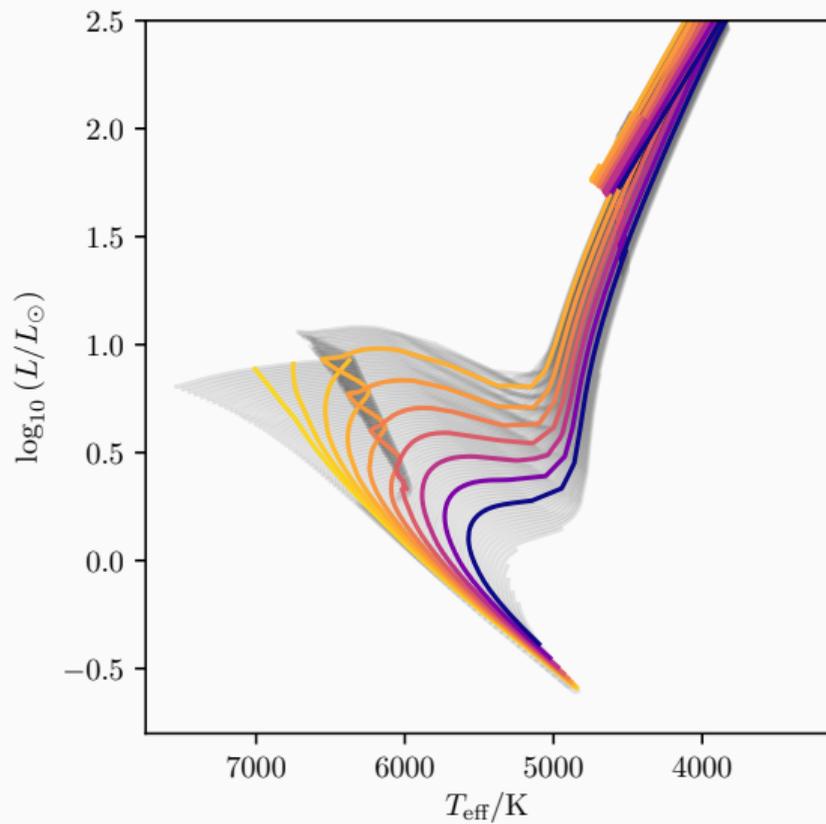
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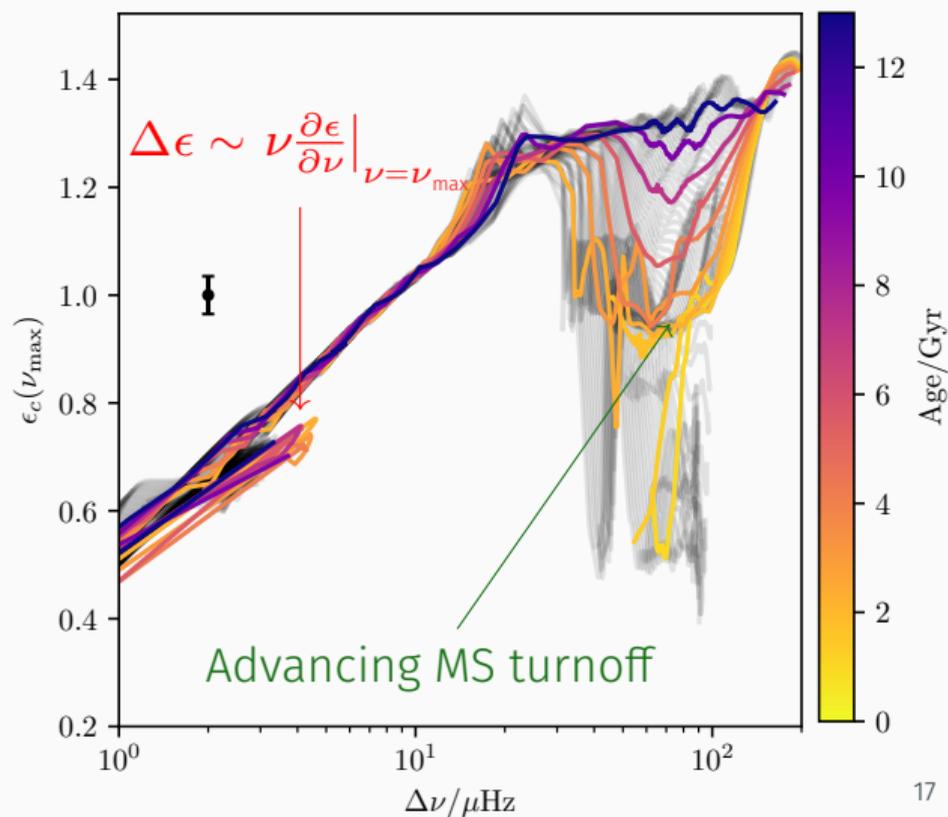
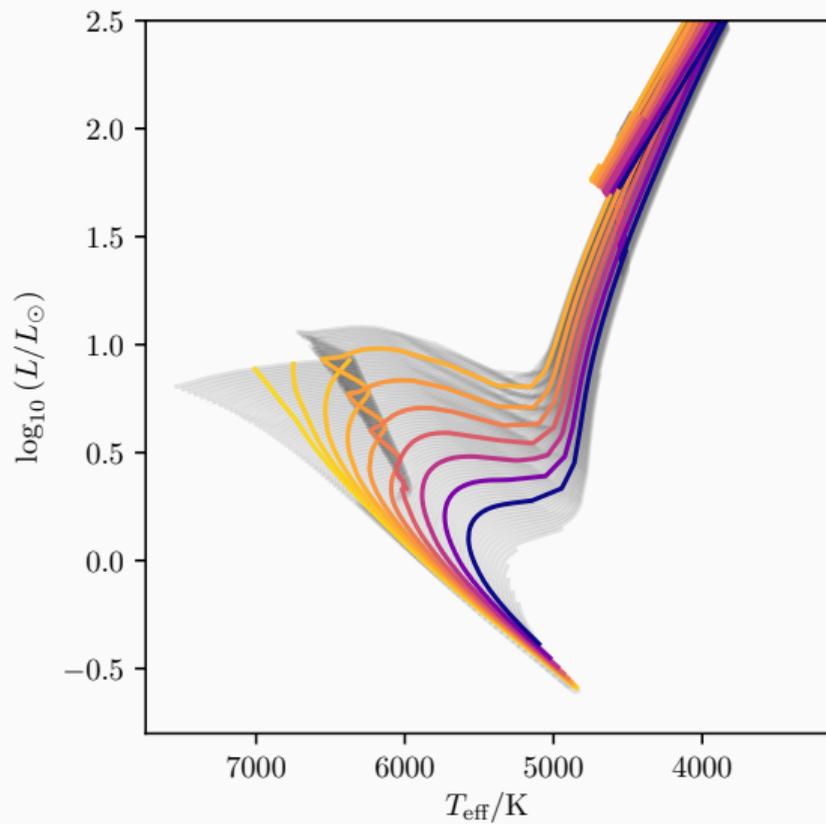
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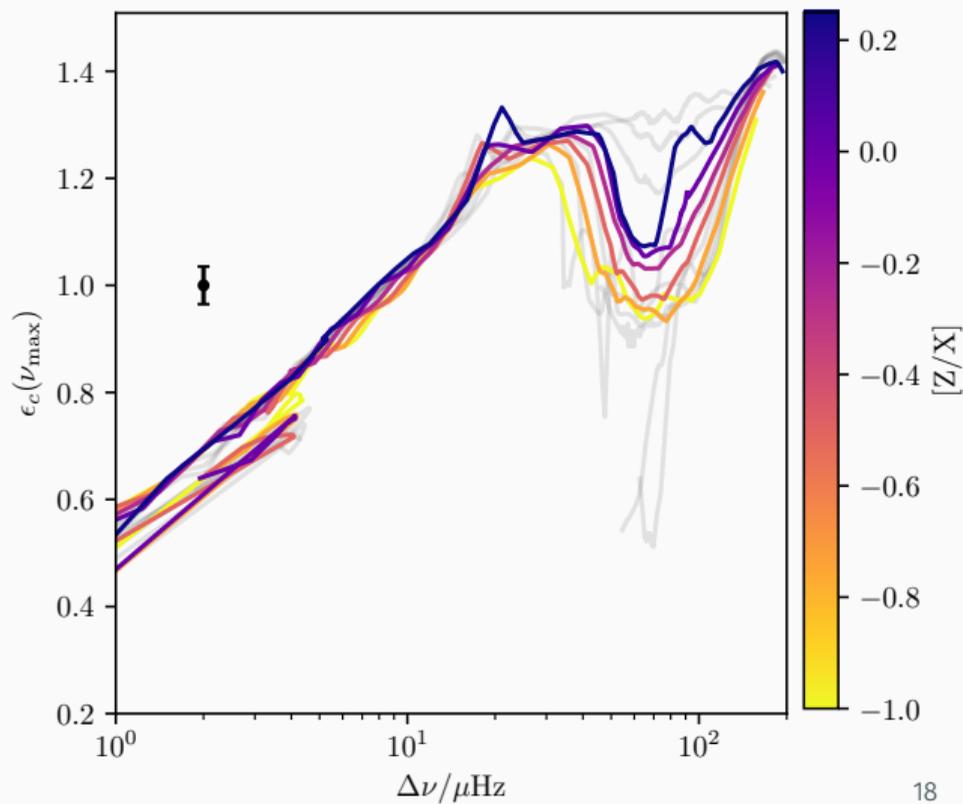
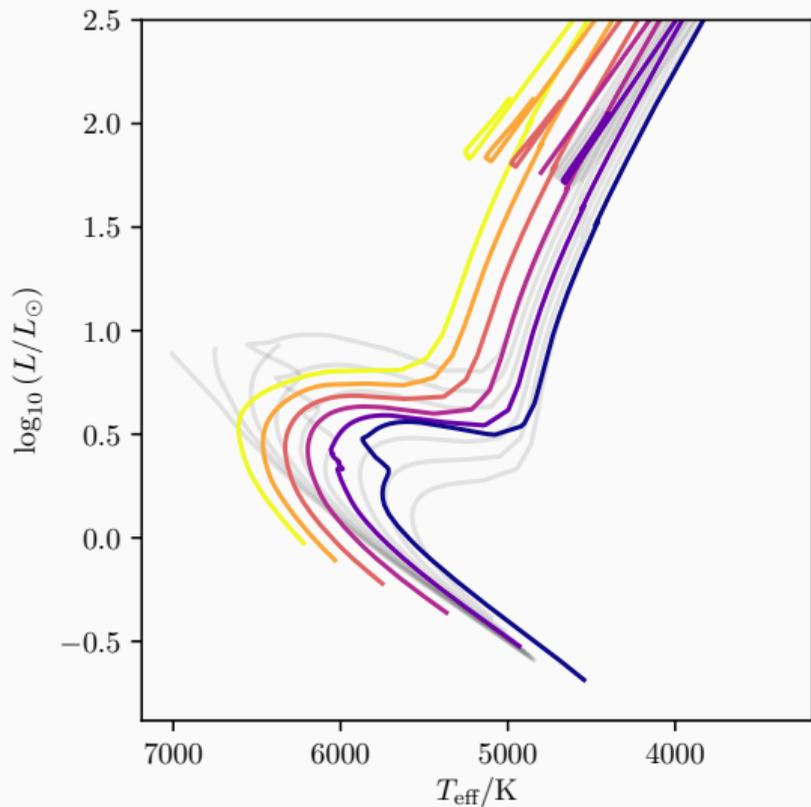
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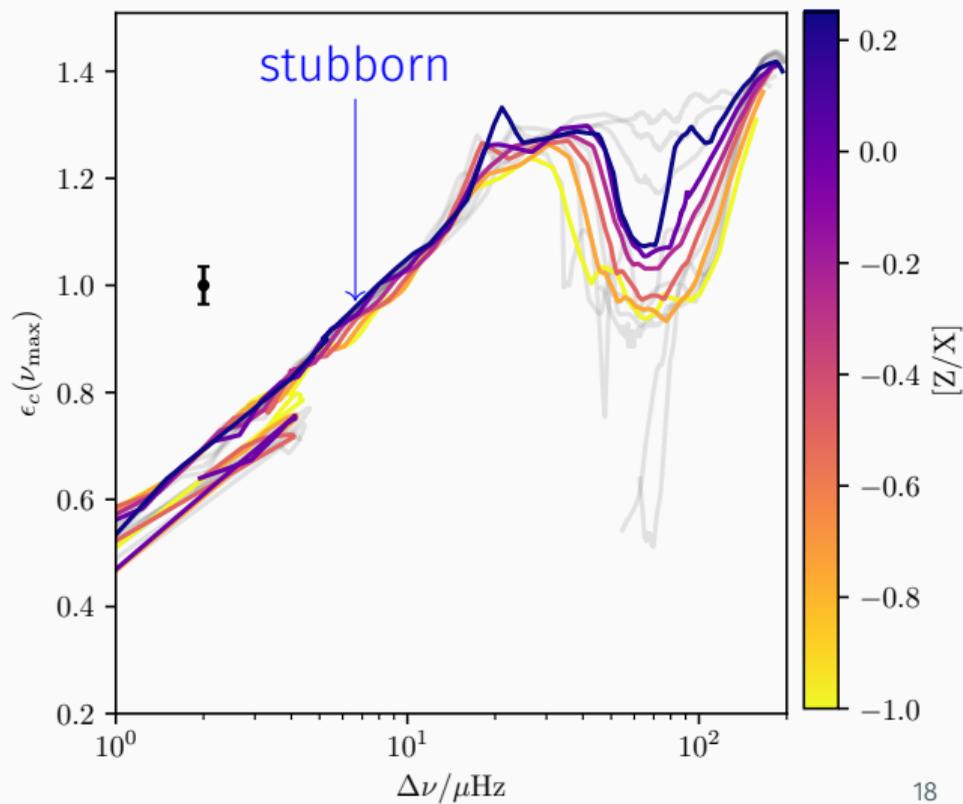
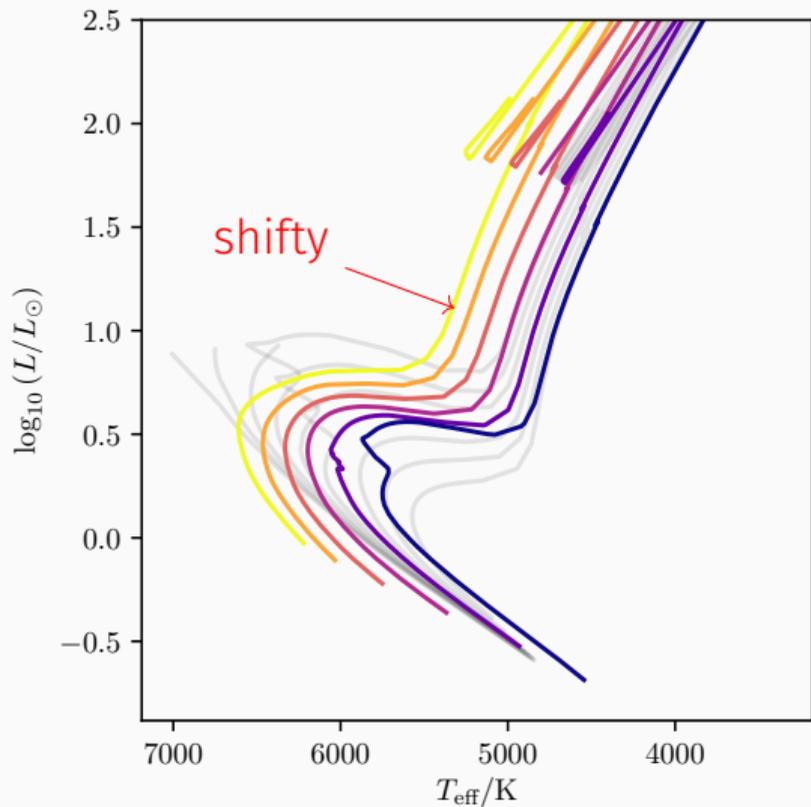
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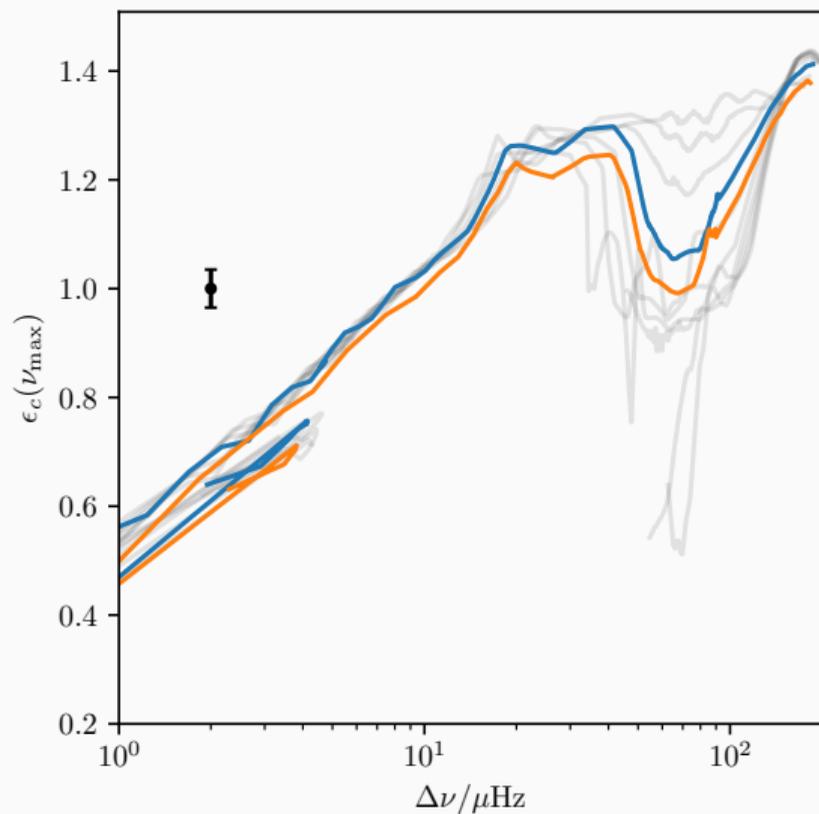
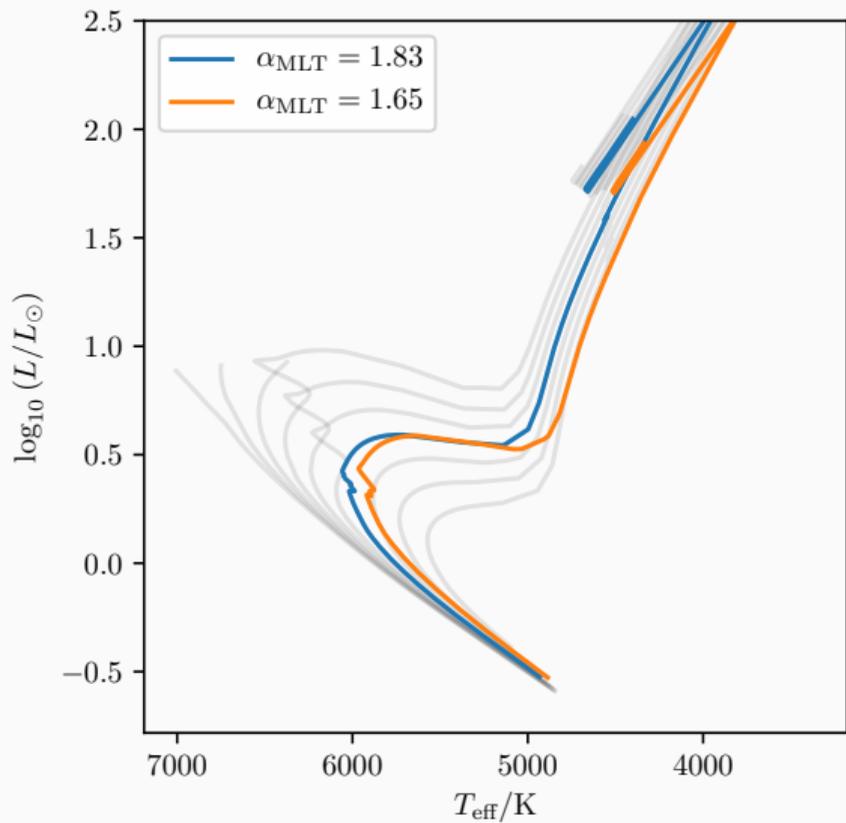
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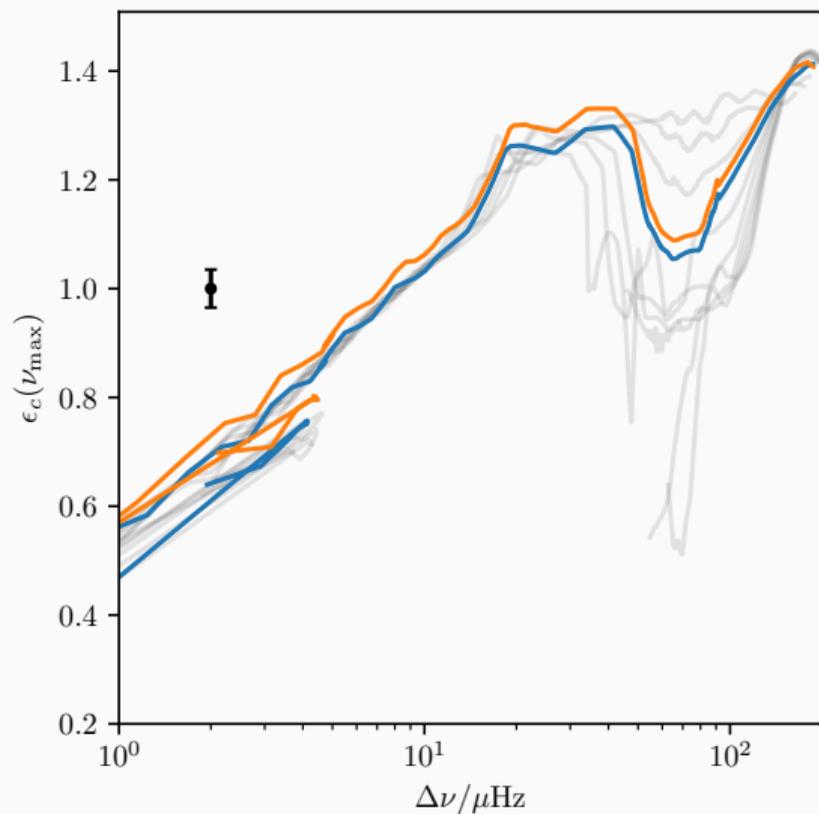
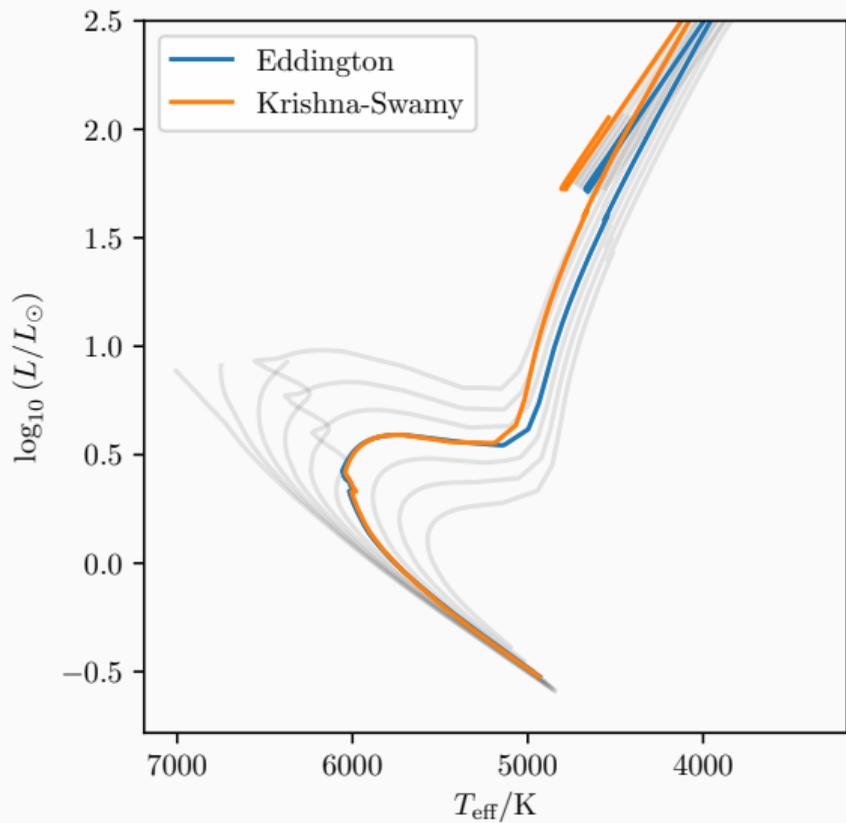
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Mixing Length



Atmosphere



Conclusion

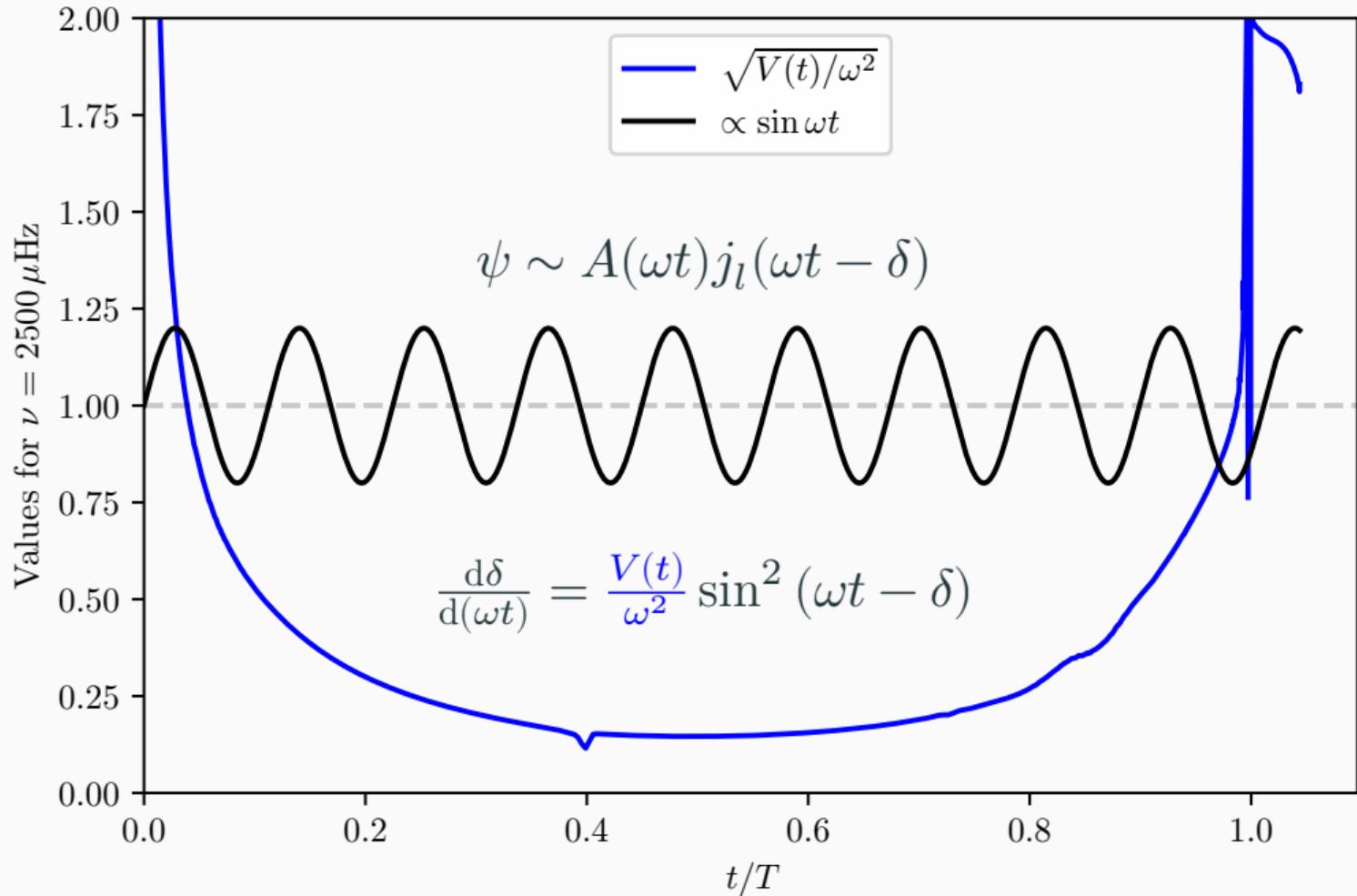
- Phase functions from stellar models sensitive to **evolutionary** and **structural** properties, and **surface** physics.
- $\epsilon_c - \Delta\nu$ diagrams yield isochrones where RGB position is **insensitive to stellar composition** and (some) **modelling choices**
- What happens if you use ϵ_c in a **grid search**?

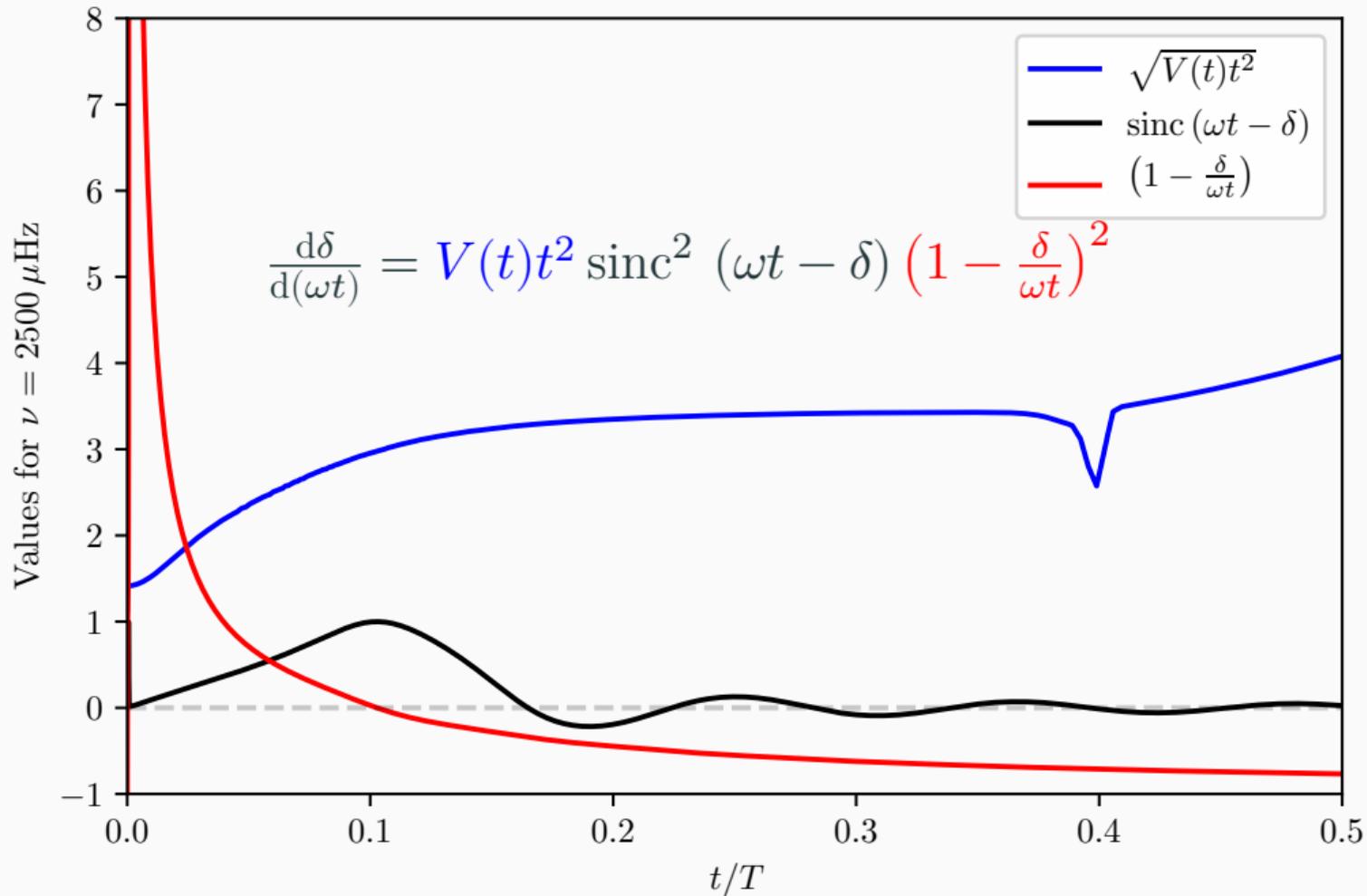
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Modelling Parameters

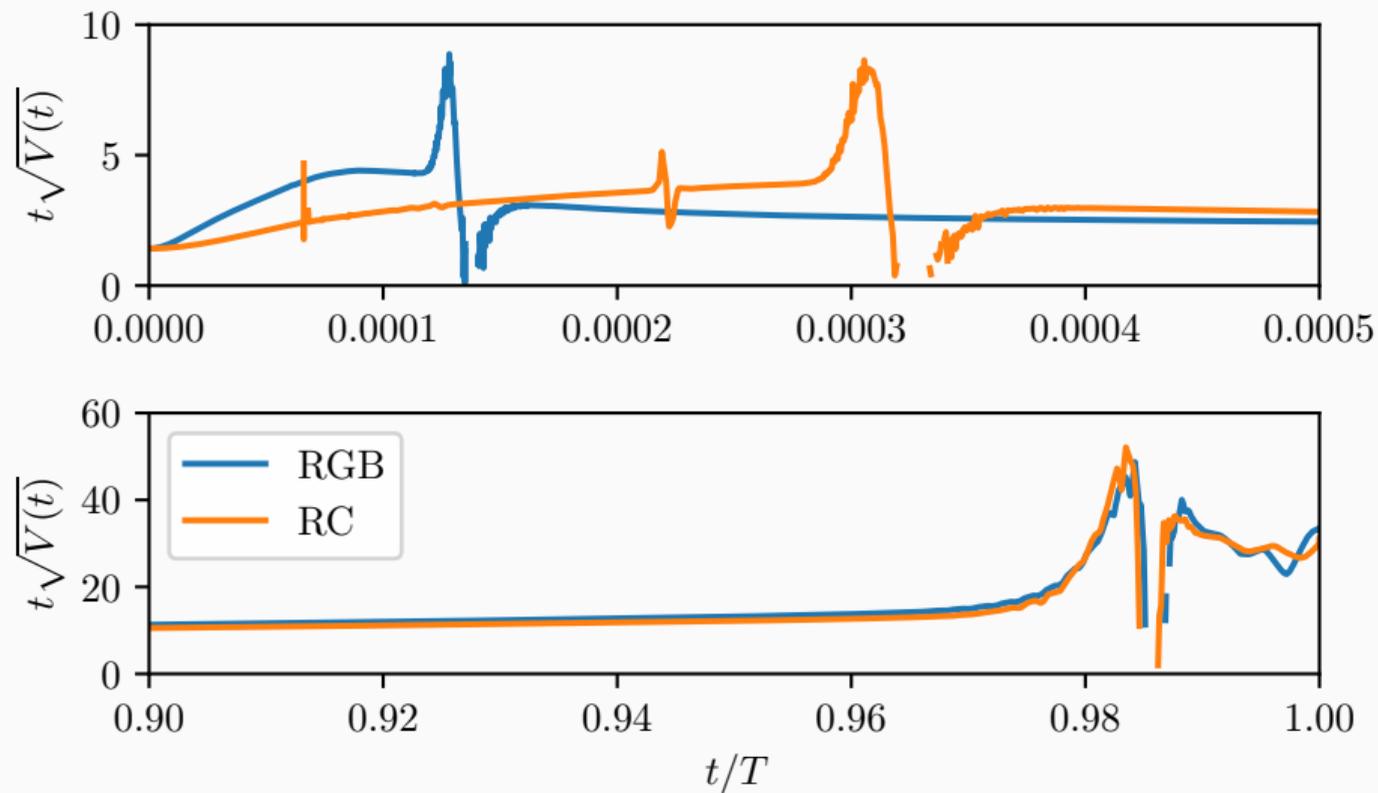
- **MESA v10398**
 - Diffusion
 - Overshooting
- GYRE v5.2
- Solar-calibrated Y_0 and α_{MLT} against Eddington-grey atmospheres and GS98 abundances

(nothing special otherwise — I mostly used defaults)

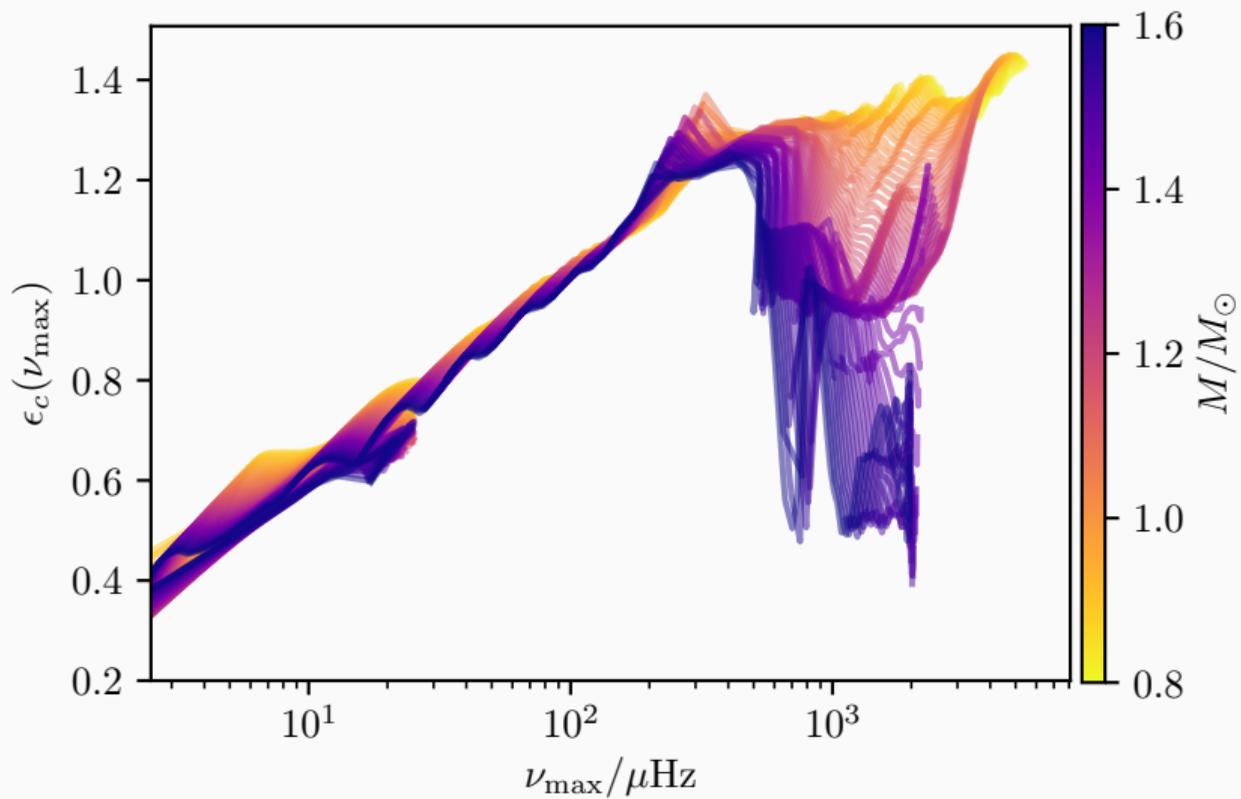




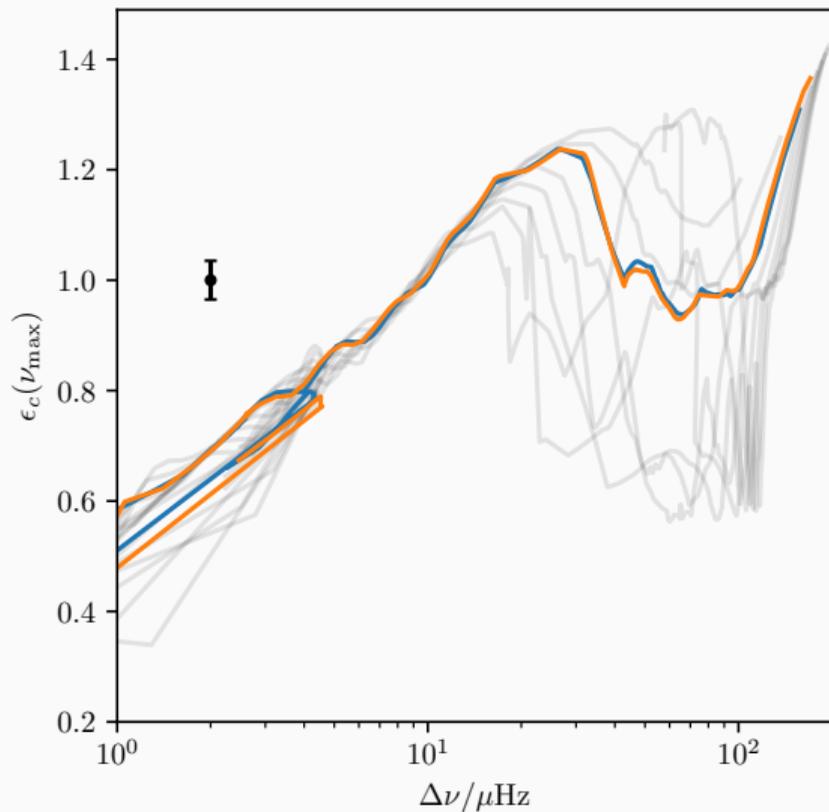
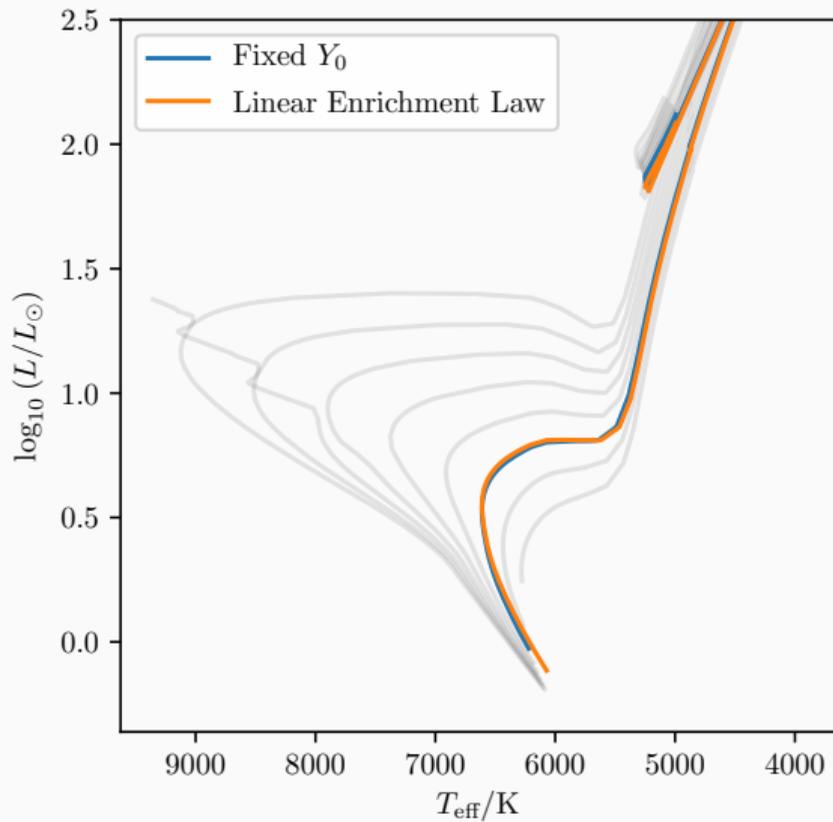
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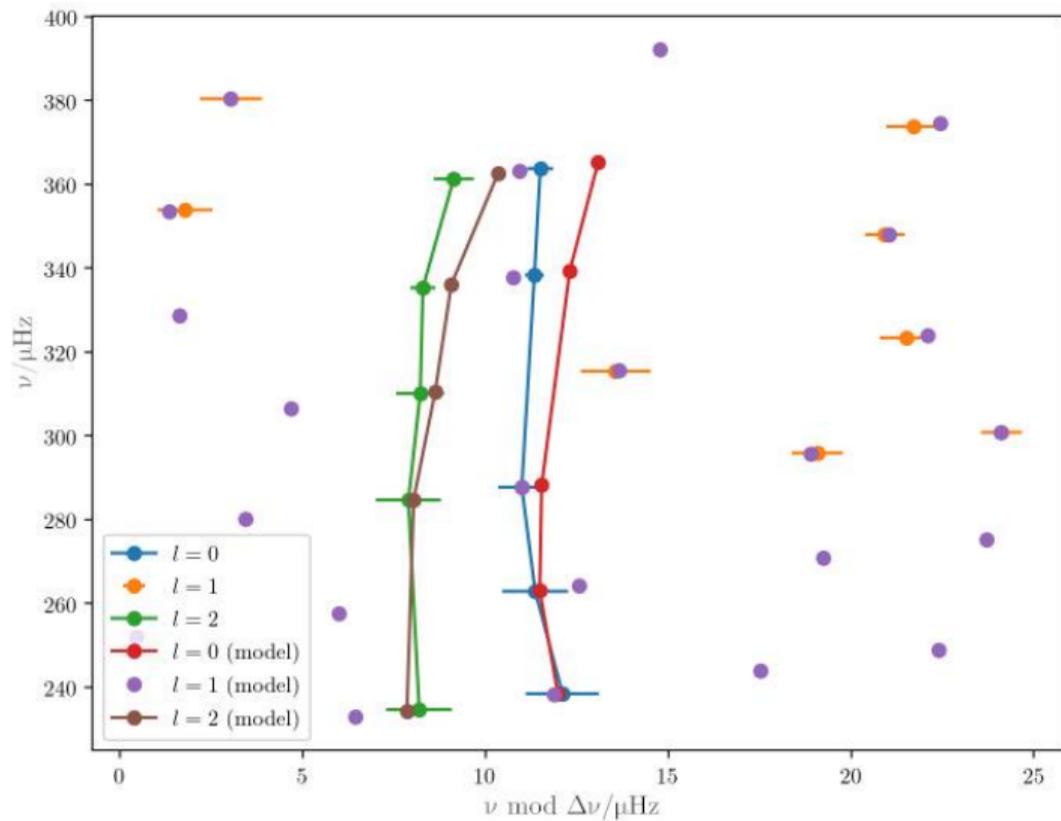
$\epsilon - \nu_{\max}$ Diagram



Enrichment Law $\left(\frac{dY_0}{dZ_0}\right)$



Surface effects



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