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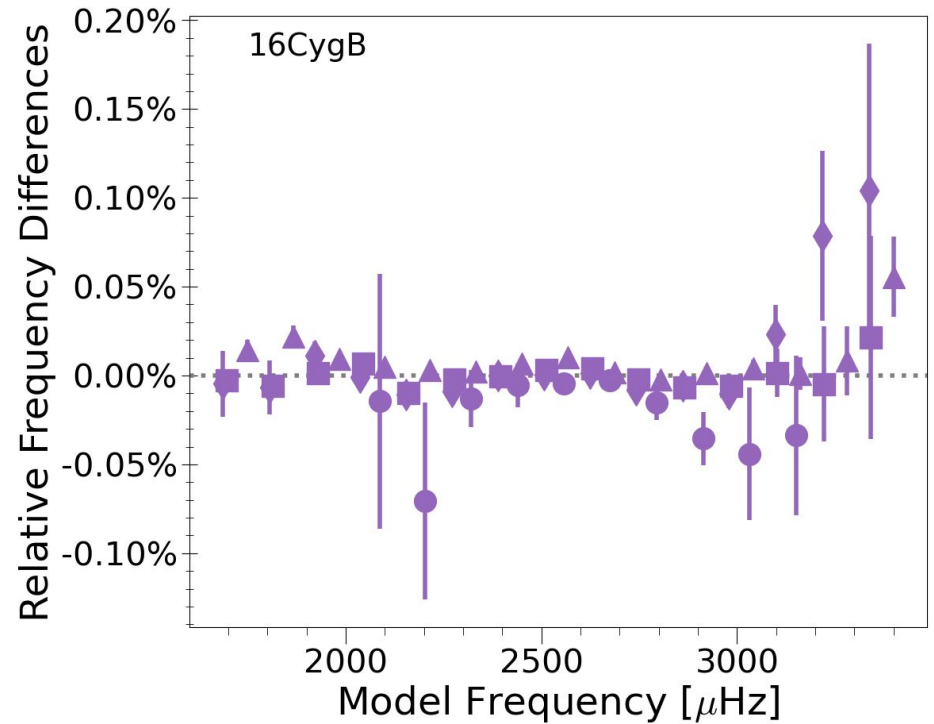


Sound speed inversions of an ensemble of low-mass main-sequence stars

Lynn Buchele

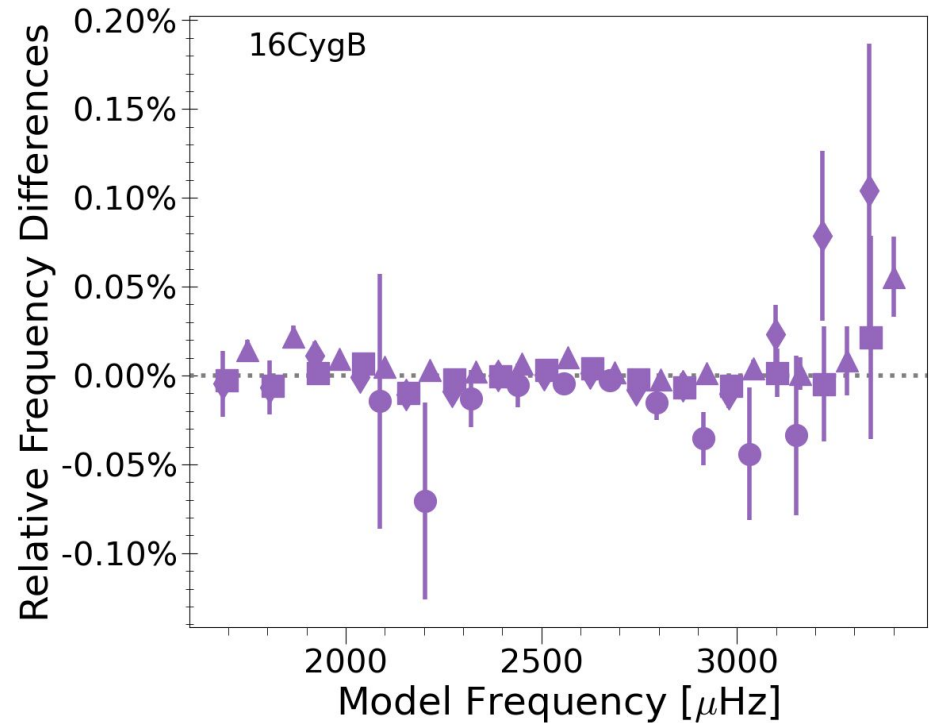
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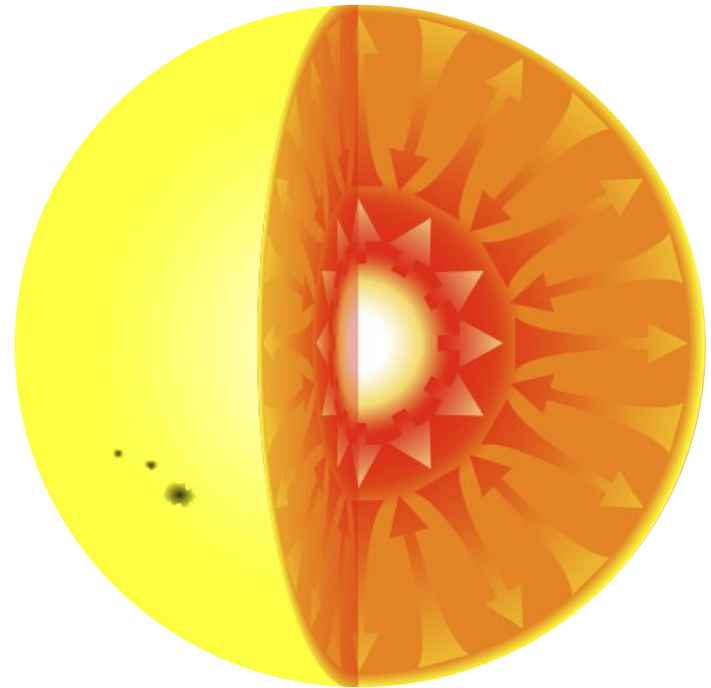
- Frequency Differences as a source of information
- Provide a way to test internal microphysics



12 Target Stars

Main-sequence Stars with
Radiative Cores

$$M \lesssim 1.2M_{\odot}$$



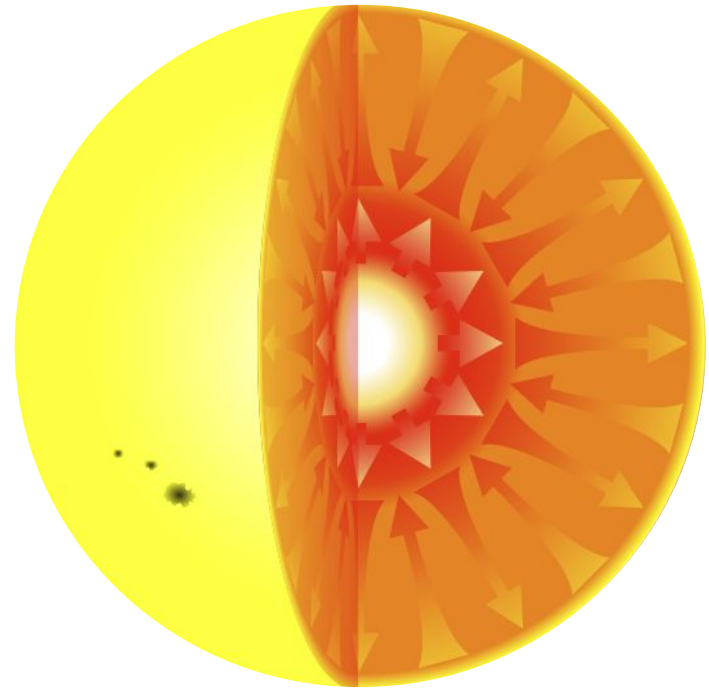
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- Frequencies
 - Lund et al. 2017, Davies et . 2016, Roxburgh 2017
- Effective Temperature and Metallicity
 - Furlan et al. 2018
- Luminosity
 - Gaia DR3 Gaia Collaboration et al. 2016, 2022

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Reference Models

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The logo for the MESA (Modules for Exotic Stellar Analysis) code, featuring the word "MESA" in a blue, 3D-style sans-serif font.

Paxton et al. 2011,2013,2015,2018,2019
Jermyn et al. 2023



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For models within 10σ of L find minimum of

$$\chi_{\text{fit}}^2 = \frac{\chi_{\nu}^2}{N_{\nu}} + \chi_{T_{\text{eff}}}^2 + \chi_{[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]}^2$$

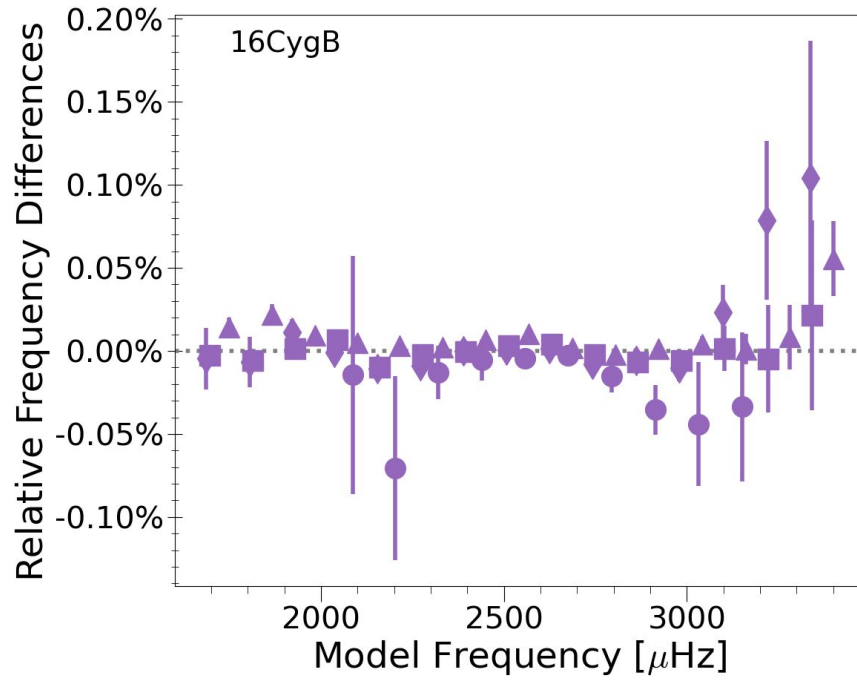
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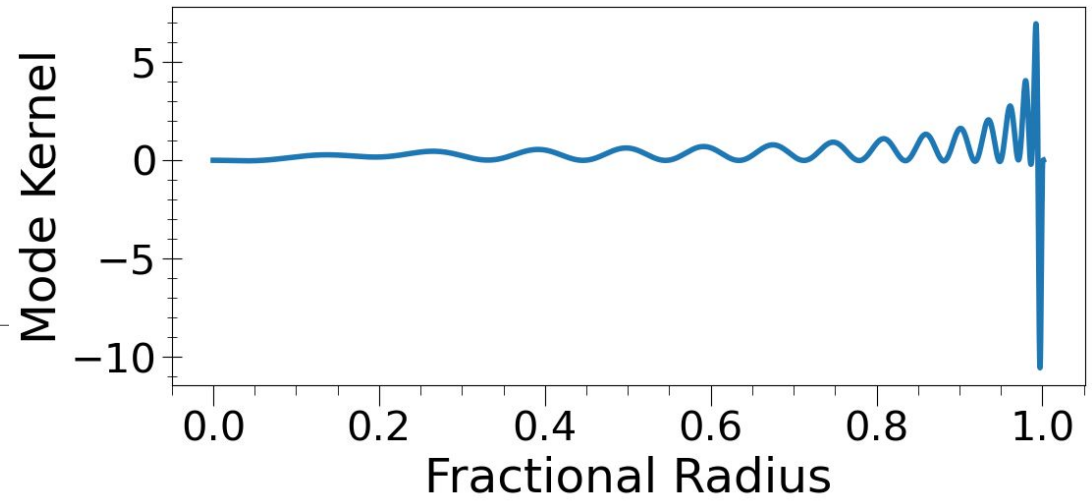
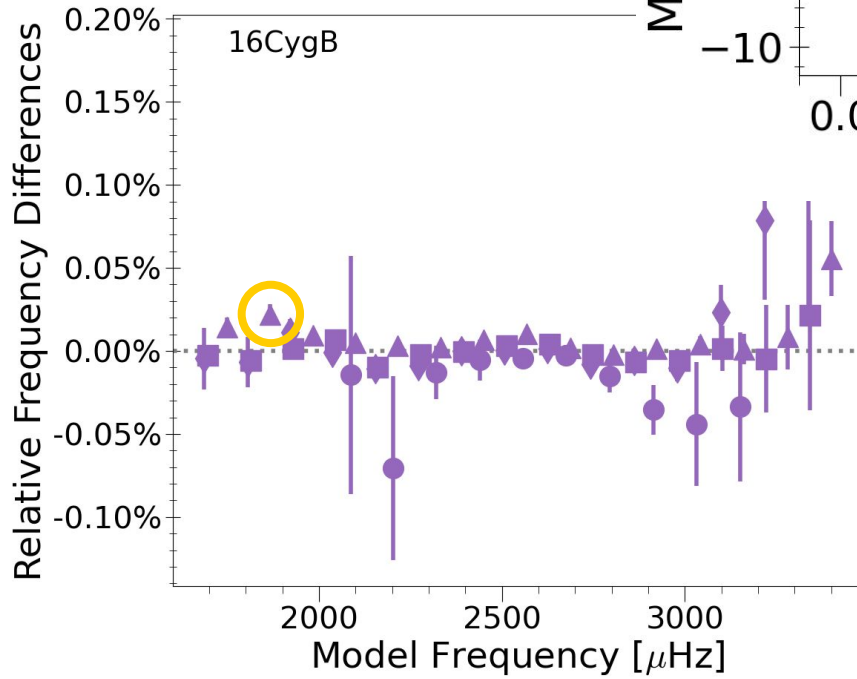


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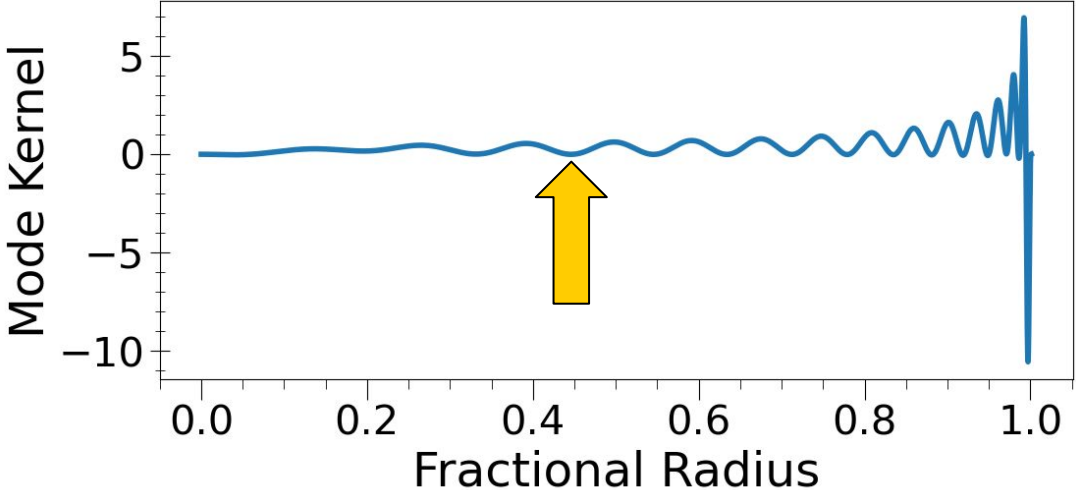
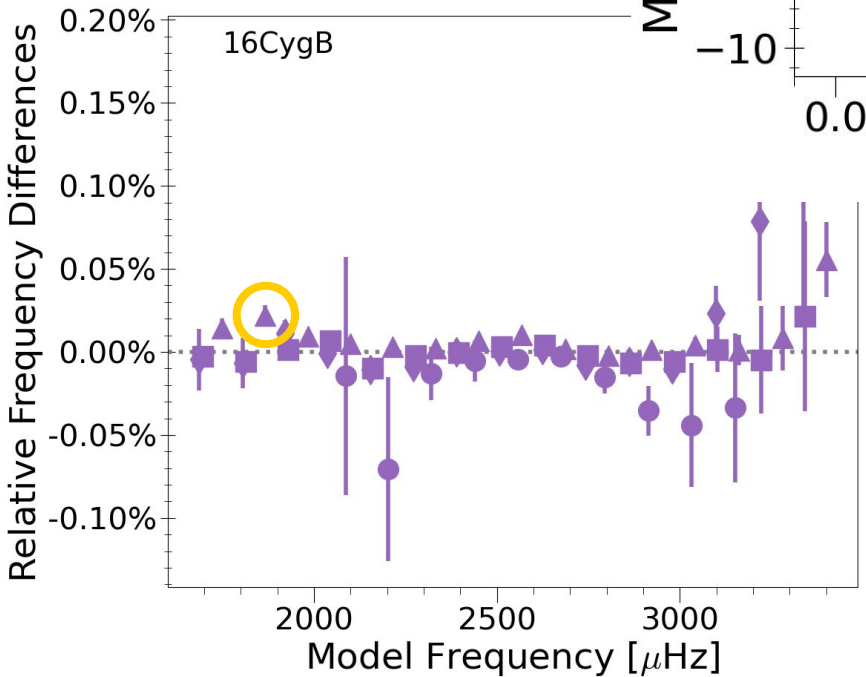
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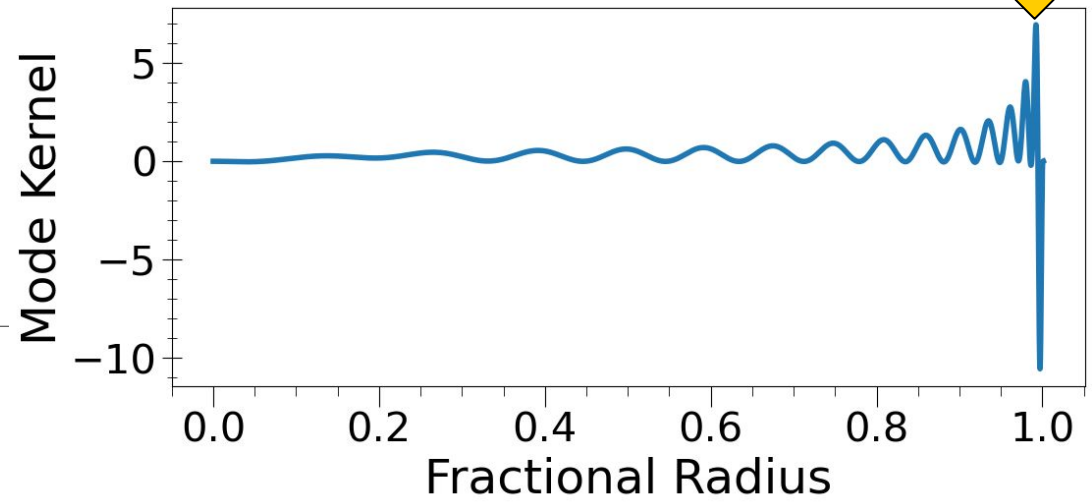
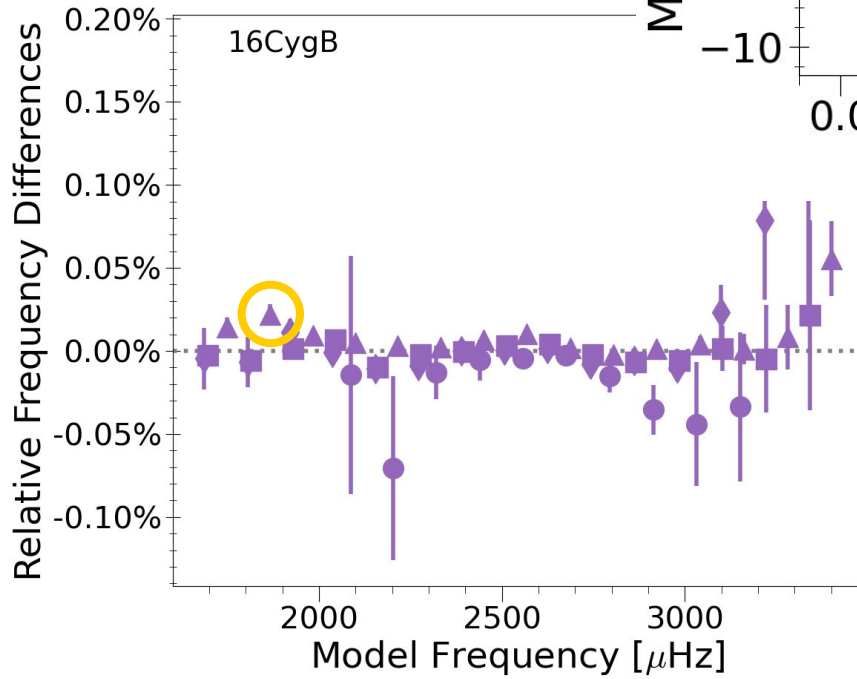
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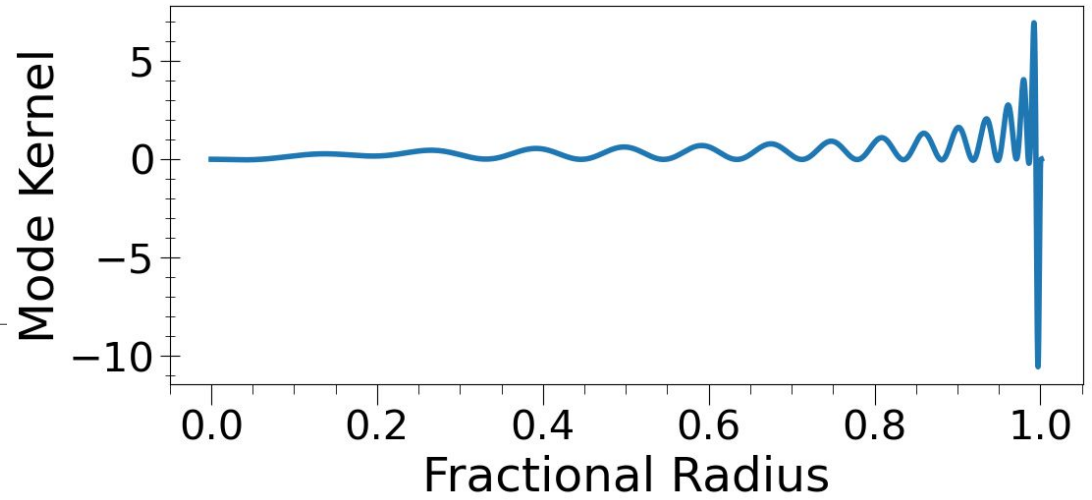
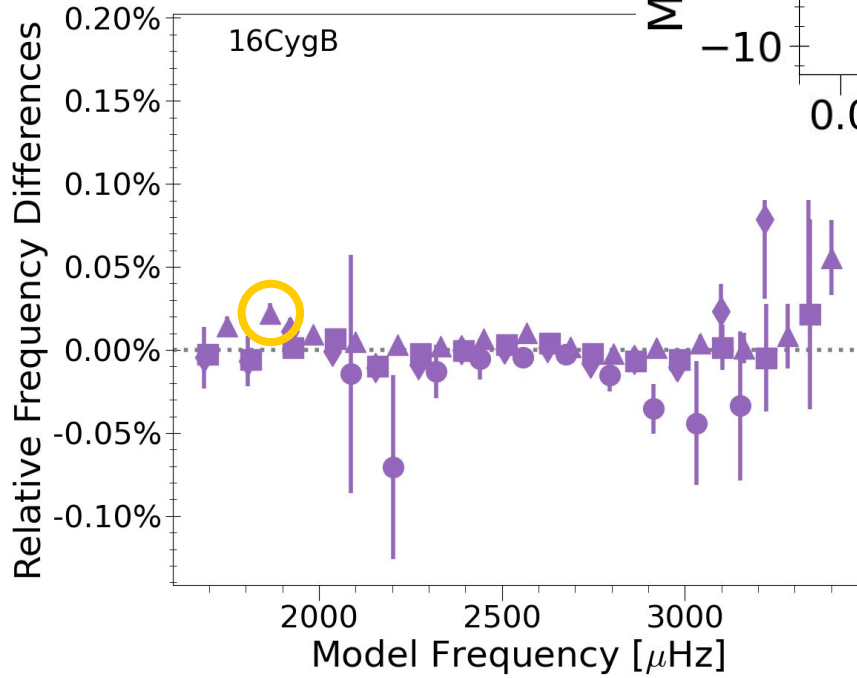
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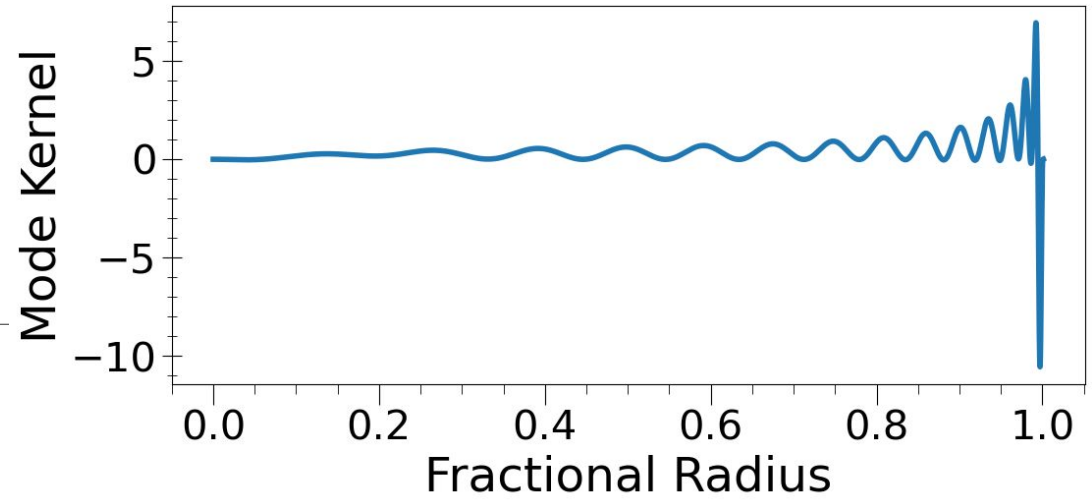
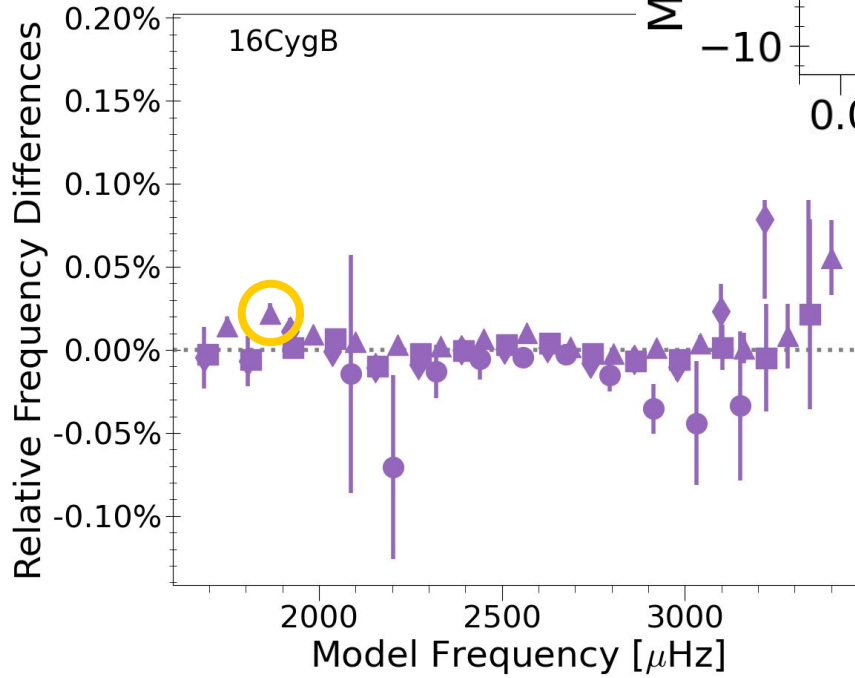


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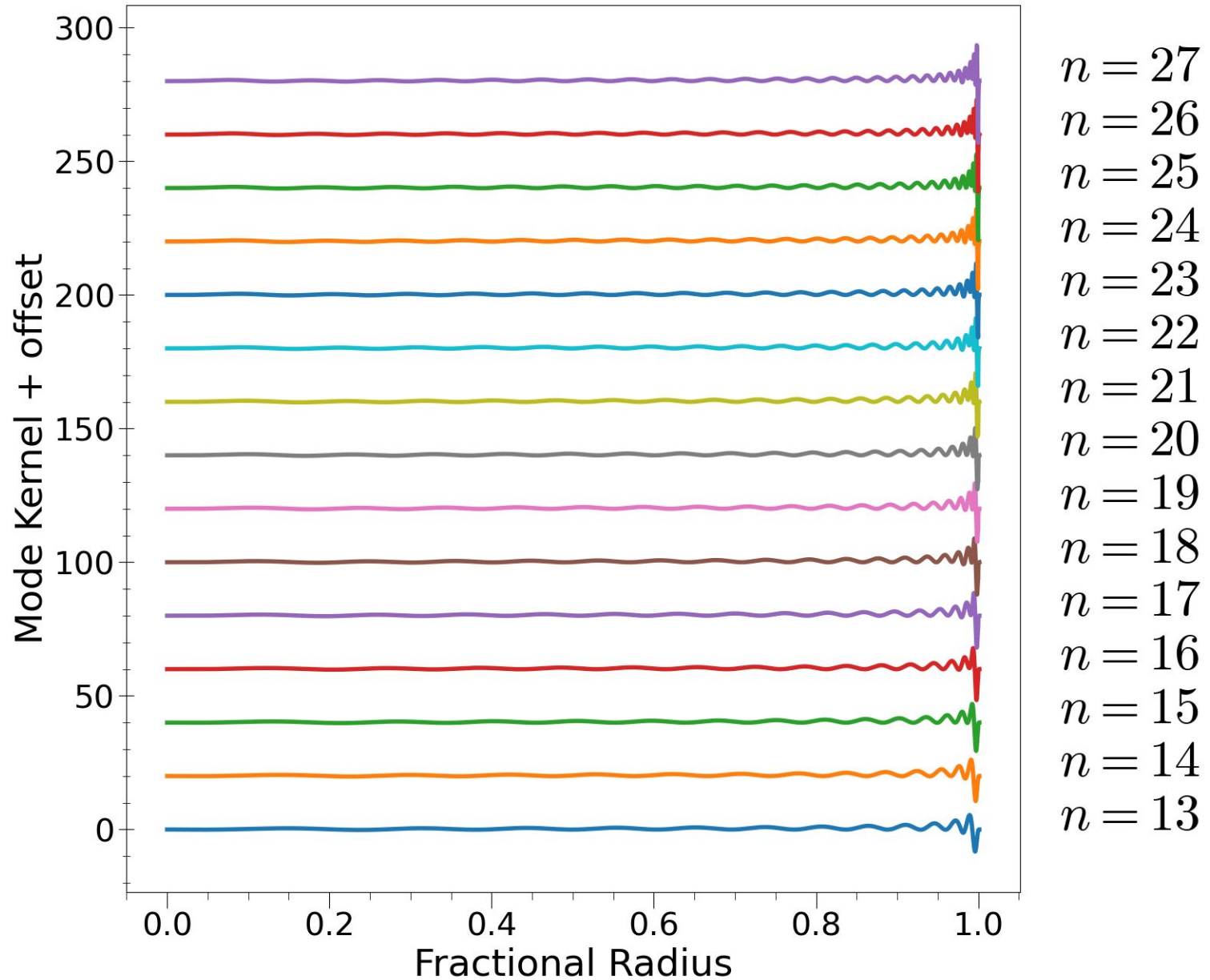


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Structure difference

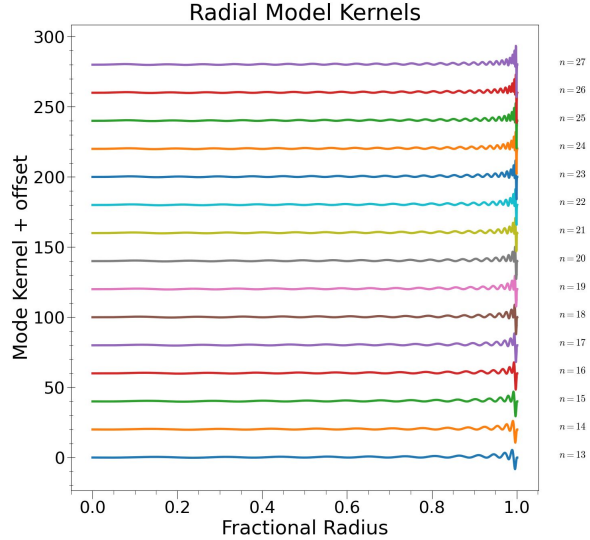
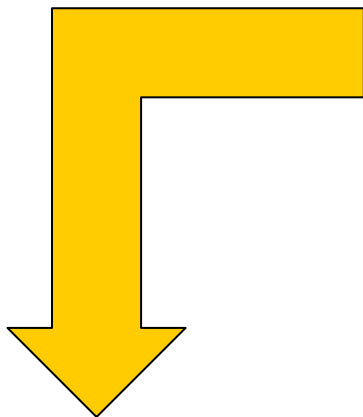
$$u = \frac{c^2}{\Gamma_1} = \frac{p}{\rho}$$

Radial Mode Kernels

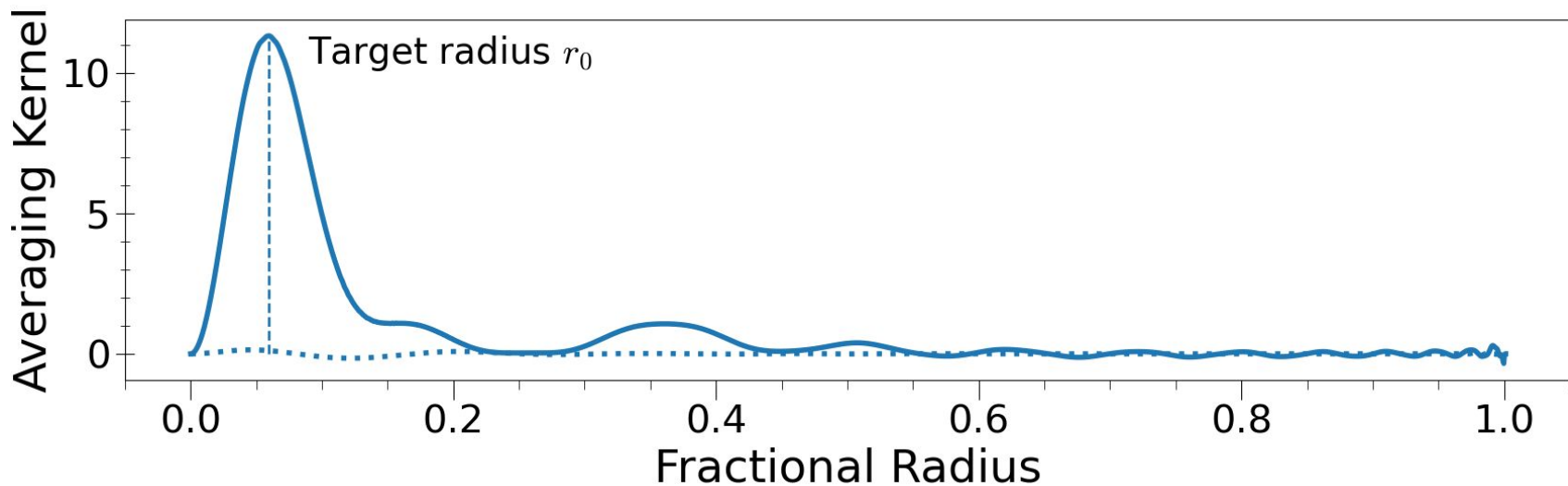


Averaging Kernel

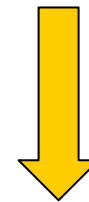
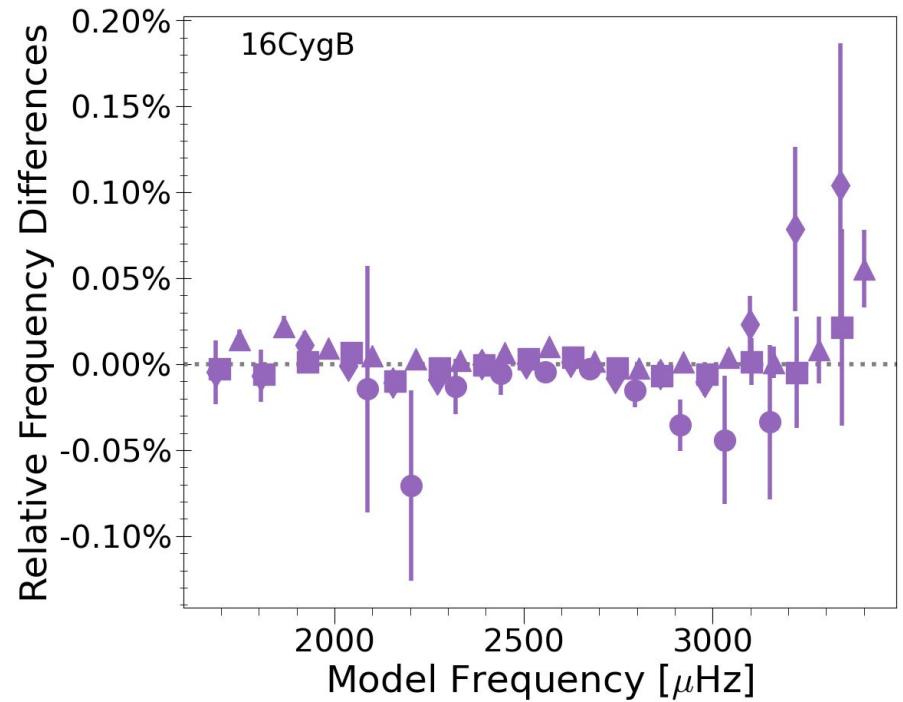
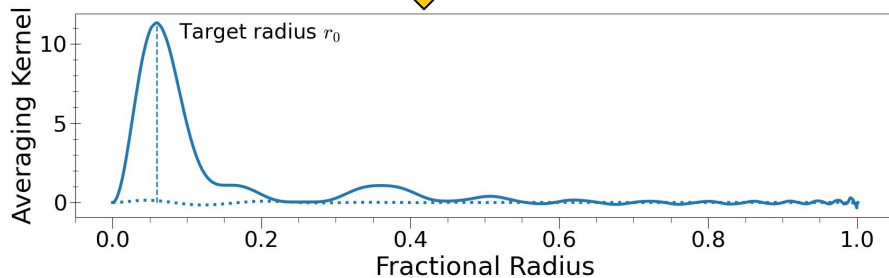
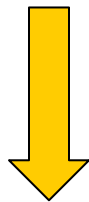
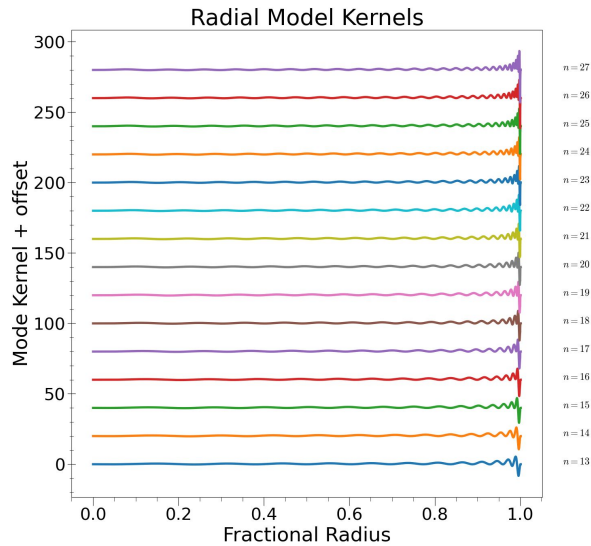
Linear combination to localize sensitivity



+dipole mode kernels + ...

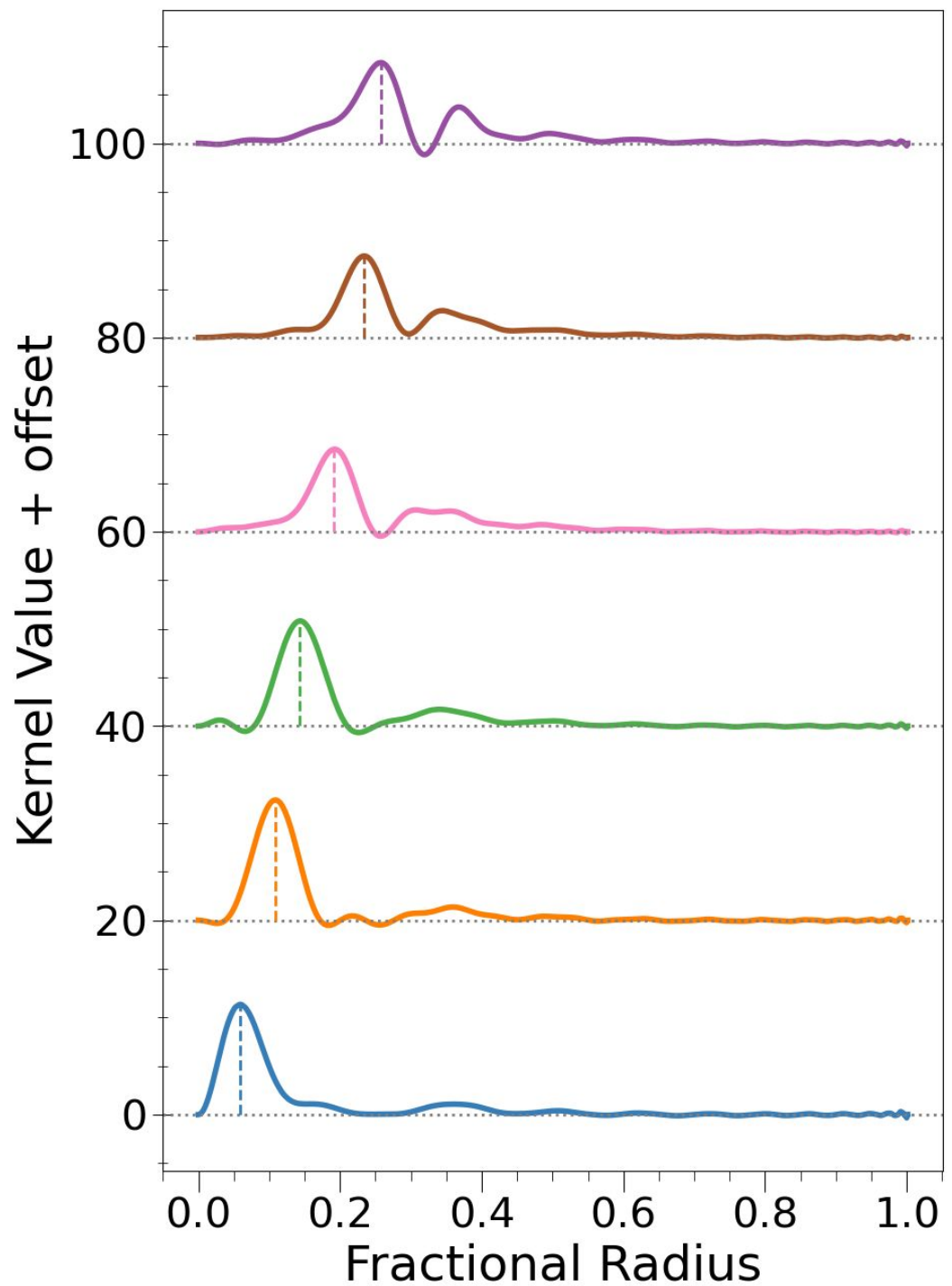


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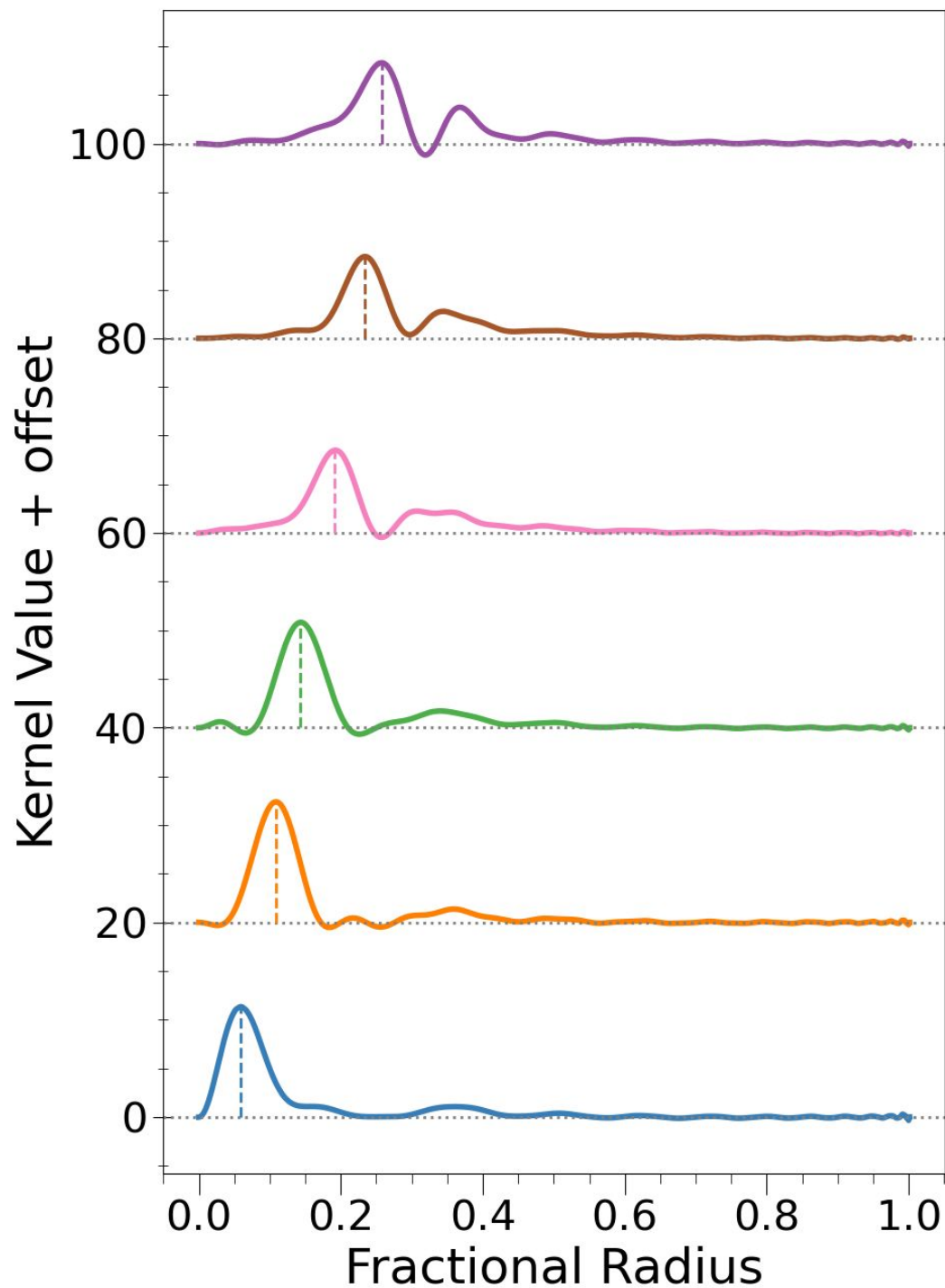
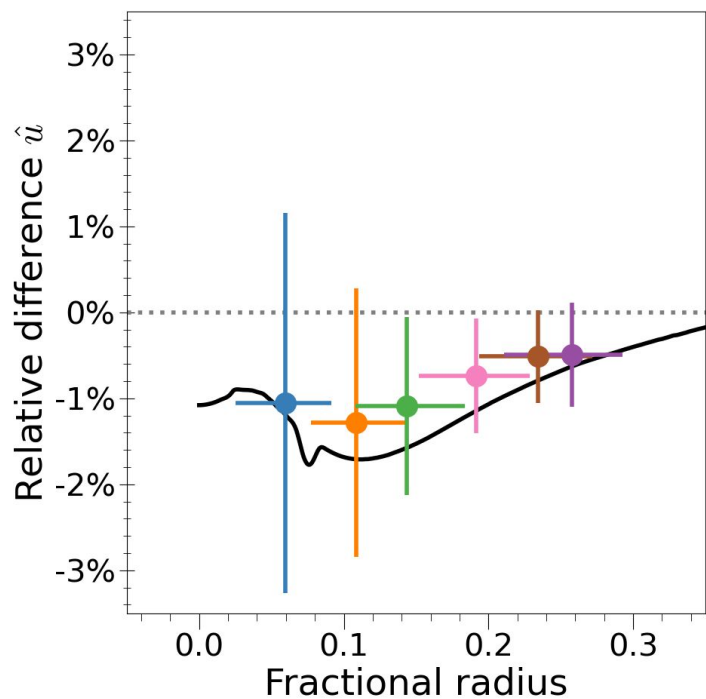


$$\left\langle \frac{\delta u}{u} \right\rangle_{r_0}$$

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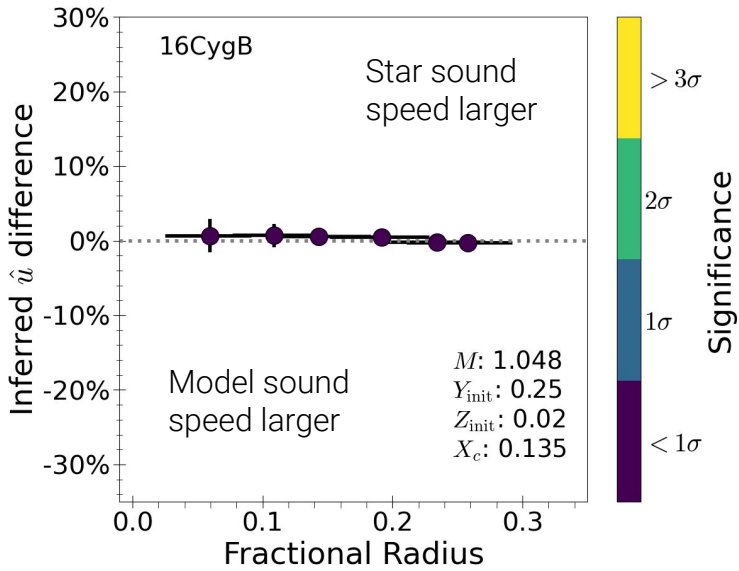


Model-Model Inversions



Results

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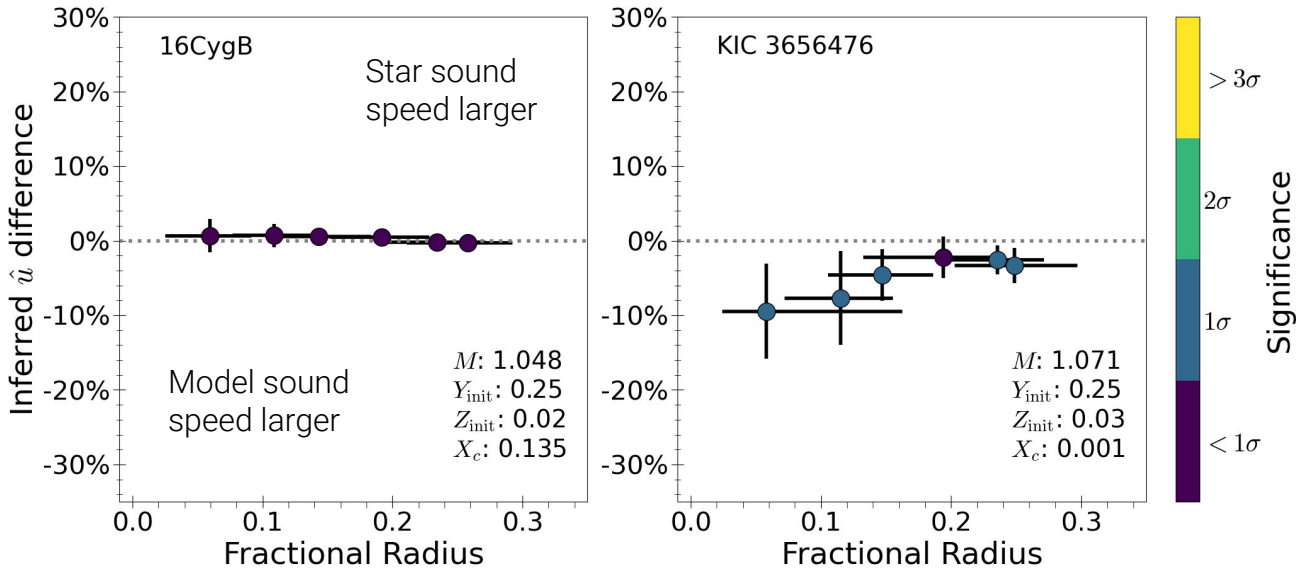


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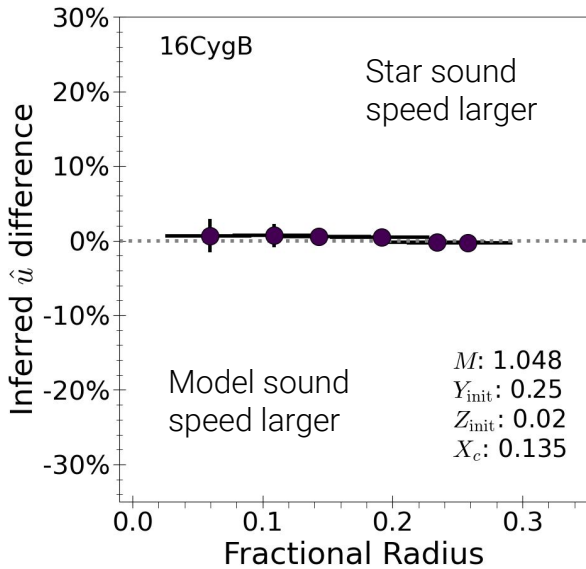
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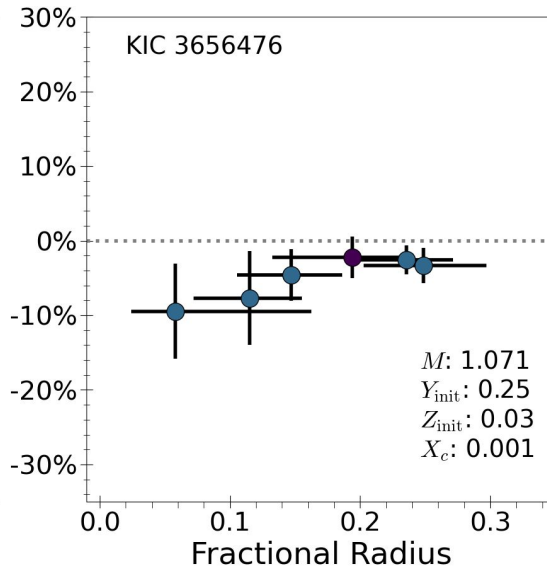
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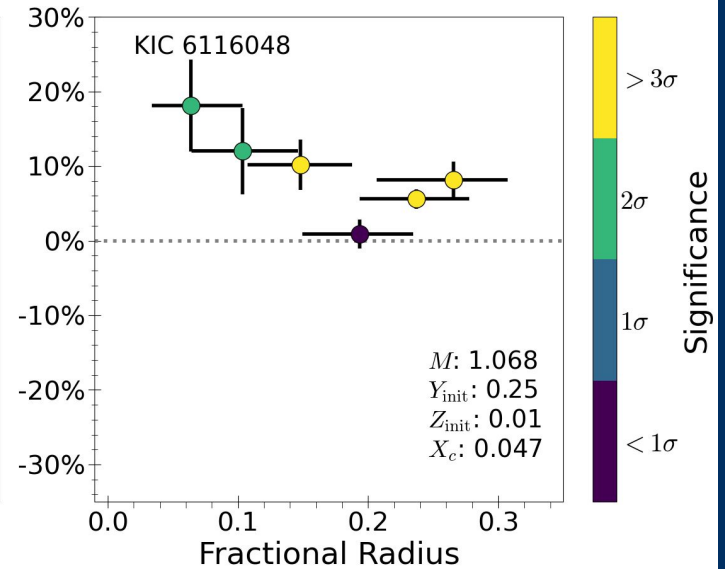
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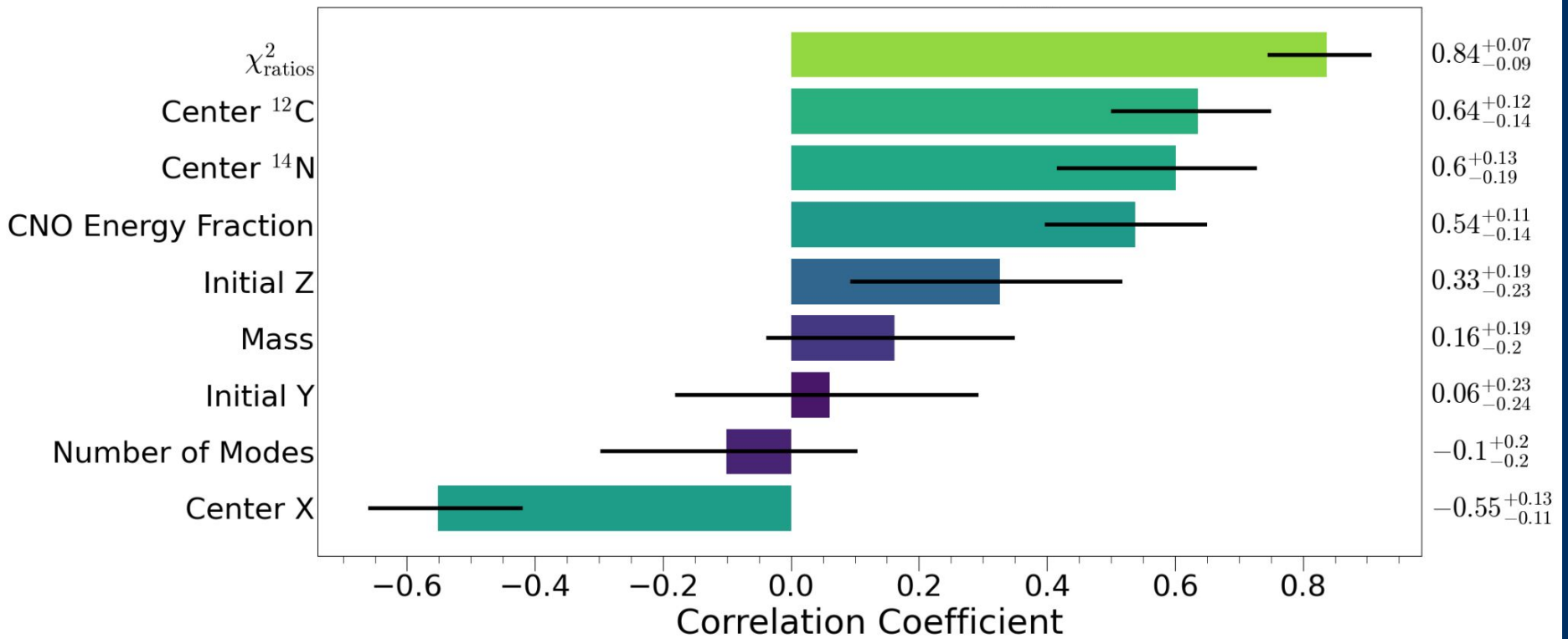


Case 3: Disagreement (4 stars)



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Correlation with $\chi^2_{\text{Inversion}}$

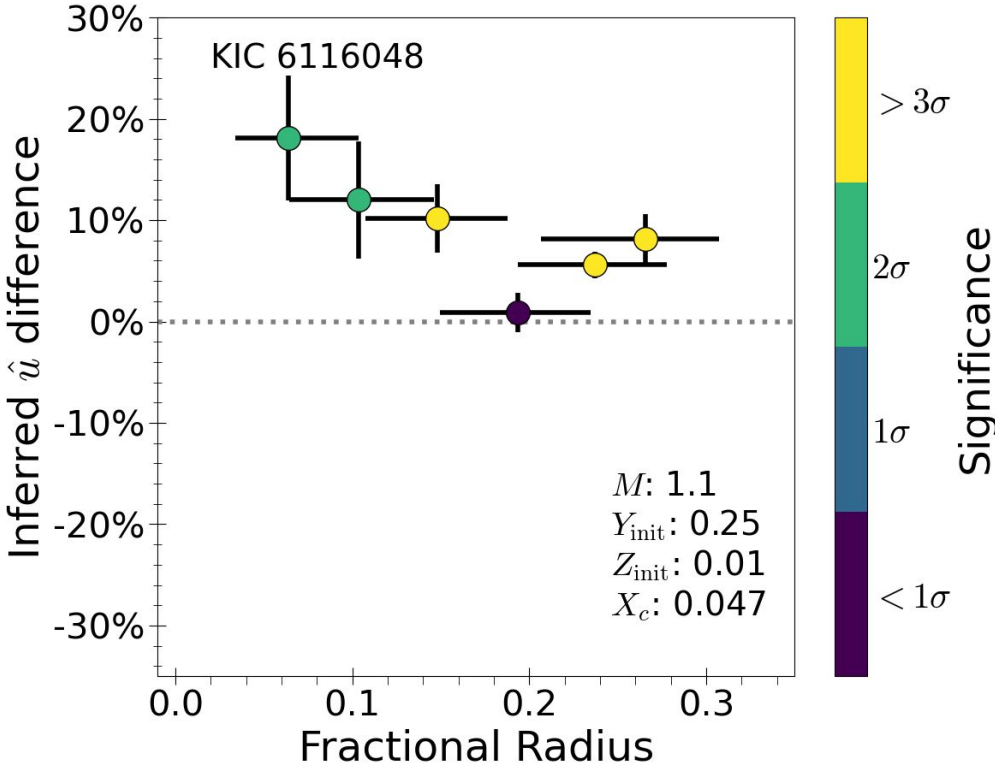


Can the models be improved?

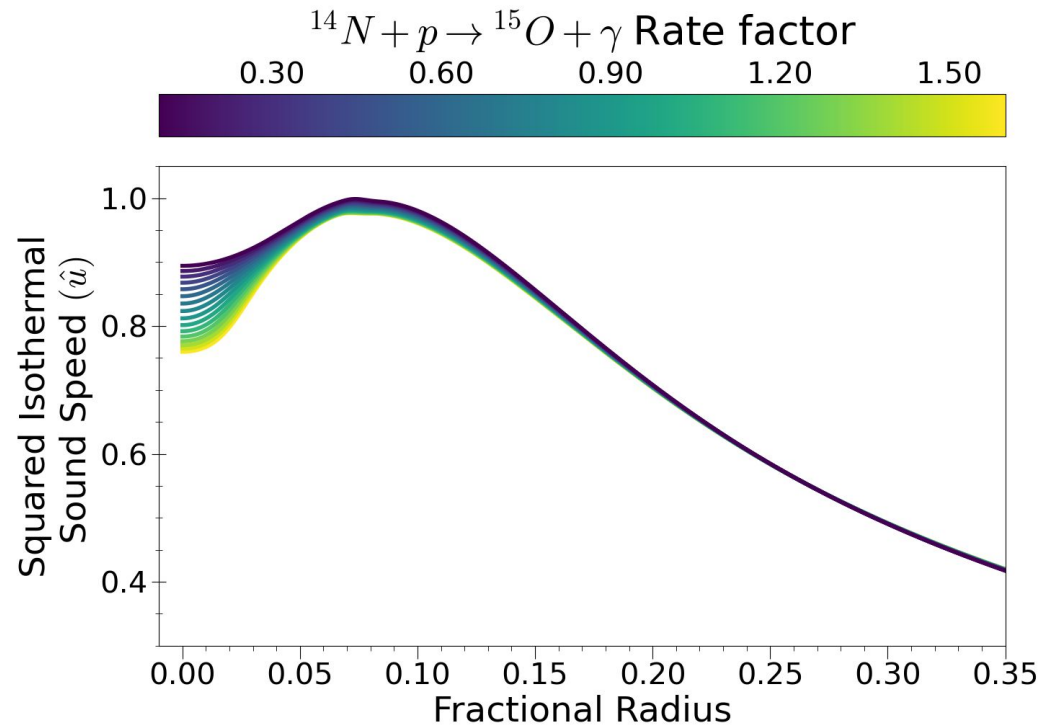
CNO Reaction Rate

pp II Reaction Rate

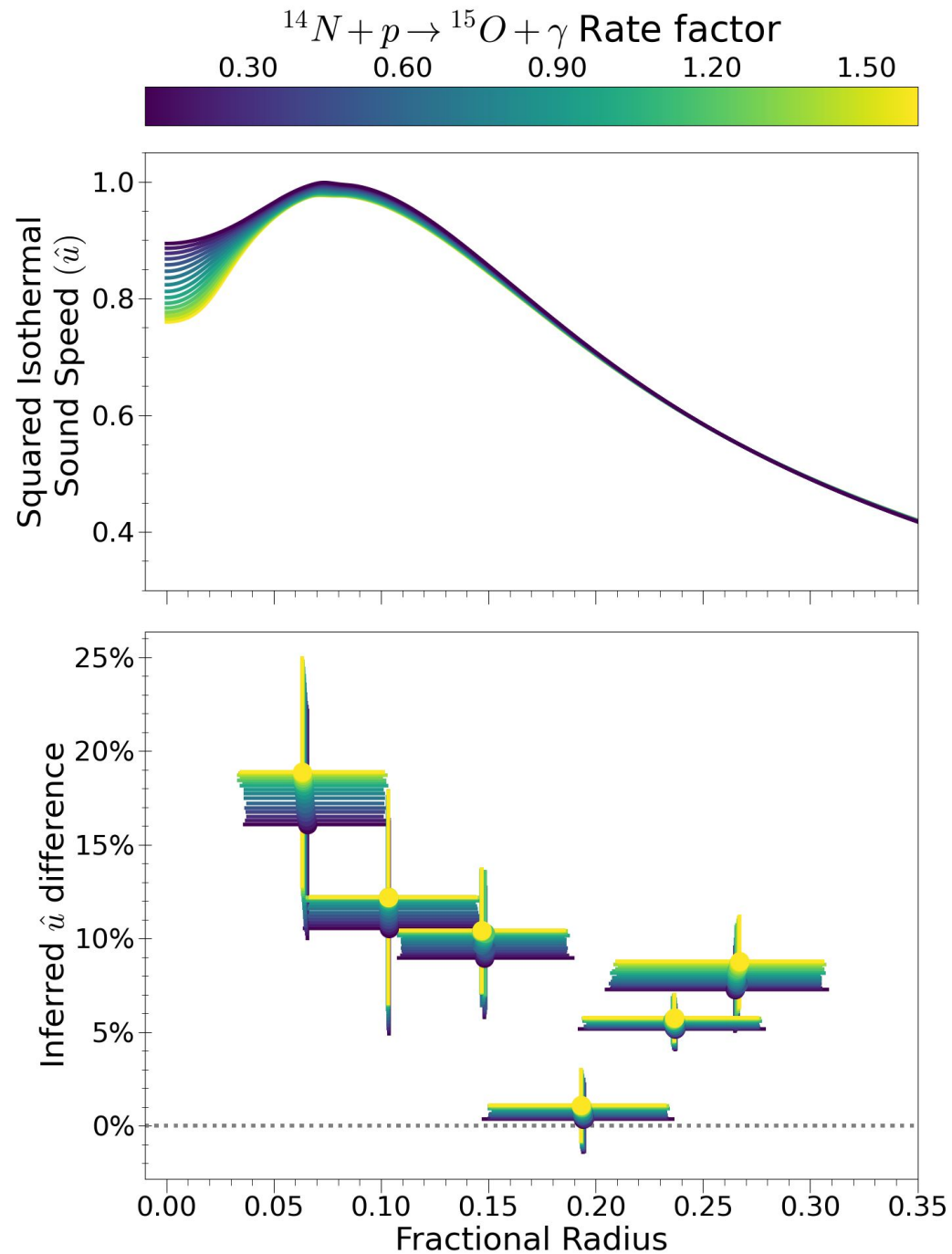
Core Opacity



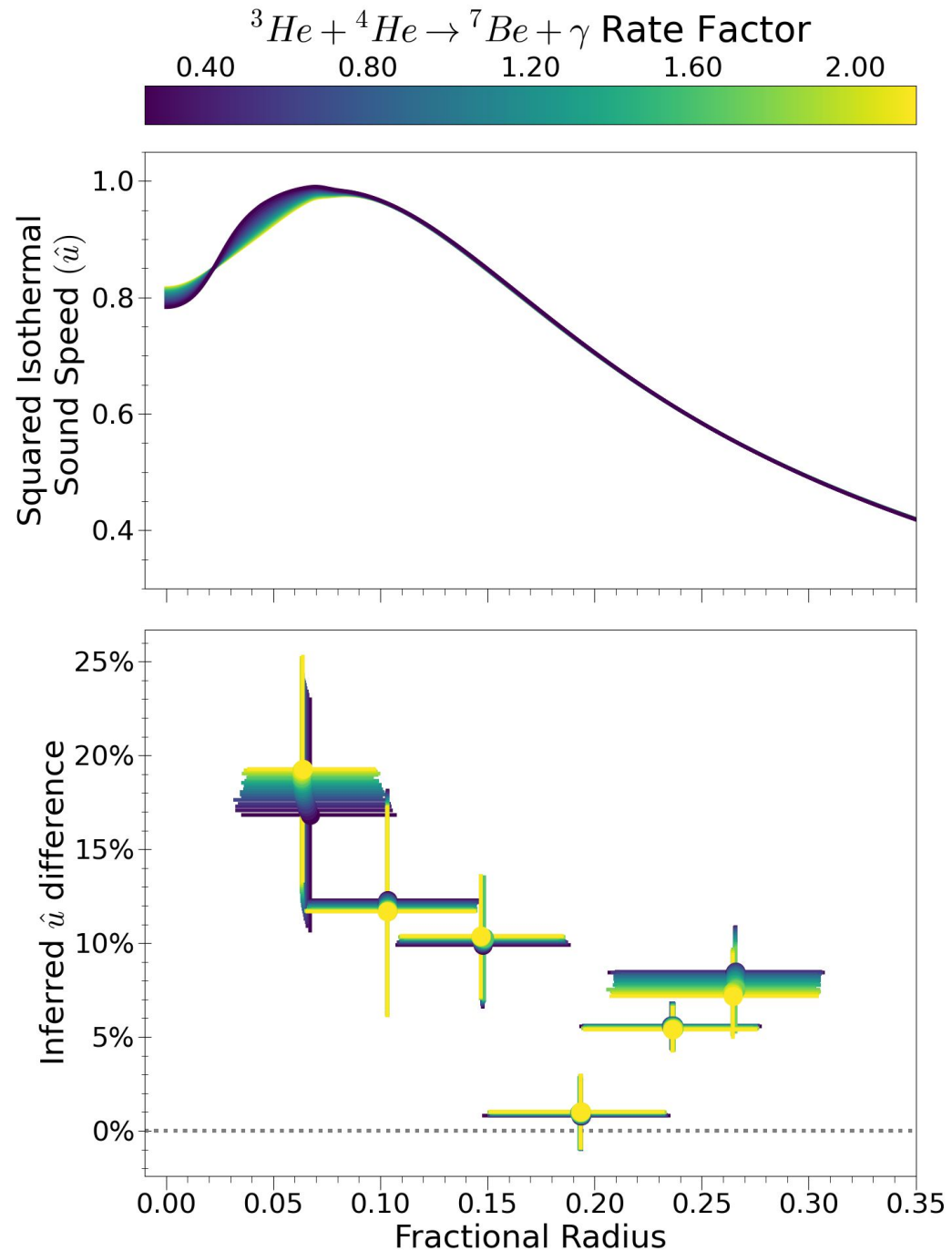
Microphysics Changes: CNO Cycle



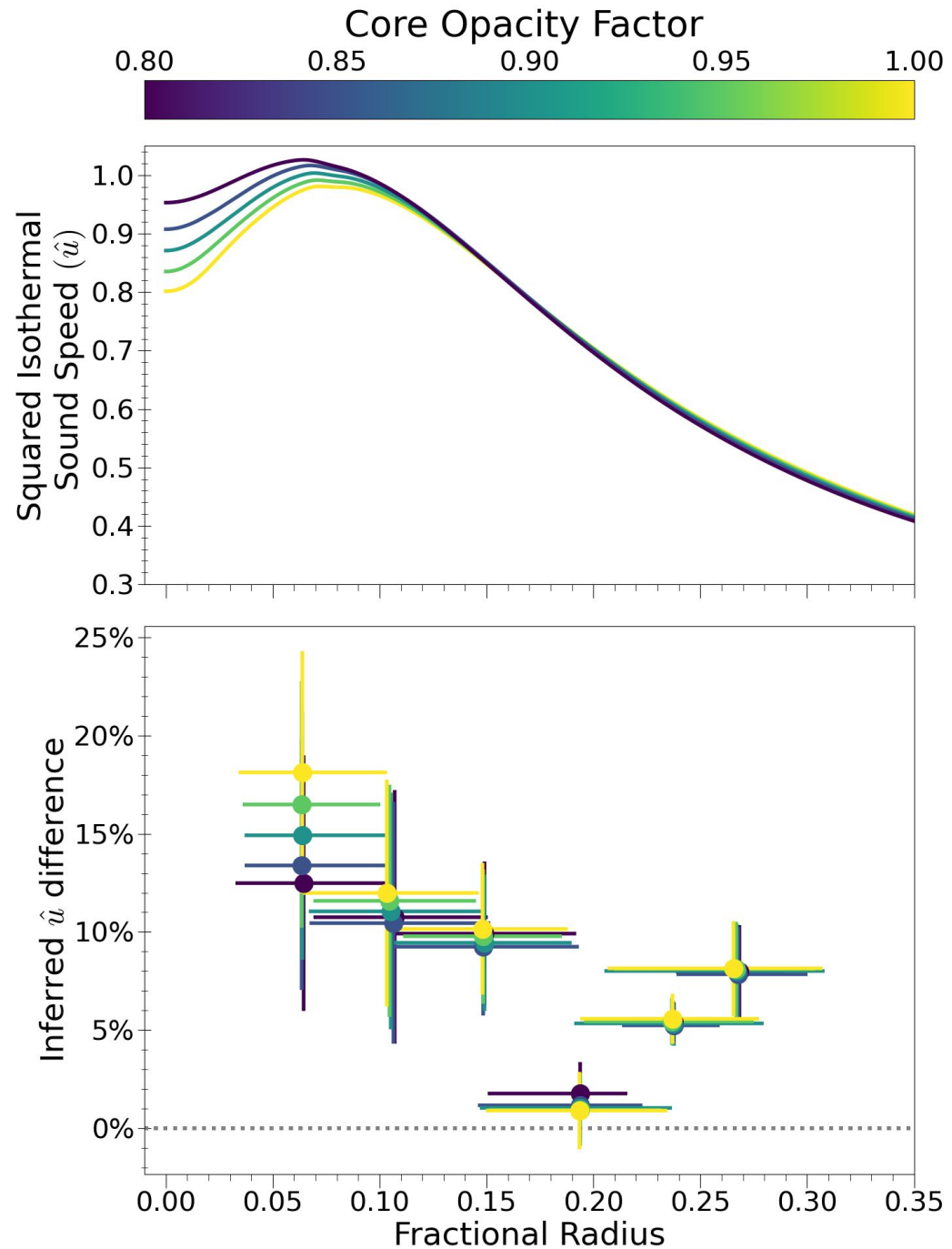
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Microphysics Changes: p-p II & III



Microphysics Changes: Core Opacity



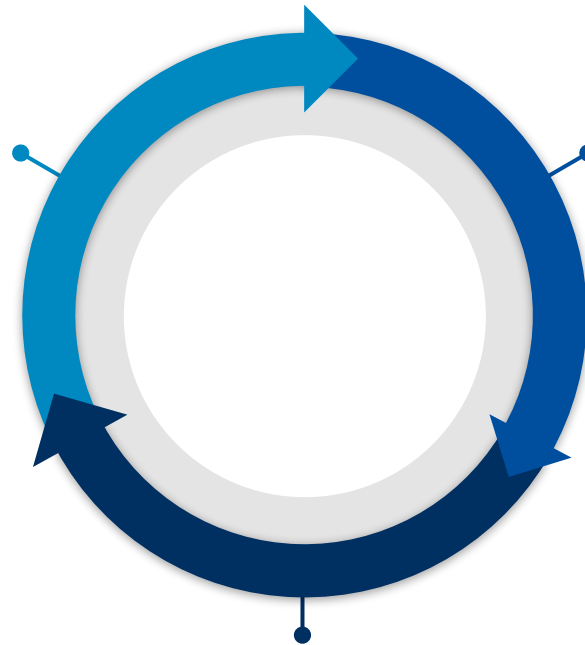
Stellar Modeling

Obtained reference models for 12 Kepler main-sequence stars with radiative cores

Structure Inversions

Results show

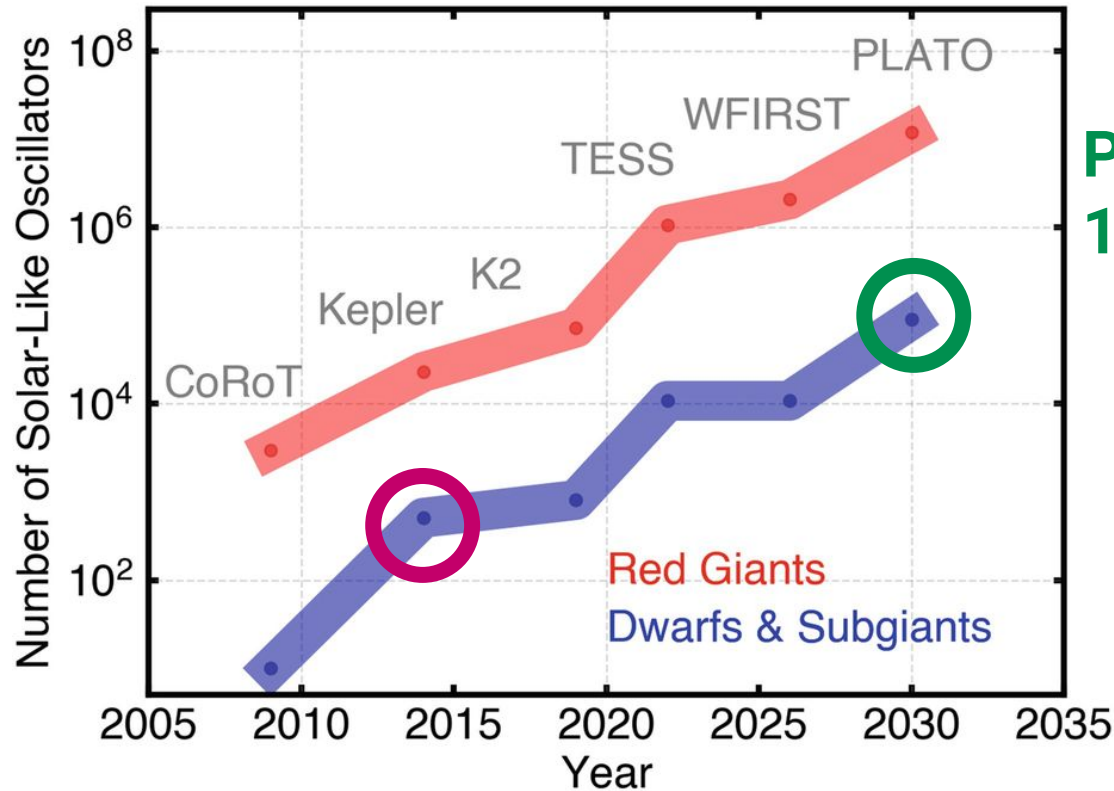
- 3 stars with full agreement
- 5 stars with slight disagreement
- 4 stars with large disagreement



Improved
Physics

Changes to reaction rates and core opacity reduce, but don't fully resolve, differences

What can be expected with PLATO data?



**PLATO:
1000+ Stars**

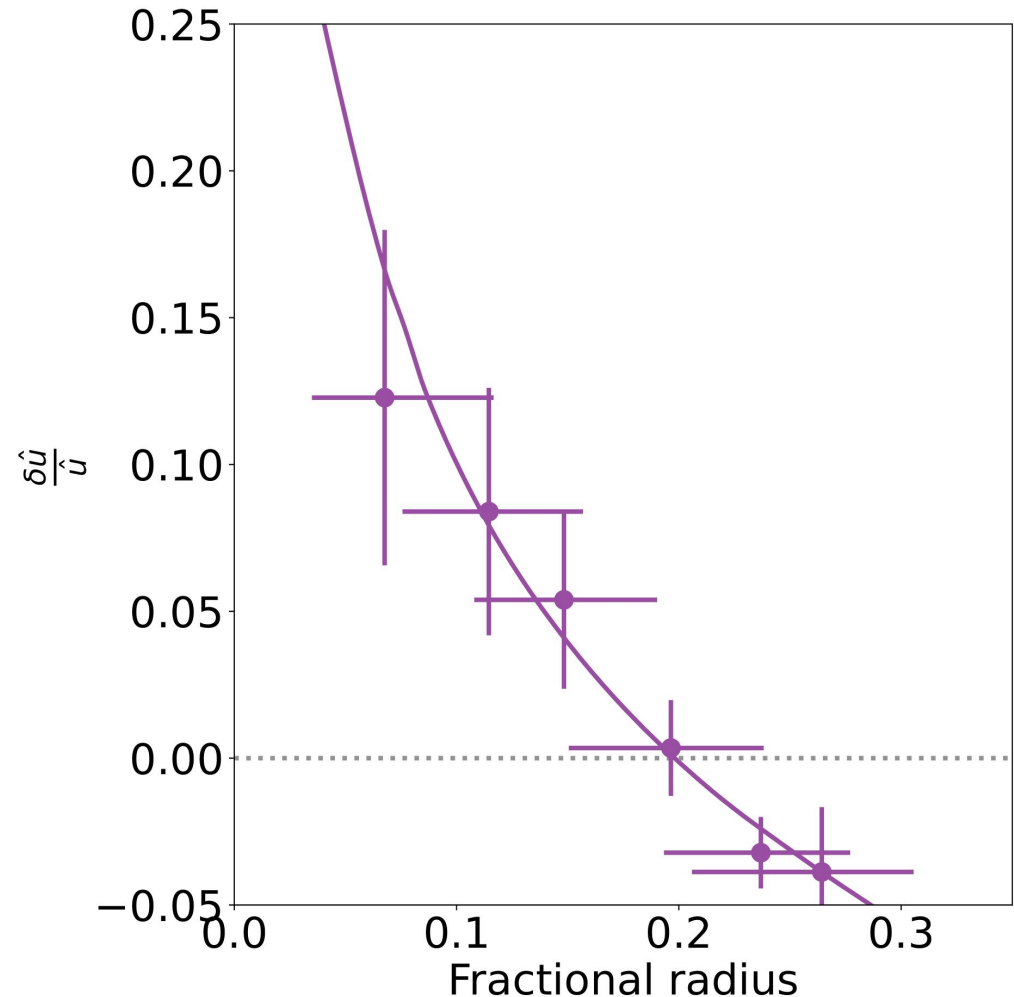
Kepler: 12 Stars

Is 15% difference linear?

Model with opacity factor of 0.5 for entire star

Really bad fit to the frequencies

Inversions recover the large difference well

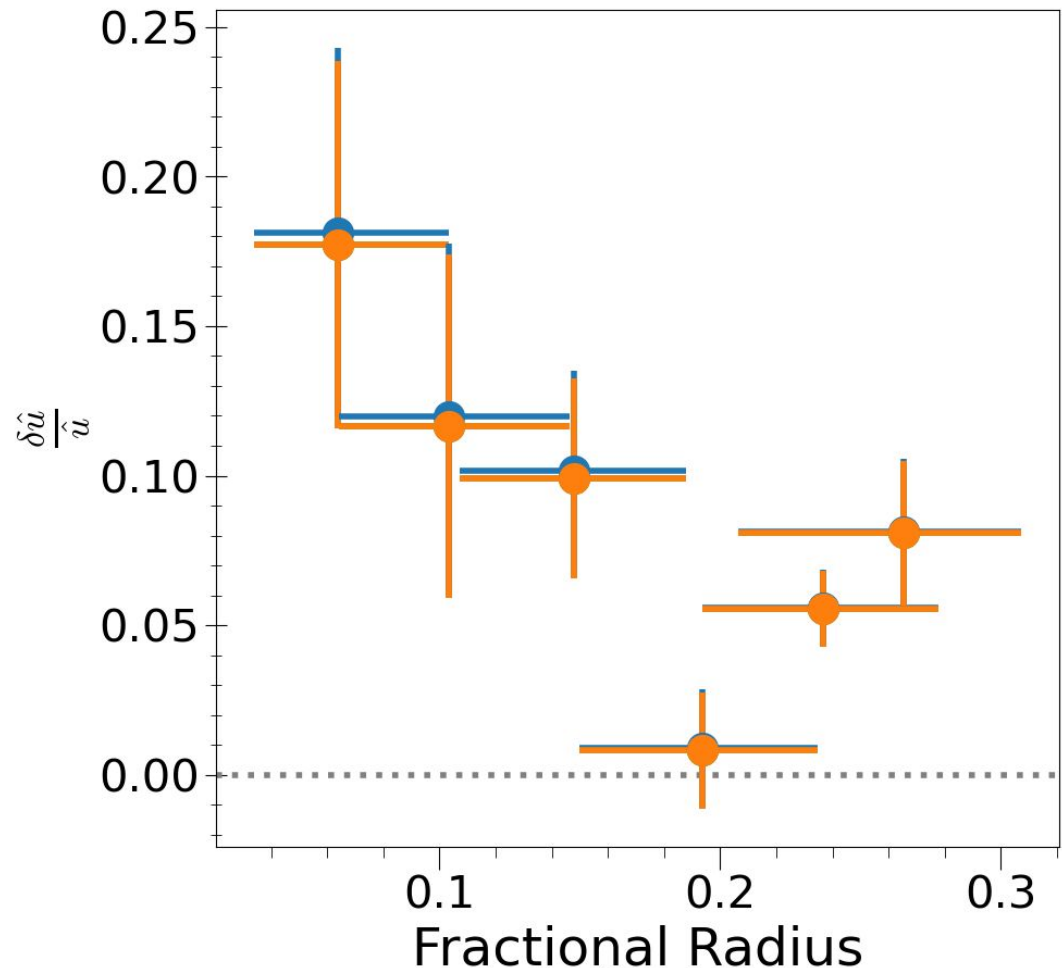


Mean Density Considerations 1

Test two methods of non-dimensionalization

- Delta nu scaling
- Weighted mean

Inversion results are unaffected



Mean Density Considerations 2

Using alternative reference models (with different M and R values) yields consistent results

