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The surface of the Sun shows rapidly changing patterns due to convection, as well as global oscillations of very low amplitude. The CoRoT (Convection Rotation and Planetary Transits) satellite, launched in December 2006, has now measured both phenomena in other stars. See page 558.

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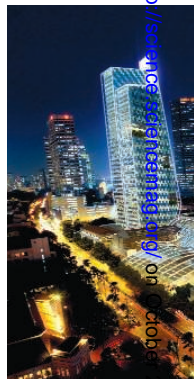
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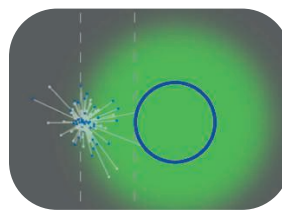
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Within a fossil bivalve genus, evolution tended to occur as a random walk at the highest latitudes and to be in stasis mode in deep marine environments.

10.1126/science.1162046

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De Novo Formation of a Subnuclear Body

*T. E. Kaiser, R. V. Intine, M. Dunder*

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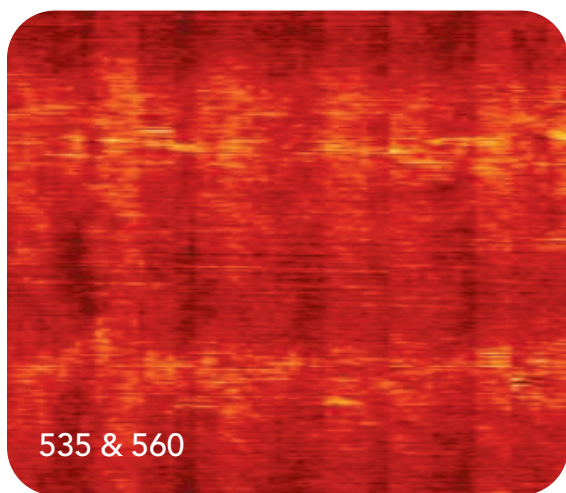
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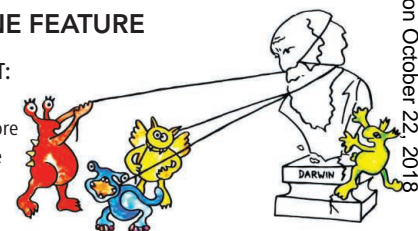
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