C IL1 Observations of convection in A-stars

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Convection and turbulence in stellar atmospheres have a significant affect on the emergent flux from A-type stars. The recent theoretical advancements in convection modelling have proved a challenge to the observers to obtain measurements with sufficient precision and accuracy to allow discrimination between the various predictions.

A discussion of the current observational techniques use to evaluate the various convection theories is presented. These include broad- and narrow-band filter photometry, spectrophotometry, hydrogen lines, and metal lines. The results from these techniques are given, along with the successes and limitations.

The future prospects and observational challenges will also be discussed.

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