



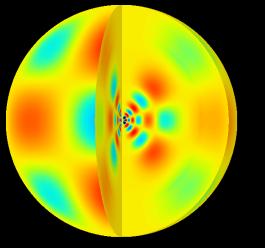
Asteroseismology and Stellar Physics

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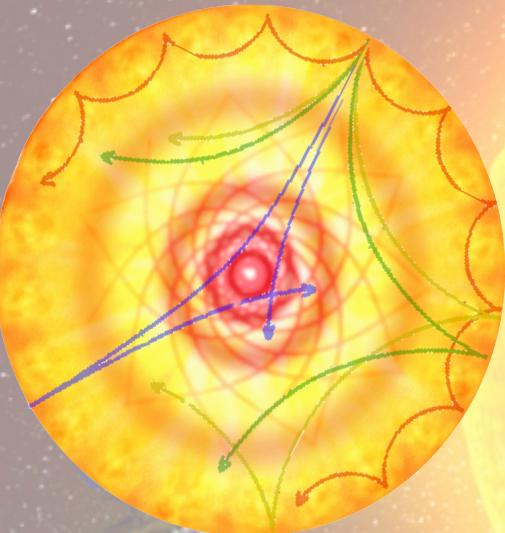
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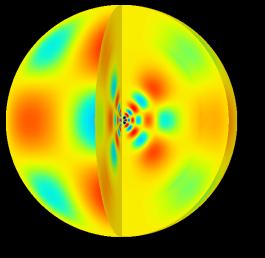
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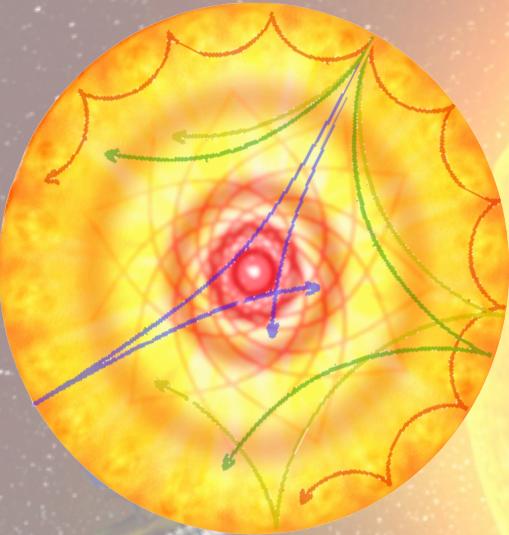
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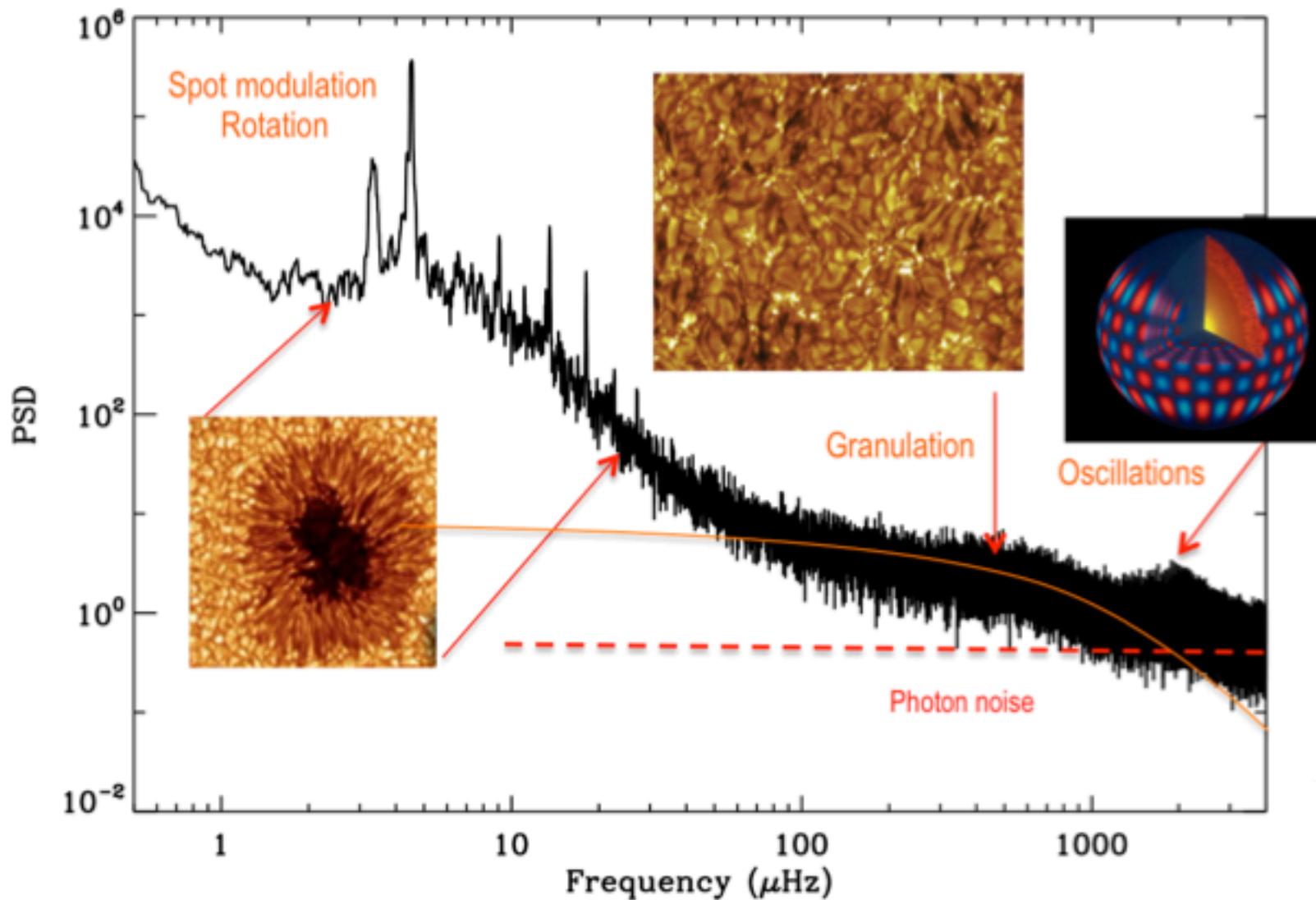
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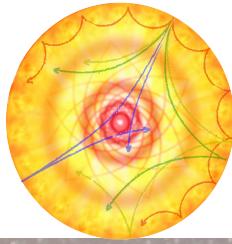
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Directly probes the deeper layers of the sun and the stars

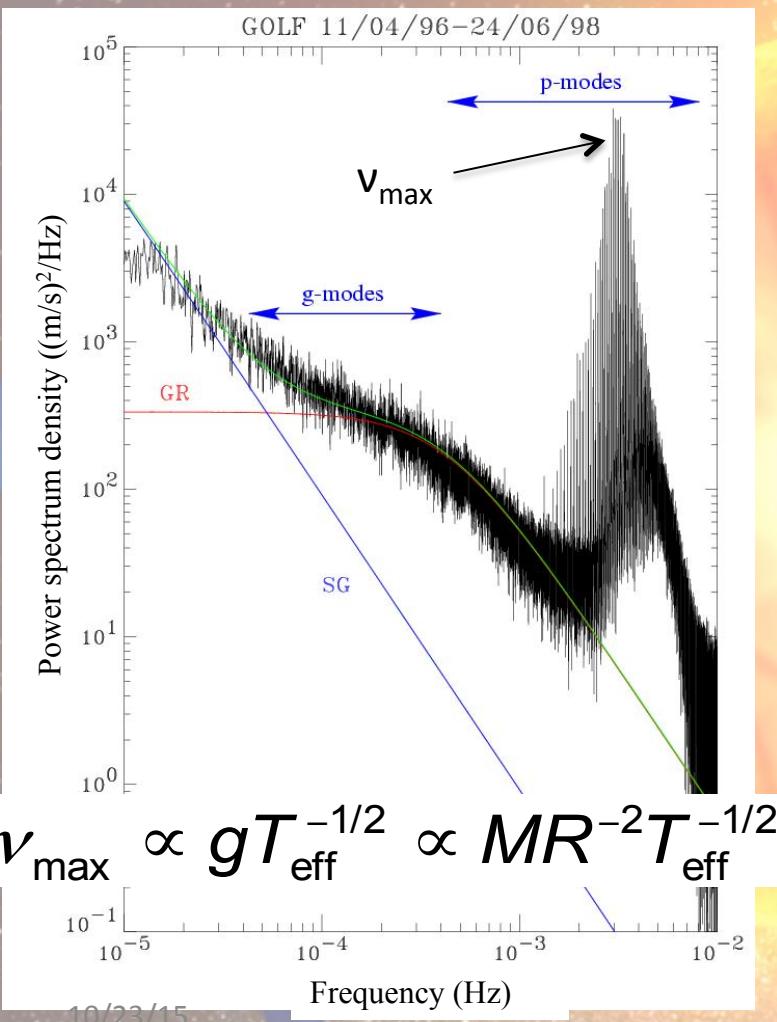
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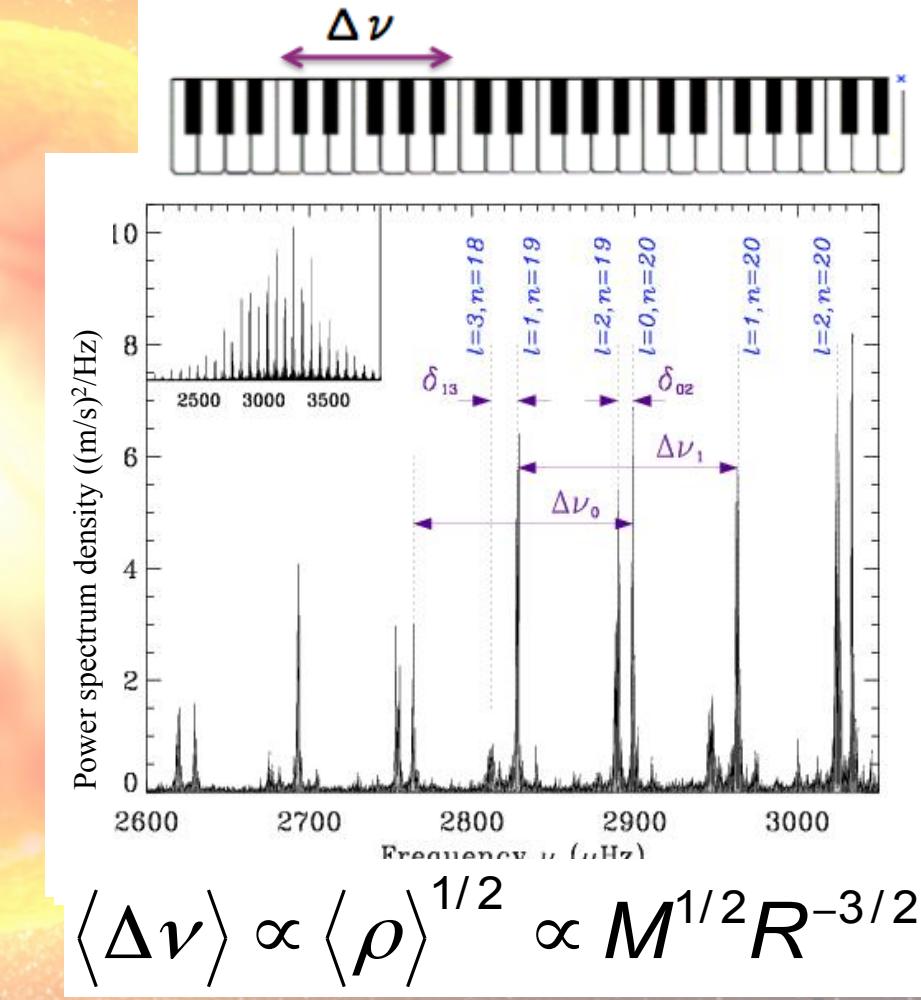
Power Spectrum

➤ Frequency at maximum power



➤ Large separation: $\Delta\nu = \nu_{n,\ell} - \nu_{n-1,\ell}$

- Average properties of the star:



Stellar properties: direct methods

Use of scaling relations

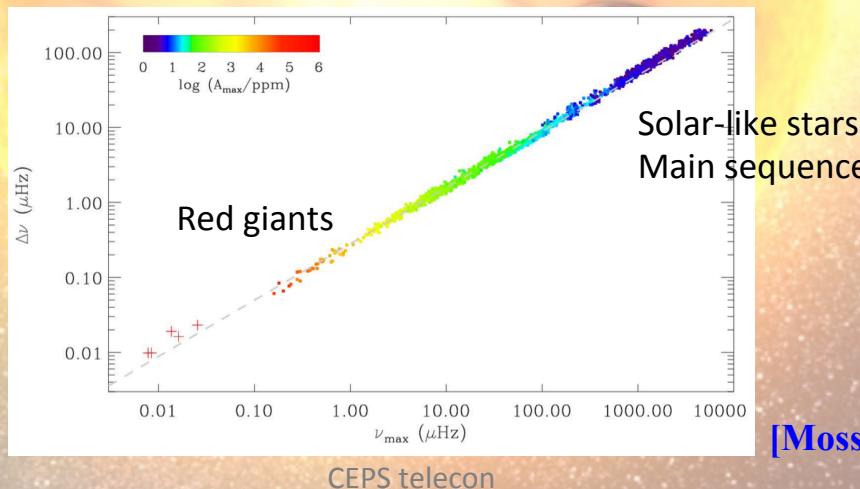
From global asteroseismic parameters and a good estimation of T_{eff}

$$R \propto \nu_{\max} \langle \Delta\nu \rangle^{-2} T_{\text{eff}}^{0.5} \quad (\sim 5\%)$$

$$M \propto \nu_{\max}^3 \langle \Delta\nu \rangle^{-4} T_{\text{eff}}^{1.5} \quad (\sim 10\%)$$

Tested both theoretically and observationally

[Kjeldsen & Bedding 1995; Huber et al. 2012; Mathur et al. 2012; Silva Aguirre et al. 2012]

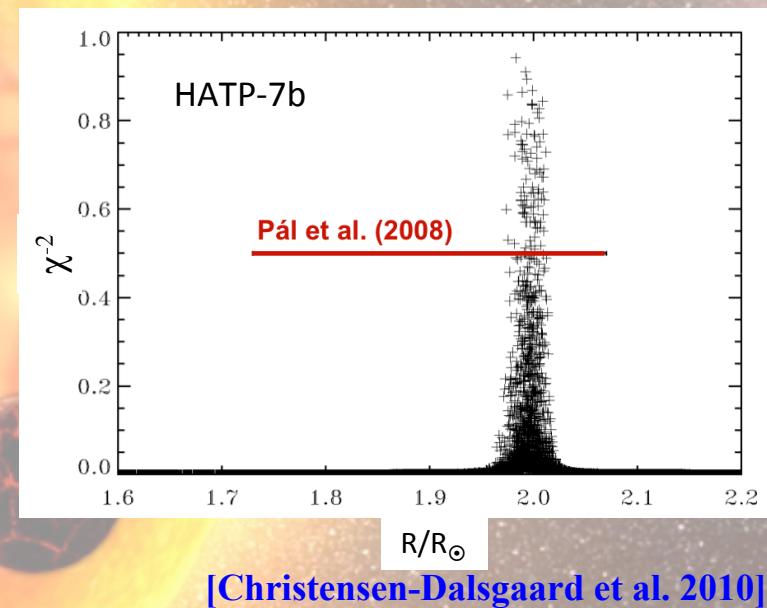


[Mosser et al., 2013 SF2A]

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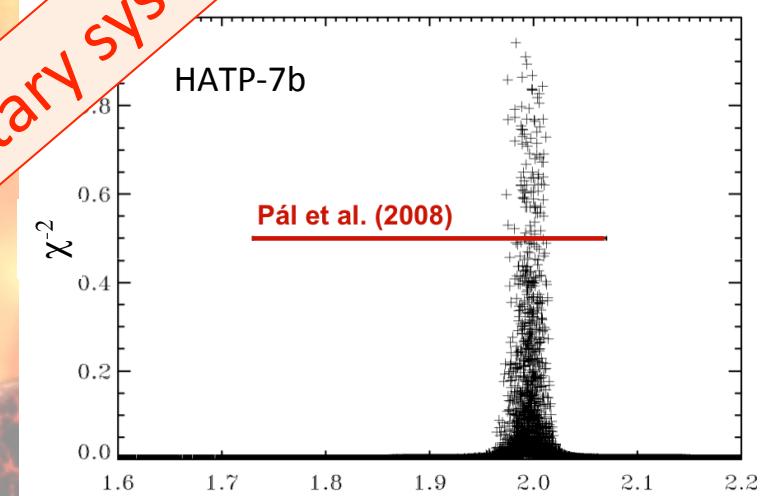
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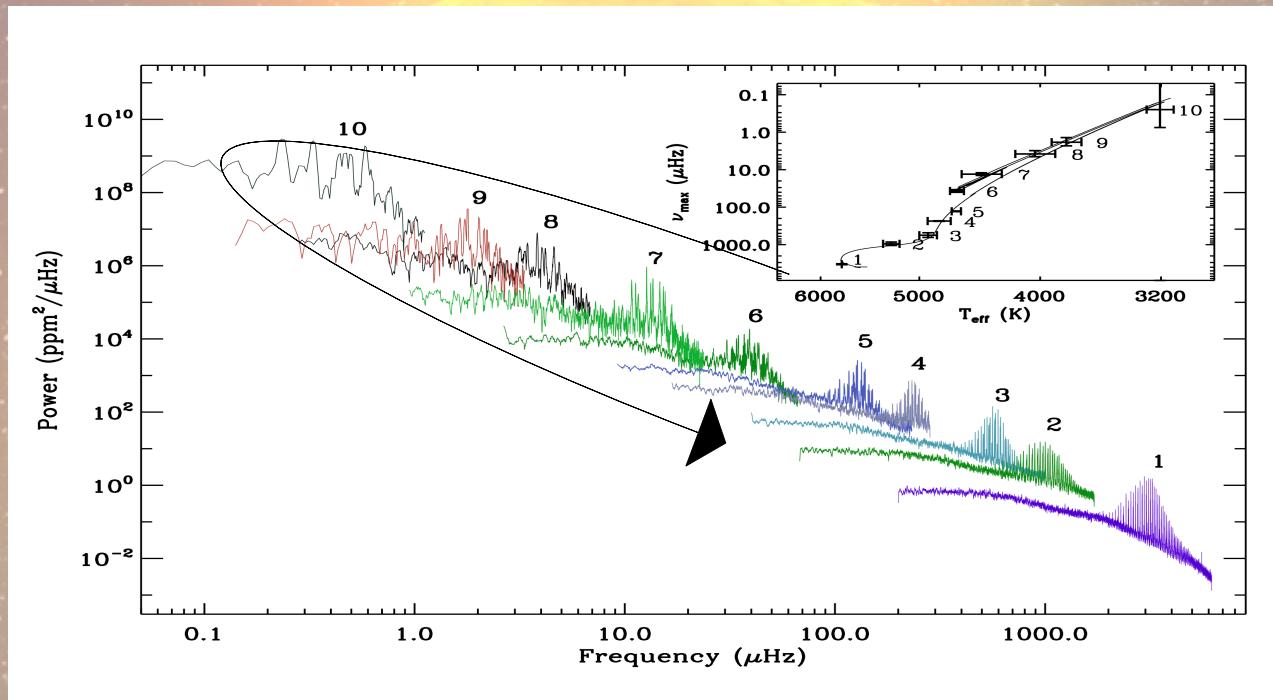
More independent...

Important constraints for planetary systems



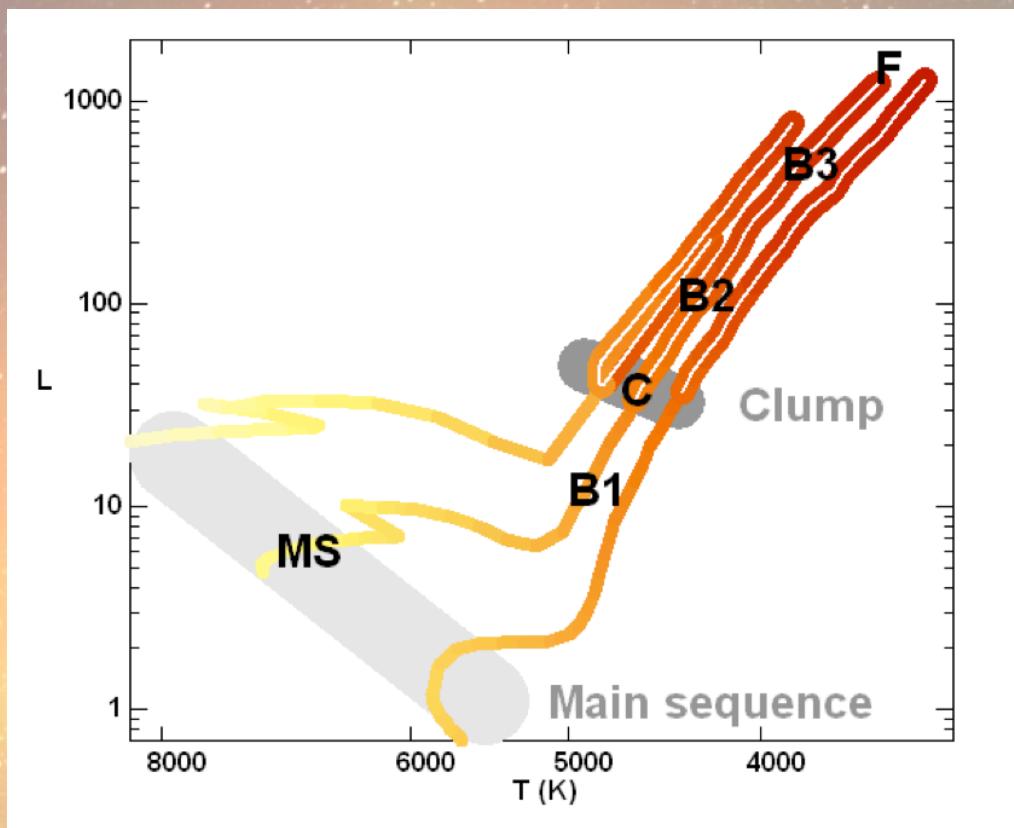
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Stellar evolution



[García & Stello in Extraterrestrial seismology, CUP, 2015]

The RG revolution

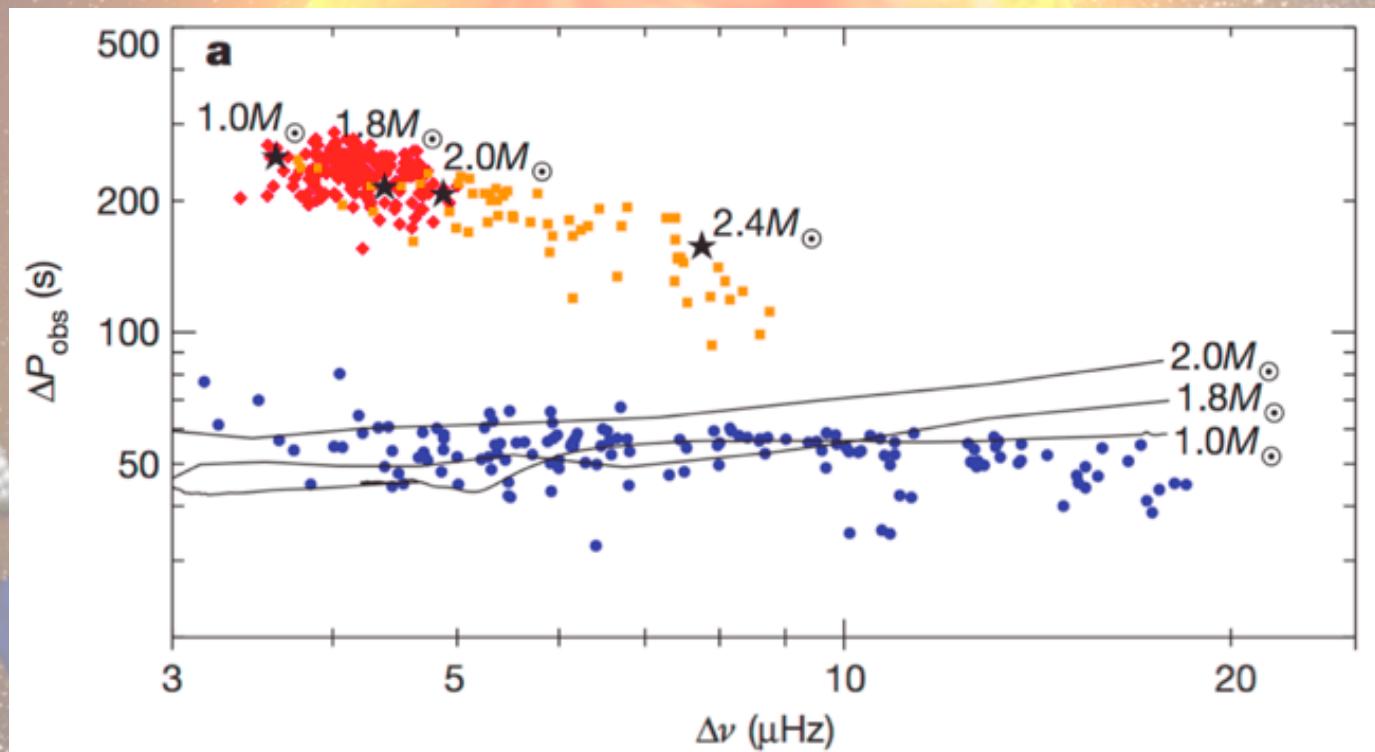


Confusion in the HR diagram:

- From their global properties a RGB star and a Red Clump giant are the same
- Same HR position, same envelopes, same large frequency spacings...
- “Just as in Hollywood, the age of a star is not always obvious if you look at the surface”

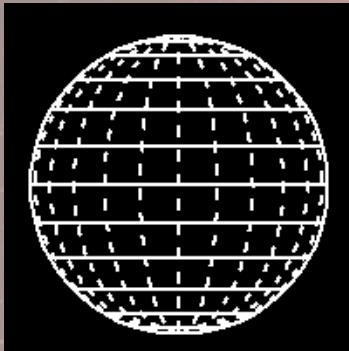
Probing interiors of red giants

- Determination of period spacing of mixed modes ΔP
- Two regimes:
 - Large values of ΔP : burning He in their core
 - small values of ΔP : burning H in a shell



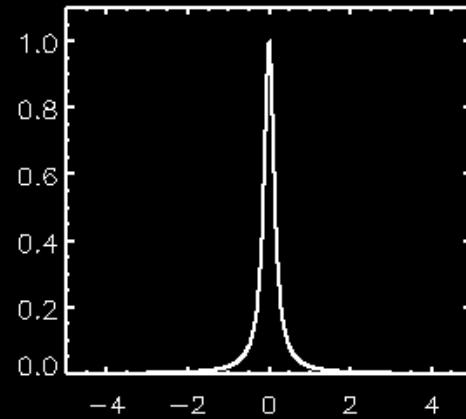
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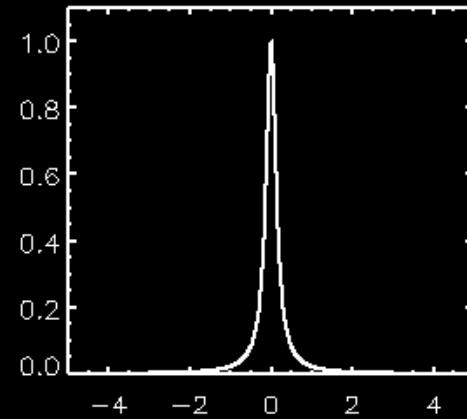


$i = 90^\circ$

$\ell=1$ mode

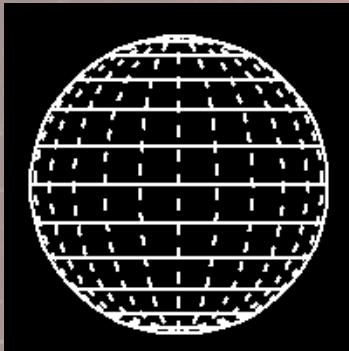


$\ell=2$ mode

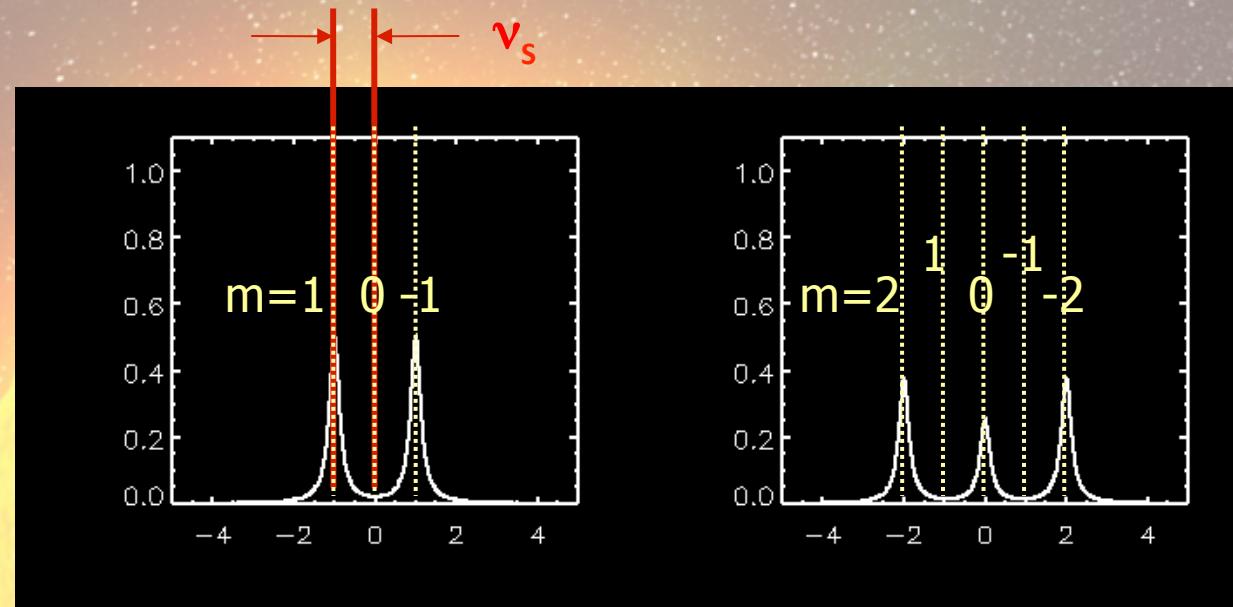


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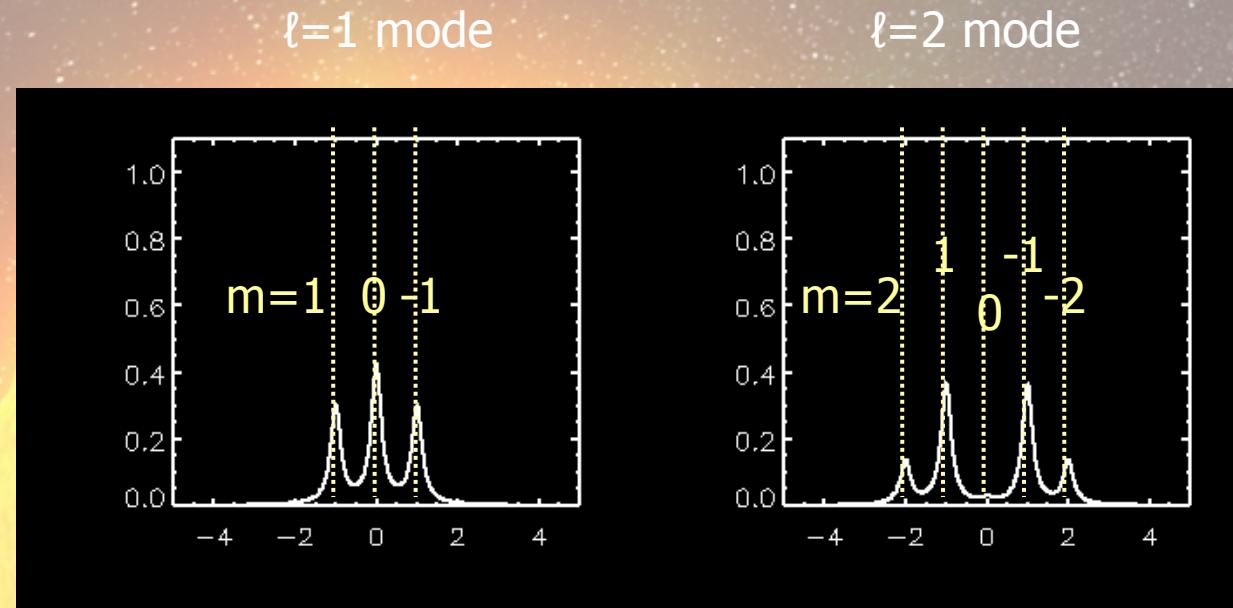
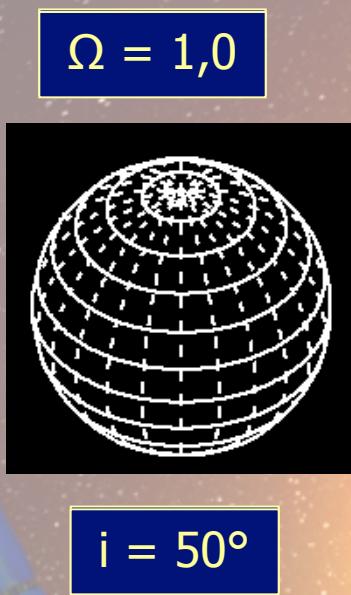
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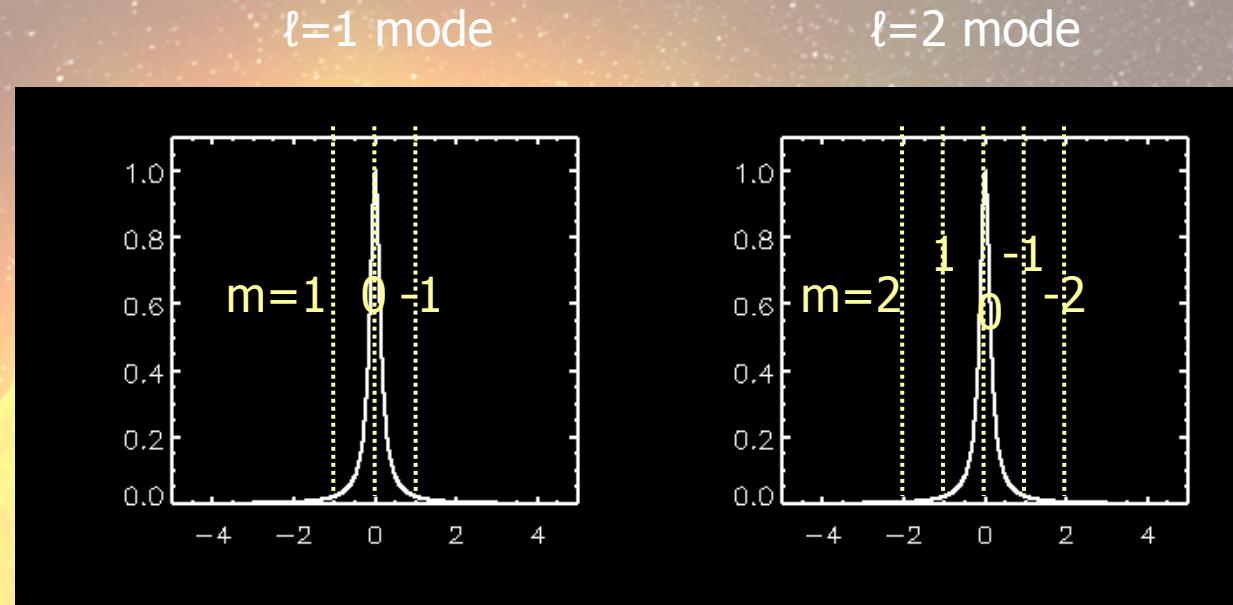
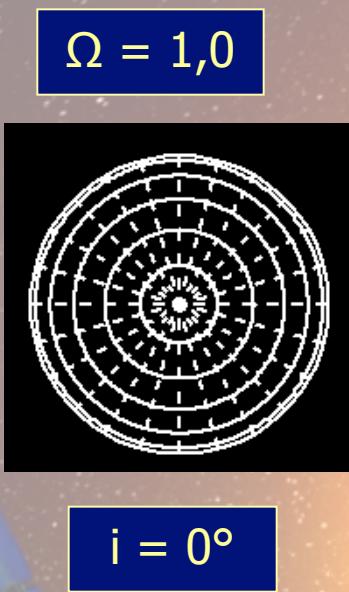
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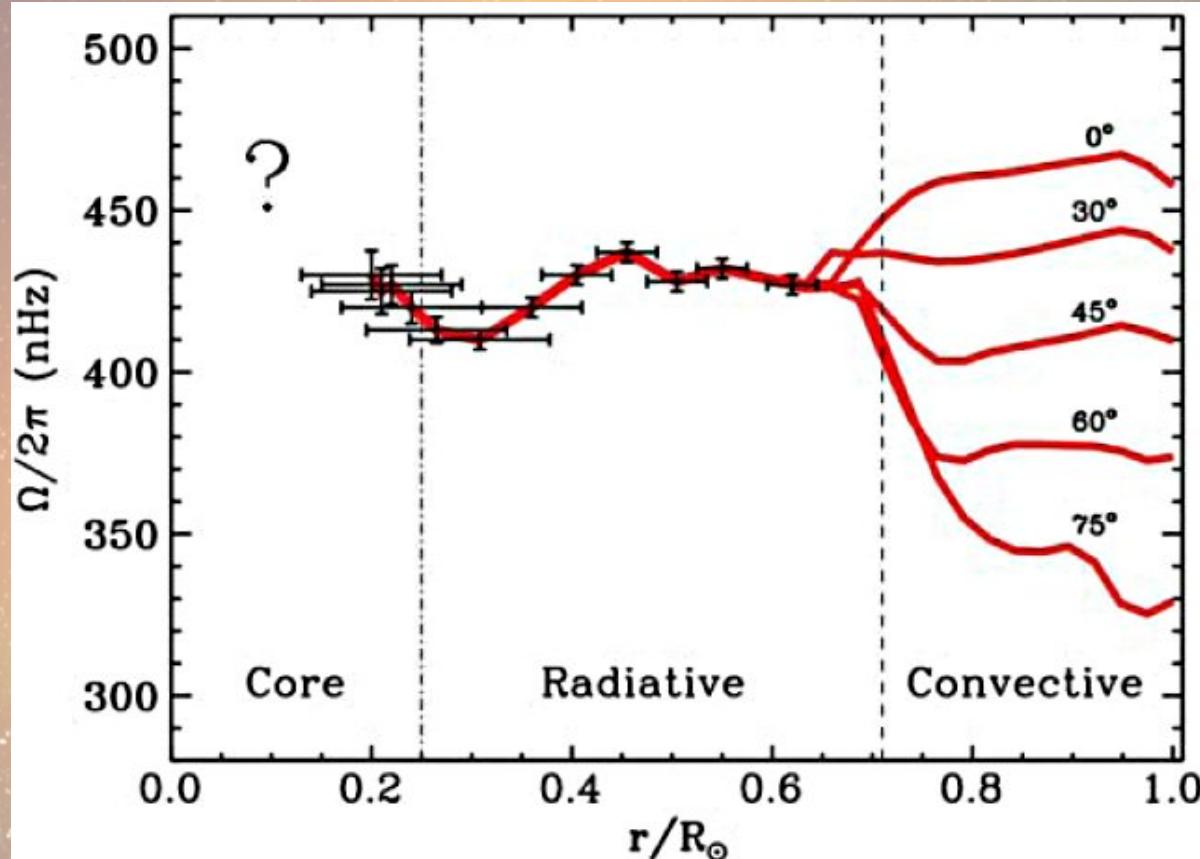
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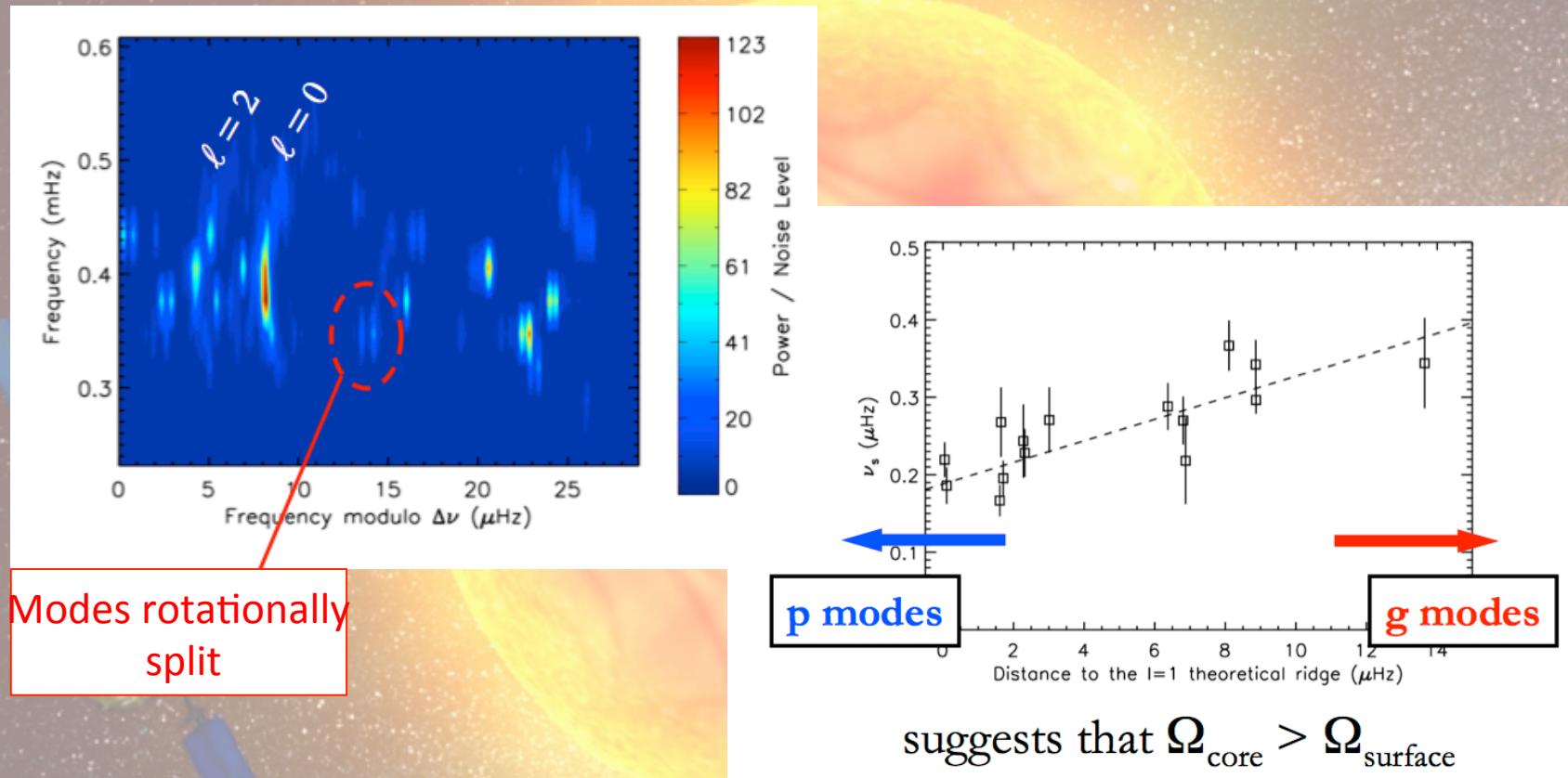
Rotation profile of the Sun



[García et al., 2007 Science]

Rotation profile of a Subgiant

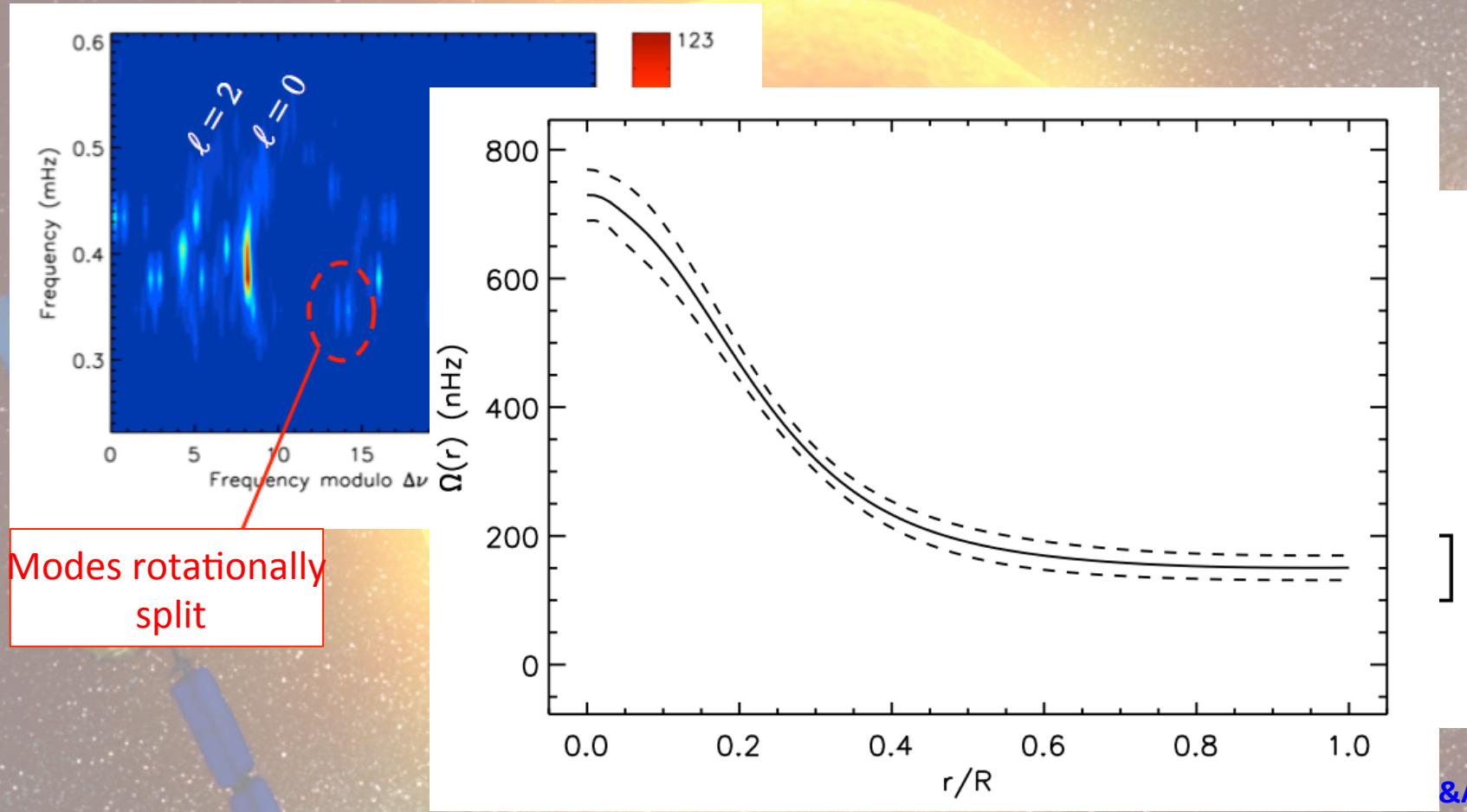
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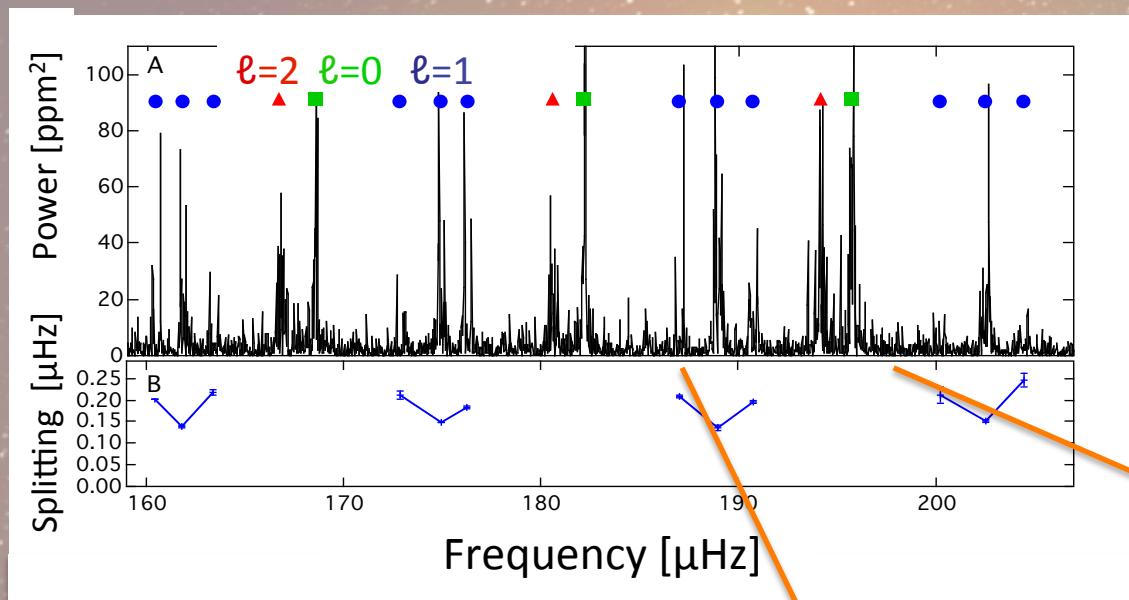
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Rotation profile in red giants

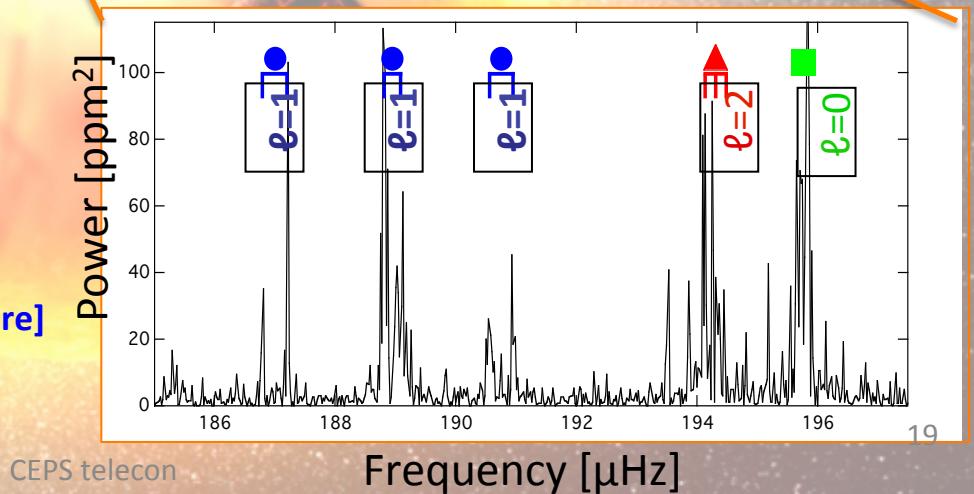


By measuring the splittings

- In more evolved stars
- Core rotates 10 times faster
 - Radiative region
 - In 3 RG stars [\[Beck et al. 2012 Nature\]](#)
- Extension to 300 RG

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Summary

- Asteroseismology:
 - Constrain stellar parameters (M, R, age)
 - Planetary systems
 - Distribution of parameters in the galaxy
 - Study rotation (internal and surface)

Other interests

- *Kepler* star properties catalog:
 - isochrone fitting based on the most accurate observations done to provide stellar parameters of $\sim 200,000$ *Kepler* targets
- Magnetic activity/rotation
- Galactic archeology:
 - In collaboration with APOGEE (SDSS3)