

On the arduous task of modelling rotating A-type stars and their pulsations

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Why would anyone want to do that ? !

(Modelling rotating A-type stars and their pulsations)

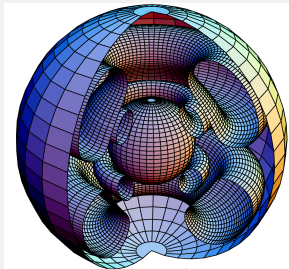
- Non-standard stellar physics related to convective cores and rotation:
 - transport and mixing phenomena due to rotation,
 - mixing due to overshooting,
 - baroclinic flows,
 - turbulence,
 - diffusion,
 - ...
- Advances in understanding these phenomena will allow to interpret observations fruitfully
- Unprecedented asteroseismic potential which results are hindered by our lack of knowledge of these phenomena

1. Expected rotational effects on A-type stars structure
2. Impact of rotation on their pulsations
3. Asteroseismic inferences of rotation

What rotation does to stars

Meridional Circulation in radiative envelopes

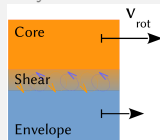
Zahn 1992, Maeder & Zahn 1998



Meynet & Maeder 2002

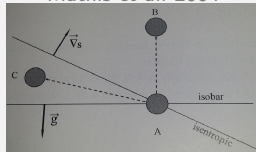
Shear induced turbulence

Chaboyer & Zahn 1992



Baroclinic instabilities

Mathis et al. 2004



→ Transport of chemical elements (evolution!), and angular momentum

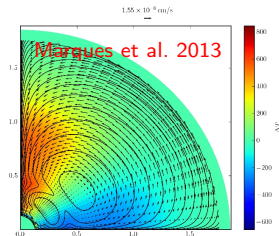
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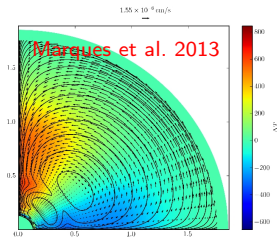
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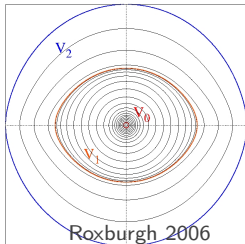
- Evolution in spherical symmetry
- Ad hoc rotation profile
- Hydrostatic Equilibrium including centrifugal force

SCF method (Jackson et al. 2004 2005)

Characteristics method (Roxburgh 2004 2006)

→ Asteroseismic and interferometric obs⁰

Centrifugal Distortion



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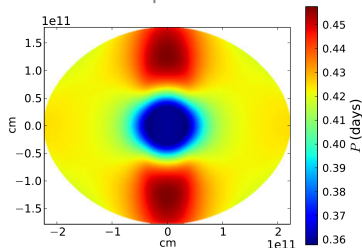
→ Fast core rotating as a cylinder,
shellular rotation in the inner part of the RZ,
latitudinal differential in the outer part.

→ Improvement of gravity darkening law

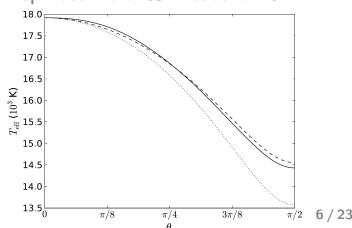
→ <http://ester-project.github.io/ester/>

→ See talk G. Halabi

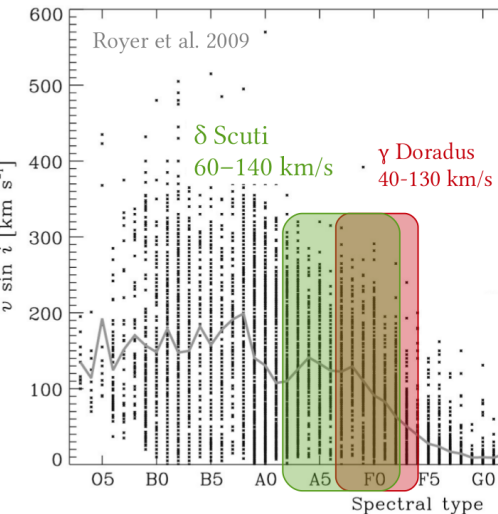
Rotation map
Rieutord & Espinosa Lara 2013



Gravity darkening law
Espinosa Lara & Rieutord 2012



Impact of rotation on A-stars pulsations



→ Talk by Frédéric Royer

through:

- Centrifugal force $\propto r\Omega^2$

Distorts mainly the outer envelope

→ p-modes in δ Scuti stars

- Coriolis force $\propto \Omega v$

Affects the pulsation dynamics,
important when $P_{\text{rot}} \sim P_{\text{puls}}$

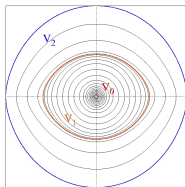
→ g-modes in γ Doradus stars

roAp stars

Rapidly oscillating Ap stars

→ Talks by J. Matthews, D. Gough, M. Cunha, H. Saio and P. Quirral-Manosalva

Ouazzani et al. 2015



Effect of fast rotation on δ Scuti's pulsations

- Through a 2-dimensional, non-perturbative treatment
 Reese et al 2006, 2009b, Ouazzani et al. 2012b, 2015

- Account for the full influence of the Coriolis force:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}'}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}_0 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}' + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v}' + (\mathbf{v}' \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_0 = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla p' - \nabla \Phi' + \frac{\rho'}{\rho_0^2} \rho_0$$

Non-separability of the equations system in terms of r and (θ, φ)

- Expansion on spherical harmonics series

$$\xi_r = \sum_{\ell \geq |m|}^{\infty} \tilde{\xi}_{r,n,\ell}(r) Y_{\ell}^m(\theta, \varphi) e^{i\sigma t}$$

- Resolution of the 2D eigenvalue problem

Codes: TOP (Reese et al. 2006) and ACOR (Ouazzani et al. 2012b)

- Through Ray dynamics formalism

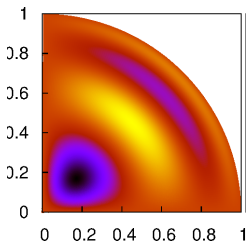
Lignieres & Georgeot 2008, 2009, Pasek et al. 2012, Prat et al. 2016

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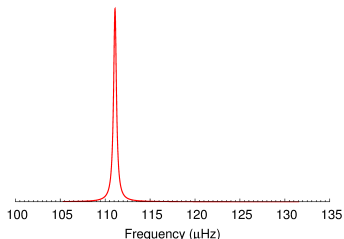
Rotation: $v_{\text{rot}} = 0$ km/s

kinetic energy in a meridional plane



- Spherical symmetry

triplet in the frequency domain



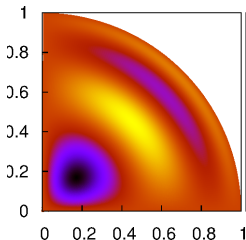
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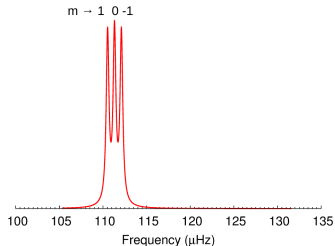
Rotation: $v_{\text{rot}} = 15 \text{ km/s}$

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- Lift of degeneracy

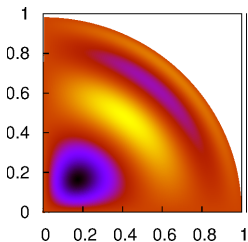
1st order perturbative method $\sigma_{n,\ell,m} = \sigma_{n,\ell}^{\Omega=0} + m \frac{1}{I_{n,\ell}} \int_0^R K_{n,\ell}(r) \Omega(r) \rho_0 r^2 dr$

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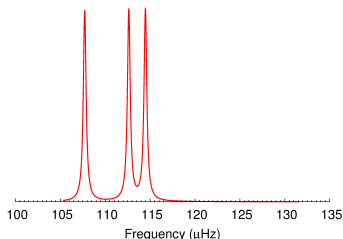
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- Slight distortion

$$p_0 = p_{00} + \epsilon^2 p_2 P_2(\cos\theta)$$

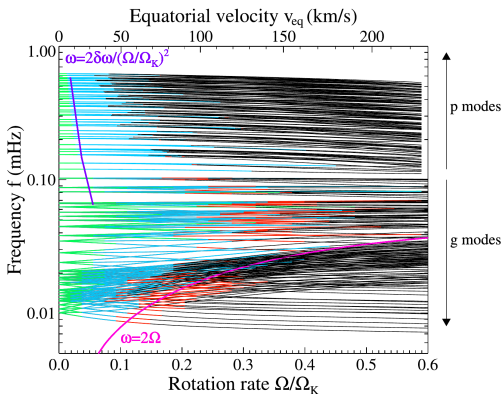
triplet in the frequency domain



- Assymetry of the triplets

$$\sigma_{n,\ell,m} = \sigma_{n,\ell}^{\Omega=0} + m\sigma_{n,\ell,1} + \Omega^2 \left(D_{1,n,\ell} + m^2 D_{2,n,\ell} \right)$$

To what extent are the perturbative methods valid ?



Rotation as a small perturbation:

$$\omega_{n,\ell,m} = \omega_{n,\ell}^{\Omega=0} + m\Omega C_{n,\ell,1} + \Omega^2 C_{n,\ell,m,2} + \Omega^3 C_{n,\ell,m,3} \dots$$

Validity domain ? Ballot et al. 2010

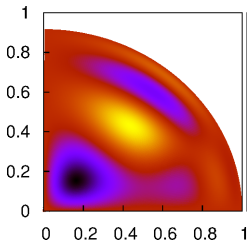
Comparison between complete and **1st**, **2nd**, and **3rd** perturbative methods.

⇒ Asteroseismology based on non-perturbative modelling of pulsations

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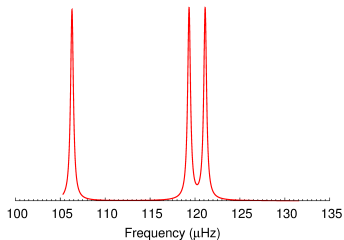
Rotation: $v_{\text{rot}} = 142 \text{ km/s}$

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- Mixed symmetry $\ell = 1/\ell = 3$

triplet in the frequency domain

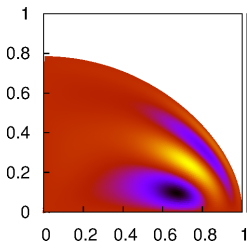


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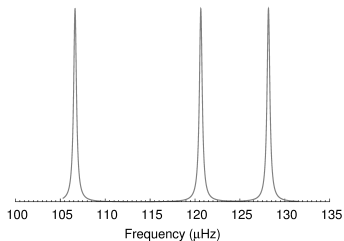
Rotation: $v_{\text{rot}} = 233 \text{ km/s}$

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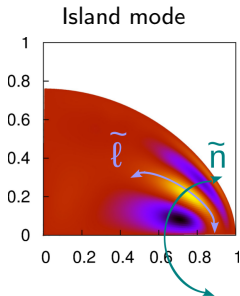
- New symmetry ?

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- No triplets

Acoustic modes in δ Scuti stars: new geometry and frequency spectrum



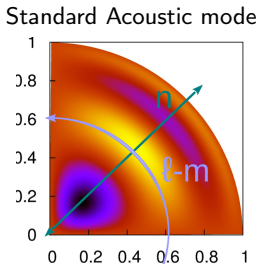
→ Reese et al. 2008

$$\tilde{n} = 2n + \eta, \quad \tilde{\ell} = \frac{\ell - |m| - \eta}{2}, \quad \text{with } \eta = (\ell + m) \bmod 2, \quad \text{and } m \text{ unchanged}$$

Asymptotic spectra: $\sigma_{\tilde{n}, \tilde{\ell}, m} = \Delta_{\tilde{n}} \tilde{n} + \Delta_{\tilde{\ell}} \tilde{\ell} + \Delta_m |m| + \alpha$

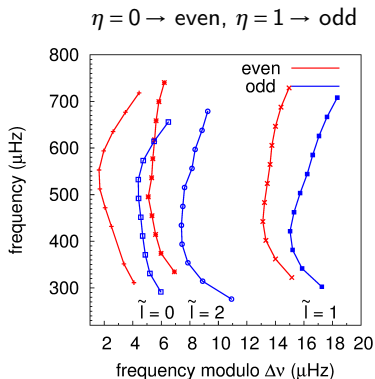
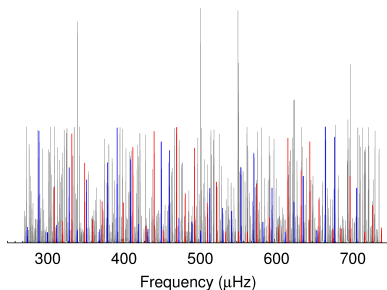
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Ray dynamics: $\Delta_{\tilde{n}} = \pi / \left(\int_a^b \frac{ds}{c_s} \right)$, with s being the location on the ray path.



Acoustic modes in δ Scuti stars: a forest of modes !

Exploration of the seismic spectrum:
2 $M_{\odot}$, 2.4 $R_{\odot}$ fully distorted model
evolved until $X_c = 0.35$
Rotation velocity: $\Omega = 80\% \Omega_k$
Roxburgh 2006



$$\Delta_{\tilde{n}} \text{ being compatible with } \pi / \left(\int_a^b \frac{ds}{c_s} \right)$$

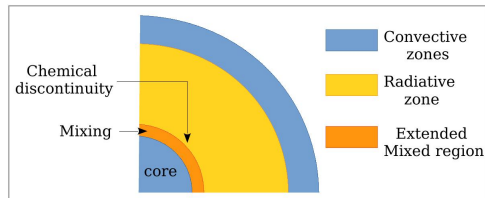
Ouazzani et al. 2015 confirms ray dynamics prediction Lignieres & Georgot 2008

Acoustic modes in δ Scuti stars: Observations

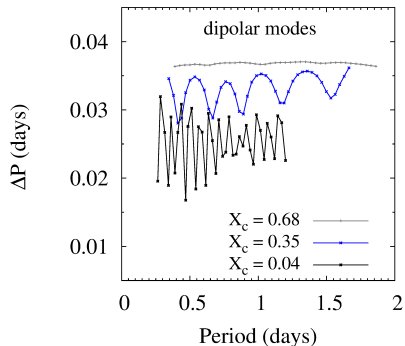
- Can island modes regularity be detected in Observations ?
 - Fourier transform of the frequencies with the highest amplitudes in CoRoT targets Garcia-Hernandez et al. 2009, 2013b, with *Kepler* Garcia-Hernandez et al. 2013a.
 - Automatic search for constant spacing within a tolerance interval in CoRoT EXO fields Paparo et al. 2016 a,b. → see Poster #7
 - Filtered Autocorrelation adapted from the red giants Mosser&Appourchaux 2009 in 1900 δ Scuti stars of CoRoT EXO fields (Michel et al. in prep).
- Is the spacing related to a structural quantity ?
 - Independent determination of mass and radius from binarity + Roche Model or interferrometry Garcia-Hernandez et al. 2015
 - ⇒ mean density for 7 δ Scuti stars with seismology (MOST, CoRoT or *Kepler*)
 - see also Juan Carlos Suarez's talk

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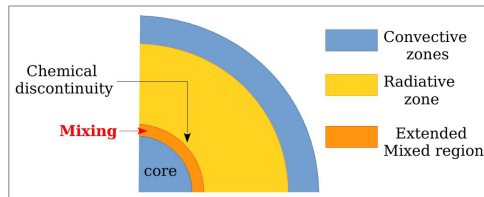


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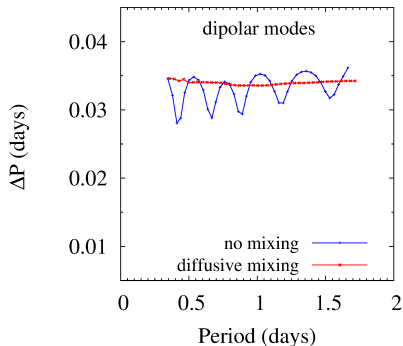


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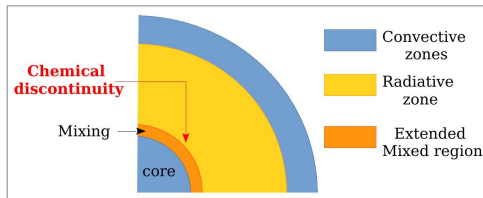


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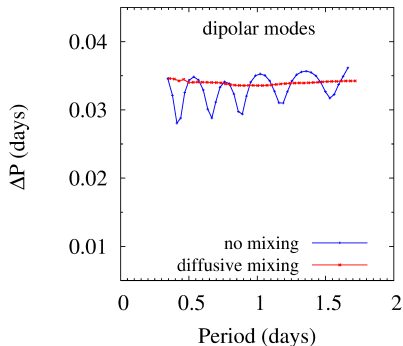
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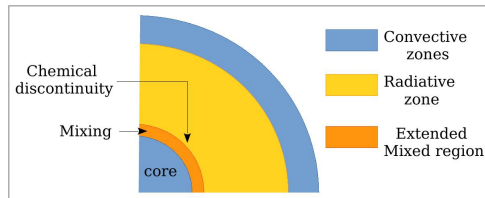
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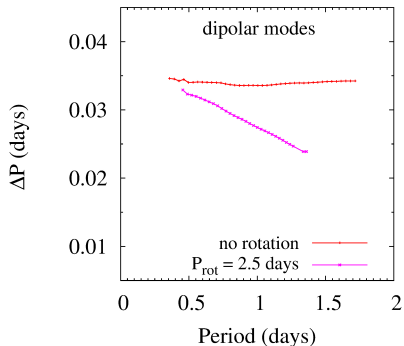


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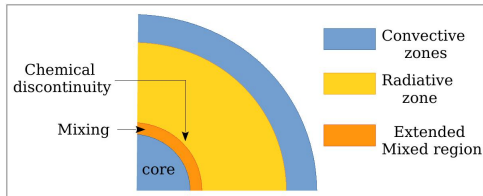
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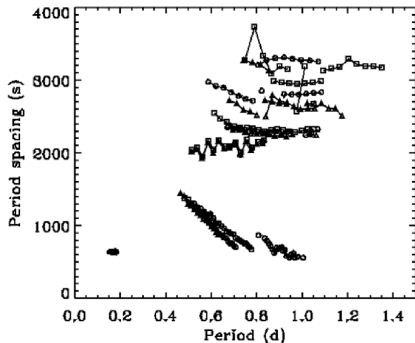


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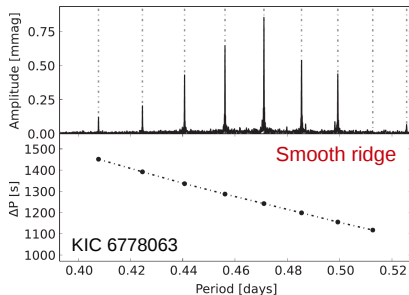


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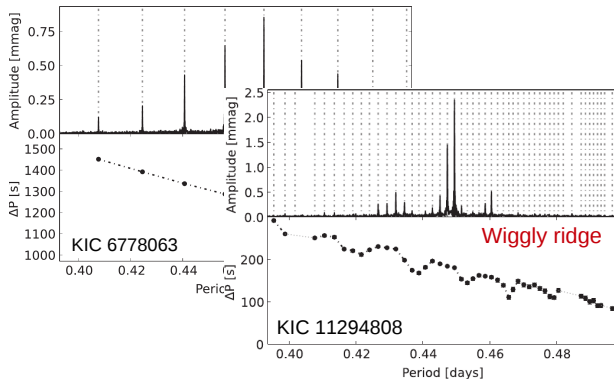


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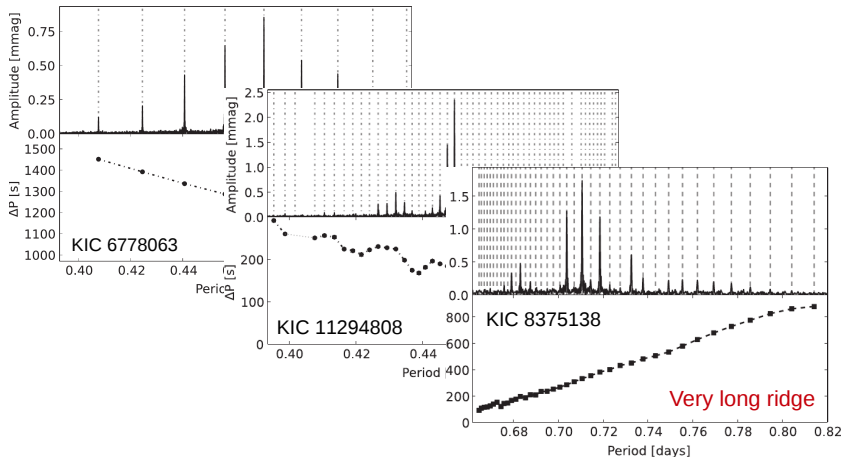


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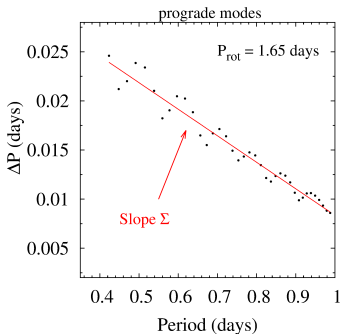
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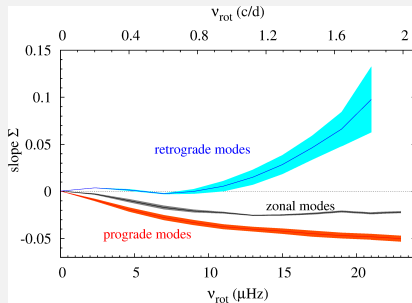
★ **Non-perturbative computations** Lignieres et al. 2006, Reese et al. 2006, Ballot et al. 2010, Ouazzani et al. 2012b, 2015

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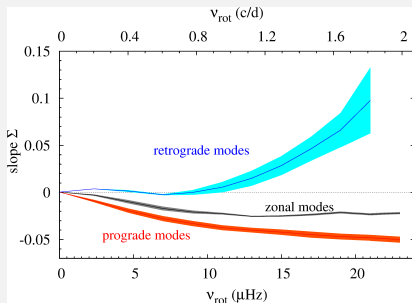
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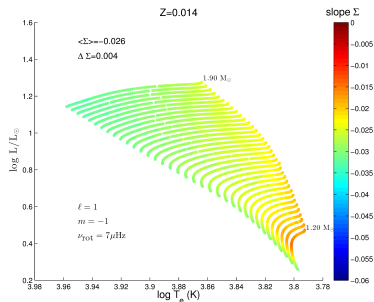
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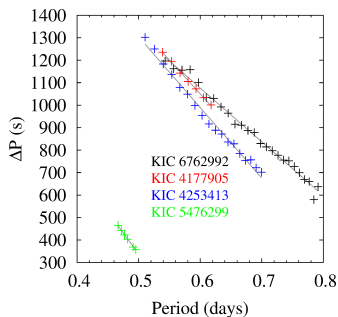
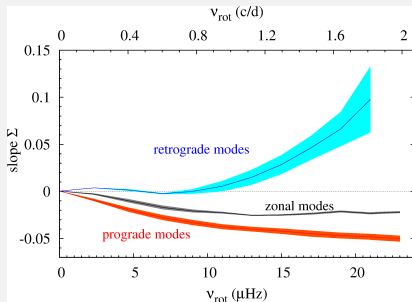
- Centrifugal distortion
- Metallicity
- Type of mixing above the CC



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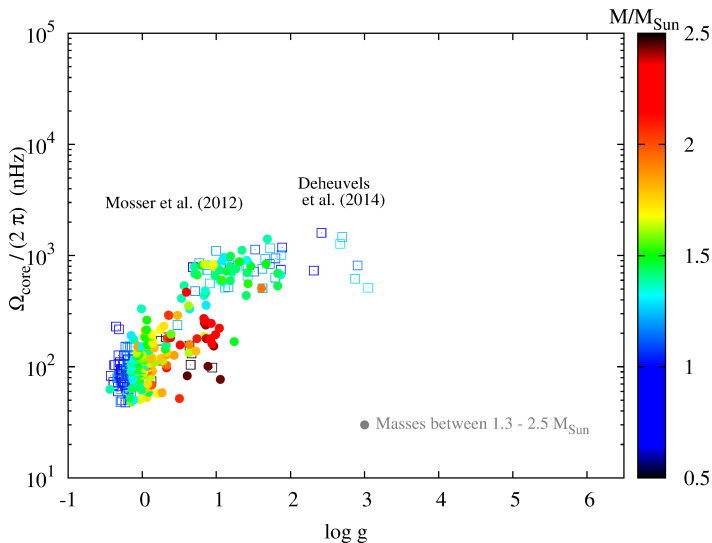
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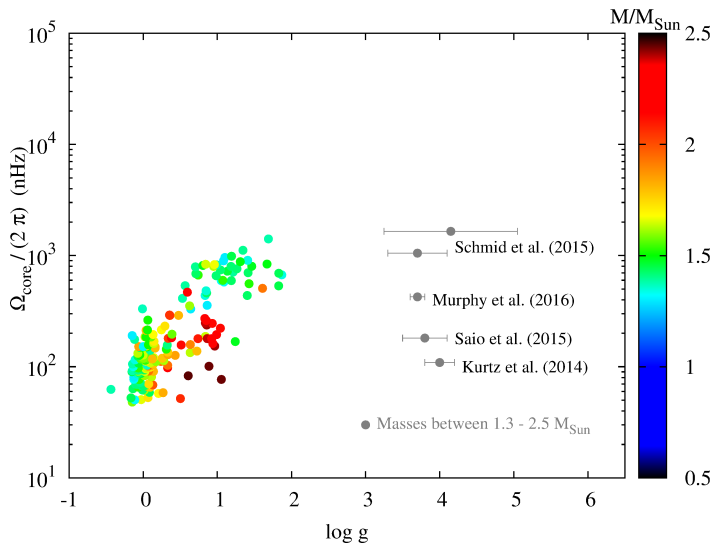


⇒ **Internal rotation rates
for 4 Kepler γ Dors**

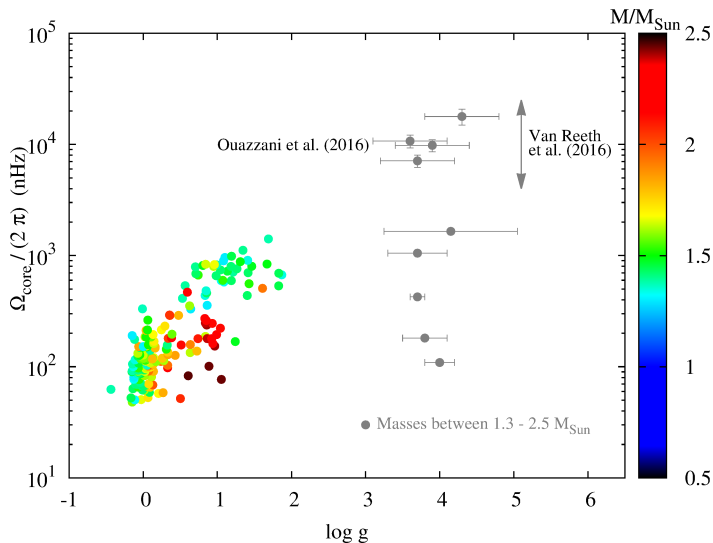
Rotation of γ Dors in the stellar evolution context



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Asteroseismology of rapidly rotating A-stars: We're getting there !

- Perturbative methods not valid, non-perturbative methods still not optimized for seismic modelling...
- This will be possible thanks to seismic diagnostics based on non-perturbative modelling.

δ Scuti stars

- The problem of mode ID remains for the more moderate pulsators,
- For very fast rotating stars, new organization of the frequency spectra.
⇒ Asteroseismology based on Island modes regularities.

γ Doradus stars

- We now can use a new seismic diagnostic to infer internal rotation
- Diagnostic on the transport of angular momentum from MS to RGB