



Asteroseismology. Solar-like oscillation towards stellar revolution

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How can we study the interior of the Sun and the stars?





"Our telescopes may probe farther and farther into the depths of space; but how can we ever obtain certain knowledge of that which is hidden behind substantial barriers?"

[The Internal Constitution of Stars, Eddington, 1926]



At first sight it would seem that the deep interior of the Sun and stars is less accessible to scientific investigation than any other region of the universe."

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"What appliance can pierce through the outer layers of a star and test the conditions within?"

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Seismology : stratified information of internal structure and dynamics of stars

istead of looking at stars we need to listen to them

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Outline

- I. Pulsations in the HRD
- II. Wave propagation
 - a. Theory of waves
 - b. Oscillations properties
- III. Asteroseismology: from the observations to the stellar parameters
- IV. New discoveries with asteroseismology

Pulsations in the HR diagram

Pulsations of stars



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[Kurtz 2022, ARA&A]

- Modes excited by:
 - K mechanism: opacity (heat engine mechanism)
 - Ceph, RR Lyr, delta Scuti: second He ionization zone
 - SPB, beta Cep: iron-group elements
 - roAp: high-order acoustic modes tied to large-scale magnetic field



- Modes excited by:
 - K mechanism: opacity mechanisms (heat engine mechanism)
 - or
 - Stochastically by convective turbulence in outer layers of the star (solarlike oscillations): 0.8-1.5M_☉ from MS to RGB



- Variation of luminosity of stars
 - Due to intrinsic pulsations of the stars themselves
 - □ K mechanism: Cepheids, long period variables
 - Radial modes



Cepheids and RR Lyrae

Cepheid

RR Lyrae



[e.g. Kolenberg et al. 2011; Szabo et al. 2014]



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$\boldsymbol{\delta}$ Scuti and $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ Dor

δ Scuti



γ Dor



Antoci et al. 2021

Bowman et al. 2021

- Cool enough stars
 - □ Surface convective zone
 - **L** E.g. Sun, red giants, lower main sequence
 - **G** Radial and non-radial modes



Wave propagation

Theory of waves

In 1 D (n):

 A resonant oscillation is characterized on a string by a succession of maxima, minima, and nodes



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Theory of waves



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vibrations_of_a_circular_membrane

In 2 D:

- Characterized by 2 numbers (I,n)

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Theory of waves

In 3 D:

Characterized by 3 numbers (I, n, m)





Starting from equations

Mass conservation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho \boldsymbol{v}) = 0$$

Momentum conservation

$$\rho \frac{d\boldsymbol{v}}{dt} = -\nabla P + \rho \boldsymbol{g}$$

Energy equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}q}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}t} + p\frac{\mathrm{d}\frac{1}{\rho}}{\mathrm{d}t},$$

□ Hypotheses:

- 1. Linearity: velocity of oscillating elements << sound speed
- 2. Adiabaticity: conservation of entropy with time
- 3. Spherical symmetry of the background state
- 4. Magnetic forces and Reynold stresses negligible

Oscillations and their properties

Small perturbations of a stationary spherically symmetric star in hydrostatic equilibrium (e.g. p(r,t) = p₀(r) + p'(r,t))

□ Simple waves:

equilibrium quantities vary slowly compared to perturbed quantities

- gravitational acceleration negligible in momentum conservation
 - > p modes: spatially homogeneous, high frequencies
 - > g modes: small impact of gravity over pressure gradient, low frequencies

Decomposition in Legendre polynomials and Spherical harmonics

Oscillations behaviour

Brunt-Väissälä $N^2 = g\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma_1 p}\frac{\mathrm{d}p}{\mathrm{d}r} - \frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\mathrm{d}\rho}{\mathrm{d}r}\right)$

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \xi_r}{\mathrm{d}r^2} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \left(1 - \frac{N^2}{\omega^2} \right) \left(\frac{S_l^2}{\omega^2} - 1 \right) \xi_r \,.$

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• Lamb frequency $S_l^2 = \frac{l(l+1)c^2}{r^2}$



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Types of modes

Oscillation eigenmodes characterized by:

- ℓ: Degree
- m: Azimuthal order

- -y (g) deeper layers of the Sun and the stars

Mixed modes

Coupling between p- and g-mode cavities

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How to observe oscillations?

- Photometry: measurement of luminosity changes
 - □ Sun: e.g. VIRGO (Variability Irradiance Global Oscillations)
 - □ Stars: e.g. CoRoT, *Kepler*, K2, TESS, PLATO...

Sarah's lecture

- Doppler velocity measurement through the displacement of a spectral line (Na, Ni, K...):
 - □ *Zeeman effect*: B divides emission line into 2 components
 - □ e.g. GOLF, MDI, HMI, BiSON, GONG, SONG...
- □ Resolved images or integrated light





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Fourier transform



Fourier transform



Power Spectrum



[Brown et al. 1991; Belkacem et al. 2011]

Scaling relation

> Large separation: $\Delta v = v_{n,\ell} - v_{n-1,\ell}$

- Average properties of the star:
 - ✓ Acoustic diameter

$$\left<\Delta \nu\right> \propto \left<
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ight>^{1/2} \propto M^{1/2} R^{-3/2}$$



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Stellar evolution



Stellar properties: direct methods

Use of scaling relations

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

$$R \propto v_{
m max} \langle \Delta v \rangle^{-2} T_{
m eff}^{0.5}$$
 (~5%)
 $M \propto v_{
m max}^3 \langle \Delta v \rangle^{-4} T_{
m eff}^{1.5}$ (~10%)

Tested both theoretically and observationally [Kjeldsen & Bedding 1995; Huber et al. 2012; Mathur et al. 2012; Silva Aguirre et al. 2012]



Stellar Modeling

Stellar models:

- Observables:
 - Spectroscopic: T_{eff}, Fe/H, log g, L
 - Seismic: Δν, ν_{max}, ν_{n,l}

- Diffusion
- Composition
- Equation of state
- Opacities
- Mixing length theory
- Overshoot?
- …

Find the best model that fits all the observables available

Stellar modeling

Best fit model

- Grid modeling [Chaplin et al. 2014] E.g. Asteroseismic Modeling Portal [Metcalfe et al. 2009]



- Improve precision on M, R, age
- Structure:

base of convection zone



[[]Lebreton & Goupil 2014]

Effect of rotation on modes








Effect of rotation on modes



Internal rotation:

Rotational splittings

Effect of rotation on modes









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Highlights from asteroseismic studies

Space photometric missions: asteroseismic revolution Solar-like stars on the MS and subgiant branch



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Red Giants

With CoRoT

[e.g. De Ridder et al. 2009]



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New discoveries

- Stellar physics (surface/internal rotation, magnetic field)
- Stellar evolution (from main sequence to red-giant branch)
- Binary characterization and evolution

Cole's lecture

- Exoplanetary systems characterization
- Galactic-archeology
- Clusters

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Stellar Magnetic Activity

Solar magnetic activity: sunspots



- Not completely random
- Some regularity:
 - Appearance of spots
 - Spot migration: 'butterfly diagram'
 - 11-year cycle (or 22-year cycle for the magnetic polarity reversal)

Magnetic activity: photometry



Effect of metallicity in the magnetism

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$0.930 \pm 0.009 \ R_{\odot}$
$1.00\pm0.03~M_\odot$
4.498 ± 0.003
$4.57\pm0.36\mathrm{Gyr}$
$5488 \pm 77 \ K$
0.3 ± 0.1
21 ⁺² ₋₂ days
38 ⁺³ ₋₄ degrees
$7.41 \pm 1.16 \ years$

- Stronger chromospheric emission than the Sun
- Shorter cycle period than the Sun

→ Effect of metallicity



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[Karoff et al. 2018]

Angular momentum transport

Rotation-Age relation Angular momentum transport

- For 2 young clusters and the Sun
- Derived a law with age:

 $P_{rot} \simeq \tau^{1/2}$

[Skumanich 1972]

Gyrochronology [Barnes 2007]

Angular momentum loss:

$$\left(\frac{dJ}{dt}\right)_{\rm wind} = K_W \left(\frac{R_*/R_\odot}{M_*/M_\odot}\right)^{1/2} \,\Omega_*^3$$

[e.g. Kawaler (1988); MacGregor & Brenner (1991)]



Revisiting gyrochronology with Kepler

- Based on young clusters younger than 2.5Gyr
- Only the Sun at 4.5Gyr
- Adding 21 solar-like stars observed by *Kepler* with:
 - Rotation periods
 - High-precision ages from asteroseismic modeling
 - Precise metallicity measurement
- Kepler observations allow us to test these relationships to older stars



Weakened magnetic braking

- Magnetic braking prescriptions scaled on the Sun
- Stop magnetic braking at a given moment in the life of the star (with specific conditions on rotation and convection properties characterized by the Rossby number)
- ➢ Rotation periods of the middle-aged stars that have passed this Rossby threshold represent only lower limits on the age.
- ➤Sun: transition phase
- ➢Gyrochronology applicable to certain stars
 - Also observed with rotation periods from mode splittings

26/09/22 [Hall et al., 2021 Nature]



Rotation profile of a Subgiant



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Internal rotation in sub giants

6 more subgiants/early RGBs



- log g as a proxy of evolution
- Vertical dashed lines are ranges of Ω_{env} predicted by van Saders & Pinsonneault (2013)
- The trend with the seismic logg suggests that the core spins up in the subgiant phase ^{26/09/22} ERASMUS+ School on Binaries and [Deheuvels et al. 2014, A&A] Asteroseismology

Core rotation of red giants

- From mixed modes: detection of splittings in red giants
 - Core rotates 10 times faster than the surface in average [Beck et al. 2012]
- Analysis of hundreds of stars:
 - Core spinning down on RGB and RC [Mosser et al. 2012]



Core rotation of red giants



- During RGB (triangles):
 - The core of the stars during RGB is roughly constant. No trends with Mass !!
 - Efficient AM transport to counterbalance the core contraction and not efficient during subgiant phase
- Change from RGB to the clump (circles) can be related to the expansion of the non-degenerate helium burning core.
 - It can not explain all the reduction
 - significant transfer of internal angular momentum from the inner to the outer layers.

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Evolutionary stage

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"

[Metcalfe, 2011] 57

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



Internal magnetic field

Stars with abnormal (low) dipole modes



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Stars with abnormal (low) dipole modes



[Stello et al. 2016, Nature]

Internal magnetic field



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Internal Magnetic Field Magnetic Greenhouse Effect

Magnetic fields break spherical symmetry in the core

Dipolar waves "scattered" to high harmonic degrees *l*

High ℓ waves trapped in the core

Typical Critical B-field ~ 10⁵ G

Reese et al. 2004, Rincon & <u>Rieutord</u> 2003, Lee 2007,2010, Mathis & De <u>Brye</u> 2010,2012



[Fuller et al. 2016, Science]

Internal magnetic field



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Effect of rotation & magnetic fields in mixed modes



Conditions for magnetic fields to be detectable



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[Bazot et al. 2005; Bouchy et al. 2005] [Gililand et al. 2011] [Ballot et al. 2011]

asteroseismically [e.g. Huber et al. 2013]

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- Precise radii of exoplanets (for transiting planets)
- Precise ages of planetary systems:
 - Kepler-444 oldest system: ~11.2 +/-1 Gyr



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- Obliquities: [e.g. Chaplin et al. 2013; Albrech et al. 2022]
 - sin *i* from splittings
 - Transits → coplanarity of systems
 - Low obliquities found for 4 systems with small planets

Clusters formations

- Study of 48 red giants in clusters NGC 6791 and NGC 6819
 [Corsaro et al. 2017, Nat. Astr.]
 - Splittings measurement: inclination angle

Strong spin alignment

- Magneto-hydrodynamical simulations of proto-cluster
 - Introducing global rotation in addition to turbulent velocity
 - Reproduces better the observations





Galactic Evolution


Probing the Milky Way with red giants



Gaia-Enceladus collision dating

- Population of stars accreted via the collision with a dwarf galaxy called *Gaia*-Enceladus
- Star v Indi observed by TESS
 - Identified as being part of the Gaia-Enceladus collision of the Milky Way
 - Mode detection with TESS data
 - Seismic modeling: age = 11+/-0.7 (stat) +/- 0.8 (sys) Gyr
 - Time of the merger 11.6-13.2 Gyr ago



Summary

Ideas to take home

- 1. Different types of pulsations.
- Seismology is a unique tool that allows us to directly probe the solar/stellar interior: structure and dynamics.
- Provides constraints on angular momentum transport, evolutionary states, internal rotation, magnetic fields, magnetic activity...
- 4. Impact on planetary systems characterization, galaxy studies, clusters formation...