

# DIVING DEEP INTO STARS VIA ASTEROSEISMOLOGY

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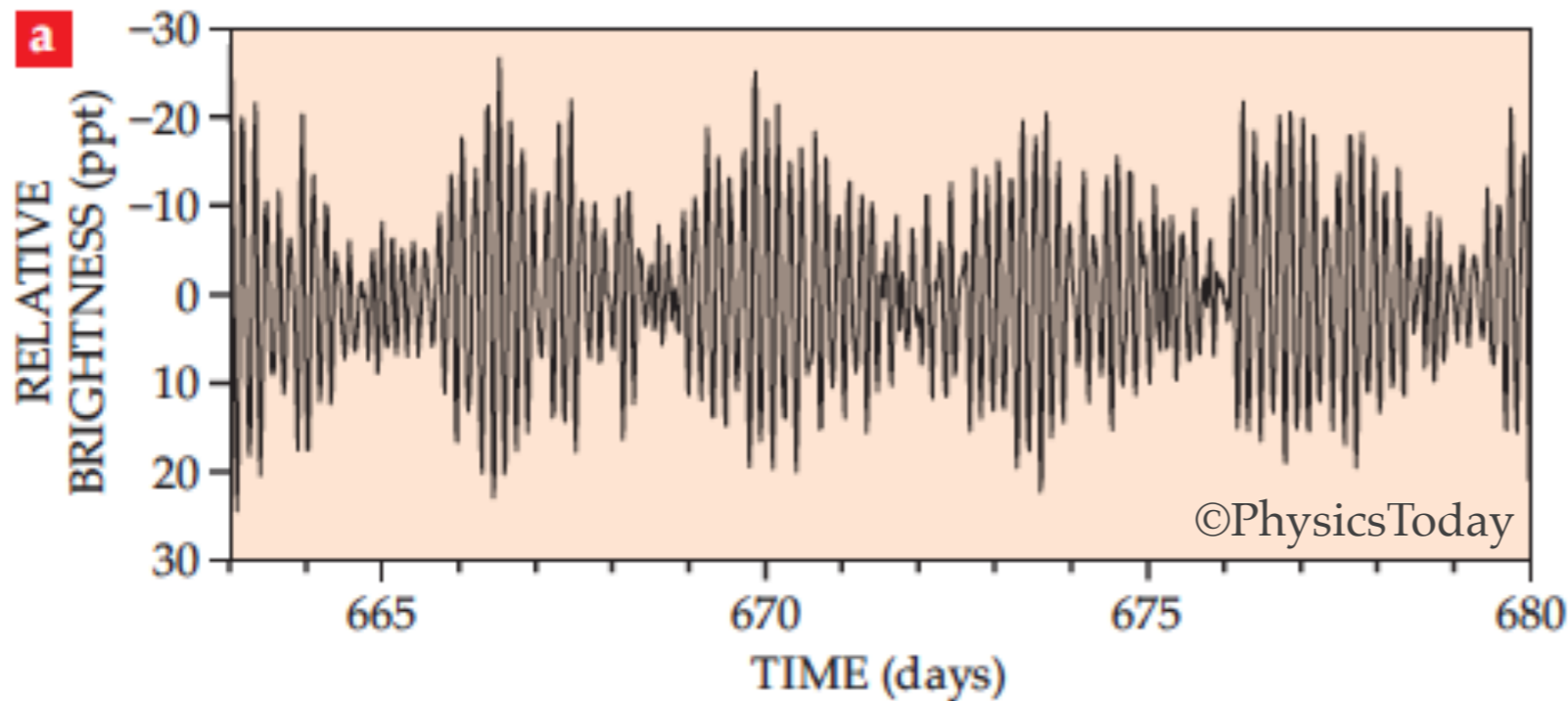
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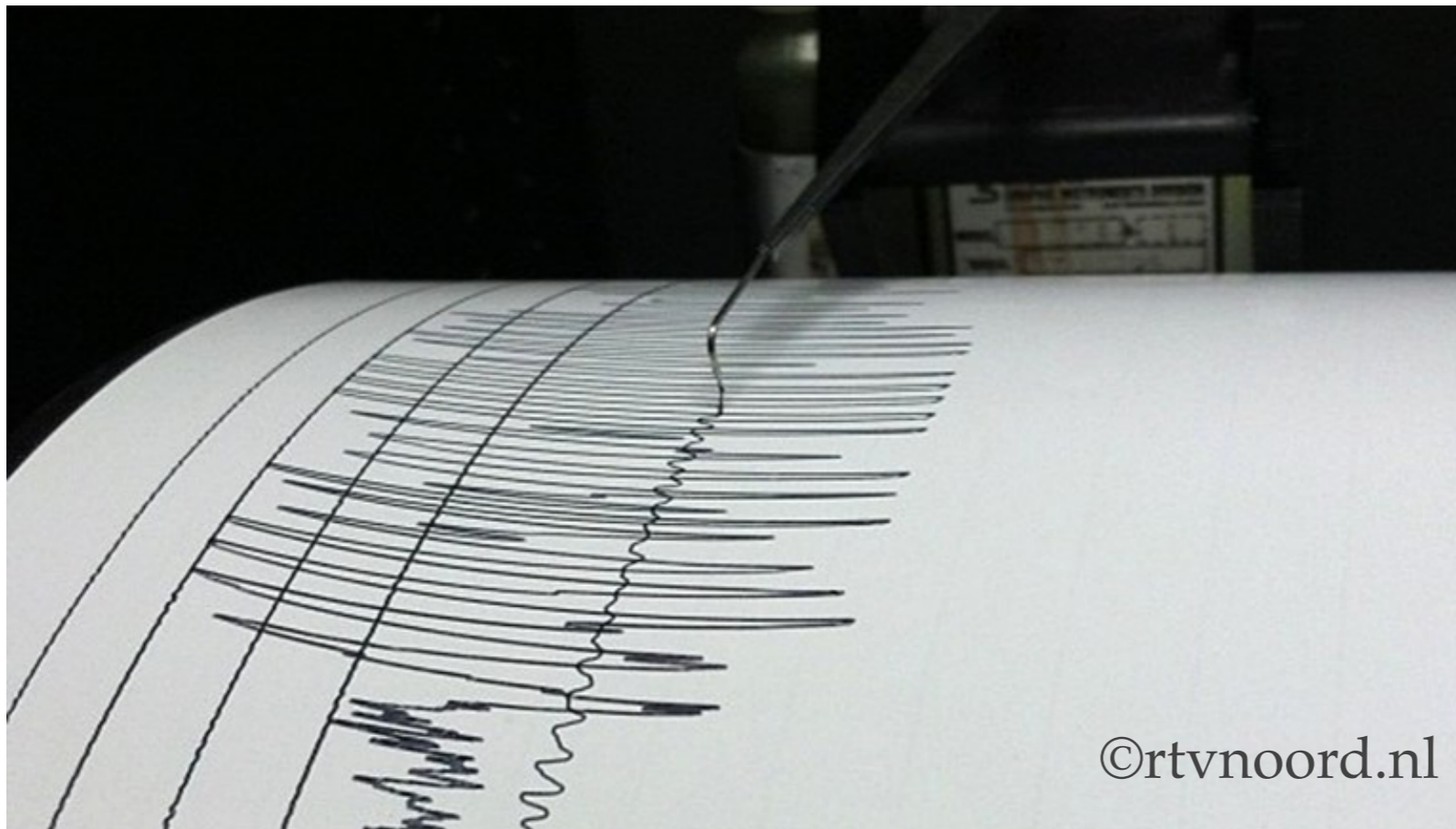
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# Take-home message



Seismic waves offer *in-situ* measurements of internal stellar physics: new look@SSE

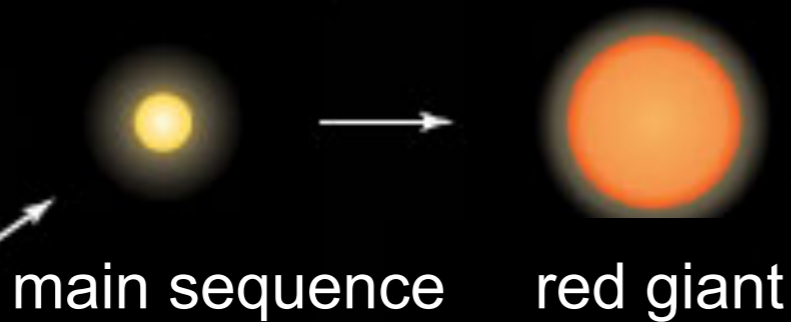
the art is to get the seismic info out of the data...



# Stellar interiors: poorly known

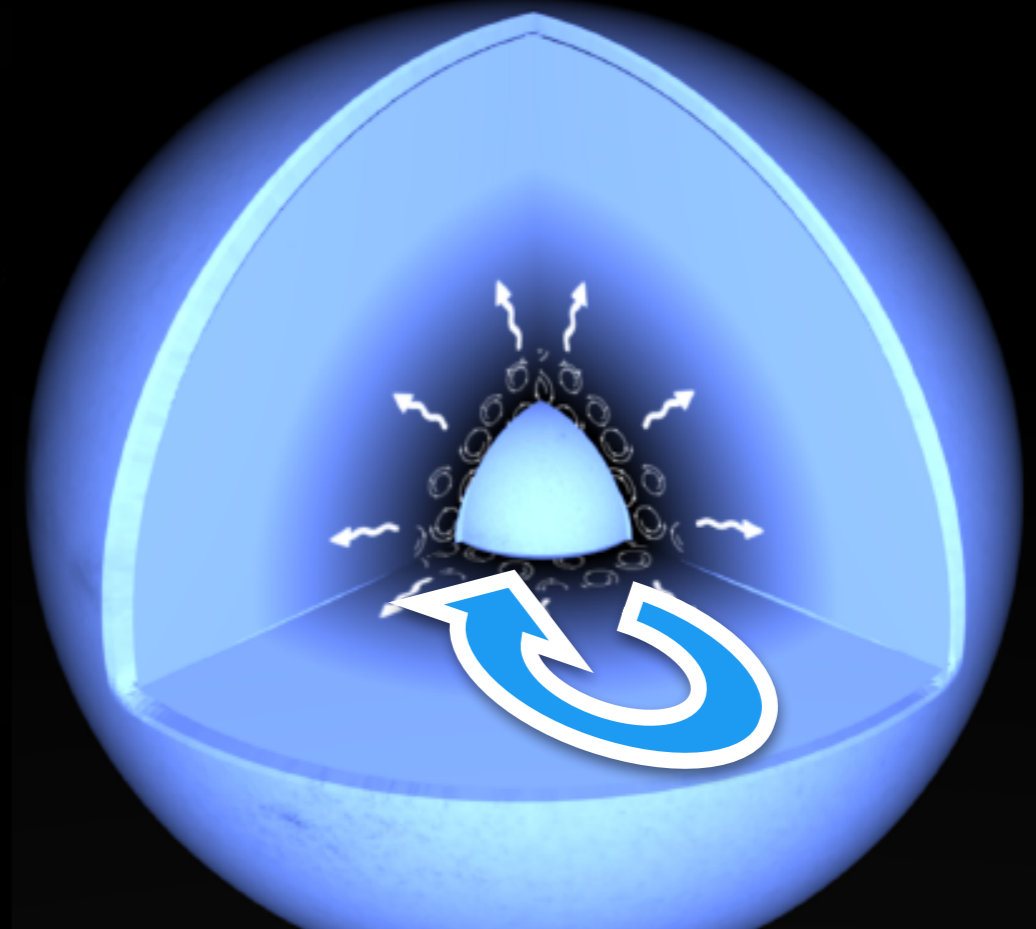
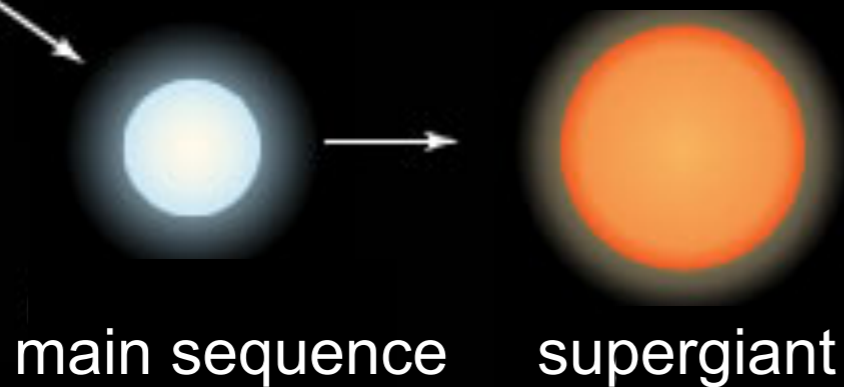
Rotation? Convection? Mixing? Magnetism?

low- & intermediate-mass stars



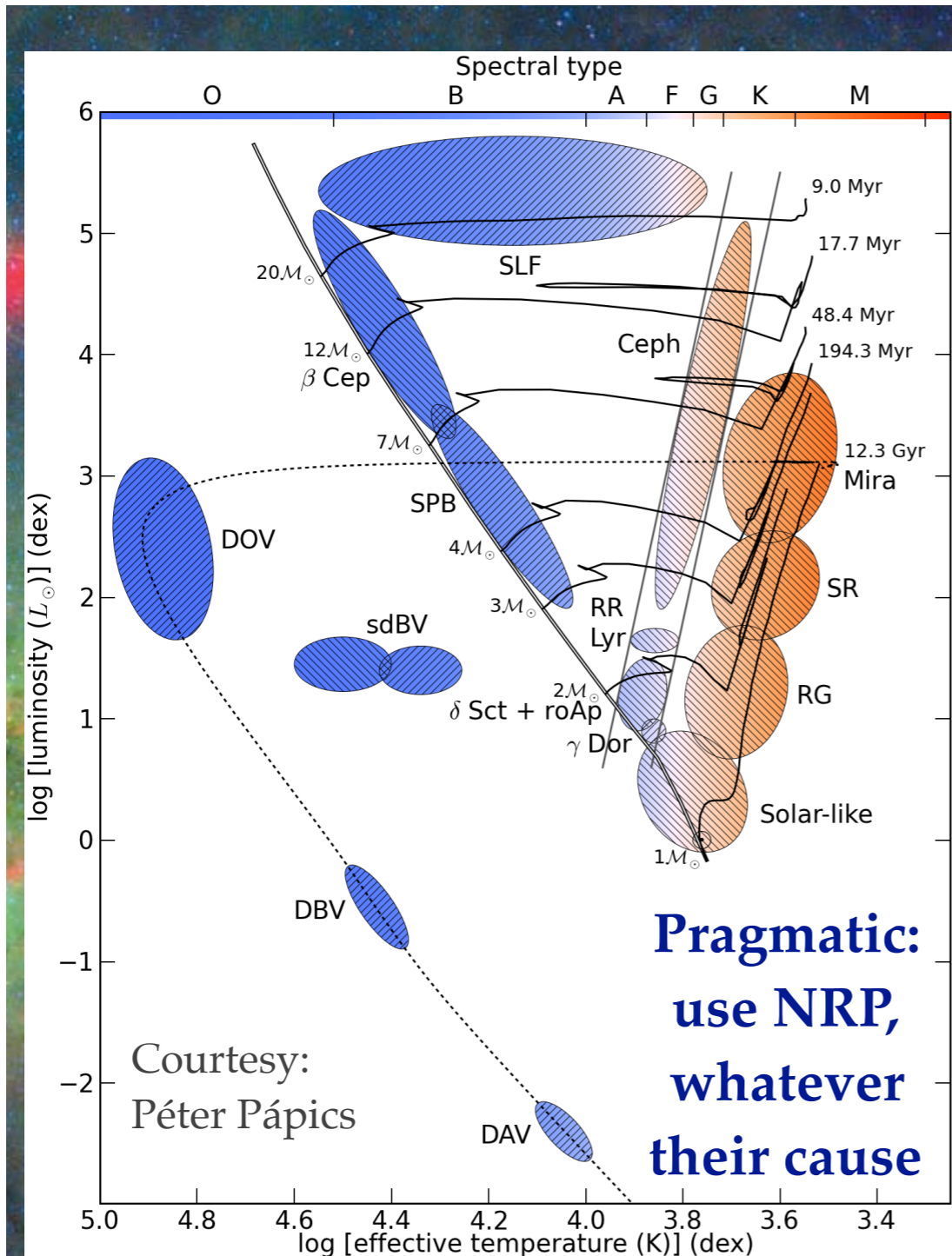
**99% of nuclear life**

high-mass stars



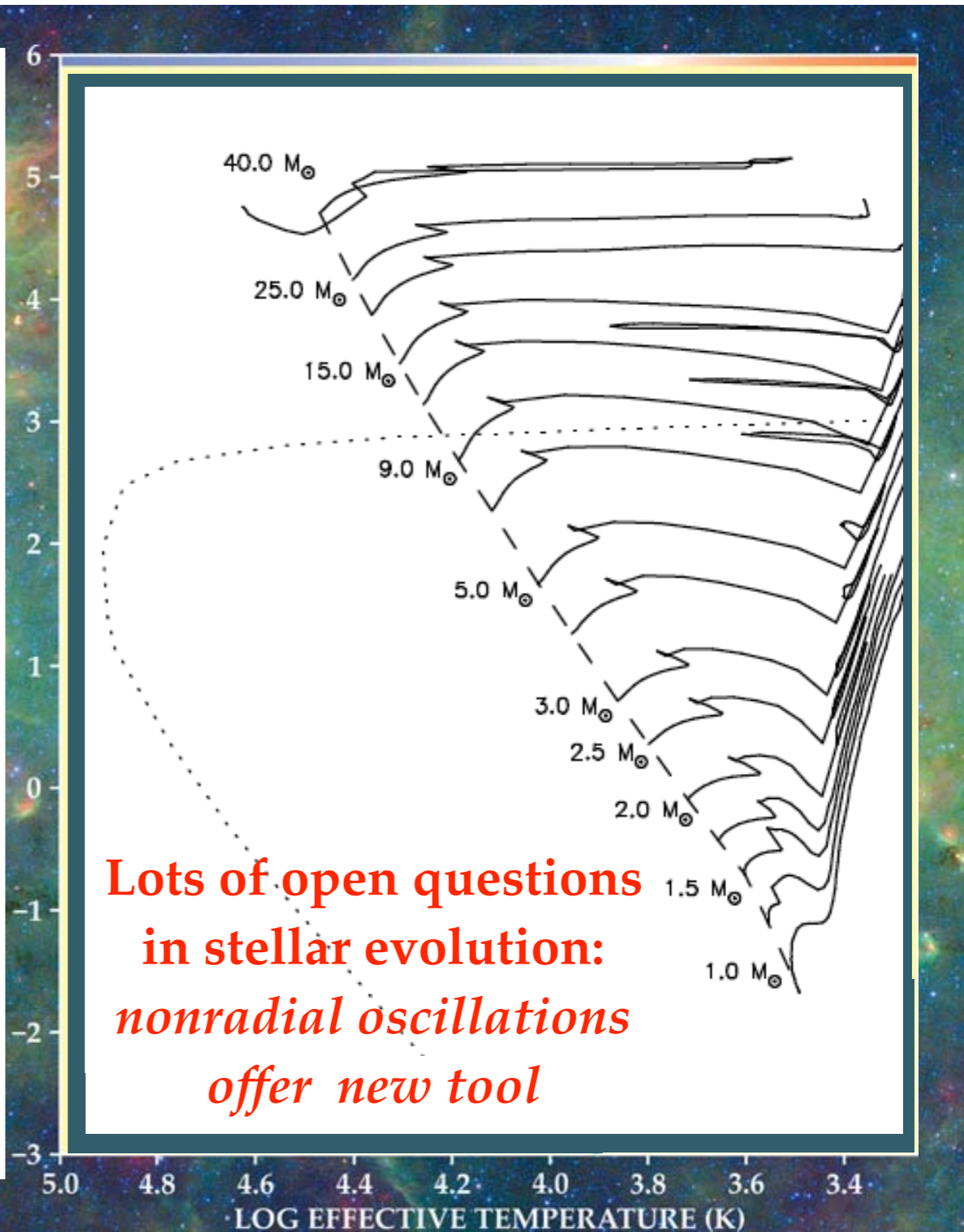
**Life determined  
by uncalibrated  
interior physics**

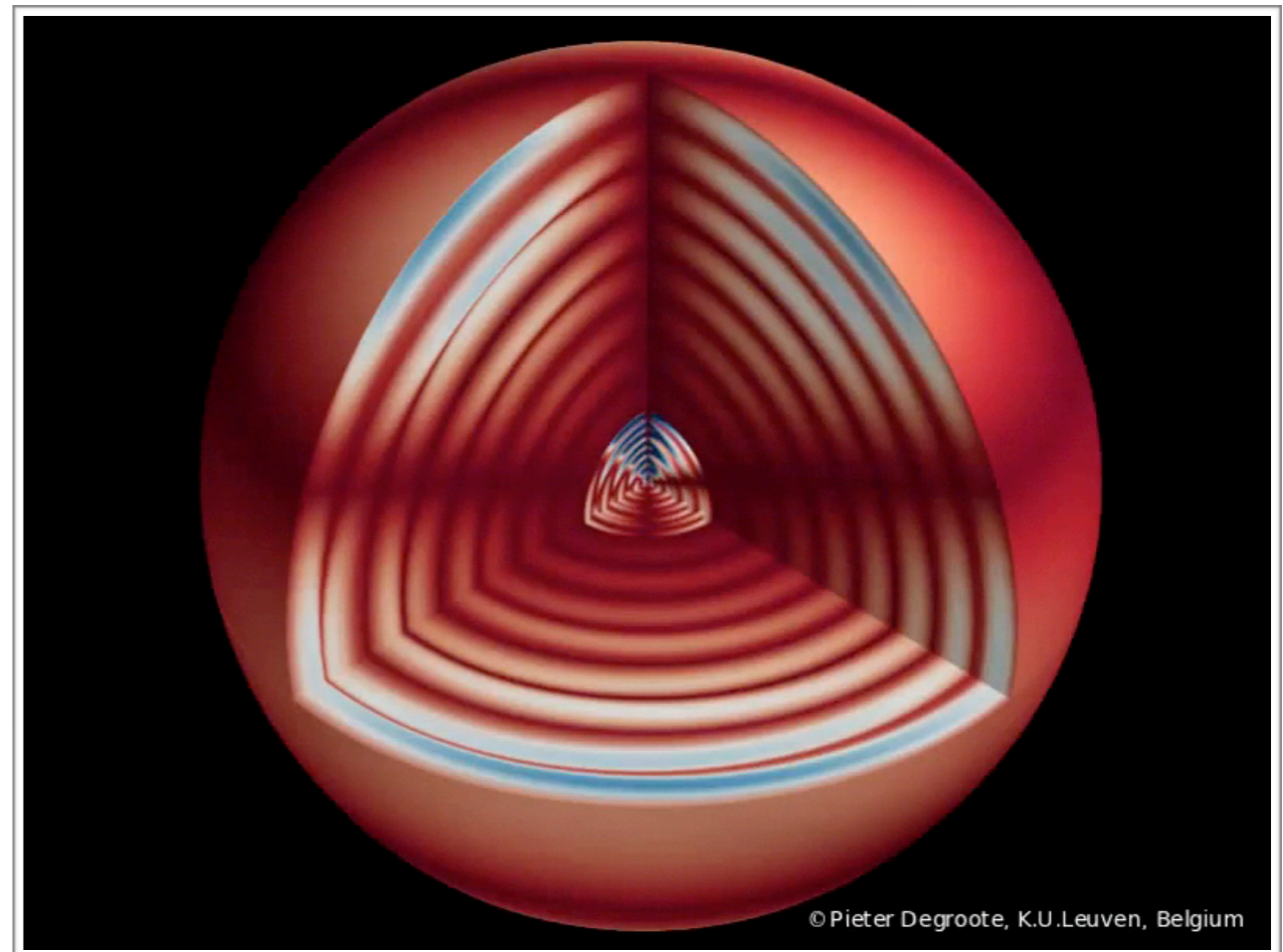
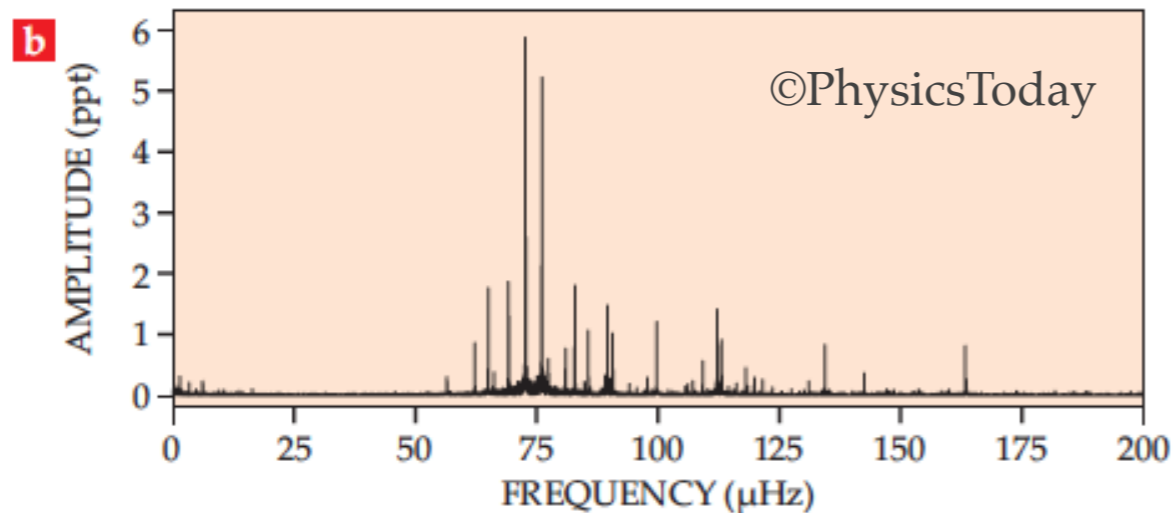
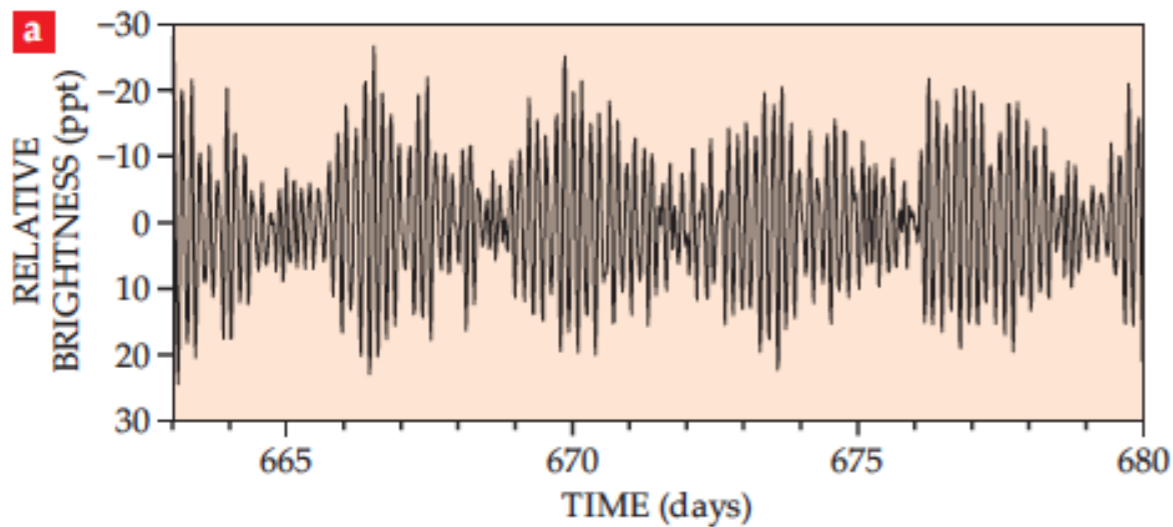
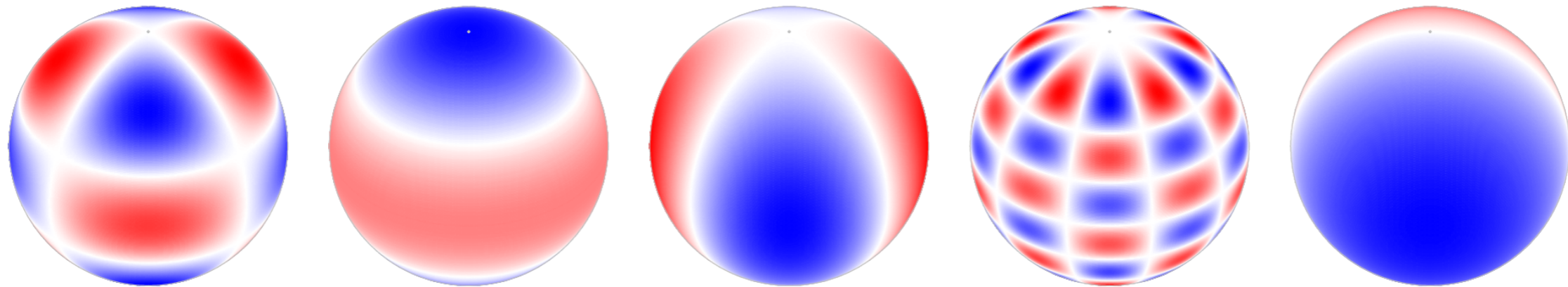
# Asteroseismology to the rescue



Courtesy: Péter Pápics

**Pragmatic:  
use NRP,  
whatever  
their cause**





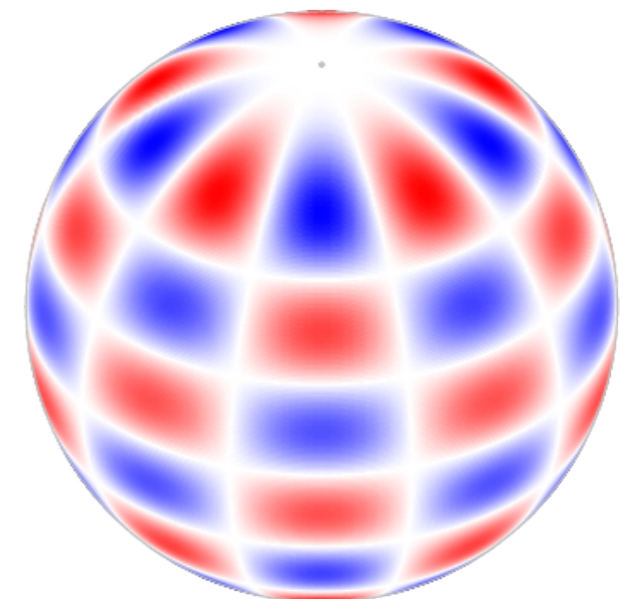
# Ingredients: temporal/spatial

- NRPs = solutions of perturbed SSE in terms of periodic eigenfunctions : **eigenmodes of the star**
- Each mode described by spherical harmonic & frequency:

$$\delta \mathbf{r} = \xi_r \mathbf{a}_r + \xi_h, \quad \xi(r, \theta, \phi, t) = [(\xi_{r,nl} \mathbf{a}_r + \xi_{h,nl} \nabla_h) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)] \exp(-i \omega_{nlm} t)$$

- Dominance of restoring force?
  1. pressure (acoustic waves)
  2. **buoyancy (gravity waves)**
  3. **Coriolis (inertial waves)**
  4. Lorentz (Alfvén waves)
  5. **tidal (tidal waves)**

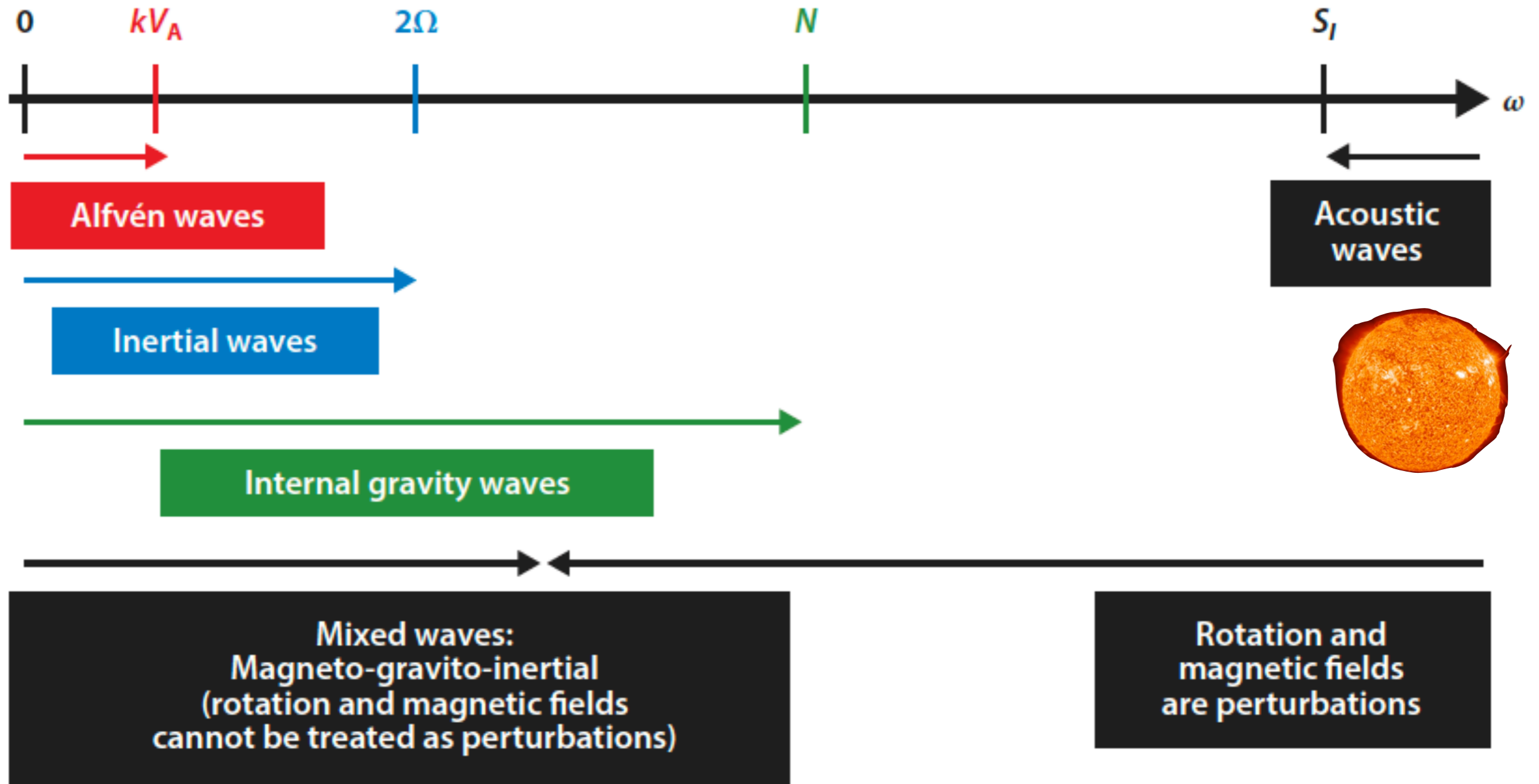
*Kepler!*



# Frequency regimes

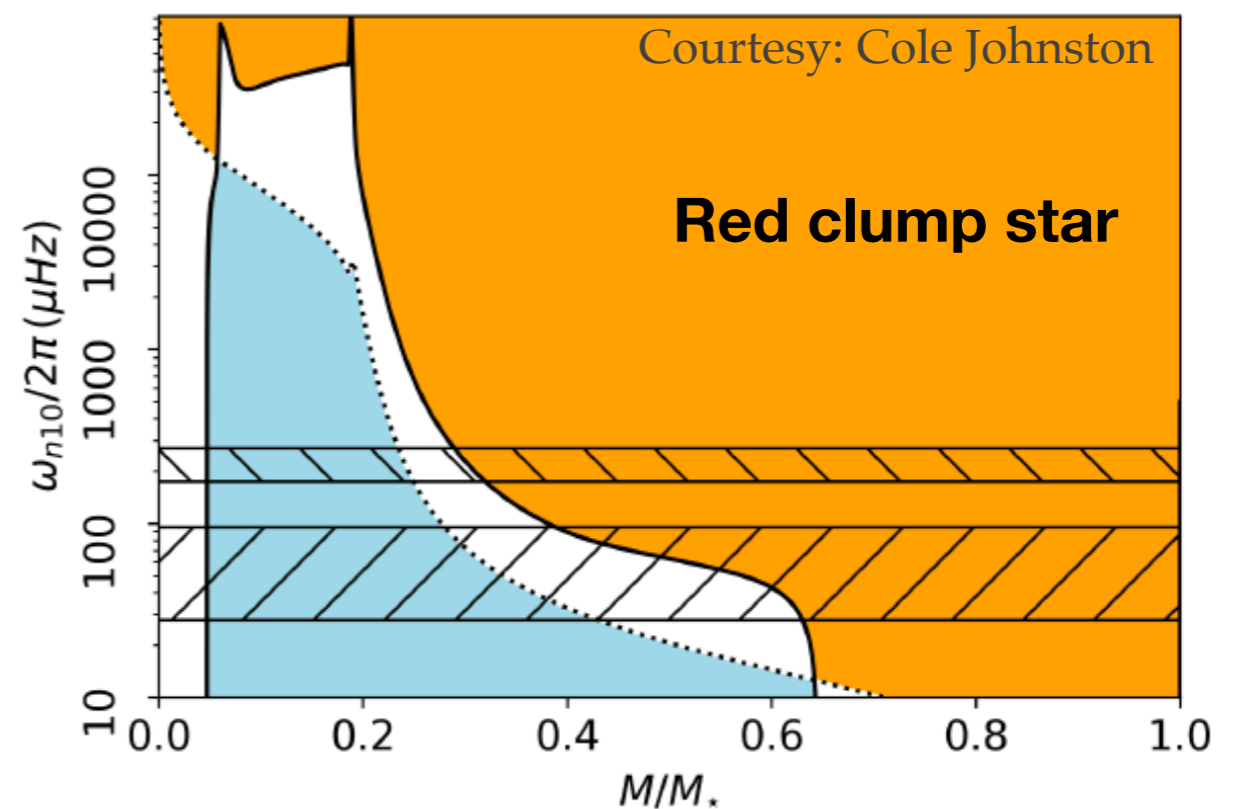
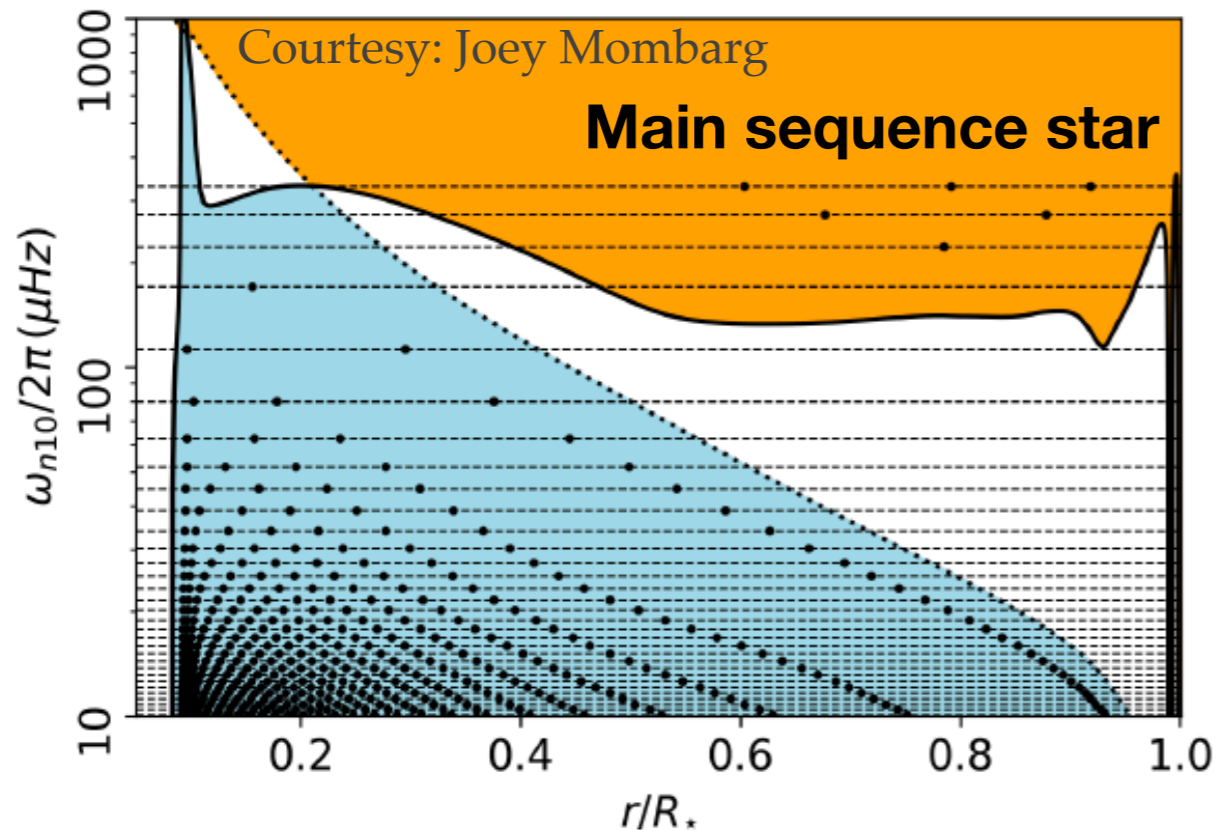
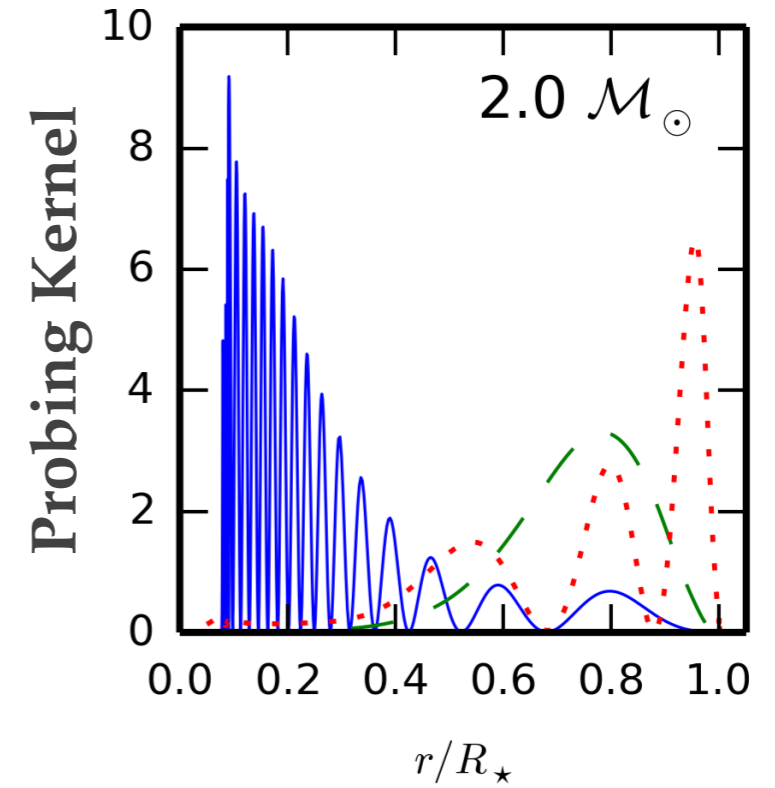
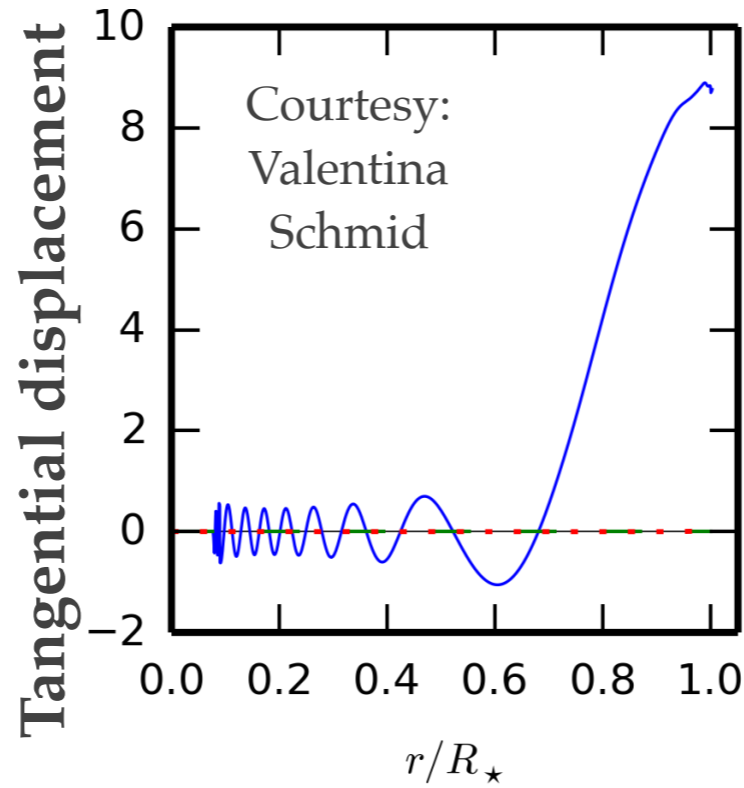
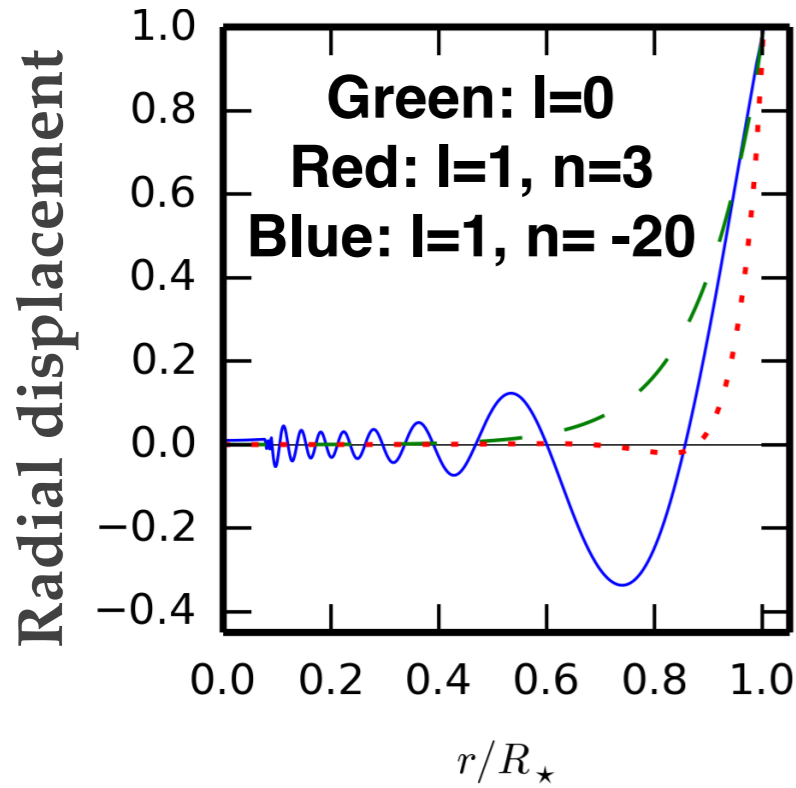
g-modes

p-modes



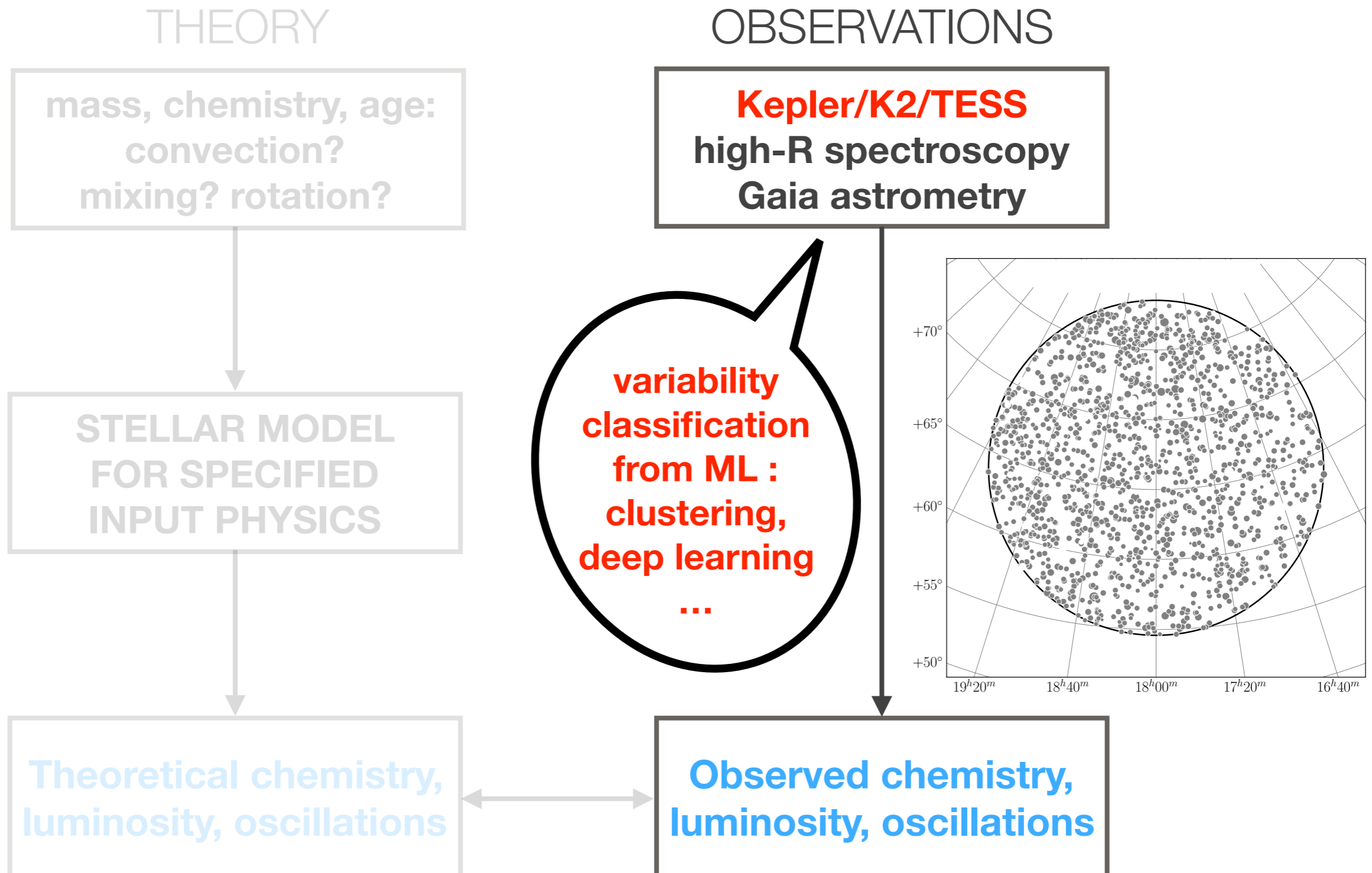
(Aerts, Mathis, Rogers, 2019, ARAA)

# Probing power: p/g-modes

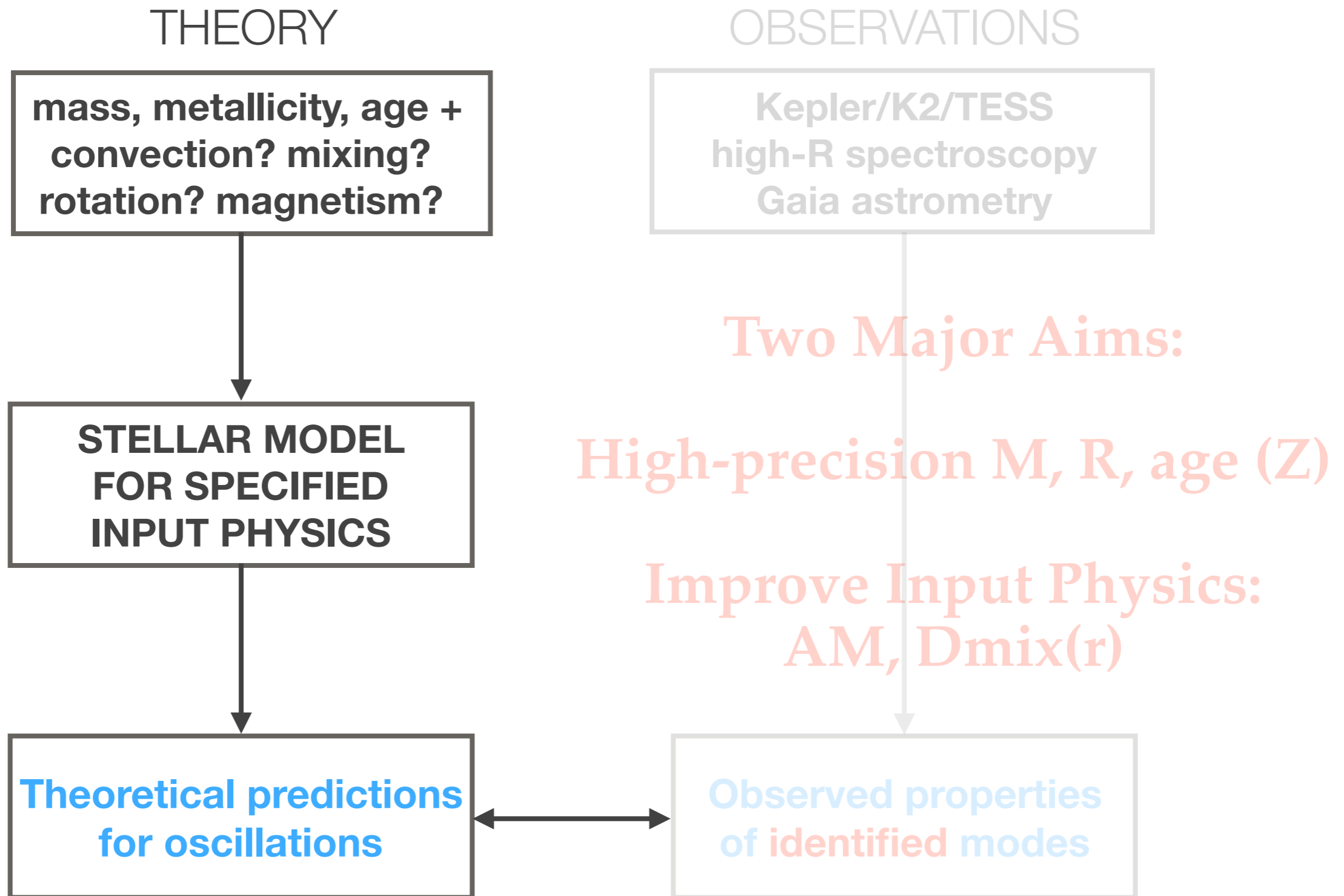




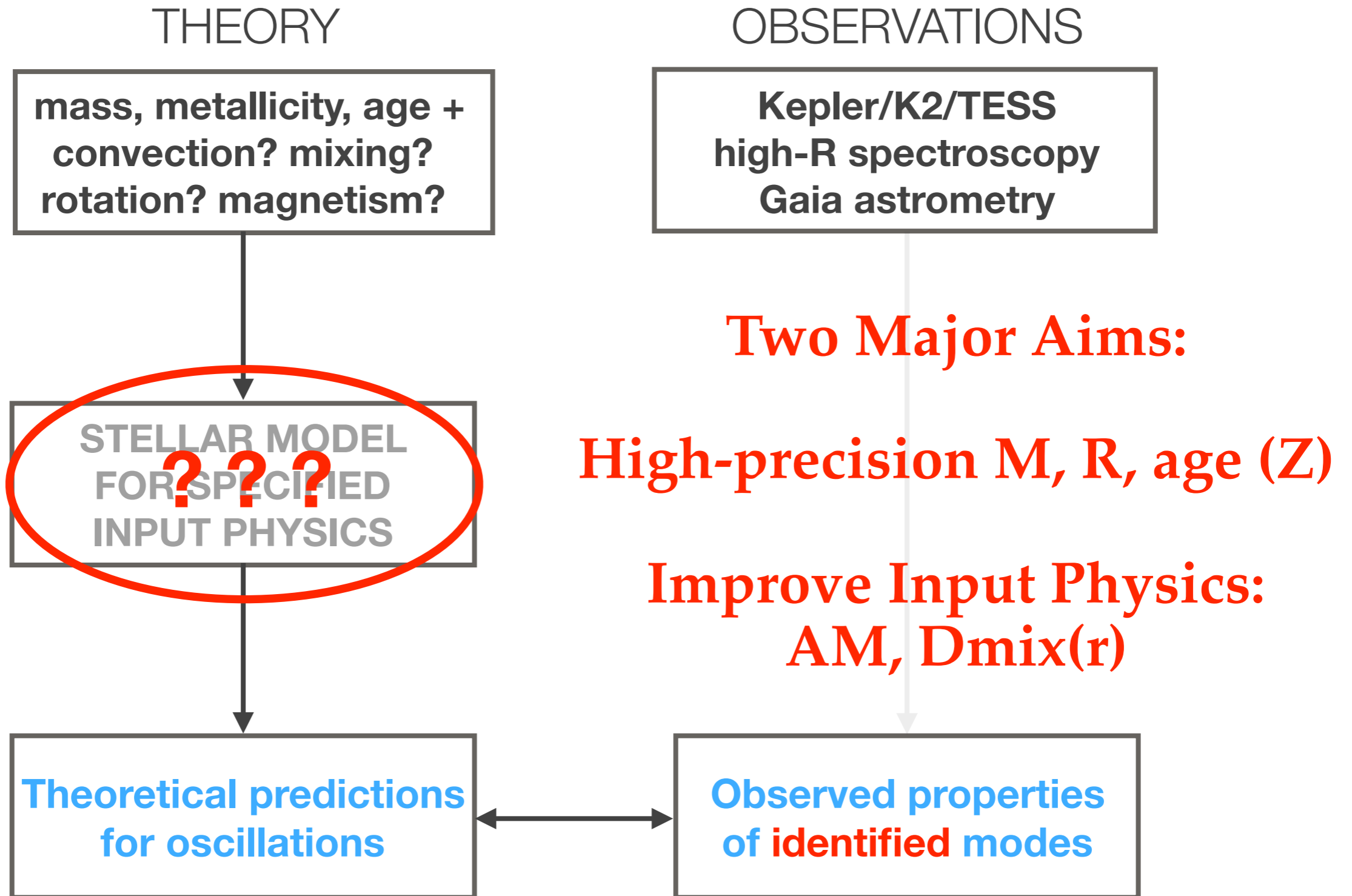
# Data-driven modelling



# Theoretical predictions



# Aims of Asteroseismology



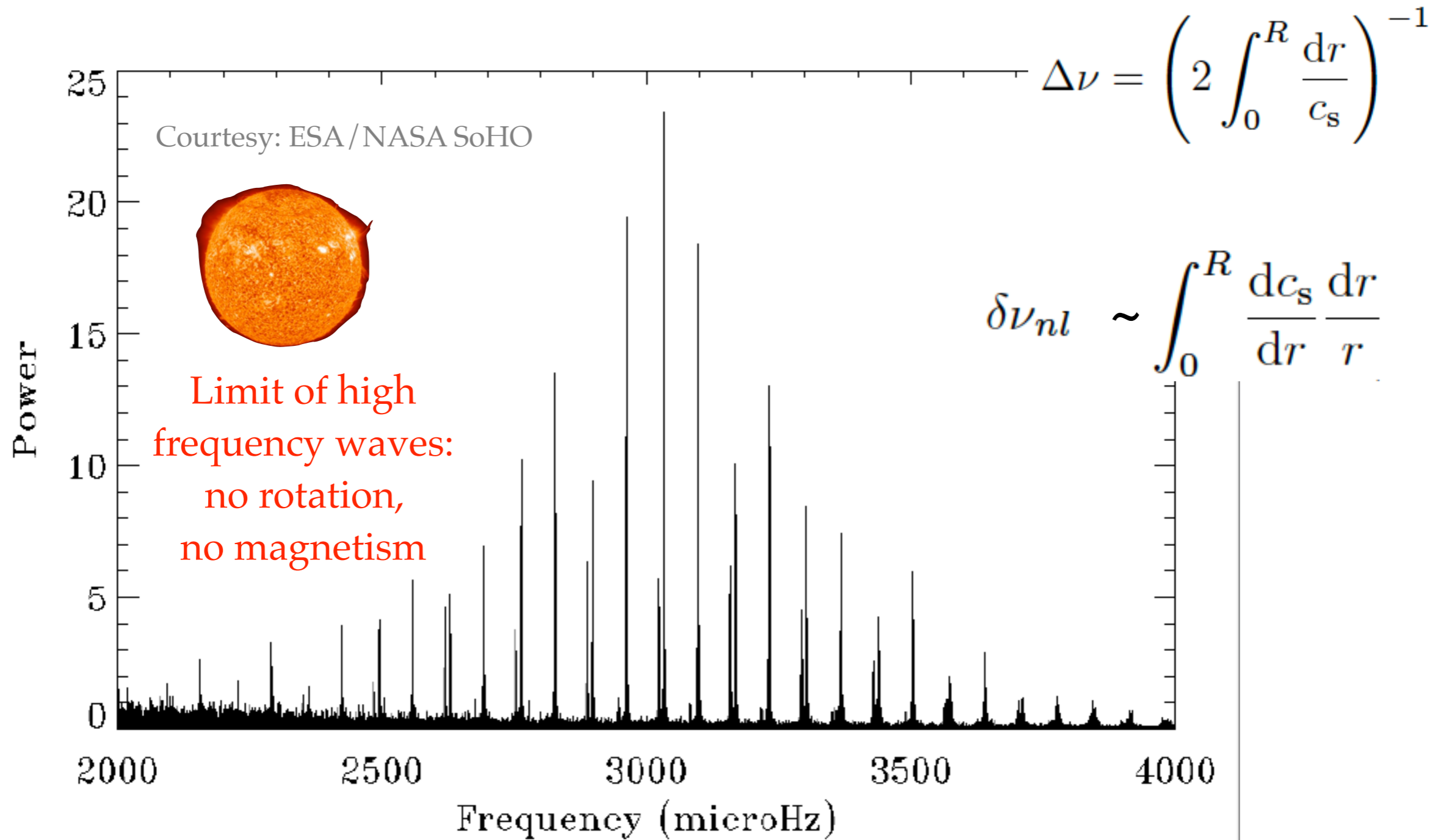
# **SOME APPLICATIONS:**

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LOW-MASS STARS (“SERVICE”)**

**2) INTERNAL ROTATION**

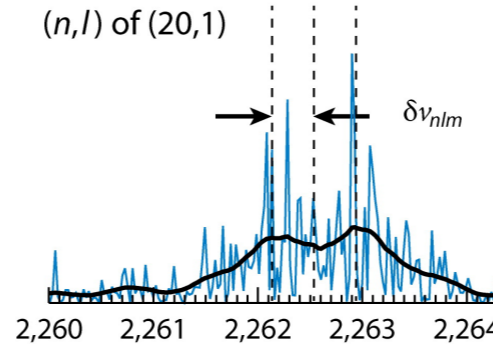
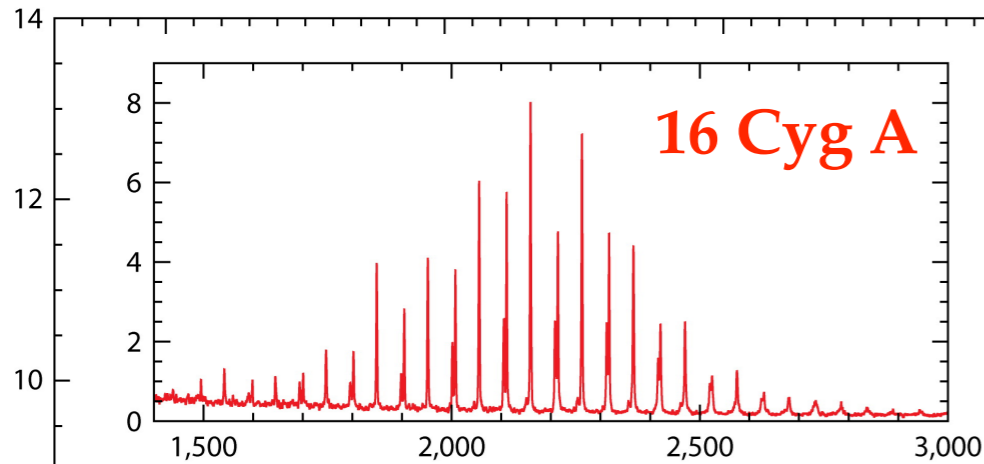
**3) INTERNAL CHEMICAL MIXING**

# Helioseismology paved the way



(Christensen-Dalsgaard, 2002, RMP)

# Low-mass stars: R, M, age



$$\left(\frac{R}{R_{\odot}}\right) \simeq \left(\frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max,\odot}}\right) \left(\frac{\langle\Delta\nu_{nl}\rangle}{\langle\Delta\nu_{nl}\rangle_{\odot}}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}}\right)^{0.5},$$

$$\left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) \simeq \left(\frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max,\odot}}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\langle\Delta\nu_{nl}\rangle}{\langle\Delta\nu_{nl}\rangle_{\odot}}\right)^{-4} \left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}}\right)^{1.5},$$

$$\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_{\odot}}\right) \simeq \left(\frac{\langle\Delta\nu_{nl}\rangle}{\langle\Delta\nu_{nl}\rangle_{\odot}}\right)^2,$$

$$\left(\frac{g}{g_{\odot}}\right) \simeq \left(\frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max,\odot}}\right) \left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}}\right)^{0.5}.$$

**Radius ~1-2%**

**Mass ~ 2-4%**

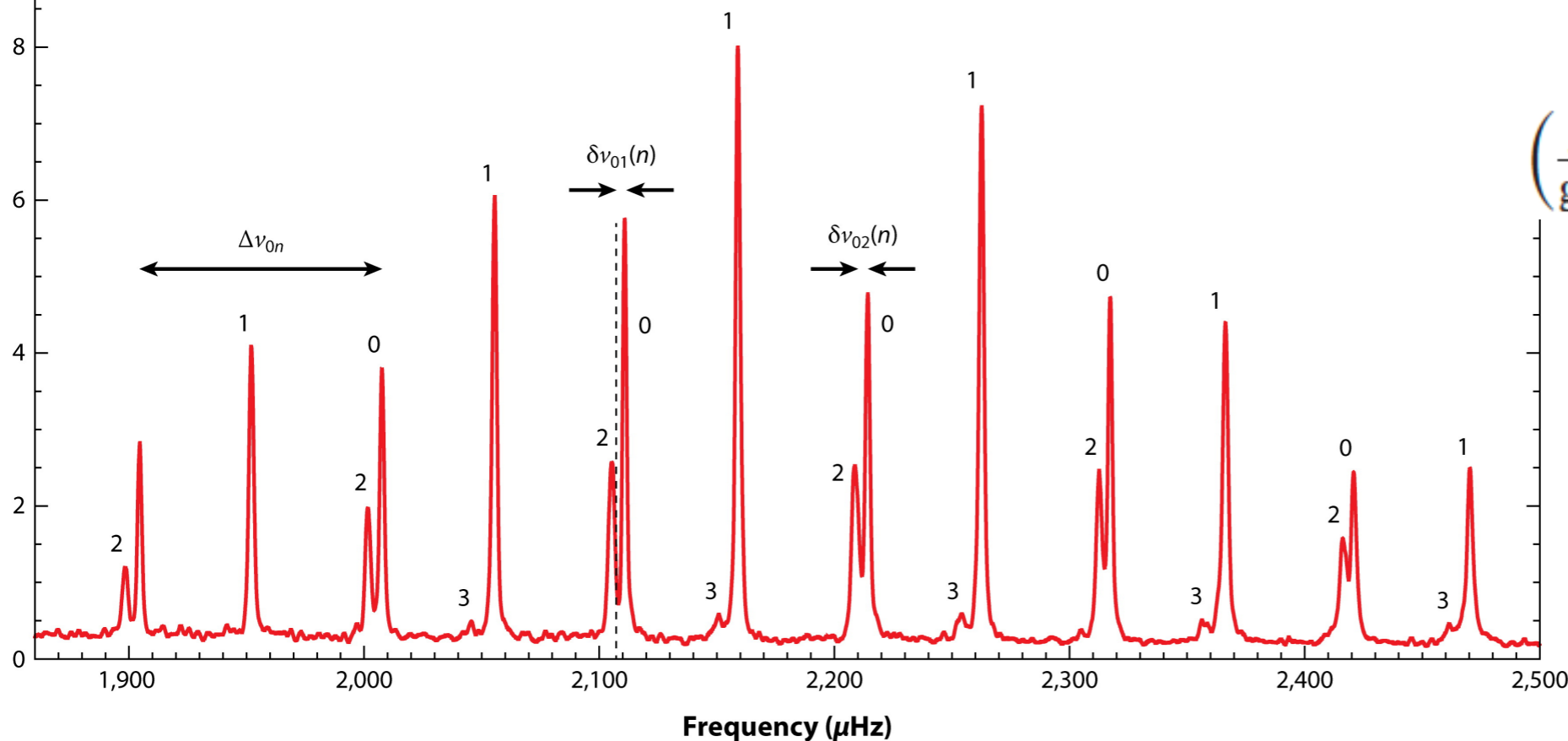
**Age ~ 20%**

**model dependent:**

**He? mixing?**

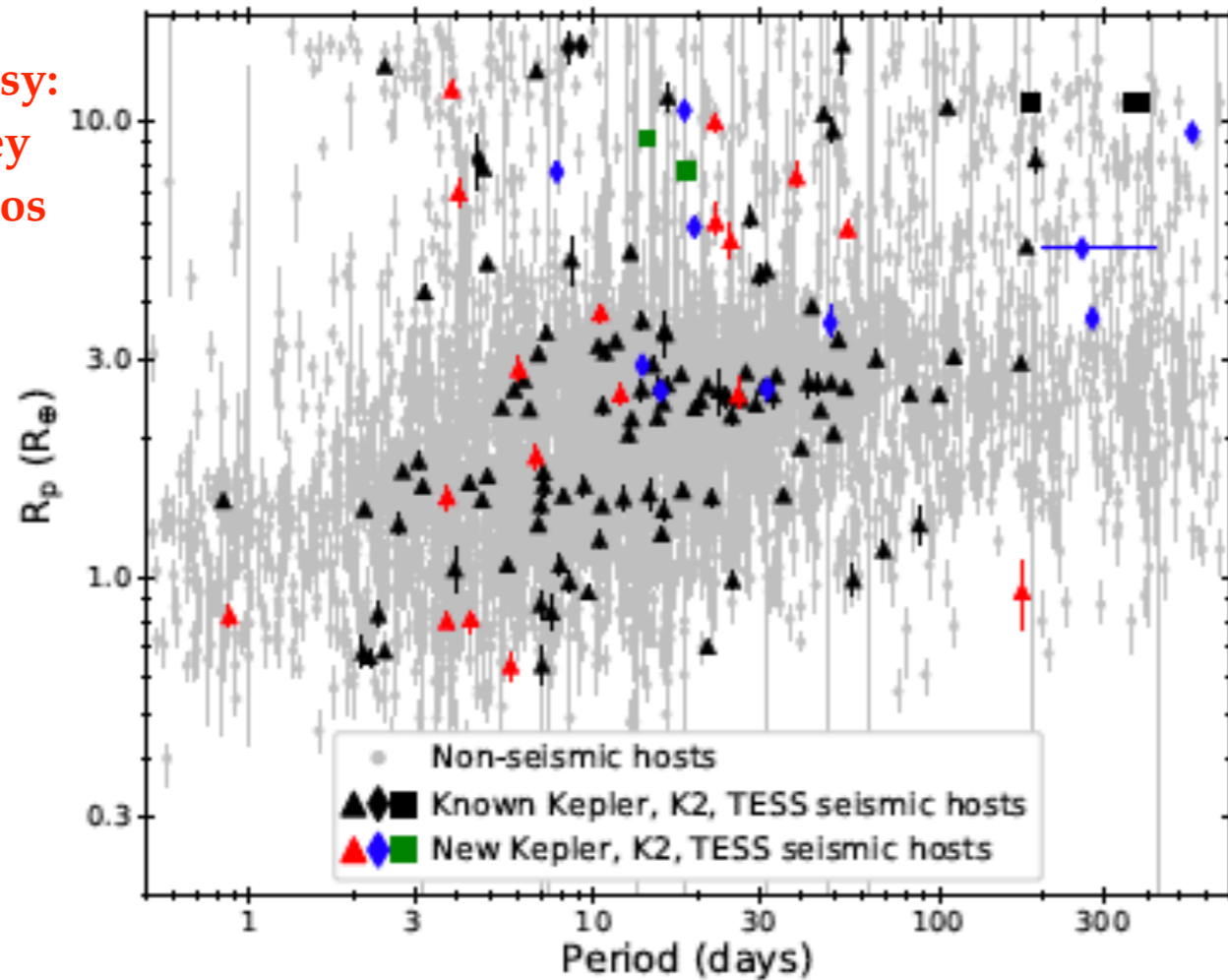
**atomic diffusion?**

Power spectral density ( $\text{ppm}^2 \mu\text{Hz}^{-1}$ )

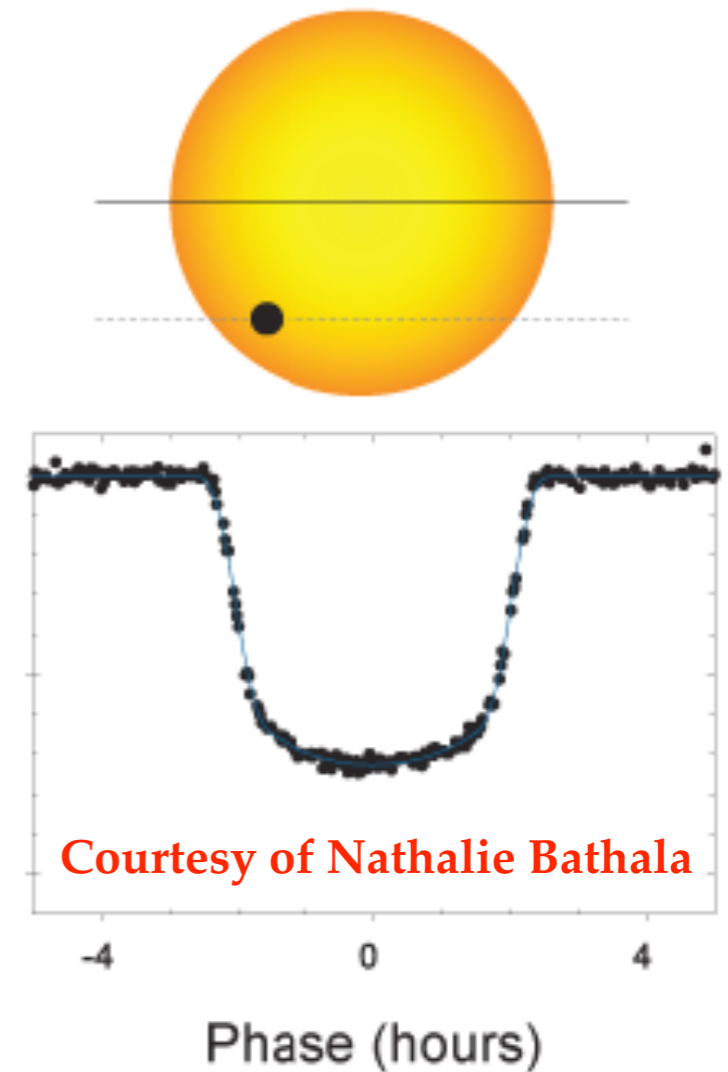


Asteroseismology of Host Star: factor ~2 improvement for exoplanet radius + **age delivery!**

Courtesy:  
Ashley  
Chontos



Kepler 5b

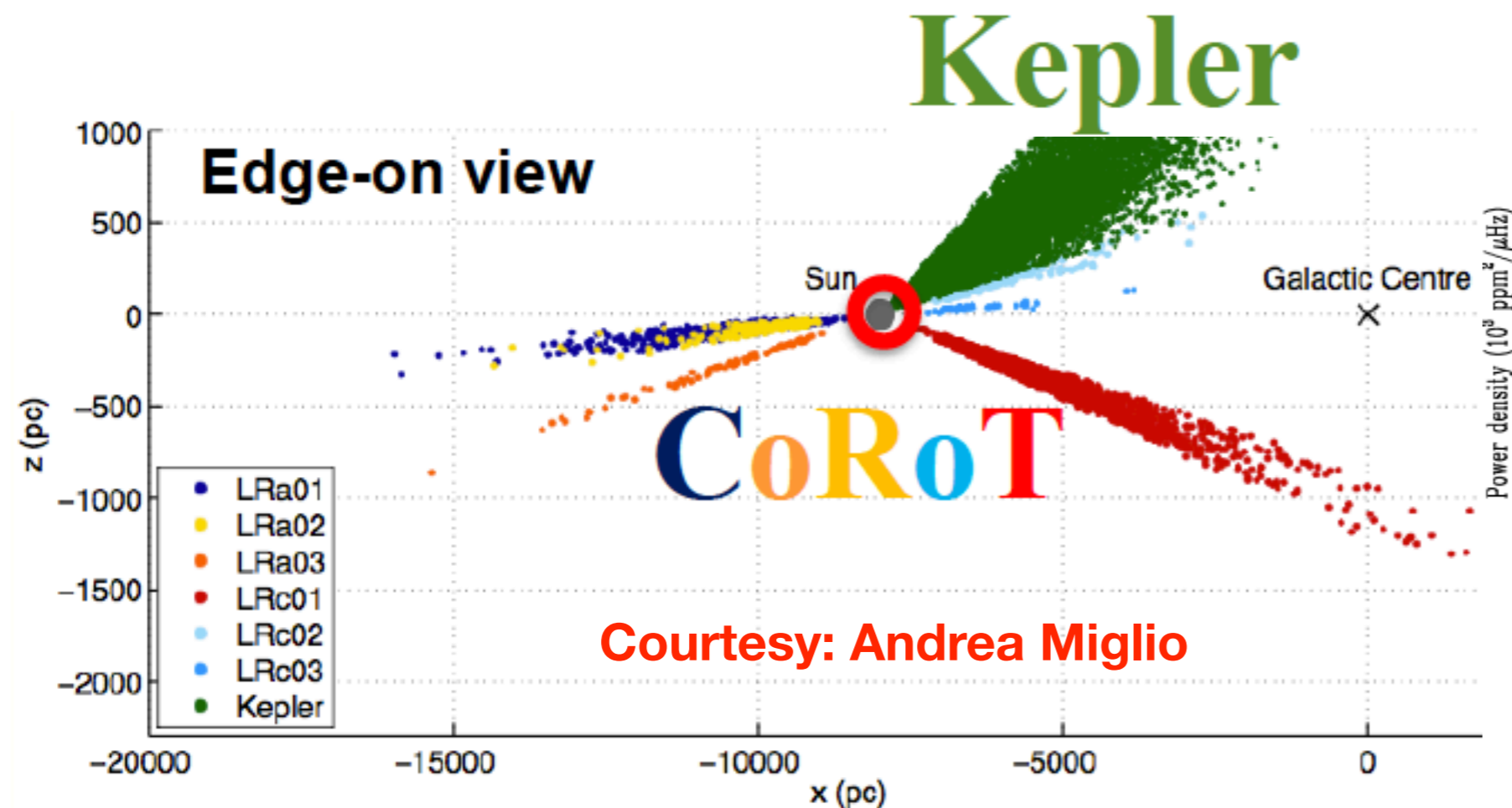


Courtesy of Nathalie Bathala

Huber et al. (2013) Van Eylen et al. (2014, 2018), Campante et al. (2016), Chontos et al. (2019)

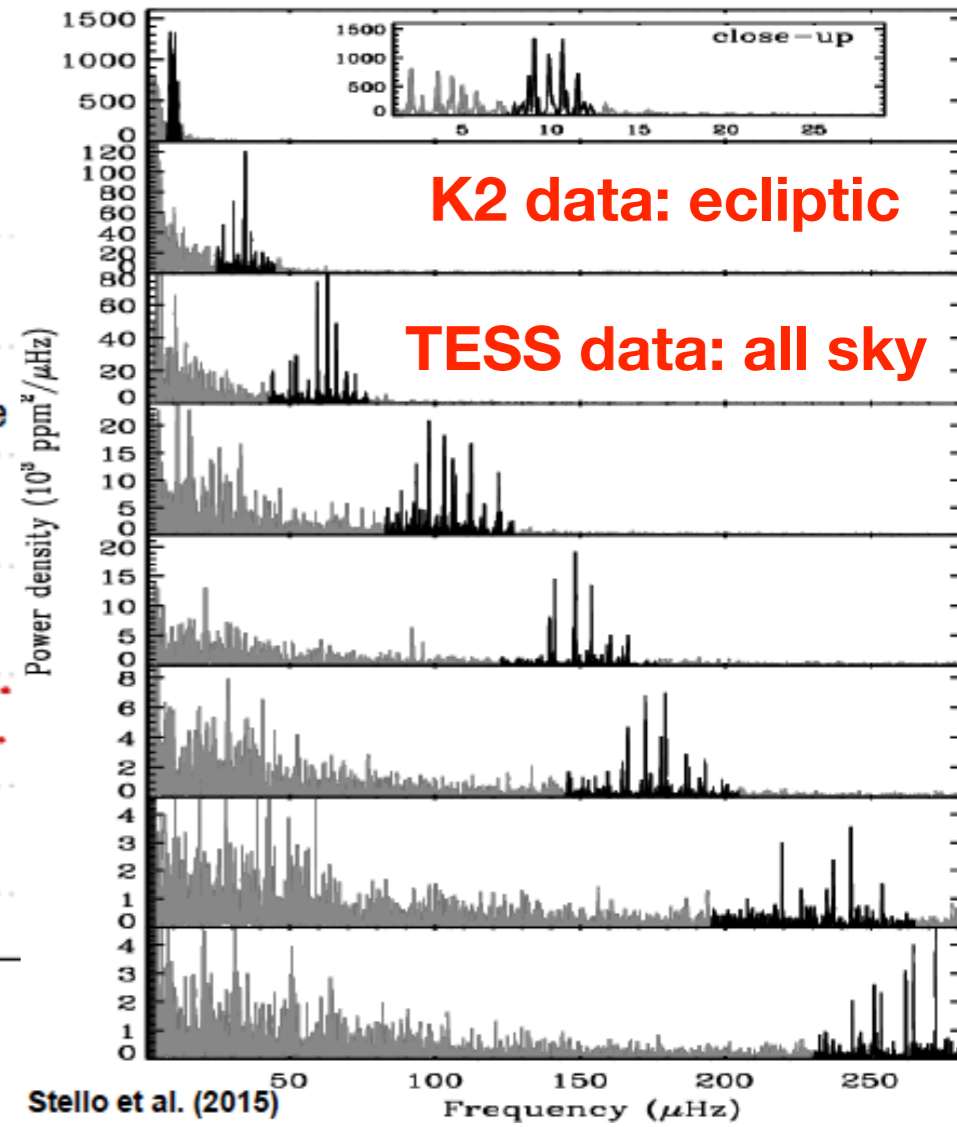
**Seismic mass, radius, age, log g** from scaling relations

**Teff** from spectroscopy



Courtesy: Andrea Miglio

**Asteroseismic distances ~few%**



(Silva Aguirre et al. 2012, Miglio et al. 2013, Stello et al. 2015, Huber et al. 2017, Hon et al. 2019, Bellinger et al. 2019, Sharma et al. 2019, Jie Yu et al. 2020,...)



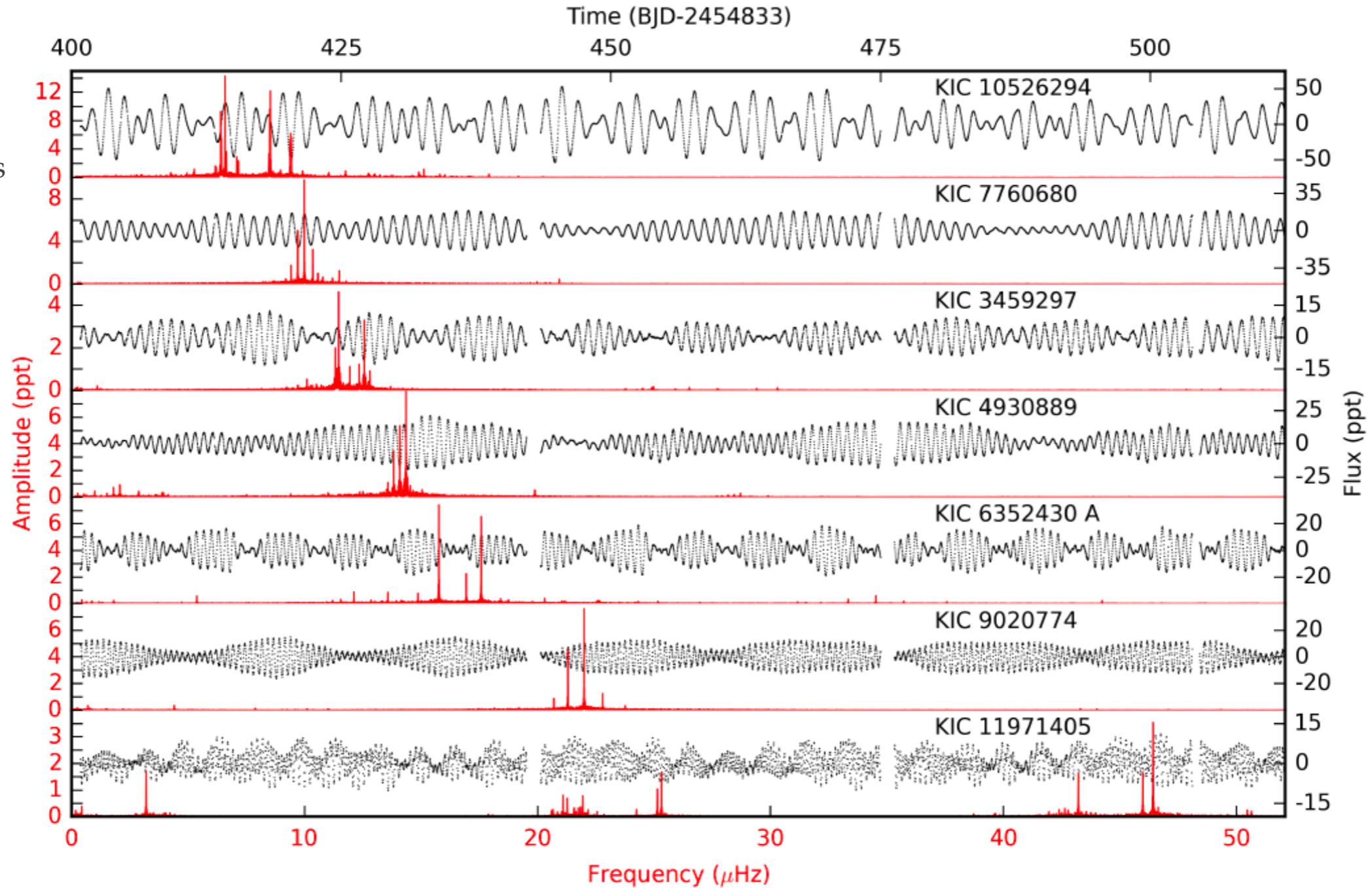
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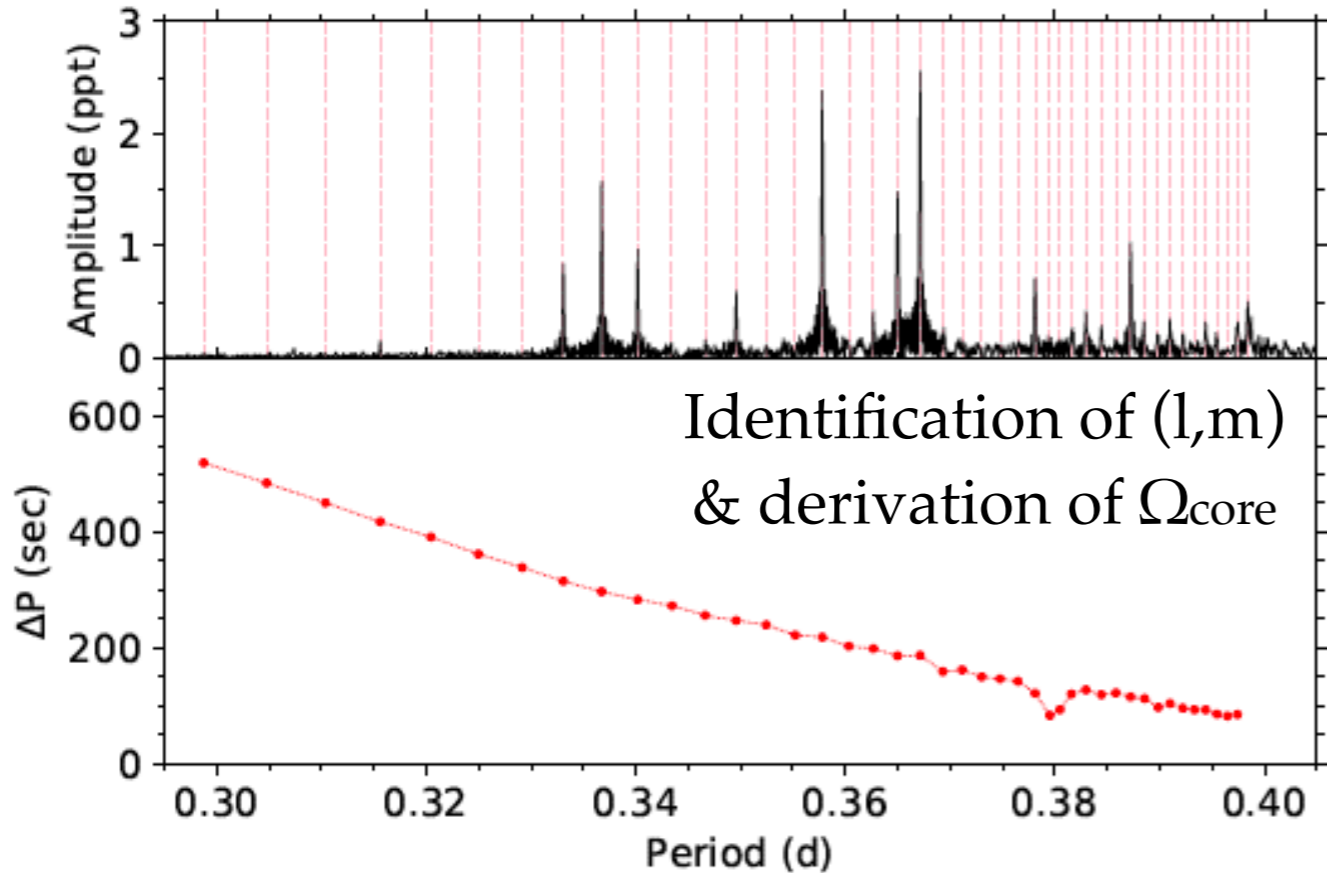


**offers new way to study core masses,  $D_{\text{mix}}(r)$  &  $\Omega(r)$**

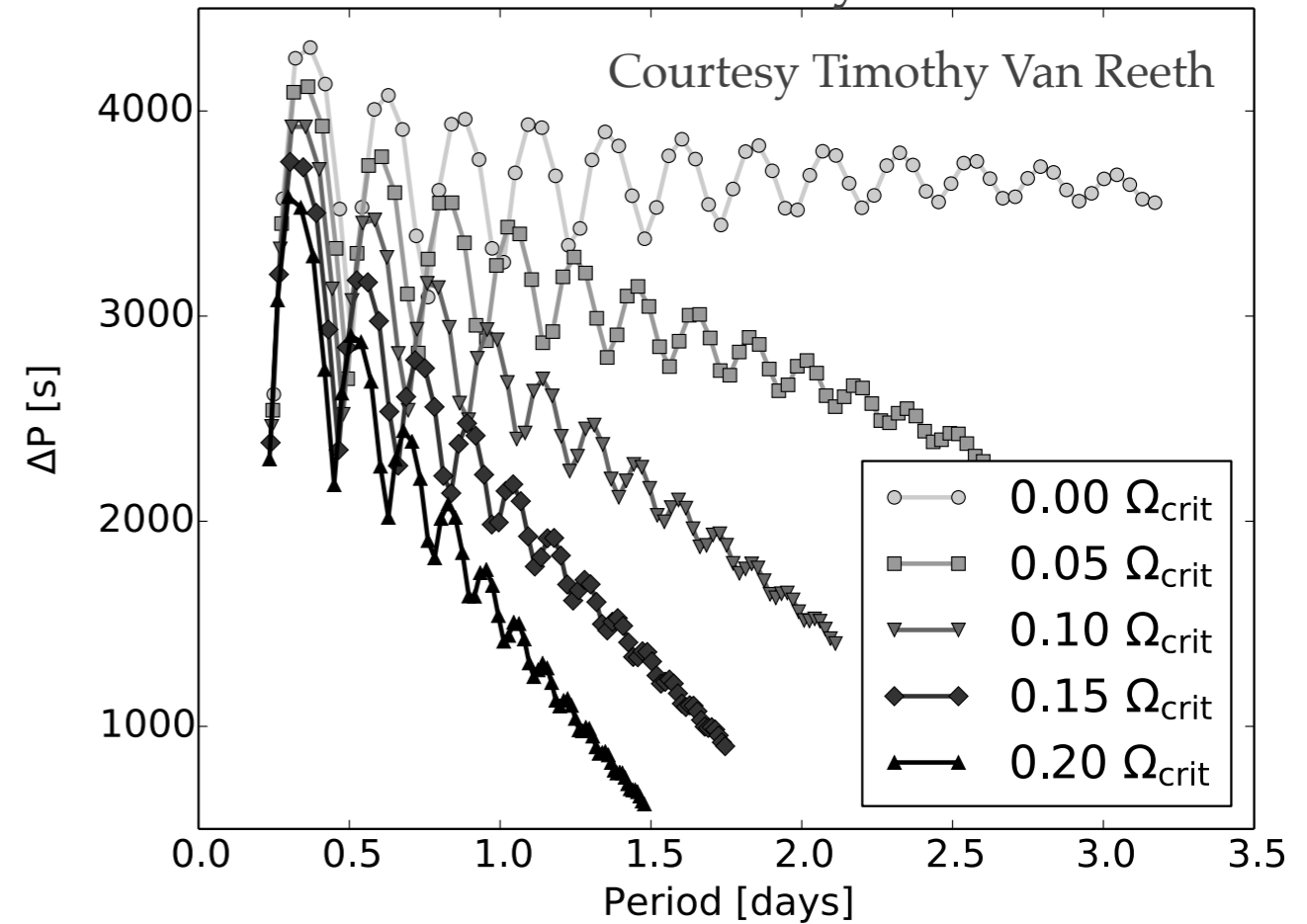
Pápics et al. (2017), Van Reeth et al. (2015,2016,2018), Saio et al. (2018), Gang Li et al. (2019,2020)

# (Near-)Core rotation rate

Observations



Theory



$$P_{nl} = \frac{\Pi_0}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} (|n| + \alpha_{l,g}),$$

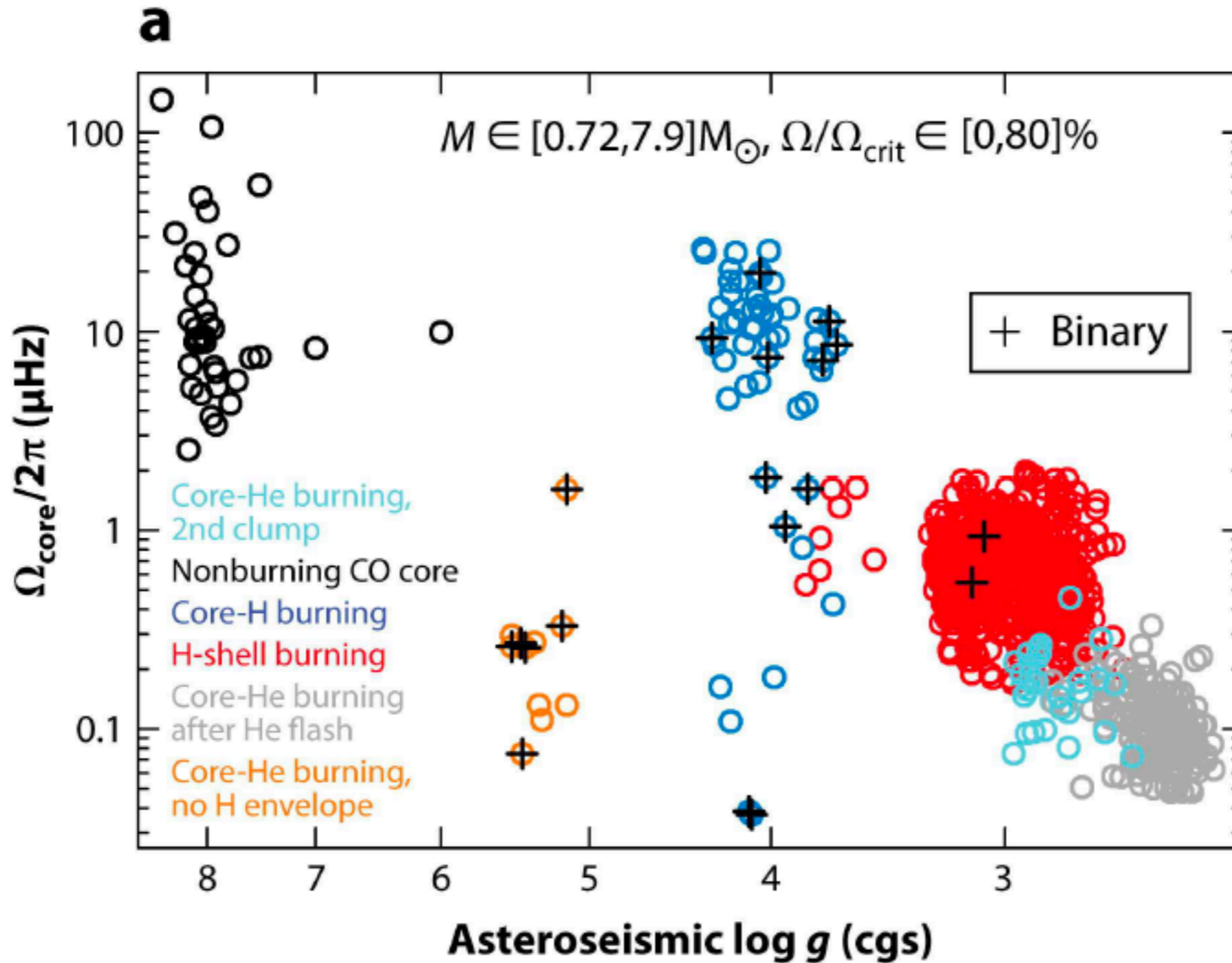
$$\Pi_0 \equiv 2\pi^2 \left( \int_{r_1}^{r_2} N \frac{dr}{r} \right)^{-1}.$$

**With(out)  
Coriolis  
acceleration**

$$\Delta P_{l,m,s}^{\text{co}} = \frac{\Pi_0}{\sqrt{\lambda_{lms}}}$$

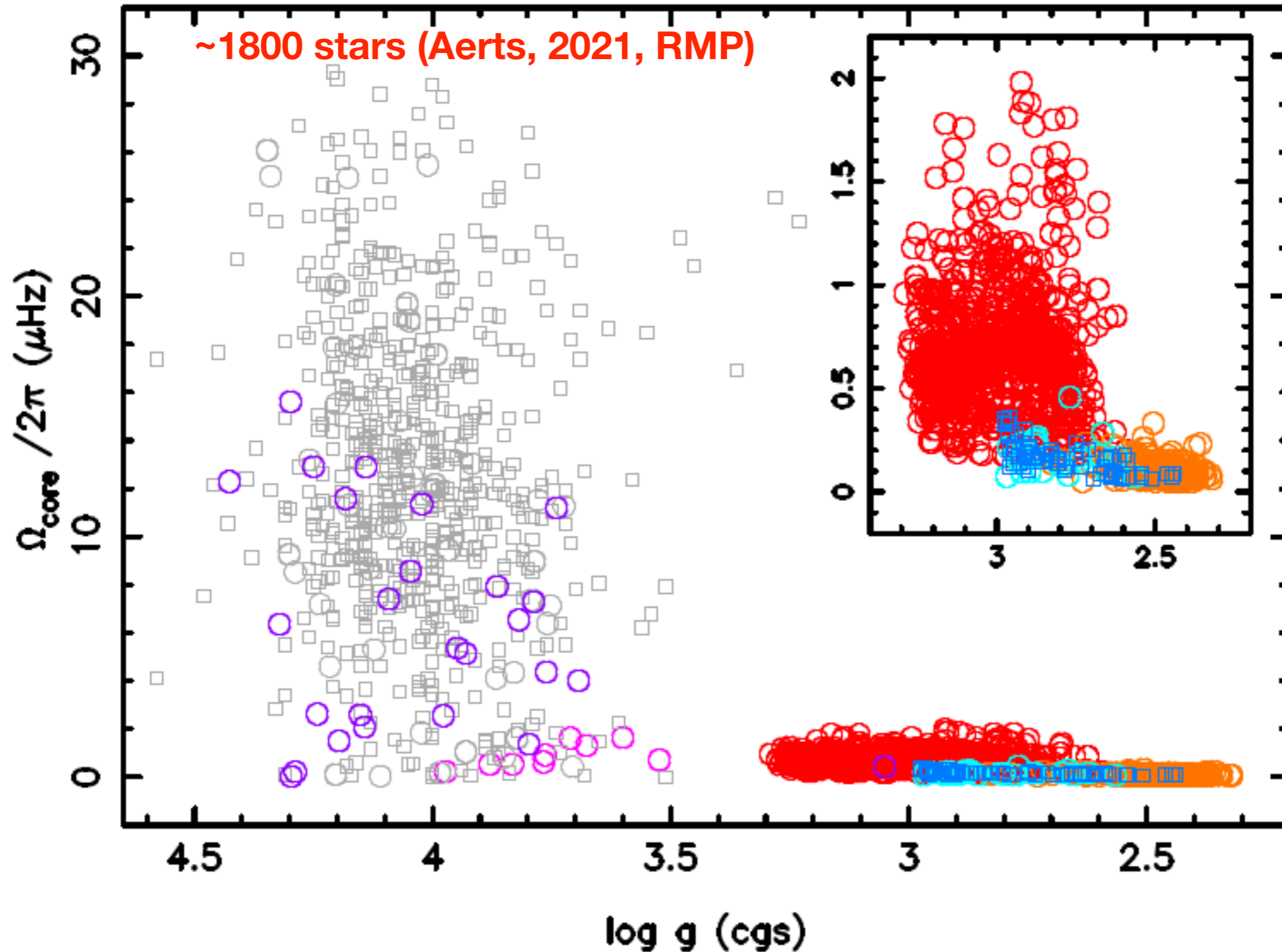
**depends on  $\Omega$**

**(from Aerts et al. 2019 ARAA & Aerts 2021 RMP)**

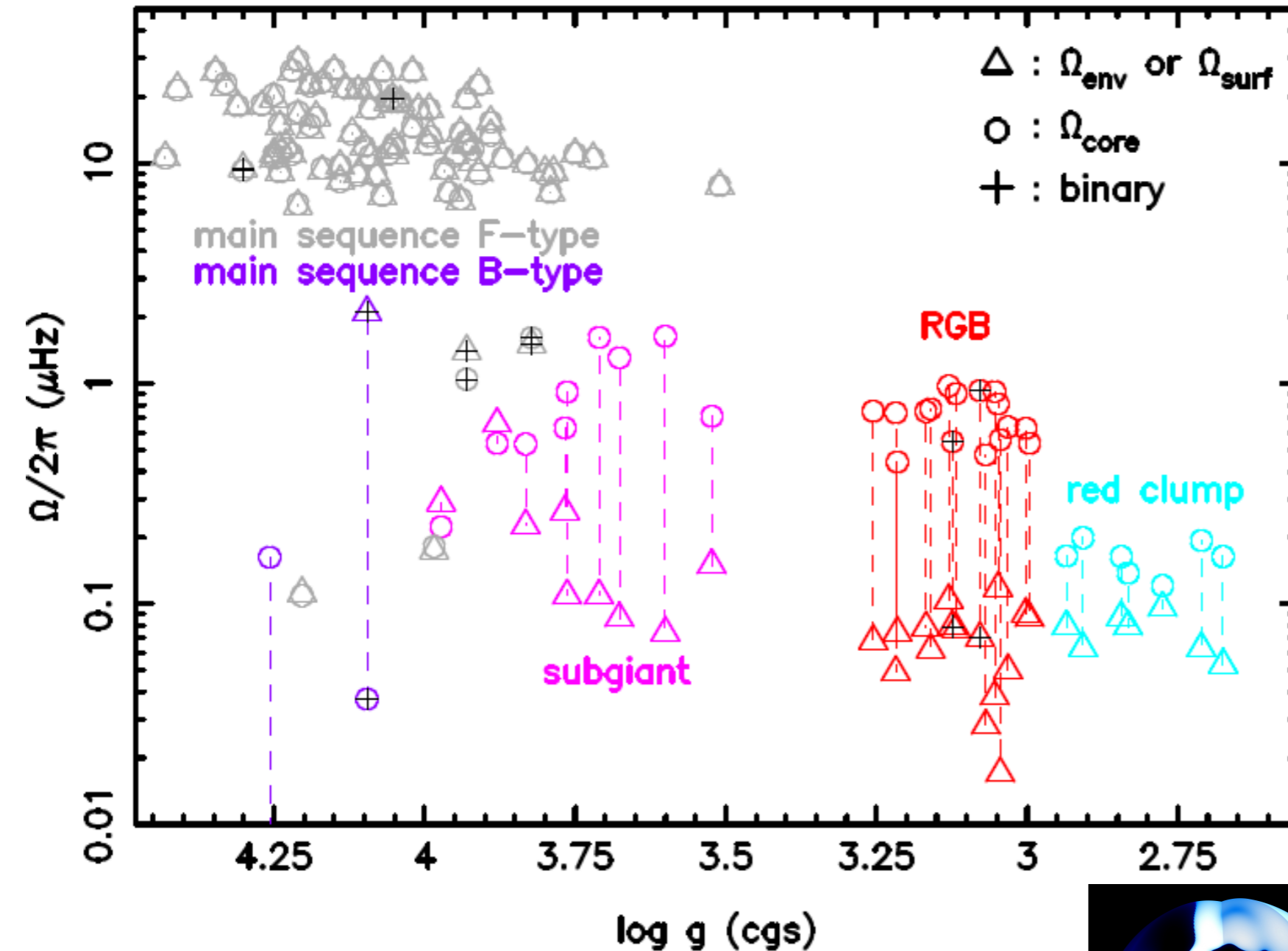


1210 stars

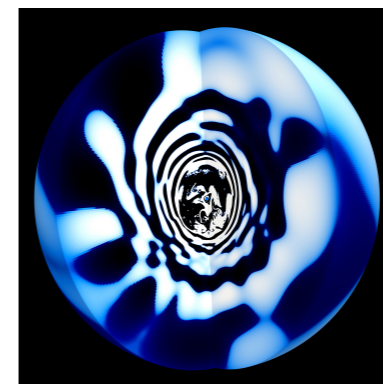
We cannot do this for the Sun...



# Measuring $\Omega_{\text{core}}$ versus $\Omega_{\text{env}}$



“Standard SSE” needs fixes...  
(from Aerts, 2021, RMP)



Stars rotate quasi-rigidly when having a convective core

AM transport to keep ~rigid rotation & agree with AM of WDs

**Magnetism/Taylor Instability:**  
Fuller et al. (2019),  
Takahashi & Langer (2020)

and/or

**IGWs:**  
Rogers (2015);  
Edelmann et al. (2019);  
Horst et al. (2020)

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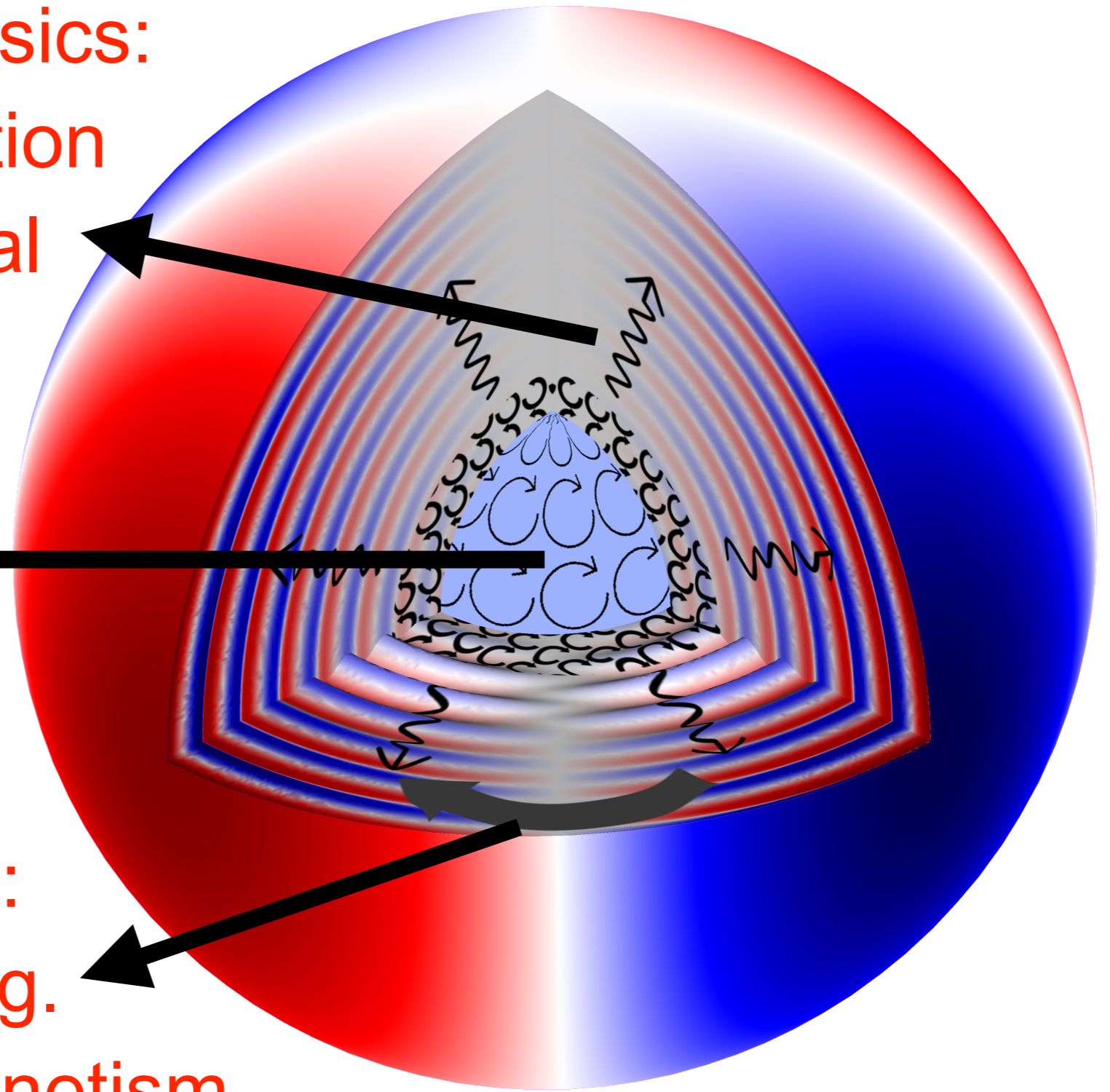
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**3) INTERNAL CHEMICAL MIXING**

microscopic physics:  
radiative levitation  
& gravitational  
settling

nuclear  
burning

macroscopic physics:  
element transport, e.g.  
rotation, waves, magnetism,...





$$\frac{\partial X_i}{\partial t} = \epsilon_i - \frac{\partial}{\partial m} (4\pi r^2 \rho X_i w_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left[ (4\pi \rho r^2)^2 (D_{\text{conv}} + D_{\text{ov}} + D_{\text{env}}) \frac{\partial X_i}{\partial m} \right]$$

nuclear physics

radiative levitation from atomic physics

micro- & macroscopic element transport: efficiency and timescales? diffusive treatment...

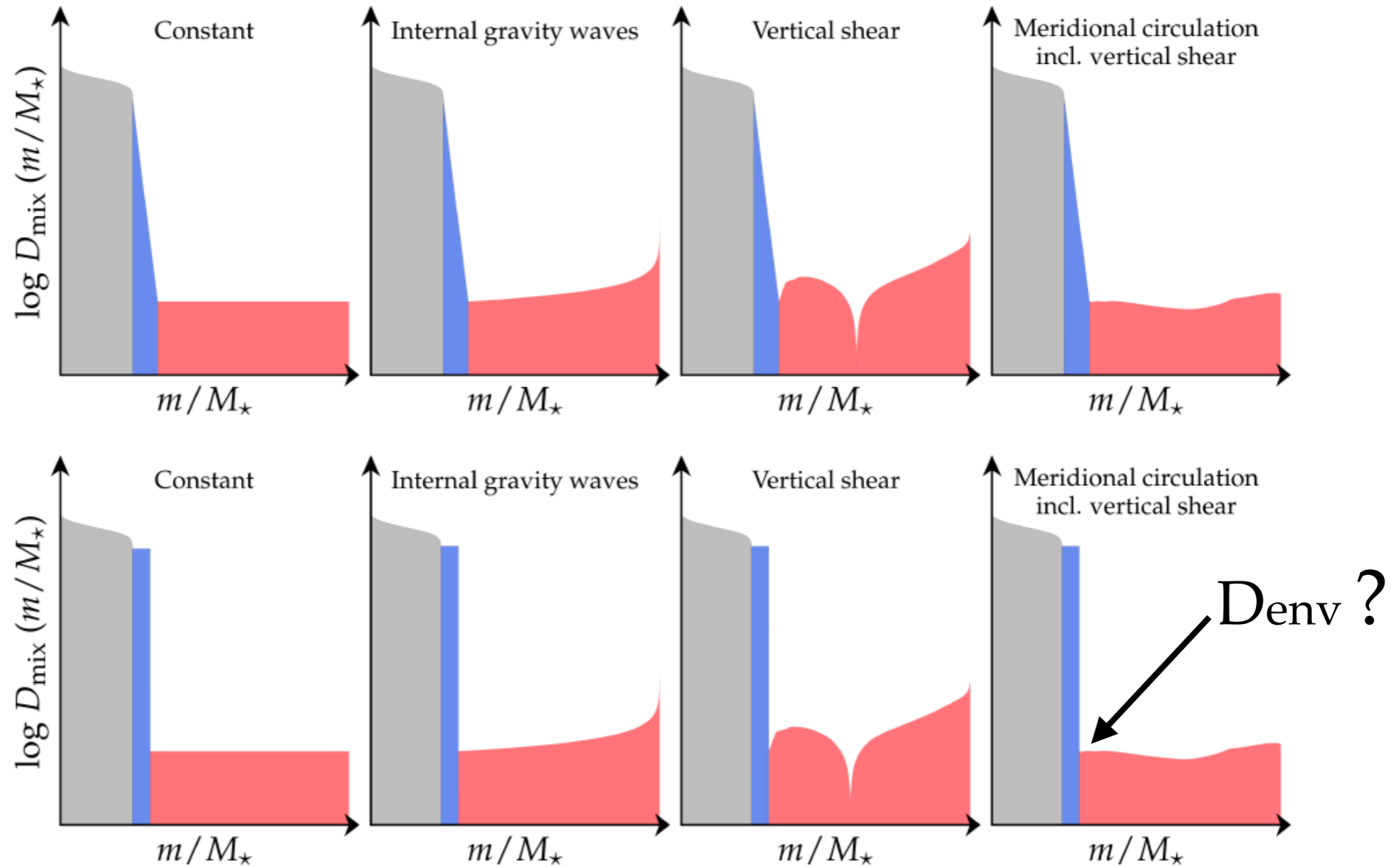
**Element mixing: largest unknown in stellar evolution; of vast importance for chemical yields in stars with convective core**

# Asteroseismic estimation of $D_{\text{mix}}(r)$

Courtesy:  
May Gade Pedersen

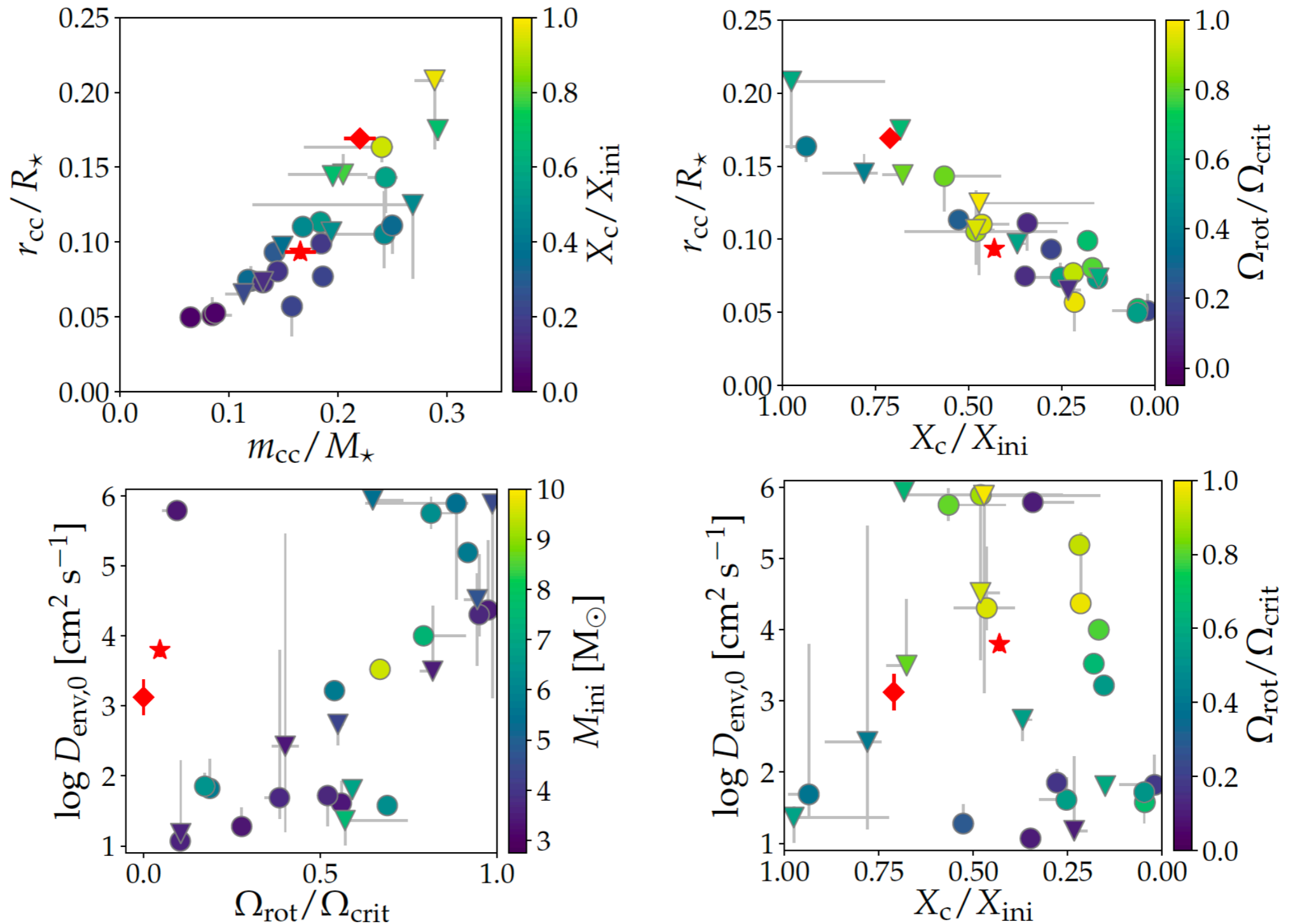
**Deduced for sample of 26 SPB stars by Pedersen et al., 2021, under embargo**

**Summary in Aerts (2021)**



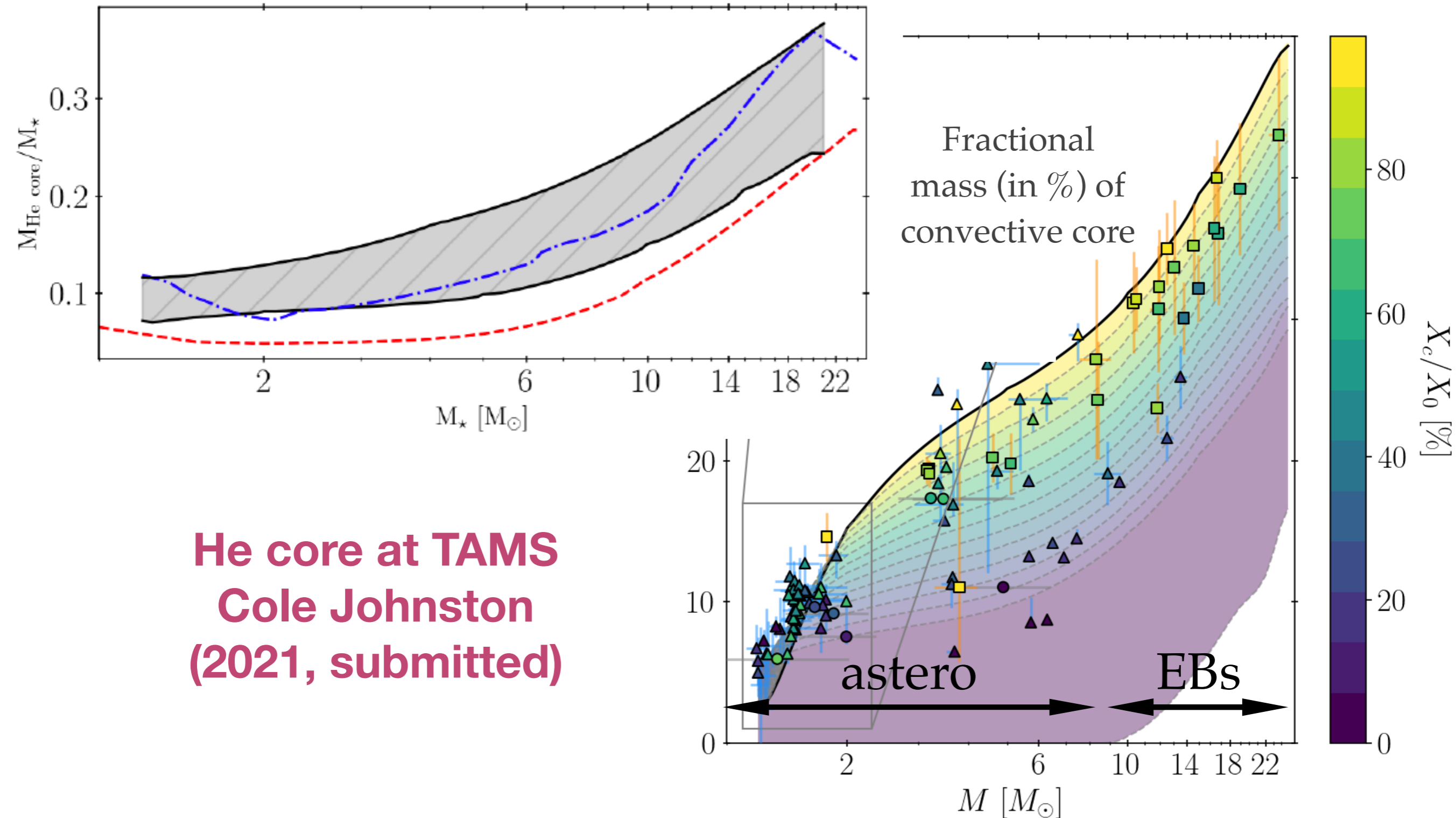
Sample	SpT	Mass range	$M_{\text{cc}}/M_{\star}$ range	$\Omega/\Omega_{\text{crit}}$ range	$D_{\text{env}}$ range
~20 solar-like pulsators	later than F2	[1.1, 1.6] $M_{\odot}$	[3, 18] %	< 10 %	??
~40 g-mode pulsators	F0 – F2	[1.3, 1.9] $M_{\odot}$	[7, 12] %	[0, 70] %	< 10 $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$
~30 g-mode pulsators	B3 – B9	[3.3, 8.9] $M_{\odot}$	[6, 29] %	[3, 96] %	[12, $8.7 \times 10^5$ ] $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$

# Stellar evolution in action



**Combined asteroseismology, astrometry, and spectroscopy of a sample of SPB stars (Pedersen et al. 2020, 2021 under embargo)**

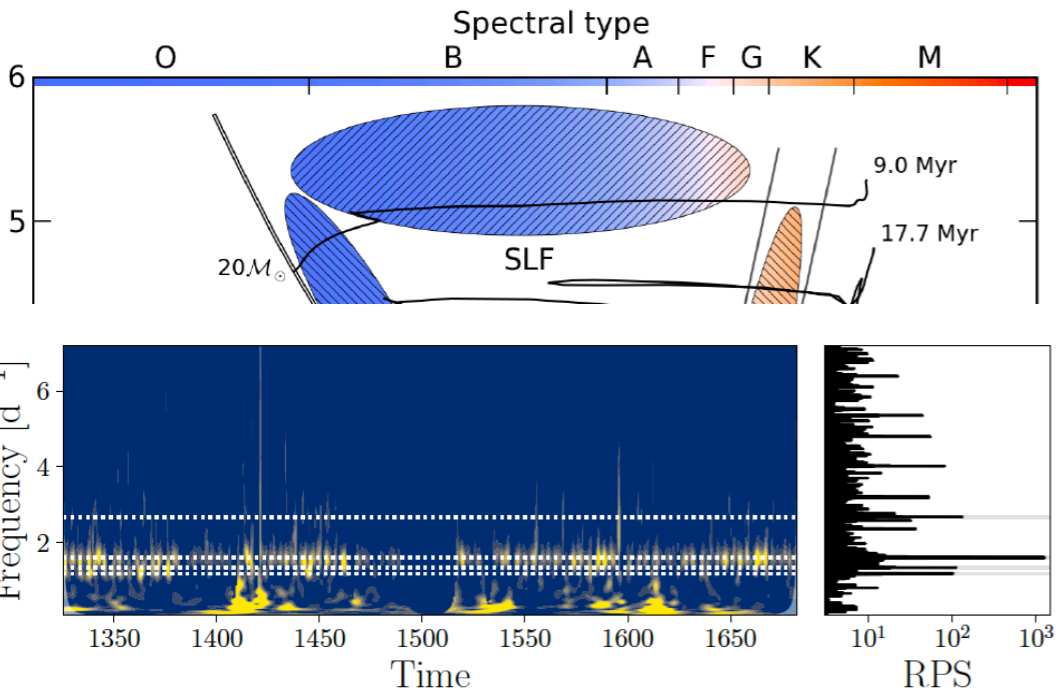
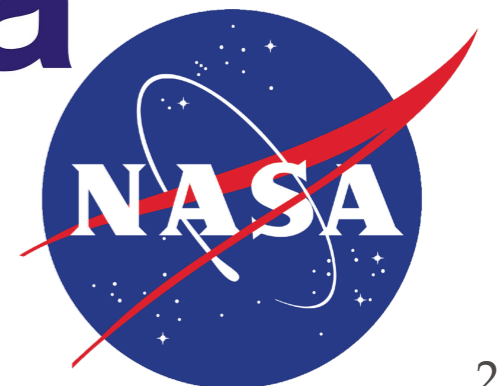
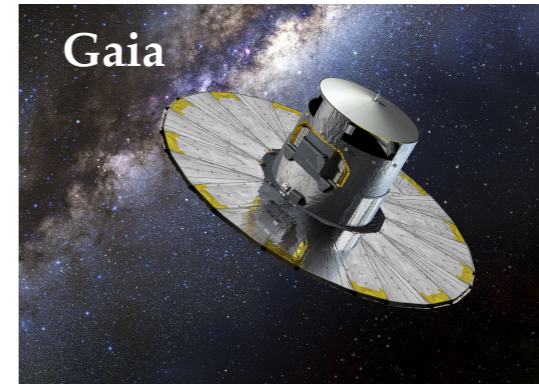
Figures Courtesy: Cole Johnston



**He core at TAMS**  
**Cole Johnston**  
**(2021, submitted)**

(Pedersen et al. 2019; Bowman et al. 2019, 2020; Dorn-Wallenstein et al. 2020)

## Onward to high mass & evolved BSG (incl. LMC)



VLT-UVES



Mercator, La Palma

# Onward to PLATO (2026+)

**8% Data Rate is Guest Observer program via open ESA calls, incl. ToO option: welcome!**



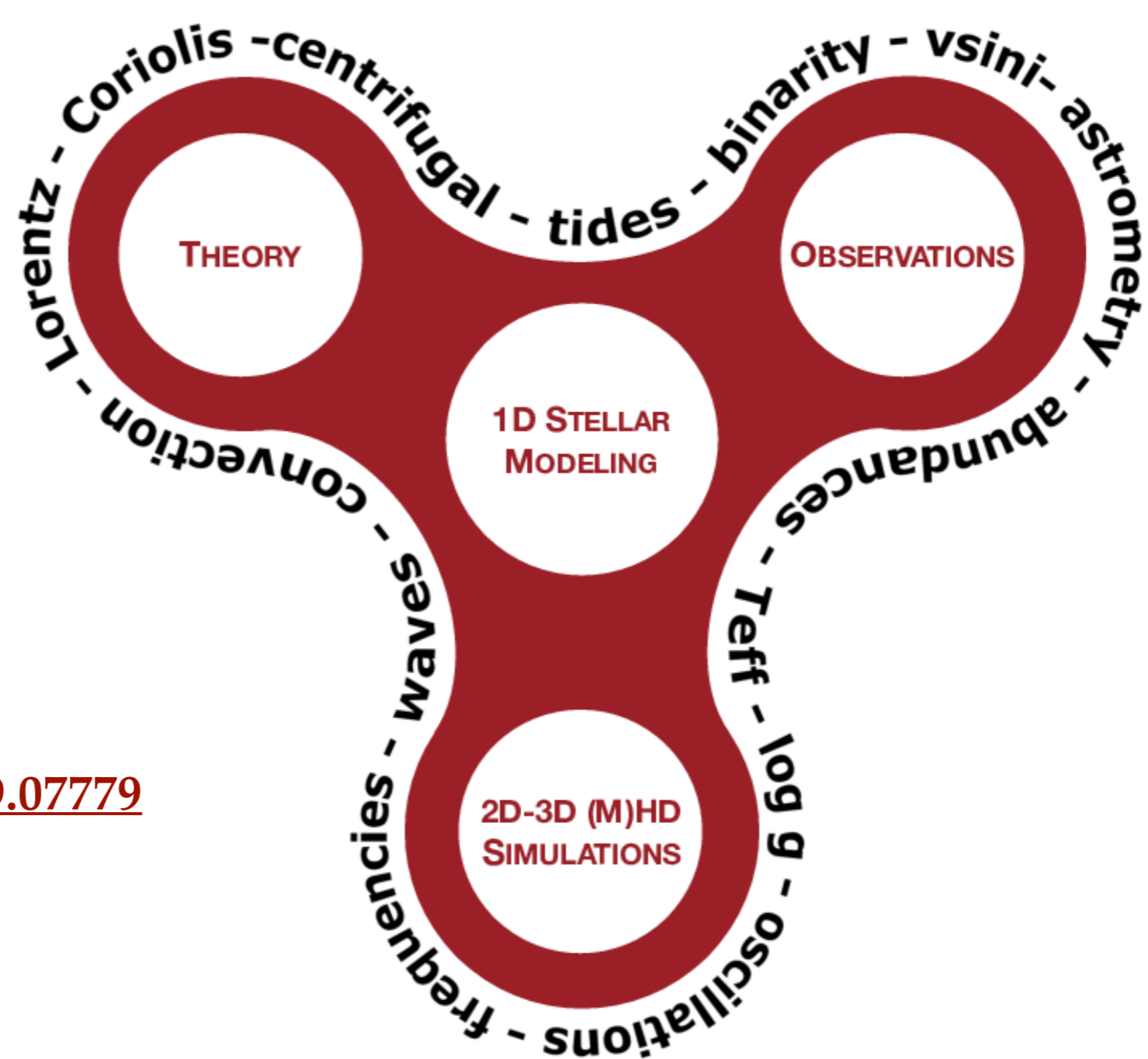


Figure courtesy:  
 Aerts, Mathis, Rogers,  
 2019: ARAA, 57, 35,  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.07779>

Much more to it: tidal, magneto-, pre-MS, binary mergers,  
 nonlinear,... asteroseismology

Aerts, 2021, RMP, Vol.93, 015001: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.12300>  
 general introduction & update for non-expert