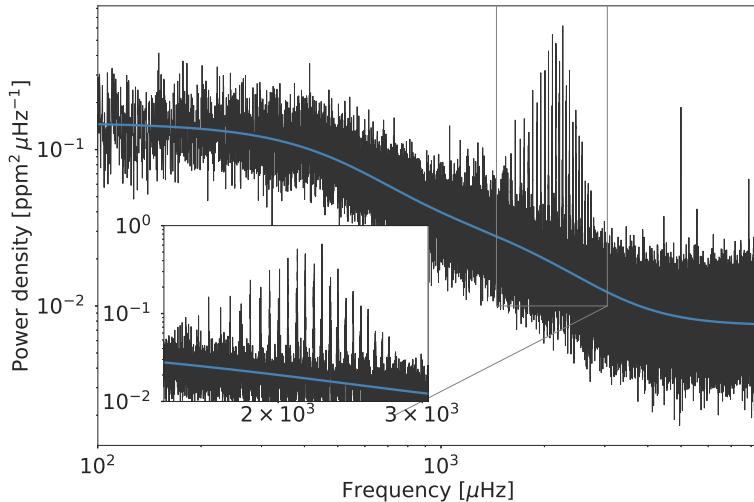


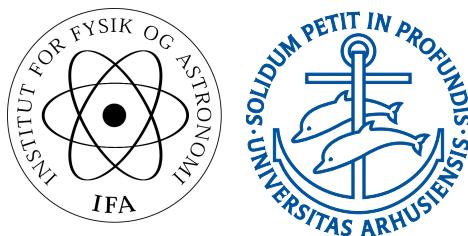
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## Abstract (English)

In this thesis I have performed asteroseismic analysis of 5 selected stars from the TESS (The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite) mission. Asteroseismology is the study of stars through observing their oscillations. These oscillations provide an unique window to the hidden interiors of the star. The purpose of this thesis is to construct algorithms to calculate fundamental asteroseismic parameters, which are used to estimate the mass, radius and age of each star. In this project I estimate the age using two different methods.

The first method is testing two new scaling relations and the second method is creating theoretical stellar evolution models. The scaling relations are calibrated to work for main sequence stars and giants. However, in this thesis I have worked with 3 subgiants, a giant and a giant/red clump star. The scaling relation for main sequence stars gave some results with small deviations from the literature for two of the subgiants. This indicates that the scaling relation may extend further into the subgiant regime. The same can be said with the scaling relation for giants, which produced a result with minor deviation from the reference value for a subgiant and the giant. This also indicates that the lower boundary for the scaling relation may extend into the subgiant regime.

The theoretical stellar models provided results for the age of each star that were in correlation with the scaling relations, however, with some deviations. The deviations come from the mass used in the stellar models. The mass is a mean of the estimated masses using the scaling relations, and if the mean mass is higher or lower than the reference value for the mass, it will have an impact on the estimated age from the models.

In the case for the giant/red clump star, none of the scaling relations or the stellar models seemed to match the reference value and was a factor 2 too low from my estimations in both cases (in the case it is a red giant and the case where it is a red clump star). This led to creating a stellar model using the mass, metallicity and radius from the paper used as reference in the case it is a red clump star. This gave an age a factor 2 above the estimated age in the reference paper, which indicates that the results obtained in my thesis is closer to the true age of the star.

## Resumé (Dansk)

I denne afhandling har jeg udført en asteroseismisk analyse af 5 udvalgte stjerner fra TESS (The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite) missionen. Asteroseismologi er studiet af stjerners oscillationer. Disse oscillationer giver et unikt vindue til stjernens skjulte interør. Formålet med denne afhandling er at konstruere algoritmer, der kan udregne fundamentale asteroseismiske parametre, som kan bruges til at estimere massen, radius og alderen for hver stjerne. I dette projekt estimerer jeg alderen på to forskellige måder.

Den første metode er afprøvningen af to nye skaleringsforhold, og den anden metode er ved at lave teoretiske stjernemodeller. Skaleringsforholdene er kalibrerede til at fungere for hovedseriestjerner og giganter. I dette speciale har jeg arbejdet med 3 subgiganter, en gigant og en gigant/rød klumpstjerne. Skaleringsforholdene for hovedseriestjernerne gav resultater med små afvigelser fra litteraturværdien for to af subgiganterne. Dette indikerer, at skaleringsforholdet måske også dækker over en del af subgigantområdet. Det samme gælder skaleringsforholdet for giganter, der også gav resultater med små afvigelser fra referenceværdien for en subgigant og giganten. Dette indikerer at den nedre grænse for skaleringsforholdet måske også dækker over en del af subgigantområdet.

De teoretiske stjernemodeller gav en alder, der var i overensstemmelse med skaleringsforholdene, dog med minimale afvigelser. Afvigelserne kommer fra den anvendte masse i stjernemodellerne. Massen anvendt i stjernemodellerne er et gennemsnit af de masser, der er blevet estimeret på baggrund af skaleringsforholdene, og hvis massen er højere eller lavere end referenceværdien, så vil dette have en indvirkning på de estimerede aldre fra modellerne. I tilfældet, at det er en gigant/rød klumpstjerne, passede hverken skaleringsforholdene eller stjernemodellerne til referenceværdien og var en faktor 2 for lav i forhold til mine estimeringer i begge tilfælde (i tilfældet at det var en rød gigant og i tilfældet at det var en rød klumpstjerne). Dette førte til at lave en stjernemodel ved at bruge massen, metalliciteten og radius fra den artikel, der er brugt som reference i tilfælde af, at det er en rød klumpstjerne. Dette gav en alder, der var en faktor 2 over den estimerede alder i artiklen, hvilket indikerer, at resultaterne opnået i min afhandling er tættere på stjernens sande alder.

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# Chapter 1

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## Introduction

The points of light in the sky are not constant but rather variable, meaning they dim and brighten over time. Some of these variations are periodic, which mean that the dim and brighten occur with some regularity. This observation may have been known since the Egyptians who wrote calendars, in which they recorded the 2.85 day period of the so-called "Demon Star", Algol ([Jetsu and Porceddu 2015](#)). This indicates that astronomy is one of the most ancient and fascinating sciences we have.

However, the problem with astronomy is that it is also one the most constrained sciences. Astronomy is an observational science, meaning that we can not recreate the physics happening inside stars in the laboratories. This forced astronomers to learn how to dissect the light we received from these stars.

Stars are one of the most fundamental pieces in astrophysics. This is because stars produce all the elements that other astronomical objects are comprised of. They also produce most of the light the astronomers can observe and are therefore very important for our ultimate search for life outside our own planet. Learning about the properties of stars can tell us something about the environment of a potential orbiting planet. These stellar properties are also the cornerstone in determining basic properties such as mass, density, radius etc. of new found exoplanets.

Even though we can see the light from these stars, the light is so far away making it impossible to resolve their surface details. Furthermore, some of the most interesting properties of the star are hidden in the core, a

place we still can not directly observe. Sir Artur Eddington put it very beautifully:

“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. 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? What appliance can pierce through the outer layers of a star and test the conditions within?” [Eddington 1920.](#)

The answer to the question asked by Eddington is asteroseismology, which is the study of the oscillations of stars. This can determine basic properties of a distant star and give an insight of the internal mechanisms occurring there. These unique environments are powerful laboratories for many parts of physics such as hydrodynamics, nuclear fusion and neutrino physics. As mentioned, it is not possible to resolve the surface of the stars, meaning that the information about the stellar interior comes from the emitted light. From the light it is possible to extract information about the oscillation frequencies of the star. These frequencies depend on the temperature, density, composition and other properties of the stellar interior. This means that these frequencies can infer physical properties of the star.

The development of this field is due to the success and achievements of helioseismology, which is the study of the solar interior, by observing the frequencies of the Sun. These observations made it possible to predict the inner structure of the Sun in higher detail than before. The quality of the solar data is better than we can ever achieve for any other stars, which means that most of our knowledge of other stars is based on our knowledge of the Sun. This success of helioseismology led to the idea of applying similar methods on other stars. This started the search for solar-like oscillations in the nearest solar-like stars through ground based observations. The field has been developing rapidly since the first detection almost 2 decades ago. These days we receive excellent data from space missions such as CoRoT and TESS. However, these days asteroseismology is not limited to solar-like stars. Almost every star is believed to pulsate at some point of its evolution, and therefore asteroseismology is performed on a large variety of stars.

## This Thesis

In this thesis I present a detailed asteroseismic analysis of 5 stars. The analysis is based on photometric data from the TESS mission. In this thesis I will:

- write a code that can take raw light curves and estimate stellar parameters such as mass, radius and age based on asteroseismic parameters.
- analyze different types of stars that are in different stages of their evolution.
- test two new scaling relations to estimate the age of the stars.
- create theoretical stellar evolution models to estimate the age of the stars and compare these with the results from the analysis.

## Outline

This thesis is structured as follows:

Chapter 2 gives an introduction to asteroseismology and what solar-like oscillations are. In this chapter I present some of the asteroseismic parameters used in the thesis. I explain how the different oscillation modes behave and are identified for solar-like oscillations. Lastly I introduce one of the methods to estimate the age in the thesis.

Chapter 3 gives an introduction to the TESS mission and its predecessor Kepler. Here I present the difference between the two missions relative to observational methods and spectral ranges.

Chapter 4 gives an introduction to the code MESA used to create the stellar evolution models and the code GYRE used to calculate the frequencies of the star.

Chapter 5 I introduce the theory and derive the exponents used to calculate the power spectrum for the stars, and show the comparison to other common used methods.

Chapter 6 I present the methods for preparation of the light curves and estimation of the asteroseismic parameters used to estimate the stellar properties.

Chapter 7 presents and discusses the main results of this thesis, which are the asteroseismic parameters estimated for each star. Furthermore I present and discuss the estimated mass, radius and age for each star obtained from both scaling relations and theoretical stellar evolution models.

Chapter 8 includes the discussion and conclusion. In this chapter I discuss about possible improvements of the code and the challenges faced in the process. Finally, I compare the results obtained in this thesis to results from other papers.

# Chapter 2

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## Solar-Like Oscillations

In this chapter some of the theory used to make the asteroseismic analysis will be presented. I will describe how stellar oscillations occur and how to use these to tell something about the stars. Lastly, I will introduce some of the methods used to estimate these stellar parameters of the stars considered in this thesis.

### Stellar Oscillations

Stars are spheres of hot gas and plasma held together by gravity in hydrostatic equilibrium. If a star is moved away from its equilibrium by some mechanism, it will start to oscillate. However, due to internal friction in the star within the gas, these oscillations will be intrinsically damped, so if a star is to keep oscillating, a driving mechanism must be present to keep exciting the oscillations.

The modes oscillating in the star are characterized by the restoring force which mainly comes in two variants. When the pressure gradient is the restoring force, the mode is referred to as a p-mode. A p-mode thus constitutes a standing wave in the star. When buoyancy is the restoring force, the mode is referred to as a g-mode, or gravity mode. These two kinds of modes are easily distinguishable in most stars, but in some evolved stars these modes start to couple and gives rise to what is known as mixed modes. These types of modes behave like g-modes in the interior and p-modes near the surface. Not so important, but there are also other types of modes, such as Rossby waves. The modes of oscillation depend on the structure of

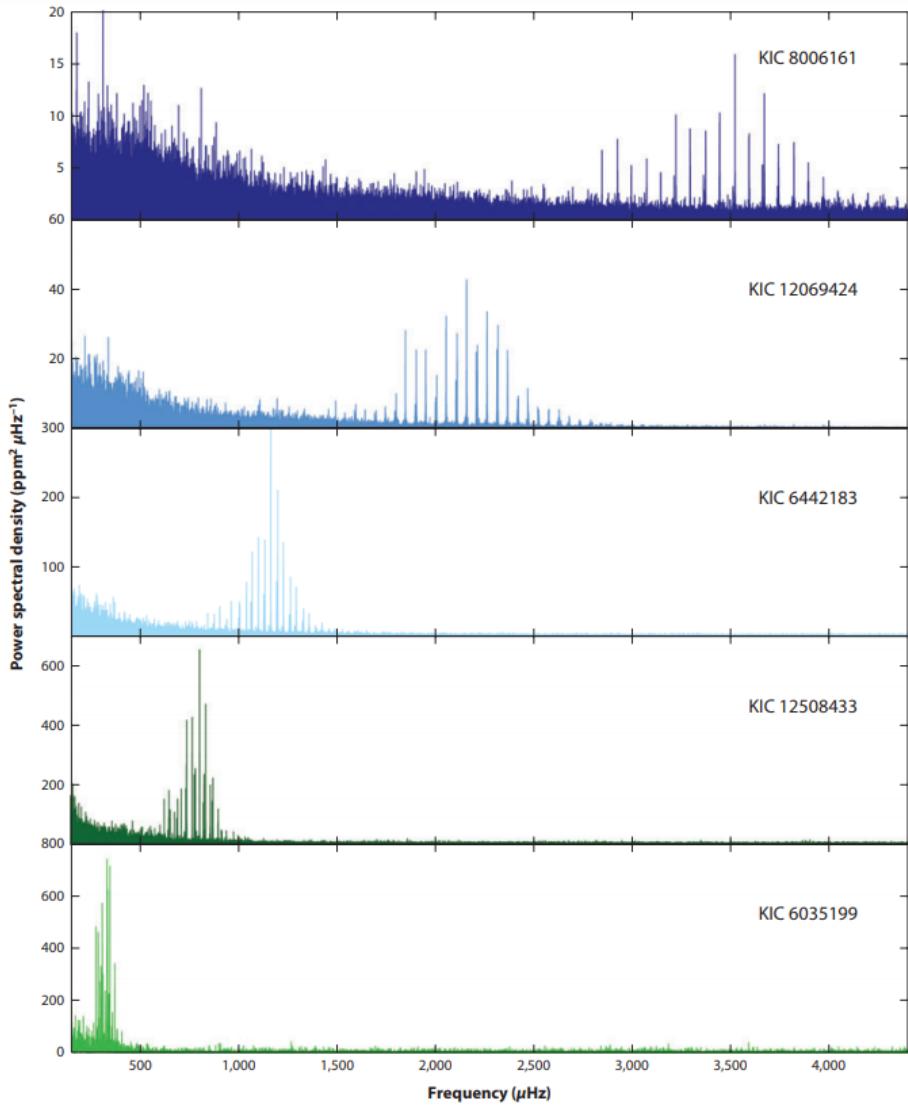


Figure 2.1: Solar-like oscillations for 5 different  $\sim 1M_\odot$  stars observed with Kepler. The stars are arranged after their  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  value (from highest to lowest). The two first stars, KIC 8006161 and KIC 12069424 (16 Cyg A), are main sequence stars. The third and fourth star, KIC 6442183 (HD 183159) and KIC 12508433, are subgiants. The bottom star KIC 6035199 is located in the base of the RGB (Red Giant Branch). Figure is adapted from [Chaplin and Miglio 2013](#).

the star. This is due to the fact that only certain cavities can hold certain frequencies. In musical instruments, a large cavity results in low frequency oscillations and vice versa for a small cavity. It is the same with stars, where giants oscillate in low-frequency high-amplitude mode, while stars like main-sequence stars oscillate in high-frequency low-amplitude modes (see Fig. 2.1).

As seen on Fig. 2.2, the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram (HR-diagram), one can find different types of oscillations, where the types are determined by the stellar structure, which again determines which sort of excitation mechanisms drive the oscillations. Oscillations caused by g-modes can for example only propagate in radiative zones. In many parts of the HR-diagram the excitations mechanism works as a form heat engine, where it converts thermal energy into mechanical energy. In many stars this specific mechanism is referred to as the kappa-mechanism due to major effect from opacity ( $\kappa$ ). In this mechanism opacity drives the oscillations by increasing in the ionization zone when the temperature and pressure increases. This, however, makes a higher absorption of energy from the stellar interior. This causes heating and expansion of the outer layer, which lowers the opacity causing a lower absorption energy. The layers will then again contract and the process will repeat itself. This type of mechanism can drive both p- and g-modes, however, these modes are intrinsically unstable due to the fact that the oscillation will continue to rise until some sort of limiting factor sets in. This type of driving mechanism is responsible for the classical p-mode oscillations in many stars such  $\delta$ -Scuti stars, RR Lyrae stars,  $\beta$ -Cep stars and Cepheids as seen in Fig. 2.2. Another important type of oscillations is the solar-like p-mode oscillations, named because it is the same oscillations dominating the solar spectrum. The solar-like oscillations are intrinsically stable and stochastically excited from the turbulent convection in the outer parts of the star. These types of oscillations are expected to happen in stars that have a convective envelope including subgiants ( $\beta$ -hydri, Bedding et al. 2007a and  $\nu$ -Indi, Bedding et al. 2006a). The oscillations in stars give rise to changes in pressure and temperature along with velocities at the surface. These variations then cause variations in the wavelength and intensity of emitted light from the stellar surface and it is these variations in intensity and radial velocity that allows us to study the oscillations of stars. In this thesis I will focus on the solar-like oscillations.

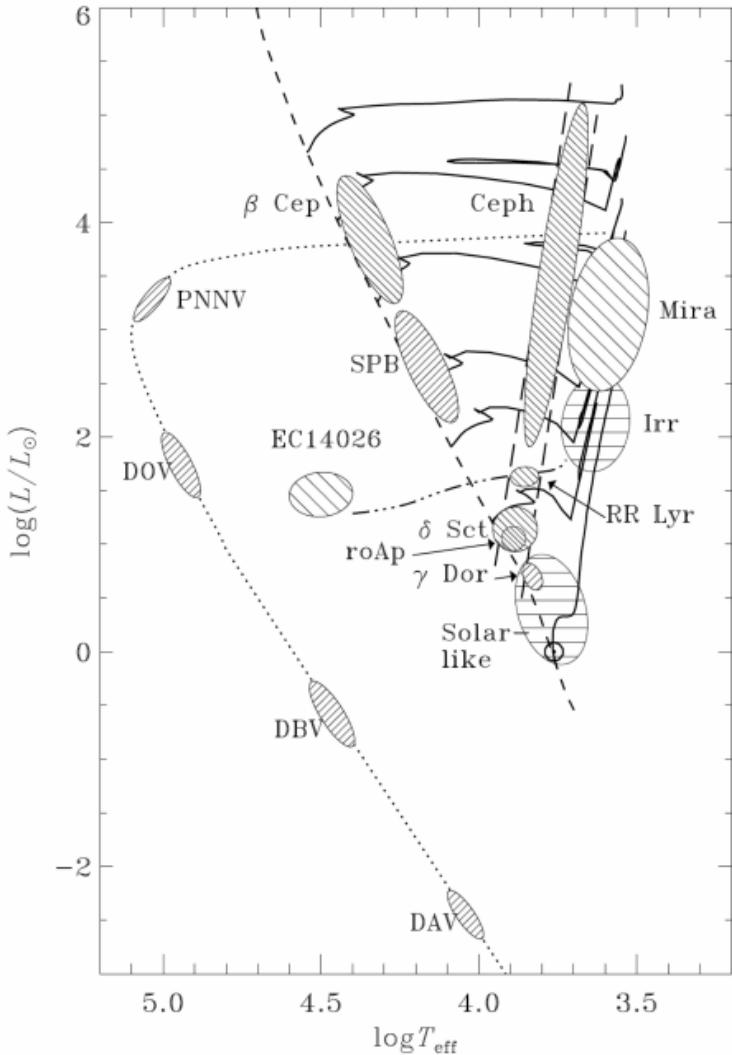


Figure 2.2: A Hertzsprung-Russell diagram showing different classes of pulsating stars where asteroseismology is possible. In the figure three different patches are seen each indicating a different type of oscillation. Patches with horizontal stripes ( $\equiv$ ) indicate solar-like oscillations, backward diagonal stripes (\\\) indicate the driving of heat-engine p-modes, forward diagonal stripes (///) indicate the driving of heat-engine g-modes. Some of the acronyms used are: rapidly oscillating Ap; Slowly Pulsating B (SPB); subdwarf B variables (sdBV); the DBV and DAV stars are variable DB (helium-rich), DA (hydrogen-rich) white dwarfs, red giants (RG), and semiregular variables (SR). The parallel long-dashed lines indicate the Classical instability strip. Figure is adapted from [Aerts et al. 2010](#).

## Solar-Like Oscillations

Solar-like oscillations are standing waves known as p-modes (the pressure gradient is the restoring force) caused by stochastic excitation which is driven by turbulent convection in the outer layers ([Christensen-Dalsgaard 2004](#)). The amplitudes are determined by the balance between energy input from the convection (which depends on the frequency) and the damping rate. As mentioned earlier, these small amplitude oscillations of a spherical symmetric star can be seen as small perturbations around the equilibrium of the star. These oscillations can be described using a basis of spherical harmonics functions  $Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$  and in spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ , where  $r$  is the distance to the center,  $\theta$  is the co-latitude and  $\phi$  is the longitude. Solving these equations of motion of the displacement of the gas gives the three following equations

$$\xi_r(r, \theta, \phi, t) = a(r) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) e^{-i2\pi\nu_{nlm}t}, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\xi_\theta(r, \theta, \phi, t) = b(r) \frac{\partial Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)}{\partial \theta} e^{-i2\pi\nu_{nlm}t}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\xi_\phi(r, \theta, \phi, t) = \frac{b(r)}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)}{\partial \phi} e^{-i2\pi\nu_{nlm}t}, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $a(r)$  and  $b(r)$  are amplitudes and  $\xi_r$ ,  $\xi_\theta$  and  $\xi_\phi$  are displacements,  $\nu_{nlm}$  is the oscillation frequency of the mode characterized by the numbers  $n$ ,  $l$  and  $m$  which defines the surface structure through the mode of the spherical harmonic function  $Y_l^m$ .

The degree of  $n$  is related to the number of radial modes and is described as the overtone or radial order,  $l$  is the degree of mode and specifies the number of surface modes,  $m$  is the azimuthal order of the node, where  $|m|$  indicates the number of  $l$  nodal lines in the longitudinal direction. It follows therefore that a given node has  $2l+1$   $m$ -components in the range of  $-l$  to  $+l$ , and named as zonal ( $m=0$ ), tesseral ( $0 < |m| < l$ ) and sectoral ( $m \pm l$ ) ([Aerts et al. 2010](#), and [Lund 2015](#)).

The equations displayed in [Eq. 2.1 - Eq. 2.3](#) are not directly used in my code. However, they are used to describe the different ways stars can oscillate, which is shown in [Fig. 2.3](#), where different examples are given for stars with different modes on the surface. A radial component (which is not shown in [Figure 2.3](#)) is denoted by  $l=0$  and gives the expansion and contraction of the whole star. Non-radial modes are given by  $l>0$  and are

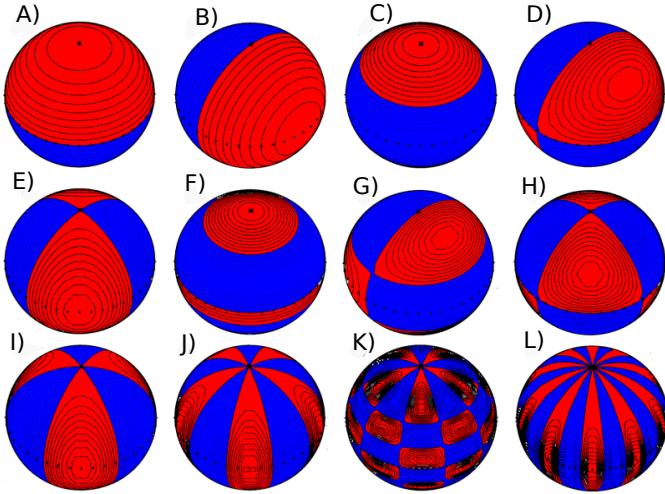


Figure 2.3: Illustration of the stellar surface profile for various modes given by the real part of the spherical harmonics  $Y_l^m$ . The red regions are areas at which the star is expanding, while the blue regions are areas where the star is contracting. The equator of the star is shown by "++++". The following cases are illustrated: A)  $l=1, m=0$ ; B)  $l=1, m=1$ ; C)  $l=2, m=0$ ; D)  $l=2, m=1$ ; E)  $l=2, m=2$ ; F)  $l=3, m=0$ ; G)  $l=3, m=1$ ; H)  $l=3, m=2$ ; I)  $l=3, m=3$ ; J)  $l=5, m=5$ ; K)  $l=10, m=5$ ; L)  $l=10, m=10$ . The figure is adapted from [Lund 2015](#) which is a modified version of [Christensen-Dalsgaard 1997](#).

named the following way in asteroseismology: dipole ( $l=1$ ), quadrupole ( $l=2$ ), octupole ( $l=3$ ), hexadecapole ( $l=4$ ), and dotriacontapole modes ( $l=5$ ). Higher degree of modes are generally not observed in stars due to partial cancellation (see [Figure 2.4](#)) ([Lund 2015](#)), but would be observed in the observations of the surface of the Sun, which is done using helioseismic observations.

## The Power Spectrum of Solar-Like Oscillations

If a star is spherical symmetric, then the frequencies only depend on  $n$  and  $l$  ([Tassoul 1980](#)), given by the asymptotic relation:

$$\nu_{nl} \approx \Delta\nu \left( n + \frac{l}{2} + \epsilon \right) - l(l+1)D_0 \quad (2.5)$$

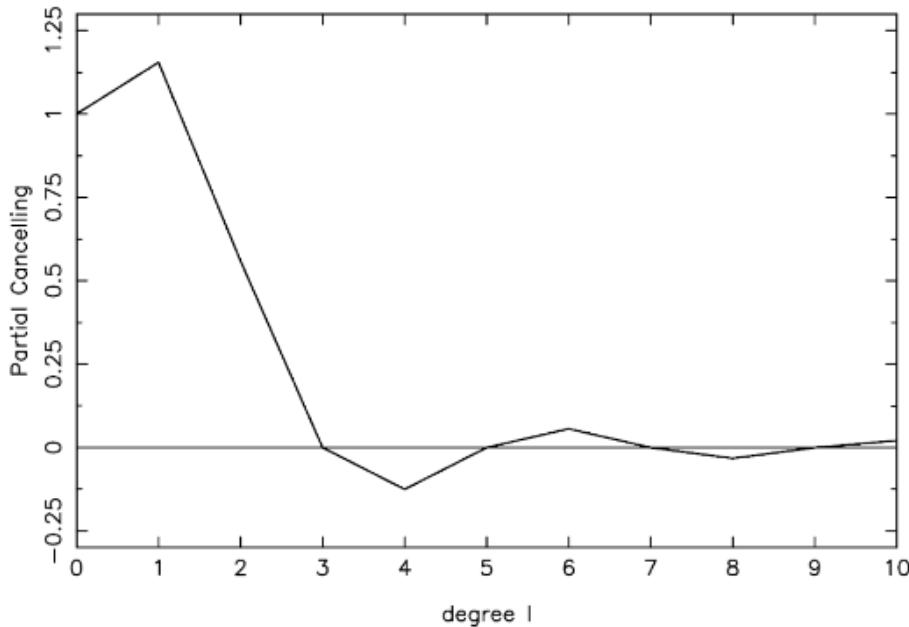


Figure 2.4: A visibility plot of different modes as function of  $l$ . The figure is adapted from [Aerts et al. 2010](#).

where  $\Delta\nu$  is the large frequency separation, which is the inverse of the sound travel time for a sound wave from the surface of the star to the core and back again ([Aerts et al. 2010](#)), given by

$$\Delta\nu = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^R c(r)^{-1} dr \right], \quad (2.6)$$

where  $c(r)$  is the sound speed and  $R$  is the stellar radius. The parameter  $D_0$  is sensitive to the speed near the core of the star, where  $\varepsilon$  is more sensitive to the surface layers of the star. The parameter  $D_0$  is used to express a quantity called the small frequency separation indicating the distance between two peaks with specific  $l$ -number, for example  $\delta\nu_{02}$  indicates the separation between  $l=0$  and  $l=2$  in the power spectrum. In [Fig. 2.5](#) one can see a small section of the solar spectrum marked with some the frequency separations. If [Eq. 2.5](#) is assumed to be correct, one can find these

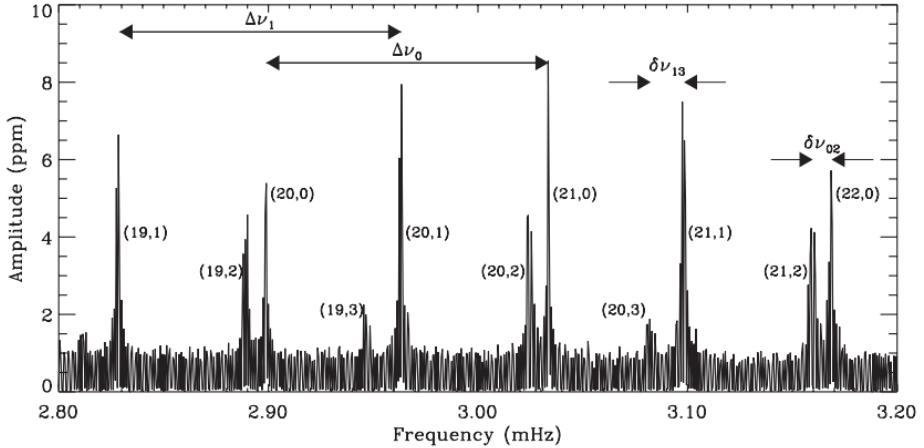


Figure 2.5: A section of the power spectrum of the Sun marked with several frequency separations. Figure is adapted from [Bedding and Kjeldsen 2003](#).

frequency separations using  $D_0$  the following way

$$D_0 = \frac{1}{6}\delta\nu_{02} = \frac{1}{2}\delta\nu_{01} = \frac{1}{10}\delta\nu_{13}. \quad (2.7)$$

Due to the regularities in the power spectrum one often plots a power spectrum in a so-called echelle-diagram as shown in [Fig. 2.6](#).

The term "solar-like oscillations" are these days also being applied to stars not very similar to the Sun (see [Fig. 2.2](#)). When a star evolves away from the main sequence, its core will contract, whereas the outer layers will start to expand due to the lack of energy production in the core of the star. This will cause a decrease in the effective temperature. This will cause the p-modes to change towards lower frequencies, where it the same time will cause the g-modes located in the inner part of the star to move towards higher frequencies. Eventually, the frequencies of these two kinds of modes will coincide. In [Fig. 2.7](#) one can see the p-modes of a solar-like star as a function of time. Here one can see that some of the  $l=1$  lines shifts in what is known as an avoided crossing. This phenomenon occurs when the frequency of the p-mode are shifted due to the g-mode rising in frequency. Sometimes when the g-mode crosses the p-mode, the p-mode can actually take on the character of a g-mode in what is called a mixed mode.

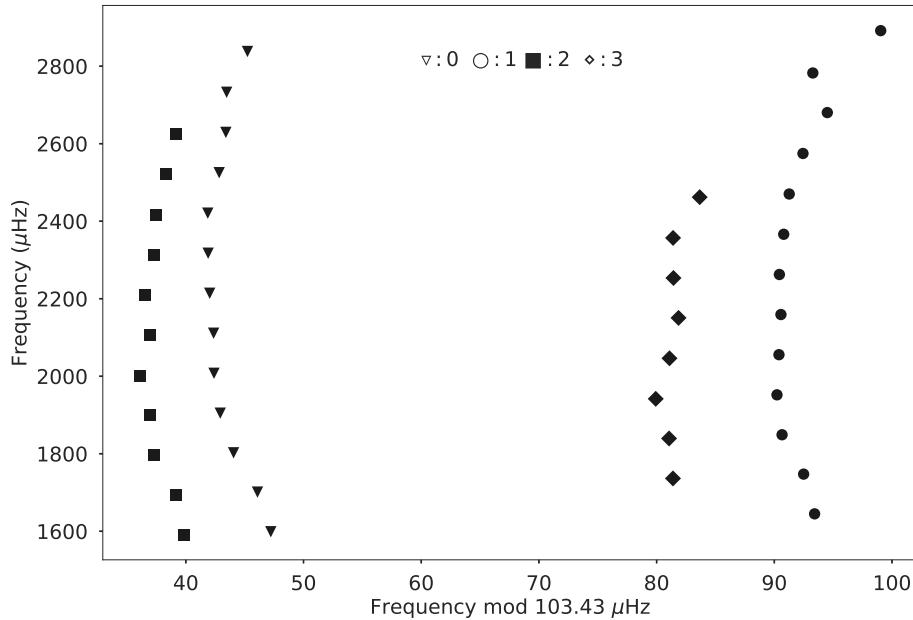


Figure 2.6: Echelle-diagram for the 16 Cyg A showing the modes for  $l=0$ ,  $l=1$ ,  $l=2$  and  $l=3$ .

## Avoided Crossings

Radial modes in stars are pure acoustic modes with pressure as the restoring force (p-modes). Non-radial modes in stars have mixed modes where buoyancy is the restoring force in the deep interior (g-modes) of the star and pressure is the restoring force in the outer layers of the star ([Hekker and Christensen-Dalsgaard 2017](#)). In some types of stars, these p- and g-modes get very close to each other and couple. So instead of propagating through each other we have this attempt at avoiding crossing of frequencies, which means we have an unseen g-mode shifting the p-mode from its expected location. This so-called mode bumping is a great tool to find these g-modes. However, the method can only be used if both the p- and g- modes have the same properties and frequencies nearing each other. Normally, g-modes have much lower frequencies than p-modes, but that changes when a star evolves and starts leaving the main sequence ([Hekker and Christensen-Dalsgaard 2017](#)).

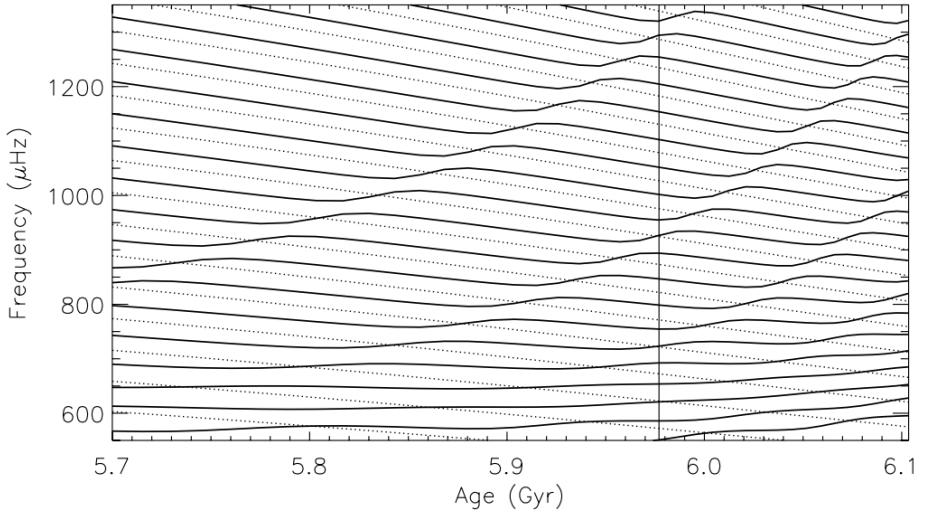


Figure 2.7: The p-mode oscillations as a function of the stellar age of the star KIC 11026764. The dashed lines indicate  $l=0$  and the solid lines indicate  $l=1$  modes. Figure is adapted from [Metcalfe et al. 2010](#).

## Scaling Relations

A solar scaling relation is an equation to estimate some unknown properties of star from observations by scaling from known properties of the Sun ([Kjeldsen and Bedding 1995](#); [Stello et al. 2008](#)). The scaling relations have the form ([Bellinger 2019a](#))

$$\frac{Y}{Y_{\odot}} \simeq \prod_i \left( \frac{X_i}{X_{\odot,i}} \right)^{P_i}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $Y$  is the stellar parameter we try to estimate (e.g. mass, radius or age), whereas  $Y_{\odot}$  is the corresponding stellar parameter for the Sun (e.g. solar mass, solar radius or solar age). The quantity  $X$  is more a vector  $X$  which contains measurable properties of the star, such as luminosity or effective temperature. The vector  $X_{\odot,i}$  then contains the corresponding solar properties. The quantity  $P$  is also more a vector,  $P$ , of exponents. The exponents will change for the fraction  $\left( \frac{X_i}{X_{\odot,i}} \right)$  depending on which property

of the star we are estimating plus which measurable properties we are using. A simple scaling relation can be derived from the Stefan-Boltzmann law to estimate stellar radii. It is given as

$$\frac{R}{R_\odot} \simeq \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}} \right)^{-2} \left( \frac{L}{L_\odot} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (2.9)$$

where  $R$  is the radius,  $T_{\text{eff}}$  is the effective temperature and  $L$  is the luminosity.

In the field of asteroseismology the relations are called seismic scaling relations. They are used to estimate the unknown masses and radii of stars by scaling asteroseismic observations with their helioseismic counterparts. The properties used in these scaling relations include the frequency spacing between radial mode oscillations of consecutive radial order, also called the large frequency separation,  $\Delta\nu$ , and the frequency of maximum oscillation power,  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ .

It is known from several testing and stellar models that there is a correlation between the mean stellar density,  $\rho$  and the large frequency separation ([Kjeldsen and Bedding 1995](#)) given as

$$\Delta\nu \propto \sqrt{\rho} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_\odot} \cong \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\Delta\nu_\odot} \right)^2. \quad (2.11)$$

There is also a relation between the large frequency separation and the mass and radius of the star given as

$$\Delta\nu \propto \left( \frac{M}{R^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (2.12)$$

Just as with the large frequency separation ( $\Delta\nu$ ), there is also a relation between the frequency of maximum oscillations ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ ) and the temperature ([Kjeldsen and Bedding 1995](#)) of the star given as

$$\nu_{\text{max}} \propto g T_{\text{eff}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2.13)$$

which can be written into

$$\nu_{\max} \propto \left( \frac{M}{R^2 \sqrt{T}} \right). \quad (2.14)$$

Using Eq. 2.12 and Eq. 2.14, we can rewrite the scaling relations to estimate the mass  $M$  and the radius  $R$  of the star via

$$\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \simeq \left( \frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max, \odot}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\Delta\nu_{\odot}} \right)^{-4} \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff}, \odot}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \quad (2.15)$$

$$\frac{R}{R_{\odot}} \simeq \left( \frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max, \odot}} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\Delta\nu_{\odot}} \right)^{-2} \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff}, \odot}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2.16)$$

where  $\nu_{\max, \odot} = 3090 \pm 30 \mu\text{Hz}$ ,  $\Delta\nu_{\odot} = 135.1 \pm 0.1 \mu\text{Hz}$  (Huber et al. 2011) and  $T_{\text{eff}, \odot} = 5772.0 \pm 0.8 \text{ K}$  (Pra et al. 2016). These scaling relations are extremely useful due to the fact that the asteroseismic data can be obtained with very high precision. For a well-observed solar-like star, the relative error for  $\Delta\nu$  and  $\nu_{\max}$  are around 0.1% and 1% respectively (Bellinger et al. 2019).

### Scaling Relation For Stellar Age

In the more recent years there have been a push in improving the determination of the stellar properties, and especially the stellar age. The stellar age is a useful property when looking at the formation of the Galaxy or trying to understand stellar and exoplanetary formation. Unlike for mass and radius, there is no scaling relation for stellar age. However, there are several methods that have been developed to match asteroseismic observations with models of stellar evolution.

Scaling relations are excellent resources due to the fact that they can be used immediately on observations without the need of any theoretical models. In Bellinger 2019a a new scaling relation is proposed. The purpose of this scaling relation is to estimate the stellar age of main-sequence stars and improve the estimate of the radius and mass of the star.

The way of doing so is to look at the abundance of hydrogen in the core, which is also an approximate indicator for the age of the star. It is well

		$\nu_{\max}$	$\Delta\nu$	$\delta\nu$	$T_{\text{eff}}$	[Fe/H]
	K	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\delta$	$\epsilon$
Classic	M	3	-4		1.5	
New	M	0.975	-1.435		1.216	0.270
Classic	R	1	-2		0.5	
New	R	0.305	-1.129		0.312	0.100
Seismic	R	0.883	-1.859			
New	age	-6.556	9.059	-1.292	-4.245	-0.426

Table 2.1: Classical and new MCMC-fitted exponents for scaling relations of main sequence stars.

known that this abundance is well correlated with the frequency spacings between the radial and quadrapole oscillation modes (Christensen-Dalsgaard 1984; Aerts et al. 2010; Basu and Chaplin 2017). This spacing is the asteroseismic parameter denoted as  $\delta\nu$  and called the small frequency separation. Using  $\delta\nu$ , the metallicity and the other asteroseismic parameters mentioned above, a good estimate of the stellar age can be made. The exponents in this scaling relation were estimated by calibrating 80 solar type stars whose age and other stellar parameters have been determined through detailed models and simulations, Bellinger 2019a. The scaling relations shown in Eq. 2.15 and Eq. 2.16 can be written in a more general way as follows for an arbitrary quantity  $K$  (and corresponding solar quantity  $K_{\odot}$ ) as follows:

$$\frac{K}{K_{\odot}} \simeq \left( \frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max, \odot}} \right)^{\alpha} \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\Delta\nu_{\odot}} \right)^{\beta} \left( \frac{\delta\nu}{\delta\nu_{\odot}} \right)^{\gamma} \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff}, \odot}} \right)^{\delta} \exp([{\text{Fe/H}}]^{\epsilon}) \quad (2.17)$$

For suitable powers  $P = [\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \epsilon]$ . The values for the solar data ( $\delta\nu_{\odot}$  and solar age ( $\tau_{\odot}$ )) are given by  $\delta\nu_{\odot} = 8.957 \pm 0.059 \mu\text{Hz}$  (Davies et al. 2014) and  $\tau_{\odot} = 4.569 \pm 0.006 \text{ Gyr}$  (Bonanno and Fröhlich 2017). Using the MCMC method (Markov chain Monte Carlo) the following exponents for Eq. 2.17 can be seen in table Table 2.1.

A similar study has been made for red giant branch stars (Bellinger 2019b). The reason for two different scaling relations is because that it is two different asteroseismic parameters that are used to give an estimate

of the age of the star. On the main sequence, the age is linked to the amount of hydrogen in the core of the star, which is probed by the small frequency separation. In a star on the red giant branch, however, the core is emptied for hydrogen and no fusion is taking place, which is why the small frequency separation is not good for measuring the age of red giants. Besides the purely acoustic oscillations observed in solar-like stars, red giants also display mixed modes, i.e., non-radial acoustic oscillations, which are coupled with gravity-mode oscillations that propagate through the core. Gravity modes are nearly equally spaced in period (frequency clumps together), and this clumping of frequencies indicates how far in the evolution the star is (for example if it is burning helium in the core or burning hydrogen in the shell, [Bedding et al. 2011](#)). The modified scaling relation for red giant branch stars is:

$$\frac{K}{K_{\odot}} \simeq \left( \frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max, \odot}} \right)^{\alpha} \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\Delta\nu_{\odot}} \right)^{\beta} \left( \frac{\Delta\Pi}{\Delta\Pi_{\text{ref}}} \right)^{\gamma} \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff}, \odot}} \right)^{\delta} \exp([Fe/H])^{\epsilon}, \quad (2.18)$$

where  $K$  is the quantity wanted (e.g the stellar mass, stellar radius or age),  $\nu_{\max}$  is the frequency of maximum power,  $\Delta\nu$  is the large frequency separation and  $\Delta\Pi$  is the period spacing. Due to the fact that the paper is yet not published, I present here the results for the different variable combinations for age, mass, and radius respectively in [Table 2.2](#), [Table 2.3](#) and [Table 2.4](#). For more understanding of how the combinations have been estimated, I refer to [Bellinger 2019b](#). The main results from this paper that I use in this thesis are the variable combinations where I have every parameter estimated (either using my own code or by finding values in the literature) or the combination where the period spacing ( $\Delta\Pi$ ) is unknown (variable combination 0 and 3 in [Table 2.2](#), [Table 2.3](#) and [Table 2.4](#)). The value of  $\Delta\Pi$  is only available for one of the stars.

	$\Delta\nu$	$\nu_{\max}$	$\Delta\Pi$	$T_{\text{eff}}$	[Fe/H]	
Combo	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\delta$	$\epsilon$	$\Delta\Pi_{\text{ref}}$
0	-10.99	14.58	0.068 29	-5.129	0.7266	0.0004487
3	-8.65	11.68	-	-10.35	0.2914	-

Table 2.2: Calibrated exponents for the red giant scaling age relation. The rows are grouped after number of variables. When the exponent for  $\Delta\Pi$  ( $\gamma$ ) is included in the variable set, the value for  $\Delta\Pi_{\text{ref}}$  is included as well.

	$\Delta\nu$	$\nu_{\max}$	$\Delta\Pi$	$T_{\text{eff}}$	[Fe/H]	
Combo	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\delta$	$\epsilon$	$\Delta\Pi_{\text{ref}}$
0	3.211	-4.233	-0.022 75	0.9885	-0.077 23	75.19
3	3.176	-4.195	-	1.076	-0.0704	-

Table 2.3: Calibrated Exponents for the Red Giant Scaling Mass Relation. The rows are grouped after number of variables. When the exponent for  $\Delta\Pi$  ( $\gamma$ ) is included in the variable set, the value for  $\Delta\Pi_{\text{ref}}$  is included as well.

	$\Delta\nu$	$\nu_{\max}$	$\Delta\Pi$	$T_{\text{eff}}$	[Fe/H]	
Combo	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\delta$	$\epsilon$	$\Delta\Pi_{\text{ref}}$
0	1.086	-2.099	-0.004 593	0.3539	-0.027 01	75.19
3	1.079	-2.091	-	0.3709	-0.025 65	-

Table 2.4: Calibrated Exponents for the Red Giant Scaling Radius Relation. The rows are grouped after number of variables. When the exponent for  $\Delta\Pi$  ( $\gamma$ ) is included in the variable set, the value for  $\Delta\Pi_{\text{ref}}$  is included as well.



# Chapter 3

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## Instruments

In this chapter the instruments used to take the measurements will be discussed. I first describe the Kepler mission and then its successor, the TESS mission. I describe the different observational techniques the two missions used and show the different bands they used and what effect they had on their observations.

### The Kepler Mission

The NASA Kepler satellite was launched in March 2009, and the primary goal was to discover habitable exoplanets around distant solar-like stars ([Borucki et al. 2008](#)). Besides discovering multiple new exoplanets, the satellite also provided excellent data on stellar oscillations through the light curves of the stars.

Kepler was continuously observing approximately 150.000 stars in a field of  $\sim$ 105 deg<sup>2</sup> in the Cygnus-Lyra region. The satellite was carrying a 95 cm telescope with 42 charged coupled device (CCD) detectors. The spectral range at which Kepler was observing can be seen in [Fig. 3.1](#). The Kepler satellite was designed to detect exoplanets orbiting stars using the transit method, where a small drop in the light curve of the star will occur when a planet passes in front of the star. Using the transit method, one can regain information about the radius and mass of the planet based on the radius and mass of the star. A way to determine the radius and mass of the host star is through the use of asteroseismology.

Kepler has two different observational modes:

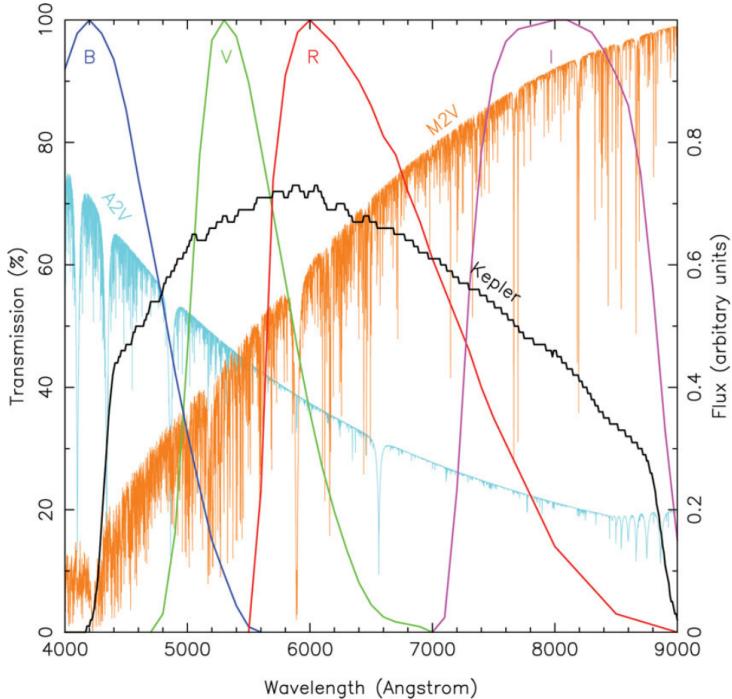


Figure 3.1: The figure illustrates the spectral sensibility of the Kepler satellite as a function of wavelength. The figure is adapted from Borucki et al. 2008.

- Short cadence, where measurements are taken every 58.9 s.
- Long cadence, where measurement are taken every 29.4 h.

Out of the around 150.000 stars, only  $\sim 4000$  stars were being observed using the short cadence mode, the rest was being observed using the long cadence mode. When doing asteroseismology for solar-like stars primarily short cadence data are used. This is due to the fact that the time resolution is not high enough when using long cadence data.

The Kepler satellite is orbiting the Sun and therefore it needed to turn every third month so that the solar panels on the satellite are always pointed towards the Sun. These periods between these turns are called quarters, and each quarter is then divided into 3 parts. This means that the satellite transmitted data down to Earth once a month.

The raw pixel data received from the Kepler satellite then went through several processes before they are available for the Kepler Asteroseismic Science Consortium (KASC) members on the KASOC (Kepler Asteroseismic Science Operations Center) webpage.

Some of the steps in the process is described here, and a full description is given in [Jenkins et al. 2010](#). The data went through a pipeline ([Jenkins et al. 2010](#)) which calibrated the data. The pipeline consists of the following steps:

- The bias level is subtracted which corrects for the artificial voltage on the CCD's making sure that only positive charges are detected. Because Kepler does not have a shutter, the CCD will be irradiated during the transmission. By subtracting the bias level, the pixel-to-pixel variations will be accounted for, which is caused by the constant irradiation and the transmission noise. Without a shutter a bias picture is not possible, which is why the bias level is estimated using some of the pixels at the edge of the CCD, some of which are not used for observations.
- The observed photoelectrons are converted to analog-to-digital units (ADU), and non-linear effects are taken into account during the conversion.
- A flat field correction takes the sensitivity variations in the different pixels in the CCD into account. The flat field used taken before the satellite was launched, since no flat fields are taken when in space.

The next step in the process is to do a photometric analysis of the calibrated pixels. Here aperture photometry is used, where an aperture is placed around the star. The flux of the star is then estimated based on the pixels located inside the aperture, where the background is estimated by collecting apertures across the focal plane from where a measure of the background is estimated. Each timeserie is scanned for cosmic radiation using a median filter, where those pixels that deviate significantly from the median filter are removed. That is the end of the calibration and correction of the raw flux values.

In July 2012 Kepler lost one of the four reaction wheels or gyroscopes, and in May 2013 a second reaction wheel failed. It is these reaction wheels that kept Kepler pointed precisely on its target field, and without these Kepler would no longer be able to keep orientation. This was the end of the main

Kepler mission. However, this was not the end of the Kepler satellite. The so-called K2 mission started in 2014 and used the radiation pressure from the Sun and the remaining two reaction wheels to stabilize the telescope, so that the search for new exoplanets could continue ([Howell et al. 2014](#)).

## The TESS Mission

The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) was launched in April 2018, and its primary goal is to search for planets transiting bright and nearby stars ([Ricker et al. 2016](#)). During the two years TESS is set to observe, it will perform an all sky survey using four wide field CCD cameras to monitor at least 200.000 main sequence dwarf stars. The observing time of each star is depended on where on the sky the star is located (the ecliptic latitude of the star). The stars with the longest observation intervals will be the stars located near the ecliptic poles. Just like Kepler, TESS has two observational modes. The brightness of preselected targets will be recorded every 2 min, and full frame images will be recorded every 30 min ([Ricker et al. 2016](#)). Overall, the stars observed by TESS will be 10-100 times brighter than the stars observed by its predecessor Kepler.

TESS will hopefully find more than a thousand planets smaller than Neptune, and with any luck some of which are comparable with the Earth. These types are of interest due to the fact that there are no such examples in our own Solar System. The Kepler mission revolutionized the field of exoplanet science by revealing that such types of planets do exist and are abundant ([Borucki et al. 2011](#); [Fressin et al. 2013](#)), and that they seem to have different types of compositions ([Marcy et al. 2014](#)) and interesting orbital configurations ([Lissauer et al. 2011](#)). The problem, however, was that most of the Kepler stars were too faint to perform detailed follow-up observations. That is why TESS will search for these types of planets around the nearest stars as these are bright enough to perform follow-up spectroscopy to measure the planetary masses and detailed analysis of the atmospheric compositions. Due to the fact that the brightest stars are nearly evenly distributed in the sky, an all sky survey was chosen for the mission.

Regarding to the periods (the time it takes a planet to orbit its host star), TESS would ideally detect planets with a wide range of periods, with  $P_{\min}$  near the Roche limit (the minimum distance a planet can have

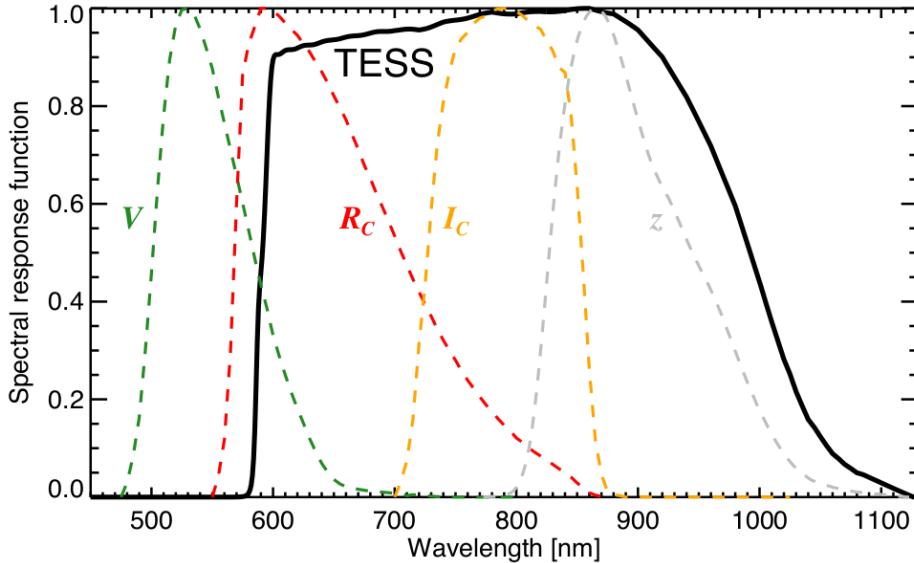


Figure 3.2: The figure illustrates the spectral sensibility of the TESS satellite as a function of wavelength. The figure is adapted from [Ricker et al. 2016](#).

from the host star before its gravitational force can no longer withstand the tidal forces from the host star, and the planet starts to disintegrate) of a few hours, and  $P_{\max}$  of a year or longer. However, the choice of  $P_{\max}$  also determines the duration of the mission and thereby also the cost of the mission. Kepler detected planets with a period of 10 days, showing that many discoveries can still be made with a short  $P_{\max}$ . Problem with choosing a  $P_{\max}$  of 10 days is that it rules out the detection of habitable-zone planets around Sun-like stars. However, by increasing  $P_{\max}$  to around 40 days for a portion of the sky, it should be possible to gain access to habitable-zone planets around M stars ([Ricker et al. 2016](#)). This led to the choice of a general  $P_{\max}$  of 10 days and 40 days for as large an area as possible around the ecliptic poles.

TESS will mainly observe main-sequence stars of the type F5 to M5 (stars of spectral classes FGKM). This is because evolved stars and early type dwarfs are large, making it difficult to detect small planets. Another reason for avoiding stars with spectral class earlier than F5 is that these types of stars rotate very rapidly, which broadens their spectral lines, preventing

precise radial velocity monitoring (Ricker et al. 2016). The most attractive targets TESS will observe are the M dwarfs, as three quarters of the stars in the solar neighborhood are of the type M0-M5 dwarfs. These types are relatively unexplored for transiting planets due to the fact that they constituted only a small fraction of the stars in the Kepler target list. Furthermore, the transit signal of smaller transiting planets is easier to detect for M dwarfs. The reason that M5 dwarfs are the cut-off is due to the fact that stars with spectral types later than M5 are relatively faint. The bandpass of TESS is set to 600-1000 nm (Fig. 3.2), which means that compared to Kepler (400-900 nm), the bandpass of TESS is more in the redder area. The enhanced sensitivity to the redder wavelengths is because small planets are more easily detected around small stars as these are cool and red.

The main payload on board TESS is the four identical cameras. Each camera consists of a lens assembly with seven optical elements (with an entrance pupil of 10.5 cm), and a detector assembly with four CCDs. These four cameras are then all mounted to a single plate (see Fig. 3.3). Just like Kepler, TESS is equipped with four reaction wheels that are used to achieve the fine pointing.

As mentioned previously, TESS is set to observe for two years using these four cameras. The four cameras act as  $1 \times 4$  array, which combined provides a FOV (field of view) of  $24^\circ \times 96^\circ$  or  $2300 \text{ deg}^2$  (see Fig. 3.4). The northern and southern ecliptic hemisphere are each divided into 13 overlapping regions of  $24^\circ \times 96^\circ$ . Each of these regions are observed for a total number of 27.4 days. It takes one year to observe an entire hemisphere and two years to perform the all-sky survey. As mentioned earlier, different stars will be monitored for a different amount of time depending on their position in the sky (see Fig. 3.4). Approximately  $30.000 \text{ deg}^2$  are observed for at least 27 days, close to the ecliptic poles around  $2800 \text{ deg}^2$  are observed for more than 80 days, and surrounding the ecliptic poles approximately 900 square degrees are observed for more than 300 days. When the data from TESS have been transmitted down to Earth, it will be processed with a data reduction pipe line. The software for this pipeline was developed for the Kepler mission (Jenkins et al. 2010). The data processing includes pixel-level calibration, background subtraction, aperture photometry, identification and removal of systematic errors, and the search for the transits with a wavelet-domain matched filter.

TESS is also observing the photometric variations due to stellar oscillations,

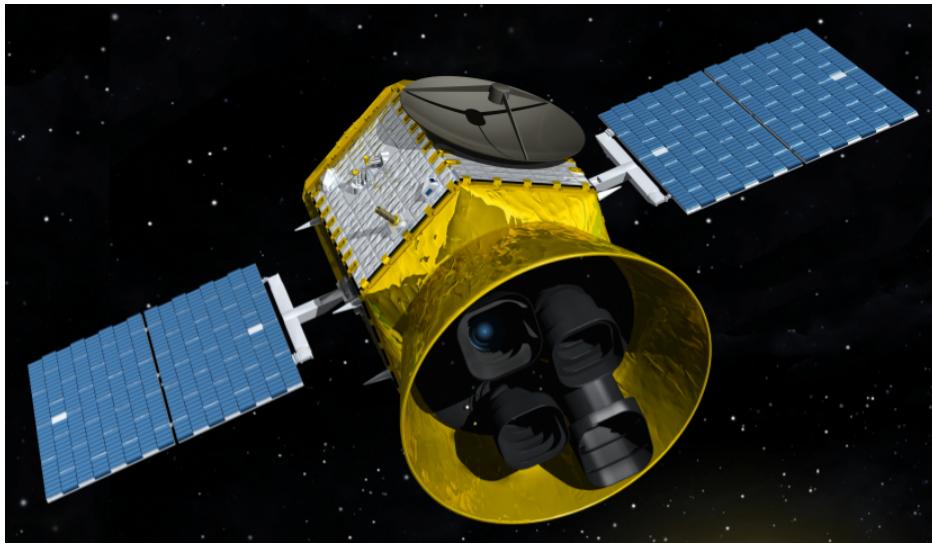


Figure 3.3: Artist's conception of the TESS satellite and its payload. The figure is adapted from [Ricker et al. 2016](#).

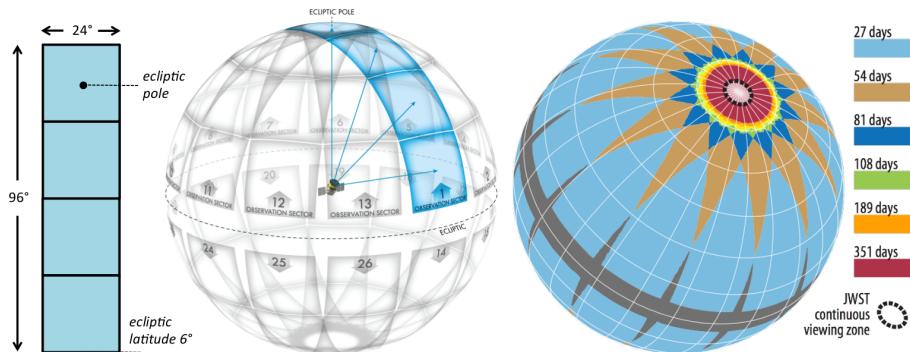


Figure 3.4: Left: The combined field of view for the TESS cameras. Middle: The two hemispheres divided into 13 observation sectors (26 total). Right: Duration of the observation for each sphere, where overlaps between the sectors are taken into account. The dashed black circle at the ecliptic pole indicates the region where the James Webb Space Telescope will be able to observe at any time. The figure is adapted from [Ricker et al. 2016](#).

meaning that TESS is providing excellent data to perform asteroseismology. Based on the experience with Kepler, TESS is expected to detect p-mode oscillations in nearly 6000 stars brighter than  $V=7.5$ , including a) the majority of all stars brighter than  $V=4.5$ , b) about 75 stars smaller than the Sun, c) about 2000 upper-main-sequence and subgiant stars, and d) virtually all the giant stars ([Ricker et al. 2016](#)).

# Chapter 4

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## Models

In this chapter I will give an introduction to the two programs used to create the stellar evolution models and the calculation of frequencies used as a comparison to the observational data.

### MESA

Modules for Experiments in Stellar Astrophysics or MESA is a suite of open source libraries that can be used to compute different applications in stellar astrophysics (Paxton et al. 2010). For further documentation go to <http://mesa.sourceforge.net/>. MESA consists of several modules that works together to create these computational models of stellar astrophysics. Each module is constructed as a separate **Fortran 95** library. Several detailed examples has verified the capabilities of MESA. These examples include computing evolutionary tracks for a  $1M_{\odot}$  from pre-main sequence to a white dwarf, evolutionary tracks for a massive star from pre-main sequence to the onset of core collaps and so on. In this project stellar models (example can be seen in Fig. 4.1) are made to test the estimated values found from the asteroseismic analysis. The input parameters for the MESA run for each star is the mass estimated using the scaling relations and the metallicity taken from the litterature which are converted to initial values for Y and Z (helium abundance and heavy elements abundance) which are given in terms of mass fraction  $1=X+Y+Z$ . The conversion from  $[Fe/H]$  (metallicity) to initial Y and Z depends on which definition for  $[Fe/H]$  is used, here I use the one from Grevesse and Sauval 1998 with an

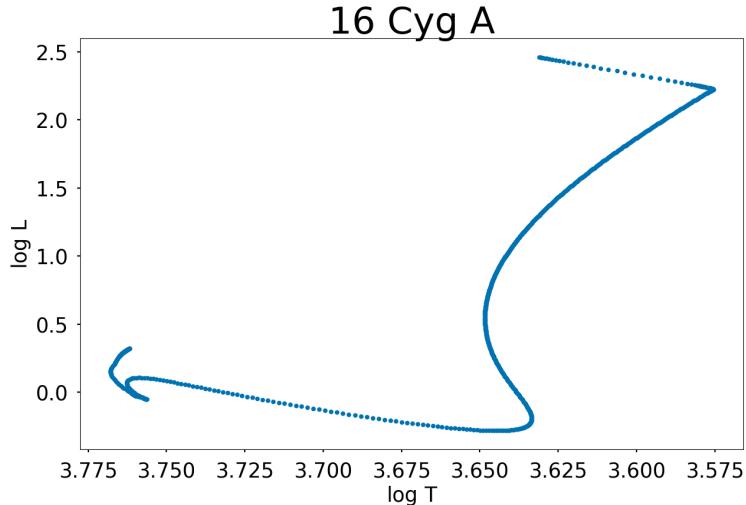


Figure 4.1: Stellar evolution model for 16 Cyg A from pre-main sequence to a pre-determined age using MESA. Mass for the star is  $1.063 M_{\odot}$ ,  $\alpha=1.845$ ,  $Y_{\text{initial}}=0.27454206$  and  $Z_{\text{initial}}=0.0201729$ .

initial  $Y_0 = 0.273$  and  $Z_0 = 0.019$  which are the protosolar helium and heavy element abundance from solar calibration. The stopping criteria is set at a certain age to be certain to hit the correct model with the right temperature, right radius and thereby also the right  $\Delta\nu$ .

### MESA Output Files

MESA produces three different types of output files which can be used for different purposes. The first output file is the history file (Fig. 4.2) which contains the history of the entire MESA run. The header of the file contains information about the initial values of the run such as initial mass and Z. Hereafter one line corresponds to one model. The first column indicates the model\_number. The rest of the columns contain the calculated values for the properties such as age, mass, temperature, luminosity and so on.

The next output file is the profiles (Fig. 4.3). Unlike the history file, the profiles only contain informations about one model. The first lines con-

1 version_number	2 initial_mass	3 initial_z	4 burn_minl
8845	1.409999999999999E+000	1.315290000000000E-002	5.000000000000000E+001
model_number	star_age	star_mass	
1	1.000000000000001E-005	1.409999999999999E+000	
2	2.200000000000003E-005	1.409999999999999E+000	
3	3.640000000000004E-005	1.409999999999999E+000	
4	5.368000000000001E-005	1.409999999999999E+000	
5	7.441600000000000E-005	1.409999999999999E+000	
6	9.929919999999986E-005	1.409999999999999E+000	
7	1.291590399999998E-004	1.409999999999999E+000	
8	1.649908479999998E-004	1.409999999999999E+000	
9	2.079890175999997E-004	1.409999999999999E+000	
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14	5.9195923227443165E-004	1.409999999999999E+000	
15	7.2035107872931792E-004	1.409999999999999E+000	
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21	2.250255954684829E-003	1.409999999999999E+000	
22	2.7103071945621796E-003	1.409999999999999E+000	
23	3.2623686334746159E-003	1.409999999999999E+000	
24	3.9248423601695387E-003	1.409999999999999E+000	
25	4.7198108322034464E-003	1.409999999999999E+000	
26	5.6737729986441349E-003	1.409999999999999E+000	
27	6.8185275983729619E-003	1.409999999999999E+000	

Figure 4.2: Picture of the history file and some of the parameters calculated during the MESA run.

tain information about the age, temperature, and radius radius of the star in that stage of the evolution. The rest of the file shows the properties for each point or zone in the model. Because it is computationally heavy to write out these profiles, it is good to evaluate if all zones are necessary in the output file. For this project it was sufficient to only look at the surface.

The third output file is the profiles.index. Depending on how precise you have set your profile interval, MESA does not save a profile for every model. The profile number and model number are therefore not necessarily the same. The profiles.index file tells the user which model\_number corresponds to which profile.

7				
	Teff		photosphere_L	
	4.8300609701170688E+003		1.8141925933694377E+001	photosphere_r
				6.0910940514696899E+000
7				
	eps_grav		log_abs_eps_grav_dm_div_L	
	-4.8537098487032887E-005		-1.8010276763255746E+001	signed_log_eps_grav
	1.0737936160276004E-001		9.3837433281353425E-002	0.0000000000000000E+000
				0.0000000000000000E+000

Figure 4.3: Picture of one of the profiles for a random MESA run with some of the parameters for the star in that specific stage of its evolution.

1684 models.    lines hold model number, priority, and profile number.			
1	2	1	
2	1	2	
3	1	3	
4	1	4	
5	1	5	
6	1	6	
7	1	7	
8	1	8	
9	1	9	
10	1	10	
11	1	11	
12	1	12	
13	1	13	
14	1	14	
15	1	15	
16	1	16	
17	1	17	
18	1	18	
19	1	19	
20	1	20	

Figure 4.4: Picture of profiles.index for a random MESA run. In this run 1684 models were made, and in this case each model number corresponds to the same profile number. This is not necessarily the same for every run since it depends on the profile interval sat in the inlist\_project file.

Besides these three output files, another output file is needed. This is the output file used to calculate the frequencies in another program called GYRE. This is done by implementing `write_pulse_data_with_profile = .true.` in my `inlist_project` (Fig. 4.5) file where all the other controls for the MESA run are listed. This produces an extra file called `profile.GYRE` for each corresponding profile.

## GYRE

In order to interpret the asteroseismic obersavation of recent missions such as MOST (Walker et al. 2003; Matthews 2007), CoRoT (Michel et al. 2008), Kepler (Borucki et al. 2008) and TESS (Ricker et al. 2016), a stellar oscillation code which calculates the eigenfrequency spectrum from an input stellar model is needed. MESA has an asteroseismology module which is based on the Aarhus Pulsation code (ADIPLS; Christensen-Dalsgaard 2008), however, when various physical processes such as non-adiabaticity, rotation and magnetic field fields were taken into account, there were complications. This led to a new oscillation code, GYRE (Townsend and Teitler 2013). GYRE is written in FORTRAN 98 and is based on Magnus Multiple Shooting (MMS) scheme to solve linearized pulsation equations. A typical GYRE run involves these step:

Stellar model: GYRE needs to read a stellar model as input file. This model can either be read from a file or built analytically. GYRE supports three classes of stellar models. The first model is a evolutionary model generated by a stellar evolution code (MESA), which is the one I am using. The second class is the polytropic models based on the Lane-Emden equation, and the last class is the analytical models which are based on explicit expression for the structure coefficients.

Grid calculation: When the file has been read, GYRE constructs a calculation grid. The grids are used for multiple shooting and eigenfunction reconstruction. The type of grid depends on the type of input model.

Eigenfrequency search: GYRE searches for eigenfrequencies within a user-specified frequency interval. This is done by evaluating the discriminant at different points distributed within the interval. This gives some initial guesses for the roots.

```

&controls
  ! defining interval for history file
  history_interval = 1

  ! defining interval for profile data
  profile_interval = 1
  max_num_profile_zones = 2

  max_num_profile_models = 10000

  ! starting specifications
  initial_mass = 1.41 ! in Msun units

  ! mixing length for The Sun
  mixing_length_alpha = 1.845

  ! stop when the star has this age (age of Sun)
  max_age = 3.0d9

  ! Initial Z and Y for the Sun
  initial_z = 0.0131529
  initial_y = 0.264714

  ! control to print to GYRE
  write_pulse_info_with_profile = .true.
  pulse_info_format = 'GYRE'
  add_atmosphere_to_pulse_info = .true.

```

Figure 4.5: Picture of the `inlist_project` file containing the controls used to create the stellar evolution models. In this case the initial mass is set to  $1.41 M_{\odot}$ , the mixing length  $\alpha = 1.845$ ,  $Y_{\text{initial}} = 0.264714$  and  $Z_{\text{initial}} = 0.0131529$ . Here the MESA run is set to stop at an age of 3.0 Gyr.

Eigenfunctions: Based on the initial guesses of the roots, the corresponding eigenfunctions are constructed.

This is just the basic steps in **GYRE**, for a more detailed description of the code the reader is referred to [Townsend and Teitler 2013](#).

### GYRE Output File

The output file ([Fig. 4.6](#)) created by **GYRE** contains several columns, where the first column indicates the type of mode going from  $l=0$  to  $l=3$ . One of the columns gives the order  $n$  for each mode and one of the columns gives the frequency for the specific  $l$  mode with that specific order  $n$ .

n_pg	n_p	n_g	Re(freq)
2	3	4	5
5	5	0	0.1009016991457415E+003
6	6	0	0.1174733763594341E+003
7	7	0	0.1330912797671028E+003
8	8	0	0.1490508399575293E+003
9	9	0	0.1647757576156039E+003
10	10	0	0.1802302569609735E+003
11	11	0	0.1961369248902859E+003
12	12	0	0.2122090587432907E+003
13	13	0	0.2282271849896463E+003
14	14	0	0.2444017078757237E+003
15	15	0	0.2607514395980526E+003
16	16	0	0.2771577500664245E+003
17	17	0	0.2936066673621650E+003
18	18	0	0.3101035436729781E+003
19	19	0	0.3265965812827021E+003
20	20	0	0.3430323027410304E+003
21	21	0	0.3592771491952060E+003
-110	4	114	0.1013427599445767E+003
-109	4	113	0.1022188766707364E+003
-108	4	112	0.1031100978058877E+003
-107	4	111	0.1040209875893515E+003
-106	4	110	0.1049495160044915E+003
-105	4	109	0.1058904673275439E+003
-104	4	108	0.1068382946182472E+003
-103	5	108	0.1077797034865409E+003
-102	5	107	0.1086310420335216E+003

Figure 4.6: The GYRE output file contains a total of seven columns, which are not all displayed here. Here I have displayed columns 2-5. The first column is the l modes, second column is the n-order for p- and g-modes when they are coupled, third and fourth column are the n-order for the p- and g-modes alone, column 5 and 6 are the real and imaginary part of the frequency respectively, column 7 is the inertia of each frequency.

# Chapter 5

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## Time Series Analysis

When doing asteroseismology, the data set one is working with is often a so-called time series. A time series is a set of measurements  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$  taken at times  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N)$ . Often each measurement is labelled with a statistical weight  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N)$  indicating the quality of each data point, which are estimated using the relative error of each data point. Usually the weight is defined  $w_i = \sigma_i^{-2}$ , where  $\sigma_i$  is the error on the measurement. In this chapter I follow the approach from [Handberg 2013](#).

### The Weighted Least Squares Method

When looking at oscillations in stars it is favorable to use Fourier transformation to transform the measurements from the time domain to the frequency domain. This is the first step when doing analysis of this kind, which in the discrete case is defined the following way:

$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n e^{\frac{-2\pi i k n}{N}}, \quad x_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k e^{\frac{-2\pi i k n}{N}} \quad (5.1)$$

where  $X_k$  is the Fourier transform of  $x_n$ . The power of the standard Fourier transform can then be calculated very fast using the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm. Normally when searching for a signal with the form

$$A \sin(2\pi\nu t + \delta) = \alpha \sin(2\pi\nu t) + \beta \cos(2\pi\nu t) \quad (5.2)$$

one constructs the power spectrum  $P_k = |X_k|^2$  to search for significant peaks.

One can immediately see that neither the time nor the weights are included in the expressions above, nor is there any choice of frequency for where the power spectrum is calculated. This is because it is assumed that the measurements are equally spaced in time, meaning that there are no gaps in the data, and that each measurement have equal statistical weight. Therefore when doing time series analysis on asteroseismic data, another method is needed, one that takes all the information into account.

One way to construct a power spectrum that includes all information into account is to perform what is called a least-squares fit to the time series with harmonic functions (like in [Eq. 5.2](#)), and for a given frequency  $\nu$ , determine the amplitude  $A$  and phase  $\phi$ , or equivalently the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  coefficients. The residuals of the weighted least squares fit is given by

$$R(\nu) = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i (x_i - [\alpha \cdot \sin(2\pi\nu t_i) + \beta \cdot \cos(2\pi\nu t_i)])^2 \quad (5.3)$$

and we need to find the value for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  that minimizes [Eq. 5.3](#). This means finding the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  that satisfies the following equation.

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \beta} = 0. \quad (5.4)$$

Before performing the calculation we switch to angular frequency  $\omega = 2\pi\nu$  to simplify the notation. The two differentiation are given as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \alpha} &= \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot 2 [x_i - \alpha \sin(\omega t_i) - \beta \cos(\omega t_i)] \cdot (-\sin(\omega t_i)) \\ &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^N [w_i x_i \sin(\omega t_i) - \alpha w_i \sin^2(\omega t_i) - \beta w_i \sin(\omega t_i) \cos(\omega t_i)] \\ &= -2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i \sin(\omega t_i) - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin^2(\omega t_i) - \beta \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin(\omega t_i) \cos(\omega t_i) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial R}{\partial \beta} &= \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot 2 [x_i - \alpha \sin(\omega t_i) - \beta \cos(\omega t_i)] \cdot (-\cos(\omega t_i)) \\
&= -2 \sum_{i=1}^N [w_i x_i \cos(\omega t_i) - \alpha w_i \sin(\omega t_i) \cos(\omega t_i) - \beta w_i \cos^2(\omega t_i)] \\
&= -2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i \cos(\omega t_i) - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin(\omega t_i) \cos(\omega t_i) - \beta \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cos^2(\omega t_i) \right]. \tag{5.6}
\end{aligned}$$

This means that we can now introduce the following notation from [Frandsen et al. 1995](#):

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot x_i \cdot \sin(\omega t_i) \tag{5.7}$$

$$c = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot x_i \cdot \cos(\omega t_i) \tag{5.8}$$

$$ss = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \sin^2(\omega t_i) \tag{5.9}$$

$$cc = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \cos^2(\omega t_i) \tag{5.10}$$

$$sc = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \sin(\omega t_i) \cdot \cos(\omega t_i). \tag{5.11}$$

Using these definitions and setting the differentials ([Eq. 5.5](#) and [Eq. 5.6](#)) equal to zero we obtain the following equations

$$s - \alpha \cdot ss - \beta \cdot sc = 0 \tag{5.12}$$

$$c - \alpha \cdot sc - \beta \cdot cc = 0 \tag{5.13}$$

These two equations can be written as a linear matrix of the form  $Ax=b$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} ss & sc \\ sc & cc \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ c \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.14}$$

and can be solved using Cramer's rule, which is done by taking the determinant of the A matrix

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} ss & sc \\ sc & cc \end{vmatrix} = ss \cdot cc - sc^2 \quad (5.15)$$

and the determinant of the result of the matrices when substituting the b-vector into the columns of A:

$$\det(B_\alpha) = \begin{vmatrix} s & sc \\ c & cc \end{vmatrix} = s \cdot cc - c \cdot sc, \quad \det(B_\beta) = \begin{vmatrix} ss & s \\ sc & c \end{vmatrix} = ss \cdot c - sc \cdot s. \quad (5.16)$$

Cramer's rule then says that the solutions to these two equations are

$$\alpha(v) = \frac{\det(B_\alpha)}{\det(A)} = \frac{s \cdot cc - c \cdot sc}{ss \cdot cc - sc^2} \quad (5.17)$$

$$\beta(v) = \frac{\det(B_\beta)}{\det(A)} = \frac{c \cdot ss - s \cdot sc}{ss \cdot cc - sc^2}. \quad (5.18)$$

The power (which is the amplitude squared) can then be derived from the relation between the amplitude,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  which can be derived from Eq. 5.2

$$P_{WLS}(v) = \alpha(v)^2 + \beta(v)^2. \quad (5.19)$$

By calculating the  $\alpha(v)$  and  $\beta(v)$  for a range of frequencies  $v$ , one can construct a power spectrum with no constraints on frequency-range and resolution (other than the ones in the time series itself).

### Equivalence with The Fourier Transform

Now we have shown the results for uneven spaced data, but for this to be useful we need to show that it gives the same result using the traditional way of calculating the power spectrum (Handberg 2013). In this section we look at the result using an equal sampling  $t_n = \frac{n}{N}T$ , where  $T$  is the length of the timeseries. The timeeseries is evaluated in the fundamental frequencies

$$\omega_k = \frac{2\pi}{T}k \quad , \quad k = -N/2, \dots, N/2. \quad (5.20)$$

To lighten the notation, we introduce the following parameter  $\Theta$  which is the argument given in the sine and cosine functions

$$\Theta_n = \omega_k t_n = \frac{2\pi kn}{N}. \quad (5.21)$$

By putting  $w_i = 1$  the expressions in Eq. 5.7 - Eq. 5.11 can be written as

$$s = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \cdot \sin(\Theta_n) \quad (5.22)$$

$$c = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \cdot \cos(\Theta_n) \quad (5.23)$$

$$ss = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sin^2(\Theta_n) = N/2 \quad (5.24)$$

$$cc = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos^2(\Theta_n) = N/2 \quad (5.25)$$

$$sc = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sin(\Theta_n) \cdot \cos(\Theta_n) = 0. \quad (5.26)$$

Inserting these into the expressions for  $\alpha$  (Eq. 5.17) and  $\beta$  (Eq. 5.18) we obtain the following expressions

$$\alpha = \frac{s}{ss} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \sin \Theta_n \quad , \quad \beta = \frac{c}{cc} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \cos \Theta_n. \quad (5.27)$$

Now we can calculate the power spectrum the traditional way by taking the absolute square of the Fourier transform which is given as

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_k = |X_k|^2 &= \left| \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n e^{-\frac{2\pi i k n}{N}} \right|^2 \\
 &= \left| \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n [\cos \Theta_n - i \sin \Theta_n] \right|^2 \\
 &= \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \cos \Theta_n \right\}^2 + \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \sin \Theta_n \right\}^2 \\
 &= \frac{N^2}{4} [\beta^2 + \alpha^2] \\
 &= \frac{N^2}{4} P_{WLS}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.28}$$

From this it is clear that the result obtained using Least Square spectrum and the traditional Fourier transform is equivalent, except for a normalization constant of  $\frac{N^2}{4}$  (Handberg 2013). Using this method gives some great advantages over the FFT when analyzing asteroseismic data. This algorithm is for example not restricted to timeseries which are equidistant in time, but are capable of handling timeseries with gaps. Using this method it is also possible to over-sample the spectrum to get the maximum frequency resolution, this can be seen in Fig. 5.1. This problem can however be solved by filling the data with zeros before performing FFT. Using the Least Square method gives an extra advantage which can not be achieved using FFT. This is the ability to incorporate statistical weights in the calculation of the spectrum. The effect of statistical weights has proven to be enormous when analyzing asteroseismic data. The purpose of the weights is to down-weight bad data points and give larger value to good data points. However, doing asteroseismic analysis of timeseries which have measurements that are equidistant in time where no statical weights are used, the FFT method is an extremely used tool, mostly due to the fact that it is way superior in terms of computational speed.

## Lomb-Scargle Periodogram

The expression for the power spectrum defined in section 5.1 is invariant under time shifts. This means that we can freely add any constant to  $t_i$

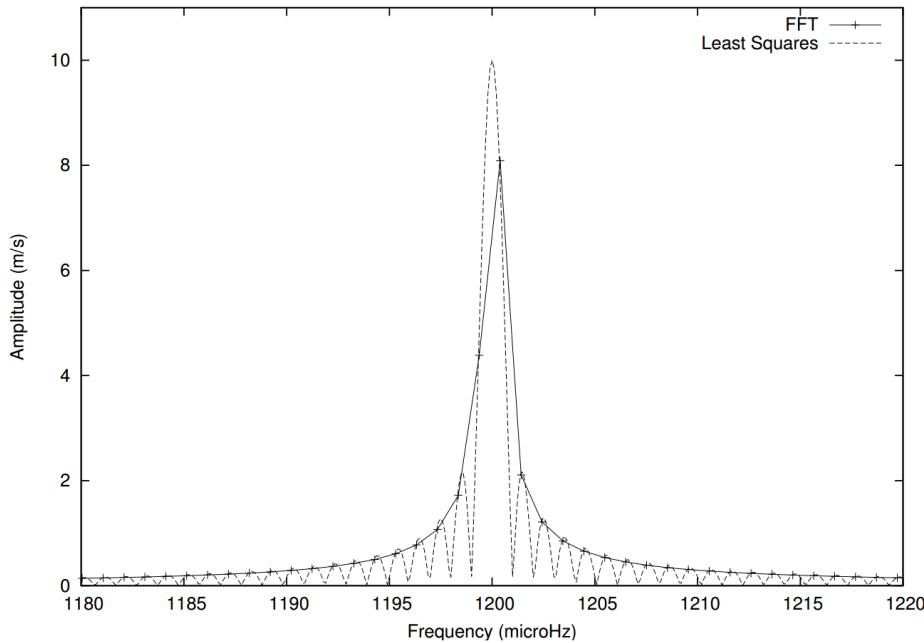


Figure 5.1: A comparison of using the FFT vs Least Square method. The figure shows the importance of oversampling. Figure is adapted from [Handberg 2013](#).

and the power spectrum will stay the same. We are therefore allowed to introduce a time shift parameter,  $\tau$ , which will shift the times ( $t_i \rightarrow t_i - \tau$ ) in such a way that  $sc$  will be zero:

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin(2\pi\nu(t_i - \tau)) \cos(2\pi\nu(t_i - \tau)) \quad (5.29)$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin(4\pi\nu(t_i - \tau)) \quad (5.30)$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \{ \sin(4\pi\nu t_i) \cos(4\pi\nu\tau) - \cos(4\pi\nu t_i) \sin(4\pi\nu\tau) \} \quad (5.31)$$

$$= 2 \cos(4\pi\nu\tau) \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin(4\pi\nu t_i) - 2 \sin(4\pi\nu\tau) \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cos(4\pi\nu t_i). \quad (5.32)$$

Rearranging Eq. 5.32 gives the following expression

$$\frac{\sin(4\pi\nu\tau)}{\cos(4\pi\nu\tau)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin(4\pi\nu t_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cos(4\pi\nu t_i)}. \quad (5.33)$$

Isolating  $\tau$  this gives

$$\tau = \frac{1}{4\pi\nu} \arctan \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin(4\pi\nu t_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cos(4\pi\nu t_i)} \right). \quad (5.34)$$

In this case, this reduces Eq. 5.19 to what is known as the Lomb-Scargle Periodogram (Lomb 1976, Scargle 1989),

$$P_{\text{LS}} \equiv \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left\{ \frac{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \cos(2\pi\nu(t_i - \tau)) \right]^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \cos^2(2\pi\nu(t_i - \tau))} + \frac{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \sin(2\pi\nu(t_i - \tau)) \right]^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \sin^2(2\pi\nu(t_i - \tau))} \right\}, \quad (5.35)$$

where the parameter  $\sigma^2$  is given as

$$\sigma^2 \equiv \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \langle x \rangle)^2. \quad (5.36)$$

This is one of the most common ways to calculate the power spectrum for unevenly sampled timeseries. This is mostly due to the fast computational implementation by Press and Rybicki 1989 which implements FFT to significantly speed up the calculation. This is done by using extirpolation (reverse interpolation) where one replaces a function value at an arbitrary point by several function values on a regular mesh, doing this in such a way that sums over the mesh are an accurate approximation to sums over the original arbitrary point (Press and Rybicki 1989). This is why one forces ones time sampling onto a regular grid. However despite implementing FFT in the calculation, the algorithm is still no way equivalent to the conventional FFT analysis.

## Cross- and Auto-correlation

Most of the signals in asteroseismology are harmonic (repeating) signals (at least those in this thesis) where the Fourier Transform described above

are used as the main tool for data analysing. However, when working with non-harmonic signals (non-sinusoidal signals) the cross- and auto-correlation are useful tools.

The cross-correlation measures the similarity of two data series as a function of a displacement of one of the series relative to the other. The auto-correlation is then defined as the cross-correlation to the function with itself.

The auto-correlation is very useful to find periodic signals in the time series, that are not necessarily harmonic signals. One can for example use the auto-correlation to detect exoplanet transits, which are periodic signals, but not very sinusoidal. The auto-correlation can also be used to search for repeating patterns in the power spectra. If the autocorrelation is zero, it means that there is no correlation between the two signals, while an autocorrelation larger than zero means that there is some sort of correlation between the two functions. The best correlation will be when there is no shift (shift = 0) which is in the start where we are matching the signal to itself without any displacement. The autocorrelation is calculated through

$$\text{autocorrelation}(k) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N-k} (x_i - \bar{x}_{1 \rightarrow N-k})(x_{i+k} - \bar{x}_{1+k \rightarrow N})}{N - k}. \quad (5.37)$$

The autocorrelation is the sum of the data set minus its average multiplied itself shifted some amount  $k$  minus the reduced average of the reduced data set, where  $N$  is the length of the power spectrum in number of data points.



# Chapter 6

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## Data Preparation

### Preparing Data For Asteroseismic Analysis

When doing any sort of measurement there will always be some sort of noise on top of the signal we are interested in. The noise can occur from different sources such as the instruments, the spacecraft or even the stars themselves. Doing asteroseismology, the signal we are interested in is often buried deep under the noise, meaning that a preprocessing of the raw data from the telescope is needed. The purpose of this preprocessing is to filter out any noise coming from the instruments or stars themselves that are of no interest to our research.

Another obstacle when filtering the noise is the presence of one or several extra-solar planets. The challenge with the planets is to remove the planetary signal (or planetary noise) in a way that you preserve and highlight the asteroseismic signal. If the removal of the planetary signal is to be done in such way that it is ideal, one would do a full transit-model including all the physical effects that are known to originate from the planets and that could effect the asteroseismic signal (e.g. primary and secondary eclipses, phase variations, ellipsoidal variations, transit timing variations (TTVs) and more).

This model would then be subtracted from the time series and then one could begin the asteroseismic analysis. It could be argued that this process should be iterated until an optimal fit for both problems were achieved. This is however not necessary when working with solar-like stars because the stellar oscillations constitute minor perturbations to the light curve.

However, in cases where other types of pulsating stars are involved, these types of iterations are necessary. I have managed to remove the planetary signal using the same method as in [Handberg and Lund 2014](#) which is explained in [Section 6.2](#).

## Removing Noise and Exoplanet Transits

When studying stars which have exoplanets around them, the signal from the transits only reveal the relative size between the planet and the star, so to acquire the actual size of the planet an independent study of the host star is needed. Furthermore, it is of great importance to know the fundamental parameters of the host star (age, temperature etc.) to study the planetary system. Such important information can be obtained using asteroseismic analysis on the signal from the light curve of the host star ([Handberg and Lund 2014](#)).

When using any sort of space based instruments, a variety of strange effects and peculiarities can complicate the analysis. These effects can be things such as outliers in the time series originating from cosmic events, also called Argabrightening effects, to changes in the pointing of the telescope (which was for example the problem with Kepler) [Handberg and Lund 2014](#).

A filter is created to remove "planetary noise", due to the fact that when observing stars with one or several planetary companions, it is not only the "noise" from the previous mentioned effects, but also the noise from the planetary companions that needs to be accounted for. The filter creates a time series data set without any transits (both known and unknown), long-term trends and instrumental effects.

The first thing the filter inspects is the long-term trends caused by both instrumental drifts and stellar activity. This is done by applying a moving median filter to the light curve, where the median of the measurements is calculated in a given time interval. The moving median is given as

$$x_{\text{long}} = \text{movingmedian}(x, \tau_{\text{long}}), \quad (6.1)$$

where  $\tau_{\text{long}}$  is the time scale over which the median of the data points are found. The default values for  $\tau_{\text{long}}$  depends on whether one is using short cadence or long cadence. Here, however, a  $\tau_{\text{long}}$  of 2 days is used. The value of  $\tau_{\text{long}}$  will be scaled up for stars which have previously been confirmed to have low frequencies (red giants). This is done due to the fact that the filter will remove any periodicities below  $\tau_{\text{long}}$ , so if a star is known to have

oscillations at low frequencies,  $\tau_{\text{long}}$  will be scaled up.

A moving median is chosen over a moving average because a moving median is more robust against outliers. This means that the filter is much less influenced by a planetary companion and will therefore follow the overall trend of the light curve much better.

Next step is to remove any sharp features left in the light curve that are not accounted for by  $\tau_{\text{long}}$ . This is done by running another moving median filter with a short time scale through the data points after subtracting  $x_{\text{long}}$ . This constructs a new light curve as follows

$$x_{\text{short}} = \text{movingmedian}(x - x_{\text{long}}, \tau_{\text{short}}) + x_{\text{long}}, \quad (6.2)$$

where  $\tau_{\text{short}}$  is the time scale chosen for the short filter. The default values for  $\tau_{\text{short}}$  is also depending whether short cadence or long cadence is used. In this case a  $\tau_{\text{short}}$  of 2 hours is used.

To detect any sort of sharp features, a diagnostic signal is constructed containing both filters

$$w = \frac{x_{\text{long}}}{x_{\text{short}}} - 1. \quad (6.3)$$

This makes sure that when the two filters follow each other, the diagnostic signal will be close to zero. However, if any sharp features are present, the short filter will deviate from the long filter and the diagnostic signal will deviate from zero (see Fig. 6.1).

The next step in the process is to create a final filter to apply on the light curve returning the final light curve without any "noise" and sharp features. To do this, the relative standard deviation of the signal,  $\sigma_w/\langle\sigma_w\rangle$ , is needed. This is calculated using the moving median absolute deviation (MAD).

$$\text{MAD} = \text{median}(|X_i - \text{median}(X)|) \quad (6.4)$$

The purpose of the standard deviation is to weigh the short filter higher when the short filter deviates a lot from the long filter. This means that the final filter can be seen as a weighted mean between the short and long filter:

$$\text{filter} = c \cdot x_{\text{short}} + (1 - c) \cdot x_{\text{long}}, \quad (6.5)$$

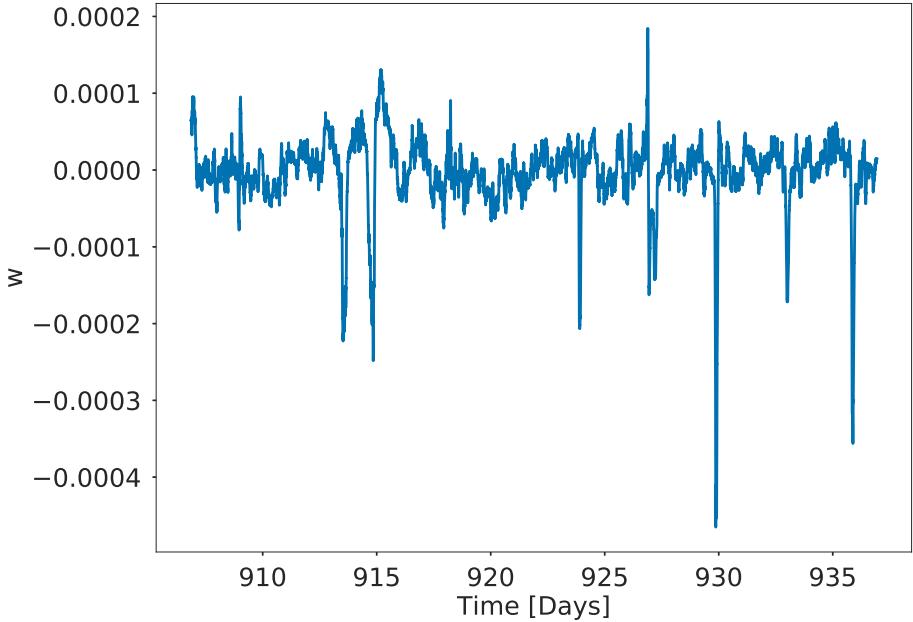


Figure 6.1: The figure shows the diagnostic signal for one of the time series for 16 Cyg A. The sharp features indicates where the short and long filter deviates from each other.

where  $c$  is the turnover function between the two filters, which returns values between 0 or 1, depending on  $\sigma_w/\langle\sigma_w\rangle$ . Any function with these characteristics can be used, however in this case a cumulative normal distribution function,  $\Phi(x; \mu, \sigma)$ , has been chosen

$$c = \Phi(\sigma_w/\langle\sigma_w\rangle; \mu_{\text{to}}, \sigma_{\text{to}}), \quad (6.6)$$

where  $\mu_{\text{to}} = 5$  and  $\sigma_{\text{to}} = 1$  is here used as default values (same as in Handberg and Lund 2014). The value of  $\mu_{\text{to}}$  is when the two filters are weighted equally ( $c=0.5$ ) and  $\sigma_{\text{to}}$  indicate the smoothness of the transition between the two filters.

Once the final filter is made using Eq. 6.5, the original light curve is divided with the filter function providing a new light curve,  $x_{\text{filt}}$ , which has the relative flux in units of parts-per-million

$$x_{\text{filt}} = 10^6 \left( \frac{x}{\text{filter}} - 1 \right) \quad (6.7)$$

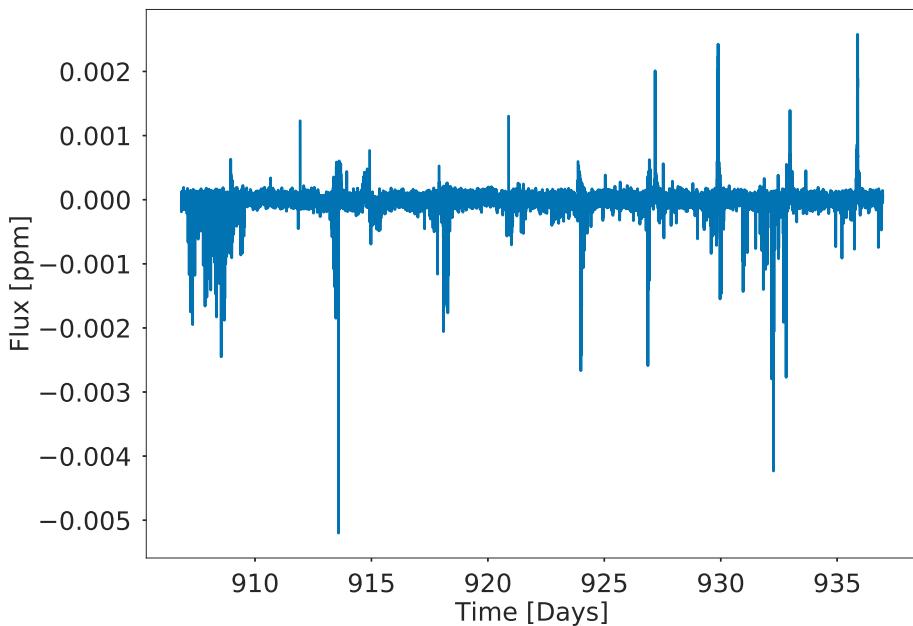


Figure 6.2: The figure shows the final filter for one of the time series for 16 Cyg A.

which can be seen in Fig. 6.2.

Lastly a sigma clipping is performed to remove the last outliers. The sigma clipping is performed with a standard deviation of  $\sigma = 4$ . The final light curve can be seen in Figure 6.3.

## Background Noise

After removing the planetary noise we look at any excess of power in the power spectrum which consists of peaks with any periodic structure. Different analysis teams have done this in different ways (Karoff 2008; Huber et al. 2009; Hekker et al. 2010; Mathur et al. 2010; Lund et al. 2012; Handberg et al. 2017).

In Fig. 6.4 one can see the power spectrum of the Sun where some of the features contributing to the noise are indicated. These features are typically also present in solar-like stars, however at much lower resolution. From the figure it can be seen that the noise is not white (which means

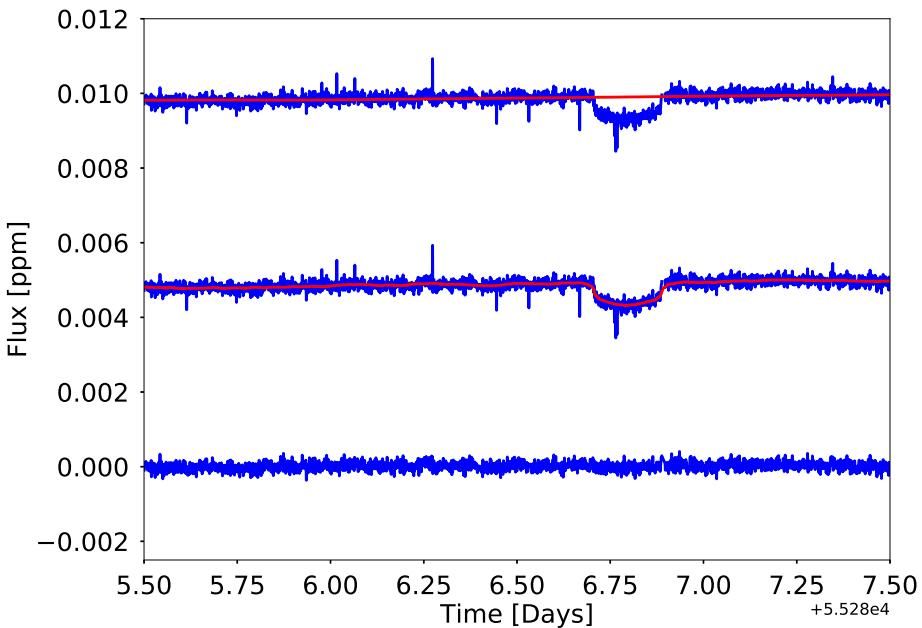


Figure 6.3: The figure shows data for a Kepler-37 where there is a clear exoplanet transit at 6.7d. The top curve shows the raw (normalized) data where no trends and outliers have been corrected for. The curve also include the long time scale median filter (the red line) which are looking at any long trends in the light curve. The middle curve is also the raw light curve however with the short time scale median filter which is used to model sharp features (e.g. transits). The curve at the bottom shows the corrected time series after transits and outliers have been removed.

it is equal at all frequencies), but is from the turbulent processes that are taking place on the surface of the star. It is features such as rotation, granulation and faculae etc. that contribute to the noise. The faculae are bright spots on the stellar surface often close to star spots. The faculae are due to changes in the opacity caused by the magnetic field, i.e. we see into the granulation cells rather than seeing the surface of the granulation cells. As the temperature is higher inside the granulation cells than on the surface, the faculae will appear brighter than their surroundings, [Keller et al. 2004](#)

On top of the noise from the turbulent processes there is also the photon-

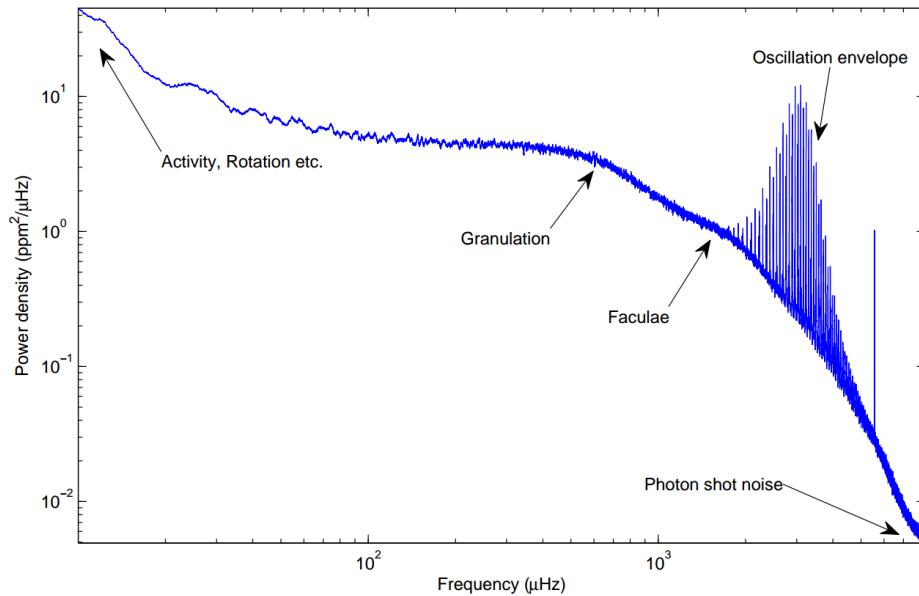


Figure 6.4: A power spectrum of the Sun consisting of 12 years of data taken from the green channel of the VIRGO SPM instrument on SoHO spacecraft. The power spectrum is smoothed with a  $2 \mu\text{Hz}$  boxcar filter. The figure is adapted from [Handberg 2013](#).

noise (Poisson distributed noise that arises from the limited number of photons coming from the star), instrumental noise and then there are the oscillations themselves.

The first step in asteroseismic analysis is therefore to estimate this background noise on top of the oscillations. This sounds trivial, however, it is actually a major difficulty in these types of analysis due to the fact that there are no universal description of convection and how it affects the power spectrum noise of a star.

Here I use a sum of so-called Harvey models ([Harvey 1985](#)) plus a white noise contribution to describe the noise as a function of frequency given as

$$N(\nu) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{Harvey}}} \frac{4\sigma_k^2 \tau_k}{1 + (2\pi\nu\tau_k)^{\alpha_k}} + K \quad (6.8)$$

where  $\sigma_k$  is the amplitude of the signal,  $\tau$  is the characteristic time-scale,  $\alpha_k$

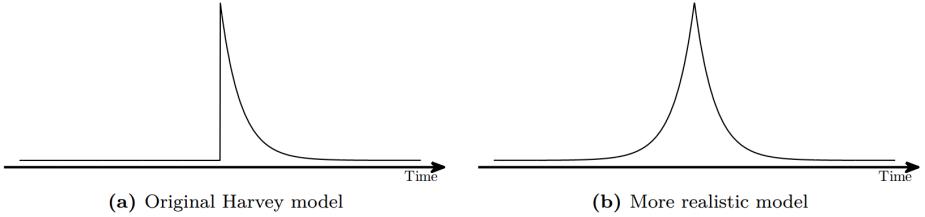


Figure 6.5: Models illustrating the brightness of individual granules or faculae corresponding to Eq. 6.8 and Eq. 6.11. Figures are adapted from Handberg 2013.

is the degree of memory in the system and  $K$  is the white noise contribution. Using scaling relations, a relation for  $\sigma_k$  and  $\tau_k$  can be found in terms of stellar properties, Karoff 2008:

$$\sigma \propto \frac{L^{0.5}}{M T_{\text{eff}}^{0.5}} \quad (6.9)$$

and

$$\tau \propto \frac{L}{M T_{\text{eff}}^{3.5}} \quad (6.10)$$

where  $L$  is the luminosity,  $M$  is the mass and  $T_{\text{eff}}$  is the effective temperature of the star. In the original model, Harvey proposed a  $\alpha_k = 2$  which corresponds to the situation where the brightness of the granules rise instantly and then exponentially fall off afterwards. However, it is often seen that using  $\alpha_k = 2$  does not fit the data very well. This is often overcome by letting  $\alpha_k$  be a free parameter when doing the fitting of the background. Instead of letting  $\alpha_k$  be free, I have chosen to use a modified version of Eq. 6.8, which is primarily motivated by fitting the Solar power spectrum Karoff 2008 and Handberg et al. 2017:

$$N(\nu) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{Harvey}}} \frac{4\sigma_k^2 \tau_k}{1 + (2\pi\nu\tau_k)^2 + (2\pi\nu\tau_k)^4} + K. \quad (6.11)$$

This is a more realistic model where the brightness is rising gradually instead of instantaneous and falling of gradually afterwards (Figure 6.5b). An example of using a Harvey profile to estimate the background can be seen in Fig. 6.6

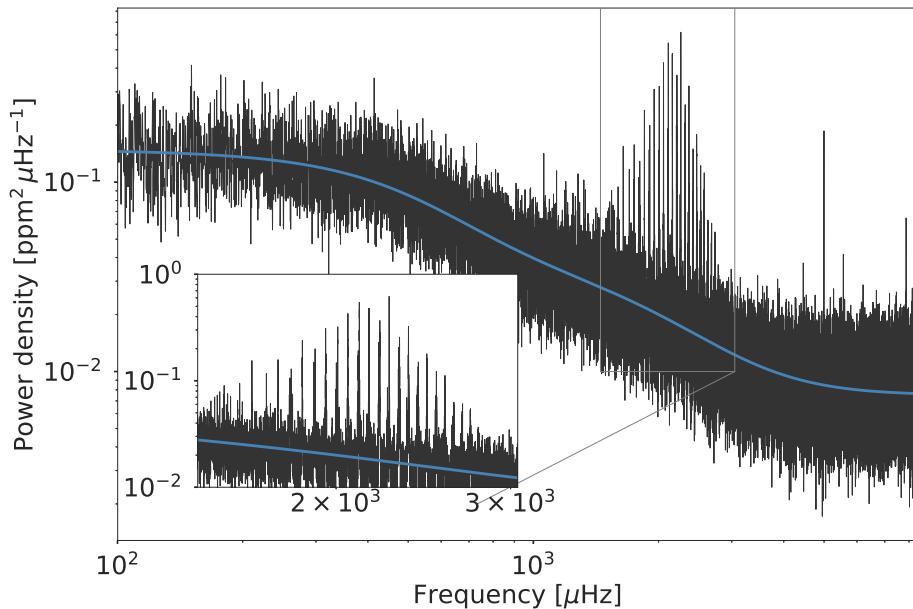


Figure 6.6: The figure shows a zoom in of the power spectrum for 16 Cyg A where the Harvey profile used to estimate the background is displayed (blue line).

## Mode Identification

In a star, it is parameters such as temperature, pressure, chemical composition and so on that drives these specific oscillations modes. If these conditions change somehow, e.g. the core of the star goes from being radiation dominated to being convective, it will change the way these modes are driven. That is why it is essential in asteroseismology to identify the individual modes to extract information about the interior of the star.

Mode identification is determining the different modes based on the three numbers ( $l, n, m$ ) for every frequency in the power spectrum. Mode identification for solar-like stars is relatively easy, however, for other types of stars, e.g.  $\delta$  Scuti stars, it is more difficult due to the fact that not all modes are excited as in solar-like stars and there is no theory that explains why these modes are not excited. In solar-like stars, the asymptotic relation (Eq. 2.5) makes it simple to identify modes by constructing an

echelle diagram. The echelle diagram is constructed by dividing the power spectrum into parts of the large frequency separation  $\Delta\nu$  and thereafter stacking these on top of each. Since the different oscillation modes occur in a specific order in the power spectrum, and this is repeated through the entire power spectrum, the oscillation modes with the same  $l$  number will group and form vertical lines in the echelle diagram (see Fig. 2.6). In Fig. 2.6 the frequency modulo  $\Delta\nu$  is the rest of the frequencies after division. Comparing Fig. 2.5 and Fig. 2.6, even though it is for two different stars, the typical pattern in echelle diagrams for  $l$ modes can be seen:  $l=2,0,3$  and 1. However, if mixed modes are present in the star, this can also be seen in the echelle diagram in terms of a deviation from the vertical lines. In Fig. 6.7 is a echelle diagram based on a model of  $\eta$  Boo where the deviation from the vertical pattern is clear. The echelle diagram shows how the  $l=1$  modes have been shifted from there normal position. The diagram also shows how an extra mode occurs for every mixed mode.

## Finding Relavant Peaks

When creating these echelle diagrams, I first need to detect the relevant peaks in the power spectrum. This process can be done using different methods described in Handberg and Campante 2011 and Lund et al. 2017. However, in this thesis I have used the prominence (measure of height relative to the lowest contour line) of each peak in the power spectrum and given a threshold to search above. The peaks and prominences of each peak are found using the Python package `scipy.signal.find_peaks` and `scipy.signal.peak_prominences`. I use the prominences to search for the relevant peaks due to the fact that only one data set has been released from TESS for each of the stars in this thesis. Had I used Kepler data, I could have given a simple threshold to search above. This is because so many data sets are available for each Kepler star, so here one can layer the data sets and the relevant peaks will stand out from the noise (a higher signal to noise ratio compared to TESS at the moment). An example of using prominence to detect the relevant peaks can be seen in Fig. 6.8. The reason for using the prominence method is also to detect some relevant peaks that may have a smaller amplitude than a noise peak, but which still have a more significant peak.

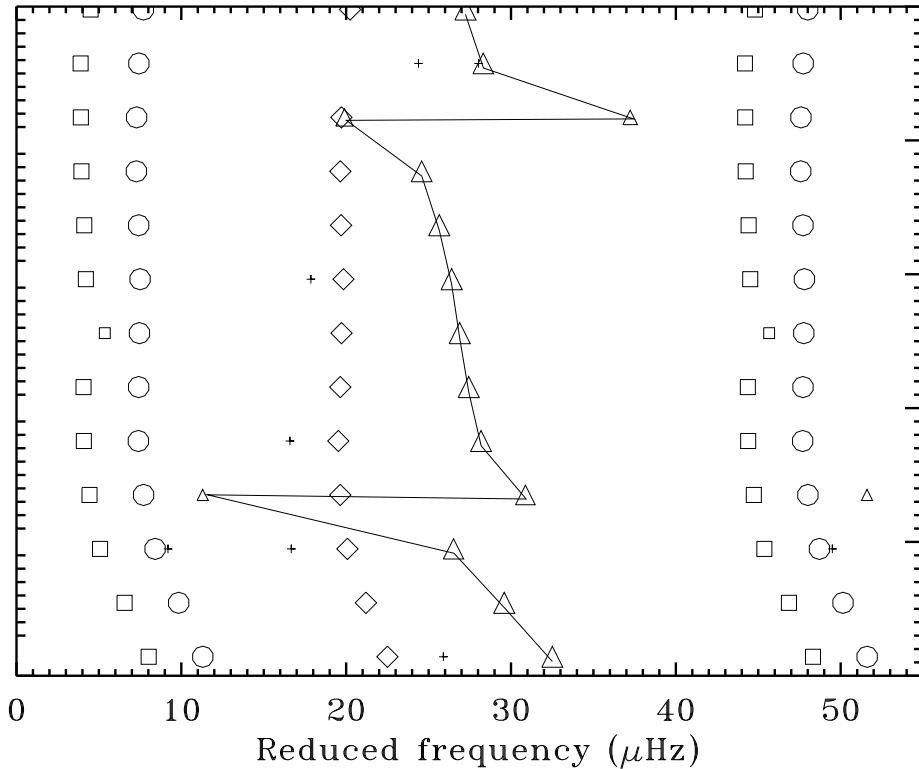


Figure 6.7: Echelle diagram for a model for the star  $\eta$  Boo. Circles are  $l=0$  modes, triangles are  $l=1$  modes, squares are  $l=2$  modes and diamonds are  $l=3$  modes. The diagram shows how mixed  $l=1$  modes are shifted from the regular vertical line pattern and that extra modes are created for every mixed mode. Figure is adapted from [Bedding et al. 2014](#).

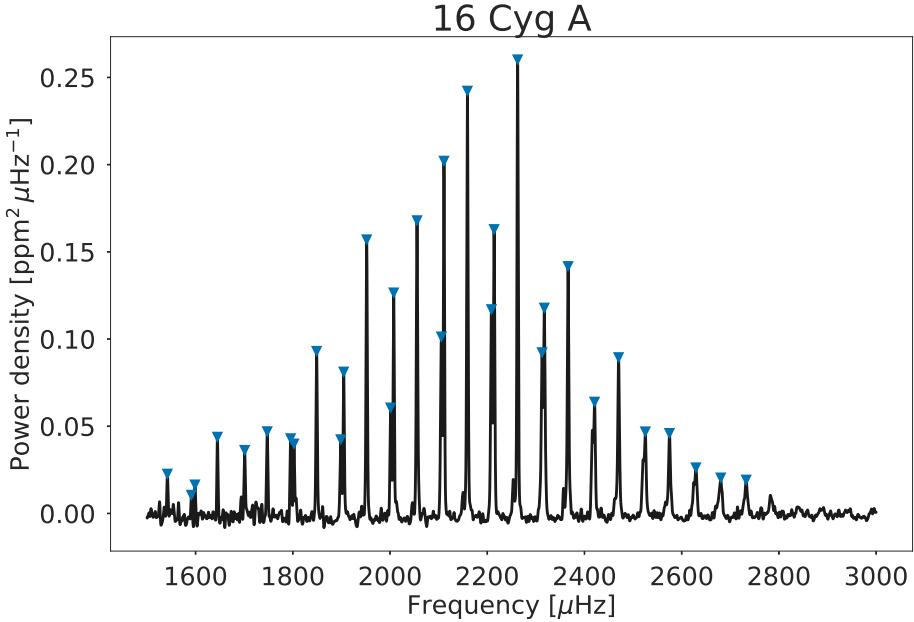


Figure 6.8: Power spectrum for the star 16 Cyg A. The blue triangles are the peaks found using the Python packages `scipy.signal.find_peaks` and `scipy.signal.peak_prominences`.

### The Large Frequency Separation, $\Delta\nu$

Now that the outliers and transits have been removed and the background noise has been estimated, we can start to detect the repeating patterns that indicates solar-like oscillations, as discussed in [section 2.2](#). We are specifically searching for the parameter called the large frequency separation ( $\Delta\nu$ ). To find the large frequency separation we need to search for a repeating pattern of peaks in the power spectrum. Since this signal is not necessarily a sinusoidal signal, the autocorrelation (as described in [section 5.3](#)) is an excellent tool to detect these peaks.

The autocorrelation is calculated for a specific frequency range where the oscillations are located. The autocorrelation of the power spectrum will tell us if there are any features throughout the power spectrum that are repeating themselves. In our case of solar-like oscillations there will be a series of peaks located at  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta\nu$ ,  $\Delta\nu$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}\Delta\nu$  and so on assuming that the

$l = 1$  modes are located exactly between the  $l = 0$  modes. Doing a proper detailed fitting of the autocorrelation of the power spectrum, one can also extract informations such as  $\delta\nu_{02}$ , rotation of the star and more. However, the extraction of  $\delta\nu_{02}$  is different here, which will be discussed in section 6.7. Properly fitting the autocorrelation is done as described in Campante et al. 2010, where they create a complete model of the power spectrum and then calculate the autocorrelation of that model-spectrum. This is then fitted to the autocorrelation of the real power spectrum. However, doing a proper fit to the autocorrelation is pretty computationally intensive, due to the fact that it involves calculating the autocorrelation for each evaluation of the likelihood function.

Since it is only the large frequency separation I am interested in, I have used a more simple model (Handberg 2013) instead of the full autocorrelation model described in Campante et al. 2010, which is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} ac(x) = & a_0 \exp\left[\frac{-(x - 0.5\Delta\nu^2)}{c^2}\right] + a_1 \exp\left[\frac{-(x - \Delta\nu^2)}{c^2}\right] + a_2 \exp\left[\frac{-(x - 1.5\Delta\nu^2)}{c^2}\right] \\ & + a_3 \exp\left[\frac{-(x - 2\Delta\nu^2)}{c^2}\right] + a_4 \exp\left[\frac{-(x - 2.5\Delta\nu^2)}{c^2}\right] + a_5 \exp\left[\frac{-(x - 3.0\Delta\nu^2)}{c^2}\right] \\ & + a_6 \exp\left[\frac{-(x - 3.5\Delta\nu^2)}{c^2}\right] + k. \end{aligned} \quad (6.12)$$

The model consists of a sum of seven Gaussians which are centered at different values of  $\Delta\nu$ . The function can easily be fitted to the autocorrelation of the power spectrum with standard non-linear least squares fitting routines. From this, a robust value of the large frequency separation can be obtained. Example of such fit can be seen in Figure 6.9.

From investigations of a large sample of stars (both solar-like stars and red giant) there have been found a correlation between the large frequency separation,  $\Delta\nu$ , and the frequency of maximum amplitude,  $\nu_{\max}$  (Stello et al. 2009):

$$\Delta\nu = \Delta\nu_{\odot} \cdot \left(\frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max\odot}}\right)^{0.77}, \quad (6.13)$$

where  $\Delta\nu_{\odot} = 135.1 \mu\text{Hz}$  and  $\nu_{\max\odot} = 3150 \mu\text{Hz}$ . The relation can be used as a guideline as to where to search for  $\Delta\nu$  or as a first guess to put into the fitting routine (Eq. 6.12), which makes the routine even more robust.

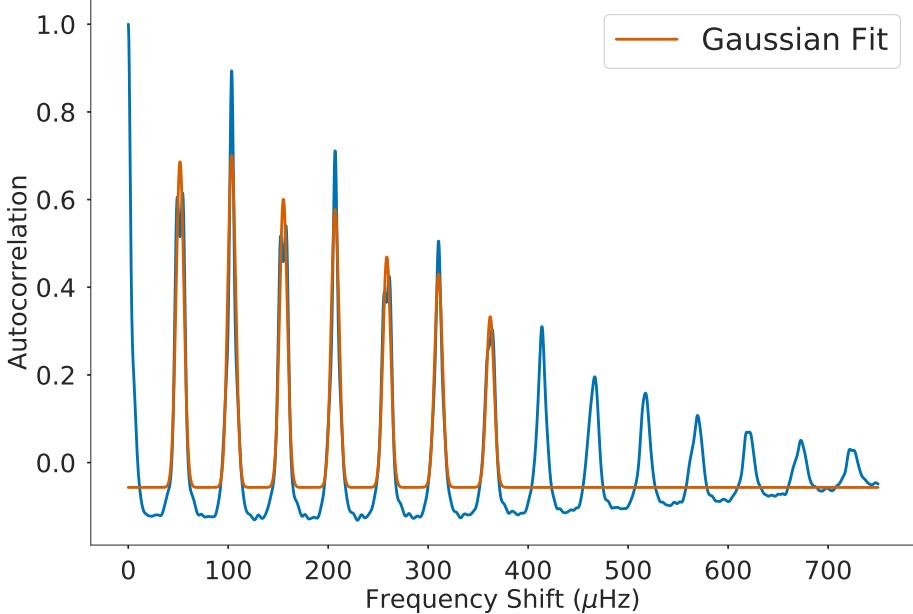


Figure 6.9: Autocorrelation for the star 16 Cyg A with a  $\Delta\nu = 103.43 \mu\text{Hz}$ . The fitted model (Eq. 6.12) is shown as the red curve.

### The Small Frequency Separation, $\delta\nu_{02}$

Now that the large frequency separation ( $\Delta\nu$ ) has been estimated, we move on to estimating another important asteroseismic parameter, the small frequency separation ( $\delta\nu_{02}$ ), which is the distance between modes of  $l=0$  and  $l=2$  (see Fig. 2.5). The small frequency separation in main-sequence stars is sensitive to the speed of sound near the core, which gives an indication of the evolutionary state of the star and hence its age (Chaplin and Miglio 2013). This parameter is one of the sensitive parameters in the scaling relation mentioned in section 2.4.

The parameter is estimated using a so-called matched filter that uses the asymptotic relation (Eq. 2.5 and Eq. 2.7). A matched filter is where you correlate a known signal with an unknown signal to detect the presence of the known signal in the unknown signal (Turin 1960).

I simulate frequencies for  $l=0$  and  $l=2$  using the asymptotic relation and matched with my observed frequencies for the specific star. The match

filter is made using a double Gaussian, to see how well the simulated frequencies match the observed frequencies. The Gaussian is defined as

$$MF = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{v_i - v_j}{2k}\right)^2, \quad (6.14)$$

where  $v_i$  are the observed frequencies from the power spectrum and  $v_j$  are the frequencies simulated using the asymptotic relation,  $k$  is the variance indicating the width of the peaks. Using the information of the matched filter I can create a density plot which gives me the two parameters  $\epsilon$  and the small frequency separation,  $\delta\nu_{02}$  (see Fig. 6.10).

The shape of the matched filter, Fig. 6.10, can be explained by the way my matched filter (Eq. 6.14) works, which can be seen in Fig. 6.11. When moving the Gaussian matched filter with some value  $\epsilon$ , there can still be a match even though it is not the right match. This is because if we move the Gaussian with some value  $\epsilon$  corresponding to  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta\nu$ , the Gaussian peak for  $l=0$  or  $l=2$  may match with the  $l=1$  peak from the observed frequencies giving a peak in the matched filter, which explains the pattern on the y-axis. When changing the value for  $\delta\nu_{02}$ , I change the distance between the  $l=0$  and  $l=2$  modes, which means that even if I shift the matched filter with  $\epsilon$ , I can compensate for this by increasing  $\delta\nu_{02}$ . This will ensure that the simulated frequencies still match with the observed frequencies to some extend, which is why the pattern for the matched filter has this zig-zag pattern.

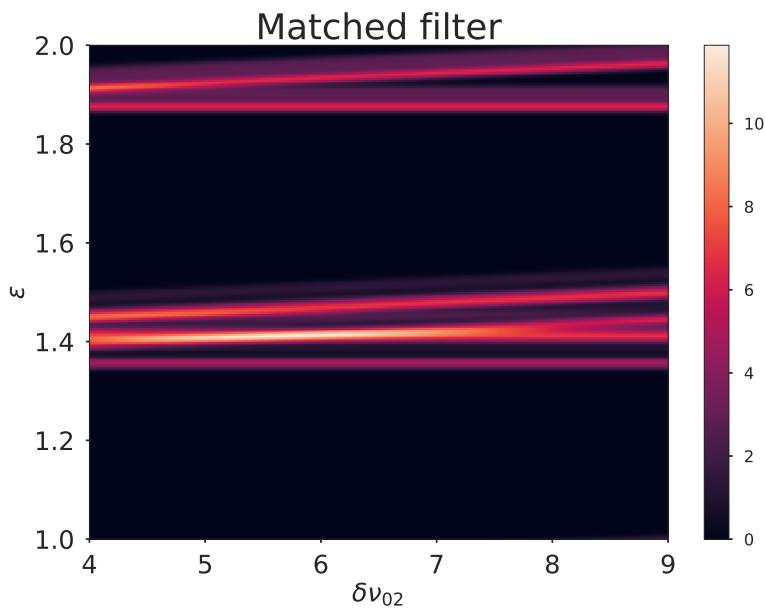


Figure 6.10: Matched filter for 16 Cyg A with a  $\delta\nu_{02} = 5.53 \mu\text{Hz}$  and  $\varepsilon = 1.41$ .

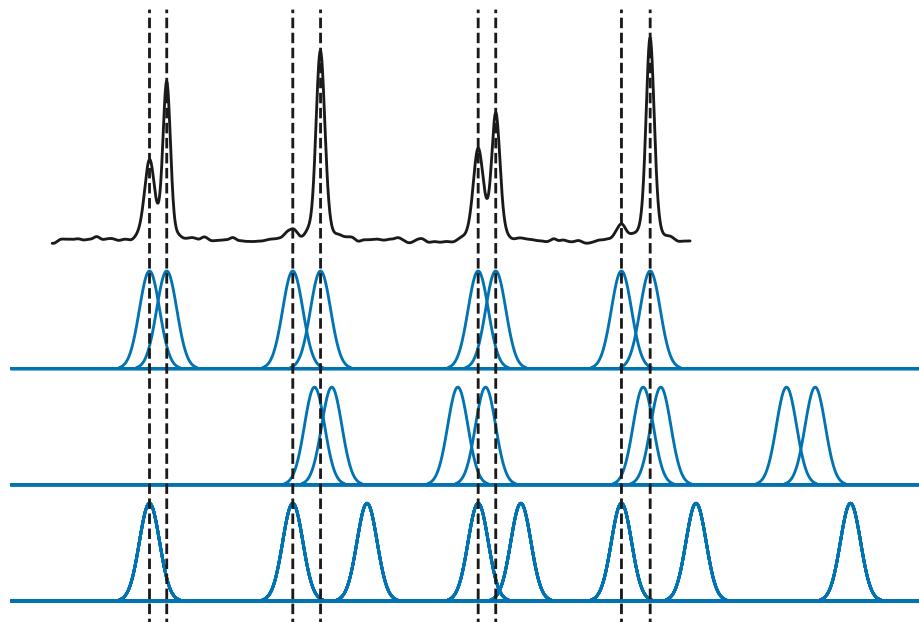


Figure 6.11: Top plot: A zoom in of the power spectrum for 16 Cyg A displaying 2 peaks for  $l=0,1,2,3$ . Second top plot: The matched filter with the best match with the data. Second bottom plot: When shifting the matched filter with  $\varepsilon$ , in this case  $\frac{\Delta\nu}{2}$ , there is still match between the simulated and the observed frequencies. Bottom plot: Here I have shifted the matched filter with  $\frac{\Delta\nu}{2}$ , but also increased  $\delta\nu_{02}$  to  $2 \cdot \delta\nu_{02}$ , which shows a better correlation between the simulated and observed frequencies than by only increasing  $\varepsilon$ .



# 7

## Chapter

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# Asteroseismic Analysis of Selected TESS Stars

In this chapter I will give a short introduction to each star and present the results from my analysis of the five TESS stars I have worked on in this thesis. In Fig. 7.1 I show the process from light curve to estimating stellar parameters of the stars. The green boxes indicate preparations of the light curve and the power spectrum before performing asteroseismic analysis. The blue boxes indicate the analysis and estimate of essential asteroseismic parameters. The yellow box indicate the calculation of uncertainties on some of the parameters. The red boxes indicates the start and the end of the analysis.

### Selected TESS Stars

In this thesis I have analyzed five stars:

- $\beta$  Hydri
- $\nu$  Indi
- TOI-197
- HD 212771
- HD 203949

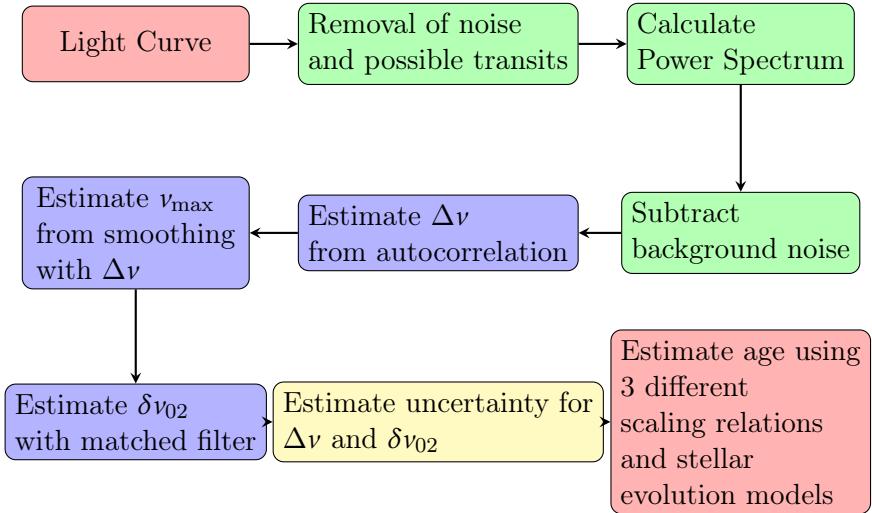


Figure 7.1: Flow chart displaying the data process from raw light curve to age estimation.

These five stars are chosen because they are some of the first data released from TESS that displays stellar oscillations and some of the first TESS stars with a confirmed exoplanet transit. Below I describe the information we know about these selected stars, since many of the stars have been observed previously.

The star  $\beta$  Hydri is a bright subgiant with a magnitude of  $V_{\text{mag}} = 2.82$  that is slightly more massive and much more evolved than the Sun (Brandão et al. 2011). The star is one of the oldest stars in the solar galactic neighborhood, and it is frequently seen as a representation of the future of the Sun, making it a particularly interesting object to study (Dravins et al. 1993a; Dravins et al. 1993b; Dravins et al. 1993c). Frandsen 1987 and Edmonds and Cram 1995 both made unsuccessful attempts to detect stellar oscillations in  $\beta$  Hydri by placing upper limits on the p-mode amplitudes. However, Bedding et al. 2001 and Carrier et al. 2001 both confirmed the presence of solar-like oscillations in  $\beta$  Hydri and estimated the large frequency separation  $\Delta\nu$  to be about  $\sim 55 \mu\text{Hz}$ , but were unable to identify individual frequencies. Subsequently, after using the high-precision spectrographs HARPS and UCLES and observing the star for more than a week (Bedding et al. 2007b), both confirmed the oscillations detected

previous and identified 28 oscillations modes that included some mixed modes of spherical degree  $l=1$ .

$\nu$  Indi is a very bright metal-poor subgiant (only about 3% of solar) with a magnitude of  $V_{\text{mag}} = 5.28$  (Bedding et al. 2006b). The star was first thought to be a binary, but was later confirmed to be a single star (Lambert and McWilliam 1986). The results from Bedding et al. 2006b indicate that  $\nu$  Indi is a low mass (compared to the Sun) star and is at least 9 Gyr old.

TOI-197 is the first detection of acoustic oscillations in a star which has an orbiting exoplanet by TESS (Huber et al. 2019). TOI-197 is a bright (V magnitude of  $V_{\text{mag}} = 8.2$ ) subgiant near the base of the red giant branch (oscillates with an average frequency  $\sim 430 \mu\text{Hz}$  which is characteristic for a star in the phase of its evolution). The planet orbiting the TOI-197 is characterized as a hot Saturn with a period of 14.3 days (close orbit) and planetary mass of  $M_p = 0.191 \pm 0.017 M_{\text{Jup}}$ .

HD 212771 is an evolved known host with long period planet, which was detected using the radial velocity method. HD 2127711 is along with HD 203949 some of the first exoplanets host stars where oscillations have been detected (Campante et al. 2019).

HD 212771 is a bright subgiant (spectroscopically classified by Houk and Smith-Moore 1988) with a TESS magnitude  $T_{\text{mag}} = 6.753$ . However, based on its period spacing,  $\Delta\Pi_1$ , and its placement in the  $\Delta\Pi_1$ - $\Delta\nu$  diagram, it is reclassified as a low-luminosity red-giant branch star based on asteroseismology. The orbiting companion of the star is a Jovian planet with a minimum mass of  $M_p \sin i = 2.3 \pm 0.4 M_{\text{Jup}}$  and is in a 373.3 day orbit (Johnson et al. 2010).

Like HD 212771, HD 203949 is also an evolved star with TESS magnitude of  $T_{\text{mag}} = 6.753$ . HD 203949 is a classified horizontal branch star (Houk 1982). However, based on the parameters from asteroseismology, there is some confusion on whether the star is a red giant branch star or if it is a red clump star. Due to its low frequency it is not possible to estimate the period spacing,  $\Delta\Pi_1$ , which would confirm which type of star it is, based on the  $\Delta\Pi_1$ - $\Delta\nu$  diagram (Campante et al. 2019). The orbiting companion of the star is a relative massive planet with a minimum mass

of  $M_p \sin i = 8.2 \pm 0.2 M_{\text{Jup}}$  and has a period of 184.2 days ([Jones et al. 2014](#)).

## Analysis of Selected TESS Stars

For the analysis of these stars I have written a program in [Python 3](#) (see [appendix G](#)) which can estimate the essential asteroseismic parameters and give an estimate of the mass, radius and age of the stars. The program is not specifically written for TESS-data and can therefore be used for other time series data. It is therefore also easy to add more data from upcoming releases from the TESS satellite. I will now go through the steps presented in [Fig. 7.1](#) and discuss the results obtained from my code.

### Removal of Noise and Possible Transits

As described in [section 6.2](#), the first part of the analysis is to remove the different sources of noise either coming from the instruments or the stars themselves that are of no interest for our asteroseismic analysis. Beside these sources of noise, the presence of a exoplanet can also affect the signal from the host star, which is why exoplanet transits are also filtered out from the final time serie data of the star. In [Fig. 7.2](#) the light curves for two the targets in this thesis are displayed (The rest can be seen in [appendix A](#)). Here I show the process of removing stellar, instrumental and planetary noise ([Fig. 7.2e](#)) and showing the final time serie used for the asteroseismic analysis.

### The Power Spectrum and Removing The Background

After creating the time series for each star (by removing the transits etc and transforming the units of the flux) I calculate the power spectrum by performing a Fourier transformation using [Eq. 5.7 - Eq. 5.11](#) described in [chapter 5](#). To optimize the signal of the power spectrum I first subtract the background, this is to minimize noise from different sources such as photons, granulation and etc. I use a modified Harvey profile ([Eq. 6.11](#) described in [section 6.3](#)) to subtract the background, these can be seen in [Fig. 7.3](#) (the rest can be seen in [appendix B](#)).

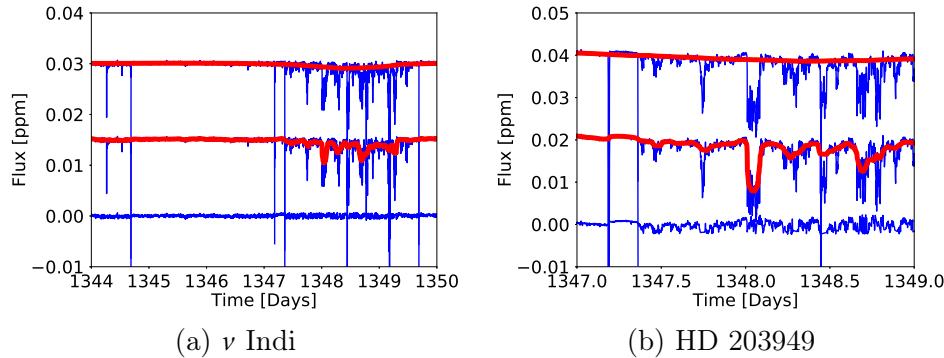


Figure 7.2: The light curves for two of the target stars in this thesis. The plots consist of three curves. The top curve is the raw normalized curve where no trends and outliers have been removed. The curve also includes the long time scale median filter (red line) which is looking at any long trends in the light curve. The middle curve is also the raw light curve however with the short time scale median filter which is used to model sharp features (e.g. transits). The curve at the bottom shows the corrected time series after transits and outliers have been removed. One can see a clear exoplanet transit in the plot for HD 203949.

### Estimating $\Delta\nu$ Using The Autocorrelation

As mentioned in section 6.6 one can use the autocorrelation (Eq. 5.37) to search for periodic signals in the power spectrum, from which it can be used to estimate the large frequency separation  $\Delta\nu$ . On top of using the autocorrelation I also fit the autocorrelation with a series of Gaussian functions, these are centered at different values of  $\Delta\nu$  ( $\frac{\Delta\nu}{2}$ ,  $\Delta\nu$ ,  $\frac{3\Delta\nu}{2}$  etc.). In this case where we have solar-like oscillations, the peaks in the autocorrelation will be located at  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta\nu$ ,  $\Delta\nu$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}\Delta\nu$  and so on, so this is incorporated in the series of Gaussian functions.

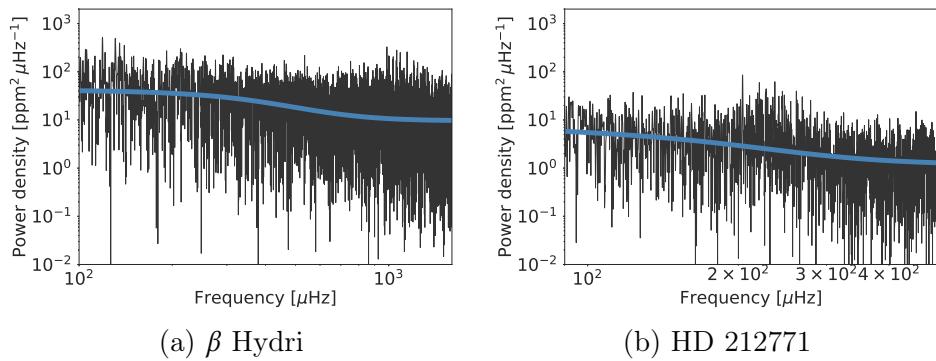
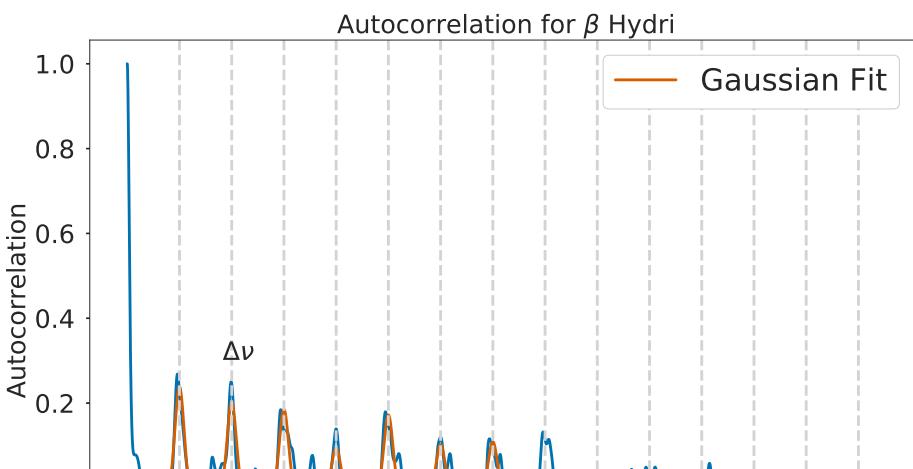
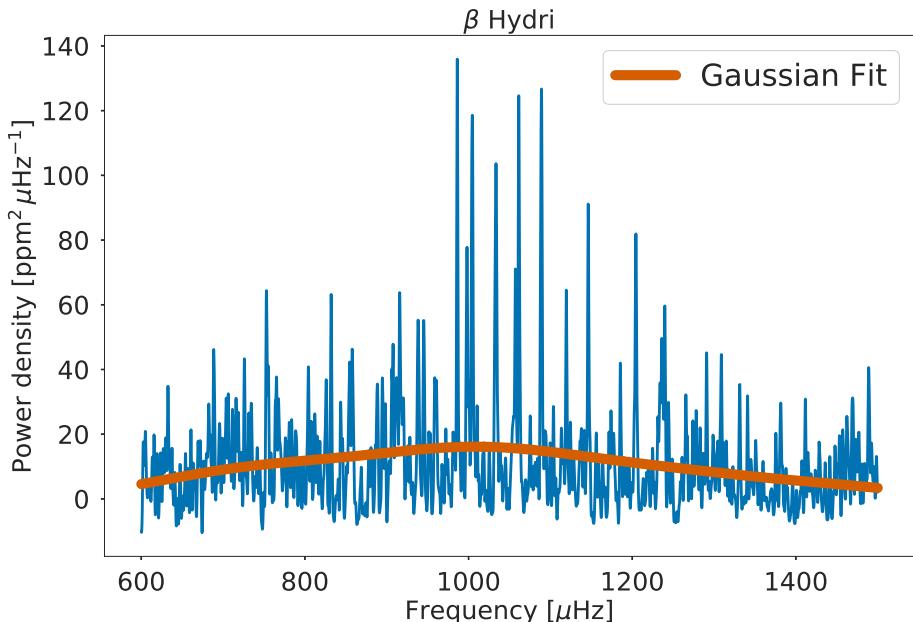


Figure 7.3: Un-smoothed power spectra for TESS stars. The blue line in each plot is the Harvey profile background subtracted from each power spectra. The oscillation envelope is not equally visible for each star.



The upper plot in Fig. 7.4 (the rest can be seen appendix C) shows the power spectrum after the background has been subtracted and has been smoothed with a Gaussian. The lower plot shows the autocorrelation as a function of the frequency. The peaks occur at frequencies where the correlation between the signal from the power spectrum and the same signal shifted  $k$  data points are largest. The best Gaussian fit to the autocorrelation will give an estimate of the large frequency separation. In the plot for the autocorrelation I have indicated the location of the large frequency separation for  $\beta$  Hydri and one clearly sees that the peaks occur every  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta\nu$ , as marked with grey vertical lines.

The value for  $\Delta\nu$  can then be used to plot the echelle diagram for the star. As shown in Fig. 2.6 an echelle diagram is made by dividing the power spectrum into parts of length of  $\Delta\nu$  and then stacking these on top of each other. Since the power spectrum for solar-like stars have this comb like structure, due to the asymptotic relation, the oscillation modes with the same  $l$  number will group and form vertical lines in the echelle diagram. If there are any irregularities in this vertical lines it could be due to the presence of mixed modes.

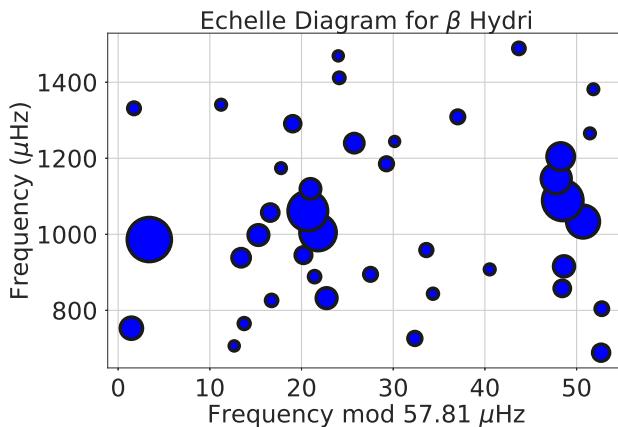


Figure 7.5: Echelle diagram for  $\beta$  Hydri. The sizes indicates the significance of each peak found, where the largest dots are the most significant peaks in the power spectrum. The echelle diagram is made using  $\Delta\nu = 57.81 \mu\text{Hz}$ . One can clearly see an avoided crossing of the  $l=1$  modes in this case.

[Figure 7.5](#) shows the echelle diagram for  $\beta$  Hydri (the rest can be seen in [appendix D](#)). The different sizes of the data points indicate how prominent a peak is in the power spectrum. This is done due to the way the peaks are found. The sizes are made to highlight the most significant peaks, due to the fact that some of the peaks in the power spectrum are simply noise. This makes it easier to separate real peaks from noise peaks. A threshold is made to not include the smallest peaks (the peaks with very low prominence). The amount of noise peaks are due to the the low signal to noise ratio, which is a consequence of only having one light curve of each star from TESS available at the time compared to the echelle diagram for 16 Cyg A (see [Fig. 2.6](#)), where I had around  $\sim 25$  light curves for this star, increasing the signal to noise ratio. The extra noise peaks also makes it hard to distinct "real" peaks from noise peaks, yet one can still sense the vertical lines showing  $l=2$ ,  $l=0$  and  $l=1$  modes. This indicates that the  $\Delta\nu$  value found with the autocorrelation is the optimal value. In the echelle diagram for  $\beta$  Hydri one can see the vertical line for the  $l=1$  modes is not as straight as for  $l=2$  and  $l=0$  modes. This is due to the presence of a mixed mode creating an avoided crossing as described in [section 2.3](#).

The large frequency separation,  $\Delta\nu$ , for the rest of the stars,  $\nu$  Indi, TOI-197, HD 212771 and HD 203949 is also found using the autocorrelation.

It is not always the best fit to the autocorrelation that gives the best estimate for  $\Delta\nu$  as seen in [Fig. 7.6](#). The two figures on the right are the autocorrelation and echelle diagram for TOI-197 using a wrong estimated  $\Delta\nu$ . One can see that the autocorrelation finding the wrong  $\Delta\nu$  ([Fig. 7.6b](#)) fits several of the peaks compared to the autocorrelation finding the correct  $\Delta\nu$  only fits the peak corresponding to the value of  $\Delta\nu$ . However, if strictly looking at the power spectrum for TOI-197 (see [Fig. 7.7](#)) one can see that  $\Delta\nu = 28.85 \mu\text{Hz}$  must be the correct large frequency separation, since the large frequency separation is defined as the distance between two modes of same  $l$  value. In [Fig. 7.7](#) I have made a line between two  $l=0$  modes to show that  $\Delta\nu = 28.85 \mu\text{Hz}$  must be the correct value for  $\Delta\nu$  and to show that  $\Delta\nu = 14.43 \mu\text{Hz}$  is only  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta\nu$ . In the echelle diagram for TOI-197 one can also see the clear signature of mixed modes indicating that the star has left the main sequence. In [Table 7.1](#) an overview of  $\Delta\nu$  for all the stars can be seen.

Star	$\Delta\nu_{\text{analysis}} [\mu\text{Hz}]$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{litterature}} [\mu\text{Hz}]$	References
$\beta$ Hydri	$57.81 \pm 0.15$	$57.24 \pm 0.16$	Bedding et al. 2007b
$\nu$ Indi	$24.86 \pm 0.06$	$24.25 \pm 0.25$	Bedding et al. 2006b
TOI-197	$28.85 \pm 0.17$	$28.94 \pm 0.15$	Huber et al. 2019
HD 212771	$16.47 \pm 0.04$	$16.25 \pm 0.19$	Campante et al. 2019
HD 203949	$4.18 \pm 0.14$	$4.10 \pm 0.14$	Campante et al. 2019

Table 7.1: Table with  $\Delta\nu$  values found using autocorrelation. The uncertainties for  $\Delta\nu$  are found using the frequencies of the  $l=0$  modes in the power spectrum and plotting these as function of the order  $n$ . The uncertainty is found utilizing a 95% confidence interval, take the difference between the upper and lower boundary and divide by 4 because there is  $4\sigma$  between them.

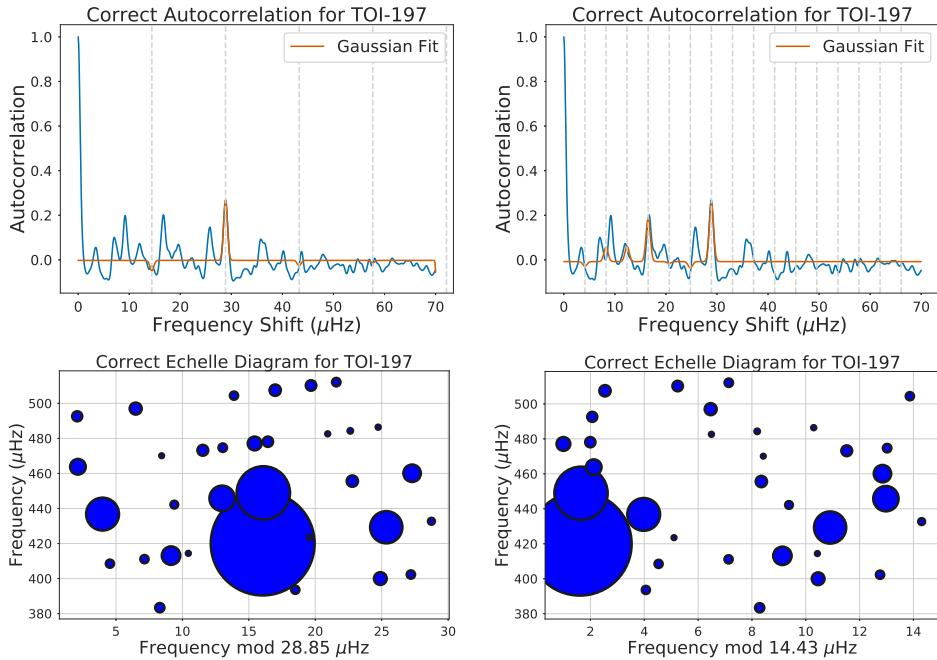


Figure 7.6: Left: Shows the autocorrelation and the echelle diagram for TOI-197 using the correct value for  $\Delta\nu$ . Right:Shows the autocorrelation and the echelle diagram for TOI-197 using the wrong value for  $\Delta\nu$ . The correction can be seen in the order for the echelle diagram where we have the typical have  $l=2,0$  whereas using the wrong  $\Delta\nu$  gives the order  $l=0,2$ .

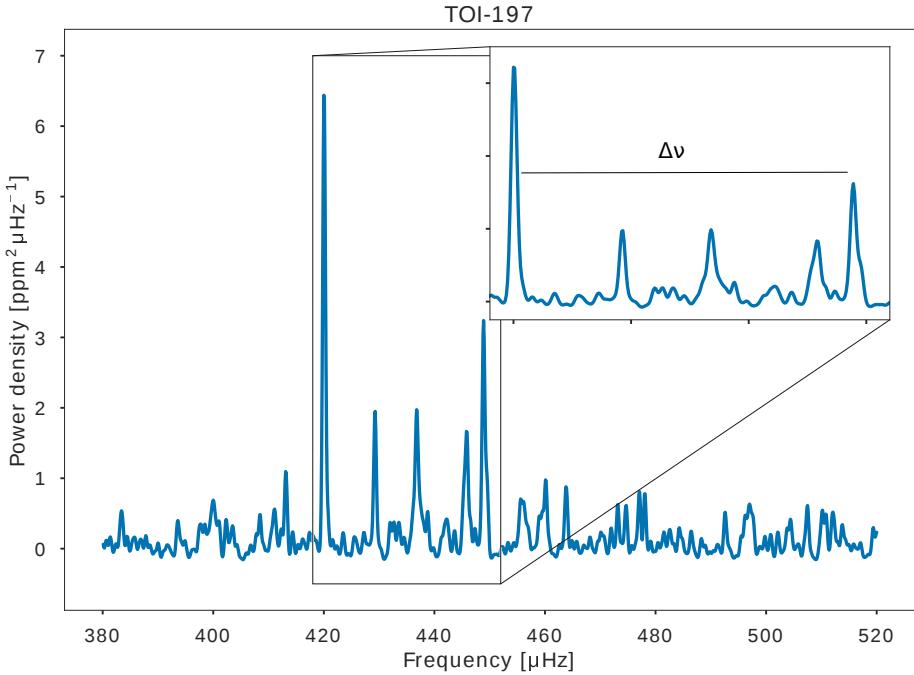


Figure 7.7: Power spectrum for TOI-197. In the zoom-in the distance  $\Delta\nu$  is drawn to illustrate that the correct  $\Delta\nu$  must be  $\Delta\nu = 28.85 \mu\text{Hz}$  and not  $\Delta\nu = 14.43 \mu\text{Hz}$ .

### Estimating $\nu_{\max}$

To find the amplitude of maximum power,  $\nu_{\max}$  I smooth the power spectrum using a Gaussian (using the python packages Gaussian1DKernel and convolve from astropy.convolution) where I set the standard deviation to  $4 \cdot \Delta\nu$ . A result for  $\nu_{\max}$ , for  $\nu$  Indi, can be seen in Fig. 7.8 (the rest can be seen in [appendix C](#)).

### Estimating $\delta\nu_2$

As mentioned in [section 6.7](#) the small frequency separation  $\delta\nu_{02}$ , in main sequence stars, is sensitive to the sound speed near the core, which gives an indication of the evolutionary state of the star, and hence its age. This is because the distance between  $l=0$  and  $l=2$  modes decreases on the main sequence due to the burning of hydrogen in the core and thereby the de-

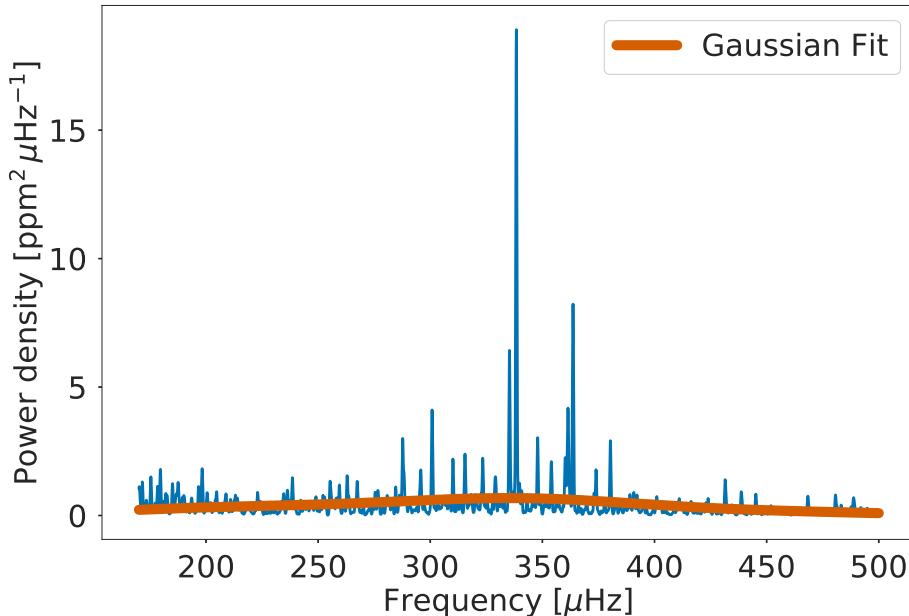


Figure 7.8: Power spectrum for  $\nu$  Indi. The red line is the Gaussian used to estimate  $\nu_{\max}$ . The Gaussian gives a  $\nu_{\max} = 334.50 \mu\text{Hz}$ .

crease of hydrogen. The adiabatic sound speed slowly decreases due to the rise in mean molecular weight as a product of the hydrogen to helium conversion. The adiabatic sound speed is inverse proportional to the mean molecular weight  $v^2 = \frac{T}{\mu}$ , where  $T$  is the absolute temperature and  $\mu$  is the mean molecular weight. A rise in the opacity also means that the energy transfer from the core of the star to the surface gets slowed down, resulting in longer time on the main sequence. This also indicates that two stars with the same mass but with a different metallicity will spend a different amount of time on the main sequence, with the high metallicity star spending the most time there.

However, the stars used in this thesis are mainly subgiants, a red giant branch star and a single red giant branch/red clump star. Whether the distance between  $l=0$  and  $l=2$  decreases is unknown in these types of stars, meaning that  $\delta\nu_{02}$  is not a good indicator for the age. Furthermore, the

$l=2$  modes are strongly mixed when the star is this evolved. However, if the star is in the early stages of subgiant phase or in a phase where the  $l=2$  modes are only weakly mixed with the gravity modes in the center of the star,  $\delta\nu_{02}$  may still give a relatively good estimate of the age of the star. If the  $l=2$  modes are strongly mixed, the use of the period spacing ( $\Delta\Pi_1$ ) can give a better estimate of the age. In Fig. 7.9 one can see that the use of  $\delta_{02}$  as an indication for age decreases as the star gets more evolved ( $\Delta\nu$  decreases and thereby also  $\delta_{02}$ ), whereas for stars on the main sequence, such as the Sun, which have a higher  $\Delta\nu$  and therefor  $\delta_{02}$ , the small frequency separation is a good indicator for the age.

The small frequency separation is found using a matched filter as described in section 6.7. The way the matched filter works is that I produce simulated frequencies using the asymptotic relation (Eq. 2.5) and then try to match these with the observed frequencies which is done using Eq. 6.14. In Fig. 7.10 the matched filter for some of the stars are plotted where the match is indicated by the intensity on the white color (rest can be seen in appendix E).

The shape of the matched filter is described in section 6.7. The matched filter for HD 212771 and  $\beta$  Hydri can be seen in Fig. 7.10. The matched filter for  $\beta$  Hydri deviates from the standard zig-zag pattern. This is due to the range sat for  $\delta\nu_{02}$  which is only  $1 \mu\text{Hz}$ , meaning that you cannot see the larger structure. This is because papers such as White et al. 2011 have given an estimate of these parameters, giving me an idea in which range to search for. The values for  $\nu_{\max}$  and  $\delta\nu_{02}$  can be seen in Table 7.2

To check the values estimated for  $\Delta\nu$  and  $\nu_{\max}$  I test them using the relation (Eq. 6.13) from Stello et al. 2009 which can be seen in Fig. 7.11

## Estimating Age

Determining the exact age of stars is a part of astronomy that is still quite difficult. Here I present the results and methods used to estimate the mass, radius and age of the stars investigated in this thesis. The age for each star is estimated using two different methods. The first one uses three different scaling relations and the other one use stellar evolution models based on the mass estimated from the scaling relation.

The three scaling relations used are described in section 2.4. The first

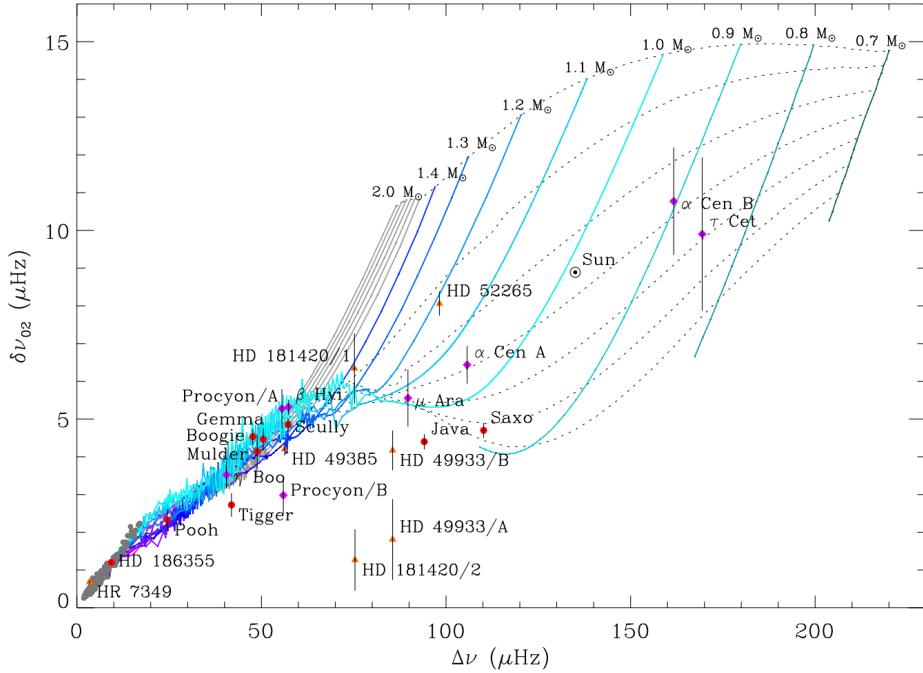


Figure 7.9: C-D diagram with models with near-solar metallicity ( $Z_0 = 0.017$ ), the tracks increase by  $0.1 M_\odot$  from  $0.7 M_\odot$  to  $2.0 M_\odot$  as labeled. The dashed black lines are isochrones, increasing by 2 Gyr from 0 Gyr (zero age main sequence (ZAMS)) at the top to 12 Gyr at the bottom. The stars, as labeled, are from CoRoT (orange triangles), Kepler (red circles) or from the ground (purple diamonds). The gray circles are Kepler red giants (very evolved stars) from Huber et al. 2010. The figure is adapted from White et al. 2011.

scaling relation (Eq. 2.15 and Eq. 2.16) only gives an estimate of the mass and radius, and is the scaling relation that is generally used in other papers. In this thesis I test two new scaling relations derived by Bellinger 2019a and Bellinger 2019b for main sequence and red giant branch stars respectively. These two new scaling relations also gives an estimate of the age besides an estimate for the mass and radius but are not thoroughly tested. The results from the scaling relations can be seen in Table 7.3

From the results it can be seen that the mass and radius is consistent with the reference value for four of the stars, and the same with the age,

Star	$v_{\max}$ [ $\mu\text{Hz}$ ]	$\delta v_{02}$ [ $\mu\text{Hz}$ ]
$\beta$ Hydri	$1008.0 \pm 10.1$	$5.00 \pm 1.01$
$\nu$ Indi	$334.5 \pm 3.3$	$5.18 \pm 1.20$
TOI-197	$435.8 \pm 4.4$	$7.43 \pm 0.30$
HD212771	$225.3 \pm 2.3$	$2.41 \pm 0.17$
HD 203949	$32.4 \pm 0.3$	$0.90 \pm 0.70$

Table 7.2: Table with values for  $v_{\max}$  and  $\delta v_{02}$  for all 5 stars. The uncertainties for  $v_{\max}$  are found using the typical uncertainty of 1%. For  $\delta v_{02}$  the uncertainty is found by identifying the modes for  $l=0$  and  $l=2$  using the asymptotic relation, finding the variance and from that the uncertainty. The uncertainty for TOI-197 is found using the typical uncertainty of 4%, because the amount of  $l=2$  modes were too few for this star.

Star	$\beta$ Hydri	$\nu$ Indi	TOI-197	HD212771	HD 203949
$M_{\Delta\nu\text{-scaling}}$ [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	$1.05 \pm 0.05$	$0.97 \pm 0.04$	$1.11 \pm 0.05$	$1.44 \pm 0.06$	$0.90 \pm 0.04$
$M_{\text{SR}}$ for MS [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	$1.026 \pm 0.033$	$0.801 \pm 0.026$	$1.14 \pm 0.04$	$1.32 \pm 0.04$	$1.37 \pm 0.04$
$M_{\text{SR}}$ for RGB [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	$1.05 \pm 0.05$	$1.05 \pm 0.05$	$1.13 \pm 0.05$	$1.46 \pm 0.07$	$0.87 \pm 0.04$
$M_{\text{ref}}$ [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	1.04	$0.847 \pm 0.043$	$1.212 \pm 0.074$	$1.42 \pm 0.07$	$1.23 \pm 0.15$
					/ $1.00 \pm 0.16$
$R_{\Delta\nu\text{-scaling}}$ [ $R_{\odot}$ ]	$1.792 \pm 0.027$	$3.06 \pm 0.05$	$2.90 \pm 0.04$	$4.59 \pm 0.07$	$9.82 \pm 0.15$
$R_{\text{SR}}$ for MS [ $R_{\odot}$ ]	$1.783 \pm 0.020$	$2.907 \pm 0.033$	$3.000 \pm 0.034$	$4.61 \pm 0.05$	$12.00 \pm 0.14$
$R_{\text{SR}}$ for RGB [ $R_{\odot}$ ]	$1.789 \pm 0.028$	$3.14 \pm 0.05$	$2.91 \pm 0.05$	$4.61 \pm 0.07$	$9.63 \pm 0.15$
$R_{\text{ref}}$ [ $R_{\odot}$ ]	1.786	$2.97 \pm 0.05$	$2.943 \pm 0.064$	$4.61 \pm 0.09$	$10.93 \pm 0.54$
					/ $10.34 \pm 0.55$
$\tau_{\text{SR}}$ for MS [Gyr]	$7.82 \pm 0.95$	$11.3 \pm 1.4$	$3.30 \pm 0.40$	$6.79 \pm 0.83$	$42.5 \pm 5.2$
$\tau_{\text{SR}}$ for RGB [Gyr]	$2.84 \pm 0.46$	$4.28 \pm 0.69$	$5.64 \pm 0.91$	$2.84 \pm 0.51$	$14.8 \pm 2.4$
$\tau_{\text{ref}}$ [Gyr]	7.297	$11.4 \pm 2.4$	$4.9 \pm 1.1$	$2.90 \pm 0.47$	$6.45 \pm 2.79$
					/ $7.29 \pm 3.06$

Table 7.3: Table with the estimated values for mass, radius and age for all stars. The reference values for  $\beta$  Hydri are from [Brandão et al. 2011](#),  $\nu$  Indi from [Bedding et al. 2006b](#), TOI-197 from [Huber et al. 2019](#) and HD 212771 and HD 203949 from [Campante et al. 2019](#). The two values for each parameter for HD 203949 is provided assuming that the star is either a red giant branch or a clump star. The uncertainty from the calculated values in this thesis are estimated based on typical uncertainties for each parameter used in the scaling relations.

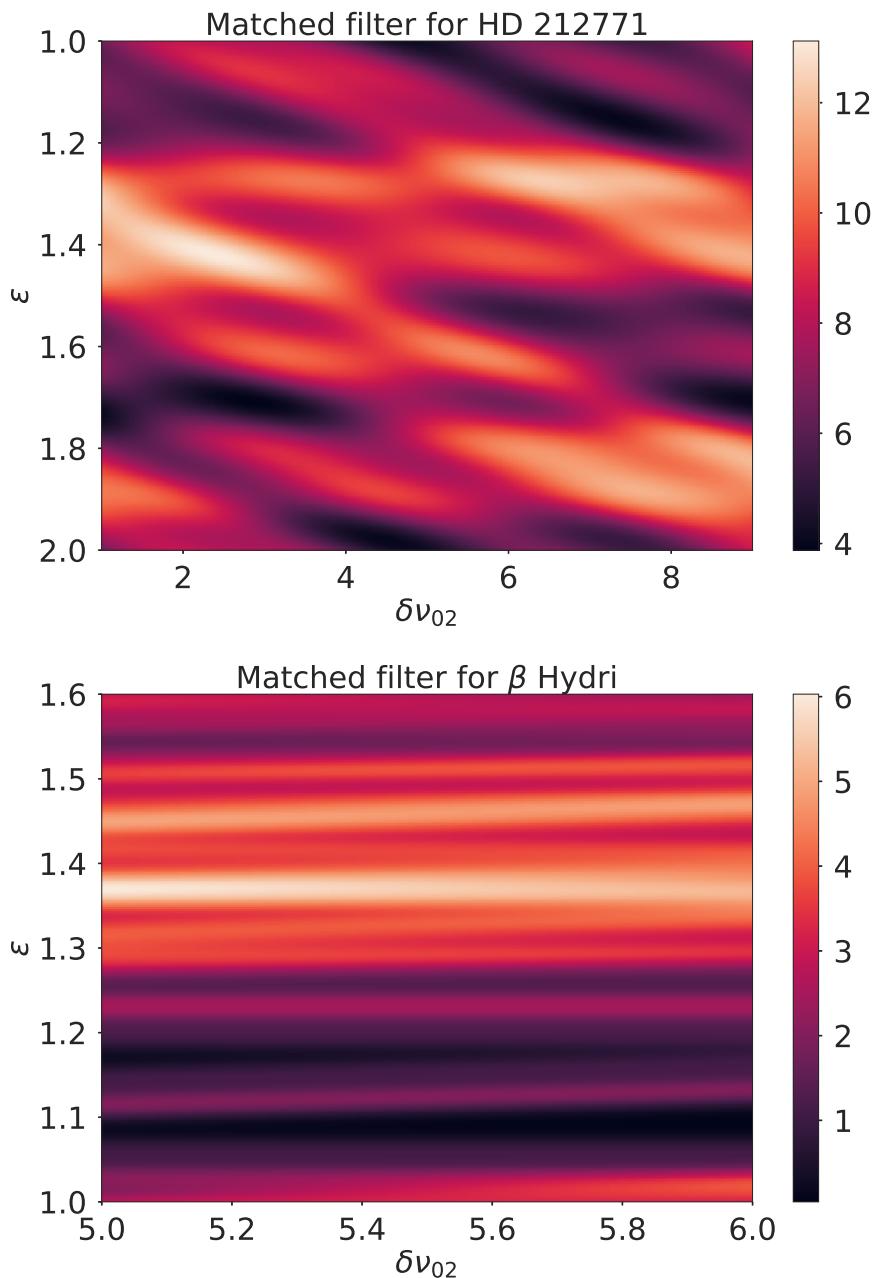


Figure 7.10: Top: Density plot of matched filter for HD 212771 estimating a  $\delta\nu_{02} = 2.41 \mu\text{Hz}$  and  $\varepsilon = 1.42$ . Bottom: Density plot of matched filter for  $\beta$  Hydri estimating a  $\delta\nu_{02} = 5.00 \mu\text{Hz}$  and  $\varepsilon = 1.37$ .

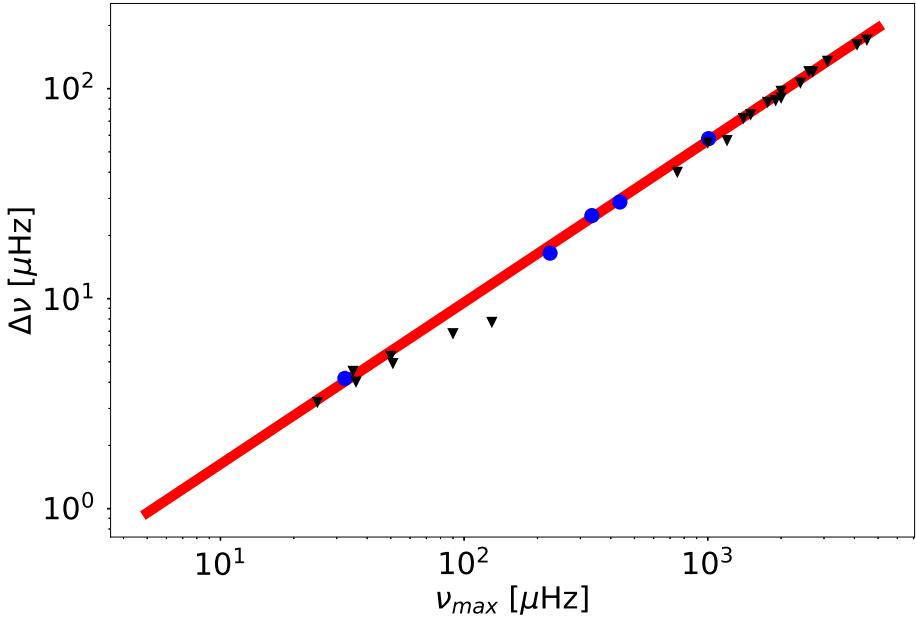


Figure 7.11: Observed  $\Delta\nu$  vs  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  for the stars from Stello et al. 2009 (black triangles). The stars analyzed in this thesis are marked with a blue circle. The solid red line is the power-law fit (Eq. 6.13).

where one of the results seem to fit the reference value relatively well. The star HD 203949 seems to behave a bit strange compared to the other stars, which can be seen as an inconsistency in the mass, radius and age of the star. The two different values for mass, radius and age are because in Campanante et al. 2019 there is a confusion on whether the star is a red clump star or a red giant branch star. Red clump stars are He-core burning stars that are located in the  $\Delta\Pi_1$ - $\Delta\nu$  diagram around 300 s and 4.1  $\mu\text{Hz}$  (Mosser et al. 2012). Based on the  $\Delta\nu$  alone it is a red clump star, however, due to the low frequency resolution of the power spectrum, it is not possible to estimate a value for  $\Delta\Pi_1$ . This prevents a definitive classification of the evolutionary state of the star based on the  $\Delta\Pi_1$ - $\Delta\nu$  diagram due to the underlying degeneracy for  $\Delta\nu \lesssim 10 \mu\text{Hz}$  (Mosser et al. 2014).

It can also be seen that using the scaling relations for main-sequence

stars on  $\beta$  Hydri and  $\nu$  Indi leads to a relatively good estimate for the age compared to the reference value even though the two stars are in their sub-giant phase. This indicates that the scaling relation may extend further out than only for stars on the main sequence. It can also be seen that the scaling relation for giants seems to give a pretty good estimate for HD 212771, which is an evolved star.

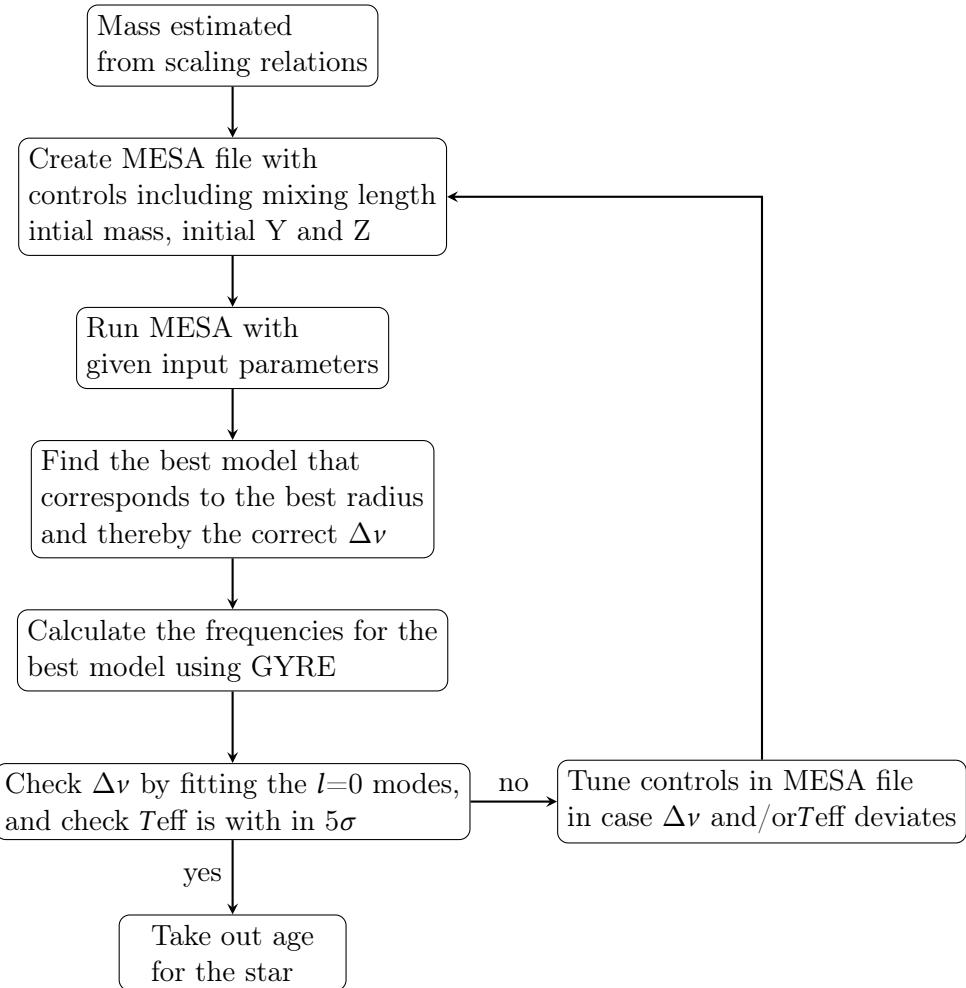


Figure 7.12: Flow chart displaying the process from estimating a mass to estimating an age using stellar evolution models.

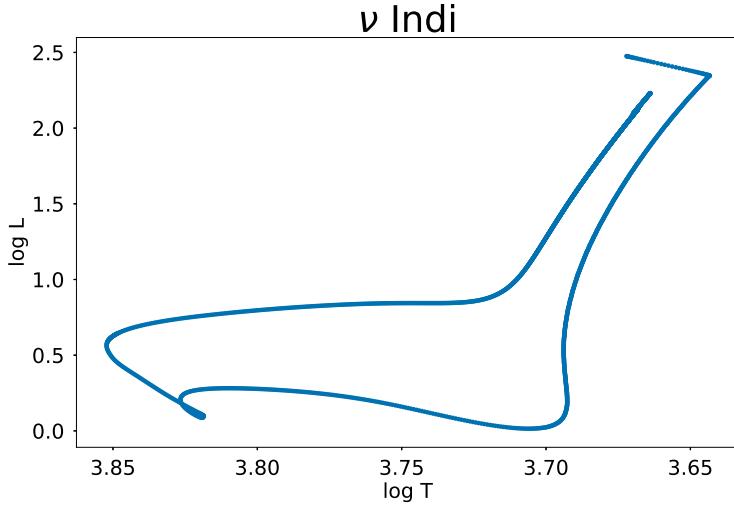


Figure 7.13: Stellar evolution model for  $\nu$  Indi from pre-main sequence to a pre-determined age using MESA. Mass for the star is  $0.94 M_{\odot}$ ,  $\alpha=1.845$ ,  $Y_{\text{initial}}=0.247261$  and  $Z_{\text{initial}}=0.000686518$ .

### Create MESA File Controls For The Run

Besides estimating the age using scaling relations I also estimated the age using stellar evolution models. This is done using the stellar evolution code **MESA** described in section 4.1. The process from estimating the mass using scaling relations to estimating a mass using the models can be seen in Fig. 7.12. The input parameters for these stellar evolution models are the initial mass and metallicity. The mass have been estimated using scaling relations. Here I take the mean of the mass for each star as initial mass value for the MESA run. The mixing length is set to  $\alpha = 1.845$  for these calculations, and the values for initial Y and initial Z are calculated based on the metallicity (Fig. 4.5). An example of the MESA run can be seen for  $\nu$  indi in Fig. 7.13 (the rest can be seen in appendix F).

In Fig. 7.13 every model for the MESA run is plotted, from which I have to find the best profile. The best profile can be found by finding the profile that matches the estimated value for  $\Delta\nu$  best. From Kjeldsen and Bedding 1995 I know that there is a correlation between the large frequency separation,  $\Delta\nu$ , and the density,  $\rho$  (see Eq. 2.11), and the density is given

as  $\rho = M/R^3$ . This means, if I find the radius that fit the estimated radius for the star from the scaling relations best, I find the best match for  $\Delta\nu$ . The estimated radius used for comparison are found taking the mean of the three values found using the scaling relations.

When the model with the best match for the radius is found, I calculate the frequencies of the model using the code GYRE (described in section 4.2) which finds the frequencies for  $l=0,1,2,3$  modes. I then use the frequencies for the radial modes ( $l=0$  modes) and fit these to check if the  $\Delta\nu$  found matches the one I estimated using the my analysis (see Fig. 7.14). If the found  $\Delta\nu$  match (with only a small deviation) then I take the out the age and radius of the chosen model to match with the results and reference. The mass, radius and age for each star can be seen in Table 7.4.

The deviation between the ages found using the stellar models and the reference values can be caused by different parameters. The first thing is the mass, we know that if a star has a higher mass it tends to spend less time on the main sequence giving it a shorter age compared to stars with lower masses that spend longer time on the main-sequence. This trend is also seen for stars in Table 7.4, where the stars that had a higher initial mass in my models seems to give an age that is shorter than the reference value and opposite if the initial mass is lower than the reference values. The only star that differs from this trend is HD 203949 in the case that it is red clump star. Here the mass of the star is  $M = 1.00 \pm 0.16 M_{\odot}$  which is lower than the  $M = 1.047 M_{\odot}$  I have estimated. This leads to an estimate of the age of the star of  $\tau = 7.29 \pm 3.06$  Gyr , which is lower than the  $\tau = 10.958$  Gyr my model estimates. This result seems quite short for a star with the same mass of the Sun to go all the way up the giant branch, start its helium burning in the core, to then become a red clump.

To check if the result made sense I created a stellar evolution model (Fig. 7.15) using an initial mass of  $M = 1.00 M_{\odot}$  (the mass for HD 203949 in case it is a red clump star, Campante et al. 2019). Then I tried to find the model with the best match to the radius of HD203949 if it was a red clump star ( $R = 10.34 R_{\odot}$ , Campante et al. 2019). This led to a radius of  $R = 10.34 R_{\odot}$ , so exactly the same radius as in Campante et al. 2019, this gives an estimate of the age of the star to be around  $\sim 13.01$  Gyr, which is closer to the result estimated using my analysis and models, taking the

Star	$\beta$ Hydri	$\nu$ Indi	TOI-197	HD212771	HD 203949
Mass [ $M_\odot$ ]	1.042	0.940	1.130	1.410	1.047
Radius [ $R_\odot$ ]	1.789	3.038	2.938	4.603	10.487
$\tau$ [Gyr]	6.150	7.071	6.453	2.910	10.958
$M_{\text{ref}}$ [ $M_\odot$ ]	1.04	$0.847 \pm 0.043$	$1.212 \pm 0.074$	$1.42 \pm 0.07$	$1.23 \pm 0.15$ / $1.00 \pm 0.16$
$R_{\text{ref}}$ [ $R_\odot$ ]	1.786	$2.97 \pm 0.05$	$2.943 \pm 0.064$	$4.61 \pm 0.09$	$10.93 \pm 0.54$ / $10.34 \pm 0.55$
$\tau_{\text{ref}}$ [Gyr]	7.297	$11.4 \pm 2.4$	$4.9 \pm 1.1$	$2.90 \pm 0.47$	$6.45 \pm 2.79$ / $7.29 \pm 3.06$
$\Delta\nu_{\text{own code}}$	$57.81 \pm 0.15$	$24.86 \pm 0.06$	$28.85 \pm 0.17$	$16.47 \pm 0.04$	$4.18 \pm 0.14$
$\Delta\nu_{\text{models}}$	$58.01 \pm 0.14$	$24.94 \pm 0.09$	$28.60 \pm 0.07$	$16.10 \pm 0.04$	$3.98 \pm 0.04$

Table 7.4: Table with the mass, radius and age, from creating stellar evolution models with MESA. In the table is also included  $\Delta\nu$  for both my own code and the one estimated from the stellar evolution models.

mass difference into account. Their mass is lower than my estimated mas, meaning that the estimated age from the models should also be longer.

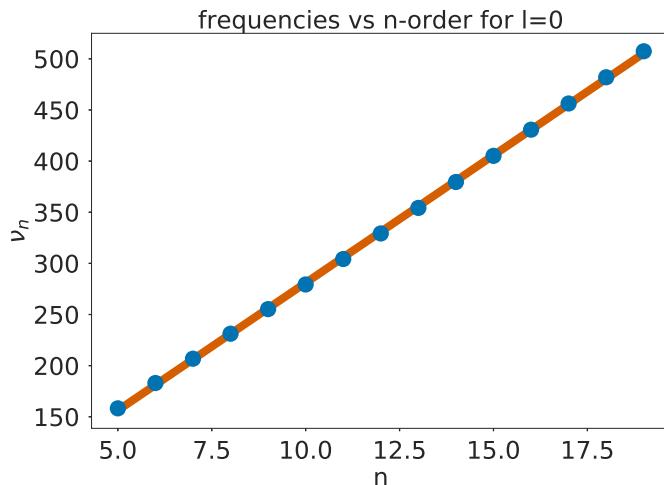


Figure 7.14: Calculated frequencies using GYRE plotted against the n-order (blue points). The solid red line is the fit estimating a  $\Delta\nu = 24.94 \pm 0.09 \mu\text{Hz}$ .

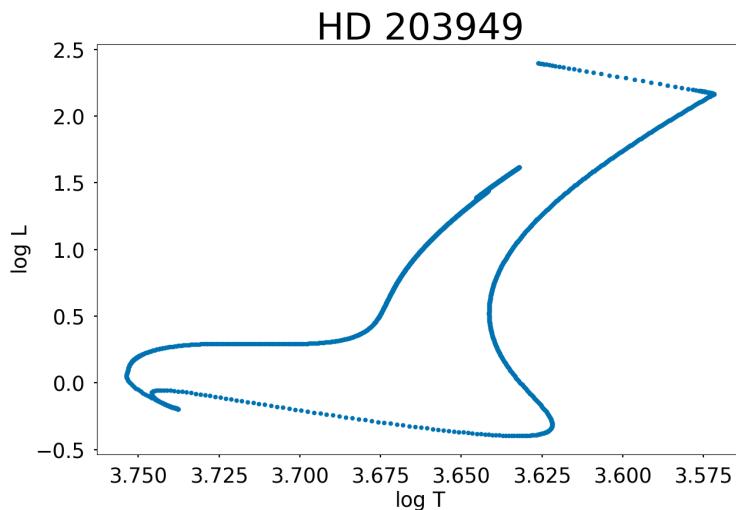


Figure 7.15: Stellar evolution model for HD 203949 from pre-main sequence to a pre-determined age using MESA. Using the mass of the star from [Campante et al. 2019](#) in case it is a red clump star of  $M = 1.00M_\odot$ . Mixing length is  $\alpha = 1.845$  and  $Y_{\text{initial}} = 0.279394$  and  $Z_{\text{initial}} = 0.0236383$ .



# 8

## Chapter

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## Discussion And Conclusion

### Challenges With The Analysis

The process from the raw light curve to the estimation of stellar parameters (mass, radius and age) has been filled with challenges which I will try to discuss here.

The first part of the analysis is the removal of noise from planetary transits, instruments or outliers. This is done using a moving median filter moving in intervals of different lengths ( $\tau_{\text{long}}$  and  $\tau_{\text{short}}$ ) from the python package bottleneck. Problem with using this moving median filter is the way it takes the median. Normally, the median is the middle value of the data set in each interval if there is an odd number of data points. In case there is an even number of data points, the median is the mean of the two middle data points. However, when taking the median using bottleneck.move\_median the whole median filter is shifted with half the interval (fx  $\tau_{\text{long}}/2$ ), and the filter does not extend out to the ends. This was done manually using extrapolation. A list of ones were made which I multiplied with the first or last data point to extrapolate in the start or the end respectively.

Making the asteroseismic analysis also had some challenges. Estimating the autocorrelation was a great challenge. This was due to the sensitivity of the input parameters, especially the initial guess for  $\Delta\nu$  had a huge affect on the fit of the autocorrelation. Second was verifying the estimated  $\Delta\nu$  based on looking at the power spectrum and the echelle diagram for

each star.

Mode identification is relatively easy for solar-like stars, however, due to the fact that only one light curve for each stars was released at the time, the signal to noise ratio (SNR) was relatively low. This made the mode identification quite hard due to the difficulty in separating noise peaks from a "real" peak. This led to the use of the prominence of the individual peaks to try to include some of the relatively small but "real" peaks. With a higher signal to noise ratio mode identification would be relatively easier using the asymptotic relation. The problem with low signal to noise ratio is that using the frequencies calculated from the asymptotic relation can fall in a region where it is hard to separate between a noise peak or a "real" peak. An improvement to estimate the individual modes would be to use peak bagging and MCMC. This could separate the real peaks from the noise peaks based on the input parameters for the peak bagging. Using peak bagging you fit the individual peaks with some free parameters such as amplitude, line width, splitting, inclination and more.

Estimating the small frequency separation,  $\delta\nu_{02}$ , using a matched filter gave some problems due to change in output based on the resolution. Here the struggle was to find a resolution high enough to give a proper estimate of  $\delta\nu_{02}$ . The matched filter was chosen due to the low signal to noise ratio. If the signal to noise ratio were higher, more the identification of  $l=2$  would be easier and the presence of noise peaks in the echelle diagram would be significantly lower. This would mean that  $\delta\nu_{02}$  could be estimated using the echelle diagram.

Age estimation using the scaling relations also had some limitations, due to the dependence of  $\delta\nu_{02}$  or the period spacing,  $\Delta\Pi_1$ . If  $\delta\nu_{02}$  was not estimated correctly, the age would deviate significantly from the true age in case it is a main sequence star or a subgiant (only to some extent of subgiants). For the giants in this thesis,  $\Delta\Pi_1$  needed to be estimated or another variable combination was used (without the inclusion of  $\Delta\Pi_1$ ). To optimize this code, a analyses of the avoided crossings could be made to estimate  $\Delta\Pi_1$ , this could optimize the code making it more precise in estimating the age of giants using scaling relation.

The stellar evolution models used in this thesis are somewhat basic.

This is due to the lack of information about stellar evolution parameters such as diffusion, mixing length, convective overshooting etc. However, in these models a solar value for the mixing length is used. The stellar models are solar calibrated, meaning that a MESA run was made to replicate the Sun. This was done to check if the mixing length parameter inserted in the controls produced a radius, luminosity and temperature with minimal deviation from the solar values. This led to a mixing length of  $\alpha = 1.845$ . A change in mixing length could affect the models and thereby also the calculated age. Optimizing and incorporating relevant controls for each star for the MESA run would optimize the calculation of the age.

## Conclusion

### Code For Analysis of Stars in Different Stages of Evolution

In this thesis I have developed a code that can estimate the fundamental stellar parameters mass, radius and age for 5 selected TESS stars that are in different stages of their evolution. The code takes as input a raw light curve (or several light curves if available) and prepares this for the asteroseismic analysis by removing noise from different sources (instrumental noise, pointing, outliers, transits etc.). After this, the light curve is Fourier transformed from the time domain to the frequency domain using the least squares method. The age for these 5 stars are estimated using both scaling relations and stellar evolution models. The scaling relations used to estimate the ages of the stars are newly modified versions of the  $\Delta\nu$ -scaling relation (Kjeldsen and Bedding 1995). These new versions are not as well tested as the  $\Delta\nu$ -scaling relation. For comparison theoretical stellar evolution models are made to estimate the age of the star, and compare with the results obtained from the analysis.

To use these modified scaling relations, several asteroseismic parameters are needed. After creating the power spectrum and subtracting the background (photon noise, granulation, faculae etc.) ([section 6.3](#)), using a modified Harvey profile, these parameters can be estimated. I can conclude that the autocorrelation with a Gaussian fit can give a robust estimate on the large frequency separation,  $\Delta\nu$ , which relates to the density of the star ([section 6.6](#)).

The small frequency separation,  $\delta\nu_{02}$ , can be estimated relatively precisely using the matched filter ([section 6.7](#)). The initial guesses for the matched filter are based on the structure of the echelle diagram of the star.

### Testing New Scaling Relations

The masses and radii obtained from the scaling relations ([section 2.4](#)) seem to overall match the values in the literature. In two of the stars ( $\beta$  Hydry and  $\nu$  Indi) where  $\delta\nu_{02}$  could be good indicator of the age, the age estimated from my analysis seems to correspond pretty well with the literature value. This is very interesting since the scaling relation is designed for main sequence stars, and these two stars are subgiants. This indicates that the scaling relation may extend further out than only just for main sequence stars. The second modified scaling relation is for giants, and has the period spacing,  $\Delta\Pi_1$ , as an indicator for the age compared to  $\delta\nu_{02}$  for main sequence stars. Estimating  $\Delta\Pi_1$  has not been a part of the work in this thesis, however, different variable combinations are made to perform this scaling relation even if not all parameters are available. In this thesis two giants are analyzed (HD 212771 and HD 203949) where  $\Delta\Pi_1$  was only available for one of the stars (HD 212771). The age estimated from using the scaling relation for giants on HD 212771 seems to correspond quite well with the literature value, indicating that the period spacing is a good indicator for the age for giants. The same seems to be the case with TOI-197. The echelle diagram displays many mixed modes for  $l=1$  indicating that the scaling relation for giants may provide the best estimate of the age.

The age estimated using the scaling relation for giants gives a higher age than the value in the literature, but still within the uncertainties. However, this is due to the mass used to estimate the age, my estimated mass is a bit smaller than the literature value meaning that the age will naturally be longer, due to spending longer time on the main sequence. However, the age for HD 203949 is way off with a factor 2 using the scaling relation for giants, which makes no sense since the star is a very evolved star.

### Creating Theoretical Stellar Evolution Models For Estimating Age

Using the stellar evolution code MESA and the stellar pulsation code GYRE, theoretical models were made for each star. This was to determine the age only using the mass and metallicity of each star. I can conclude that the ages obtained from the stellar models match the literature value quite well. The deviations in the results between using the scaling relations and the models, are due to the different masses used. In the models, the mass is estimated using the three results obtained from the scaling rela-

tions and taking the mean. This means that if the estimated mean mass of the star is higher than the reference value, then the calculated age will be shorter than the reference value due to shorter time spent on the main sequence. This also means that if the estimated mean mass of the star is lower than the reference value, the age will be longer than the reference value due to fact that the star spends longer time on the main sequence. However, this does not seem to be the case for HD 203949. In the case that HD 203949 is a red clump star, the star has a mass lower than the estimated mean mass I used in my models, meaning that its age should be higher than my calculated value. This led to computing a model of HD 203949 using the mass and metallicity used in [Campante et al. 2019](#), and finding the best model using their radius. This gave an estimate of the age which was a factor 2 off. This result indicates that the literature value for the age of this star is wrong, and that the age obtained using my code and models is closer to the true age of the star. This means that using these newly modified scaling relations, a relatively precise estimate of the age can be obtained. However, these scaling relations need to be tested further.



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# Appendix A

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## Timeseries for $\beta$ Hydri, TOI-197 and HD 212771

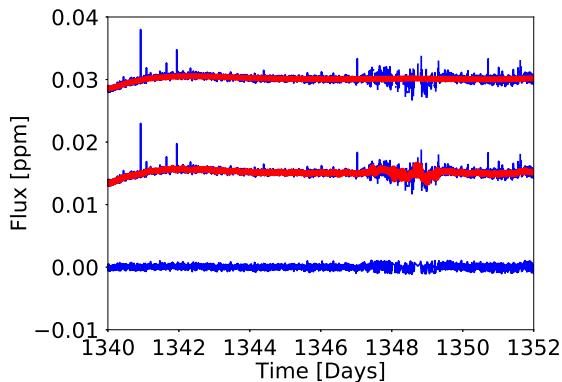


Figure A.1: The light curve for  $\beta$  Hydri. The plot consists of three curves. The top curve is the raw normalized curve where no trends and outliers have been removed. The curve also includes the long time scale median filter (red line) which is looking at any long trends in the light curve. The middle curve is also the raw light curve however with the short time scale median filter which is used to model sharp features (e.g. transits). The curve at the bottom shows the corrected time series after transits and outliers have been removed.

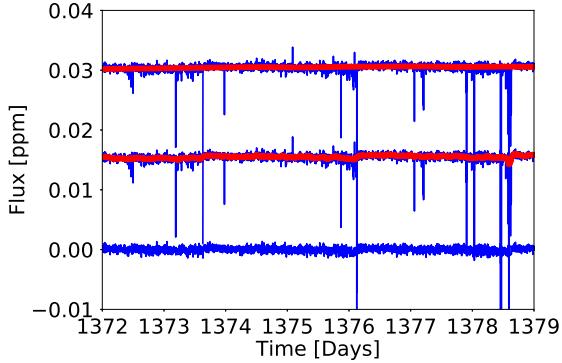


Figure A.2: The light curve for TOI-197. The plot consists of three curves. The top curve is the raw normalized curve where no trends and outliers have been removed. The curve also includes the long time scale median filter (red line) which is looking at any long trends in the light curve. The middle curve is also the raw light curve however with the short time scale median filter which is used to model sharp features (e.g. transits). The curve at the bottom shows the corrected time series after transits and outliers have been removed.

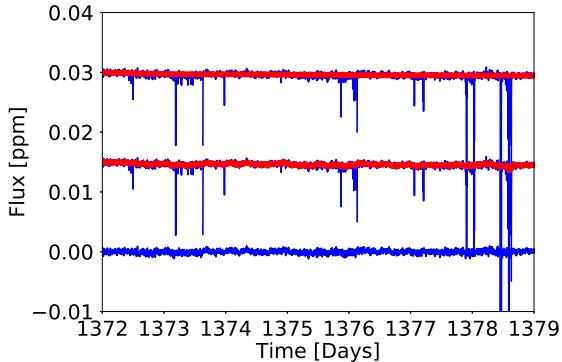


Figure A.3: The light curve for HD 212771. The plot consists of three curves. The top curve is the raw normalized curve where no trends and outliers have been removed. The curve also includes the long time scale median filter (red line) which is looking at any long trends in the light curve. The middle curve is also the raw light curve however with the short time scale median filter which is used to model sharp features (e.g. transits). The curve at the bottom shows the corrected time series after transits and outliers have been removed.

# B

## Appendix

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### Timeseries for $\nu$ Indi, TOI-197 and HD 212771

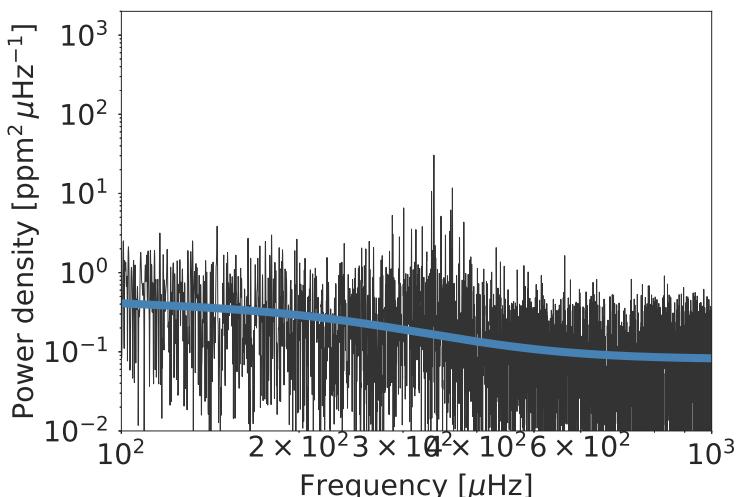


Figure B.1: Un-smoothed power spectra for  $\nu$  Indi. The blue line in each plot is the Harvey profile background subtracted from each power spectra.

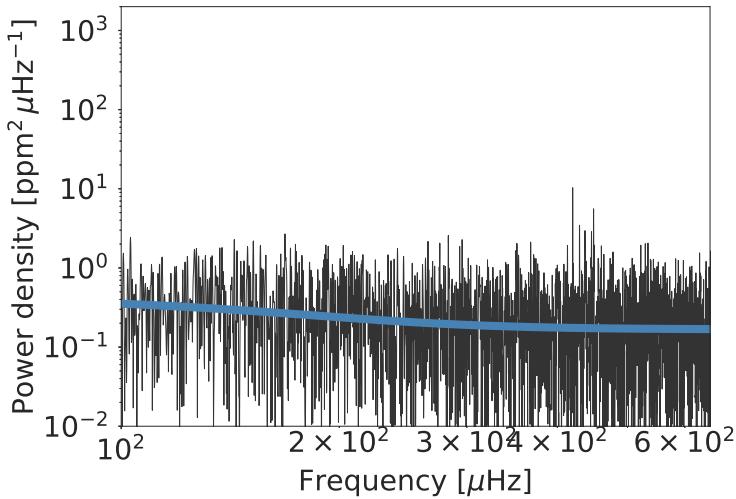


Figure B.2: Un-smoothed power spectra for TOI-197. The blue line in each plot is the Harvey profile background subtracted from each power spectra.

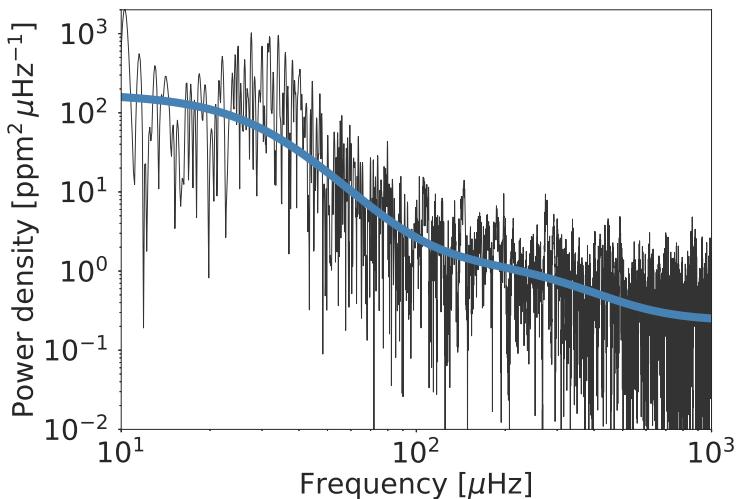


Figure B.3: Un-smoothed power spectra for HD 203949. The blue line in each plot is the Harvey profile background subtracted from each power spectra.

# C Appendix

## Power Spectrum with $\nu_{max}$ For TOI-197, HD 212771 and HD 203949

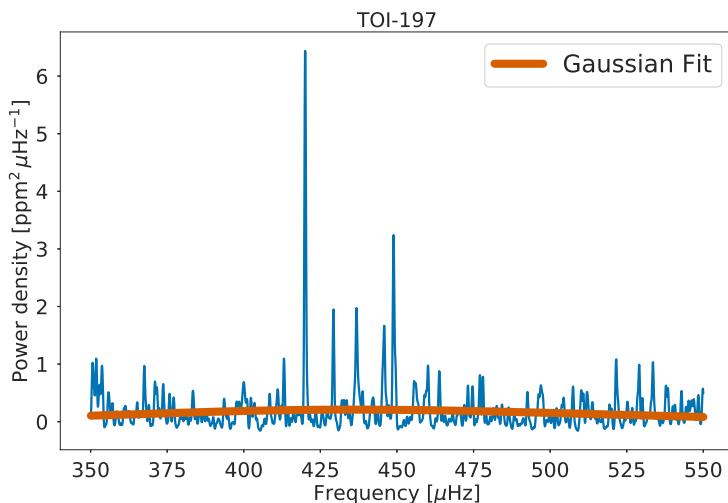


Figure C.1: Powerspectrum for TOI-197 with a Gaussian (red line) to indicate the frequency of maximum power.

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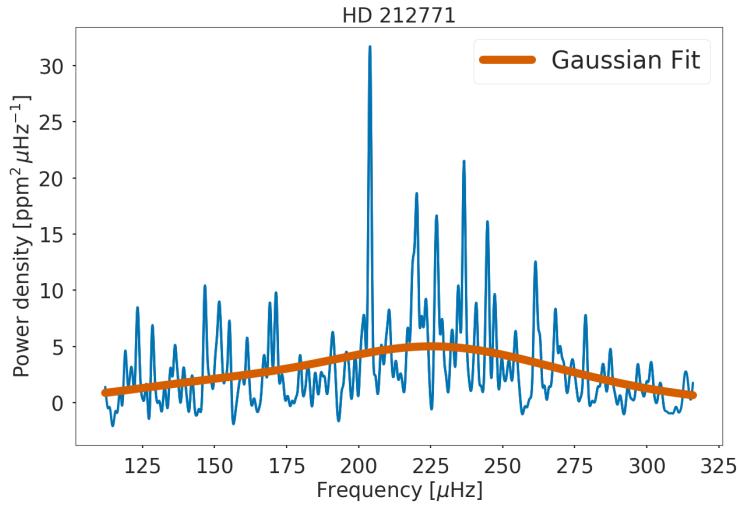


Figure C.2: Powerspectrum for HD 212771 with a Gaussian (red line) to indicate the frequency of maximum power.

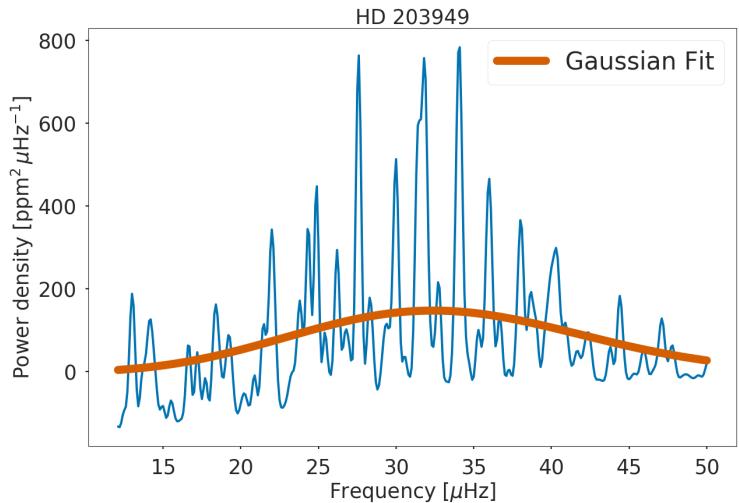


Figure C.3: Powerspectrum for HD 203949 with a Gaussian (red line) to indicate the frequency of maximum power.

# D

## Appendix

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### Autocorrelation and Echelle Diagram For $\nu$ Indi, HD 212771 and HD 203949

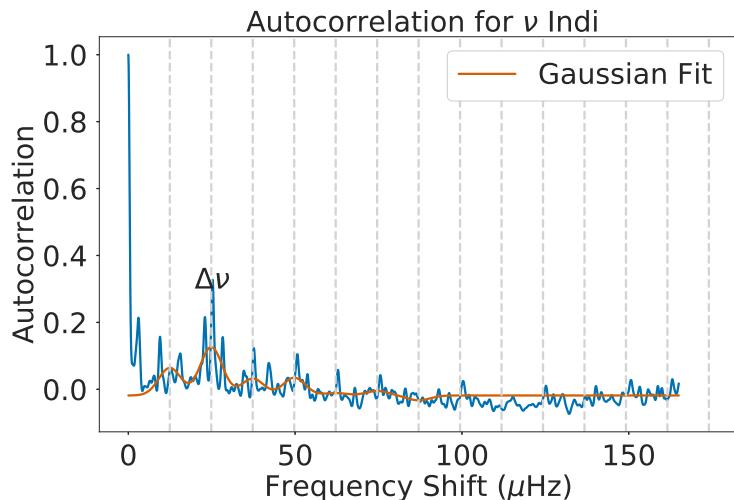


Figure D.1: Autocorrelation for  $\nu$  Indi with the location for  $\Delta\nu$  displayed.

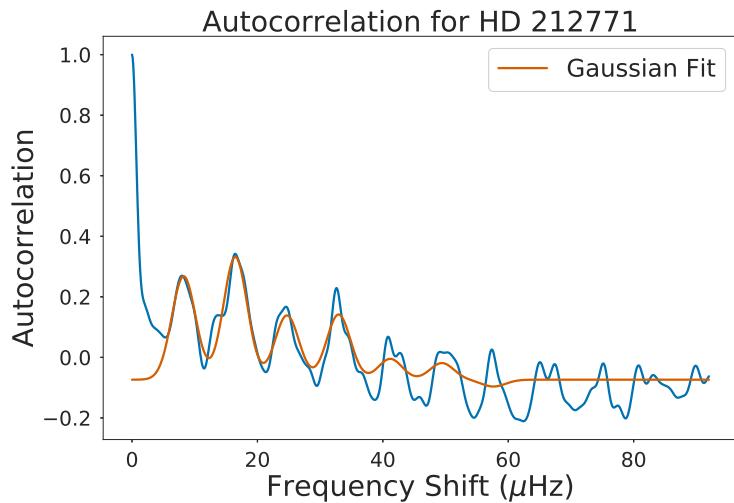


Figure D.2: Autocorrelation for HD 212771.

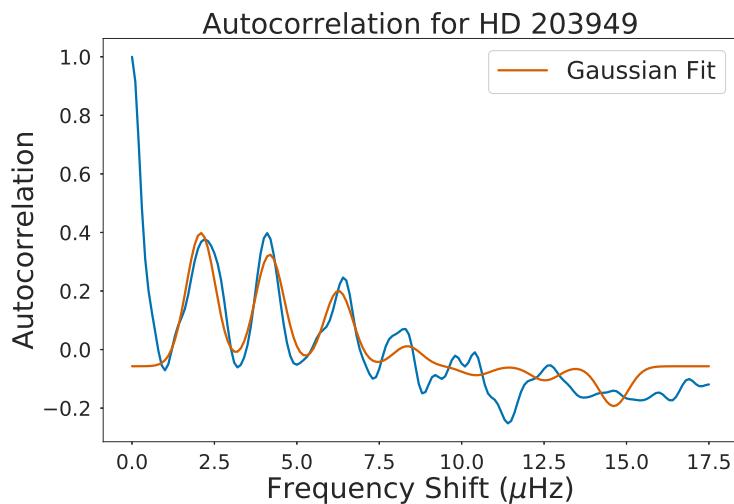


Figure D.3: Autocorrelation for HD203949.

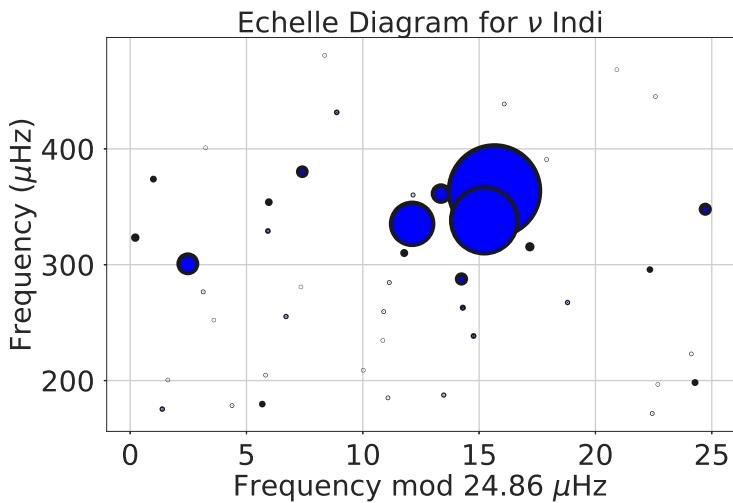


Figure D.4: Echelle diagram for  $\nu$  Indi.

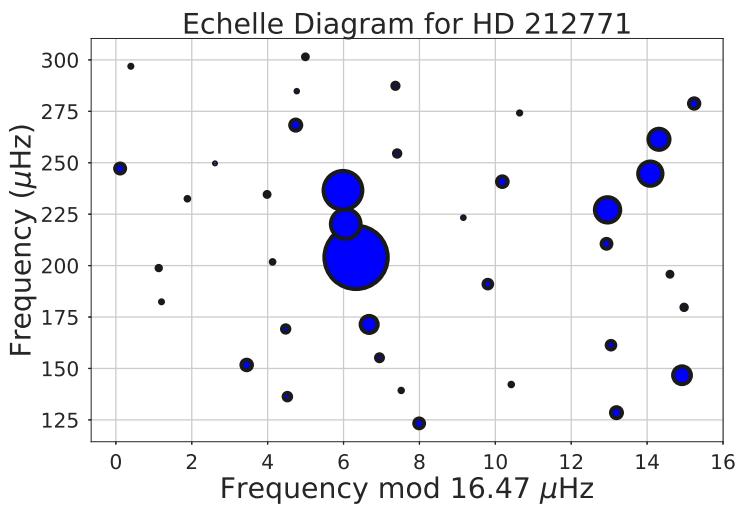


Figure D.5: Echelle diagram for HD 212771.

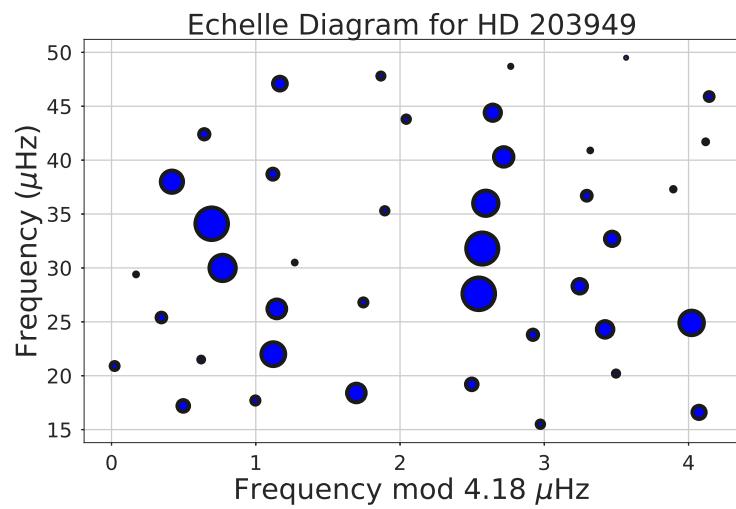


Figure D.6: Echelle diagram for HD 203949.

# Appendix E

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## Matched Filter For $\nu$ Indi, TOI-197 and HD 203949

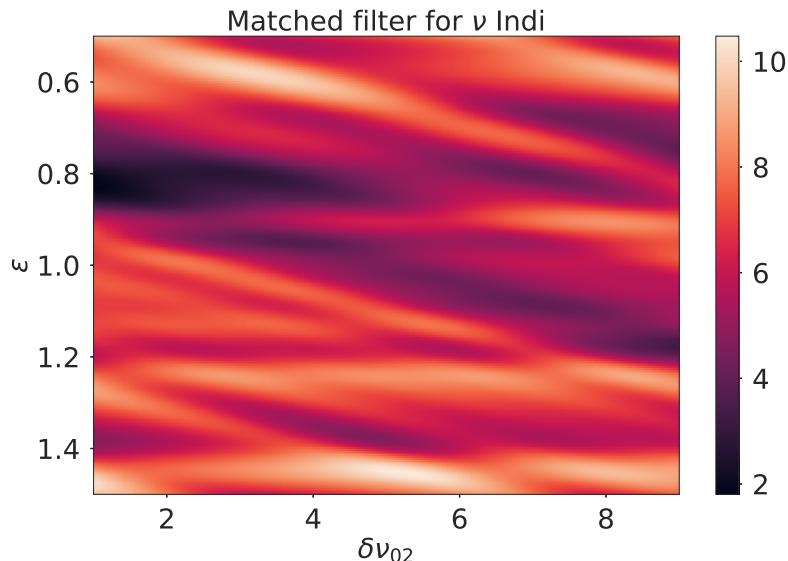


Figure E.1: Density plot of matched filter for  $\nu$  Indi estimating a  $\delta\nu_{02} = 5.18 \mu\text{Hz}$  and  $\varepsilon = 1.45$ .

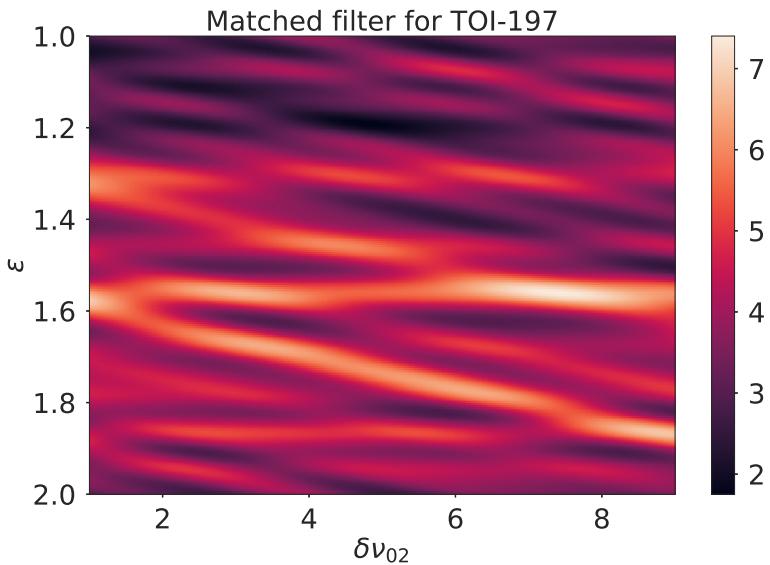


Figure E.2: Density plot of matched filter for TOI-197 estimating a  $\delta\nu_{02} = 7.43 \mu\text{Hz}$  and  $\varepsilon = 1.56$ .

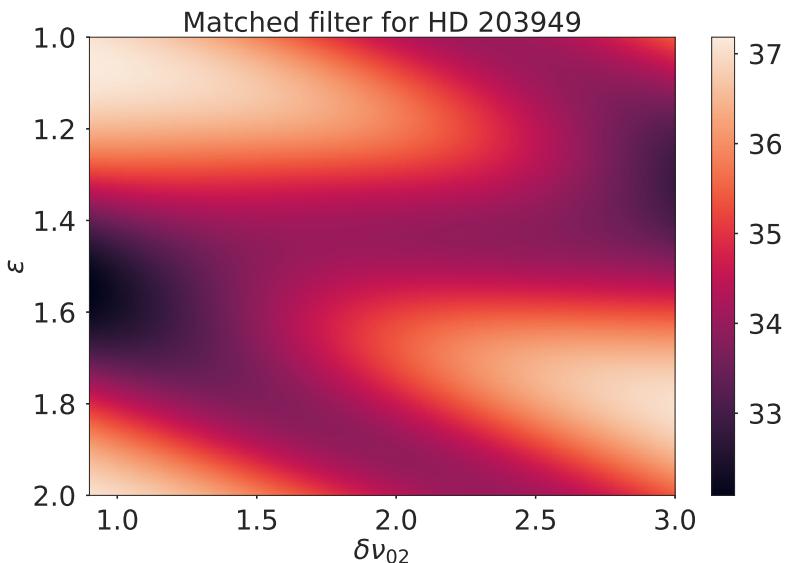


Figure E.3: Density plot of matched filter for HD 203949 estimating a  $\delta\nu_{02} = 0.9 \mu\text{Hz}$  and  $\varepsilon = 1.06$ .

# F

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# Stellar Evolution Models For $\beta$ Hydri, TOI-197, HD 212771 and HD 203949

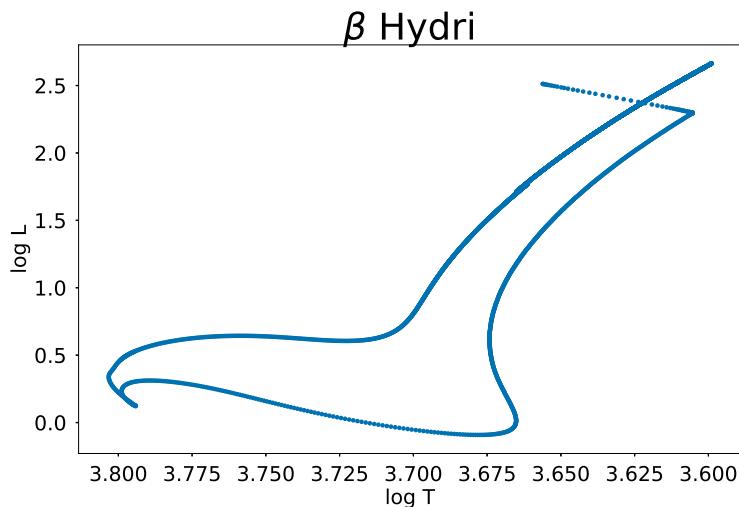


Figure F.1: Stellar evolution model for  $\nu$  Indi from pre-main sequence to a pre-determined age using MESA. Mass for the star is  $1.042 M_{\odot}$ ,  $\alpha=1.845$ ,  $Y_{\text{initial}}=0.255229$  and  $Z_{\text{initial}} = 0.0063781$ .

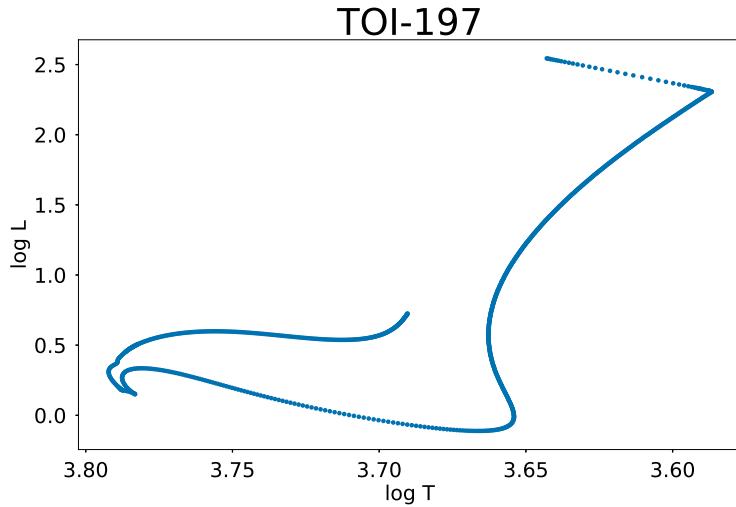


Figure F.2: Stellar evolution model for  $\nu$  Indi from pre-main sequence to a pre-determined age using MESA. Mass for the star is  $1.13 M_{\odot}$ ,  $\alpha=1.845$ ,  $Y_{\text{initial}}=0.265544$  and  $Z_{\text{initial}} = 0.0137456$ .

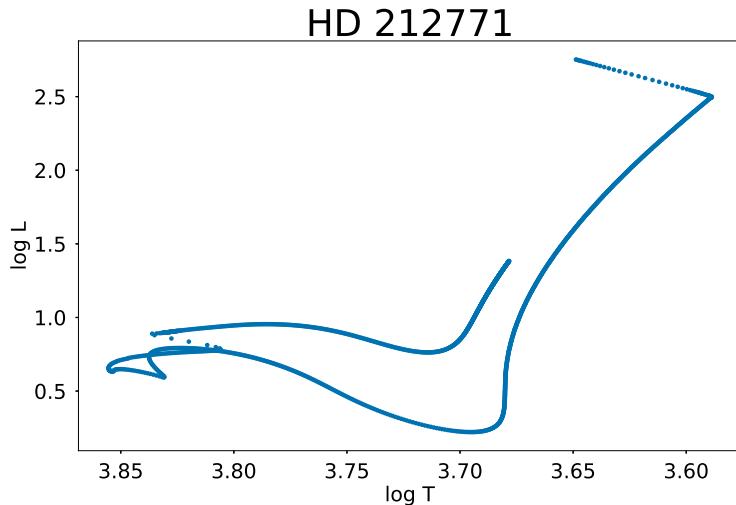


Figure F.3: Stellar evolution model for  $\nu$  Indi from pre-main sequence to a pre-determined age using MESA. Mass for the star is  $1.41 M_{\odot}$ ,  $\alpha=1.845$ ,  $Y_{\text{initial}}=0.264714$  and  $Z_{\text{initial}} = 0.0131529$ .

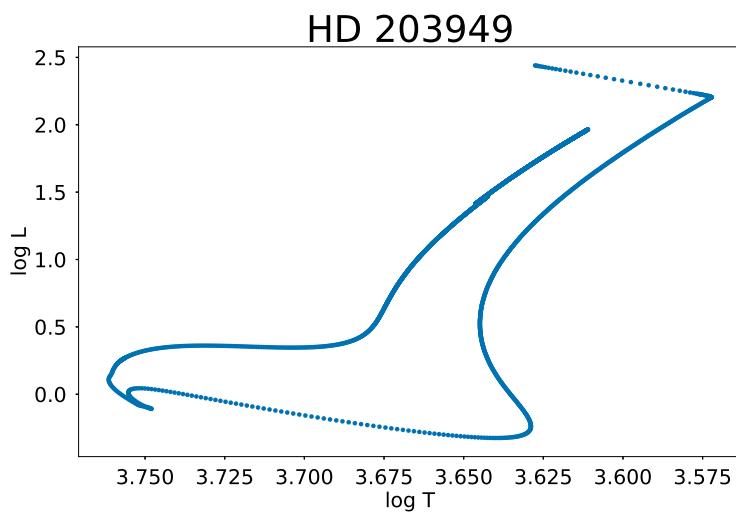


Figure F.4: Stellar evolution model for  $\nu$  Indi from pre-main sequence to a pre-determined age using MESA. Mass for the star is  $1.047 M_{\odot}$ ,  $\alpha=1.845$ ,  $Y_{\text{initial}}=0.279394$  and  $Z_{\text{initial}}=0.0236383$ .



# G

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### Code

#### Removing Noise and Transits

```
1000 import numpy as np
1001 import statistics as stat
1002 import math
1003 from scipy.stats import norm
1004 import pandas as pd
1005 import bottleneck as bn
1006 from astropy.stats import sigma_clip
1007 import astropy
1008 from astropy.io import fits
1009 from filter import running_median_filter, binary_search,
1010     find_time, running_median, isOdd
1011
1012 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
1013 plt.style.use('seaborn-poster')
1014 plt.style.use('seaborn-colorblind')
1015
1016 names_of_all_stars= np.loadtxt('list_of_all_quaters.txt')
1017
1018
1019 #for i in range(len(names_of_all_stars)):
1020 #    for i in names_of_all_stars:
1021
1022
1023 # If file is a .fits file use this
```

```

#hdulist = fits.open('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
    Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/16_Cyg_A/kplr100003551
    -2011208035123_slc.fits', mode='readonly')
1026 #hdulist = fits.open('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
    Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/16_Cyg_A/kplr%d-%d_slc.fits', %
        names_of_all_stars[i,0], names_of_all_stars[i,1]), mode=
        readonly)
    hdulist = fits.open('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
        Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/nu_indi/tess00%d-s01-c0120-dr01
        -v04-tasoc_lc.fits', mode='readonly')
1028 #hdulist = fits.open('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
    Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/KIC8751420/kplr100004295
    -2013131215648_slc.fits', mode='readonly')
1030 LightCurve = hdulist['LIGHTCURVE'].data
1032 hdulist.close()
1034 time = LightCurve.field('TIME')
flux = LightCurve.field('FLUX_RAW')
1036 """
1038 # If file is a .dat use this
data = np.loadtxt('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
    Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/KIC8478994/kplr008478994-%d_slc
    .dat', %i)
1040 time = data[:,0]
rawflux = data[:,1]
1042 rawflux_error= data[:,2]
flux = data[:,3]
1044 flux_error= data[:,4]
"""
1046
1048 flux[np.isnan(flux)] = np.nan
1050
1052 #Normalizing by dividing y-axis values with the mean value
flux=flux/np.nanmean(flux)
1054 # We will try to find tau long and and tau short using the
    find_time routine
    # The routine checks when the sign change depending on the
    chosen time target
1056 days_for_tau_long = 2 # 2 days
days_for_tau_short = 2/24 # 2 hours
1058 tau_long= find_time(time,days_for_tau_long)

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tau_short= find_time(time, days_for_tau_short)
1060
# The isOdd function makes sure that the number find_time
#   spits outs is always odd
1062 tau_long=isOdd(tau_long)
tau_short=isOdd(tau_short)
1064
#Using Bottlenecks move_median filter
1066 # Bottleneck takes the median by setting the midpoint at the
#   end and the taking all the previous points in that chunk
1068 tau_long_flux = bn.move_median(flux,tau_long,min_count=1)
tau_short_flux= bn.move_median(flux-tau_long_flux,tau_short,
min_count=1)+tau_long_flux
1070
#I remove a chunk of data in the start of the data due to the
#   way bottleneck calculates the median
1072 #I use my find_time function to do this
tau_long_data_removal=find_time(time,days_for_tau_long)
tau_short_data_removal=find_time(time,days_for_tau_short)
1074
# I make sure that my data starts from tau and ends with the
#   last data point
tau_long_flux = tau_long_flux[tau_long_data_removal:-1]
tau_short_flux= tau_short_flux[tau_short_data_removal:-1]
tau_long_time = time[tau_long_data_removal:-1]
tau_short_time= time[tau_short_data_removal:-1]
1076
#Now I shift my data with tau/2 so that my data fits with the
#   median filter
1078 tau_long_time = tau_long_time-days_for_tau_long/2
tau_short_time= tau_short_time-days_for_tau_short/2
1080
#Here I look at how many points there is in the start and the
#   end between the data set and the median filter
1082 tau_long_number_points_start=find_time(time,tau_long_time[0]-
time[0])
tau_long_number_points_end=find_time(time,time[-1]-
tau_long_time[-1])
1084
1086 tau_short_number_points_start=find_time(time,tau_short_time
[0]-time[0])
tau_short_number_points_end=find_time(time,time[-1]-
tau_short_time[-1])
1088
1090 tau_short_number_points_start=find_time(time,tau_short_time
[0]-time[0])
tau_short_number_points_end=find_time(time,time[-1]-
tau_short_time[-1])
1092
#Now I make some lists of ones that I am going to multiply
#   with the first data point of the median filter (for left

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    side) and the last data point of the median filter (right
    side)
1094 tau_long_left_extrapol = np.ones(tau_long_number_points_start
    +1)
1096 tau_long_right_extrapol = np.ones(tau_long_number_points_end)
tau_short_left_extrapol = np.ones(
    tau_short_number_points_start+1)
tau_short_right_extrapol = np.ones(
    tau_short_number_points_end)

1098 # Now I multiply the ones that makes up the left hand side
    with the initial value of the median filter
1100 # and I multiply the ones that makes up the right hand side
    with the final value of the median filter
tau_long_left_extrapol = tau_long_left_extrapol *
    tau_long_flux[0]
1102 tau_long_right_extrapol = tau_long_right_extrapol *
    tau_long_flux[-1]
tau_short_left_extrapol = tau_short_left_extrapol *
    tau_short_flux[0]
1104 tau_short_right_extrapol= tau_short_right_extrapol*
    tau_short_flux[-1]

1106 # I make sure that the median times goes out in both ends
tau_long_time_start = np.linspace(time[0],tau_long_time[0],
    tau_long_number_points_start+1)
1108 tau_long_time_end = np.linspace(tau_long_time[-1], time
    [-1],tau_long_number_points_end)
tau_long_time = np.concatenate([tau_long_time_start,
    tau_long_time, tau_long_time_end])

1110 tau_short_time_start= np.linspace(time[0],tau_short_time[0],
    tau_short_number_points_start+1)
1112 tau_short_time_end = np.linspace(tau_short_time[-1], time
    [-1],tau_short_number_points_end)
tau_short_time = np.concatenate([tau_short_time_start,
    tau_short_time, tau_short_time_end])

1114 # Now I make sure that the median fluxes goes out in both
    ends using a constant value in the start and a constant
    value in the end
1116 tau_long_flux = np.concatenate([tau_long_left_extrapol,
    tau_long_flux, tau_long_right_extrapol])
tau_short_flux = np.concatenate([tau_short_left_extrapol,
    tau_short_flux, tau_short_right_extrapol])
1118

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1120 #Plotting the data with the two different median filters
1122 plt.figure
1123 plt.plot(time,flux,'k-')
1124 plt.title(r'$\tau$-long')
1125 plt.xlabel('time [Days]')
1126 plt.ylabel('Flux')
1127 plt.show()
1128 #plt.savefig('median_filter_tau_long.png')

1130

1132 plt.figure
1133 plt.plot(time,flux,'k-')
1134 plt.title(r'$\tau$-short')
1135 plt.xlabel('time [Days]')
1136 plt.ylabel('Flux')
1137 plt.show()
1138 #plt.savefig('median_filter_tau_short.eps')

1140 # To detect the presence of sharp features, I construct this
1141 diagnostic signal
1142 w_flux= (tau_long_flux/tau_short_flux)-1

1144 #Plotting the diagnostic signal vs time to see sharp features
1145 plt.figure
1146 plt.plot(time,w_flux)
1147 plt.title('w [diagnostic signal] vs time')
1148 plt.xlabel('Time [Days]', fontsize = 25)
1149 plt.ylabel('w', fontsize = 25)
1150 plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
1151 Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/16_Cyg_A/w_vs_time/w_vs_time_%d
1152 .eps'%names_of_all_stars[i,1])
1153 plt.clf()
1154 plt.show()

1154

1155 #I calculate the MAD (moving absolute deviation) of the
1156 diagnostic signal
1157 sigma_w_flux =running_median_filter(np.abs(w_flux-
1158 running_median_filter(w_flux,tau_long)),tau_long)

1159 #Plotting the MAD to see if it's correct
1160 plt.figure
1161 plt.plot(time,sigma_w_flux)
1162 plt.title('MAD vs time')

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1162     plt.xlabel('time [days]')
1163     plt.ylabel('MAD')
1164     plt.show()

1166 #Creating the final filter as weighted mean between the short
1167     and long filters
1168 # First we create the c values , which is the turnover
1169     function between the two filters
1170 # which returns 1 or 0 given sigma_w/mean_sigma_w.

1172 # These values are used as default
1173 mu_to = 5 # Center of the graph
1174 sigma_to = 1 # standard deviation

1176 sigma_ratio_flux= w_flux/sigma_w_flux

1178 c_flux= norm.cdf(sigma_ratio_flux,mu_to,sigma_to) # c values
1179     are calculated using the cumulative distribution function

1180 # Now I make the final filter
1181 #filter_flux = c_flux*tau_short_flux+(1-c_flux)*tau_long_flux
1182 #this one should be used normally
1183 flux_filt=(10**6)*((flux/filter_flux)-1)

1184 #used to make a figure
1185 flux_filt=((flux/filter_flux)-1)

1186
1187 plt.figure()
1188 plt.plot(time,flux_filt,'b')
1189 plt.title(r'Filter applied')
1190 plt.xlabel('Time [Days]', fontsize = 25)
1191 plt.ylabel('Flux [ppm]', fontsize = 25)
1192 plt.show()
1193 #plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
1194 #Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/16_Cyg_A/final_filter/
1195 #final_filter_%d.png'%names_of_all_stars[i,1])

1196 #Now it's time to do some sigma clipping
1197 # Astropy has a sigma clipping function , however this
1198     function doesn't work with NaN or inf values , which means
1199     these must be deleted first

1200 finite_filter = np.isfinite(flux_filt) # makes a filter that
1201     checks in the flux column for only finite values (No, NaN,
1202     inf or is inf)
1203 #apply filter to both time and flux

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1200 time_filt= time[ finite_filter ]
1201 flux_filt= flux_filt[ finite_filter ]
1202 #Performing the sigma clipping to the data with only finite
1203   values
1204 filter_sigma_clipping = astropy.stats.sigma_clip(flux_filt ,
1205   sigma=4, iters=5, stdfunc=astropy.stats.mad_std)
1206 time_filt= time_filt[~filter_sigma_clipping.mask]
1207 flux_filt = flux_filt[~filter_sigma_clipping.mask]
1208 #print(flux_filt.shape)

1209 plt.figure()
1210 plt.plot(time_filt ,flux_filt , '-' , color='#1f77b4' , label="flux_filt")
1211 plt.title('Corrected time series data')
1212 plt.xlabel('Time [days]')
1213 plt.ylabel('Corrected flux [ppm]')
1214 plt.legend(loc='best' , numpoints=1)
1215 plt.tight_layout() #This makes sure that the legends do not
1216   overlap
1217 plt.show()
1218 #plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
1219   Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/16_Cyg_A/timeseries/timeseries_%
1220   %d.png'%names_of_all_stars[i,1])
1221 plt.clf()
1222 plt.show()
1223 np.savetxt('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
1224   Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/nu_indi/time_series_for_%d.txt' %
1225   names_of_all_stars[i],np.transpose([time_filt ,flux_filt ]))
1226 )

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/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/Lightcurve\_to\_powerspectrum/timeseries\_to\_thesis.py.

## Creating The Power Spectrum

```

1000 #numpy
1001 import os
1002 import numpy as np
1003 import math, os, sys, time, random
1004 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
1005 import seaborn as sns
1006
1007 sns.set()
1008 #functions
1009 from time_series_powerspectrum import power_spectrum
1010 #plt.rc('text', usetex=True)
1011 #plt.rc('font', family='serif')
1012 #####

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```

1014 names_of_all_stars= np.loadtxt('list_of_all_quaters.txt')
for i in names_of_all_stars:
    data = np.loadtxt('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/16_Cyg_A/time_series_for_%d.txt
',%i)
    time = data[:,0]
    amplitude = data[:,1]
1018 amplitude = amplitude/np.mean(amplitude)
#amplitude= (amplitude)*10**6
1020
#weight=data[:,2]
1022
freq , power , _, _ = power_spectrum(time , amplitude)
1024 freq =freq.reshape(-1)
power = power.reshape(-1)
1026 np.savetxt('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/16_Cyg_A/power_spec_16_Cyg_A/
powerspectrum_for_%d.txt' %i,np.transpose([ freq ,power]))
1028
plt.figure()
1030 plt.plot(freq , power , '-')
#plt.title(r'KIC8478994')
1032 plt.xlabel(r'Frequency [ $\mu$Hz ] ')
plt.ylabel(r'Power density [ ppm$^2\backslash$, $\mu$Hz$^{-1}$ ] ')
1034 #plt.savefig('Tidsserie_Analyse_Kepler_star_2.png')
plt.show()

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/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/Lightcurve\_to\_powerspectrum.py.

## Asteroseismic Analysis

```

1000 import numpy as np
import statistics as stat
1002 import math
import astropy
1004 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import glob
1006 import scipy
import time
1008 import sys
#sys.path.insert(0, '/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum')
1010 sys.path.insert(0, r"/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum")
from astropy.convolution import Gaussian1DKernel, convolve
1012 #from scipy.signal import find_peaks

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```
1014 from peak_finder import peak_finder
1015 from filter import autocorr, running_mean_filter, isOdd,
1016     find_time
1017 from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
1018 from astropy.modeling import models, fitting
1019 from time_series_powerspectrum import power_spectrum,
1020     calculate_v_nl, calculate_MF, matched_filter,
1021     fit_large_freq_separation
1022 from time_series_powerspectrum import background_fit_2,
1023     background_fit, logbackground_fit, gridsearch,
1024     running_median, linear_regression
1025 from math import e
1026 from uncertainties import ufloat
1027 from scipy import optimize
1028 from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
#matplotlib_setup()
1029 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
1030 from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.inset_locator import
1031     zoomed_inset_axes
1032 from scipy.signal import find_peaks, peak_prominences
1033 from scipy import stats
1034 import statsmodels.api as sm
1035
1036 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D # noqa: F401 unused
1037     import
1038 from matplotlib import cm
1039 from matplotlib.ticker import LinearLocator, FormatStrFormatter
#matplotlib_setup()
1040 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
1041 import seaborn as sns
# Activate Seaborn color aliases
1042 #sns.set_palette('colorblind')
1043 #sns.set_color_codes(palette='colorblind')
1044 #plt.style.use('ggplot')
1045 #sns.set_context('poster')
1046 #sns.set_style("ticks")
1047 plt.style.use('seaborn-poster')
1048 plt.style.use('seaborn-colorblind')
#sns.set()
1049
1050 stepsize = 0.1 #mHz
#nyquist=4200 #mHz
1051 data= np.loadtxt(r"/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
    Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/nu_indi/
```

```

1052     powerspectrum_for_317019578.txt")
#data= np.loadtxt(r"power_other_half.txt")
freq = data[:,0]
1054 power = data[:,1]

1056

1058 power_final_smoothed =power
powerden=power_final_smoothed
1060
#######
1062 """
Calculating the background using a modified Harvey profile
"""
#######
1066
nu_max = 340
1068 P_n = np.arange(0.1, 0.25, step=0.05) #[np.median(powerden[
    freq > f]) for f in np.arange(2000, 6000, step=500)]
guess_sigma_0 = [n * np.sqrt(np.mean(powerden ** 2)) for n in
    np.arange(10, 50, step=5)]
1070 guess_tau_0 = [n * (1 / nu_max) for n in np.arange(0.01, 0.2,
    step=0.05)]
guess_sigma_1 = [n * np.sqrt(np.mean(powerden ** 2)) for n in
    np.arange(10, 50, step=5)]
1072 guess_tau_1 = [n * (1 / nu_max) for n in np.arange(0.01, 0.2,
    step=0.05)]

1074 print('Parameterspace is %f-%f, %f-%f, %f-%f, and %f-%f',
    %
    np.min(guess_sigma_0), np.max(guess_sigma_0), np.min(
        guess_tau_0), np.max(guess_tau_0),
    1076 np.min(guess_sigma_1), np.max(guess_sigma_1), np.min(
        guess_tau_1), np.max(guess_tau_1),
        np.min(P_n), np.max(P_n))

1078 # Cut out around the signals in order not to overfit them
1080 minimum = 500
maximum = 1500
1082 filt = (freq > minimum) & (freq < maximum)
1084 freq_filt = freq[~filt]
powerden_filt = powerden[~filt]

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1086
1088 freq_filt, powerden_filt, ws = running_median(freq_filt,
1089   powerden_filt, bin_size=1e-3)
1090 def cost(popt):
1091     return np.mean((logbackground_fit(freq_filt, *popt) - np.
1092       log10(powerden_filt)) ** 2)
1093 freq_fit, powerden_fit, ws = running_median(freq, powerden,
1094   bin_size=1e-4)
1095 z0 = [guess_sigma_0, guess_tau_0, guess_sigma_1, guess_tau_1,
1096   P_n]
1097 popt = gridsearch(logbackground_fit, freq_fit, np.log10(
1098   powerden_fit), z0)
# popt = [52.433858, 0.000885, 81.893752, 0.000167, 0.220056]
1099 print('Best parameter for background were: s_0= %f, t_0= %f,
1100   s_1= %f, t_1 =%f, P_n= %f' % tuple(popt))
# Fit
#z0 = [guess_sigma_0, guess_tau_0, guess_sigma_1, guess_tau_1]
1101 popt, pcov = curve_fit(logbackground_fit, freq_fit, np.log10(
1102   powerden_fit), p0=popt, maxfev=10000)
1103 print('Best parameter for background were: s_0= %f, t_0= %f,
1104   s_1= %f, t_1 =%f, P_n= %f' % tuple(popt))
1105 print('Cost = %f' % cost(popt))
1106 freq_plot = freq#[::1000]
1107 powerden_plot = powerden#[::1000]
#rpowerden_plot = rpowerden[::1000]
1108
1109 f1=plt.figure(1)
1110 plt.loglog(freq_plot, powerden_plot, '0.2', basex=10, basey=10,
1111   linewidth=0.5)
1112 plt.loglog(freq_plot, background_fit(freq_plot, *popt), ,
1113   steelblue', linestyle='--', basex=10,
1114   basey=10, linewidth=10)
#plt.loglog(freq_plot, popt[4] + background_fit_2(freq_plot, *
1115   popt[:2]), 'steelblue', linestyle='--',
1116   basex=10, basey=10)
#plt.loglog(freq_plot, popt[4] + background_fit_2(freq_plot, *
1117   popt[2:4]), 'steelblue', linestyle='--',
1118   basex=10, basey=10)
#plt.loglog(freq_plot, np.ones(len(freq_plot)) * popt[4], ,
1119   royalblue', linestyle='--')

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1120 # plt.title(r'The power density spectrum of %s' % starname)
1121 plt.xlabel(r'Frequency [${\mu}$Hz]', fontsize = 35)
1122 plt.ylabel(r'Power density [ppm$^2$, ${\mu}$Hz$^{-1}$]', fontsize
1123 =35)
1124 plt.xlim([100,1000])
1125 plt.ylim([10 ** (-2), 2 * 10 ** (3)])
1126 ax = f1.add_subplot(111)
1127 ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=35)
1128 ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='minor', labelsize=35)
1129 #plt.title(r'$\beta$ Hydri', fontsize=35)
1130 plt.tight_layout()
1131 #plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
1132             Master_Thesis/background_nu_indi.eps')

1133 #plt.show()
1134 #plt.savefig('%s_backgroundfit_%s.pdf' % (starname,
1135           #minfreq, maxfreq), bbox_inches='tight')

1136 powerden_background_corrected = powerden - background_fit(
1137   freq_plot, *popt)

1138 ##
1139 #####
1140 #####
1141 """
1142 Smoothing the power spectrum using a Gaussian
1143 """
1144 ##
1145 #####
1146 xstart=1700
1147 xend= 5000
1148 #xstart=850
1149 #xend=2500
1150 #
1151 #std=4
1152 std=2
1153 g= Gaussian1DKernel(stddev=std, mode='integrate')
1154 power_final_smoothed=convolve(power,g)
1155 powerden=power_final_smoothed
1156 ##
1157 #####
1158 #saving file of the weighted powerspectrum to use to find
1159     nu_max in file nu_max.py

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1158 #np.savetxt('weighted_powerspec_TIC71134596.txt',np.transpose([  
    freq, power_final_smoothed]))  
  
1160 ##  
1162 freq_window=freq[xstart:xend]  
1164 #power_final = power_final[35000:50000]  
power_final_smoothed=power_final_smoothed[xstart:xend]  
1166 ##  
1168 """  
Finding the peaks  
"""  
1170 ##  
1172 """  
1174 comparorder = 1  
height1 = 1.0  
1176 height2 = 1.0  
height3 = 0.8  
1178 height4 = 0.5  
  
1180 freq_peak1 , power_peak1 = peak_finder(freq_window[xstart -  
xstart:2800-xstart],power_final_smoothed[xstart-xstart  
:2800-xstart],height1,comparorder)  
1182 freq_peak2 , power_peak2 = peak_finder(freq_window[2850-xstart  
:3300-xstart],power_final_smoothed[2850-xstart:3300-xstart  
],height2,comparorder)  
freq_peak3 , power_peak3 = peak_finder(freq_window[3350-xstart  
:3850-xstart],power_final_smoothed[3350-xstart:3850-xstart  
],height3,comparorder)  
1184 freq_peak4 , power_peak4 = peak_finder(freq_window[3900-xstart  
:6000-xstart],power_final_smoothed[3900-xstart:6000-xstart  
],height4,comparorder)  
1186 freq_peak =np.concatenate((freq_peak1,freq_peak2,freq_peak3,  
    freq_peak4), axis=0)
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1188     power_peak = np.concatenate((power_peak1,power_peak2,
1189                                   power_peak3,power_peak4), axis=0)
1190     """
1191
1192     power_peak, properties = find_peaks(power_final_smoothed,
1193                                           prominence=0.7)
1194     prominences = peak_prominences(power_final_smoothed, power_peak
1195                                     )[0]
1196     print(prominences)
1197
1198     """
1199
1200
1201
1202     #Running the autocorrelation
1203     freq_lags = round(len(freq_window)/2)
1204     ACF = autocorr(power_final_smoothed, lags=freq_lags)
1205
1206     # autocorr don't give you x-values, so these you must obtain
1207     #I know the timesteps and the range of my frequencies
1208     lags= np.arange(len(ACF))*stepsize
1209     #lags = lags[500:-1]
1210     #ACF = ACF[500:-1]
1211     lags = lags
1212     ACF = ACF
1213     #max_ACF = max(ACF) # Find the maximum y value
1214     #delta_nu = lags[ACF.argmax()] # Find the x value
1215     # corresponding to the maximum y value
1216     #np.savetxt('delta_nu.txt',np.abs(delta_nu))
1217     #print("delta nu is %.20f microhertz using autocorrelation
1218     # before subtracting background" %delta_nu)
1219
1220     p1=0.35
1221     p2= 0.06
1222     p3= 0.2
1223     p4= 0.06
1224     p5= 0.05
1225     p6= 0.05

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1226 p7= 0.05
1227 c= 2.5
1228 delta_nu_fit_me = 25
1229 K=0.05

1230 fit_me = p1*np.exp(-(lags-0.5*delta_nu_fit_me)**2/c**2) + p2*np
    .exp(-(lags-delta_nu_fit_me)**2/c**2)+p3*np.exp(-(lags-1.5*
    delta_nu_fit_me)**2/c**2) + p4*np.exp(-(lags-2*
    delta_nu_fit_me)**2/c**2)+p5*np.exp(-(lags-2.5*
    delta_nu_fit_me)**2/c**2) + p6*np.exp(-(lags-3*
    delta_nu_fit_me)**2/c**2)+p7*np.exp(-(lags-3.5*
    delta_nu_fit_me)**2/c**2)+K

1232 popt, pcov = curve_fit(fit_large_freq_separation, lags, ACF, p0
    =[p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6, p7, delta_nu_fit_me, K, c])
print(popt)
1234 print("delta nu is %.20f microhertz using autocorrelation " %
    popt[7])
delta_nu = popt[7]
#delta_nu =25
1236 freq_mod_delta_nu =np.mod(freq_window[power_peak],delta_nu)

1238

1240 f2=plt.figure(2)
1241 plt.plot(lags,ACF)
1242 plt.plot(lags, fit_large_freq_separation(lags, *popt), 'r-',
    label='Gaussian Fit')
1244 xcoords = [0.5*delta_nu, delta_nu, 1.5*delta_nu, 2*delta_nu,
    2.5*delta_nu, 3*delta_nu, 3.5*delta_nu, 4*delta_nu, 4.5*
    delta_nu, 5*delta_nu, 5.5* delta_nu, 6*delta_nu, 6.5*
    delta_nu, 7*delta_nu]
for xc in xcoords:
    plt.axvline(x=xc,color='lightgrey', linestyle='--')
1246 plt.legend(loc='upper right', prop={'size': 35})
1247 plt.text(delta_nu-5, 0.3, r'$\Delta \nu$', fontsize=35)
1248 plt.xlabel(r'Frequency Shift ($\mu$Hz)', fontsize=35)
1249 plt.ylabel(r'Autocorrelation', fontsize=35)
1250 ax2 = f2.add_subplot(111)
1251 ax2.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=35)
1252 ax2.tick_params(axis='both', which='minor', labelsize=35)
1253 plt.title(r' Autocorrelation for $\nu$ Indi', fontsize=35)
1254 plt.tight_layout()
1255 #plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
    Master_Thesis/autocorr_nu_indi.eps')
1256
1257 #plt.show()

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# plt.xlabel(r'Frequency mod %0.2f $\mu$hz' %delta_nu,
    fontsize =35)
# plt.ylabel(r'Frequency ($\mu$ hertz)', fontsize =35)
#ax4 = f4.add_subplot(111)
#ax4.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=35)
#ax4.tick_params(axis='both', which='minor', labelsize=35)
1264

1266 ## #####
1267 """
1268 Plotting the power spectrum and echelle diagram
1269 """
1270 ## #####
1271

1272 f3=plt.figure(3)
1273 color ='Blues'
1274 #plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
1275 #plt.plot(freq_window,np.sqrt(power[xstart:xend]),'#d6d8db')
1276 plt.plot(freq_window,power_final_smoothed,'k-')
1277 plt.plot(freq_window[power_peak], power_final_smoothed[
    power_peak], "v")
1278 #plt.plot(freq_peak,np.sqrt(power_peak),'x')
1279 #plt.title('Smoothed, stddev=%d%std')
1280 plt.xlabel(r'$Frequency \ \mu$Hz')
1281 plt.ylabel(r'Power density [ppm$^2\backslash$, $\mu$Hz$^{-1}$]')
1282 plt.title(r'$\nu$ indi')
1283 #plt.grid(True)

1286 #plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
1287 f4=plt.figure(4)
1288 #plt.scatter(freq_mod_delta_nu,freq_peak, c=power_peak, cmap=
    color)
1289 #plt.scatter(delta_nu+freq_mod_delta_nu,freq_peak, c=power_peak
    , cmap=color)
1290 #plt.plot(freq_mod_delta_nu,freq_window[power_peak], 'bo',
    markersize= 15)
1291 #plt.plot(identified_modes, freq_interpolation, 'kv')
1292 #N=len(freq_mod_delta_nu)
1293 #np.savetxt('echelle_data.txt',np.transpose([freq_mod_delta_nu,
    freq_window[power_peak], prominences]))
1294 #area = (30 * np.random.rand(N))**2 # 0 to 15 point radii
echelle_non_sig= np.loadtxt('echelle_data.txt')

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1296 echelle_most_sig = np.loadtxt('echelle_data_most_sig.txt')
1297 x_non = echelle_non_sig[:, 0]
1298 y_non = echelle_non_sig[:, 1]
1299 prom_non= echelle_non_sig[:, 2]
1300 x_most = echelle_most_sig[0]
1301 y_most= echelle_most_sig[1]
1302 prom_most= echelle_most_sig[2]

1304
1305 plt.scatter(x_non,y_non,s=(prom_non**4.5),c='blue', edgecolors=
1306     'k', linewidths=5,alpha=0.5)
1307 plt.scatter(x_most,y_most,s=(prom_most**3),c='blue', edgecolors
1308     ='k', linewidths=5,alpha=0.5)

1309 #np.savetxt('echelle_diagram_for_10.txt',np.transpose([
1310     freq_mod_delta_nu,freq_window[power_peak]]))

1311 #plt.plot(delta_nu+freq_mod_delta_nu,freq_peak,'bo')

1312 plt.title(r'Echelle Diagram for $\nu$ Indi', fontsize =35)
1313 plt.xlabel(r'Frequency mod %0.2f $\mu$Hz' %delta_nu, fontsize
1314 =35)
1315 plt.ylabel(r'Frequency ($\mu$Hz)', fontsize =35)
1316 ax4 = f4.add_subplot(111)
1317 ax4.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=35)
1318 ax4.tick_params(axis='both', which='minor', labelsize=35)
1319 plt.grid(True)
1320 plt.tight_layout()
1321 #plt.show()
1322 plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/Master_Thesis
1323 /echelle_nu_indi.eps')

1324
1325 ## #####
1326 """
1327 Finding nu_max
1328 """
1329 #####
1330
1331
1332 std=(4*(delta_nu))/(2*np.sqrt(2*np.log(2))) # I smooth the the
1333 with Gaussian kernal and a std of 4*delta_nu

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1334 | xstart_after_background=xstart
1334 | xend_after_background=xend
1335 | freq=freq[xstart_after_background:xend_after_background]
1336 | powerden=powerden[xstart_after_background:xend_after_background]
1336 |
1337 |
1338 g1= Gaussian1DKernel(stddev=std/stepsizes, mode='integrate')
1339 power_gauss2=convolve(powerden,g1)
1340 max_power_smoothed2 = max(power_gauss2) # Find the maximum y
1340     value
1341 nu_max = freq[power_gauss2.argmax()] # Find the x value
1341     corresponding to the maximum y value
1342 print("nu max is %.2f microhertz using gaussian smooth after
1342     subtracting the background" %nu_max)
1343
1344 f5= plt.figure(5)
1345 ax3 = plt.gca()
1346 plt.plot(freq,powerden,'b-')
1347 plt.plot(freq, (power_gauss2), 'r-',label="Gaussian Fit",
1347     linewidth = 10)
1348 plt.legend(prop={'size': 30})
1349 plt.xlabel(r'Frequency [ $\mu$Hz]', fontsize= 30)
1349 plt.ylabel(r'Power density [ppm$^2$, $\mu$Hz$^{-1}$]', fontsize
1349 =30)
1350 ax4 = f4.add_subplot(111)
1351 ax4.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=30)
1352 ax4.tick_params(axis='both', which='minor', labelsize=30)
1353 plt.tight_layout()
1354 #plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
1354     Master_Thesis/numax_nu_indi.eps')
1354 #plt.show()
1355
1356 #####
1356 ##########
1357 """
1357 Using the matched filter to estimate dnu02
1357 """
1358 #####
1358 ##########
1359 """
1359 Now I wanna find the small frequency separation dnu_02 using a
1359     matched filter
1360 dnu02_start= 1
1361 dnu02_end=9
1362 epsilon_start= 1.5

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1368 epsilon_end= 0.5
1369 resolution = 250
1370
1371 dnu02 = np.linspace(dnu02_start, dnu02_end, resolution)
1372 epsilon_s = np.linspace(epsilon_start, epsilon_end, resolution)
1373 MF = np.zeros((len(dnu02), len(epsilon_s)), dtype='float64')
    # opsampler data
1374
1375 iter = 0
1376 for k, epsilon in enumerate(epsilon_s):
    percentage = iter/len(epsilon_s)*100
1377     print("The match filter is %f%% done" %percentage)
    iter=iter+1
1378
1379 for j, dnu in enumerate(dnu02):
    MF[k,j] = matched_filter(epsilon, dnu, freq_window[
        power_peak],delta_nu)
1380
1381
1382
1383
1384 X, Y = np.meshgrid(epsilon_s, dnu02)
1385 value_epsilon, value_dnu02 = np.unravel_index(np.argmax(MF), MF
    .shape)
1386 print("epsilon;", epsilon[value_epsilon])
1387 print("dnu02;", dnu02[value_dnu02])
1388
1389 epsilon= epsilon[value_epsilon]
1390 dnu02 = dnu02[value_dnu02]
1391 #np.savetxt('epsilon_and_dnu02_beta_hydr.txt',(epsilon,dnu02))
1392
1393
1394 f5 = plt.figure(5)
1395 ax = f5.gca(projection='3d')
1396 x=np.linspace(dnu02_start,dnu02_end,num=len(MF))
1397 y=np.linspace(epsilon_start,epsilon_end, num= len(MF))
1398 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x,y)
1399 Z=MF
1400
1401 surf = ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, cmap=cm.coolwarm,
    linewidth=0, antialiased=False)
1402 f5.colorbar(surf, shrink=0.5, aspect=5)
1403 ax.set_xlabel(r'$\delta\nu_{02}$', linespacing=4)
1404 ax.set_ylabel(r'$\nu_{\text{arepsilon}}$', linespacing=4)
1405 plt.tight_layout()
1406 #plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
    Master_Thesis/dnu02_3D_nu_indi.eps')
1407
1408
1409
1410

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f6=plt.figure(6)
1412 plt.imshow(MF, origin='lower', extent=[dnu02_start, dnu02_end,
    epsilon_start, epsilon_end])
plt.title(r'Matched filter for $\nu$ Indi', fontsize =30)
1414 plt.xlabel(r'$\Delta\nu_{02}$', fontsize=30)
plt.ylabel(r'$\nu$', fontsize=30)
1416 ax6 = f6.add_subplot(111)
ax6.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=30)
1418 ax6.tick_params(axis='both', which='minor', labelsize=30)
cbar=plt.colorbar()
1420 cbar.ax.tick_params(labelsize=30)
plt.axis('auto')
1422 plt.tight_layout()
# plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
    Master_Thesis/dnu02_2D_nu_indi.eps')
1424
## #####
1426 """
Calculating the uncertainty for the asteroseismic parameters
    Delta_nu and
1428 delta_nu02
"""
1430 ##
#####
1432 ##
#####
#uncertainty for Delta nu
1434 ##
#####
#np.savetxt('echelle_diagram_only_0.txt',np.transpose([
    freq_mod_delta_nu,freq_window[power_peak]]))
1436 v0n_data=np.loadtxt("echelle_diagram_for_0.txt")
v0n_mod=v0n_data[:,0]
1438 v0n=v0n_data[:,1]
1440 n=(v0n/delta_nu)-epsilon
n=[ round(elem, 0) for elem in n ]
1442 n=np.asarray(n)
print(n)
1444

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1446 Polynomial = np.polynomial.Polynomial
1448 # The data: conc = [P] and absorbance , A
1450 cmin, cmax = min(n), max(n)
1452 pfit, stats = Polynomial.fit(n, v0n, 1, full=True, window=(cmin,
1453 , cmax),
1454 domain=(cmin, cmax))
1454 print('Raw fit results:', pfit, stats, sep='\n')
1456 A0, m = pfit
1457 resid, rank, sing_val, rcond = stats
1458 rms = np.sqrt(resid[0]/len(n))
1460 print('Fit: v0n = {:.3f}[n] + {:.3f}'.format(m, A0),
1461       '(rms residual = {:.4f})'.format(rms))
1462 print(linear_regression(n,v0n,0.95))
1464 confidence_interval_Delta_nu= linear_regression(n,v0n,0.95)
1465 uncertainty_for_Delta_nu = (confidence_interval_Delta_nu[1]-
1466   confidence_interval_Delta_nu[0])/4
1466 print(r" The uncertainty for Delta nu is %0.2f plus/minus %0.2f
1467       "%(delta_nu,uncertainty_for_Delta_nu))

1468 f7 = plt.figure(7)
1470 plt.plot(n, v0n, 'ko')
1471 plt.plot(n, pfit(n), color='r')
1472 plt.title('order vs freq for l=0')
1473 plt.xlabel(r'n')
1474 plt.ylabel(r'$v_n$')
1475 #plt.show()
1476

1478 ##
1479 ######
1480 #uncertainty for delta_nu02
1481 ##
1482 ######
1483
1484 #np.savetxt('echelle_diagram_only_2.txt',np.transpose([
1485     freq_mod_delta_nu,freq_window['power_peak']]))
1485 v2n_data=np.loadtxt("echelle_diagram_for_2.txt")
1486 v2n_mod = v2n_data[:,0]

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1484 v2n=v2n_data[:,1]
1486 n2=(v2n/delta_nu)-epsilon
1487 n2=[ round(elem, 0) for elem in n2 ]
1488 n2=np.asarray(n2)
1489 print(n2)
1490
1492 ##
1493 ##########
1494 #Interpolation to get more points
1495 """
1496 In this case for l=0 I have order
1497 [ 7. 11. 13. 14. 17.]
1498 for l=2 I have
1499 [ 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.]
1500 so in this case I will need to estimate the delta_nu_mod_freq
1501 values for order
1502 n= 12 for l=0
1503 this is done by taking the two surrounding values and taking
1504 the mean of them,
1505 it is rough but it will do
1506 not done for this star
1507 """
1508 l0_11 = v0n_mod[1]
1509 l0_12 = np.mean([v0n_mod[1],v0n_mod[2]])
1510 l0_13 = v0n_mod[2]
1511 l0_14 = v0n_mod[3]
1512
1513 l2_10= v2n_mod[2]
1514 l2_11 = v2n_mod[3]
1515 l2_12 = v2n_mod[4]
1516 l2_13 = v2n_mod[5]
1517
1518
1519 modes_l0= [l0_11,l0_12, l0_13, l0_14]
1520 modes_l2= [l2_10, l2_11, l2_12, l2_13]
1521 diff_delta_nu02= np.subtract(modes_l0,modes_l2)
1522 print(diff_delta_nu02)
1523
1524
1525
1526

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```
N=len(diff_delta_nu02)
1528 for i in range(len(diff_delta_nu02)):
    mu_delta_nu02=np.sum(diff_delta_nu02)/6
1530 print(mu_delta_nu02)
1532 diff_delta_nu02[:] = [x - mu_delta_nu02 for x in
    diff_delta_nu02]
1534 delta_nu_02_minus_mu_delta_nu02 = np.abs(diff_delta_nu02)
print(delta_nu_02_minus_mu_delta_nu02)
1536 #calculating the variance
1538 var_delta_nu02 = (1/(N-1))*np.sum(
    delta_nu_02_minus_mu_delta_nu02)**2
print(var_delta_nu02)
1540 N=5
print(N)
1542 #uncertainty for delta_nu02
uncertainty_for_delta_nu02 = np.sqrt(var_delta_nu02/N)
1544 print(r" The uncertainty for delta_nu02 is %0.4f plus/minus
    %0.2f" %(dnu02 ,uncertainty_for_delta_nu02))

1546 ##
#####
1548 #End of uncertainty for asteroseismic parameters
##
#####
1550
1552 ##
#####
1554 """
Estimating mass, radius and age using 3 different scaling
relations
"""
1556 ##
#####
1558
1560 #Performing scaling relations using Earl Bellinger new approach
for main-sequence stars
```

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1562
1564 Teff_nu_indi = 5300 # K from bedding 2006: SOLAR-LIKE
    OSCILLATIONS IN THE METAL-POOR SUBGIANT : INDI:CONSTRAINING
    THE MASS AND AGE USING ASTEROSEISMOLOGY
    Fe_H_nu_indi = -1.4 # dex from bedding 2006: SOLAR-LIKE
    OSCILLATIONS IN THE METAL-POOR SUBGIANT : INDI:CONSTRAINING
    THE MASS AND AGE USING ASTEROSEISMOLOGY
1566 age_Sun = ufloat(4.569, 0.006)

1568 # Enter some data , for example a solar twin
# ufloat holds a measurement and its uncertainty
1570 nu_max_star= ufloat(nu_max, nu_max * 0.01) # muHz, with 1%
    uncertainty
    delta_nu_star= ufloat(delta_nu, delta_nu * 0.001) # muHz, with
    0.1% uncertainty
1572 d02_nu_star= ufloat(dnu02, dnu02 * 0.04) # muHz, with 4%
    uncertainty
    Teff_star= ufloat(Teff_nu_indi, Teff_nu_indi * 0.01) # K, with
    1% uncertainty
1574 Fe_H_star= ufloat(Fe_H_nu_indi, 0.1) # dex, 0.1 dex uncertainty

1576
1578 # Take the powers from Table 1, here given with more precision
#P      = [      alpha ,           beta ,           gamma ,
            delta ,           epsilon ]
P_age   = [-6.55598425,      9.05883854,      -1.29229053,
            -4.24528340,     -0.42594767]
1580 P_mass  = [ 0.97531880,      -1.43472745,          0 ,
            1.21647950,      0.27014278]
P_radius = [ 0.30490057,      -1.12949647,          0 ,
            0.31236570,      0.10024562]
1582 P_R_seis = [ 0.88364851,      -1.85899352,          0 ,
                  0 ,           0]

1584 # Apply the scaling relation
def scalingrelations(nu_max, Delta_nu, delta_nu, Teff, Fe_H, P=
    P_age,
1586             nu_max_Sun = ufloat(3090, 30),      # muHz
                Delta_nu_Sun = ufloat(135.1, 0.1), # muHz
1588                delta_nu_Sun = ufloat(8.957, 0.059),# muHz
                Teff_Sun = ufloat(5772, 0.8),       # K
1590                Fe_H_Sun = ufloat(0, 0)):        # dex

1592     alpha , beta , gamma, delta , epsilon = P

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1594 # Equation 5
1595     return ((nu_max / nu_max_Sun) ** alpha *
1596             (Delta_nu / Delta_nu_Sun) ** beta *
1597             (delta_nu / delta_nu_Sun) ** gamma *
1598             (Teff / Teff_Sun) ** delta *
1599             (e**Fe_H / e**Fe_H_Sun) ** epsilon)
1600
1601
1602 scaling_mass = scalingrelations(nu_max_star, delta_nu_star,
1603                                 d02_nu_star, Teff_star, Fe_H_star, P=P_mass)
1604 scaling_radius = scalingrelations(nu_max_star, delta_nu_star,
1605                                   d02_nu_star, Teff_star, Fe_H_star, P=P_radius)
1606 scaling_age = scalingrelations(nu_max_star, delta_nu_star,
1607                                 d02_nu_star, Teff_star, Fe_H_star, P=P_age) * age_Sun
1608
1609 print('Scaling relations using Earl Bellinger's scaling
1610       relations for main sequence stars')
1611 print('Mass:', scaling_mass, '[solar units]')
1612 print('Radius:', scaling_radius, '[solar units]')
1613 print('Age:', '{:.2u}'.format(scaling_age), '[Gyr]')
1614
1615 """
1616 #Performing scaling relations using Earl Bellinger new approach
1617     for giants
1618 """
1619
1620
1621 # Enter some data, for example a solar twin
1622 # ufloat holds a measurement and its uncertainty
1623 nu_max_giant= ufloat(nu_max, nu_max * 0.01) # muHz, with 1%
1624     uncertainty
1625 delta_nu_giant= ufloat(delta_nu, delta_nu * 0.001) # muHz, with
1626     0.1% uncertainty
1627 period_spacing_giant= ufloat(1, 0.04) # muHz, with 4%
1628     uncertainty
1629 Teff_star_giant= ufloat(Teff_nu_indi, Teff_nu_indi * 0.01) # K,
1630     with 1% uncertainty
1631 Fe_H_star_giant= ufloat(Fe_H_nu_indi, 0.1) # dex, 0.1 dex
1632     uncertainty
1633
1634 # Take the powers from Table 1, here given with more precision

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#P      = [      alpha ,          beta ,
1632   delta , epsilon ]
P_age_giant = [ -8.65 ,           11.68 ,
                 -10.35 , 0.2914]
P_mass_giant = [ 3.176 ,          -4.195 ,
                  1.076 , -0.0704]
1634 P_radius_giant = [ 1.079 ,        -2.091 ,
                         0.3709 , -0.02565]

1636
# Apply the scaling relation
1638 def scalingrelations_giant(nu_max, Delta_nu, Teff, Fe_H,
    P_giant=P_age_giant,
    nu_max_Sun = ufloat(3090, 30),      # muHz
1640   Delta_nu_Sun = ufloat(135.1, 0.1), # muHz
    Teff_Sun = ufloat(5772, 0.8),       # K
    Fe_H_Sun = ufloat(0, 0)):            # dex

1644   alpha_giant, beta_giant, delta_giant, epsilon_giant =
    P_giant

1646   # Equation 5
    return ((nu_max / nu_max_Sun) ** alpha_giant *
1648     (Delta_nu / Delta_nu_Sun) ** beta_giant *
    (Teff / Teff_Sun) ** delta_giant *
    (e**Fe_H / e**Fe_H_Sun) ** epsilon_giant)

1652   scaling_mass_giant = scalingrelations_giant(nu_max_giant,
    delta_nu_giant, Teff_star_giant, Fe_H_star_giant, P_giant=
    P_mass_giant)
1654   scaling_radius_giant = scalingrelations_giant(nu_max_giant,
    delta_nu_giant, Teff_star_giant, Fe_H_star_giant, P_giant=
    P_radius_giant)
    scaling_age_giant = scalingrelations_giant(nu_max_giant,
    delta_nu_giant, Teff_star_giant, Fe_H_star_giant, P_giant=
    P_age_giant) * age_Sun
1656
    print('Scaling relations using Earl Bellingers scaling
          relations for giants')
1658 print('Mass:', scaling_mass_giant, '[solar units]')
    print('Radius:', scaling_radius_giant, '[solar units]')
1660 print('Age:', '{:.2u}'.format(scaling_age_giant), '[Gyr]')

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1666 """
1667 #Performing scaling relations using the normal way
1668 """
1670
1672
1673 # Enter some data, for example a solar twin
1674 # ufloat holds a measurement and its uncertainty
1675 nu_max_star_normal= ufloat(nu_max, nu_max * 0.01) # muHz, with
1676     1% uncertainty
1677 Teff_star_normal= ufloat(Teff_nu_indi, Teff_nu_indi * 0.01) # K
1678     , with 1% uncertainty
1679 delta_nu_star_normal= ufloat(delta_nu, delta_nu * 0.001) # muHz
1680     , with 0.1% uncertainty
1681
1682 #P          = [      alpha ,           beta ,           gamma
1683             ]
1684 P_mass_normal = [      3 ,           -4 ,           3/2]
1685 P_radius_normal = [      1 ,           -2 ,           1/2]
1686
1687
1688 # Apply the scaling relation
1689 def scalingrelations_normal(nu_max, Delta_nu, Teff, P_normal=
1690     P_mass_normal,
1691     nu_max_Sun = ufloat(3090, 30),      # muHz
1692     Delta_nu_Sun = ufloat(135.1, 0.1),  # muHz
1693     Teff_Sun = ufloat(5772, 0.8)):      # K
1694
1695     alpha_normal, beta_normal, gamma_normal = P_normal
1696
1697     # Equation 5
1698     return ((nu_max / nu_max_Sun) ** alpha_normal *
1699             (Delta_nu / Delta_nu_Sun) ** beta_normal *
1700             (Teff / Teff_Sun) ** gamma_normal)
1701
1702 scaling_mass_normal = scalingrelations_normal(
1703     nu_max_star_normal, delta_nu_star_normal, Teff_star_normal,
1704     P_normal=P_mass_normal)
1705 scaling_radius_normal = scalingrelations_normal(
1706     nu_max_star_normal, delta_nu_star_normal, Teff_star_normal,
1707     P_normal=P_radius_normal)
1708
1709 print('Scaling relations using the standard method')

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1704     print('Mass:', scaling_mass_normal, '[solar units]')
     print('Radius:', scaling_radius_normal, '[solar units]')
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/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/Lightcurve_to_powerspectrum/nu_indi/nu_indi.py
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## Subcodes Including Functions To Main Code

```
1000 import numpy as np
1002 #*****
1004 from collections import deque, Counter
from bisect import insort, bisect_left
1006 from itertools import islice
1008 from scipy.interpolate import interp1d
from scipy import arange, array, exp
1010 import scipy
from scipy.signal import medfilt
1012 import bottleneck as bn
from bottleneck import move_median
1014
1016 def RunningMedian(seq, M):
    """
        Purpose: Find the median for the points in a sliding
        window (odd number in size)
            as it is moved from left to right by one point at
        a time.
        Inputs:
            seq -- list containing items for which a running
        median (in a sliding window)
            is to be calculated
            M -- number of items in window (window size) --
        must be an integer > 1
        Outputs:
            medians -- list of medians with size N - M + 1
    Note:
        1. The median of a finite list of numbers is the "
        center" value when this list
            is sorted in ascending order.
        2. If M is an even number the two elements in the
        window that
            are close to the center are averaged to give the
        median (this
            is not by definition)
    """
1024
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1034     seq = iter(seq)
1035     s = []
1036     m = M // 2
1037
1038     # Set up list s (to be sorted) and load deque with first
1039     # window of seq
1040     s = [item for item in islice(seq, M)]
1041     d = deque(s)
1042
1043     # Simple lambda function to handle even/odd window sizes
1044     median = lambda : s[m] if bool(M&1) else (s[m-1]+s[m])*0.5
1045
1046     # Sort it in increasing order and extract the median ("center"
1047     # of the sorted window)
1048     s.sort()
1049     medians = [median()]
1050
1051     # Now slide the window by one point to the right for each
1052     # new position (each pass through
1053     # the loop). Stop when the item in the right end of the
1054     # deque contains the last item in seq
1055     for item in seq:
1056         old = d.popleft()           # pop oldest from left
1057         d.append(item)            # push newest in from right
1058         del s[bisect_left(s, old)] # locate insertion point and
1059         then remove old
1060         insort(s, item)          # insert newest such that
1061         new sort is not required
1062         medians.append(median())
1063
1064     return medians
1065
1066 def binary_search(array, target):
1067     lower = 0 # minimum value
1068     upper = len(array)-1 # maximum value
1069     while lower < upper: # use < instead of <=
1070         x = lower + (upper - lower) // 2
1071         val = array[x]
1072         if target == val:
1073             return x
1074         elif target > val:
1075             if lower == x: # these two are the actual lines
1076                 break          # you're looking for
1077             lower = x
1078         elif target < val:
1079             upper = x
1080
1081 def running_median_filter(x, N):

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1074 """
1075 >>> running_median_filter([0, 3, 9, 18, 24], 5)
1076 array([ 0.,   3.,   9.,  18.,  24.])
1077 """
1078 assert N % 2 == 1
1079 # Code cannot run unless timetarget is an odd number. Time
1080 # target can be even, like 6 days,
1081 #but the number of data points in the data it gives has to
1082 # be odd, for example like 6 days is after 7613 data point
1083 x = np.asarray(x)
1084 extra_count = (N - 1) // 2
1085 left = []
1086 right = []
1087 #This for-loop makes an extrapolation in both ends of the
1088 #median filter dataself.
1089 #This makes sure that the data sets is of equal length
1090 #The way it works is following
1091 #Say you're time target is 11 days then there is 5 days in
1092 # each ends
1093 #Here we take make tiny chunks of the points in the end of
1094 # the data and then take the median of that
1095 # Then we take a tinier chunk and a tinier chunk and moving
1096 # more and more towards the center of the end pieces
1097 for i in range(extra_count):
1098     left.append(np.median(x[:2*i+1]))
1099     right.append(np.median(x[-2*i-1:])))
1100 right.reverse()
1101 y = running_median(x, N)
1102 return np.concatenate([left, y, right])

1103
1104 def running_median(x, N):
1105 """
1106 >>> running_median([0, 1, 2, 3, 4], 3)
1107 array([1, 2, 3])
1108 """
1109 assert N % 2 == 1
1110 # Code cannot run unless timetarget is an odd number. Time
1111 # target can be even, like 6 days,
1112 #but the number of data points in the data it gives has to
1113 # be odd, for example like 6 days is after 7613 data point
1114 x = np.asarray(x)
1115 filt = scipy.signal.medfilt(x, N) # Using the scipy median
1116 filter
1117 margin = (N - 1) // 2
1118 return filt[margin:-margin]

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1112 def find_time(array, array_target):
1113     i=0 #start from zero
1114     sign=-1 #check when sign changes positive to negative
1115     while sign<0 and i< len(array):
1116         sign = array[i] - array[0] - array_target
1117         i= i+1
1118     return i-2
1119
1120 def isOdd(x):
1121     if x % 2 == 0:
1122         return x+1
1123     else:
1124         return x
1125
1126 def autocorr(data, lags=40):
1127     """
1128         Autocorrelation done using Python statistics module. The
1129         function is basically an interface to the existing function
1130         - not a re-implementationself.
1131         Not all of the functionalit of the original function is
1132         used.
1133
1134         Arguments:
1135             - 'data' : the data which to run the
1136             autocorrelation on.
1137                 - 'lags' : Number of lags to return autocorrelation
1138                 for (default is 40 in the original function)
1139
1140         """
1141
1142 #importing the function
1143 from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import acf
1144
1145 #run the autocorrelation
1146 corr = acf(data, nlags=lags)
1147
1148 #return desired values
1149 return corr
1150
1151
1152 def running_mean(x, N):
1153     """
1154         This calculates the running mean using the cumulative sum
1155         in a
1156         specified window.
1157         (see wikipedia -> Moving average -> Cumulative moving
1158         average.)
1159         Arguments:
1160             - 'x': Data series

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1152         - 'N': The size of the window
1153         The output has N-1 fewer entries than x.
1154     >>> running_mean([0, 1, 2, 3, 4], 2)
1155     array([ 0.5,  1.5,  2.5,  3.5])
1156     """
1157
1158     x = np.asarray(x)
1159     cumsum = np.cumsum(np.insert(x, 0, 0))
1160     return (cumsum[N:] - cumsum[:-N]) / N
1161
1162 def running_mean_filter(x, N):
1163     """
1164         This fixes the length of the running mean so it has the
1165         same length
1166         as the inputted data series by repeating the last entry $N
1167         -1$ times.
1168         Arguments:
1169             - 'x': Data series
1170             - 'N': The size of the window, which need to be a
1171               uneven number.
1172     >>> running_mean_filter_2([0, 3, 9, 15, 18], 5)
1173     array([ 0.,  4.,  9.,  14.,  18.])
1174     """
1175
1176     assert N % 2 == 1
1177
1178     x = np.asarray(x)
1179     extra_count = (N - 1) // 2
1180     left = []
1181     right = []
1182     for i in range(extra_count):
1183         left.append(np.mean(x[:2*i+1]))
1184         right.append(np.mean(x[-2*i-1:]))
1185     right.reverse()
1186     y = running_mean(x, N)
1187     return np.concatenate([left, y, right])

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1000 """
1001 This file defines a function to calculate the power spectrum of
1002 a star
1003 """
1004
1005 # Import modules
1006 import numpy as np
1007 from time import time as now
1008 import os
1009 import scipy.signal
1010 # from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
1011 import matplotlib

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1010 from matplotlib import cm
1011 import itertools
1012 from math import e
1013 from uncertainties import ufloat
1014 import scipy.stats
1015 from scipy.ndimage import gaussian_filter
1016
1017 # Make nice plots
1018 def matplotlib_setup():
1019     """ The setup, which makes nice plots for the report"""
1020     fig_width_pt = 328
1021     inches_per_pt = 1.0 / 72.27
1022     golden_mean = (np.sqrt(5) - 1.0) / 2.0
1023     fig_width = fig_width_pt * inches_per_pt
1024     fig_height = fig_width * golden_mean
1025     fig_size = [fig_width, fig_height]
1026     matplotlib.rc('text', usetex=True)
1027     matplotlib.rc('figure', figsize=fig_size)
1028     matplotlib.rc('font', size=8, family='serif')
1029     matplotlib.rc('axes', labelsize=8)
1030     matplotlib.rc('legend', fontsize=8)
1031     matplotlib.rc('xtick', labelsize=8)
1032     matplotlib.rc('ytick', labelsize=8)
1033     matplotlib.rc('text.latex', preamble=
1034                     r'\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}\usepackage{lmodern
1035 }')
1036
1037 #matplotlib_setup()
1038 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
1039 import seaborn as sns
1040
1041 # Activate Seaborn color aliases
1042 sns.set_palette('colorblind')
1043 sns.set_color_codes(palette='colorblind')
1044 #plt.style.use('ggplot')
1045 #sns.set_context('poster')
1046 sns.set_style("ticks")
1047
1048 def power_spectrum(time, amplitude, weight=None, minfreq=None,
1049                     maxfreq=None,
1050                     oversample=None, memory_use=None, freq=None):
1051     """
1052         This function returns the power spectrum of the desired
1053         star.
1054         Arguments:

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    - 'time': Time in megaseconds from the timeserie
analysis.
1054     - 'amplitude': Photometry data from the timeserie
analysis.
1055         - 'weight': Weights for each point in the time series.
1056         - 'minfreq': The lower bound for the frequency interval
1057         - 'maxfreq': The upper bound for the frequency interval
1058         - 'oversample': The resolution of the power spectrum.
1059         - 'memory_use': The amount of memory used for this
calculation.
1060     - 'freq': Override minfreq, maxfreq, ... and use these
frequencies instead.
1061 """
1062 # The default longest wavelength is the length of the time
series.
1063 if minfreq is None:
1064     #minfreq = 1 / (time[-1] - time[0]) #takes the
difference between the last data point and the first data
point
1065     #minfreq = 1 / (time[-1] - time[0]) #takes the
difference between the last data point and the first data
point
1066     #minfreq = 775 # this is in microhertz
1067     minfreq = 0.1 # this is in microhertz
1068
1069
1070 # The default greatest frequency is the Nyquist frequency.
1071 if maxfreq is None:
1072     #maxfreq = 1 /(2 * np.median(np.diff(time))) #This the
expression for the Nyquist frequency
1073     #maxfreq = 1 /(2 * np.median(np.diff(time*86400)))
1074     *10**6 #This the expression for the Nyquist frequency
1075     #maxfreq= 4200 # is in microhertz
1076     maxfreq = 8400 # is in microhertz
1077 # By default oversample 4 times
1078 if oversample is None:
1079     oversample = 4 # This is used when we make our timestep
interval
1080     #oversample=100
1081 # By default use 500000 memory cells (8 bytes each).
1082 if memory_use is None:
1083     memory_use = 500000
1084 if weight is None:
1085     weight = np.ones(amplitude.shape)
1086 else:
1087     weight = np.asarray(weight)
1088     assert weight.shape == amplitude.shape

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1088     if freq is None:
1090         # Generate cyclic frequencies
1091         #step = 1 / (oversample*(time[-1] - time[0])) #Here we
1092         #can see how the oversample from before is used to determine
1093         #the time step interval
1094         #step = 1 / (oversample *((time[-1] - time[0])*86400))
1095         *10**6 #Here we can see how the oversample from before is
1096         #used to determine the time step interval
1097         step = 0.1
1098         freq = np.arange(minfreq, maxfreq, step)
1099         print("Computing power spectrum for frequencies " +
1100             "[%g, %g] with step %g" %
1101             (freq.min(), freq.max(), np.median(np.diff(freq))))
1102
1103     # Generate list to store the calculated power
1104     alpha = np.zeros((len(freq),))
1105     beta = np.zeros((len(freq),))
1106
1107     # Convert frequencies to angular frequencies
1108     nu = 2 * np.pi * freq
1109     #nu=freq
1110
1111     # Iterate over the frequencies
1112     timerStart = now()
1113
1114     # After this many frequencies, print progress info
1115     print_every = 75e6 // len(time)
1116
1117     # Define a chunk for the calculation in order to save time
1118     chunksize = memory_use // len(time)
1119     chunksize = max(chunksize, 1)
1120
1121     # Ensure chunksize divides print_every
1122     print_every = (print_every // chunksize) * chunksize
1123
1124     for i in range(0, len(nu), chunksize):
1125         # Define chunk
1126         j = min(i + chunksize, len(nu))
1127         rows = j - i
1128
1129         # Info-print
1130         if i % print_every == 0:
1131             elapsedTime = now() - timerStart
1132             if i == 0:
1133                 totalTime = 0.004 * len(nu)
1134             else:
1135                 totalTime = (elapsedTime / i) * len(nu)

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1132     print("Progress: %.2f%% (%d of %d)   "
1133           "Elapsed: %.2f s   Total: %.2f s"
1134           % (np.divide(100.0*i, len(nu)), i, len(nu),
1135             elapsedTime, totalTime))
1136
1137 """
1138     The outer product is calculated. This way, the product
1139     between
1140         time and ang. freq. will be calculated elementwise; one
1141         column
1142         per frequency. This is done in order to save computing
1143         time.
1144 """
1145     nutime = np.outer(time*86400/10**6, nu[i:j]) #the time
1146     is in megaseconds and frequency is in microhertz and
1147     converted from cycles pr day
1148
1149 """
1150     An array with the measured amplitude is made so it has
1151     the same size
1152     as "nutime", since we want to multiply the two.
1153 """
1154     amplituderep = amplitude.reshape(-1, 1)
1155     weightrep = weight.reshape(-1, 1)
1156
1157     # The Fourier subroutine
1158     sin_nutime = np.sin(nutime)
1159     cos_nutime = np.cos(nutime)
1160
1161     # Making the Fourier Transformation
1162     s = np.sum(weightrep * sin_nutime * amplituderep, axis
1163 =0)
1164     c = np.sum(weightrep * cos_nutime * amplituderep, axis
1165 =0)
1166     ss = np.sum(weightrep * sin_nutime ** 2, axis=0)
1167     cc = np.sum(weightrep * cos_nutime ** 2, axis=0)
1168     sc = np.sum(weightrep * sin_nutime * cos_nutime, axis
1169 =0)
1170
1171     alpha[i:j] = ((s * cc) - (c * sc)) / ((ss * cc) - (sc
1172     ** 2)) # calculates the alpha values
1173     beta[i:j] = ((c * ss) - (s * sc)) / ((ss * cc) - (sc *
1174     2)) # calculates the beta values
1175
1176     alpha = alpha.reshape(-1, 1)
1177     beta = beta.reshape(-1, 1)

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1168     freq = freq.reshape(-1, 1) #*86400*10**6
1169     power = alpha ** 2 + beta ** 2 # calculates the Power
1170     elapsedTime = now() - timerStart
1171     print('Computed power spectrum in %.2f s' % (elapsedTime))
1172     return (freq, power, alpha, beta)
1173
1174
1175 def calculate_v_nl_modes(delta_nu, epsilon, dnu, nmin, nmax):
1176     """
1177         Solves the asymptotic relation
1178         Depening on which small seperation you look for dnu should
1179         be divided with something else. For dnu_02 it is 6
1180     """
1181     v_nl = [delta_nu*(n+1/2+epsilon)-(dnu/6)*(1*(1+1)) for n, l in
1182             itertools.product(range(nmin, nmax), (0,1,2,3))]
1183     return v_nl
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1192             itertools.product(range(nmin, nmax), (0,2))]
1193     return v_nl
1194
1195 def calculate_MF(included_peak, v_nl, resnu):
1196     """
1197         Calculates the best matching values for given peaks and
1198         v_nl
1199         MF = 0
1200         for nui in included_peak:
1201             for nuni in v_nl:
1202                 MF += np.exp(-((nui-nuni)/(2*resnu))**2)
1203     return MF
1204
1205
1206 def matched_filter(epsilon, dnu02, included_peak, d_nu):
1207     delta_nu = d_nu          # insert your large frequency
1208     splitting here.
1209     nmin = 0                  # degree of note that it run over.
1210     These may be modifies since
1211                     # 0 and 45 is quit extreme but serves
1212     as a prove of concept.
1213     nmax = 45
1214     resnu = 0.5               # resolution of the peak. Depending of

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    how good your dataset is
1206                                # you might be able to make this more
narrow (i.e 0.5) or enlargen
                                # if you can't fint something good
1208
v_nls = calculate_v_nl(delta_nu, epsilon, dnu02, nmin, nmax)
1210 return calculate_MF(included_peak, v_nls, resnu)

1212

1214 # In order to perform the fit, we choose to weight the data by
fitting the model to logarithmic bins.
1216 def running_median(freq, powerden, weights=None, bin_size=None,
bins=None):
    if bin_size is not None and bins is not None:
        raise TypeError('cannot specify both bin_size and bins')
    freq = np.squeeze(freq)
1220 powerden = np.squeeze(powerden)
n, = freq.shape
1222 n_, = powerden.shape
assert n == n_
1224
    if weights is None:
1226     weights = np.ones(n, dtype=np.float32)

1228 # Sort data by frequency
sort_ind = np.argsort(freq)
1230 freq = freq[sort_ind]
powerden = powerden[sort_ind]
1232 weights = weights[sort_ind]

1234 # Compute log of frequencies
log_freq = np.log10(freq)
1236 # Compute bin_size
    if bin_size is None:
1238        if bins is None:
            bins = 10000
1240        df = np.diff(log_freq)
d = np.median(df)
1242        close = df < 100*d
span = np.sum(df[close])
1244        bin_size = span / bins
bin_index = np.floor((log_freq - log_freq[0]) / bin_size)
internal_boundary = 1 + (bin_index[1:] != bin_index[:-1]).
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1248 nonzero() [0]
1249     boundary = [0] + internal_boundary . tolist () + [n]
1250
1251     bin_freq = []
1252     bin_pden = []
1253     bin_weight = []
1254     for i , j in zip (boundary [: - 1] , boundary [1 : ]):
1255         bin_freq.append(np.mean(freq[i:j]))
1256         bin_pden.append(np.median(powerden[i:j]))
1257         bin_weight.append(np.sum(weights[i:j]))
1258     return np.array(bin_freq) , np.array(bin_pden) , np.array(
1259         bin_weight)

1260 # Eq. 1 in mentioned paper
1261 def background_fit_2(nu, sigma, tau):
1262     k1 = ((4 * sigma ** 2 * tau) / (1 + (2 * np.pi * nu * tau)
1263     ** 2 +(2 * np.pi * nu * tau) ** 4))
1264     return k1
1265
1266 def background_fit(nu, sigma_0, tau_0, sigma_1, tau_1, P_n):
1267     k1 = background_fit_2(nu=nu, sigma=sigma_0, tau=tau_0)
1268     k2 = background_fit_2(nu=nu, sigma=sigma_1, tau=tau_1)
1269     return P_n + k1 + k2
1270
1271 def logbackground_fit(nu, sigma_0, tau_0, sigma_1, tau_1, P_n):
1272     assert nu.all () > 0
1273     assert np.all(np.isfinite(nu)) == True
1274
1275     xs = background_fit(nu, sigma_0, tau_0, sigma_1, tau_1,
1276     P_n)
1277     invalid = xs <= 0
1278     xs[invalid] = 1
1279     log_xs = np.log10(xs)
1280     log_xs[invalid] = -10000 # return a very low number
1281     for log of something negative
1282         return log_xs
1283
1284 def gridsearch(f, xs, ys, params):
1285     # Save l2-norm in a dictionary for the tuple of chosen
1286     parameters
1287     score = {}
1288     dxs = np.diff(np.log10(xs))
1289     dxs = np.concatenate([dxs, [dxs[-1]]])
1290     for p in itertools.product(*params):
1291         print ('\rNow %f %f %f %f %f , Done %f' %
1292               (*p, len(score)/np.product([len(x) for x in
1293               params])) ,

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1288         end='')
1289         zs = f(xs, *p)
1290         score[p] = np.sum((ys- zs) ** 2)
1291         print(' ')
1292         return min(score.keys(), key=lambda p: score[p])
1293
1294     def fit_large_freq_separation(data, a0, a1, a2, a3, a4, a5, a6,
1295                                    delta_nu, k, c):
1296         return (a0*np.exp(-(data-0.5*delta_nu)**2/c**2) + a1*np.exp
1297                (-(data-delta_nu)**2/c**2)+
1298                a2*np.exp(-(data-1.5*delta_nu)**2/c**2) + a3*np.exp
1299                (-(data-2*delta_nu)**2/c**2)+
1300                a4*np.exp(-(data-2.5*delta_nu)**2/c**2) + a5*np.exp
1301                (-(data-3*delta_nu)**2/c**2)+
1302                a6*np.exp(-(data-3.5*delta_nu)**2/c**2) + k)
1303
1304
1305     def linear_regression(x, y, prob):
1306         """
1307             Return the linear regression parameters and their <prob>
1308             confidence intervals.
1309             ex:
1310             >>> linear_regression([.1,.2,.3],[10,11,11.5],0.95)
1311             """
1312
1313     x = np.array(x)
1314     y = np.array(y)
1315     n = len(x)
1316     xy = x * y
1317     xx = x * x
1318
1319     # estimates
1320
1321     b1 = (xy.mean() - x.mean() * y.mean()) / (xx.mean() - x.
1322     mean()**2)
1323     b0 = y.mean() - b1 * x.mean()
1324     s2 = 1./n * sum([(y[i] - b0 - b1 * x[i])**2 for i in range(
1325         n)])
1326     print('b0 = ', b0)
1327     print('b1 = ', b1)
1328     print('s2 = ', s2)
1329
1330     #confidence intervals
1331
1332     alpha = 1 - prob
1333     c1 = scipy.stats.chi2.ppf(alpha/2.,n-2)
1334     c2 = scipy.stats.chi2.ppf(1-alpha/2.,n-2)
1335     print('the confidence interval of s2 is: ', [n*s2/c2,n*s2/c1]

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        ])

1328    c = -1 * scipy.stats.t.ppf(alpha/2.,n-2)
1329    bb1 = c * (s2 / ((n-2) * (xx.mean() - (x.mean())**2)))**.5
1330    print('the confidence interval of b1 is: ',[b1-bb1,b1+bb1])
1331    Delta_nu_lower = b1-bb1
1332    Delta_nu_upper = b1+bb1

1334    bb0 = c * ((s2 / (n-2)) * (1 + (x.mean())**2 / (xx.mean() -
1335        (x.mean())**2)))**.5
1336    print('the confidence interval of b0 is: ',[b0-bb0,b0+bb0])
1337    return Delta_nu_lower, Delta_nu_upper

1338 def echelle(freq, power, delta_nu, save=None):

1340     fres = (freq[-1] - freq[0]) / (len(freq)-1)
1341     numax = (delta_nu / 0.263) ** (1 / 0.772)
1342     nmax = int(np.round(((numax - freq[0]) / delta_nu) - 1))
1343     nx = int(np.round(delta_nu / fres))
1344     print(nx)
1345     assert nx % 2 == 0 # we shift by nx/2 pixels below
1346     dnu = nx * fres
1347     print(dnu)
1348     ny = int(np.floor(len(power) / nx))

1350     startorder = nmax - 7
1351     print(startorder)
1352     endorder = nmax + 3
1353     # print("%s pixel rows of %s pixels" % (endorder-startorder,
1354     , nx))

1355     start = int(startorder * nx)
1356     endo = int(endorder * nx)
1357     #start = 0
1358     #endo = len(freq)
1359     print(start)
1360     print(endo)
1361     apower = power[start:endo]
1362     pixeldata = np.reshape(apower, (-1, nx))

1363     def plot_position(freqs):
1364         o = freqs - freq[start]
1365         x = o % dnu
1366         y = start * fres + dnu * np.floor(o / dnu)
1367         return x, y

1368     h = plt.figure()

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1372     plt.xlabel(r'Frequency mod $\Delta\nu$ [${\mu\text{Hz}}]$' % dnu)
1373     plt.ylabel(r'Frequency [${\mu\text{Hz}}$]')
1374     # Subtract half a pixel in order for data points to show up
1375     # in the middle of the pixel instead of in the lower left
1376     # corner.
1377     plt.xlim([-fres/2, dnu-fres/2])
1378     plt.ylim([start * fres, endo * fres])
1379     for row in range(pixeldata.shape[0]):
1380         bottom = (start + (nx * row)) * fres
1381         top = (start + (nx * (row + 1))) * fres
1382         blur_data = gaussian_filter(pixeldata[row:row+1], 75)
1383         plt.imshow(blur_data, aspect='auto', cmap='Blues',
1384                    interpolation='gaussian', origin='lower',
1385                    extent=(-fres/2, dnu-fres/2, bottom, top))
1386     if save is None:
1387         plt.savefig('/home/simonbanerjee/Dropbox/Speciale/
1388                     Master_Thesis/%s_echelle_%0.2f.eps' % ('16_Cyg_a', delta_nu),
1389                     bbox_inches='tight')
1390     return h, plot_position

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