# **Stellar evolution**





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## Mixed modes – subgiant



Mixed modes probe the inner radiative region → Direct view into the stellar core

Identification of the mixedmode pattern  $\rightarrow$  Measurement of  $\Delta \Pi_1$ 

> Mosser et al. 2012 A&A 540, A143 A&A 548, A10

Benomar et al. 2012 ApJ 743, L143 A&A 548, A10

# Data (Kepler) & method (CoRoT)

Aim = constructing the  $\Delta \Pi_1 - \Delta v$  diagram ( $\approx$  Bedding et al. 2011)

- $\Delta v$  properties of the envelope
- $\Delta \Pi_1$  properties of the core

Kepler public data;13 000 red giants showing solar-like oscillations (Stello et al. 2013)

| Operations                       | Methods                                  | Observables      | References                                   |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| Radial<br>oscillation<br>pattern | Second-order asymptotic expansion;       | Δν               | Mosser et al. (2011)<br>Mosser et al. (2013) |
|                                  | glitch-free<br>measurement               |                  | Vrard et al. (2014) + poster                 |
| Mixed mode<br>pattern            | Asymptotic mixed mode expansion          | $\Delta \Pi_1$   | Unno et al. (1989)<br>Mosser et al. (2012)   |
| Rotational splitting             | Averaged kernels                         | $\delta v_{rot}$ | Mosser et al. (2012)<br>Goupil et al. (2013) |
| Stellar<br>masses, radii         | Scaling relations calibrated on 80 stars | M, R             | Mosser et al. (2013)                         |



# $\Delta \Pi_1 - \Delta \nu$ diagram



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# $\Delta \Pi_1 - \Delta v$ diagram



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#### Seismic markers of stellar evolution



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## Helium flash







#### **Observations / modelling**



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#### From the classical HR diagram...



#### ... to the seismic enriched HR diagram



#### Using clump stars as stellar candles



## Conclusions

- Mixed modes probe the core region
  - $\rightarrow \Delta \Pi_1 \Delta \nu$  diagram
  - → Seismically enriched Hertzsprung-Russel diagram
- Precise markers of stellar evolution
  - $\rightarrow$  End of the subgiant stage
  - $\rightarrow$  Identification of stars undergoing the helium flash
  - → Precise timing of evolution in helium burning phase
  - $\rightarrow$  End of the helium-core burning stage
- Next steps
  - → Precise "observed" stellar ages
  - $\rightarrow$  More accurate use of red-clump stars as distance indicators.

#### **Observed evolutionary tracks**

