

Convective overshoot below red giant envelopes changes the mixed mode asteroseismology of stellar models as they evolve through the luminosity bump.

Mixed Mode Asteroseismology of Red Giants Through the Luminosity Bump

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INTRODUCTION

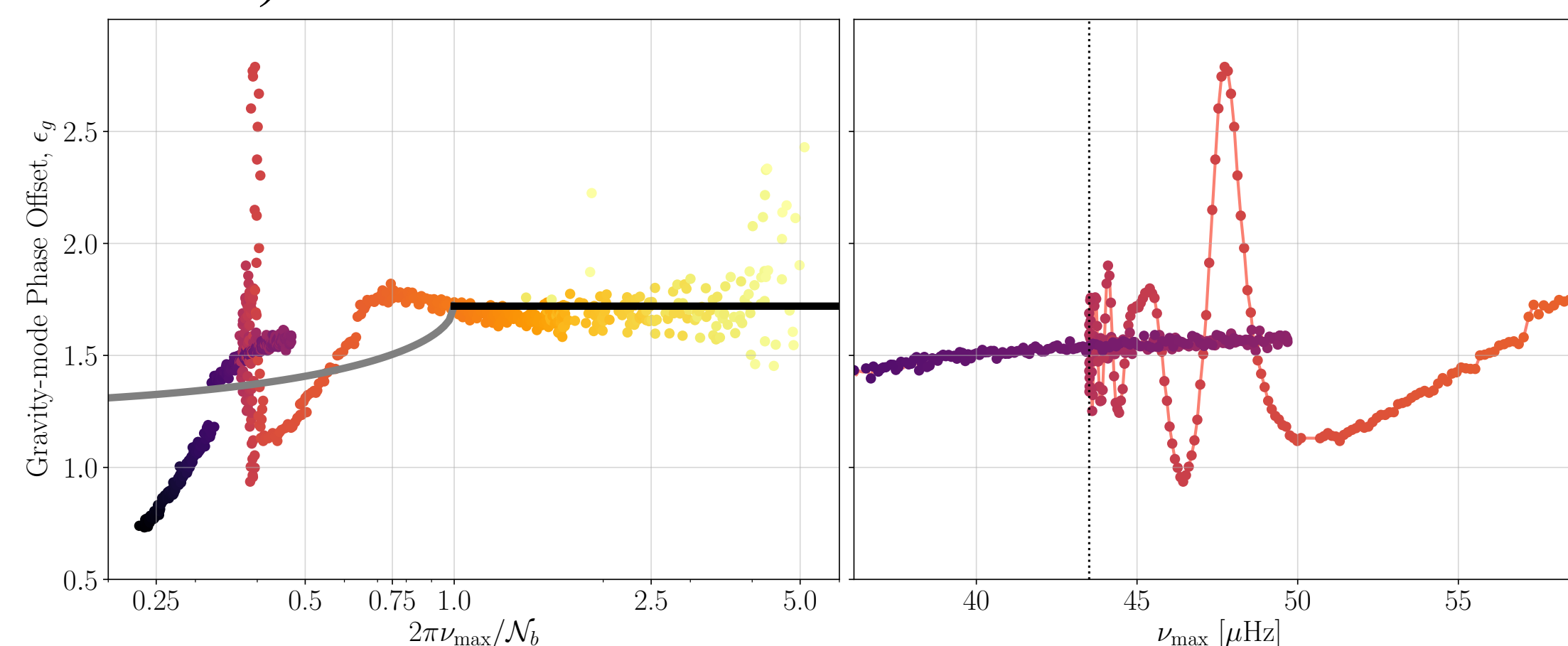
- Most models of **low mass red giants do not reproduce** the observed position of the red giant branch **luminosity bump**.
- **Convective overshoot** below the red giant convective envelope brings the modeled position of the luminosity bump to be **more in line with observations**.
- Red giant **mixed mode oscillations are dependent on the stellar structure** near the convective boundary.
- We performed a **modeling study** to investigate how **convective overshoot** changes the **asteroseismic** properties of red giants as they evolve up the red giant branch.

METHODS

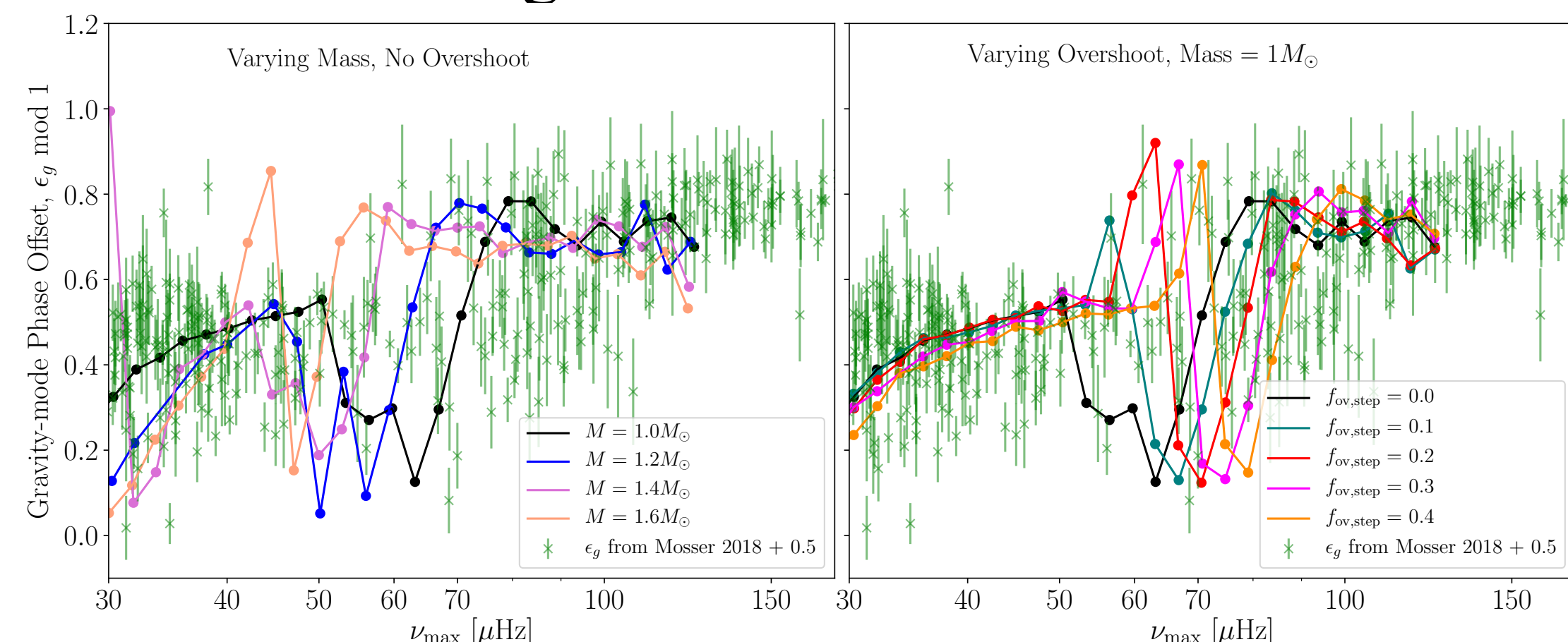
1. We produced a grid of red giant stellar models with **varying mass, metallicity, overshoot amplitude, overshoot profile shape**, and overshoot region **temperature gradient** using MESA. Varying the overshoot parameters **alters the structure** of the red giant just under the convective boundary.
2. Using GYRE, we calculated the **dipolar mixed mode oscillation frequencies** for each red giant model and compared the pairwise period spacings, period echelle diagrams, and gravity mode phase offset evolutions between tracks with **different overshoot prescriptions**.

RESULTS and DISCUSSION

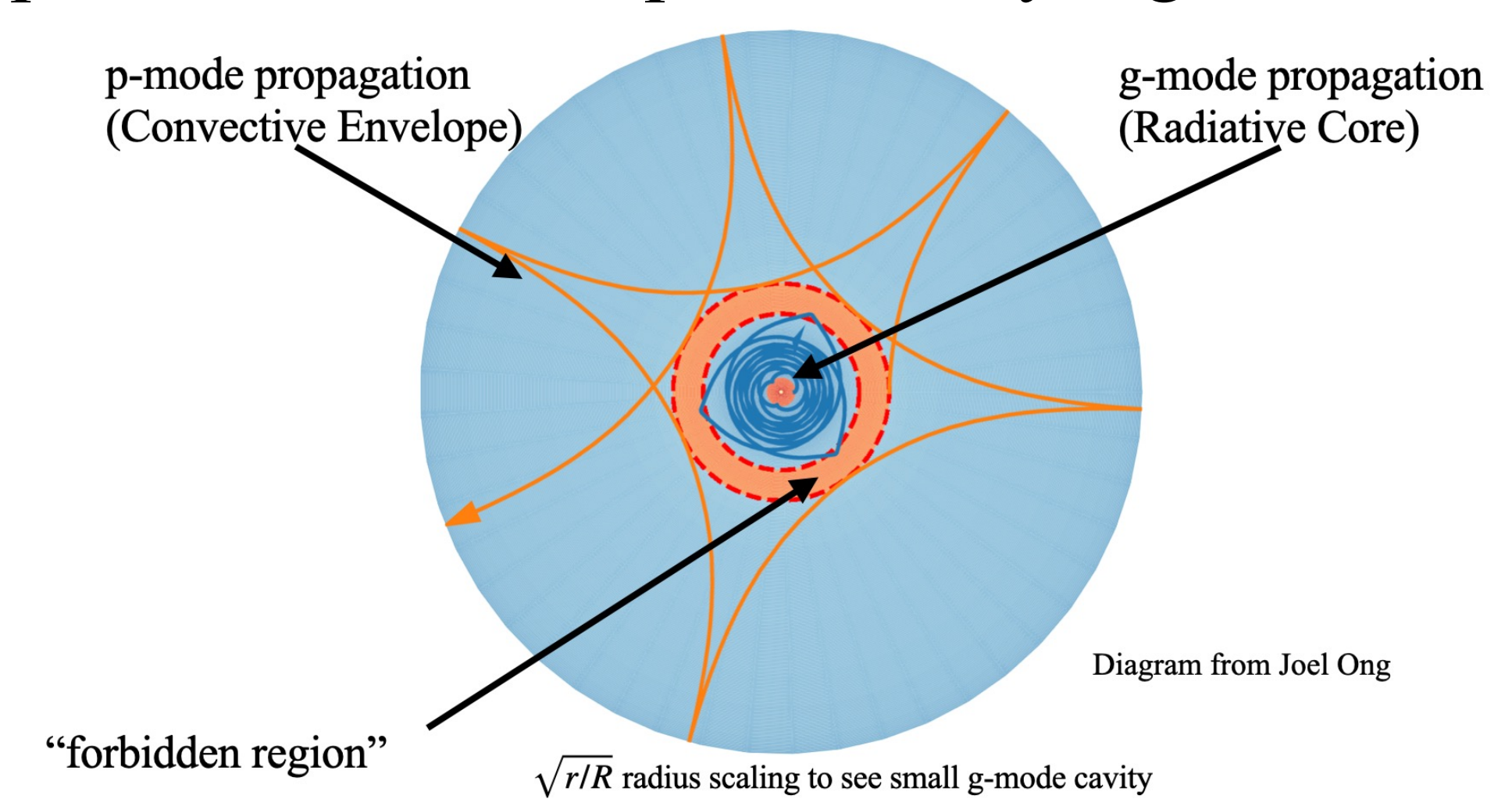
- The pattern of **period spacings** between adjacent mixed modes for red giant models at a given value of surface gravity is overshoot dependent.
- The **period échelle** diagrams showing mode frequency versus mode period modulo the calibrated period spacing evolves as the red giant model evolves but also depends on overshooting.
- Fitting the mode periods with; $\Pi(n_g, \ell) = \langle \Delta P \rangle (n_g + \epsilon_g)$ allows us to solve for the average **gravity mode phase offset term, ϵ_g** . The evolution of ϵ_g is complex though the red giant branch bump (see below).



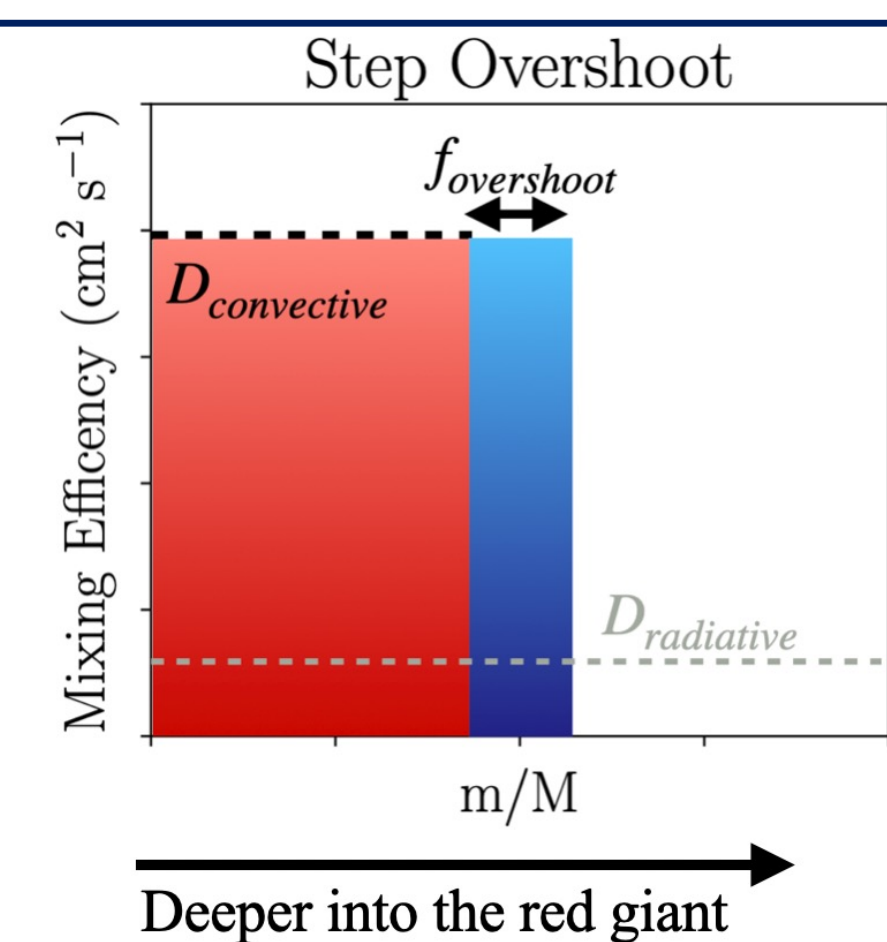
- The evolution of ϵ_g is also dependent on the **amount of convective overshoot** and, in conjunction with ϵ_g measurements from *Kepler* or *TESS* red giants, ϵ_g could be used to determine the **amount of envelope overshoot** which should be used in red giant models.



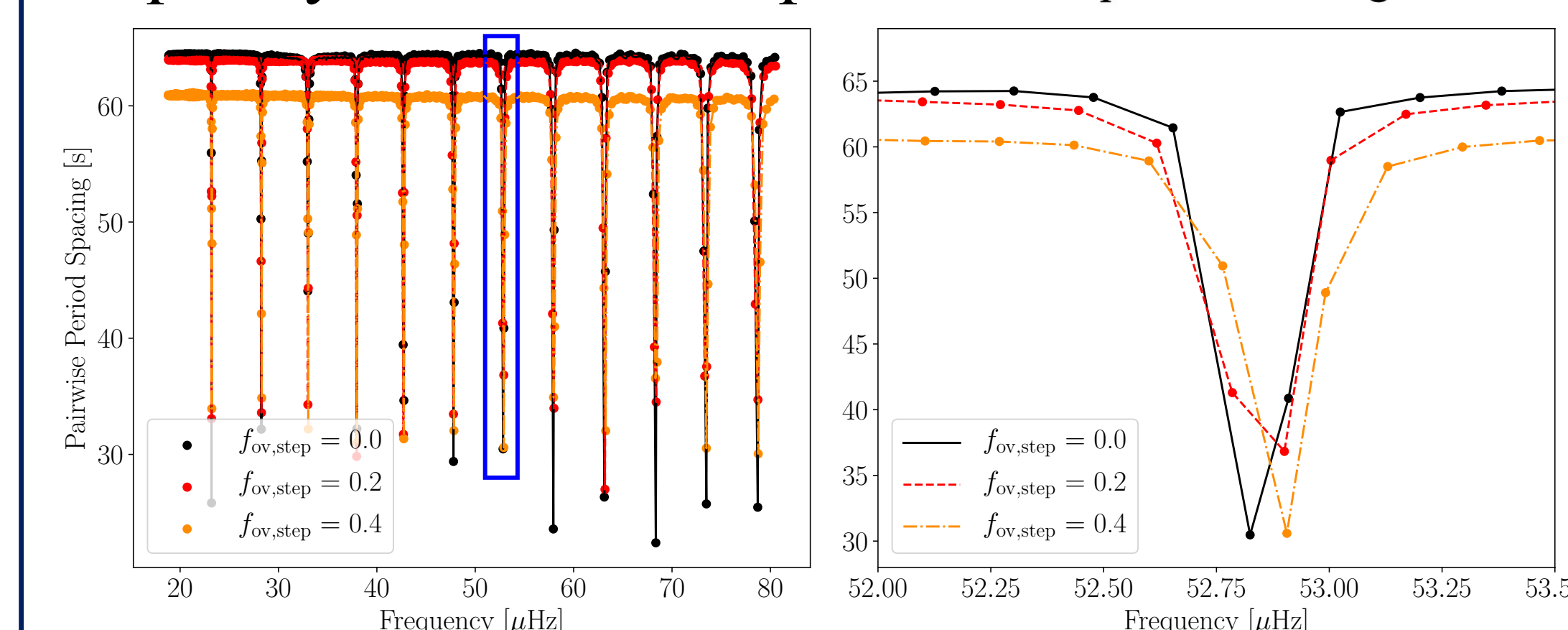
Red Giant Propagation Regions: Mixed modes sample the core/envelope boundary region.



Right: Schematic showing step overshoot extending the well-mixed convective envelope.



Below: Pairwise period spacing versus mode frequency with zoom-in plot.



Period échelle diagrams at different evolutionary states

