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Writing and formatting guide for your thesis

Dear colleague,

Scientific writing is the number one skill of a successful scientist. Mastering this proficiency requires extensive practice, iteration, and feedback. To support you in the first steps to master this essential skill, we provide you with a summary of the essential style rule and some writing style guidelines. We are happy that you are taking those first steps on this demanding but exciting journey with us.

Success in writing your thesis,
Your thesis advisers at the Institute of Physics

The following notes were written by Paul Beck, PhD in Astrophysics, with addenda by the teachers and advisers at the Institute of Physics (Version: April 2021). These notes should be a rough guideline. We advice to consult with your supervisor to get feedback for your writing style and how to correctly put references, since these might differ between different scientific communities (Experimental Physics, Theoretical Physics, Geophysics, Astrophysics).

Writing

The language has to be clear and objective. Science requires quantifying things and putting results into context. The following items will give you a first impression of where to be on your toes.

- Avoid qualitative adjectives (e.g., very, a lot, little, many) and refrain from expressing personal beliefs or using sarcasm. Following the maxim of '*show, don't tell*' a sentence like '*Sample A is much better than sample B*' should be rewritten into something like '*The statistical uncertainty of the measurements of parameter X in sample A is three times smaller than in sample B.*'
- Consider your '*Why?*'. A sentence like '*Studying stars is important*', is a general statement which says everything and nothing at once. Following the principle,

Show, don't tell you can implicitly show *why* something has significance, rather than saying so, *'Stars are the building blocks of the galaxy. Studying these objects allows for a better understanding of how our milky way evolved'*.

- Avoid wordy sentences. A typical sentence should be less than two full lines. A good trick is to mark each sentence longer than that with a text marker on a printout. Then split such sentences into two or three shorter sentences.
- Write in an active form. For example, write *'Galileo has found 4 Jovian satellites'* instead of *'The four Jovian satellites have been found by Galileo'*. The active form will help you write more precise and shorter sentences. Remember that your text may need to be read and understood by people with lower language skills than yours. Make the reader's life easier.
- Use abbreviations sparsely and only for your most important phrases or key terms. At first use in the text body, they need to be defined. The use of abbreviations or acronyms is highly de-appreciated by editors in a paper's title and abstract. Consequently, colloquially used acronyms, such as HRD, RV, ZAMS, or TAMS, need to be spelled out in the title and abstract.
- Similar applies for each mathematical symbol used in the text and equation must be defined at first use – an occasional reminder of the meaning throughout the paper doesn't hurt.
- Only use footnotes to indicate webpage links, e.g., for MESA, PHOEBE, AstroPy, data catalogs portals, or as demonstrated above for a specific document of high relevance to your work.
- References to papers are fundamental for your work's scientific integrity and placing your work into the broader context of timely and relevant research. The examples below and in the next section and Chapter 1 demonstrate the use of the implemented BibTex-package.
- Short notes on grammar. Always put a “,” before the word “which”, but never before “that”. Remember the “s” at the end of the verbs in the third singular person. If possible, try to keep the tenses of the verbs always the same throughout the text. Write all numbers between zero and ten as a word while keeping the others in number.
- Plagiarism and doctoring the data are the cardinal sins of a scientist. Such behavior is not tolerated. Be aware of the automated plagiarism check during

the submission process. If detected, we would consider this a major abuse of our trust in you and reserve the right to take academic action.

Additional self-study resources on scientific writing

- The best way to improve your writing is to read much scientific literature. Different authors write differently, though, so you have to find your own style. You can do this by exercising your writing and reading and identifying authors who write in a way you like. Keep notes on the content of the papers you read. We also recommend reading the article on reading papers by Cooke et al. (2020).
- Concise collections of lecture notes on the topic are available in the books by Prof. Arnold Hanslmeier¹ and Mack (2018)².
- You may use modern software, such as [Grammarly.com](https://www.grammarly.com), to check your thesis's grammar and spelling. Doing so allows us to focus on discussing science and content and streamline the iteration process.
- Play around with $\text{\LaTeX}$. Writing in this scripting language will become second nature to you. You are encouraged to search $\text{\LaTeX}$ -documentation and advance your thesis beyond this template, e.g., defining your own frequently used symbol-groups. A good source of documentation about working with $\text{\LaTeX}$ is provided by Overleaf: <https://www.overleaf.com/learn>.

Commented text, using '%' allows you to keep hidden notes. This is particular helpful to keep notes or an earlier version of a sentences or paragraph, you wanted to reword. Use colors to mark action items or text during the iteration phase. Some examples are shown at the end of this chapter.

A very common mistake beginners make is to write meaningless sentences. This happens because you know well what you want to say, write it down in a sentence in a meaningless way due to lack of practice. Yet, because you know what you want to say, the sentence you have just written looks useful to you. There is a straightforward strategy that you should apply to avoid this. Write a piece of text, then read it aloud or (even better) record it, and finally listen to it, trying to understand what you want to say from listening to what you read. If you cannot understand the meaning of what you said, then there is something wrong with that text.

¹ The PDF of the book (in German) is available at <https://bookboon.com/de/wissenschaftliches-arbeiten-ebook>

² The PDF of the book (in English) is available at <https://spie.org/samples/9781510619142.pdf>

A final piece of advice. Write something, then leave it aside without reading it for a few days and then returning to it. The more times you do this process, the better the text will become.

Elements of a scientific work

In general, the style in this thesis template follows the formatting guidelines³ of *Astronomy & Astrophysics (A&A)*, the European workhorse journal for astrophysics. The only divergence from these guidelines is the more extensive bibliographic information of cited papers and how you can present your programming code in the appendix.

Below, we summarize the essential guidelines to follow in your writing. Examples for typical elements, such as including citations, cross references, and the inclusion of figures and tables are shown in Chapter 1 and Chapter 3. Each content element (e.g. abstract, table of contents, chapter, bibliography) starts on the right page (recto). This means that in some cases the left side (verso) will be left blank. $\LaTeX$ will take care of this.

Structure of your thesis

- **Abstract:** It follows the structured abstract of A&A. Write a few sentences for each of the indicated blocks. The length of the abstract should be about half a page. Do not use abbreviations, acronyms, or formulae in this block. Typically this section is written as last.
- **Acknowledgements:** This section allows you to give explicit credit to people, institutions, programs, or projects. This template shows typical examples. Many telescopes, space missions or software projects provide predefined sentences for the acknowledgements which you simply should copy. Make sure that you cite the requested instrumental-reference papers in the text body.
- **Text body:** consists of the main content of the paper. It starts with the first chapter, the *Introduction*, where you explain, how your research question connects to the bigger picture of the field. Do not write a review on the whole field. Rather follow the recipe depicted in Fig. 1. Ideally, you pick up the argumentative thread again in the the final section on *Discussions & Conclusions* and demonstrate how your work has advanced on the addressed topics.

³ The PDF version of the editorial guidelines: https://www.aanda.org/doc_journal/instruction-s/aadoc.pdf

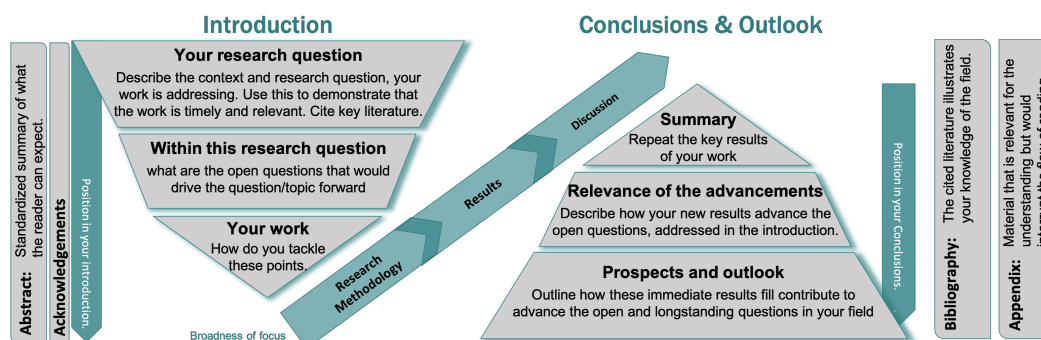


Fig. 1.: Schematic structure of the elements of a thesis or research paper. The cones depict the ideal logical flow of the chapters of the *Introduction* and *Conclusions & Outlook*.

- Name and content of the following chapters are not defined. However, it should loosely follow the logic: *Methodology*, *Observing techniques* (or simply) *Data – Analysis – Results – Discussions & Conclusions*. Optimally, you have a $\text{\LaTeX}$ file per chapter, as demonstrated in this template.
- Sections or subsections will follow the logic of your work. Use lower case for all words in chapter and section title headings, except for the first character. Do not introduce subsubsections.
- **Bibliography:** This section provides all information to find and retrieve your cited literature unambiguously. If you are using the recommended BibTex package to manage your references, this part will be taken care of for you by $\text{\LaTeX}$. How to work with BibTex is demonstrated below.
- **Appendix** is used to place extensive content, which would otherwise interrupt the reader. It can have several sections, labeled with capital letters. You typically would place code, additional figures, or large tables. Content in the appendix, such as figures, tables, or supplementary method descriptions in sections, needs to be referenced at least once in the main text body.
- For a master or PhD thesis, include the **Curriculum Vitae**. Complete the predefined sections. List what is relevant to your studies and research activity.
- List your scientific publications in the **List of publications**.

As the first step in your writing process, we recommend that you lay out the anticipated structure and approximate content by crafting chapter and perhaps the main section titles. This first structure can already be implemented in the template

and be discussed with your adviser early on. Doing this will allow you to have a more straightforward path to assess the thesis's content and expected workload.

Literature references & managing your bibliography

- A citation is needed whenever a bibliographic reference to published content is required. The leading astronomical journals use the style of inter-textual citations. In this format, you see the first author's name in the text, most likely to be followed by *et al.* to indicate that more than two authors have signed the paper and the publication year of the paper. The *Bibliography* section in the rear provides all the information on how to retrieve the cited article. Each item listed in the bibliography needs to be referenced at least once in the paper.
- BibTeX is a powerful software package that will help you to easily manage your bibliographic references and the respective bibliography. By using the citation commands `\cite{}`, `\citep{}`, `\citep[]{}{}`, and `\citep[][]{}{}` you create inter-textual references. The following examples show how the above mentioned macros can be used in the syntax of a sentence:
 - *It was shown by Beck et al. (2015) that the long-periodic variations of the radial-velocity signal of θ^1 Tau originates from stellar activity.*
 - *Combining remote-sensing image data with in-situ measurements have lead to an improved flare-CME characterization (Temmer et al., 2017).*
 - *The extreme-ultraviolet Radiation from A-stars has significant implications for the formation of (Fossati et al., 2018, and references therein).*
 - *This topic has been discussed in the recent literature (e.g. see Hanslmeier, 2018; Veronig, 2020, and references therein).*
- To cite from a monography use the `\citep[]{}{}` command to reference the book you are citing. If of relevance you can note to which chapter or page you are referring to in the squared brackets of the makro.
- Those macros access the content of the file *bib-refs.bib*. To add references, copy the content from 'export citation' on the NASA ADS webpage of a paper into the bib-file. Experience has shown that it will improve the readability of your $\text{\LaTeX}$ code if you change the predefined bibcode (e.g., 2017SoPh..292...93T) into a more user-friendly keyword (e.g., Temmer2017), which is then used in the macros mentioned above to cite the paper.

Cross references to elements inside your thesis

- Each Figure, Table, and Equation presented in the paper needs to be referenced at least once in the text body. The objects of each group (figures, tables, equations) must be introduced in the paper in consecutive order: Reference Fig. 1 in the text before you mention Fig. 2.
- Abbreviate the following expressions unless they appear at the beginning of a sentence: *Sect.*, *Sects.*, *Fig.*, *Figs.*, *Col.*, *Cols.*. *Table* and *Listing* are never abbreviated in a paper. Write the object abbreviation in the upper case if used as a numbered reference. Otherwise, object names should not be abbreviated and written in lower case.
 - *Figure 1.1 shows the position of 18 eccentric binary in the HR diagram.*
 - *As shown in Fig. 1.1, the 18 eccentric binary are found on the low-luminosity red-giant branch (RGB).*
 - *The 18 eccentric binary are found on the low-luminosity RGB (see Fig. 1.1).*
- To generate an automated numbering, you need to create a reference-able label, using `\label{keyword}`. Calling the keyword through the reference macro, `\ref{keyword}` will create the reference in the text. You can freely choose the keyword. Experience has shown that it is good practice to encode what kind of object you are referencing into the keyword, e.g. `\label{fig:HRD}`, `\label{tab:redGiantCatalogue}`, `\label{eq:pythagoras}`, or `\label{sec:introduction}`.

Note that the template contains customized macros in the *main.tex* for all full and abbreviate element names. This way, you only need to type, e.g. `\Fig{fig:HRD}`, instead of `Fig.\ref{fig:HRD}`

Figures

Example of single and multi-panel figures and their caption format are given in Fig. 1.1 and Fig. 3.1, respectively.

- **Position:** to be placed on top of the page, using the figure attribute `[t!]`. Do not place a figure on the first page of a chapter.
- **Message:** be clear to yourself, what take away message is, which you want to give to the reader of your paper by showing this figure. Now optimize your figure to maximize the storytelling: use different symbols, line styles,

and colors. A good test for a colored figure is if it is still readable on a black-and-white printout.

- **Caption:** The first sentence of the figure's caption should be a sentence describing the figure. This sentence should start without 'The' / 'This', 'A / An', or similar. Describe all symbols and line styles used in the figure. Express no physical or scientific interpretation of the depicted context.
- Refer to the figure's axes as the '*horizontal*' and the '*vertical axes*', instead of the x- and y-axis, respectively.
- For multi-panel figures, you should refer to the individual panels by using '*top left panel*', '*middle bottom panel*', or '*bottom right panel*'.
- In case you show additional figures depicting different data but using the identical symbol and color scheme, you can refer to the first figure explaining the meaning. State something like '*Meaning of the colors and symbols is similar to Fig. XY*'.
- If you show a figure previously published in another article, you need to indicate the source, such as (*Figure taken from REFERENCE*). In case somebody provided you an unpublished figure, you would state (*Figure provided by PERSON*).
- **Axis labels:** produce plots with readable axes, labels, and ticks. Unreadable labels are the easiest way of getting into trouble with the referee (or adviser).
- **Format:** preferably use PNG to avoid excessive file sizes for figures depicting many datapoints.

Tables

An example of a simple, complex and a multi-page table are given in Tab. 3.1, Tab. 3.2, and Tab. A.1 respectively.

- **Position:** to be placed on top of the page, using the table attribute `[t!]`. Do not place a table on the first page of a chapter.
- **Caption:** (on top of the table): The table caption should be a one-line sentence, describing the table and placing it into the work or paper context. This sentence should start without 'The' / 'This', 'A / An', or similar.

- **Layout:** Tables start from above with a double vertical line, followed by the table header, followed by a single line, followed by the table's content. A final horizontal line is closing the table.

If appropriate, you can use horizontal lines in the table body to mark separations. In this case, the A&A guidelines refer to the separated blocks as panels. An example is given in Table 3.1.

- The content of the table is typically formatted to the left or right of the column. If you wish to do the extra work for a nice looking table, you can center the header, as shown in Tab. 3.2.
- **Tablefoot:** (text block below the actual table starting with **Notes.**) should contain all relevant information for each column should be provided in the table foot. If you use abbreviated references, you should give the connection to the inter-textual references here. Express no physical or scientific interpretation here. The tablefoot-macro requires an empty line between the text and the table to avoid layout issues.
- **Extensive tables** can be presented in the landscape format and / or be split over several pages (longtable). Consider placing it in the Appendix. In this case, you could place the tablefoot-block into the text body of the Appendix as demonstrated in Appendix A
- Tables are usually not used in the Introduction or Conclusions chapter.

Equations

- Treat equations as part of the sentence and place them like a subordinate clause. See Eq. 1.1 and 1.2 for an example.
- All mathematical symbols used in the equation need to be defined near the equation, if not defined before in the text. Mention the physical units of the parameter used in the equation.
- Text in equations or math mode is written in italics per default. In case you want to place a subscript text, which is not an index, you need to force it to be non-italic, e.g., P_{orb} .

Presentation of code and code snippets

One of the bricks of the fundament of science is the replicability of disseminated results. Therefore, the modern standard of research journals that any elaborated code that is used for the data analysis presented in the paper should be made available to the reader. Such code is typically distributed on pages such as GitHub.com. For your thesis, we simulate such public distribution of code by presenting your code in the appendix. Discuss with your adviser if or what part of your code should be part of the thesis work. Listing 3.1 and Appendix B demonstrate how code (snippet) or pseudo-code is to be presented in the textbody and appendix your thesis, respectively.

Presentation in the text body

- Only essential code parts or concepts (via snippets or pseudo code, respectively) should be presented in the main body of your thesis.
- The `verbatim` command is a very severe command, which cannot be used within the iteration tools. Instead of `verb` or `verbatim`, please use `\texttt{}`.
- Treat the code listing like a table. The **caption** should be a one-line sentence, describing the table and placing it into the work or paper context. This sentence should start without 'The' / 'This', 'A / An', or similar. Explain the environment and variables in the **tablefoot**. See Listing 3.1 for an example.

Presentation in the Appendix

- Before listing the code, provide a preamble outlining your system dependencies of your code (scripting language, version, etc.) Any necessary information should be given in the preceding preamble. An expamle is shown in Appendix B.1 and Table B.1.
- Provide a caption as described above, to create a referencable object.
- Each program should be listed in a separate section of the Appendix. Before listing the source code, provide an abstract of the tasks and functions of the program. Also, give a brief characterization (name, version, download information) of any non-standard package that you have used imported and used.
- Listing B.2 provides an example. For the reader's benefit, provide in-code comments and documentation.

- If you have built-in options, provide a table explaining the options' functionality and how they are called. Table B.2 provides an example for the necessary documentation. For those tables, use the positioning argument [h!].
- To see how to include MESA inlists, activate Appendix C. For those use 'language= Fortran'.

Abfassen einer Arbeit auf Deutsch

- Sollten Sie diese Arbeit auf Deutsch verfassen, so sind auch die Elemente auf Titelseite, Elementnamen (Abstract, Acknowledgements, Table, Figure) sowie der Colophon zu übersetzen. Die Endung 'et al.' verbleibt als solches.
- Fachbegriffe müssen in ihrer deutschen Übersetzung ausgeschrieben werden, da eine Mischung zwischen Deutsch und English nicht zulässig ist.
- Die Erfahrung hat jedoch gezeigt dass es dem Verständnis des Textes zuträglich ist, wenn in Klammer nach der ersten Verwendung eines Begriffes die englische Originalbezeichnung so wie die in der Literatur übliche Abkürzung angegeben wird. Geben Sie im Appendix ein Glossar der englischen Fachbegriffe sowie der in der Arbeit verwendeten Übersetzung wieder (siehe das auskommentierte Bsp. *appendix_DeutschesGlossar.tex*). Im Text können die Abkürzungen Verwendung finden, wobei bei der ersten Abkürzung im Text eine Fußnote zu setzen ist um auf die Tabelle im Appendix zu verwiesen, z.B:

Der rote Riesensternast (in der englischsprachigen Fachliteratur auch als red giant branch oder abgekürzt RGB⁴ bezeichnet) ist das Stadium des Wasserstoffschalenbrennens. Dieses RGB-Sterne besitzen einen degenerierten Heliumkern.

⁴ In diesem Text werden der Fachliteratur entsprechend die Abkürzungen des englischsprachigen Fachbegriffes verwendet. Siehe ebenfalls Table ?? im Anhang.

Submitting your thesis at the University of Graz

Please consult BEFORE start writing your thesis the following webpage [Abschlussarbeiten](#) covering all information starting from the announcement of your thesis topic (needs to be done before actually working on it), until submission of the thesis. In case of questions, always contact your supervisor.

Color scheme and implemented tools for iteration

The implemented blue-green color in section headings and text markup agrees with the corporate-design manual?? of the University of Graz and the assigned scheme for the Institute for Physics. You can use these comments to highlight important text. This is the only color to be used for text as markup in the submitted version.

Macro name	Example & Explanation
<code>\physbf{}</code>	bold text with CI color.
<code>\physit{}</code>	<i>italic text with CI color.</i>

You will find the following macros useful to mark text or place action items and comments in the iteration phase. This approach adopts typical elements of a paper's revision phase, indicating changes requested by the referee.

<code>\myComment{}</code>	<i>[StudentPlaceYourInitialsHere: Macro marking a comment with your initial.]</i>
<code>\myRevision{}</code>	This macro is to mark text, revised according to your adviser comment.
<code>\myToDo{}</code>	<i>[ToDo: describe your identified action item.]</i>

If you and your adviser choose to communicate via a shared project on overleaf, then your adviser has the following defined tools at their disposal to mark and comment. Typically, you can expect an explanation next to *Markover* or *Cossout* why this text requires further attention or should be deleted.

<code>\adviserComment{}</code>	<i>[AdviserPlaceYourInitialsHere: Macro marking a comment of your adviser]</i>
<code>\adviserAddition{}</code>	Macro marking an textual addition to your thesis.
<code>\adviserHighlighted{}</code>	Macro highlighting a text in yellow.
<code>\longSentence{}</code>	Same as above, printing 'long sentence' to the right.
<code>\adviserMarkover{}</code>	<u>Macro marking a text that requires a makeover.</u>
<code>\adviserMarkoverComment{ }{ }</code>	<u>Marking text.</u> <i>[AdviserPlaceYourInitialsHere: Placing a comment]</i>
<code>\adviserDelete{}</code>	Text to be deleted.

You are free to change the iterative tools' color settings if you do not like the chosen colors. If so, please make sure that your and your adviser's macros remain well distinguishable in color.

Abstract

Context.

Aims.

Methods.

Results.

Conclusions.

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This research made use of pandas (team, 2020; McKinney, 2010). This research made use of Astropy, a community-developed core Python package for Astronomy (Astropy Collaboration et al., 2013; Astropy Collaboration et al., 2018). This research made use of SciPy (Virtanen et al., 2020). This research made use of matplotlib, a Python library for publication quality graphics (Hunter, 2007). This research made use of NumPy (Harris et al., 2020a; Harris et al., 2020b). This research made use of Astroquery (Ginsburg et al., 2019).

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Introduction

1.1 Current knowledge

1.2 Spectral Types

1.3 Flares and Starspots

1.4 Space missions

Thompson et al. (2012).

Kepler 6

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2, \quad (1.1)$$

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \quad (1.2)$$

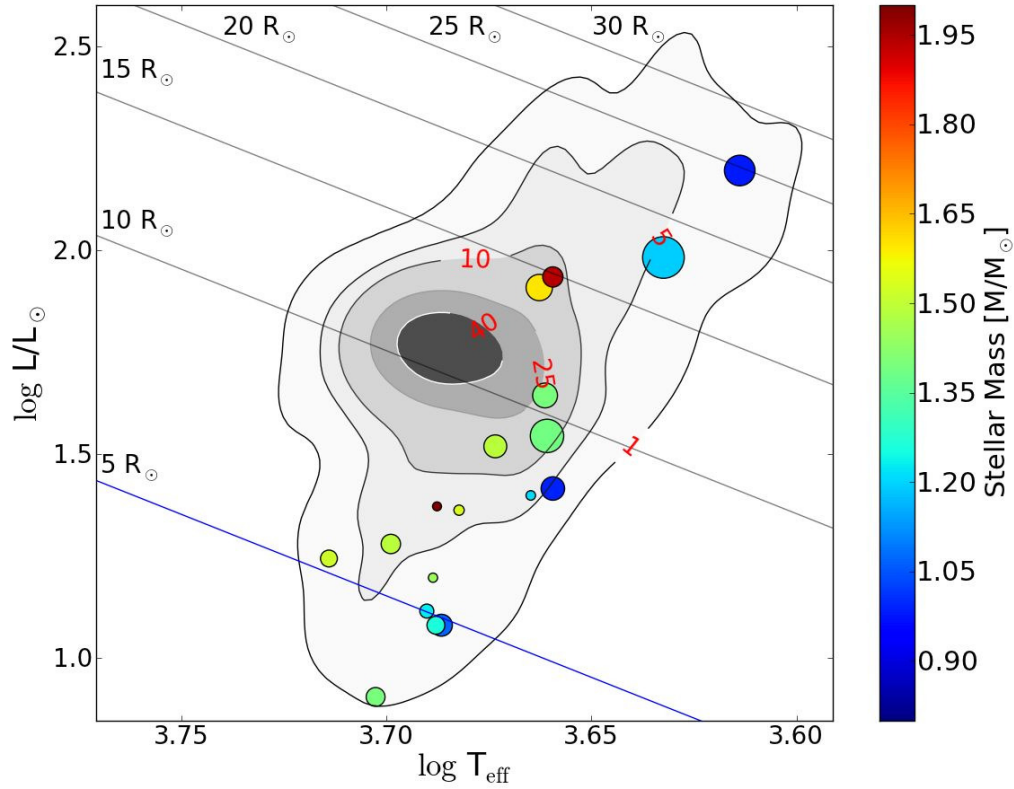


Fig. 1.1.: Position of the 18 red giant heartbeat stars from Tables 1 and 2 in the HR diagram, where the colour shows the mass of the red giant, derived from seismology. The size of the dots represents the orbital period, ranging between 20 and 438 d. The contour surfaces reflect the density distribution of 1000 pulsating red giants. The darkest areas mark the position of the densely populated red clump. Numbers in red indicate the star count per bin, for which the contour surfaces have been drawn. Lines of equal radii in the HR diagram have been drawn for selected stellar radii between 5 and 30 $R_{\odot}$. (Figure taken from Beck et al., 2014)

GUI

During the first startup the GUI window (e.g. in figure 2.2) is nearly completely empty. Also an empty local database will be created with SQLite3 (SQLite Development Team (2025)). To show lightcurves, first data needs to be downloaded. For that, the "Add" button has to be clicked. A new dialog window will show. It can be seen in figure 2.1. This GUI uses the astroquery (Ginsburg et al. (2019)) python package to fetch metadata and download fits files from MAST (**mast**).

The first step is to enter the identifier of the star(s). In case of multiple, they have to be separated by a semicolon. Then the missions from which the data should be fetched can be selected. The supported missions are TESS and Kepler/K2. For Kepler and K2 short and/or long cadence can be selected. The differences are described in section 1.4. After the selection has been made, the fetch button needs to be pressed. The program will then request metadata matching the star identifier(s) and selected missions from the MAST archive. The found mission data is then displayed in the preview field. It can then be downloaded by pressing the "Ok" button. The program then proceeds to download the according fits-files. The filename and TESS sector or Kepler/K2 target table ID is appended to the previously fetched metadata and handed back to the main GUI.

There a request to Simbad is made to fetch additional metadata. First the alternative identifiers are fetched from Simbad, which also has a MAIN_ID attribute. This is to make sure we only have one entry in the local database per star and no duplicates. Afterwards additional data is fetched from Simbad (Wenger et al. (2000)) like spectral type, radial velocity and distance. After the data is gathered, the main identifier, the alternative identifiers, spectral type, rotational velocity and distance (and their respective units) as well as the file path, source (TESS, Kepler or K2), and sector/target table id are saved into a local database using SQLite3 (SQLite Development Team (2025)).

Afterwards the list of stars seen in figure 2.2 will be refreshed. It shows the via Simbad determined main identifier alphabetically sorted. When one of the stars in the list is selected, the program will show the additional saved informations. This includes all known IDs (in the Alt. IDs list), the spectral type, its rotational velocity and its distance. Additionally a fit type for the folded lightcurves which are described in section 3.2. The default for this is "sine". The list to the right of the information section shows the available fit files. The formatting for the list entries is "TESS -

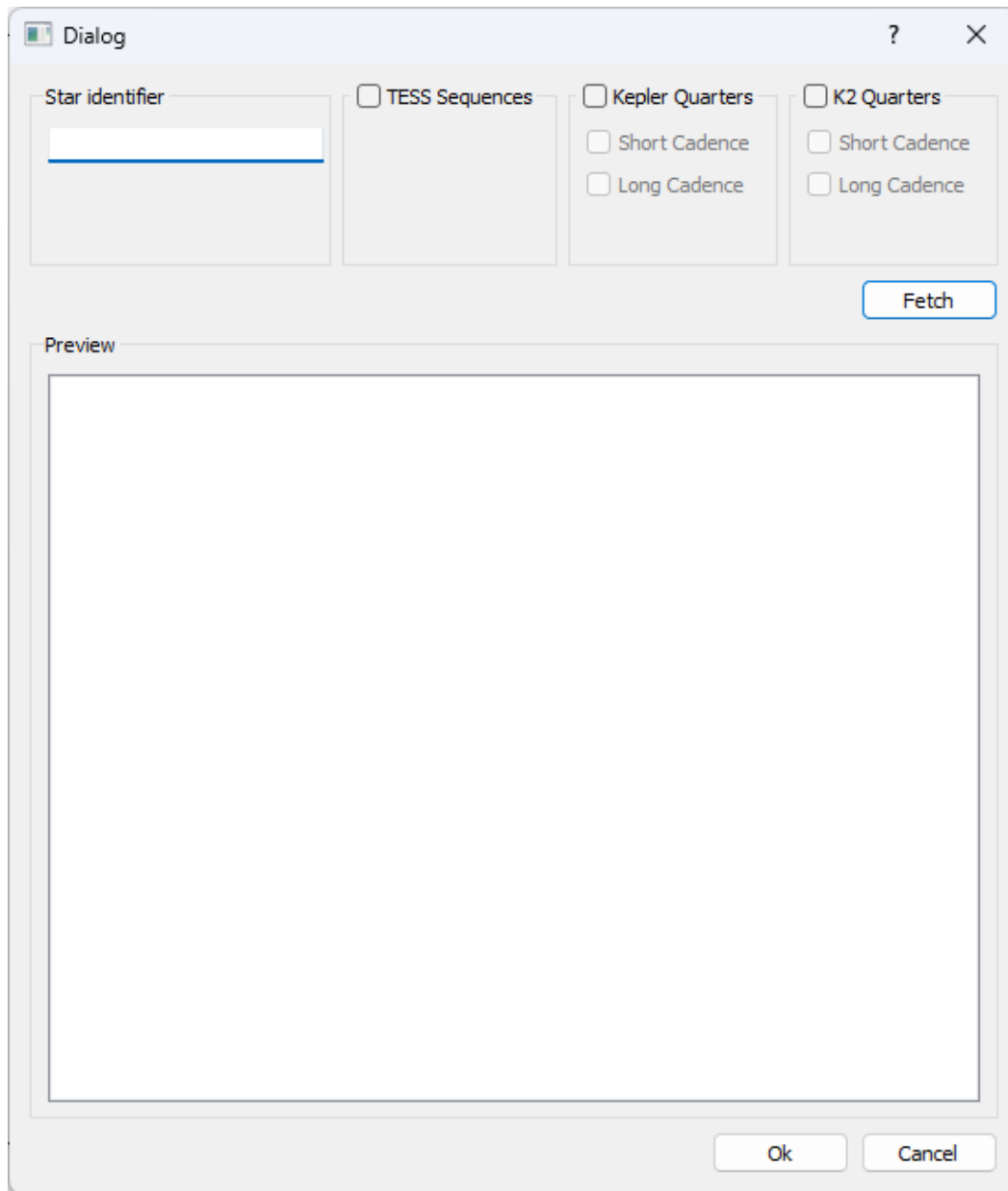


Fig. 2.1.: GUI window for downloading new fit files with astroquery designed using the Qt5 designer shipped with PyQt5 (Riverbank Computing Limited (2025)). The star identifier field supports one or more (separated by a semicolon) identifiers. There are checkboxes to select TESS, Kepler (long and/or short cadence) and K2 (long and/or short cadence) data. The preview field shows metadata (Identifier, TESS quarter or Kepler/K2 target table ID) to check the data which was found and which can be downloaded. The "Ok" button then proceeds to download the data and hands information back to the main GUI.

<sequence>" and "Kepler/K2 - <target table id>". The combine button allows to show multiple fit files at once if multiple are selected. Select one or combining multiple fit files, enables the plot options.

The main plot options allow the user to change the type of flux that's plotted. This is either "SAP_FLUX" (simple aperture photometry) or "PDCSAP_FLUX" (presearch data conditioning simple aperture photometry) (Lightkurve Collaboration et al. (2018)). The PDCSAP_FLUX has parts of its data removed depending on the quality flags (e.g. indicating systematic errors like an attitude tweak or a cosmic ray (Twicken et al. (2020), Thompson et al. (2016))) as well as corrected long-term brightness changes (Lightkurve Collaboration et al. (2018)). An example of a PDCSAP_FLUX is shown in figure 2.2.

The lightkurve python package also supports normalizing (to unscaled, percent, parts per thousands (ppt) or parts per million (ppm)) which can be seen in figure 2.4. Flattened lightcurves (see figure 2.5 as an example for *BD – 08 995*) is used to identify flares. The "remove outliers", "remove nans/infs" and "bin" features are exposed in the GUI, but are not actively used in this thesis.

The checkboxes to flatten the lightcurve (figure 2.5), fold the lightcurve (figure 2.6) and showing the periodogram (figures 2.7 and 2.8) are exclusive of each other. Only one can be used at a time.

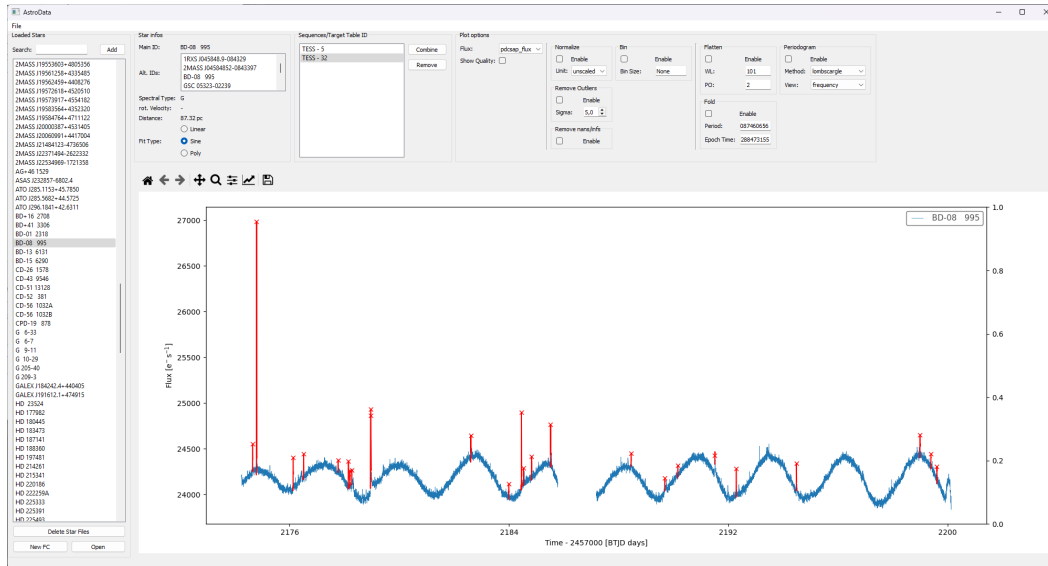


Fig. 2.2.: Main GUI window. This window was designed with the Qt5 designer shipped with PyQz5 (Riverbank Computing Limited (2025)). It shows a list of all available stars with their main identifier (taken from SIMBAD (Wenger et al. (2000))) sorted alphabetically. The "Star infos" box contains additional information on the star gathered from SIMBAD. There is a list of alternative IDs, the spectral type, the rotational velocity, and the distance. It also shows the preferred fit type for folding lightcurves. On the right of the information box is a list of all available lightcurves, with an option to combine multiple to plot at once. To the right of the list of available lightcurves are multiple different plot options, which utilize the different capabilities of the lightcurve python package (Lightkurve Collaboration et al. (2018)). The values for "Period" and "Epoch Time" are automatically calculated and used as default for the selected lightcurve. In this image the TESS Sector 32 lightcurve of *BD* – 08 995 is shown. The red crosses show the peaks of the found flares, while the red overall over the lightcurve indicates the duration of the flare.

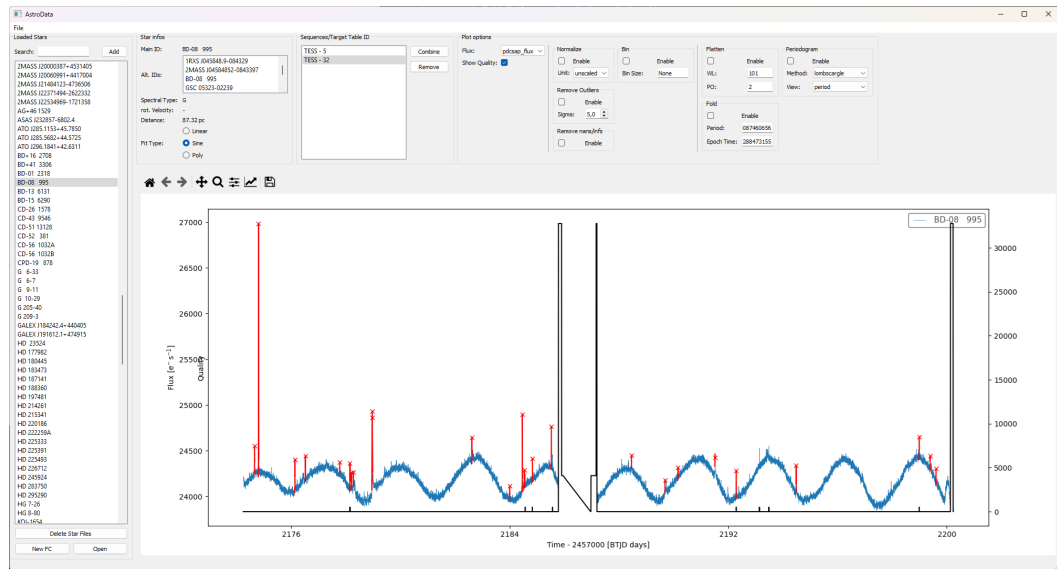


Fig. 2.3.: Main GUI window. Same as in figure 2.2, with the difference that the data quality flag is also shown.

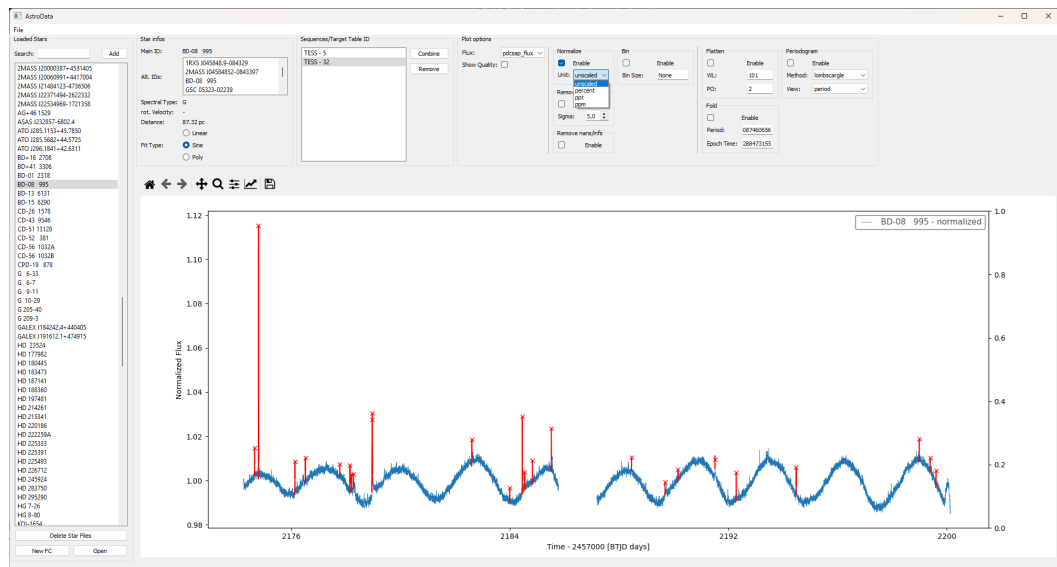


Fig. 2.4.: Main GUI window. Same as in figure 2.2, with the difference that the lightcurve was normalized. It also shows all possible normalize options the lightcurve python package (Lightcurve Collaboration et al. (2018)) supports.

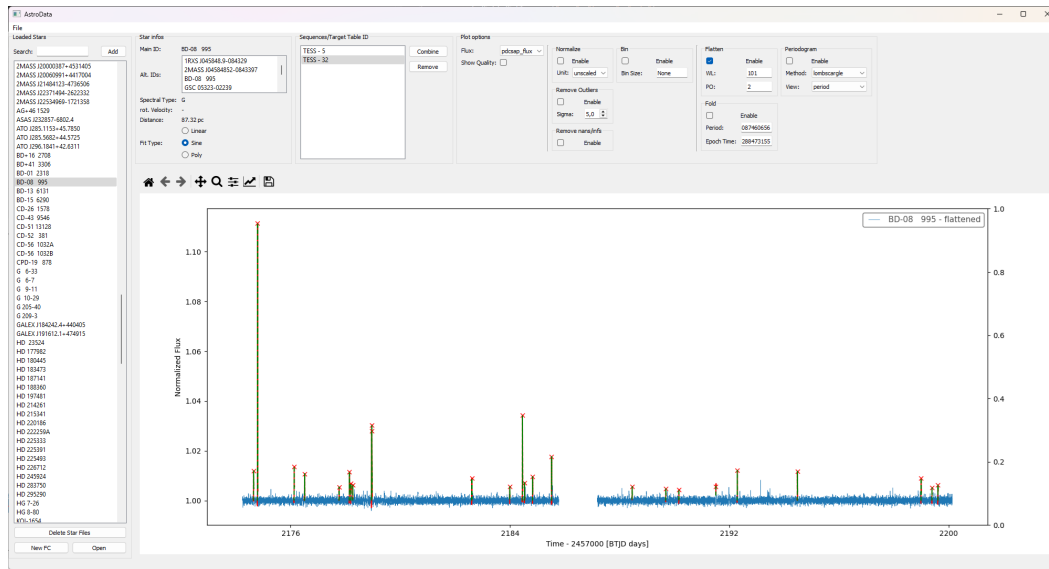


Fig. 2.5.: Main GUI window. Showing the same lightcurve as figure 2.2, with the difference that it is now flattened. The green line shows a fit of the flare. This is described in chapter 3.2.

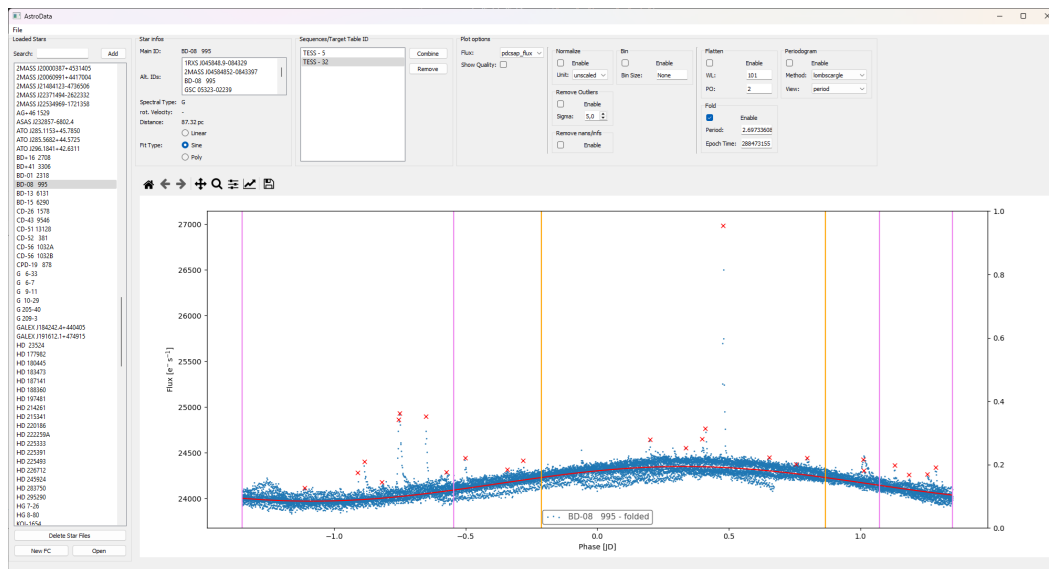


Fig. 2.6.: Main GUI window. Showing the same lightcurve as figure 2.2, with the difference that it is now folded with an period of 2.697 days. Additionally vertical lines are shown which indicate the region around the minima and maxima of the folded lightcurve respectively.

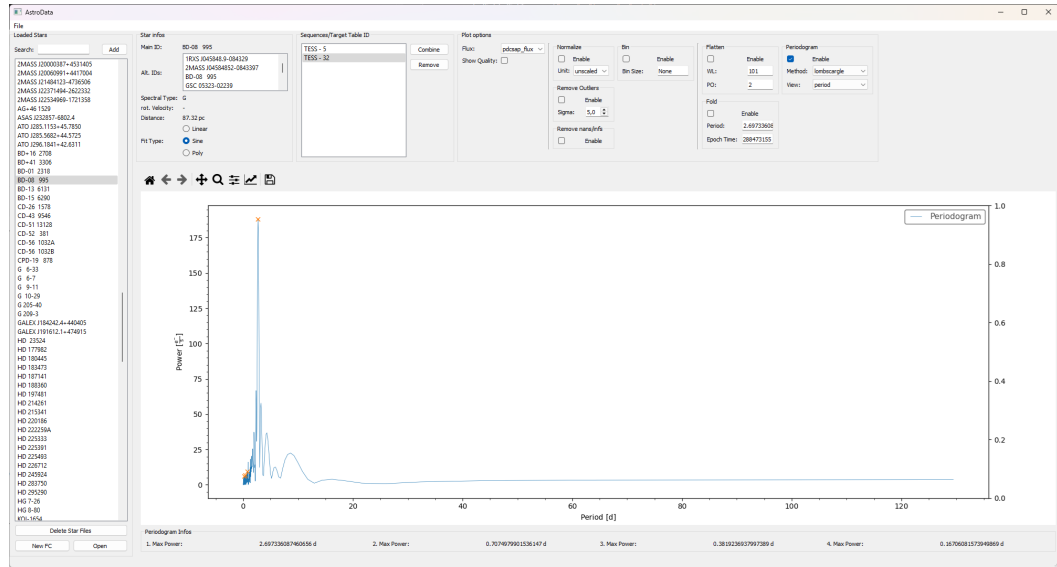


Fig. 2.7.: Main GUI window. Showing the periodogram of the lightcurve in figure 2.2 using the lombscargle algorithm. Furthermore it shows the four highest peaks (which are atleast 100 datapoints separated). The method is explained in chapter 3.2.

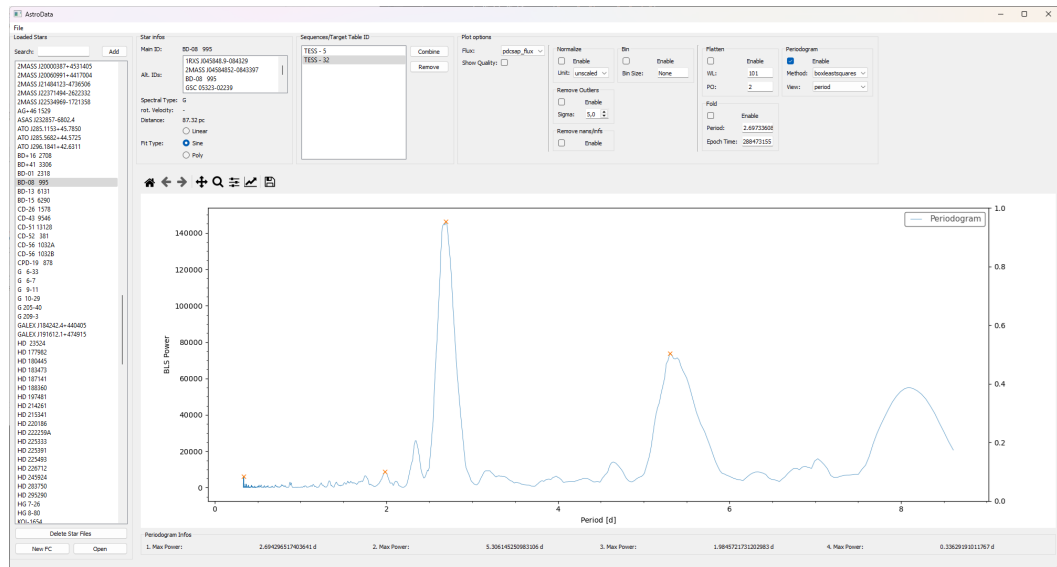


Fig. 2.8.: Main GUI window. Showing the periodogram of the lightcurve in figure 2.2 using the box least square algorithm. Similarly to figure 2.7 the four highest peaks are marked with a red "x".

Table 3.1.: Training sample of false-positive planet candidates for the clustering algorithm.

Star's identifier	T_{eff} [K]	Lum [$L/L_{\odot}$]	Luminosity cluster	Reference
π Her	4170	1320	High	Hatzes and Cochran (1999)
μ UMa	3899	1150	High	Lee et al. (2016)
HD 18438	3871	830	High	Delgado Mena et al. (2018)
γ Dra (Eltanin)	3990	510	High	Hatzes et al. (2018)
α Tau (Aldebaran)	4055	440	High	Hatzes et al. (2015)
θ^1 Tau	5000	70	Low	Beck et al. (2015)
NGC2423 No.3	4592	65	Low	Delgado Mena et al. (2018)
γ Psc	4909	60	Low	Beck et al. (2015)
β Gem (Pollux)	4865	40	Low	Delgado Mena et al. (2018)
IC4651 No.9122	4720	35	Low	Delgado Mena et al. (2018)
γ Cep A	4900	10	Low	Hatzes and Cochran (1999)

Notes. The star's identifier is given. For the most prominent stars, the name of the star is amended in brackets. The next columns report on the effective temperature and the luminosity of the star in units of the solar luminosity $L_{\odot}$. The typical uncertainty of the reported temperature and luminosity are 150K and $\sim 10\%$, respectively. The top and bottom panel report classification of the clustering. The cluster name refers to the position in the red-giant phase. The literature references are provided in the last column. (Table taken from Elisabeth Höldrich bachelor thesis, 2020)

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Data

This chapter will explain how the used data was gathered, as well as the criteria for which data was used for the final results. Lastly, I will describe the algorithms used.

3.1 Data selection

3.2 Data reduction

3.2.1 This is a subsection

Listing 3.1: Example for setting the tidal mechanisms in the *star_star* inlist.

```
1 &binary_controls
2     do_tidal_circ = .true.
3     circ_type_1 = 'Hut_conv'
4     circ_type_2 = 'Hut_conv'
5
6     do_tidal_sync = .false.
7     sync_type_1 = 'Hut_conv'
8     sync_type_2 = 'Hut_conv'
```

Notes. A part of *&binary_controls* environment in the *star_inlist* is shown. The true/false-statements in line 2 and 6 determine if the models defined below takes into account the defined mechanism. The keywords for defining the formalistic description for circularization and synchronization mechanism are defined in lines 2-4 and 6-8, respectively. The number at the end of the keyword indicates which formalism is set for the primary (1) and secondary (2) stellar component.

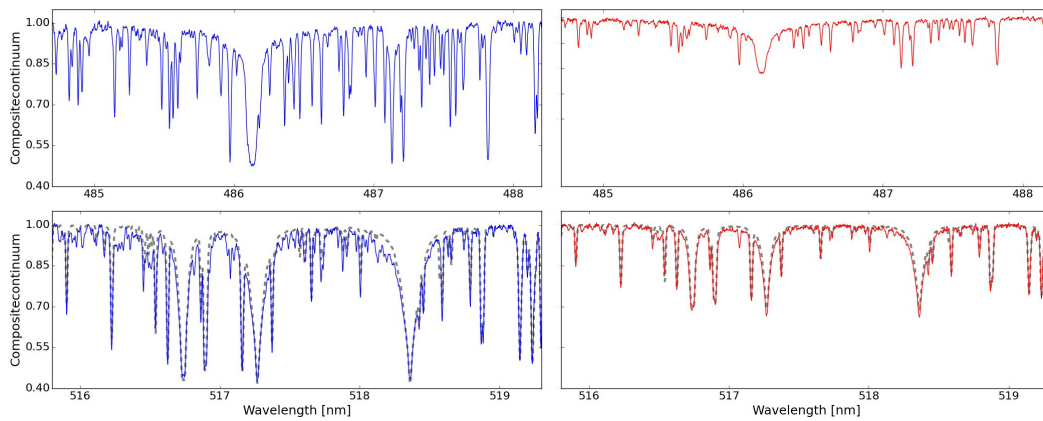


Fig. 3.1.: Disentangled spectra of KIC 9163796. The spectra of the primary in blue and secondary in red are shown in the left and right spectrum, respectively. Top panel: the region around the H β line, while bottom panel: magnesium triplet at 518 nm, normalised to the continuum flux of the composite spectrum. The synthetic model of the best fit of the determination of fundamental parameters and metallicity is shown as dashed grey line is shown depicted in the region of the Mg triplet. (Graphic taken from Beck et al., 2018)

3.3 Example of a code snippet

Table 3.2.: Seismic and fundamental parameters for 14 oscillating red giant heartbeat stars, ordered by descending orbital period.

Star KIC	$\nu_{\max}$ [μHz]	$\Delta\nu$ [μHz]	$\Delta\Pi_1$ [sec]	$\delta f_{\max}$ [nHz]	Evol. Phase	R [$R_{\odot}$]	M [$M_{\odot}$]	$\log g$ [dex]	L [$L_{\odot}$]	T_{eff} [K]	P_{orbit} [d]	A [ppt]	$ \Delta\text{RV} $ [km s $^{-1}$]
9151763	13.8 $\pm$ 0.2	1.98 $\pm$ 0.01	—	—	RGB?	17.6 $\pm$ 0.4	1.19 $\pm$ 0.08	2.01	96 $\pm$ 16	4290	437.5	+7.1	32.2
7431665	54.0 $\pm$ 0.7	5.46 $\pm$ 0.02	$\sim$ 67	—	RGB	9.4 $\pm$ 0.1	1.39 $\pm$ 0.05	2.62	35 $\pm$ 2	4580	281.4	-3.0	[37.8]
5039392	6.2 $\pm$ 0.1	1.13 $\pm$ 0.01	—	—	RGB	24.0 $\pm$ 0.7	0.98 $\pm$ 0.07	1.67	157 $\pm$ 24	4110	236.7	-6.0	42.3
9540226*	27.4 $\pm$ 0.4	3.18 $\pm$ 0.01	—	—	RGB	14.1 $\pm$ 0.3	1.6 $\pm$ 0.1	2.37	81 $\pm$ 13	4600	175.4	-7	45.3
8210370	44.1 $\pm$ 0.8	4.69 $\pm$ 0.02	—	—	RGB?	10.5 $\pm$ 0.2	1.40 $\pm$ 0.08	2.54	44 $\pm$ 4	4585	153.5	-5.3	22.1
11044668	50.2 $\pm$ 0.2	5.65 $\pm$ 0.01	$\sim$ 60	83(?)	RGB	8.18 $\pm$ 0.09	0.99 $\pm$ 0.03	2.59	26 $\pm$ 3	4565	139.5	-3.8	[43.0]
10614012*	70.2 $\pm$ 0.9	6.54 $\pm$ 0.02	—	—	RGB	8.6 $\pm$ 0.2	1.49 $\pm$ 0.08	2.74	33 $\pm$ 4	4715	132.1	-4.7	49.3
9163796	153.2 $\pm$ 0.7	13.53 $\pm$ 0.04	—	—	RGB	4.46 $\pm$ 0.03	0.89 $\pm$ 0.01	3.09	12 $\pm$ 1	4820	121.3	$\pm$ 0.5	70.1
2444348	30.5 $\pm$ 0.3	3.26 $\pm$ 0.01	—	—	RGB	14.9 $\pm$ 0.3	1.94 $\pm$ 0.11	2.38	86 $\pm$ 14	4565	103.5	-1.7	7.7
5006817	145.9 $\pm$ 0.5	11.64 $\pm$ 0.01	78	450	RGB	5.84 $\pm$ 0.09	1.49 $\pm$ 0.06	3.08	19 $\pm$ 3	5000	94.8	-1.7	23.5
8803882	347 $\pm$ 3	22.6 $\pm$ 0.4	—	500(?)	RGB	3.68 $\pm$ 0.1	1.4 $\pm$ 0.1	3.45	8 $\pm$ 1	5043	89.7	+0.5	[1.9]
8144355	179 $\pm$ 2	13.95 $\pm$ 0.04	$\sim$ 78	210(?)	RGB	4.90 $\pm$ 0.09	1.26 $\pm$ 0.08	3.16	12 $\pm$ 2	4875	80.6	+2.1	18.9
9408183	164.8 $\pm$ 0.2	13.29 $\pm$ 0.02	$\sim$ 93	450	RGB	5.02 $\pm$ 0.07	1.23 $\pm$ 0.05	3.12	13 $\pm$ 1	4900	49.7	+1.5	64.4
2720096	110.1 $\pm$ 0.7	9.17 $\pm$ 0.01	—	—	RGB	6.98 $\pm$ 0.08	1.54 $\pm$ 0.06	2.95	23 $\pm$ 2	4812	26.7	+1.0	4.0
8095275	69.3 $\pm$ 0.3	6.81 $\pm$ 0.01	—	—	RGB	7.78 $\pm$ 0.08	1.21 $\pm$ 0.05	2.74	25 $\pm$ 3	4622	23.0	-6.0	20.6

Notes. The star's identifier in the *Kepler* Input Catalogue (KIC) is given. Eclipsing systems are marked with an asterisk. The columns $\nu_{\max}$ and $\Delta\nu$ report the frequency of the oscillation power excess and the large frequency separation between radial modes for a given star. $\Delta\Pi_1$ quantifies the true period spacing of dipole modes. The maximum value of the detected rotational splitting δf is listed. The evolutionary phase RGB describes H-shell burning red giant. Ambiguous values are marked with '?'. The columns R , M , L , and $\log g$ report the stellar radius, mass, luminosity, effective temperature and surface gravity from scaling relations, respectively. T_{eff} was adopted from the KIC. The uncertainties of $\log g$ are on the order of 0.01 dex and for the temperature typically smaller than 150 K. P_{orbit} gives the orbital period from photometry. The column A lists the maximum amplitude of the heartbeat in a rebinned phase diagram. The error estimate for P_{orbit} and A from the PDM is not reliable due to the remaining contamination of the solar-like oscillations and therefore not given. $|\Delta\text{RV}|$ reports the maximum difference in radial velocity. Squared brackets mark systems for which the orbital parameters could not yet be determined from radial velocities. (Table taken from Beck et al., 2014)

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Literature values for *Kepler* systems

[This appendix has been published as Appendix C of Beck et al. (2018)].

The parameters for eclipsing binaries are taken from the dynamical solution of G16. For the list of heartbeat stars (B14), radius and mass were inferred from seismic scaling relations and corrected for the systematic mass overestimate of 15% reported by G16. Surface rotation periods were adopted from G14, B14 and B18. For four stars of B14, KIC 7431665, KIC 11044668, KIC 8803882, and KIC 7799540, no orbital parameters have yet been published.

A.1 Compilation of literature values

We refer to the cited literature for details on the applied methodology. Table A.1 contains the following parameters,

- *KIC* specifies the target identification number in the *Kepler* Input Catalog.
- *Type* indicates if a binary system is an eclipsing binary (EB), a heartbeat system (HB), or an eclipsing heartbeat system (eHB). 'NO' indicates that the star belongs to the four non-oscillating stars of G14/G16.
- P_{orbit} is the measured orbital period.
- e is the orbital eccentricity.
- ν_{max} is the peak frequency of the excess of oscillation power.
- $R/R_{\odot}$ is the stellar radius in solar units. Values from B14 are seismically inferred and corrected for the 5% overestimate of seismic radius. Values from G16 originate from a dynamical solution.

- $M/M_{\odot}$ is the stellar mass in solar units. Values from B14 are seismically inferred and corrected for the 15% overestimate of seismic mass. Values from G16 originate from a dynamical solution.
- $q = M_2/M_1$ is the mass ratio between the two stellar components in the system. '?' indicates if q has not been determined for a given system.
- T_{eff} is the effective temperature.
- P_{rot} specifies the time scale of the flux modulation, identified as the surface rotation period. The sources of the values are G14 and B18. We round all period values to the next full day.
- The dimensionless number ε_r is proportional to the inverse of the time scale of tidal circularisation (see Eq. XX). If no value of the mass ratio is specified, ε_r is calculated for $q = 0.5$.
- REF: the last column is specifying the literature references. If several papers are reporting on a given system, values of the most recent paper are cited. Previous references are given in brackets.

Table A.1.: Literature Parameters of red-giant binaries in the *Kepler* sample.

KIC	Type	P _{orb} [days]	<i>e</i> []	$\nu_{\max}$ [μ Hz]	R/R _☉ []	M/M _☉ []	<i>q</i> []	T [K]	P _{rot} [days]	ε_R []	REF
2444348	HB	103.50 ± 0.01	0.48 ± 0.01	30.5 ± 0.3	14.2 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.1		? 4565	-	-0.53	B14
2697935	eHB	21.50 ± 0.02	0.41 ± 0.02	~ 405.6	~ 3.1	~ 1.2		? 4883	-	-0.73	B14
2720096	HB	26.70 ± 0.01	0.49 ± 0.01	110.1 ± 0.7	6.6 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.1		? 4812	-	0.83	B14
3955867	EB, NO	33.65685 ± 0.00007	0.019 ± 0.002	—	7.9 ± 0.1	1.10 ± 0.06	0.84 ± 0.05	4884	33	1.14	G16 (G14)
4569590	EB, NO	41.3710 ± 0.0001	0.004 ± 0.001	—	14.1 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.10	0.66 ± 0.05	4706	41	1.67	G16 (G14)
4663623	EB	358.09 ± 0.0003	0.43 ± 0.01	54.1 ± 0.2	9.7 ± 0.2	1.36 ± 0.09	0.99 ± 0.08	4812	-	-4.08	G16 (G14)
5006817	HB	94.812 ± 0.002	0.71 ± 0.01	145.9 ± 0.5	5.5 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.1	0.199 ± 0.001	5000	-	-2.80	B14
5039392	HB	236.70 ± 0.02	0.44 ± 0.01	6.2 ± 0.1	22.8 ± 0.7	0.8 ± 0.1		? 4110	-	-0.01	B14
5179609	EB	43.93108 ± 0.000002	0.150 ± 0.001	322 ± 1.0	3.50 ± 0.03	1.18 ± 0.03	0.51 ± 0.02	5003	182	-1.96	G16 (G14)
5308778	EB	40.5661 ± 0.0003	0.006 ± 0.005	49 ± 1.1	10.1 ± 0.3	1.5 ± 0.1	0.43 ± 0.03	4900	39	0.80	G16 (G14)
5786154	EB	197.918 ± 0.0004	0.3764 ± 0.0009	29.8 ± 0.2	11.4 ± 0.2	1.06 ± 0.06	0.96 ± 0.07	4747	-	-1.85	G16 (G14)
7037405	EB	207.1083 ± 0.0007	0.238 ± 0.004	21.8 ± 0.1	14.1 ± 0.2	1.25 ± 0.04	0.91 ± 0.03	4516	-	-1.62	G16 (G14)
7377422	EB	107.6213 ± 0.0004	0.4377 ± 0.0005	40 ± 2.1	9.5 ± 0.2	1.05 ± 0.08	0.81 ± 0.07	4938	55	-0.96	G16 (G14)
7943602	EB, NO	14.69199 ± 0.00004	0.001 ± 0.003	—	6.6 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.10	0.78 ± 0.09	5096	15	2.70	G16 (G14)
8054233	EB	1058.16 ± 0.02	0.2718 ± 0.0004	46.5 ± 0.3	10.7 ± 0.1	1.60 ± 0.06	0.69 ± 0.04	4971	-	-6.61	G16 (G14)
8095275	HB	23.00 ± 0.01	0.32 ± 0.01	69.3 ± 0.3	7.4 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.1		? 4622	-	1.86	B14
8144355	HB	80.55 ± 0.01	0.76 ± 0.01	179.0 ± 2	4.7 ± 0.1	1.1 ± 0.1		? 4875	-	-2.41	B14
8210370	HB	153.50 ± 0.01	0.70 ± 0.01	44.1 ± 0.8	10.0 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.1		? 4585	-	-1.92	B14
8410637	EB	408.3 ± 0.5	0.689 ± 0.001	46.0 ± 0.2	10.7 ± 0.1	1.56 ± 0.3	0.85 ± 0.16	4800	-	-4.34	F13
8430105	EB	63.32713 ± 0.00003	0.2564 ± 0.0002	76.7 ± 0.6	7.65 ± 0.05	1.31 ± 0.02	0.63 ± 0.01	5042	122	-0.73	G16 (G14)

Table A.1.: Literature Parameters of red-giant binaries in the *Kepler* sample. (continued)

KIC	Type	P _{orb} [days]	<i>e</i> []	$\nu_{\max}$ [μ Hz]	R/R _☉ []	M/M _☉ []	<i>q</i> []	T [K]	P _{rot} [days]	ε_r []	REF
8702921	EB	19.38446 ± 0.00002	0.0964 ± 0.0008	195.6 ± 0.5	5.32 ± 0.05	1.67 ± 0.05	0.16 ± 0.01	5058	98	0.26	G16 (G14)
8912308	HB	20.17 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.01	~ 350.0	~ 4.0	~ 1.7		? 4872	-	-0.39	B14
9151763	HB	437.51 ± 0.03	0.73 ± 0.01	13.8 ± 0.2	16.7 ± 0.4	1.0 ± 0.1		? 4290	-	-2.62	B14
9163796	HB	121.30 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.002	165.3 ± 1.3	5.1 ± 0.1	1.2 ± 0.1	0.985 ± 0.005	4960	130	-3.17	B18 (B14)
9246715	EB	171.27688 ± 0.00001	0.3559 ± 0.0003	106.4 ± 0.8	8.30 ± 0.04	2.149 ± 0.007	0.990 ± 0.005	5030	93	-3.54	R16 (G14)
9291629	EB, NO	20.68643 ± 0.00004	0.007 ± 0.002	–	7.99 ± 0.05	1.14 ± 0.03	0.96 ± 0.03	4713	21	2.26	G16 (G14)
9408183	HB	49.70 ± 0.01	0.42 ± 0.01	164.8 ± 0.2	4.8 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.1		? 4900	-	-1.18	B14
9540226	eHB	175.4439 ± 0.0006	0.3880 ± 0.0002	27.1 ± 0.2	12.8 ± 0.1	1.33 ± 0.05	0.74 ± 0.04	4692	-	-1.64	G16 (B14, G14)
9970396	EB	235.2985 ± 0.0002	0.194 ± 0.007	63.7 ± 0.2	8.0 ± 0.2	1.14 ± 0.03	0.89 ± 0.03	4916	-	-3.38	G16 (G14)
10001167	EB	120.3903 ± 0.0005	0.159 ± 0.003	19.9 ± 0.1	12.7 ± 0.3	0.81 ± 0.05	0.98 ± 0.07	4700	-	0.03	G16 (G14)
10614012	eHB	132.13 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.01	70.2 ± 0.9	8.2 ± 0.2	1.3 ± 0.1		? 4715	-	-2.23	B14

A.2 Tidal properties of selected systems

Table A.2 lists the following parameters for the systems' red-giant primary with known P_{rot} ,

- δ_{10} is the 10th percentile of the logarithm of the ratio between the dissipation of the equilibrium and the dynamical tide, $\delta = \log(\mathcal{D}_{\text{eq}} / \langle \mathcal{D} \rangle_{\omega})$.
- $\tau_{\text{conv},10}$ is the corresponding convective turnover timescale computed in the middle of the convective zone.
- $P_{\text{tide}} > \tau_{\text{conv},10}$ indicates if the tidal period is longer than the convective turnover timescale (Yes / No).

Table A.2.: Evolution of δ_{10} for the systems with know rotation period.

KIC	P_{tide} [days]	$\tau_{\text{conv},10}$ [days]	$P_{\text{tide}} > \tau_{\text{conv},10}$	δ_{10}
7943602	357	20	Y	2.3-3.4
7377422	56	20	Y	3.7-4.8
3955867	845	20-23	Y	2.6-3.7
9291629	692	20-23	Y	2.3-3.4
5179609	28	23	Y	4.7-5.8
9163796	906	23	Y	3.8-4.9
8430105	65	23-26	Y	4.4-5.5
5308778	505	12	Y	3.0-4.1
4569590	2285	12	Y	2.4-3.5
8702921	12	12	N	4.2-5.3
9246715	101	14	Y	4.1-5.2

Example for the presentation of programming code

B.1 System dependencies

The presented code is written for Python 3.7. Table B.1 details the used standard and specialized python packages and modules and is structured as follows.

- The package and module names are listed in the first column. Specialized modules are preceded with the abbreviation of the parent package, whose abbreviated package name is indicated in brackets.
- The version number of the used library is indicate in the second column.
- A brief module description is provided in the third column.

The top panel reports the standard python packages, contained in the standard python distribution. The bottom panel lists specialized packages, which require individual download. (Modified table based on Table A.1 from Rafael Goldgruber's Bachelor thesis).

Table B.1.: Required Python modules for the presented code.

Package / Mod- ule	Version	Modul Description
math	—	Access mathematical functions;
os	—	Miscellaneous operating system interfaces
glob	—	Creates iterable lists from folder content
matplotlib	3.3.1	Core package for scientific computation & plotting
numpy	1.19.1	Core package for numerical computing
astropy (ap)	4.0.1	Community Python Library for Astronomy
ap.astroquery	0.4	Querying astronomical web databases
ap.vizier	0.4	Importing online data and catalogues, published along with papers
ap.io.pyfits		Reading and operating with FITS files
mesareader	—	Reading MESA history and profile output files

B.2 Program to name new Planets

Provide a short description of the following script and give a brief description of the key settings or input format. The example below shows how to insert the code of a whole program from its source file.

Listing B.1: HelloPlanet.py: Sophisticated code to name new worlds.

```
1 import sys , os , math
2 import numpy as np
3 import pylab as pl
4
5 # here we have a comment on the scripting
6
7 for iii in np.arange(0,42):
8     print( 'Hello_new_planet_number_{ }'.format( iii +1))
```

Table B.2.: Option menu for helloWorld.py (Listing B.1),

Type	Argument	Functionality
InCode	if xY==True	Description of what will happen if this option is used.
CmdL	-n	Description of what will happen if this option is used.
ReqIn	parameter name	Description of what will happen if this option is used.

Notes. Usage options: *InCode* curial options to be set inside the code before excecution of the program, *CmdL* options set in the command line, *ReqIn* requested user input during the execution of the program;

B.3 Example for long code listing

This section presents styles to present longer code snippets. To save printing space and cost, these are typset in a two-column format.

The combined presentation of Listing B.2 and Listing B.3 show how two snippets can be shown. Listing B.4 depicts how long code snippets or full programs can be included as multi-column and multi-page element.

Also for these listings a preamble stating the system requirements is needed.

Listing B.2: inlist1

```

1 &star_job
2     show_log_description_at_start = .true.
3     pgstar_flag = .true.
4 / ! end of star_job namelist
5
6 &controls
7     extra_terminal_output_file = 'log1'
8     log_directory = 'LOGS1'
9 / ! end of controls namelist
10
11 &pgstar
12     History_Panels1_win_flag = .true.
13     History_Panels1_win_width = 5
14     History_Panels1_win_aspect_ratio = 1.0
15
16     History_Panels1_title = 'Orbital_evolution'
17     History_Panels1_num_panels = 2
18
19     History_Panels1_yaxis_name(1) = 'period_days'
20     History_Panels1_other_yaxis_name(1) =
21     'lg_mstar_dot_1'
22     History_Panels1_yaxis_name(2) = 'Jdot'
23     History_Panels1_other_yaxis_name(2) =
24     'binary_separation'
25 / ! end of pgstar namelist

```

Listing B.3: inlist2

```

1 &star_job
2     show_log_description_at_start = .false.
3
4 / ! end of star_job namelist
5
6 &controls
7     extra_terminal_output_file = 'log2'
8     log_directory = 'LOGS2'
9 / ! end of controls namelist
10
11 &pgstar
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25 / ! end of pgstar namelist

```

Listing B.4: Example for a multi-column and multi-page code listing.

```

1  ! inlist to evolve a 15 solar mass star
2
3  ! For the sake of future readers of this file ,
4  ! ONLY include the controls you are actually using.
5  ! DO NOT include all of the other controls that
6  ! simply have their default values.
7
8  &star_job
9
10 ! begin with a pre-main sequence model
11   create_pre_main_sequence_model = .true.
12
13 ! save a model at the end of the run
14   save_model_when_terminate = .false.
15   save_model_filename = '15M_at_TAMS.mod'
16
17 ! display on-screen plots
18   pgstar_flag = .true.
19
20 / !end of star_job namelist
21
22
23 &controls
24
25 ! starting specifications
26   initial_mass = 15 ! in Msun units
27
28 ! options for energy conservation
29   use_dedt_form_of_energy_eqn = .true.
30   use_gold_tolerances = .true.
31
32 ! stop when the star nears ZAMS (Lnuc/L > 0.99)
33   Lnuc_div_L_zams_limit = 0.99d0
34   stop_near_zams = .true.
35
36 ! stop when the center mass fraction
37 of h1 drops below this limit
38   xa_central_lower_limit_species(1) = 'h1'
39   xa_central_lower_limit(1) = 1d-3
40
41 / ! end of controls namelist
42
43 &pgstar
44
45 ! MESA uses PGPLOT for live plotting and
46 ! gives the user a tremendous amount of control
47 ! of the presentation of the information.
48

```

```
49  ! show HR diagram
50  ! this plots the history of L,Teff over many
51  ! timesteps
52    HR_win_flag = .true.
53
54  ! set static plot bounds
55    HR_logT_min = 3.5
56    HR_logT_max = 4.6
57    HR_logL_min = 2.0
58    HR_logL_max = 6.0
59
60  ! set window size (aspect_ratio = height/width)
61    HR_win_width = 6
62    HR_win_aspect_ratio = 1.0
63
64
```

```
65  ! show temperature/density profile
66  ! this plots the internal structure at single
67  ! timestep
68    TRho_Profile_win_flag = .true.
69
70  ! add legend explaining colors
71    show_TRho_Profile_legend = .true.
72
73  ! display numerical info about the star
74    show_TRho_Profile_text_info = .true.
75
76  ! set window size (aspect_ratio = height/width)
77    TRho_Profile_win_width = 8
78    TRho_Profile_win_aspect_ratio = 0.75
79
80 / ! end of pgstar namelist
```


Appendix C

C

Curriculum Vitae

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Extended scientific or exchange stays

- **Institution, program / purpose**, give concise details

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Proposals lead as Principle investigator

- **Title of successful proposal**, awarded observing time (observing semester), observatory, telescope & instrument specification

Proposals contributed to as Co-investigator

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