

The new period determination and mode identification of δ Scuti star HR 5437

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Abstract. The δ Scuti variable star HR 5437 was observed with the 85 cm telescope at the Xinglong Station of Beijing Astronomical Observatory from 1997 to 1998. Period analyses were made for our data set, the data set obtained by Li and Jiang in 1991 and the combined data set (1991–1998). From the combined data set two frequencies were obtained: 11.3484 and 6.9840 cd^{-1} . We calculated the evolution sequences of a star with 1.0 – 2.0 solar mass and all pulsation modes of each evolution phase. Among all the modes calculated from the 140th evolution phase of a star with 1.90 solar mass we found two frequencies which are almost the same as the two observed frequencies. So, we tend to suggest that HR 5437 pulsates in two modes: a radial p mode with $l = 0$, $n = 4$ and another nonradial p modes with $l = 1$, $n = 1$.

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Paparó et al. (1990) gave two other frequencies. The first is 8.537 cd^{-1} and the second is 11.376 cd^{-1} . Paparó et al. pointed out that due to the poor quality of the data distribution and the complex structure of the spectral window the precise values of frequencies were not found. Li & Jiang (1992) obtained only one frequency of 11.390 cd^{-1} from their data obtained in 1991. However, comparing with the results given by Paparó et al. (1990), Li & Jiang (1992) thought that the frequency of 8.537 cd^{-1} given by Paparó et al. (1990) was the fundamental frequency, the frequency of 11.390 cd^{-1} was the first overtone frequency. The situation is quite confused.

In this paper we wish to make period analyses not only for present data, but also for the data obtained by Li & Jiang (1992), and also for the joint data of the two data sets to obtain more accurate frequency solution and investigate the pulsation modes of this star.

1. Introduction

HR 5437 is a 6.24 magnitude star situated at $\alpha = 14^{\text{h}}30^{\text{m}}4$, $\delta = +60^{\circ}26'7$ (1950 coordinates). The photoelectric observations of HR 5437 were carried out between 1986 and 1988 at the Pizskéstető Station of Konkoly Observatory of Hungary and the Xinglong Station of Beijing Astronomical Observatory of China. From the data obtained at the Xinglong Station in 1988 Jiang & Li (1988) discovered HR 5437 to be a δ Scuti variable star. But they did not give the values of frequency. From the 1988 data set obtained at the Pizskéstető Station and the Xinglong Station, Paparó et al. (1990) gave two frequencies. The first frequency is 8.437 cd^{-1} , the second is 12.362 cd^{-1} . Joining the 1988 data set and the data obtained at the Pizskéstető Station in 1986–1987,

2. Observations

In order to obtain the correct pulsation frequencies of HR 5437 and study its character we observed this star from 9 to 17 April 1997 and on March 6, 1998 using the 85 cm telescope at the Xinglong Station of Beijing Astronomical Observatory. The 4-channel photometer (Michel & Chevreton 1991) with Strömgren v filter was used. The star SAO 16408 was used as comparison, and SAO 16394 was used as check star. The three stars and sky background were observed simultaneously. The integration time was one minute. The value of each data point is the magnitude difference (HR 5437 – SAO 16408) normalized to zero. No evidence for any variability of SAO 16408 was found, but SAO 16394 was discovered unexpectedly to be a new δ Scuti star (Liu et al. 1998). The measuring error is about 3 mmag. Seven tracks of data were obtained for HR 5437 from 1997 to 1998 covering a period of 332 days. The observing log is given in Table 1, where time duration is the length

Table 1. Observing log of HR 5437 (1997–1998)

Date	Time duration (day)	Point number
1997.04.09	0.2757	344
1997.04.10	0.2826	390
1997.04.12	0.2524	359
1997.04.13	0.1466	212
1997.04.16	0.2034	272
1997.04.17	0.1472	201
1998.03.06	0.1738	280

of observational run (in days) during each night, point number is the amount of data points during each night.

3. Period analysis

The period analyses were performed using Hao’s program (1991), the program PERIOD (Breger 1990) and PERIOD96 (Sperl 1996). In these programs all parameters of pulsation are obtained using a combination of single-frequency Fourier transforms and multifrequency least squares of brightness residuals (LSR). The detailed procedure of period analyses is referenced in Liu’s papers (1995, 1996). Besides our data set, we made period analysis for Li and Jiang’s data set obtained in 1991 (Li & Jiang 1992) which is the only available data set in the literature. Moreover, we combined the two data sets into one and made period analysis for this long data set so as to obtain a coherent solution. The data points of the combined data set are shown in Fig. 1, where the ordinate is the magnitude difference of HR 5437 and comparison star normalized to zero. The abscissa is the time (+HJD 2448000). All computed results for the three data sets are given in Table 2. In Table 2 the frequency is in cycles per day, the amplitude and standard error are in milli-magnitude, and the phases are normalized to 1. σ is the standard errors of fitting.

From Li and Jiang’s data set we only confirmed one frequency of 11.390 cd^{-1} . Prewhitening the first frequency, it seems that there is a peak around or larger than 6 cd^{-1} in the power spectra. Due to the low observational accuracy and less data points the second frequency could not be confirmed. From our data set we obtained two frequencies: 11.3546 and 5.9966 cd^{-1} . However, the value of second frequency is not stable throughout our whole procedure of data processing. While changing the amount of the data points we found that the value of second frequency varied around or larger than 5.9966 cd^{-1} sometimes. Although the quality of our data set is good, the quantity still is not enough to obtain a satisfactory result. From the combined data set we obtained two frequencies: 11.3484 and 6.9840 cd^{-1} . They can fit the data points very well (see Fig. 1). The power spectra of the combined data set are shown in Fig. 2 together with the spectral window. Power spectrum (01) is obtained from the original data.

The frequency with strongest power is the first frequency of 11.3484 cd^{-1} . Power spectrum (02) is obtained from the residuals (original data minus first frequency). The frequency with strongest power is the second frequency of 6.9840 cd^{-1} . It is very obviously higher than others. So, we think that the two frequencies obtained from the combined data set are reliable.

4. Identification of evolution phase and pulsation mode

In order to compute the evolution phase and identify the pulsation modes of HR 5437, we used a standard stellar structure and evolution code which was developed by Luo (1991, 1997) and a classical adiabatic oscillation program in which the linear oscillation theory was developed by Li (1990, 1994). Henyey method, the equation of state developed by Luo (1994a, 1994b, 1997) and the latest version of the OPAL opacity tables (Iglesias & Rogers 1996) were used in the evolution code. And H and He burning for evolution was considered. First, we used Luo’s code to calculate the evolution sequences of a star with $1.0 - 2.0$ solar mass for an initial composition $X = 0.68$, $Z = 0.02$ and the mixing length $\alpha = 1.0$. We calculated 11 evolution sequences from 1.0 to $2.0 M_{\odot}$ in step of $0.1 M_{\odot}$. Each evolution sequence composed of 220 evolution phases. Using Li’s program (1990, 1994) we then calculated all pulsation modes of each evolution phase. Finally, we found two frequencies: 11.3357 cd^{-1} with radial p mode ($l = 0, n = 4$) and 7.0235 cd^{-1} with nonradial p mode ($l = 1, n = 1$) in the 140th evolution phase of the evolution sequence of a star with $1.9 M_{\odot}$. These two calculated frequencies were the same values as the observed frequencies within the errors. The evolutionary track of a $1.9 M_{\odot}$ star is shown in Fig. 3. The comparison between the observation of HR 5437 and theoretical calculation of a $1.9 M_{\odot}$ star is listed in Table 3, where C is the calculated value, O is the value obtained from the observation, $|O - C|$ is the deviation between observation and theoretical calculation, f_1 is the first frequency, and f_2 is the second frequency. From Table 3 we can see the deviations are very small. It is only about 0.01 for the first frequency and 0.04 for the second one. l, n is the calculated order and degree of a pulsation mode, respectively. So, we tend to suggest that HR 5437 pulsates in two modes: radial p mode with $l = 0, n = 4$ and nonradial p mode with $l = 1, n = 1$.

In order to check the reliability of pulsation modes and evolution we used the absolute bolometric magnitude $M_{\text{bol}} = 1.25$ mag and effective temperature $T_{\text{eff}} = 7900$ K which were derived from the Strömrgren *wby*H β photometric data of HR 5437 and used some calibration formulas (Li & Jiang 1992). And, we know that the absolute bolometric magnitude of the sun $M_{\text{bol}\odot}$ is 4.75 mag. Putting $M_{\text{bol}} = 1.25$ mag and $M_{\text{bol}\odot} = 4.75$ mag into the basic formula $M_{\text{bol}} - M_{\text{bol}\odot} = -2.5 \log L/L_{\odot}$ we obtained the luminosity of HR 5437 in solar unit $\log L/L_{\odot} = 1.40$.

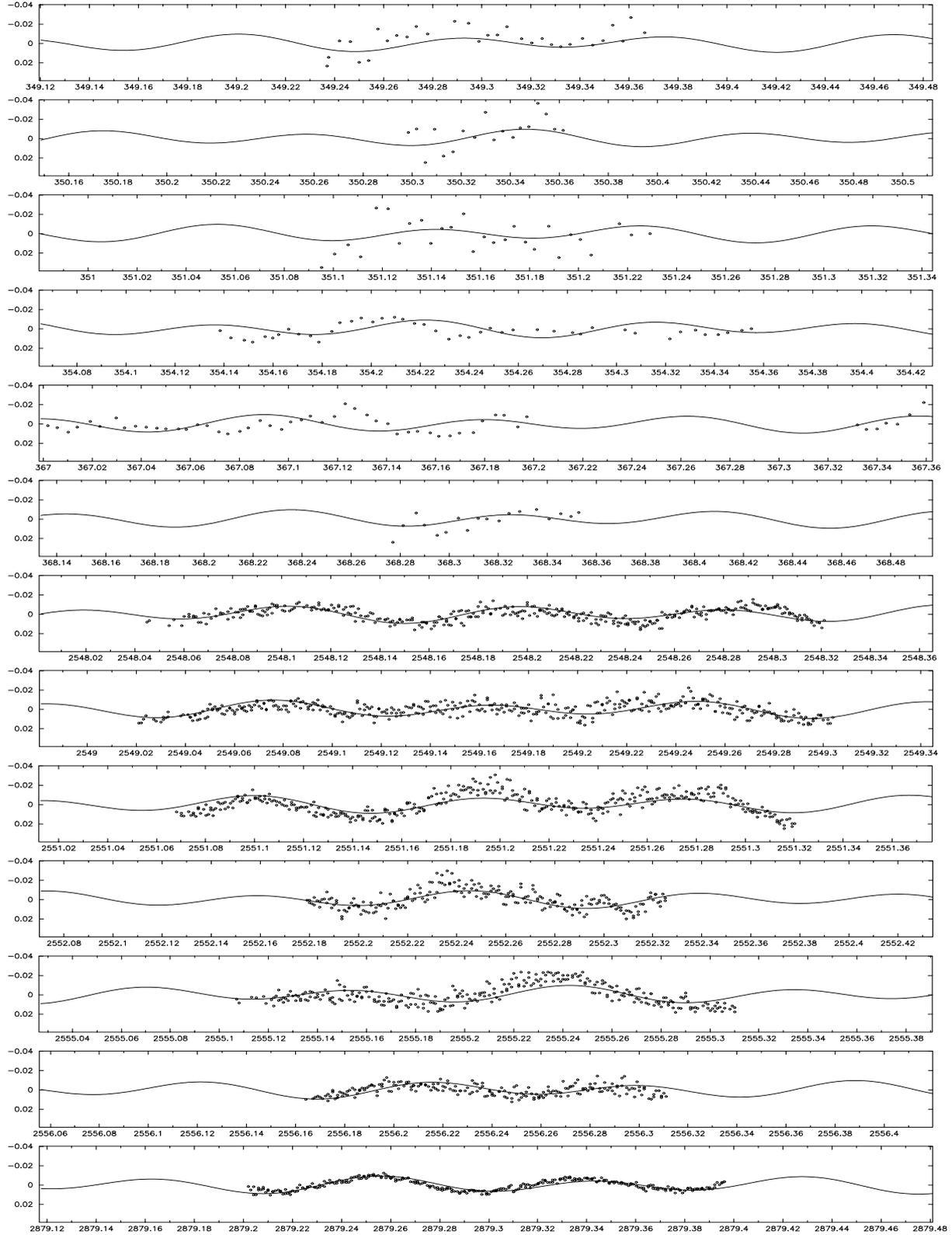


Fig. 1. The data points and fit curves of HR 5437 during 1991–1998. The ordinate is the magnitude difference of HR 5437 and comparison normalized to zero. The abscissa is the time (+HJD 2448000). The fit of the two-frequency solution given in Table 2 is shown as a solid curve

Table 2. The pulsation frequency solutions of three data sets of HR 5437

Time (year)	Frequency (cd^{-1})	Amplitude (mmag)	Phase (0 – 1)	σ (mmag)	Data source
1991	11.390	7.8	0.15	9.0	Li & Jiang (1992)
1997–1998	11.3546	7.1	0.05	6.0	Present
	5.9966	3.0	0.65		
1991–1998	11.3484	6.8	0.15	6.6	Li & Jiang (1992)+Present
	6.9840	2.8	0.04		

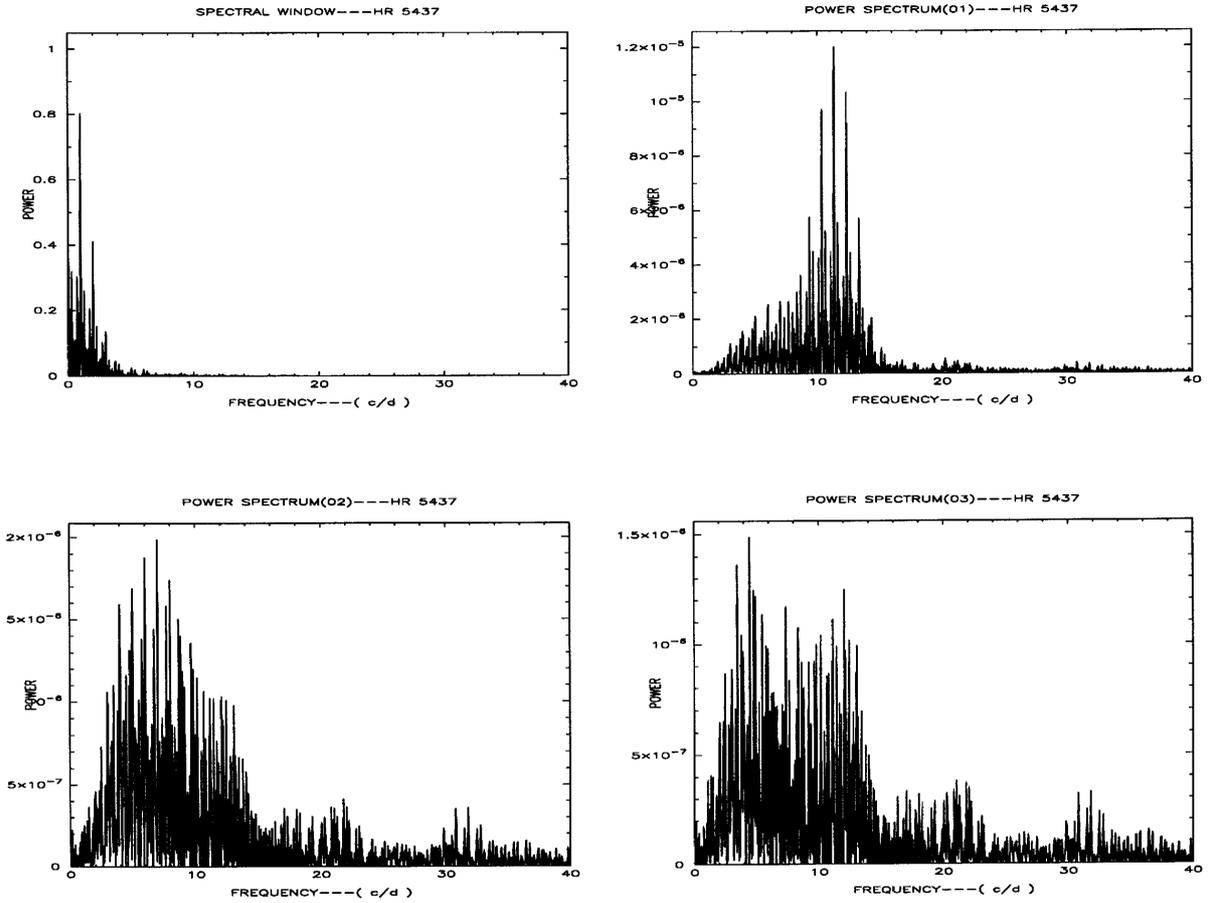


Fig. 2. Power spectra of the 1991–1998 data set of HR 5437. Power spectrum (01) is obtained from the original data. The frequency with strongest power is the first frequency (11.3484 cd^{-1}). Power spectrum (02) is obtained from the residuals (original data minus first frequency). The frequency with strongest power is the second frequency (6.9840 cd^{-1}). Power spectrum (03) is obtained from the residuals (original data minus first and second frequencies). The ordinate is the power (mag^2). The abscissa is frequency (cd^{-1})

Table 3. The comparison of pulsation frequencies and parameters between observation of HR 5437 and theoretical calculation of a star with 1.9 solar mass

Item	Mode	l	n	O	C	$ O - C $
f_1	p	0	4	11.3484	11.3357	0.0127
f_2	p	1	1	6.9840	7.0235	0.0395
$\log(L/L_{\odot})$				1.40	1.41	0.01
$\log T_{\text{eff}}$				3.90	3.90	0.0

And the logarithm of effective temperature equals 3.90: $\log T_{\text{eff}} = 3.90$. We found that the deviations between these two values and calculated values in the 140th evolution phase of the evolution sequence of a star with $1.9 M_{\odot}$ are small. The comparison between theoretical calculation and observation is listed in Table 3. The observed position of HR 5437 on the evolution path is shown in Fig. 3 with an asterisk. It places exactly on the modeling evolution sequence curve.

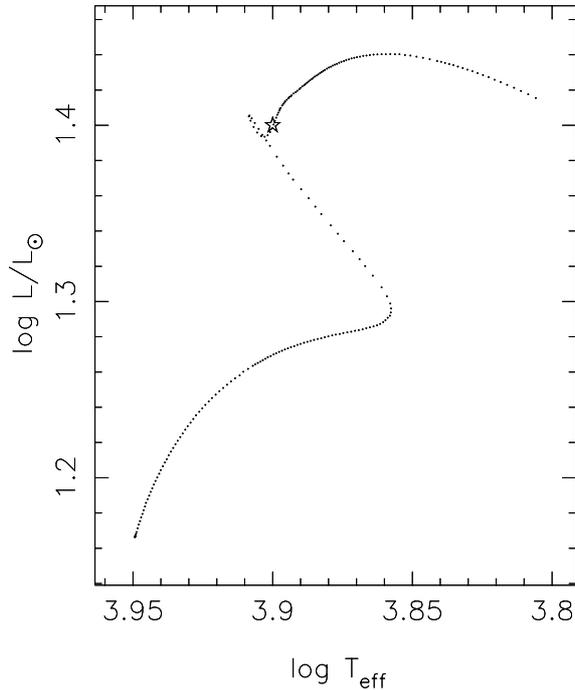


Fig. 3. The standard evolutionary track of the $1.9 M_{\odot}$ model with an initial chemical composition $X = 0.68$, $Z = 0.02$. The observed position of HR 5437 is described with an asterisk. The ordinate is luminosity and the abscissa is effective temperature

5. Conclusion

As stated above, we made period analyses for three data sets: Li and Jiang's data set, our data set and the combined data set. The main results obtained are given in three tables and three figures. A coherent solution of two frequencies: 11.3484 and 6.9840 cd^{-1} was obtained. We used the stellar structure and evolution code developed by Luo (1991, 1997) and Li's program (1990, 1994) to calculate the evolution sequences of a star with $1.0 - 2.0$ solar mass and all pulsation frequencies of each evolution phase. we found two frequencies: 11.3357 cd^{-1} (radial

p mode, $l = 0$, $n = 4$) and 7.0235 cd^{-1} (nonradial p mode, $l = 1$, $n = 1$) in the 140th evolution phase of the evolution sequence of a star with 1.9 solar mass. These two calculated frequencies were the same values as the observed frequencies within the errors. So, we tend to suggest that HR 5437 pulsates in the two modes: radial p mode with $l = 0$, $n = 4$ and nonradial p mode with $l = 1$, $n = 1$. Furthermore, from the known parameters: $M_{\text{bol}} = 1.25 \text{ mag}$ and $T_{\text{eff}} = 7900 \text{ K}$ we obtained $\log L/L_{\odot} = 1.4$ and $\log T_{\text{eff}} = 3.9$. These two parameters are consistent with the calculated values in the 140th evolution phase of the evolution sequence of a star with 1.9 solar mass. It means that the mode identification is reliable.

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