

# Peter De Cat



## • Personalia

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## H-index: 41

- 112 papers in international refereed journals (7)
- 4 papers in international non-refereed journals
- 88 papers in proceedings of international conferences (21)

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## • Studies

- 1992-1996: Master in Science (Physics) @ KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)
  - “Analysis of the line profile variations of the  $\beta$  Cephei star  $\beta$  Crucis (HD11123)” (04/07/1996; supervisor: dr. Conny Aerts)
- 01/10/1996-30/09/2001: PhD in Science (Physics) @ KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)
  - “An observational study of bright southern slowly pulsating B stars” (23/05/2001; supervisor: dr. Conny Aerts)

## • Employment

- 01/10/2001-31/10/2003: Post-doc FWO @ KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)
- 01/11/2003-now: Scientific staff @ ROB (Brussels, Belgium)
  - Asteroseismology (BAF-type pulsators on the main-sequence)
  - LAMOST (Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope)
  - BINA (Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics)
  - RUSTICCA (Revalorising the Ukkel Schmidt Telescope by Installing a CCD Camera)

- **Asteroseismology** (BAF-type mode pulsators on the main-sequence)

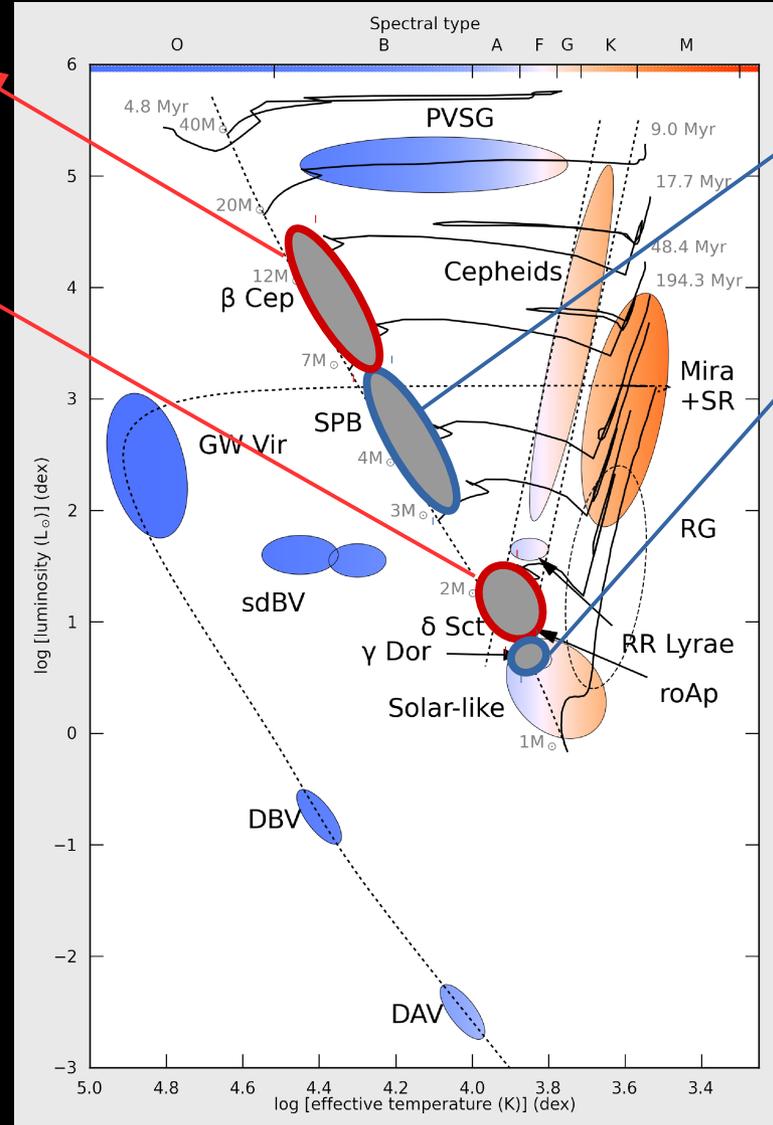
- $\beta$  Cephei ( $\beta$ Cep) stars

- $\delta$  Scuti ( $\delta$ Sct) stars



## p-modes

- pressure
- short periods
  - × min to hours
- near surface
- radial displacements



- Slowly pulsating B (SPB) stars

- $\gamma$  Doradus ( $\gamma$ Dor) stars



## g-modes

- buoyancy
- long periods
  - × hours to days
- deep interior
- tangential displacements

... and their hybrids

- **Asteroseismology** (BAF-type mode pulsators on the main-sequence)
  - Evidence for binarity and multiplicity in the  $\beta$  Cephei star  $\beta$  Crucis

➤ CAT/CES@ESO(LaSilla)/1.4-m

Aerts, De Cat, Cuypers et al., 2000, A&A 329, 137



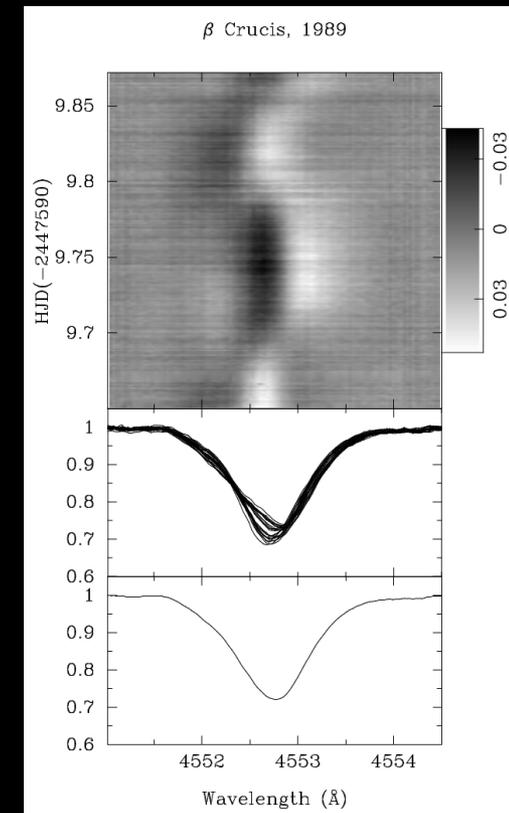
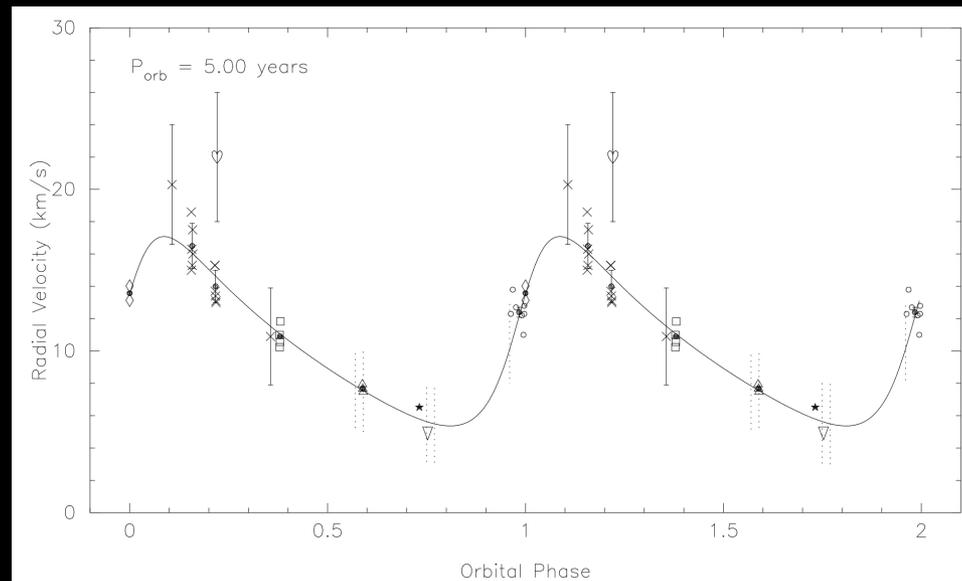
- × high-resolution ( $R=60000$ ), SiIII triplet (455.26, 456.78, 457.48 nm)
- × time-series: 1193 spectra in 11 nights (1984-1995)
- × isolated observations: 14 spectra in 14 nights (1996-1997)

## Multiperiodic pulsator

- $f_1 = 5.2305468 \text{ d}^{-1}$  ( $l=1$ )
  - $f_2 = 5.958666 \text{ d}^{-1}$  ( $l \geq 3$ )
  - $f_3 = 5.472165 \text{ d}^{-1}$  ( $l \geq 3$ )
- (moment method)

## Single-lined binarity

- $P_{\text{orb}} = 1828.0(25)$  days
- $e = 0.38(9)$
- B2V secondary



- Polarimetric detection of non-radial oscillation modes in the  $\beta$  Cephei star  $\beta$  Crucis

Cotton, Buzasi, Aerts et al., 2021, NatAst, in press



- **Asteroseismology** (BAF-type mode pulsators on the main-sequence)

- A detailed spectroscopic analysis of  $\epsilon$  Per

- I. Determination of the orbital parameters and of the frequencies

- Aurélie@OHP/1.52-m

De Cat, Telting, Aerts, Mathias, 2000, A&A 359, 539

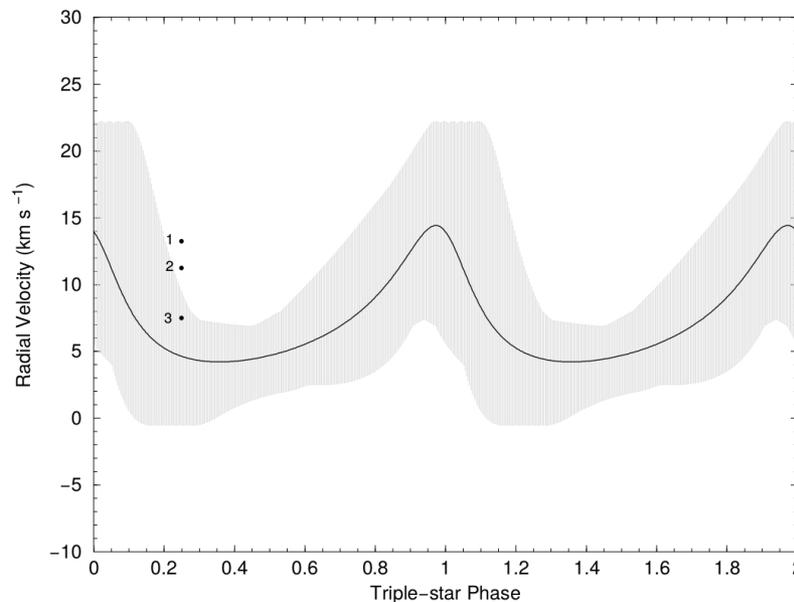
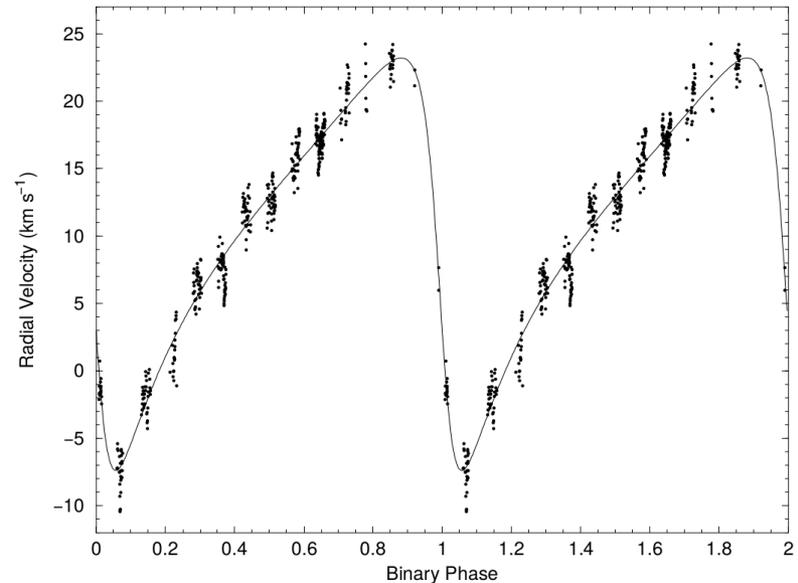
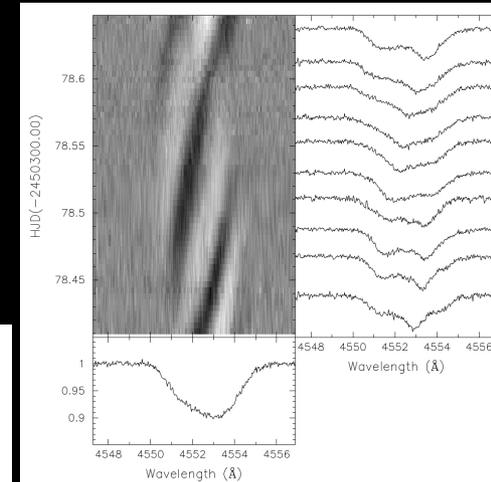
- × high-resolution ( $R=60000$ ), SiIII triplet (455.26, 456.78, 457.48 nm)

- × time-series: 464 spectra in 14 consecutive nights (16-29/10/1996)

Triple system (Tarasov et al. 1995)

- 14.0 days of inner binary confirmed

- 1456 days of triple system non-conclusive



**Multiperiodic pulsator**

- $f_1 = 5.300 \text{ d}^{-1}$

- $f_2 = 5.890 \text{ d}^{-1}$

- $f_3 = 6.250 \text{ d}^{-1}$

- $f_4 = 6.875 \text{ d}^{-1}$

- $f_5 = 10.585 \text{ d}^{-1}$

(moment method)

- **Asteroseismology** (BAF-type mode pulsators on the main-sequence)

- A study of bright southern slowly pulsating B stars

- I. Determination of the orbital parameters and of the main frequency of the spectroscopic binaries

De Cat, Aerts, De Ridder et al., 2000, A&A 355, 1015

- II. The intrinsic frequencies

De Cat & Aerts, 2002, A&A 393, 965

- III. Mode-identification for singly-periodic targets in spectroscopy

De Cat, Briquet, Daszyńska-Daszkiewicz et al., 2005, A&A 432, 1013

- Sample

- × 5 well-known SPBs (Waelkens, 1991)

- × 12 candidate SPBs (thanks to Hipparcos data)

- Observations

- × Spectroscopy: high-resolution CAT/CES@ESO/1.4-m  
(SiII doublet: 412.8, 413.0 nm)

- × Photometry: Geneva photometry (U, B<sub>1</sub>, B, B<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>, V, G)  
Hipparcos photometry (H<sub>p</sub>)

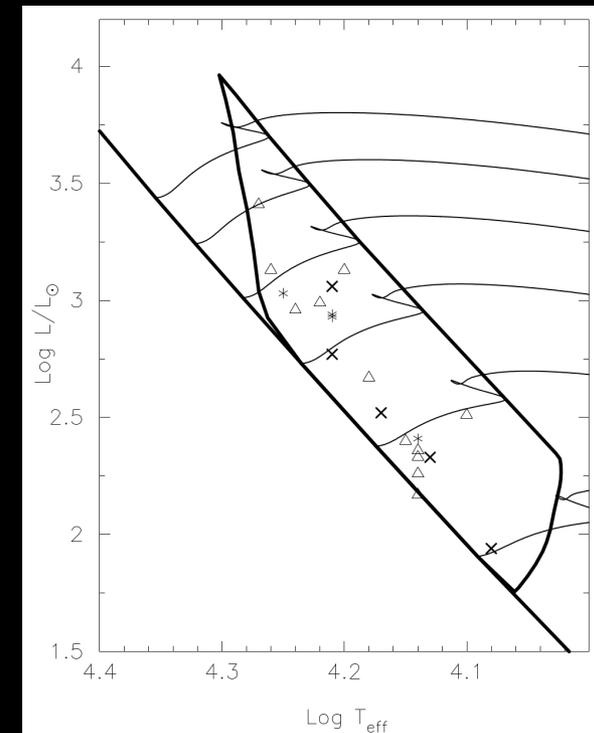
- Analysis

- × Frequency analysis

- × Mode identification

Observational characterisation  
of class of SPB stars

- ✓ moment method and photometric amplitude ratios





- **Asteroseismology** (BAF-type mode pulsators on the main-sequence)

- A spectroscopic study of southern (candidate)  $\gamma$  Doradus stars

- I. Time series analysis

De Cat, Eyer, Cuypers et al., 2006, A&A 449, 281

- CORALIE@Euler/1.2-m

- × high-resolution spectroscopy (cross-correlation profiles)

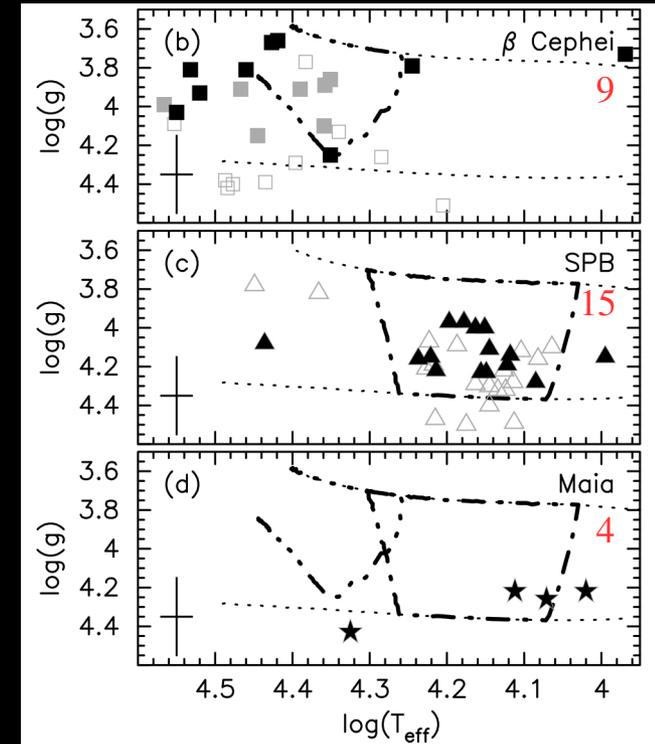
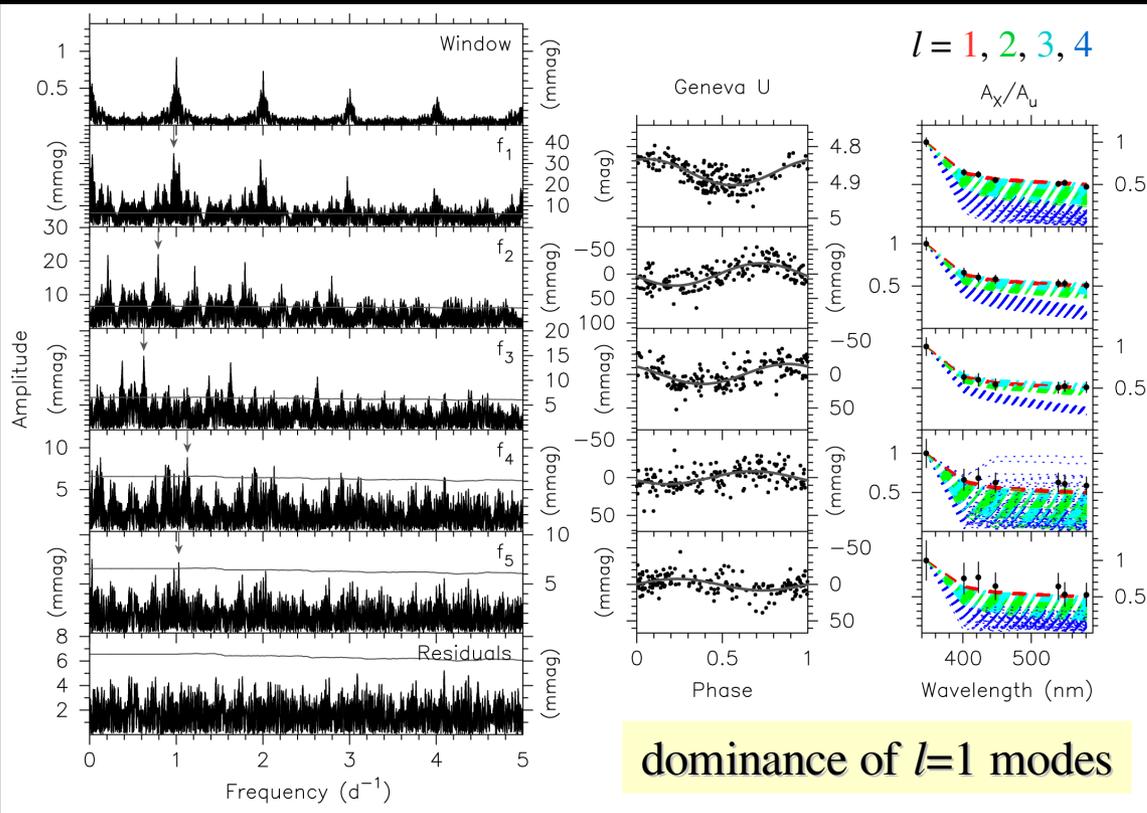
10 new bona fide  $\gamma$ Dor stars  
 1 new bona fide  $\delta$ Sct star  
 8 constant stars

	bf $\gamma$ Dor star	cand $\gamma$ Dor star	rejected $\gamma$ Dor star
single	13 HD 12901, HD 14940, HD 27290, HD 40745, HD 41448, HD 48501, HD 65526, HD 112685, HD 135825, HD 149989, HD 187025, HD 216910, HD 218225	2 HD 110379, HD 112934	4 HD 7455, HD 22001, HD 33262, HD 125081 <sup>1</sup>
suspect	0	2 HD 111829, HD 26298	1 HD 27604
SB1	2 HD 167858 <sup>2</sup> , HD 209295	1 HD 126516	1 HD 85964
SB2	1 HD 34025	7 HD 10167, HD 27377 <sup>3</sup> , HD 35416, HD 110606, HD 111709 <sup>3,4</sup> , HD 147787, HD 214291	3 HD 5590, HD 8393, HD 81421

<sup>1</sup> bf  $\delta$  Sct star; <sup>2</sup> shows no cross-correlation profile variations but was classified as a bf  $\gamma$  Dor star before; <sup>3</sup> ellipsoidal variability instead of pulsation cannot be ruled out; <sup>4</sup> shows cross-correlation profile variations, but was classified as a chemically peculiar star before.

- **Asteroseismology** (BAF-type mode pulsators on the main-sequence)
  - ➔ Long term photometric monitoring with the Mercator telescope
  - Frequencies and mode identification of variable O-B stars
    - P7@Mercator/1.2-m
      - ✗ Geneva photometry (U, B<sub>1</sub>, B, B<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>, V, G)
      - Hipparcos photometry (H<sub>p</sub>)

De Cat, Briquet, Aerts et al., 2007, A&A 463, 243



21 pulsating variables (7 new, 2 candidate hybrids)  
 6 non-pulsating variables (binary or spotted star)  
 1 photometrically constant



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Frequencies and mode identification of variable O-B stars

De Cat, Briquet, Aerts et al., 2007, A&A 463, 243

Frequencies and multicolour amplitudes of  $\gamma$  Doradus stars

Cuypers, Aerts, De Cat et al., 2009, A&A 499, 967

- **Asteroseismology** (BAF-type mode pulsators on the main-sequence)

→ Rotation and pulsations in main-sequence gravity mode pulsators

SPB stars  
 $\gamma$ Dor stars

effect of rotation on pulsations? {  
➢ isolated spectra for  $v \sin i$  determination  
➢ spectroscopic multi-site campaigns

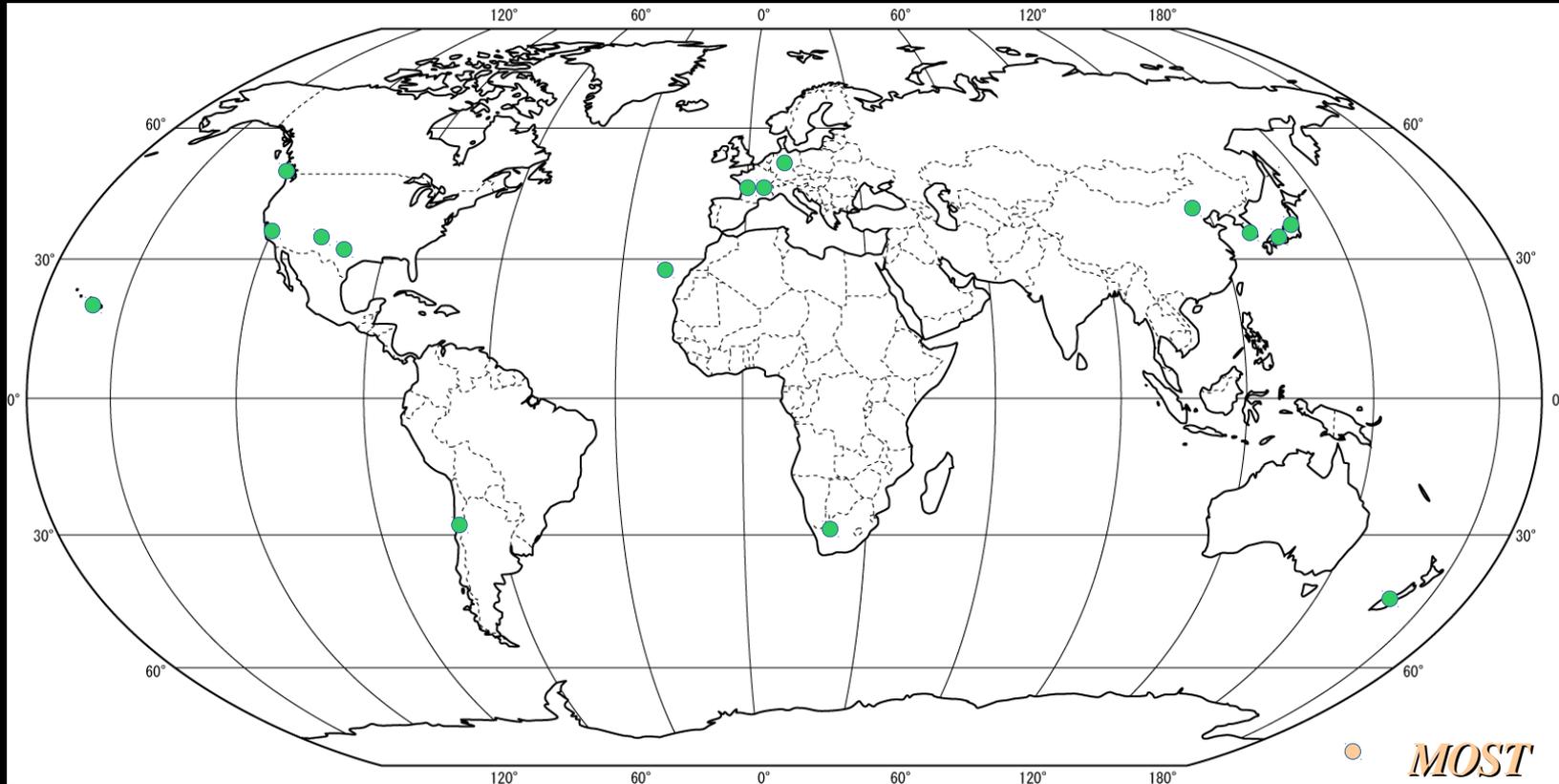
Action 1 project (2008-2011): Duncan J. Wright

Action 1 project (2012-2014): Ádám Sódor

× 16 ground-based observatories

De Cat, Wright, Pollard et al., 2009, AIPC 1170, 480

× >11,000 high-resolution spectra



ESPaDOnS@CFHT/3.58-m  
Hamilton@Lick/3-m  
9682M@DAO/1.2-m  
RA2@McDonald/2.1-m  
Echelle@Fairborn/2-m  
HARPS@ESO/3.6-m  
FEROS@ESO/2.2-m  
FIES@RMO/2.6-m  
HERMES@RMO/1.2-m  
SOPHIE@OHP/1.93-m  
NARVAL@TBL/2-m  
CES@TLS/2.0-m  
GIRAFFE@SAAO/1.9-m  
COUDE@Xinglong/2.16-m  
BOES@BOA/1.8-m  
HIDES@OAO/1.88-m  
HERCULES@MJUO/1.0-m

21 days HD25558 (SPB)  
47 days HD218396 ( $\gamma$ Dor)

- **Asteroseismology** (BAF-type mode pulsators on the main-sequence)

- ➔ **Rotation and pulsations in main-sequence gravity mode pulsators**

SPB stars  
 $\gamma$ Dor stars

- **HD218396** (HR8799;  $\gamma$ Dor star; planet host)

- ✗ spectroscopy: SOPHIE@OHP/1.93-m

- ✓ 650 spectra in time span of 2 weeks
        - ✓ frequency analysis  $\rightarrow f_1 = 1.9875 \text{ d}^{-1}$
        - ✓ mode identification (pixel-by-pixel method)  $\rightarrow$  prograde sectoral mode  $(l,m) = (1,+1)$ ,  $i_{\text{rot}} > 40^\circ$

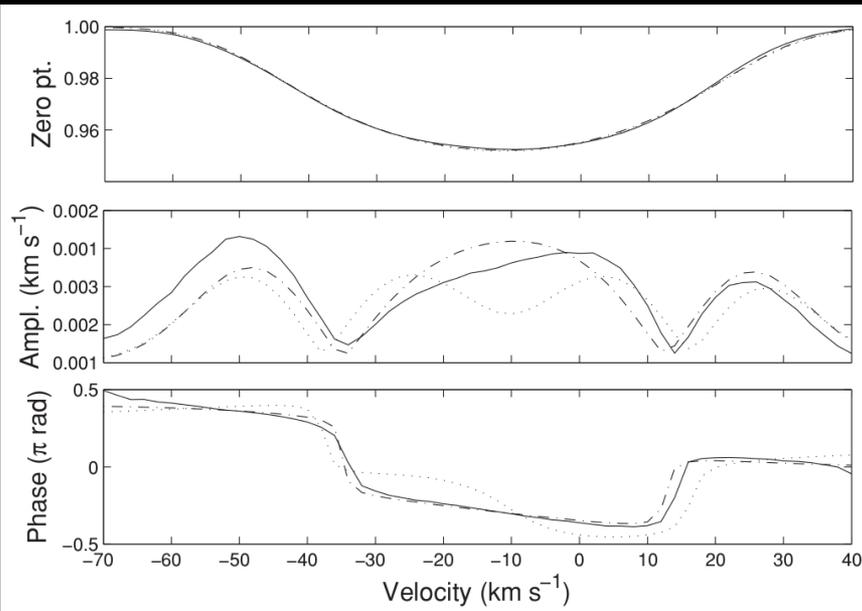
Wright, Chené, De Cat et al., 2011, ApJL 728, L20

**misalignment stellar rotational inclination  
 and planetary orbit axis**

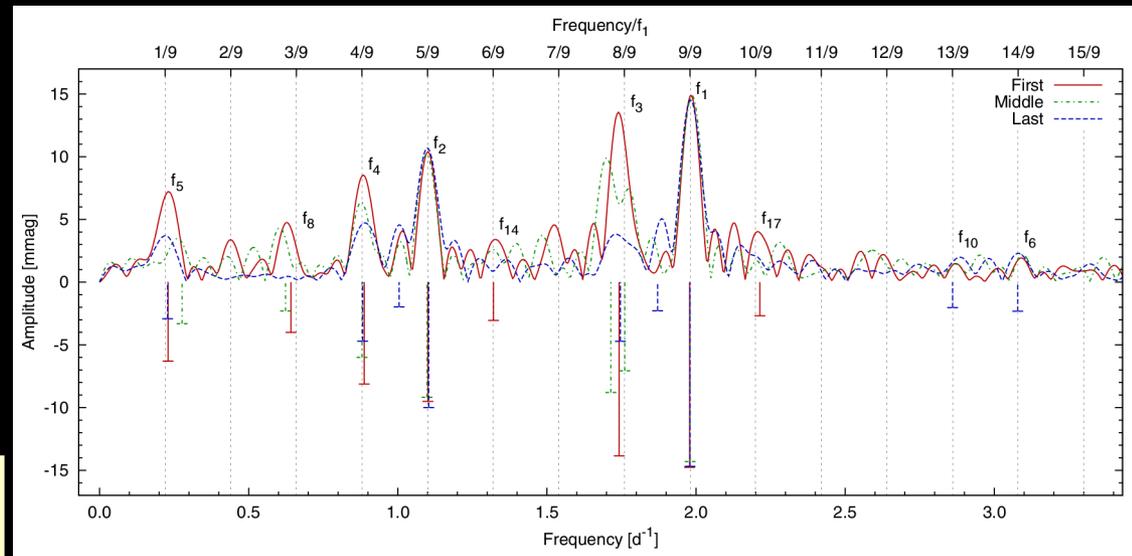
Sódor, Chené, De Cat et al., 2014, A&A 568, A106

- ✗ photometry: Microvariability and Oscillations in STars

- ✓ frequency analysis  $\rightarrow f_1 = 1.978 \text{ d}^{-1}$



**many multiples of  $f_1/9$   
 strong amplitude decrease and phase changes**



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→ Rotation and pulsations in main-sequence gravity mode pulsators

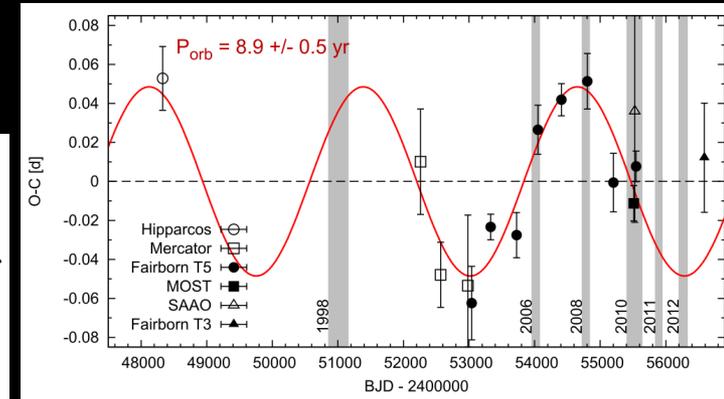
SPB stars  
γDor stars

➢ HD25558 (SPB star)

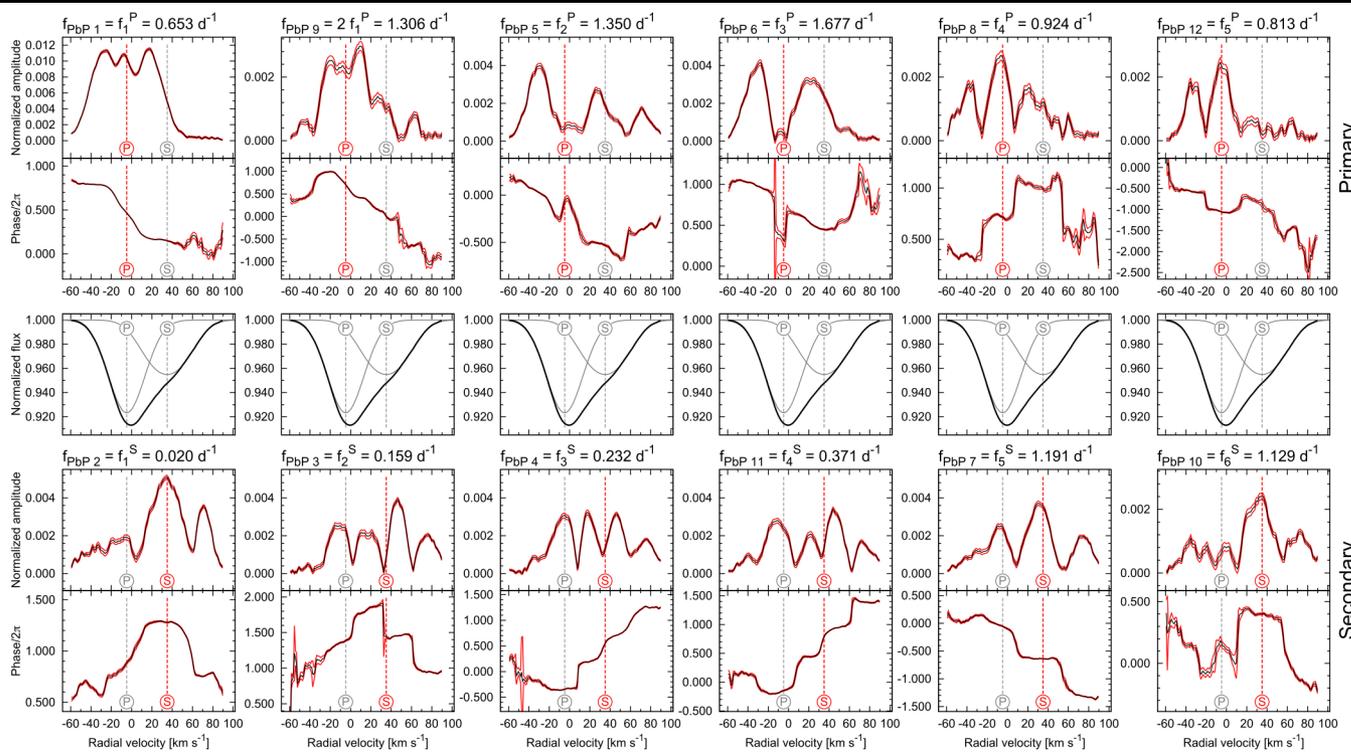
Sódor, De Cat, Wright et al., 2014, MNRAS 438, 3535

× spectroscopy: ~2000 high-resolution spectra

× photometry: ground-based and MOST lightcurves



- double-lined spectroscopic binary ( $P_{\text{orb}} \sim 9$  years)
- both components SPB stars (11 independent frequencies)
- inclination and rotation of two components differ
- magnetic field for secondary (few hundred Gauss)



→ Gravity-mode Asteroseismology of Stars with a convective core (GAS)

collaboration with Timothy Van Reeth (KU Leuven)

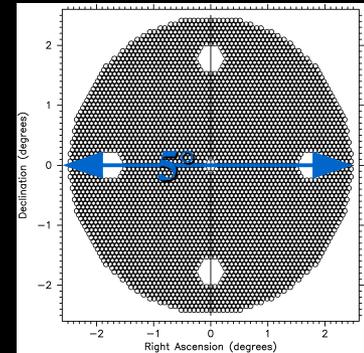


## • LAMOST (Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope)

### → Specifications:

- Fibers: #4000
- Telescope: 4.0-m Guo Shou Jing Telescope  
northern hemisphere (Xinglong Observatory, China)
- Wavelengths: 370 – 900 nm
- Resolution: 1000-2000 (low) / 5000-10000 (medium)
- Field of View: ~20 deg<sup>2</sup> (5°; circular)
- Targets: >5,000,000 (stars, galaxies, QSOs)
- Science case:

- × LEGAS: LAMOST Extragalactic Survey
- × LEGUE: LAMOST Experiment for Galactic Understanding and Exploration  
→ survey of Milky Way stellar structure (halo and disk components)



- test observations LRS (R~1800) → May-June 2011
- pilot survey LRS → October 2011-June 2012
- first regular survey LRS → October 2012-June 2017
- test observations MRS (R~7500) → October 2018-June 2019
- second regular survey LRS + MRS → June 2019-now

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测站位于河北省承德市兴  
6'。该站相对北京市中心  
心方位为东偏南约 8°，直

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的有关资料，特别是国家天文

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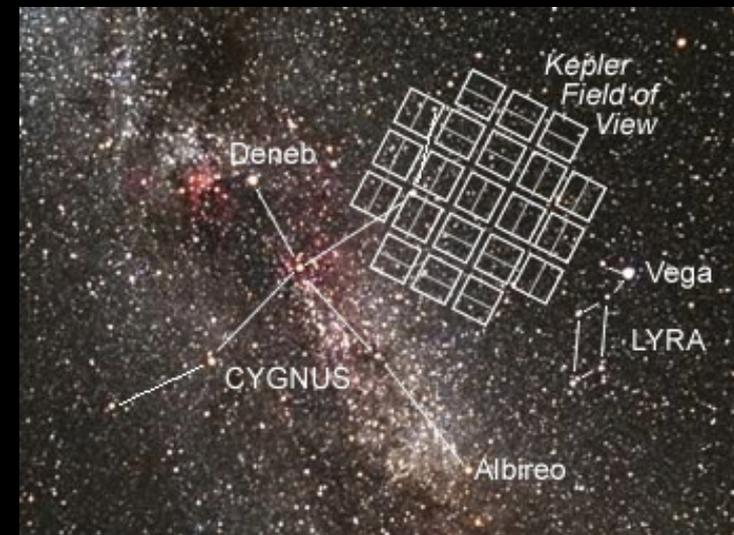
，在无月良好观测夜，天光  $V$  星等  
发现近十年来兴隆站的夜天光亮度有  
Night sky brightness: BATC multi-year  
ence of observations on good nights,  
21.5 magnitudes / square arcsecond. It  
ight sky brightness at Xinglong Station  
of about 0.3 magnitude.)

数分布在 2—3 角秒之间。应该指出：  
其影响因素，而且视宁度

- **LAMOST** (Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope)

- *Kepler* mission

- primary mirror: 1.2-m
- lifetime: 07/03/2009–14/05/2013
- continuous monitoring 1 star field in Cygnus-Lyra region
  - × about 200,000 stars
  - × roll 90° about line-of-sight months
  - × short (1 min.) or long (32 min.) cadence
  - × broad band photometry with accuracy ppm
- main scientific goals
  - × discover Earth-size planets (transit method)
  - × characterizing planet-hosting stars by means of asteroseismic methods
  - × opportunity for asteroseismic investigation of stars covering H-R diagram





- **LAMOST** (Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope)

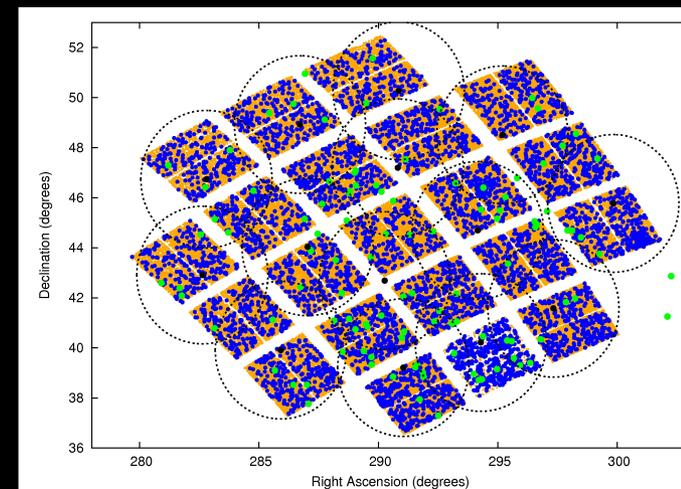
- **LRS LAMOST Observations in *Kepler* Field**

- to cover whole *Kepler* field-of-view
- to characterize targets in homogeneous way
  - ×  $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$ , metallicity
  - × spectral type
  - × any peculiarities
- with low resolution spectroscopy
- radial velocity  $\Rightarrow$  cluster membership, binaries
- rotation velocity  $\Rightarrow$  restriction on  $v \sin i$
- because it is the only instrument to observe thousands of targets efficiently
  - × brightest targets ( $K_p \leq 10.5$ ): 2-m class telescopes
  - × LAMOST: focus on fainter targets



Win-win proposal for:

- *Kepler* asteroseismic community (provide stellar parameters)
- LAMOST community (calibration of results)

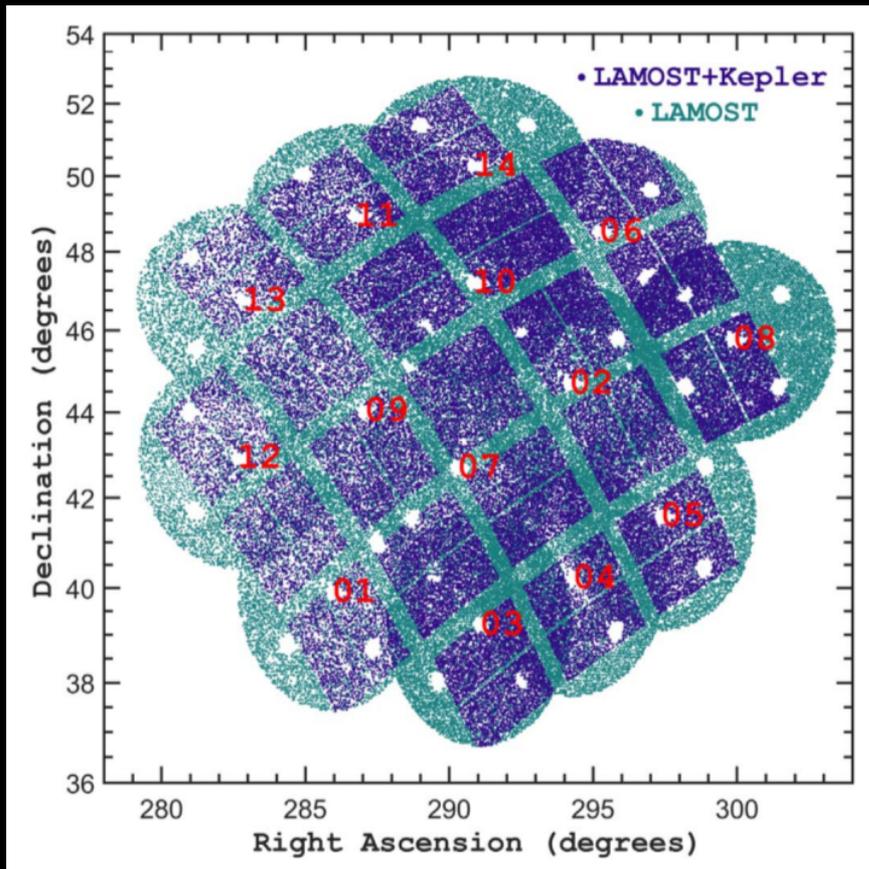


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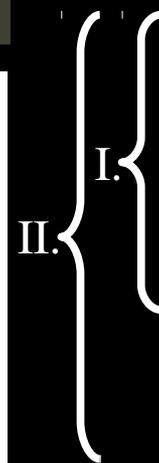
- LRS LAMOST Observations in *Kepler* Field

I. De Cat, Fu, Ren et al., 2015, ApJS 220, 19

II. Zong, Fu, De Cat et al., 2018, ApJS 238, 30



*38.2% of Kepler stars observed*



Year	#Fields	#Plates	#Spectra
2011			
2012	3	7	17,659
2013	6	14	39,309
2014	7	14	38,516
2015	11	32	97,247
2017	6	16	35,139
total	33	83	227,870

	#Objects	#Parameters
Total	227870	173971
Unique	104887	89570
2×	37482	28077
3×	10552	6613
4×	2293	1429
+5×	1176	483



- LAMOST (Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope)

- LRS LAMOST Observations in *Kepler* Field

- Asian group

Ren, Fu, De Cat et al., 2016, ApJS 225, 28

- ✗ determination stellar parameters

- ✓  $T_{\text{eff}}$  (2.75%),  $\log g$  (0.215 dex), [Fe/H] (0.152 dex),  $v_{\text{rad}}$  (18 km/s)

115 stars [Fe/H] < -1.0 dex  
18 stars  $v_{\text{rad}} < -300$  km/s

- ✗ calibration of stellar parameters

results based on code LASP (LAMOST Stellar Parameter pipeline)

- European group

Frasca, Molenda-Żakowics, De Cat et al., 2016, A&A 594, A39

- ✗ determination stellar parameters

- ✓  $T_{\text{eff}}$  (3.5%),  $\log g$  (0.3 dex), [Fe/H] (0,2 dex),  $v_{\text{rad}}$  (14 km/s)

- ✓  $v \sin i$  (>120 km/s)

442 active stars  
accreting star KIC8749284 (K1V)

- ✗ search for active stars (filling H $\alpha$  & CaII IRT)

results based on code ROTFIT

- American group

Gray, Corbally, De Cat et al., 2016, AJ 151, 13

- ✗ classification on MK system (direct comparison MK standards)

- ✓ temperature type (0.6), luminosity class (0.5)

- ✗ identification of peculiar and astrophysically interesting stars

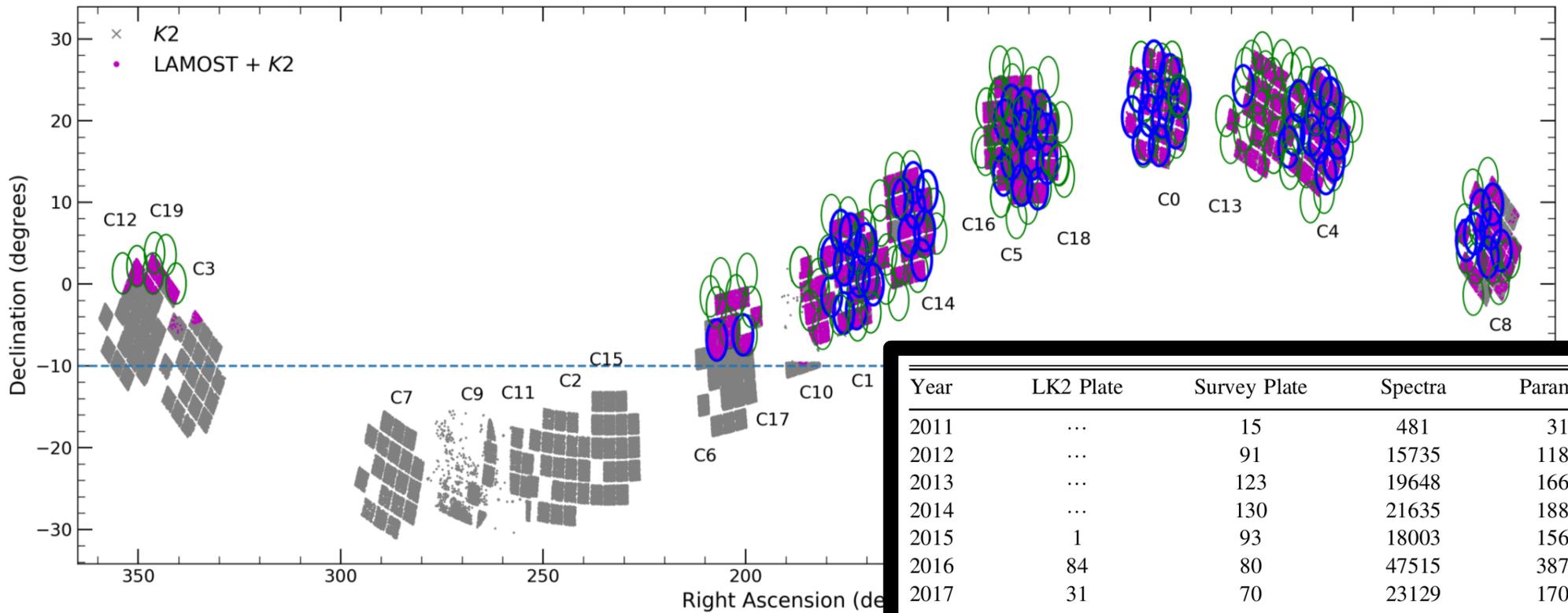
results based code MKCLASS

32 Barium dwarfs  
34.6% of A stars are Am  
132  $\lambda$  Bootis stars

- **LAMOST** (Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope)

- **LRS LAMOST Observations in *K2* Fields**

Wang, Fu, Zong et al., 2020, ApJS 251, 27



- 19 campaigns in ecliptic plane

- × continuous observations for ~80 days

- × lifetime: 08/03/2014–26/09/2018

Year	LK2 Plate	Survey Plate	Spectra	Parameter
2011	...	15	481	312
2012	...	91	15735	11874
2013	...	123	19648	16616
2014	...	130	21635	18849
2015	1	93	18003	15673
2016	84	80	47515	38758
2017	31	70	23129	17037
2018	10	50	14473	10855
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>160619</b>	<b>129974</b>
Visits			Sources	Parameter
1×			48280	41634
2×			20877	17445
3×			8392	6827
4×			3404	2753
+5×			3059	2236

- **LAMOST** (Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope)

- MRS LAMOST Observations in the *Kepler/K2* Fields

- × initiated in 2018

- × collecting ~60 MRS LAMOST spectra for >50,000 in period of 5 yr (09/2018-06/2023)

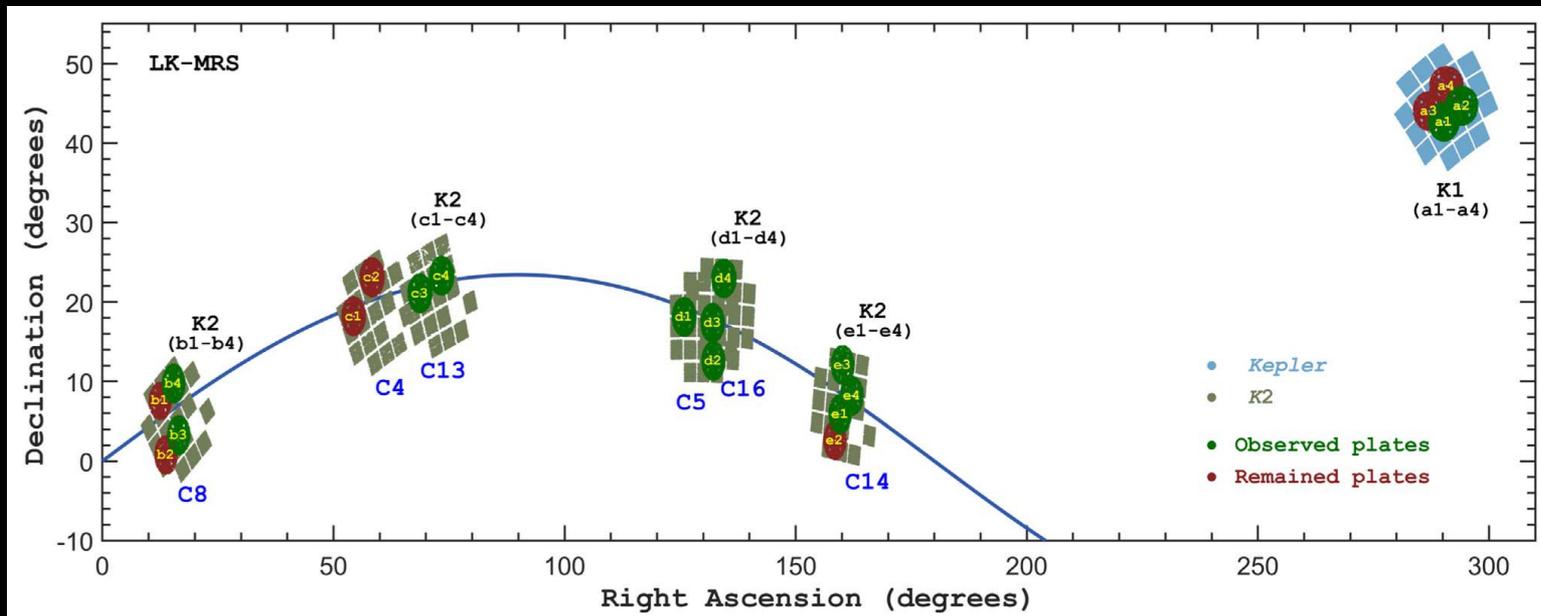
- Asian group (LASP)

Zong, Fu, De Cat et al., 2020, ApJS 251, 15

- × observations 10/2018-01/2019 *Kepler* + *K2* fields (first year second regular survey)

- ✓ ~259,000 spectra of 21,053 targets

- ✓  $T_{\text{eff}}$  (100K),  $\log g$  (0.15 dex),  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  (0.09 dex),  $v_{\text{rad}}$  (1 km/s)





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  - European group (ROTFIT) Frasca, Molenda-Żakowics, Alonso-Santiago et al., to be submitted
    - × observations 10/2017-06/2018 *Kepler* field (test phase MRS spectrographs)
      - ✓ ~14,300 spectra of 7,443 targets
      - ✓  $T_{\text{eff}}$  (2.5%),  $\log g$  (0.25 dex), [Fe/H] (0.15 dex),  $v_{\text{rad}}$  (3 km/s)
      - ✓  $v \sin i$  (>8 km/s)

327 active stars

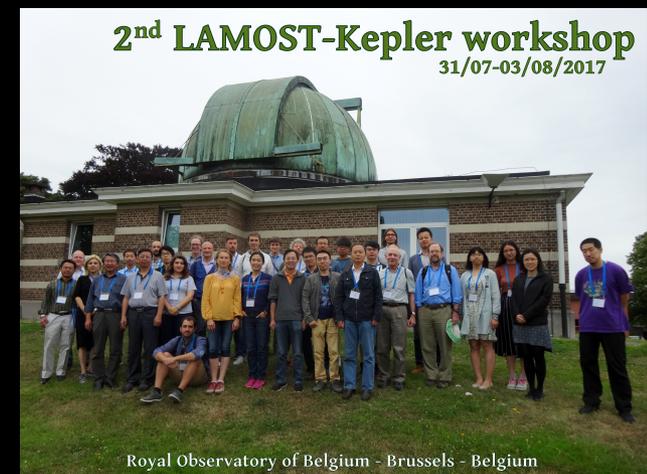
EW measurement LiI  $\lambda 6708$  line for 1657 stars

- 187 Li-rich giants (153 new ones)
- fraction of 4-5% Li-rich giants
- no relation between rotation and Li abundances (merging scenarios)

# Science



- LAMOST (Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope)
  - LRS LAMOST Observations in *Kepler* Field
    - Workshops
      - × 1<sup>st</sup> LAMOST-Kepler workshop
        - ✓ “*first results of LAMOST-Kepler project*”
        - ✓ 18/08-22/08/2014 (Beijing, China)
      - × 2<sup>nd</sup> LAMOST-Kepler workshop
        - ✓ “*LAMOST in the era of large spectroscopic surveys*”
        - ✓ 31/07-03/08/2017 (Brussels, Belgium)
    - Award
      - × LAMOST invited professor in 2018 (Chinese Academy of Sciences of China)
        - ✓ 1 week visit to National Astronomical Observatory of China (including 2 nights of observations with LAMOST)
        - ✓ 1 week visit to Beijing Normal University



# Science



- **BINA** (Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics)

- Devasthal observatory

- 3.6-m DOT (Devasthal Optical Telescope)

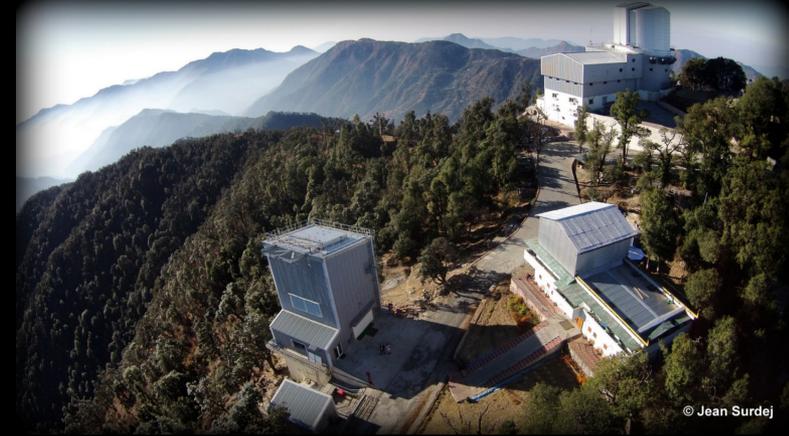
available	×	IMAGER	optical imaging	7% Belgian time
	×	TIRCAM2	near-infrared imaging	
	×	ADFOSC	low-resolution spectroscopy + camera	
	×	TANSPEC	medium-resolution spectroscopy	

expected	×	HRS	high-resolution spectroscopy
	×	fast photometer	multi-colour photometry

- ✓ operational since 04/2017

- 4-m ILMT (International Liquid Mirror Telescope)

- ×
- rotating container with liquid mercury
- ×
- nominal phase: 5 years of scientific operations
- ✓ first light expected after pandemic



BINA (15/12/2014-15/12/2018; 2 Belgian and 7 Indian partner insitutes; focus: instrumentation)

BINA (01/01/2018-31/12/2022; 5(6) Belgian and 12 Indian partner insitutes; focus: science)

BIPASS (submitted; 4(6) Belgian and 5 Indian partner insitutes; focus: spectroscopy)

- **BINA** (Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics)

- **ORBIT** (Optical characterisation and Radial velocity monitoring with Belgian and Indian Telescopes)

Joshi, De Cat, Panchal et al., 2019, BSRSL 88, 82

- study of exoplanet and eclipsing binary candidates

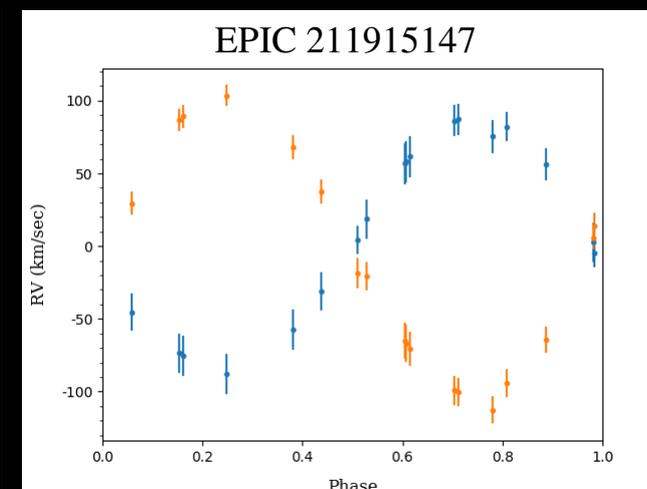
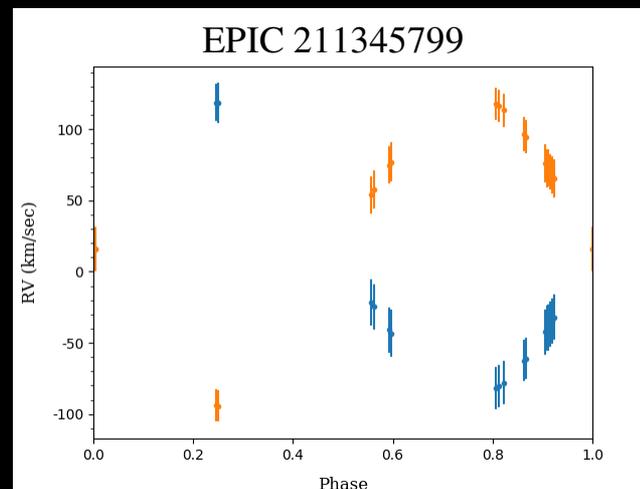
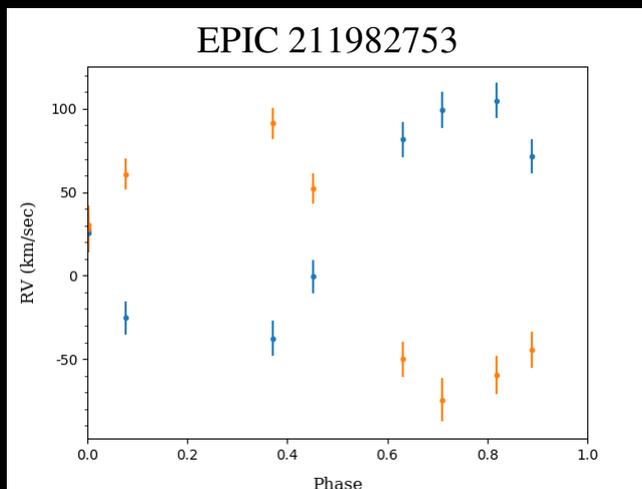
- ✗ detection and characterisation of exoplanets (by determining accurate physical parameters through constraining the orbital inclination)

- ✗ alleviation of the mass-radius problem of the low-mass stars (by significantly increasing the number of low-mass eclipsing binaries with accurate masses, radii and metallicities)

- observations

- ✗ photometry: TIRCAM2@DOT/3.6-m (Devasthal, India), DFOT@ARIES/1.3-m (Nainital, India)

- ✗ spectroscopy: HERMES@Mercator/1.2-m (La Palma, Spain), HESP@HTC/2-m (Hanle, India)



# Science



Trust, 2022, PhD thesis (co-supervisor: De Cat)

- **BINA** (Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics)

- “Hump-and-spike” stars (observed for normal A and Am/Fm stars)

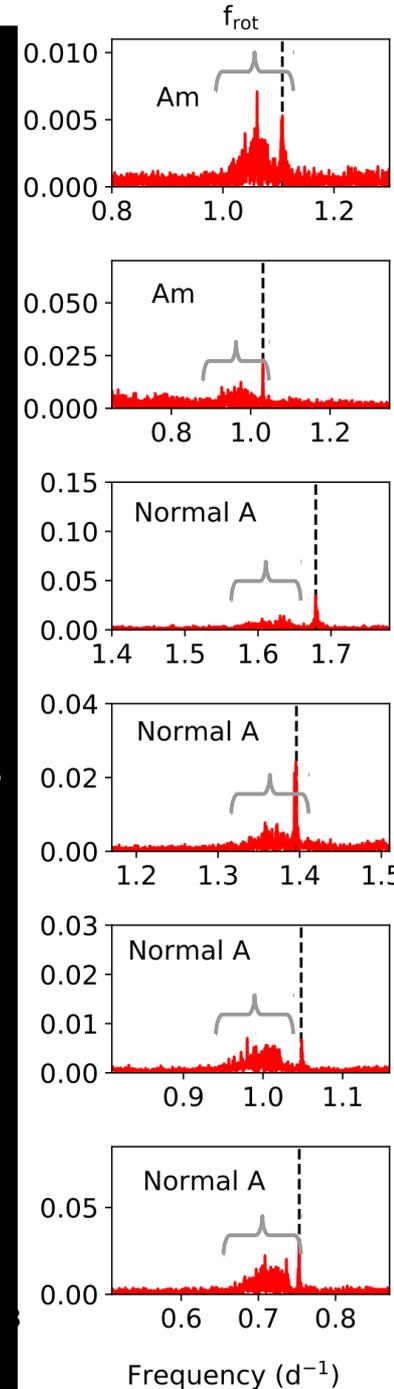
- hump: unresolved Rossby modes (curly bracket)
- spike: rotational frequency (dashed line)
  - × theoretical evidence for this interpretation

Trust, Jurua, De Cat & Joshi, 2020, MNRAS 492, 3143

- *Kepler* photometry (170 stars)

- determination of
    - × rotational velocity from frequency spike + radius via Gaia parallaxes
    - × spot radius from assumption dark spot + amplitude spike
    - × rotational frequency from frequency spike
    - × decay-time scale from autocorrelation function
- } undamped simple harmonic oscillator

no significant differences in spot radii ( $1.01(13) R_E$  Am/Fm;  $1.16(12) R_E$  normal A)  
significant difference in decay-time scale (3.6(2) days Am/Fm; 1.5(2) days normal A)  
spots are smaller than GKM-type stars → weak magnetic fields?



# Science



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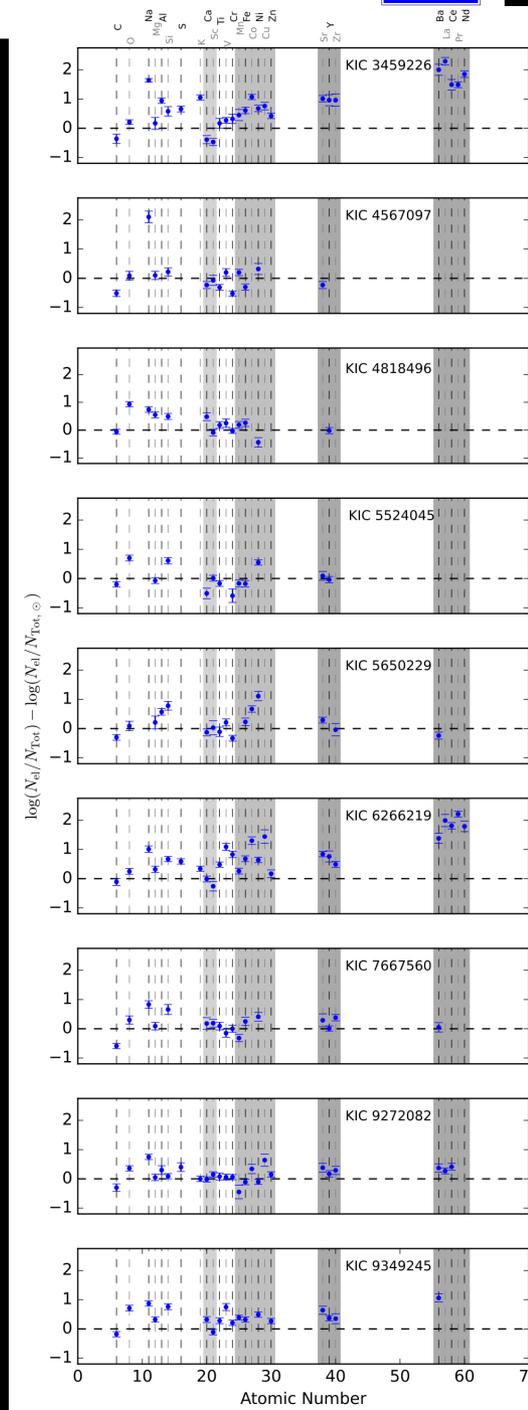
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Trust, Jurua, De Cat et al., 2021, MNRAS 504, 5528

- **HERMES** spectroscopy (9 stars)

- determination of
  - × atmospheric parameters from photometric indices  
(*ubvyβ*, 2MASS, Strömgen)
  - from spectral energy distributions
  - from spectroscopy
- × individual chemical abundances

2 Am stars: KIC3459226, KIC6266219  
1 marginal Am star: KIC 9349245  
6 non-Am stars: KIC4567097, KIC4818496, KIC5524045, KIC5650229,  
KIC7667560, KIC9272082



# Science



- BINA (Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics)

- Workshops

- × 1<sup>st</sup> BINA workshop

- ✓ *“Instrumentation and Science with the 3.6-m DOT and 4.0-m ILMT telescopes”*

- ✓ *15/11-18/11/2016 (Nainital, India)*

- × 2<sup>nd</sup> BINA workshop

- ✓ *“BINA as an expanding international collaboration”*

- ✓ *09/10-12/10/2018 (Brussels, Belgium)*



- **RUSTICCA** (Revalorising the Ukkel Schmidt Telescope by Installing a CCD Camera)

Collaboration with Thierry Pauwels, Eric Elst and Pierre Vingerhoets (2003-2016)

- Astrometry of minor planets
  - 5351 published positions of asteroids (observer and reductions)
  - 261 published positions of asteroids (co-observer and/or reductions)
  - 34 published positions of comets (observer and reductions)
- Photometry of mutual phenomena of satellites of planets
  - Jupiter: observations of 9 events
  - Saturnus: observations of 1 event
  - Uranus: observations of 1 event
- Occultations of stars by minor planets
  - observation of 33 events (3 positive)
- Photometry of mutual phenomena of asteroid and its satellite
  - observation of 1 event

(co-)discoverer of 20 numbered asteroids



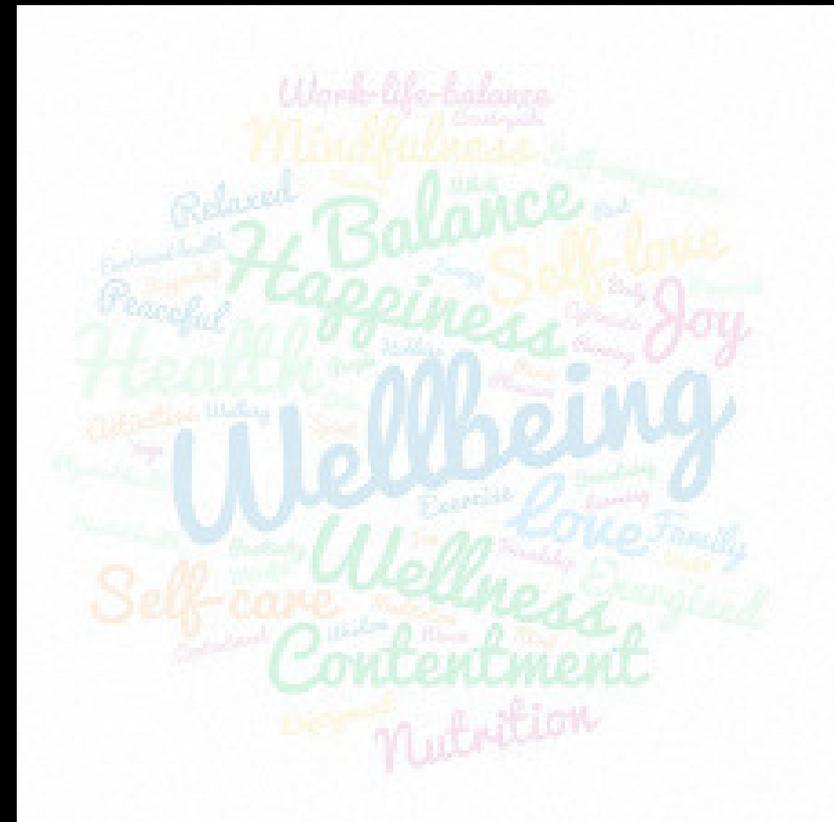
# Well-being



- Psychosocial risks at work

- “The risk that one or more employees suffer psychosocial damage that may or may not be accompanied by physical damage, as a result of exposure to the elements of the job content, terms of employment, job organization, working conditions and professional relationships, on which the employer has an impact and that objectively pose a danger”

- stress
- burn-out
- bore-out
- conflicts
- violence
- bullying
- sexual harassment
- moral harassment
- ...



# Well-being



since 2014

- **IDEA (InterDepartmental Exchange for Advancement)**

- **Aim:**

- improve and stimulate the bottom-up communication within the ROB by providing a forum for all ROB employees to:
  - ✗ address problems encountered in their daily work at the ROB,
  - ✗ propose ideas that can potentially improve their daily work at the ROB and/or benefit the ROB in general.

- **Actions:**

- inform the Director's Council of problems and ideas relevant for several ROB departments and ROB in general,
- keep ROB personnel informed on progress

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- ✓ Oleg Rezabek (Planetarium)
- ✓ Timothy Jans (Technical Service)
- ✓ Hilde Langenaken (Information service/Library/Archives)
- ✓ Lê Binh San Pham (Information service)

# Well-being



- Counselor in confidence

since 2018

- a qualified, independent person with a neutral attitude that you can contact to:
  - discuss about work-related psychosocial problems
  - receive advice
  - help you to find solutions in an informal way, in full confidentiality (professional secret), with the possibility to remain anonymous, with commitment of effort (no commitment of result)



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# Well-being



since 2019

- Well-being working group

- Aim:

- follow-up to the risk analysis of psycho-social aspects (IDEWE November 2018)

- Actions:

- questionnaire with open questions (WBWG October 2019)

- ✗ questions are based on points of attention from IDEWE questionnaire
- ✗ opportunity to staff members to express their feelings and wishes

- report of answers to questionnaire (WBWG November 2020)

- ✗ general overview of answers (happiness + interpersonal relationships + structure, strategy and future + stress + communication + additional suggestions)
- ✗ suggestion of actions to Director's Council (from answers and discussions)

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