

The scientific connection between China, Belgium, and India

Possibilities for the future?

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- 122 papers in international refereed journals (7)
- 5 papers in international non-refereed journals
- 90 papers in proceedings of international conferences (21)



Outline

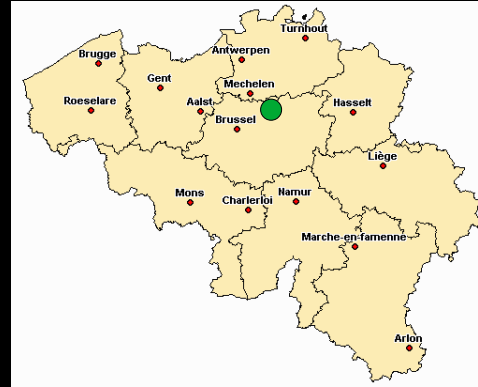
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2. Connection Belgium – China
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4. Connection China – India
5. Conclusions and future prospects



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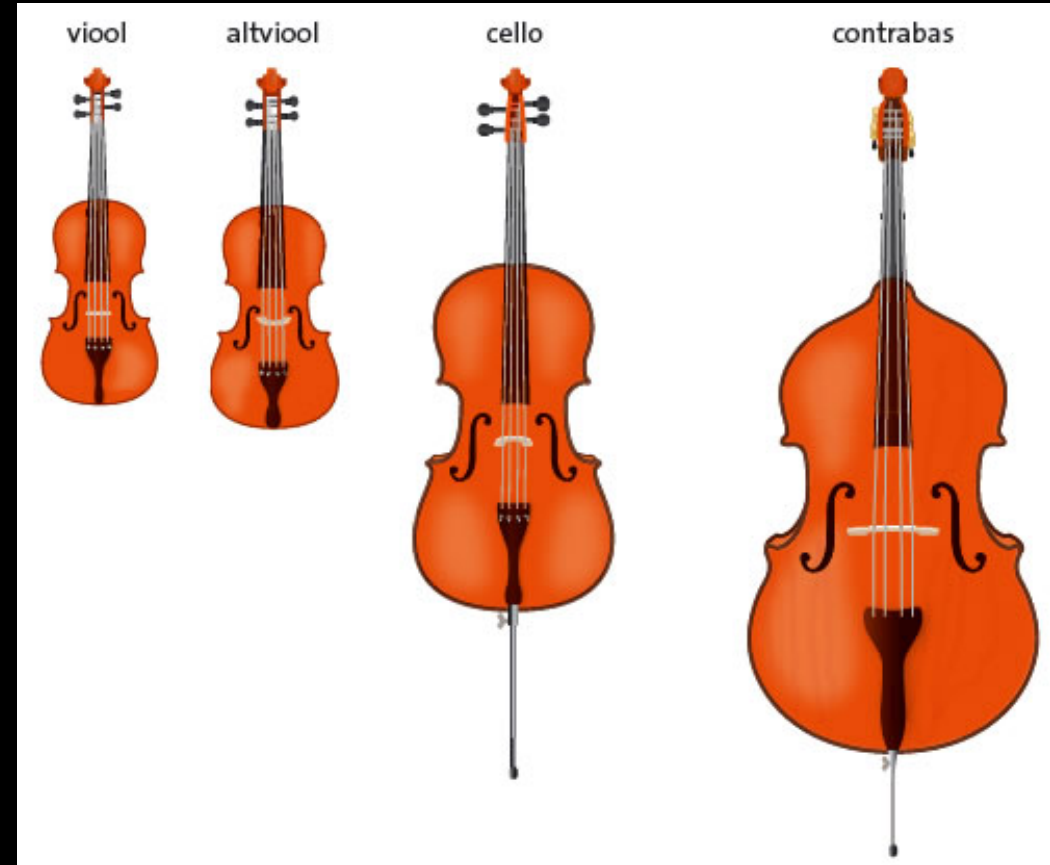
Francqui award (2012)

Kavli prize in astrophysics (2022)

Musical instruments



shape and material determines
the sound of the instrument

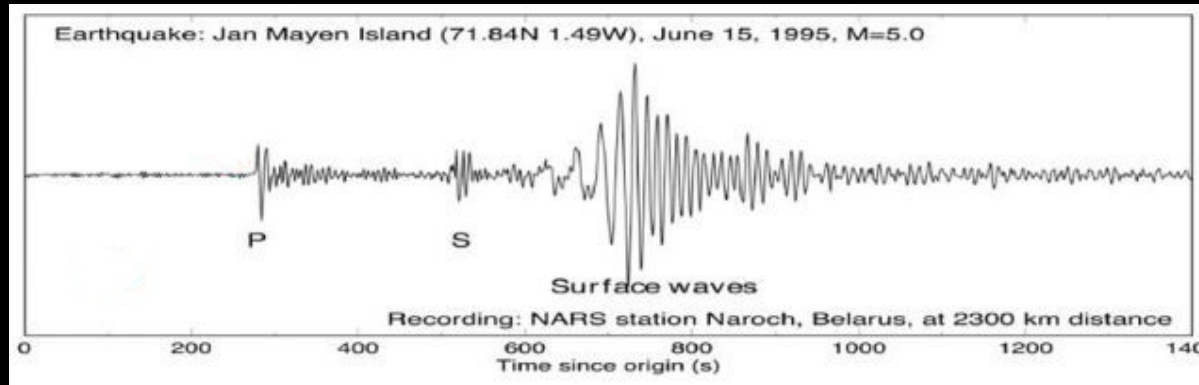


Seismology

- **seismo:** vibration, pulsation, oscillation,...
- **logy:** study of,...



use earthquakes to investigate
the interior of the Earth



Asteroseismology

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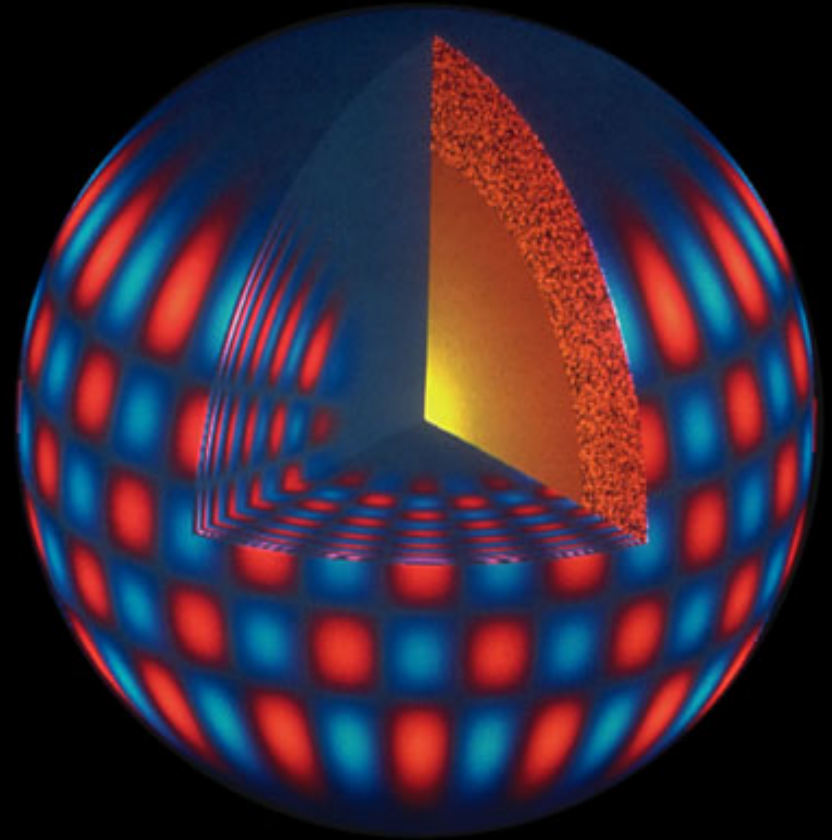


to investigate stars
by studying their pulsations and their interior!

Sun
 δ Scuti star HD31901

Asteroseismology

- **aster:** star
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 - **logy:** study of,...
- stellar parameters
 - M , age, X , Z ,...
 - convection
 - size convective layers
 - convective overshoot
 - rotation
 - surface versus core
 - rigid versus differential
 - diffusion
 - internal structure
 - layers
 - composition



Pulsations



= frequency



= number of nodesurfaces between center and surface



= total number of nodelines on surface

→ $l = 0$: radial mode

→ $l > 0$: non-radial mode

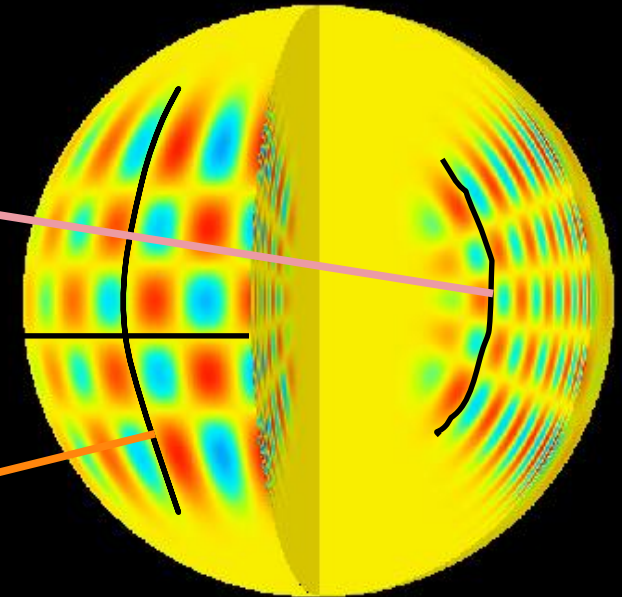


= number of nodelines perpendicular to equator on surface

→ $|m| \leq l$

→ $m > 0$: retrograde mode

→ $m < 0$: prograde mode

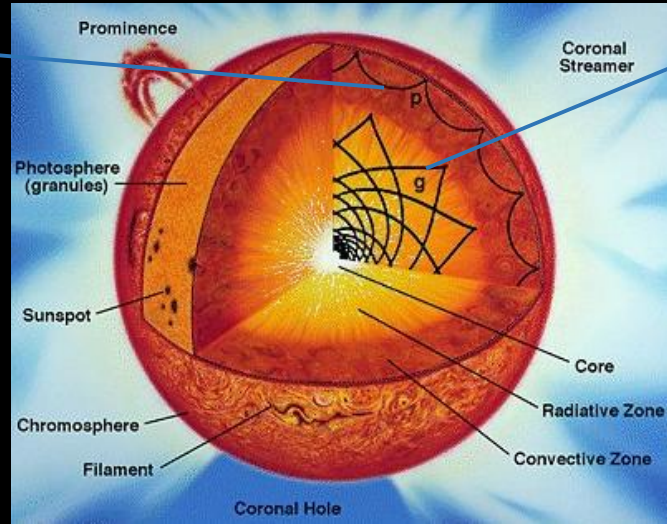


1. Frequency analysis
2. Mode identification
3. Theoretical modelling

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Pressure modes (p-modes)

- Restoring force: pressure
- Short periods
- Cavity near surface
- Amplitude largest component in radial direction



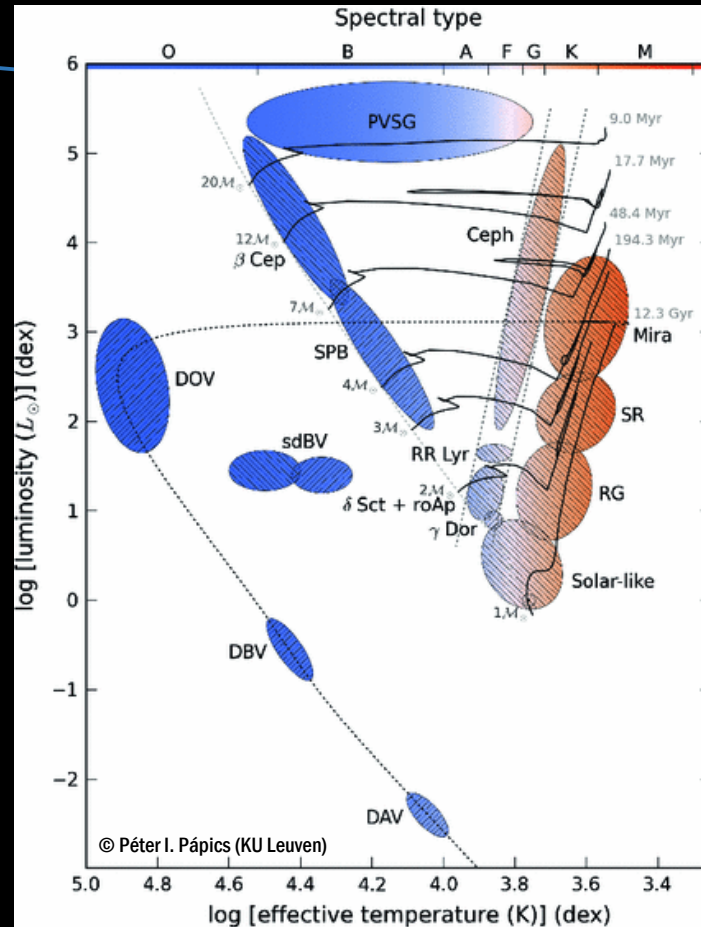
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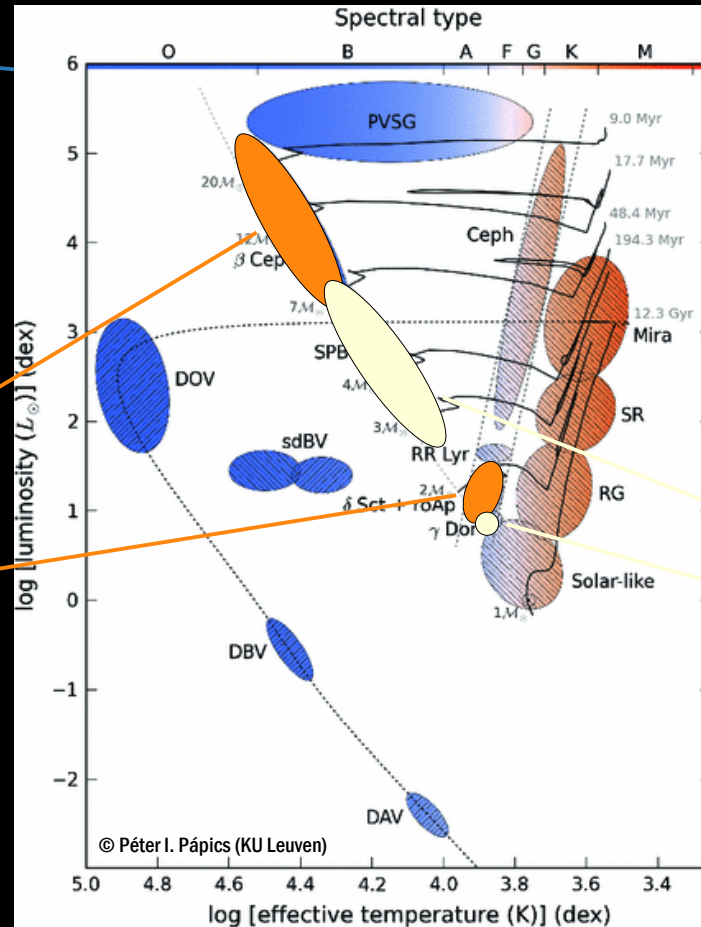
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β Cephei stars (β Cep)

δ Scuti stars (δ Sct)

- Periods order of hours (0.3-10 hours)



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Slowly pulsating B stars (SPB)

γ Doradus stars (γ Dor)

- Periods order of days (0.3-3 days)

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→ Evidence for binarity and multiplicity in the β Cephei star β Crucis

➤ CAT/CES@ESO(LaSilla)/1.4-m

- ✓ 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)

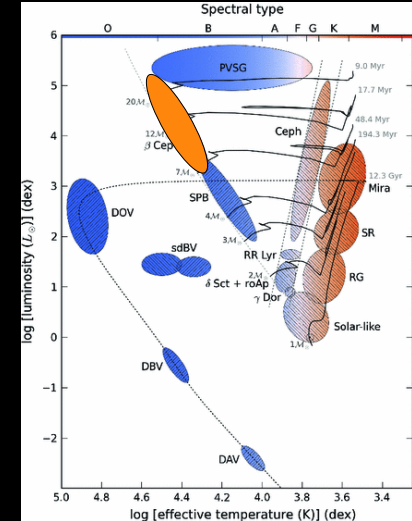
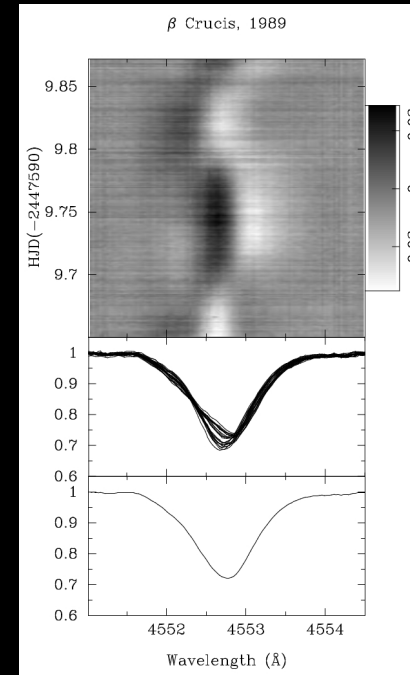
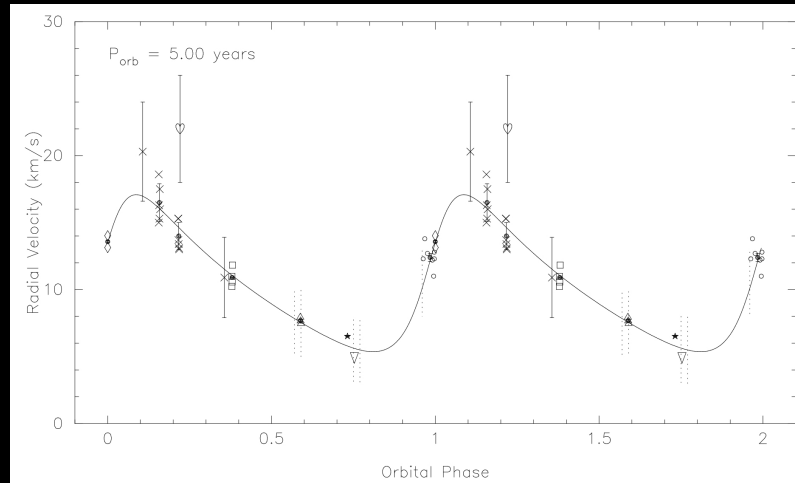
Aerts, De Cat, Cuypers et al., 1998, A&A 329, 137

Multiperiodic pulsator

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

Single-lined binarity

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



→ Polarimetric detection of non-radial oscillation modes in the β Cephei star β Crucis

Cotton, Buzasi, Aerts et al., 2021, NatAst 6, 154



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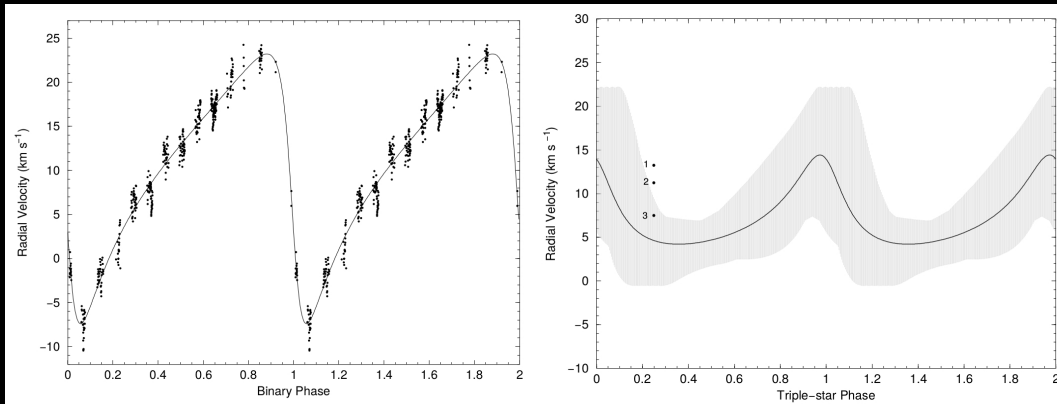
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→ A detailed spectroscopic analysis of ϵ Per I. Determination of the orbital parameters and of the frequencies

➤ Aurélie@OHP/1.52-m

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

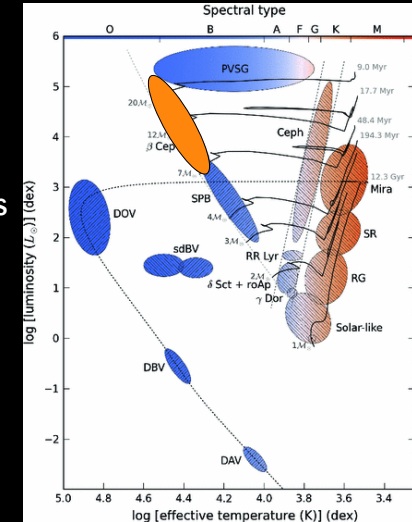
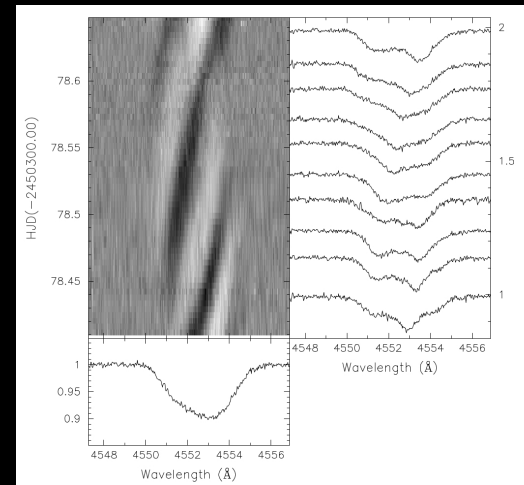


Triple system

(Tarsov et al., 1995, A&AS 110, 59)

- 14.0 days of inner binary confirmed
- 1456 days of triple system non-conclusive

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



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)



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➤ Sample

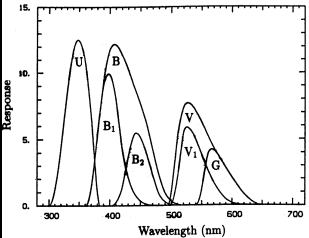
- ✓ 5 well-known SPBs (Waelkens, 1991, A&A 246, 539)
- ✓ 12 candidate SPBs (thanks to Hipparcos data)

➤ Observations

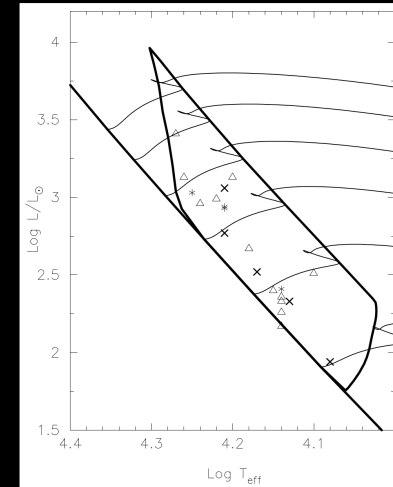
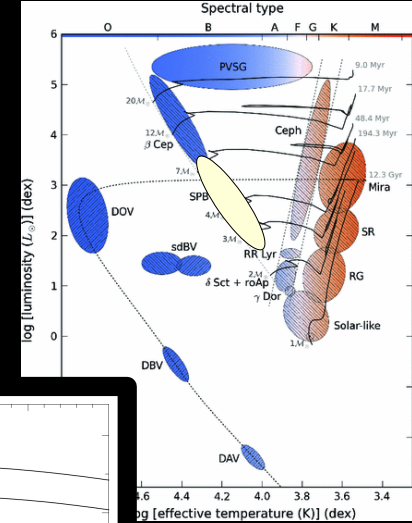
- ✓ Spectroscopy: high-resolution CAT/CES@ESO/1.4-m (Sill doublet: 412.8, 413.0 nm)
- ✓ Photometry: Geneva photometry (U, B₁, B, B₂, V₁, V, G)
Hipparcos photometry (H_α)

➤ Analysis

- ✓ Frequency analysis
- ✓ Mode identification
 - moment method and photometric amplitude ratios



Observational characterisation
of class of SPB stars



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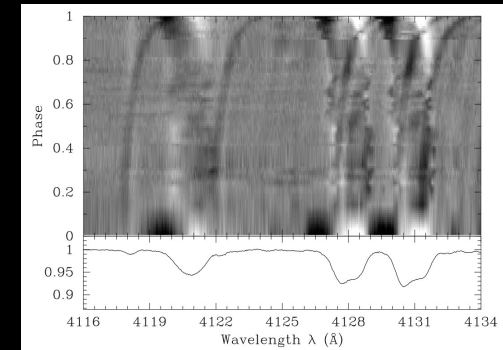
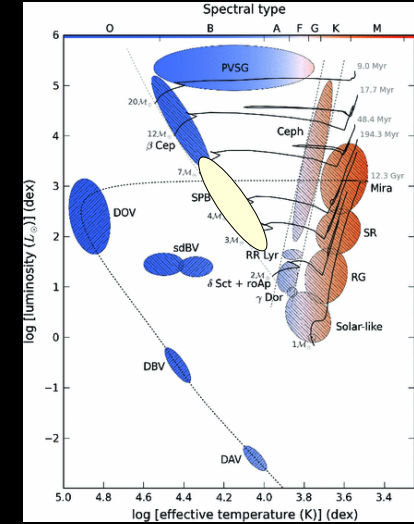
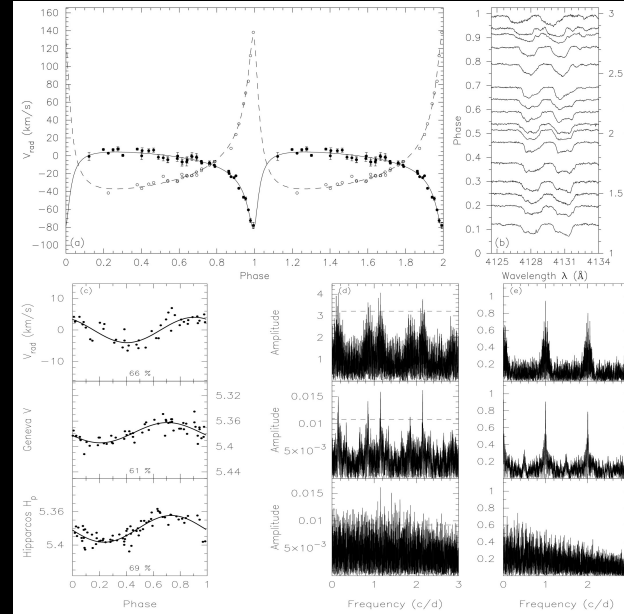
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I. Determination of the orbital parameters and of the main frequency of the spectroscopic binaries

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

	Star	Spec			Gen			Hipp		
		N	T(d)	S/N	N	T(d)	T*(d)	N	T(d)	
Singles	HD26326	65	606	325	135	7367	454	85	1158	
	HD74195 *	94	718	425	737	7792	6292	115	1157	
	HD85953	71	716	300	164	6883	415	156	1180	
	HD131120	83	718	400	115	7296	116	60	885	
	HD138764	68	719	325	93	7726	115	95	786	
	HD181558 *	33	470	300	320	7854	5544	72	1093	
	HD215573	43	554	300	63	7350	451	146	1142	
Suspected Binaries	HDS3921	75	715	325	145	7270	415	123	1185	
	HD55522	65	715	350	122	6588	416	222	1149	
Binaries	SB2 $e \neq 0$	HD123515 *	78	719	325	648	6921	5846	179	1166
		HD140873	45	472	300	59	7746	106	79	1088
	SB1 $e \neq 0$	HD24587	74	606	350	142	7372	454	128	1134
		HD74560 *	115	719	400	721	7713	5961	127	1157
		HD177863 *	41	470	300	301	7854	5319	85	1055
	$e = 0$	HD69144	93	718	400	148	7190	414	109	1132
		HD92287	65	716	325	232	7110	6053	136	1158
		HD169978	48	510	375	74	7110	377	77	1123

Very eccentric double-lined binary - $P_{\text{orb}} = 38.927(4)$ days
 - $e = 0.731(6)$



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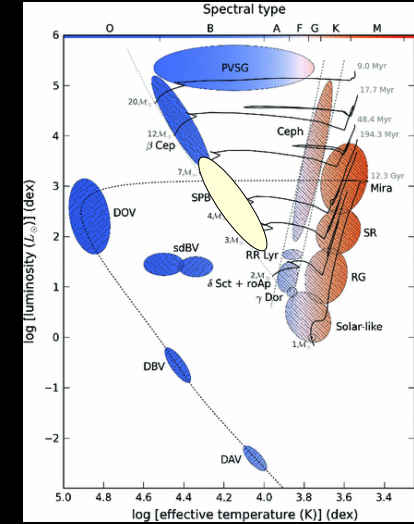
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- Photometry: method of photometric amplitude ratios (Dupret et al., 2003, A&A 398, 677)
 - ✓ Grid: $M = 2-15 M_{\odot}$, $Z_0 = 0.015$, $X_0 = 0.71$, $\alpha_{\text{conv}} = 1.75$, $\alpha_{\text{over}} = 0.0$, no diffusion + Asplund (2005)
 - ✓ Selection models in $(T_{\text{eff}}, \log g)$ error box
 - ✓ Each ℓ : selection eigenfrequency closest to observed frequency
 - ✓ Comparison theoretical-observed amplitude ratios relative to bluest filter

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

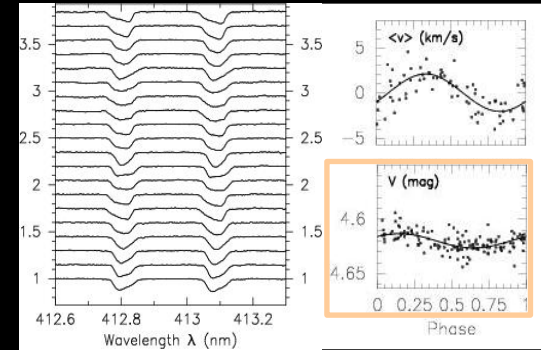
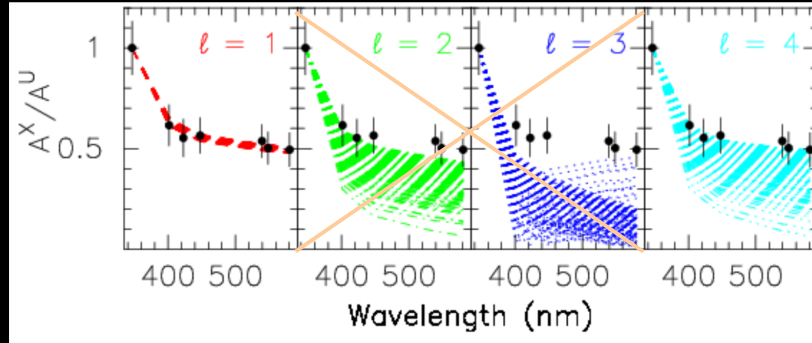
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Inconclusive
 ... $\ell = 1$ most probable

constraints on ℓ



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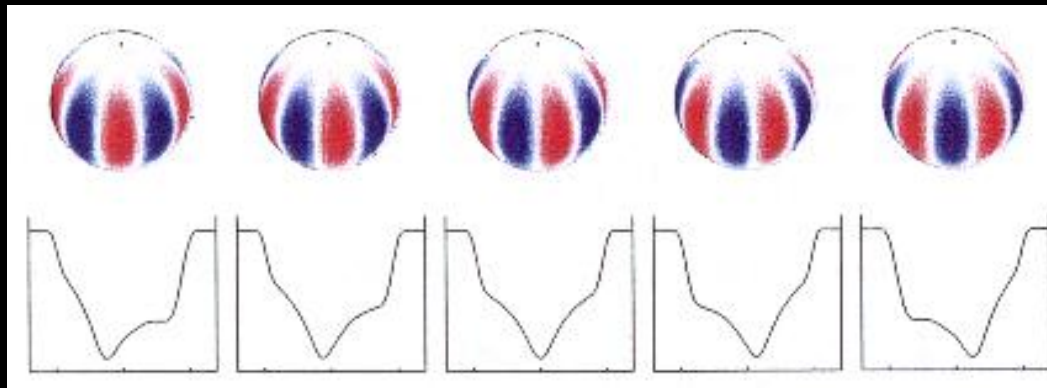
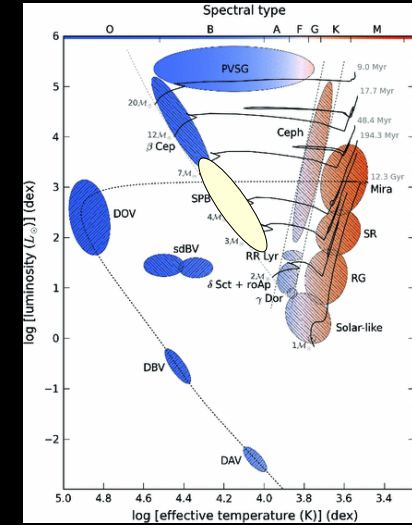
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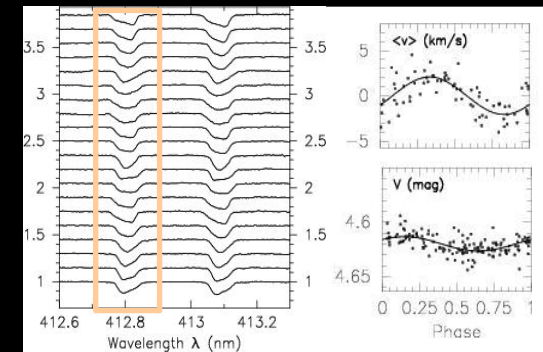
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"moving bumps"



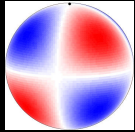
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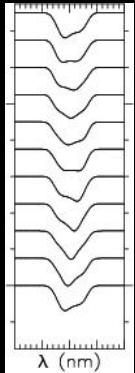
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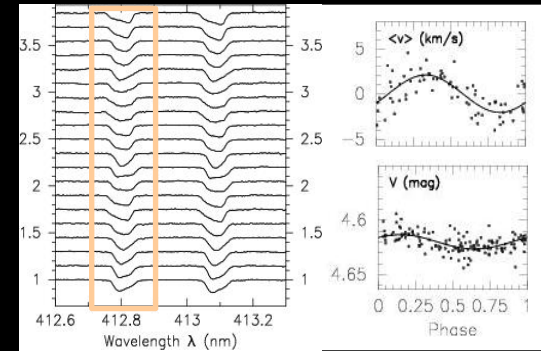
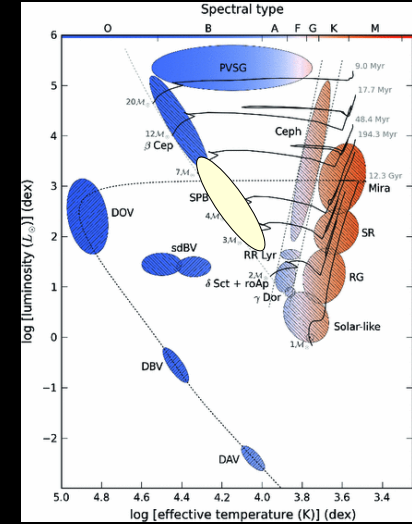
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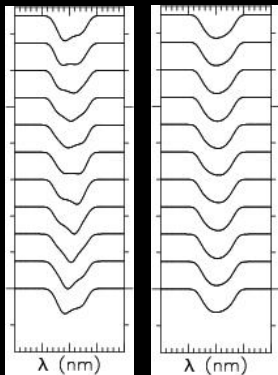
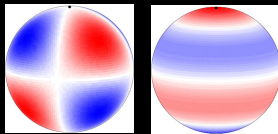
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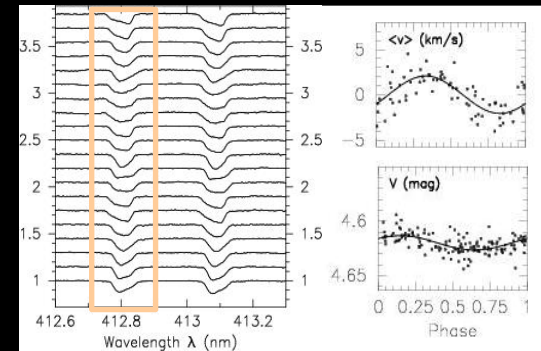
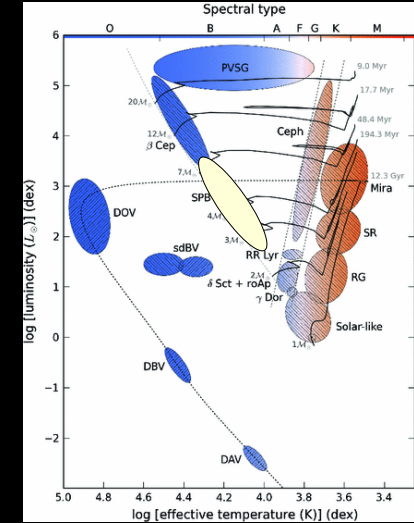


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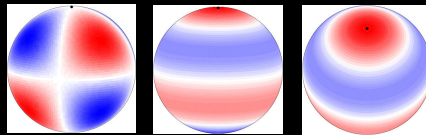
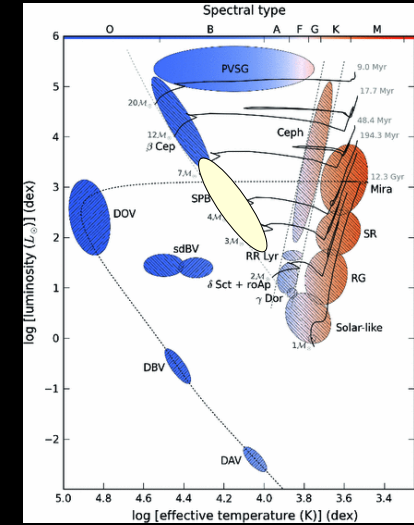
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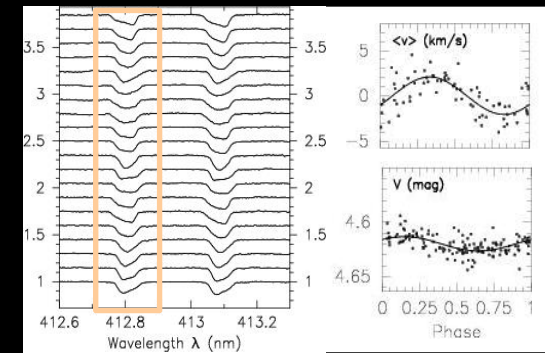
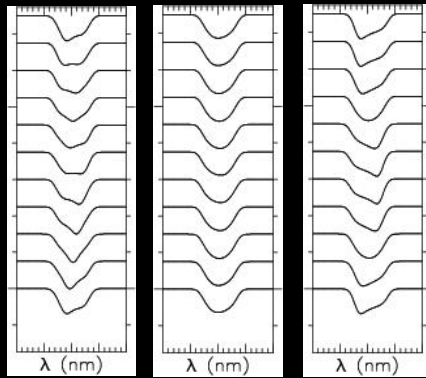
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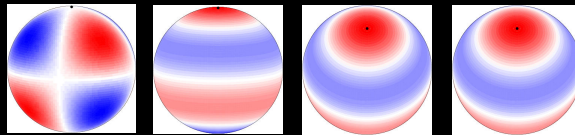
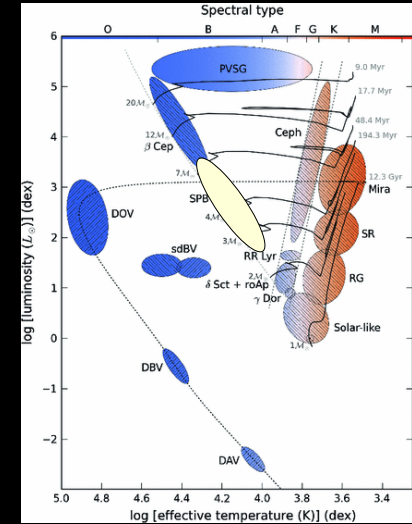
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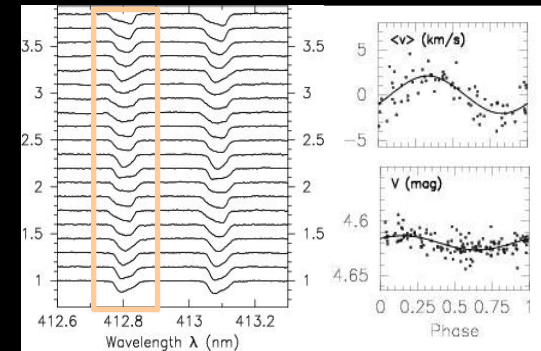
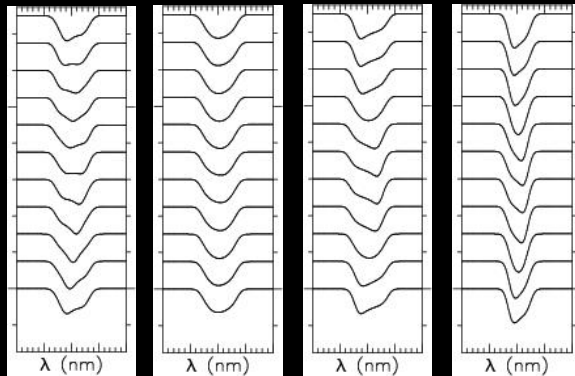
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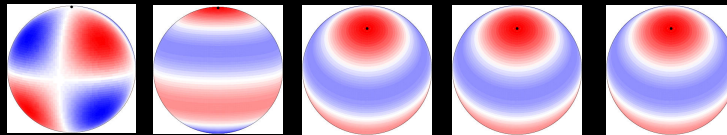
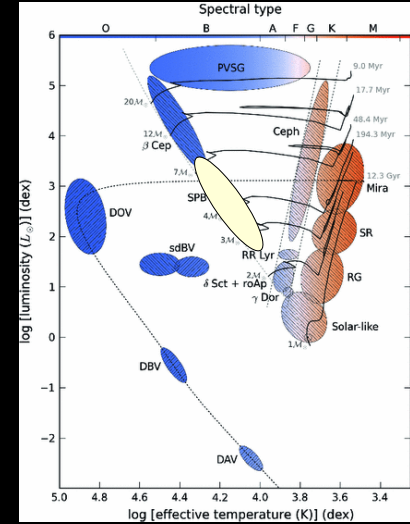
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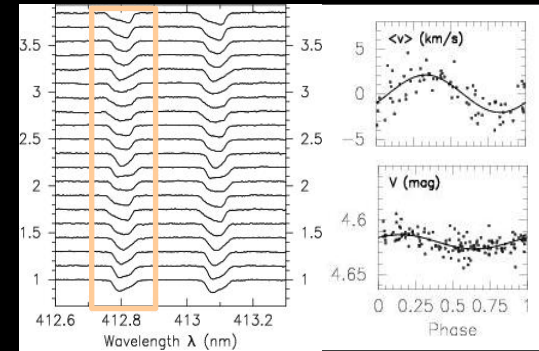
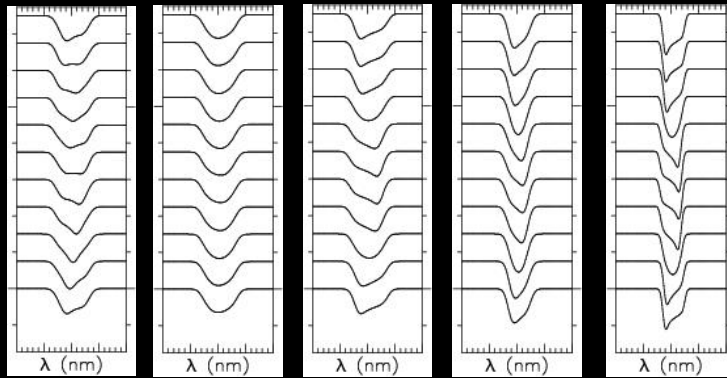
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Scientific background

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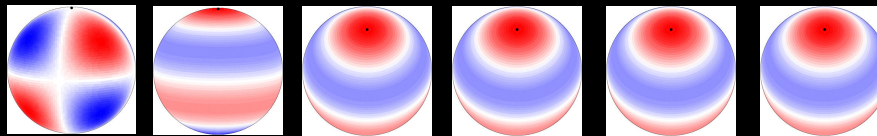
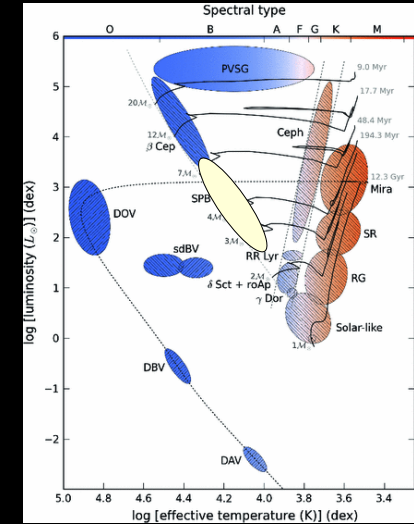
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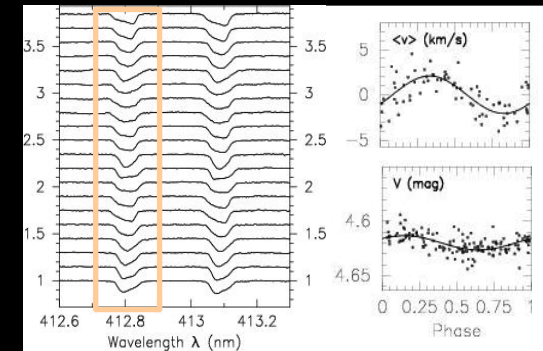
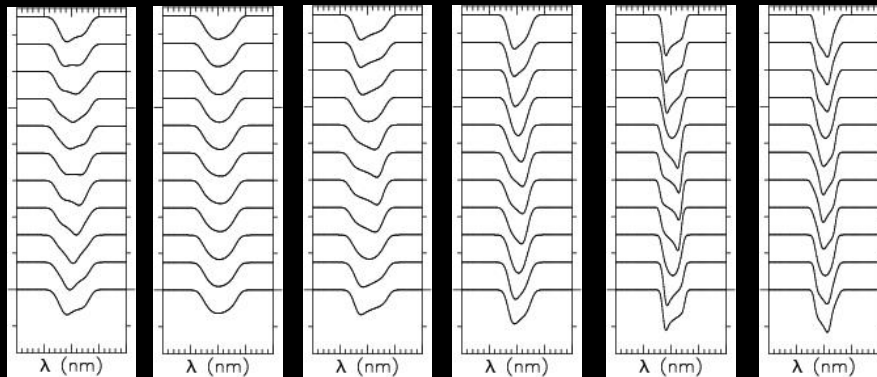
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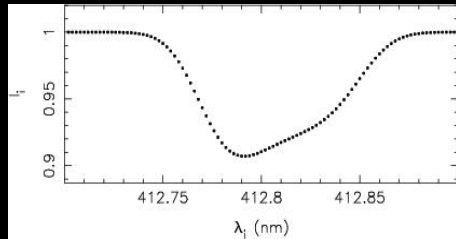


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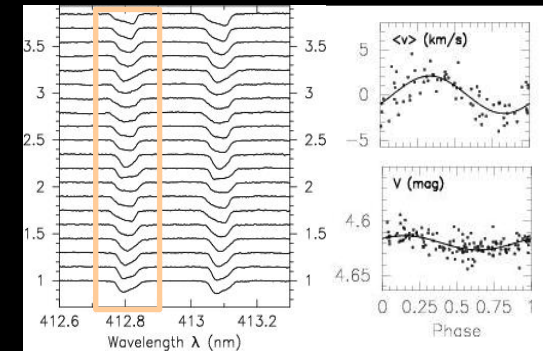
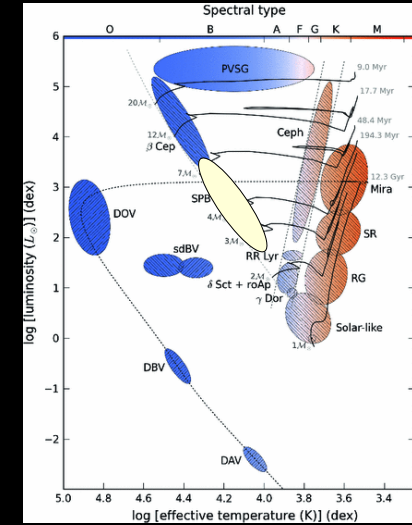
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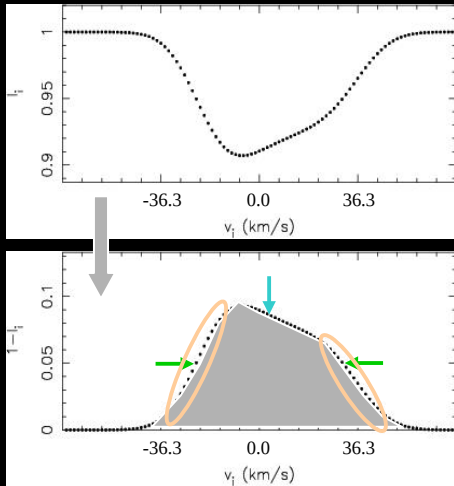
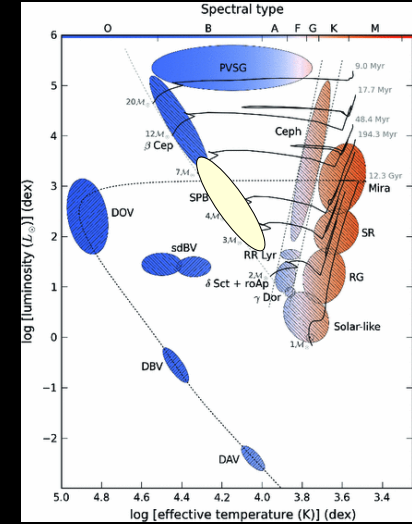
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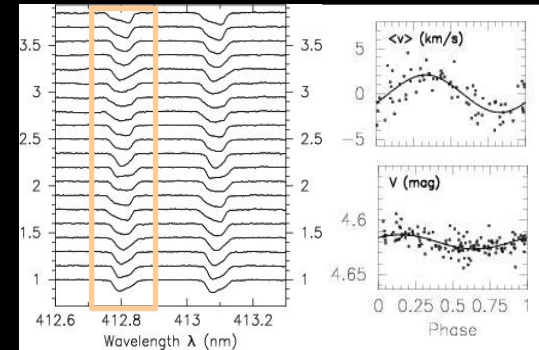
$$\langle v^n \rangle = \frac{\sum_i (1-I_i) v_i^n (v_i - v_{i-1})}{\sum_i (1-I_i) (v_i - v_{i-1})}$$

denominator = equivalent width

$\langle v^1 \rangle \sim$ radial velocity

$\langle v^2 \rangle \sim$ width

$\langle v^3 \rangle \sim$ skewness



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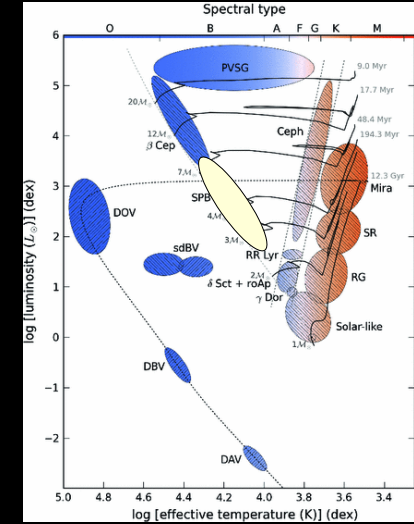
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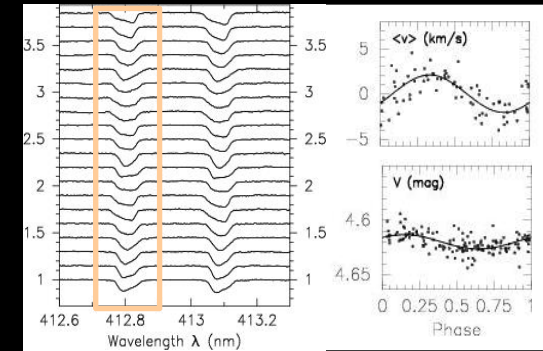
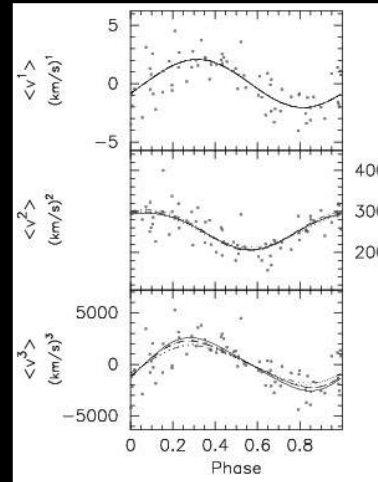
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Inconclusive

Continuous parameters not well constraint



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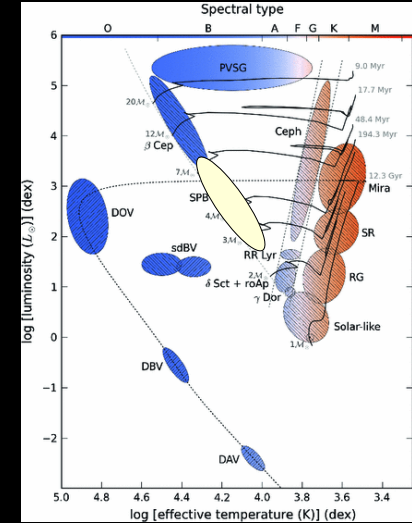
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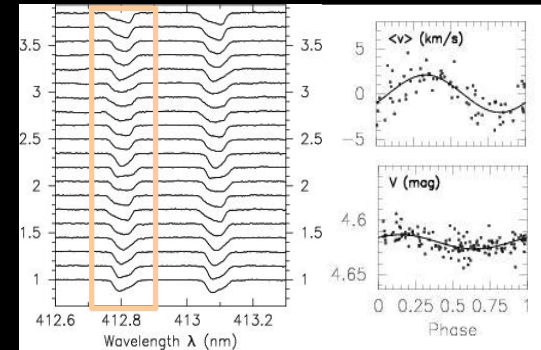
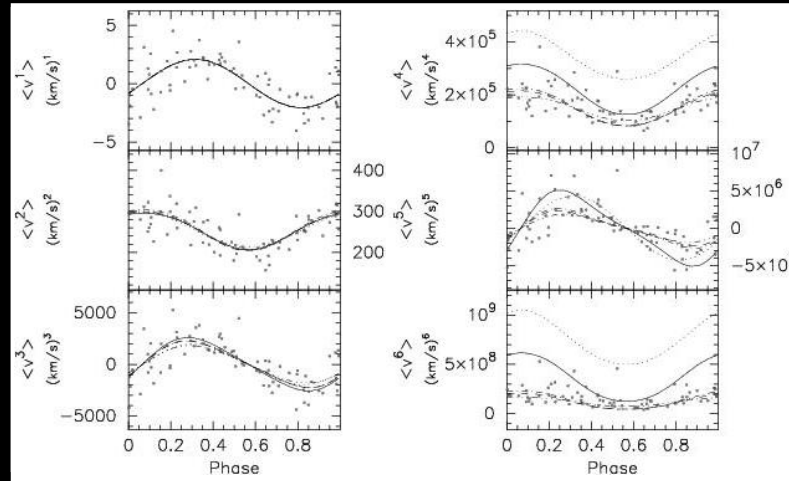
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Higher order even moments are useful

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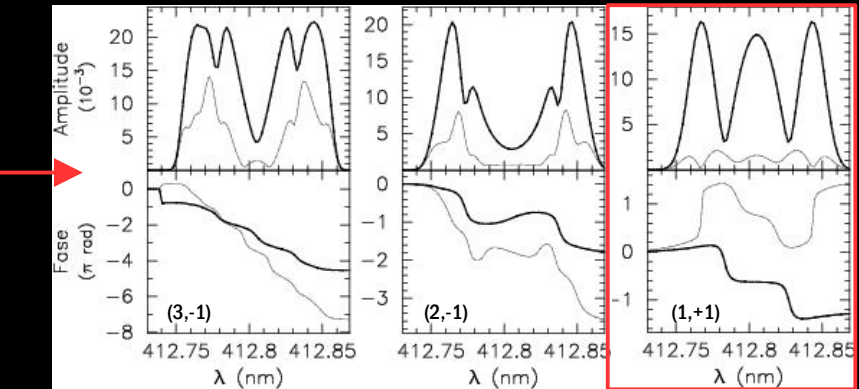
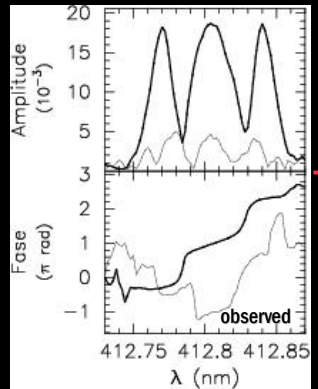
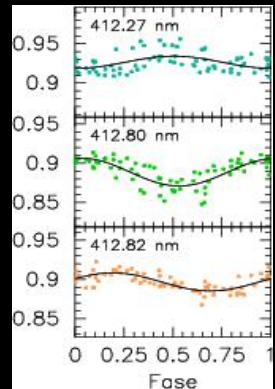
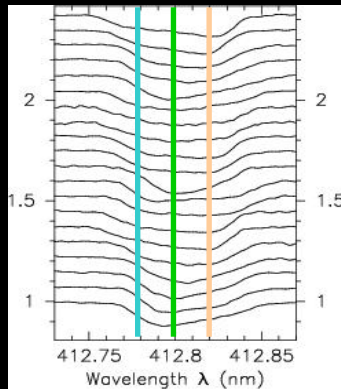
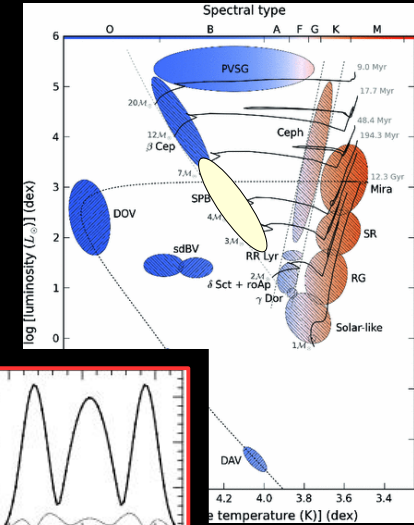
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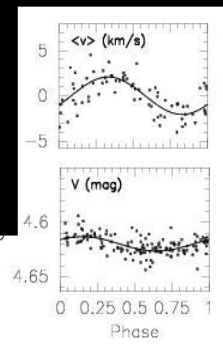
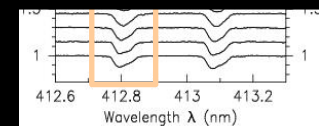
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Change of amplitude and phase within profile

Unique solutions for 4 monoprotic SPB stars
 Prograde dipole modes: $(\ell, m) = (1, +1)$



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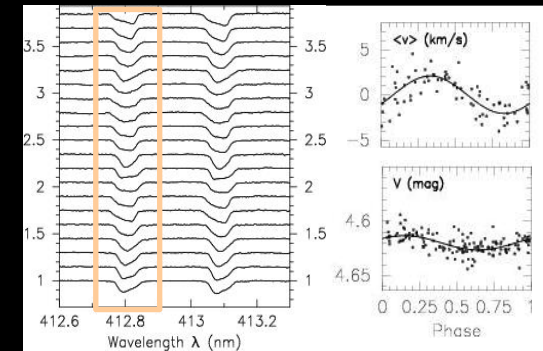
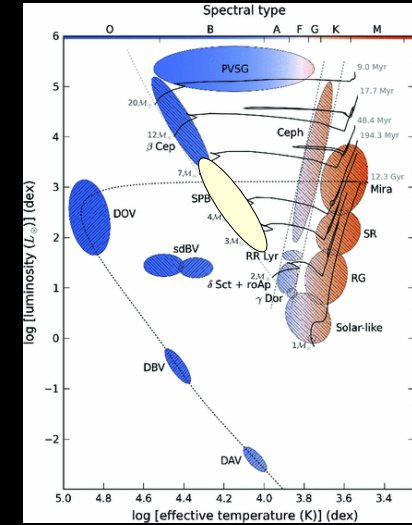
➤ Spectroscopy: fourier parameter fit method (Zima, 2006, A&A455, 227)

- ✓ Zero point line-profile
 - ✓ Amplitude variations across line-profile
 - ✓ Phase variations across line-profile
- } simultaneous fit

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

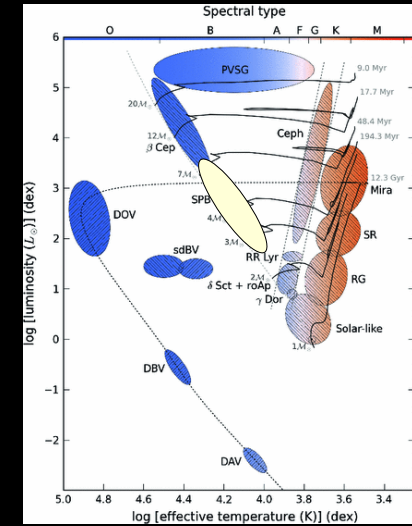
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→ 2003/10/20: first contact with Jianning Fu (Dubrovnik, Croatia)



Jianning Fu

Scientific background

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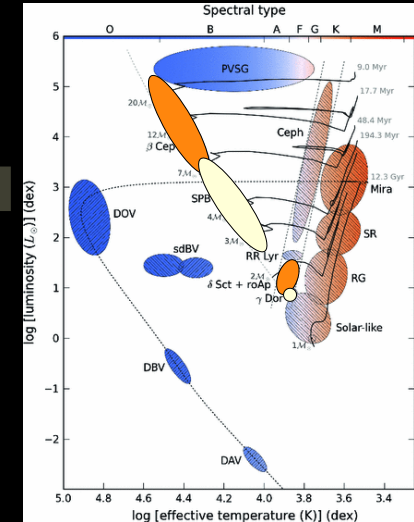
→ A spectroscopic study of southern (candidate) γ Doradus stars I. Time series analysis

- CORALIE@Euler/1.2-m
- high-resolution spectroscopy (cross-correlation profiles)

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

	bf γ Dor star	cand γ Dor star	rejected γ 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 ¹
suspect	0	2 HD 111829, HD 26298	1 HD 27604
SB1	2 HD 167858 ² , HD 209295	1 HD 126516	1 HD 85964
SB2	1 HD 34025	7 HD 10167, HD 27377 ³ , HD 35416, HD 110606, HD 111709 ^{3,4} , HD 147787, HD 214291	3 HD 5590, HD 8393, HD 81421

¹ bf δ Sct star; ² shows no cross-correlation profile variations but was classified as a bf γ Dor star before; ³ ellipsoidal variability instead of pulsation cannot be ruled out; ⁴ shows cross-correlation profile variations, but was classified as a chemically peculiar star before.



10 new bona fide γ Dor stars
1 new bona fide δ Sct
8 constant stars

→ Long term photometric monitoring with the Mercator telescope

- 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 γ Doradus stars Cuypers, Aerts, De Cat et al., 2009, A&A 499, 967

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Karen Pollard



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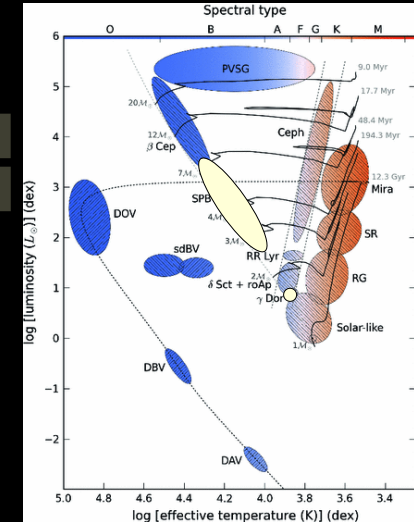
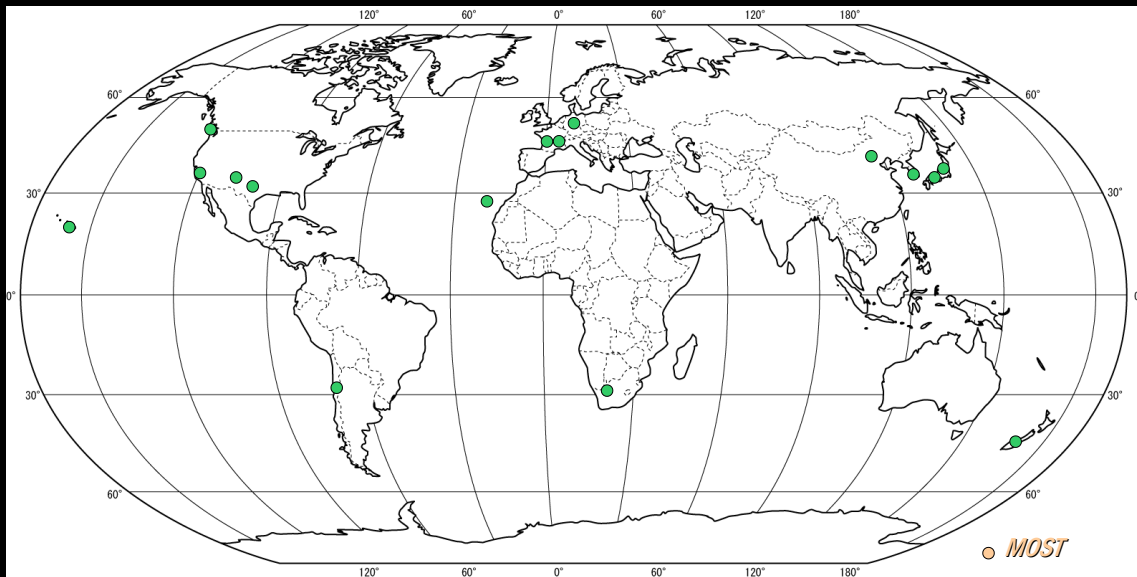
- Rotation and pulsations in main-sequence gravity mode pulsators (SPB and γ Dor stars)

- effect of rotation on pulsations? {
- isolated spectra for $v \sin i$ /determination
 - spectroscopic multi-site campaigns
- 16 ground-based and 1 space-based observatories
 - >11,000 high-resolution spectra

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

Action 1 project (2012-2014): Ádám Sódor

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



- ESPaDOnS@CFHT/3.58-m
- Hamilton@Lick/3-m
- 9682M@DAO/1.2-m
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- 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

Jianning Fu



21 days HD25558 (SPB star)
47 days HD218396 (γ Dor star)

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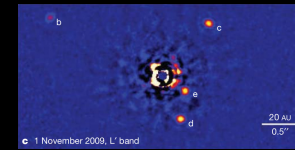
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→ HD218396 (HR8799; γ Dor star; planet host)

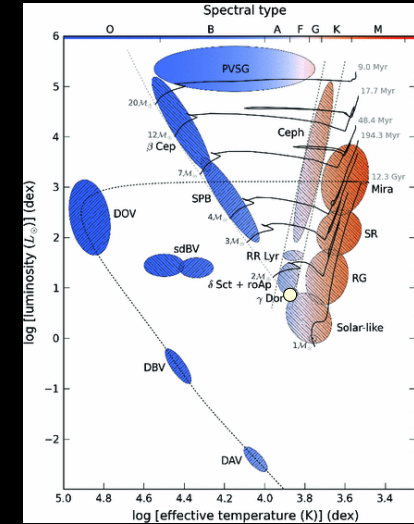
➤ Spectroscopy: SOPHIE@OHP/1.93-m

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

- ✓ 650 spectra in time span of 2 weeks
- ✓ Frequency analysis → $f_1 = 1.9875 \text{ d}^{-1}$
- ✓ Mode identification (fourier parameter fit method) → prograde sectoral mode $(\ell, m) = (1, +1)$, $i_{\text{rot}} > 40^\circ$



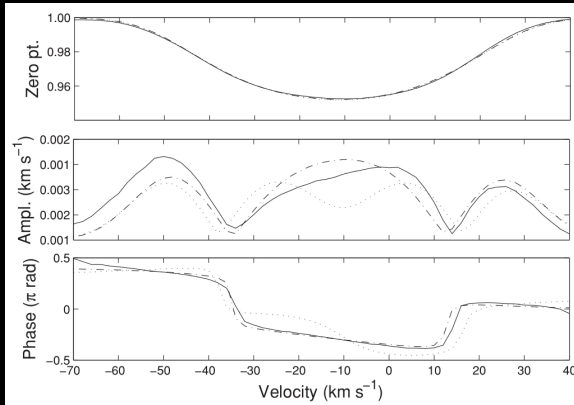
Marois et al., 2010, Nature 468, 1080



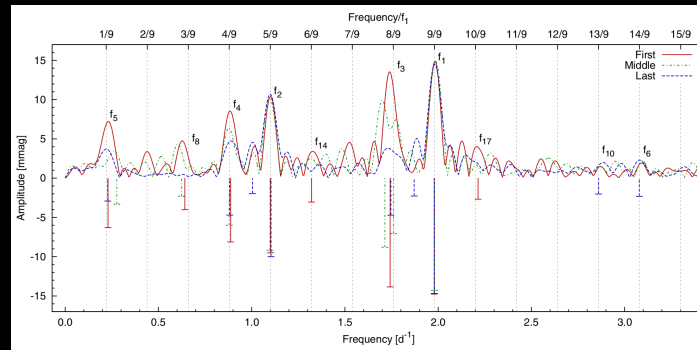
➤ Photometry: Microvariability and Oscillations in STars

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

- ✓ Frequency analysis → $f_1 = 1.978 \text{ d}^{-1}$



Misalignment stellar rotational inclination and planetary orbit axis



Many multiples of $f_1/9$
Strong amplitude decrease and phase changes



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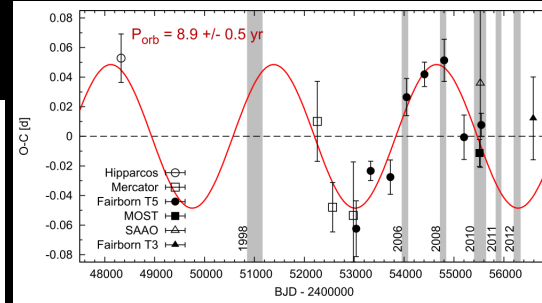
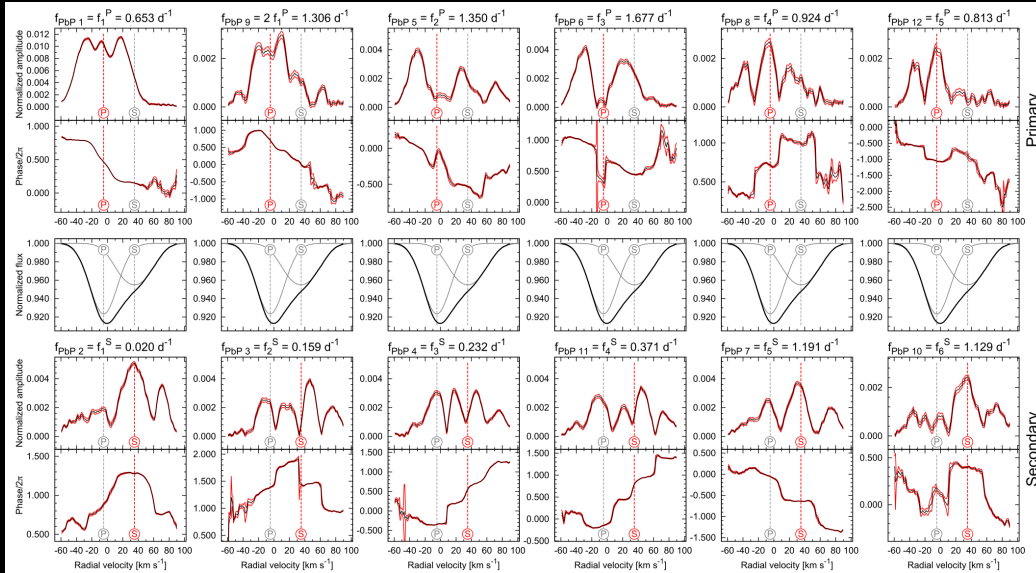
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→ HD25558 (SPB star)

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

- Spectroscopy: ~2000 high-resolution spectra
- Photometry: ground-based and MOST lightcurves

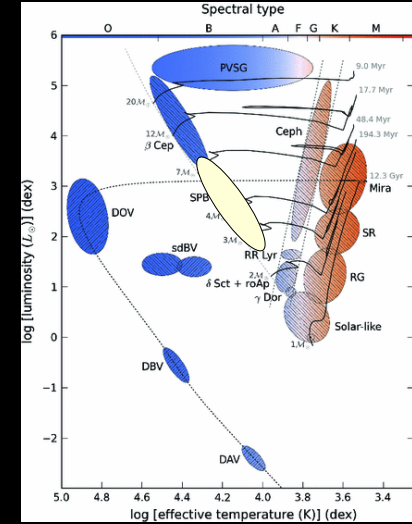


Double-lined spectroscopic binary
($P_{\text{orb}} \sim 9$ years)

Both components SPB stars
(11 independent frequencies)

Inclination and rotation of the two
components differ

Magnetic field for secondary component
(few hundred Gauss)



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Asteroseismic requirements and tools

- Time series
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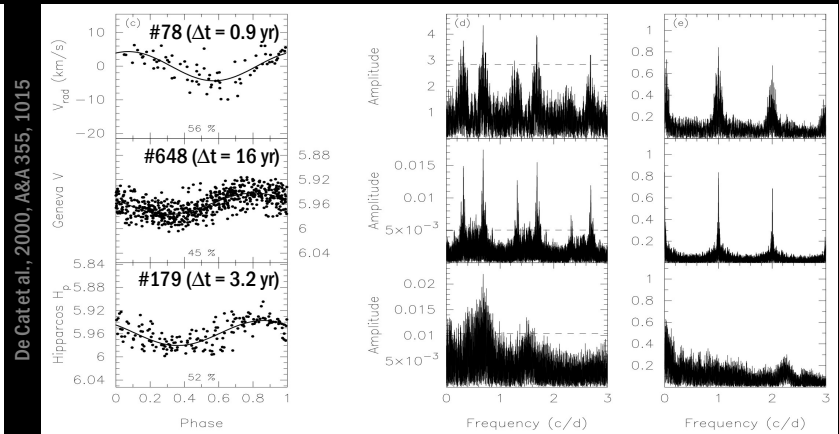
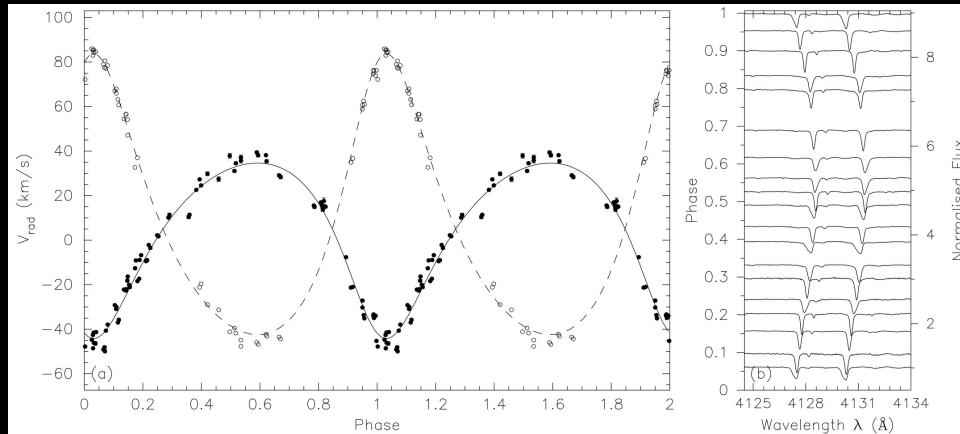
→ Frequency f → Frequency analysis

→ Degree ℓ
→ Azimuthal number m } Mode identification

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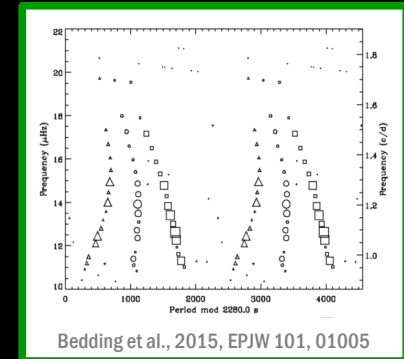
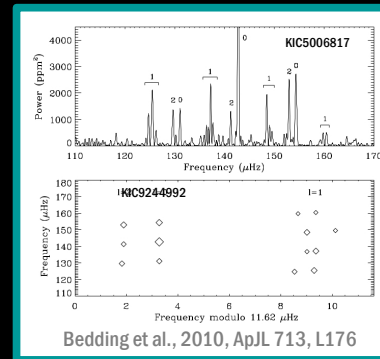
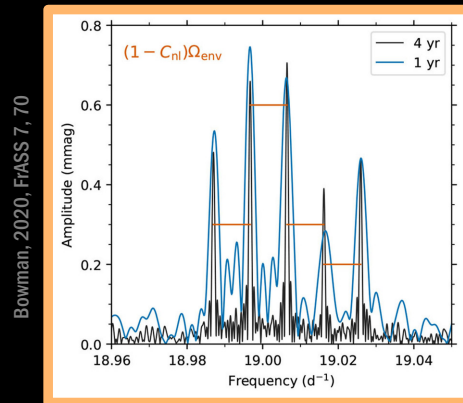
échelle diagram in frequency for **p-mode** and in period for **g-modes** (asymptotic regime)



Status after arrival of
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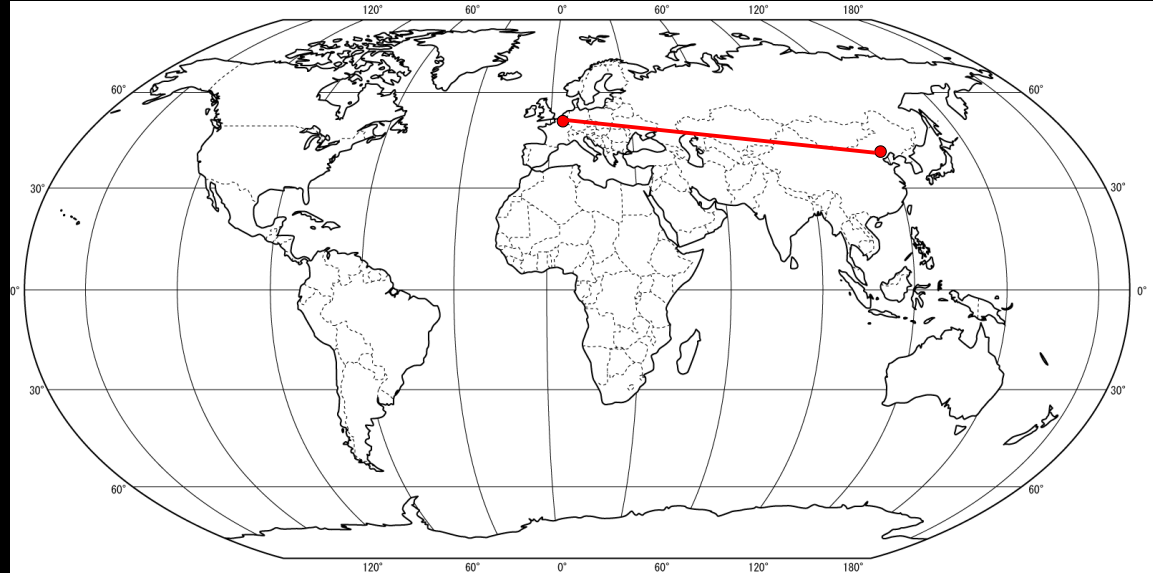


Need for accurate stellar
parameters for modelling



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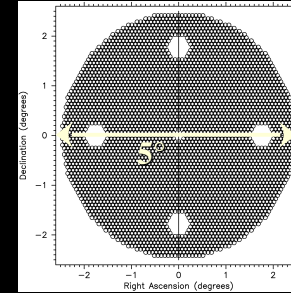
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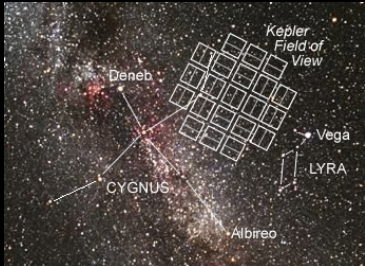
→ Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope

- Size: 4.0-m telescope
- Field of View: circular with diameter of 5° on sky ($\sim 20 \text{ deg}^2$)
- Fibers: #4000
- Wavelengths: 370 – 900 nm
- Resolution: ~ 1800 (low) / ~ 7500 (medium)
- Targets: $> 5\,000\,000$ (stars, galaxies, QSOs)



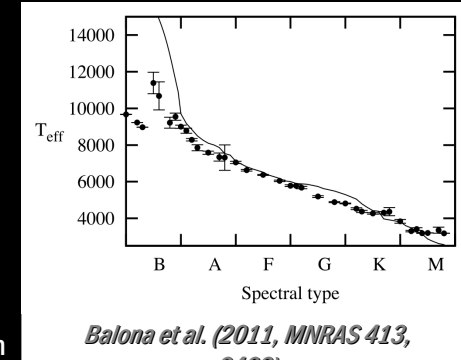
Unique combination of large multi-fiber telescope with wide field-of-view

Kepler



→ NASA mission Kepler

- primary mirror: 1.2-m
- launch on 2009/03/07 (lifetime ~ 3.8 years after failure on 2013/05/14)
- continuous monitoring of 1 star field in Cygnus-Lyra region
- broad band photometry with accuracy of few 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



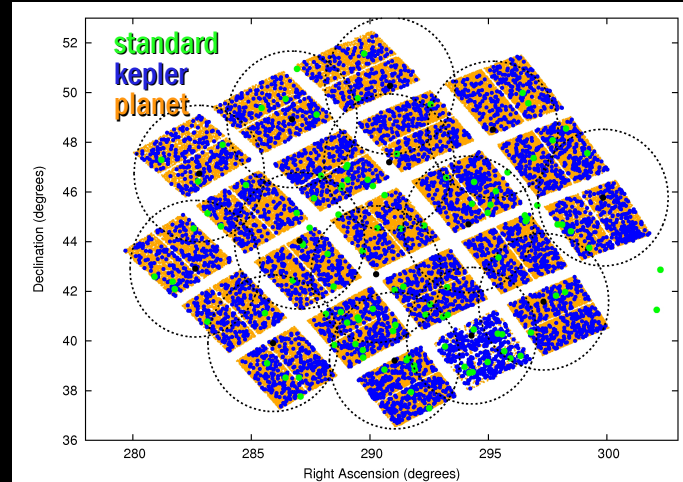
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LAMOST-Kepler project

- Proposal submitted in 2010

Collaboration with subchairs of
Kepler Asteroseismic Science Consortium

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



Win-win opportunity for both
LAMOST community and Kepler community

- First observations on 2011/05/30
- First reduced spectra distributed in 2012/05
- First publication with introduction of project in 2015

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

大天区面积多目标光纤光谱望远镜
(LAMOST)
科学试观测计划建议书

课题名称: Characterization of targets of the Kepler
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20 February 2010

LAMOST-Kepler project

- Asian team



LASP (LRS)

→ Ren et al., 2016, ApJS 225, 28: “LAMOST observations in the Kepler field: Analysis of the stellar parameters measured with LASP based on low-resolution spectra” (2012/06-2014/09)

temperature type

➤ Detection of 115 candidate metal poor stars (106 with $[Fe/H] < -1.0$ dex; 9 with $[Fe/H] < -2.0$ dex)

T_{eff} (2.75%)

➤ Detection of 18 high-velocity stars ($V_{\text{rad}} < -300$ km s⁻¹)

$\log g$ (0.215 dex)

$[Fe/H]$ (0.152 dex)

V_{rad} (18 km s⁻¹)

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V_{rad} (18 km s⁻¹)

➤ Update of the statistics of the catalogue

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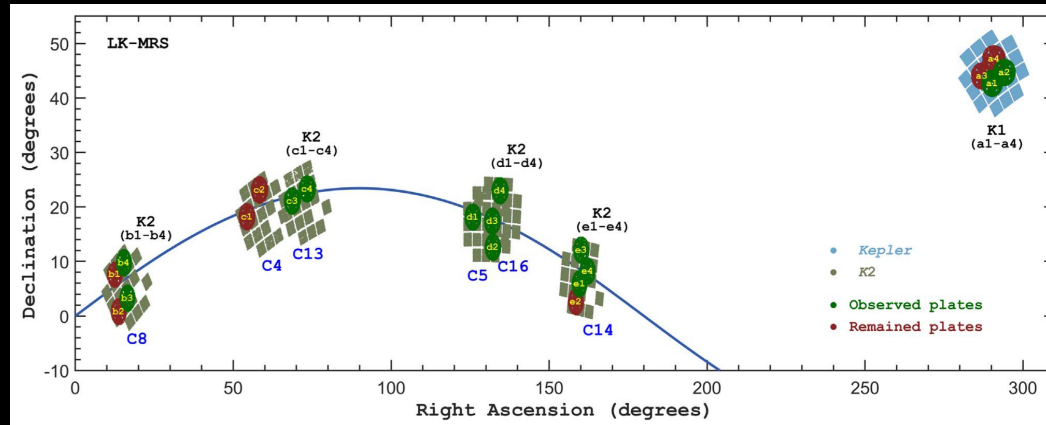
temperature type

T_{eff} (100 K)

$\log g$ (0.15 dex)

[Fe/H] (0.09 dex)

V_{rad} (1 km s⁻¹)



LAMOST-Kepler project

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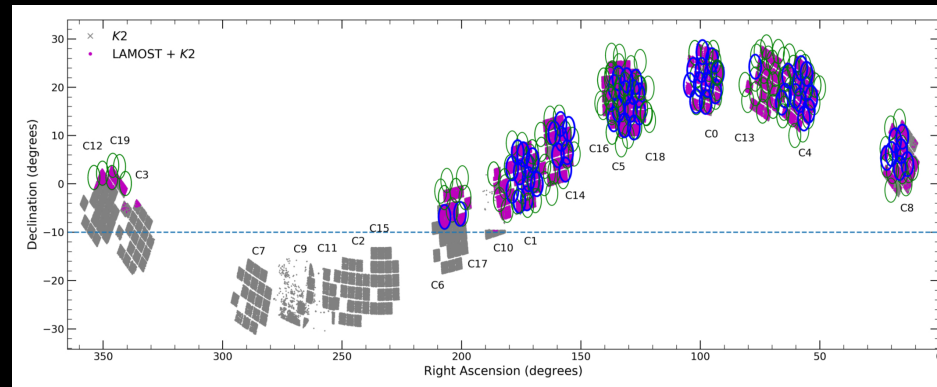
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LAMOST-Kepler project

- European team



→ Frasca et al., 2016 A&A 594, A39: “Activity indicators and stellar parameters of the Kepler targets: An application of the ROTFIT pipeline to LAMOST-Kepler stellar spectra” (2011/05-2014/09)

- Search for emission line objects
- Detection of 442 chromospherically active stars
- Detection of accreting star KIC8749284 (K1V)

ROTFIT (LRS)

temperature type

luminosity class

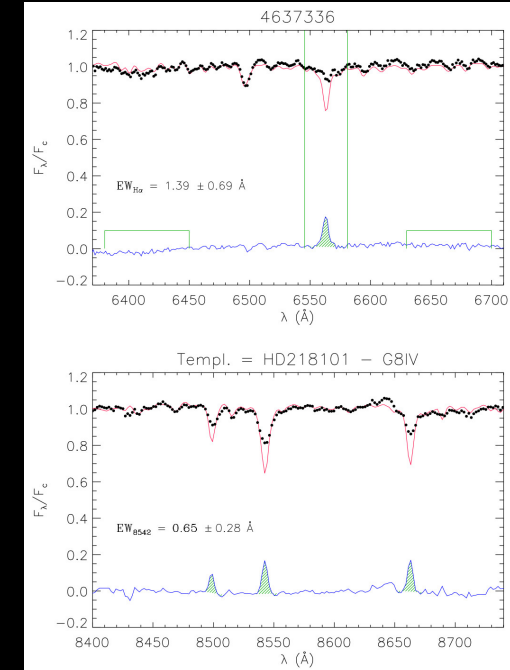
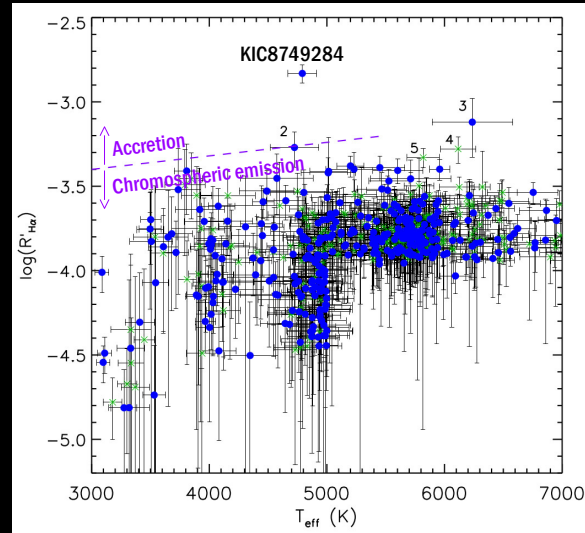
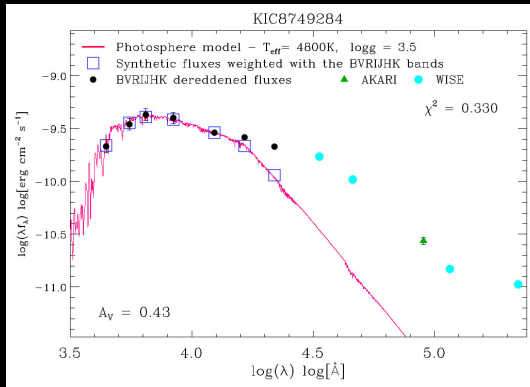
T_{eff} (3.5%)

$\log g$ (0.3 dex)

[Fe/H] (0.2 dex)

V_{rad} (14 km s⁻¹)

$v \sin i > 120$ km s⁻¹



LAMOST-Kepler project

European team



ROTFIT (LRS)

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→ Frasca et al., 2022, A&A 664, A78: “Characterization of Kepler targets based on medium-resolution LAMOST spectra analysed with ROTFIT” (2017/09-2018/05)

- Detection of 327 chromospherically active stars
- Detection of 98 double-lined spectroscopic binaries (SB2) and 7 triple systems (SB3)
- EW measurement Lil $\lambda 6708$ line for 1657 stars

ROTFIT (MRS)

temperature type

luminosity class

T_{eff} (2.5%)

$\log g$ (0.25 dex)

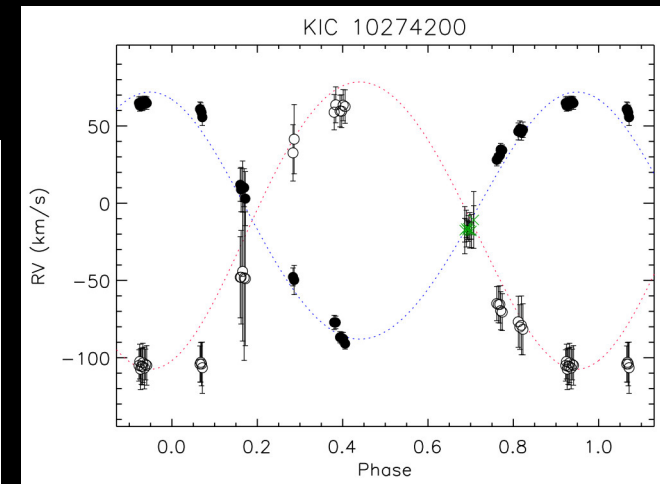
[Fe/H] (0.15 dex)

V_{rad} (0.7 km s⁻¹)

$v \sin i > 8$ km s⁻¹

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

Parameter	Value
HJD0 ^(a)	58020.45 ± 0.05
P_{orb} (d)	4.278 ± 0.001
e	0.04 ± 0.04
ω (°)	20.0 ± 0.5
γ (km s ⁻¹)	-11 ± 3
K_1 (km s ⁻¹)	80 ± 1
K_2 (km s ⁻¹)	93 ± 3
$M_1 \sin^3 i$ (M_{\odot})	1.23 ± 0.08
$M_2 \sin^3 i$ (M_{\odot})	1.06 ± 0.05
M_2/M_1	0.86 ± 0.03
$a \sin i$ (R_{\odot})	14.6 ± 0.2



LAMOST-Kepler project

- American team



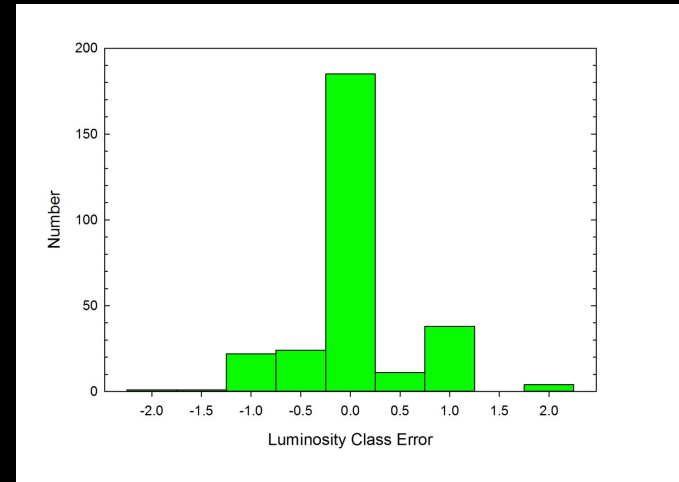
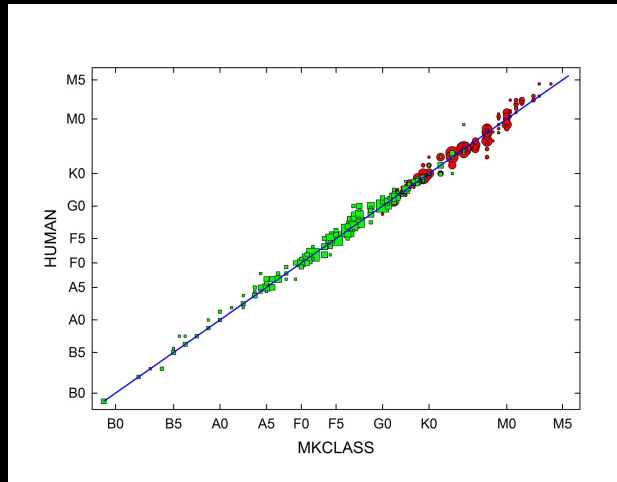
MKCLASS

temperature type (0.6)

luminosity class (0.5)

→ Grey et al., 2016, AJ 151, 13: "LAMOST observations in the Kepler field: Spectral classification with the MKCLASS code" (2011/05-2014/09)

- Classification on MK system (direct comparison with MK standards)
- Identification of peculiar and astrophysically interesting stars
 - ✓ 32 candidate Barium dwarfs (s-process enhances G-type dwarfs)
 - ✓ 34.6% of A stars are Am
 - ✓ 132 candidate λ Bootis stars (chemically peculiar late B to early-F stars: surface underabundances of most iron-peak elements, near-solar abundances of C, N, O, and S)



LAMOST-Kepler project

- LRS and MRS LAMOST spectra have shown to be useful in many different scientific fields, including:
 - Stellar parameter determination
 - Asteroseismology
 - Binary stars
 - Stellar activity
 - Peculiar stars
 - Exoplanets

2024/05/21-24

Third LAMOST-Kepler/TESS workshop (Beijing, China)

"Synergies between ground-based spectroscopic surveys and space-based photometric missions"

The 3rd LAMOST-Kepler/TESS Workshop

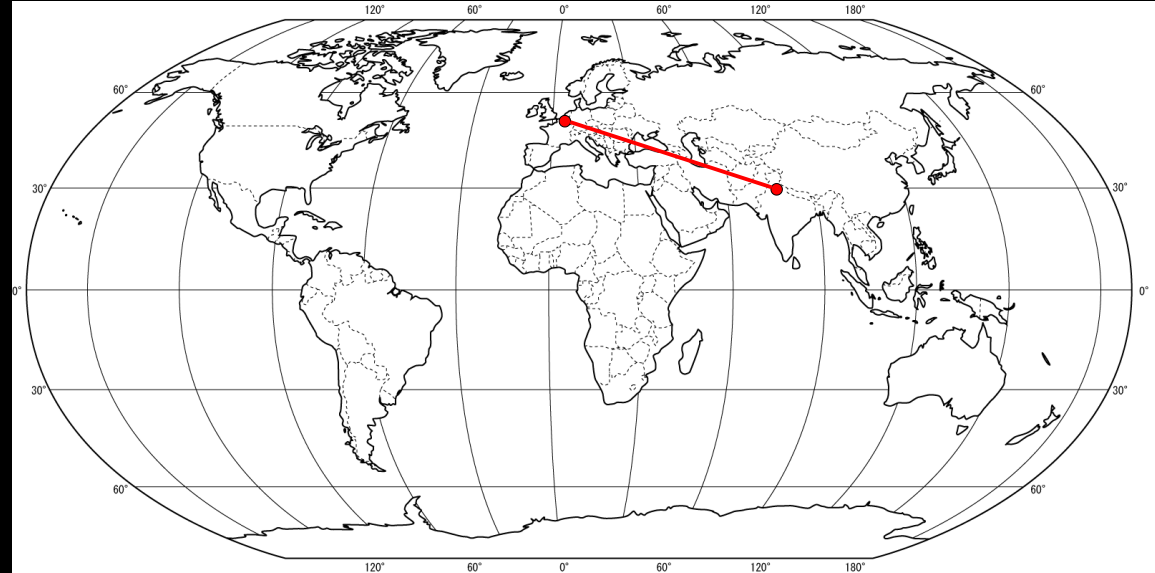
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Outline

1. Scientific background
2. Connection Belgium – China
3. Connection Belgium – India
4. Connection China – India
5. Conclusions and future prospects



Connection Belgium – India

BINA

→ 2014/01/27: first contact with Santosh Joshi (e-mail)

Subject: Re: KASC WG3: K2 mission and other updates (reminder)
Date: Mon, 27 Jan 2014 09:25:19 +0530 (IST)
From: Dr. Santosh Joshi <santosh@aries.res.in>
To: Peter De Cat <Peter.DeCat@oma.be>

Hi Peter,
Please let me know if you are interested in the following programme:
http://www.dst.gov.in/whats_new/whats_new13/cop_belcall2014.pdf

Regards
Santosh

<http://www.aries.res.in>

Indo-Belgian telescopes



Subject: Indo-Belgian Research and Technology Cooperation
Date: Tue, 28 Jan 2014 10:59:37
From: Peter De Cat <Peter.DeCat@oma.be>
To: Dr. Santosh Joshi <santosh@aries.res.in>

Dear Dr. Santosh Joshi,

Thank you very much for your message! Unfortunately it ended up in the spam mail so I didn't see it immediately! (to be on the safe side, please also send a copy to my private e-mail: peter-ke@telenet.be)

Yes, we would be very interested to submit such a proposal! We already submitted a proposal last year in collaboration with Prof. Ram Sagar in view of the DOT telescope (and the Belgian guaranteed time) but unfortunately our proposal was not successful... However, we would like to try again this year so it would be very nice to collaborate with you!

From the Belgian side, two institutes are participating:
* Royal Observatory of Belgium (Patricia Lampens, Yves Frémat and myself),
* Université de Liège (Jean Surdej).

Is there anybody else from your institute that would like to join our team? Do you know colleagues from other Indian institutes that would be interested? What are the main scientific topics you are working on? What kind of network activities would you like to introduce in the proposal?

Thanks again for your proposition. We still have one month to prepare a proposal. Let's hope we will have the opportunity to start a fruitful collaboration!

Kind regards,
Peter

cc. Patricia Lampens, Yves Frémat, Jean Surdej



Santosh Joshi



Connection Belgium – India

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Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics

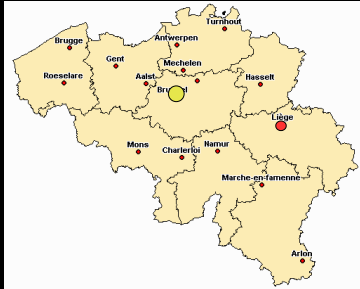
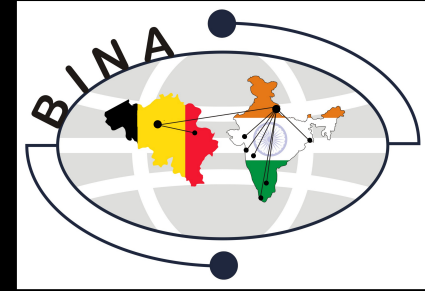
- BINA-1 (2014-2018)

Focus on instrument development (DOT+ILMT)

Network activities

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Indian partners (PI: Santosh Joshi)

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Connection Belgium – India

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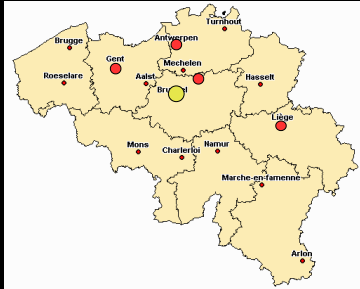
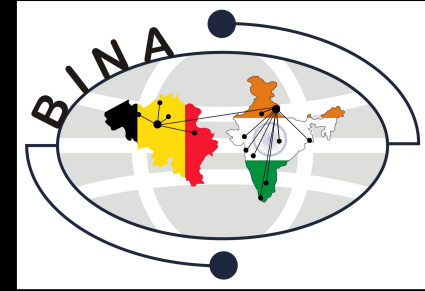
Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics

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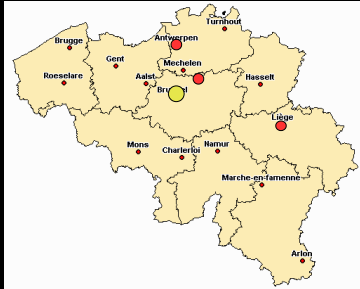
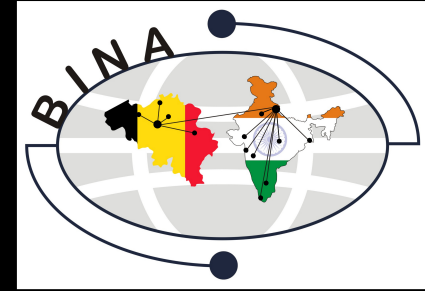
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Belgian partners (PI: Laurent Mahy)

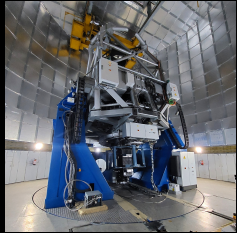
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Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics

● Indo-Belgian telescopes

→ 3.6-m Devasthal Optical telescope (DOT) (Operational since 2017/04/01)



- IMAGER optical imaging
- TIRCAM2 near-infrared imaging (permanent side-port1)
- ADFOSC low-resolution spectroscopy + camera (main port)
- TANSPEC medium-resolution spectroscopy + camera (main port)
- HRS high-resolution spectrograph
- Fast Photometer multi-colour photometry

2017A-Early-Science

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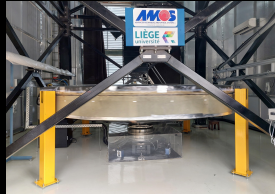
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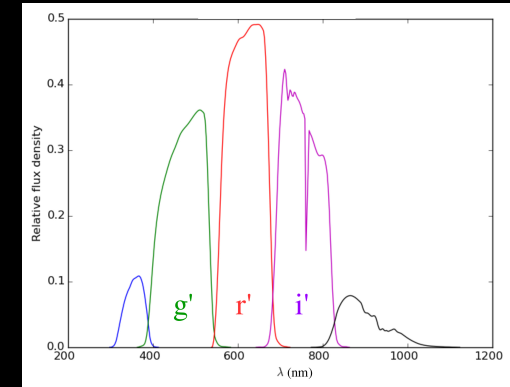
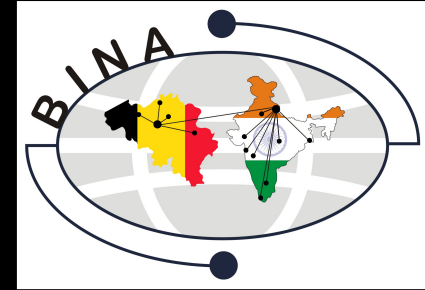
DOT-2024-C2?

DOT-????-??

→ 4-m International Liquid Mirror telescope (ILMT) (First light: 2022/04/29; Inauguration: 2023/03/21)



- Rotating container with liquid mercury
- Zenithal telescope
- Nominal phase: 5 years of scientific operations



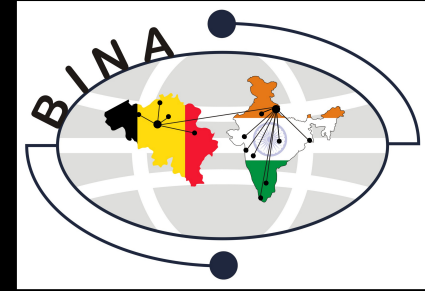
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- Indo-Belgian telescopes
- Telescopes of interest

→ Access through Indian partners

- 1.04-m@ARIES = 1.04-m telescope (Nainital, India)
 - ✓ CCD & polarimeter
- 1.3-m@ARIES = 1.3-m Robotic Telescope (Devasthal Observatory, Devasthal, India)
 - ✓ multi-colour photometry
- 2.01-m@IIA = 2.01-m Himalayan Chandra Telescope (Indian Astronomical Observatory, Leh, Ladakh, India)
 - ✓ Himalaya faint object spectrograph, near-IR imager & optical CCD imager
- 2.5-m@PRL = 1.2-m Infrared Telescope (Mount Abu Observatory, Rajasthan, India)
- 1.2-m@PRL = 1.2-m Infrared Telescope (Mount Abu Observatory, Rajasthan, India)
 - ✓ NICMOS Infrared Camera and Spectrograph, Imaging Fabry-Perot Spectrometer, high time resolution Infrared Photometer, Optical Polarimeter, Fibre-linked Grating Spectrograph & high resolution optical spectrometer 'PRL Advanced Radial-velocity All-sky Search'
- GMRT@NCRA-TIFR= Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (Pune, India)
 - ✓ 30 parabolic 45-m dishes spread over up to 25 km for radio interferometry
- ASTROSAT@ISRO = Satellite (Space)
 - ✓ Ultra Violet Imaging Telescope, Soft X-ray imaging telescope, Large Area X-ray Proportional Counter, Cadmium Zinc Telluride Imager, Scanning Sky Monitor, Charged Particle Monitor (observations from far UltraViolet to hard X-rays)

India's first dedicated
multi-wavelength space
telescope



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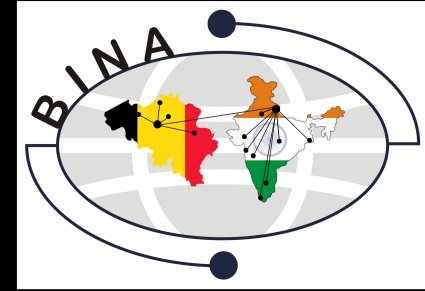
- 1.2-m@KULeuven = 1.2-m Mercator telescope (Roque de los Muchachos Observatory, La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain)
- ✓ HERMES: high-resolution spectroscopy

Transiting Planets and
Planetesimals Small
Telescope

- 0.6-m@ULiège = 0.6-m TRAPPIST-North telescope (Oukaïmeden Observatory, Maroc)
- 0.6-m@ULiège = 0.6-m TRAPPIST-South telescope (European Southern Observatory, La Silla, Chile)
- ✓ Multiband photometry (Johnson/Cousins BVRcIc, Sloan z, NIR exoplanet filter, NaI, H₂O⁺/OH, NH, CN, CO⁺, C3, BC, C2, GC, RC)

Search for habitable
Planets Eclipsing Ultra-
cool Star

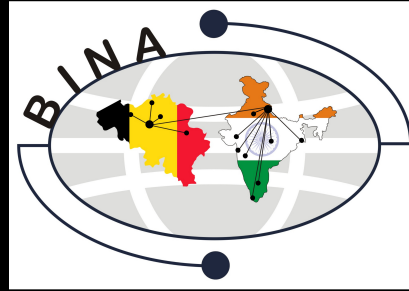
- 1.0-m@ULiège = 4x1.0-m SPECULOOS-North telescope (Teide Observatory, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain)
- 1.0-m@ULiège = 1x1.0-m SPECULOOS-South telescope (European Southern Observatory, Paranal, Chile)
- 1-0-m@ULiège = 1x1.0-m SAINT-EX telescope (National Astronomical Observatory of Mexico, San Pedro Mártin, Mexico)
- ✓ Camera sensitive in the very-near-infrared
- many@ESO = European Southern Observatory (Chile)



Long term view

Belgian partners

- ROB (Peter De Cat & Laurent Mahy)
- ULiège (Michaël De Becker)
- UAntwerpen
- KULeuven
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Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics

Gather all joint Indo-Belgian initiatives related to astronomy and space science

Network activities

BINA-1
BINA-2
BIPASS
(DST/BELSP0)

Outreach

Citizen Science

PhD students

Mrinmoy Sarkar (ARIES)
Athul Dileep (ARIES)
Bhavya Ailawadhi (ARIES)
Naveen Dukiya (ARIES)
Vibhore Negi (ARIES)
Kumar Pranshu (ARIES)
Monalisa Dubey (ARIES)

Nikita Rawat (ARIES)
Anindya Saha (IIST)

Brajesh Kumar (ULiège)
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Otto Trust (Mbarara, Uganda)

Post-docs

Bharti Arora (ULiège)
Priyanka Jalan (Warsaw)

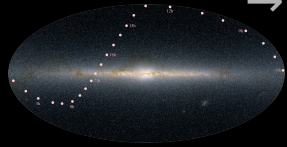
Joint funding?

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Science

● Instrumentation



→ Prospects of pulsating star studies with the 4-m ILMT

De Cat, Surdej & Kumar, 2024, BSRSL 94, in press

➤ Assumptions time series

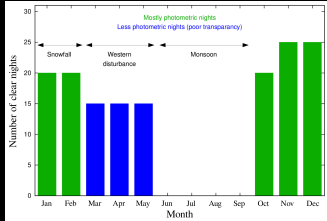
- ✓ 5 years of observations
- ✓ Targets: declination $29^{\text{h}}22^{\text{m}}26^{\text{s}} \pm 13^{\text{m}}30^{\text{s}}$ passing through meridian (1 obs/night)
- ✓ Integration time: 102 sec (should be at maximum 5% of pulsation period)
- ✓ Filters: g', r', i'
- ✓ Observing strategy: filter selection sequence ($i', g', i', r', i', g', i', r', \dots$) or random filter selection
- ✓ Weather statistics Devasthal
- ✓ Random selection of nights within month

➤ Estimated error in magnitude

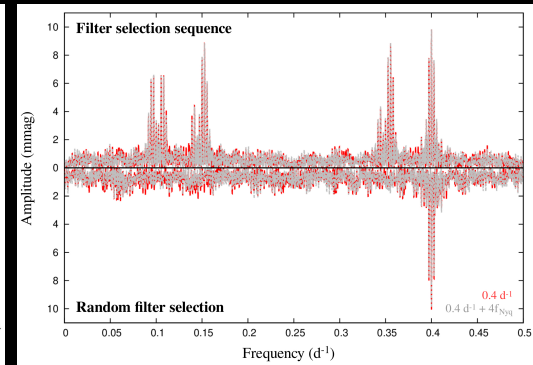
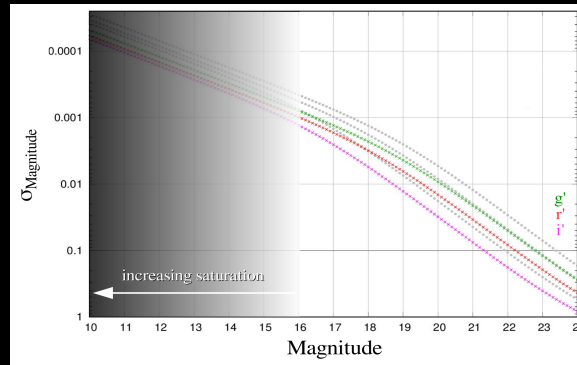
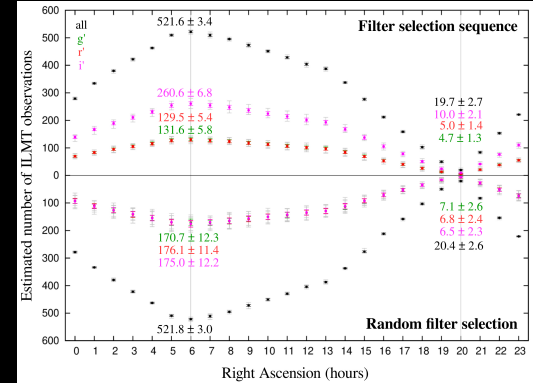
- ✓ Pulsation amplitudes above 0.01 mag
- ✓ Magnitude range roughly 16-22 mag

➤ Period analysis

- ✓ Longest detectable period ~ 10 years
- ✓ Shortest detectable periode ~ 2 days
- ✓ Strong aliasing for filter selection sequence



Best prospects for
RA around 6h
Faint targets
Long pulsation periods
(Cepheids, Mira variables, Semi-regular variables)
Random selection filters



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Science

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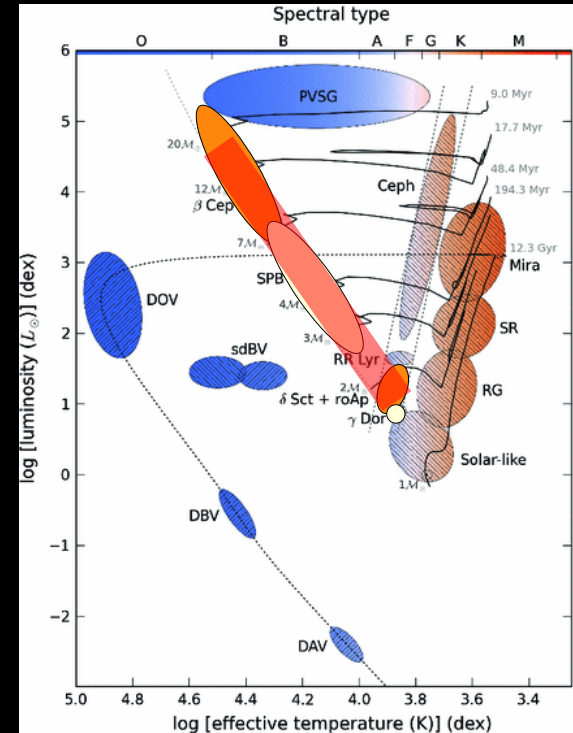
- CP1 (Am/Fm stars)
 - Overabundance iron group elements
 - Underabundance He, Ca, Sc
 - Magnetic field: weak or non-detectable
- CP2 (Ap stars)
 - Overabundance Si, Cr, Sr, and rare-Earth elements (Sr, Cr, Eu, Nd, Pr,...)
 - Magnetic field: strong (up to tens of kG)
- CP3 (HgMn stars)
 - Overabundance HgII and/or MnII
 - Underabundance light elements (He, Al, N)
 - Magnetic field: weak or non-detectable
 - Slow rotators
- CP4 (He weak stars)
 - Underabundance HeI
 - Magnetic field: moderate (order 1kG)
 - Slow rotators

Nainital–Cape survey project

(Ashoka et al. 2000; Martínez et al. 2001; Joshi et al. 2003, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2017)



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Science

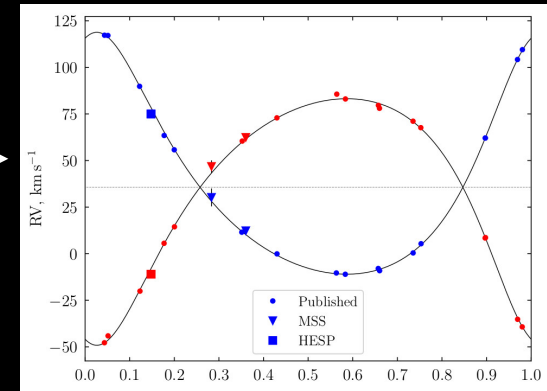
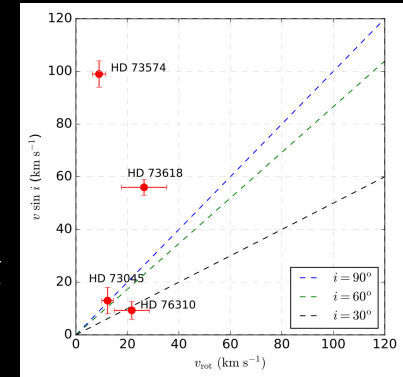
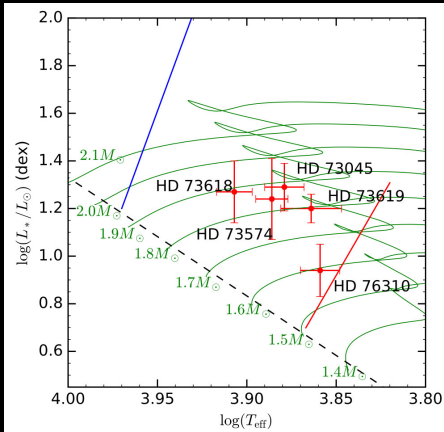
- Chemically peculiar stars (main-sequence BAF-stars stars with abnormal surface abundances)

Joshi, Trust, Semenko et al., 2022, MNRAS 510, 5854

- High-resolution spectroscopy and K2 photometry of Am stars in the region of M44 (5 stars)

→ All targets now identified as (potentially) variable

- HD73045
 - ✓ Rotational variable with period of about 12.5 days (at least two dominant starspots)
 - ✓ Pulsationally stable (previously reported δ Sct-like frequencies not confirmed)
- HD73574
 - ✓ Periodic variations of unknown origin with period of about 14 days
- HD73618
 - ✓ Periodic variations of unknown origin with period of about 4 days
- HD73619
 - ✓ Orbital variations with period of 12.91 days
 - ➔ Heartbeat system without tidally induced pulsations
 - ➔ Two components with similar properties
 - ✓ No magnetic field above 200G
- HD76310
 - ✓ Rotational variable with period of about 5 days



Connection Belgium – India

BINA

Science

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Sarkar, Dupret, Semenko et al., 2024, MNRAS, submitted

- Asteroseismology of the Am δ Sct star HD118660 : TESS photometry and modelling

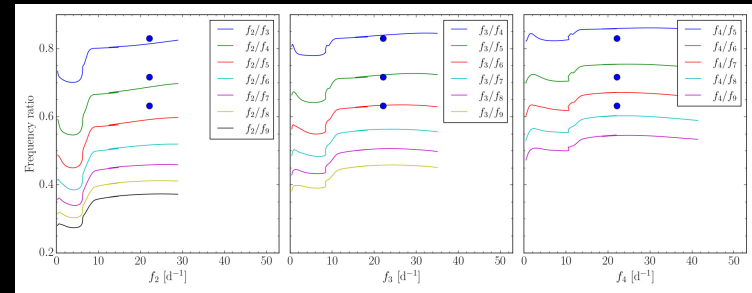
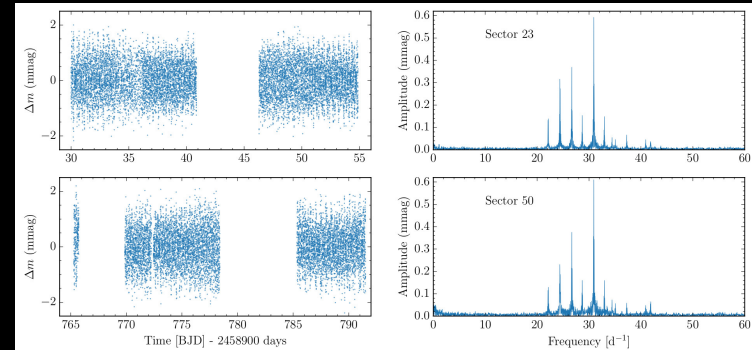
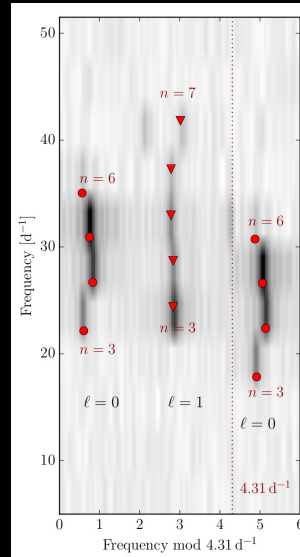
- Mild Am star
- δ Sct pulsations (near red edge of instability strip)
- TESS time series (sectors 23 and 50)
- Identification of pulsation modes
 - Échelle diagram
 - Peterson diagram
- Overshooting parameter

Radial modes
order \neq from 3 to 6

Similar results for
 α_{ov} values

α_{ov}	$\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}$	$\frac{R}{R_{\odot}}$	Age (Gyr)	$\frac{M}{R^3}$ [solar]	v_{eq} (km s $^{-1}$)
0.1	1.77	2.06	1.15	0.20	114
0.2	1.80	2.07	1.21	0.20	115
0.3	1.75	2.06	1.35	0.20	114

$$f = 1.091 \text{ d}^{-1}$$



Marc-Antoine Dupret (Liège)



Mihimoy Sarkar



Santosh Joshi (ARTES)



Science

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 - theoretical evidence for this interpretation

Trust, 2022, PhD thesis (co-supervisors: Jurua, Joshi & De Cat)

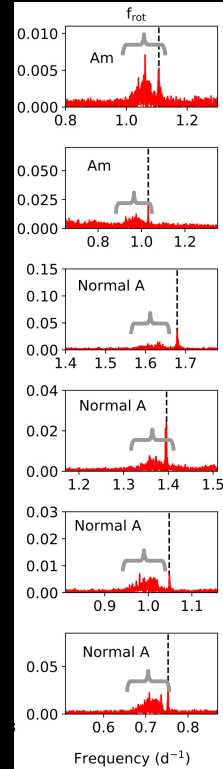
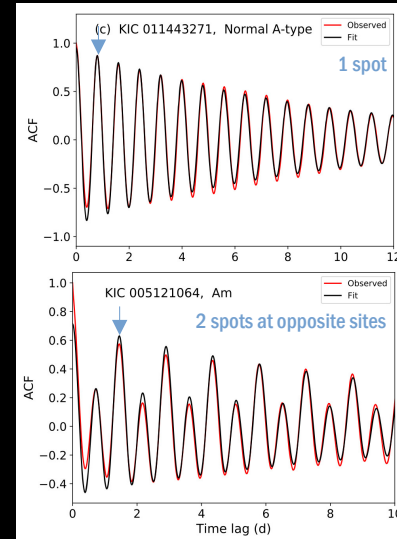


Trust, Jurua, De Cat & Joshi, 2020, MNRAS 492, 3143

- Kepler photometry (170 normal A and Am/Fm stars)

- determination of
 - rotational velocity
 - spot radius
 - rotational frequency
 - decay-time scale

from frequency spike + radius via Gaia parallaxes
 from assumption dark spot + amplitude spike
 from frequency spike
 from autocorrelation function } underdamped simple harmonic oscillator
 from autocorrelation function



	Am/Fm stars	Normal A stars
No significant differences in spot radii	1.01(13) R _E	1.16(12) R _E
Significant difference in decay-time scale	3.6(2) days	1.5(2) days
Spots are smaller than GKM-type stars → weak magnetic fields?		

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

- HERMES spectroscopy (9 stars)

- determination of
 - atmospheric parameters

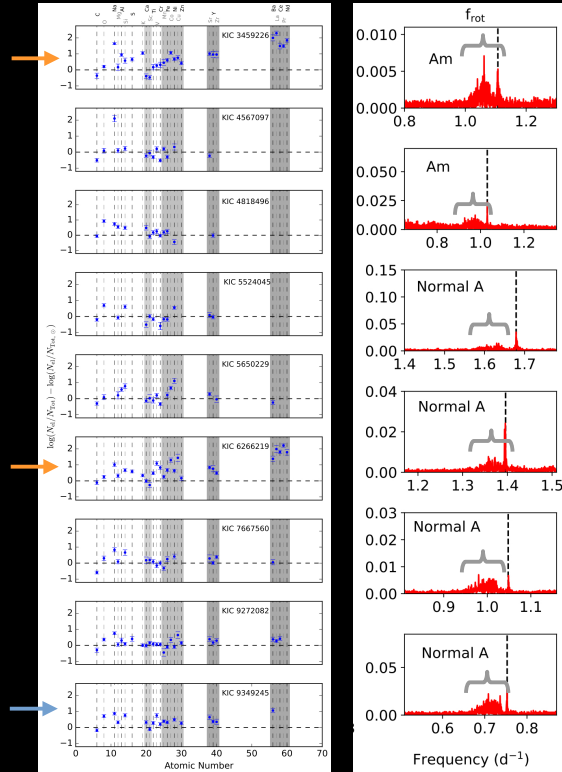
from photometric indices (*ubv* β , 2MASS, Strömgen)
 from spectral energy distributions
 from spectroscopy

- individual chemical abundances

2 Am stars: KIC3459226, KIC6266219

1 marginal Am star: KIC 9349245

6 non-Am stars: KIC4567097, KIC4818496, KIC5524045, KIC5650229, KIC7667560, KIC9272082



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Trust, Jurua, De Cat et al., 2023, MNRAS 524, 1044

- HD180347

- TESS sectors 14, 15, and 26
 - Rotational variable with $P_{\text{rot}} = 4.1(2)$ days
 - No evidence for pulsations
- HERMES spectrum
 - Determination of stellar parameters
 - Determination of abundances of 25 chemical elements
 - ✓ LTE for all
 - ✓ NLTE for C, O, Na, Mg, Si, K, Ca, Sc, Ti, Zn, Sr, Zr, Ba

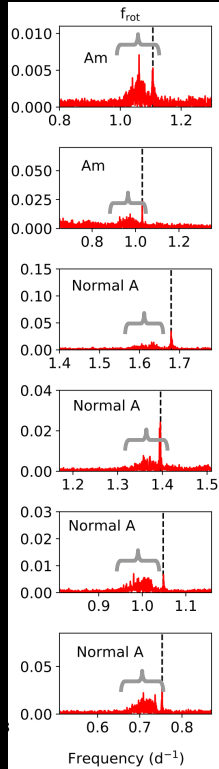
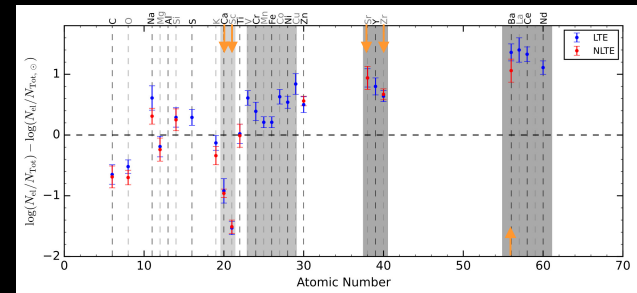
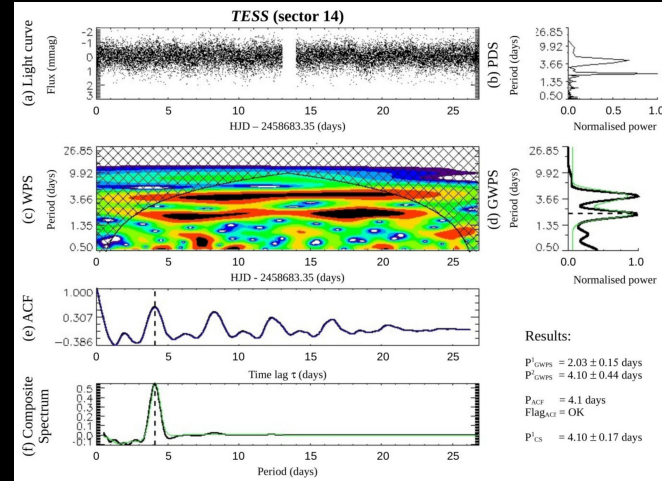
NLTE improves accuracy of derives abundances
Classification as Am (kA1hA8mA8) star

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Otto Trust (Mbarara)



Santosh Joshi (ARIES)



Science

- **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)

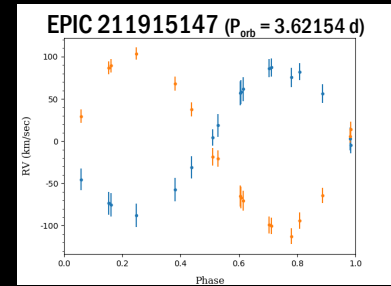
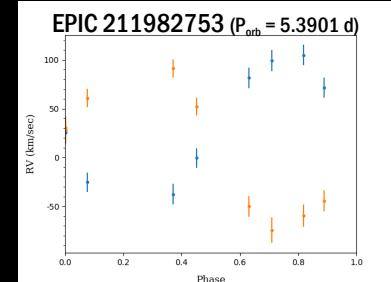
- Observations

- Photometry: TIRCAM2@DOT/3.6-m (Devasthal, India), DFOT@ARIES/1.3-m (Nainital, India), ASAS-3, K2
- Spectroscopy: HERMES@Mercator/1.2-m (La Palma, Spain), HESP@HTC/2-m (Hanle, India)

- Analysis EPIC211982753 and EPIC21191547

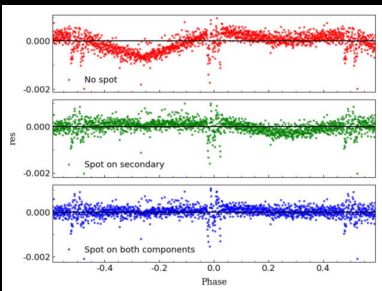
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- No evidence for orbital period changes over a timespan of 3.2 years
- Modelling with PHOEBE



- ✓ Spot on both components needed for EPIC21191547
- ✓ Characterisation of the components
 - Both stars are high mass-ratio eclipsing binaries ($q > 0.85$)

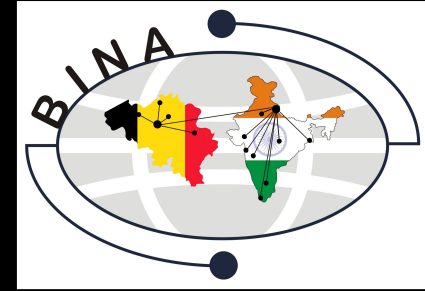
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	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Mass (M_{\odot})	1.69(2)	1.59(2)	1.48(1)	1.27(1)
Radius (R_{\odot})	1.66(2)	1.53(2)	1.80(5)	1.42(5)
Distance	238(4) pc		199(5) pc	
Age	100-224 Myr		1.6-2.5 Gyr	



Science

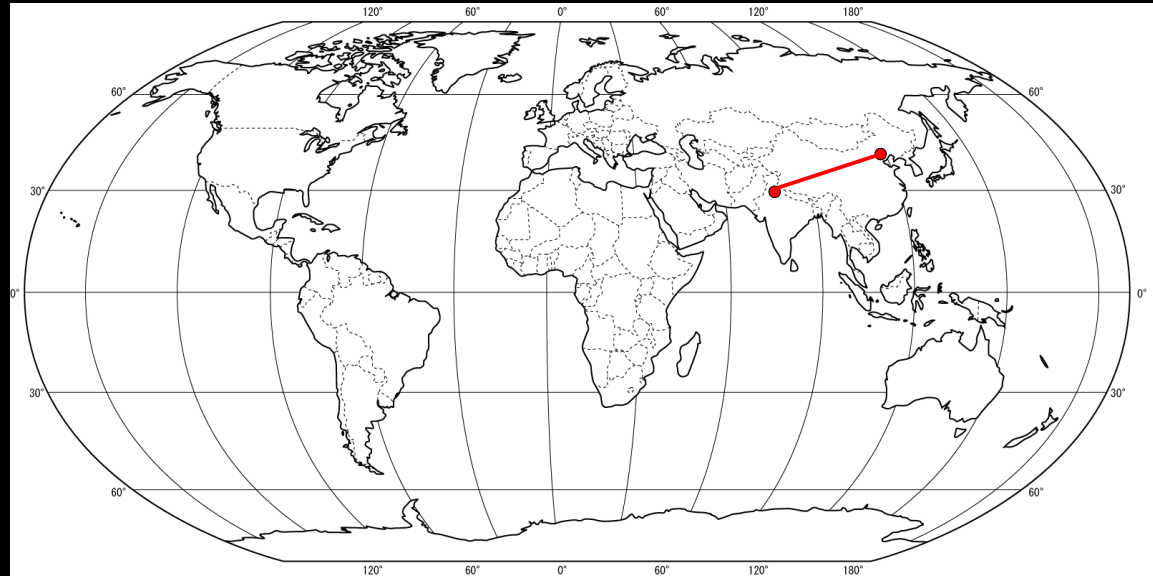
● Summary of publications

- Refereed: #38 published + #3 in press
- Proceedings: #18 published + #27 in press
 - Instrumentation ULiège – ROB – ARIES
 - Solar physics ROB – ARIES
 - Solar system objects ULiège – PRL
 - Exoplanets ROB – ARIES and ULiège – PRL
 - Peculiar stars ROB – ULiège - ARIES
 - Multiple systems ROB – ARIES
 - Abundances ULB – UOC
 - Massive stars ULiège – IIST
 - Star forming regions
 - Compact objects
 - Transients ULiège - ARIES
 - Extragalactic astrophysics



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Search and Follow-up Studies of Time-domain Astronomical Sources using Sky Surveys, BRICS Telescopes and Artificial Intelligence



● Context

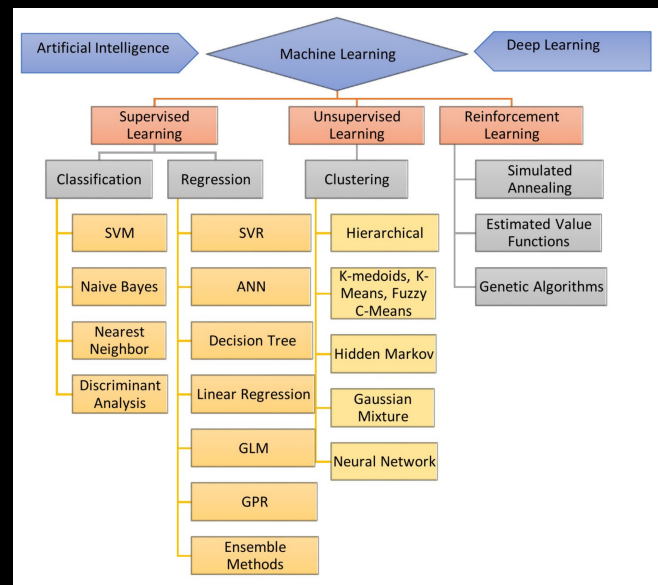
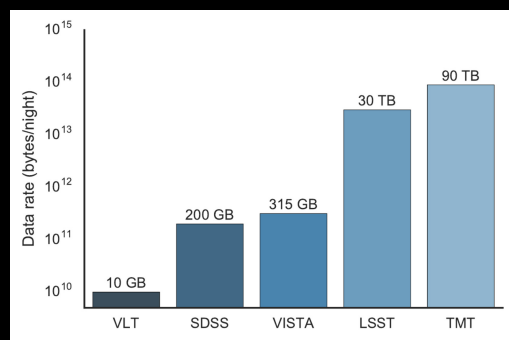
- Explosion of the amount of incoming data from new generation of instruments (including LAMOST and ILMT)
- Beyond the capacity of researchers to manually process, manipulate and explore these massive data sets

● Goals

- Create machine learning and artificial intelligence based methodologies for automated searching, identification, and classification of galactic and extragalactic transients and variable sources
- Produce catalogues for indexing and fast retrieval of transients (public domain)
- Follow-up science

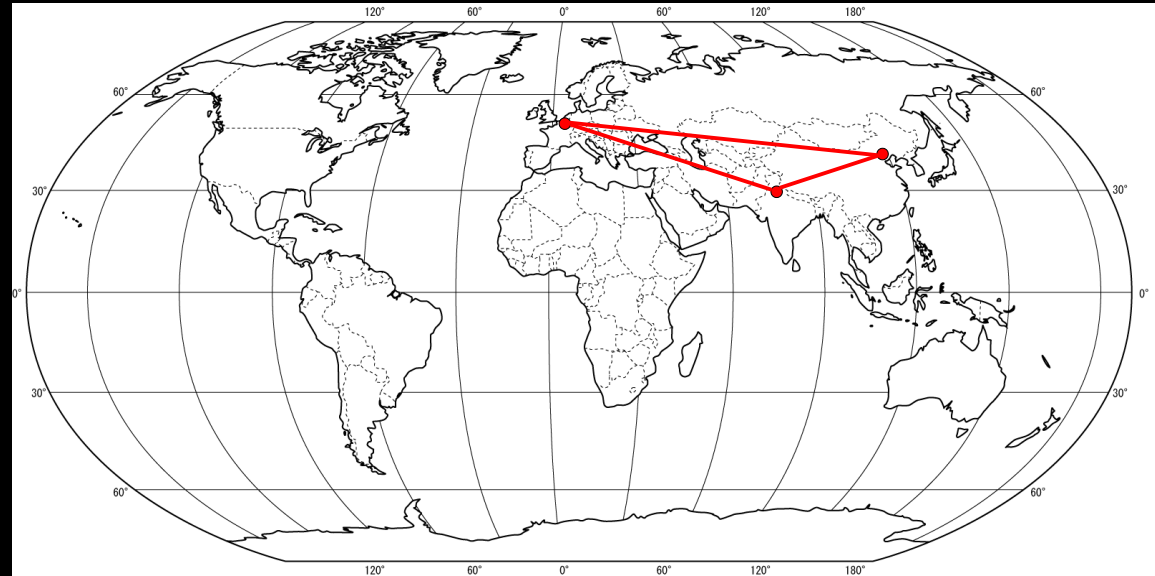
● Partners

- India (incl. Santosh Joshi: PI and coordinator)
- China (incl. Ali Luo: Col)
- Russia



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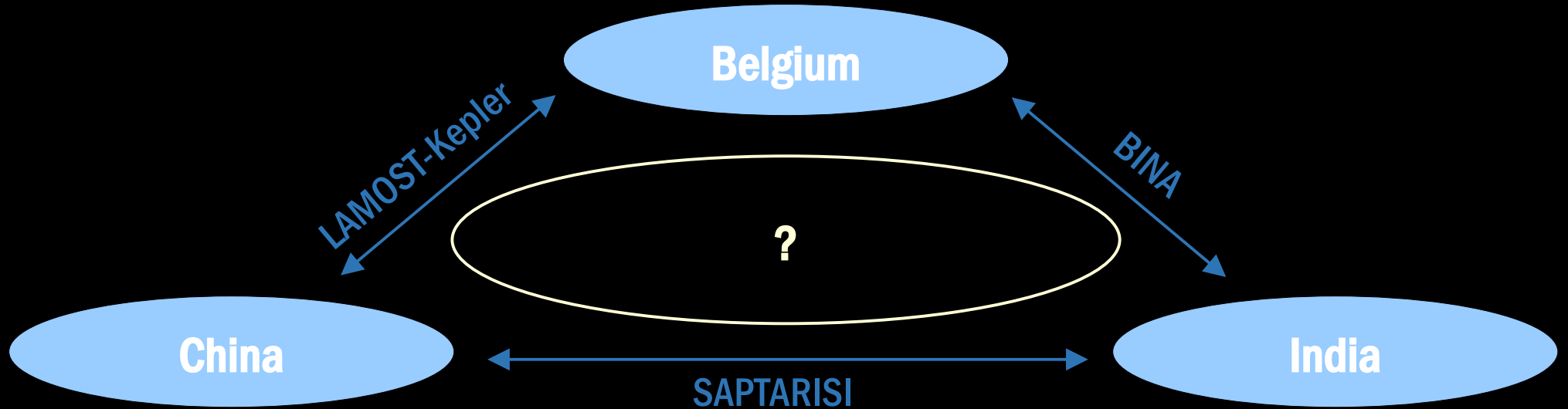
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Take away messages

- Network activities are extremely important
 - New collaborations
 - Coincidental encounters can lead to the start of new scientific endeavours
 - New scientific ideas
 - Deepen your view
 - Broaden your view
 - Meet your peers
 - It might open opportunities in the future
 - Present your results (write papers, progress results for collaborators, talks at international conferences)
 - Treat your colleagues as your collaborators (not as your opponents) because $1 + 1 > 2$
- Know your own strengths and weaknesses
 - Use your strong points and keep them strong
 - Search for collaborators to improve your weak points
- Work to live (not live to work)
 - Take time to reload and relax

Conclusions and future prospects

Summary of connections by ongoing two-by-two international network projects



Are there possibilities to strengthen the scientific connections
Between China, Belgium, and India
by starting a joint international network project?

Thank you for your attention!

Open question