

Random encounters in asteroseismology

Their impact on a scientific career

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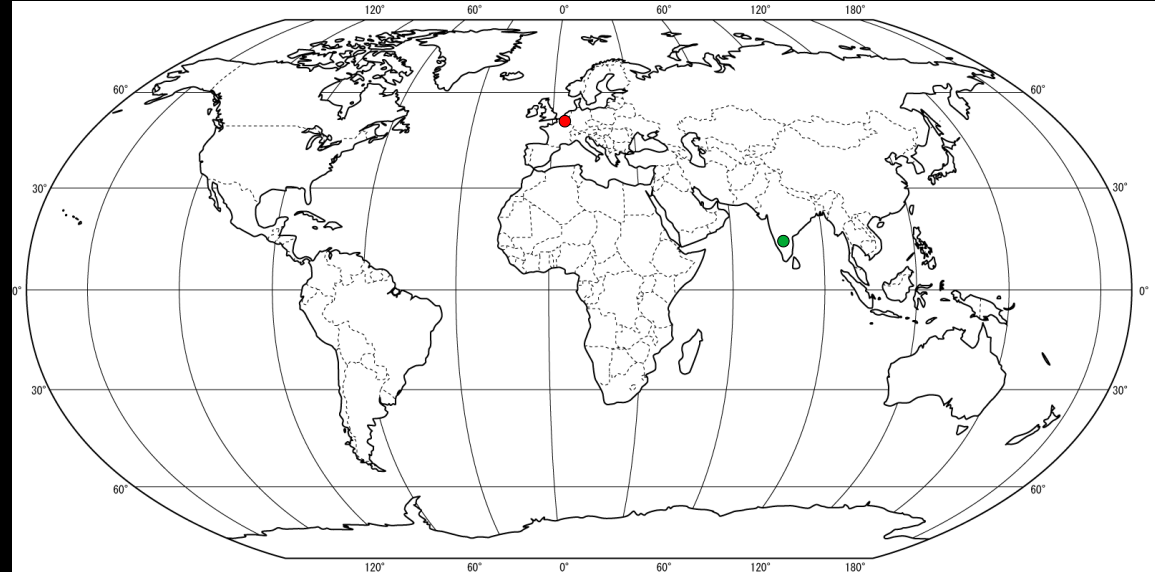
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- 130 papers in international refereed journals (7)
- 6 papers in international non-refereed journals
- 95 papers in proceedings of international conferences (21)



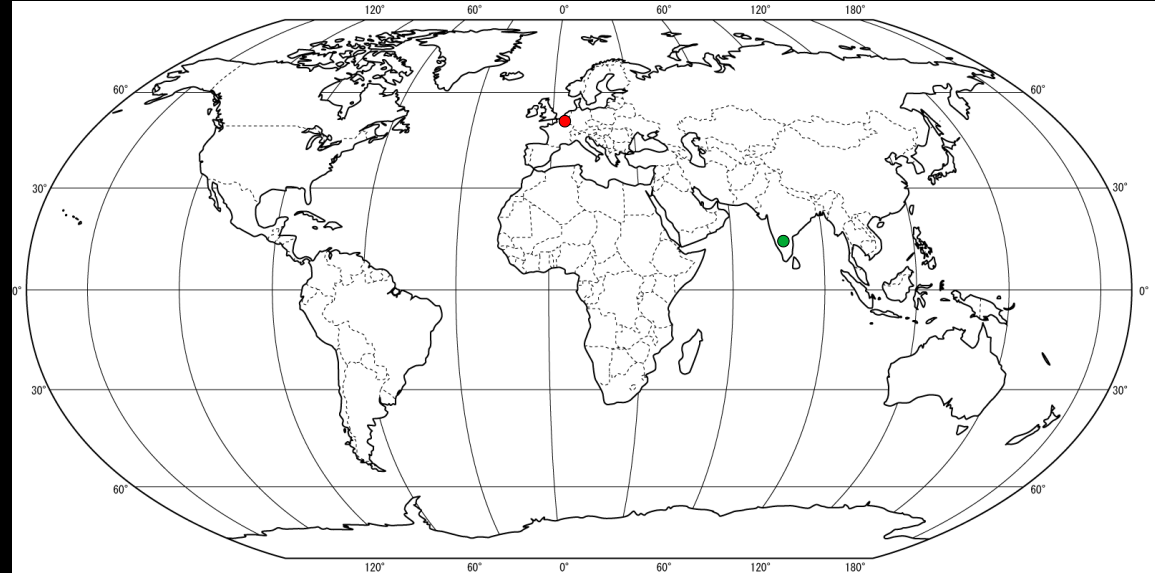
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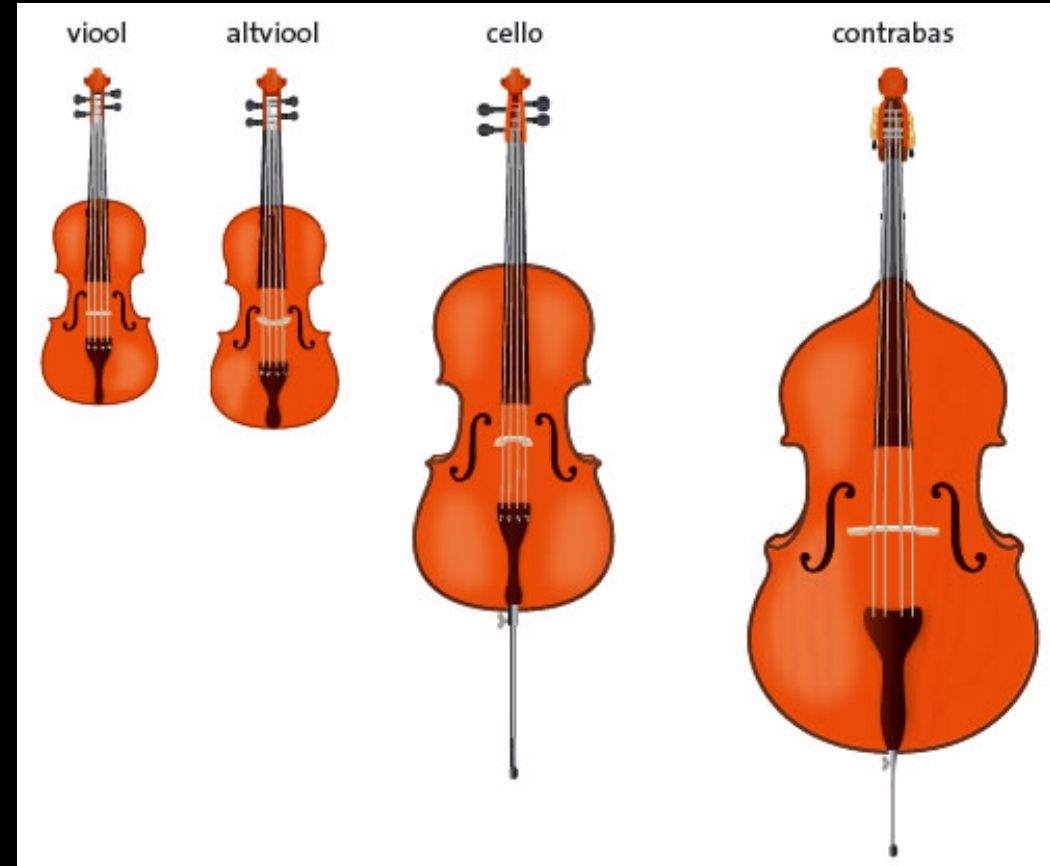
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Musical instruments



shape and material determines
the sound of the instrument

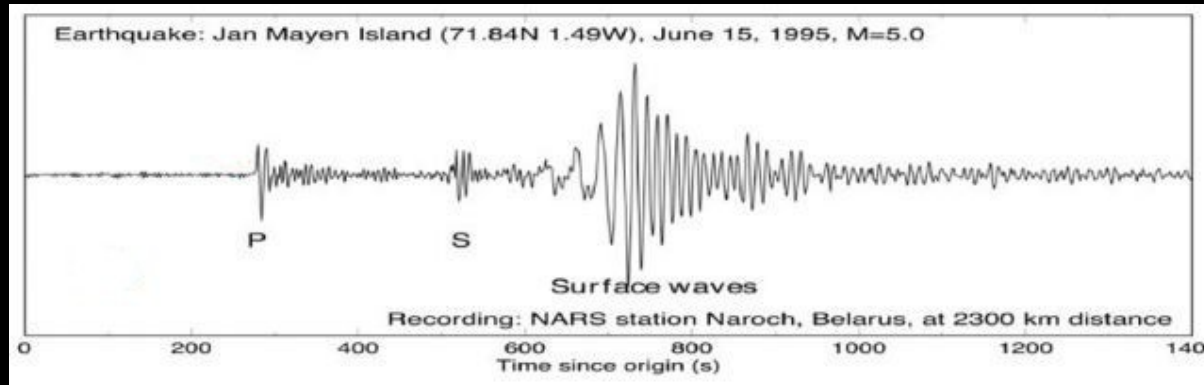


Seismology

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



use earthquakes to investigate
the interior of the Earth



Asteroseismology

- **aster:** star
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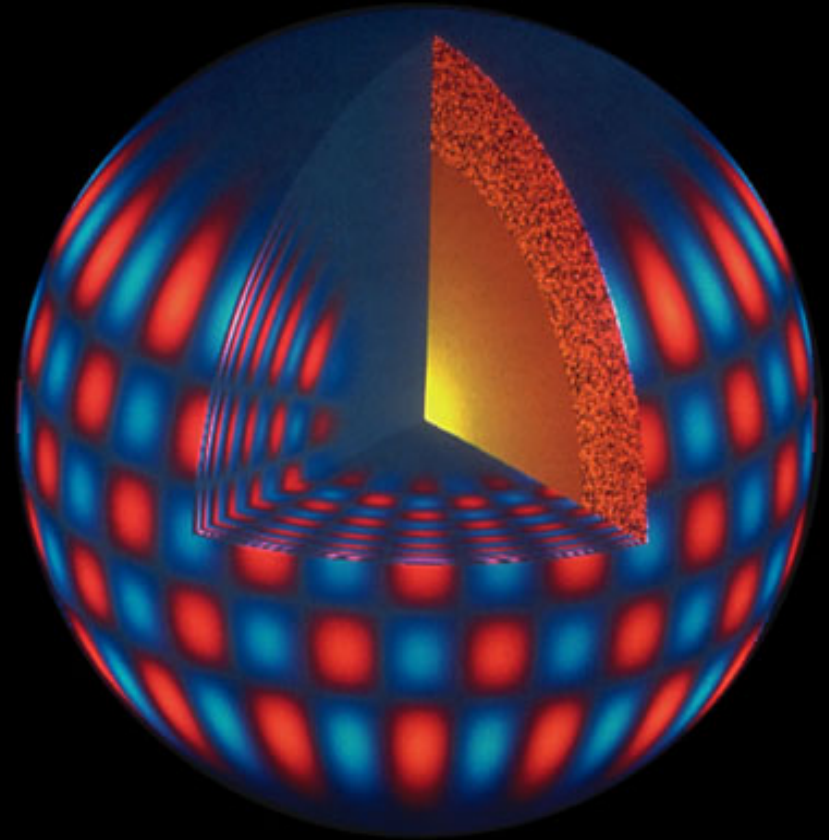


to investigate stars
by studying their pulsations and their interior!

Sun
 δ Scuti star HD31901

Asteroseismology

- **aster:** star
 - **seismo:** vibration, pulsation, oscillation,...
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- Stellar parameters
 - M , age, X , Z ,...
 - Convection
 - size convective layers
 - convective overshoot
 - Rotation
 - surface versus core
 - rigid versus differential
 - Internal mixing
 - Diffusion
 - Internal structure
 - layers and their composition
 - Magnetic fields



Pulsations



= frequency



= number of nodesurfaces between center and surface



= total number of nodelines on surface

→ $\ell = 0$: radial mode

→ $\ell > 0$: non-radial mode

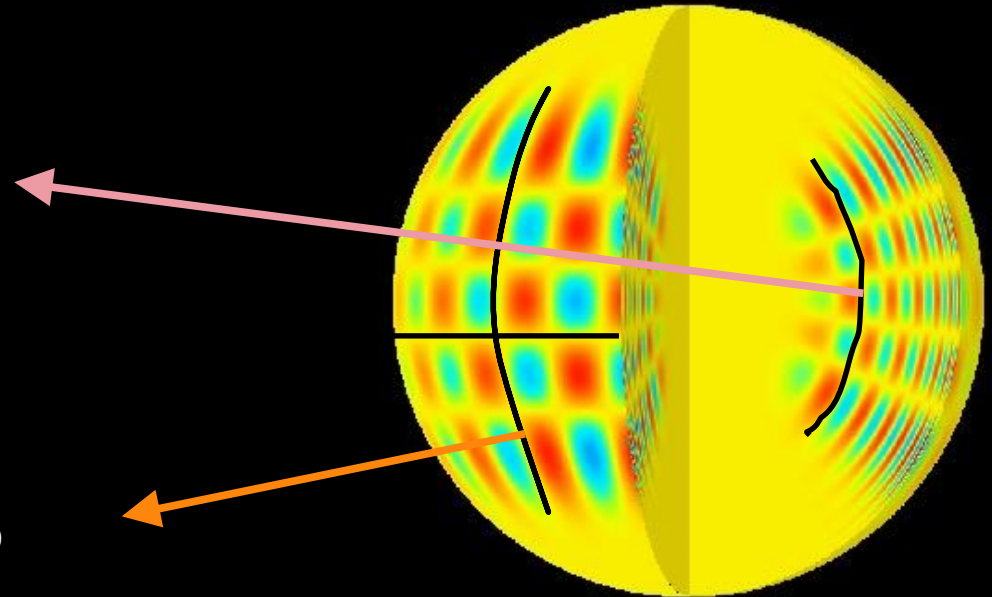


= number of nodelines perpendicular to equator on surface

→ $|m| \leq \ell$

→ $m > 0$: prograde mode

→ $m < 0$: retrograde mode



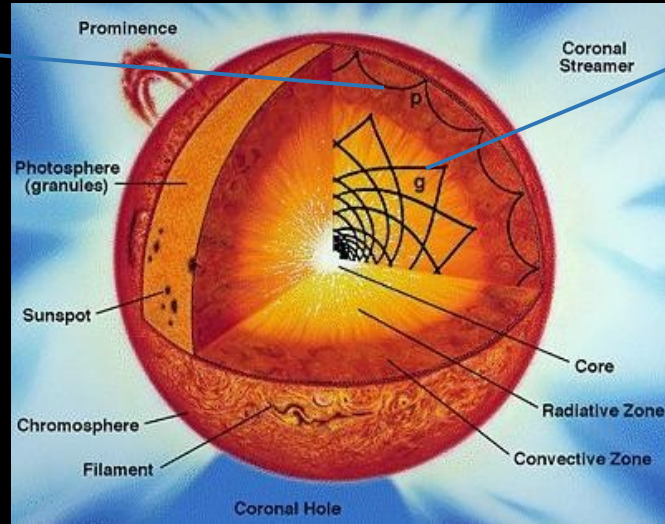
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2. Mode identification

3. Theoretical modelling

Pressure modes (p-modes)

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

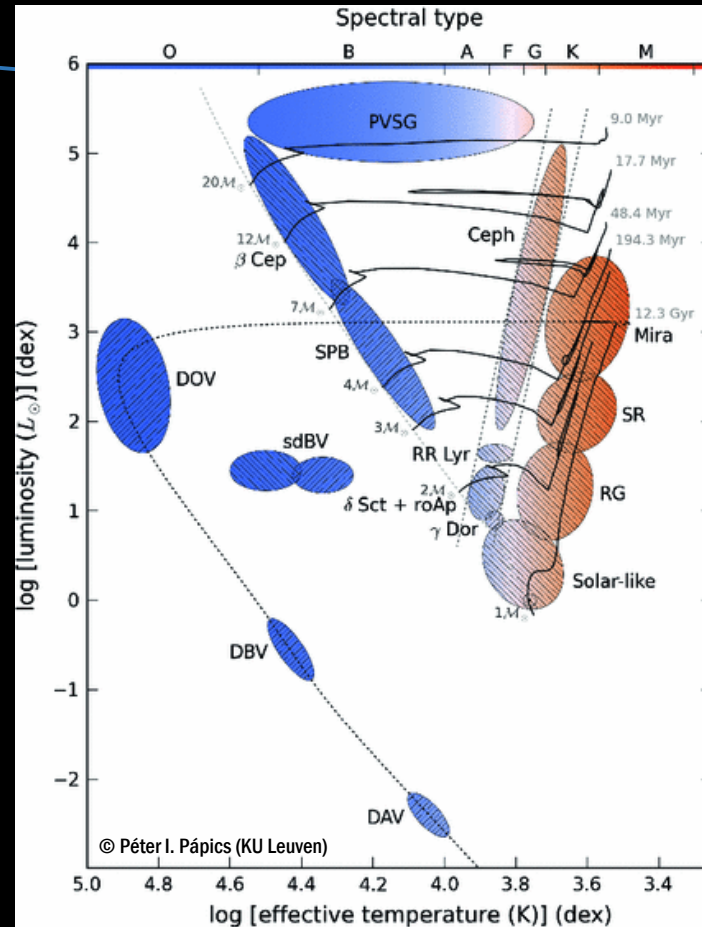


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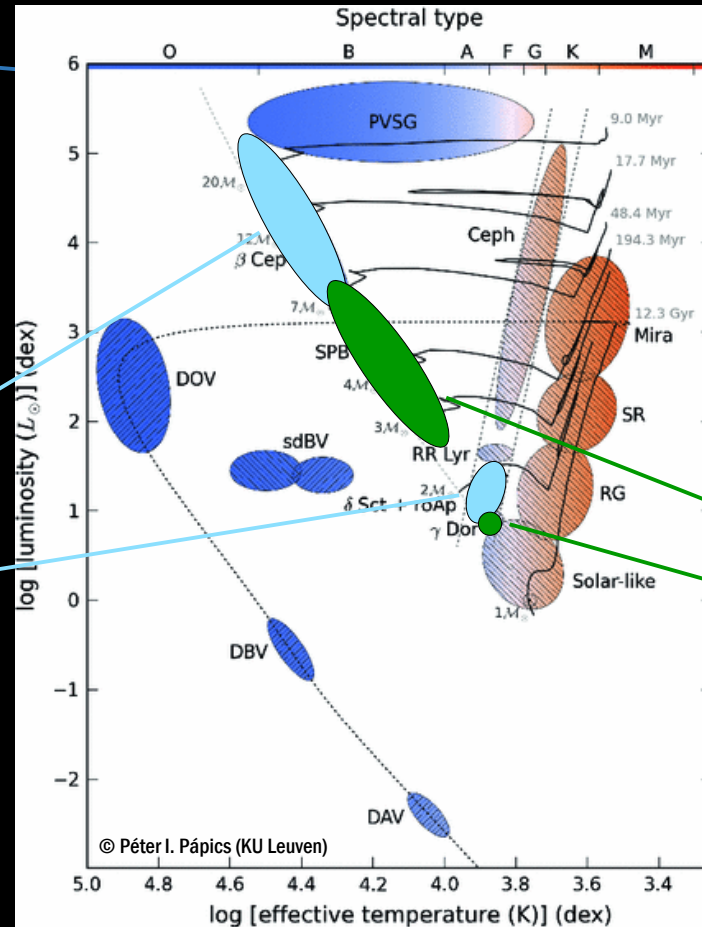
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β Cephei stars (β Cep)

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)

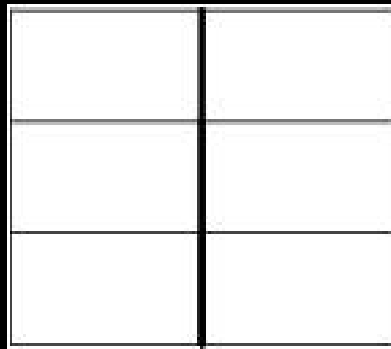
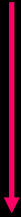
- Periods order of days
(0.3-3 days)

What do we need?

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- Star without rotation

$$f_{n,\ell,m} = f_{n,\ell,0}$$



$\ell = 1$

$\ell = 2$

$\ell = 3$

- Star with rotation

$$f_{n,\ell,m} \simeq f_{n,\ell,0} - m (1 - C_{n,\ell}) f_{\Omega} + \theta(f_{\Omega}^2)$$

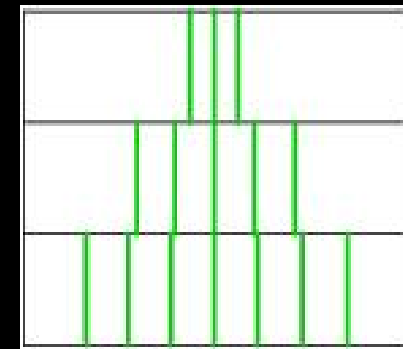
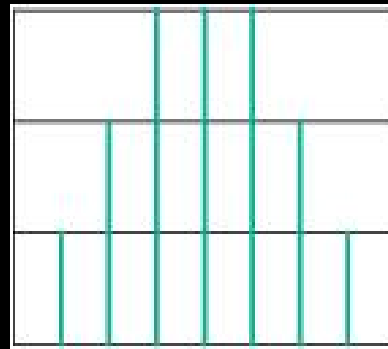
$\Rightarrow$ **frequency multiplets** (Ledoux & Walraven 1958)

β Cep
 δ Sct

$$C_{n,\ell} \approx 0$$

SPB
 γ Dor

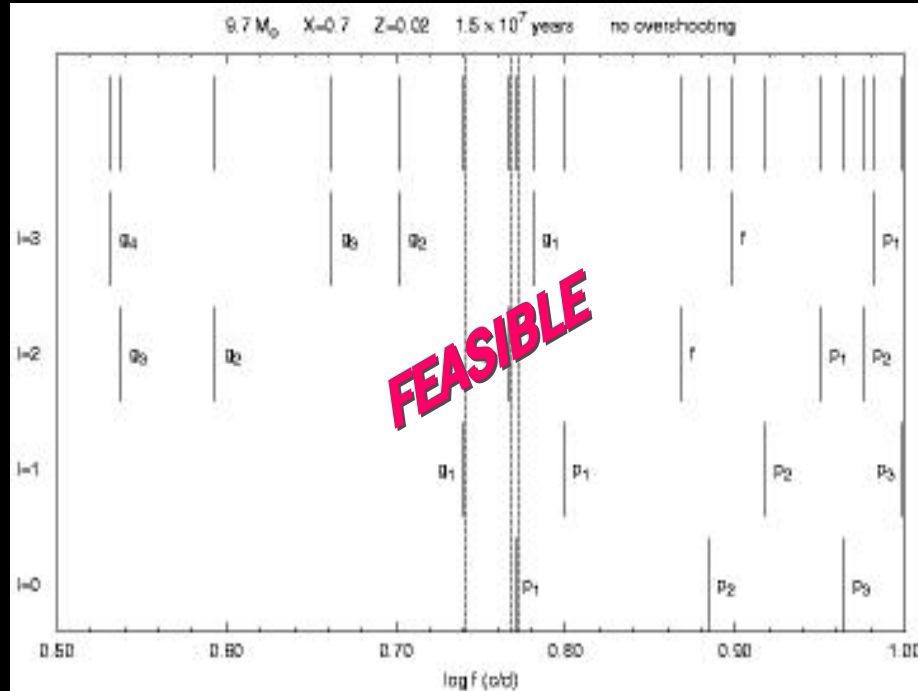
$$C_{n,\ell} \approx \frac{1}{\ell(\ell+1)} + \text{2nd order term}$$



What do we need?

- p-modes β Cep star 16 Lacertae

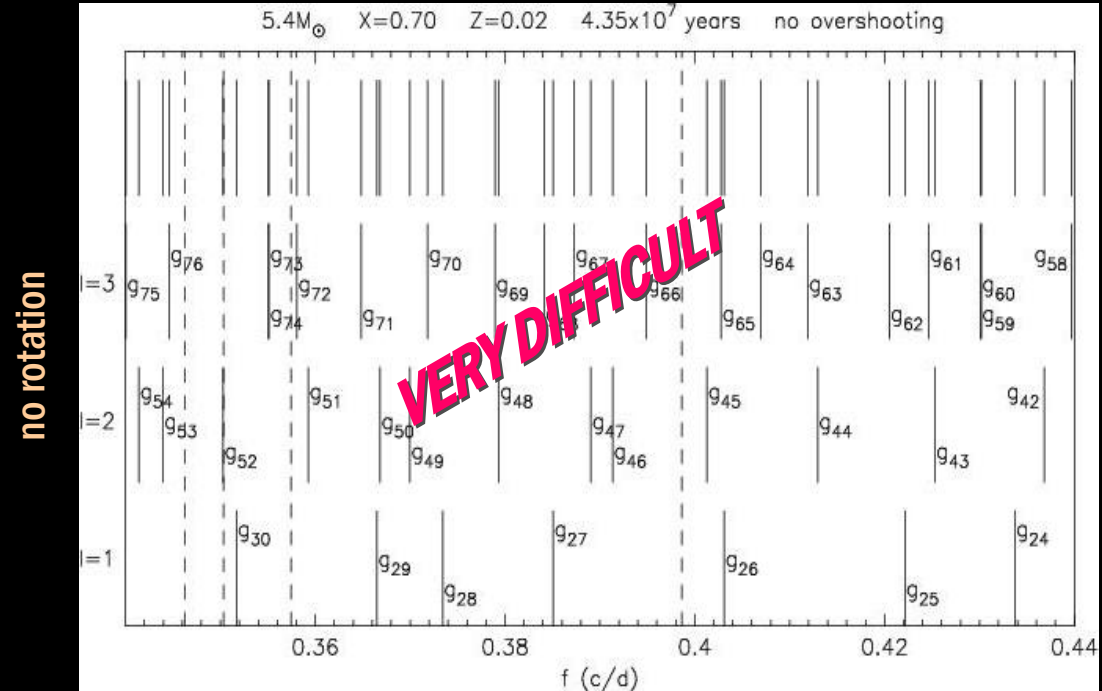
→ Sparse frequency spectrum



$7 d^{-1}$

- g-modes SPB star α Velorum

→ Dense frequency spectrum



no rotation

$0.1 d^{-1}$

What do we need?

- Many observed pulsation frequencies
- Frequency multiplets

Frequency analysis

- Know which pulsation modes cause the observed variations

Mode identification

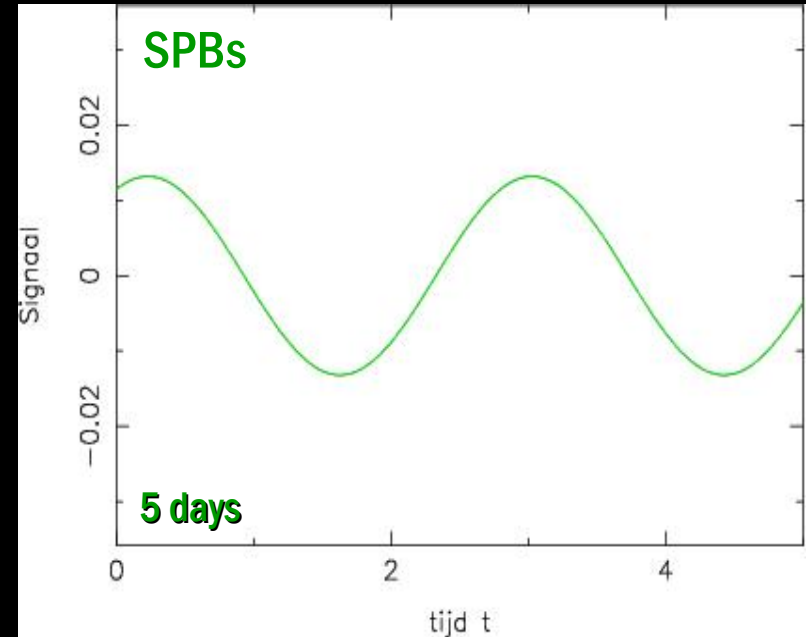
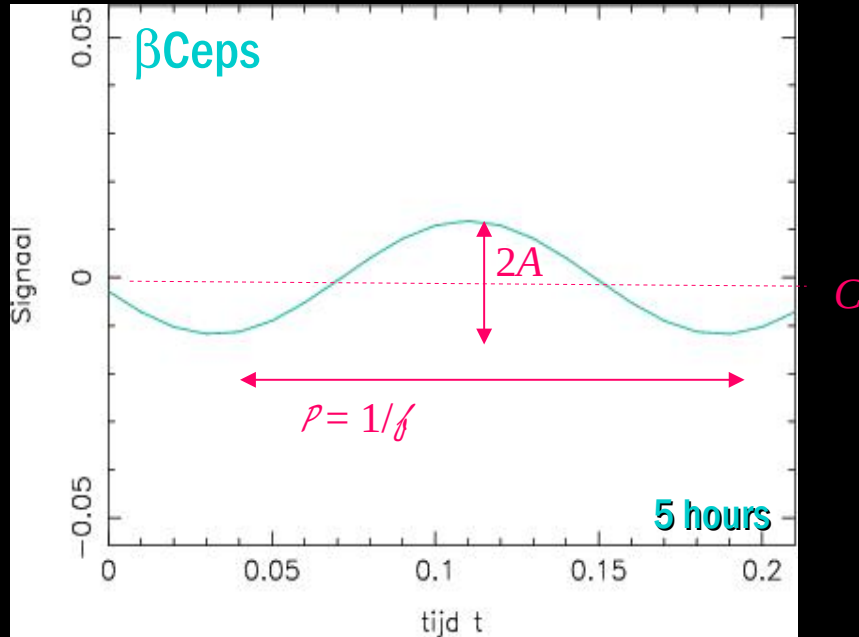
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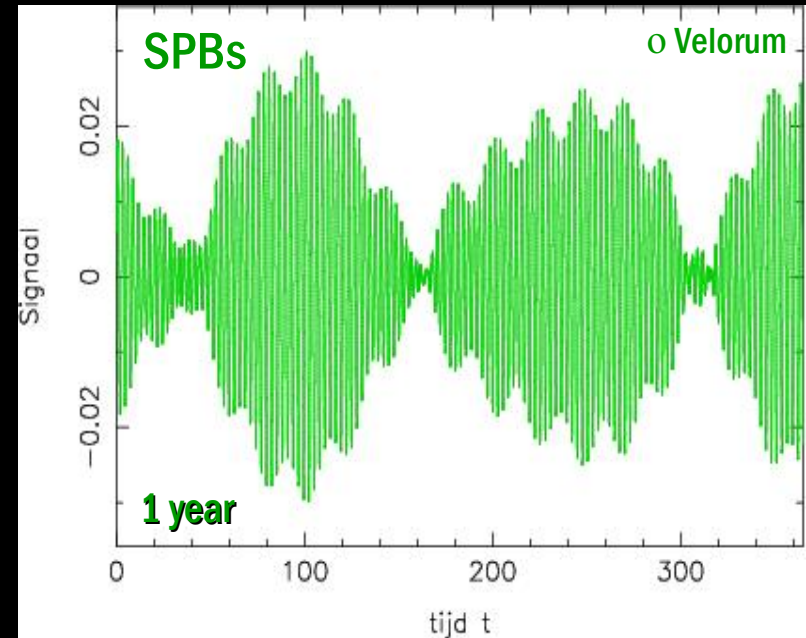
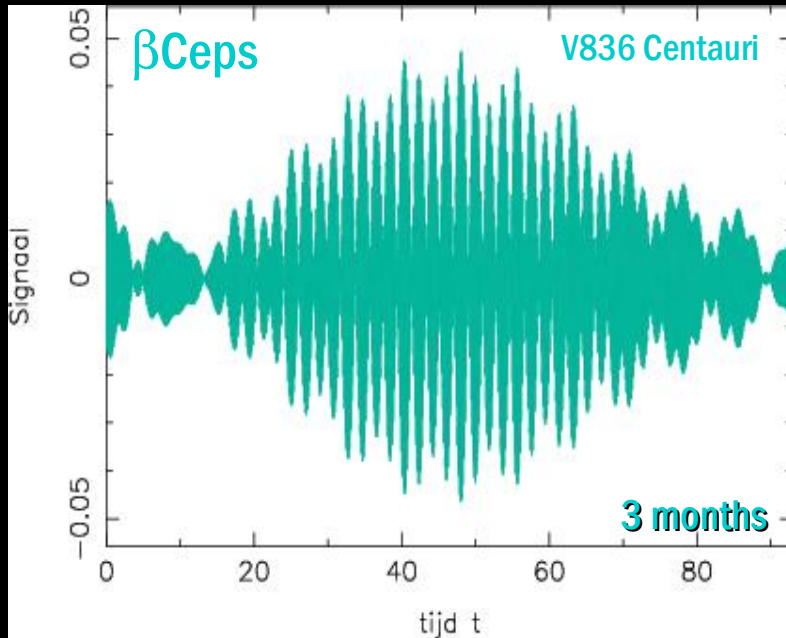
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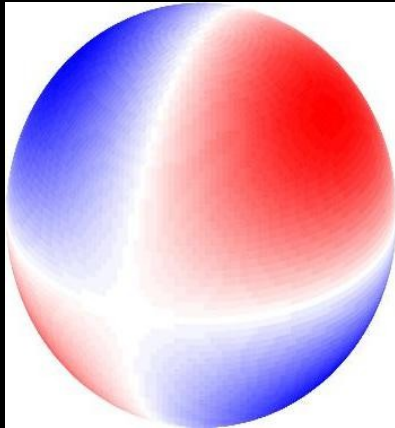
- Instrument

What do we observe?

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→ Naked eye

accuracy ~ 0.1 mag



eye (backyard)
~ 5 to 7 mm

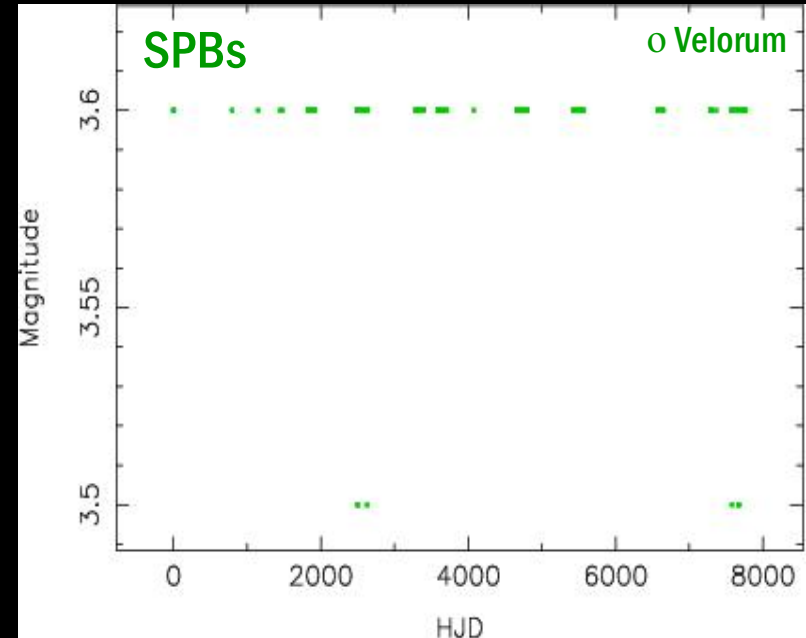
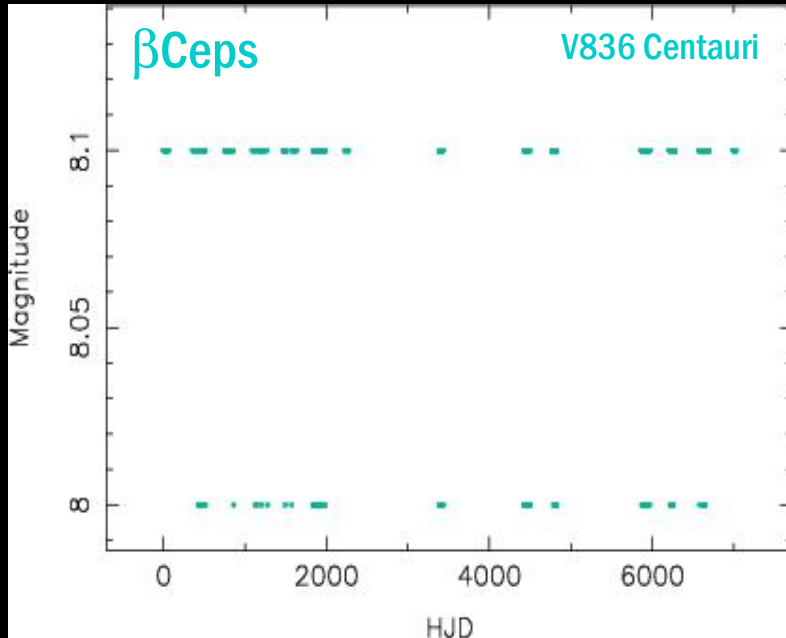
in 1 filter
(individual)

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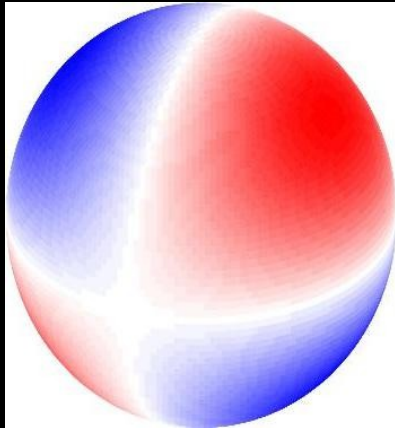
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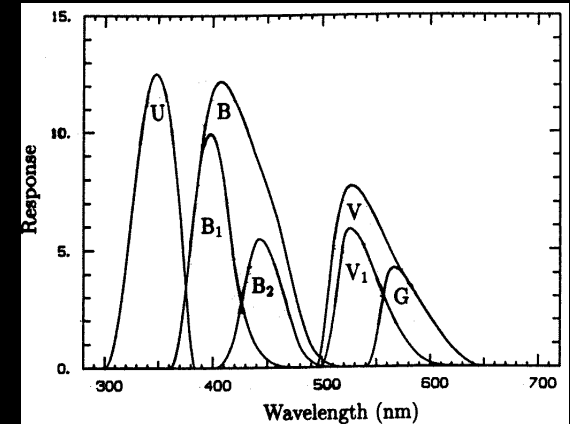
What do we observe?

- Instrument
→ Photometer

accuracy ~ 0.005 mag



P7



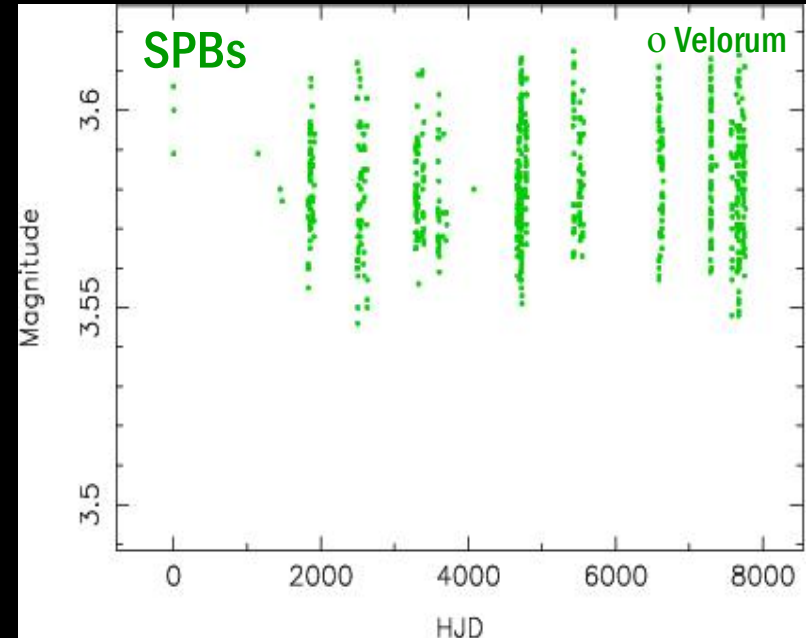
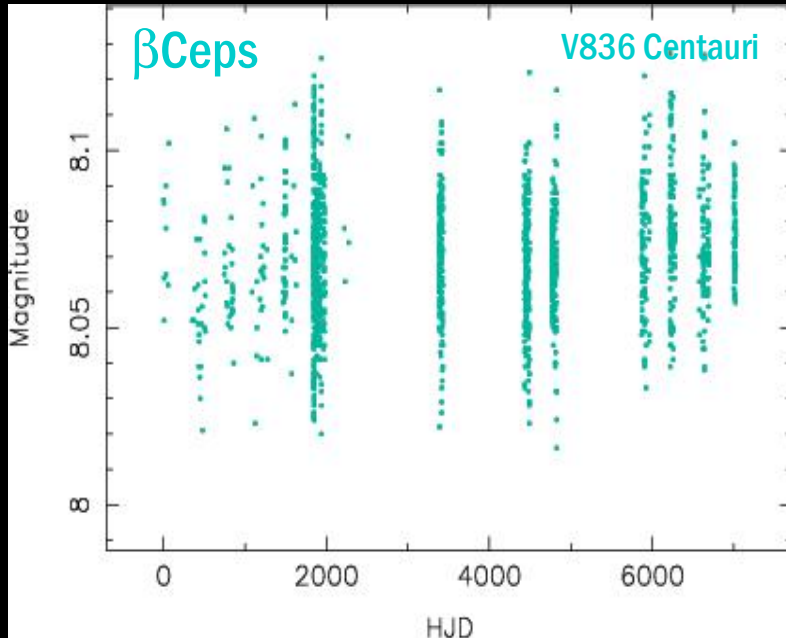
Mercator telescope (La Palma)
 ~ 1.2 m

simultaneous in 7 filters
(very stable)

What do we observe?

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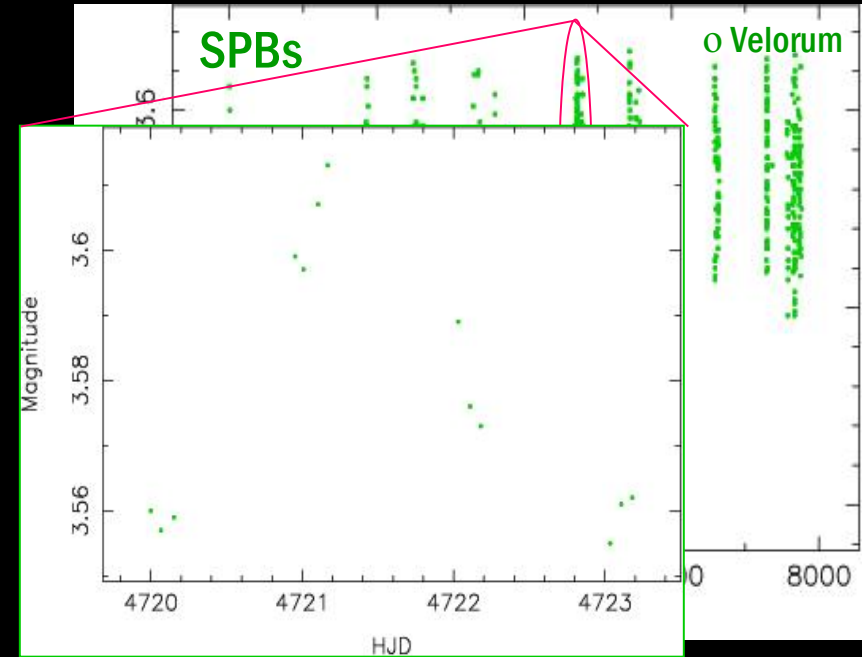
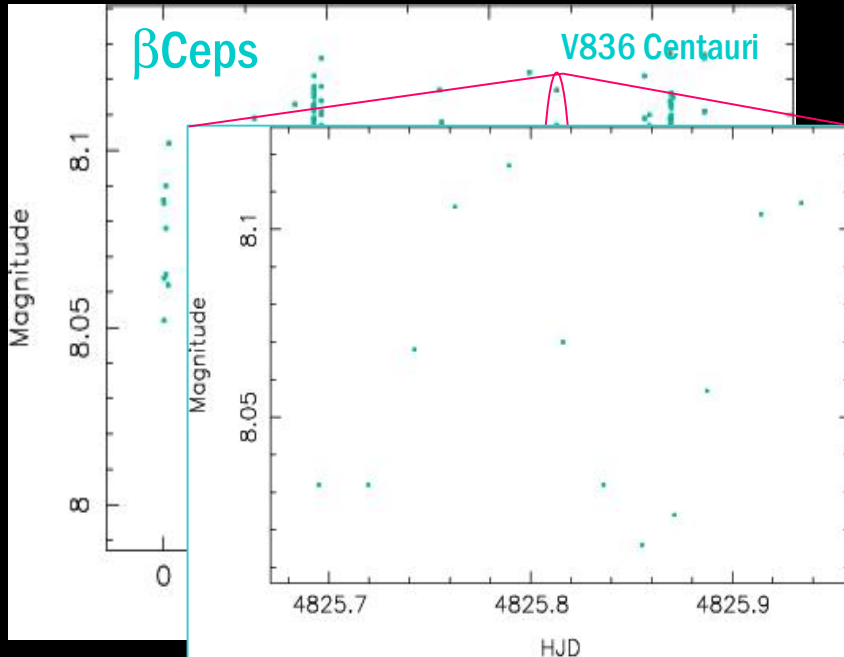
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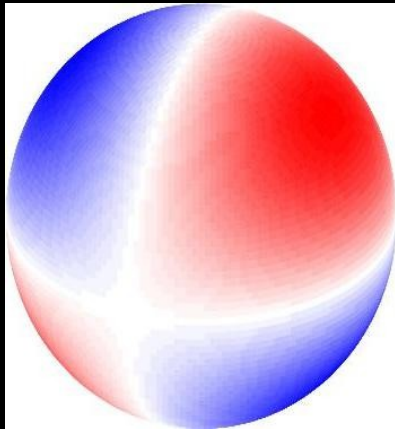
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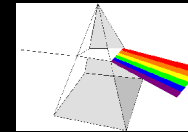


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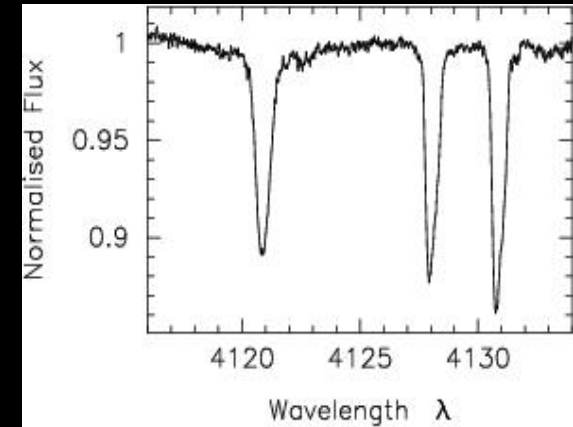
- Instrument
→ Spectrograph



CAT telescoop (La Silla)
~ 1.4 m



CES



details of spectrum
time series

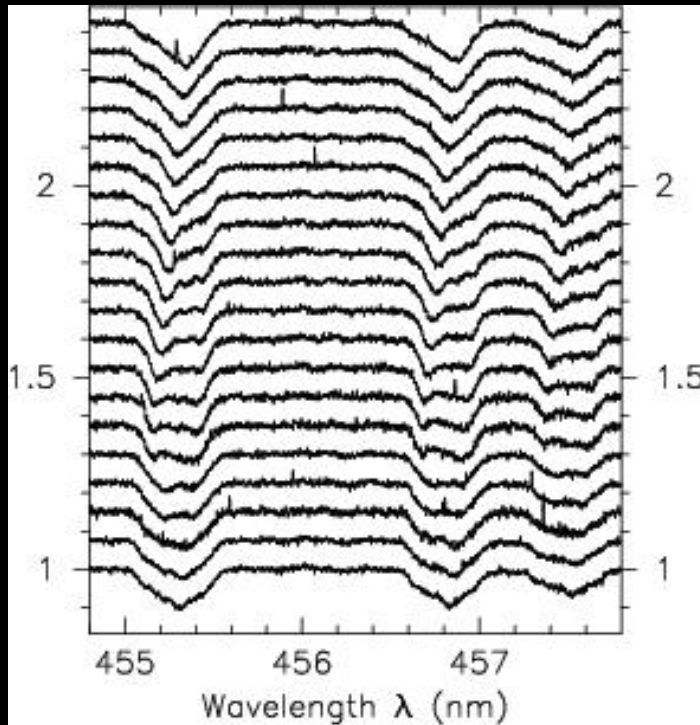


line profile variations

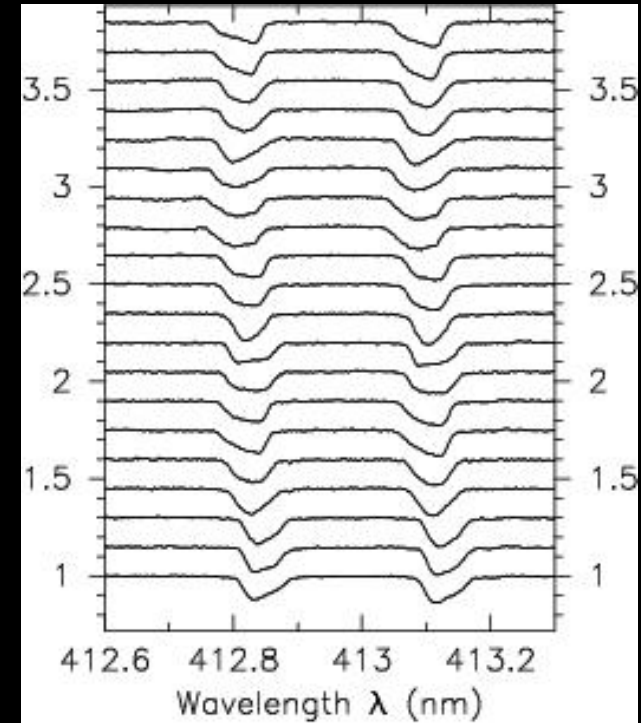
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β Ceps
 ϵ Persei (HD 24760)
456 nm Si III-triplet



SPBs
33 Eridani (HD 24587)
413 nm Si II-doublet

Asteroseismic requirements and tools

- Time series
- Observed pulsation modes

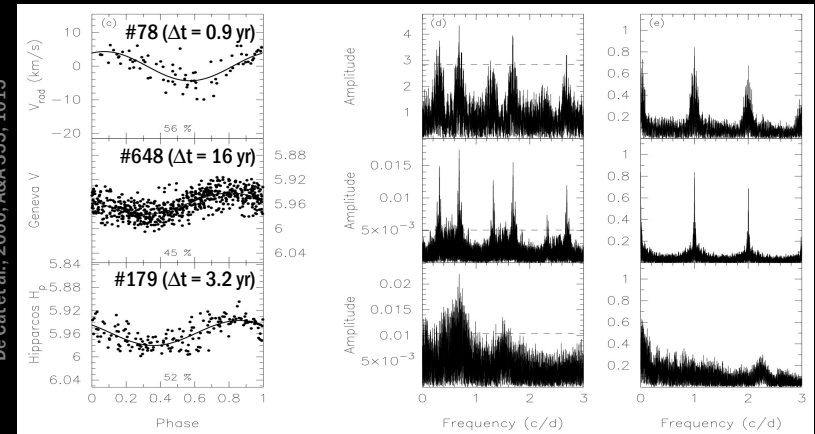
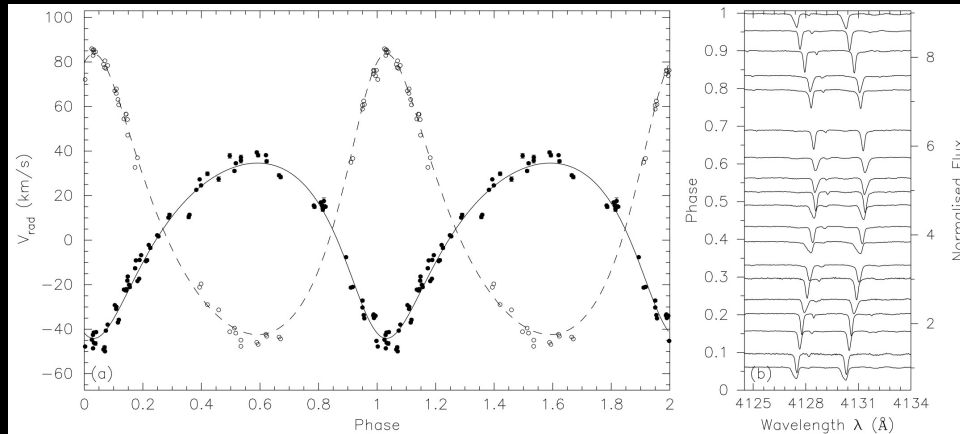
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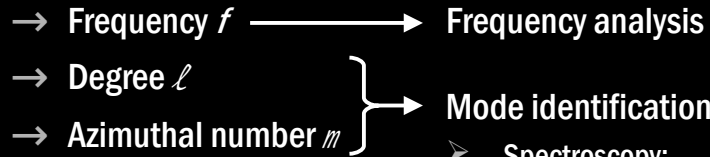
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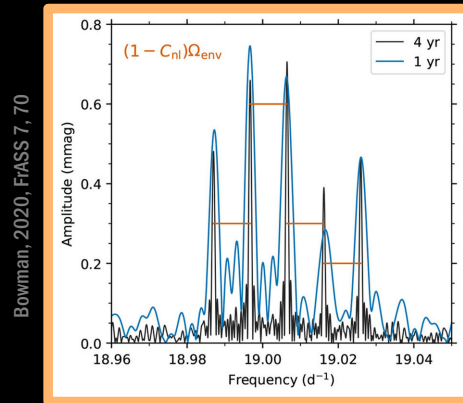
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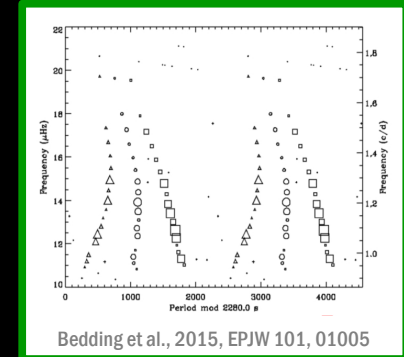
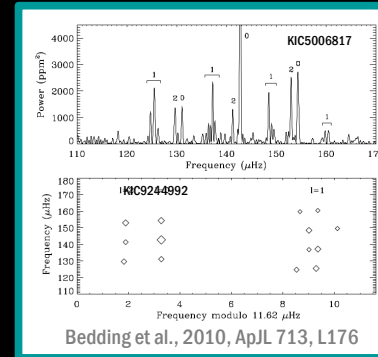
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rotational multiplets

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Status after arrival of
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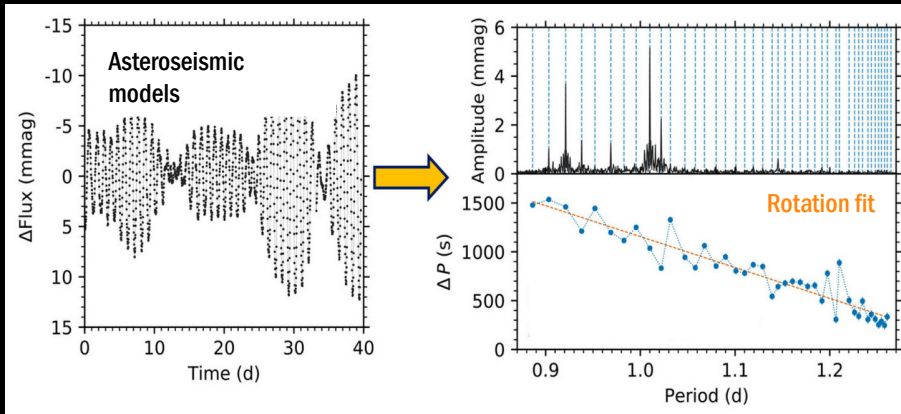


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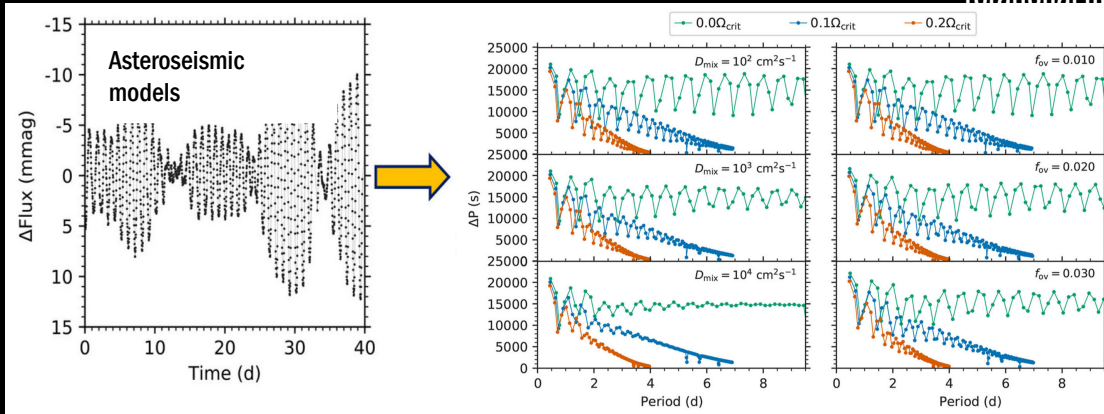
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Need for accurate stellar
parameters for modelling

Scientific background

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Conny Aerts

Francqui award (2012)

Kavli prize in astrophysics (2022)

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

➤ CAT/CES@ESO(LaSilla)/1.4-m

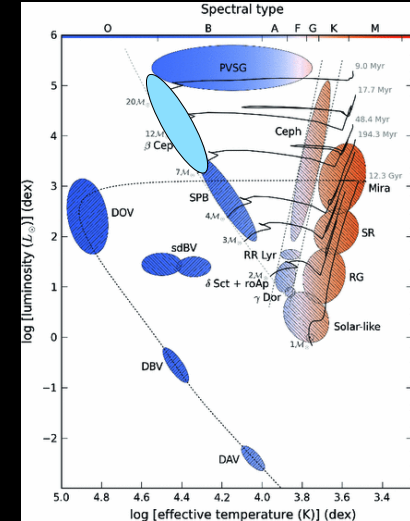
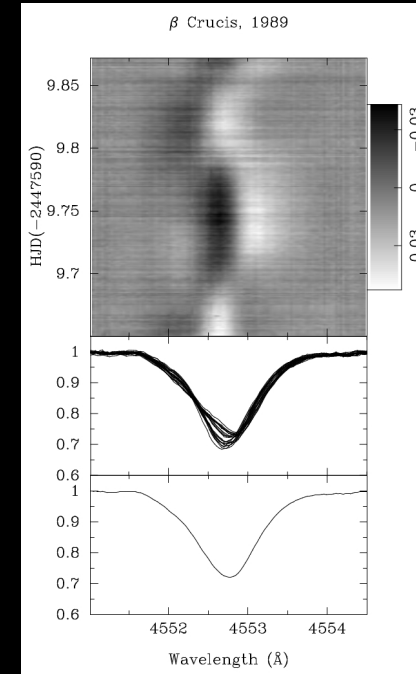
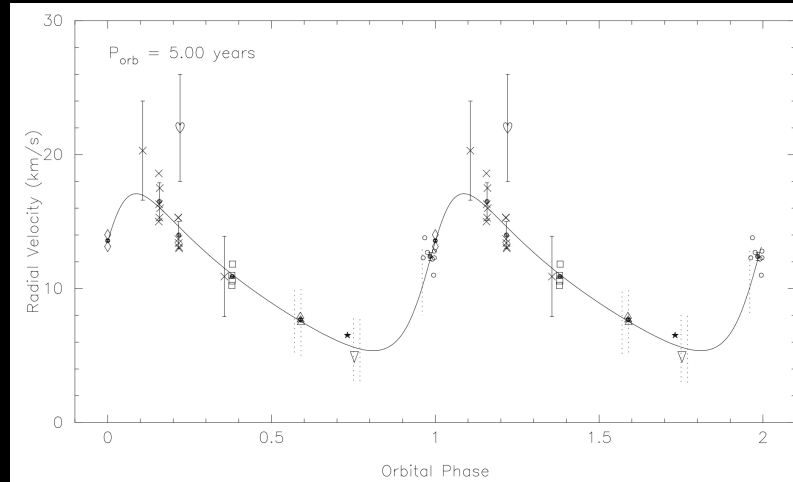
- ✓ high-resolution ($R=60000$), SiIII triplet (455.26, 456.78, 457.48 nm)
- ✓ time-series: 1193 spectra in 11 nights (1984-1995)
- ✓ isolated observations: 14 spectra in 14 nights (1996-1997)

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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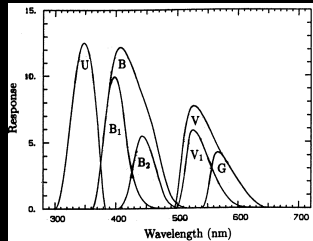
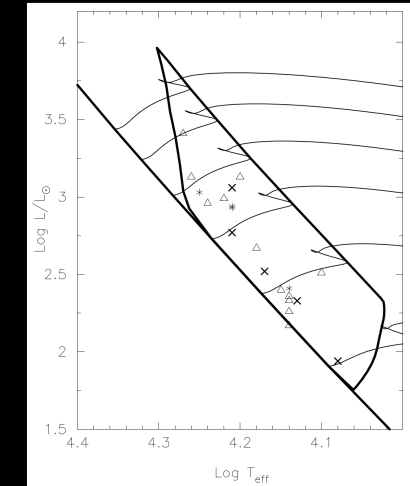
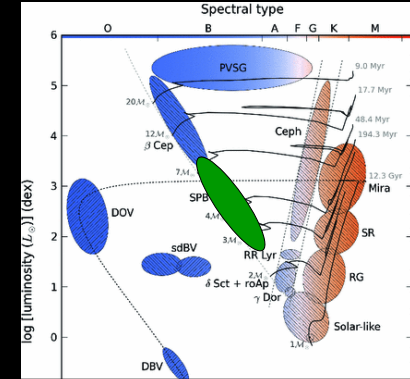
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- ✓ Photometry: Geneva photometry (U, B1, B, B2, V1, V, G)
Hipparcos photometry (H_p)

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Observational characterisation of class of SPB stars



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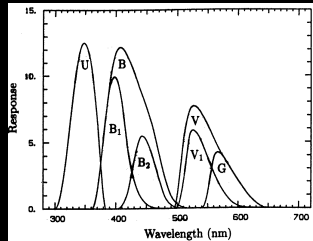
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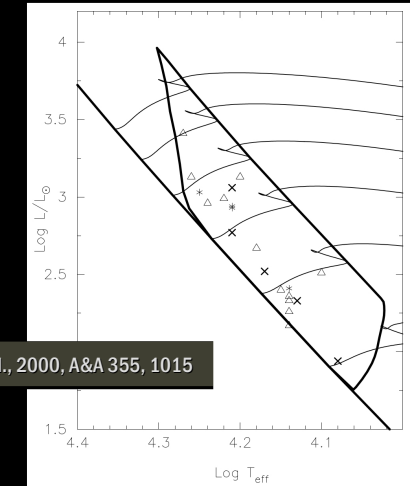
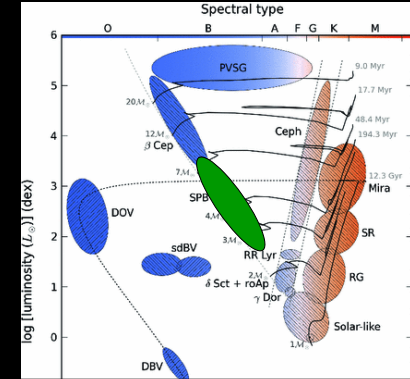
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I. Determination of the orbital parameters and of the main frequency of the spectroscopic binaries

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

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

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- Post-doctoral fellow

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



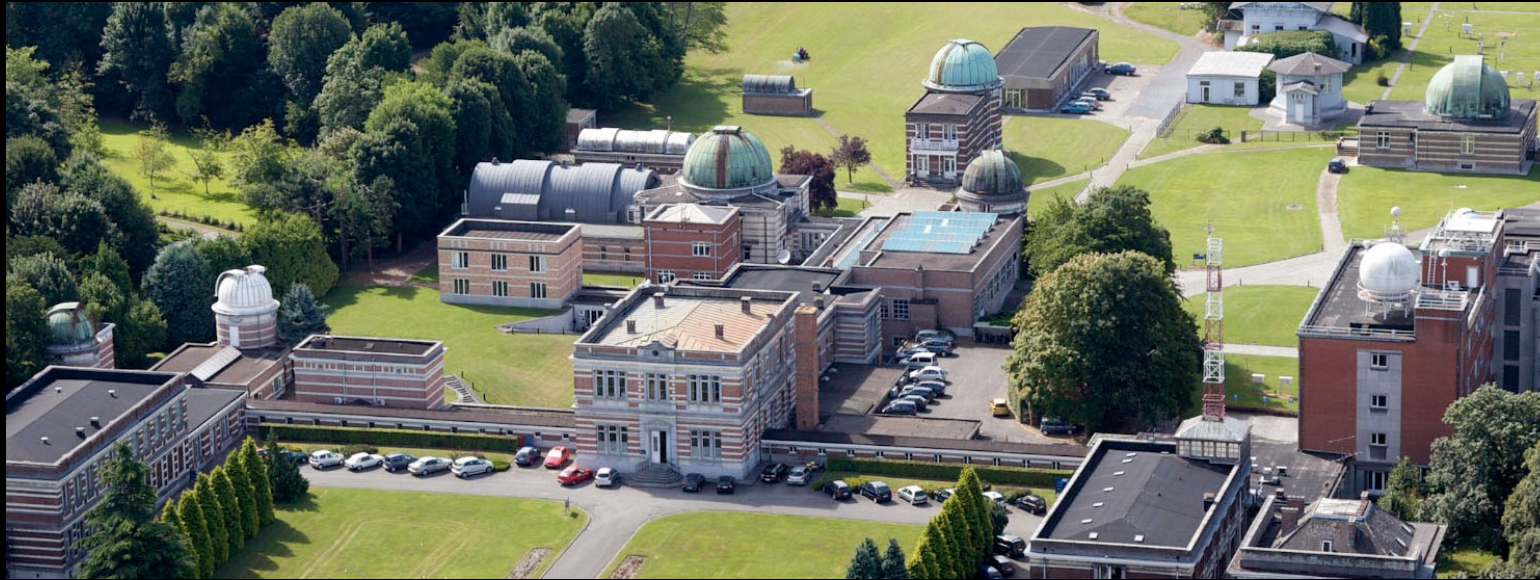
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Asteroseismology

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- Scientific researcher



Patricia Lampens



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→ 2005/06/20: First contact with Karen Pollard (Rome, Italy)



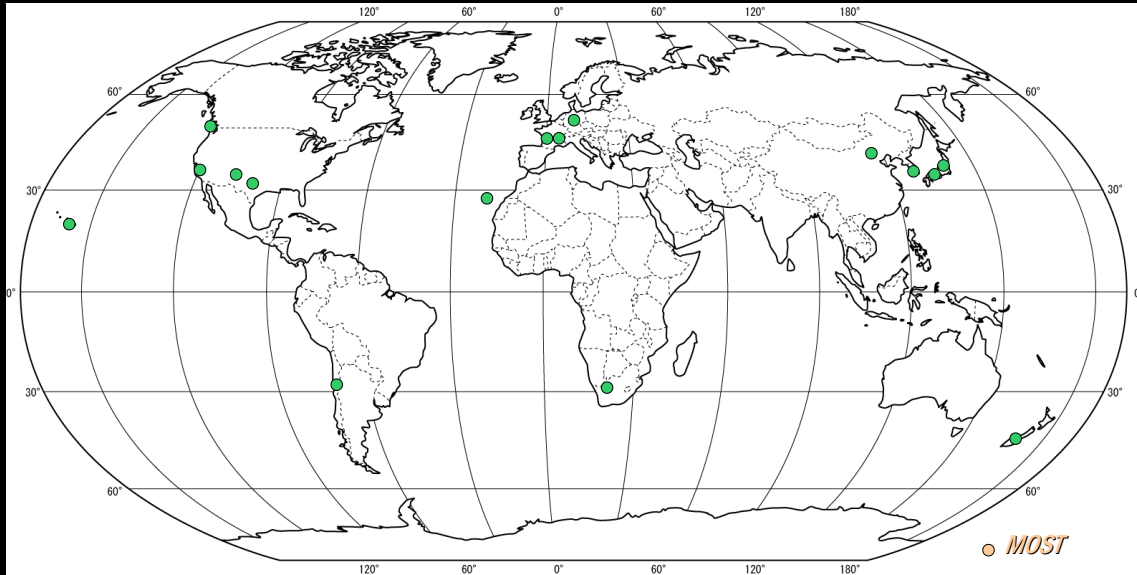
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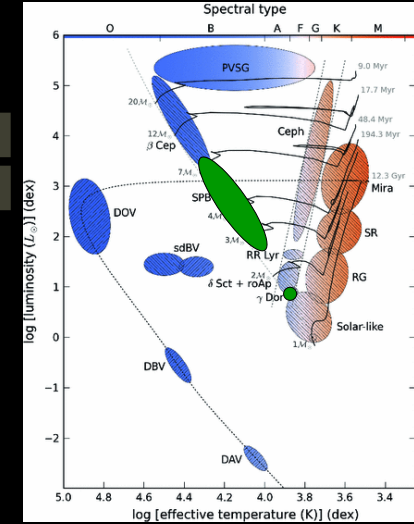
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● Rotation and pulsations in main-sequence gravity mode pulsators (SPB and γ Dor stars)

- 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



Asteroseismology



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
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 RA2@McDonald/2.1-m
 Echelle@Fairborn/2-m
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Jianning Fu



21 days HD25558 (SPB star)
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Duncan J. Wright

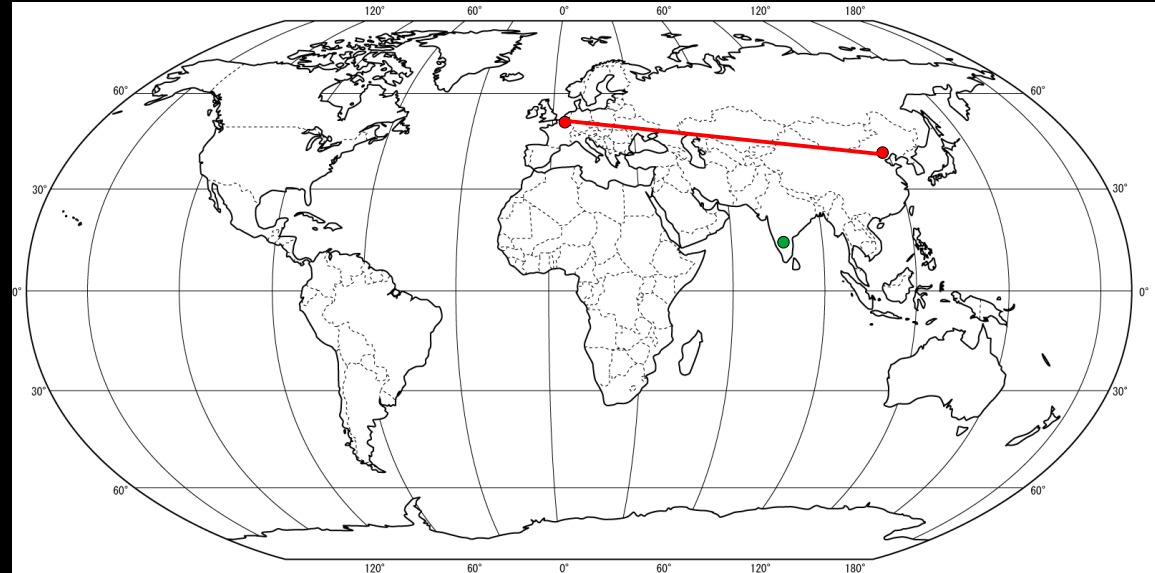


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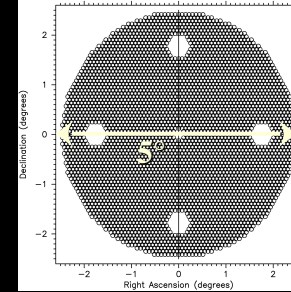
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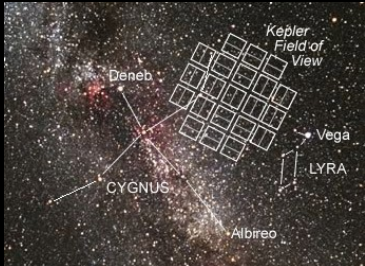
→ Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope

- 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 (LRS) / ~ 7500 (MRS)
- Targets: $> 5\,000\,000$ (stars, galaxies, QSOs)



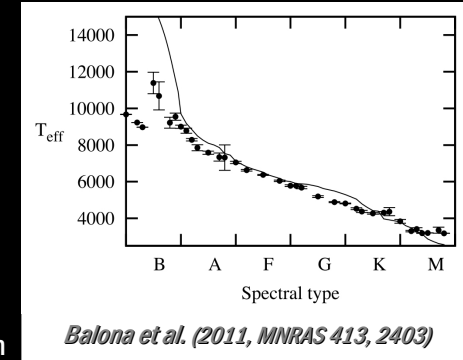
Unique combination
of large multi-fiber
telescope with wide
field-of-view

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



Balona et al. (2011, MNRAS 413, 2403)

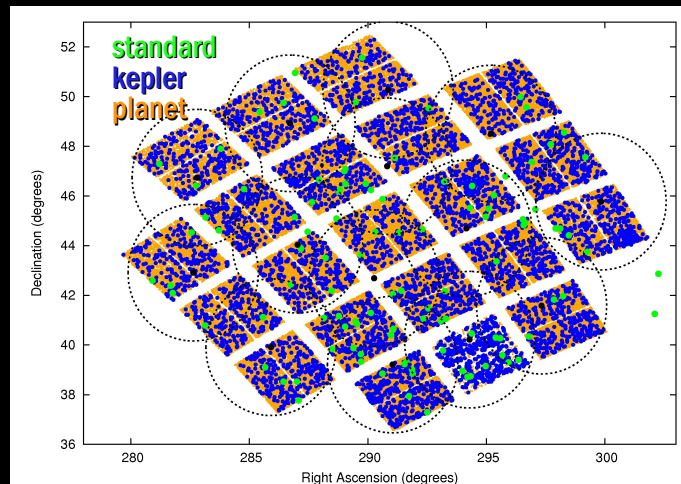
Need for accurate stellar
parameters

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



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

Win-win opportunity for both
LAMOST community and Kepler community

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

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20 February 2010

LAMOST-Kepler project

- Asian team



LASP (LRS)

temperature type

T_{eff} (2.75%)

$\log g$ (0.215 dex)

[Fe/H] (0.152 dex)

V_{rad} (18 km s⁻¹)

→ 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)

- Detection of 115 candidate metal poor stars (106 with [Fe/H] < -1.0 dex; 9 with [Fe/H] < -2.0 dex)
- Detection of 18 high-velocity stars ($V_{\text{rad}} < -300$ km s⁻¹)

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➤ Update of the statistics of the catalogue

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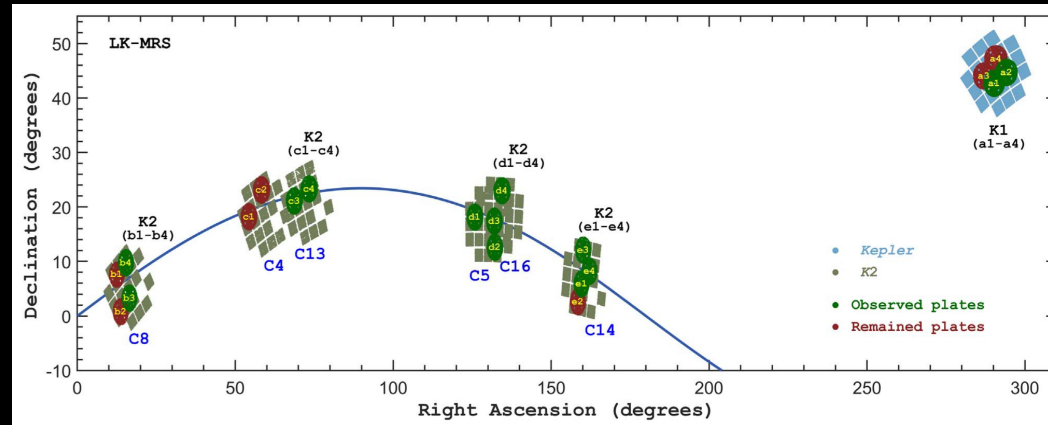
temperature type

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$\log g$ (0.15 dex)

[Fe/H] (0.09 dex)

V_{rad} (1 km s⁻¹)



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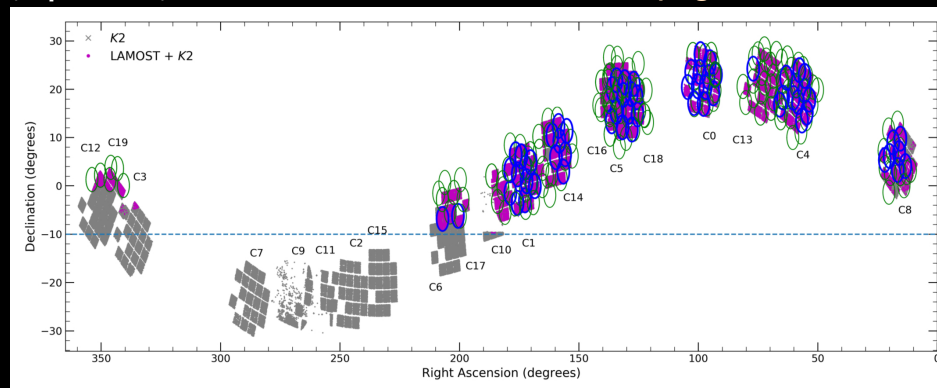
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LAMOST-Kepler project

● European team



ROTFIT (LRS)

temperature type

luminosity class

T_{eff} (3.5%)

$\log g$ (0.3 dex)

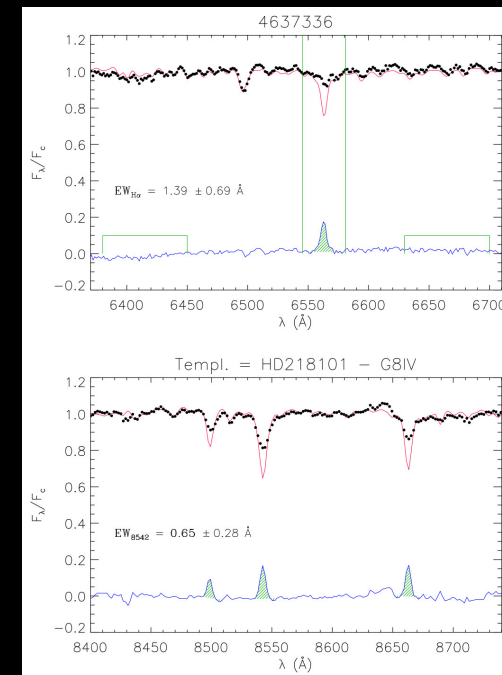
[Fe/H] (0.2 dex)

V_{rad} (14 km s⁻¹)

$v \sin i > 120 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

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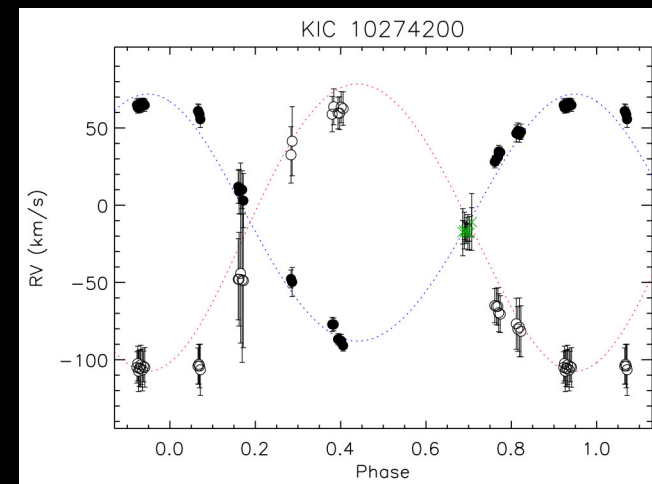
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- ✓ fraction of 4-5% Li-rich giants
- ✓ no relation between rotation and Li abundances (merging scenarios)

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

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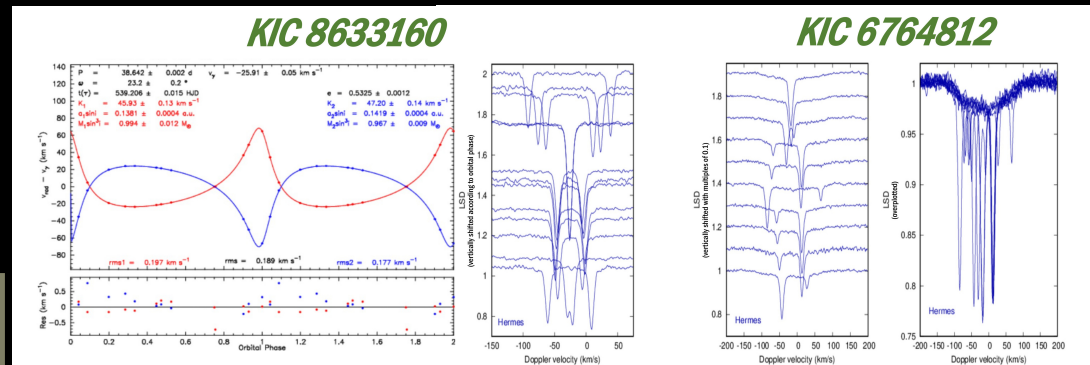
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Follow-up high-resolution spectroscopy with HERMES@ORM/1.2-m Mercator telescope



LAMOST-Kepler project

American team



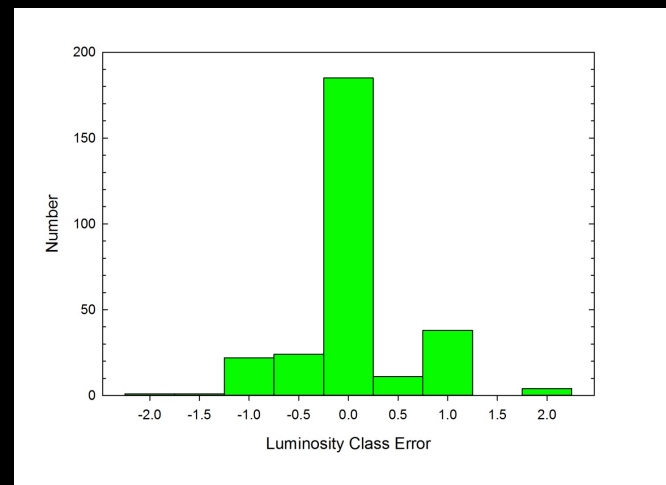
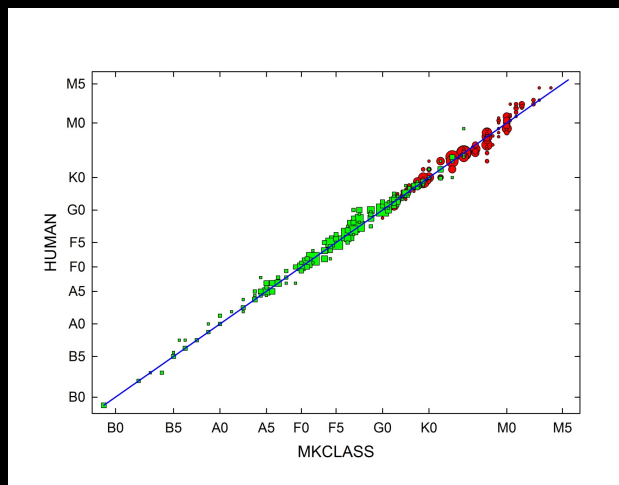
MKCLASS

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"

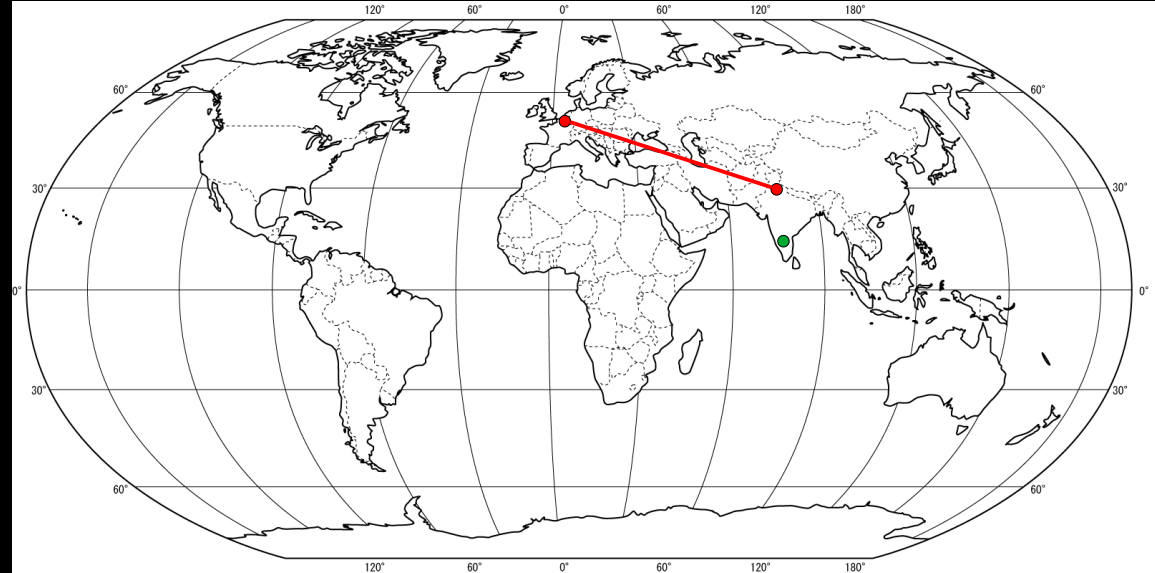
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Indo-Belgian telescopes



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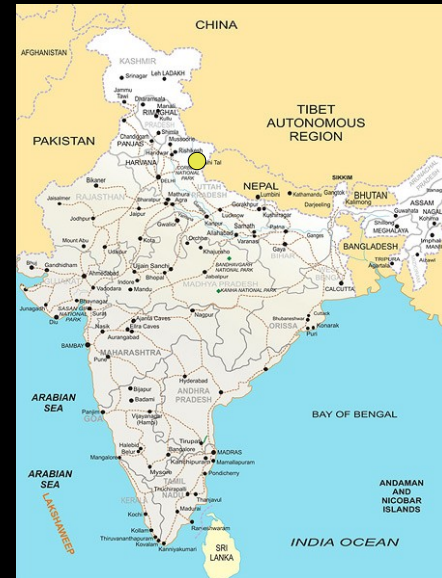
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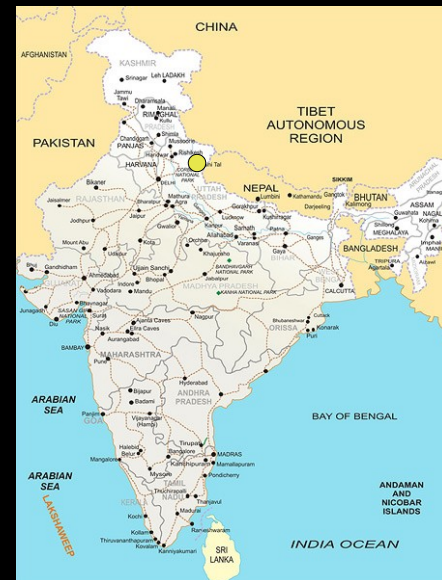
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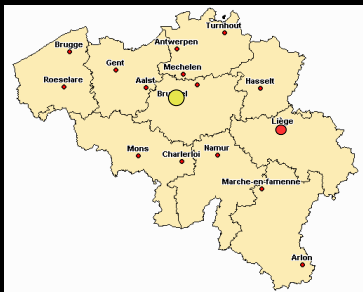
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Focus on instrument development (DOT+ILMT)

Network activities

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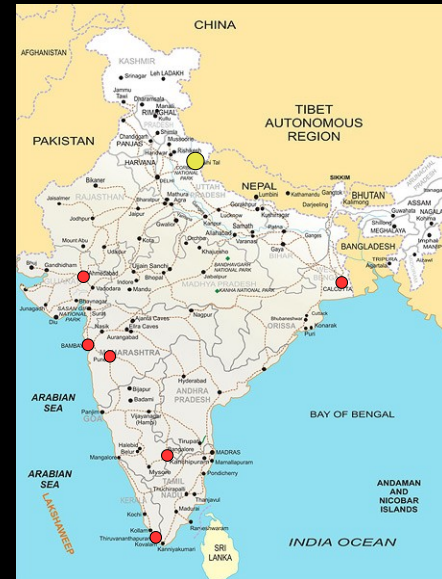
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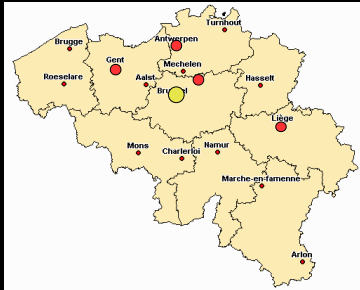
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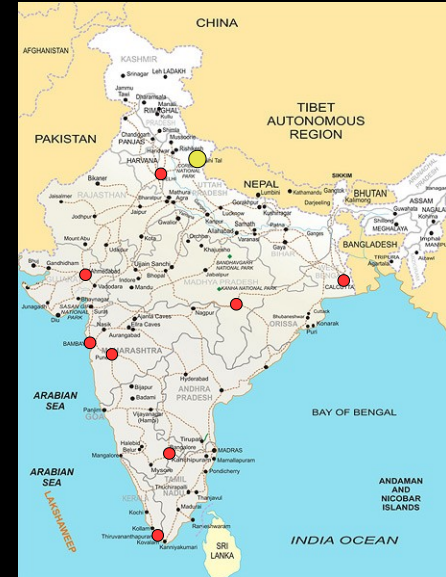
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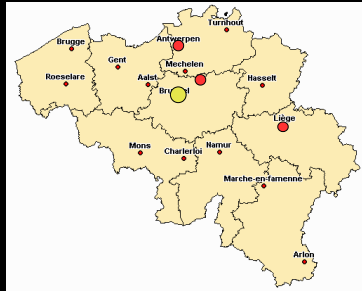


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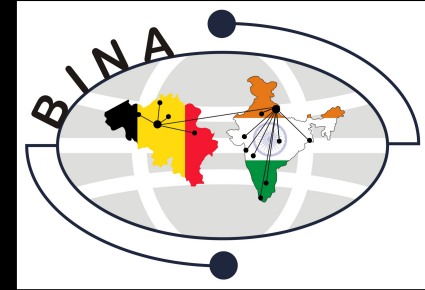
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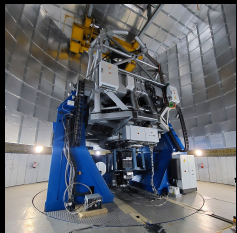
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● Indo-Belgian telescopes

→ 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)
- SPIM optical imaging
- HRS high-resolution spectrograph

2017A-Early-Science

2017A-Early-Science

DOT-2020-C1

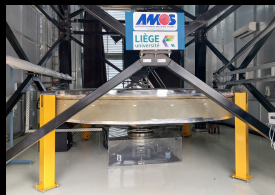
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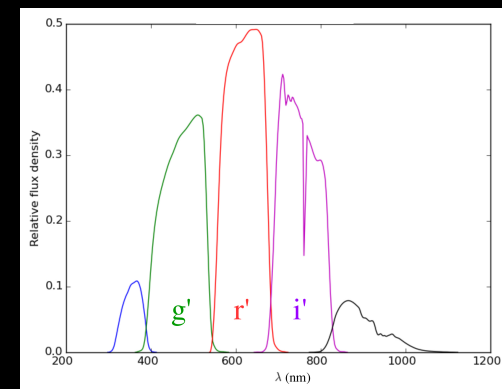
DOT-2027?



→ 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



Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics

- 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)
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 - ✓ 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 Stars

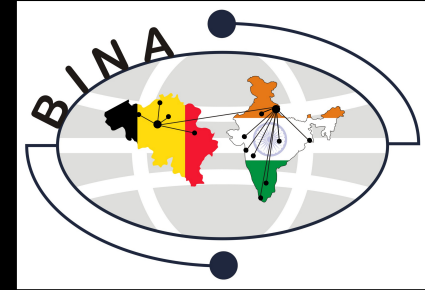
➤ 1.0-m@ULiège = 4x1.0-m SPECULOOS-North telescope (Teide Observatory, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain)

➤ 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

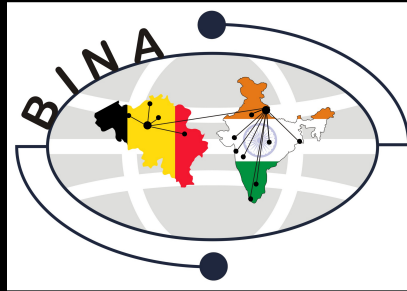
➤ many@ESO = European Southern Observatory (Chile)



Long term view

Belgian partners

- ROB (Peter De Cat & Laurent Mahy)
- ULiège (Michaël De Becker)
- UAntwerpen
- KULeuven
- ULB



Indian partners

- ARIES (Santosh Joshi)
- DU
- IIA
- IIST
- IUCCA
- KU
- MANUU
- NCRA-TIFR
- NIT-Rourkela
- PRL (Sashikiran Ganesh)
- PRSU
- SNBNCBS
- TIFR
- UOC
- URSC

Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and astrophysics

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

Network activities

Research visits
Conferences
Workshops
Seminars

PhD students

Post-docs

Outreach Citizen Science

Bharti Arora (ULiège)

Otto Trust (Mbarara, Uganda)

Joint funding?

Science

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

→ 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

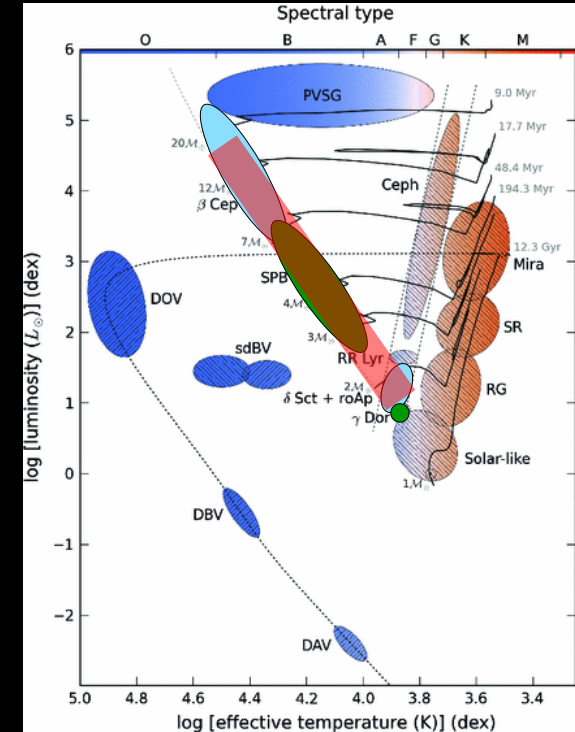
→ CP4 (He weak stars)

- 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, 2022, 2025)

Santosh Joshi (ARIES)



Science

Joshi, Dileep, Semenko et al., 2025, MNRAS 554, 640

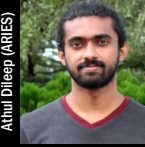
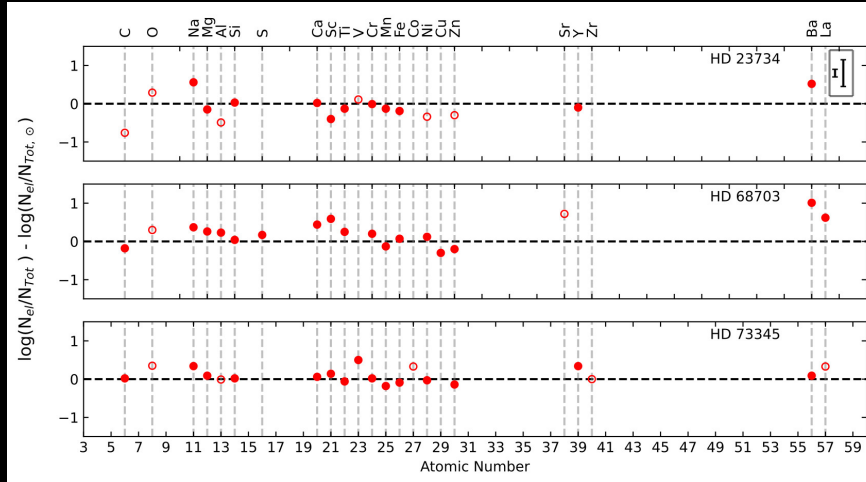
- “Asteroseismology of HD23734, HD68703, and HD73345 using K2-TESS space-based photometry and high-resolution spectroscopy”

- candidate **chemically peculiar stars** in Nainital-Cape survey
- photometry: co-existence of rotational modulation & pulsation
 - radial modes (evidence for preference $n > 1$)
- spectroscopy: likely **chemically normal stars**

- How pure is the CP classification within the Nainital-Cape survey?

Spectroscopic Tracking and Abundance Research Survey of Chemically Peculiar stars (STARS-CP)

- one high-resolution spectrum with SNR ~ 100
 - Fundamental stellar parameters
 - Detailed abundance analysis
 - Evidence for binarity (multiple lines)
 - Evidence for pulsational/rotational modulation (line asymmetries)
- few follow-up spectra with SNR ~ 30
 - Search for and study of multiple systems (radial velocities)

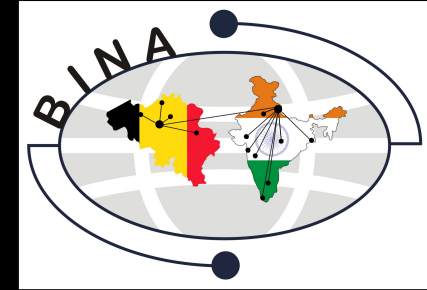
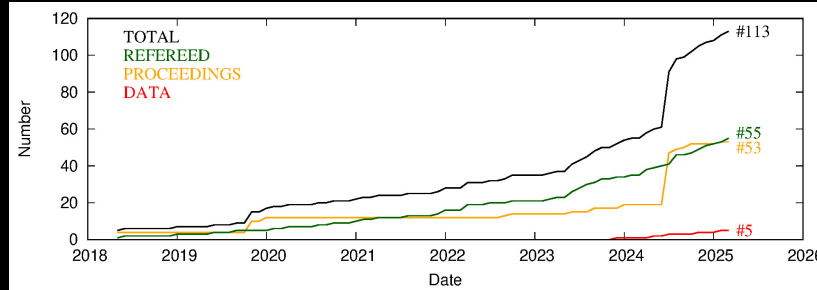


Connection Belgium – India

BINA

Science

● Publications



2024/11/4-7

4th BINA workshop (Calicut, India)

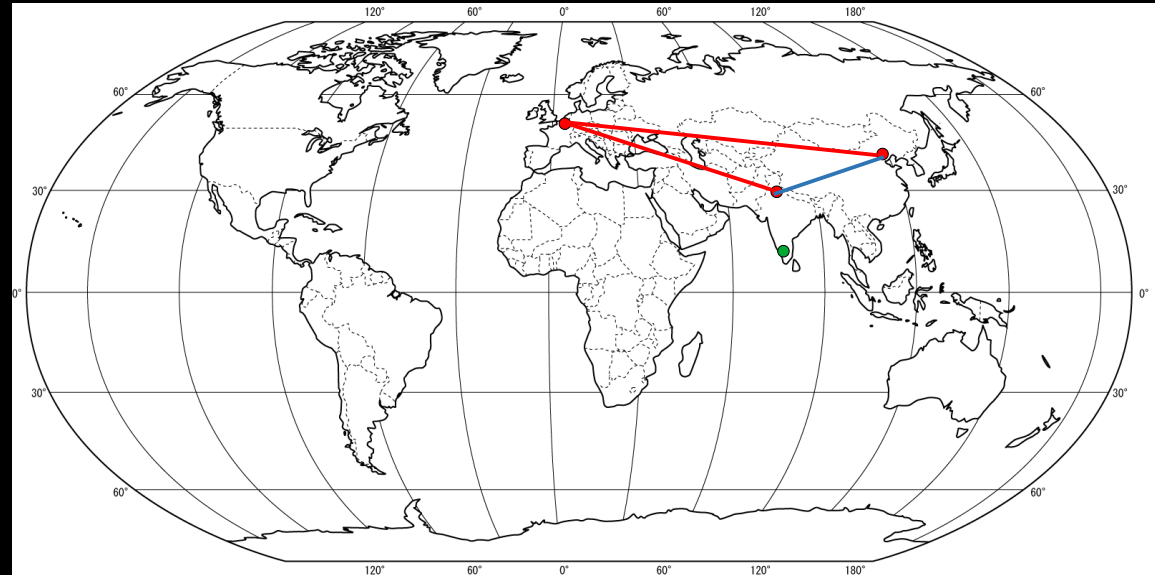
"Moving forward with the Indo-Belgian Cooperation in Astronomy"



- 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

Outline

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



Conclusions and future prospects

Take away messages

- Network activities are extremely important
 - New collaborations
 - Random 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

Thank you for your attention!

