



# Formation history of old open clusters constrained by detailed asteroseismology of red giant stars observed by *Kepler*

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# OUTLINE

## PART I

- Star and Stellar Cluster formation

## PART II

- Stellar oscillations

## PART III

- Observations, analysis & new results



PART I

# STAR AND STELLAR CLUSTER FORMATION

# INTRODUCTION

# STAR FORMATION

- Fundamental problem in Astrophysics  
*SHU ET AL. 1987; MCKEE & OSTRIKER 2007*
- Gravitational collapse of turbulent molecular clouds (MC)
- Origin of stellar mass distribution (IMF)
- Star formation rates
- Link to stellar evolution and planet formation
- Formation, structure, and evolution of galaxies
- Physical properties and dynamics of star forming regions (SFR)



BARNARD 68 DARK CLOUD. © ESO

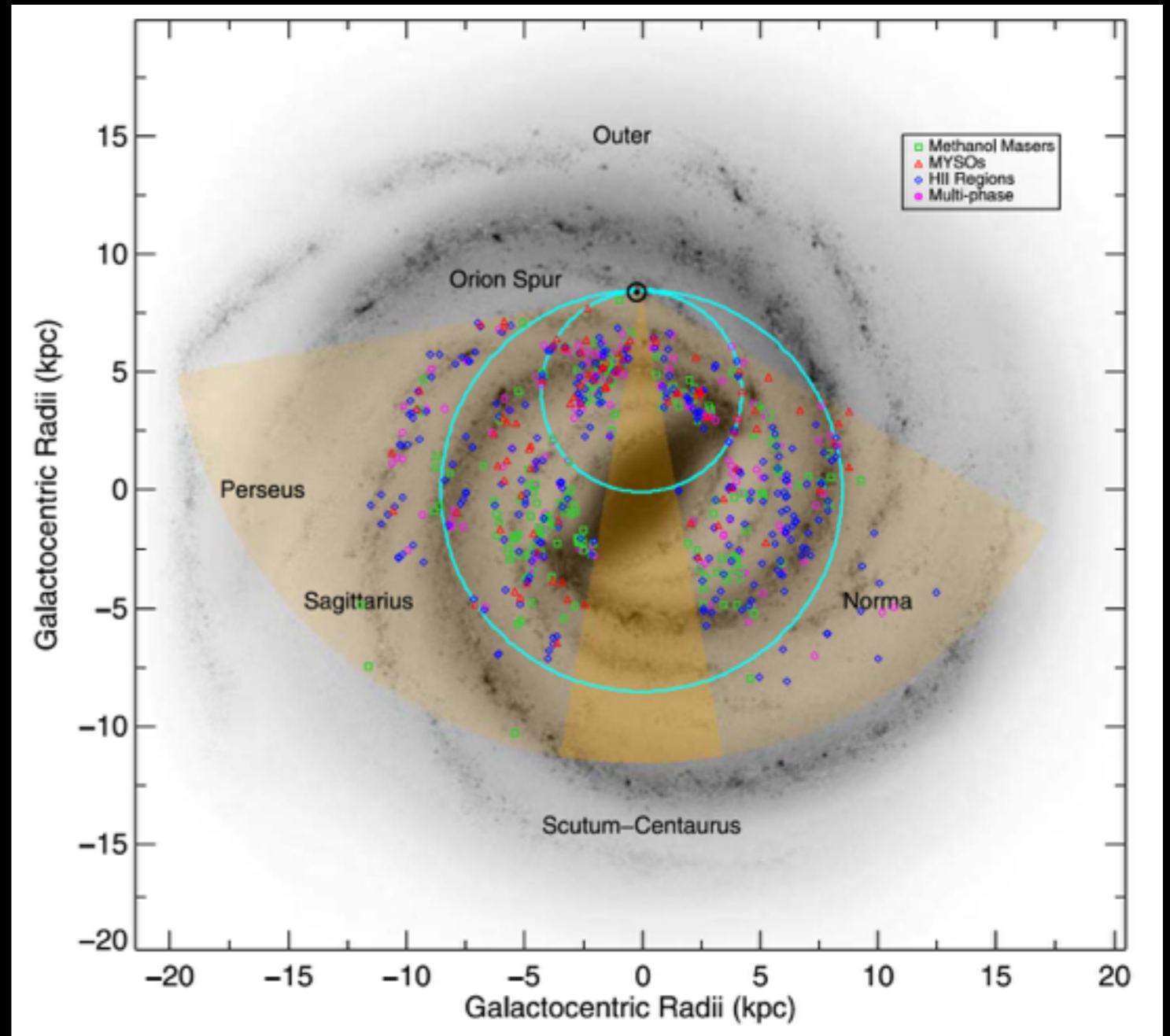
## Very difficult to access:

- SFR are dense and obscured by dust (only IR and Radio)
- MC change density by 10 orders - Hierarchical step approaches required

# INTRODUCTION MASSIVE SFR

- Star formation very diffused in Galaxy
- ~1300 massive SFR identified with IR, sub-mm, radio surveys across inner Galaxy

URQUHART ET AL. 2014



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- Half star formation in Milky Way occurring in 24 giant MC (up to  $10^7 M_{\text{Sun}}$  each)

LEE ET AL. 2012; LONGMORE ET AL. 2014



# INTRODUCTION

## PROTO-CLUSTERS

- Giant MC can form hundreds of proto-clusters each with up to  $10^5 M_{\text{Sun}}$  (many Jeans masses!)

IMMER AL. 2012; LONGMORE ET AL. 2012

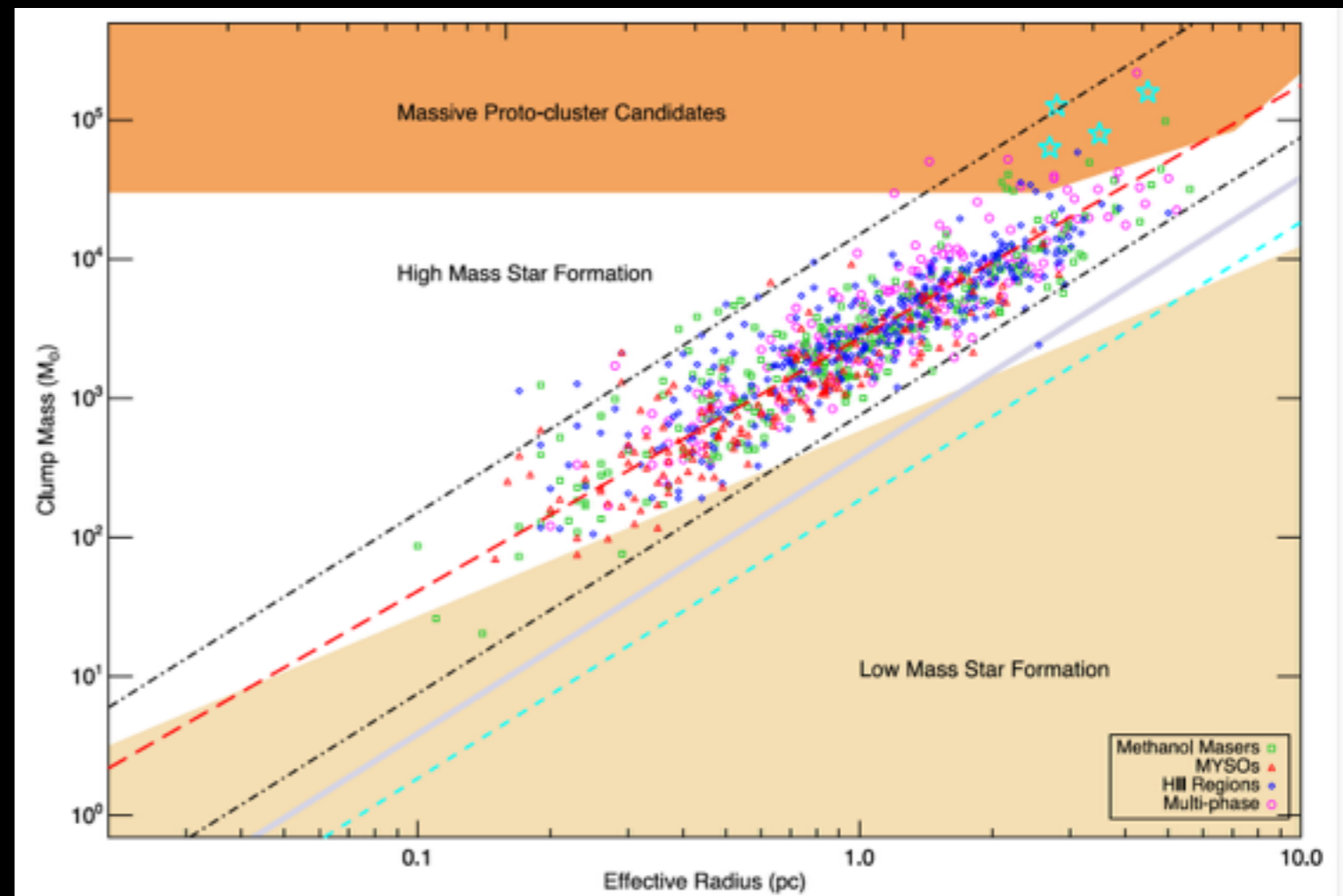
- Stellar clusters are common and likely to form (high mass clumps)

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- Understand cluster formation is critical to understand star formation

- Sun and Solar System are likely originated from a cluster

ADAMS 2010



# BENCHMARKS OF STAR FORMATION

## OPEN CLUSTERS

- Open clusters (OC) important:

LADA & LADA 2003; LONGMORE ET AL. 2014



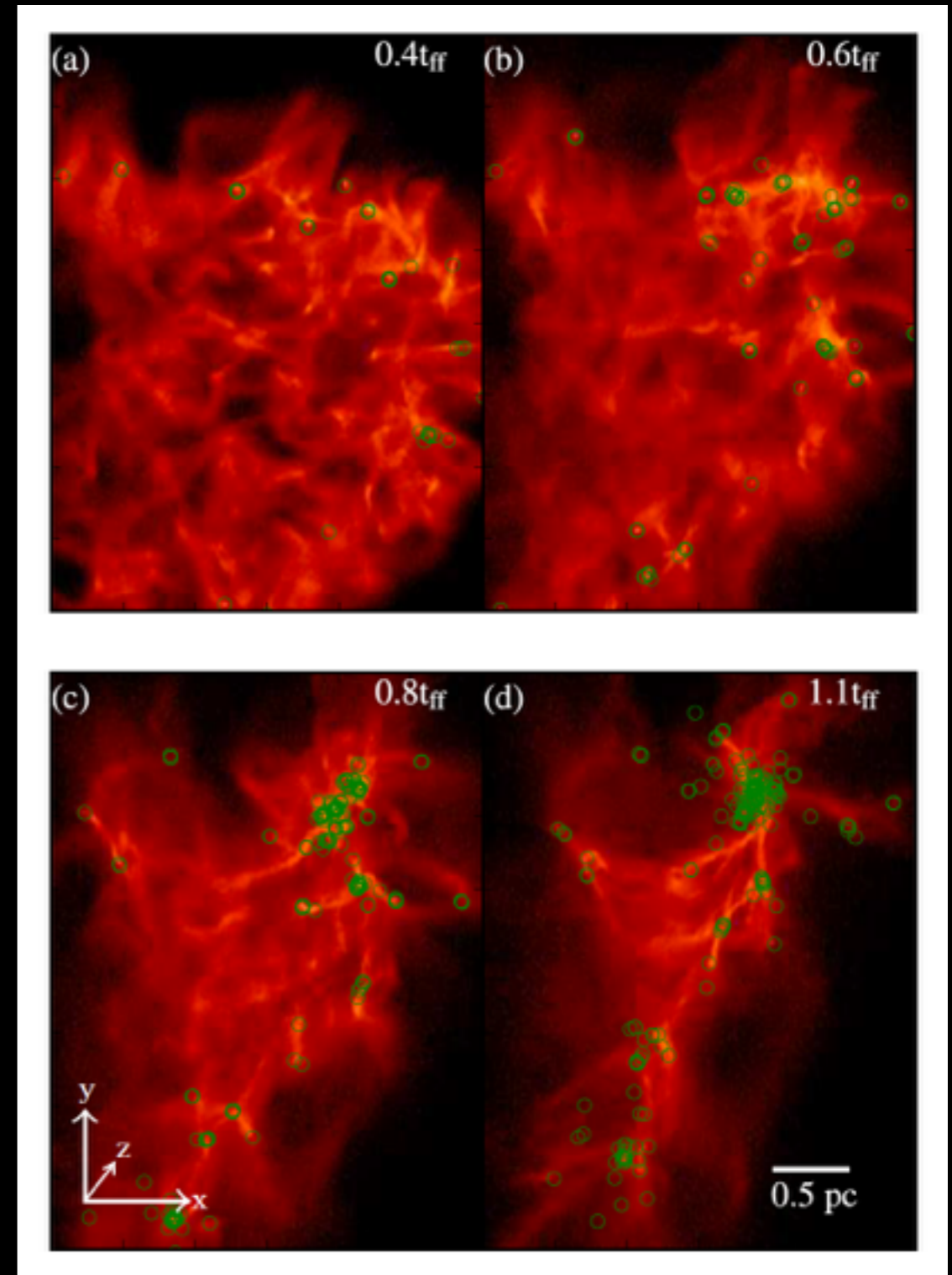
OPEN CLUSTER NGC 265 © NASA/ESA

- Can be observed in multi bands because no or little ISM (not embedded)  
Not possible in SFR because covered by dust
- Stars are sparse ( $\sim 1 M_{\text{Sun}} \text{ pc}^{-3}$ )  $\rightarrow$  precise follow-up studies possible  
Not possible in e.g. Globular Clusters, too dense!
- Stars in cluster can preserve imprint of initial cdfs of progenitor MC  
Not possible with field stars because from dissolved small stellar systems

## STELLAR CLUSTERS

# IMPRINT OF INITIAL CONDITIONS?

- 3D numerical simulations of MC collapse and cluster formation to study morphology and dynamics  
KUZNETSOVA ET AL. 2015
- Stars can form either isolated, in filaments or in clusters (more common)
- Kinematic signatures of MC might not live long enough to be observed
- Only very young clusters could show imprint of initial conditions



CLOUD COLLAPSE © KUZNETSOVA ET AL. 2015

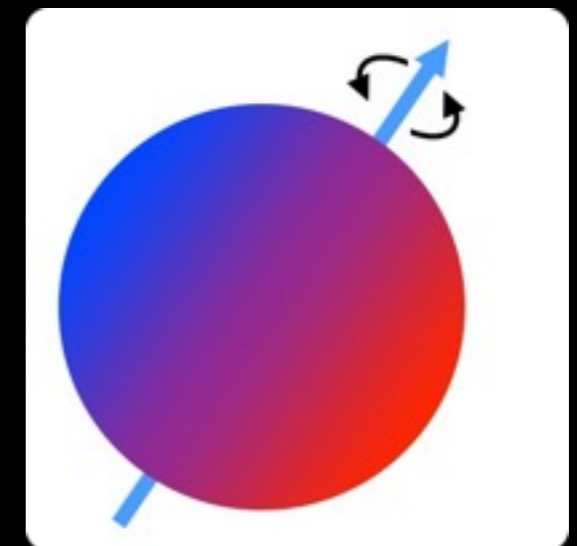


# CLOUD'S ANGULAR MOMENTUM OBSERVATIONAL RESULTS

- Evolution of cloud's AM not well understood  
E.G. SHU, ADAMS & LIZANO 1987; DONG LAI 2014
- Stellar-spin axis **randomly distributed** in nearby OC Pleiades and Alpha Persei (d ~ 150 pc, Age ~ 80 Myr)  
JACKSON & JEFFRIES 2010
- Clouds' average AM scrambled by turbulence at different scales
- Imprint of cloud's global rotation lost during star formation



PLEIADES WITH DSS © NASA/ESA



Turbulence fields counteract cloud's global rotation in producing spin alignment



## OBSERVATIONAL LIMITATIONS

- Observational technique requires combination of several observations:

JACKSON & JEFFRIES 2010

- $P_{\text{rot}}$  from light curve spot modulation
- $v \sin i$  measurement from spectroscopic observations
- stellar radius  $R$  from cluster distance + angular diameter



- cluster distance from parallax (Hipparcos)
- angular diameter from magnitude (de-reddened) + color index relation recalibrated with interferometry on MS and SG stars

KERVELLA ET AL. 2004

$$\sin i = \frac{v \sin i P_{\text{rot}}}{2\pi R}$$

Only young active stars possible  
Strong sensitivity to cluster distance  
Prone to large systematics



# CLOUD'S ANGULAR MOMENTUM PROTO-CLUSTER FORMATION

- From 3D MHD simulations

LEE & HENNEBELLE 2016

$$E_{\text{kin}} = E_{\text{tur}} + E_{\text{rot}}$$

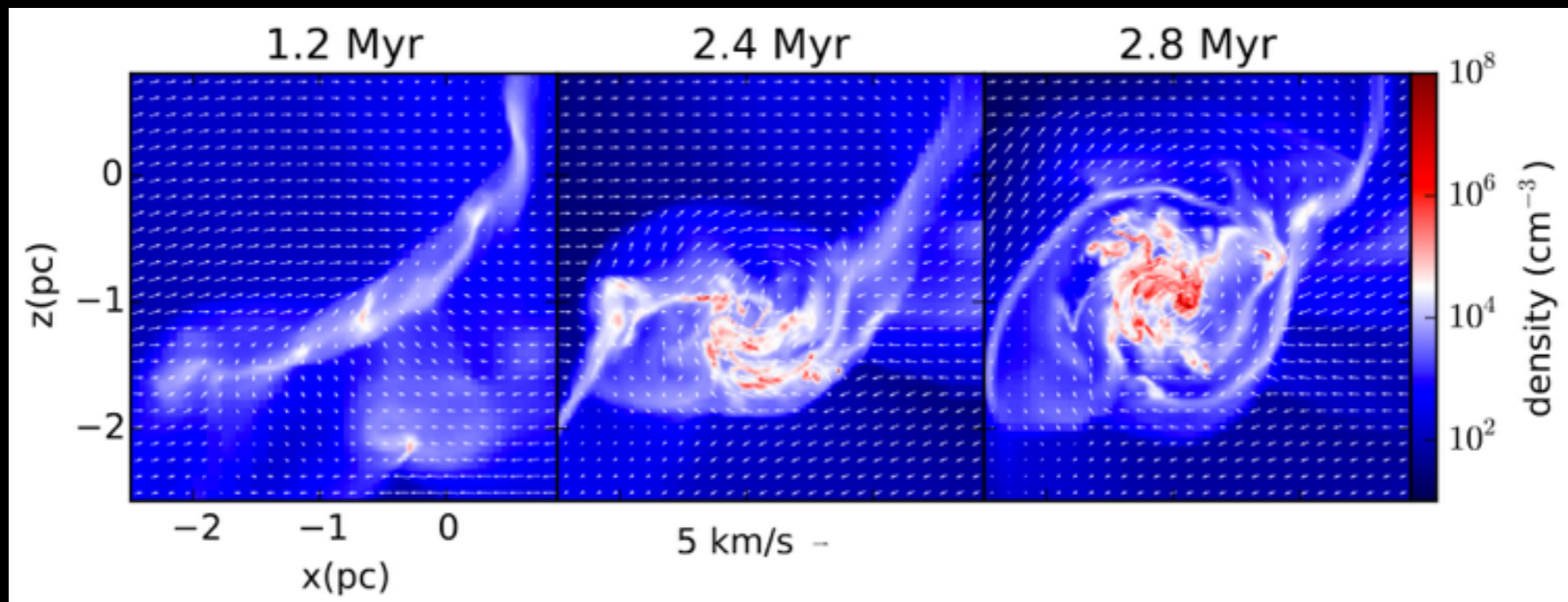
$$E_{\text{rot}} < \frac{1}{2} E_{\text{tur}}$$

- Pre-stellar cores however show

$$E_{\text{tur}} \gg E_{\text{rot}}$$

- Angular momentum from the cloud is not efficiently passed to stars
- Less general cloud's rotation at scales of forming stars (several AU)

PROTO-CLUSTER FORMATION © LEE & HENNEBELLE 2016





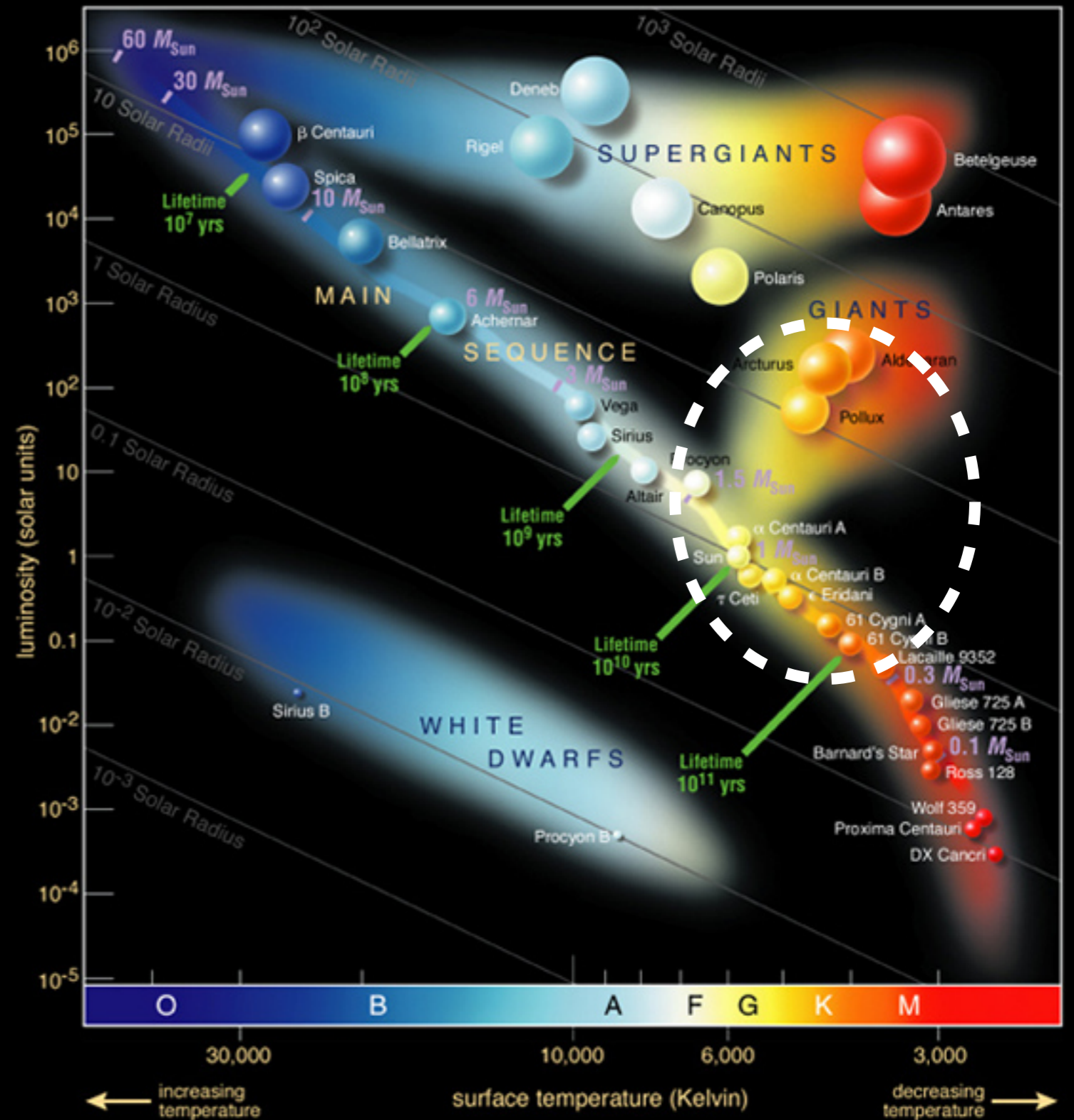
PART II

# STELLAR OSCILLATIONS

# PROBING THE INTERIOR OF STARS ASTEROSEISMOLOGY

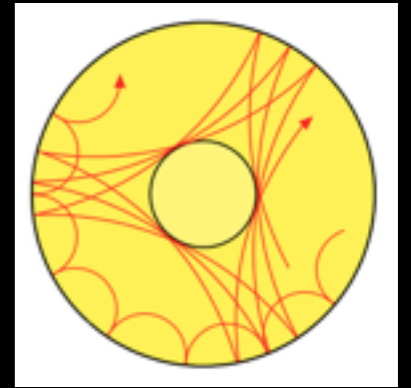
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- Most stars with  $M \sim 1-3 M_{\text{Sun}}$  oscillate like the Sun (**helioseismology**)  
CHRISTENSEN-DALSGAARD 1987
- $\sim 100\text{K}$  known today
- Observed with ground-based RV (e.g. SONG)
- Space missions MOST, CoRoT, NASA's *Kepler* & *K2*
- More to follow: NASA's TESS, ESA PLATO space missions





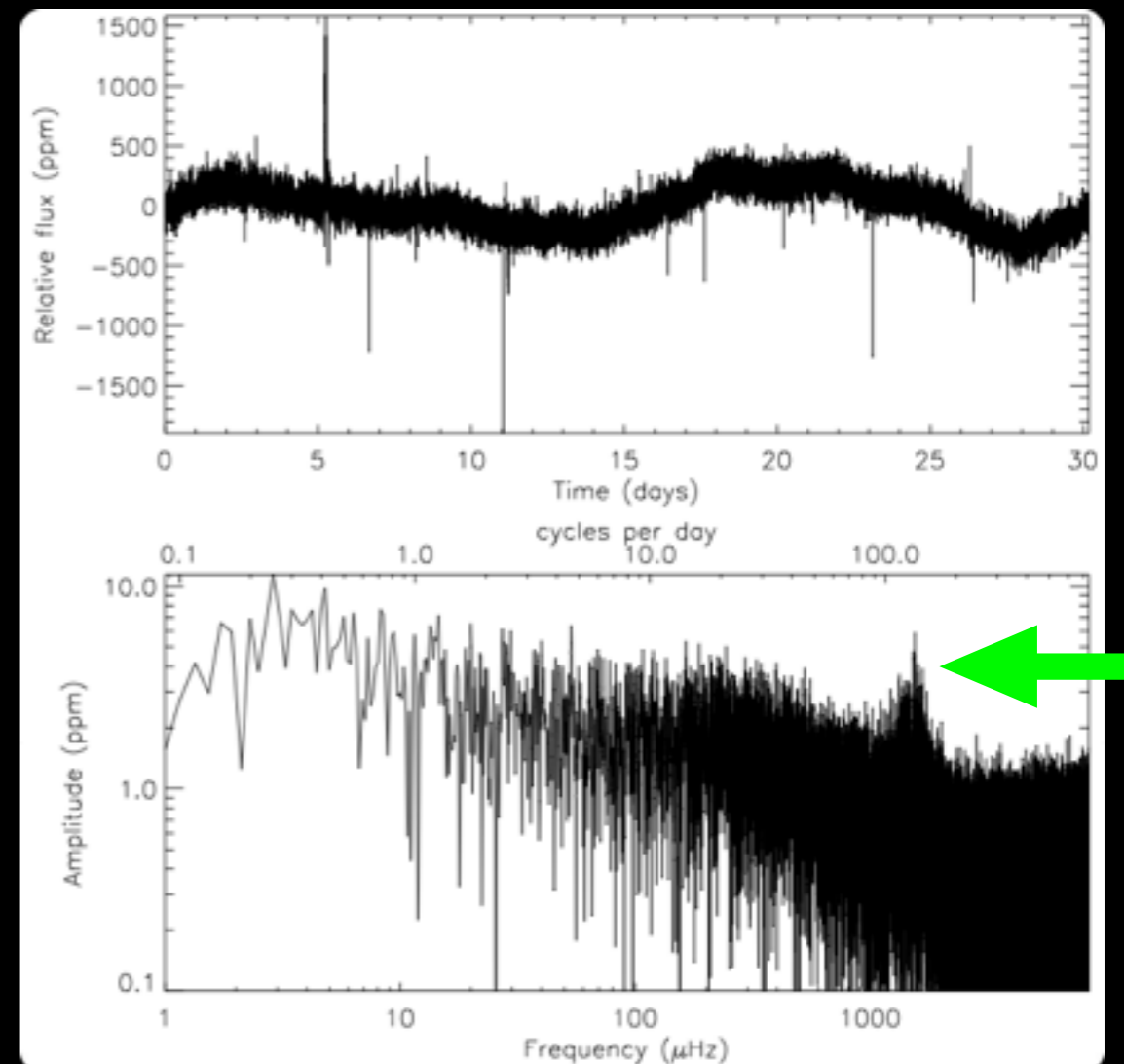
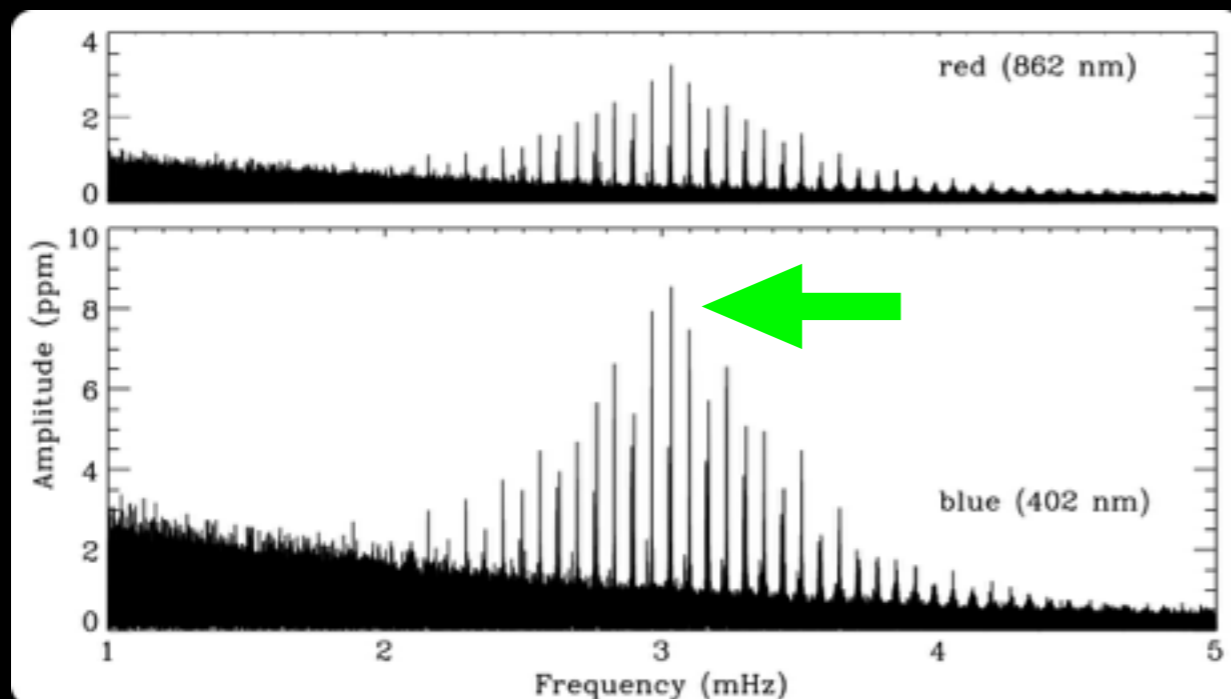
# PROBING THE INTERIOR OF STARS SOLAR-LIKE OSCILLATIONS



- Acoustic waves propagate in outer CZ
- Produce tiny brightness variations (from few ppm) in light curve
- Fourier analysis reveals Gaussian envelope of oscillations (PS)

$$\nu_{\max} \propto R, M, T_{\text{eff}}$$

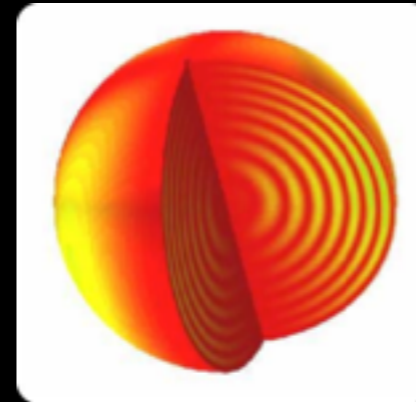
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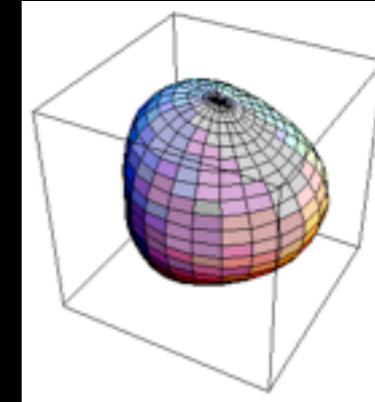
# PROBING THE INTERIOR OF STARS

## ASYMPTOTIC PATTERN

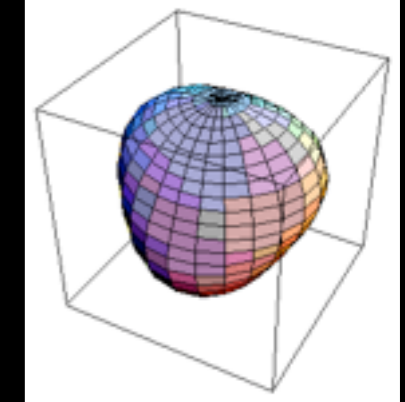
- Oscillation mode identified by 3 quantum numbers ( $n, l, m$ )
- Surface distribution depends on which oscillation mode
- Up to  $\sim 50$  different oscillation modes in MS in regular position



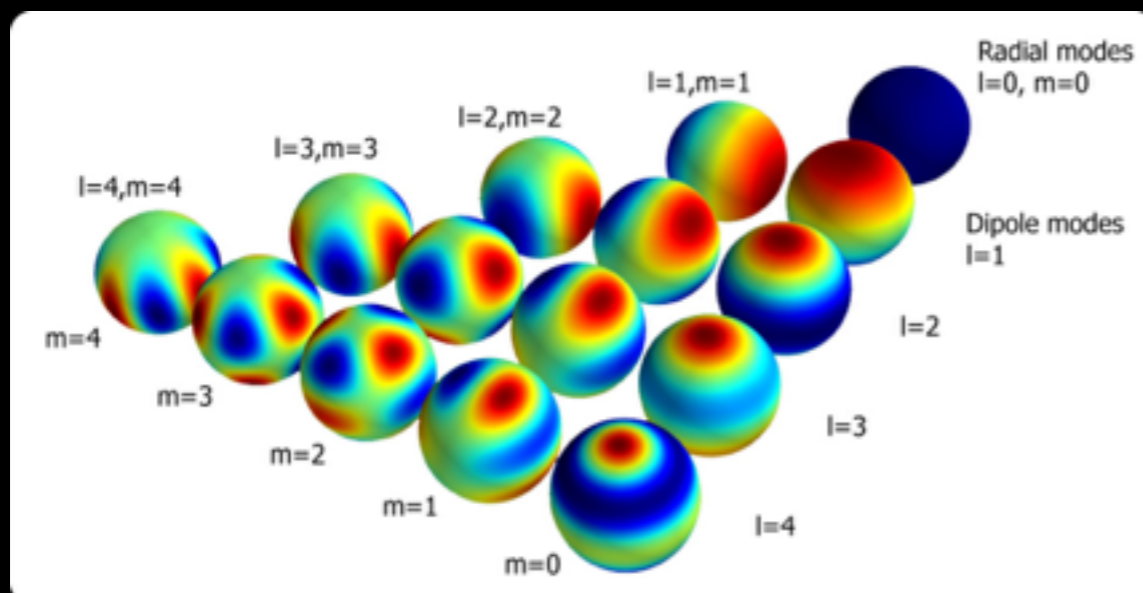
$n > 10$



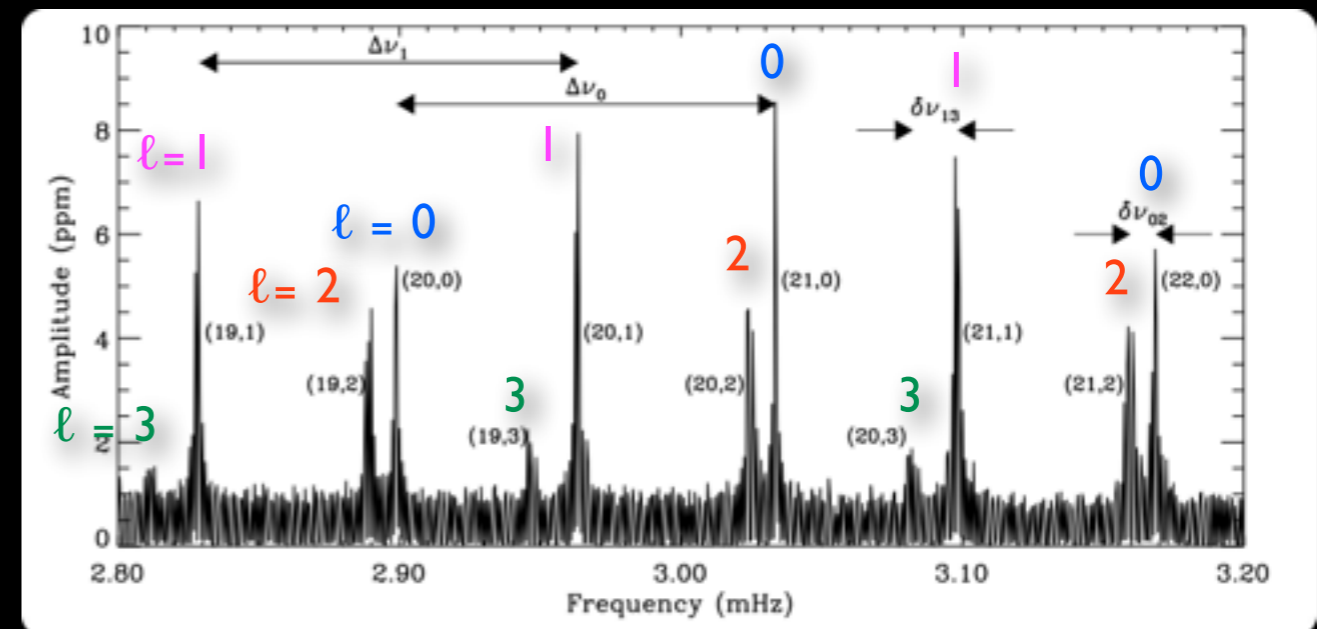
$l = 3, m = 1$



$l = 3, m = 2$



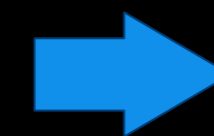
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$$\Delta\nu \propto \bar{\rho}$$

$$\nu_{\max}$$



$$M, R$$



# PROBING THE INTERIOR OF STARS

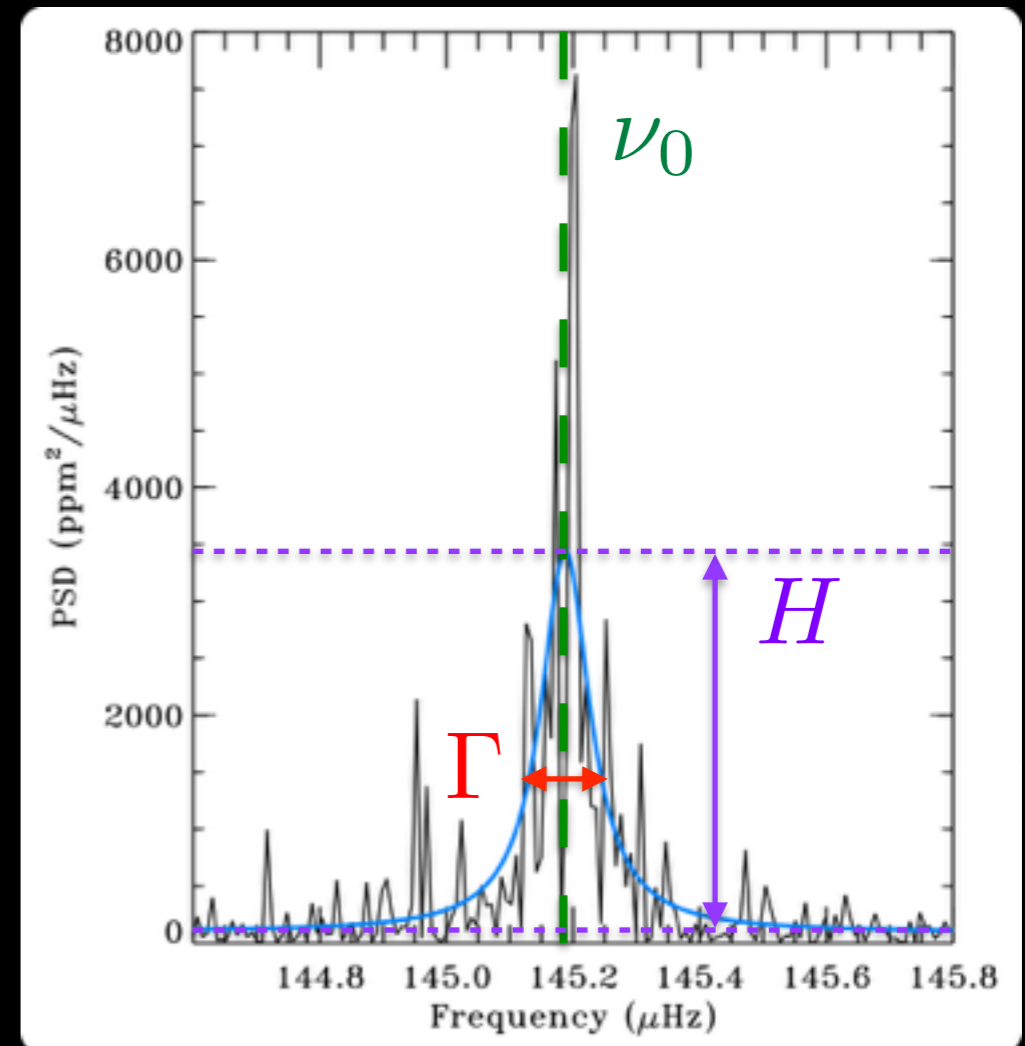
## OSCILLATION MODES

- Each oscillation mode is characterized by 3 asteroseismic parameters
- An individual PS can require hundreds of free parameters to be modeled

Damped oscillation



Lorentzian profile

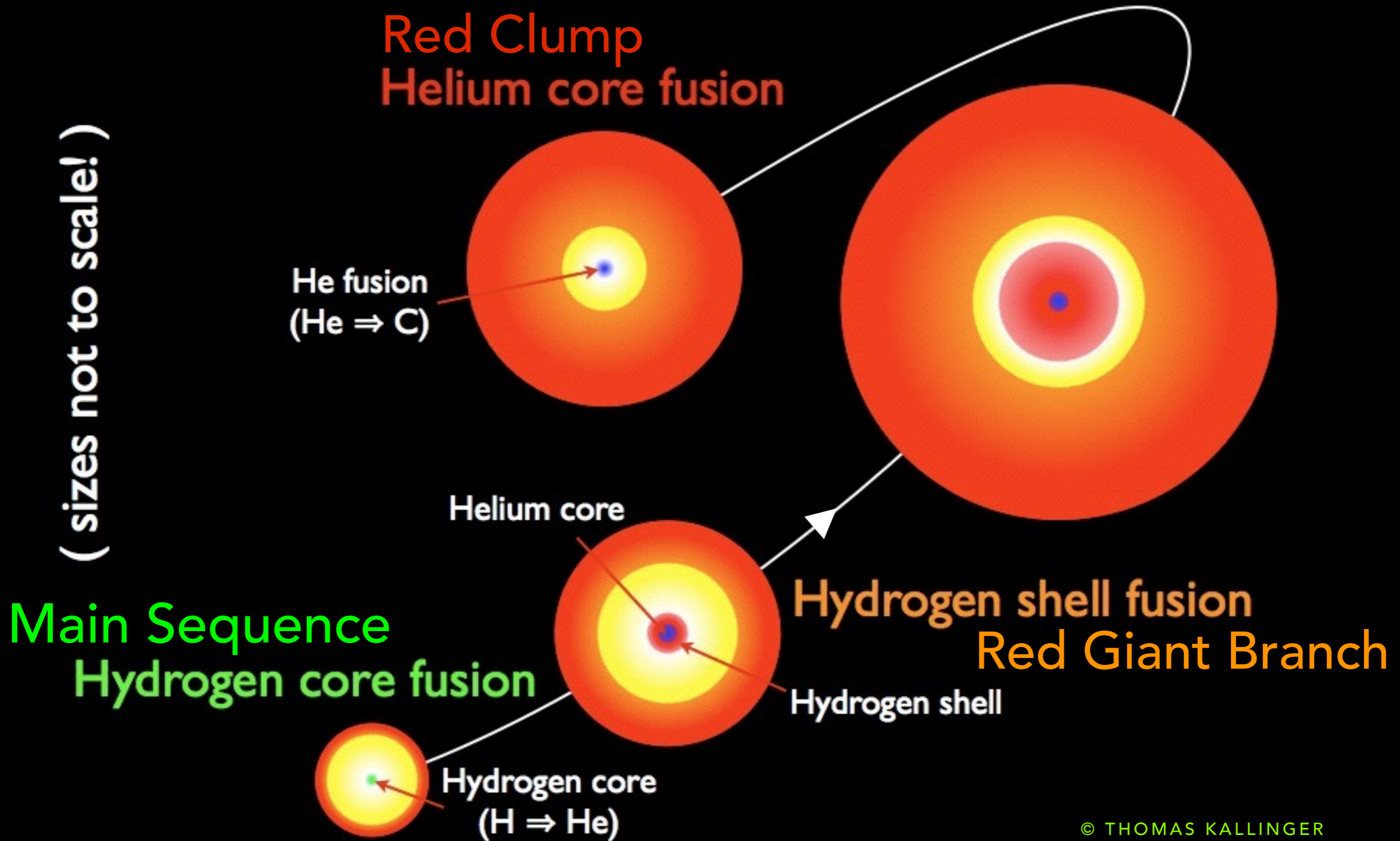


$$T_{\text{obs}} \gg \tau$$
$$\Gamma \propto \tau^{-1}$$
$$A^2 = \pi H \Gamma$$

$$\nu_0, \Gamma, A$$

EVOLVED SOLAR-TYPE STARS  
RED GIANTS

( sizes not to scale! )



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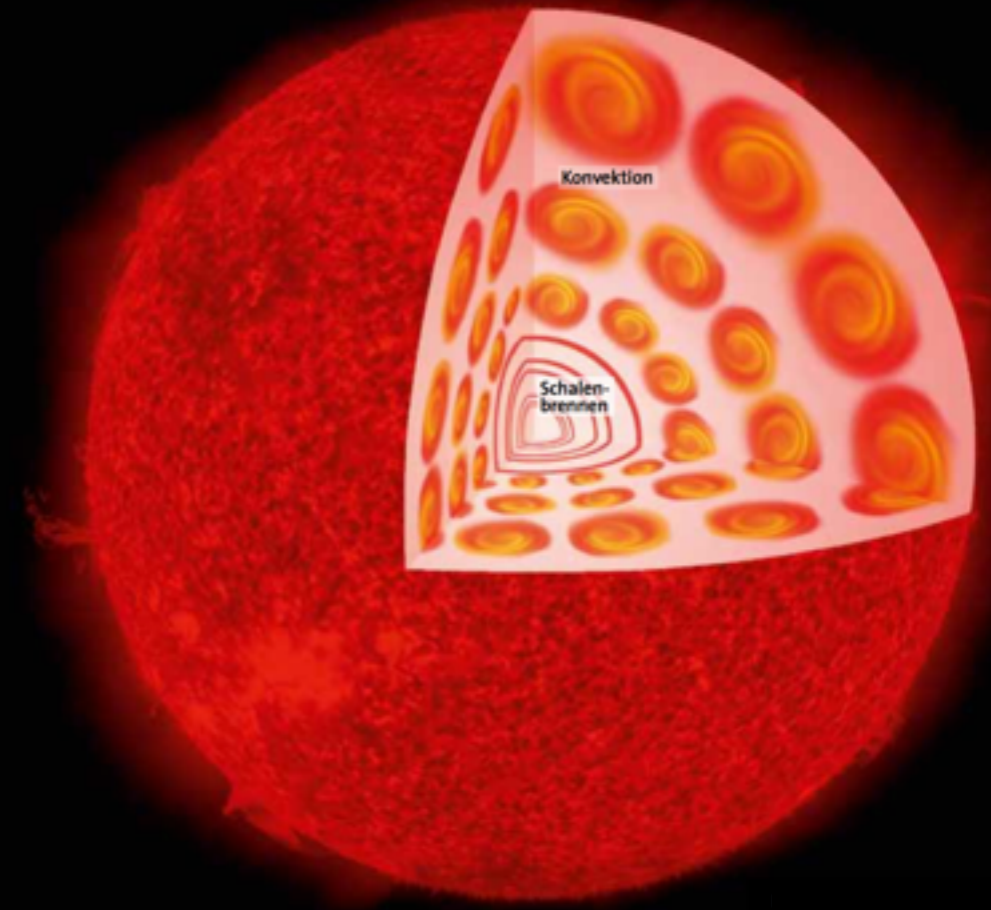
# EVOLVED SOLAR-TYPE STARS RG OSCILLATIONS

- Solar-like oscillations in outer CZ
- Couple with gravity waves from inner RZ
- Dipole ( $\ell=1$ ) mixed modes observable, with both g- and p- character
- Mixed modes reveal internal structure and dynamics up to core level

BECK ET AL. 2011 SCIENCE; BEDDING ET AL. 2011 NATURE  
MOSSER ET AL. 2012

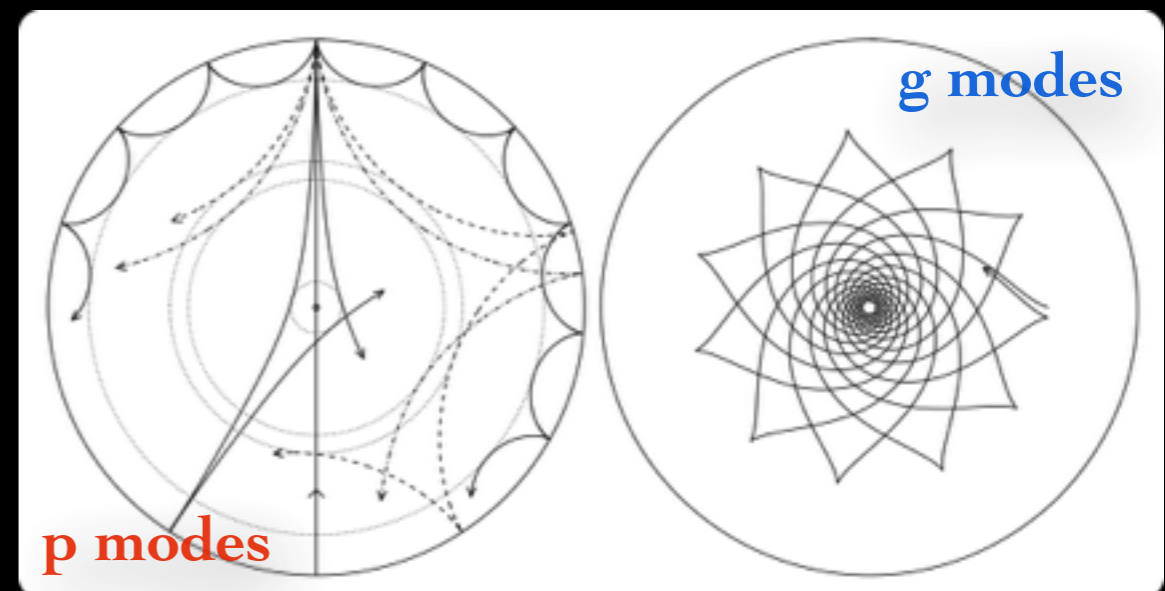
- Very luminous: can be observed more far away than MS
- Useful for Galactic Archeology: map Galaxy structure and evolution, Globular Clusters

MIGLIO ET AL. 2013, 2016



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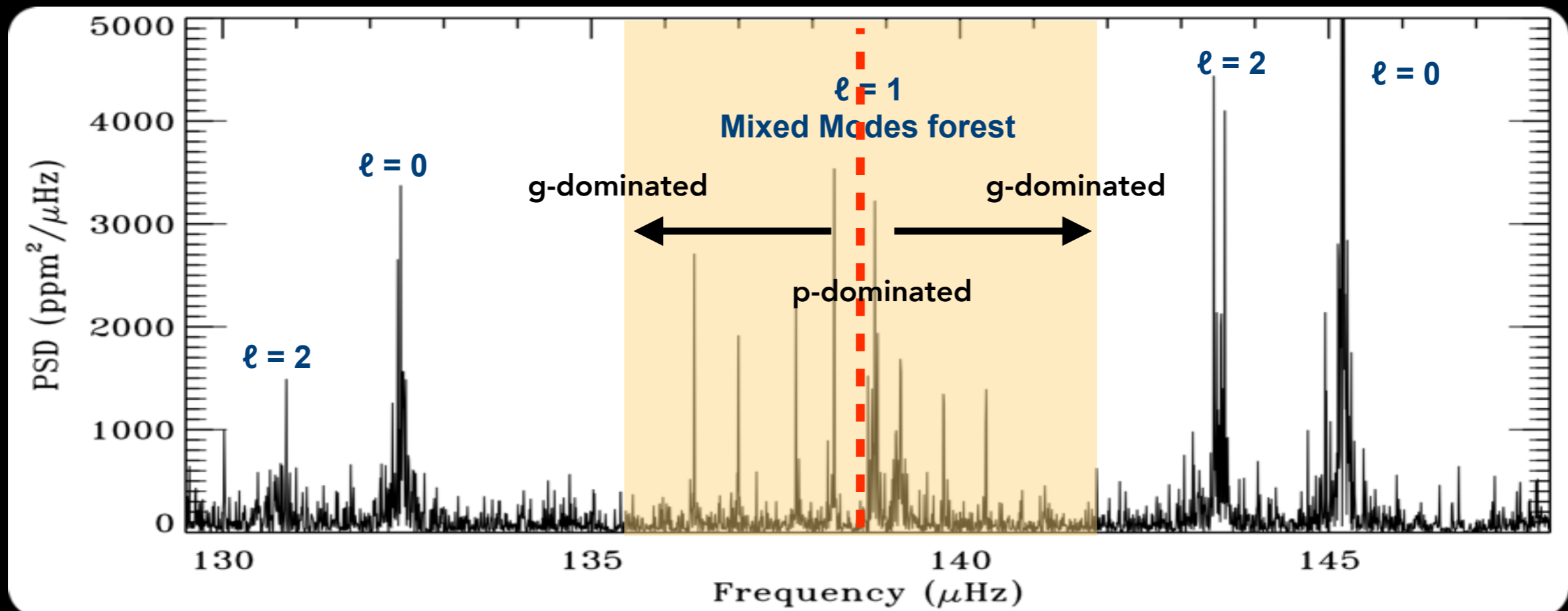
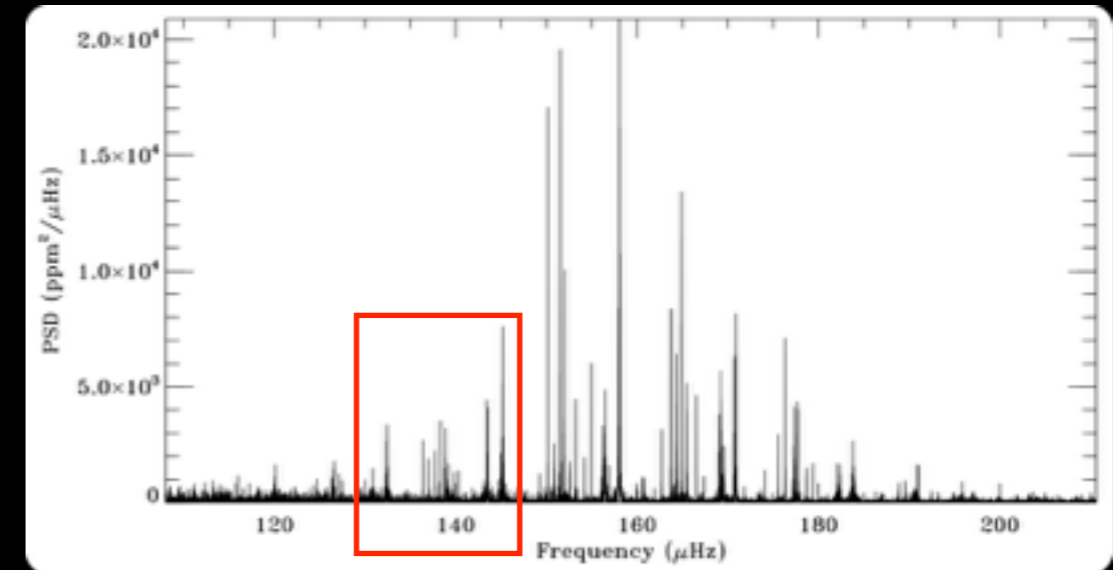


# EVOLVED SOLAR-TYPE STARS MIXED MODES PATTERN

- Mixed dipole modes have regular separation in period

$\Delta\Pi_1$   **He-core burning**  
**H-shell burning**

BEDDING ET AL. 2011 NATURE; MOSSER ET AL. 2012



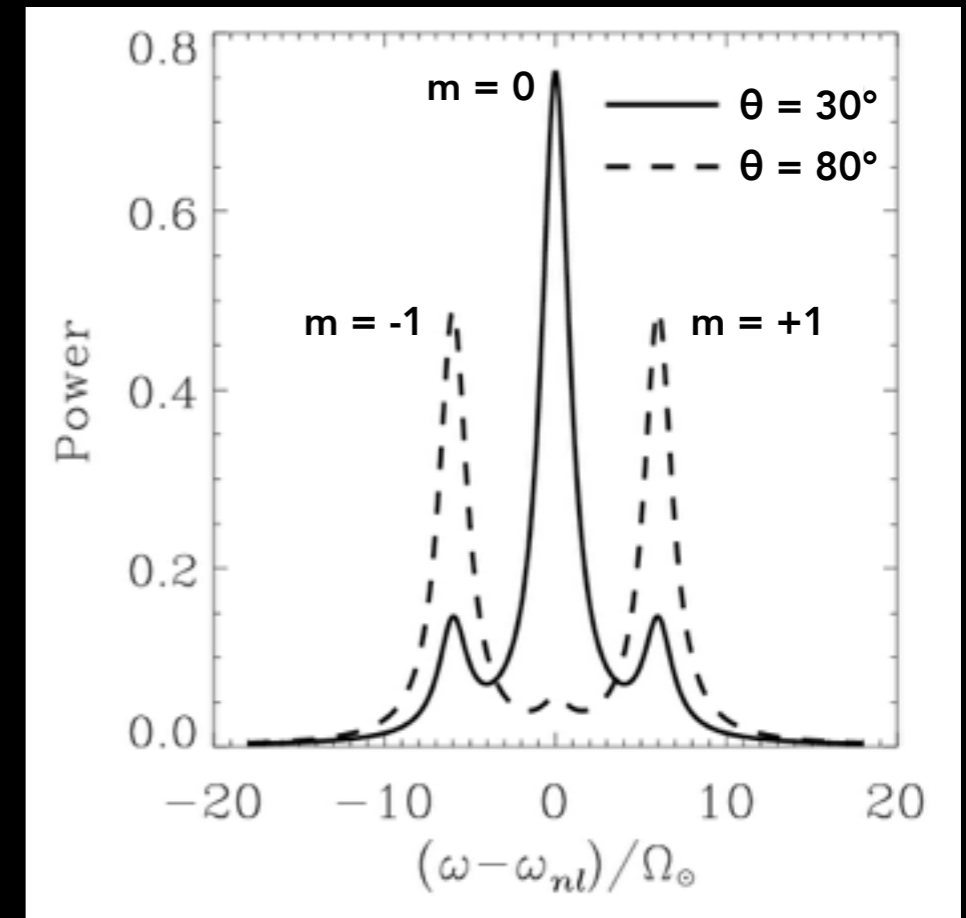
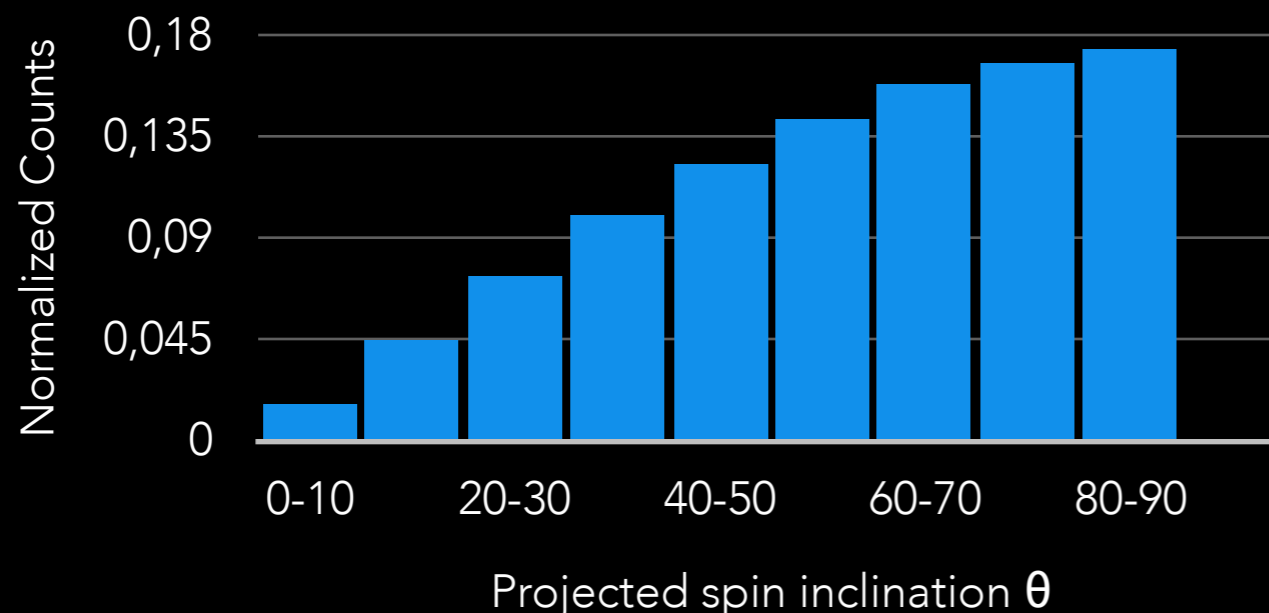


# MEASURING STELLAR AM ROTATIONALLY SPLIT MODES

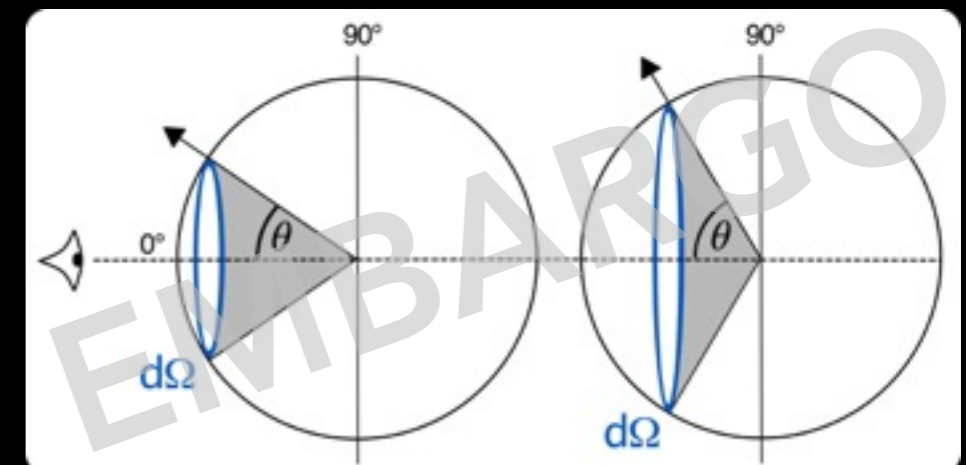
- Stellar oscillations accurately probe rotation rate and spin axis inclination  
GIZON & SOLANKI 2003; BALLOT ET AL. 2006;  
 BECK ET AL. 2012 NATURE; DEHEUVELS ET AL. 2012;  
 HUBER ET AL. 2013 SCIENCE
- Rotational degeneracy of  $\ell=1$  (dipolar) modes gives  $(2\ell + 1)$   $m$ -components
- High angles are easier to observe (projection effect from 3D space)

$$d\Omega = \sin(\theta)d\theta$$

3D RANDOM DISTRIBUTION



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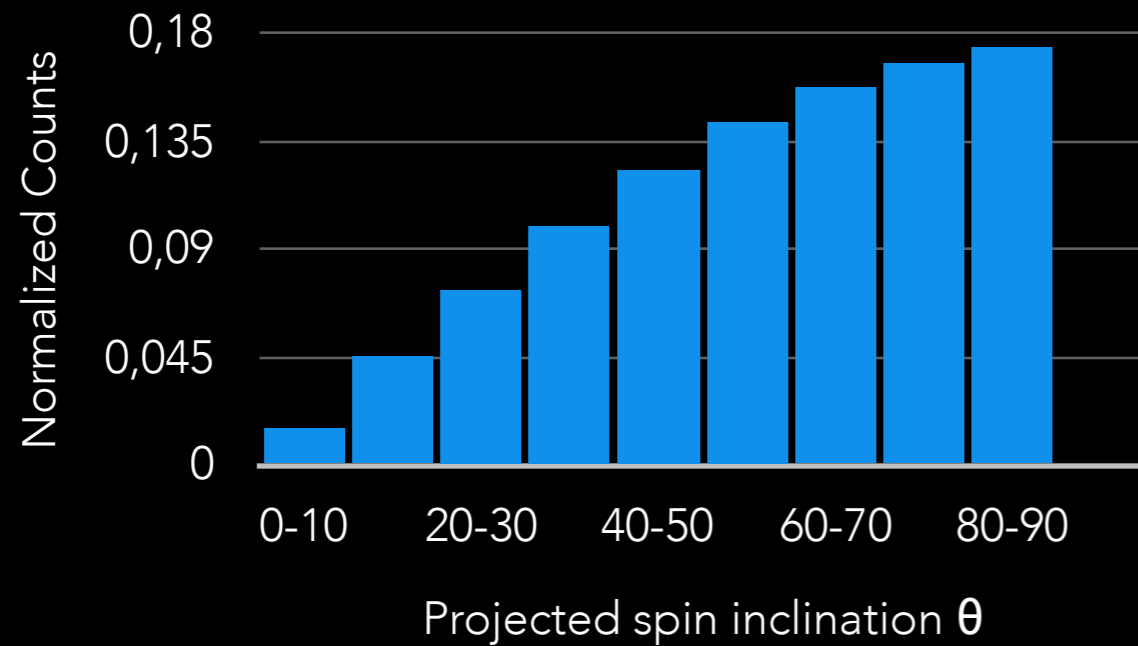


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# MEASURING STELLAR AM

# DEGREE OF SPIN ALIGNMENT

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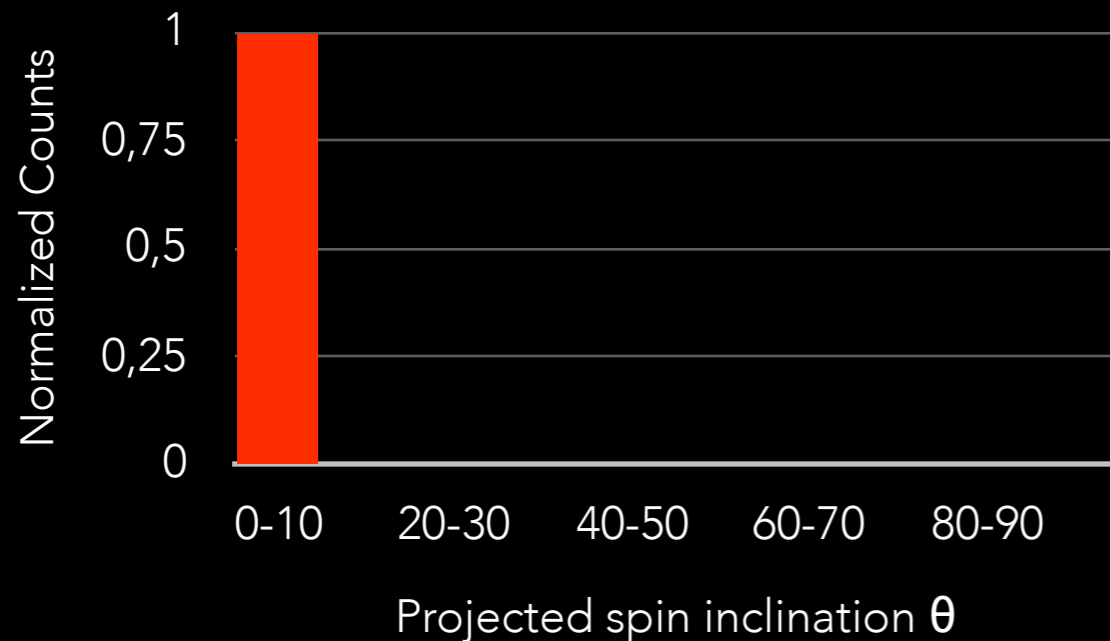


3D Random

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$$

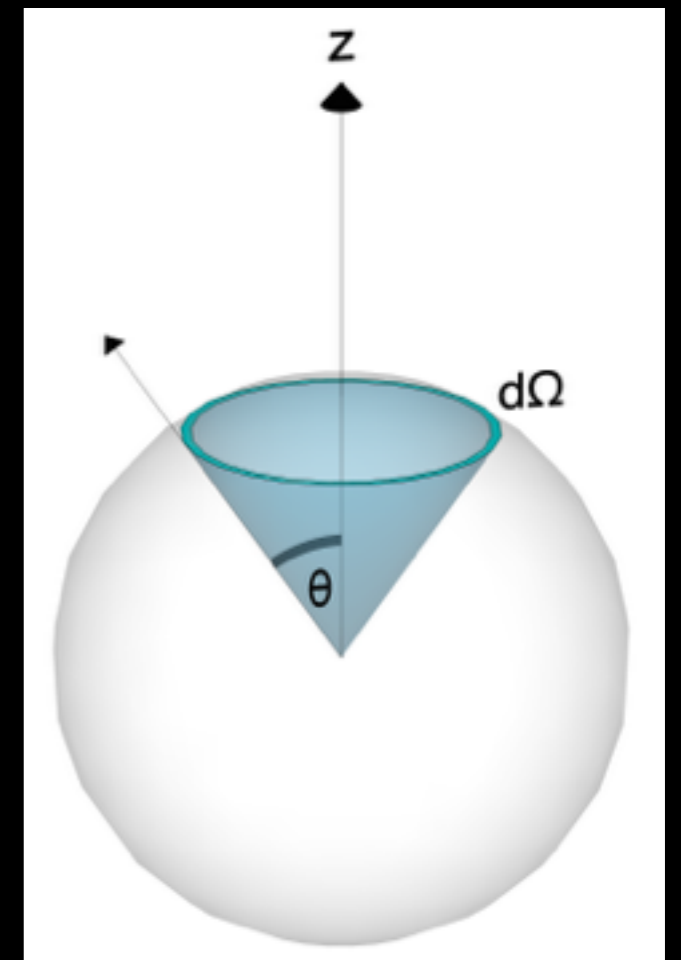
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \cos^2(\theta_i)$$

PERFECT ALIGNMENT ALONG L.O.S.



Perfect alignment

$$\alpha = 1$$





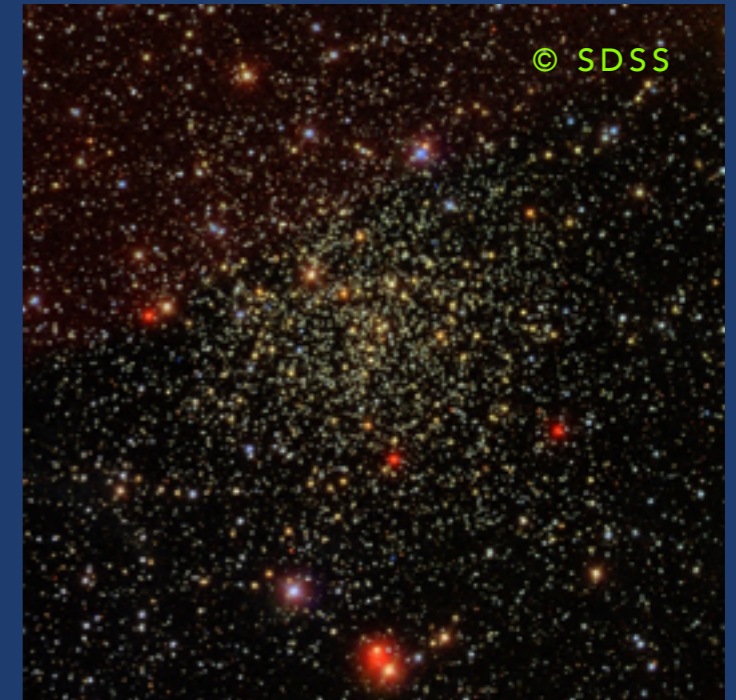
PART III

OBSERVATIONS,  
ANALYSIS & NEW RESULTS

# OBSERVATIONAL PROPERTIES

## NGC 6791

- Total mass  $\sim 5000 M_{\text{Sun}}$   
PLATAIS ET AL. 2011
- Distance  $\sim 4187$  pc  
BASU ET AL. 2011
- Size  $\sim 10$  pc
- Age  $\sim 8.3$  Gyr  
BROGAARD ET AL. 2012
- $M_{\text{RG}} \sim 1.1 M_{\text{Sun}}$   
MIGLIO ET AL. 2012
- Class: II3r



## 4 YEARS PHOTOMETRY

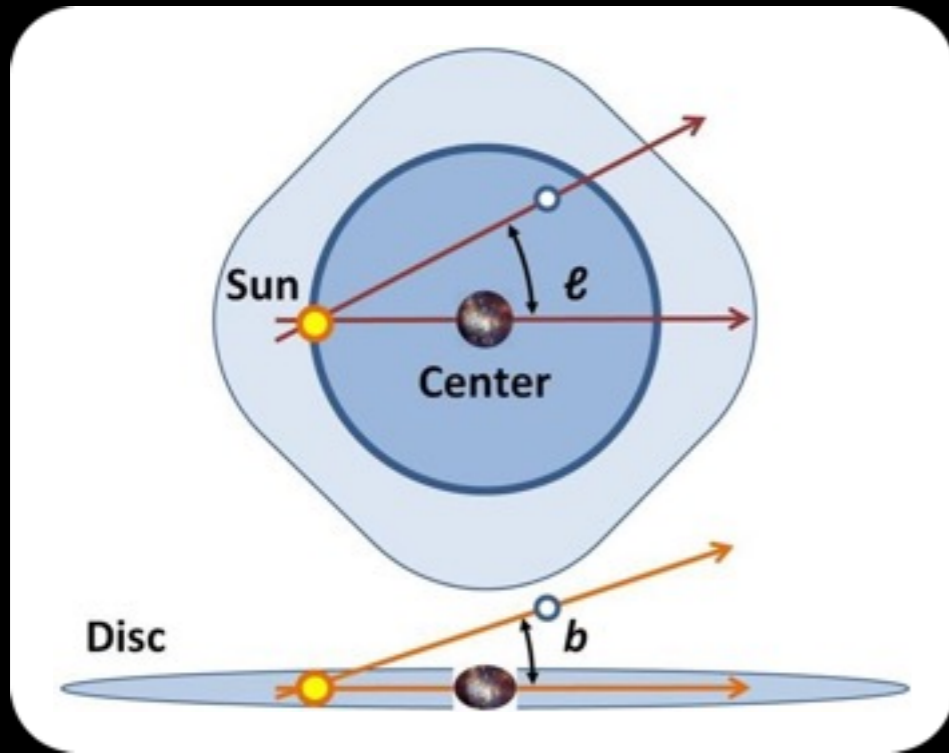


## NGC 6819

- Total mass  $\sim 2600 M_{\text{Sun}}$   
KALIRAI ET AL. 2001
- Distance  $\sim 2344$  pc  
BASU ET AL. 2011
- Size  $\sim 7$  pc
- Age  $\sim 2.4$  Gyr  
BREWER ET AL. 2016
- $M_{\text{RG}} \sim 1.7 M_{\text{Sun}}$   
MIGLIO ET AL. 2012
- Class: I1m



# OC FROM NASA'S KEPLER MISSION GALACTIC POSITIONS



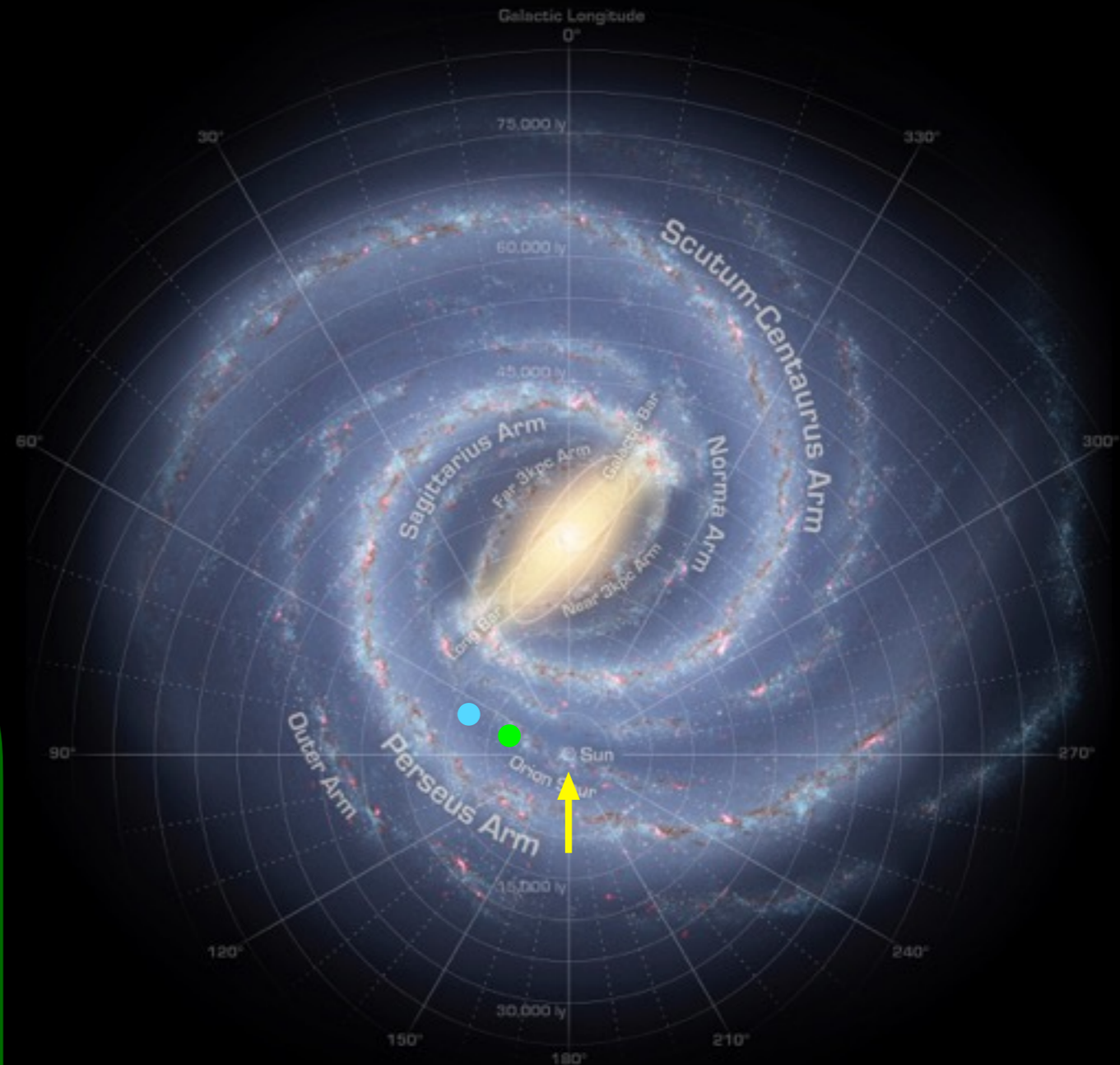
NGC 6791

Gal. lat.  $10.9^\circ$   
Gal. long.  $69.95^\circ$   
 $h \sim 700 \text{ pc}$

NGC 6819

Gal. lat.  $8.5^\circ$   
Gal. long.  $73.98^\circ$   
 $h \sim 300 \text{ pc}$

$h_{\text{thin disk}} \sim 350 \text{ pc}$



Annotated Roadmap to the Milky Way  
[artist's concept]

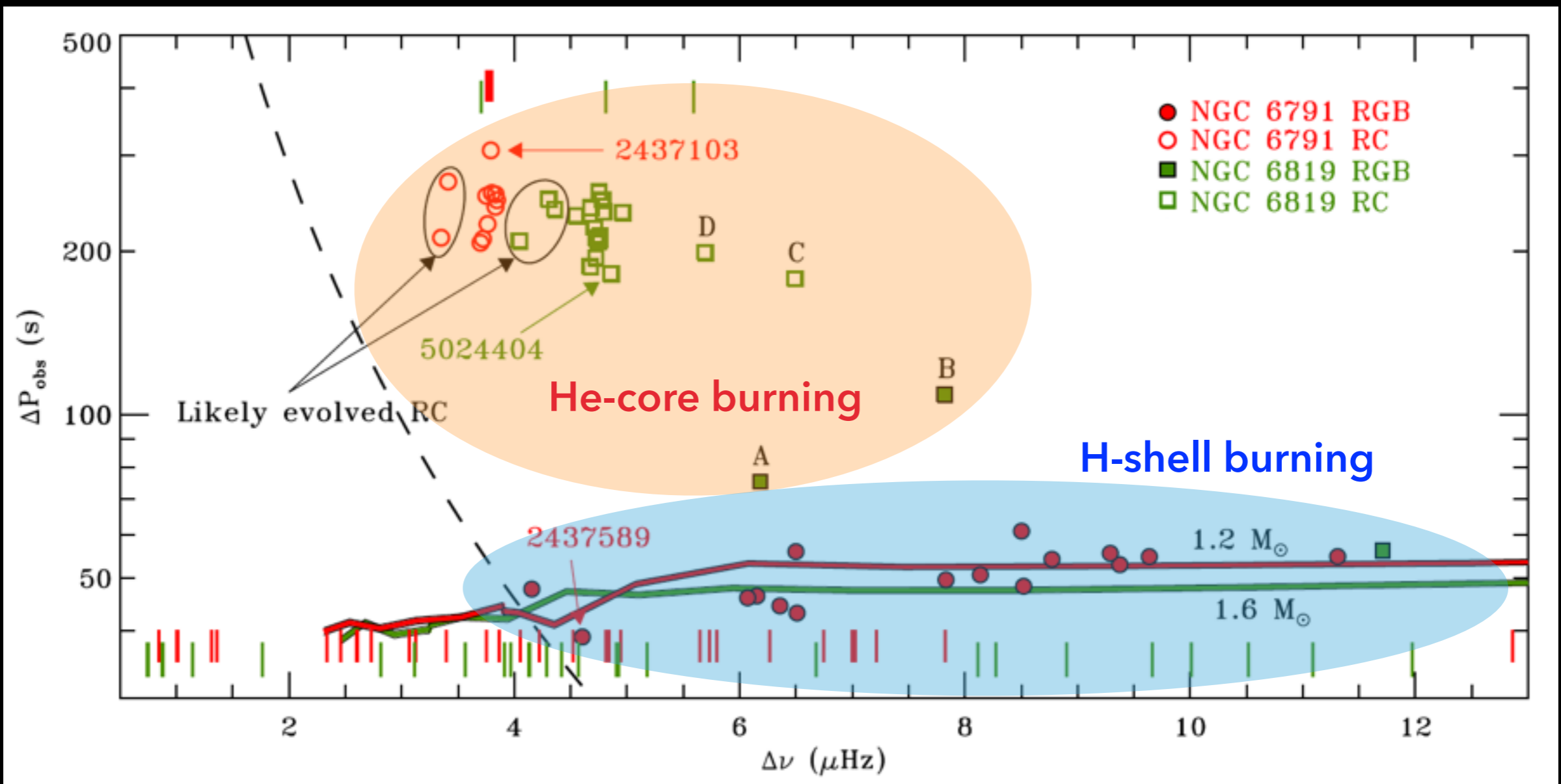
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# CLUSTER RED GIANTS

- **48 cluster red giants** with clear evolutionary stage from period spacing of  $\ell = 1$  mixed modes  $\Delta\Pi_1$

CORSARO ET AL. 2012; MOSSER ET AL. 2012



# ANALYSIS OF STELLAR OSCILLATIONS BACKGROUND SIGNAL



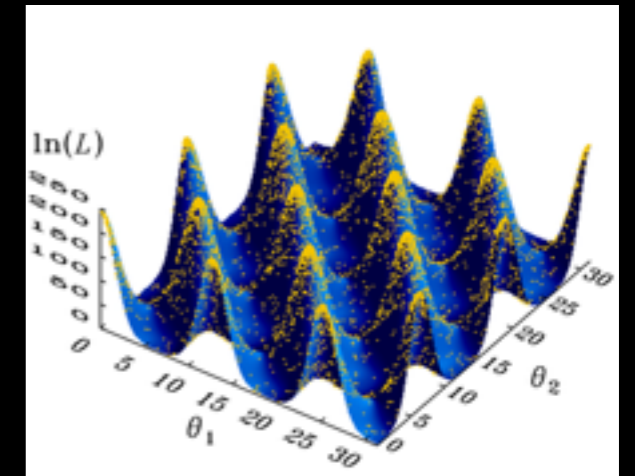
- Bayesian inference code DIAMONDS: public code available at <https://fys.kuleuven.be/ster/Software/Diamonds/>

CORSARO & DE RIDDER, 2014, A&A, 571, 71

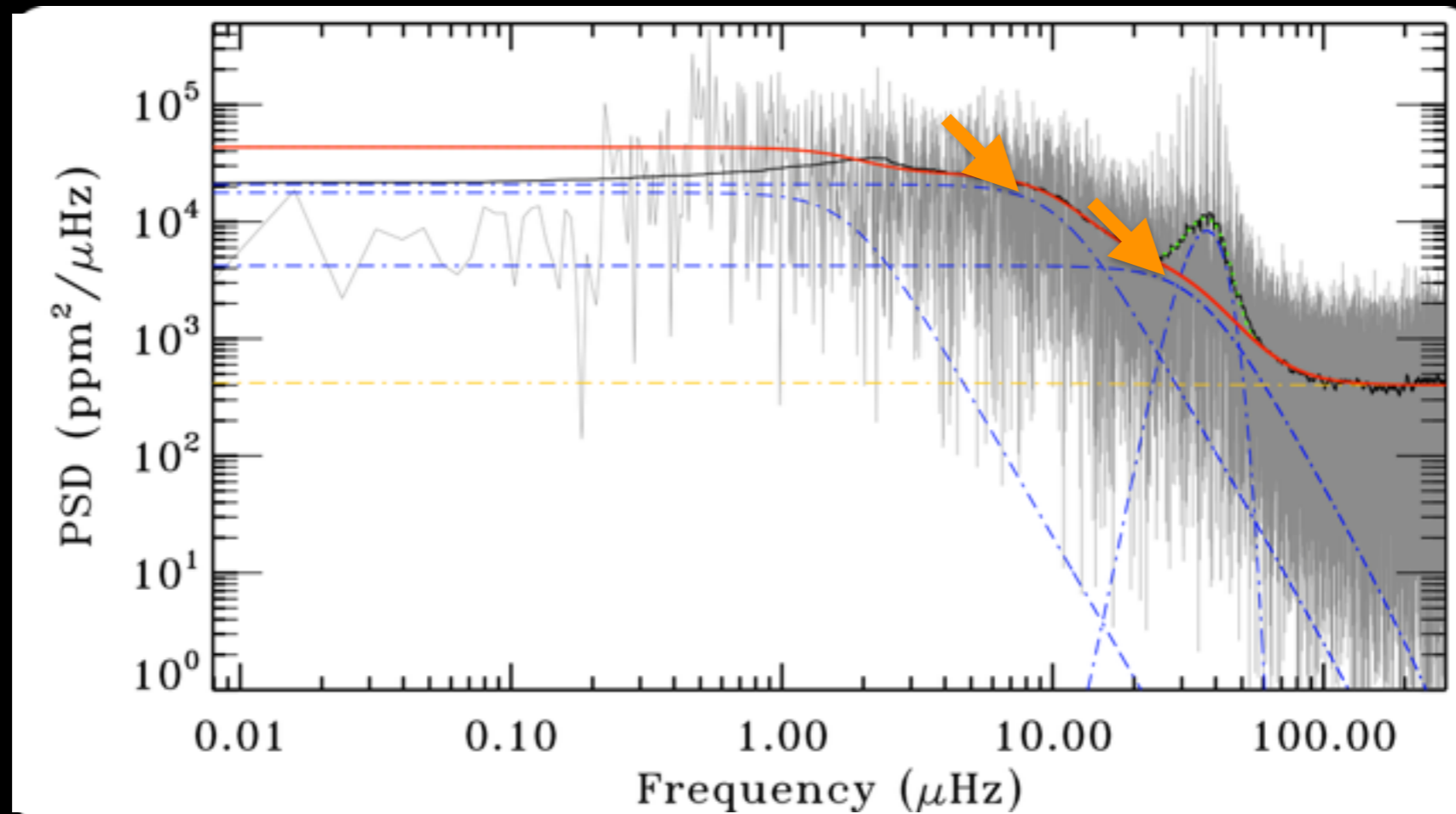
CORSARO, DE RIDDER, GARCIA, 2015, A&A, 579, 83

- Background signal modeled with **2 granulation components** in 48 cluster red giants

CORSARO ET AL. 2016, IN PREP.



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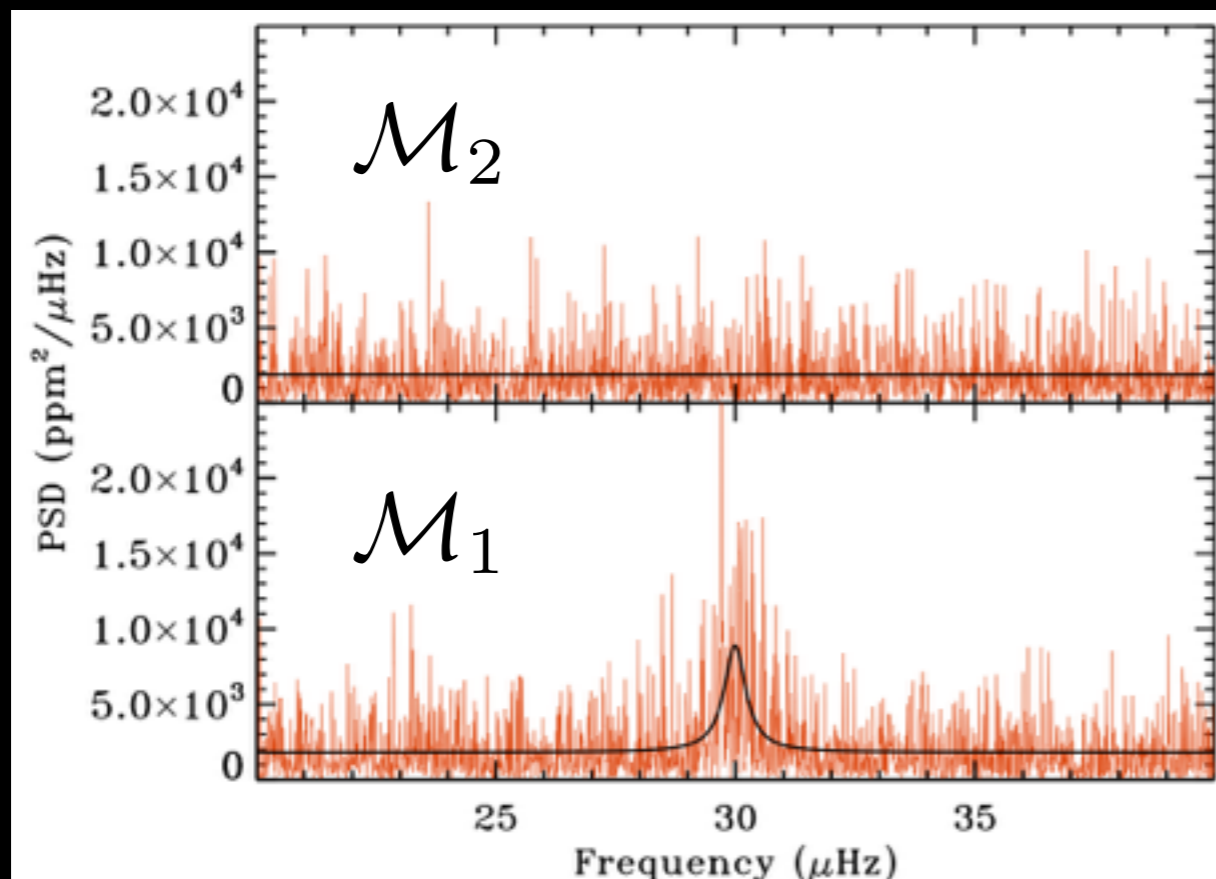
# ANALYSIS OF STELLAR OSCILLATIONS BAYESIAN PEAK BAGGING



- **3900** oscillation modes fitted and identified from **48 red giant stars** in NGC 6791 and NGC 6819

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- **380** rotationally split  $\ell=1$  mixed modes used to measure spin-axis inclinations

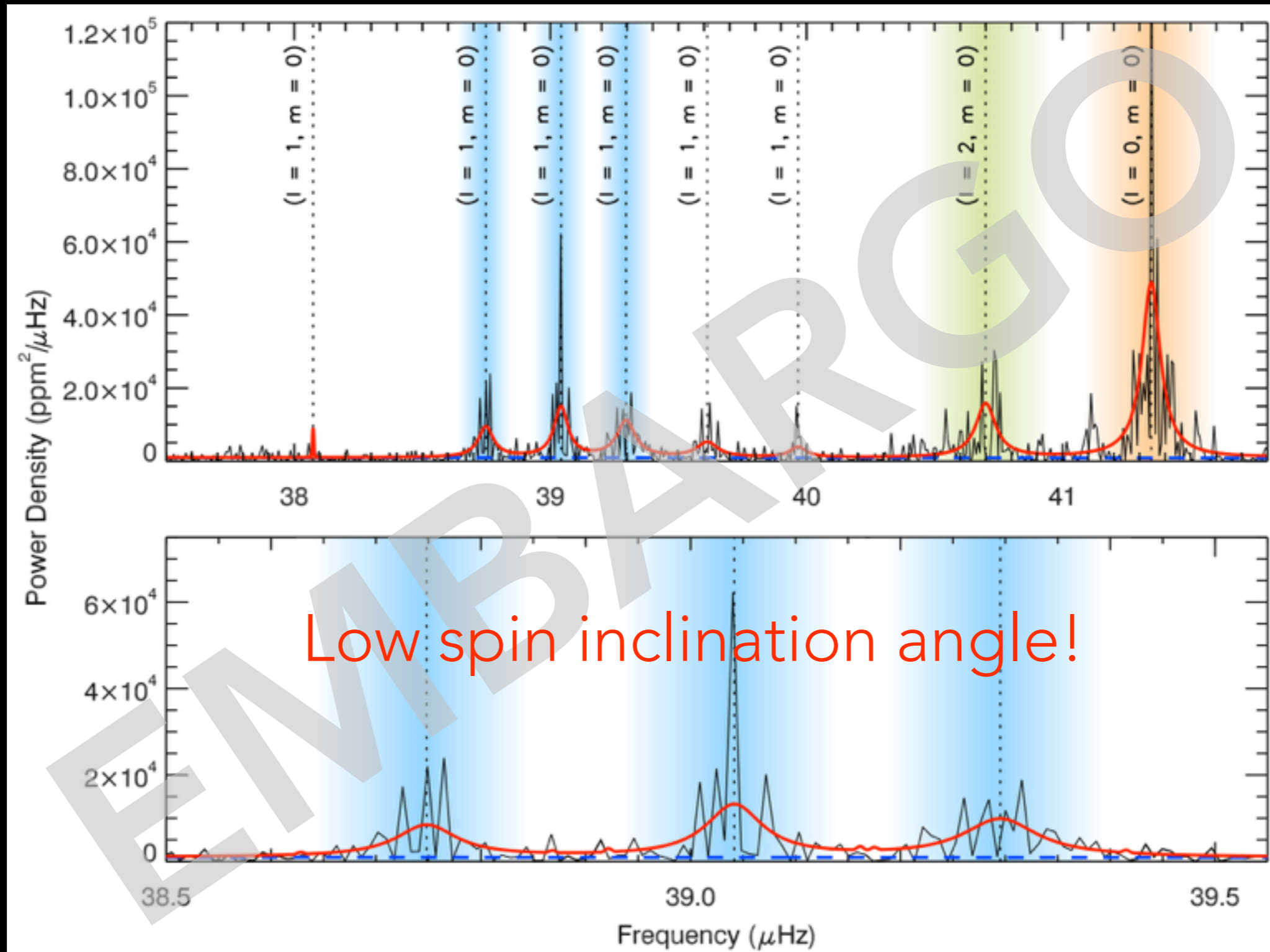


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- Only significant peaks considered with peak significance test
- Bayesian model comparison with Bayesian evidence computed with DIAMONDS

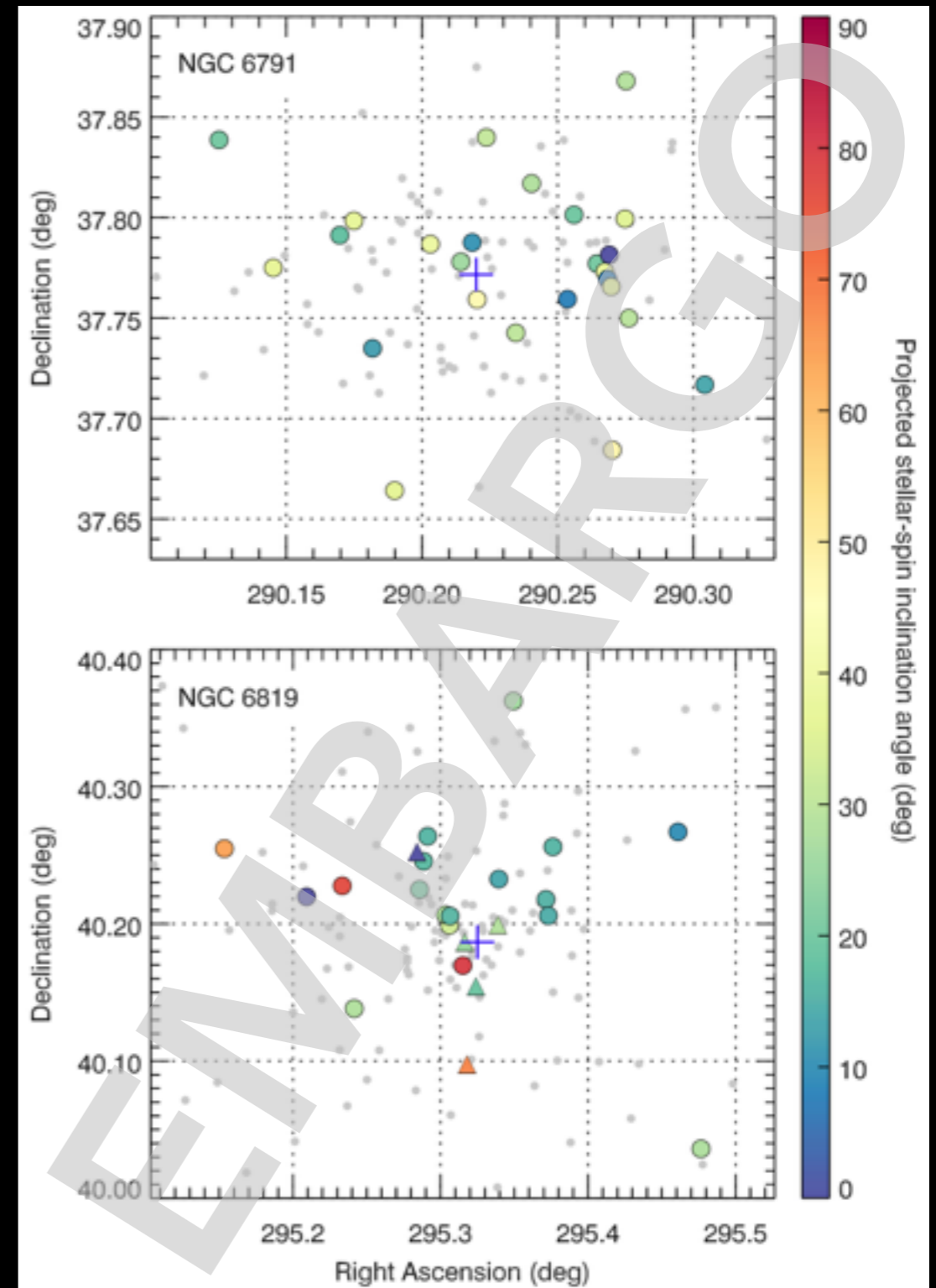
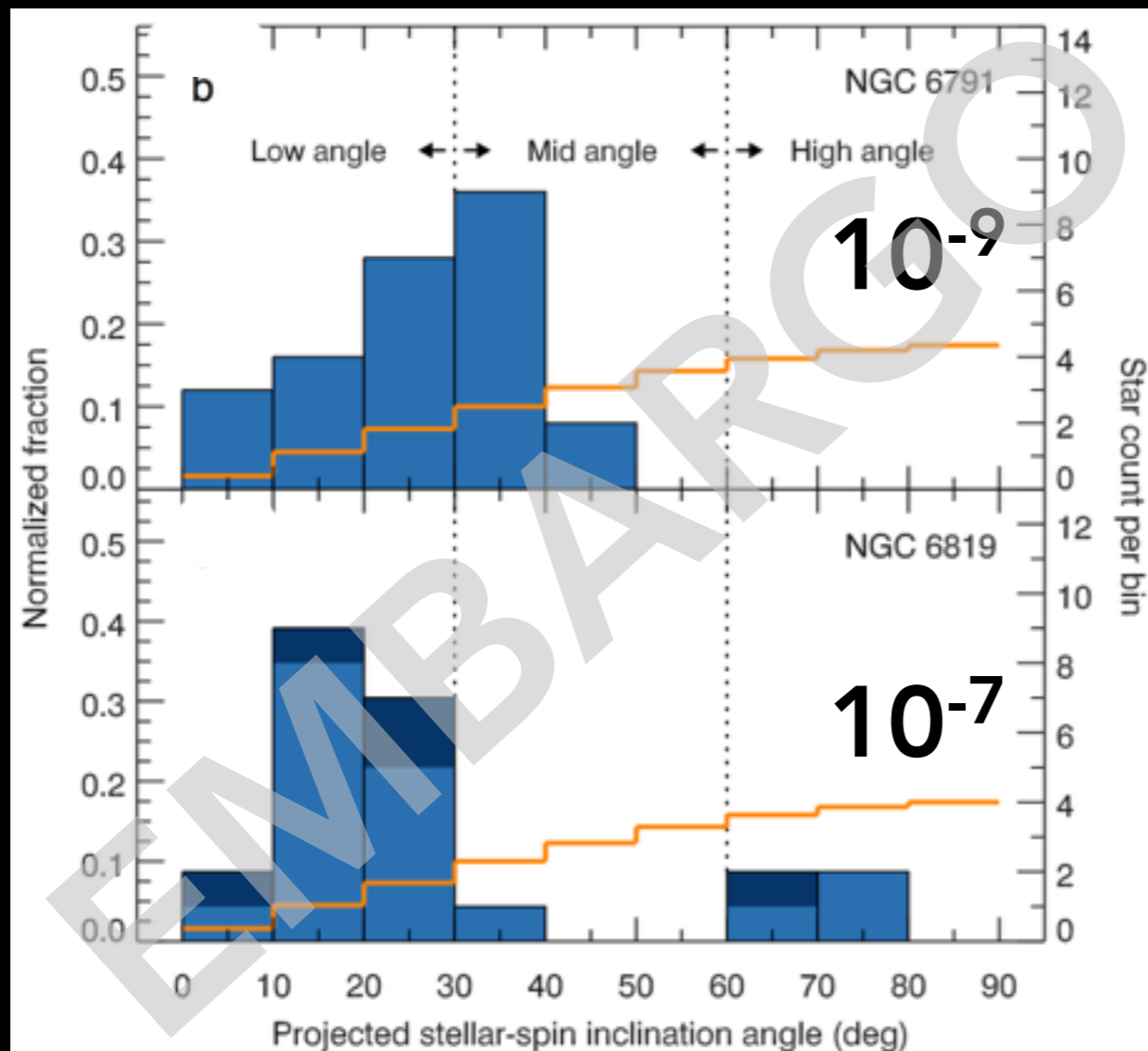
$$\mathcal{E}_1 / \mathcal{E}_2 \simeq 150$$

# ANALYSIS OF STELLAR OSCILLATIONS BAYESIAN PEAK BAGGING



# MEASURING STELLAR-SPIN INCLINATIONS OBSERVATIONAL RESULTS

- **Strong** spin alignment in both clusters!  
 $\alpha \simeq 0.75$





## ORIGIN OF SPIN ALIGNMENT

# N-BODY INTERACTIONS?

- N-body interactions are related to colliding stars or multiple stellar systems
- N-body simulations for old open clusters can reproduce observed populations of single and multiple stars

GELLER ET AL. 2013

- Individual stars undergo spin down over time: magnetic braking, stellar winds, tidal friction

MEIBOM ET AL. 2011 NATURE; VAN SADERS ET AL. 2016 NATURE

- Main force influencing spin orientation and orbital configuration is tidal

- But OC stars are sparse ( $\sim 1 M_{\text{Sun}} \text{ pc}^{-3}$ )

LADA & LADA 2003

- Tidal forces among stars can be negligible already over a few AU ( $\sim 10^{-5} \text{ pc}$ )



- Spin alignment possible **only** during cluster formation epoch

# PROTO-CLUSTER FORMATION

- MC is treated as compressible fluid and evolution resolved with Navier-Stokes equations
- RAMSES: 3D MHD code with adaptive mesh refinement  
TEYSSIER 2002; FROMANG ET AL. 2006
- Compact (**~0.2 pc**) and dense ( **$10^7 \text{ H}_2 \text{ cm}^{-3}$** ) MC with  **$10^3 M_{\text{Sun}}$**  and isothermal at  **$T = 10 \text{ K}$**   
LEE & HENNEBELLE 2016
- Bonnor-Ebert-like spherical MC with density profile

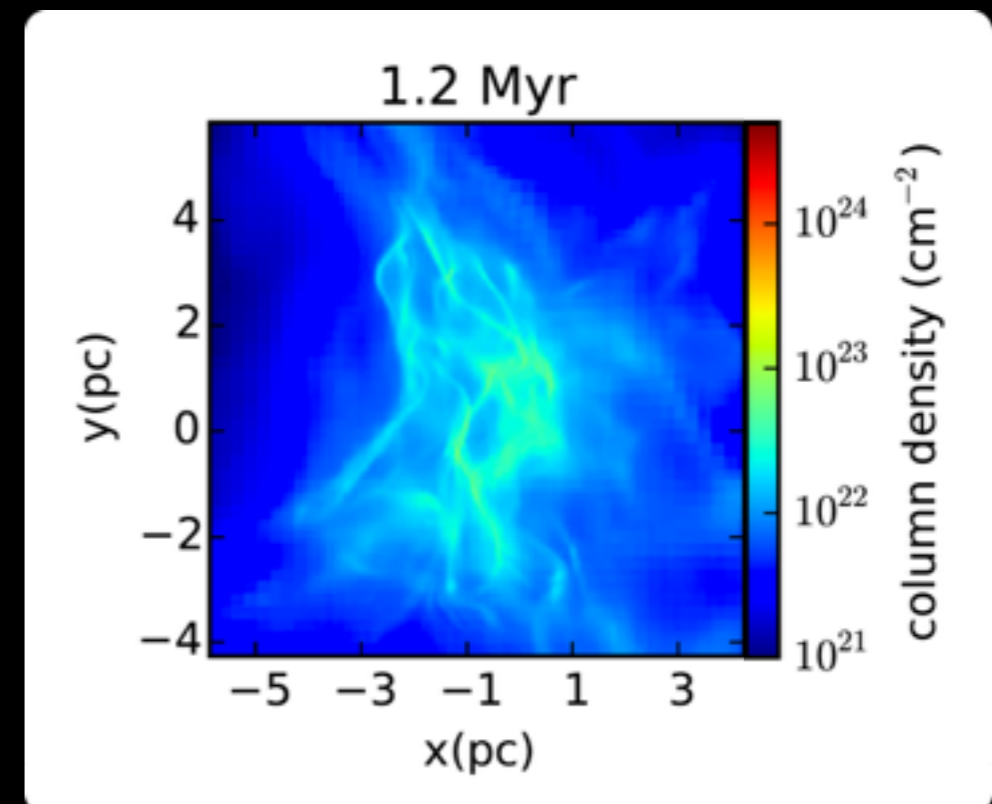
$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^2 \right]^{-1}$$

## PROTO-CLUSTER FORMATION

- Evolution by gravitational collapse + turbulent velocity field (Kolmogorov spectrum) + solid body global rotation
- Sink particles algorithm used to add angular momentum from gas to sink: track evolution of AM at scales of several AU

$$E_{\text{kin}} = E_{\text{tur}} + E_{\text{rot}} \quad E_{\text{grav}}$$

3D hydrodynamics



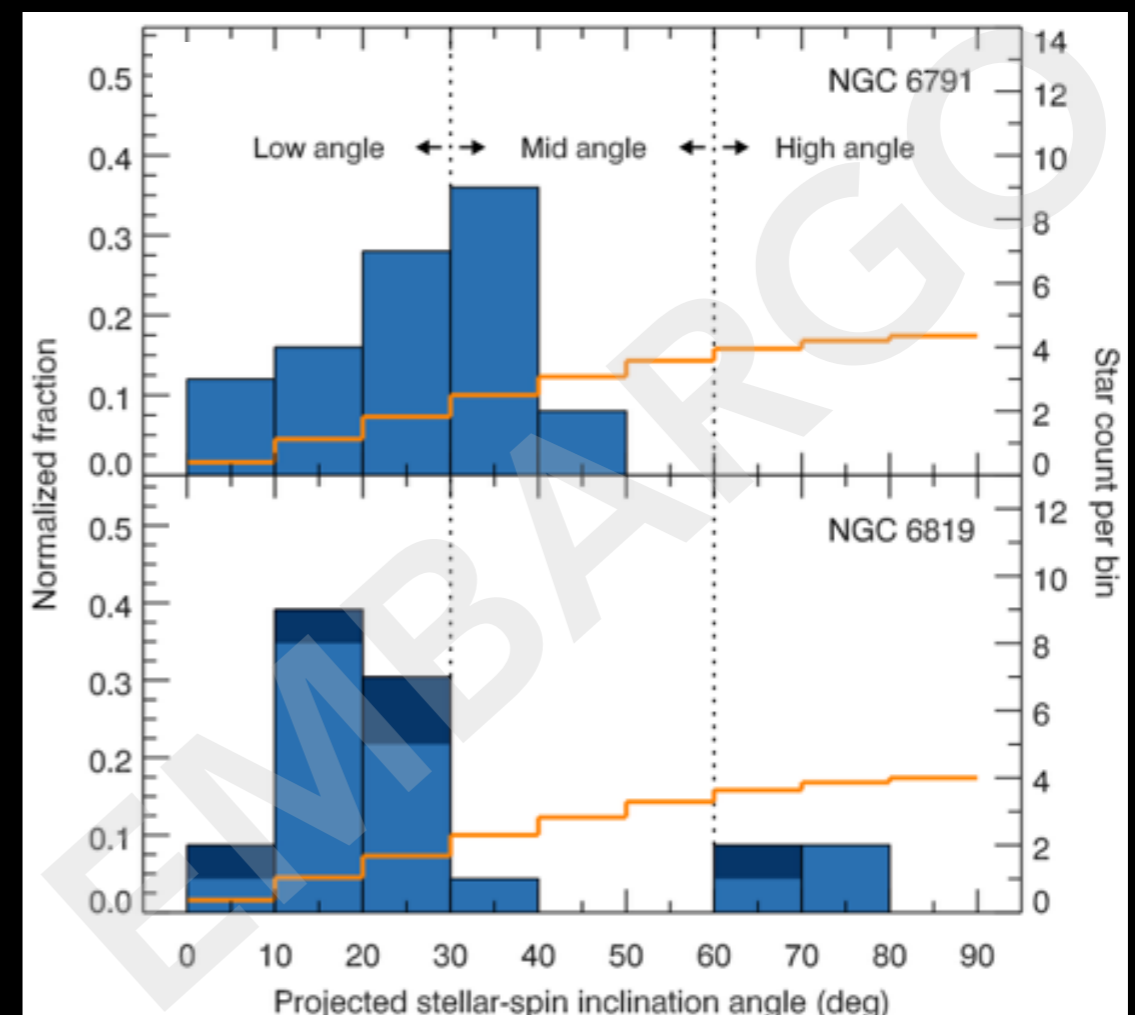
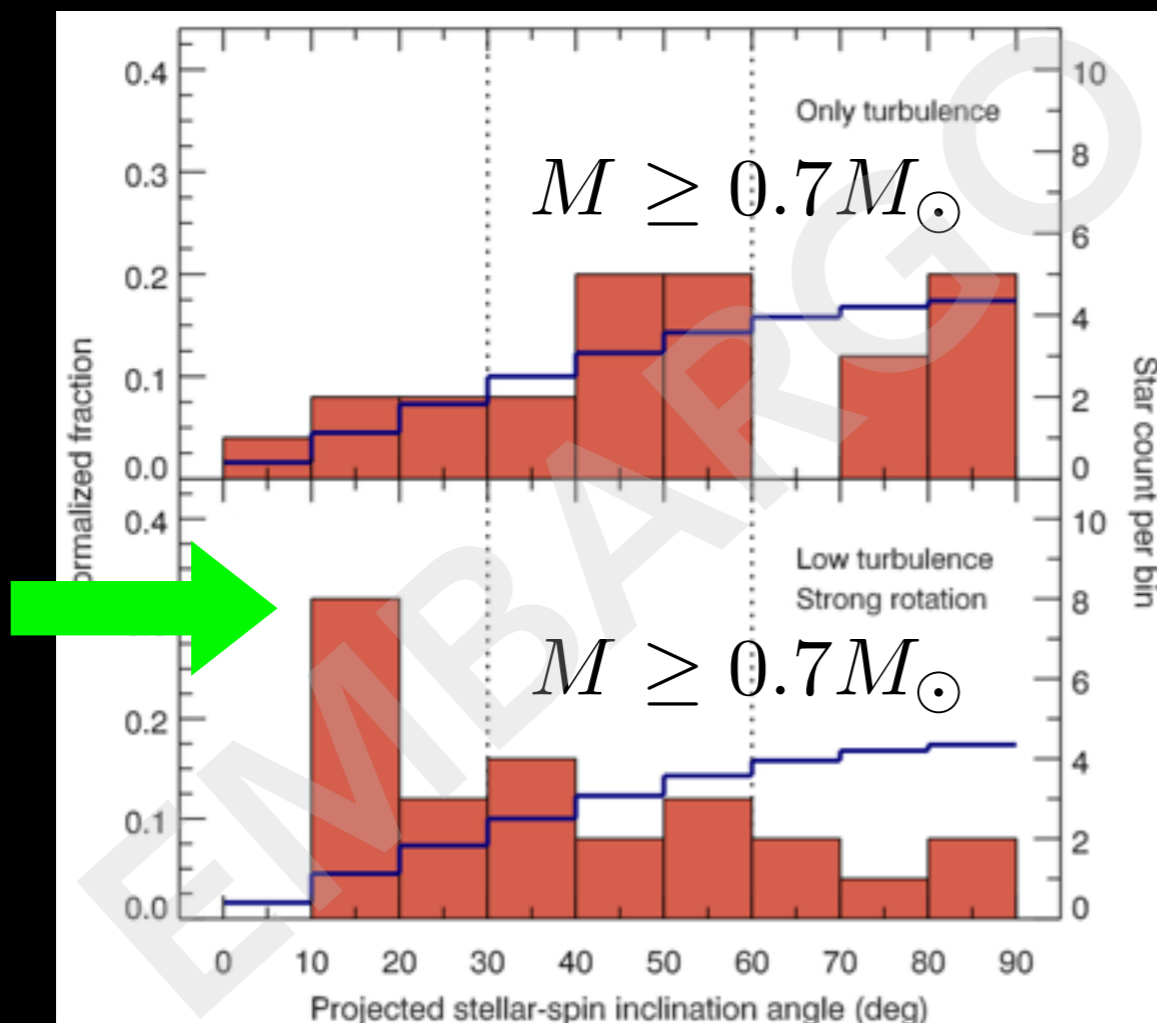


# PROTO-CLUSTER FORMATION 3D SIMULATION RESULTS

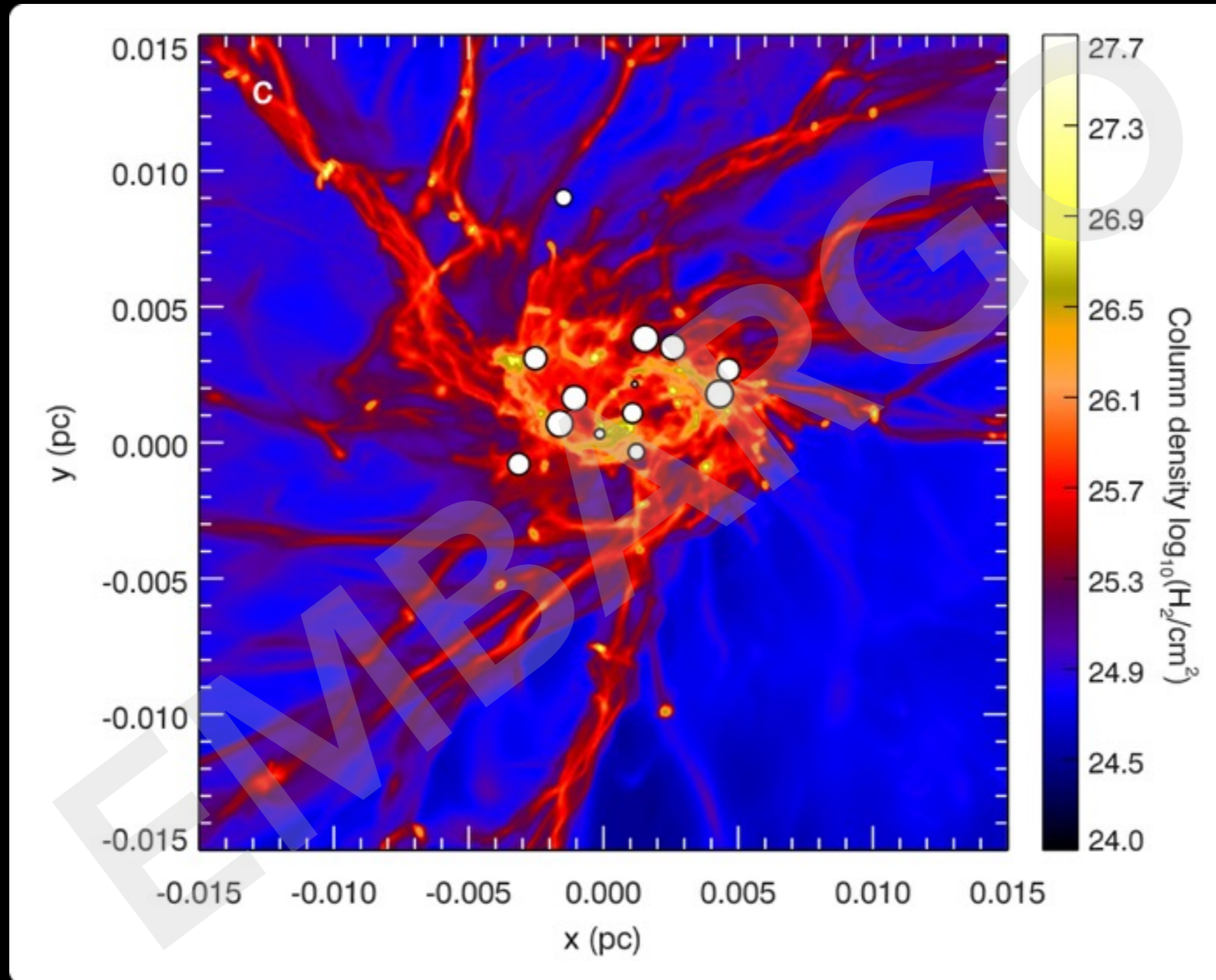
- If cloud rotation **absent** or **low**: no spin alignment (random)
- If **strong** cloud rotation present: significant spin alignment
- Stars with  $M < 0.7 M_{\text{Sun}}$  show no alignment even with strong rotation

$$E_{\text{rot}}/E_{\text{tur}} < 1$$

$$E_{\text{rot}}/E_{\text{tur}} \simeq 1$$



# PROTO-CLUSTER FORMATION 3D SIMULATION RESULTS

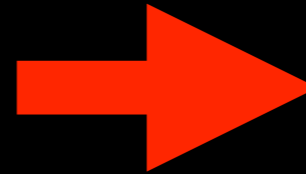


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# SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

Direct observations

Strong stellar-spin alignment (~70%)  
within a stellar cluster



Detection through  
asteroseismology

+

3D hydrodynamics

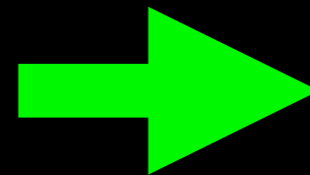
Proto-cluster has strong rotational  
energy component

Proto-cluster AM efficiently passed  
down to individual stars

Imprint of cloud's global rotation has survived for more than 8 Gyr!

$$E_{\text{tur}} > 2E_{\text{rot}}$$

**Proto-cluster**



$$E_{\text{rot}} \gtrsim E_{\text{tur}}$$

**Proto-cluster**

$$M \geq 0.7M_{\odot}$$

**Stars**

$$E_{\text{kin}} = E_{\text{tur}} + E_{\text{rot}}$$



**We can use *detailed* asteroseismology  
(coupled with simulations)  
to probe the physics of star and  
stellar cluster formation!**

Thank you!

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