



# Metallicity effect on stellar granulation detected from red giants in open clusters

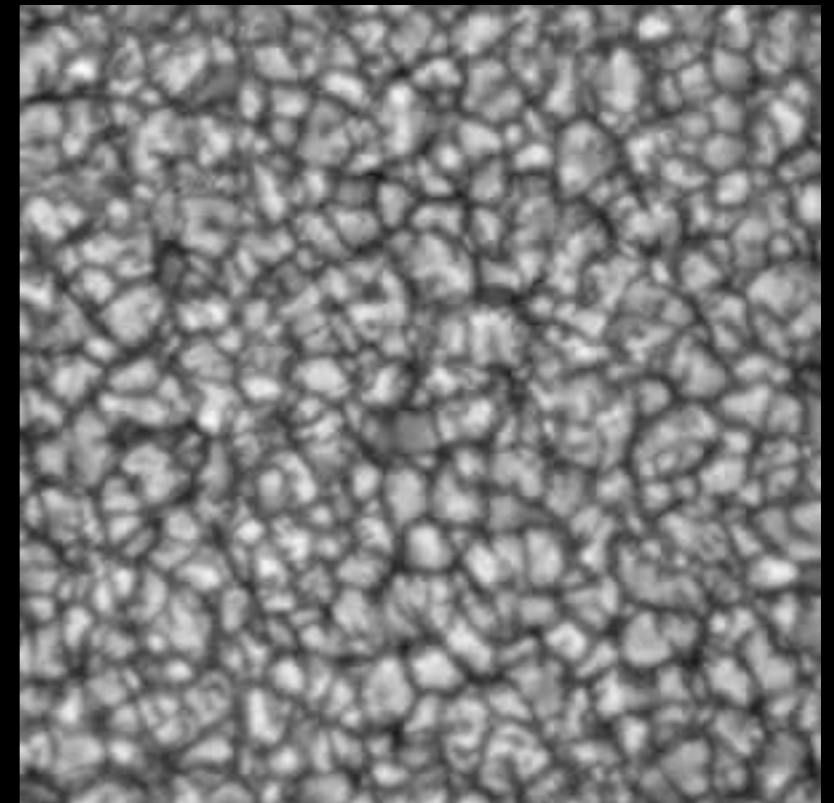
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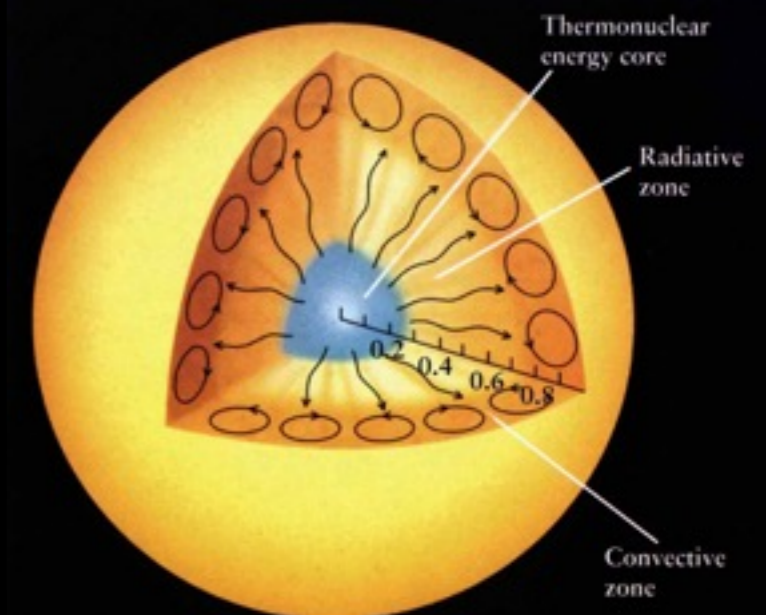
## INTRODUCTION

# STELLAR GRANULATION

- A type of stellar **variability**
- Manifestation of surface convection
- First observed and studied in the Sun  
HERSCHEL 1801; HARVEY 1985
- Typical for low- and intermediate-mass stars (many!!)  
E.G. MATHUR ET AL. 2011; KAROFF ET AL. 2013; KALLINGER ET AL. 2014
- Time-scale accurately probes surface gravity  
BROWN ET AL. 1991; BASTIEN ET AL. 2013; KALLINGER ET AL. 2016
- Understand stellar granulation improves treatment of convection, hence **stellar models**



© SVST SOLAR GRANULATION



# STELLAR GRANULATION

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COLLET ET AL. 2007; TANNER ET AL. 2013; MAGIC ET AL. 2015A,B; LUDWIG & STEFFEN 2016

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LUDWIG 2006

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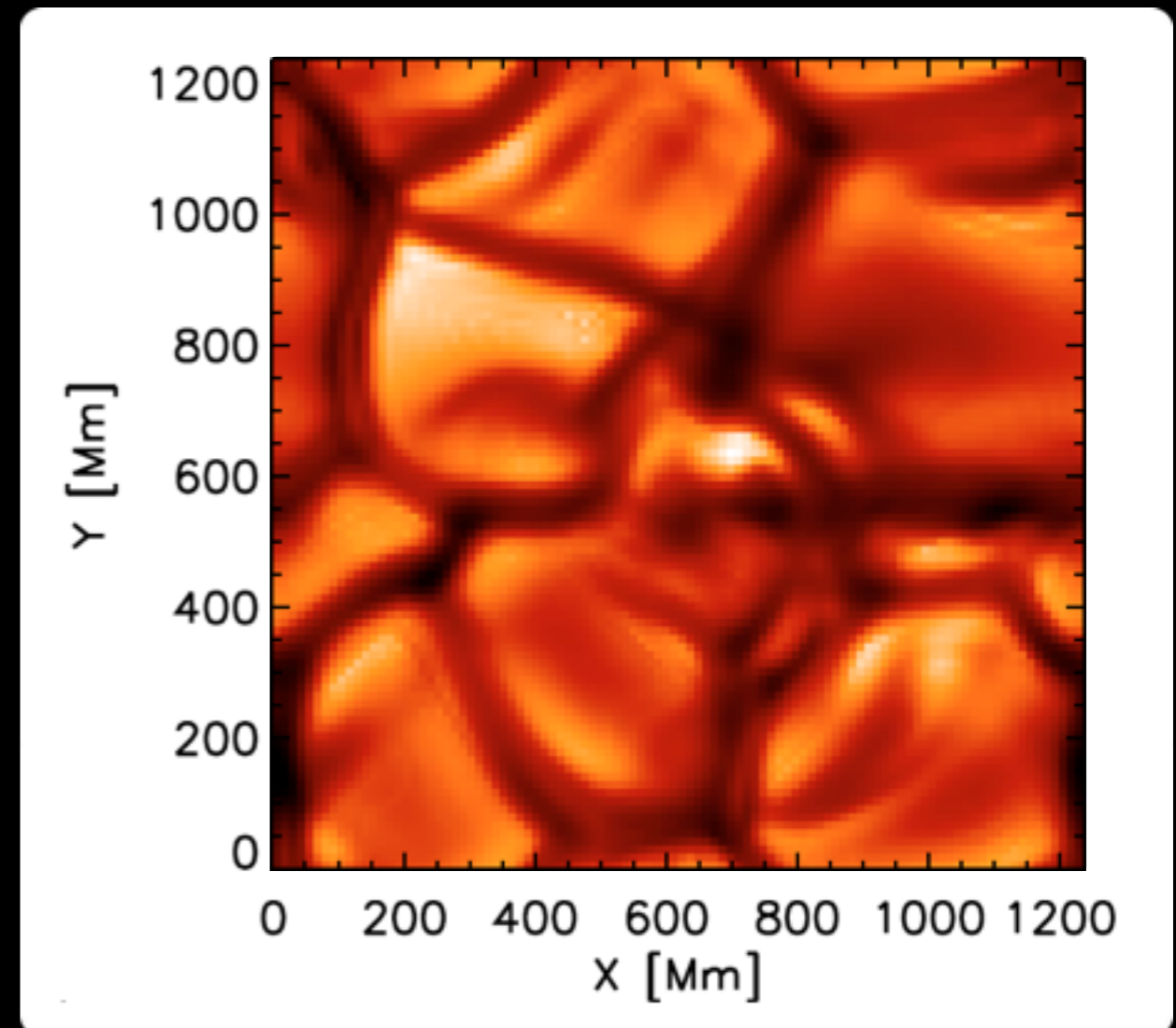
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- No evidence from past observations (e.g. CoRoT, Kepler)

BROWN ET AL. 1991; MATHUR ET AL. 2011;  
BASTIEN ET AL. 2013; KALLINGER ET AL. 2014

Why?

Lack of accurate [Fe/H]  
for many stars



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# SELECTING THE SAMPLE OBSERVATIONS AND DATA

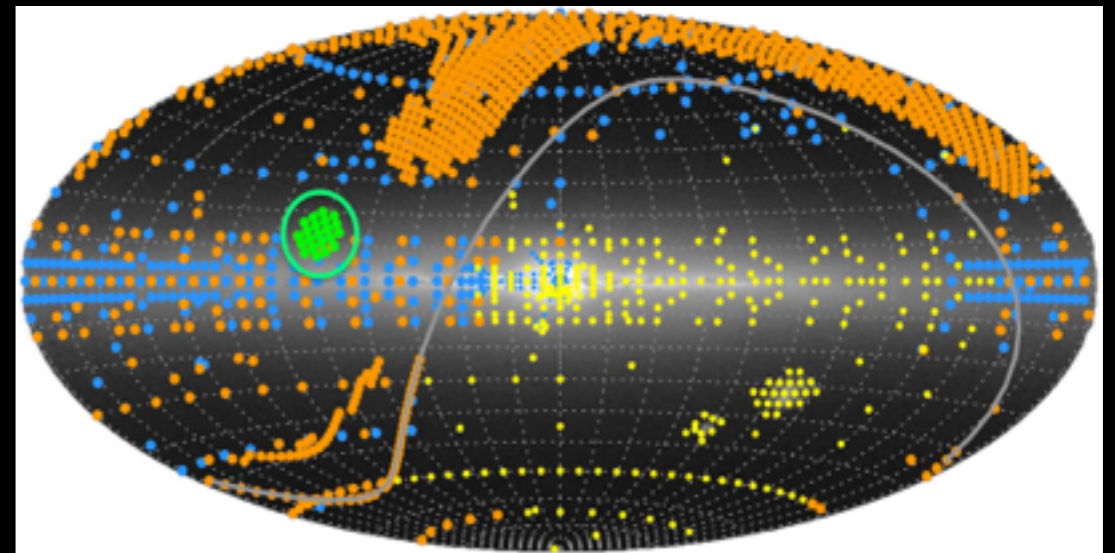
- To better isolate and study effect of  $[Fe/H]$  we need:

stars with homogeneous set  
of stellar properties

accurate  $[Fe/H]$ ,  $T_{\text{eff}}$  for many stars



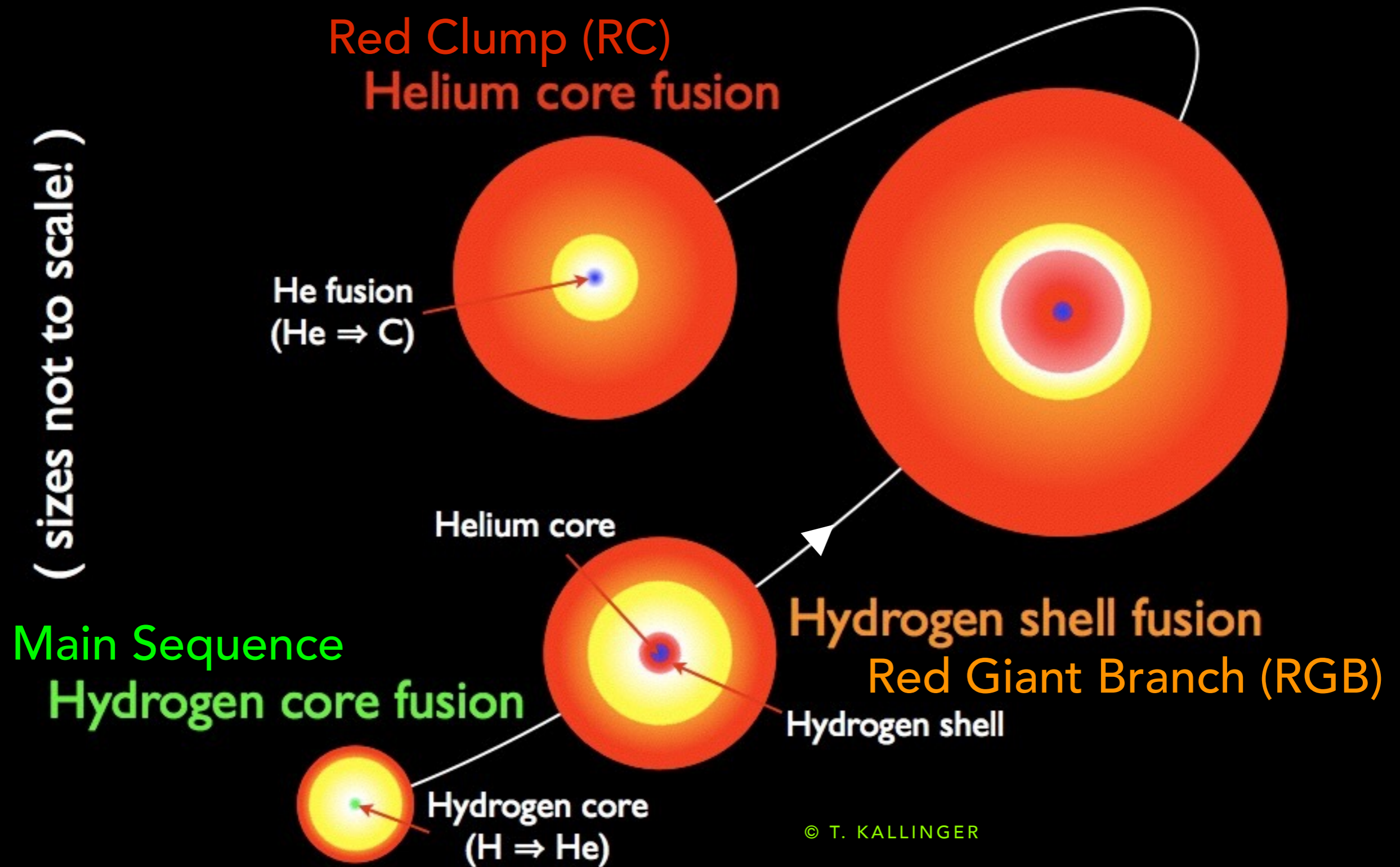
4 years photometry  
with *Kepler*



Spectroscopy with DR13  
APOGEE-2 + KASC

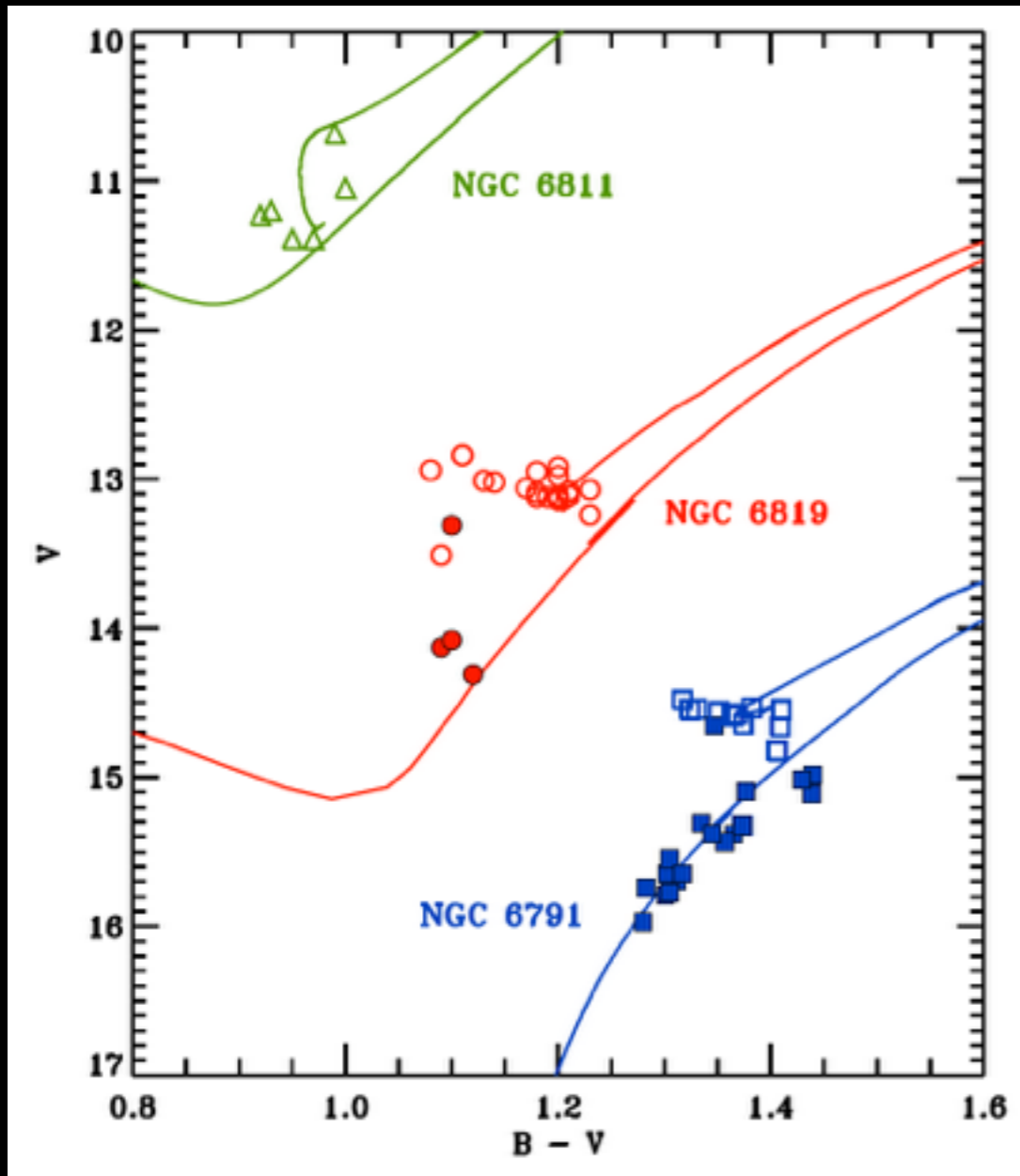
PINSONNEAULT ET AL. 2014

# EVOLVED SOLAR-TYPE STARS RED GIANTS



# SELECTING THE SAMPLE

## OBSERVATIONAL PROPERTIES



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**60 Oscillating  
Red Giants**

- $M_{\text{RG}} \sim 1.1 M_{\text{Sun}}$   
MIGLIO ET AL. 2012
- $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \approx 0.32$  dex  
BROGAARD ET AL. 2011;  
CORSARO ET AL. 2017B

**NGC 6791**

- $M_{\text{RG}} \sim 1.7 M_{\text{Sun}}$   
MIGLIO ET AL. 2012
- $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \approx 0.04$  dex  
BRAGAGLIA ET AL. 2001;  
CORSARO ET AL. 2017B

**NGC 6819**

- $M_{\text{RG}} \sim 2.3 M_{\text{Sun}}$   
STELLO ET AL. 2011A,B
- $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \approx -0.09$  dex  
MOLENDAZAKOWICZ ET AL. 2014;  
CORSARO ET AL. 2017B

**NGC 6811**

# ASTEROSEISMOLOGY

## STELLAR MASSES

- Masses computed from asteroseismology with acoustic modes

$\nu_{\max}$  from **global fit** +  $\Delta\nu$  from **peak bagging**

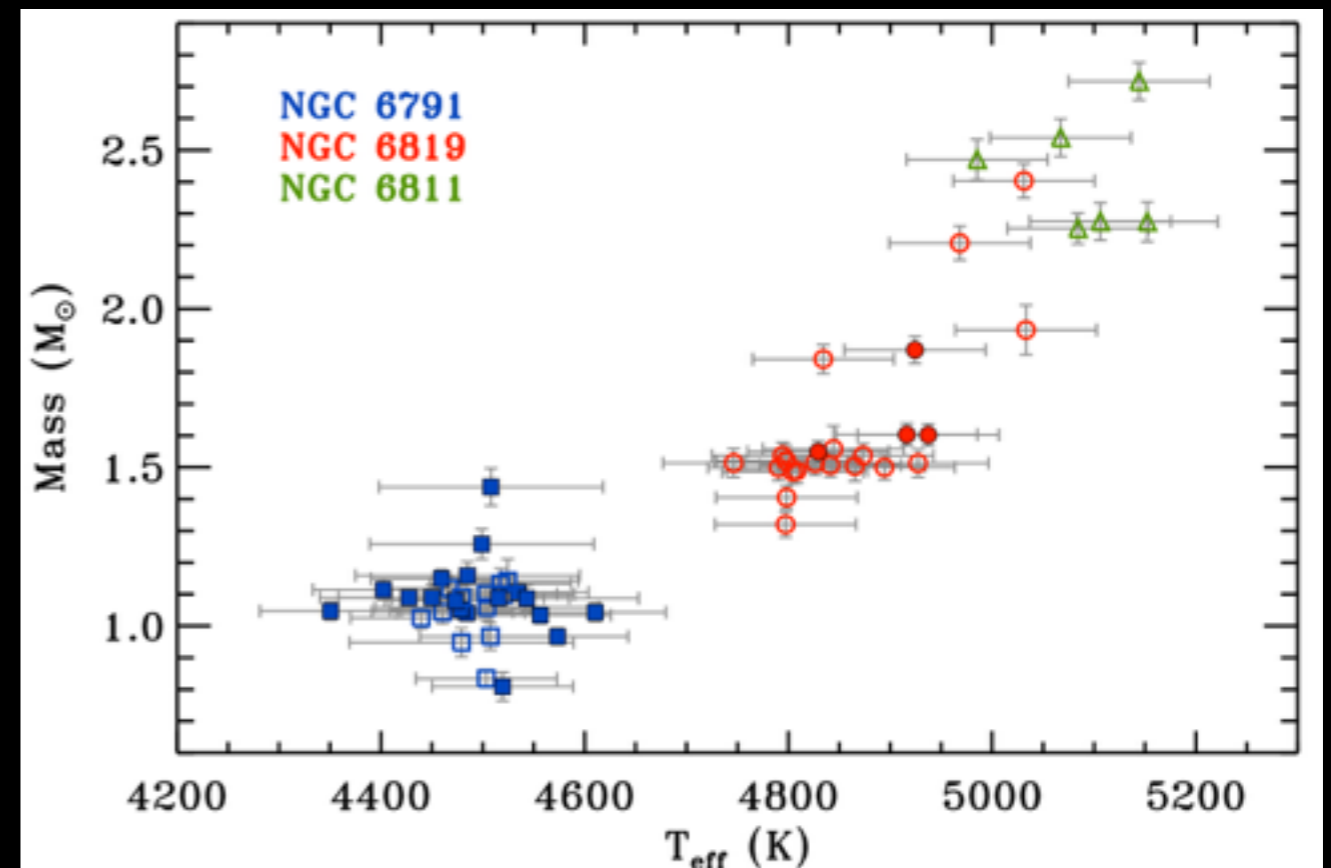
CORSARO ET AL. IN PREP.

- Correction to  $\Delta\nu$  with stellar population synthesis modeling

SHARMA ET AL. 2016

- Precision 3 - 4 %

$$\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} = \left( \frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max,\odot}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\gamma\Delta\nu_{\odot}} \right)^{-4} \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}} \right)^{1.5}$$



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# MEASURING GRANULATION PROPERTIES

## THE BACKGROUND MODELING

- Bayesian inference code **DIAMONDS**  
<https://github.com/EnricoCorsaro/DIAMONDS>

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

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



- Background signal modeled with **granulation** and **meso-granulation**

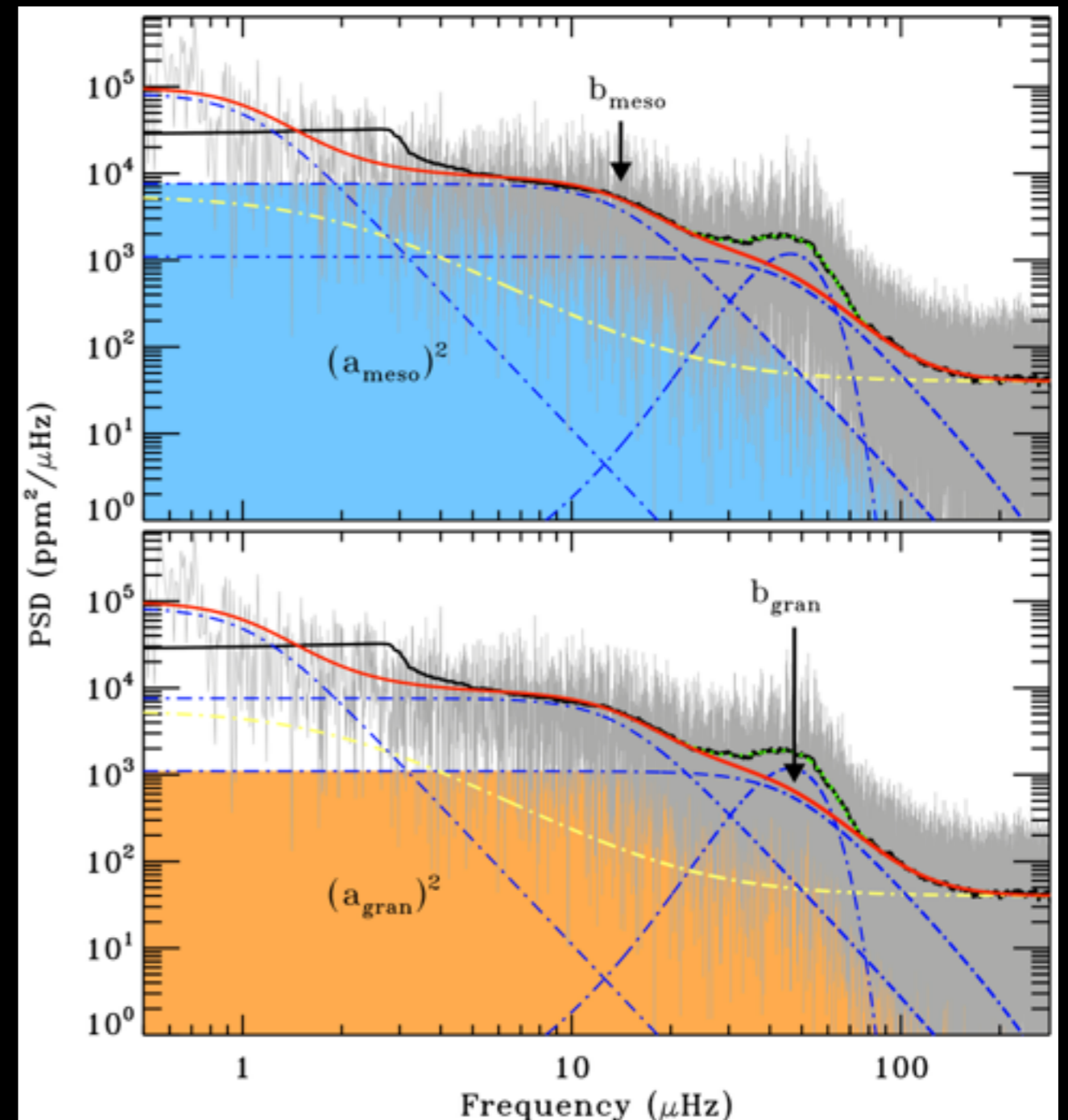
HARVEY 1985; KALLINGER ET AL. 2014; 2016

- Both components scale linearly

$$a_{\text{meso}}/a_{\text{gran}} = 1.31 \pm 0.18$$

$$b_{\text{meso}}/b_{\text{gran}} = 0.32 \pm 0.04$$

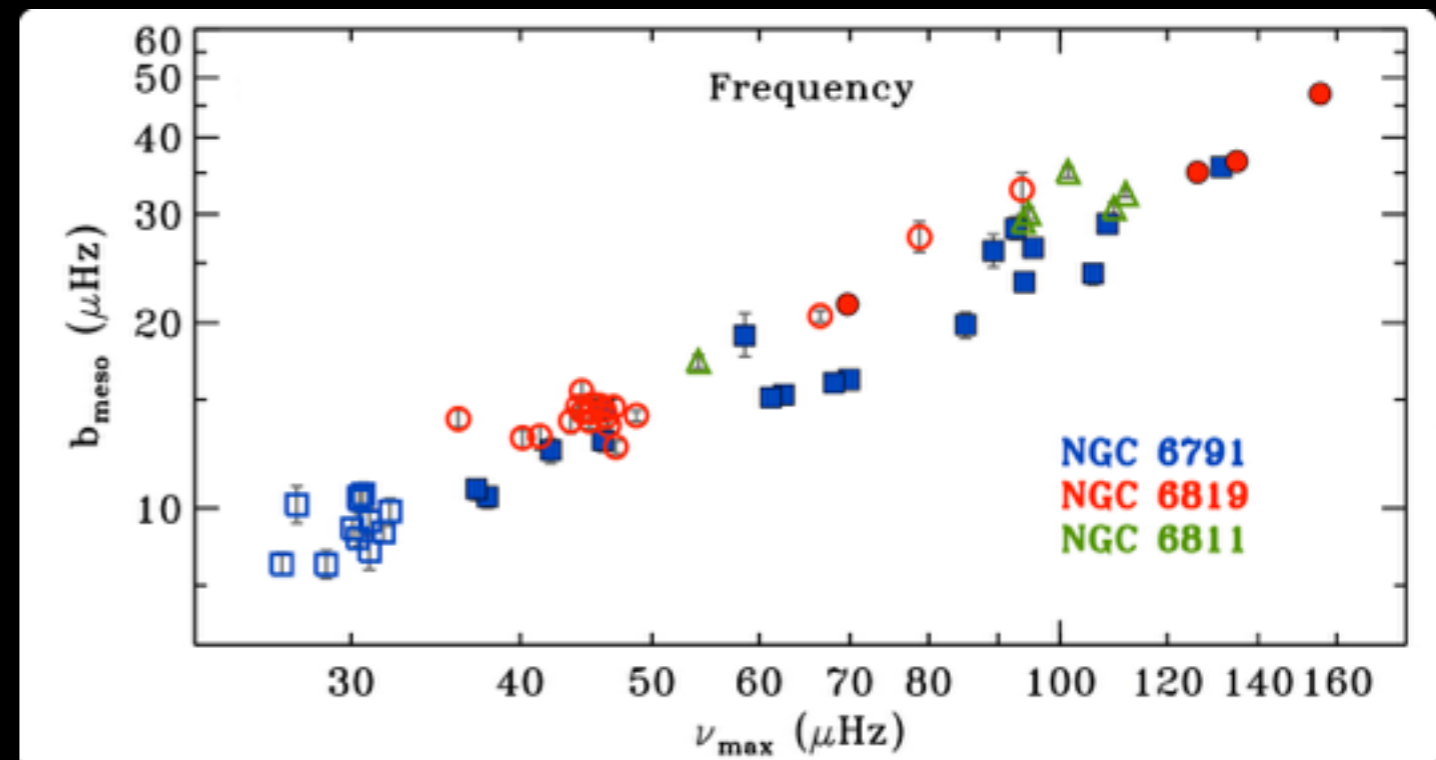
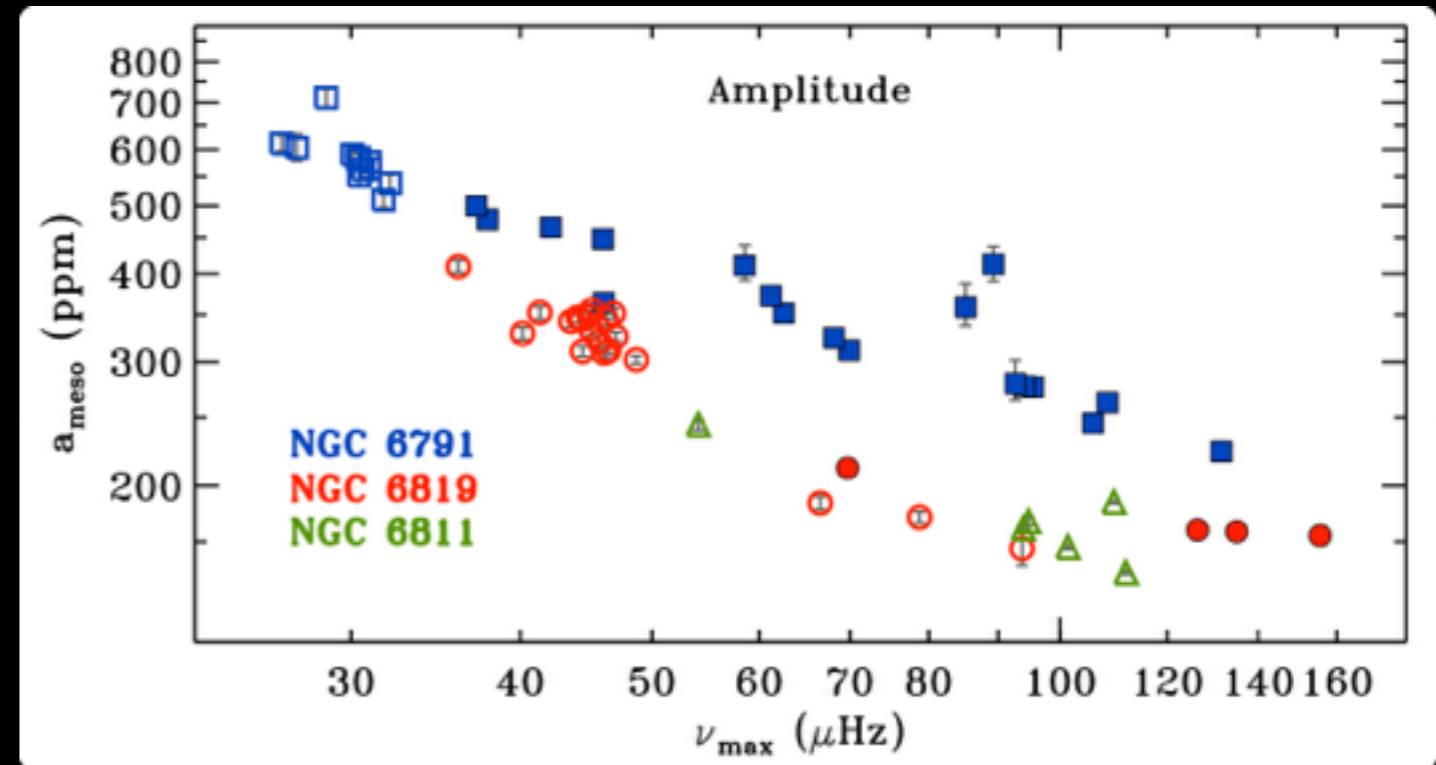
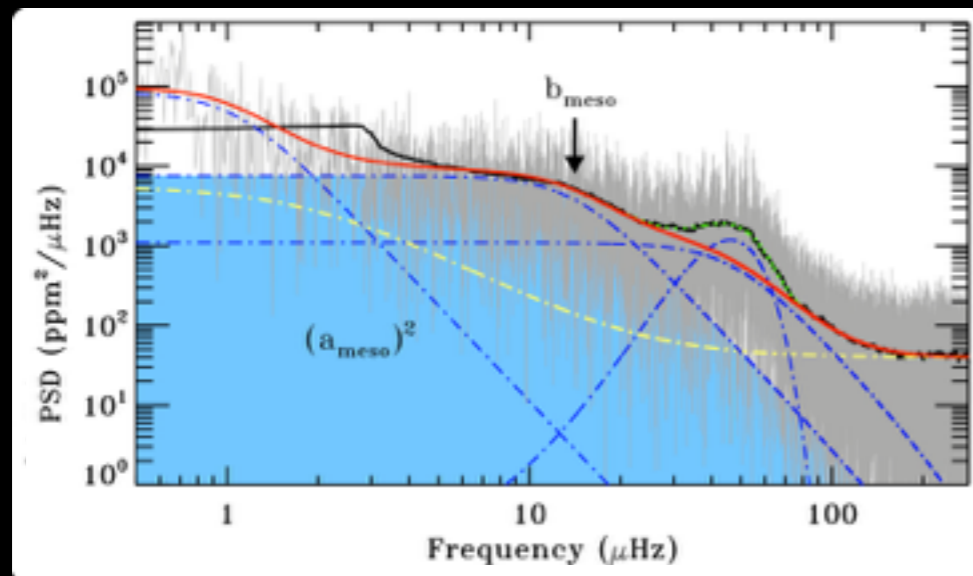
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# THE MESO-GRANULATION SIGNAL BACKGROUND FIT RESULTS

- Two distinct groups, mostly coinciding with the two different  $[Fe/H]$  regimes
- Difference systematic along surface gravity range  
 **$2.3 < \log g < 3.1$**



## GENERAL SCALING RELATIONS

$$\left( \frac{a_{\text{meso}}}{a_{\text{meso},\odot}} \right) = \beta \left( \frac{\nu_{\text{max}}}{\nu_{\text{max},\odot}} \right)^s \left( \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^t e^{u[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]}$$

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LINEARIZATION

$$\ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{meso}}}{a_{\text{meso},\odot}} \right) = \ln \beta + s \ln \left( \frac{\nu_{\text{max}}}{\nu_{\text{max},\odot}} \right) + t \ln \left( \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right) + u[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$$

TOTAL UNCERTAINTY

$$\tilde{\sigma}_a^2(s, t, u) = \tilde{\sigma}_{a_{\text{meso}}}^2 + s^2 \tilde{\sigma}_{\nu_{\text{max}}}^2 + t^2 \tilde{\sigma}_M^2 + u^2 \tilde{\sigma}_{[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]}^2$$

CORSARO ET AL. 2013; BONANNO ET AL. 2014

## SELECTING THE BEST MODEL

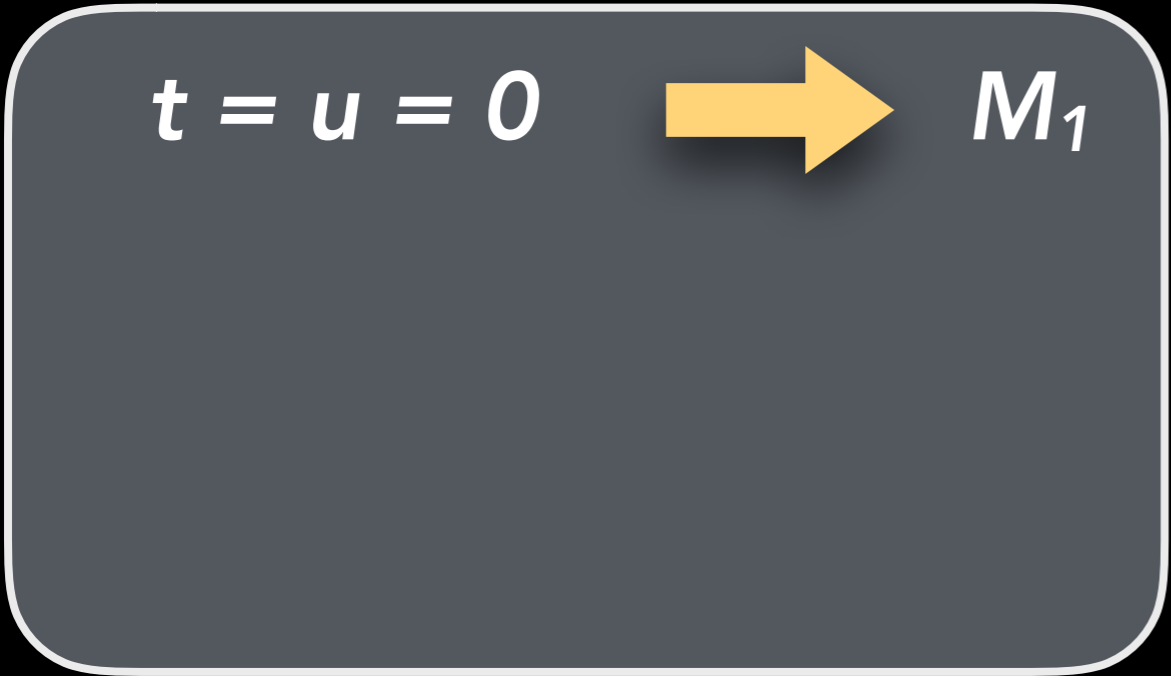
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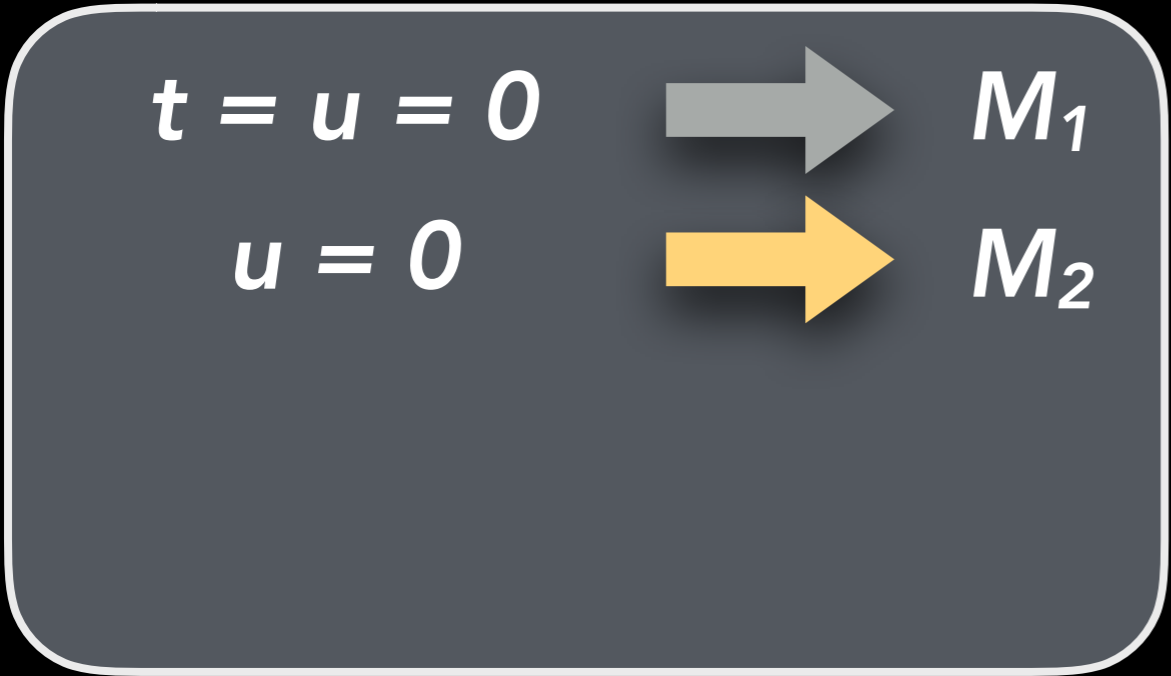


surf. gravity

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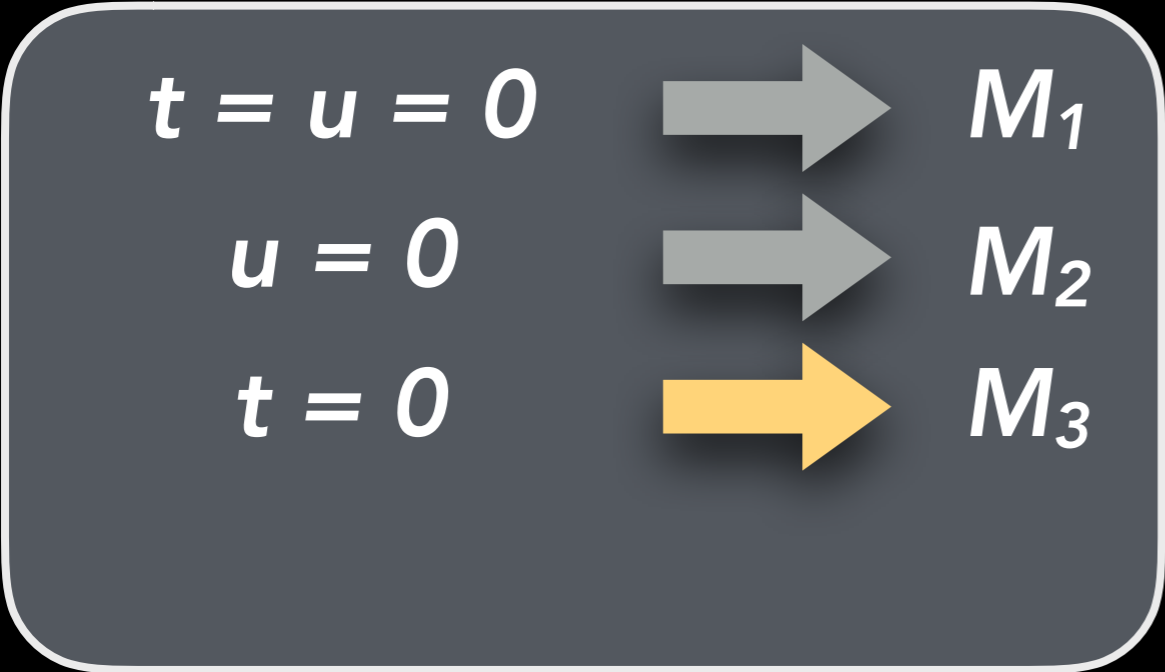
surf. gravity

+ mass

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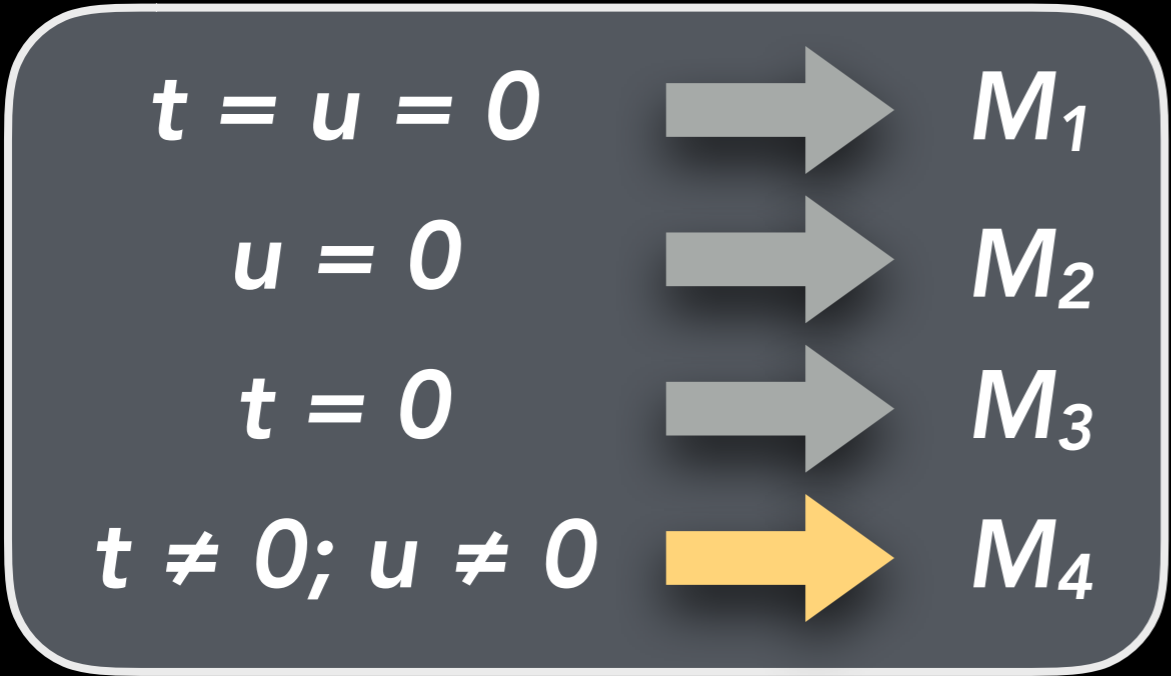
+ metallicity



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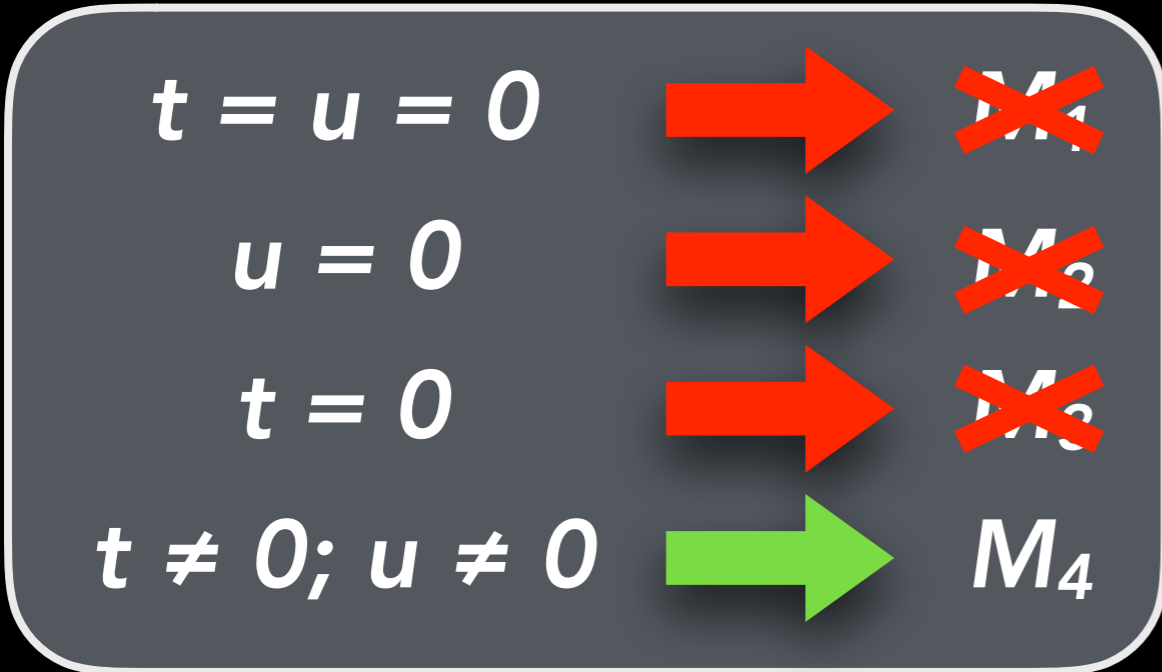
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+ mass & metallicity

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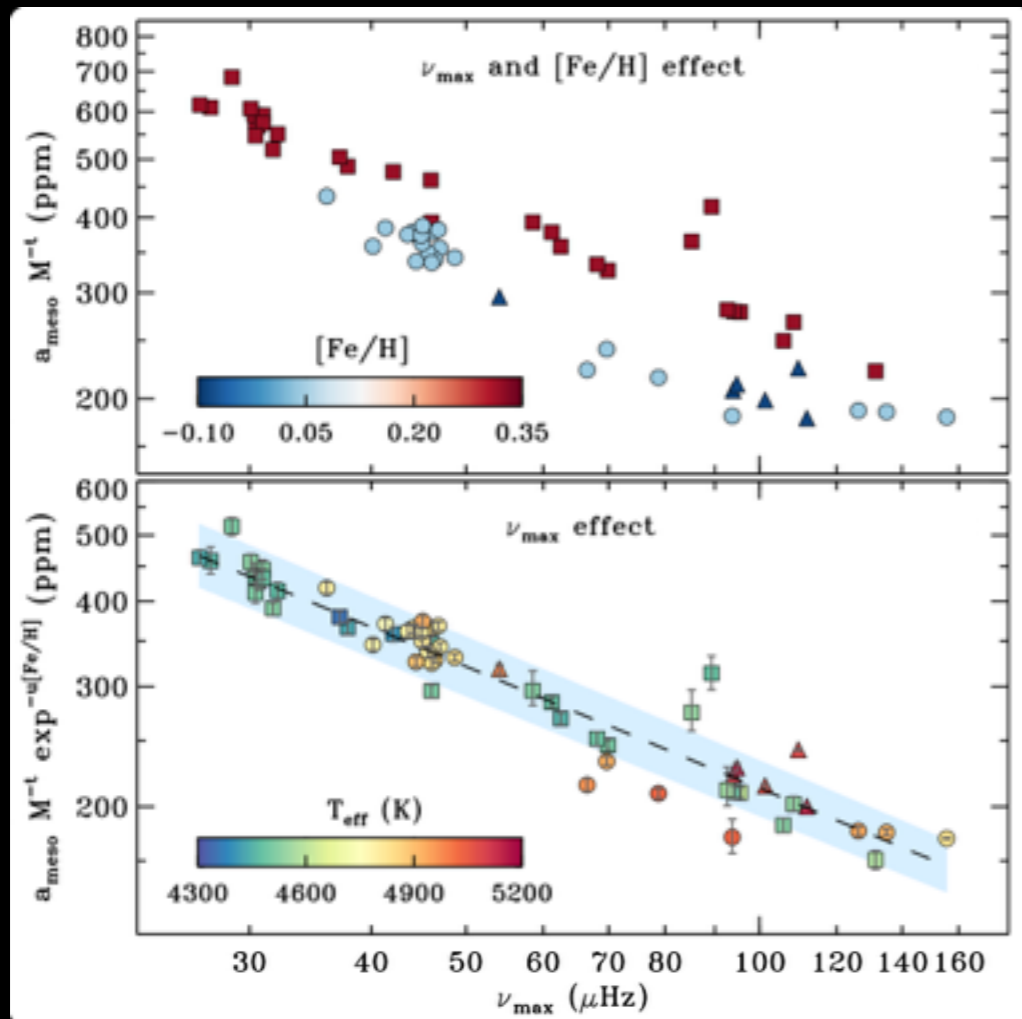
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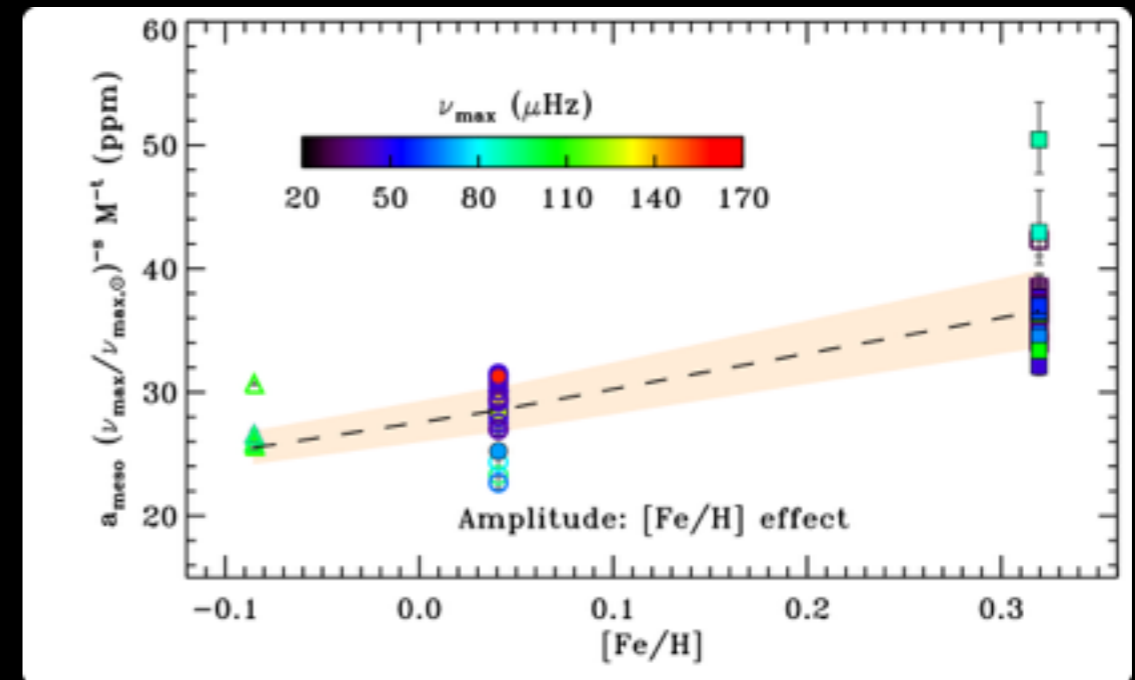
ODDS RATIO

$$O_{ij} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_i \pi_i}{\mathcal{E}_j \pi_j}$$

# RESULTS FROM THE FAVORED SCALING RELATION METALLICITY EFFECT ON AMPLITUDE



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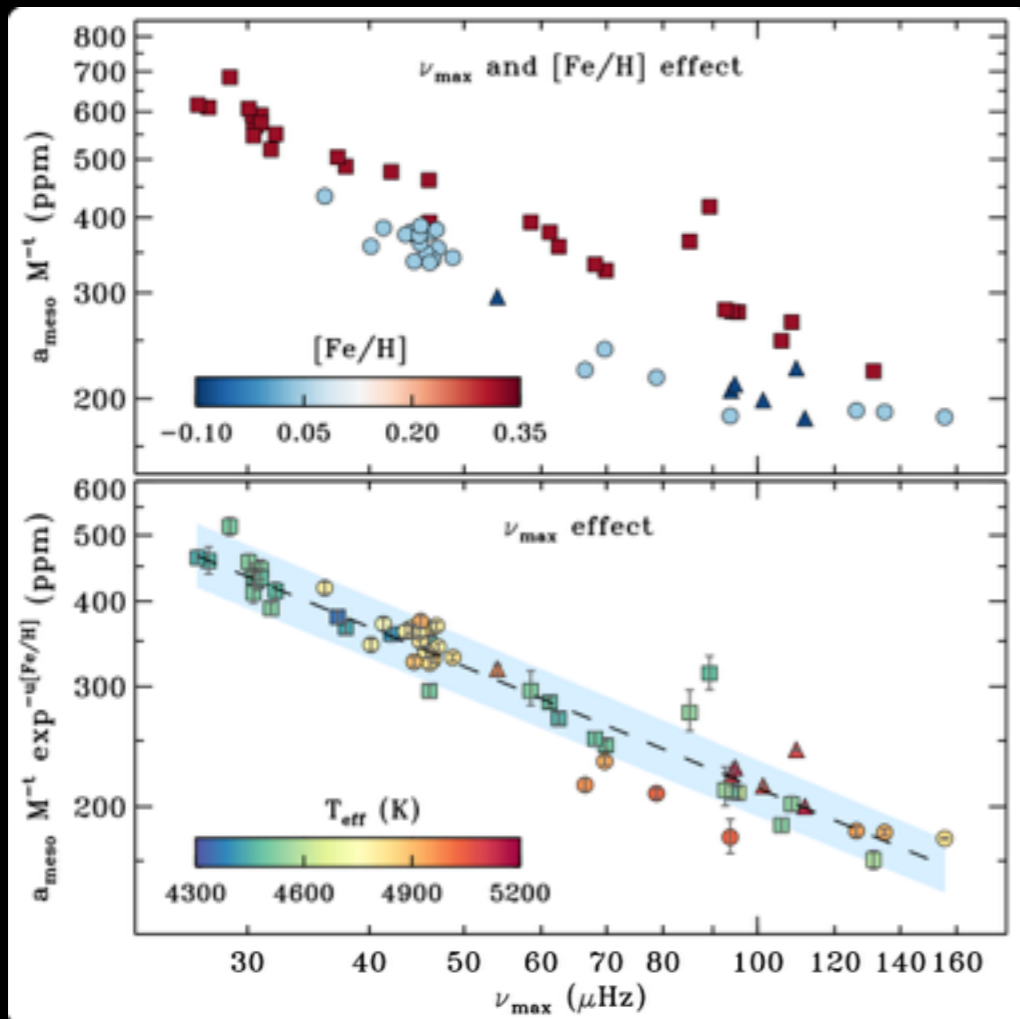
- Amplitude increases with increasing  $[Fe/H]$
- No dependency on ev. stage (RC vs RGB)

$$s = -0.59^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$$

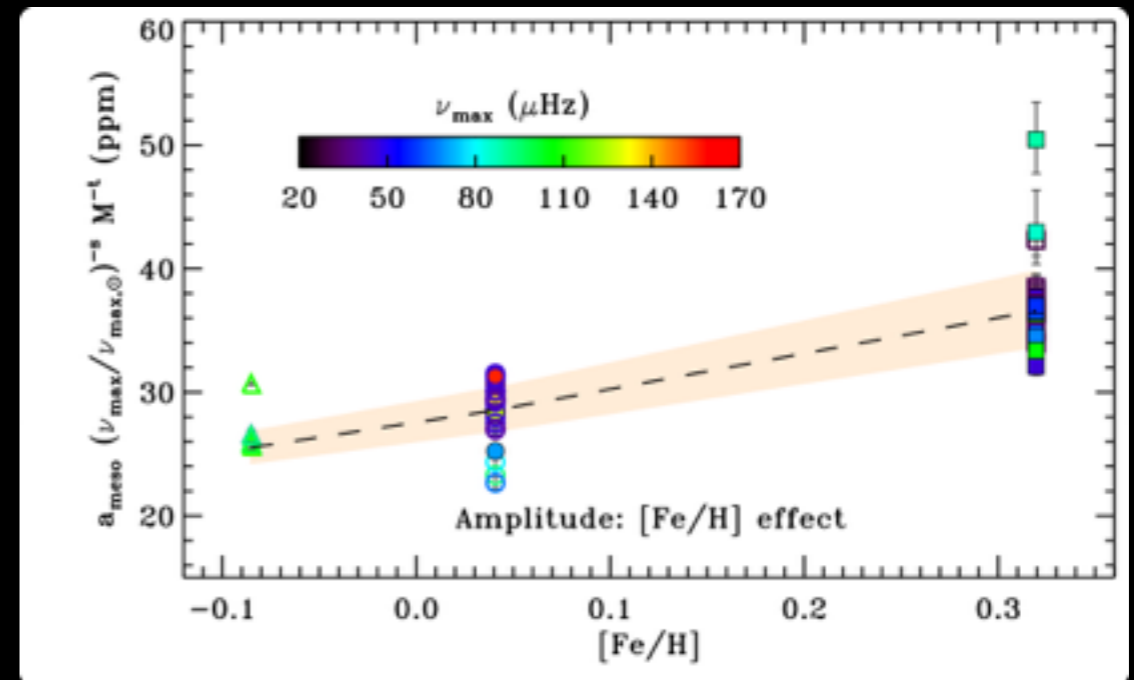
$$a_{\text{gran}} \propto \nu_{\text{max}}^{-0.5}$$

KALLINGER ET AL. 2014

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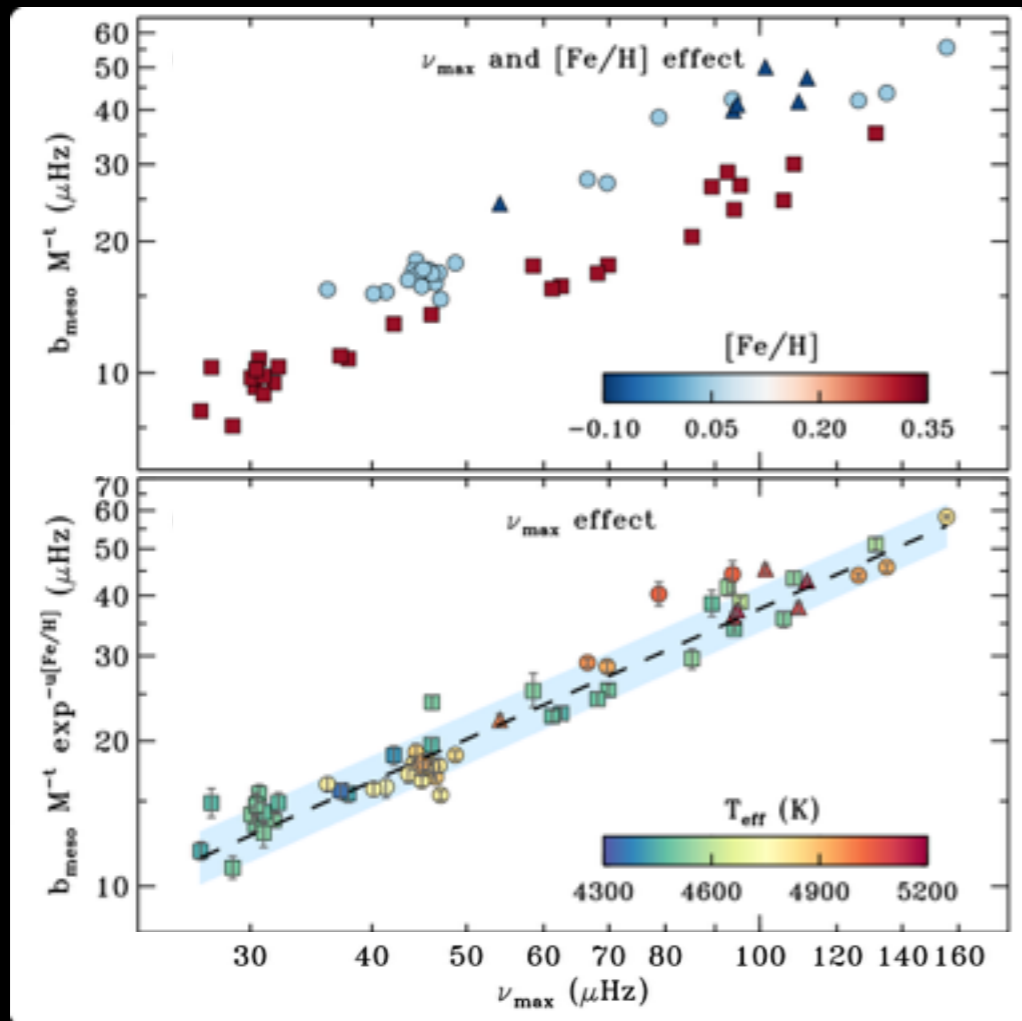
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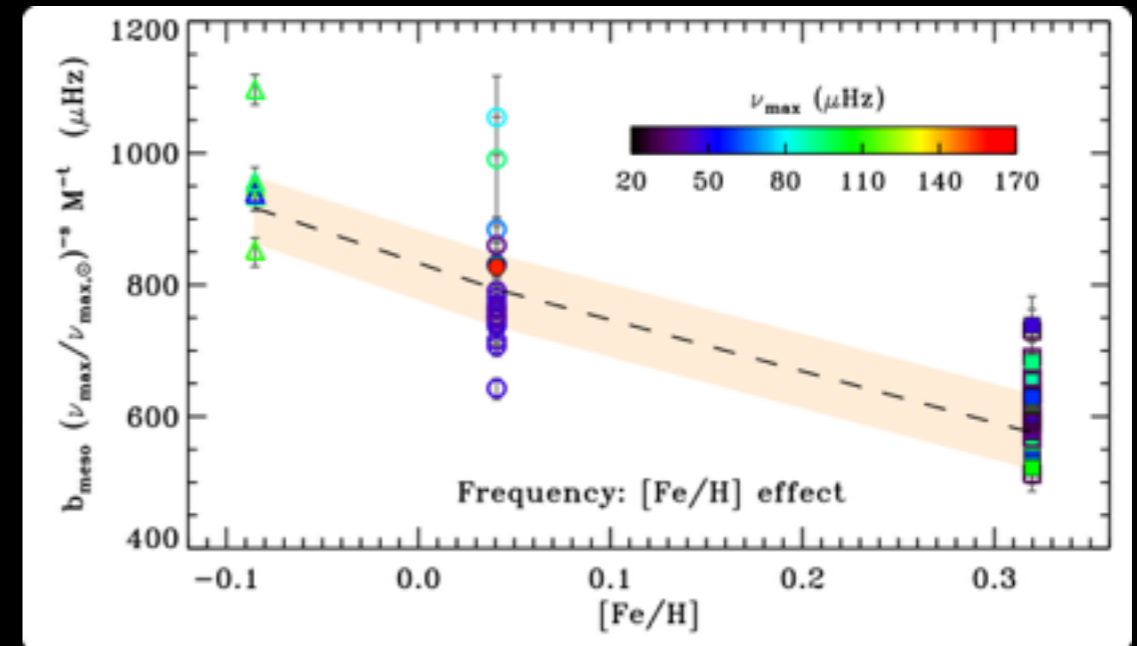
$$u = 0.89^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$$

- Amplitude increases with increasing **[Fe/H]**
- No dependency on ev. stage (RC vs RGB)
- 11% increase in amplitude for 0.32 dex increase in [Fe/H] vs. 12% from 3D HD simulations  
LUDWIG & STEFFEN 2016
- Metallicity dependence 1.5 times stronger than **g**

# RESULTS FROM THE FAVORED SCALING RELATION METALLICITY EFFECT ON FREQUENCY



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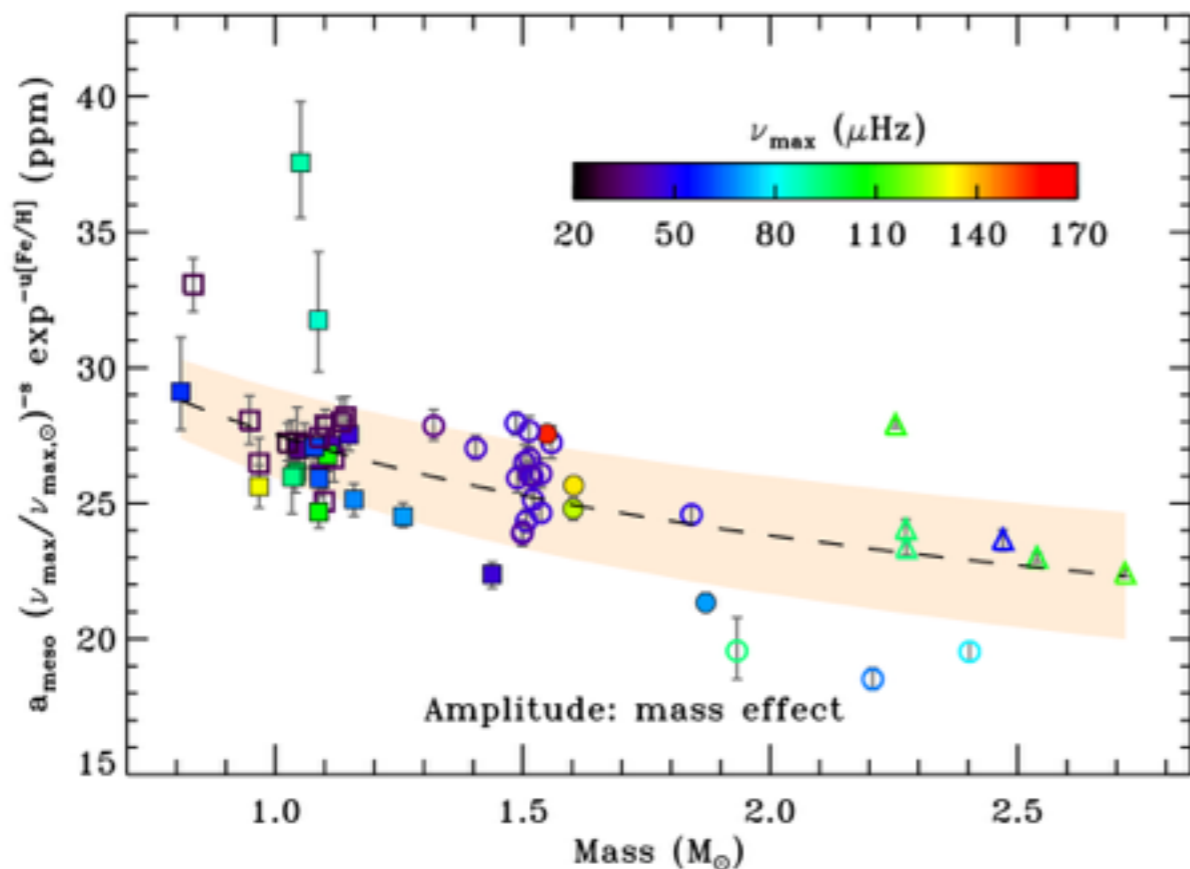
- Frequency decreases with increasing  $[Fe/H]$
- No clear evidence from 3D HD simulations  
LUDWIG & STEFFEN 2016
- Metallicity dependence has strength comparable to that of  $g$
- No dependency on ev. stage (RC vs RGB)

$$s = 0.90^{+0.01}_{-0.01} \quad b_{\max} \propto \nu_{\max}$$

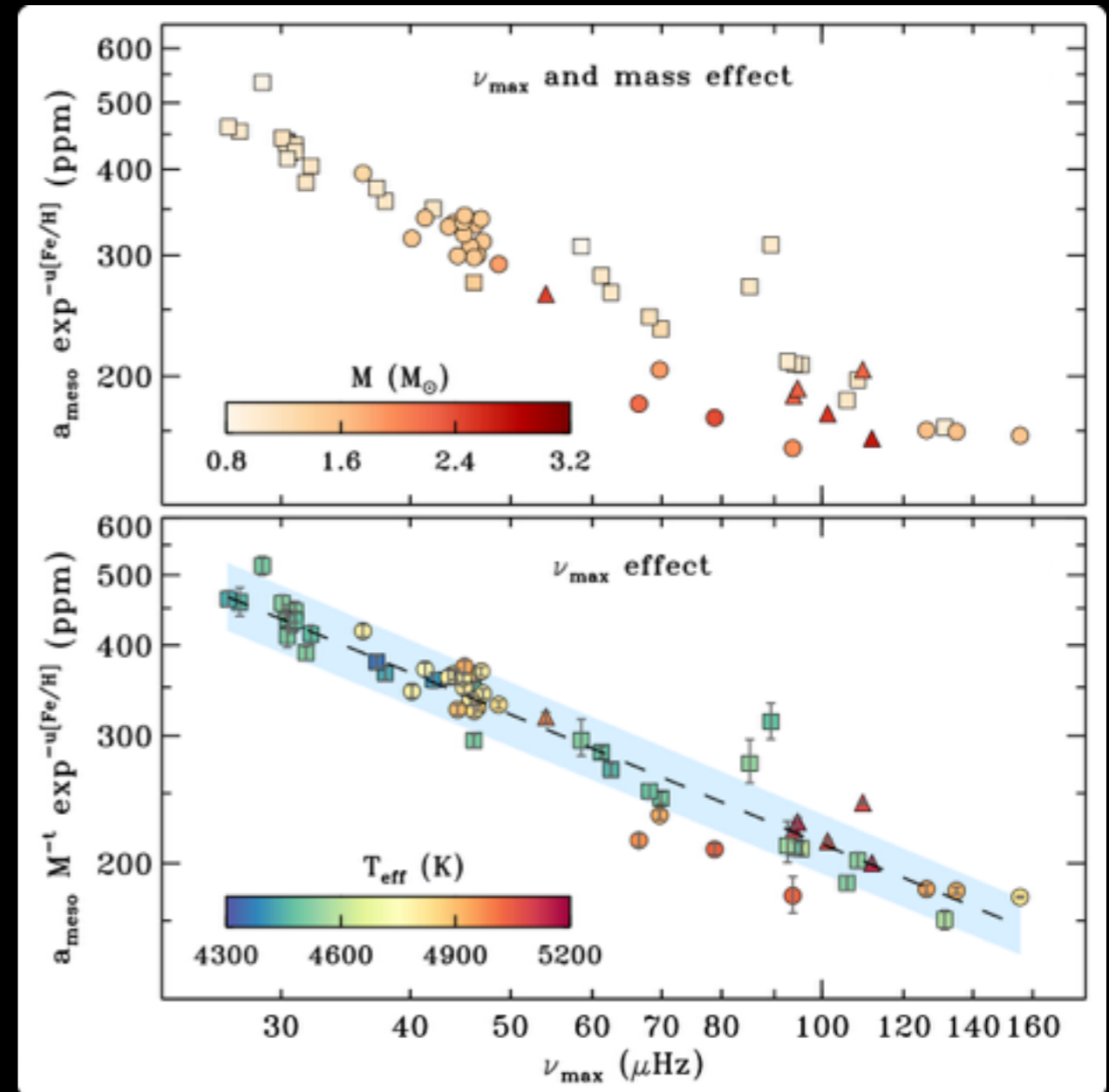
$$u = -1.15^{+0.12}_{-0.10}$$

# RESULTS FROM THE FAVORED SCALING RELATION MASS (RADIUS) EFFECT ON AMPLITUDE

- Amplitude decreases with increasing  $M$   
KALLINGER ET AL. 2014
- Real effect comes from increasing  $R$  for constant  $g$



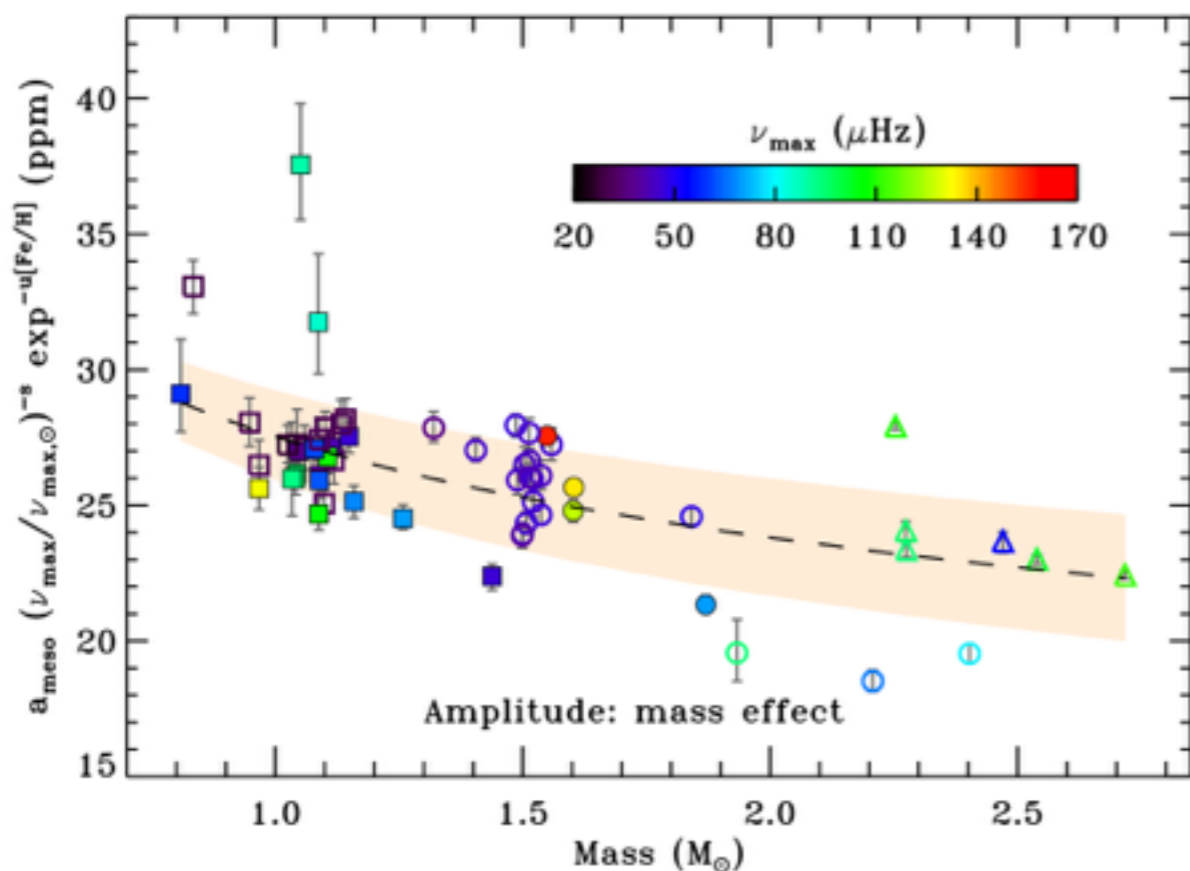
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$$a_{\text{gran}} \propto n_{\text{gran}}^{-0.5}$$

$$n_{\text{gran}} \propto R^2$$

$$a_{\text{gran}} \propto R^{-1}$$

$$g \propto MR^{-2}$$

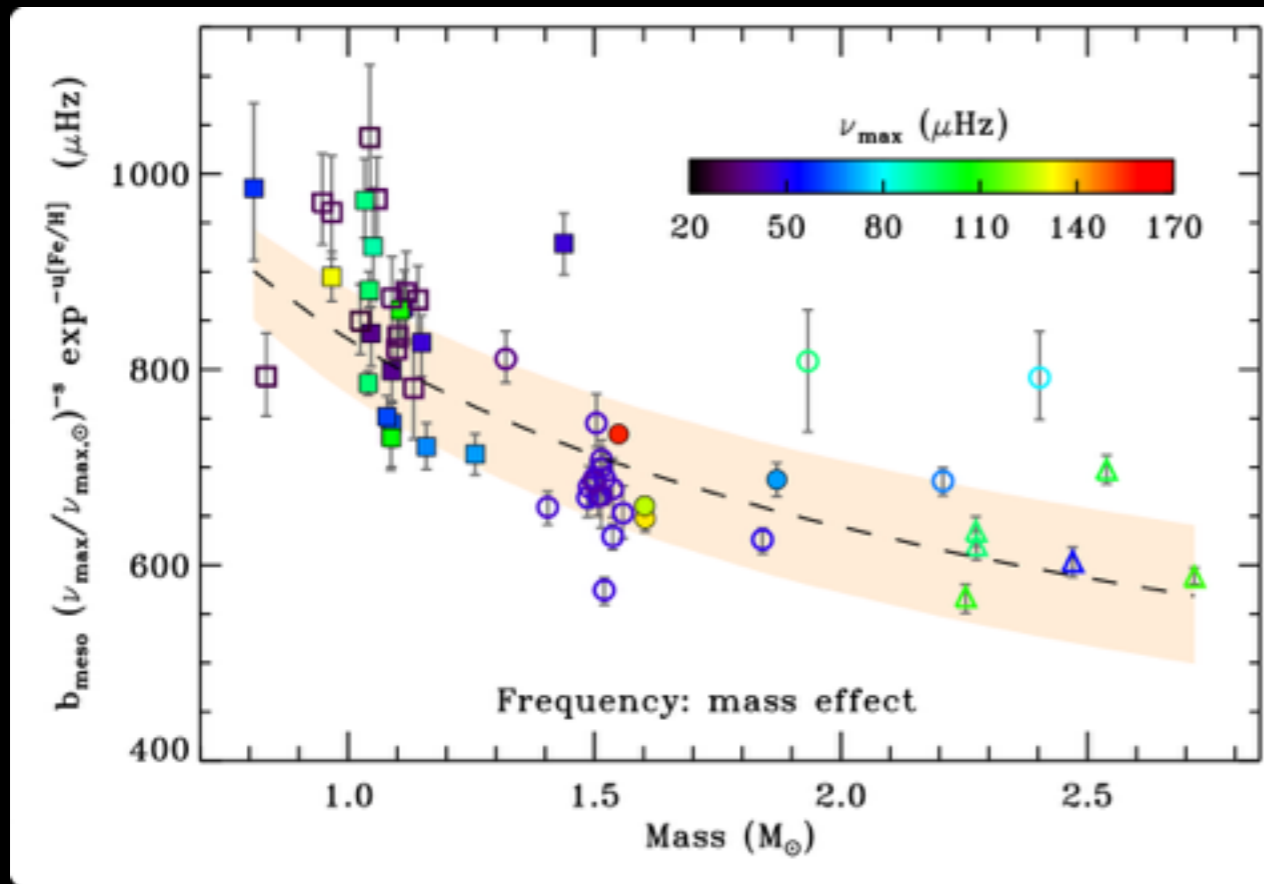
CONSTANT

$$a_{\text{gran}} \propto M^{-0.5}$$

$$t = -0.21^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$$

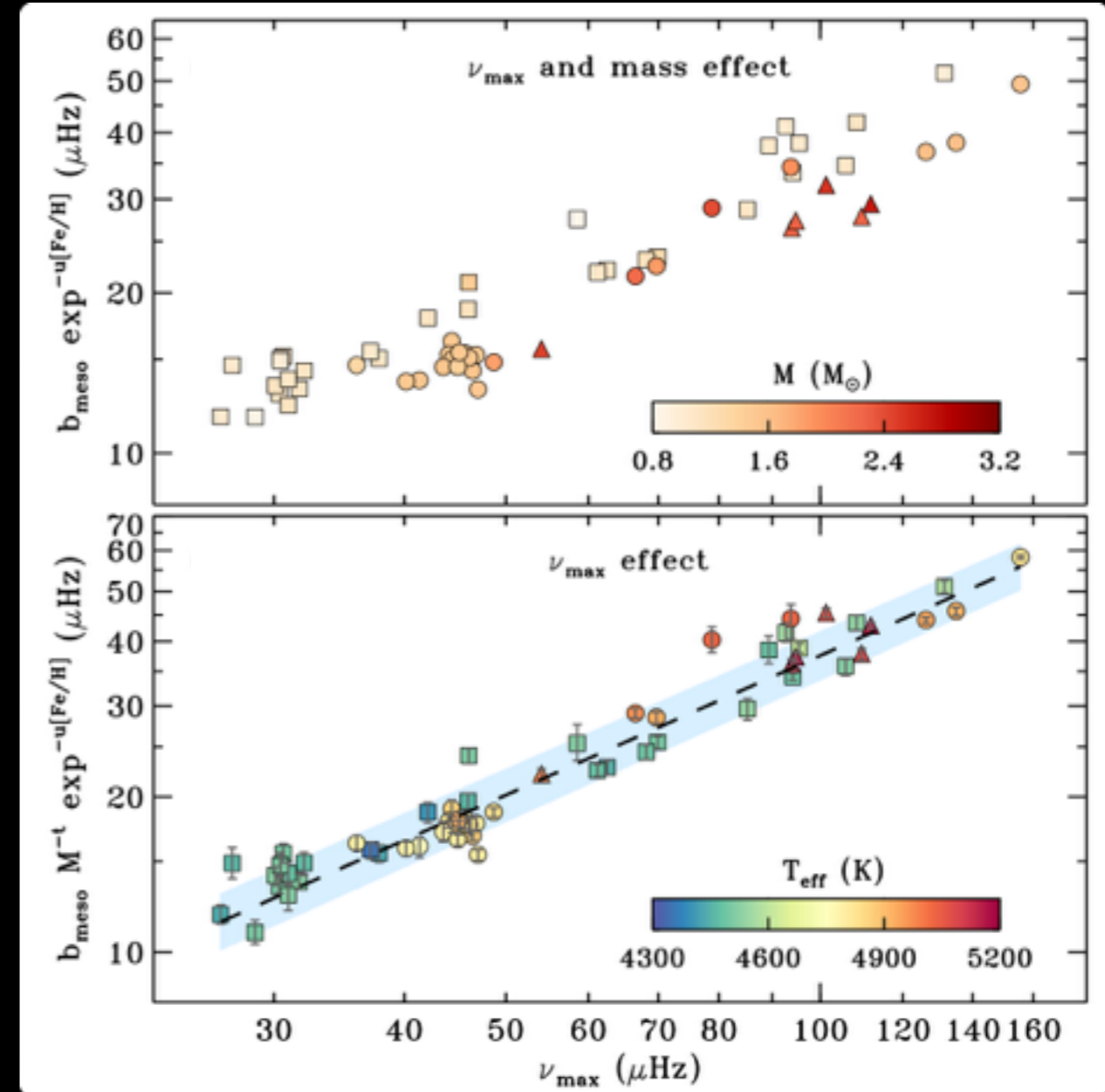
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- Frequency decreases with increasing  $M$  (like amplitude)
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$$t = -0.38^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$$



# SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

- Both metallicity and mass play a **significant** role in changing the granulation properties — [Fe/H] more important

$a_{\text{meso}}, a_{\text{gran}}$



[Fe/H]



$a_{\text{meso}}, a_{\text{gran}}$



$M$



because

$R$



$b_{\text{meso}}, b_{\text{gran}}$



[Fe/H]



$b_{\text{meso}}, b_{\text{gran}}$



$M$



because

$R$



In agreement with simulations

Needs more/new models to compare

- No influence from ev. stage — Granulation depends on **atmospheric** parameters **only**

# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- We can obtain accurate+precise **surface gravity** for many stars
- If accurate+precise **radii** provided (e.g. asteroseismology, interferometry), we get accurate+precise **mass**
- If mass known, scaling relations can be used to estimate **[Fe/H]** for large samples of stars without spectroscopy

Thank you!

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