



COnstrain STellar physics using all-sky AsteRoseismology

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Fellowship on stellar physics

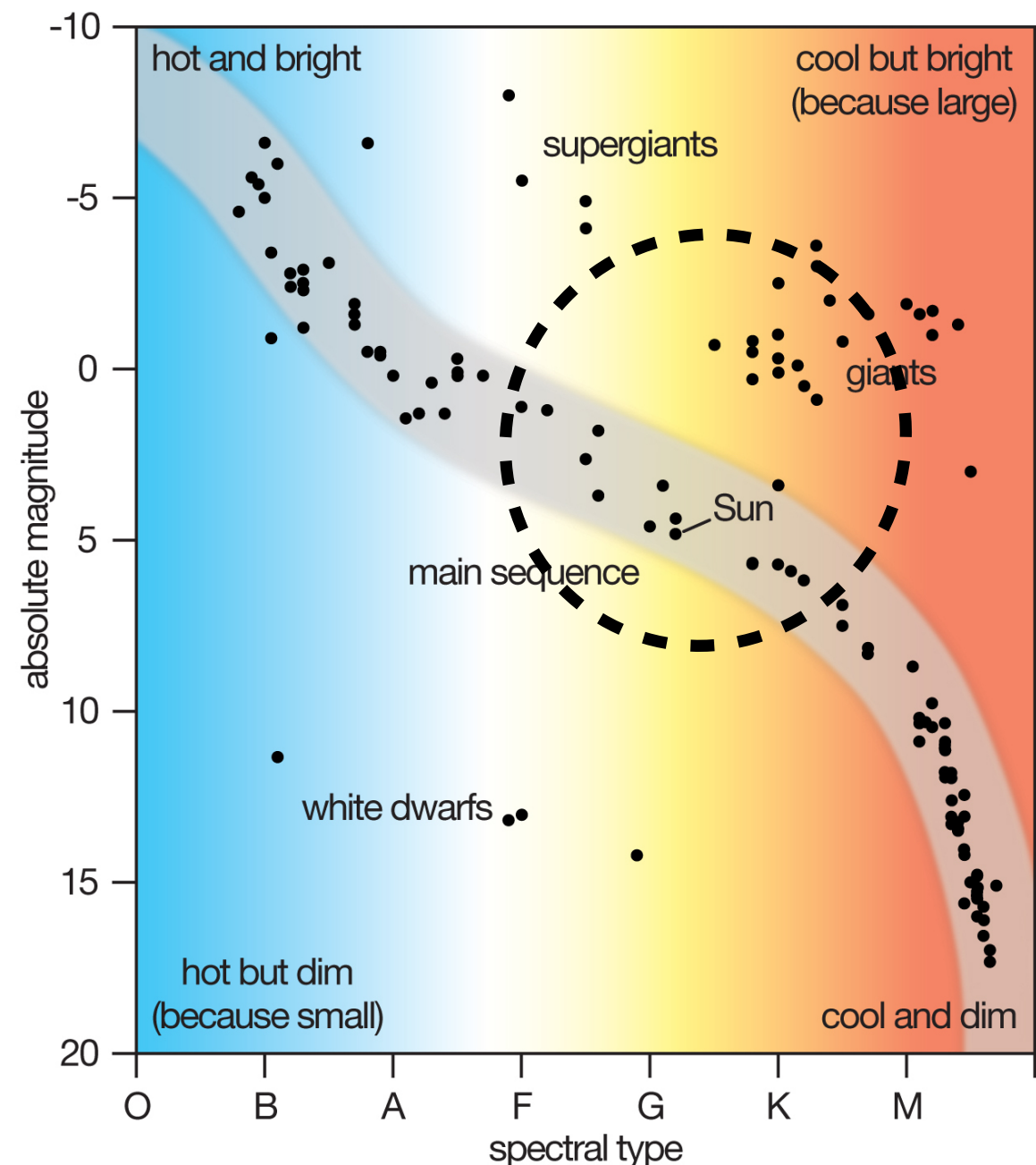
- I was working at CEA Saclay (Paris) when I applied for AstroFIt2
- Applied for 1st call
- Fellowship conducted between October 2016 and September 2019
- I started my contract right after the end of my postdoc at CEA
- Excellent opportunity to come back to my home institution and conduct my research with optimal resources

Scientific Objectives

- Use asteroseismology for a large number of stars (order 10^3) from past and ongoing space missions to improve our understanding of:
 - stellar rotation and angular momentum evolution
 - stellar convection
- Couple results with spectroscopic measurements of stellar atmospheric parameters

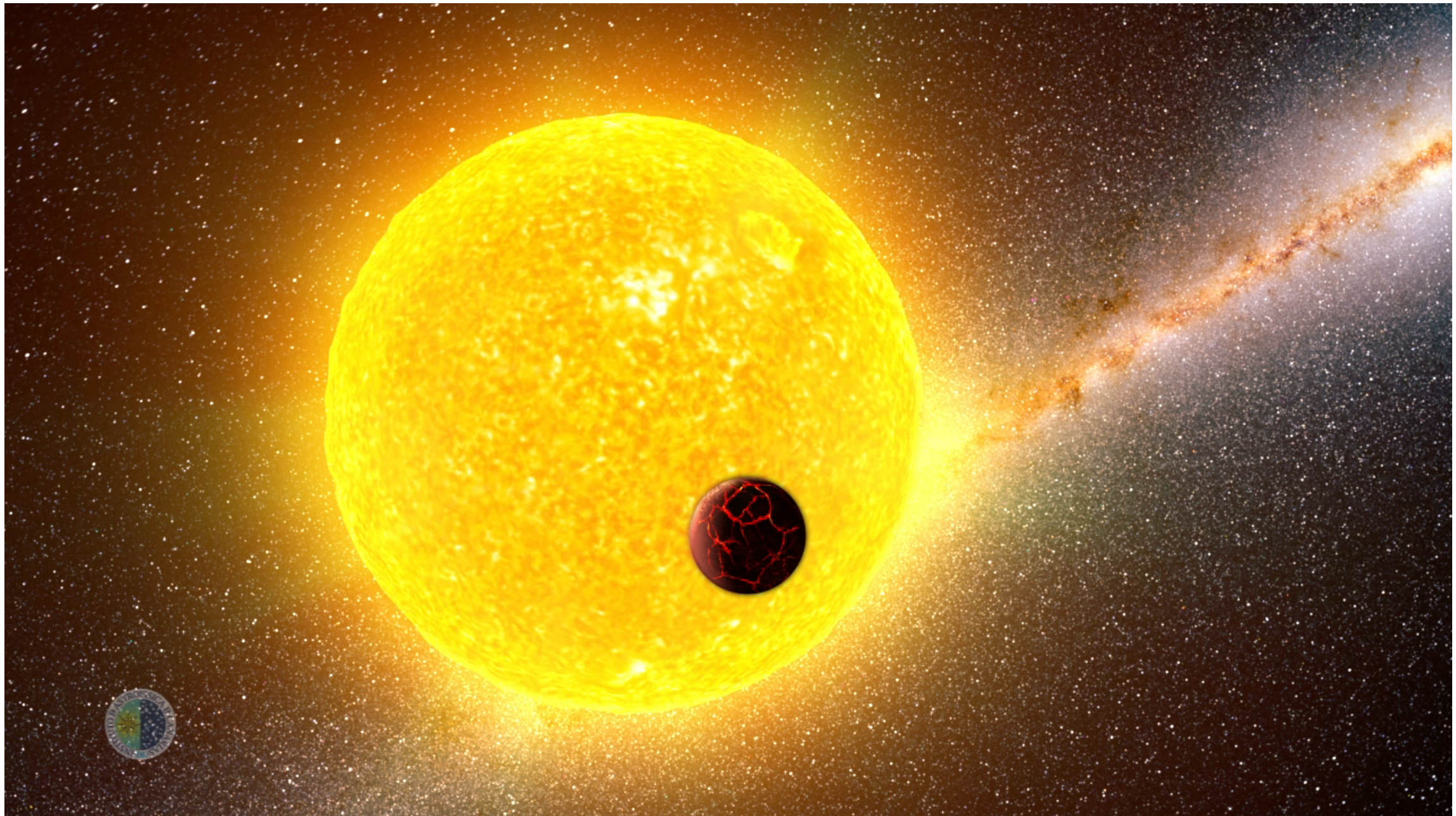
Asteroseismology

- Most stars with $M \sim 1-3 M_{\text{Sun}}$ oscillate like the Sun
- Oscillations are caused by surface convective motions
- ~ 100 K stars known today
- Space missions MOST, CoRoT, NASA *Kepler*, K2, TESS, BRITE
- More to follow: ESA CHEOPS (2020), PLATO (2026) space missions



Asteroseismology

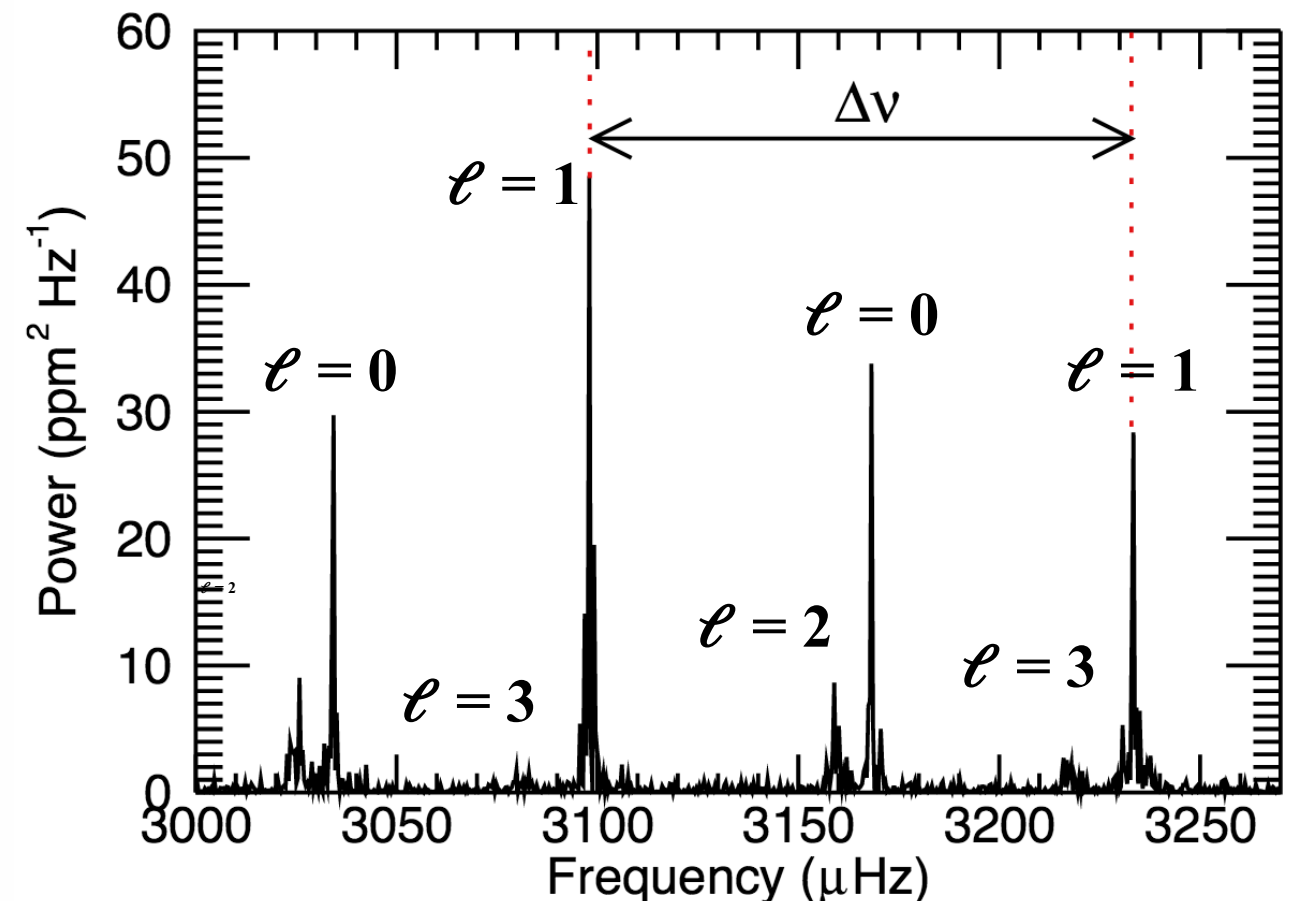
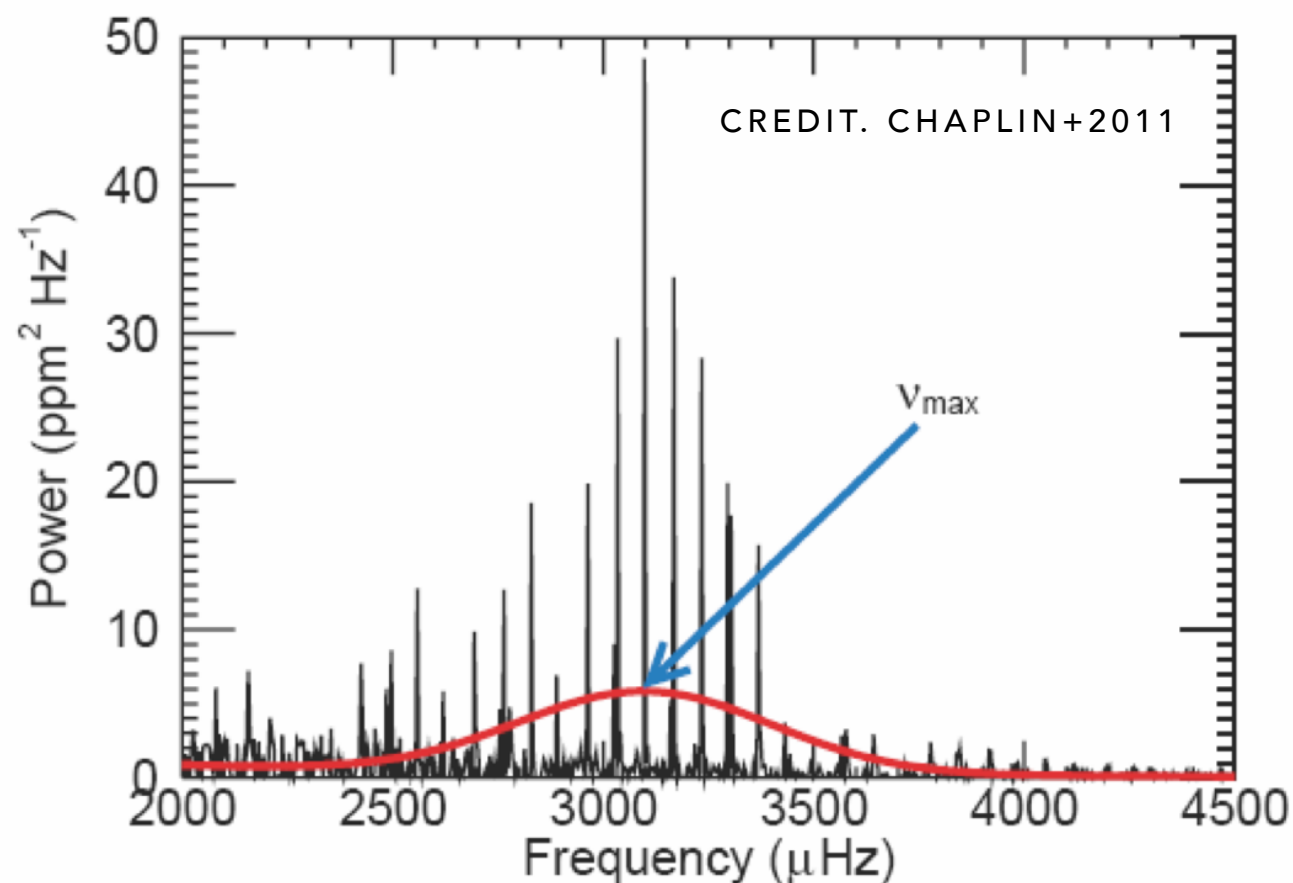
- Acoustic modes (*p modes*) excited by surface convection



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Asteroseismology

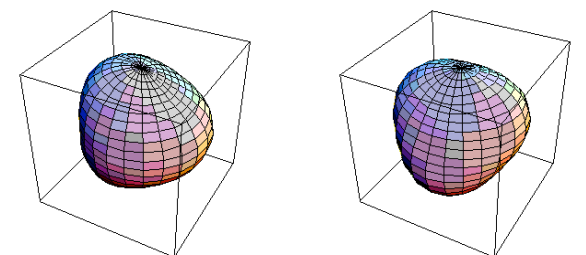
- Luminosity and RV variations can be measured over time. FFT produces PSD



- Global asteroseismic parameters yield stellar mass and radius

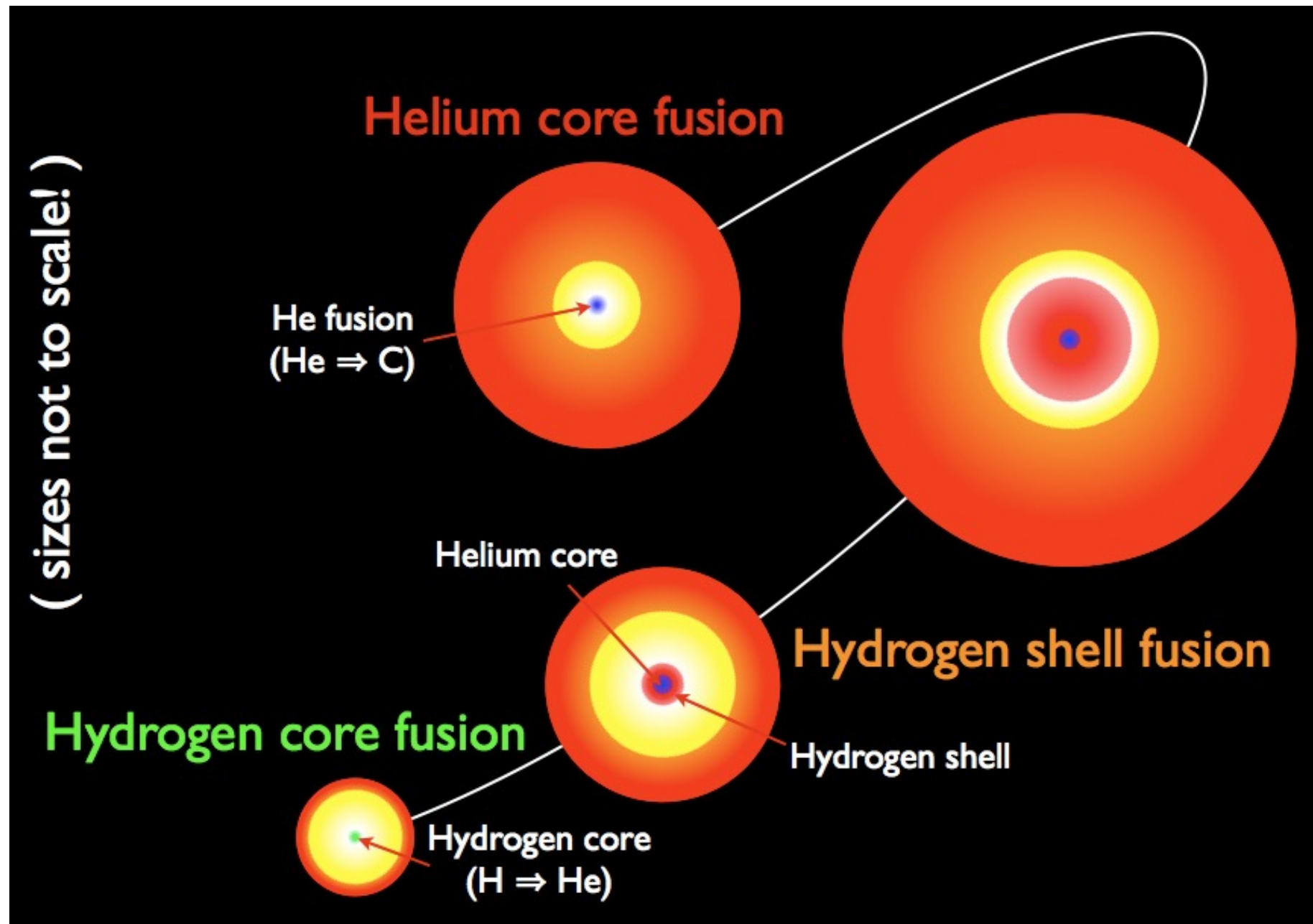
$$\nu_{\max} \propto g / \sqrt{T_{\text{eff}}}$$

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



Asteroseismology

- Distinguish between RGB and RC stars (core thermonuclear conditions)

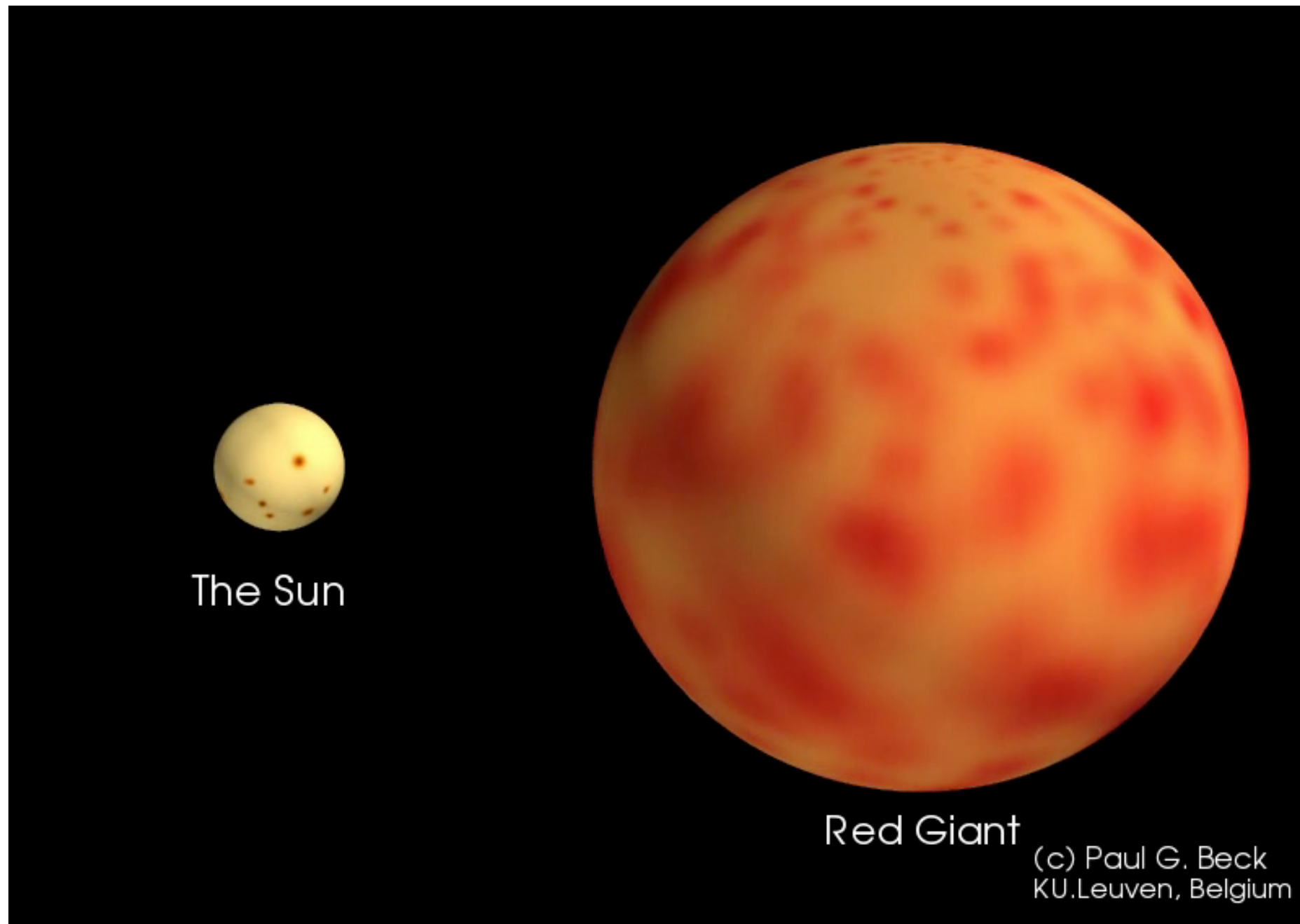


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Asteroseismology

- Measure core-to-envelope internal rotation in stars

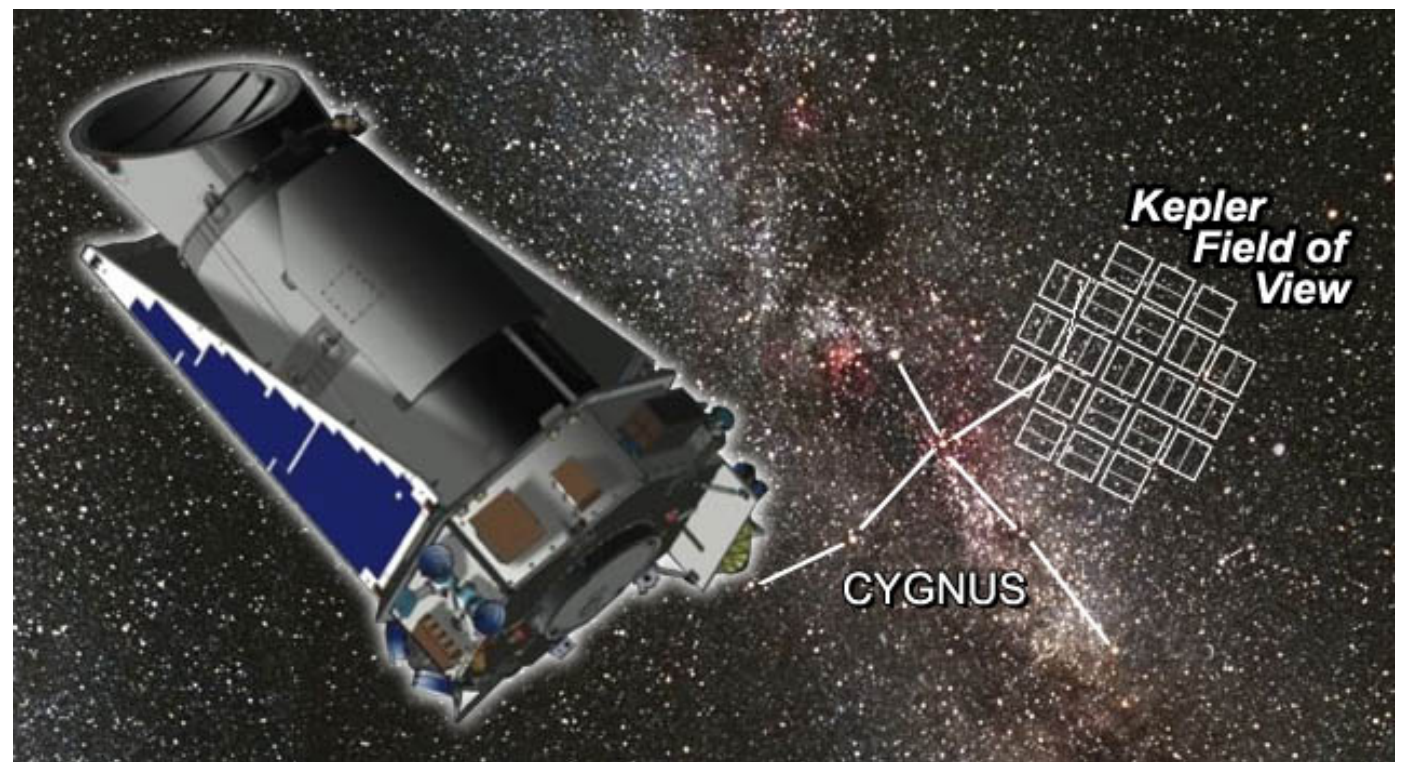


NASA Kepler mission

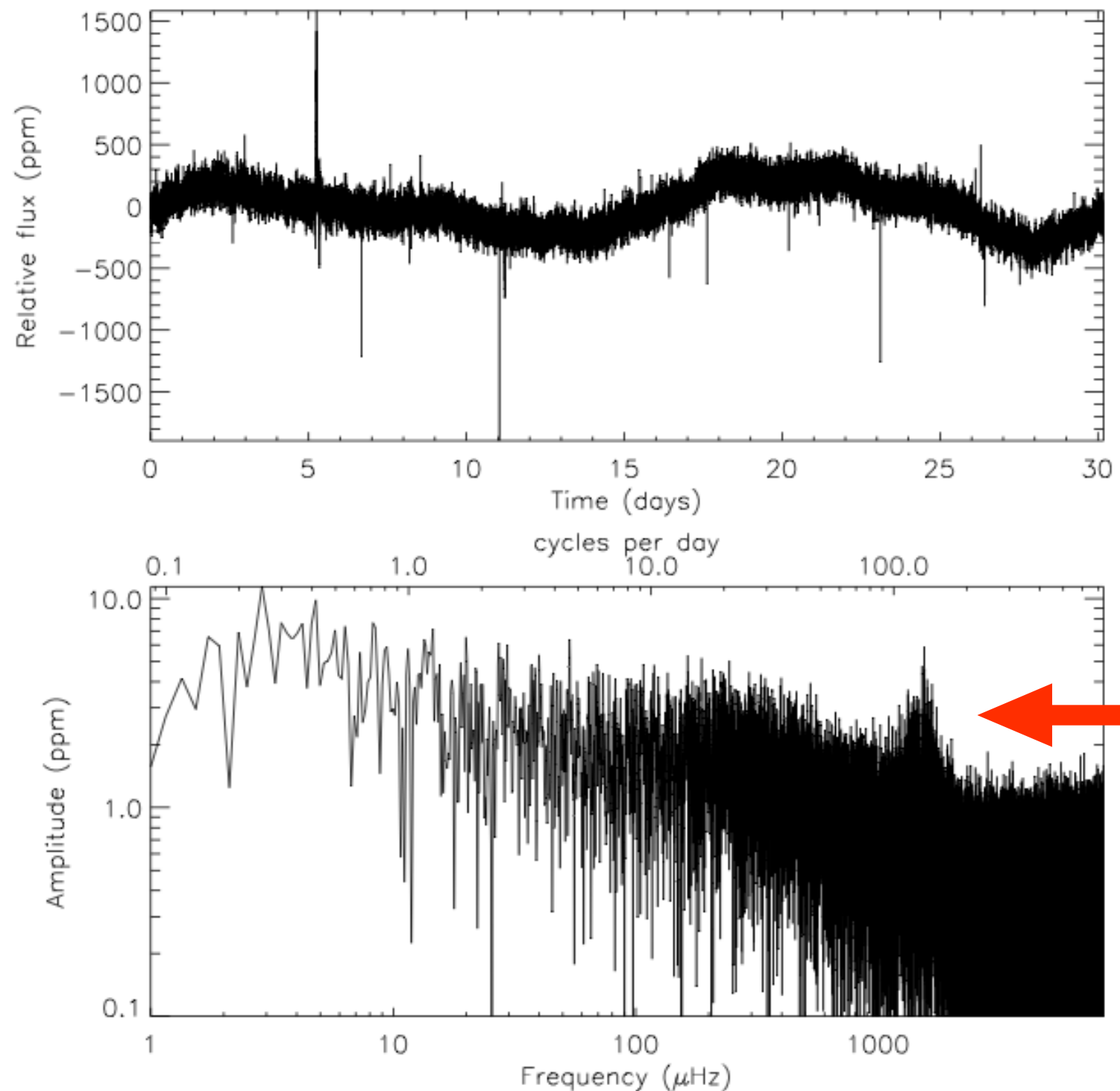
- Launched 2009 - End nominal mission in 2013
- Mission devoted to exoplanets discovery
- 150,000 stars observed in the Cygnus - Lyra constellations
- Kepler photometric band:
430-890 nm



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Photometric observations

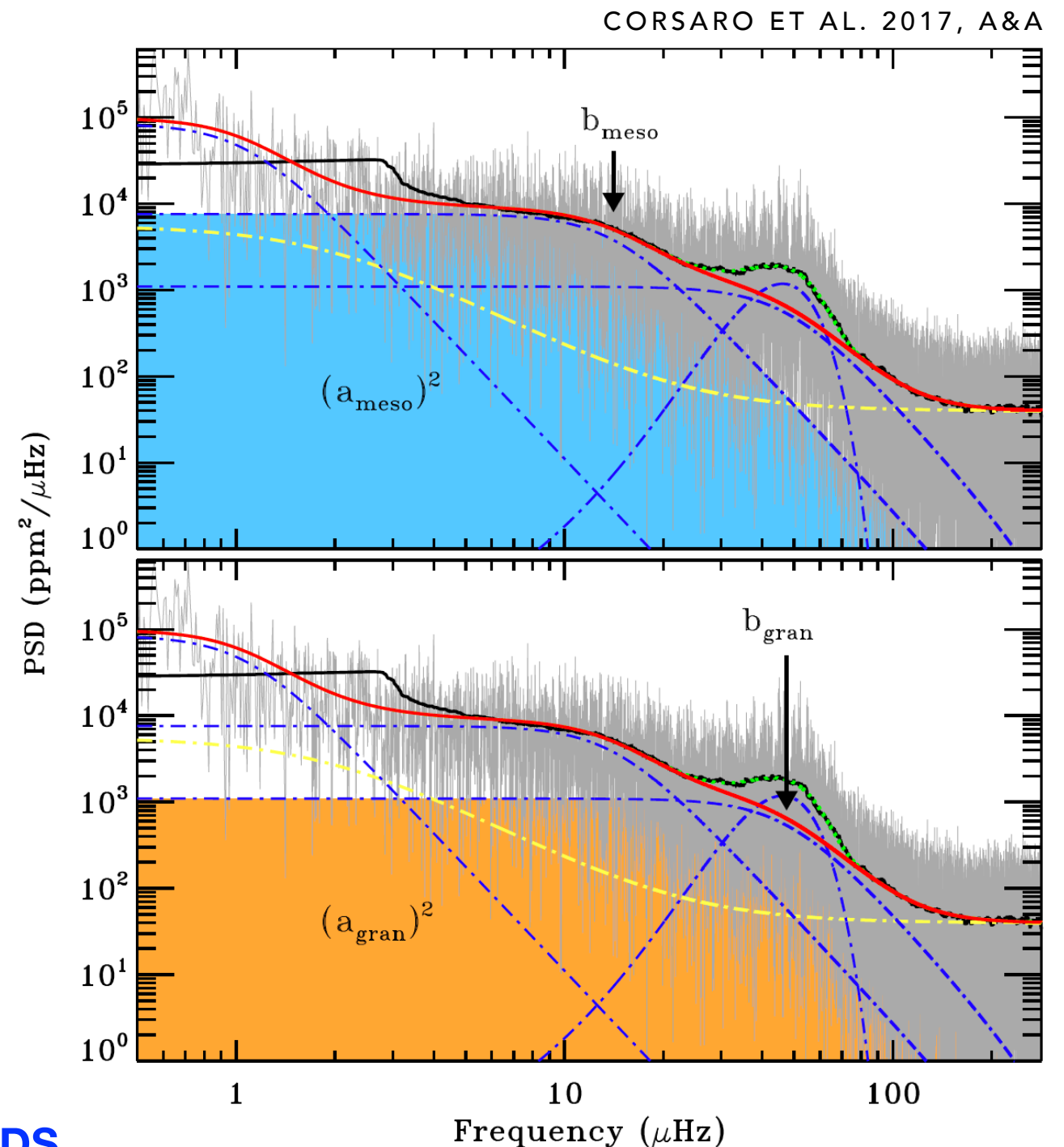


Data analysis (1)

- Measuring the oscillation properties requires that the non-seismic signal is properly estimated
- Non-seismic signal requires a complex fit to the stellar PSD
- Model incorporates granulation and meso-granulation variability

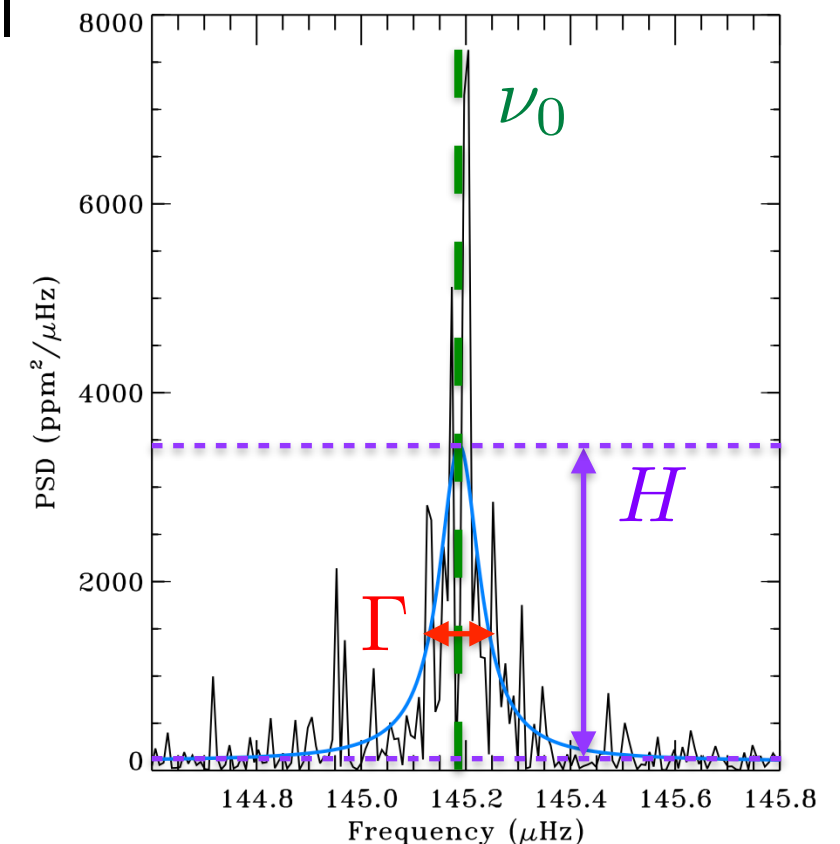


<https://github.com/EnricoCorsaro/DIAMONDS>



Data analysis (2)

- Then extracting oscillation properties from individual modes is very complicated
- Requires adoption of sophisticated numerical approaches
- Fitting models may contain more than 100 free parameters
- Apply my Bayesian inference code DIAMONDS
- DIAMONDS performs efficient fitting of high-dimensional problems and allows Bayesian model comparison for model selection



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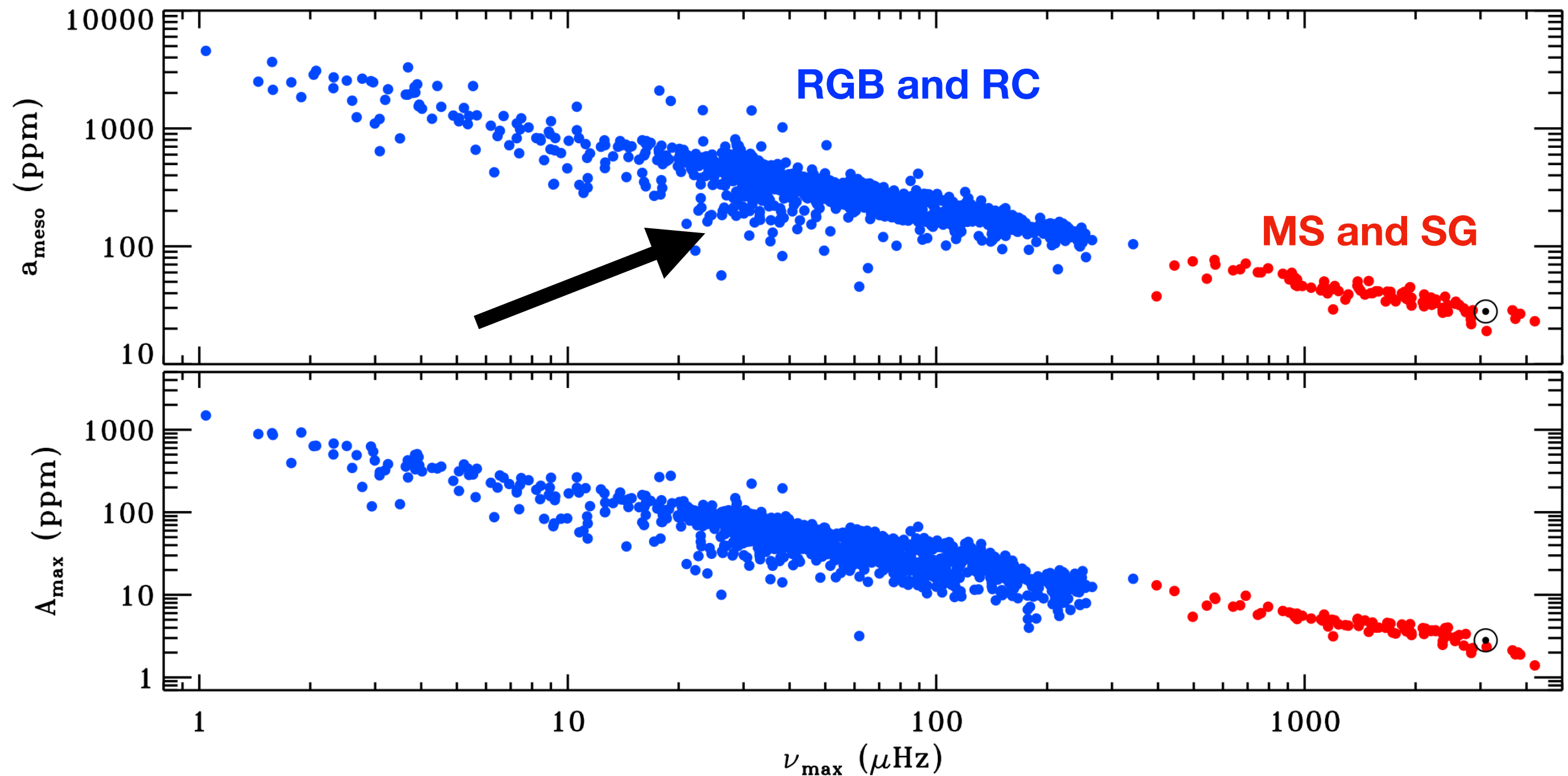
Some statistics (1)

- Published a total of **22** papers in main refereed journals, of which:
 - **4** as a 1st author
 - **7** as a 2nd or 3rd author
- I have **6** more papers in preparation (2 as 1st author and 4 as co-author), and **1** paper under review in *Nature* (co-author, already at 2nd iteration)
- Participated in **9** international conferences, with **2** invited and **4** contributed talks, and 2 poster presentations
- Presented **8** invited and **1** contributed seminars during international collaboration visits
- Invited as lecturer to organize and plan a workshop in Nice, France, on Bayesian inference approaches for astrophysics using DIAMONDS: 24 researchers attending from Observatoire Cote d'Azur

Some statistics (2)

- Co-I-ship for INAF Main Stream Project on stellar evolution and asteroseismology with PLATO
- PI-ship for **2** INAF-CHIPP proposals, for HPC facilities to carry out the proposed asteroseismic analysis
- PI-ship for **3** SONG observing proposals, targeting magnetically active red giant stars
- Co-I-ship for **3** SONG observing proposals, focused on the study of metal-poor halo red giant stars
- Co-I-ship for **2** TESS Guest Investigator proposals, for the study of angular momentum evolution in subgiant stars

Stellar sample investigated



About 1500 stars from NASA *Kepler*

Computational resources

- Exploited INAF-CHIPP computing facilities for parallel computing
- About 15 000 multi-dimensional fits performed with DIAMONDS (about 500K core/hours)
- Project selected for an experimental test using new parallel computing Google Cloud and Compute Engine systems for HTC developed at INAF
- Test was successful

Major achievements

1. **Angular momentum evolution:**

Discovery of imprint of angular momentum evolution from formation epoch on the spin orientation of stars in old open clusters

2. **Convection:**

Discovery of metallicity effect on the stellar granulation from stars in open clusters

3. **Data analysis techniques:**

Development of a new cutting edge methodology for the detailed asteroseismology of stars: currently the best approach available!

1 - Angular momentum evolution

- Theory (3D MHD simulations) predicts that star and cluster formation process is dominated by turbulent motions
- Molecular cloud's angular momentum during gravitational collapse scrambled by turbulence
- Stars in open clusters are excellent candidates to test this: they share a common origin!
- Past observations did not find evidence of any imprint in cluster stars

1 - Angular momentum evolution

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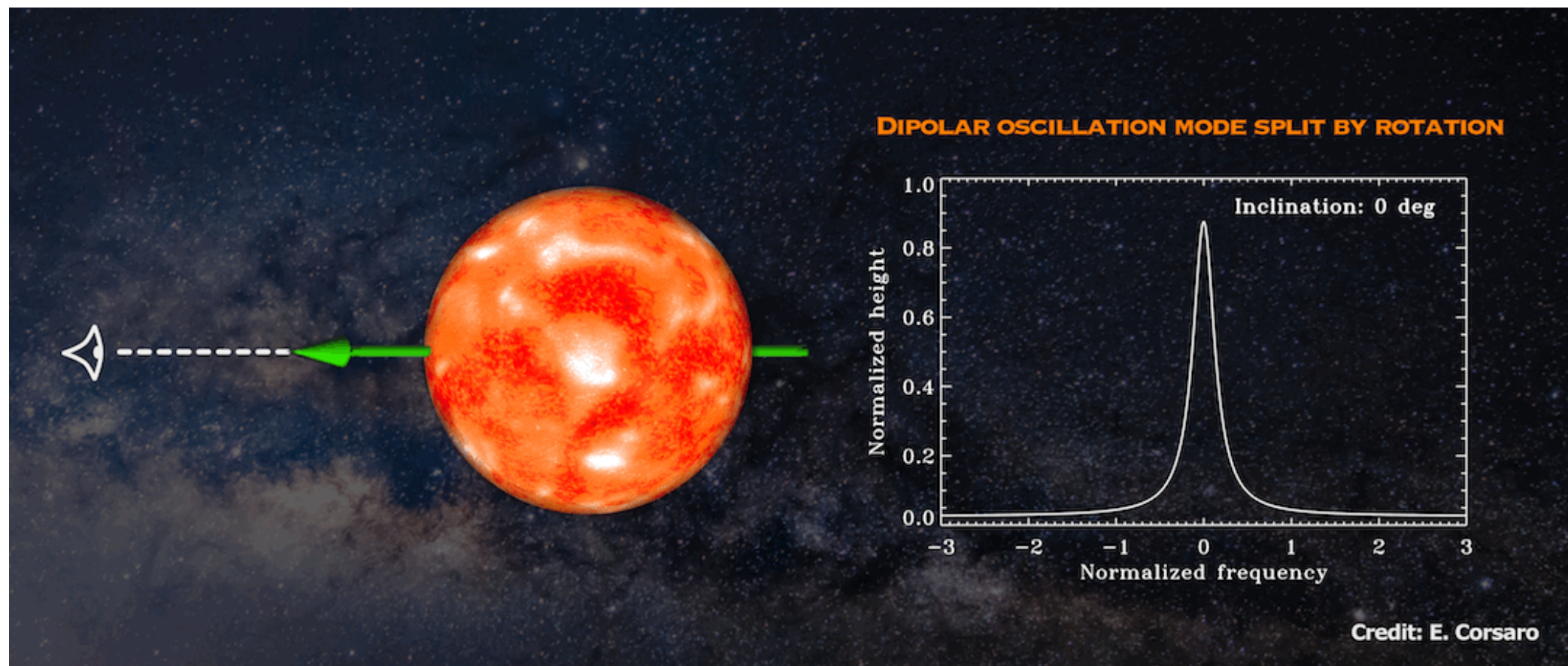
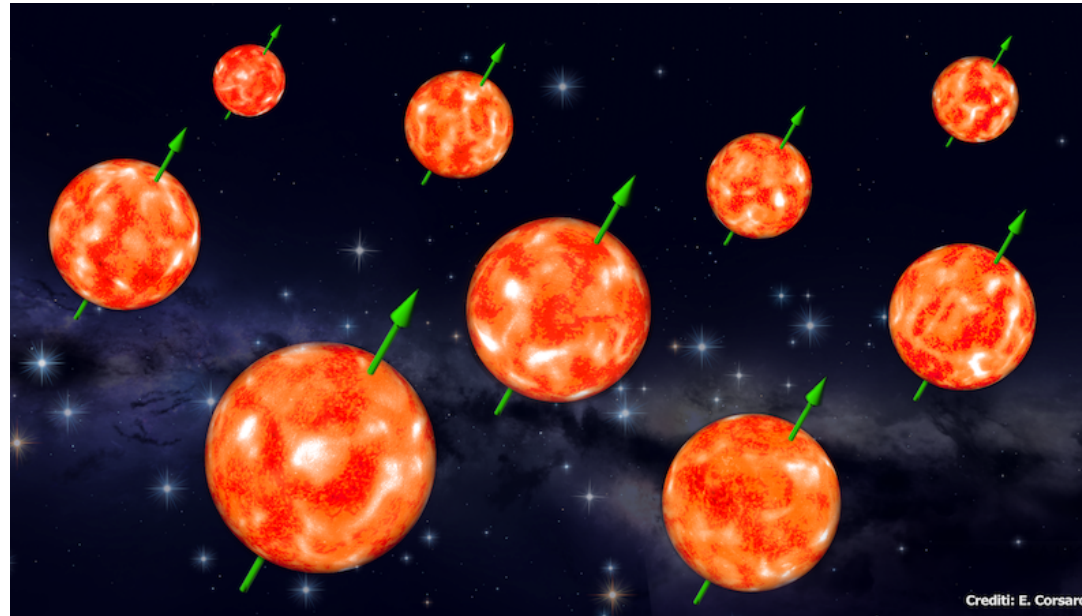
Spin alignment of stars in old open clusters

Enrico Corsaro^{1,2,3,4*}, Yueh-Ning Lee¹, Rafael A. García¹, Patrick Hennebelle¹, Savita Mathur⁵, Paul G. Beck¹, Stephane Mathis¹, Dennis Stello^{6,7} and Jérôme Bouvier^{8,9}

- Applied asteroseismology on cluster red giant stars (about 100 targets)
- Discovery of a strong effect of stellar spin axis alignment
- Must be imprint from the formation epoch
- Angular momentum from the cloud was inherited by stars forming inside. Imprint has lasted for several Gyr!
- New link between asteroseismology and star formation



1 - Angular momentum evolution



1- Angular momentum evolution

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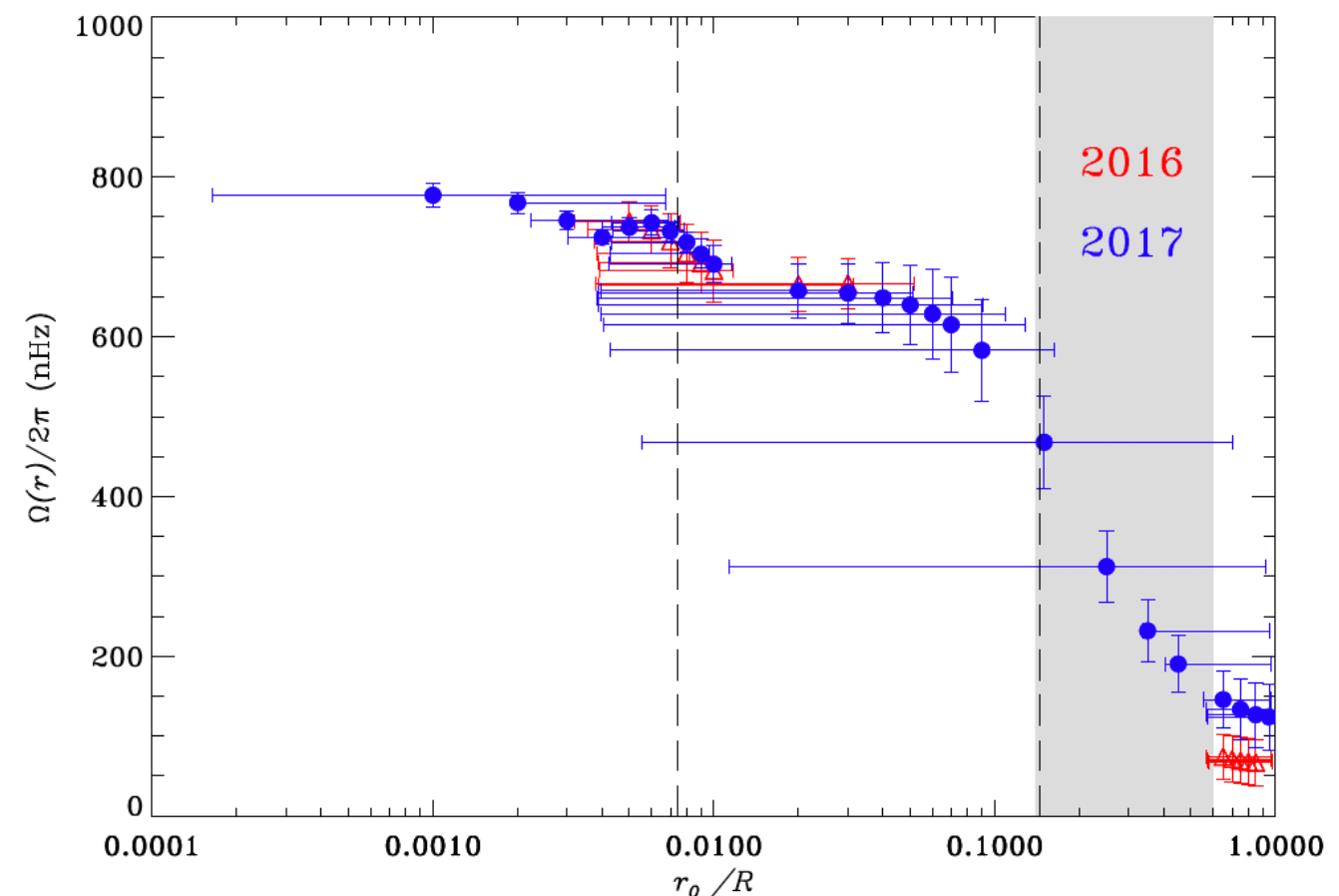
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The Rotational Shear Layer inside the Early Red-giant Star KIC 4448777

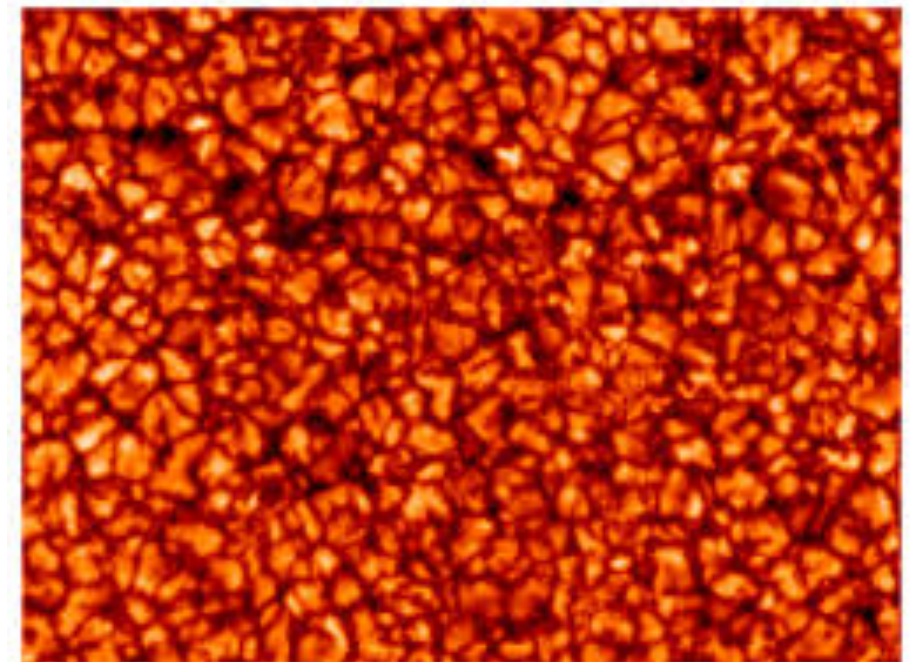
Maria Pia Di Mauro¹ , Rita Ventura², Enrico Corsaro², and Bruno Lustosa De Moura^{3,4}

- Applied my Bayesian techniques for asteroseismology to obtain most detailed study of internal rotation profile to date for a red giant star
- New constraints on the rotation of the H-burning shell!
- Core is rotating nearly uniformly, about 6 times faster than convective envelope



2 - Convection

- Stellar granulation is a surface manifestation of convection
- Theory (3D MHD simulations) predicts that metallicity influences the size of the granules, meaning that the granulation variability is affected
- No evidence found before in the literature
- Effect is difficult to detect because coupled with other dependencies on surface gravity, mass, and temperature



2 - Convection

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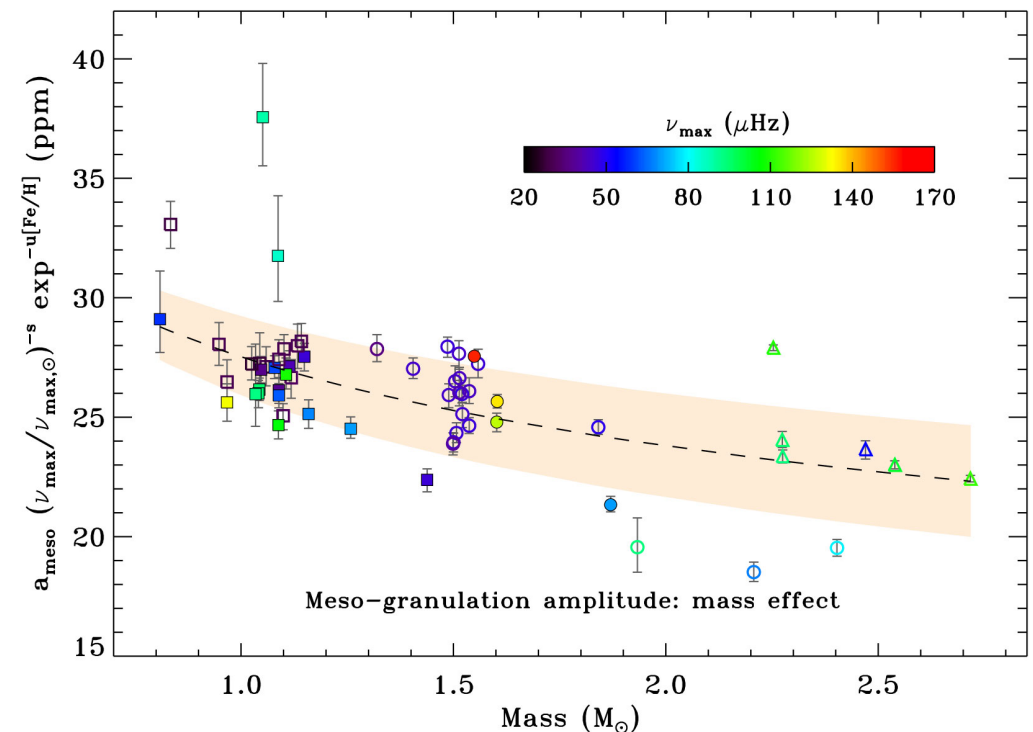
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Metallicity effect on stellar granulation detected from oscillating red giants in open clusters

E. Corsaro^{1,2,3,4}, S. Mathur⁵, R. A. García⁴, P. Gaulme^{6,7,8}, M. Pinsonneault⁹, K. Stassun¹⁰, D. Stello^{11,12,13},
J. Tayar⁹, R. Trampedach^{5,13}, C. Jiang¹⁴, C. Nitschelm¹⁵, and D. Salabert⁴

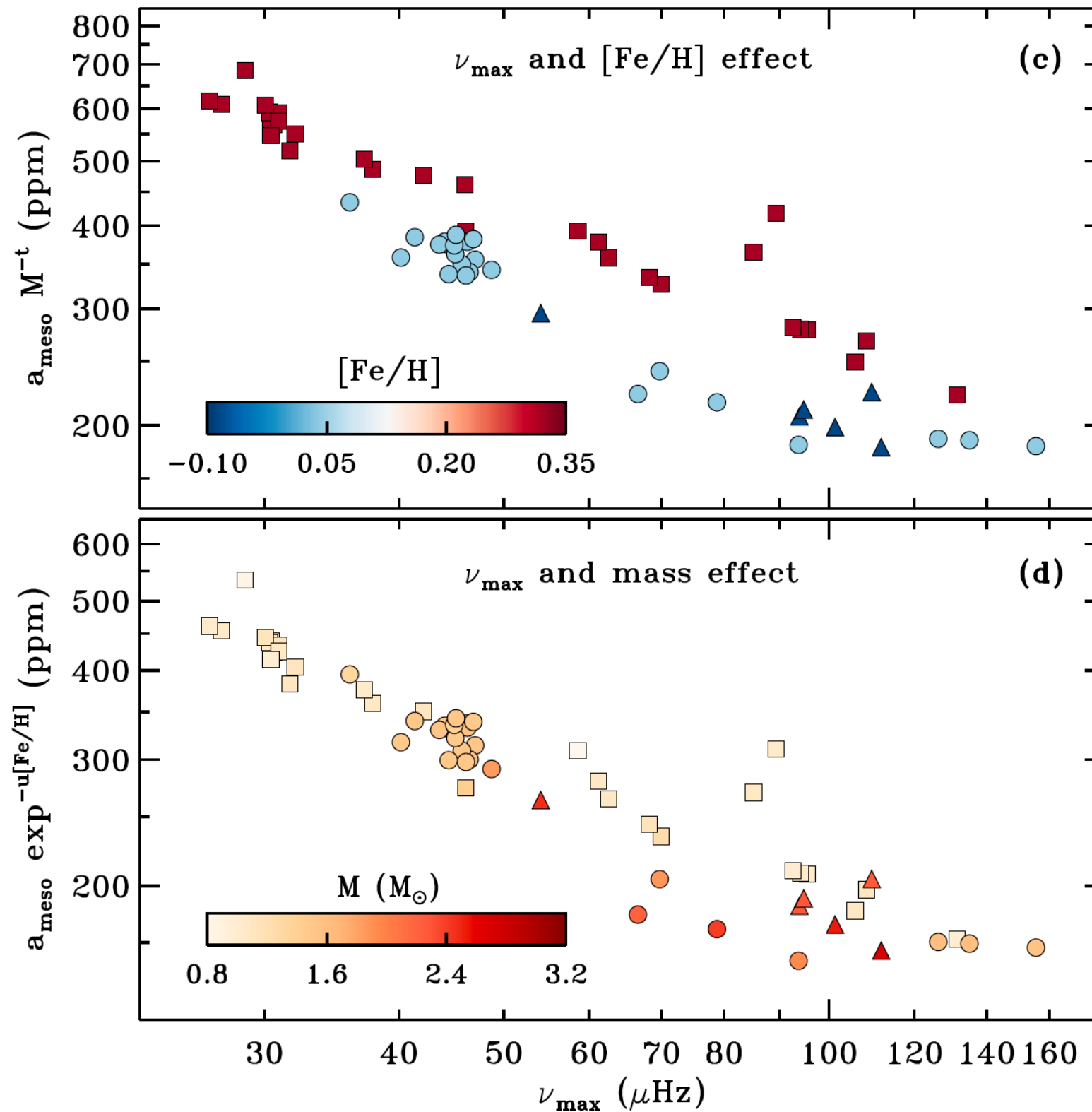
- Applied asteroseismology to cluster red giants and combined with spectroscopy from APOGEE to obtain precise masses and radii
- Detected clear metallicity effect in agreement with theoretical predictions!
- Calibrated new relations to predict metallicity from granulation and oscillation properties

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Metallicity and mass effects on stellar granulation
(Corsaro, E., et al., 2017, A&A, 605, A3)

2 - Convection



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Empirical Accurate Masses and Radii of Single Stars with *TESS* and *Gaia*

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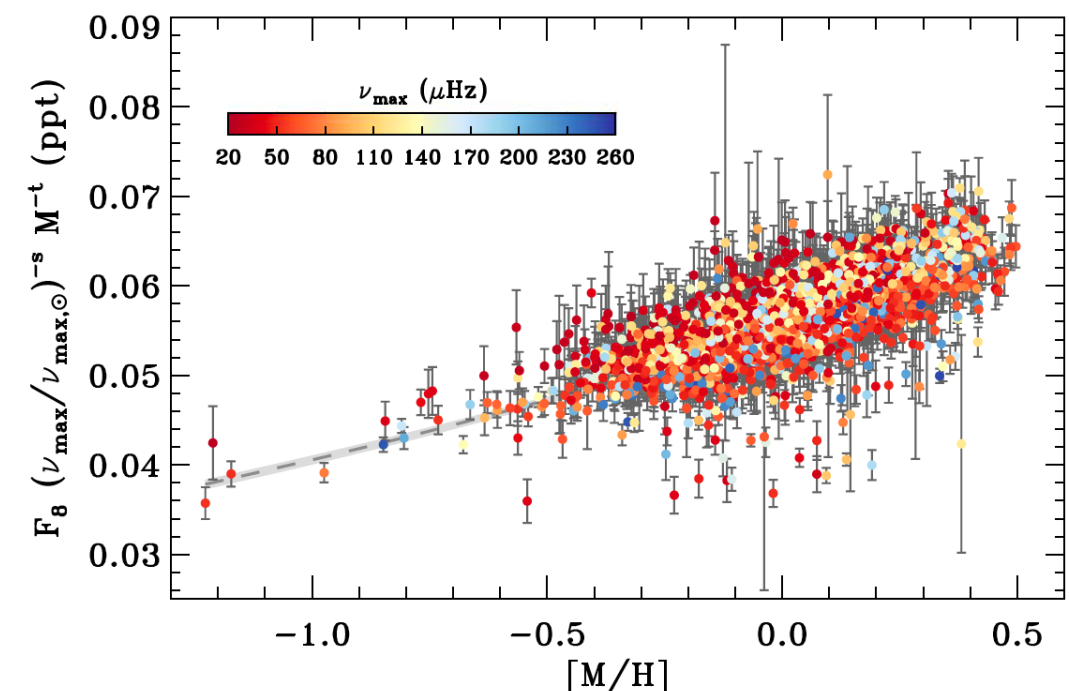
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Predicting Granulation “Flicker” and Radial Velocity “Jitter” from Spectroscopic Observables

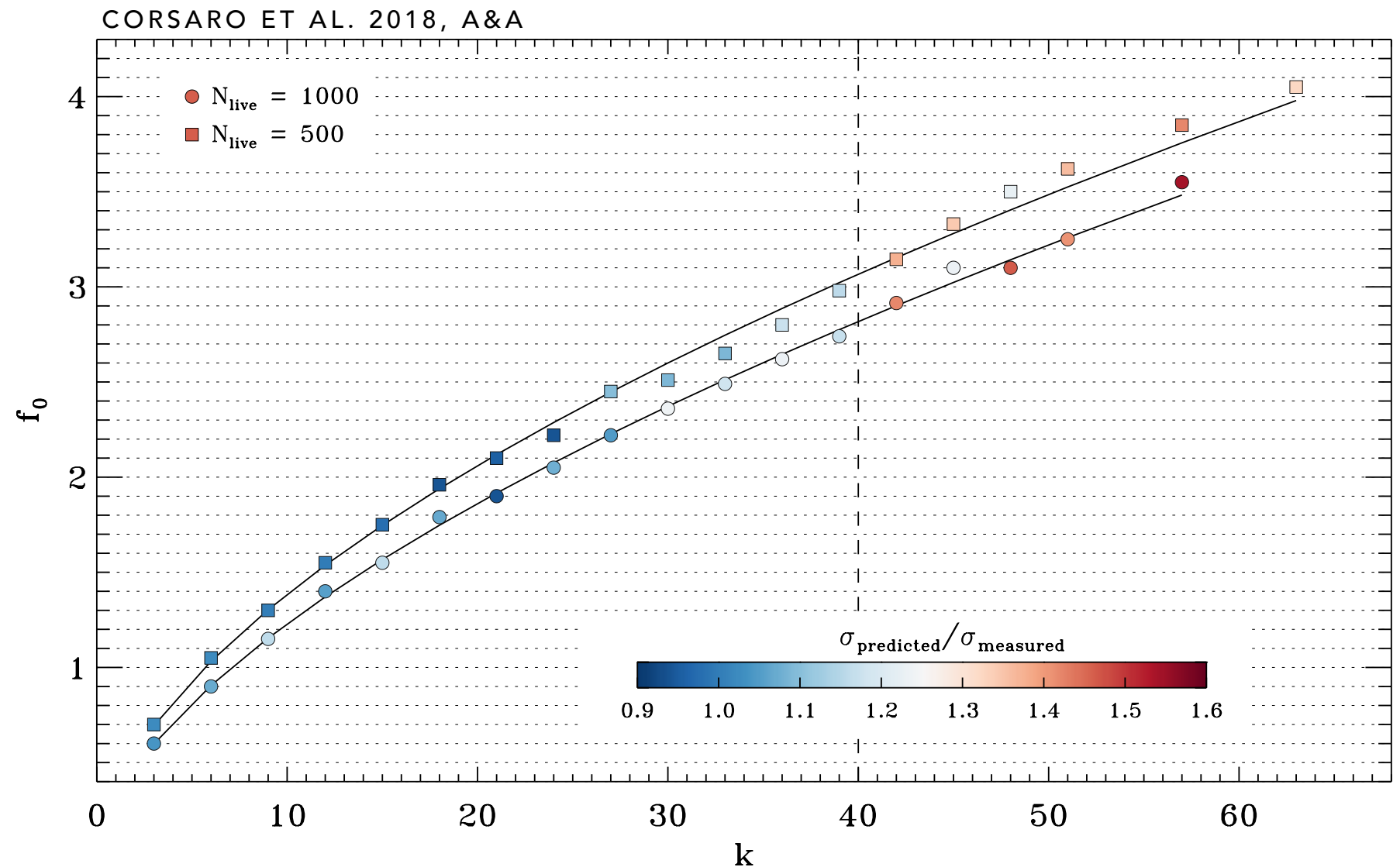
Jamie Tayar^{1,2,6} , Keivan G. Stassun^{3,4} , and Enrico Corsaro⁵

- Applied my scaling relations to obtain accurate masses and predict granulation flicker for stars (helpful for discovery of planets)
- Results obtained for a sample of 2500 field stars observed by NASA *Kepler* and TESS, from MS to RGs

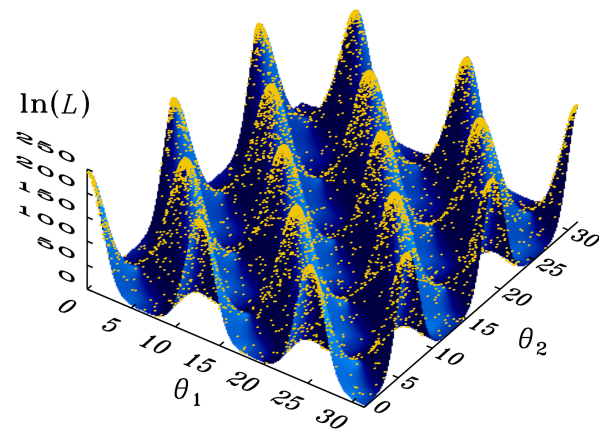


3 - Data analysis techniques

- Improved code performances and with new calibration law



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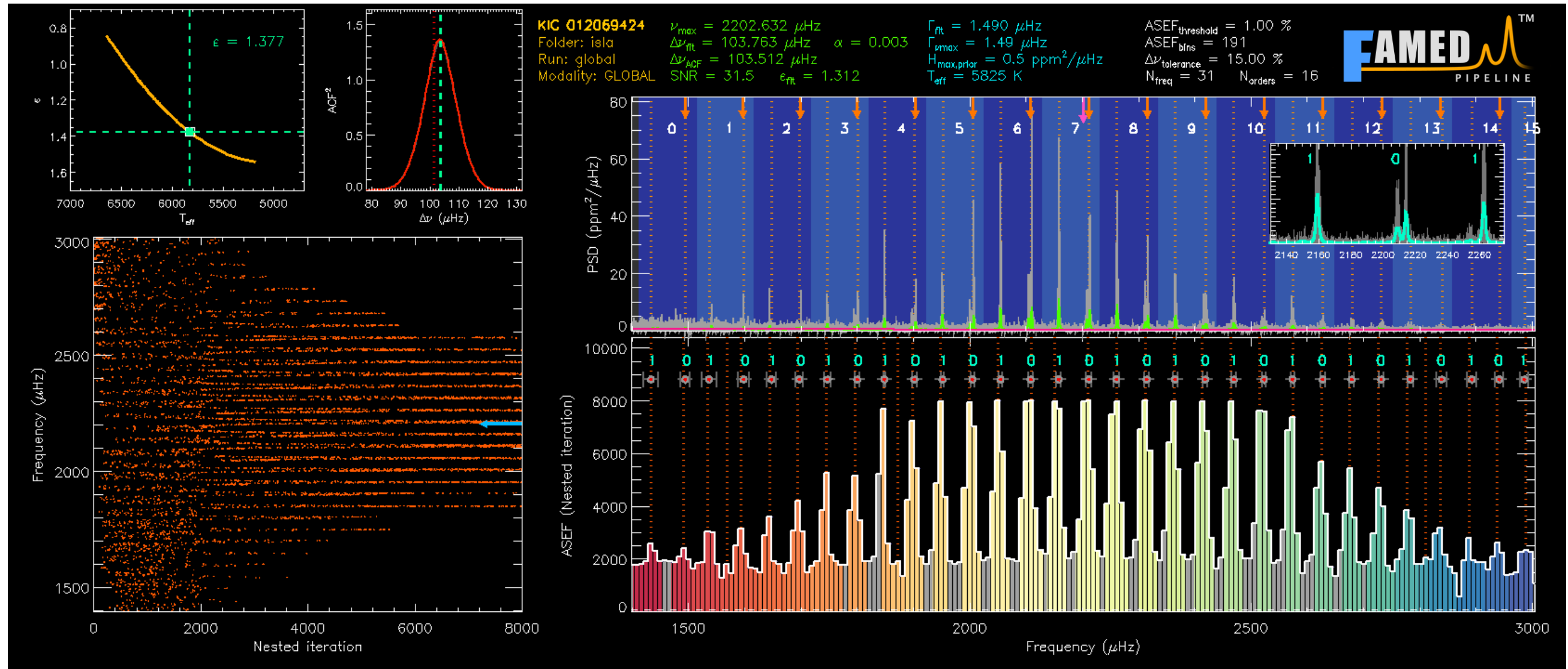
Fast and Automated Oscillation Frequency Extraction Using Bayesian Multi-Modality

Enrico Corsaro*



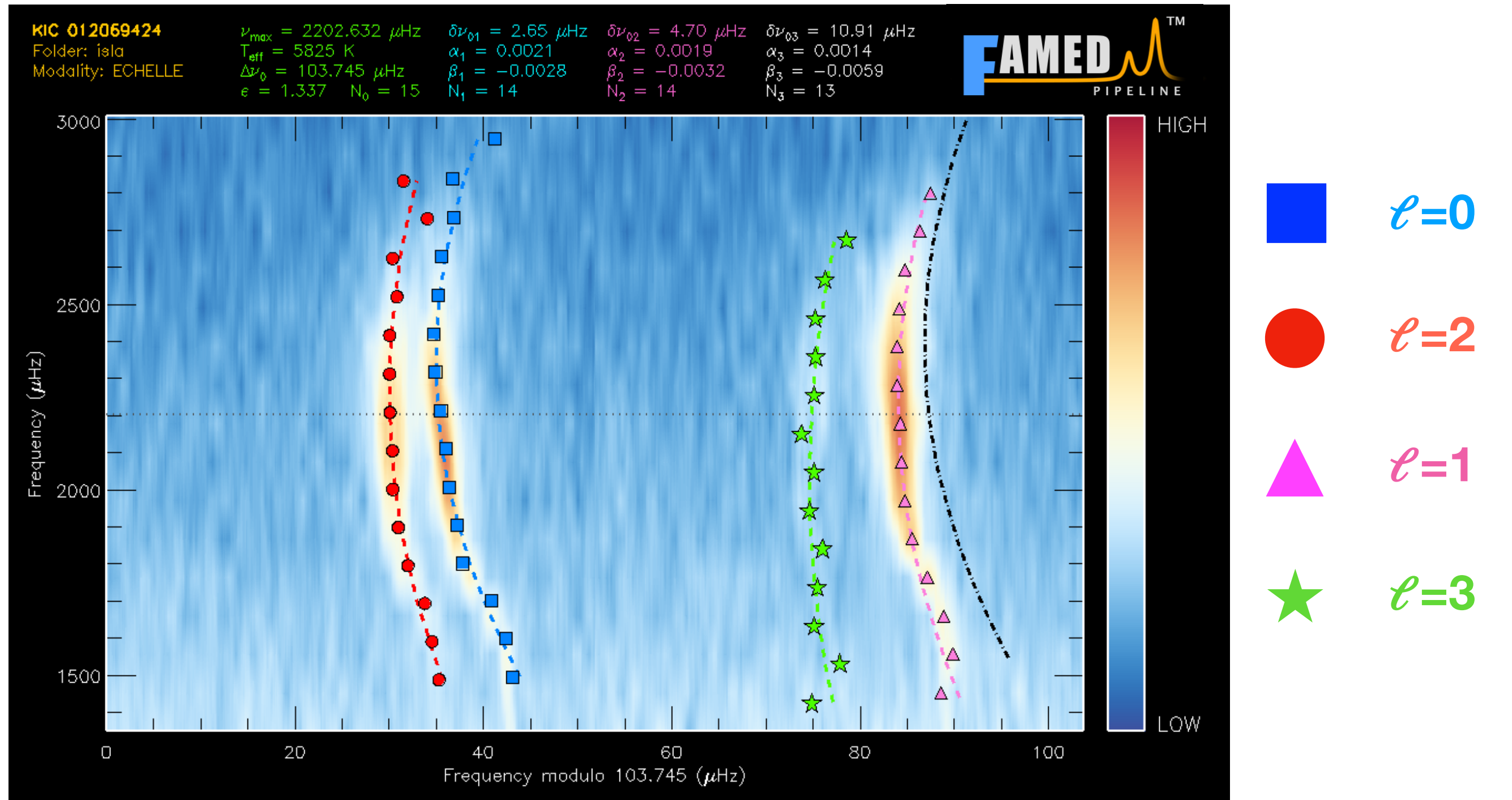
- Invited perspective contribution to Frontiers journal for the topic: “*The future of Asteroseismology*”
- Developed new pipeline termed **FAMED** (Fast and AutoMated pEak bagging with DIAMONDS)
- Pipeline presented in last yearly conference of TESS and *Kepler* asteroseismic consortia at MIT, Cambridge, July 2019

3 - Data analysis techniques



- Most performant pipeline available for detailed asteroseismology today
- Can process stars from MS to RGs in less than 1 minute!
- Fully automated (first pipeline of this kind) (1 paper in preparation)

3 - Data analysis techniques



Additional studies

4. **Magnetic fields:**

Investigate the impact of magnetic fields on stellar evolution by observing evolved stars with the spectroscopic instrument SONG

5. **Exoplanetary systems:**

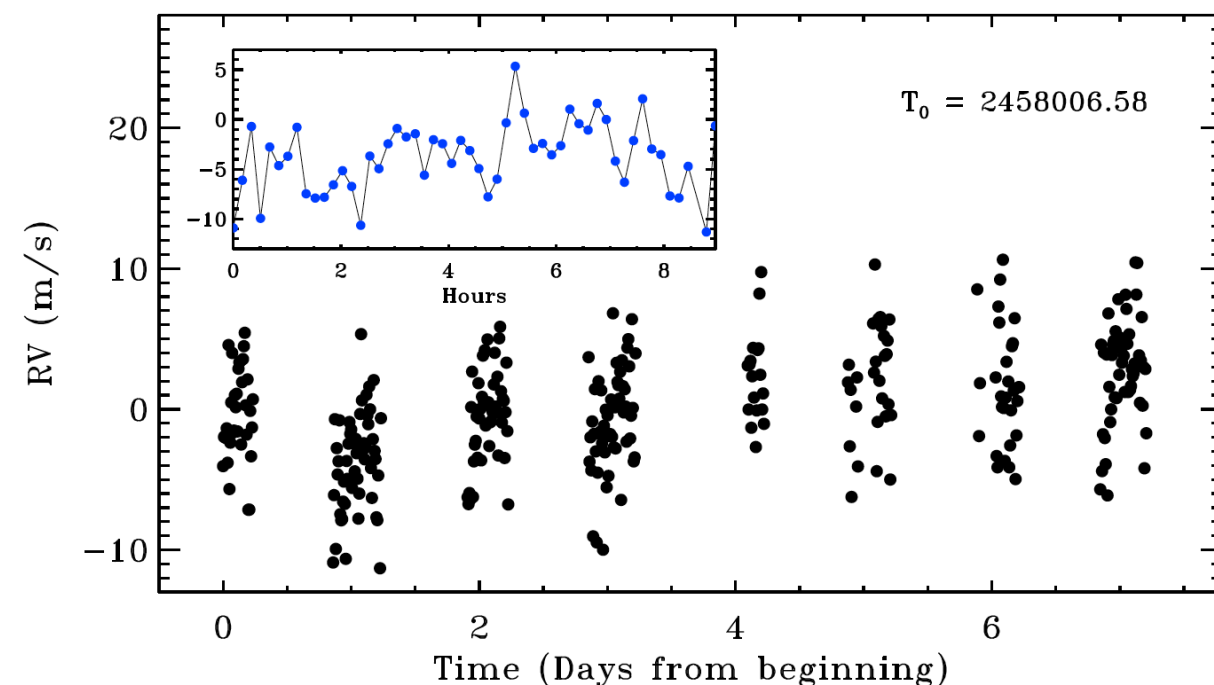
Exploit detailed asteroseismology on planet-host stars to measure planet densities to test the evolution of the planetary system

6. **Oscillations in pre-MS stars:**

Using my DIAMONDS code for the search of solar-like oscillations in very young stars. Supervision of master student project.

4 - Magnetic fields

- Stellar Observations Network Group
- I am an associate member
- RV observations of oscillating stars
- Less sensitive to granulation signal
- Better suited to study magnetic activity in stars from its impact on oscillation amplitudes
- PI-ship of 3 SONG proposals for the study of magnetic activity in red giant stars
- Pursuit collaboration with Prof. Pallé, spanish Co-I of SONG



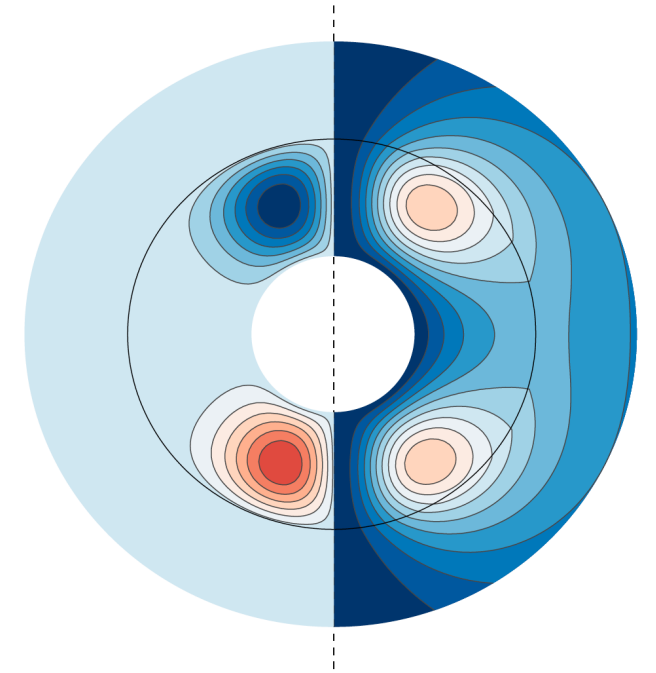
4 - Magnetic fields

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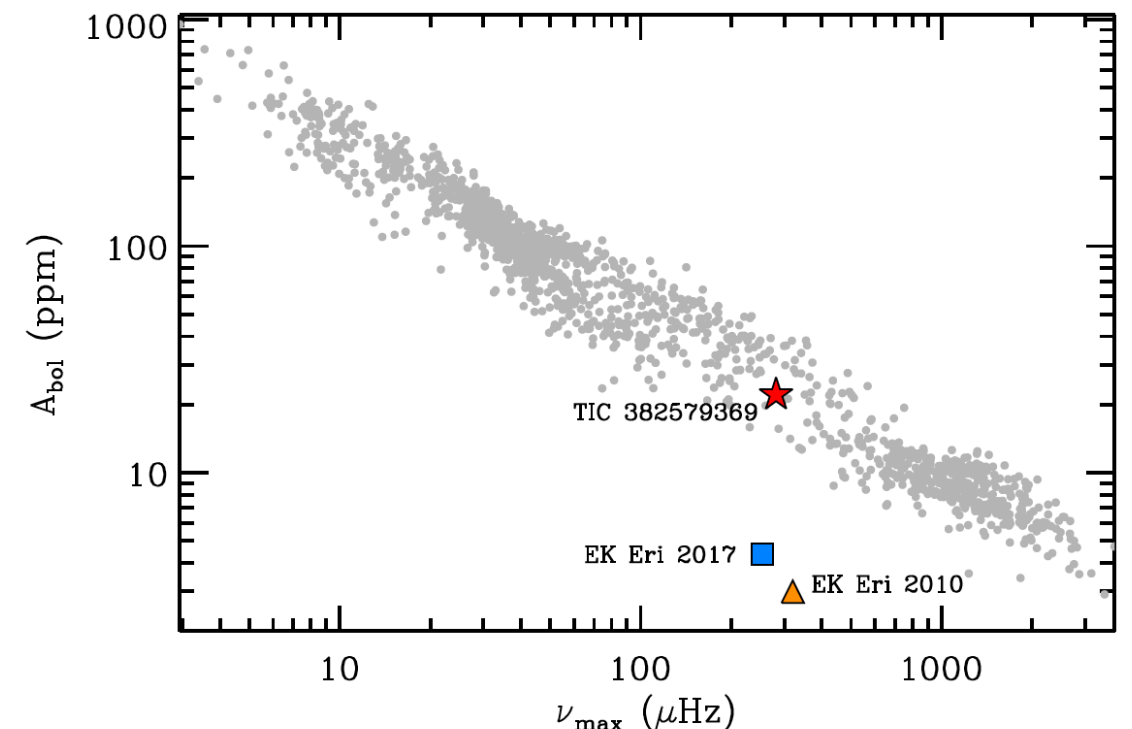
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Acoustic oscillations and dynamo action in the G8 sub-giant EK Eridani★,★★

A. Bonanno¹, E. Corsaro¹, F. Del Sordo^{2,3}, P. L. Pallé⁴, D. Stello⁵, and M. Hon⁵



- Testing the origin of strong magnetic fields observed in red giants
- Exploiting my PI-ship for 3 SONG observing proposals
- Found that a dynamo explanation can exist to sustain strong magnetic fields in stars evolved off the MS



5 - Exoplanetary Systems

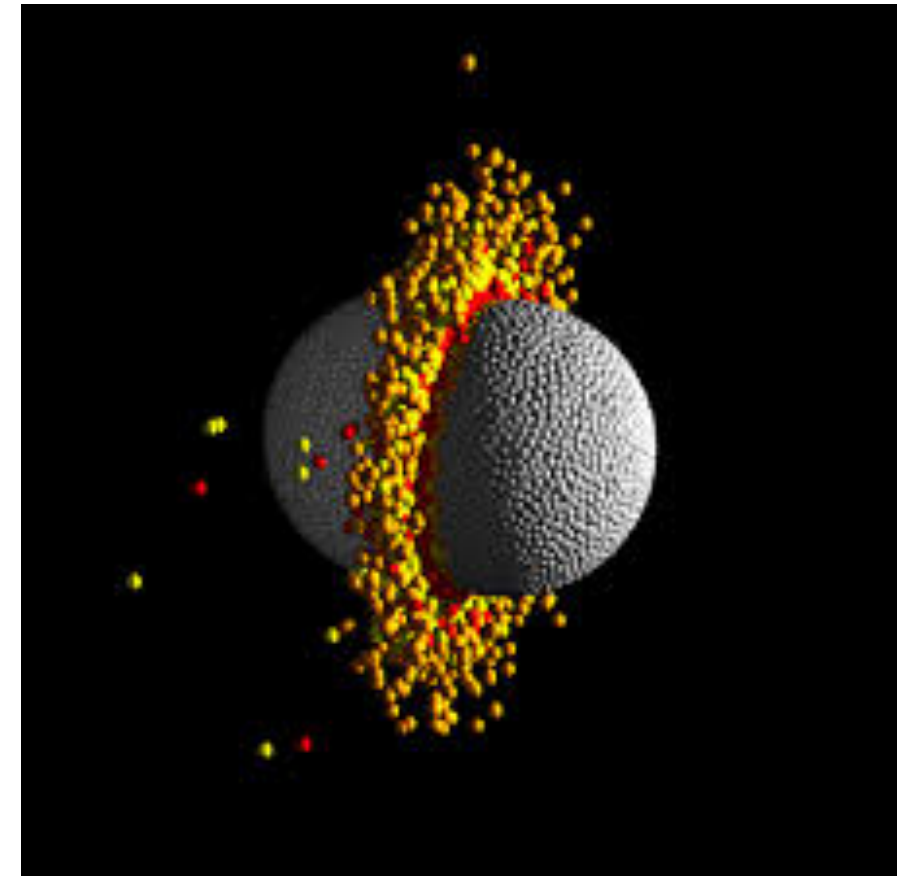
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A giant impact as the likely origin of different twins in the Kepler-107 exoplanet system

Aldo S. Bonomo^{1*}, Li Zeng², Mario Damasso¹, Zoë M. Leinhardt³, Anders B. Justesen⁴, Eric Lopez⁵, Mikkel N. Lund⁴, Luca Malavolta^{6,7}, Victor Silva Aguirre⁴, Lars A. Buchhave⁸, Enrico Corsaro⁹, Thomas Denman³, Mercedes Lopez-Morales¹⁰, Sean M. Mills¹¹, Annelies Mortier¹², Ken Rice¹³, Alessandro Sozzetti¹, Andrew Vanderburg^{10,14}, Laura Affer¹⁵, Torben Arentoft⁴, Mansour Benbakoura^{16,17}, François Bouchy¹⁸, Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard⁴, Andrew Collier Cameron¹², Rosario Cosentino¹⁹, Courtney D. Dressing²⁰, Xavier Dumusque¹⁸, Pedro Figueira^{21,22}, Aldo F. M. Fiorenzano¹⁹, Rafael A. García^{16,17}, Rasmus Handberg⁴, Avet Harutyunyan¹⁹, John A. Johnson¹⁰, Hans Kjeldsen⁴, David W. Latham¹⁰, Christophe Lovis¹⁸, Mia S. Lundkvist^{4,23}, Savita Mathur^{24,25}, Michel Mayor¹⁸, Giusi Micela¹⁵, Emilio Molinari²⁶, Fatemeh Motalebi¹⁸, Valerio Nascimbeni^{6,7}, Chantanelle Nava¹⁰, Francesco Pepe¹⁸, David F. Phillips¹⁰, Giampaolo Piotto^{6,7}, Ennio Poretti^{19,27}, Dimitar Sasselov¹⁰, Damien Ségransan¹⁸, Stéphane Udry¹⁸ and Chris Watson²⁸



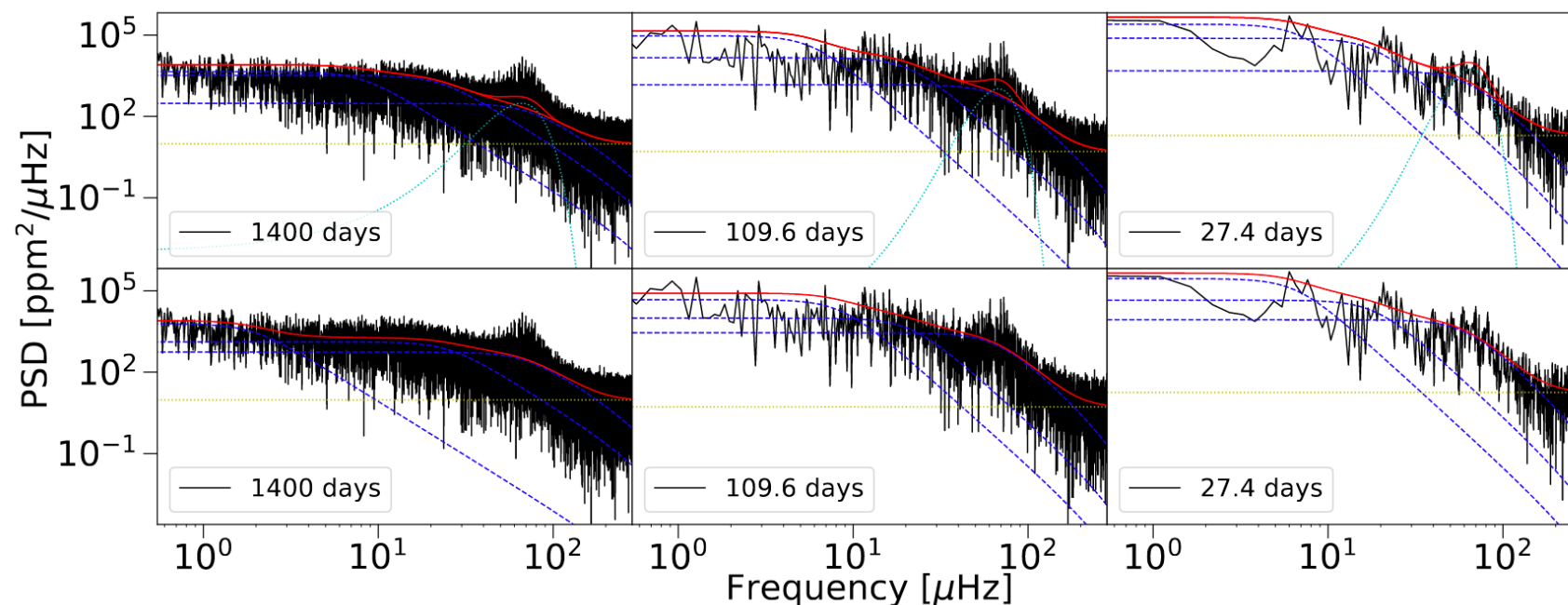
- Using detailed asteroseismology to constrain stellar radius, mass, hence planet density
- Found that two inner planets exist, having same radius but different density: proposed giant impact scenario - First evidence found!

6 - Oscillations in pre-MS stars

Searching for solar-like oscillations in pre-main sequence stars
using APOLLO

Can we find the young Sun?

M. Müllner¹, K. Zwintz¹, E. Corsaro², and T. Steindl¹



- A new pipeline based on DIAMONDS developed by my student to search for the oscillations in pre-MS stars (1 paper to be submitted soon)
- DIAMONDS Bayesian model comparison allows to reliably detect the oscillation envelope

Training received

by Dr. Alfio Bonanno

- Use of stellar evolution code CT-GARSTEC at INAF-OACT
- Use of stellar pulsation code GYRE at INAF-OACT
- Exploited INAF-CHIPP computing facilities to compute grids of hundreds of solar models
- Investigated the impact of axion-energy emission on solar oscillation frequencies by applying a Bayesian inference and model comparison approach (1 paper in preparation)

Extras

ESA PLATO

- Participated in ESA PLATO preparation activities for development of a pipeline for automated fitting of stellar oscillations from MS to SG
- Important participation to be in the consolidating community devoted ESA PLATO
- I applied my first development of the new fitting methodology, which set the basis to the subsequent development of FAMED
- Test performed on about 40 simulated datasets, with 90% accuracy reached

NASA TESS

- Participated in several projects conducted in the framework of NASA TESS asteroseismology: targeting both exoplanet host stars and red giants
- I have already 2 papers published using my Bayesian techniques for NASA TESS exoplanet hosts

Ongoing & future plans

- Winner of INAF 2019 young researchers competition: will start a new position as **permanent staff researcher** at INAF-OACT on 4/11/2019
- Already submitted **ERC-STG-2020** proposal (deadline October 16 2019) focusing on stellar physics
- Work plans:
 - finalize the FAMED pipeline
 - apply FAMED to the stars investigated during the fellowship
 - apply FAMED to ESA PLATO simulated data for new analysis
 - extend study of stellar internal rotation to thousands of stars
 - analysis on a sample of 100 SG observed in TESS GI proposal Cycle 1 (observations ended up recently) to study internal angular momentum evolution

Thank you!

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