

Precision and accuracy of stellar age estimates

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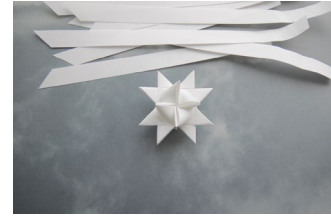
(some) methods for age estimation for stars

“Primary”

Colour-magnitude diagrams of star clusters

Detached eclipsing binary stars

Asteroseismology



$$M + [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] + [\text{X}/\text{Fe}] \Rightarrow L(t), T_{\text{eff}}(t), R(t)$$

“Secondary”

Gyrochronology

Chemical clocks $[\text{Y}/\text{Mg}]$, $A(\text{Li})$, $[\text{C}/\text{N}]$ +others – talk by Giada Casali today

Machine learning using “features”



Note also the invited talk by J. Meynet later today!



Methods for age accuracy estimation of stars

1) Comparison to model-independent estimates

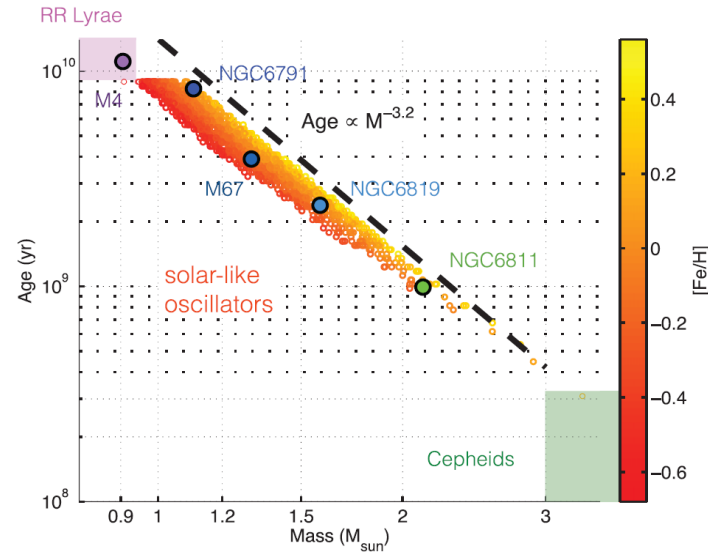
..but few exist for age! For the Sun we used the independent estimate already.

2) Self-consistency tests

One should get the same age
(within statistical uncertainties) using

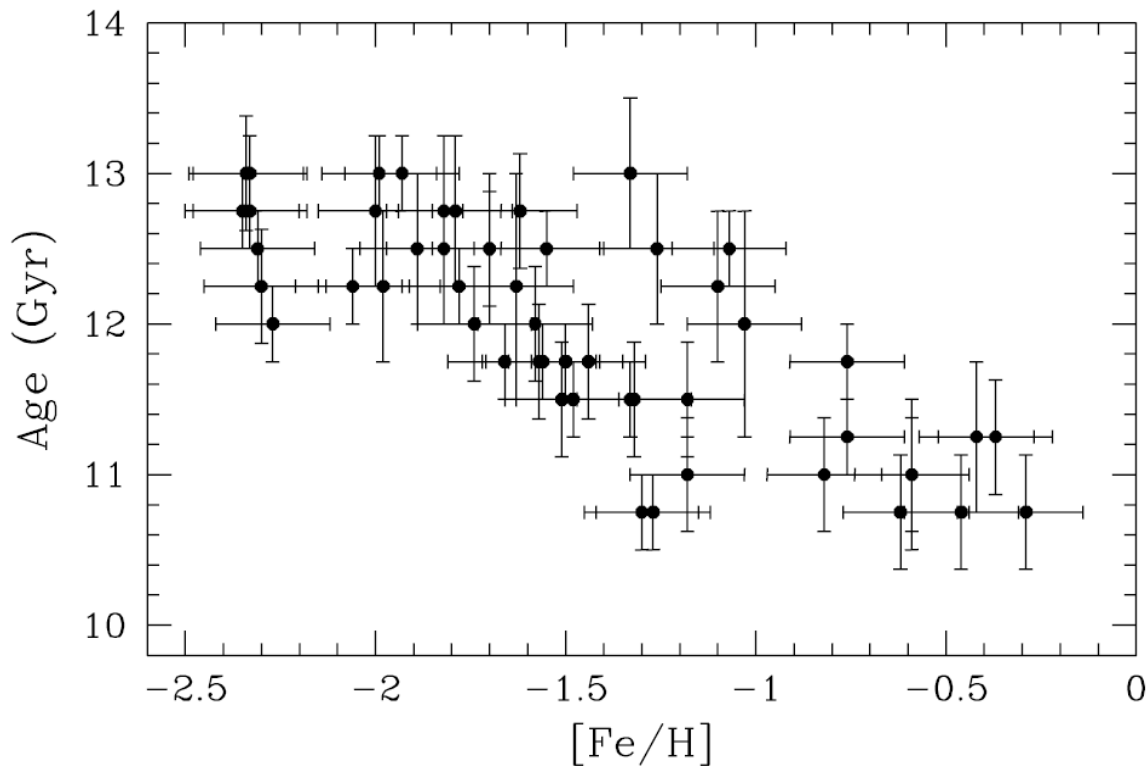
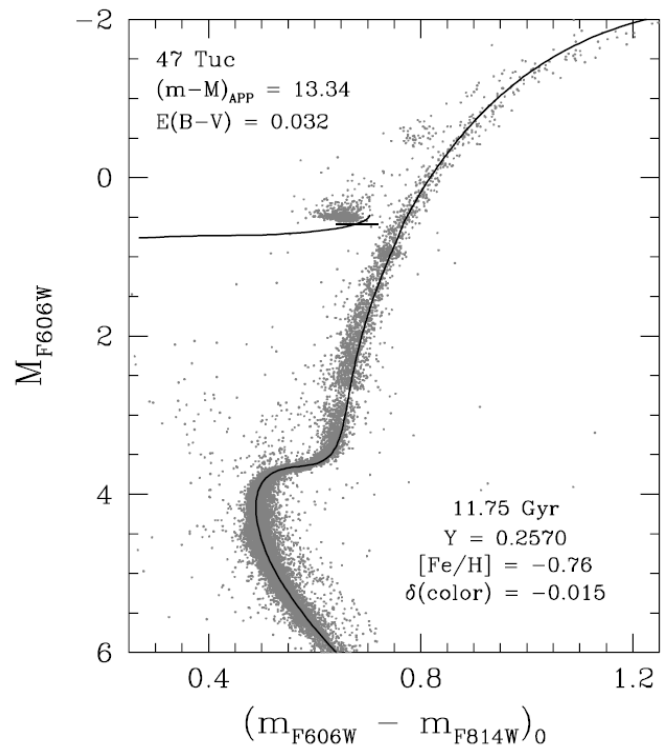
- different methods
- different constraints
- ensembles

This does not guarantee that that the age is correct.

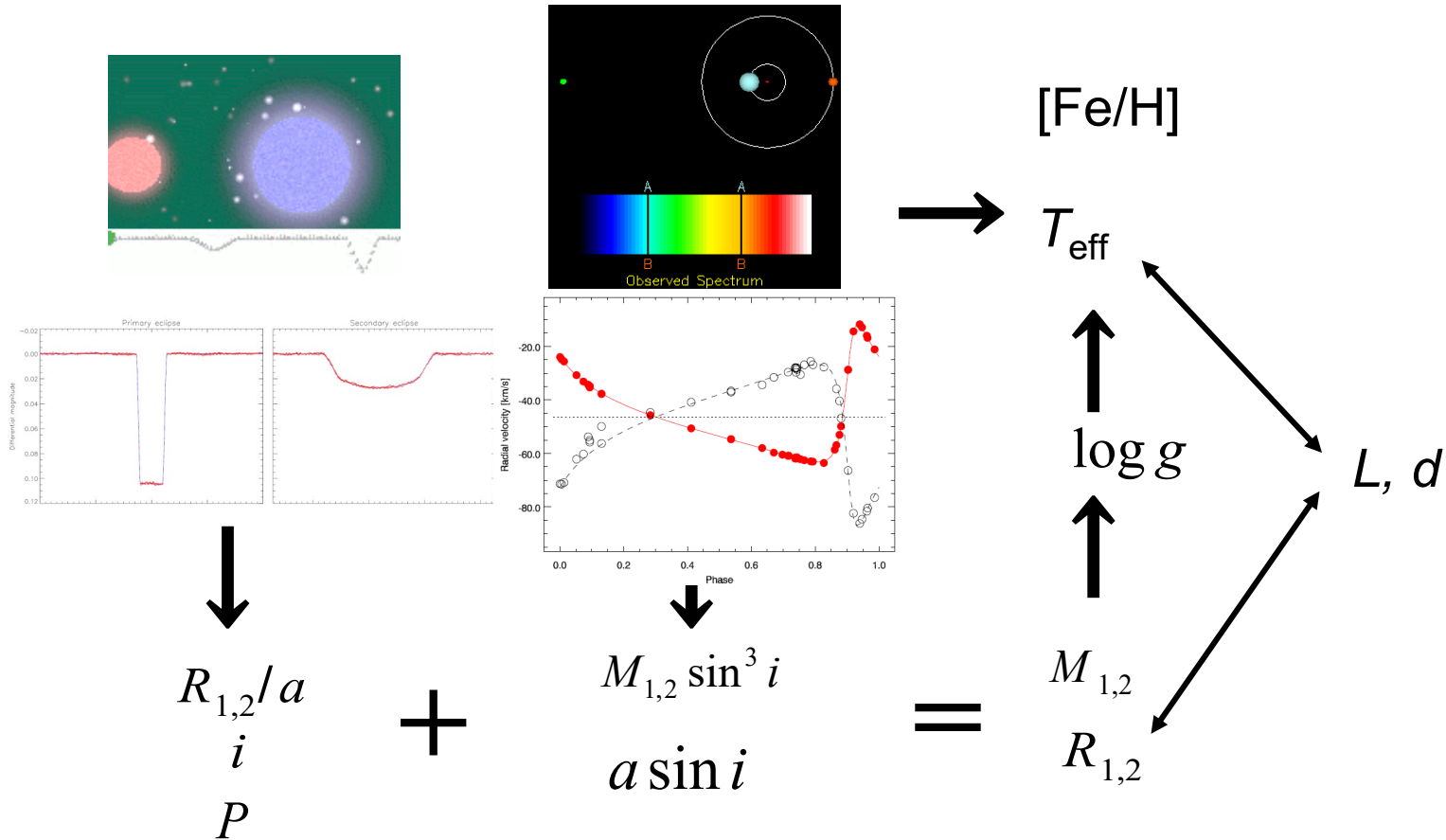


Miglio et al. (2017)

Colour-magnitude diagrams of star clusters



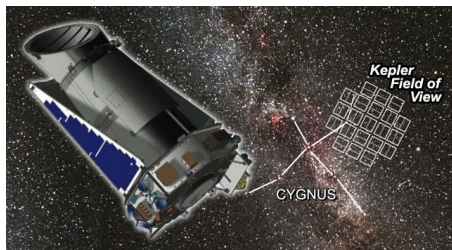
Detached eclipsing binary measurements



Asteroseismology of solar-like oscillators

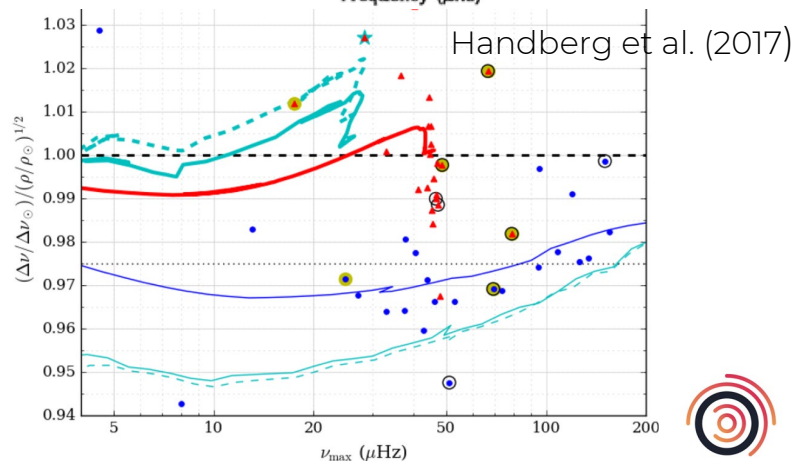
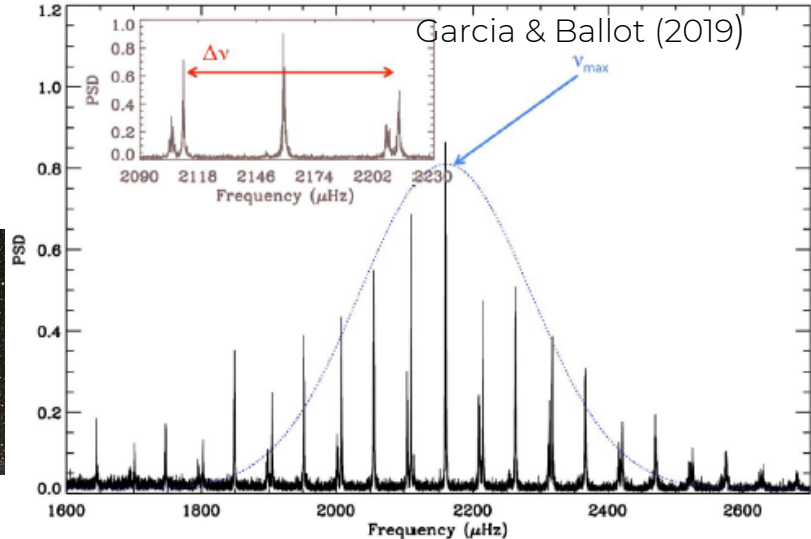
$$\frac{\Delta\nu}{\Delta\nu_{\odot}} \approx f_{\Delta\nu} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_{\odot}} \right)^{0.5},$$

$$\frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max,\odot}} \approx f_{\nu_{\max}} \frac{g}{g_{\odot}} \left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}} \right)^{-0.5}$$



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

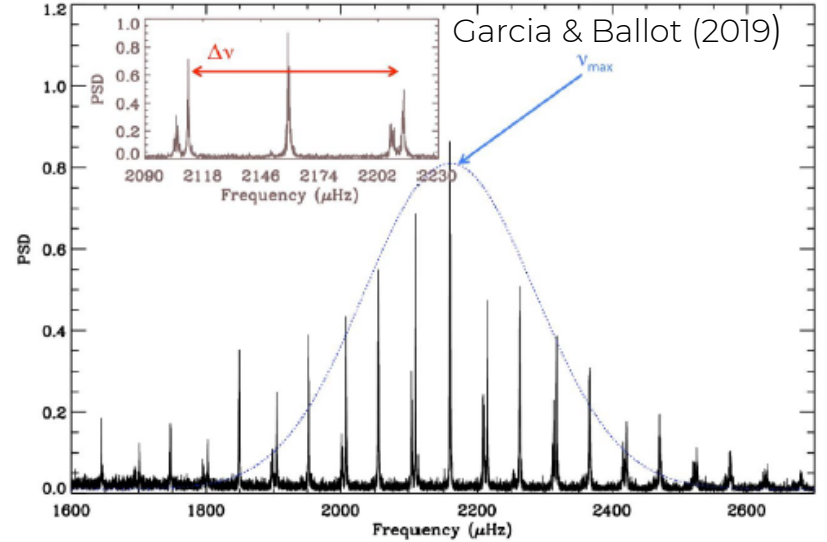
$$\frac{R}{R_{\odot}} \approx \left(\frac{\nu_{\max}}{f_{\nu_{\max}} \nu_{\max,\odot}} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta\nu}{f_{\Delta\nu} \Delta\nu_{\odot}} \right)^{-2} \left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}} \right)^{0.5}.$$



Asteroseismology+Gaia

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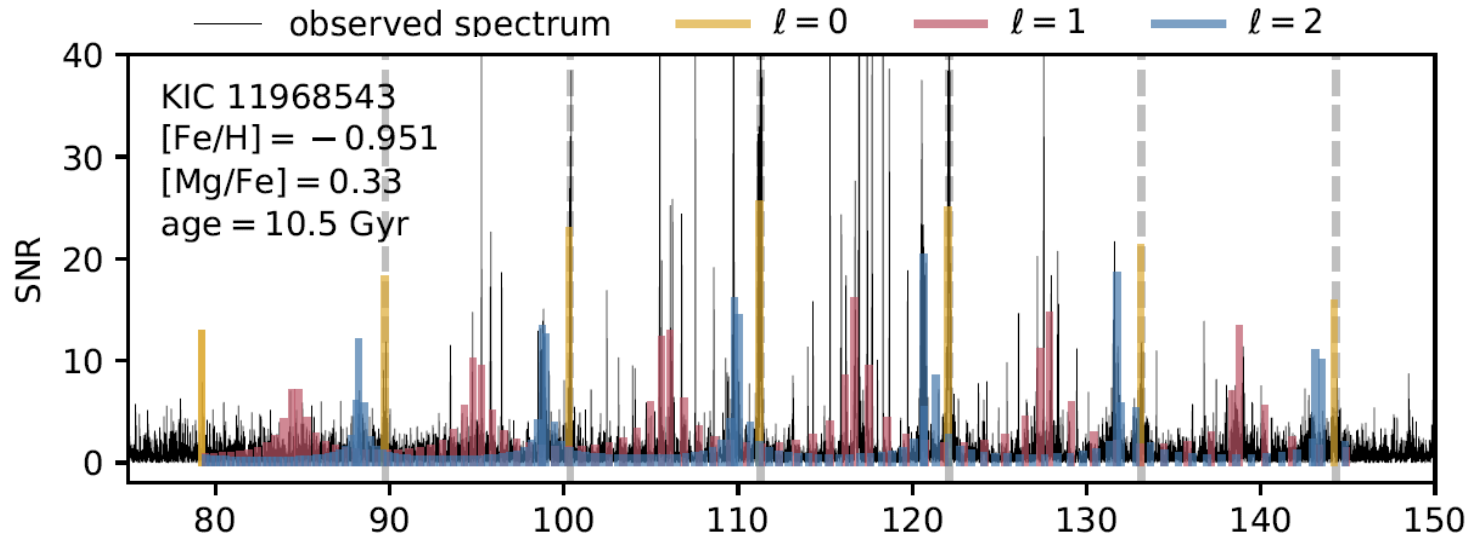
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Asteroseismology – modelling absolute frequencies



Montalbán et al. (2021) using
AIMS: Asteroseismic Inference on a Massive Scale (Reese 2016)



Talk by Josefina Montalbán today:
New view of Galactic discs : unveiling precise ages with individual oscillation modes



NGC6791: Likely the most precise age estimate of an old open cluster

Brogaard et al. (2012):

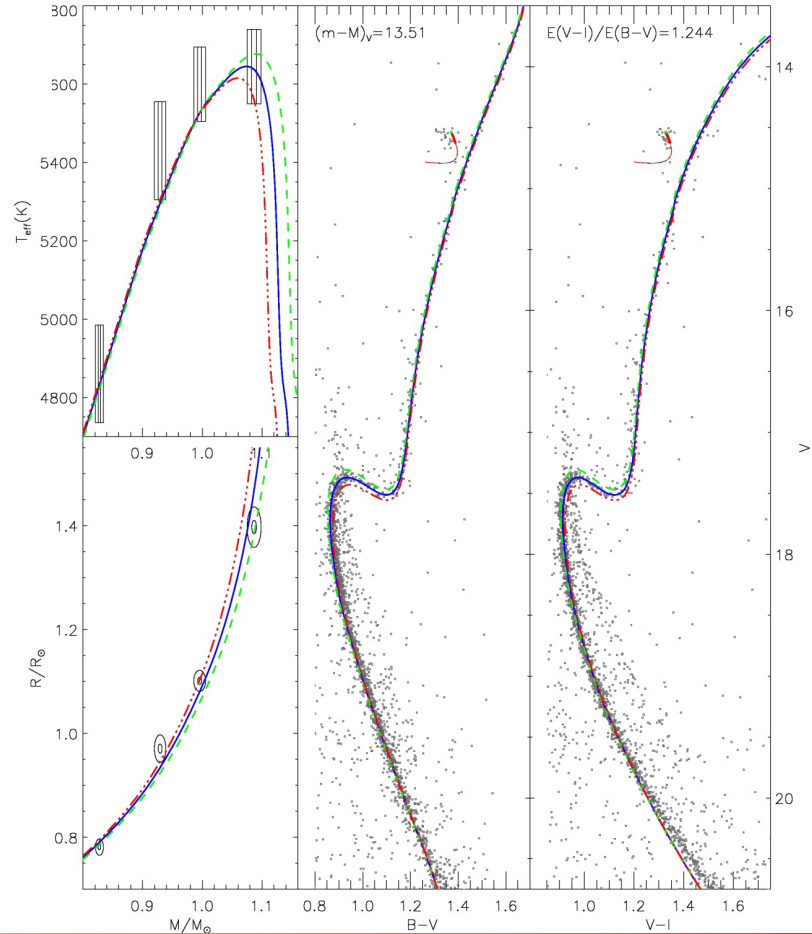
Two dEBs + CMDs

Helium content constrained!
Main age uncertainty is now abundances

Isochrones in the CMDs is not a fit except at
binary locations

Later supported by analysis of eclipsing system
with a giant component (Brogaard et al.
2014) and non-eclipsing binary with a
subgiant component (Brogaard et al. 2021)

— age=8.3 Gyr, [Fe/H]=+0.35 (GS_98), Y=0.30, E(B-V)=0.14
- - - age=7.8 Gyr, [Fe/H]=+0.35 (GS_98), Y=0.30, E(B-V)=0.14
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NGC6791:

Also the first tests of asteroseismology!

dEBs + CMDs (without Kepler!):

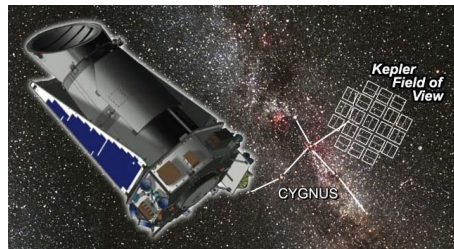
$M_{\text{RGB}}=1.15\pm 0.02$
(Brogard et al. 2012)

Asteroseismology of red giants:

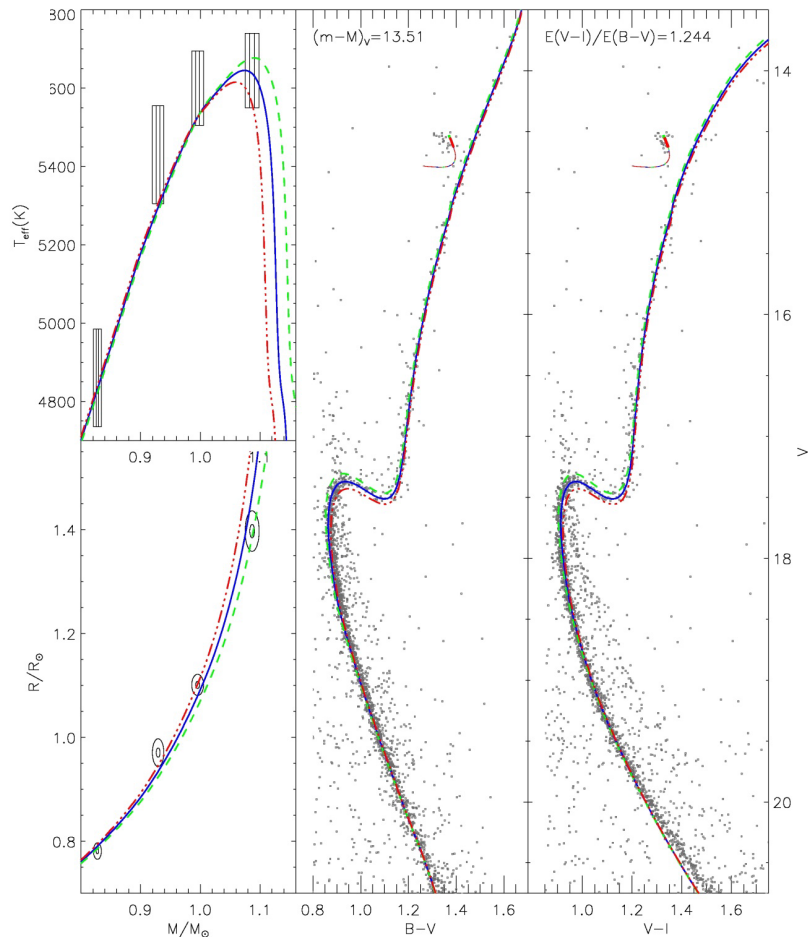
$M_{\text{RGB}}=1.20\pm 0.01$
(Basu et al. 2011)

$M_{\text{RGB}}=1.22\pm 0.02$
(Miglio et al. 2012)

Significantly higher!



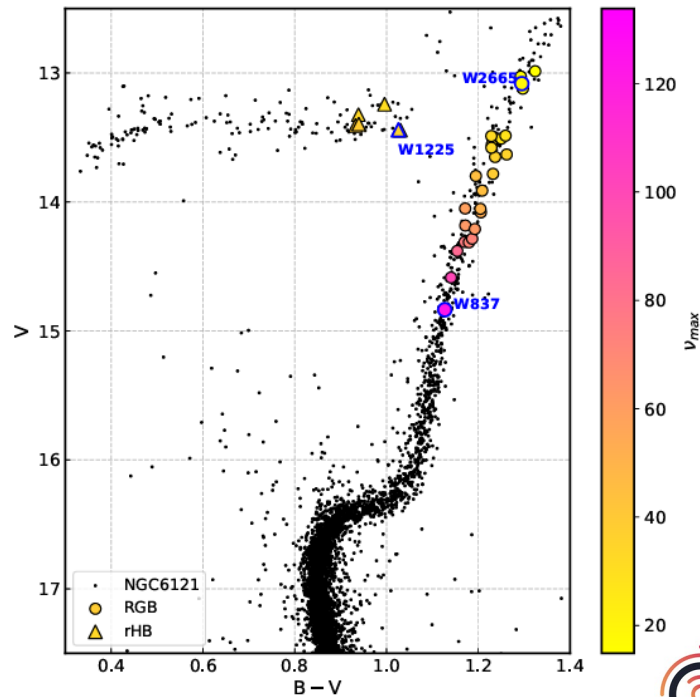
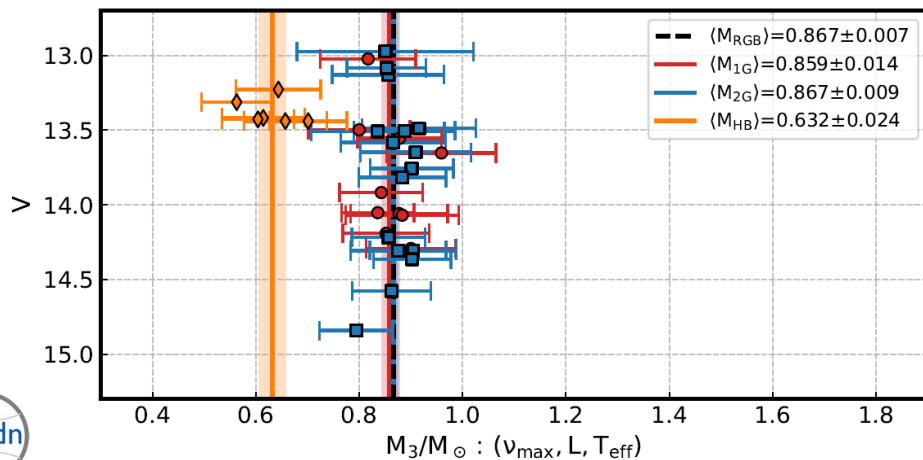
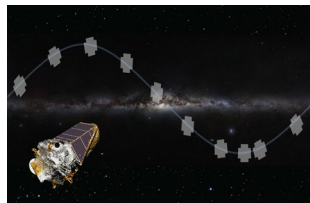
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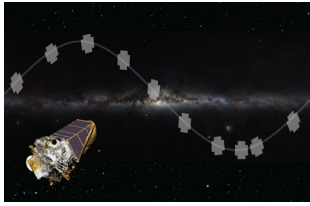
Globular cluster M4

Miglio et al. (2016)

Tailo et al. (2022)



Ruprecht 147

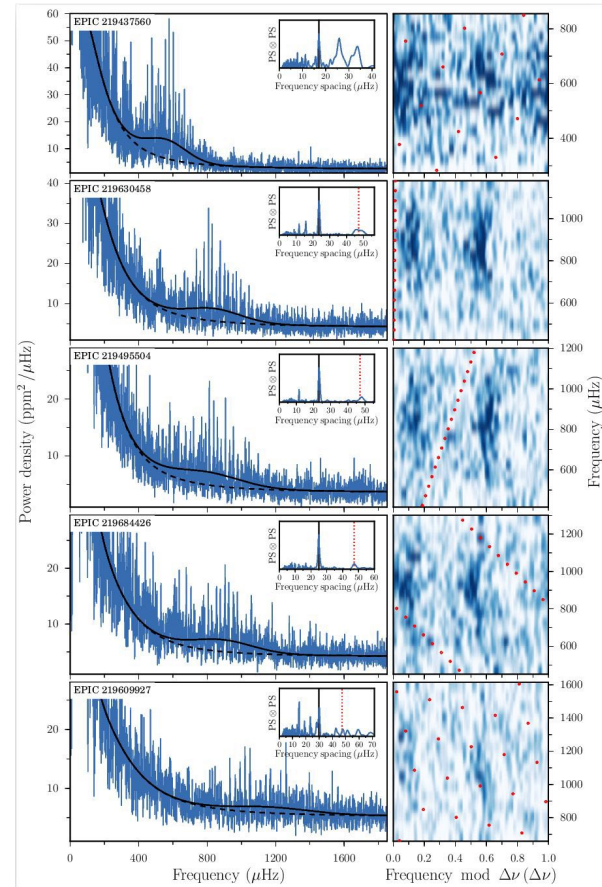
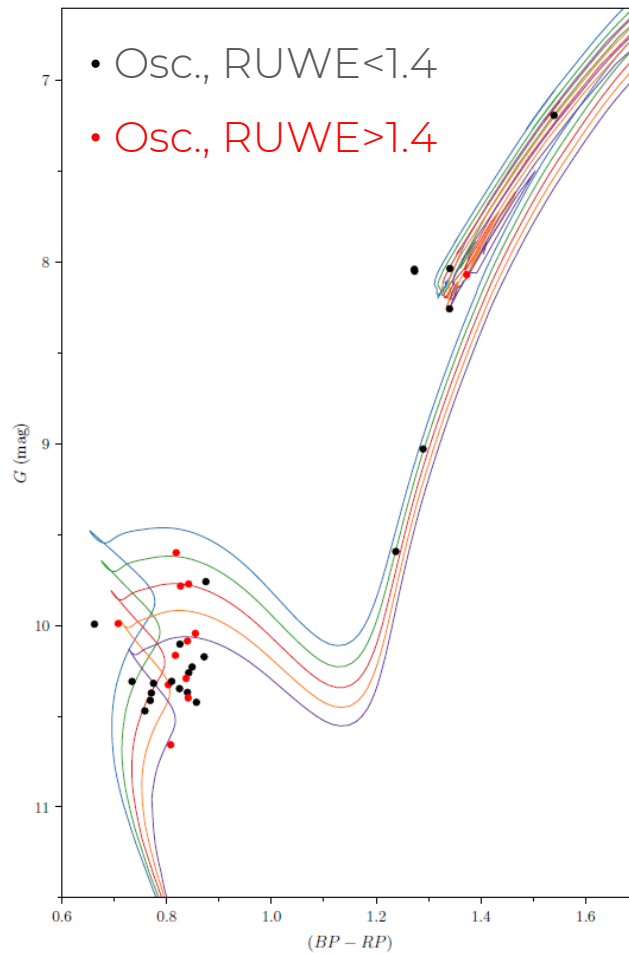


Lund et al., in prep.
K2 mission data

33 oscillating cluster
members covering the
MS-SGB-RGB

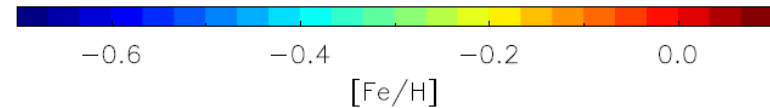
Spectroscopy from MIKE,
TRES, UVES, and GIRAFFE
observations

4 known EBs in cluster!

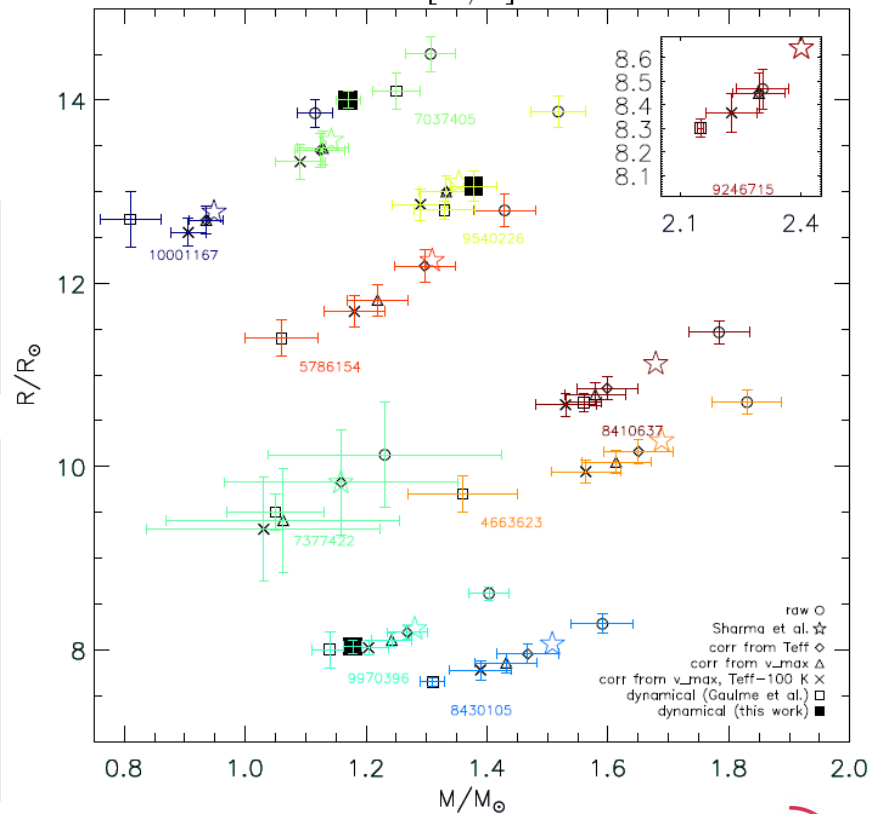
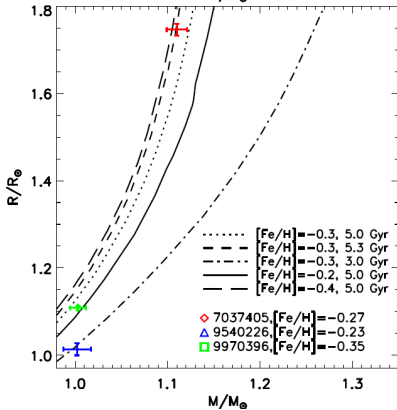
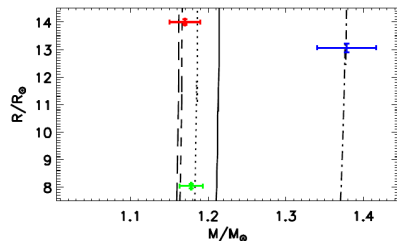
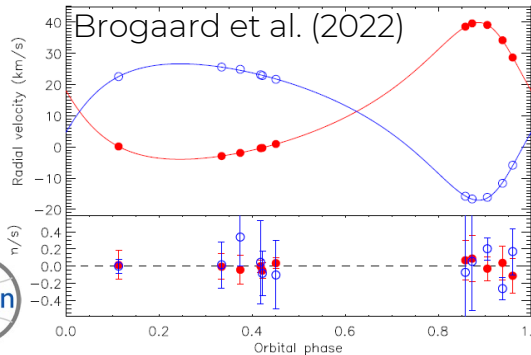
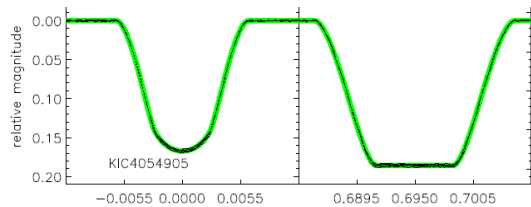


See also poster 9 by Lorenzo Briganti for future work on clusters to be observed by PLATO

Dynamical vs asteroseismic scaling mass and radius



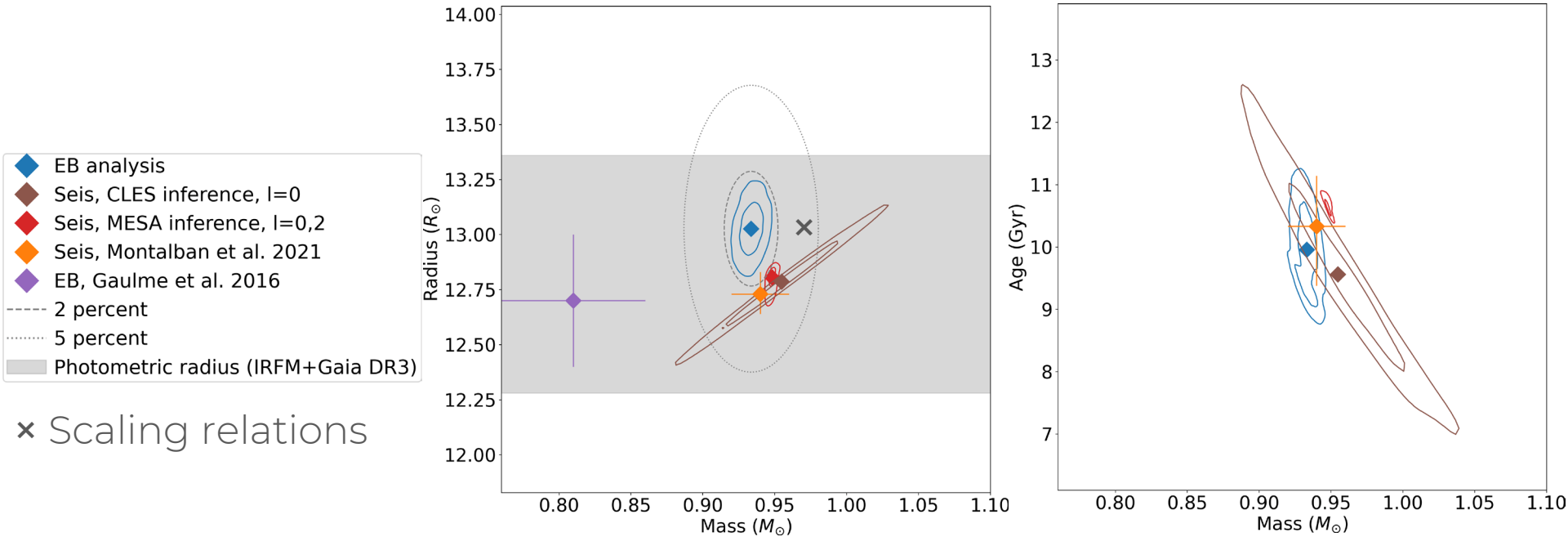
**KIC 4054905,
an eclipsing binary with
two 10 Gyr thick disk RGB stars**



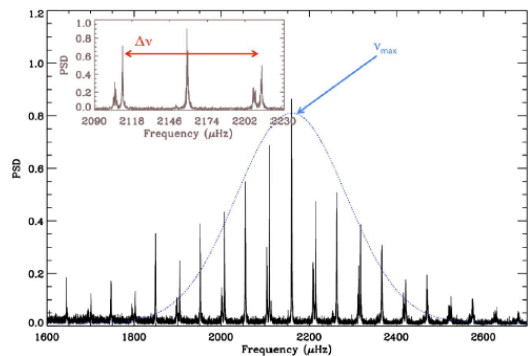
Brogaard et al. (2018)



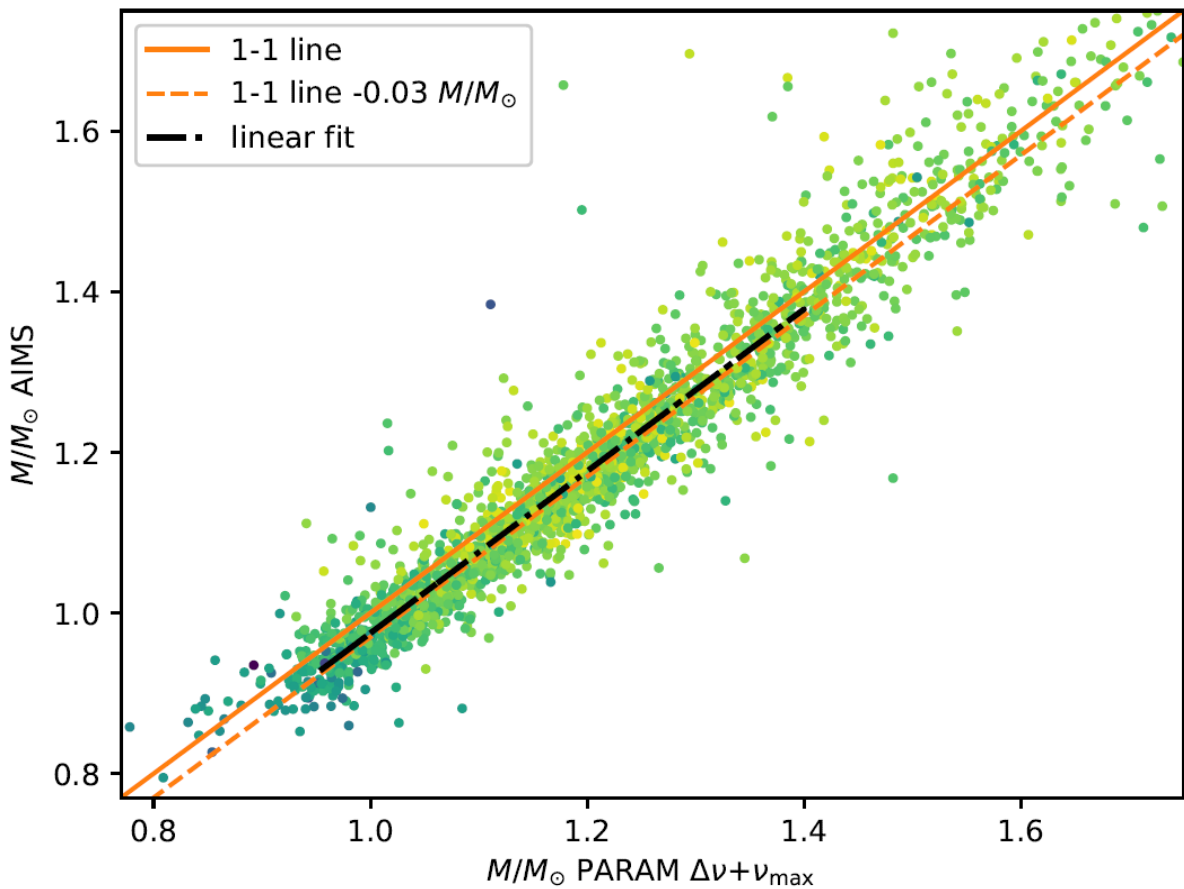
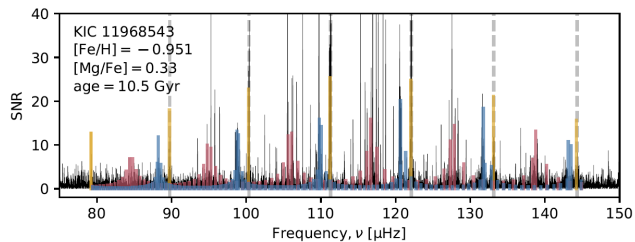
KIC10001167: Poster 25 by Jeppe S. Thomsen



PARAM vs AIMS



VS

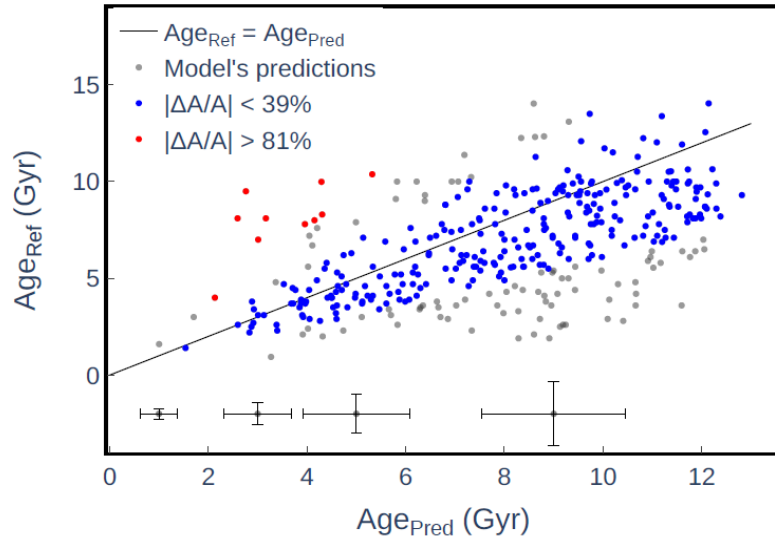


Sources: Willett et al. in prep. (PARAM), Montalbán et al. in prep. (AIMS)

Machine Learning

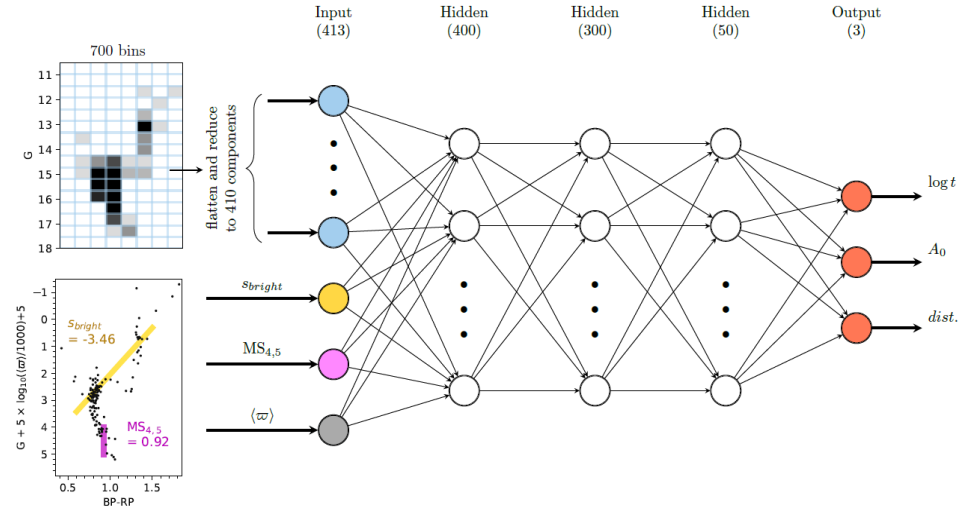
A catalogue of asteroseismically calibrated ages for APOGEE DR17

The predictions of a CatBoost machine learning model based on the [Mg/Ce] chemical clock and other stellar parameters*



Boulet (2024)

Painting a portrait of the Galactic disc with its stellar clusters



Cantat-Gaudin (2022)

haydn

high-precision asteroseismology in dense stellar fields

Miglio, Girardi, Mosser et al. 2021

<https://www.asterochronometry.eu/haydn>



- SG1 high-precision stellar astrophysics
- SG2 evolution and formation of stellar clusters
- SG3 assembly history of the Milky Way's bulge and dwarf galaxies
- SG4 dependence of the occurrence rate of exoplanets on the environment

Conclusions and outlook

Self-consistency tests indicate that a mass accuracy of $<2\%$ is reachable for the very best cases of asteroseismology of solar-like oscillators.

Comparisons between global asteroseismology and detailed frequency modelling for red giant stars show a mass-offset of $\sim 0.03 M_{\text{sun}}$, suggesting that accuracy can also be calibrated for global asteroseismology.

Uncertainties for secondary age indicators are much larger!

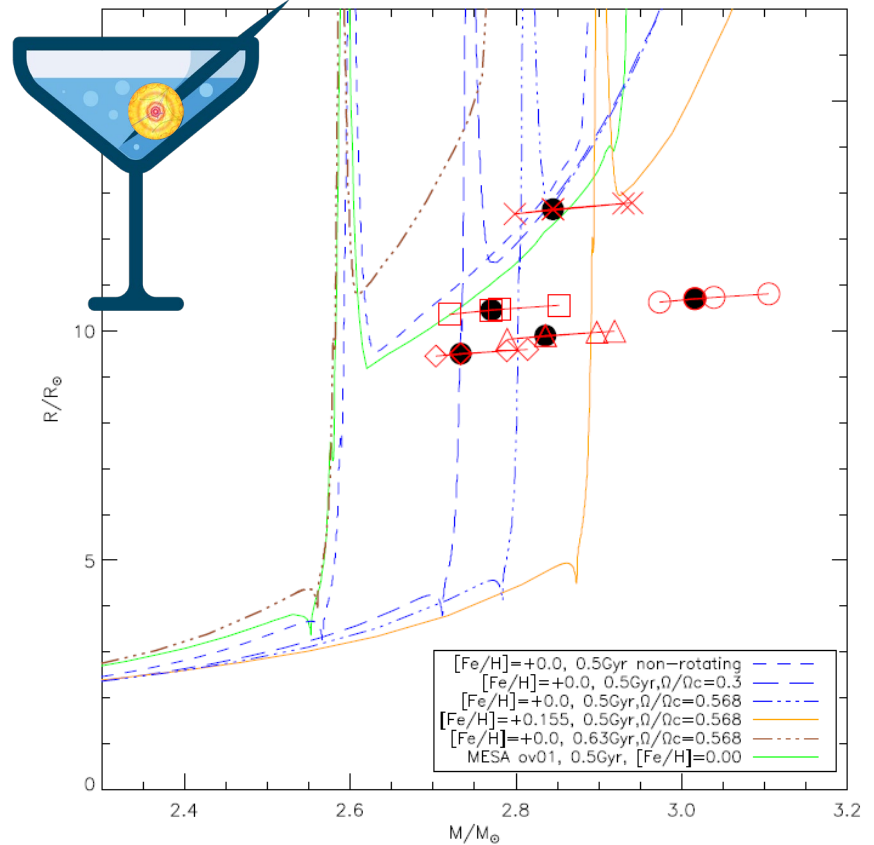
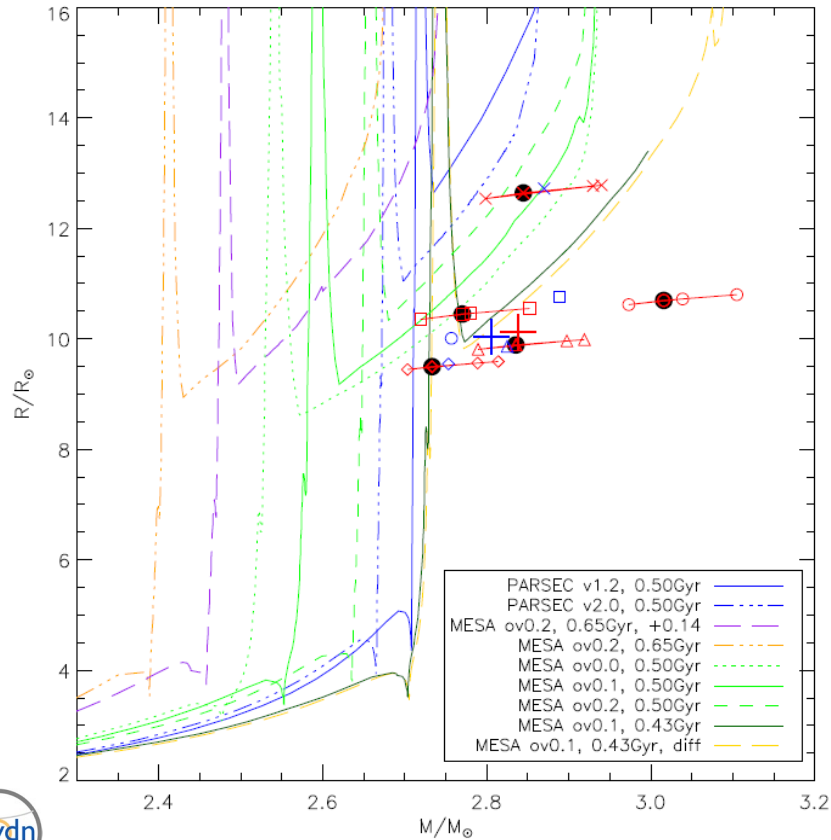
Much more work on binary stars and star clusters is needed and on-going.

For the next big leap forward, we need Haydn:

<http://www.asterochronometry.eu/haydn/>



NGC6866: New insights into core-overshoot and rotation

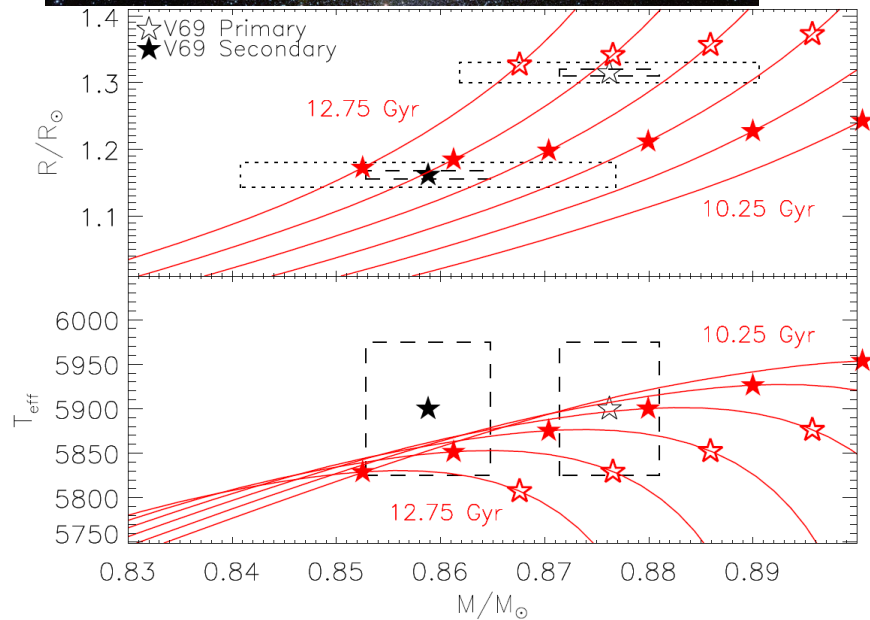
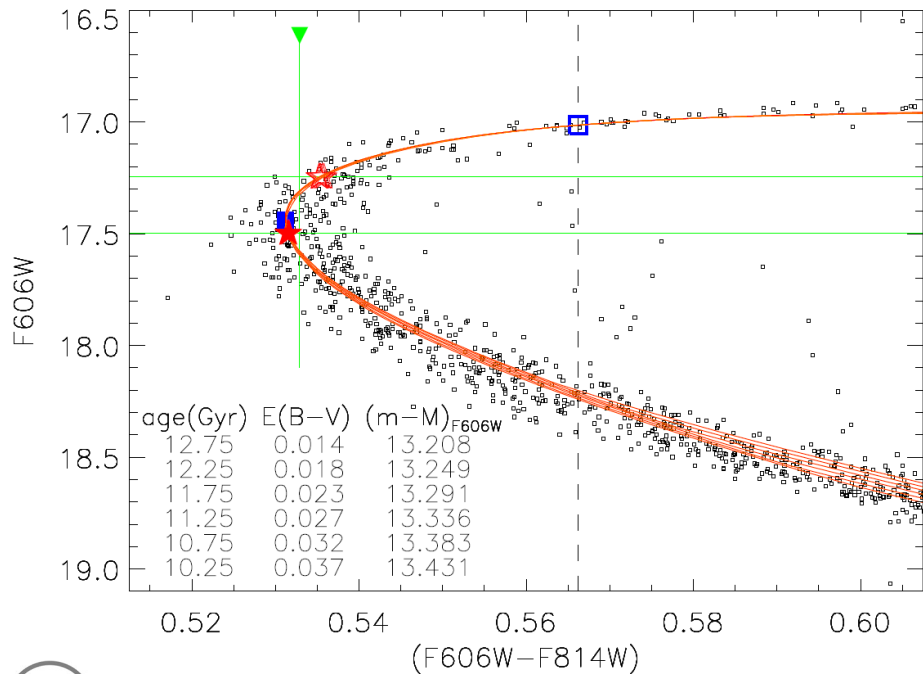


Brogaard et al. (2023)



Additional relevant works: Hyades: Brogaard et al. (2021), NGC6633: Brogaard et al. (submitted)

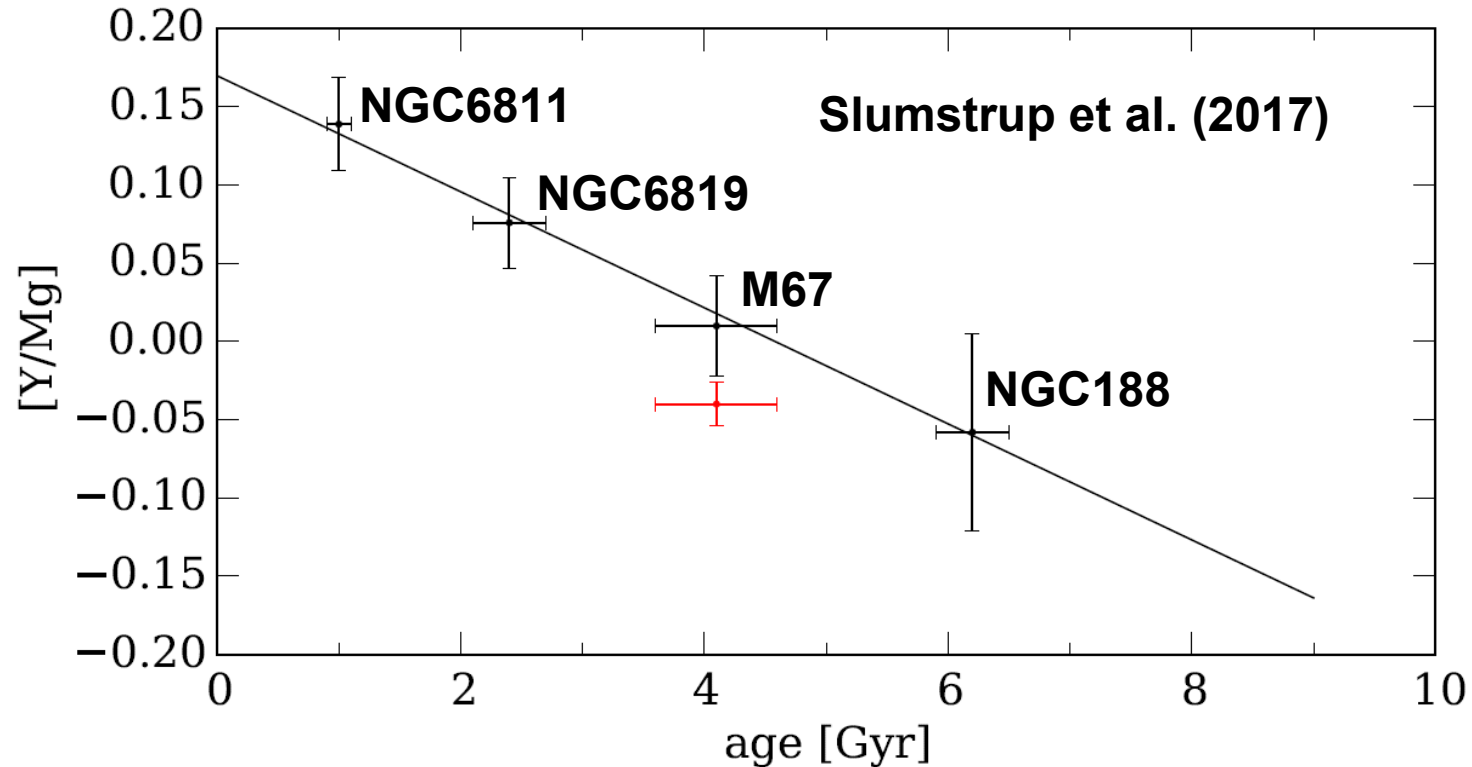
V69 in 47 Tucanae



$[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.70$ $[\alpha/\text{Fe}] = +0.4$ $[\text{O}/\text{Fe}] = +0.6$ $Y = 0.250$



chemical clocks



Line is not a fit! It is derived from solar twins by Nissen (2016)

