

*Twinkle twinkle little star how I wonder  
what you are:*

# Towards Age/Rotation/Magnetic activity relation with seismology

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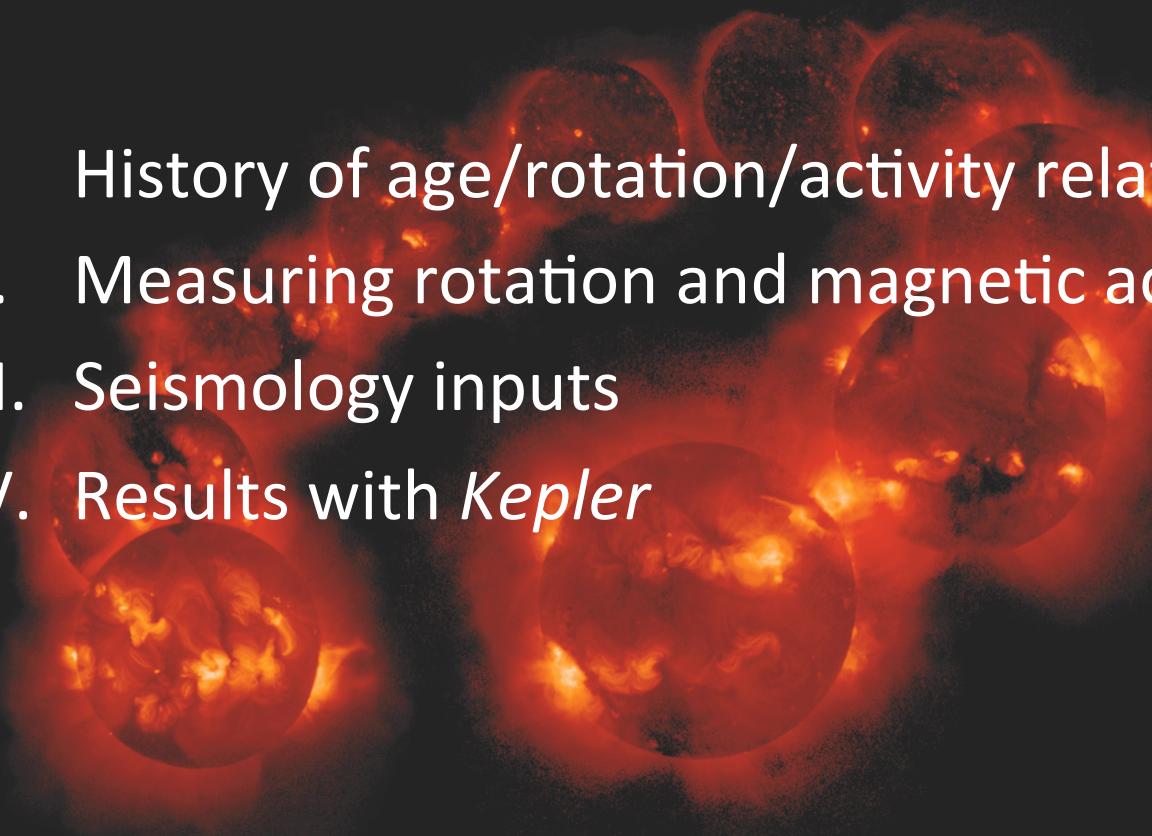
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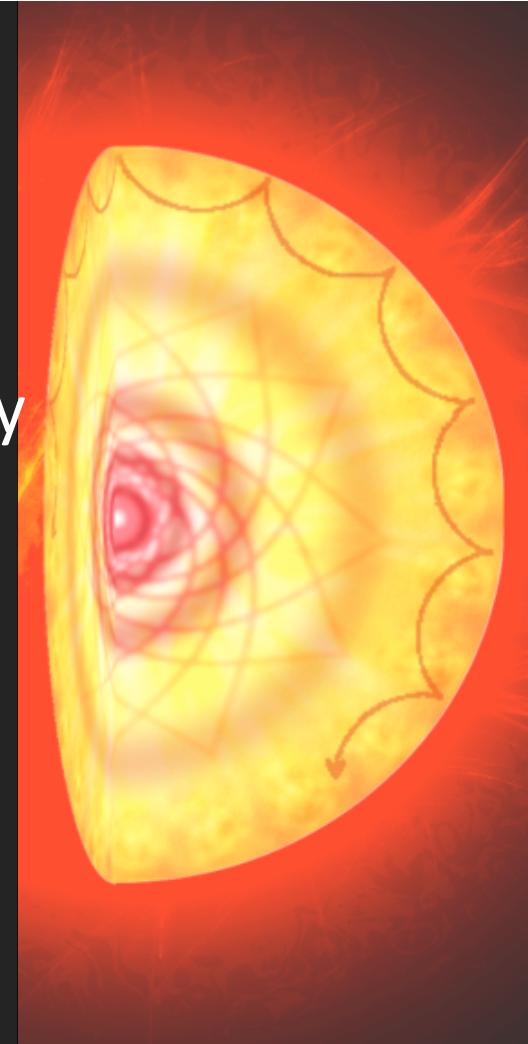
# Stellar ages

- Why are they important? [See poster #2]
  - For planetary system evolution studies
  - For star formation history...
- But stellar ages difficult to determine for low-mass field stars:
  - Among a given cluster, coeval stars but more difficult for field stars
  - Some stellar phases evolve more or less rapidly depending on stellar mass



# Outline

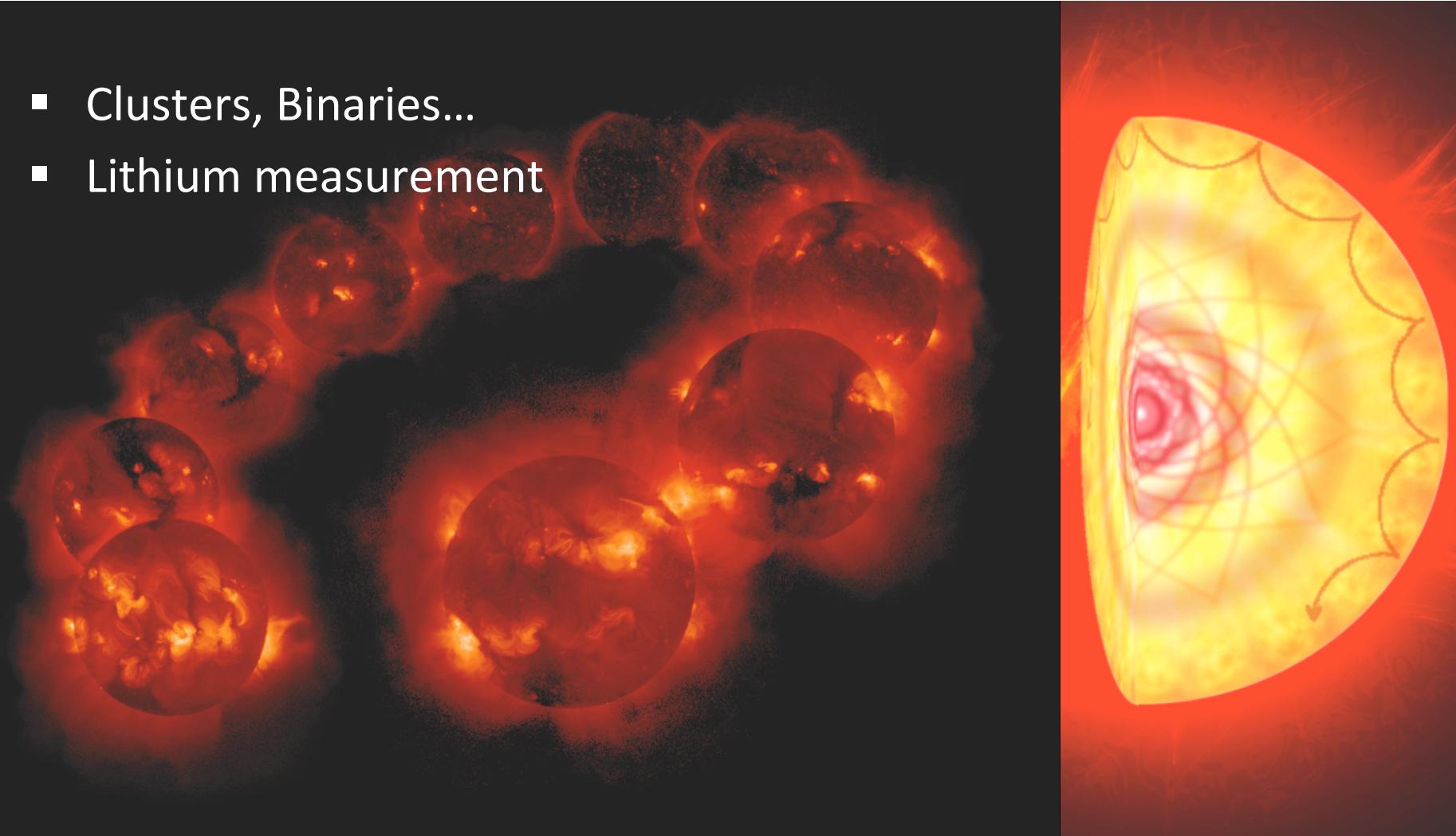
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- I. History of age/rotation/activity relations
  - II. Measuring rotation and magnetic activity
  - III. Seismology inputs
  - IV. Results with *Kepler*



# History of age/rotation/activity relations

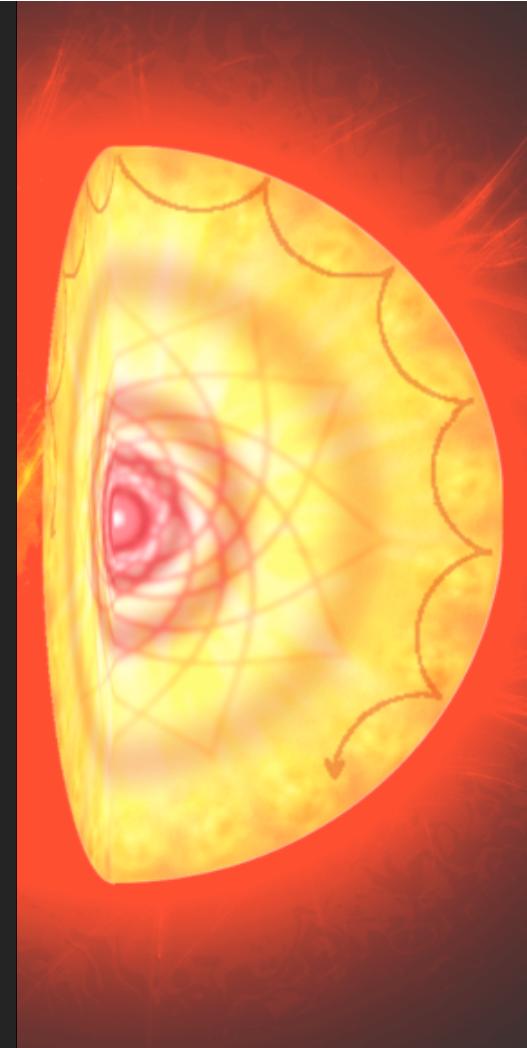
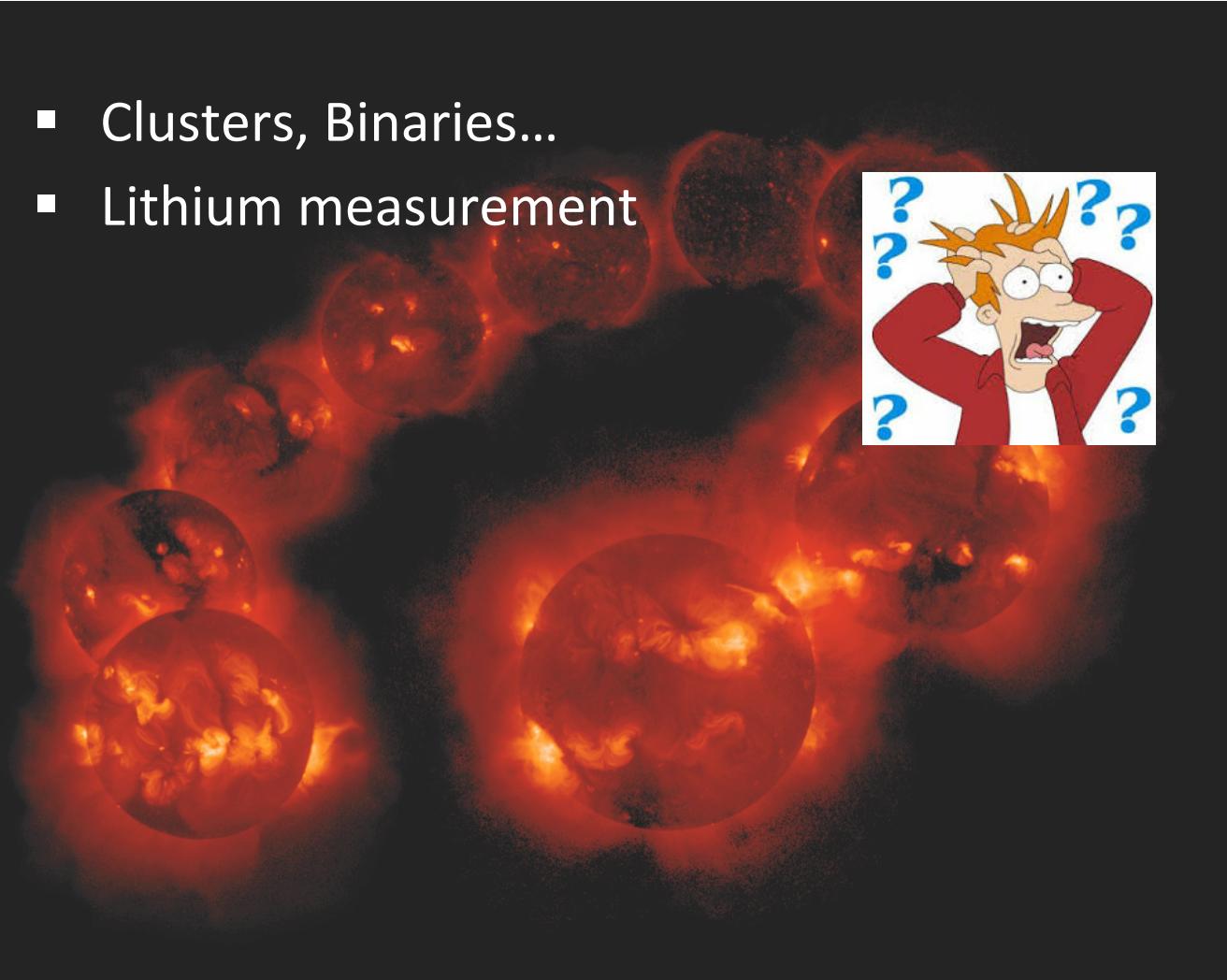
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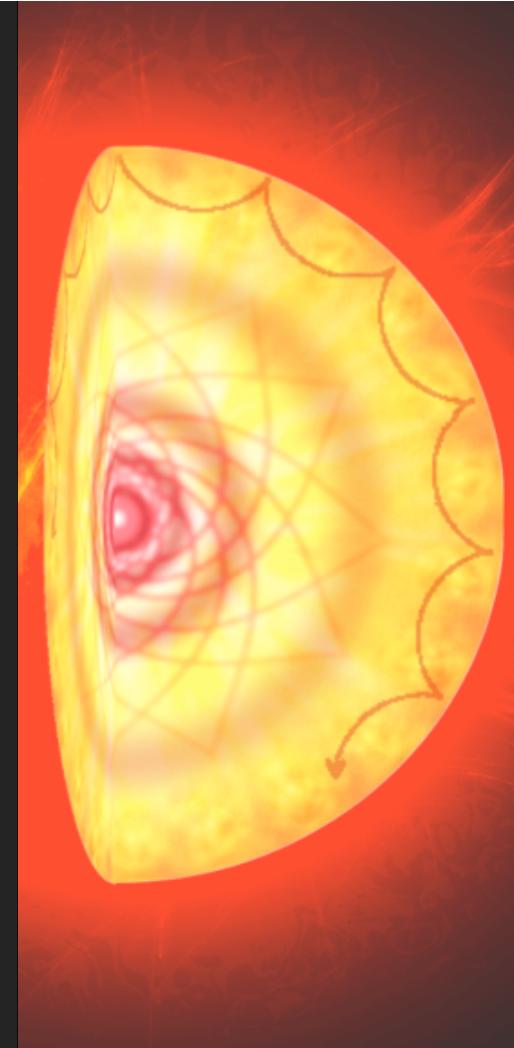


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Field stars:

- Isochrones
- Asteroseismology
- Gyrochronology
- Chromochronology (?)



# A little bit of history...

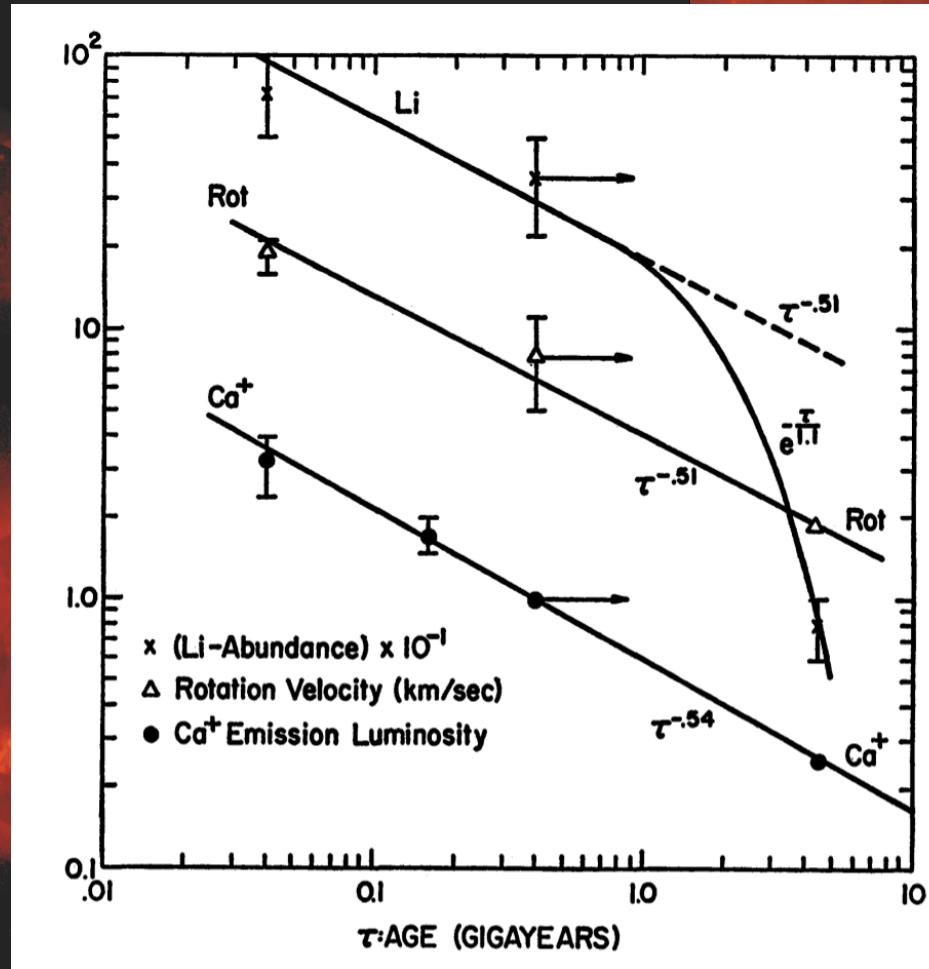
For 3 young clusters and based on

- Rotation
- Magnetic activity
- Lithium

Derived a law with age:

$$P_{\text{rot}} \sim \tau^{-1/2}$$

[e.g. Kawaler (1988);  
MacGregor & Brenner (1991)]



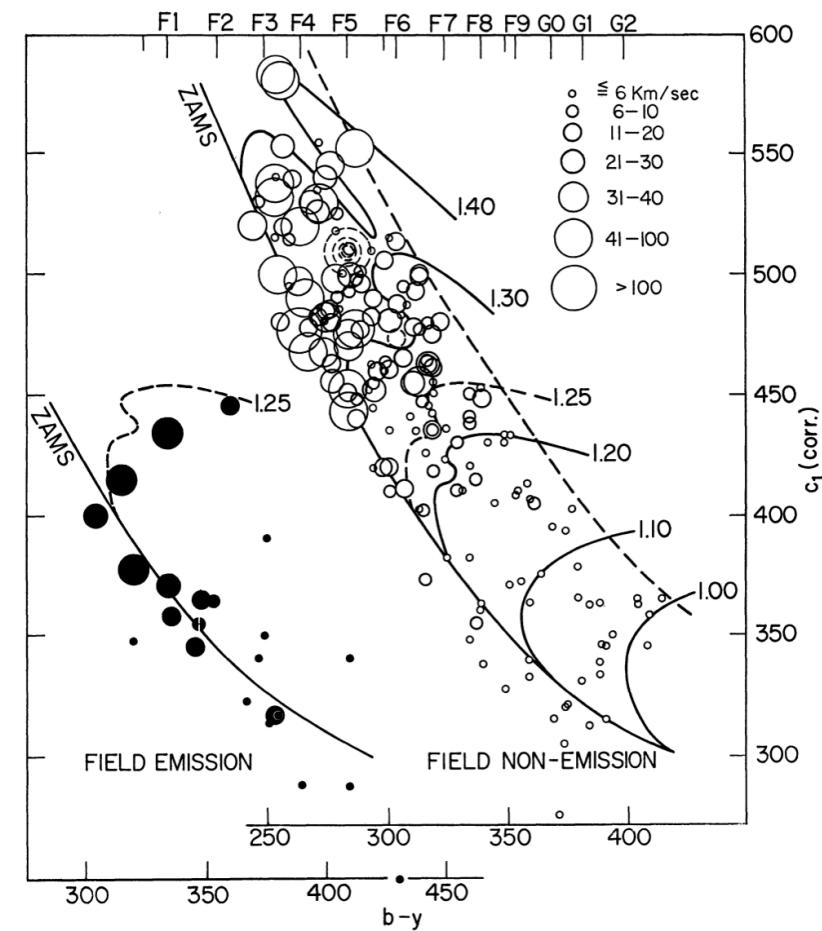
[Skumanich 1972]

# A little bit of history...

BUT dependency with the stellar mass

[e.g. Kraft, 1967; Epstein & Pinsonneault, 2013]

$M > 1.25M_{\odot}$ : faster rotation

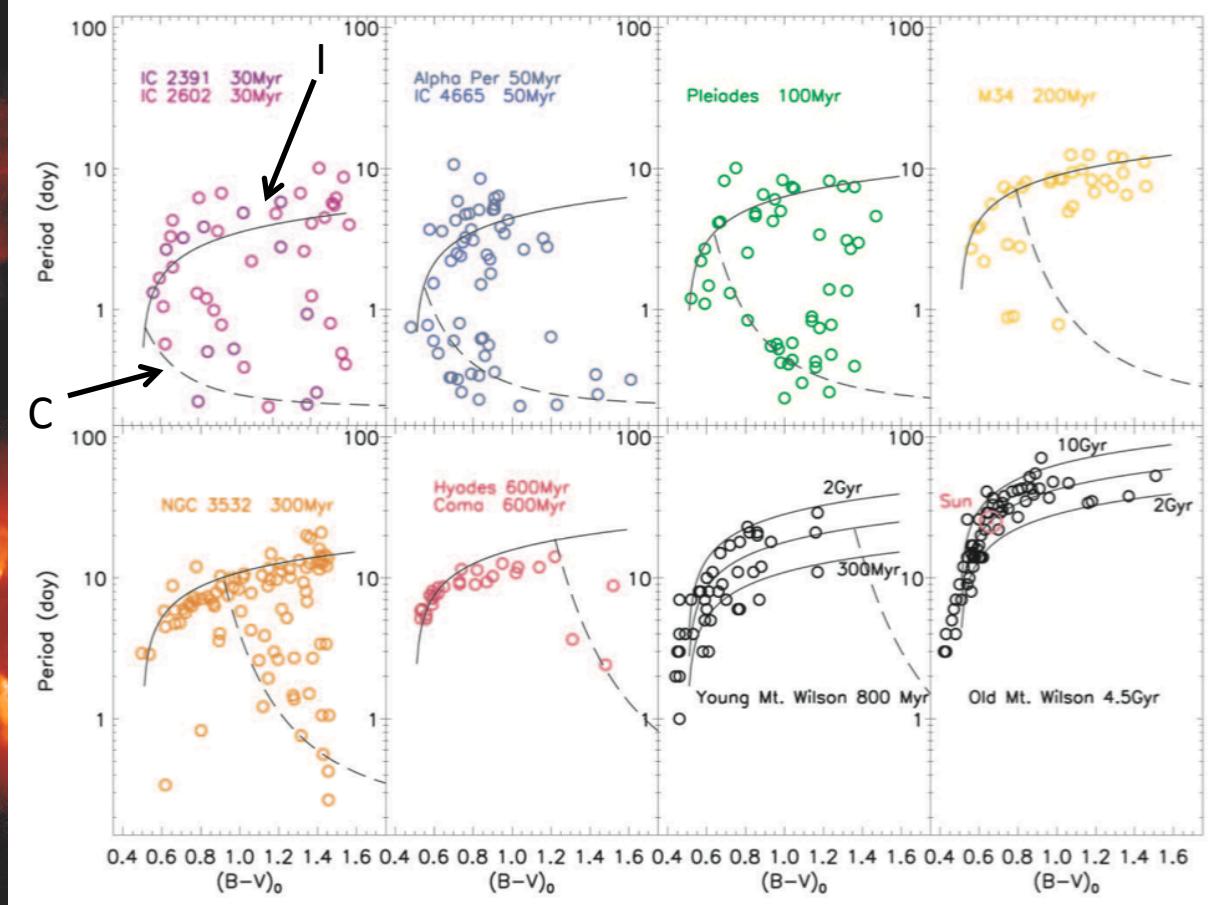


[Kraft, 1967]

# C and I sequences

C (convective):  
fast rotators  
I (interface):  
slow rotators

$$P(B - V, t) = f(B - V)g(t),$$
$$f(B - V) = a[(B - V)_0 - c]^b,$$
$$g(t) = t^n.$$



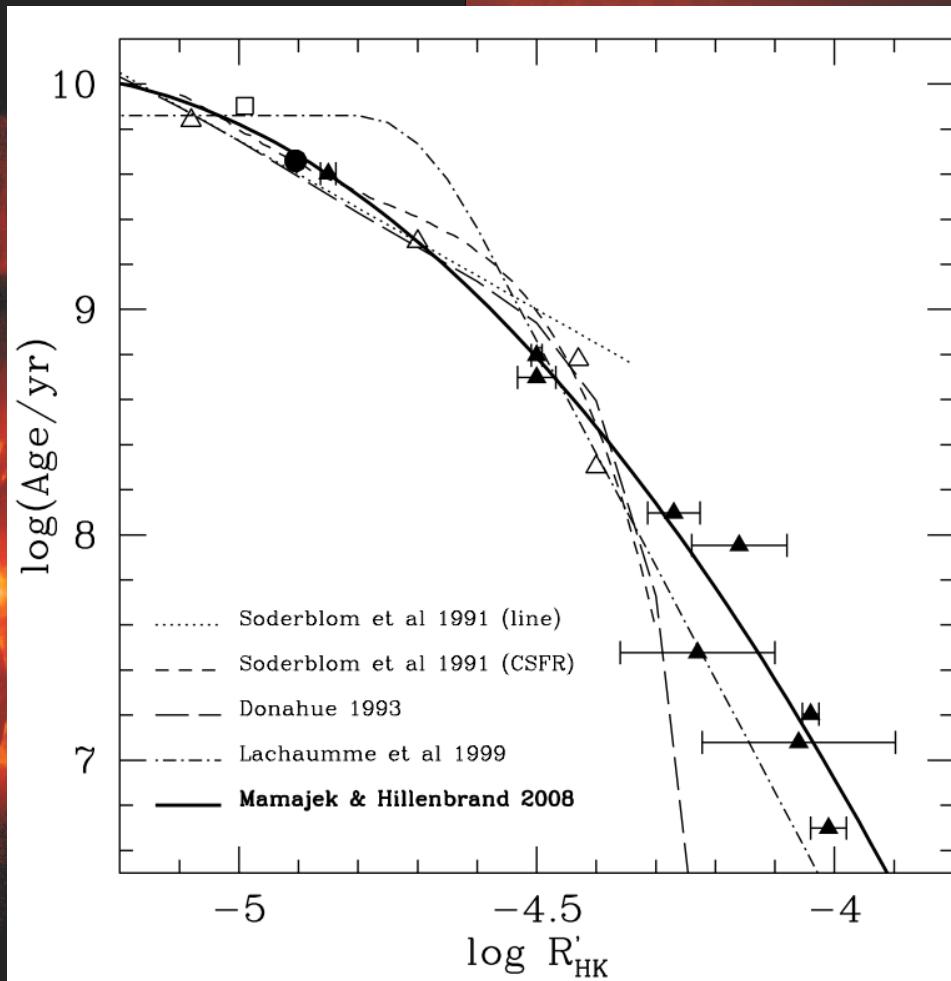
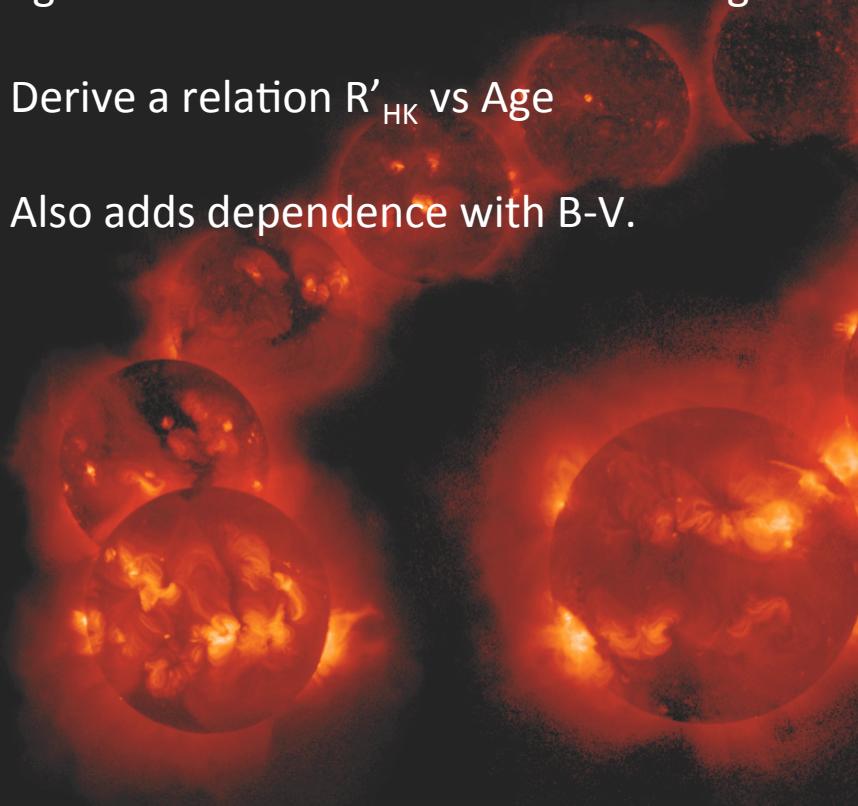
[Barnes et al. 2003, 2007]

# Relation with magnetic activity

$R'_{HK}$  index of young clusters with known ages and field stars with isochronal ages

Derive a relation  $R'_{HK}$  vs Age

Also adds dependence with B-V.



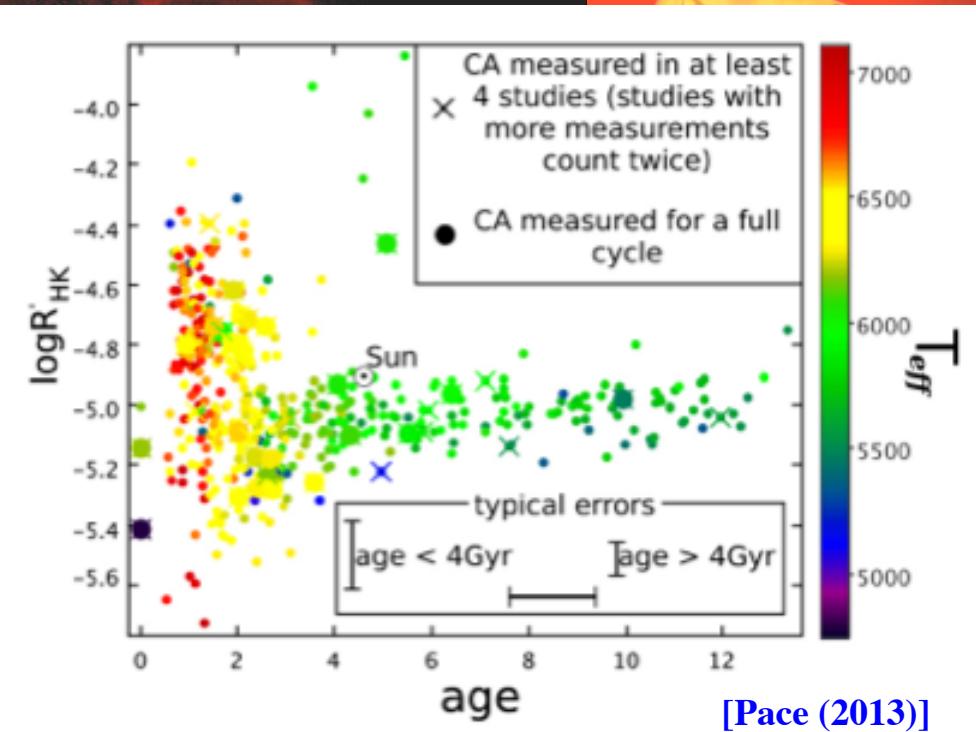
[Mamajek & Hillenbrand, 2008]

# Chromospheric activity and age

CA indexes and ages (GCS) of

- Cluster stars
- ~500 field dwarfs

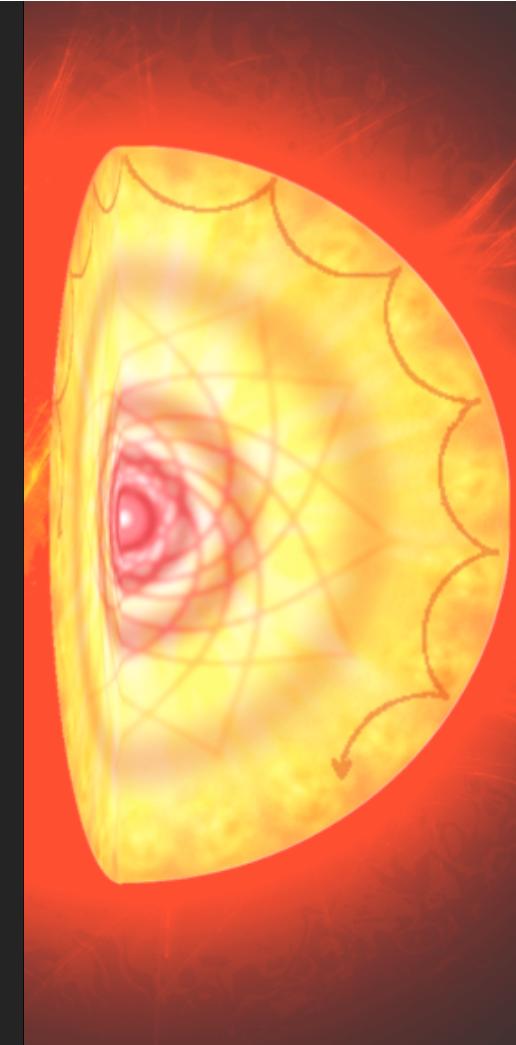
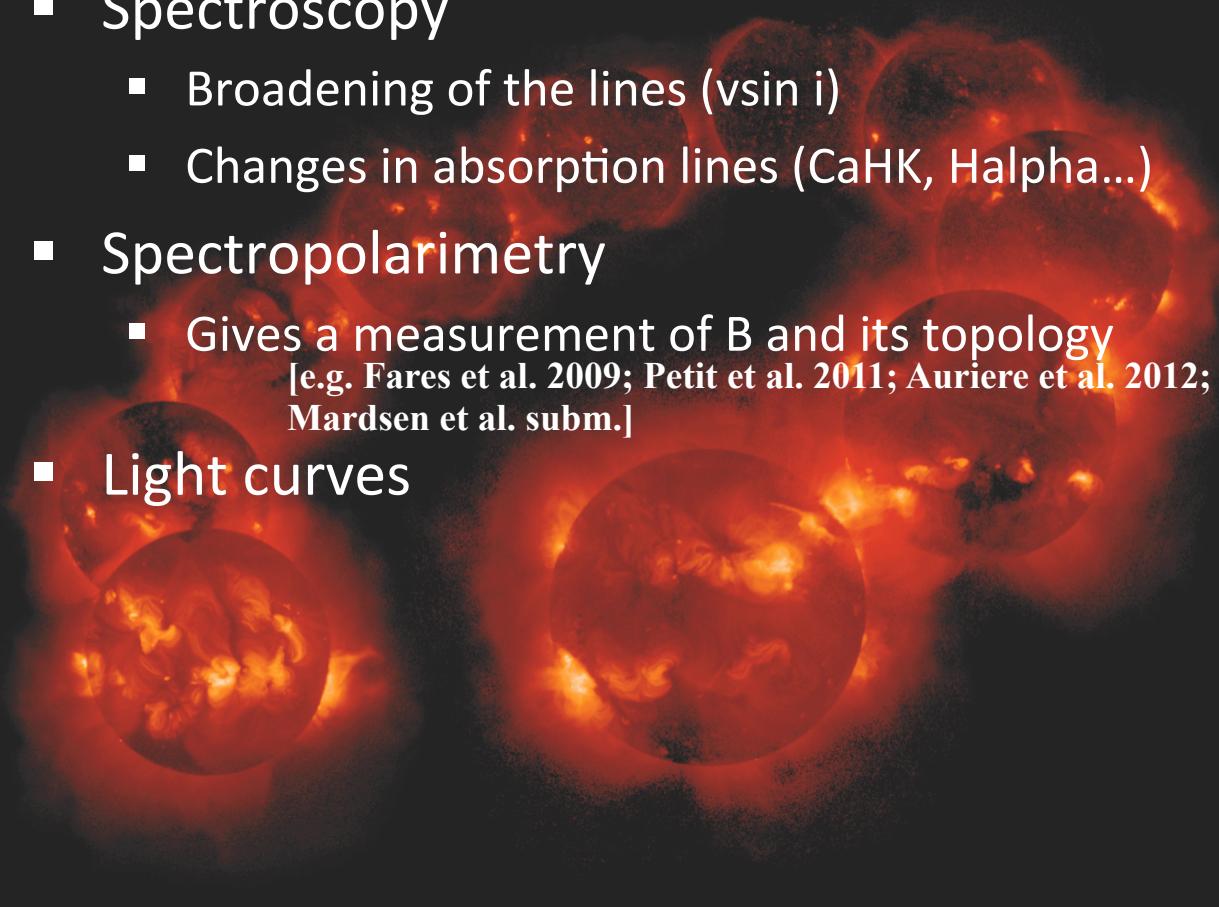
No evolution of  $R'_{HK}$  after 1.5 Gyr.



# Measuring rotation and magnetic activity

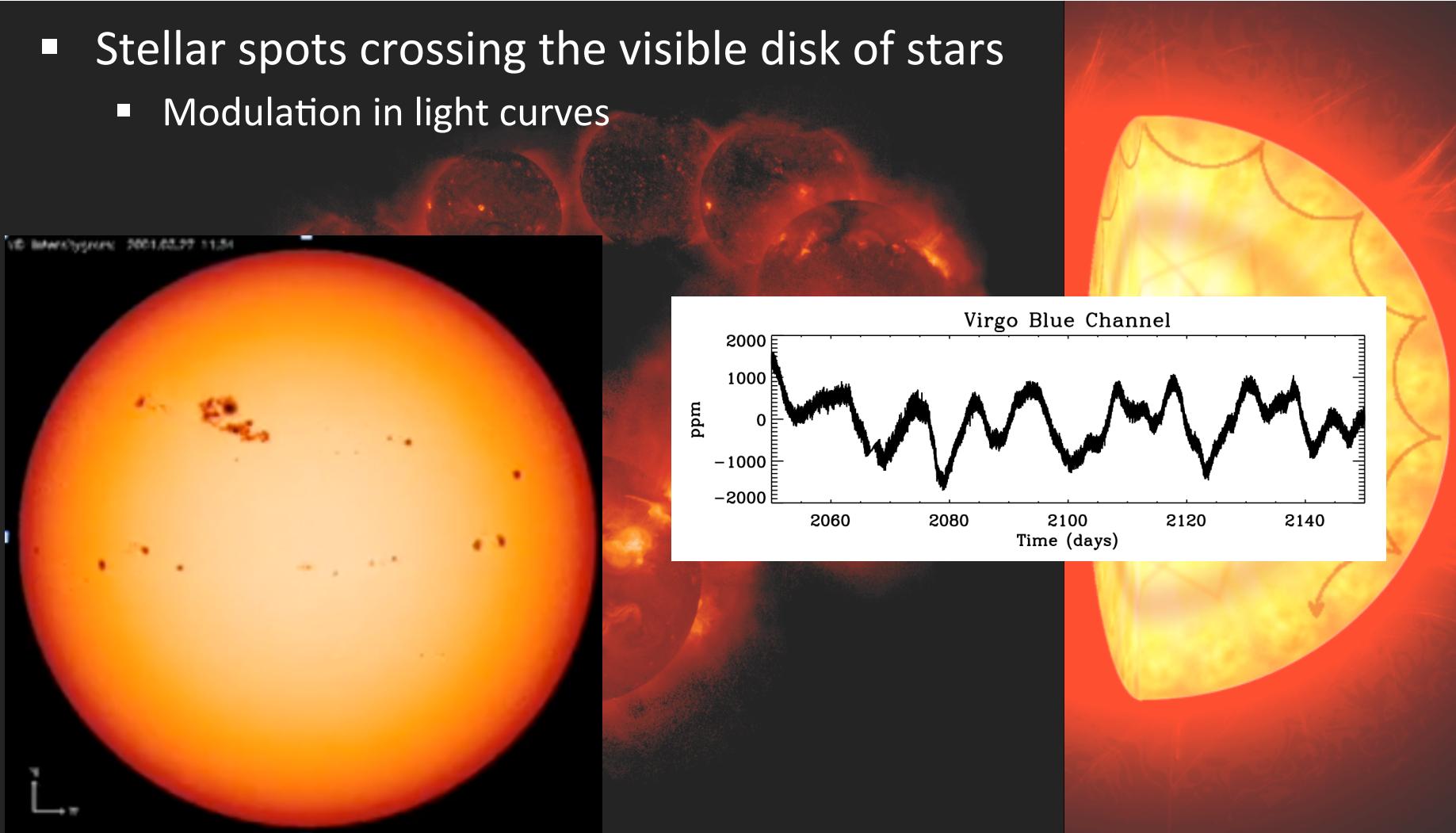
# How do we measure rotation and magnetic indexes?

- Spectroscopy
  - Broadening of the lines ( $v\sin i$ )
  - Changes in absorption lines (CaHK, Halpha...)
- Spectropolarimetry
  - Gives a measurement of  $B$  and its topology  
[e.g. Fares et al. 2009; Petit et al. 2011; Auriere et al. 2012;  
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- Light curves



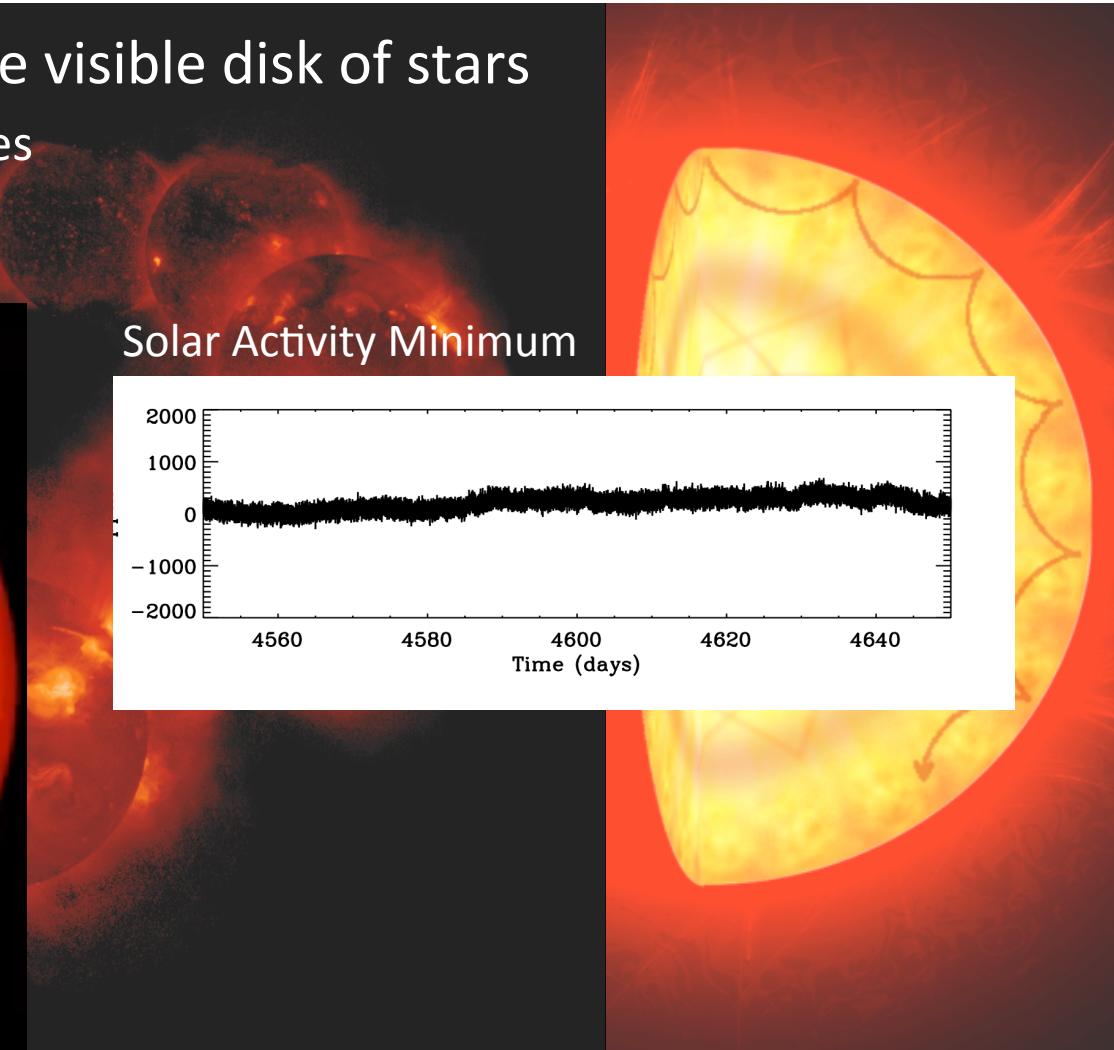
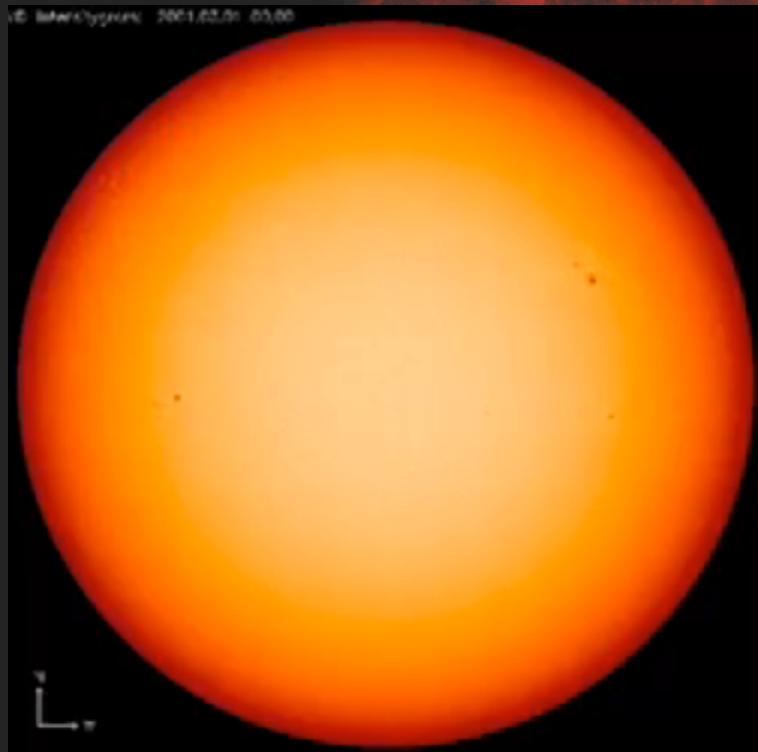
# Surface rotation

- Stellar spots crossing the visible disk of stars
  - Modulation in light curves



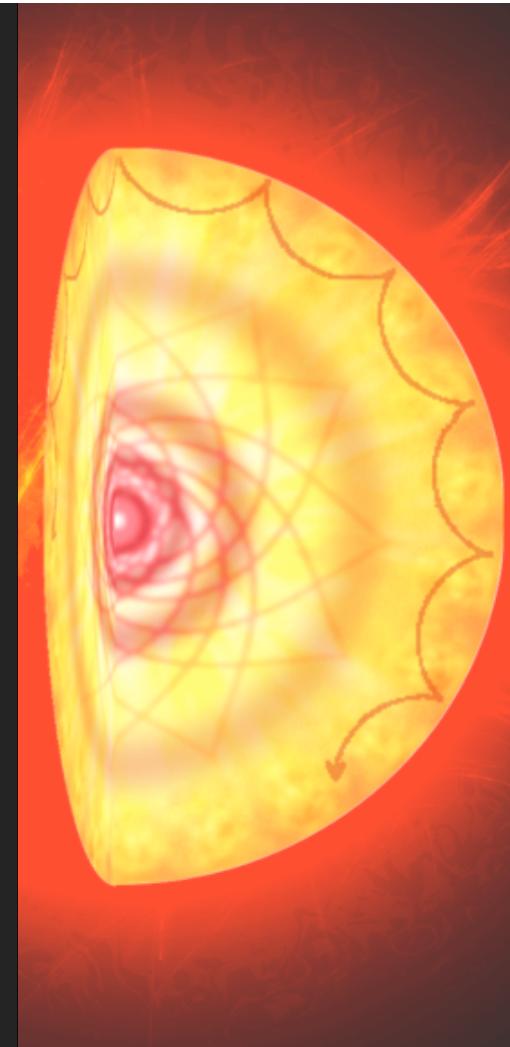
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  - *Need active star*

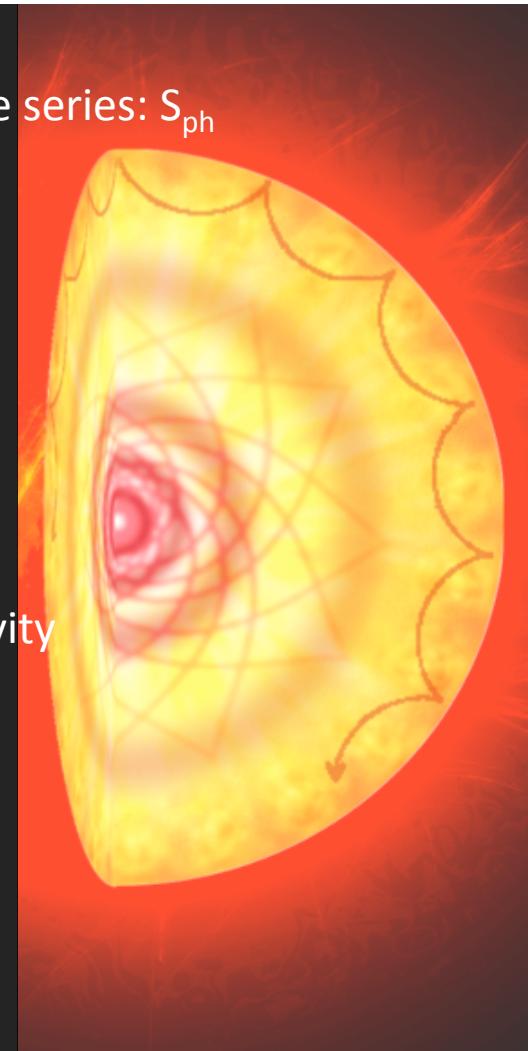
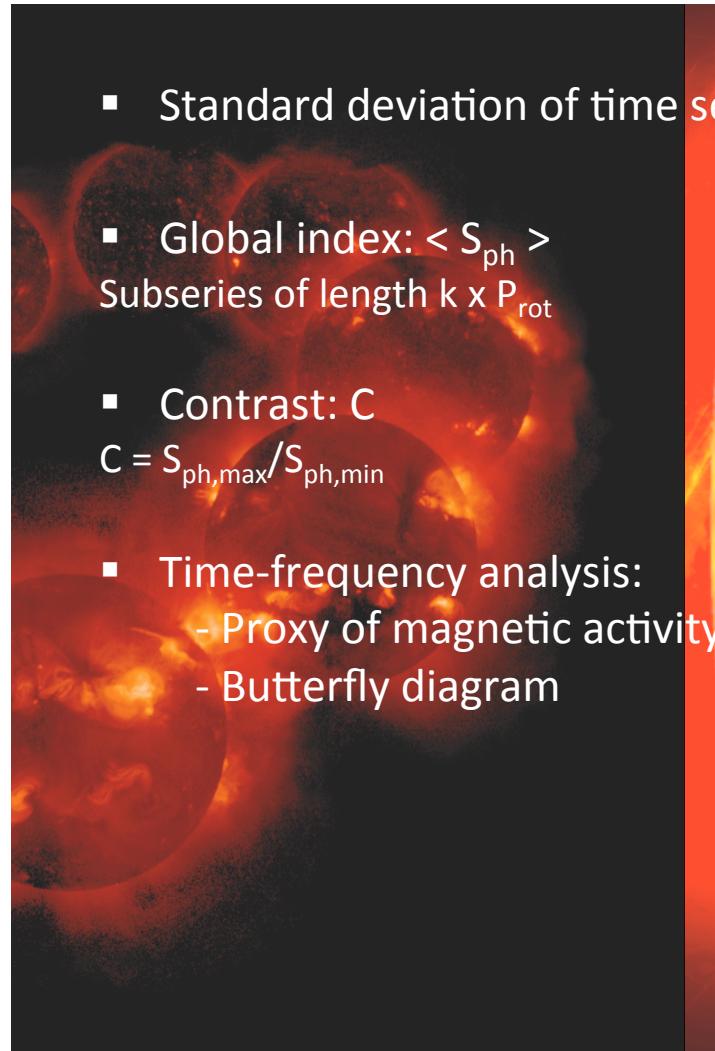
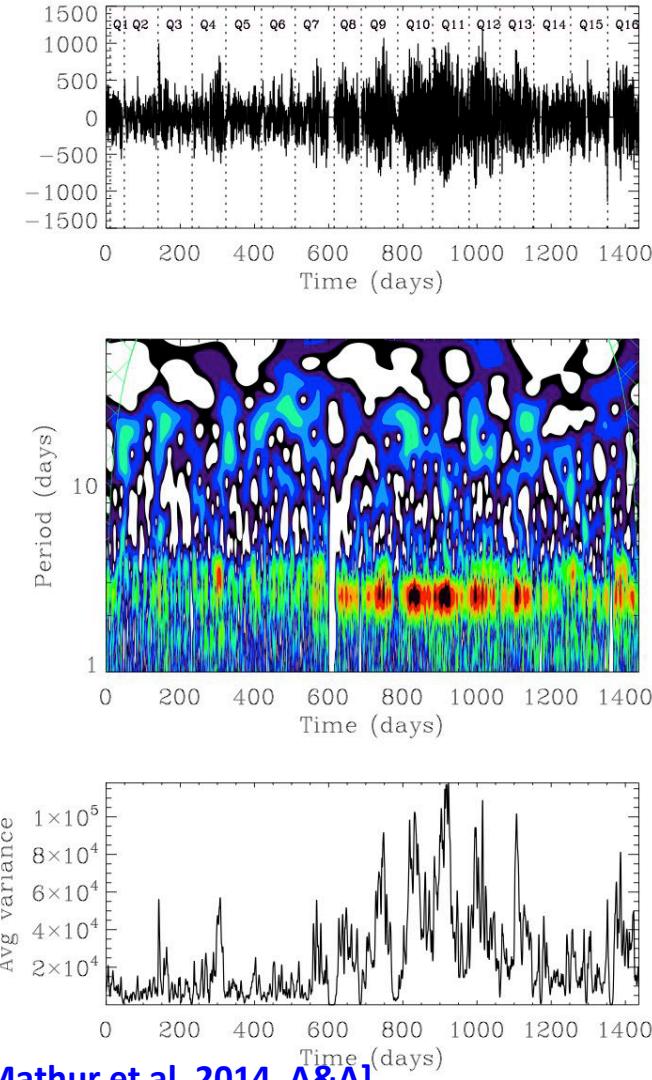


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- Light curves
  - Periodogram [Nielsen et al. 2013, Reinhold et al. 2013]
  - Time-frequency [Mathur et al. 2010; Vida et al. 2014;  
Mathur et al. 2014; Garcia et al. subm.]
  - Auto-correlation [McQuillan et al. 2013a, b; Mathur et al. 2014]



# How do we measure magnetic activity?



# Seismology inputs

# Stellar Modeling

- Stellar models:

- Diffusion
- Composition
- Equation of state
- Opacities
- Mixing length theory
- Overshoot?
- ...

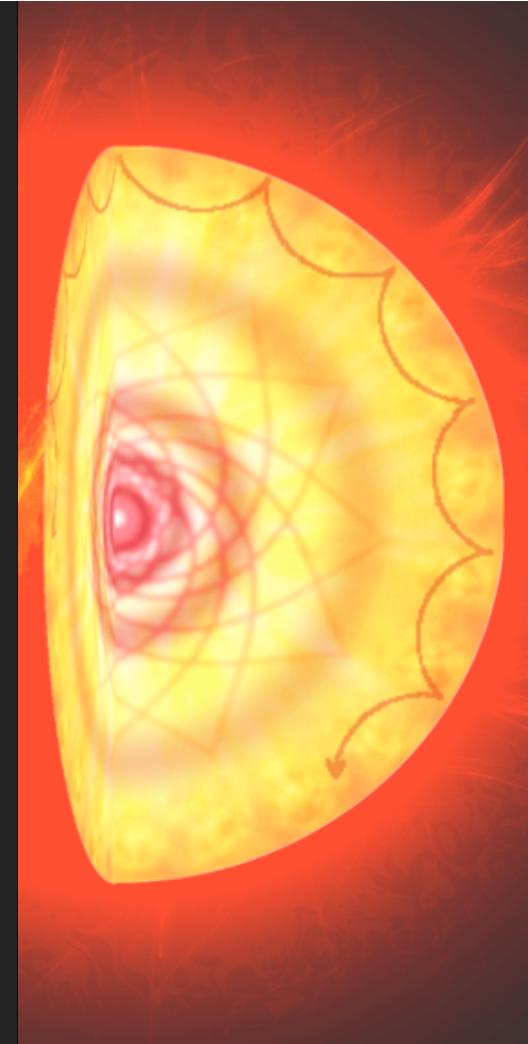
- Observables:

- Spectroscopic:  
 $T_{\text{eff}}$ , Fe/H,  $\log g$ , L
- Seismic:  $\Delta v$ ,  
 $v_{\text{max}}$ ,  $v_{n,l}$

Find the best model that fits all the observables available

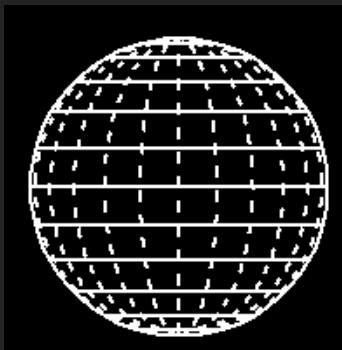
# Stellar modeling

- Best-fit model
  - Grid modeling [Chaplin et al. 2014]
  - E.g. Asteroseismic Modeling Portal [Metcalfe et al. 2009]
- Large sample of stars  
[Mathur et al., 2012; Metcalfe et al. subm.]
  - Improve precision on M, R, age
  - Structure



# Effect of rotation on modes

$\Omega = 1,0$

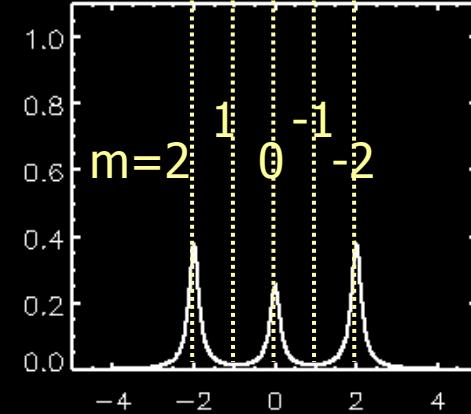
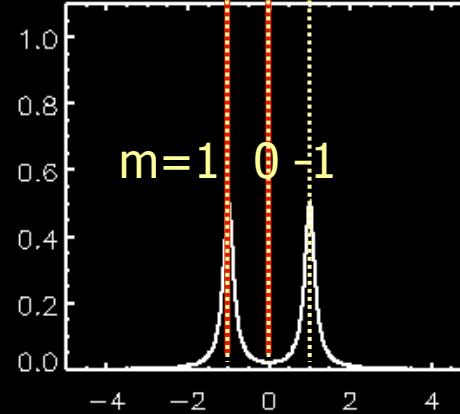


$i = 90^\circ$

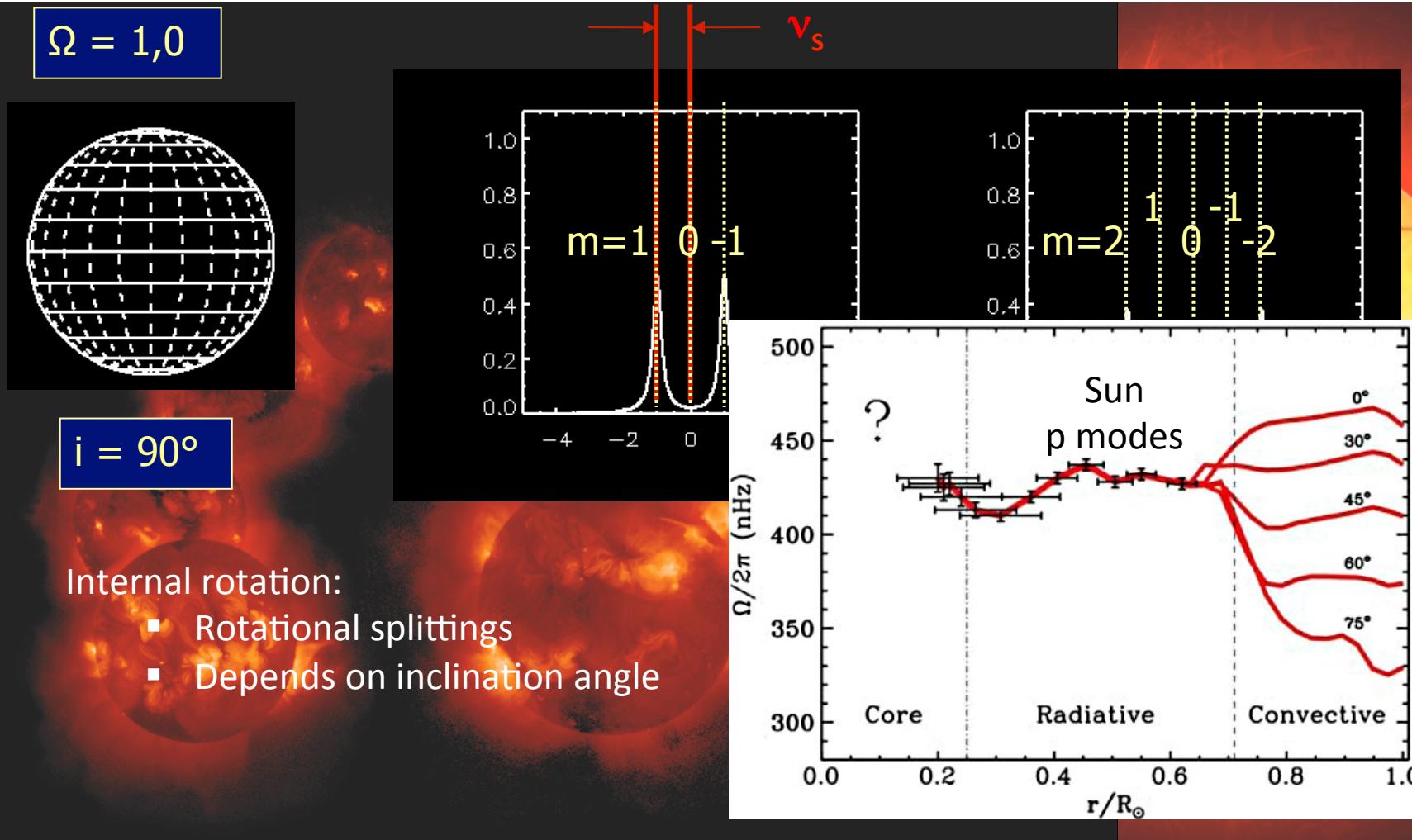
Internal rotation:

- Rotational splittings
- Depends on inclination angle

$v_s$

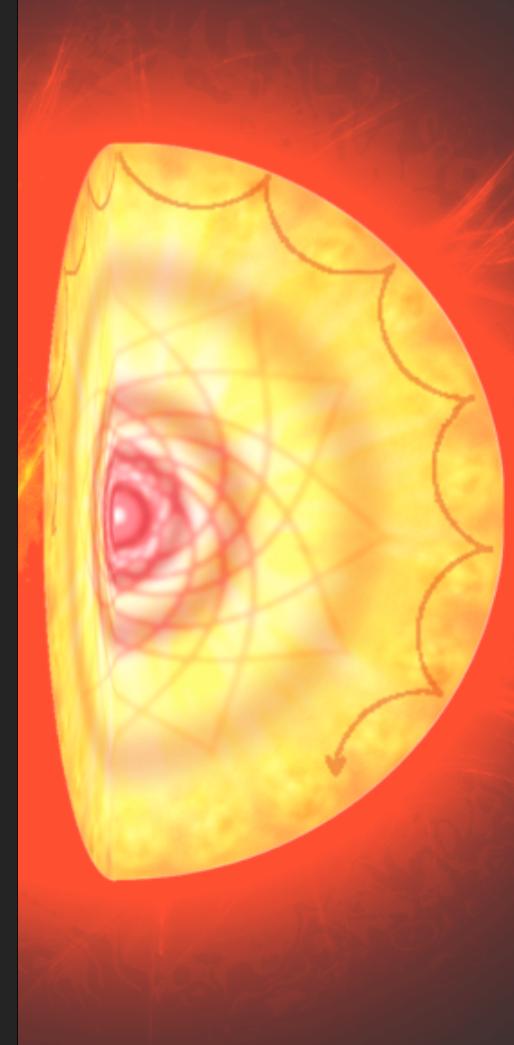
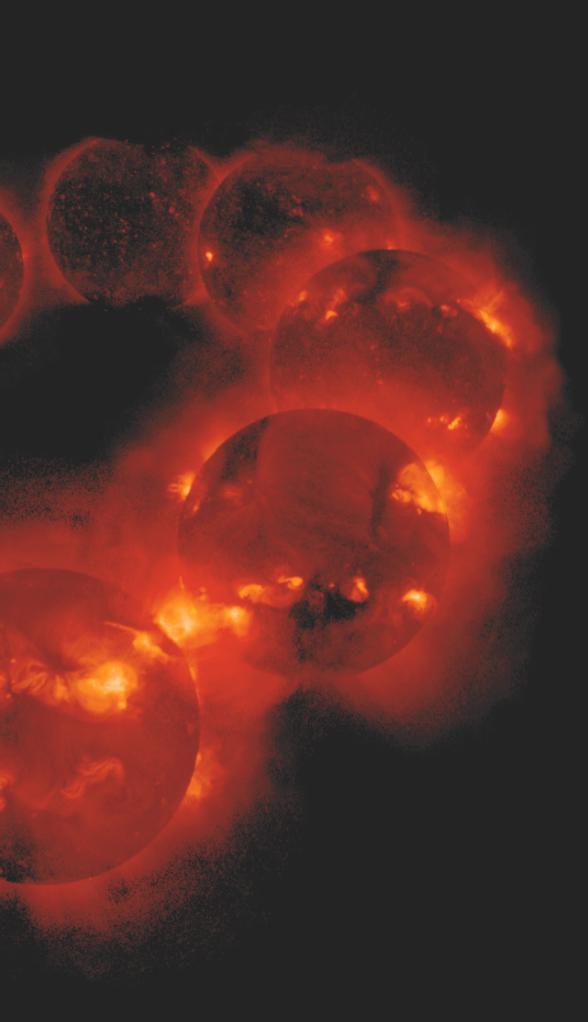
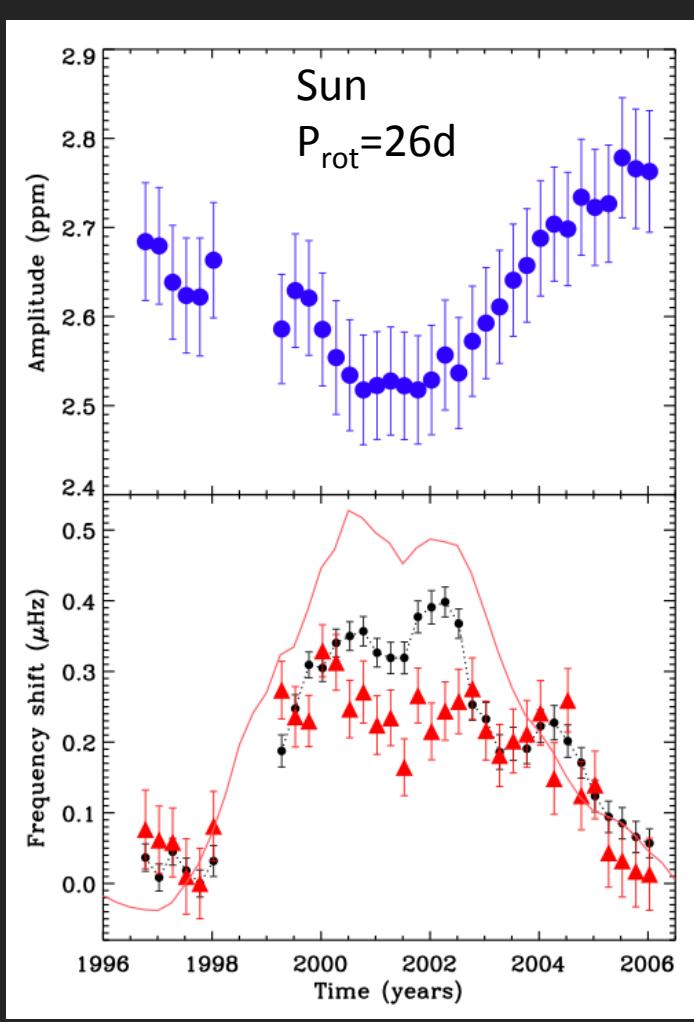


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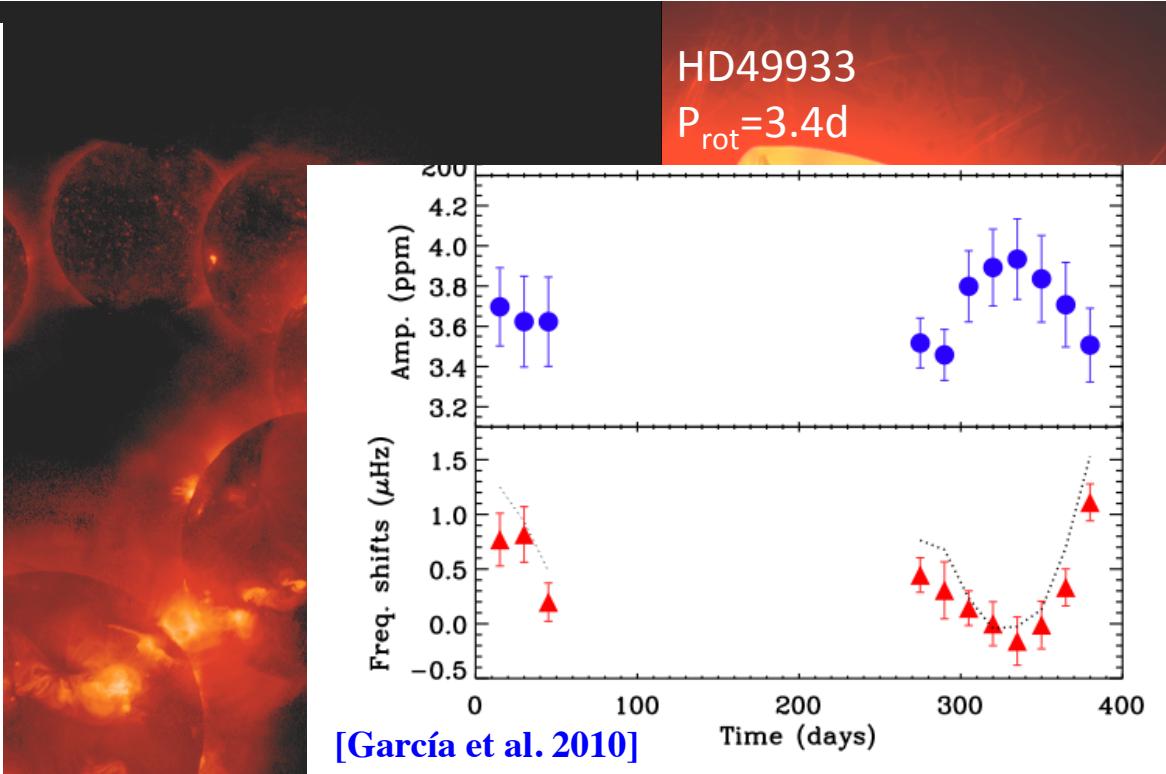
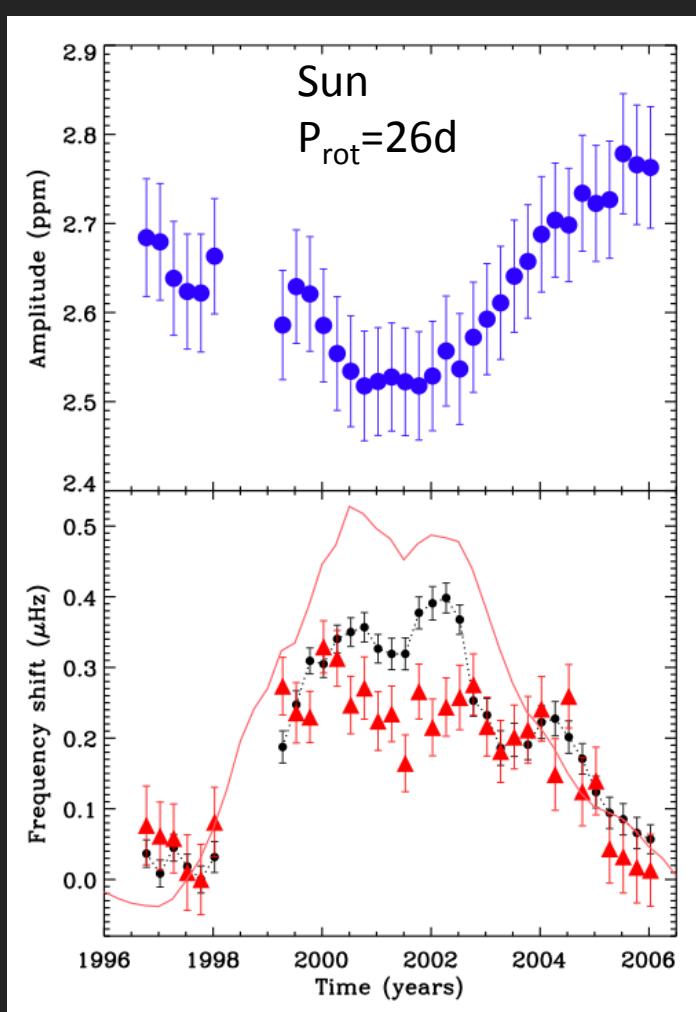


[García et al., 2007 Science]

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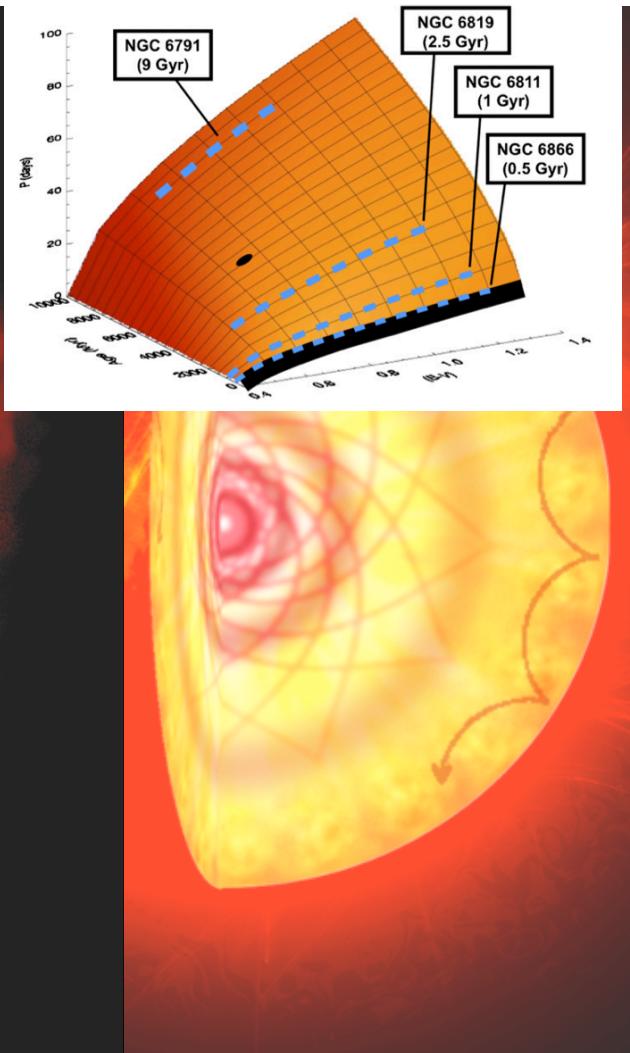
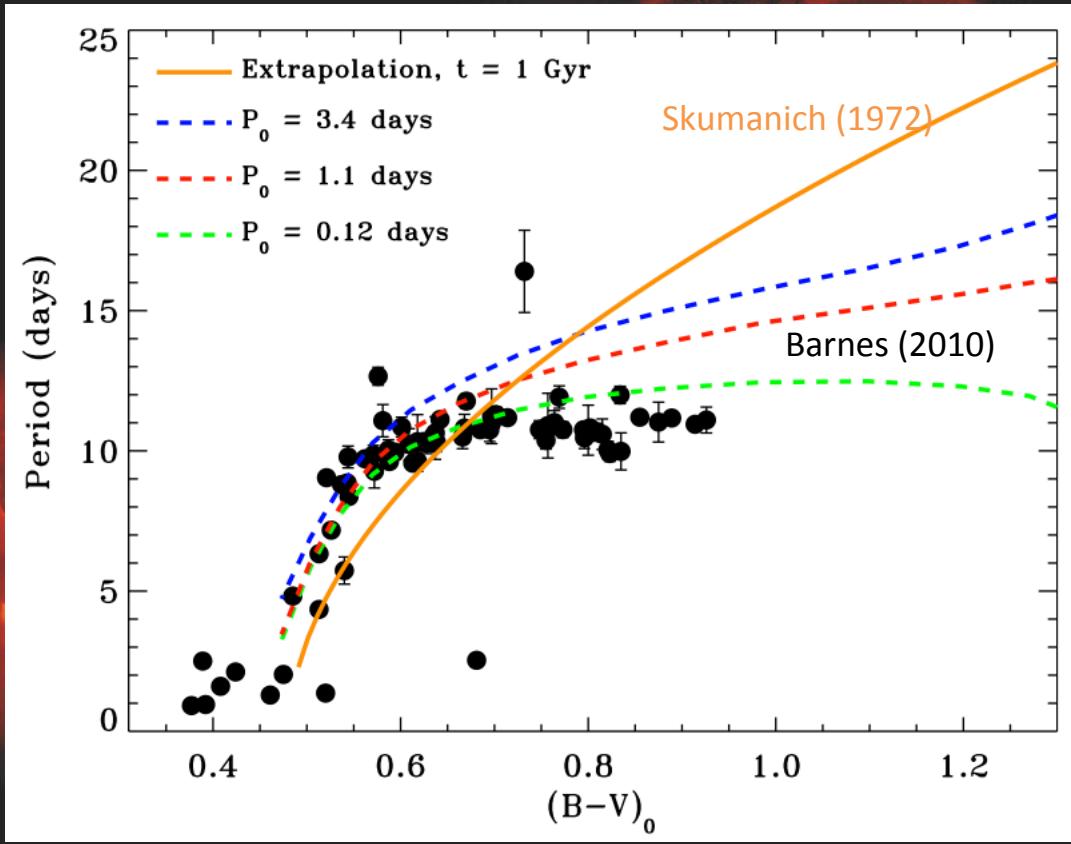
Anticorrelation between amplitude variation and frequency shifts  
 $P_{cyc} > 120$ days

With *Kepler*

# Clusters of Kepler

NGC6811 Age~1Gyr

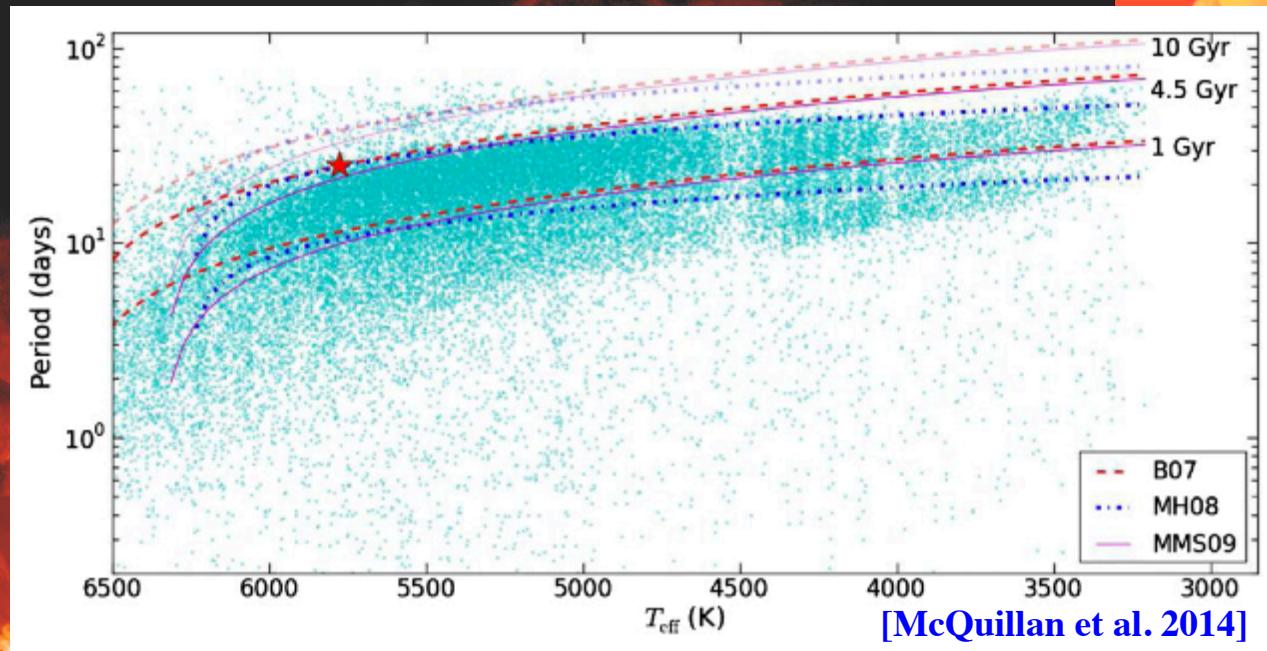
Analysis of surface rotation of 71 stars



[Meibom et al. 2011]

# Gyrochronology with field stars

Surface rotation periods measured for 34,000 stars with ACF



Few stars older than 4.5 Gyr  
Many stars are younger than 1Gyr

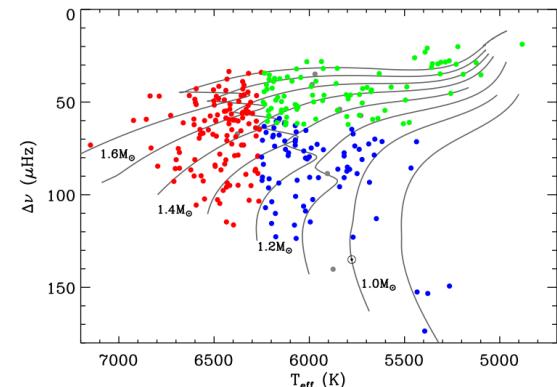
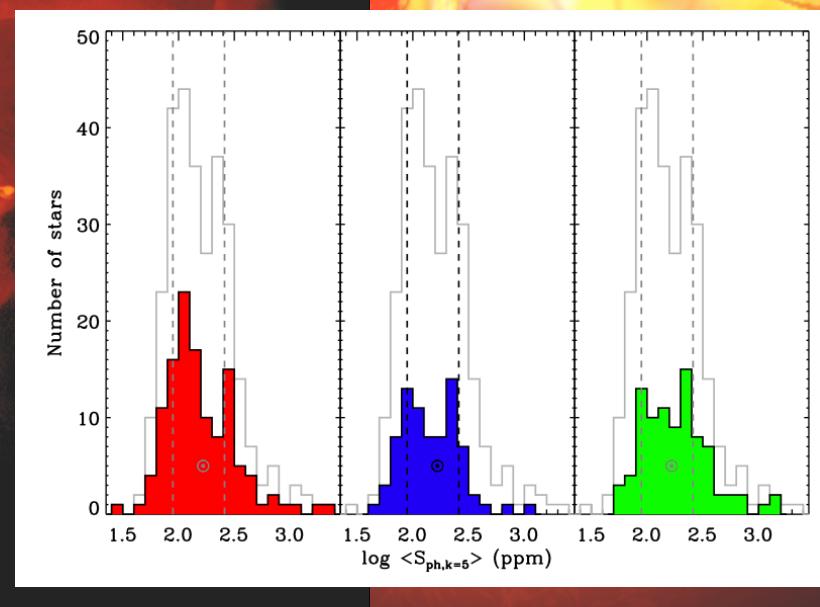
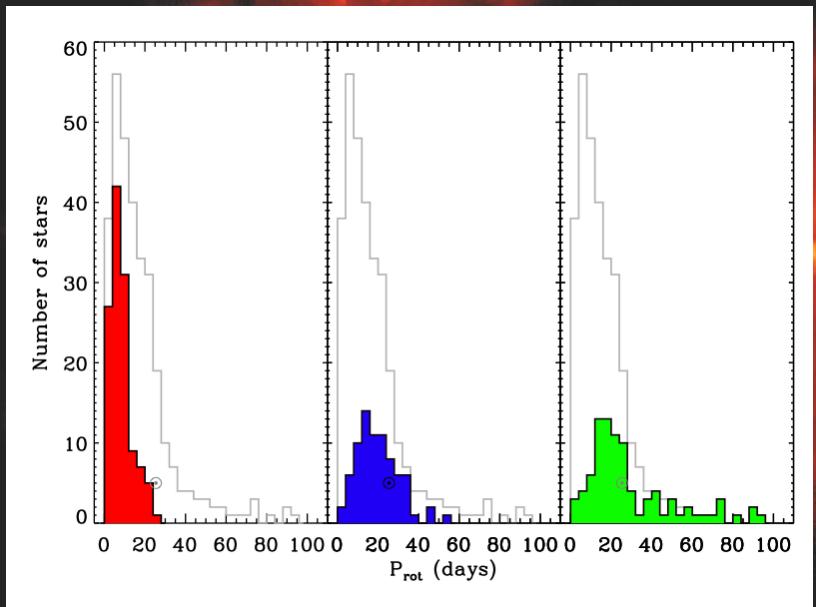
[See T. Mazeh's talk]

See Poster #110

# Solar-like stars

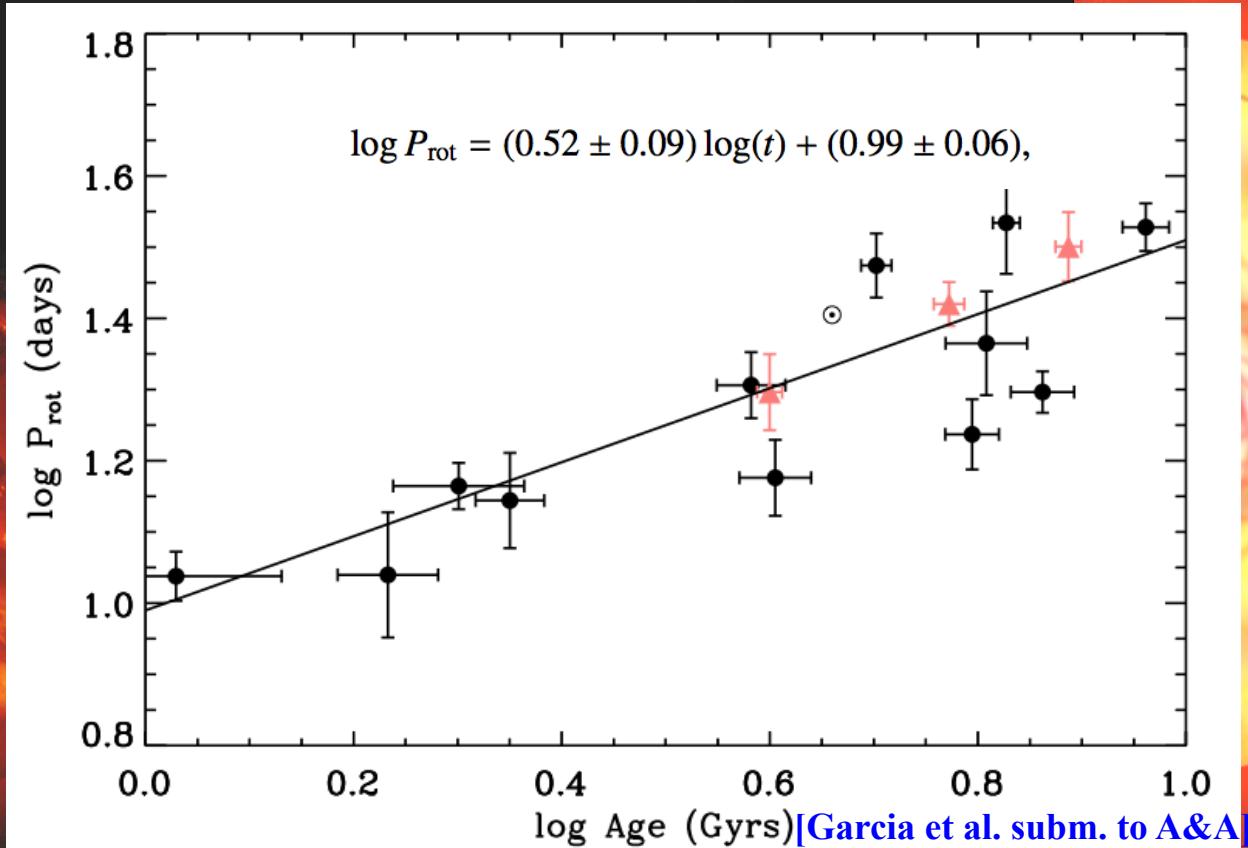
Analysis of 540 solar-like stars with asteroseismic constraints on mass, radius, and age

[Chaplin et al. 2014]



# Age-rotation relationship

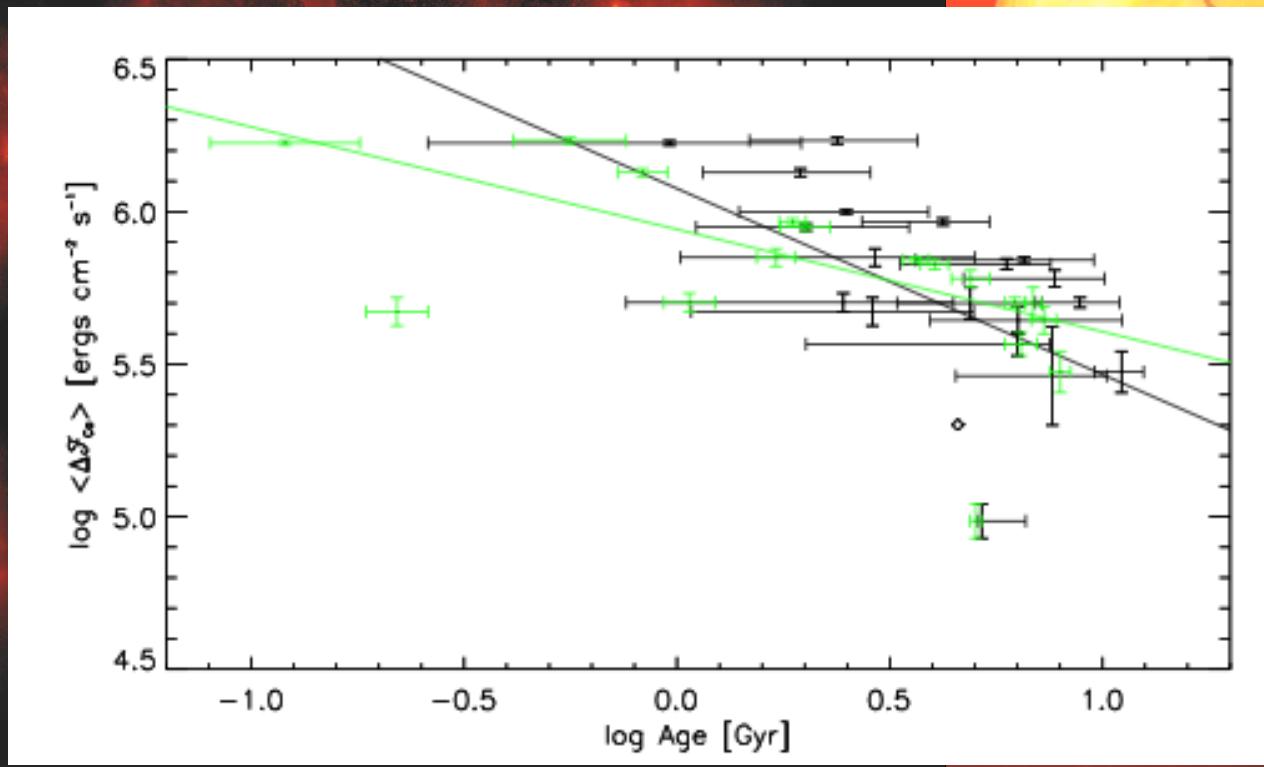
15 stars also modelled by the Asteroseismic Modelling Portal



In agreement with Skumanich (1972), Barnes (2007) and Mamajek & Hillebrand (2008)

# Activity-Age relationship

22 solar-like stars observed with Nordic Optical Telescope  
Modelled by the Asteroseismic Modelling Portal



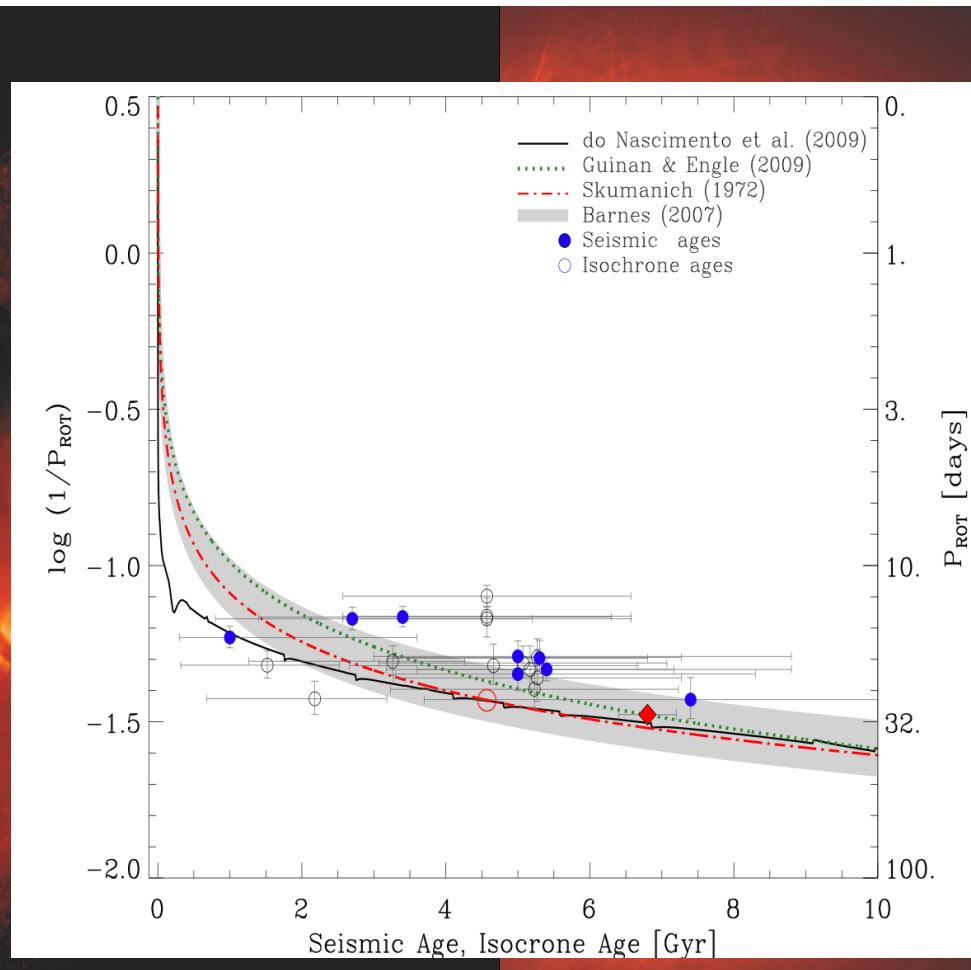
[Karoff et al. 2013; Metcalfe et al. Subm. to ApJ]

# Solar analog rotation with *Kepler*

Subsample of 8 solar analogs/twins candidates

Sample of solar analogs based on KIC+ [Huber et al. 2014, ApJS]

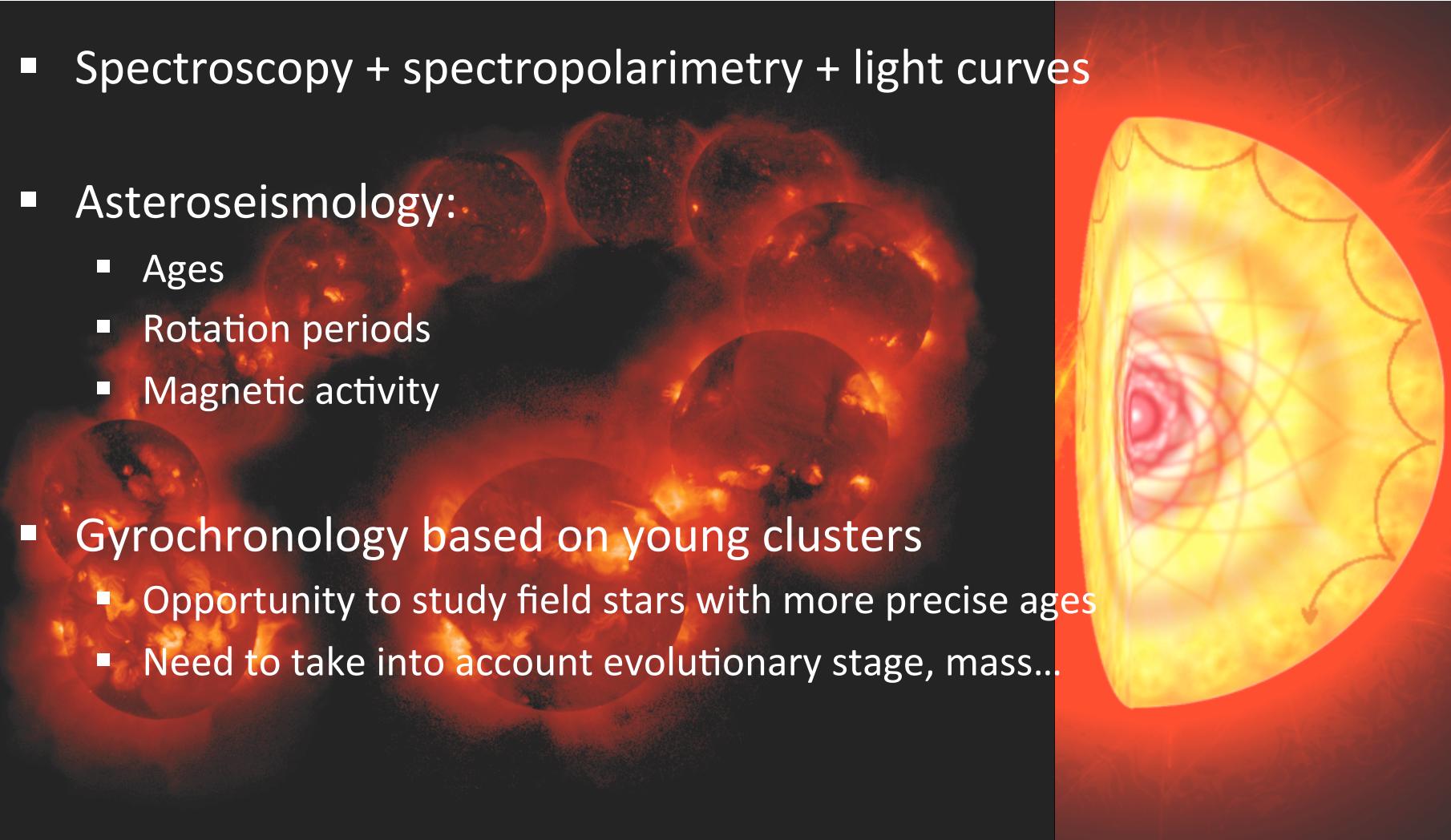
Within error bars,  $P_{\text{rot}}$  vs Age of seismic sample agree with previous relationships

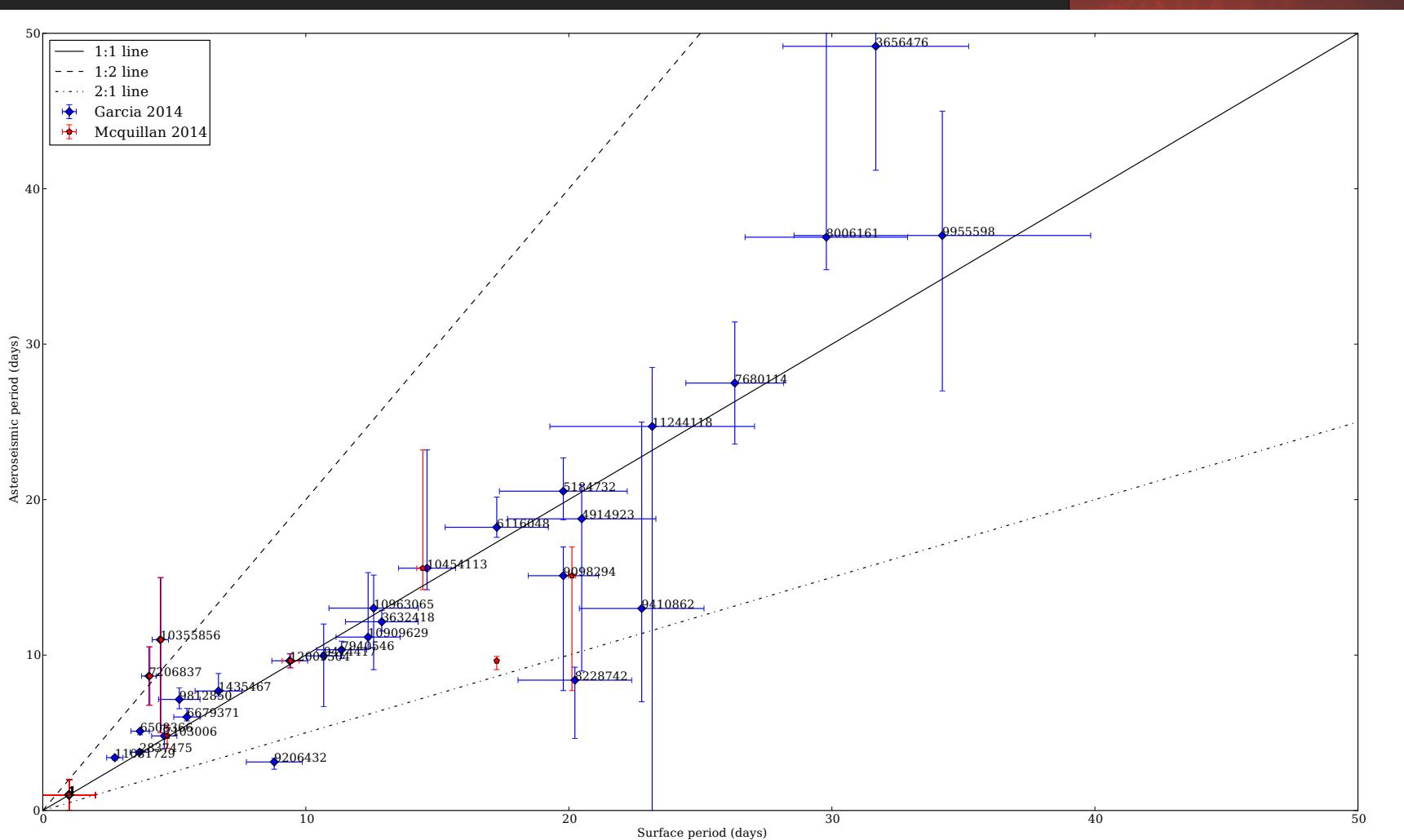


[Do Nascimento et al. 2014, ApJL in press]

# Summary

- Spectroscopy + spectropolarimetry + light curves
- Asteroseismology:
  - Ages
  - Rotation periods
  - Magnetic activity
- Gyrochronology based on young clusters
  - Opportunity to study field stars with more precise ages
  - Need to take into account evolutionary stage, mass...





[Davies et al. In prep.]