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# Variability in B supergiant star HD91316 ( $\rho$ Leo)

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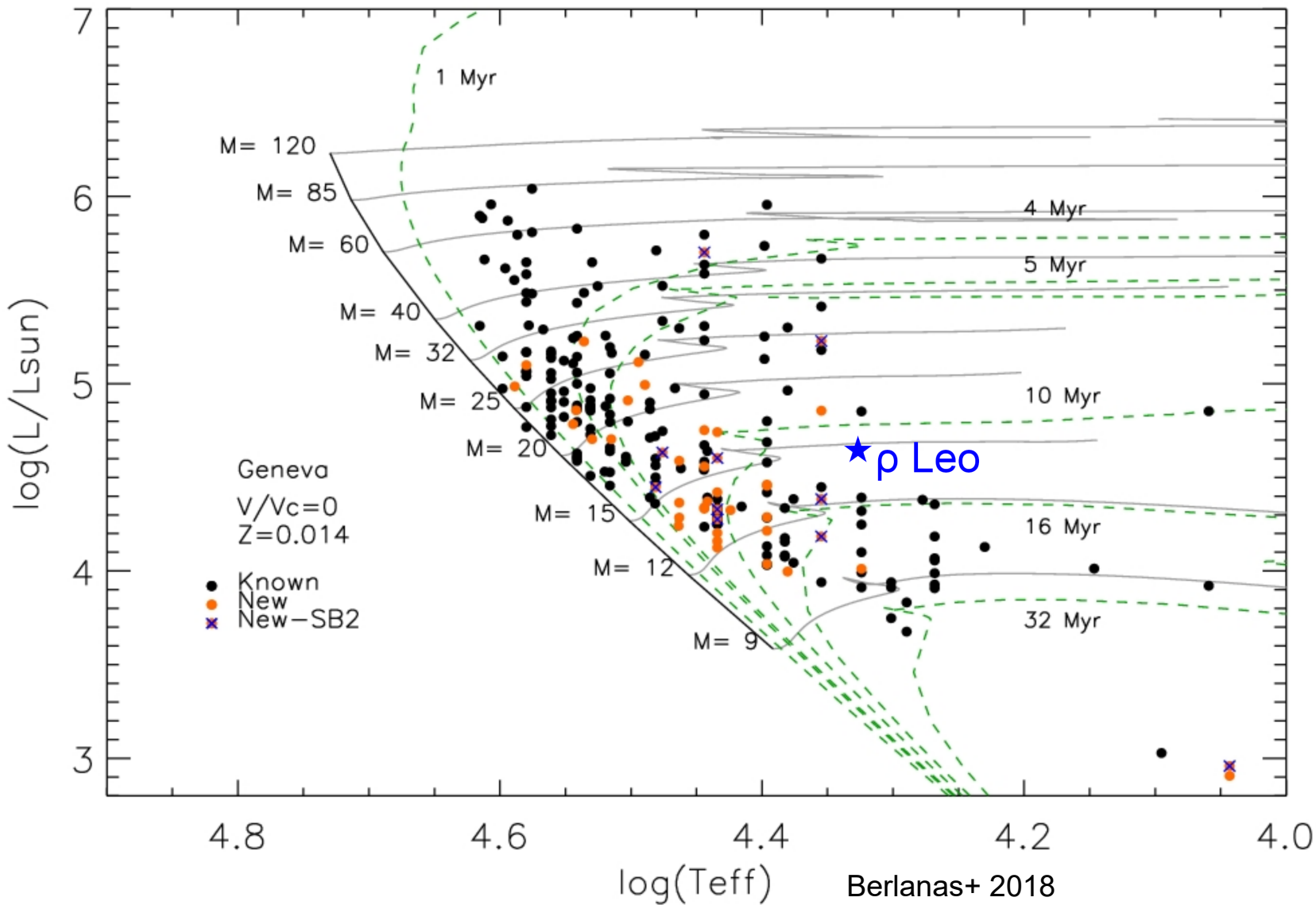
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# Blue supergiant - $\rho$ Leo



## Physical parameters of $\rho$ Leo:

- Spectral type B1 lab [1]
- $T_{\text{eff}}$ , K 22000 [1]
- $M$ ,  $M_{\odot}$  22 [2]
- $R$ ,  $R_{\odot}$  32 [1]
- $L$ ,  $L_{\odot}$  45600 [1]
- $V_{\text{rad}}$ , km/s +40.5 [this work]
- $V$ , mag 3.85 [1]
- Variable type  $\alpha$  Cyg [1]
- Binary star [3]

[1] Crowther+ 2006

[2] Morel+ 2004

[3] Wilson 1941

FASTWIND best fit model  
for rho Leo (Ignacio Araya)

Observed spectrum: HARPS 2006-02-12  
ESO Archive

He=0.2 (not in ISOSCELES yet)

Teff= 23 000 K

logg= 2.6

R= 37.4 R<sub>sun</sub>

Mdot= 0.35E-6 M<sub>sun</sub>/year

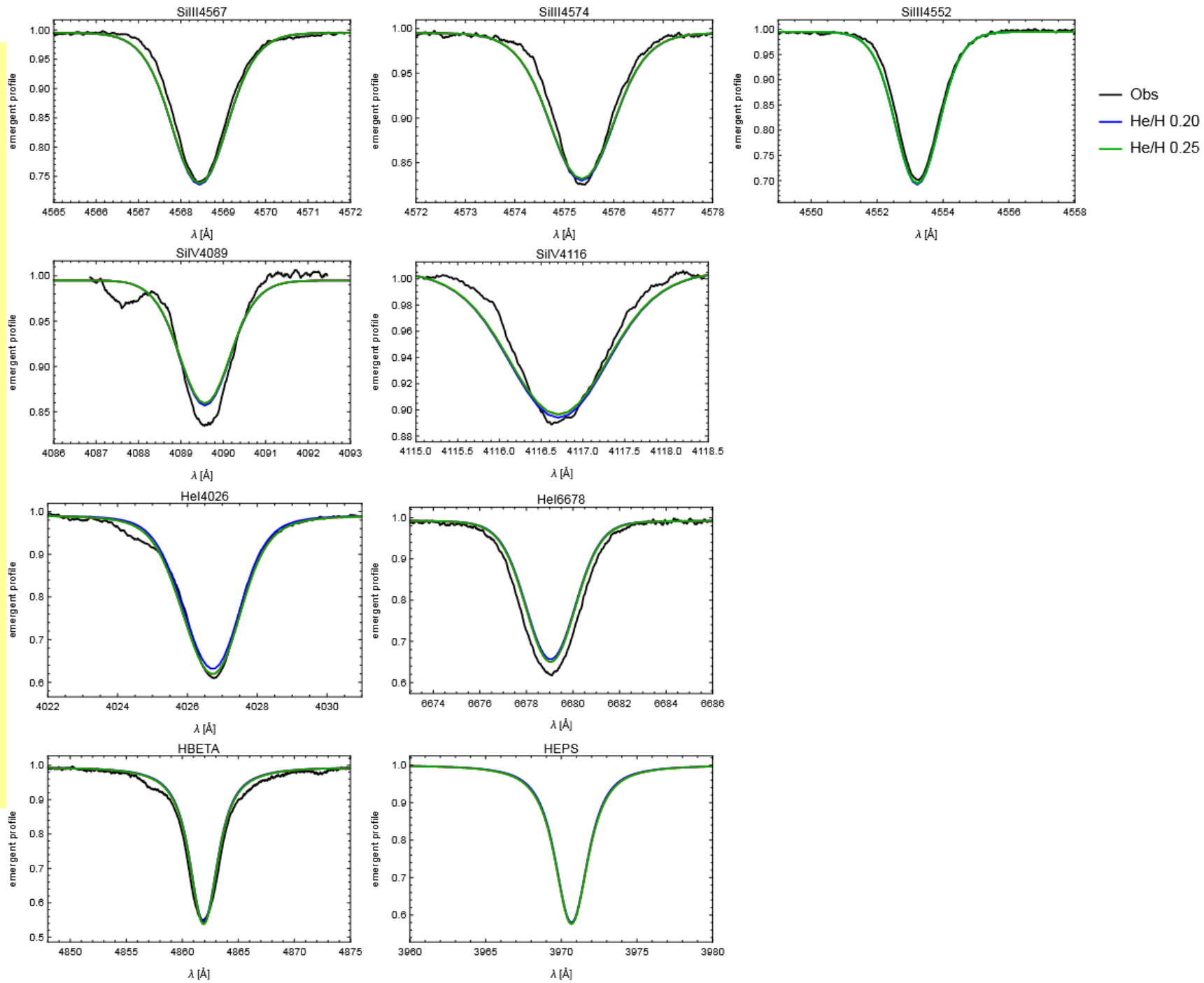
v<sub>inf</sub>= 1110 km/s

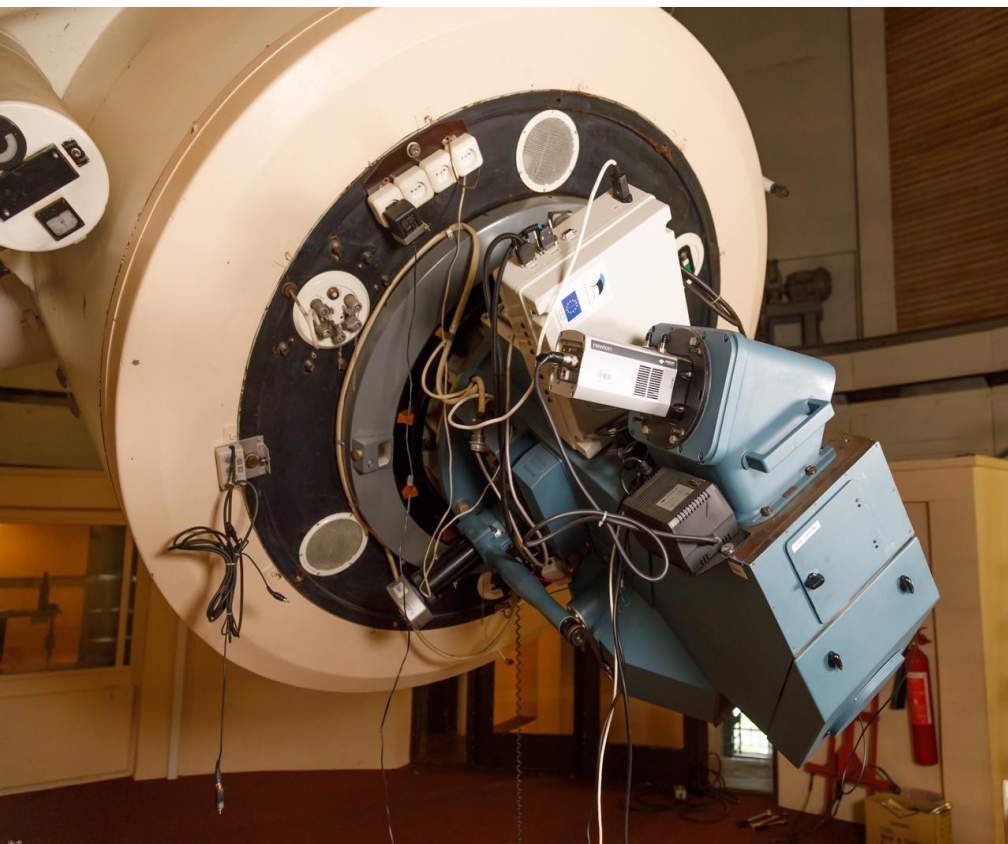
beta= 1.0

v<sub>micro</sub>= 15 km/s

v<sub>sini</sub>= 48 km/s

v<sub>macro</sub>= 76 km/s





## 1.5-meter mirror telescope AZT-12

- Long-slit spectrograph ASP-32  
320-1100 nm wavelength range  
Cassegrain focus
- I used 1800 lines/mm diffraction grating:
  - wavelength range 6300 - 6730 Å
  - resolution  $R \approx 10\,000$
  - signal-to-noise ratio (S/N)~400

### **$\rho$ Leo monitoring**

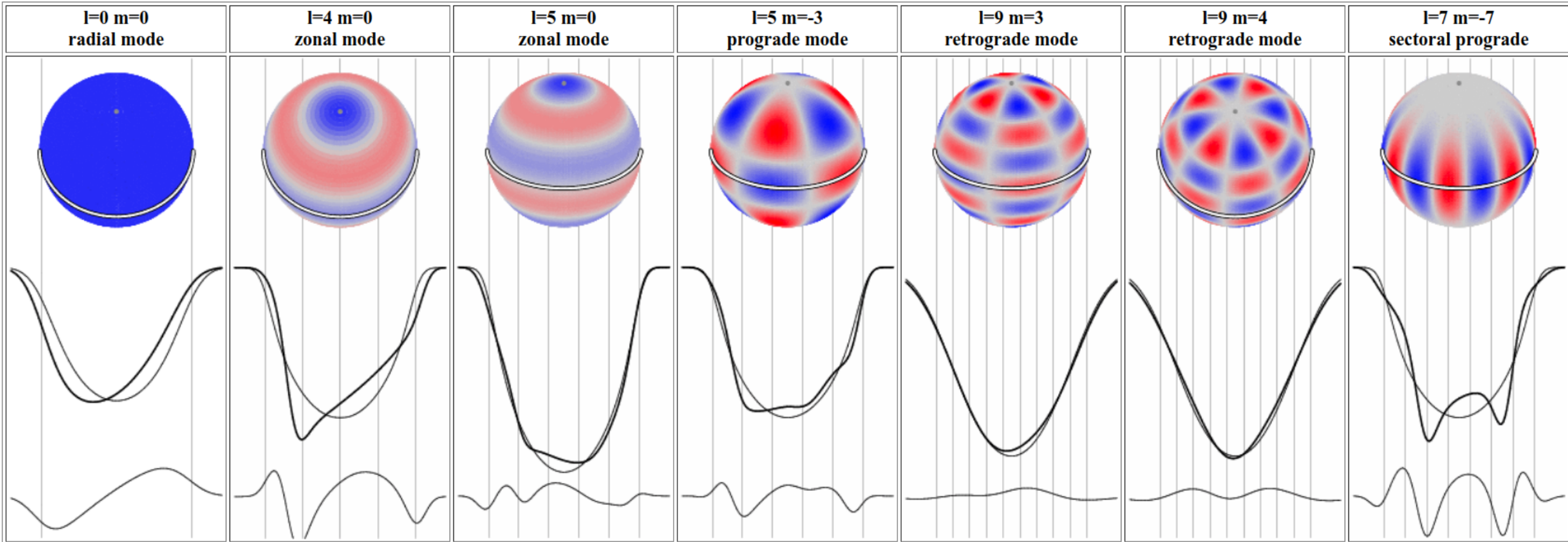
2017-01-04 – 2023-05-11

3014 spectra

132 nights

The longest time-series ~4h 40m

# Pulsations modes



John Telting. NRP animation creator <http://staff.not.iac.es/~jht/science/nrpform/>

$l = 0$   
 $m = 0$




$l = 1$   
 $m = 0$

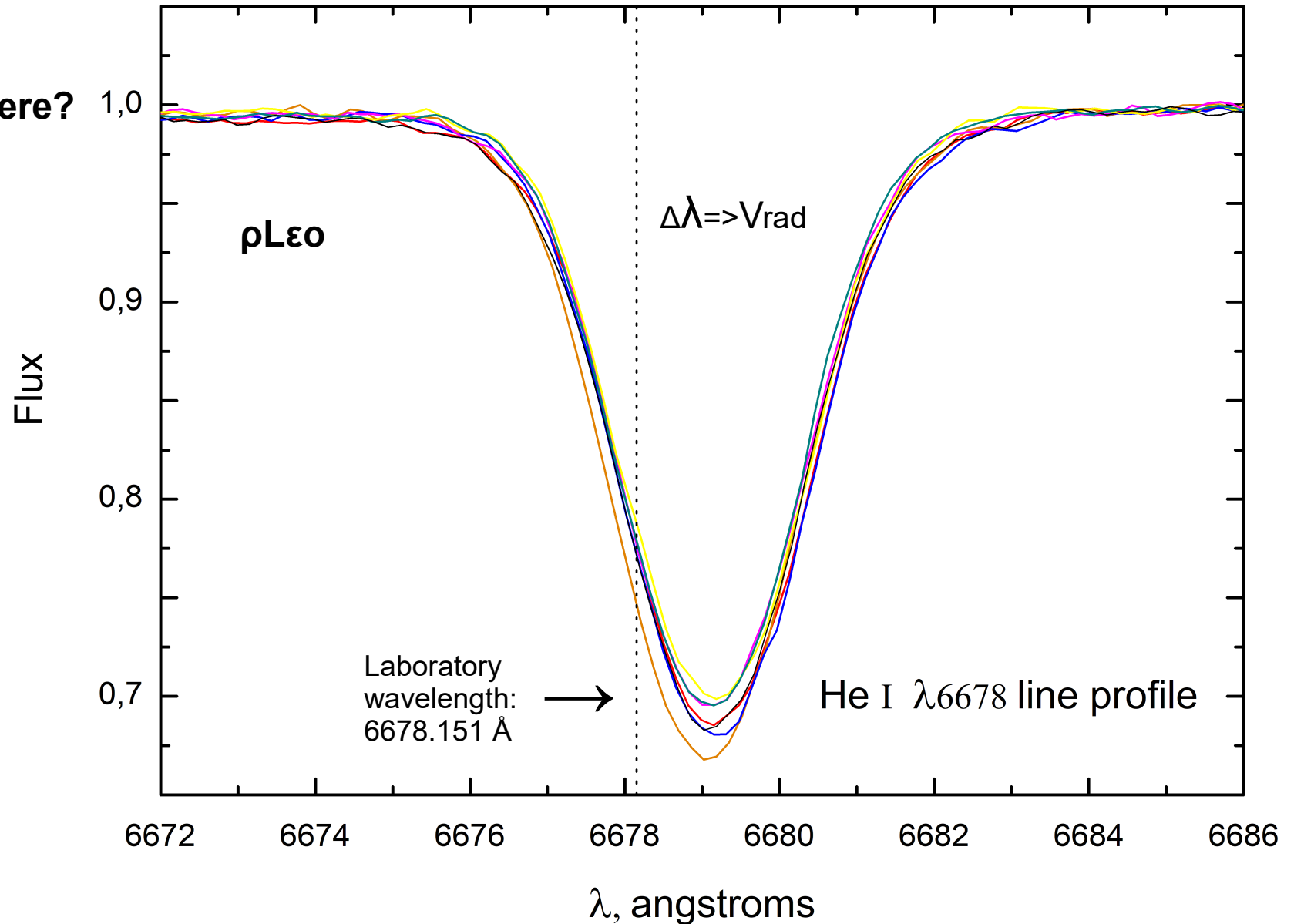
$l = 1$   
 $m = 1$

$l = 2$   
 $m = 1$

$l$  – number of node lines  
 $m$  – azimuthal number  
 $n$  – radial order

What can we know from here?

-  Moment analysis
-  Frequency analysis
-  Wavelet analysis





$$M_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - F_i) \Delta x_i,$$

$$M_1 = \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - F_i) (x_i - x_0) \Delta x_i,$$

$$M_2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - F_i) (x_i - x_0)^2 \Delta x_i,$$

$$M_3 = \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - F_i) (x_i - x_0)^3 \Delta x_i.$$

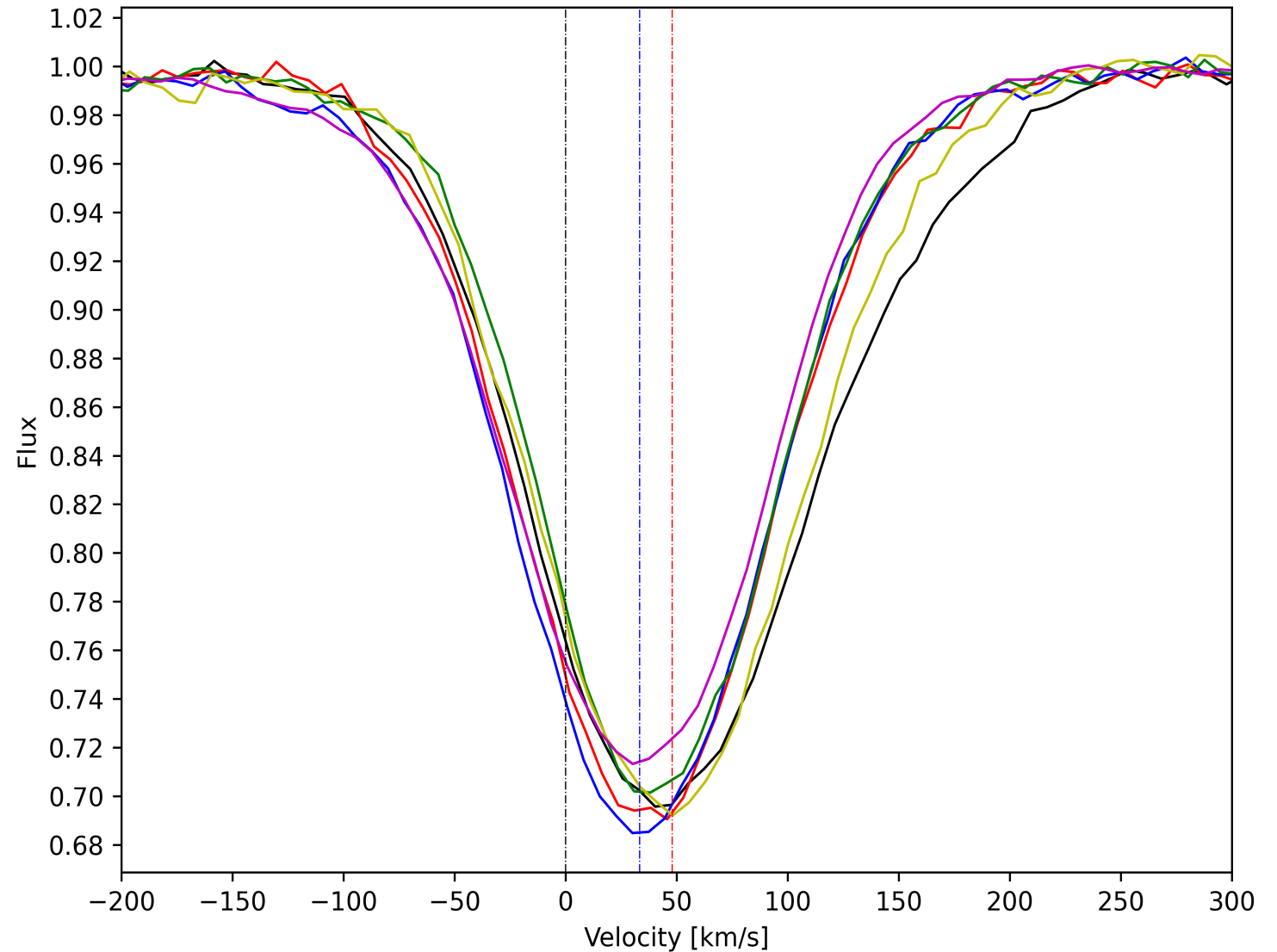
$$V_{rad} = \frac{\lambda - \lambda_0}{\lambda_0} \cdot c \Rightarrow$$

$x_0$ :  $V_{rad}(\text{system})$

$x_i$ : velocity corresponding to  $\lambda_i$

$F_i$ : flux value measured at wavelength  $\lambda_i$  for pixel  $i$

## Moment analysis





Observational data for  
blue supergiant  $\rho$ LEO

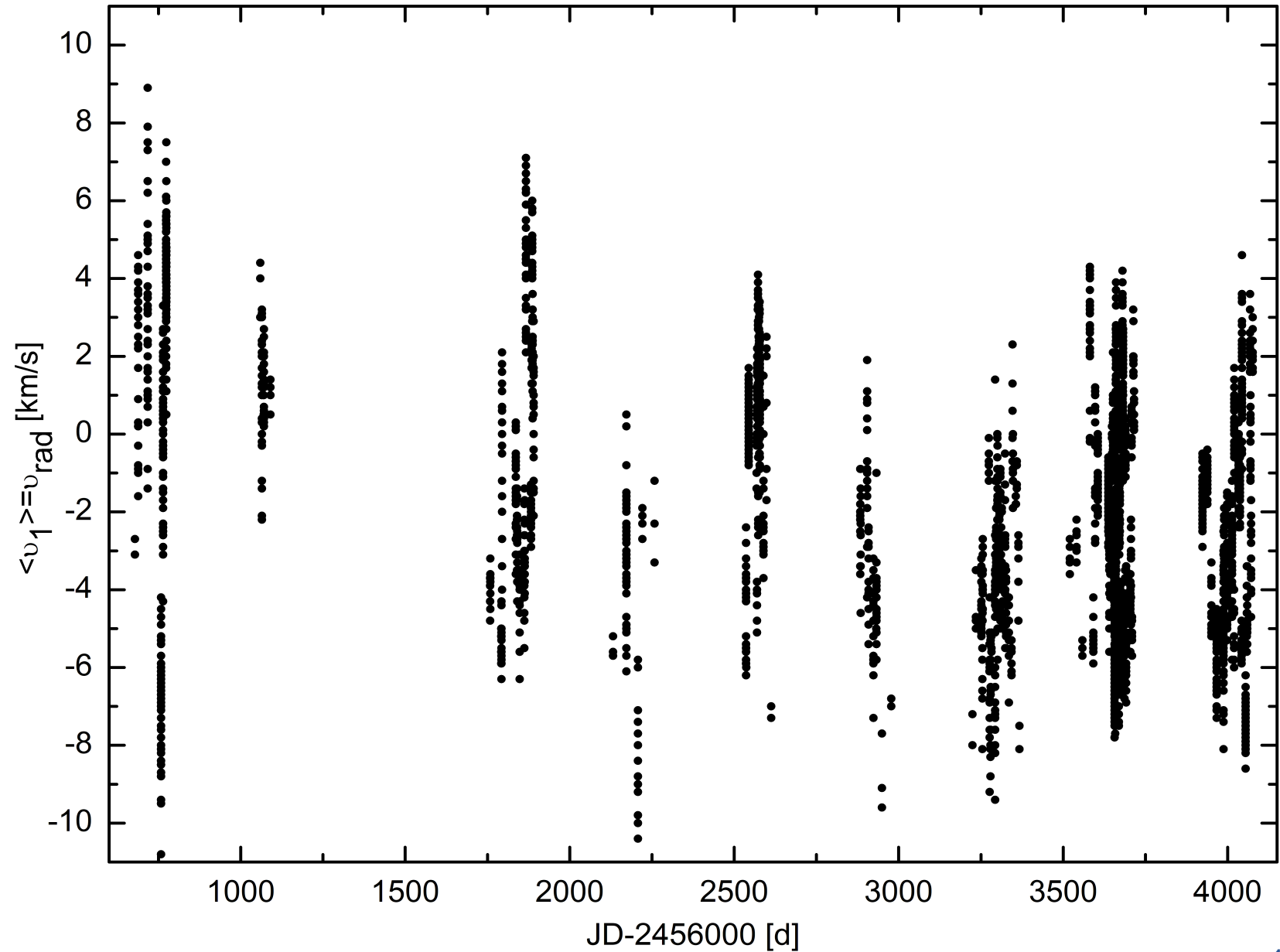
From 2017-01-04

To 2023-05-11

Spectra – 3014

Nights – 132  
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## Spectral data







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Observational data for  
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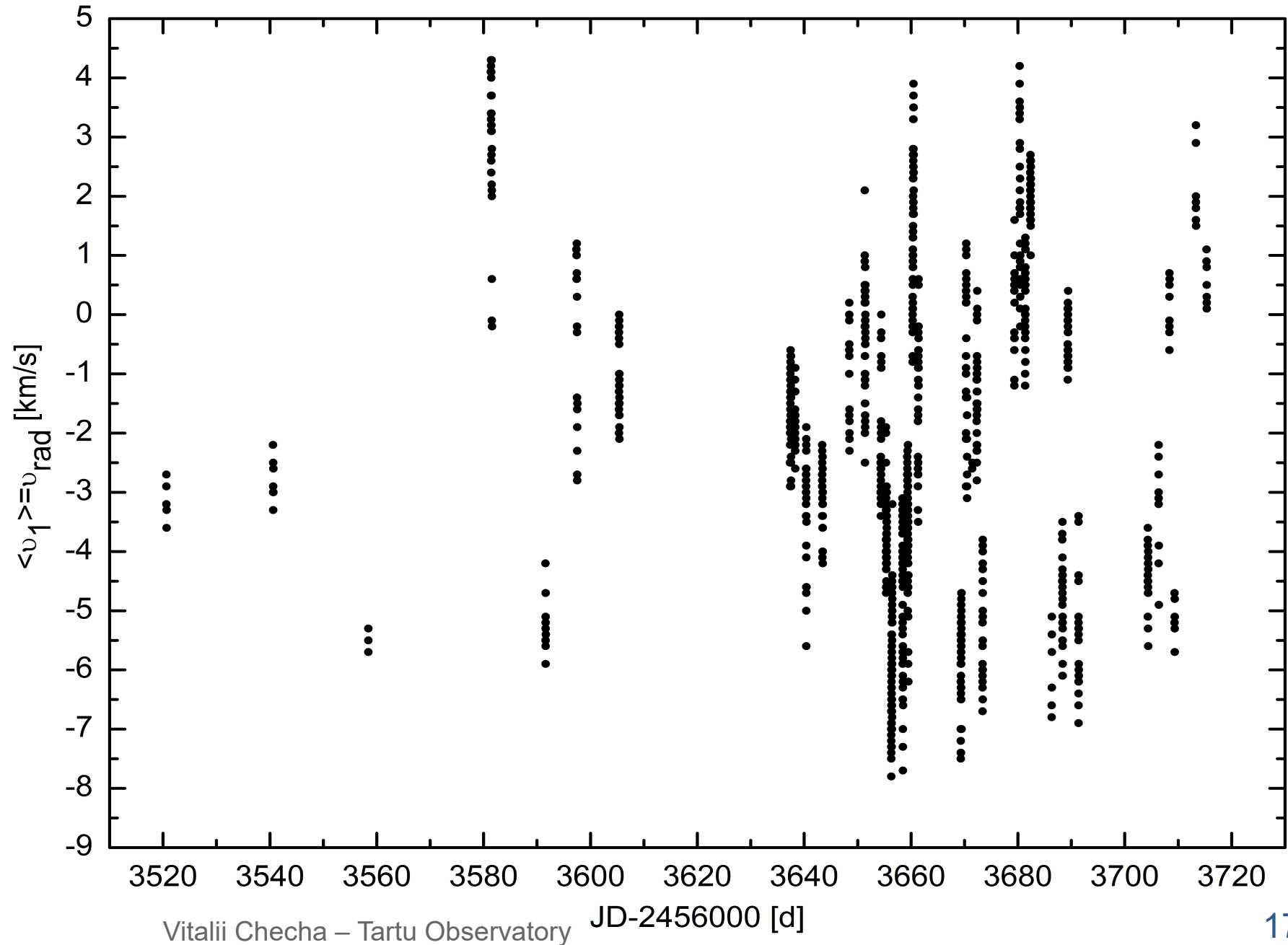
From 2021-11-01

To 2022-05-15

Spectra – 1111

Nights - 39

Season 2022





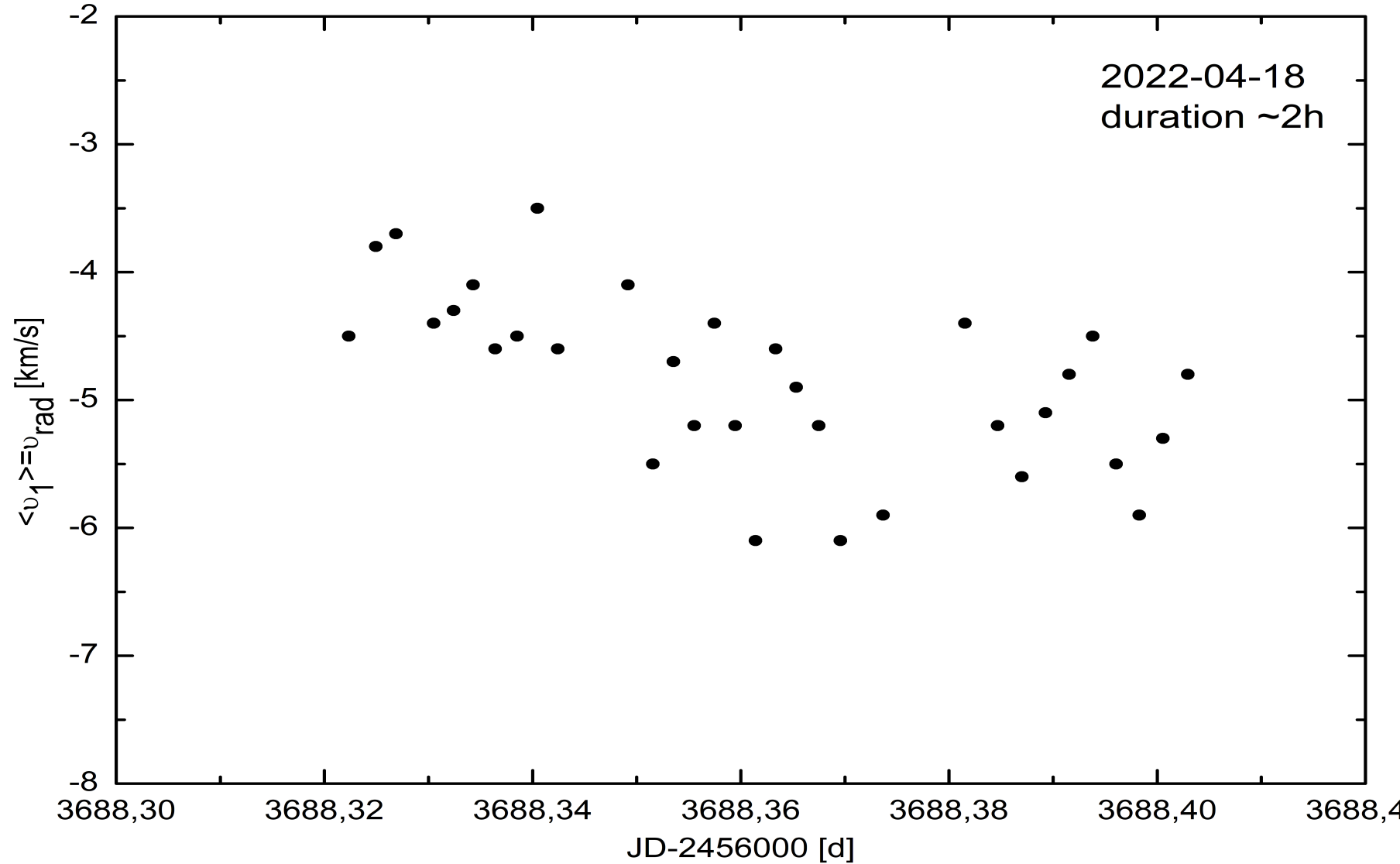
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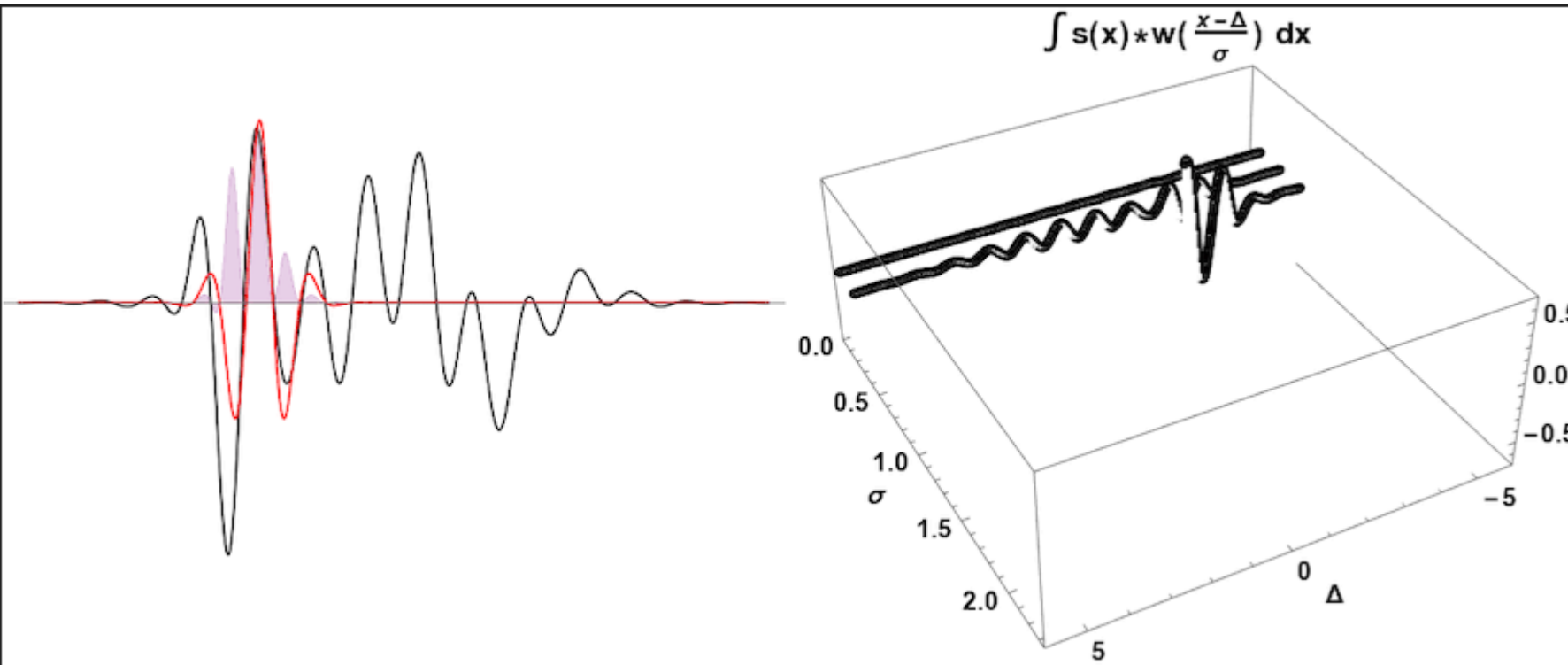
Night 2022-04-18

Spectra – 33

## Season 2022 – one night



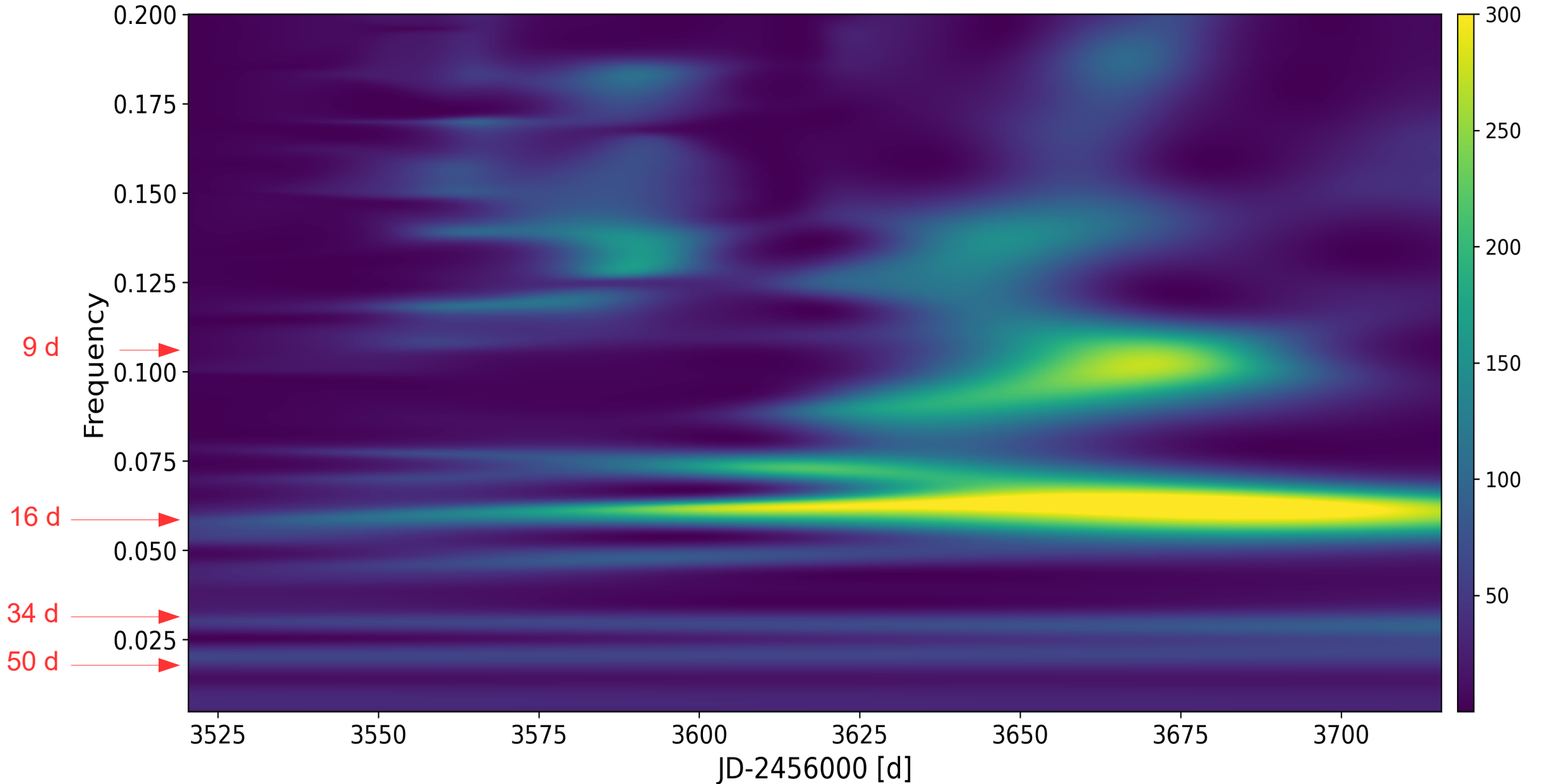
## Weighted Wavelet Z-transform



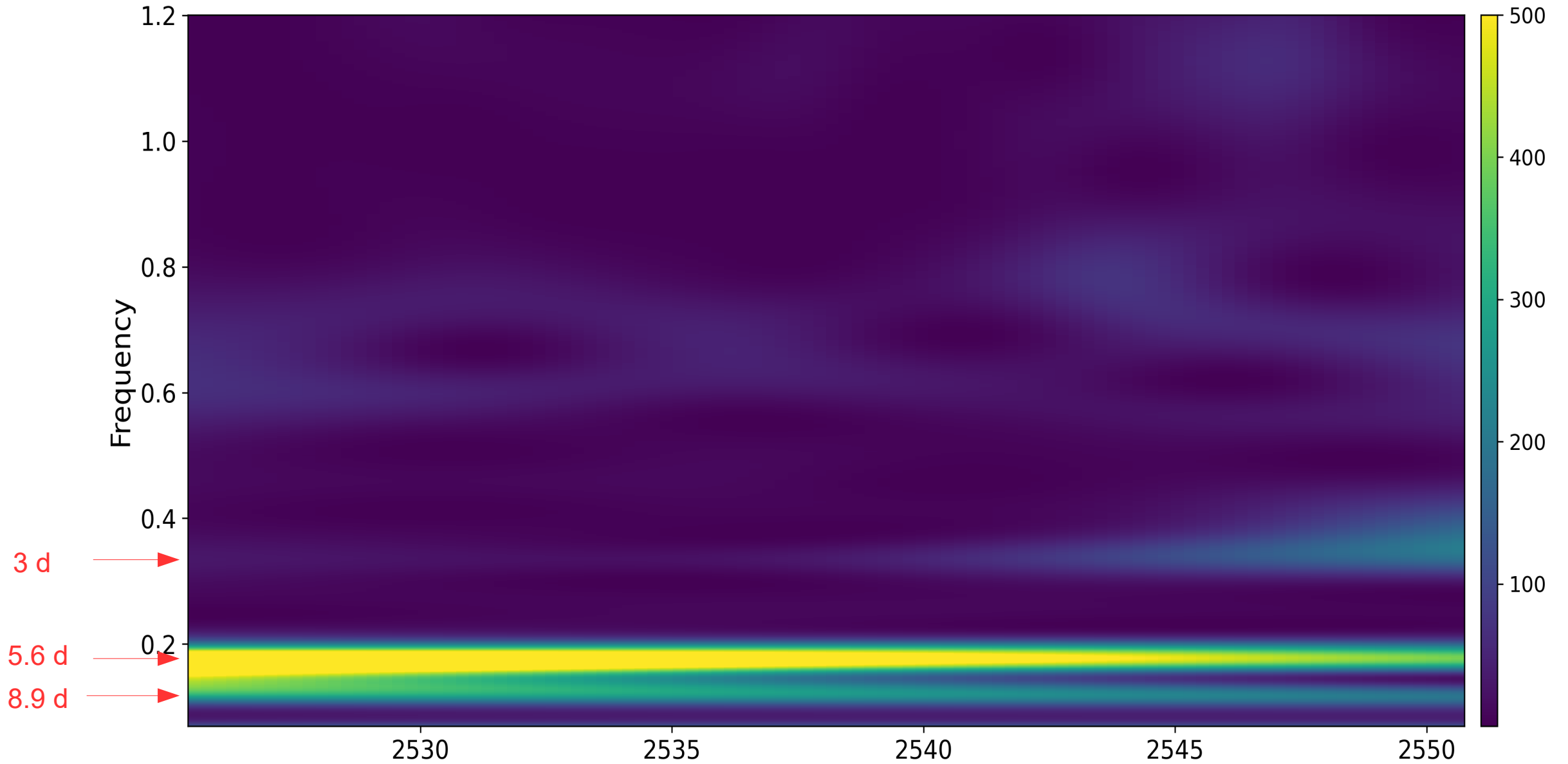
[https://twitter.com/j\\_bertolotti/status/1224296204173021184](https://twitter.com/j_bertolotti/status/1224296204173021184)

- The WWZ method is a time-frequency analysis method, exploring both the frequency domain and the time domain.
- Method produces output for a range of frequencies and time, plots the response as a function of two variables  $\rightarrow$  3D plot
- The WWZ performs a wavelet transform using a wavelet function, which includes both a periodic, sinusoidal test function and a Gaussian window function.

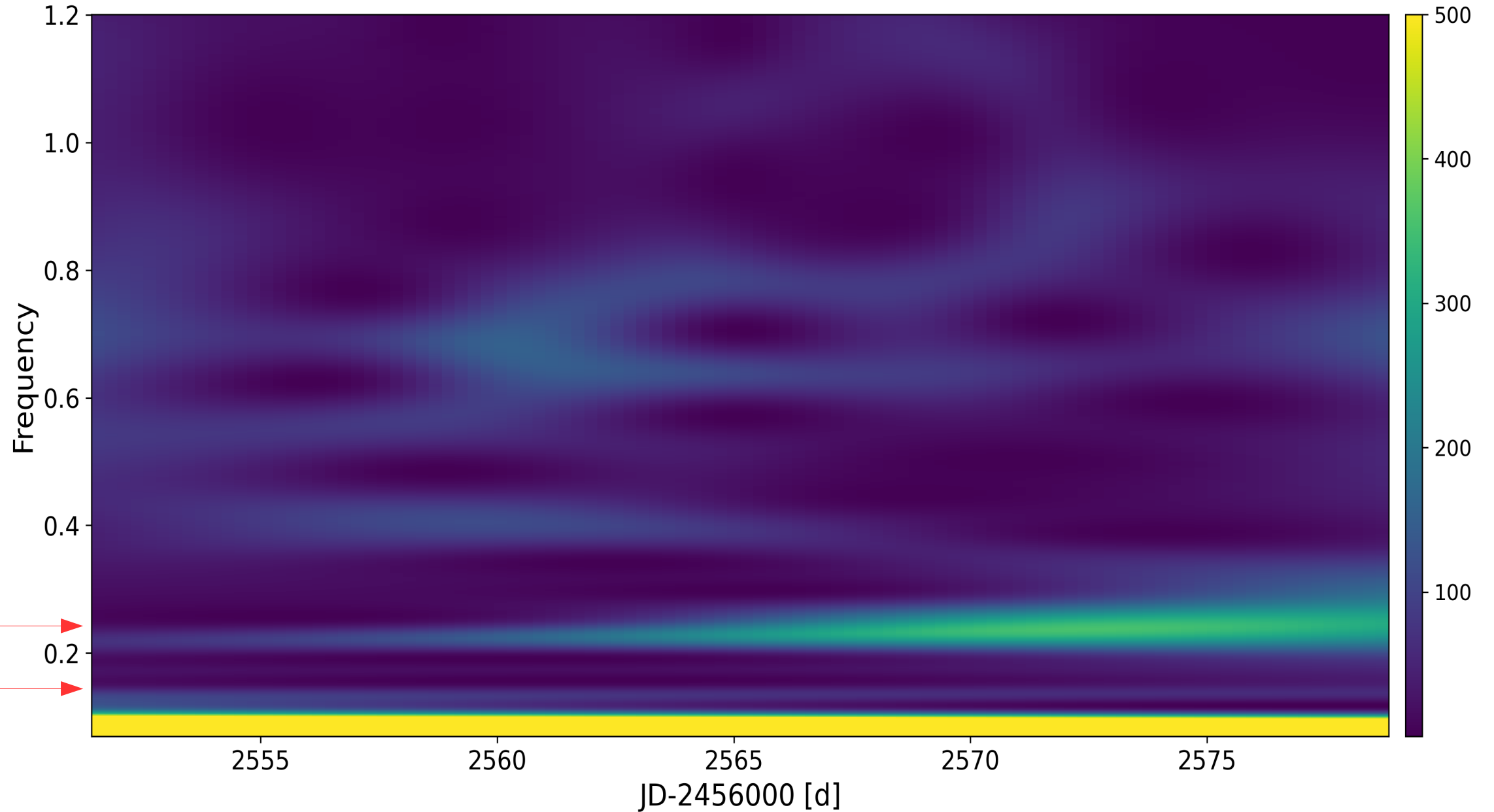
# Weighted Wavelet Z-transform, spectra of season 2022



# WWZ analysis of TESS photometry, sector 45, 2021 year

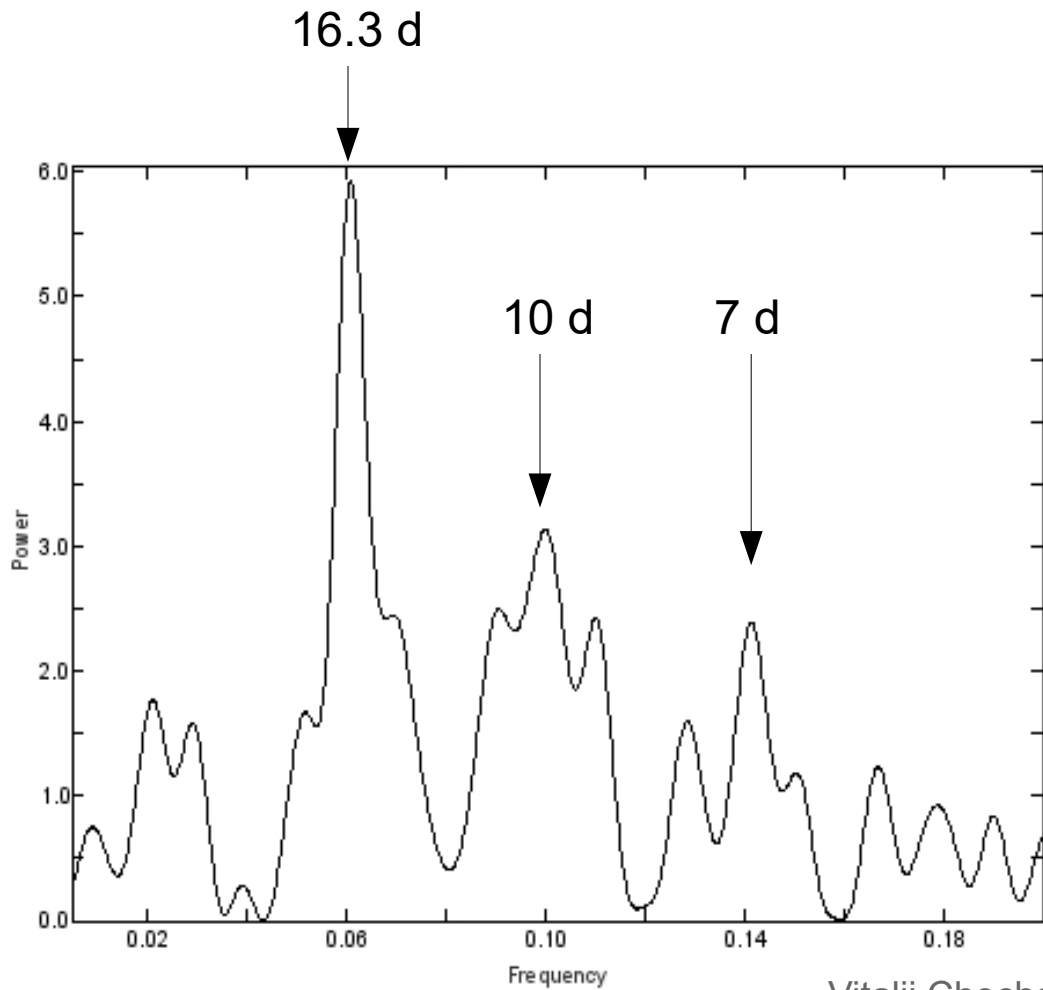


# WWZ analysis of TESS photometry, sector 46, 2021 year

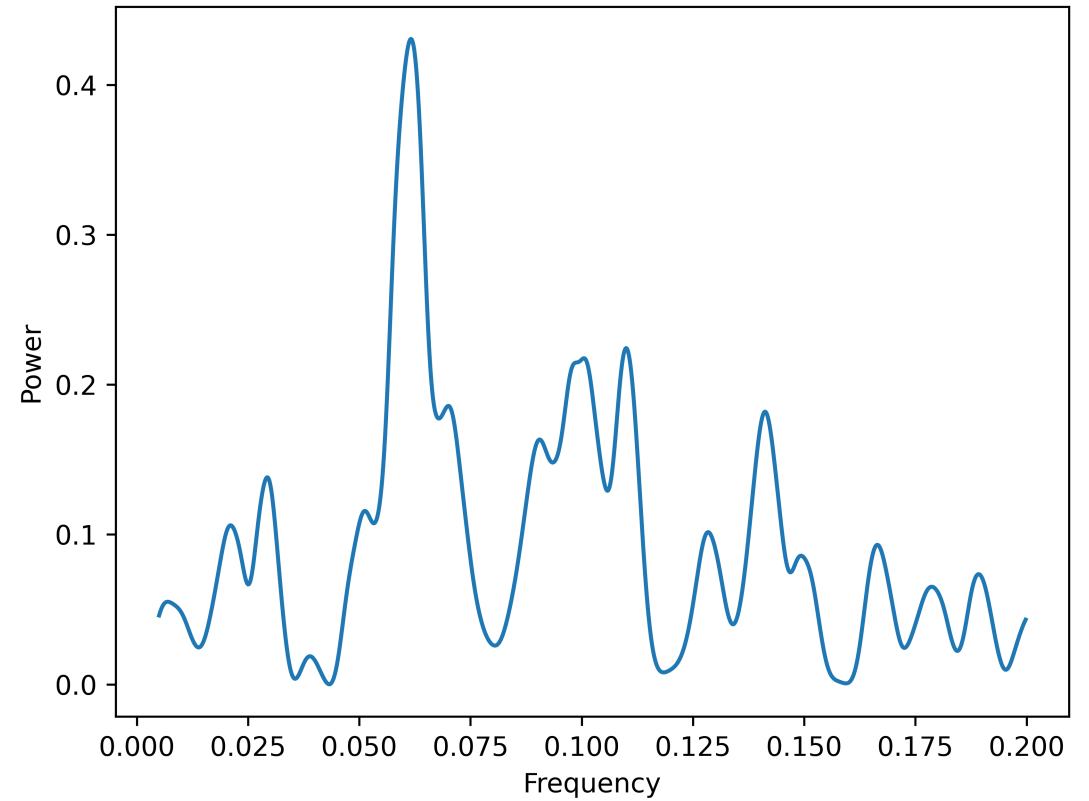




Whitened Lomb-Scargle (Period04)

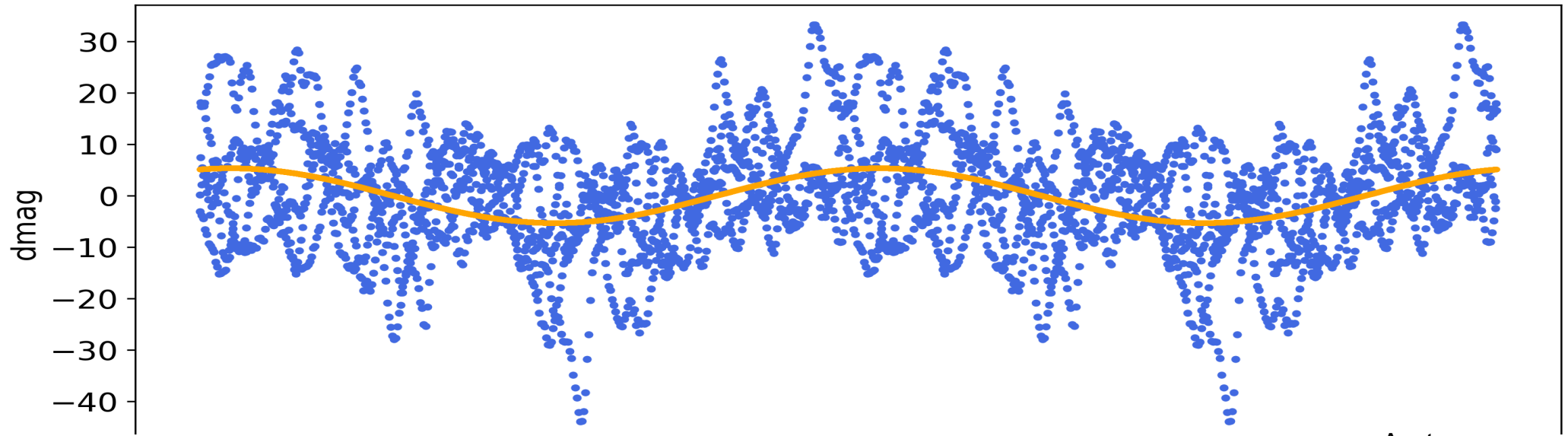


Generalized Lomb-Scargle (Python)

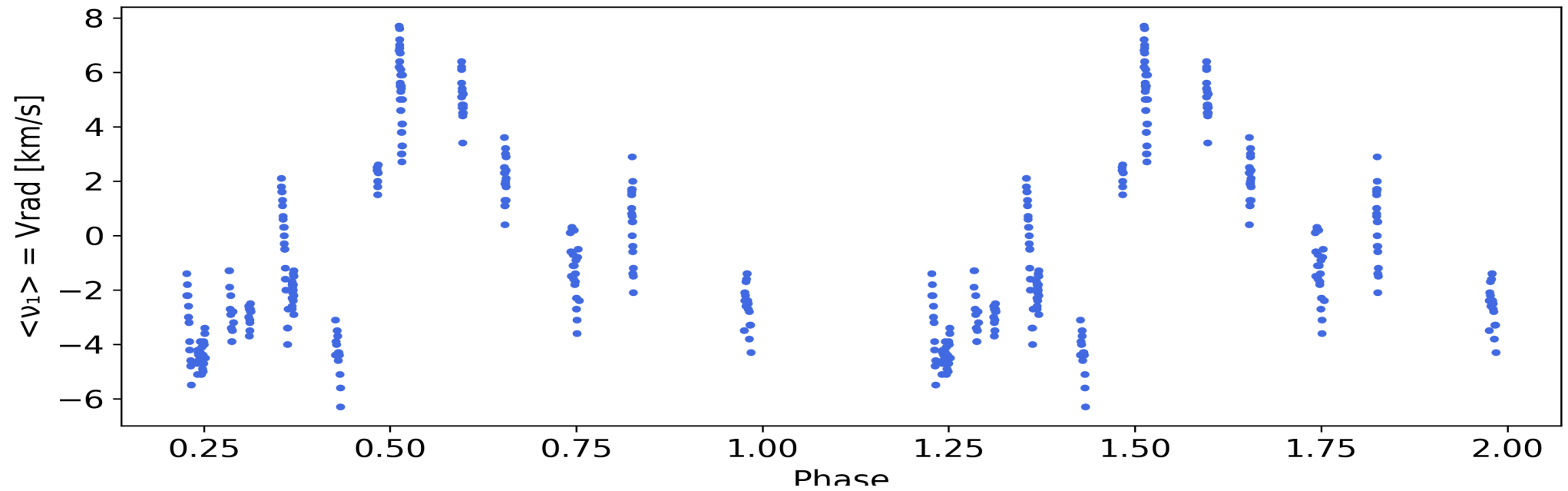




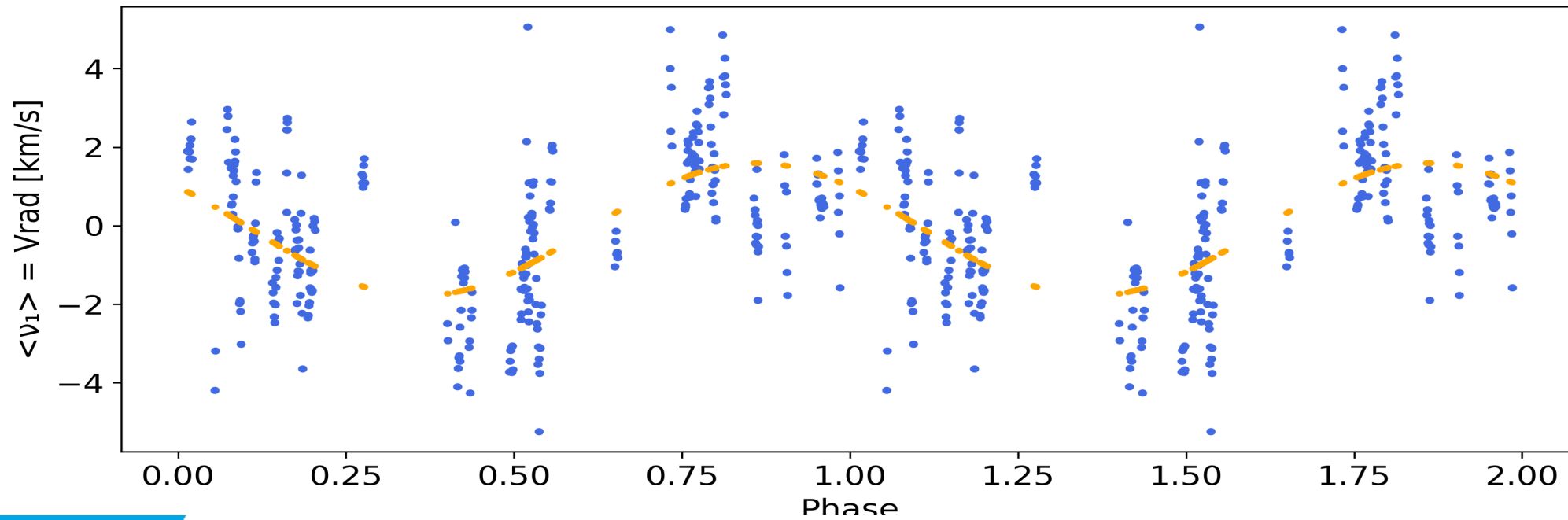
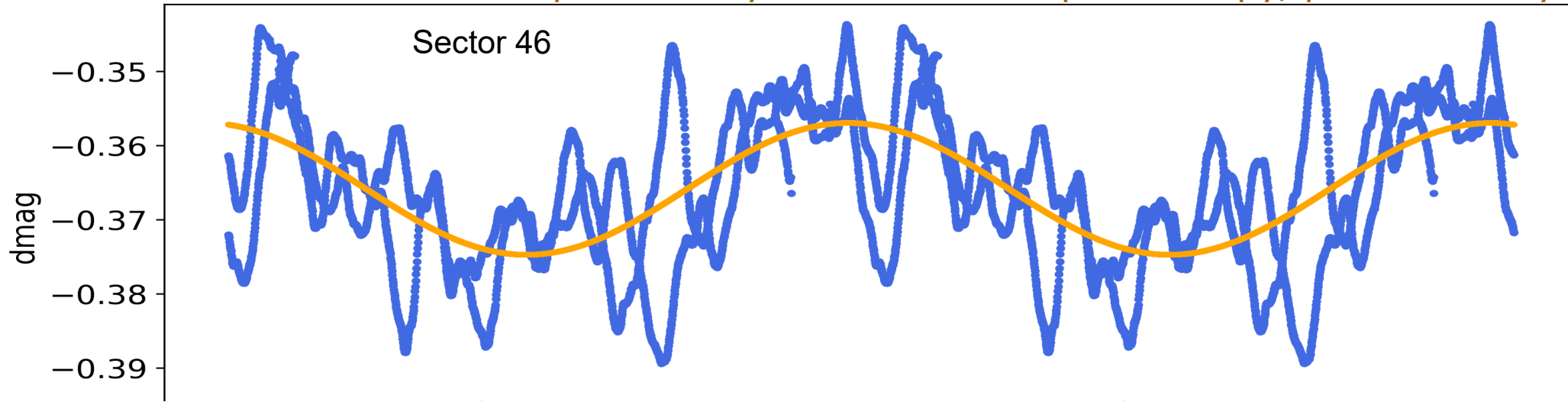
# K2 photometry+season 2017 spectroscopy, period 17 days



Aerts+  
2018



# TESS photometry+season 2021 spectroscopy, period 12 days



# Results of frequency analysis

Frequency	Period, days	2017	K2	2019	2020	2021	TESS Sect 45	TESS Sect 46	2022	2023
f <sub>1</sub>	~17	17.5	16		17				16.2	
f <sub>2</sub>	~12	11.2	24.7		12.6			12	11.2	21
f <sub>3</sub>	~9						8.9		9	
f <sub>4</sub>	~7	6.6, 7	7.1							
f <sub>5</sub>	~5.5		5.5				5.6		6	
f <sub>6</sub>	~4					4.5		4.3	4.7	
f <sub>7</sub>	~3	2.8		3.3	3.4		3			
f <sub>8</sub>	~1.5			2		1.4				
f <sub>9</sub>	~0.9	0.9		0.8	0.9	0.9			0.9	0.9

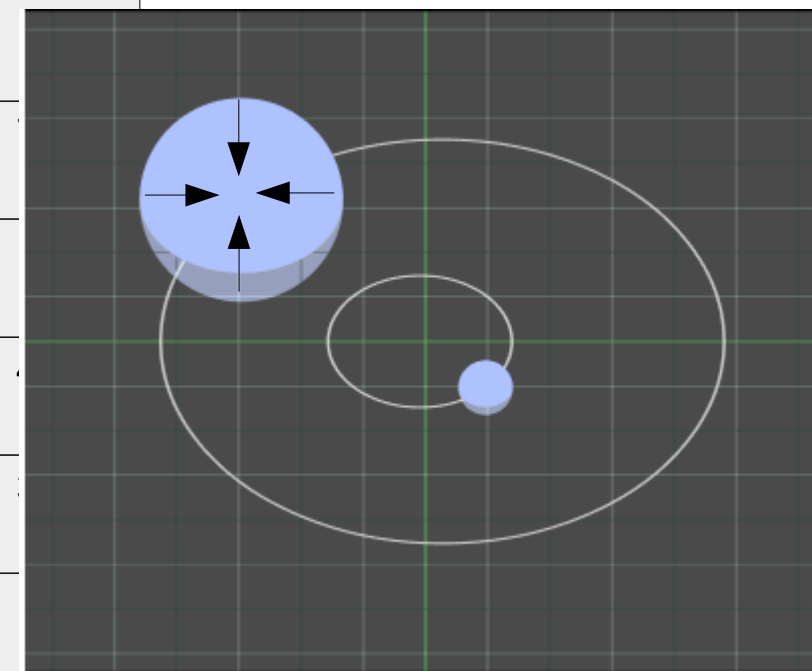
## Combinations:

$$f_1 + f_2 = f_4$$

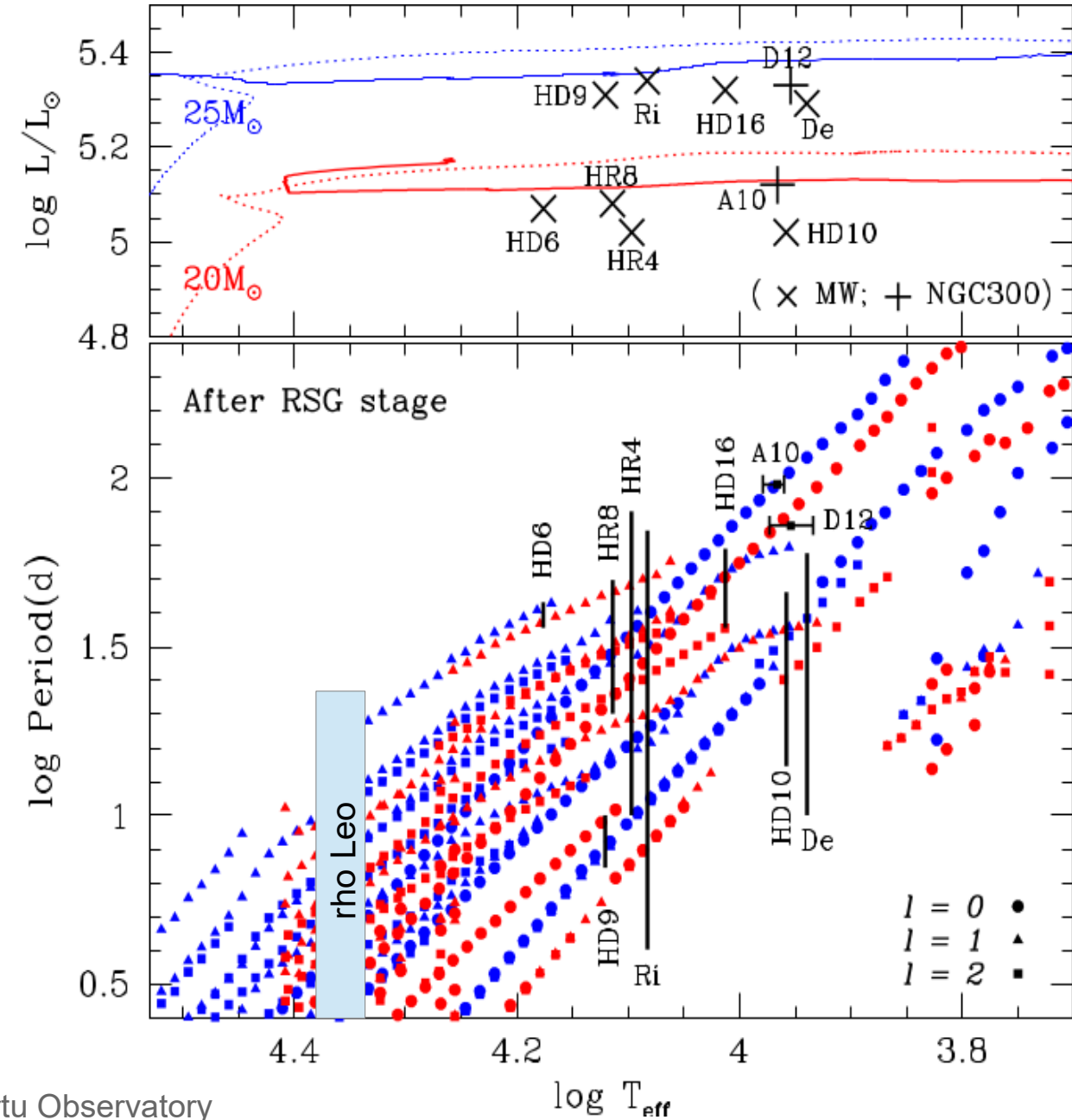
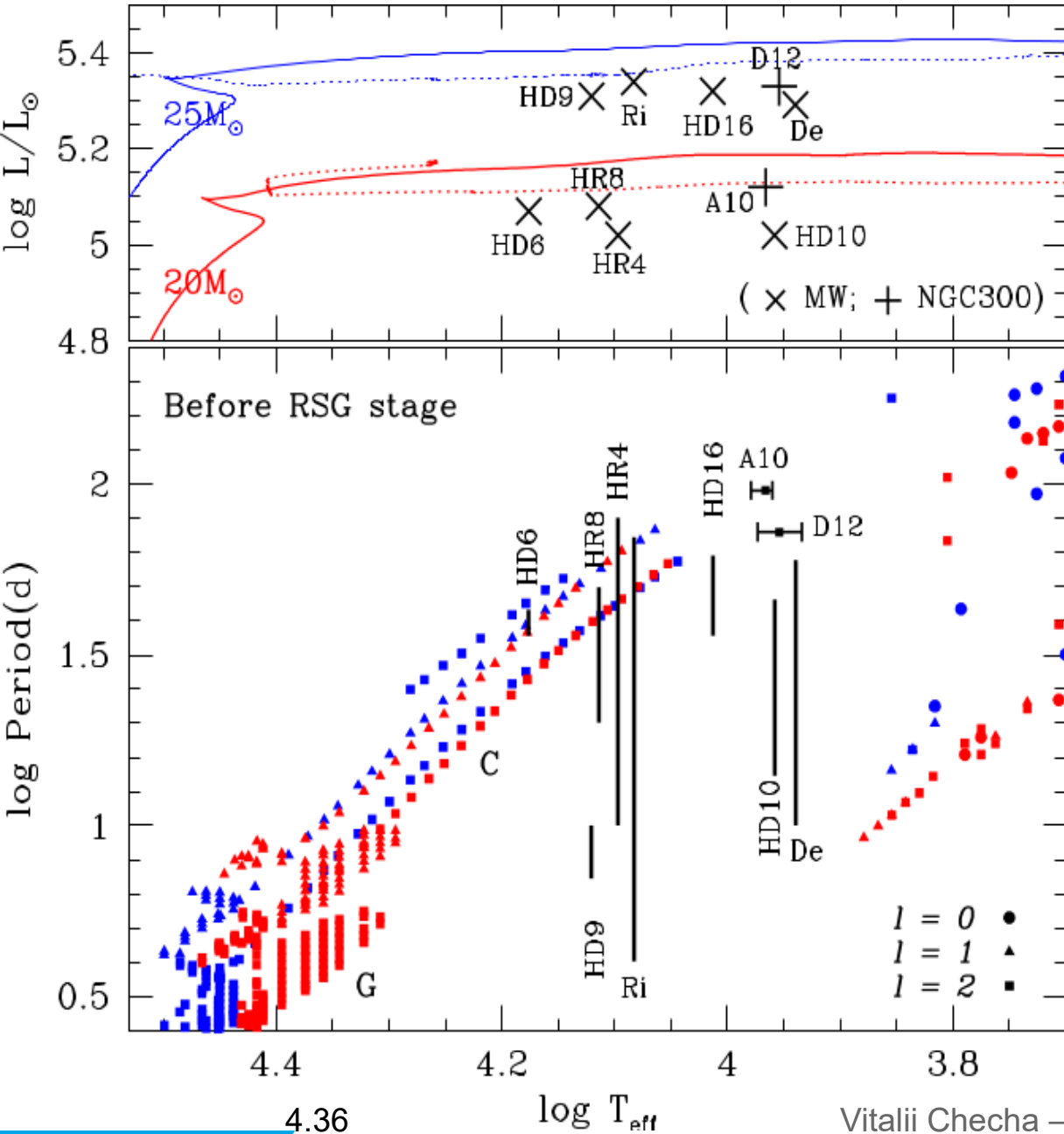
$$f_6 + f_7 = f_8$$

$$f_2 - f_1 = 50 \text{ days (from WWZ)}$$

Shibahashi & Kurtz 2012



# Pulsation period predictions for B supergiants





## BSG monitoring list 2014 - 2024

Object	m	spectral type
V1768 Cyg	5.66	B1
P Cyg	4.82	B1-2_la-0_ep
V2118 Cyg	7.12	B1.5la
Deneb	1.25	A2lae
55 Cyg	4.86	B3lae
HD 199478	5.73	B8lae
HD 202850	4.26	B9lab
HD 208501	5.81	B8lb
V639 Cas	6.22	B2.9lab
HD 2905	4.19	B1lae
HD 12301	5.62	A0lb
HD 13267	6.35	B5la
HD 13854	6.50	B1labe
HD 14134	6.54	B3la
HD 14143	6.65	B2la
HD 14818	6.27	B2lae
HD 14956	7.24	B2la
HD 21389	4.54	A0la
Rigel	0.13	B8lab
HD 37128	1.70	B0lab
HD 38771	2.05	B0lab
62Ori	4.65	B2I
PU Gem	5.75	B2.5lb
HD 87737	3.51	A0lb
<b><u>ρLeo</u></b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>B1lab</b>
HD 164353	3.97	B5lb



# Conclusions



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- 1.** Combination of different frequency analysis methods is necessary for investigation of quasi-periodic variability of BSGs.
- 2.** Certain periods almost always exist, while others appear and disappear.
- 3.** We suggest that the detected period of **12** days is the binary orbital period, while period the **17** days is due to radial pulsations.
- 4.** Set of periods (quasi-periods) and their harmonics obtained from analysis of rho Leo spectral time series indicates that the star is on the blue loop of evolution, after the Red Supergiant stage.
- 5.** Developed methodology will be applied to other BSGs monitored at TO combining our spectroscopic time series and high-cadence space photometry.
- 6.** It would be interesting to explore the circumstellar environments - for the presence of remnants of the slow and dusty winds on RSG stage.



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