Ground-based photometric Survey to Search for Pulsational Variability in Ap and Am Stars

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Survey for findind New roAp Stars in Northern Hemisphere

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Chemically Peculiar (CP) Stars

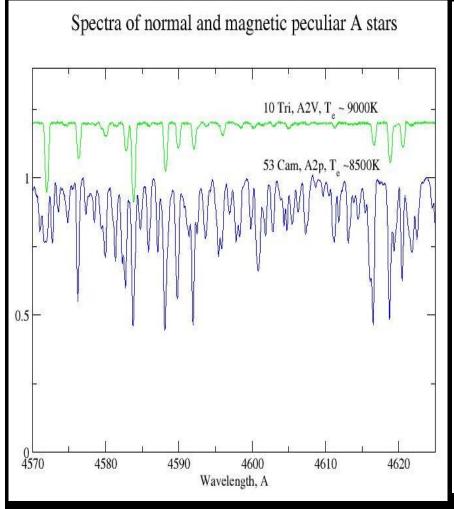
The CP stars are the chemically peculiar stars where atleast one but several elements are significantly overabundant or under-abundant w.r.t. to normal composition of such stars.

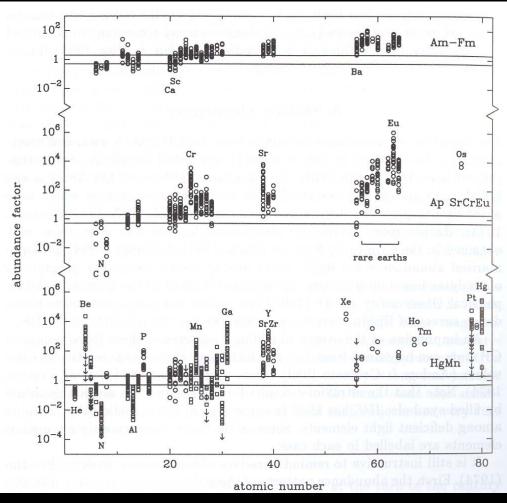
-> Optical Spectrum shows abnormal strength (strong/weak)

The peculiarity in CP stars is due to microscopic diffusion arises from the competition between radiative pressure and gravitational settling.

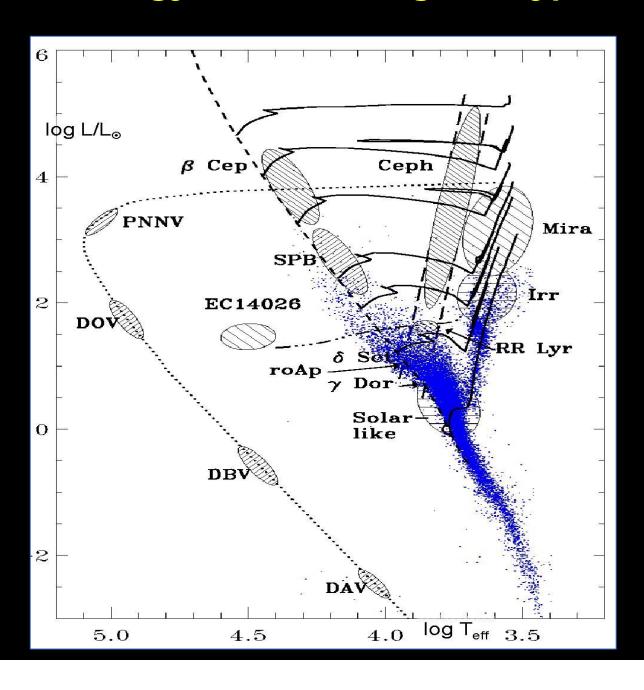
Classical Name	Preston Group	Characteristic	Magnetic	Temp (K) Range
Am-Fm	CP1	Weak Ca II, Sc II, enhanced metals	Y es/No	7000-10,000
Вр-Ар	CP2	Enhanced Sr, Cr, Eu, Si	Yes	7000-16,000

Comparison with the Solar Abundance





Asteroseismology for Pulsating A-F type CP Stars



Photometric Search for Pulsation in Ap and Am Stars

1. Kurtz (1982-1989)	5 Ap SrCrEu field stars
2. Matthews & Wehlau (1985)	4 Northern field Ap stars
3. Matthews et al. (1988)	4 Ap stars in NGC 2516
4. Hellar & Kramer (1988)	4 Northern field Ap stars
5. Schutt (1991)	36 normal A0-A5 stars
6. Nelson & Kreidl (1985-1991)	120 Northern Ap stars
7. Belmonte (1989)	8 Northern Fp/Ap stars
8. Hildebrandt (1992)	4 Normal and peculiar A stars
9. Cape Survey (1991-1994)	134 Southern Ap SrCrEu stars
10. Dorokhova et al. (1998)	Unspecified northern Ap stars
11. Handler et al. (1999)	17 Northern Ap stars
12. Nainital-Cape Survey (1999-	330 CP stars

Search for New Rapidly oscillating Ap (roAp) Stars in Norhthern Hemisphere

- **❖** Pulsating(*non radial*) variable star of spectral type late **A** to early **F**.
- **❖** Cool(**7500K-8500K**), magnetic(**kG**).
- **Periods** (may be multi-periodic) range from ~ 5 to 23 minutes.
- **❖** Amplitude variation is found in mill magnitude range (16mmag ~ peak-peak).
- **Pulsate in high overtone** (n > 30-40), low degree (l < 3), non-radial p modes.

Photometric Observations

Ground Based Photometry: 104-cm at ARIES

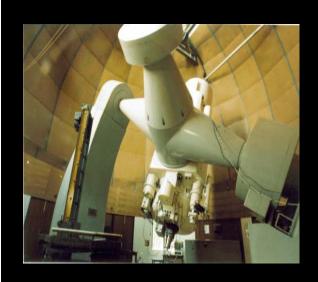
: 50-cm at Sutherland

: 130-cm at Devasthal

(DST-NRF funded Indo-South African Projects)

Instruments: PMT based Photometers and CCDs

Exp. time : 10-s, Filter : B, T : 1 to 2 hr.

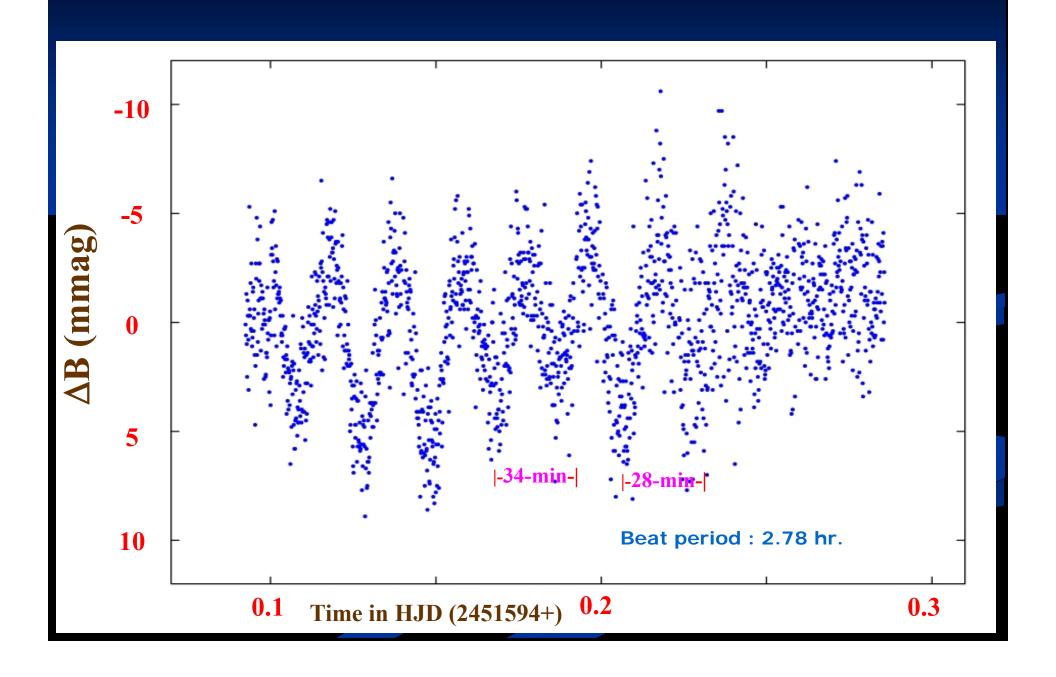




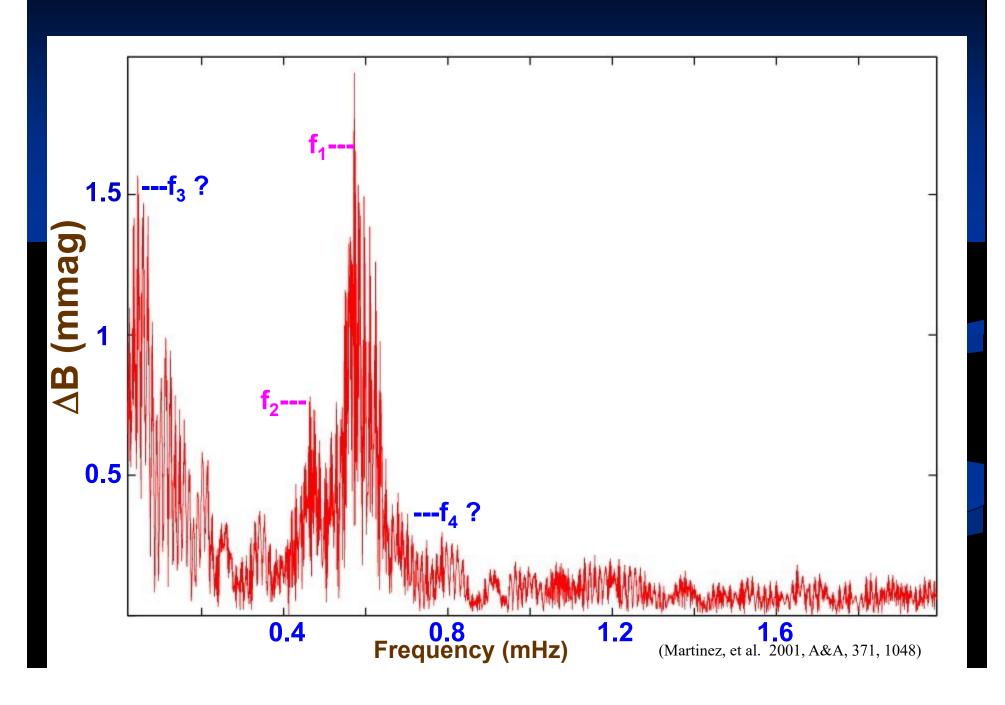


> Data Reduction : Light Curves (sky subtraction and correction for extinction), FT

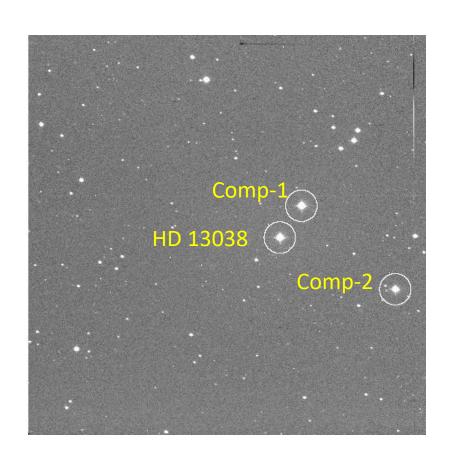
Discovery of Pulsation in Am Star HD 13038



Amplitude Spectrum of Star HD 13038



Ground Based CCD Time-series Observations of HD 13038



Observation Details

Date of observation: 2006-10-06

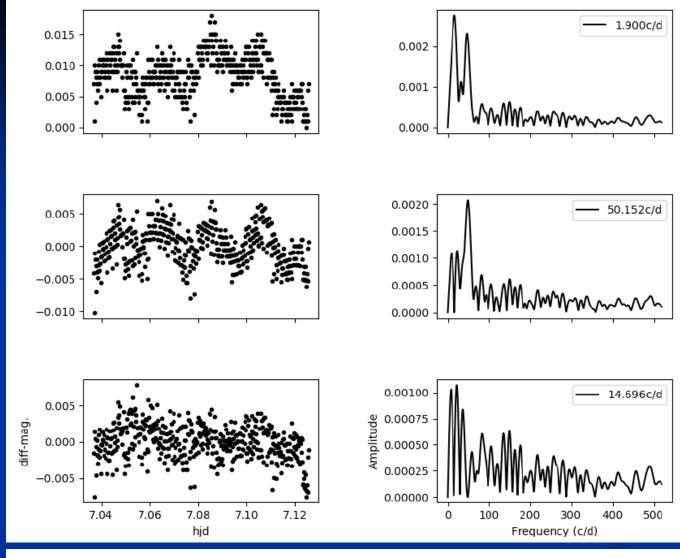
Telescope: 104-cm Sampurnanand Telescope

Detector : SITe 2k X 2k pixels

Integration: 5-s each frame

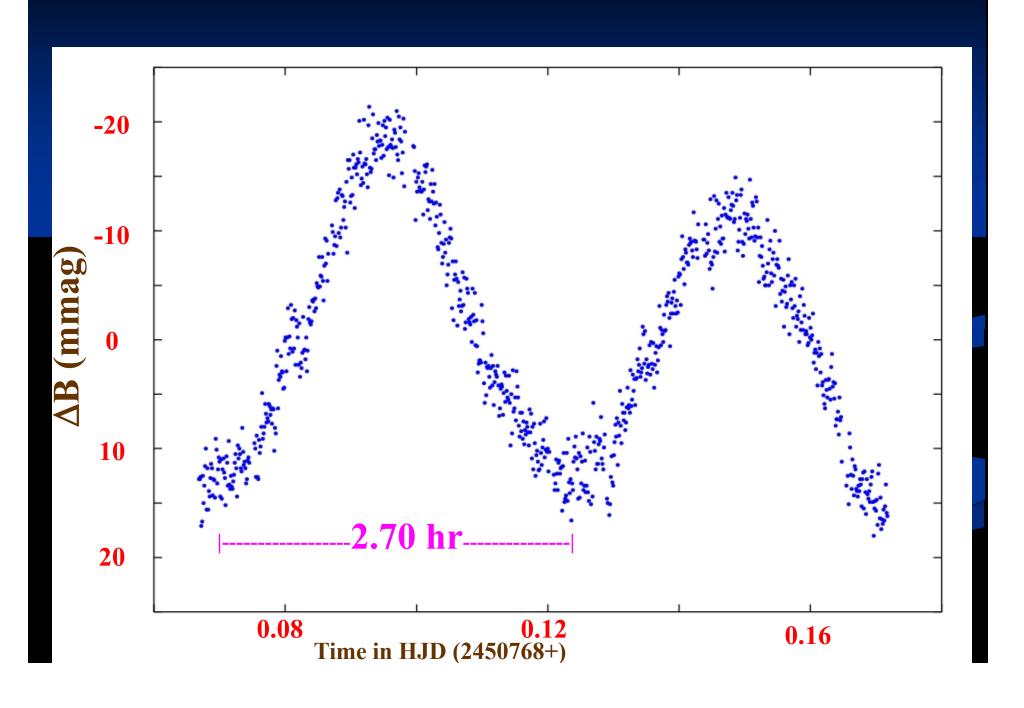
Filter : B

Total Duration: 6.5 hrs

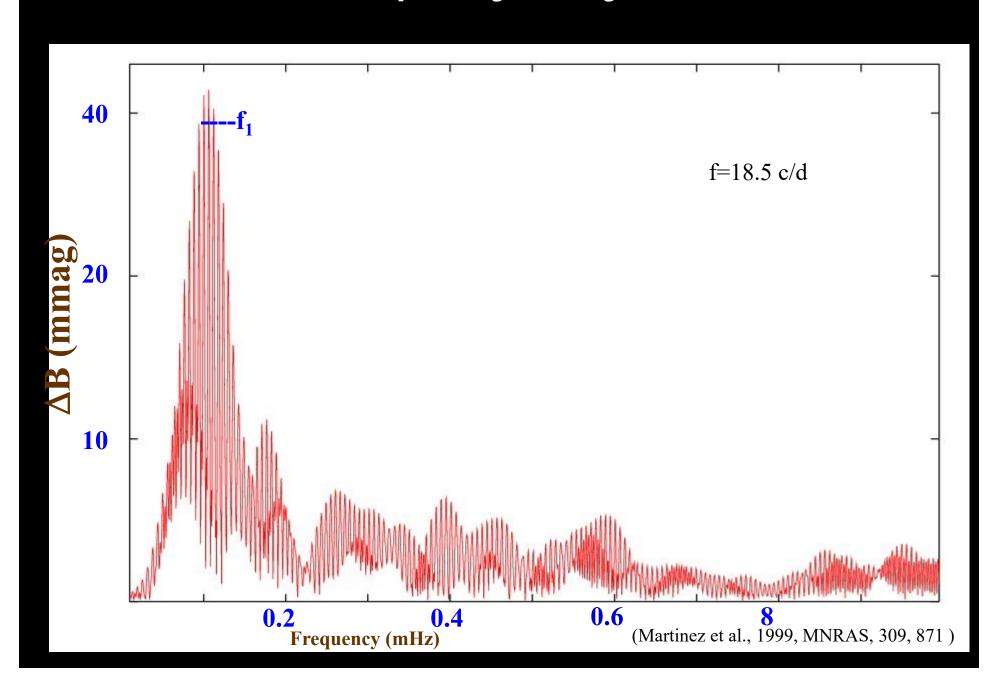


f(c/d)	Amp.	phase
1.9000893	0.0372038746	0.809662957895398
50.151928	0.0022336910	0.913319361264868
14.696417	0.0025368293	0.936665450935472

Discovery of Pulsation in an Am Star HD 13079



Frequency Analysis



Ground Based Time-Series Monitoring of HD 13079

Observation Details

Date of observation: 04 and 07 October 2006

Telescope: 104-cm Sampurnanand Telescope

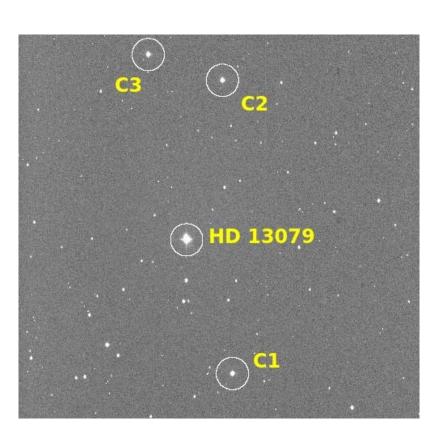
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Filter : B

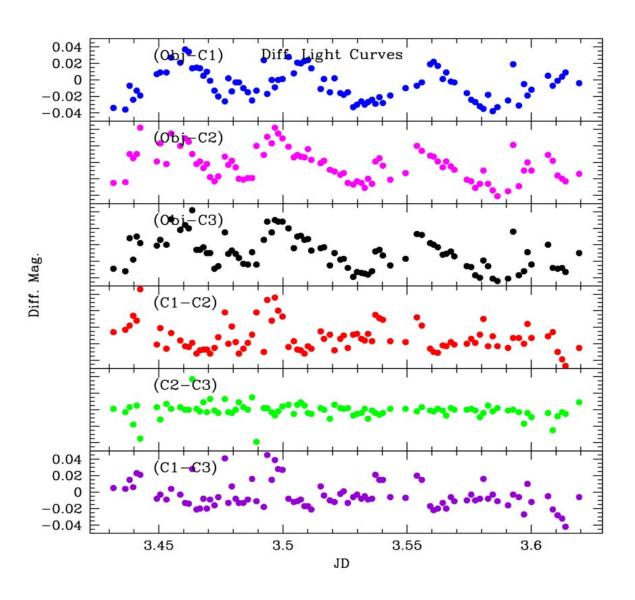
Integration: 10-s each frame

Total Duration : 4.5 hrs on 2006-10-04

: 8.2 hrs on 2006-10-07

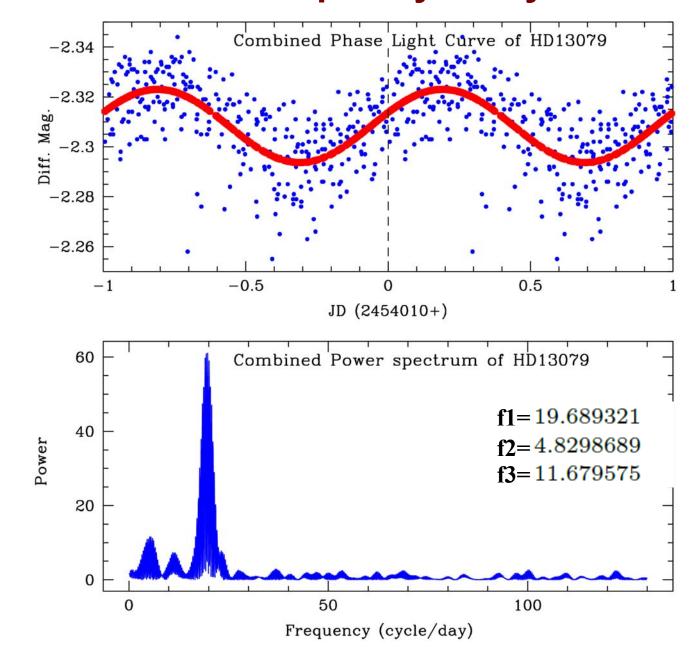


Sample Light Curves 2006-10-04



Note: For better viewing, the light curves are shifted vertically to bring the mean at 0 mag.

Frequency Analysis



Super-wasp Observations of HD13079

Martinez at al. (1999)

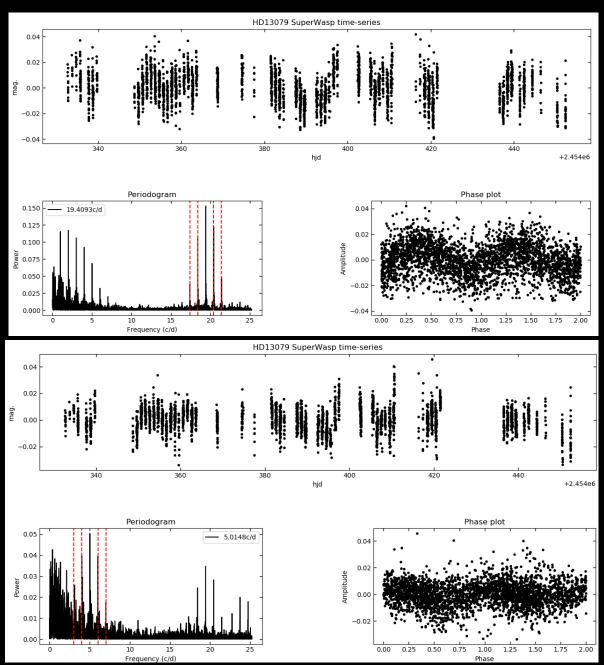
f=18.5 c/d

Smalley at al. (2011)

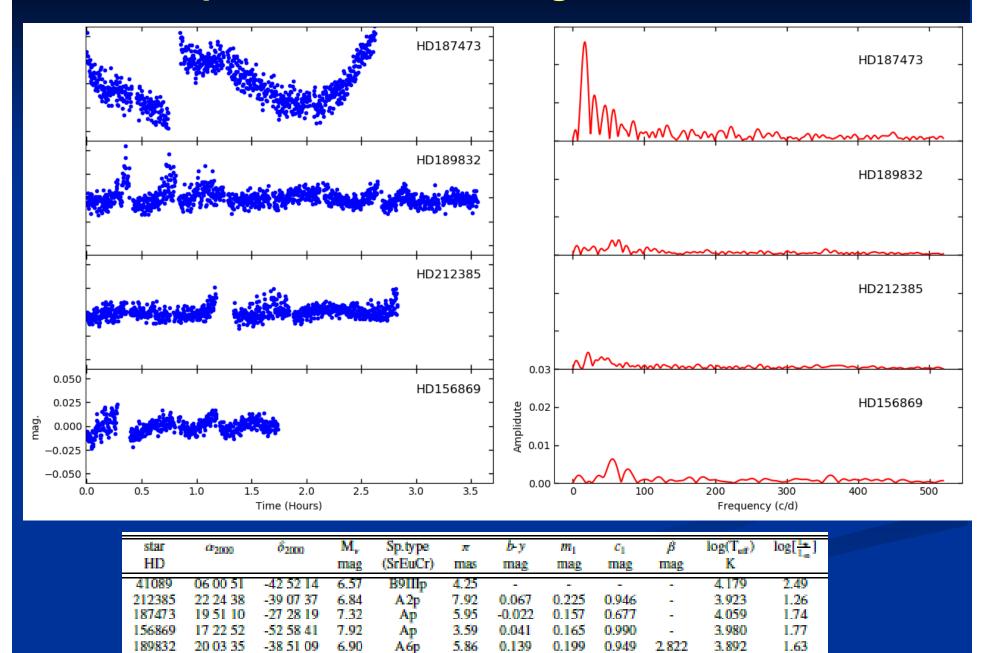
f1=19.41 c/d f2=19.46 f3=24.76 ??????? f4=17.59 F5=19.33

Present Work

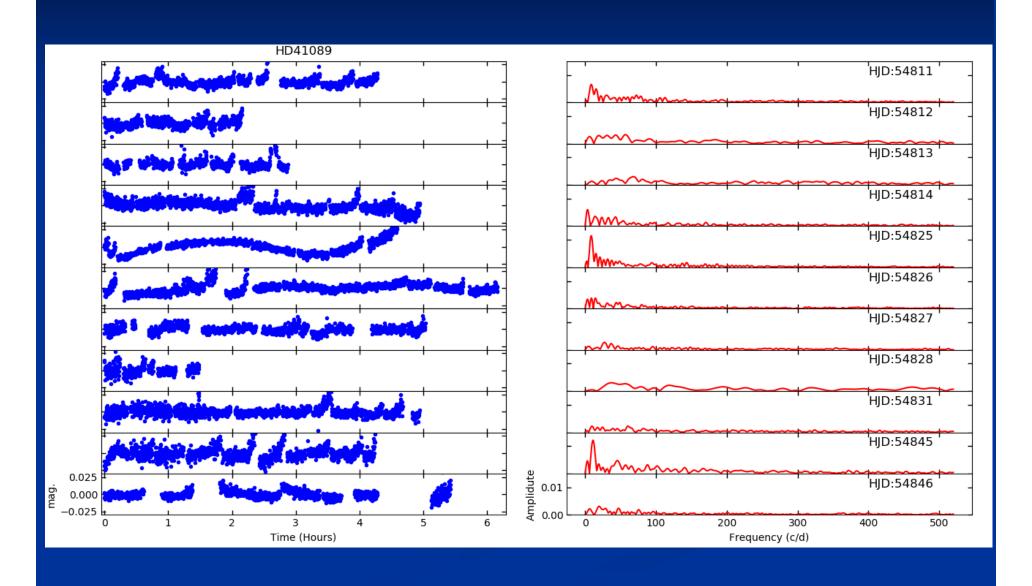
f1=4.82 c/d f2=19.68 f3=11.67 f4=16.32



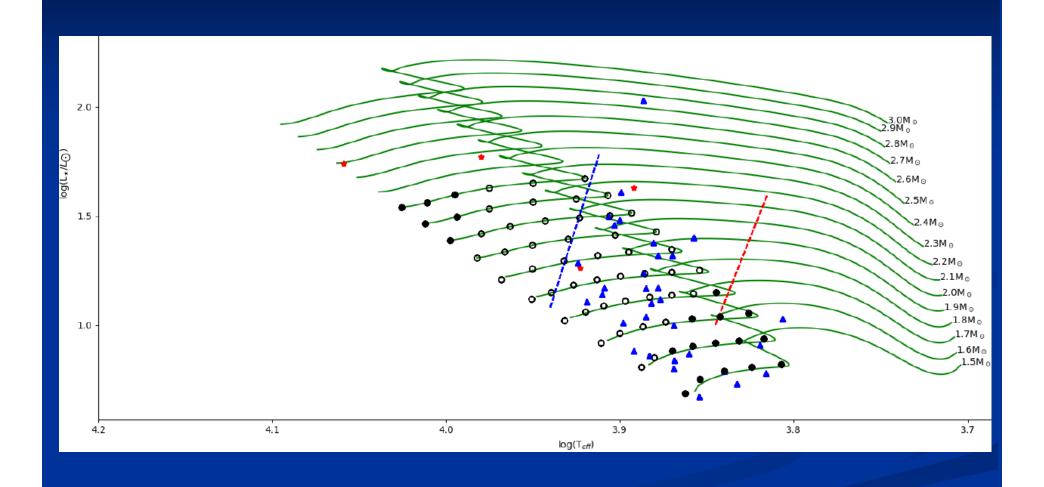
Sample Null Results: Light curves and FTs



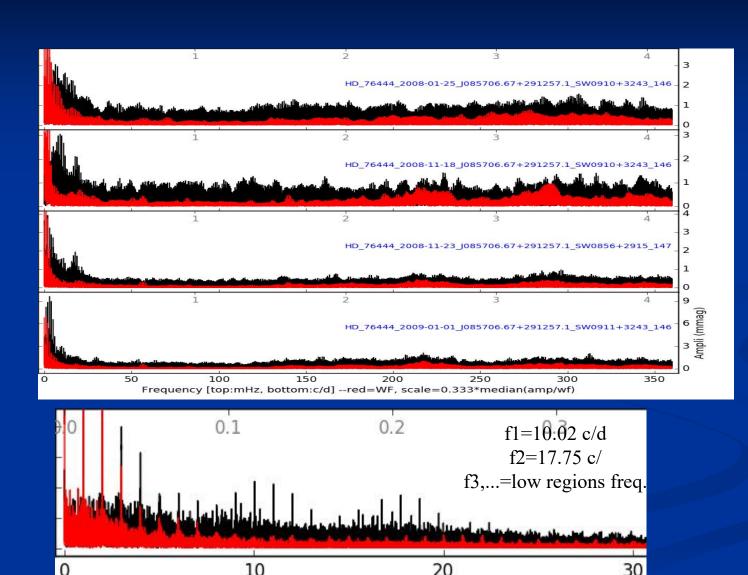
Intense Monitoring of HD41089



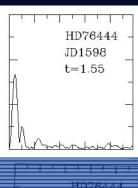
H-R Diagram of the Null Results

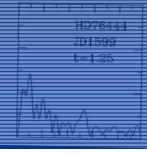


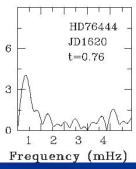
Super-wasp Analysis of the Samples Observed under Nainital-Cape Survey Project



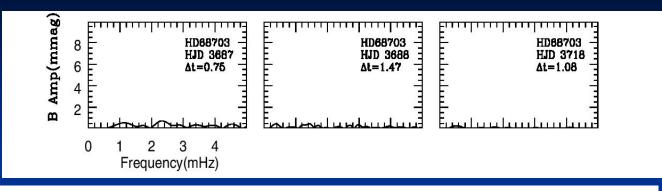
Frequency [top:mHz, bottom:c/d] --red=WF, scale

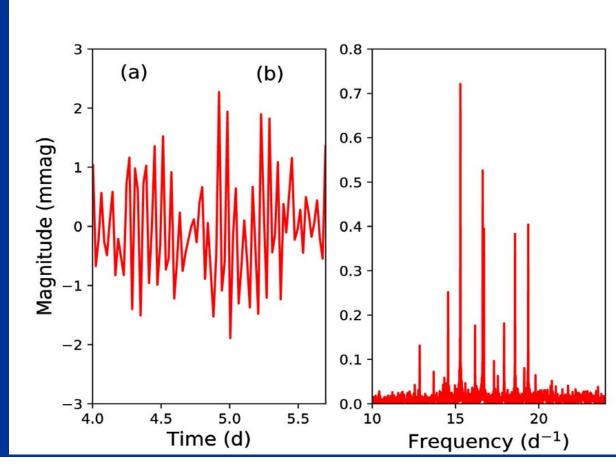






Ground and Space Kepler K2 Analysis of HD68703





Possible Collaborations

- > Continue the Nainital-Cape Survey Project
- > Asteroseismology of the Kepler Pulsating Variables
- > Search for Variables in Open Star Clusters
- > High-resolution spectroscopy of Pulsating Stars using DOT.
- > Any Many!

Conclusion and Future Perspectives

> Preliminary data analysis showed some signature of variability in HD41089. However, the follow-up observation could not confirm any variability, resulting in a null result.

> Four candidates shown under RESULTS did not show any light variation in the initial observations and were not monitor further ,thus classified as null-results as well.

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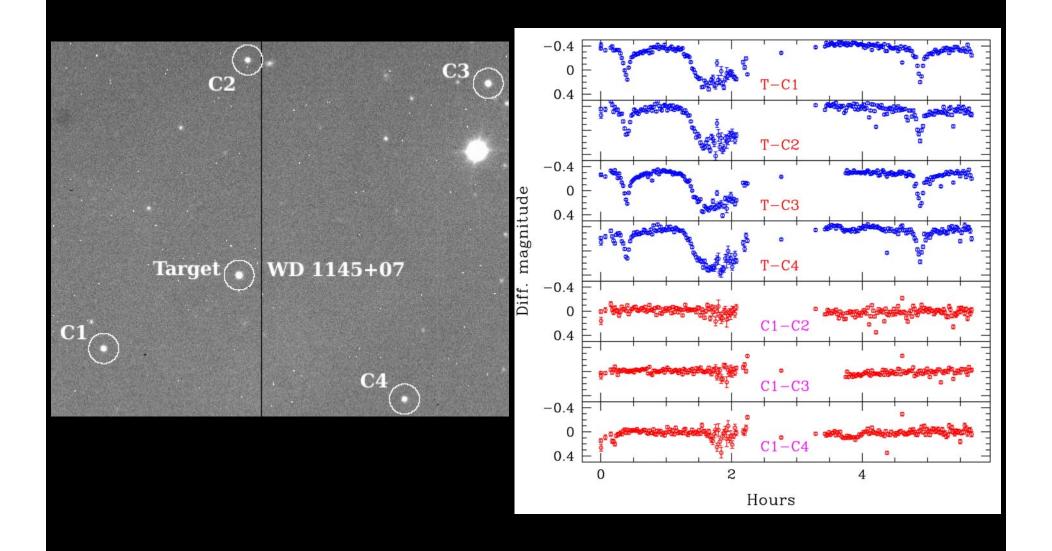
- Indo-South African Projects (DST-NRF: 2001-2016)
- 1. Nainital-Cape Survey for roAp Stars (PI: U. S. Chaubey; 2001-2004).
- 2. Search and study of variability in Ap and Am Stars (PI: S.Joshi; 2008-2013).

 Total Reserach Papers Published: 38
- Indo-Russian Projects (DST-RFBR:2008-2018)
- 3. Studies of CP and RoAp Stars(PI: S. Joshi; 2008-2012).
- 4. Time-resolved Photometric and Spectroscopic study of the CP Stars (**PI : S. Joshi**; 2013-2016).

Total Reserach Papers Published: 6

- Indo-Belgian Projects (DST-BELSPO:2016-2021)
- 5. Belgo-India Network on Astronomy & Astrophysics (PI: S. Joshi; 2016-2019).
- 6. Belgo-India Network on Astronomy & Astrophysics: Part-II (PI: S. Joshi; 2018-2021).

Monitoring of a Planetory Transit WD1145+07 from 3.6-m DOT



> Exp: 75-sec, Filter: B, Duration of Observation ~ 5.5 hrs, Accuracy: 15 mmag

