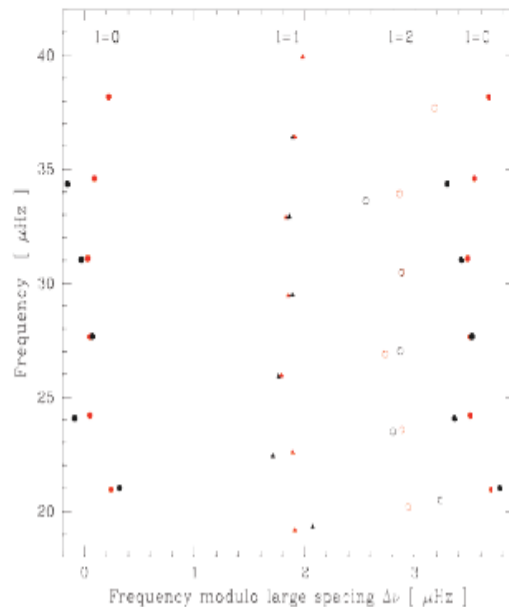


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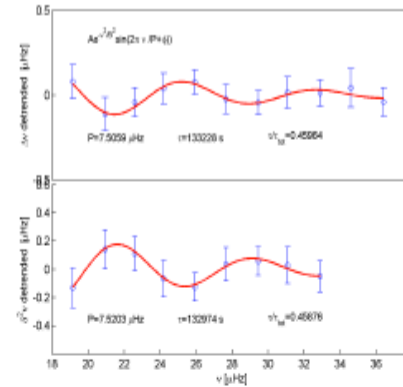
A strong preference for 150 day runs instead of 80 day runs

We would like to argue for 150 day runs rather than shorter runs. The scientific quality of the red giants time series would otherwise seriously deteriorate, to the extent that it will basically become no longer possible to compete with Kepler. We illustrate this with a red giant from the seismofield (HR 7349). In the figure below you see an echelle diagram of this star. The red dots are the modes from the full 150 day time series. The black dots are the corresponding modes from only the first 80 days.

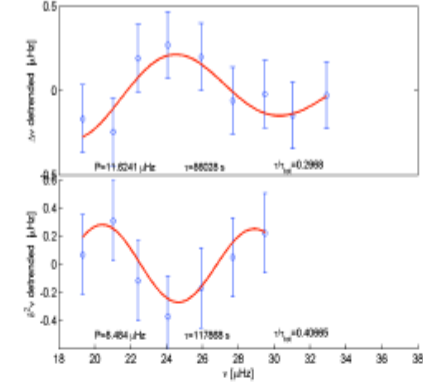


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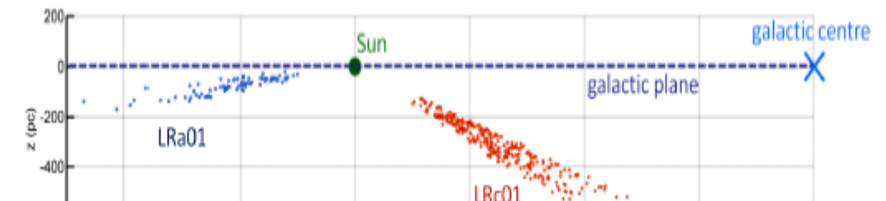
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4. Mode line-widths for red giants are small compared to main-sequence stars and lifetimes are near the resolution for a 150d run (Dupret et al. 2009, Baudin et al. 2010 submitted to A&A). Hence, to maximize the scientific exploitation of the CoRoT observations one has to measure mode linewidths: a 150 long run is a necessary condition.

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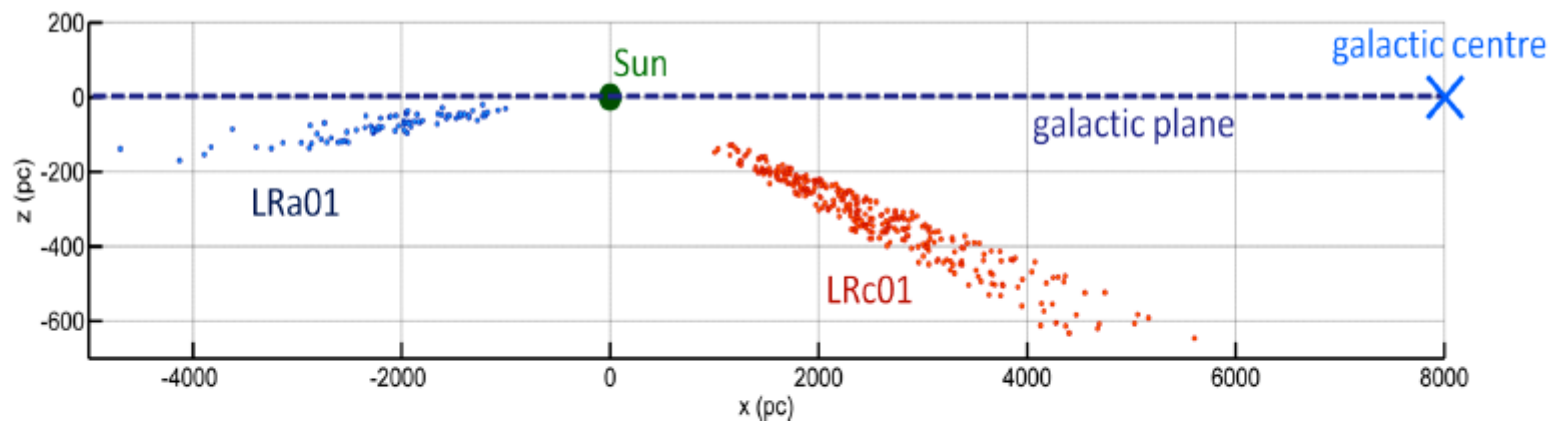
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Using exofield red-clump giants populations from FOVs at different galactic latitudes and longitudes will therefore allow to detect gradients along the line of sight, in our Milky Way.

What we see is the following:

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Giants in the seismofield

We propose to observe one or more of the following giants in the seismofield:

HIP	V	π (mas)	L/Lsun	Teff (K)	R/Rsun	M/MSun	ν_{\max} (μHz)	vsini
28485	7	4.3(9)	136.77	5048	15.32	3.14	44	?
29575	5.84	10.4(7)	42.85	5018	8.68	2.31	100	3.85
31672	6.18	6.9(9)	76.56	4672	13.38	2.36	45	<1.8
38306	6.38	7.9(9)	108.64	4424	17.77	2.38	26	1.5
86391	6.26	8.4(8)	46.13	4782	9.91	2.18	74	<1.2
87224	6.46	9.5(9)	52	4425	12.29	1.95	45	<1.0
88986	7.41	5.3(9)	61.94	4433	13.37	2.06	40	2.5
96071	6.78	6.5(9)	78.7	4207	16.73	1.63	21	?
96187	7.61	4.6(9)	75.86	4553	14.02	2.29	40	?

Note that the estimates of L,R and, in particular, of M are rather crude.

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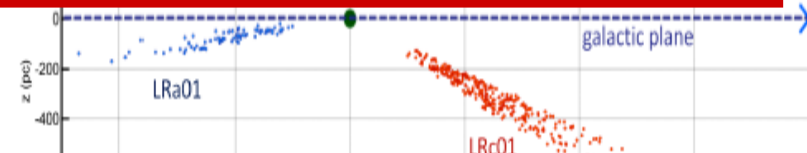
These giants were selected because

1. They are bright, which implies a high S/N
2. The ν_{max} is higher than of our previous seismofield giant (HR 7349) which will imply less interference with granulation, and a better relative precision of the frequencies. This will allow a more reliable probing of the star (e.g. the He abundance in the envelope).
3. The rotational velocities suggested by the $v_{\text{sin i}}$ values of HIP 29575 and HIP 88986 should be high enough to detect the rotational splitting for $\ell=2$ modes.

In addition, we notice that for such bright targets solar-like oscillations can be detected from radial-velocity measurements that can be planned in the context of the ESO Large Programme LP185.D-056 (two runs of 10 and 5 nights separated by 10 days with HARPS).

These observations will allow to shed light on the velocity-intensity relation, which is poorly known in solar-like pulsators. This ratio is observed for only few stars (the Sun, HD49933, and Alpha Cen A). From a theoretical standpoint it constitutes a major source of uncertainties on the modeling of mode amplitudes because it strongly depends on non-adiabatic processes in the uppermost layers of the stars. Hence, observations of red giants in both photometry and radial velocity are a unique opportunity to obtain direct constraints on this relation as well as to improve the modeling of mode amplitudes.

Frequency modulo large spacing $\Delta\nu$ [μHz]



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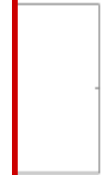
Observing red giants in clusters

We propose to observe giants in a cluster. Suitable cluster candidates are:

ID	Alpha	delta	dist (pc)	log(age)	Field
Berkeley 32	06 58 06	06 26 00	3100	9.53	Exo
NGC 6633	18 27 15	06 30 30	376	8.63	Seismo
NGC 2236	06 29 39	06 49 48	2930	8.54	Exo
NGC 6705	18 51 05	-06 16 12	1877	8.3	Exo

Note that all the proposed clusters are well studied in the literature. In particular, for Berkeley 32 and NGC6633 detailed spectroscopic constraints are available for both MS and RC stars, as well as reliable membership probability (see e.g. Randich et al. 2009, A&A 496, 441, Santos et al. 2009, A&A 493, 309, Bragaglia et al. 2008 A&A 480, 79, Sestito et al. 2006, A&A 458,121).

Here below you find CMDs of the proposed clusters from WEBDA as well as from more detailed/recent studies.



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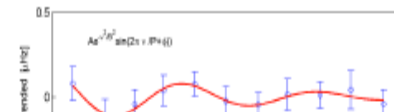
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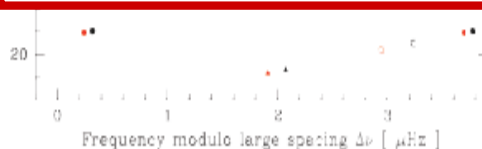
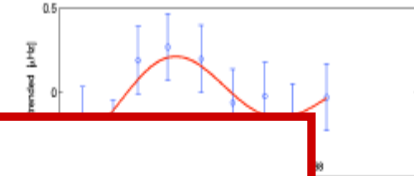
The gain would be:

1. Strong constraint of the age, and Metallicity leading to a stringent seismic modeling of the star.
2. Ability to determine the mass of the turn-off point through isochrone fitting, which can be compared with the asteroseismic mass of the giants, to constrain the mass-loss.
3. For NGC 2236, NGC 6633, and NGC6705 the turn-off point is in the mass range where you expect the occurrence of the secondary clump to be sensitive to the overshoot on the MS. The latter could therefore be constrained.
4. A seismic estimate of the He abundance in giants would allow to constrain an otherwise free parameter in isochrone fitting. This will allow to better pinpoint the age of the cluster.
5. Strong constraints on the fundamental parameters are very important to derive accurate scaling laws and validate them.
6. The low metallicity of Berkeley 32 ($[Fe/H]=-0.5$) coupled to constraints on the mass and luminosity of the cluster members, will allow to check the metallicity dependence of the amplitude of solar-like oscillations (Samadi et al. 2010, A&A, 509, 15 and Samadi et al. 2010, A&A, 509, 16).

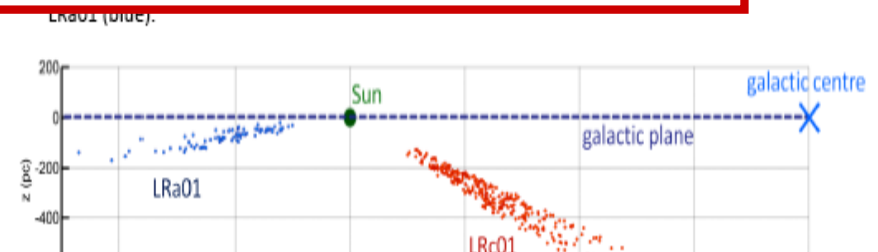
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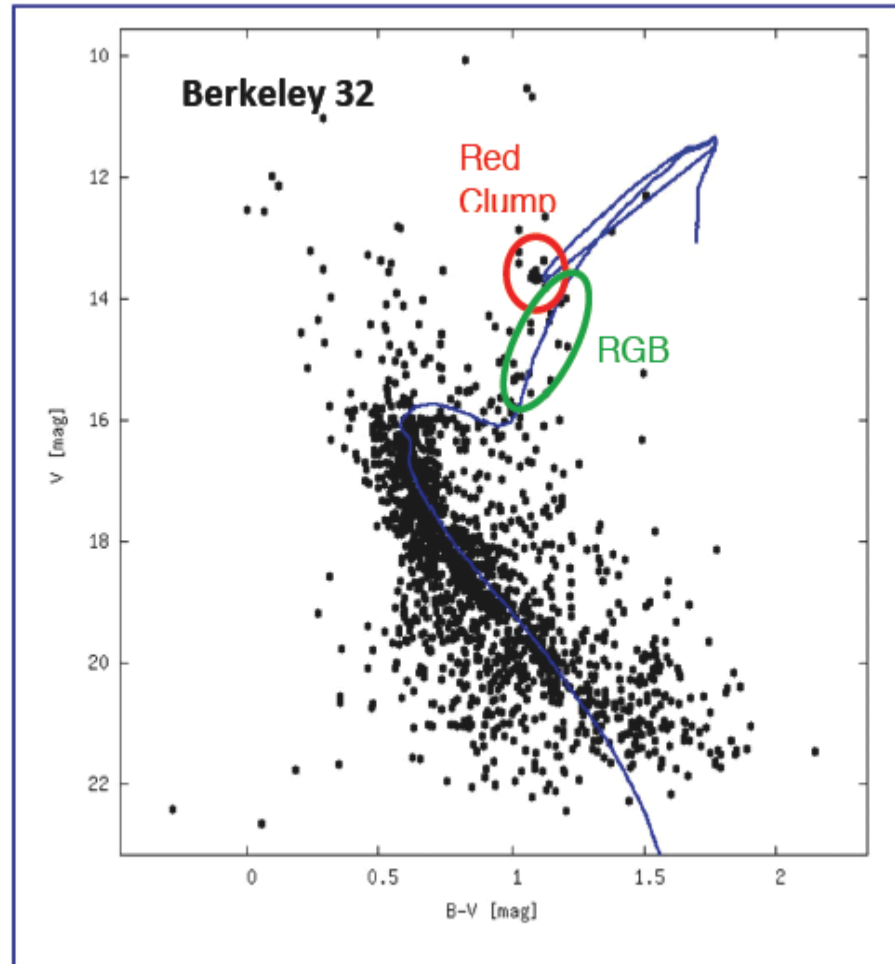
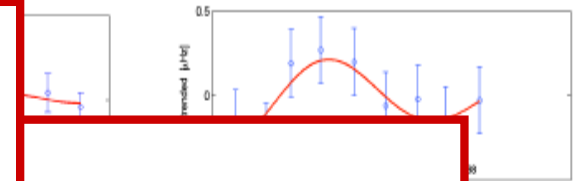


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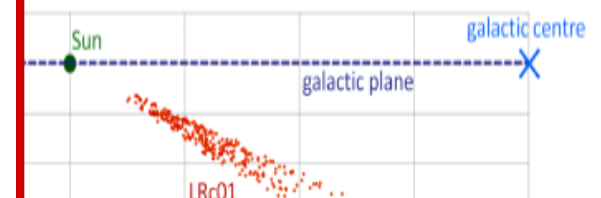
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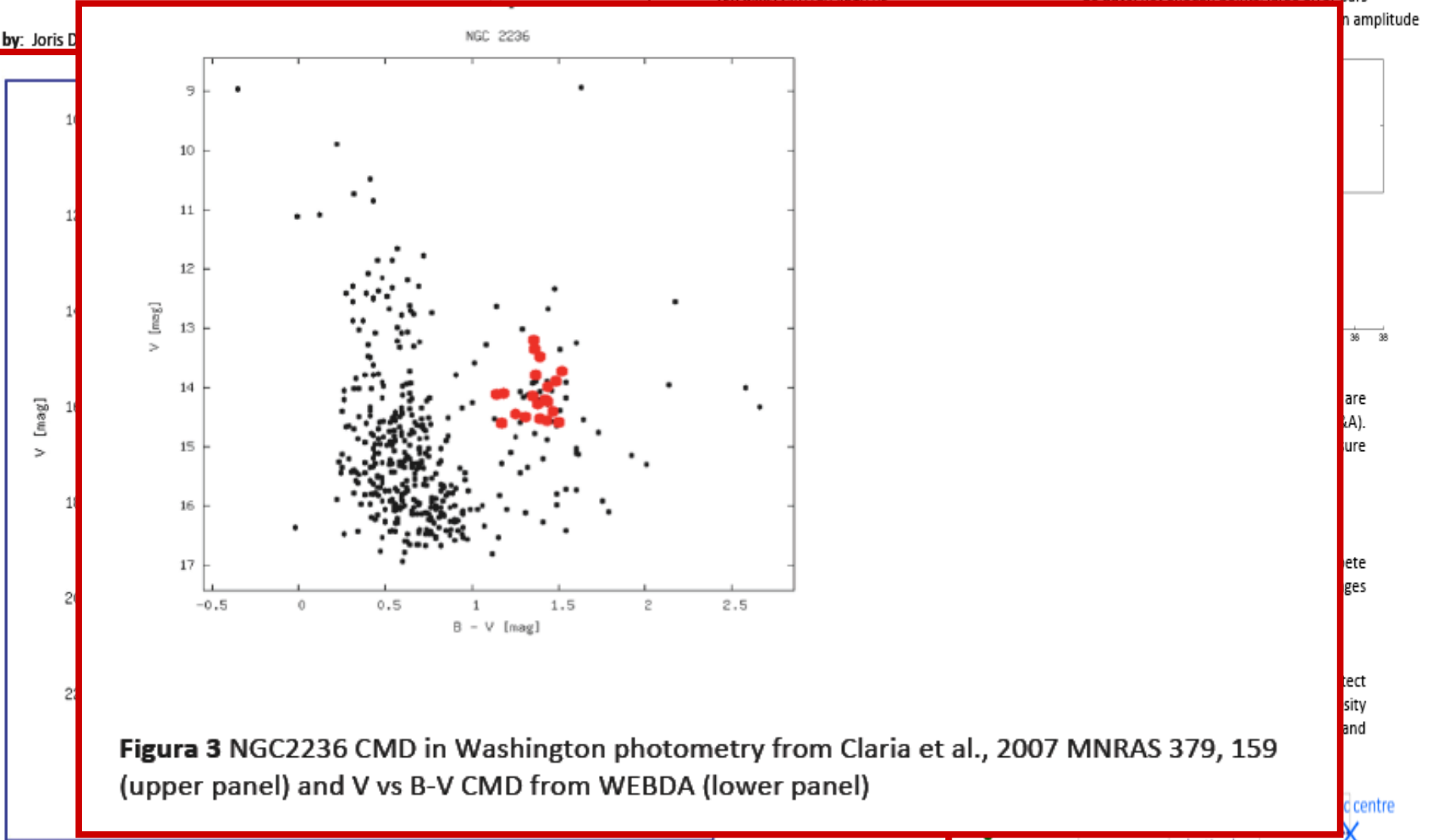
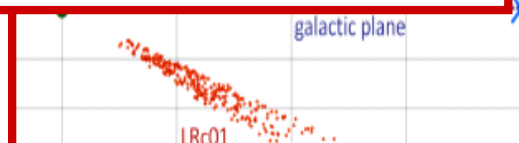
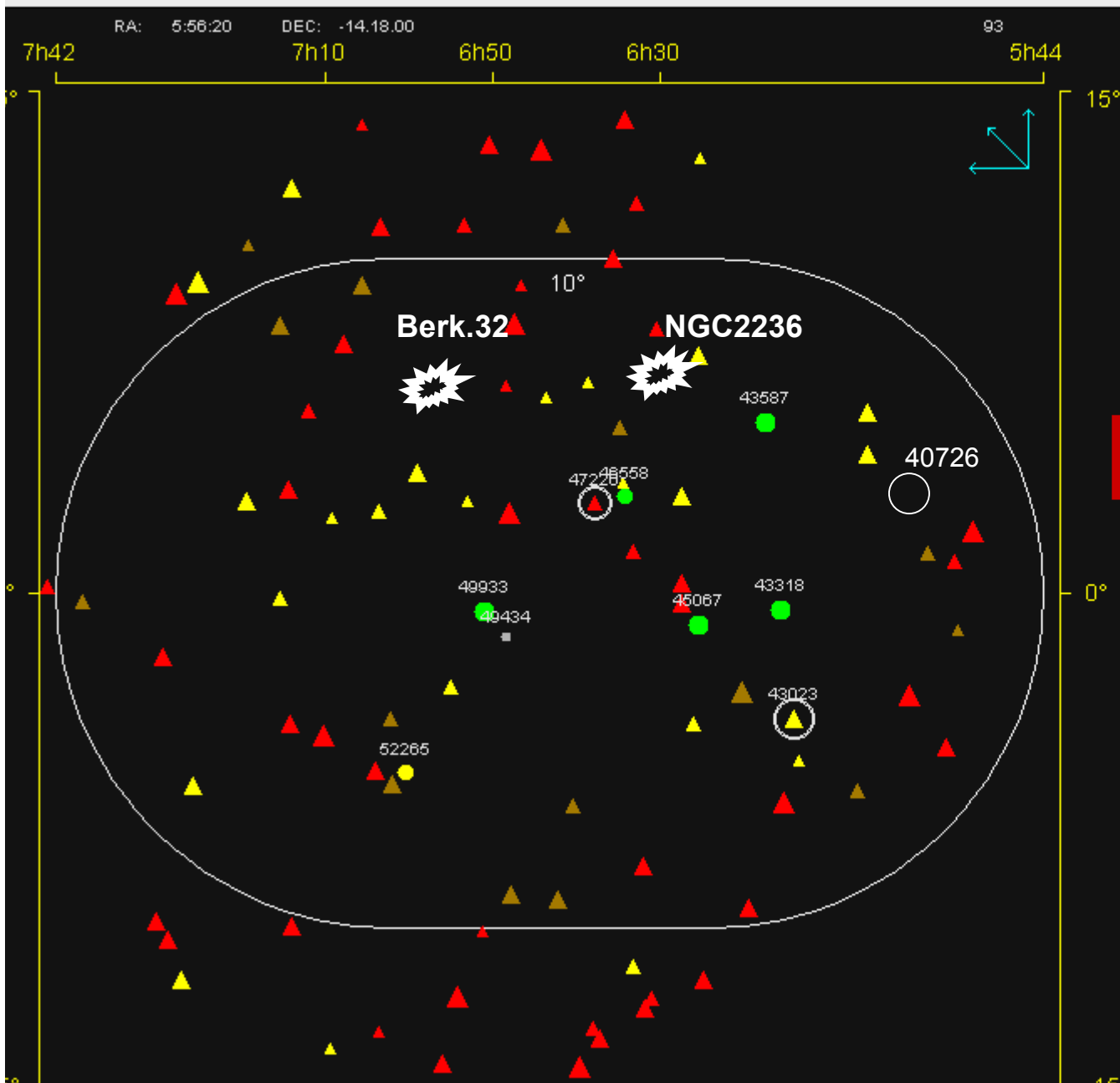


Figure 3 NGC2236 CMD in Washington photometry from Claria et al., 2007 MNRAS 379, 159 (upper panel) and V vs B-V CMD from WEBDA (lower panel)

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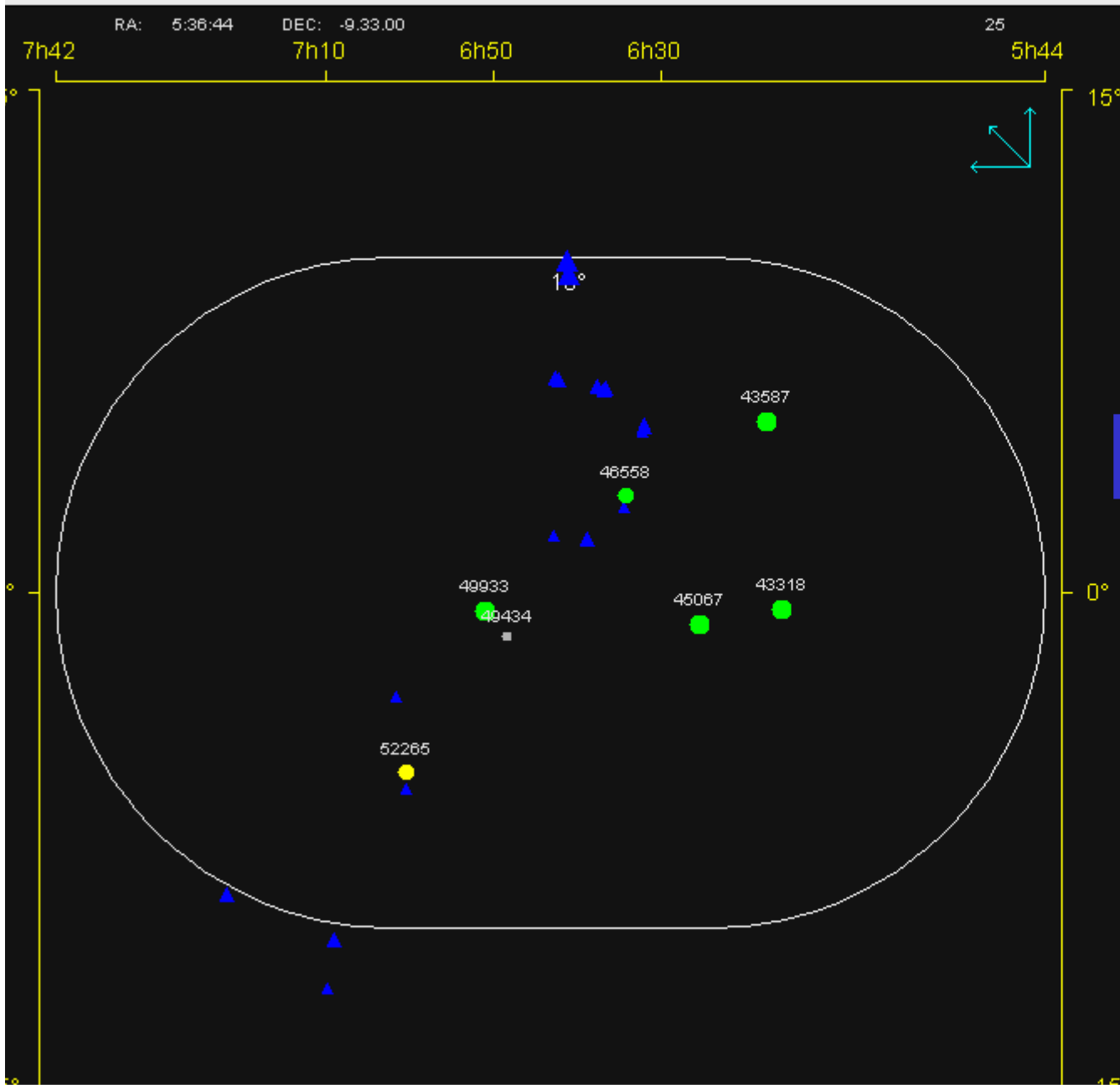
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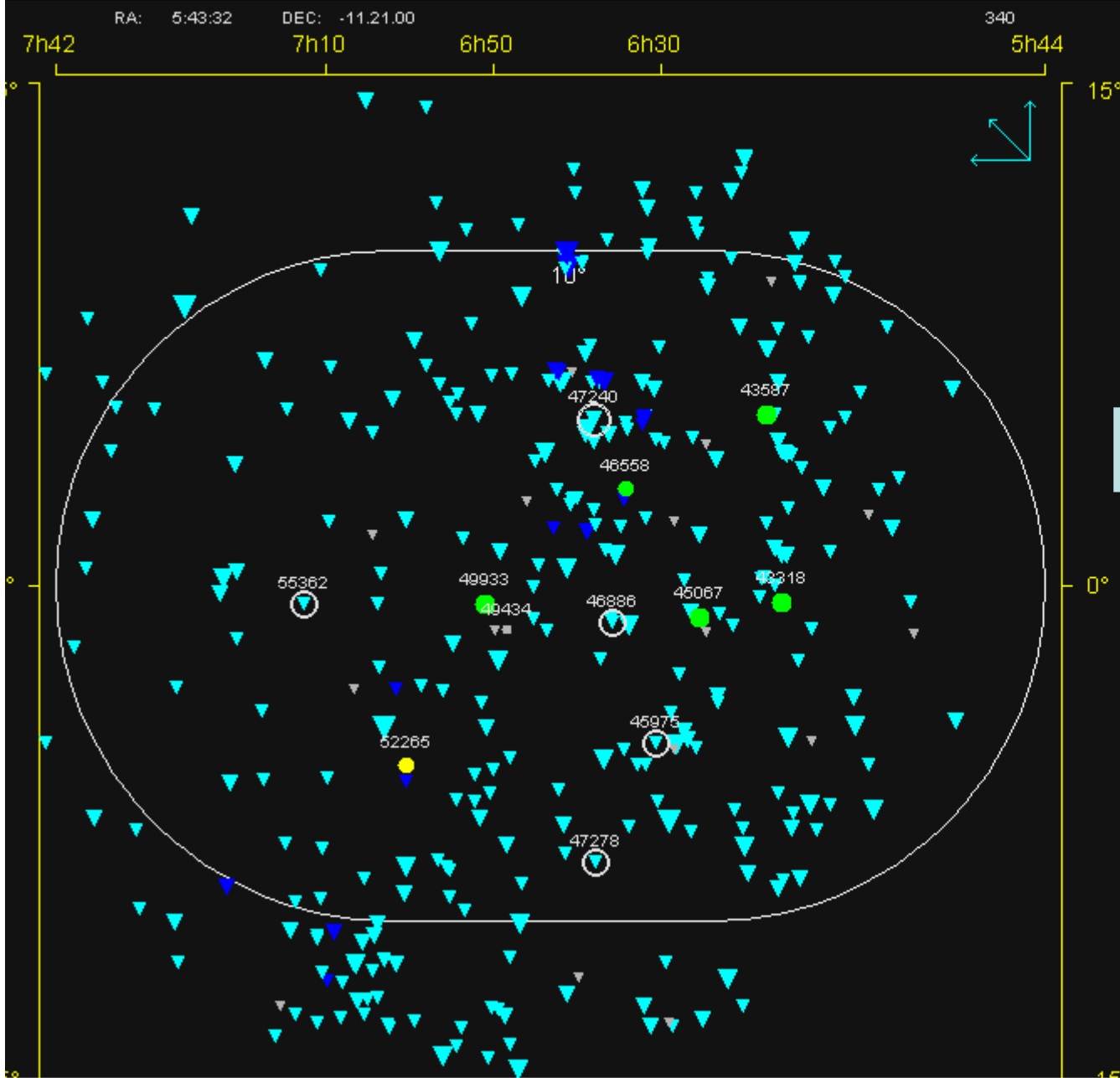
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Proposals for new seismology targets from the B star team

Remarks

- None of these three topics are likely to be done with Kepler. So far, there are no confirmed β Cephei stars, nor B supergiants, among the KASC targets.
 - All three topics require a true long run, i.e., a duration of at least 130 days. This has to do with their rather long periods and/or beating pattern. The frequency resolution of CoRoT is a limitation to find rotationally splitted modes in B stars, as it was achieved in long-term ground-based data sets of high-amplitude pulsators in that class. We did not achieve this for the one CoRoT β Cephei star that was monitored so far (HD180642).
 - For any of the stars listed below, we will perform a long-term spectroscopy campaign with our HERMES spectrograph at the 1.2m Mercator telescope at La Palma, including simultaneous monitoring with the CoRoT measurements. This instrument is very efficient and is now fully operational since 6 months. We have guaranteed access to it and the magnitudes of the requested stars allow a good S/N ratio of the spectroscopy.
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HD 48553: multiple star indication in Simbad, 2nd priority

$\alpha = 06\ 44\ 09.9406$

$\delta = +02\ 23\ 29.647$

$V = 9.07$, B2III

Discovered as new β Cephei star with one frequency: $f = 5.59806$ c/d, $A_V = 9.1$ mmag
([Pigulski & Pojmanski, 2008, A&A 477, 917](#)).

B. Revisiting the CoRoT targets HD 50064 and HD 50230

HD50064 and **HD50230** have already been observed during LRa01. Both stars led to spectacular results: **HD50230** (B3V) turned out to be the first main sequence star in which period spacings of g modes have been detected (Degroote et al., to appear in Nature). **HD50064** (B6Ia) turned out to be the first B supergiant with evidence for the occurrence of a strange mode oscillation and a connection to mass loss changes (Aerts et al., almost on CoRoTpub...).

Goals:

- to get a long-term variability and frequency behavior for both stars
 - to improve drastically the frequency precision for the numerous p and g modes of HD50230; in particular: search for spacings of different degrees
 - to check if the light curve morphology of HD50064 has regular amplitude increases or only sporadic ones
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C. Asteroseismology of the B1 Ib supergiants: HD 47240

Goals:

- to understand the nature of supergiant oscillations
- to compare gravity mode oscillations with strange mode oscillations (cf. as found for HD50064)
- to understand the connection between strange modes on the one hand, and gravity modes on the other hand, and mass loss of evolved B stars
- to model an evolved B star past the main sequence with a mass ~ 10 M_{sun}

HD47240: B supergiant with pulsations and moderate mass loss

$\alpha = 06\ 37\ 52.7041$

$\delta = +04\ 57\ 24.012$

$V = 6.18$, B1 Ib

From Lefever et al. (2007):

$v_{\text{sin i}}$ = 94 km/s, \dot{M} = 2×10^{-7} M_{sun}/year

T_{eff} = 19000 K, $\log g = 2.48$, $R = 27$ R_{sun}, $\log (L/L_{\text{sun}}) = 4.93$

one large-amplitude g mode was found in Hipparcos data: $P = 1.730\text{d}$,

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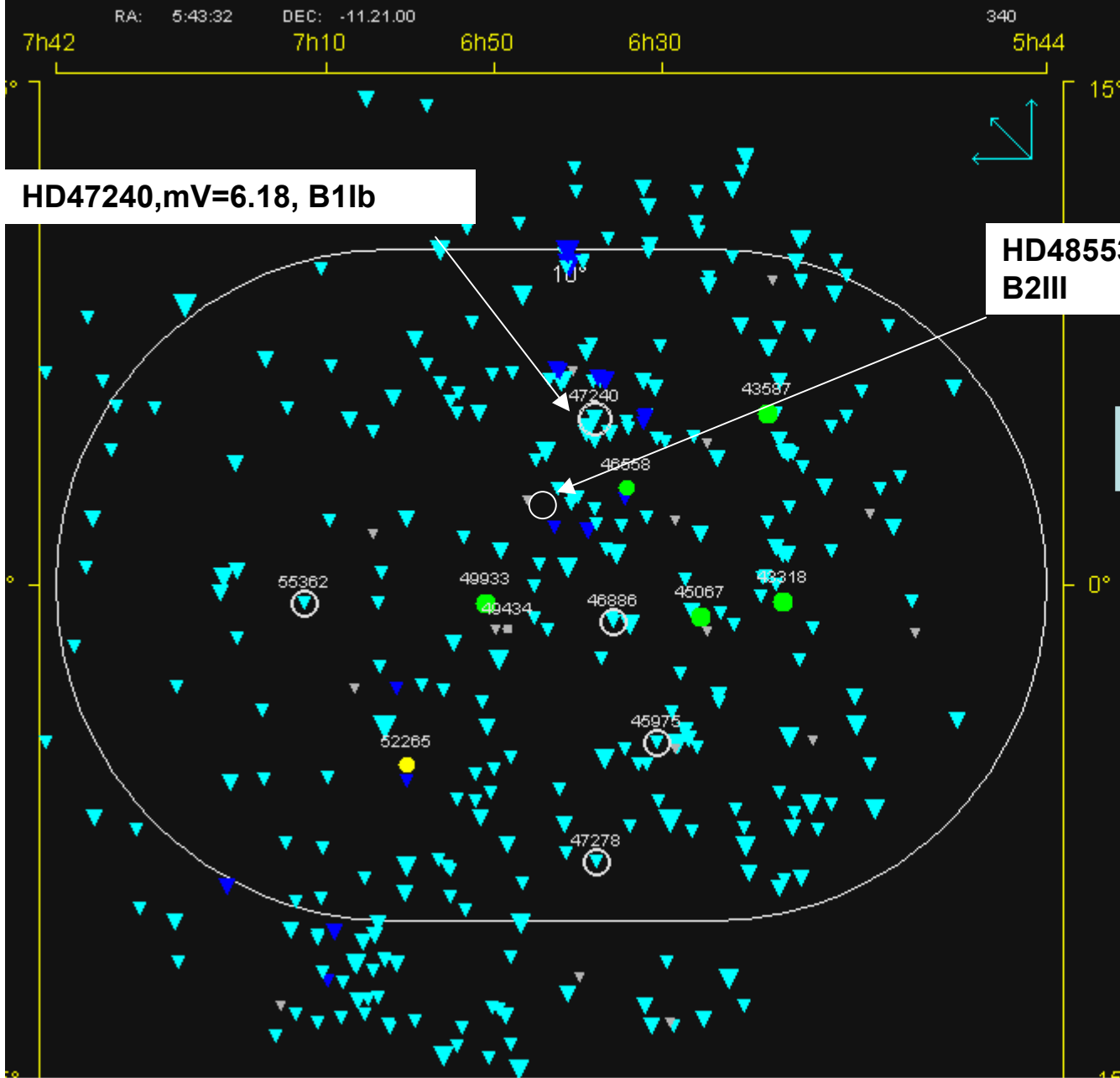
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Establishing the existence of pulsations in HgMn stars with *CoRoT*

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Science case

Late B-type stars of the HgMn sequence exhibit conspicuous abundance anomalies at their surface with extreme enhancements of mercury and/or manganese. Thanks to favourable conditions (little evidence for turbulent motions in their atmospheres, weak stellar winds and very slow rotation), microscopic diffusion efficiently operates and leads to the segregation of several species at the surface. This makes them ideal laboratories for studying such hydrodynamical processes in detail.

These stars are predicted to present a large iron opacity bump in their interior that may drive pulsations with periods of a few days through the κ mechanism (Turcotte & Richard 2003, Ap&SS, 284, 225). Recent observations with the *CoRoT* satellite have indeed revealed low-amplitude (<1.6 mmag) periodic changes in two faint ($V > 12$ mag) HgMn stars in the exoplanet fields that may be linked to pulsational instabilities (Alecian et al. 2009, A&A, 506, 69). However, spots are ubiquitous in these objects and it remains unclear whether the periodicities detected are related to pulsations or to rotational modulation, given that they operate on similar timescales.

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Theoretical models predict much larger amplitudes than observed (~ 10 mmag). Characterizing the pulsational behaviour of these objects would hence constitute an important step forward towards a better understanding of the internal structure of late B-type stars.

Type of observations

SR, Sismo CCDs, 20 days covering ~ 6 – 8 pulsation periods.

Targets

The potential targets have been identified as HgMn stars from our abundance study of a large sample of late B stars in the *CoRoT* field of view (Niemczura et al. 2009, A&A, 506, 213), and are shown in the table below with decreasing priority from top to bottom. *Although all the targets would be suitable, we only request CoRoT observations for the one that can be best accommodated within the overall observing program.*

The relatively high $v \sin i$ values for such objects offer good prospects for detecting rotational modulation from the ground (stars not seen pole on, short rotational periods). All our targets lie well within the SPB instability strip and are therefore expected to exhibit non-radial g -mode oscillations with periods of a few days.

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	HD 47278	B9	06:37:32.0	-08:14:08	7.23	38	11 500, 4.1
lowest	HD 55362	B9	07:12:35.9	-00:33:34	7.95	53	13 000, 4.0

Selected publications

- Briquet, M., Korhonen, H., González, J. F., Hubrig, S., & Hackman, T. 2009, A&A, submitted: *Dynamical evolution of titanium, strontium, and yttrium spots on the surface of the HgMn star HD 11753*
- Briquet, M., Morel, T., Thoul, A., et al. 2007, MNRAS, 381, 1482: *An asteroseismic study of the β Cephei star θ Ophiuchi: constraints on global stellar parameters and core overshooting*
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- Morel, T., & Aerts, C. 2007, CoAst, 150, 201: *An abundance study of the B-type targets for the asteroseismology programme of the CoRoT mission*
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lowest	HD 55362	B9	07:12:35.9	-00:33:34	7.95	53	13 000, 4.0

Selected publications

- Briquet, M., Korhonen, H., González, J. F., Hubrig, S., & Hackman, T. 2009, A&A, submitted: *Dynamical evolution of titanium, strontium, and yttrium spots on the surface of the HgMn star HD 11753*
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Needed ground-based observations

Time-resolved, high-resolution spectra can easily be gathered for such bright stars ($V=7.2-7.9$), even on small telescopes. Should the proposal be selected, we plan to carry out intensive, coordinated observations with the HERMES spectrograph attached to the Leuven Mercator telescope on La Palma; we have permanent access to this private telescope. Additional monitoring using other telescopes can also be envisaged (e.g. FIES on NOT). Observations with HERMES are already being collected to better characterise the targets (e.g. line-spectral variations, binarity).

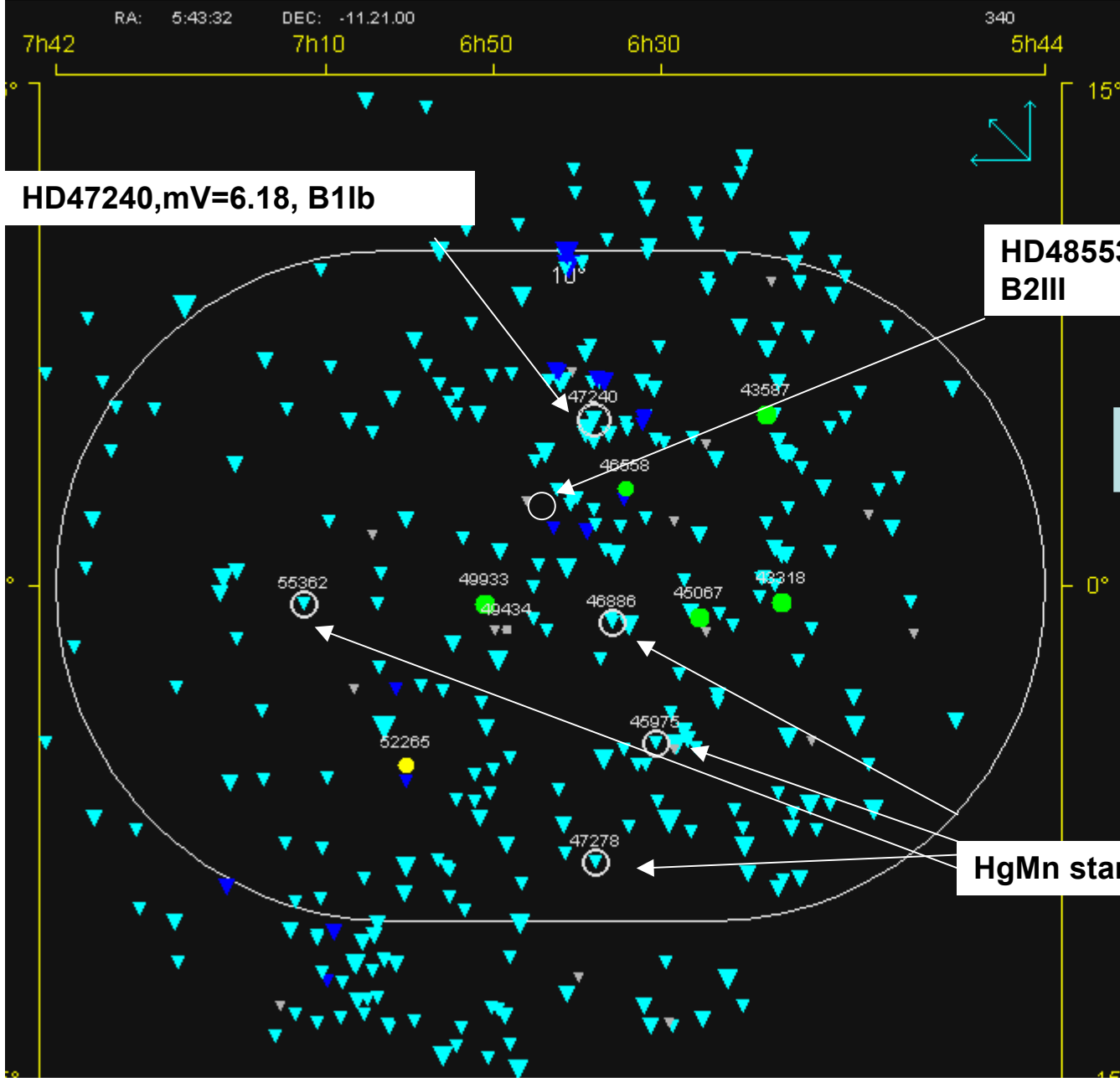
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I have looked at suitable early-type supergiants to be observed with CoRoT, in view of the results we got for HD50064(B6Ia).

I guess we will get a second supergiant from the short run (HD46769, B8Ib: not sure if this has been fixed, can you confirm this?): this will give us a light curve allowing to determine the overall morphology, and will probably allow to deduce if this star has strange modes and/or nonradial gravity modes, but will not allow to derive the precise frequencies. But one never knows: we tentatively found a Beta Cep-type frequency candidate for this star! if it is real, CoRoT will give sufficient precision in frequency for that one. Moreover, we have its fundamental parameters from spectroscopy (Lefever et al. 2007).

Now, all these stars are later than B5, where strange mode oscillations connected with heavy mass loss are predicted, but also gravity modes can be expected. Strange modes have so far not been found in earlier B supergiants; we think that B4/5 is sort of a "transition" region. This is why, as the best science case, I would like to propose a hotter B supergiant for one of the next long CoRoT runs. In this way, I come again with HD47240, which was already the "prime" target of my proposal during CW9 at ESTEC. Meanwhile we know this star much better, again thanks to Lefever et al. (2007):

SpT=B1Ib
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I have not found an equally good candidate in the other direction, but I am not saying there are no supergiants there.... Nevertheless, given that we know so much of this star already, and in view of its brightness, this is certainly my favourite.

This is thus my proposal for a supergiant in a long sismo run. Observational analysis and coordinated spectroscopy by the Leuven team, seismic modelling by Melanie Godart in Liege team.