Diameters and Fundamental Properties of K+M Dwarfs

and some other stuff.

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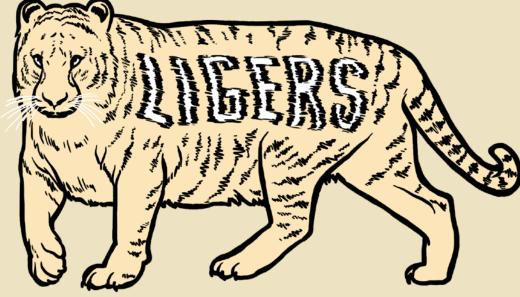
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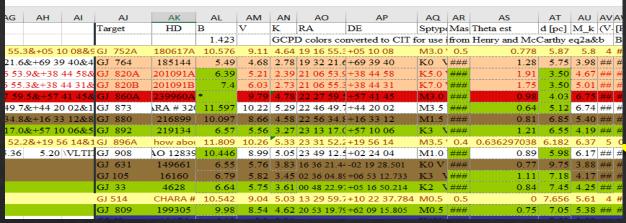
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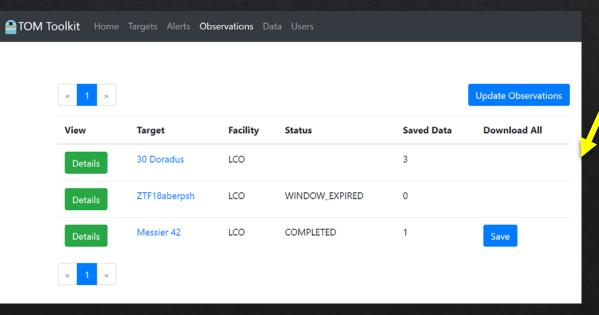




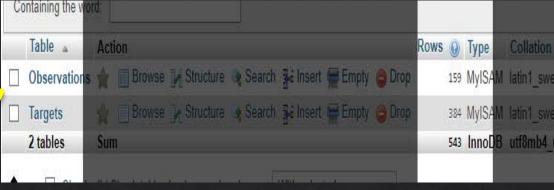
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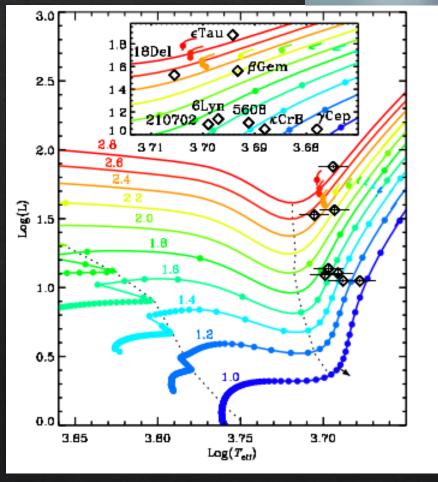


L1: SQL Database ©

L2: TOM Toolkit

Weighing in on Retired-A Star Mass

- Goal: Derive masses for evolved analogs of A stars to determine A star exoplanet occurrence rates
- Problem: Previous spectroscopically derived masses (Johnson et al. 2006) may be overestimated by 10 to 20%
- Project Goal:
 - ♦ Using CLASSIC data to precisely measure retired-A star position on H-R diagram → mass from isochrones
 - \diamond Begin work on T_{eff} -color empirical relations for giant stars



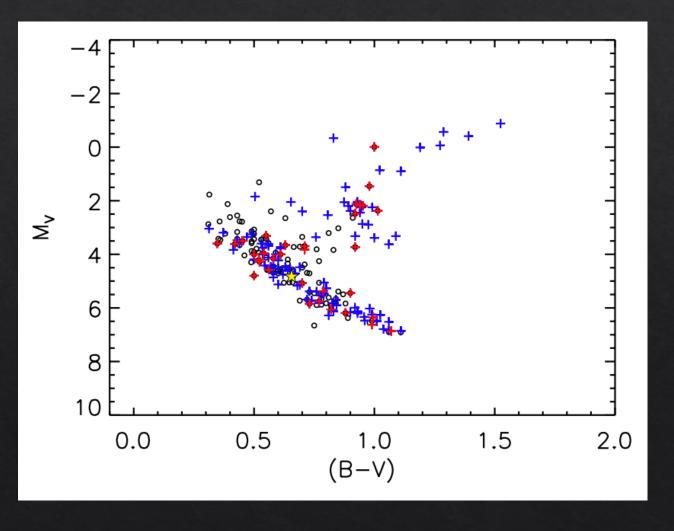
Stello et al. (2017)

F+G Diameters and Surface Brightness

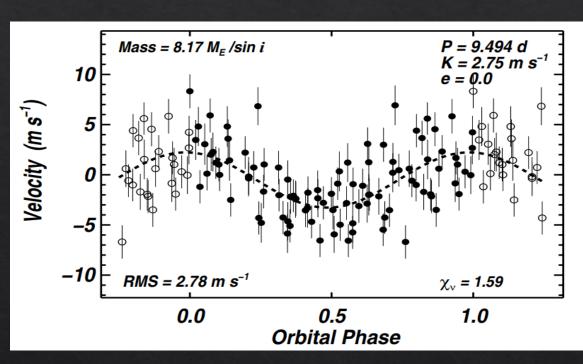


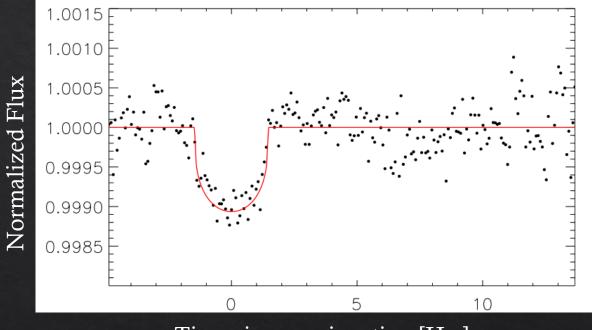
- ♦ Expanding under-sampled region of HR diagram:
 - ♦ Metal-poor stars

 - ♦ Subgiants
- Develop surface brightness and collect radii for:
 - ♦ Exoplanet characterization
 - ♦ Calibrate effective temperature scale
 - ♦ Refine evolutionary models



HD 97658 – A Super-earth Host

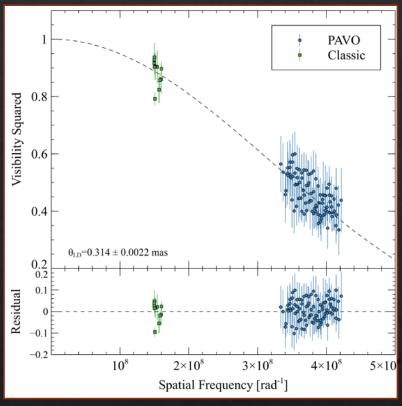




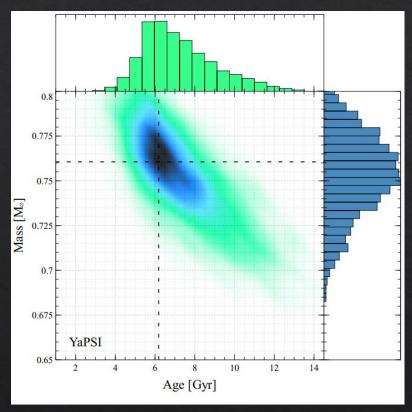
Time since conjunction [Hrs]

 HD 97658 was originally found by Eta-Earth project (Howard et al 2010) Keck HIRES RV • Dragomir et al (2013) follow-up confirmed and revealed a superearth planet

HD 97658 – Observations with CHARA



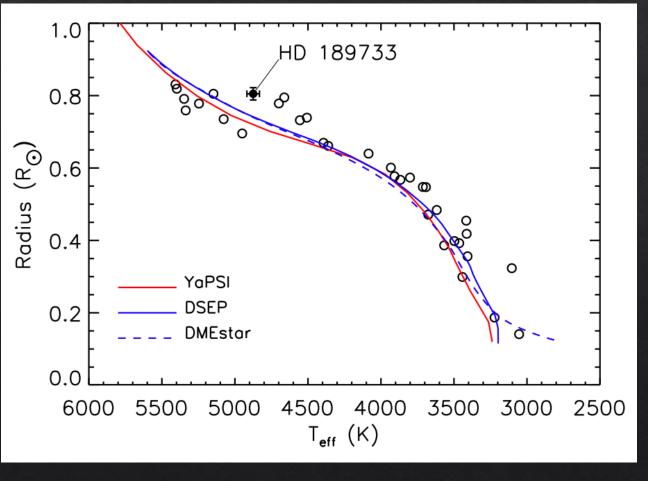
♦ Observations with CHARA's Classic and Pavo in 2015 yield an angular diameter of 0.314 mas – further refining planet properties



• Bayesian determination of stellar age and mass with the YaPSI evolutionary tracks indicate $M=0.75\pm0.02~M_{\odot}$ with an age of $6.2\pm1.2~Gyr$

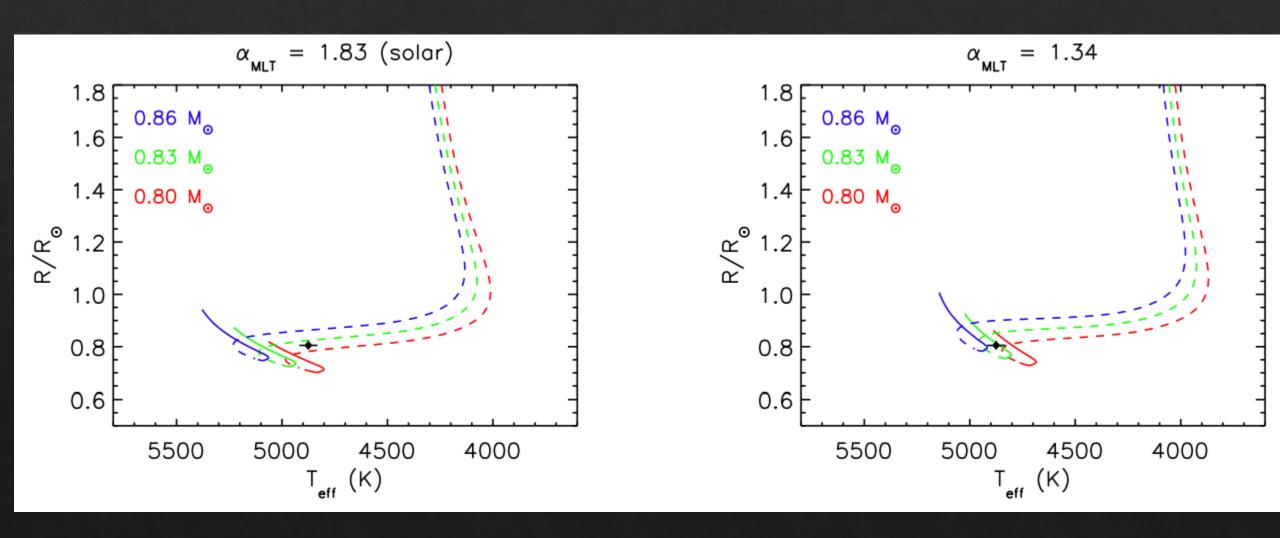
Convection and Model Discrepancies

- Incongruent model estimated parameters
- ♦ Boyajian et al 2015 showed 5% underestimation for cool stars
- $\Leftrightarrow \alpha$ -MLT parameter and convection the suspected issue



HD 189733 failing to fit in, Boyajian et al 2014

Mixing Length Mixup



Summary

- ♦ We're exploring stellar diameters to:
 - ♦ Improve exoplanet characterization
 - ♦ Refine surface brightness relations
 - ♦ Develop T_{eff}-Color relations
 - ♦ Probe under-sampled regions of HR diagram
- ♦ K+M Survey
 - ♦ We have 12 nights spread over next 3 semesters, typically complete obs. for at least 1 star per combiner per night averaged out
 - ♦ Shooting to expand measured K/M diams by ~50% (let's call it an even 20), weather and techno deities permitting (I do want to graduate...)