

Using the Kepler Full Frame Images to Find Long-Period Variables in the Milky Way





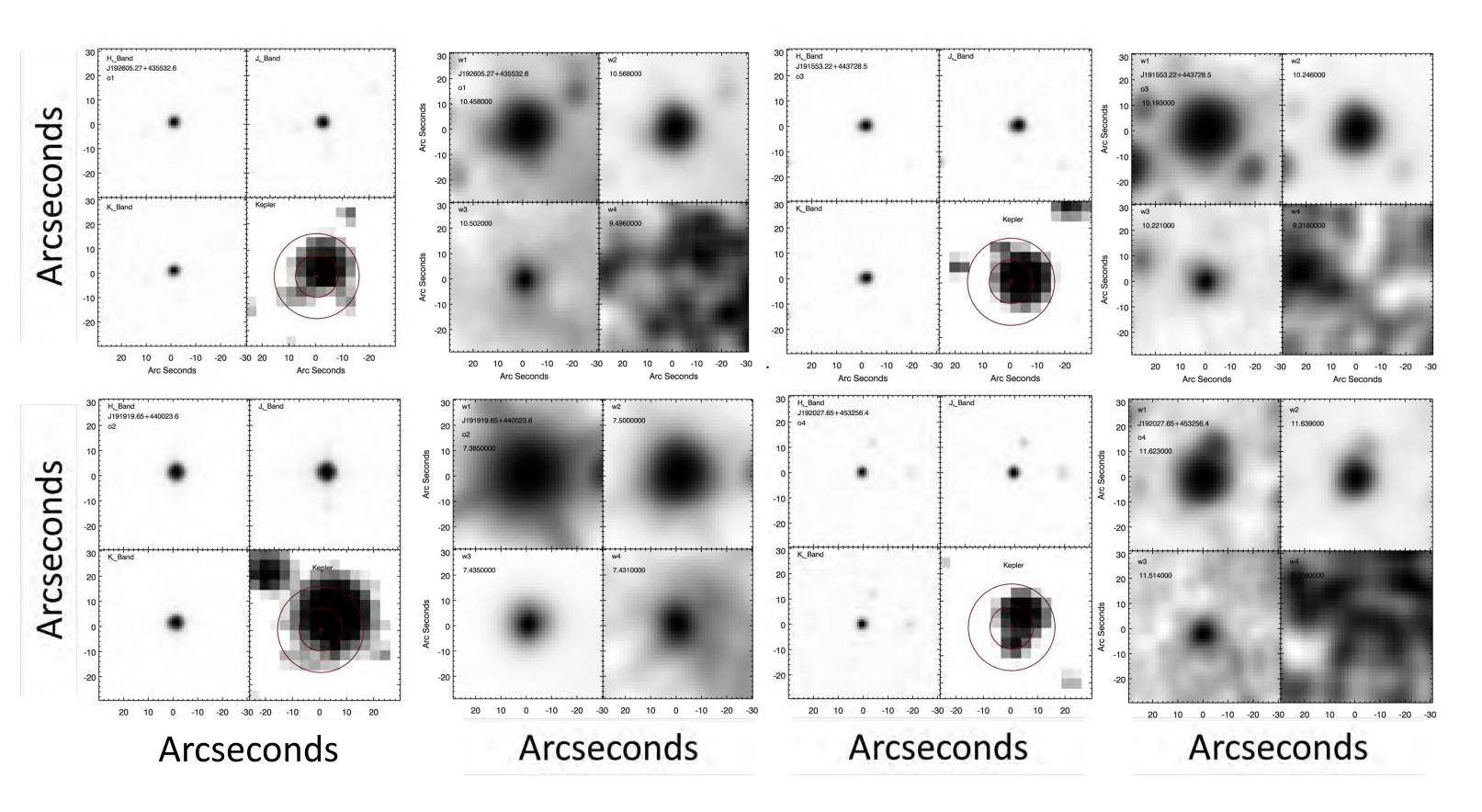
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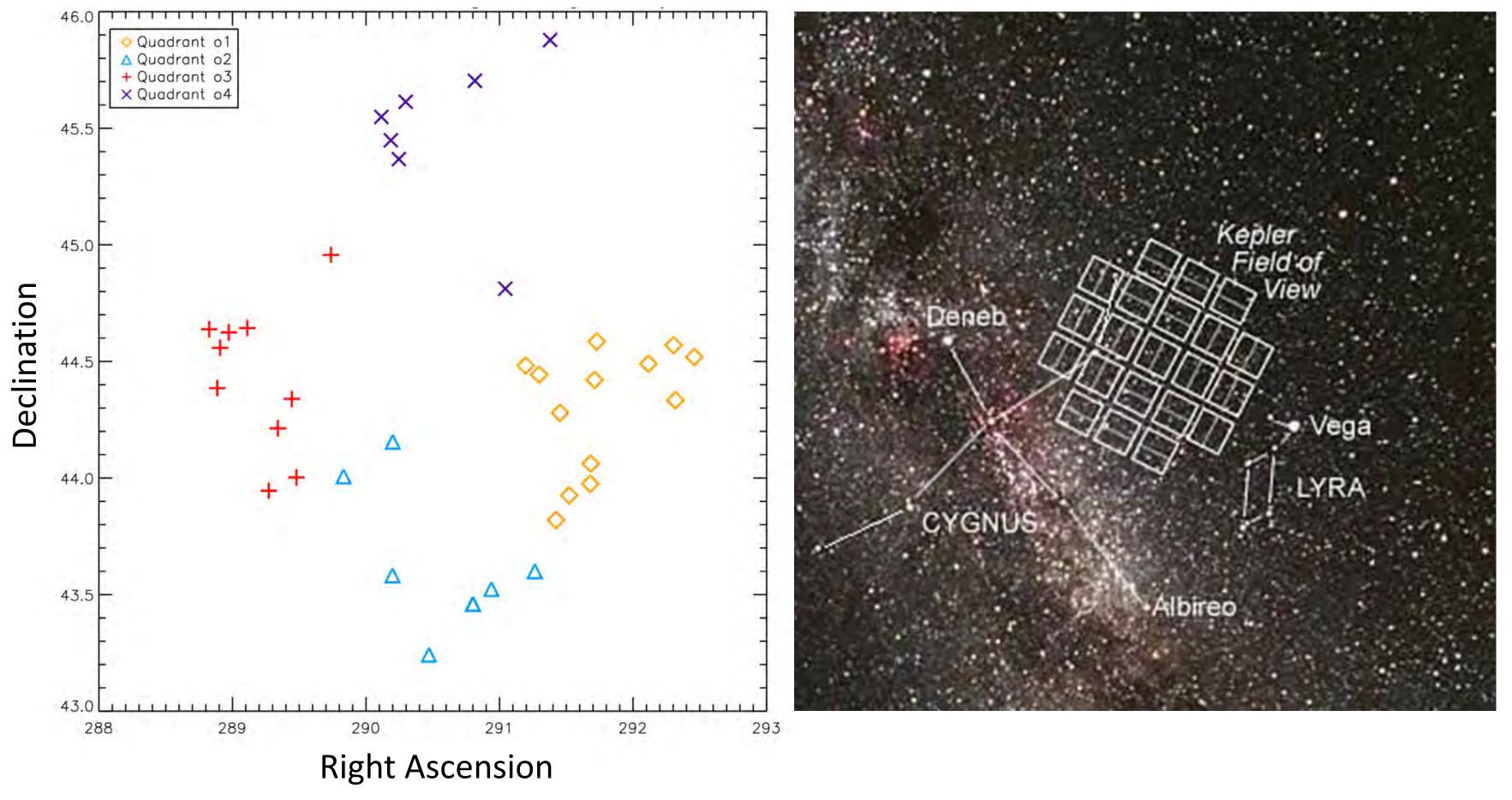
Overview & Goals

- Understand how stellar pulsation and dust production interact as dying stars eject their envelopes and enrich the interstellar medium with new fusion products and dust.
- Utilize the monthly, 116 square-degree, Full Frame Images (FFIs) from the 4+ year Kepler mission to conduct a uniform census of long-period variables (LPVs, primarily Miras and semiregular variables) in the Milky Way disk.
 - Determine their period, pulsation mode, and amplitude measured with the same instrument for the 4+ year mission

Sample LPV Candidates from each Quadrant of Region K (innermost) 2MASS and WISE Thumbnails



Locations of LPV Candidates in Region K, by Quadrant



Matching Region with Panel Rotation

Locate Known Star for Each Quadrant for all 52 epochs \rightarrow Track Correlating Panel \rightarrow Reorganize Fits Data For Rotation \rightarrow Collect All Unique Stars in Region

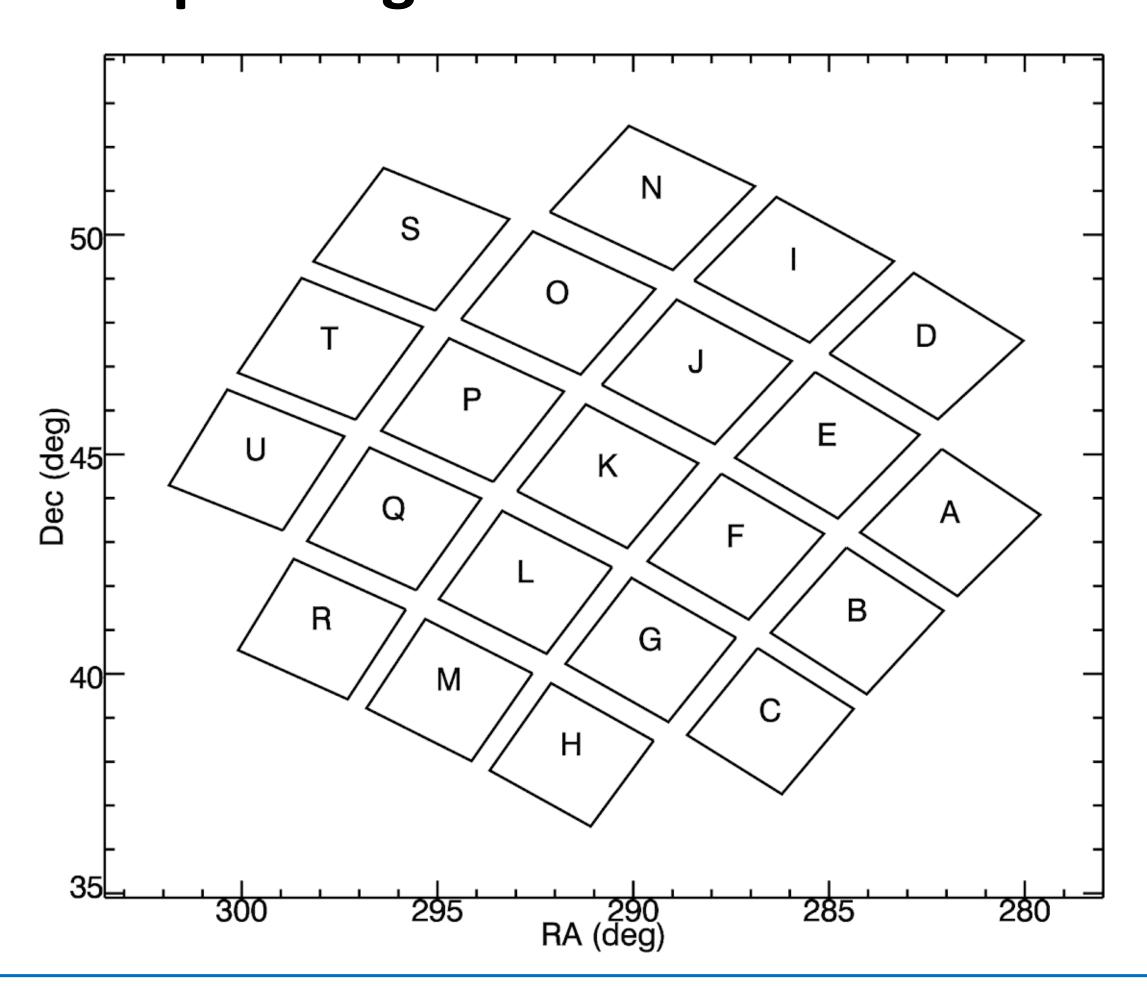
Sample Data from Region K (innermost)

Output	Star Name	RA (degrees)	Dec (degrees)	Amp (counts)	Period (days)	Mean Mag
01	J192605.27+ 435532.6	291.5220	43.9257	1172	398	13.00
02	J191919.65+ 440023.6	289.8320	44.0067	114390	355	9.74
03	J191553.22+ 443728.5	288.9720	44.6245	3180	355	11.74
04	J192027.65+ 453256.4	290.1150	45.5488	1079	191	12.91

Sample Region to Panel Data from Region O

Date	OQ1	OQ2	OQ3	OQ4
2010-05-20	59	58	57	60
2010-06-23	59	58	57	60
2010-07-22	67	66	65	68
2010-08-22	67	66	65	69
2010-09-22	67	66	65	68
2010-10-23	27	26	25	28

Kepler Region Label and Location



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