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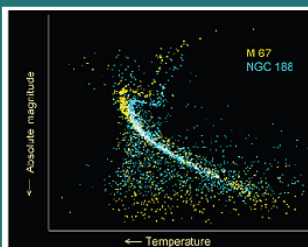
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Pulsating variable stars and the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram

Studying intrinsically pulsating variable stars plays a very important role in stellar evolution understanding. The Hertzsprung-Russell diagram is a powerful tool to track which stage of stellar life is represented by a particular type of variable stars.

Let's see what major pulsating variable star types are and learn about their place on the H-R diagram. This approach is very useful, as it also allows to make a decision about a variability type of a star for which the properties are known partially.

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H-R diagram for two open clusters (M67 and NGC 188), showing the main sequence turn-off at different ages. Image credit: Wikipedia

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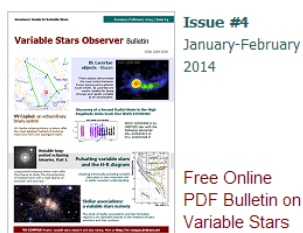
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First Quarter
Moon Age: 7.73 days
Illumination: 54%
Moon in Leo

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