Animated 3D Color-Magnitude Diagram of Messier 4 Globular Cluster

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About Messier 4

Messier 4 is a globular cluster in the constellation of Scorpius. You can see it as a fuzzy ball of light even with the smallest telescopes. It is about 75 light-years across, and is approximately 7,200 light-years away, making it the closest globular cluster to the Solar System. It has an estimated age of 12.2 billion years.

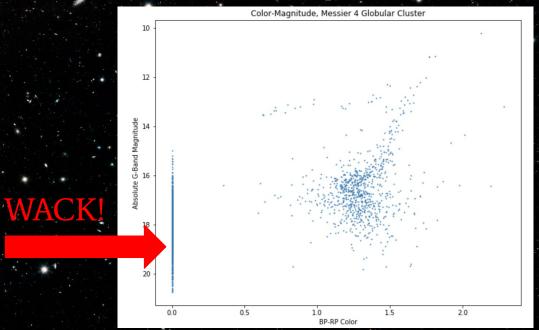


Getting the Data!

- Very helpful instructor Yilun showed us a site called
 https://vizier.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/VizieR-2 that allowed us to download data from the European Space Agency's Gaia Mission
- We used the Messier 4 data from the second Gaia data release and selected the parameters for which we wanted data.
- Tha main parameters we were interested in were Effective Temperature (Teff),
- BP-RP Color, and G Magnitude.
- It should also be noted that we inverted the y-axis, corresponding to G Magnitude, in all of our plots because the of the way the magnitude scale works.

Cleaning Up the Data

When we first graphed the normal CMD, using BP-RP Color and G Magnitude,
 we noticed there was a line of outlier data points:



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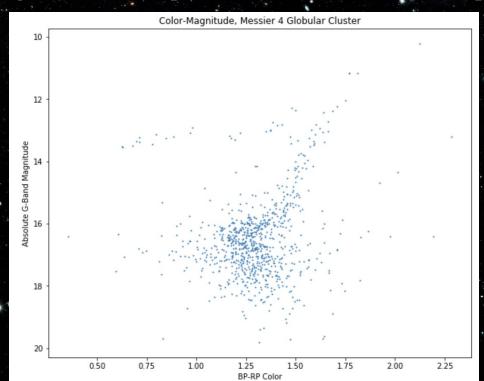
• To eliminate this blasphemous false data, we used the following code:

```
bprp_array = np.array([])
gmag array = np.array([])
lum array = np.array([])
teff array = np.array([])
for i in data['BP-RP']:
    if i != 0.0:
        bprp array = np.append(bprp array, i)
for k in np.arange(0, 1913):
    if bprp arr1[k] != 0.0:
        gmag array = np.append(gmag array, dat arr[k])
        lum array = np.append(lum array, lum arr[k])
        teff array = np.append(teff_array, teff_arr[k])
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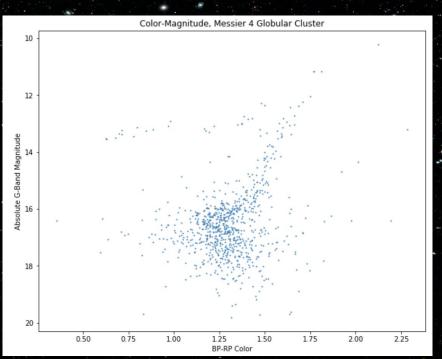
NOTE: We didn't actually end up using luminosity, but we made the arrays for it in case we needed it.

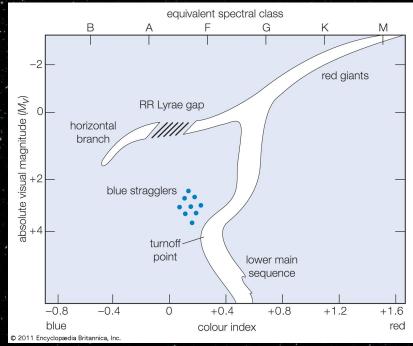
Prettier 2D CMD

• After eliminating the false zero points, we made a new and improved CMD:



What Does It Mean?





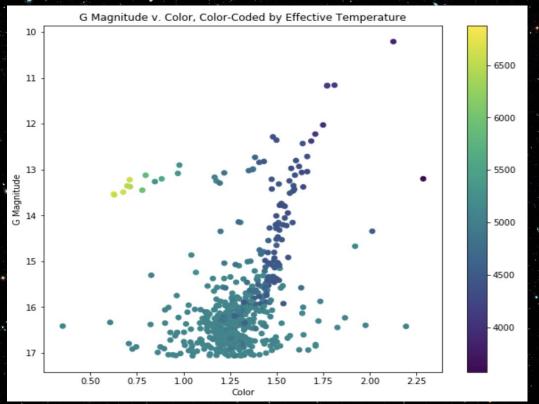
Now, Let's Spice It Up

• After successfully making a 2D CMD, we spiced it up by color-coding it by effective temperature using the following code:

```
finalteff_array = np.array([])
finalbprp_array = np.array([])
finalgmag_array = np.array([])
finallum_array = np.array([])
for k in np.arange(0, 841):
    if teff_array[k] != 0.0:
        finalgmag_array = np.append(finalgmag_array, gmag_array[k])
        finallum_array = np.append(finallum_array, lum_array[k])
        finalteff_array = np.append(finalteff_array, teff_array[k])
        finalbprp_array = np.append(finalbprp_array, bprp_array[k])
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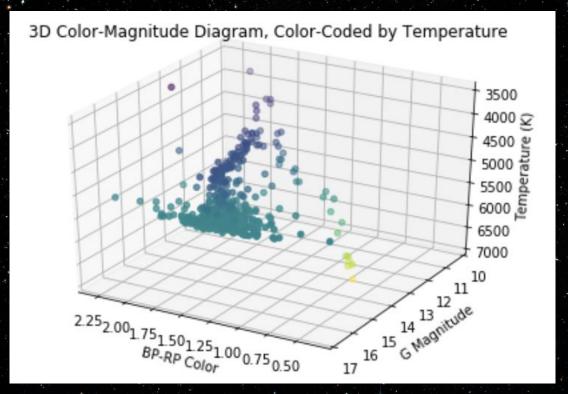
Sick Color-Coded CMD

We passed in the Teff array for c (color) to color-code our CMD by temperature



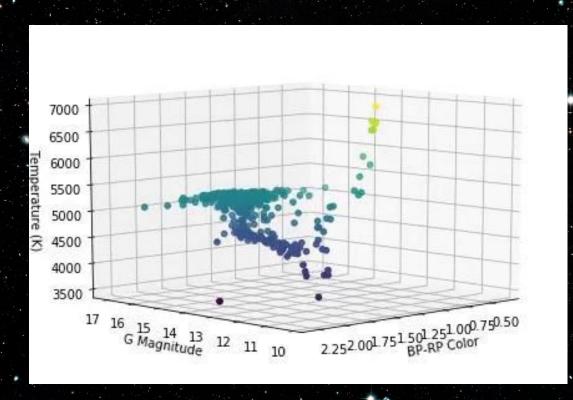
Now.... Make It 3D!!!

- Then instead of simply color-coding it, we made the CMD 3D!!
- We used matplotlib Axes3D to make this bad boy



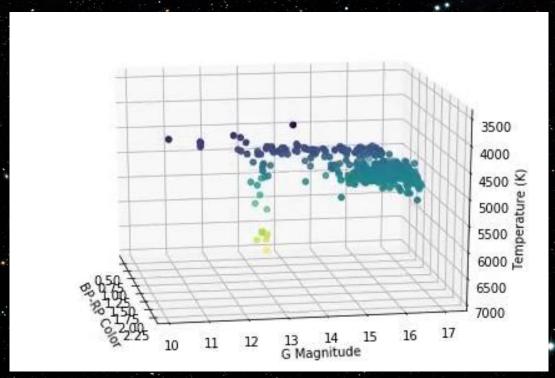
ANIMATE

- JUST WHEN YOU
 THOUGHT IT COULDN'T
 GET BETTER
- We used matplotlib animation to make this. It allows you to pass in elevation and azimuth, which dictates the angle(s) around which the figure is rotated.



ANIMATE PT 2

MORE ANGLES.



ANIMATE PT 3

• Because we know you're dying for more.

