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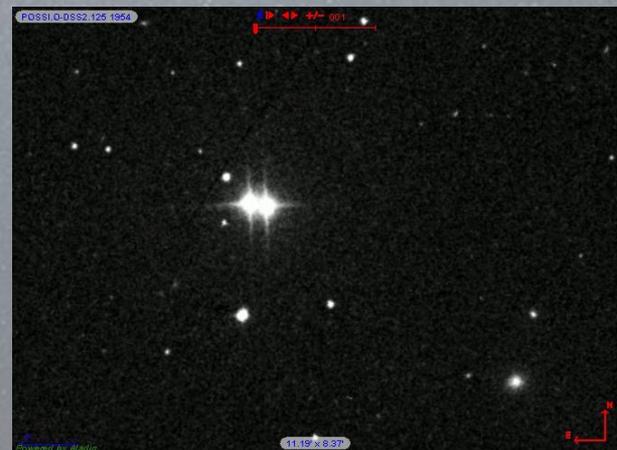
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I. *Considerations on the Change of the Latitudes of some of the principal fixt Stars.* By Edmund Halley, R. S. Sec.

HAVING of late had occasion to examine the quantity of the Precession of the Equinoctial Points, I took the pains to compare the Declinations of the fixt Stars delivered by *Ptolomy*, in the 3^d Chapter of the 7th Book of his *Almag.* as observed by *Timocharis* and *Aristyllus* near 300 Years before *Christ*, and by *Hipparchus* about 170 Years after them, that is about 130 Years before *Christ*, with what we now find: and by the result of very many Calculations, I concluded that the fixt Stars in 1800 Years were advanced somewhat more than 25 degrees in Longitude, or that the Precession is somewhat more than 50" *per ann.* But that with so much

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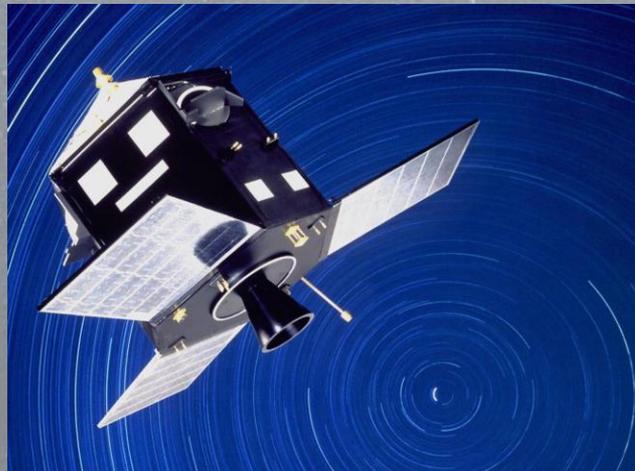
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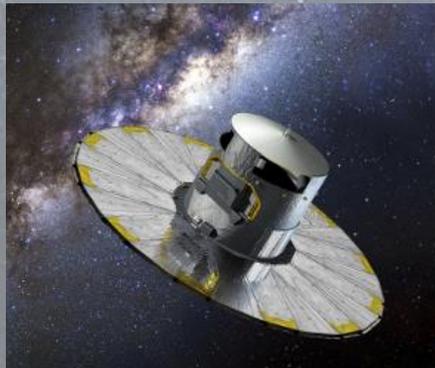


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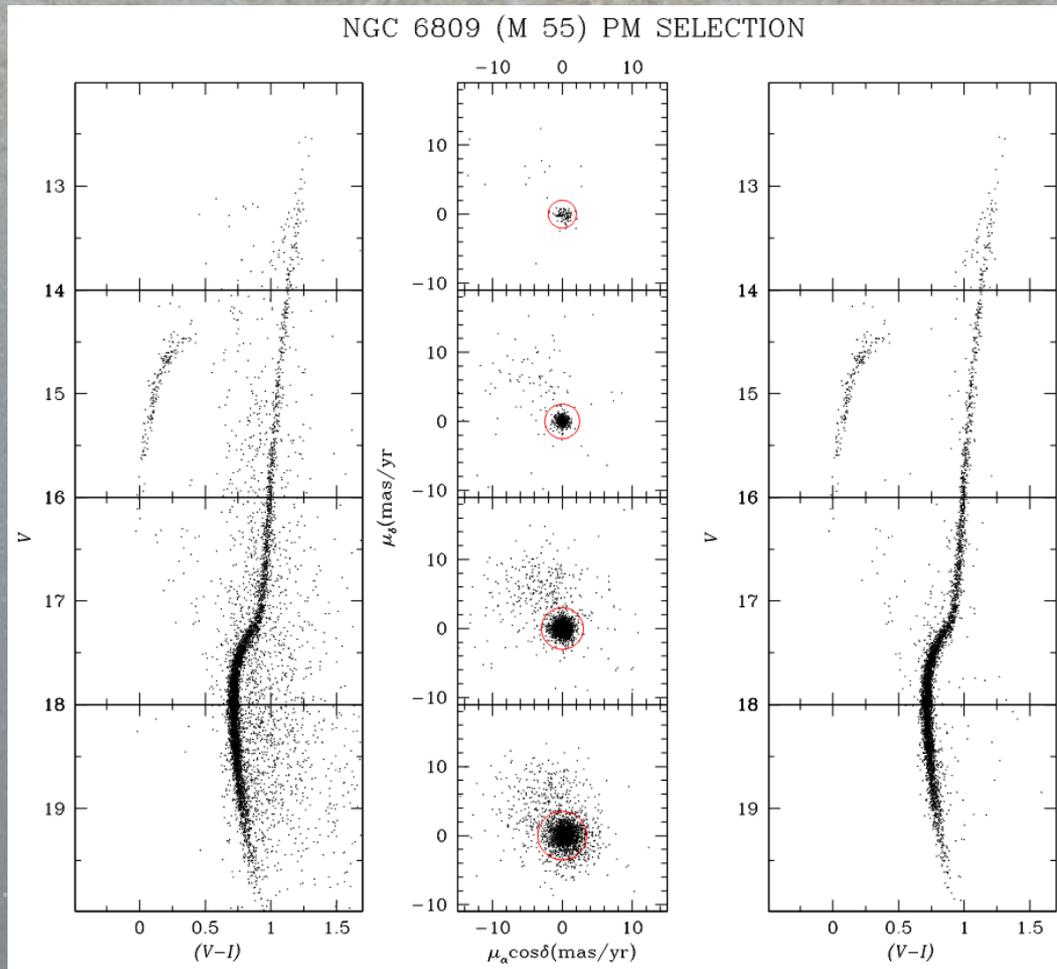
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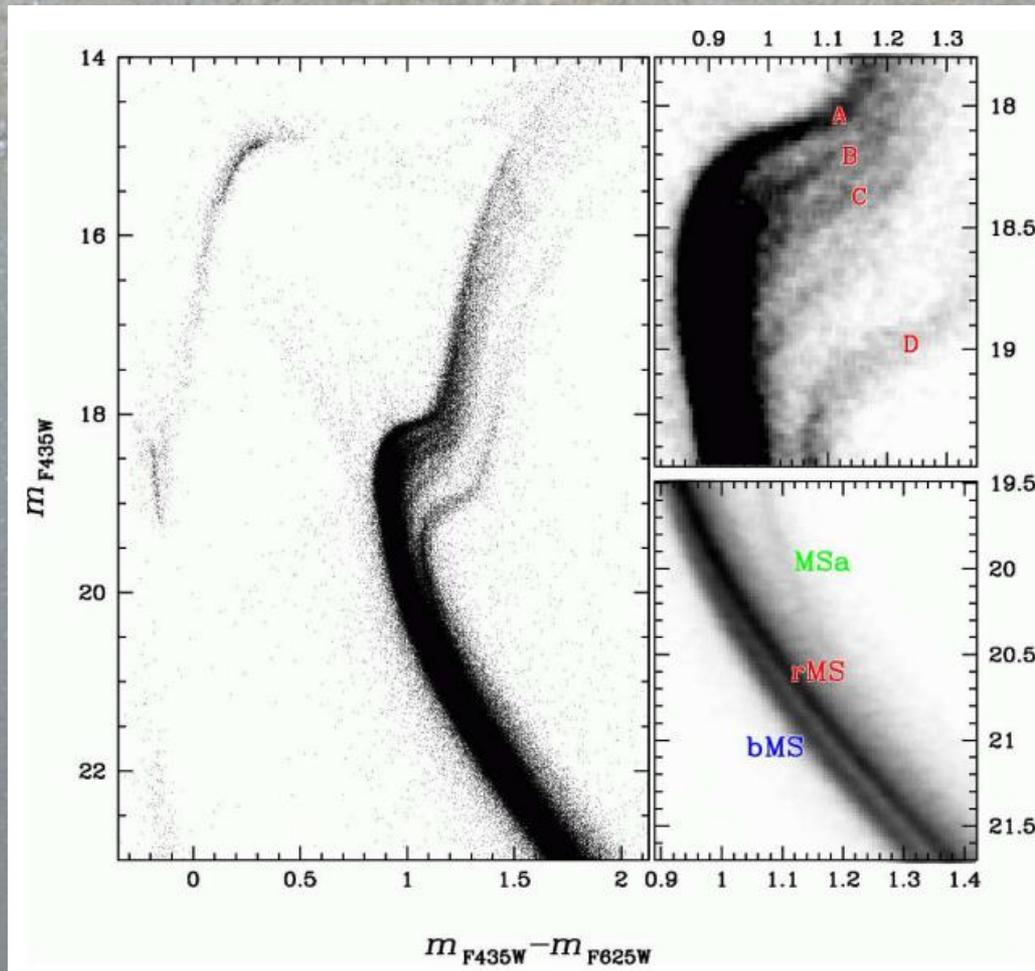
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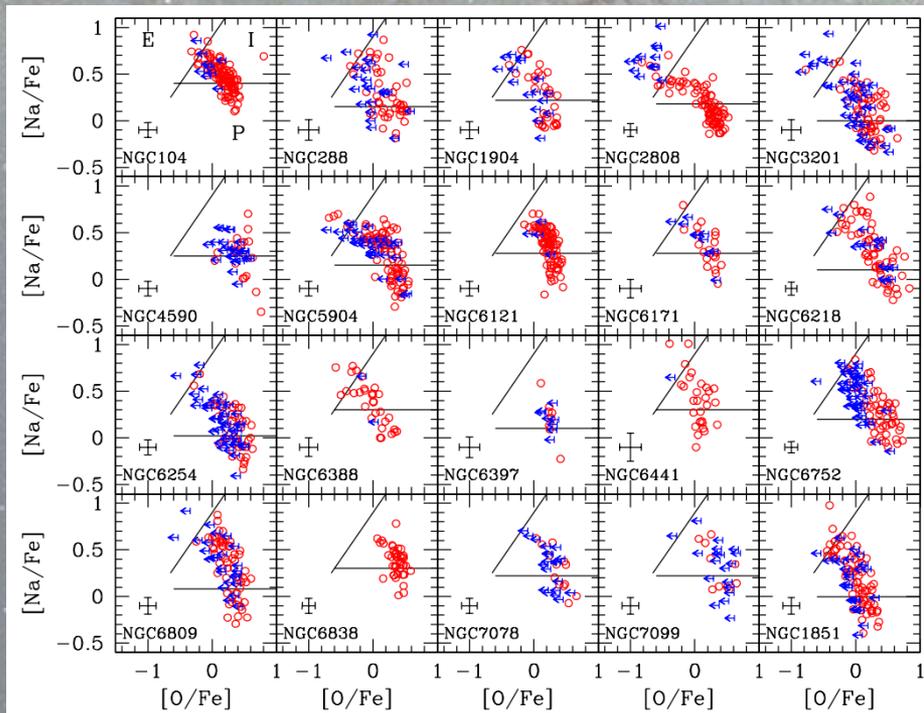
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Bellini et al. 2010, 2017

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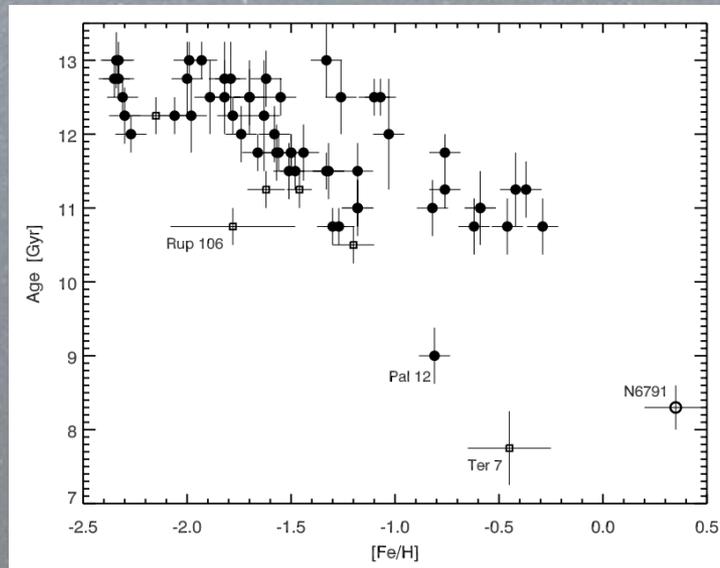


Carretta et al. 2009

- ★ Fe enrichment in only a limited cases: massive clusters
- ★ Light-element (proton capture) variations:
 - ★ C, N, O, Na, Mg, Al, Si, ... among others!
- ★ AGB and massive fast rotators: most likely contributors

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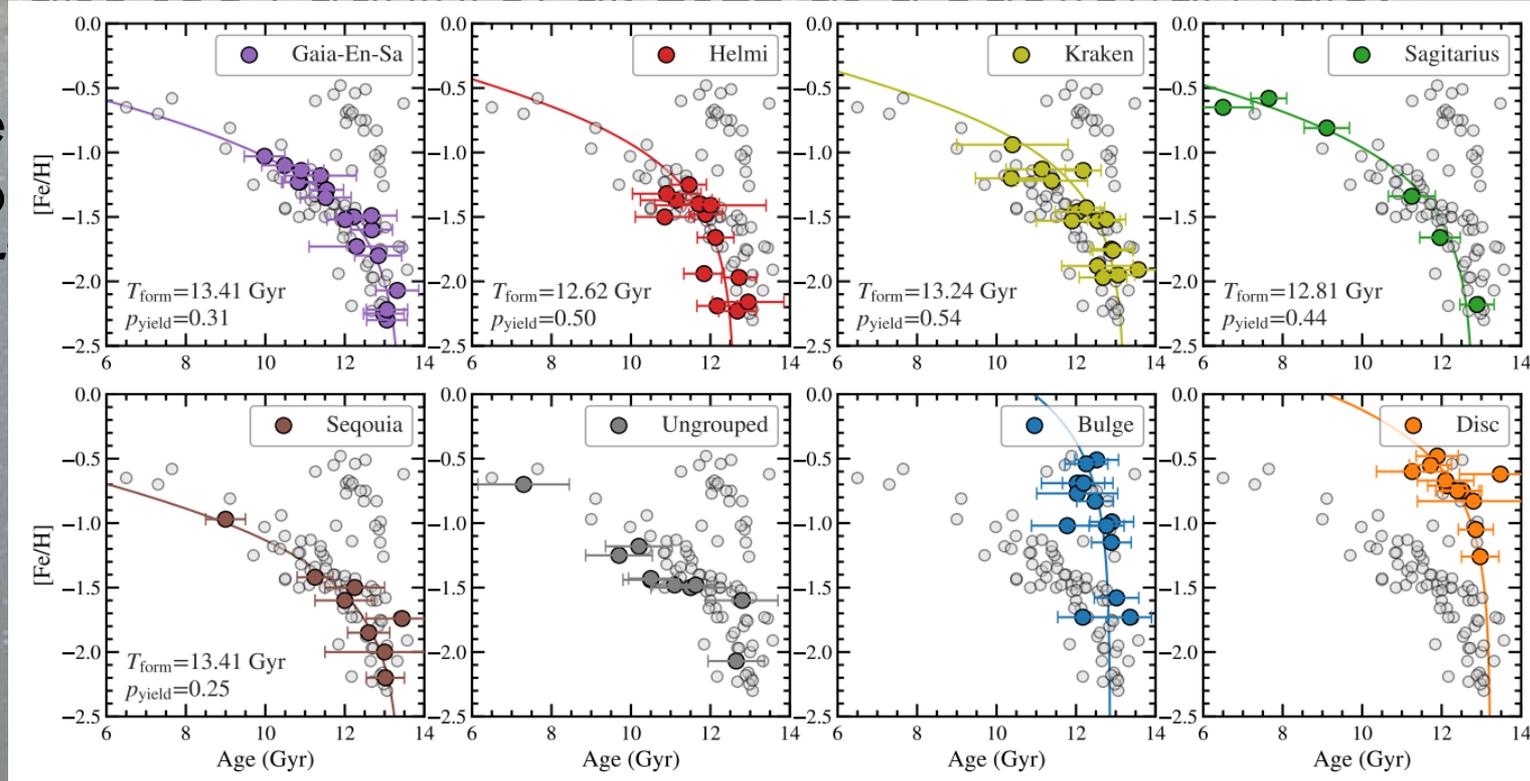
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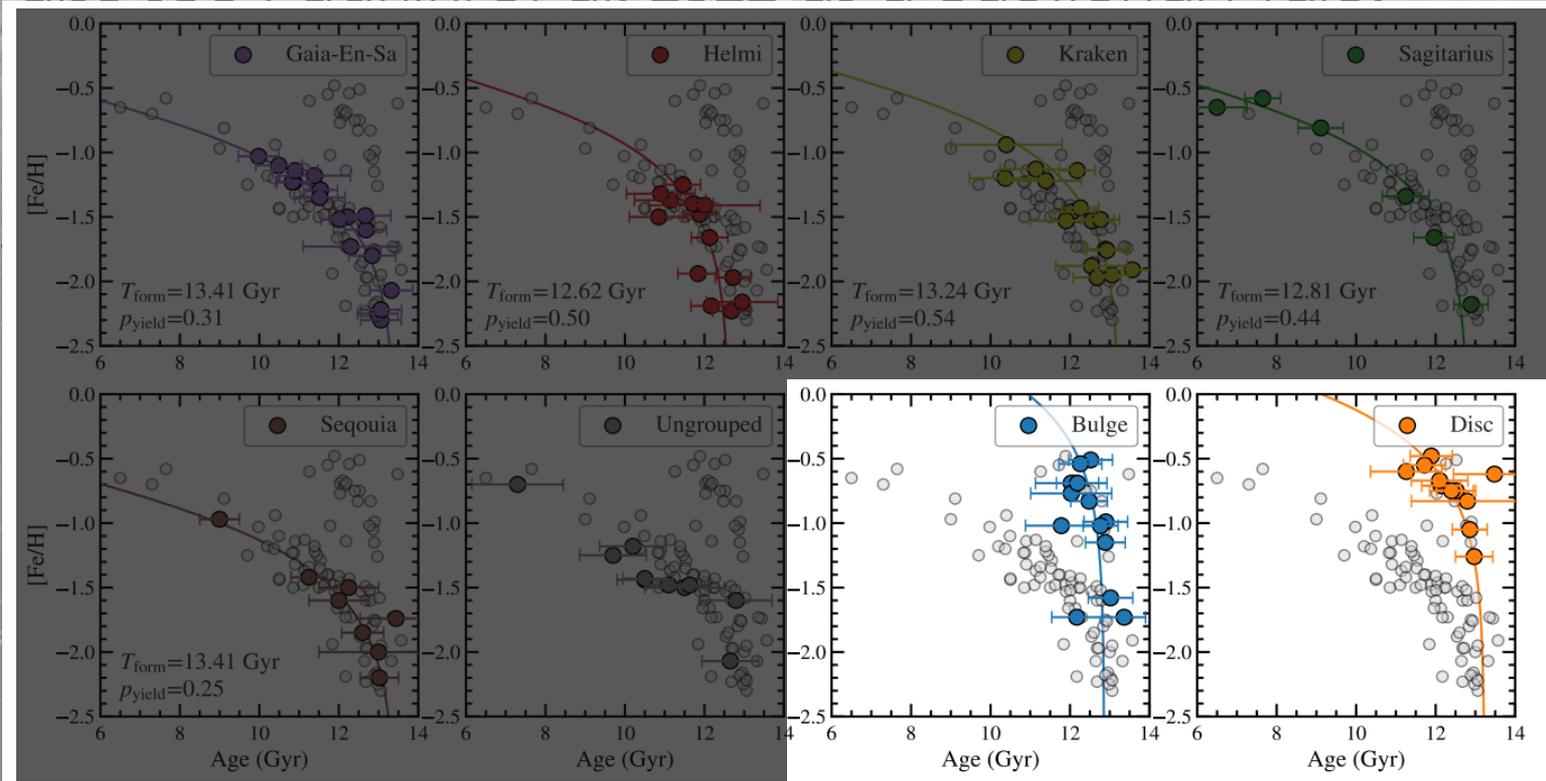


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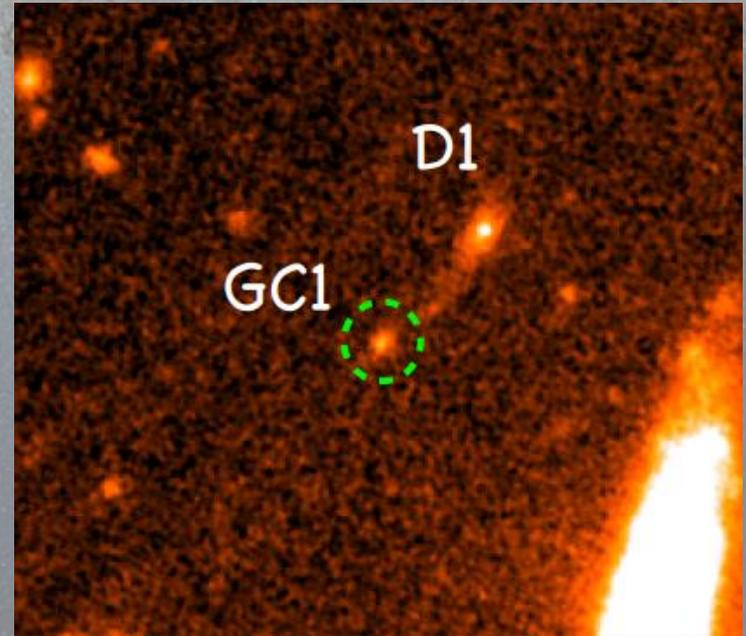
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- ★ **Observations** and **simulations** can work together to account the different properties of **nowadays** clusters and the ones formed at **high redshift**.

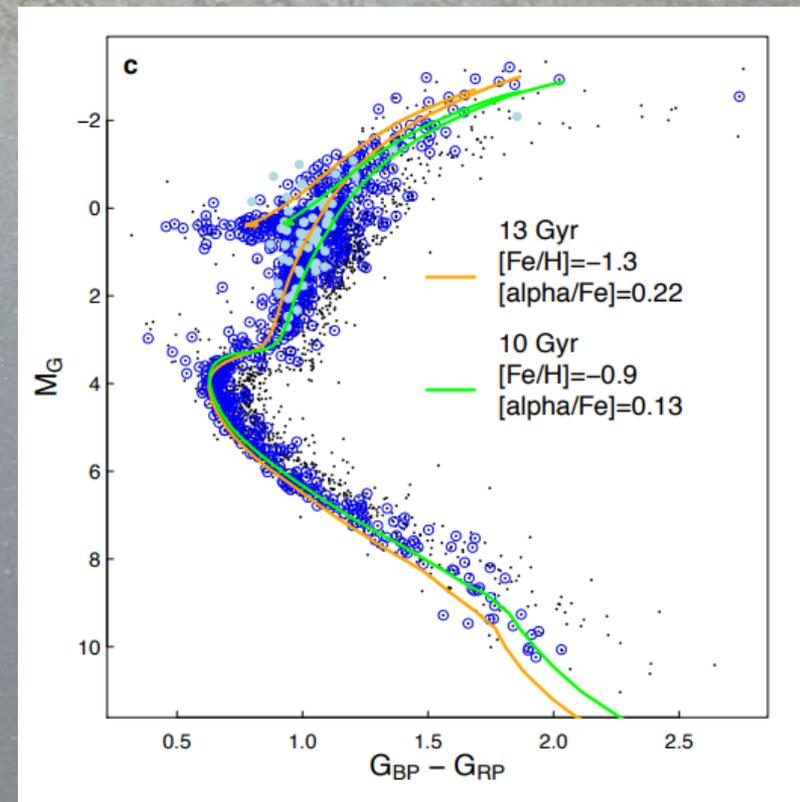


Vanzella et al. 2017

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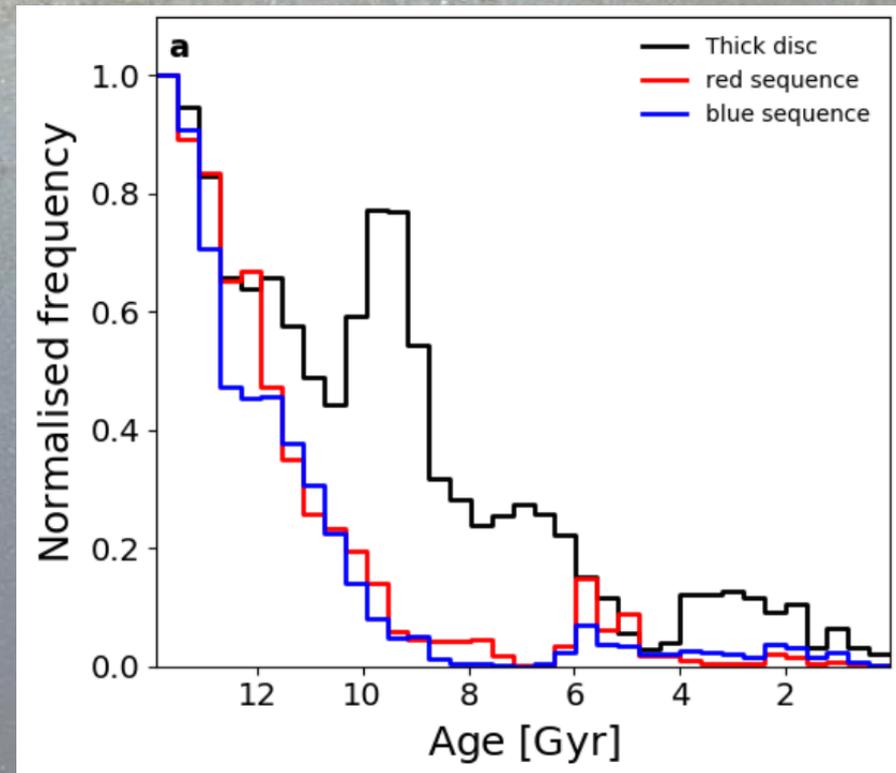
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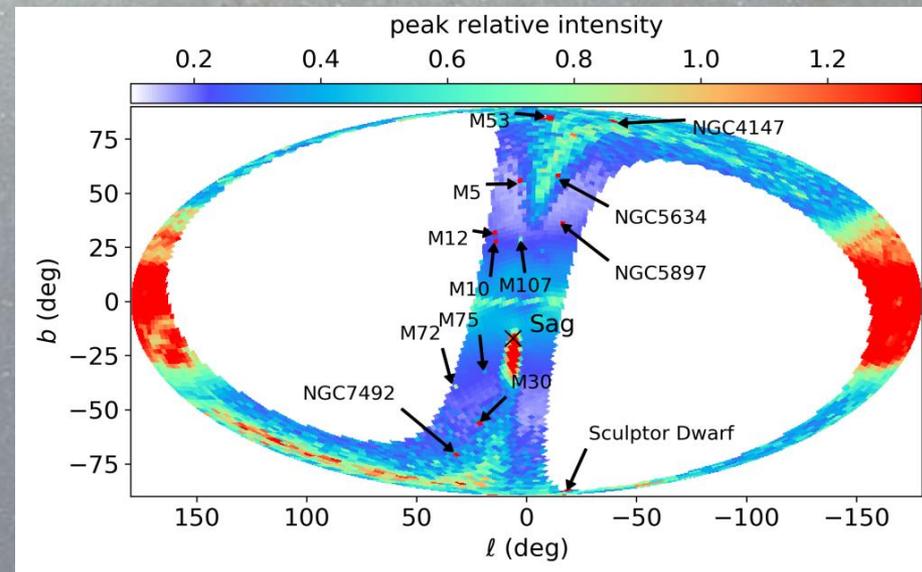
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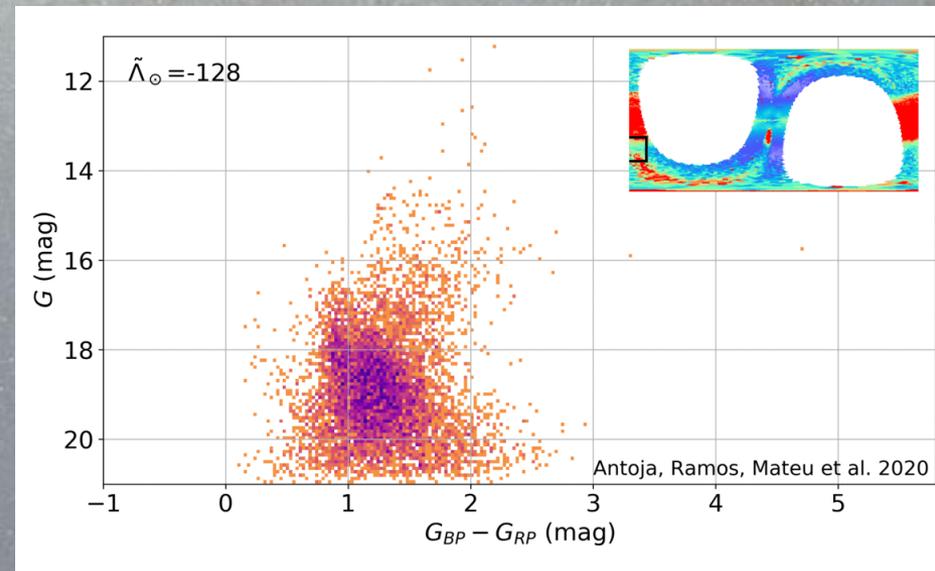


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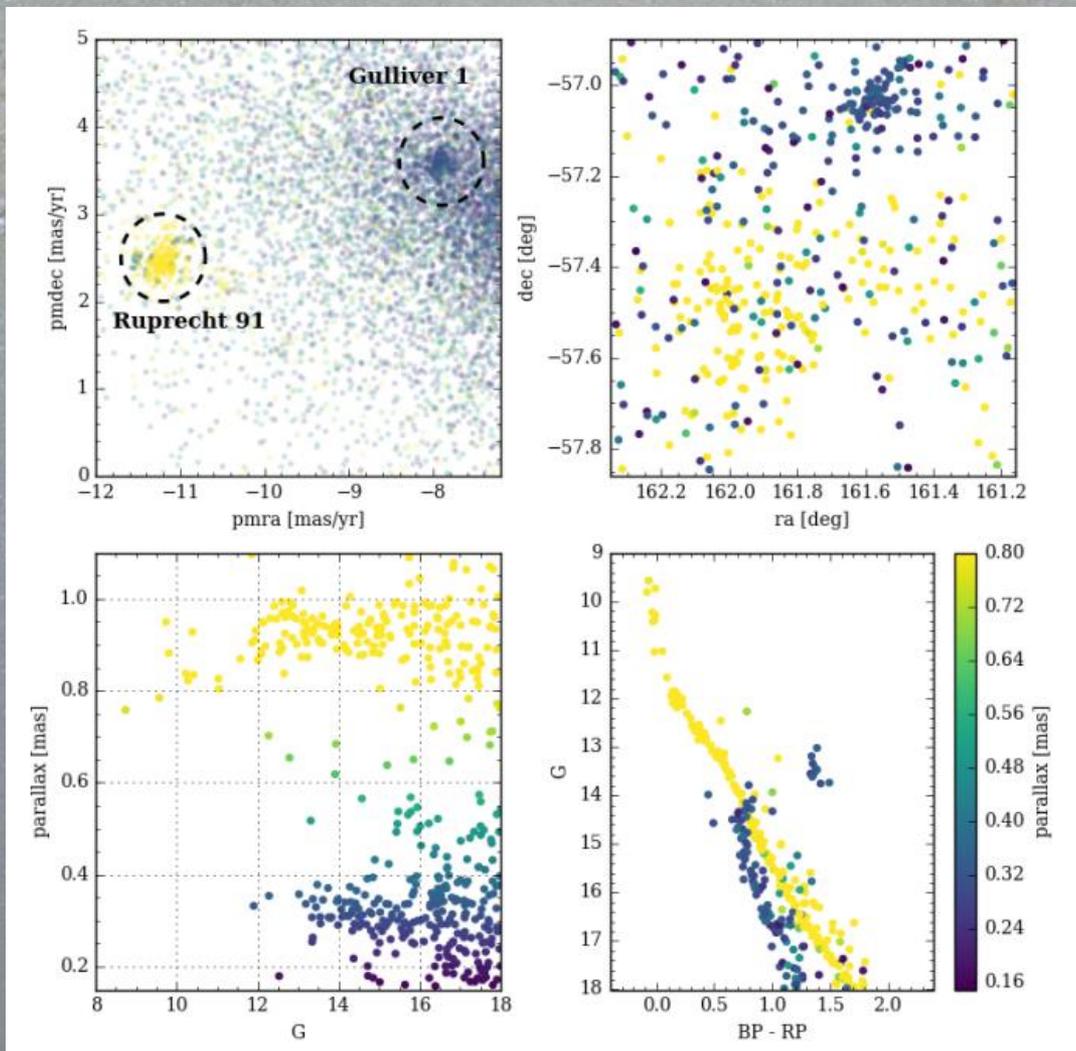
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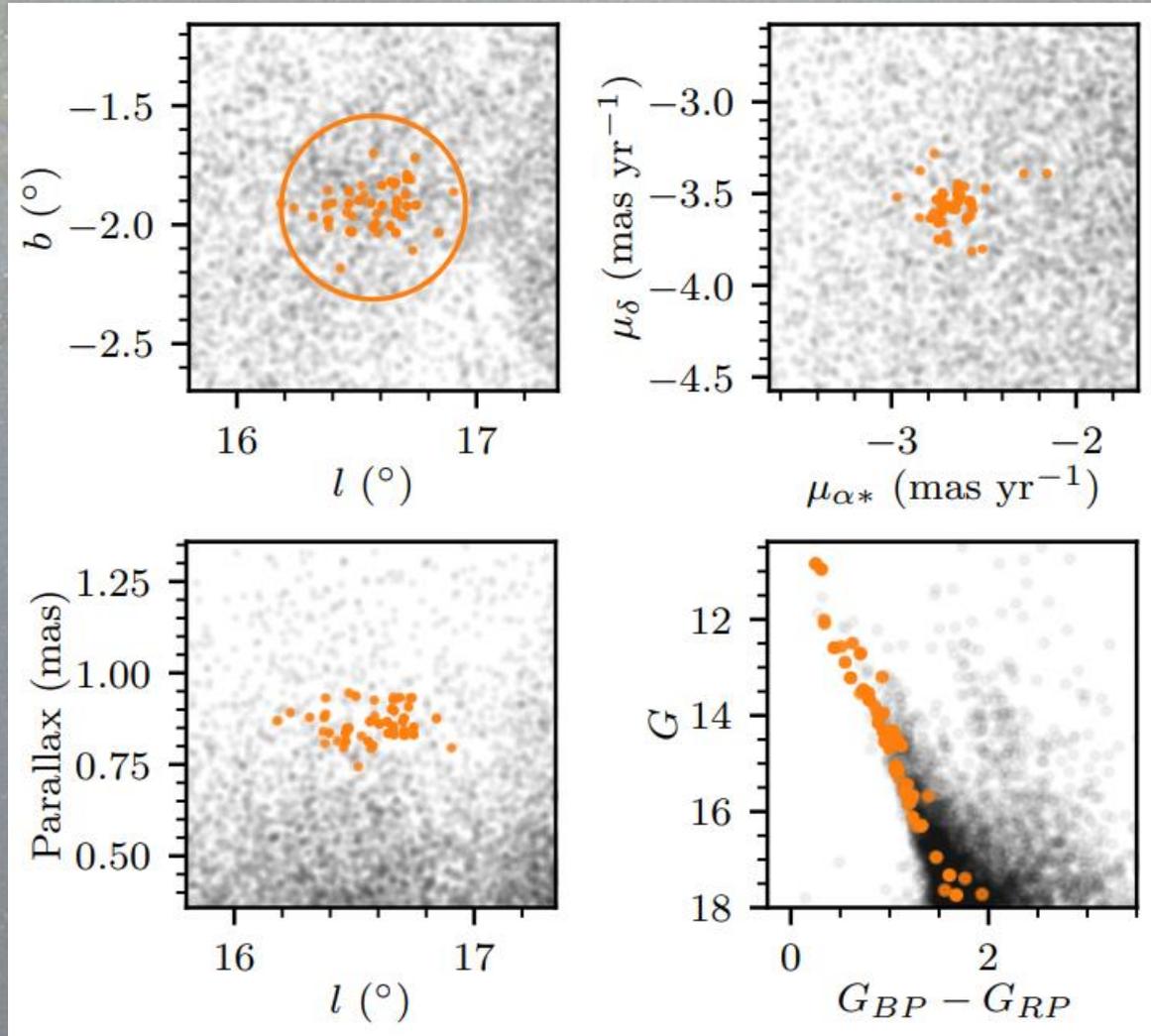
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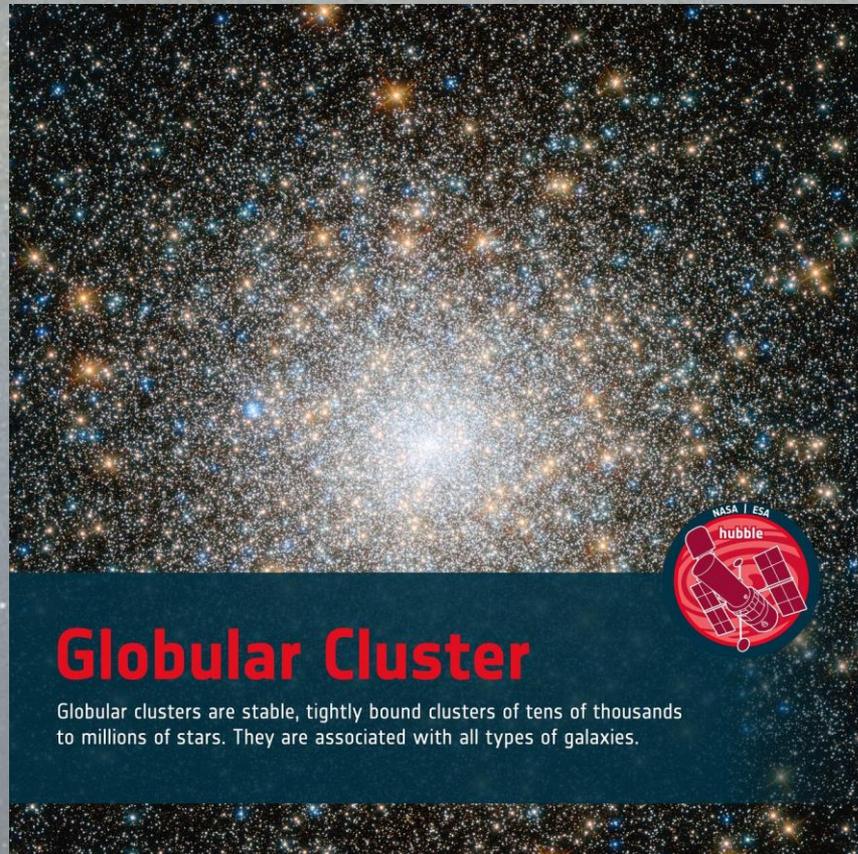
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Globular Cluster

Globular clusters are stable, tightly bound clusters of tens of thousands to millions of stars. They are associated with all types of galaxies.



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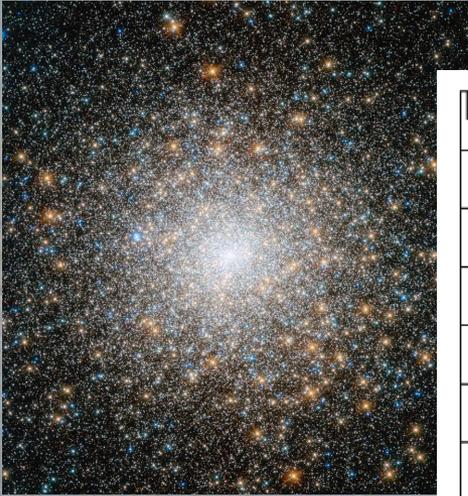
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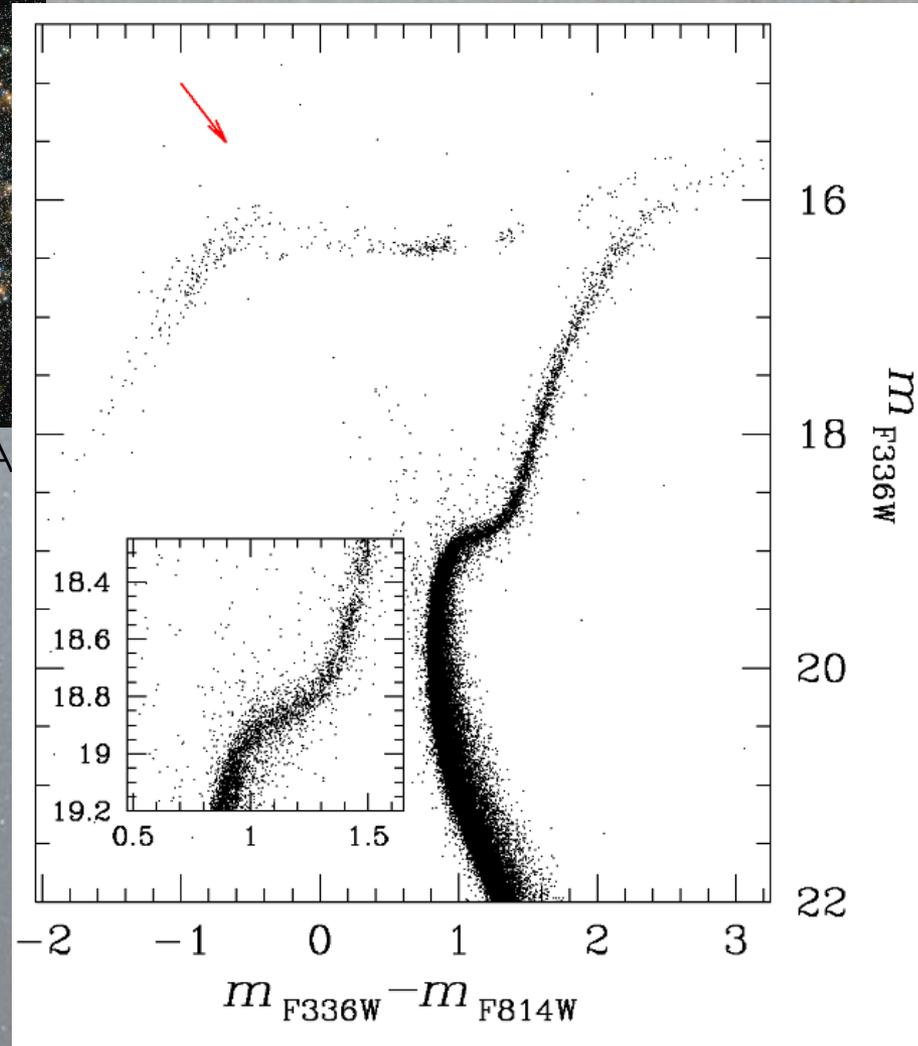
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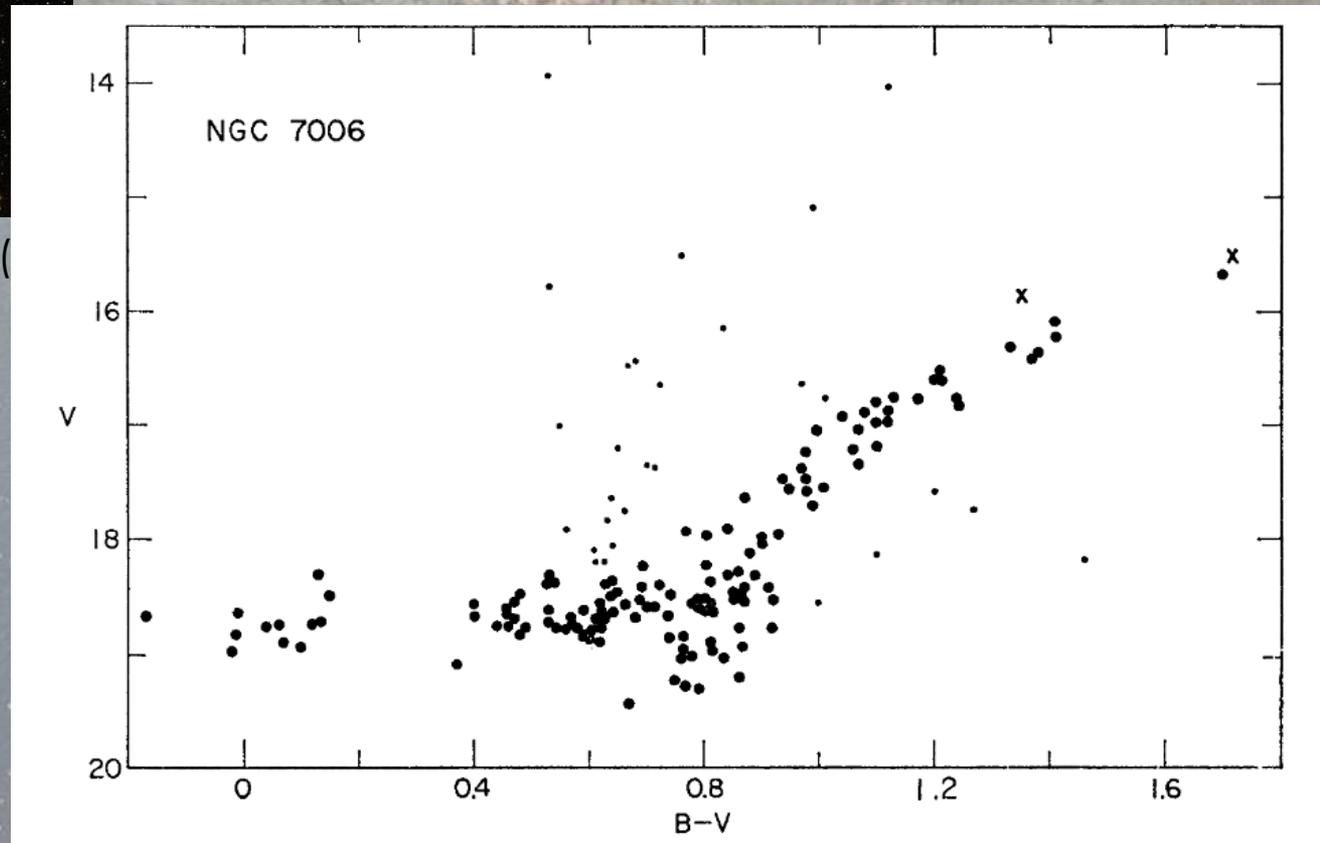
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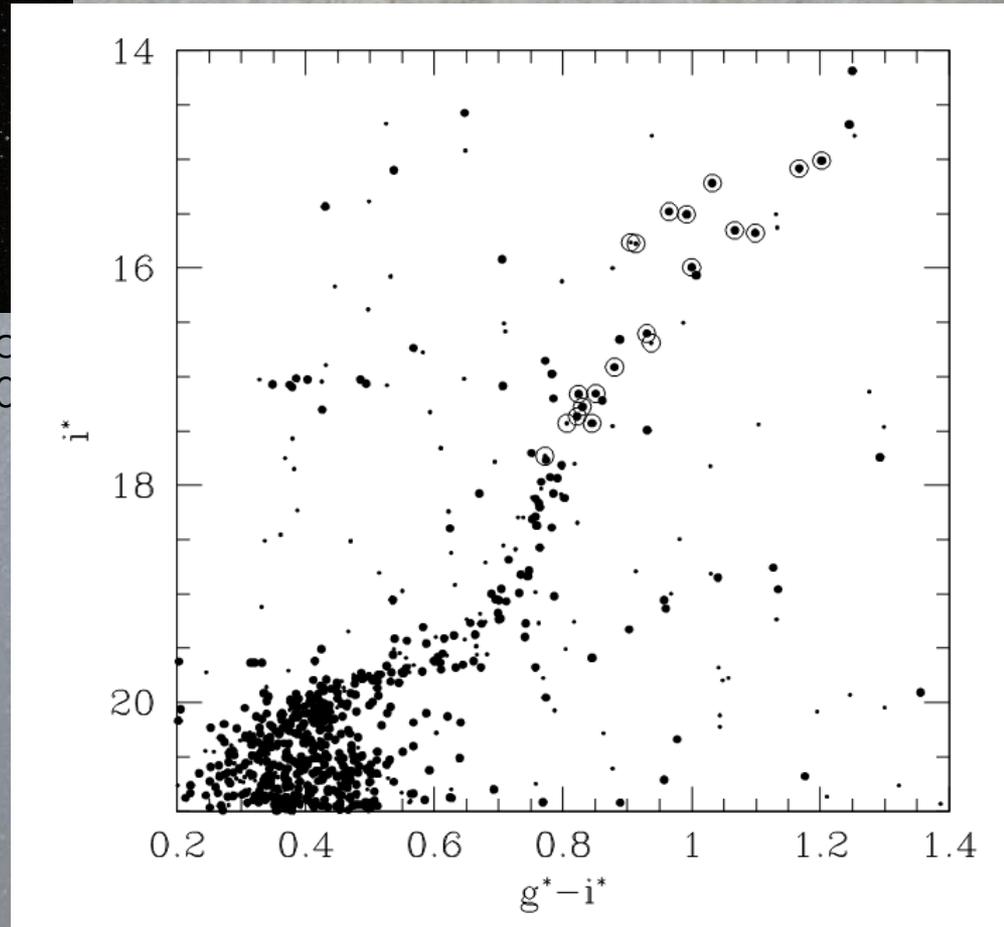
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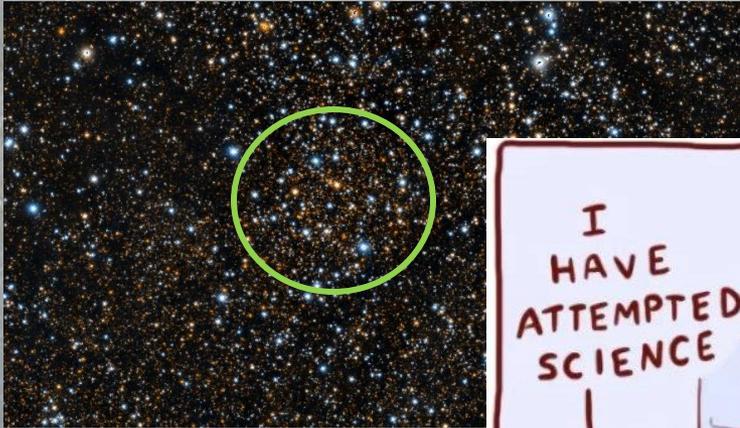
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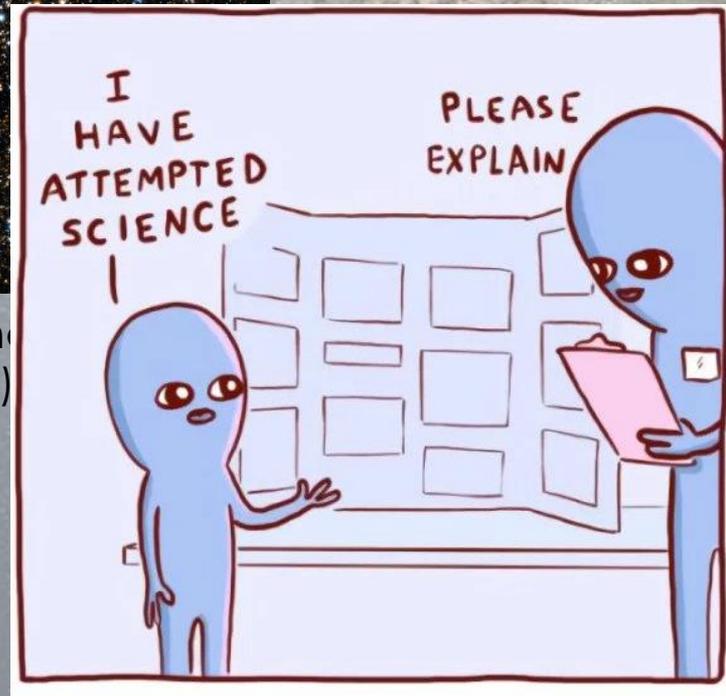
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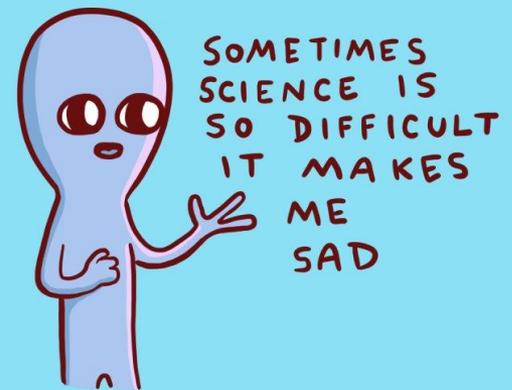
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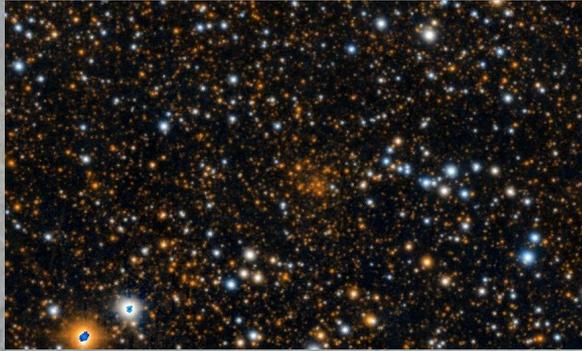
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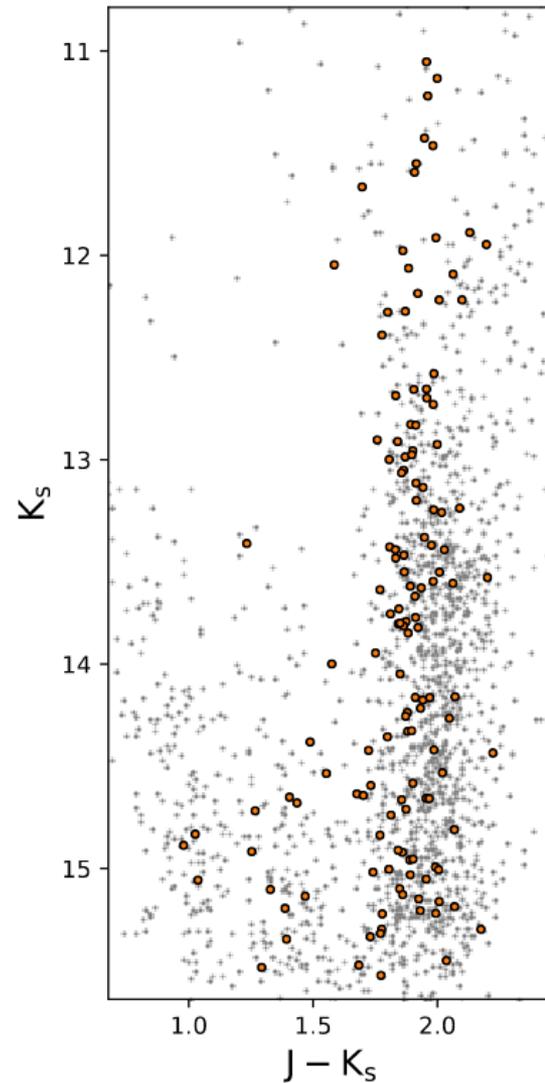
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- ★ Valuable tracers of understand the Milky Way evolution
- ★ Galactic bulge GCs compose a major part of the *in situ* component (Myeong et al. 2018)
- ★ The total number of GCs in the Milky Way is still **unknown**





More than ~48 globular clusters are known towards the bulge area

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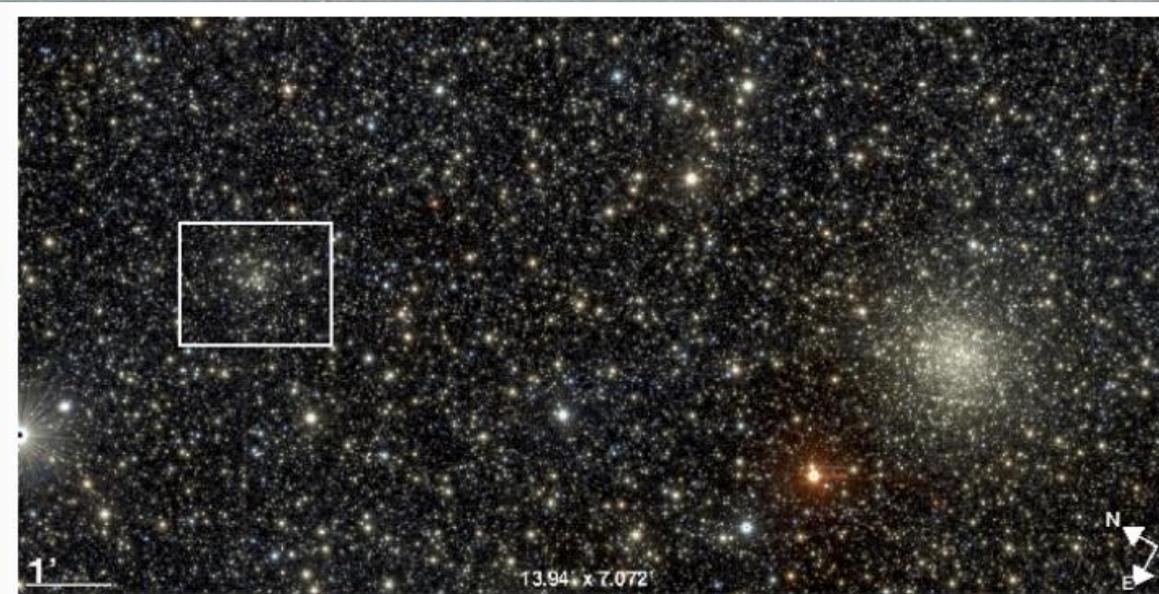
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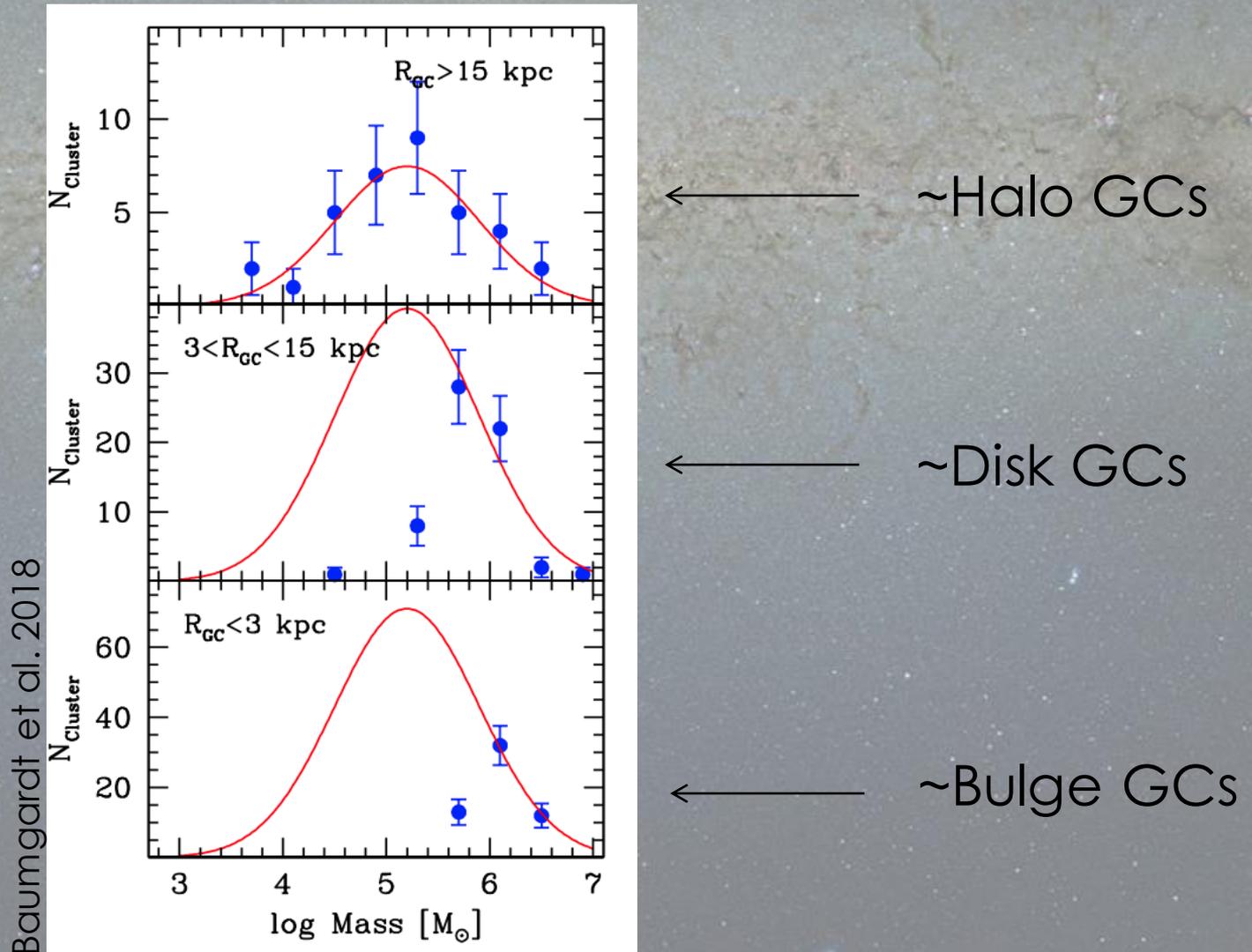
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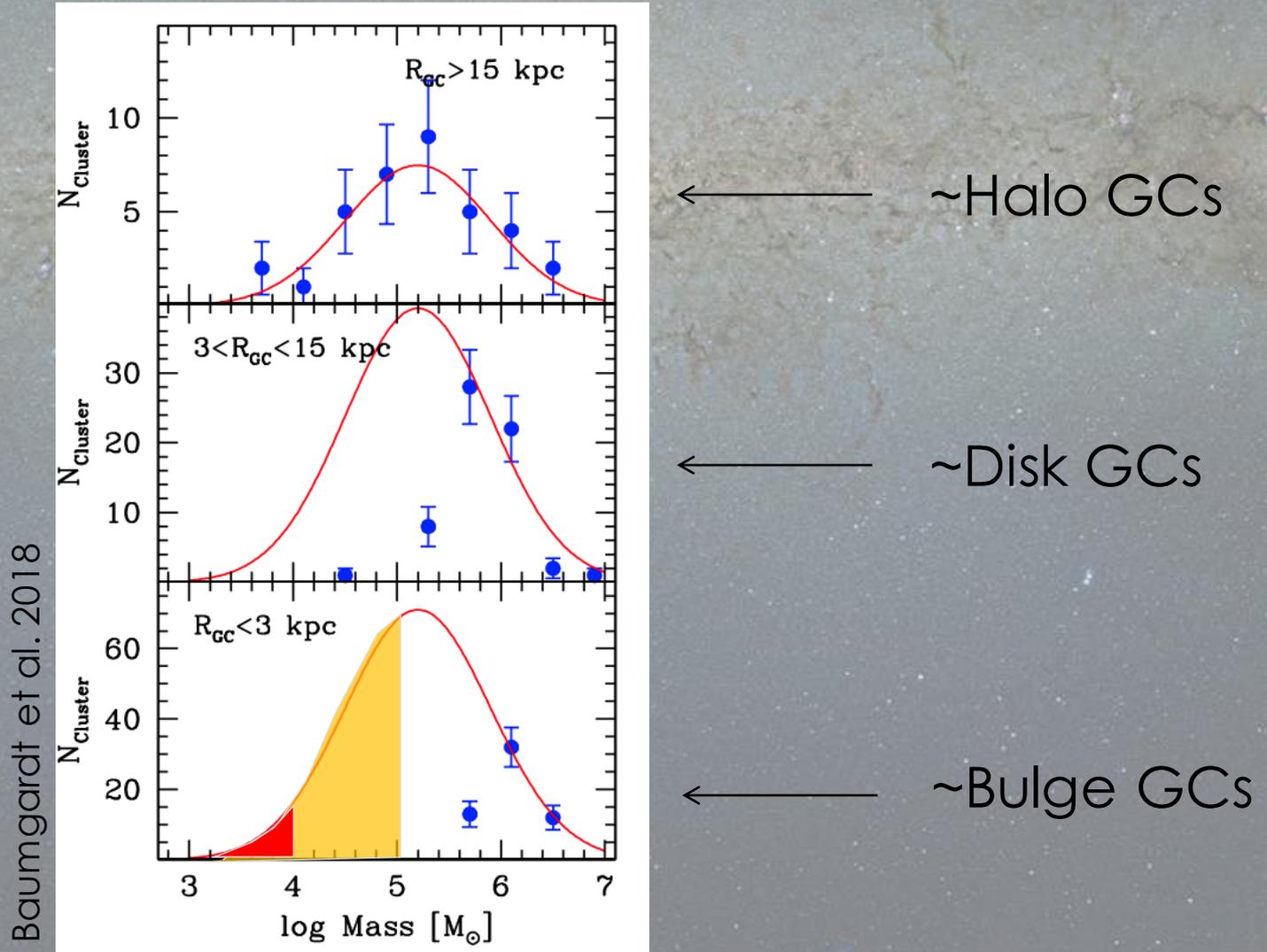
Unfortunately, most of them were recently **ruled out** using proper motions (**Gran et al. 2019**):

- ★ Spatial overdensities 
- ★ CMD different from field 
- ★ Coherent space motion 

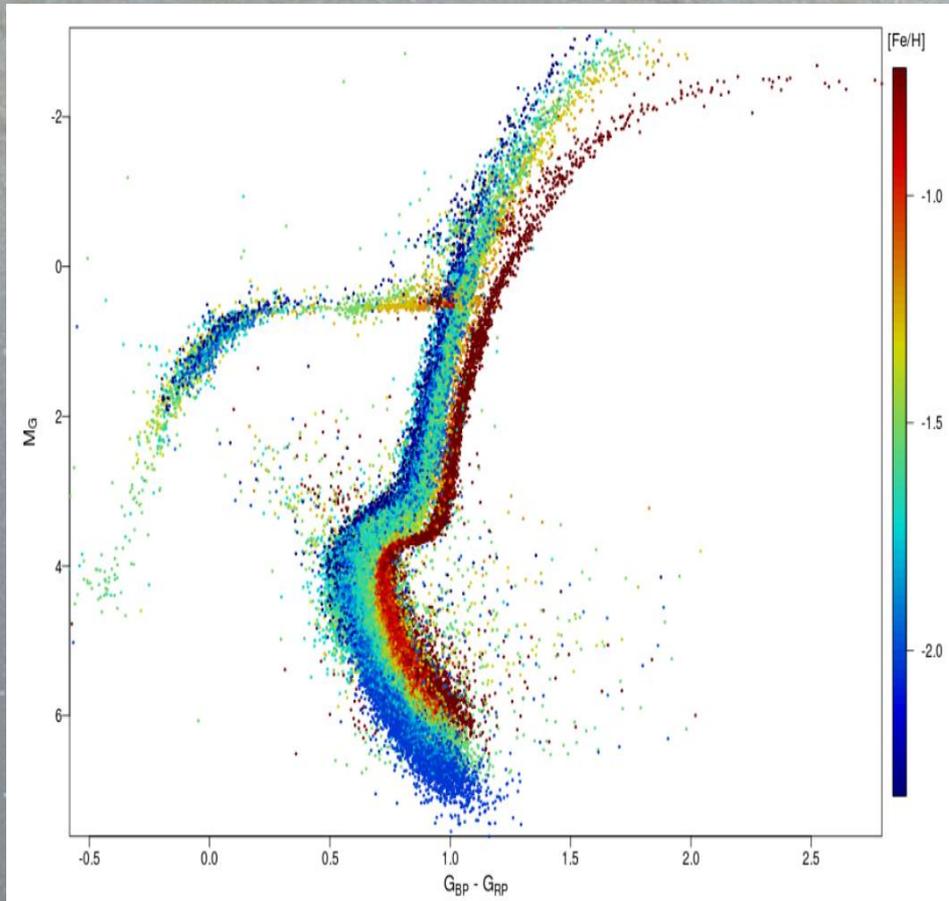
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Gaia DR3 proper motion catalogue



Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018



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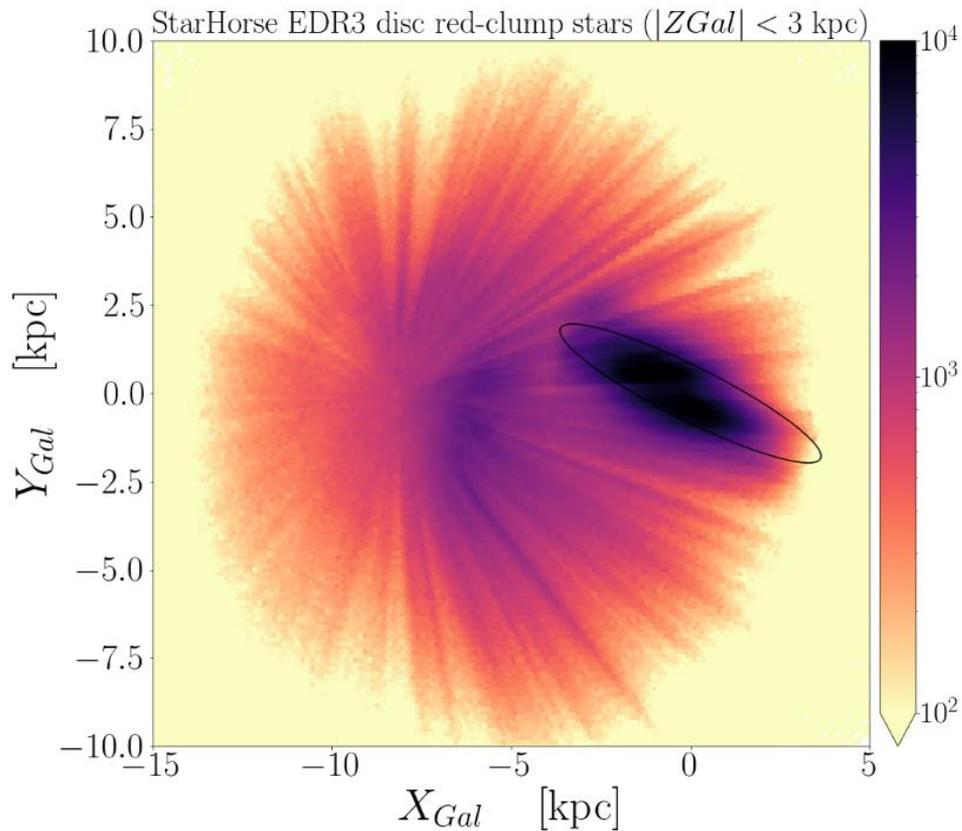
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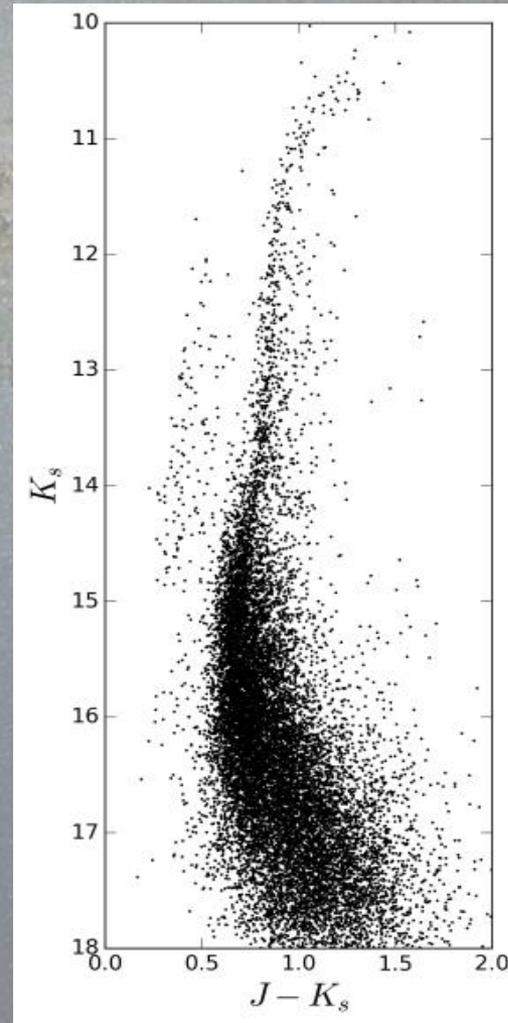
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Near-IR survey
(ZYJHK_s)

~100+ K_s epochs

Relative proper
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Clustering on a 5-D phase-space

$-10 \leq l \text{ (deg)} \leq 10$
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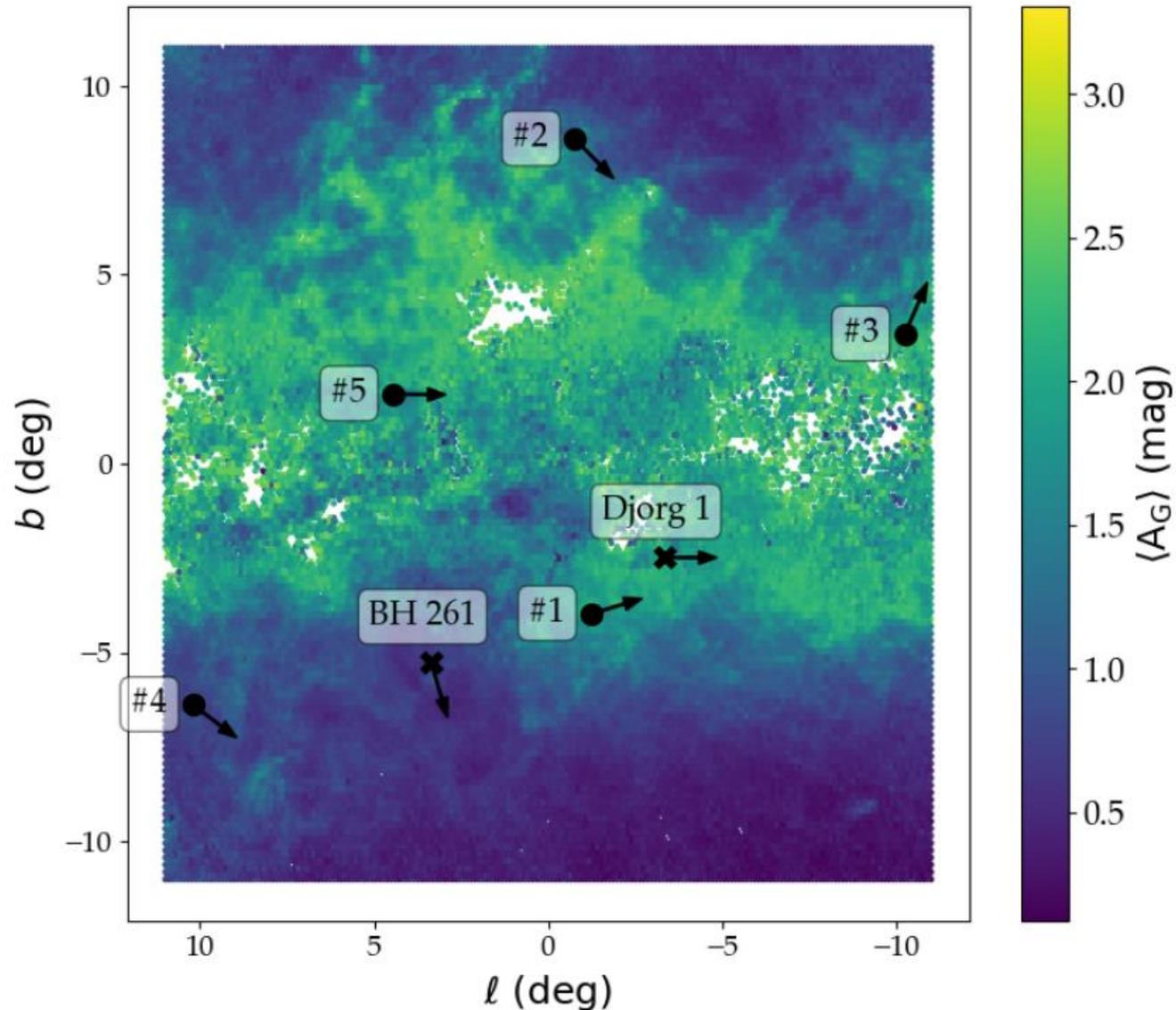
$l, b, \mu_l \cos(b), \mu_b, G_{BP} - G_{RP}$
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scikit learn: KDTree
and DBScan

Candidate
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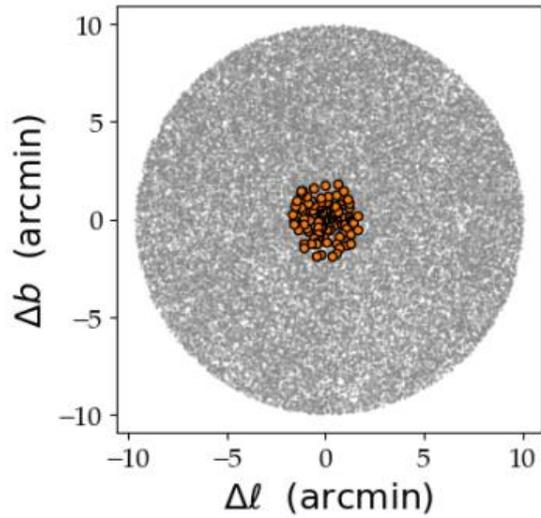
Map of the new GCs



New GCs: the case of Gran 3

Clustering requirements:

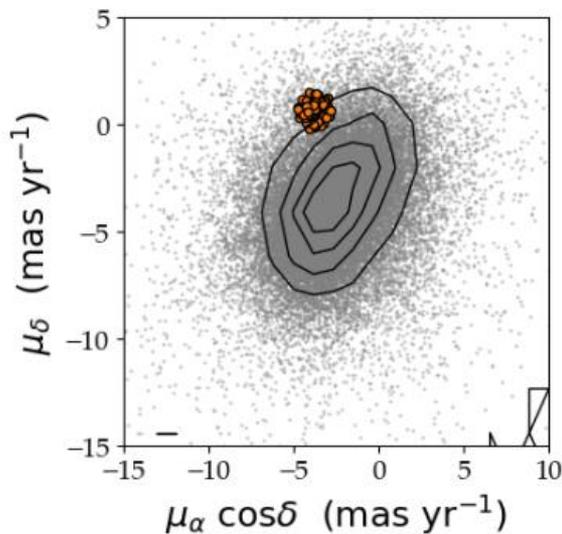
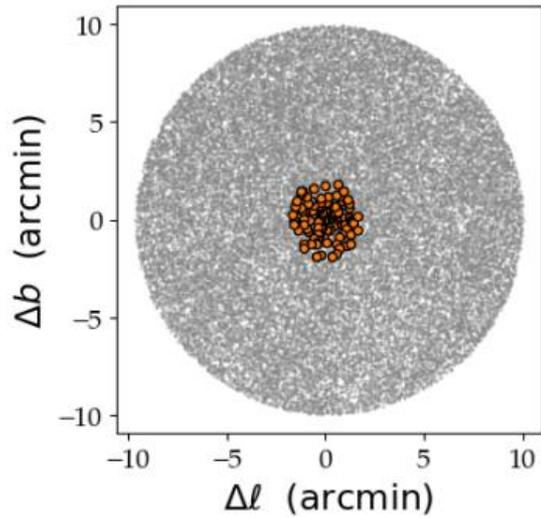
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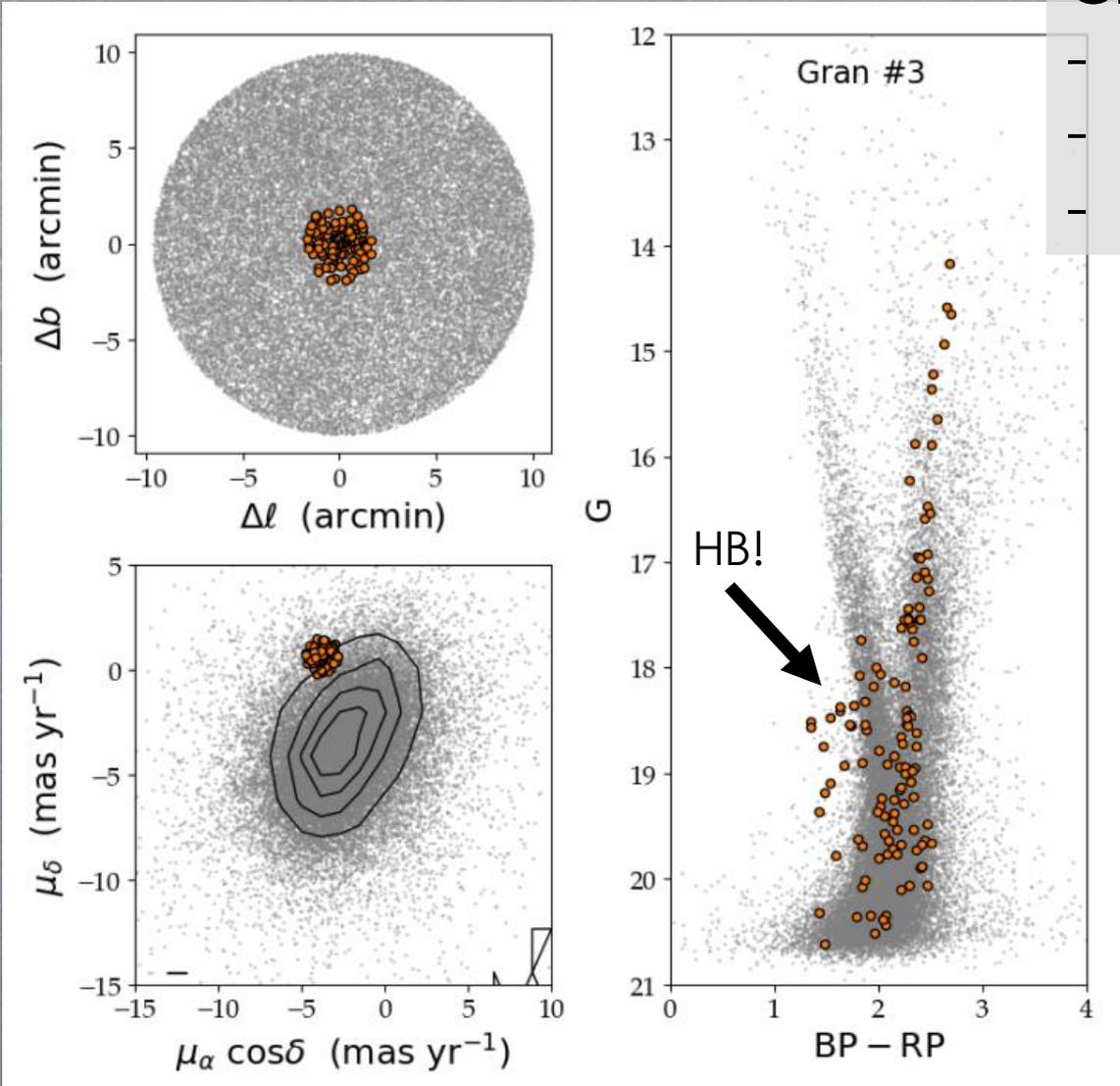
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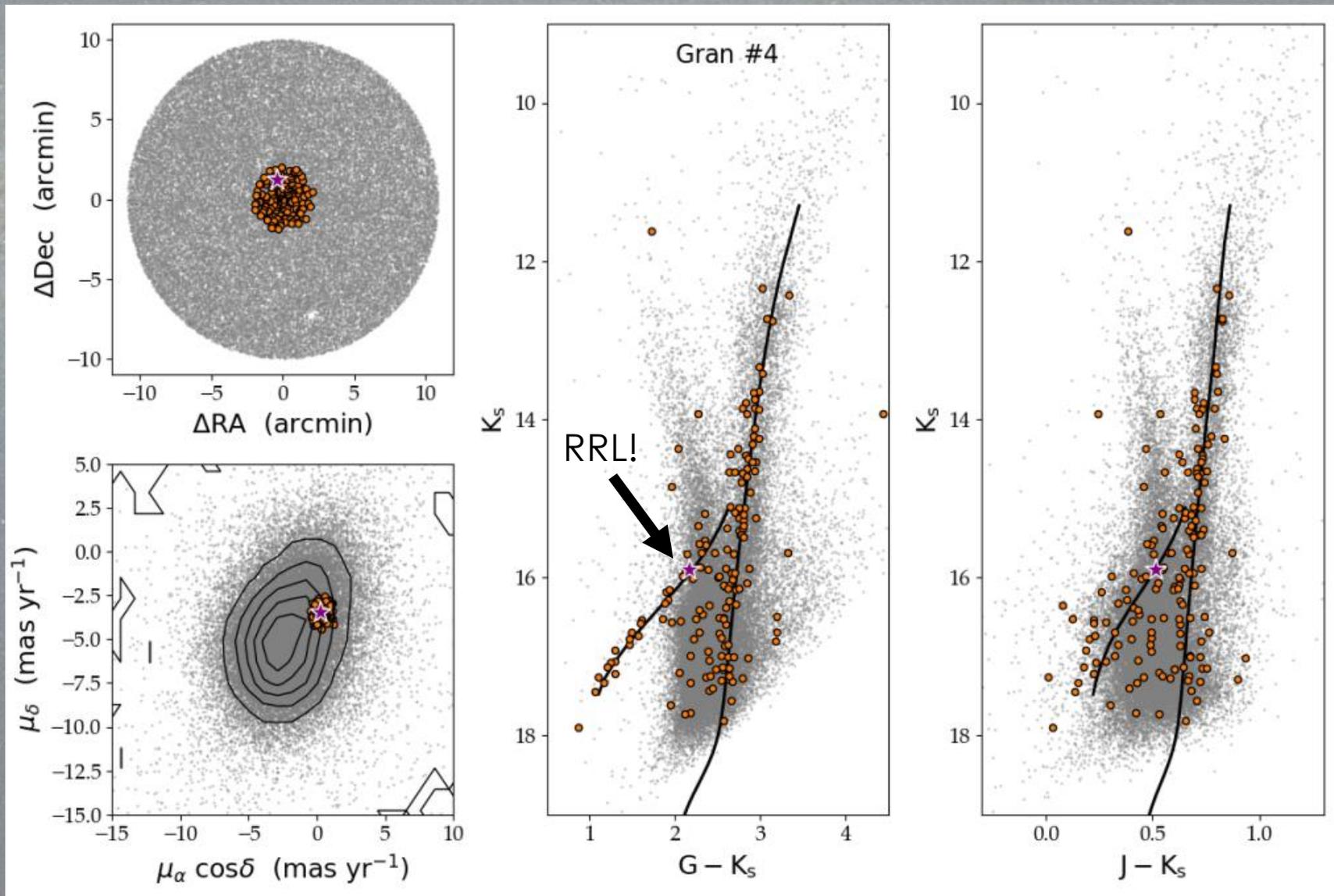
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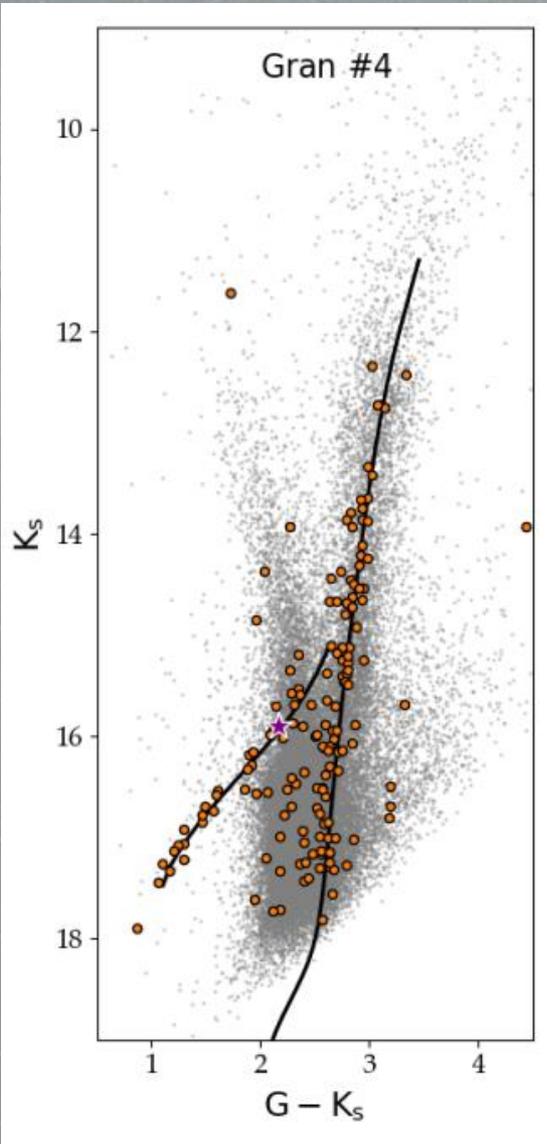


Gran et al. 2022

New GCs: the case of Gran 4



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Clustering requirements:

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- Coherent motion (PMs)
- Old stellar sequences

Cluster parameters:

- Age ~ 12 Gyr
- Distance ~ 22 kpc
- $[Fe/H] \sim -2.4$ dex
- $r_h \sim 1.15$ arcmin
- $M_{\text{dyn}} \sim 4 \times 10^5 M_{\odot}$

New GCs: full characterisation

| GC | ℓ (deg) | b (deg) | RA (deg) | Dec (deg) | $\mu_{\alpha} \cos(\delta)$ (mas yr ⁻¹) | μ_{δ} (mas yr ⁻¹) | $\mu_{\ell} \cos(b)$ (mas yr ⁻¹) | μ_b (mas yr ⁻¹) | N_{members} (number) |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--|---|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Gran 1 | -1.233 | -3.977 | 269.651 | -32.020 | -8.10 | -8.01 | -10.94 | 3.03 | 57 |
| Gran 2 | -0.771 | 8.587 | 257.890 | -24.849 | 0.19 | -2.57 | -1.86 | -1.76 | 102 |
| Gran 3 | -10.244 | 3.424 | 256.256 | -35.496 | -3.78 | 0.66 | -1.76 | 3.71 | 118 |
| Gran 4 | 10.198 | -6.388 | 278.113 | -23.114 | 0.46 | -3.49 | -2.88 | -2.01 | 155 |
| Gran 5 | 4.459 | 1.838 | 267.228 | -24.170 | -5.32 | -9.20 | -10.55 | -0.10 | 76 |
| Cluster candidates | | | | | | | | | |
| C1 | -3.589 | 4.174 | 260.151 | -29.673 | -2.90 | -6.11 | -6.61 | -1.07 | 113 |

| GC | dm (mag) | Distance (kpc) | E(J – K _s) (mag) | A _{K_s} (mag) | A _G (mag) | A _V (mag) | V _t (mag) | M _V (mag) | r_h (arcmin) | [Fe/H] (dex) |
|--------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Gran 1 | 14.60 | 7.94 | 0.45 | 0.24 | 2.70 | 3.38 | 12.41 | -5.46 | 0.86 | -1.19 |
| Gran 2 | 16.10 | 16.60 | — | — | 1.90 | 2.37 | 12.56 | -5.92 | 1.07 | -2.12 |
| Gran 3 | 15.40 | 12.02 | — | — | 2.60 | 3.25 | 12.63 | -6.02 | 1.05 | -2.33 |
| Gran 4 | 16.84 | 22.49 | 0.20 | 0.14 | 1.20 | 1.50 | 11.81 | -6.45 | 1.14 | ~-2.4 |
| Gran 5 | 13.25 | 4.47 | 0.63 | 0.43 | 3.24 | 4.05 | 12.11 | -5.95 | 0.94 | -1.56 |

New GCs: MUSE observations



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PI: F. Gran

14 hours

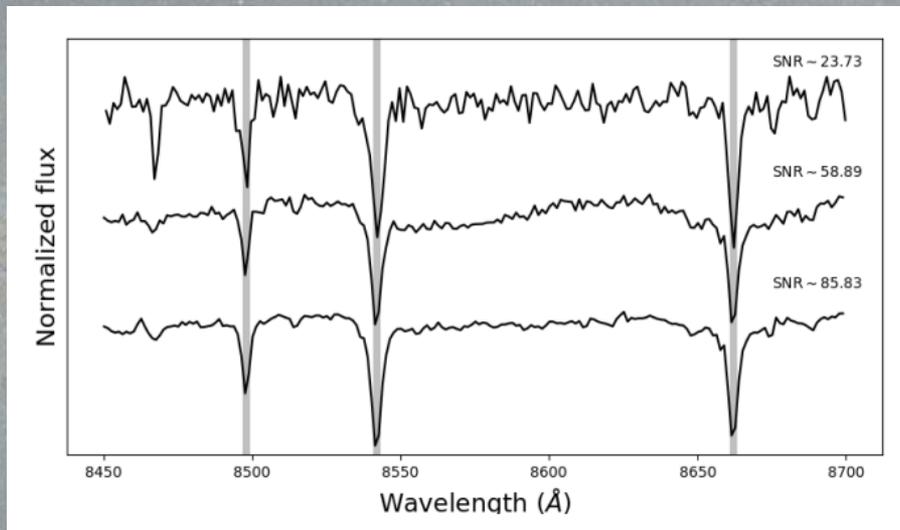
WFM $\sim 1 \text{ arcmin}^2$

$4650 < \lambda \text{ (\AA)} < 9300$

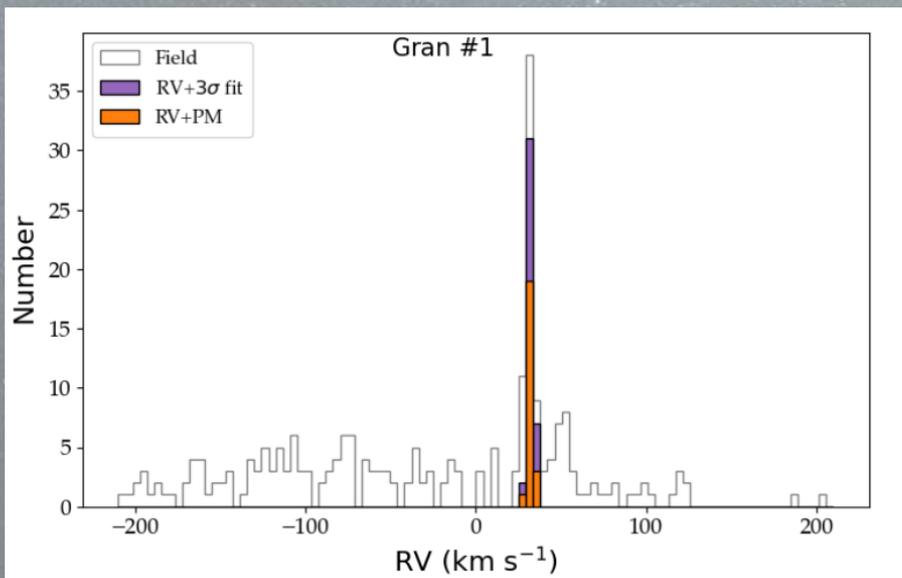
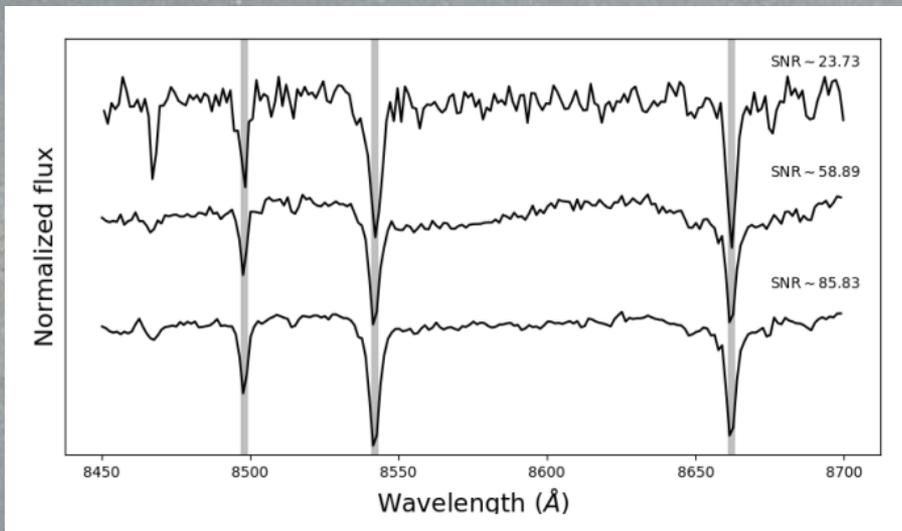
R @ $8800 \text{ \AA} \sim 4000$



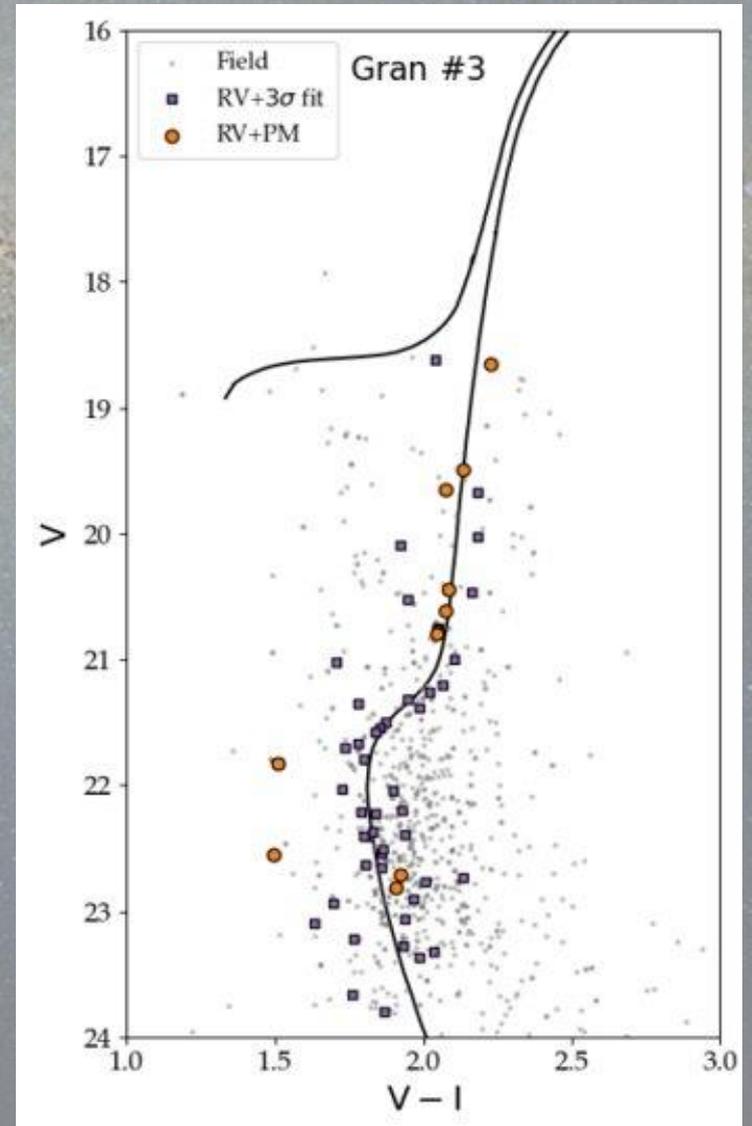
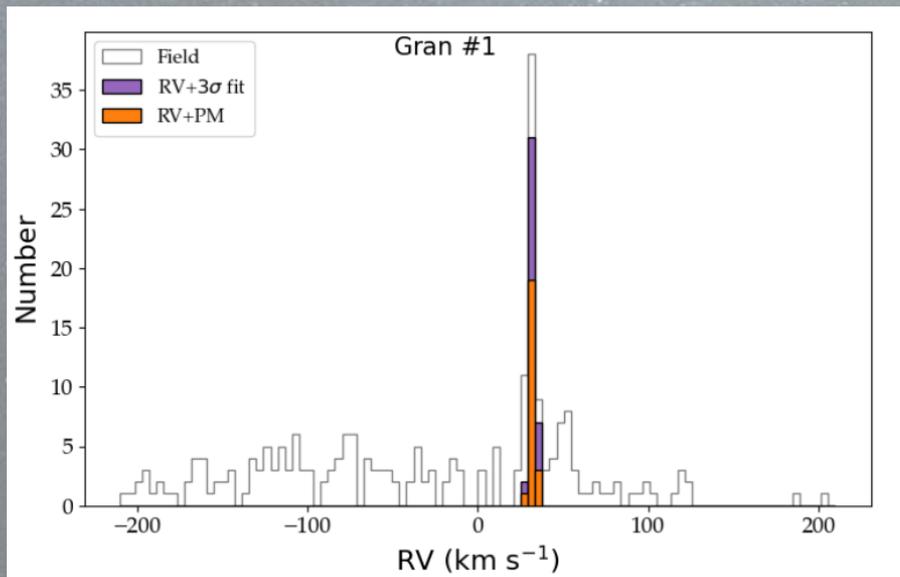
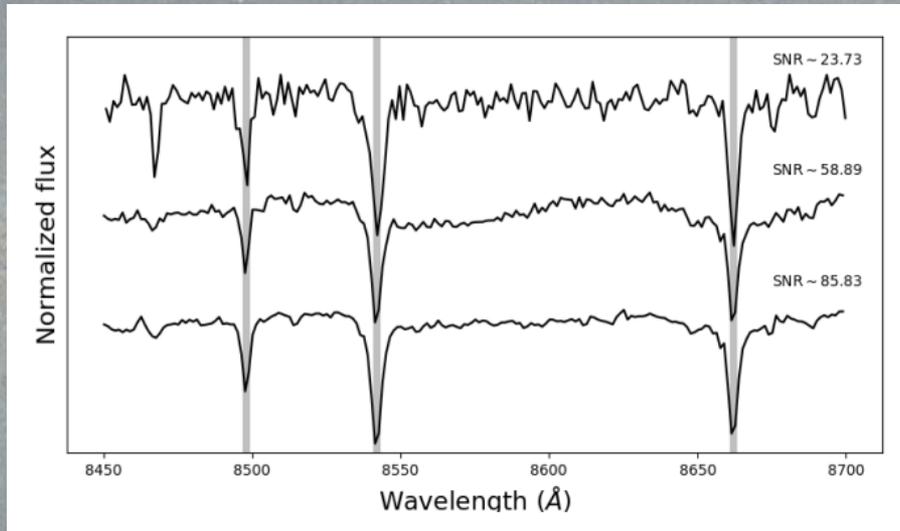
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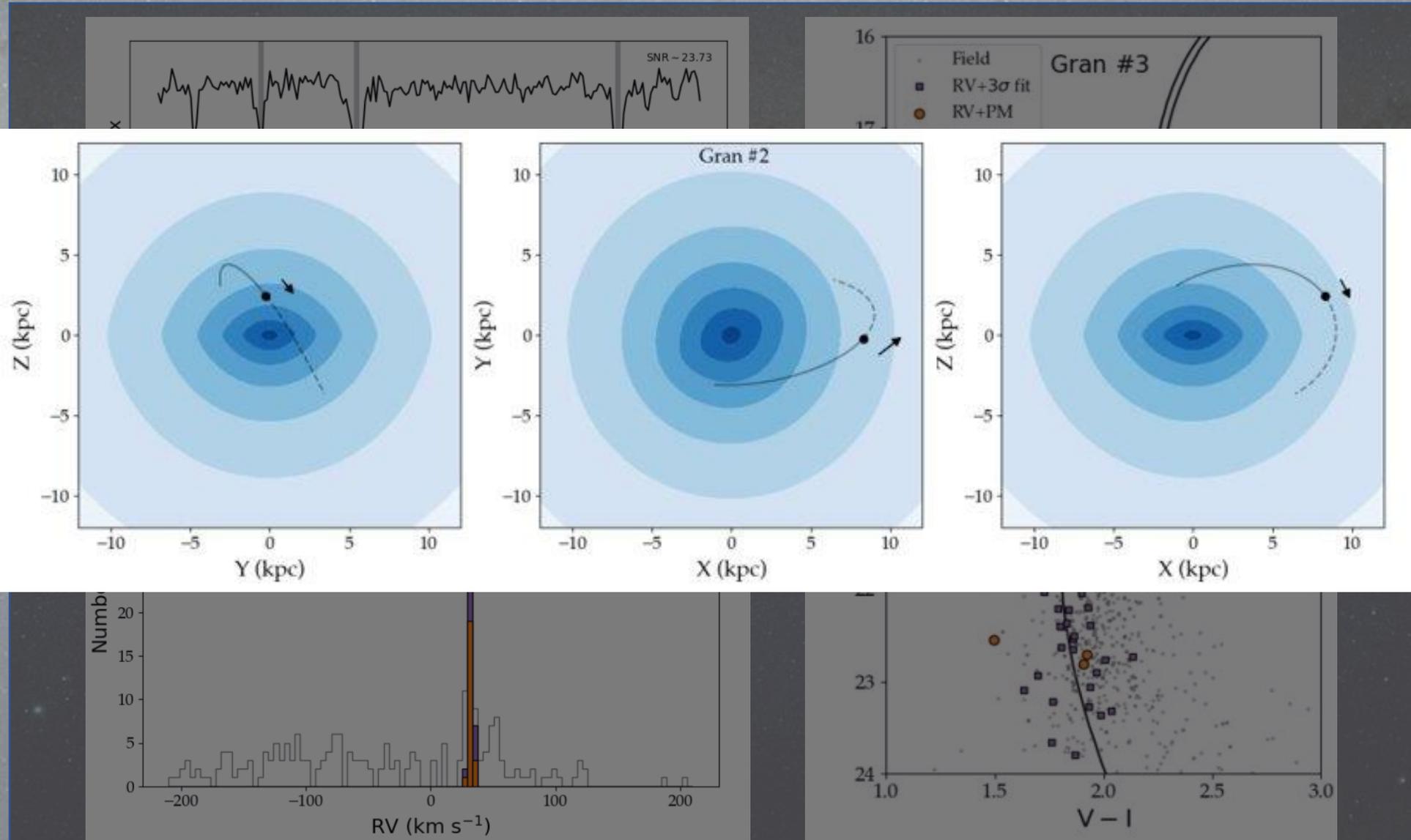
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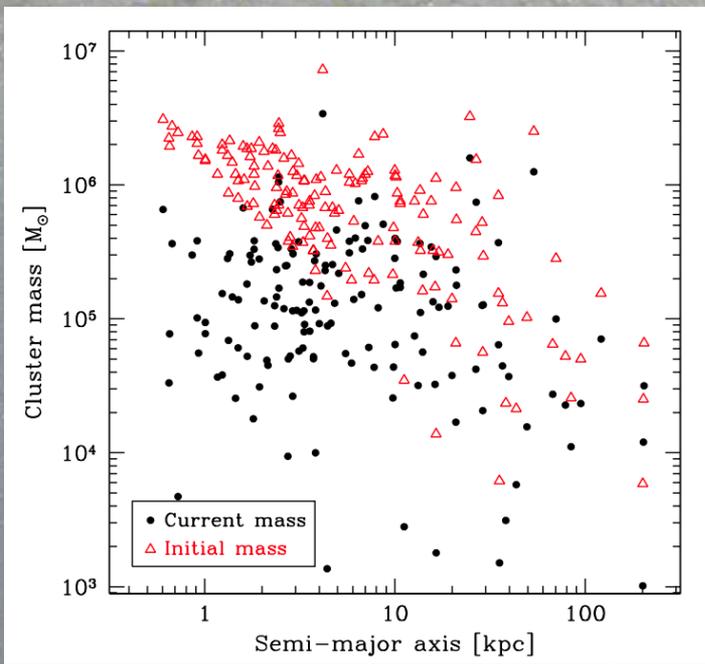
| GC | σ_0 (km s^{-1}) | $M^{\text{dyn}}(< 1.8r_h)$ ($10^5 M_\odot$) | Υ ($M_\odot L_\odot^{-1}$) |
|--------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Gran 1 | 3.96 ± 0.29 | 0.45 ± 0.08 | 3.61 ± 3.12 |
| Gran 2 | 4.93 ± 0.47 | 1.84 ± 0.40 | 9.50 ± 8.51 |
| Gran 3 | 4.79 ± 0.41 | 1.24 ± 0.25 | 5.84 ± 3.45 |
| Gran 4 | 6.18 ± 0.33 | 4.16 ± 0.61 | 13.15 ± 7.14 |
| Gran 5 | 3.68 ± 0.32 | 0.37 ± 0.08 | 1.85 ± 1.77 |

| GC | RV (km s^{-1}) | [Fe/H] (dex) | V_{HB} (mag) | e | z_{max} (kpc) | r_{peri} (kpc) | r_{apo} (kpc) | L_z ($\text{kpc}^2 \text{Myr}^{-1}$) | E_{tot} ($\text{kpc}^2 \text{Myr}^{-2}$) |
|--------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Gran 1 | 32.30 ± 1.87 | -1.19 ± 0.19 | 19.08 | 0.76 | 0.38 | 0.31 | 2.22 | 0.03 | -0.21 |
| Gran 2 | 53.22 ± 1.67 | -2.07 ± 0.17 | 18.59 | 0.34 | 5.44 | 4.59 | 9.24 | 0.79 | -0.16 |
| Gran 3 | 74.32 ± 2.70 | -2.37 ± 0.18 | 18.65 | 0.08 | 3.88 | 4.66 | 5.47 | 0.69 | -0.17 |
| Gran 5 | -90.40 ± 1.93 | -1.56 ± 0.17 | 18.04 | 0.90 | 0.13 | 0.20 | 3.75 | -0.04 | -0.19 |

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New GCs: Galactic context

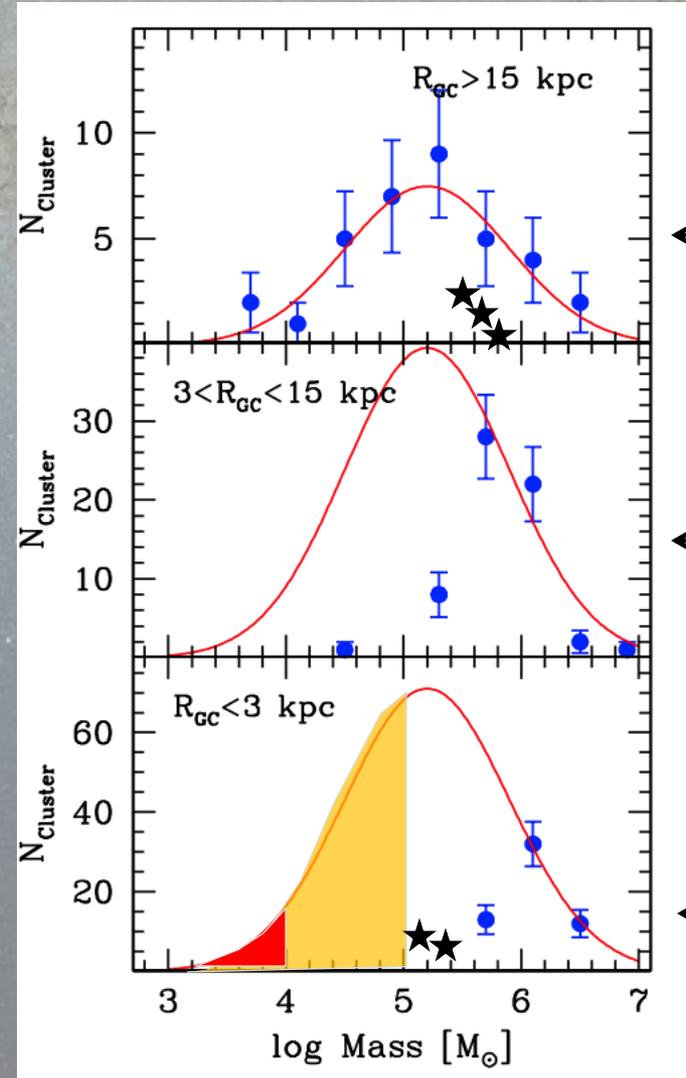
Initial mass distribution



Baumgardt et al. 2018

Gran 2 + 3 + 4

Gran 1 + 5



← ~Halo GCs

← ~Disk GCs

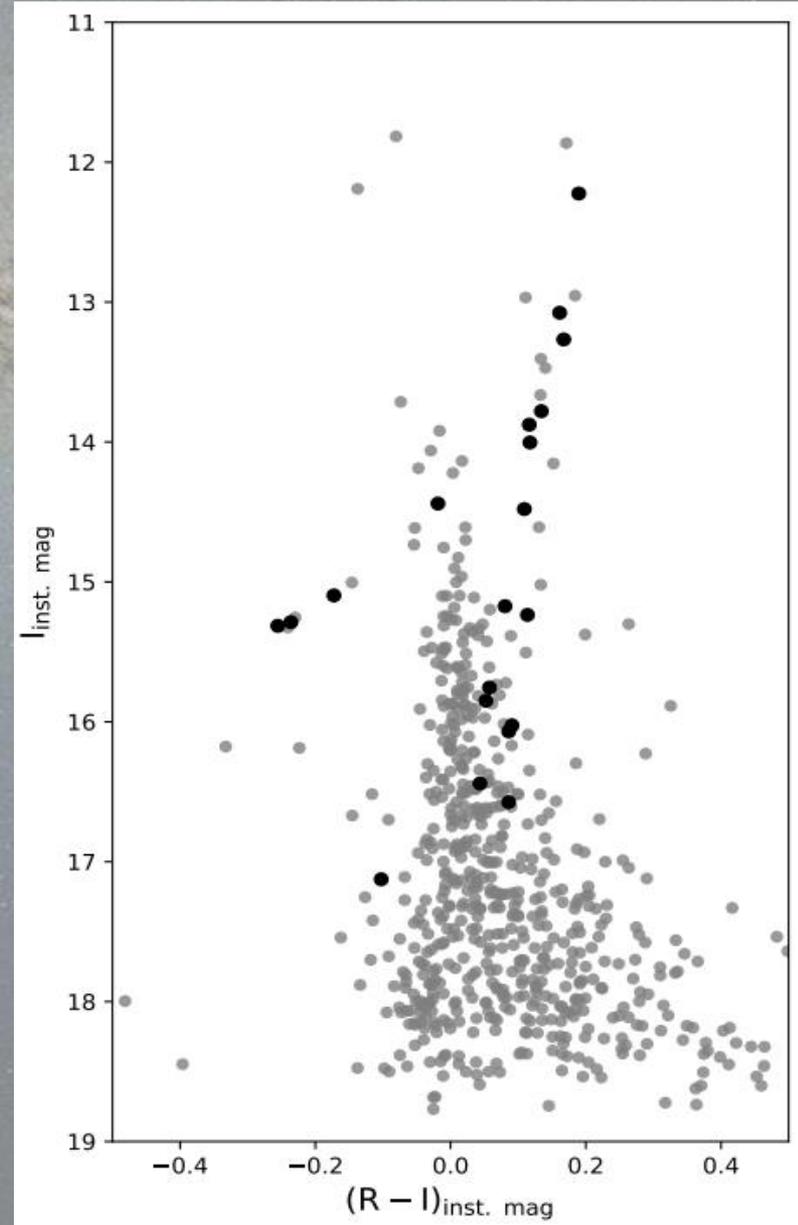
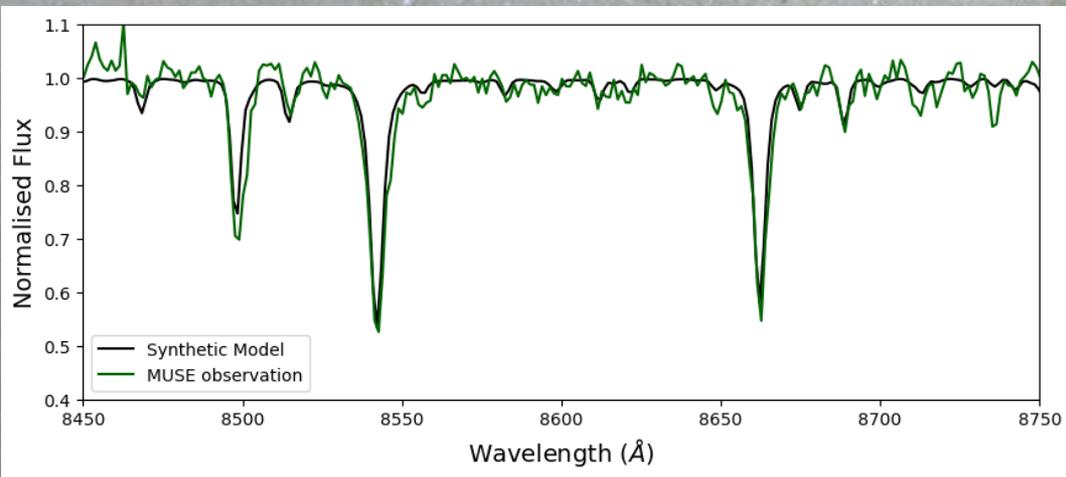
← ~Bulge GCs

Summary

- ★ Bulge GCs are tracers of the **MW formation and evolution**: *in situ* component (Myeong et al. 2018).
- ★ No consensus has been reached on the total number of **bulge GCs**.
- ★ Using a clustering algorithm, we were able to discover **5 new** clusters with old stellar sequences.
- ★ Orbital parameters and metallicities from the analysis of 5 **MUSE** cubes.
- ★ Key observable: **proper motions!**

Future work

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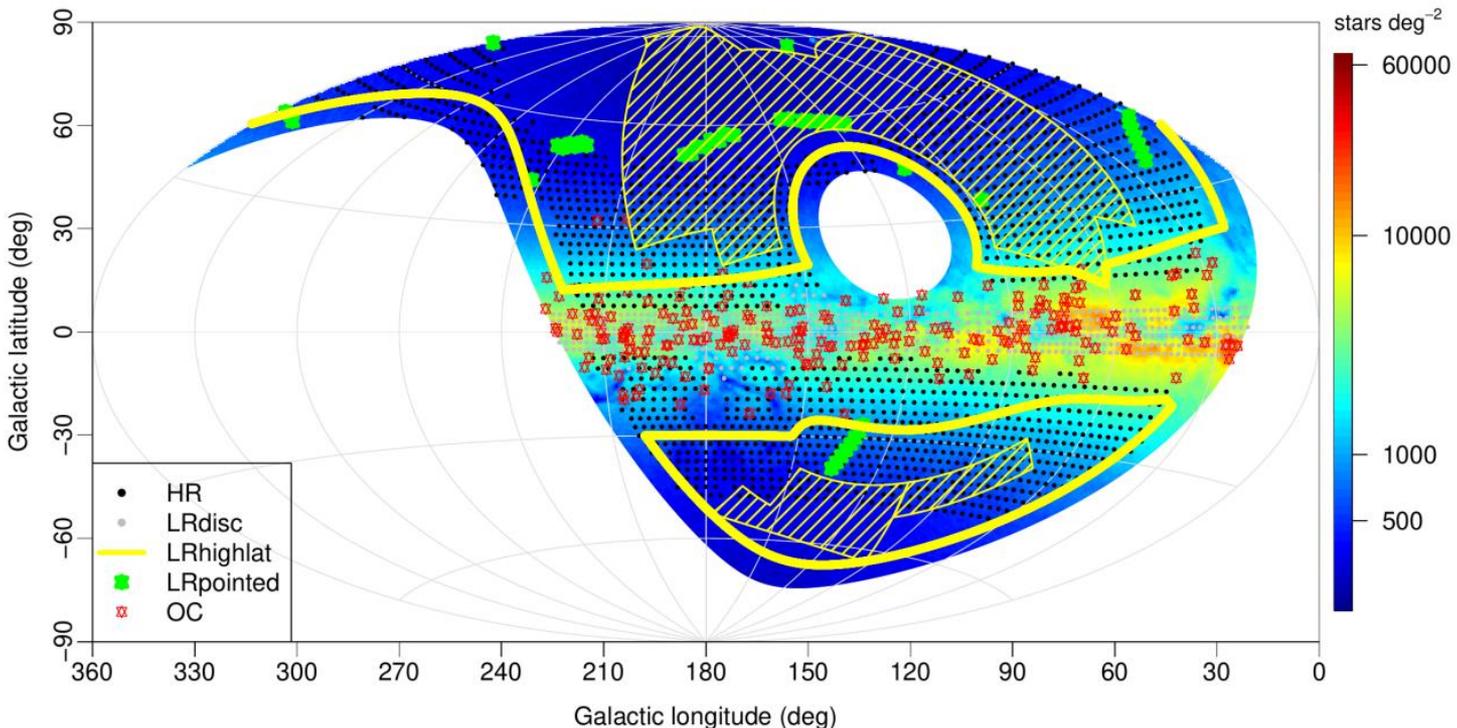


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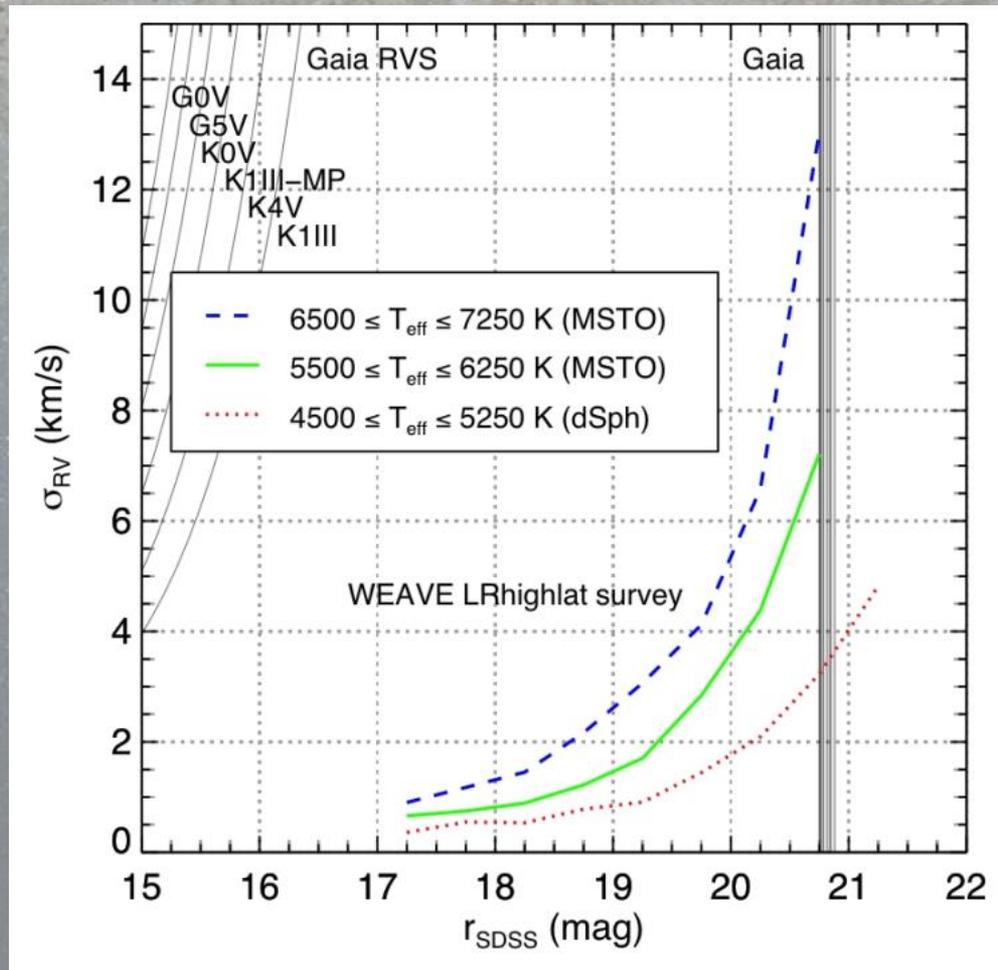
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