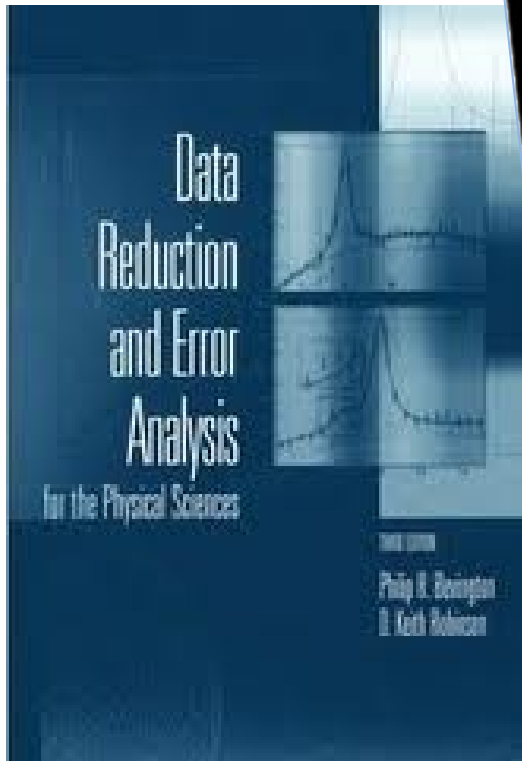
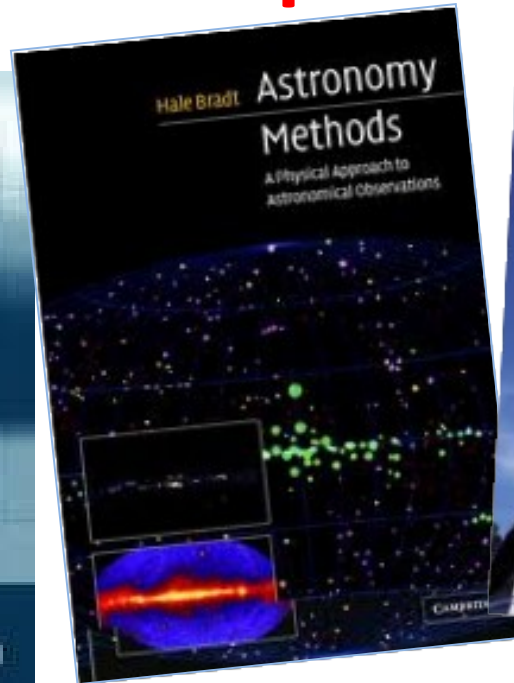


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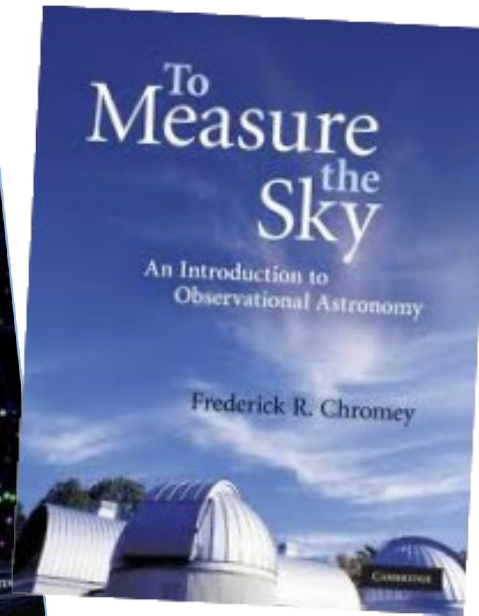
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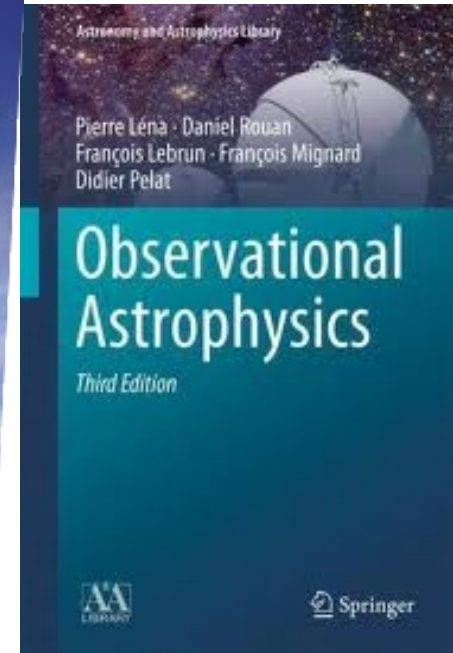
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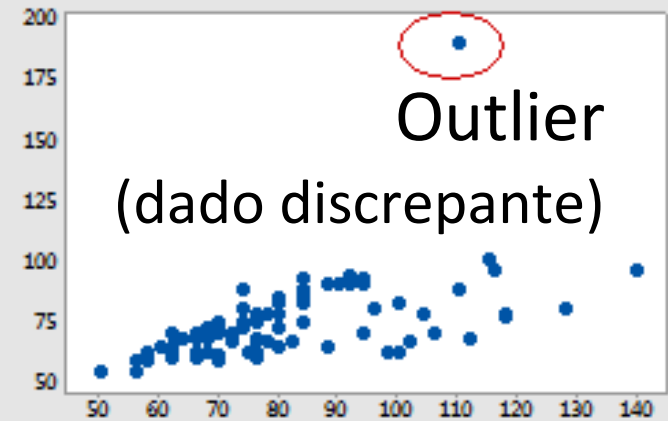


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Robust statistics



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Robust Statistics

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Economic Statistics

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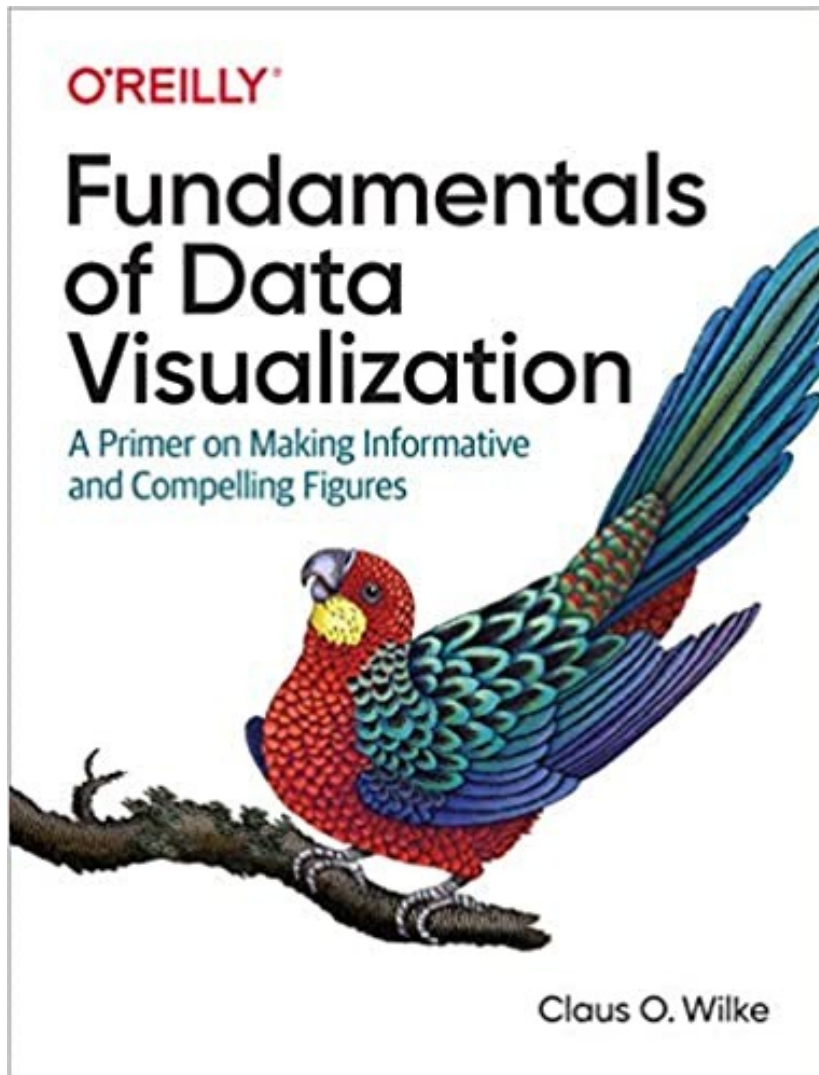
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Measurements (or estimates)

Distance to the Galactic Center

$$R_0 = 8.0 \pm 0.25 \text{ kpc}$$

Estimate of
the real value

Estimate of the
uncertainty

Unit



Malkin, Zinovy.

Statistical analysis of
the determinations of
the Sun's Galactocentric
distance

2013, IAU Symp 289, 406

Significant figures

Distance to the Galactic Center

$$R_0 = \del{8.0 \pm 0.25} \text{ kpc}$$

$$8,0 \pm 0,3 \text{ kpc} \quad \text{or}$$

$$8,00 \pm 0,25 \text{ kpc}$$

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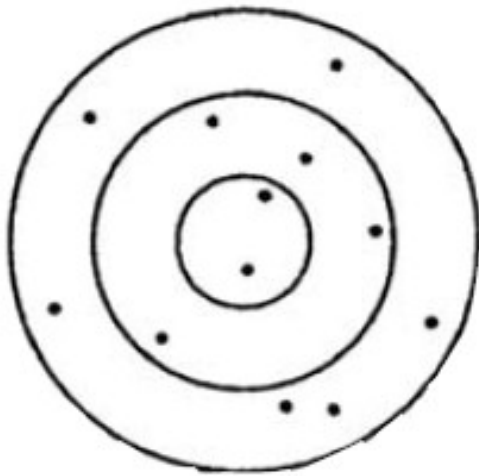
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Significant figures

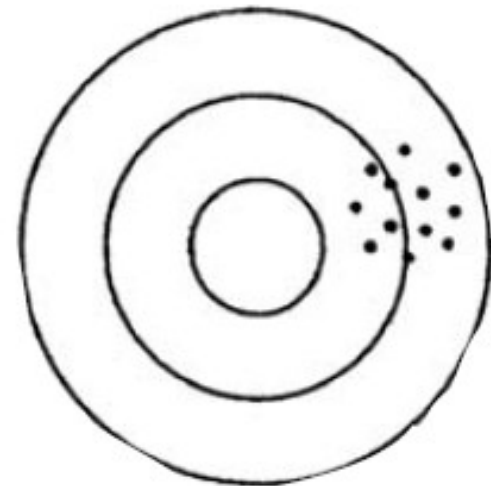
Table 1: Previous average estimates of R_0

Paper	Period covered	R_0 , kpc
Kerr & Lynden-Bell (1986)	1974–1986	8.5 ± 1.1
Reid (1989)	1974–1987	7.7 ± 0.7
Reid (1993)	1974–1992	8.0 ± 0.5
Nikiforov (2004)	1974–2003	7.9 ± 0.2
Avedisova (2005)	1992–2005	7.8 ± 0.32

Accuracy and precision



Precision: low
(a) Accuracy: fair
Precisão: baixa
Exactidão: razoável






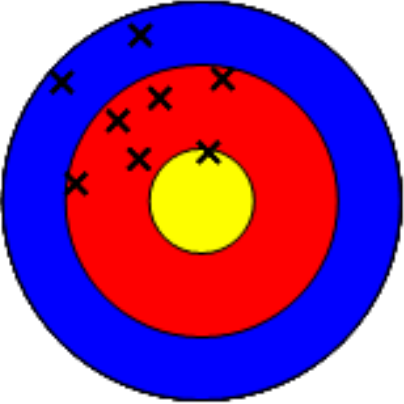
Precision: high
(b) Accuracy: low
Precisão: elevada
Exactidão: baixa

figura 3 Visualização dos conceitos de precisão e exactidão num alvo. Em (a) o conjunto de tiros (resultados) apresenta uma baixa precisão pois apresentam uma dispersão apreciável e uma exactidão razoável visto que não apresentam um desvio sistemático do centro do alvo. Em (b) a precisão é mais elevada (os tiros estão menos dispersos) e a exactidão é mais baixa pois os tiros encontram-se "sistematicamente" afastados para a direita do alvo.

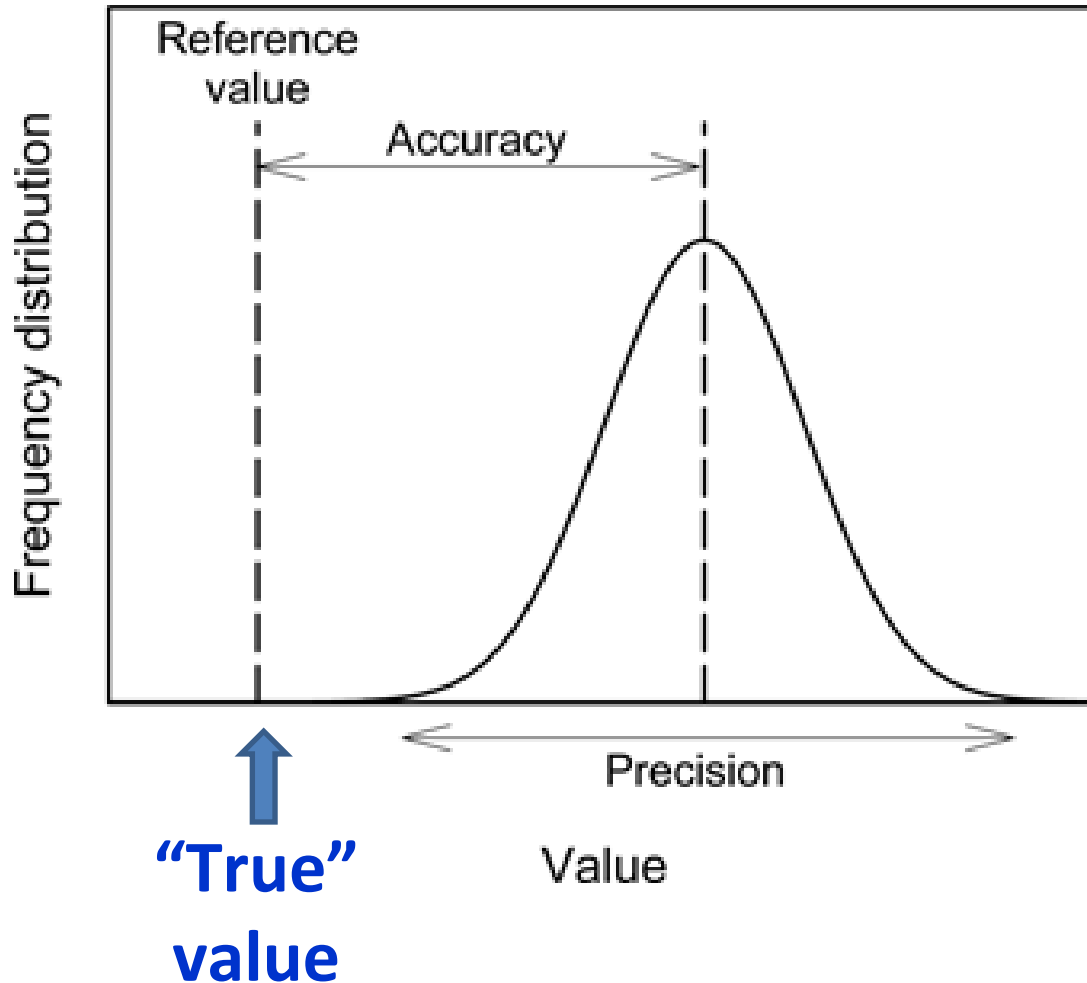
Erros experimentais – uma abordagem pedagógica.

ISABELM.A.FONSECA

Accuracy and precision

	Accurate	Inaccurate (systematic error)
Precise		
Imprecise (reproducibility error)		

Accuracy and precision



http://dels-old.nas.edu/ilar_n/ilarjournal/49_2/html/v4902Simmons.shtml

How to define the uncertainty (or error) ?

- Error = “True Value” – Measurement
- If we know the true value, why bothering with the measurement?

Definitions of error

- Error of a measurement x_i (precision) : $\delta x_i = x_i - \langle x \rangle$
- Relative error: $\delta x_i / \langle x \rangle$
- Discrepancy (related to accuracy) = $x_i - x_{\text{true}}$
- Relative discrepancy = $(x_i - x_{\text{true}}) / x_{\text{true}}$
- **Statistical “error”**: random fluctuations of the measurements that limit the **precision** of the result
- **Systematic error**: tends to deviate the measurement from the real value, limiting the **accuracy** of the result
- **spread = largest result - smallest result**

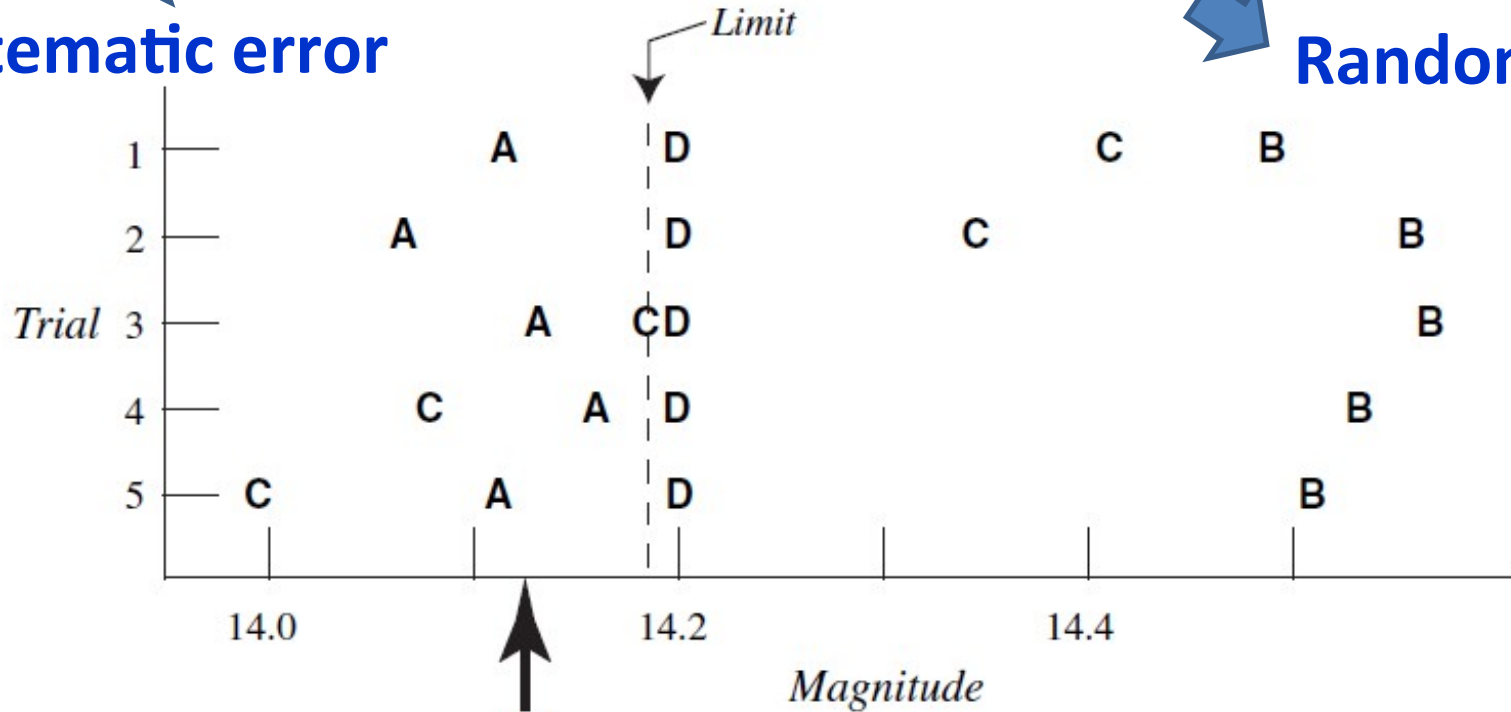
Example

- “True” value = 100,0 cm
- Measurements: 99,4 99,2 99,5 99,3 99,1 cm
- $\langle x \rangle = 99,3$ cm (mean)
- $\delta x_i = 0,1 \quad -0,1 \quad +0,2 \quad 0,0 \quad -0,2$ cm
- $\delta x_i / \langle x \rangle = +0,001 \quad -0,001 \quad +0,002 \quad 0,000 \quad -0,002$
+0,1 % -0,1% +0,2% 0.0% -0,2%
- Discrepancy = -0,6 -0,8 -0,5 -0,7 -0,9 cm
- Relative discrepancy = -0,6, -0,8 -0,5 -0,7 -0,9 %
- Systematic error = ???

Accuracy and precision

Systematic error

Random error



Magnitude

Astronomer	A	B	C	D
Trial 1	14.115	14.495	14.386	14.2
Trial 2	14.073	14.559	14.322	14.2
Trial 3	14.137	14.566	14.187	14.2
Trial 4	14.161	14.537	14.085	14.2
Trial 5	14.109	14.503	13.970	14.2
Mean	14.119	14.532	14.190	14.2
Deviation from truth	-0.004	+0.409	+0.067	+0.077
Spread	0.088	0.071	0.418	0
σ	0.033	0.032	0.174	0
s	0.029	0.029	0.156	0
Uncertainty of the mean	0.013	0.013	0.070	(0.05)

"True" = 14,123

Distance to the GC

Random and systematic errors

R_0 determinations with estimation of both statistical and systematic errors

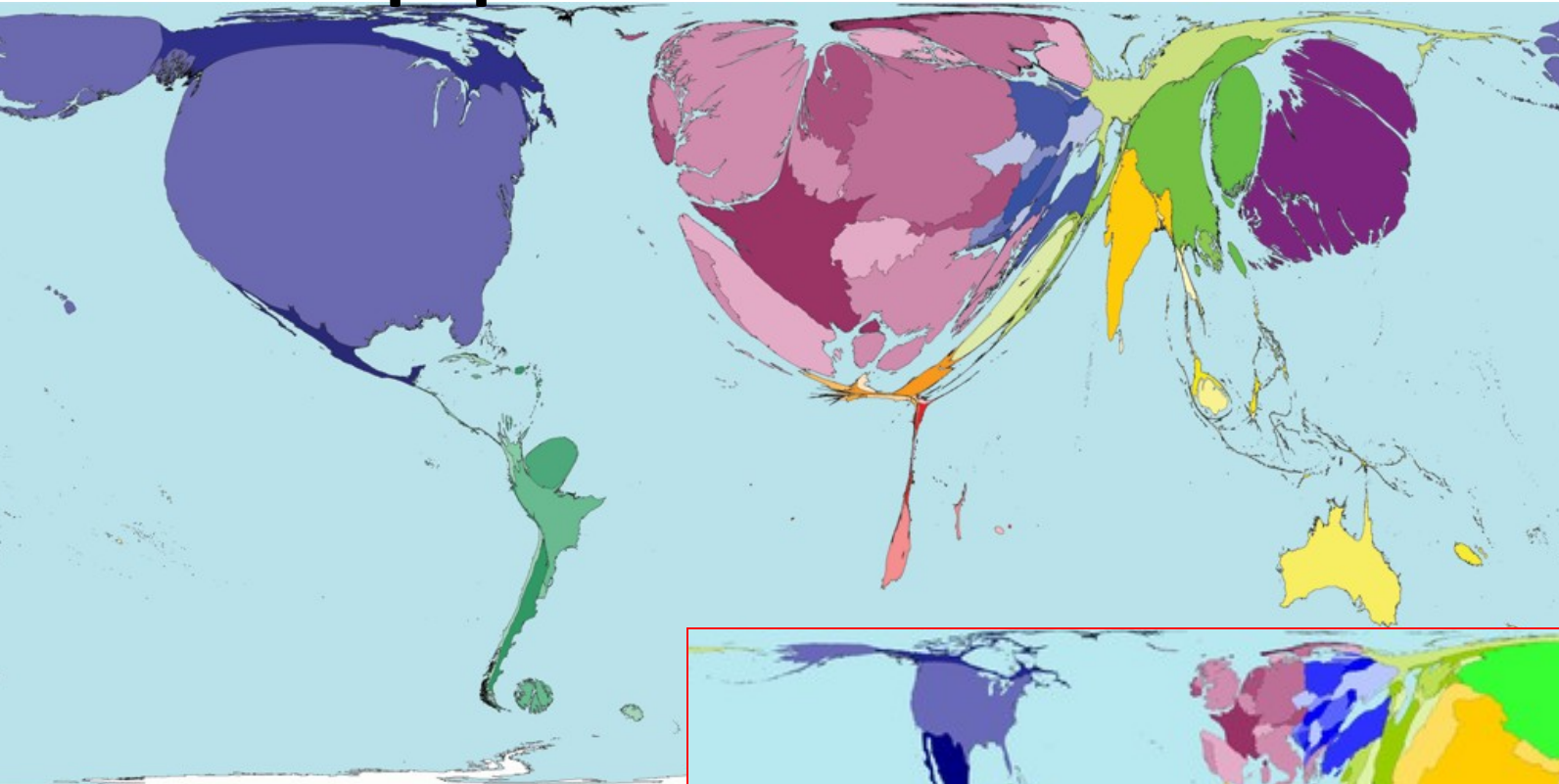
Paper	R_0 , kpc
Nishiyama et al. (2006)	$R_0 = 7.52 \pm 0.10 _{stat} \pm 0.35 _{syst}$
Groenewegen et al. (2008)	$R_0 = 7.94 \pm 0.37 _{stat} \pm 0.26 _{syst}$
Trippe et al. (2008)	$R_0 = 8.07 \pm 0.32 _{stat} \pm 0.13 _{syst}$
Gillessen et al. (2009b)	$R_0 = 8.33 \pm 0.17 _{stat} \pm 0.31 _{syst}$
Gillessen et al. (2009a)	$R_0 = 8.28 \pm 0.15 _{stat} \pm 0.29 _{syst}$
Matsunaga et al. (2009)	$R_0 = 8.24 \pm 0.08 _{stat} \pm 0.42 _{syst}$
Sato et al. (2010)	$R_0 = 8.3 \pm 0.46 _{stat} \pm 1.0 _{syst}$

Population and Sample of a population

- **Population** is the **whole** set of measurements
- **Sample** is a **part** (representative or not) of the population
- Small populations could be fully studied. *Ex.: age of students of AGA5802*
- Big populations can be studied through samples. *Ex.: weight of each person on Earth (7 billions !!!)*

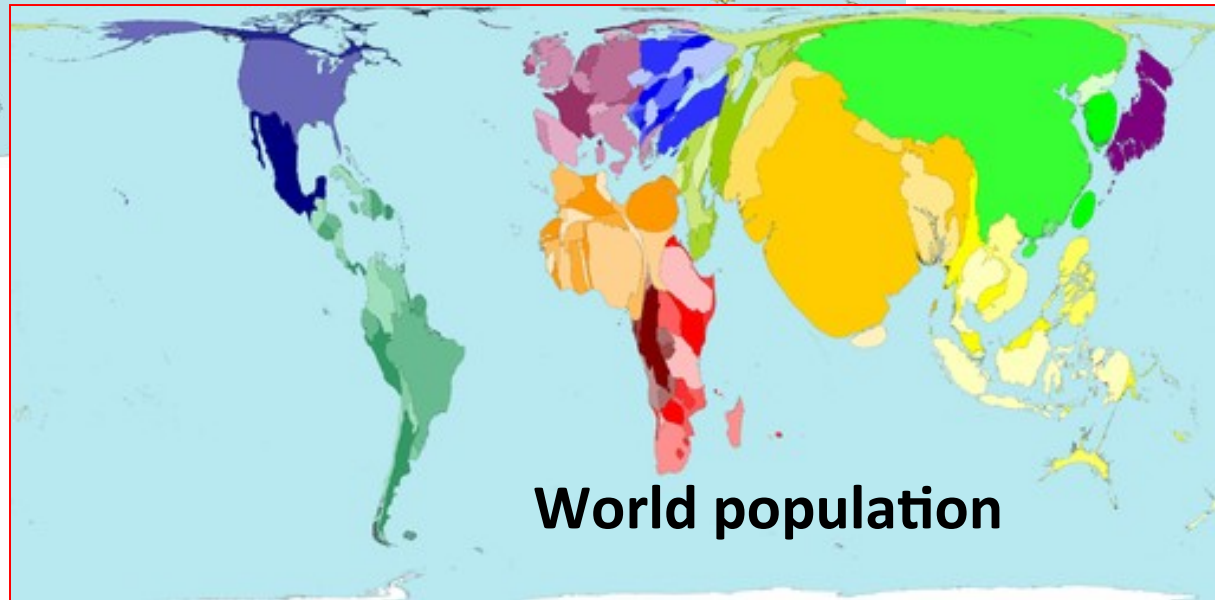
Population of papers/person

Published papers



**Be careful about bias
in your sample !!!**

<http://www.worldmapper.org/>



World population

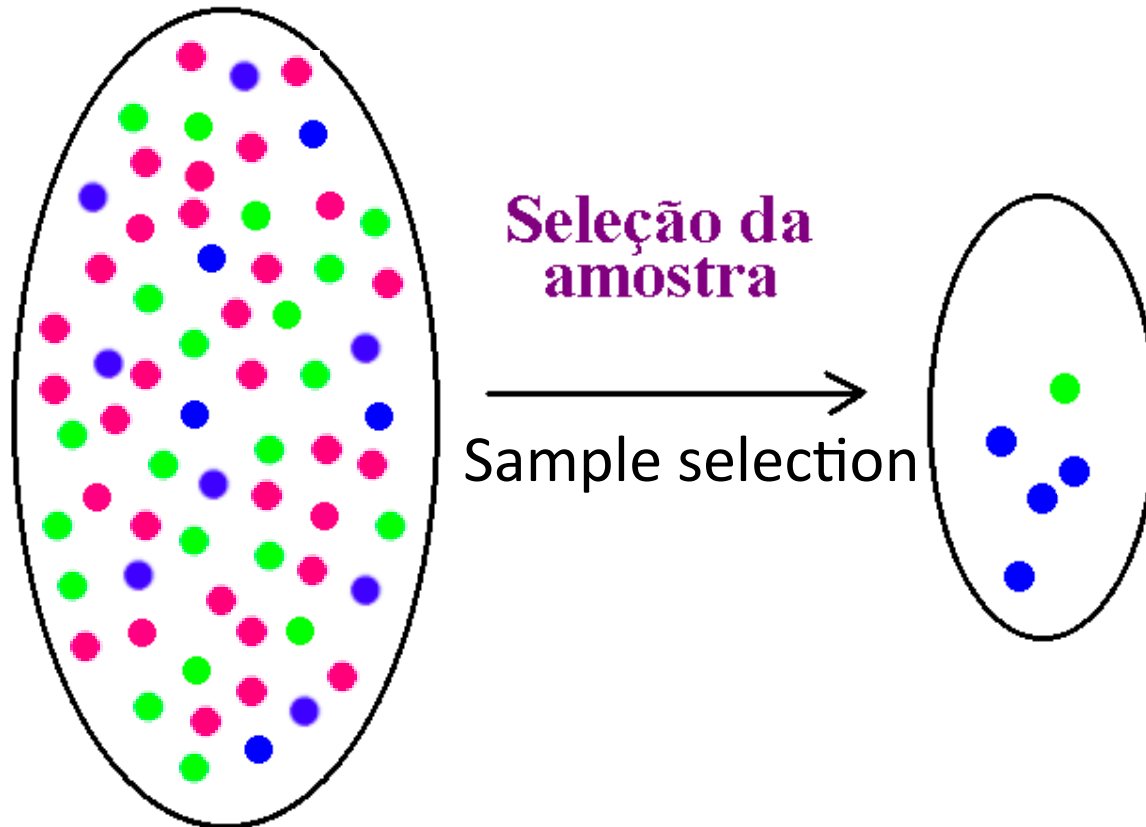
Population of height (adults) on Earth

How to select a representative sample (without *bias*) ?

Country	Average male height	Average female height	Ratio (male to female)	Sample population / age range	Share of pop. over 15 covered ^[3]	Methodology	Year
Argentina	1.73 m	1.60 m	1.08	17 (healthy)	N/A	Measured	2000
Bolivia / Aimara	1.600 m	1.422 m	1.13	20–29	N/A	Measured	1970
Brazil	1.71 m	1.59 m	1.07	18+	93.2%	Measured	2008–2009
China	1.66 m	1.57 m	1.06	Rural, 17	N/A	Measured	2002
China	1.70 m	1.59 m	1.07	Urban, 17	N/A	Measured	2002
Germany	1.81 m	1.68 m	1.08	18–25	N/A	Self-reported	2009
Germany	1.78 m	1.65 m	1.08	18+	96.5%	Self-reported	2009
Netherlands	1.83 m	1.70 m	1.08	20–30	N/A	Self-reported	2010
Perú	1.64 m	1.510 m	1.09	20+	85.4%	Measured	2005

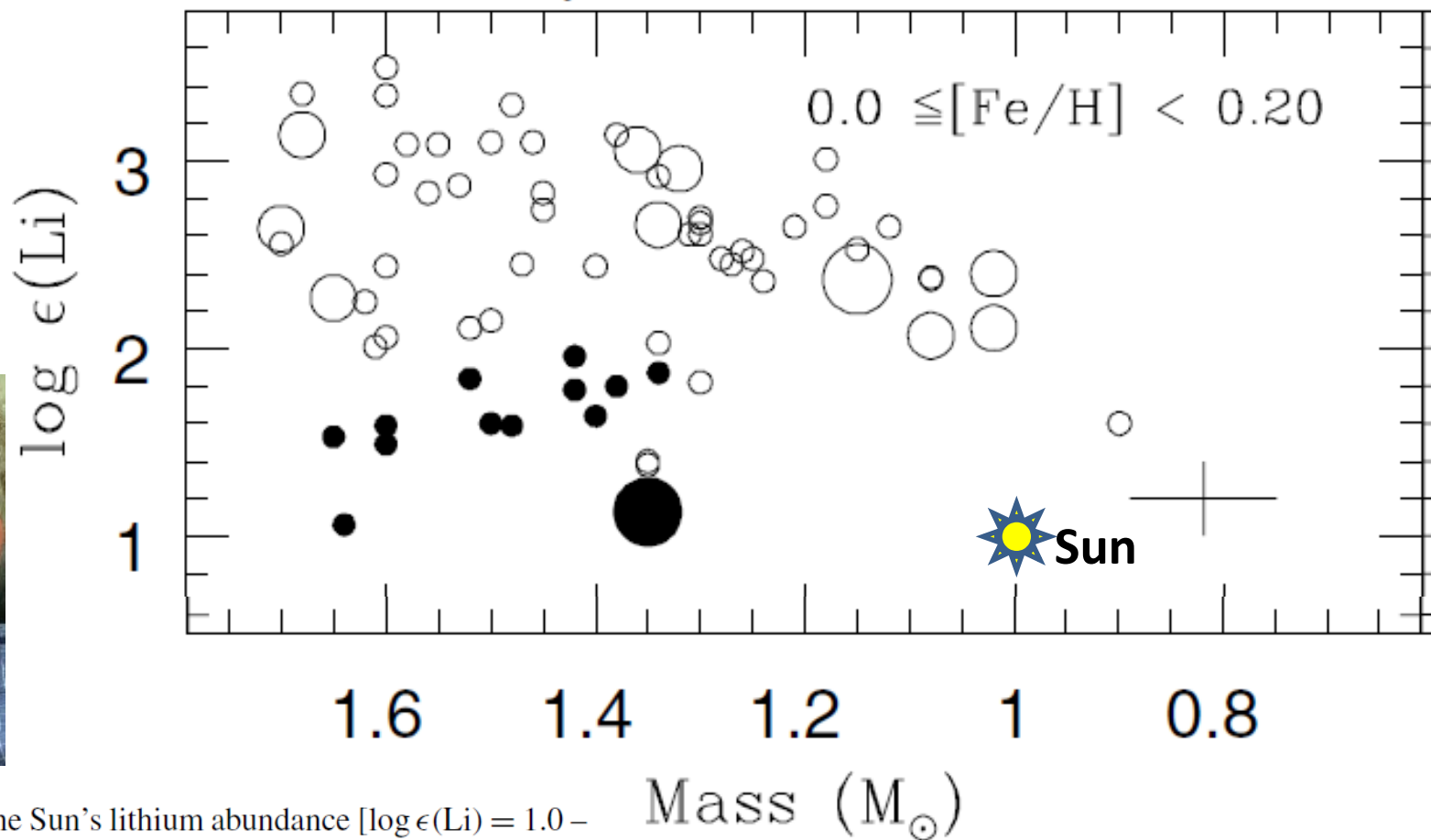
Selection bias

Is your sample representative of the population? If there is a bias → wrong conclusions



Lithium abundances of the local thin disc stars

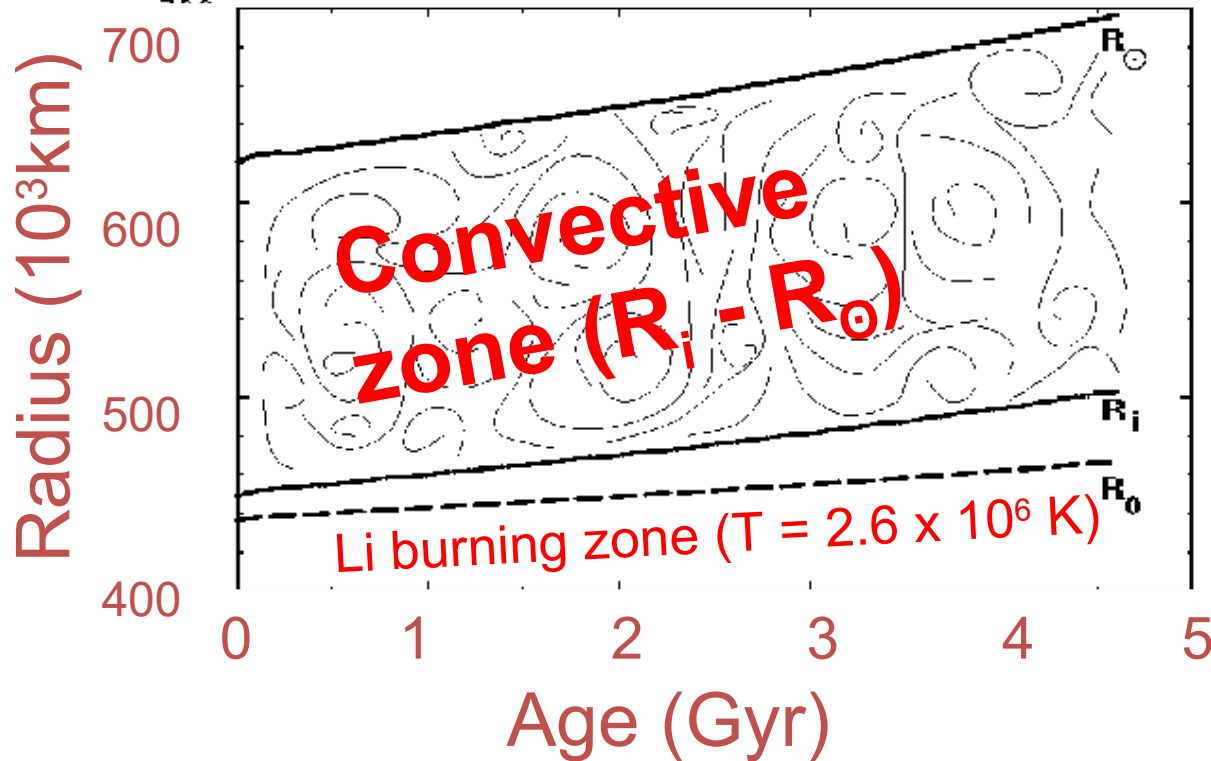
David L. Lambert¹ and Bacham E. Reddy^{1,2}★



A curiosity is that the Sun's lithium abundance [$\log \epsilon(\text{Li}) = 1.0$ – Müller, Peytremann & de la Reza 1975] appears to fall by more than 1 dex below the trend defined by the field stars (see Fig. 3). If placed among NGC 188's stars, the Sun would be deemed very Li-poor. Among M67's stars, the Sun would be one of the most Li-poor stars. This hints that the Sun may be 'peculiar' as regards the depletion of lithium, which weakens its value as a calibrator for prescriptions of non-standard modes of lithium astration.

Studied 450 dwarf stars of type F and G in different mass and metallicity regimes

Is the solar Li abundance peculiar ?



Astrophys Space Sci (2010) 328: 193–200

The solar, exoplanet and cosmological lithium problems

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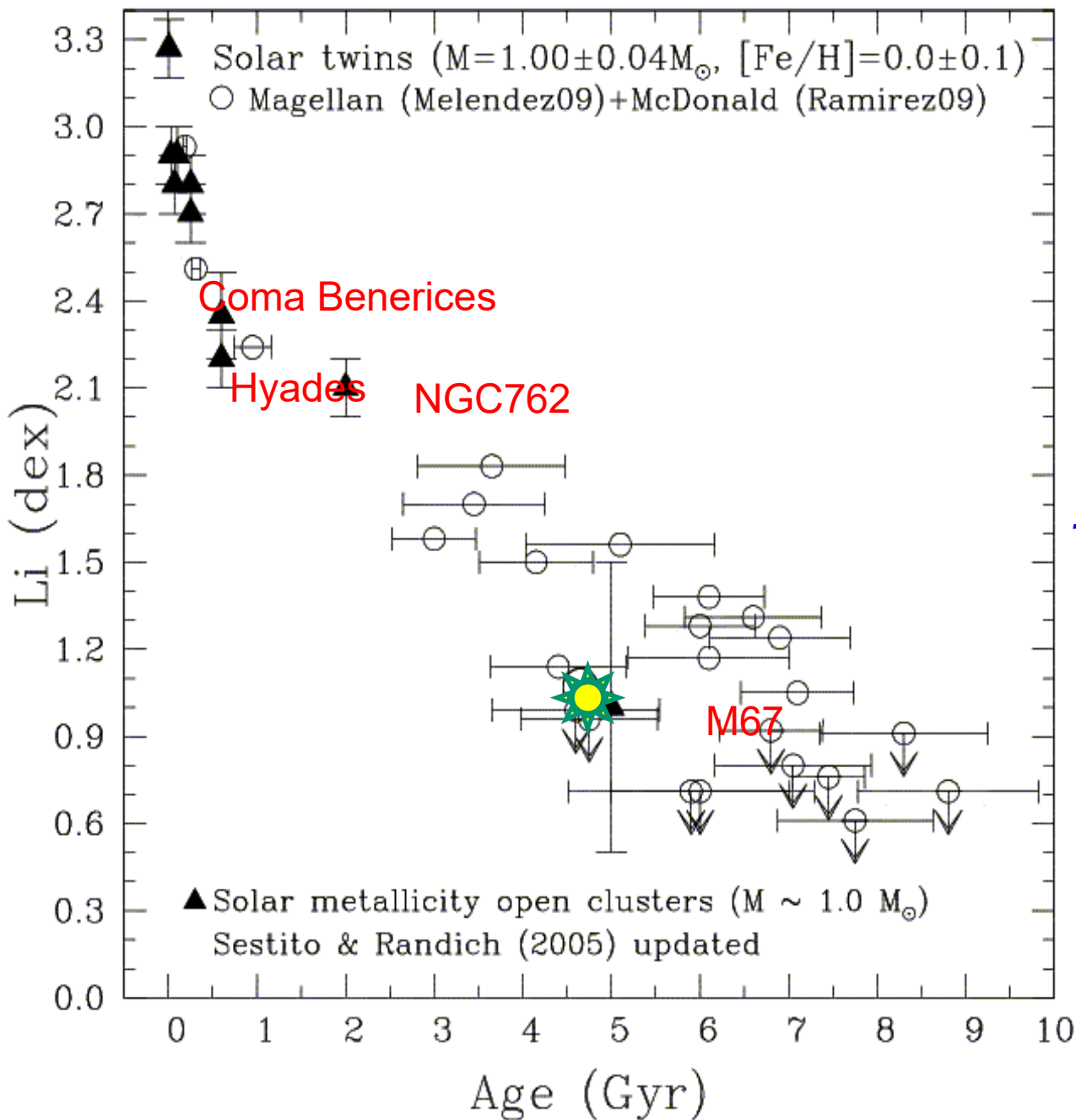
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M. Castro · M. Bazot

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Lithium depletion in solar-like stars: no planet connection

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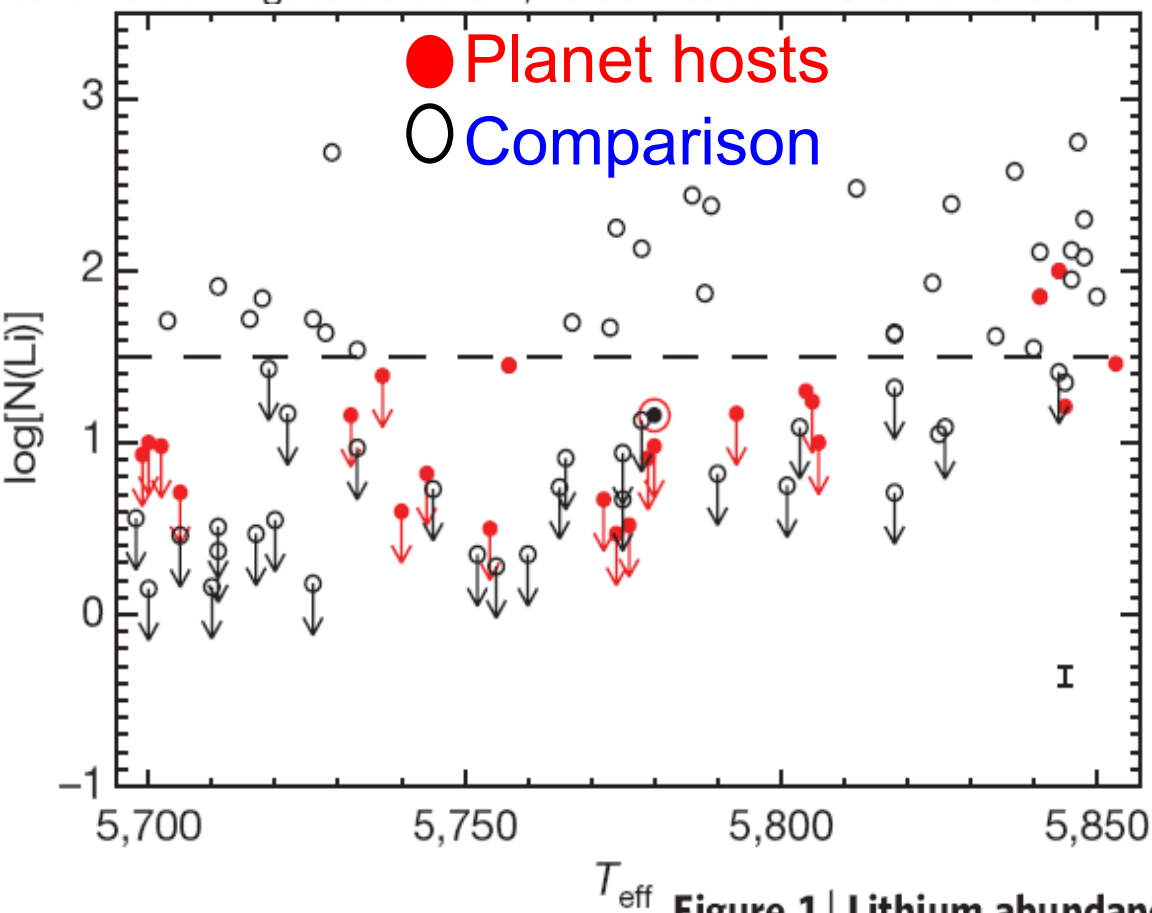
— Solar twins
 — in open
 — cluster and
 — field stars

*The Sun is normal in
 lithium compared
 to others 1-solar-
 mass stars at 4.6
 Gyr*

(Melendez et al. 2010;
 Baumann et al. 2010)

Enhanced lithium depletion in Sun-like stars with orbiting planets

Garik Israelian^{1,2}, Elisa Delgado Mena^{1,2}, Nuno C. Santos^{3,4}, Sergio G. Sousa^{1,3}, Michel Mayor⁴, Stephane Udry⁴, Carolina Domínguez Cerdeña^{1,2}, Rafael Rebolo^{1,2,5} & Sofia Randich⁶

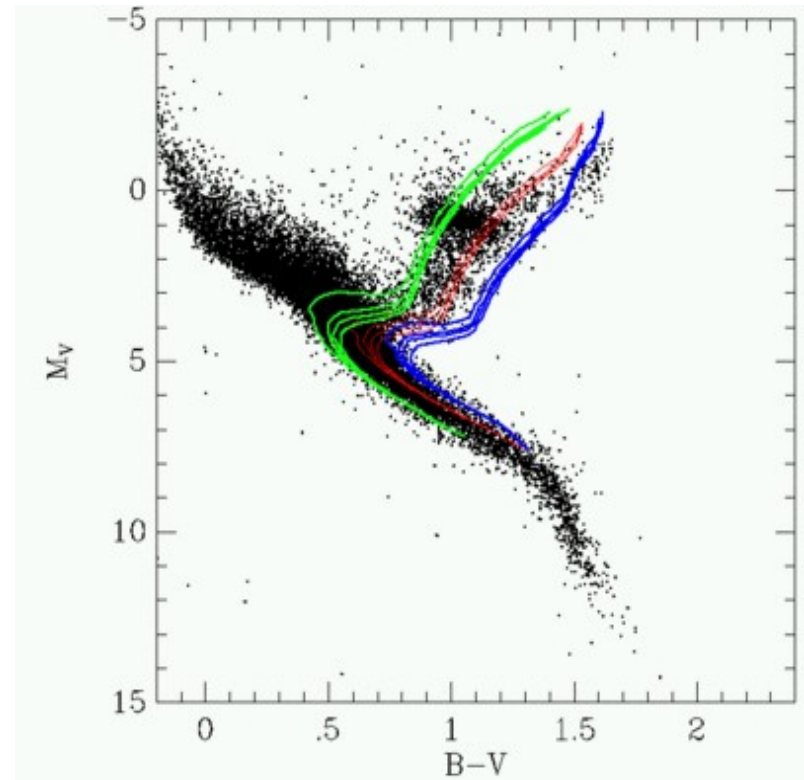
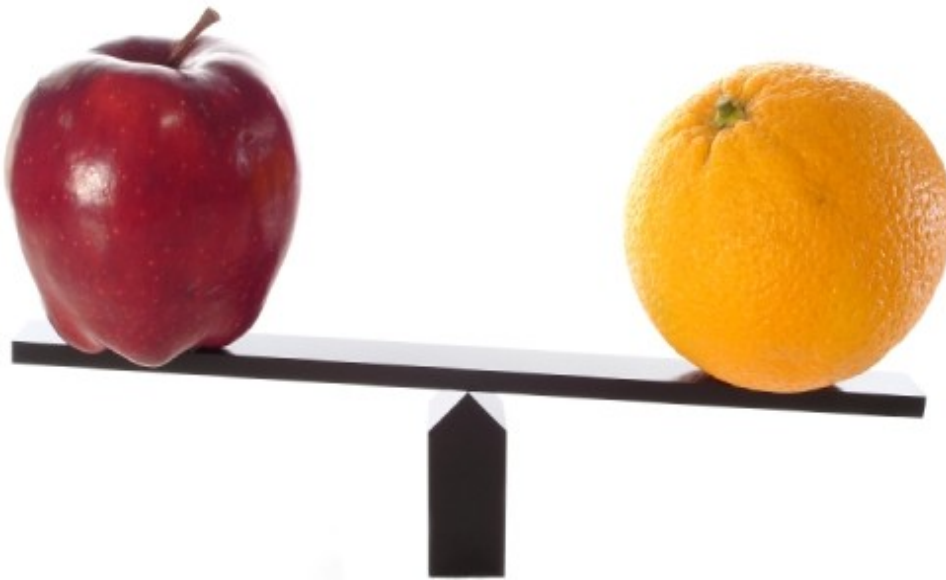


Planet-host stars around solar T_{eff} seem depleted in Li

Figure 1 | Lithium abundance plotted against effective temperature in solar-analogue stars with and without detected planets. The planet-

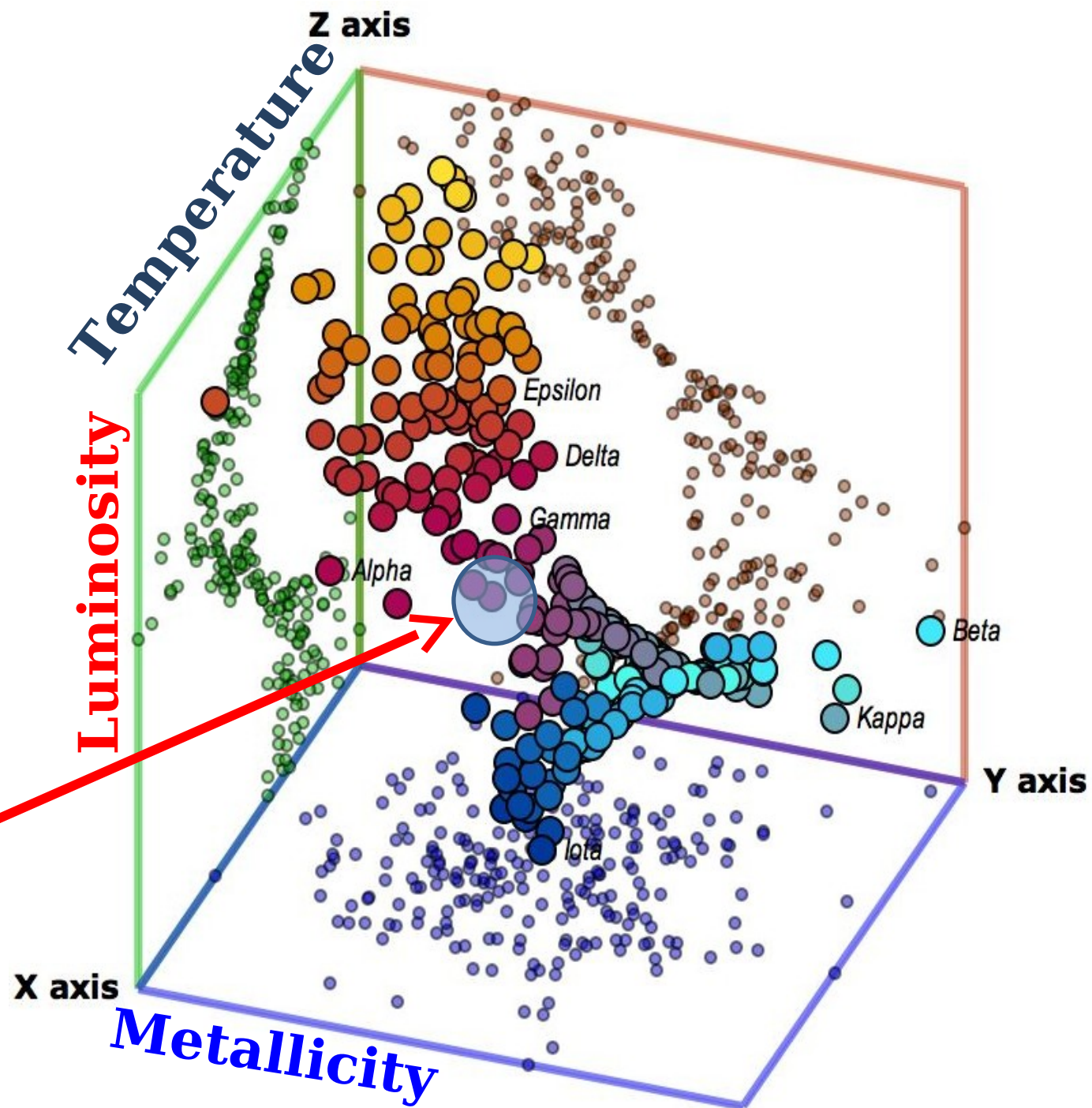
You cannot compare apples and oranges ...

*comparer des pommes avec des oranges
comparer des pommes et des poires*



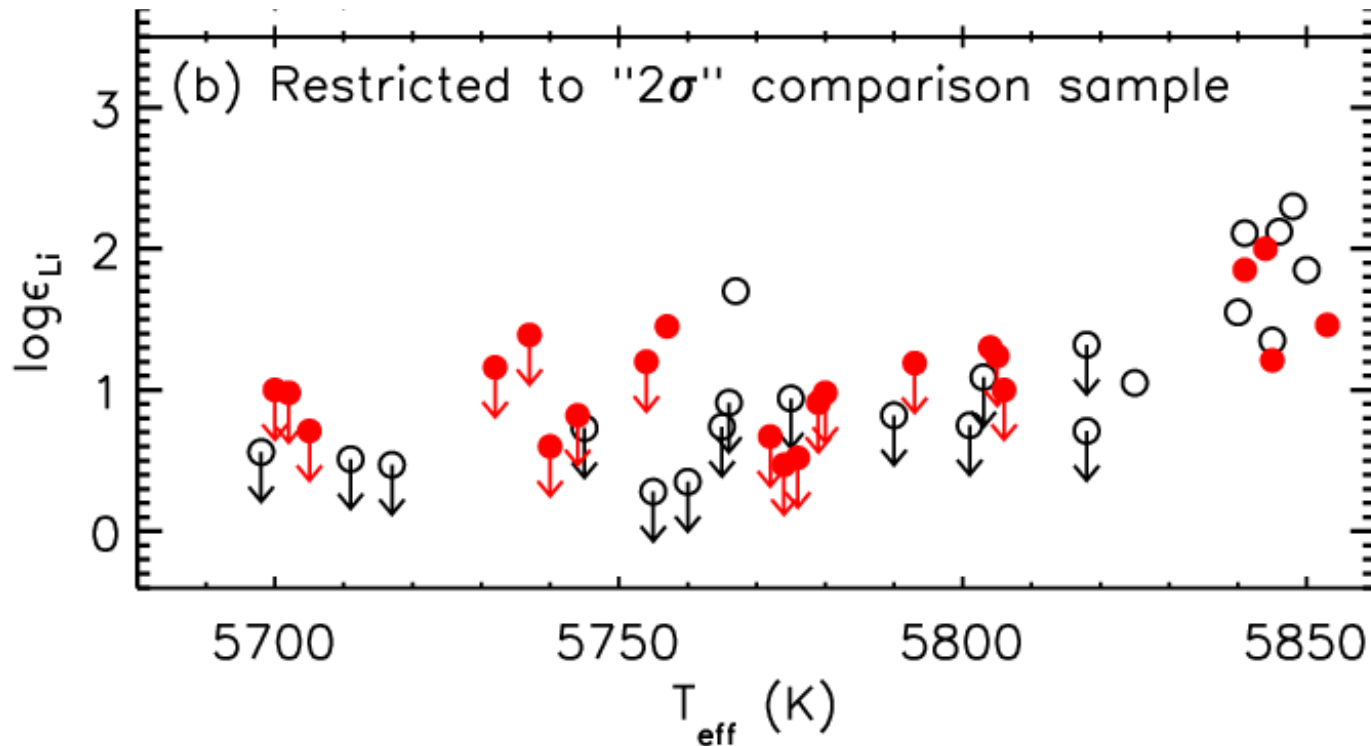
*You cannot add pears and apples ...
No puedes sumar peras con manzanas*

Comparing
apples &
apples



Li depletion is not enhanced in planet hosts !

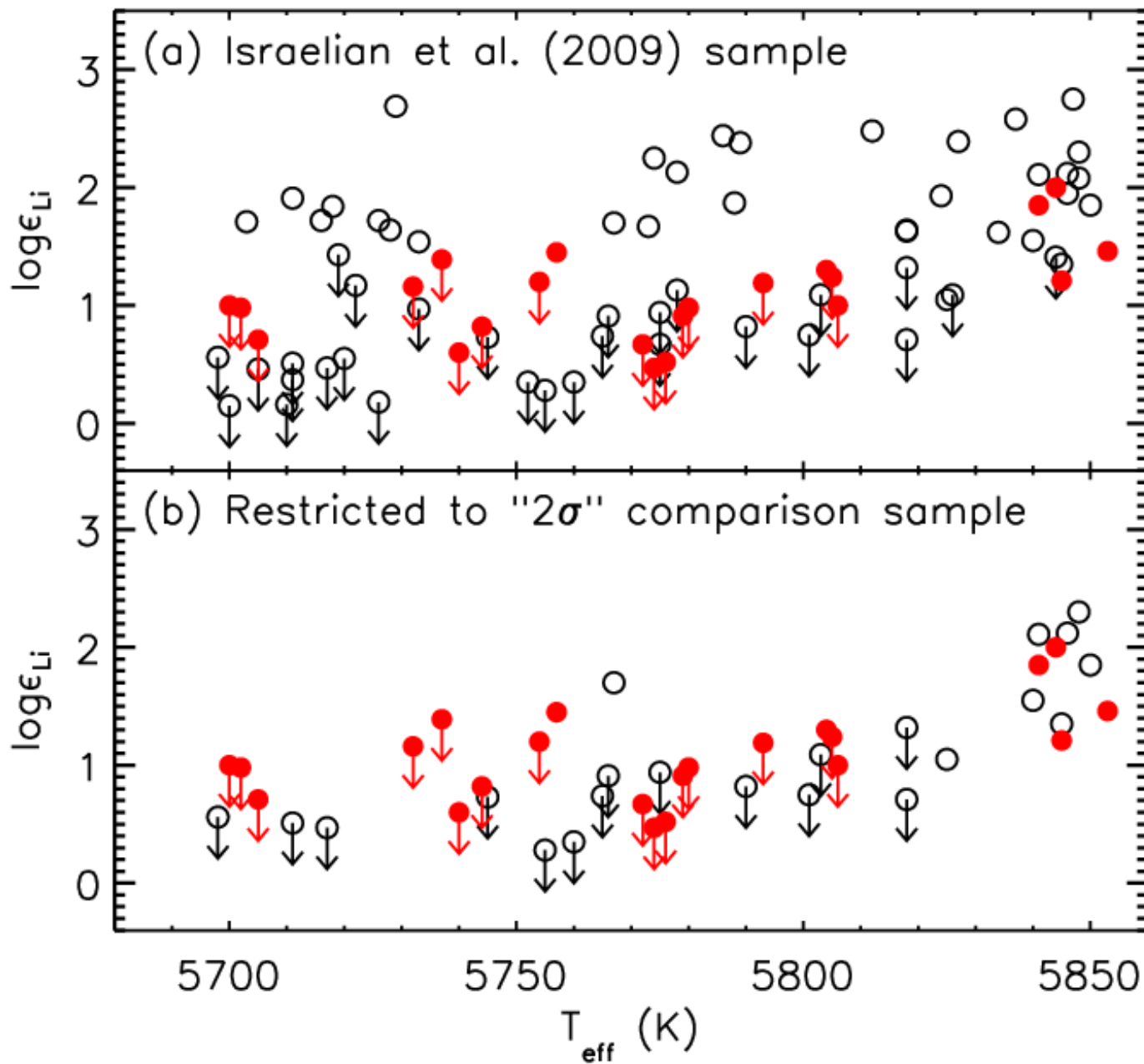
Comparing apples & apples (only stars with similar stellar parameters within 2-sigma)



● Planet hosts
○ Comparison

Baumann,
Ramírez,
Meléndez, &
Asplund
2010, A&A,
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Li depletion is not enhanced in planet hosts !



Apples &
oranges

Israelian et al.
2009, Nature

● Planet hosts

○ Comparison

Apples &
apples

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Ramírez,
Meléndez, &
Asplund 2010,
A&A, 519, A87

Conclusion (year 2022) on lithium in stars with and without planets (sem viés na comparação):

there is no difference in Li abundance between stars with and without planets

But, in 2023:

Actually, stars with planets may be somewhat less abundant in lithium ($\sim 0,25$ dex) relative to stars **without planets** (based on 194 stars from Carlos et al. 2019, Giulia Martos et al. 2023, Anne Rathsam et al. 2023)

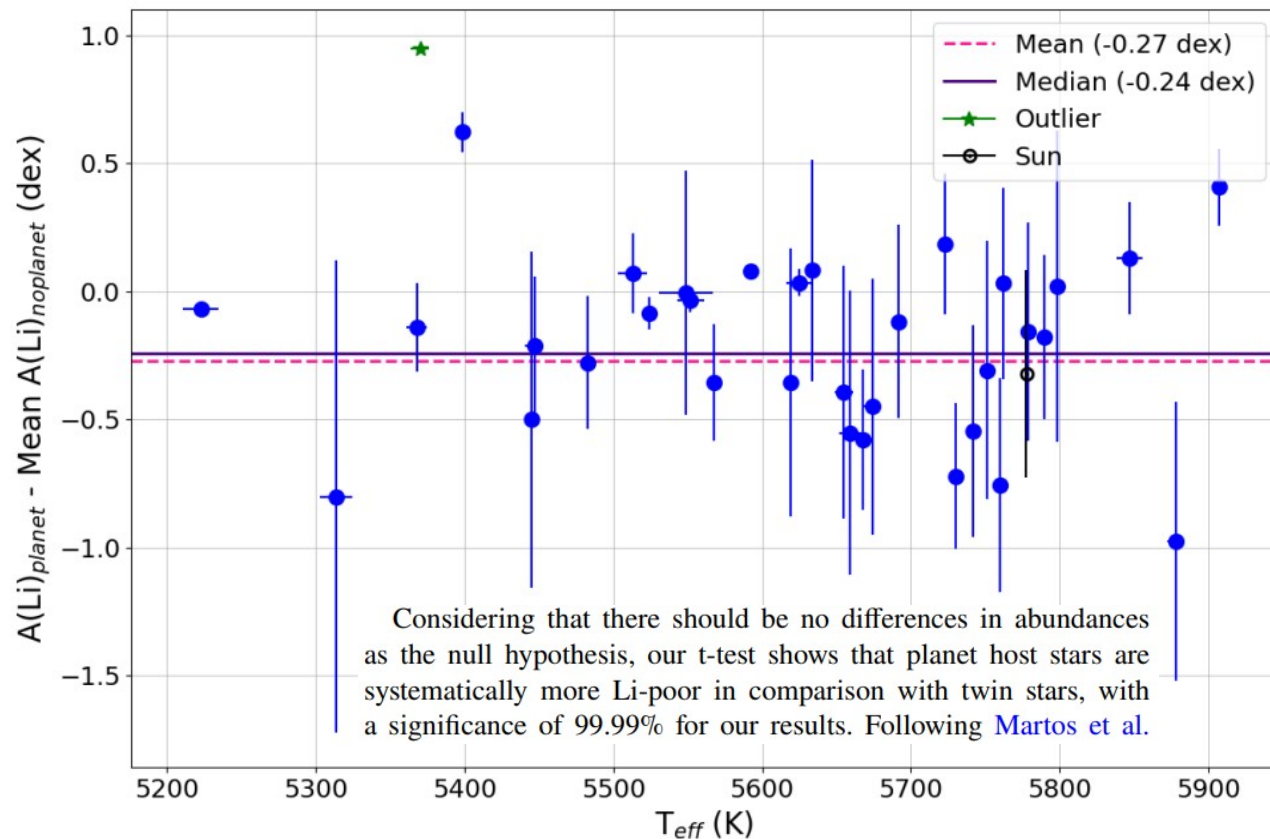
Metallicity and age effects on lithium depletion in solar analogues

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Lithium depletion in solar analogs: age and mass effects

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Comparison between the Li abundance of planet host stars and the average Li of stars without planets of similar parameters (age ± 0.5 Gyr; mass $\pm 0.05 M_{\odot}$; $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \pm 0.15$ dex), based on 194 stars (35 planet hosts) in [Rathsam et al. 2023](#), [Martos et al. 2023](#) and [Carlos et al. 2019](#).

Example of populations & samples

Population	Sample	Better sample
1000 colored marbles mixed in a container: 500 red, 499 blue, 1 purple	5 marbles drawn at random from the container	50 marbles drawn at random
The luminosities of each star in the Milky Way galaxy (about 10^{11} values)	The luminosities of each of the nearest 100 stars (100 values)	The luminosities of 100 stars at random locations in the galaxy (100 values)
The weights of every person on Earth	The weights of each person in this room	The weights of 100 people drawn from random locations on Earth

Age of each star in the Galaxy?

- **Open cluster?**
- **Globular cluster?**
- **Spiral arms?**
- **Halo?**
- **Bulge?**

20 stars in 50 “random” places (actually, representative) in the Galaxy (1000 values)

Central Value & Standard Deviation of a Population x_i of M elements (in total)

Central value:

Mean (average): $\mu = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M x_i$

Median: value that divides the population exactly in half

Mode: is the value that occurs most often.

Standard deviation:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M (x_i - \mu)^2}$$

Central Value & Standard deviation **estimated** of a population using a **sample of N elements**

Average $\langle x \rangle$: $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$

Estimated standard deviation: $s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$

Use $N - 1$ instead of N because $\langle x \rangle$ is only an estimate of μ .

Example, population of heights in 5 girls:

Population: 149, 151, 153, 152, 169 cm. $\mu = 154,8\text{cm}$. $\sigma = 7,22\text{cm}$

Sample: 151, 152 cm. $\langle x \rangle = 151,5\text{ cm}$, $\sigma = 0,5\text{cm}$, $s = 0,70\text{cm}$

Sample: 149, 169 cm. $\langle x \rangle = 159\text{ cm}$, $\sigma = 10\text{cm}$, $s = 14\text{cm}$

Sample: 149,151,169 cm. $\langle x \rangle = 156,3\text{ cm}$, $\sigma = 9\text{cm}$, $s = 11\text{cm}$

Mean μ & standard deviation σ of a population of M elements and sample mean & sample standard deviation of a sample of N elements

population distribution

The standard deviation tell us about the spread of a population

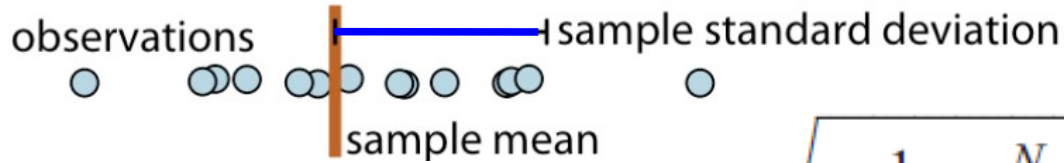
$$\mu = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M x_i$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M (x_i - \mu)^2}$$



variable of interest

sample



$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N - 1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

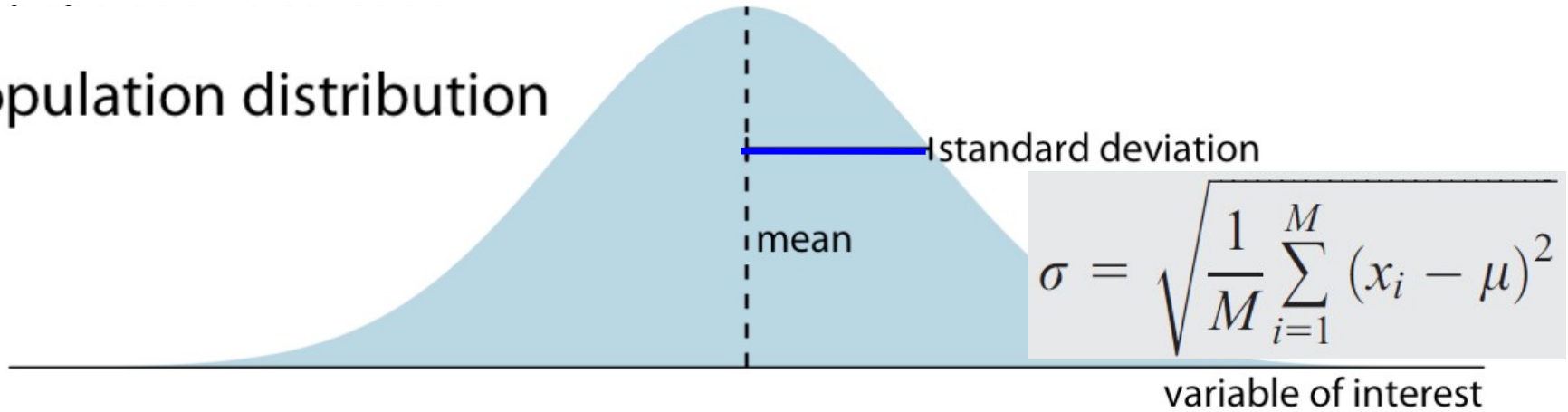
The **sample mean** & **sample standard deviation** are estimates of the mean μ and σ of the population

Standard deviation of the mean of n samples, σ_n

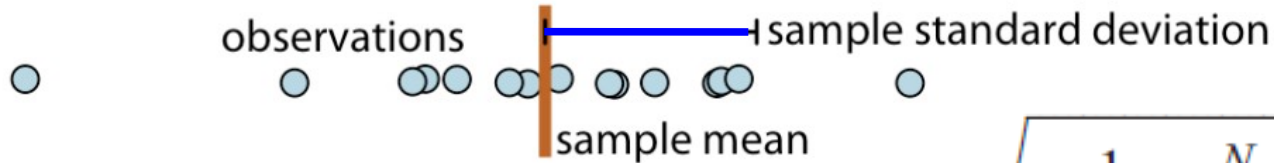
$$\sigma_{\mu}(n) = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Also known as standard error (SE)

population distribution



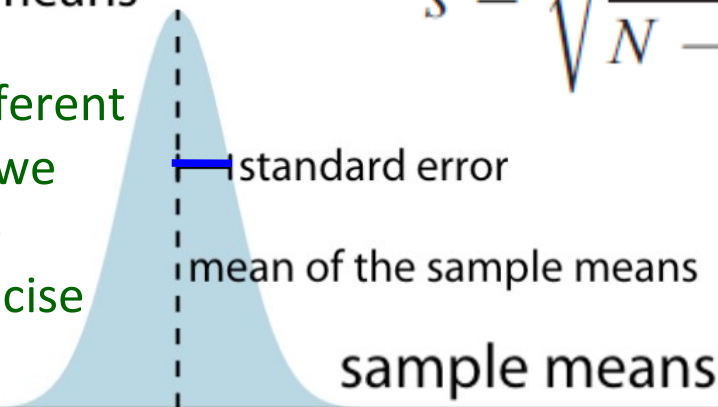
sample



sampling distribution of the means

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

For different samples (for ex., different experiments for a given sample) we can have a distribution of sample means and the SE tell us how precise are the different estimates



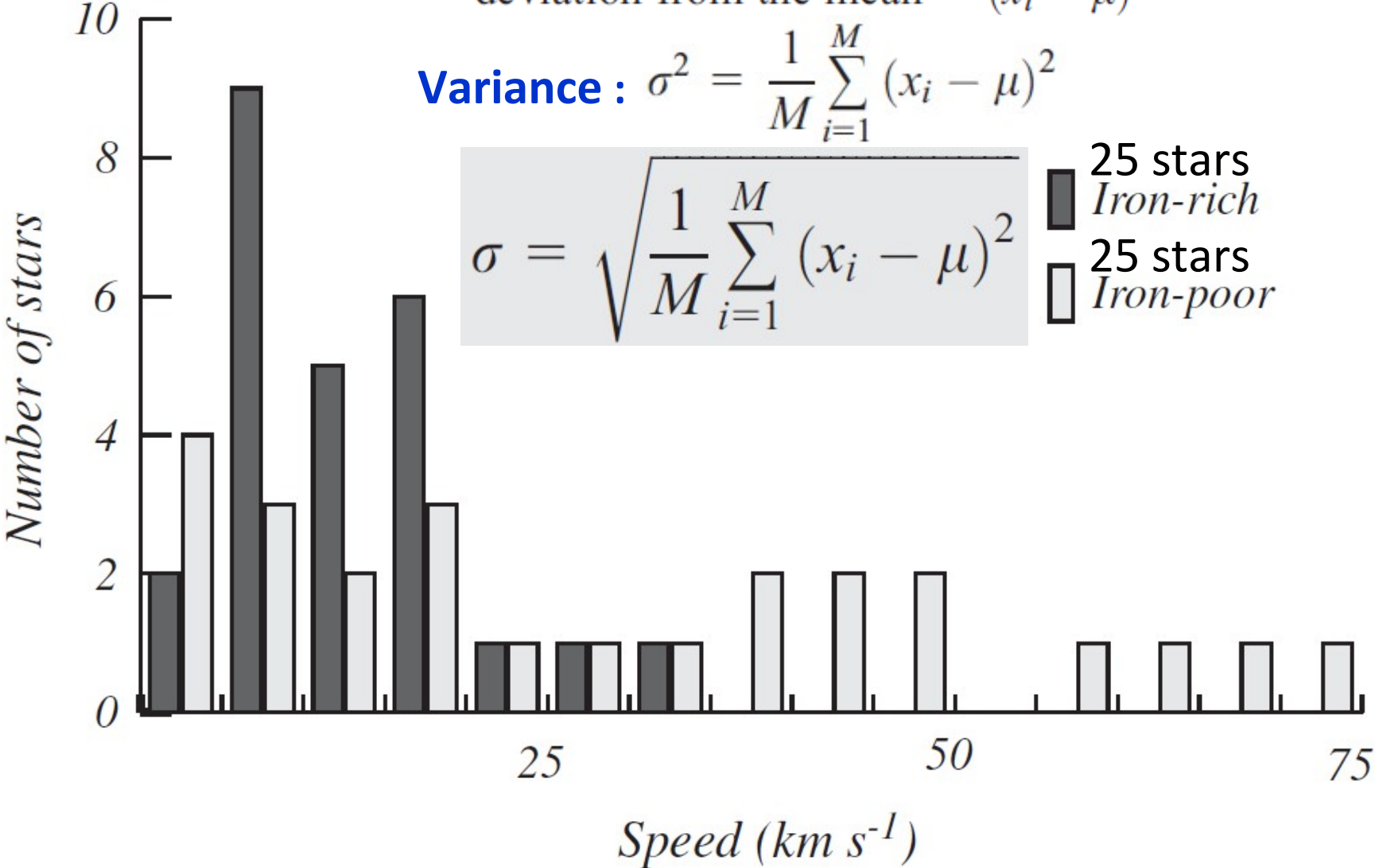
Stellar populations in our galaxy

deviation from the mean = $(x_i - \mu)$

Variance : $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M (x_i - \mu)^2$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M (x_i - \mu)^2}$$

25 stars *Iron-rich*
 25 stars *Iron-poor*



GROUP A: Variance = 57.25 km² / s², $\sigma = 7.57$ km/s. Mean = 12.85 km/s

Stellar populations in our galaxy

Bensby, T. et al. 2003, A&A, 410, 527

$$\text{TD/D} = \frac{X_{\text{TD}}}{X_{\text{D}}} \cdot \frac{f_{\text{TD}}}{f_{\text{D}}}$$

$$\text{TD/H} = \frac{X_{\text{TD}}}{X_{\text{H}}} \cdot \frac{f_{\text{TD}}}{f_{\text{H}}}$$

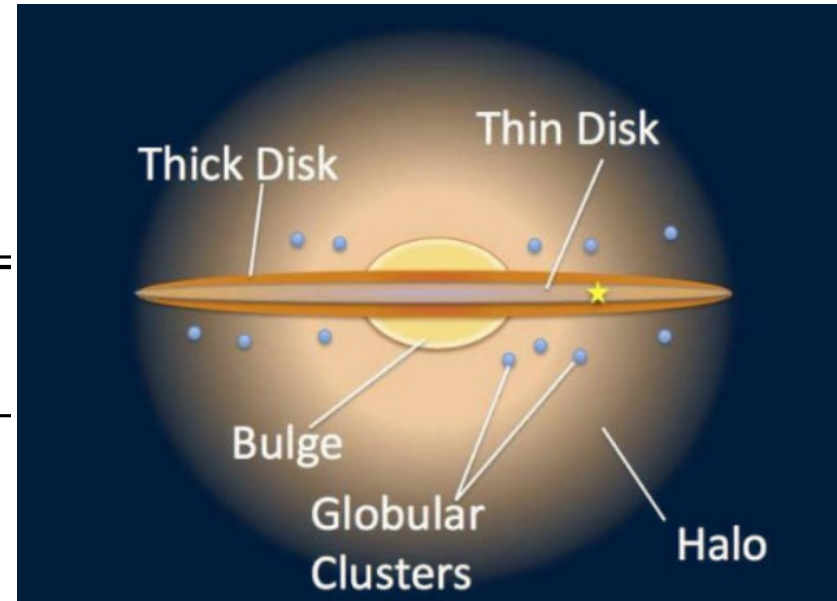
The selection of thick and thin disk stars is done by assuming that the Galactic space velocities (U_{LSR} , V_{LSR} , and W_{LSR} , see Appendix A) of the stellar populations in the thin disk, the thick disk, and the halo have Gaussian distributions,

$$f(U, V, W) = k \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{U_{\text{LSR}}^2}{2\sigma_U^2} - \frac{(V_{\text{LSR}} - V_{\text{asym}})^2}{2\sigma_V^2} - \frac{W_{\text{LSR}}^2}{2\sigma_W^2}\right), \quad (1)$$

where

$$k = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2} \sigma_U \sigma_V \sigma_W}$$

	X	σ_U	σ_V	σ_W	V_{asym}
		[km s ⁻¹]			
Thin disk (D)	0.94	35	20	16	-15
Thick disk (TD)	0.06	67	38	35	-46
Halo (H)	0.0015	160	90	90	-220



Estimated central value (sample)
& “True” central value (μ) of a
population

$$\mu = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \bar{x}$$

$$\mu \approx \bar{x}$$

Variance & estimated standard deviation are similar to the “true values of a population” for $N \gg 1$

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

$$\sigma^2 \approx s^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2 = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} s^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \approx \sigma$$

Weighted mean

$$y_c = \sigma_c^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i / \sigma_i^2)$$

$$1 / \sigma_c^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 / \sigma_i^2)$$

- Example:

$$y_1 = 18 \pm 3 \text{ cm}, y_2 = 16 \pm 4 \text{ cm}$$

$$y_c = (3) * 144 / 25 = 17,3 \text{ cm} \pm 2,4 \text{ cm}$$

$$1 / \sigma^2 = (1 / 16) + (1 / 9) = 25 / 144, \sigma^2 = 144 / 25$$

Distribuição das medidas

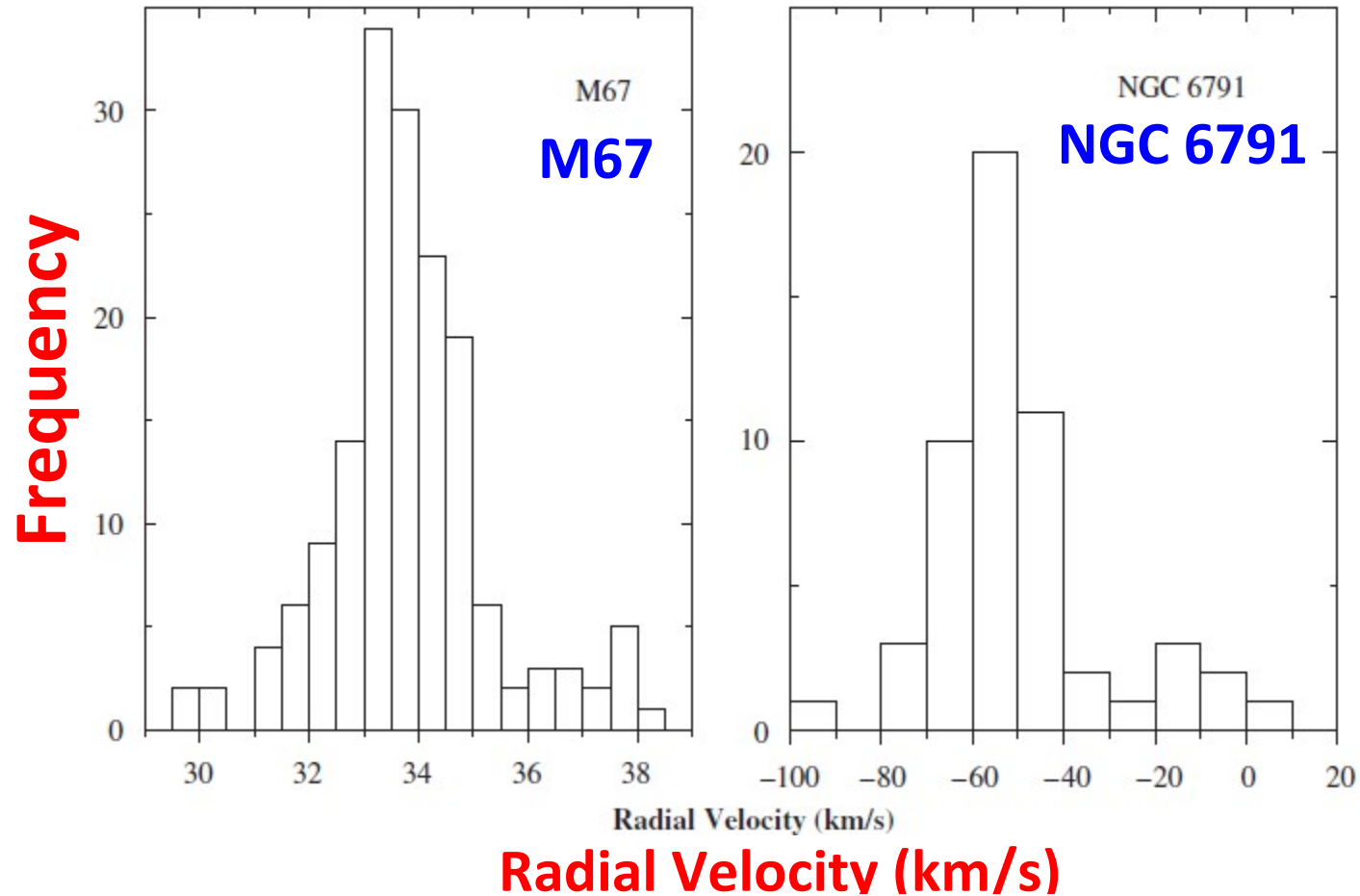


Fig. 2. Radial velocity histogram of four stellar clusters after removing stars according to the second selection method, that is, star velocity difference to the central peak of the distribution larger than 3σ .

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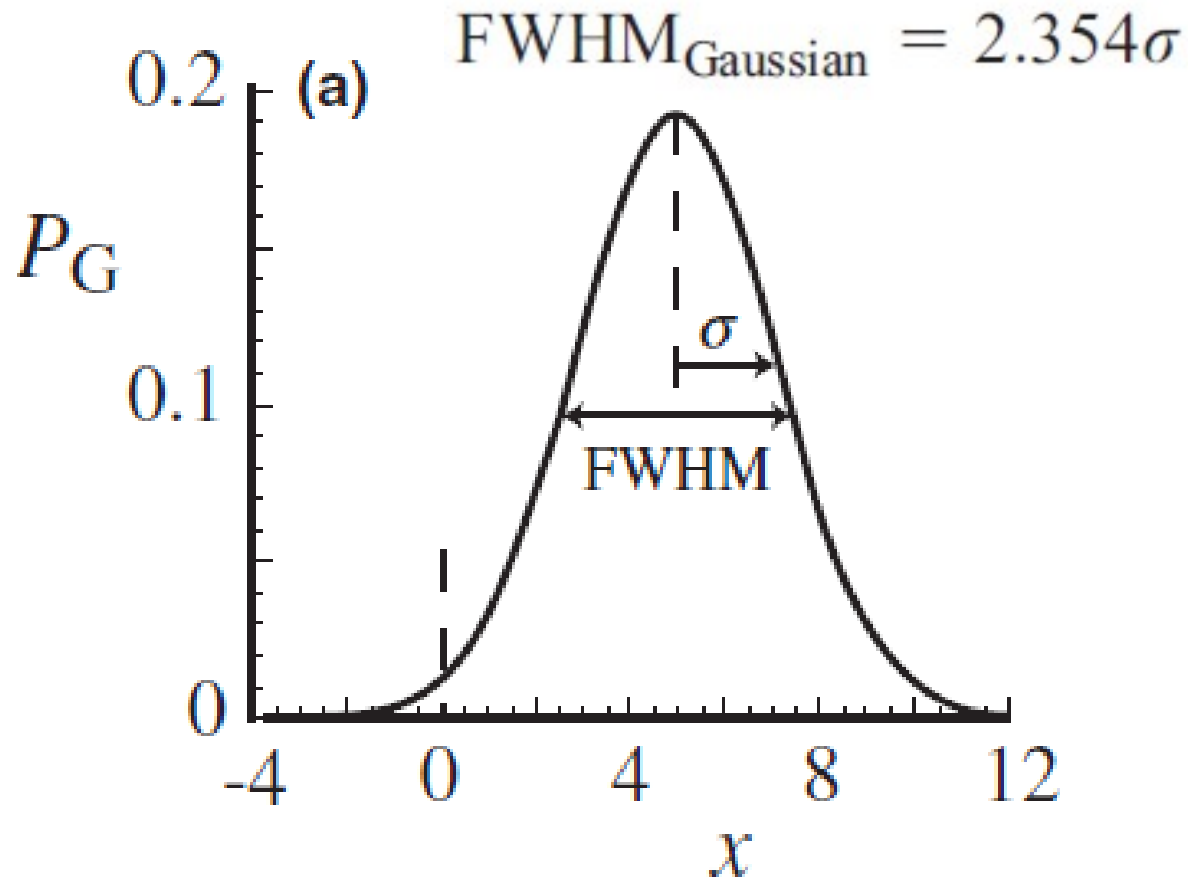
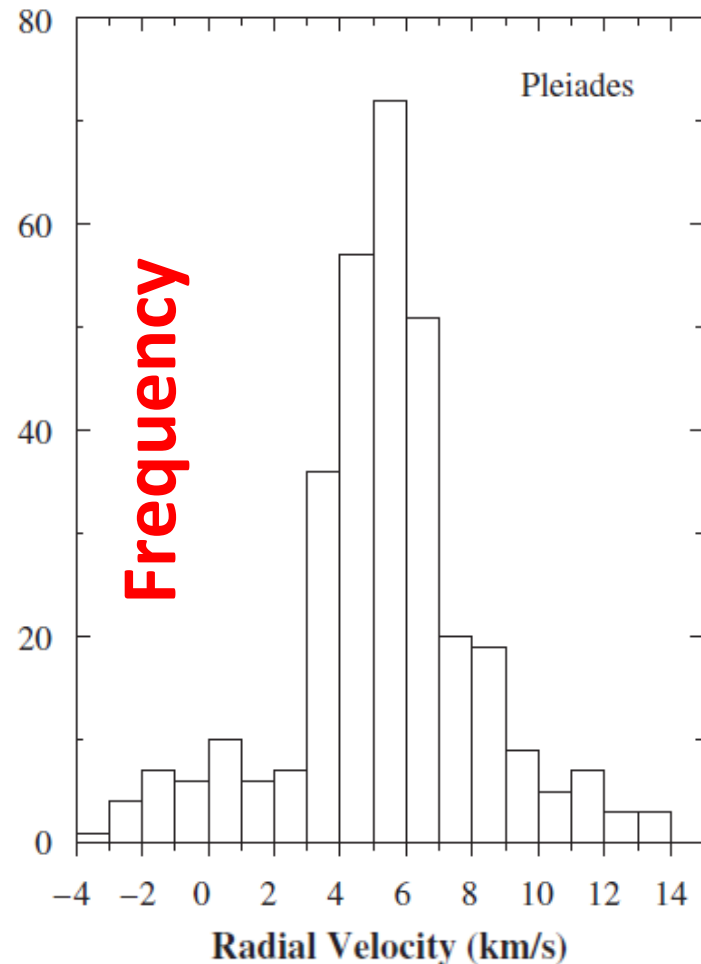
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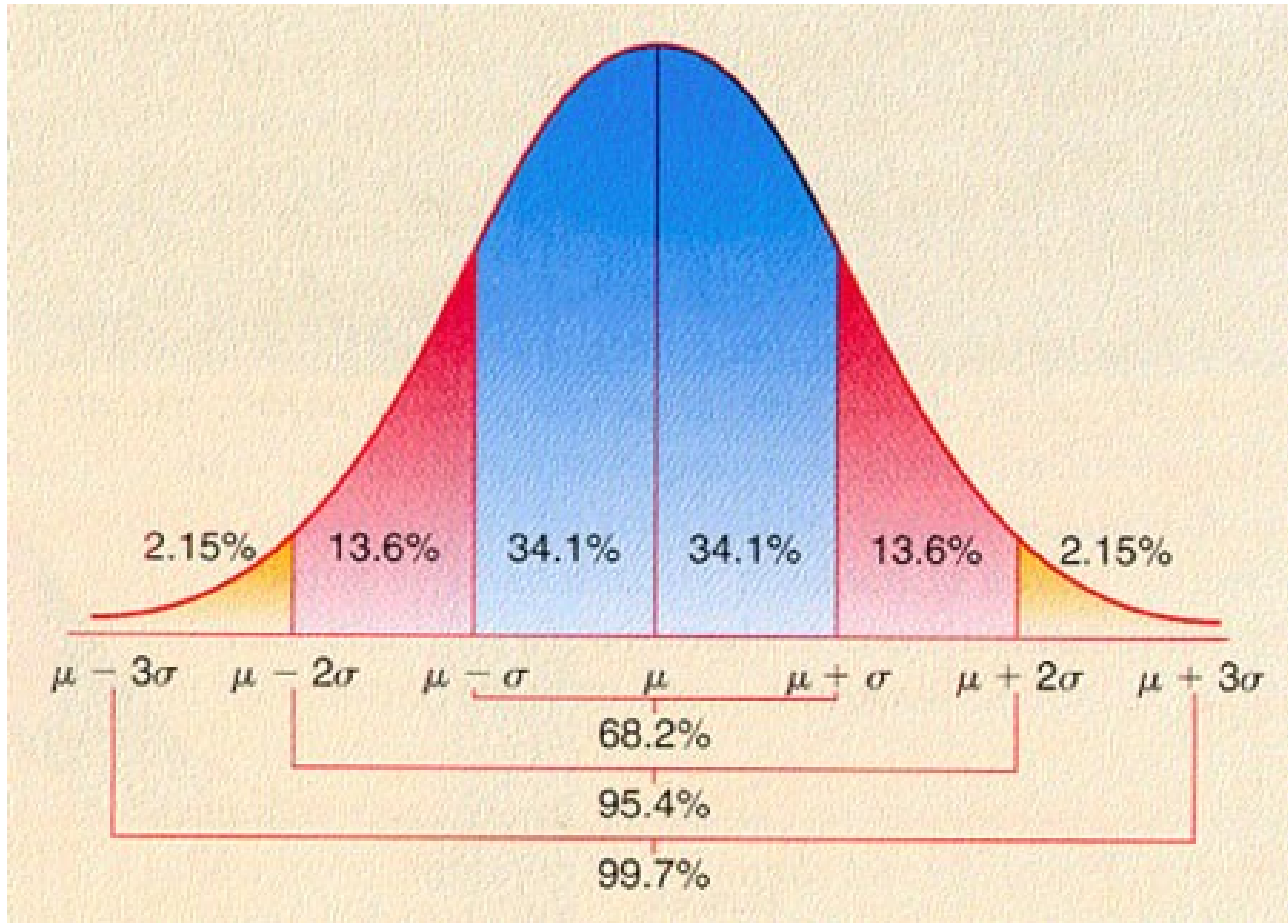
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The Gaussian, or normal, distribution

$$P_G(x, \mu, \sigma)dx = \frac{dx}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

When the distribution arises just due to random uncertainties in different measurements, it could be described by a Gaussian probability distribution





Sum of the variance

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$$

- Example: $\sigma_1 = 3$ cm, $\sigma_2 = 4$ cm
- Total error? $\sigma = 5$ cm

Robust statistics (ordem)

- Trimean = $(Q1 + 2 \text{ Median} + Q3)/4$
- interquartile deviation: $IQ = Q3 - Q1$
- quartile deviation : $QD = IQ/2$
- $MAD = \text{median} \{ |x_i - \text{median}| \}$

pseudo- σ :

- $\sigma_{MAD} = 1,4826 \text{ MAD}$
- $\sigma_{QD} = 1,4826 \text{ QD}$
- $\sigma_{QD} = IQ/1,349$

Median = Q2

Example

- 2 5 **5** 6 6 **6** 9 9 **9** 9 150 (sorted)
- 11 elements
- $\langle x \rangle = 19,6$ $\sigma = 41,3$
- Mode = 9
- Q2 = Median (50% of population) = 6
- Q1 (25% of population) = 5
- Q3 (75% of population) = 9
- Trimean = 6,5 IQ = 4 QD = 2 $\sigma(\text{QD}) = 3,0$
- NOTA: if we eliminate the last point (150) we obtain $\langle x \rangle = 6,6$ e $\sigma = 2,2$

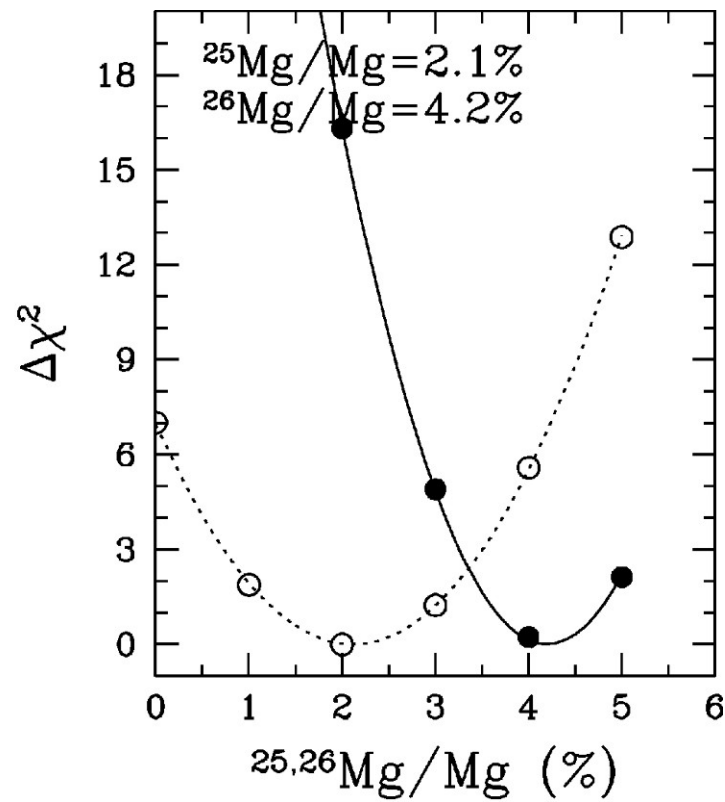
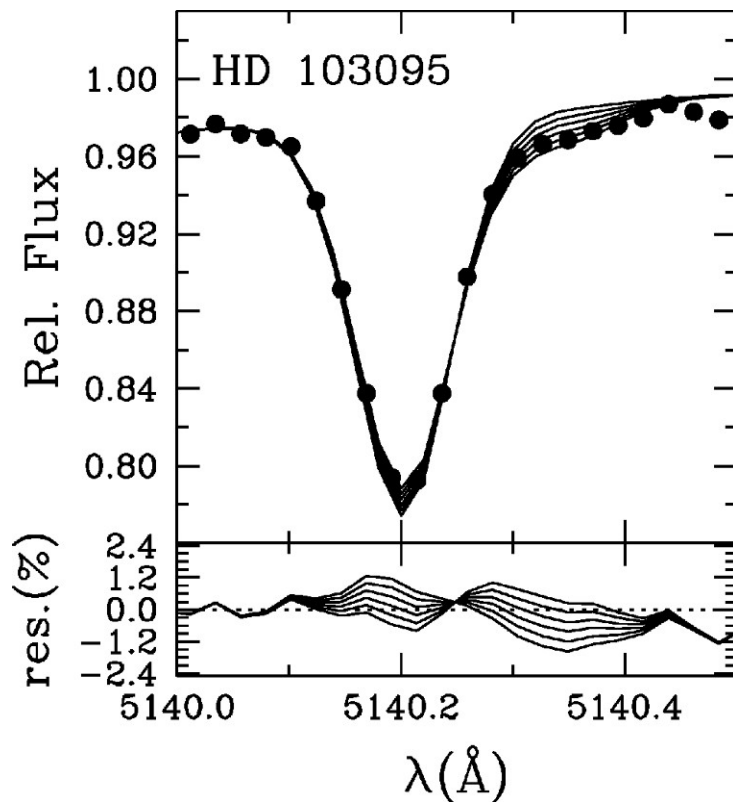
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chi squared, χ^2

$$\chi^2 \equiv \sum_i \left[\frac{y_{\text{ob},i} - y_{\text{th},i}}{\sigma_i} \right]^2$$

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MAGNESIUM ISOTOPES IN METAL-POOR DWARFS: THE RISE OF AGB STARS
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How to prepare observing proposals

Tip #13: Justify your sample size

- Important to justify any sample size (1, 10, 1000)
- Is half the sample enough for your aims? Or actually you need twice as many objects?

In some cases assume binomial distribution

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OXYGEN ABUNDANCES IN LOW- AND HIGH- α FIELD HALO STARS AND THE DISCOVERY OF TWO FIELD STARS BORN IN GLOBULAR CLUSTERS

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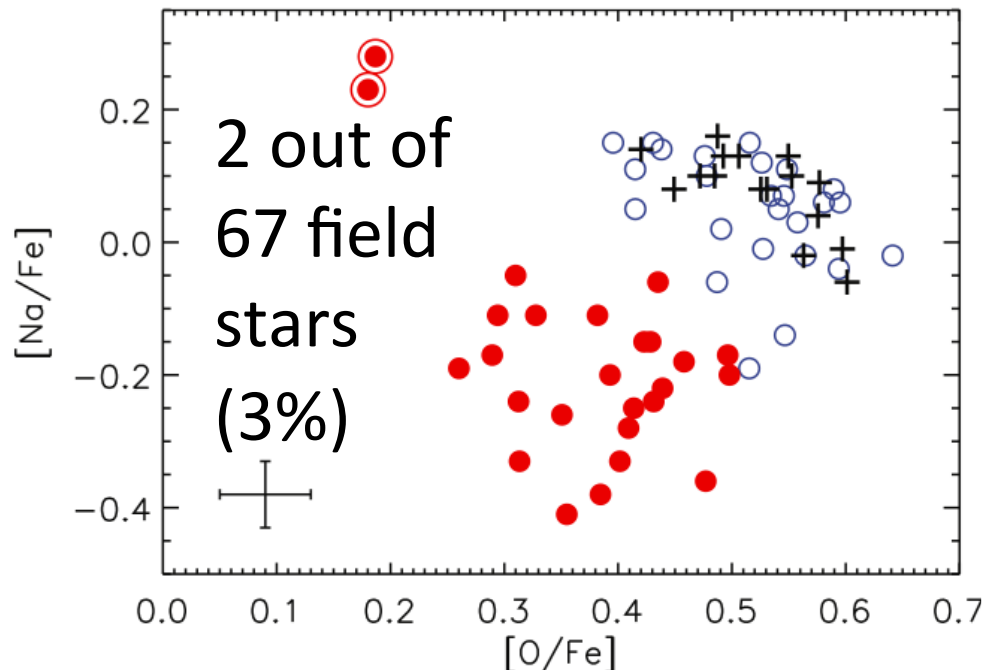


Figure 7. [Na/Fe] vs. [O/Fe] relation for the stars in Figure 1. Sodium abundances are from Nissen & Schuster (2010). Typical error bars are shown at the bottom left corner.

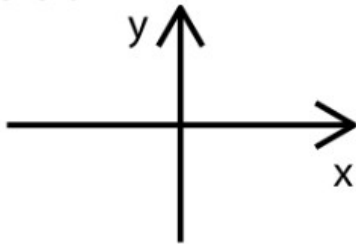
Since we have analyzed 67 stars, the fraction of metal-poor field stars originating from second-generation globular cluster (GC) stars is $\sim 3\%$ (2/67). Adopting a binomial distribution (i.e., field and GC), an error bar can be estimated from the variance of the probability distribution (e.g., Bevington 1969, Chapter 3): $\sigma^2 = np(1 - p)$, where $n = 67$ is the number of stars and p is the probability of “success” ($p = 2/67 = 0.03$). We find $\sigma = 1.4$, which implies a probability error of $1.4/67 = 2\%$.

Example adopting a binomial distribution

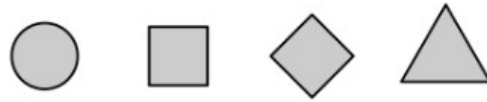
- You know that roughly 2% of objects are of a given class in a random sample of stars
- If you want to discover 1 such object, you will need to observe at least 50 stars. What is the error?
- $\sigma^2 = np(1 - p) = 50 \times 0.02 (1 - 0.02) = 0.98$
→ $\sigma = 0.99$ star; *in percent: $100\% \times (0.99/50) = 2\%$*
- What about observing 200 stars?
- $\sigma^2 = 200 \times 0.02 (1 - 0.02) = 3.92 \rightarrow \sigma = 1.98$ stars
→ Fraction $2\% \pm 100\% \times (1.98/200) = 2.0 \pm 1.0 \%$

Visualization

position



shape



size



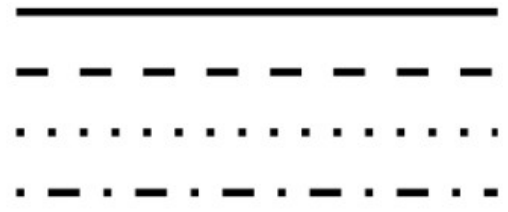
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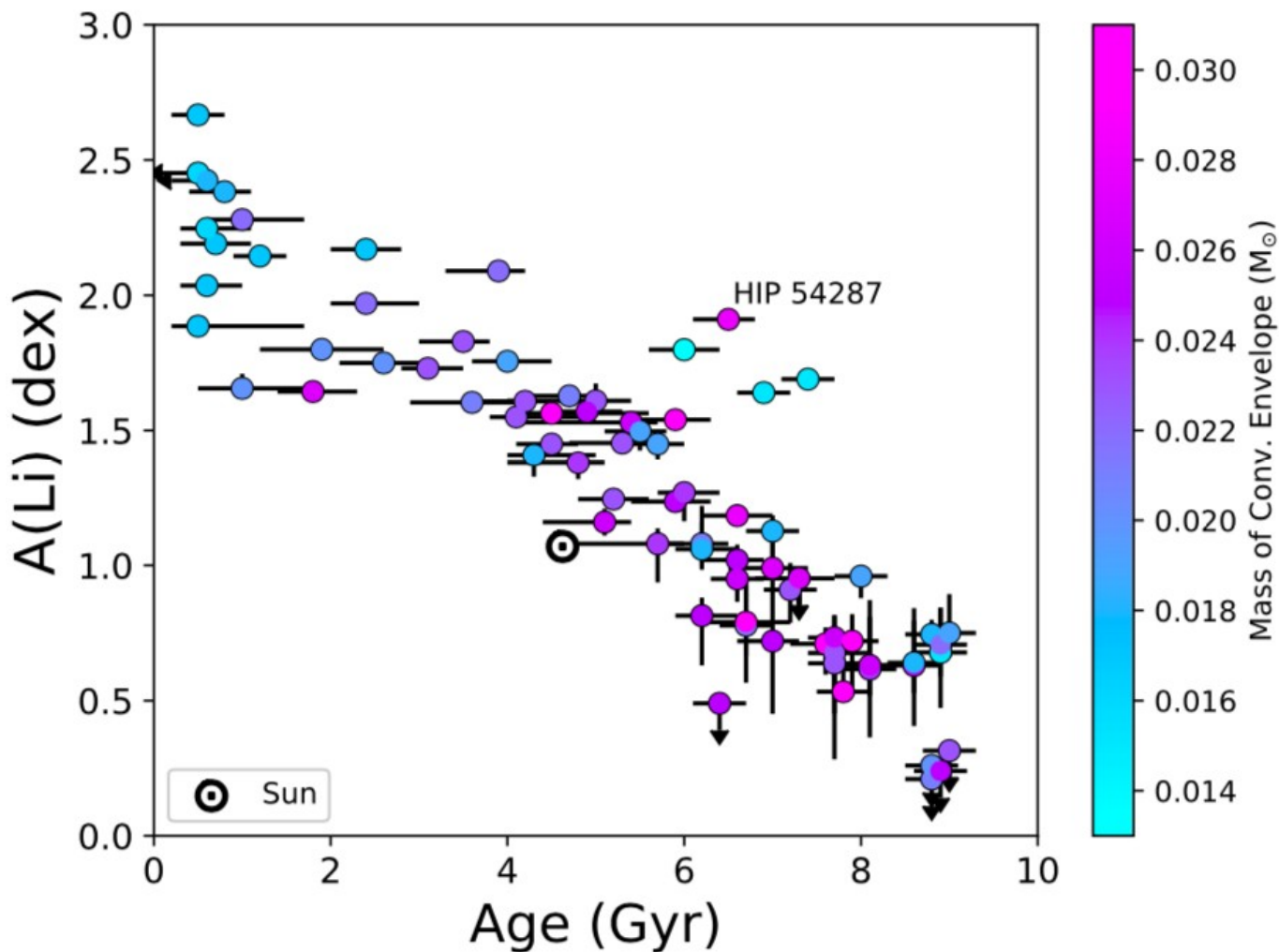
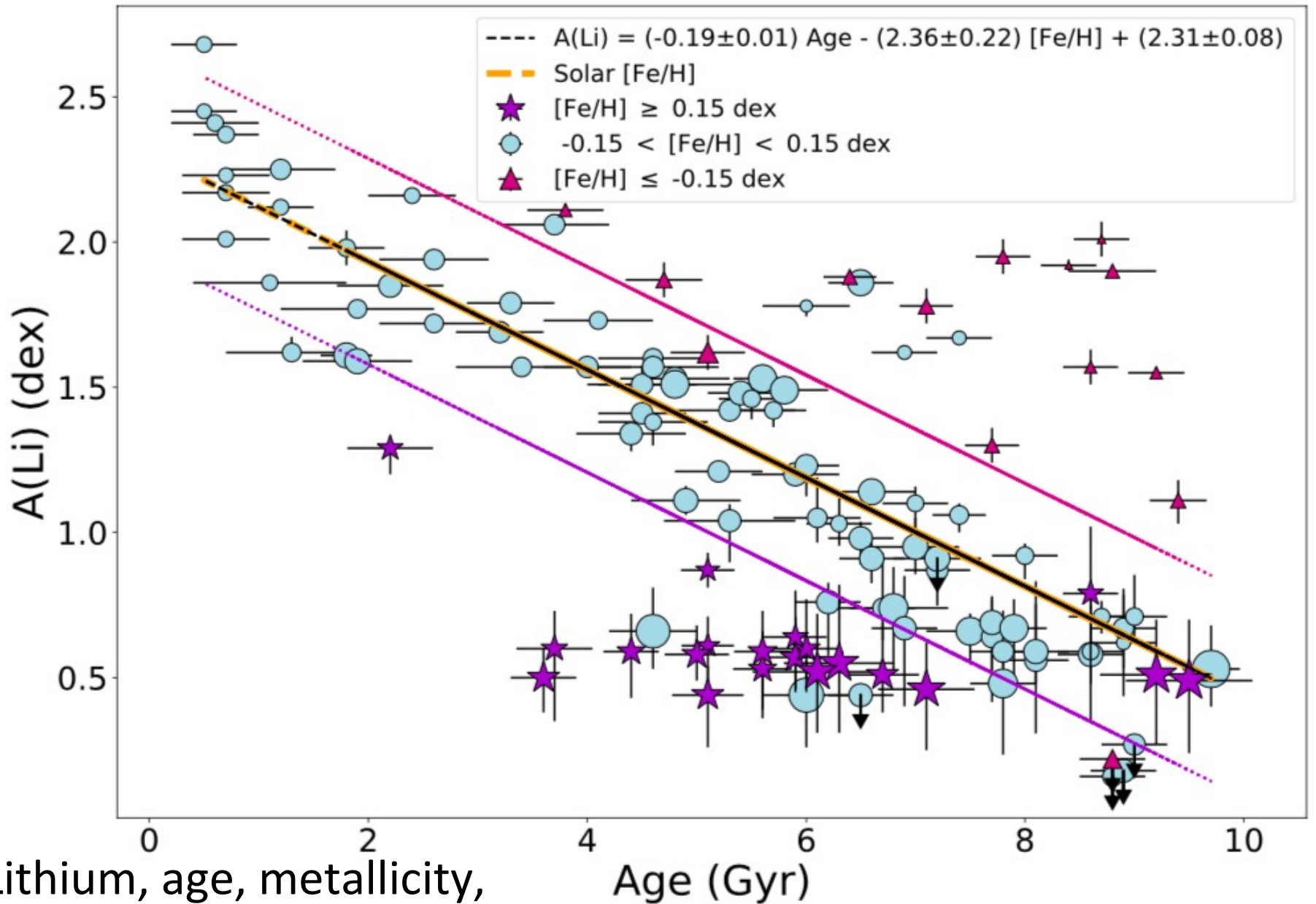


Figure 4. Lithium abundances versus stellar age colour coded by $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ (top panel), mass (middle panel), and the mass of the convective envelope (bottom panel). HIP 54287 is labelled in the lower panel because, as discussed in the text, it could have engulfed a planet.

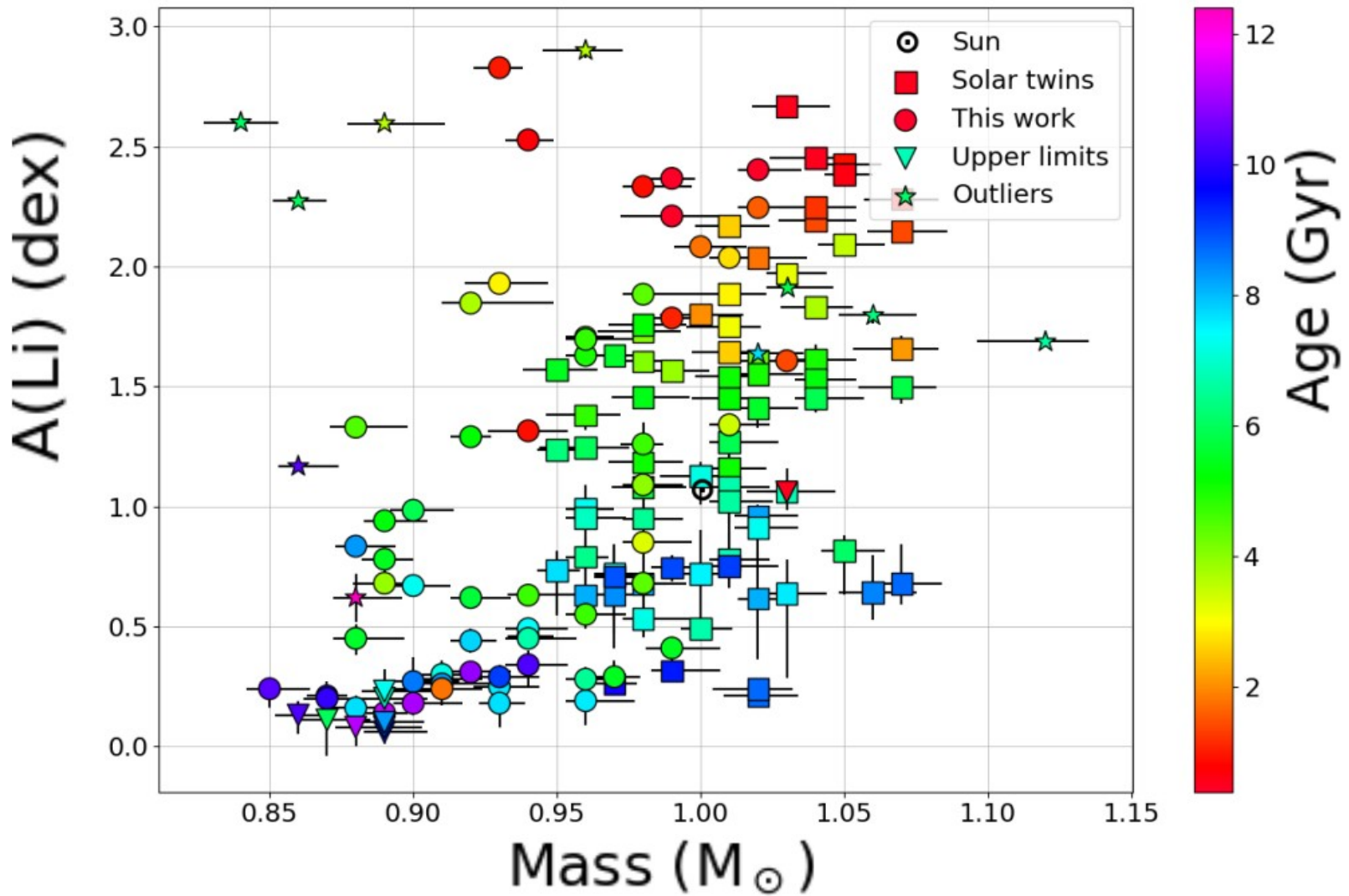
The Li–age correlation: the Sun is unusually Li deficient for its age

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Lithium, age, metallicity,
 convection zone
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Size of the symbol proportional
 to mass of the convection zone



Lithium, mass and age

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Fig. 16.15: The straight blue line represents the best linear fit to the data, and the gray band around the line shows the uncertainty in the linear fit. The gray band represents a 95% confidence level.

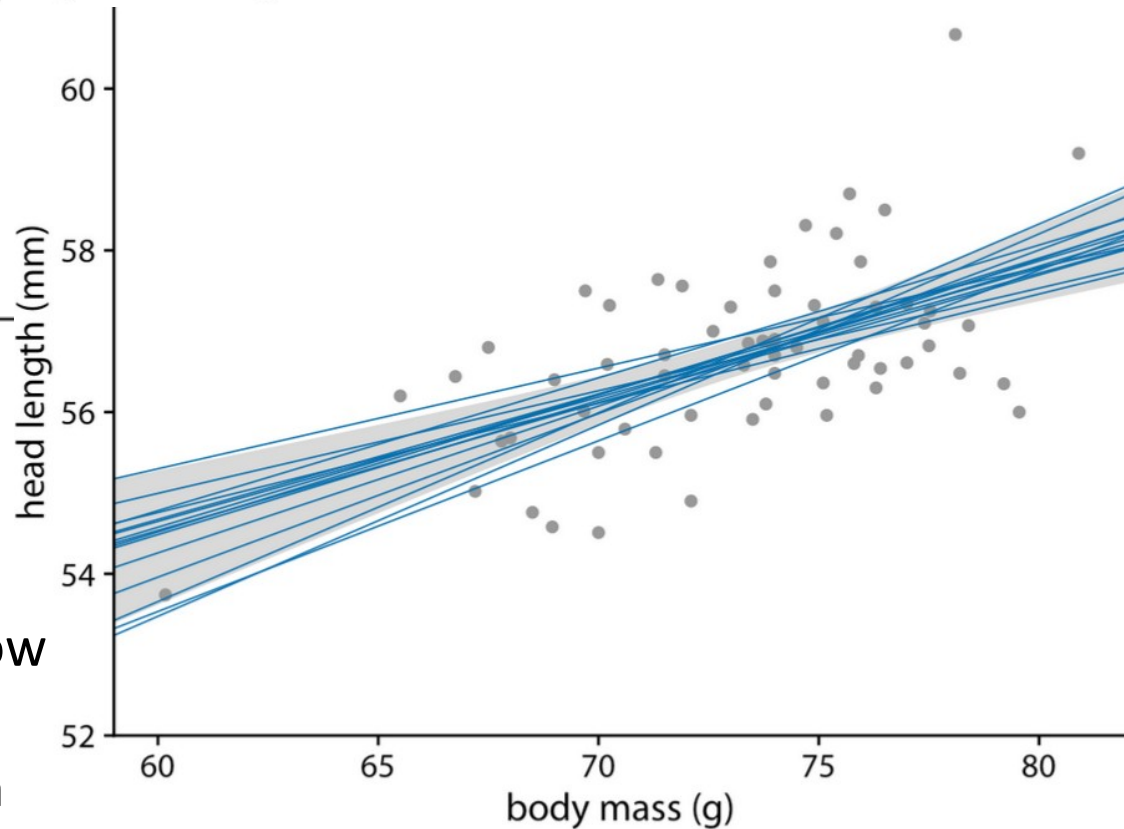
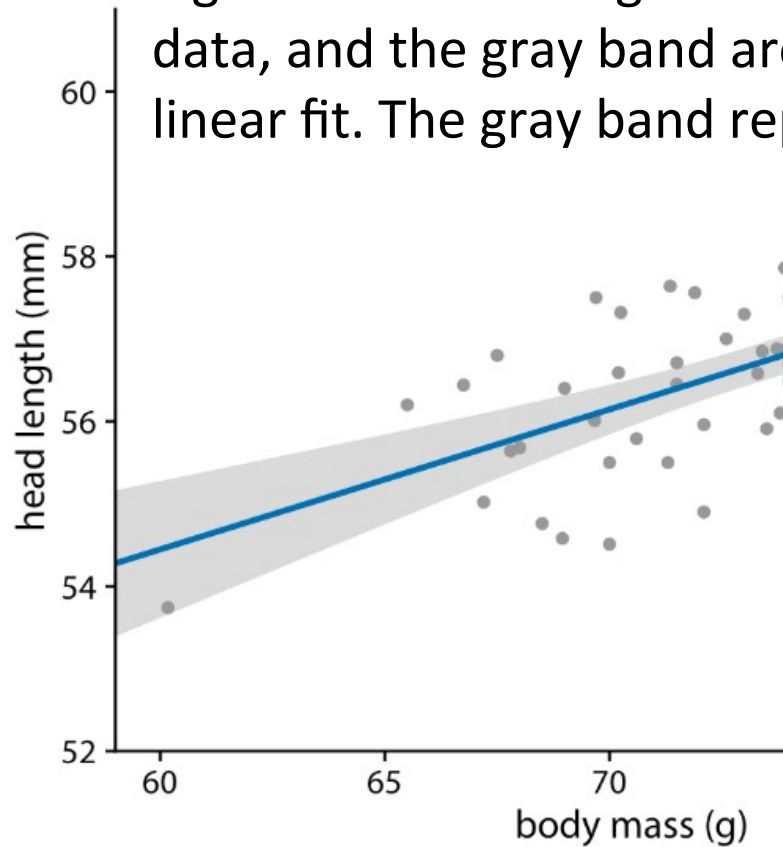


Fig. 16.16: In contrast to Fig. 16.15, the straight blue lines now represent equally likely alternative fits randomly drawn from the posterior distribution.