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$[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -2?$ — VMP

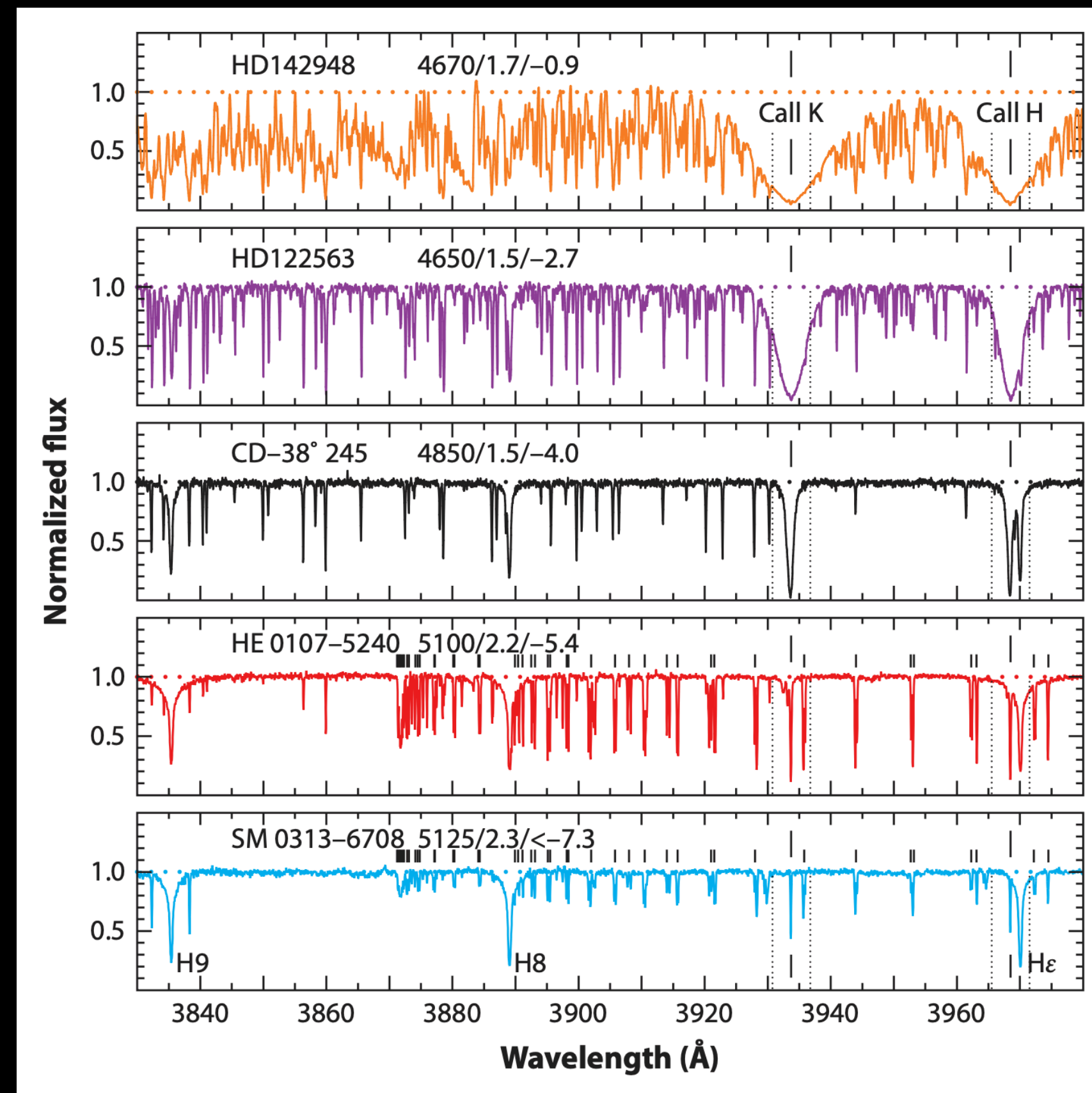
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[Fe/H] = -0.9

[Fe/H] = -2.7

[Fe/H] = -4.0

[Fe/H] = -5.4

[Fe/H] < -7.3

but [C/H]=[O/H]=-2.5

Keller et al. 2014

- ~54 Stars with [Fe/H] < -4 (UMP)
- ~700 Stars with [Fe/H] < -3 (EMP)

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16 paper series: First Stars

The extreme r -element rich, iron-poor halo giant CS 31082-001

Implications for the r -process site(s) and radioactive cosmochronology [★]

V. Hill¹, B. Plez², R. Cayrel³, T. C. Beers⁴, B. Nordström^{5,6}, J. Andersen⁶, M. Spite¹, F. Spite¹, B. Barbuy⁷, P. Bonifacio⁸, E. Depagne¹, P. François³, and F. Primas⁹

First Stars II. Elemental abundances in the extremely metal-poor star CS 22949–037 [★]

A diagnostic of early massive supernovae

E. Depagne¹, V. Hill¹, M. Spite¹, F. Spite¹, B. Plez², T. C. Beers³, B. Barbuy⁴, R. Cayrel¹, J. Andersen⁵, P. Bonifacio⁶, P. François¹, B. Nordström^{7,5}, and F. Primas⁸

First Stars. III. A detailed elemental abundance study of four extremely metal-poor giant stars^{★,★★}

P. François¹, E. Depagne¹, V. Hill¹, M. Spite¹, F. Spite¹, B. Plez², T. C. Beers³, B. Barbuy⁴, R. Cayrel¹, J. Andersen⁵, P. Bonifacio⁶, P. Molaro⁶, B. Nordström^{7,5}, and F. Primas⁸

First stars IV. CS 29497-030: Evidence for operation of the s -process at very low metallicity [★]

T. Sivarani¹, P. Bonifacio¹, P. Molaro¹, R. Cayrel², M. Spite², F. Spite², B. Plez³, J. Andersen⁴, B. Barbuy⁵, T. C. Beers⁶, E. Depagne⁷, V. Hill², P. François², B. Nordström^{8,4}, and F. Primas⁹

First stars V - Abundance patterns from C to Zn and supernova yields in the early Galaxy [★]

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First stars VI - Abundances of C, N, O, Li, and mixing in extremely metal-poor giants. Galactic evolution of the light elements [★]

M. Spite¹, R. Cayrel¹, B. Plez², V. Hill¹, F. Spite¹, E. Depagne³, P. François¹, P. Bonifacio⁴, B. Barbuy⁵, T. Beers⁶, J. Andersen^{7,8}, P. Molaro⁴, B. Nordström^{7,9}, and F. Primas¹⁰

First stars XVI. STIS/HST abundances of heavy-elements in the uranium-rich star CS 31082-001[★]

C. Siqueira Mello Jr.^{1,2}, M. Spite², B. Barbuy¹, F. Spite², E. Caffau^{3,2}, V. Hill⁴, S. Wanajo⁵, F. Primas⁶, B. Plez⁷, R. Cayrel⁸, J. Andersen^{9,10}, B. Nordström⁹, C. Sneden¹¹, T.C. Beers¹², P. Bonifacio², P. François⁸, and P. Molaro¹³

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$z=0.0$

Simulation of Dark Matter

Milky Way

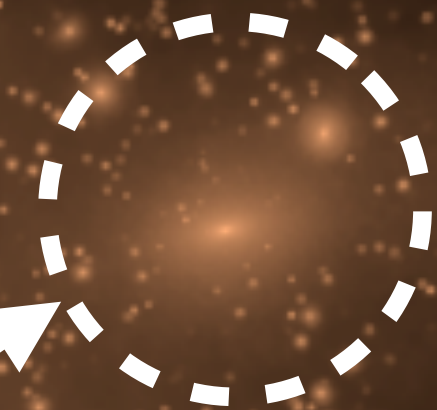


80 kpc

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Large Magellanic Cloud

(not to scale)

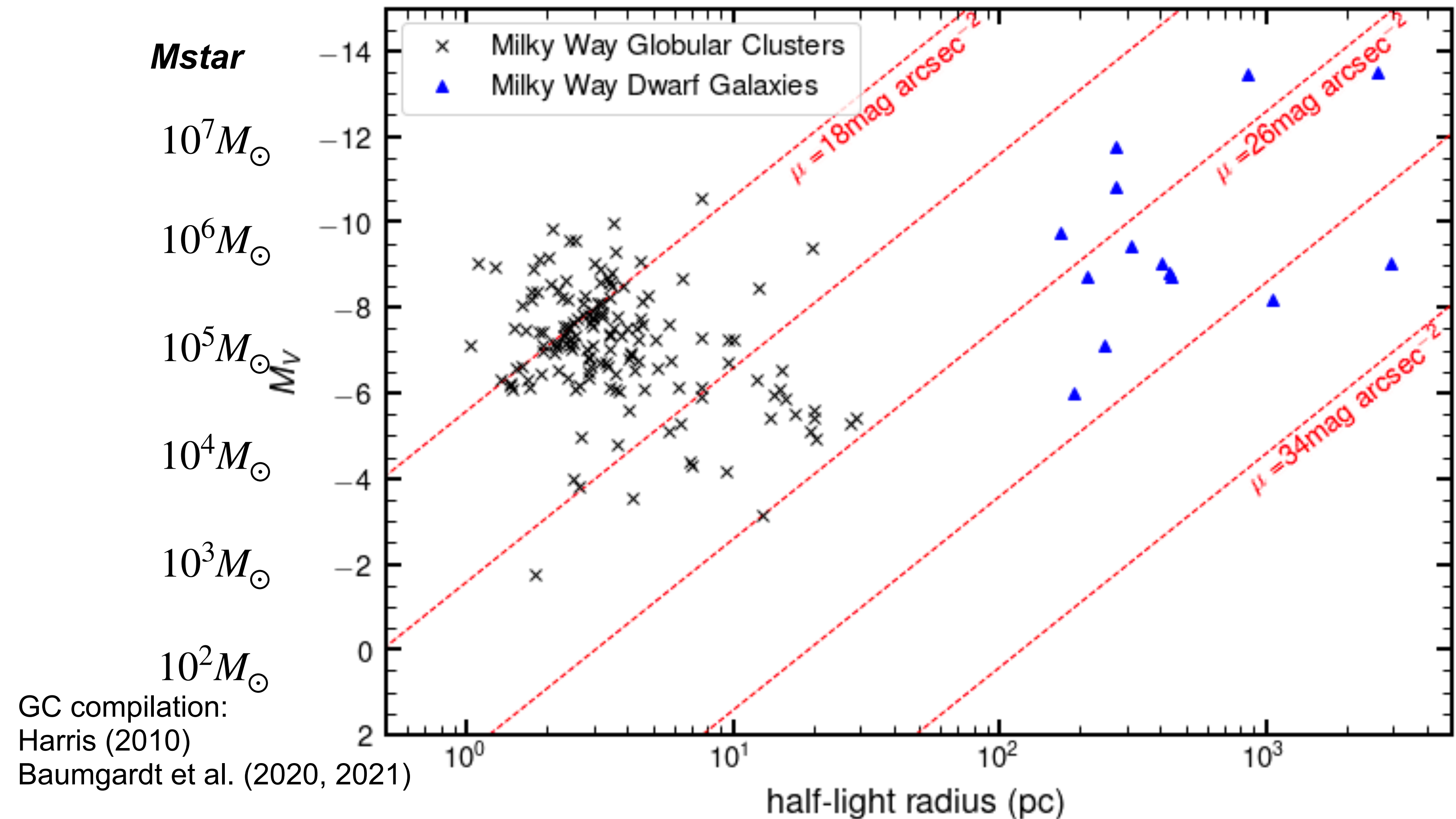
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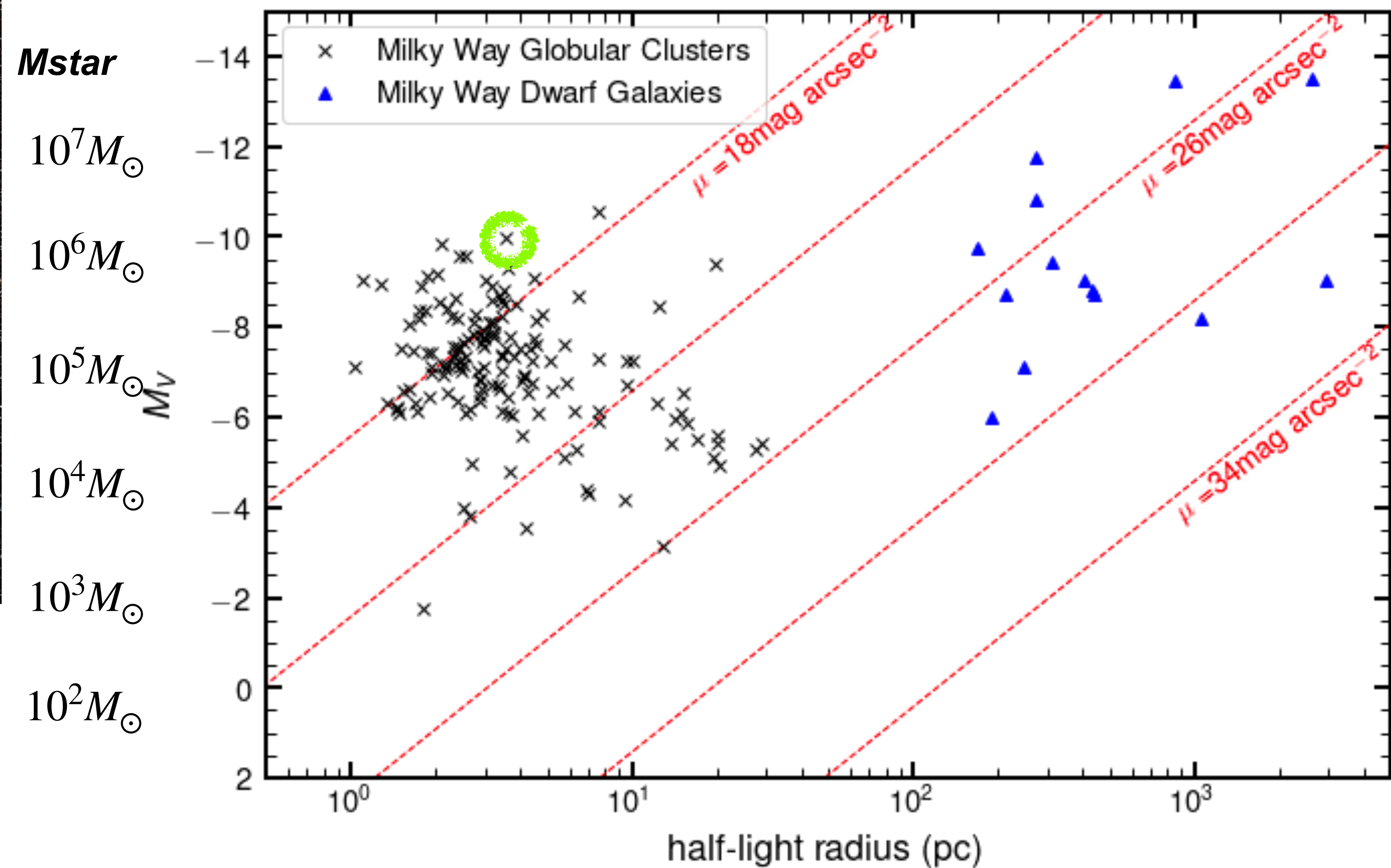
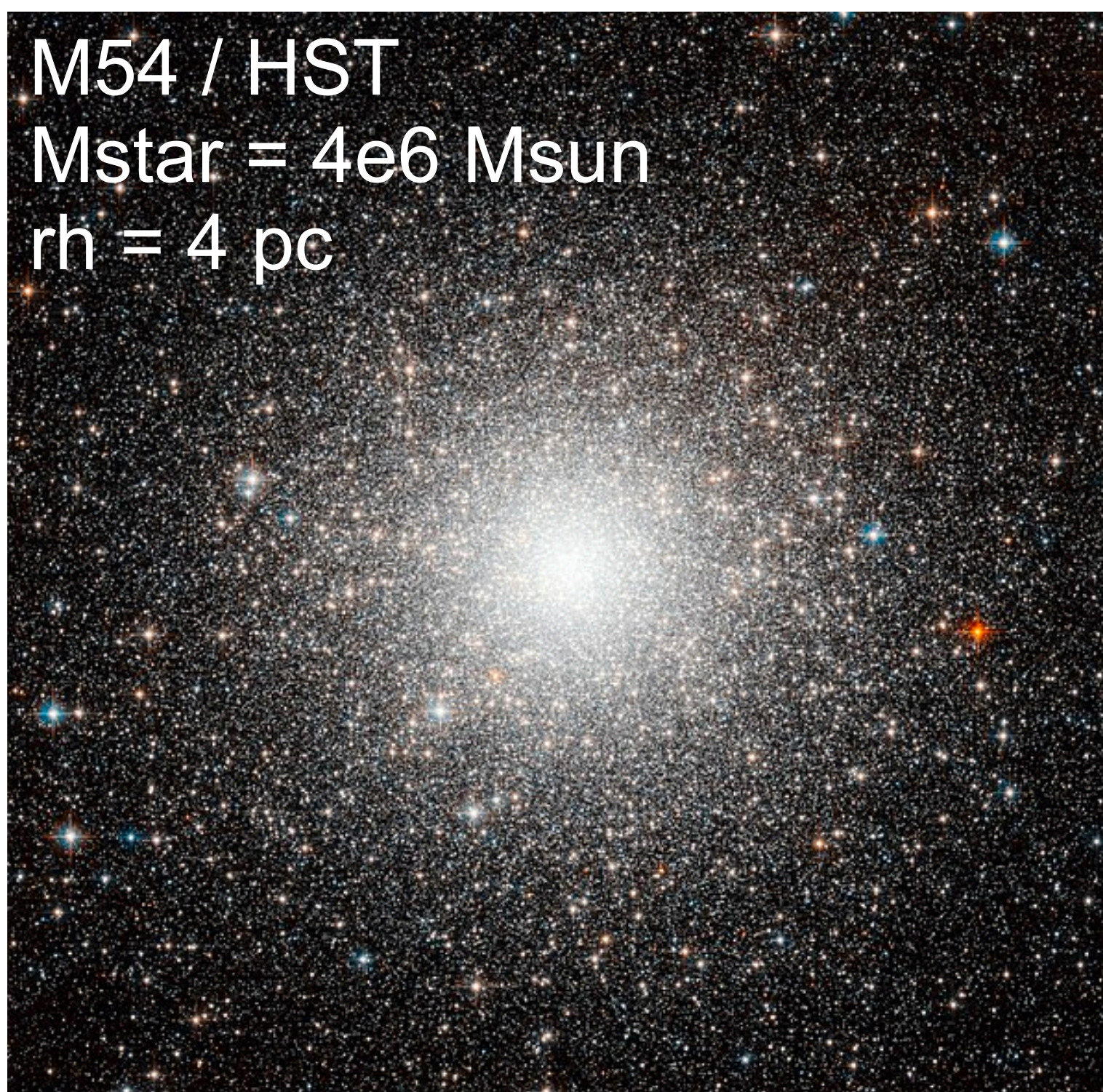
Small Magellanic Cloud



Luminosity vs Size for Galactic Satellites

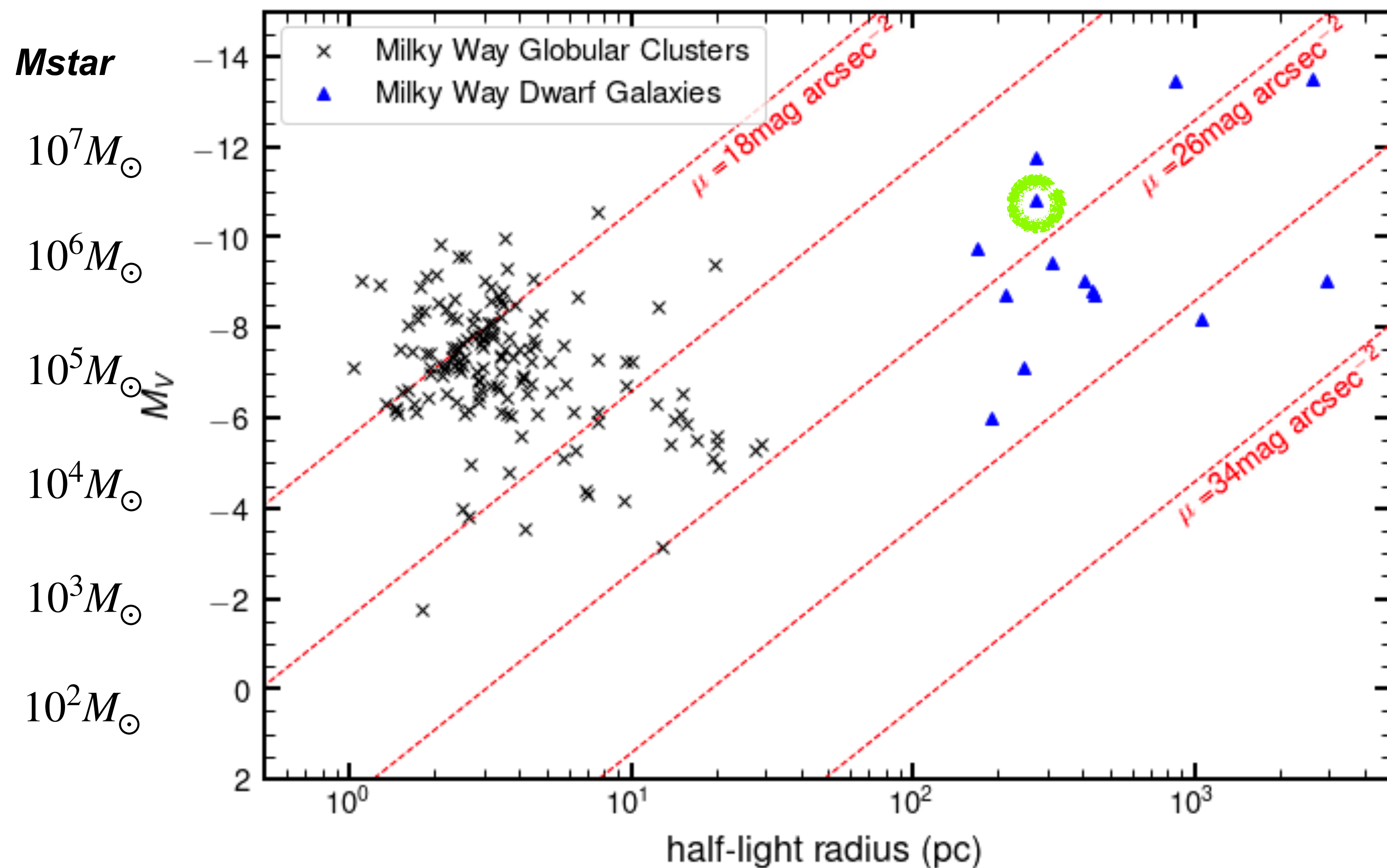


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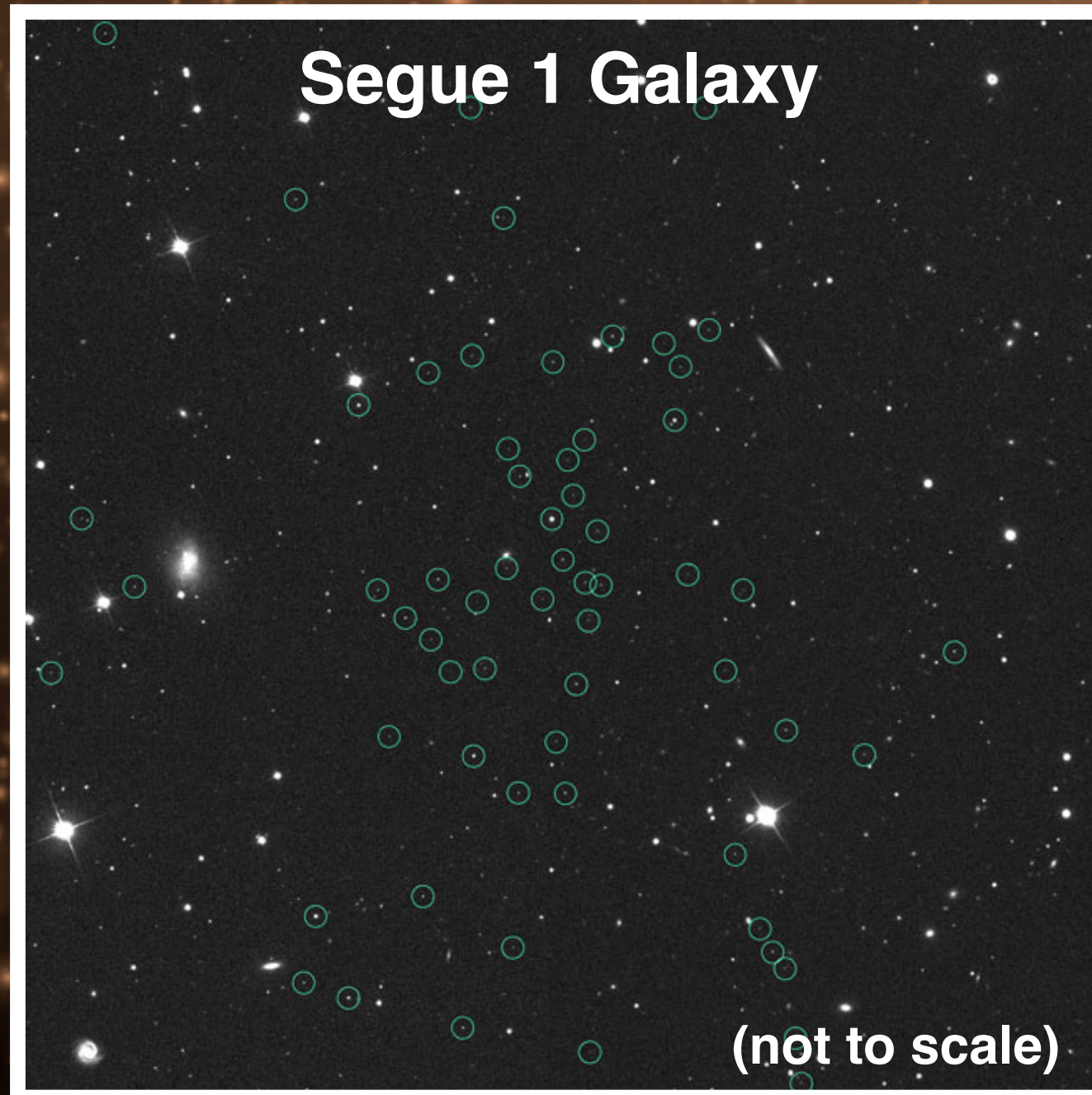
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Sculptor / ESO / DSS2
 $M_{\text{star}} = 4 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$
 $r_h = 270 \text{ pc}$

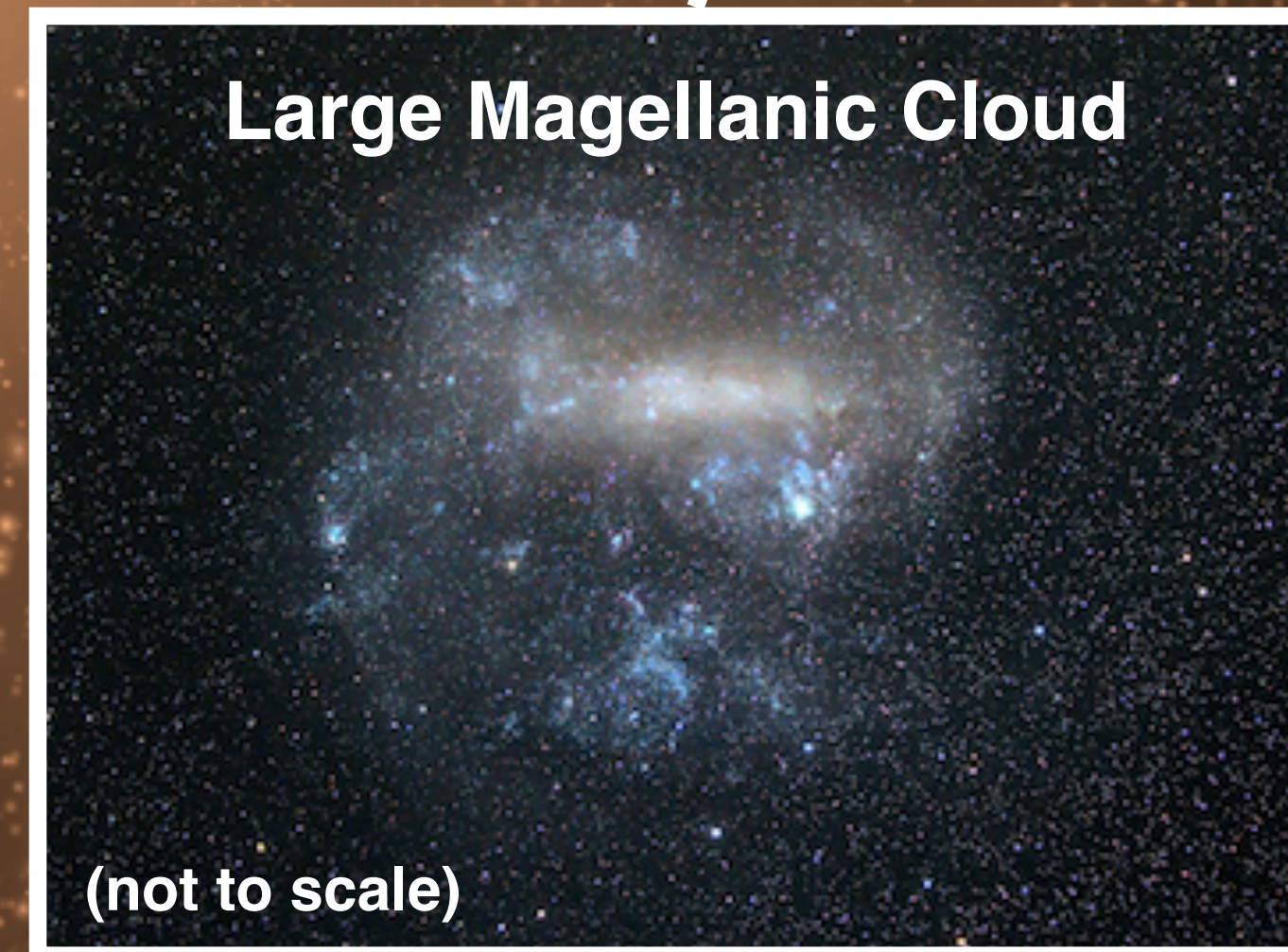


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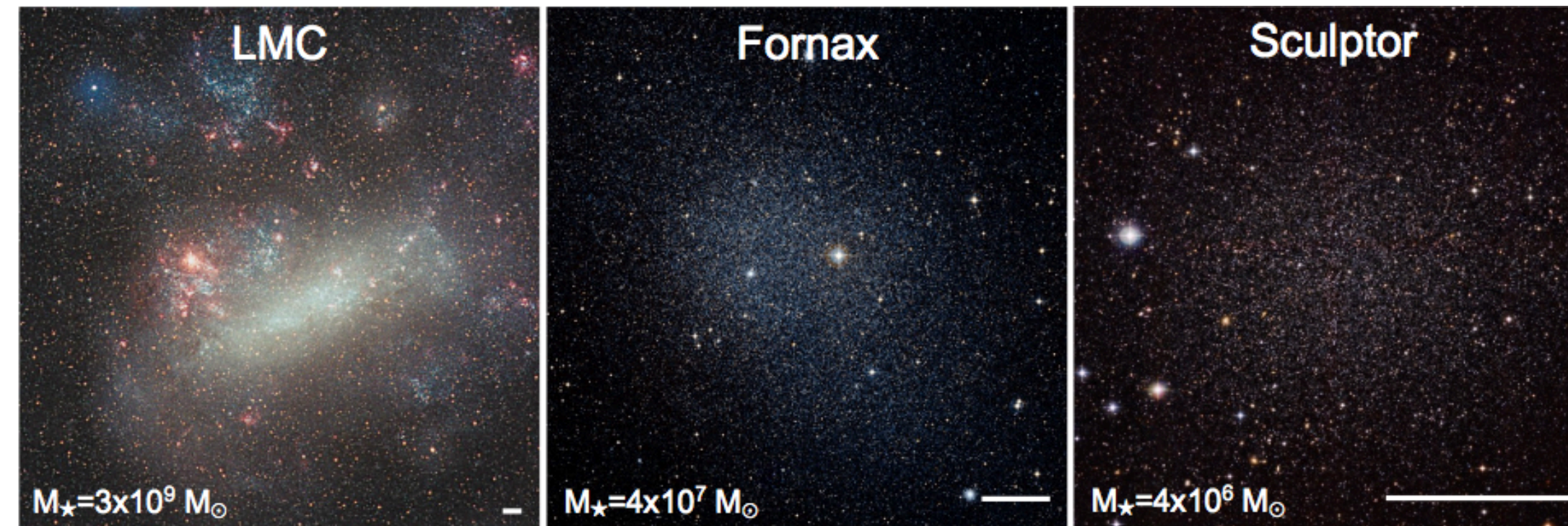
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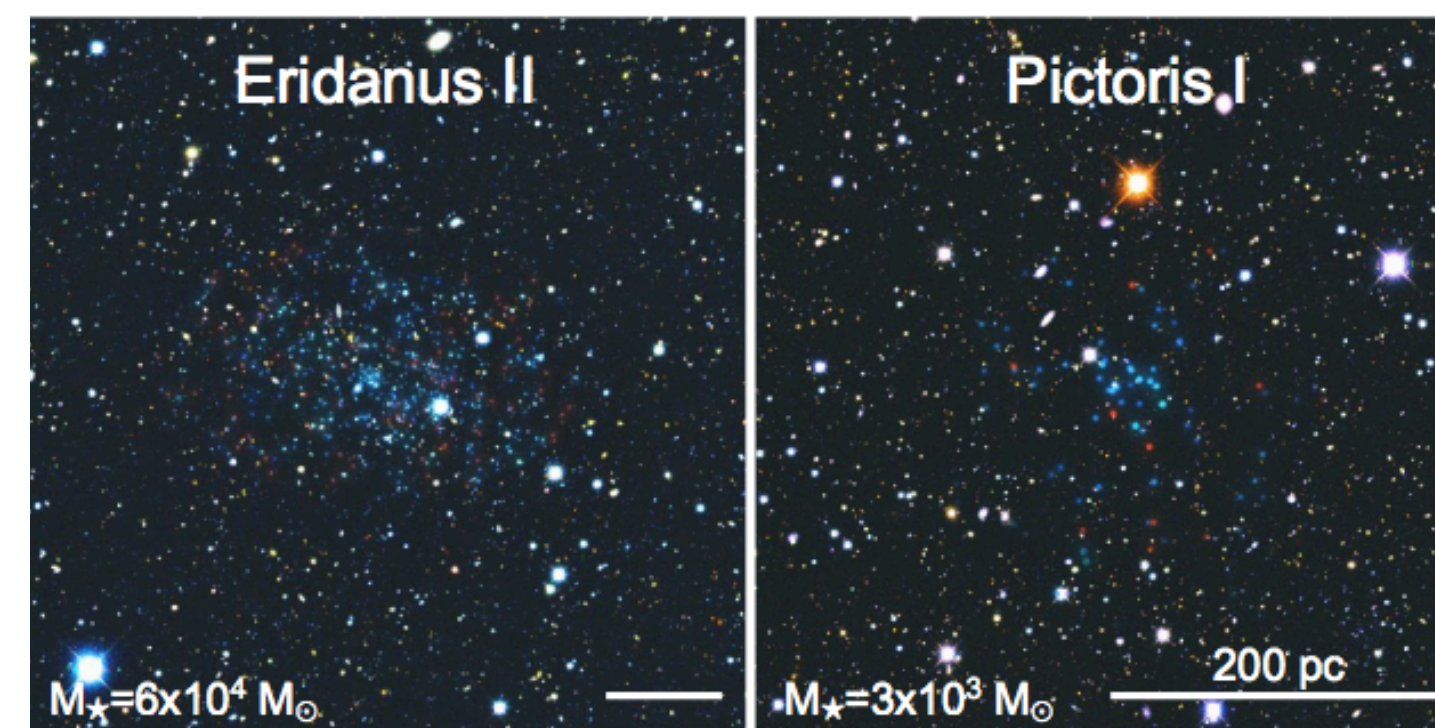
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Milky Way Satellite Galaxies

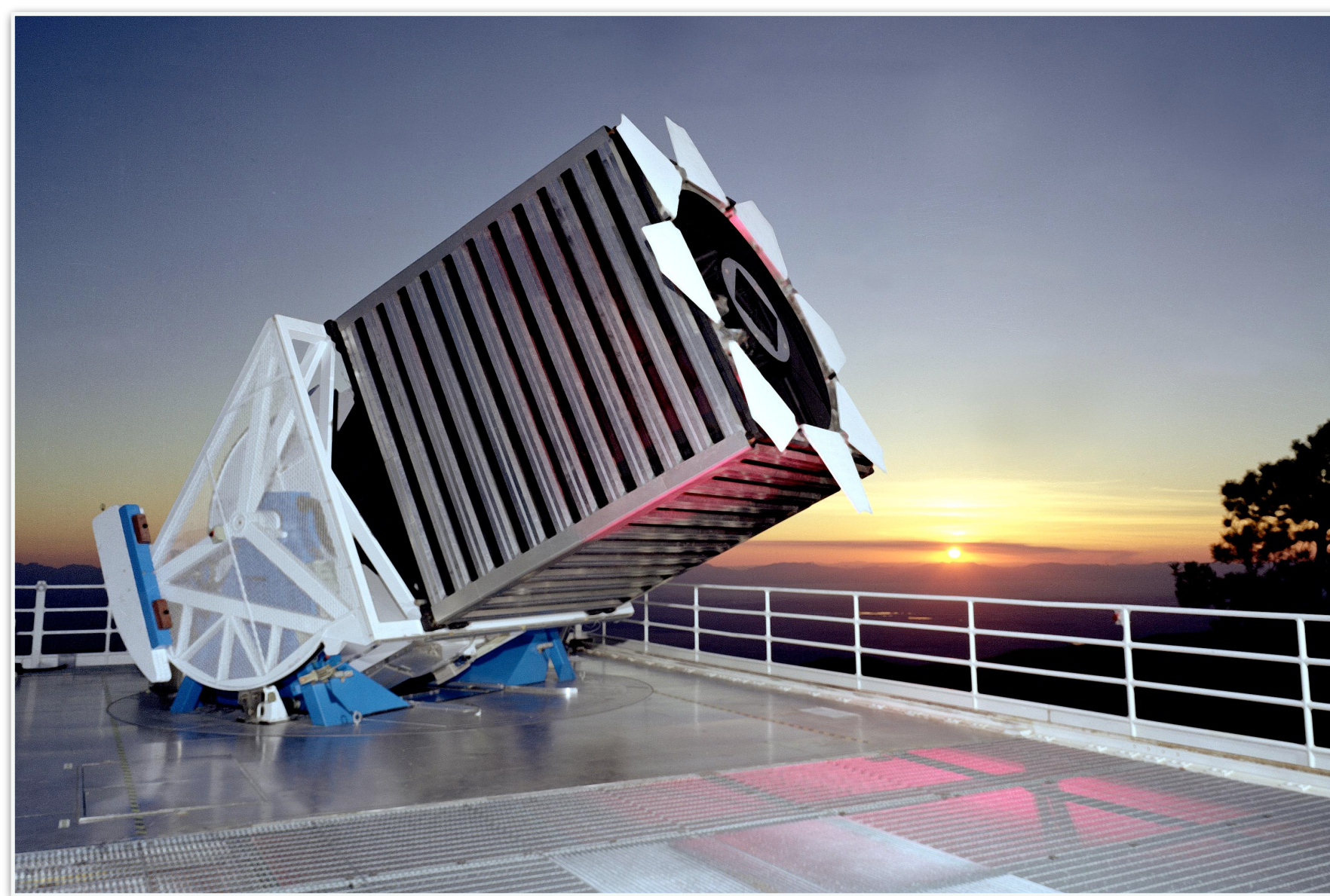
Classical Dwarf Galaxies



Ultra-Faint Dwarf (UFD) Galaxies



Progression of Wide-field Optical Imaging Surveys

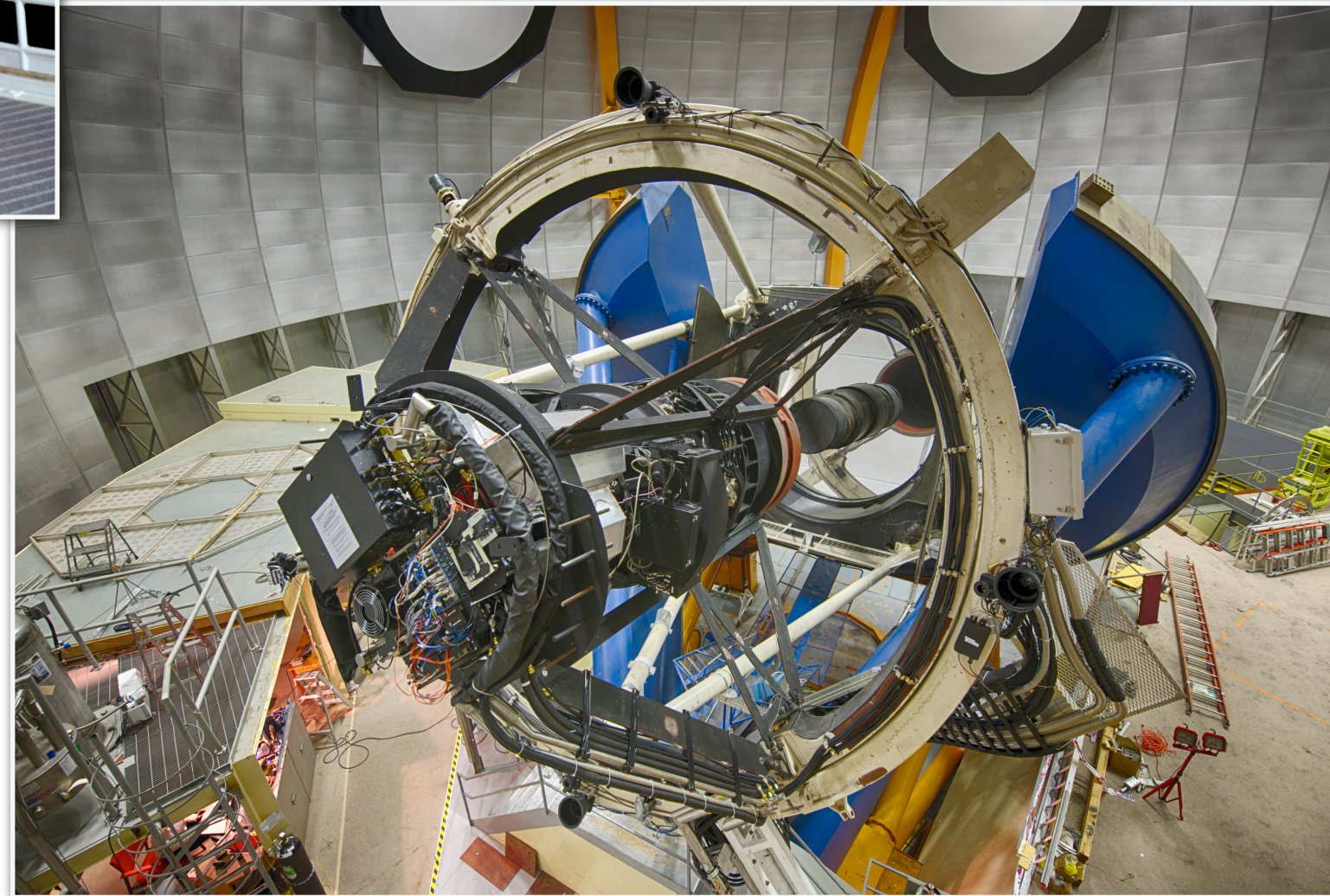


$r \sim 22$

$r \sim 24$

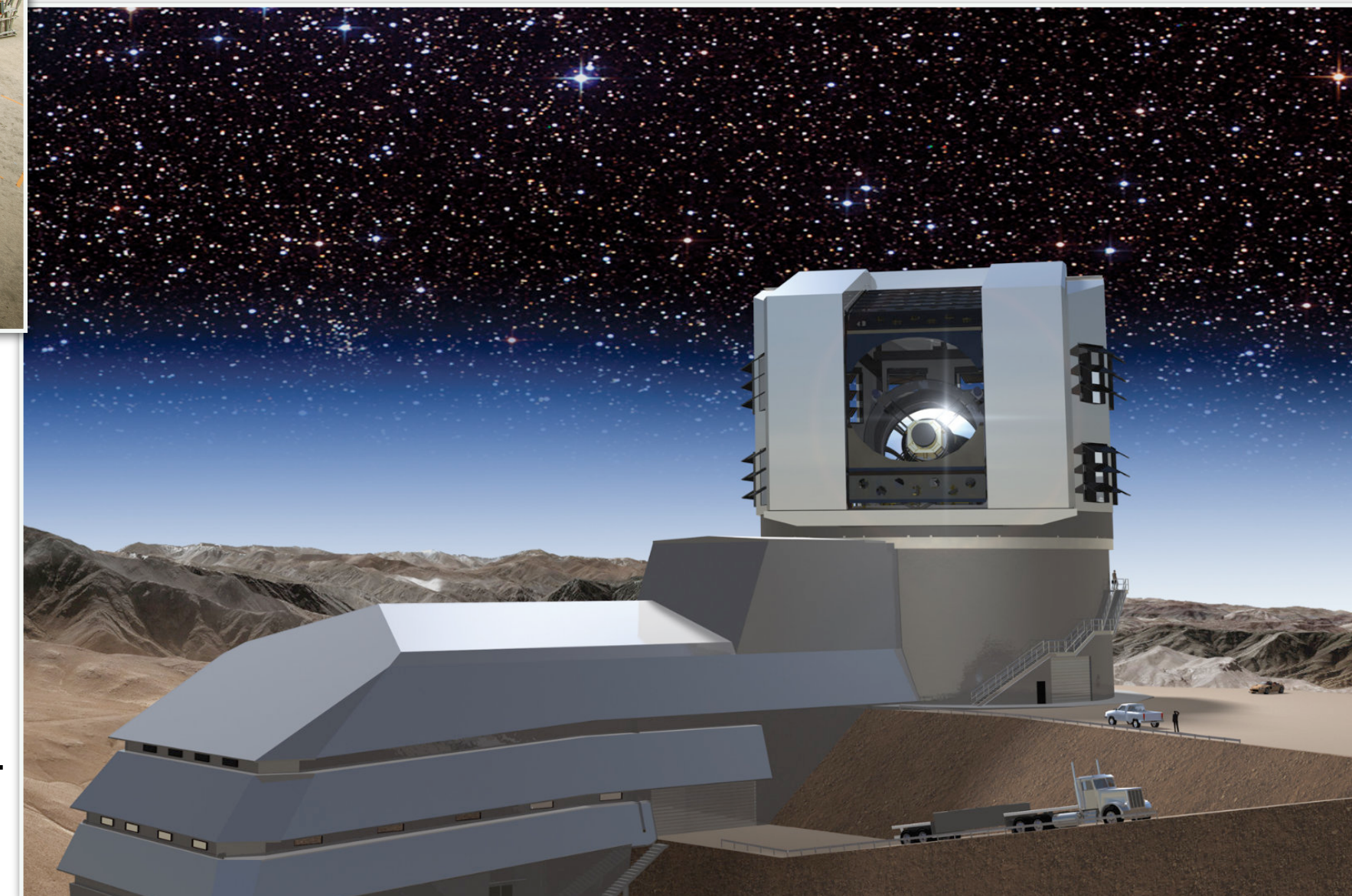
Past: SDSS

Current: DECam,
Pan-STARRS,
HSC, SkyMapper

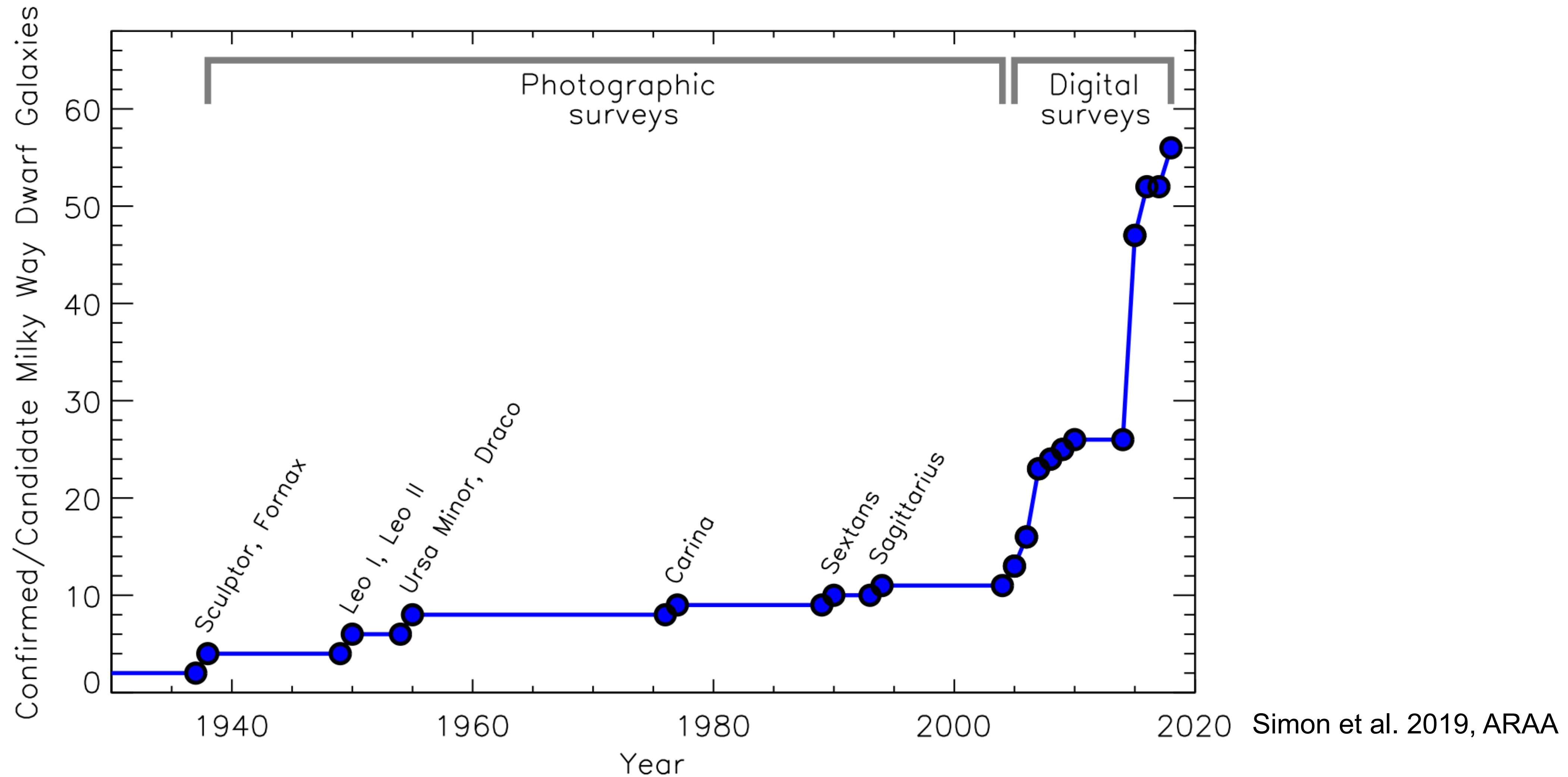


$r \sim 26$

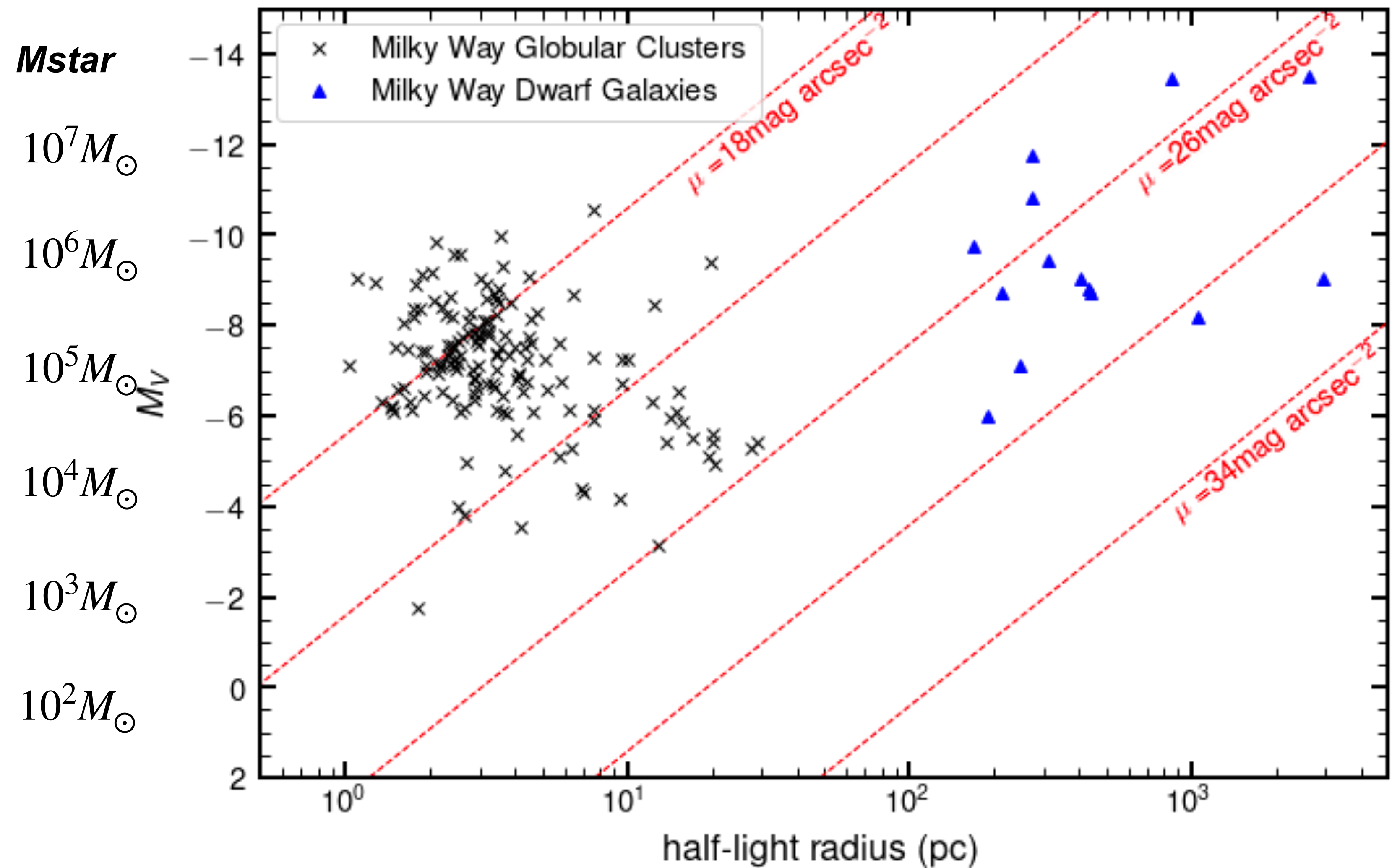
Future: Rubin/LSST



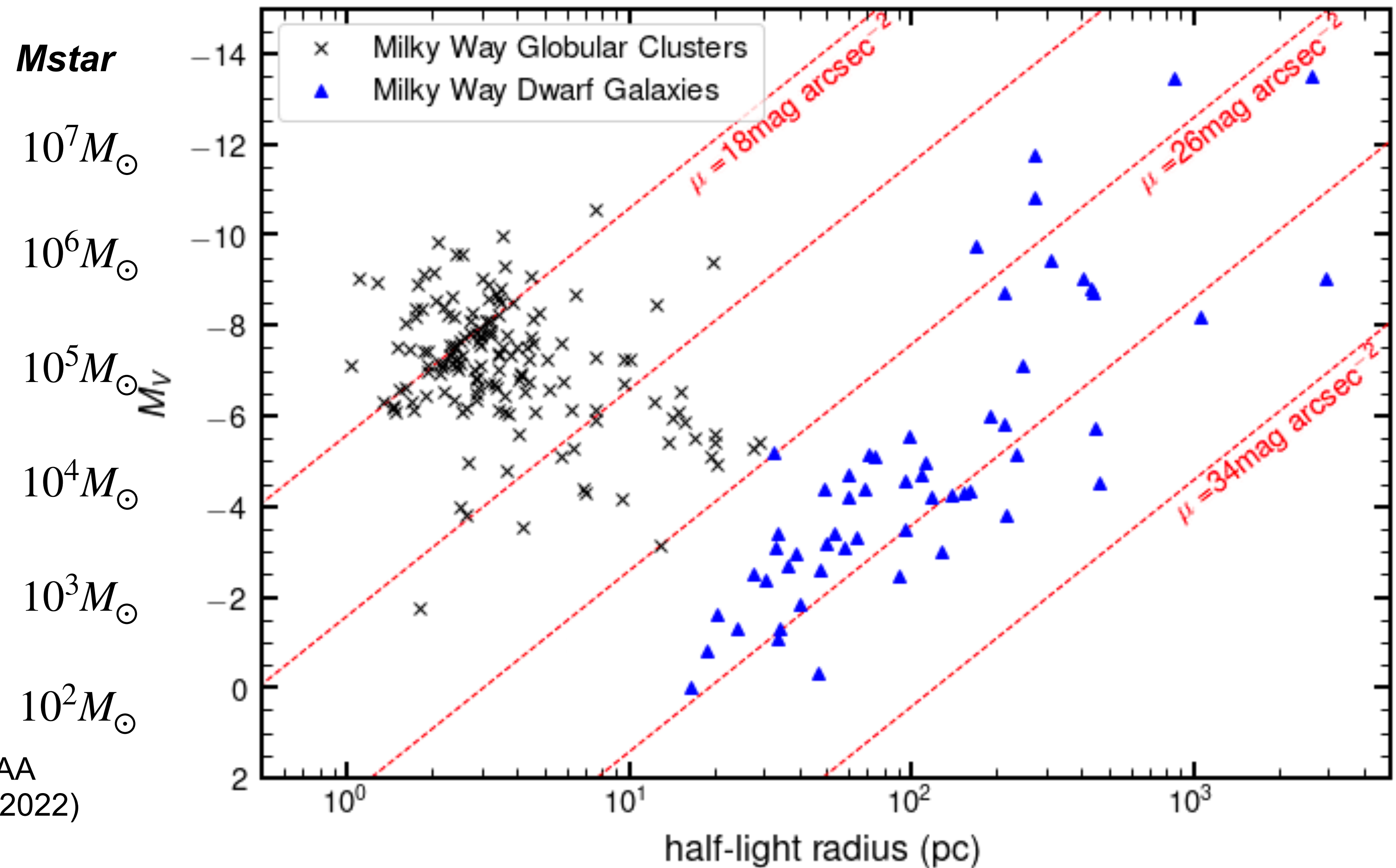
Dwarf Galaxy Discovery Timeline



Luminosity vs Size for Galactic Dwarf Galaxies pre-SDSS



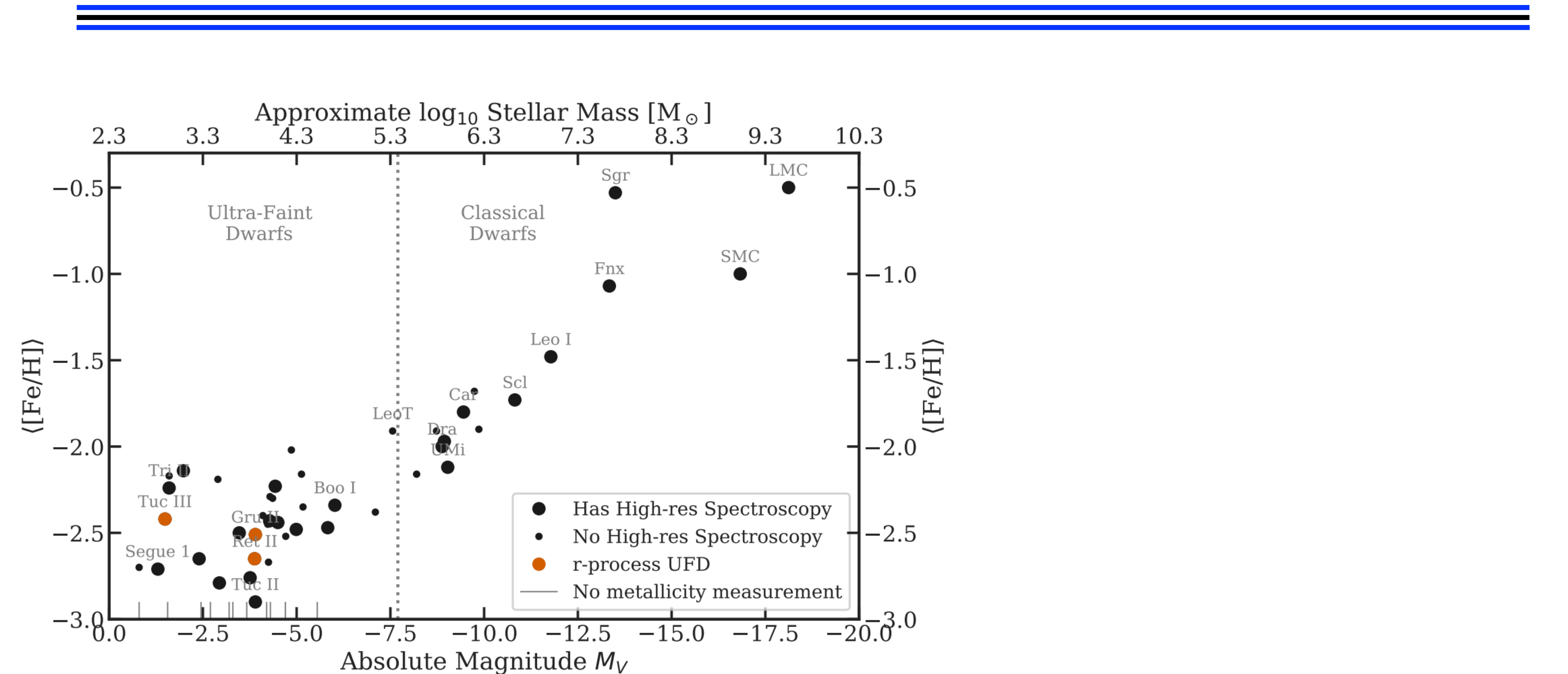
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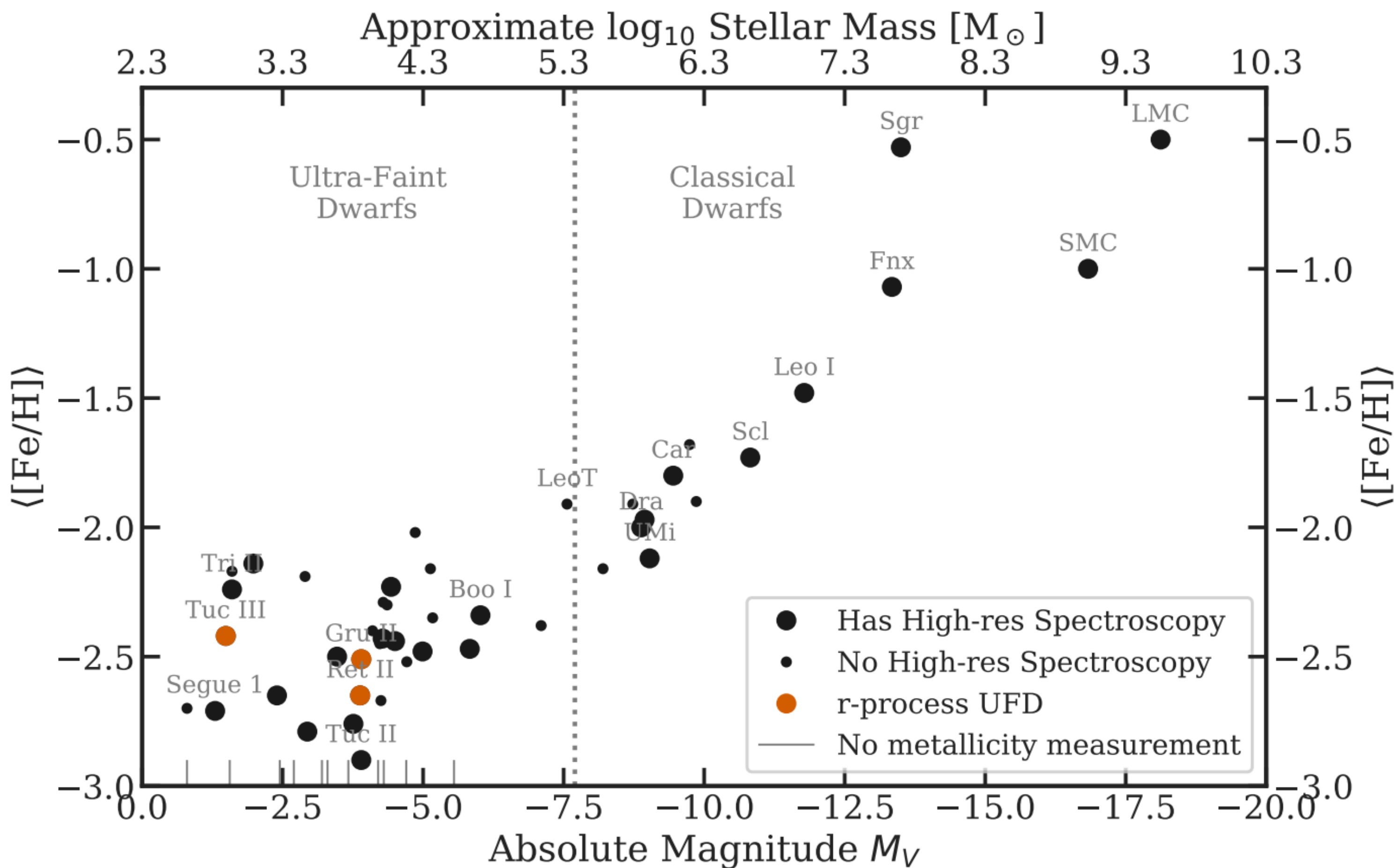
GC compilation:
Harris (2010)
Baumgardt et al. (2020, 2021)

UFD compilation:
Simon (2019), ARAA
Pace, Erkal, TSL (2022)

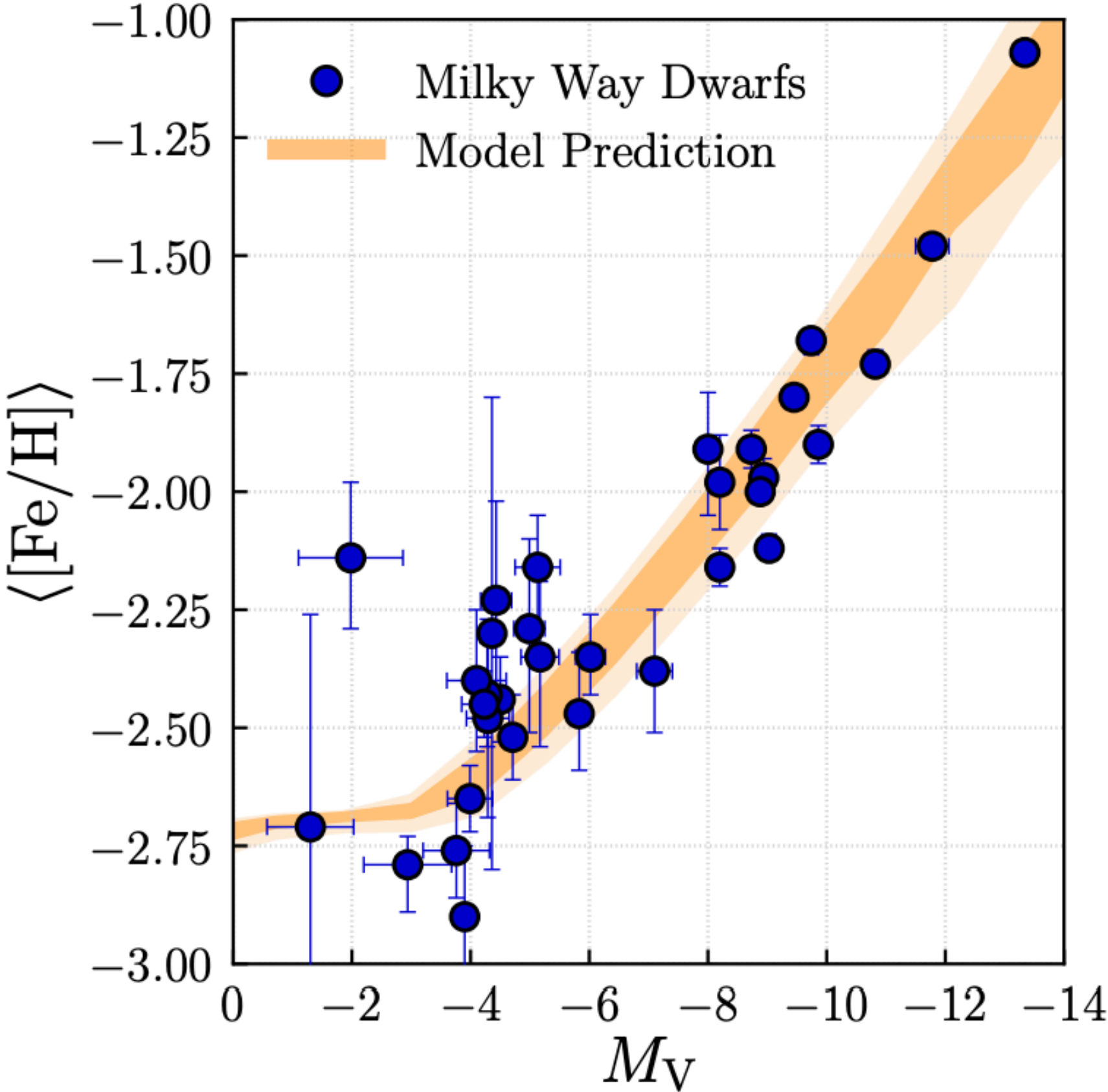
Luminosity Metallicity Relation / Mass Metallicity Relation (LZR/MZR)



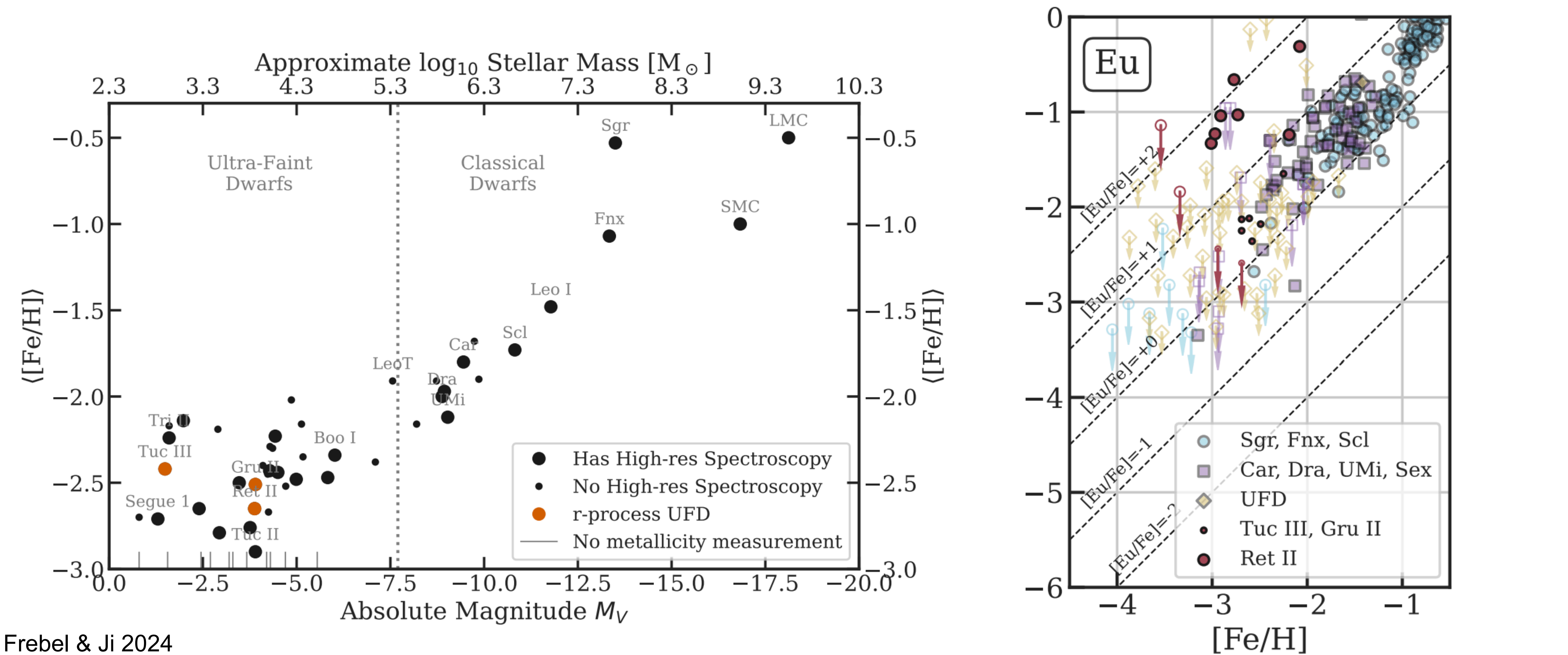
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A metallicity plateau?



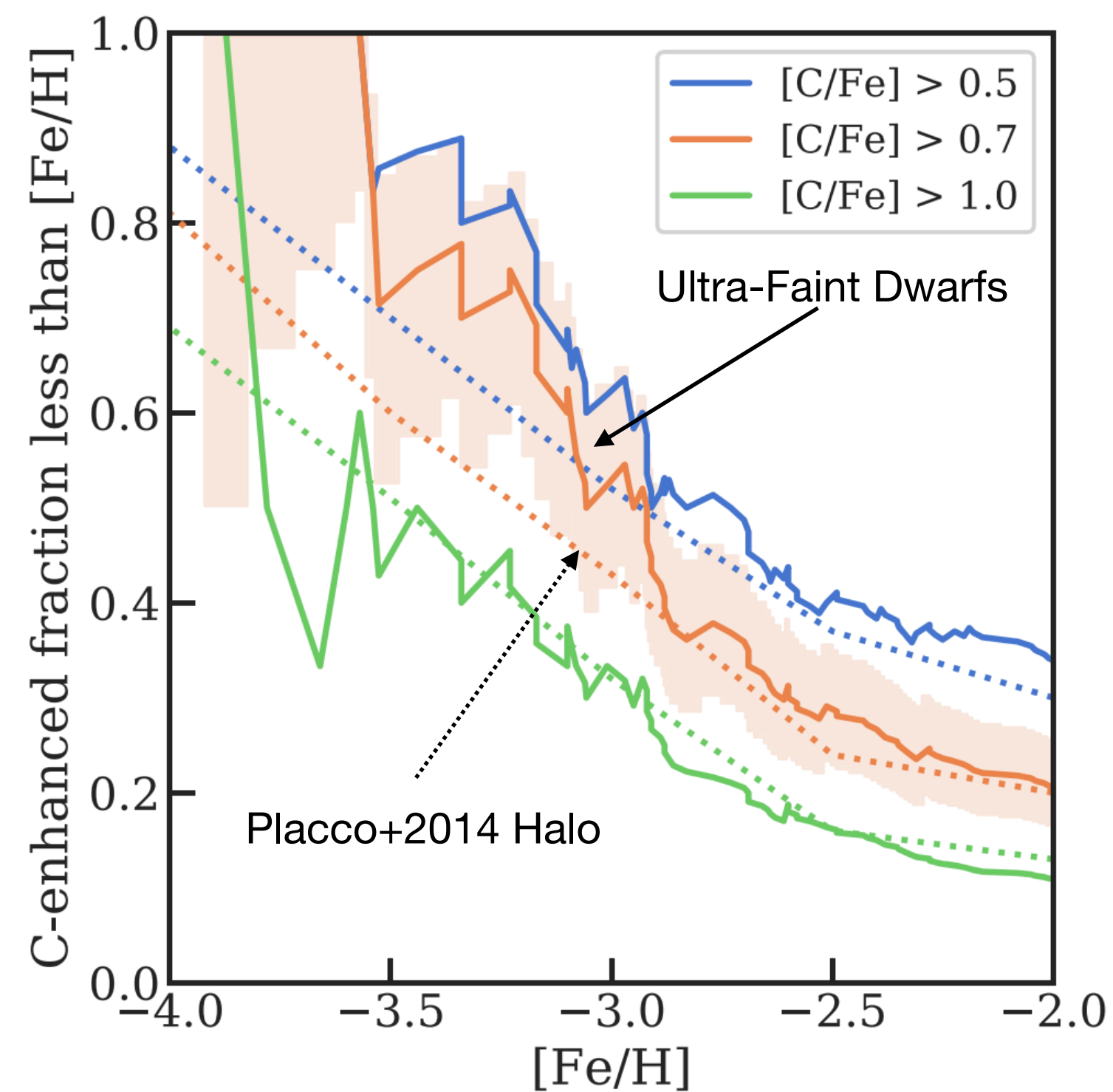
Astrophysical site for r-process elements?



CEMP Fraction in different environment

Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor

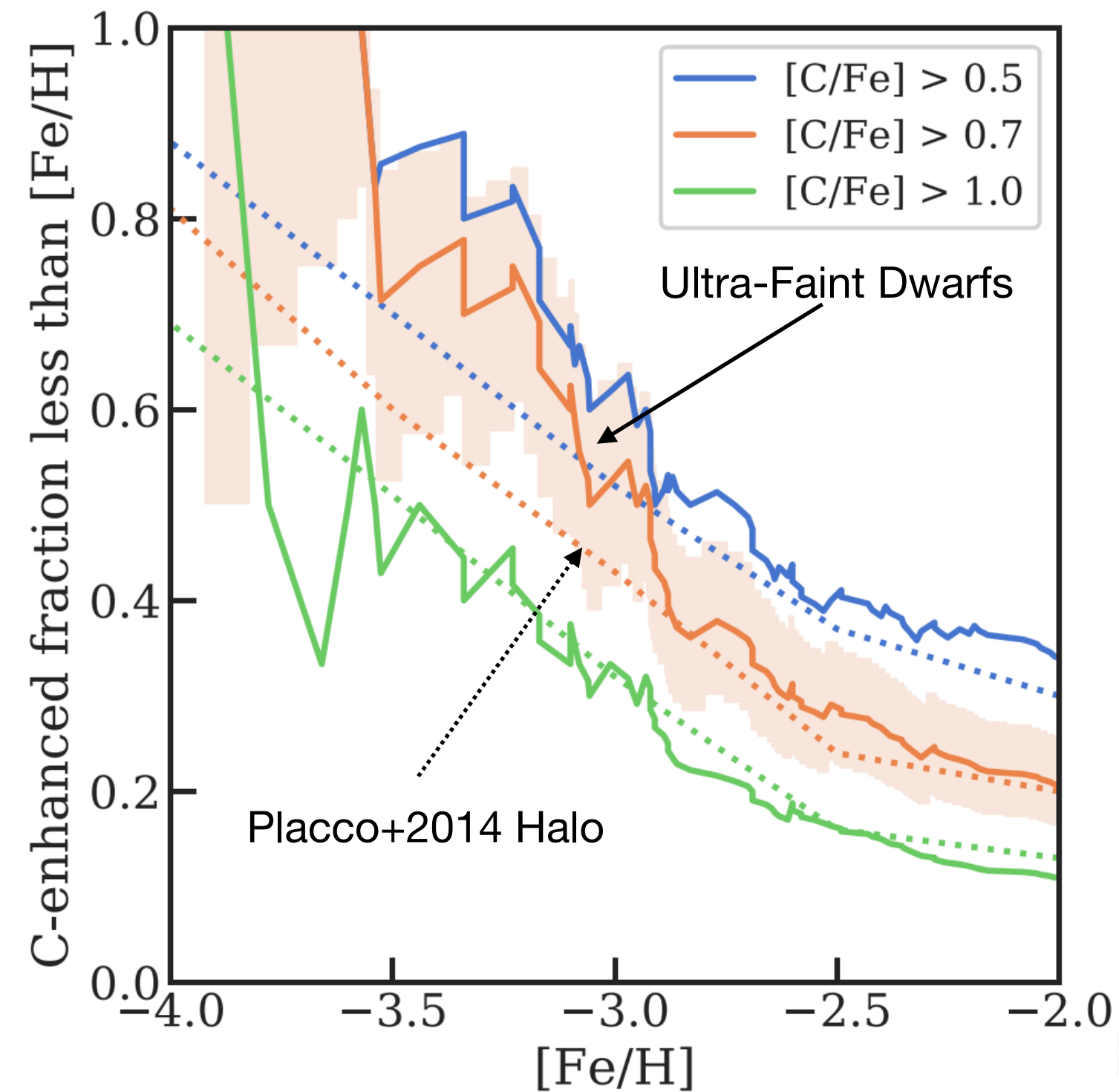
UFDs vs MW Halo



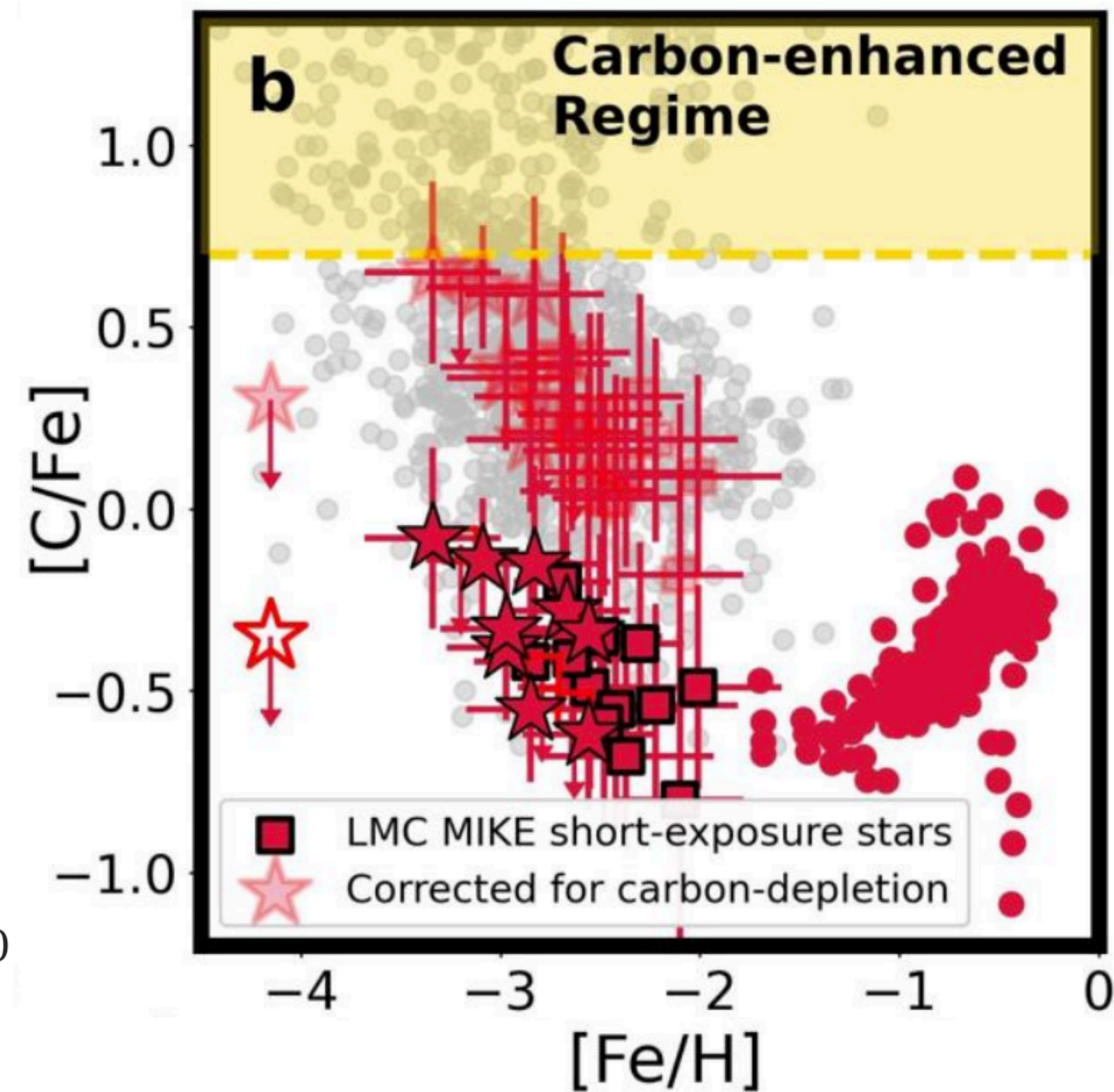
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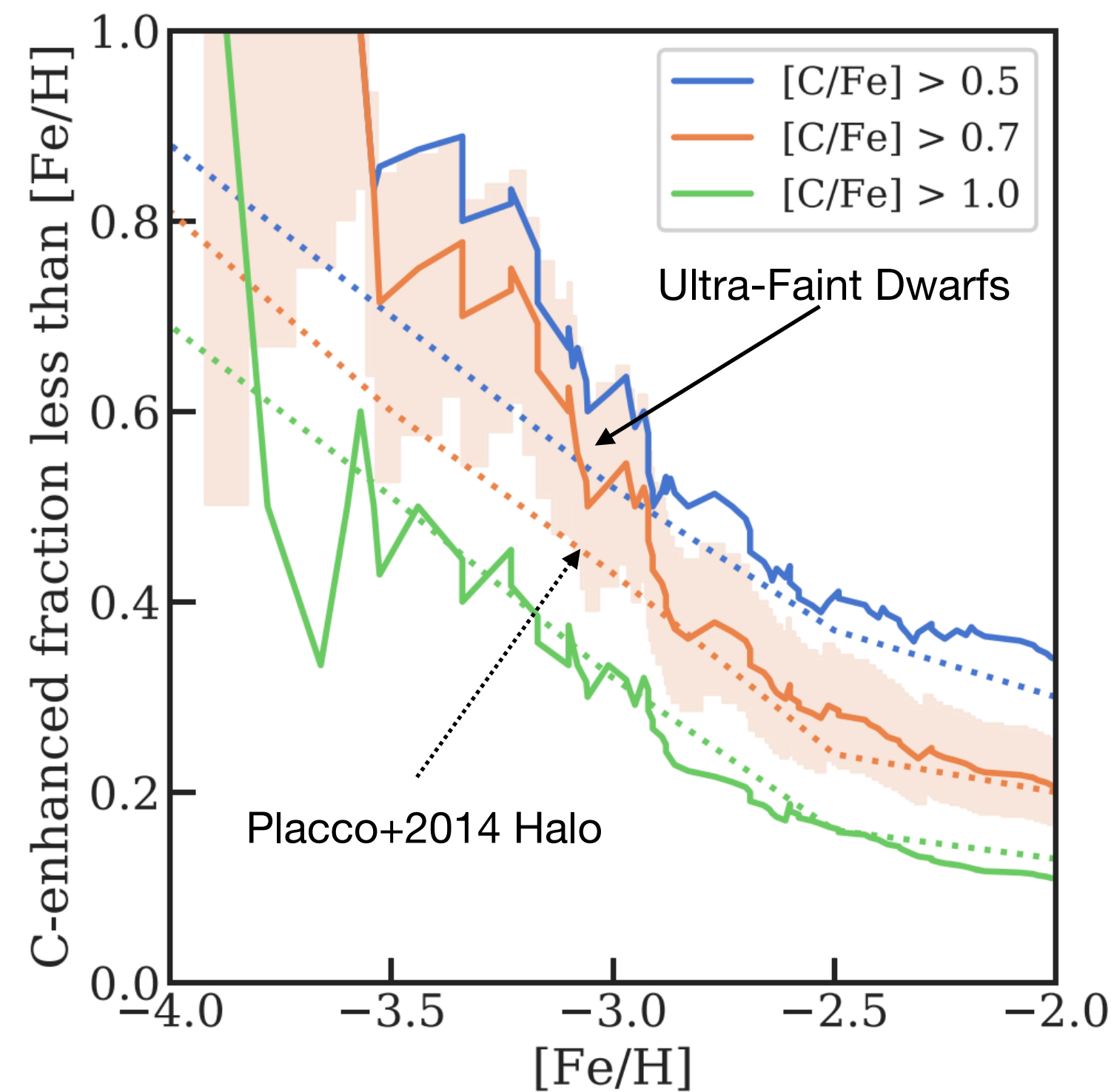
Ji, TSL et al. 2020

Chiti w/ TSL et al. 2024

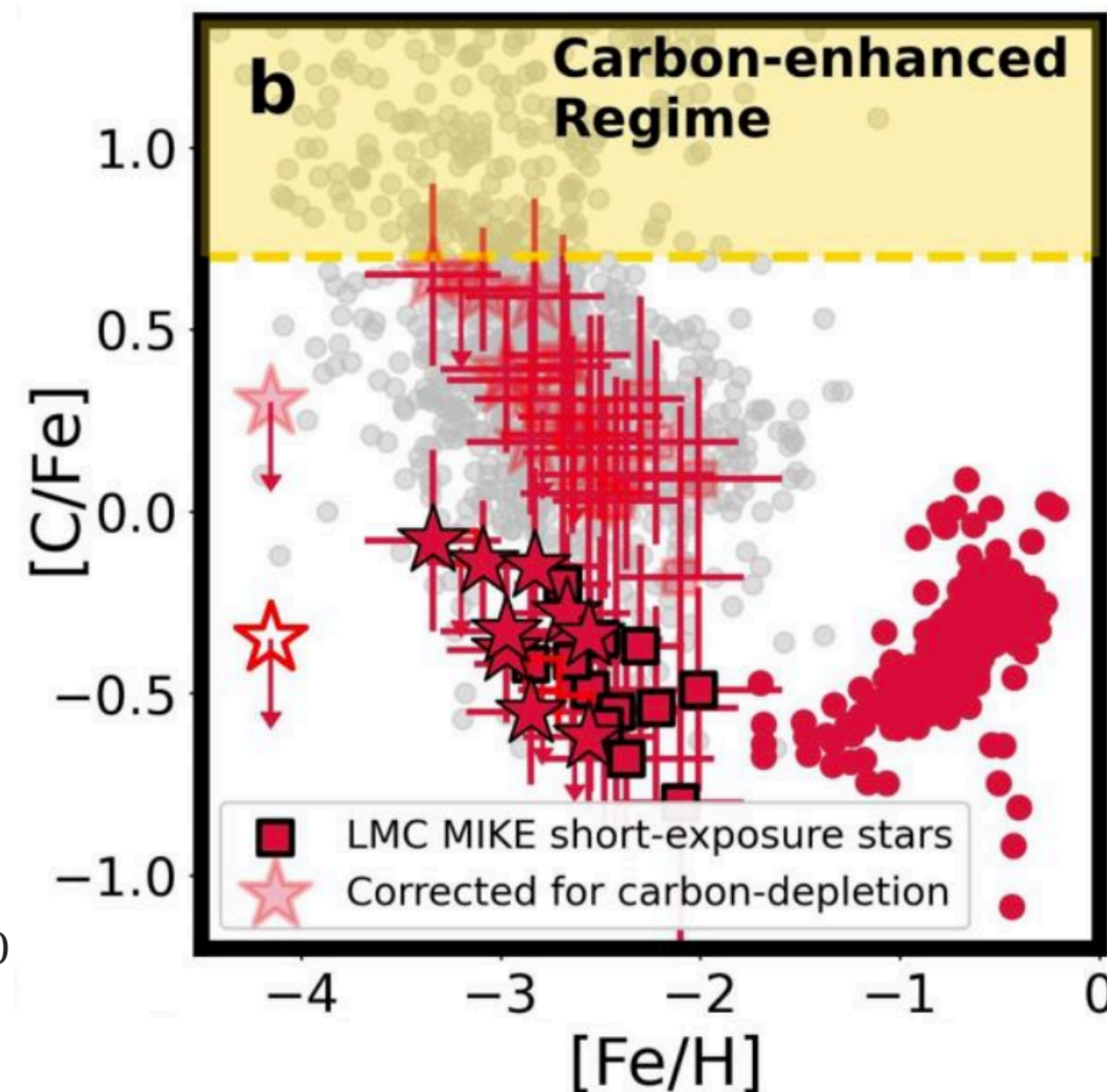
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UFDs have similar CEMP fractions as halo

Higher-mass systems (Classical dSphs, LMC, Bulge) may have lower CEMP fractions than halo

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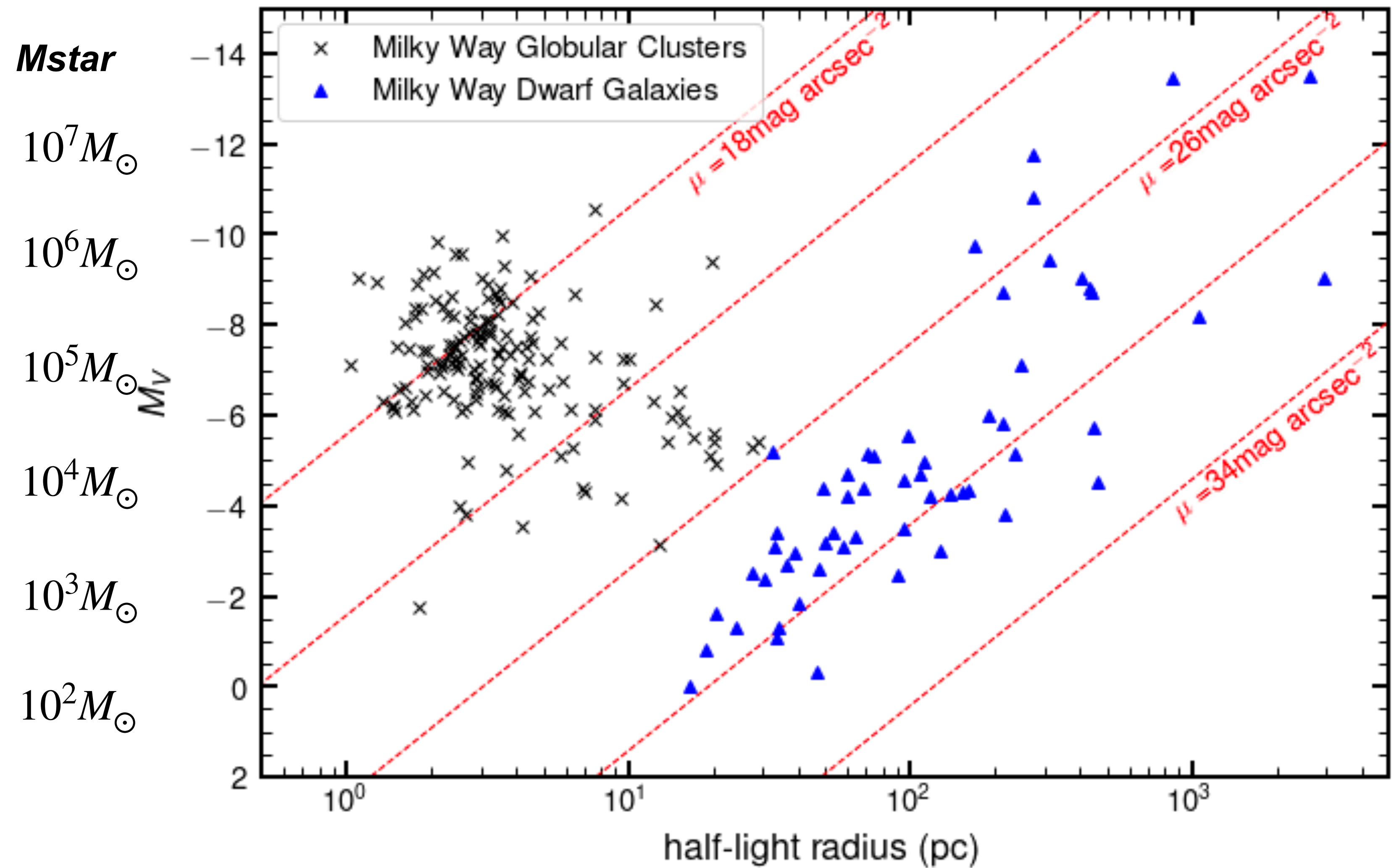
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Also see Skúladóttir+2015, Salvadori+2015, Howes+2015, Arentsen+2021, Skúladóttir+2023, Oh+2024

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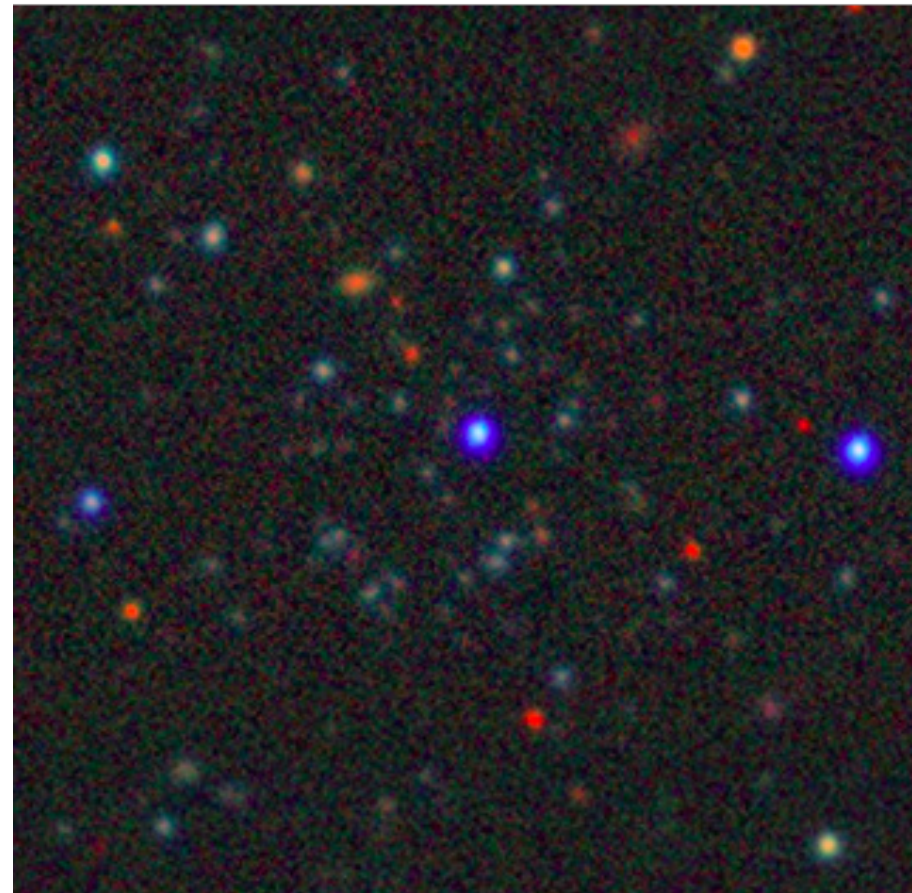
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Ultra Faint Star Clusters (UFSCs) / Ultra Faint Compact Systems (UFCs)

~30 systems discovered in the past 10 years!



Andrew Pace (UVA)

Local Volume Database

Pace et al. 2024 arXiv:2411.07424

https://github.com/pace7/local_volume_database

M_{star}

$10^7 M_{\odot}$

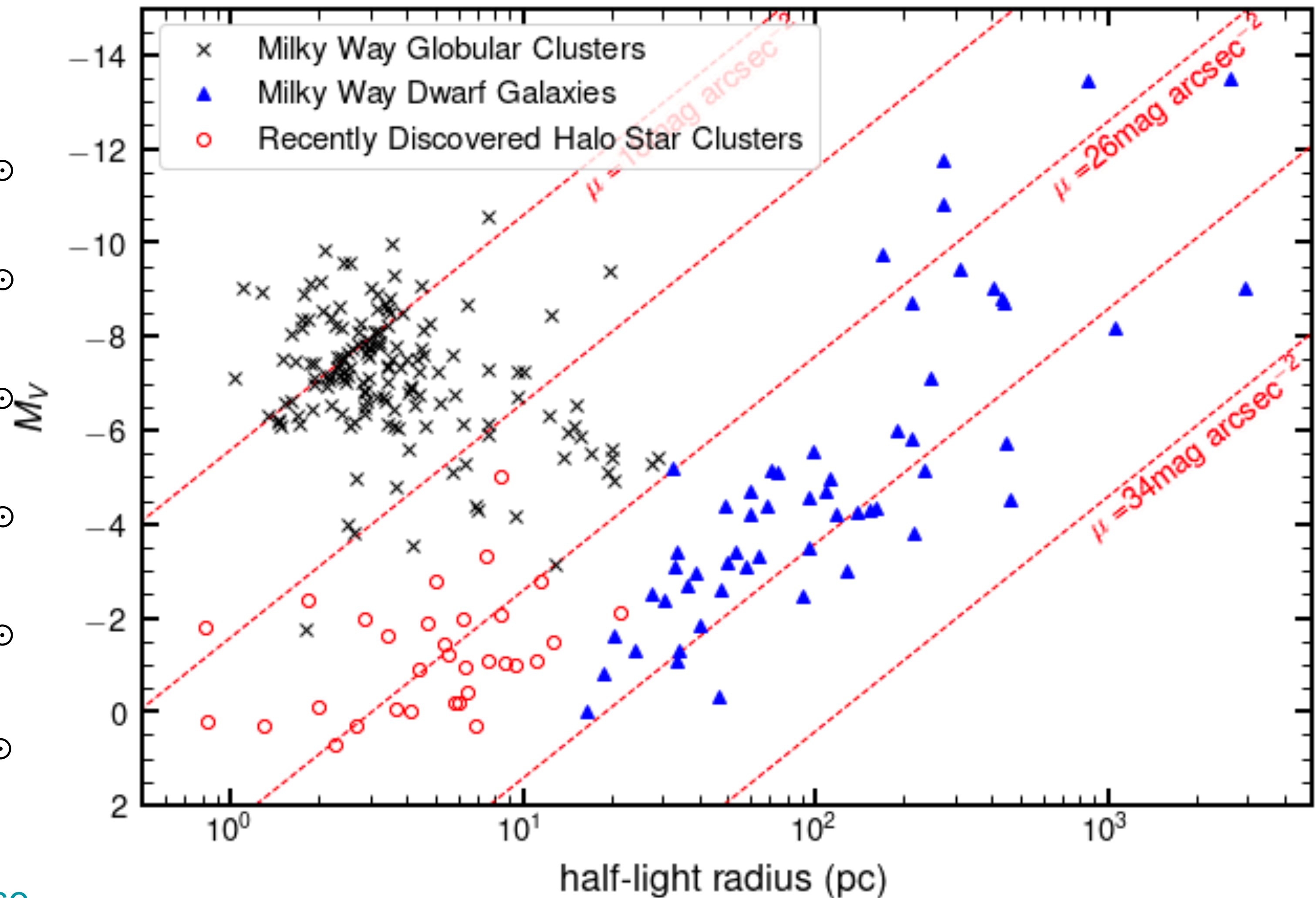
$10^6 M_{\odot}$

$10^5 M_{\odot}$

$10^4 M_{\odot}$

$10^3 M_{\odot}$

$10^2 M_{\odot}$



What is the Boundary between clusters and galaxies?

Generally:

$$r_{1/2} \approx 10 \text{ pc}$$

$$\mu > 24 \text{ mag/arcsec}^2$$

$$M_V \gtrsim -3$$

$$r_{\text{Gal}} > 10 \text{ kpc}$$

age \sim old (>10 Gyr)

Mstar

$$10^7 M_{\odot}$$

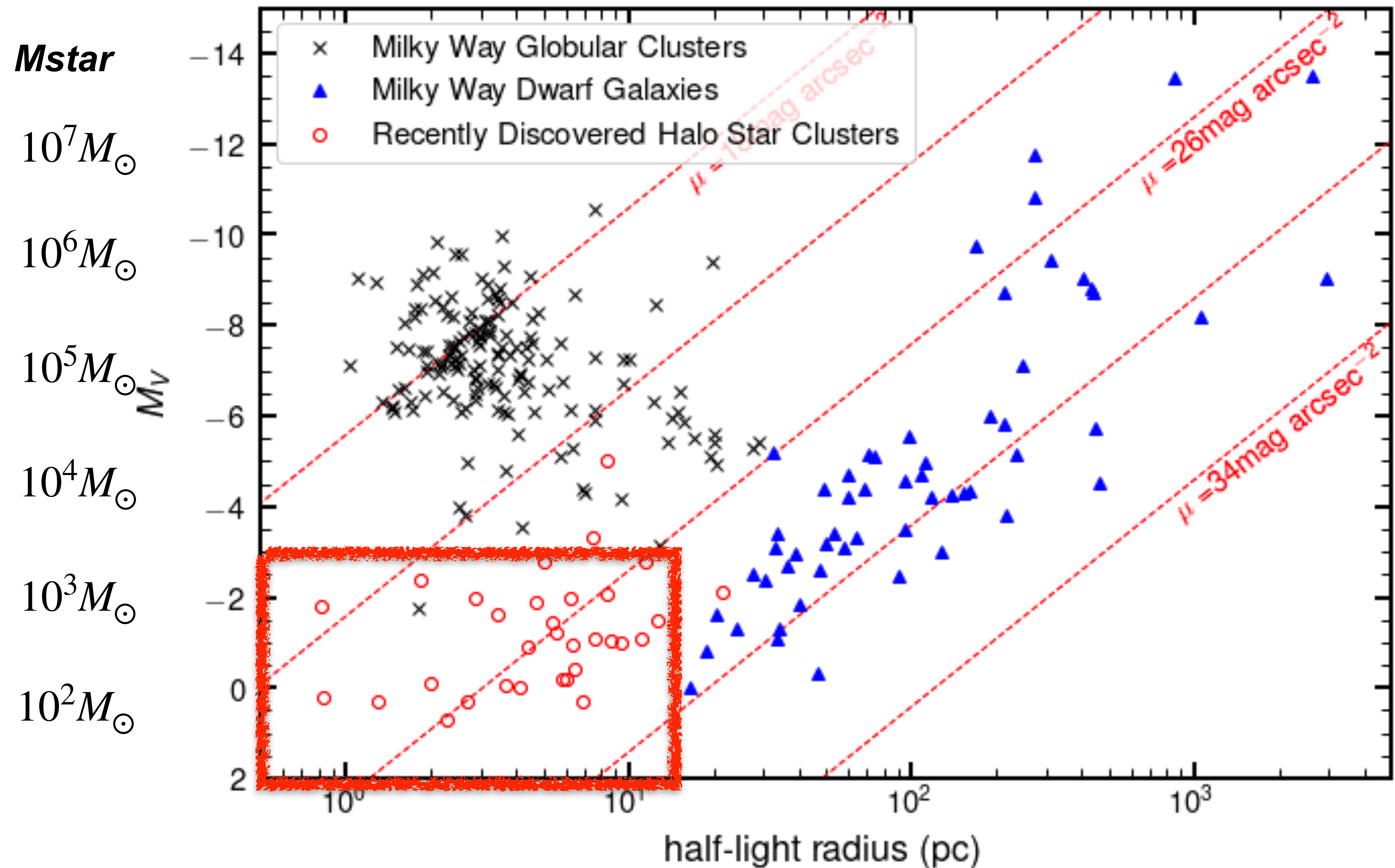
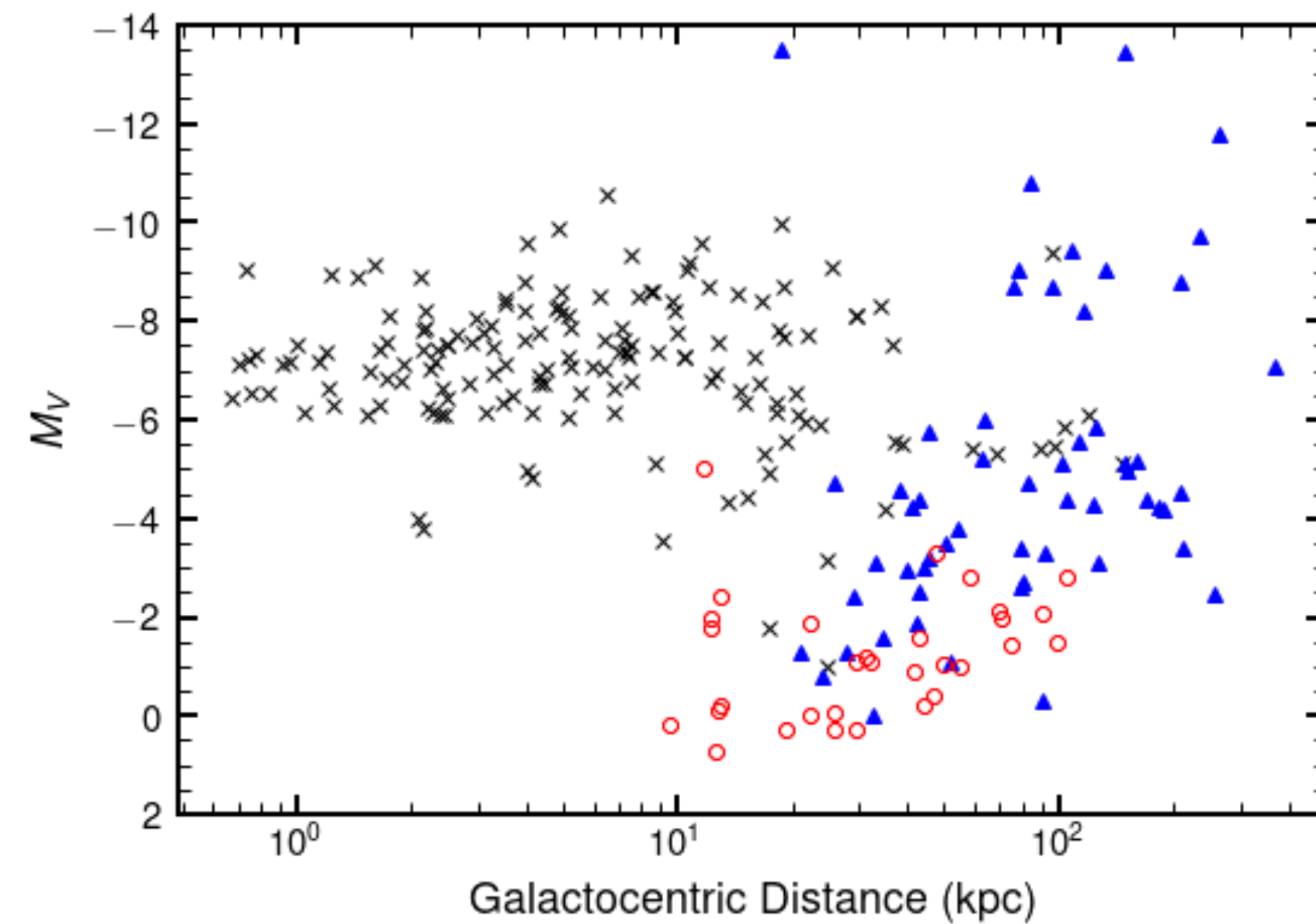
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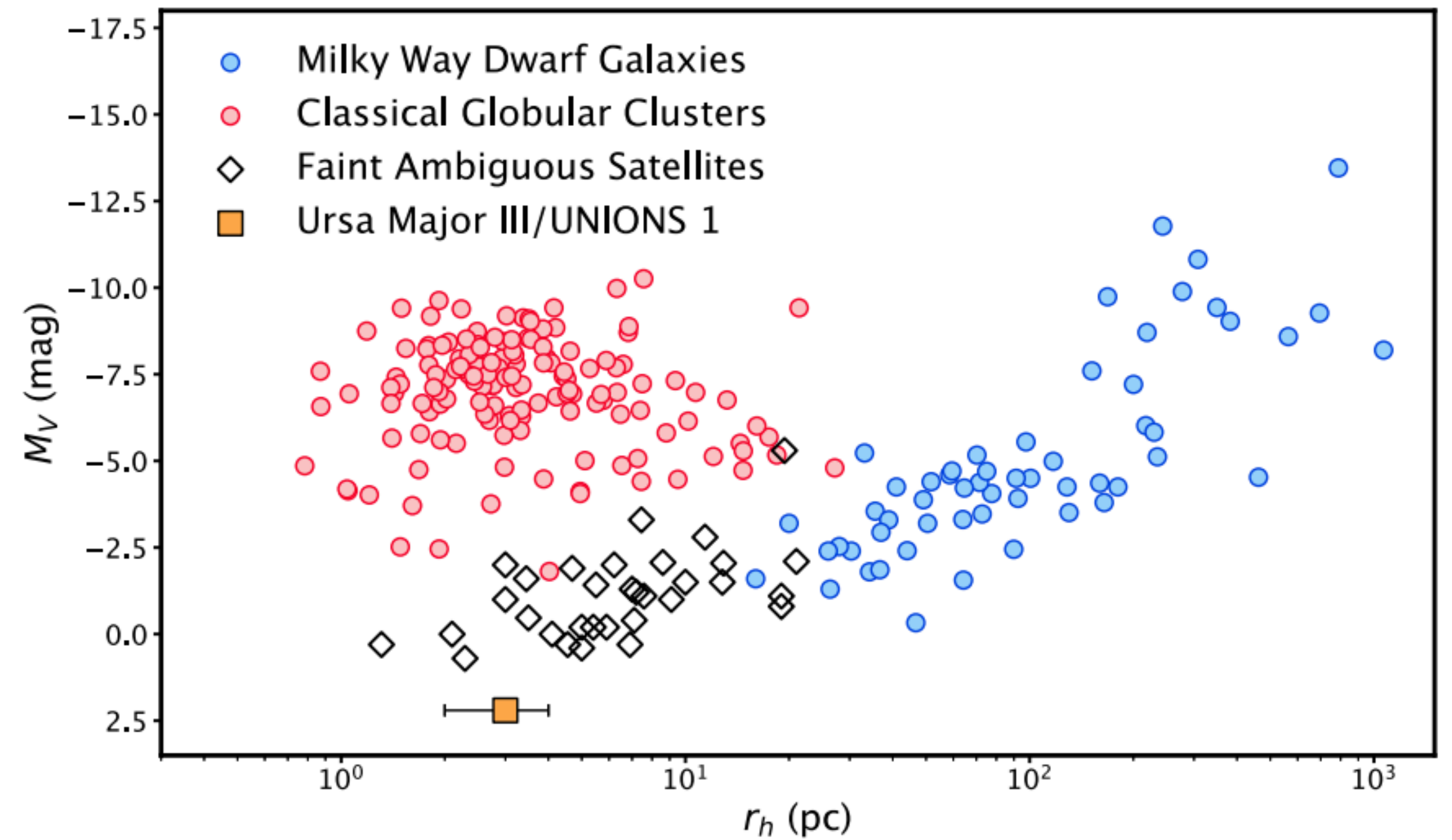
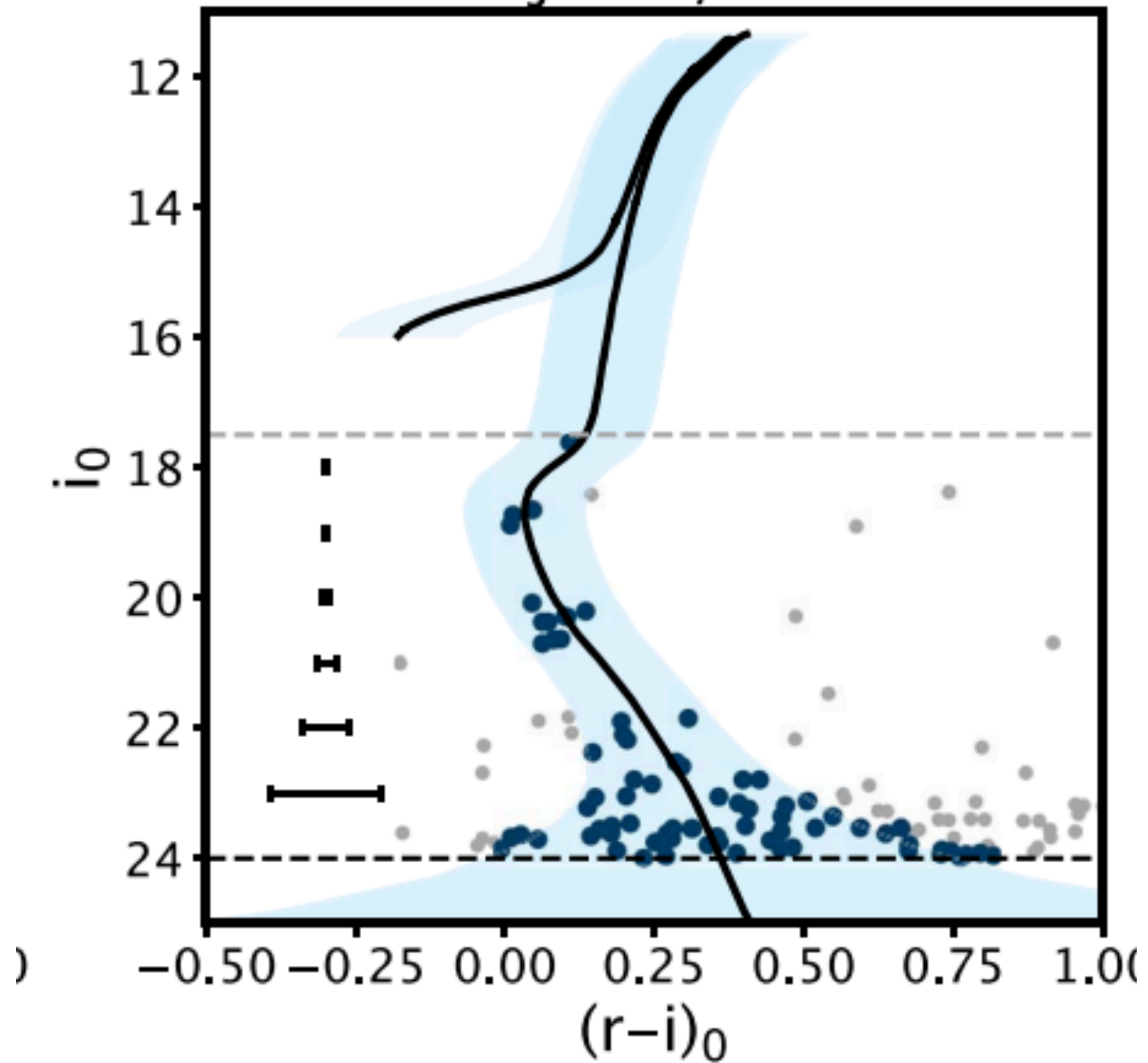
$$10^3 M_{\odot}$$

$$10^2 M_{\odot}$$



The current record: a galaxy/cluster at 16 Msun?!

Ursa Major III/UNIONS 1



A New Spectroscopic Census of the UFCSSs

Magellan/IMACS



Keck/DEIMOS



William Cerny (Yale)

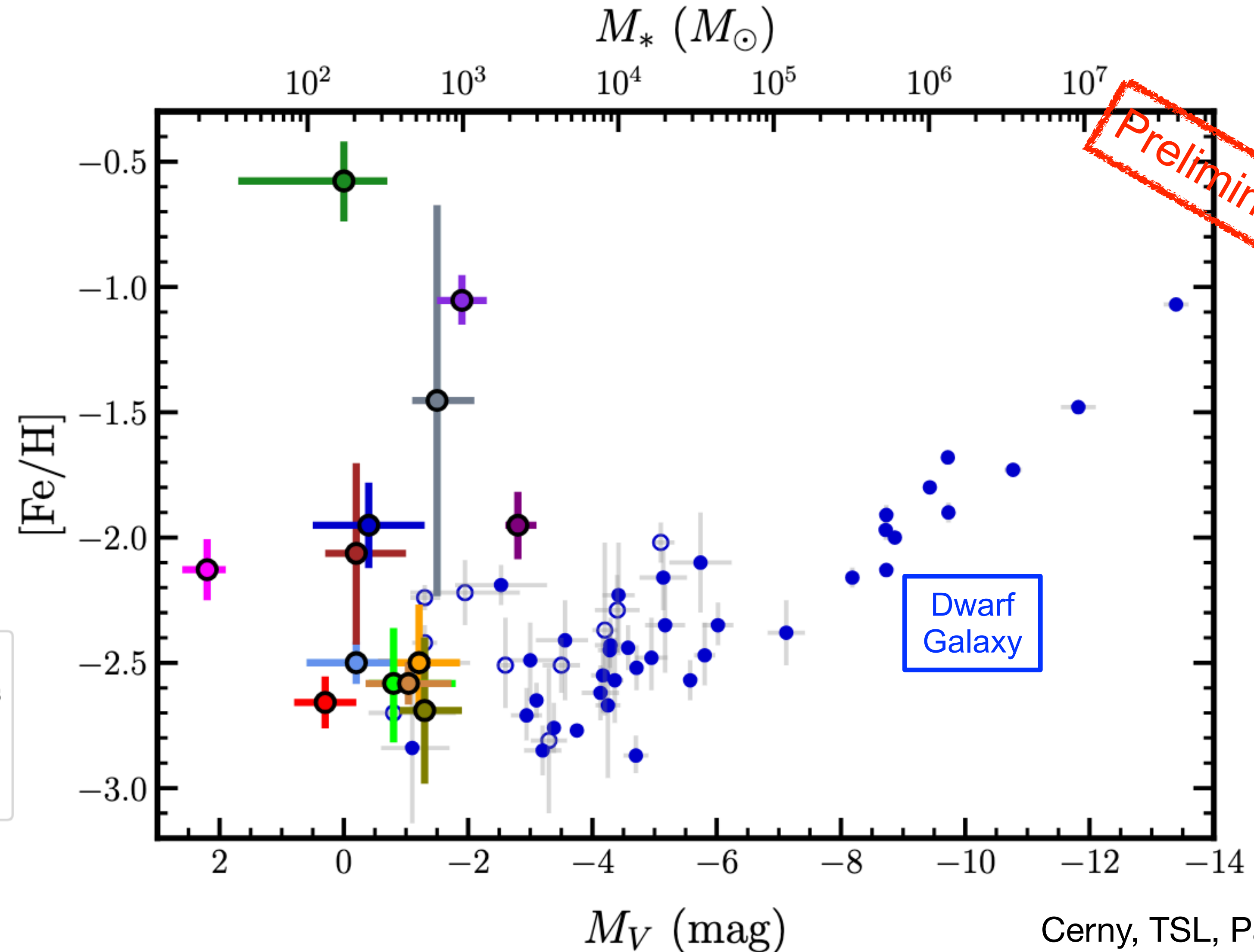
(Cerny, TSL, Pace et al. in prep)

We have collected, reduced, and homogeneously analyzed new and/or archival medium-resolution spectra for **~18 UFCSSs!**

***first population-level
chemodynamical insights into these
systems***

Results 1: Metallicities

Galaxy's (stellar) mass- metallicity relation



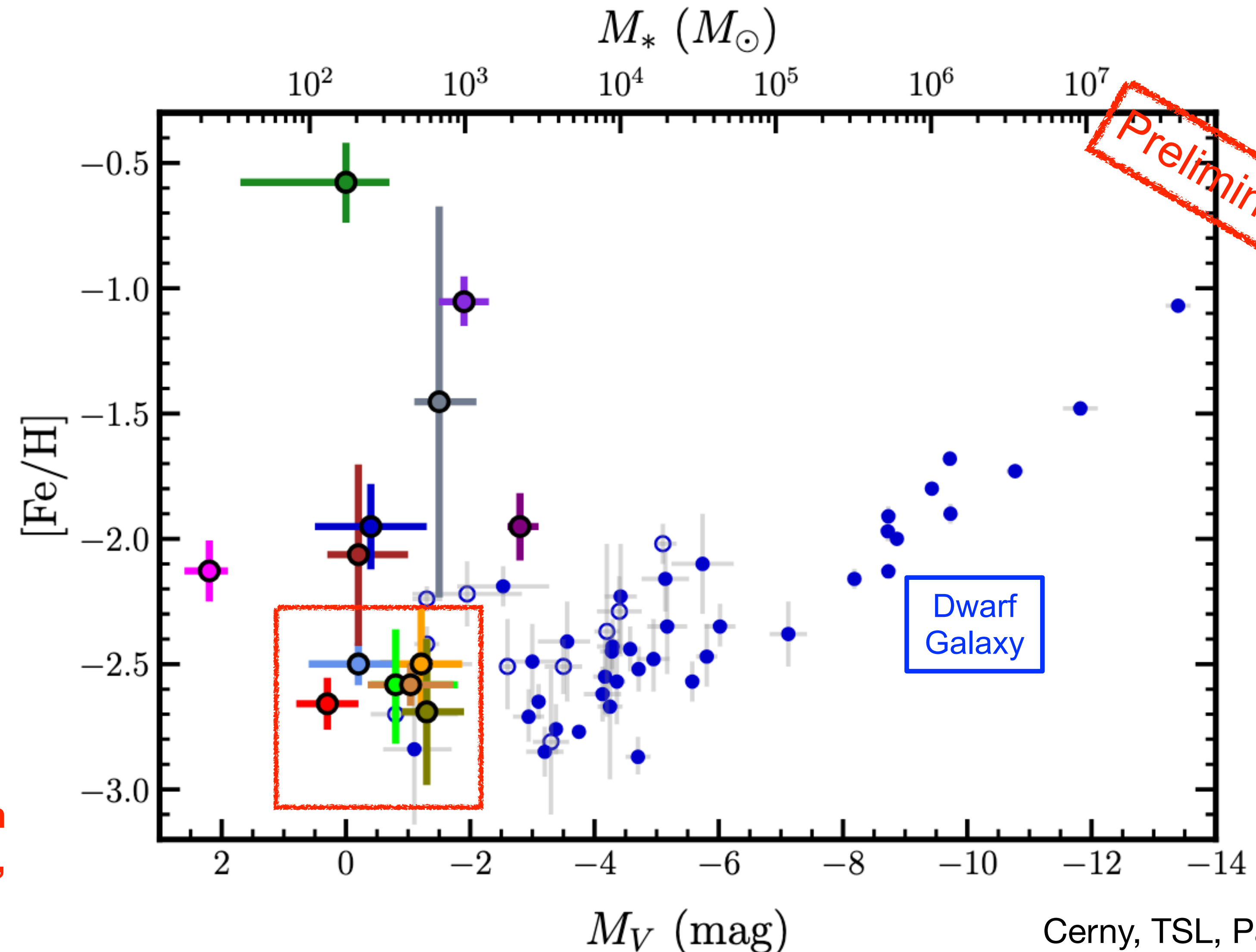
Literature Measurements:

- Dynamically Confirmed Dwarf Galaxies (confidently resolved σ_v)
- Dwarf Galaxies with σ_v upper limit (classified by $\sigma_{[Fe/H]} > 0.1$ dex)

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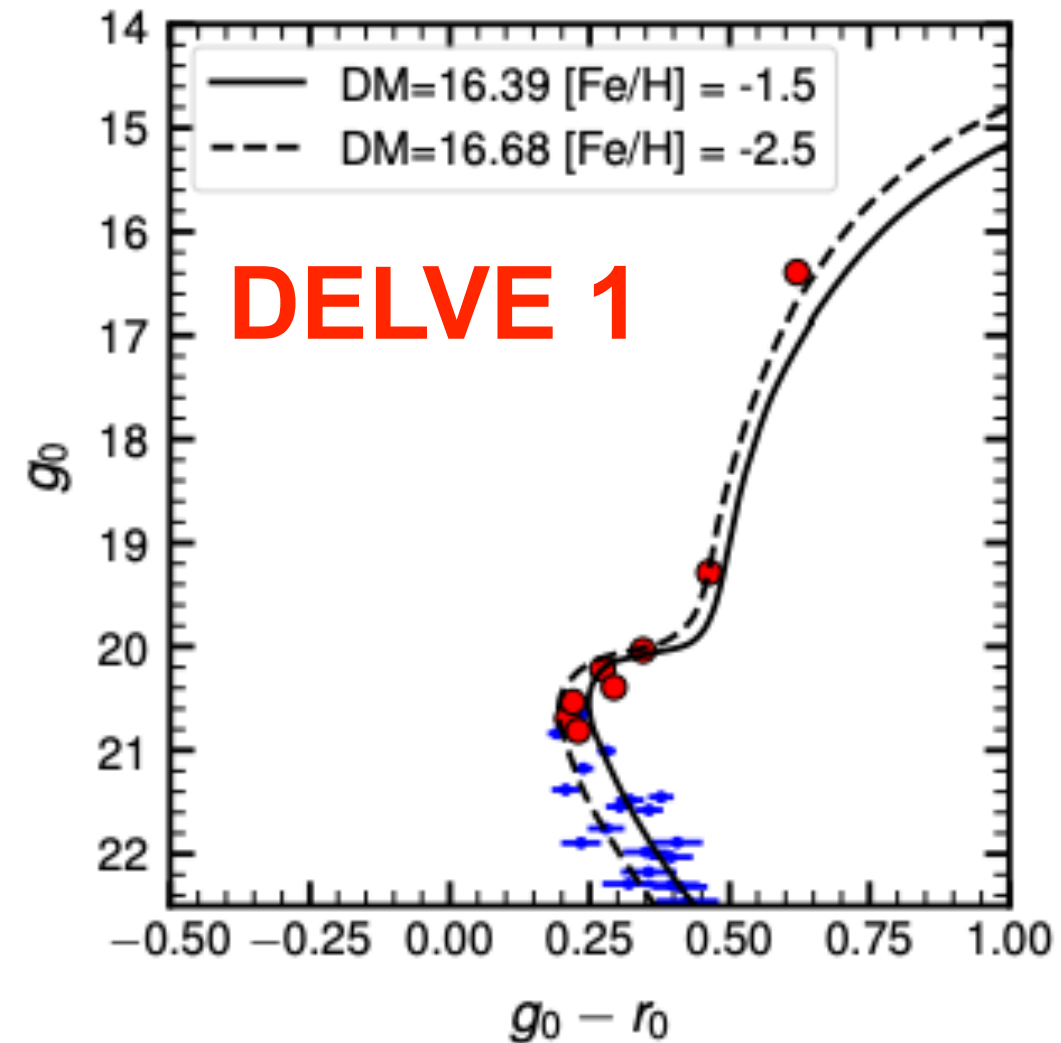
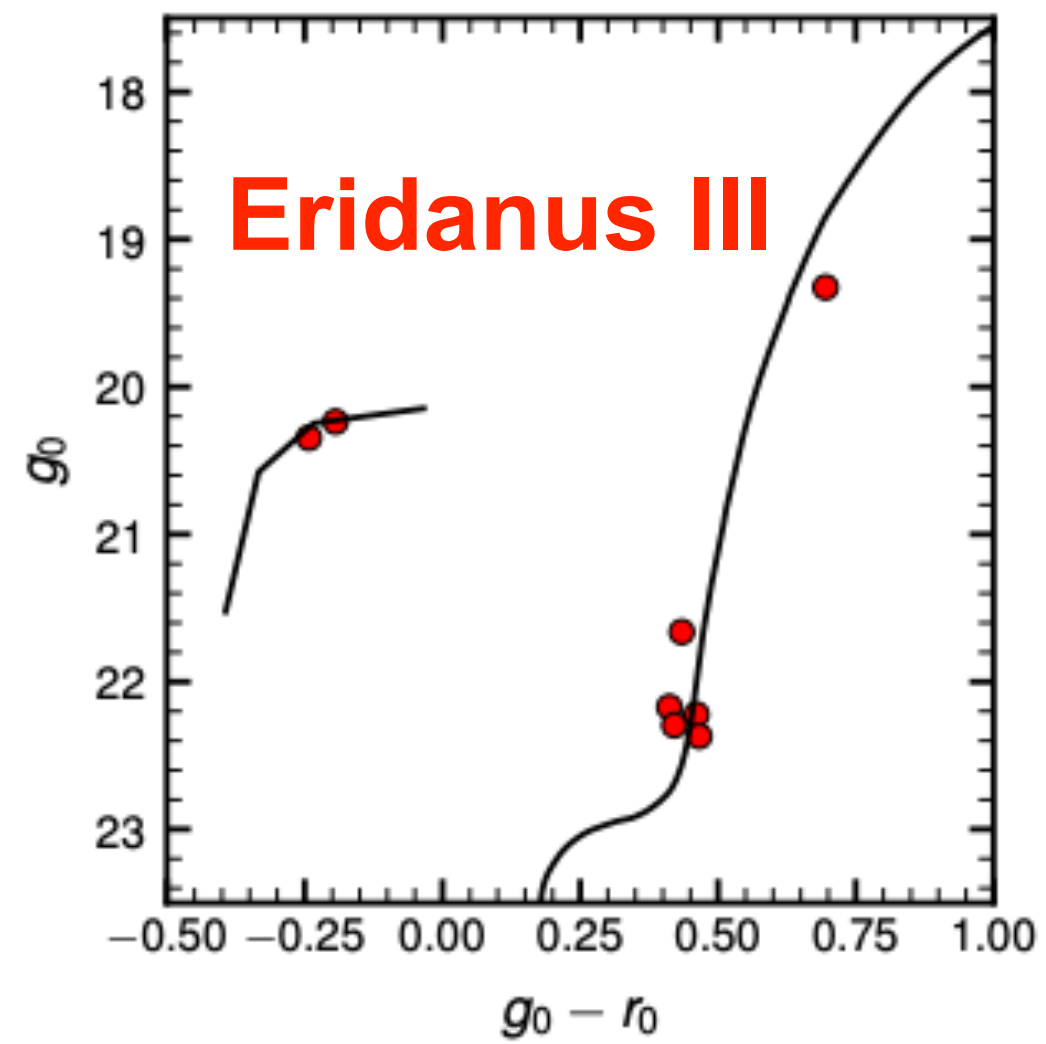
**Galaxy's
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relation**

**A surprising number of the
UFCSS appear to trace the
galaxy mass-metallicity relation
and below “GC metallicity floor”**



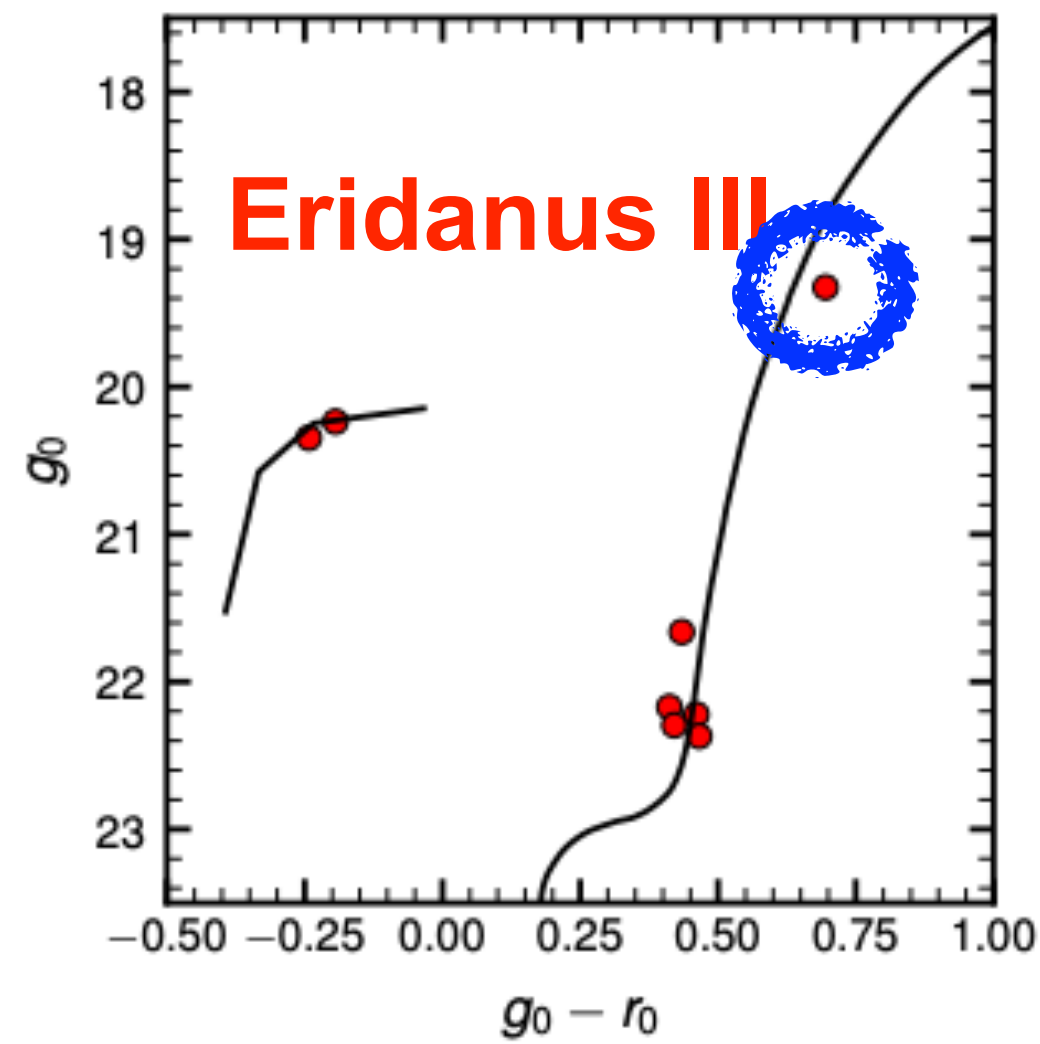
Results 2:

Carbon-rich Primordial Star Clusters or the Smallest Dwarf Galaxies?

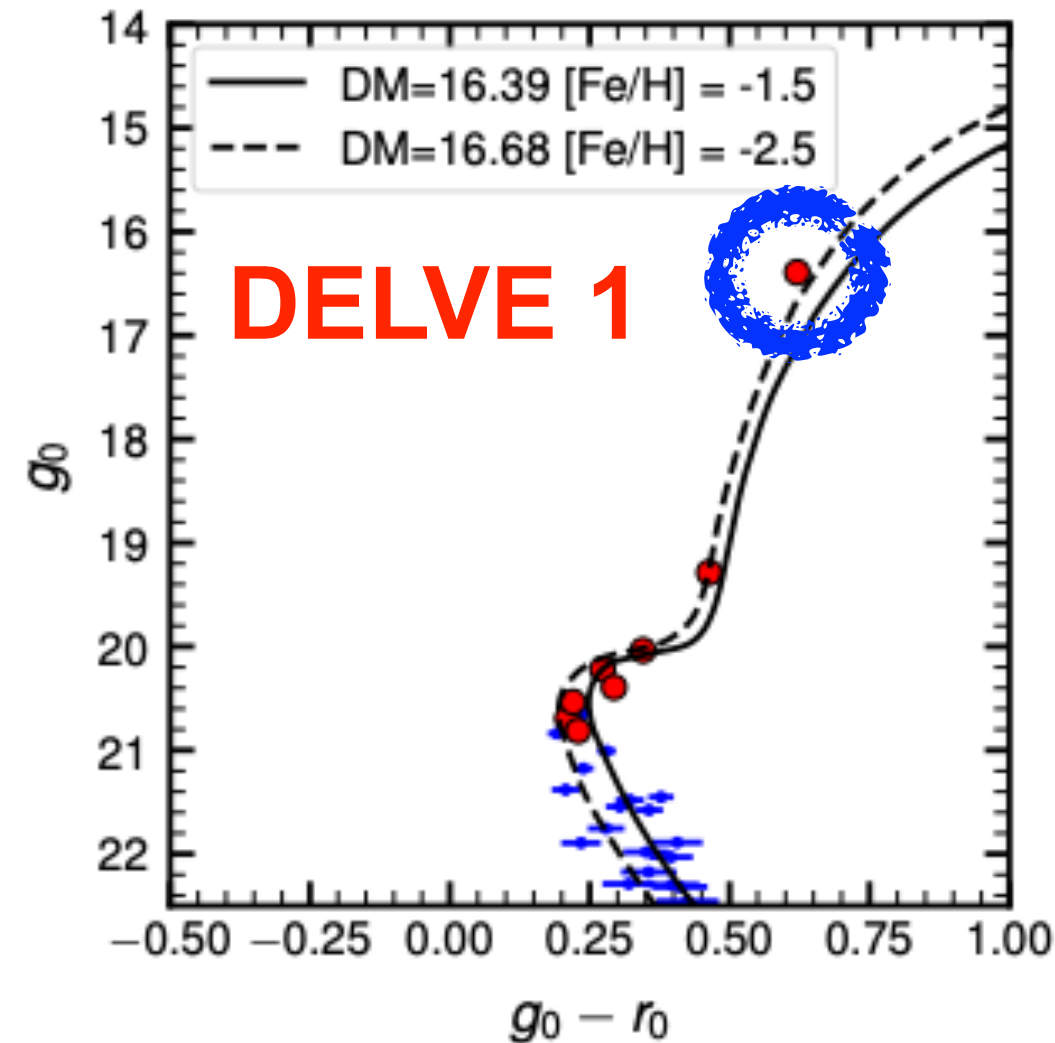


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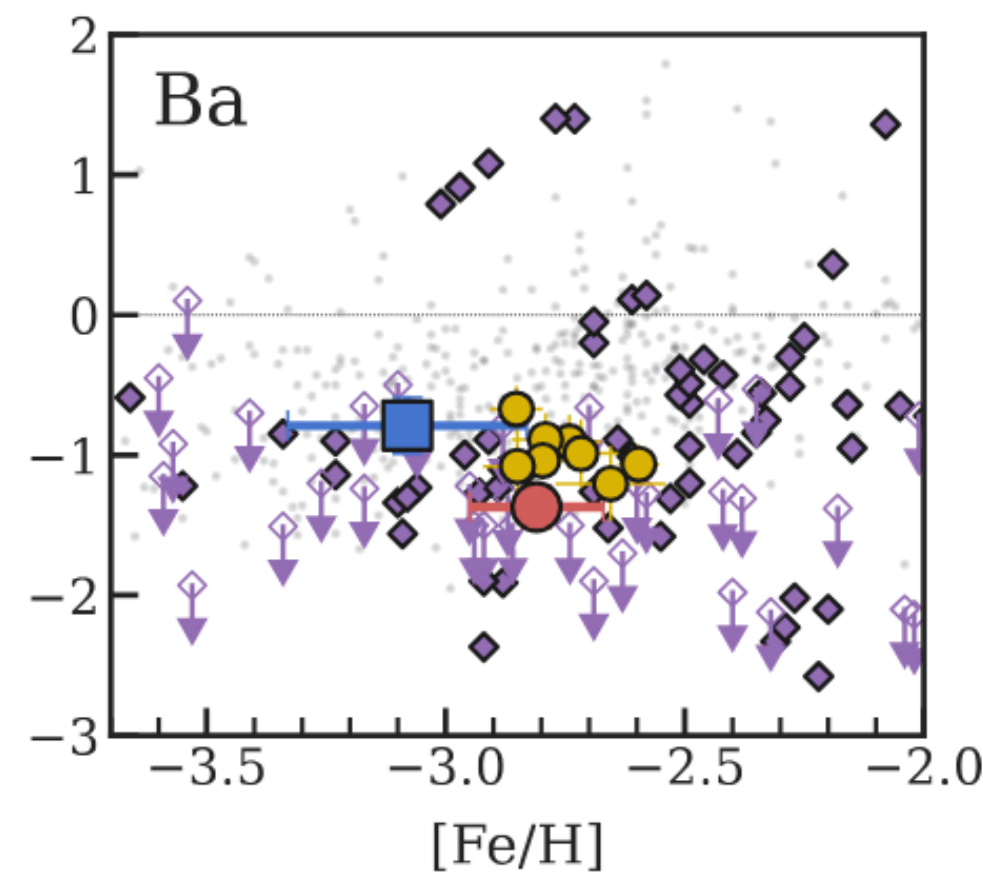
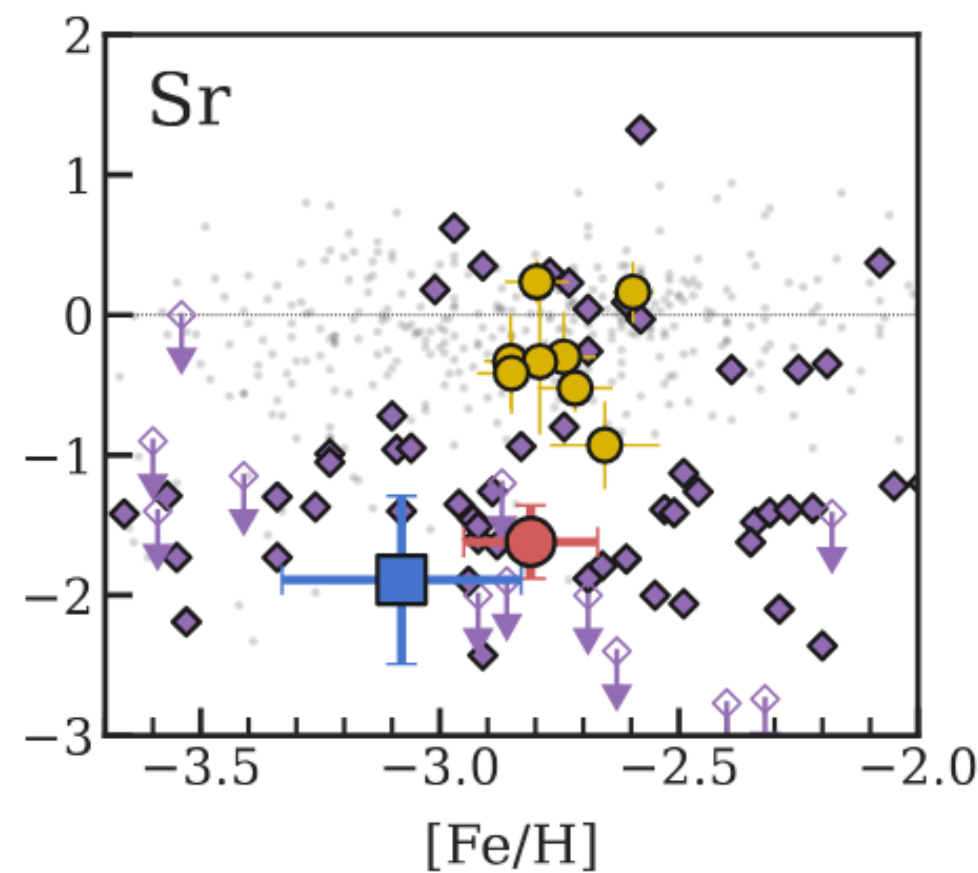
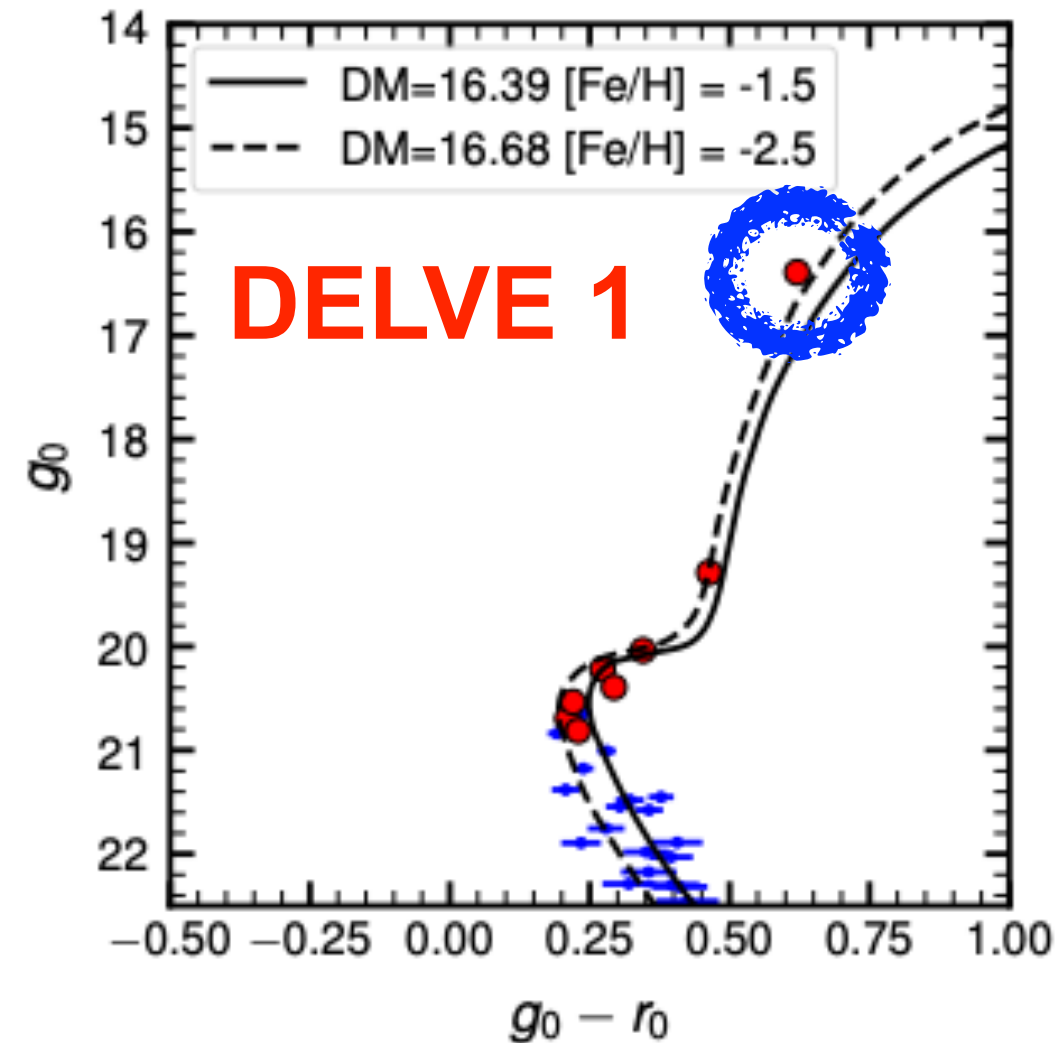
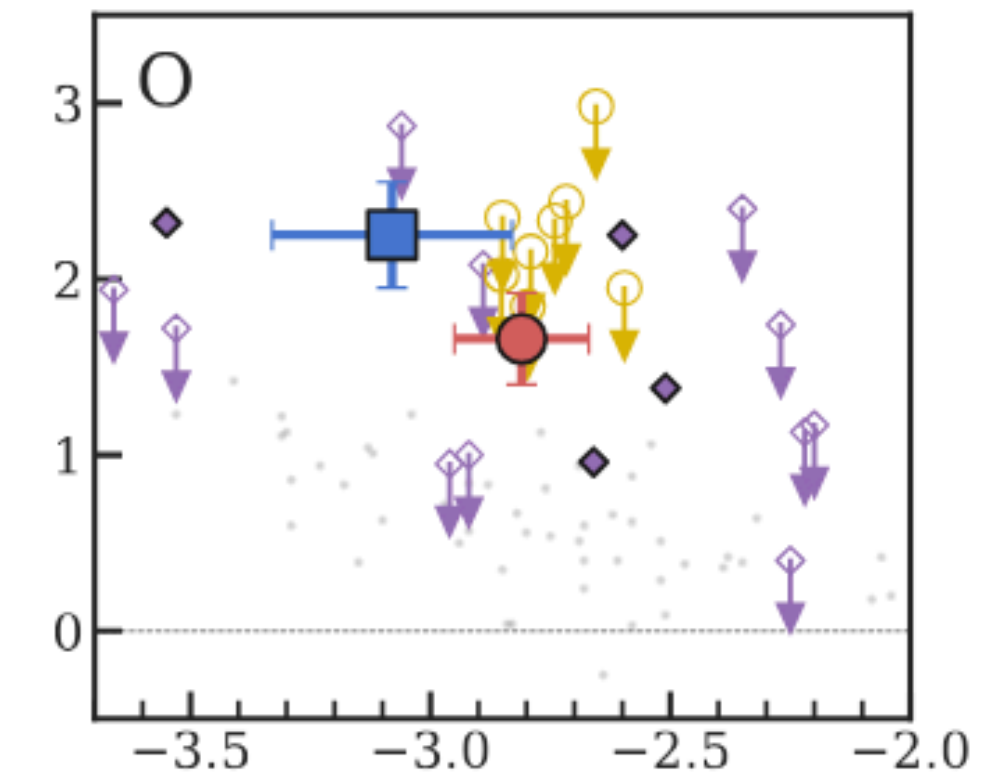
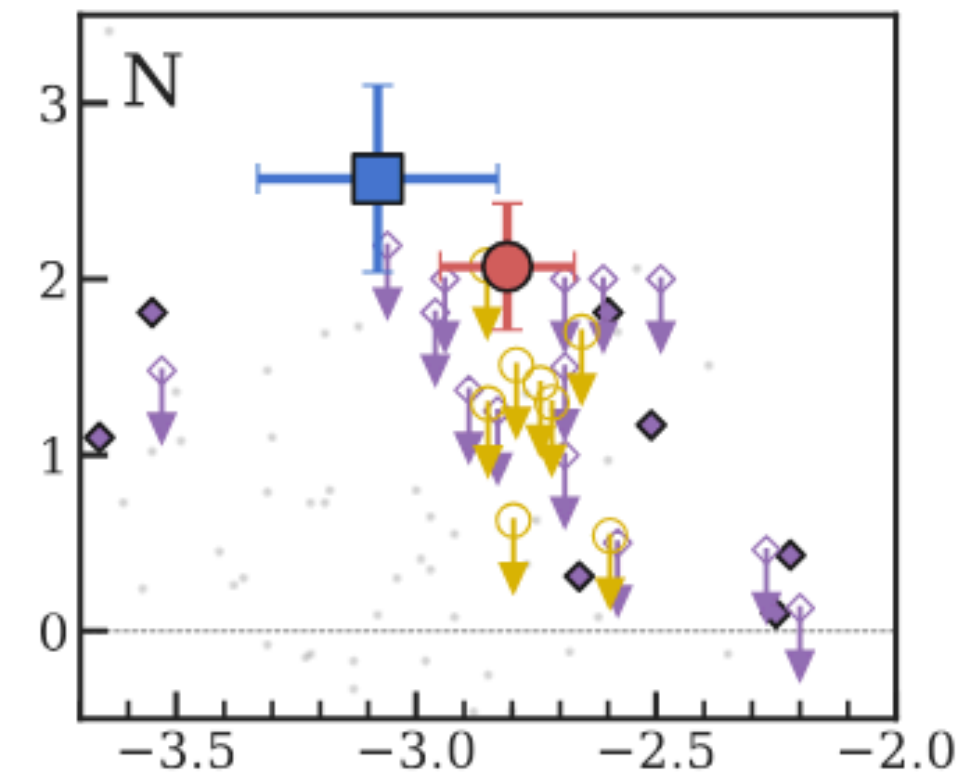
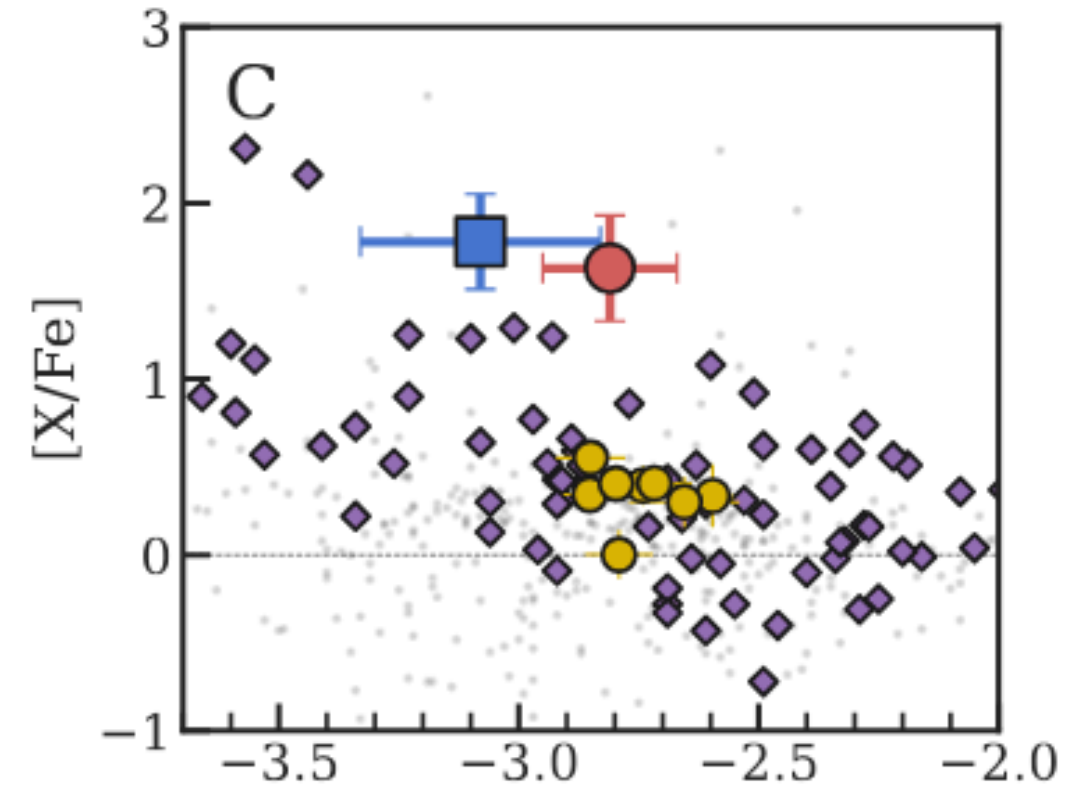
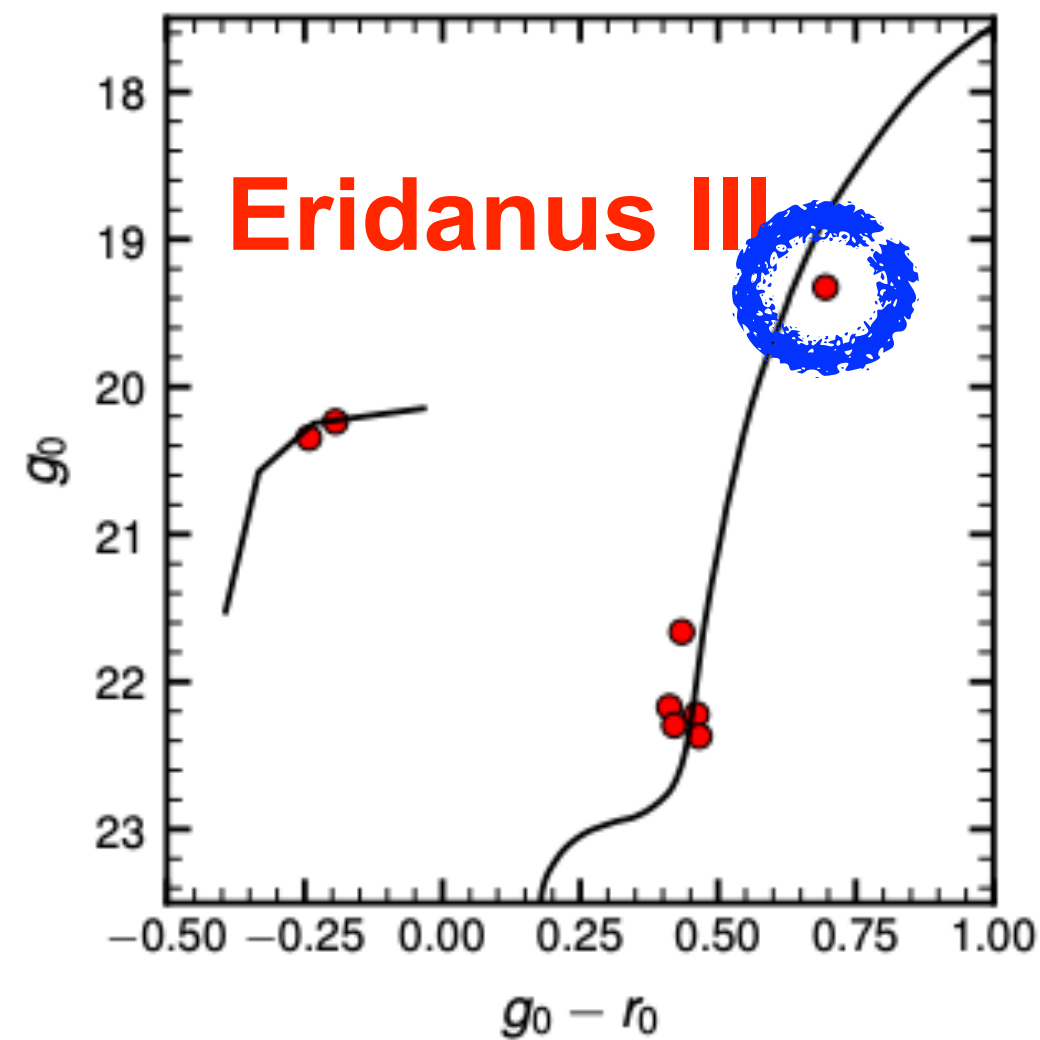
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$[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -2.8$

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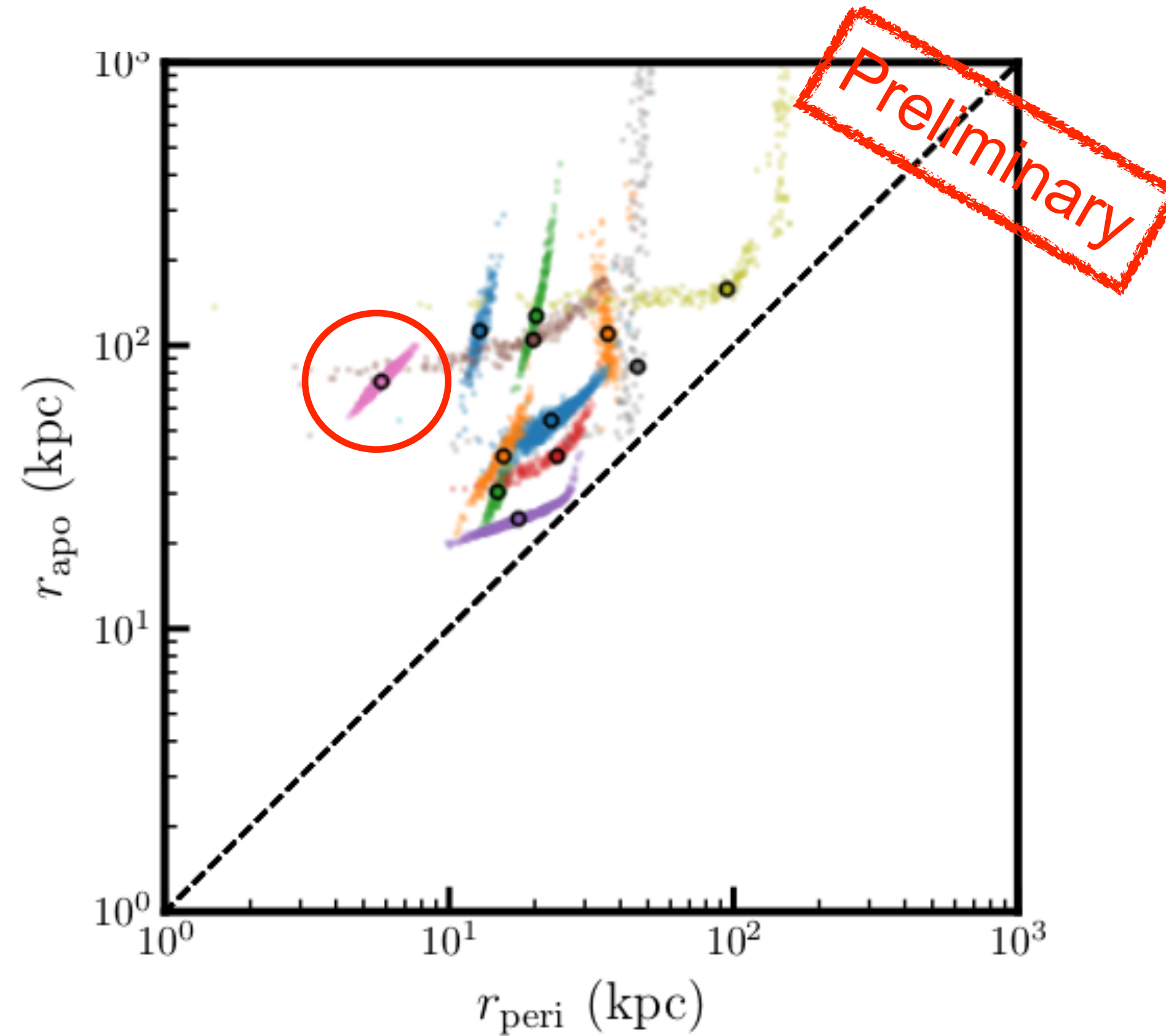
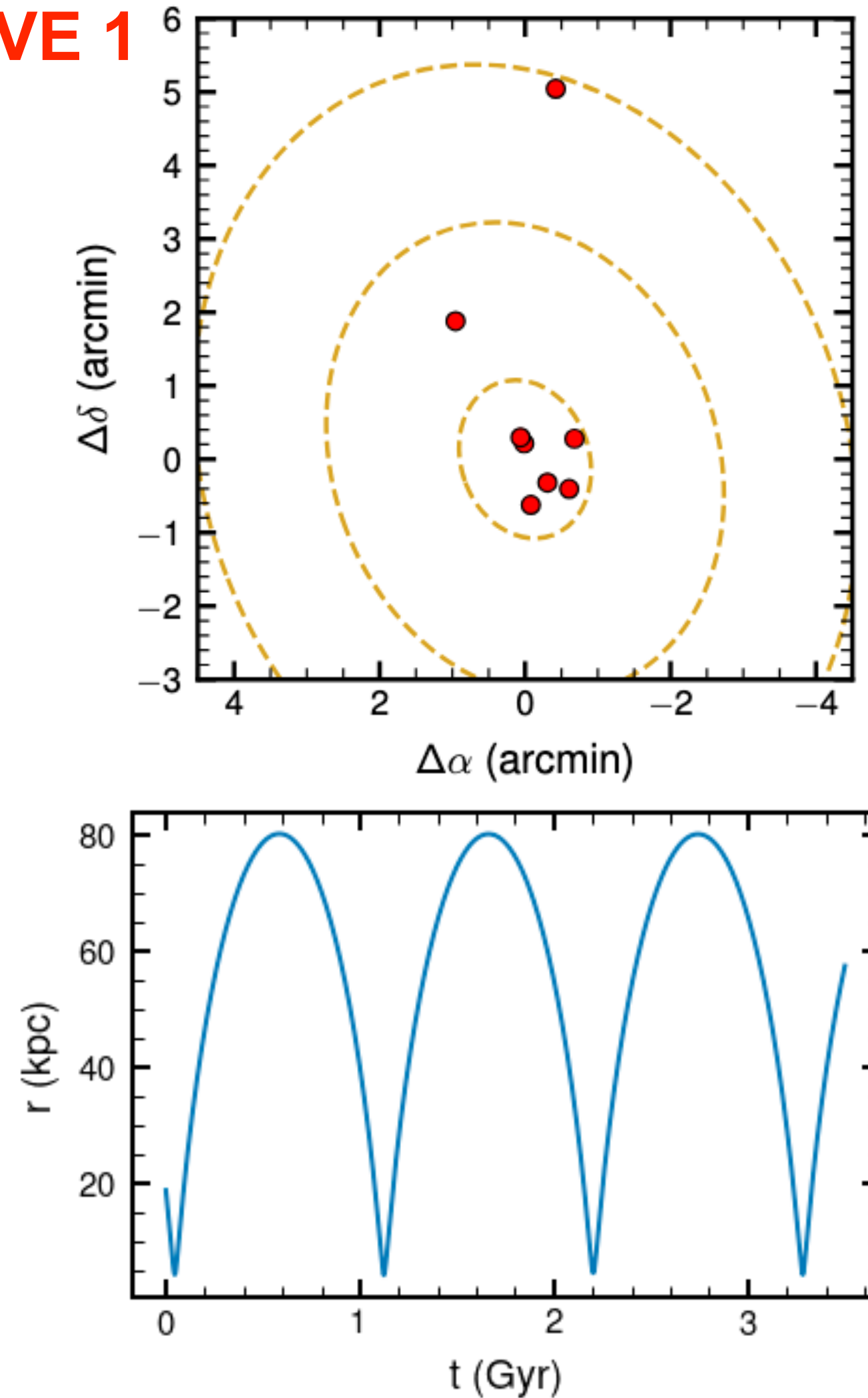
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- C, N, O enhanced, low in Sr and Ba
- Brightest member stars are **CEMP-no** stars

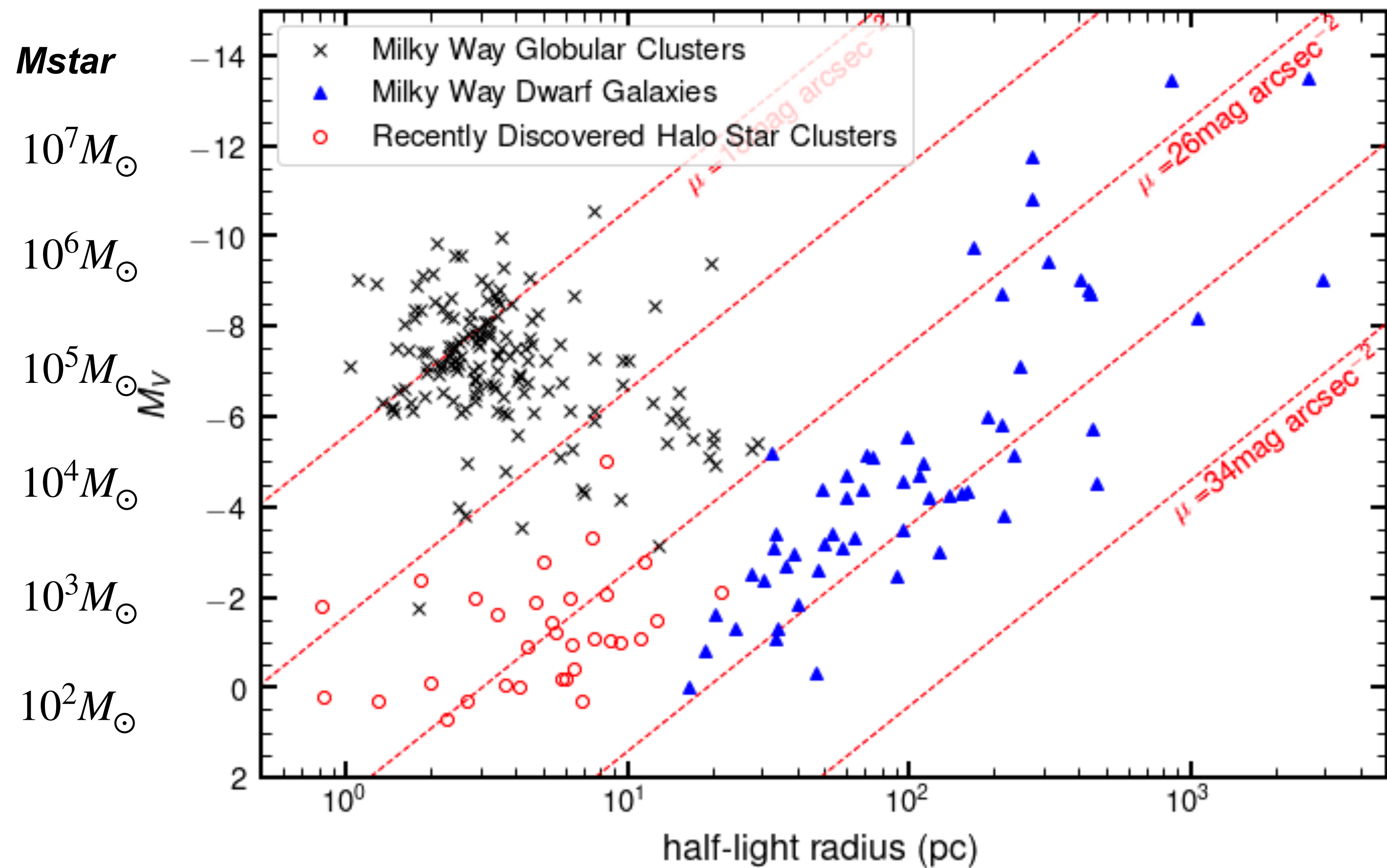
Preliminary Results 3: Orbital Properties — Survivability

DELVE 1

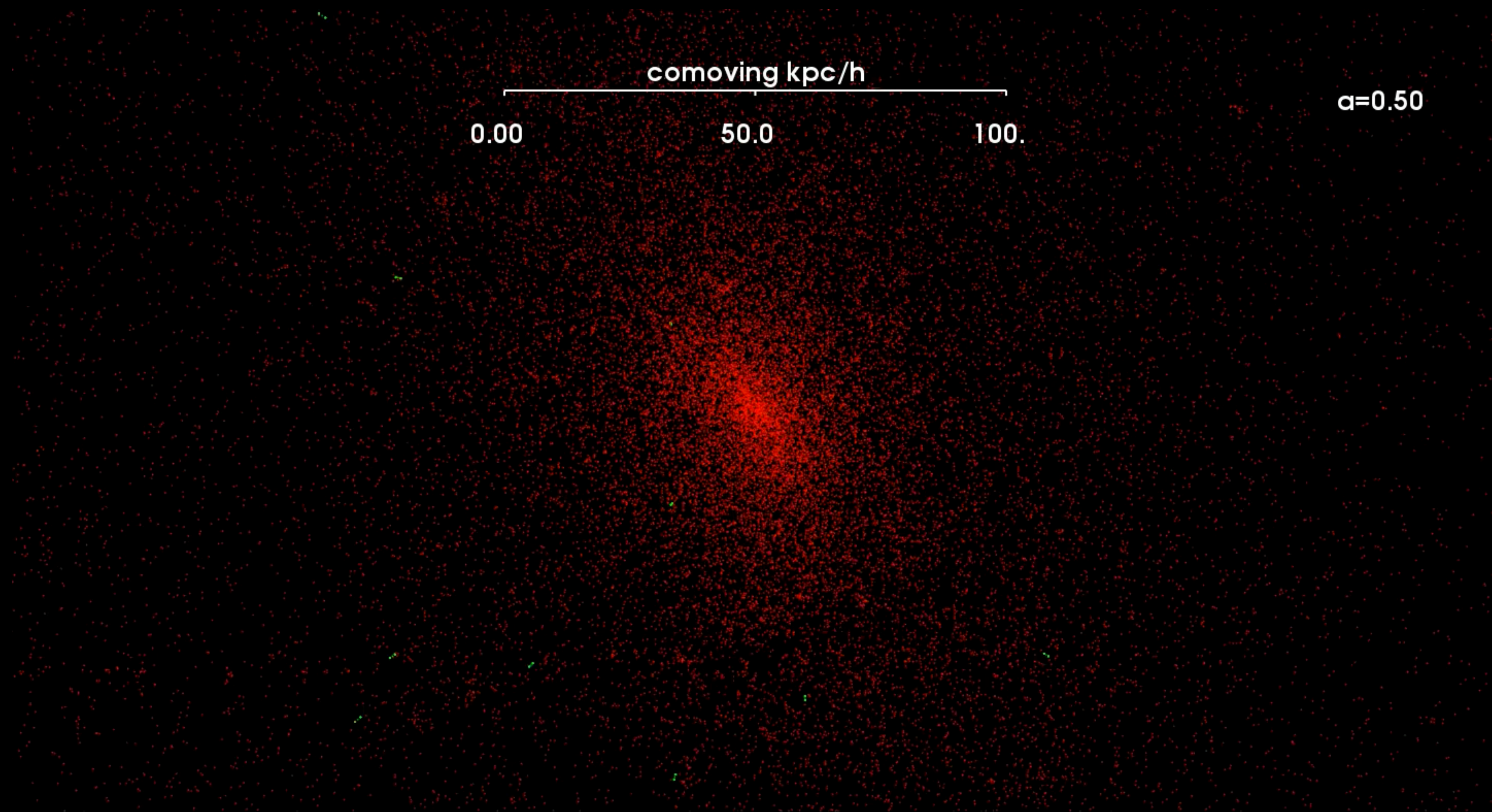


Pericenter ~ 4 kpc, Apocenter ~ 80 kpc
Last peri: ~ 40 Myr

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Cold Stellar Streams in the Milky Way

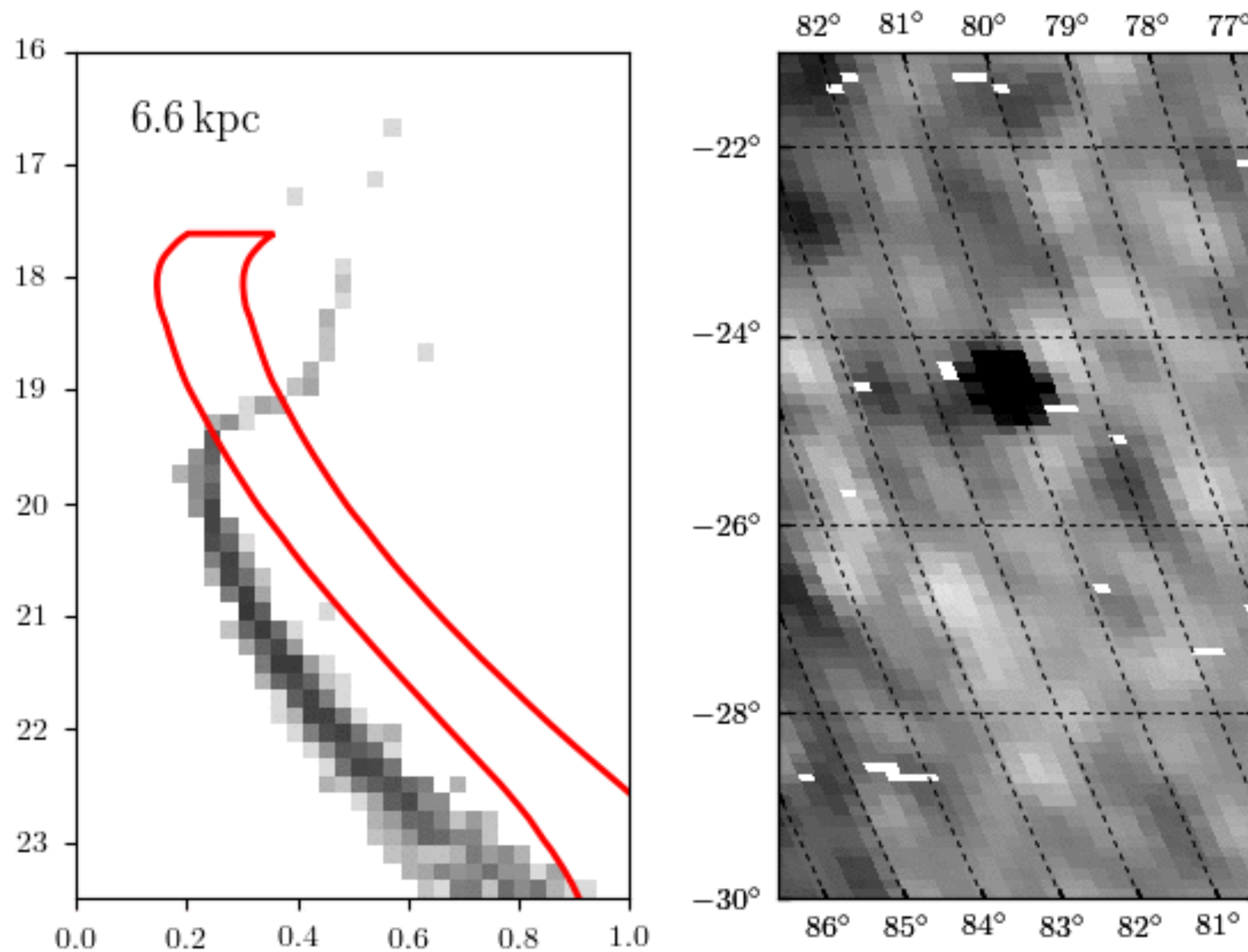


Milky Way like galaxies are assembled by accretion and disruption of many smaller systems

Stellar Streams:

- tidally disrupted
 - dwarf galaxies
 - globular clusters
- but not fully mixed

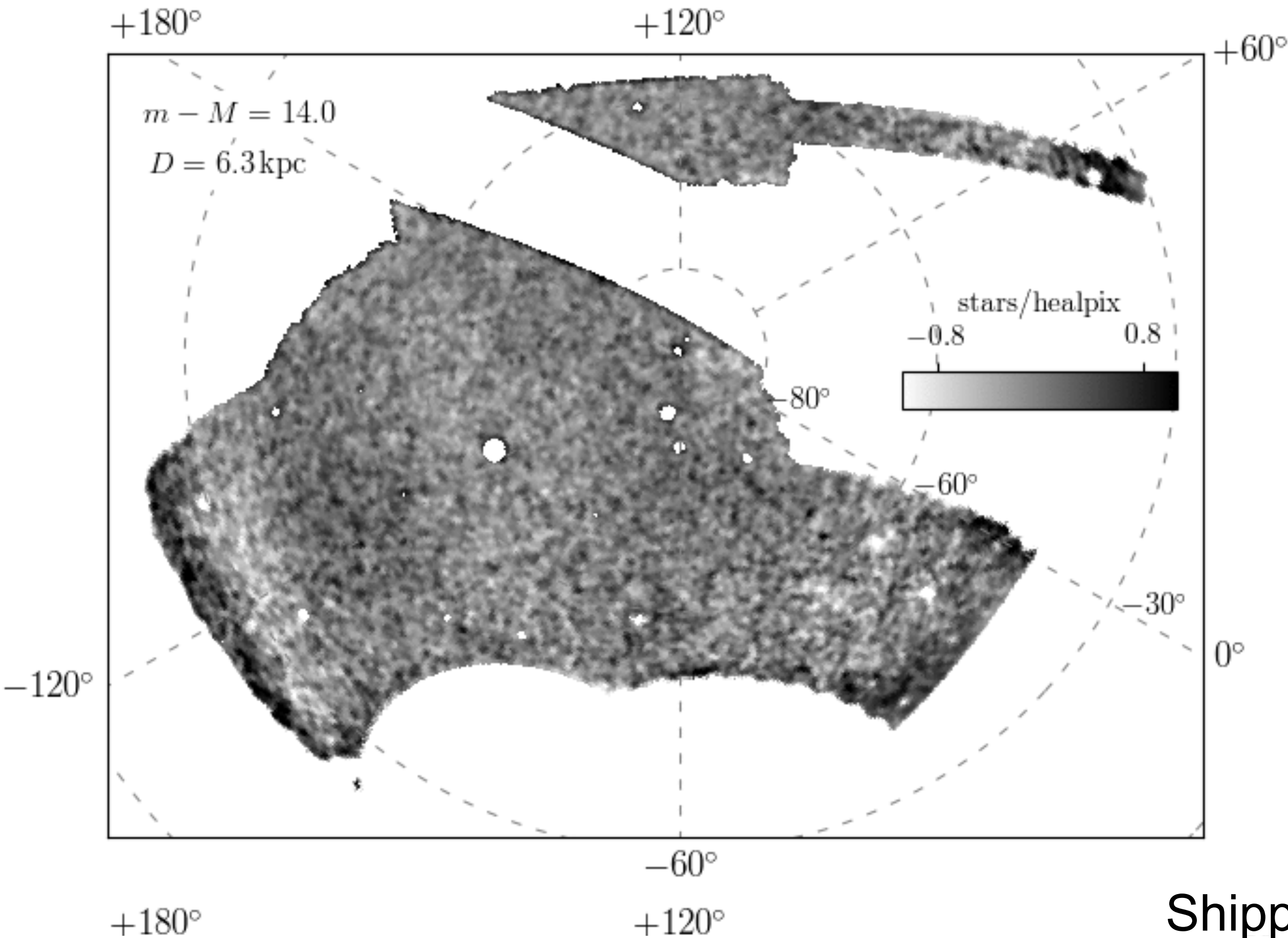
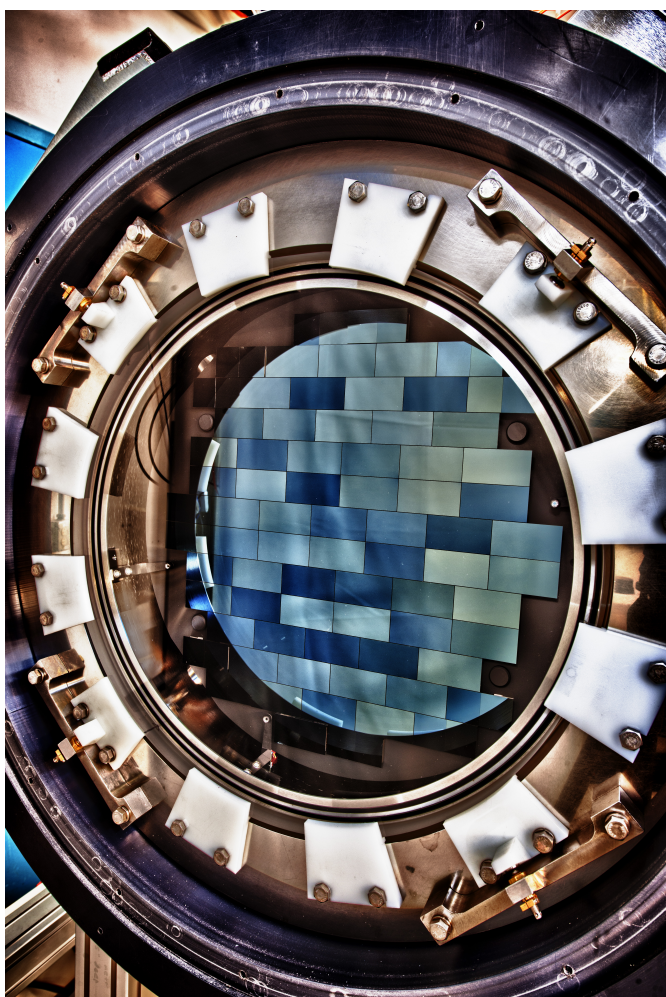
Isochrones Scanning through in distance



Credit: Alex Drlica-Wagner



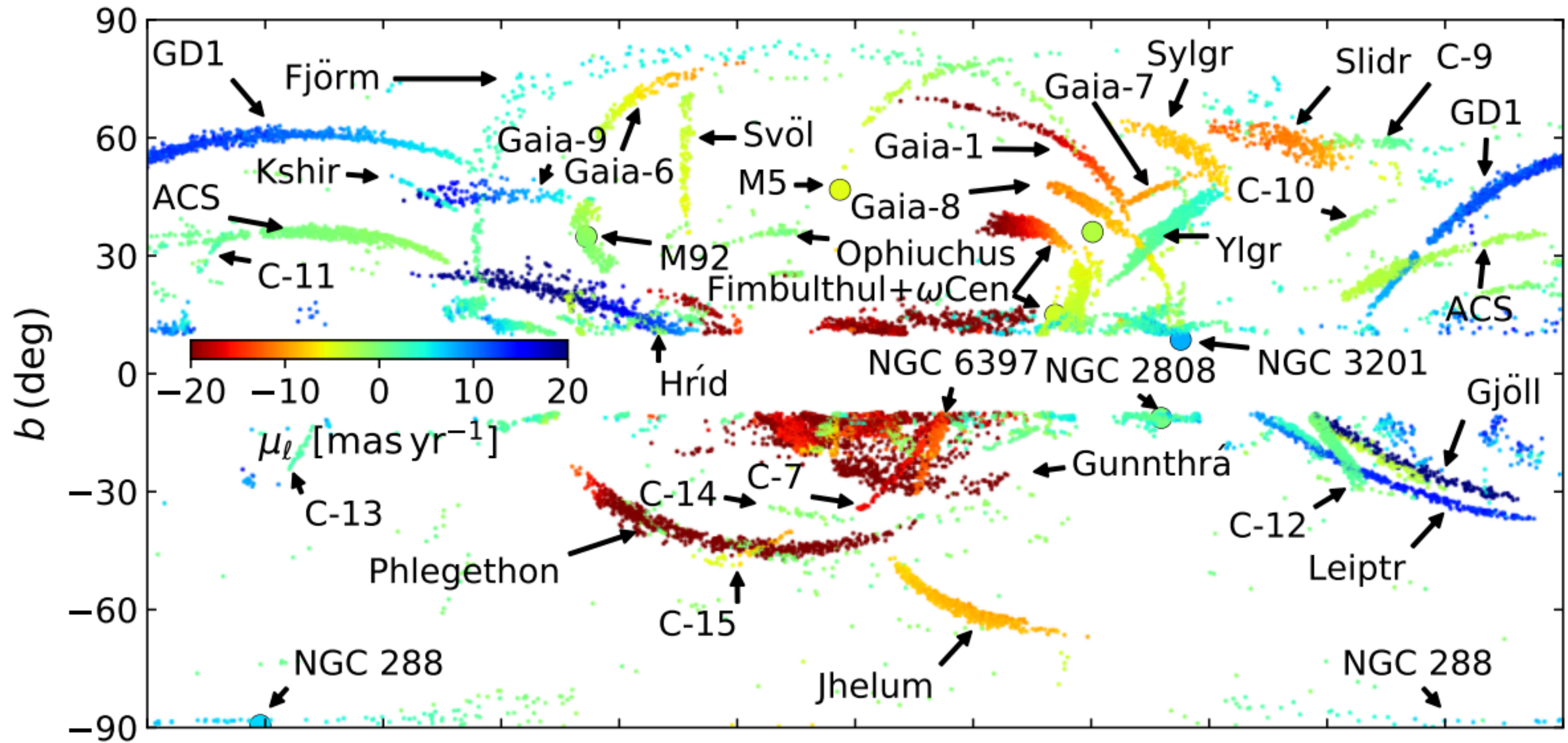
Streams in the Dark Energy Survey



13 new streams from DES + 2 previous known

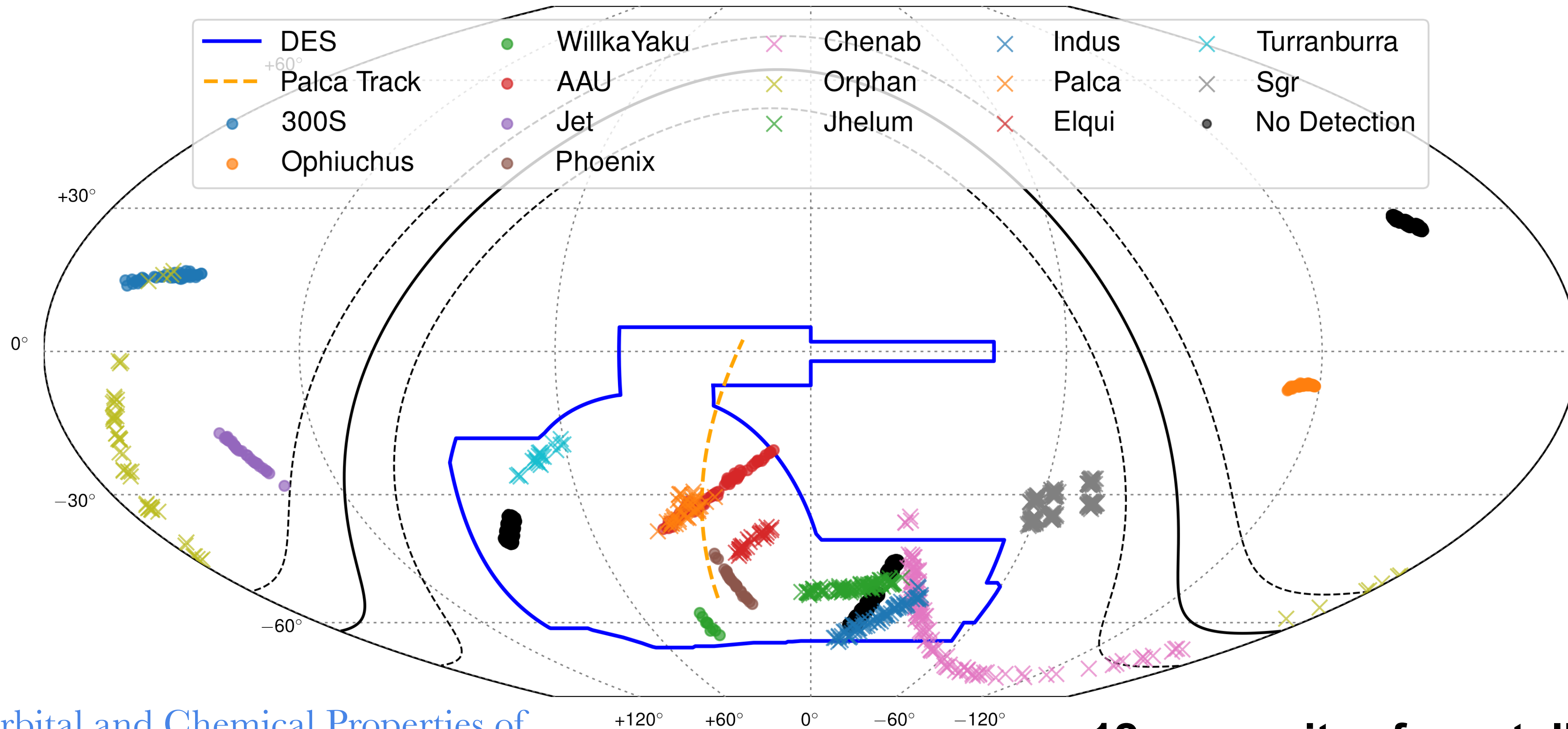
Shipp et al. 2018
(DES Collaboration)

Gaia EDR3 detections, [3, 12] kpc





S5: Southern Stellar Stream Spectroscopic Survey



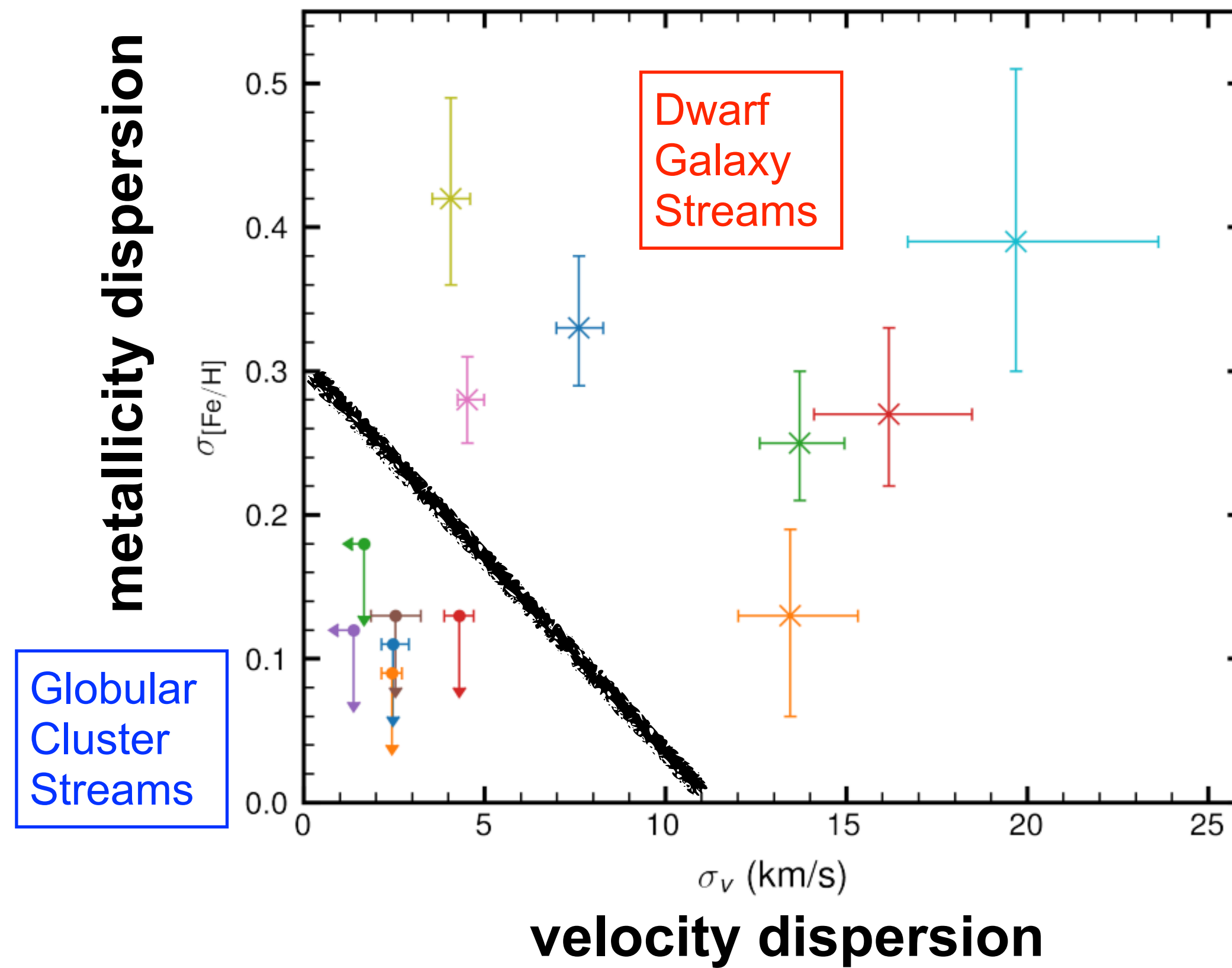
S5: The Orbital and Chemical Properties of
One Dozen Stellar Streams

TSL et al (2022), arXiv: 2110.06950
(S5 Collaborations)

**12 progenitor-free stellar streams
at ~10-50 kpc
observed in 2018-2020**



Progenitors — globular cluster vs dwarf galaxy: 50%-50%

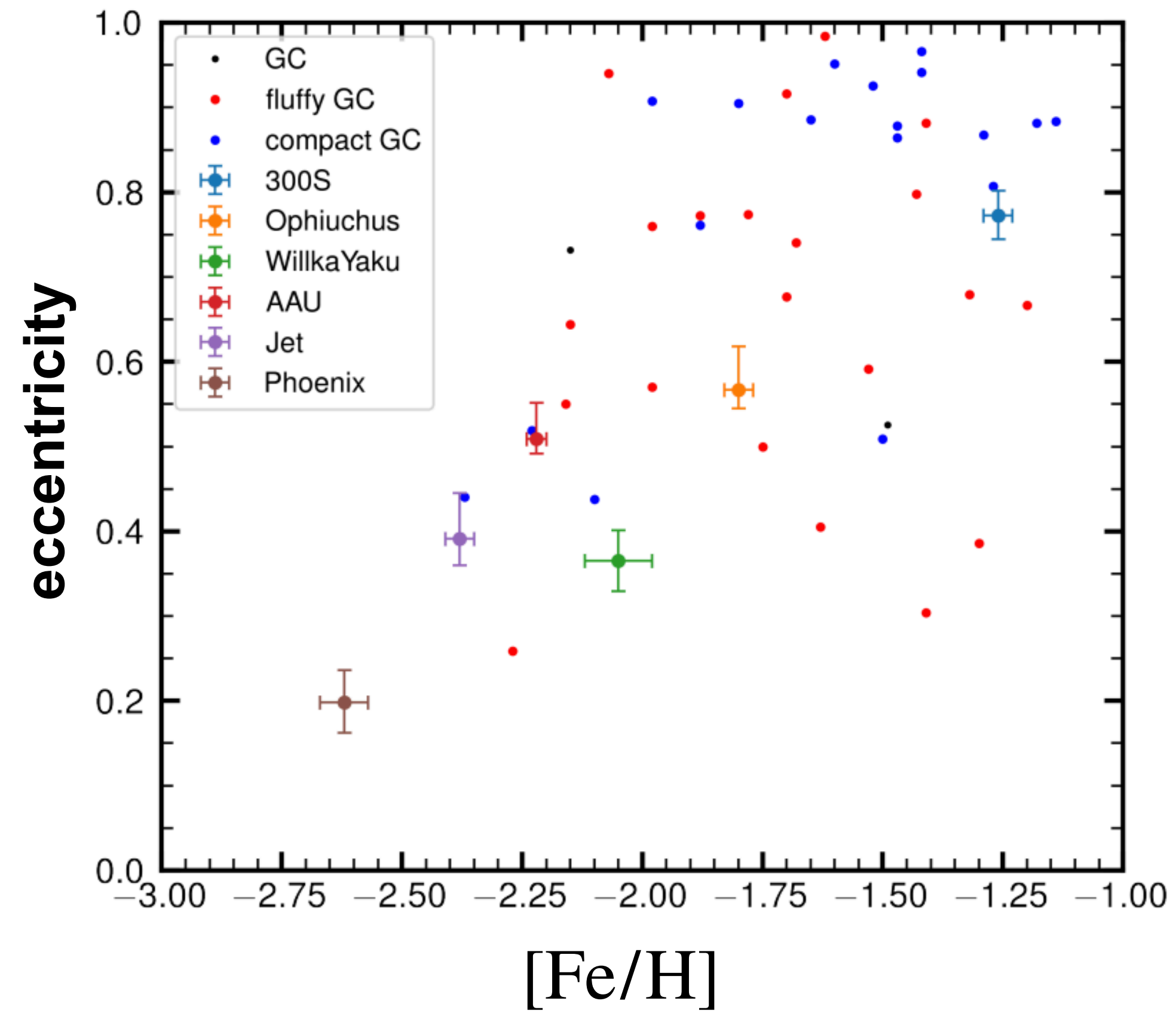


	300S		WillkaYaku		Jet		Orphan		Jhelum		Palca		Turraburra
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TSL et al (2022)
(S5 Collaboration)

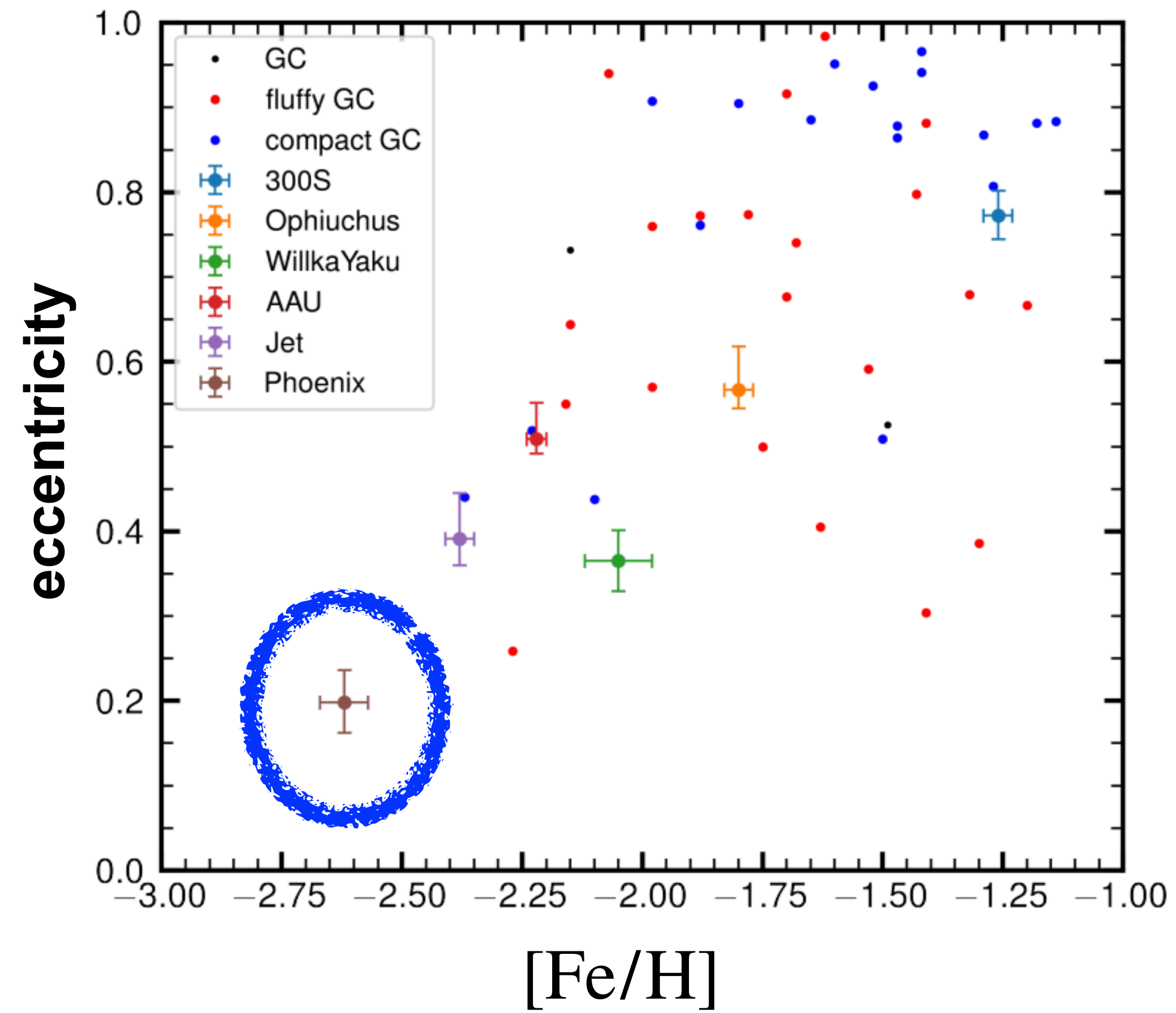


Globular cluster streams: Lower metallicity, more circular orbit

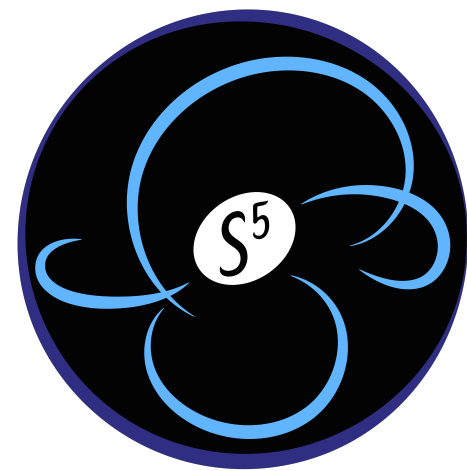




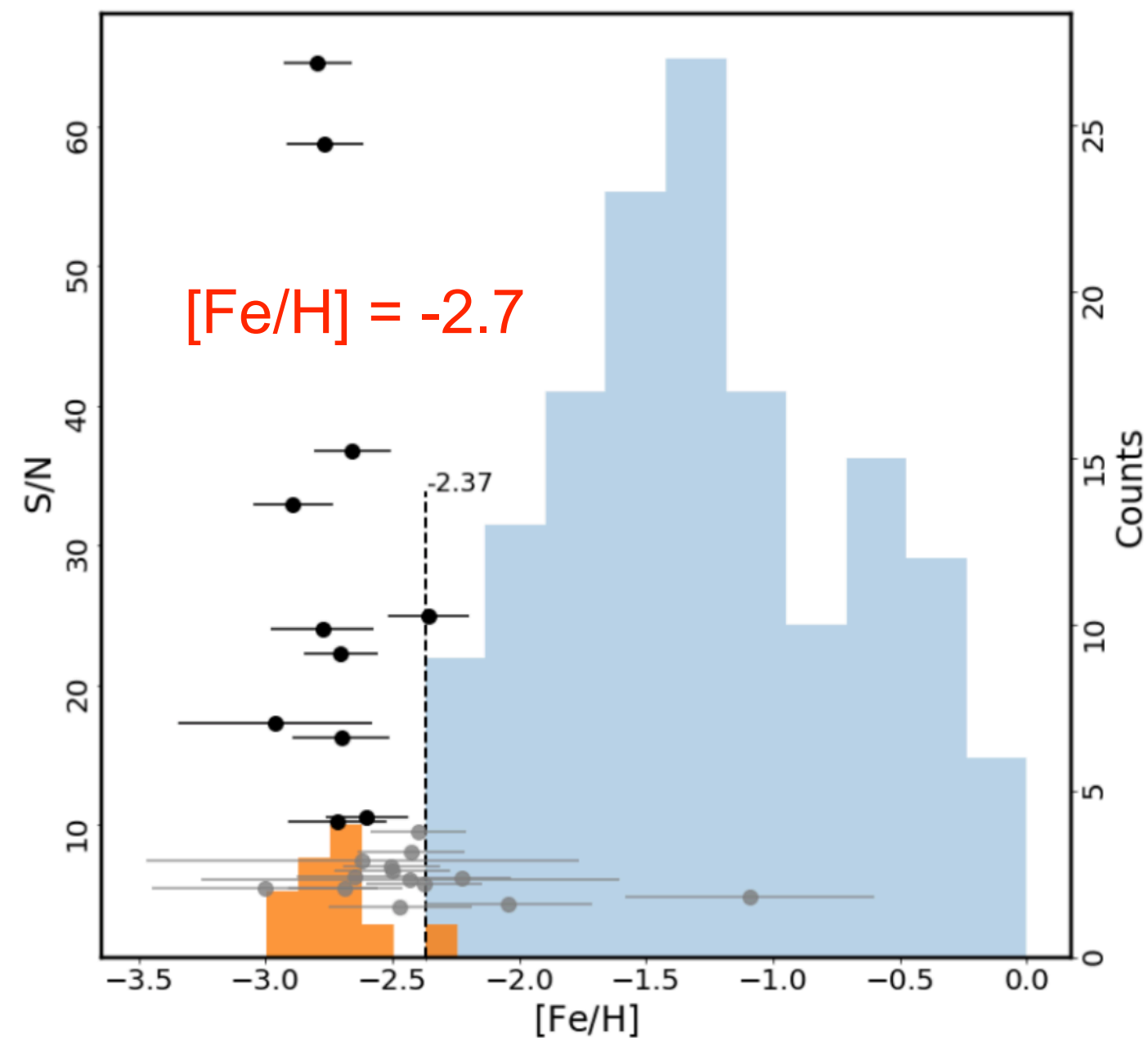
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Globular cluster streams below $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -2.5$



Phoenix Stream: more metal-poor than any known globular cluster

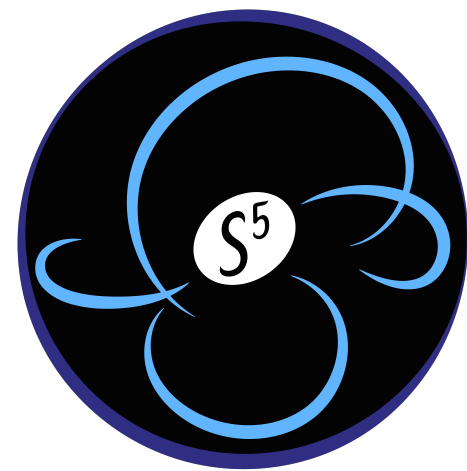


Cyan: globular cluster in Milky Way

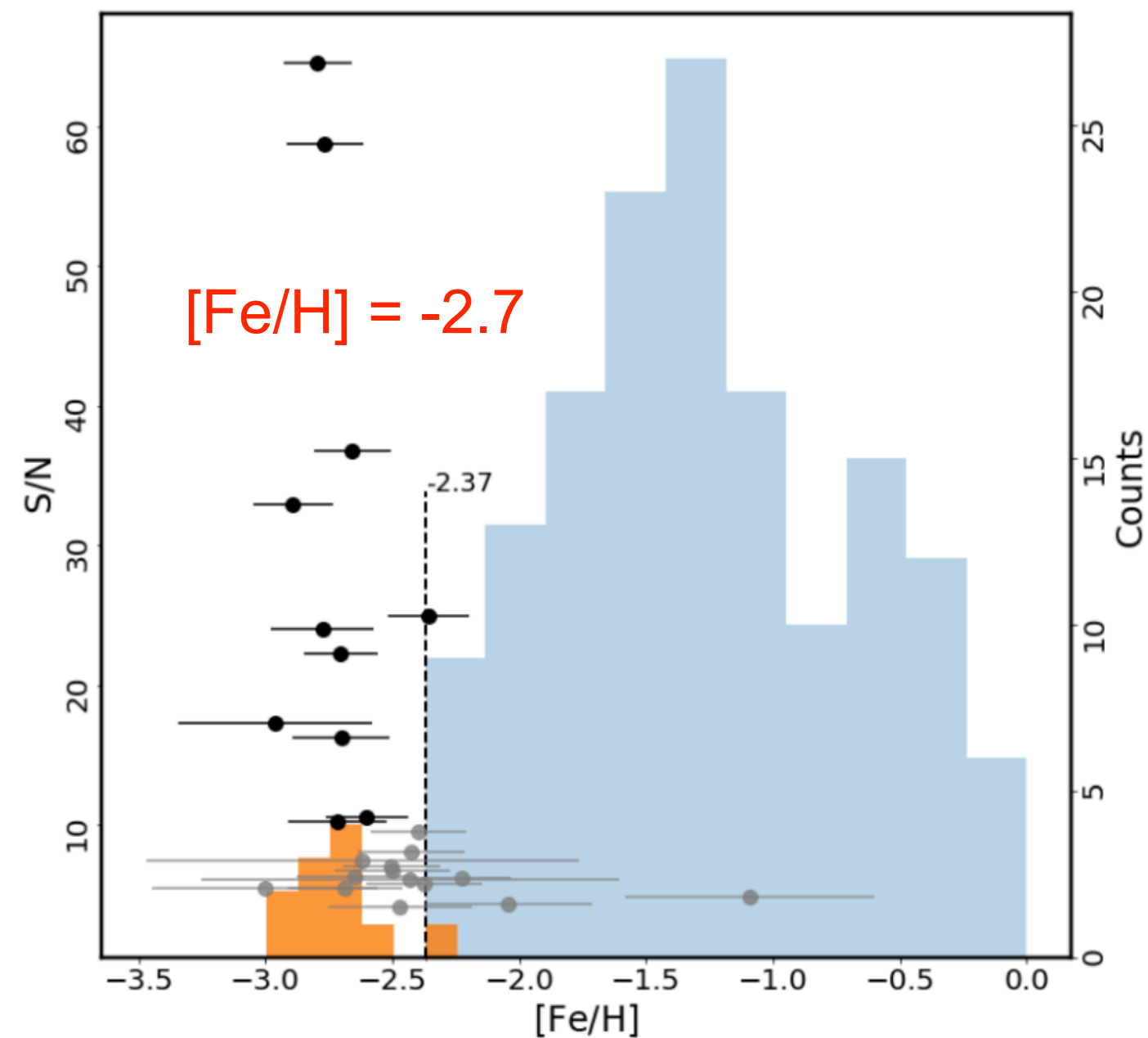
Orange: stars in Phoenix Stream

Wan, Lewis, TSL et al. (2020) Nature
(S5 Collaboration)

Globular cluster streams below $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -2.5$



Phoenix Stream: more metal-poor than any known globular cluster

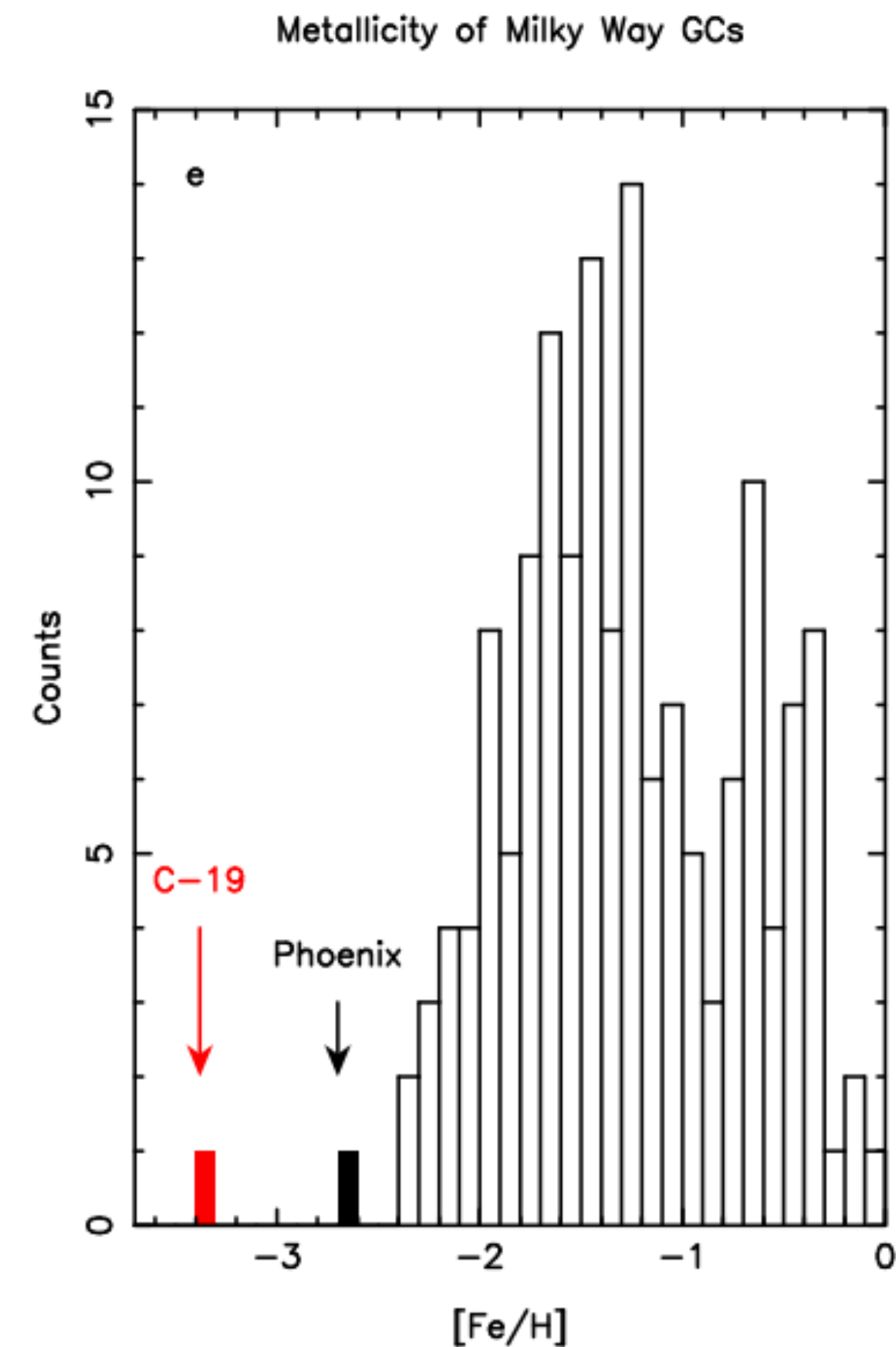


Cyan: globular cluster in Milky Way

Orange: stars in Phoenix Stream

Wan, Lewis, TSL et al. (2020) Nature
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C-19 Stream — $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -3.4!$

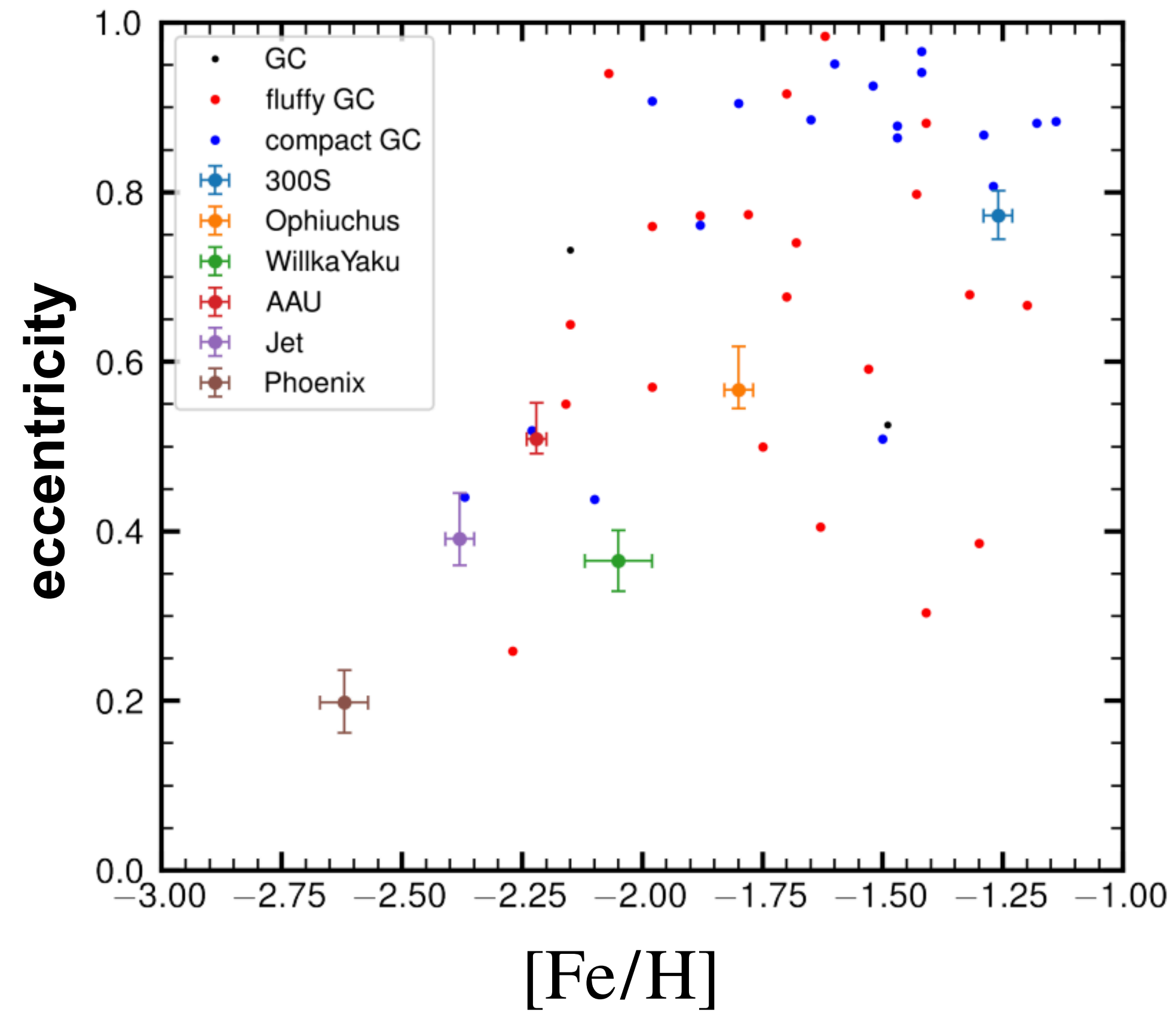


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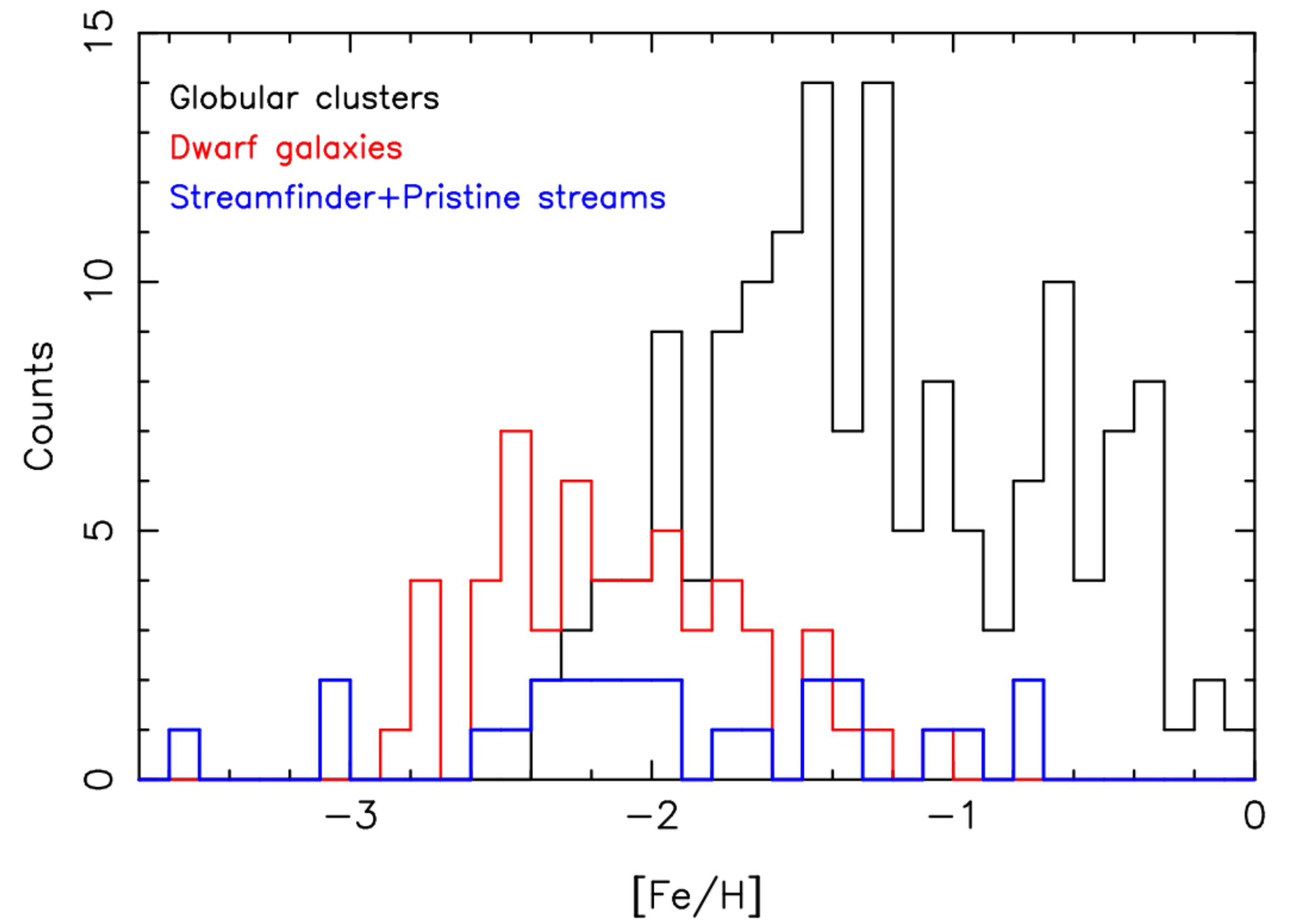




Globular cluster streams: More metal-poor than intact ones



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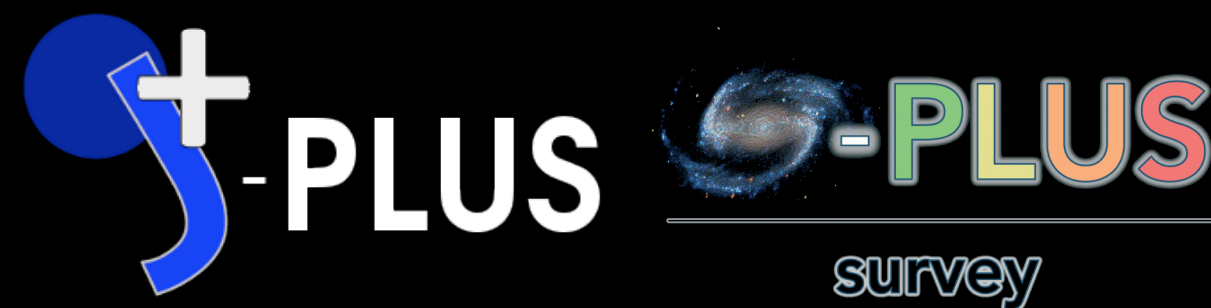


SkyMapper
da Costa+2019



Pristine
Starkenburg+2017

See Else Starkenburg's talk later today



J/S-PLUS
Galarza+2022, Placco+2022



DELVE-MAGIC
Chiti+2021

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Gaia XP

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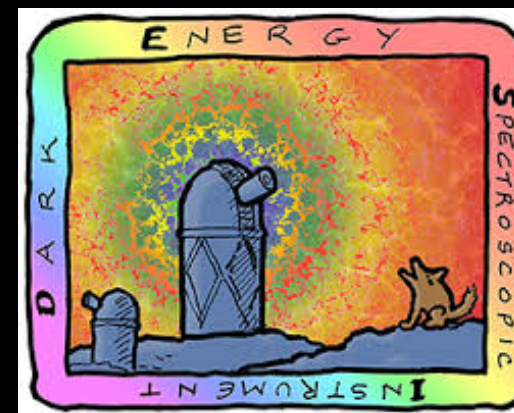
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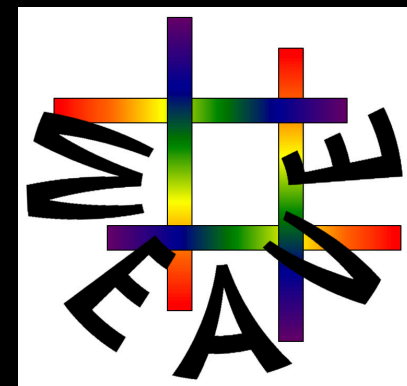
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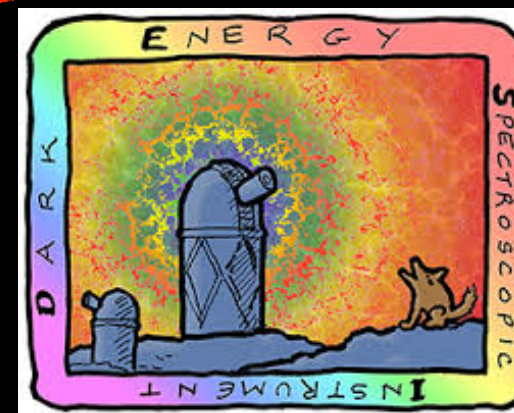
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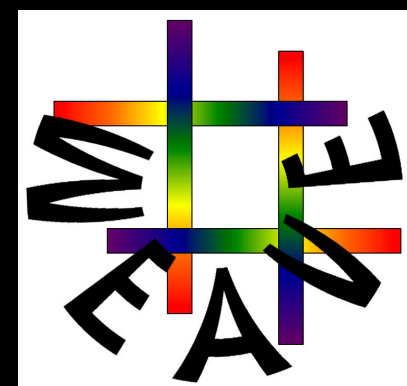
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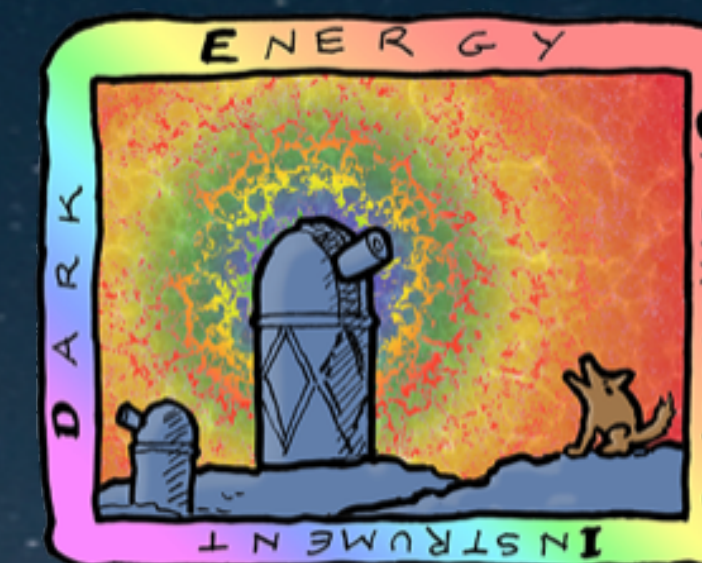


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DESI — Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument

MWS — Milky Way Survey

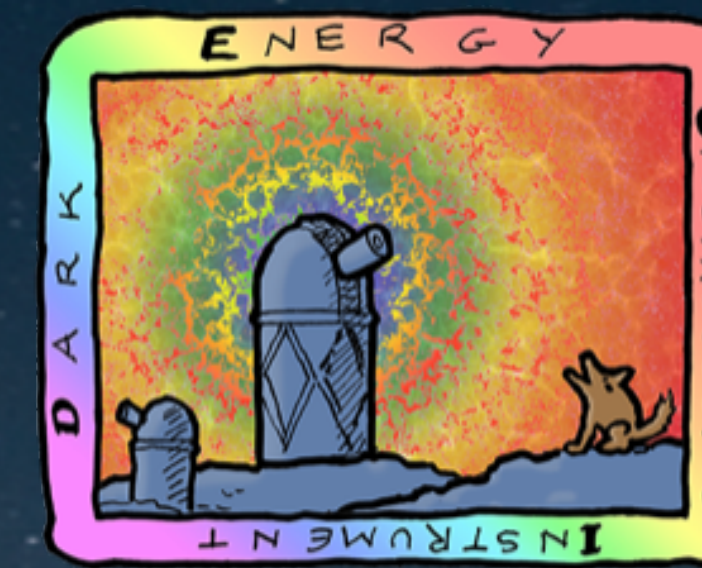
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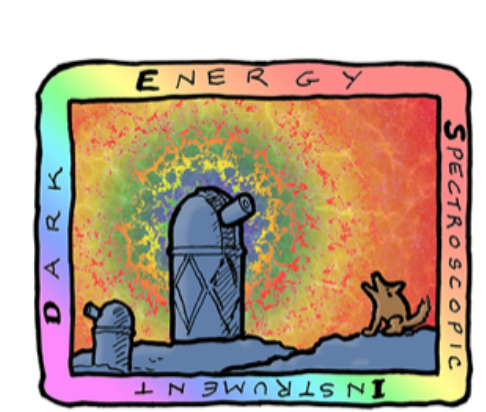




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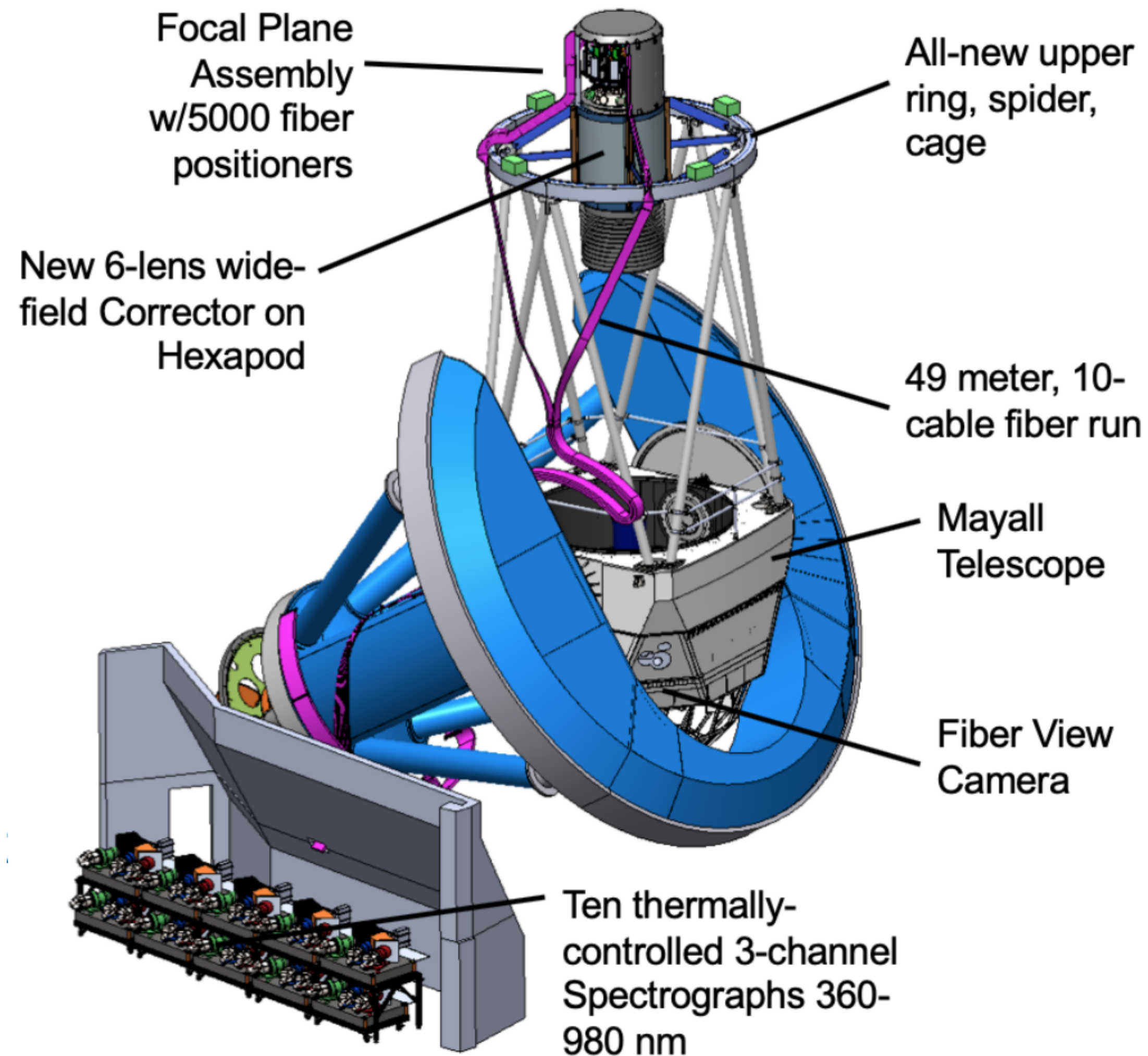
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DESI, the instrument in a nutshell



- 4-m Mayall Telescope at KPNO
- 8 sq. deg field-of-view
- 5000 Robotic Fibers
- 10 3-Channel Spectrograph
- Wavelength: 3600-9800 Å
- $R \sim 2000-5000$

[Overview of the Instrumentation for the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument](#)

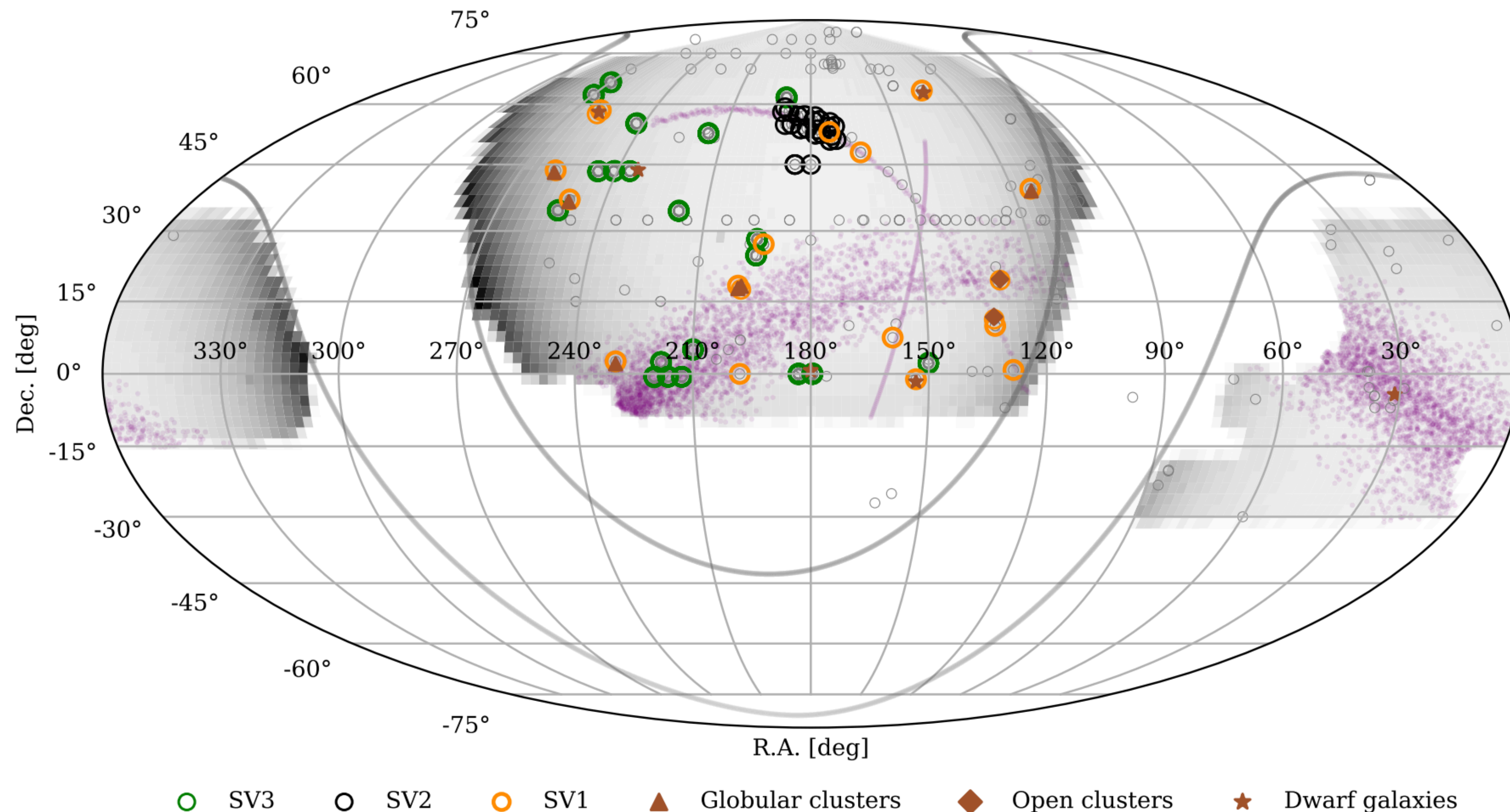
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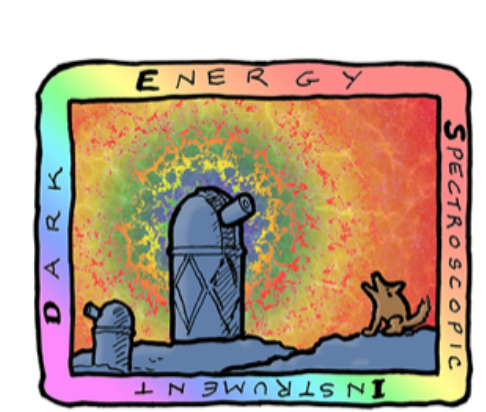
Milky Way Survey in a nutshell



- DESI Bright Time Survey
- ~14k sq deg
- ~180s effective exposure time
- 5 passes over 5 year
- Goal: stars at $|b| > 20$
 - 7M Main $16 < r < 19$
 - 0.6M Faint
 - 6M Backup

Velocity error: ~0.9 km/s

Overview of the DESI Milky Way Survey
Cooper et al. 2023 arXiv:2208.08514
(DESI Collaboration et al)

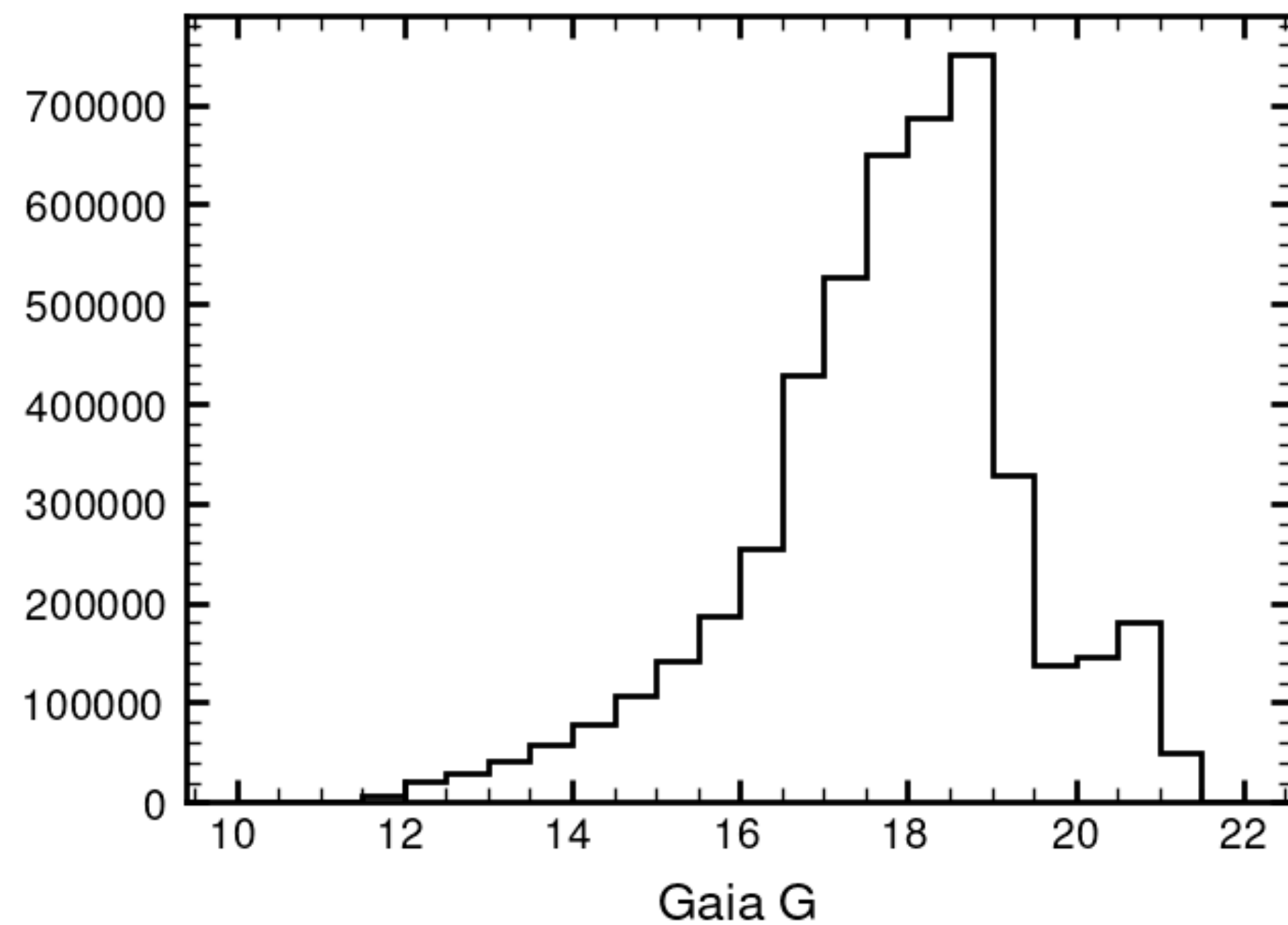


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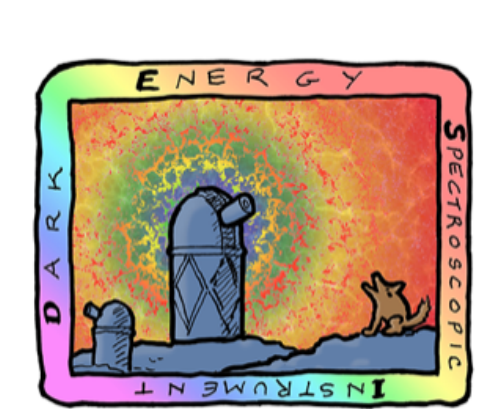


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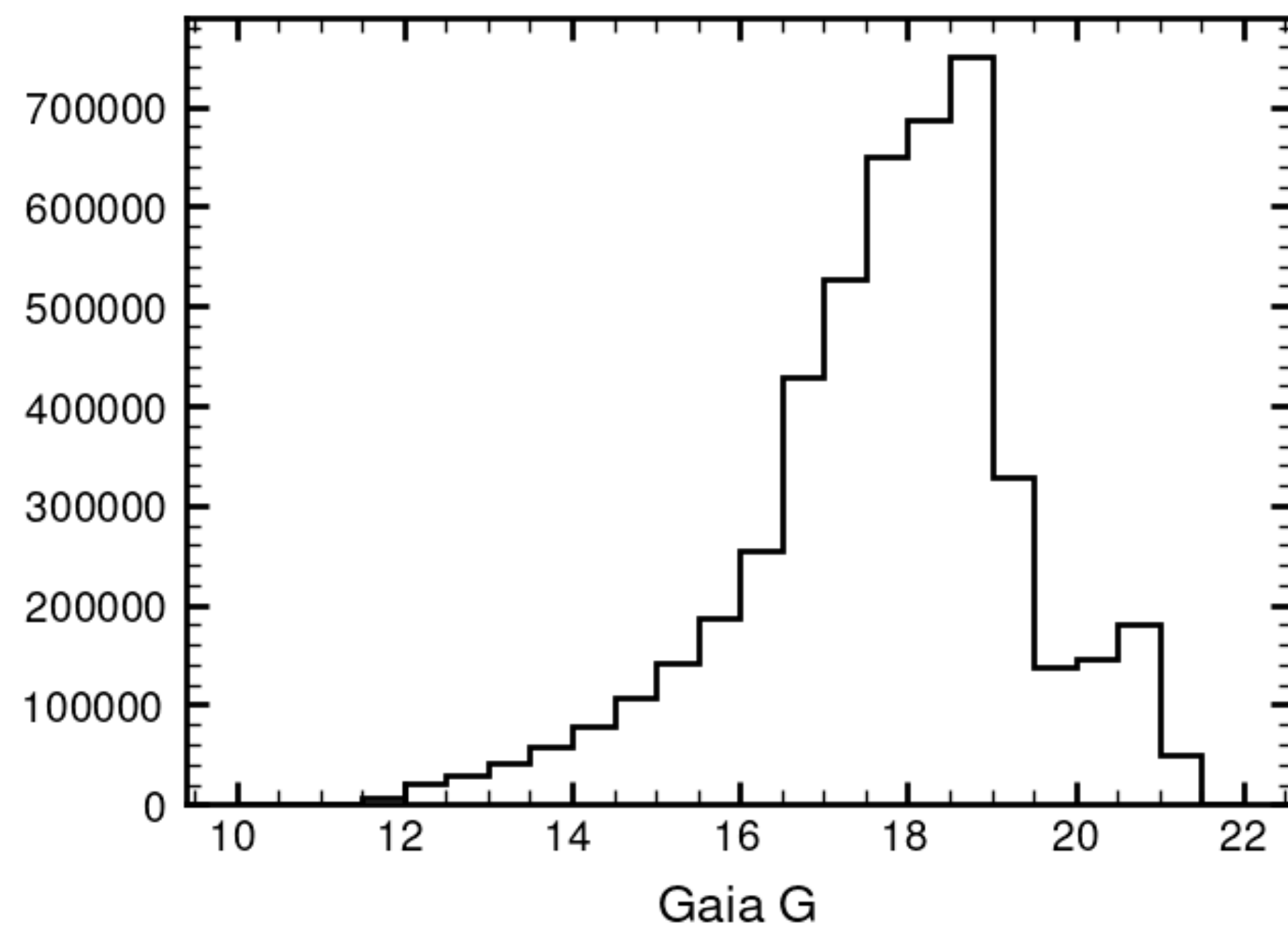


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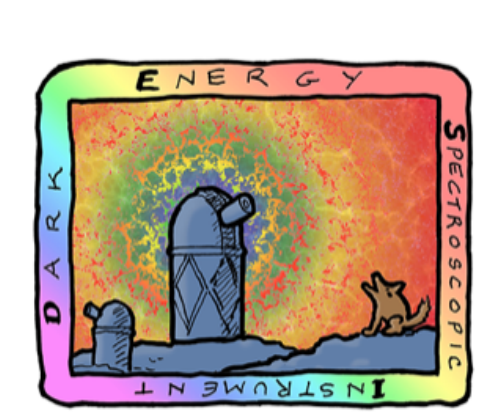
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Year 1-3: ~16M stellar spectra

DESI: 2021-2026

DESI Extension: 2026-2028 (TBC)

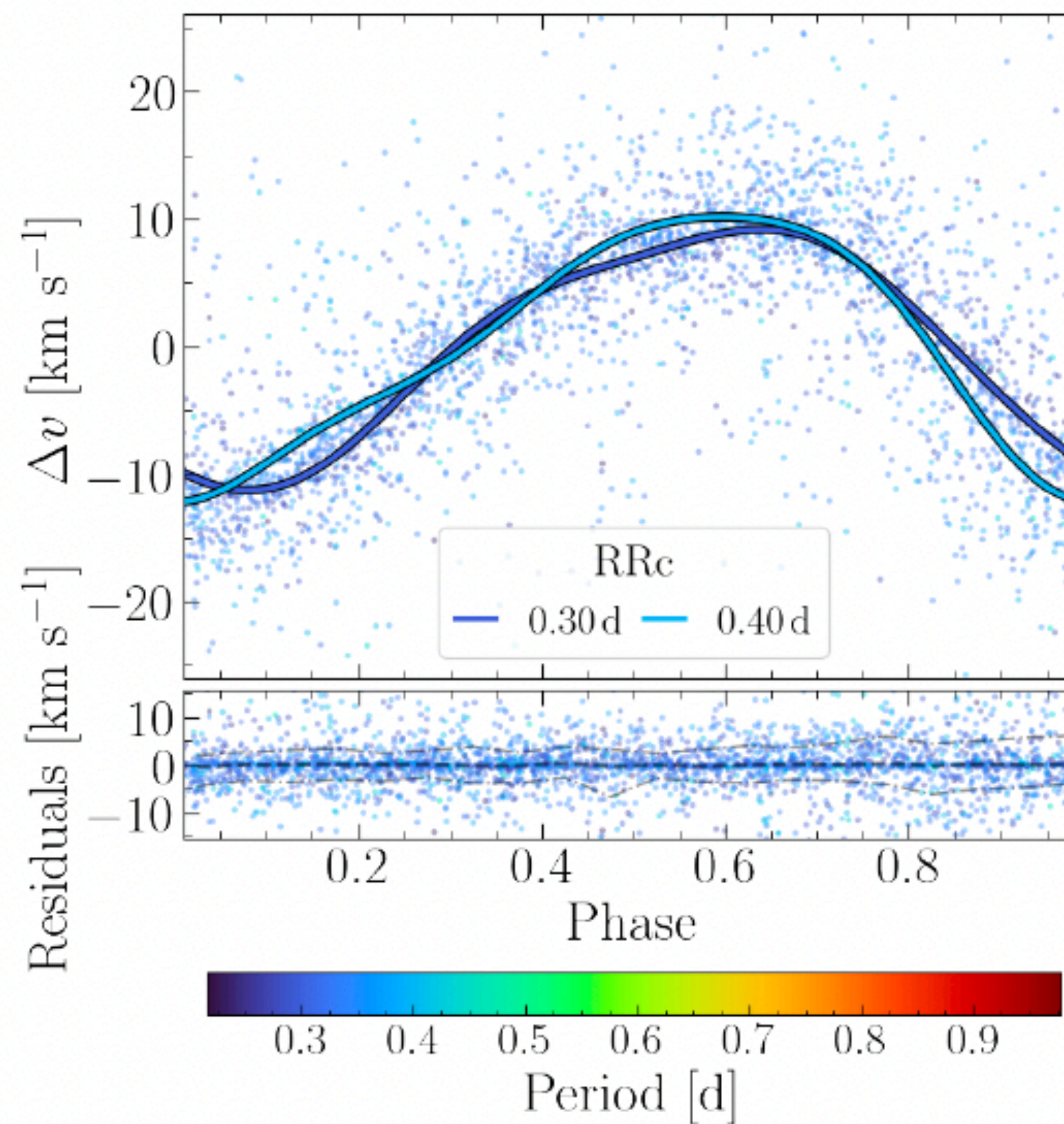
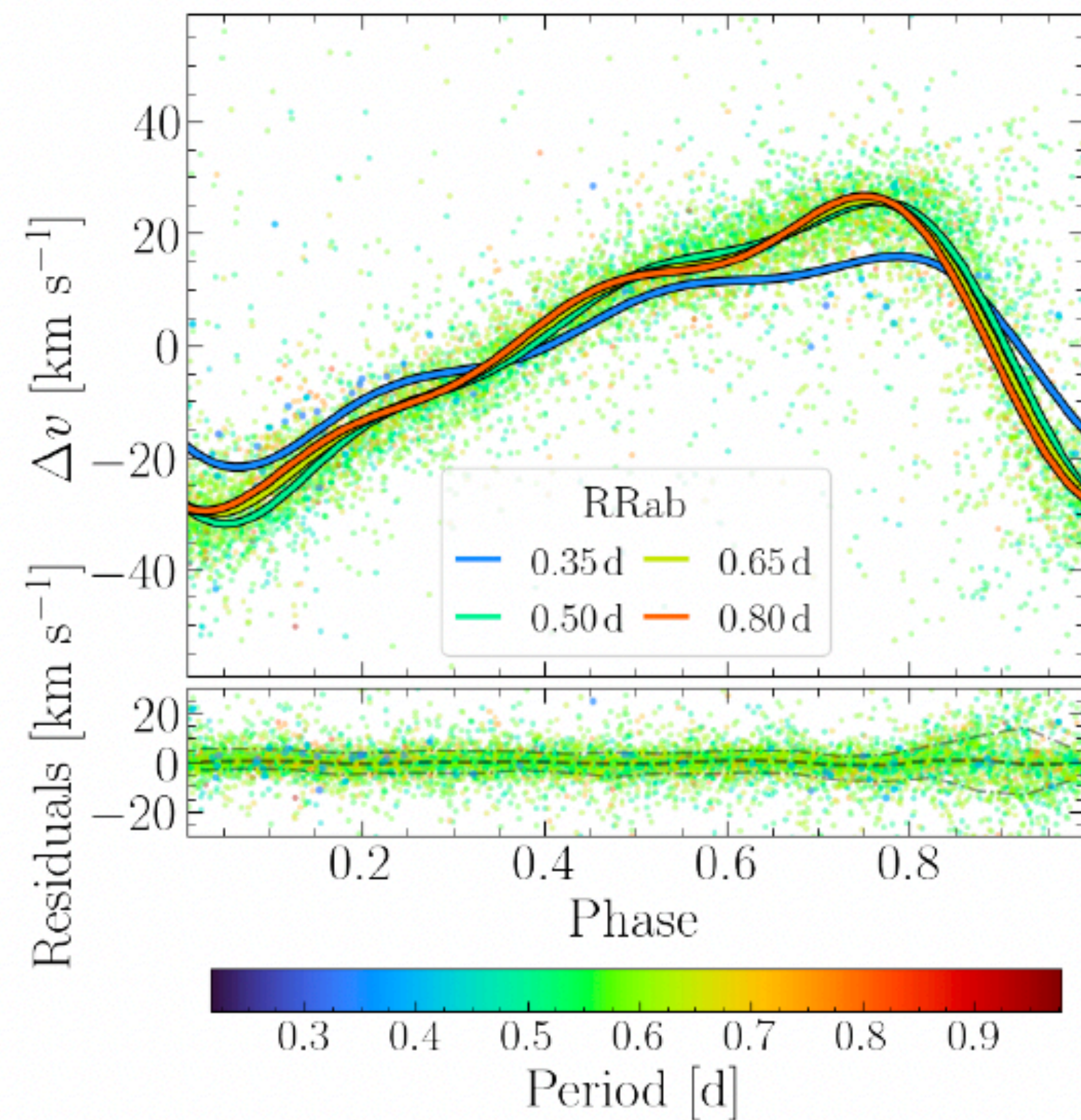
DESI 2: 2029-2034 (TBC)



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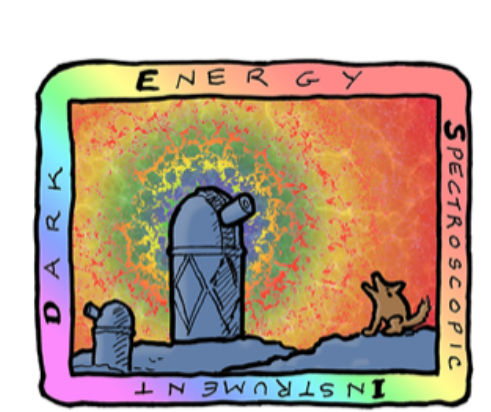
RR Lyrae in DESI Year 1

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6000+ RR Lyrae
With 12,000 individual epochs

Medina, TSL, et al. in prep
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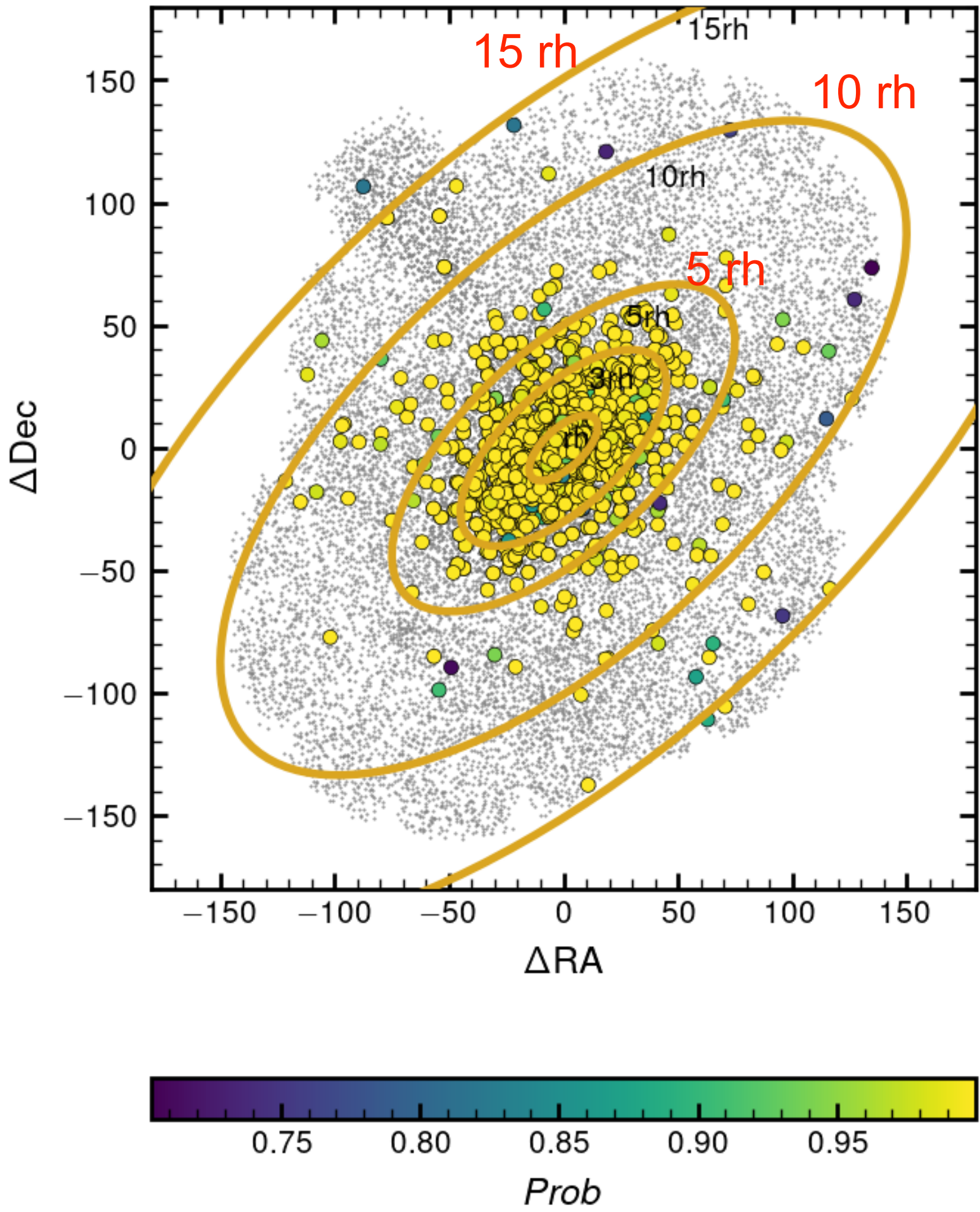
DESI on Ursa Minor (UMi) dSph

892 UMi member from 10 hr Keck time

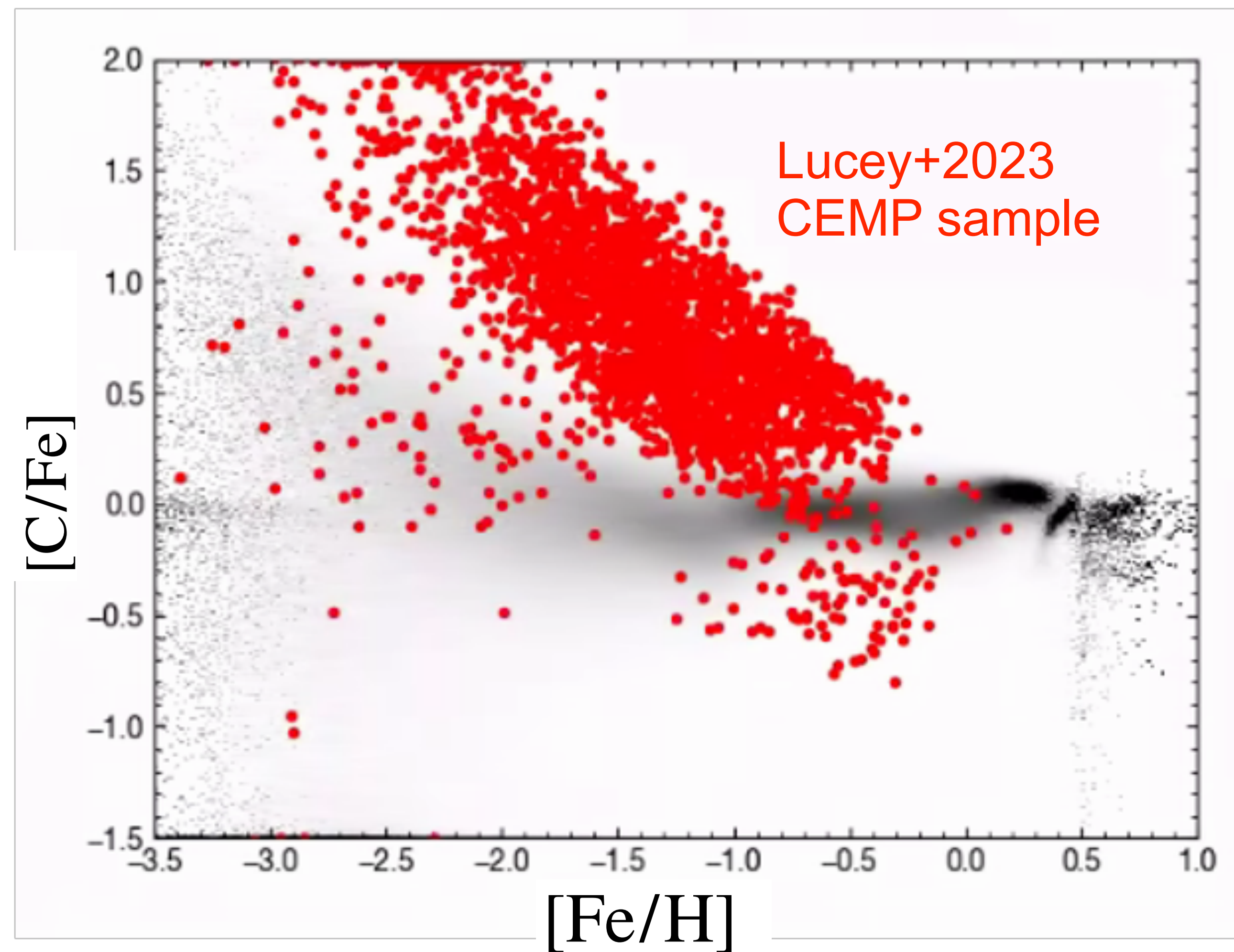
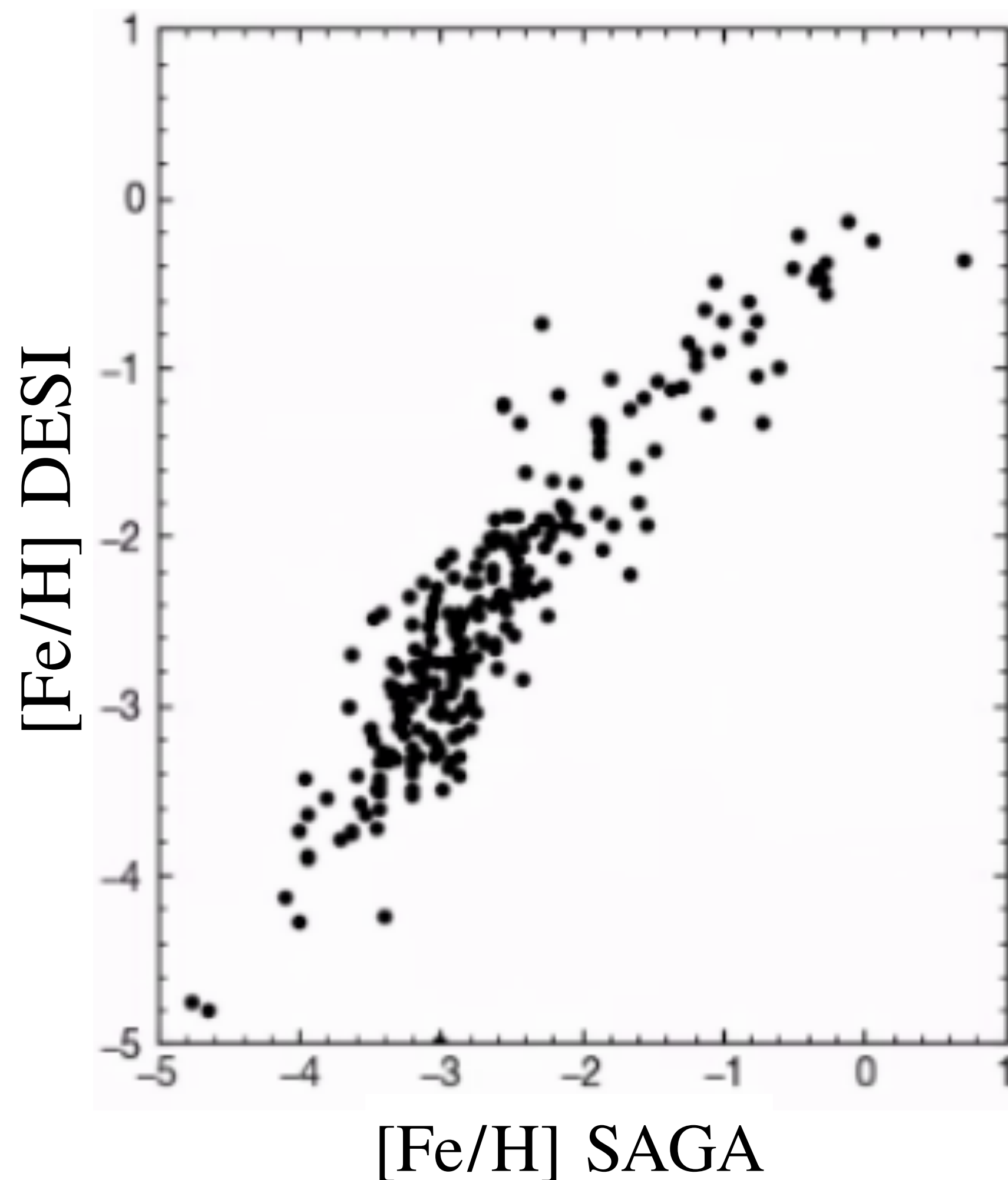
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Pace et al. 2020

~3000 members w/ 2 hr DESI time



korg-based DESI pipeline (under development)



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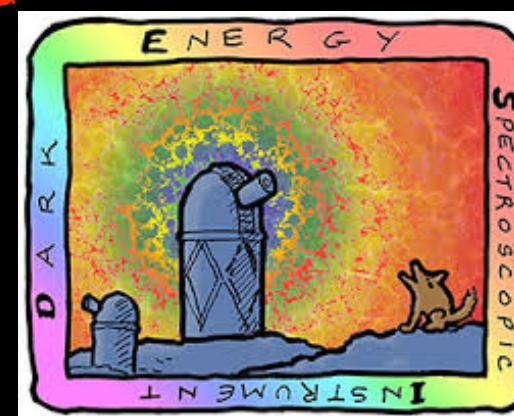
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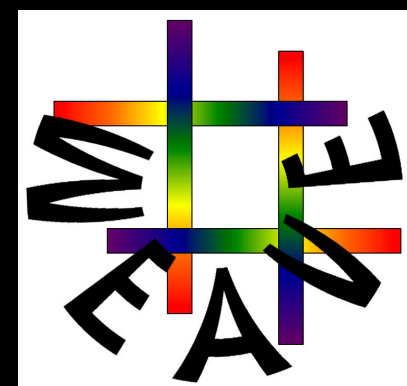
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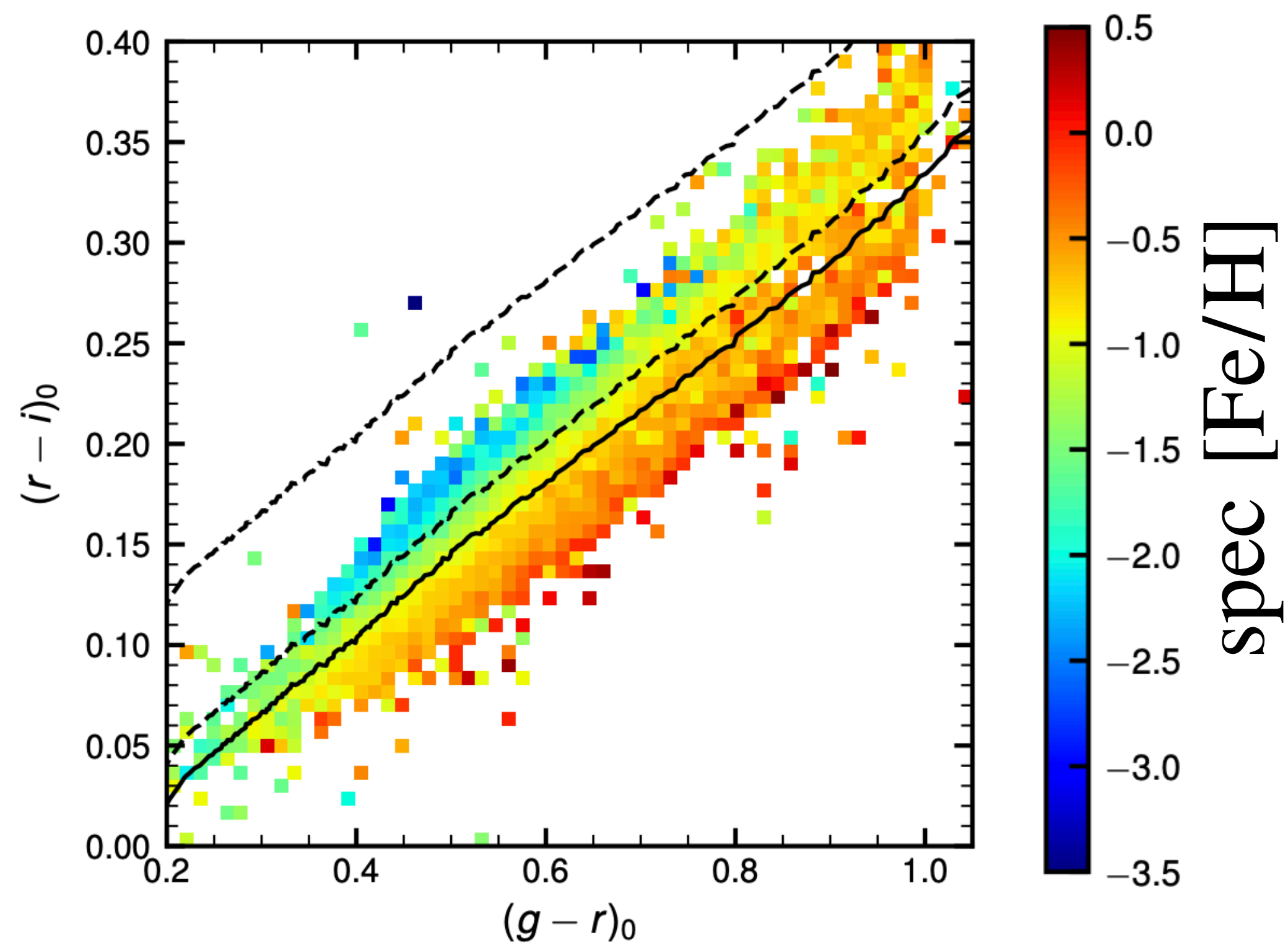
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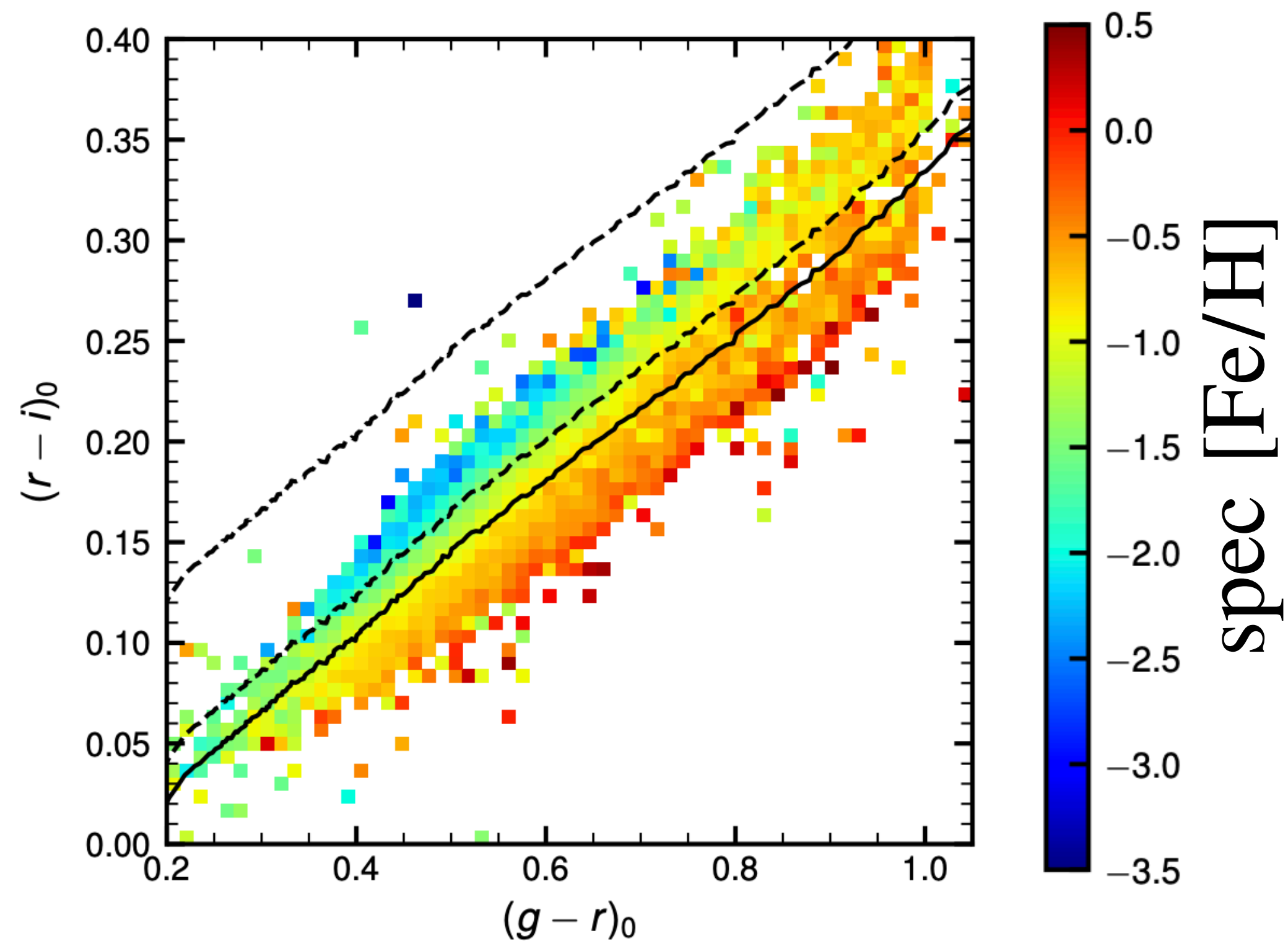
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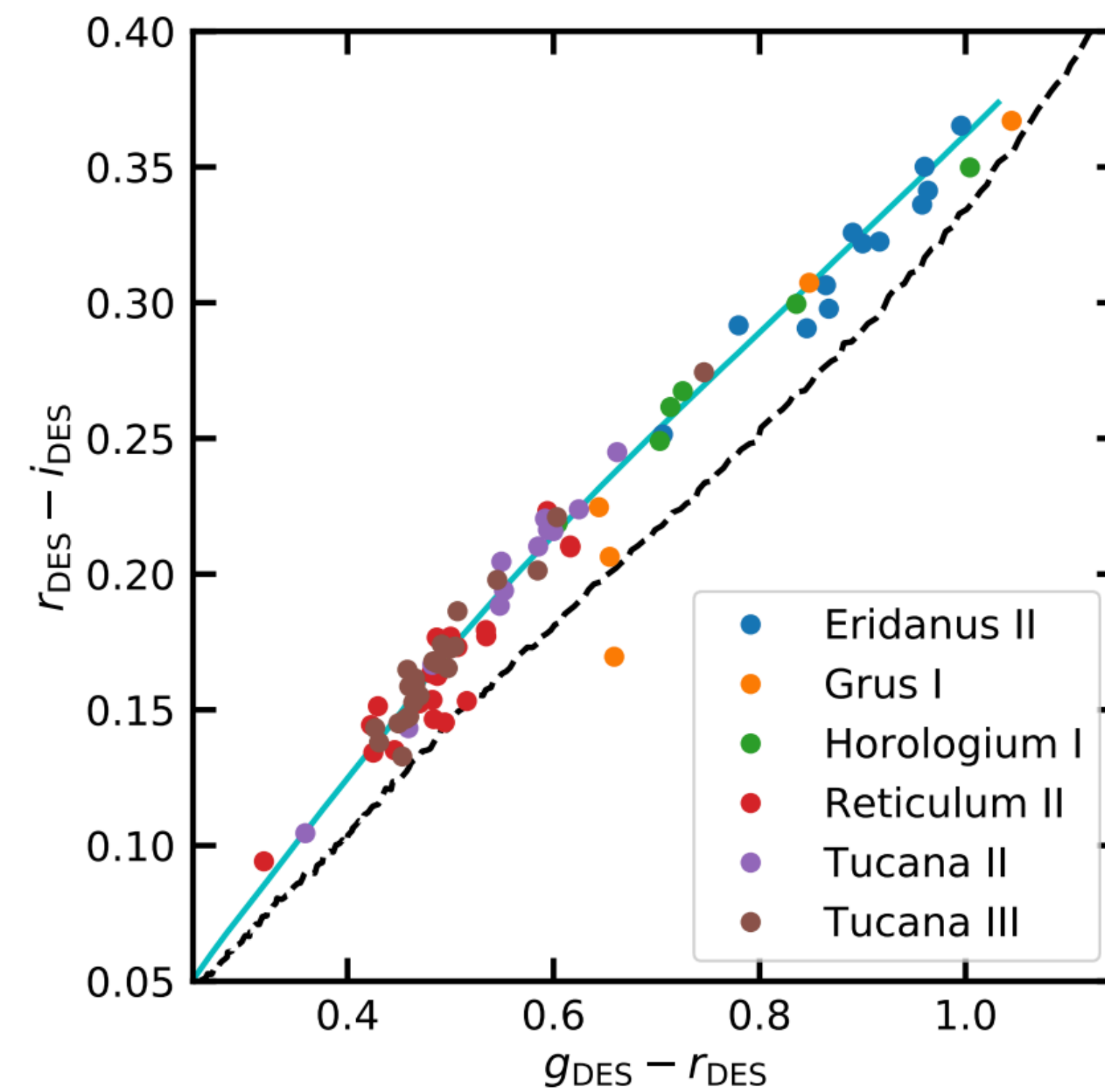
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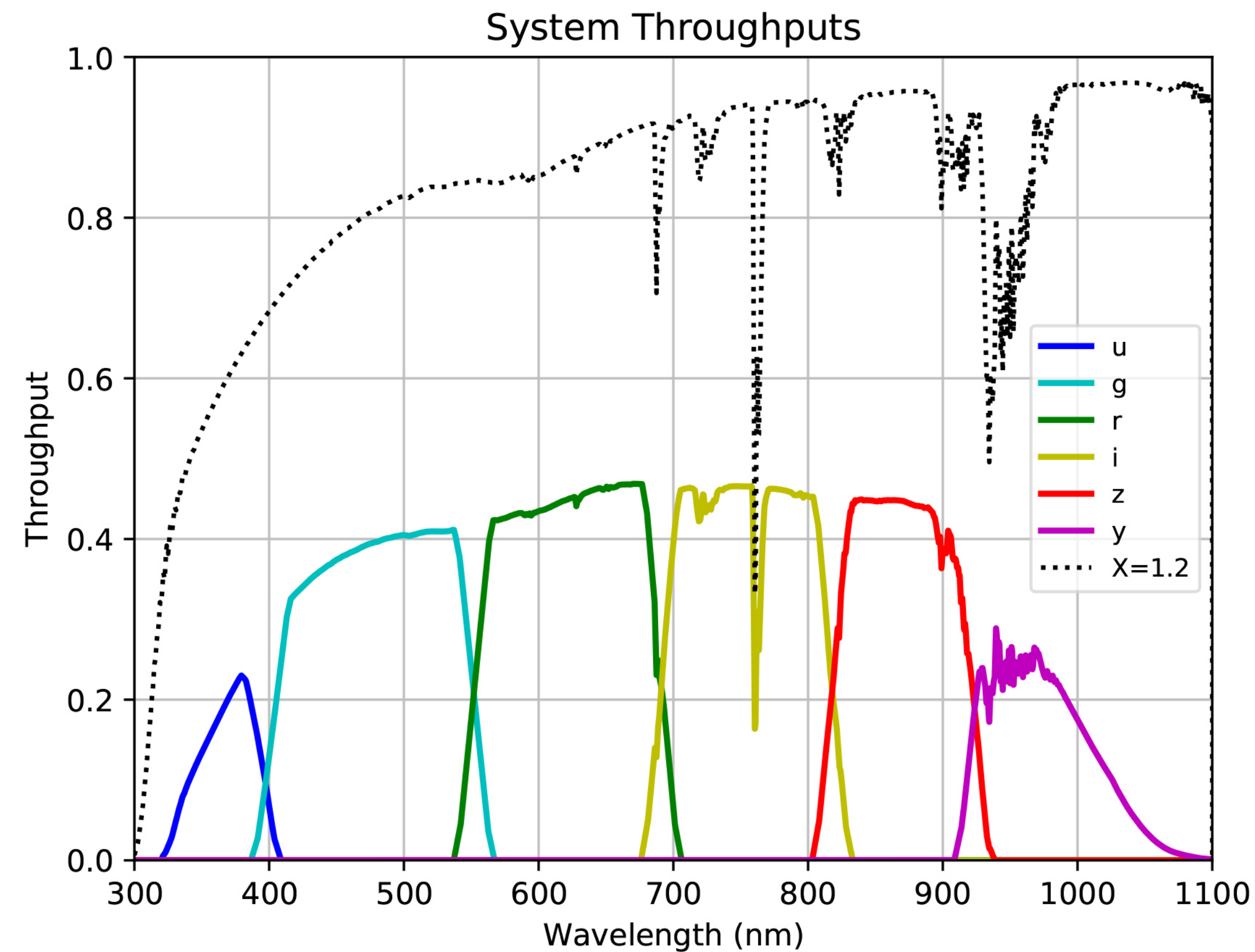


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Pace & TSL et al. 2019, arXiv:1806.02345

Rubin will start next year!



5-sigma point source depth

u : 23.8, 25.6

g : 24.5, 26.9

r : 24.03, 26.9

i : 23.41, 26.4

z : 22.74, 25.6

y : 22.96, 24.8

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