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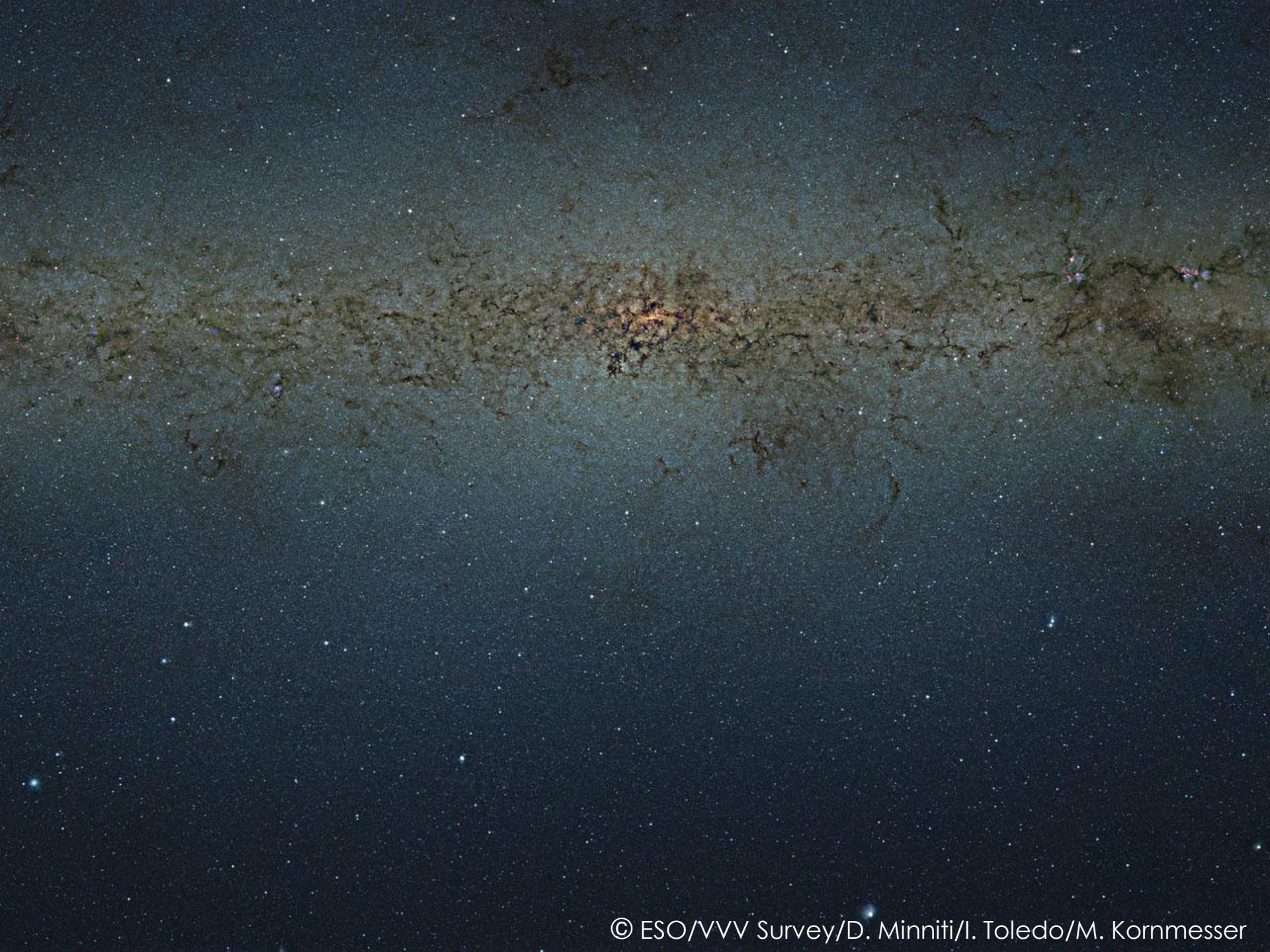
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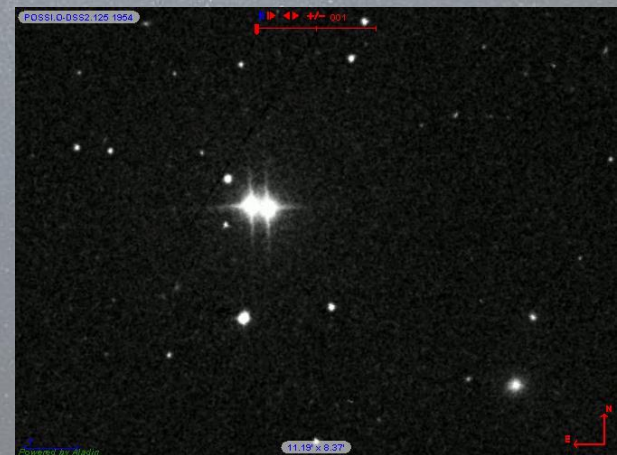
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I. *Considerations on the Change of the Latitudes of some of the principal fixt Stars.* By Edmund Halley, R. S. Sec.

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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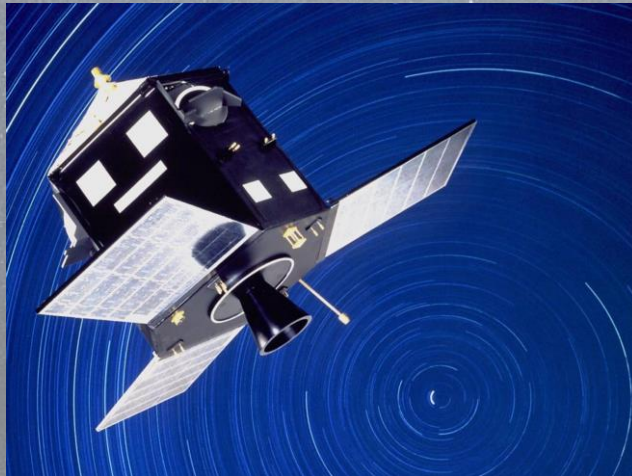


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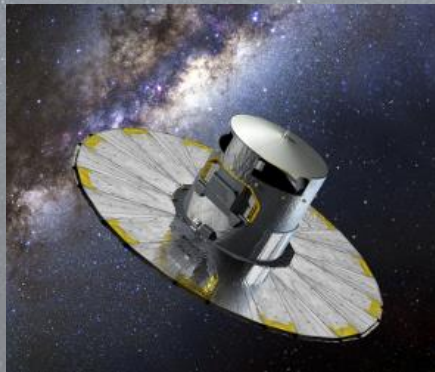


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~**1.46 billion** stars
~**1.460.000.000** stars



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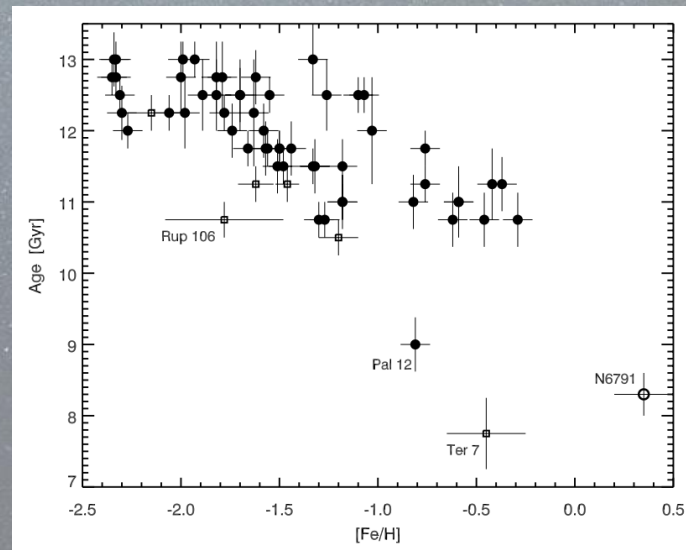
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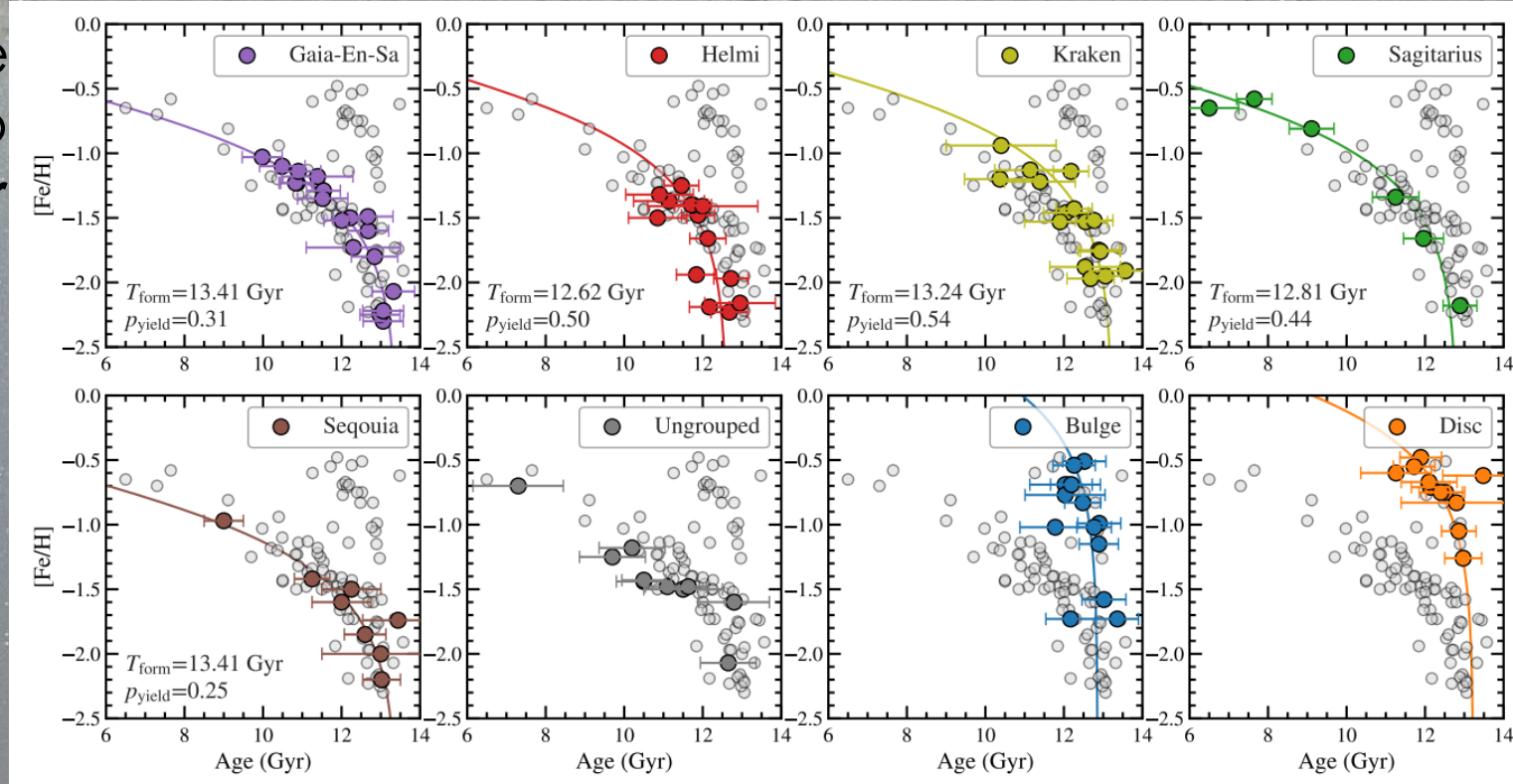


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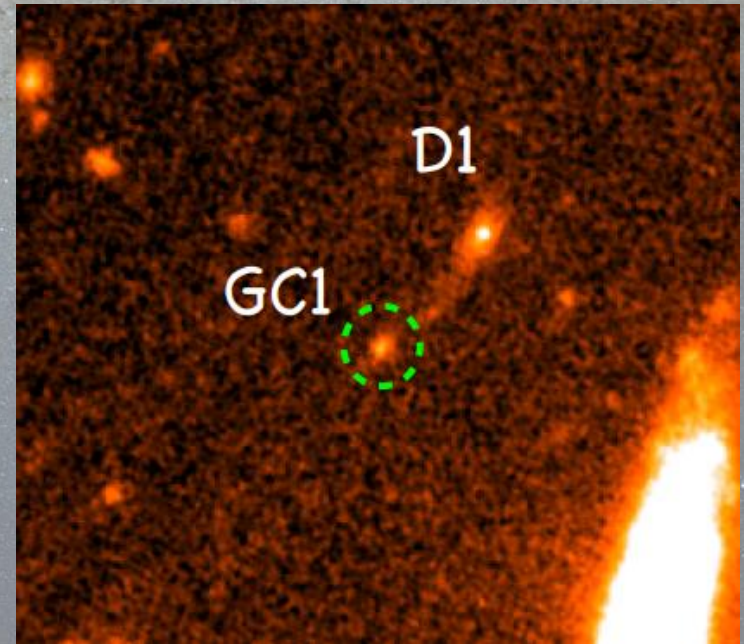
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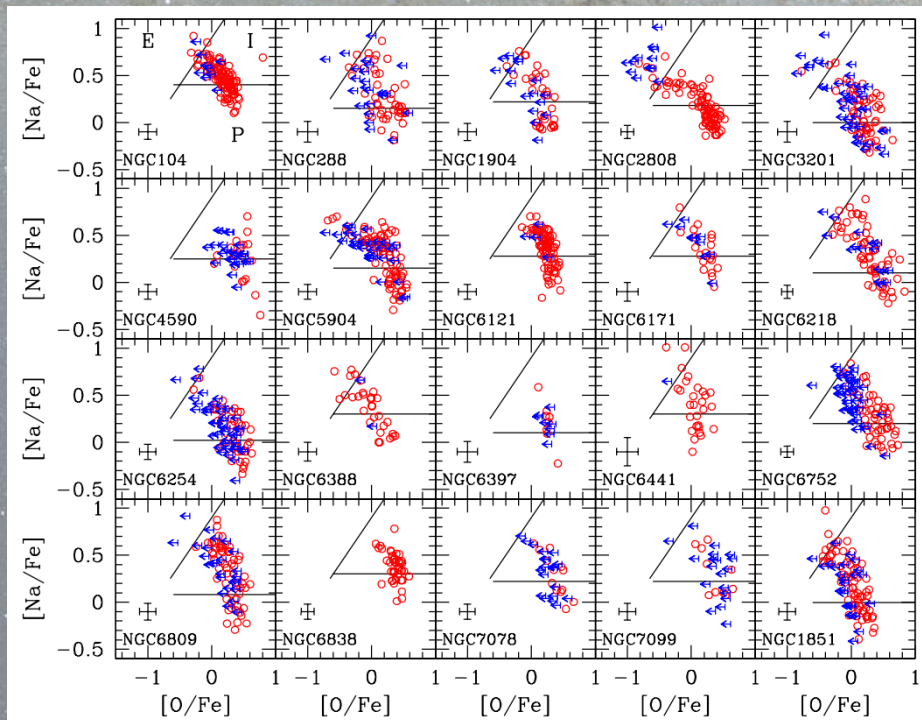
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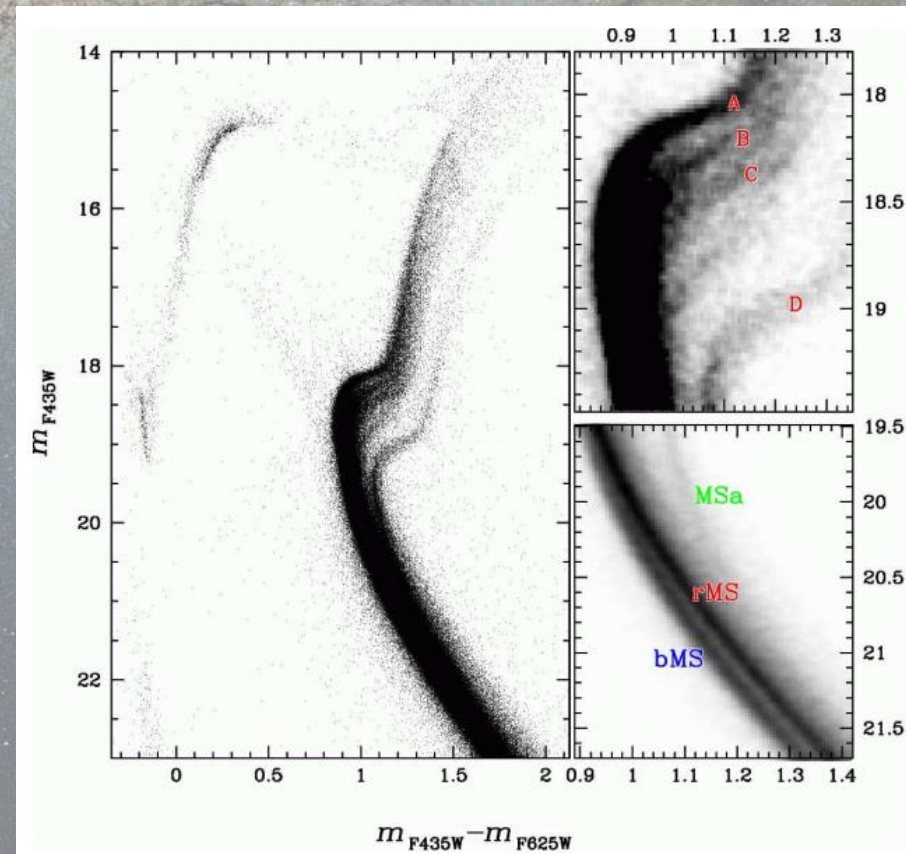
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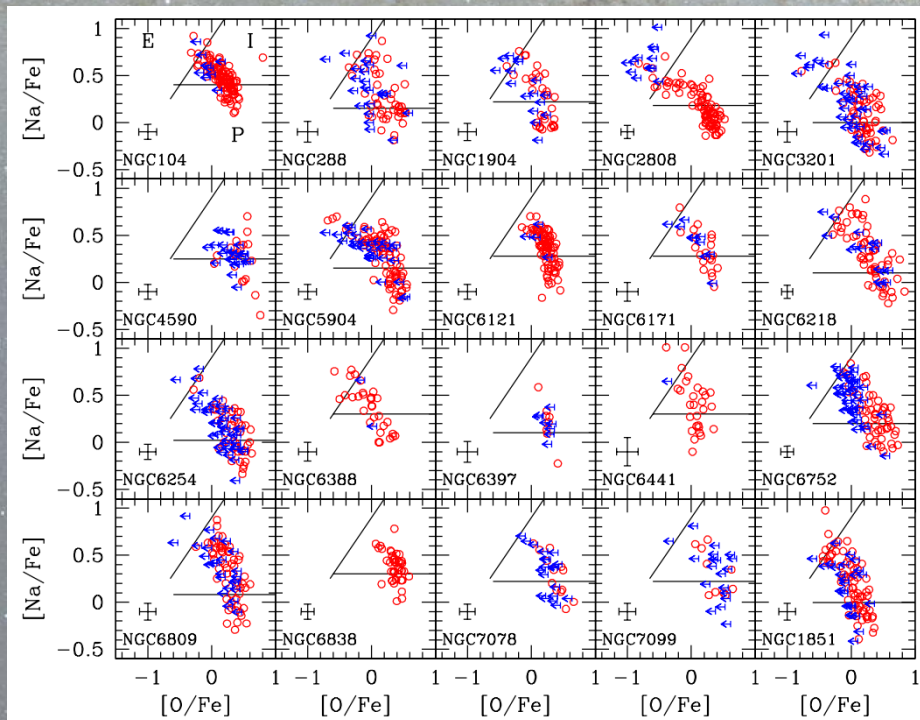
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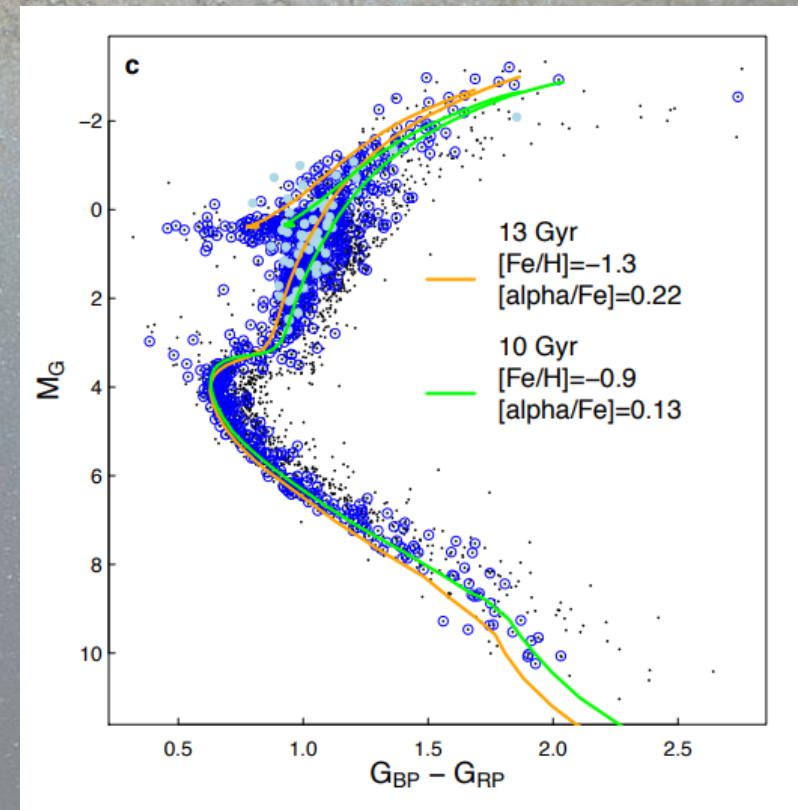
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- ★ $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ enrichment in only a limited cases: massive clusters
- ★ Light-element (proton capture) variations!
 - ★ C, N, O, Na, Mg, Al, Si, ... among others!
- ★ AGB and massive fast rotators: most likely contributors

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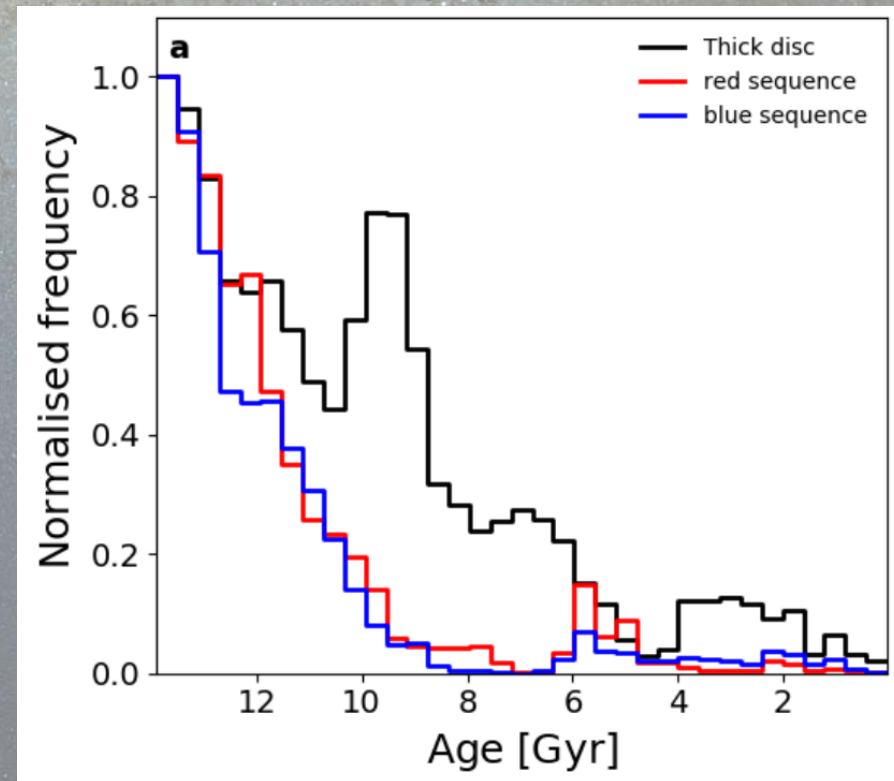
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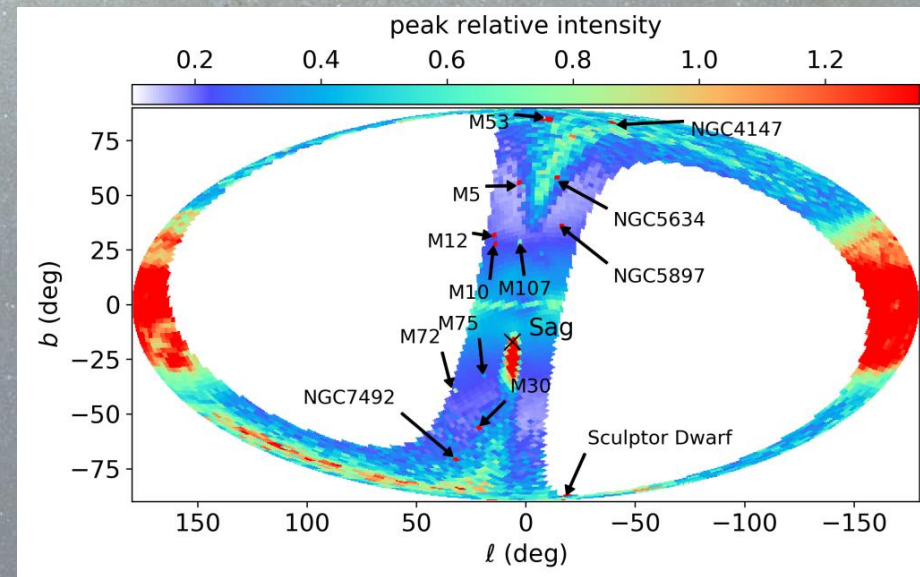
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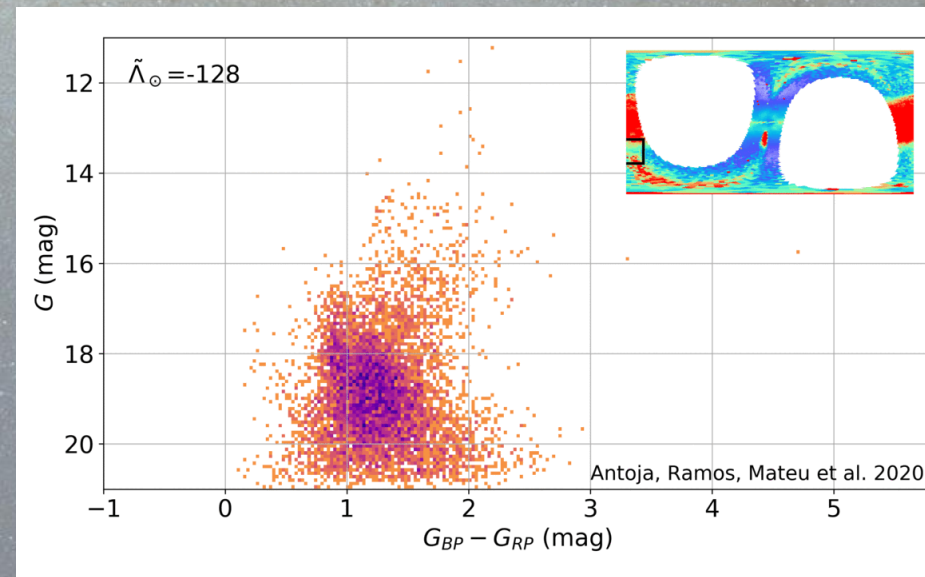
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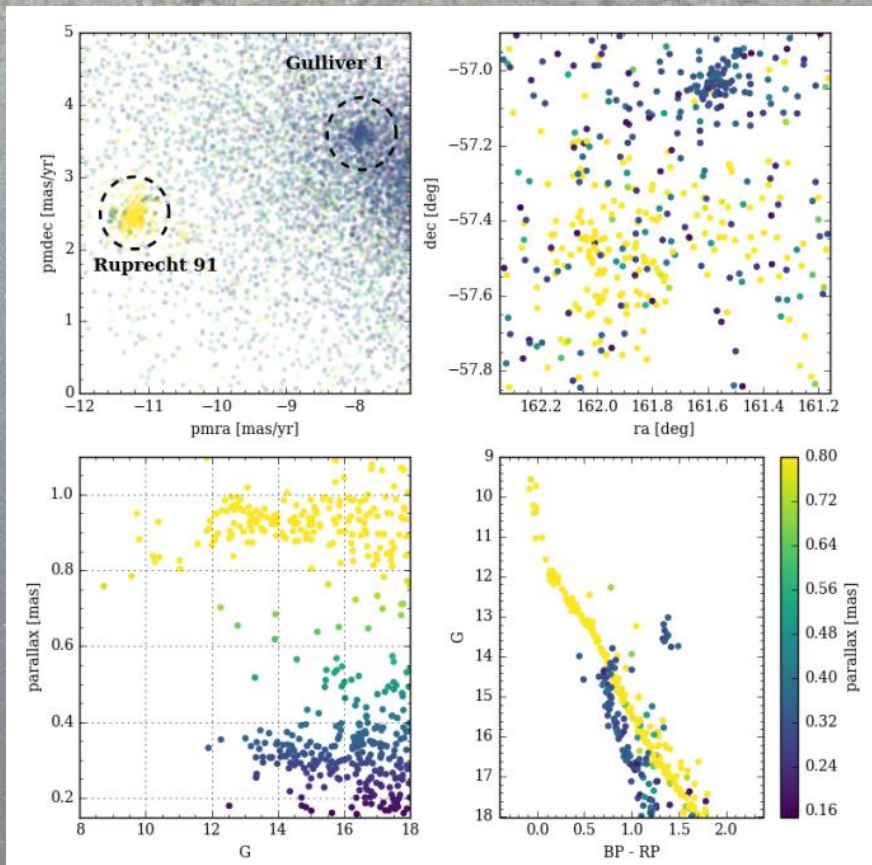


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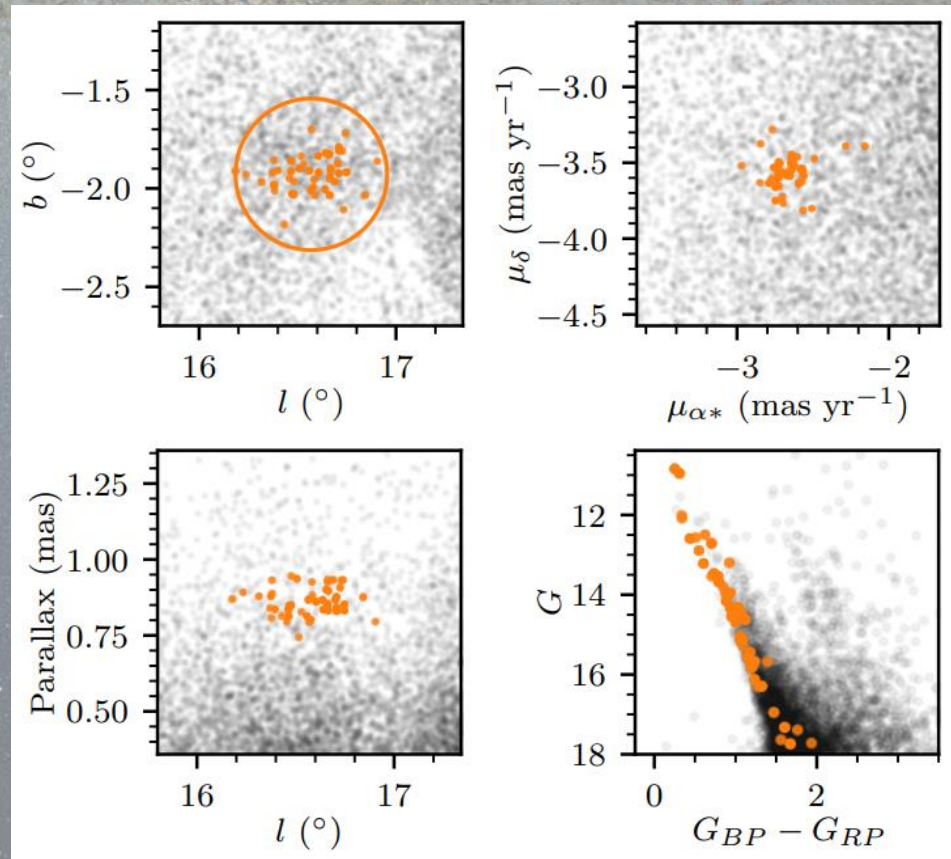
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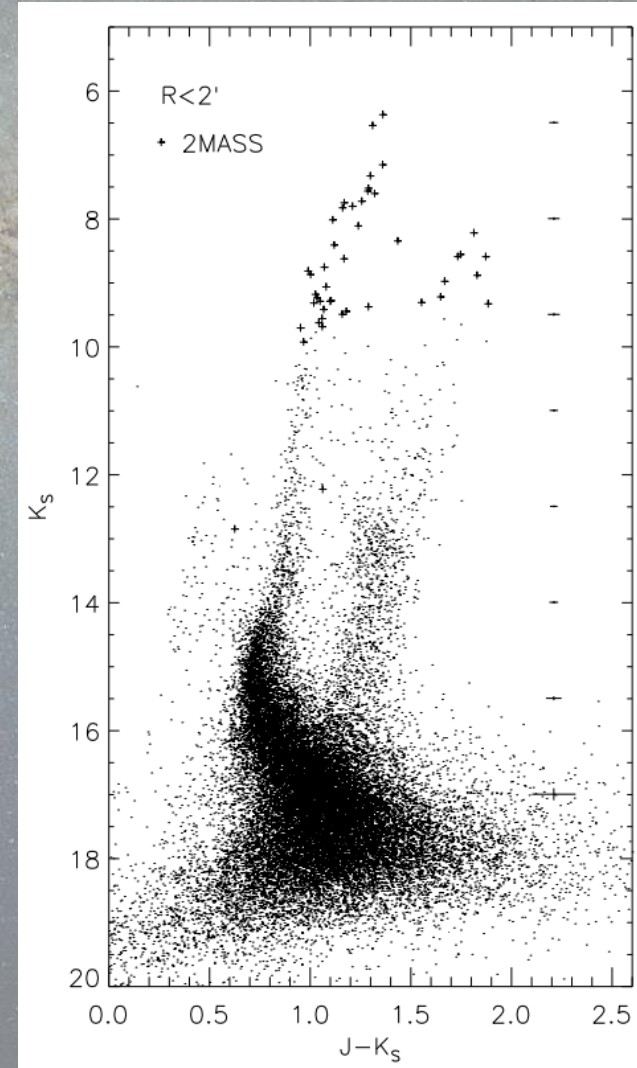
APOGEE view of the globular cluster NGC 6544



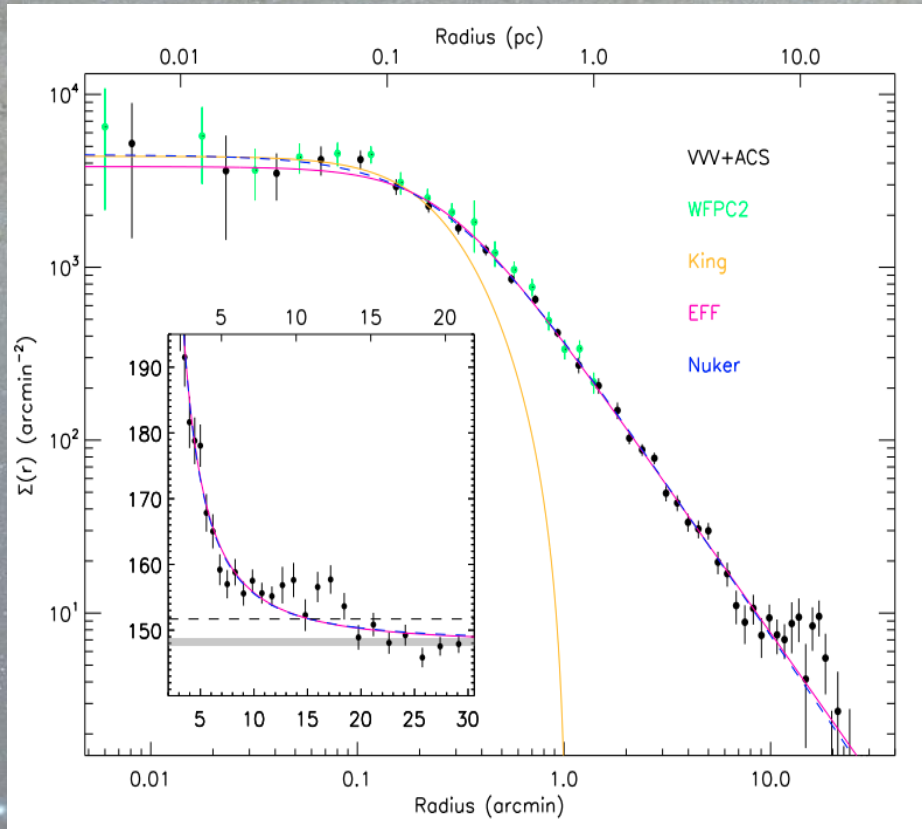
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Context and history of NGC 6544

- ★ NGC 6544 ($\ell = 5.84^\circ$, $b = -2.2^\circ$) is located at **low Galactic latitudes**
- ★ Nearby globular cluster ~ 2.4 kpc
- ★ Poorly characterized due to highly variable **differential reddening**:
 $E(B-V) = 0.79$ mag



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Cohen et al. 2014

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- ★ Clear evidence of **tidal interaction** with the MW
- ★ Metallicity only constrained by **low-resolution spectra**

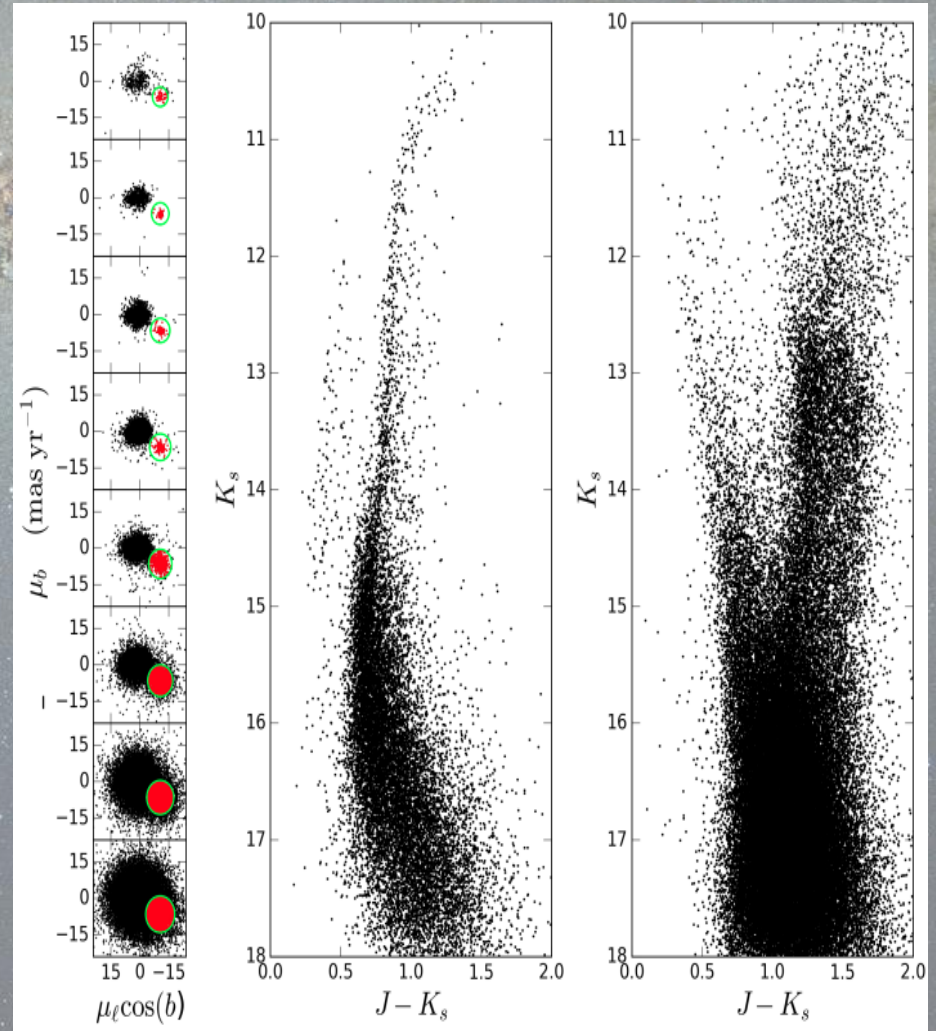
NGC 6544 in VVV/x survey



Near-IR survey
(ZYJHK_s)

~100+ K_s epochs

Relative proper
motions:
 $\mu_l \cos(b)$, μ_b



NGC 6544 in APOGEE survey

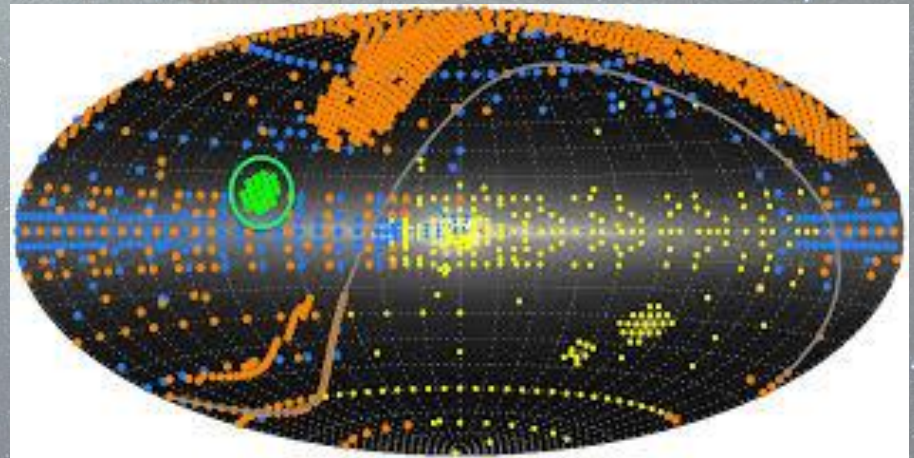


Near-IR (H-band),
high-resolution ($R \sim 20000$)
high-SNR (~ 100)
20+ abundances

$\sim 2.660.000$ spectra
 ~ 657.000 stars

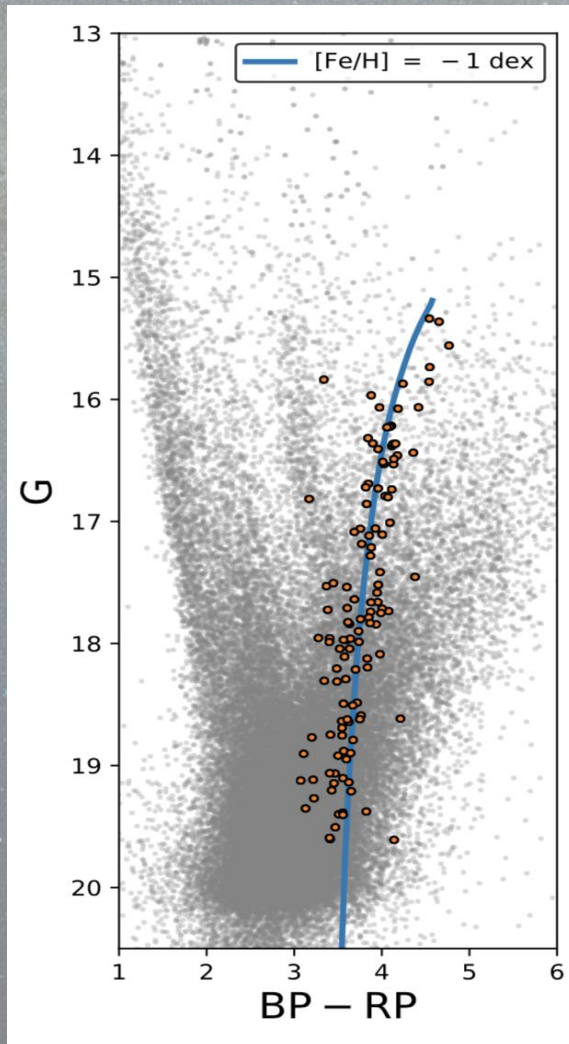
DR17 publicly available

- ★ Part of the SDSS collaboration (SDSS-III and SDSS-IV)
- ★ **Chilean Participation Group:** access to proprietary data



All-sky observations from APO and LCO.

Gaia DR2/EDR3 proper motion catalog



Gran et al. 2019



Optical survey
(G, G_{BP}, G_{RP})

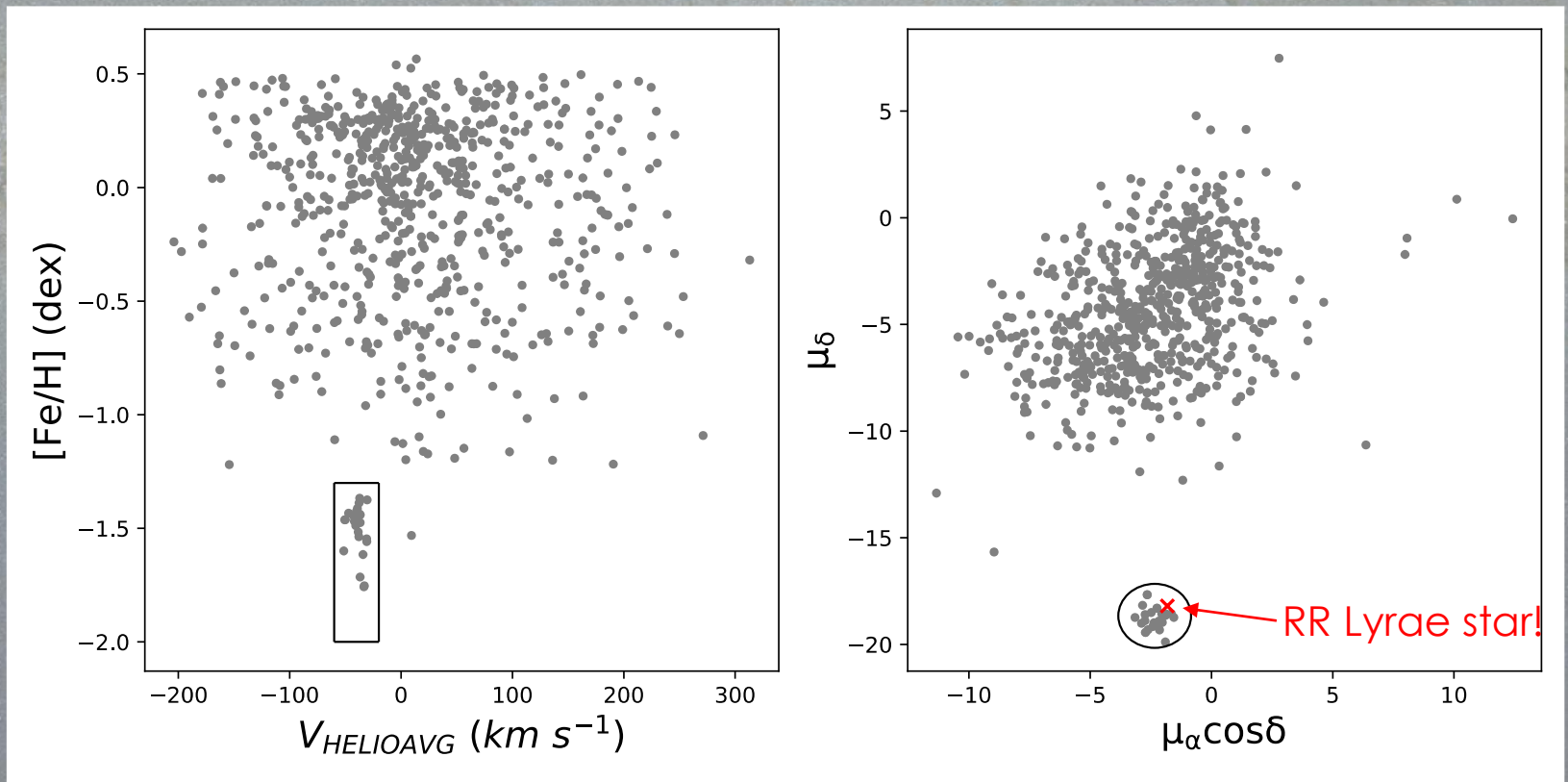
Valid for $|b| \geq 2^\circ$

Absolute proper
motions:

$$\mu_\alpha \cos(\delta), \mu_\delta$$

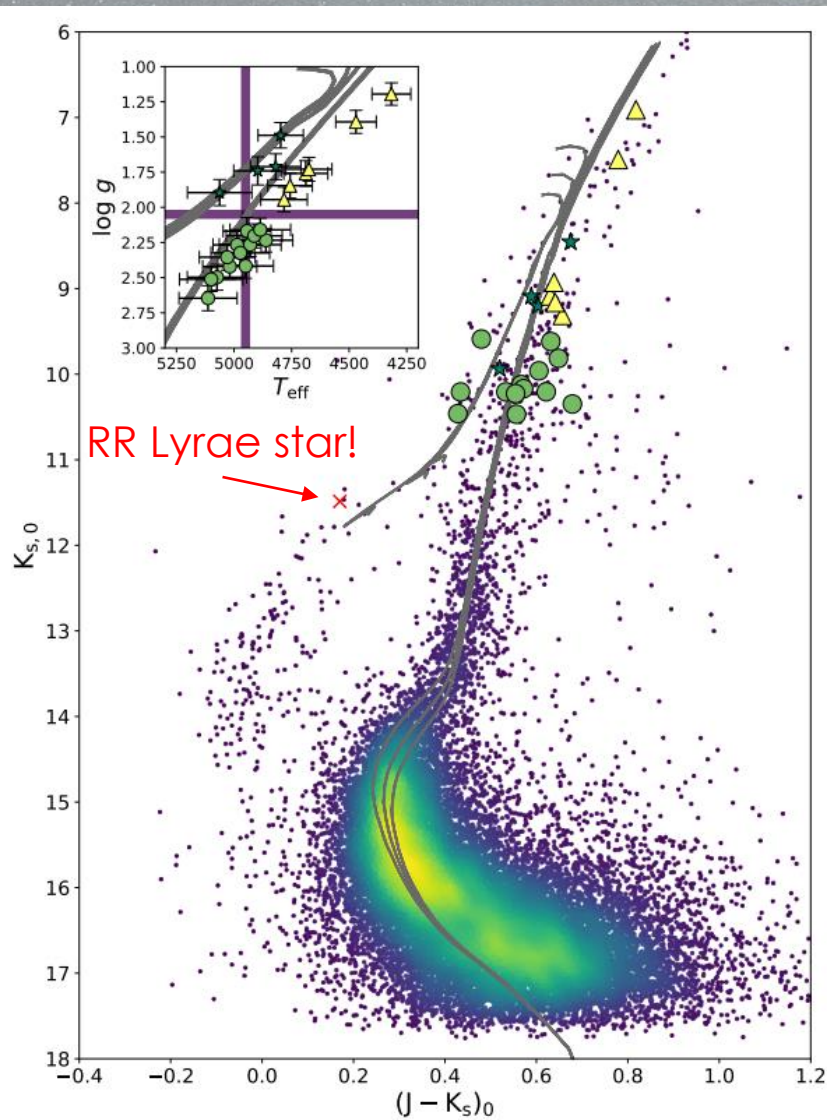
Gaia Collaboration 2018

Selection of NGC 6544 members



(Left) APOGEE targets up to 45 arcmins from the cluster center.
(Right) Gaia DR2 VPD of the same stars around NGC 6544.

Fundamental properties of NGC6544



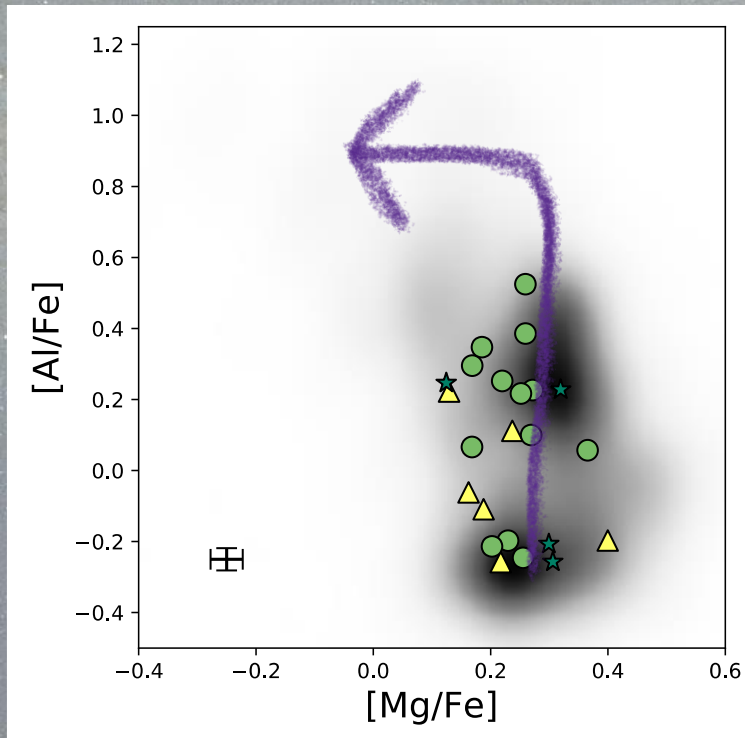
A total of 23 members were located:

- Lower RGB (below the bump)
- ▲ Upper RGB (above the bump)
- ★ AGB

$$V_{\text{HELIOAVG}} = -38.2 \pm 3.7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$
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$$[\alpha/\text{Fe}] = 0.20 \pm 0.04 \text{ dex}$$

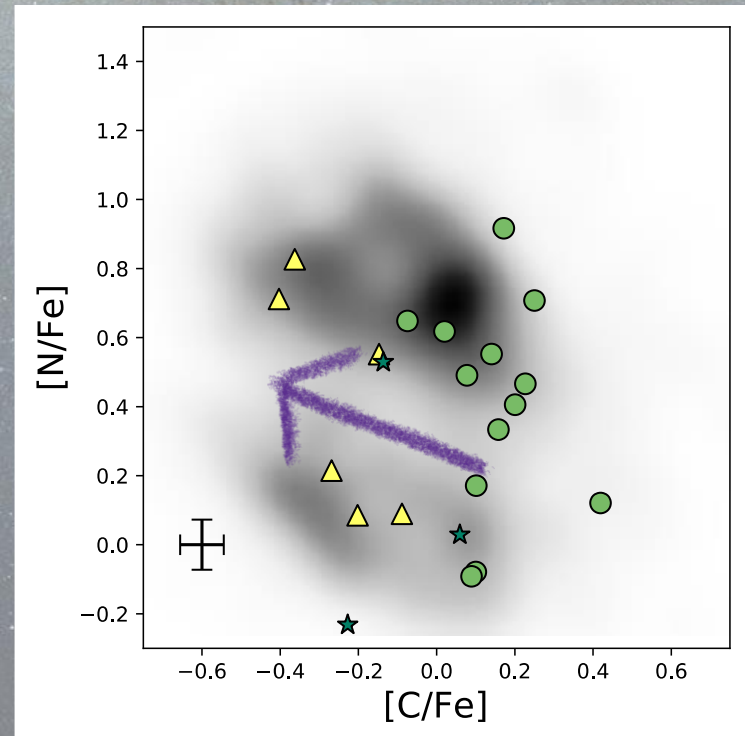
Dereddened VVV-2MASS
CMD of NGC 6544

Known anticorrelations in NGC 6544



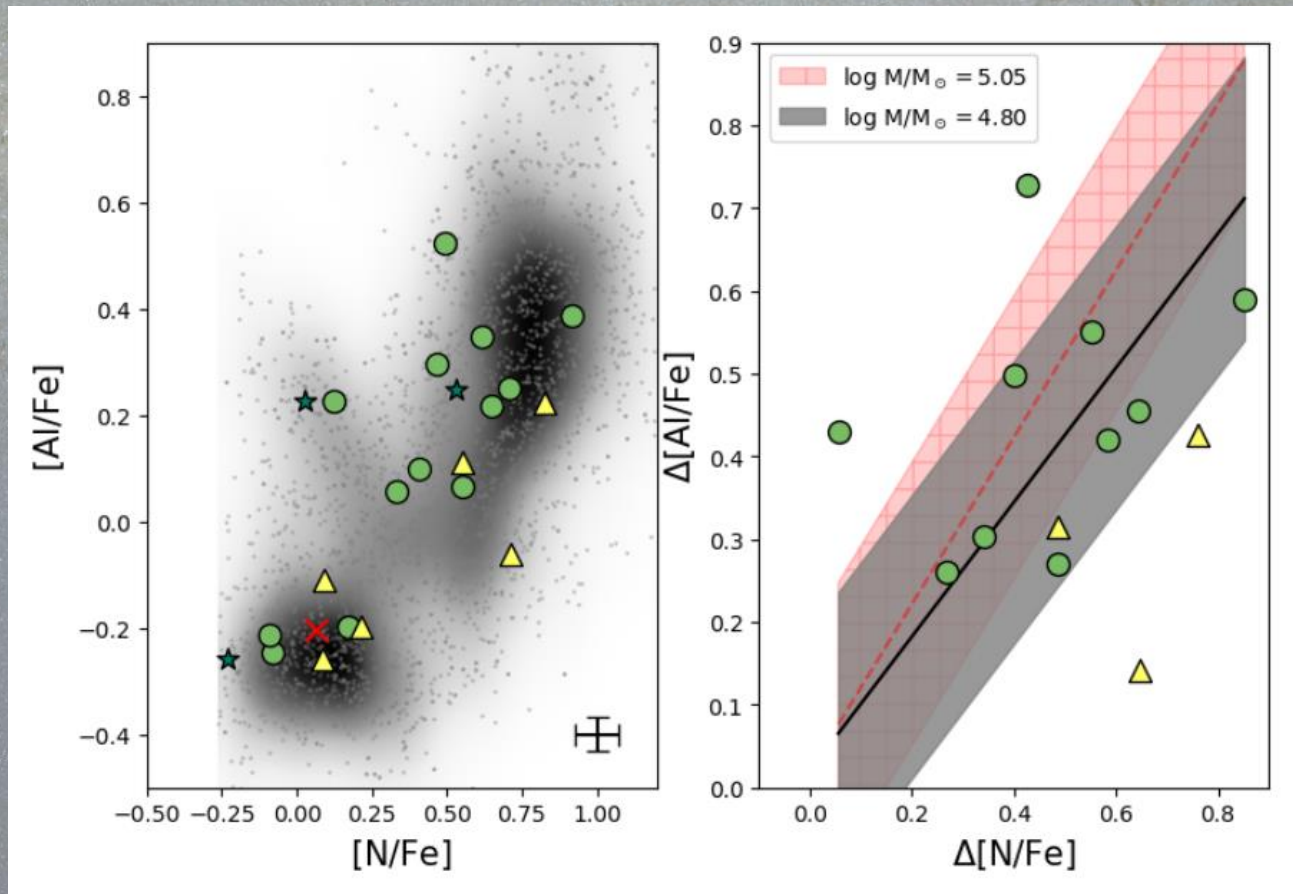
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- Background: APOGEE clusters



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Abundance patterns and the mass of NGC 6544

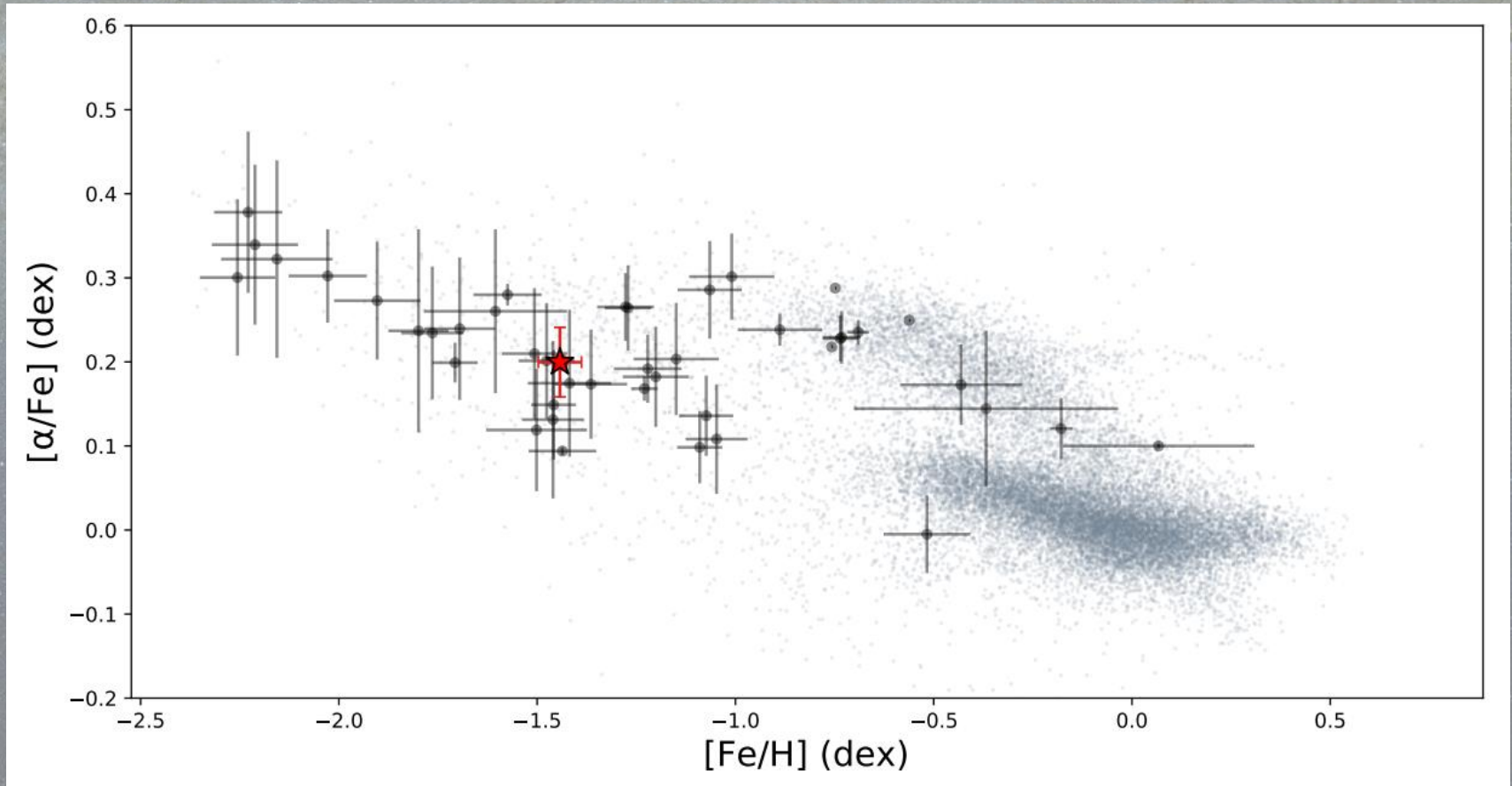


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Clusters from Masseron et al. 2019 and Schiavon et al. 2017 in the DR16

Galactic context: Tinsley diagram

Background sample: randomly selected 10% of all APOGEE DR16



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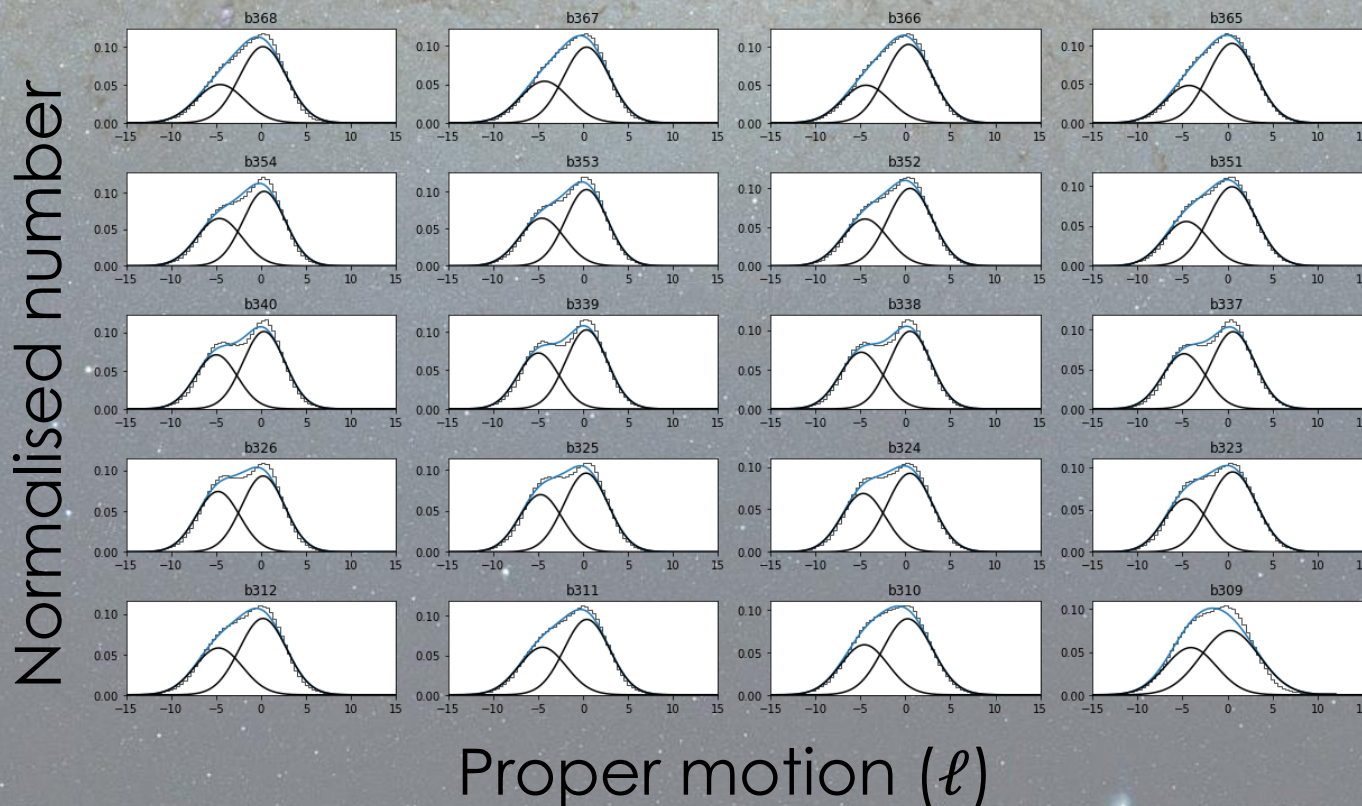
Summary #1

- ★ APOGEE observed **23 stars** from NGC 6544 (RGB+AGB)
- ★ Known anticorrelations were found (Mg-Al, C-N, Na-O) with **distinct abundance patterns**:
 - ★ **9** first generation stars
 - ★ **14** second generation stars
- ★ Large [Al/Fe] spread and negligible [Mg/Fe] enrichment
- ★ Independent **distance measurement** (RR Lyrae star)
- ★ Consistent with the **metal-poor tail** of the canonical thick-disk
- ★ Multi-survey **synergies** (APOGEE, VVV, Gaia, 2MASS)



The *intermezzo*: GCs and PMs

- ★ Clouds impede us to observe the APOGEE plates:
 - ★ Explore other possibilities or small projects
- ★ There were several ideas and all of them include the VVV PMs



Hidden in the haystack:

New globular clusters towards the Milky Way bulge

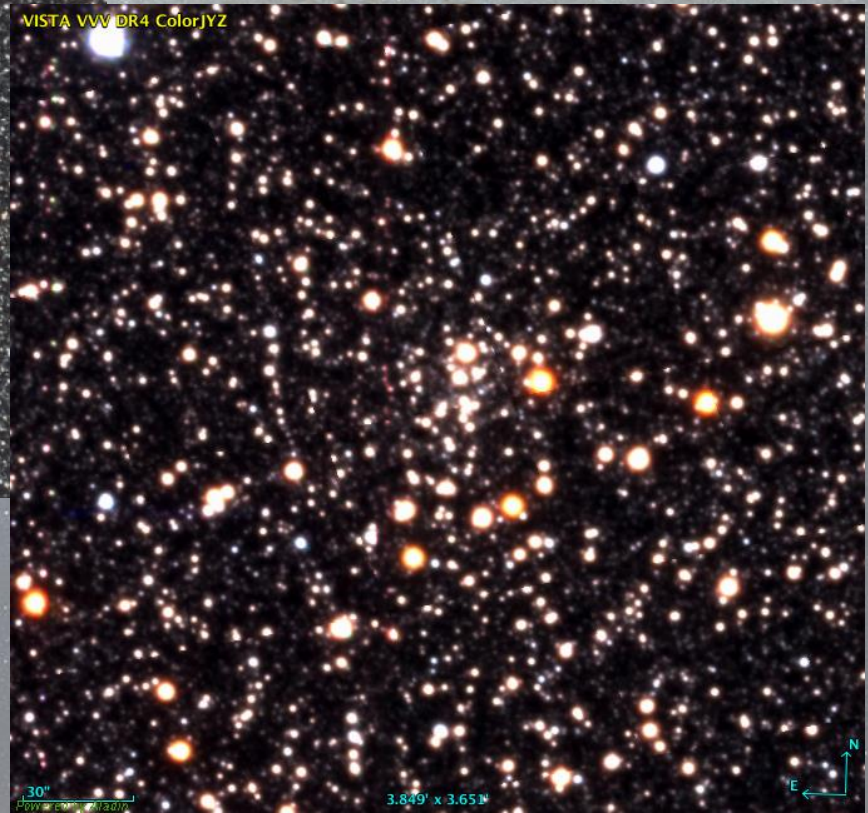


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- ★ Valuable tracers of understand the Milky Way evolution
- ★ Galactic bulge GCs compose a major part of the *in situ* component (Myeong et al. 2018)
- ★ The total number of GCs in the Milky Way is still **unknown**

Photometric searches of GCs

Several observational efforts have been done to characterize **new GCs** in the Galaxy.

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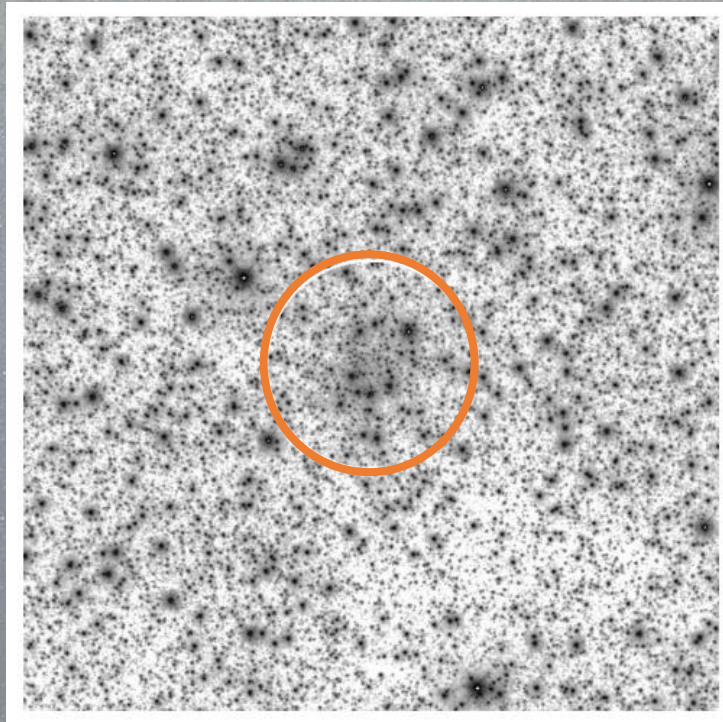
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Minniti et al. 2011,
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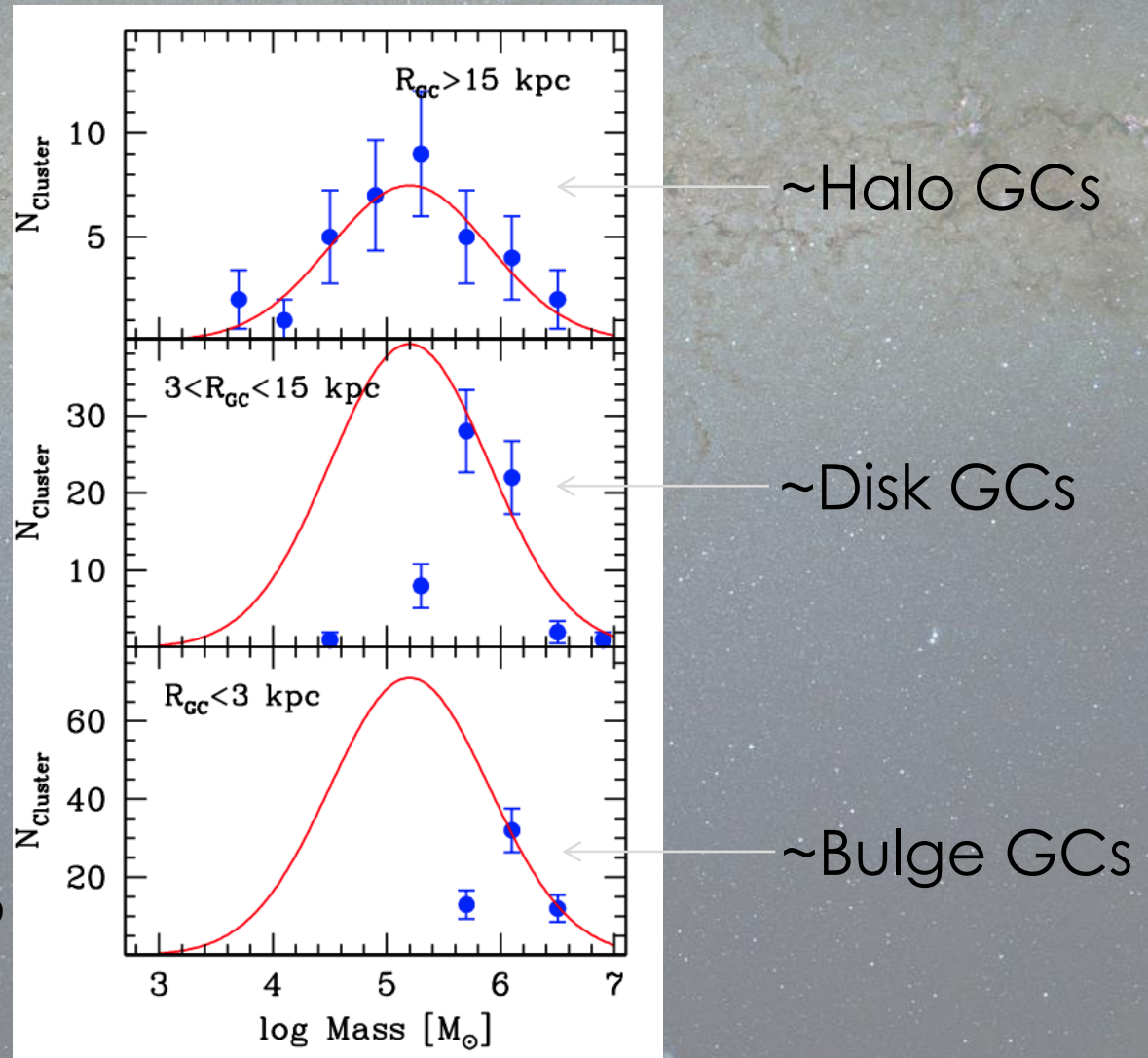
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Unfortunately, most of them were recently **ruled out** using proper motions (**Gran et al. 2019**):

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

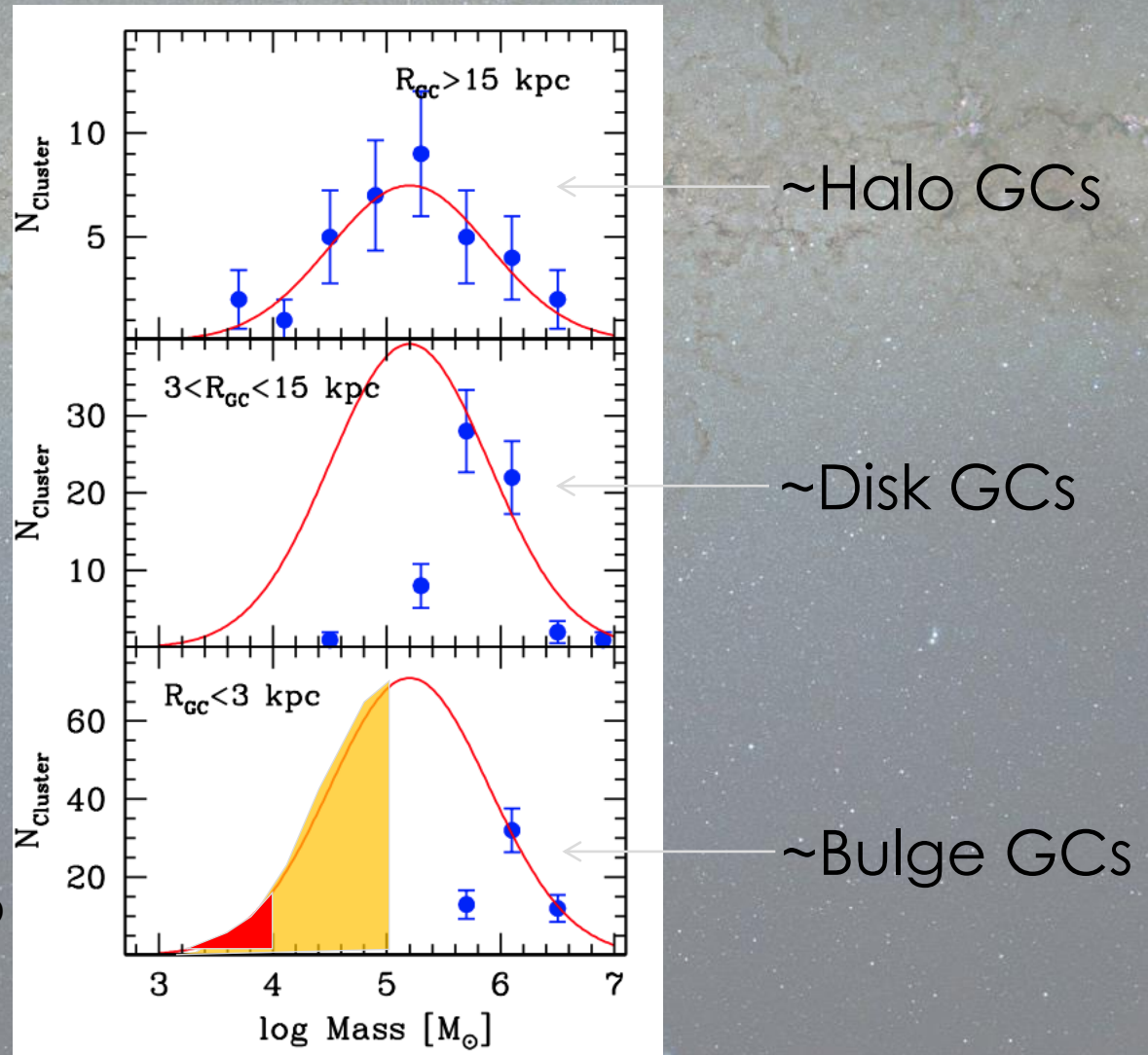
Initial mass distribution of GCs in the MW

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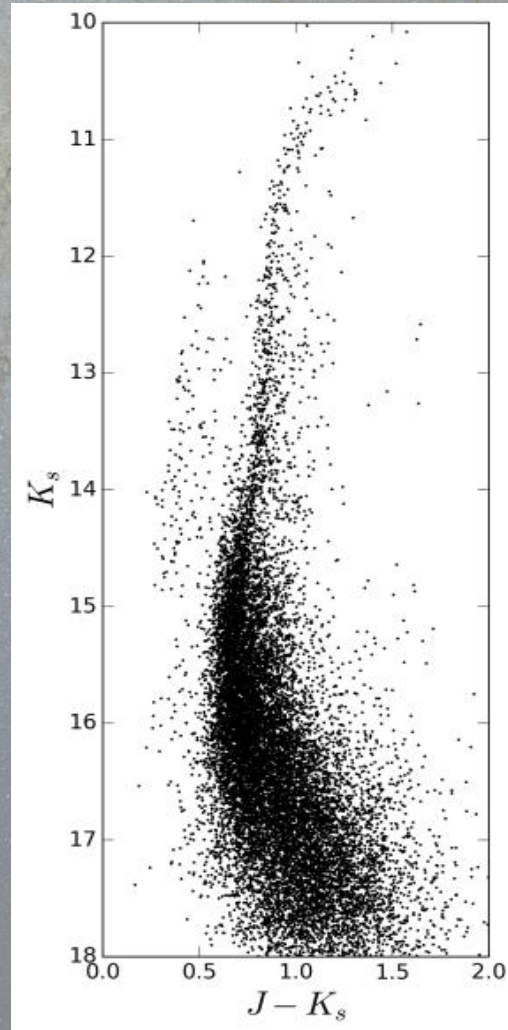
VVV proper motion catalog



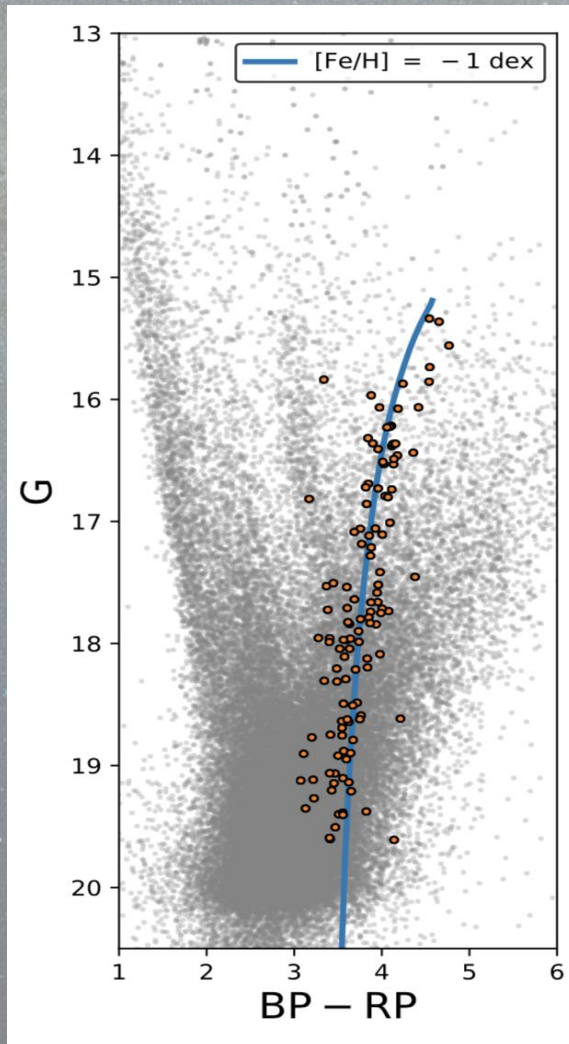
Near-IR survey
(ZYJHK_s)

~100+ K_s epochs

Relative proper
motions:
 $\mu_l \cos(b)$, μ_b



Gaia DR2/EDR3 proper motion catalog



Gran et al. 2019



Optical survey
(G, G_{BP}, G_{RP})

Valid for $|b| \geq 2^\circ$

Absolute proper
motions:

$$\mu_\alpha \cos(\delta), \mu_\delta$$

Gaia Collaboration 2018

Clustering on a 5-D phase-space

$-10 \leq l \text{ (deg)} \leq 10$
 $-10 \leq b \text{ (deg)} \leq 10$

+

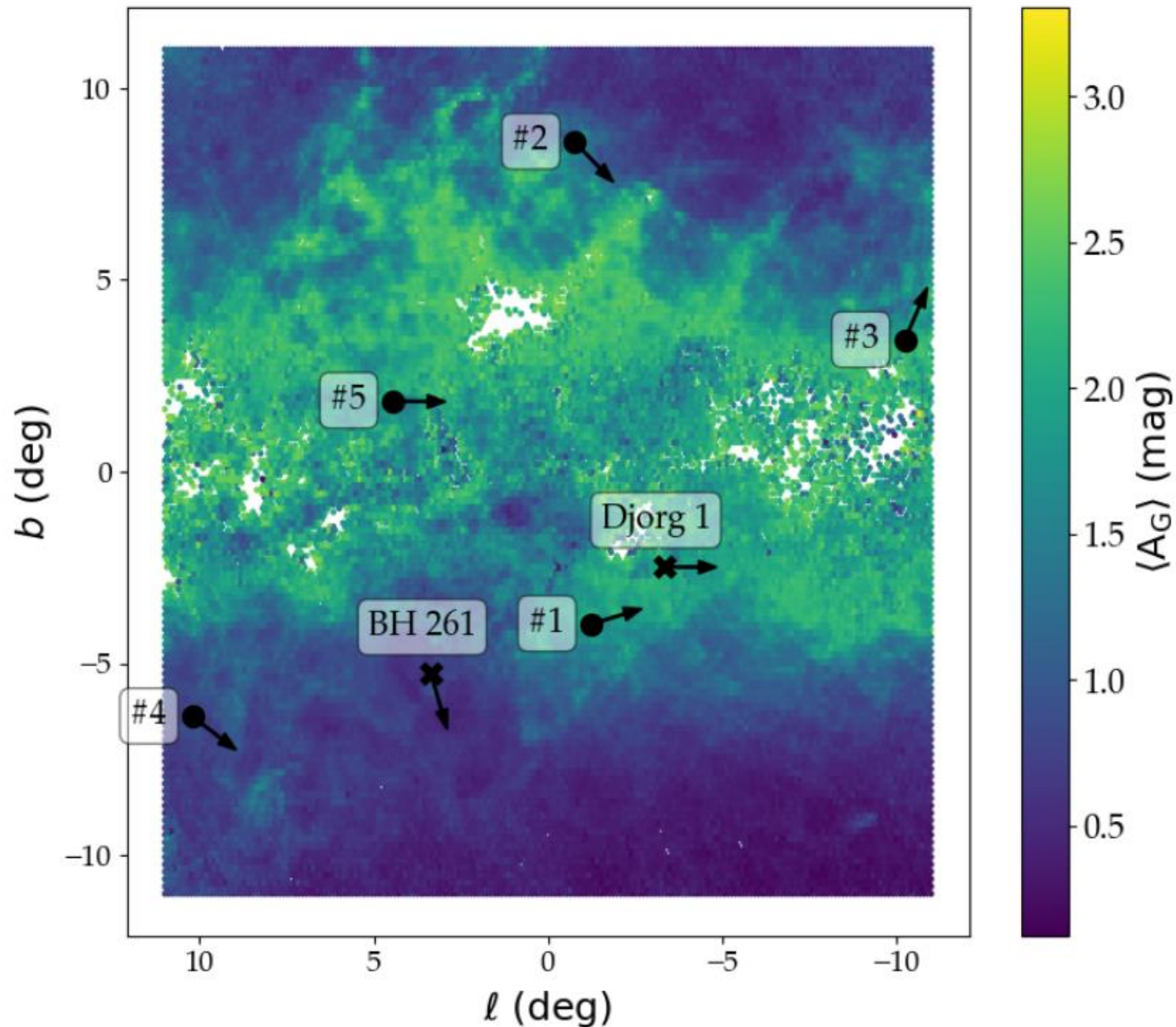
$l, b, \mu_l \cos(b), \mu_b, G_{BP} - G_{RP}$
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scikit learn: KDTree
and DBScan

Candidate
clusters in the 5-D
phase space

Map of the new GCs

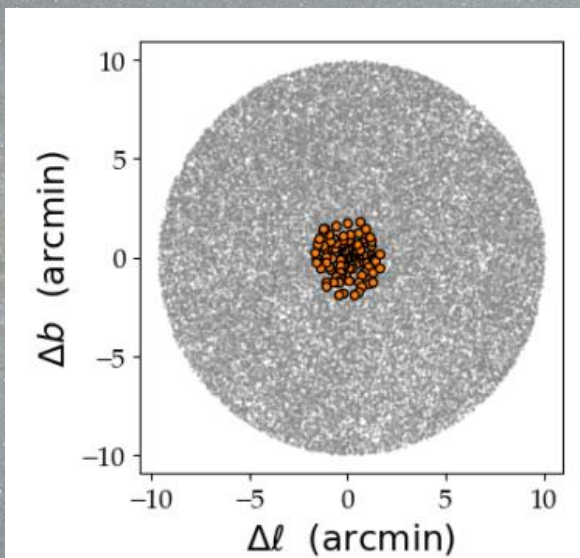


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New GCs: the case of Gran 3

Clustering requirements:

- Grouped in space (ℓ, b)

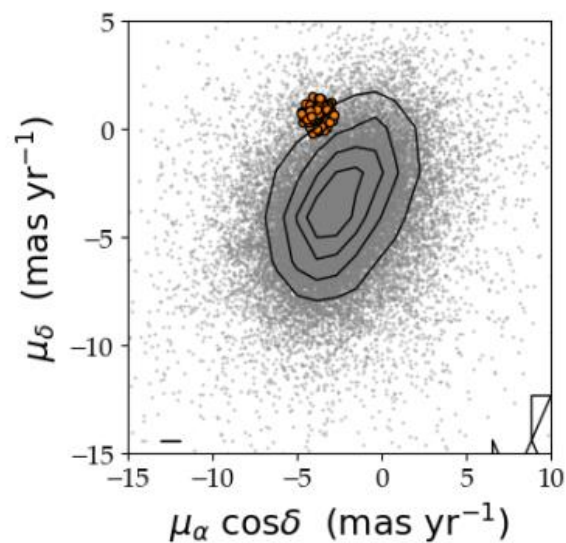
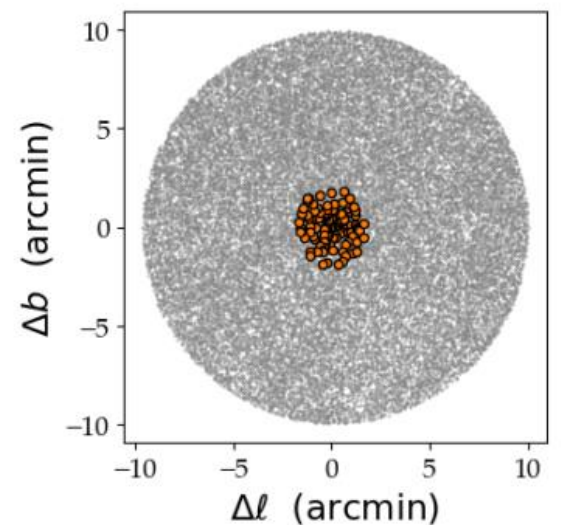


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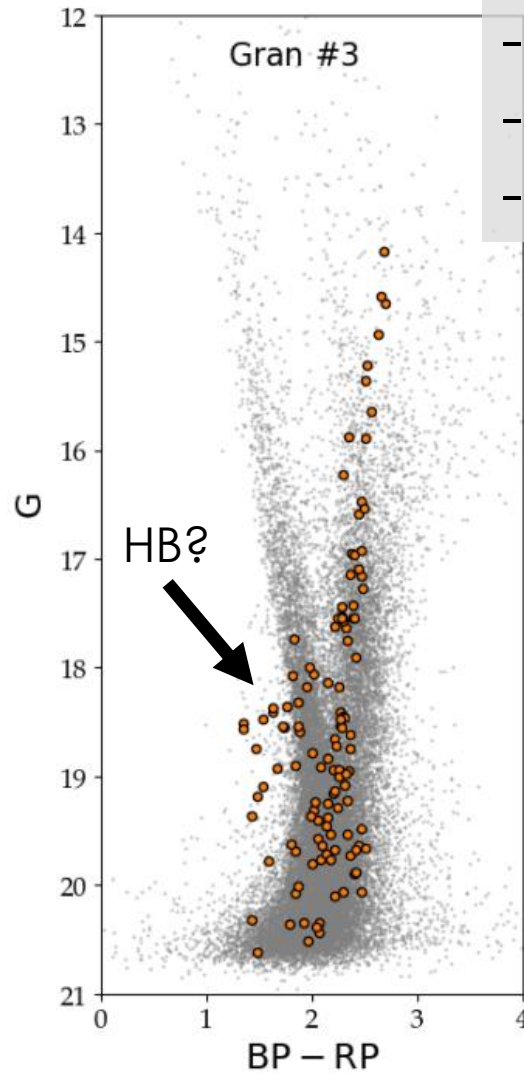
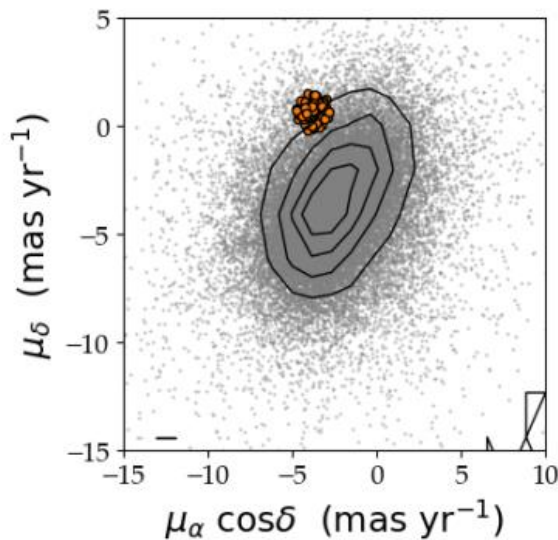
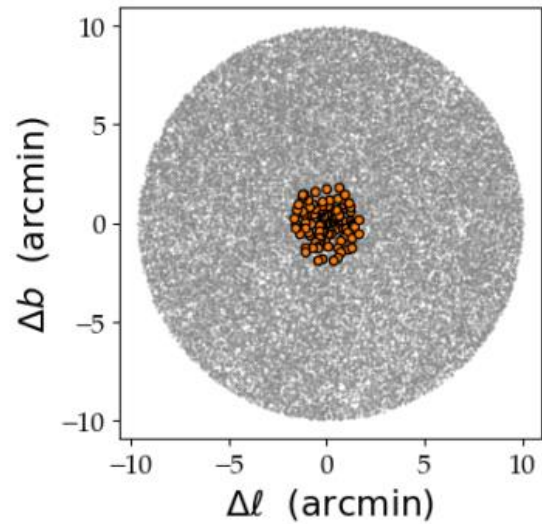


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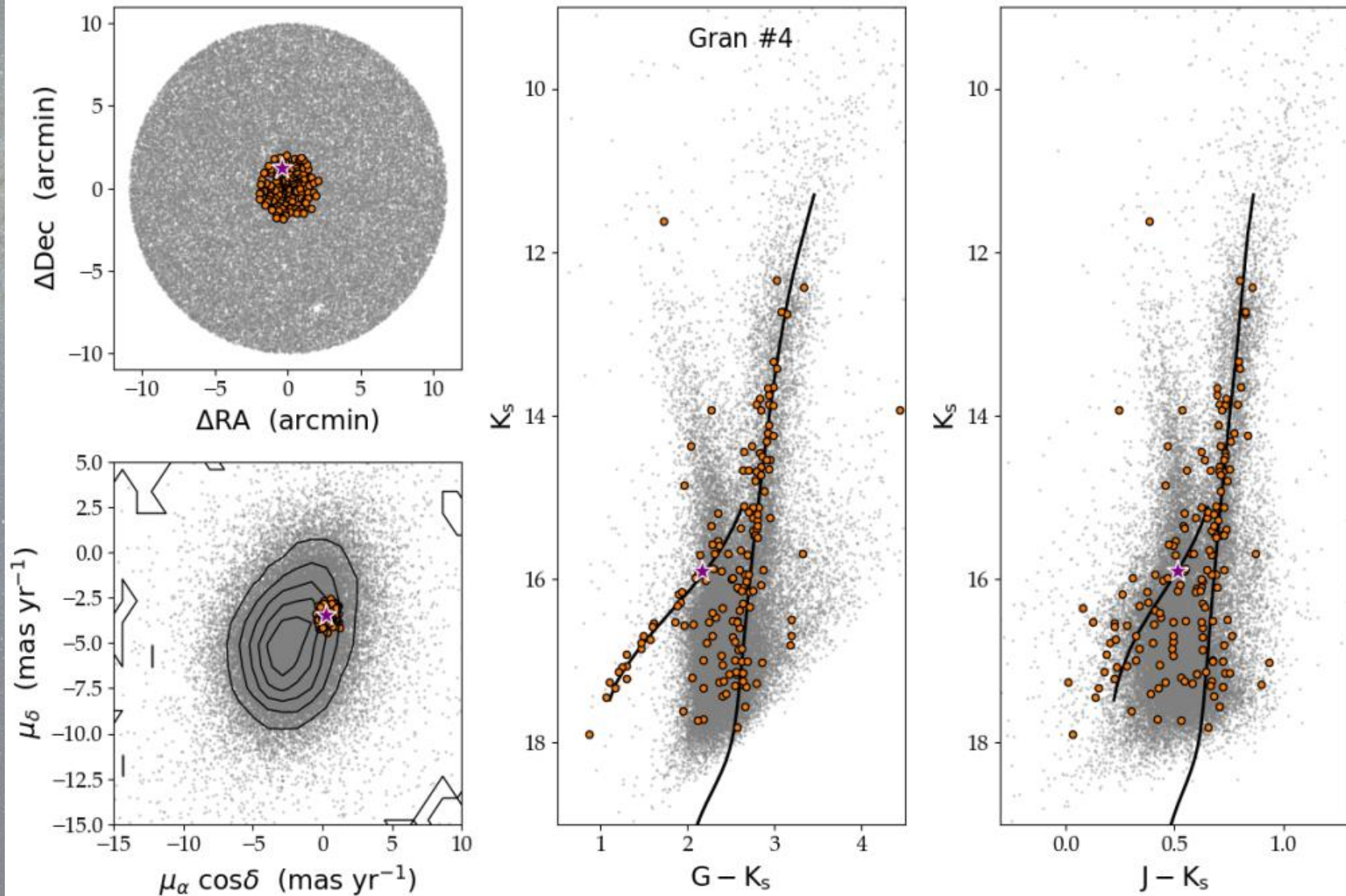
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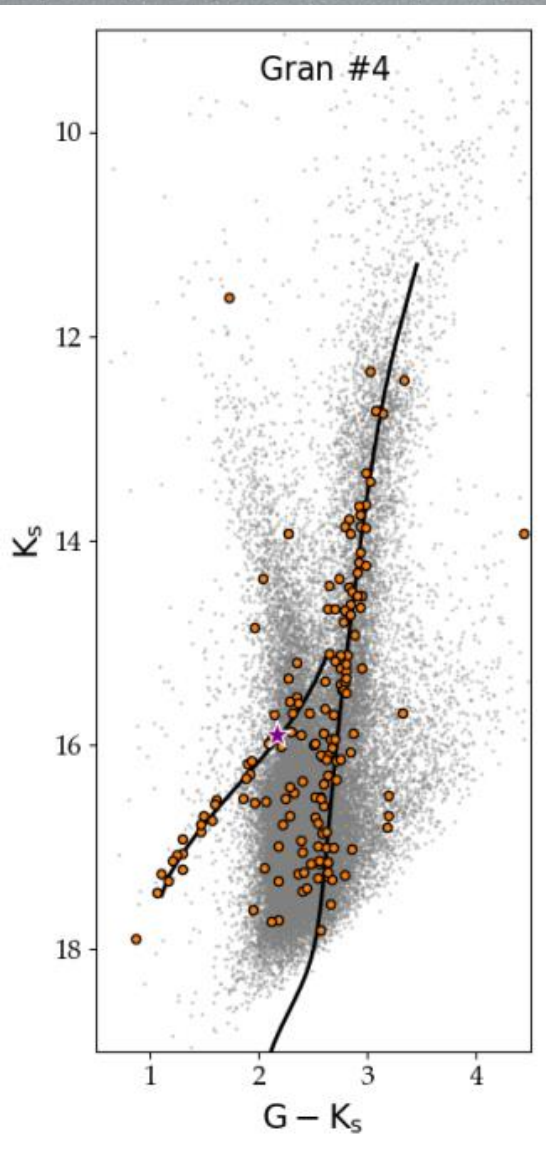


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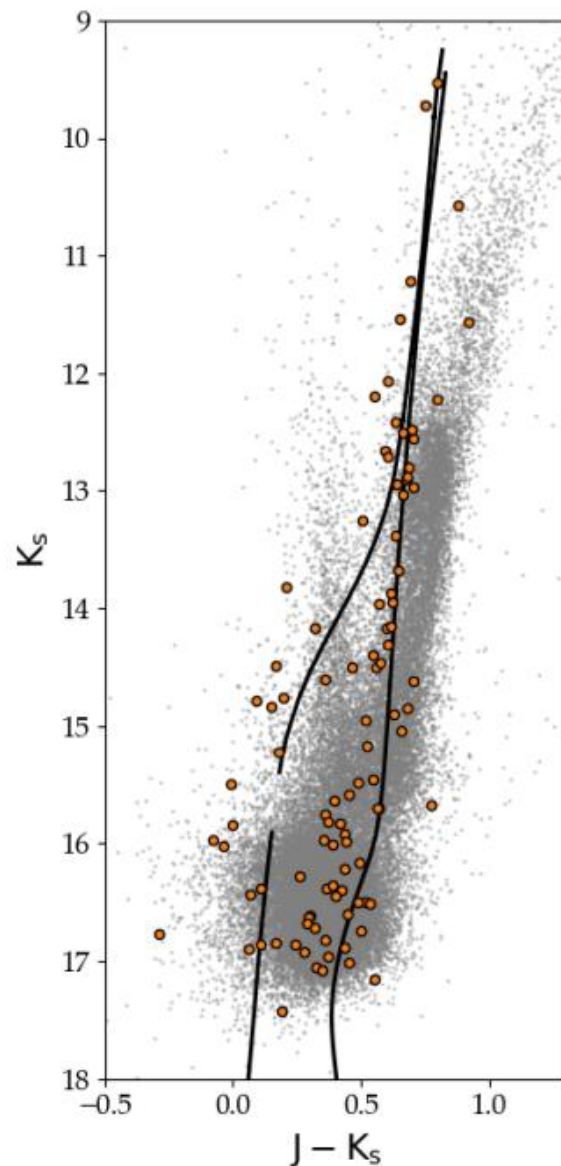
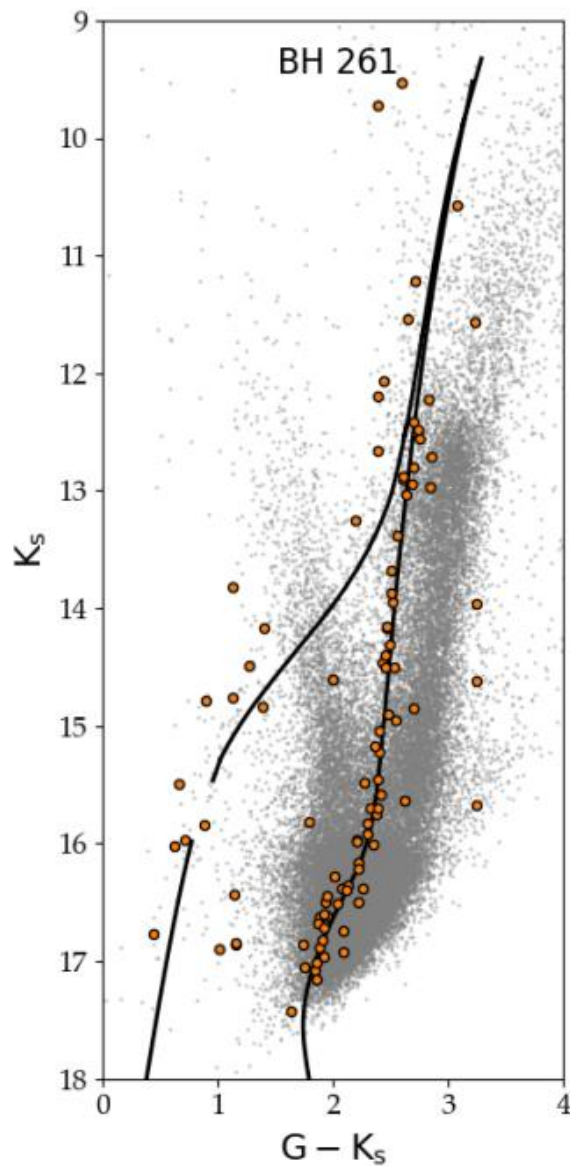
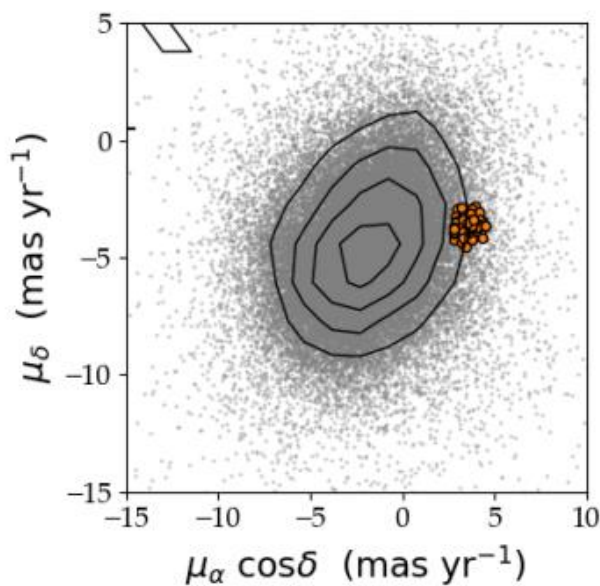
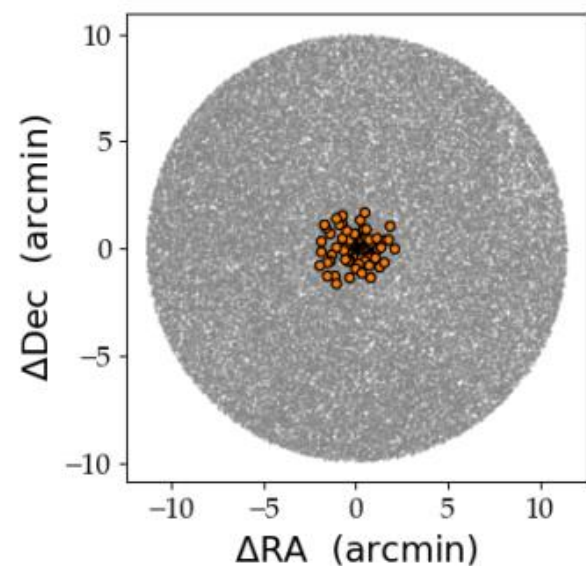
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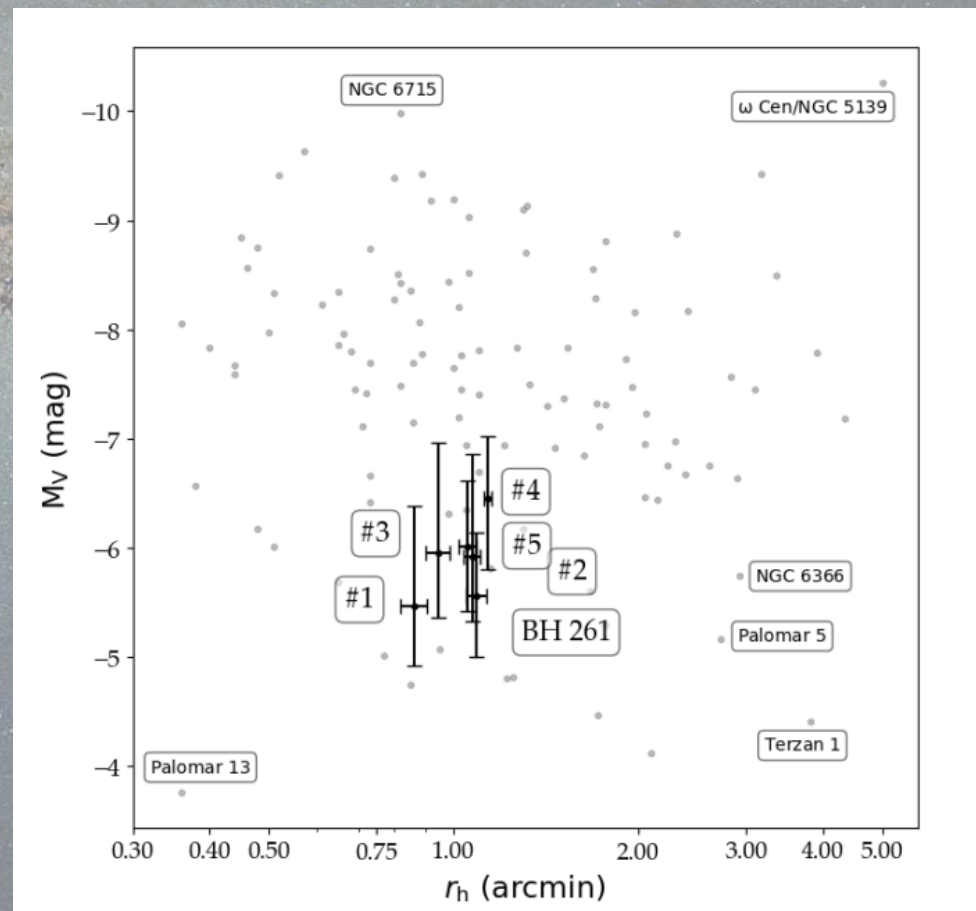
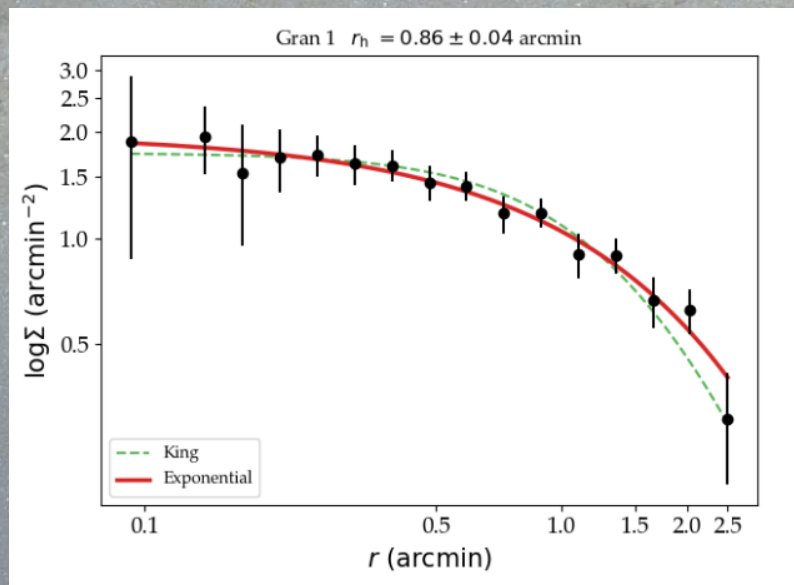
Cluster parameters:

- 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: side products



New GCs: full characterisation



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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 properties



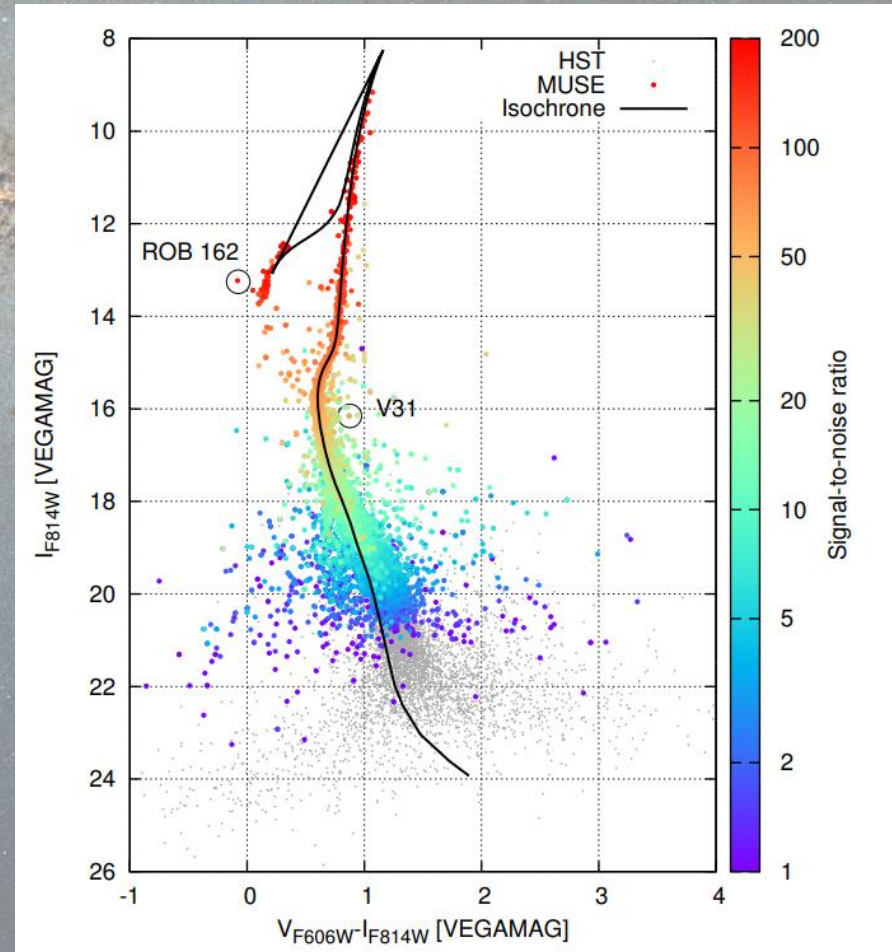
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(4600-9300 Å)

$R \sim 2000-4000$

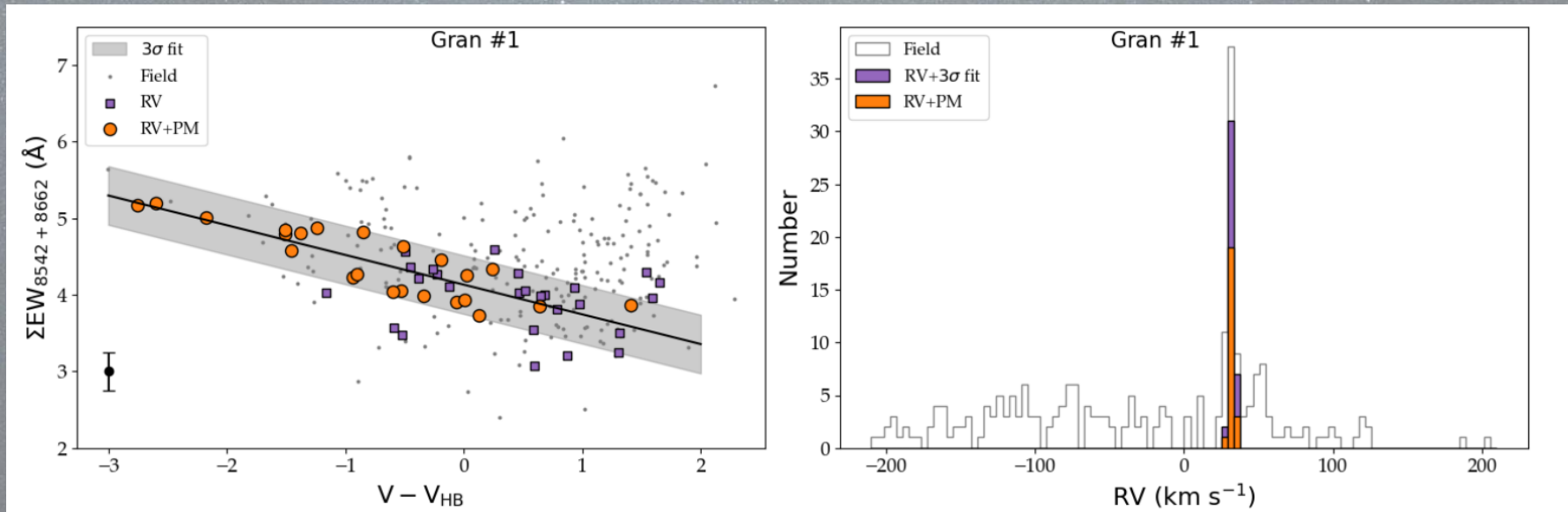
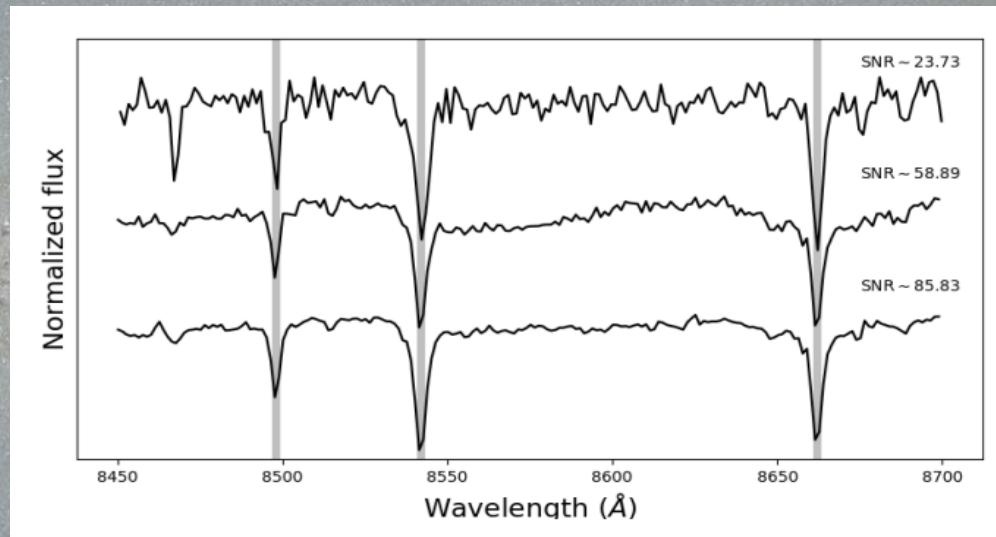
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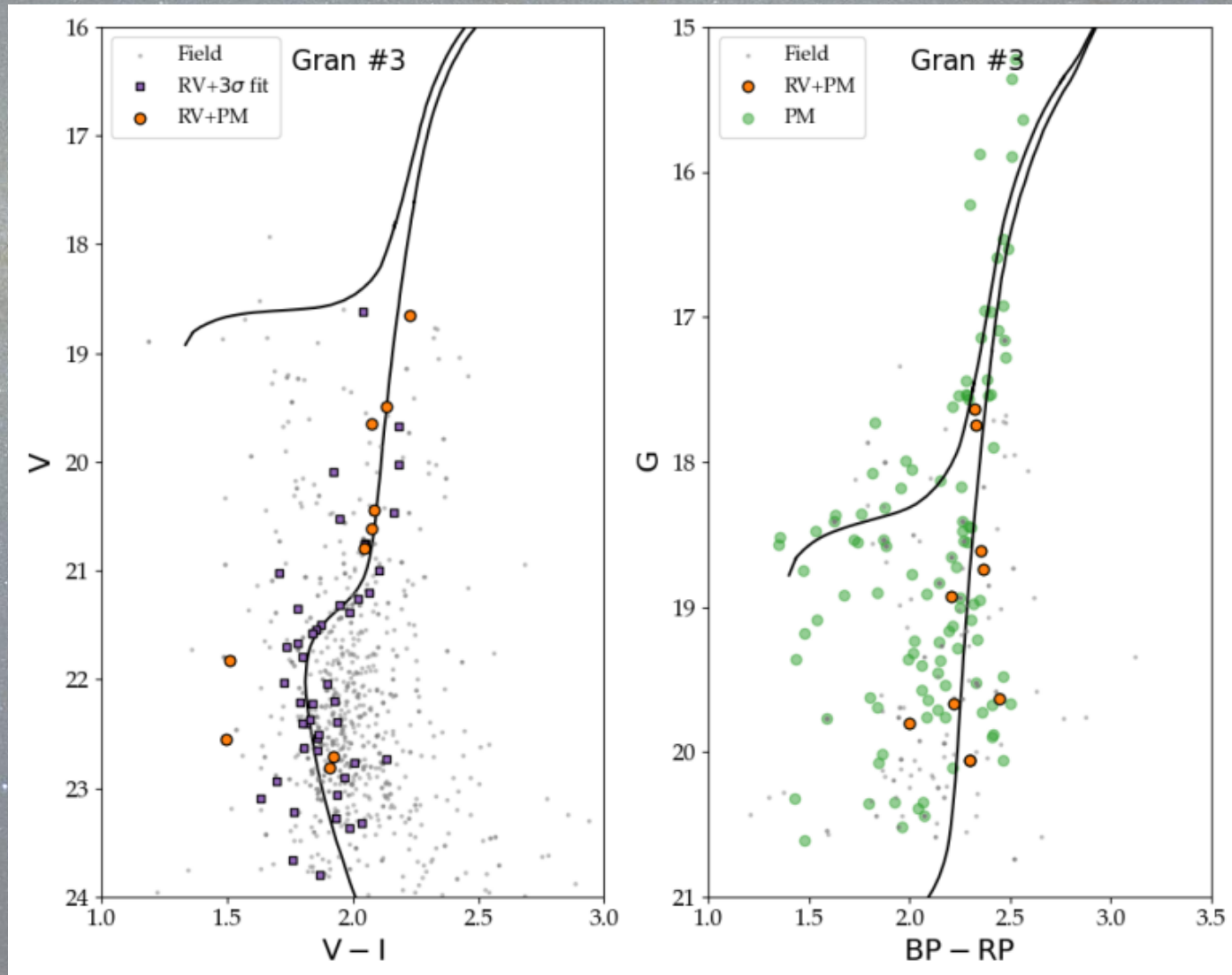
ESO Period 103 & 105:
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New GCs: MUSE observations

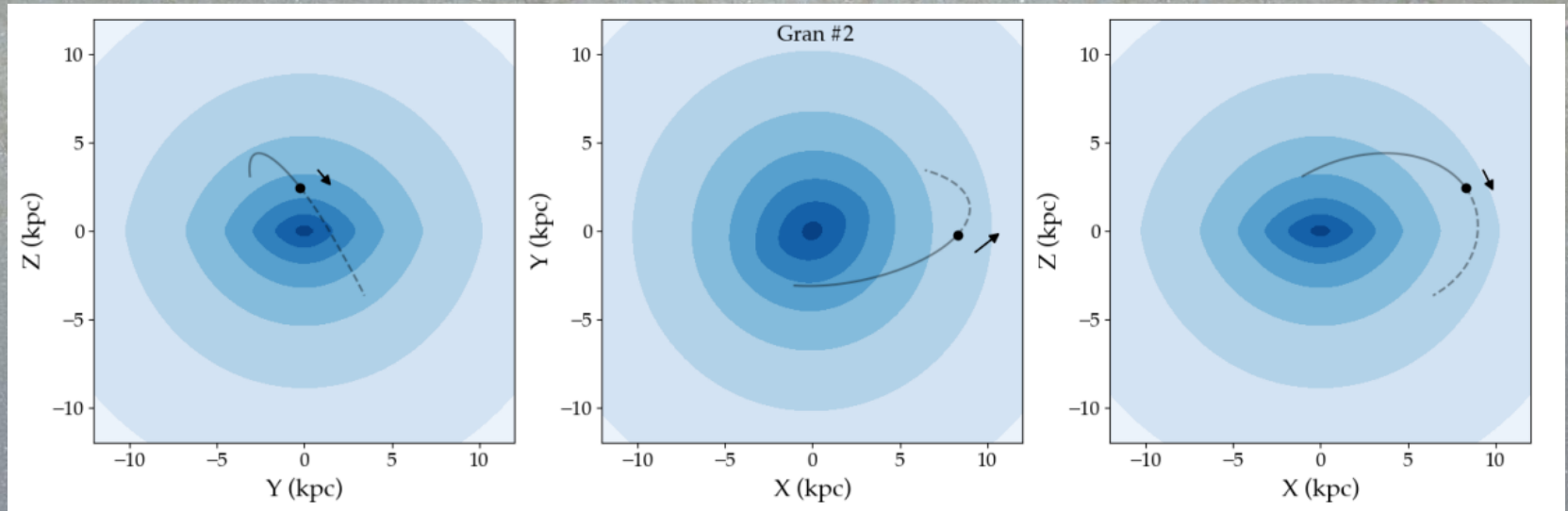


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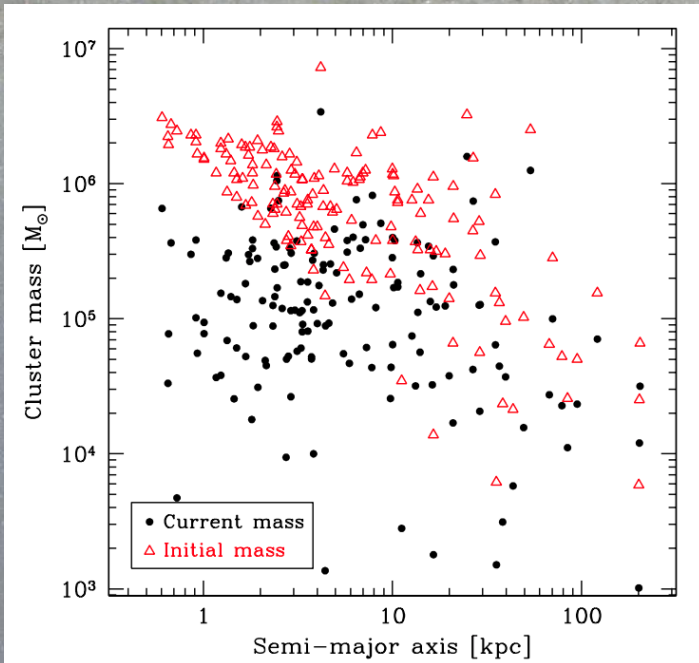
GC	σ_0 (km s ⁻¹)	$M^{\text{dyn}}(< 1.8r_h)$ (10 ⁵ M_\odot)	Υ ($M_\odot L_\odot^{-1}$)
Gran 1	3.96 ± 0.29	0.45 ± 0.08	3.61 ± 3.12
Gran 2	4.93 ± 0.47	1.84 ± 0.40	9.50 ± 8.51
Gran 3	4.79 ± 0.41	1.24 ± 0.25	5.84 ± 3.45
Gran 4	6.18 ± 0.33	4.16 ± 0.61	13.15 ± 7.14
Gran 5	3.68 ± 0.32	0.37 ± 0.08	1.85 ± 1.77

GC	RV (km s ⁻¹)	[Fe/H] (dex)	V_{HB} (mag)	e	z_{max} (kpc)	r_{peri} (kpc)	r_{apo} (kpc)	L_z (kpc ² Myr ⁻¹)	E_{tot} (kpc ² 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

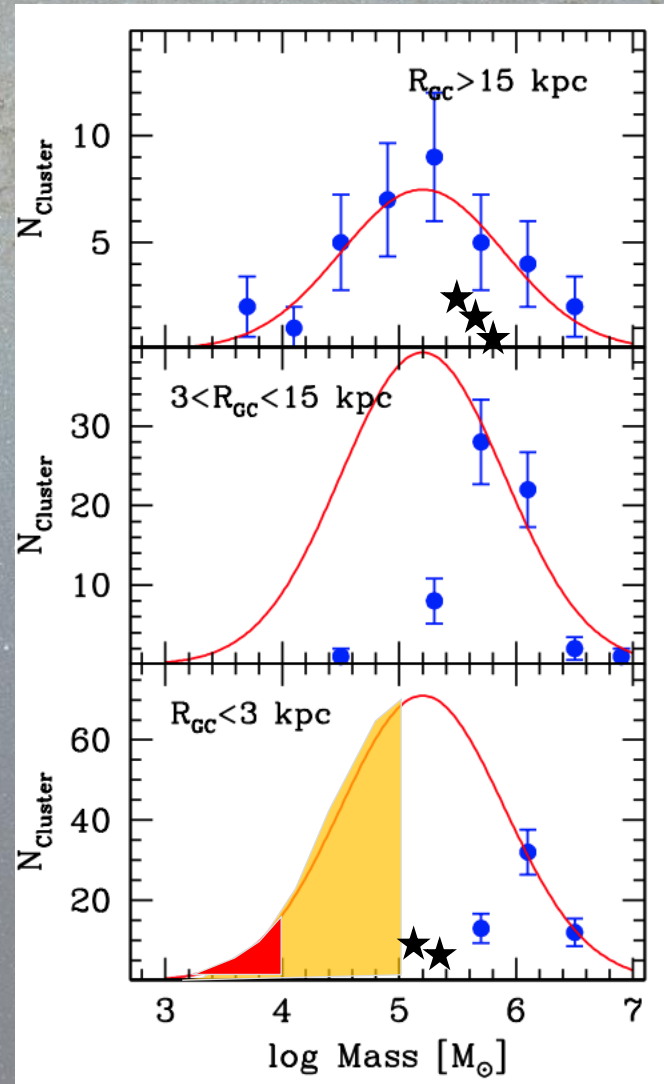
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Gran 2 + 3 + 4

Gran 1 + 5



← ~Halo GCs

← ~Disk GCs

← ~Bulge GCs

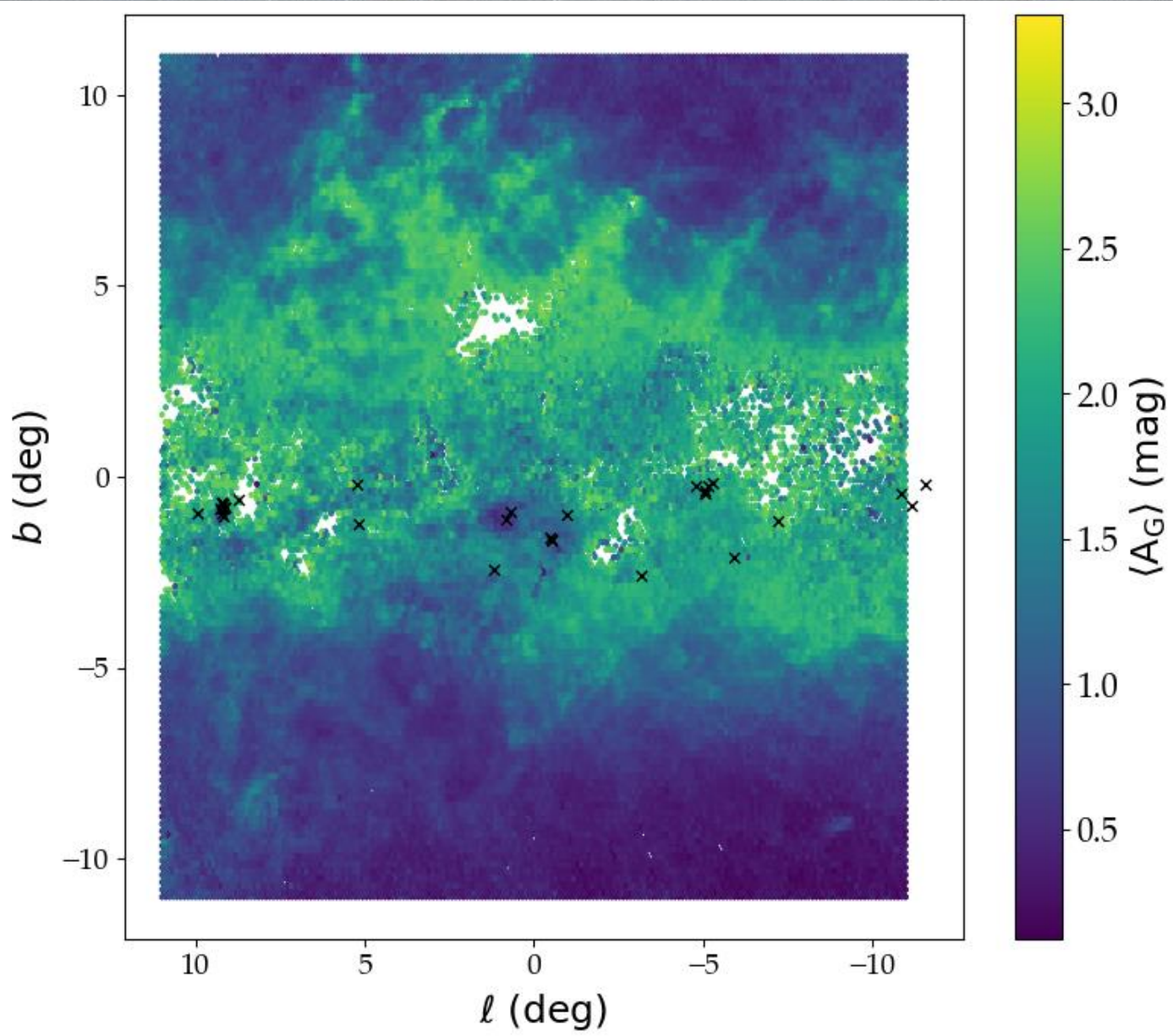
Summary #2

- ★ 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!**

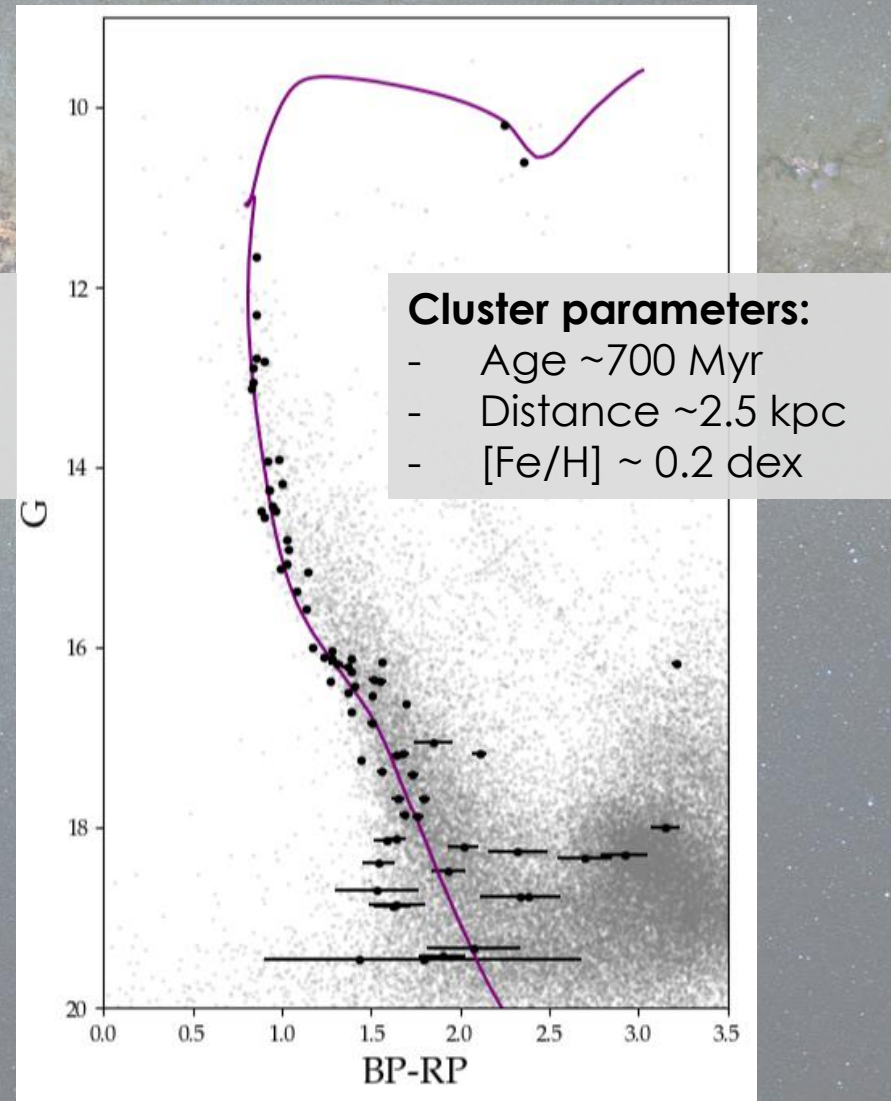
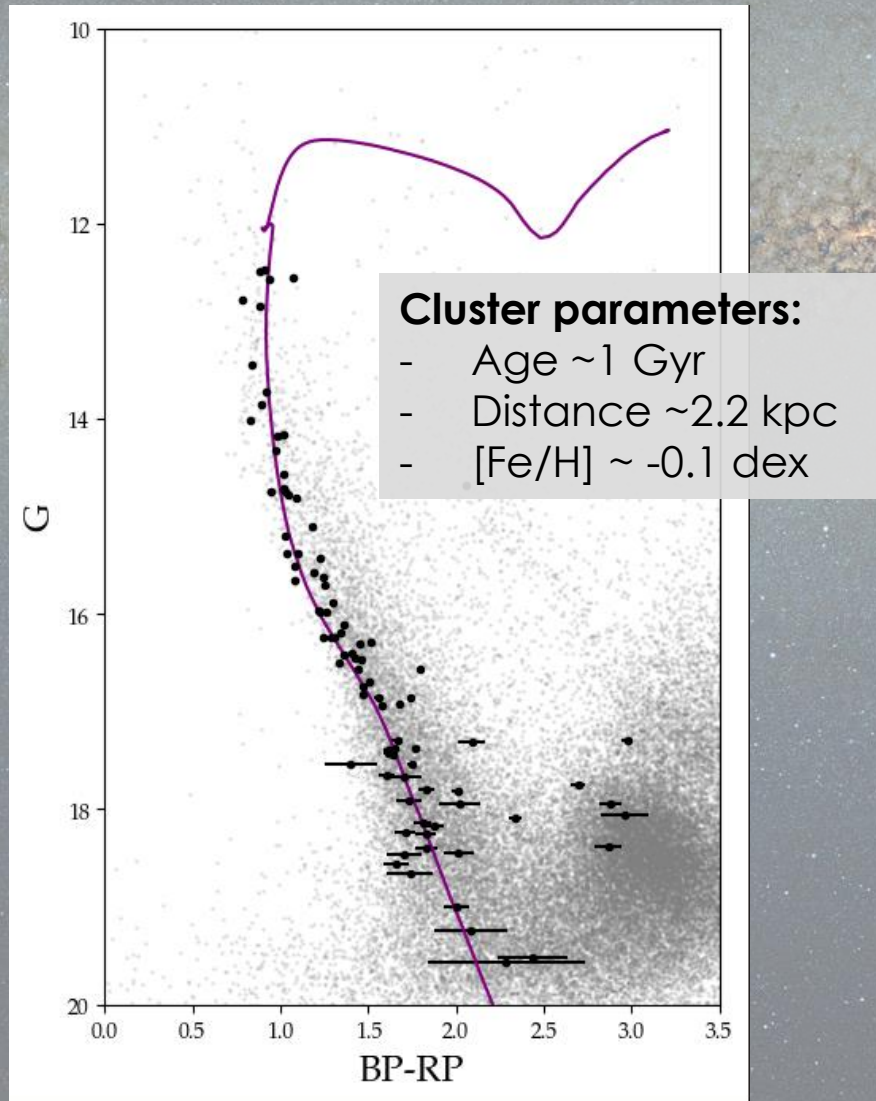


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Future work: new OCs



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Summary #3 (and final)

- ★ 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**.
- ★ Key observable: **proper motions!**
- ★ Impressive results and conclusions will be made with the new **Gaia DR3!**



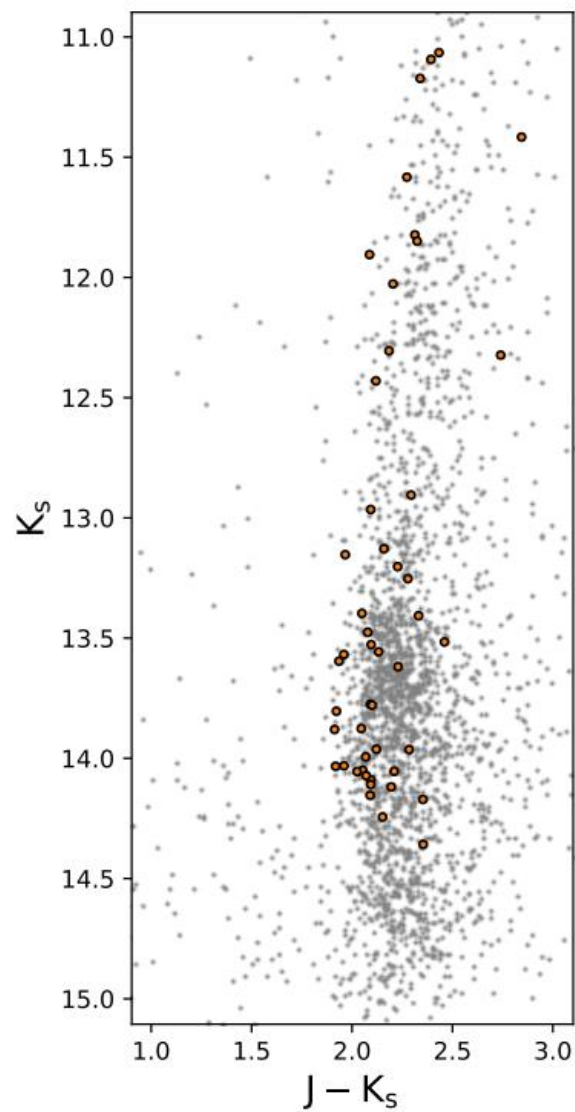
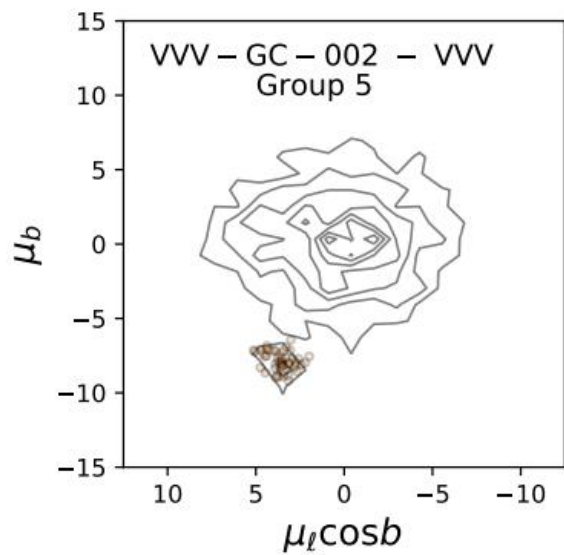
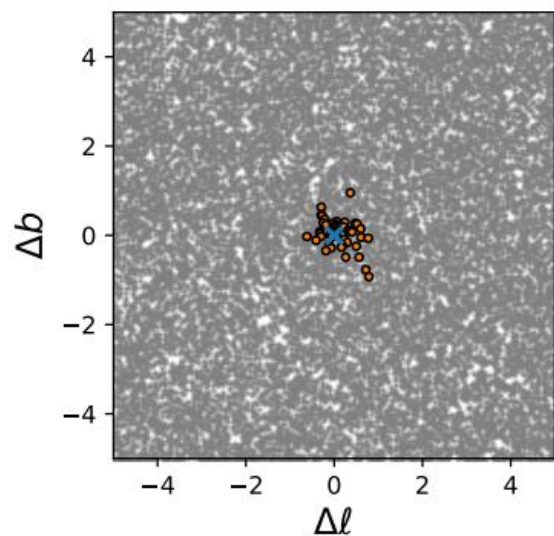
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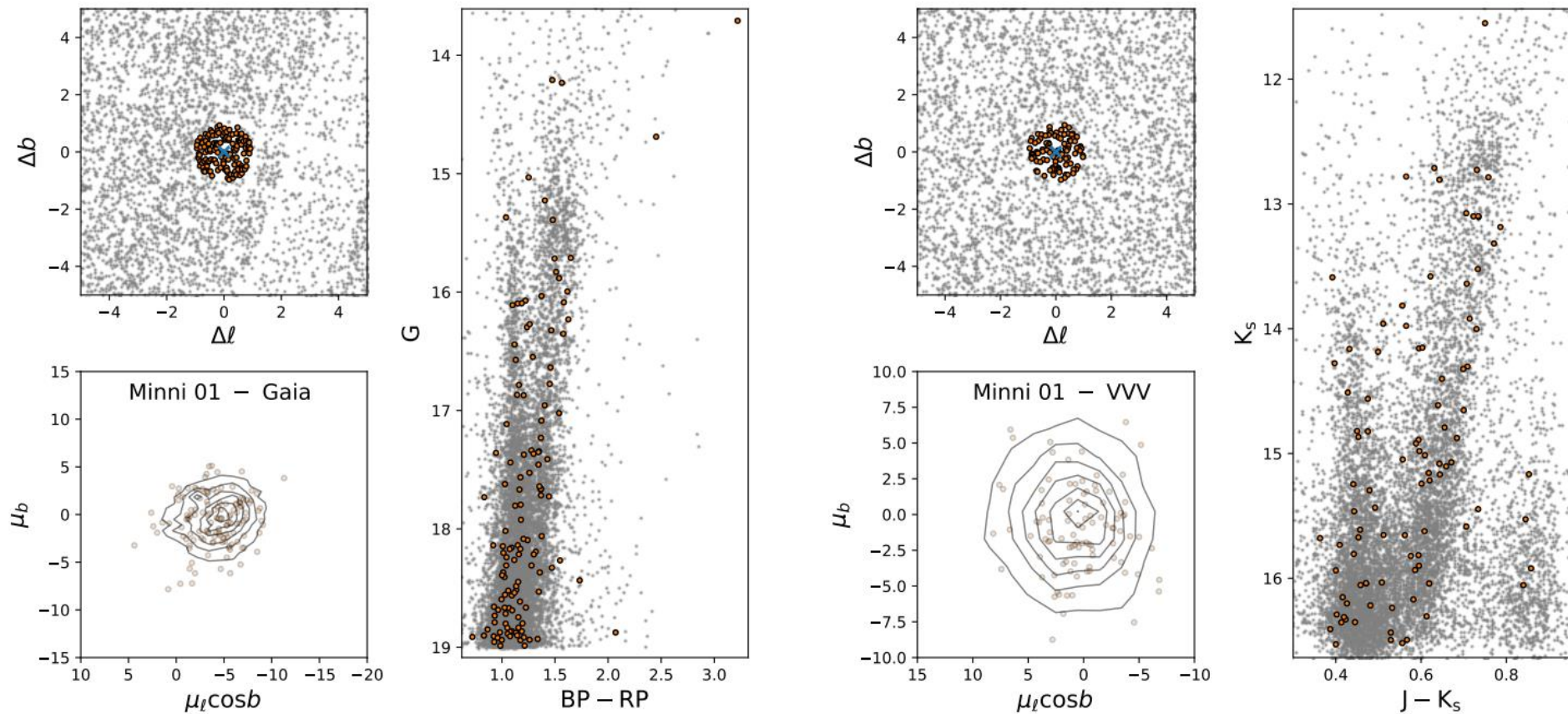
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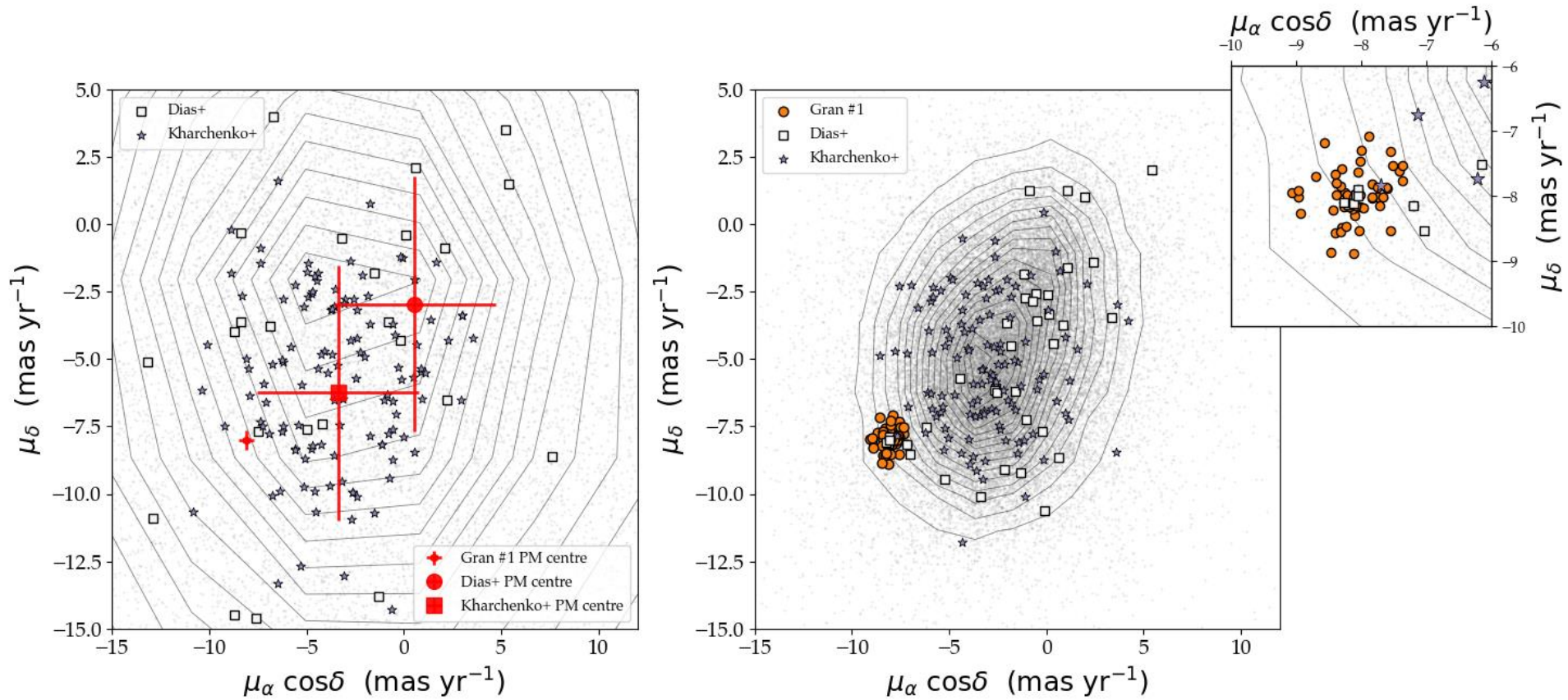
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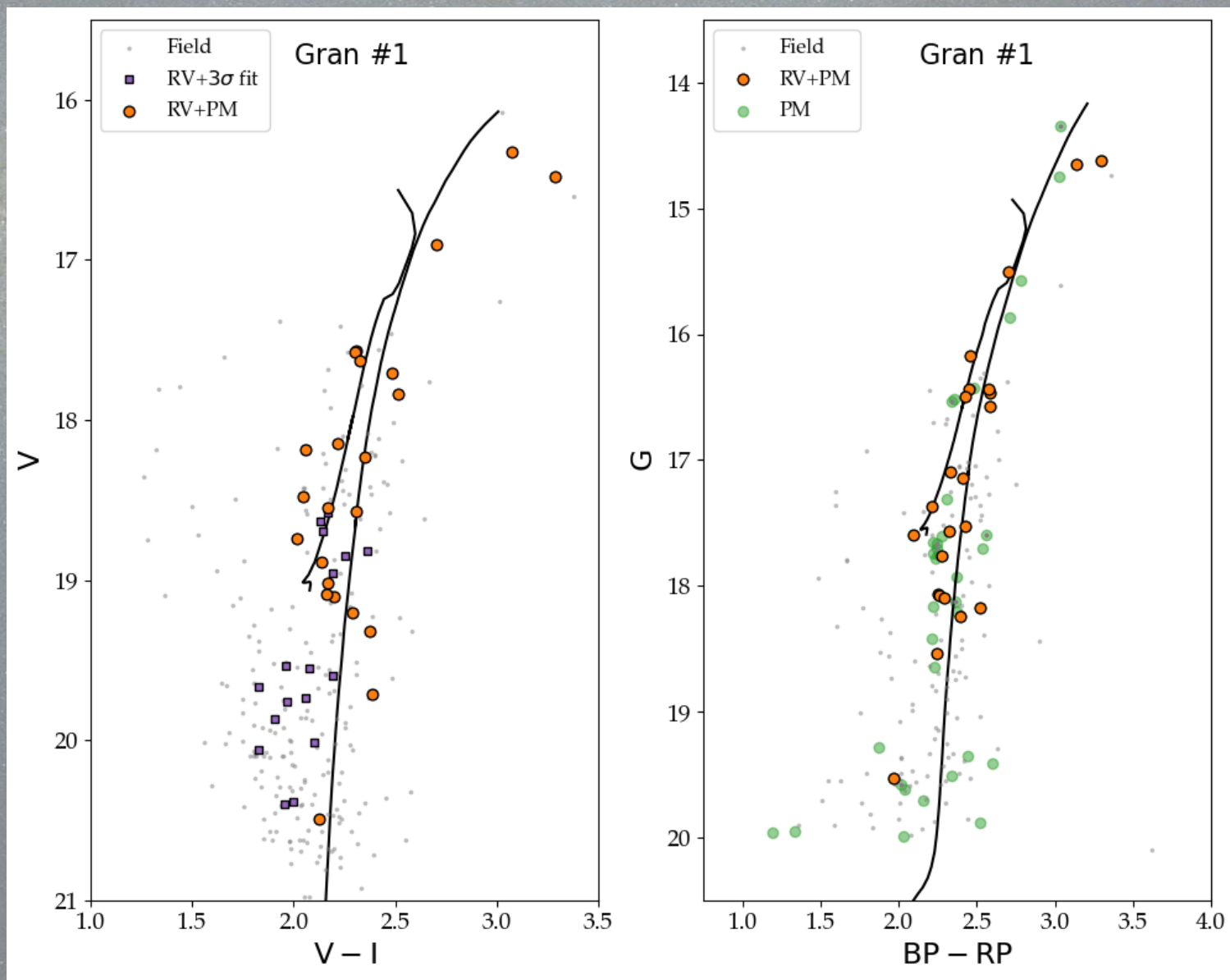
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