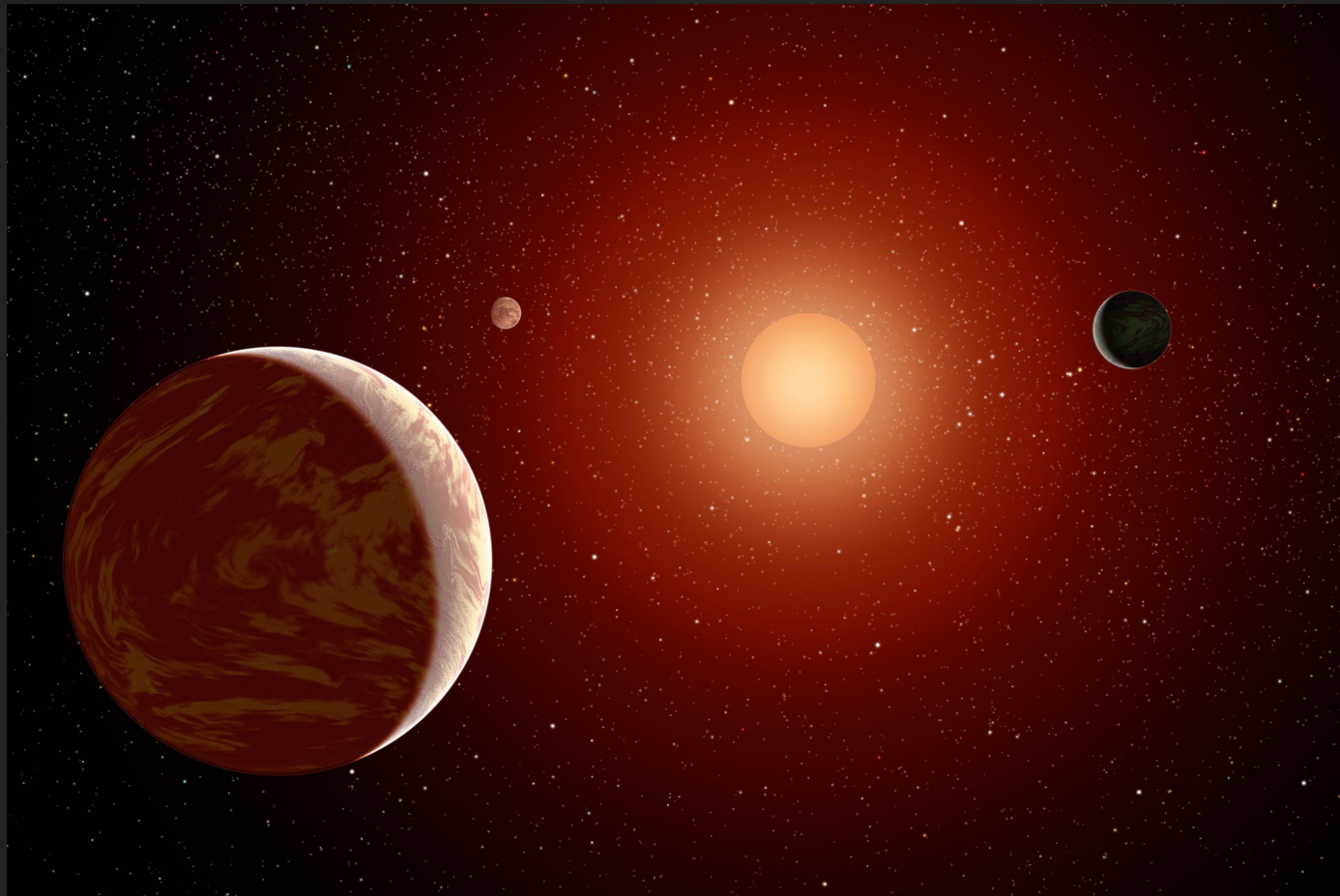


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M DWARFS IN THE VVX SURVEY

CHARACTERIZATION OF LOW MASS STARS  
WITH MULTI-WAVELENGTH LARGE SURVEYS

# EXPLORING THE PLANE OF THE MILKY WAY THROUGH THE TINIEST POPULATION



- ▶ MOST ABUNDANT STELLAR POPULATION
- ▶ LIFETIMES LONGER THAN THE AGE OF THE UNIVERSE
- ▶ EASIER TO FIND EXOPLANETS AROUND

- $10^{-4}L_{\odot} < L < 0.1L_{\odot}$
- $2300K < T_{eff} < 3800K$
- $0.08M_{\odot} < M < 0.6M_{\odot}$
- $0.1R_{\odot} < R < 0.6R_{\odot}$

REID & HAWLEY (2005)



# GOALS: CREATE THE LARGEST M-DWARF CATALOGUE IN THE INNER PARTS OF THE GALAXY

DR2 (GAIA COLLABORATION ET AL.  
2018B)

EDR3 (GAIA COLLABORATION ET AL.  
2021)



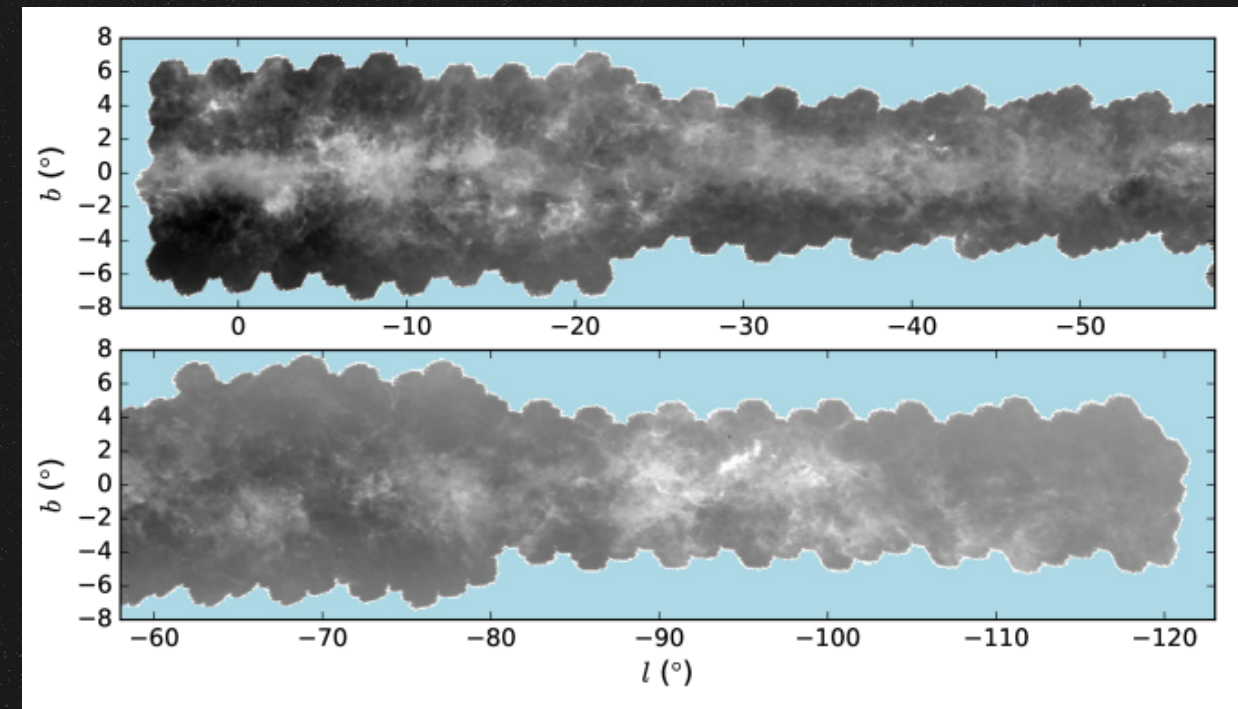
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DECOPS

SCHLAFLY ET AL. 2017

G ( $0.48 \mu m$ ), R ( $0.64 \mu m$ ), I ( $0.78 \mu m$ ),  
Z ( $0.92 \mu m$ ), Y ( $0.99 \mu m$ )

J ( $1.25 \mu m$ ), H ( $1.64 \mu m$ ), KS ( $2.14 \mu m$ )

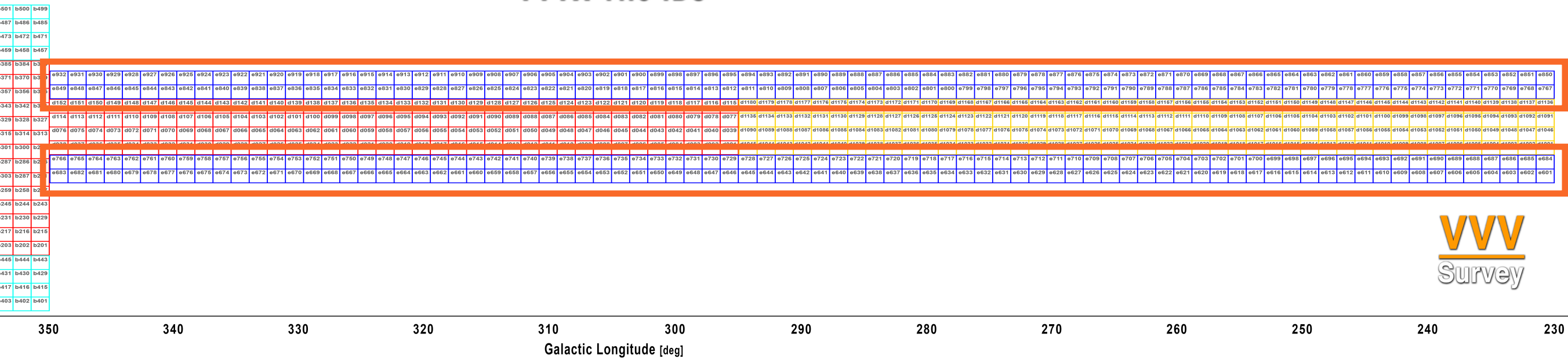




# M DWARFS IN THE VVVX SURVEY

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VVVX Tile IDs



332 TILES  
 $\sim 500deg^2$

- PHOTOMETRY AVAILABLE IN ALL BANDS (DECAPS + VVVX)
- QUALITY CRITERIA; ERR\_KS < 0.1
- PARALLAX CRITERIA; PLX > 1.0 [MAS]
- COLOR SELECTION
- DISCRIMINATION OF POSSIBLE GIANT CONTAMINATION



# M DWARFS IN THE VVVX SURVEY: COLOR SELECTION AND GIANTS DISCRIMINATION

$$0.414 < J - H < 0.695$$

$$0.058 < H - K_s < 0.504$$

$$0.621 < J - K_s < 1.051$$

ROJAS-AYALA ET AL. 2014

$$i - z \geq 0.3$$

$$r - i \geq 0.6$$

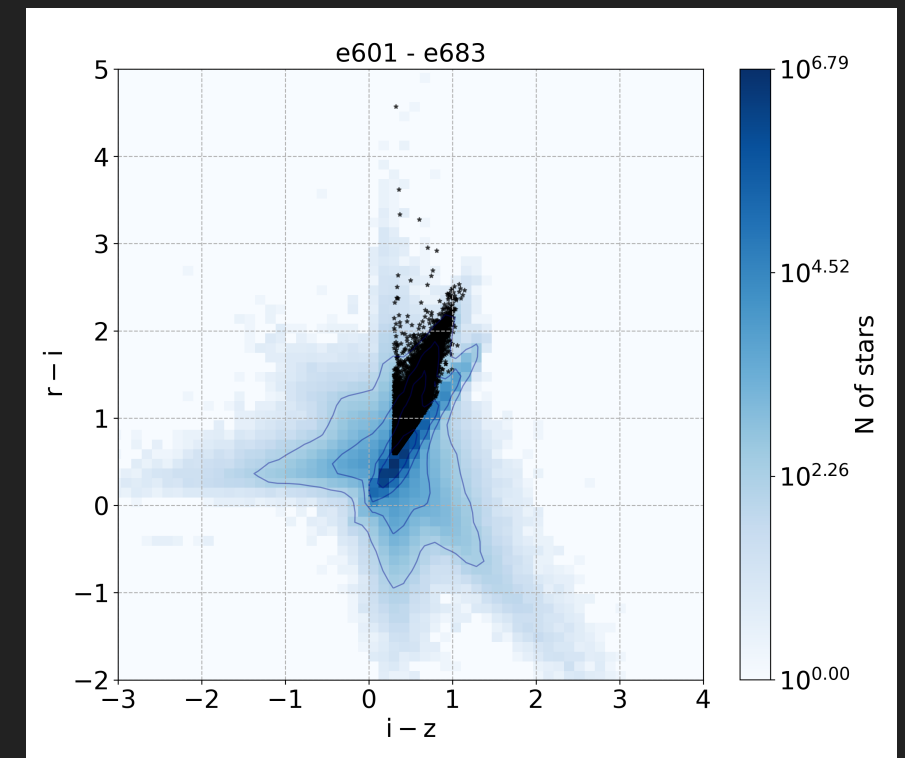
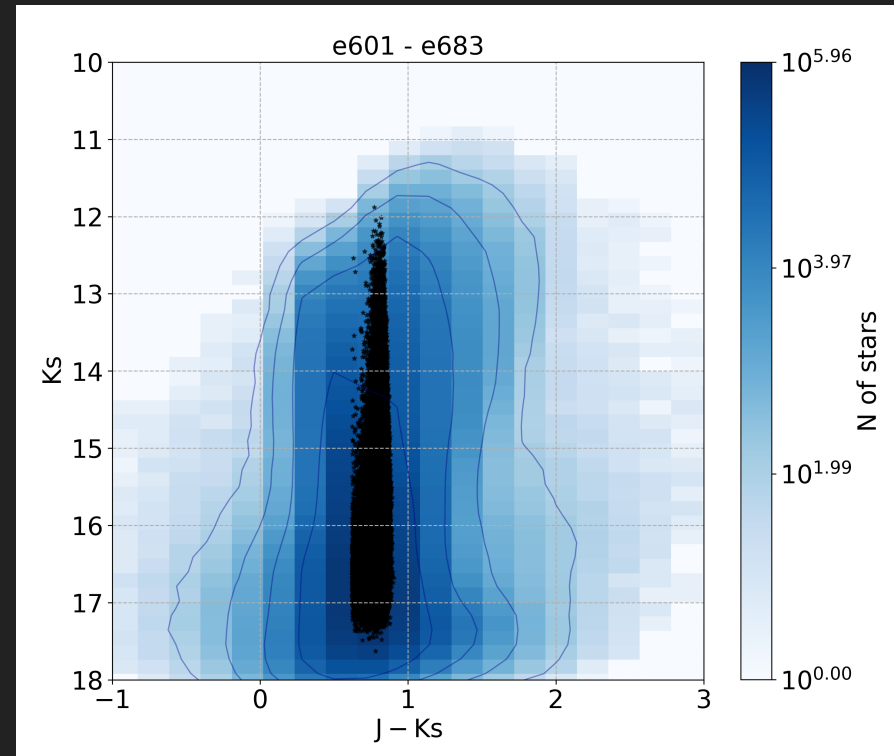
$$r - i \geq 1.35 * [(i - z) - 0.319] + 0.6$$

KOWALSKI ET AL. 2009

$$H_J = J + 5 \log_{10} \mu [as]$$

$$H_J^{dwarf} > H_J^* = 68.5(J - K_s) - 50.7$$

ROJAS-AYALA ET AL. 2014



MEJIAS ET AL. (IN PREP)



# CHARACTERIZING M DWARF CANDIDATES WITH VO SED ANALYZER (VOSA)

BAYO ET AL. 2008

VO-TOOLS ALLOW TO DEAL WITH LARGE SAMPLES OF  
OBSERVATIONAL/THEORETICAL DATA AND COMPARE  
THEM WITH DATA AVAILABLE IN THE LITERATURE

TEFF, [FE/H] AND LOG G



BT-SETTL MODELS (ALLARD ET AL. 2012, BARAFFE ET AL. 2015)

SPECTRAL TYPE



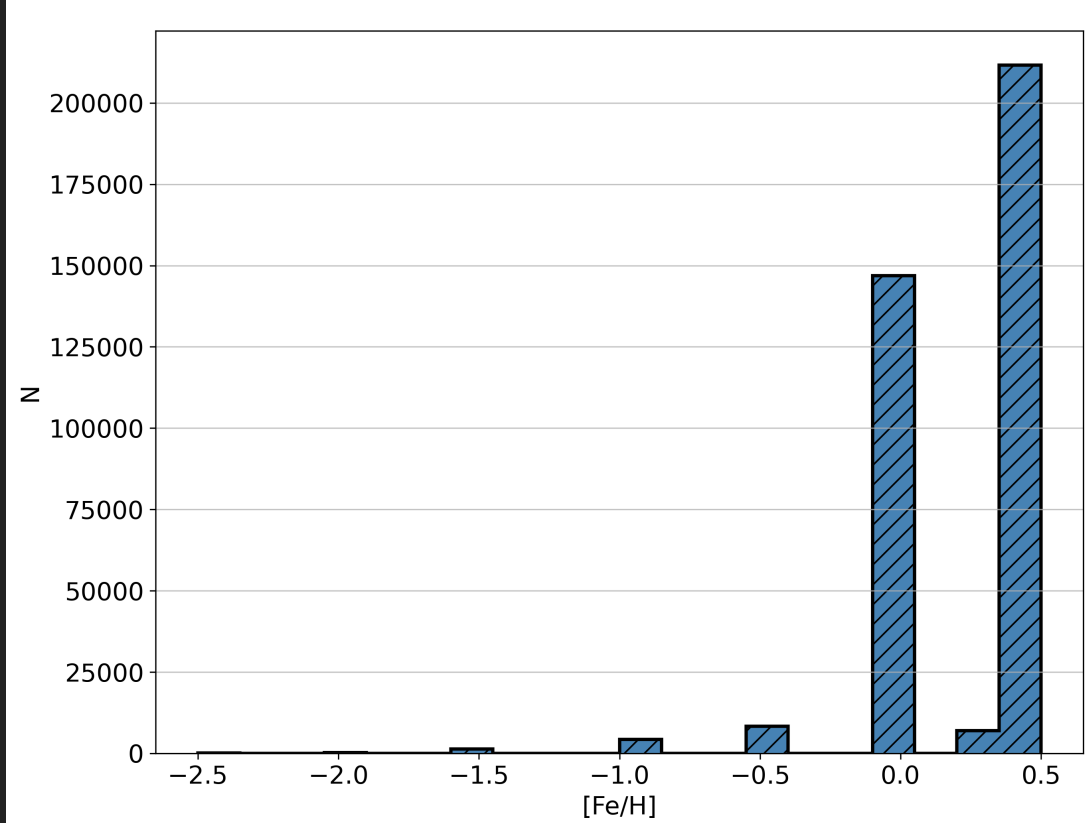
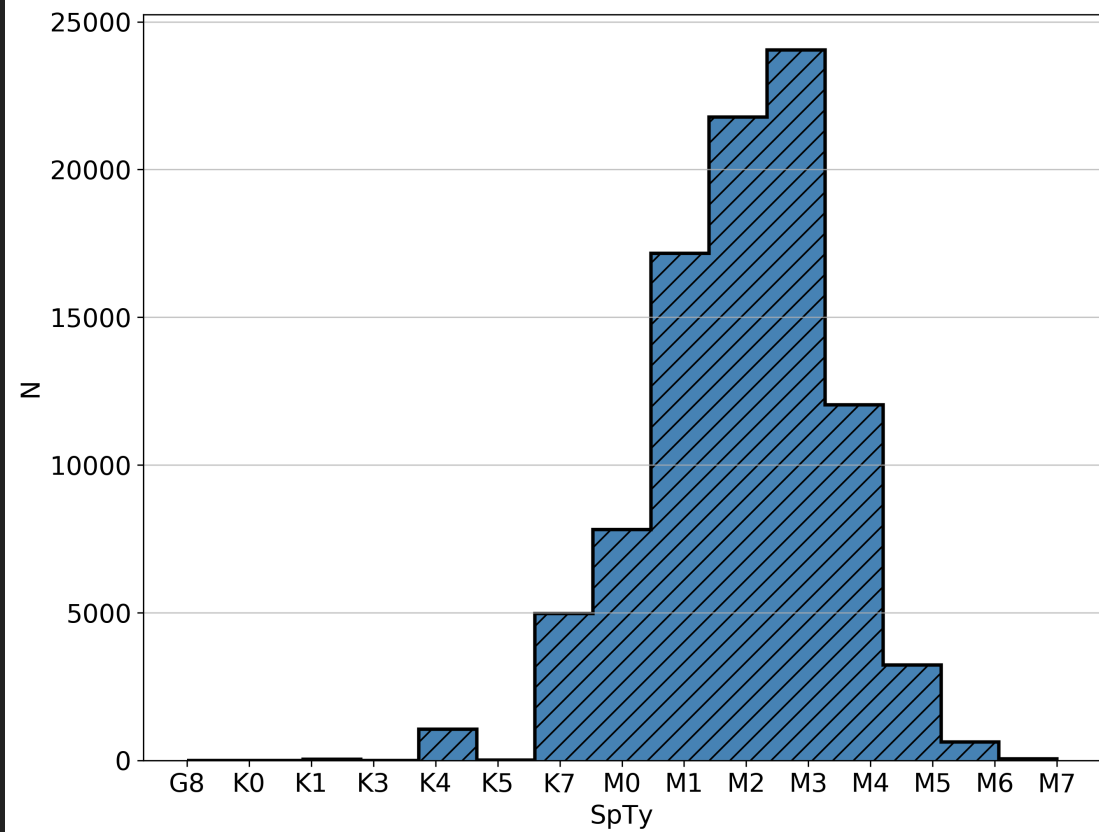
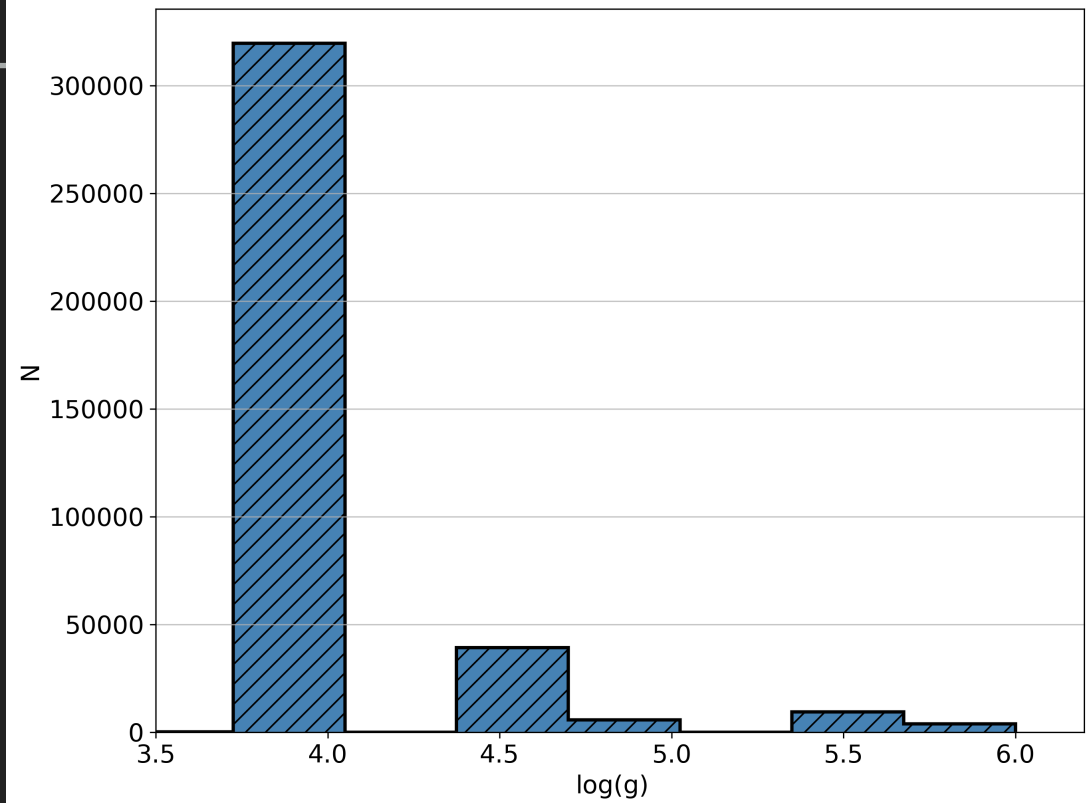
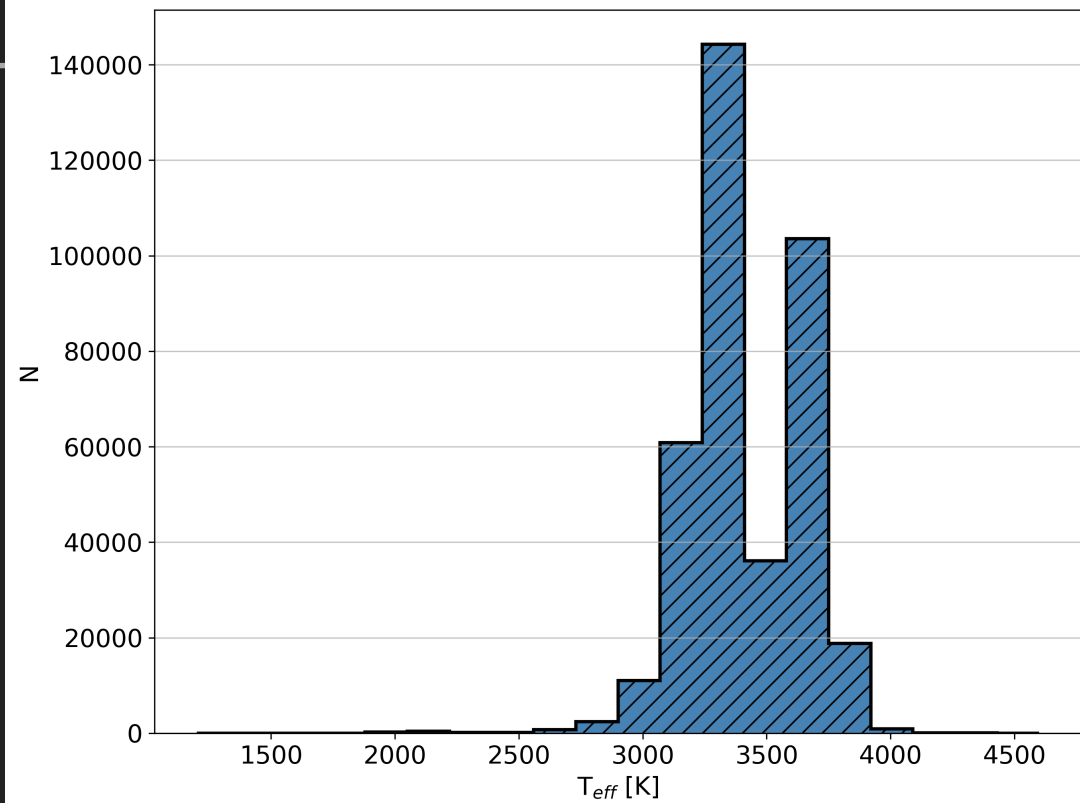
KESSELI ET AL. 2017 TEMPLATE  
LIBRARIES

$$T_{eff}[K] = 1200 - 4600$$

$$\log g = 4.0 - 6.0$$

$$[Fe/H] = -2.5 - 0.5$$



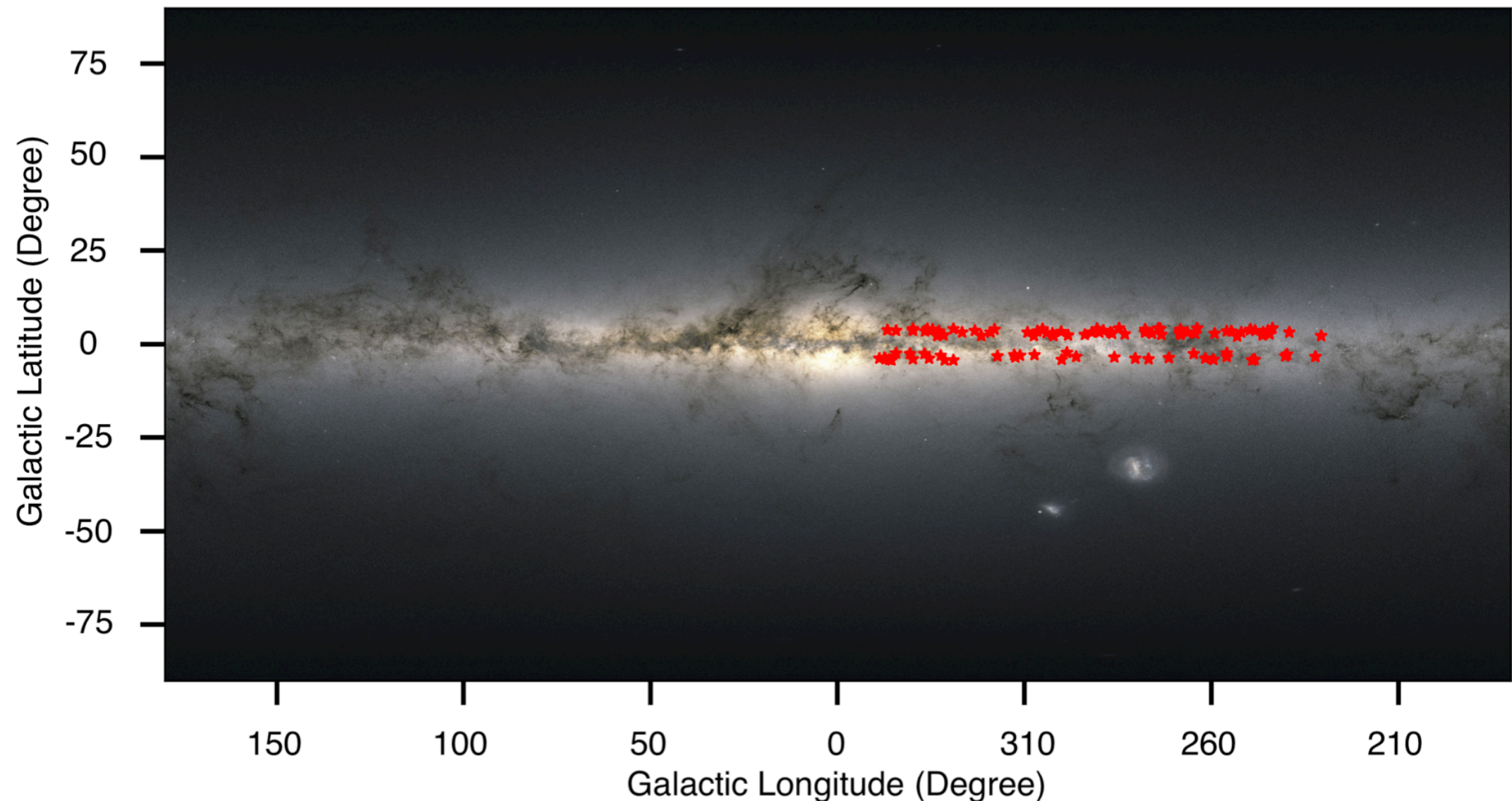




# 99 LOW-MASS OBJECTS IN THE GAIA CATALOGUE OF NEARBY STARS

GAIA COLLABORATION ET AL. 2021B

99 OF OUR LOW-MASS OBJECTS  
ARE WITHIN  $\sim 100$  PC.

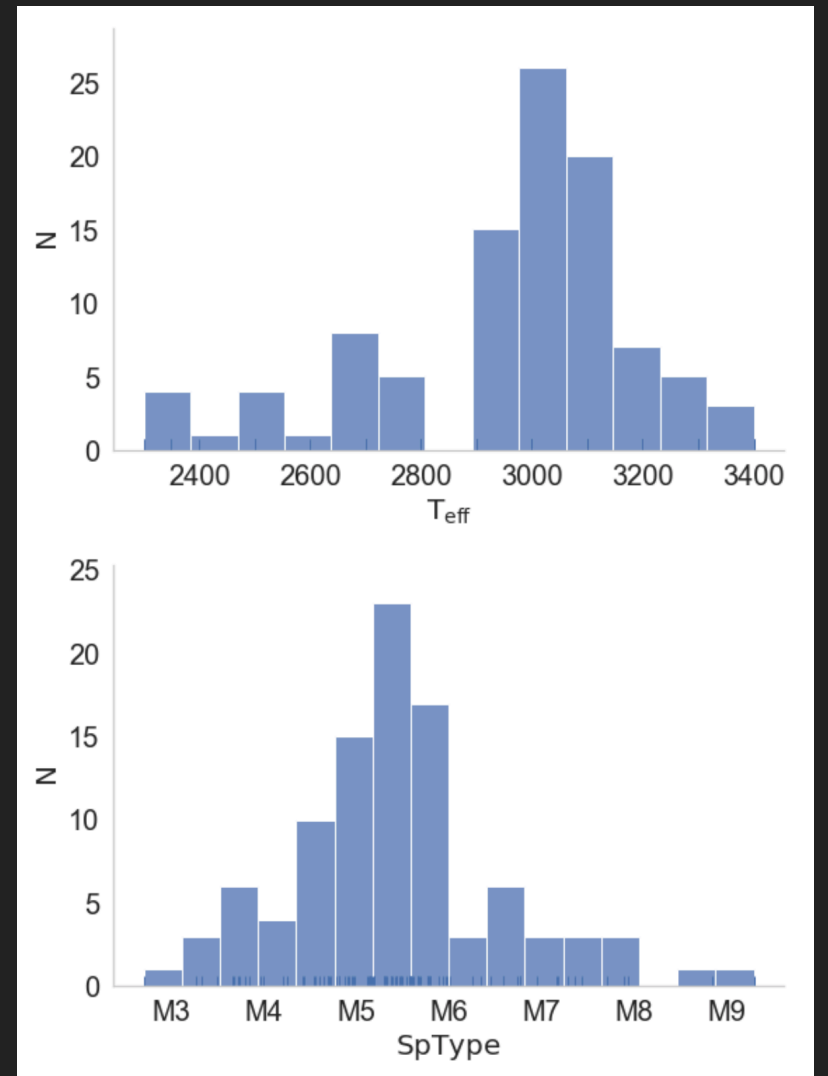
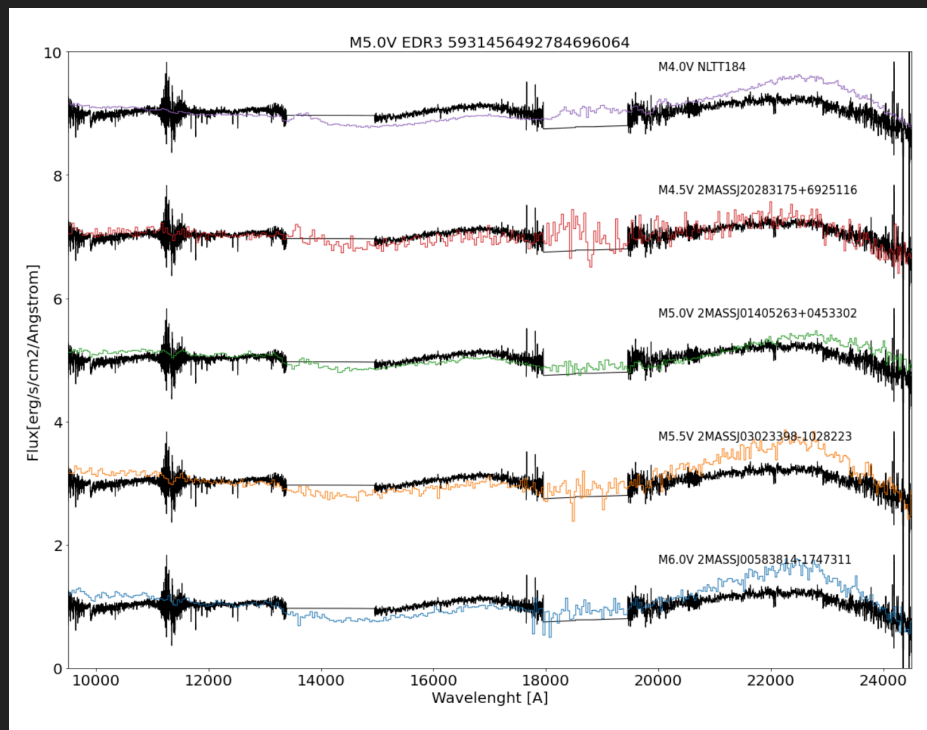




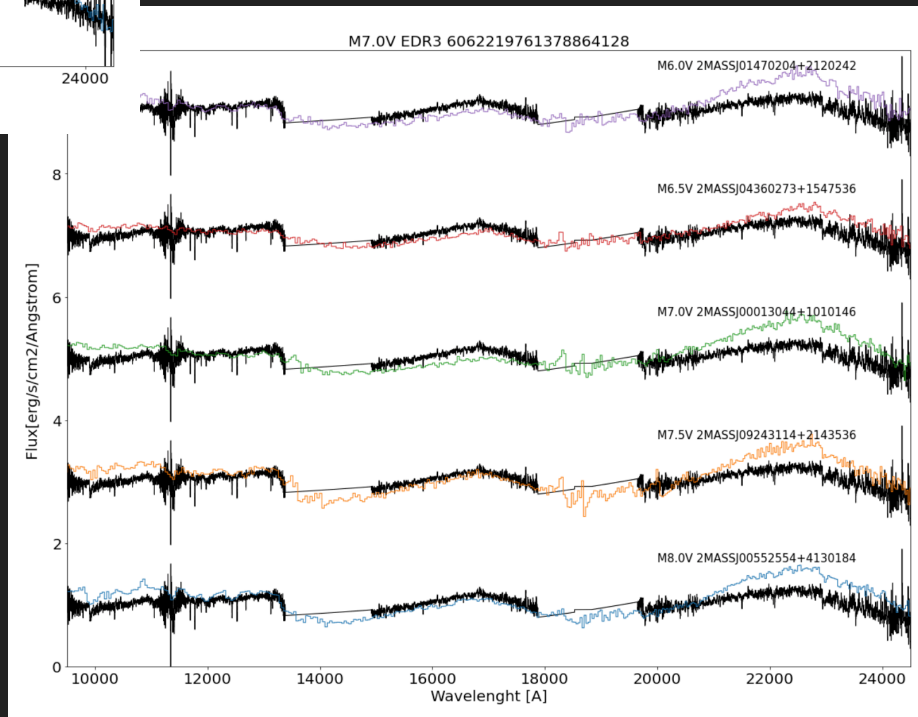
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EFFECTIVE TEMPERATURES AND SPECTRAL TYPES AGREE WHEN COMPARING VOSA RESULTS WITH PECAUT & MAMAJEK (2013).



LOW-RES NIR SPECTRA WITH TRIPLESPEC/SOAR



MEJÍAS ET AL. (2021, SUBMITTED TO A&A)

# SUMMARY

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- **M DWARFS ARE FAINT AND SMALL, BUT ARE EXCELLENT TOOLS TO STUDY THE PROPERTIES OF THE MILKY WAY AND STAR/PLANET FORMATION PROCESSES.**
- **THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE CENSUS OF M DWARFS IN THE INNER REGIONS OF THE GALAXY, EXPLORING THEIR PHYSICAL PROPERTIES AND VARIABILITY DUE TO EXOPLANET TRANSITS.**
- **DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF DATA AVAILABLE FROM THE NEW SURVEYS, IT IS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP NEW PRECISE SELECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION METHODS.**
- **VO TOOLS AS VOSA CAN PROVIDE STELLAR PARAMETERS FOR LARGE AMOUNTS OF DATA FROM NEW SURVEYS AS VVVX.**



# THANK YOU!

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