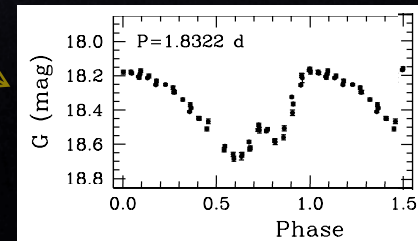
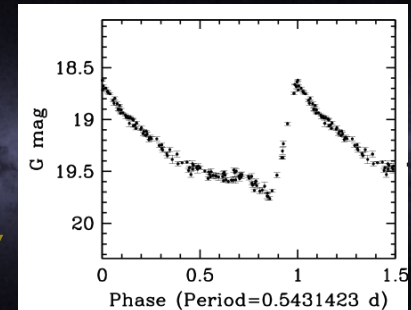
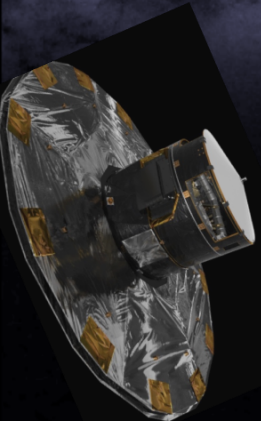
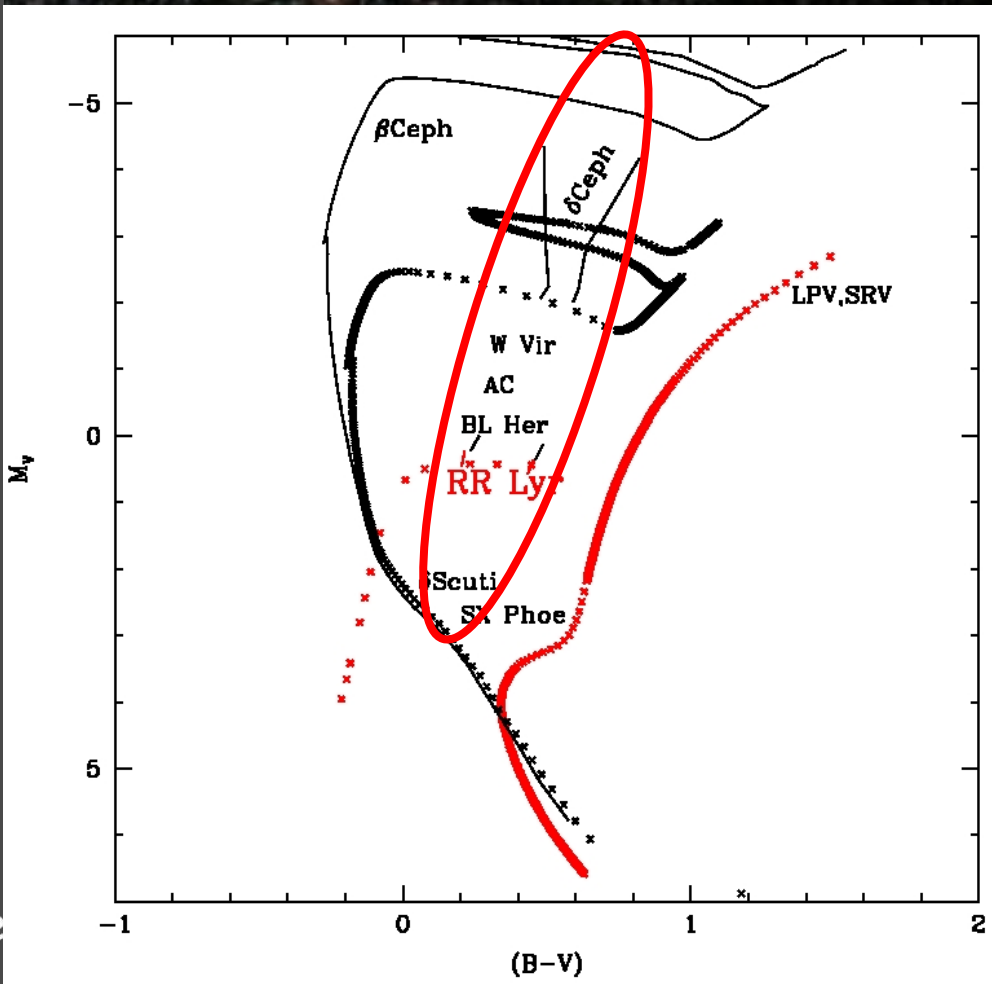
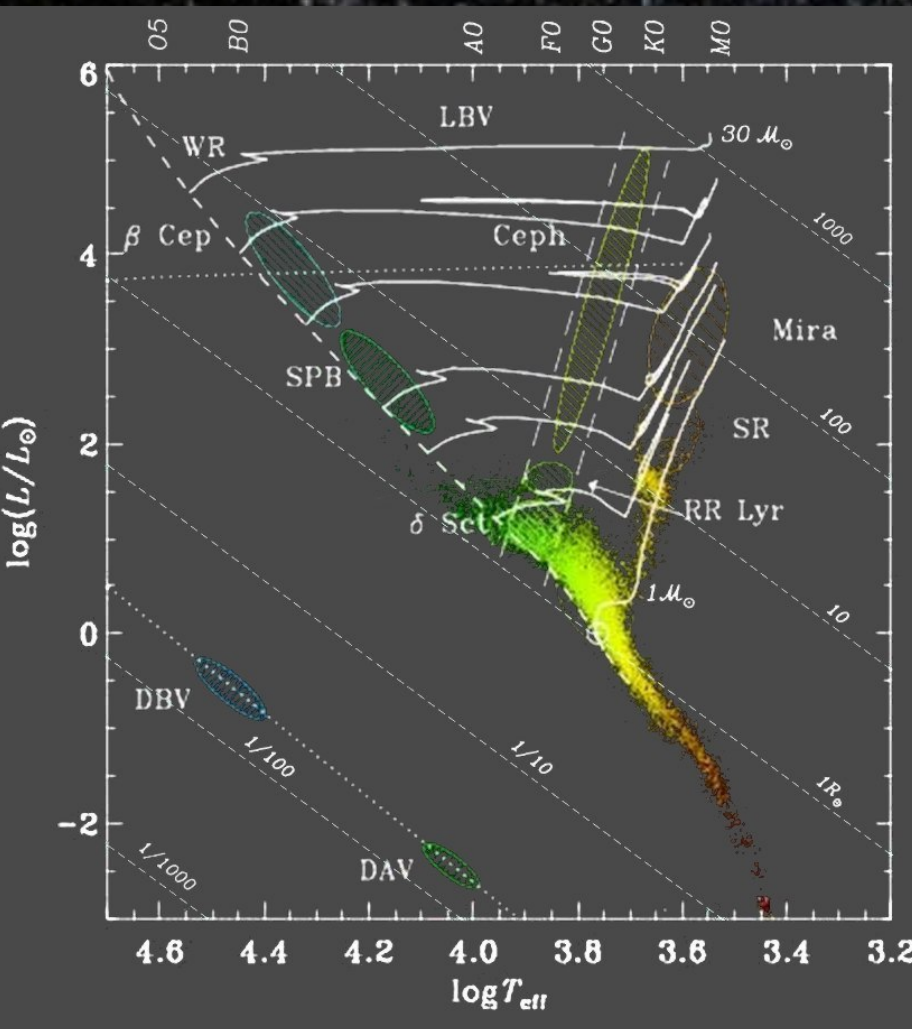


Cefeidi ed RR Lyrae osservate da Gaia

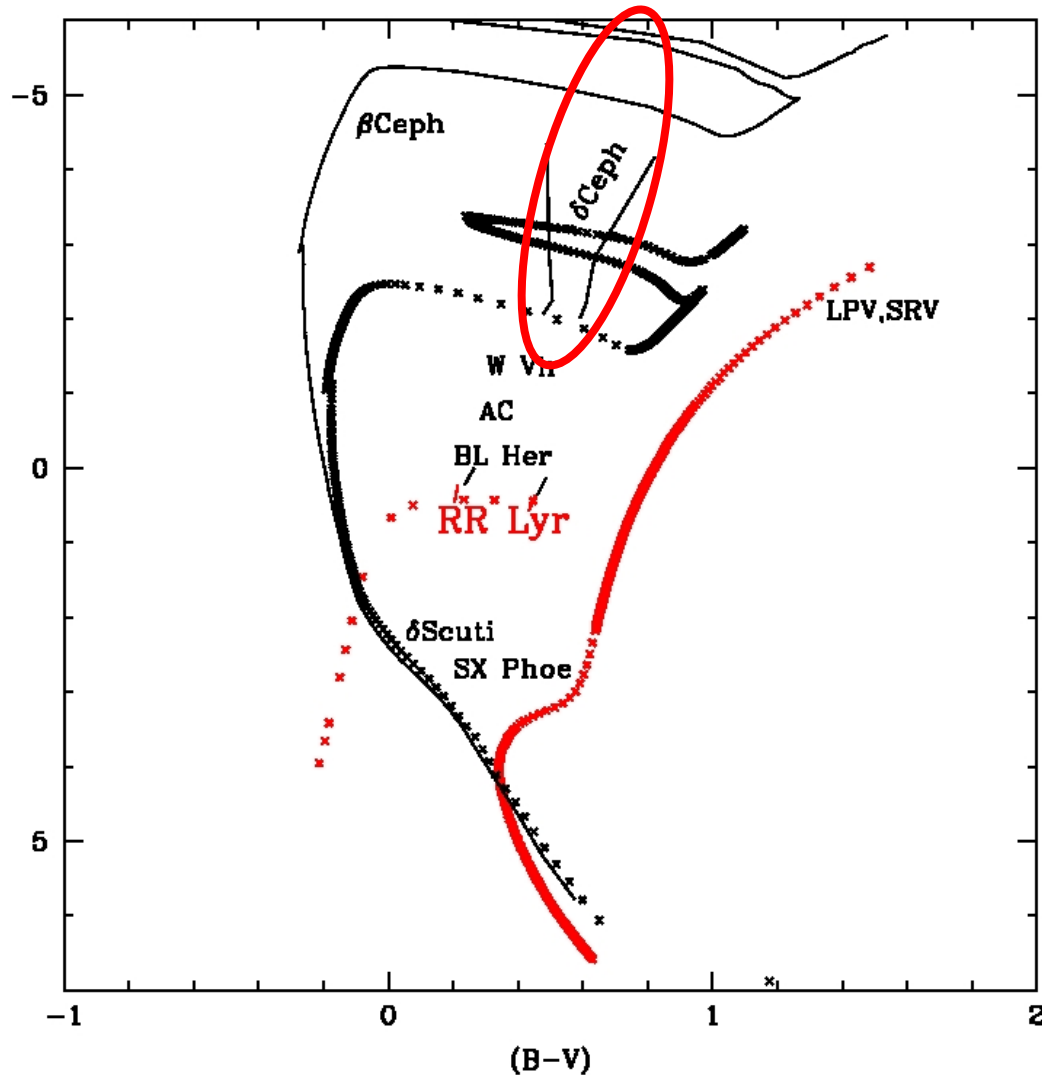


Cepheids and RR Lyrae stars in the HR diagram



Pulsating stars in the instability strip

Classical Cepheids: general properties



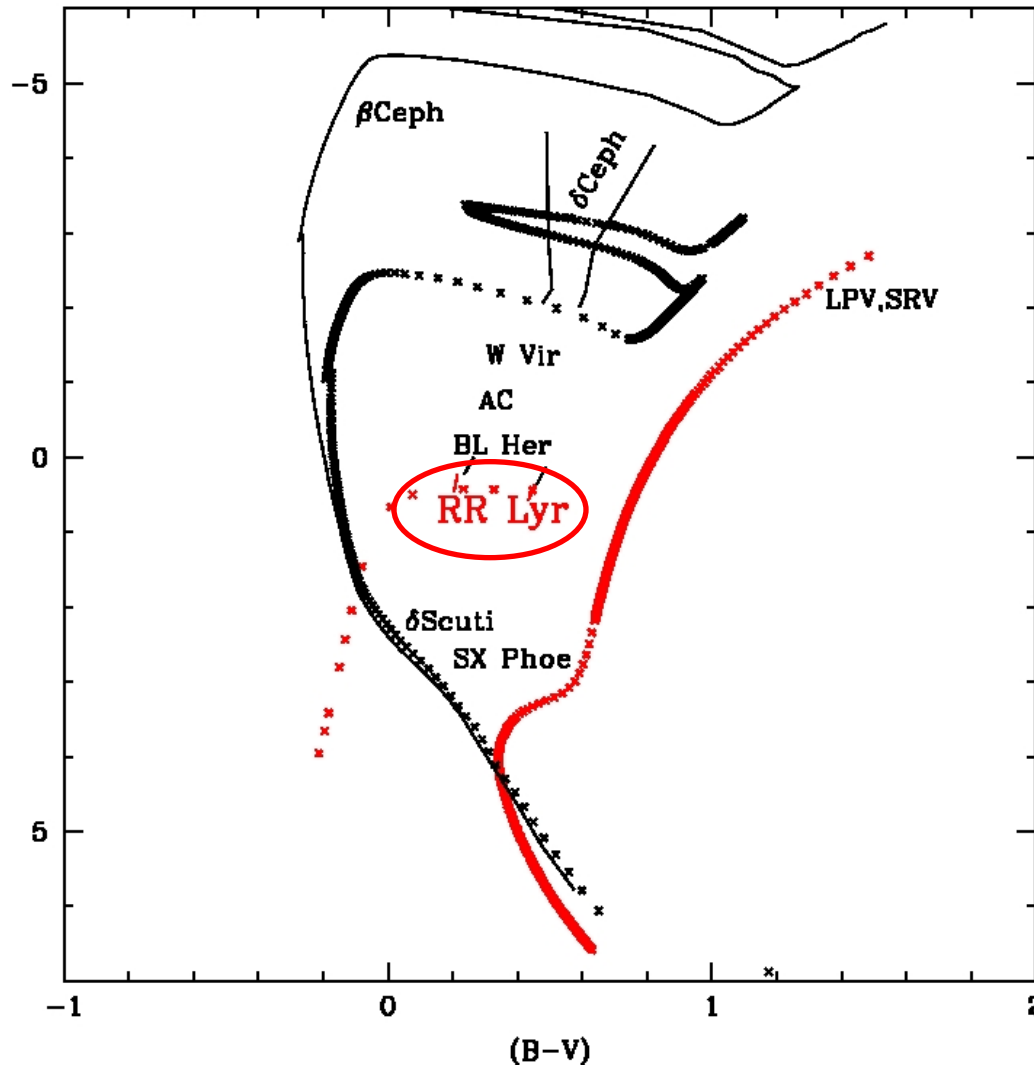
Classical Cepheids are yellow supergiant stars

$1d < P < 100d$
 M_V from -2 to -7 mag
Population I
Evol. phase: Blue Loop

Primary standard candles
in Pop I systems:
PL, PLC & PW relations

Tracers of chemical and
dynamical properties of
young stellar populations

RR Lyrae: general properties



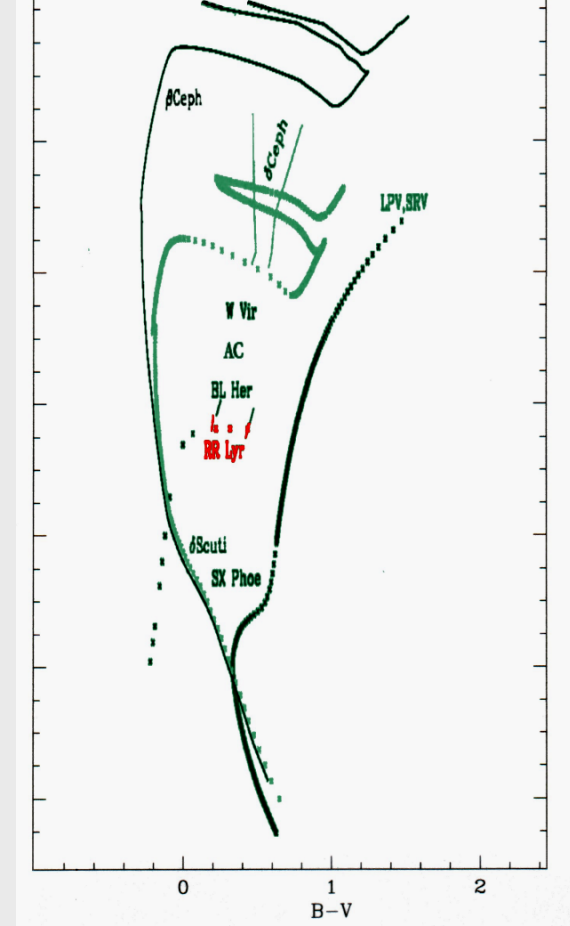
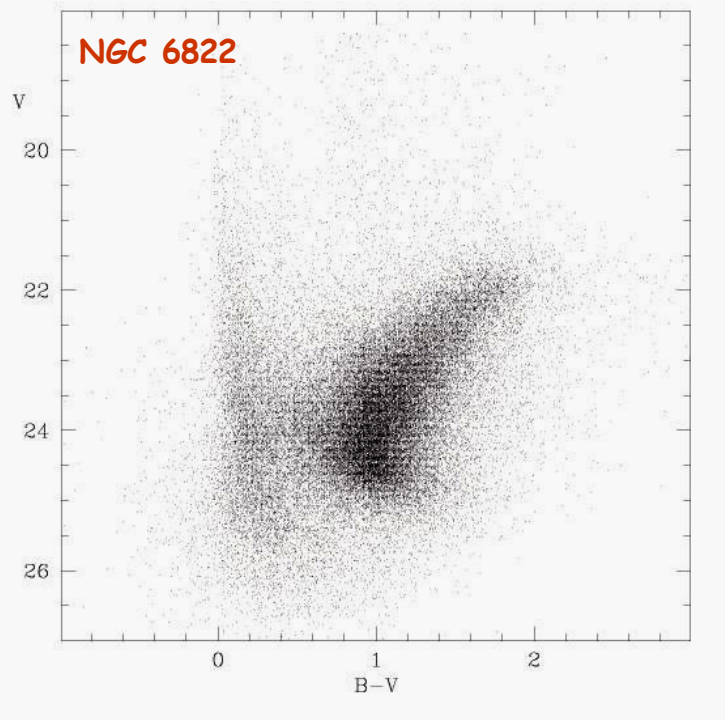
RR Lyrae are low mass He burning A-F giants

$0.2 < P < 1.0$ d
 M_V from 0.0 to +1.0 mag
Population II
Evol. phase: HB

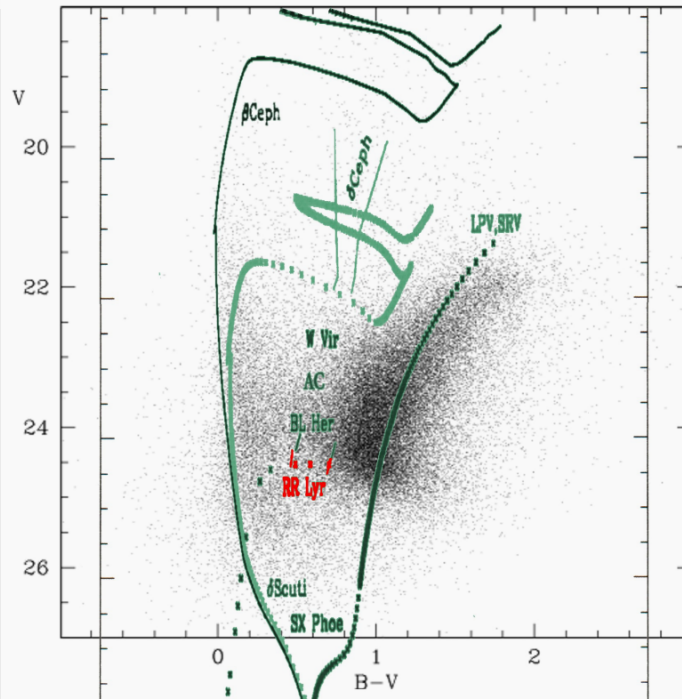
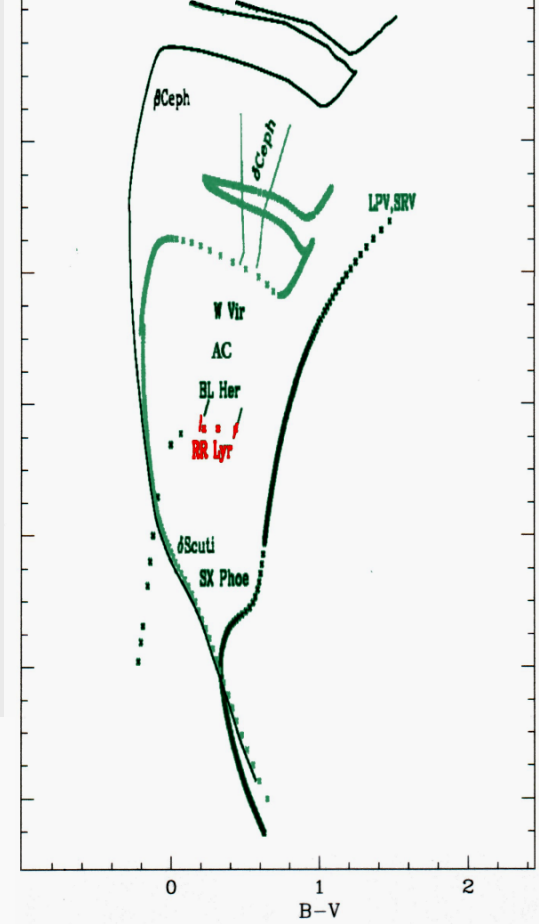
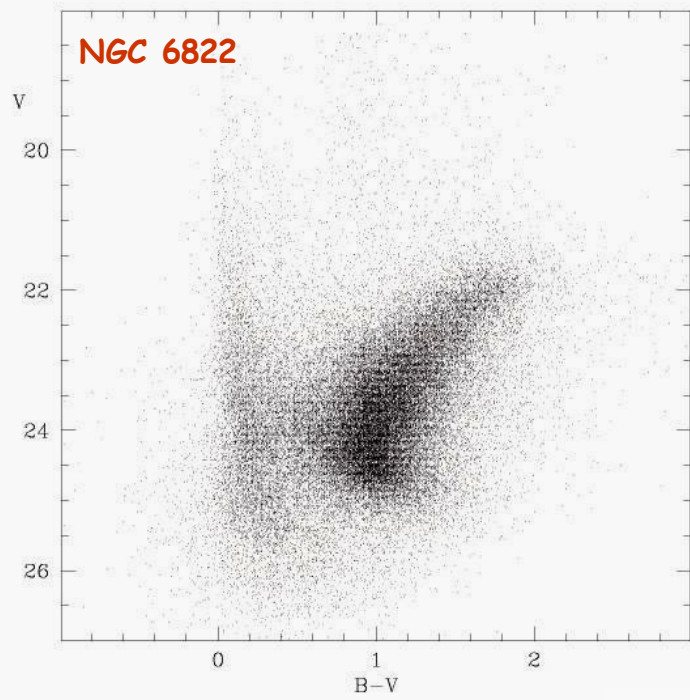
Primary standard candles
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 M_V -[Fe/H] and PL_{KZ}
relations

Tracers of chemical and
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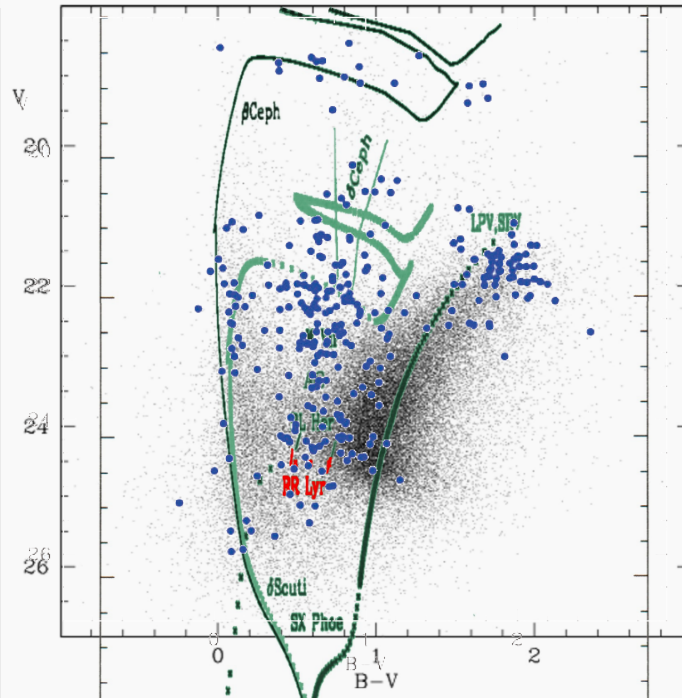
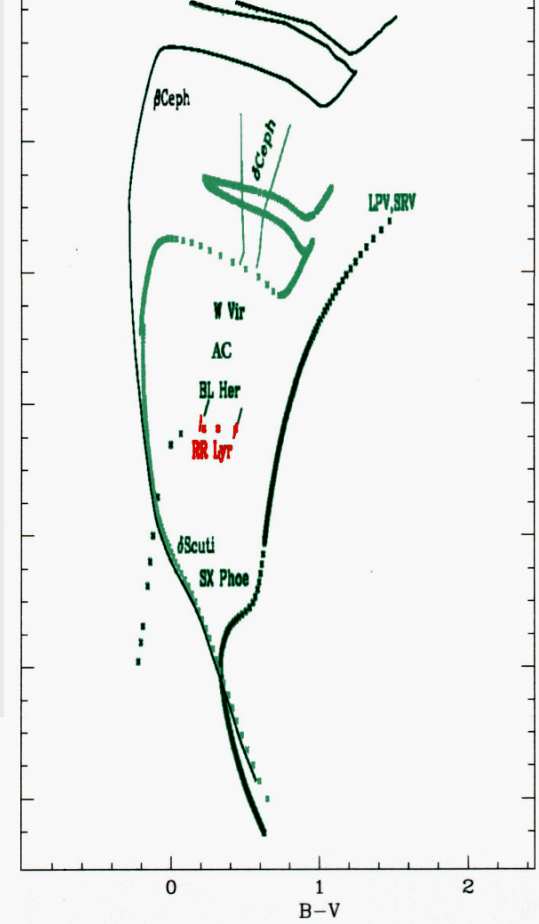
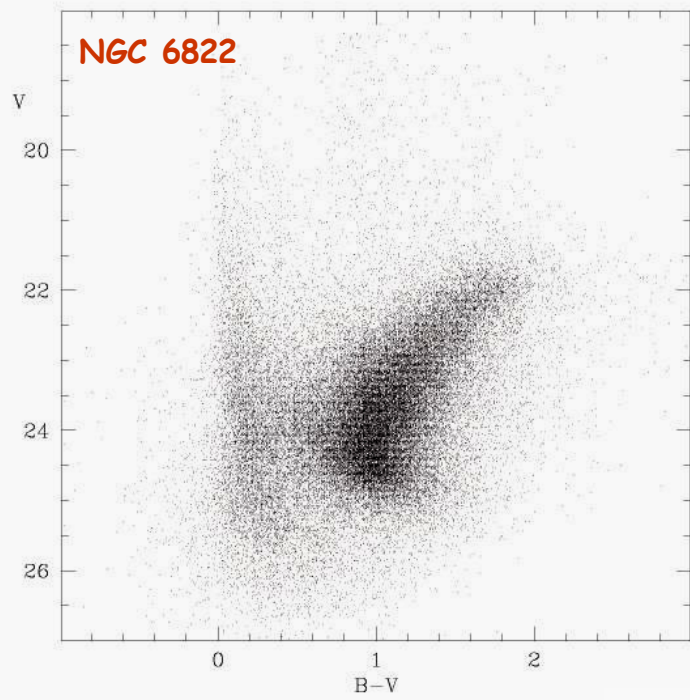
Observations vs Theory



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➤ Cepheids and RR Lyrae trace stellar populations of different age and chemical composition

➤ young ($t < 100$ Myr) → Classical Cepheids

➤ intermediate age → Anomalous Cepheids

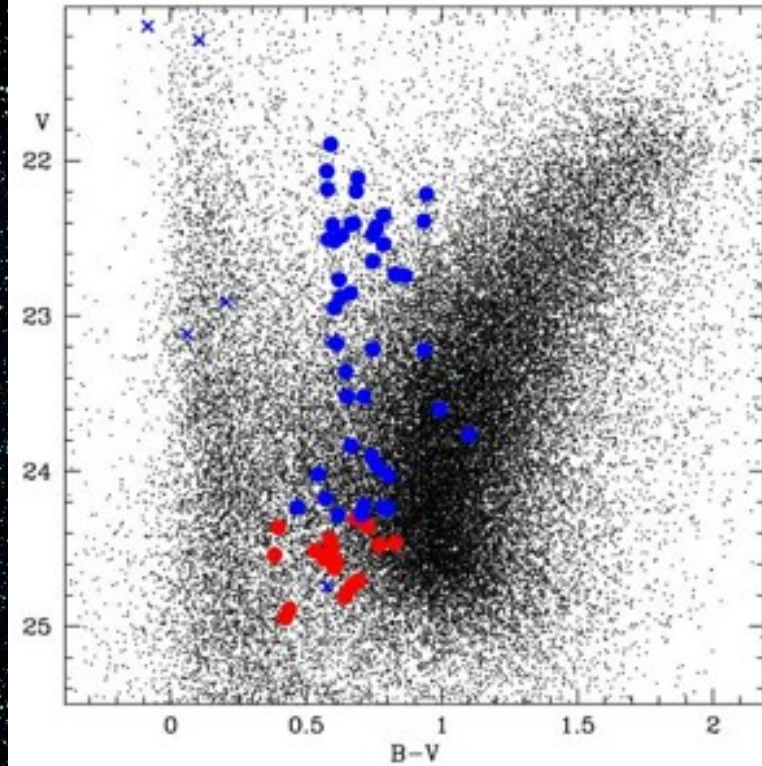
➤ old ($t > 10$ Gyr) → RR Lyrae, Pop II Cepheids

At the distance of M31 the turn-off of a 10 Gyr old stellar population is at $V \sim 28-28.5$ mag, the RR Lyrae are 3 mag brighter !

RR Lyrae stars have been found in "all" Local Group galaxies where they have been searched for → "all Local Group galaxies contain a very old population component, i.e. all nearby galaxies started to form stars just after they were formed". In other words there are **no truly young** galaxies in the Local Group.

- trace the different stellar generations in galaxies
- set the distance

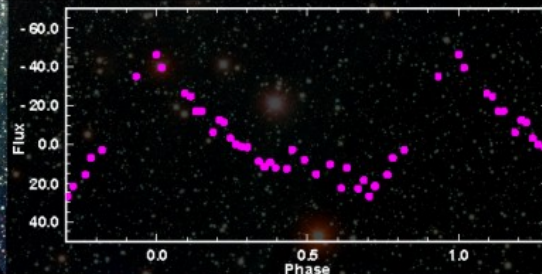
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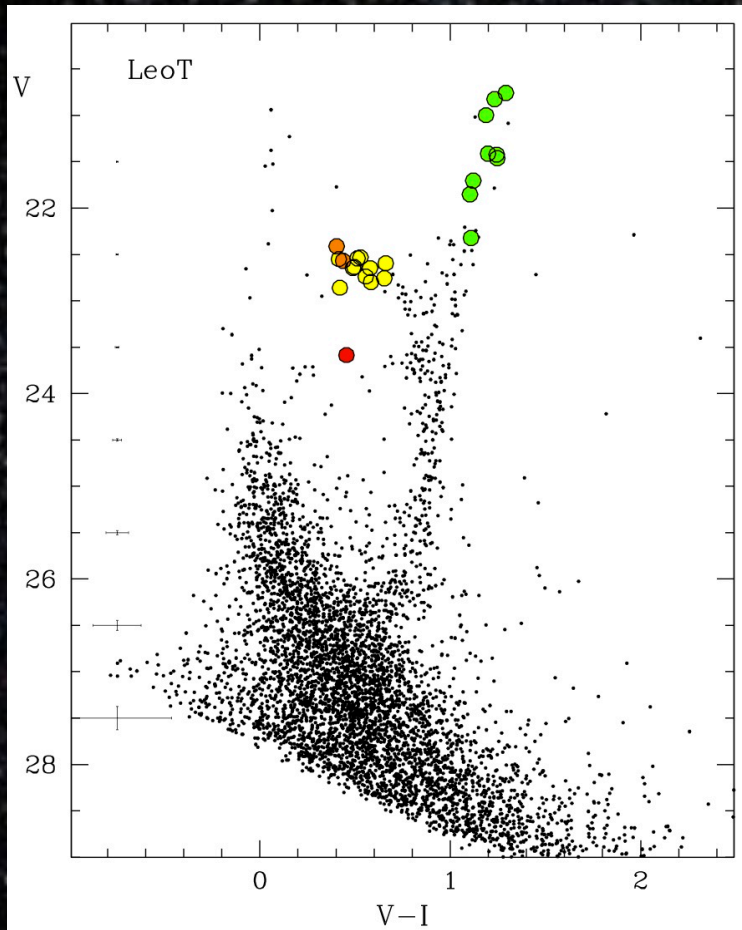
$$V(RR) = 24.61 \pm 0.14 \text{ mag}$$

$$\mu_{\text{NGC6822}} = 23.36 \pm 0.17$$

Clementini et al. 2003

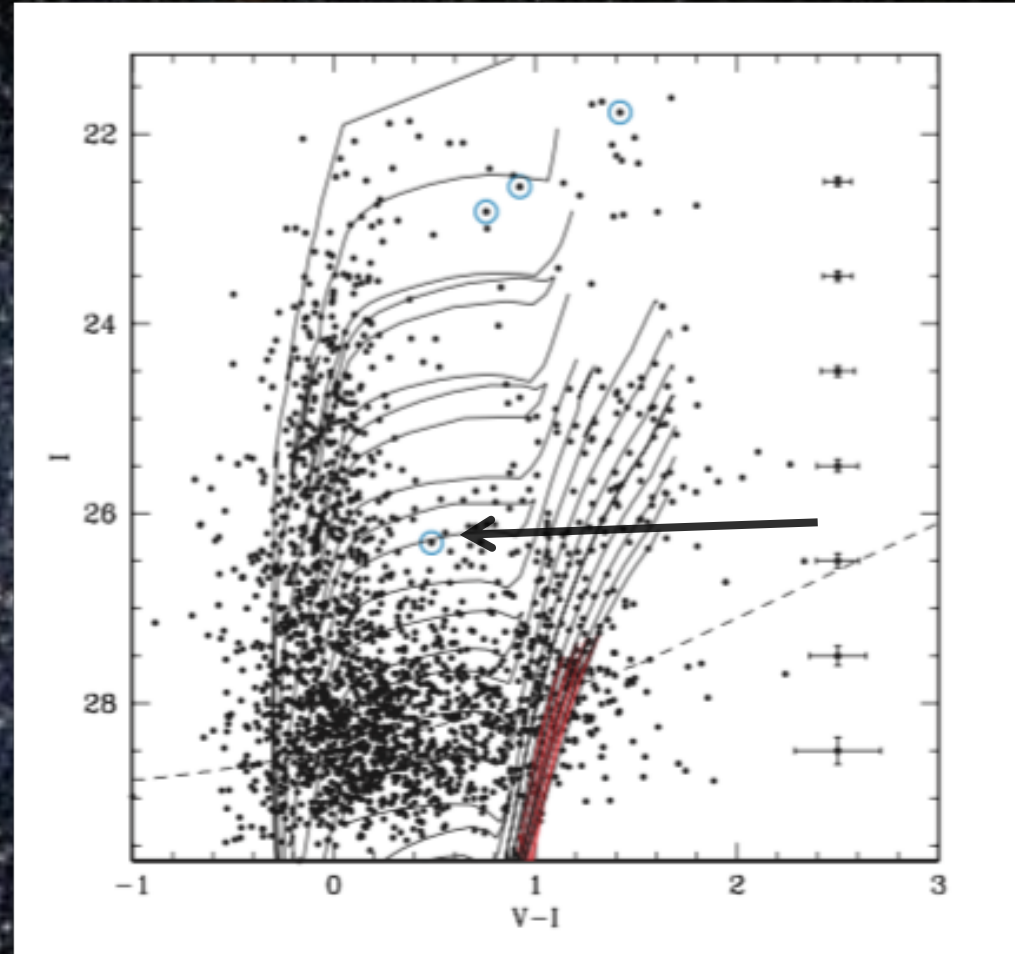


- trace the different stellar generations in galaxies
- set the distance



Clementini et al. 2012

$D \sim 400$ kpc



Aloisi et al. 2007

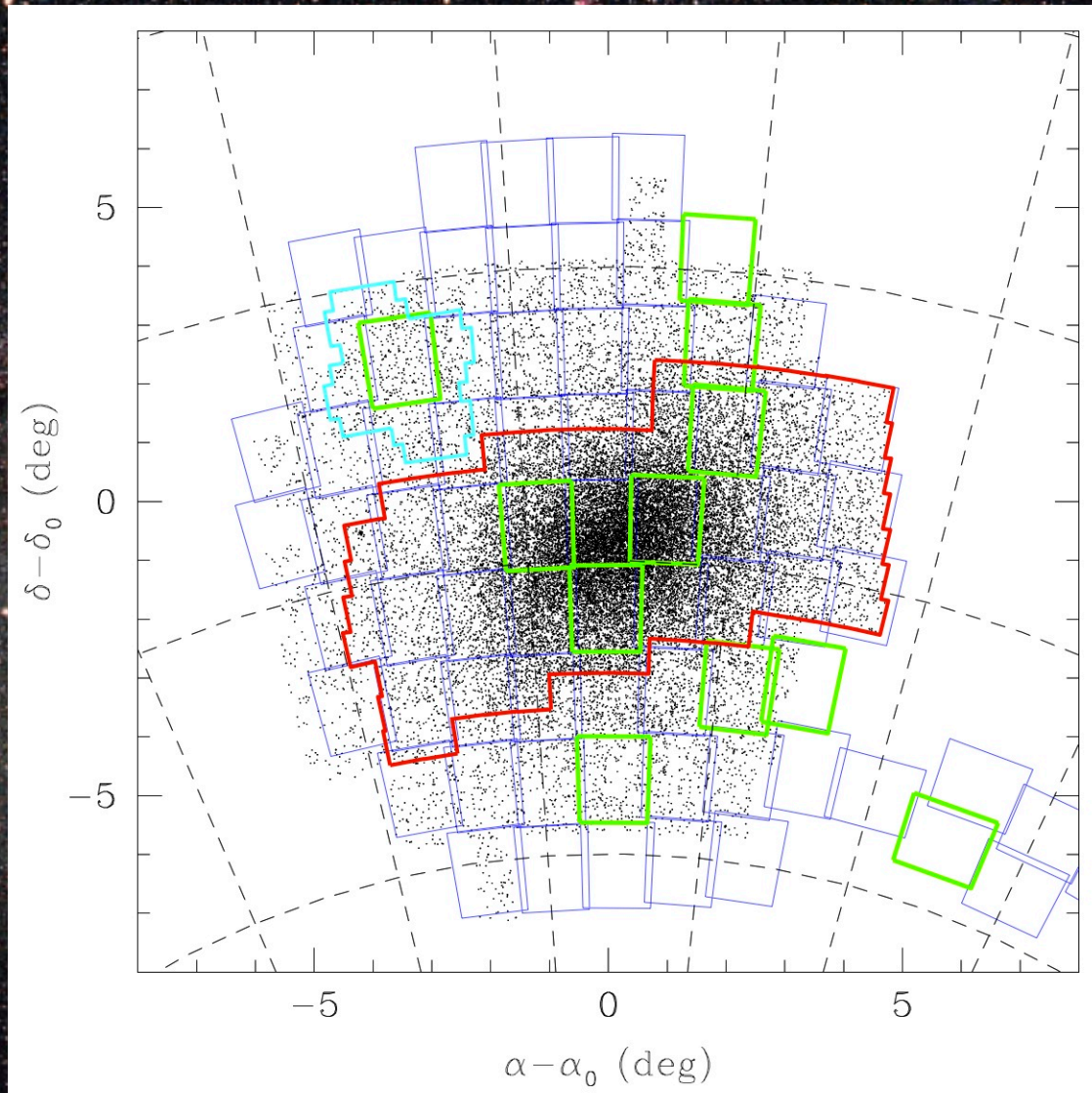
$D \sim 18$ Mpc

- Pulsating variables map 3D structures, radial trends, halos & streams \Rightarrow hints on how galaxies have formed

A local overdensity of RR Lyrae stars in the Galactic halo is the northern tidal stream left over by the Sagittarius dwarf spheroidal galaxy

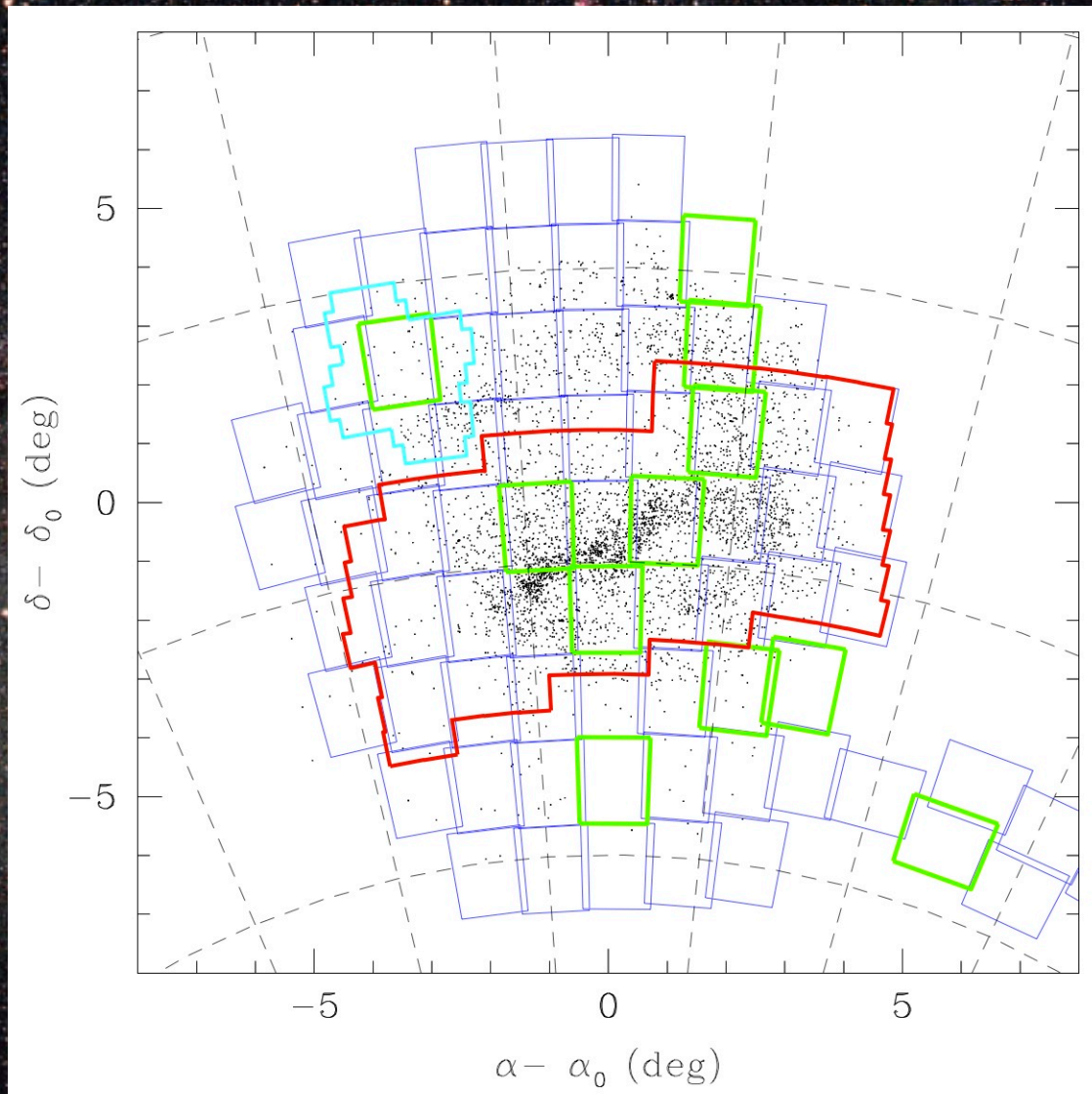
Classical Cepheids, RR Lyrae stars, (and "hot binaries") trace different substructures in the LMC

The LMC structure as traced by: RR Lyrae stars



Moretti et al. 2014

The LMC structure as traced by: Classical Cepheids

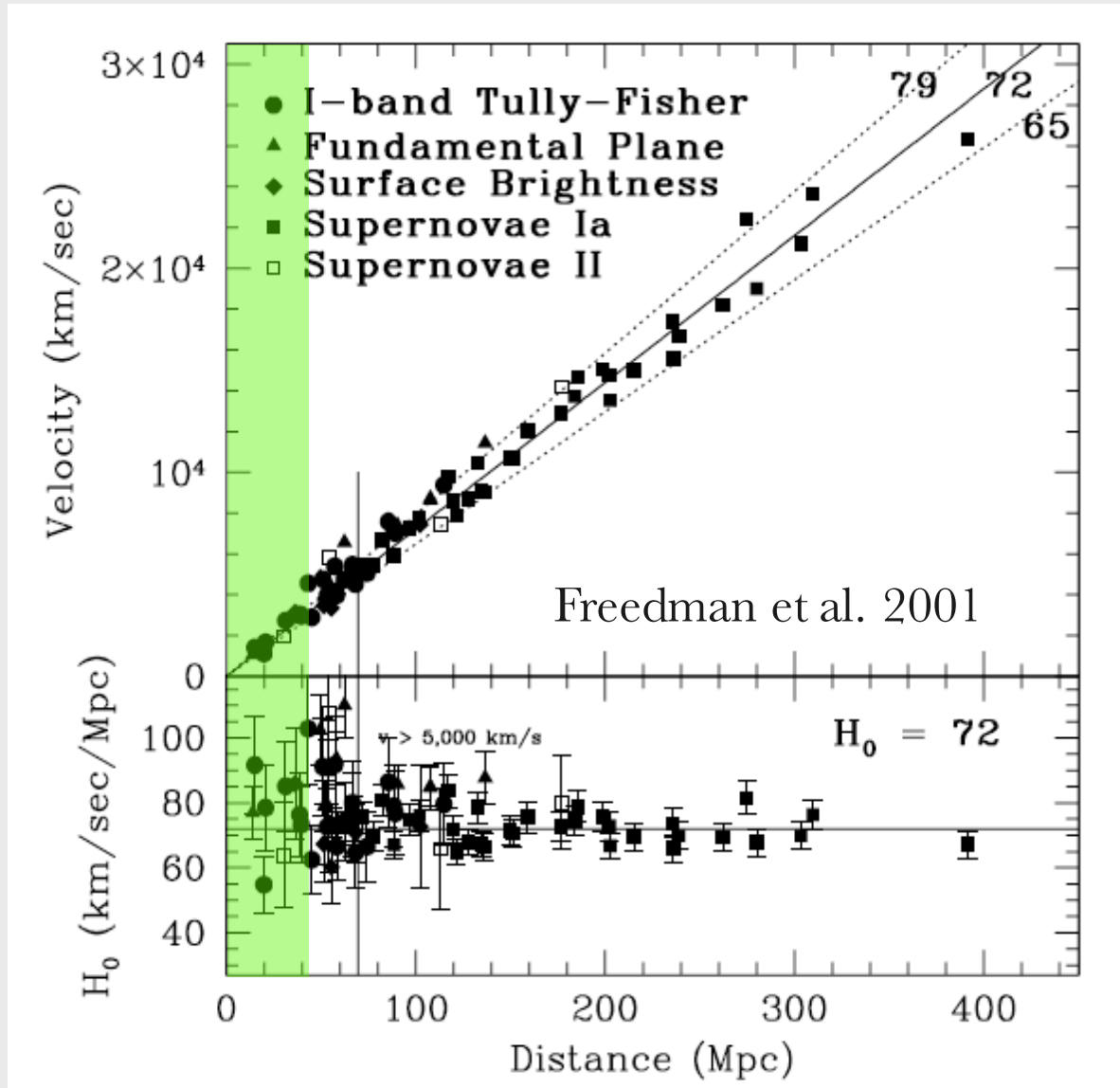


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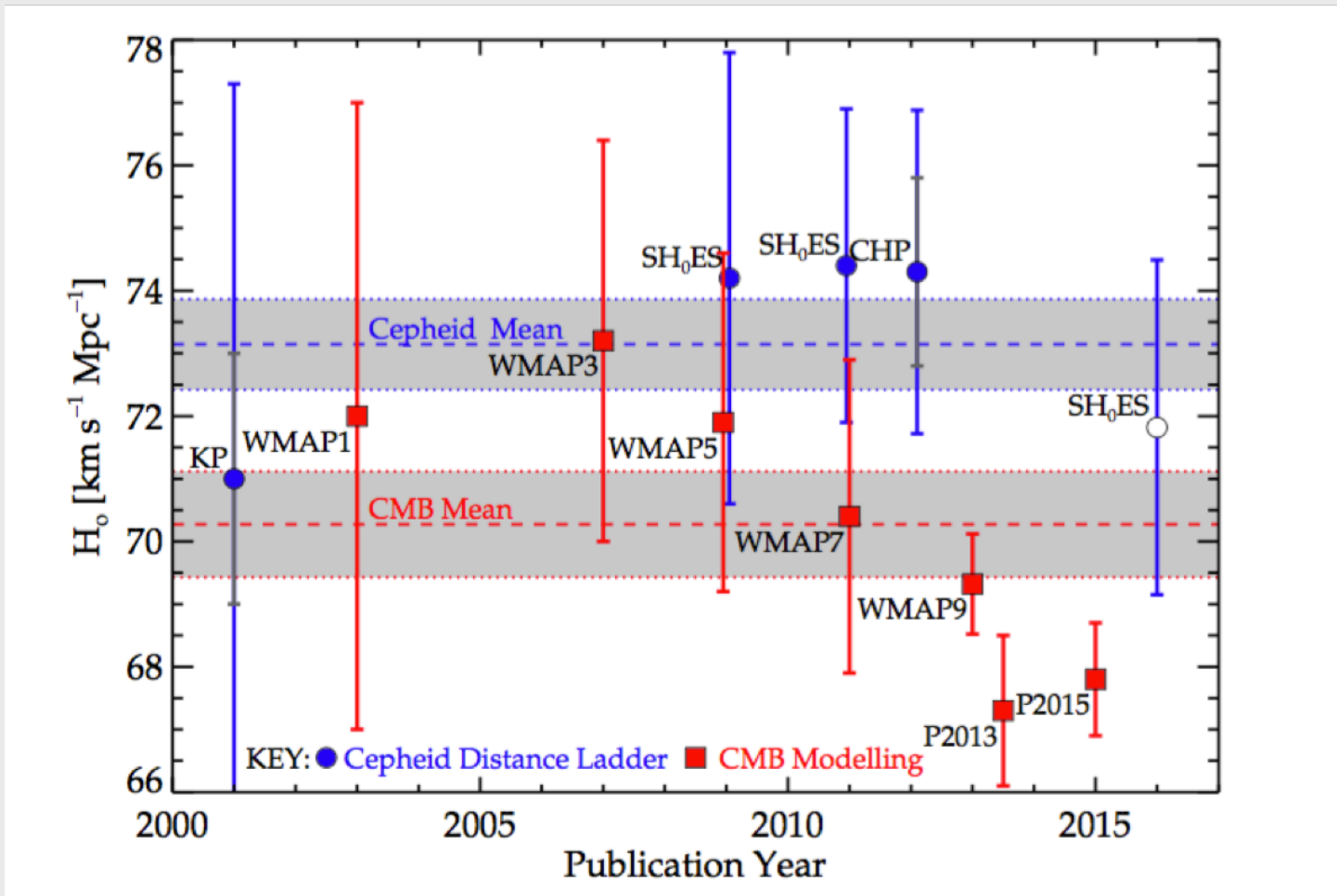
➤ distance scale $\Rightarrow H_0$

Most important standard candles in the Local Group
(RR Lyrae stars, M_V -[Fe/H], PL_{KZ} relations) and beyond,
up to 20-30 Mpc (Cepheids, PL, PLC, PW relations)
 \Rightarrow calibration of secondary indicators \Rightarrow measure of H_0

The secondary distance indicators are typically calibrated with the **Cepheid PL**



Recent determinations of H_0 using the **Cepheid distance ladder** and the **cosmic microwave background (CMB)** modelling with Planck



Beaton et al. 2016

$H_0 = 73.24 \pm 1.74 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$
Cepheids

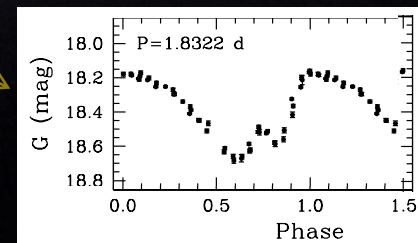
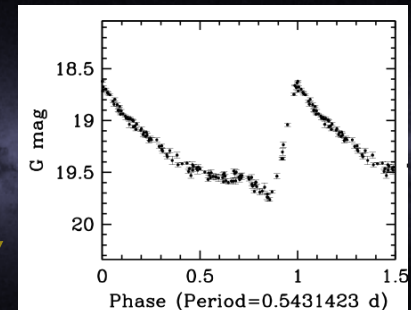
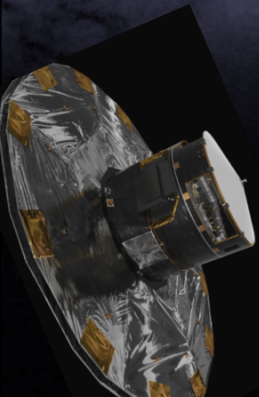
$H_0 = 66.93 \pm 0.62 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$
CMB

Riess et al. 2016

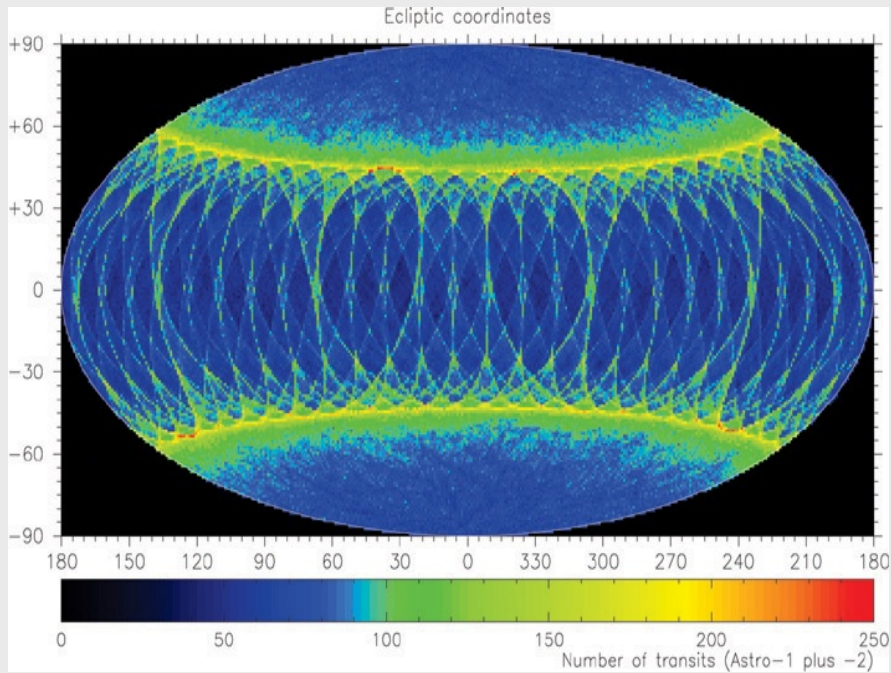
Cepheids & RR Lyrae stars with Gaia

Multi-epoch all sky survey down to $G_{\text{lim}} \sim 20.7$ mag for astrometry & photometry, ~ 16 mag for spectroscopy:

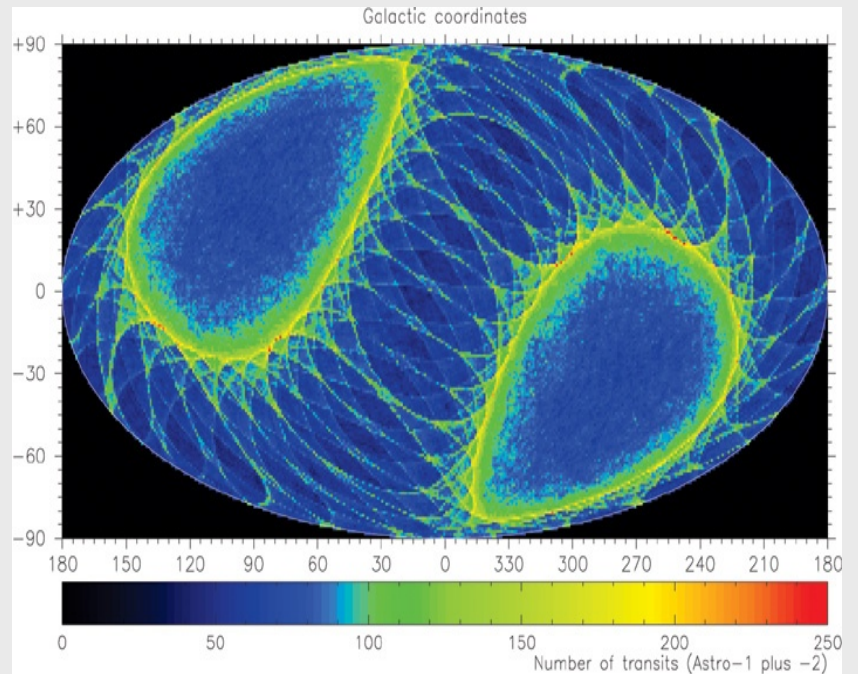
- discovery of thousands of new Cepheids and RR Lyrae stars
- parallax at $\sim 10 \mu\text{as}$ accuracy for those with $G < 12-13$ mag
- radial velocity and chemistry for those with $G < 16$ mag



Transit maps



Ecliptic coordinates



Galactic coordinates

Each object observed 10 - 250 times

**End of mission (5 yr) sky-average number of transits: ~ 70 (RV=40)
(max > 200 at $|\beta| = 45 \pm 10$ deg)**

- Gaia photometry measurement concept: spectrophotometry ($G \leq 20.7$ mag)

■ **Integrated:**

→ white-light (G-band, 330-1050 nm) from the Astrometric Field

■ **Dispersed:**

→ Blue (BP, 330-680 nm) & Red (RP, 640-1050 nm) low resolution spectra (R~20-90)

- Gaia Radial-Velocity Measurement Concept ($G \leq 16.2$ mag)

Slitless spectroscopy on Ca triplet (847-874 nm)
Resolution 11,500

Astrometry: data reduction principles

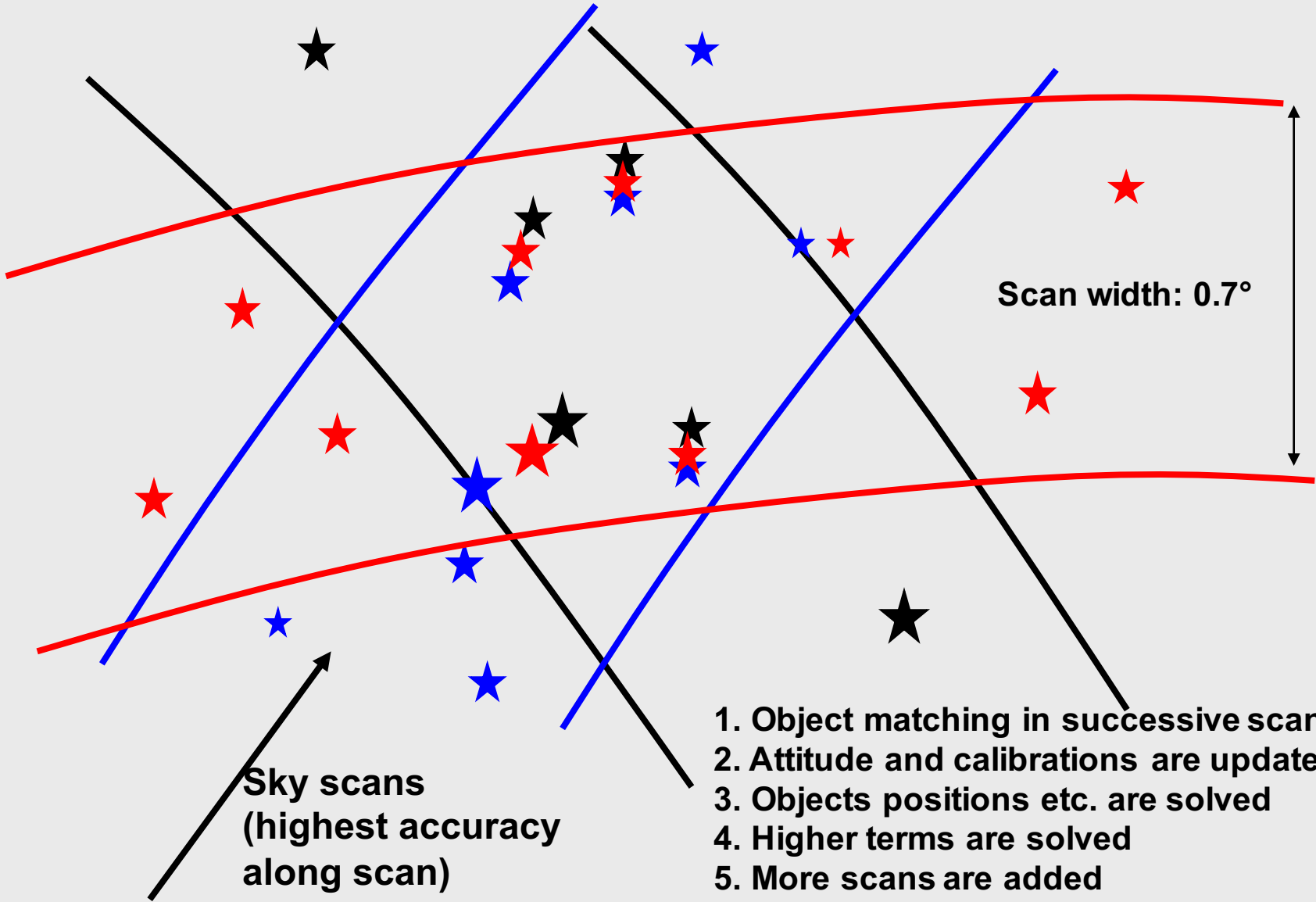
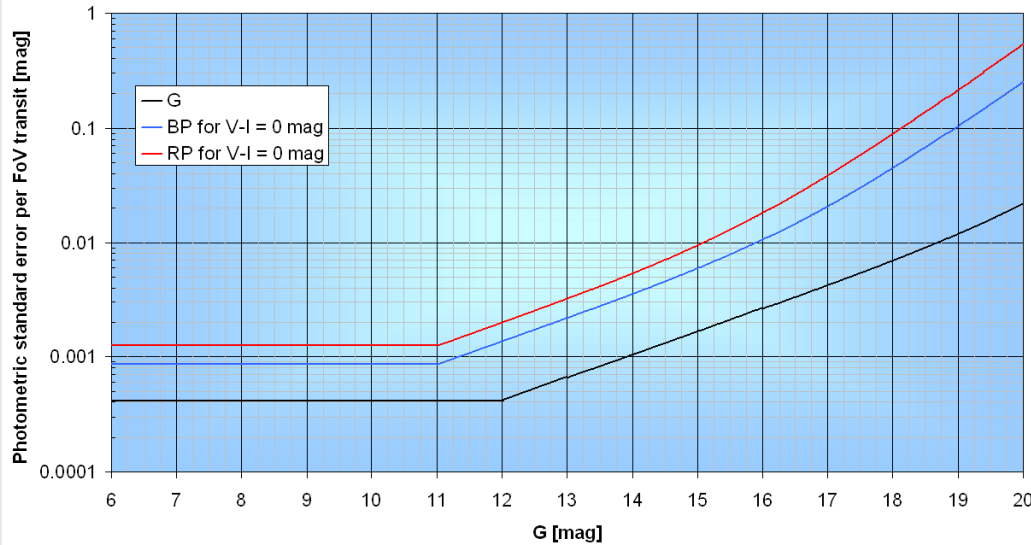


Figure courtesy Michael Perryman

Post-launch performances

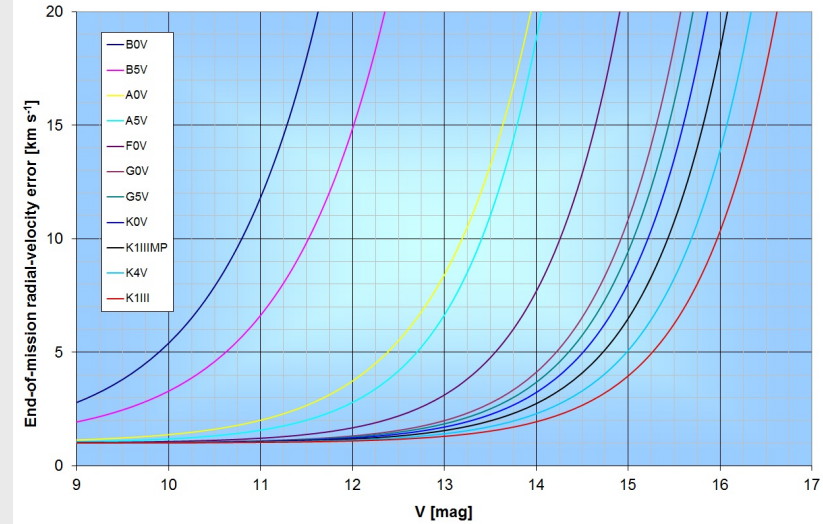
G, BP, RP photometry



End-of-mission photometric standard errors of the integrated G-band, BP-band, and RP-band, in units of milli-magnitude (stray light included).

G [mag]	B1V			G2V			M6V		
	G	BP	RP	G	BP	RP	G	BP	RP
15	1	4	4	1	4	4	1	7	4
18	2	8	19	2	13	11	2	89	6
20	6	51	110	6	80	59	6	490	24

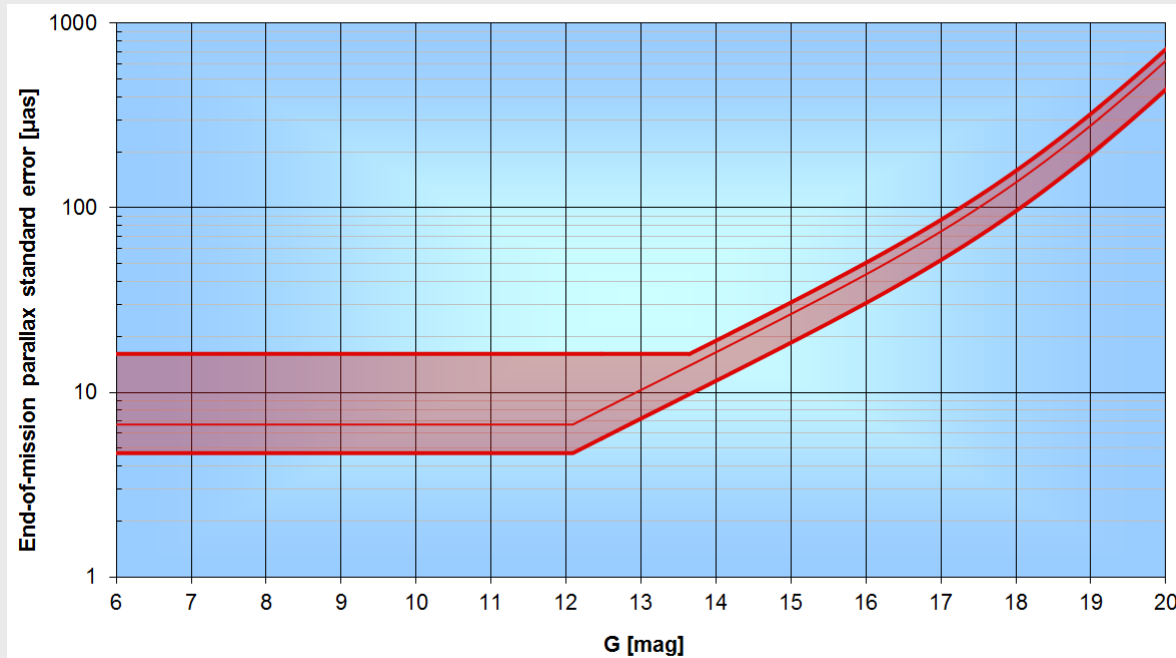
RVS



Predicted end-of-mission radial-velocity robust formal errors.

Spectral type	V [mag]	Radial-velocity error [km s ⁻¹]
B1V	7.5	1
	11.3	15
G2V	12.3	1
	15.2	15
K1III-MP (metal-poor)	12.8	1
	15.7	15

Post-launch astrometric performance

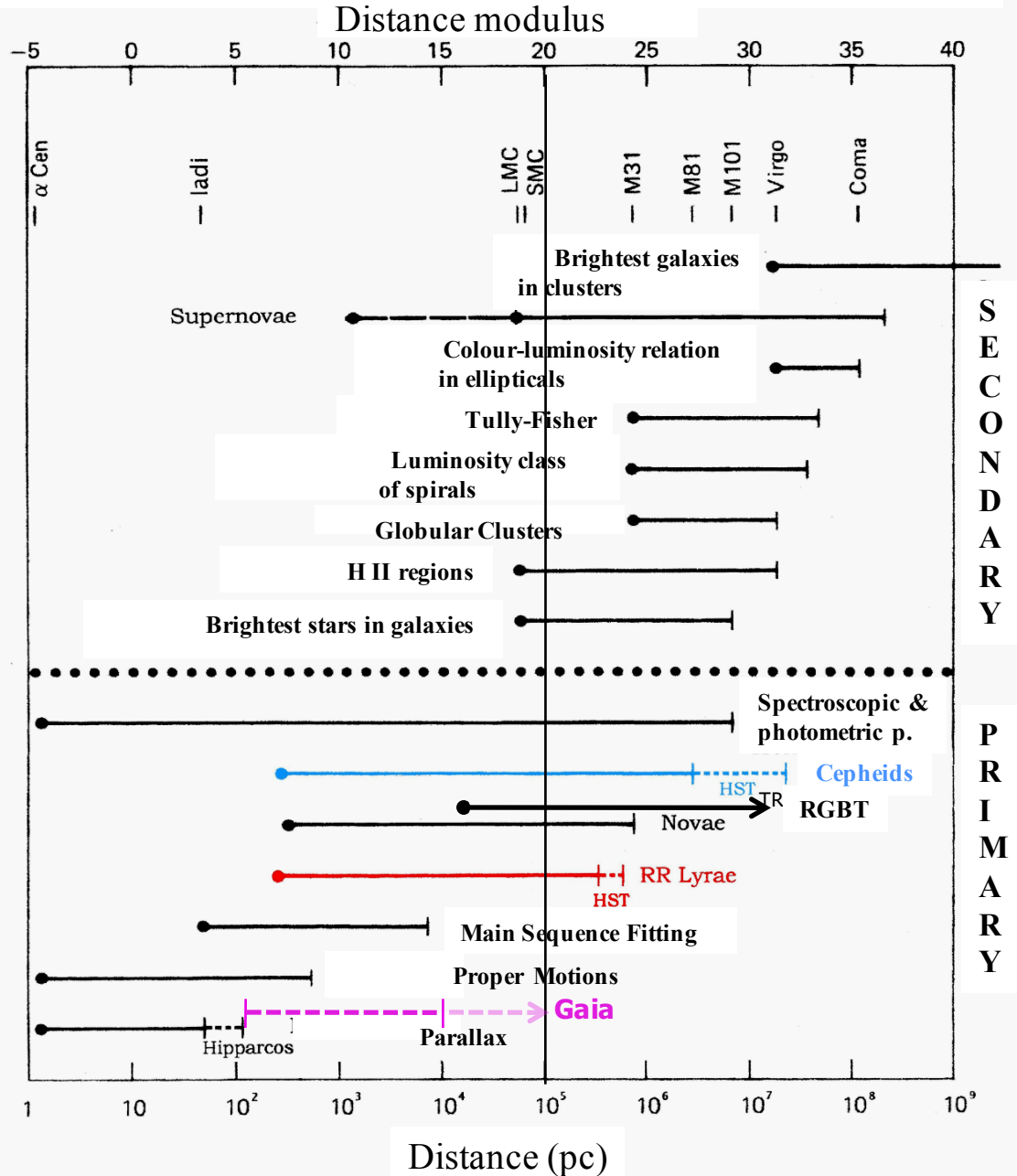


Sky-averaged, end-of-mission, astrometric standard errors, in units of μas , for position, parallax, and proper motion, as a function of Gaia G magnitude, for an unreddened $G2V$ star ($V-I=0.75$ mag and $V-G=0.16$ mag).

G [mag]	3–12.09	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
σ_0 [μas]	5.0	7.7	12.3	19.8	32.4	55.4	102	208	466
σ_ϖ [μas]	6.7	10.3	16.5	26.6	43.6	74.5	137	280	627
σ_μ [$\mu\text{as yr}^{-1}$]	3.5	5.4	8.7	14.0	22.9	39.2	72.3	147	330

Distance Ladder, Cepheids & RR Lyrae, Gaia

"Given the range spanned by the astronomical distances, the astronomical distance ladder is made by overlapping techniques and distance indicators, starting from the most closeby that we can calibrate directly."



RR Lyrae & Cepheids with Gaia

- **Census of Galactic Cepheids:**
 - ~ 9000 Classical Cepheids
 - ~ 2000 Type II Cepheids

- **Census of Galactic RR Lyrae:**
 - ~70,000 in the MW halo
 - ~ 15-40,000 in the bulge

- **Parallaxes**

e.o.m. parallax accuracy: $10 \mu\text{as}$ for $V < 12-13 \text{ mag}$ - bright field variables
 $17 - 140 \mu\text{as}$ for $V_{\text{HB}} \sim 14-18 \text{ mag}$ - RR Lyrae in globular clusters

Within 1.5 kpc $\sigma/\pi < 1\%$, within 3 kpc $\sigma/\pi < 2.5\%$, $\sigma/\pi \approx 25-30\%$ at 10 kpc

RR Lyrae in Globular Clusters with $\sigma/\pi < 1$

~7000 Galactic Cepheids with an error on the parallaxes less than 3%

⇒ trigonometric distances and absolute calibration via parallax of M_V -[Fe/H],
and IR PLZ relations for RRLs and PL, PLC, PW relations for Cepheids

⇒ **DISTANCE LADDER** ⇒ **H_0 by means of Gaia's Cepheids & RR Lyrae**

- **Positions + proper motions**

census of Cepheids & RRLs down to $G \sim 20.7 \text{ mag}$, spatial distribution,
identification and tracing of structures, overdensities, streams, new
satellites ... ⇒ **MW formation and assembling**

- **RVS metallicities:** metallicity distributions of young and old populations

- **Parallaxes + photometry + RVS radial velocities:** star physical parameters, tests of pulsation models, improvement of model input Physics

The distance scale: MW Cepheids

Only ~ 800 Galactic Cepheids are known - most are located in the Solar neighbourhood - **expected number ~ 9000**

400 Galactic Cepheids from David Dunlap DB

distance and magnitude → Gaia predicted accuracy for parallax
15 @ $d < 0.5$ kpc
65 @ $d < 1$ kpc
165 @ $d < 2$ kpc



Presently, ~ 250 Cepheids with parallax & photometry (10 with HST parallax)
only ~ 100 with $\sigma_\pi \leq 1$ mas (Hipparcos)

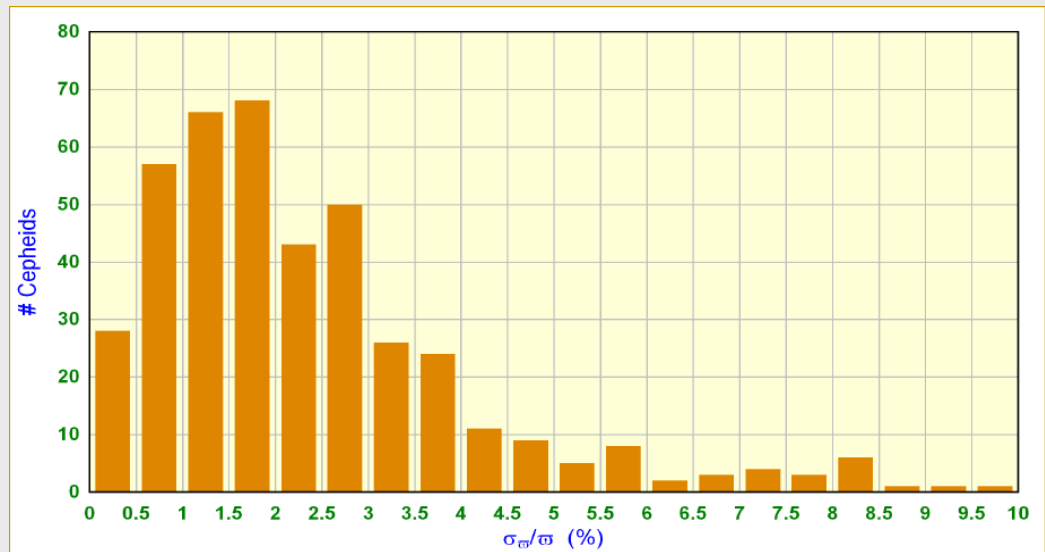


Figure courtesy A. Brown

Most (~ 3/4) Galactic Cepheids will have Gaia individual parallaxes to < 3%

The distance scale: MC Cepheids

Over 9500 Cepheids are known (from OGLE IV) and observable by Gaia in the LMC/SMC

600 Cepheids in the LMC (OGLE, Udalski et al. 1999)

The bulk of the distribution for fundamental LMC pulsators lies at Period = 3 - 5 days

$M_v \sim -3 \rightarrow V \sim 15.8 - 16$

\rightarrow individual distances to $\sim 150\%$

\rightarrow mean of 400 to $\sim 7-8\%$

Cepheids with $P \geq 10$ d

$M_v \leq \sim -4.2 \rightarrow V \sim 14.5$

individual distances to $\sim 80\%$

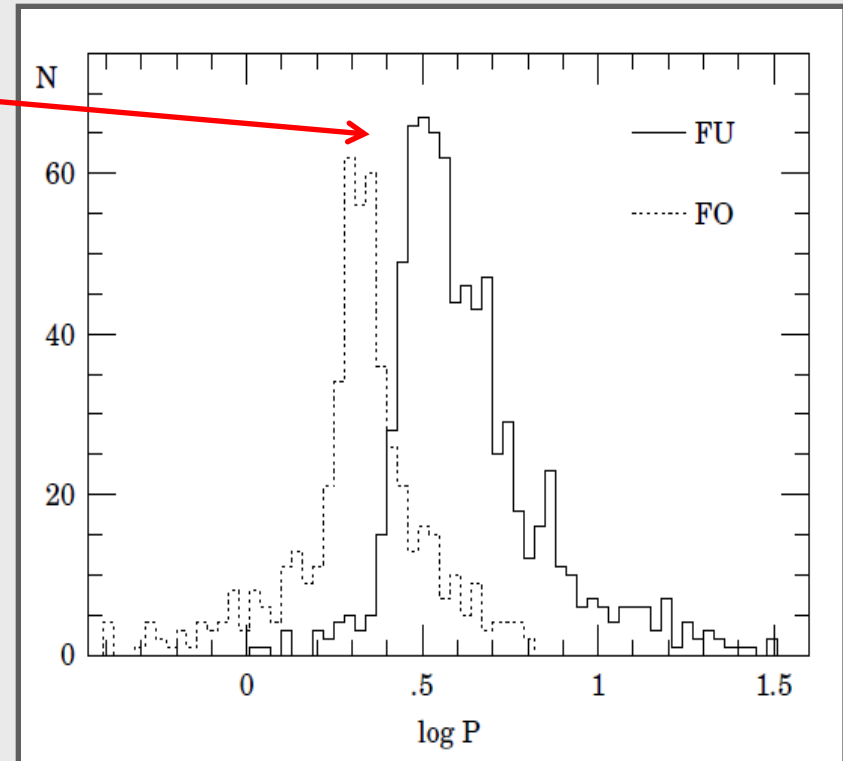
Ultra-long period (> 100 d) Cepheids

$M_v \leq \sim -7 \rightarrow V \sim 12$

4 in LMC, 3 in SMC (Bird et al. 2009)

\rightarrow individual distances to

$\sim 45\%$ (LMC) - 55% (SMC)



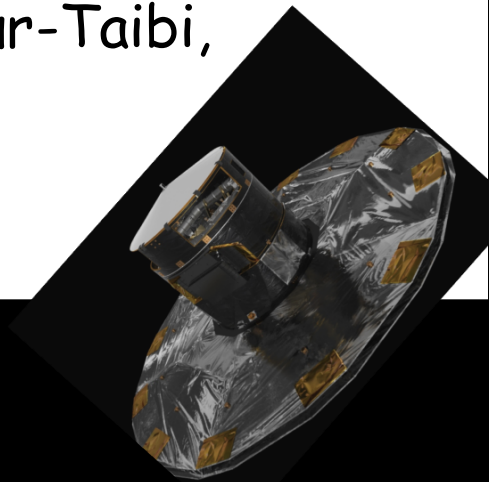
\rightarrow direct (trigonometric) calibration of the cosmological distance scale

Gaia variability processing (CU7)

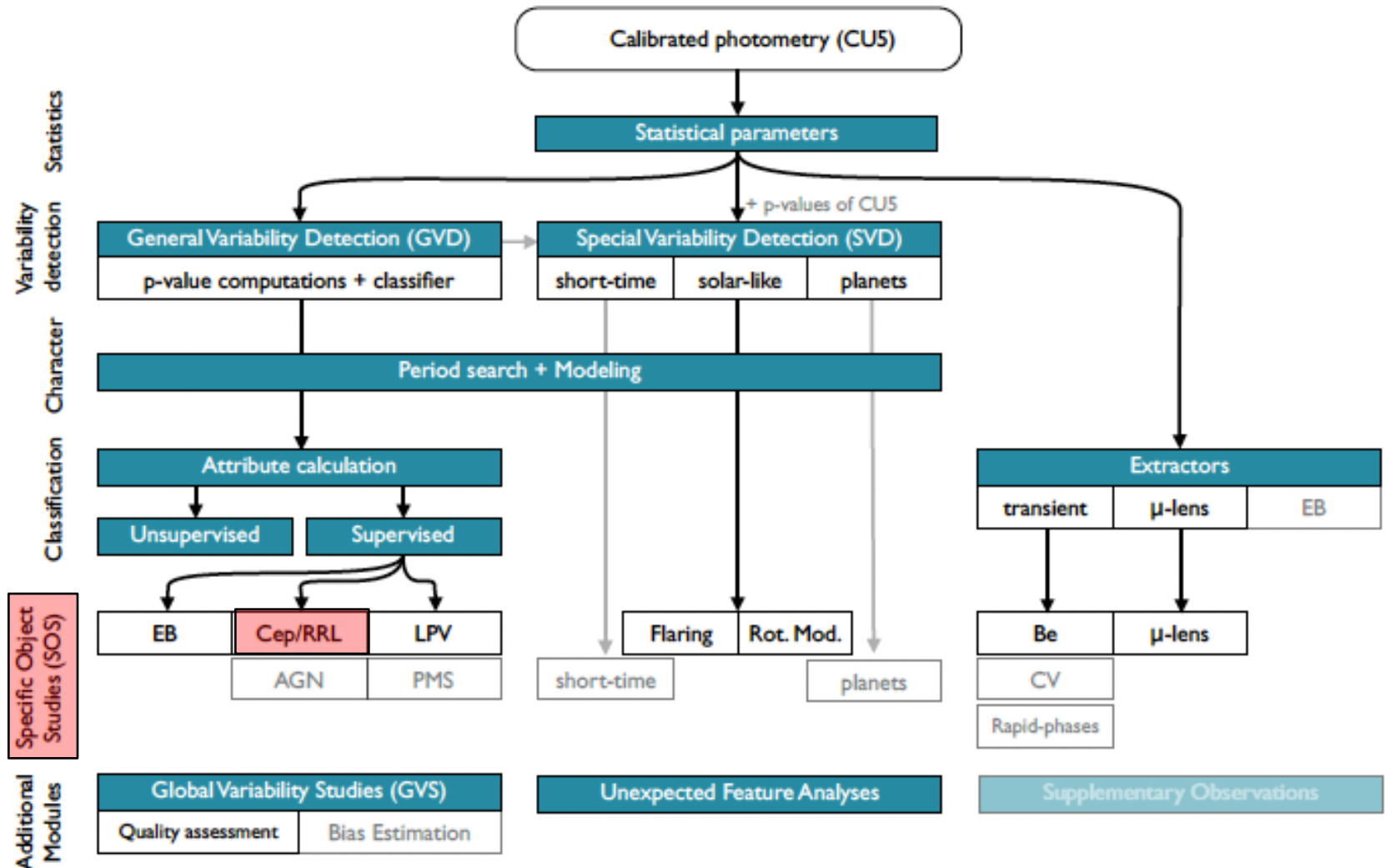
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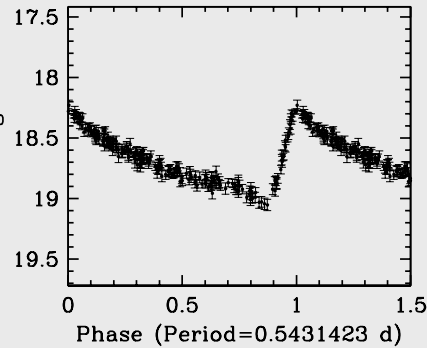
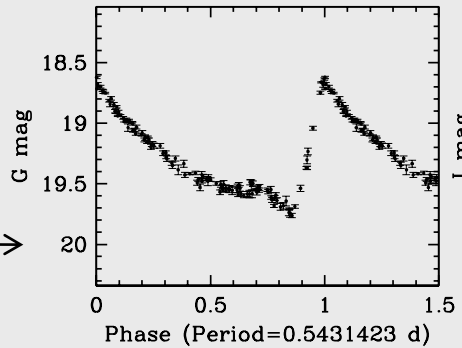
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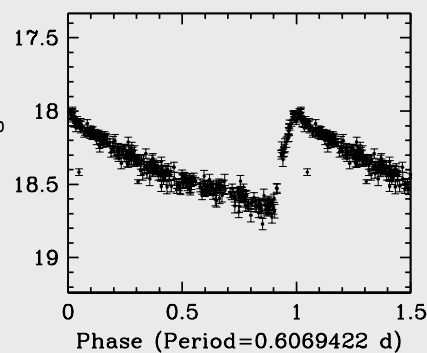
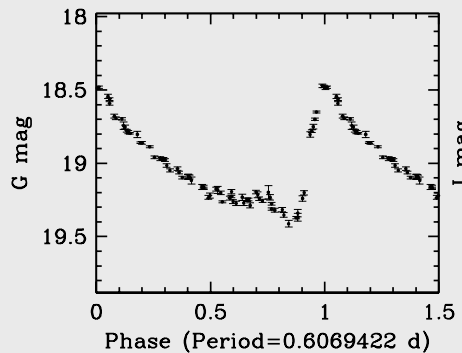
RR Lyrae stars in the LMC as seen by Gaia

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Gaia

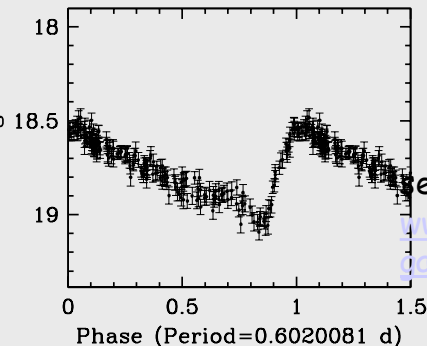
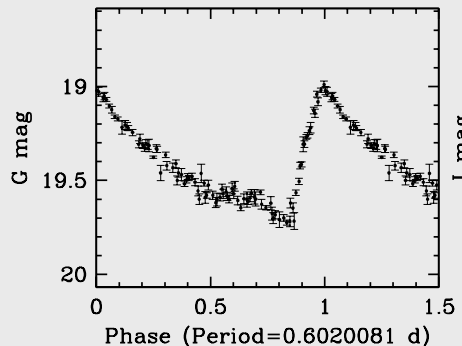


OGLE IV



Gaia's IoW
March 5th, 2015

Credits: ESA/Gaia/DPAC/CU5/CU7/INAF-OABo
Gisella Clementini, Dafydd Evans, Laurent Eyer, Krzysztof Nienartowicz, Lorenzo Rimoldini and the Geneva CU7/DPCG and **CU7/INAF-OACN** teams.



See also News Media INAF:

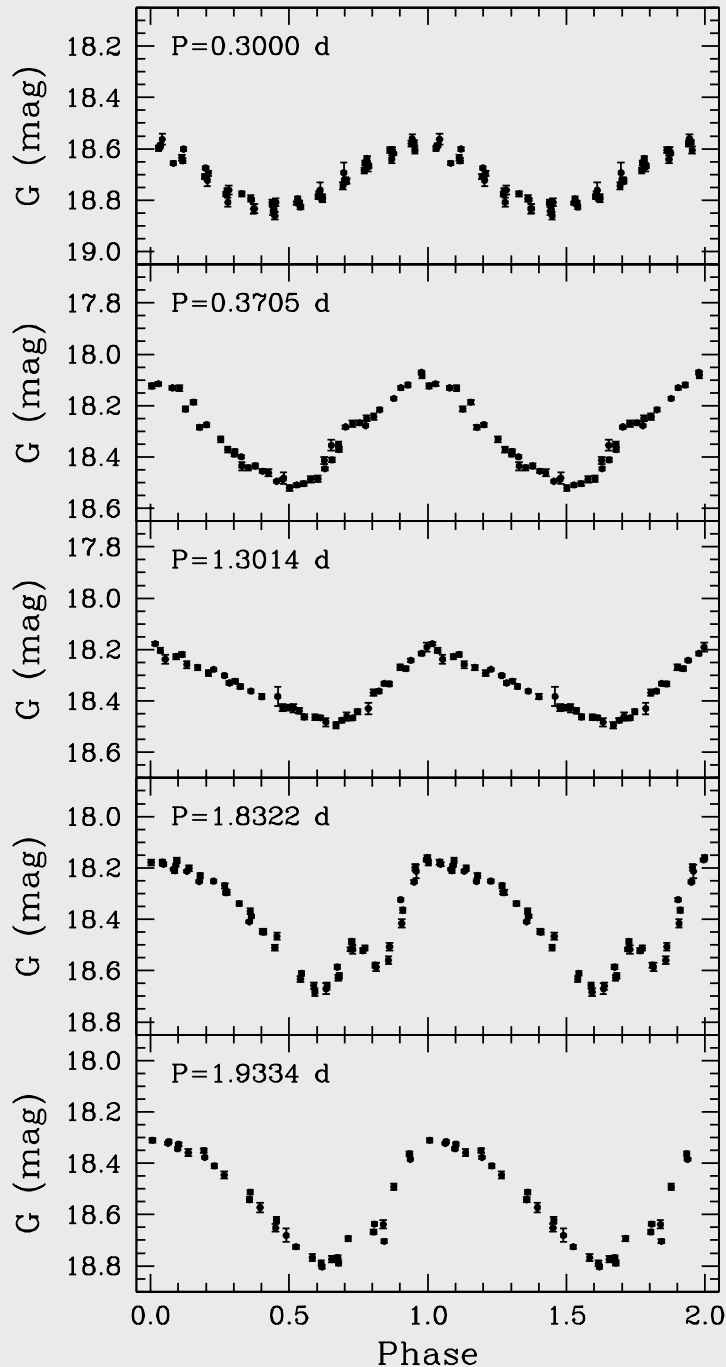
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Left panels: G-band light curves of RR Lyrae stars in the Large Magellanic Cloud observed by Gaia during the EPSL scanning. Right panels: I-band light curves obtained for the same stars by the OGLE IV survey.

Short period/faint magnitude Cepheids in the LMC observed by Gaia

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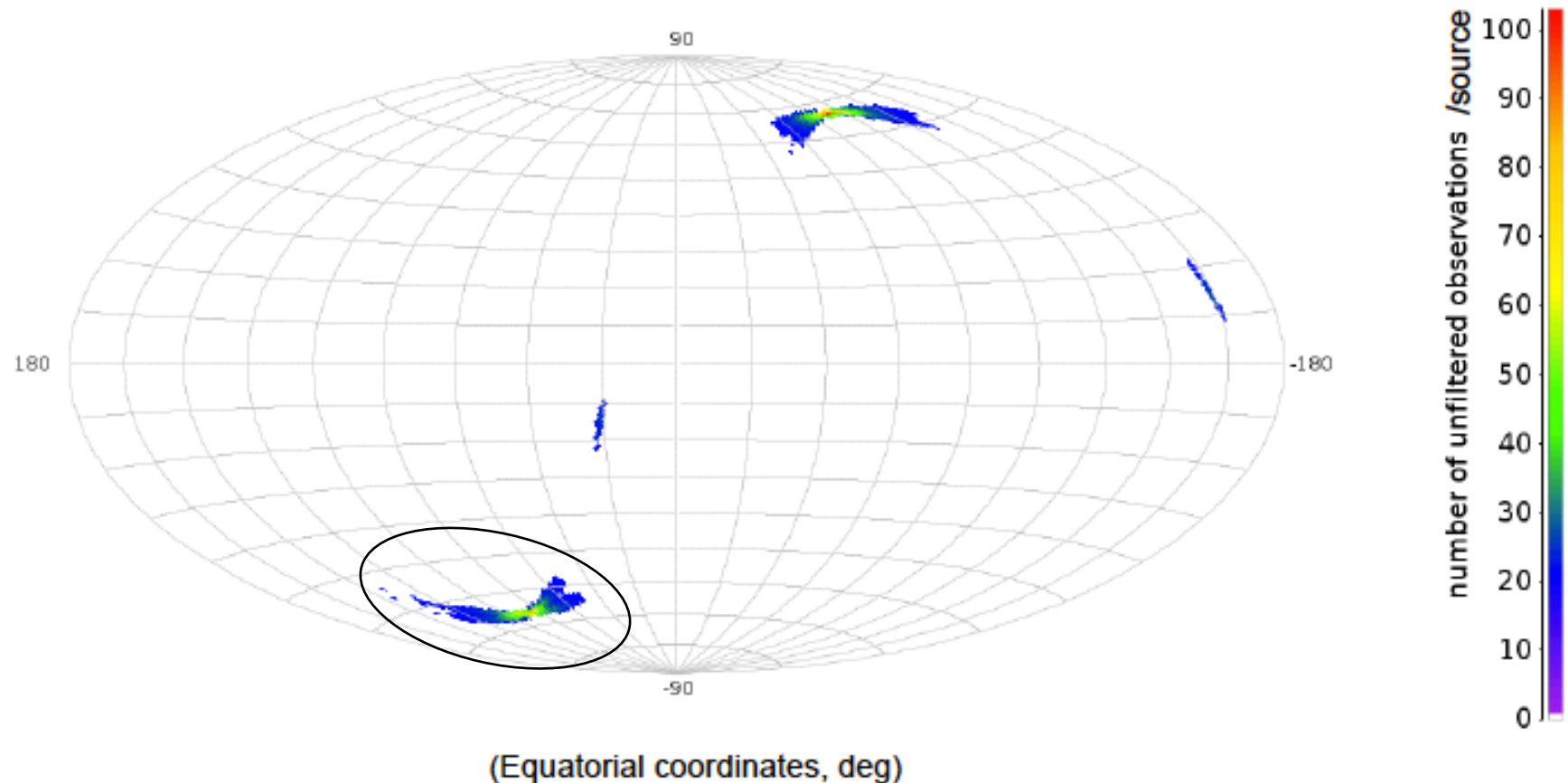
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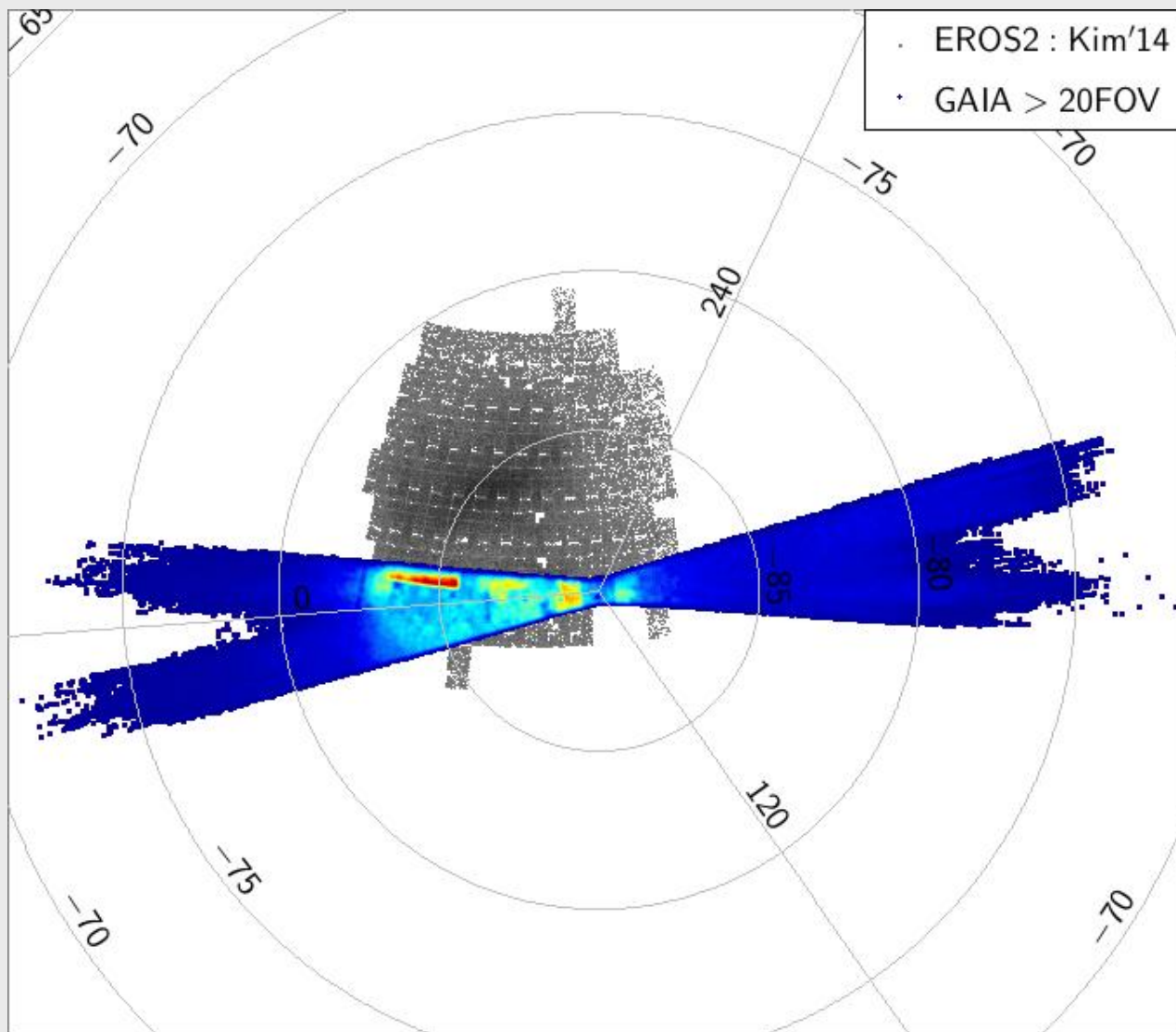
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The photometric data reduction was done with the PhotPipe pipeline at
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pipeline at DPCE.

Mean number of obs/source (789K)

Map of number of unfiltered observations (equatorial coordinates, 1pix = 0.84 deg²)
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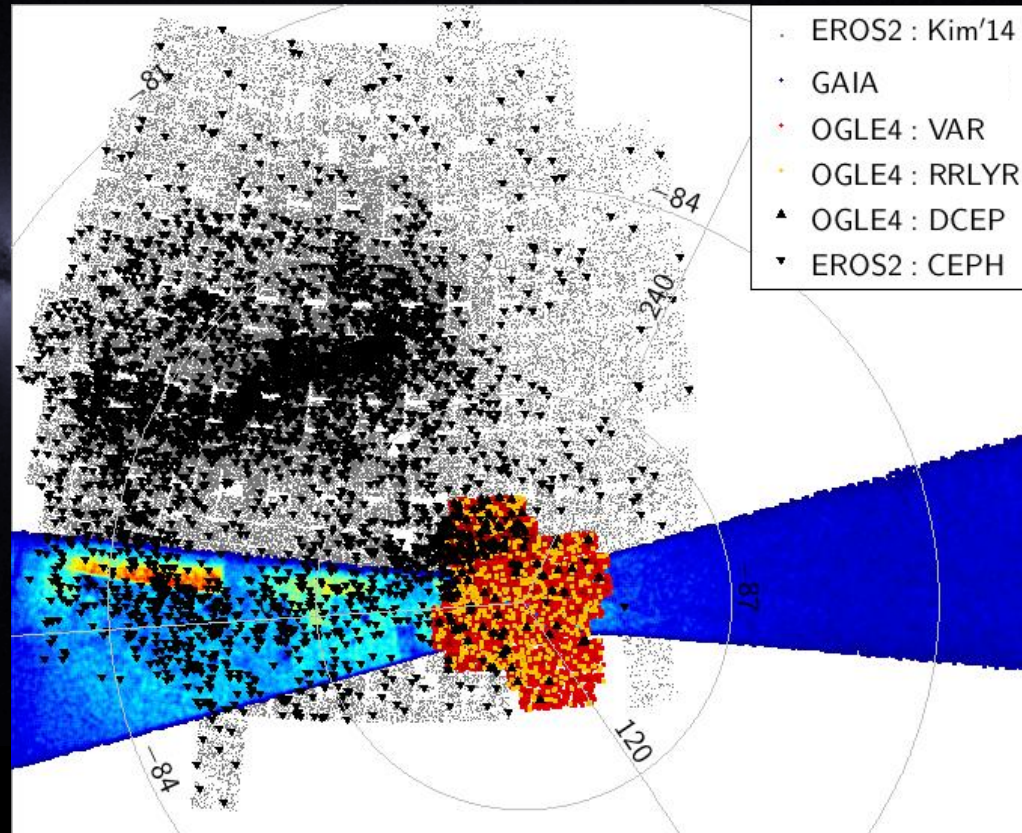


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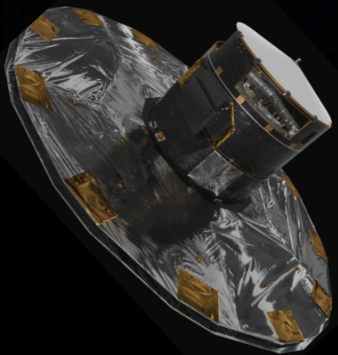
Gaia - Data Release 1

G-DR1: end of Summer 2016

- Positions and G magnitude (~all sky, single stars)
- RR Lyrae & Cepheids in the South Ecliptic Pole (SEP; only > 20 transits)
- TGAS for 2.0 millions stars in common between Tycho and Gaia catalogues



Preparing the release of the SEP RR Lyrae & Cepheids



Synergies with other surveys

Gaia is an ***all sky survey*** with direct links/impact on other surveys:

1. Optical from the ground:

OGLE, EROS, LINEAR, CATALINA, PTF, ASAS, PanSTARRS
... and in the future: LSST

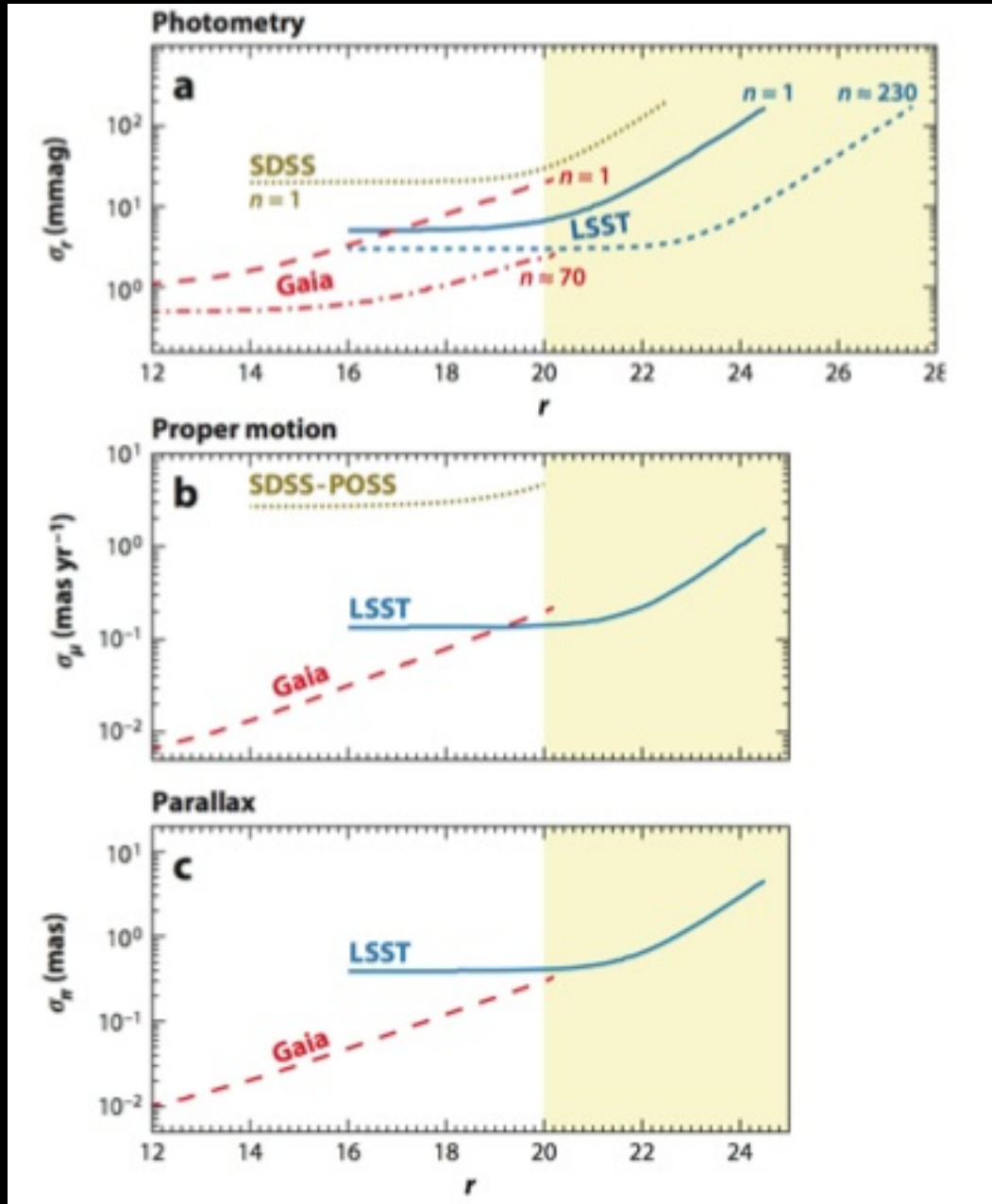
2. Infrared from ground: 2MASS, VVV, **VMC** ...
and from space:

WISE, **CRRP + SMAHSH & Spitzer**,

3. Need to complement Gaia RVS data for Cepheids & RR Lyrae stars:

GES?, WEAVE, **MOONS**, 4MOST ...

Gaia & LSST



CRRP@Spitzer

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SMHASH@Spitzer

PI: K. Johnston, 664h

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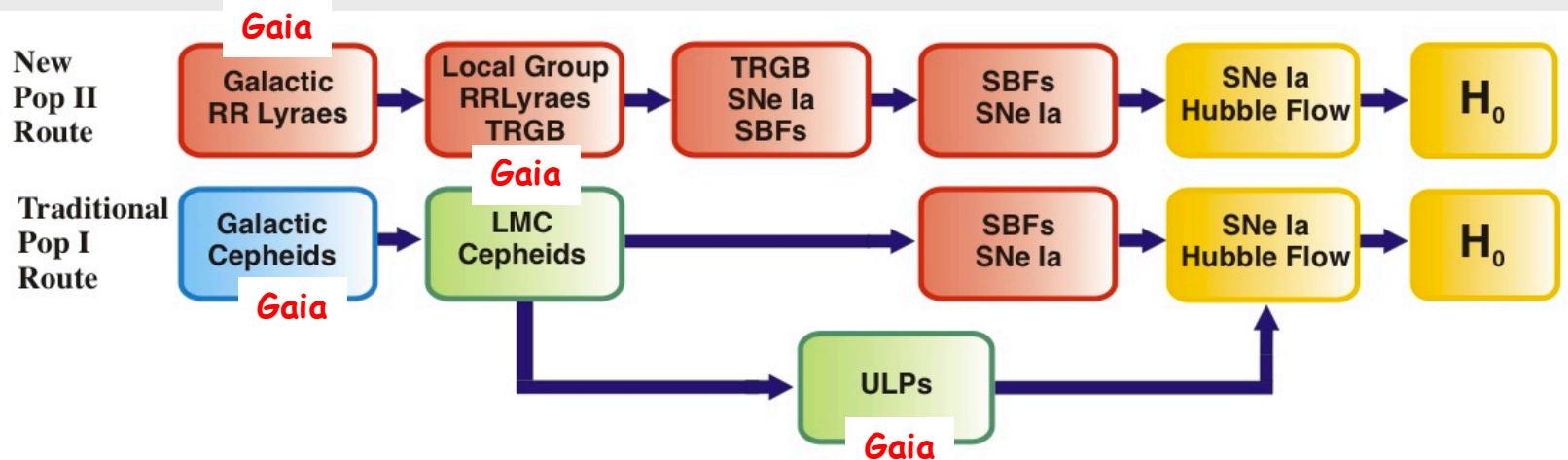
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Gaia data distribution

- Final catalogue ~ **2022**
- Intermediate data releases:
 - GDR1: End of summer 2016**
 - Positions+G magnitude (~all sky, single stars)
 - SEP Cepheids & RR Lyrae stars
 - TGAS
 - GDR2: Summer 2017**
 - Radial velocities for bright stars
 - Two-band photometry
 - Full astrometry
- Science alerts are released immediately
- No proprietary data rights

To take home message:

Gaia e' una realta' concreta, pienamente in fase operativa e con la prima release di dati prevista per il Settembre 2016, sta entrando a pieno regime nella fase della scientific exploitation.

La comunita' scientifica INAF e' fortemente presente in Gaia con ruoli di leadership, spesso determinanti per il successo in certi settori della missione.

Per poter mantenere il ruolo acquisito in questi anni e poter sfruttare pienamente l'incredibile potenziale scientifico di Gaia in generale e nell'ambito della cosmologia che le variabili pulsanti permettono di fare bisogna attrarre giovani ricercatori verso questi settori di ricerca: ... siamo una comunita' che sta invecchiando ... senza riuscire a passare il testimone alle nuove generazioni.

Occorrono:

- a) risorse per fare scientific exploitation di Gaia
- b) la possibilita' di offrire posizioni a lungo termine/stabili
- c) una maggiore sinergia con le universita' e i luoghi di formazione