



Infrared Surveys of the Magellanic Clouds: A WFIRST Addition

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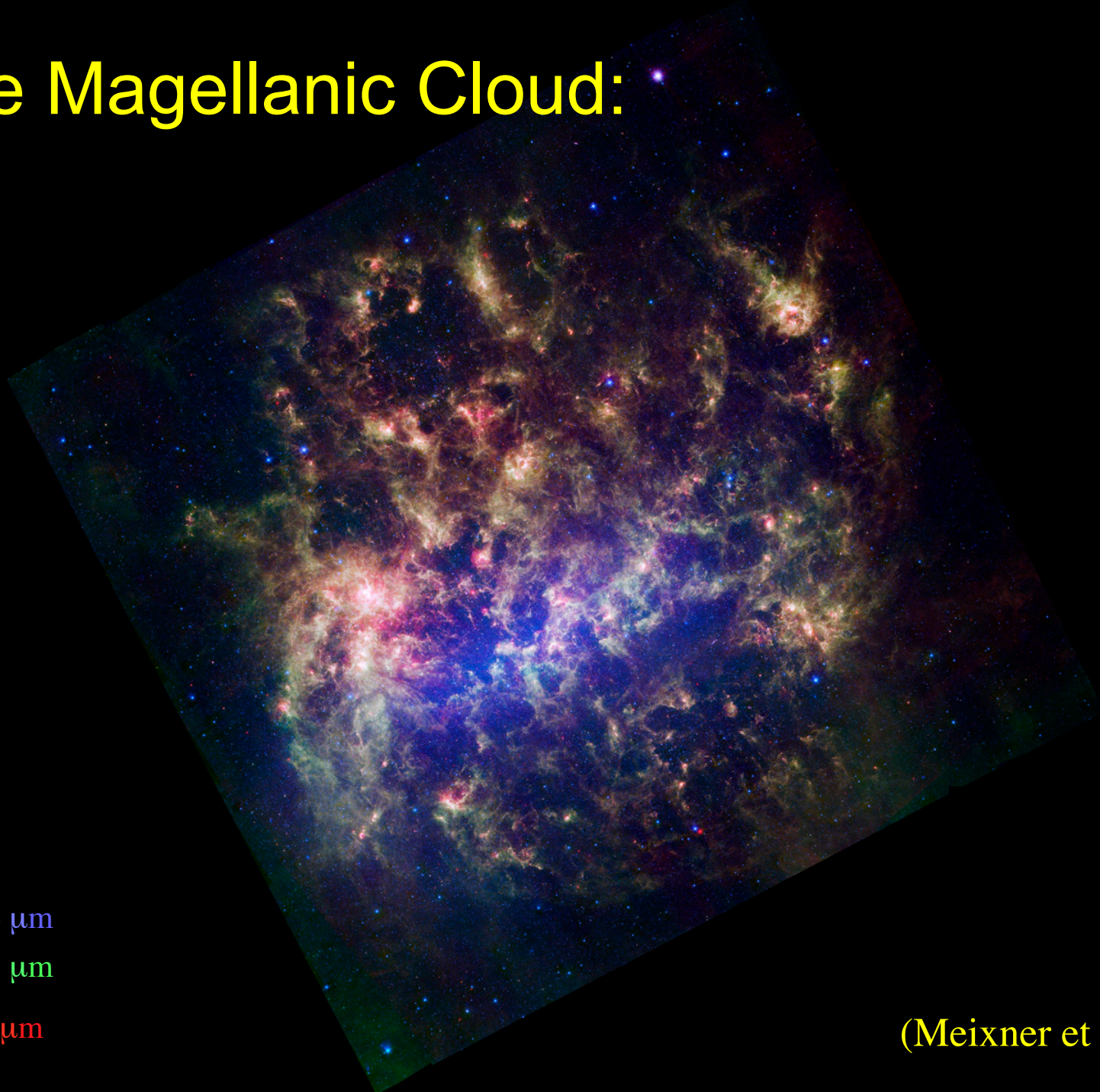
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Outline of Talk

- Introducing the Magellanic System:
 - Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC)
 - Small Magellanic Cloud (SMC)
 - Bridge, stream, leading arm = interaction
- Prior and current Surveys
- A WFIRST/AFTA survey of Magellanic System

Large Magellanic Cloud:



IRAC 3.6 μm

IRAC 8.0 μm

MIPS 24 μm

(Meixner et al. 2006)

Large Magellanic Cloud:

- distance: 50 kpc (Schaefer 2008)
- thickness: 2.5 kpc (Subramanain&Subramanain 2009,10,12)
- inclination: 23° - 37° (Subramanain&Subramanain 2009,10,12)
- metallicity: 0.5 (Russell & Dopita 1992)
- stellar mass: $1.7 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$ (Skibba et al. 2012)

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Small Magellanic Cloud:

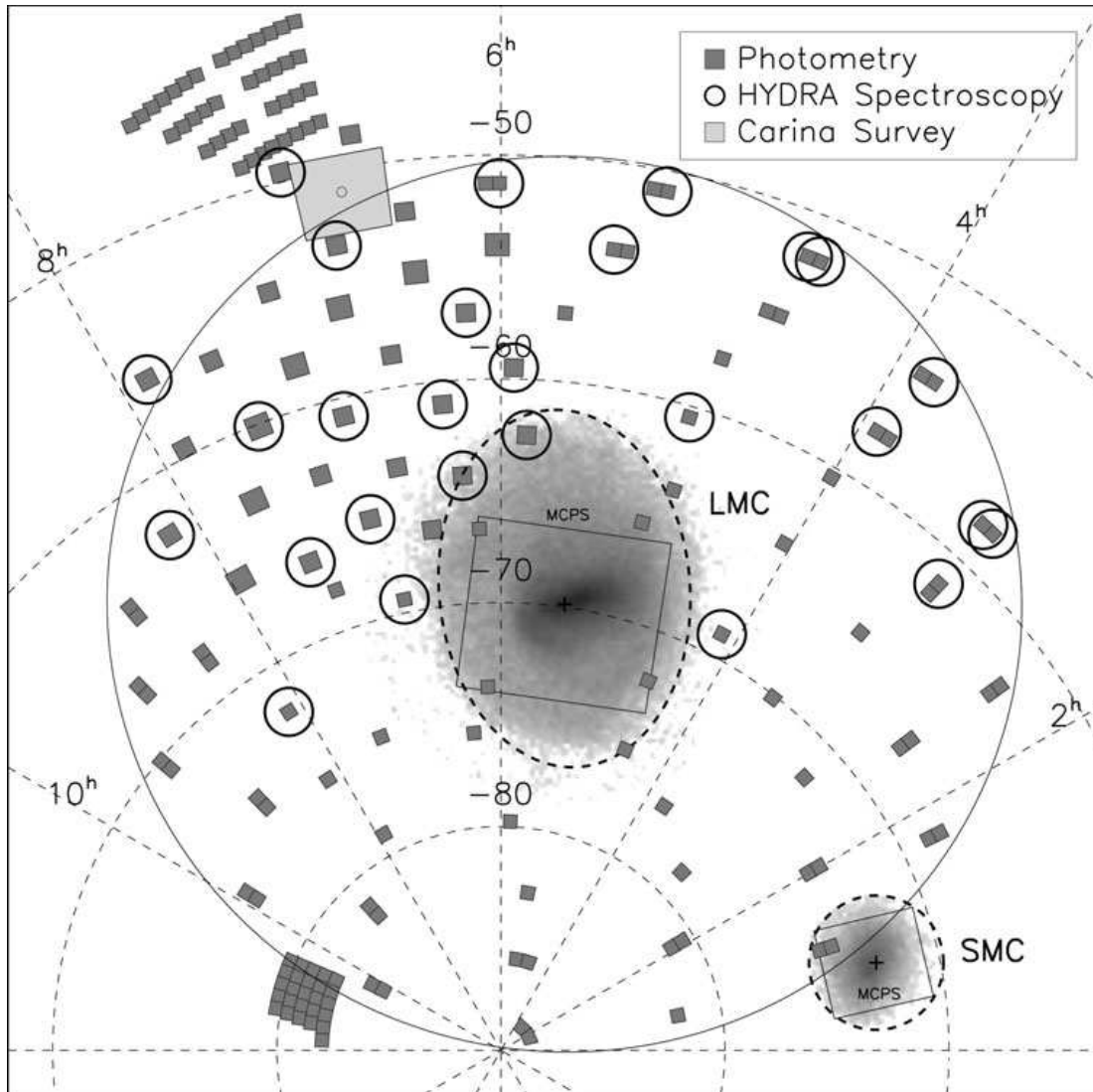


Meixner et al. (2013)

Small Magellanic Cloud:

- distance: 61 kpc (Szewczyk et al. 2009)
- thickness: 4.2 kpc (Subramanain&Subramanain 2009,10,12)
- inclination: 62° (Subramanain&Subramanain 2009,10,12)
- metallicity: 0.1-0.2 (Russell & Dopita 1992)
- stellar mass: $3.7 \times 10^8 M_\odot$ (Harris & Zaritsky 2004)

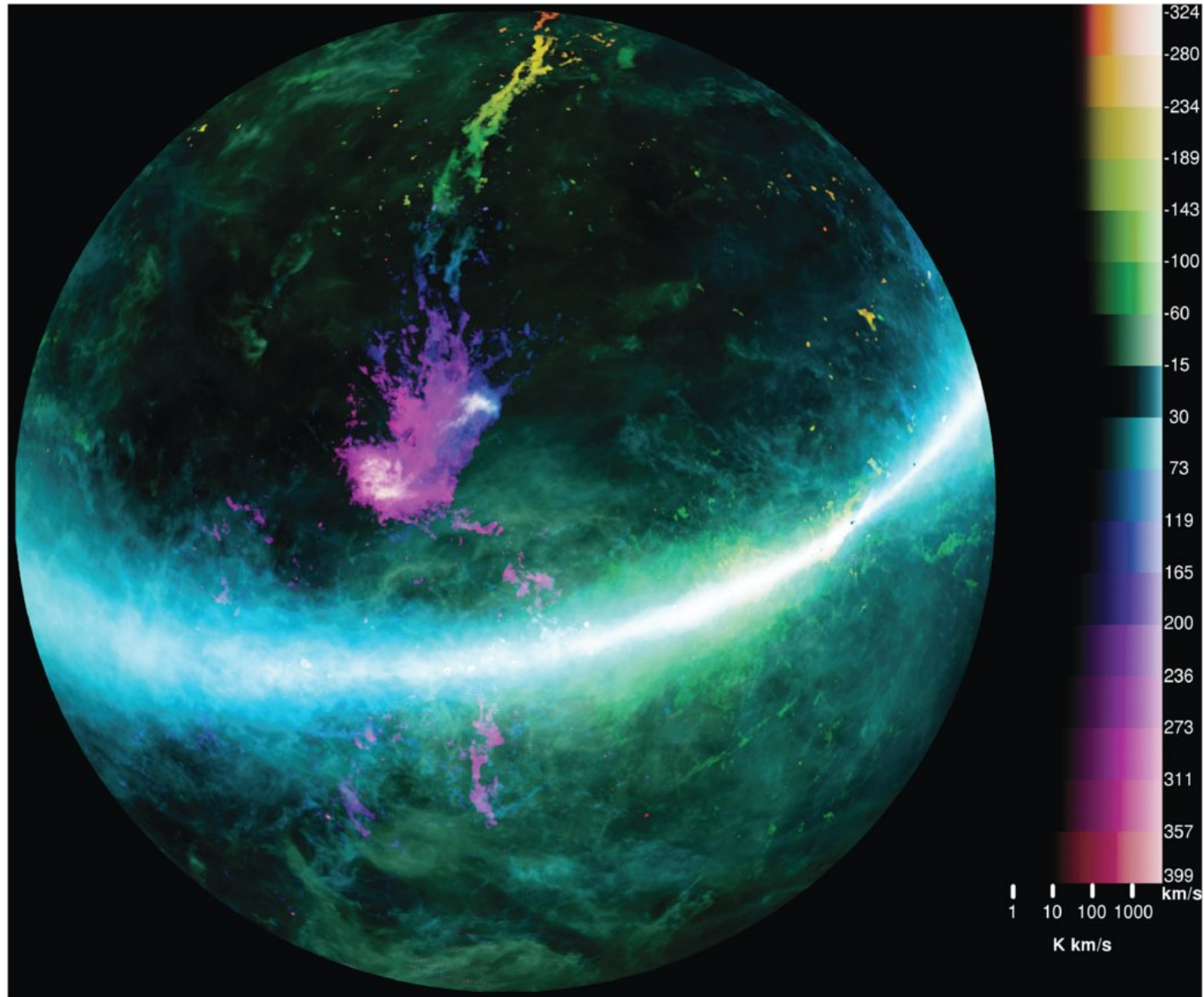
How big is the stellar distribution of Magellanic System?



Photometric
identification of stars
& spectroscopic
confirmation

LMC stellar halo
Extends $R \sim 23^\circ$

The Magellanic System is HI is Huge!

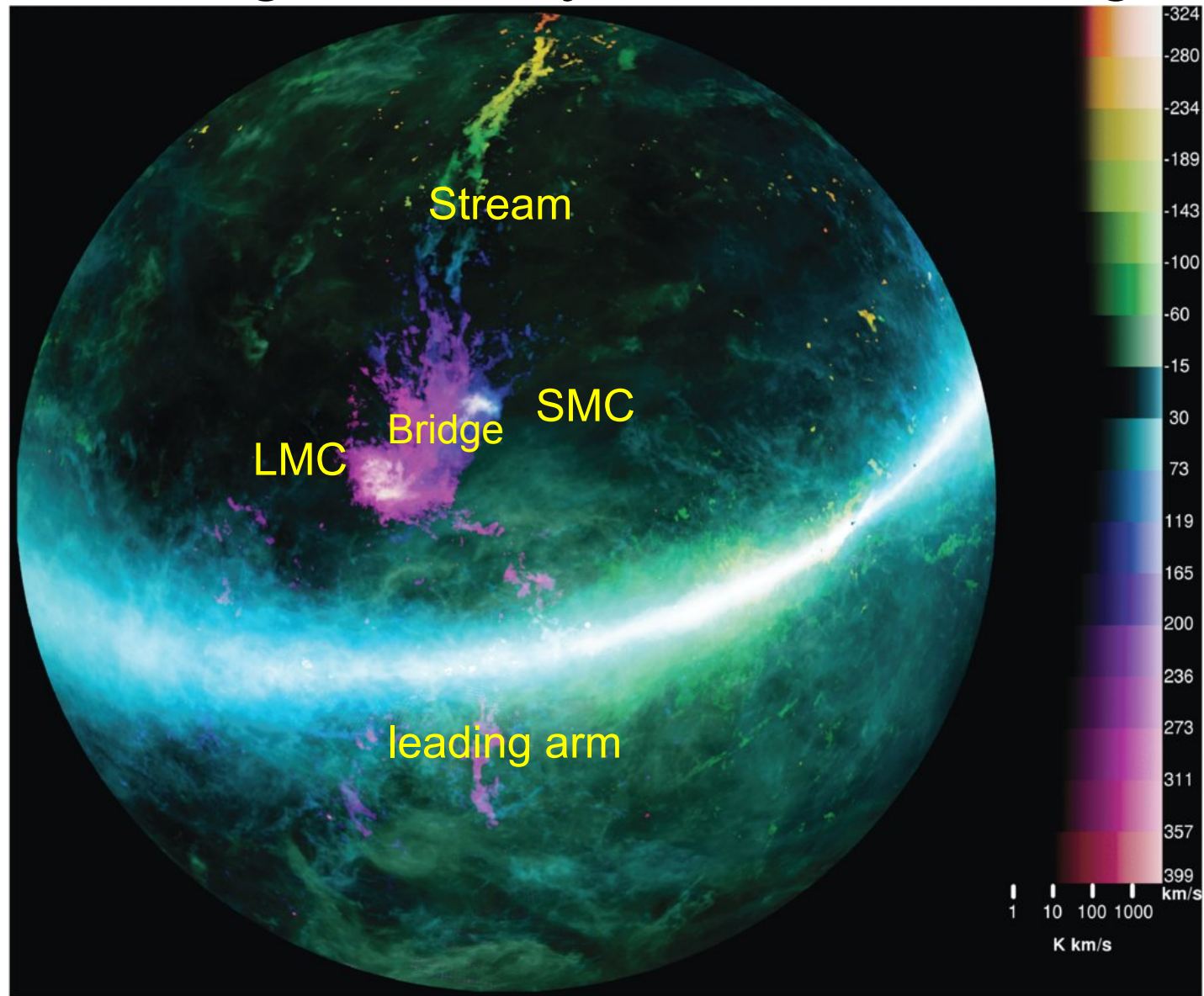


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McClure-Griffiths et al. (2009)

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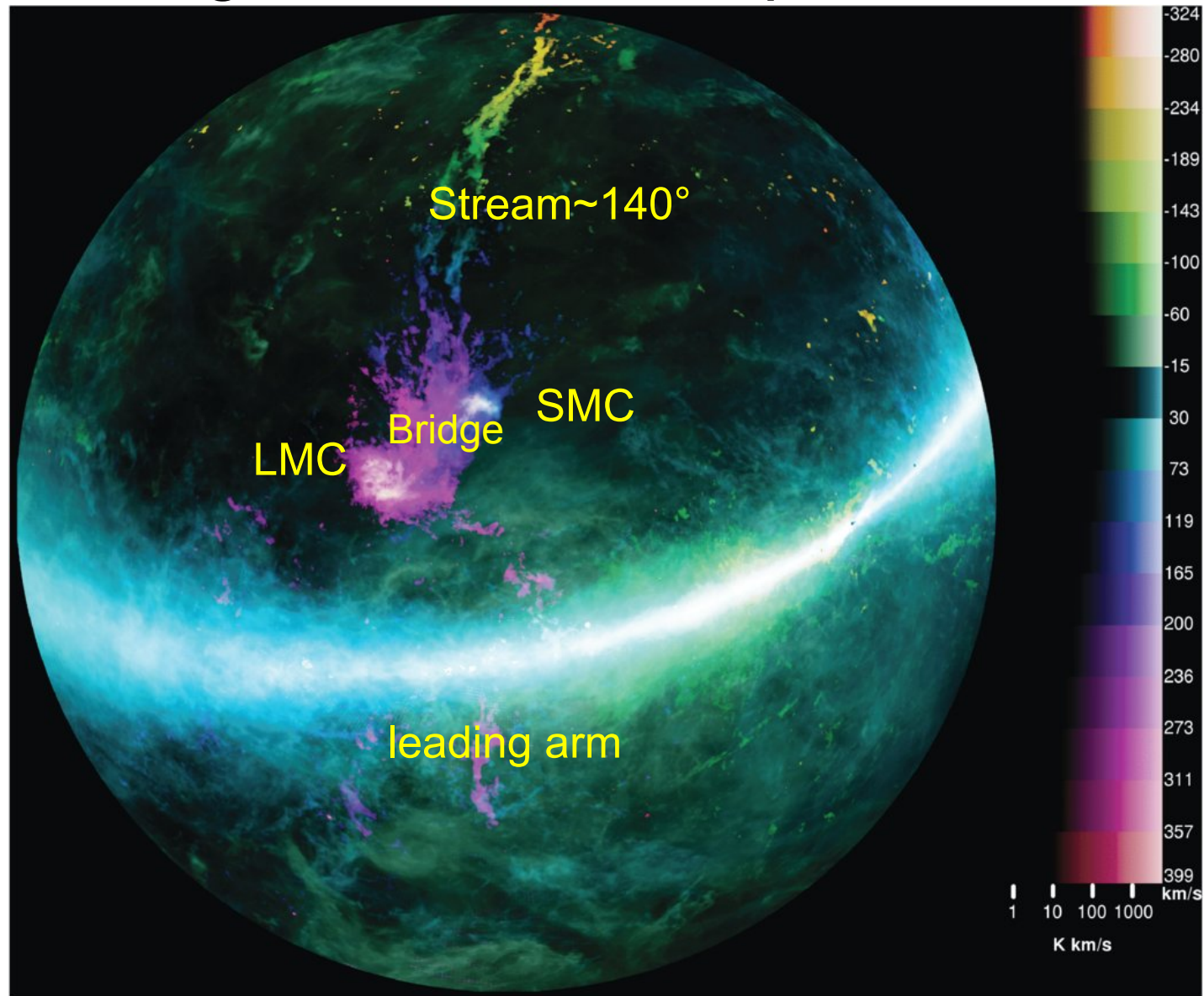


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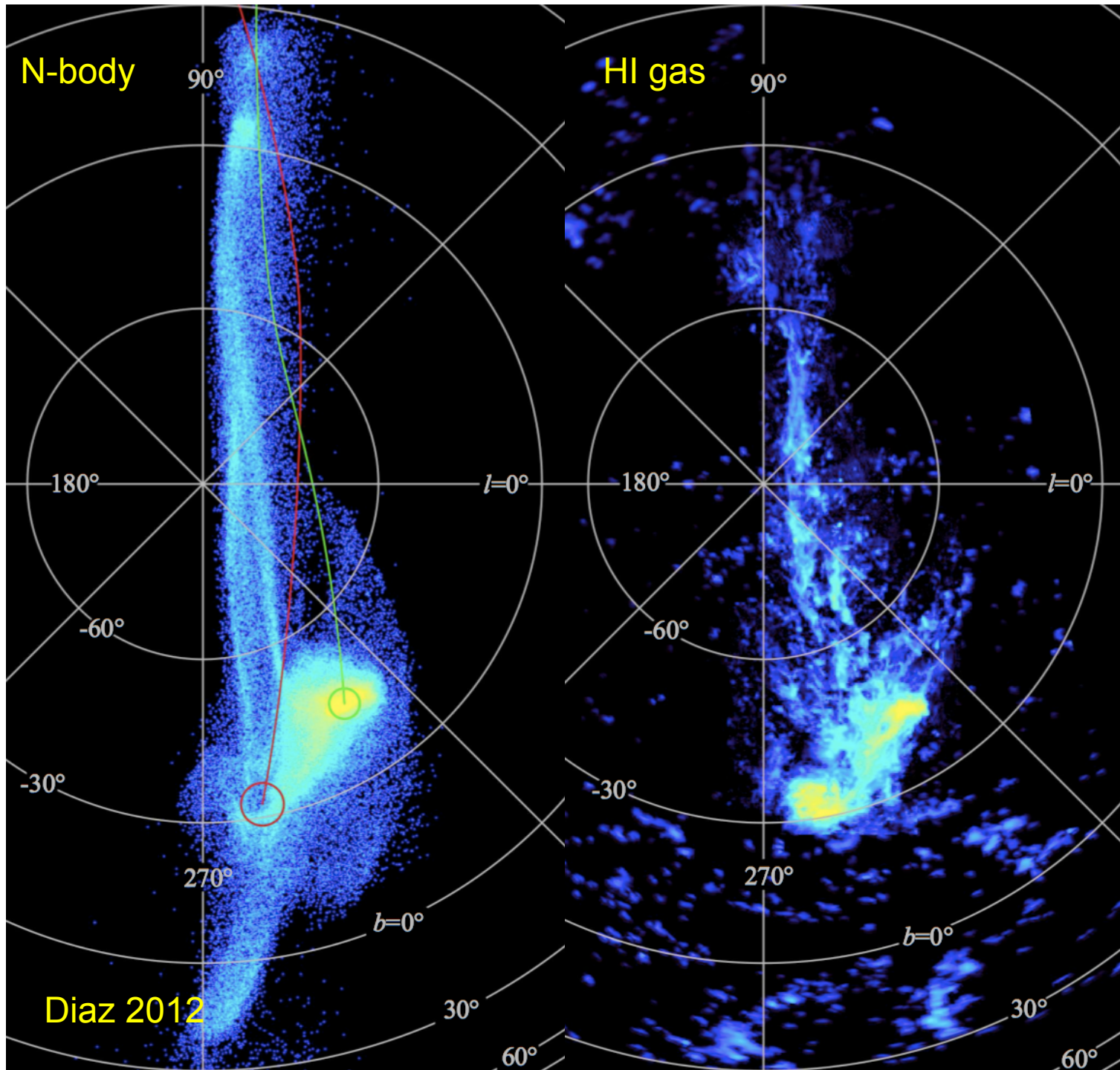
Leading arm to stream tip $\sim 200^\circ$ (Nidever et al 2010)



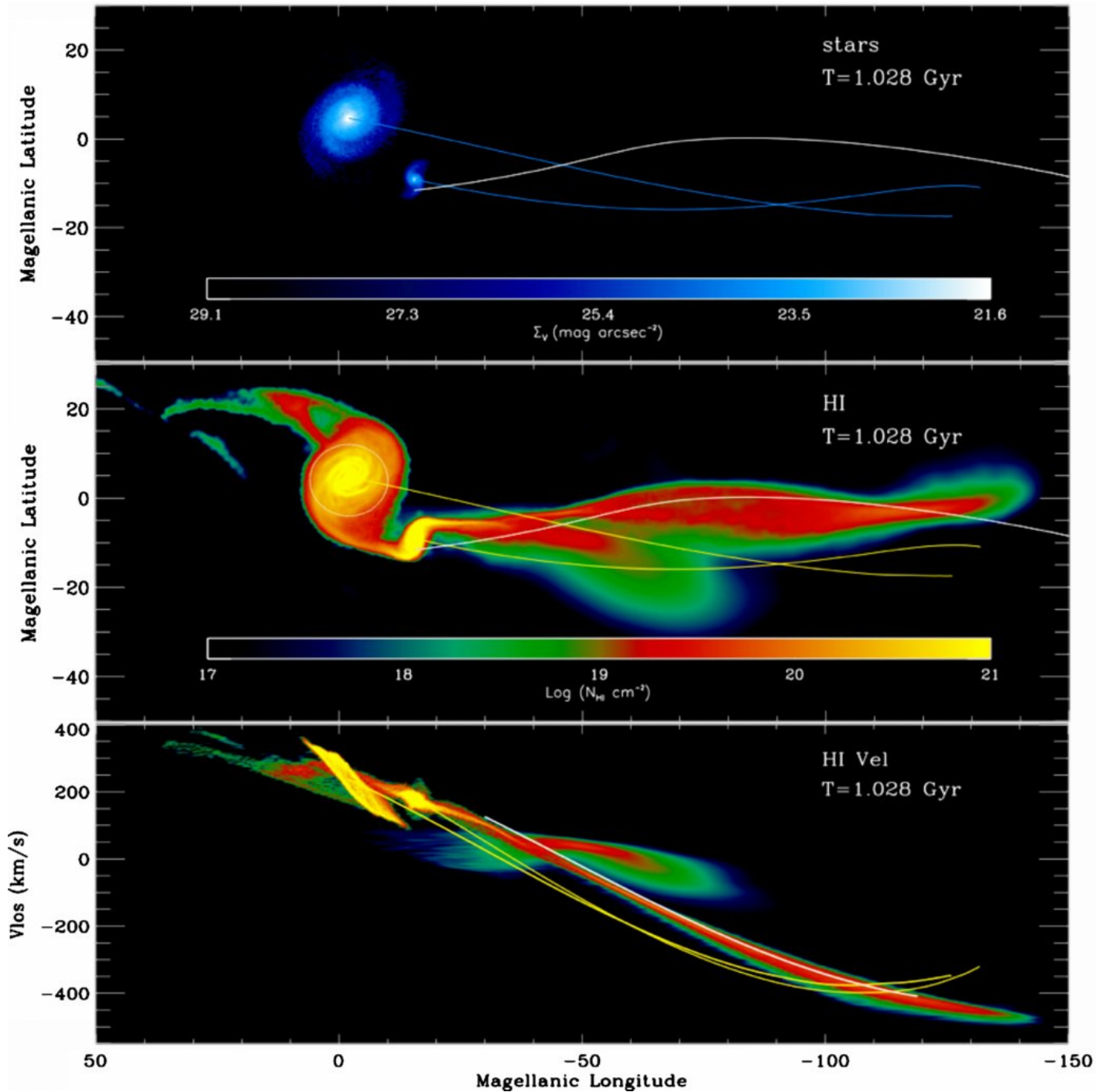
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Stream is a tidal stream from a disrupted SMC.

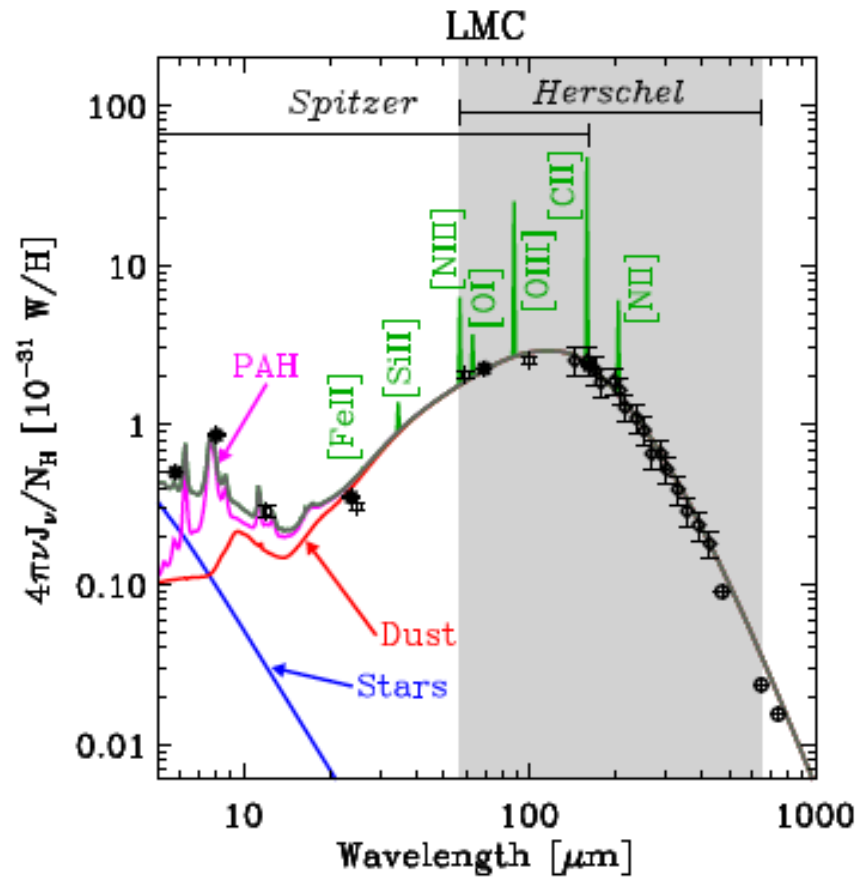


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Is there a stellar debris tail?

Besla et al. (2010)

Surveying the Agents of Galaxy Evolution (SAGE): Spitzer & Herschel probe old stars, dusty stars and ISM in LMC and SMC



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Meixner et al. 2013

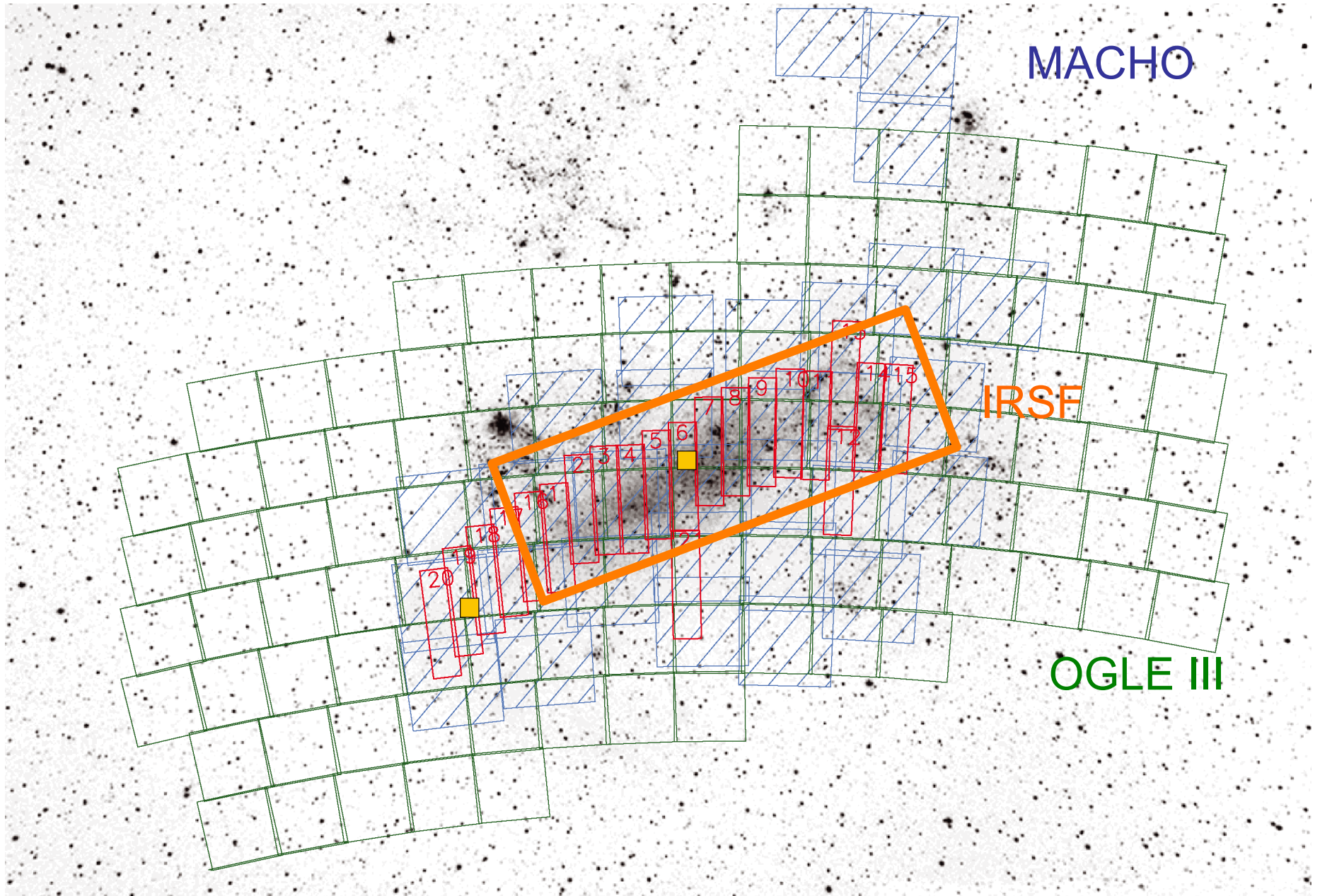
SAGE & HERITAGE: highlights

- Star Formation: discovered thousands of embedded YSO candidates in the LMC and SMC enabling:
 - star formation studies at low metallicity for the first time
 - bottoms up star formation rate estimates based on IMFs
- Evolved stars:
 - SAGE data enables population wide estimates of mass loss return from evolved star populations
 - HERITAGE detects SN 1987A: $\sim 0.4\text{-}0.7 M_{\odot}$
- ISM: SAGE & HERITAGE data can provide dust mass estimates for the ISM, but:
 - Herschel bands suggest dust in LMC is different than Galaxy
- Combing all results, we are pursuing a dust evolution model of the LMC and SMC
- More information: sage.stsci.edu

HST image of NGC 602:
Stage III, low mass young stellar objects

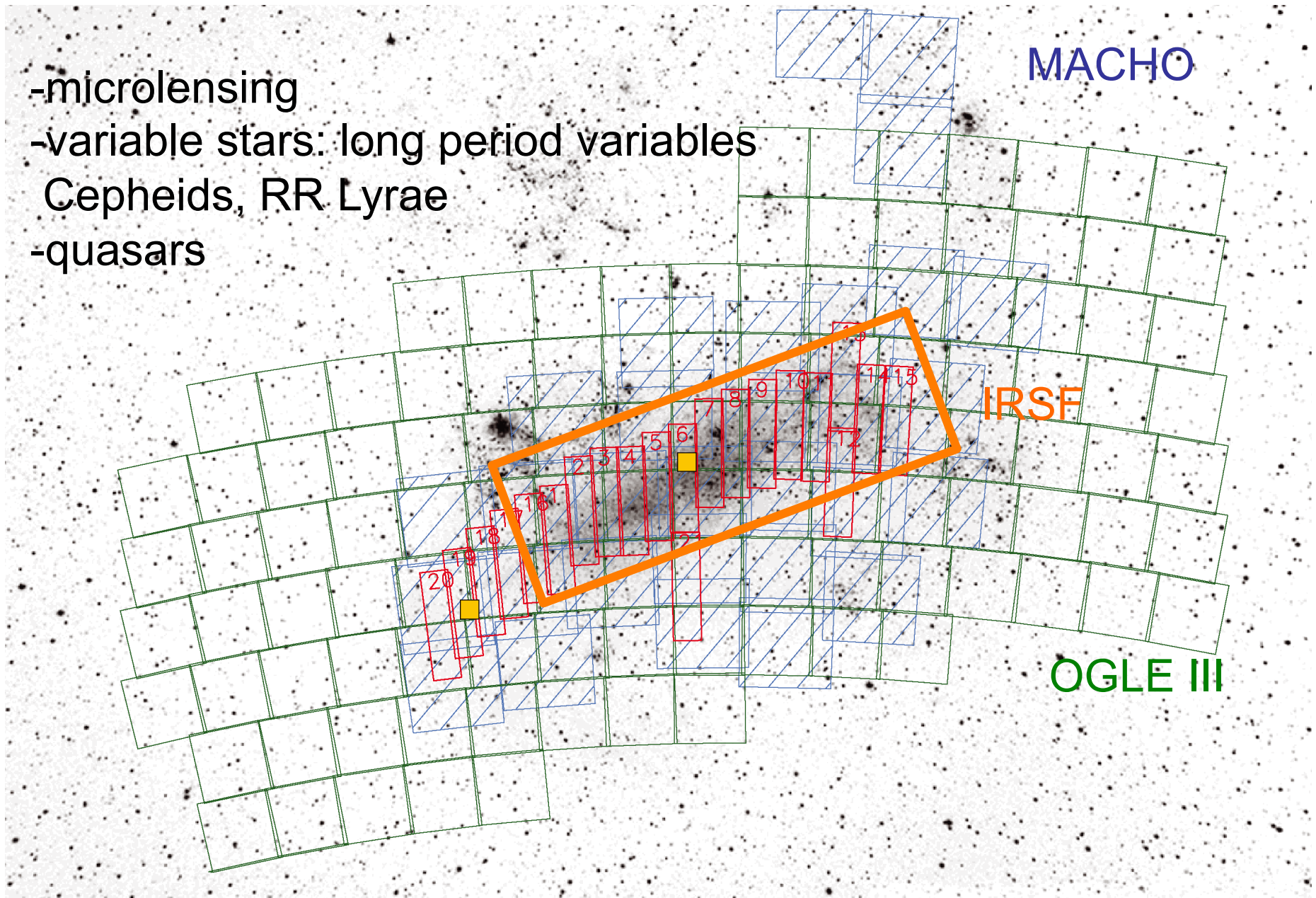


Synoptic Surveys of LMC



Synoptic Surveys of LMC

- microlensing
- variable stars: long period variables
Cepheids, RR Lyrae
- quasars

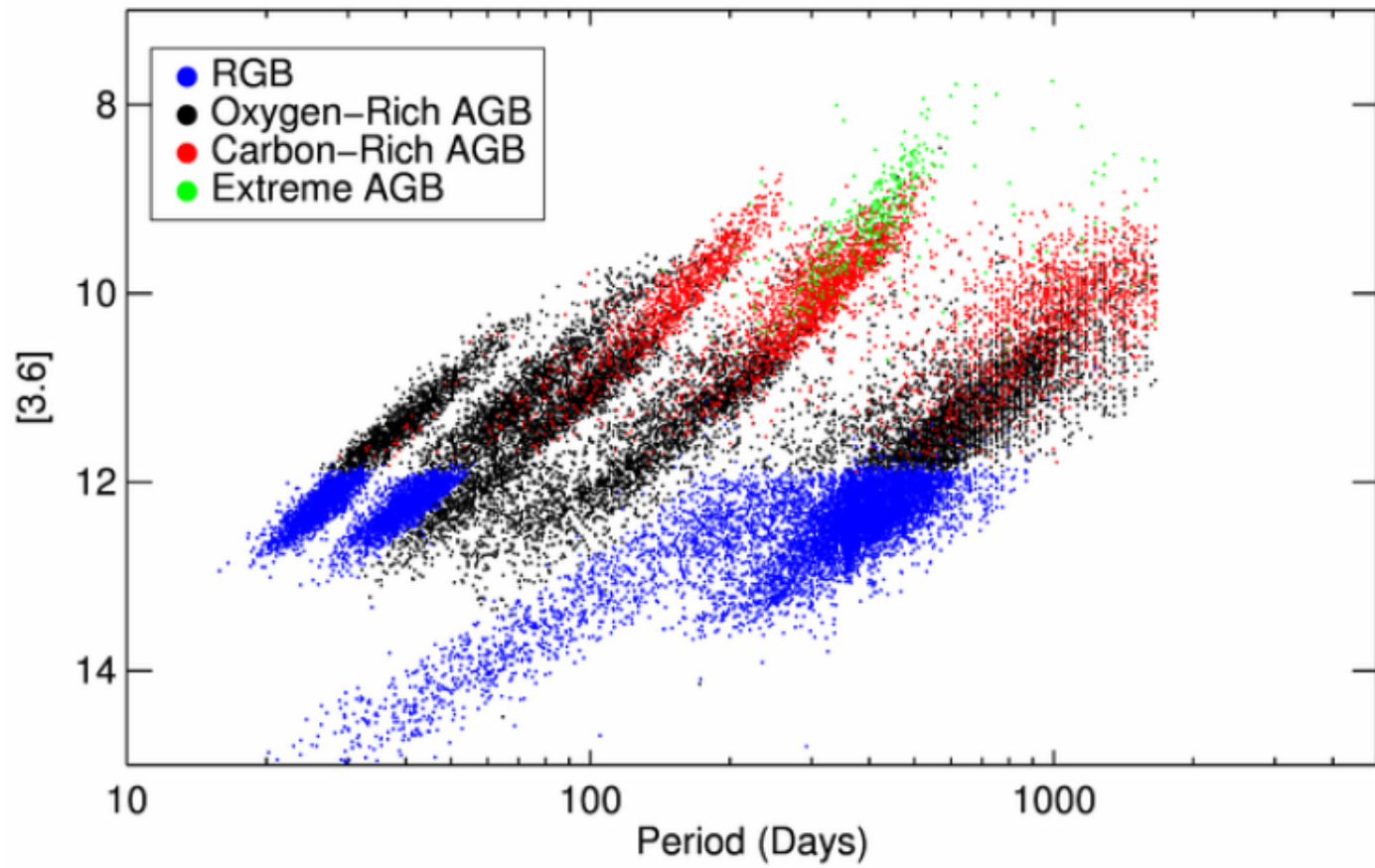


MACHO

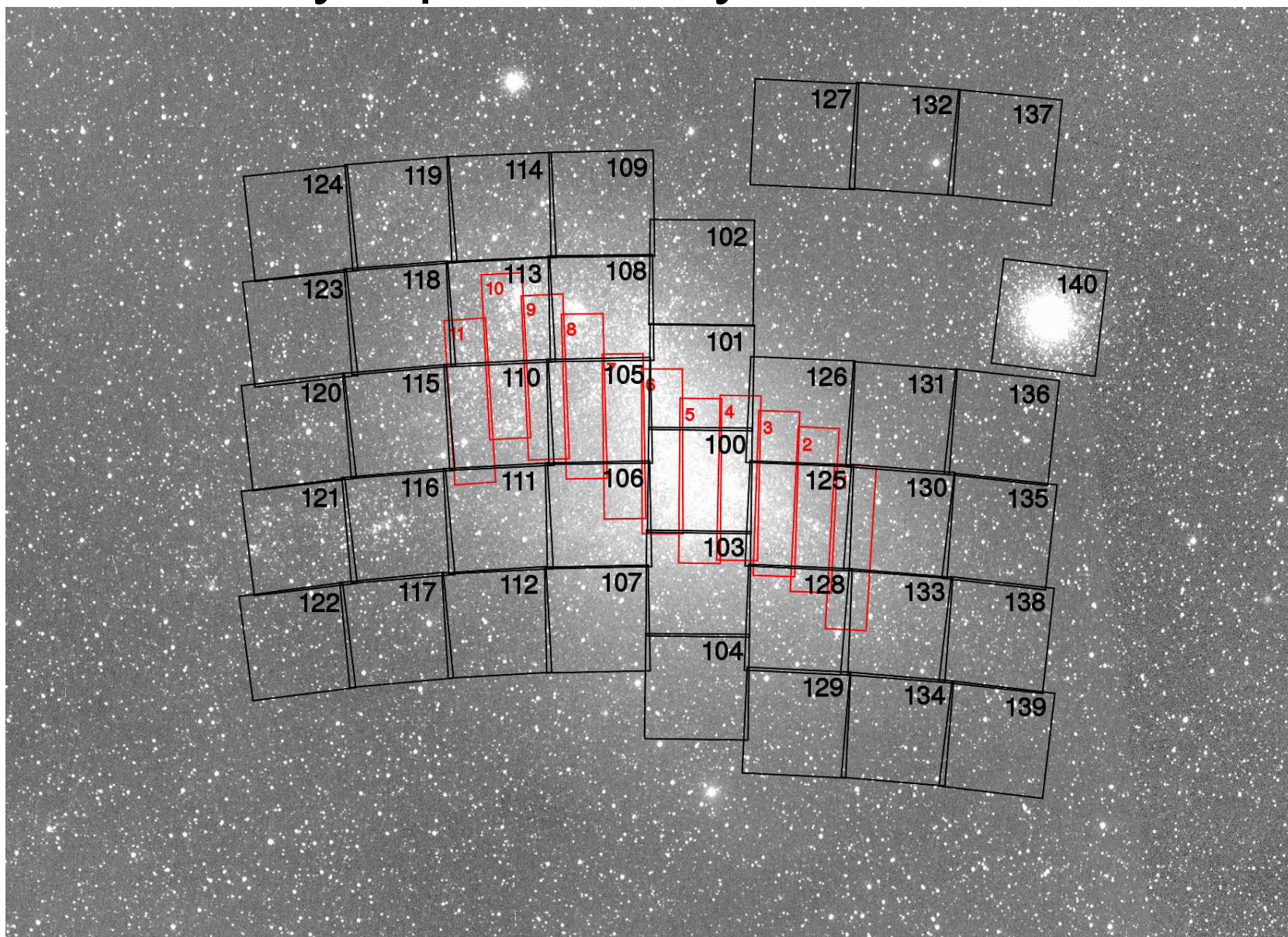
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Comparing SAGE & MACHO LMC data: Period-luminosity relations for RGB & AGB stars



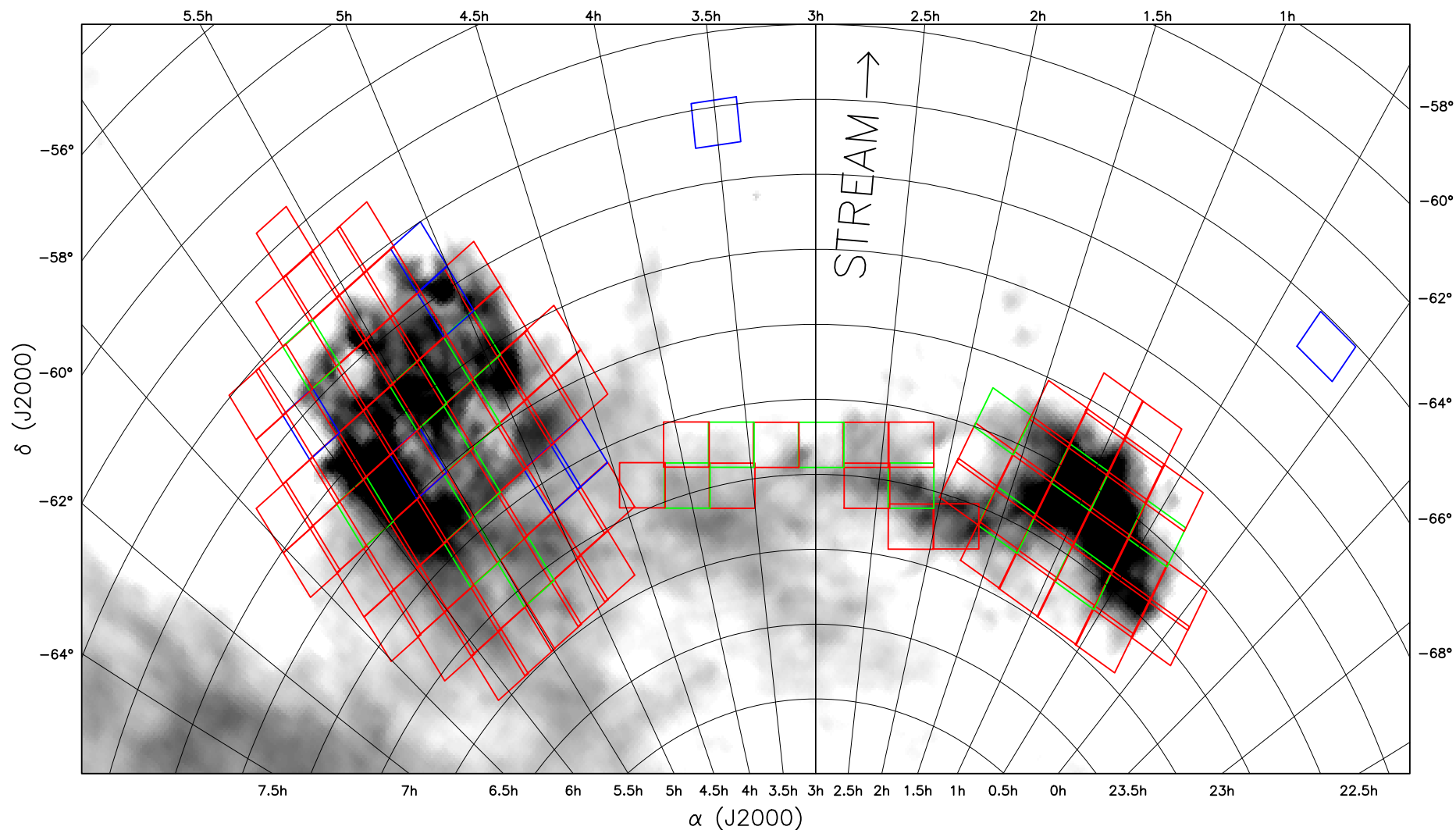
Synoptic Surveys of SMC



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VISTA Magellanic Cloud (VMC) Survey



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Cioni et al. (2011)



VISTA Magellanic Cloud (VMC)

Survey:

30 Doradus tile

-12 epochs K_s
optimized for
Cepheids

-Limiting Magnitudes:

$Y \sim 21.9$

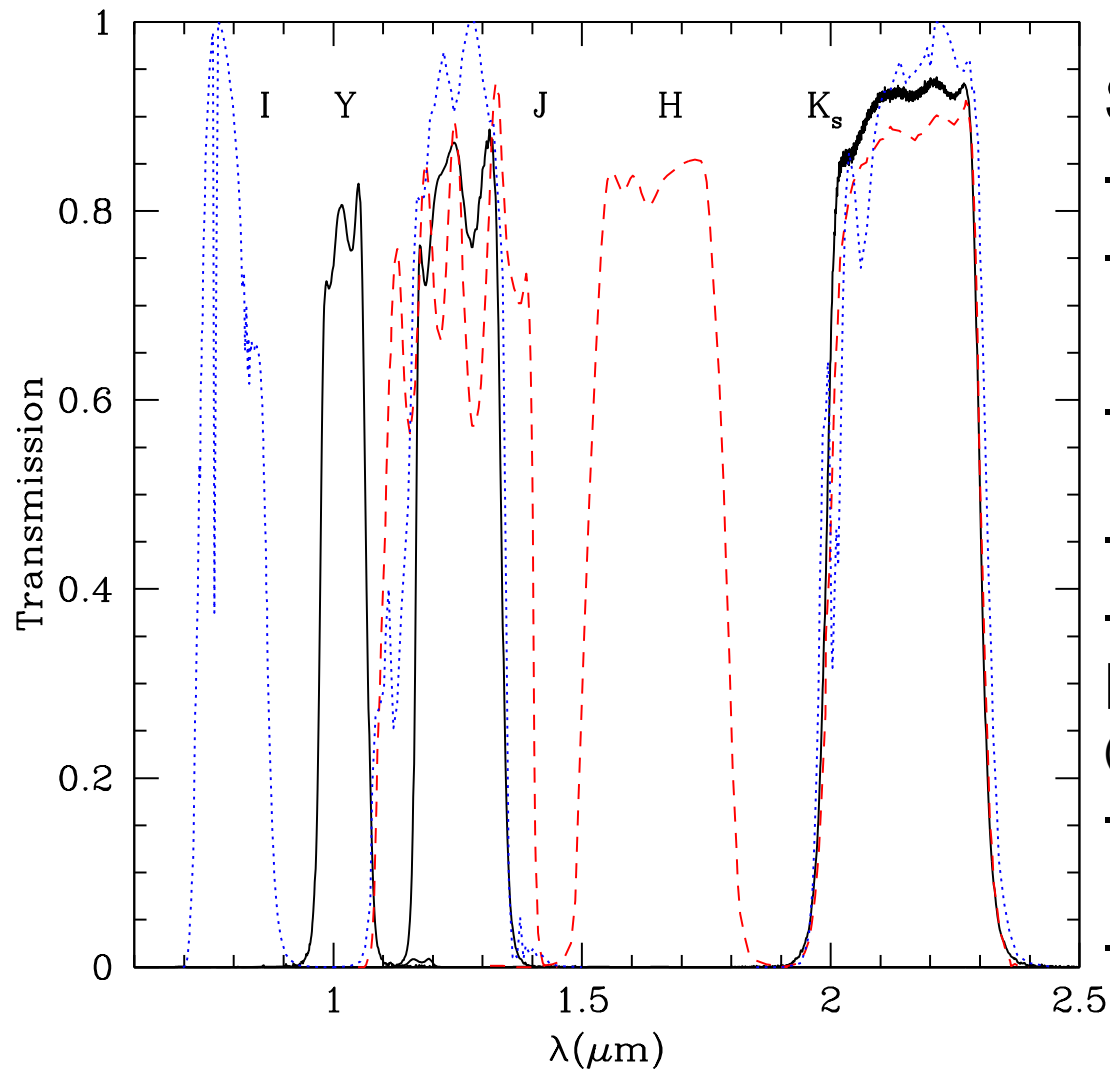
$J \sim 21.4$

$K_s \sim 20.3$

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Cioni et al. (2011)

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Science topics:

- AGB stars (Gullieuszki et al. 2011)
- star formation history
(Rubele et al. 2013)
- planetary nebulae
(Miszalski et al. 2011)
- dust reddening (Tatton et al. 2013)
- Cepheids, RR Lyrae, eclips.
Binaries -> 3-D structure
(Moretti et al. 2014)
- proper motions (Cioni et al. 2014)
See van der Marel talk
- star clusters (Piatti et al. 2014)

Magellanic Clouds with WFIRST/AFTA

- Wide field imaging: depth and precision will break new ground on
 - How big and what is the structure of the LMC and SMC halo?
 - Is there a stellar component to the Magellanic Stream?
 - Completing a census of young stellar objects including Stage III, low mass stars to probe star formation with metallicity
 - Well below main sequence turn off stellar populations
- What would it take?
 - LMC w/halo: $R \sim 23^\circ$, 1662 deg^2 , 5935 WFIRST FOV's
 - Stream: length $\sim 140^\circ$, width $\sim 10^\circ$, 1400 deg^2 , 5000 WFIRST FOV's
 - Depth for Stage III, young stellar objects $H > 25 \text{ mag.}$, this could be accumulated over a period of time

Magellanic Clouds with WFIRST/AFTA

- Widefield Imaging Techniques: Synoptic study
 - Short time periods (days to a year) for variability info:
 - Cepheids, RR Lyrae: 1-100 days
 - young stellar objects: 1-30 days +
 - asymptotic giant branch stars: 30-1000 days
 - Large time baseline for proper motions:
 - efficient means to separate out Magellanic Populations from foreground and background objects: done currently for globular clusters with HST
 - Means to study the dynamics of stellar populations in the complex system: van der Marel & Kallivayalil 2014
- Techniques: stacked, deep images
 - Discovery of new, Stage III young stellar objects, ***long wavelength extension very useful***
 - Probe of stellar populations down to and below main sequence turnoffs:
 - better determined star formation histories
 - Probe of lower mass initial mass function in clusters

Magellanic Clouds with WFIRST/AFTA

- Coronagraphy: 100 mas to 1.8 arcsec
 - probes 100-1000 AU size scales for LMC & SMC targets
 - Suited to image the detached shells of asymptotic giant branch stars, e.g TT Cyg or U Ant , star with large target list from SAGE/HERITAGE
- IFU, $R \sim 75$ over 0.6-2.0 (2.5?) microns
 - Complete SED for older stars, but largely known via photometry
 - Fast time variable phenomena: supernova explosions
- Slitless Grism spectroscopy: $R < 900$, 1.35-1.95 microns
 - Probe for [FeII] 1.644 micron line in shocked outflows of young stellar objects
 - Covers H_2 and H recombination lines, star formation region studies
 - Complex region issues: but has been tackled e.g. with Akari, Shimonishi et al. 2013, AJ, 145, 32

Large Magellanic Cloud calibration field

JWST calibration field: 5'×5' HST/ACS,
near-IR, astrometry, photometry

