

## Proper motions and parallaxes with VISTA-VVV

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# Outline

- ❑ **VVV high proper motion search and the bright star ( $K_s < 13.5$ ) PM catalogue**
- ❑ **Search for fainter ultra-cool and BDs**
- ❑ **VVV and parallax measurements**
- ❑ **Interesting individual (benchmarks) objects**
- ❑ **VVV astrometry of clusters and SFRs**
- ❑ **VVV astrometry and the Galaxy structure**
- ❑ **VVVX**

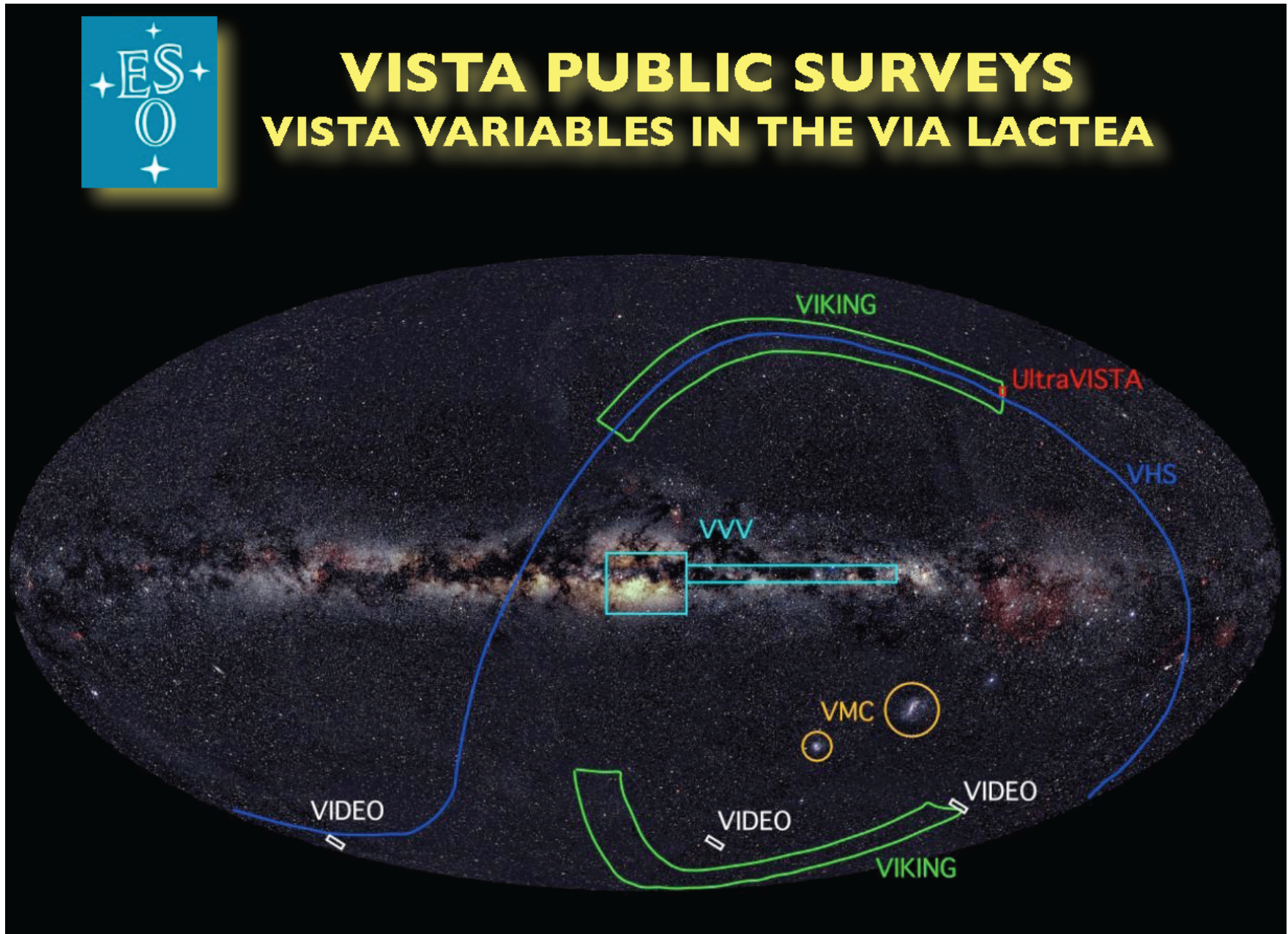
# Solar vicinity and NIR surveys. Motivation

- ❑ **Complete census of stars within the solar neighbourhood**
- ❑ **Information: stellar mass function, stellar formation, galaxy kinematics, nearby young moving groups**
- ❑ **Large optical surveys: difficulties because of the low luminosity and red colours**
- ❑ **3D IR surveys: solution of the problem**
- ❑ **Low mass stars and especially M dwarfs: host exoplanets. Rv and AO monitoring**
- ❑ **New nearby brown dwarfs and benchmark objects**

# VISTA IR Surveys and the VVV



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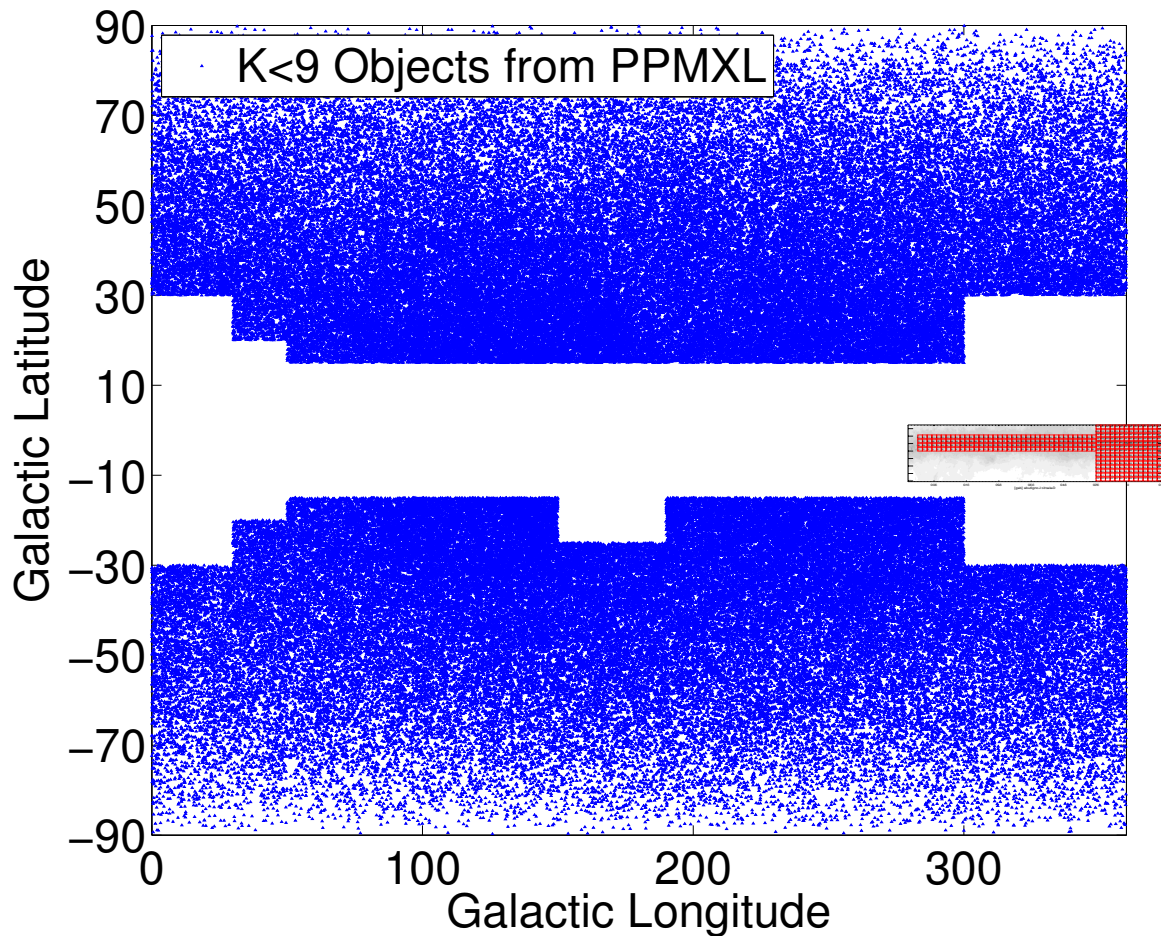


# VVV top 10 science goals

- To use RR Lyrae to obtain a 3D picture of the bulge
- To identify variables belonging to known clusters
- To search for new star clusters
- To map star forming regions along the plane
- To find eclipsing binaries and planetary transits
- To search for microlensing events
- To study rare variable sources
- To monitor the variability around the Galactic Center
- To find variable stars in the Sgr dSph galaxy
- To identify background QSOs

(Also **high proper motion objects**, **BDs**, KBOs, Light Echoes...)

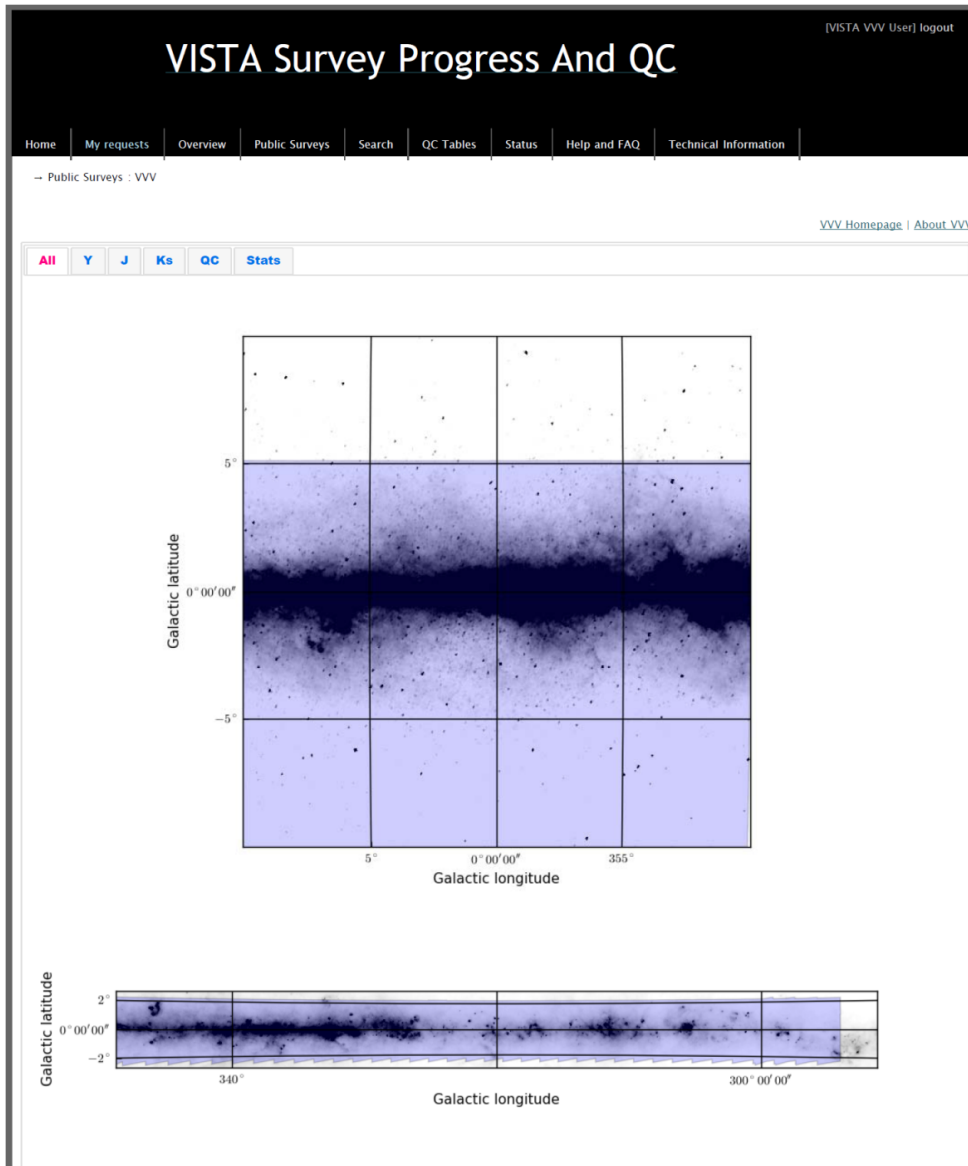
# VVV and the zone of avoidance



Frith et al. 2013, MNRAS, 435, 216  
A catalogue of bright ( $K_s < 9$ ) M-dwarfs

- The zone of the Galactic bulge and plane: largely ignored in the PM searches
- Most of the nearby stars found outside this zone
- VVV self sustained: 5 filters and many epochs in Ks
- **Disadvantage:** small portion of the sky – about 1%
- **Advantage:** most of the stars on the plane and bulge; good spatial resolution and limiting magnitudes

# VISTA data products (CASU & VSA)




<http://casu.ast.cam.ac.uk/vistasp/vvv>

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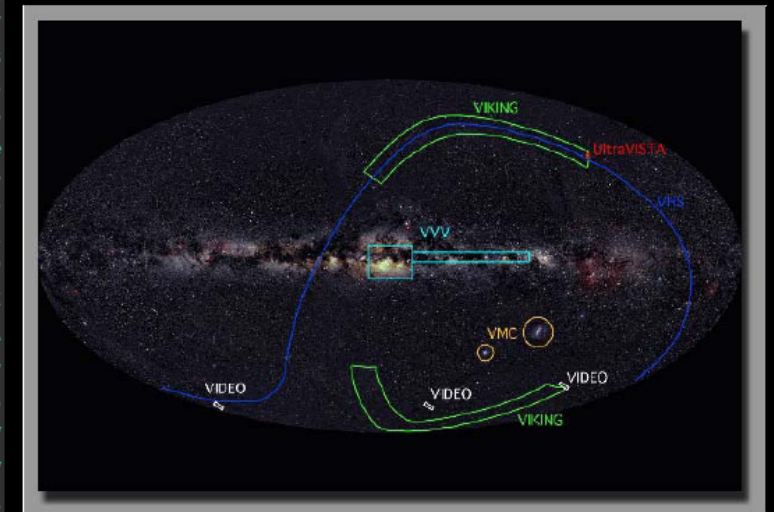


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Picture: Sky coverage of VISTA surveys, overlaid on a 2MASS image of the whole sky.

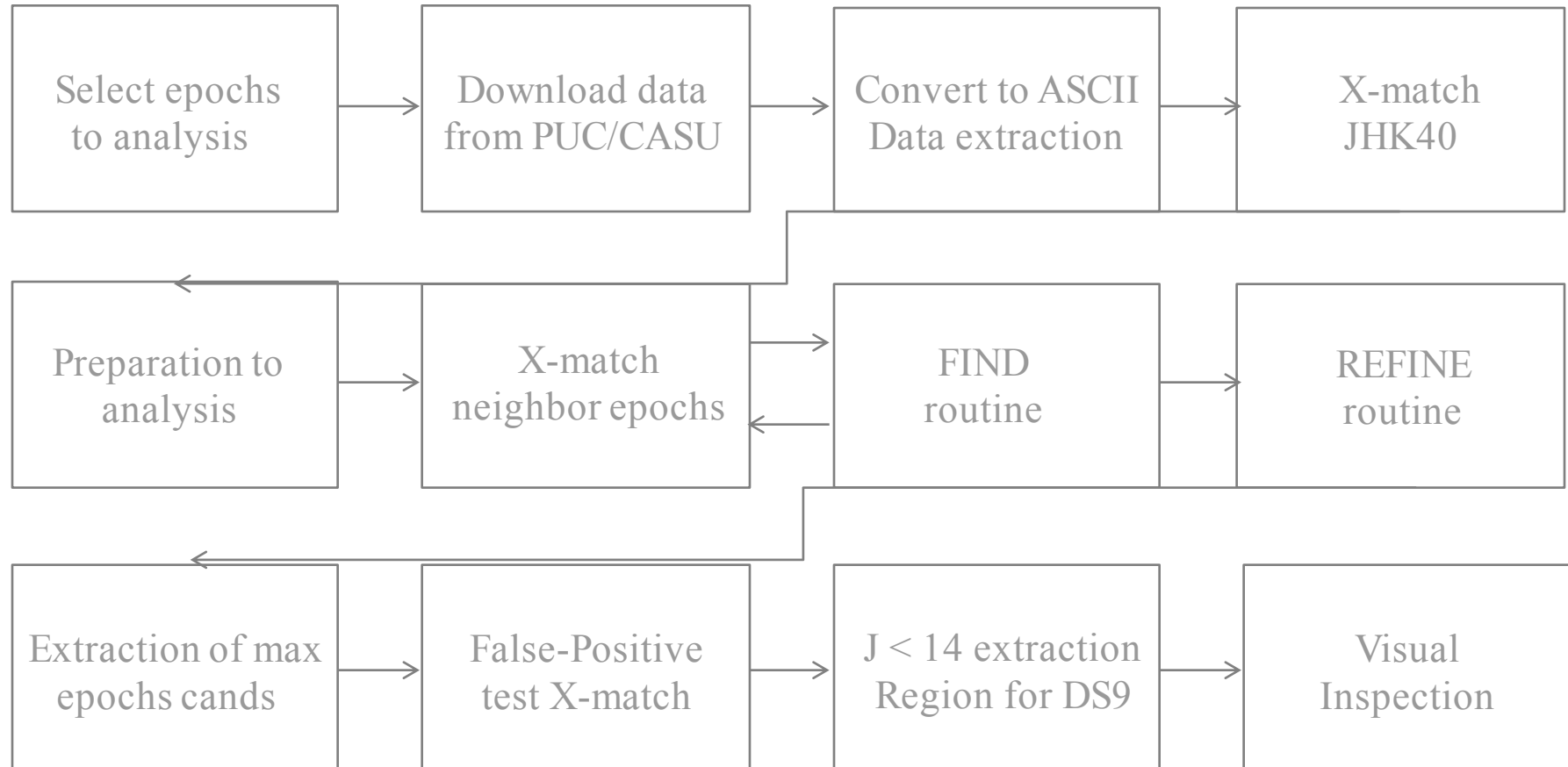
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WFAU, Institute for Astronomy,

<http://horus.roe.ac.uk/vsa/index.html>

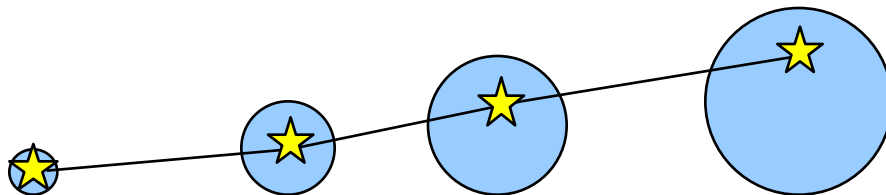
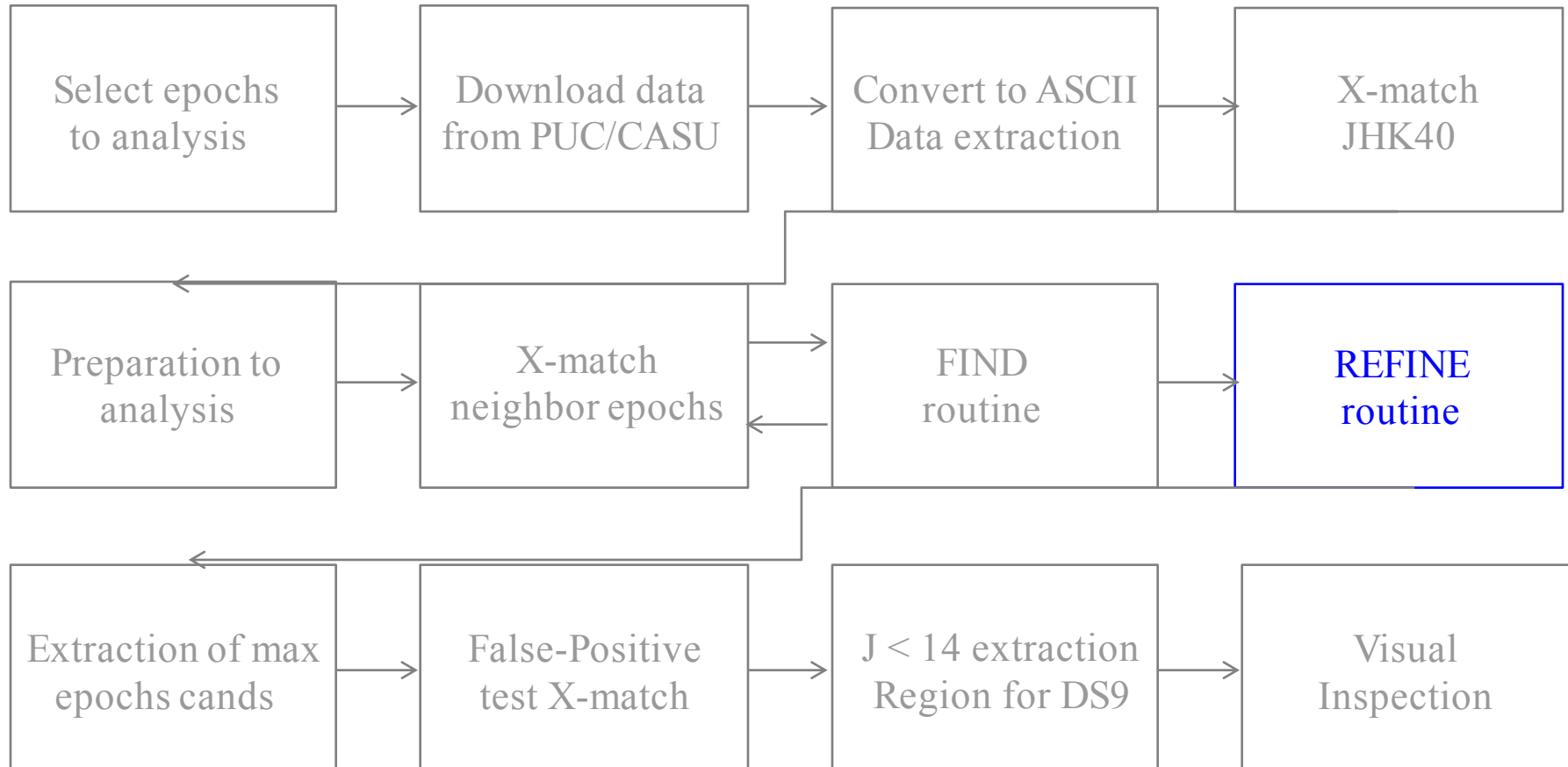
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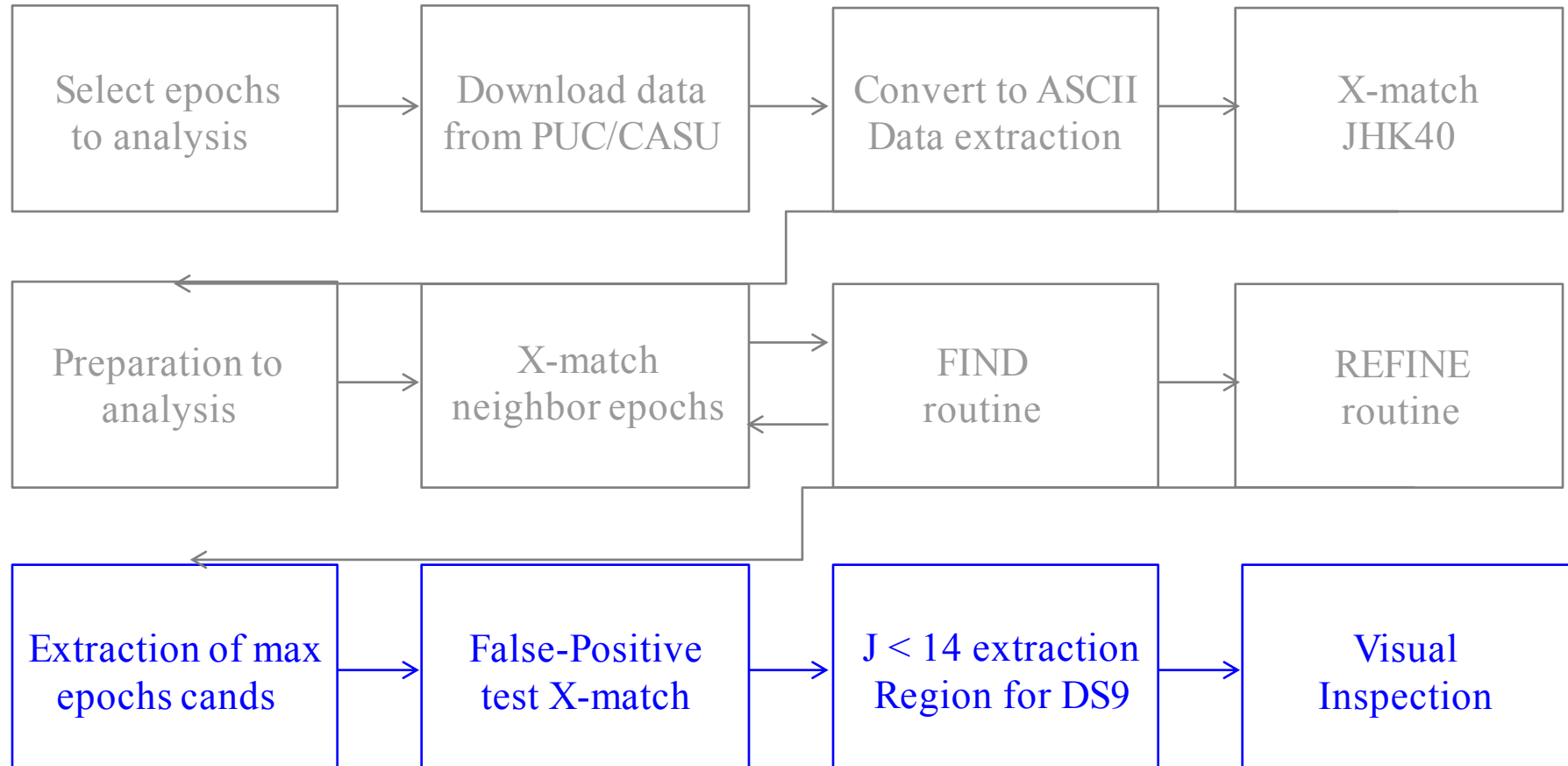
- Method developed by Stuart Folkes (only VVV for find HPM stars)
- Tools: STILTS, shell scripts, IDL routine, CASU FORTRAN procedure
- Data: CASU catalogs for various epoch in Ks



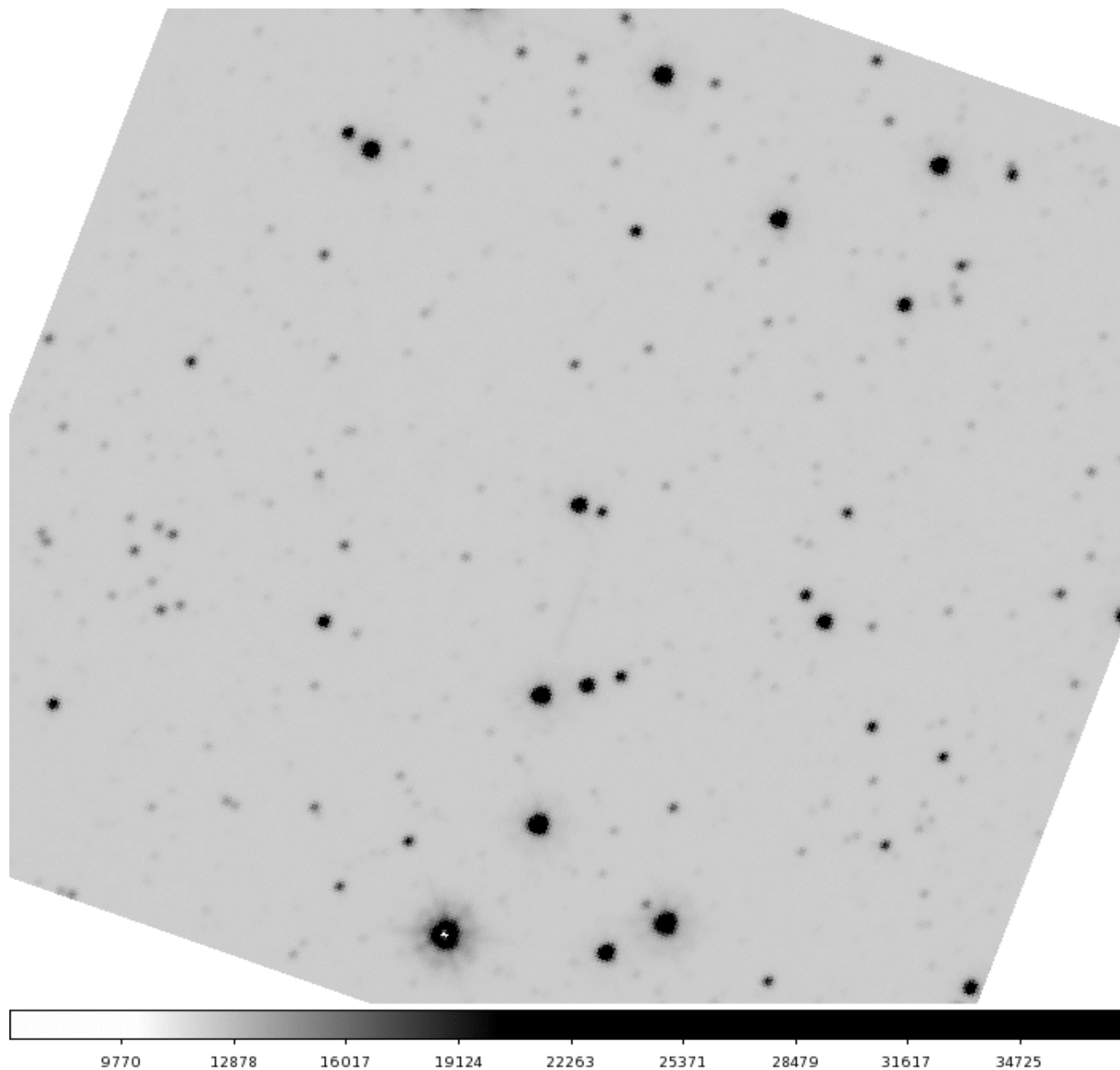
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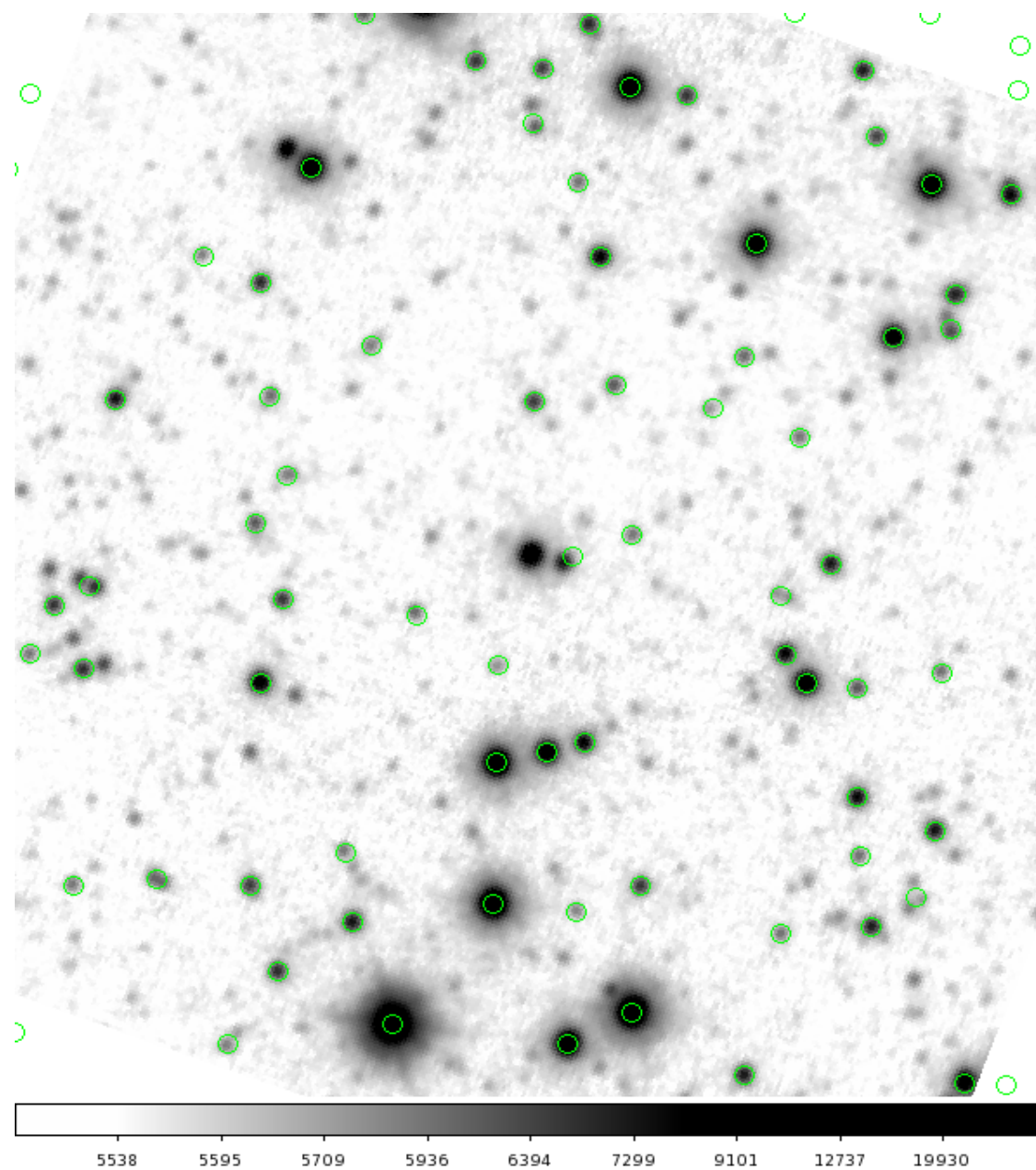
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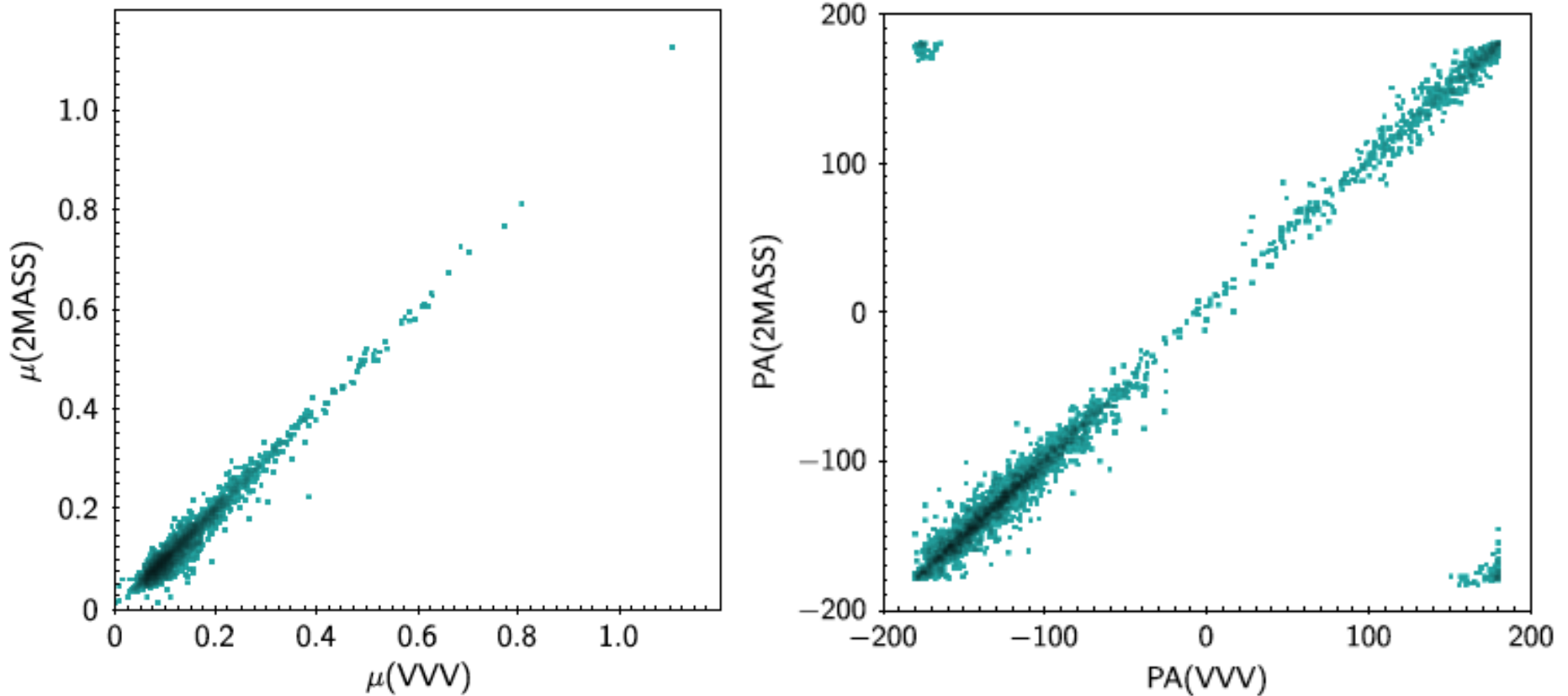
# Example detection



# Example detection I

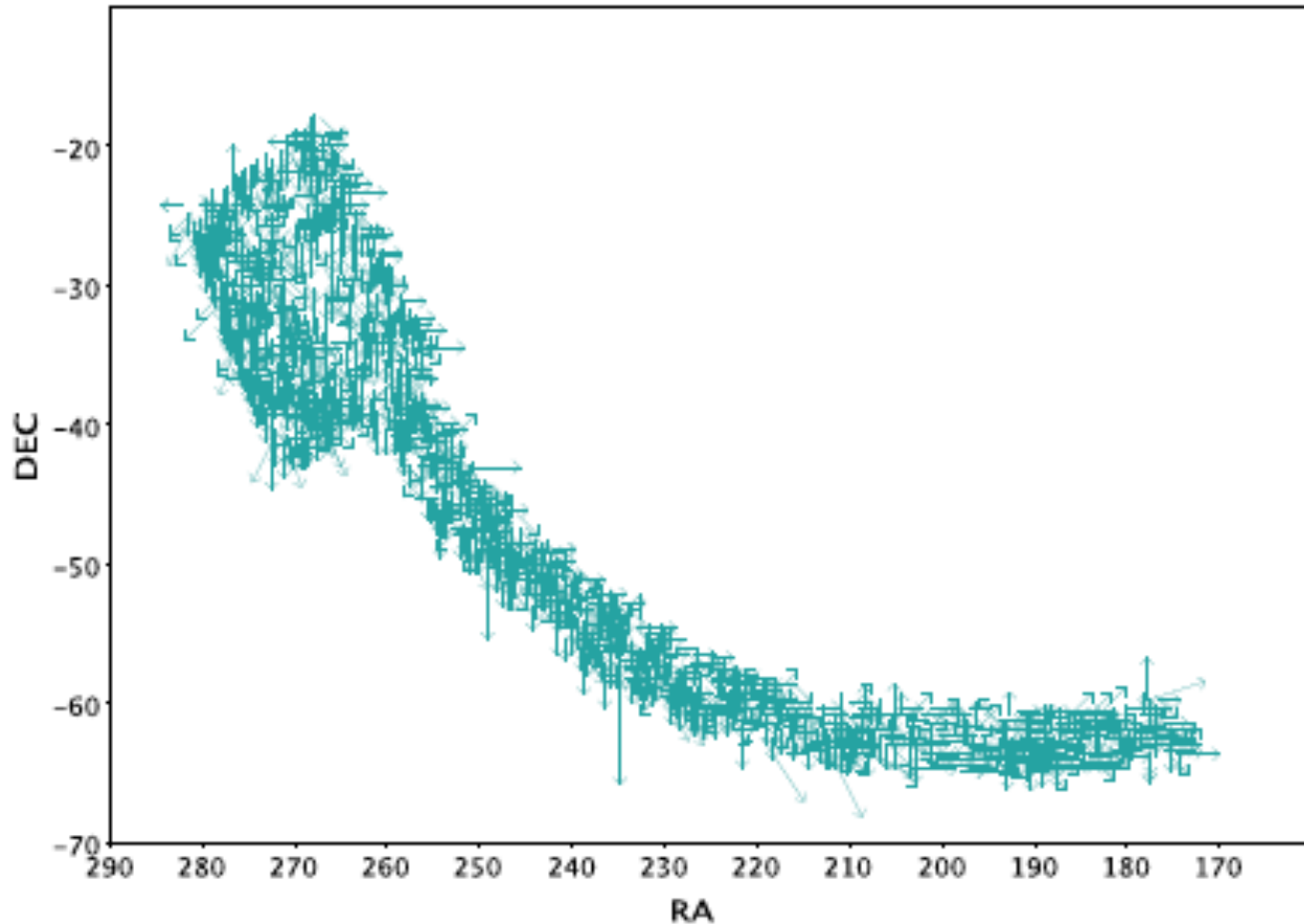


# PM: (VVV2, VVV1) vs. (VVV1, 2MASS)



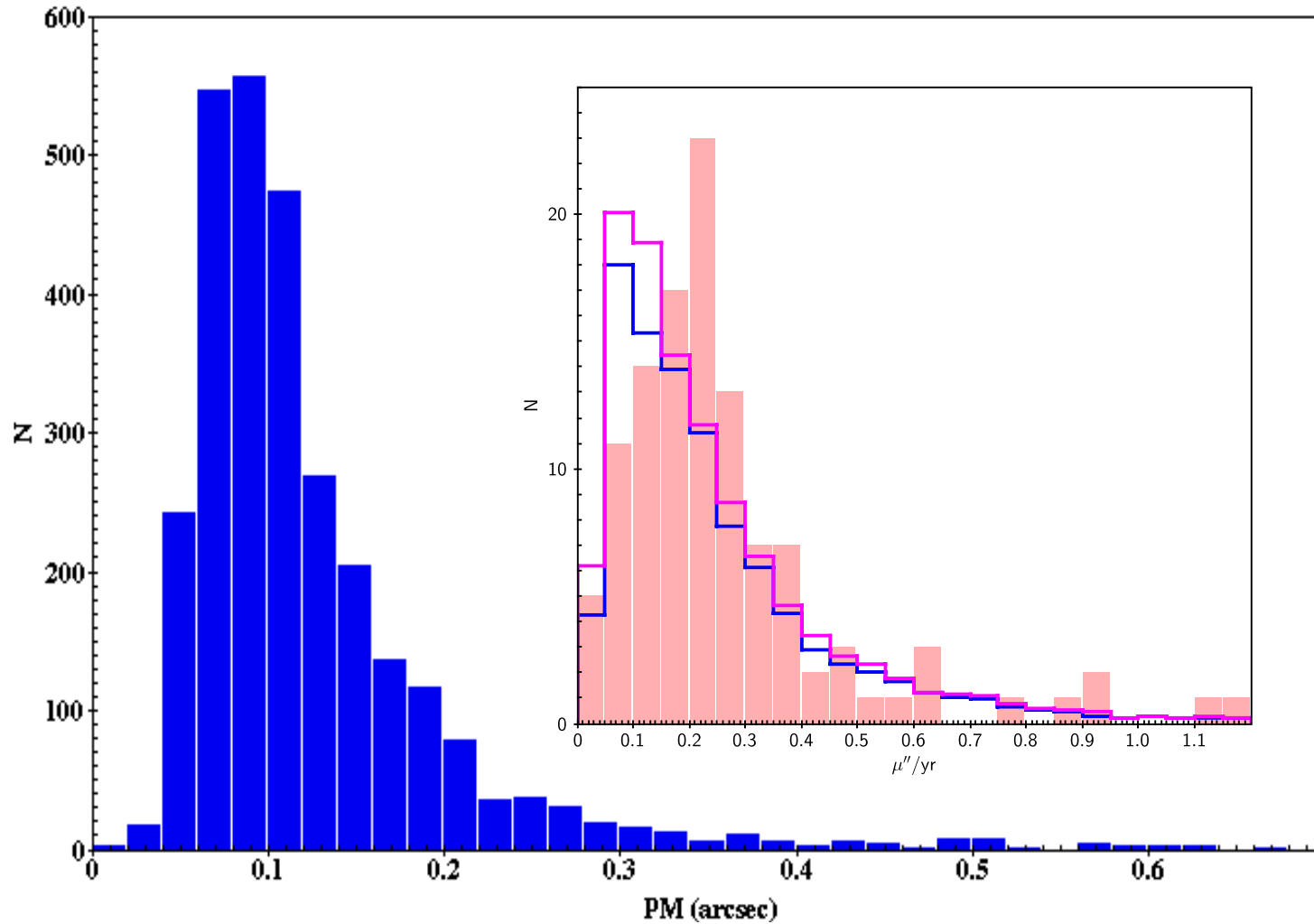
**PM obtained in 2 ways: comparing 2 VVV epochs the first and the last available ( $\sim 4$  years) and the first VVV and 2 MASS ( $> 10$  year). Good coincidence. Small number of errors.**

# PM vector distribution



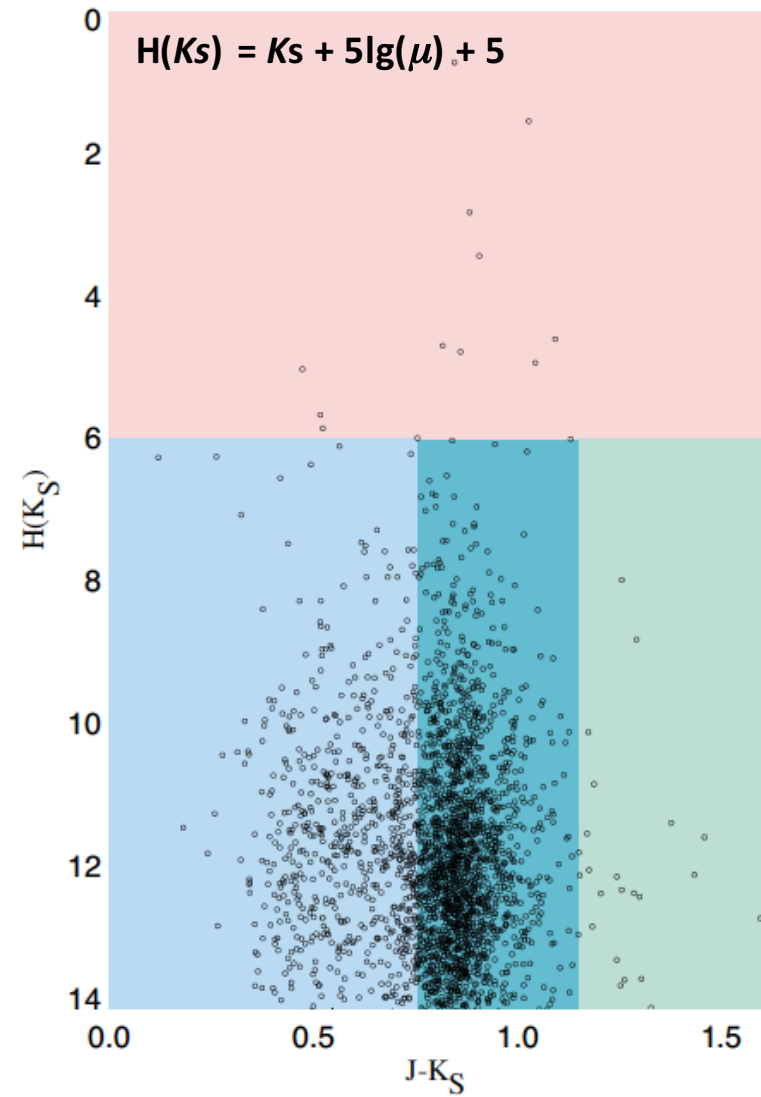
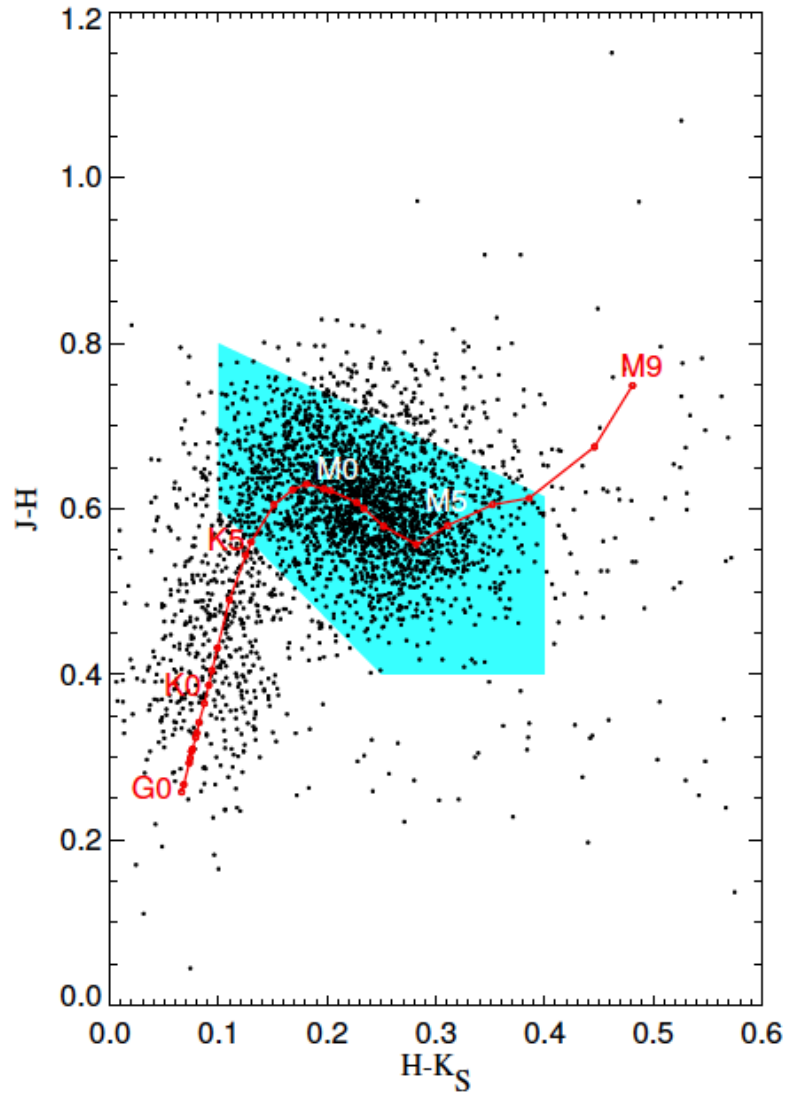
**Some incompleteness. Especially around the galactic centre.  
The majority of the stars: disk kinematics.**

# PM histogram



**Significant incompleteness below 100 mas/year. Comparison with Firth et al. (2013) and Lepine & Gaidos (2011)**

# Sample: mostly early and mid M-dwarfs (RPD)





# Summary of the VVV HPM ( $K_s < 13.5$ ) catalogue

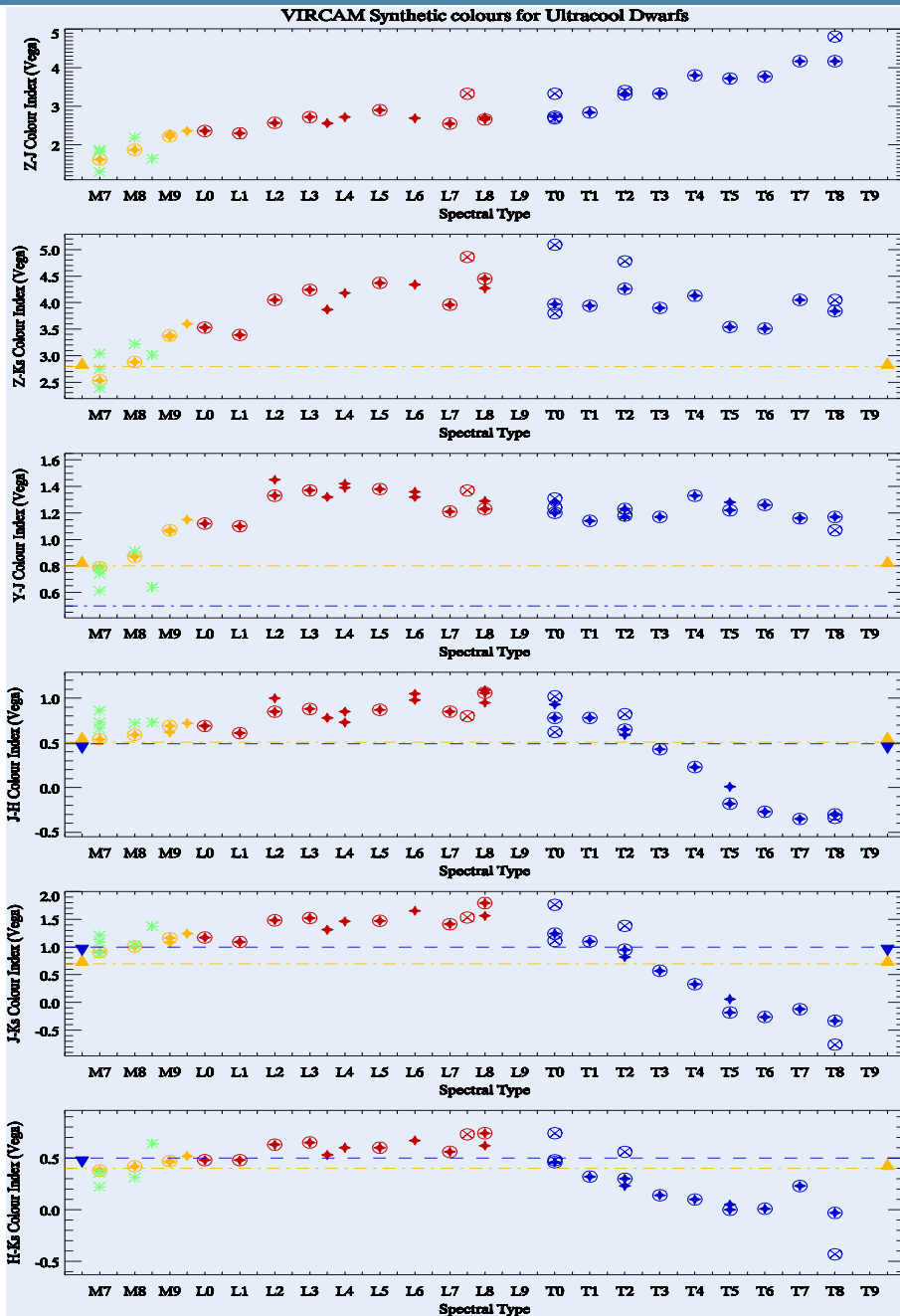
*Kurtev et al. 2015, A&A, subm.*

- The catalogue contains data for 3003 PM stars:

*RA, DEC, EPOCH, Z,Y, J, H, K, PM(RA), PM(DEC), PM, PA, [phot\_dist]*

- Lower limit  $\sim 30$  mas/yr
- Incompleteness below 100 mas/yr and in general completeness comparable with other catalogues.
- 96 stars with  $PM > 300$  mas/yr (**54 NEW**)
- 296 stars with  $PM > 200$  mas/yr (**210 NEW**)
- 57 common proper motion binaries and 1 triple system
- 3 wide and 1 close dM+WD binaries
- 1 nearby (very cool?) WD
- At least **4 new** objects in the immediate solar vicinity of 20 pc

# UCD color cuts. Search for fainter PM. VVV T-dwarfs?



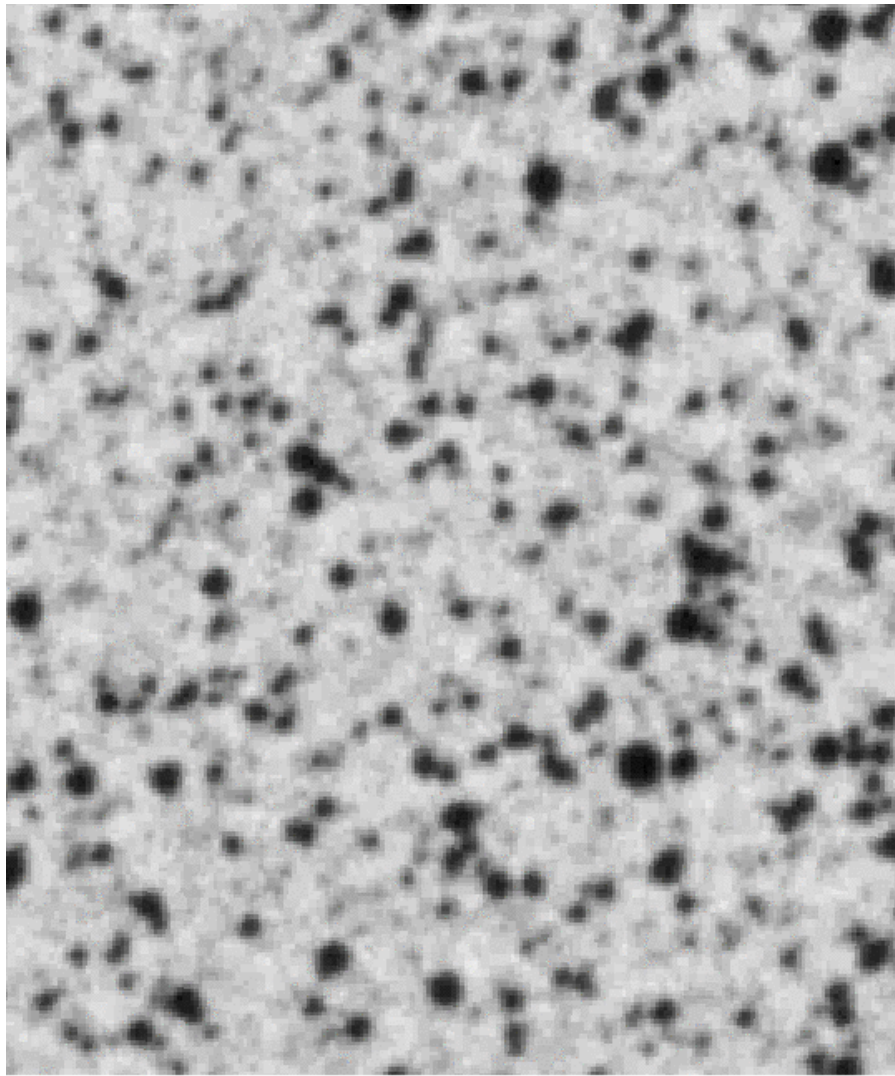
Synthetic colours of the ultra-cool dwarfs (UCD) in the VVV system based on the spectral library.

For stars fainter than 12 mag (not saturated) could apply PM + colour cuts

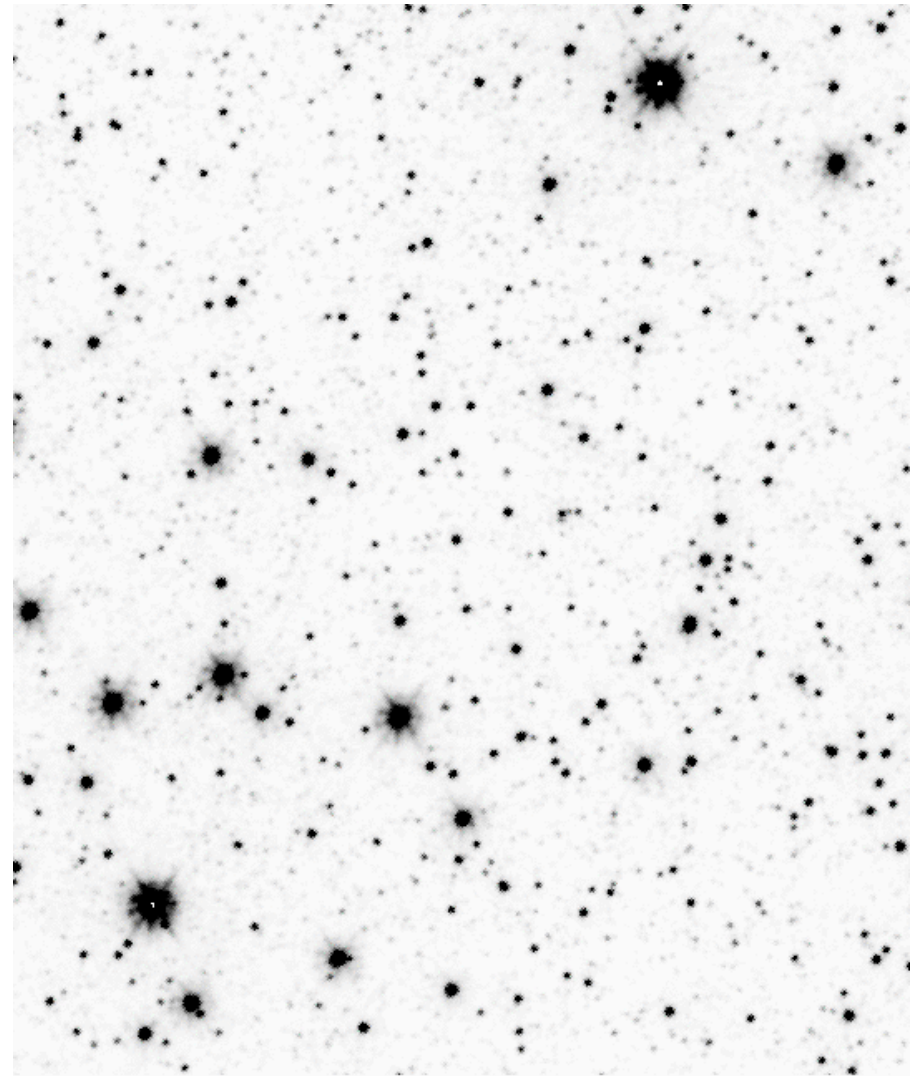
Search for UCD neighbours

Smith, L. PhD thesis UH:  
**50 very late M and L dwarf**  
candidates

# First VVV BD (Beamin et al. 2014)

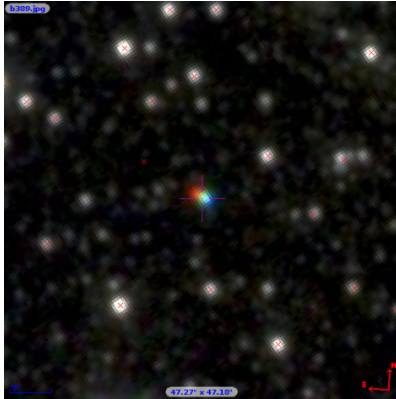


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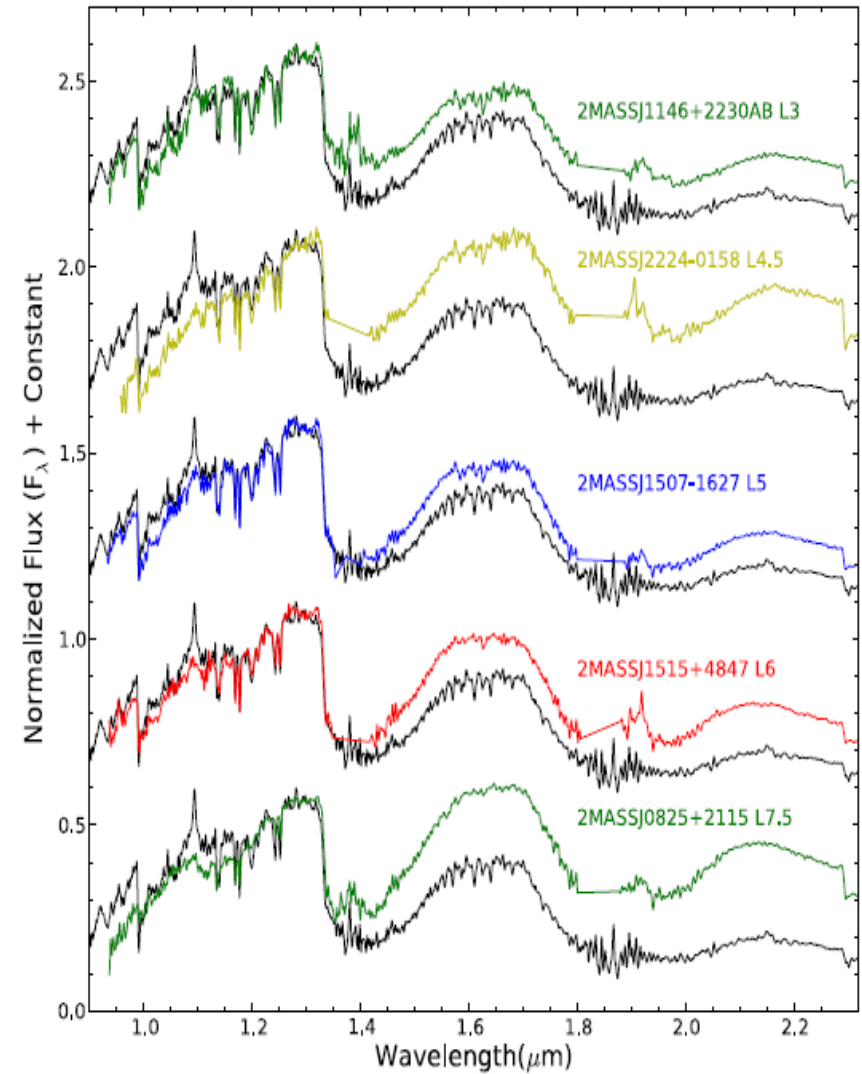
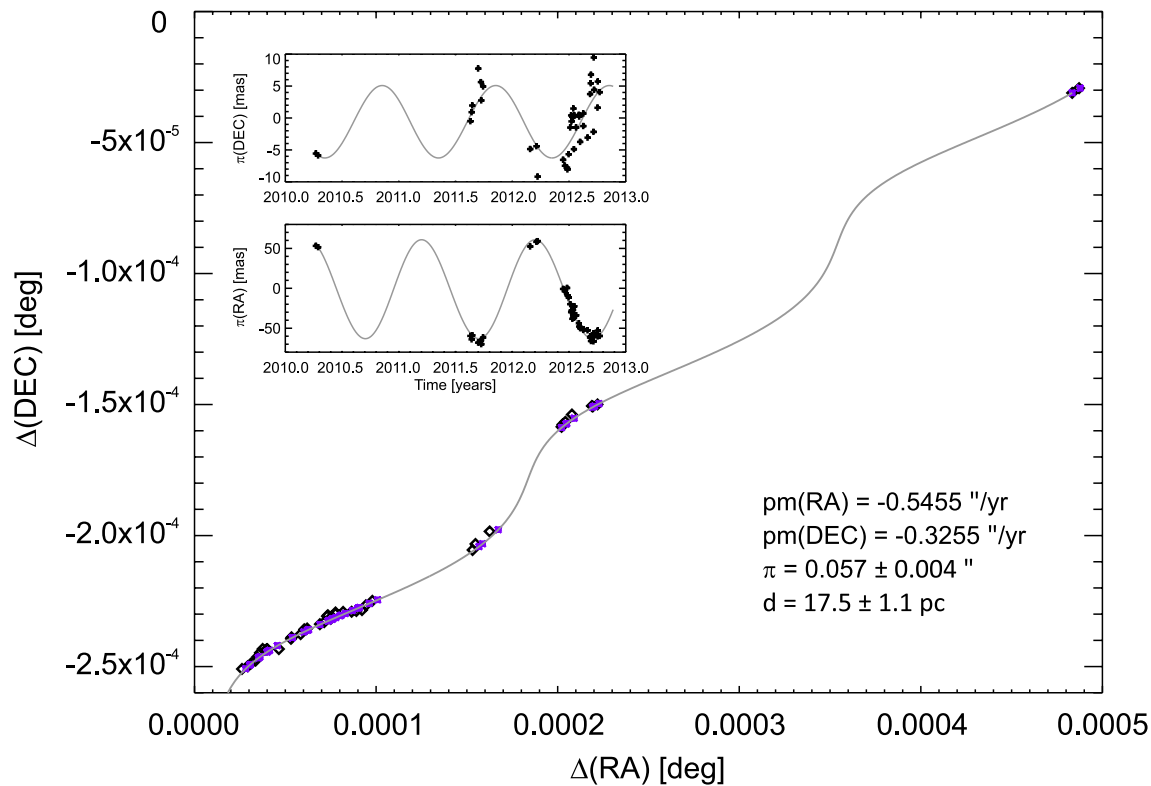


5003 5239 5477 5713 5951 6187 6423 6661 6897

# VVV parallaxes VVV-BD1



**Unusually blue L5 dwarf:**  
presence of thin and/or  
large-grained condensate  
clouds as compared to  
normal field L dwarfs



# VVV parallaxes VVV-BD1

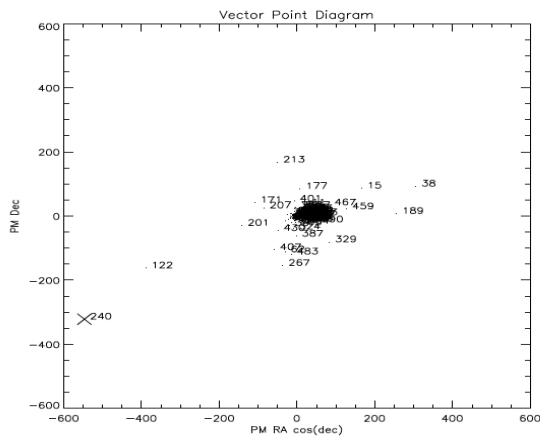
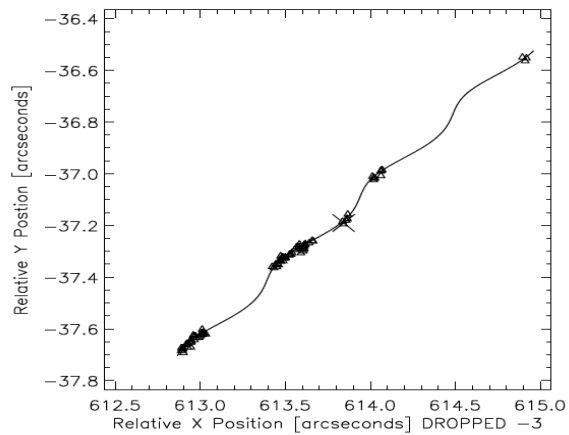
1726s27

$\alpha, \delta$ (J2000)	17:26:40.1, -27:38:03.7
Absolute parallax	$53.77 \pm 1.50$ mas
$\mu_\alpha$	$-546.35 \pm 1.10$ mas/yr
$\mu_\delta$	$-321.23 \pm 1.10$ mas/yr
Rel-Abs <sub>cor</sub> , N <sub>obs</sub> , N <sub>ref</sub>	0.15mas, 95, 278
Base Epoch, duration	2012.2218, 3.52yrs
Date Range	20100408, 20131017

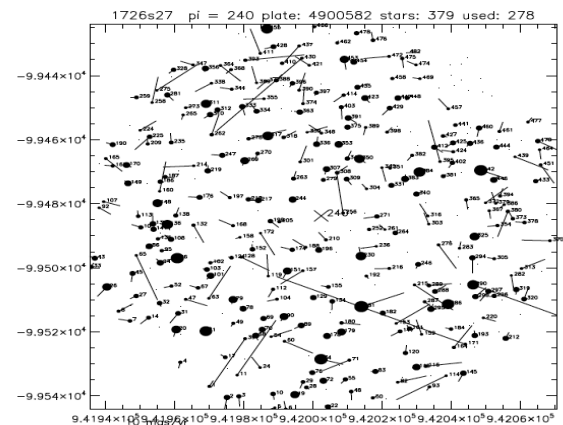
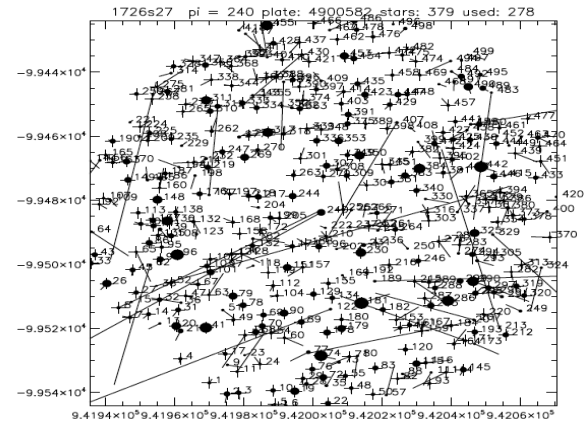
Details of solution type 4(rwf)

FRAME: Sky, BASE	9609452, 4900582
$N_{tot}, N_{filt}, N_{use}$	99, 98, 95
$N_{low}, N_{Efrm}, N_{exp}, N_{HA}, N_{Estr}$	0, 0, 0, 0, 3
Refs base, common 60%, used	498, 379, 278
$\Pi_\xi, \Pi_\eta$	53.706 1.5, 41.564 18
Parallax factor $\xi$ :	-1.00237, 0.992665
Parallax factor $\eta$ :	-0.0905559, 0.089439:

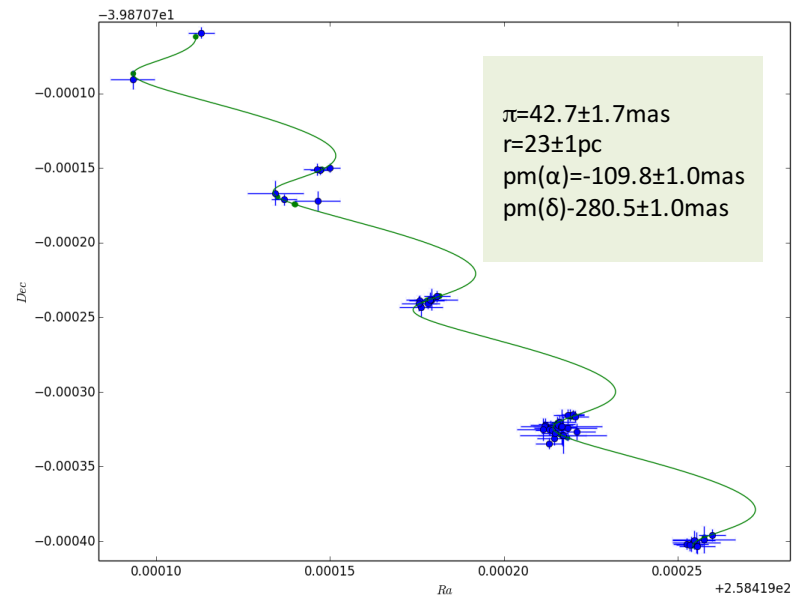
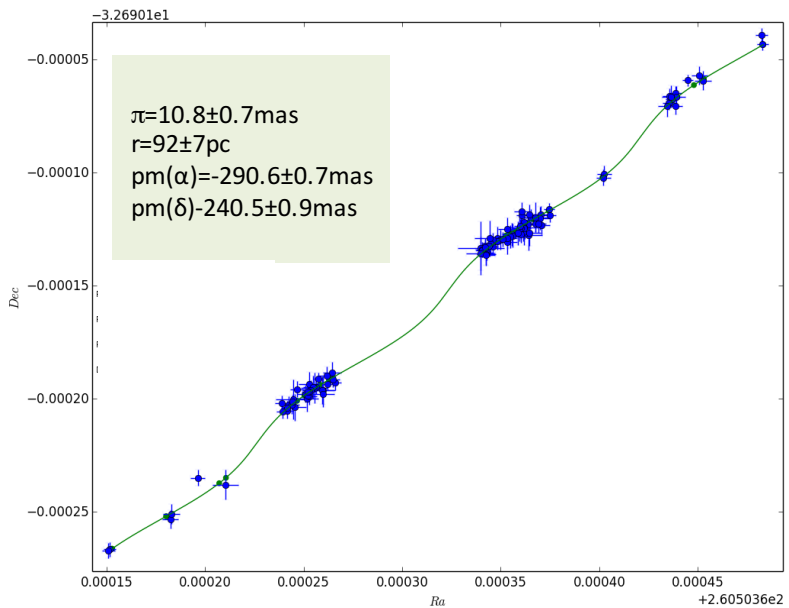
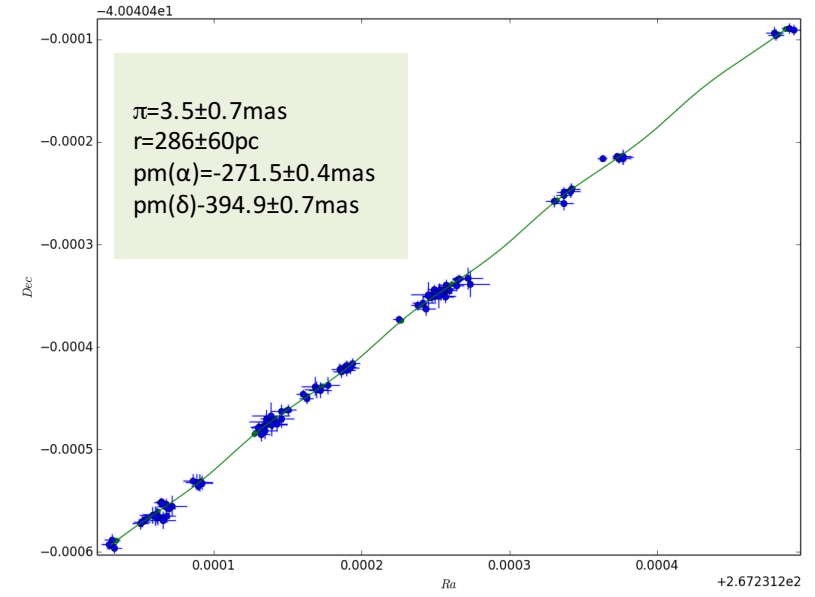
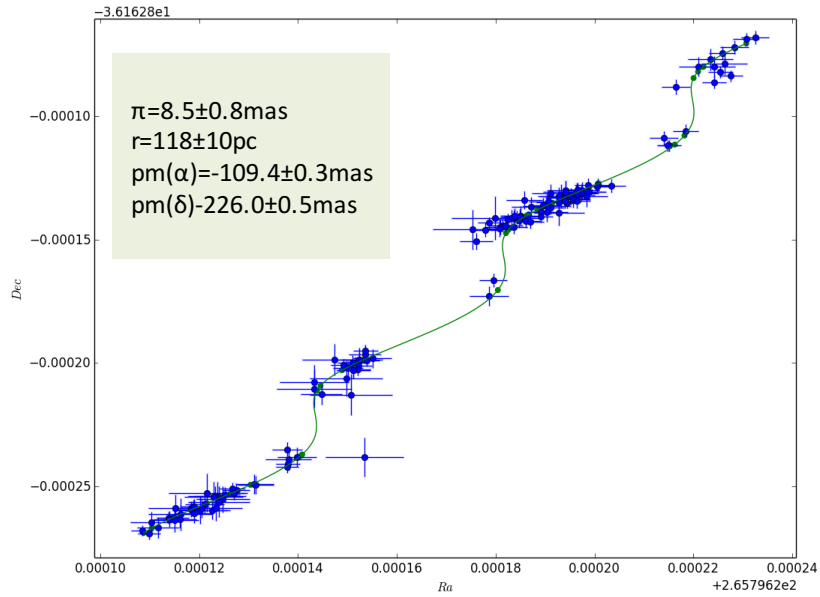
Path on sky & VPD



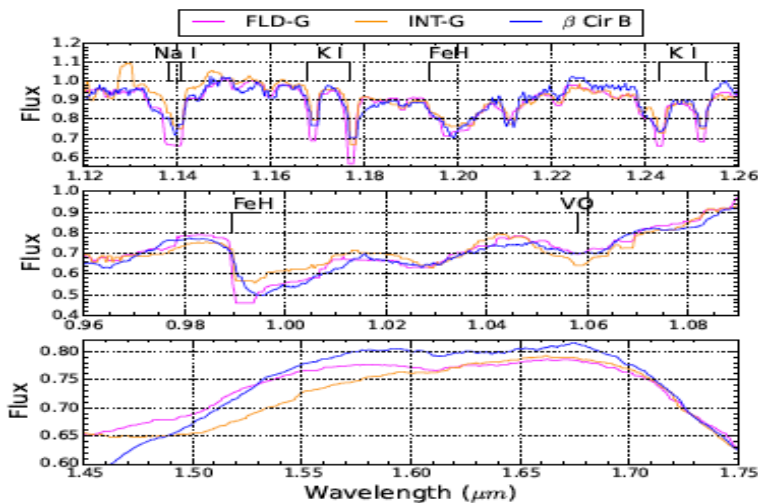
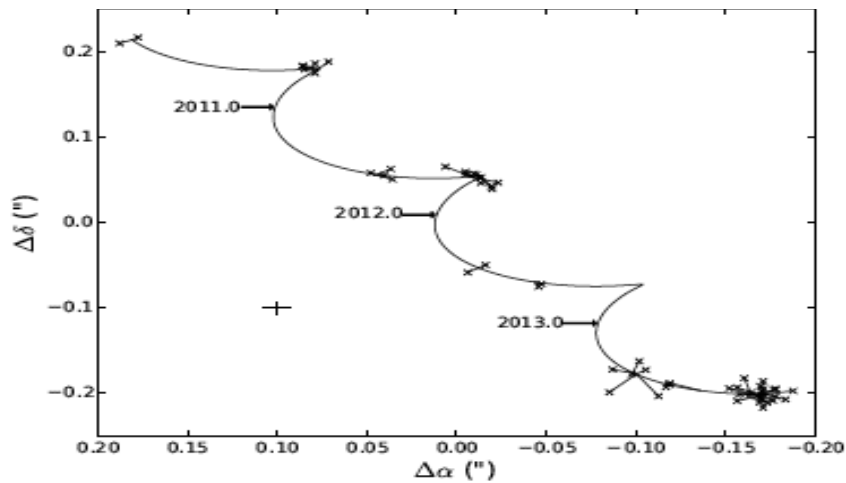
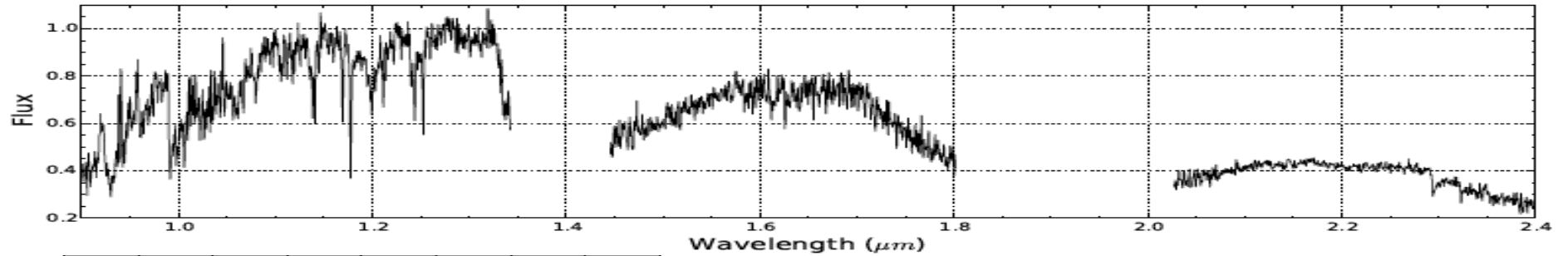
All objects and those used



# More VVV parallaxes MS thesis V. Villanueva (UV); PhD L. Smith (UH)

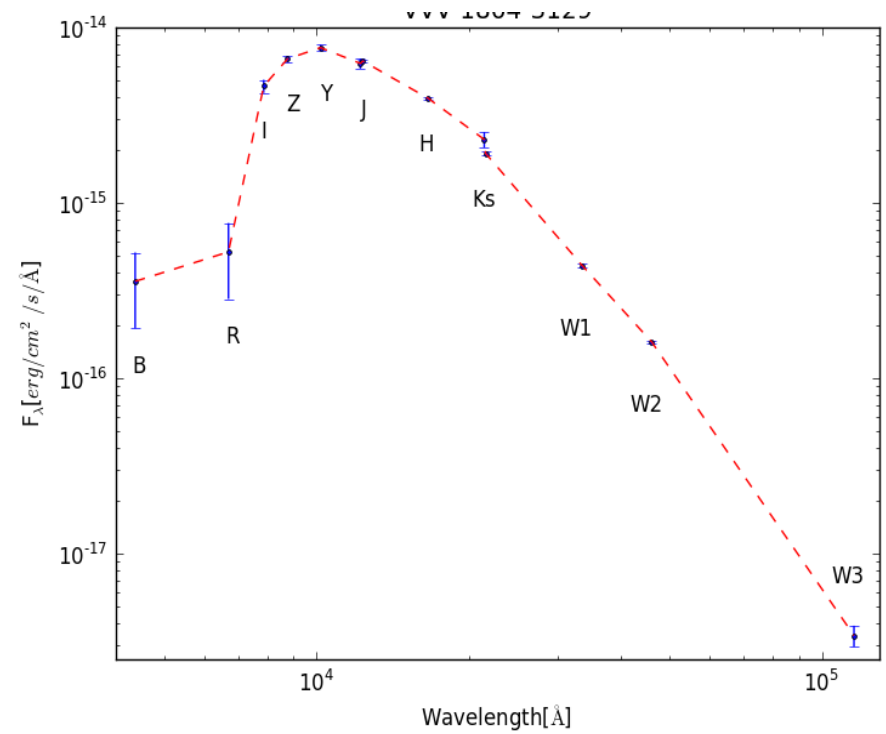
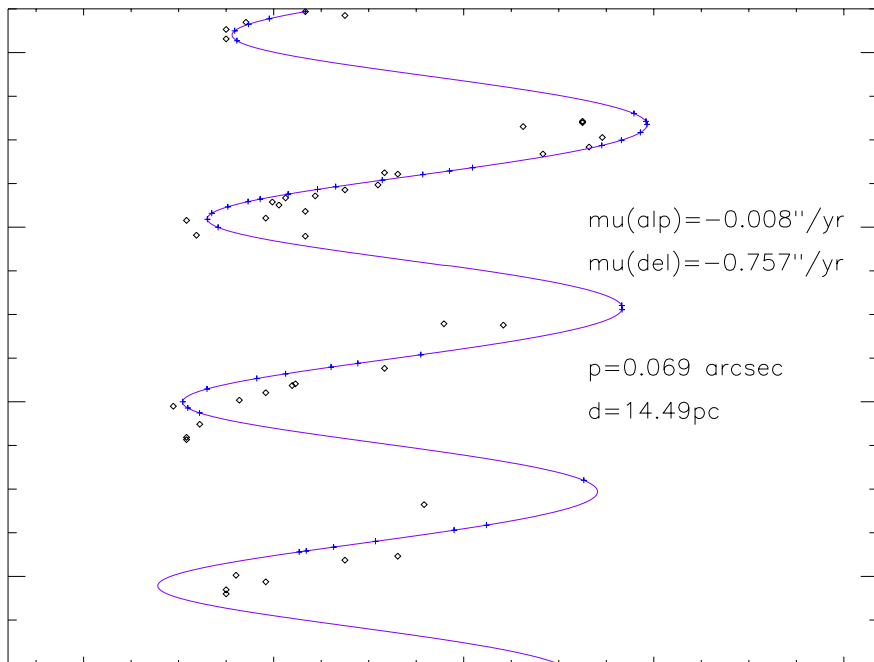


# Benchmark objects: $\beta$ Circinus B



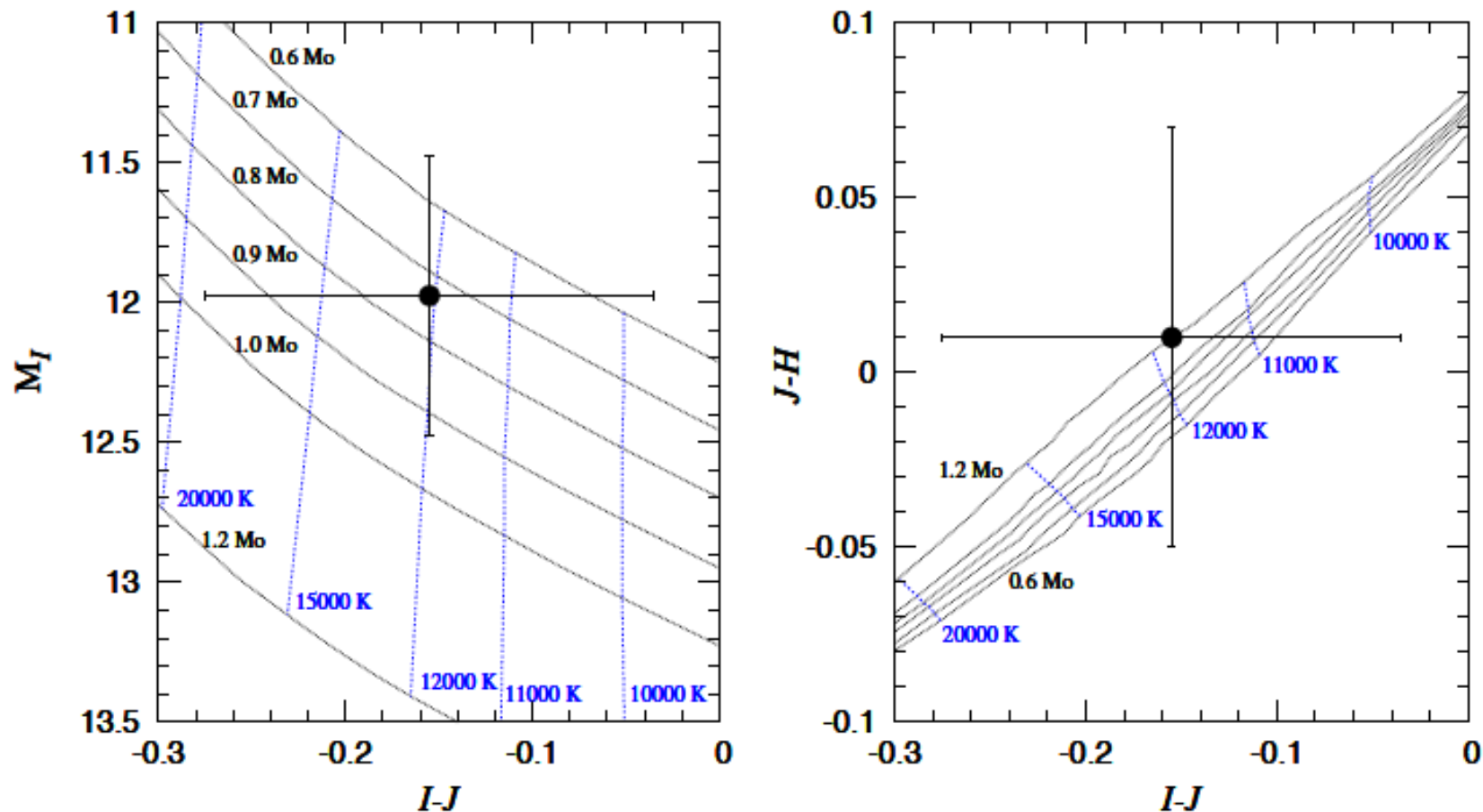
	$\beta$ Cir A	$\beta$ Cir B	
Right Ascension <sup>a</sup>	15h17m30.85s	15h17m21.60s	
Declination <sup>a</sup>	-58°48'04.34''	-58°51'30.0''	
Parallax	$32.73 \pm 0.19^b$	$33.6 \pm 1.6$	mas
$\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$	$-97.4 \pm 0.28^b$	$-96.7 \pm 2.5^c$	mas yr <sup>-1</sup>
$\mu_\delta$	$-134.15 \pm 0.22^b$	$-133.1 \pm 2.6^c$	mas yr <sup>-1</sup>
Radial Velocity	$9.6 \pm 2.0^d$	$9.76 \pm 0.71$	km s <sup>-1</sup>
Spectral Type	A3V <sup>e</sup>	L1.0±0.5	
2MASS J	$3.93 \pm 0.25$	$14.54 \pm 0.06$	mag
2MASS H	$3.81 \pm 0.24$	$13.68 \pm 0.04$	mag
2MASS Ks	$3.88 \pm 0.18$	$13.21 \pm 0.04$	mag
VVV Z <sup>1</sup>		$16.7 \pm 0.1$	mag
VVV Y <sup>1</sup>		$15.6 \pm 0.1$	mag
VVV J		$14.41 \pm 0.02$	mag
VVV H		$13.70 \pm 0.02$	mag
VVV Ks		$13.16 \pm 0.02$	mag
T <sub>eff</sub>	$8676 \pm 33$	$2084 \pm 150^f$	K
log g	$4.21^g$	$5.15 \pm 0.04^h$	dex
Age		370 to 500	Myr
Mass	$1.96^{+0.03}_{-0.01}$	$0.056 \pm 0.007^h$	M <sub>⊙</sub>
Angular Separation <sup>a</sup>		217.8	''
Projected Separation <sup>a</sup>		6656	au

# Benchmark objects: WD+RD close binary





# Benchmark objects: VVV J141420.55-602337.1 (M2.5) and VVV J141421.23-602326.1 (ZZCet) co-moving pair



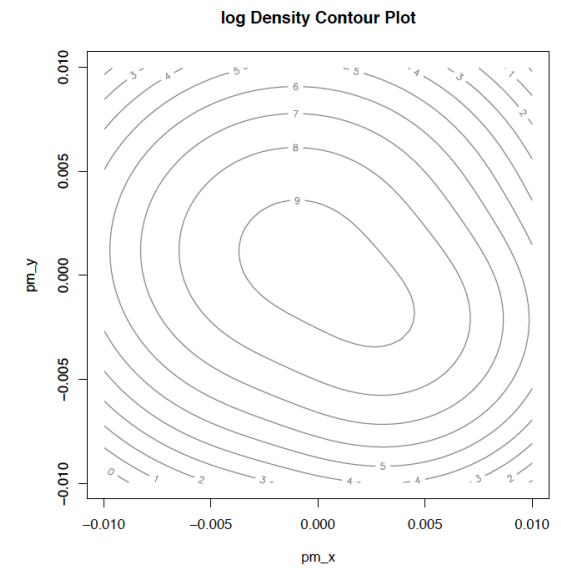
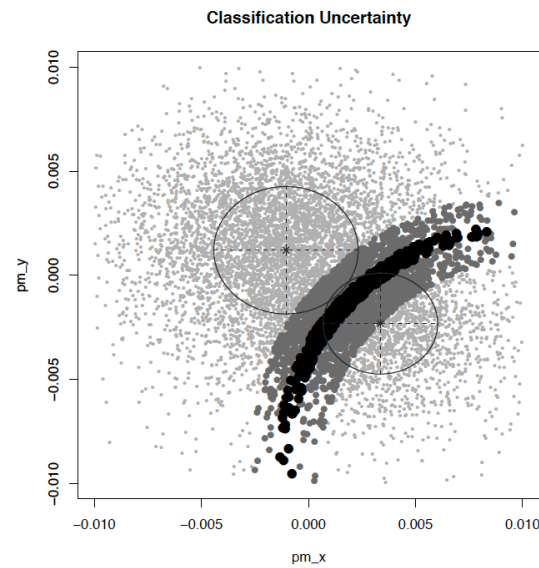
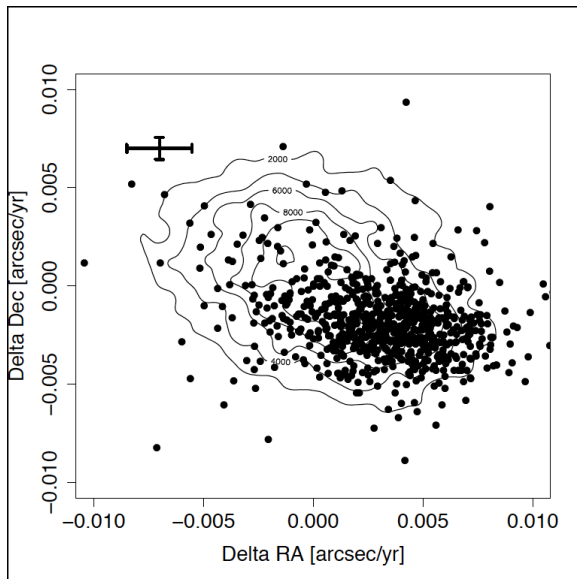
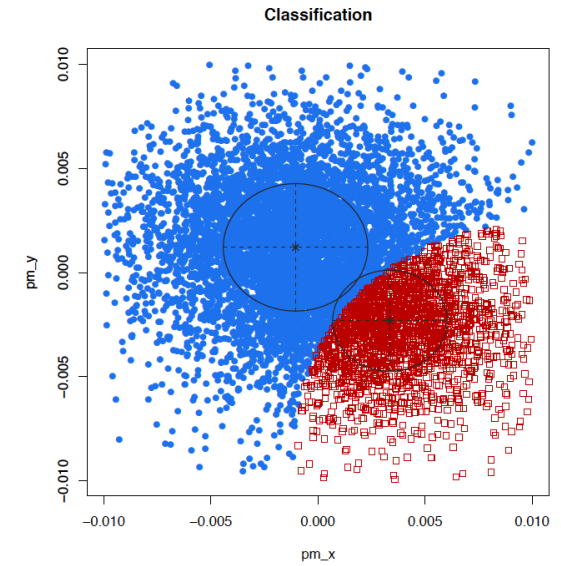
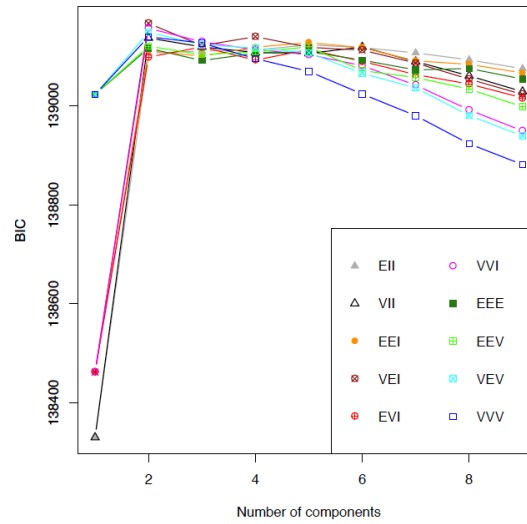
Distance 84pc. Temperature  $T_{\text{eff}} \sim 12\,000\text{K}$ ; relatively high mass of  $\sim 1M_{\odot}$ ; parameters place it in the ZZ Ceti instability strip. Typically, the ZZ Ceti pulsators have  $\log g = 8.2$ , what correspond to mass  $0.6 M_{\odot}$  **VVV J141421.23-602326.1 could be unusually massive for this class of variables.**

## Near future: HPM with VVV

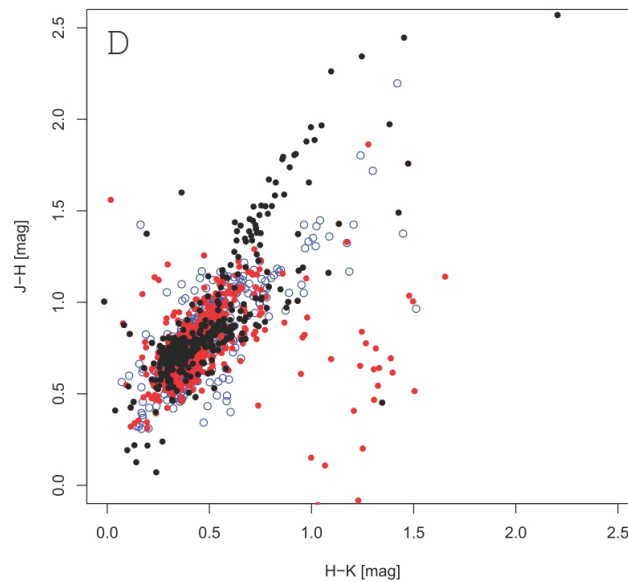
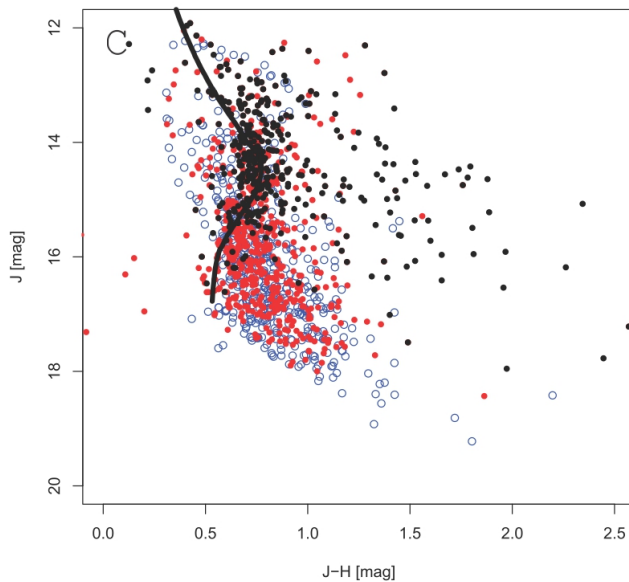
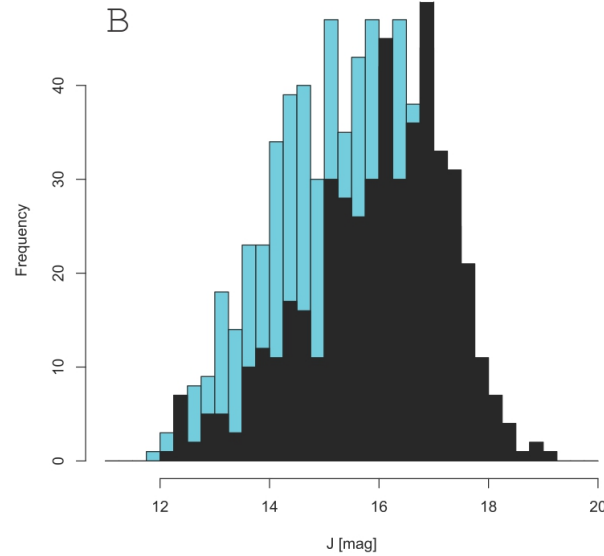
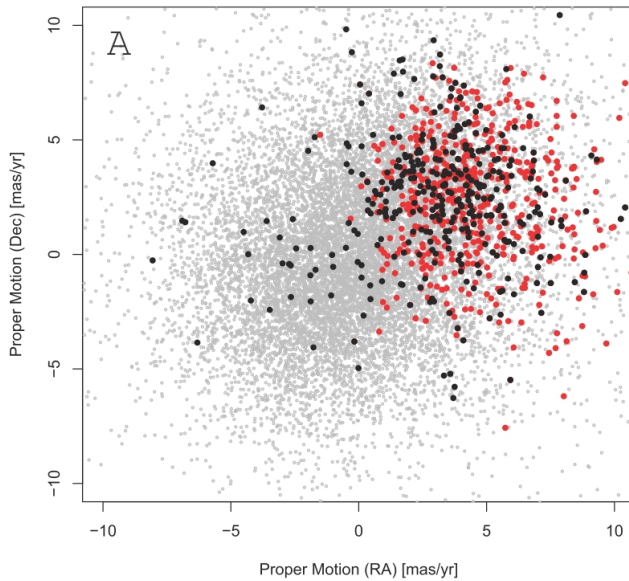
- ❑ To continue with the fainter sample ( $K_s > 13.5$  mag)
- ❑ To apply colour cuts
- ❑ Cross identification with VPHAS+
  - Correct photometrical distances ( $g', r', Z, Y, J, H, K_s$ )
  - SEDs
  - Excess objects with IR excess ( $H\alpha$ )
- ❑ Cross correlation with WISE, GLIMPSE, etc.

# VVV PM farther away. Lagoon Nebula SFR.

Kuhn et al. 2015



# VVV PM farther away. Lagoon Nebula SFR.



A) Gray symbols: proper motions for the full catalog. Red and black circles show candidates and known members (from Chandra MYStIX)

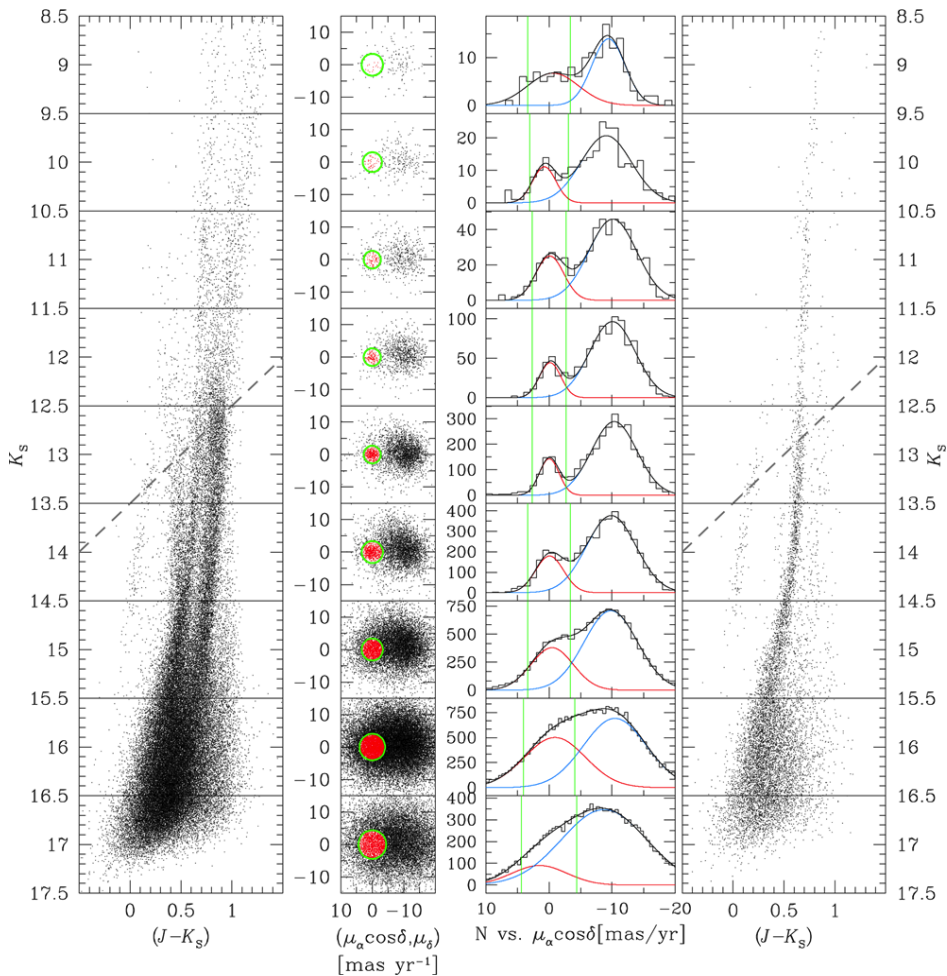
A) The histogram of J-band magnitudes: on-target sample (cyan); off-target sample (black). The JLF of the cluster: subtracting one from the other. Selection based on colors, not magnitudes, so this JLF is not strongly biased by selection effects.

A) The CMD. False positives from the off-target sample – blue circles. Candidate members from the on-target sample – red circles. Known members are shown as black circles. The black curve is a 2 Myr isochr.

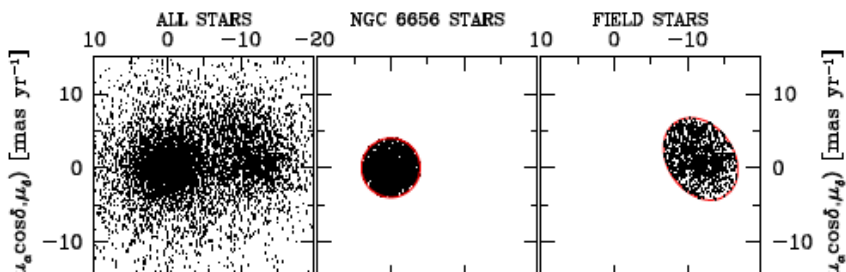
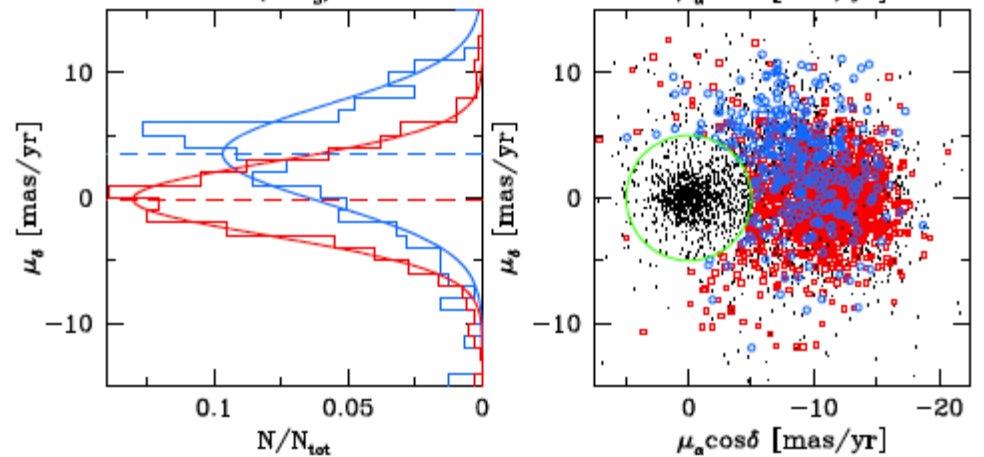
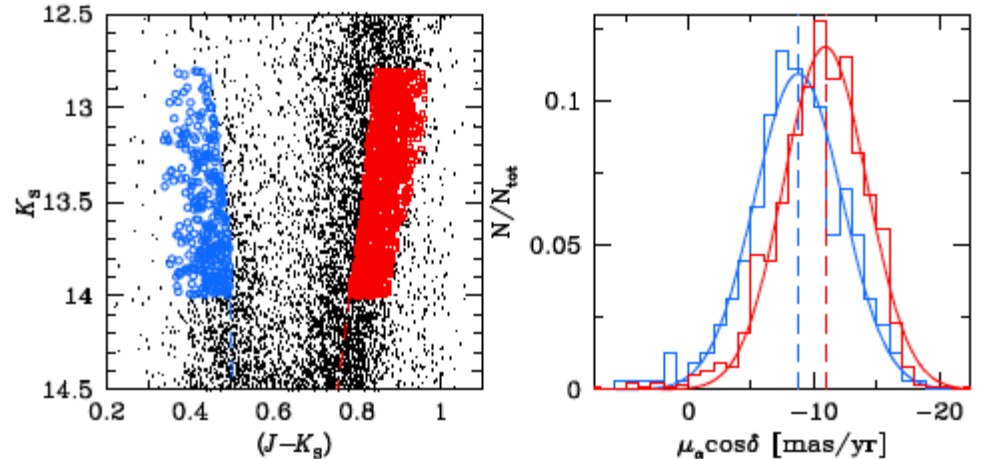
A) CCD. Point colours are the same as for C.

# High precision astrometry with the VVV (NGC6656)

Libralato et al. 2014, MNRAS, 450, 1664



Average PM Bulge - Disc  
 $(\Delta\mu_\alpha \cos\delta, \Delta\mu_\delta) = (-2.13 \pm 0.22, -3.58 \pm 0.24) \text{ mas yr}^{-1} \rightarrow (4.18 \pm 0.32) \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$



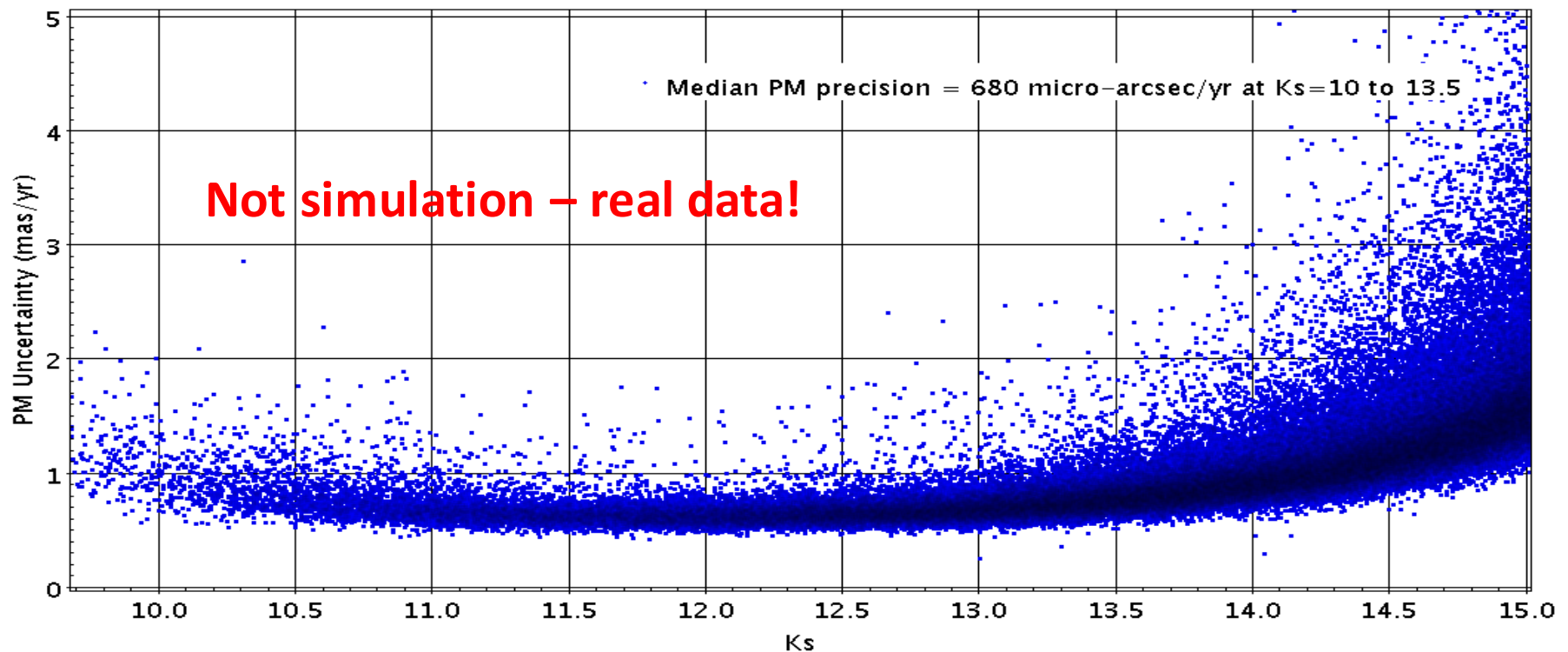
VVV+HAWK 7 years

$3.79 \pm 0.98 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$  UCAC4  
 $2.93 \pm 1.3 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$  PPMXL

# High precision astrometry with the VVV

Leigh Smith & Phil Lucas (UH)

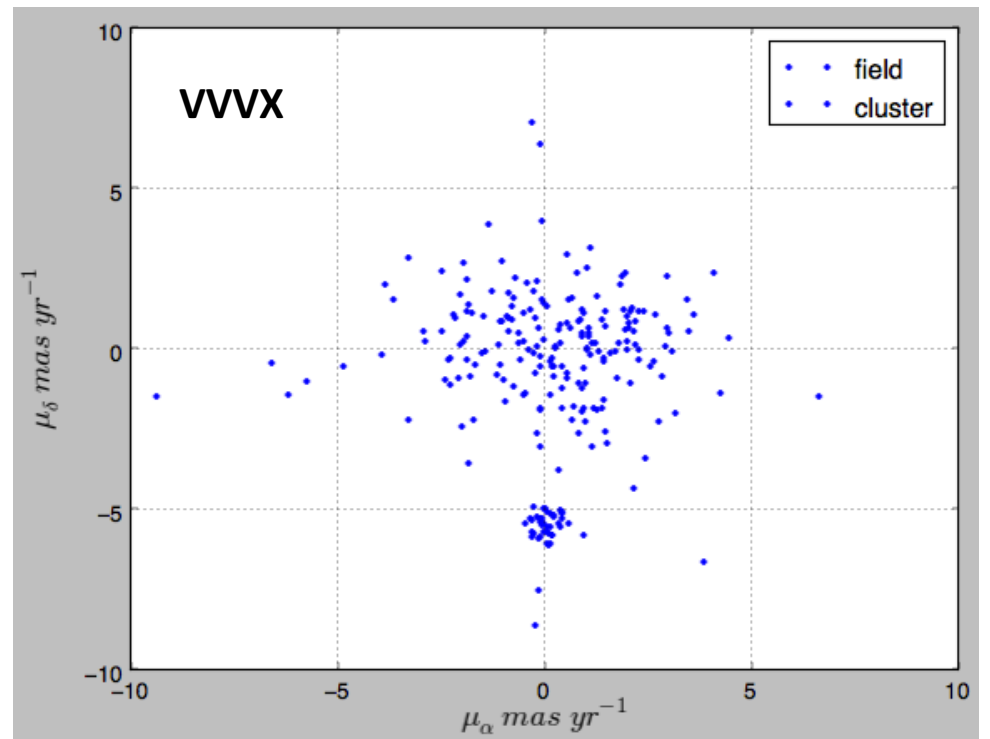
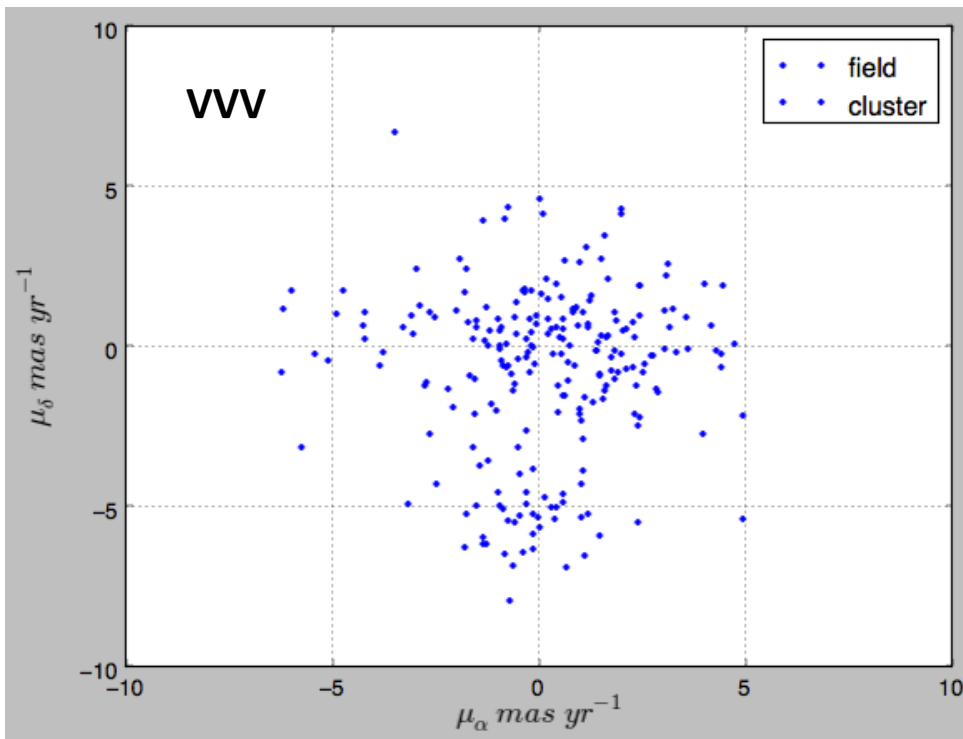
- VVV PM precision for all sources in tile d118, detected in 2 paw prints (48x2=96 positions), down to K=15.
- With 9 year baseline VVV+VVVX should provide a proper motion precision of  $\sim 200 \mu\text{as/yr}$ : 1) the longer baseline; 2) benefit of more epochs



# High precision astrometry with the VVV + VVVX

## Simulations of a small cluster

Simulation of a proper motion of a small cluster with 40 cluster members in the environment of 200 field stars and 5.5 mas/yr proper motion with VVV and VVV+VVVX.



# VVV - VVVX PM studies

- VVV+VVVX will provide a proper motion precision of  $\sim 200 \mu\text{as/yr}$  at  $10 < K_s < 13.5$  (or  $V_{\text{tan}} = 11 \text{ km/s}$  at  $d = 12 \text{ kpc}$ ) and  $\sim 400 \mu\text{as/yr}$  at  $K_s = 15$ .
- This will distinguish foreground disk stars from members of the Galactic bar, bulge and far disk.
- PM, radial (spectral follow-up) and space velocities in SFR. Subgroups and clustering in the star formation processes **Difficult for GAIA, better in the IR.**
- Cleaning the CMDs of embedded clusters





**The VVVX mapping the optically hidden MW structure,  
could be an essential complement to GAIA!**

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