

# The ESO WFI spectroscopic survey of H $\alpha$ emission-line stars in the MW, LMC, SMC

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Relative Brightness

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0.01

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Temperature (K)

O

B

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Sun

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The "Hertzsprung-Russell" Diagram of Stars

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The "Hertzsprung-Russell" Diagram of Stars

## Emission line stars:

Evolved or young

Cool or hot:

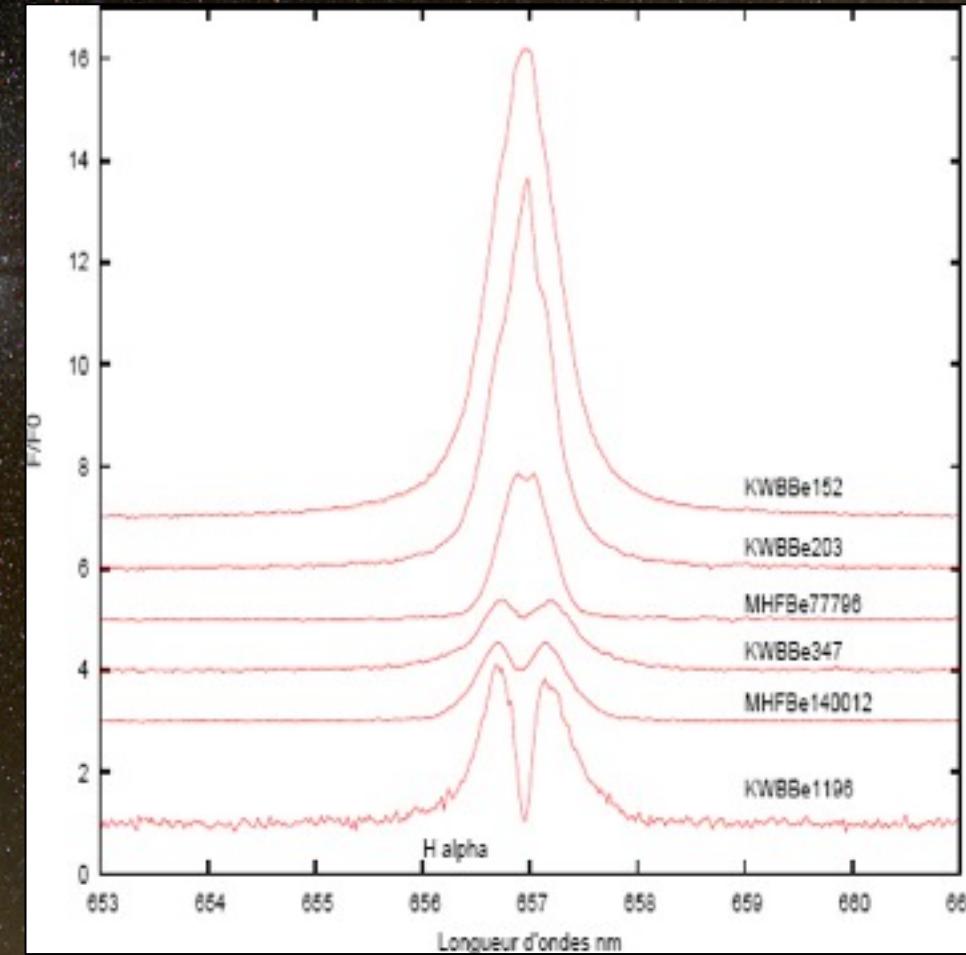
WR, LBV, Oe, Of, Be,  
Sge, PNe, HBe/Ae, B[e],  
HB[e], Mira e, TTauri,  
UV Ceti, Flare...

# Introduction: ELS and Be stars

Secchi (1867): 1st Be star found:  $\gamma$  Cas

## CLASSICAL BE STARS:

- non supergiant OBA-type stars, have displayed, at least once, in their spectrum emission lines ( $H\alpha$ ). (Collins 1987)
- Emission lines come from circumstellar disk (Struve 1931) formed by episodic matter ejections from the central star.
- **Links with:** the rotation (very fast rotators), the stellar evolution, the metallicity (Z), the density, the binarity...?



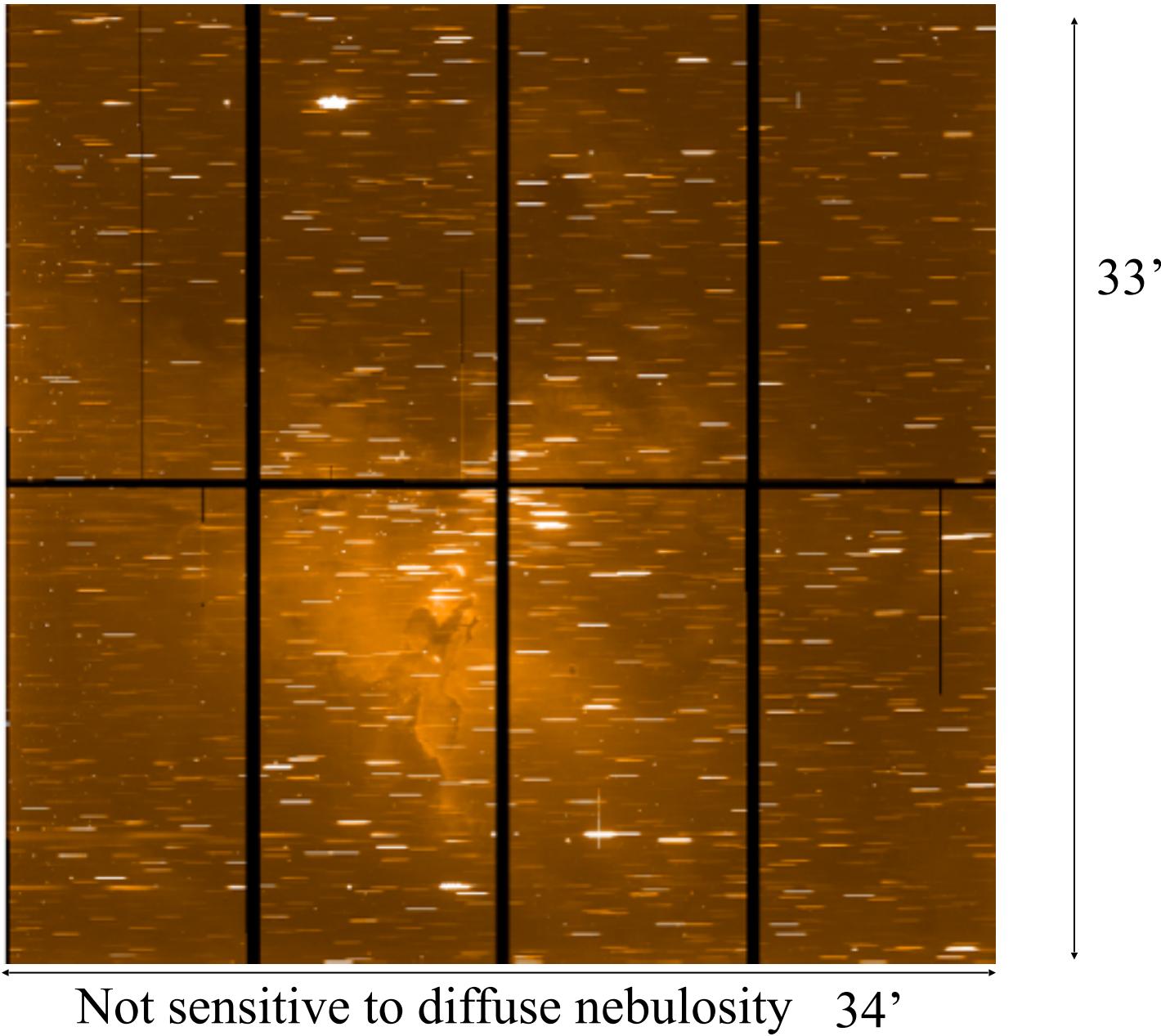
# Rotational velocities, metallicity, and Be stars

Theory	Observations, few references
<p><i>Maeder &amp; Meynet (2001):</i> <b>at low metallicity (LMC/SMC), lower mass-loss (stellar winds),</b></p> <p>⇒ Lower angular momentum loss ⇒ higher rotational velocities</p>	<p><i>Bouret et al. (2003), Vink et al. (2007)</i></p> <p><i>Keller (2004, 100 B ⋆ LMC), Martayan et al. (2006, 2007: 178 BBe ⋆ LMC, 344 BBe ⋆ SMC), Smartt, Evans, et al. (2005-2008: 241 OB ⋆ LMC, 244 ⋆ OB SMC)</i></p>
<p><i>Maeder et al. (1999), Ekström et al. (2008):</i></p> <p>⇒ more fast rotators at low Z? ⇒ more Be stars at low Z (SMC)?</p>	<p>Photometry: <i>Maeder et al. (1999, 1 SMC Ocl, photometry), Wisniewski et al. (2006, 2008, 8 SMC Ocl, 5 LMC Ocl)</i></p> <p>Spectroscopy: <i>Martayan et al. (2006, 2007, field)</i></p>

# The WFI H $\alpha$ spectroscopic survey

- Needs to increase statistics: **more open clusters + constrain freedom degrees** (age, metallicity)
- Observations (PI: Baade, 25-26 Sep. 2002)
- 2.2m ESO La Silla Chile
- **ESO/Wide Field Imager** (8kx8k, 33'x34')
- **Slitless spectroscopic mode**
- **Grism R~150**
- + H $\alpha$  filters (MW broad bandpass: 200 nm, LMC/SMC reduced bandpass: 7 nm needed because the crowding)
- Exposure time ~200-600s
- **Not sensitive to the diffuse ambient nebulosity**
- **Not sensitive to weak emission**  
⇒ lower estimates of ELS content.

# WFI slitless in MW-NGC6611

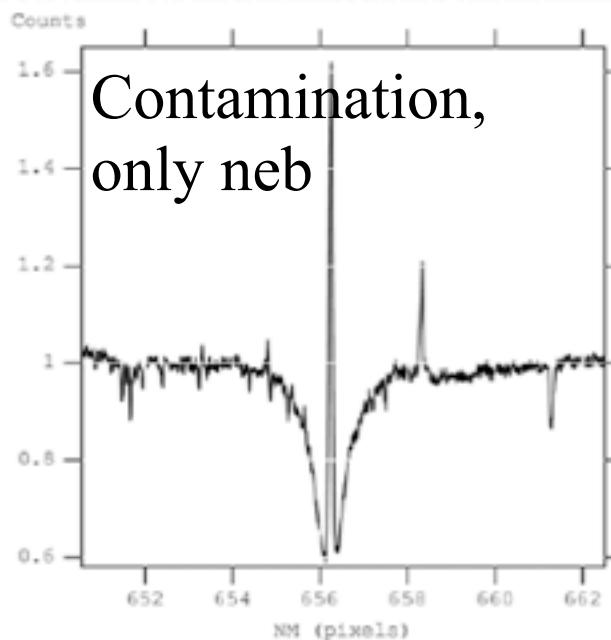
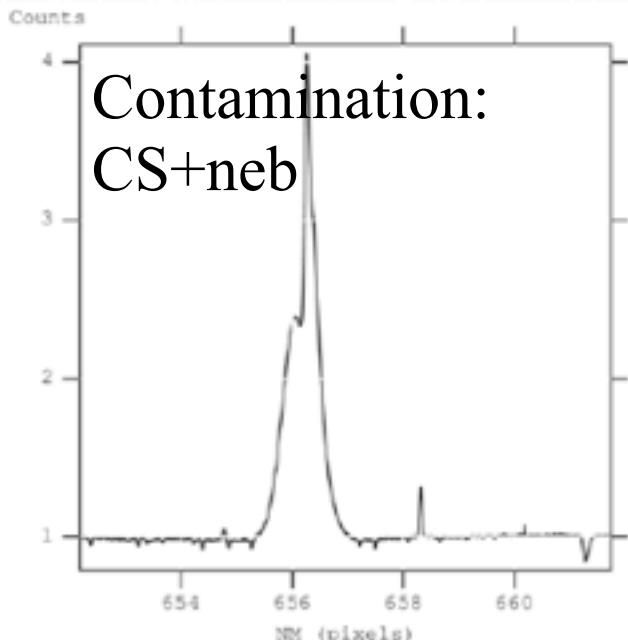
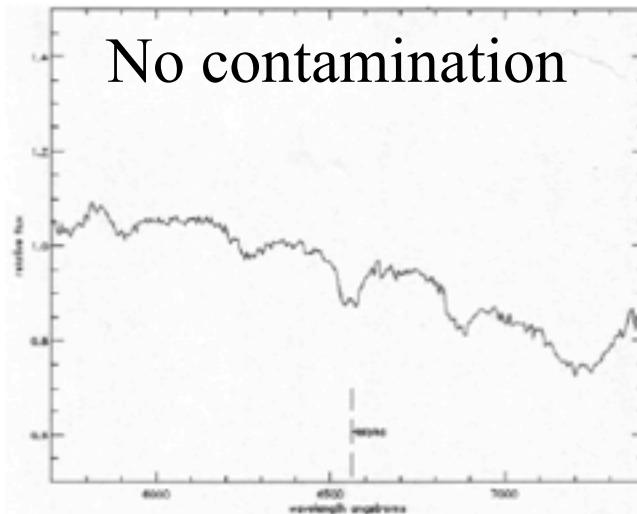
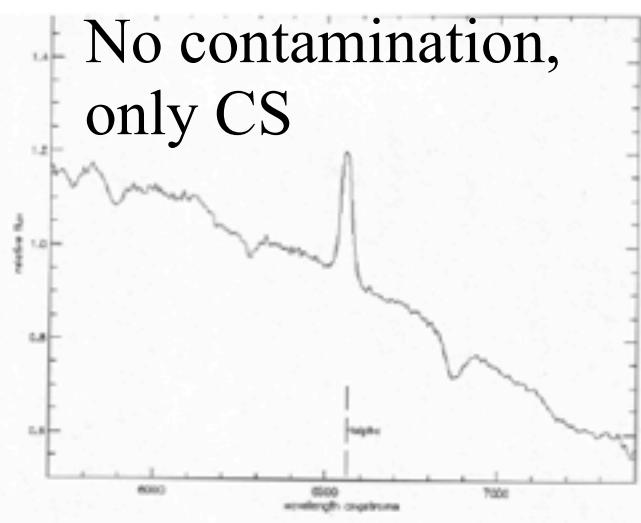


Not sensitive to diffuse nebulosity  $34'$

# WFI slitless in MW-NGC6611

CS. + neb. emissions

Only neb. emissions



WFI  
slitless  
spectra

FLAMES  
spectra

# WFI H $\alpha$ spectro in the Magellanic Clouds



LMC:

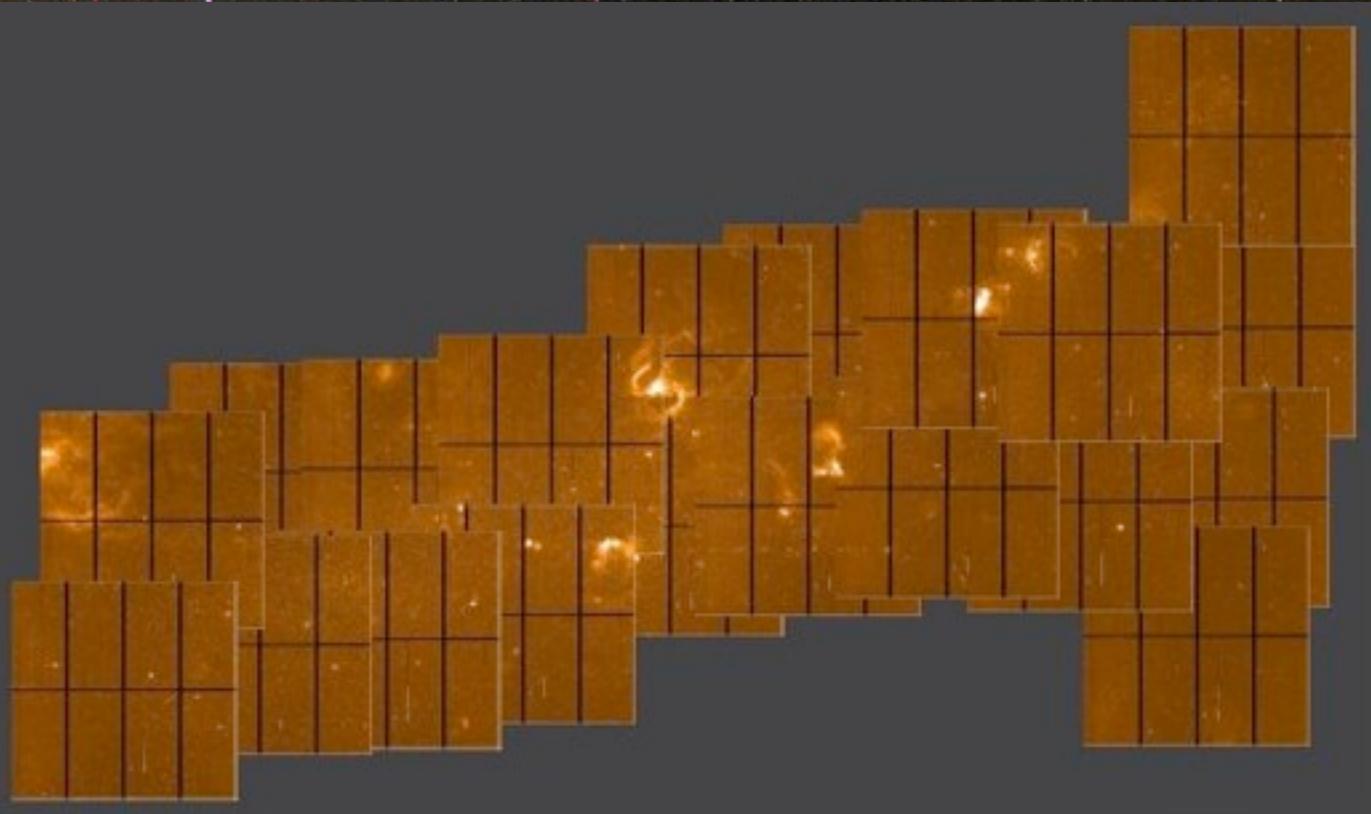
Central parts

20 images

$\sim(4^\circ)^2$

**5 million spectra**

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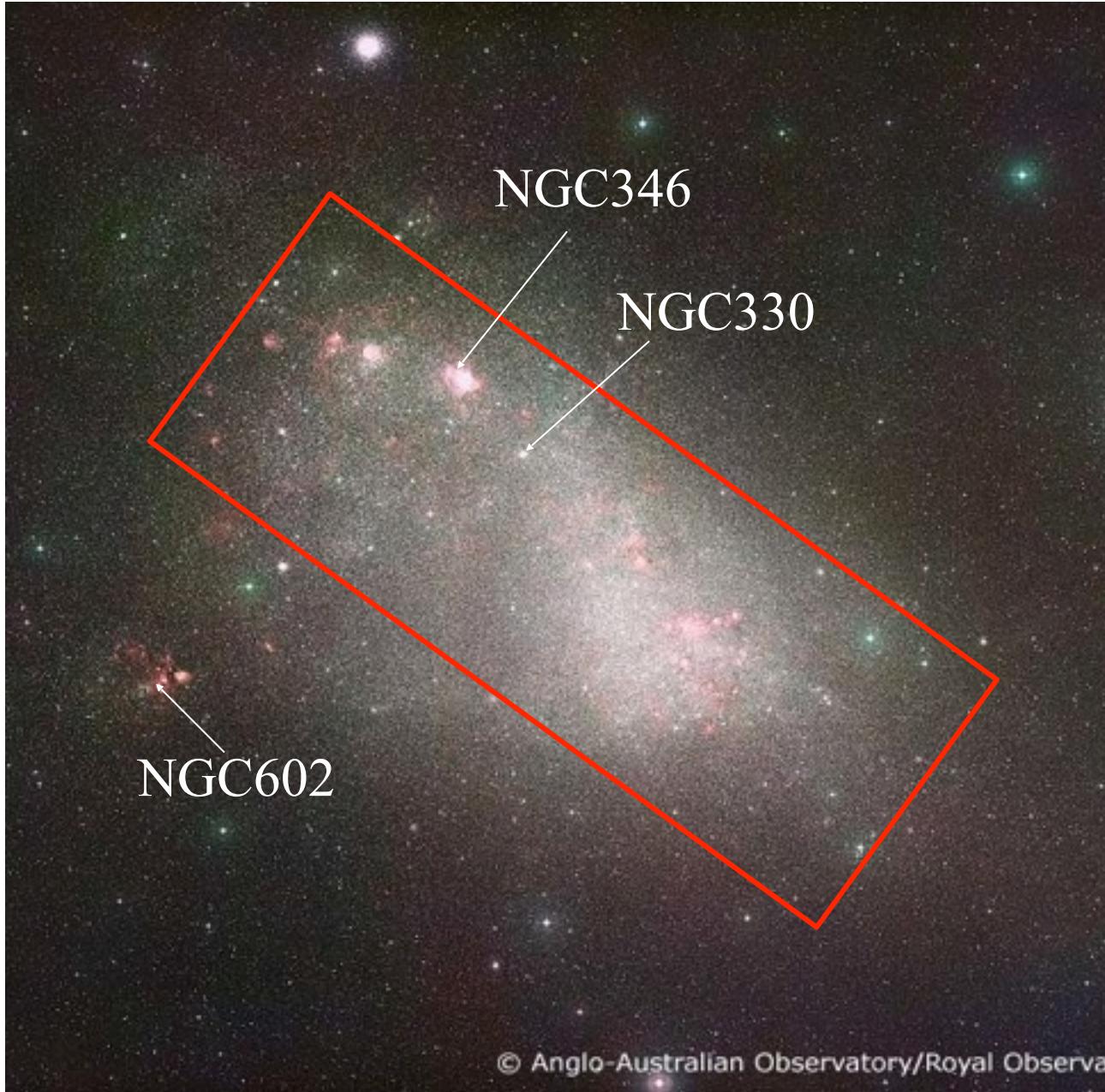
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SMC:

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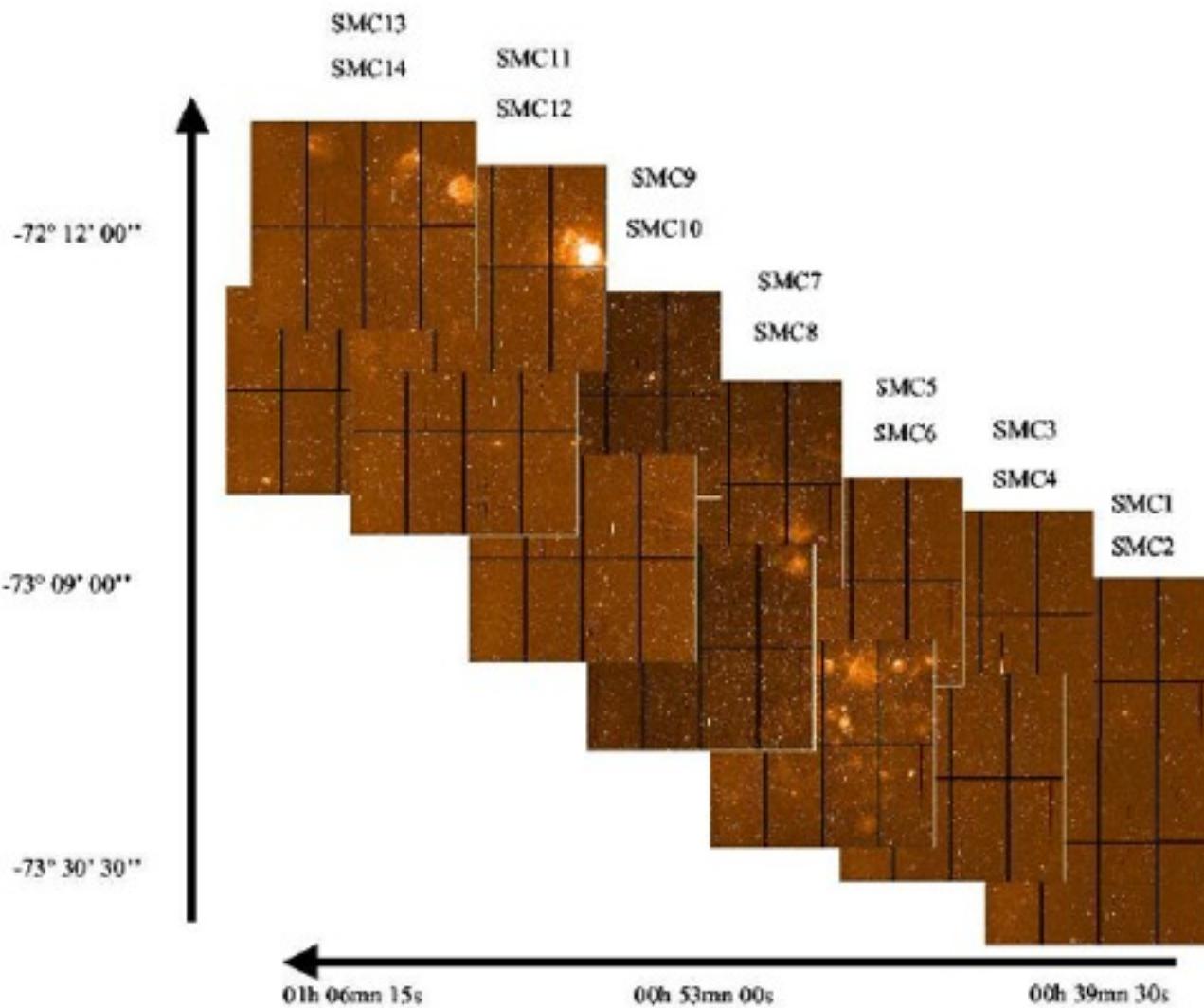
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**3 million spectra**

*Martayan et al. 2010a*

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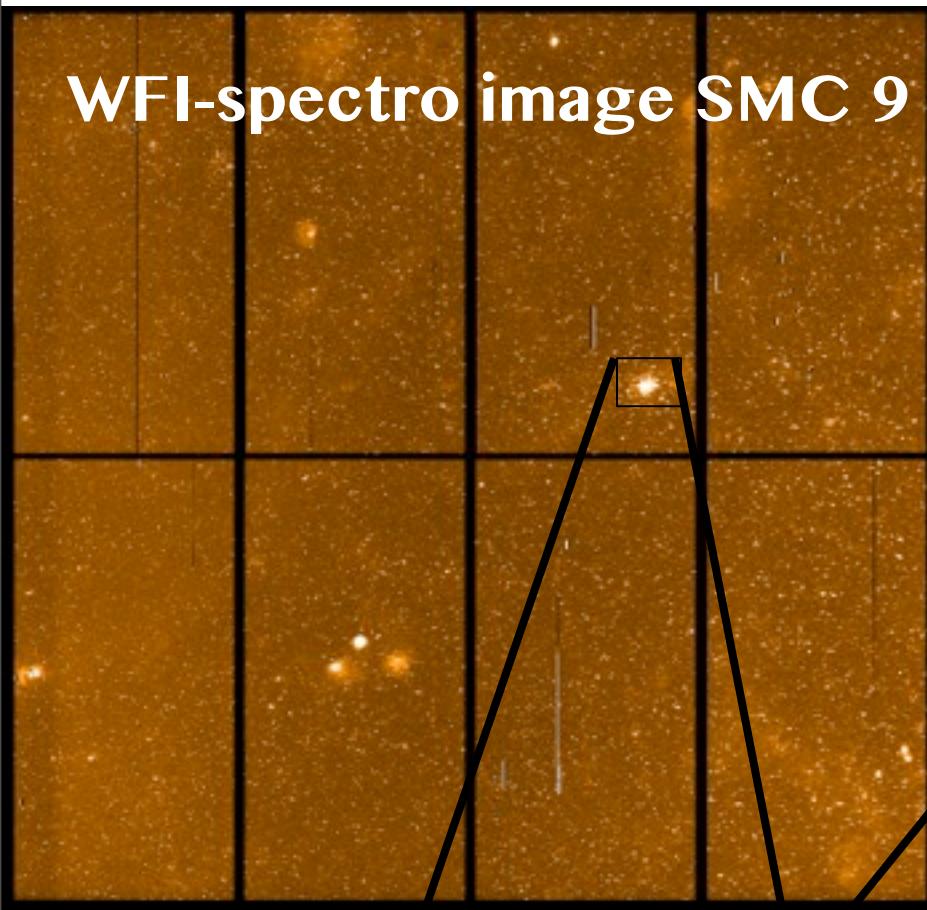
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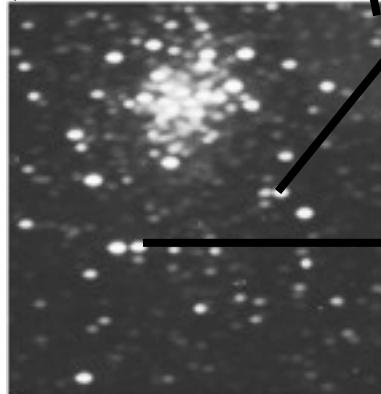
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# ALBUM code

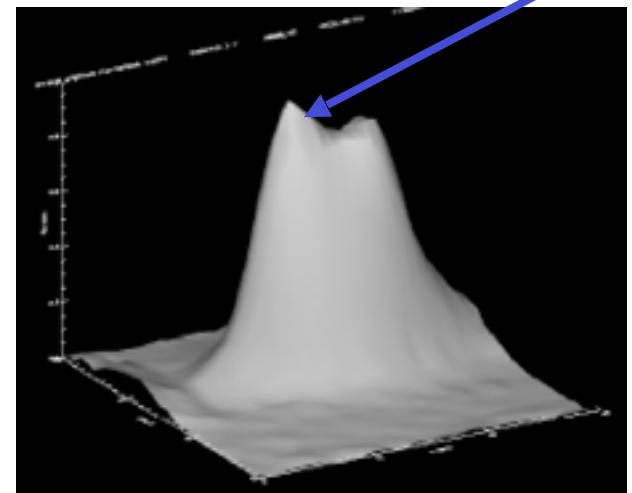


Open  
cluster

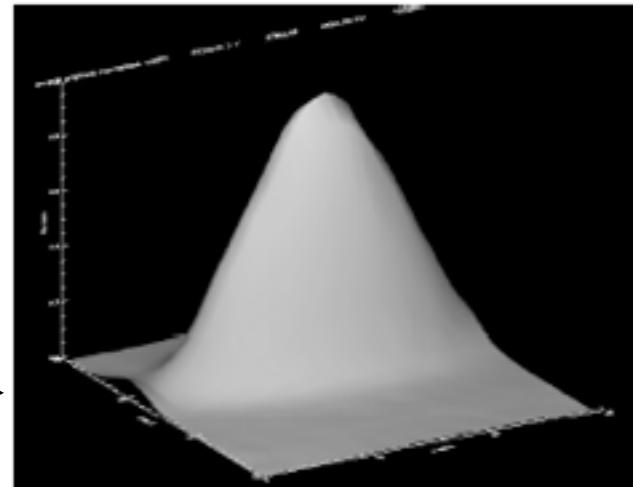
NGC330



Source with emission  $\text{H}\alpha$



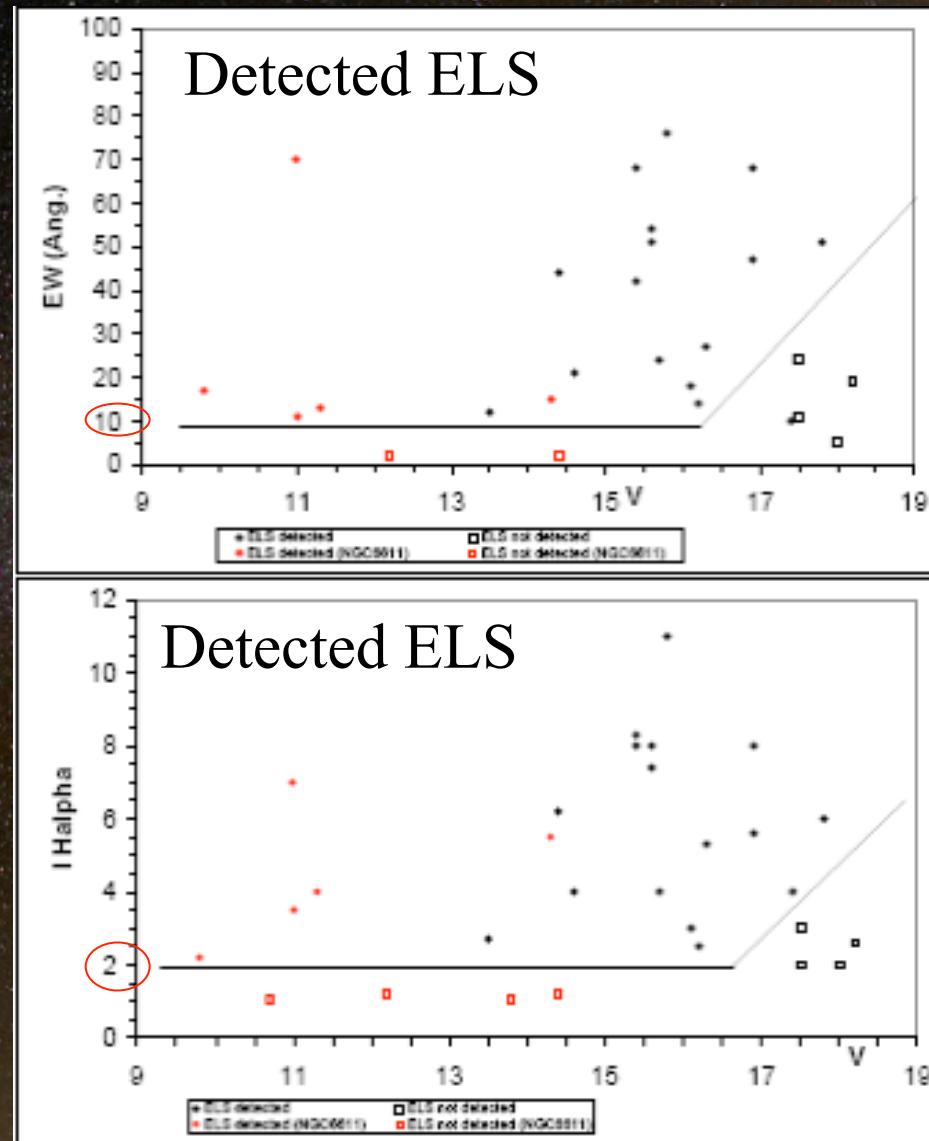
Source without emission



*Martayan et al. 2006, ESO cal. workshop*

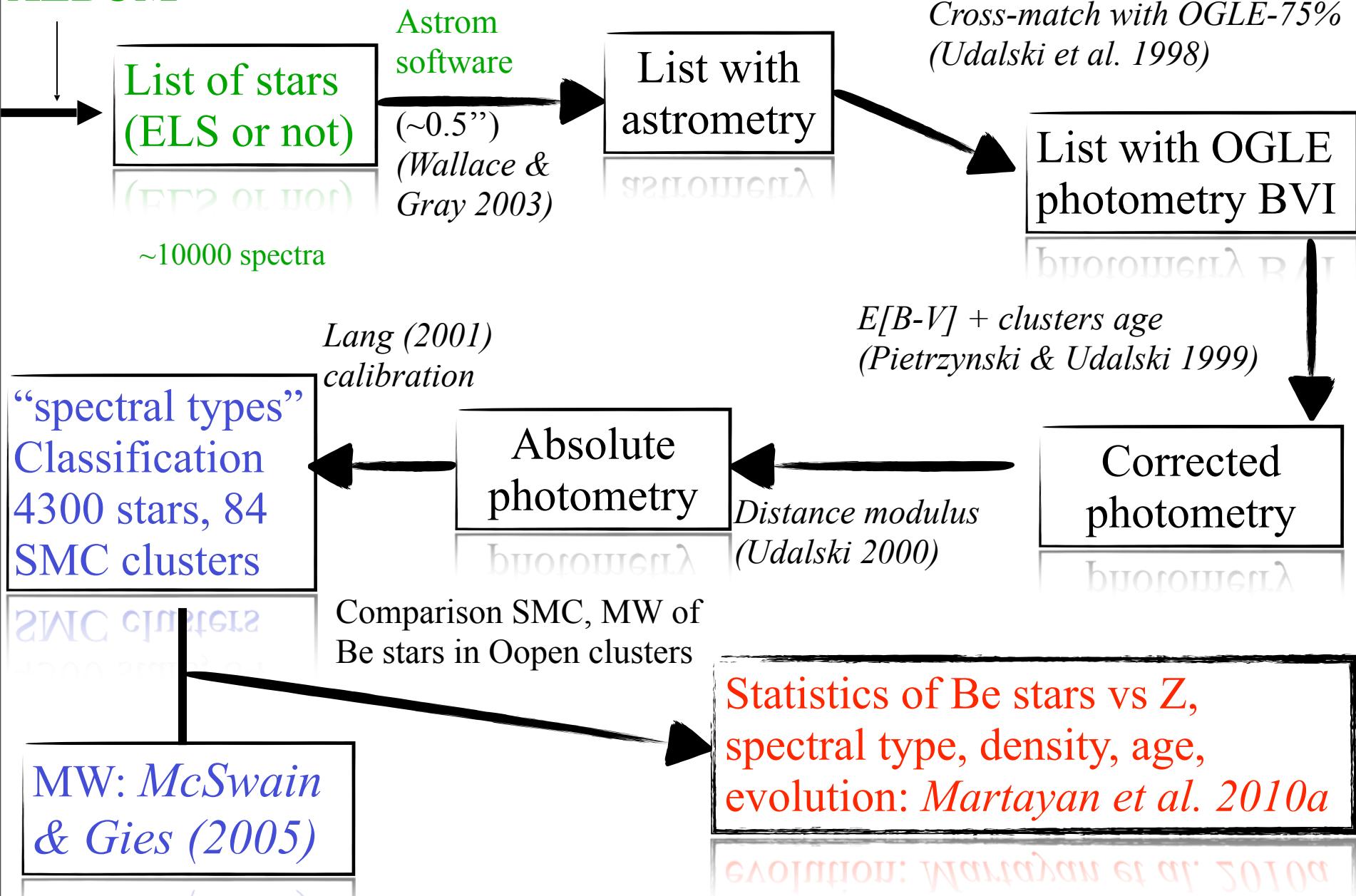
# Efficiencies WFI studies

- Extraction: 50 to 85%  
(SExtractor *Bertin & Arnouts 1996*)
- H $\alpha$  emission line detection (ALBUM):
  - In EW
  - In Intensity
- H $\alpha$  EWs, H $\alpha$  I from  
*Martayan et al. (2007b, 2008a),*  
*Hummel et al. (1999, 2001)*

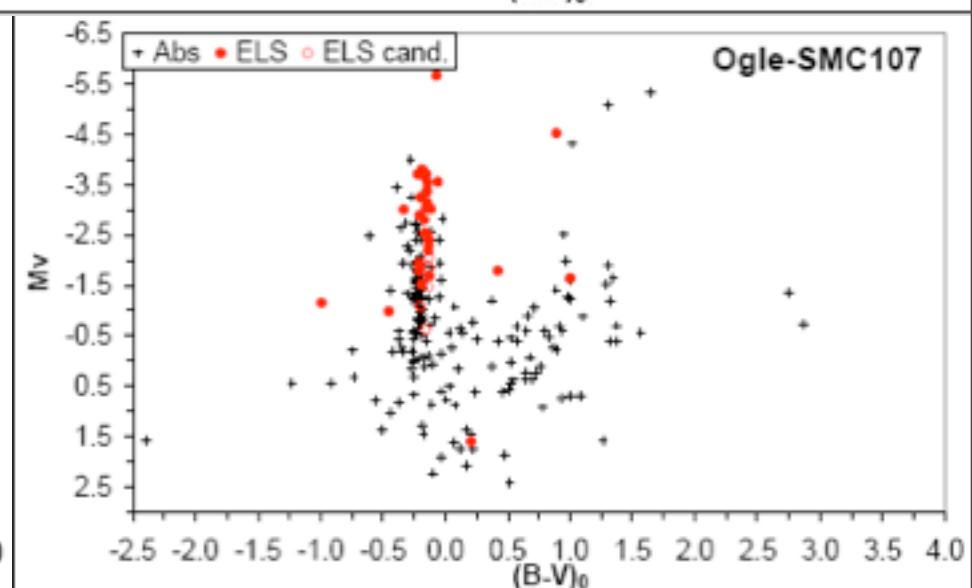
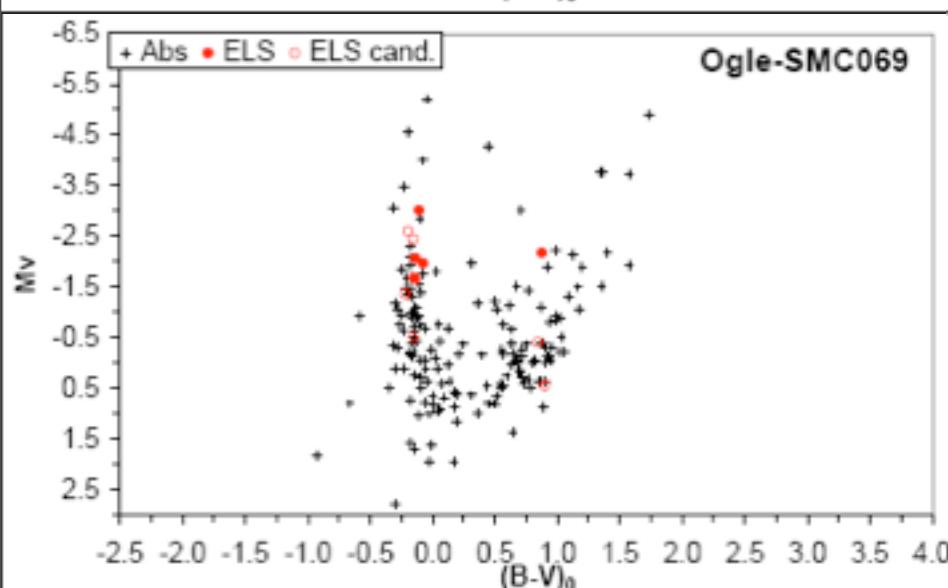
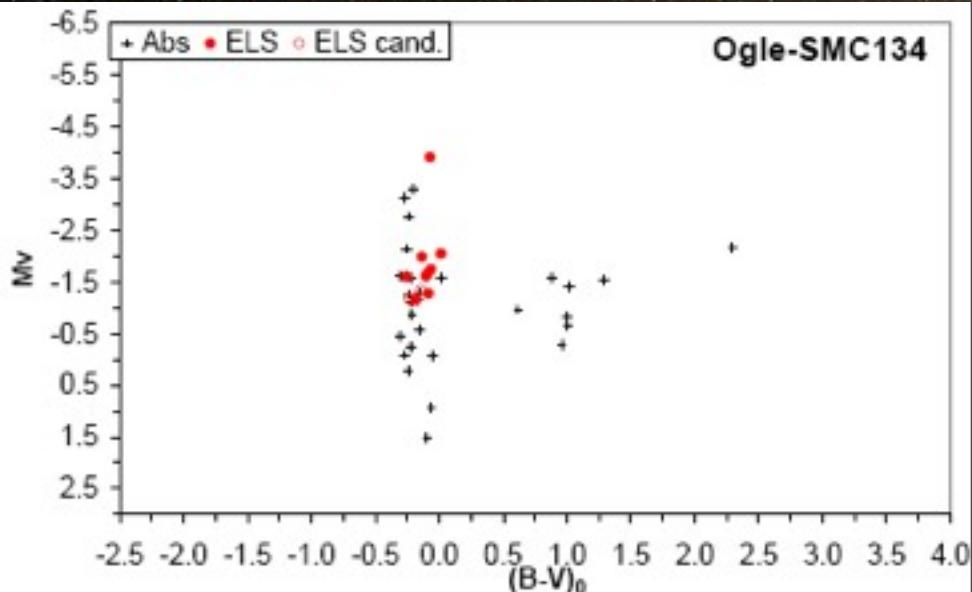
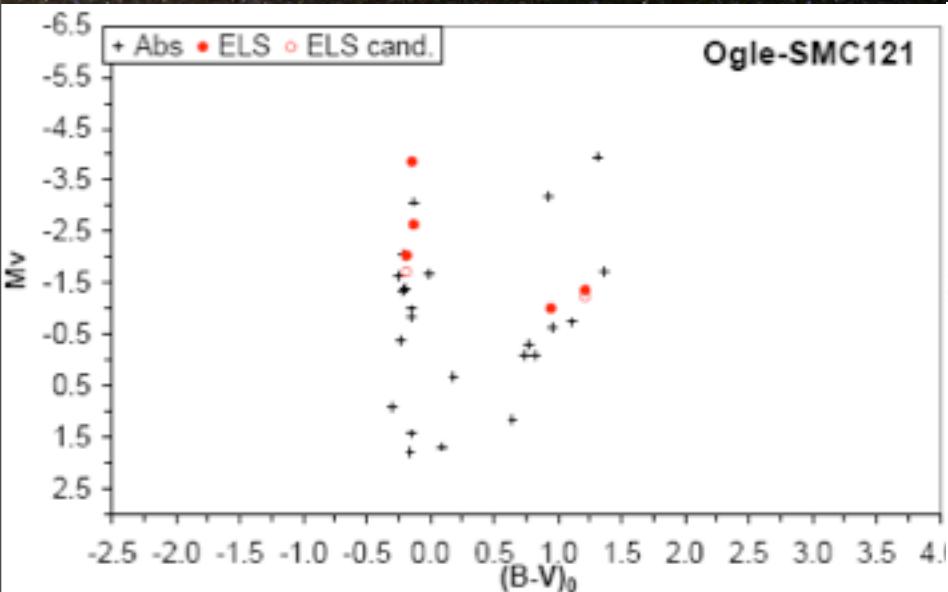


## CLASSIFICATION

# ALBUM

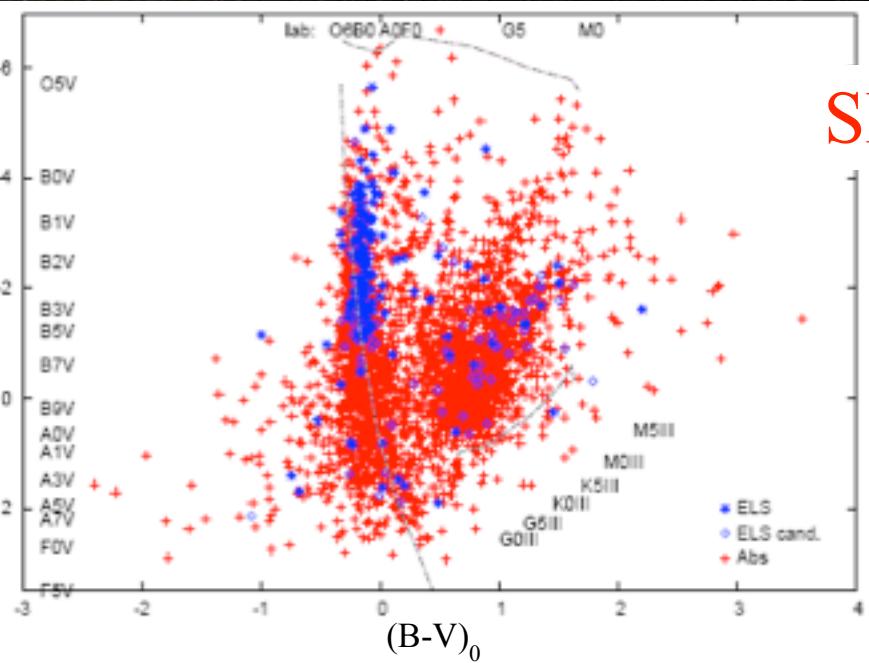


# HR CMDs: individual several examples



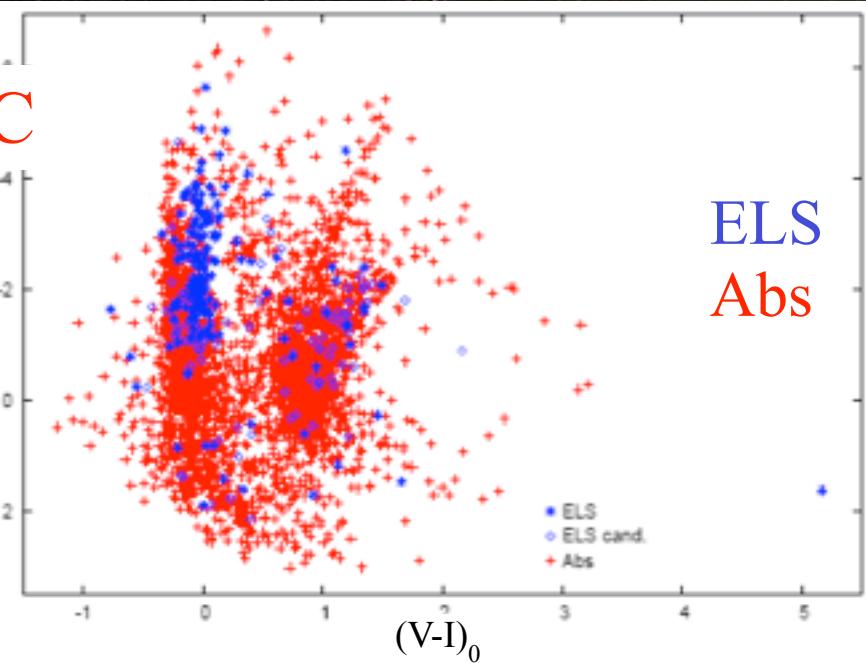
# HR CMDs: global

MV

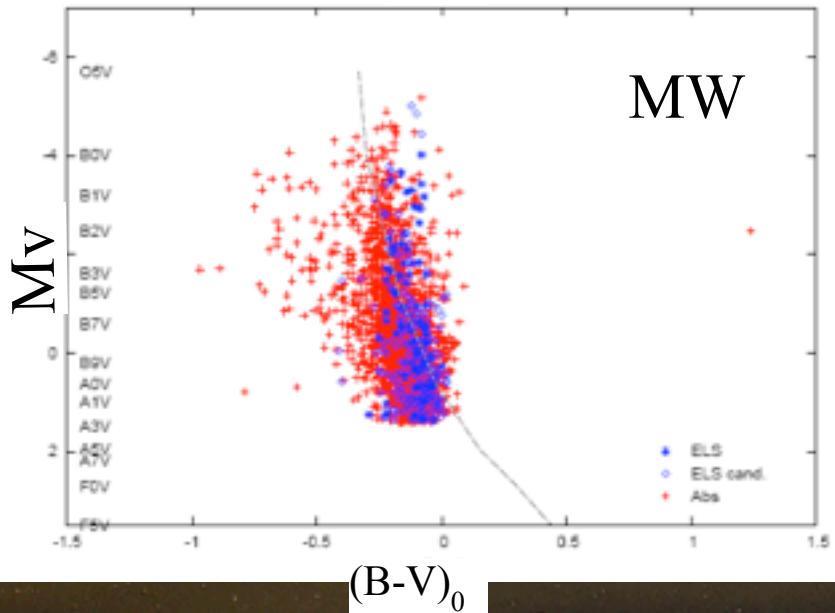


SMC

MV



ELS  
Abs



MW

SMC:  $M_V, (B-V)_0; M_V, (V-I)_0$

MW:  $M_V, (B-V)_0$  from data of  
McSwain & Gies (2005)

Same range of ages, we group the  
stars to avoid the variability  
between open clusters.

# Ratios of Early Be stars: SMC vs. MW

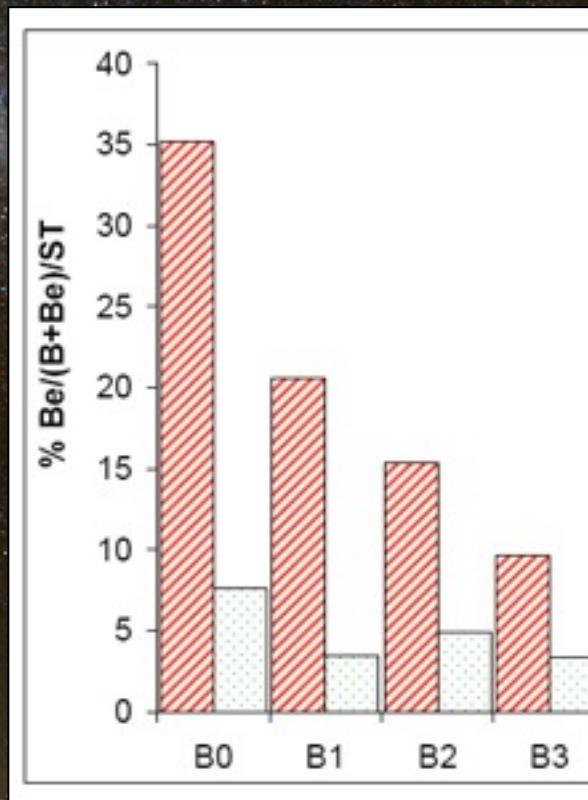
SMC: Martayan et al. (2010a)

MW: McSwain & Gies (2005)

Ratios of definite Be stars to all B-type stars by spectral type categories:

B0e/(B0e+B0), B1e/(B1e+B1), etc.

	SMC	MW
N OCl	84	54
N Be stars	163	168
N B stars	1384	1761
N total stars	4437	20322



3 to 5 more Be stars in the SMC than in the MW, ditto for Oe stars.

Confirmation and quantification of the trend seen by Maeder et al. (1999) and Wisniewski et al. (2006, 2008).

Samples not complete for types later than B3

Martayan et al. 2010a

# Preliminary results in LMC, see poster by G. Aguayo

Same procedure than in the SMC

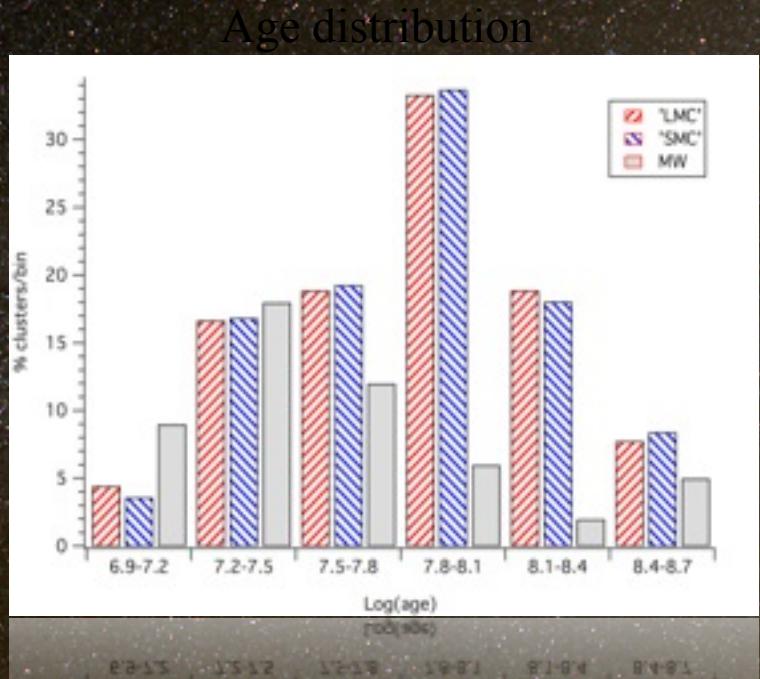
~90 LMC open clusters, 2950 stars

Age distribution chosen to be the same than in the SMC study

66 ELS + 244 ELS?, classification ongoing

Be to B stars ratio ongoing determination

Aguayo et al., in prep.



*Preliminary comparison, not conclusive yet:*

% “Be max” LMC: 2.24%

% Be SMC: 2.46%, MW: 0.26%

# Preliminary results in LMC, star formation region of NGC1850 see poster by G. Aguayo

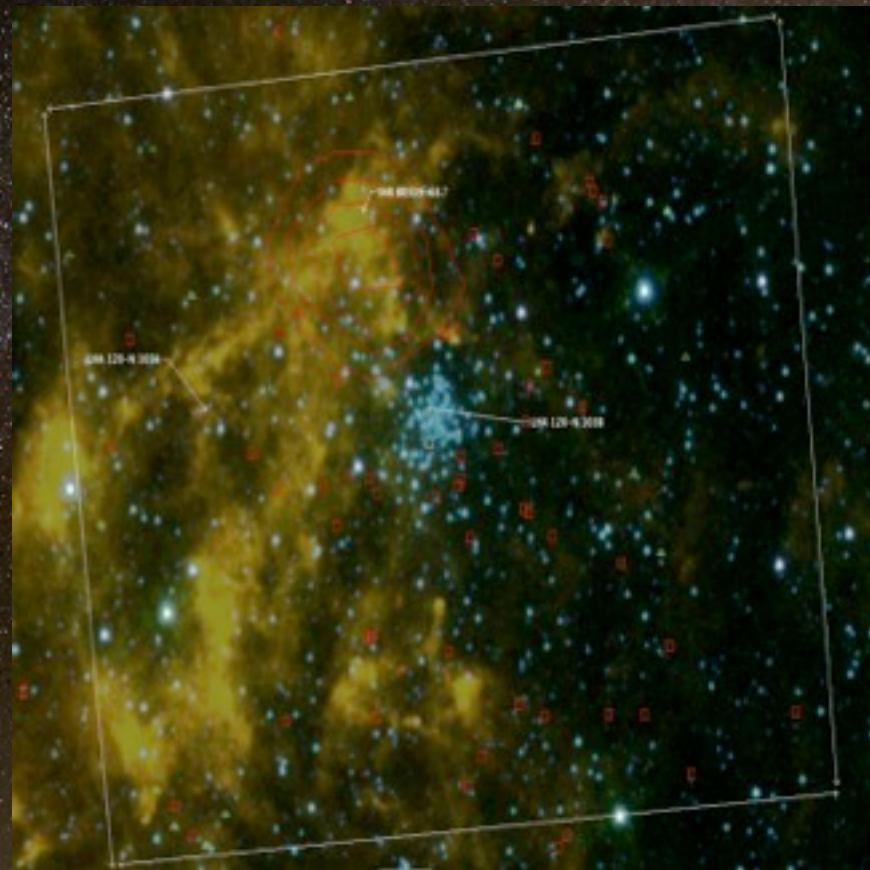
WFI slitless spectra => ELS (all types)

photometry + lightcurves combination

=> Classification: PMS, Be, Giants

=> Spatial distribution of ELS: function  
of mass/evolution

- segregation
- ELS = tracers of star formation



Garrido, Aguayo et al. 2013, in prep.

# Summary

- Combination Wide Field + slitless => 8 million of spectra in 1 night = powerful for statistics + catalogues + no contamination by diffuse nebulosity
- More Be to B stars in the SMC (low Z) than in the MW (high Z)
- Ongoing work in the LMC open clusters
- SMC field treatment: 4.5% => 477 ELS, expected ~11000 ELS (PMS, MS, post MS)

## QUESTIONS/MORE RESULTS

- Please have a look at *Martayan et al. A&A 2008, 489, 459* and *2010, 509, A11*
- And also later this year at *Garrido, Aguayo et al.* and *Aguayo et al.*
- Send questions to [cmartayan@eso.org](mailto:cmartayan@eso.org)
- Many thanks to Gustavo Aguayo (master student) for presenting this talk while I have to attend an ESO astronomers/engineers observatory meeting (my apologizes).