

# THE FUTURE



VVV Survey



Hacia el LSST:  
explorando nuestra galaxia,  
promoviendo Astrofísica a todo nivel,  
incrementando las colaboraciones en el Sur,  
y procurando recursos para nuevas generaciones.



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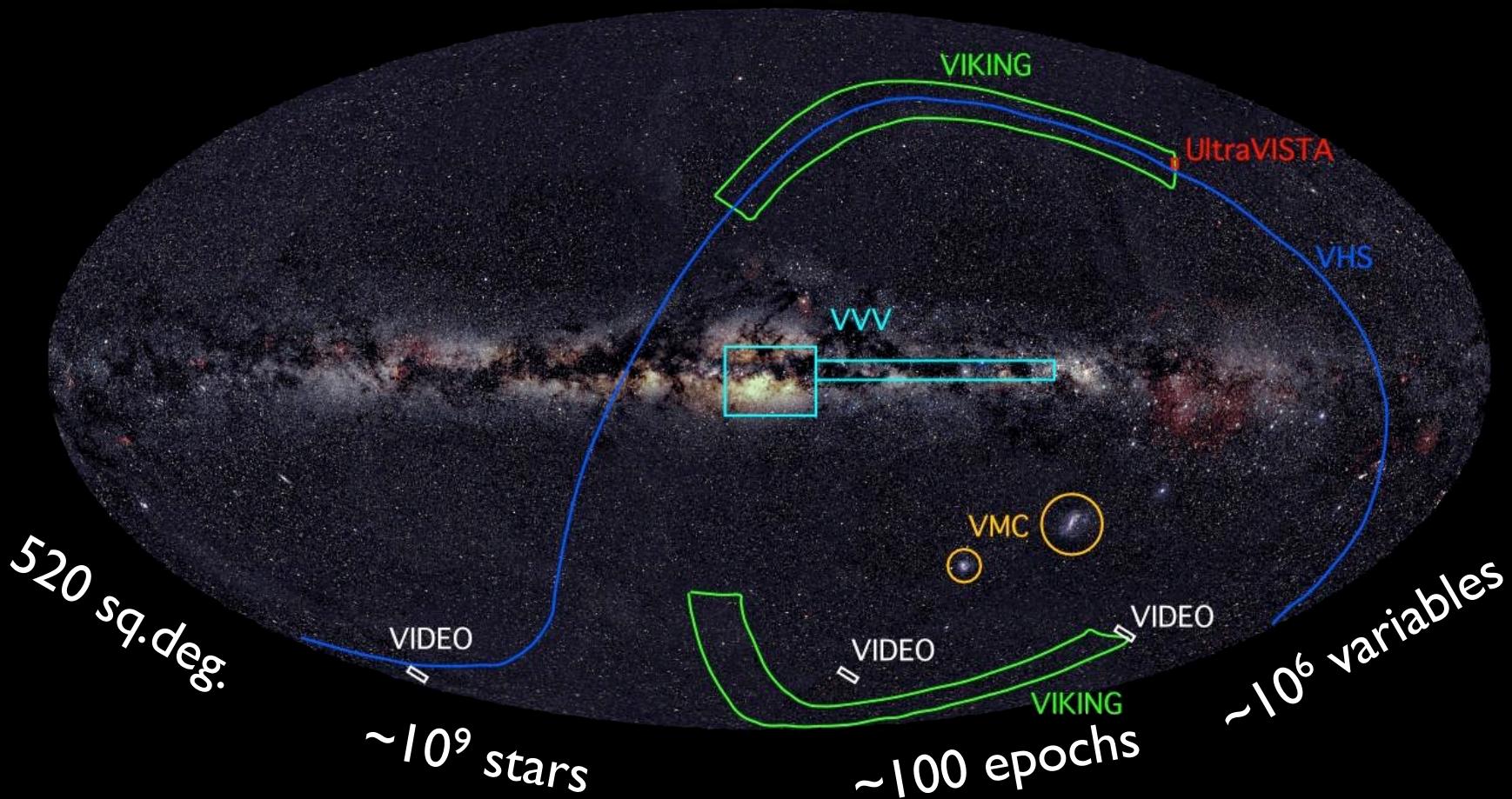
Dante Minniti, etc...



# VISTA PUBLIC SURVEYS

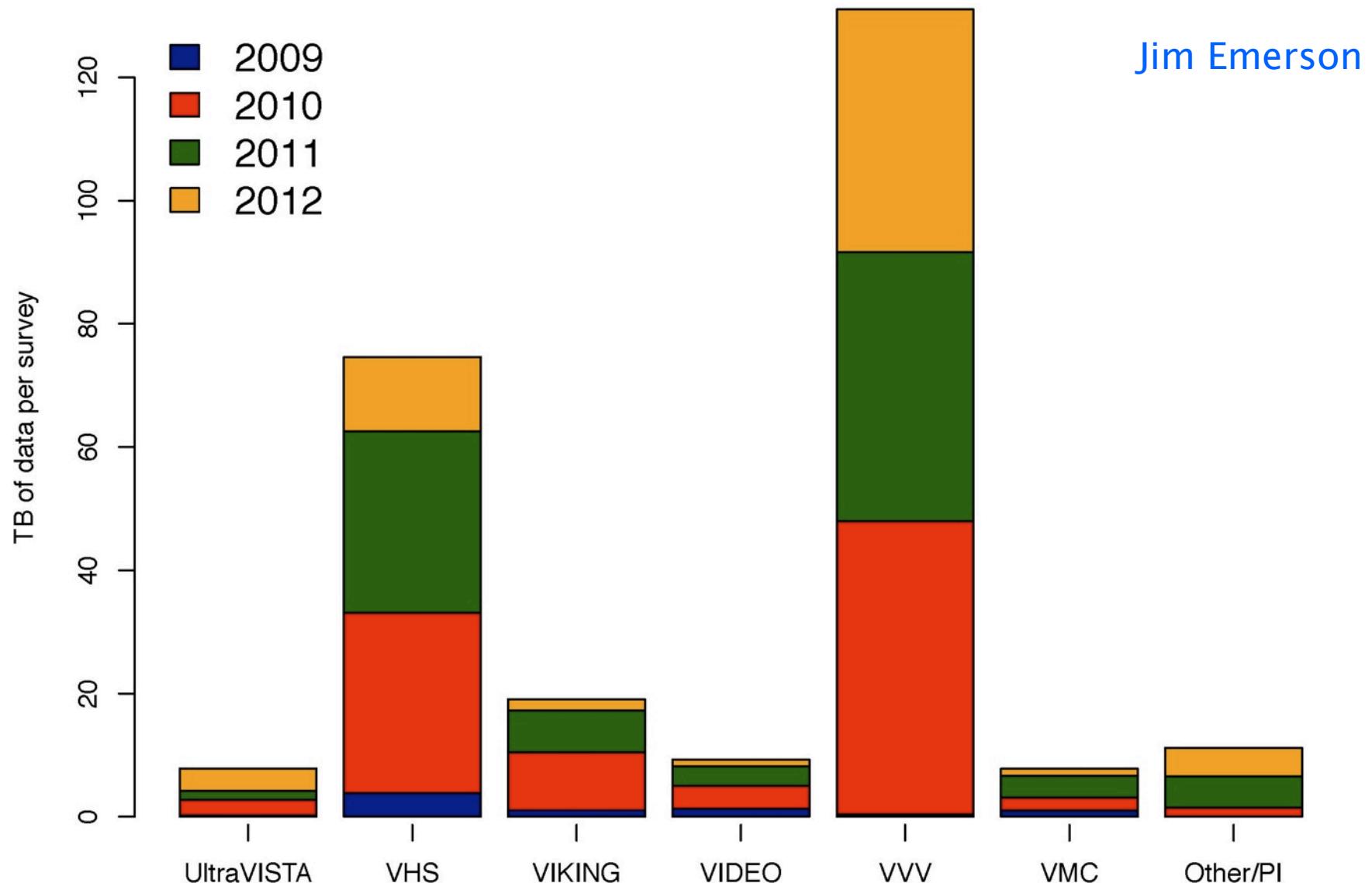
## VISTA VARIABLES IN THE VIA LACTEA

VVV



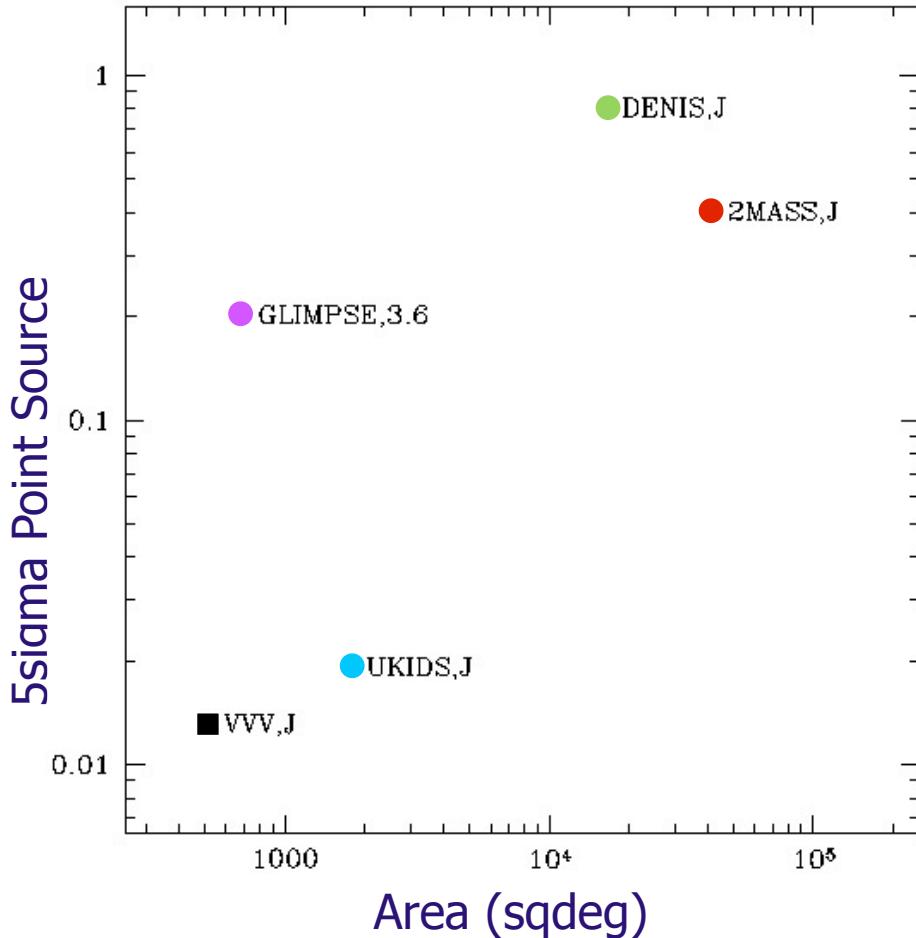
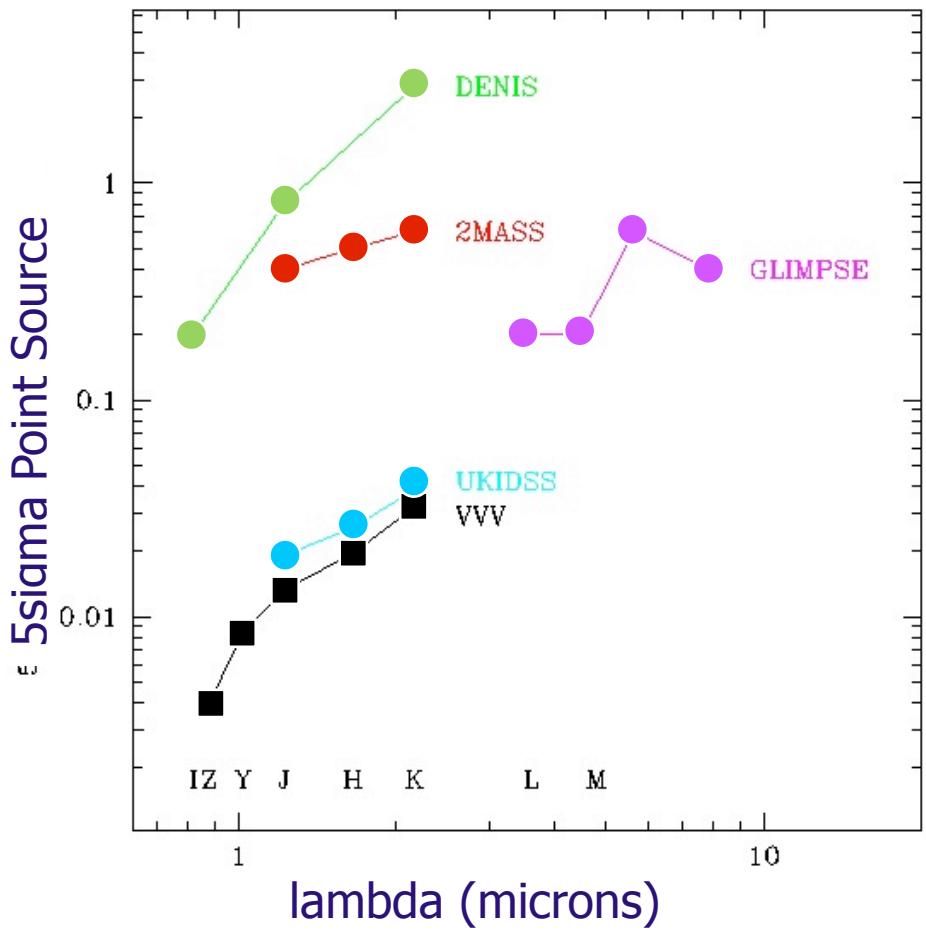
# Data Volumes produced by CASU

Jim Emerson



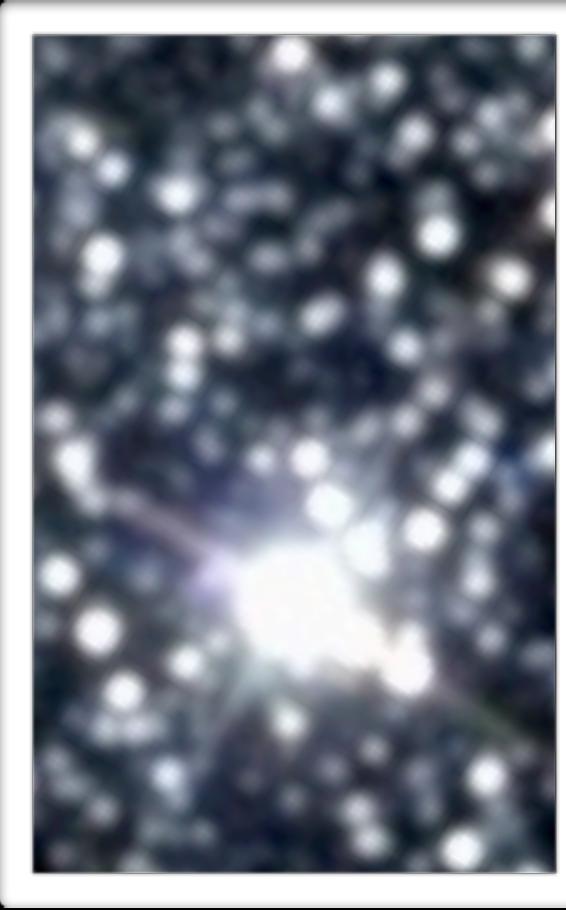
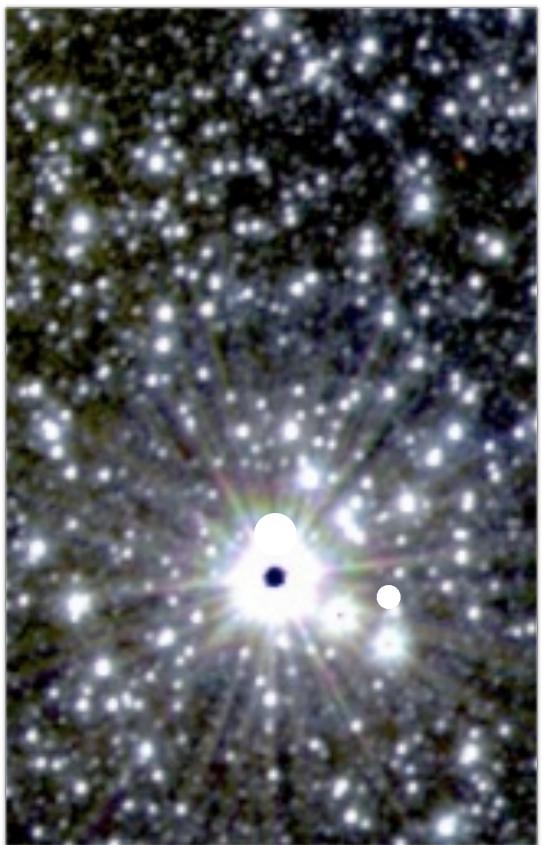
# VVV In Context

[vvvsurvey.org](http://vvvsurvey.org)



Valentin Ivanov

# DEEPER AND HIGHER RESOLUTION



## Main differences with 2MASS

2MASS covers the whole sky, VVV only 1.3%

VVV has higher resolution ( $0.34''/\text{pix}$ )

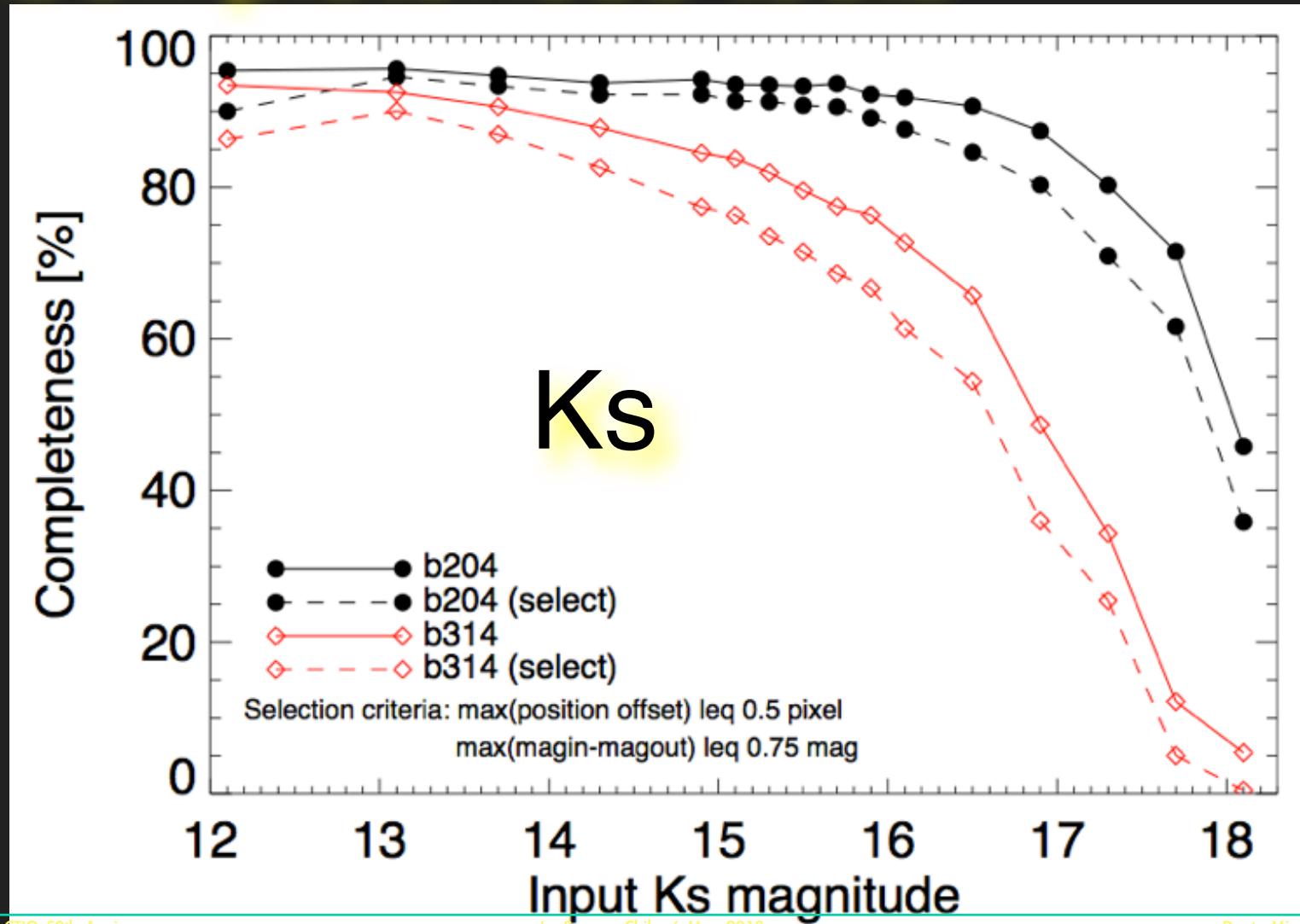
VVV is deeper ( $K_s < 18$ )

VVV has 5 filters (ZYJHK<sub>s</sub>)

VVV is a multiepoch survey (~100 epochs)

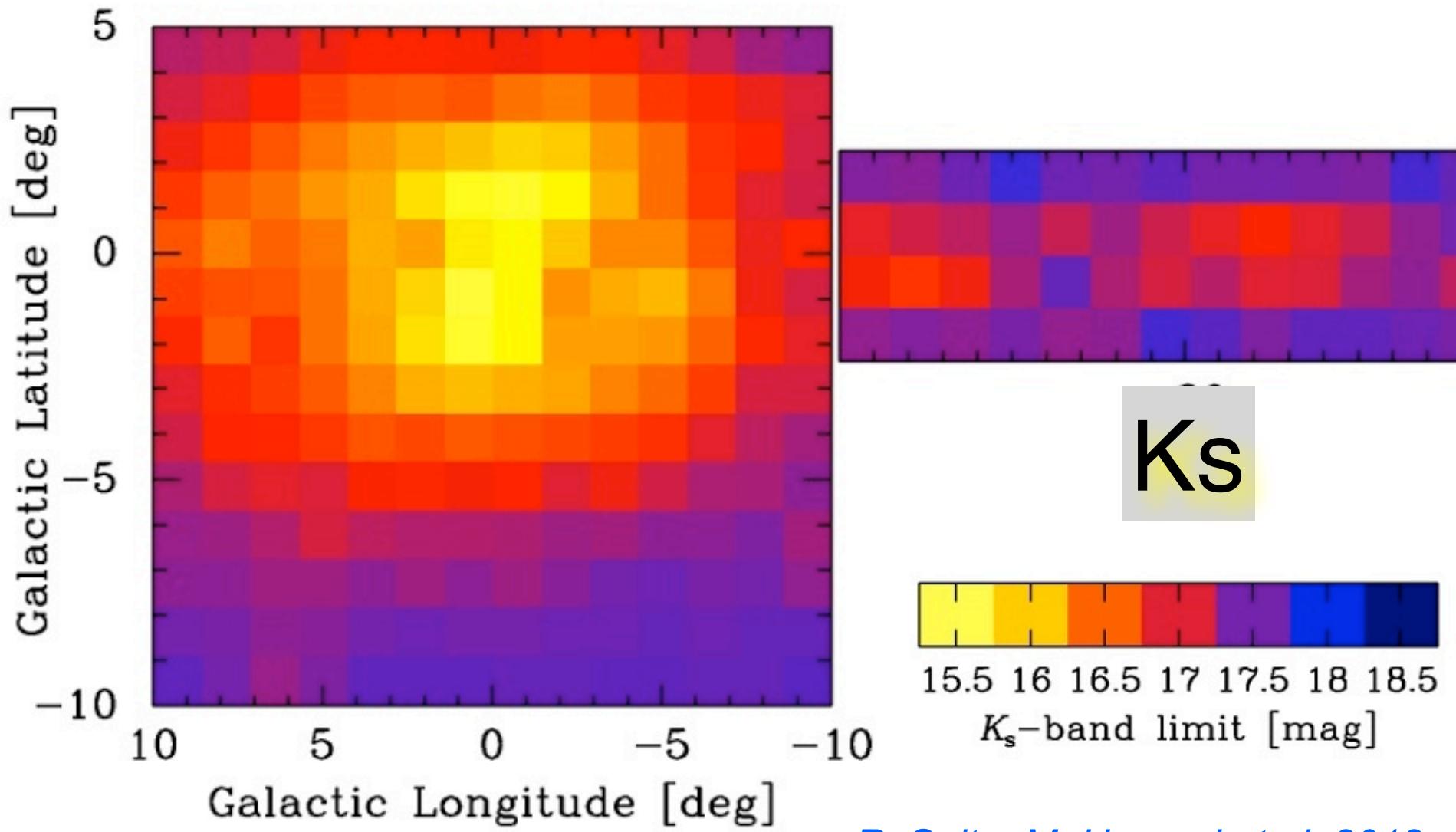
# VVV limiting magnitudes

## Completeness tests



M. Hempel

# VVV limiting magnitudes

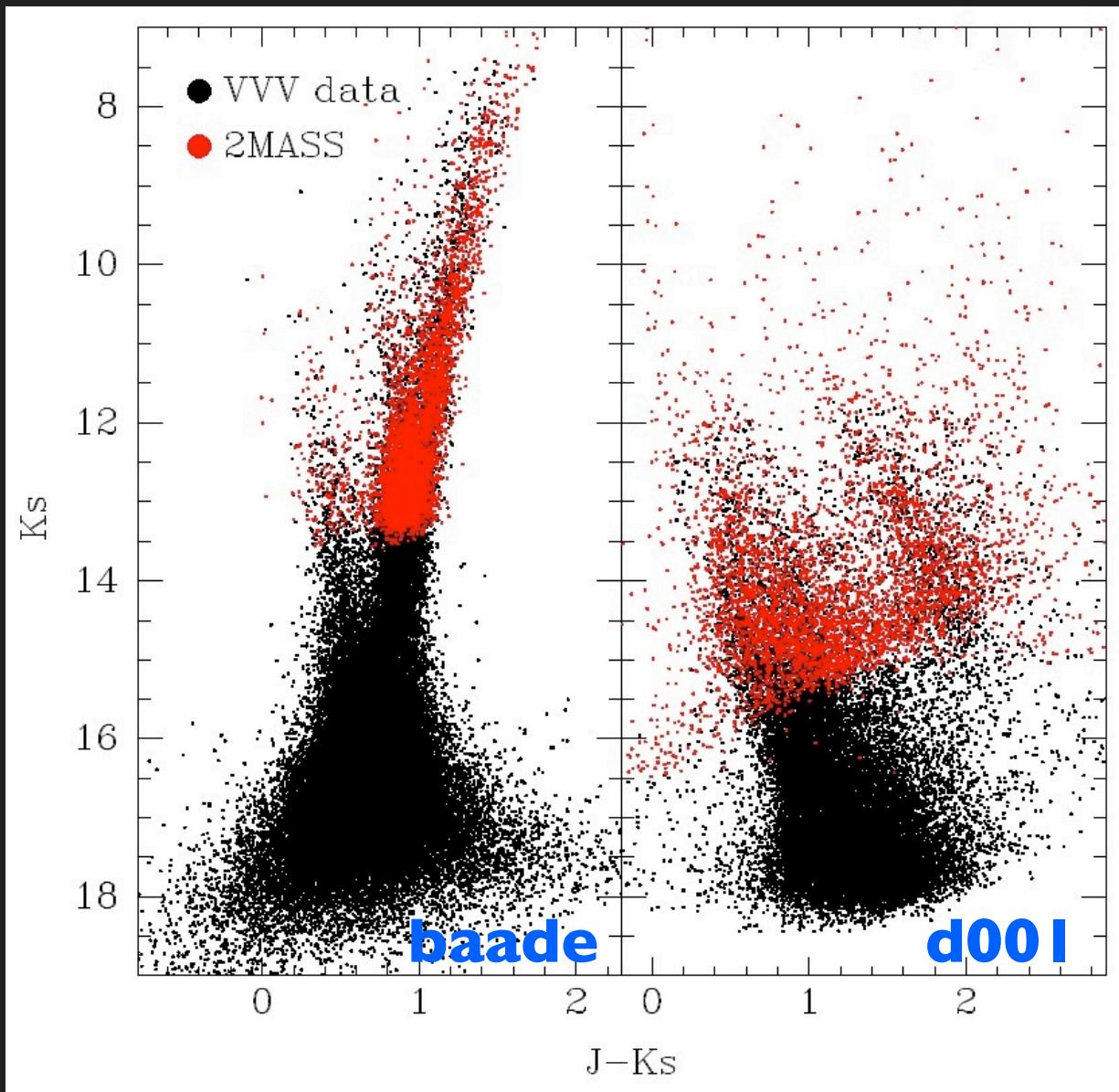


R. Saito, M. Hempel et al. 2012

# VVV CMDs

Color-magnitude  
diagrams of bulge and  
disk fields compared  
with 2MASS.

Oscar Gonzalez



# History:

Nr of papers:

- 
- 2006: VVV Proposal
  - 2008: Approved by PSP, OPC, ESO
  - 2009: Dry runs
  - 2010: Start observations, Paper 1
  - 2011: CASU DR1
  - 2012: DR1 Paper, PSP Review, VSA DR2
  - 2013: DR3
  - 2014: ...
  - 2015: ...
  - 2016: End observations
  - 2017+: MOONS, APOGEE-S, LSST...

# The VVV Stages

Multicolor Photometry: ZYJHKs

Star clusters, stellar populations, extinction, metallicities...

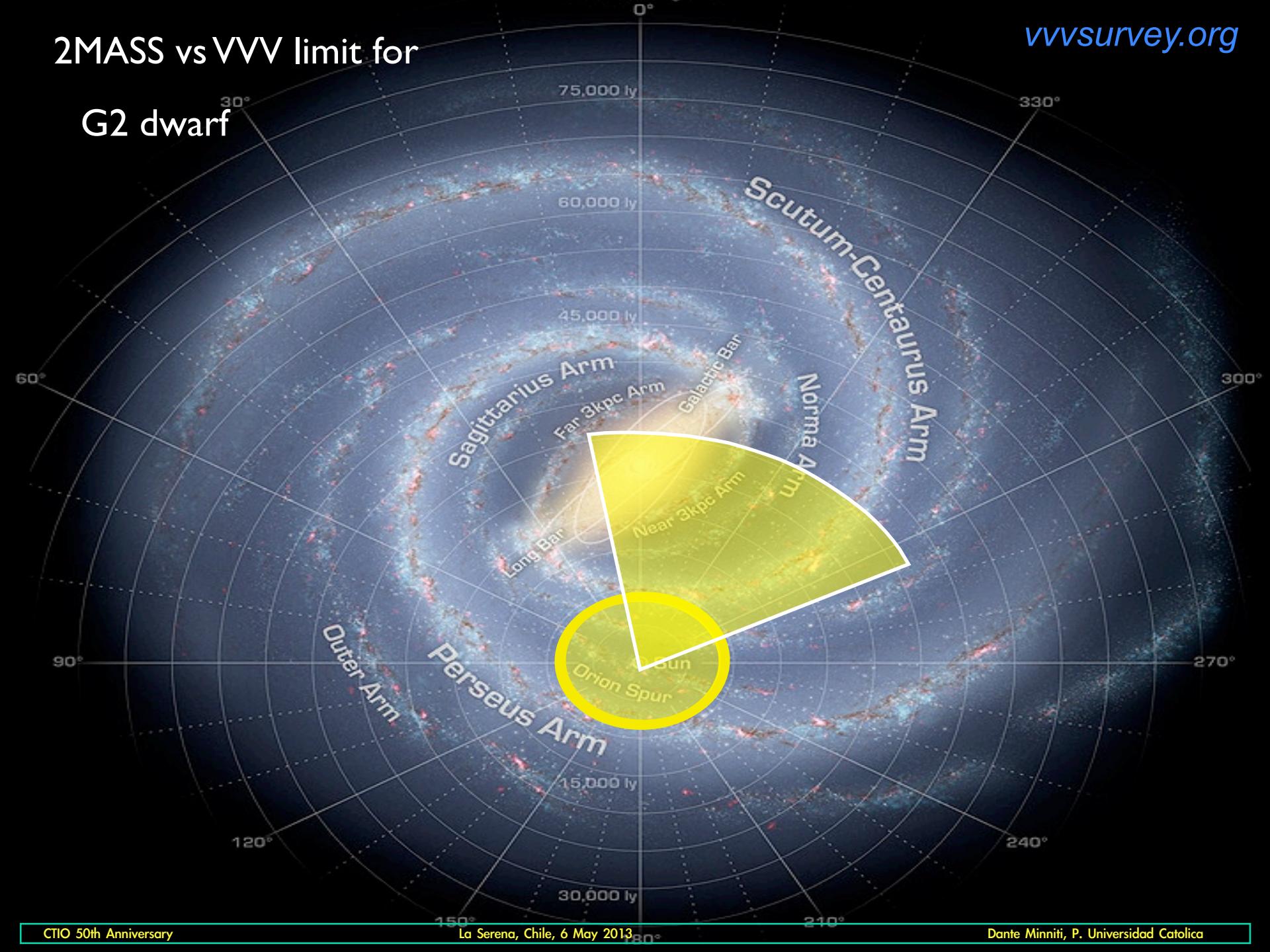
Variability: Ks

Proper Motions: Ks

2MASS vs VVV limit for

G2 dwarf

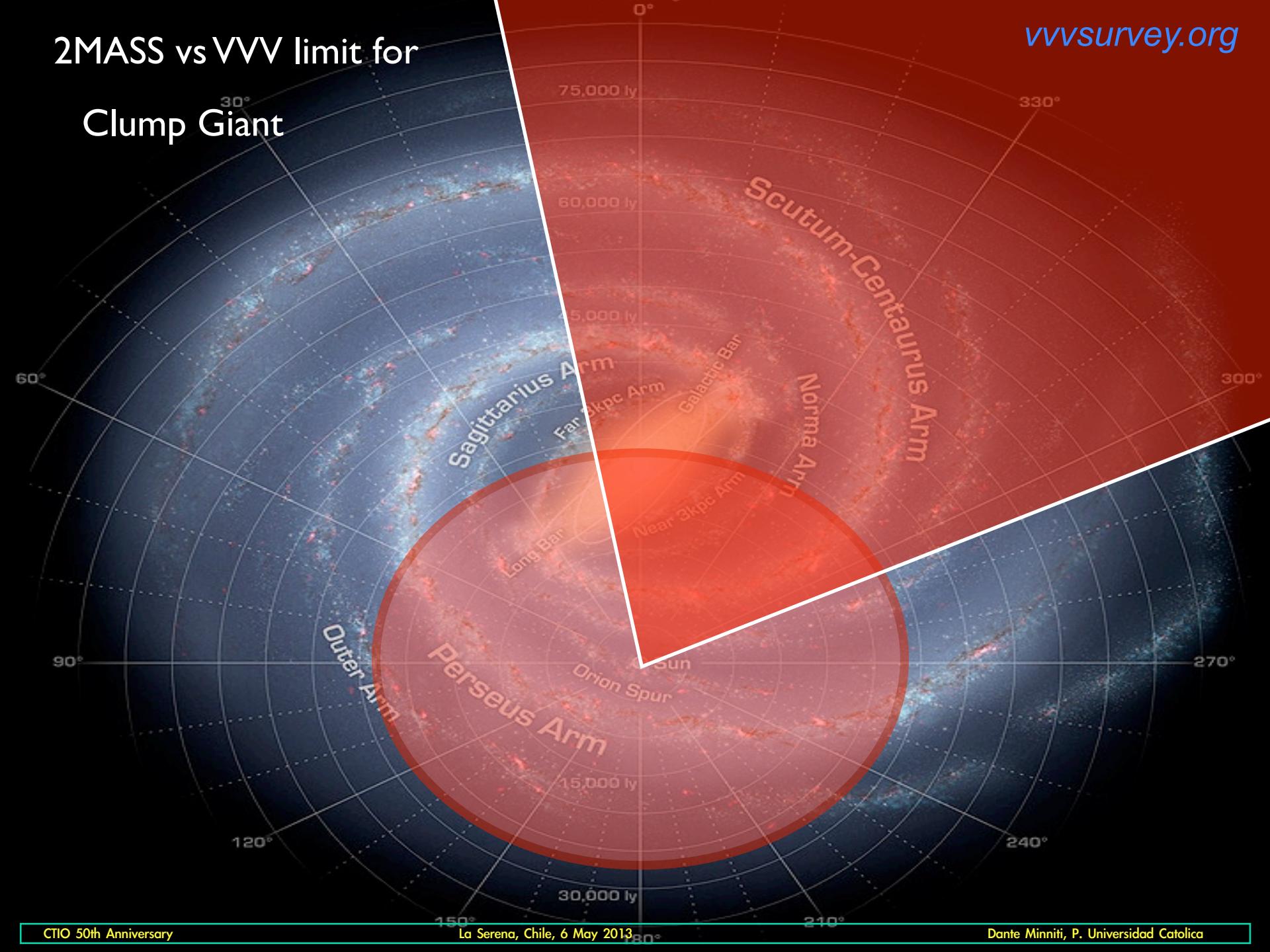
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2MASS vs VVV limit for

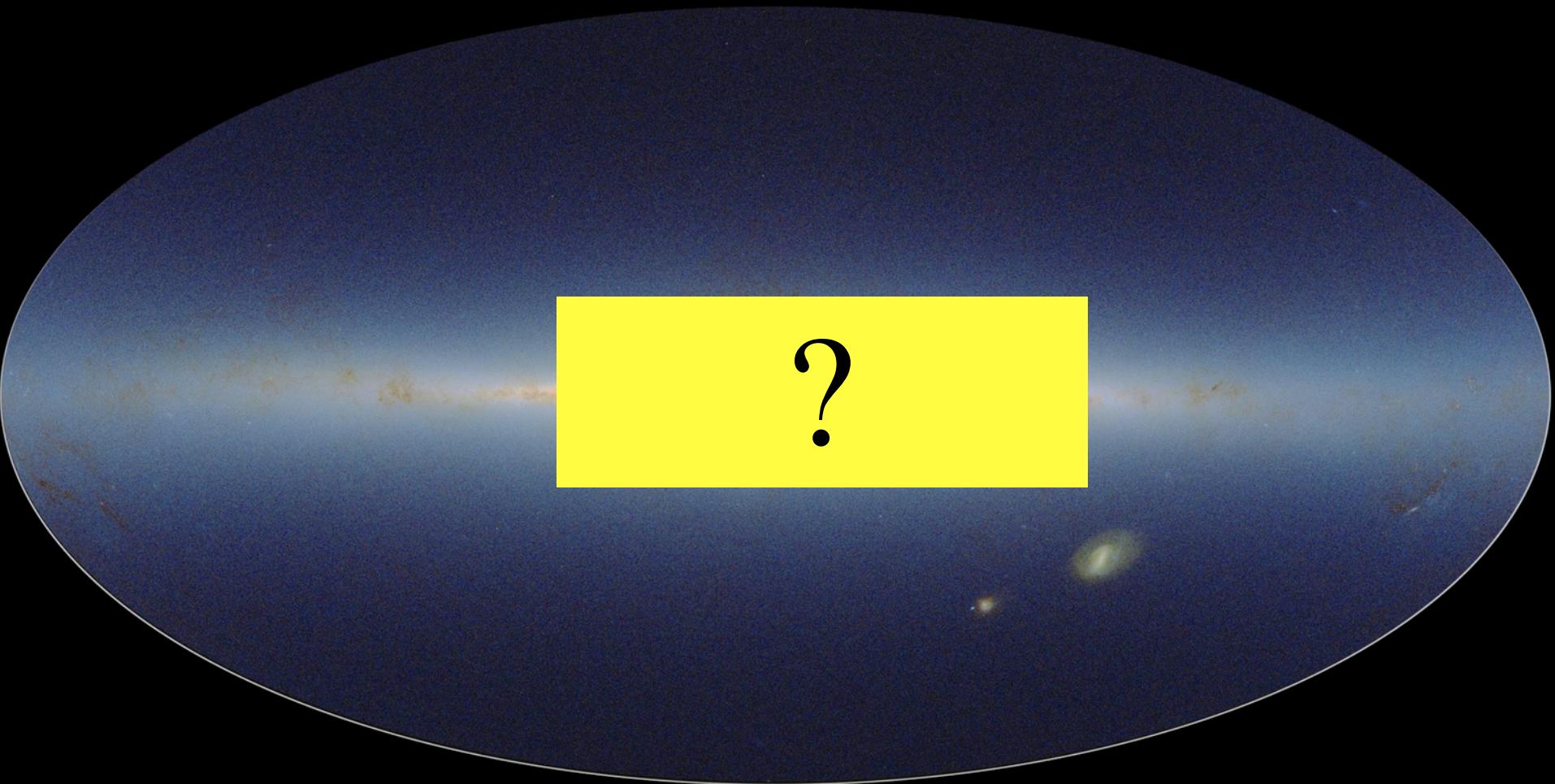
Clump Giant

[vvvsurvey.org](http://vvvsurvey.org)



The photo album of the  
MW is not complete yet!!!

[vvvsurvey.org](http://vvvsurvey.org)



# 2MASS IMAGE OF THE MILKY WAY

# vvv Goal

What is the 3-D  
structure of the  
Milky Way

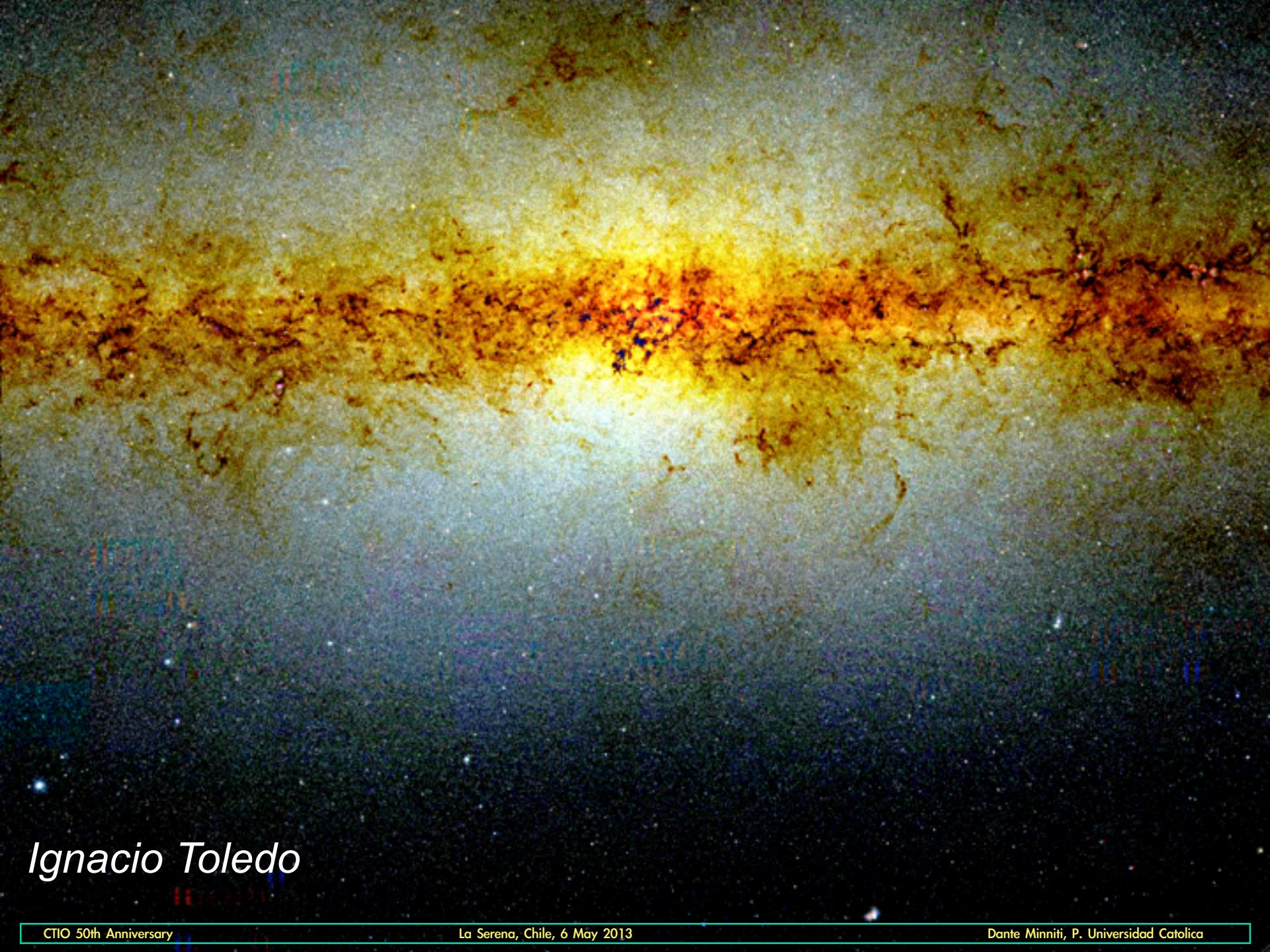


*20 deg*

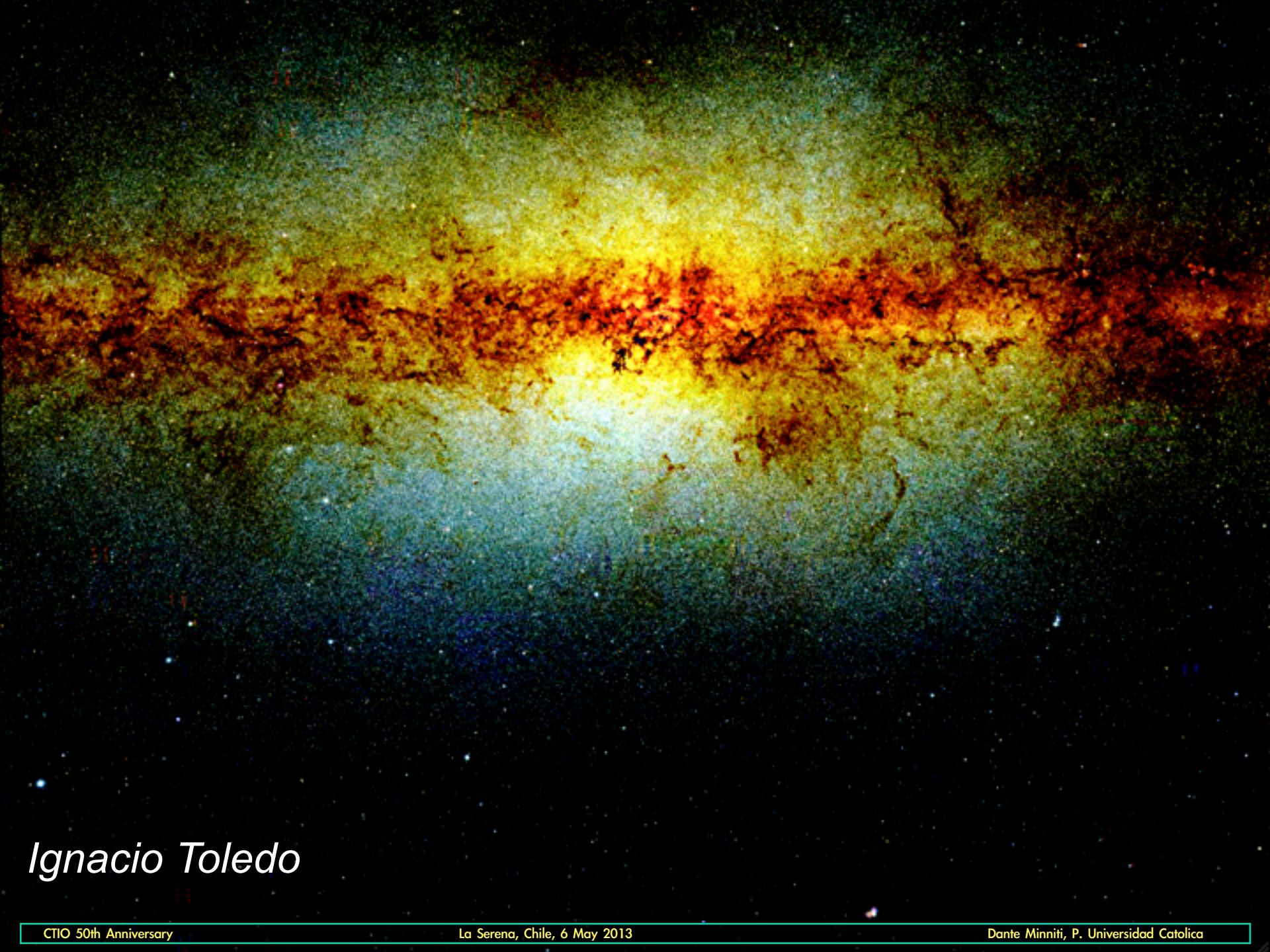
YR1 Multicolor Photometry

*15 deg*

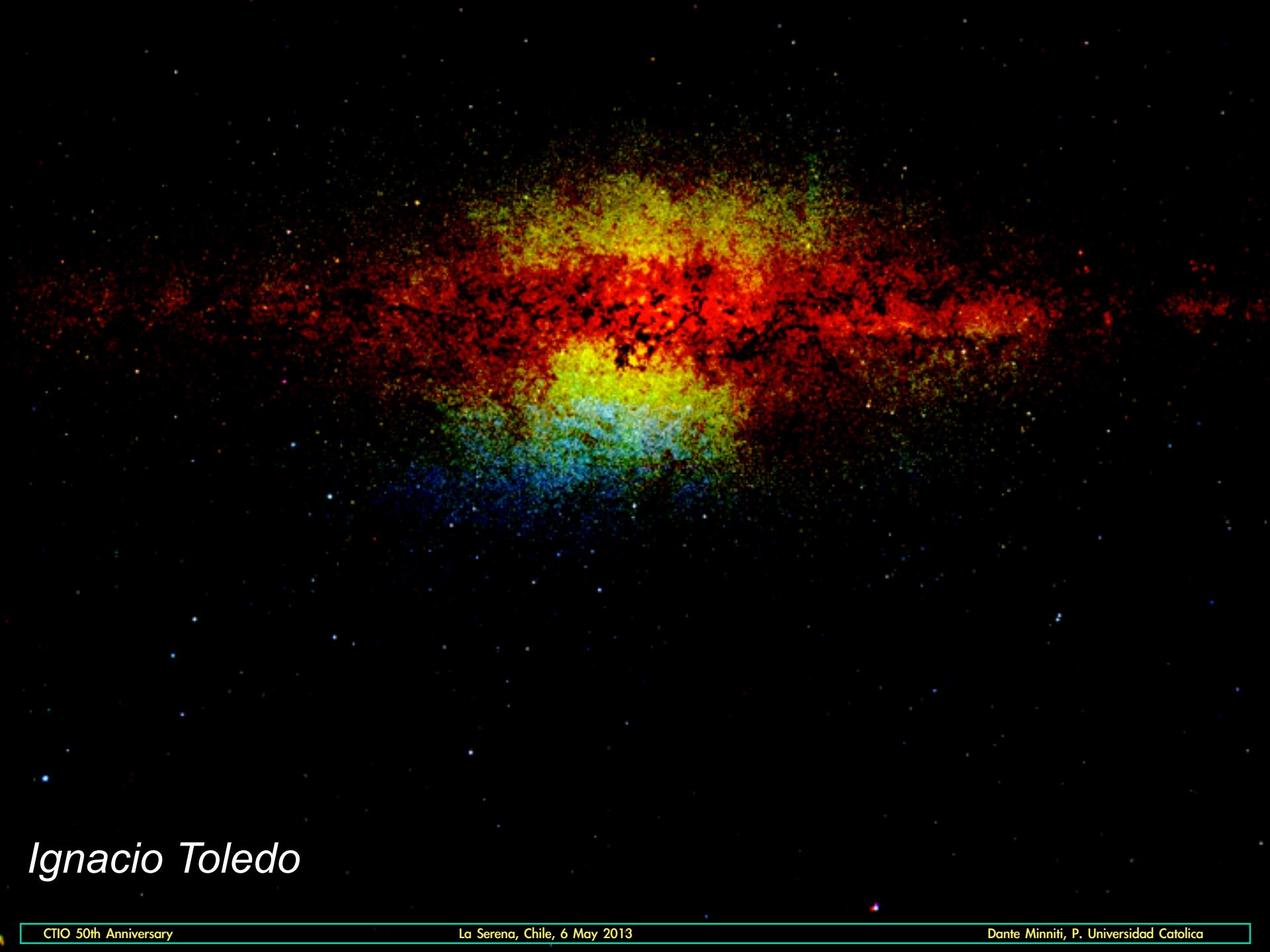
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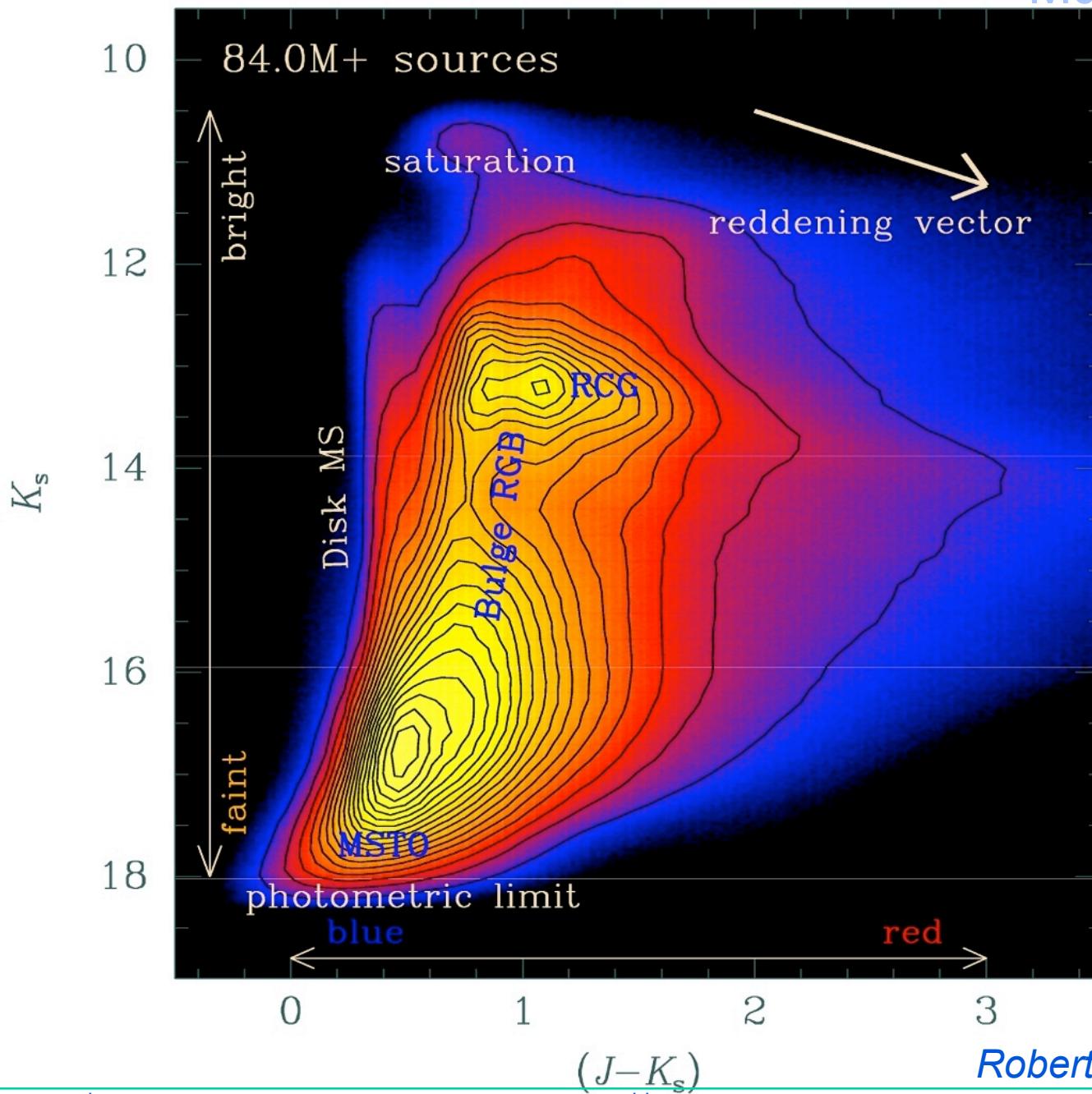
# ESO noticias

*“The news of the image spread like wildfire and it has so far been our most successful press release. To date we have had more than 600 000 visitors to this press release alone — more than double our previous record for a single release.”*

Lars Lindberg Christensen, ESO Outreach  
Community Newsletter, November 2012

Stellar flag

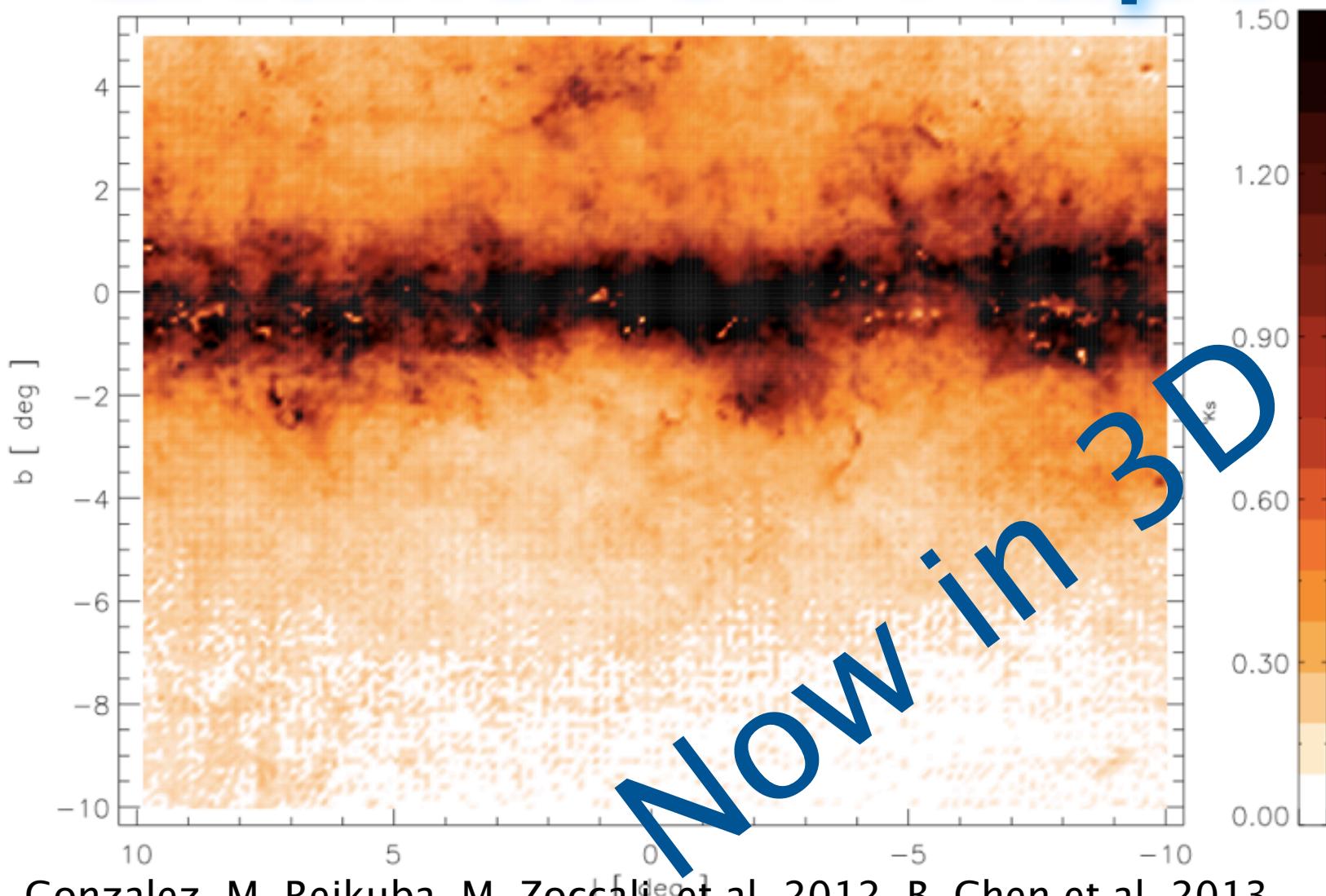
Multicolor photometry



VVV  
84M+  
STARS  
BULGE  
CMD

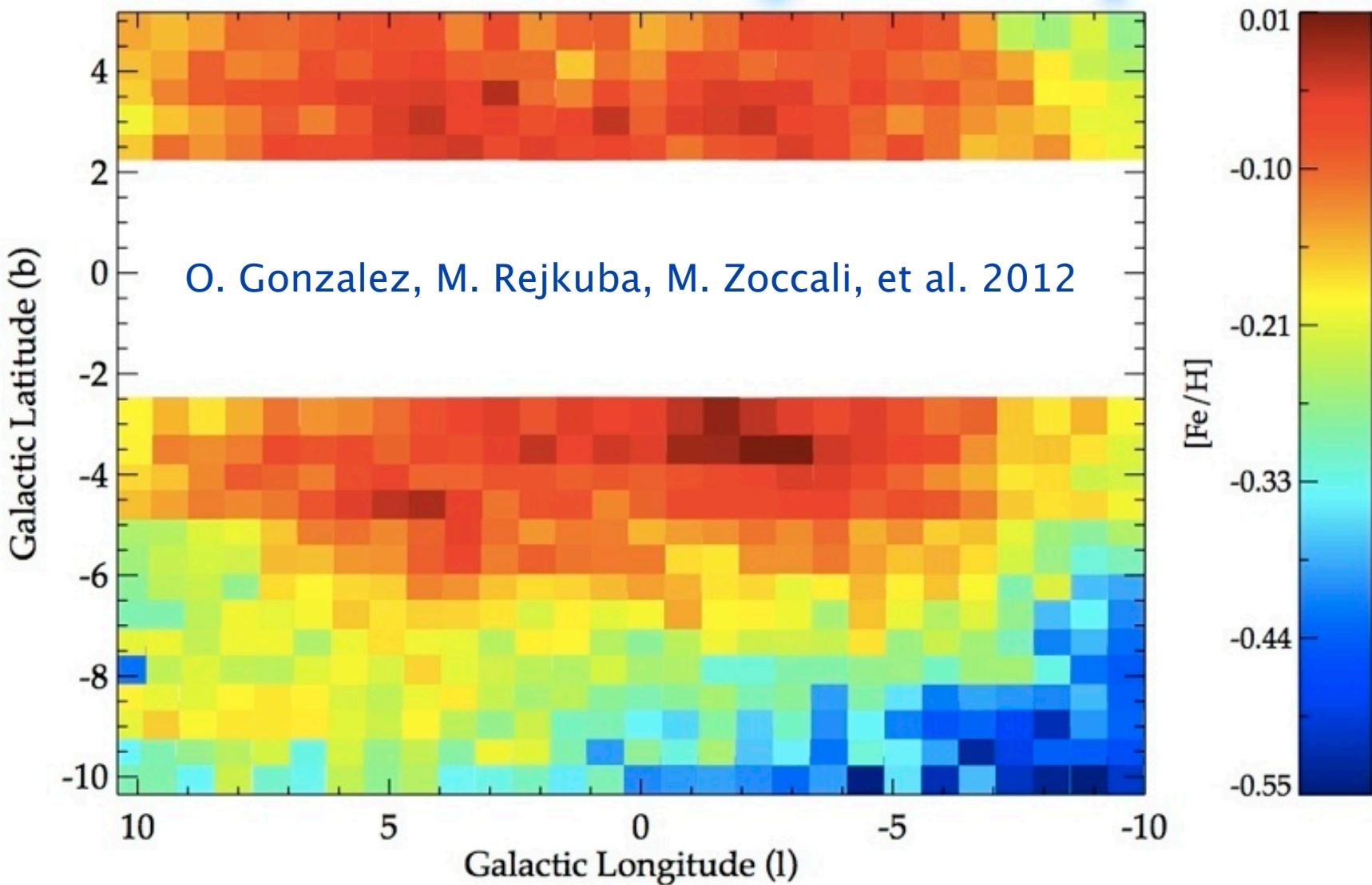
Roberto Saito et al. 2012

# Extinction Maps

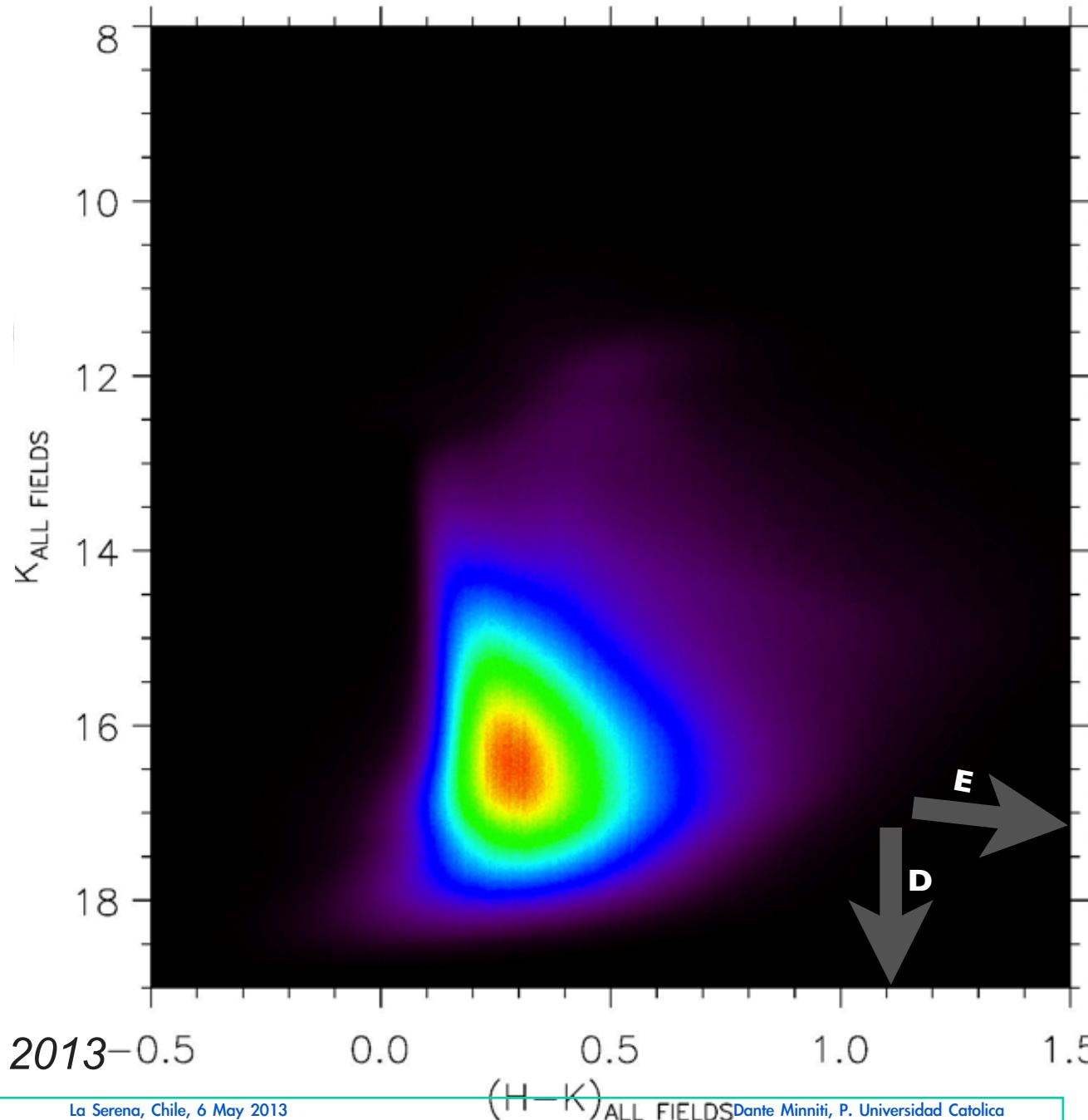


O. Gonzalez, M. Rejkuba, M. Zoccali, et al. 2012, B. Chen et al. 2013

# Metallicity Maps



# VVV DISK I40M STARS



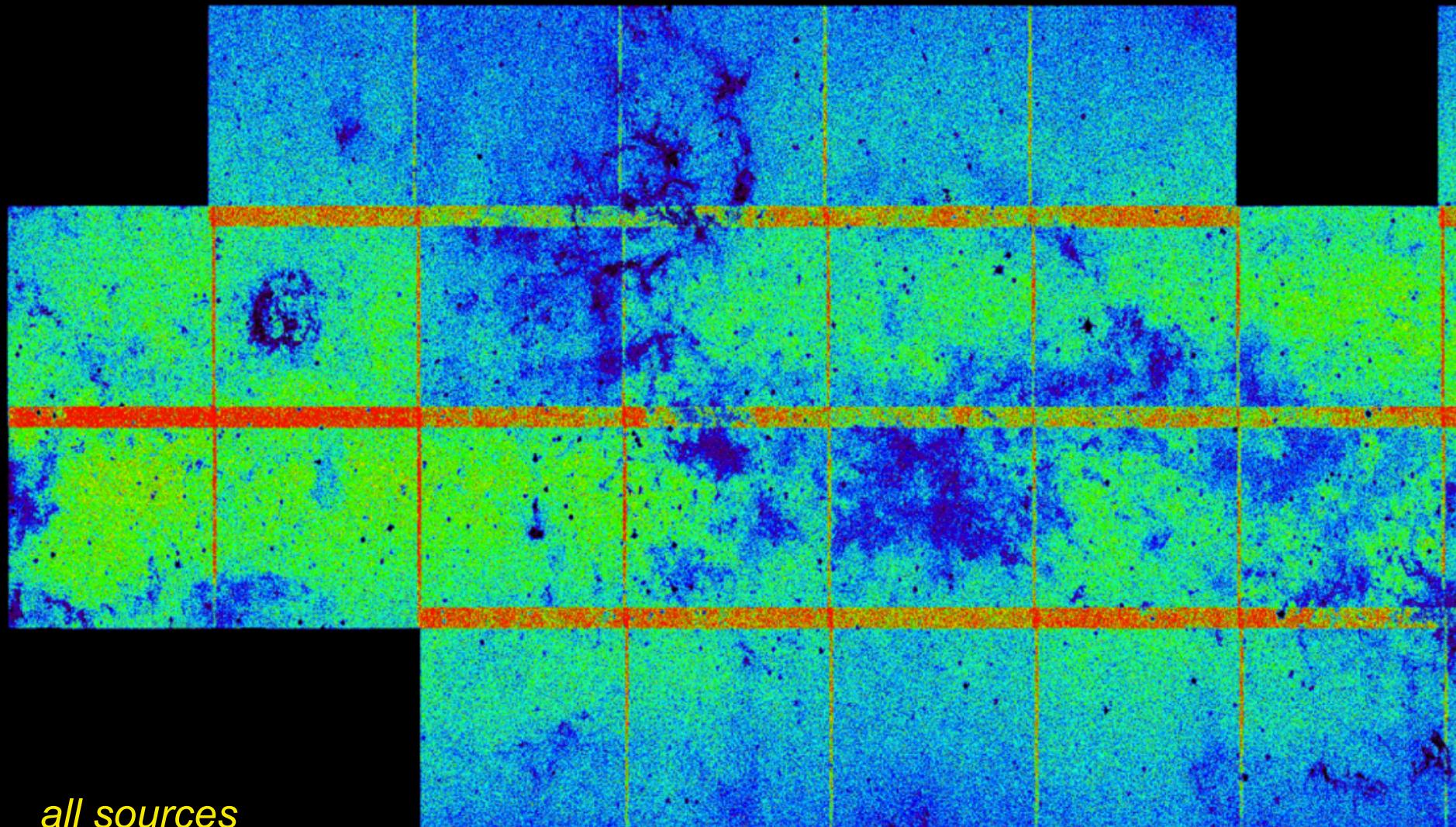
M. Soto, R. Barba, et al. 2013

La Serena, Chile, 6 May 2013

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# VVV DISK DENSITY MAPS



*all sources*

*M. Soto, R. Barba*

$dN/dm_K/d(J-K) [10^4 \text{ mag}^{-2}]$

# VVV DISK CMDS

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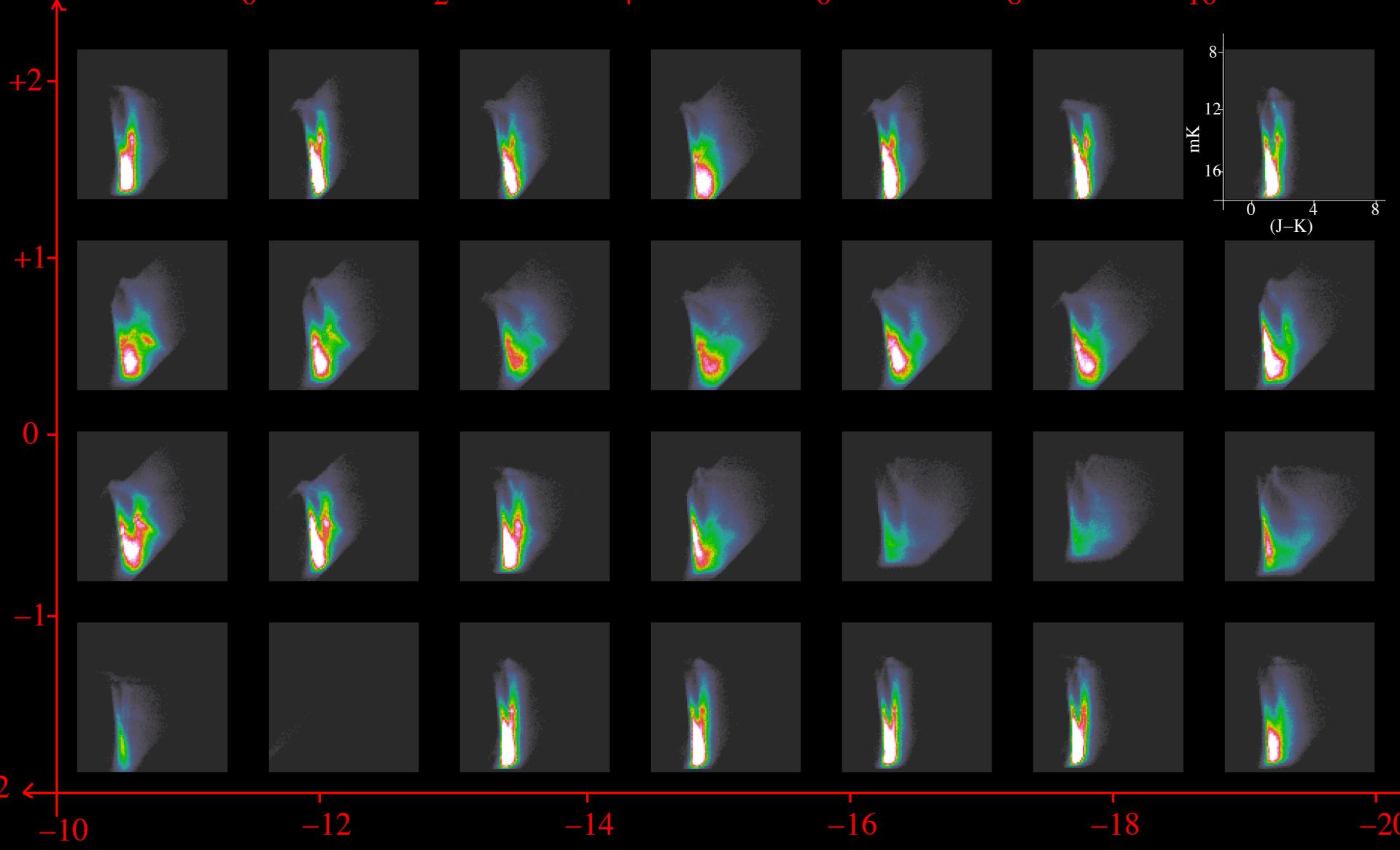
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4

6

8

10



Galactic longitude (deg.)

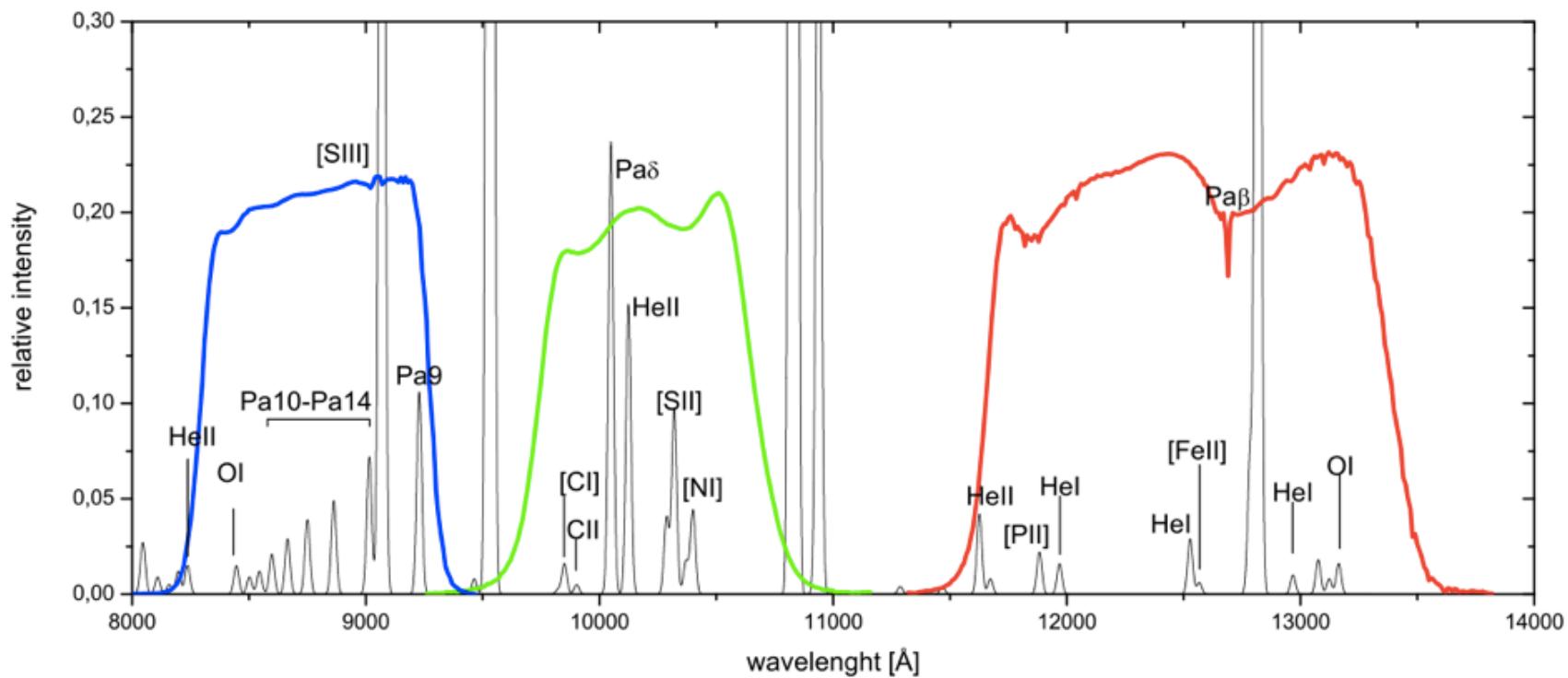
G. Gonzalez Fernandez et al. 2012

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# Planetary Nebulae with VVV



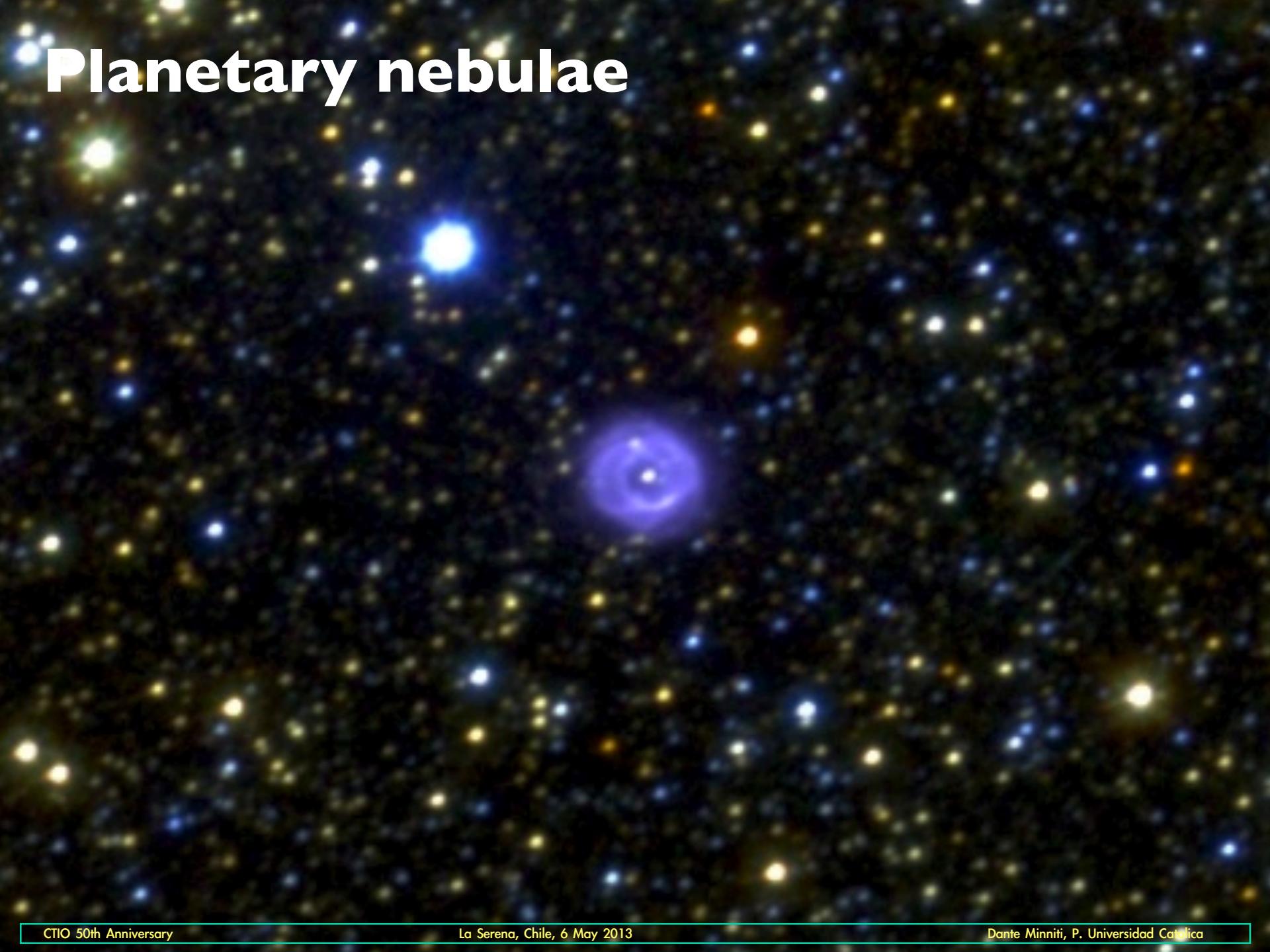
**Fig. 1.** Transmission curves for the Z, Y and J broad-band filters (the effective wavelengths are 0.878, 1.021 and 1.254  $\mu\text{m}$  respectively). The spectrum of the PN IC 5117 is superimposed (Rudy et al. 2001), scaled to  $\text{Pa}\beta=1$ .

W. A. Weidmann, et al. 2013

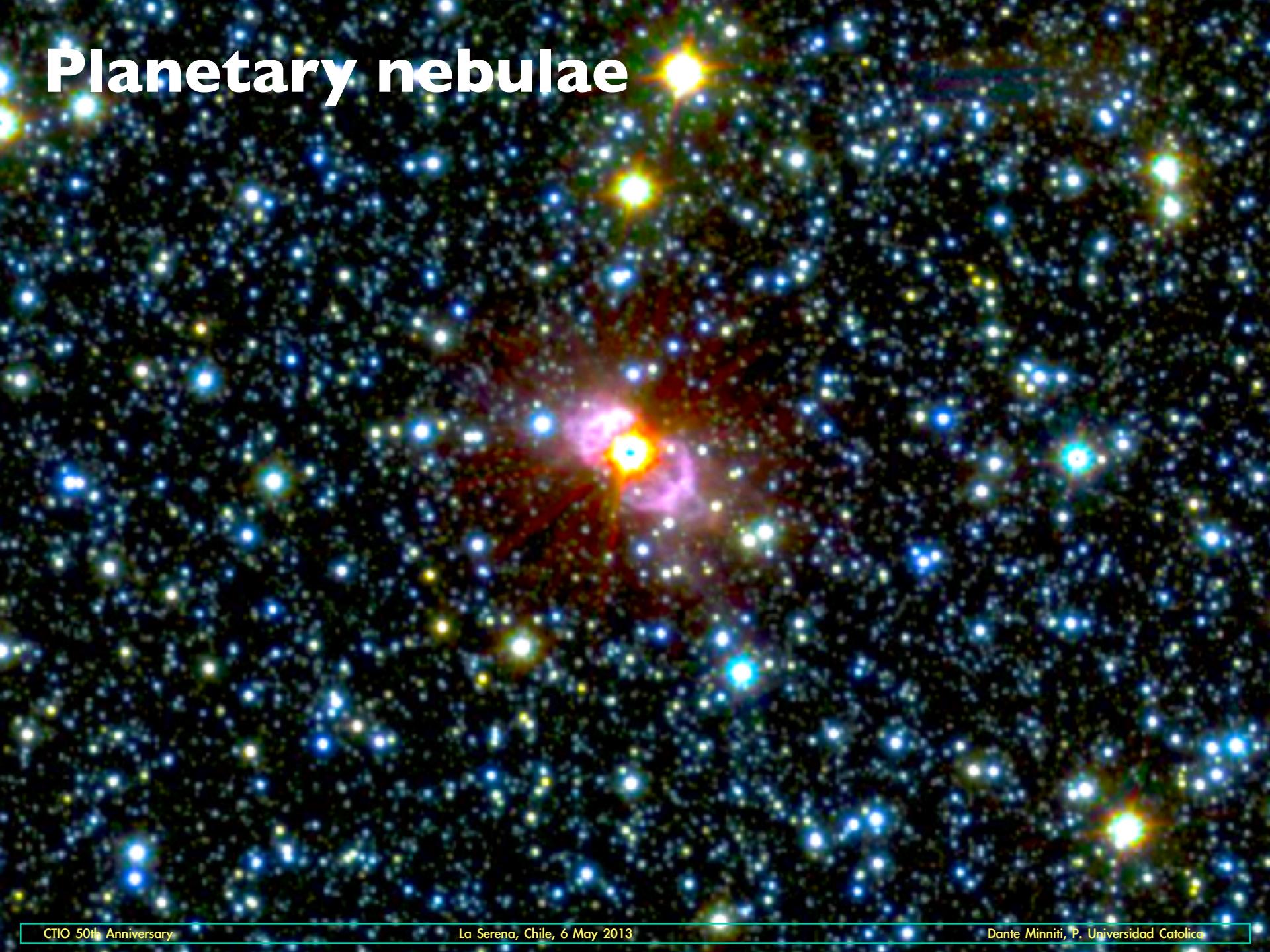
# Planetary nebulae



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# Star Clusters

Phil Lucas, Jura Borissova, Rudy Kurtev, Marcio Catelan, Francesco Mauro, Doug Geisler, Cristian Moni-Bidin, Bogdan Popescu, Andre Chene, Rodolfo Barba, Alexandre Roman, Margaret Hanson, Javier Alonso, Maren Hempel, Manuela Zoccali, Marina Rejkuba, Eduardo Bica, Beatriz Barbuy, Roberto Sajto, Elena Valenti Roger Cohen, Charles Bonatto, Juan Claria, Tali Palma, Celeste Paris, Julia Arias, ...

# VVV Globular Clusters



**Javier Alonso**

# Follow-up of new globular clusters

New candidate GCs

Christian Moni-Bidin, Francesco Mauro, Doug Geisler, et al. 2012

# Open Clusters

[vvvsurvey.org](http://vvvsurvey.org)



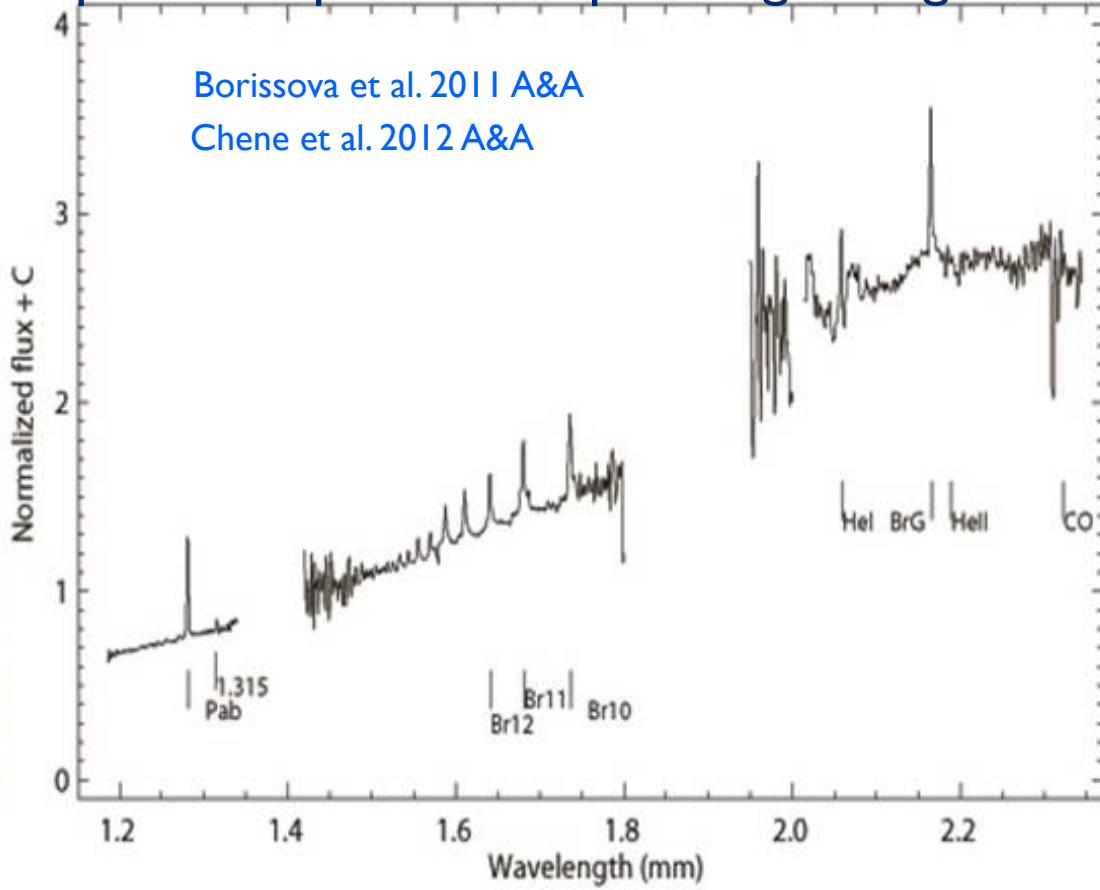
Borissova et al. 2011 A&A

Discovery of a hundred new open clusters in the Milky Way.

Measure their sizes and reddenings.

Estimate their ages and distances.

# Spectroscopic follow up of brightest giants

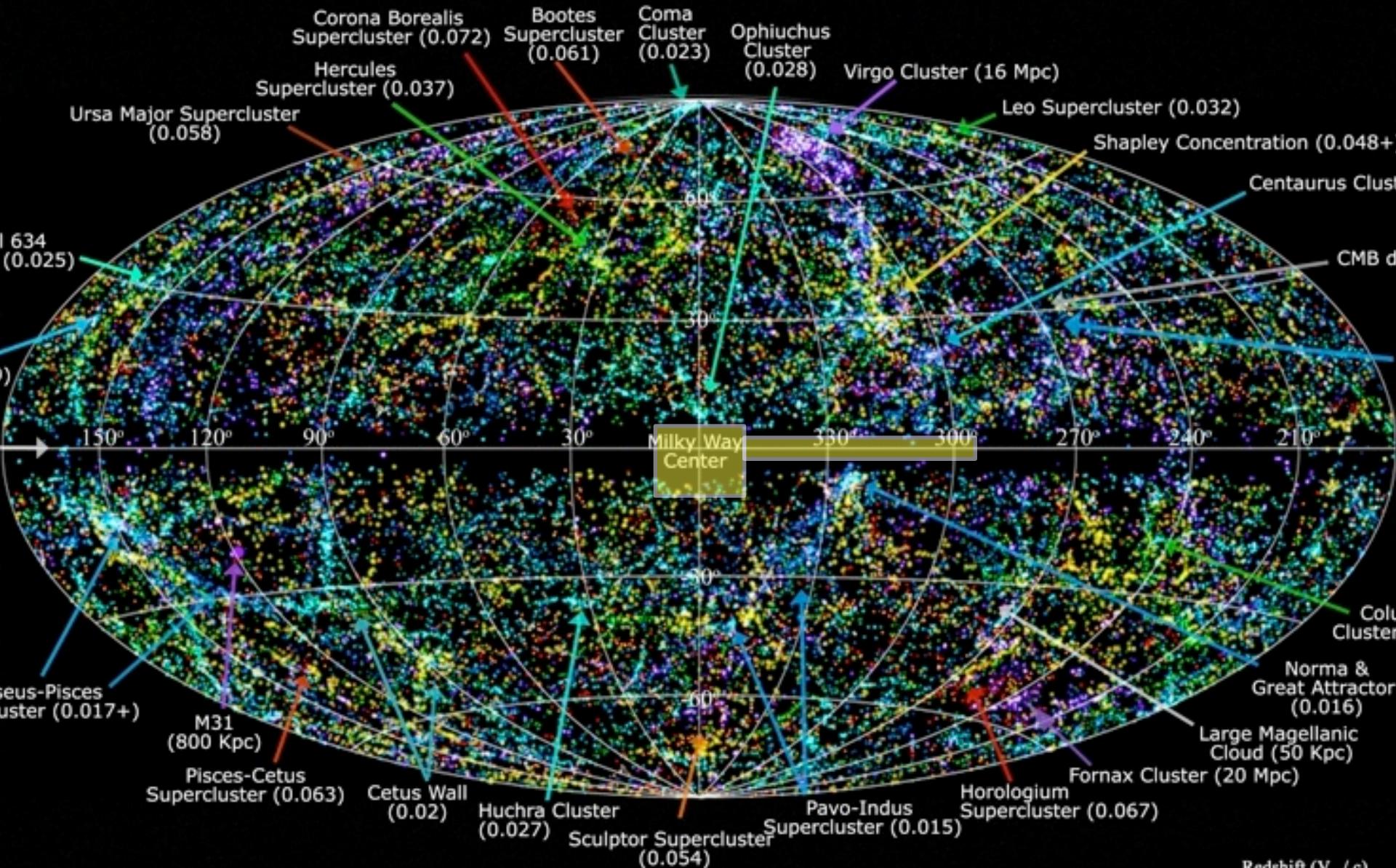


# VVV Galaxies



**BEYOND THE MW...**

# 2MASS Redshift Survey



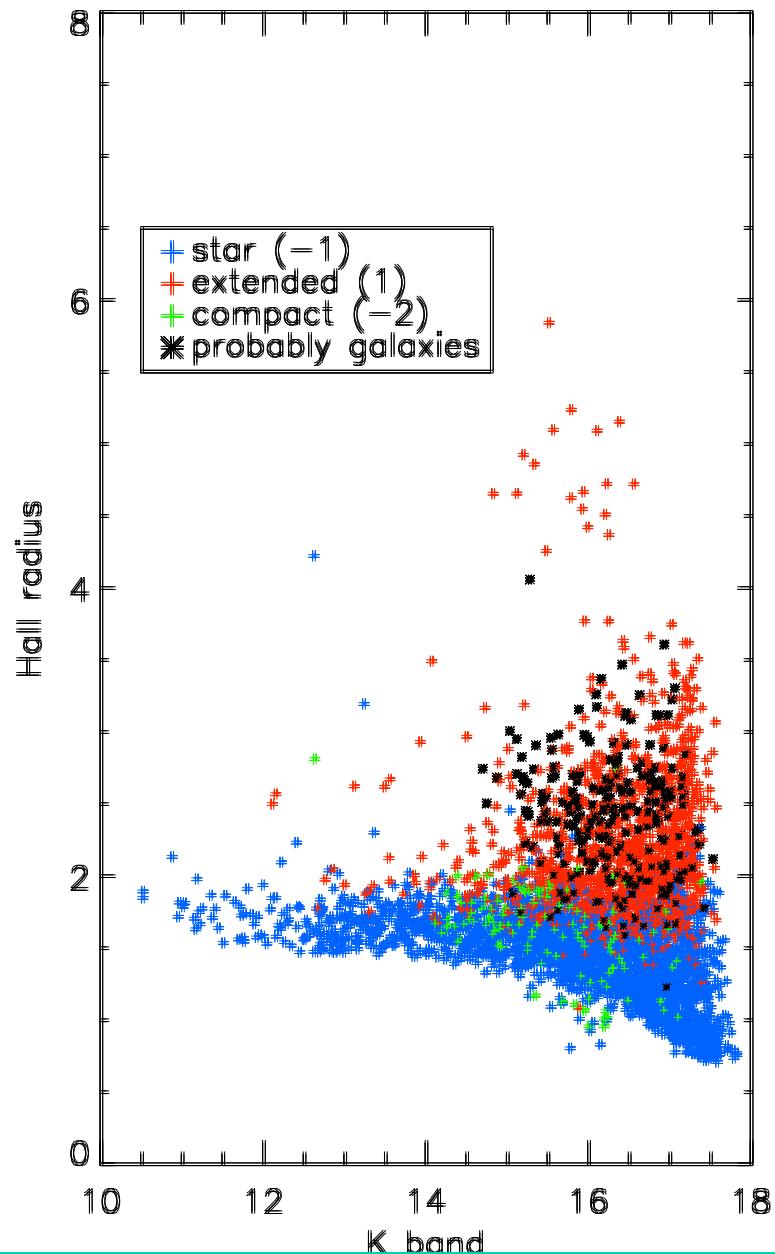
**Legend:** image shows 2MASS galaxies color coded by the 2MRS redshift (Huchra et al 2011); familiar galaxy clusters/superclusters are labeled (numbers in parenthesis represent redshift).



# How Many Galaxies in the VVV Survey?

Eduardo de Amores et al.  
2012 MNRAS

Eduardo de Amores VVV d003



**~35,000 GALAXIES**

# NOT A GALAXY...



## NEED FOR NEAR-IR SPECTROSCOPIC FOLLOW-UP (MOONS, APOGEE-S)

234 x 7295

VVV field best

Bubble



MAIN ID	OTYPE	RA	DEC	COO ...	COO ...	C...	PMRA	PMDEC	B	V	R	J
2MASX J17244259-3410...	Galaxy	17 24 42.598	-34 10 19.09									7.864
2MASX J17244573-3411...	Galaxy	17 24 45.740	-34 11 07.09									7.066
2MASX J17244580-3410...	Galaxy	17 24 45.820	-34 10 08.00	La Silla, Chile, 6 May 2013								Dante Minniti, P. Universidad Católica 13.318

# The VV Stages

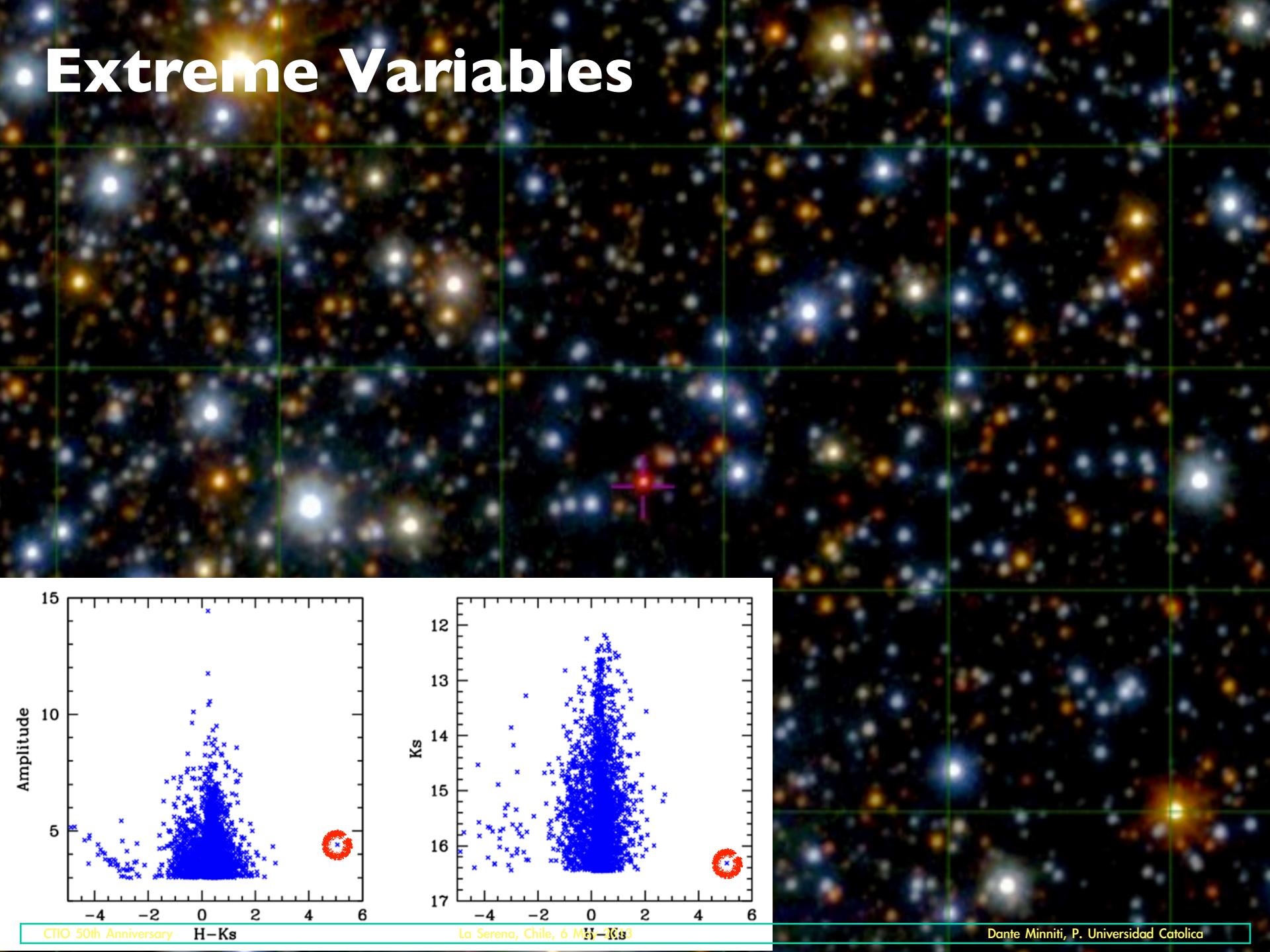
Multicolor Photometry: ZYJHKs

Variability: Ks

LPVs, Cepheids, RR Lyrae, Binaries, Novae, Microlensing...

Proper Motions: Ks

# Extreme Variables



# The VVV light curves templates project

(R. Angeloni, M. Catelan, I. Dekany, et al.)

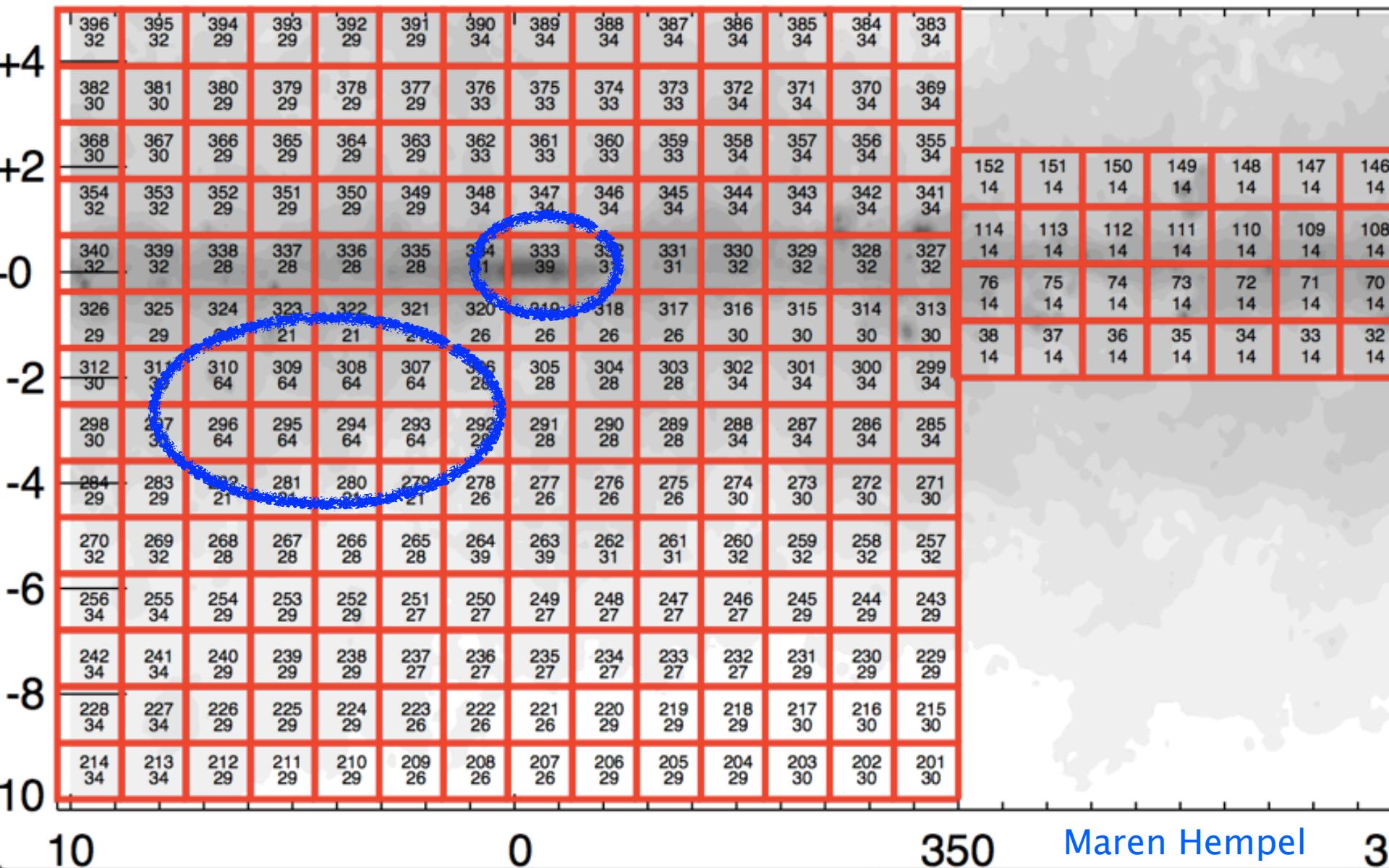
**Towards an automated classification of VVV Light curves**

**Need to classify vast amounts of time series data, with estimated >1 million real variable objects**

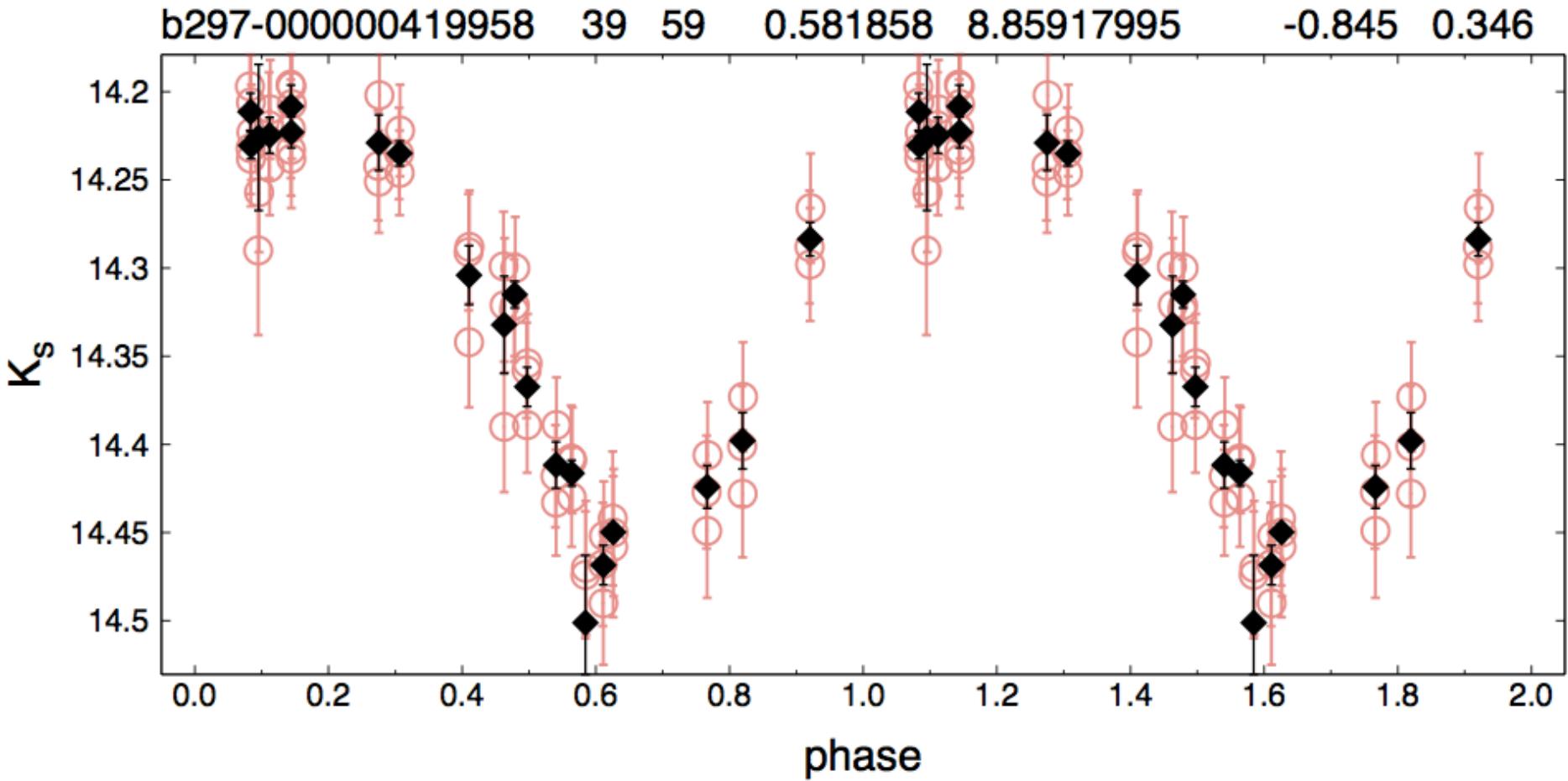
**Need for high quality templates in the near-IR**

**Ongoing observations with a network of telescopes around the world**

# Number of Epochs: Bulge



# Bulge RR Lyrae: $P = 0.58$ d



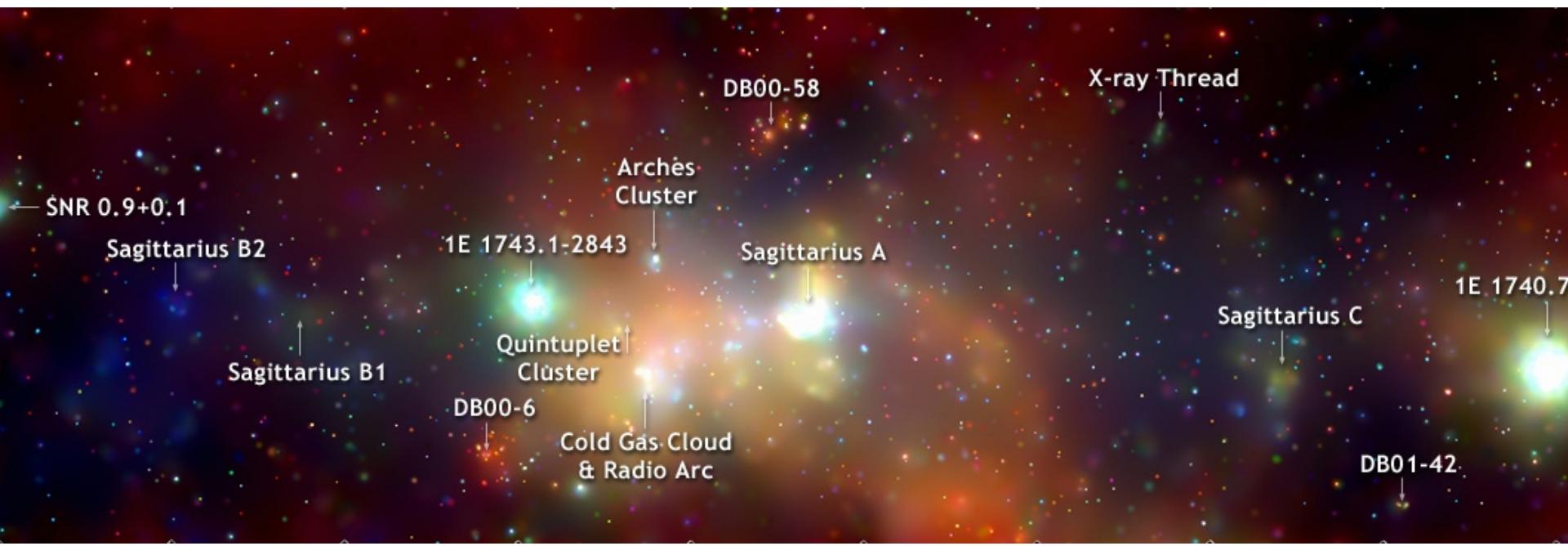
Istvan Dekany

# High Energy Sources

[vvvsurvey.org](http://vvvsurvey.org)

Follow-up of sources from CHANDRA, INTEGRAL, FERMI, SPITZER, ALMA,...

CSO



Credit: NASA/UMass/D.Wang et al.

VVV will also monitor the variability around the Galactic Center.

*Sandra Greiss  
Alejandra Rojas*

# High Energy Sources

## VVV near-infrared observations of the IGR J17177-3656 field

ATel #3275; [A. Rojas \(PUC, Santiago\), N. Masetti \(INAF/IASF, Bologna\) and D. Minniti \(PUC, Santiago\)](#)

on 12 Apr 2011; 08:37 UT

Credential Certification: Nicola Masetti (masetti@iasfbo.inaf.it)

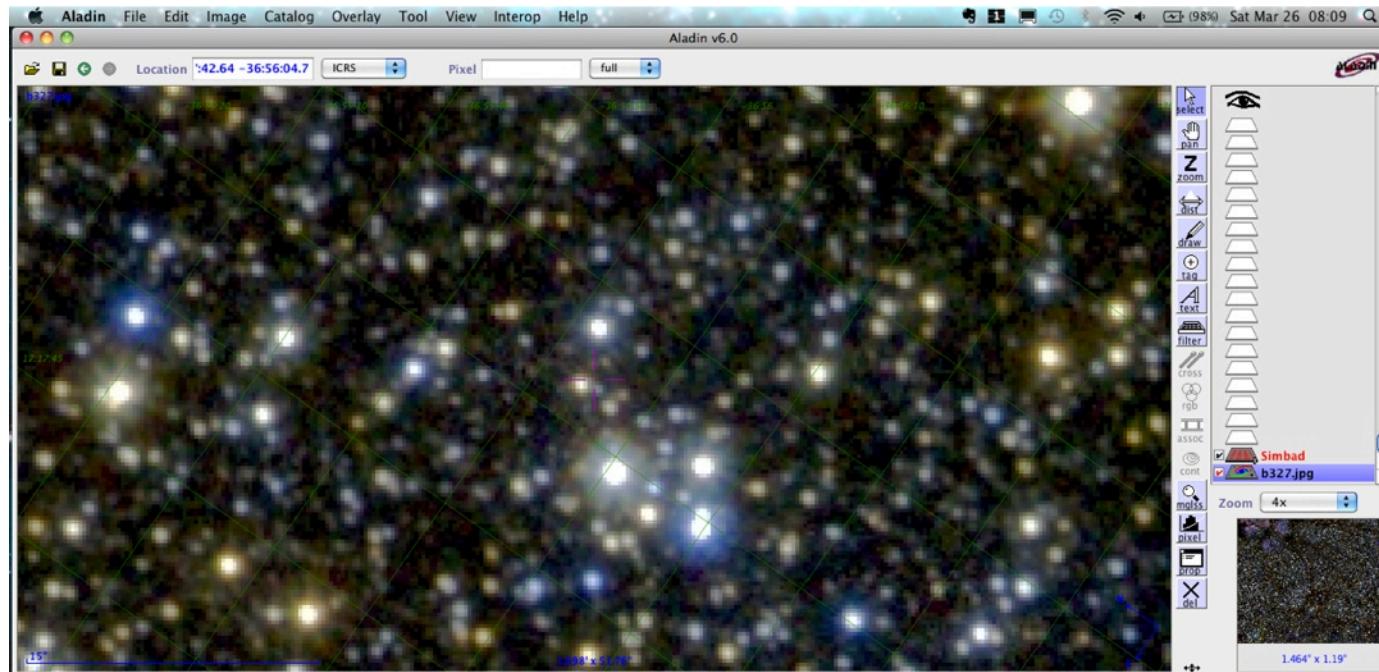
## VVV near-infrared observations of the MAXI J1543-564 field

ATel #3372; [A.F. Rojas \(PUC, Santiago\), N. Masetti \(INAF/IASF, Bologna\) and D. Minniti \(PUC, Santiago\)](#)

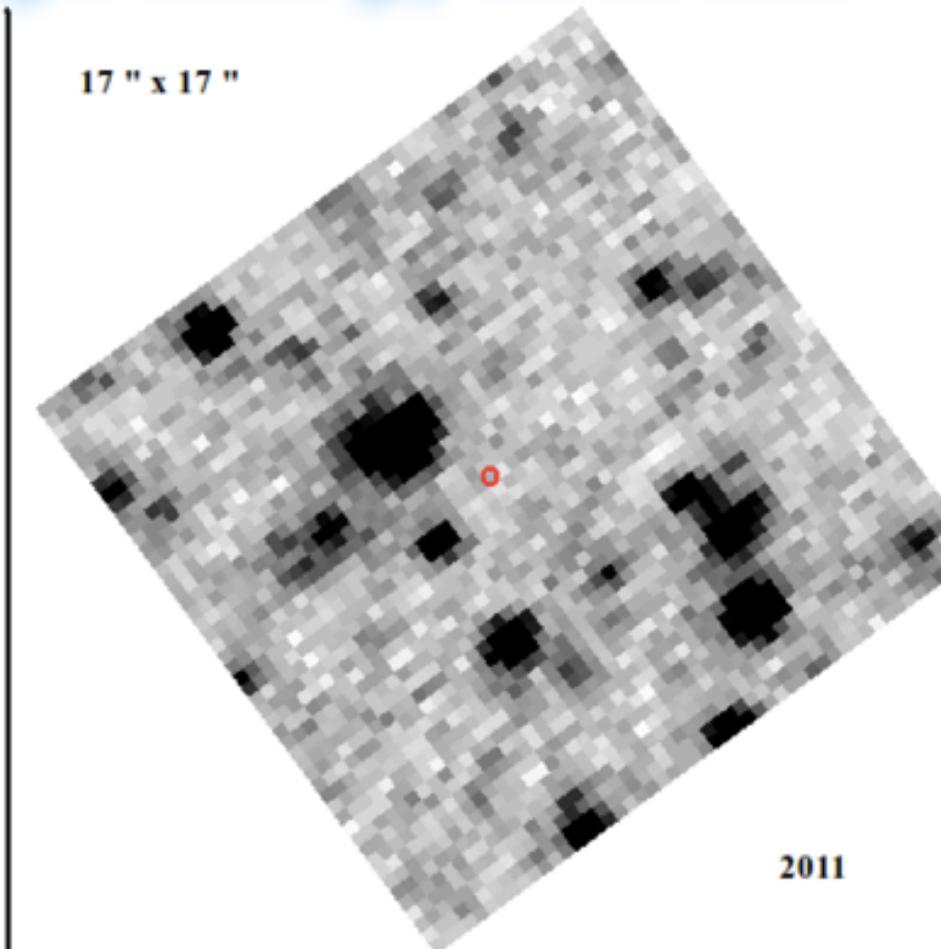
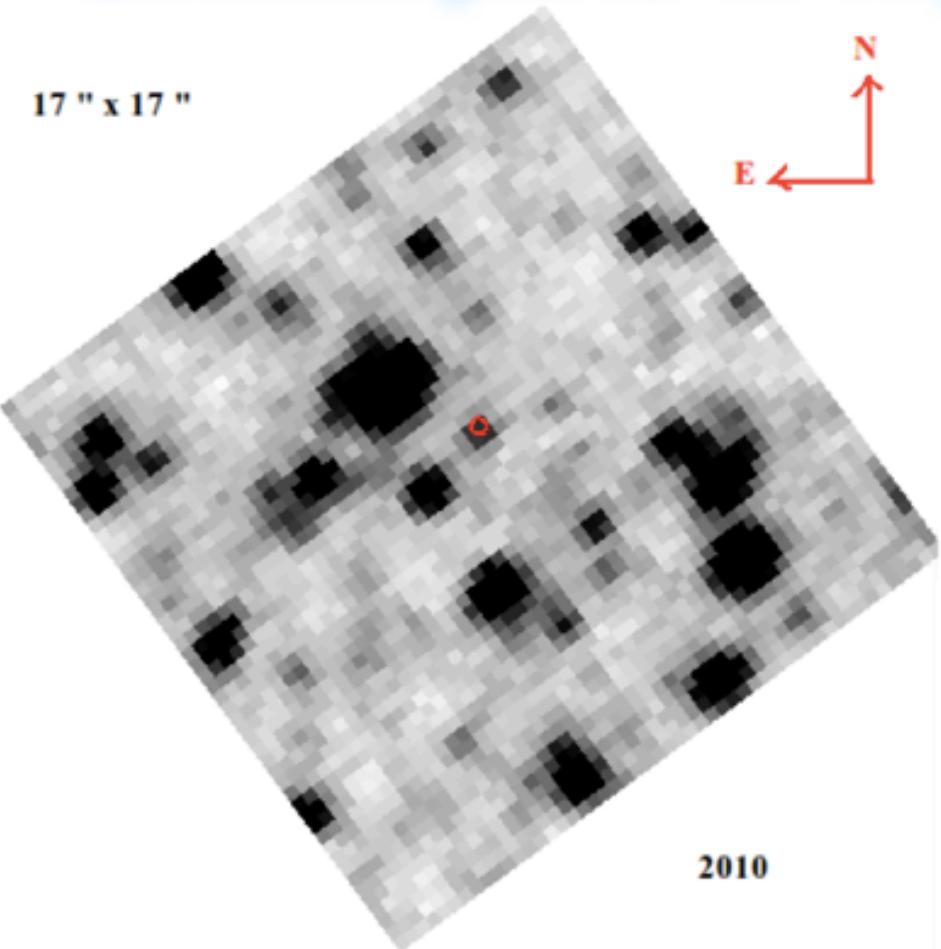
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Nicola Masetti



# Counterparts of High Energy Sources



*Alejandra Rojas*

**Figura 2.40:** Finding Chart Ks del campo de IGR J17098-3628. El círculo rojo representa la posición precisa en Óptico (incerteza de 0.2 arcsec). **Izquierda:** observación en Ks del 22-04-2010. **Derecha:** una observación del 29-08-2011, donde la fuente no es detectada.



# Búsqueda de contrapartes de fuentes de alta energía usando el survey infrarrojo VVV y espectroscopía óptica en CTIO

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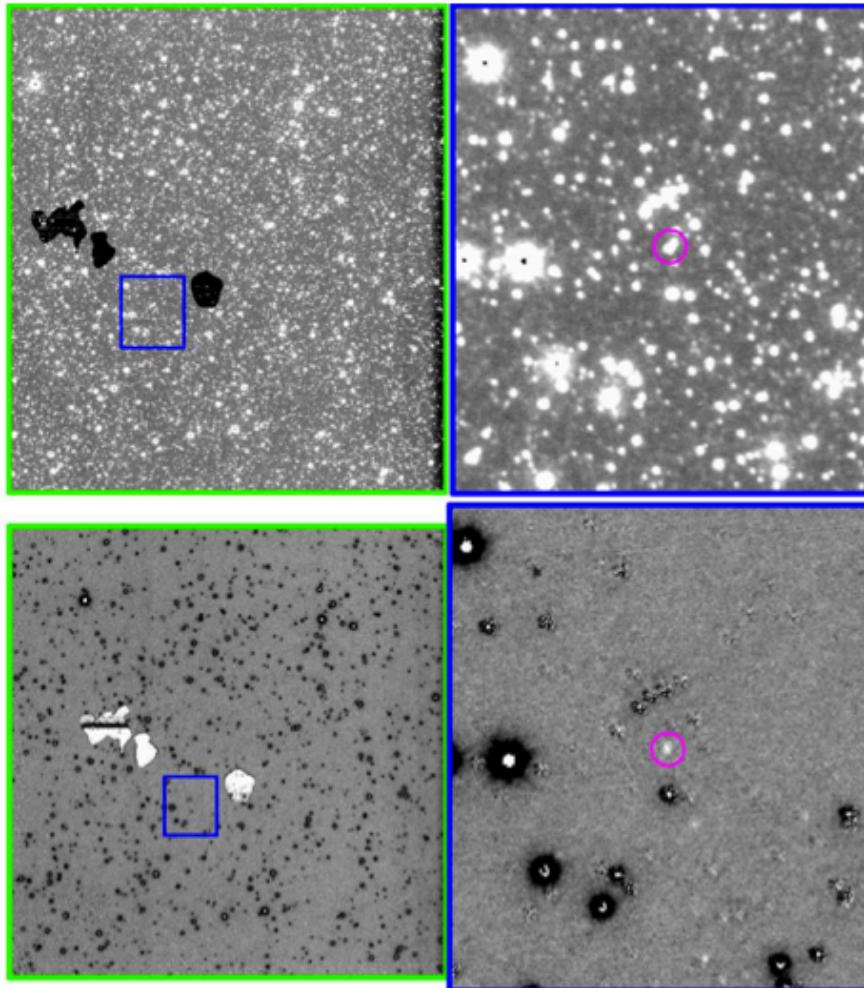
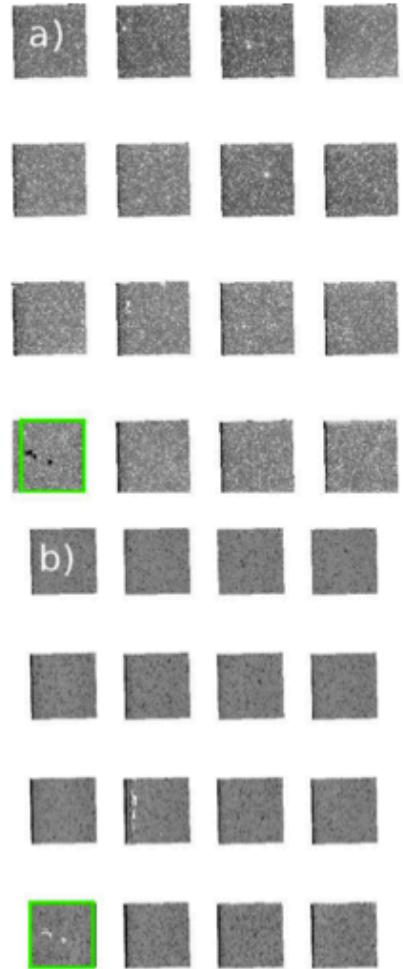
Dr. Dante Minniti (Prof. guía, PUC, Chile)

Dr. Nicola Masetti (Prof. co-guía; INAF, Italia)

Dra. Isabelle Gavignaud (UNAB, Chile)

Dr. Gaspar Galaz (PUC, Chile)

# DIA photometry



Main DIA problem:  
undersampling

Total in VVV Survey  
~few millions of  
variables

Method based on  
Alard & Lupton  
1998 ApJ

**Fig. 17.** (a) A  $K_s$  band pawprint from one VVV SV bulge field epoch showing views of: the full pawprint (left); a zoom into Array 1 (middle); and a further zoom centred on a circled variable object (right). (b) The bottom row shows the respective difference image views.

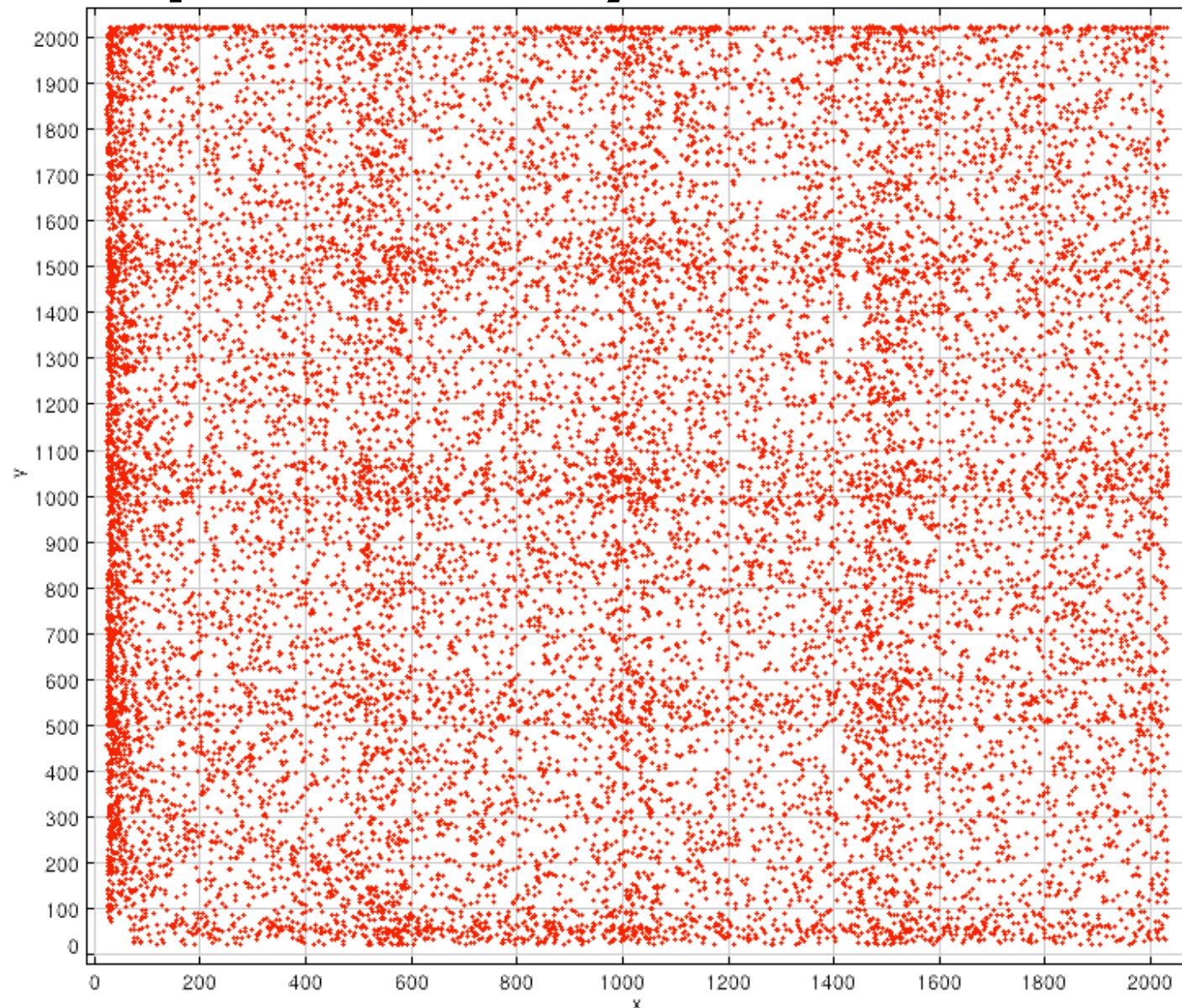
(Eamonn Kerins, Leo Huckvale)

# DIA photometry

Ks-band Variability

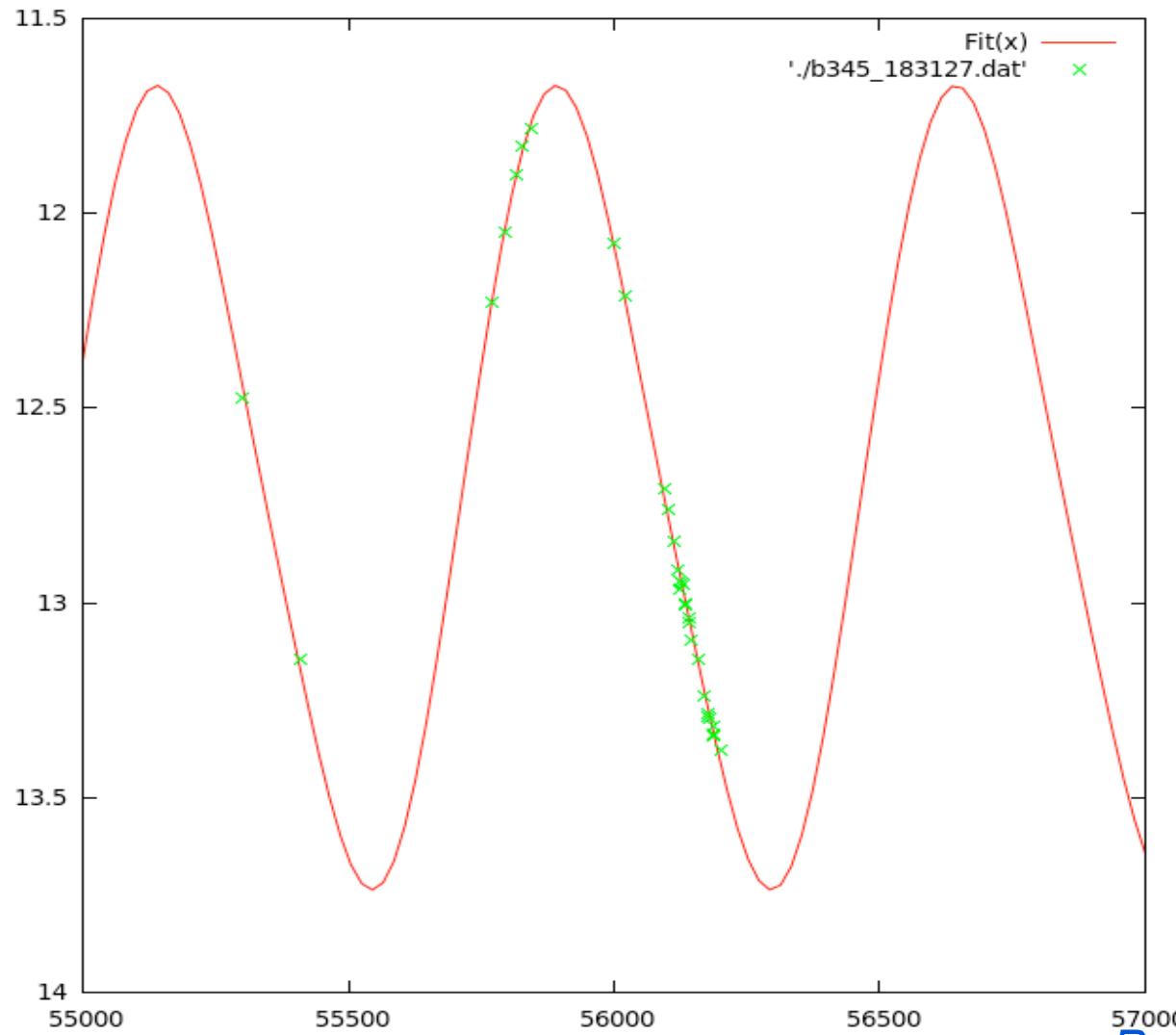
Sep 2012:  
DIA pipeline  
working

Example:  
DIA Variables  
in tile d068



Eamonn Kerins, Leo Huckvale, Phil Lucas

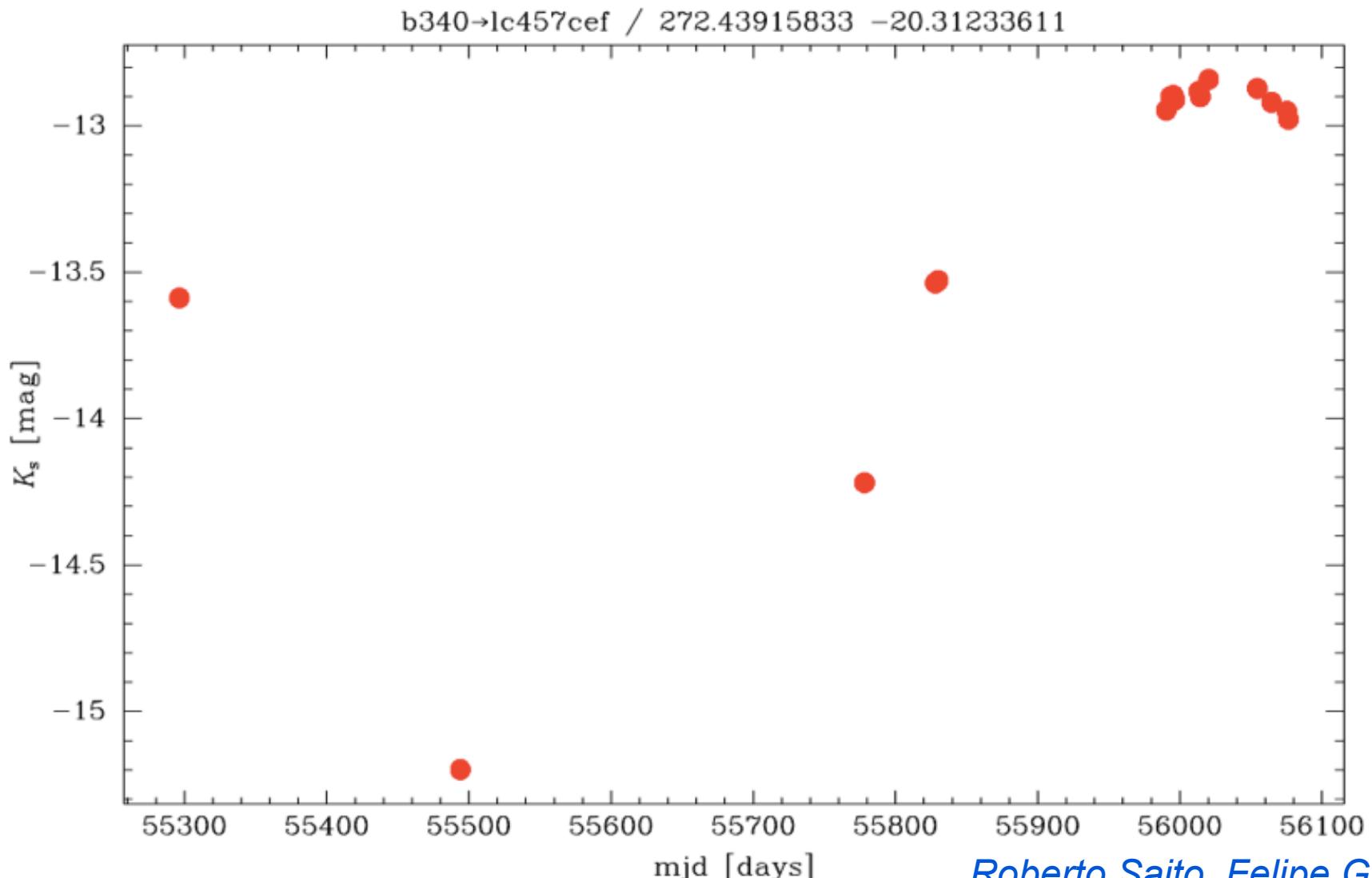
# Bulge LPVs: $A_K \sim 2$ mag, $P \sim 750$ d



Roberto Saito, Felipe Gran

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# Bulge LPVs: $A_K \sim 2$ mag, $P \sim 1,000$ d

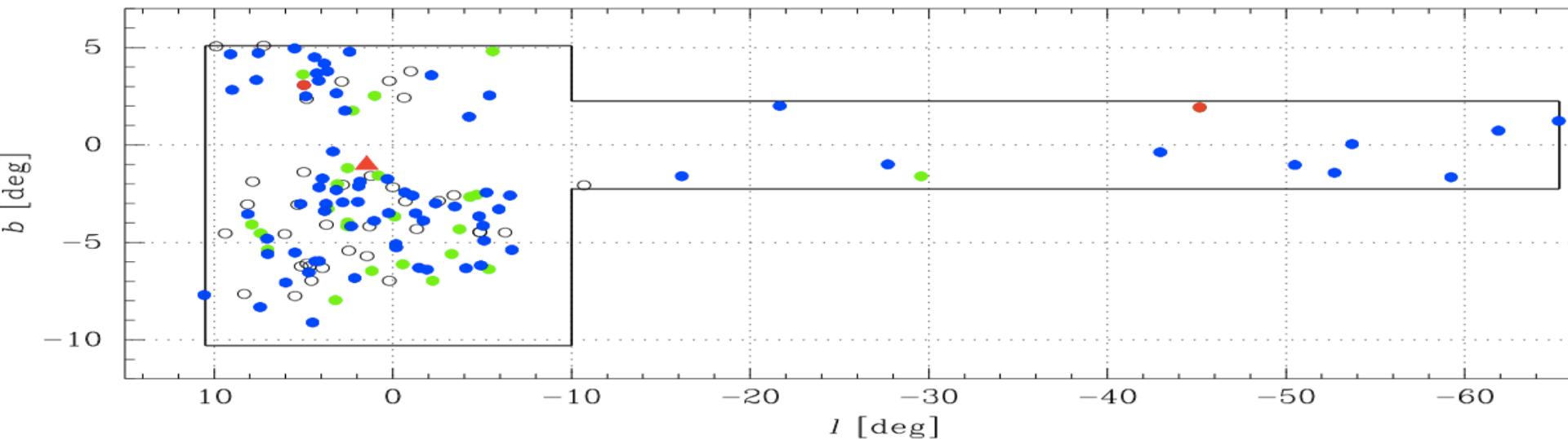


# Novae

Ks-band Variability

Example:

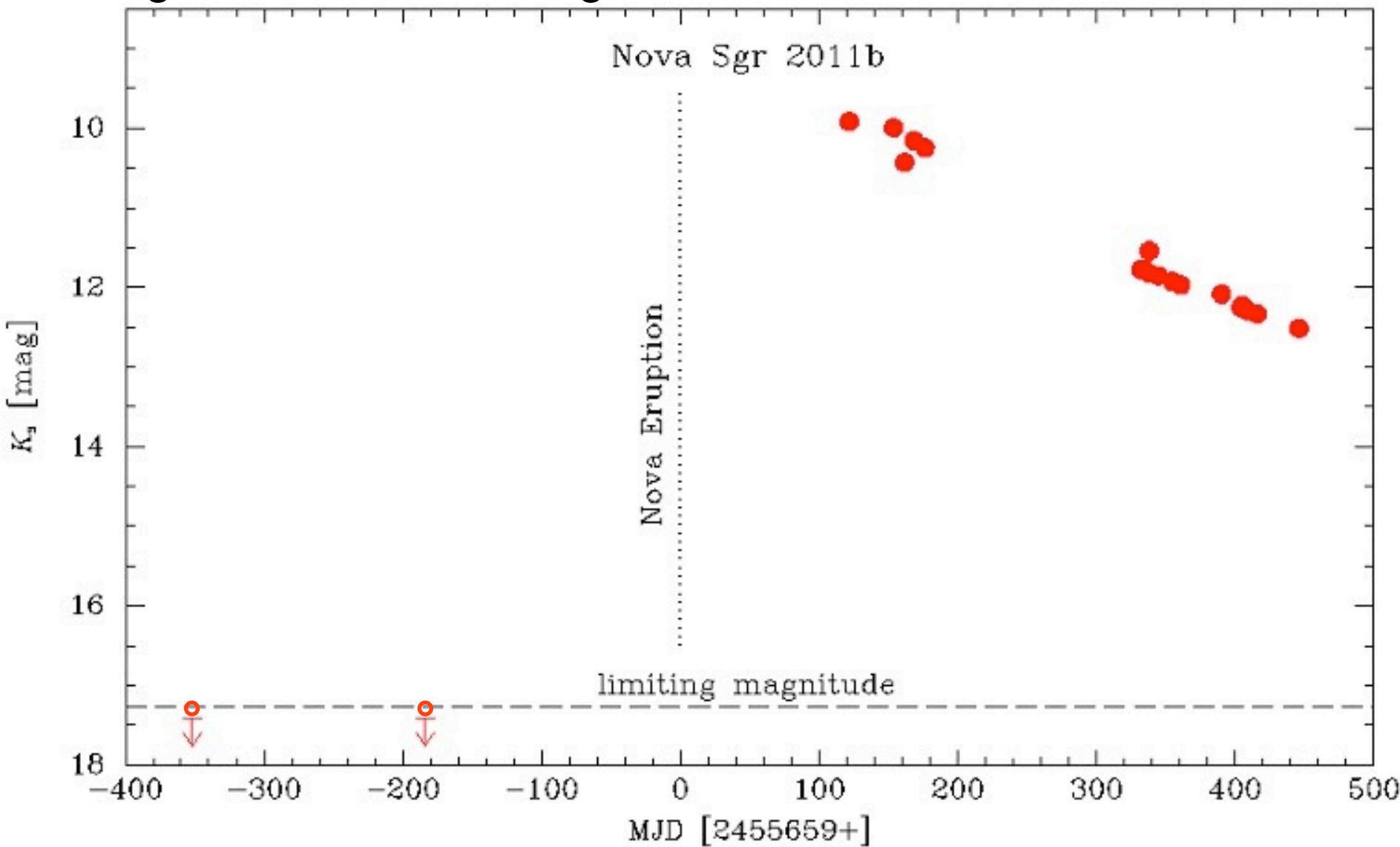
## Catalog of 138 Known Galactic Novae



Spatial distribution of known Galactic novae in the VVV area. There is an avoidance zone in the Galactic plane, where the extinction is highest. The VVV Survey can discover many novae in the most obscured regions of the Milky Way.

*Roberto Saito et al. 2013*

## Light curve for Nova Sgr 2011b



Roberto Saito et al. 2013

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## VVV-NOV-002: the second Galactic nova candidate discovered in the Milky Way bulge by the VVV Survey

ATel #4830; [R. K. Saito \(Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Universidad de Valparaiso, The Milky Way Millennium Nucleus\), D. Minniti \(Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Vatican Observatory, The Milky Way Millennium Nucleus\), R. Angeloni \(Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile\) and M. Catelan \(Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, The Milky Way Millennium Nucleus\)](#)

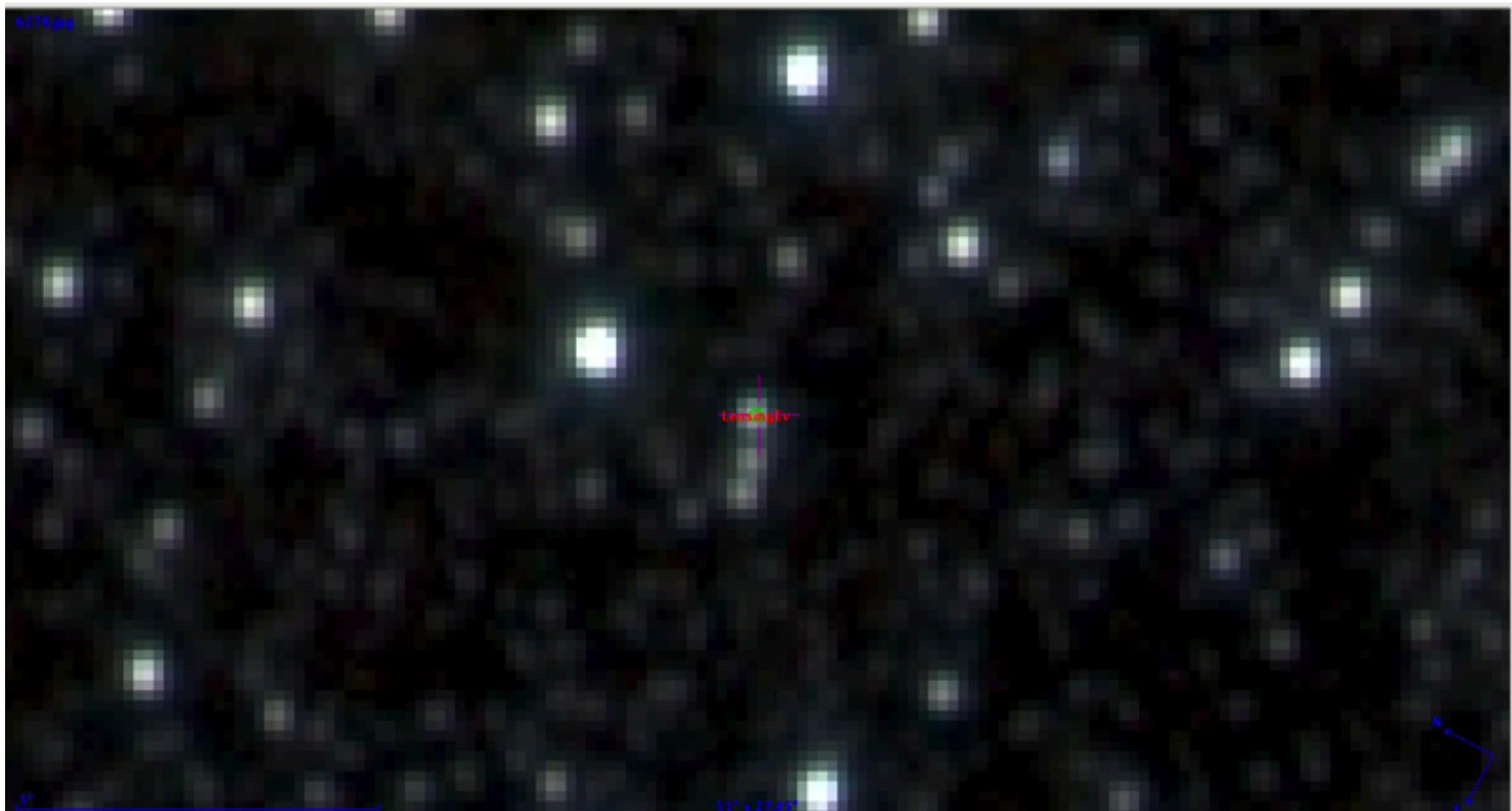
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Subjects: Infra-Red, Nova, Transient

# Known microlensing events

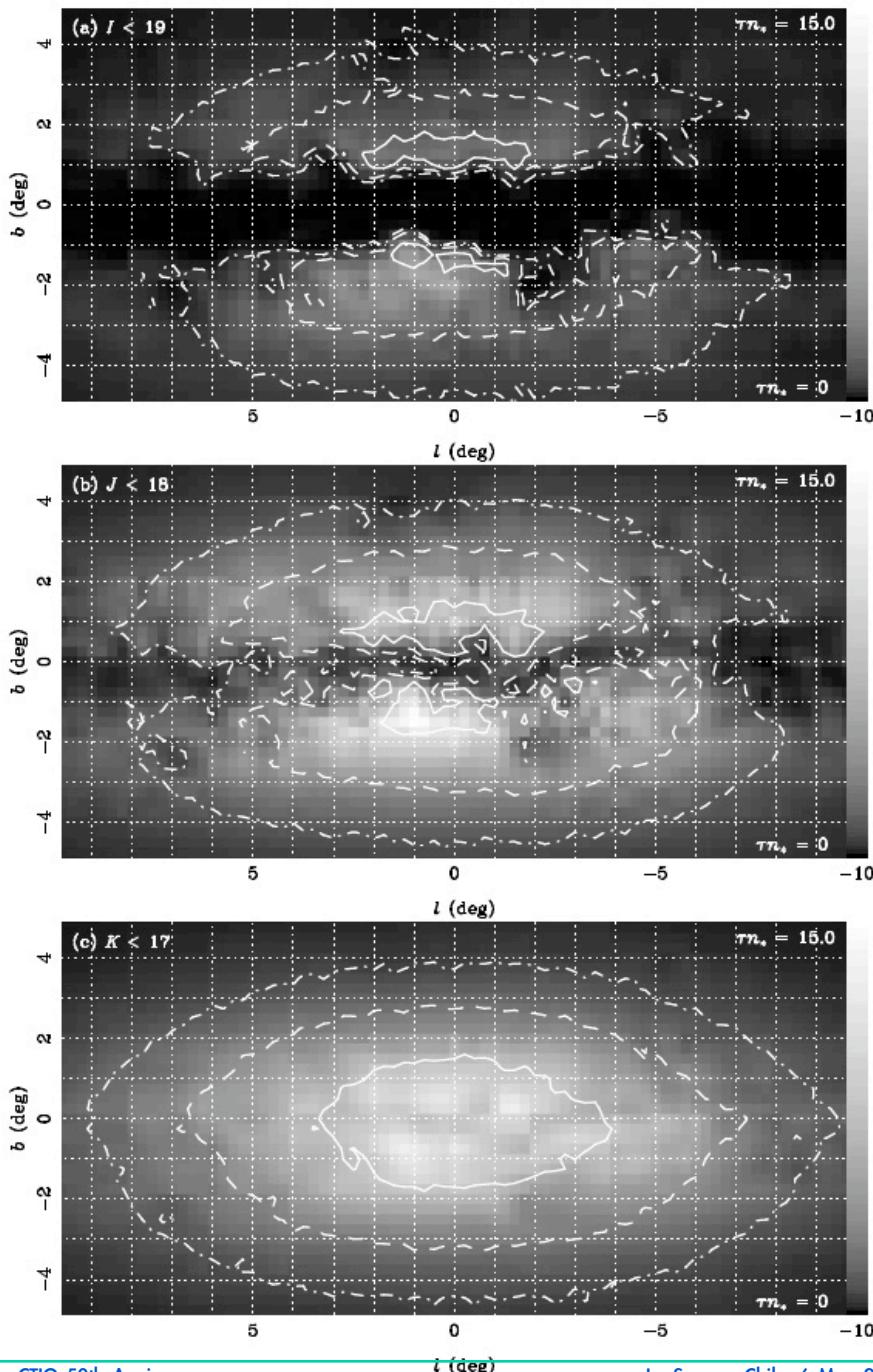


VVV will help to characterize known microlensing events, providing essential complementary data, as well as detecting new long timescale microlensing events.

# Microlensing Events



Pawel Pietrukowicz et al. 2012



# Optical depth

VVV will search for reddened bulge microlensing events, and produce a map of the optical depth  $T$ , tracing the 3D bulge mass distribution.

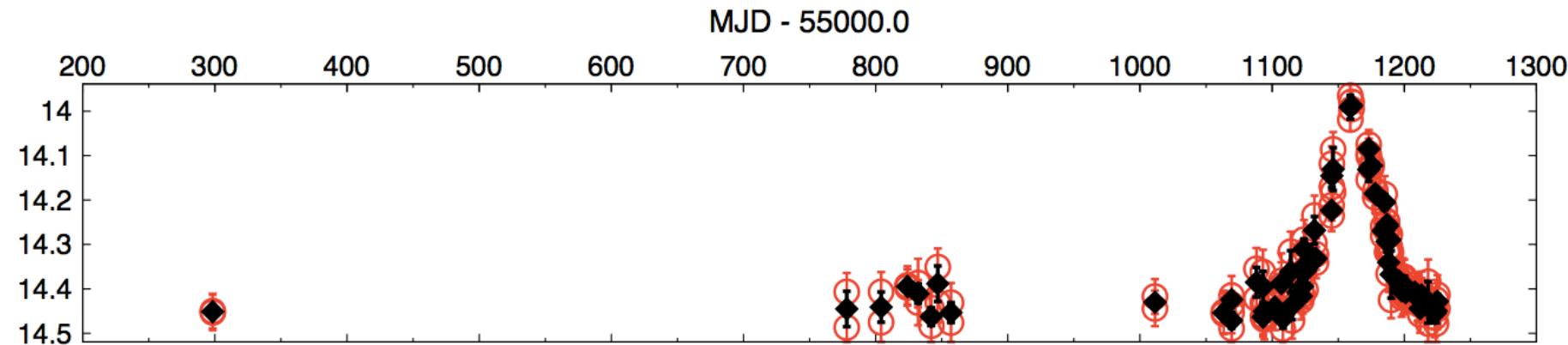
The near-IR advantage:

I, J and Ks-map event rates  
for sources with  $K < 17$ .

Contours = 17.5, 35, 52.4  
per sqdeg per year.

E. Kerins et al. 2008

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## Candidate Microlensing events from the VVV Survey

- serendipitous discoveries
- new approach
- proof of concept that allows us to explore the parameter space covered and plan future strategies
- complementary to optical surveys

*Eamonn Kerins, Roberto Saito, Istvan Dekany, Veronica Motta, Gabriela Muro, Felipe Gran, Mario Soto, Oscar Gonzalez, Leo Huckvale ...*

# Light Echoes of Bursting YSOs



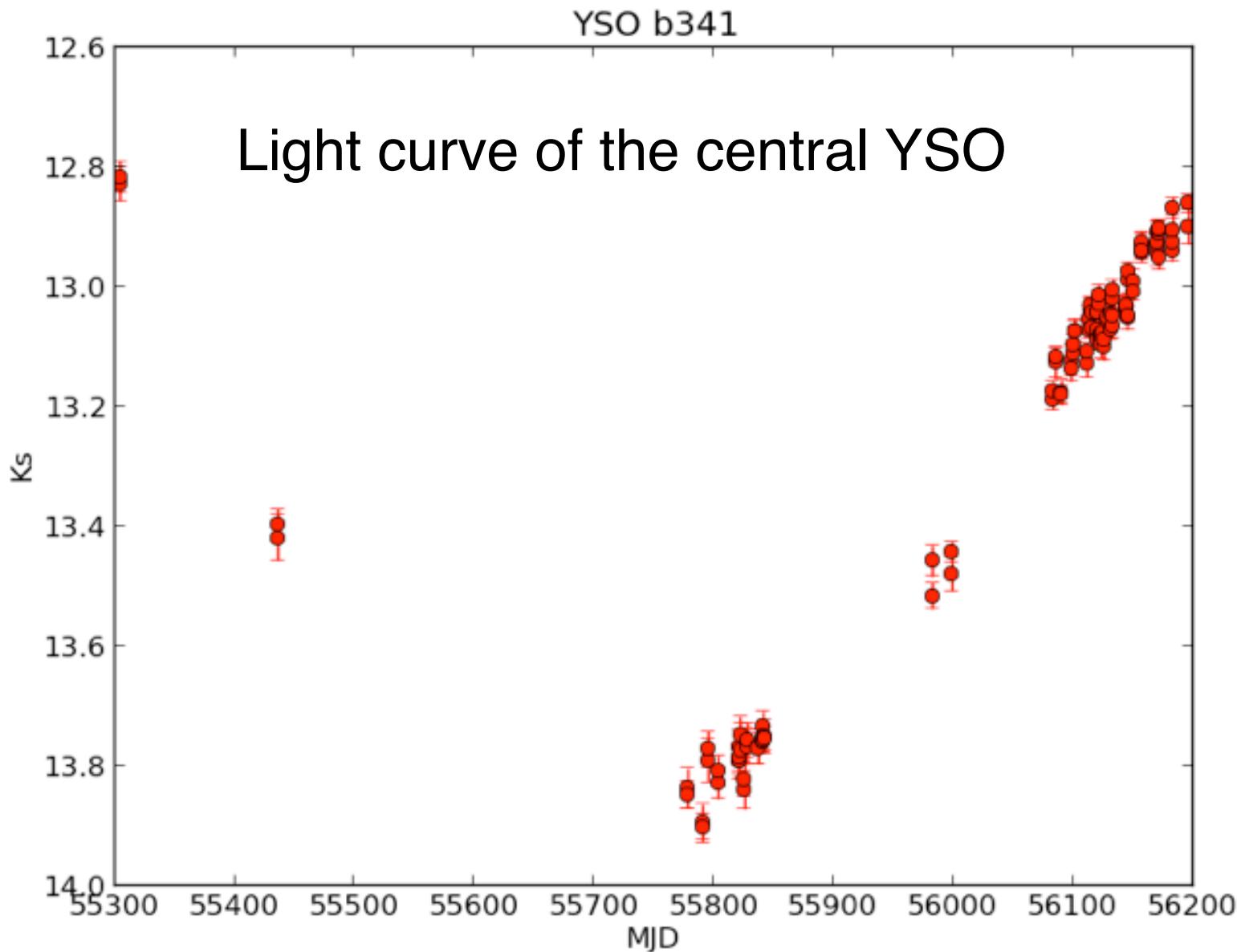
Real color image of YSO and nebula at one epoch

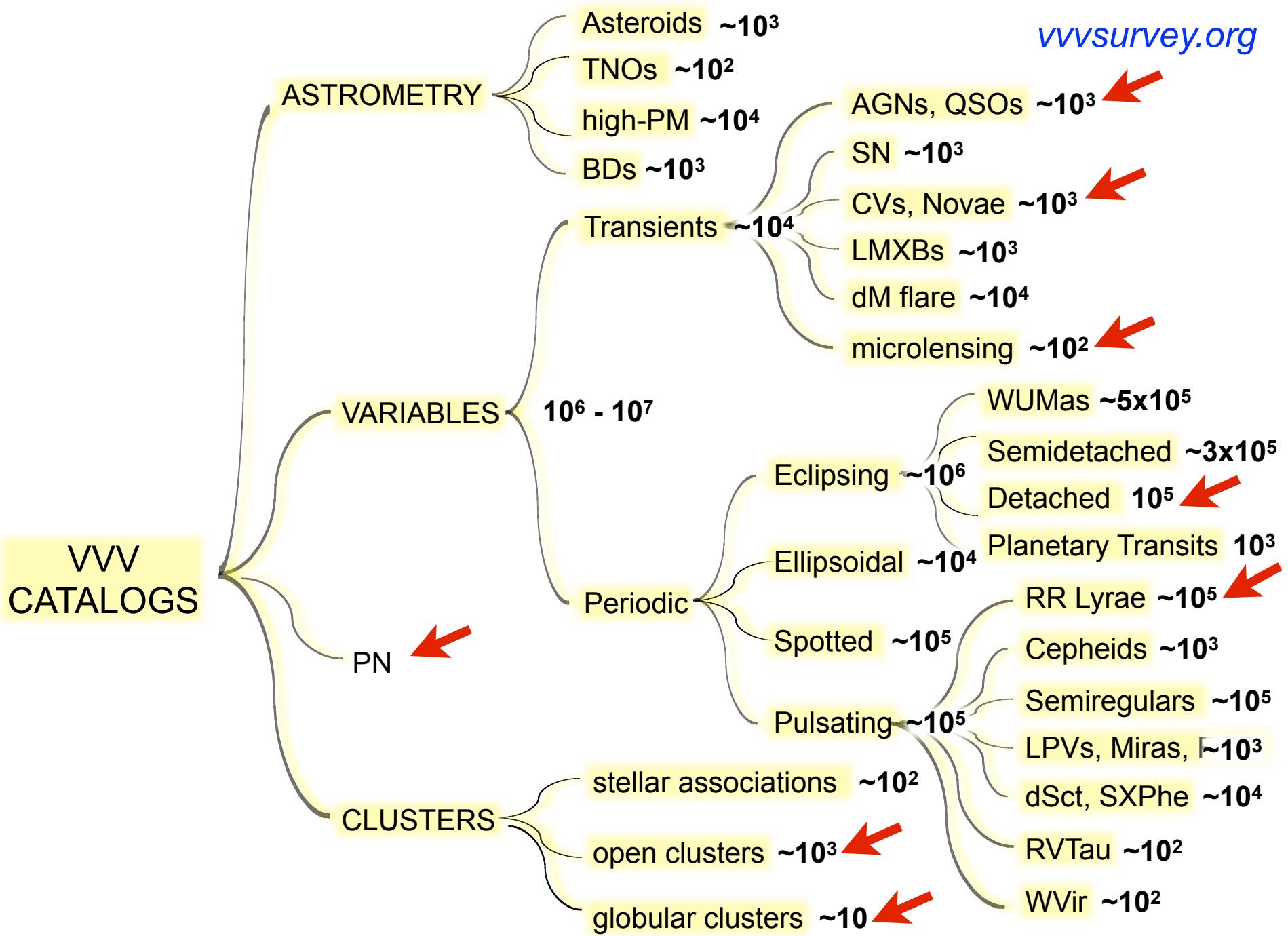
# Light Echoes of Bursting YSOs



Light echo: changing nebula illumination at 3 epochs

# Light Echoes of Bursting YSOs





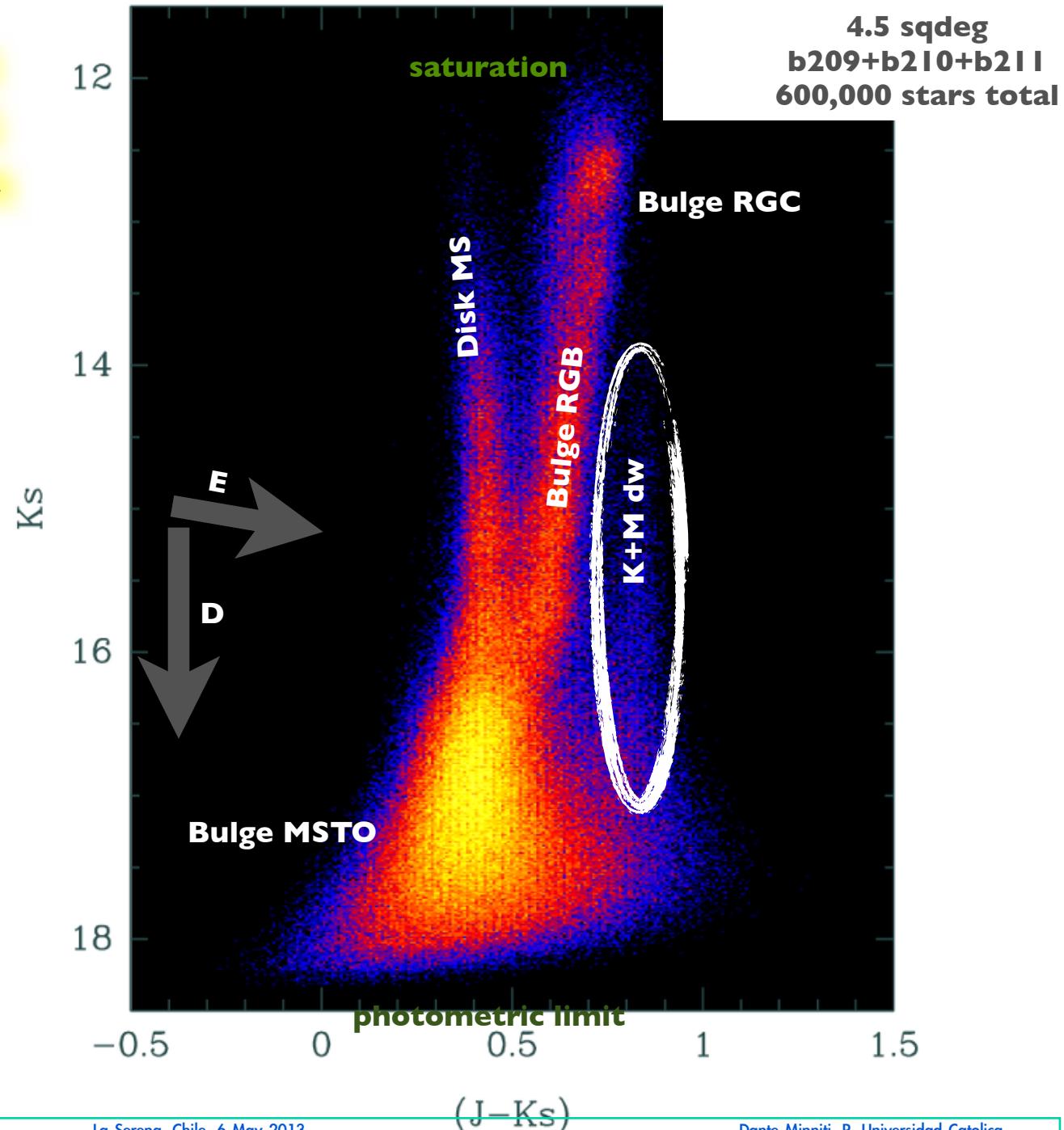
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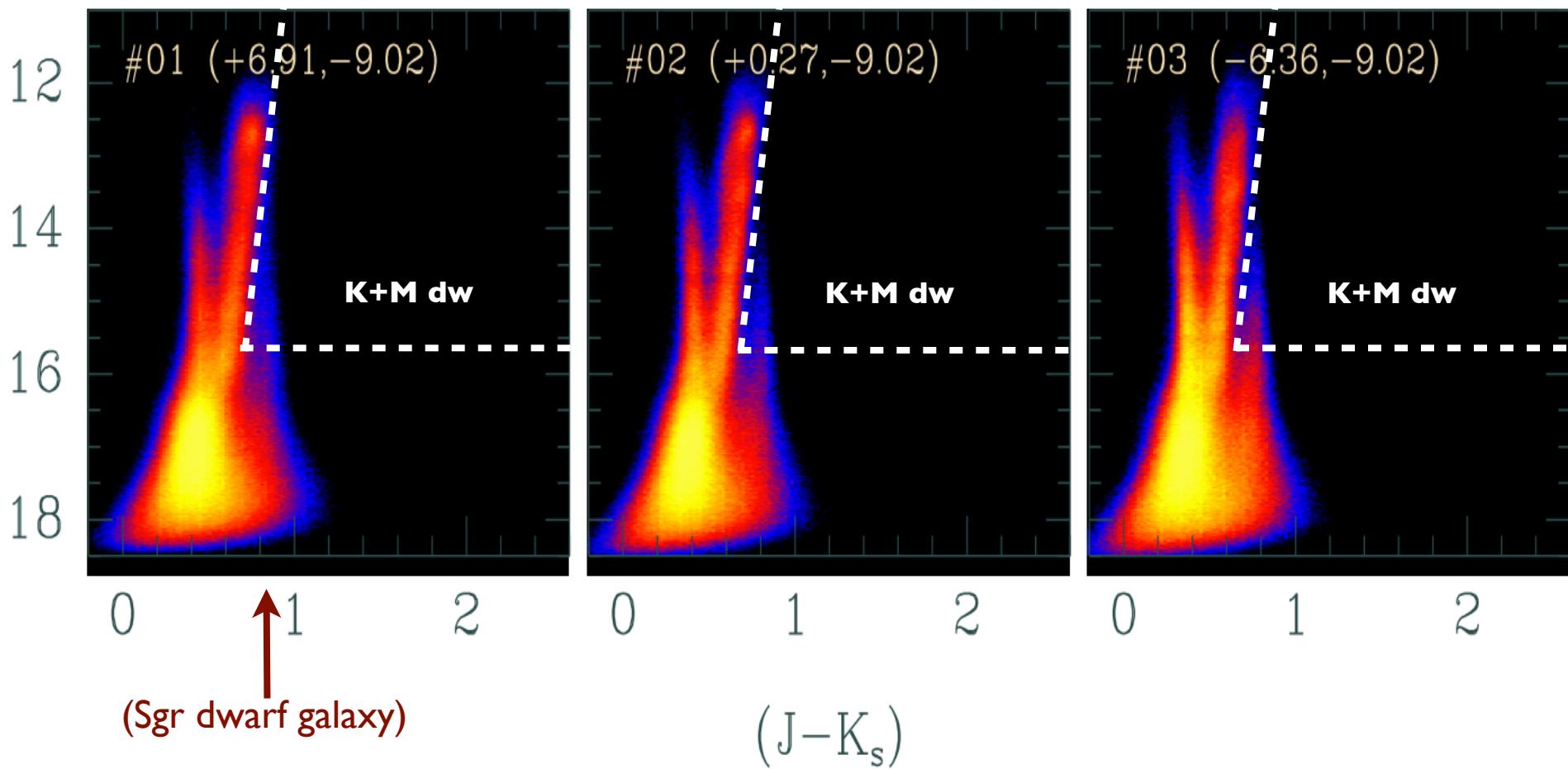
# Exoplanets

# SEARCH FOR TRANSITING EXTRASOLAR PLANETS

Main motivation:  
to build up the  
statistics by  
selecting a very  
large sample of  
small stars (K-M  
types) to search  
for extrasolar  
planetary transits



# Selection of nearby late-type stars (spectral types K5 to M)



Late K + M dwarfs  $N \sim 500,000$  with  $K_s < 16.5$   
( $n \sim 20,000$  good candidates per field, 10% of all sources)  
Proper motions after a few years ( $\sim 7$  mas/yr)

# The VVV Stages

Multicolor Photometry: ZYJHKs

Variability: Ks

Proper Motions: Ks

Nearby stars, BDs, TNOs, Hyper-Velocity Stars...

# Proper Motions

Proxima Centauri

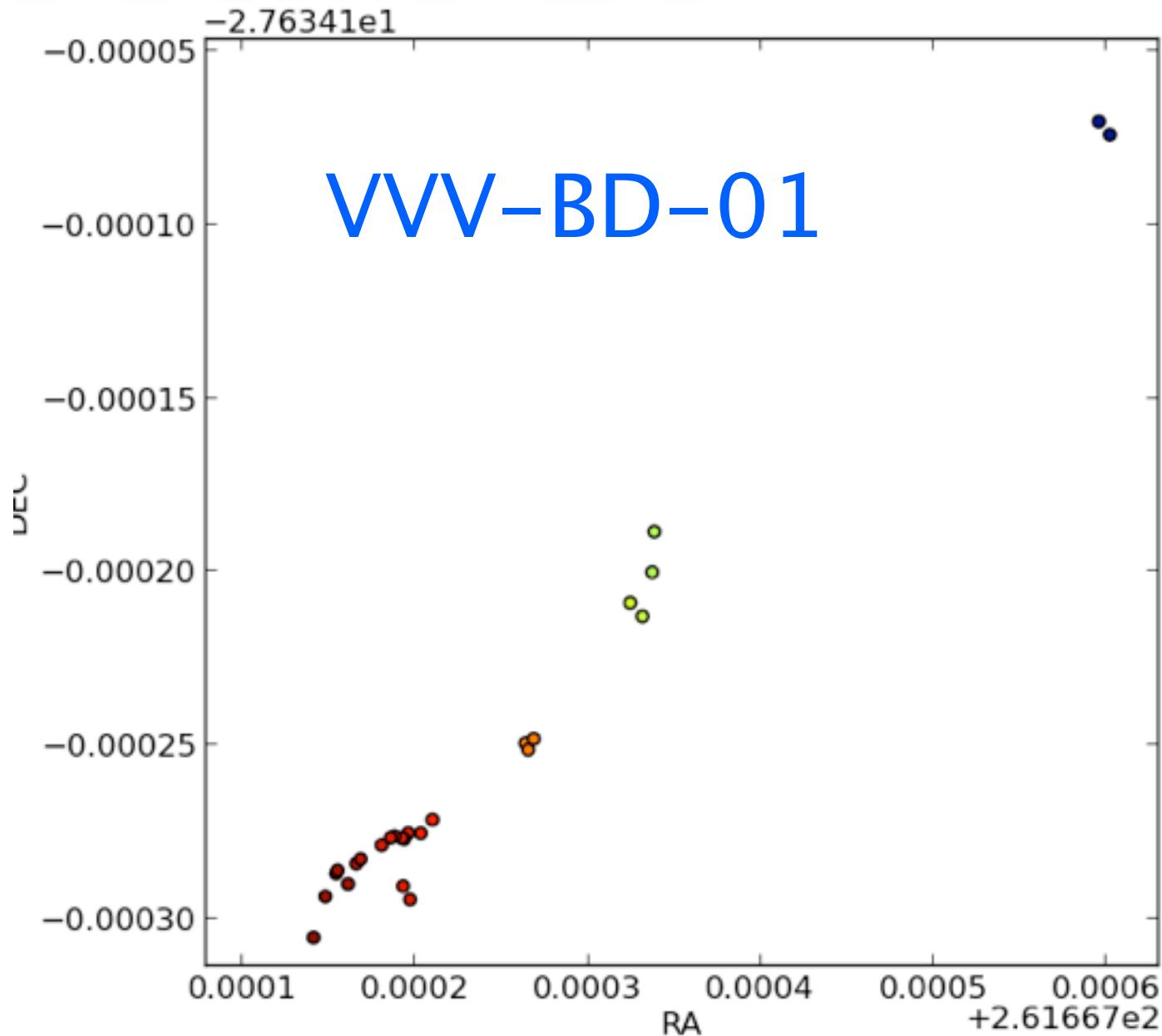
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# Proper Motions

Search for Brown Dwarfs

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# Search for Brown Dwarfs



# Search for Solar System Objects

# Quasars



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# The VVV Stages

Multicolor Photometry: ZYJHKs

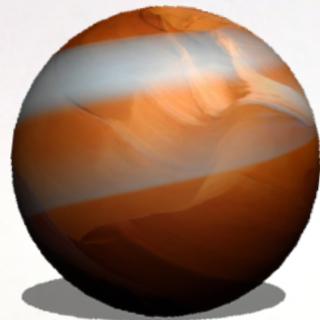
Star clusters, stellar populations, extinction, metallicities...

Variability: Ks

LPVs, Cepheids, RR Lyrae, Binaries, Microlensing...

Proper Motions: Ks

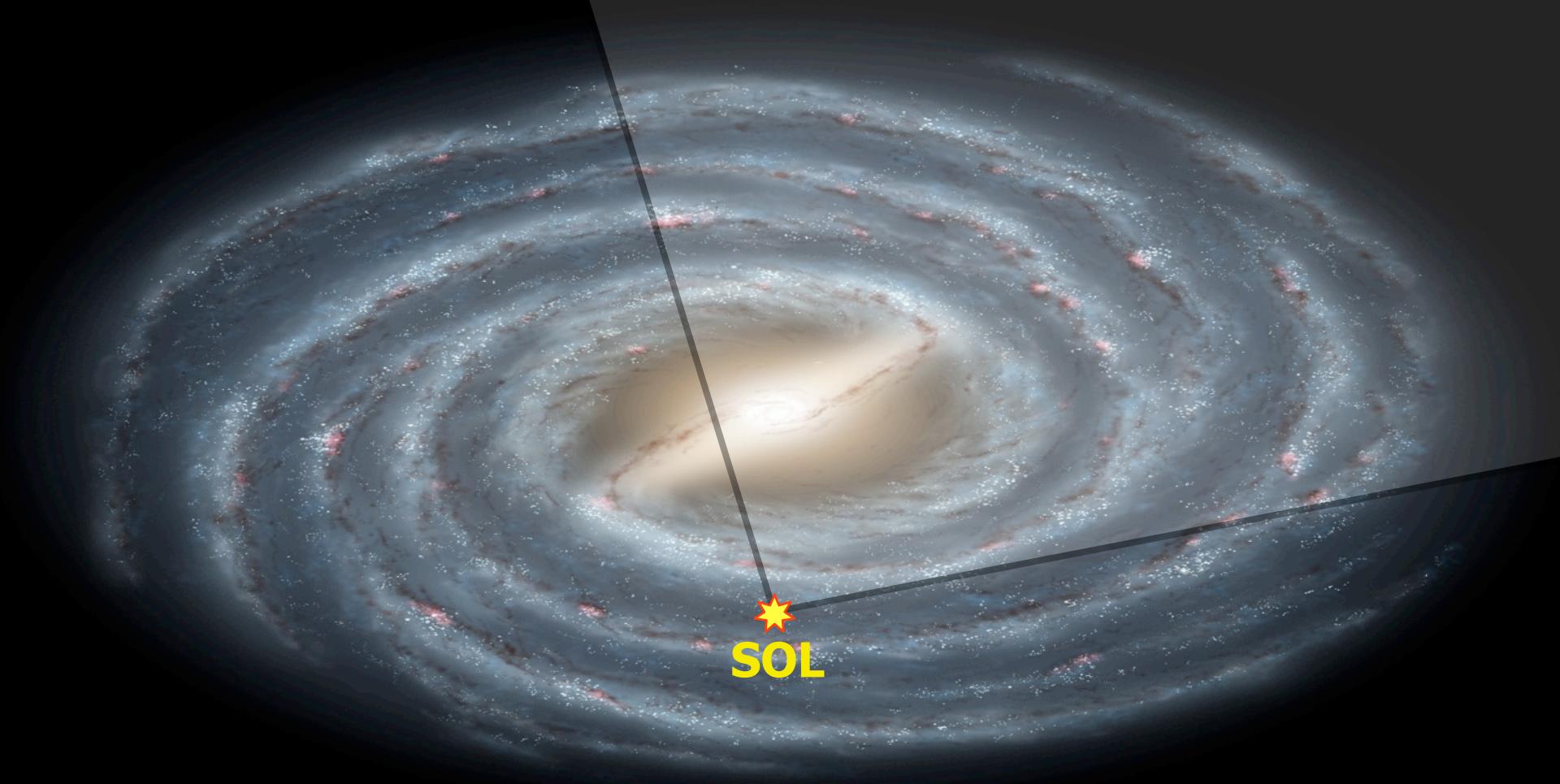
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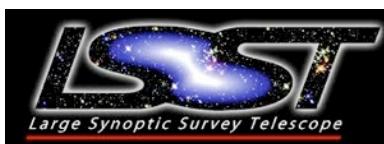
# VVV Outreach



$\sim 1/2$  VVV



# Conclusions

- We are about half way through the VVV Survey, with everything working well.
- Several discoveries have been made, with many more to come.
- We need help exploiting the VVV database and following up a wide variety of targets.
- We are preparing for  !!!

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