



VST in the Era of the Large Surveys

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Near-Field Cosmology

- Observational evidence for accretion history of the Galactic halo (Searle & Zinn, 1978)
- Λ-CDM models predictions (e.g. Springel+ 2006) → assembling of the Galactic halo by accretion of small systems → ongoing
- Diagnostics:
 - Number and distribution of the satellites
 - analysis of the stellar populations (ages, chemical tagging, SFHs, etc.)

How can we test Λ -CDM predictions on our own galaxy?

- Comparison between observed and expected number of satellites → missing satellites problem → deeper and wider surveys (e.g. DES)
- Comparison between chemical content of the stars of the MW halo and of its satellites (chemical tagging)
- Analysis of suitable stellar tracers → bright and easily recognizable → RR Lyrae stars (also standard candles)
- Individual and ensemble pulsational parameters (periods, amplitudes) as functions of their structural parameters (masses, evolution, chemical composition)

On the missing satellites problem: a real problem?

- "There is no solution to the missing satellites problem [...] since there is no problem" (→ observational bias + physics of SF)
- At the present time, we detected satellites with luminosities of L ≈ 100 LO, embedded in estimated dark haloes of ≈ 10^7-10^9 MO → faint systems in moderately massive haloes
- "the missing satellites problem is perhaps better viewed as a dramatic divergence between the sub-halo mass function and the dwarf luminosity function [...] with a pile-up of literally invisible objects with mass-to-light ratios of order of $10^5-10^6 \text{ MO}/\text{LO}$ "

Koposov et al. 2018

The Vast Polar Structure (VPOS)

- Bright andUltra-faint dwarfs
- Young globulars
- Some streams
- Aligned along a great circle (rotationally supported?)
- Tidal rather primordial origin
- Also in M31 and in other galaxies of the local universe

The Vast Polar Structure around the Milky Way Pawlowski et al. (2012) mpawlow@astro.uni-bonn.de

DATASETS

- Deep surveys for the detection
- Extended and deep surveys for the tidal tails
- Accurate multi-band photometry for the color-magnitude diagrams (ages, SFH)
- Possibly time-series, to spot and characterize RR Lyrae variable stars
- KiDS+ATLAS+VIKING → ugriJHK

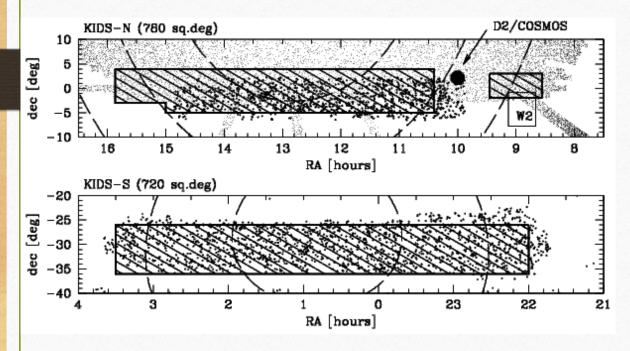
• PBS

• KiDS

Fornax dSph

- One of the brightest and massive MW satellites
- Hosts a system of globulars
- Multiple stellar populations
- Huge numer of RR Lyrae stars (> 1400, Fiorentino+ 2017)
- Reference PSF photometry by PBS, spanning > 20 years, and by De Boer+ 2012 → we can test the photometric accuracy with tw independent deep multi-band datasets

The KiloDegree Survey (KiDS)





1500 sq degrees

ugri photometry (r 25.2 mag AB 5 σ)

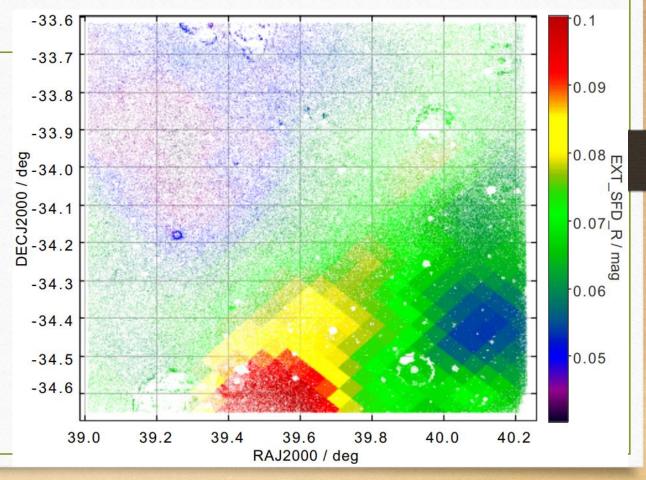
Designed for weak lensing and photometric redshifts

Current Data Release: DR3 (440 sq degrees) DR4 within 2018

P.I.: K. Kuijken

Data Products

- Full WCS and photometric calibration
- Absolute aperture-corrected fluxes
- PSF-matched magnitudes (GAaP magnitudes)
- Individual reddening

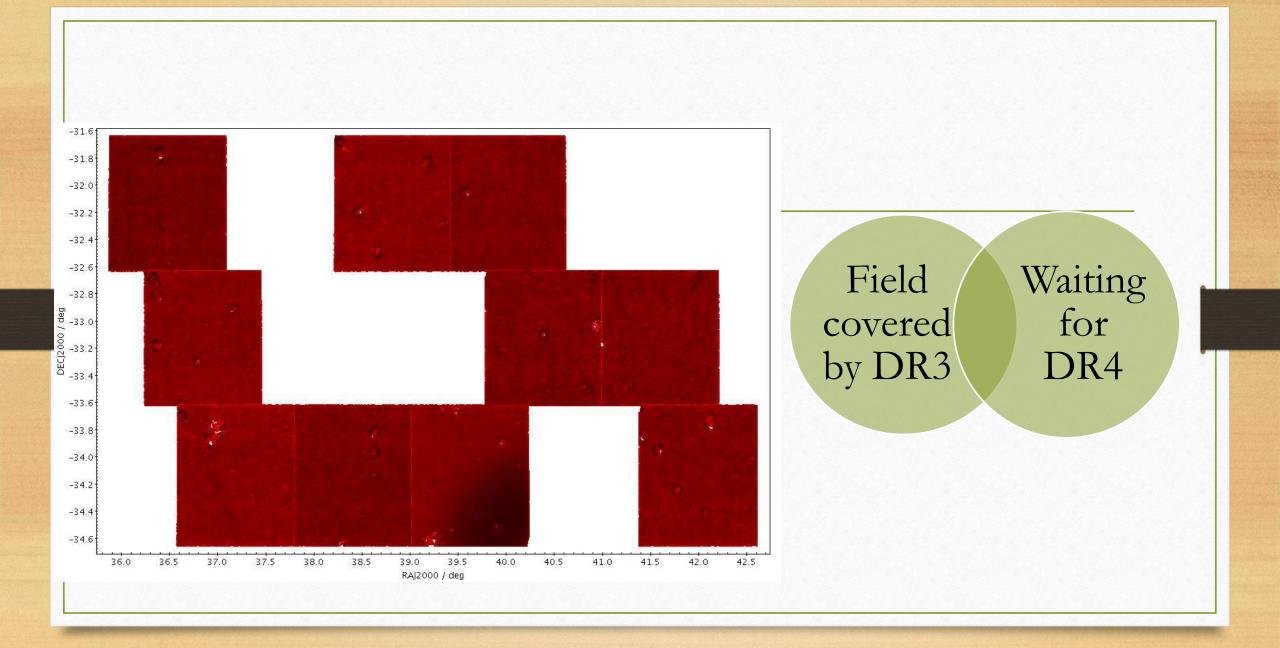


People

• KiDS members:

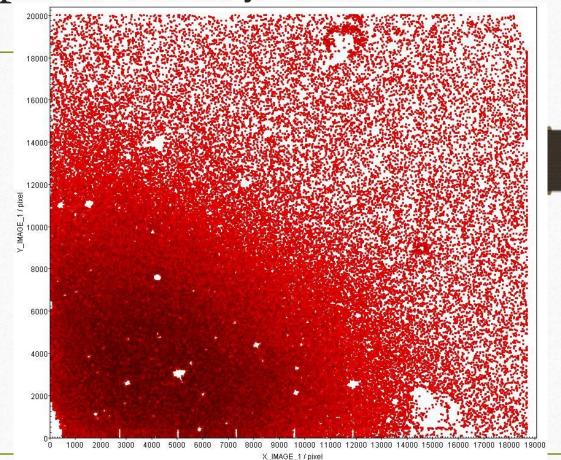
J. De Jong, K. Kuijken, N.R. Napolitano, A. Grado • Non-KiDS members:

R. Ragusa (Univ. Naples); M. Marconi, I. Musella, V. Ripepi (OACN); M. Monelli (IAC); G. Bono (Univ. Rome 2); G. Fiorentino (OABo); P.B. Stetson (DAO)

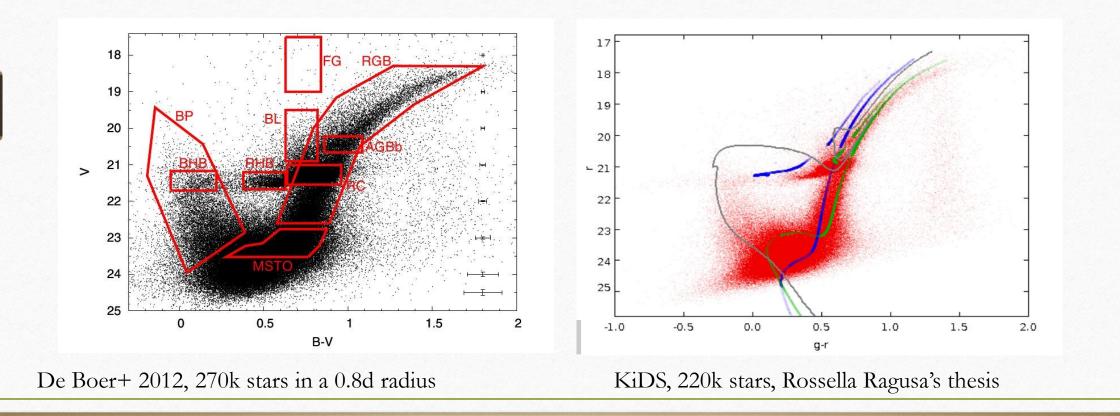


KiDS-based photometry

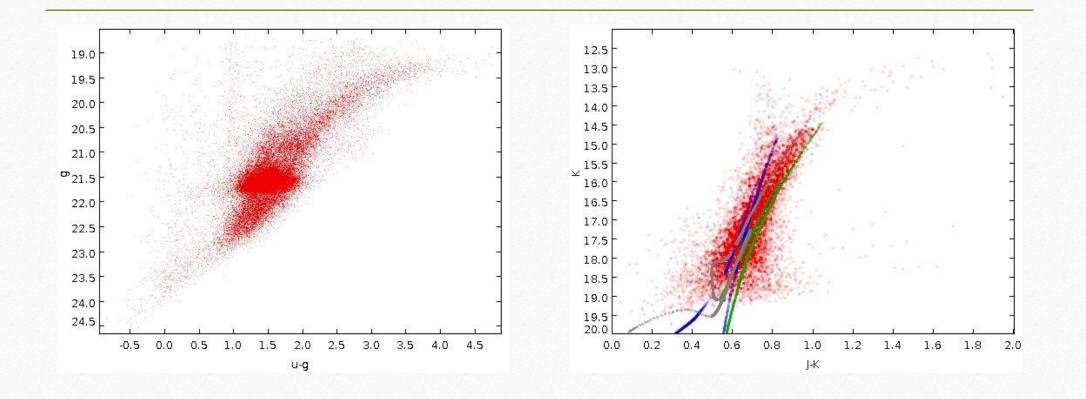
- First photometry on DR1-DR2 data (Rossella Ragusa's Bachelor degree thesis)
- Aperture photometry (6 pixels + aperture correction)
- KiDS calibration
- Match with VIKING data

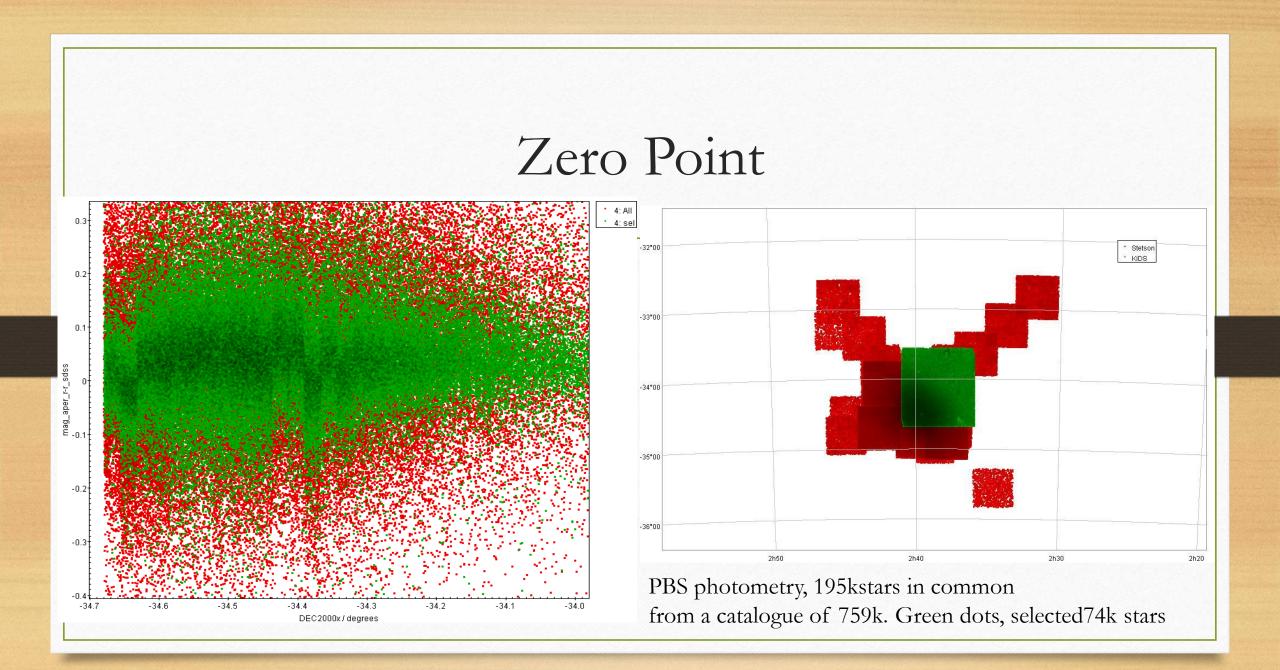


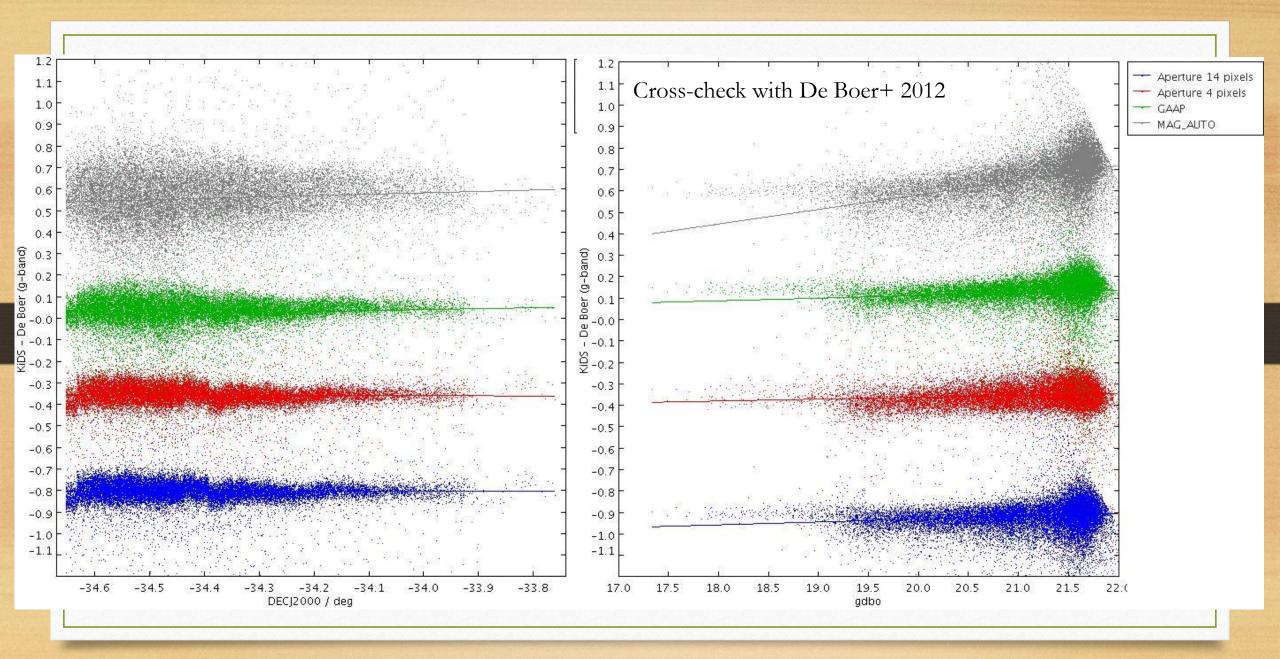
Not that bad...

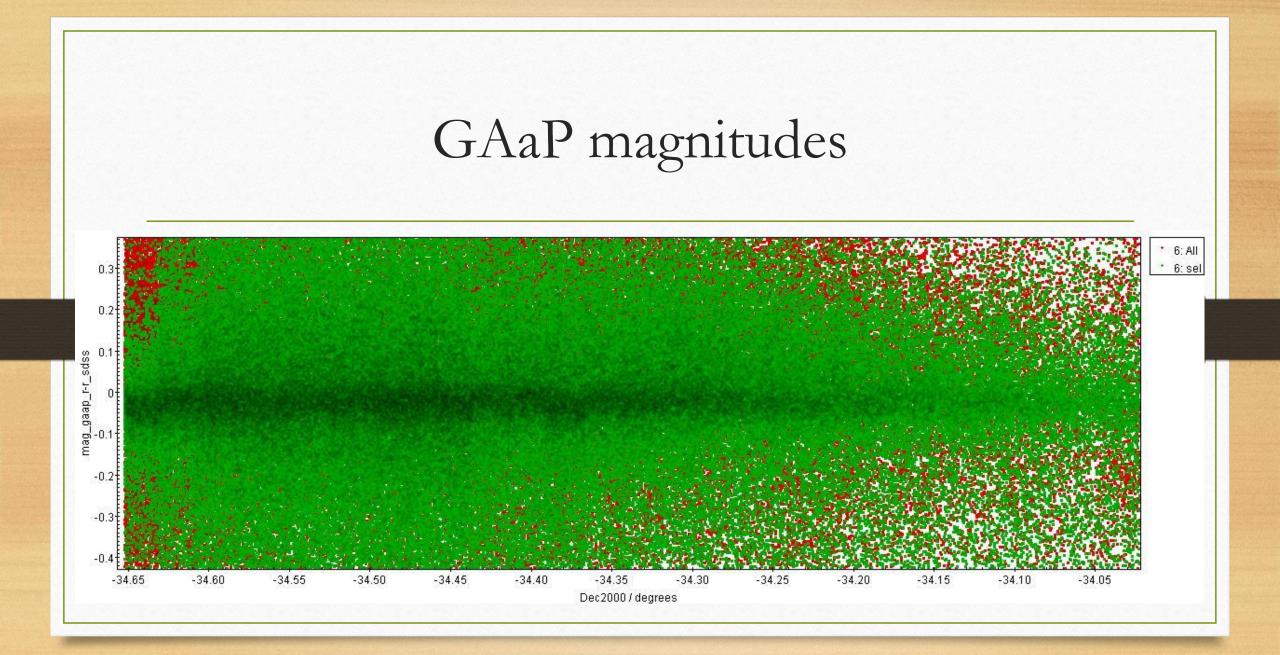


From u to K band



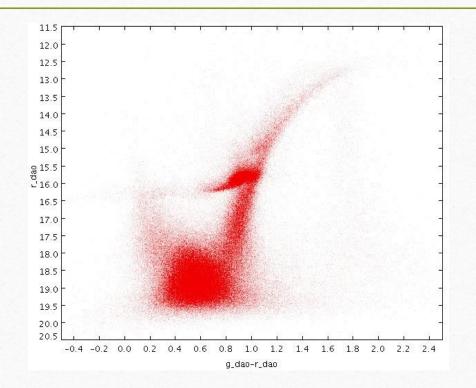


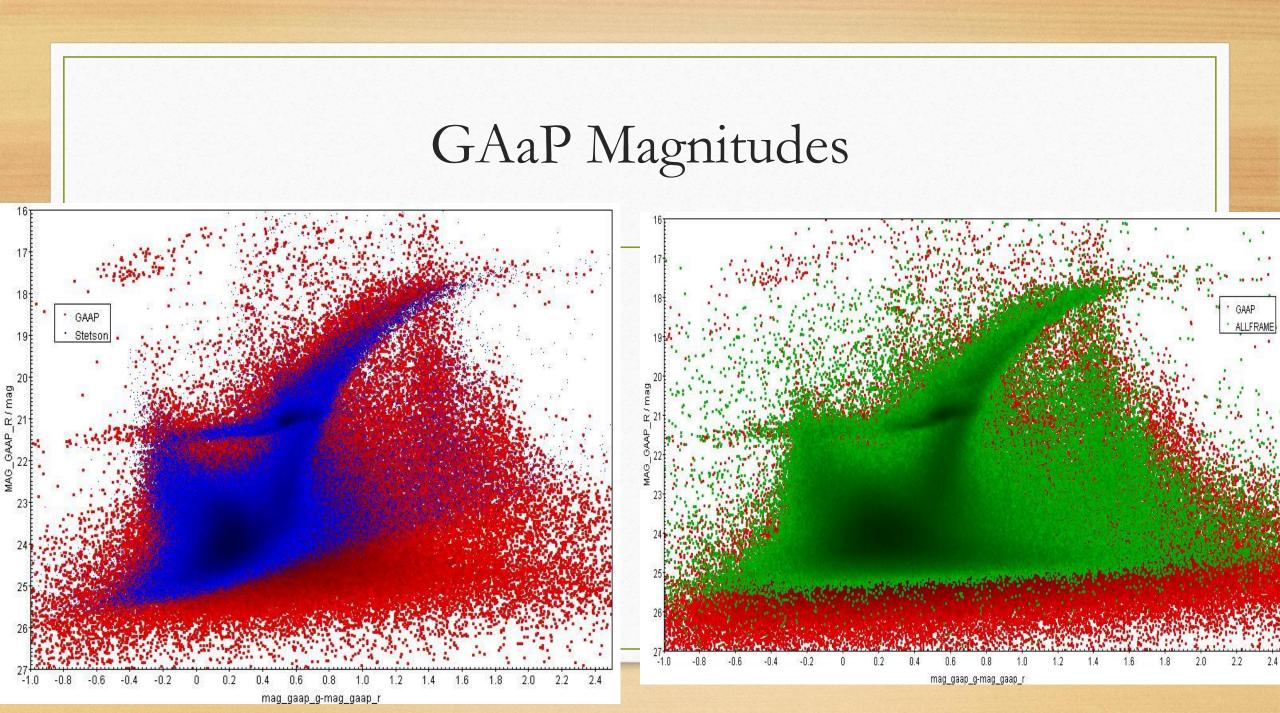




ALLFRAME Photometry

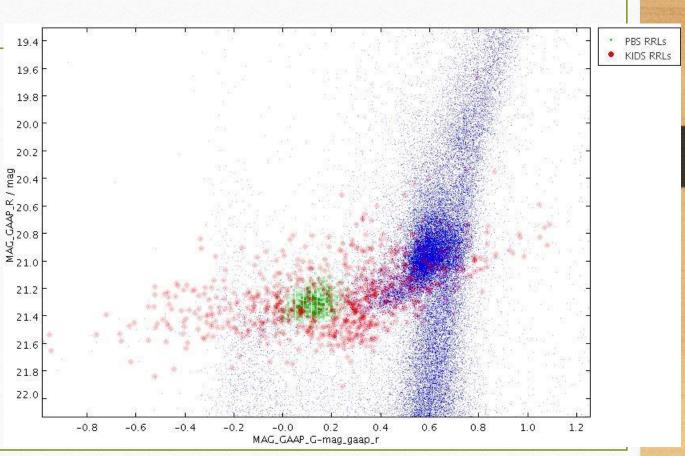
- ALLFRAME (Stetson 1994) measures *simultaneously* ALL the stars in ALL the available images
- Accurate PSF photometry (202k stars)
- Master list built on the STACK of all the available images

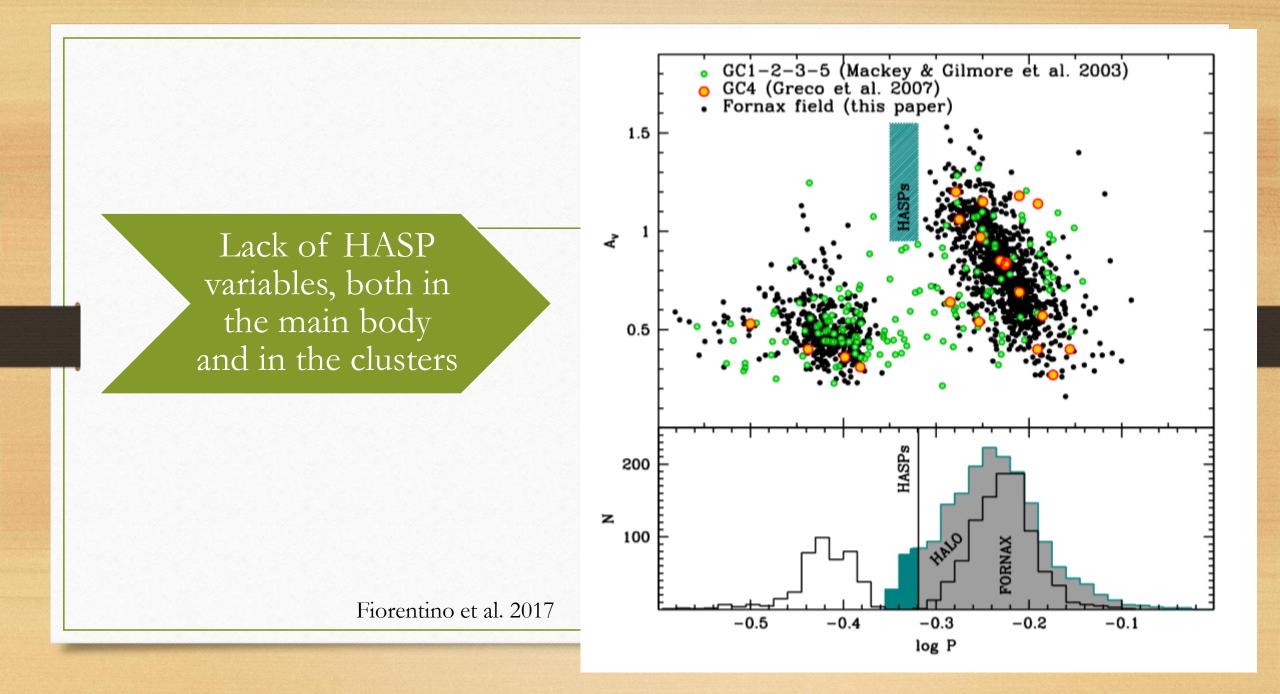


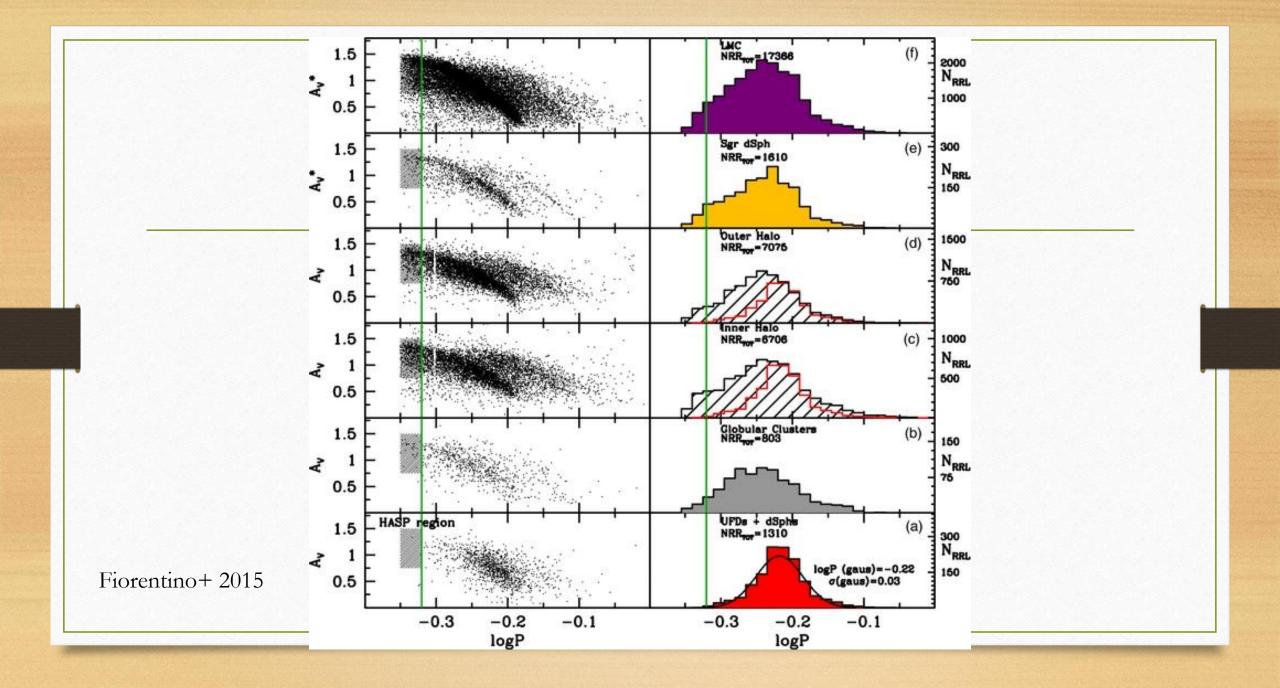


RR Lyrae stars

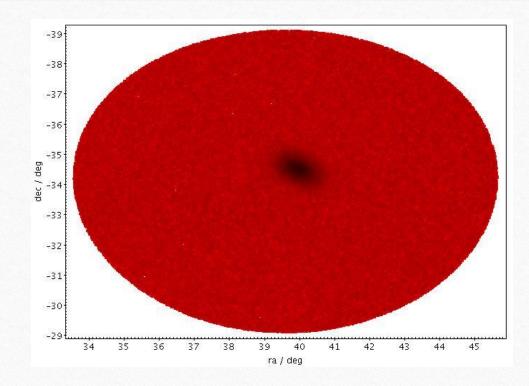
- Can we recover RRL stars from "single-epoch" colors? (WARNING)
- Basis: known RRL (Fiorentino et al. 2017)





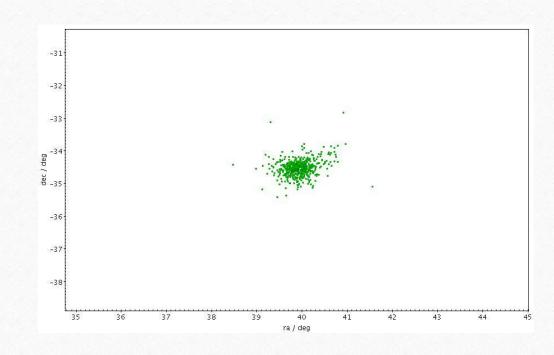


KiDS and GAIA DR2



Proper motions selection pmra / mas.yr**-1 pmra / mas.yr**-1

Proper motions selection



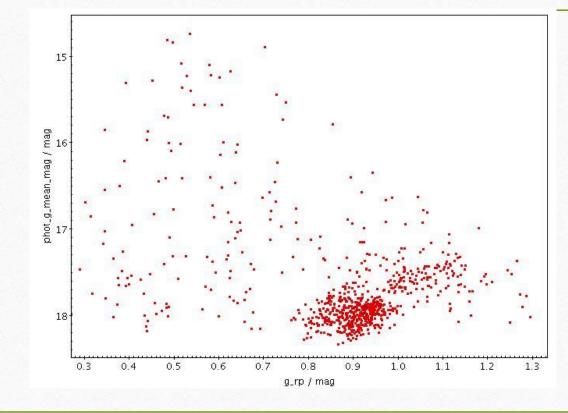
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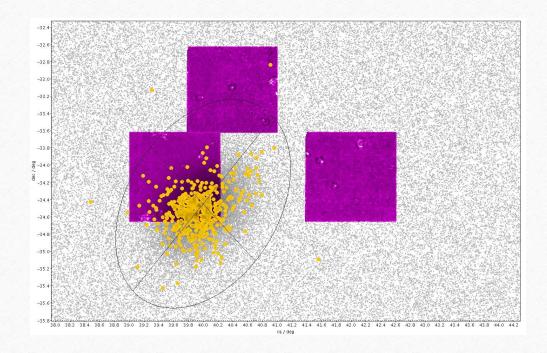
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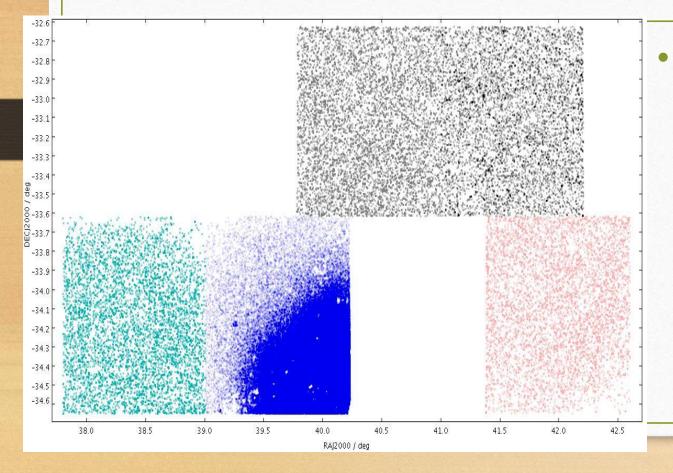
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Looking for tails

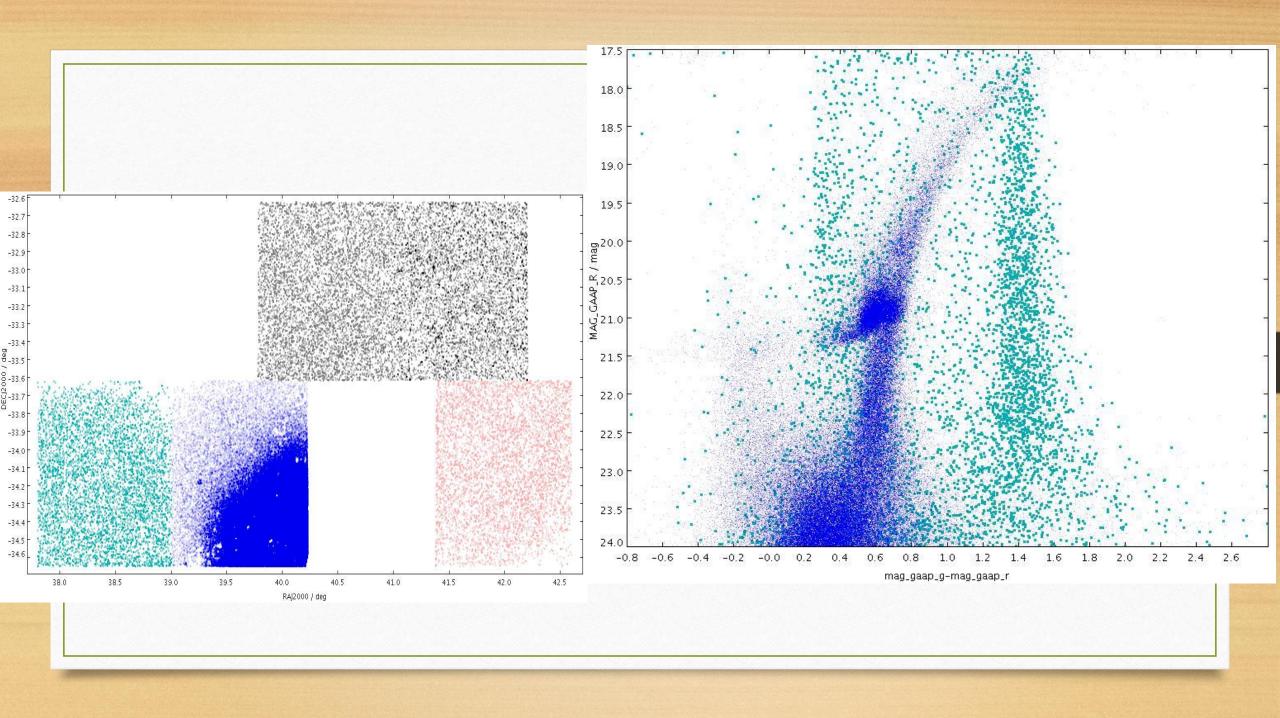


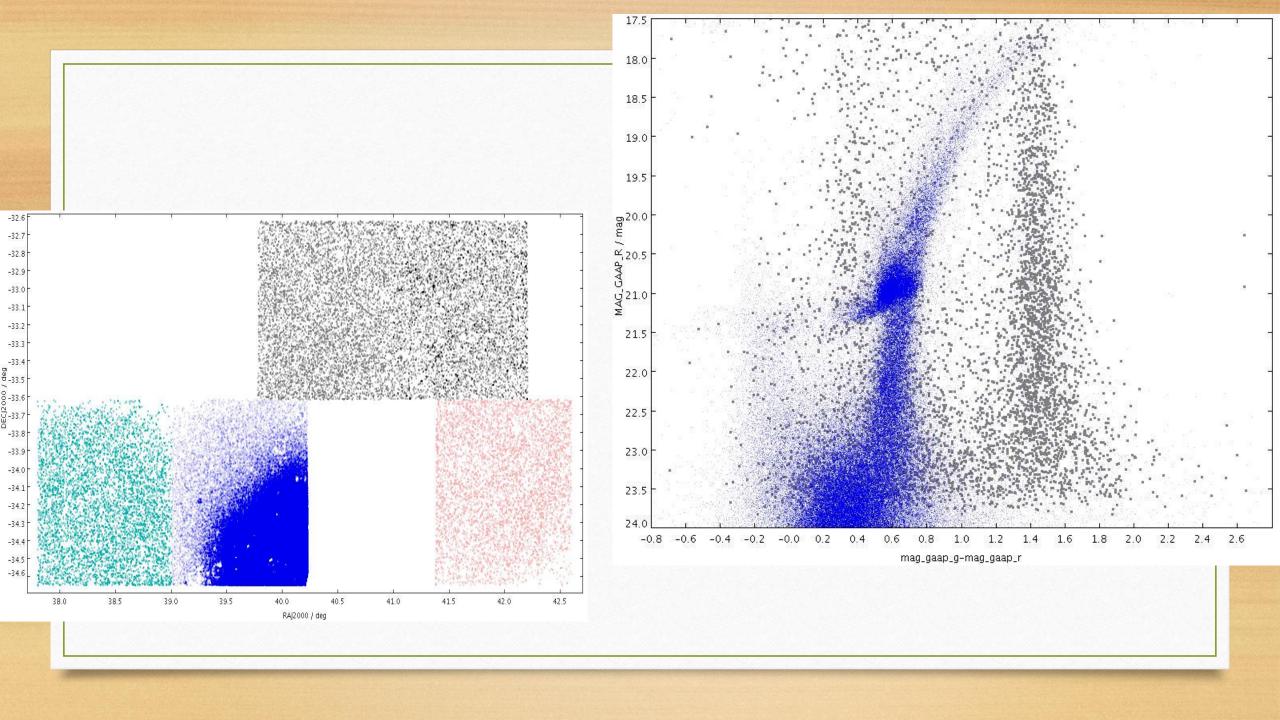
- Marginal evidence for an asymmetric distribution of the bright stars (but look out for population effects)
- Still, the "tail" is within the estimated tidal radius
- We miss a KiDS tile to cross-check the CMD

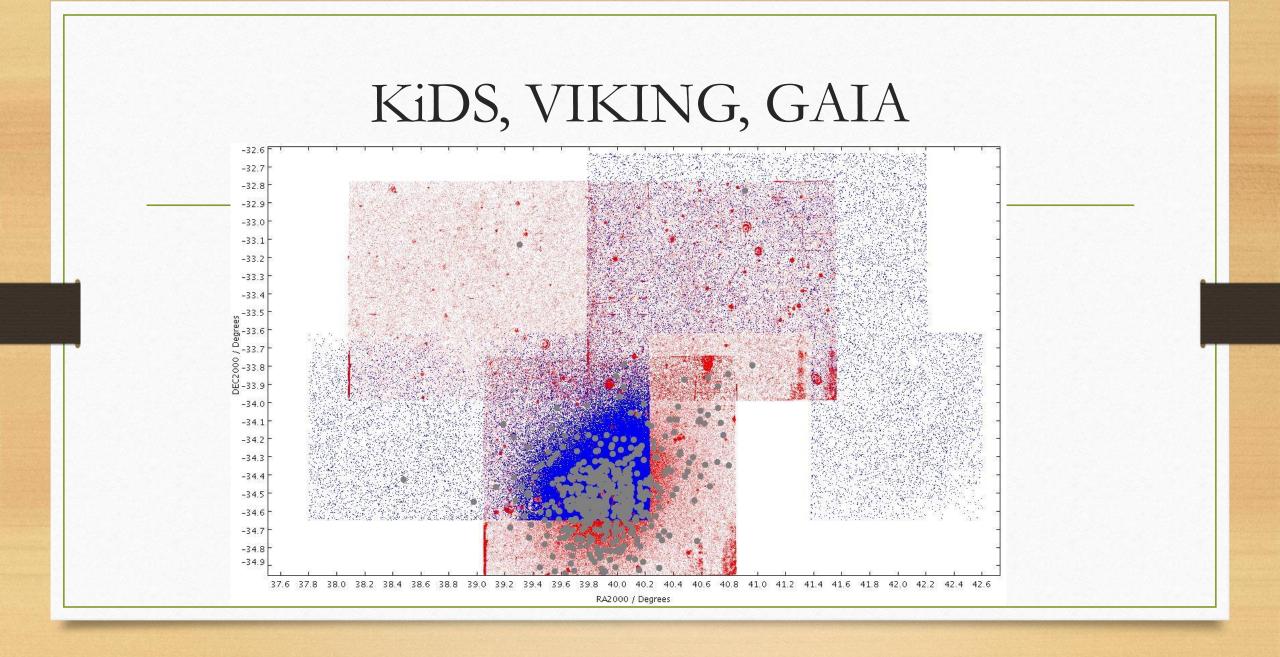
Looking for extra-tidal population



We built the CMDs of the available regions, and compared with the CMD of the central region







Final remarks (1)

Fornax dSph

- Detailed investigation about the GAaP magnitudes \rightarrow robust
- We need the other half of the galaxy (next ESO proposal?)
- RR Lyrae stars \rightarrow no chance to have a clean sample from a color selection
- Comparison with GAIA → proper motions → asymmetrid distribution of the 4 Gyr population?
- Need to fully compare with VIKING (and don't forget ATLAS!)
- No clear evidence of extra-tidal components

Final remarks (2)

The VLT survey telescope

- Provides deep data with excellent PSF
- Some issues with the ZP (background, illumination correction): deep expertise needed to treat the data
- Could be an excellent complimentary machine to LSST (cadence, pointings, etc.)

Final Remarks (3)

Massive datasets: the good and the evil

- Massive dataset provide
 - Homogenous deep data, possibly all-aky (homogeneous comparisons)
 - Reference catalogs \rightarrow multi-band, multi-epoch, multi-position studies
- Massive data require fully automatic procedures, both for reduction and analysis
 - Photometric zero-points can be not accurate
 - Completeness and classification issues (e.g. RR Lyrae with GAIA, see Clementini+2018, Molnar+2018, Holl+2018, LSST Crowded Field Photometry Task Force, *priv. comm.*)
- Are we moving toward a wider knowledge, but maybe not deeper?

