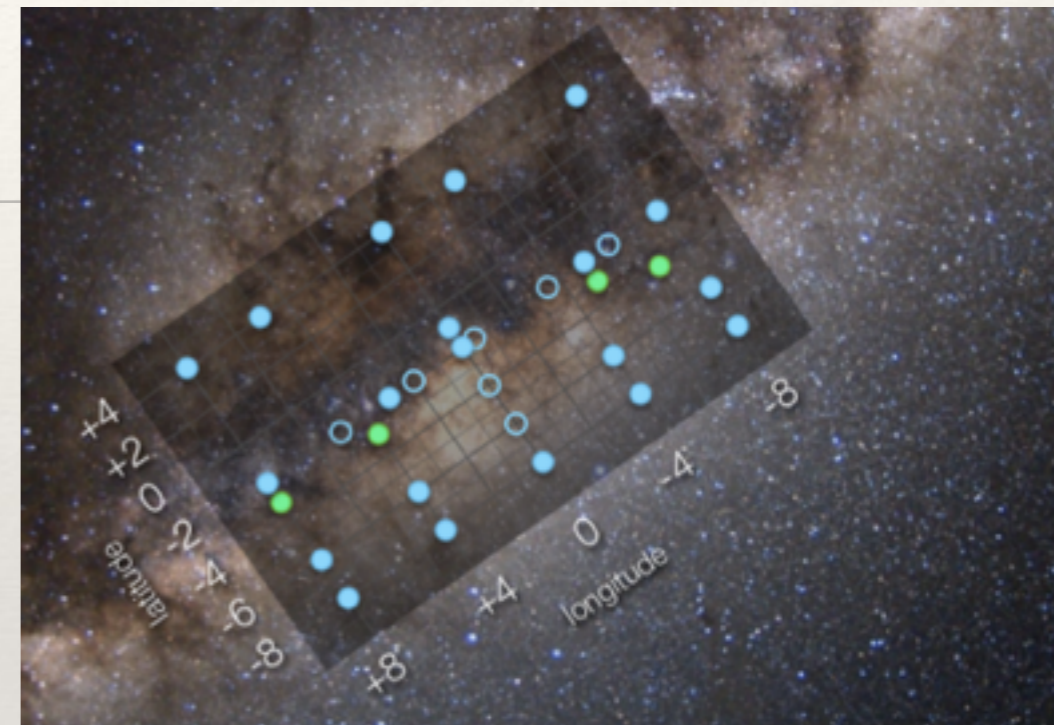




The missing pieces of

The MW bulge puzzle



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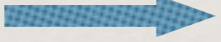
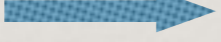
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Thanks to different MOS surveys:
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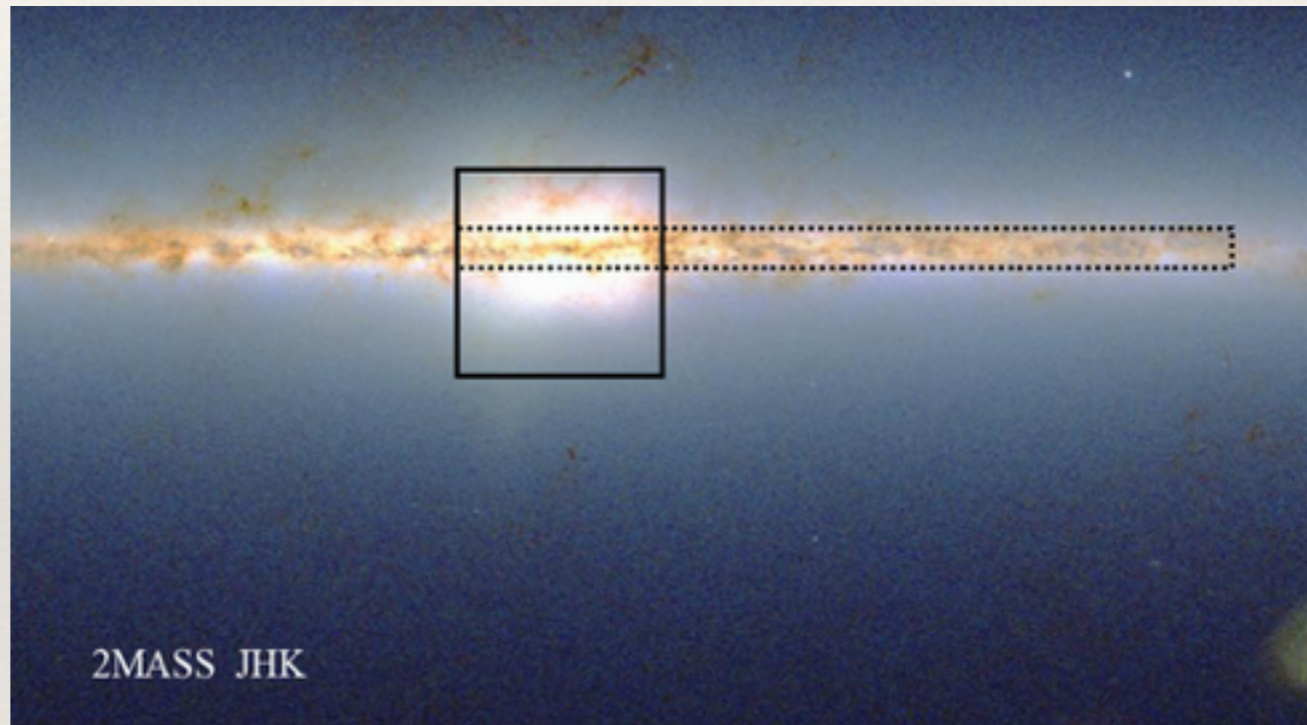
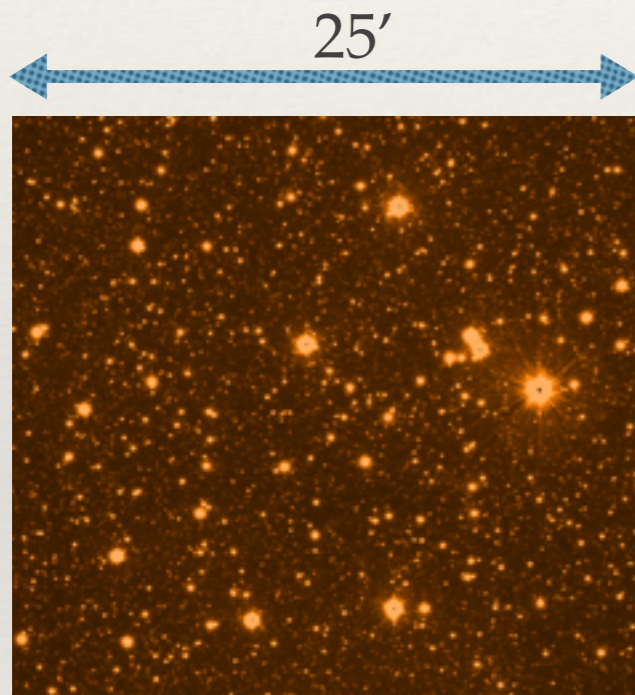
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The Bulge is a complex population

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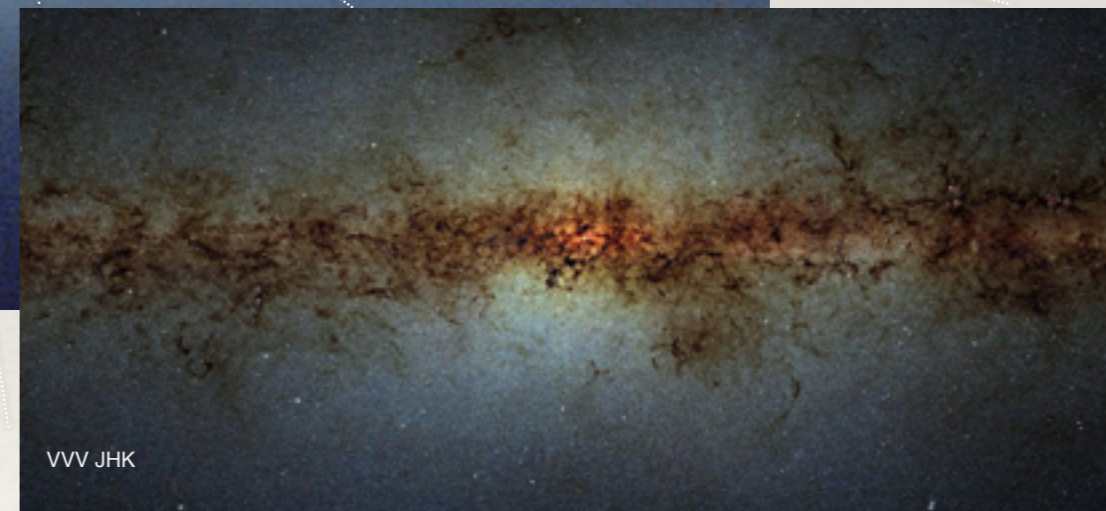
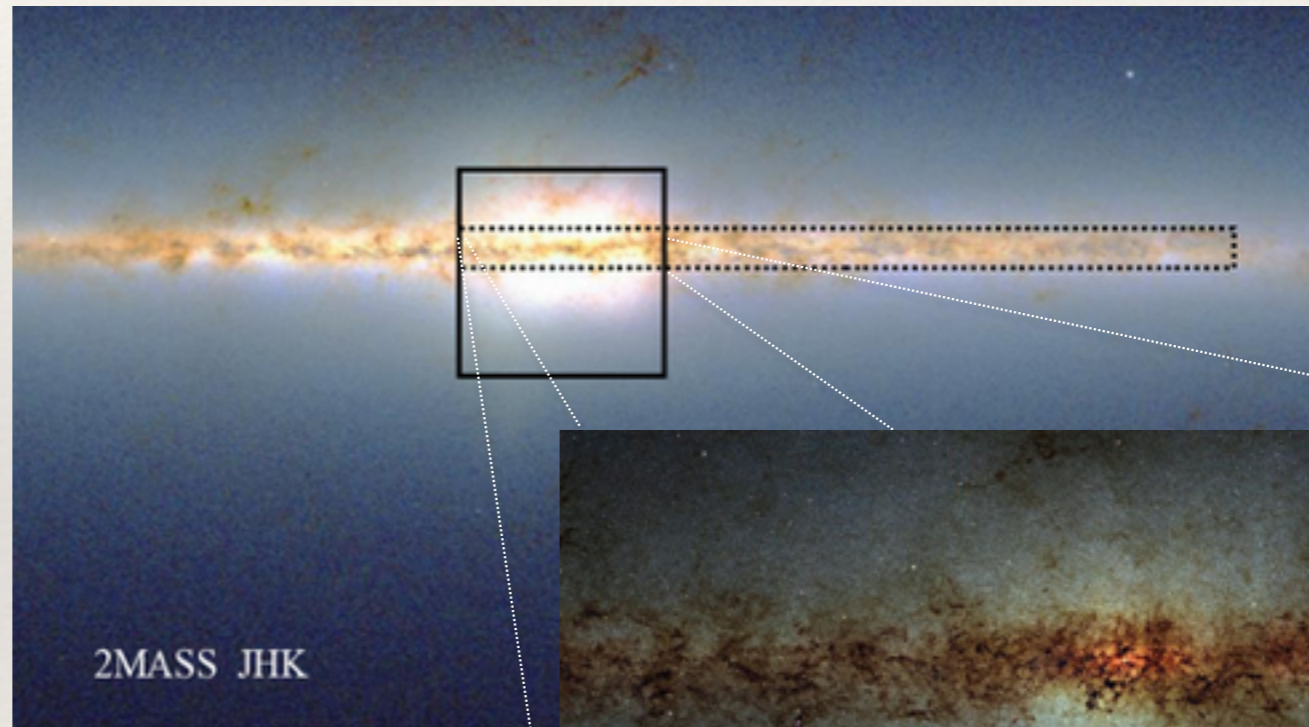
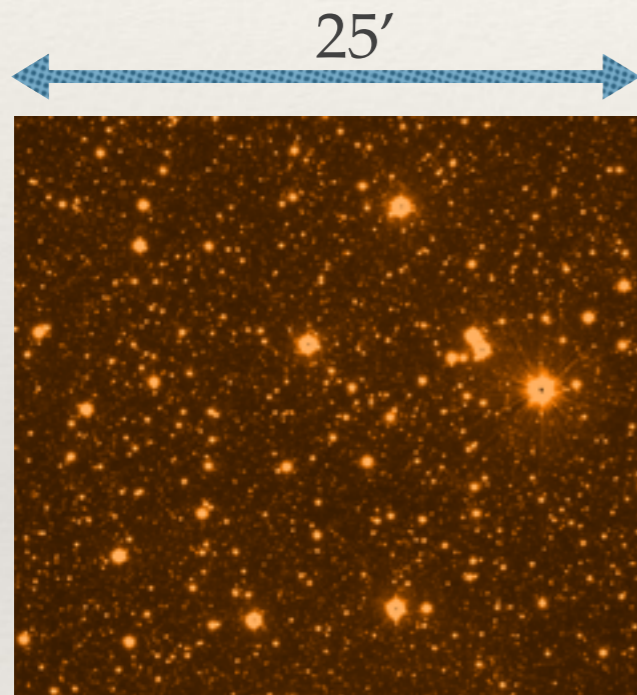
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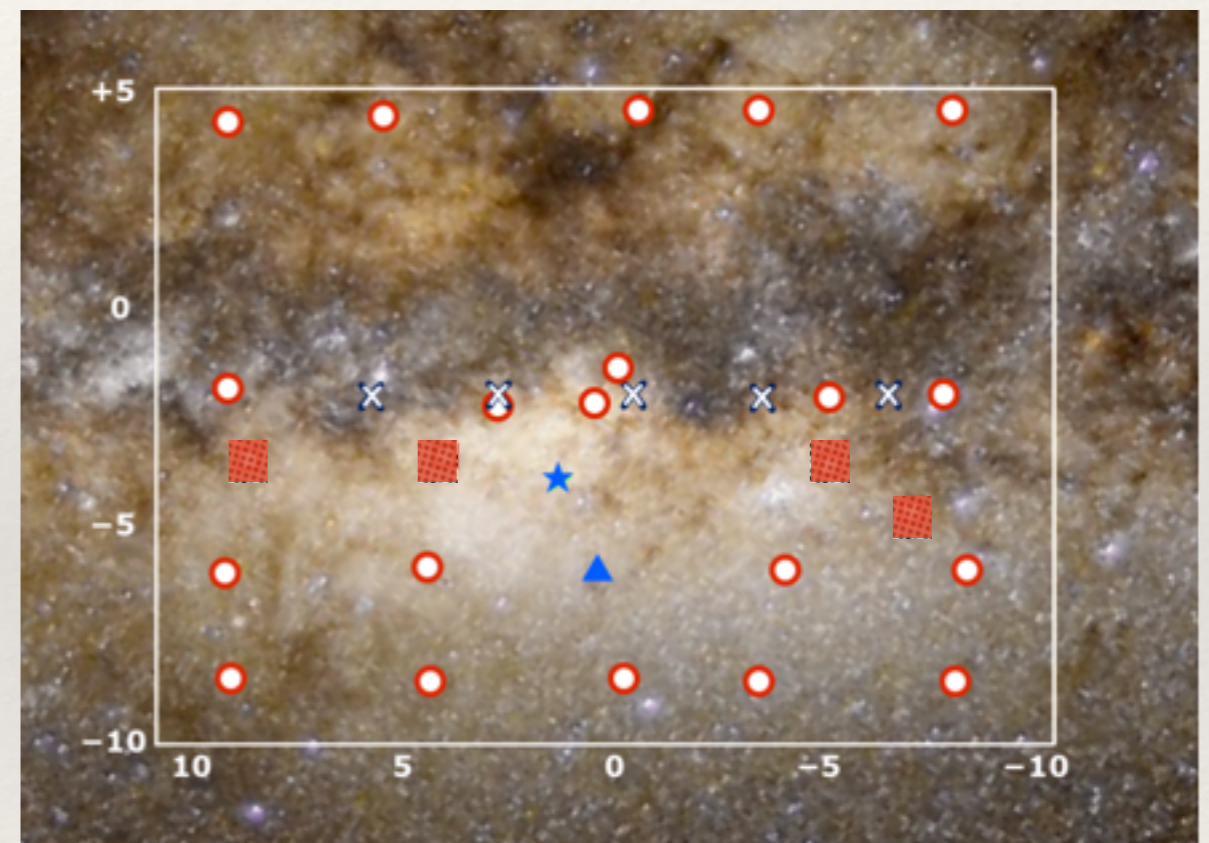
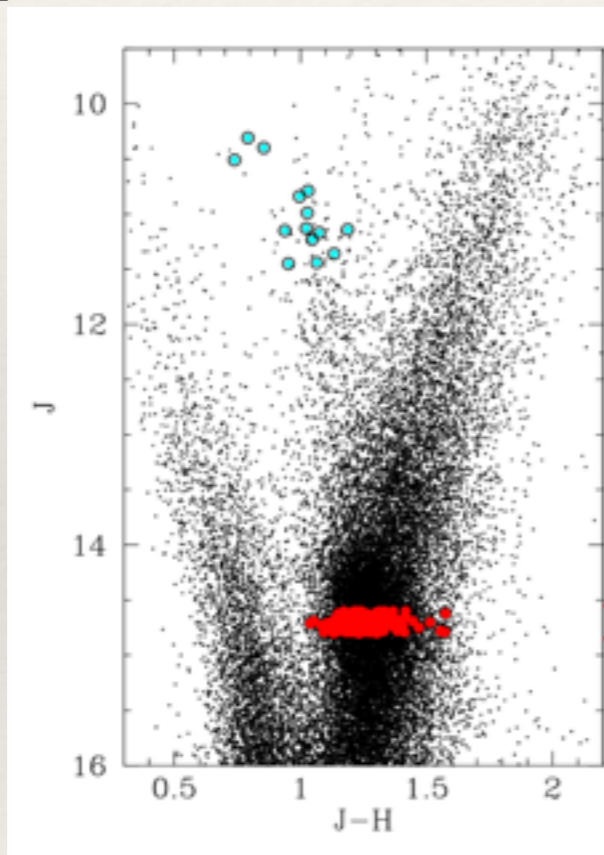
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20 LR (R8,000) fields

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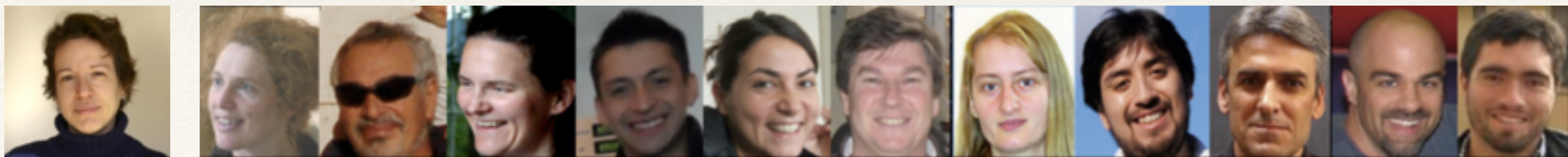
❖ GIBS: GIRAFFE Inner Bulge Survey (FLAMES-GIRAFFE@VLT)

Red Clump stars selected from the (J, J-Ks) CMD



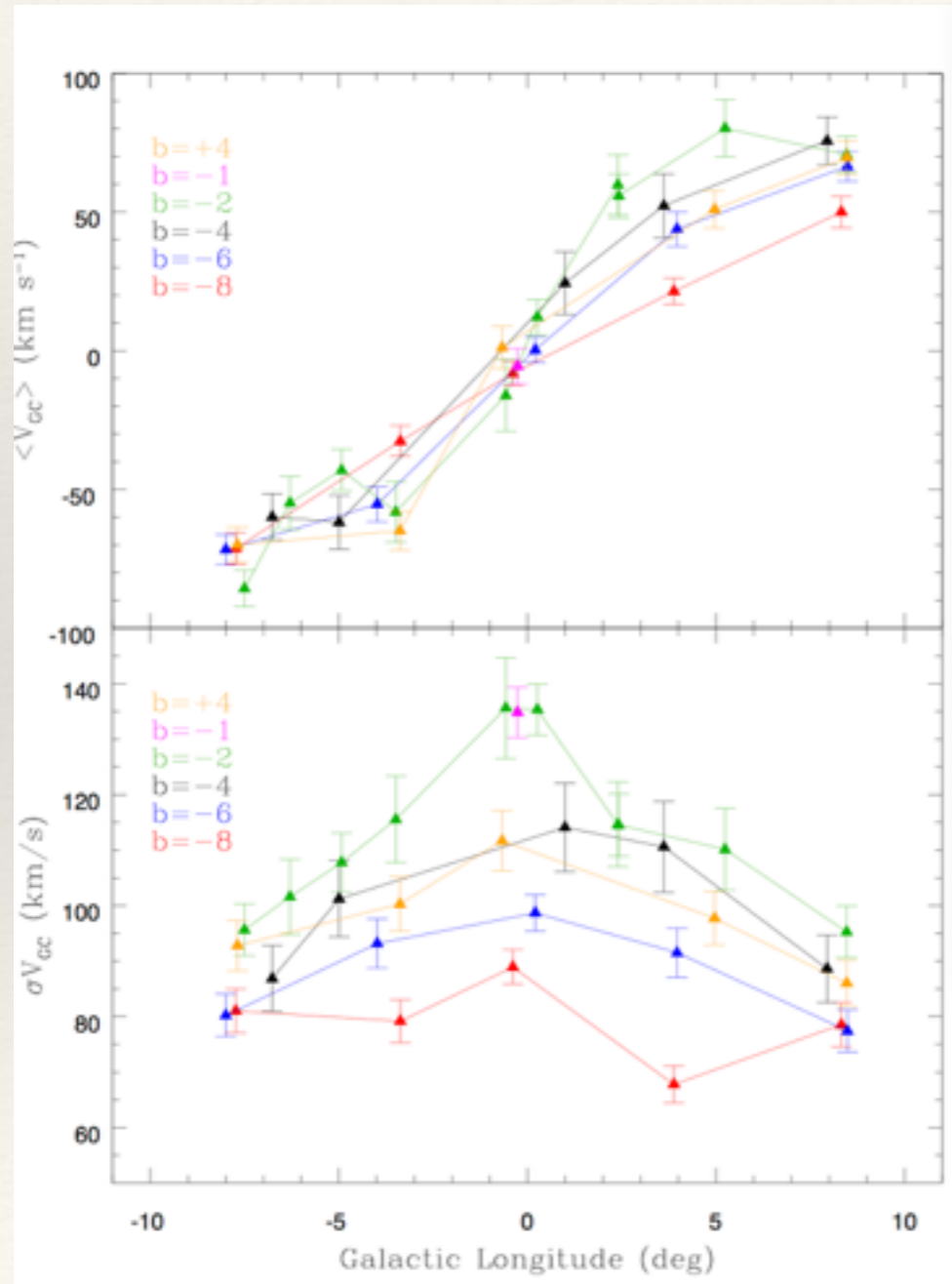
Strategy and observations in Zoccali, Gonzalez, Vasquez+2013

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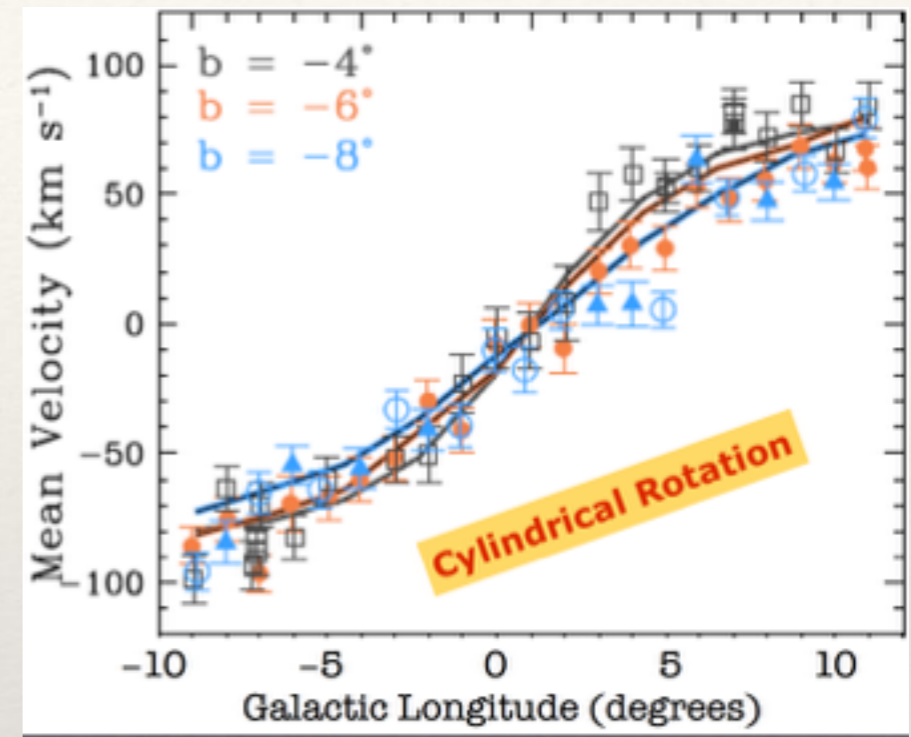


Bulge radial velocities

Rotation curves of the Bulge at different latitudes



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BRAVA survey - Kunder+12

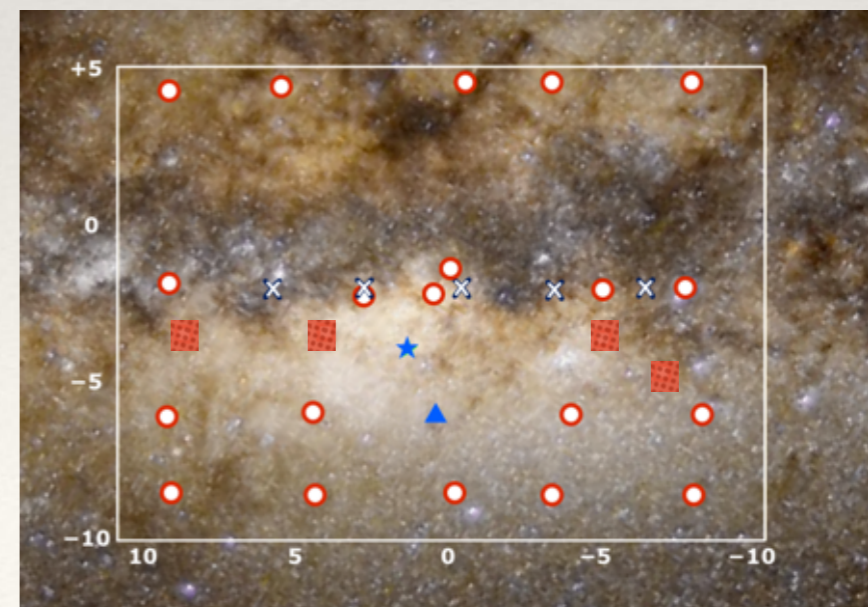
$b = +4$ →

$b = -2$ →

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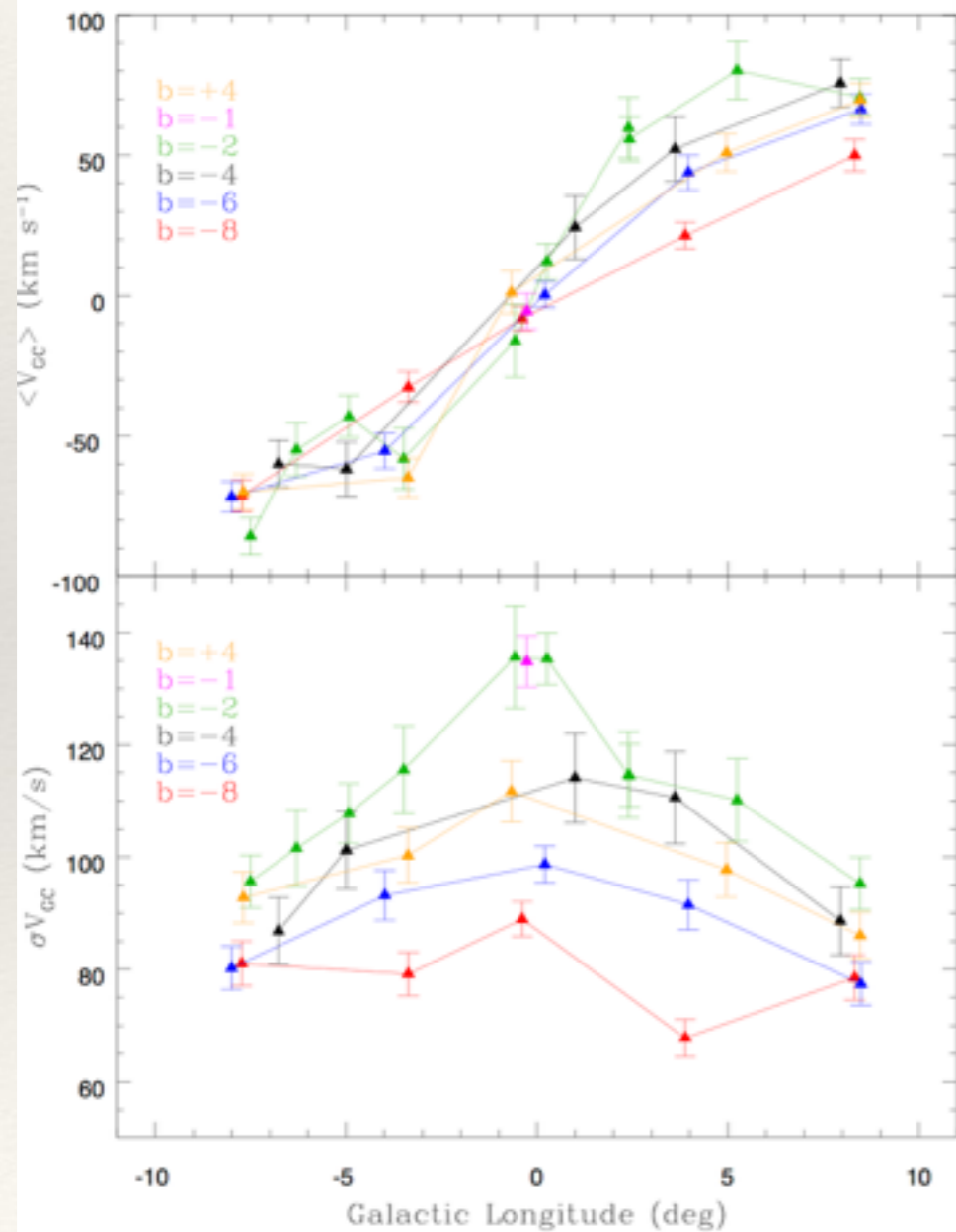
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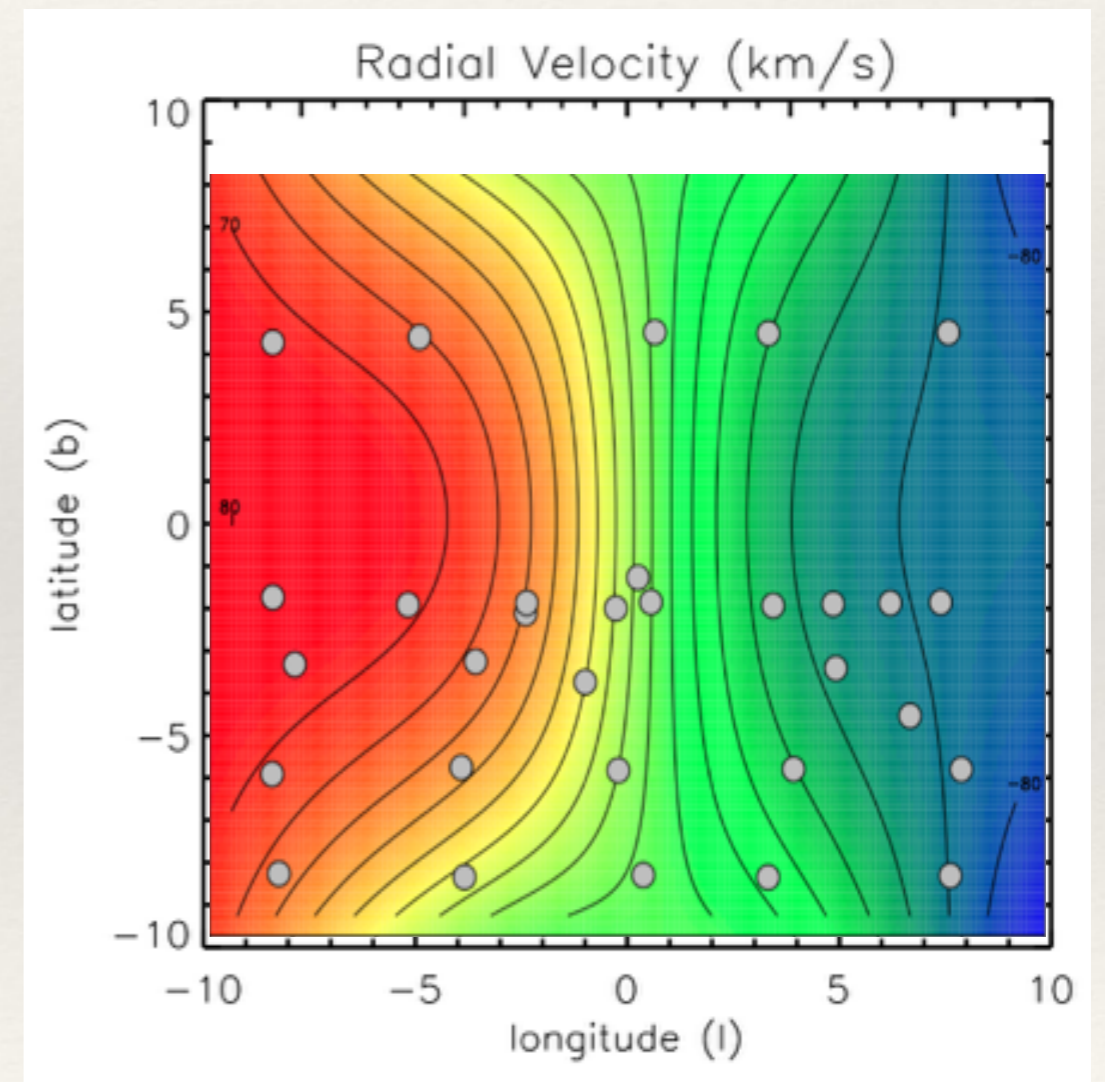


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Rotation map of the MW bulge (as seen from an IFU!)

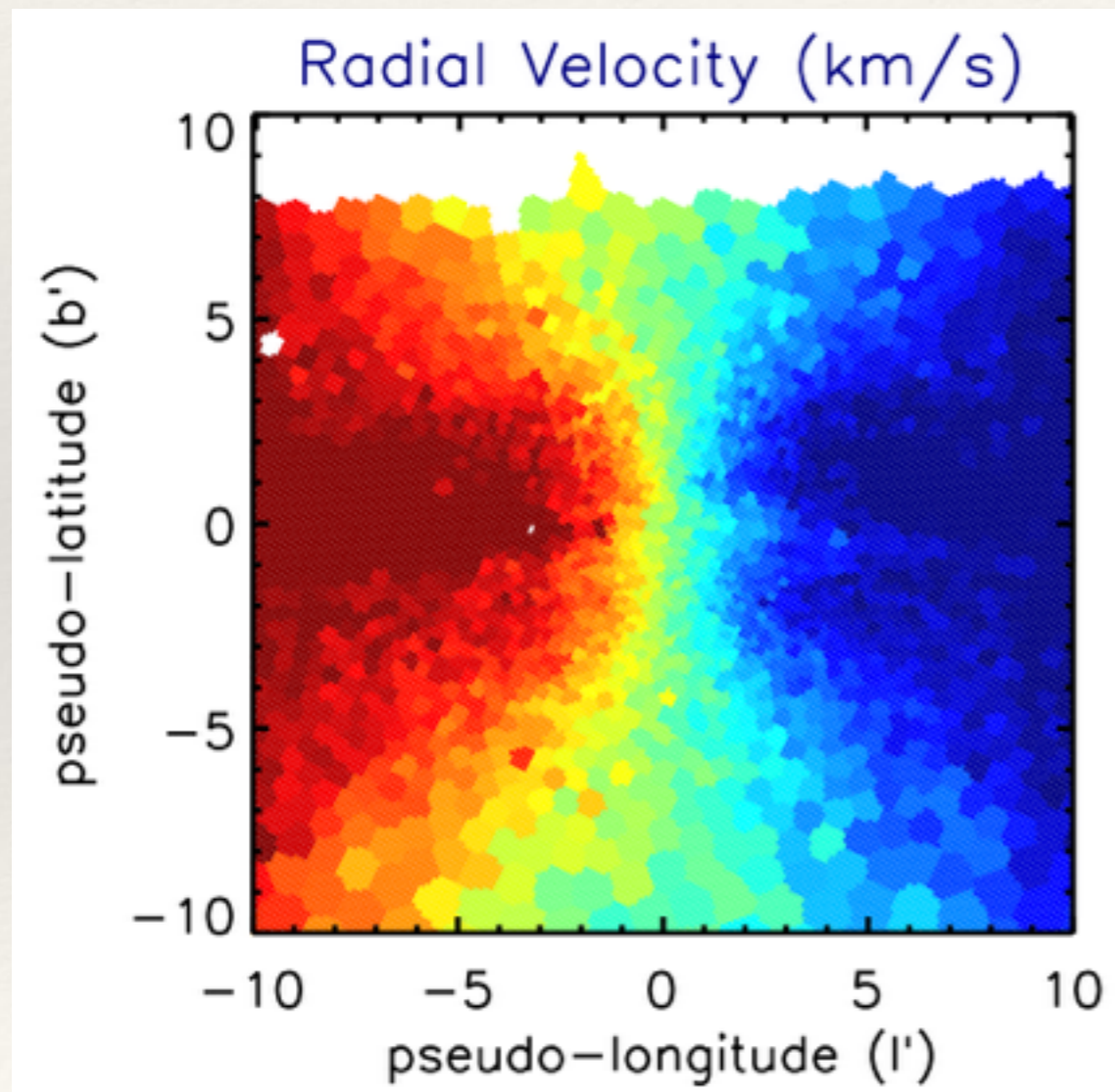


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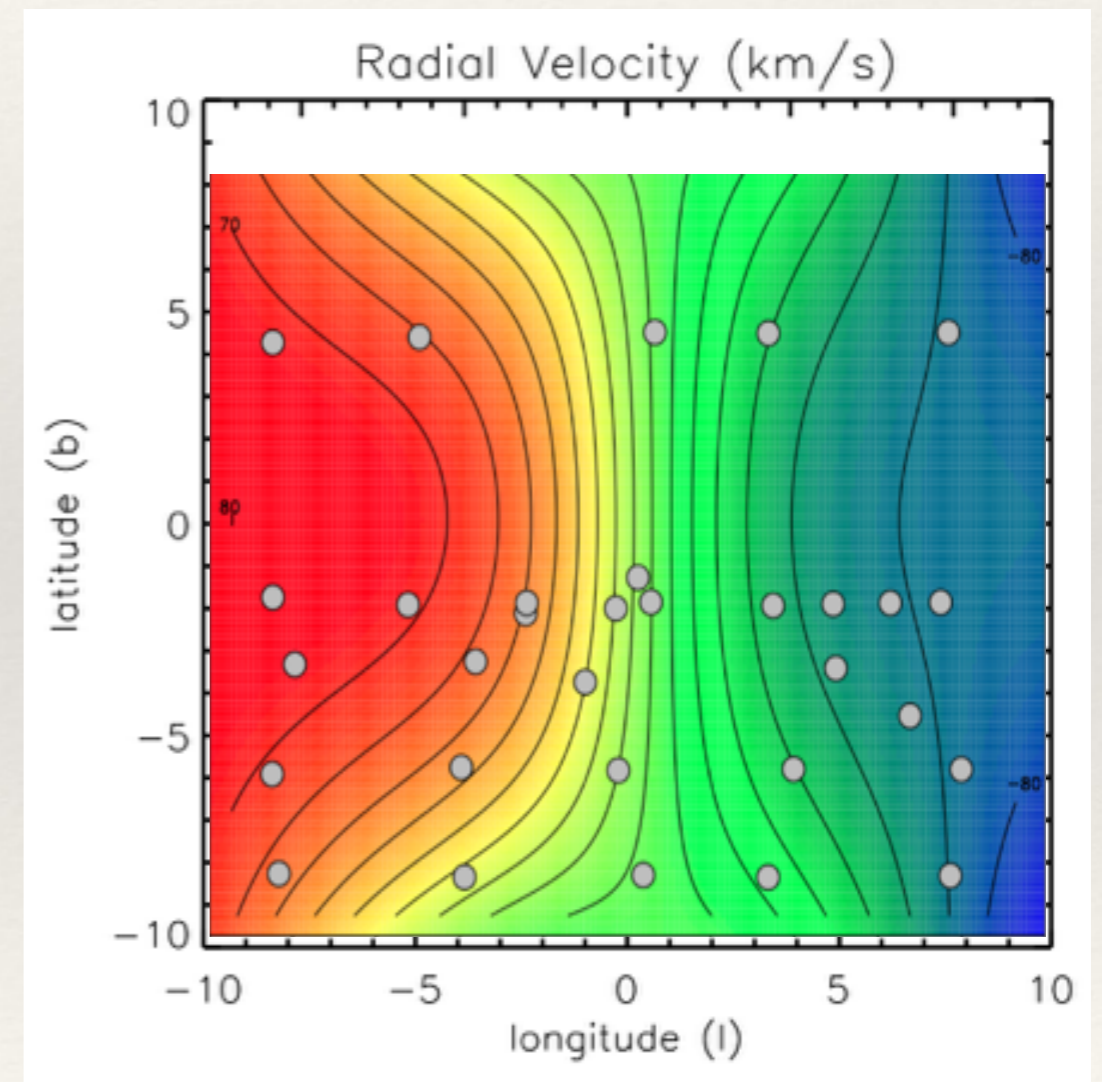
Compared to external galaxies

Rotation map of NGC 4710 (Actually seen from an IFU!)



with MUSE@VLT - Gonzalez, Gadotti, Debattista+2015 (in prep.)

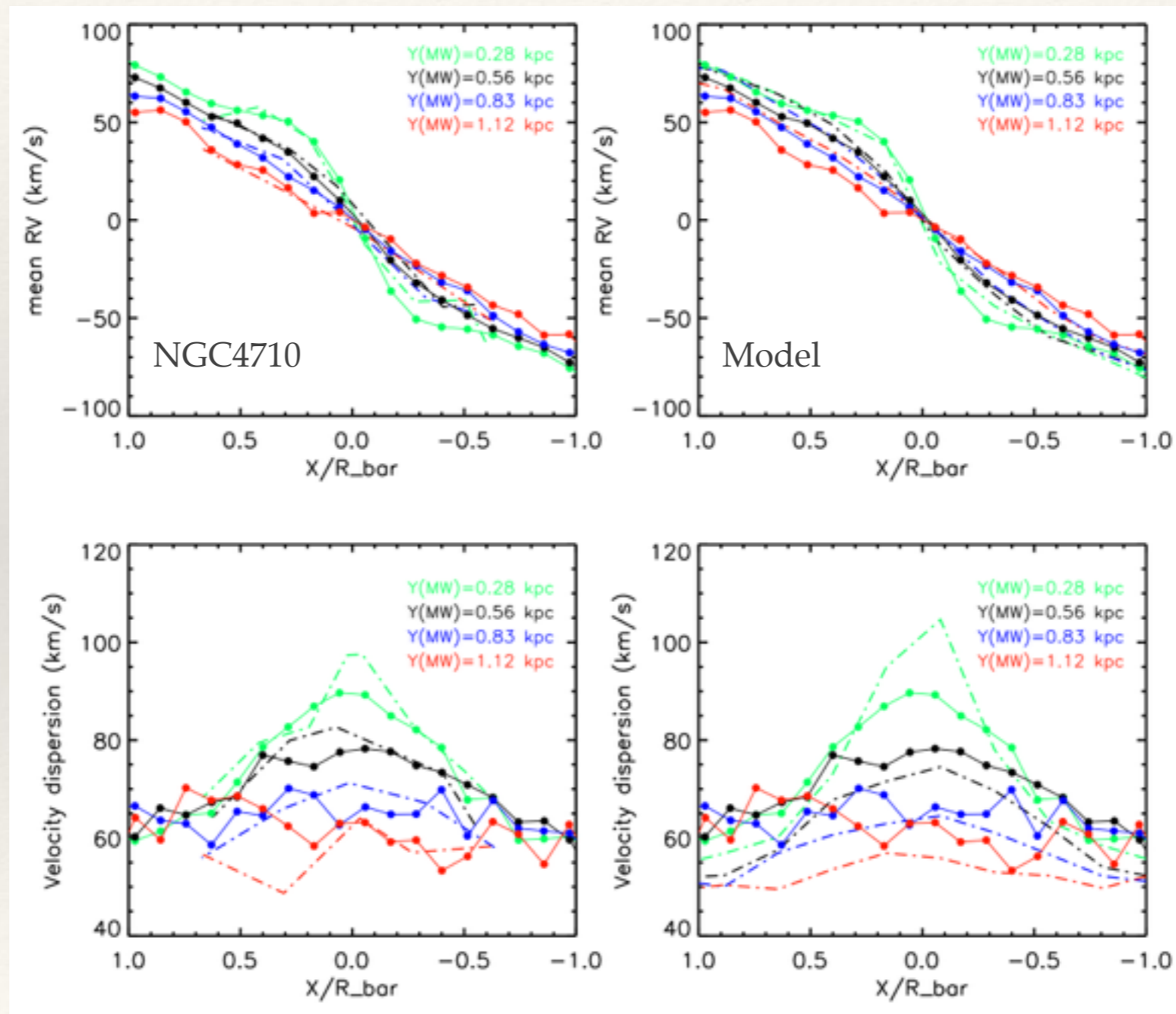
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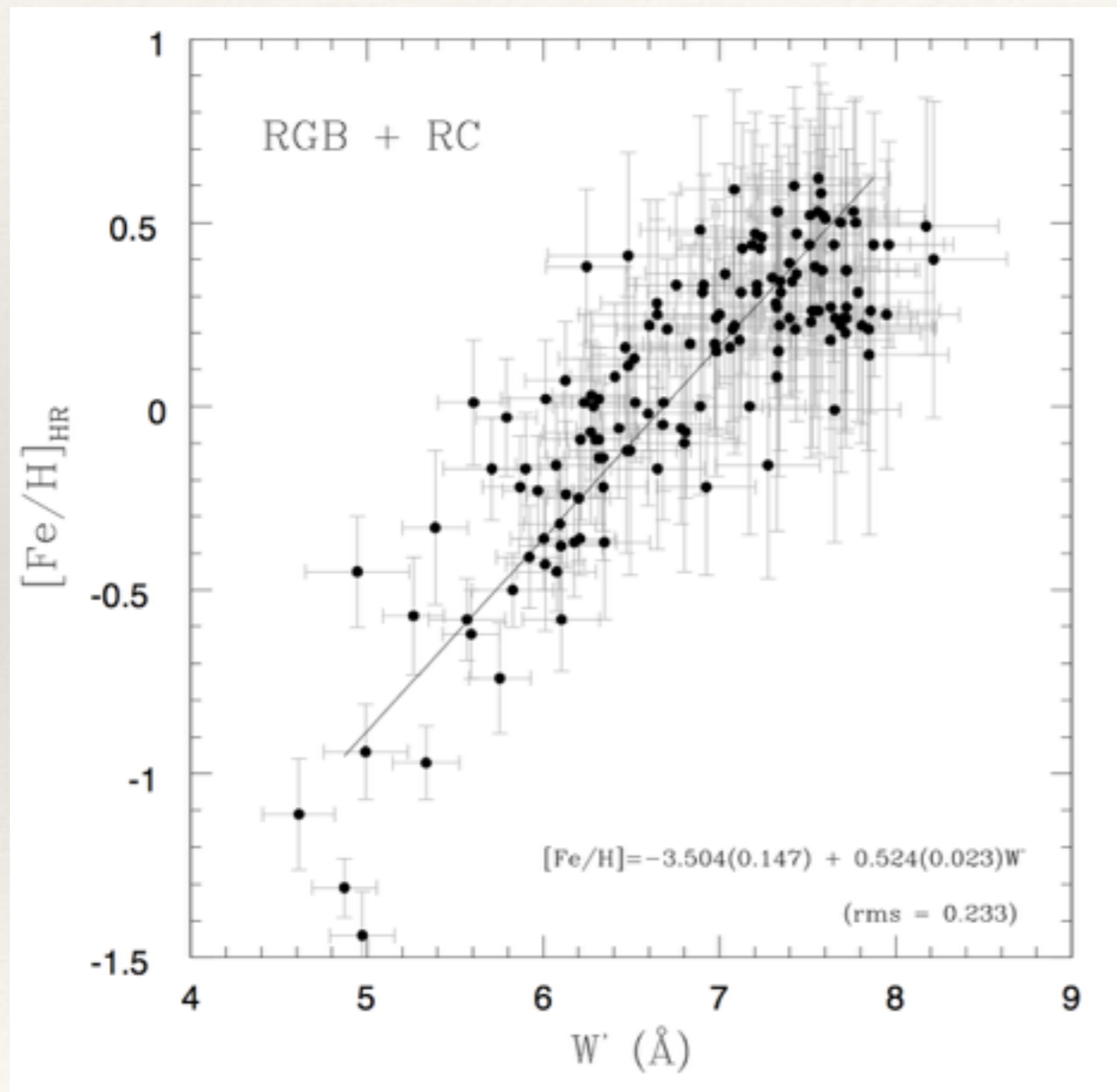
Compared to models

Nice agreement of the rotation curve at different latitudes with models (of a pure B/P bulge)

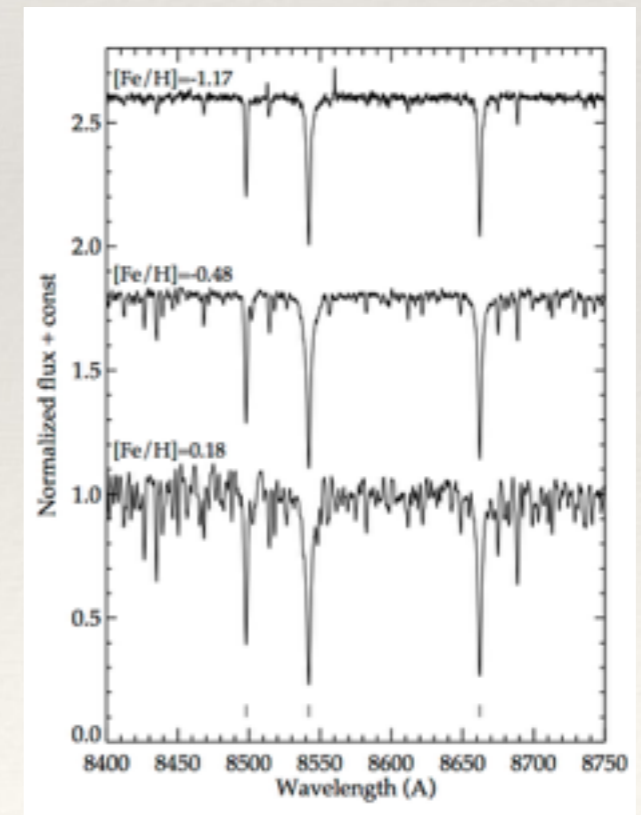
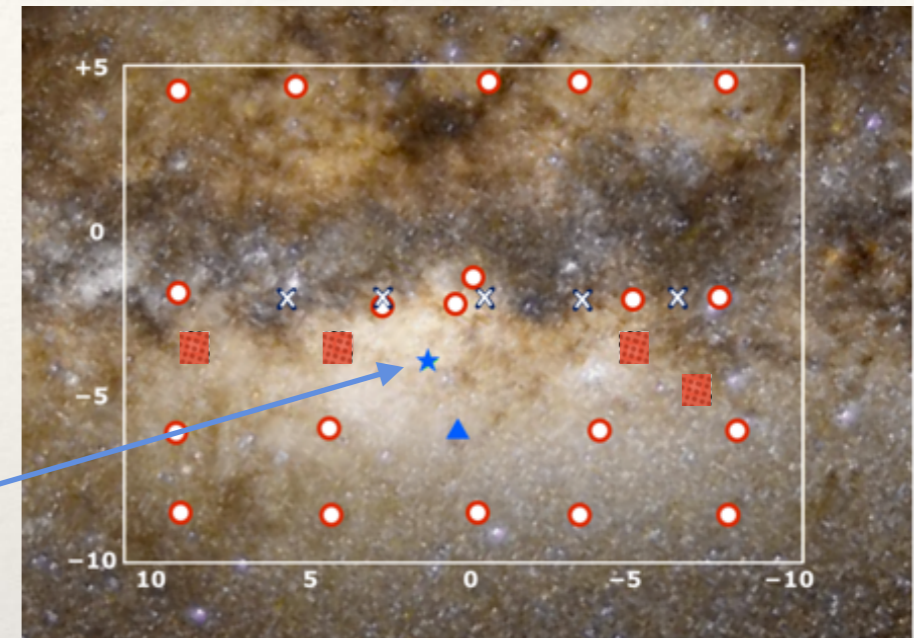


20 LR (R8,300) fields: CaT calibration

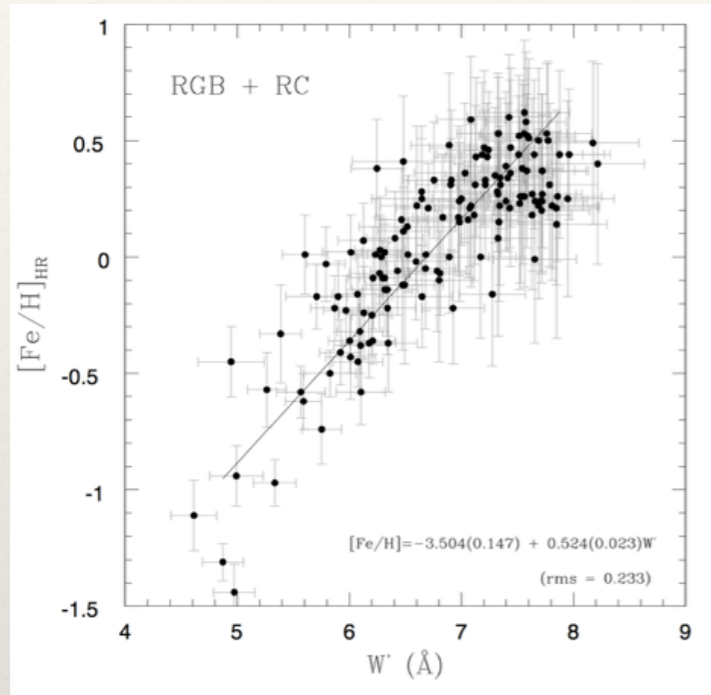
The Bulge CaT calibration: $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ directly from CaT EW measurements



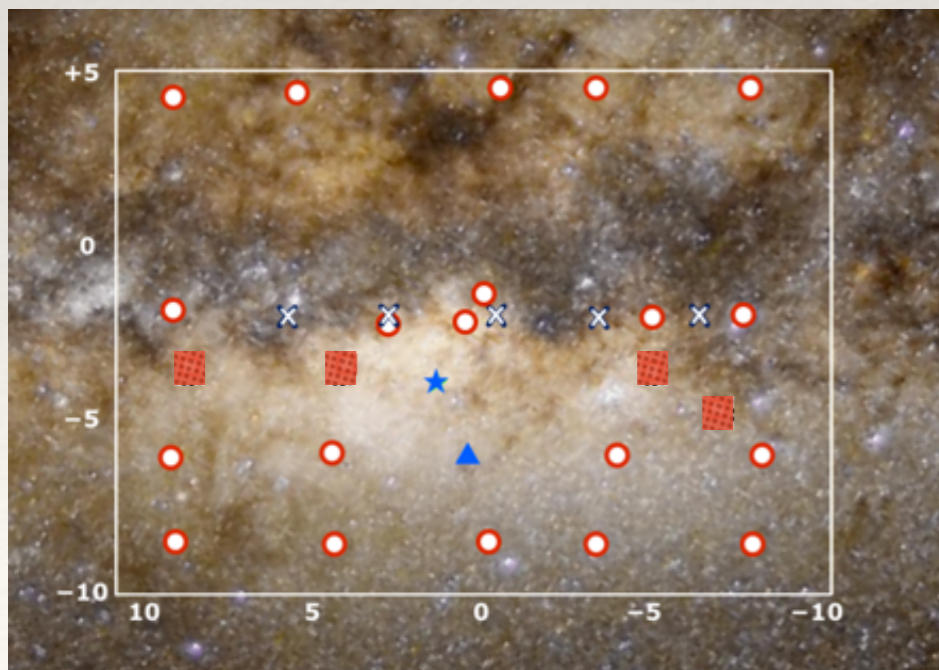
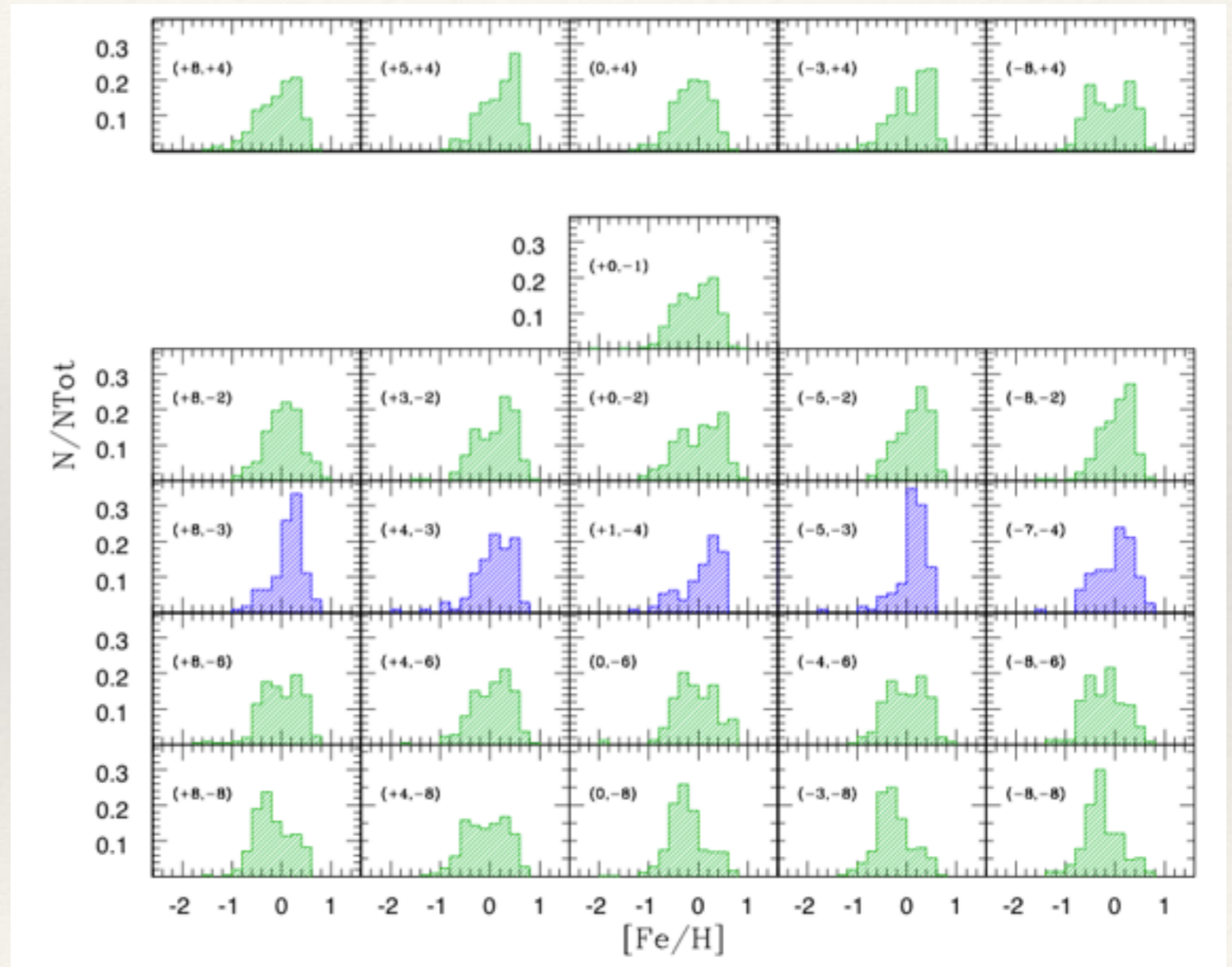
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GIBS metallicity distributions

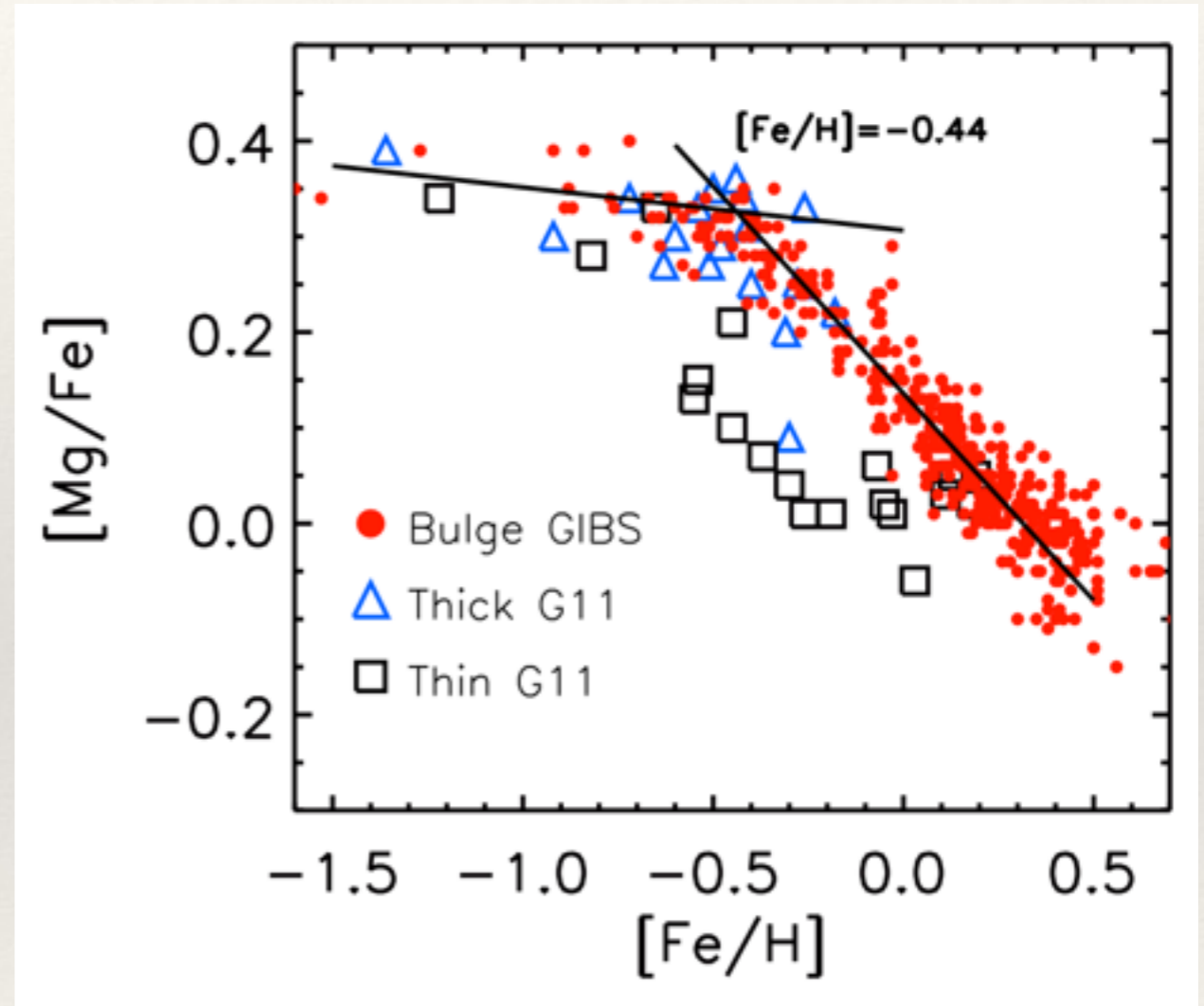
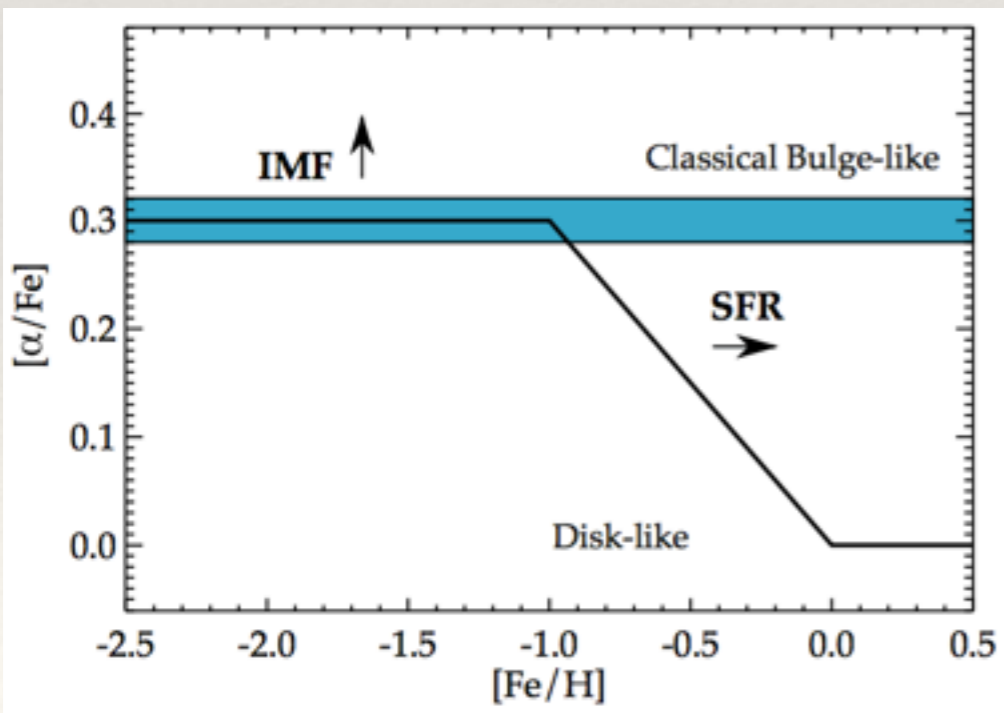
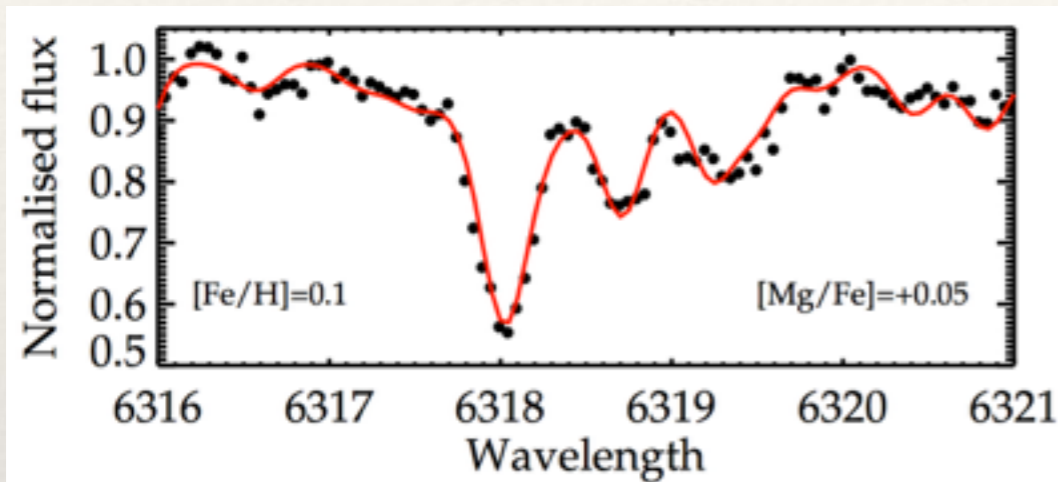


Metallicity distributions across the Bulge - a global view to $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ gradients



4 HR fields (R23,500): alpha-element abundances

[Mg/Fe] as function of metallicity - The formation timescale constraints

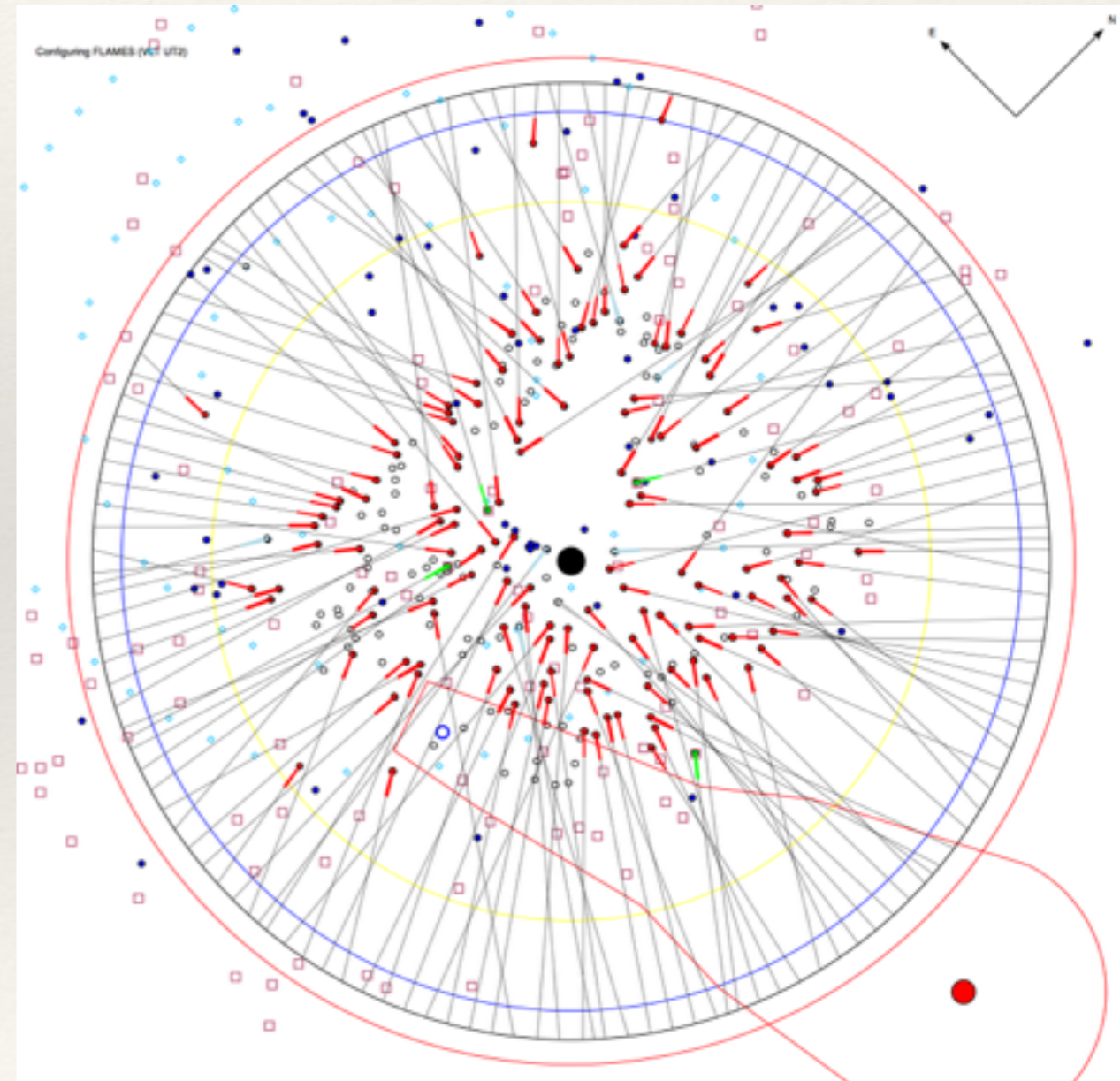
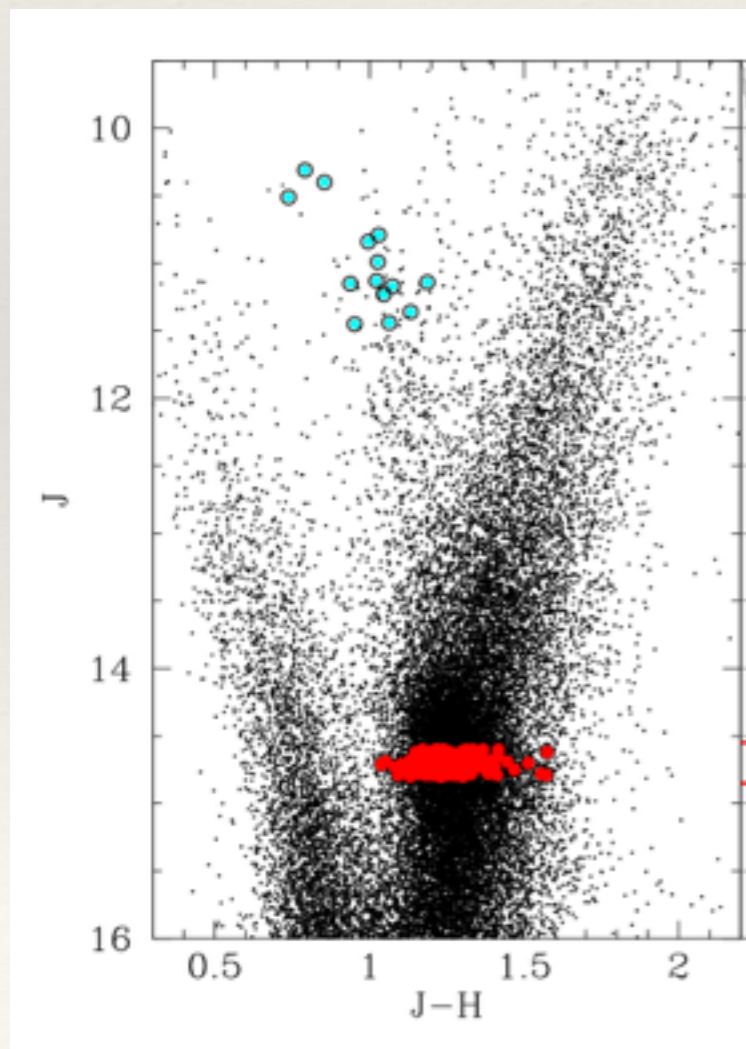


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The future (with MOONS)

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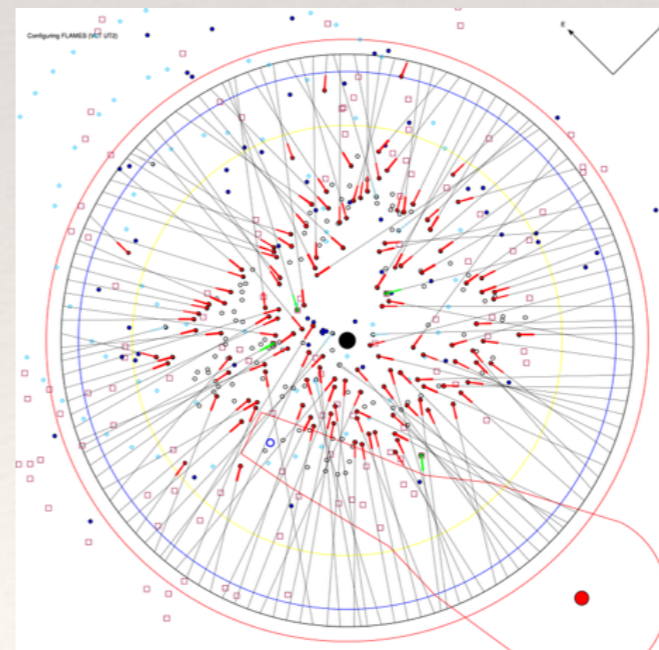
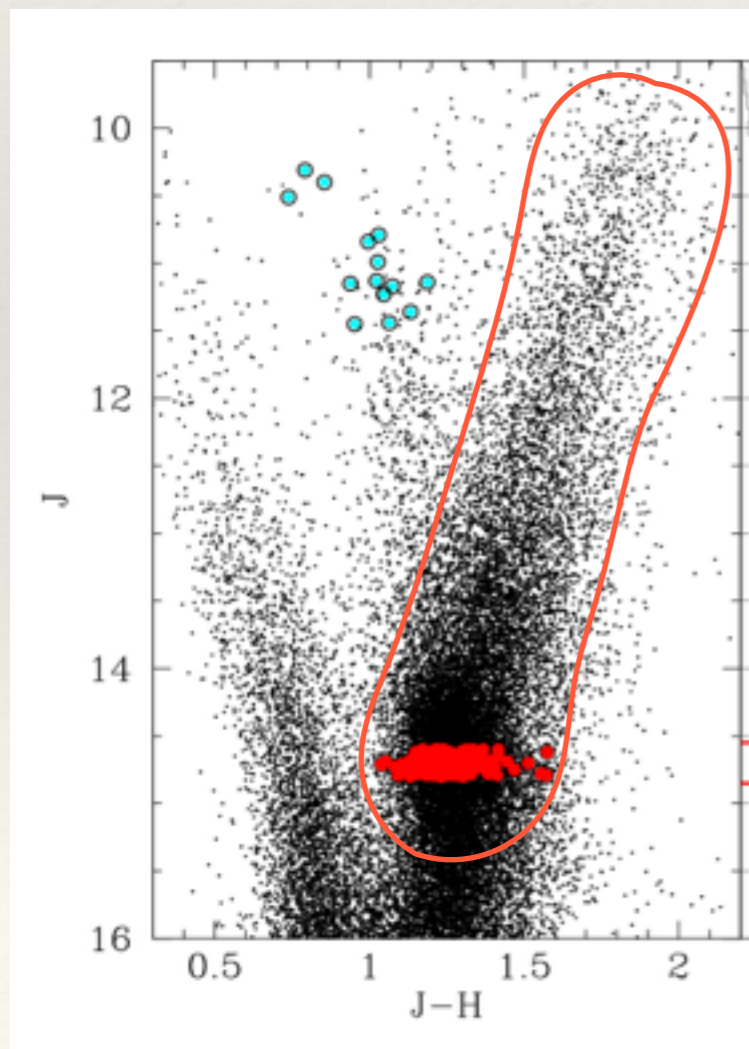
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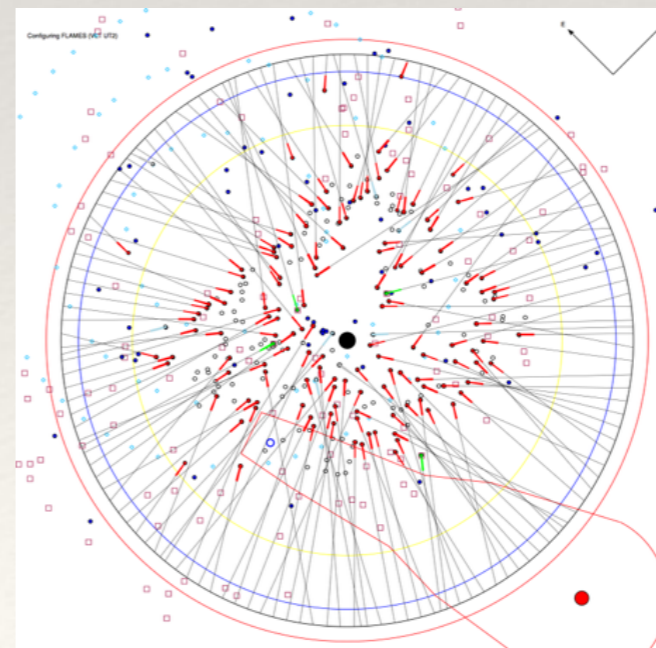
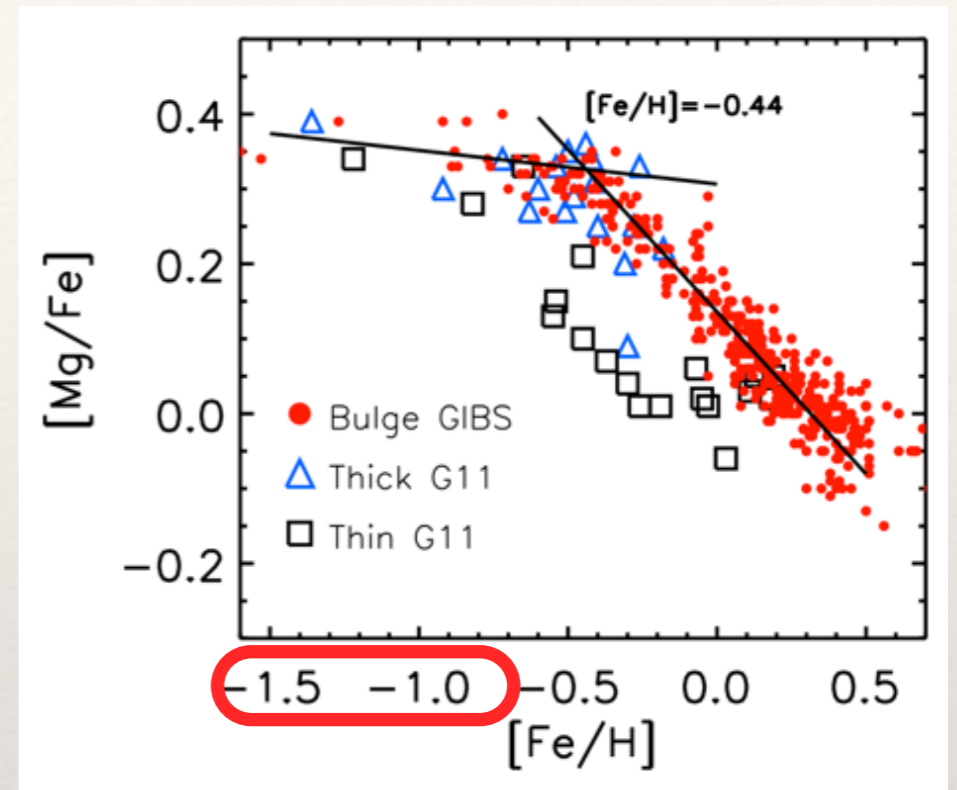
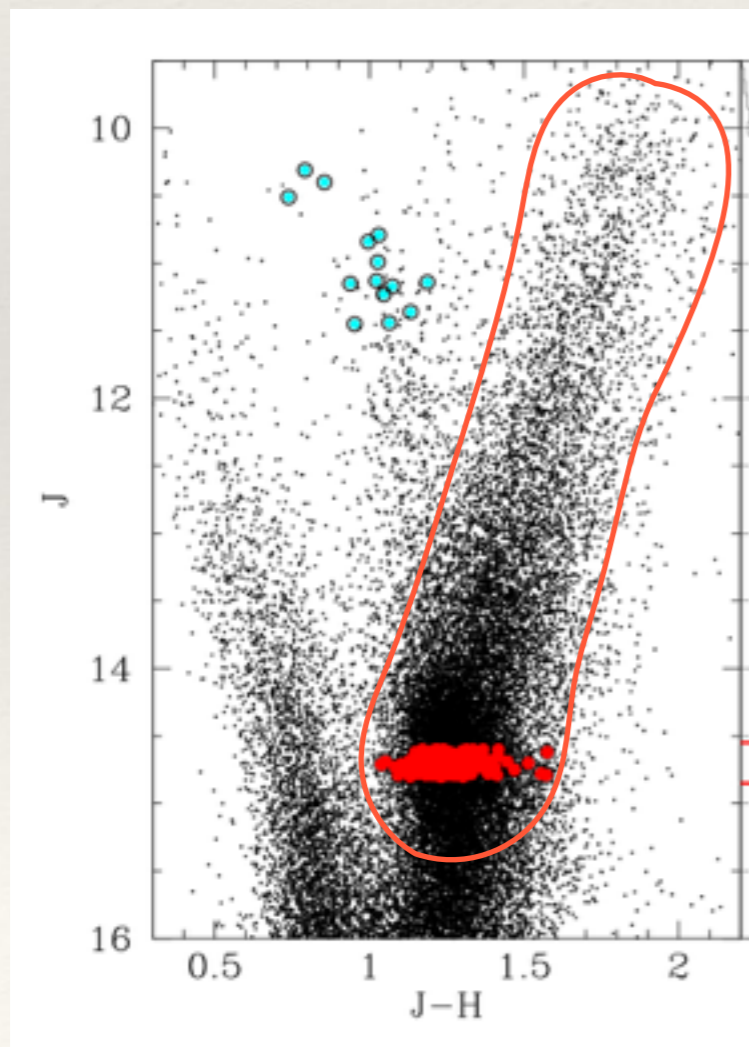


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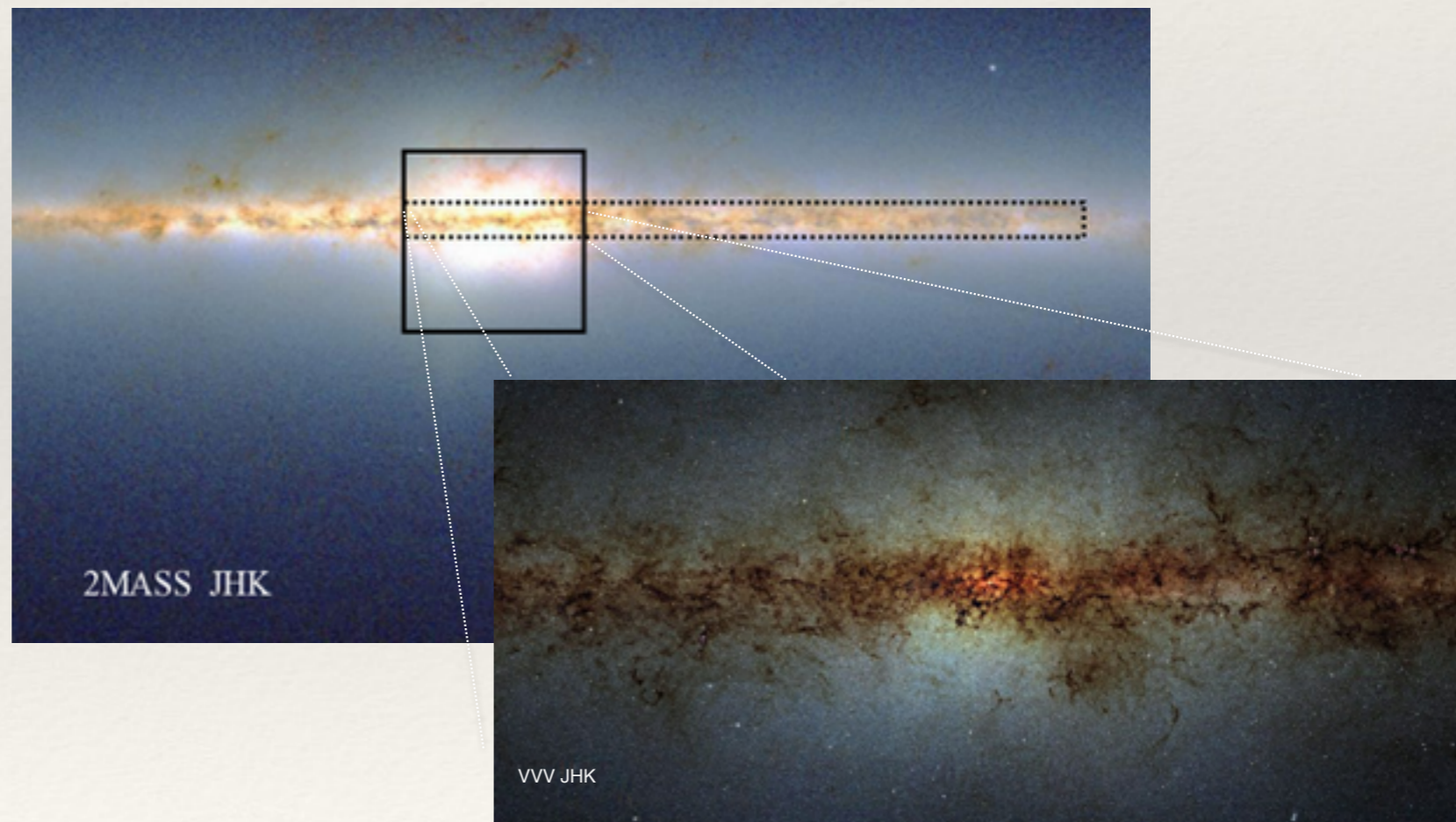
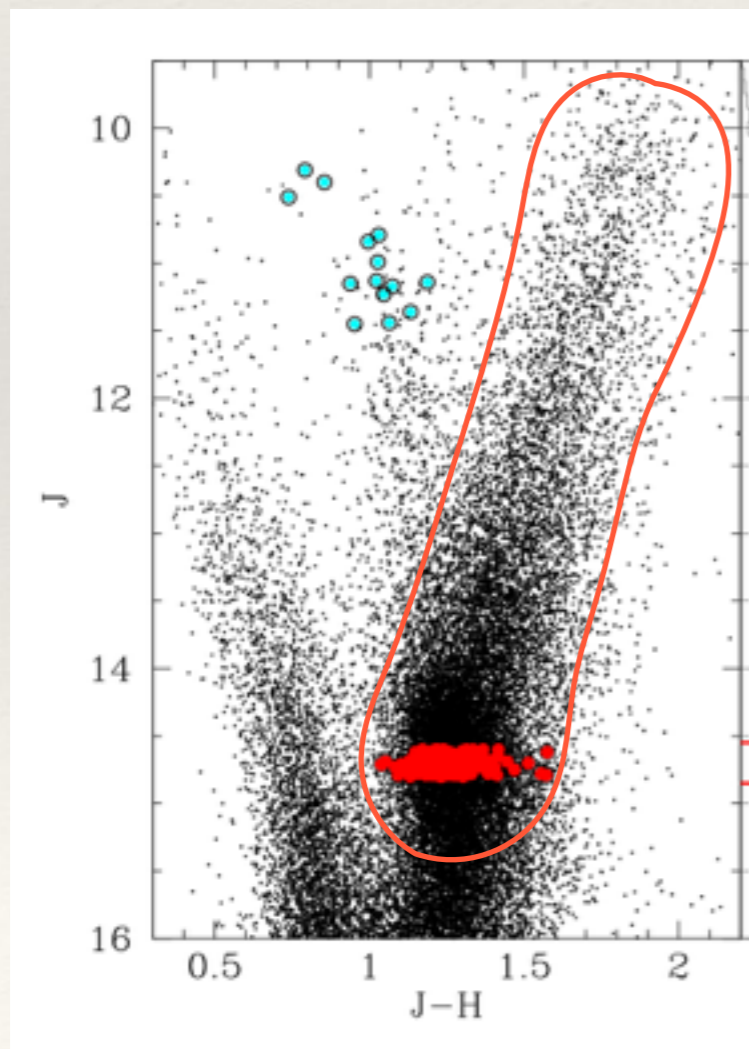
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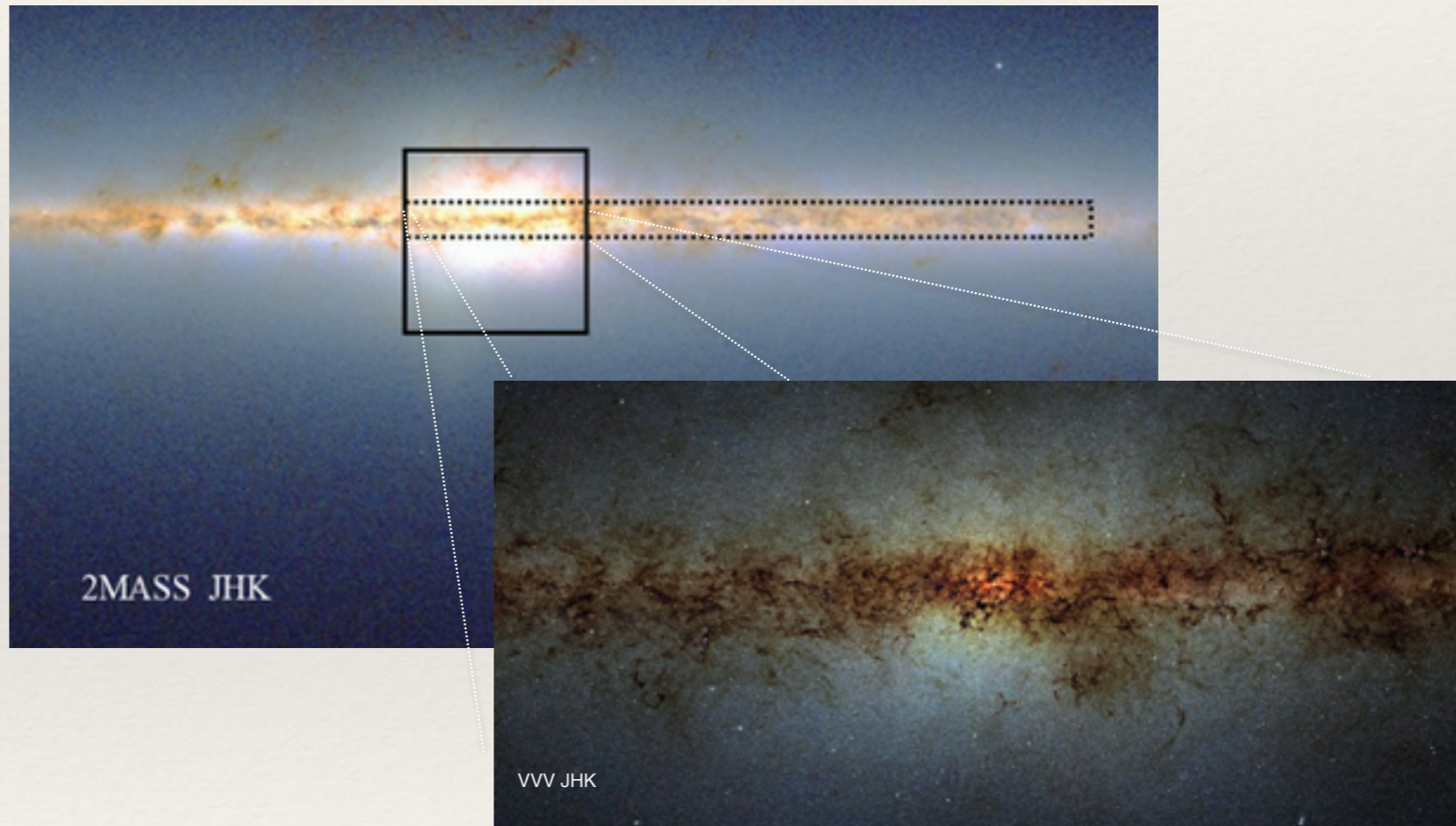
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