

The Ultra-Faint Dwarf Galaxies

Part 1: Kinematics

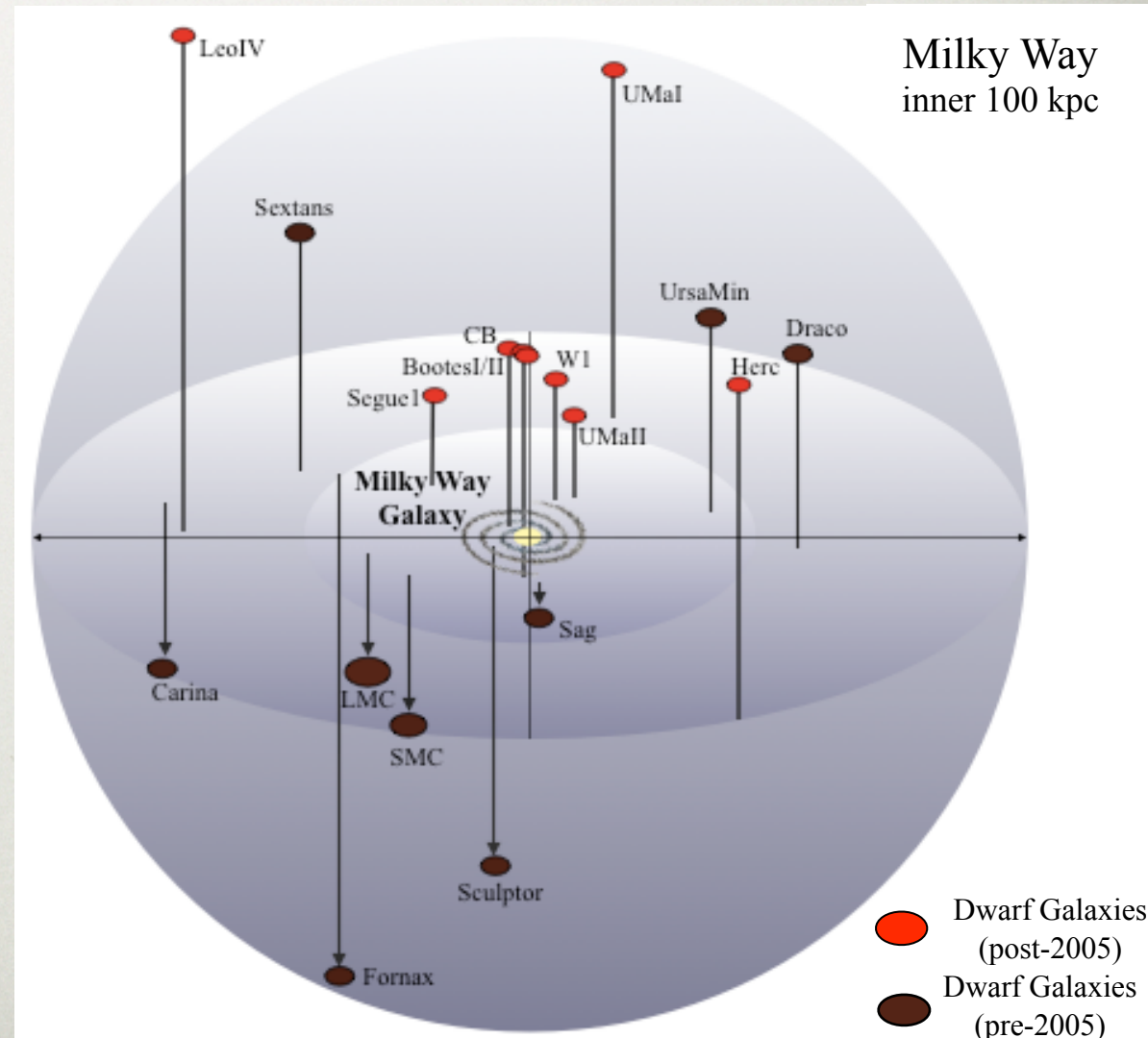
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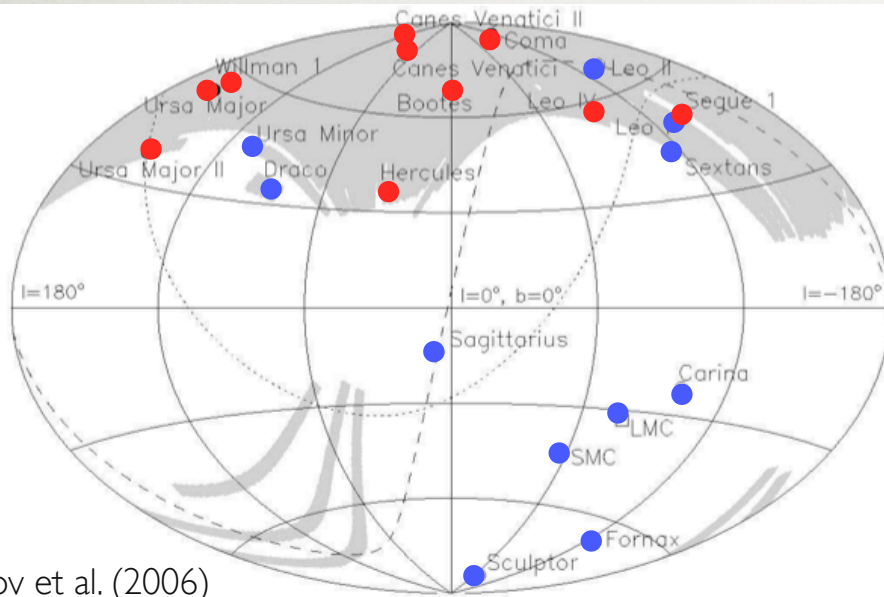
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New Milky Way Dwarf Galaxies

■ Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) coverage



Belokurov et al. (2006)

The Satellite Numbers:

Classical dSphs = 11

Ultra-Faint dSphs = 13

24

To SDSS depth, full sky = $11 + 4 \times 13 = 63$

To LSST depth, full sky > 400 MW dwarfs (see poster by E. Tollerud)

Name Year Discovered

LMC	B.C
SMC	B.C
Sculptor	1937
Fornax	1938
Leo II	1950
Leo I	1950
Ursa Minor	1954
Draco	1954
Carina	1977
Sextans	1990
Sagittarius	1994
Ursa Major I	2005
Willman I	2005
Ursa Major II	2006
Bootes I	2006
Canes Venatici I	2006
Canes Venatici II	2006
Coma Berencis	2006
Segue I	2006
Leo IV	2006
Hercules	2006
Leo T	2007
Bootes II	2007

Leo V

2008

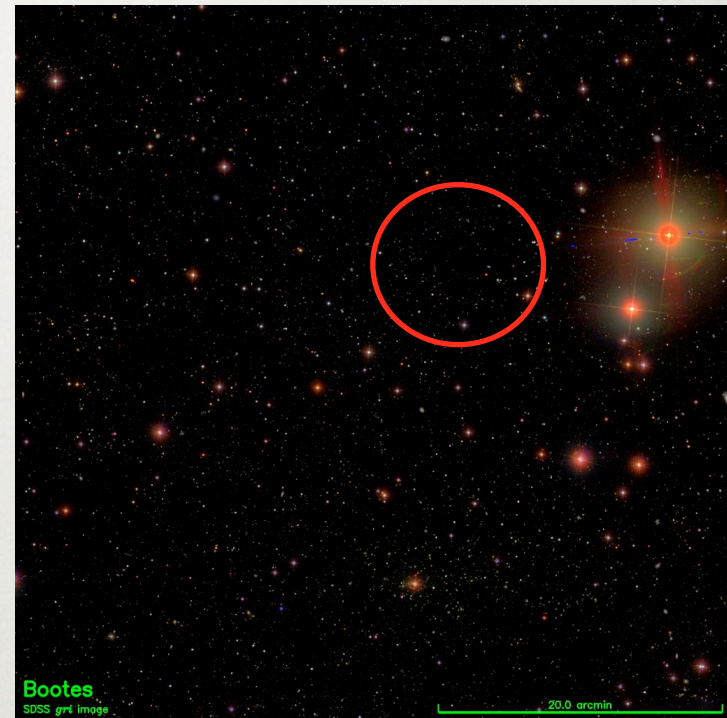
Why Were the 'New' Satellites Missed?

The newest dwarf have luminosities of globular clusters, but sizes of galaxies.

'Old' Dwarf Galaxy



'New' Dwarf Galaxy

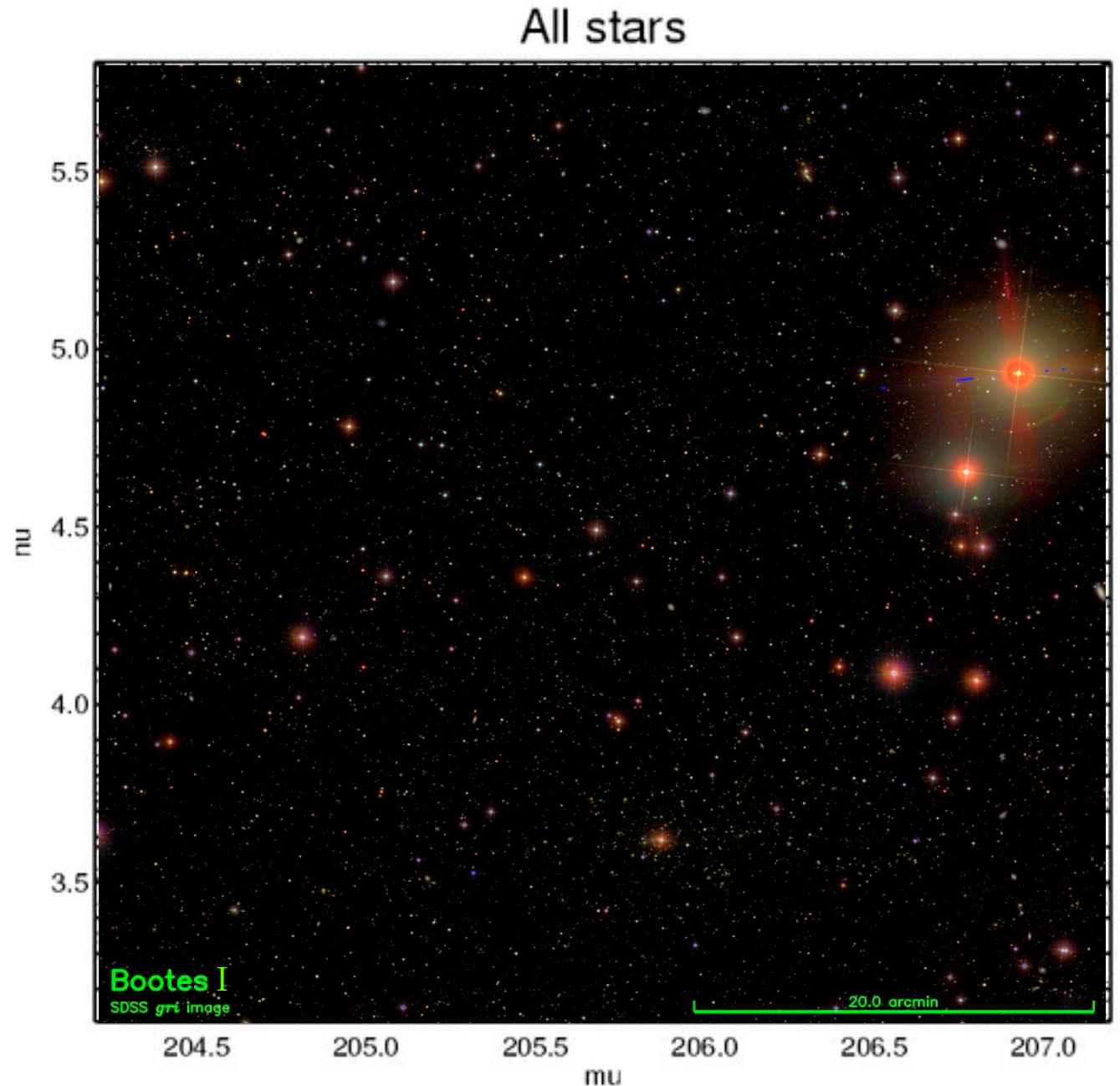


How were the new satellites found?

Willman et al (2005a,b)
Zucker et al (2006a,b)
Belokurov et al (2006a,b)
Irwin et al (2007)
Walsh et al. (2007)
Belokurov et al (2008)

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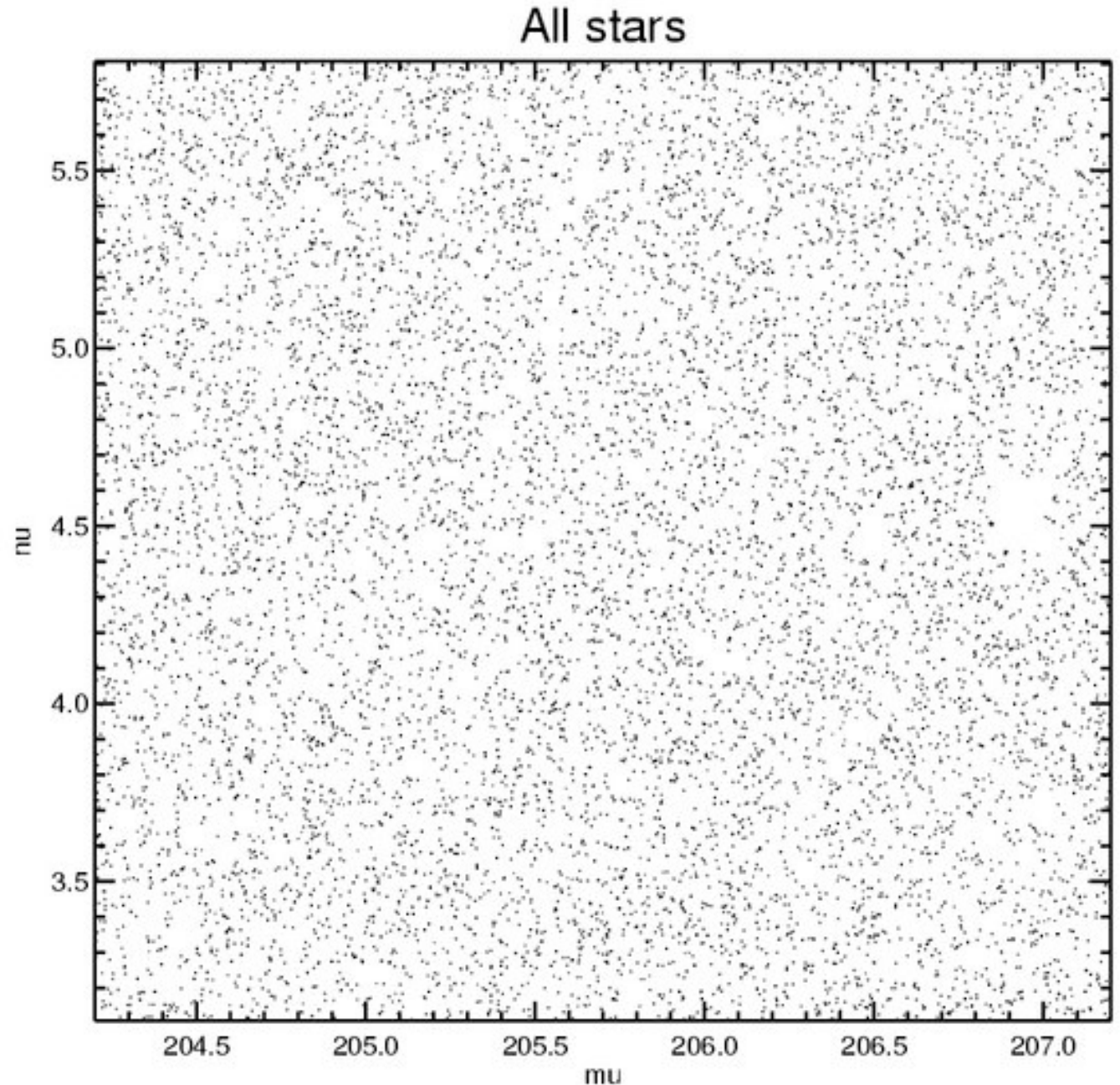
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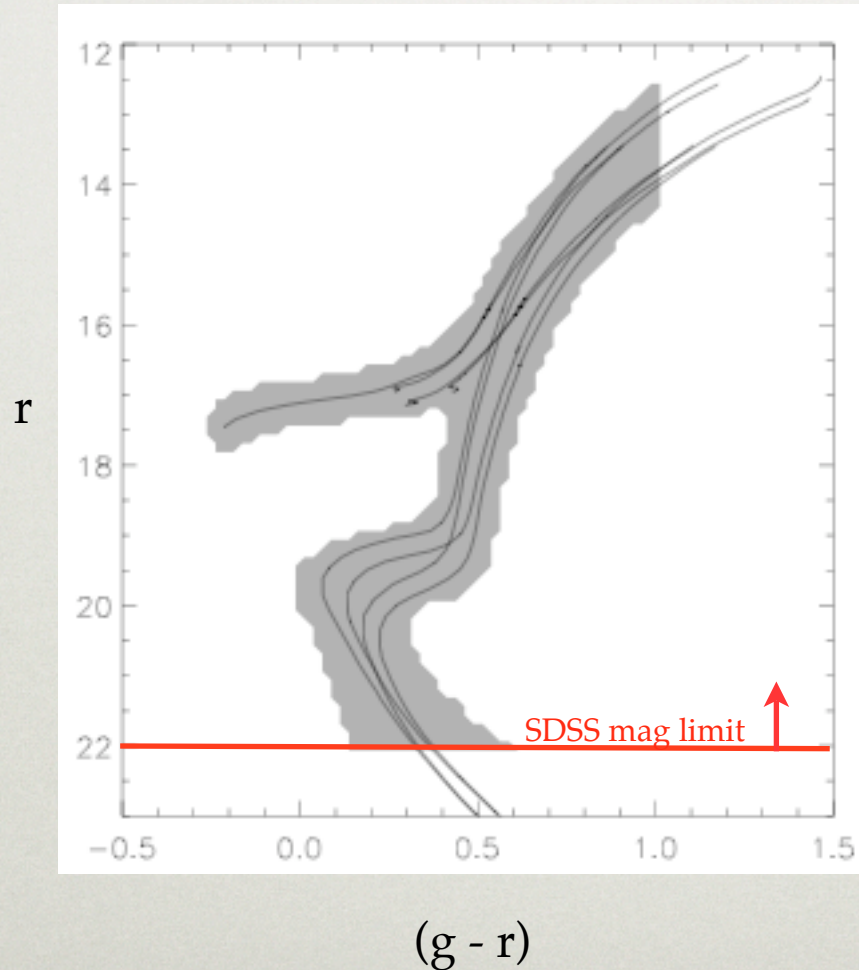
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Need to filter image according to an assumed set of dwarf galaxy properties.



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Assume dwarf galaxies are old, metal-poor population, this defines a narrow region in color-magnitude space.

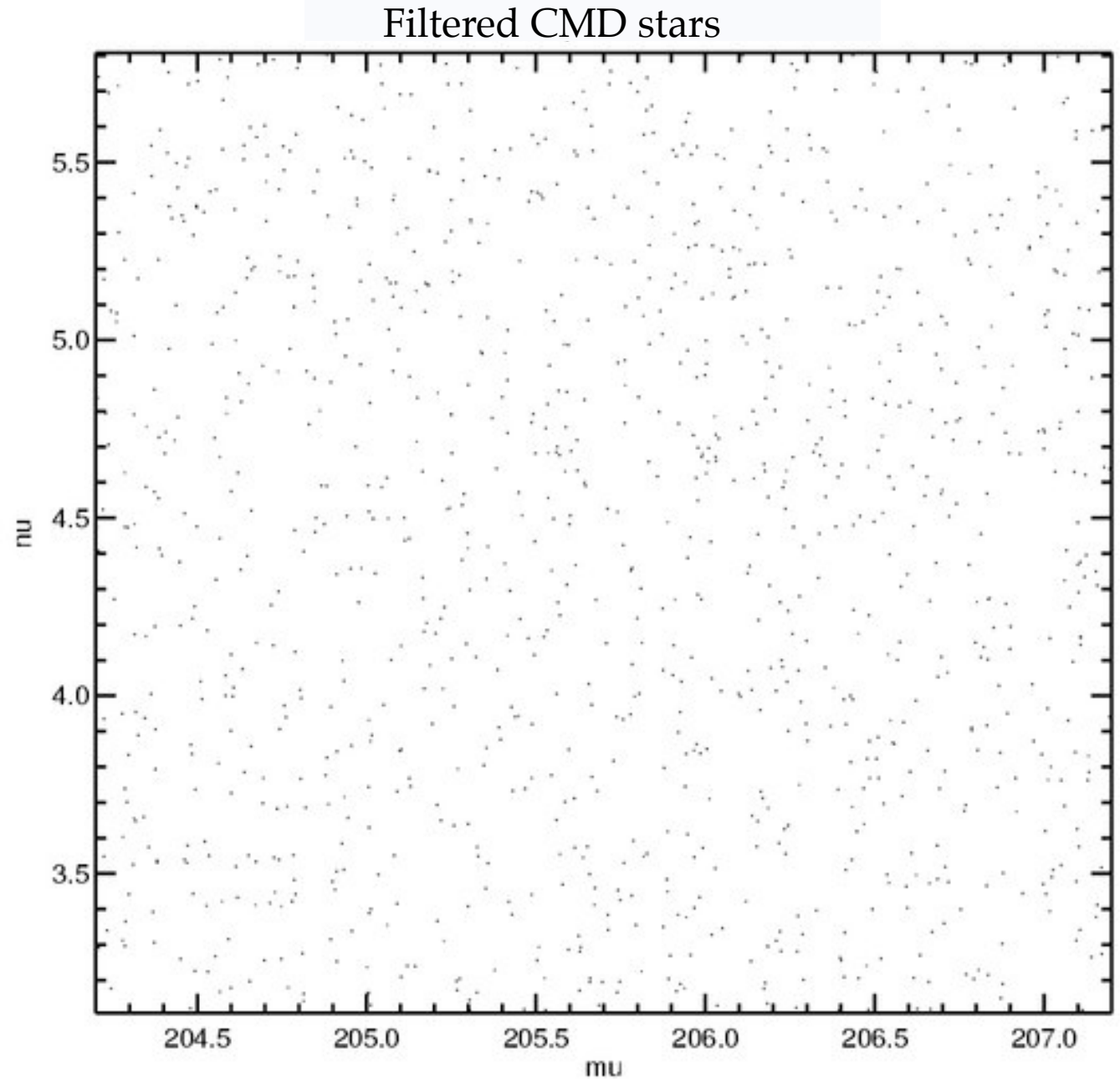


Walsh, Willman & Jerjen (2008)

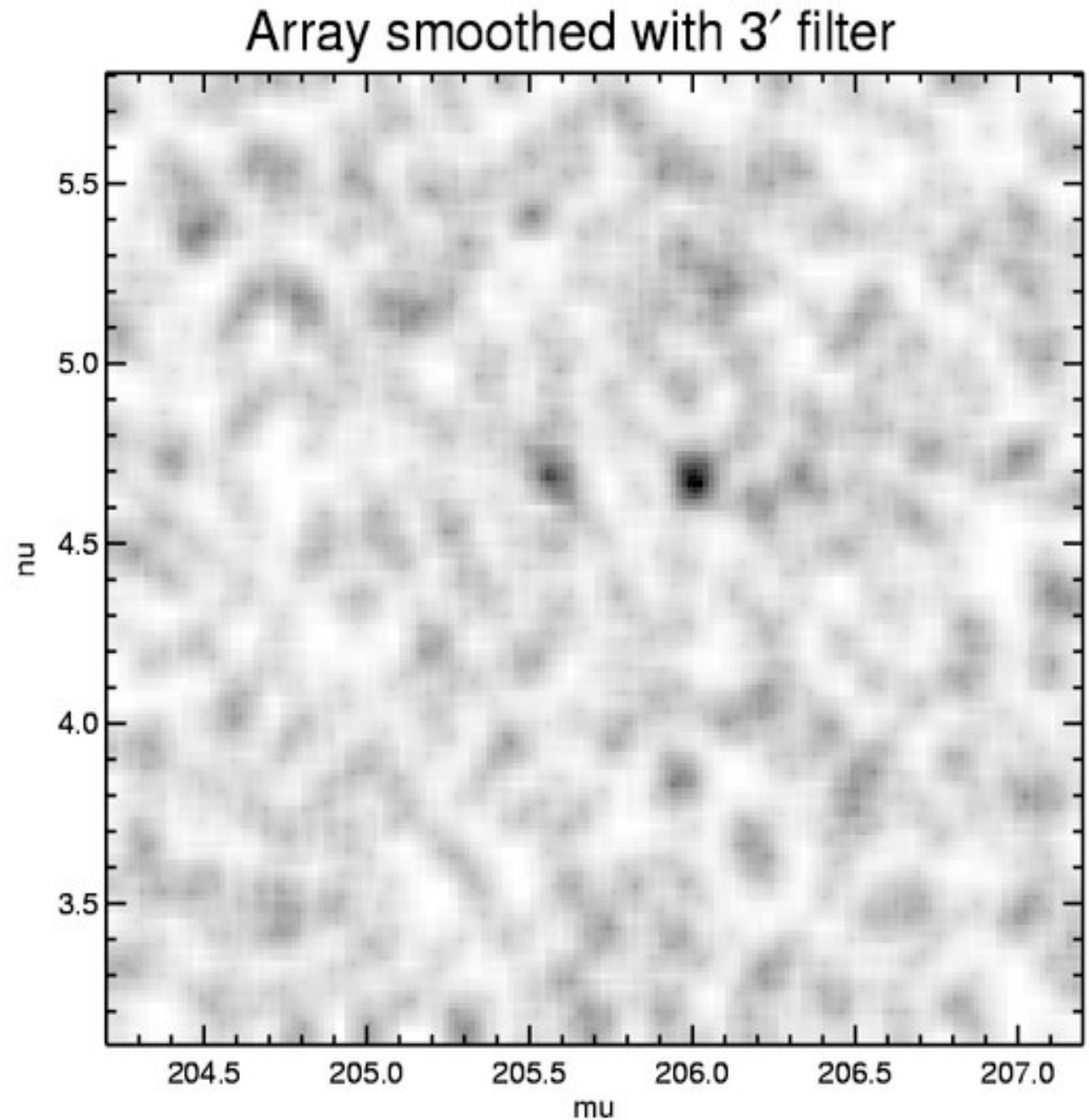
A generous definition
of old and metal-poor:
age = 8 to 14 Gyr
[Fe/H] = -1.5 to -2.3

Distance = 20 kpc

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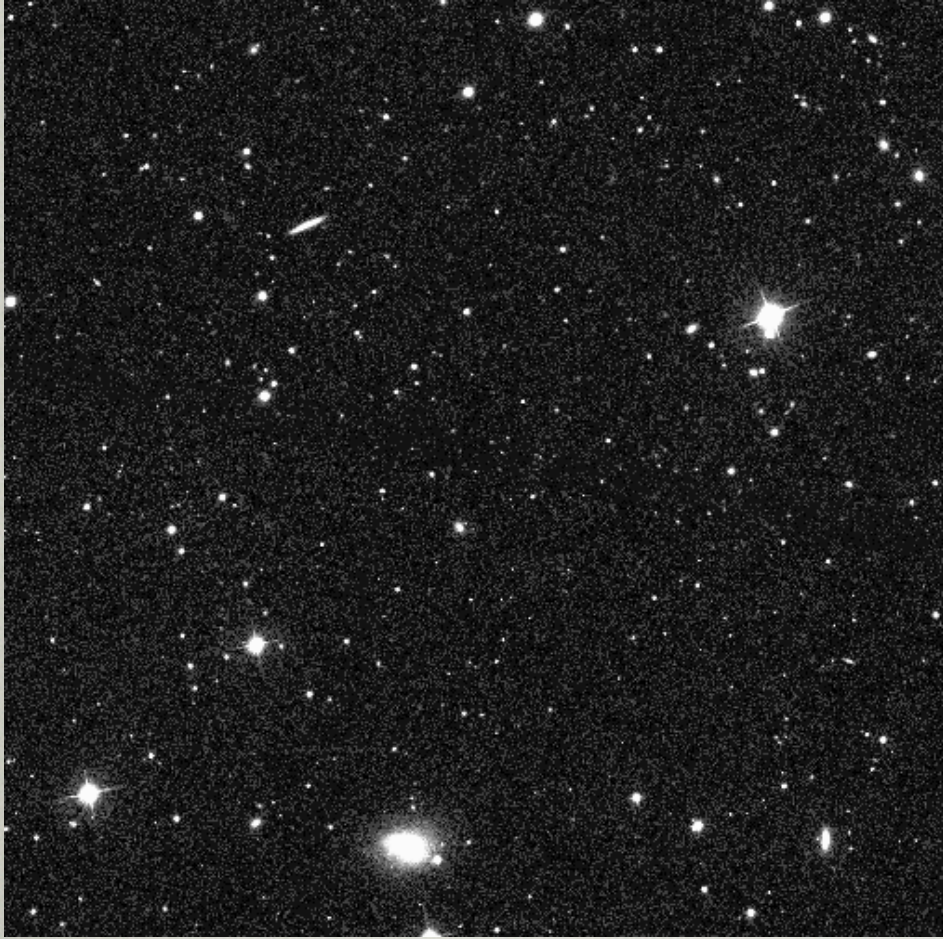


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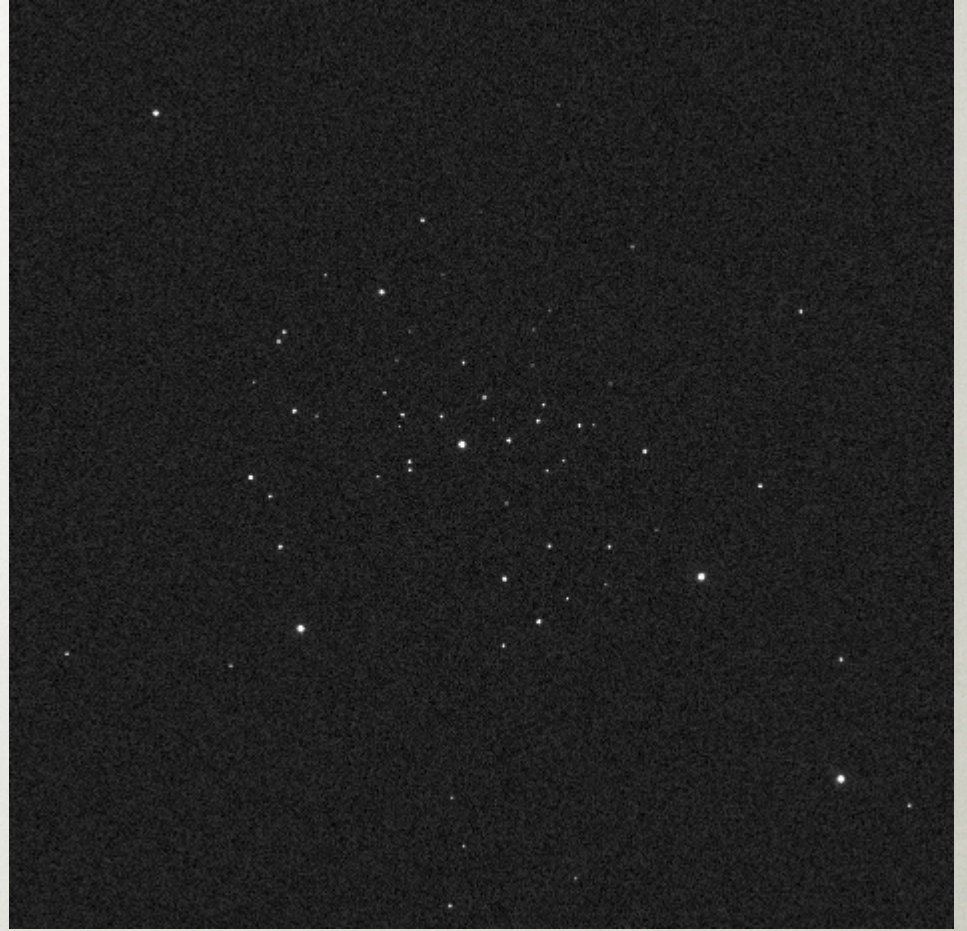


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Raw SDSS image



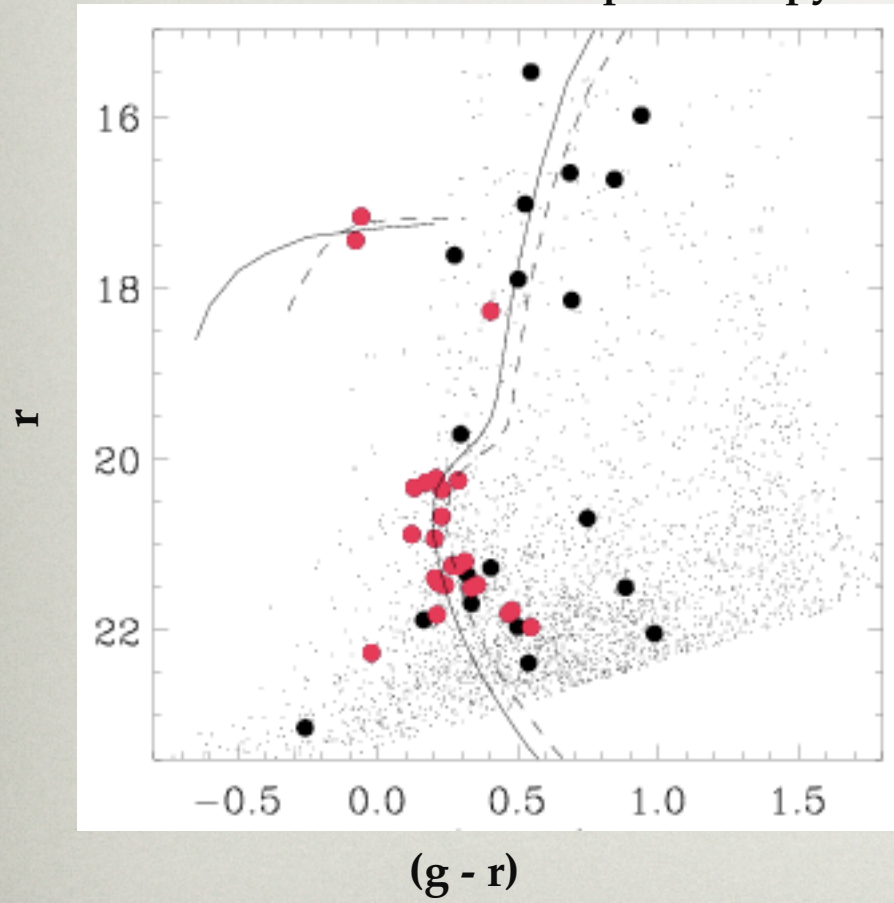
Candidate Member
Stars only



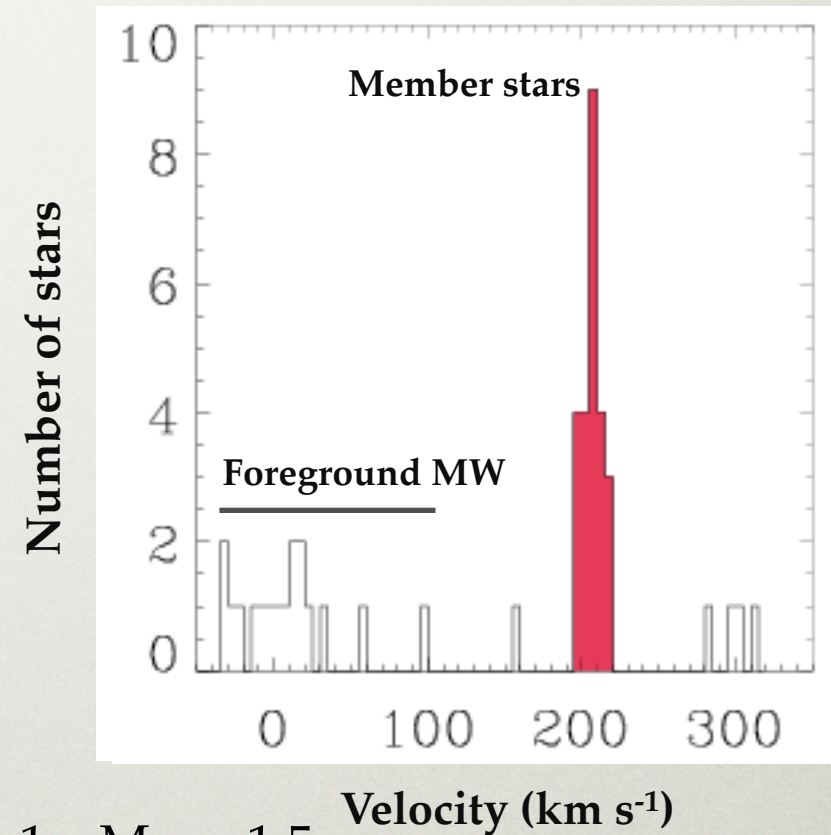
Spectroscopic Follow-up

Spectroscopic follow-up is required to determine whether or not these stellar over-densities are indeed gravitationally bound structures.

● = Star targeted for
Keck/DEIMOS spectroscopy

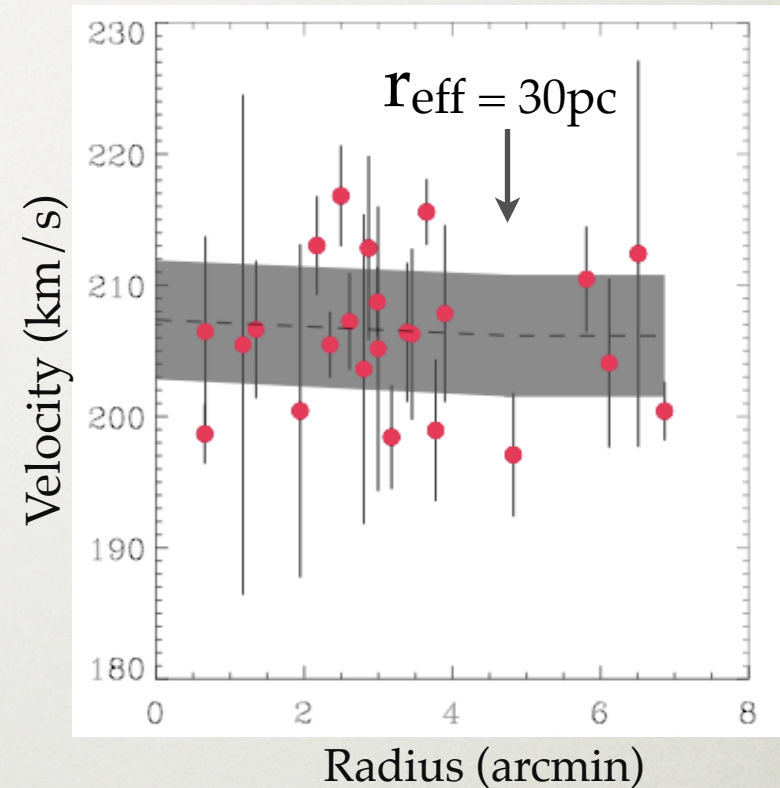
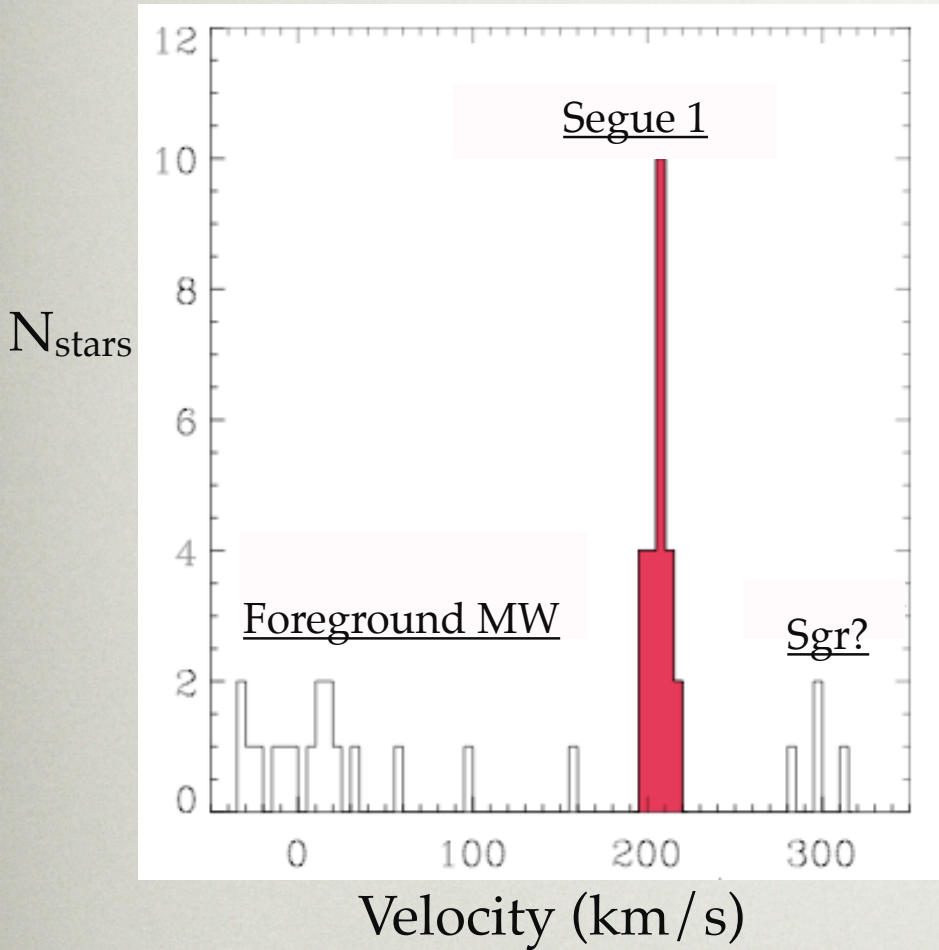


Velocity Histogram



Segue 1: $M_V = -1.5$
 $L_V = 340 L_{\text{sun}}$
(Martin et al. 2008)

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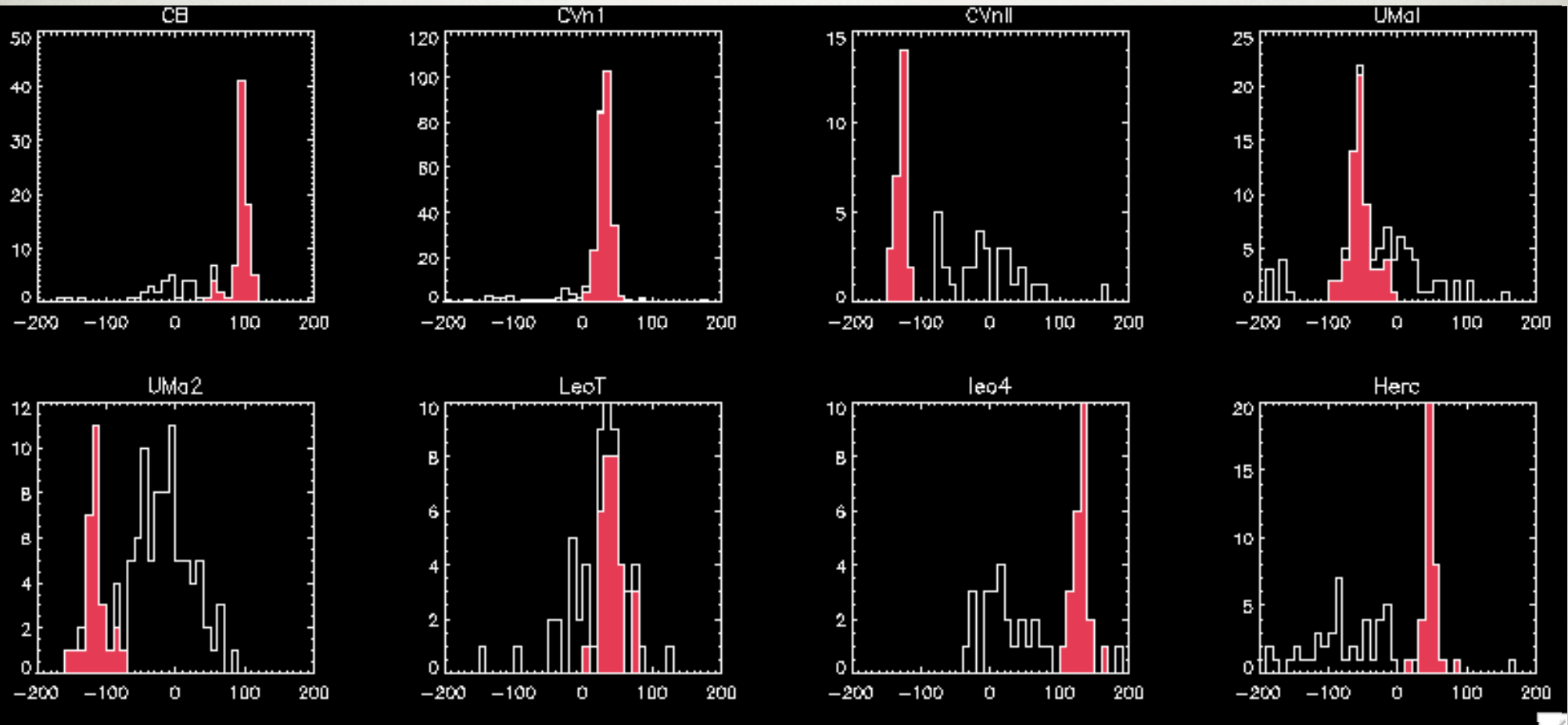
Segue 1:

$$\sigma = 4.5 \pm 1.2 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ (24 member stars)}$$

If mass was from stars only: 0.4 km s^{-1}

Measuring Velocity Dispersions

Simon & Geha (2008)



Velocity (km s⁻¹)

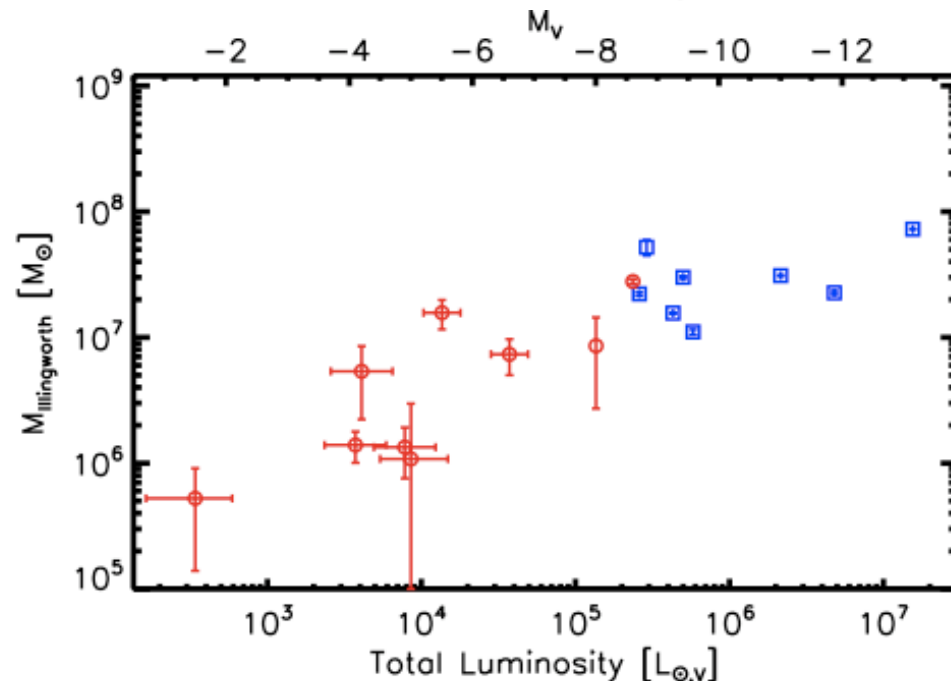
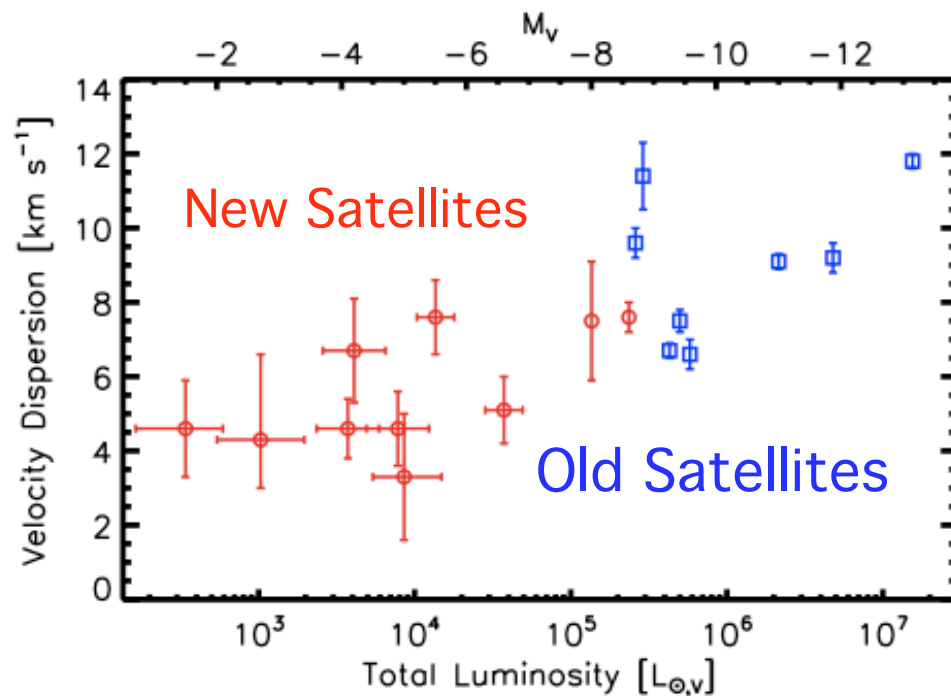
All have clear velocity peak with width 3-8 km/s.

Martin et al 2007
Munoz et al. 2006

Estimating Mass

We can calculate mass under the simplest possible assumption:

- (1) Spherical
- (2) Dynamical equilibrium
- (3) Isotropic velocity dispersion
- (4) Light traces mass (King profile).

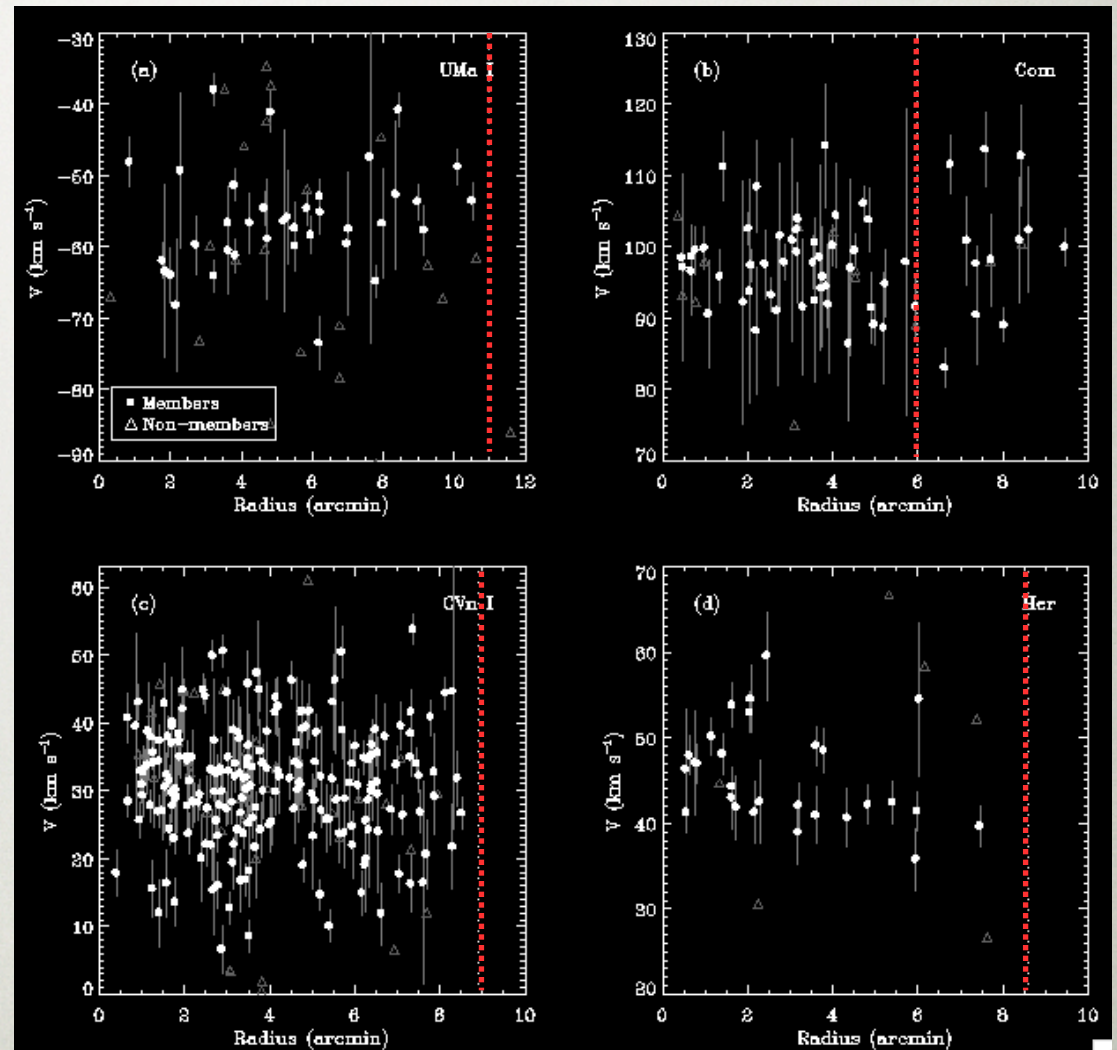
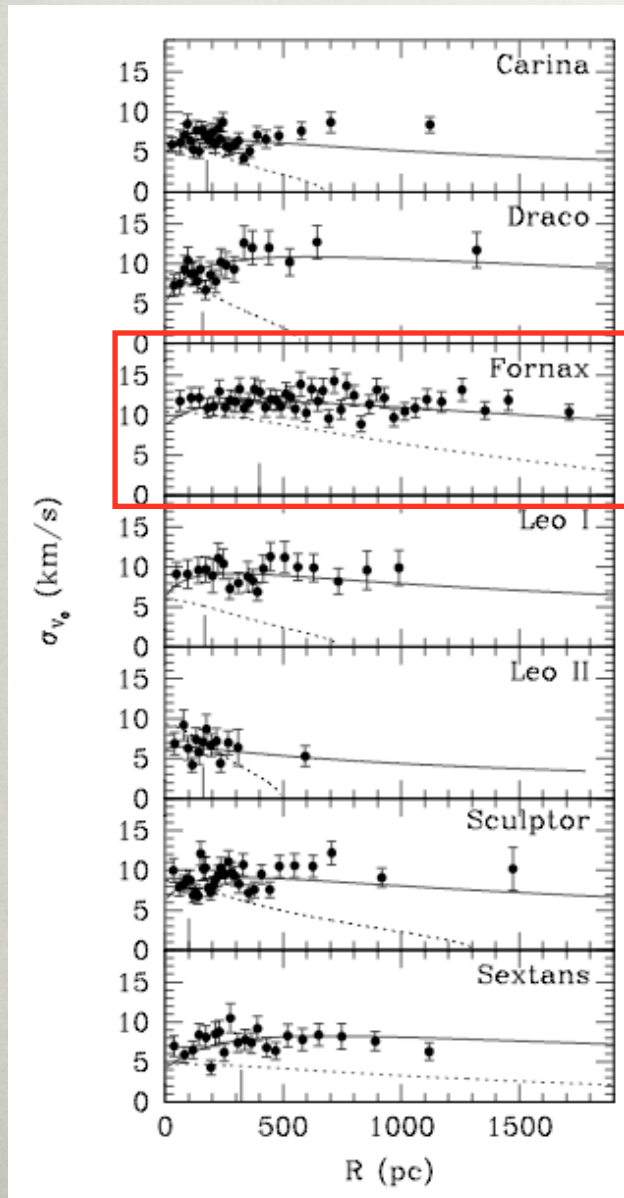


If mass-follows-light:

$$M_{\text{tot}} \propto r_c \sigma^2$$

Estimating Mass

In both the classical and ultra-faint dSphs, the assumption that mass-follows-light is incorrect.

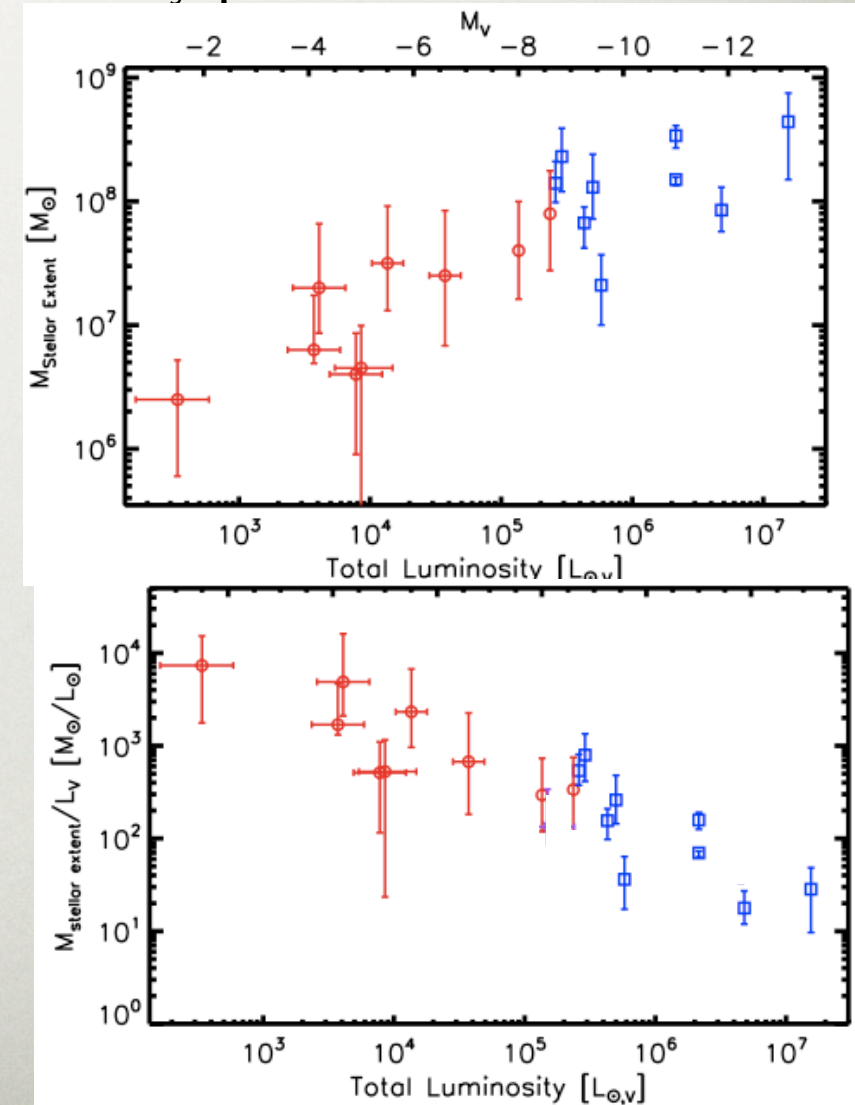
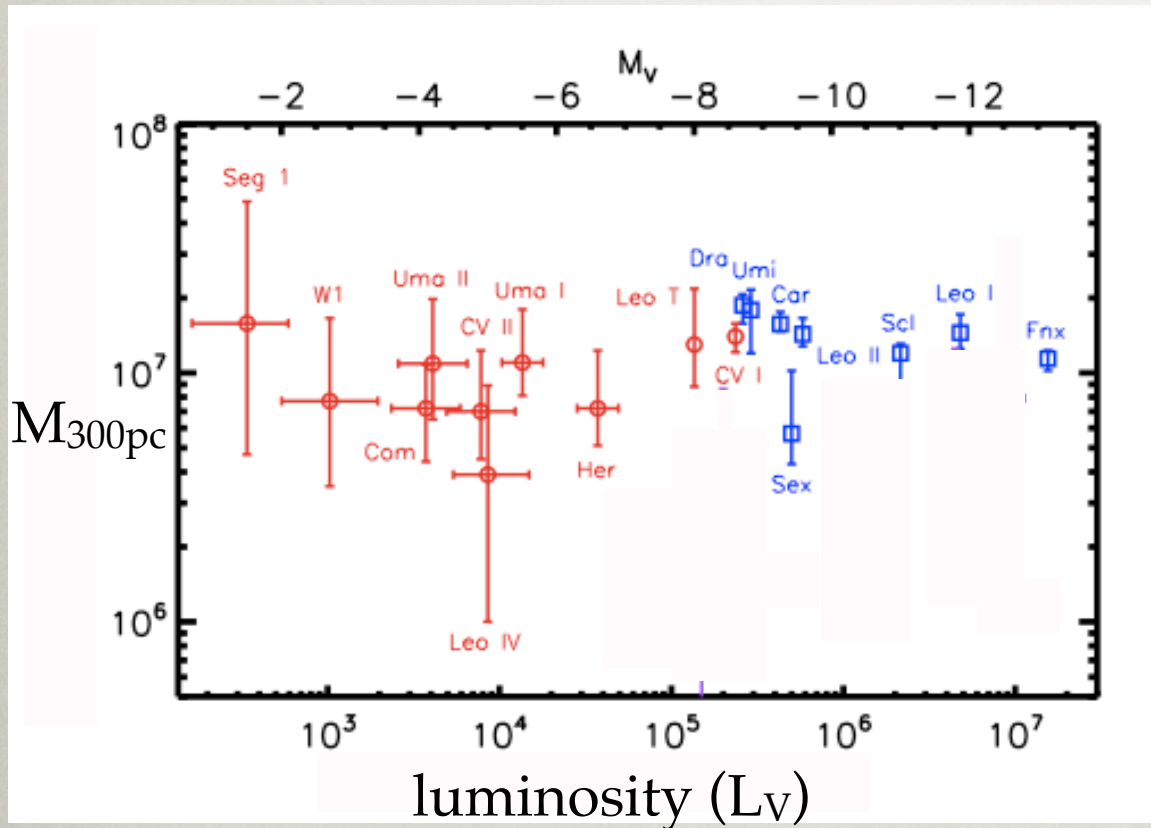


Walker et al. (2007)

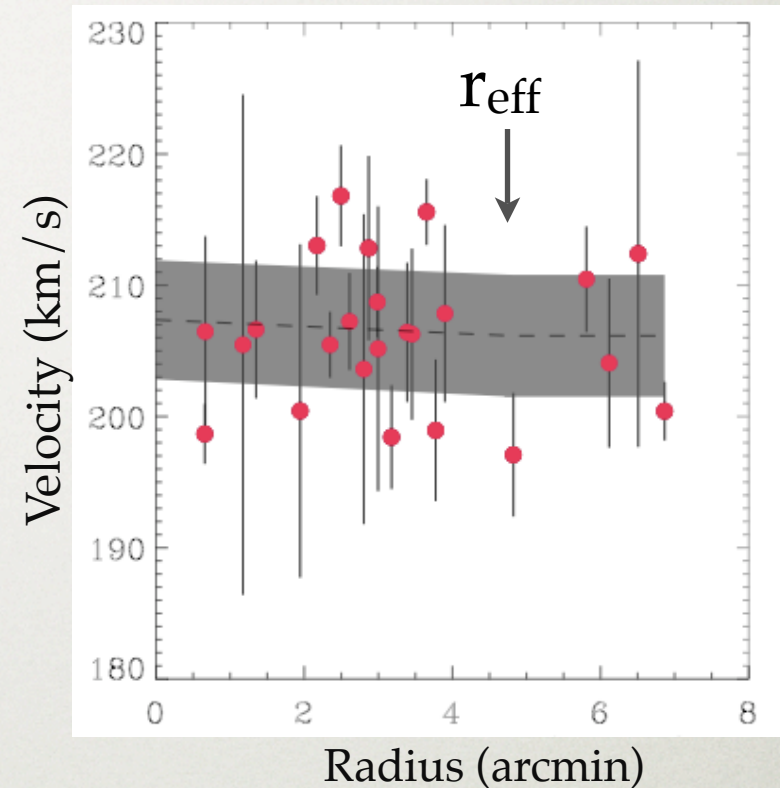
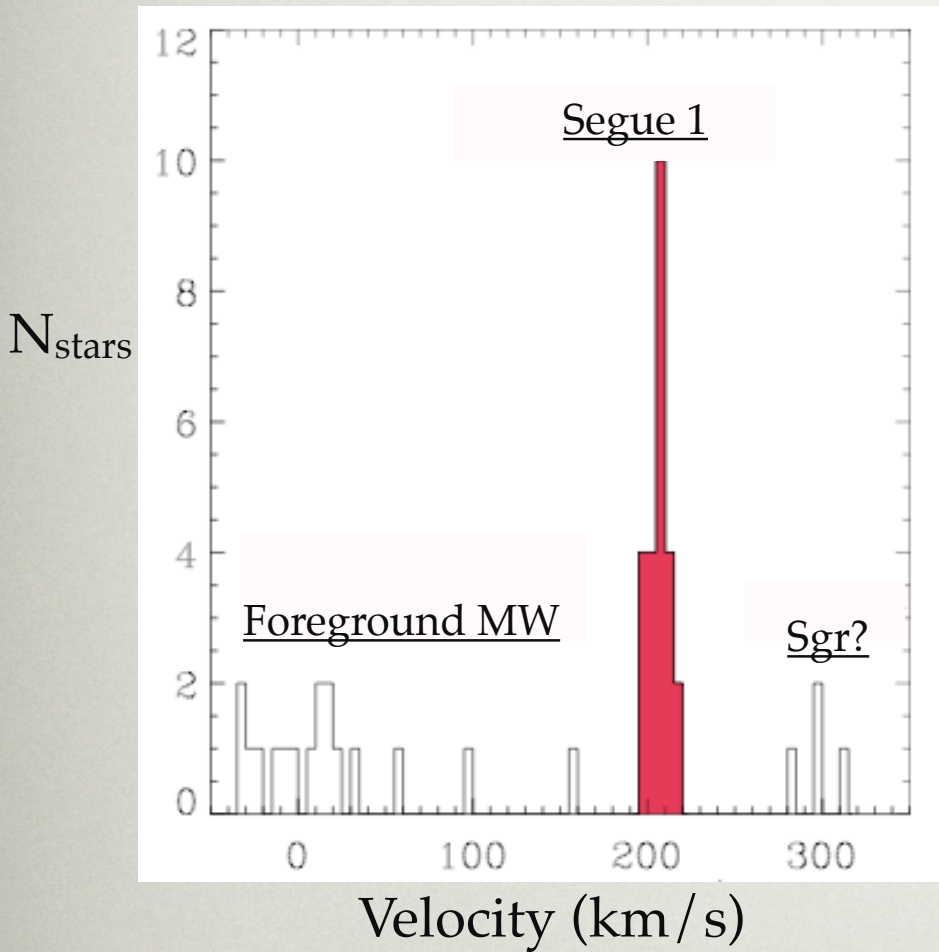
Estimating Mass

A more sophisticated approach Strigari et al. (2007, 2008):

1. Use all measured individual velocities
2. Assume light/mass have different density profiles



Segue 1: Dwarf Galaxy



$$\text{Mass}_{50\text{pc}} = 8^{+13}_{-5.2} \times 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$$

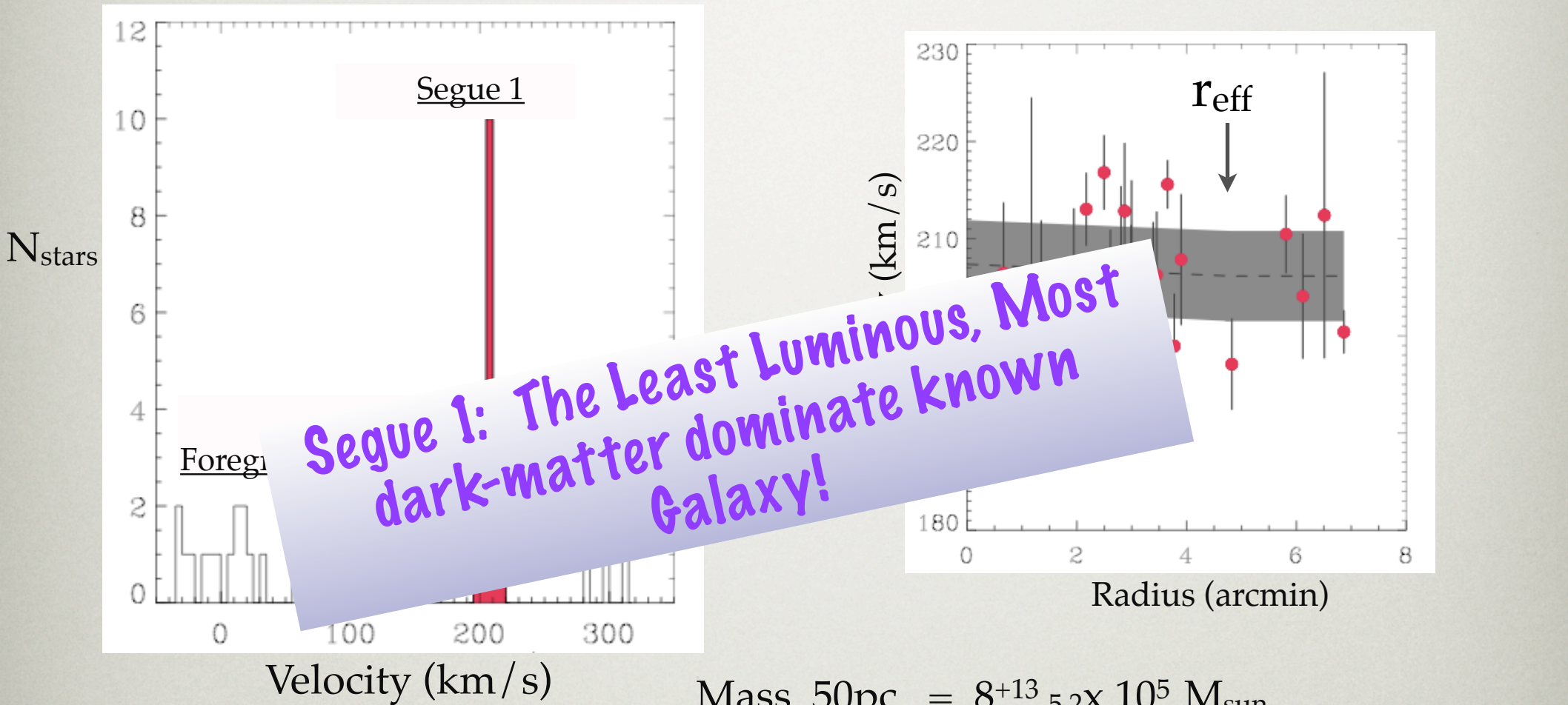
$$\text{Mass}_{300\text{pc}} = 1 \times 10^7 M_{\text{sun}}$$

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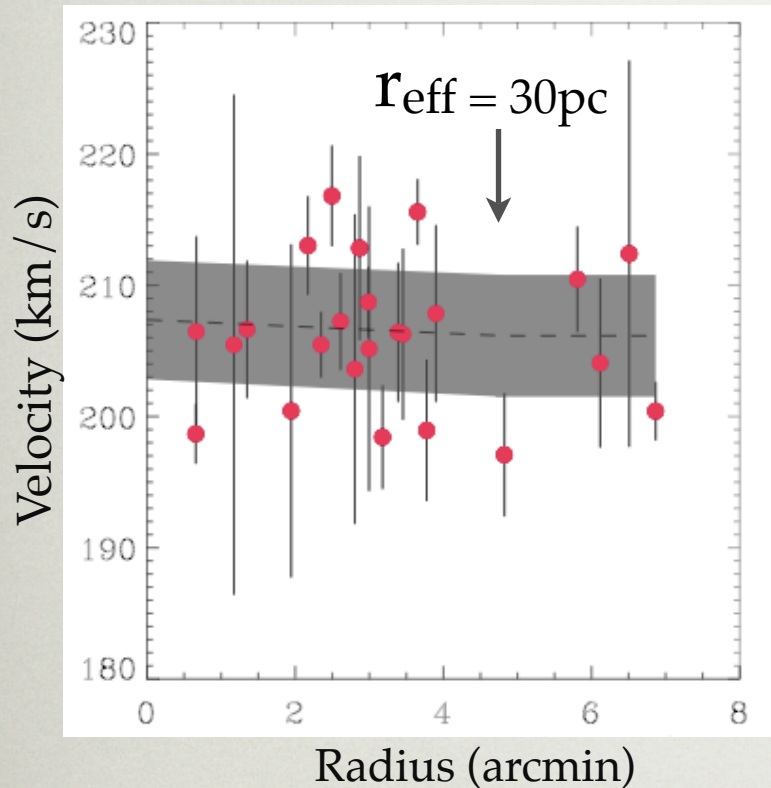
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However,

Our mass estimates rest entirely on the assumption that the measured stars are **gravitationally bound** and are in **dynamical equilibrium** (eg. velocities faithfully trace the gravitational potential).

Is there evidence for *on-going* tidal disruption in the ultra-faint dSphs?

Segue 1: Any Evidence for Tidal Interactions?



$$D_{\text{GC}} = 28 \text{ kpc}$$

$$v_{\text{GSR}} = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

1. Are the stars in Segue 1 currently disrupting?

$$r_{\text{tidal}} = 200\text{pc} \text{ (mass-follows-light)}$$

$$r_{\text{tidal}} = 600\text{pc} \text{ (Strigari mass @ 50pc)}$$

Tidal radius + lack of outlier velocities suggests stars are not influenced by tides right now.

2. Is this a completely unbound group of stars?

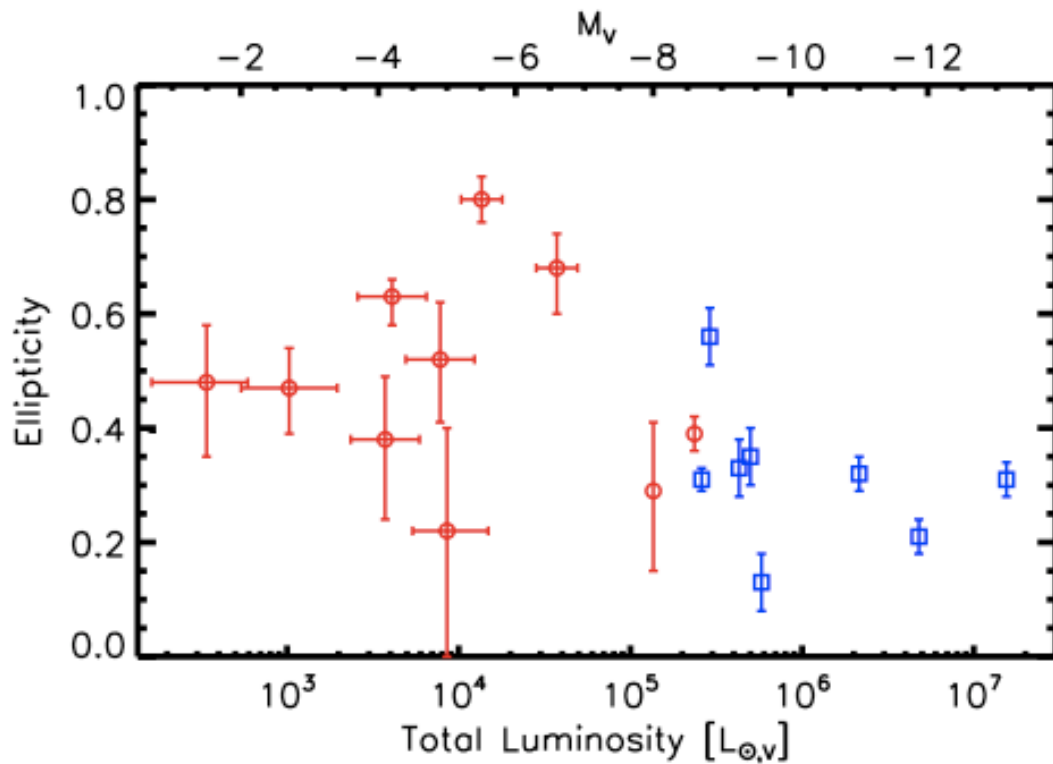
$$\text{Cross time} = 10^7 \text{ years}$$

Segue 1 moves ~ 1 kpc in one crossing time.

MW potential not changing significantly in 1 kpc. If site of disruption farther away, Segue1 would have already dissolved.

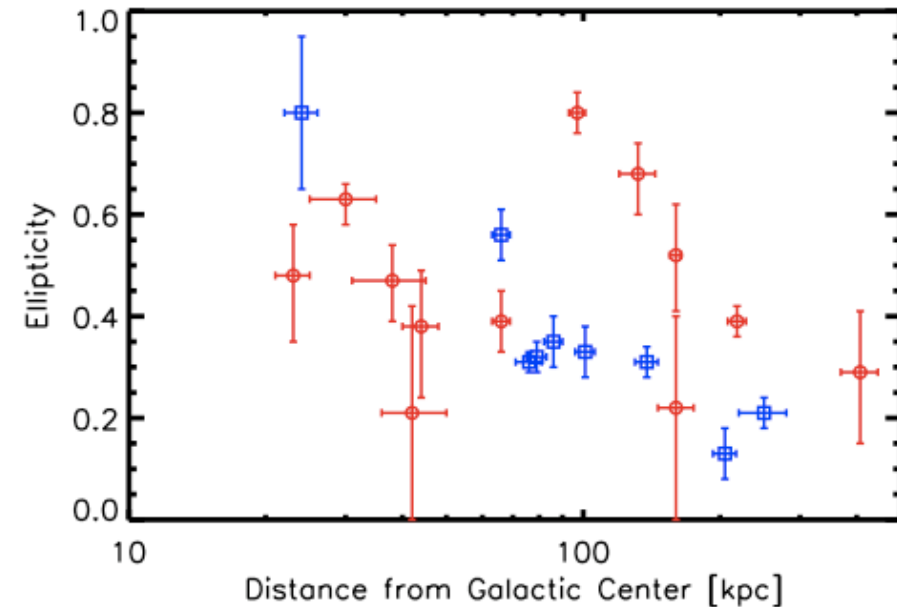
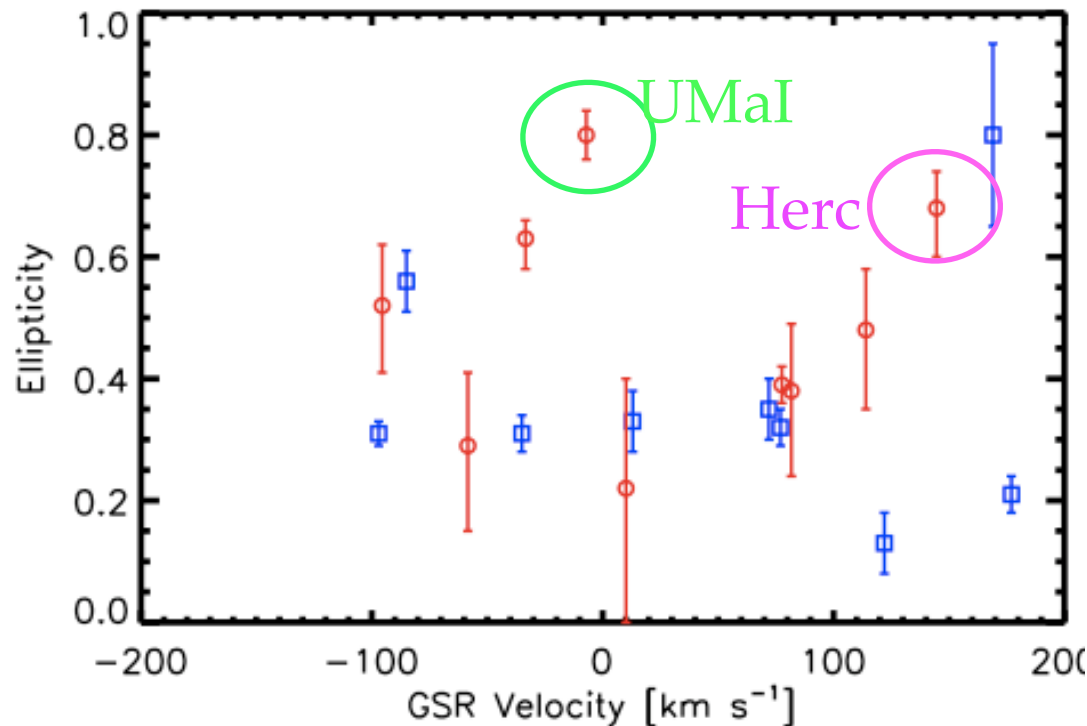
but see poster by
Niederste-Ostholt!





Sag The ultra-faint dSphs are more elongated as compare the to classical dSphs.

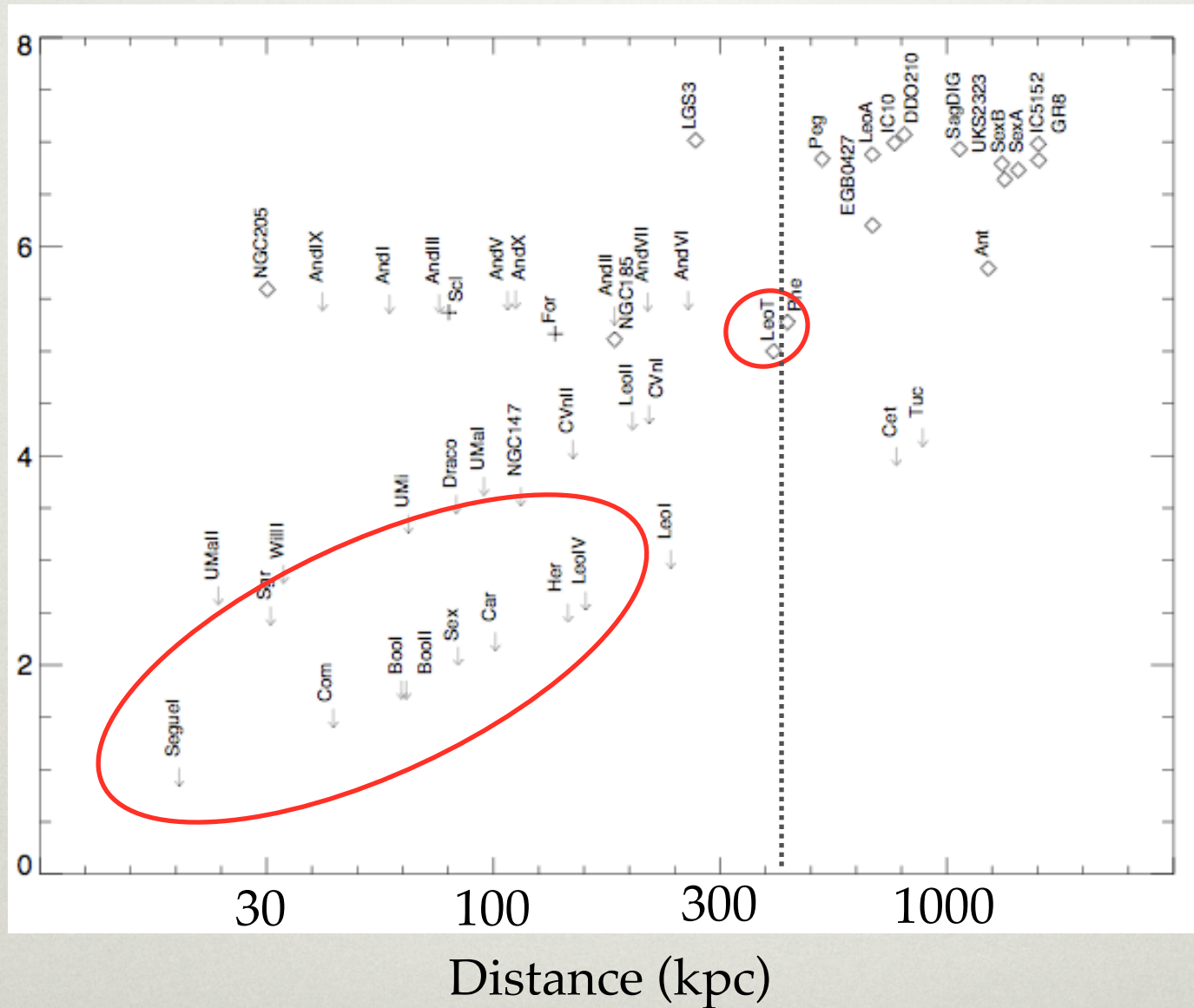
Is this intrinsic or tidal origin?



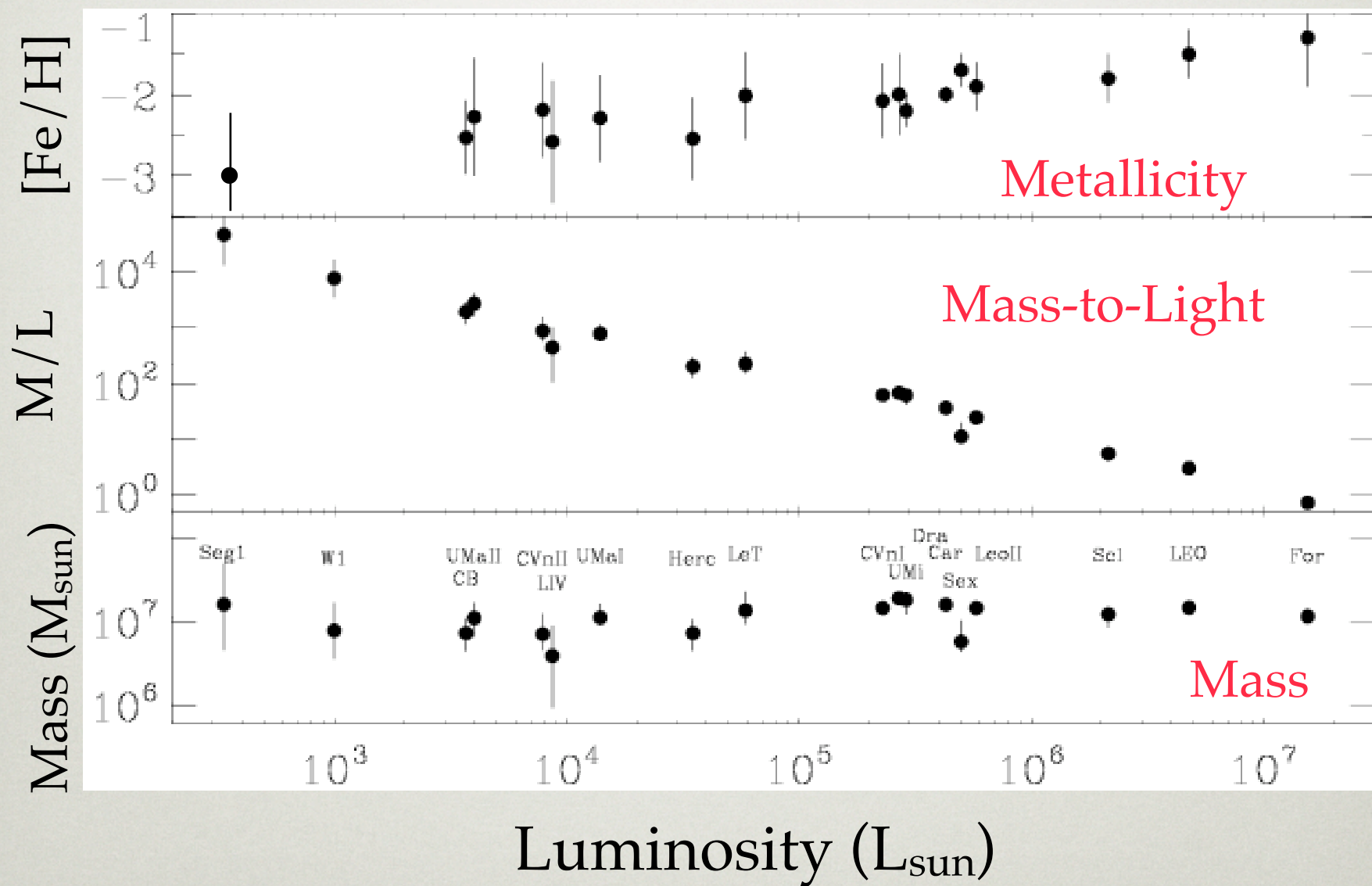
HI Gas Limits

dSph have been affected by their environment.

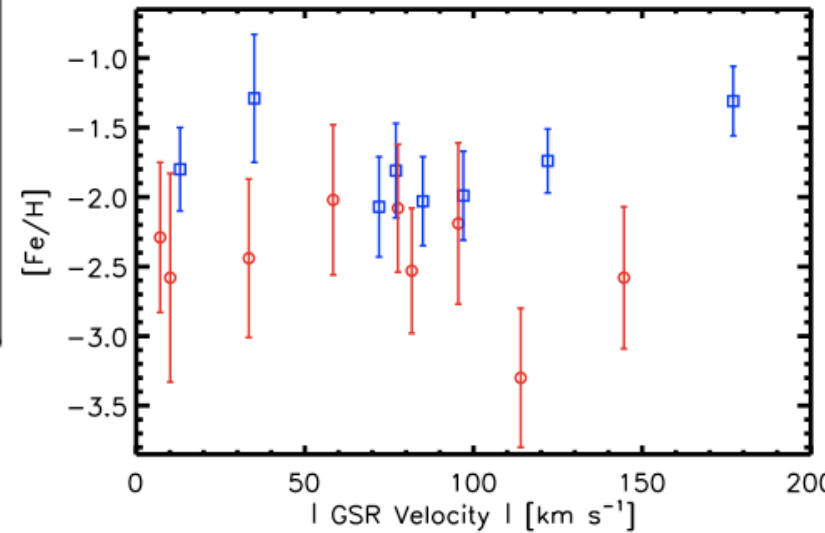
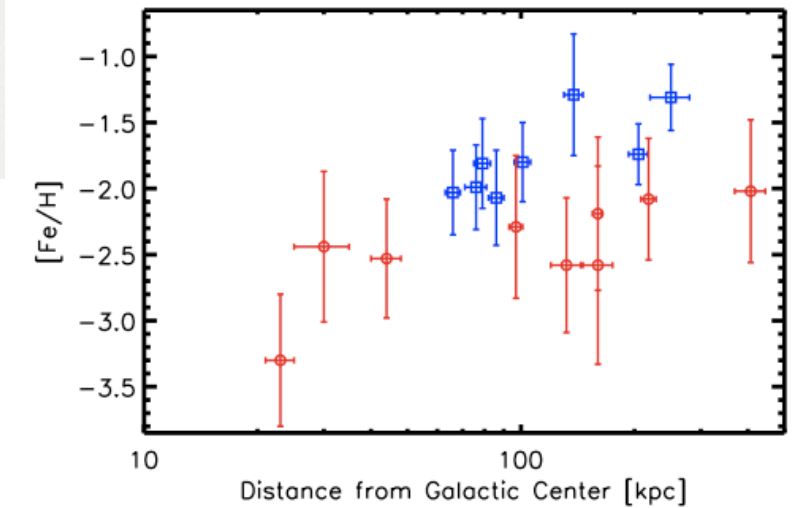
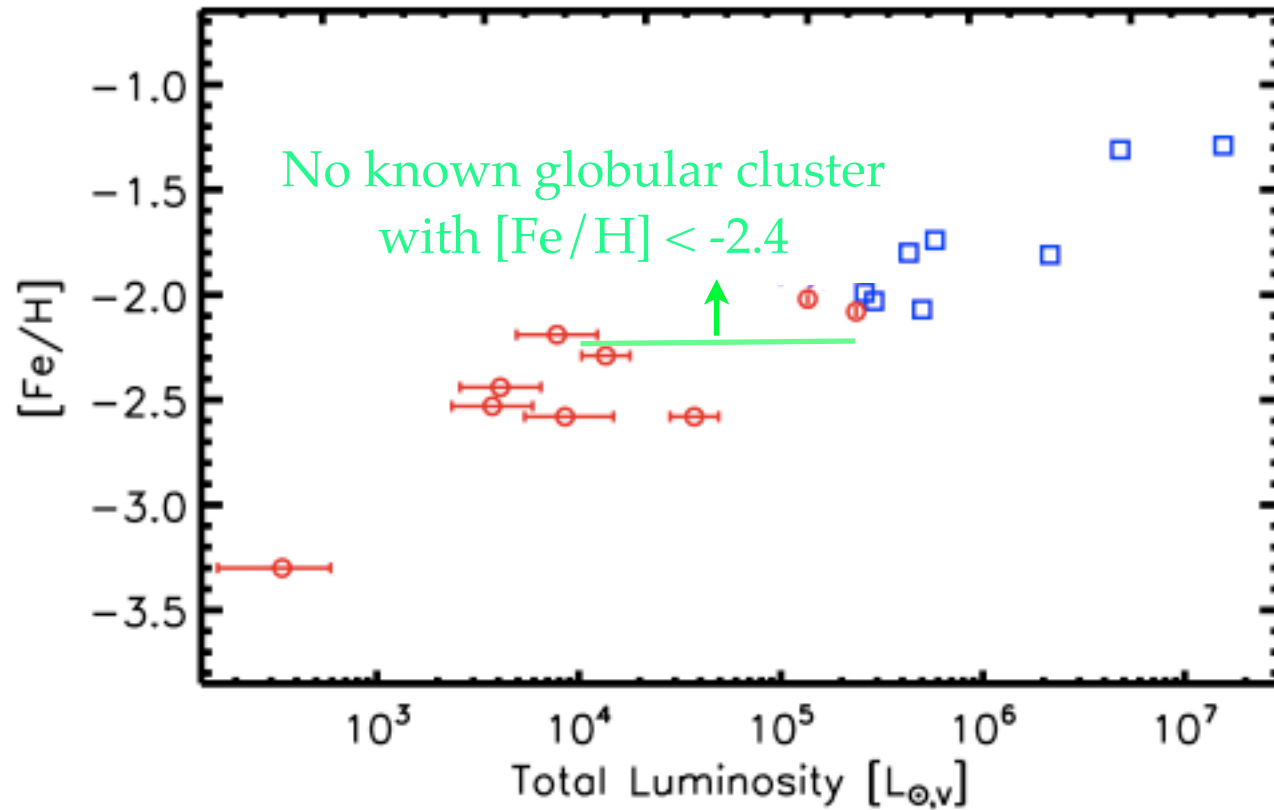
$\text{Log}(M_{\text{HI}})$



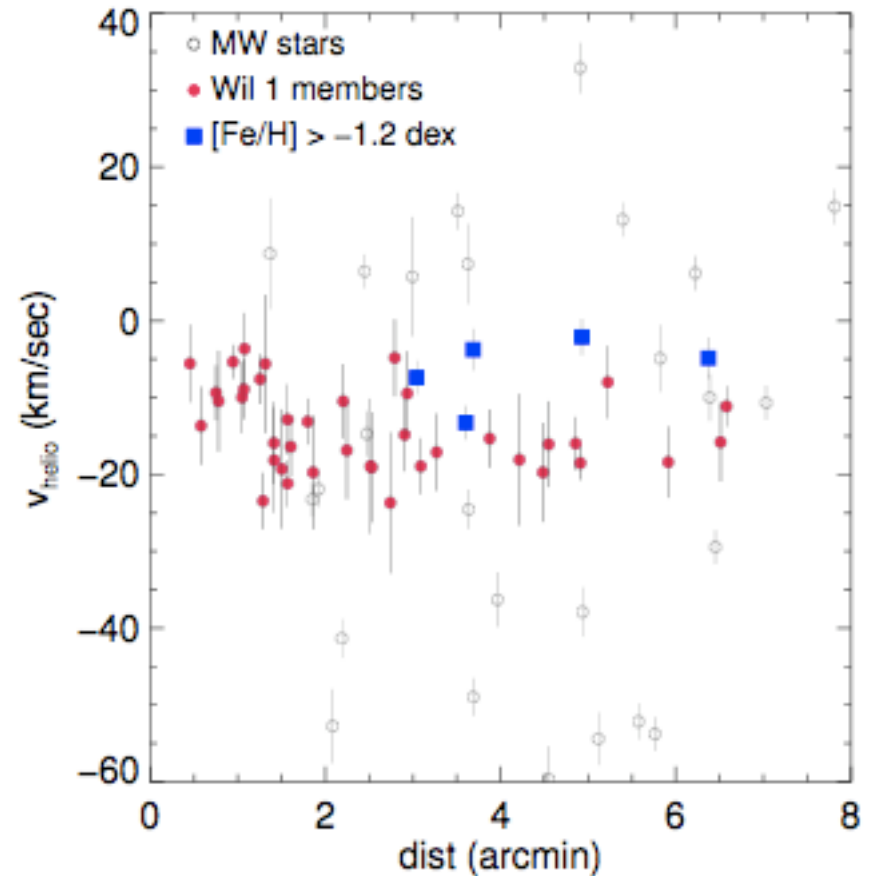
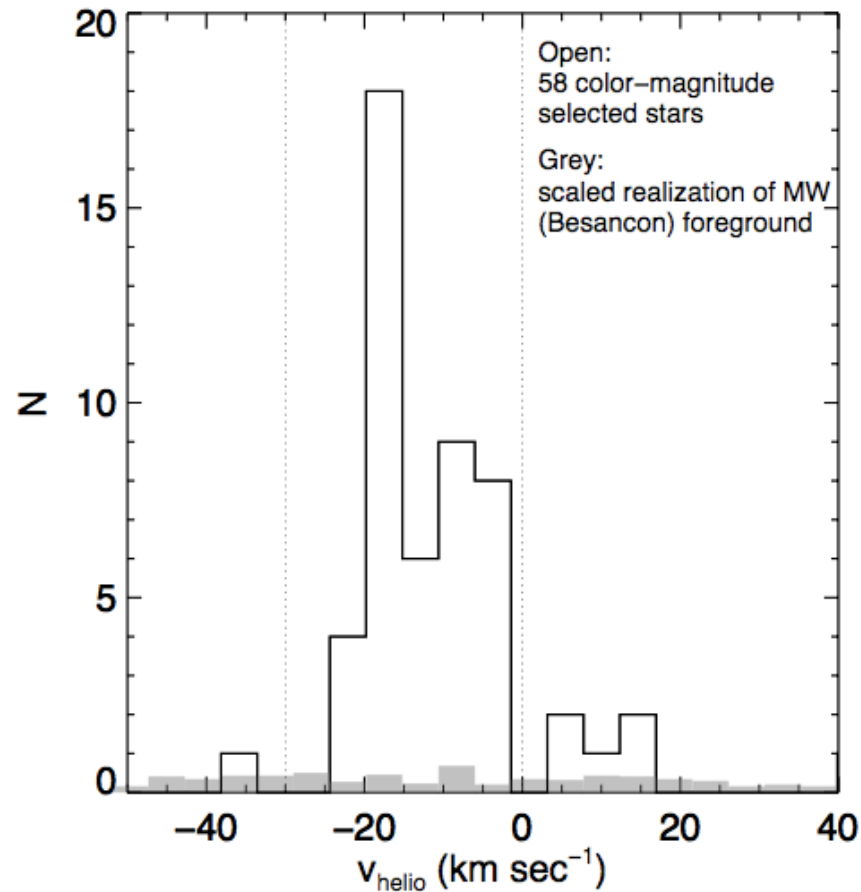
Putting it Together



Metallity-Luminosity Reln.

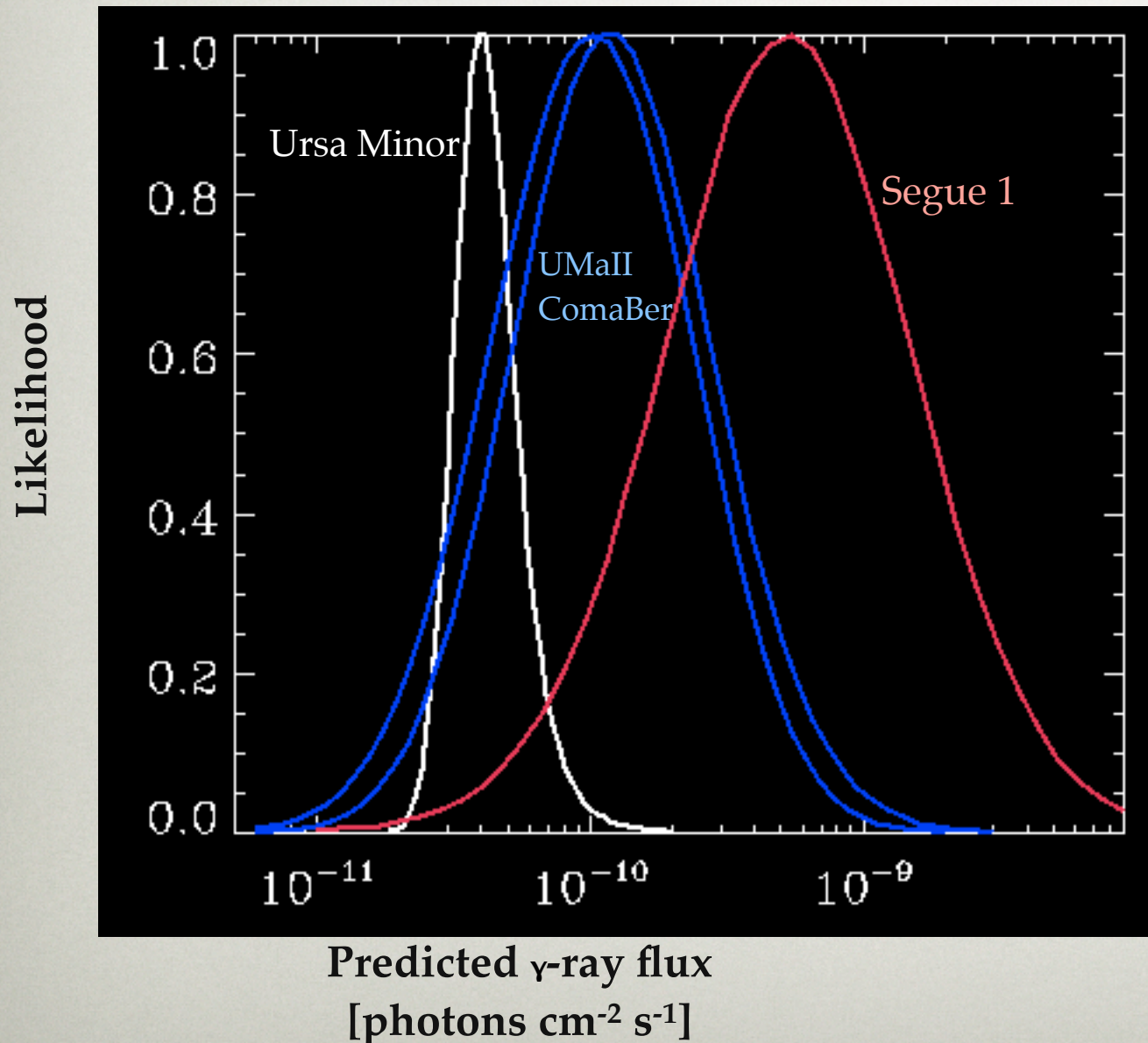
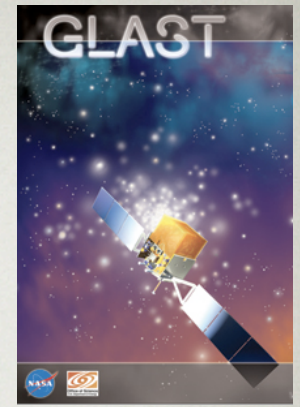


Willman 1: Galaxy or Something else?



Indirect Dark Matter Detection?

Dark matter particles annihilation to produce γ -rays.



Nearby dwarf galaxies are 'clean': dark matter-dominated with few intrinsic gamma-ray sources.

Summary

The ultra-faint dwarfs are extreme in every sense:

- Less luminous galaxies ($300 < L_{\odot} < 100,000$).
- Highest mass-to-light ratios ($M/L > 100$).
- Most metal-poor stellar systems ($[Fe/H] \sim -2.5$)

Urgent: Understand to what extent tides influence the observed kinematics.

