

One Million Variable Stars from the OGLE Survey

A night sky photograph of an astronomical observatory. In the center, a large, cylindrical telescope dome with a ribbed texture stands on a dark, rocky hillside. To its right is a smaller, white, rectangular building with a dark roof. The sky is filled with stars, and the Milky Way galaxy is visible as a bright, colorful band of light stretching across the upper half of the frame. The colors of the Milky Way range from orange and red near the horizon to blue and purple higher up. The foreground is dark, and the overall scene is illuminated by the ambient light of the stars and the Milky Way.

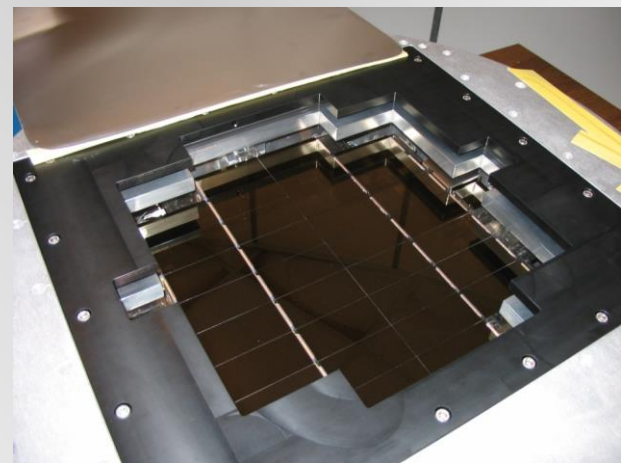
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OGLE

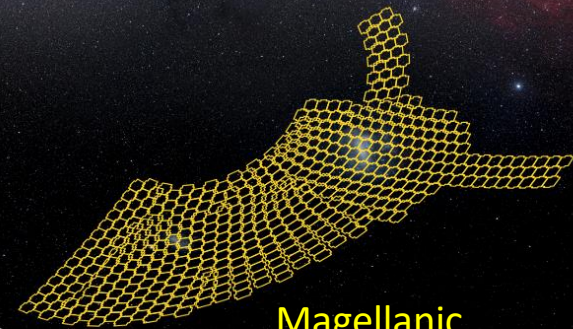
Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment

- Original goal: search for microlensing events
- **1.3-meter Warsaw Telescope** at Las Campanas Observatory, Chile
- 32-chip CCD camera with a field of view of **1.4 square degrees**
- Standard Johnson-Cousins **VI** filters
- Typical cadence: from **20 minutes** to **several days**
- Time span: **1992 – now**
- Targets: **Galactic bulge, Galactic disk, Magellanic Clouds**
- Precision of the photometry: **4 mmag**



OGLE fields

- Sky coverage: **~3500** square degrees
- **~2 billion** stars monitored



- **$\sim 10^{12}$** individual measurements
- **~2000** microlensing events per year
- **~70** extrasolar planets
- **~1 million** discovered variable stars

THE OGLE COLLECTION OF VARIABLE STARS

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<ftp://ftp.astrouw.edu.pl/ogle/ogle4/OCVS/>
<http://ogledb.astrouw.edu.pl/~ogle/OCVS/>

Type of variable stars	Environments	Number of stars
Classical Cepheids	LMC, SMC, GB, GD	9 756
Type II Cepheids	LMC, SMC, GB	1 262
Anomalous Cepheids	LMC, SMC, GB	289
RR Lyrae stars	LMC, SMC, GB	85 517
δ Scuti stars	LMC, GD	2 844
Long-Period Variables (Miras, SRVs, OSARGs)	LMC, SMC, GB	344 214
Eclipsing binaries	LMC, SMC, GB, GD	510 782
R Coronae Borealis stars	LMC	23
TOTAL		954 687

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OGLE-IV Photometry of OGLE-LMC-CEP-0504 Download: object [I-band](#) [V-band](#) photometry [Finding chart](#)

RA/Dec (J2000): 4:57:56.71 -68:48:57.6 PS lightcurve phased with [P_1](#)

Star type: Classical Cepheid, mode F [All data](#)

Identification: OGLE-III: [LMC126.8.39800](#); OGLE-IV: LMC531.26.15716; OTHER: HV12505

I = 13.792 V = 14.838
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OGLE-LMC-CEP-0504

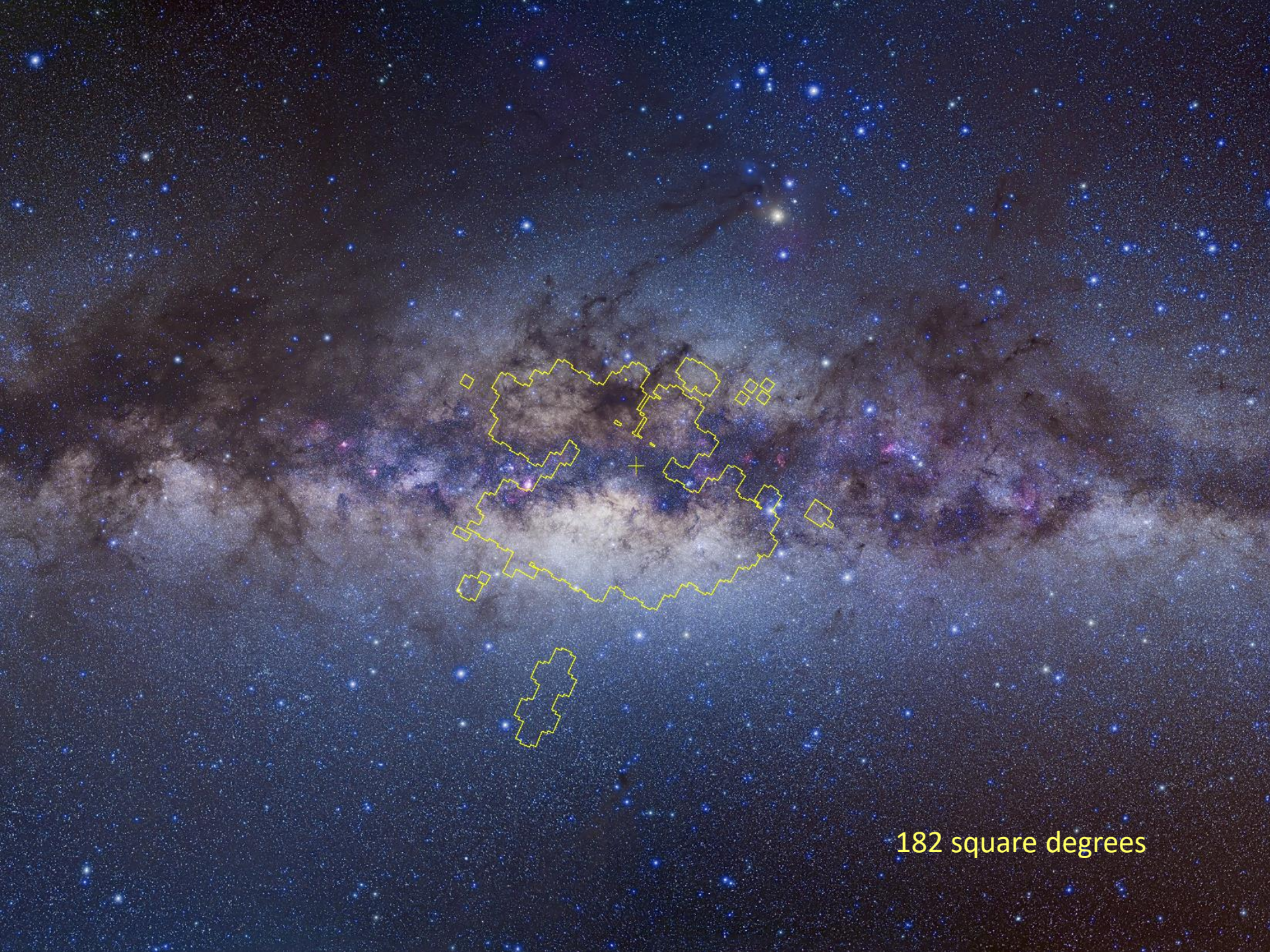
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Finding chart (60x60 arcsec)

I-band			V-band		
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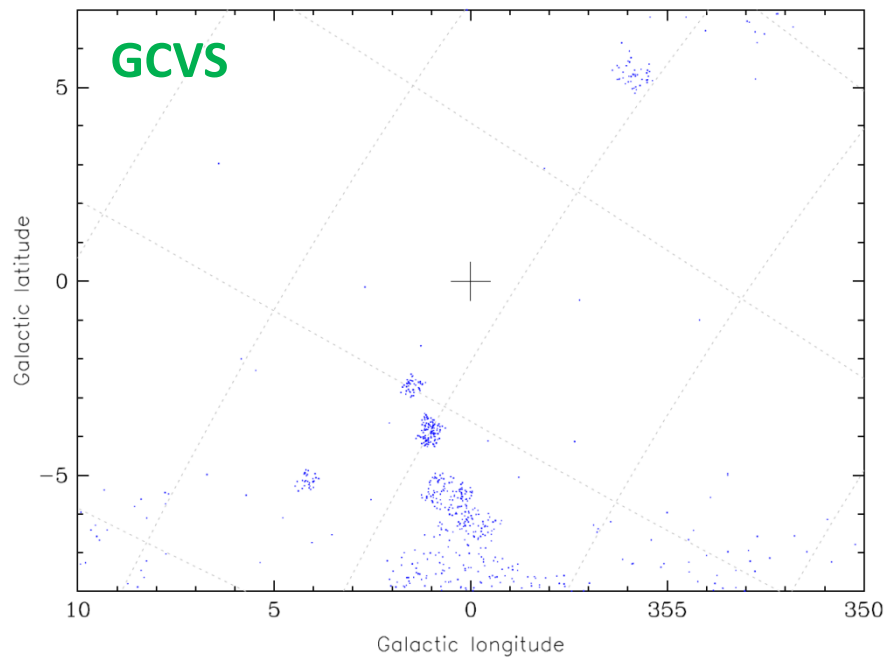


182 square degrees

Before and After OGLE

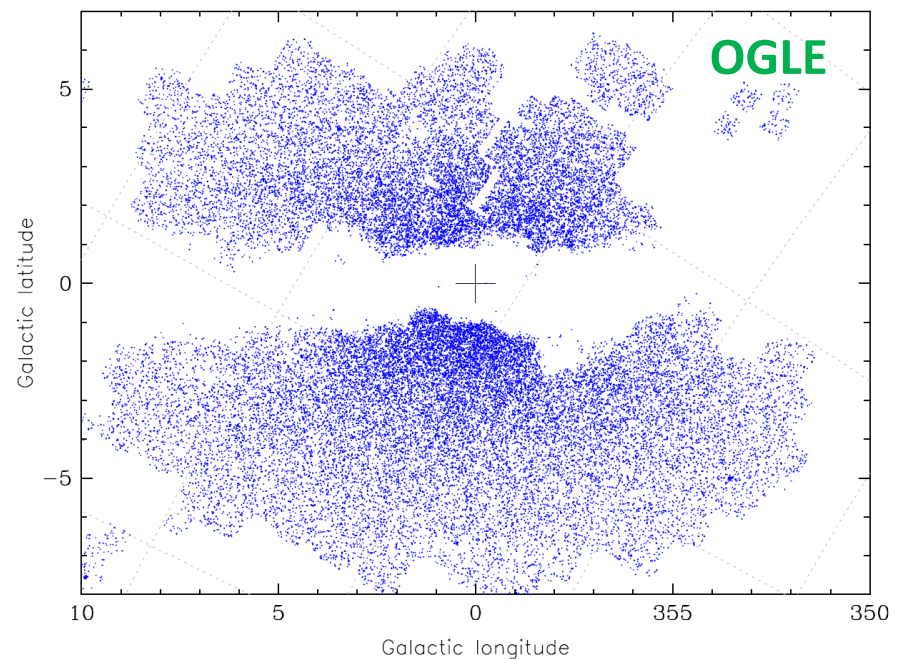
RR Lyrae stars in the Galactic Bulge

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986 objects

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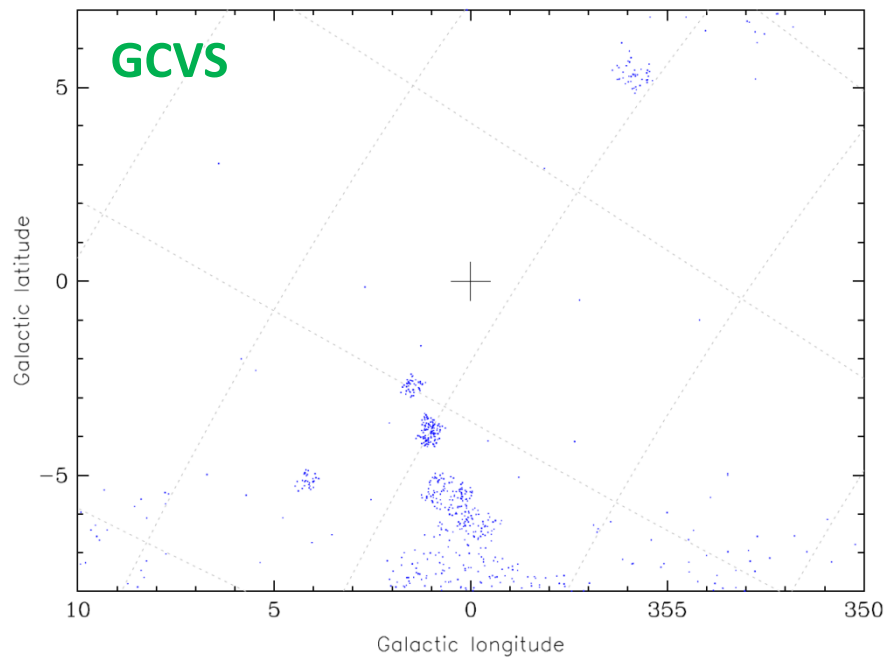


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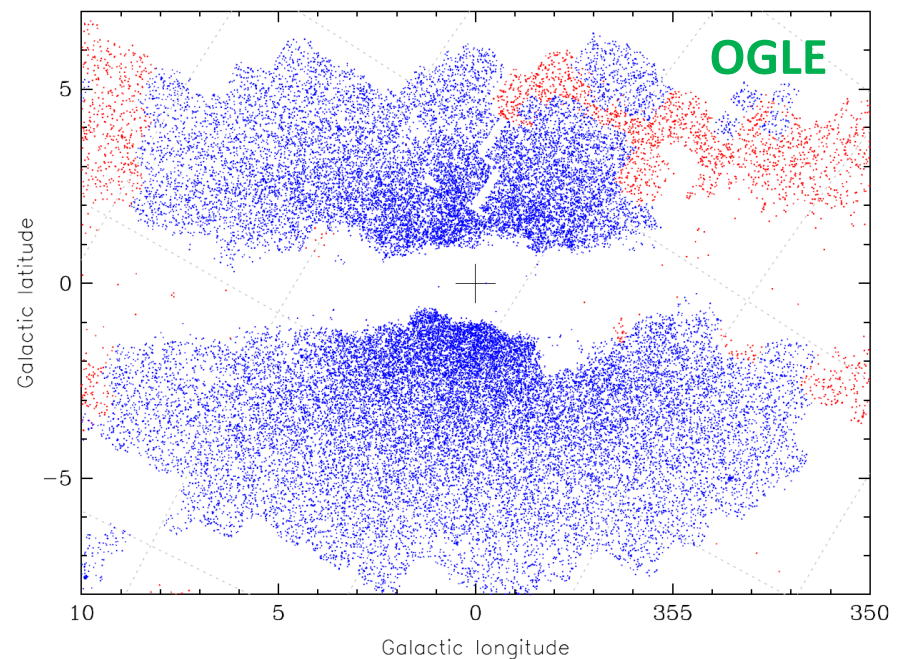
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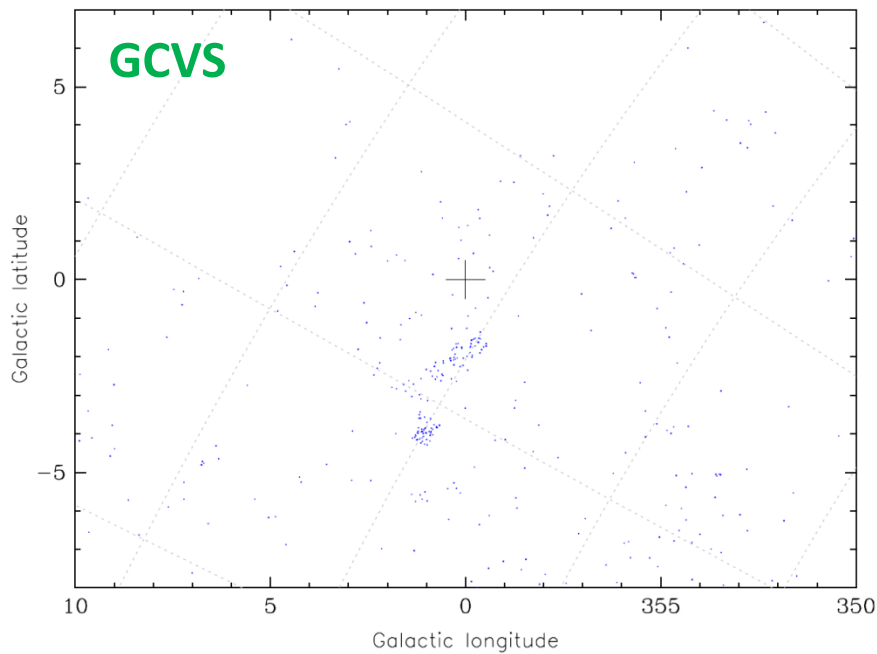


39 074+ objects

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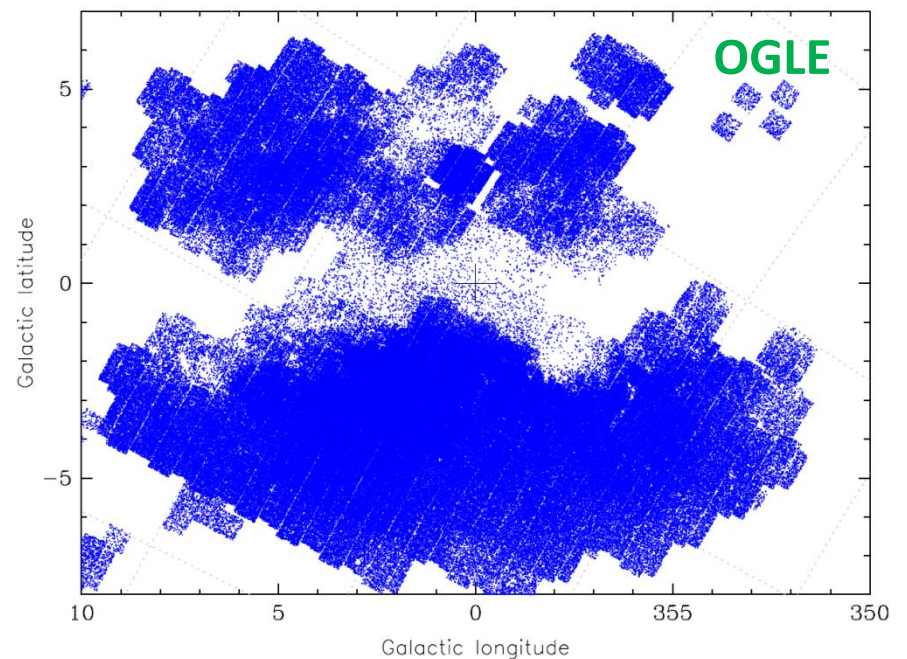
Eclipsing binaries in the Galactic Bulge

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255 objects

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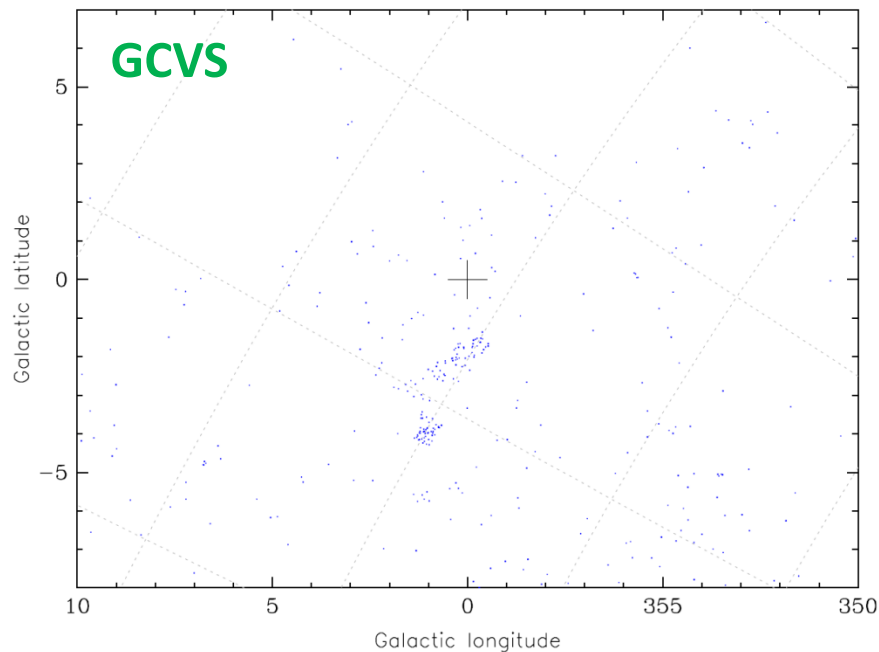


450 598 objects

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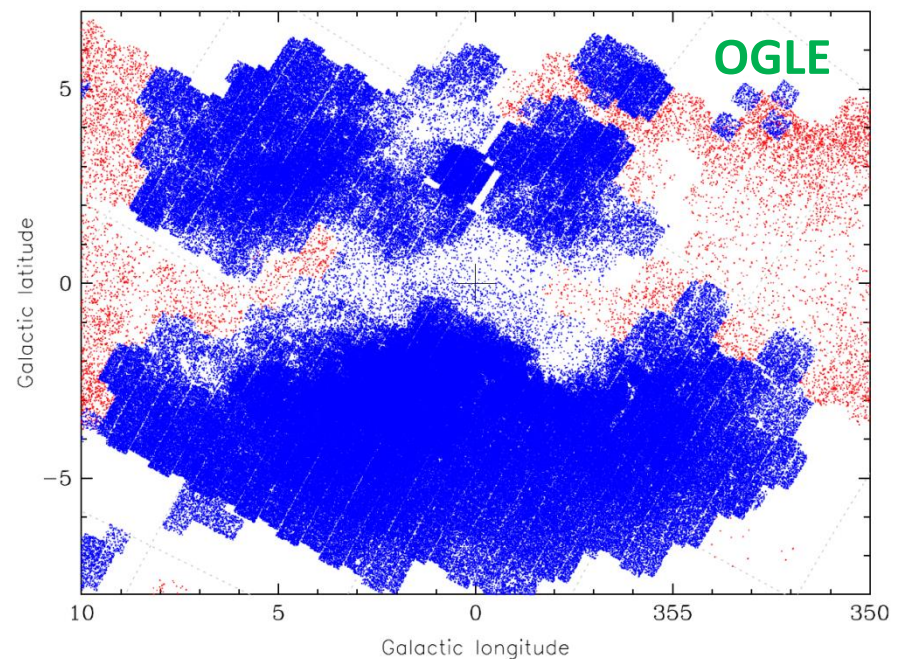
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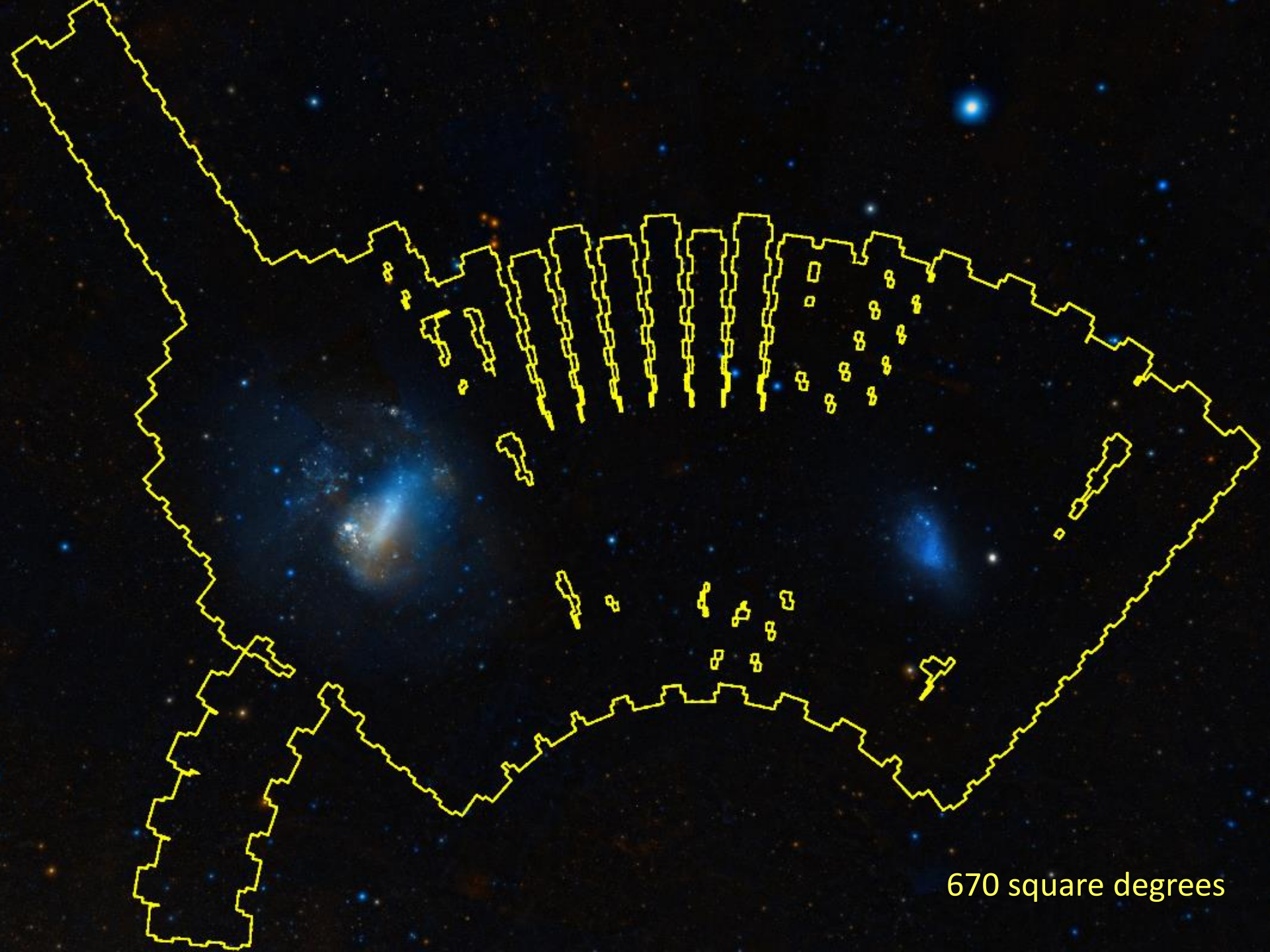


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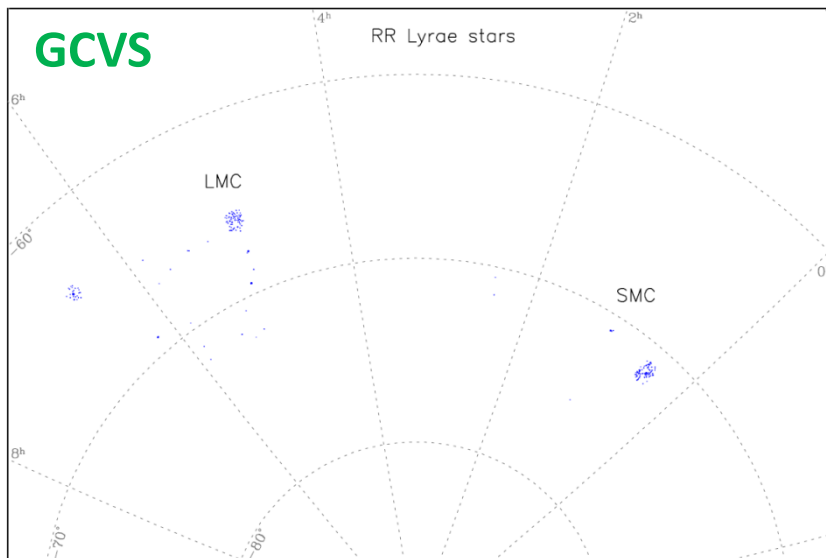


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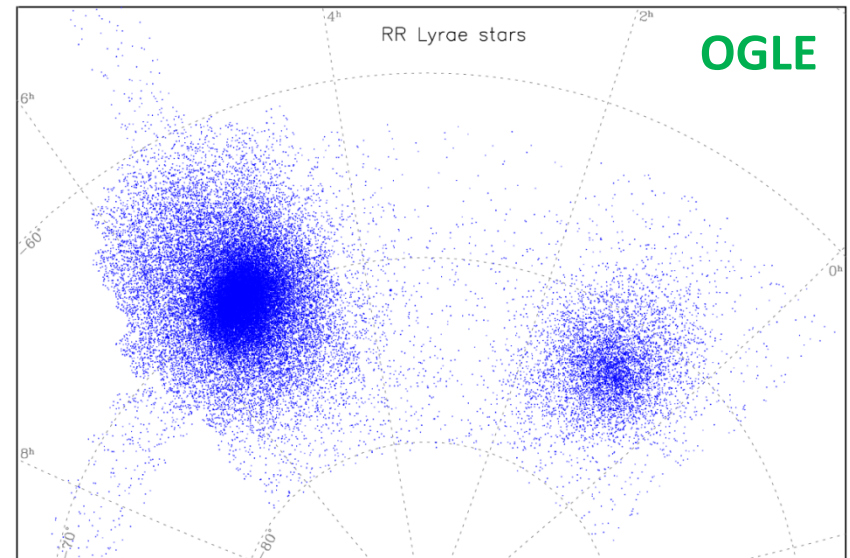
RR Lyrae stars in the Magellanic Clouds

BEFORE



291 objects

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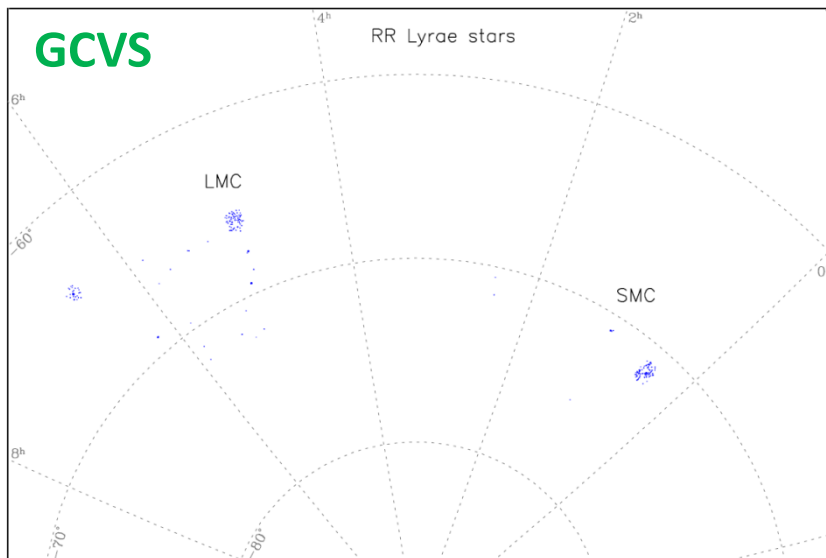


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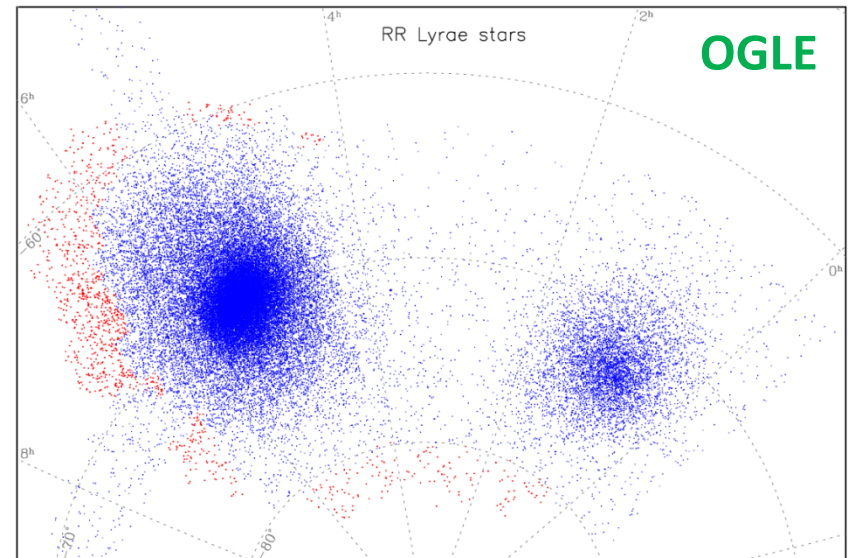
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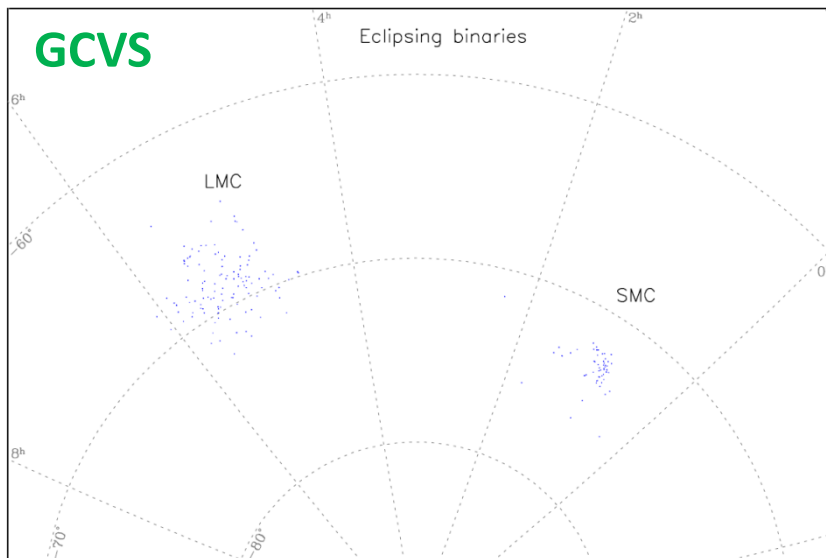


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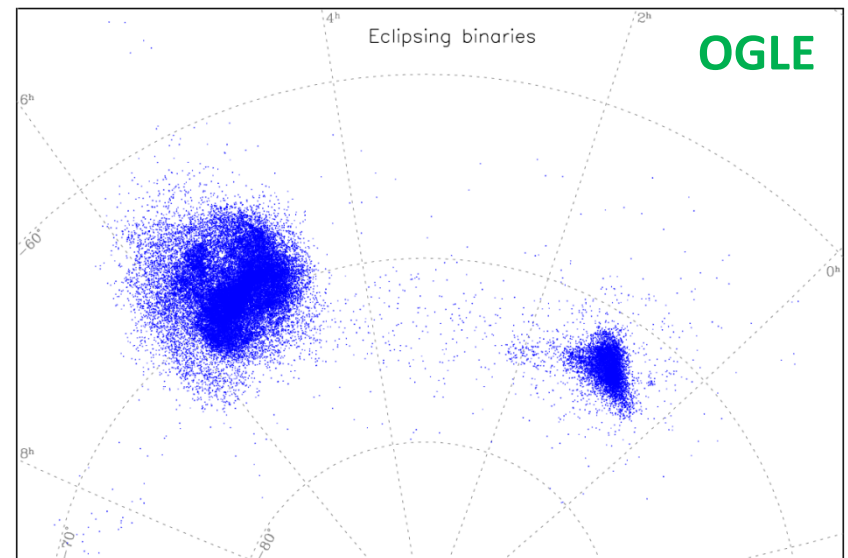
Eclipsing binaries in the Magellanic Clouds

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173 objects

AFTER



48 605 objects

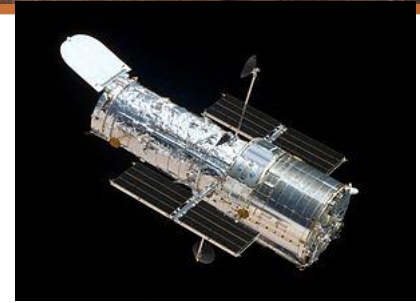
Why do we need so many variable stars?

- To investigate their statistical properties (e.g. to calibrate the period-luminosity relations).
- To study the structure of the Milky Way and other galaxies.
- To discover extremely rare phenomena in stars or previously unknown types of stellar variability.

DISTANCE SCALE

HST Key Project

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FINAL RESULTS FROM THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE KEY PROJECT TO MEASURE THE HUBBLE CONSTANT¹

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(K. Sebo et al., in preparation), and these PL relations are in very good statistical agreement with those of Udalski et al., adjusting to a common distance to the LMC. For about 60 objects common to both samples, with $P > 8$ days and having both V and I magnitudes, the offsets are -0.004 ± 0.008 mag in I and $+0.013 \pm 0.010$ mag in V (Sebo et al.). The Sebo et al. sample extends to longer periods (~ 40 days), and has 10 Cepheids with periods greater than 30 days, the limit of the Udalski et al. sample. These 10 Cepheids are all well fitted by, and lie within 1σ of, the period-luminosity slopes defined by the Udalski et al. sample. The Udalski et al. data are clearly the most extensive to date, and we thus adopt their apparent PL relations as fiducial for the reanalysis in this paper.

The Udalski et al. (1999) PL calibration adopts a distance modulus of 18.2 mag, based on a distance determined using the red clump technique, whereas, as discussed above, in this paper we adopt a true distance modulus to the LMC of 18.50 mag. With this modulus and the reddening-corrected Udalski et al. Cepheid data to define the slopes and errors, our adopted M_V and M_I PL relations become

$$M_V = -2.760[\pm 0.03](\log P - 1) - 4.218[\pm 0.02] \\ (\sigma_V = \pm 0.16), \quad (1)$$

In this analysis we have (1) consistently adopted only the published Cepheid photometry, which were reduced using the ALLFRAME stellar photometry reduction package, whose phase points were converted to mean magnitudes using intensity-weighted averages (or their template-fitted equivalents).²⁰ (2) To compensate for the small (~ 0.01 mag) mean bias in the PL fits (see the discussion in § 8.4 and Appendix A), we have also applied period cuts to the PL relations, thereby eliminating the shortest period Cepheids, where magnitude incompleteness effects become important. In two cases (NGC 3368 and NGC 300), a single long-period Cepheid was also dropped because of stochastic effects at the bright (sparsely populated) end of the PL relation, which can similarly bias solutions. The mean correction for this magnitude-limited bias is small ($+1\%$ in distance), but it is systematic, and correcting for it results in larger distances than are determined without this faint-end debiasing. (3) We have adopted a -0.07 mag correction to the Hill et al. (1998) WFPC2 calibration to be consistent with Stetson (1998) and Dolphin (2000). Finally, (4) we have adopted the published slopes of the Udalski et al. (1999) PL relations.

The adoption of the new Udalski et al. (1999) PL slopes alone has a dramatic and unanticipated effect on the previously published Cepheid distances based on the Madore



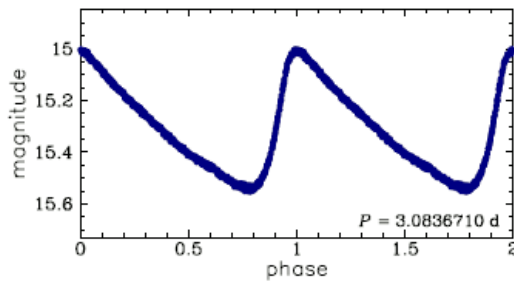
Classical Cepheids



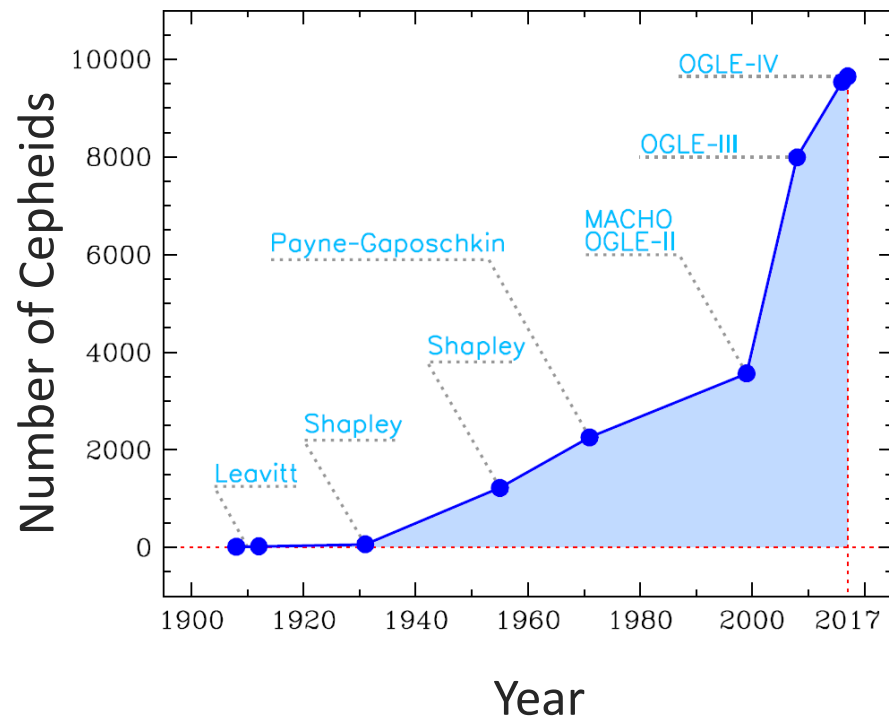
LMC: **4704**

SMC: **4945**

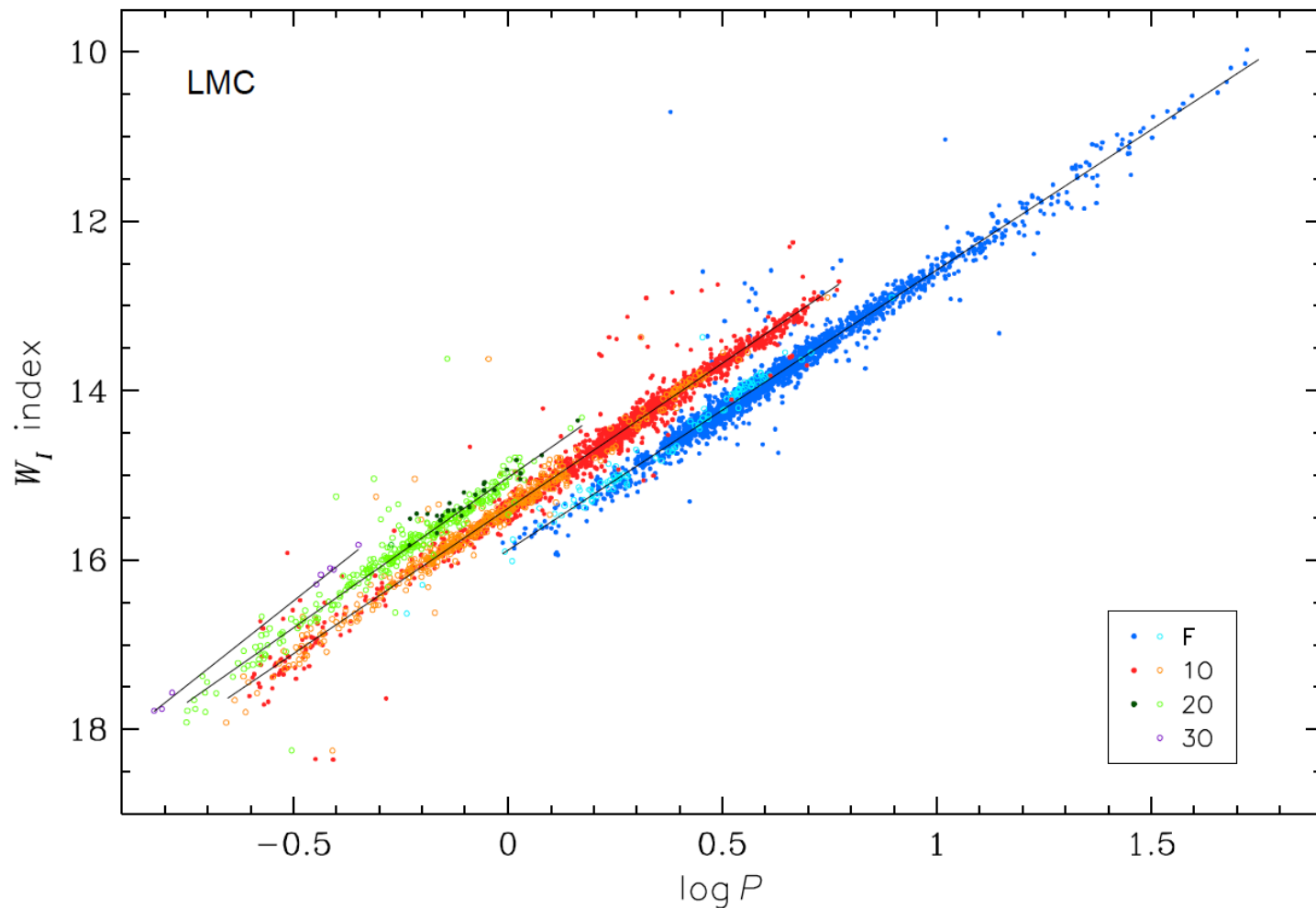
GB: **87**



Classical Cepheids
in the Magellanic Clouds

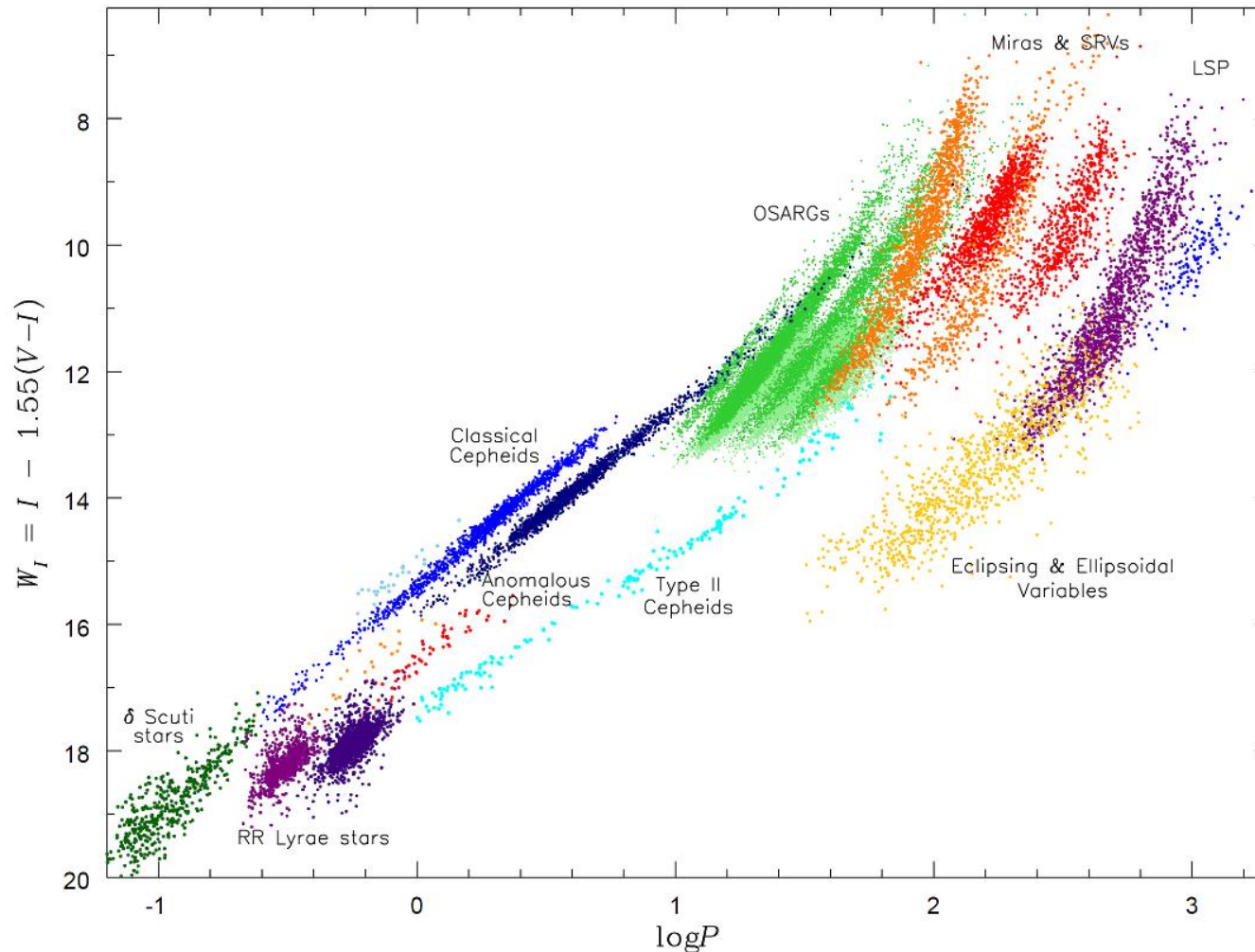


Period-luminosity relations for classical Cepheids

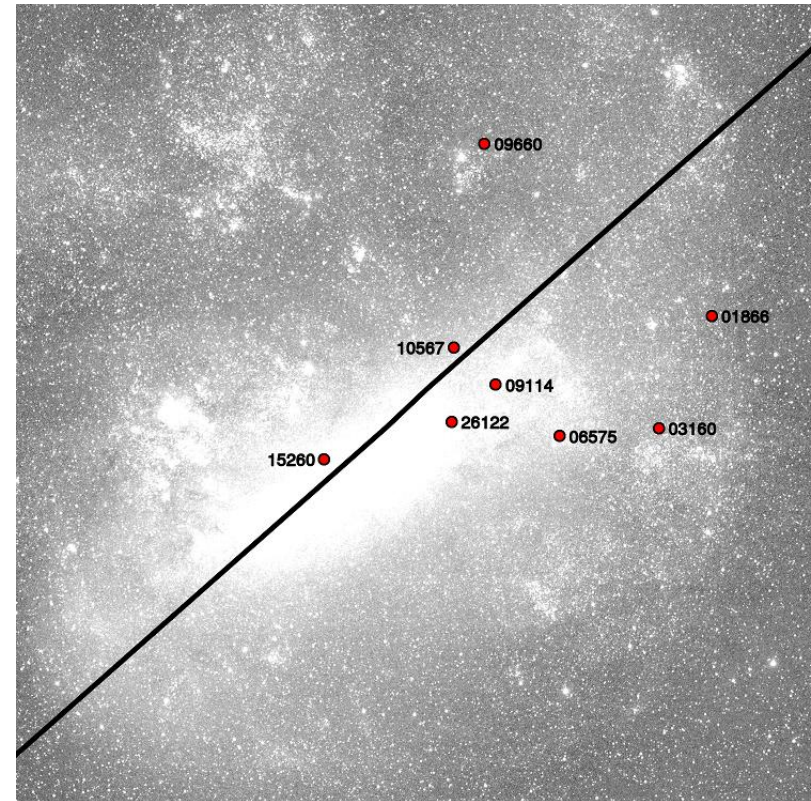
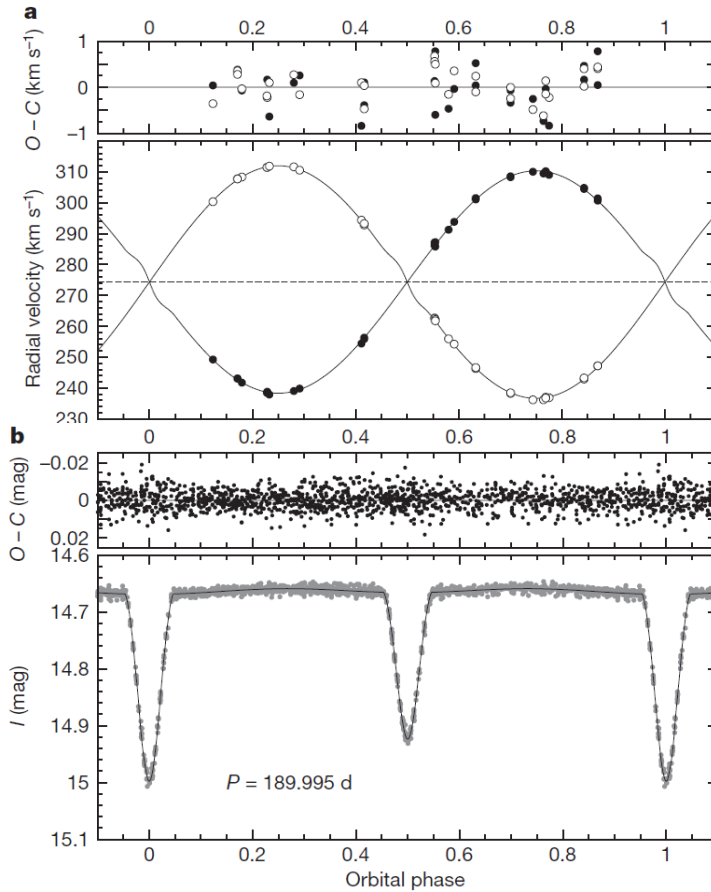


Soszyński et al. (2015)

Period-luminosity relations for variable stars in the LMC



Distance to the Large Magellanic Cloud from OGLE eclipsing binaries



Pietrzyński et al. (2013), Nature

Distance to the LMC: **50.0 ± 1.1 kpc**

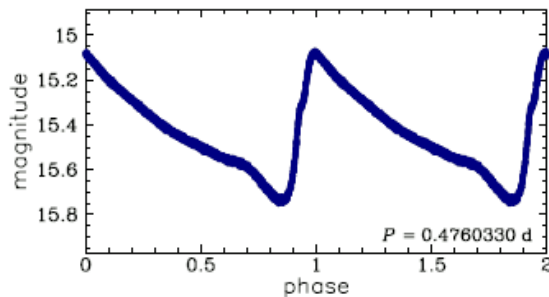
STRUCTURE OF GALAXIES

RR Lyrae stars

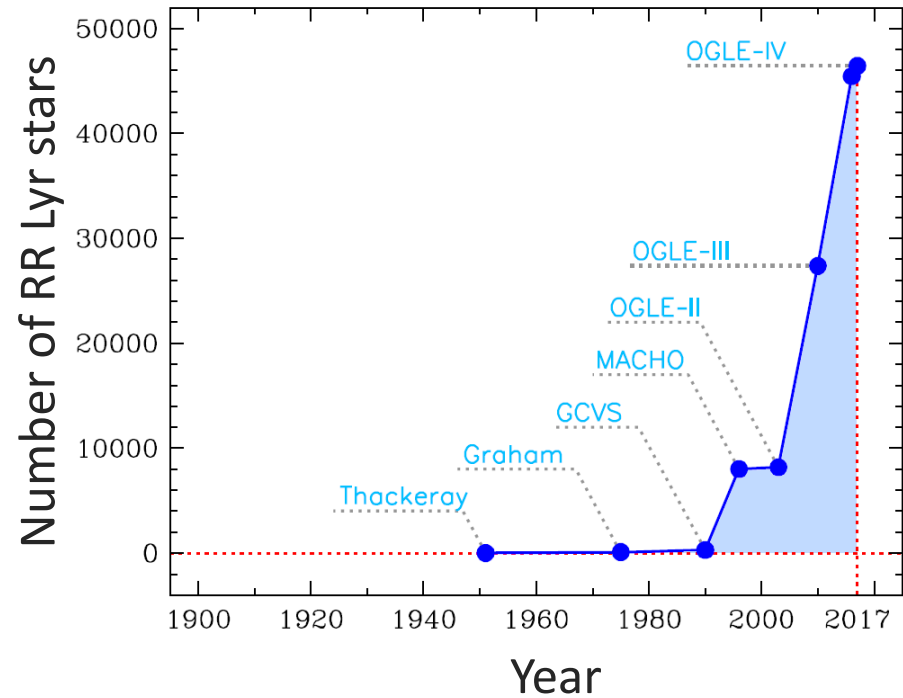
LMC: **39 871** objects

SMC: **6 572** objects

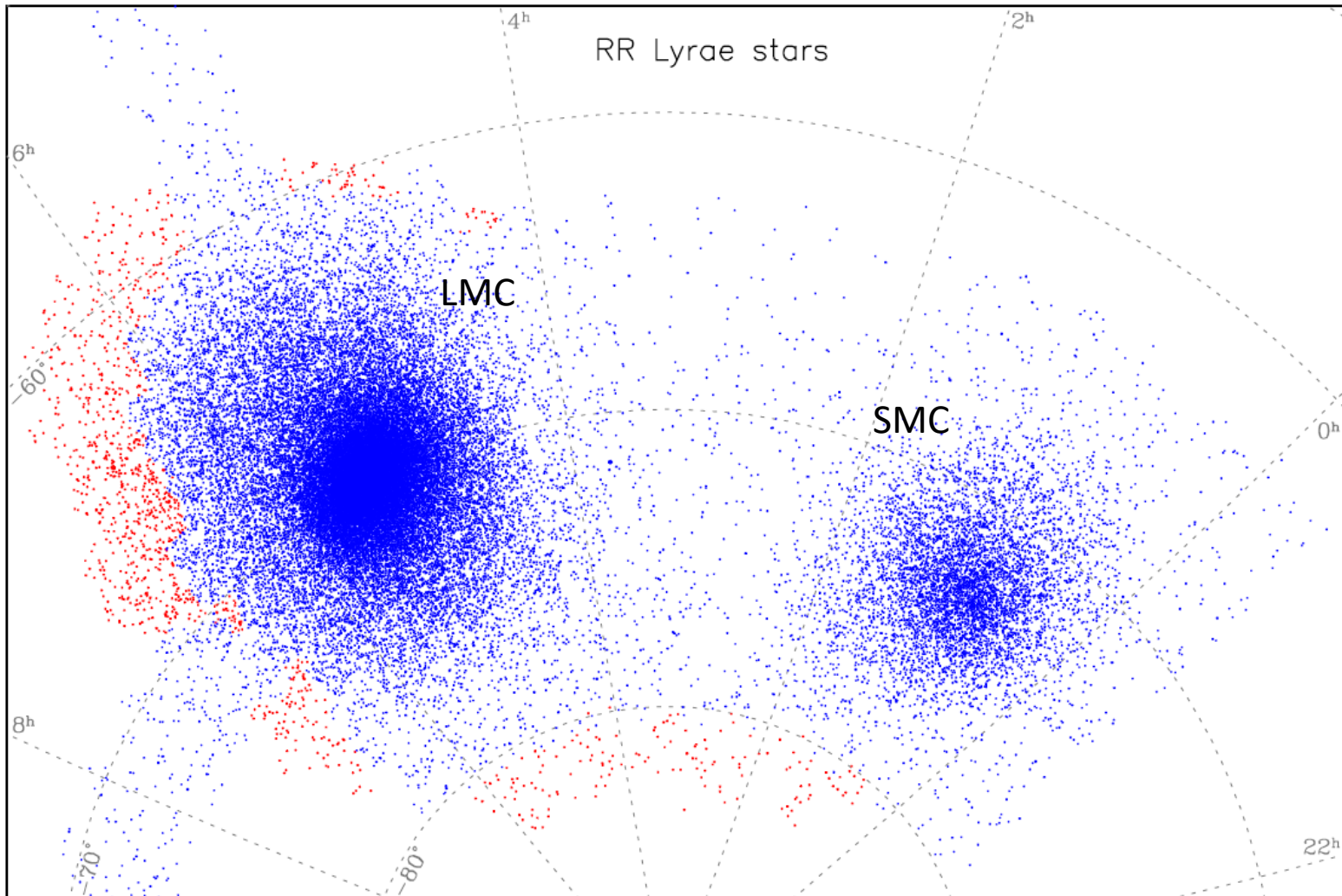
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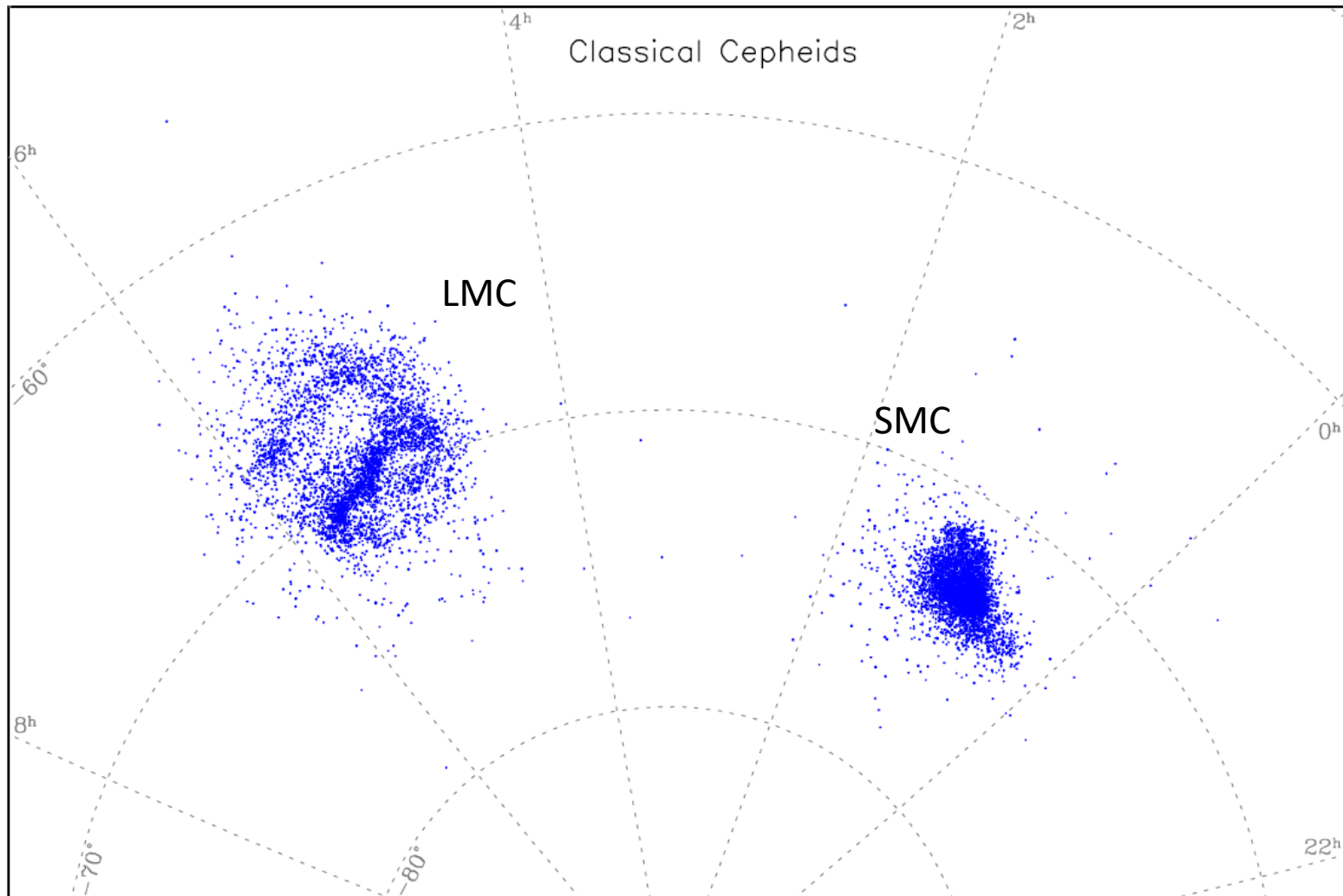
RR Lyrae stars
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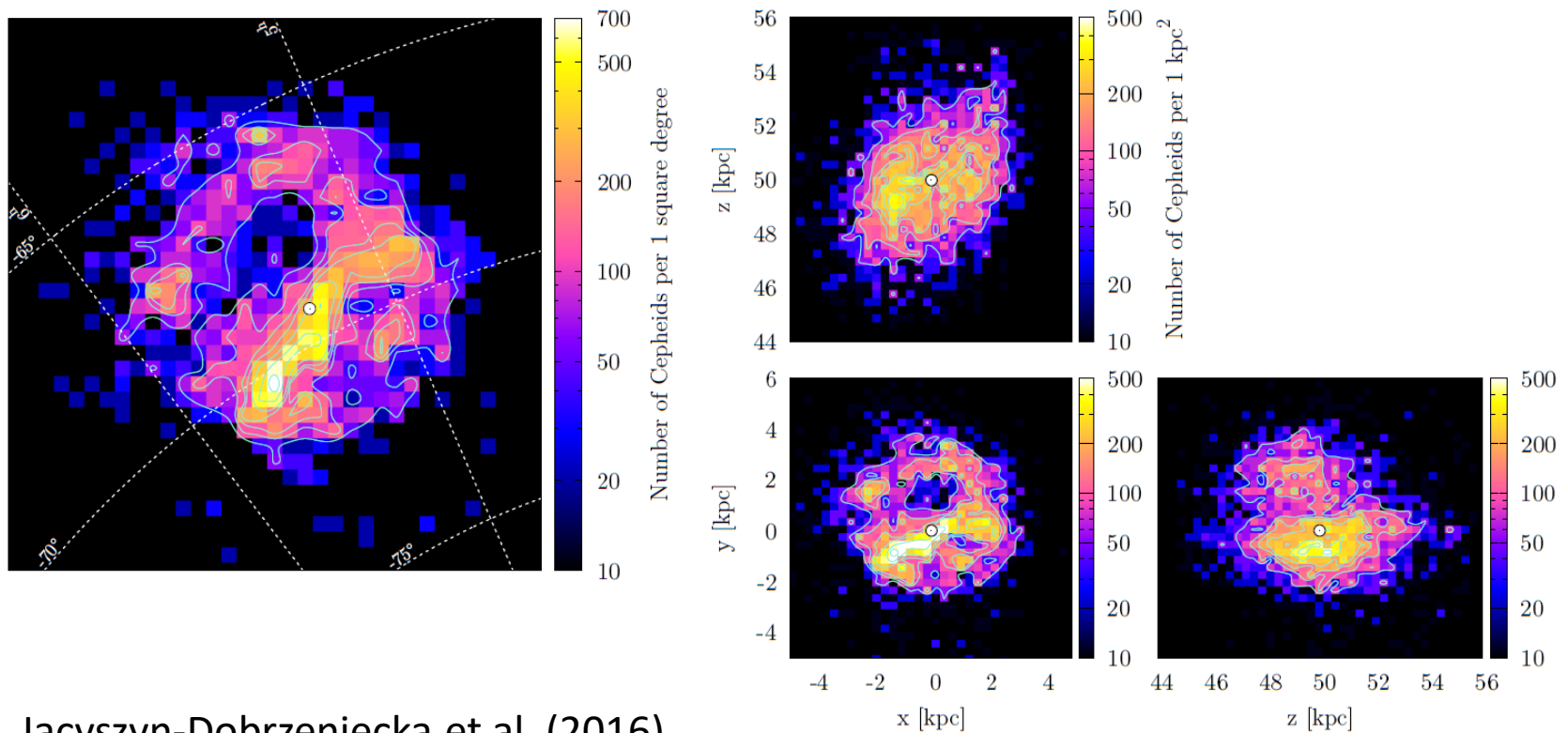
RR Lyrae stars in the MCs



Classical Cepheids in the MCs

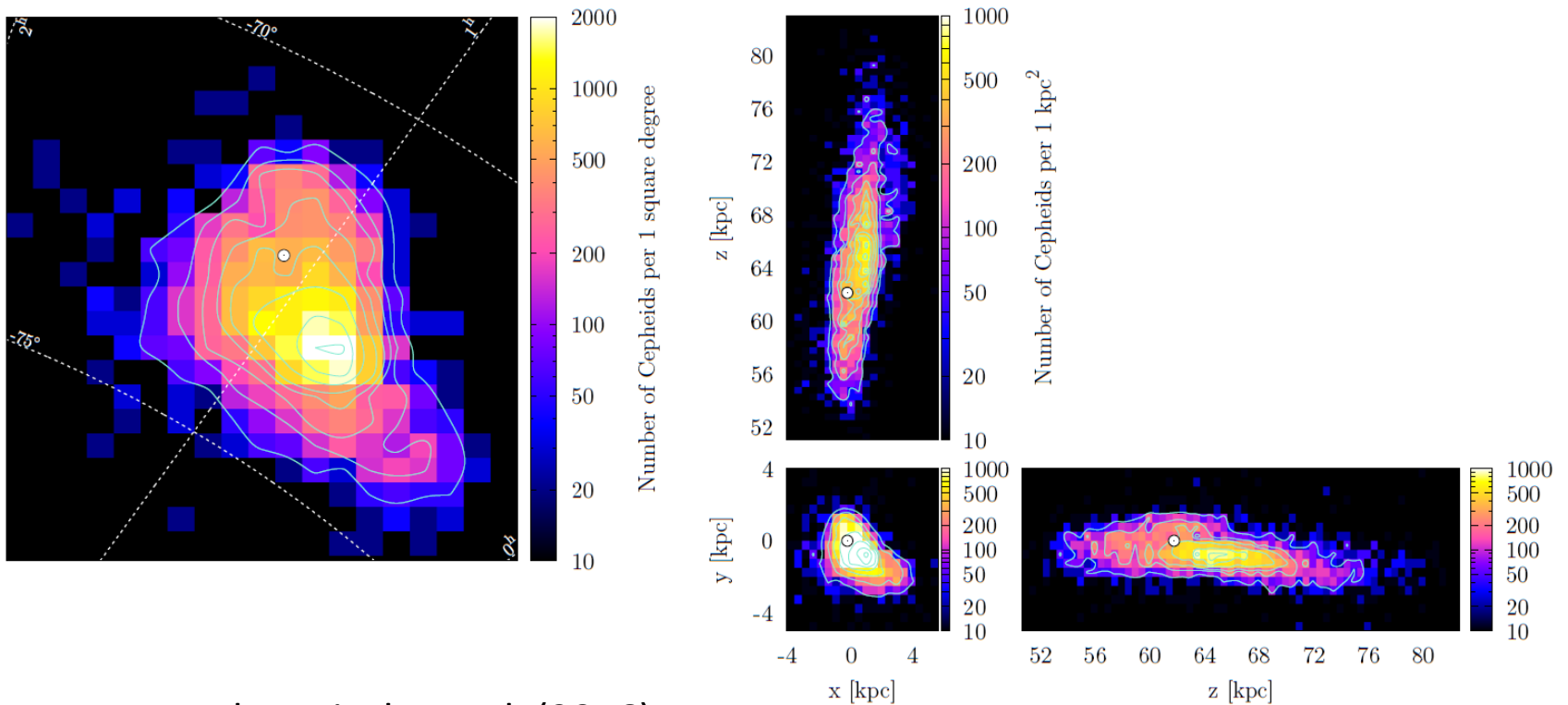


3D Structure of the LMC via Classical Cepheids



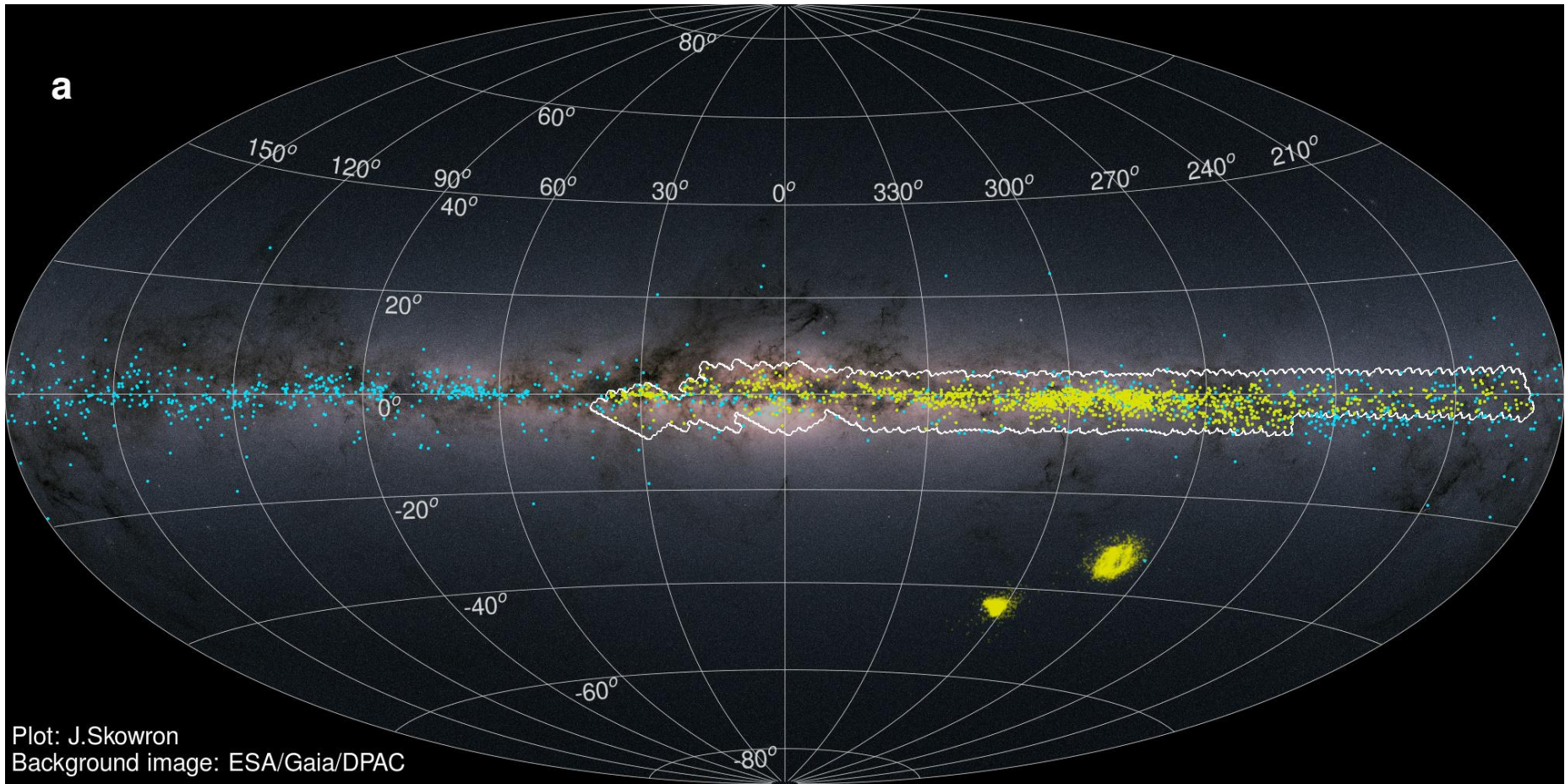
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3D Structure of the SMC via Classical Cepheids



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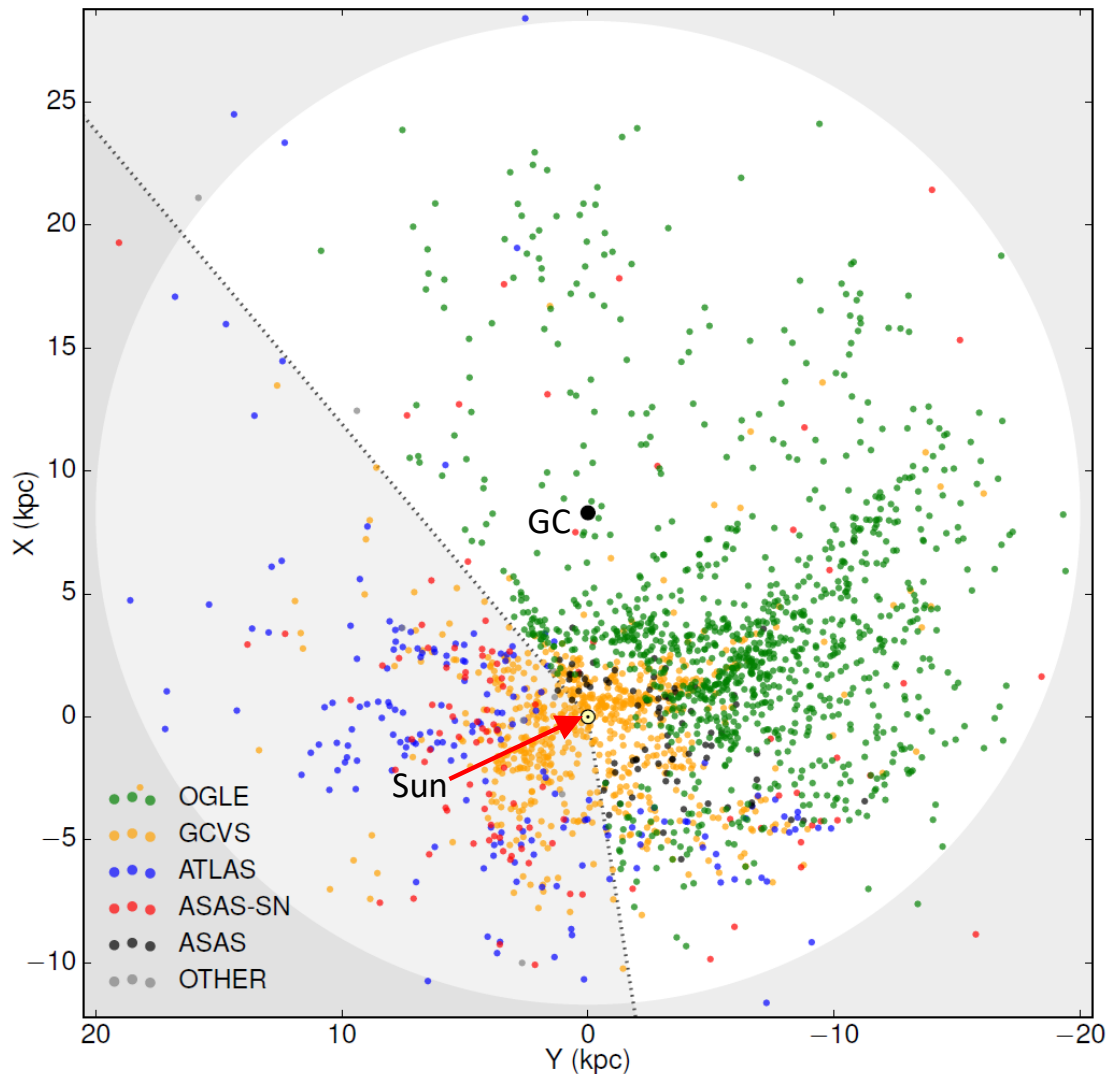
Classical Cepheids in the Milky Way



900 → **2400**

Skowron et al. (2018)

Classical Cepheids in the Milky Way

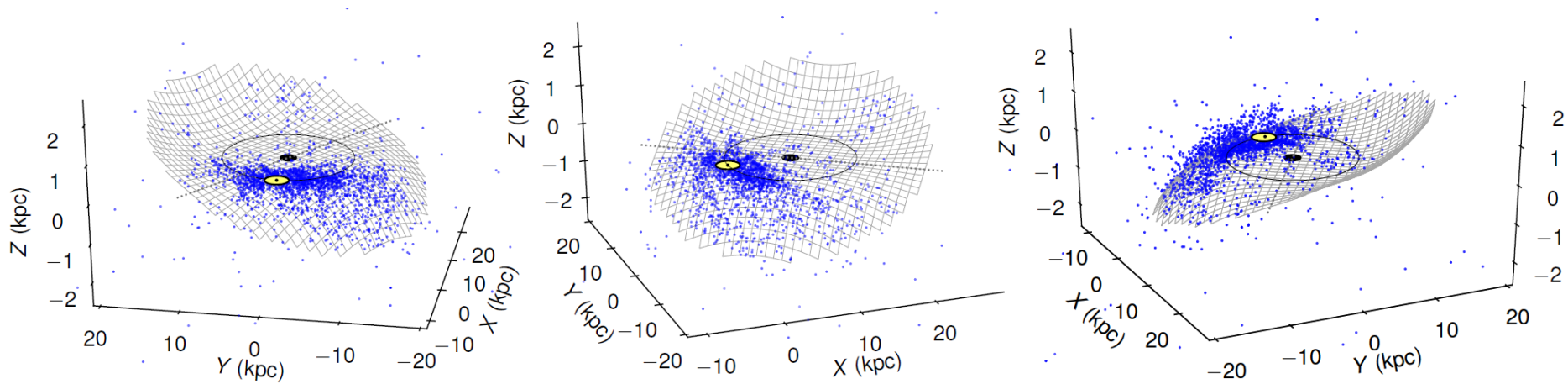


- **OGLE**
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- **OTHER**

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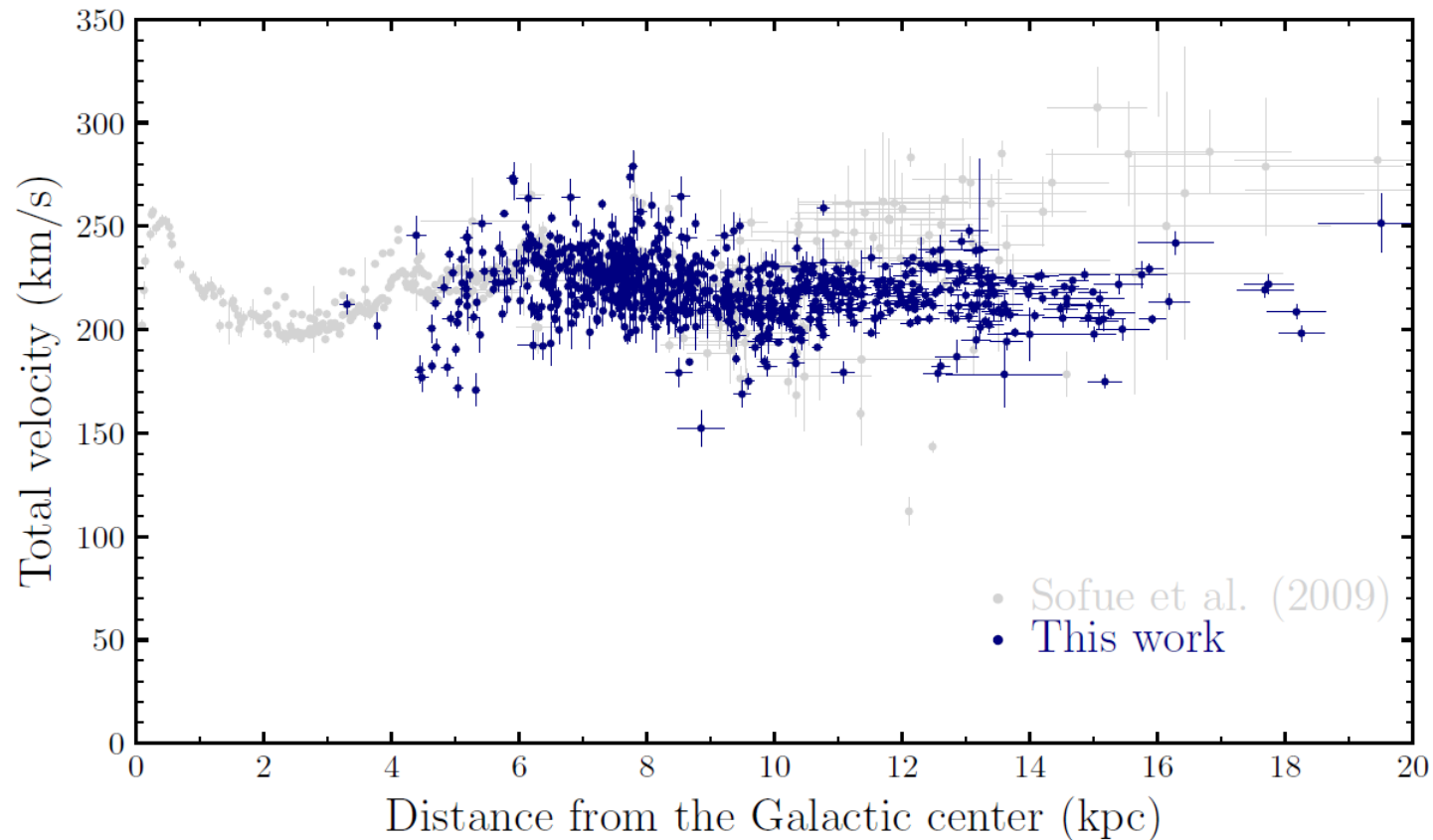
Warping of the Milky Way disk



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Classical Cepheids in the Milky Way

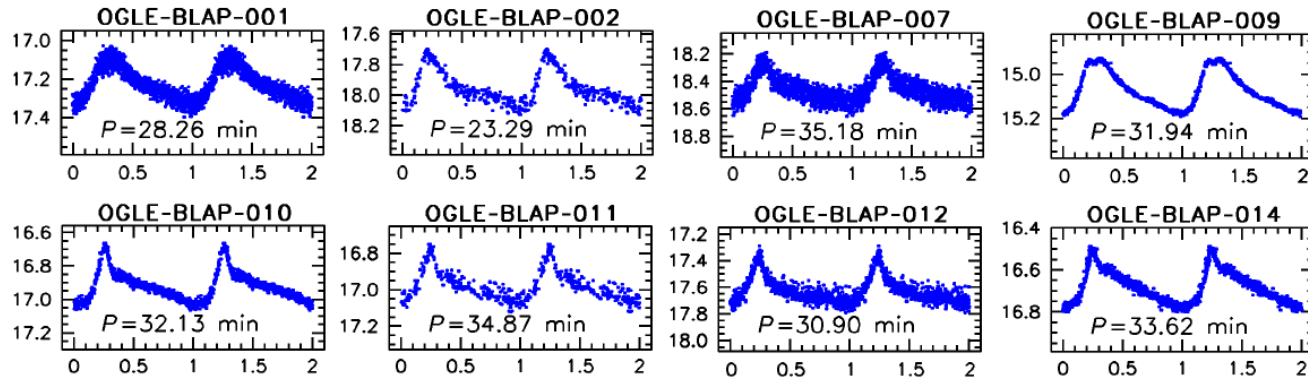
Flat rotation curve of the Milky Way



Mróz et al. (2018)

NEW TYPES OF VARIABLE STARS

Blue Large-Amplitude Pulsators (BLAPs)



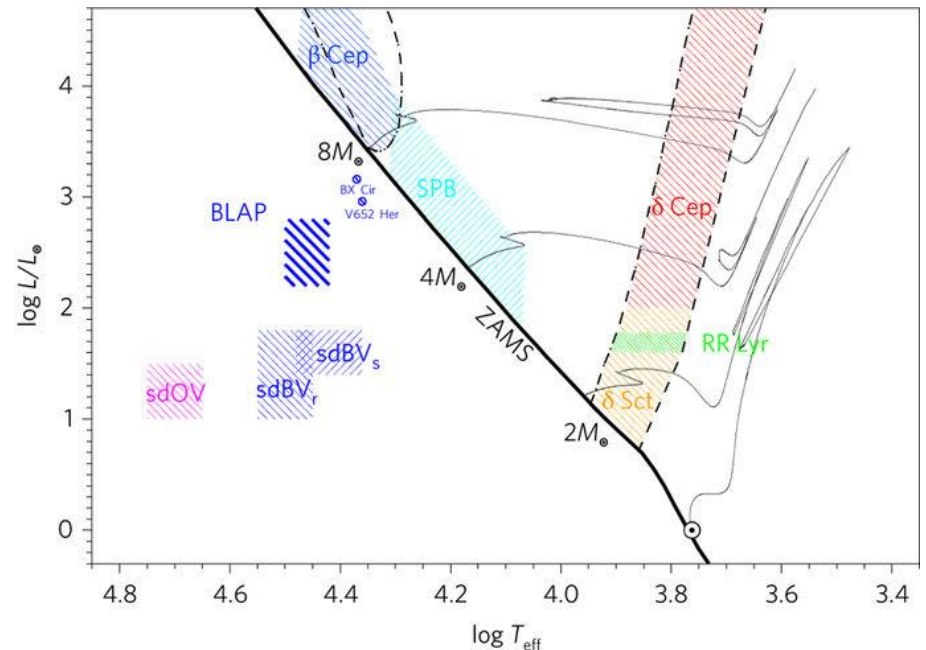
Pietrukowicz et al. (2017)

Fundamental-mode pulsating stars

Periods: $P = 20 - 40$ min

Eff. temperature: $T_{\text{eff}} \sim 30\,000$ K

Surface gravity: $\log g \sim 4.6$



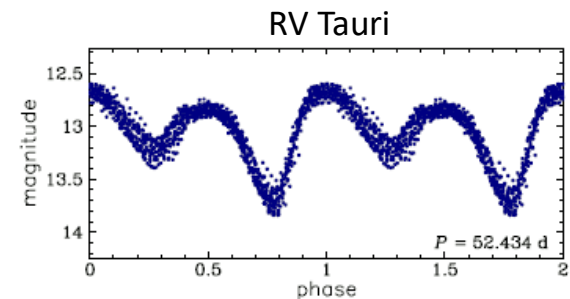
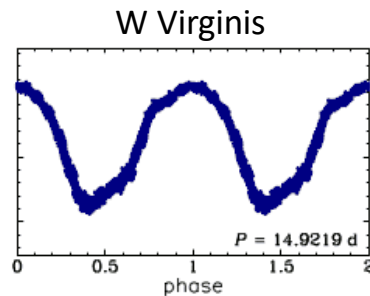
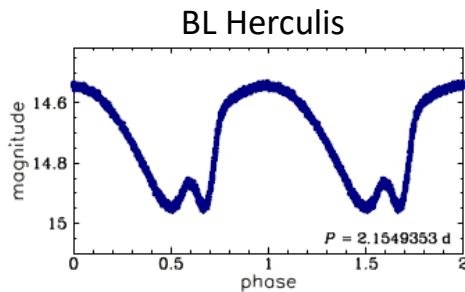
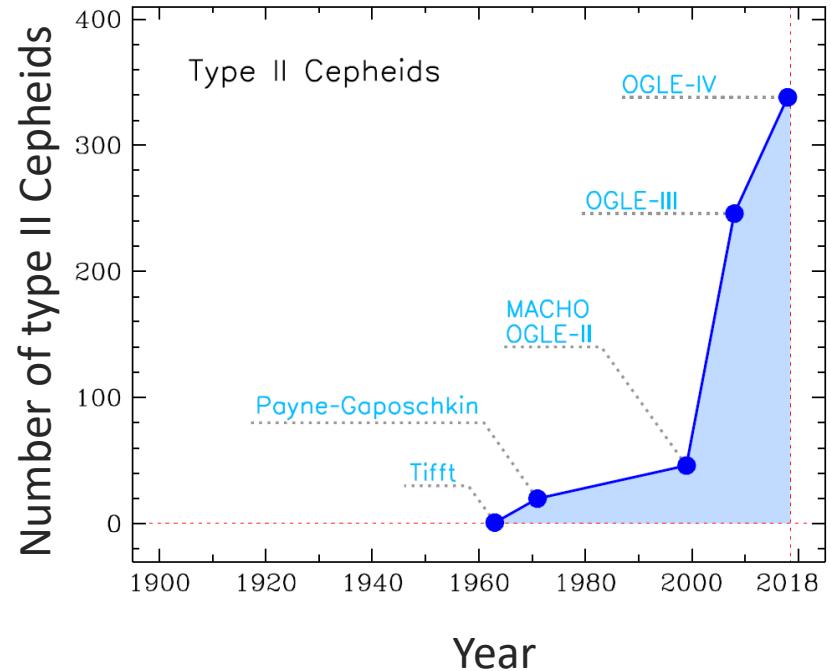
Type II Cepheids

LMC: **285** objects

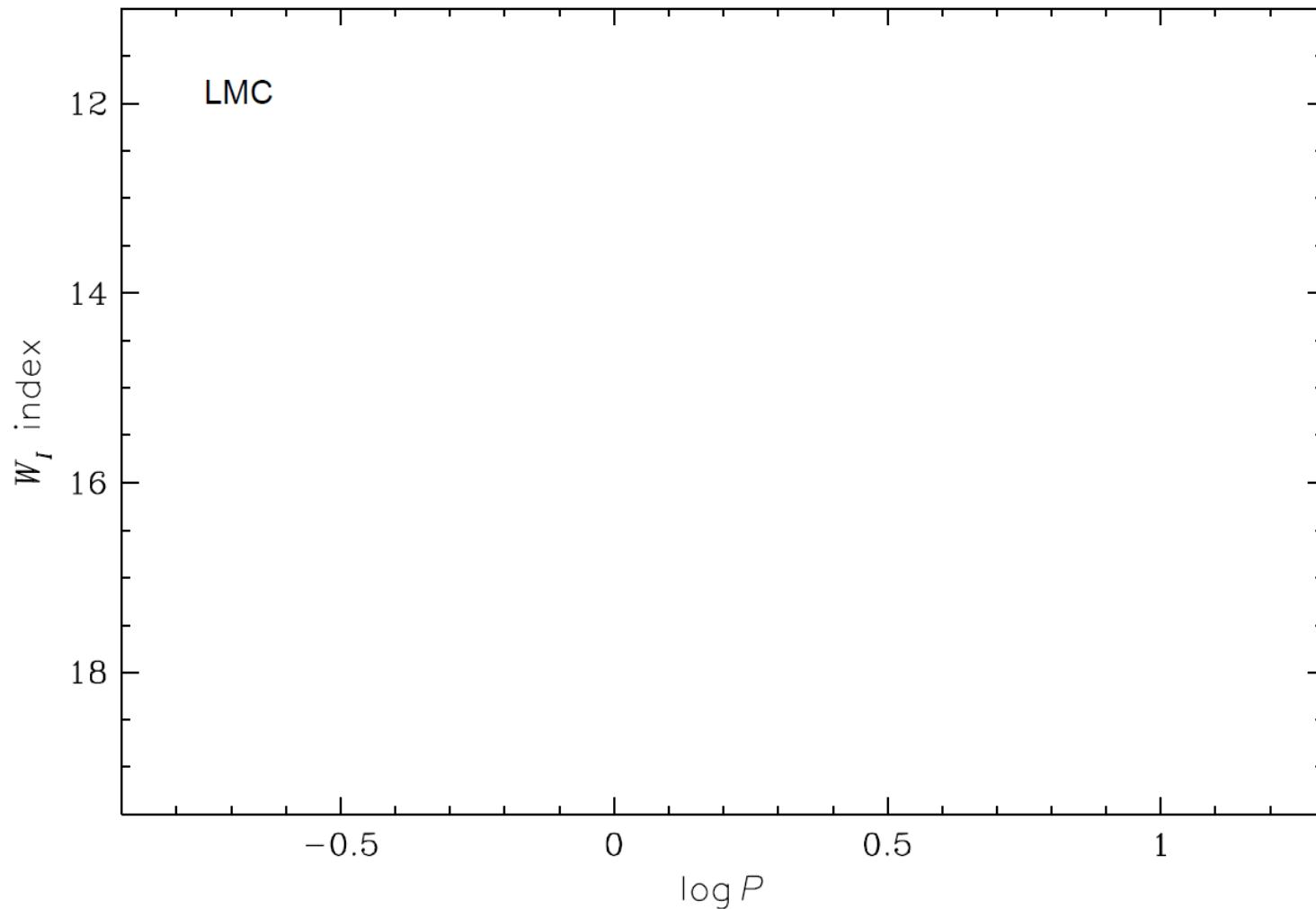
SMC: **53** objects

GB: **924** objects

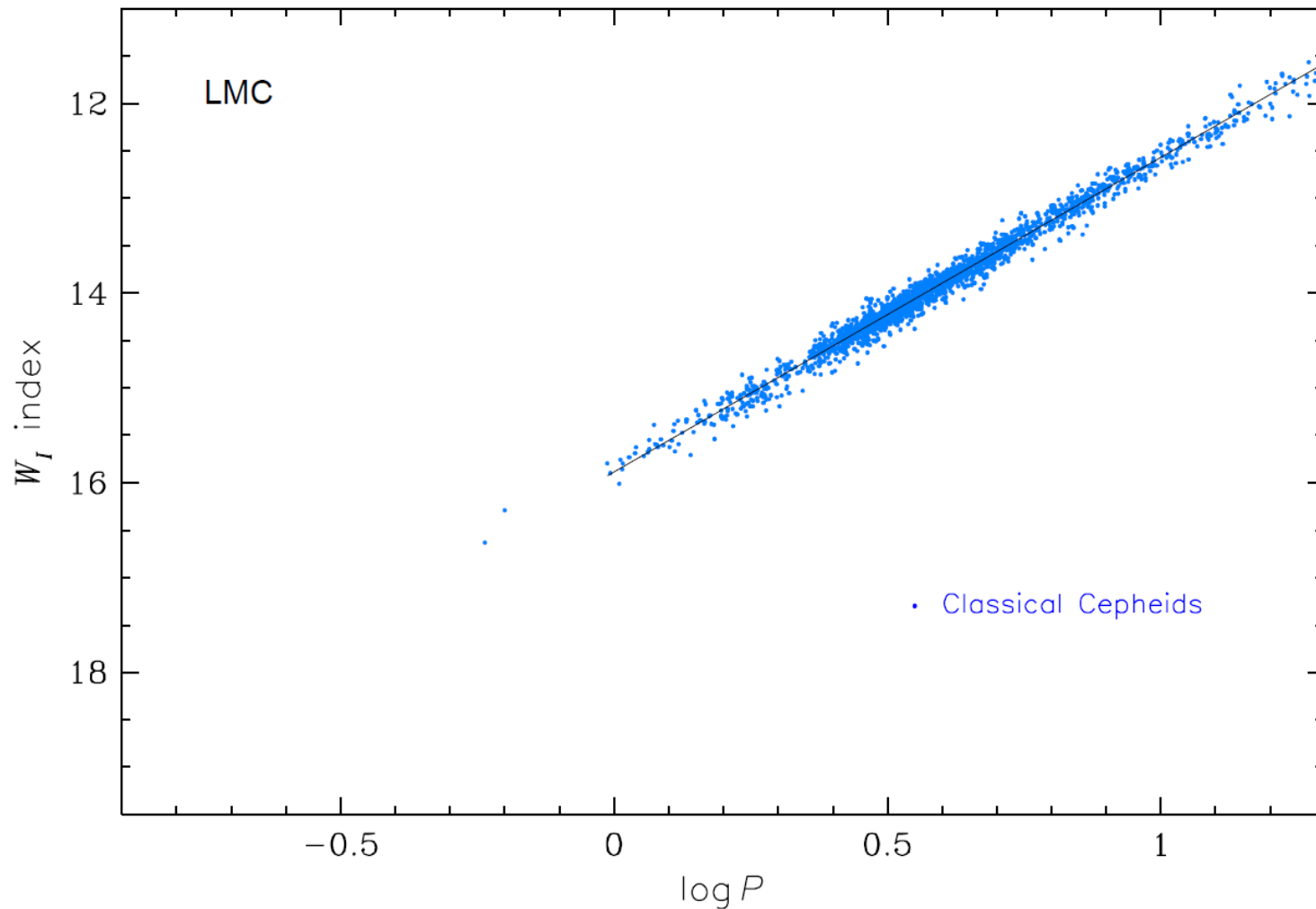
Type II Cepheids in the Magellanic Clouds



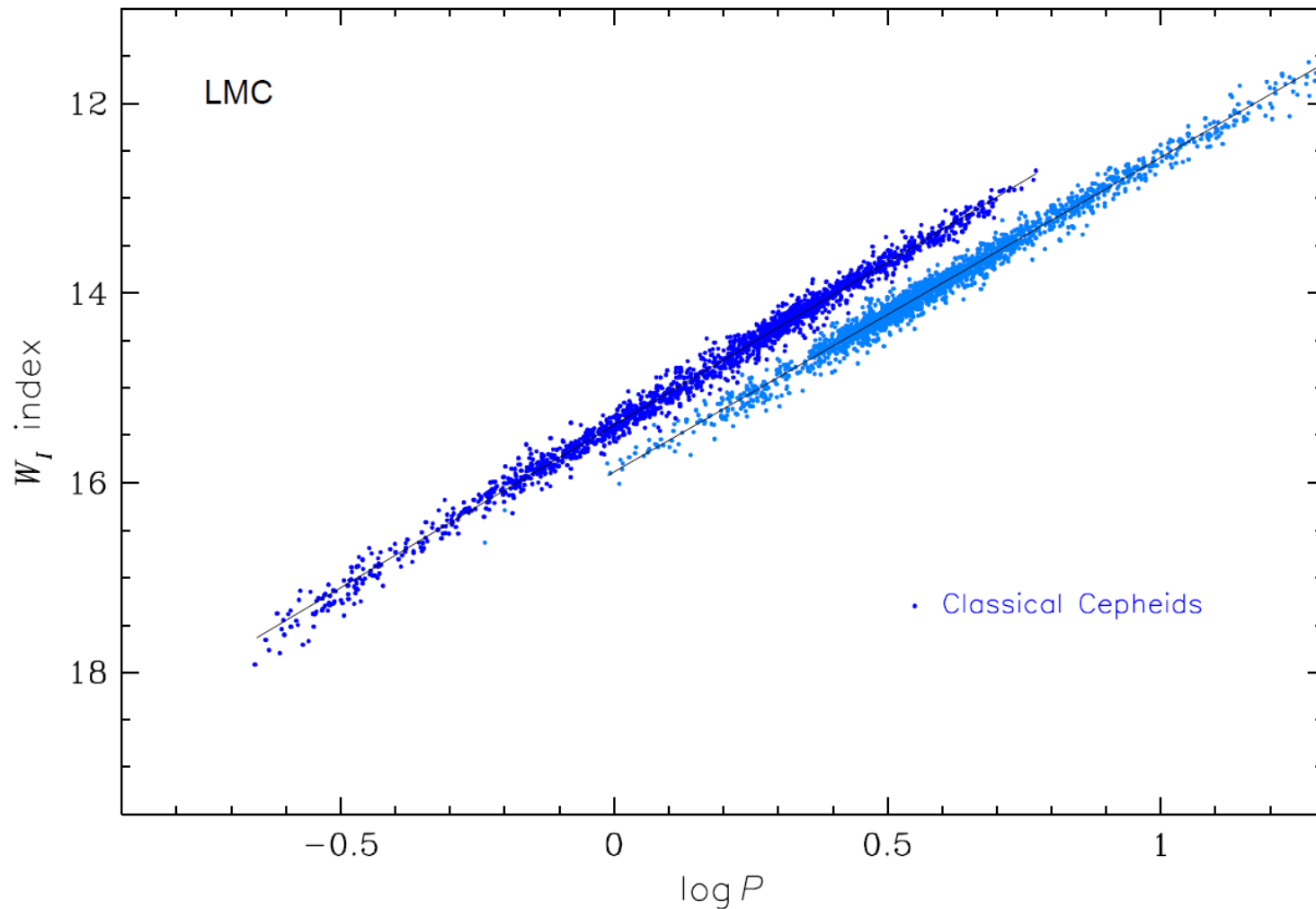
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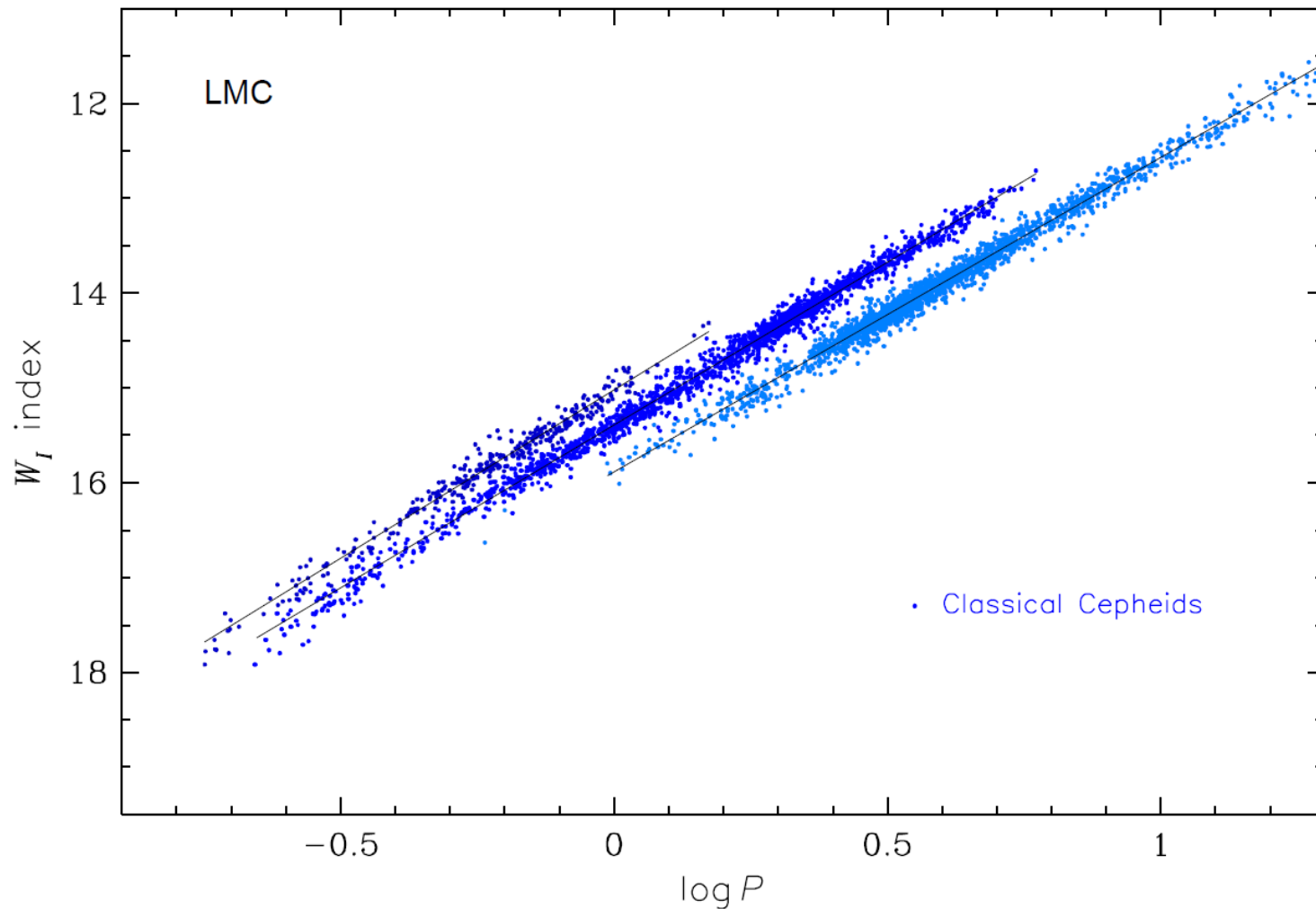
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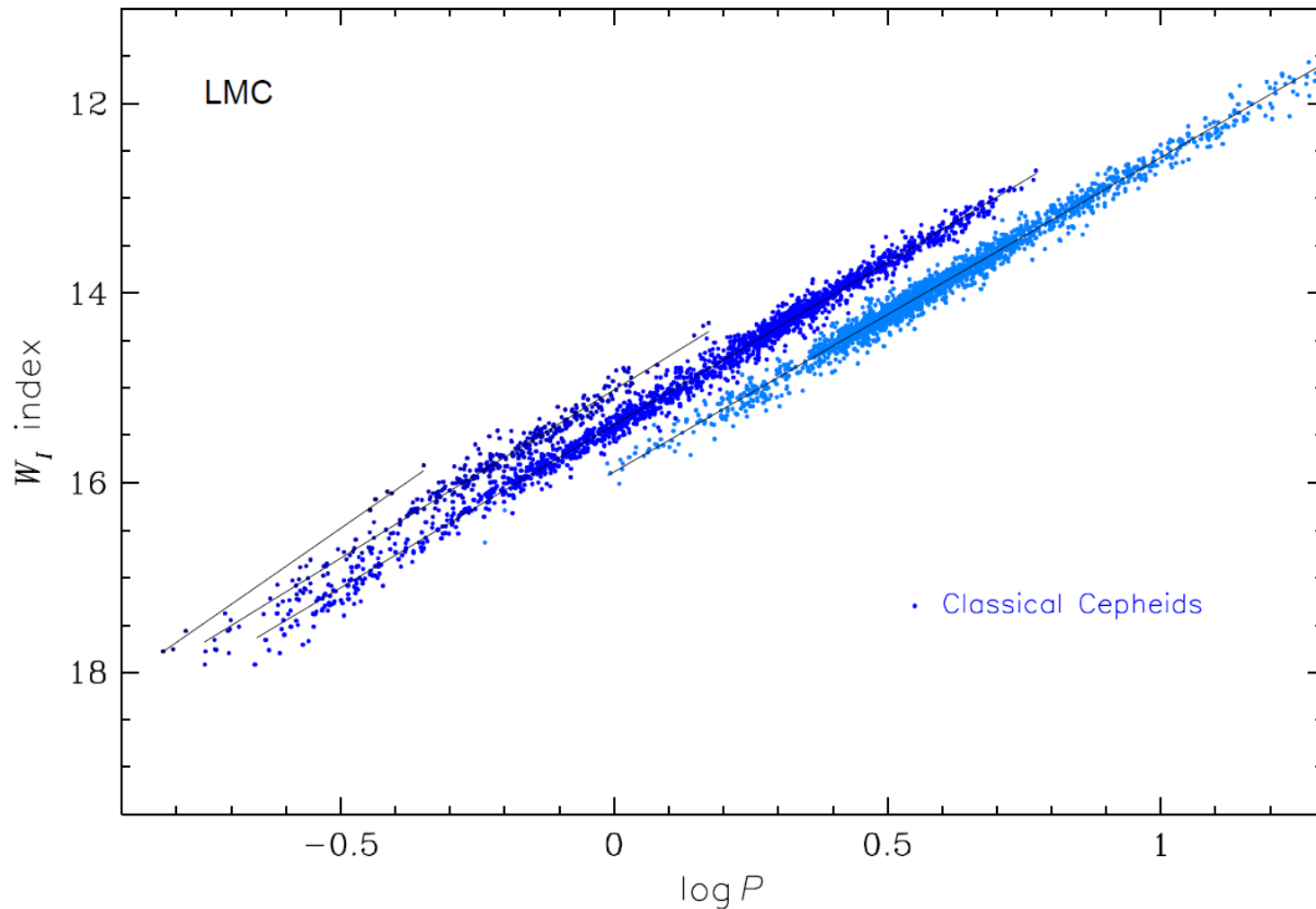
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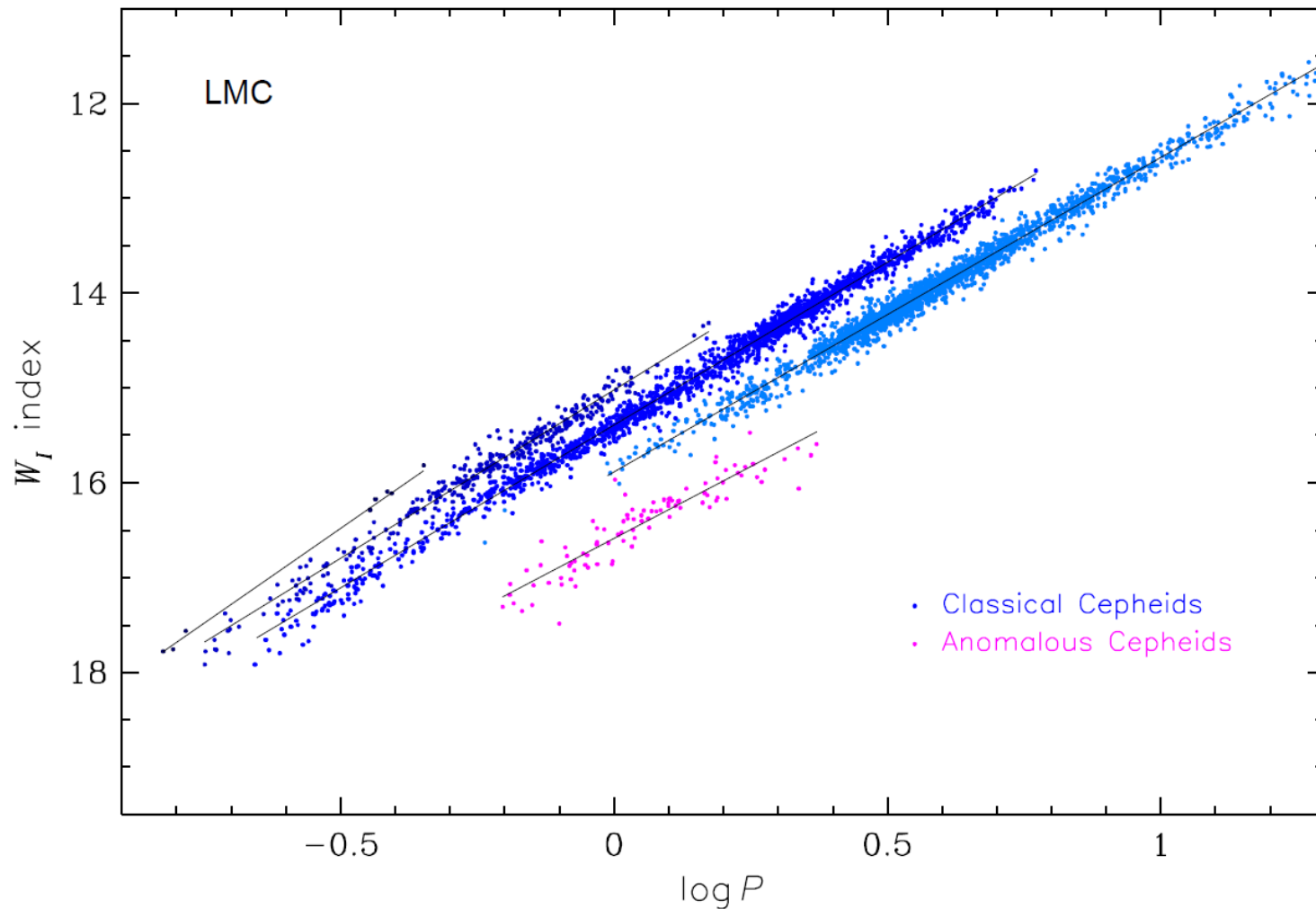
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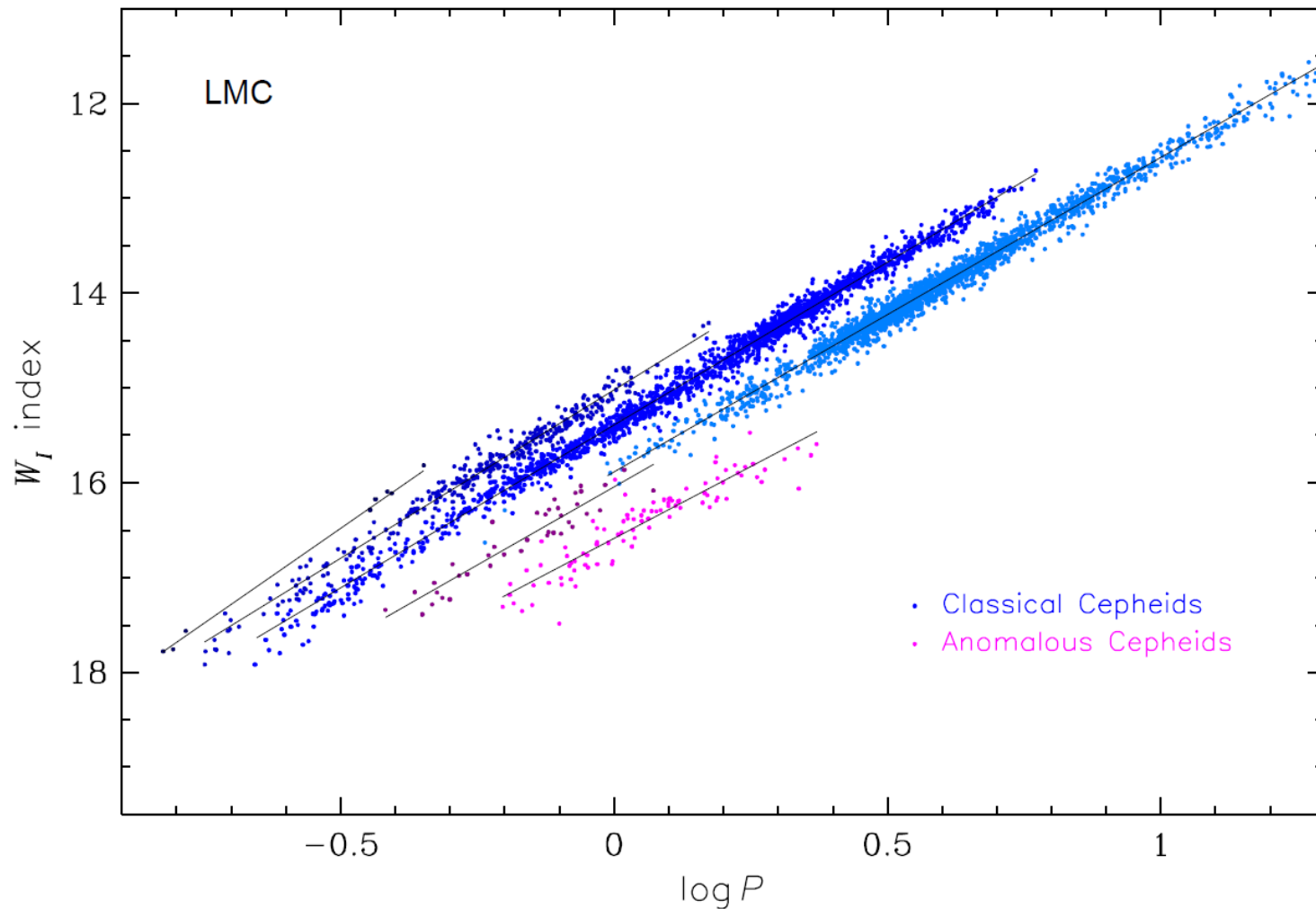
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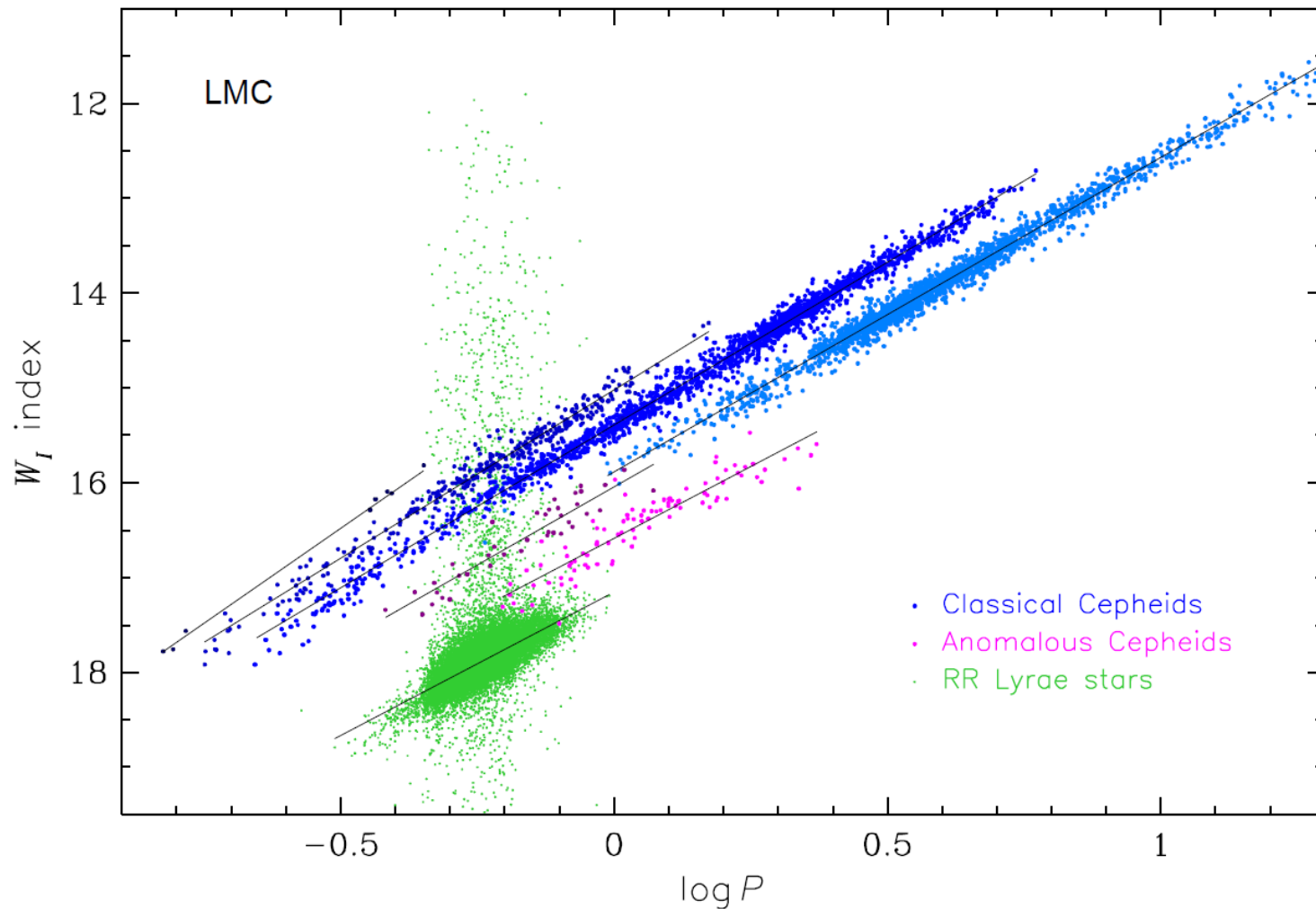
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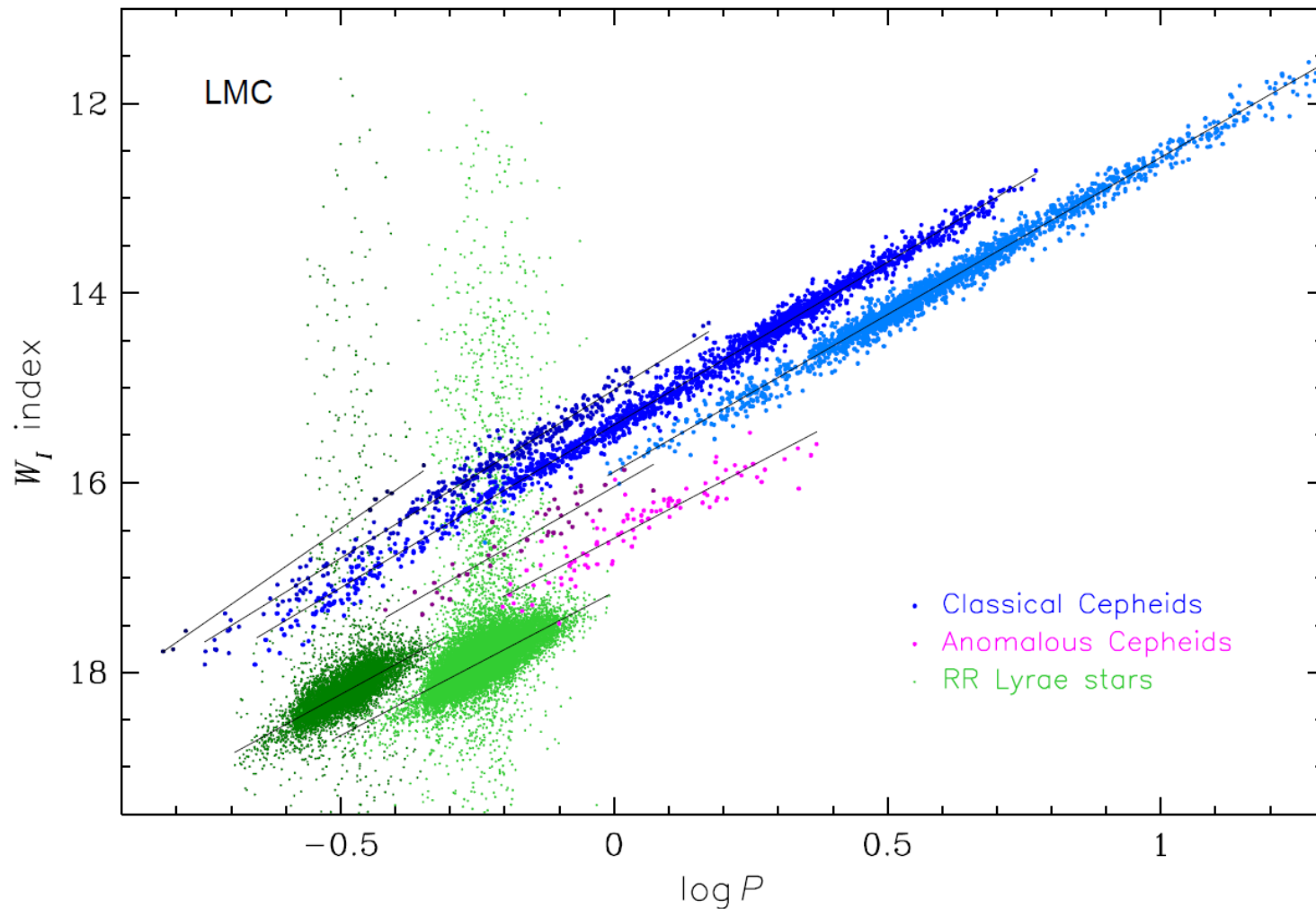
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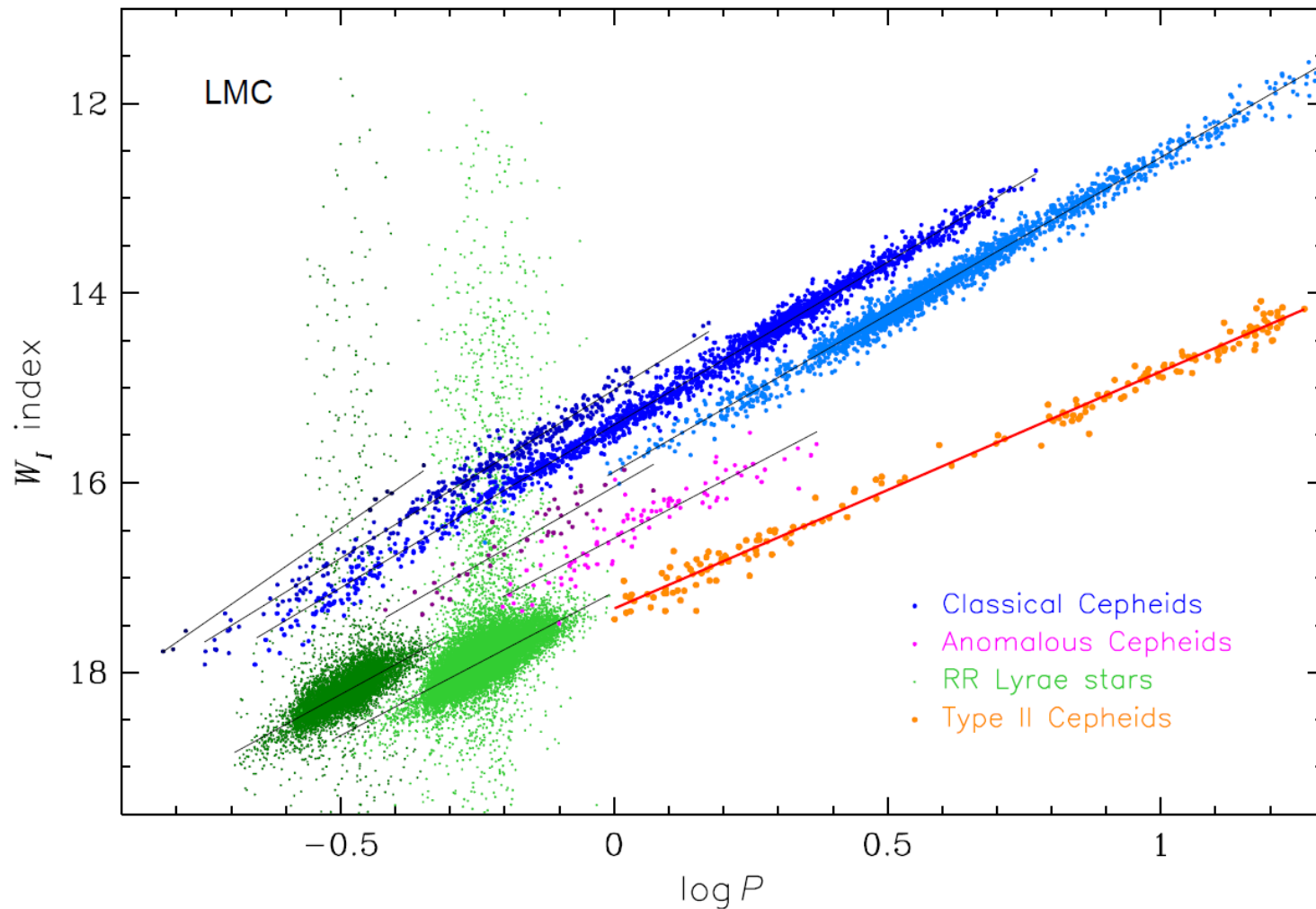
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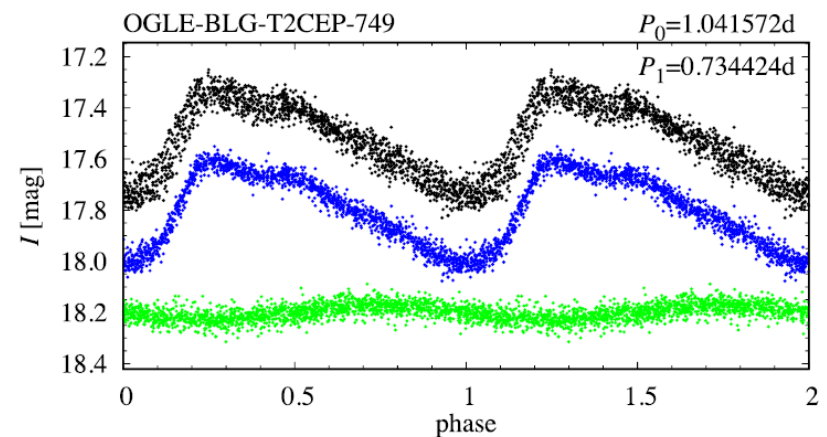
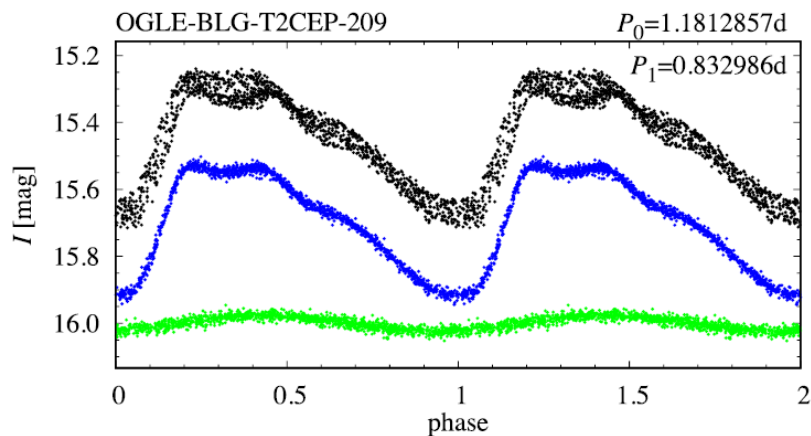
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Double-mode type II Cepheids

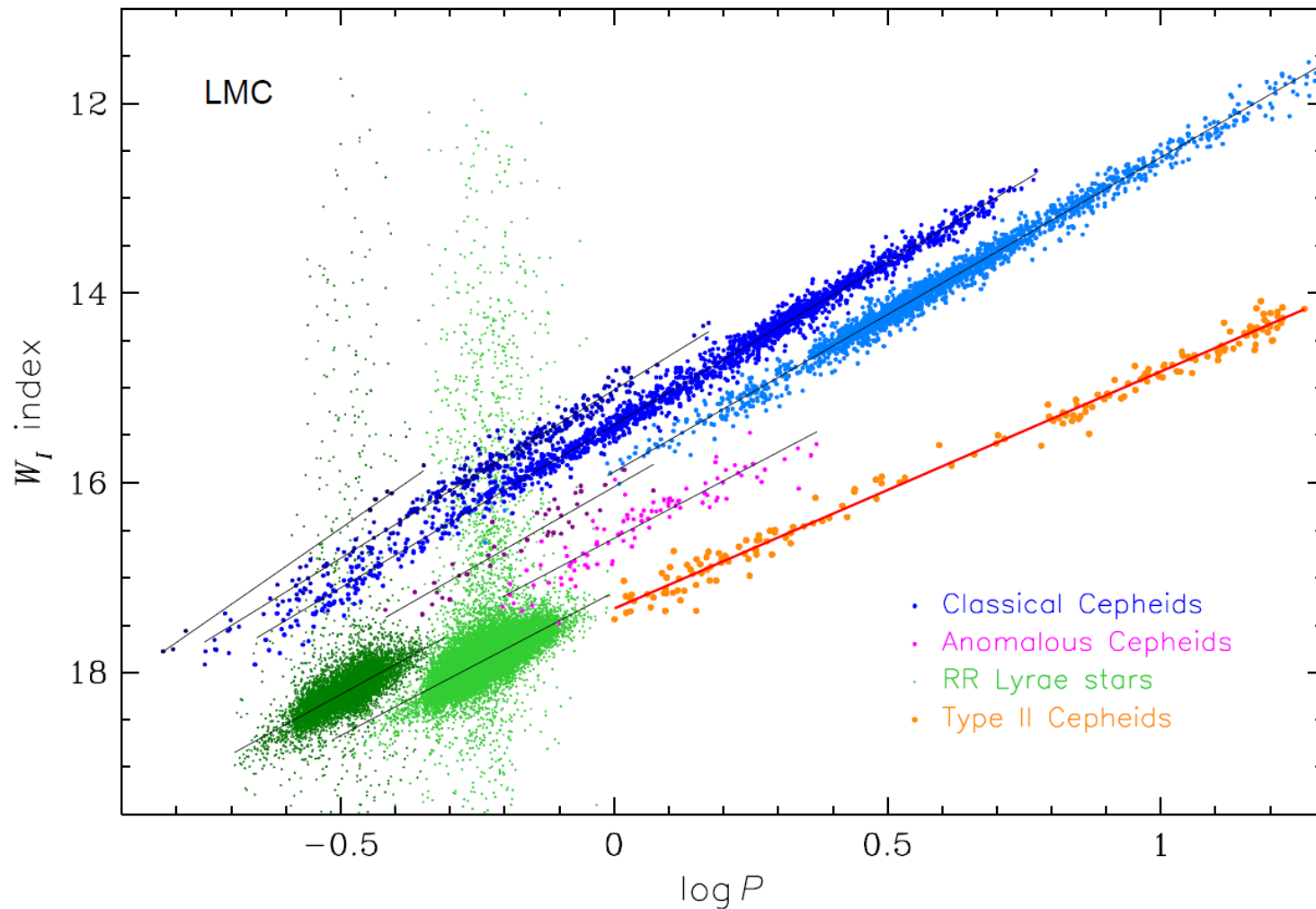
Smolec et al. (2018) – the first type II Cepheids (BL Herculis stars) with two radial modes excited.

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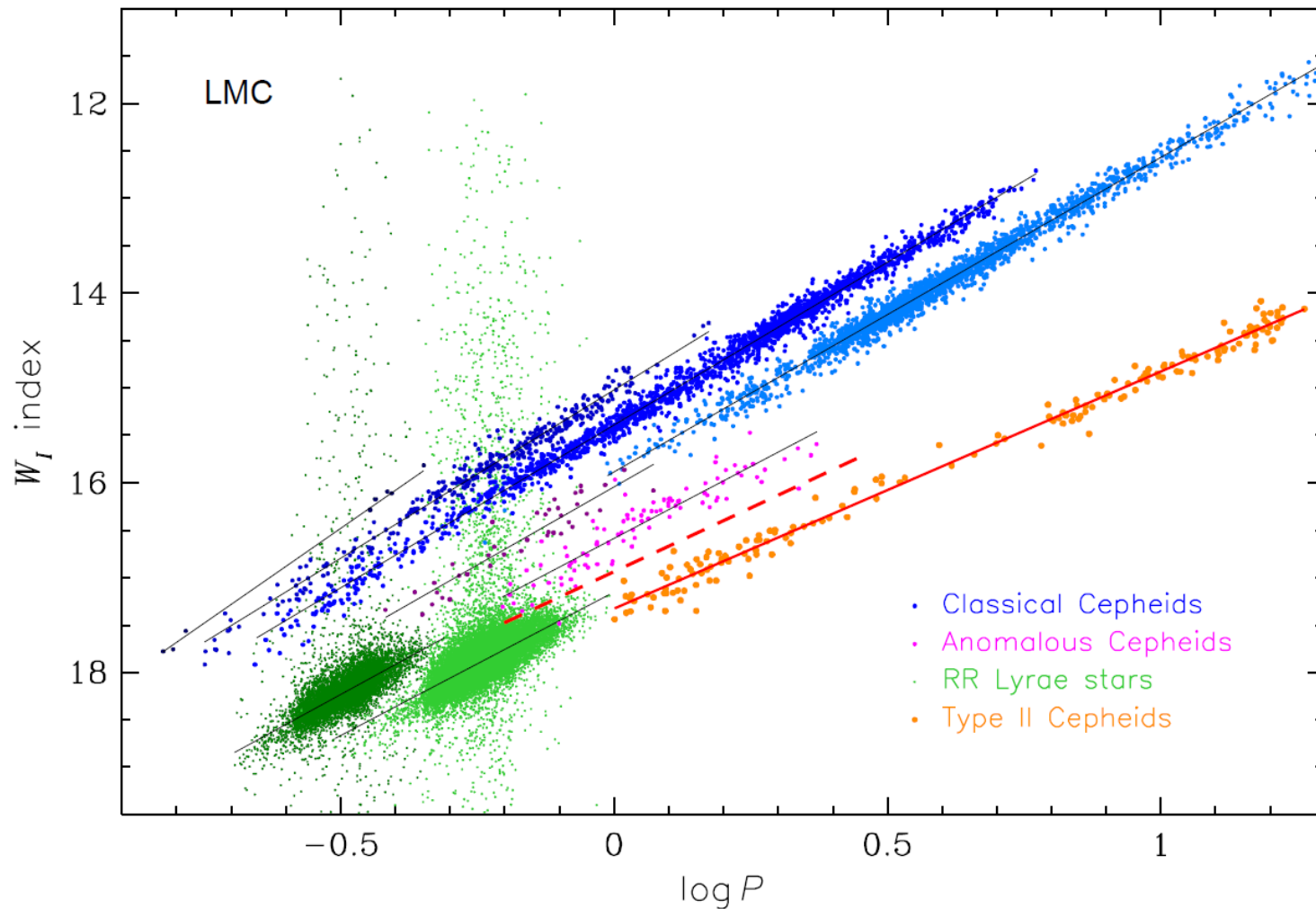


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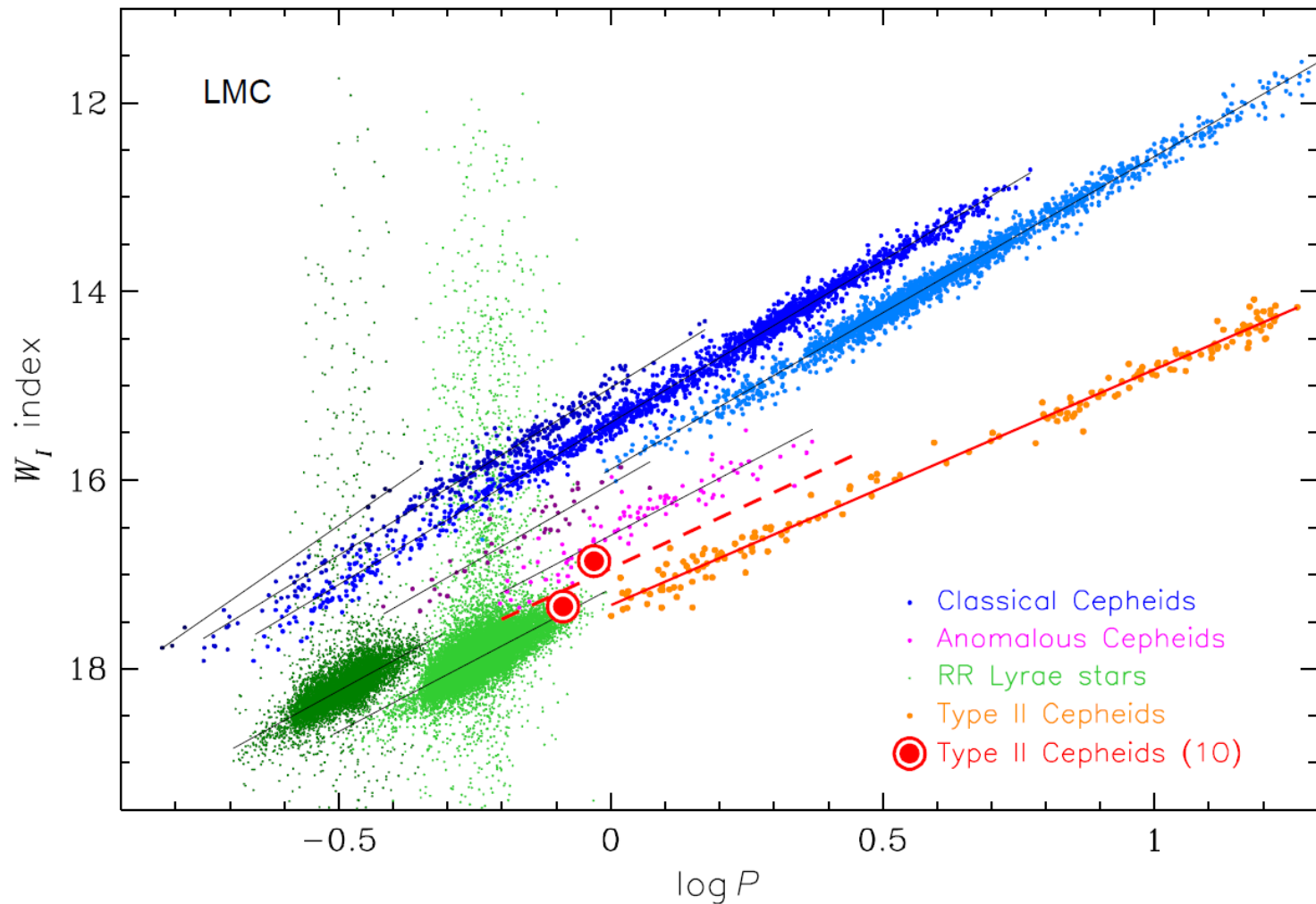
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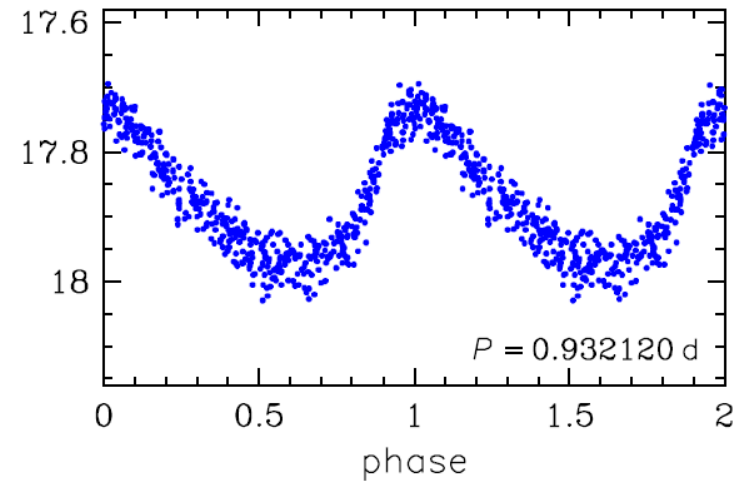
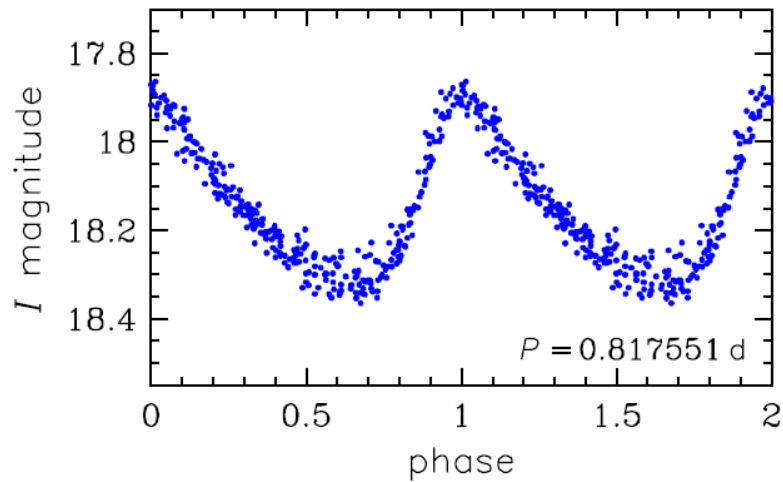
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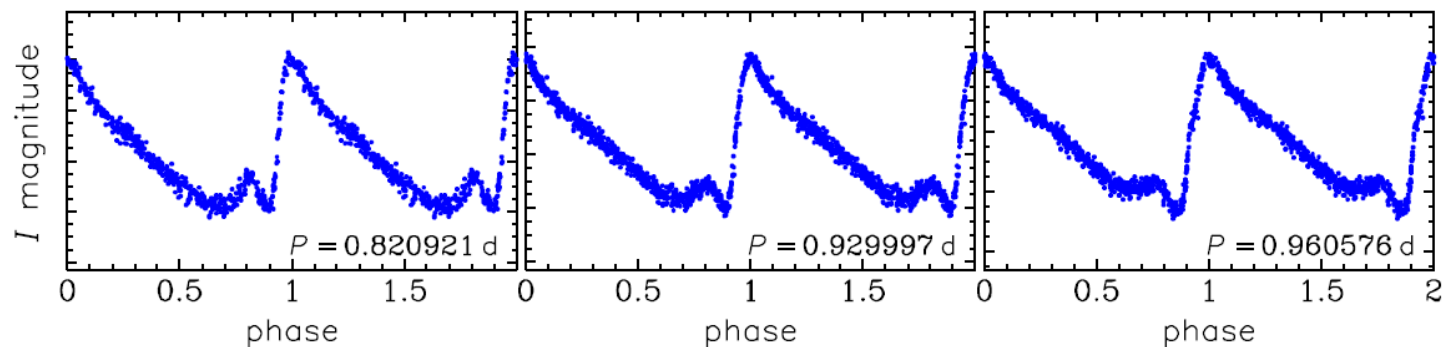


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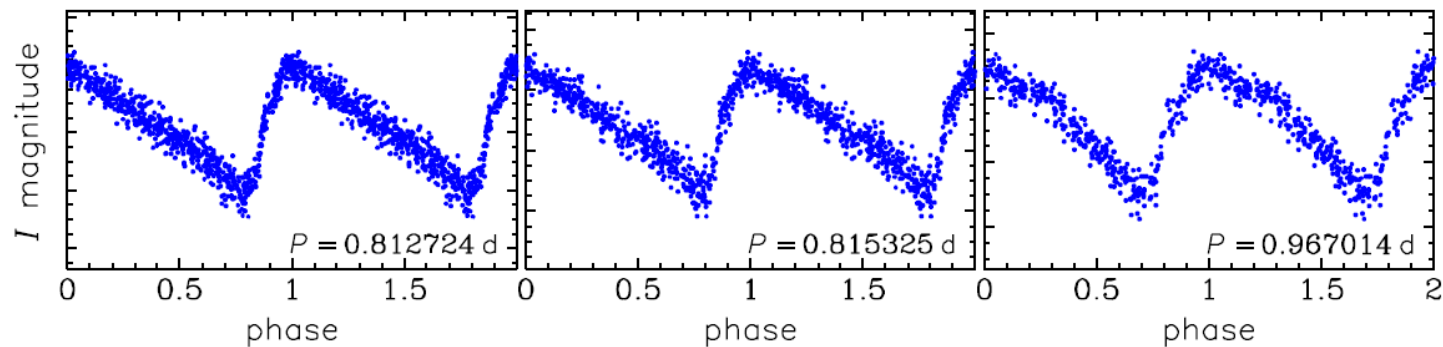


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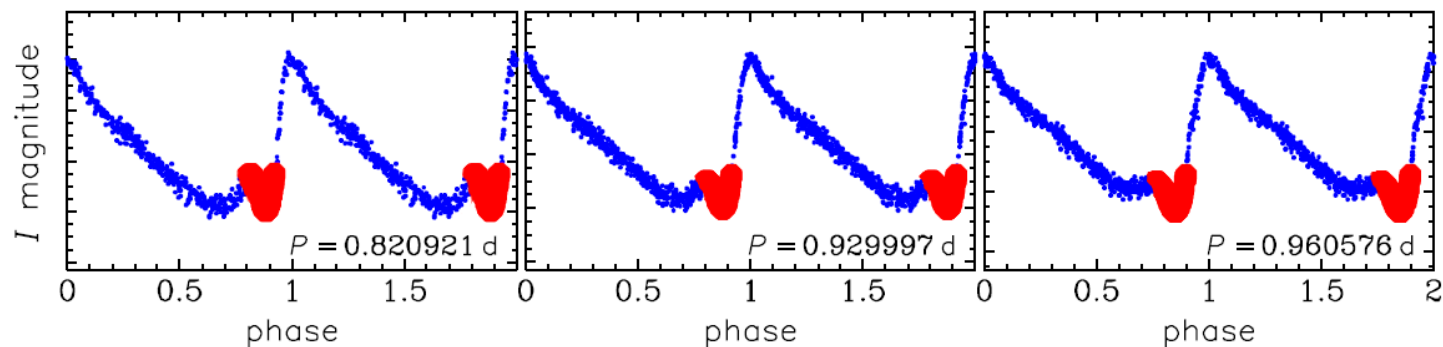


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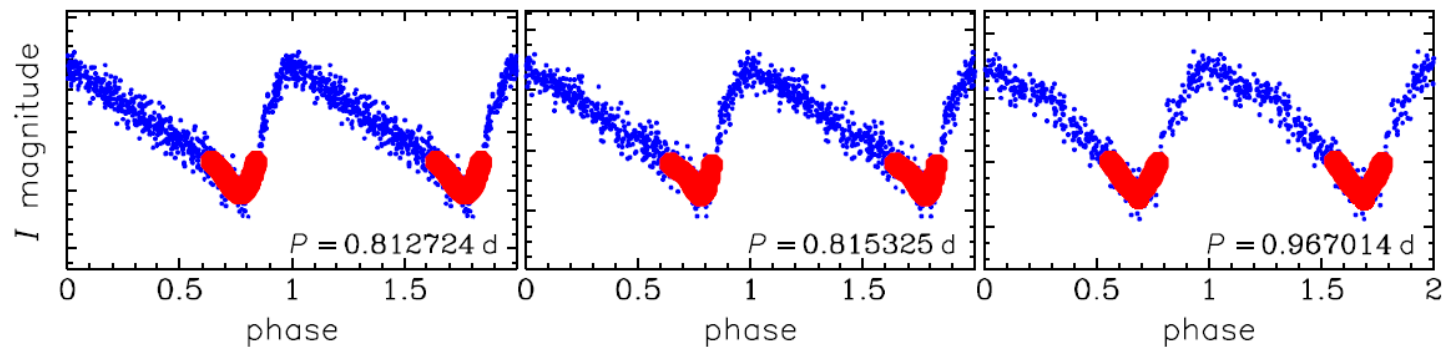


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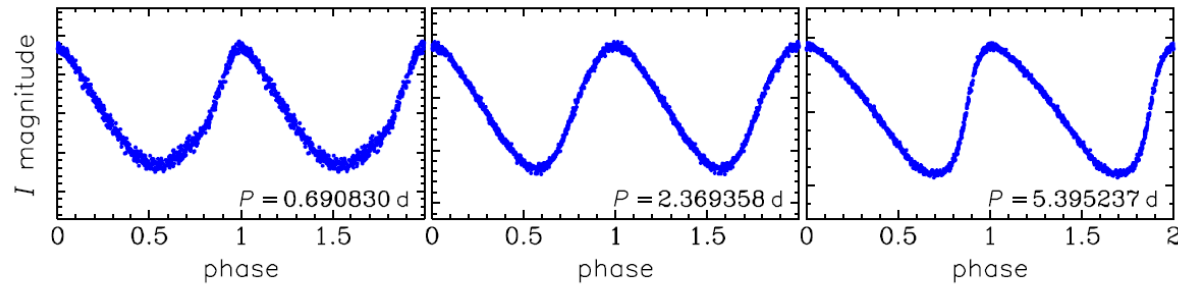


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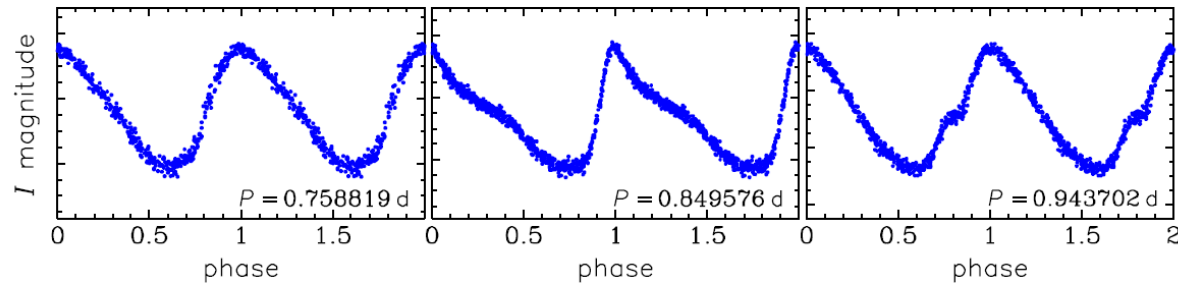


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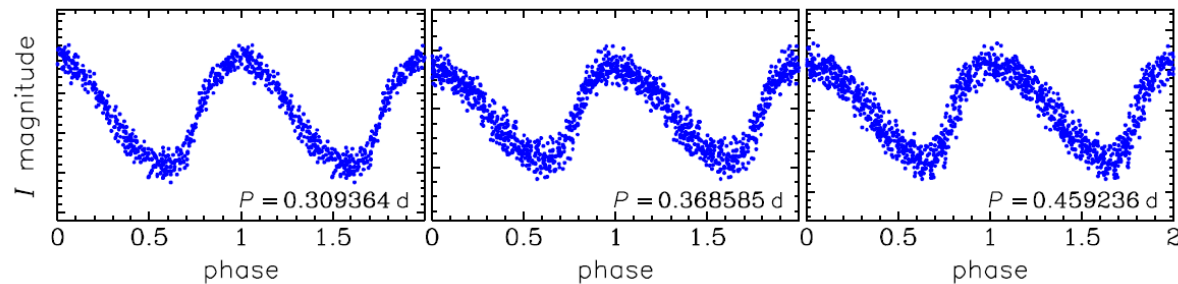
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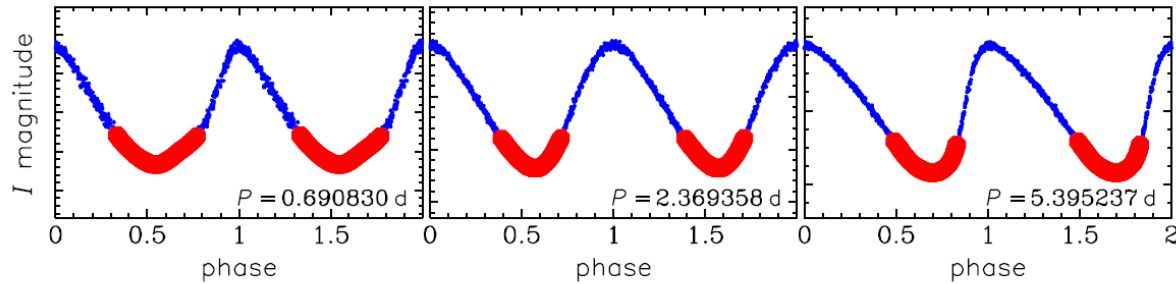


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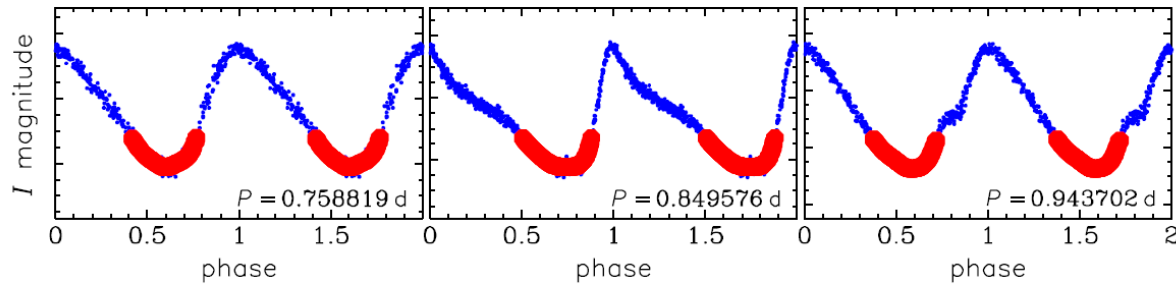


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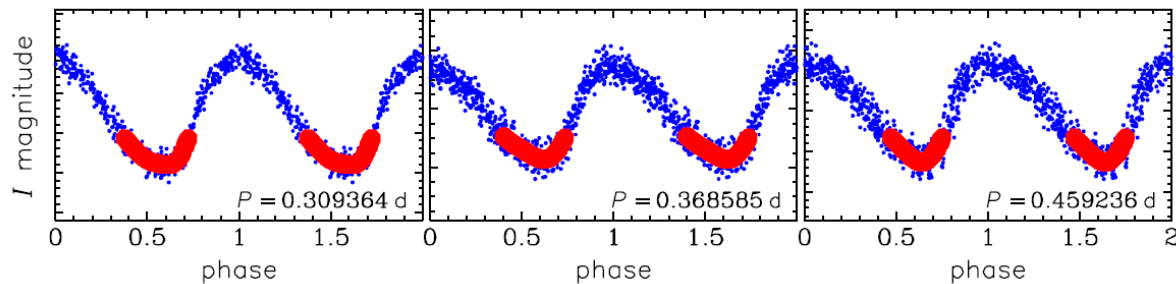
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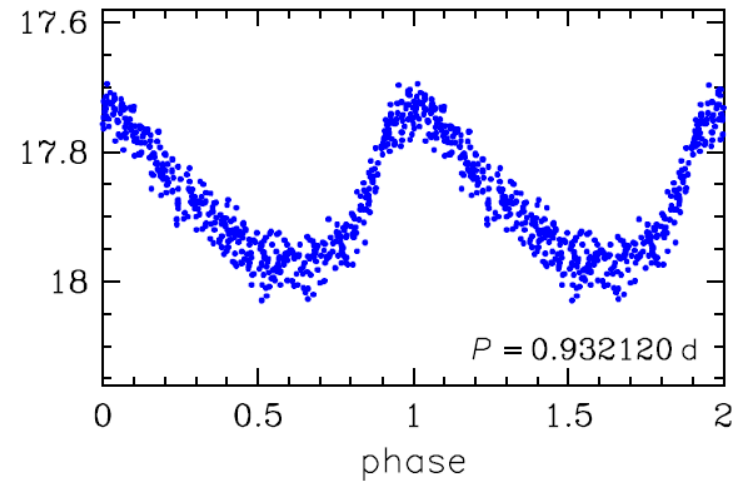
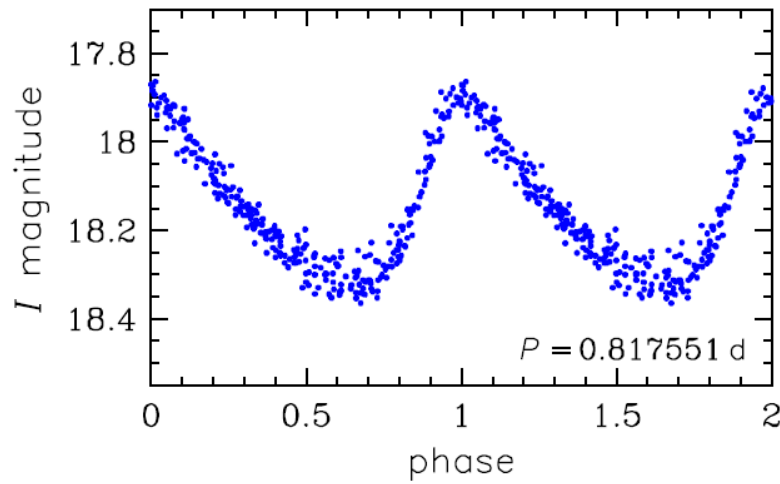
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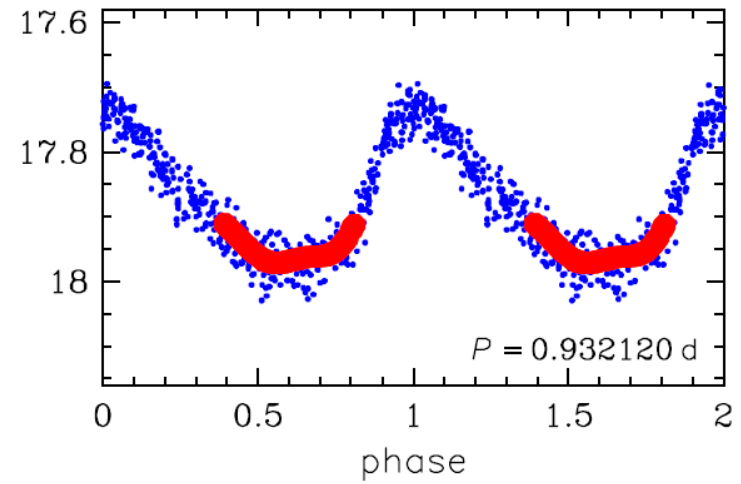
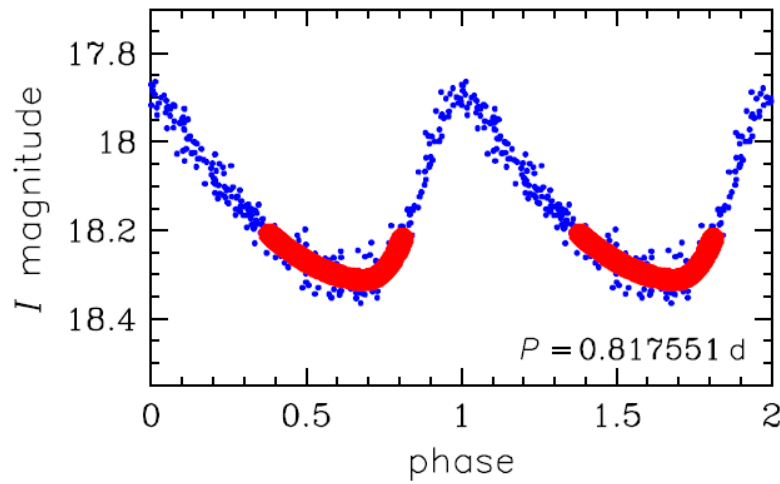
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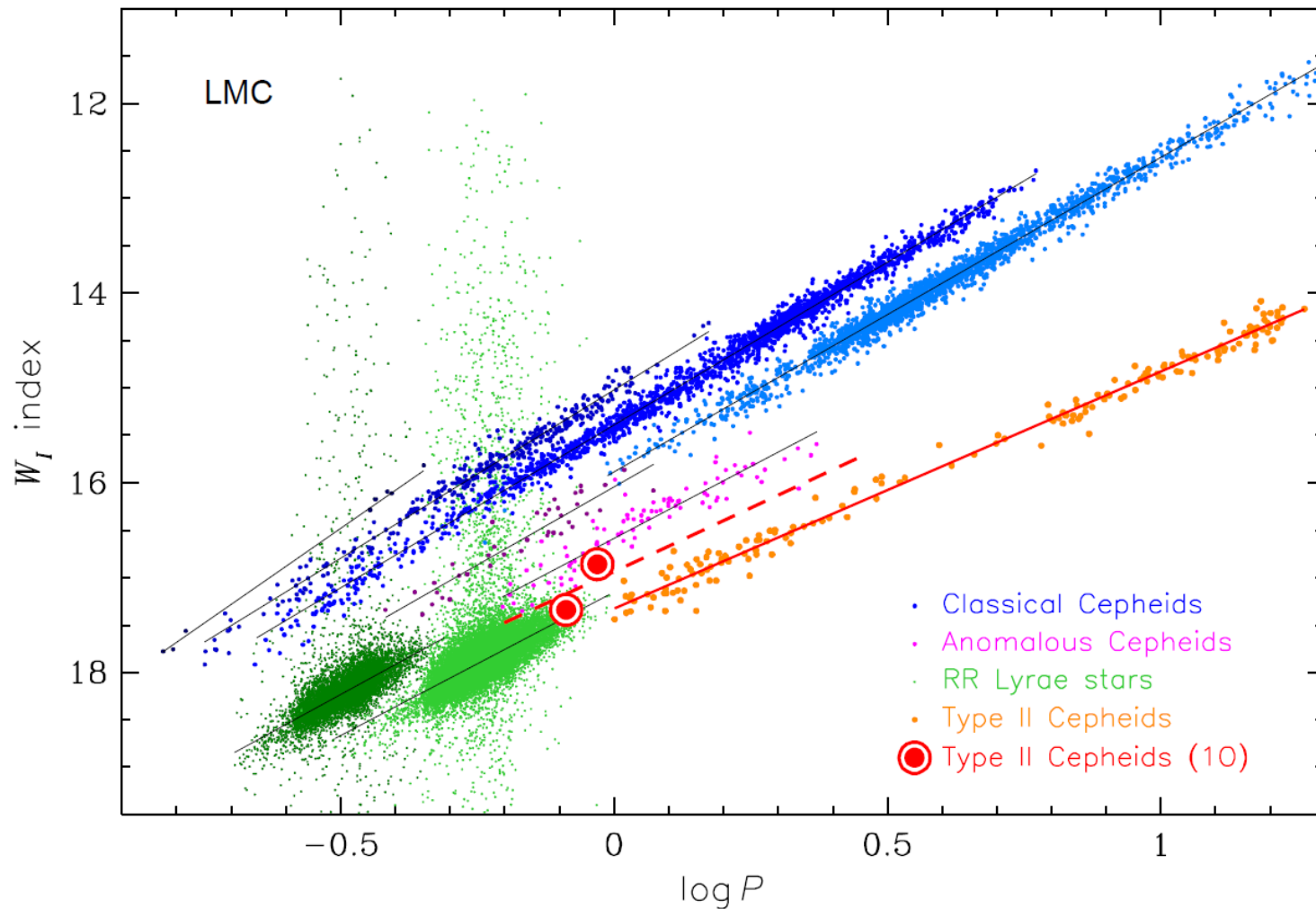
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CONCLUSIONS

- The OGLE project has increased the number of known variable stars by an order of magnitude.
- Huge samples of variable stars are crucial for
 - exploring the statistical properties of stars
 - studying of the structures, formation and evolution of galaxies
 - detecting new types of behaviors and phenomena in variable stars
- Long-term OGLE photometry allows us to study non-stationary behaviors and evolutionary changes in variable stars.