

The Milky Way's Most Metal-Poor Globular Clusters and Their Tidal Streams

or: How I tried to learn about
Multiple Populations in GCs and
ended up studying tidal disruption



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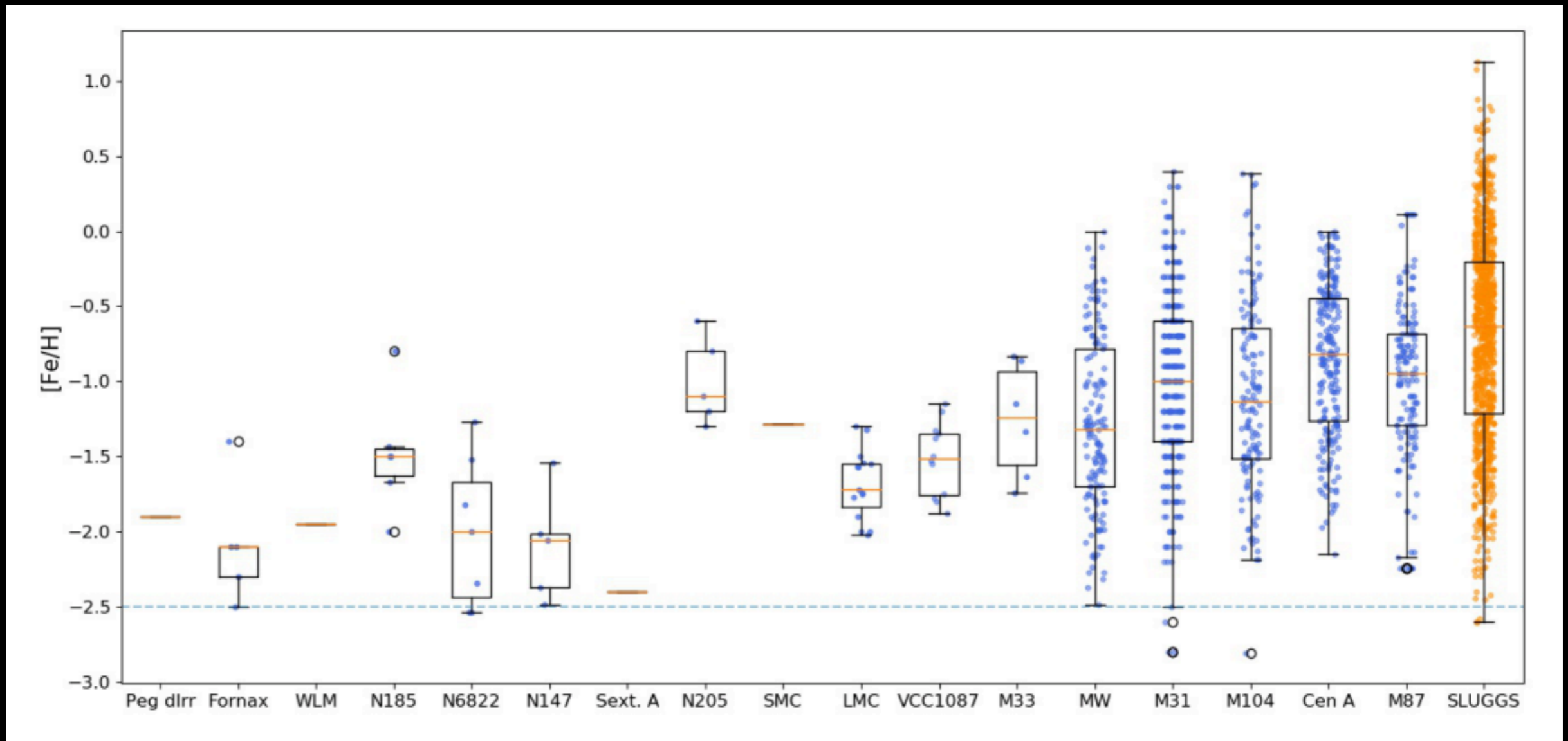
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Jandrie Rodriguez (East LA College), Ji, Simpson, Li, Martell, Bonaca in prep
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Summary

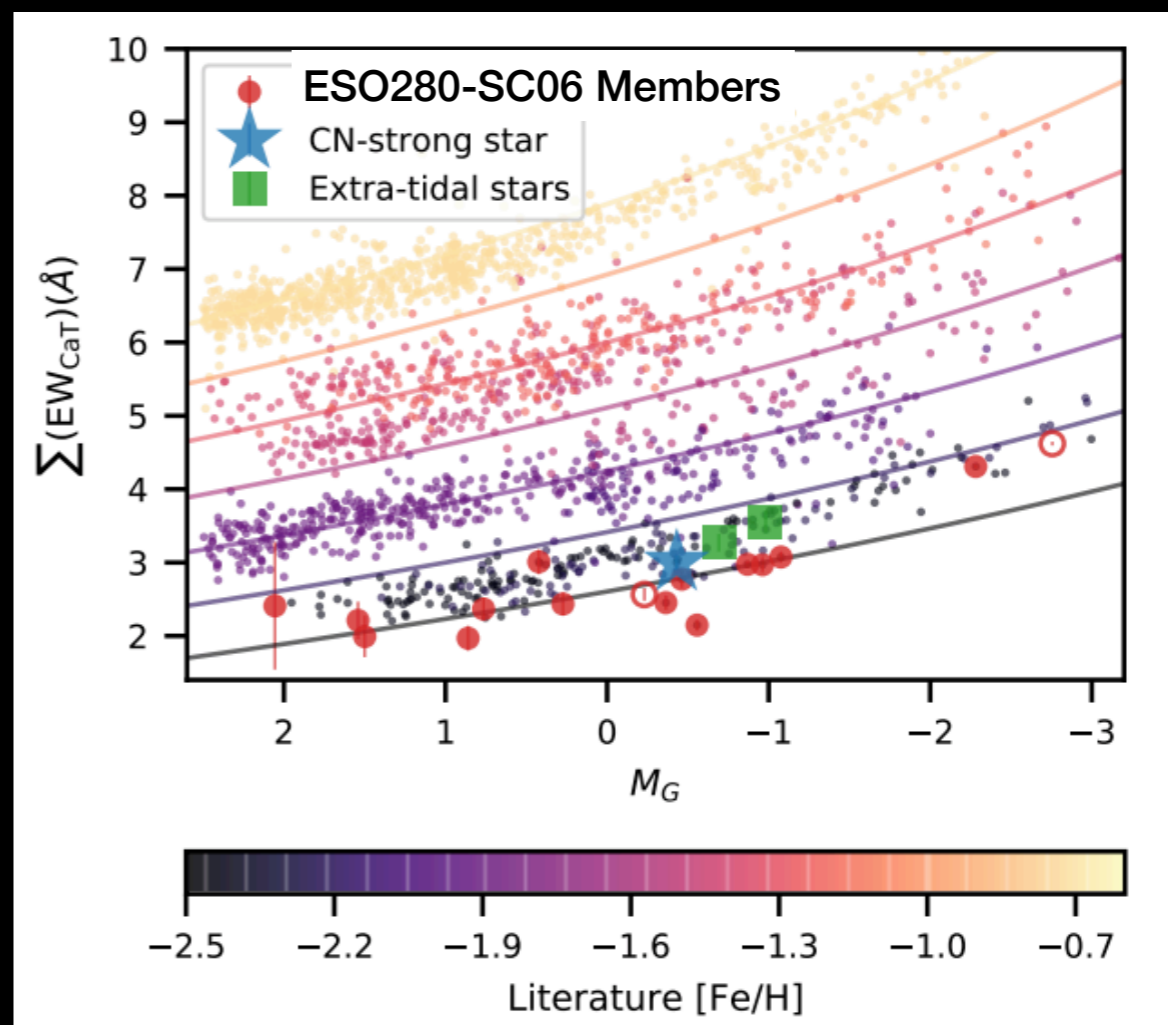
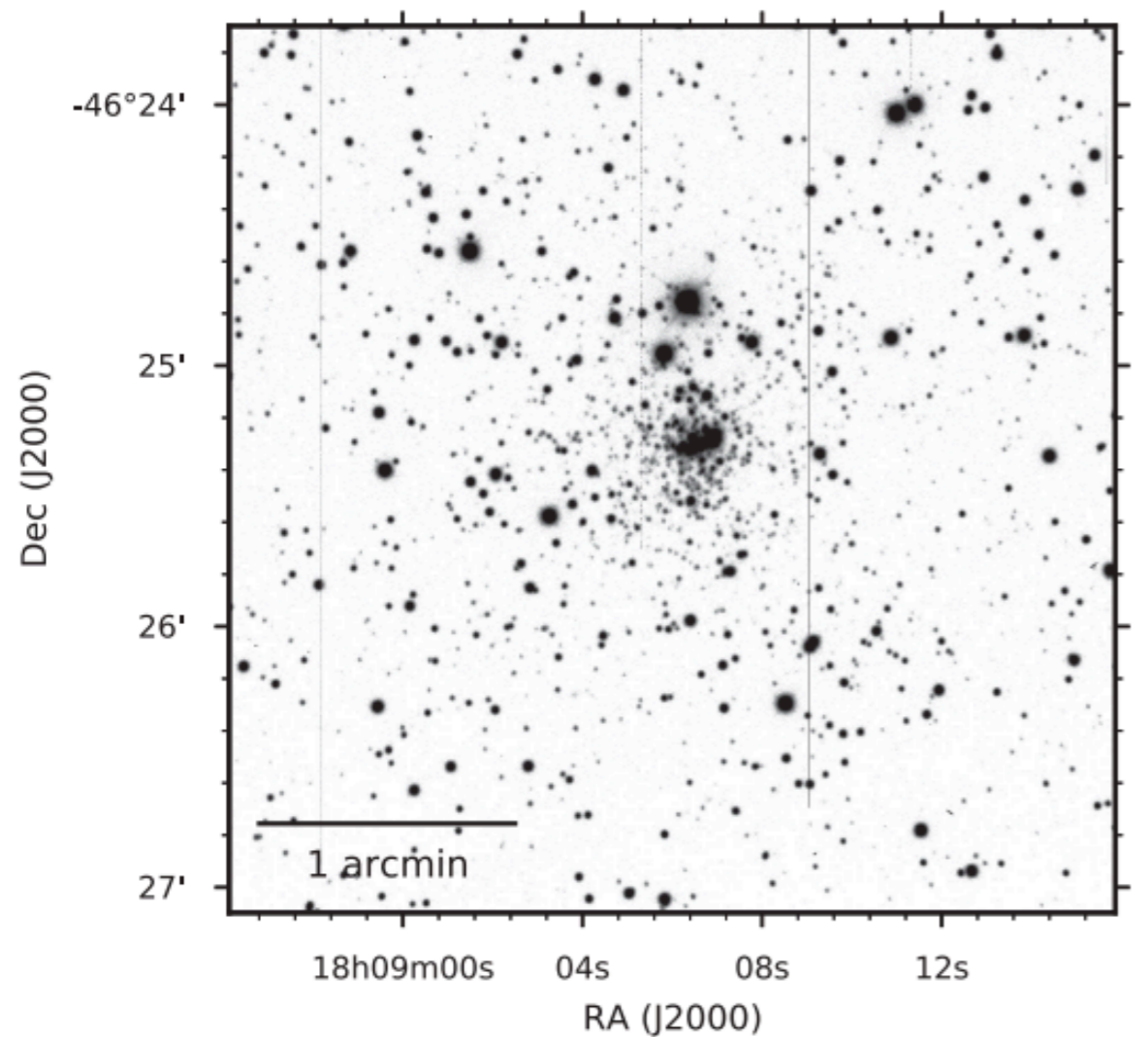
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- Multiple Populations can potentially be used to recover the initial stellar mass of a GC

The Globular Cluster “Metallicity Floor”

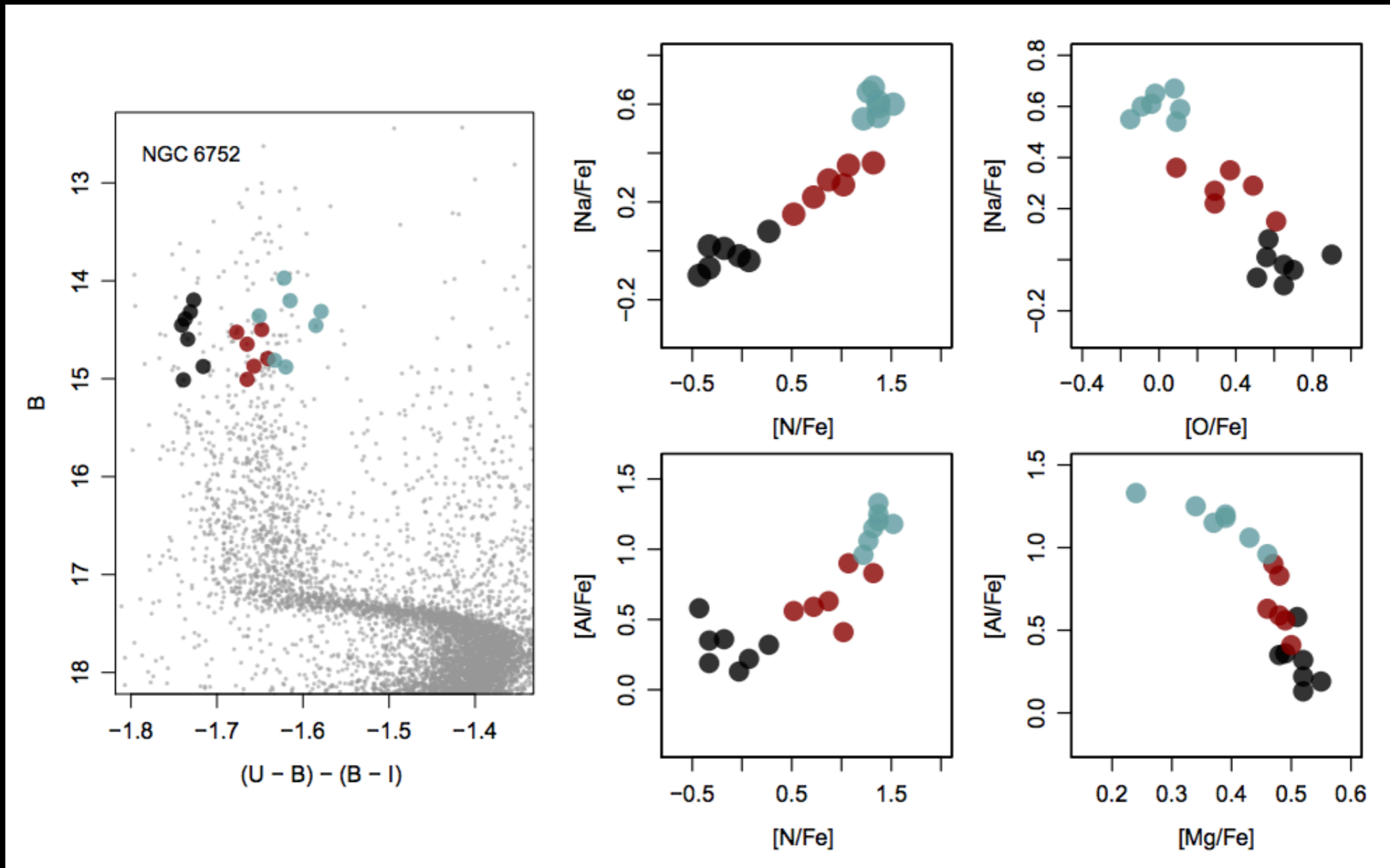


The Faint, Metal-Poor Globular Cluster ESO280-SC06

$M_V = -4.9$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -2.5$
 $M_{\text{star}} \sim 10^4 M_{\text{sun}}$, $d=22\text{kpc}$
The most Fe-poor MW GC
known (in 2018)



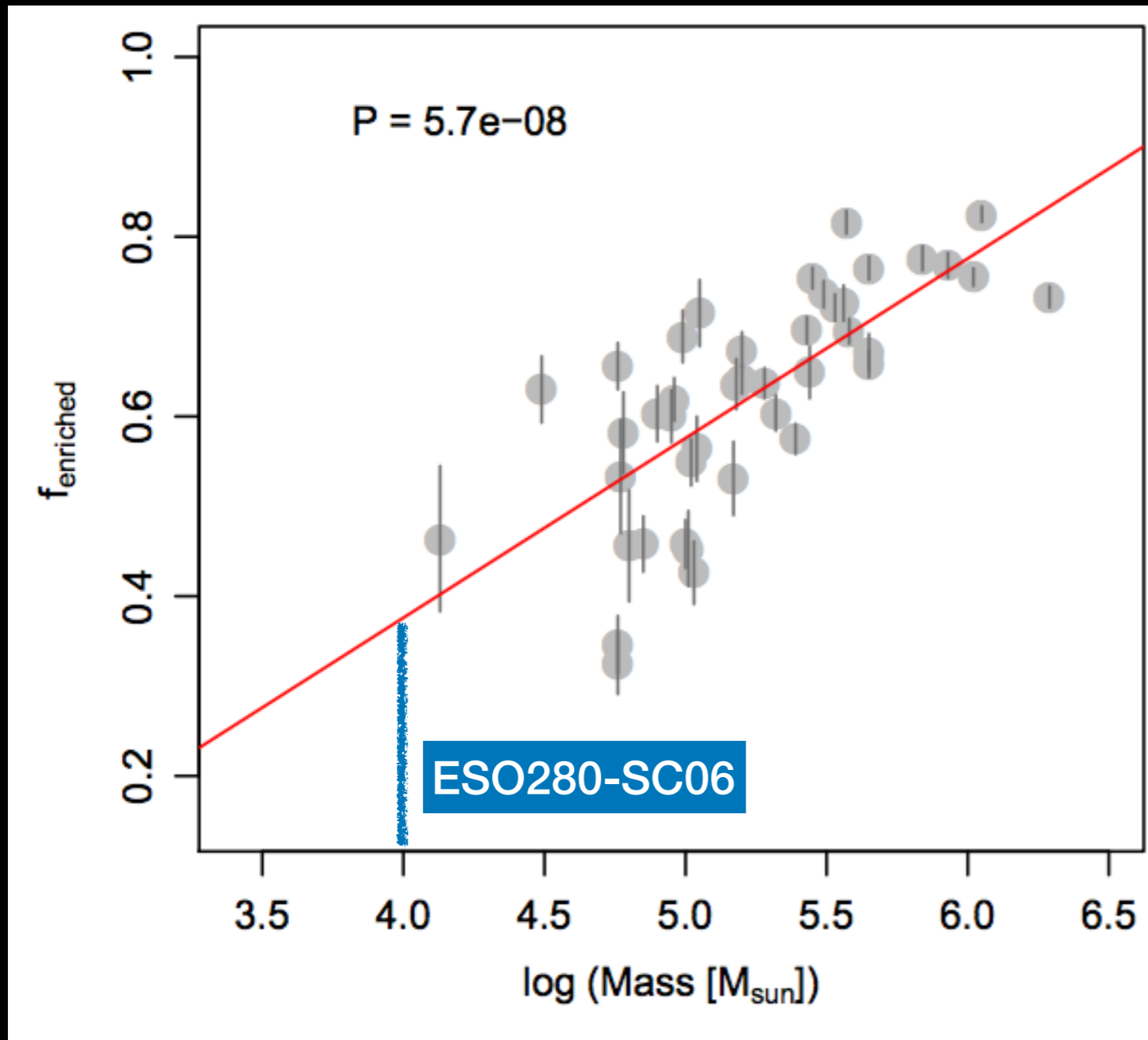
Multiple Populations



Bastian +
Lardo
2018

Black points = “regular” halo star abundances (1P, 1G, primordial, normal, etc)
Red and green points = 2nd/3rd population (2P, 2G, enriched, anomalous, weird, etc)
Enriched star abundances: high N, Na, Al, only occur in GCs

Mass-Enriched Fraction Relation for GCs



Q: could we detect multiple populations in a metal-poor and faint globular cluster?

(Can't use photometry for multiple populations in metal-poor stars)

Measure Abundances with MIKE Spectra

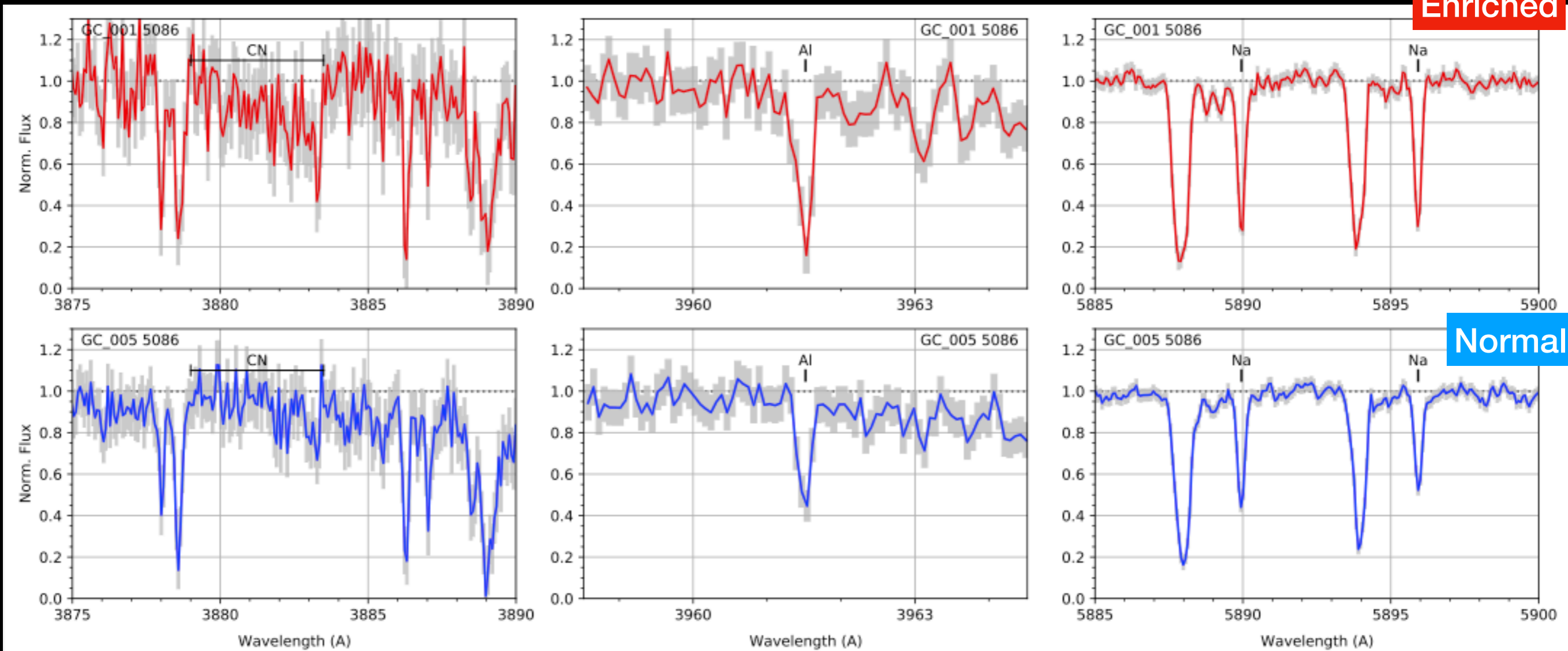
CN

Al

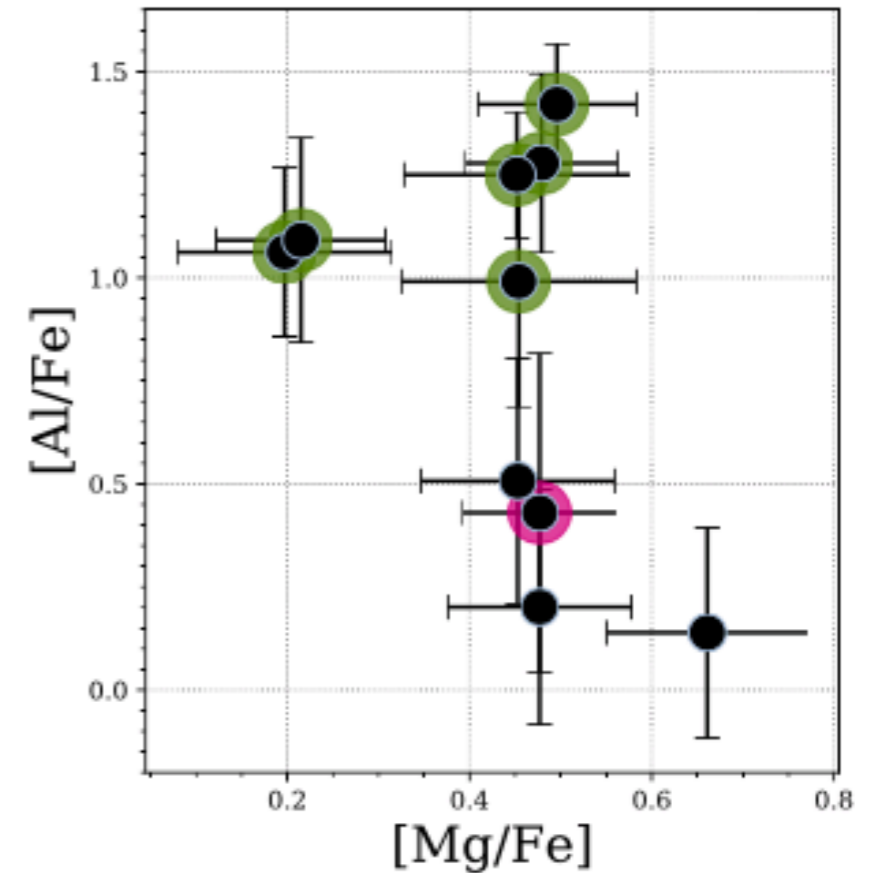
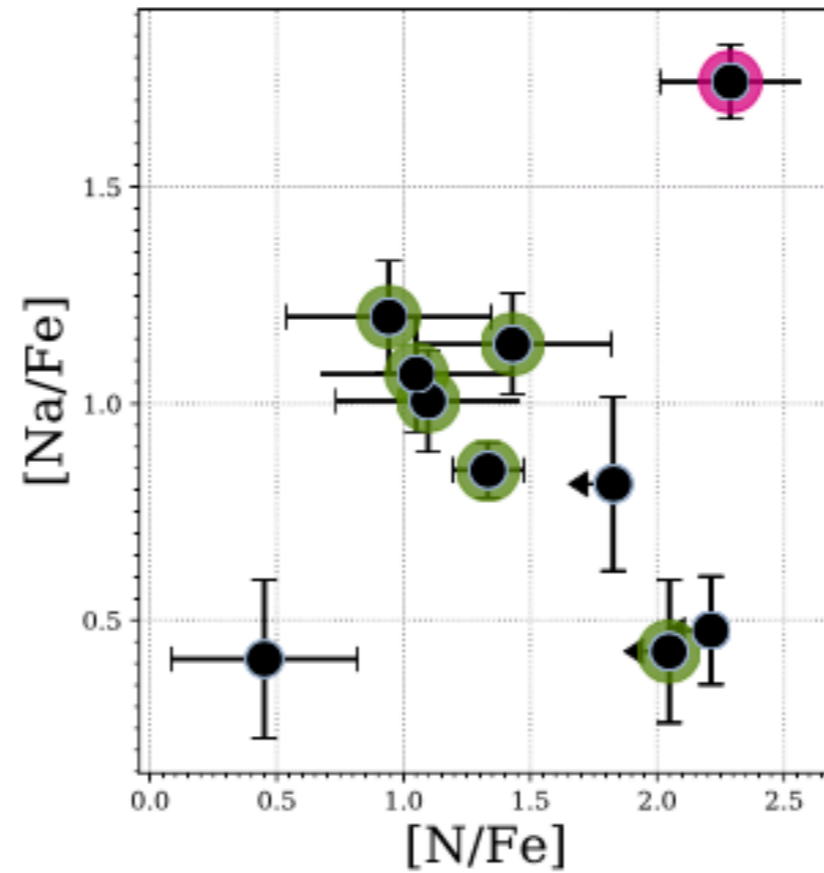
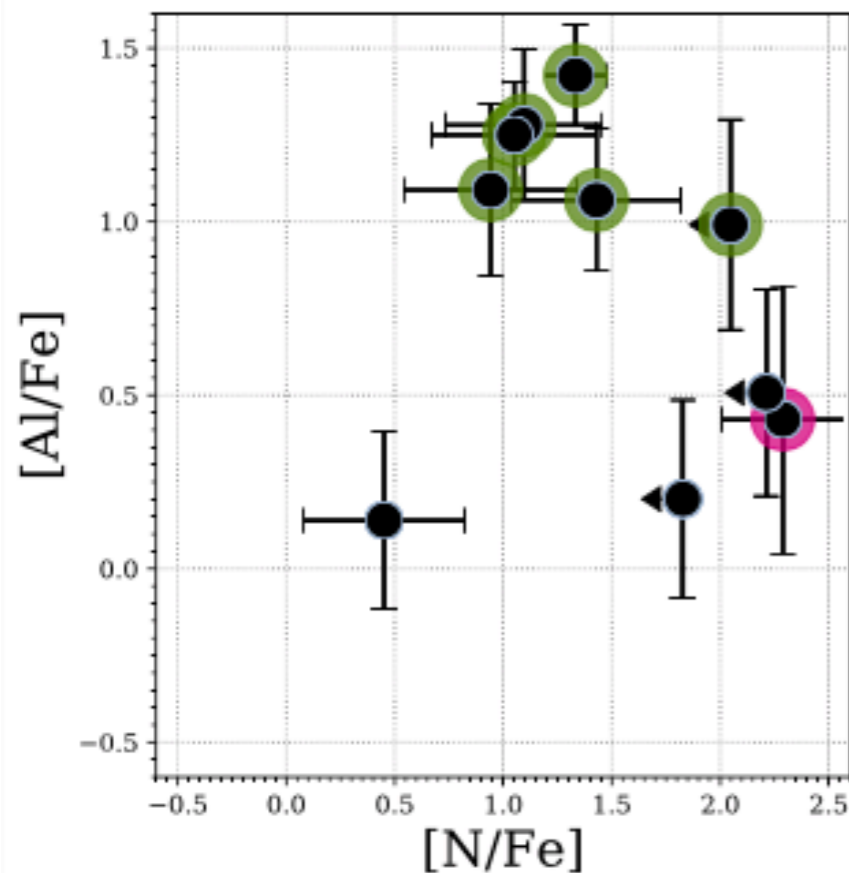
Na

Enriched

Normal



50-70% of ESO280-SC06 stars are enriched

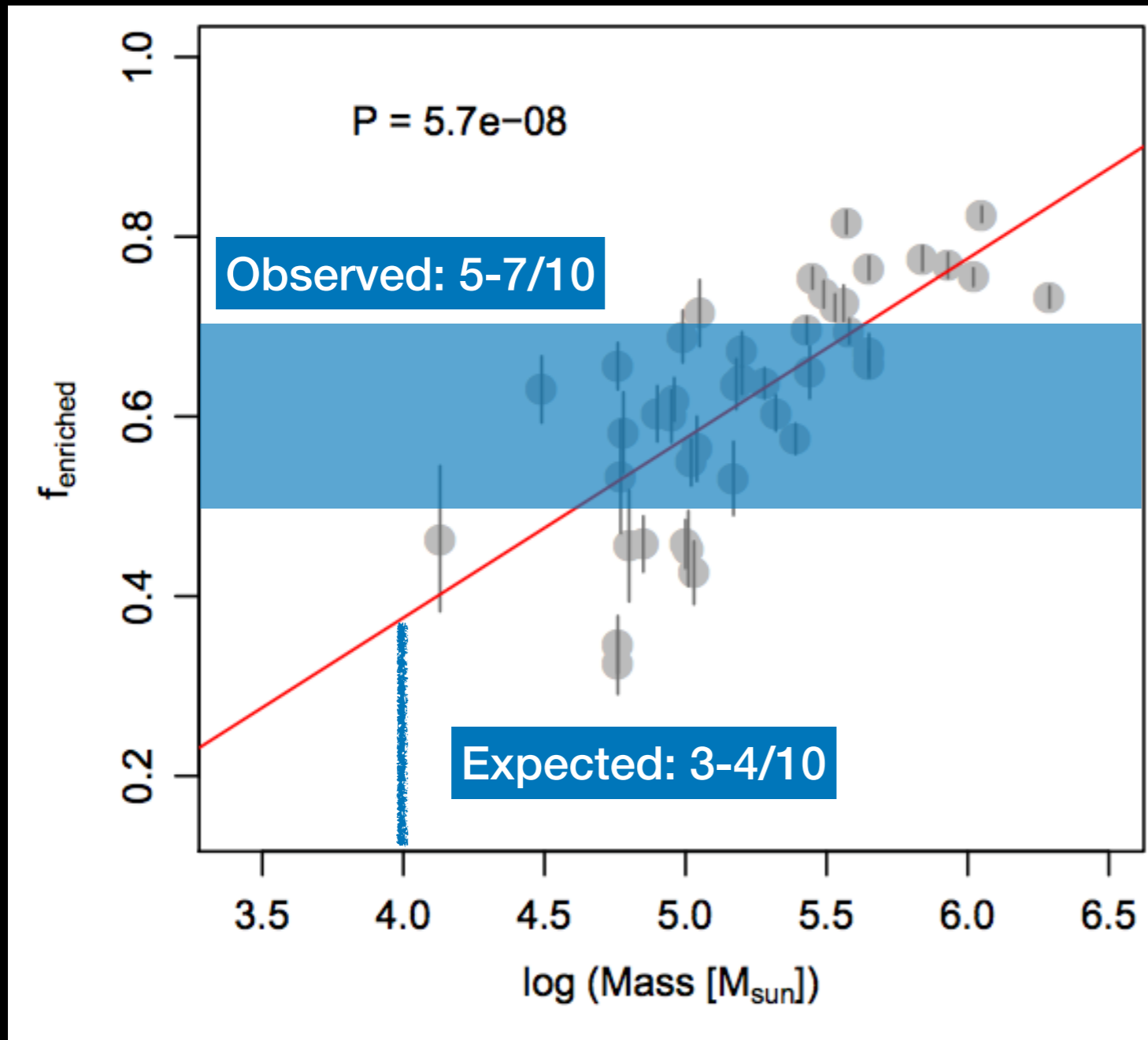


6 stars have high Al (+1 in LTE); 6 stars have high Na

(1 star has high C, N, and Ba, AGB binary mass transfer)



Observed vs expected



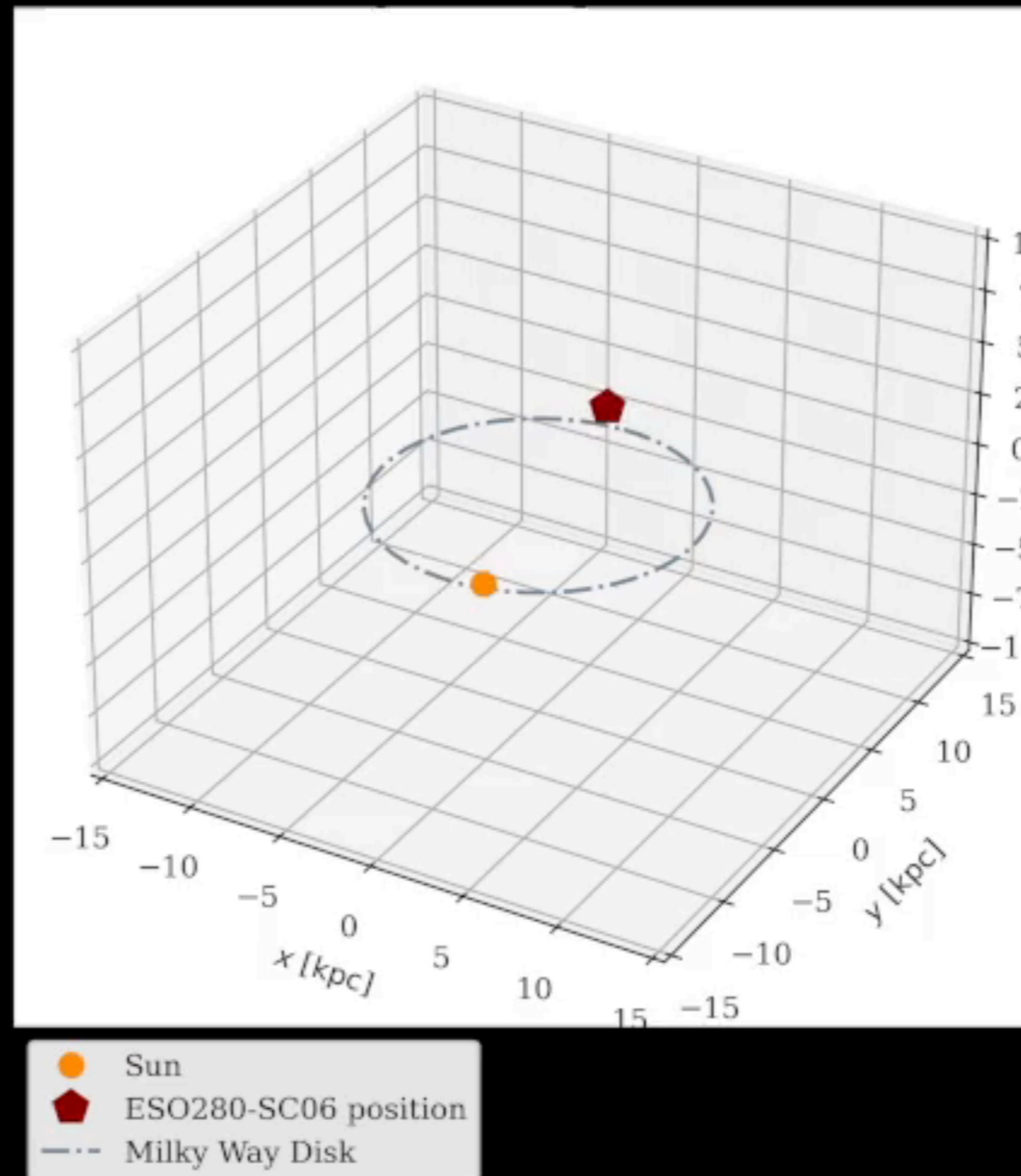
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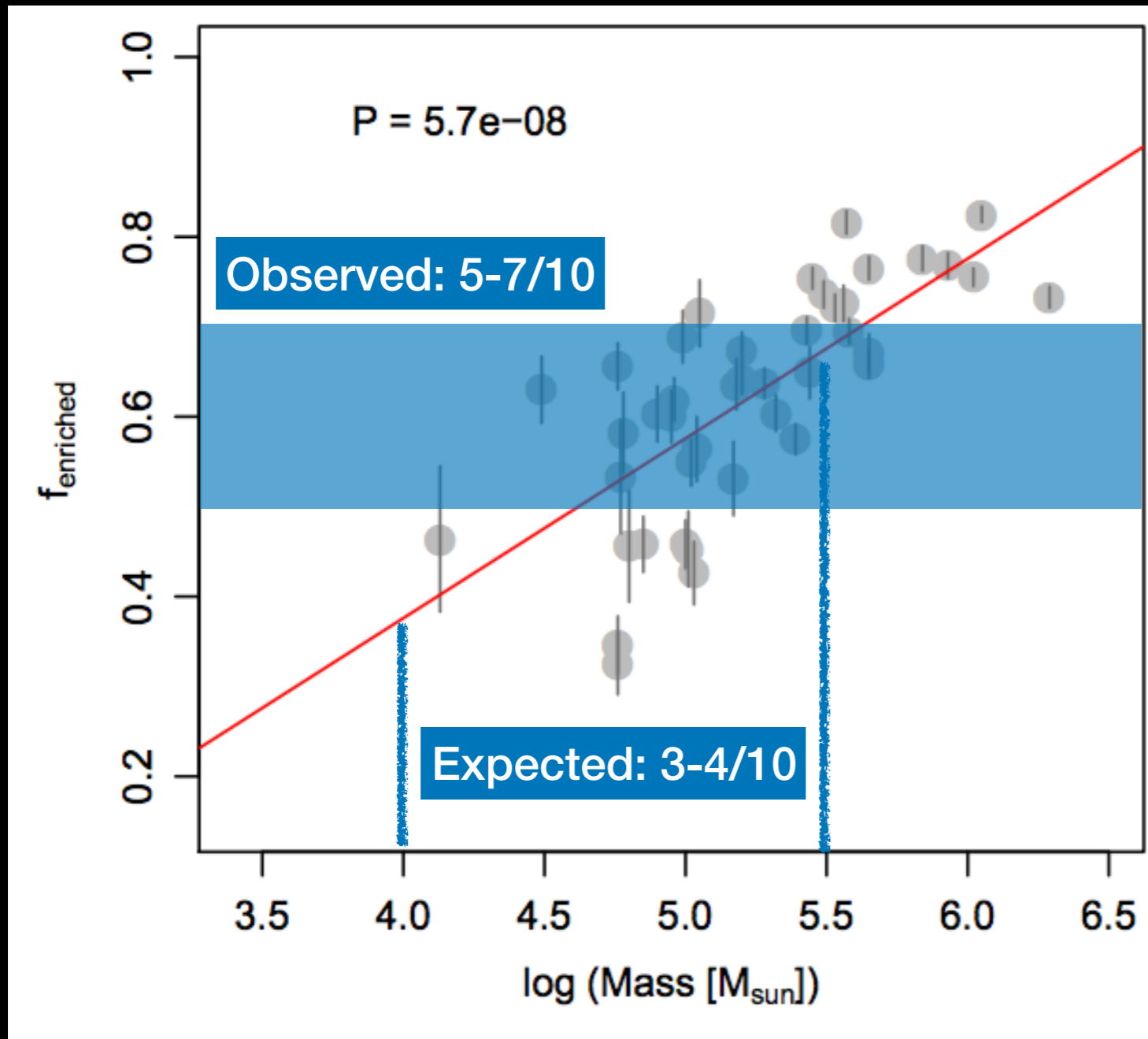
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ESO280-SC06 Orbit

Low pericenter -> Likely Tidal Disruption



Observed vs expected mass based on orbit

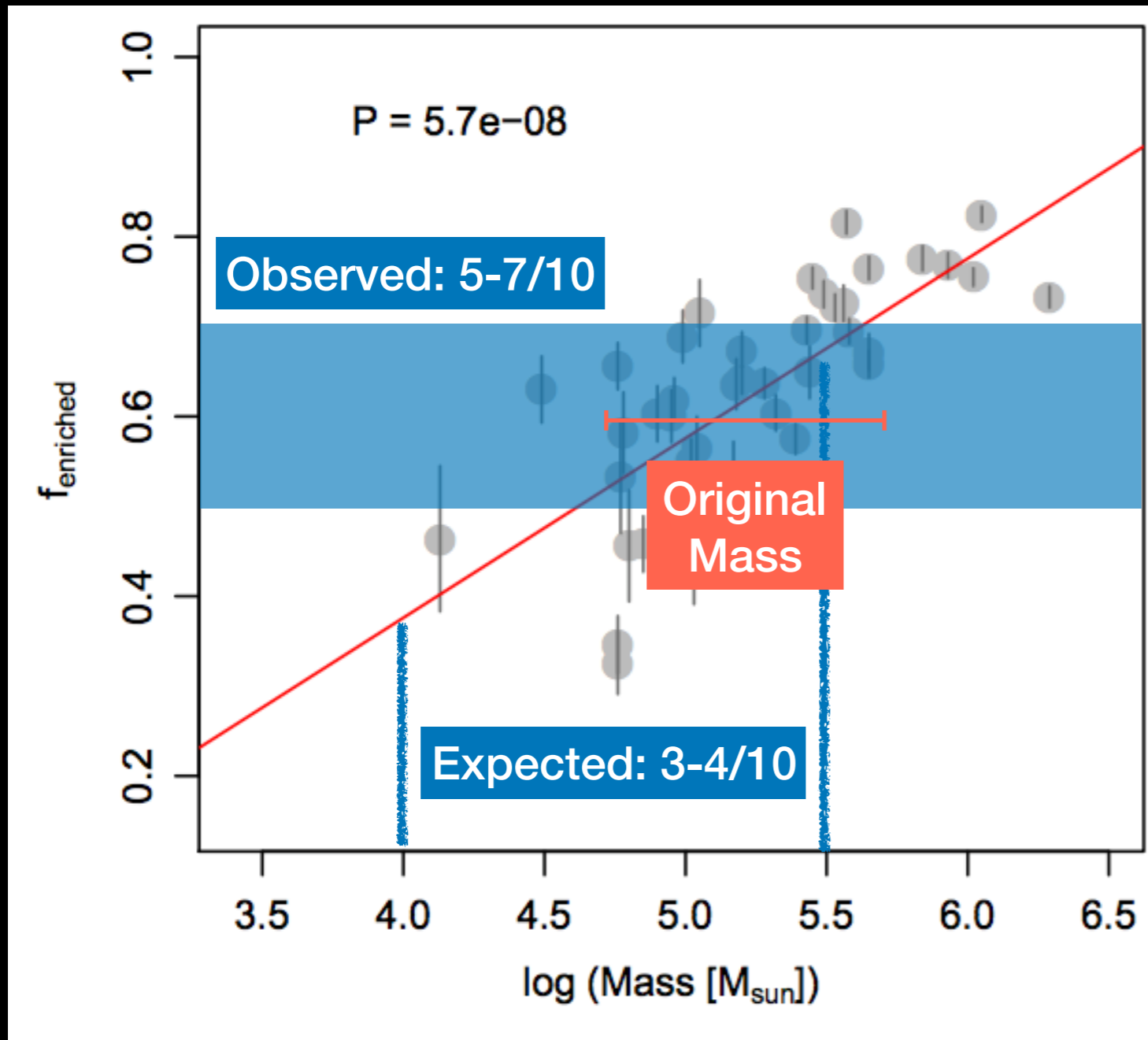


Orbital tidal stripping analysis
predicts $\sim 10^{5.5} M_{\text{sun}}$ original mass

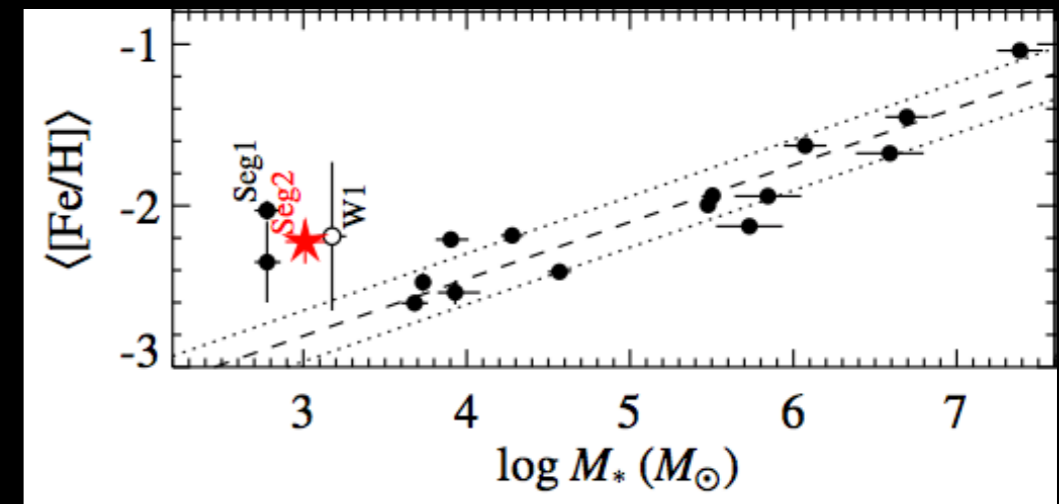
Currently a few % of its original mass:
Right before full disruption



Use f_{enriched} to find initial mass before tidal disruption



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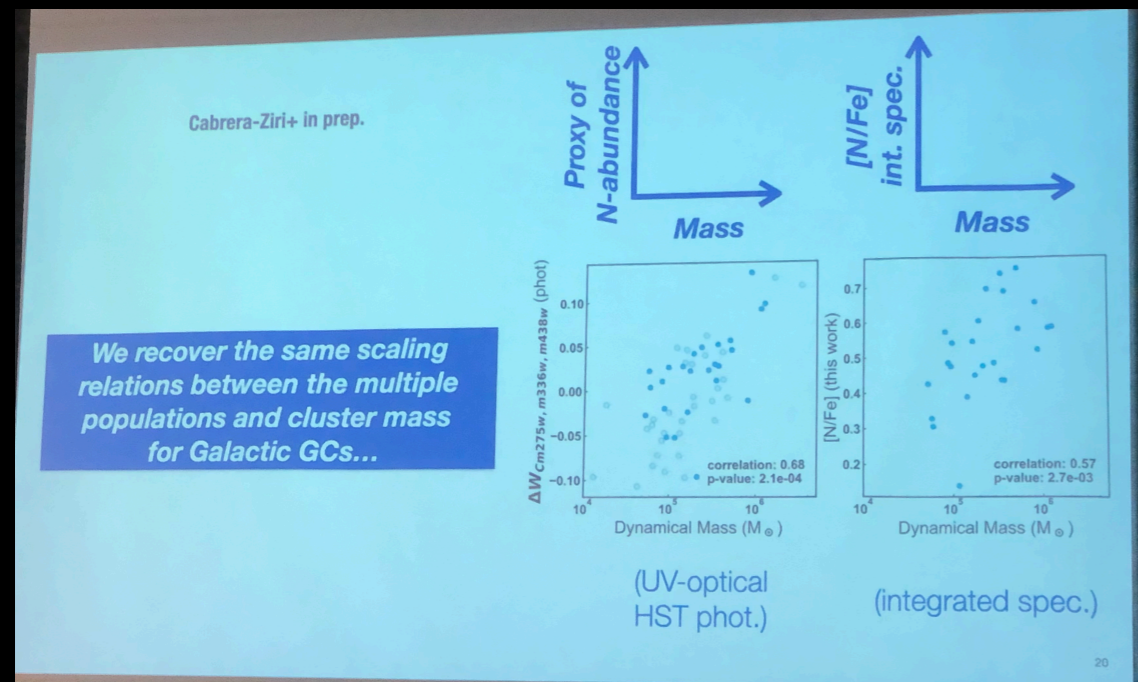


Kirby et al. 2013
Same mass loss argument for
dwarf galaxy mass-metallicity relation

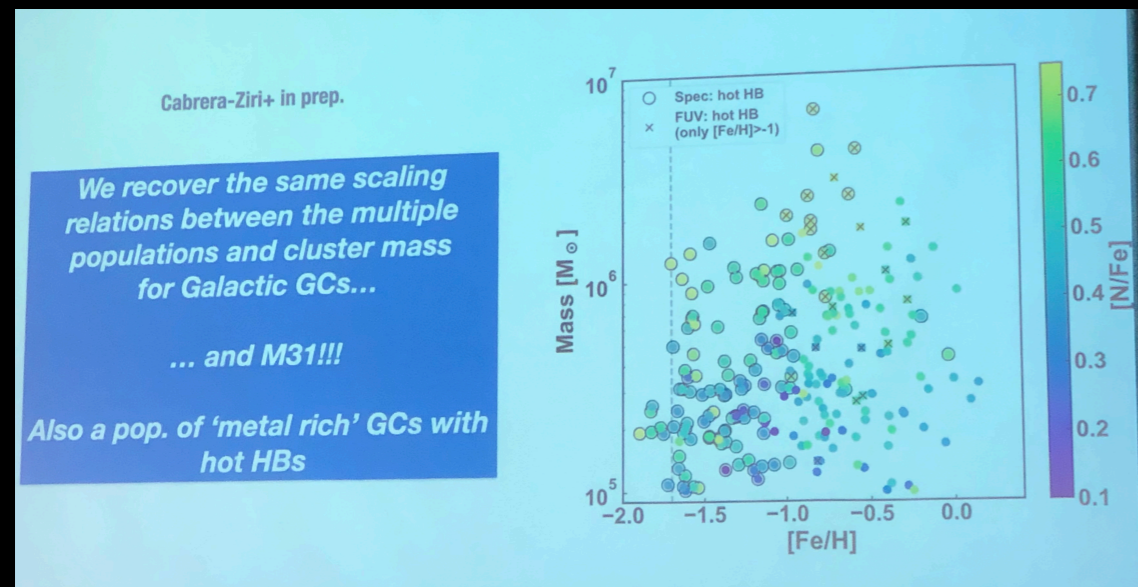


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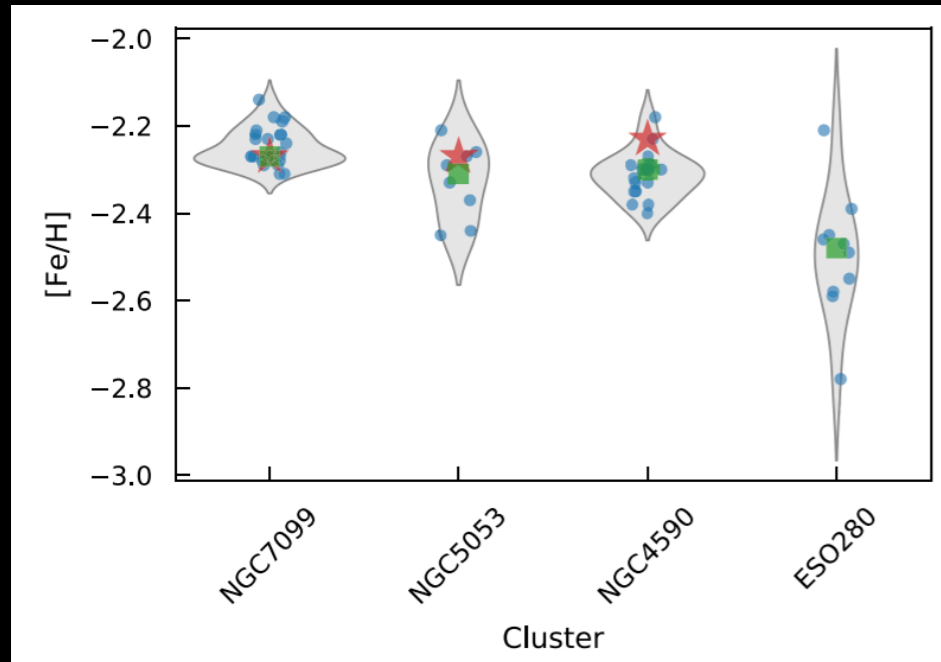
Do this outside the Milky Way?!



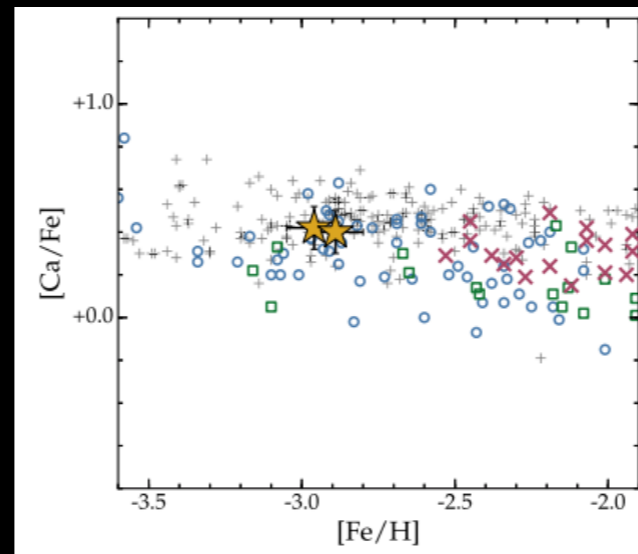
- Ivan Cabrera-Ziri's talk this morning:
 $[N/Fe]_{IL} \rightarrow$ Dynamical Mass
- GC mass loss in external galaxies



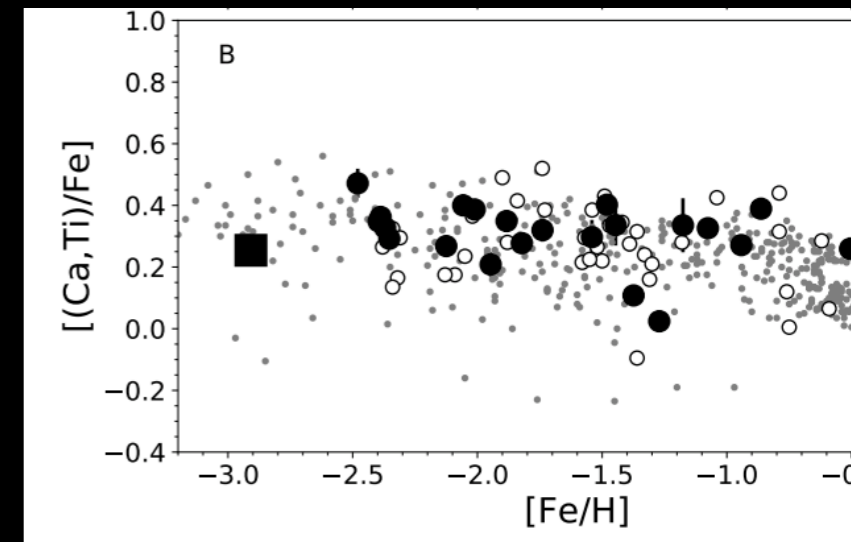
No GC metallicity floor



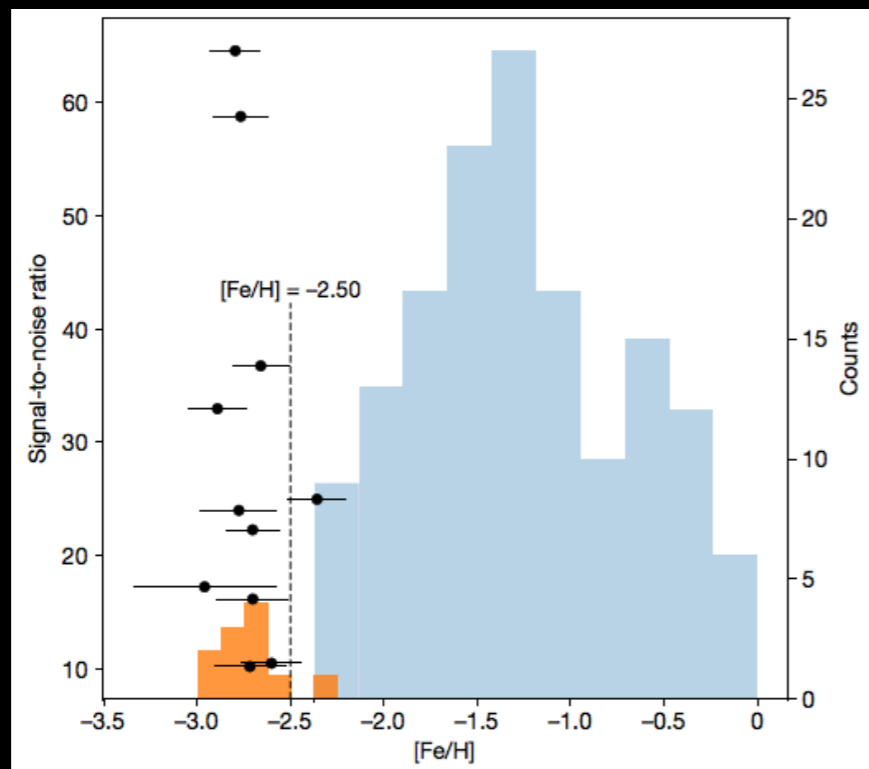
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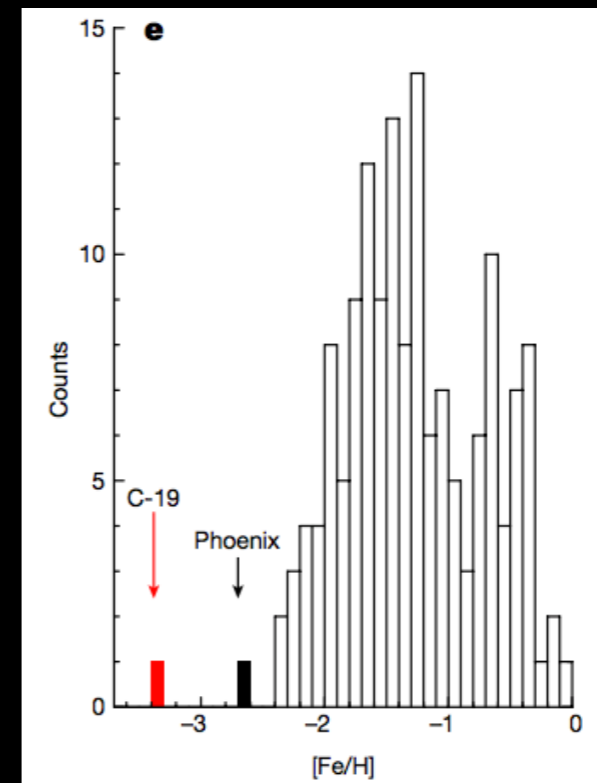
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Roederer & Gnedin 2020



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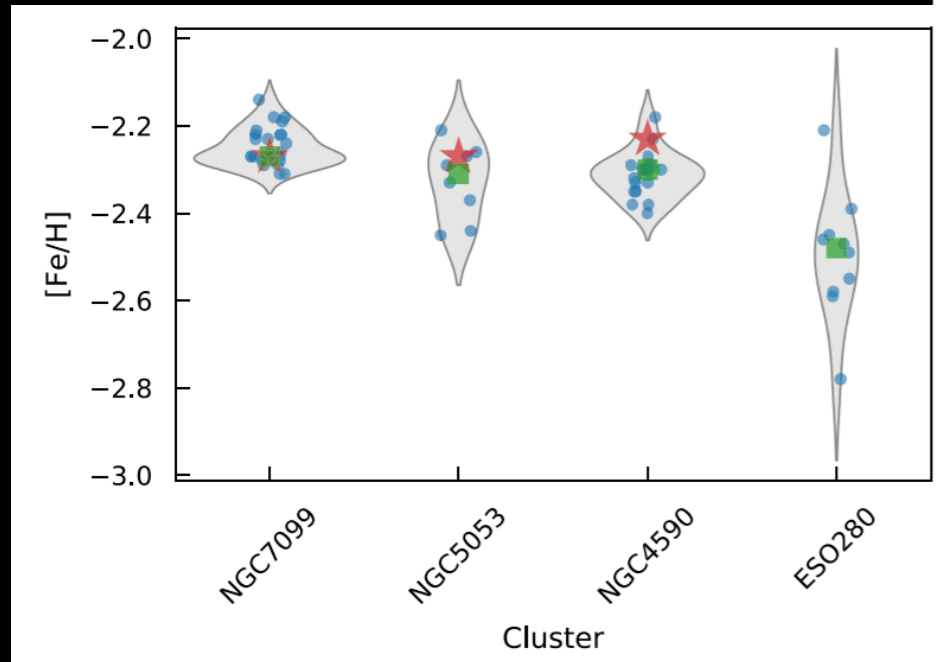


Phoenix Stream, $[Fe/H] = -2.7$
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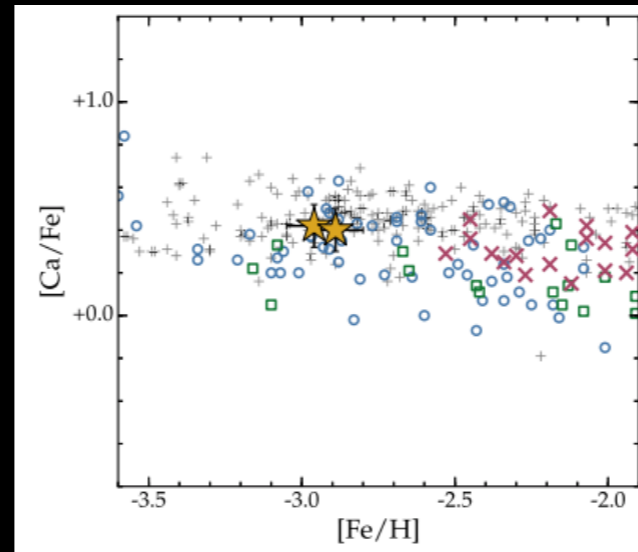


C-19 Stream, $[Fe/H] = -3.3$
Martin et al. 2022

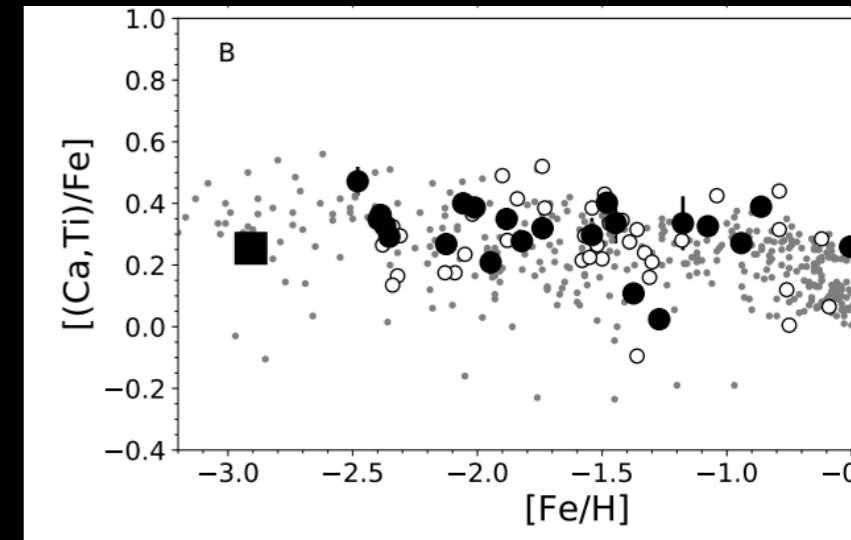
The most metal-poor MW GCs are tidally disrupting/disrupted



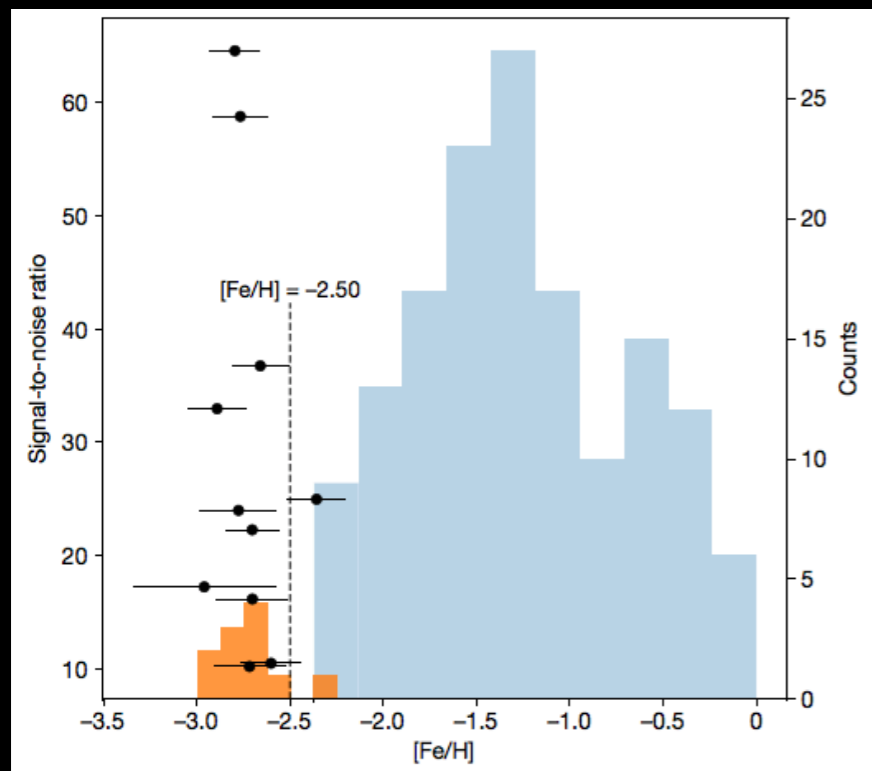
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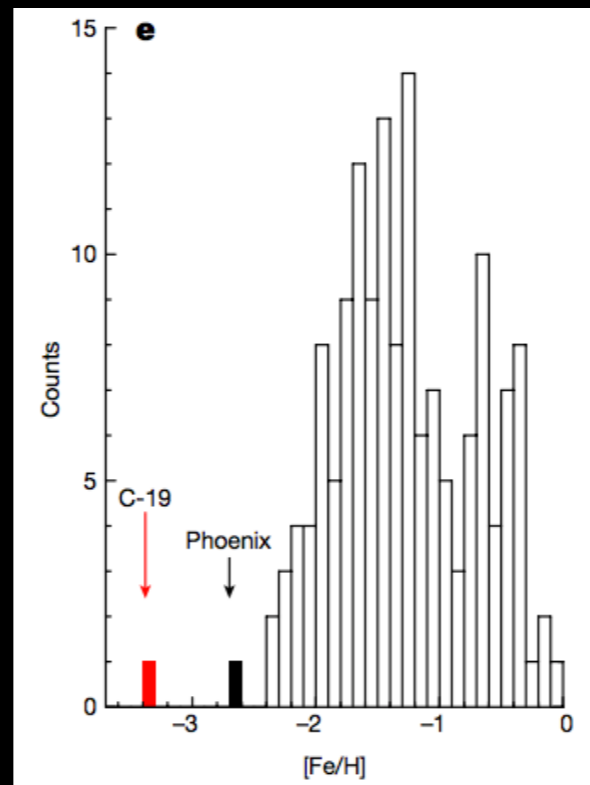
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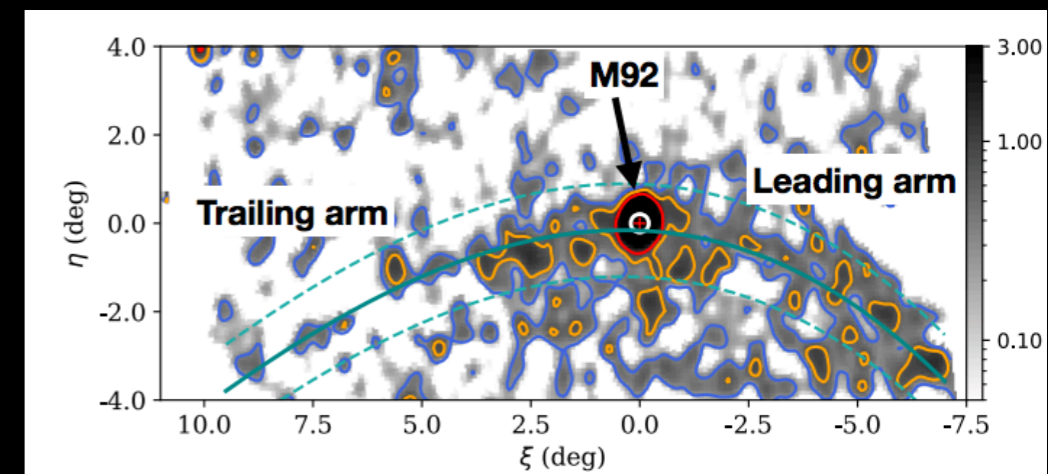
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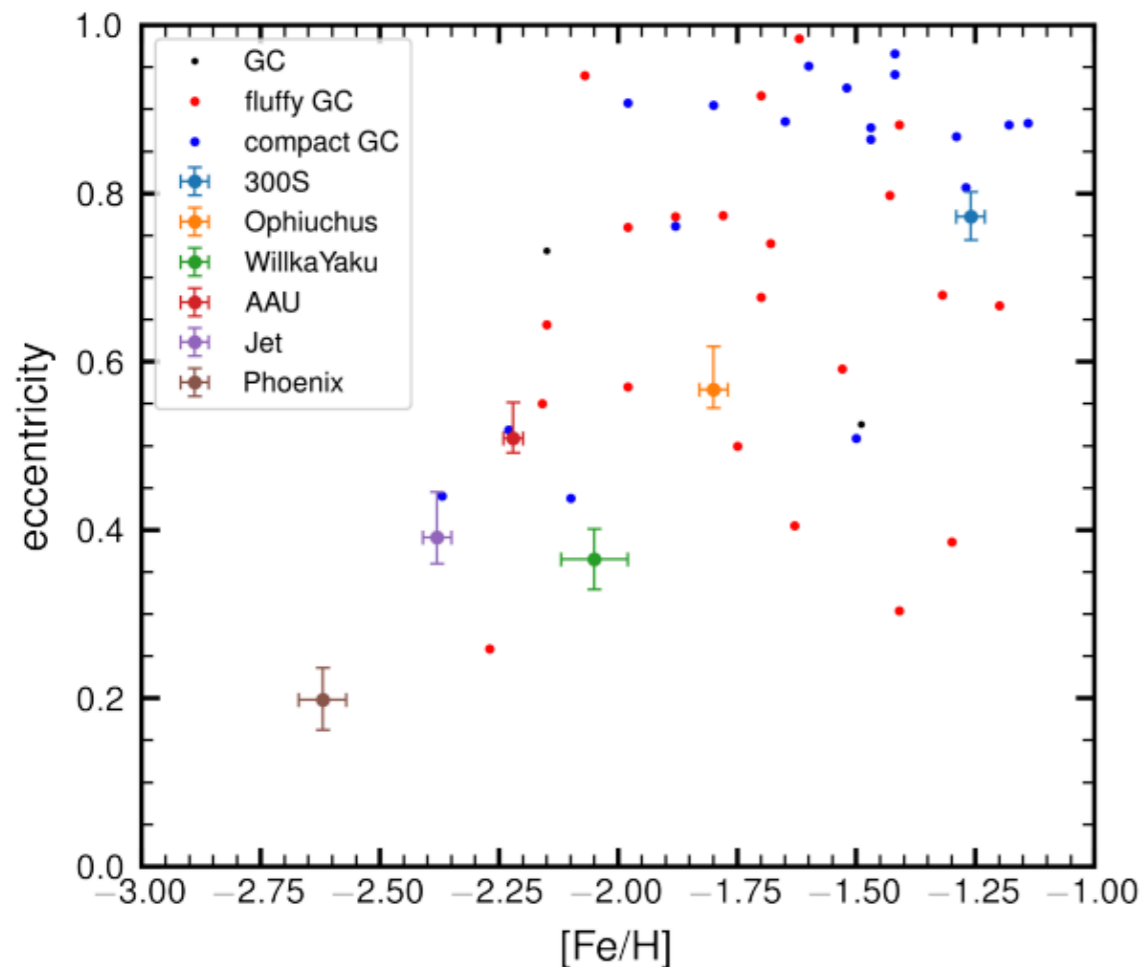


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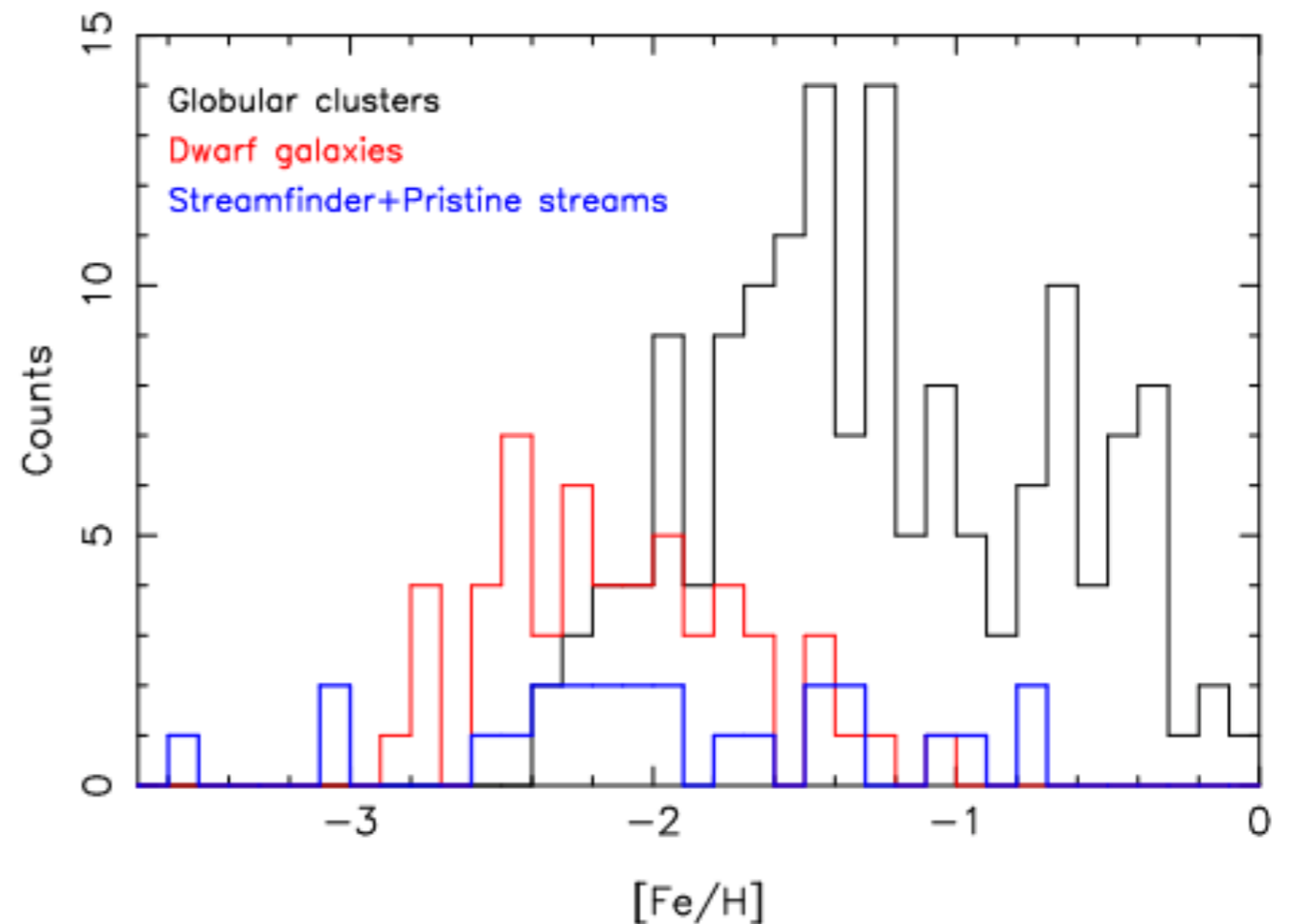


M92 Stream
Thomas et al. 2020

MW GC Streams are Preferentially Metal-Poor



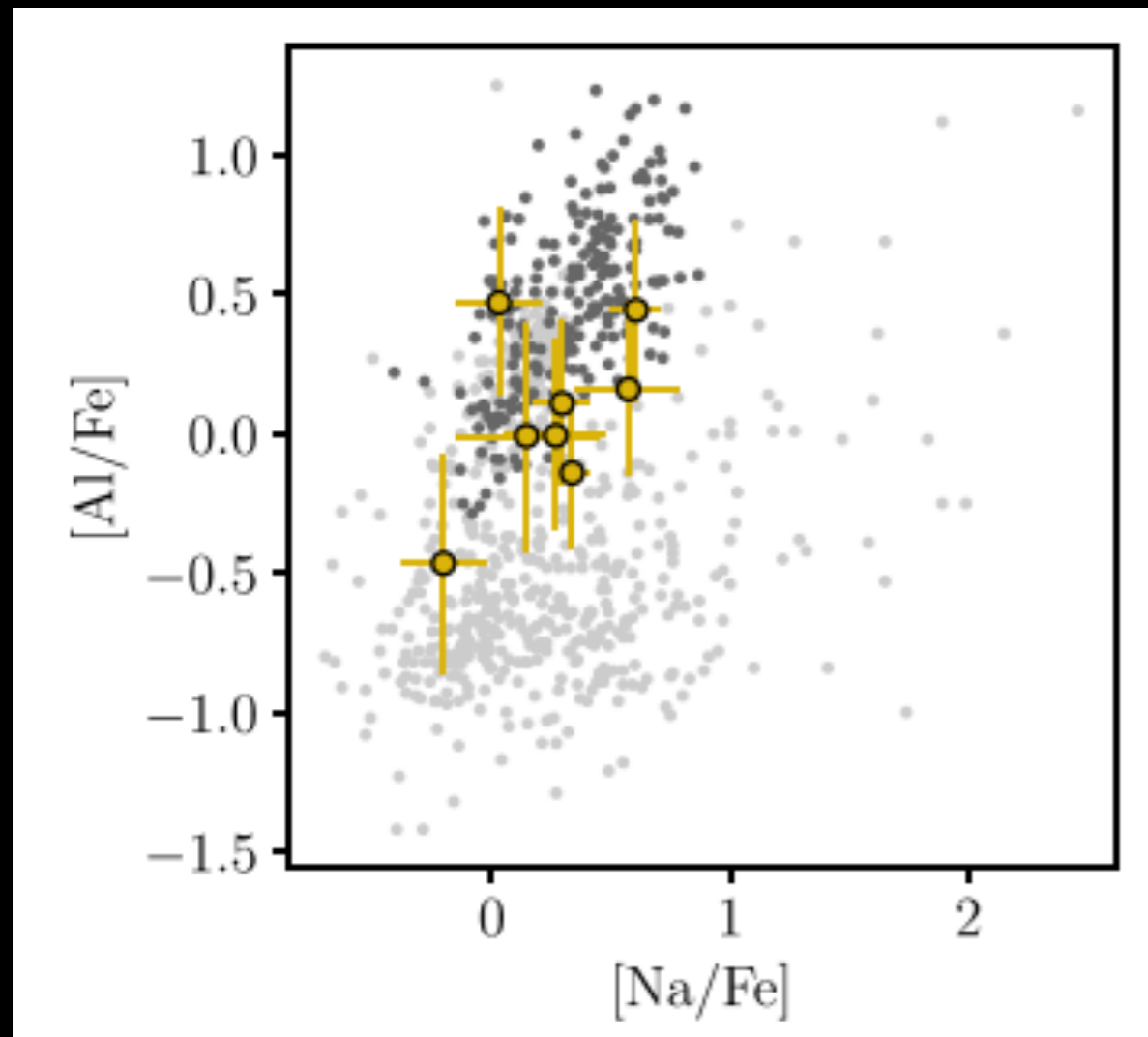
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Martin et al. 2022b

(Could be a selection effect?)

Multiple Populations in Phoenix GC Stream $[Fe/H]=-2.7$



- Na-Al correlation but large uncertainties
- Best guess f_{enriched} is $\sim 2/8 = 25\%$
- To get $\sim 10\%$ f_{enriched} statistical uncertainty, need to classify ~ 20 stars

Some questions

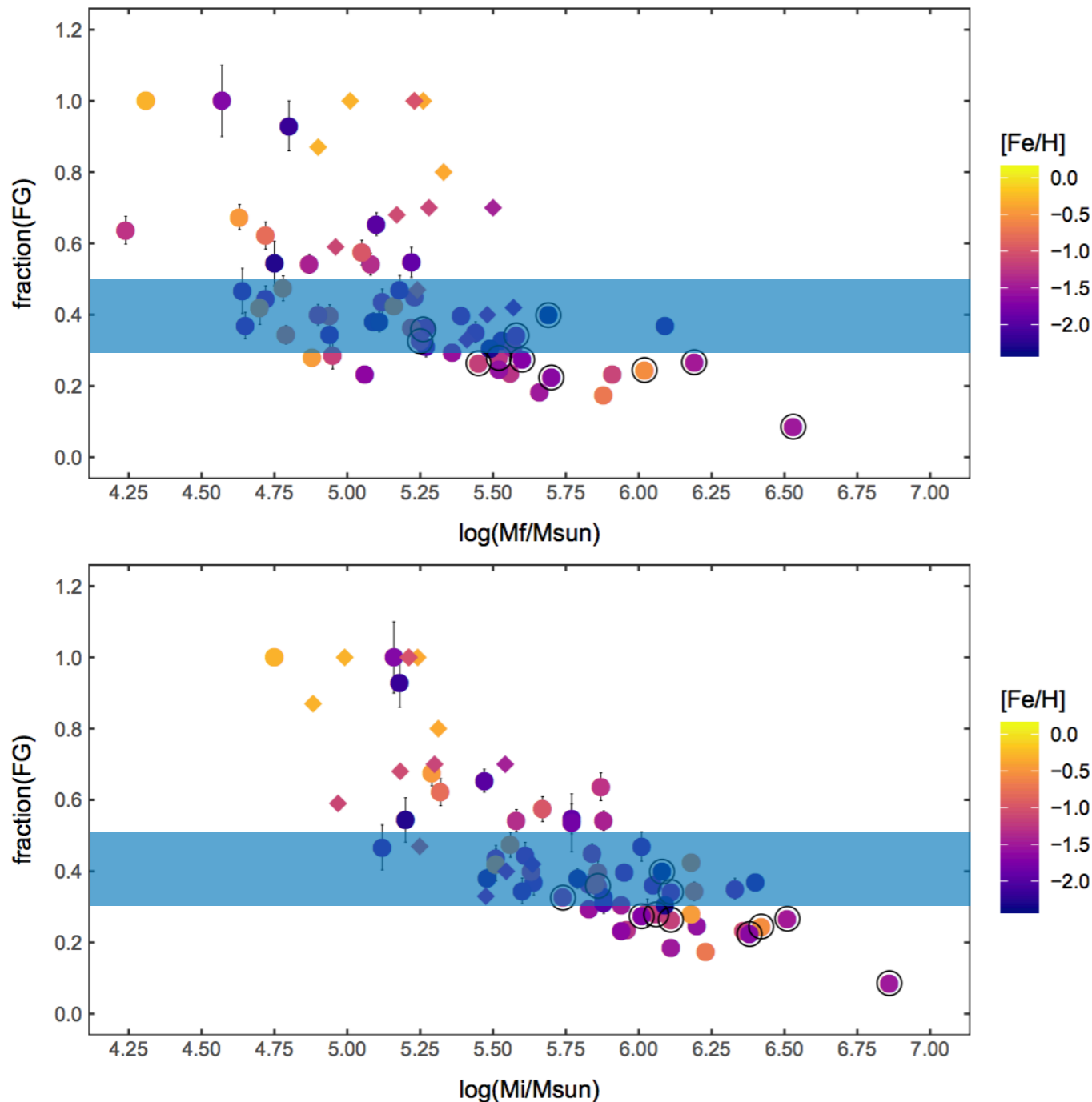
- Do GC formation models make GCs with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \leq -3$?
Are they mostly tidally disrupted today?
- Can we find disrupted metal-poor GC streams outside the Milky Way?
- Since we don't know its physical origin, is it reasonable to use the f_{enriched} vs. mass trend to obtain GC initial masses?

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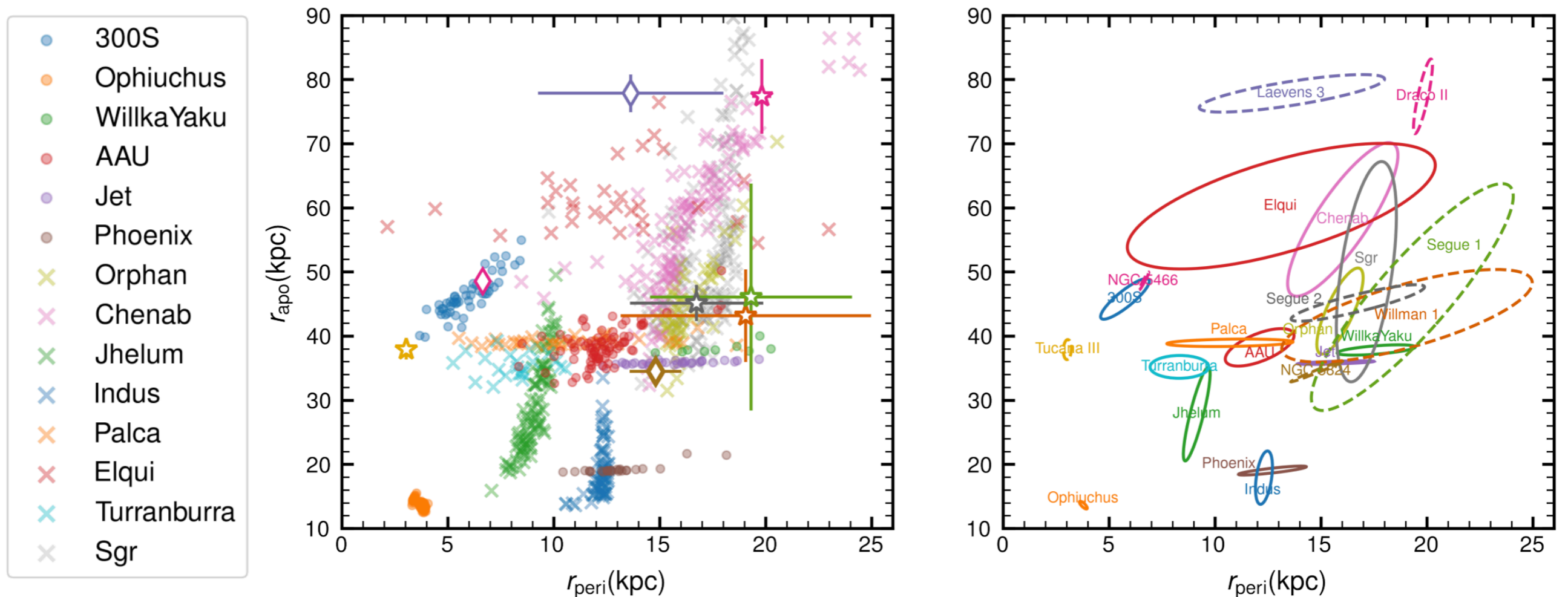
Correcting Initial Mass vs f_{enriched} for tidal disruption

- Gratton+2019 using Baumgardt+2019 initial masses



S5 Streams

Apocenter + Pericenter



S5 GC streams: pericenters 5-15kpc, apocenters 15-50 kpc

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