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The Planetary Nebula Luminosity Function (PNLF) explored with BlueMUSE

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- (1) The Planetary Nebula Luminosity Function (PNLF)
- (2) Early PN observations with IFUs
- (3) MUSE-PNLF and the Differential Emission Line Filter (DELFI)
- (4) PNLF with BlueMUSE

(1) The Planetary Nebula Luminosity Function

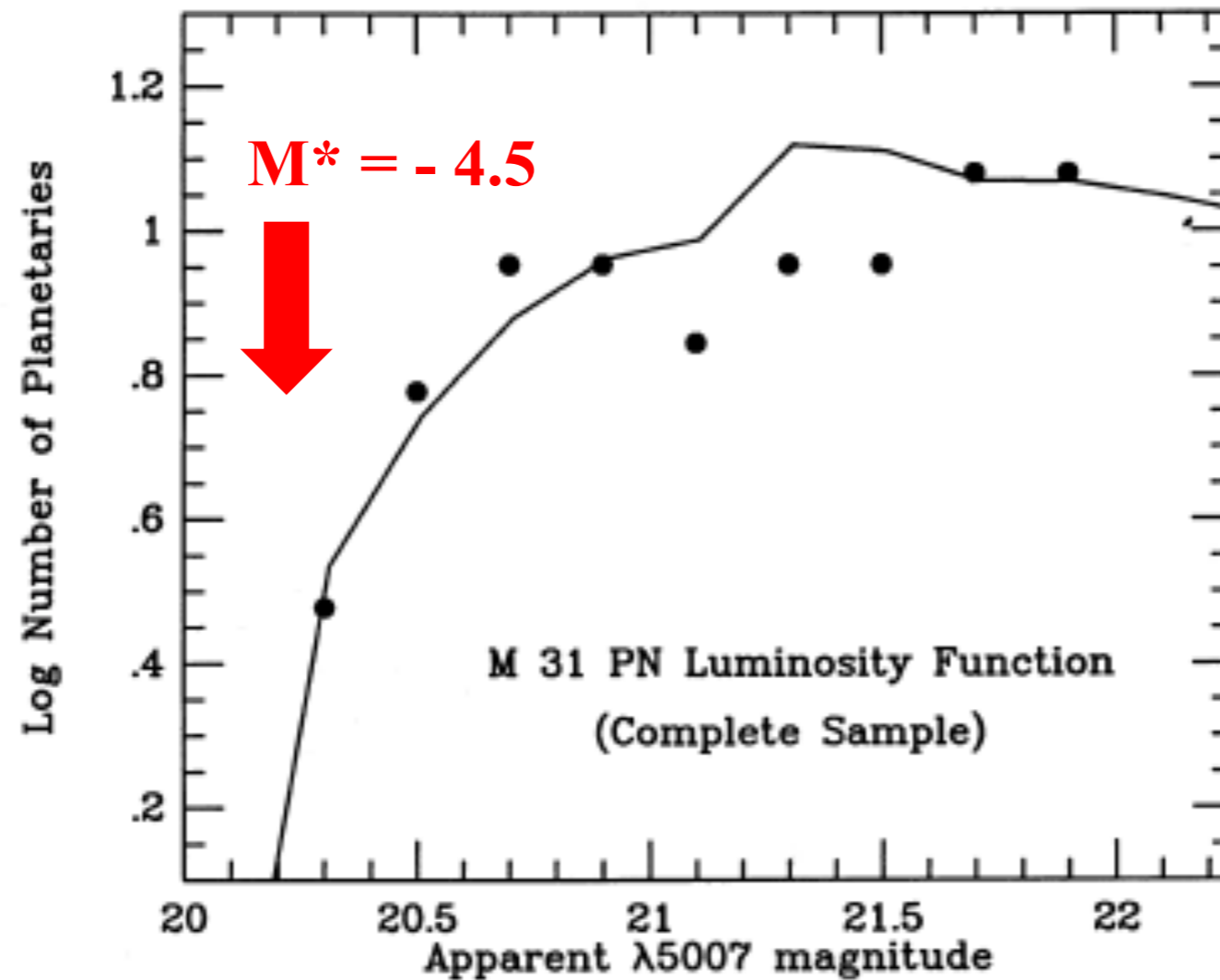
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	<p>Welcome - ZOOM Link</p>	<p>Welcome - ZOOM Link</p>
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(1) The Planetary Nebula Luminosity Function

Ciardullo, Jacoby, Ford, Neill 1989, ApJ 339, 53

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$$m_{5007} = -2.5 \log F_{5007} - 13.74$$

$$N(M) \propto e^{0.307M} \{1 - e^{3(M^* - M)}\}$$

see recent review by
Robin Ciardullo (2022)
Frontiers in Astronomy and
Space Science, Vol. 9, 896326

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Harmonizing Cosmic Distance Scales in a Post-Hipparcos Era
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Future Directions for the Planetary Nebula Luminosity Function

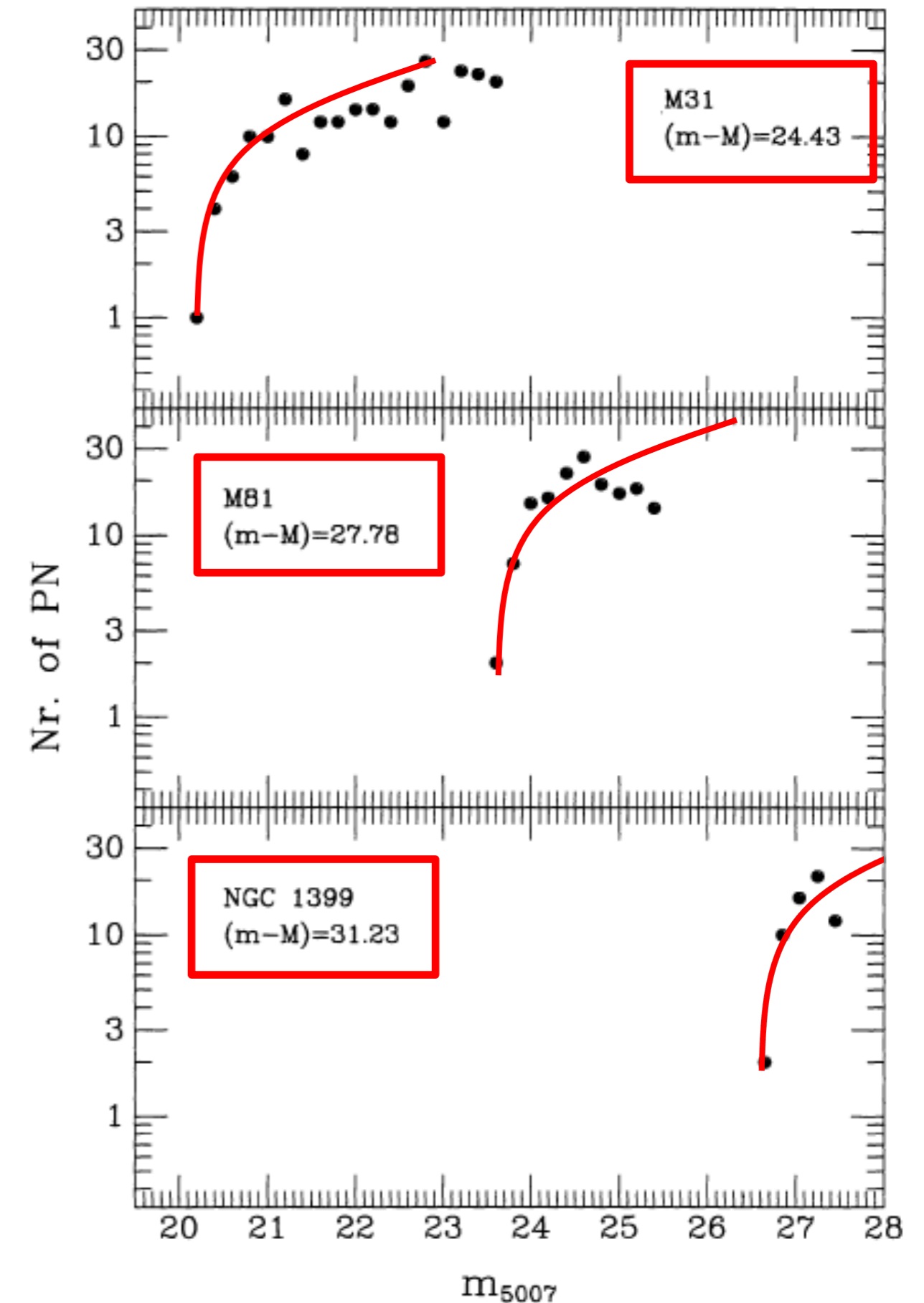
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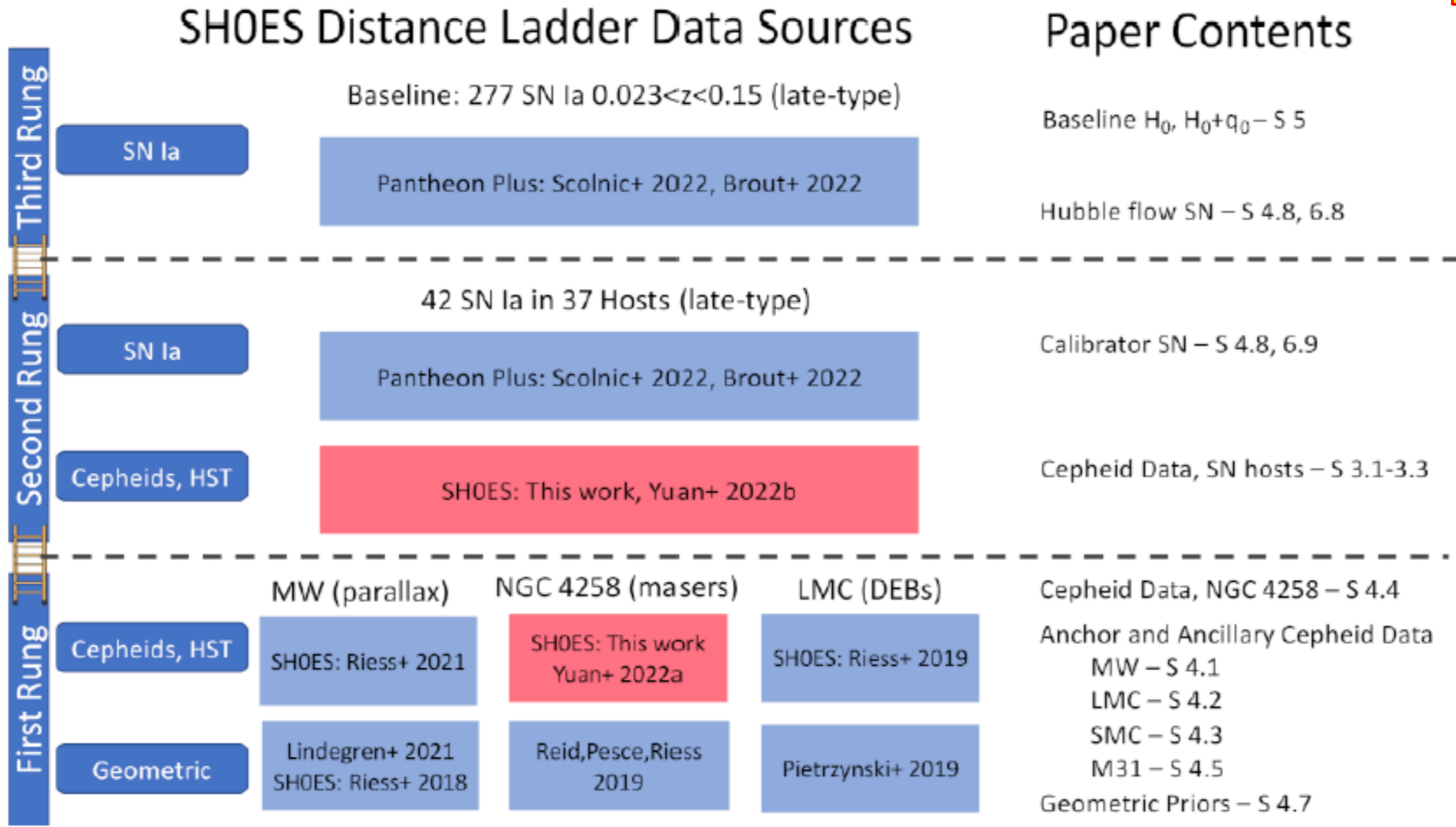
Abstract. For the past 10 years, the planetary nebula luminosity function (PNLF) has been used effectively in galaxies of most Hubble types for distance measurements within ~ 20 Mpc. We review the technique's theoretical foundations, and the reasons why the method is insensitive to age and metallicity differences in galaxies. We also illustrate through comparisons with Cepheid distances that the method is secure against observational bias at the $\sim 5\%$ level. We note that, although 8-m class telescopes that promise superior image quality are nearing completion, the useful range of the PNLF can be extended only by a factor of ~ 2 . Consequently, the usefulness of the method for resolving questions relating to the large scale Hubble flow is limited. However, the PNLF continues to offer advantages over other distance indicators under special circumstances, and it provides a new probe into the structure and origin of galaxy clusters.



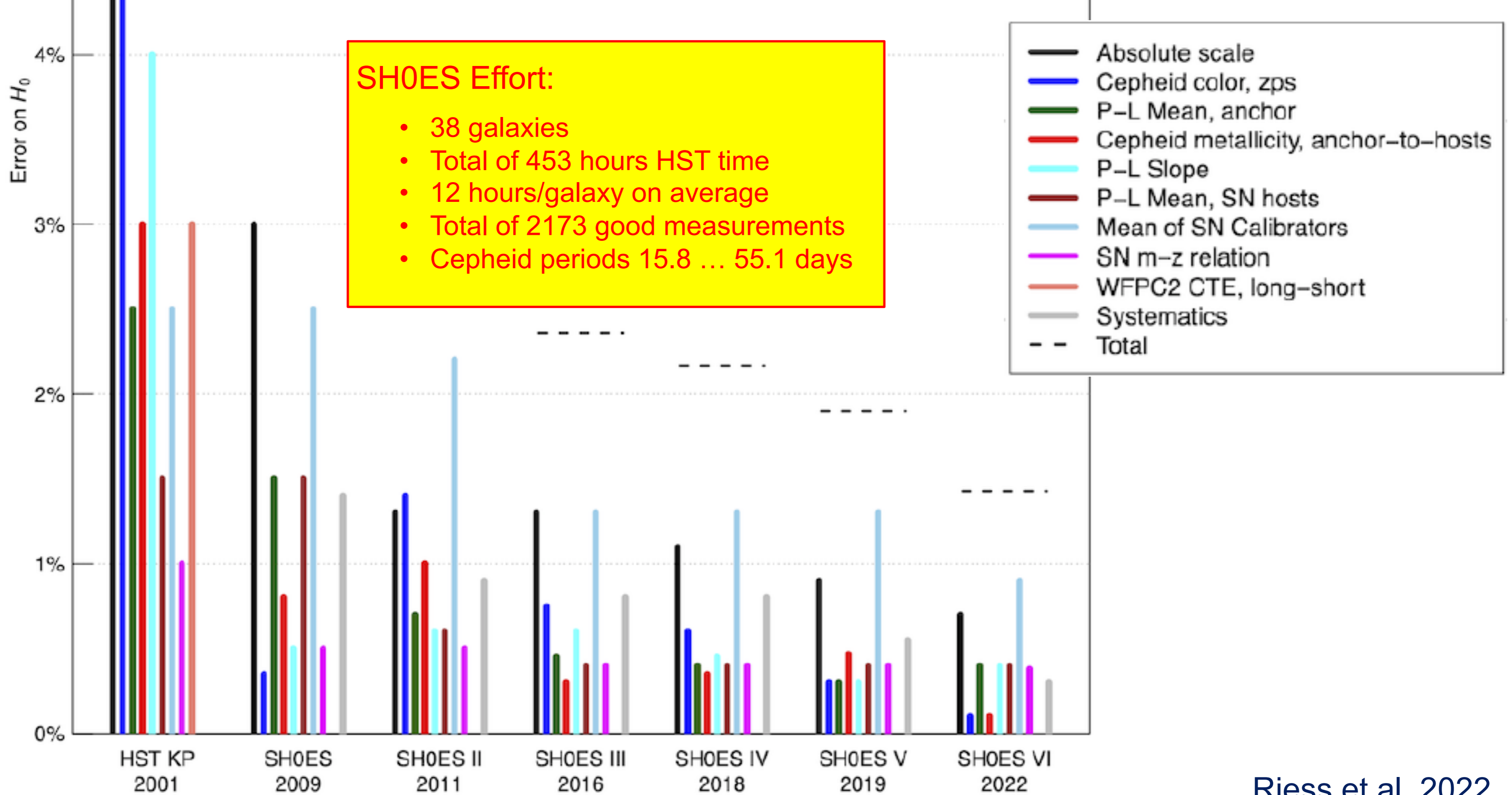
Motivation: MUSE-PNLF to measure H_0

Hubble Tension:

SH0ES: $H_0 = 73.3 \pm 1.04 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
 Planck: $H_0 = 67.2 \pm 1.2 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$



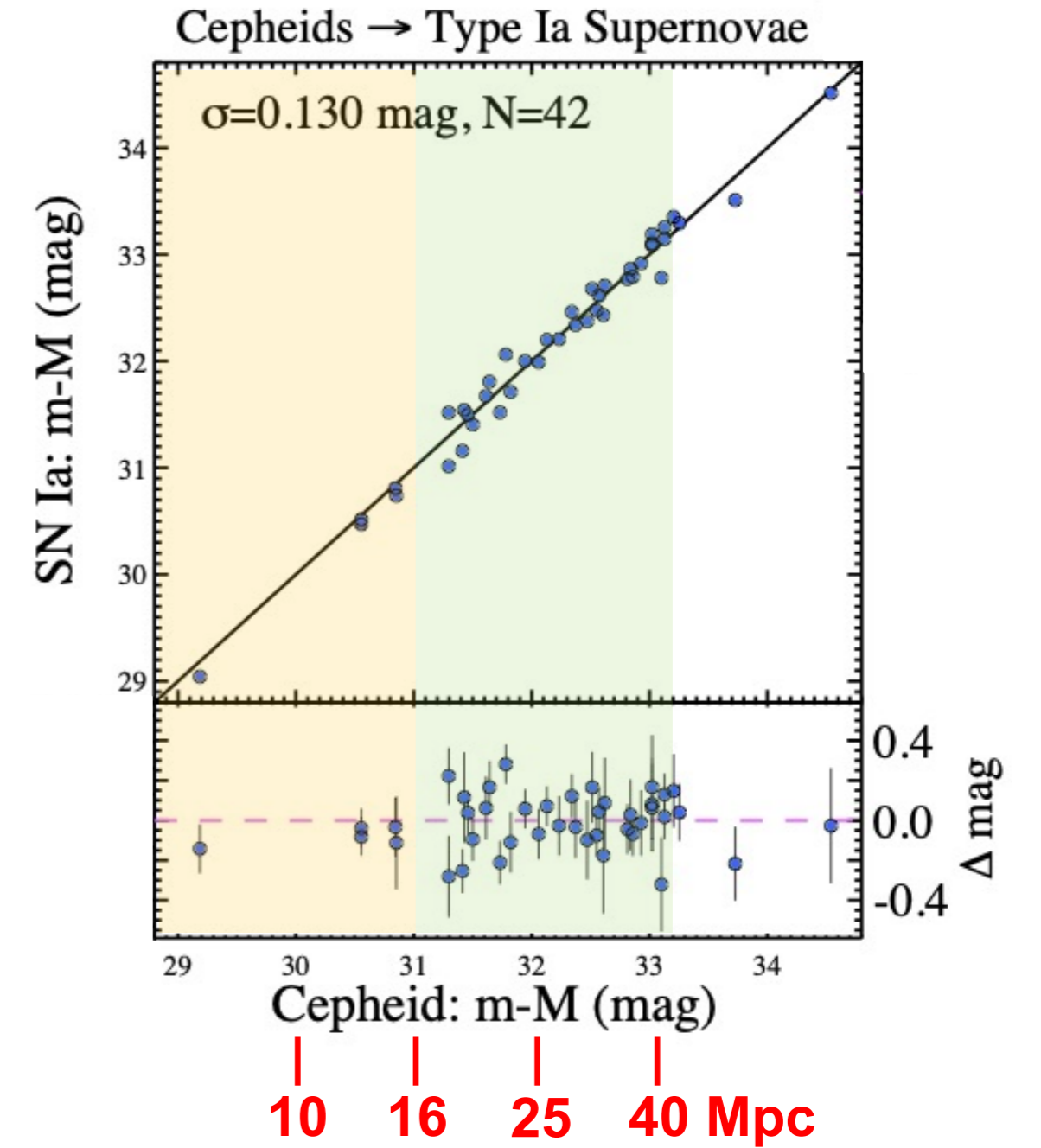
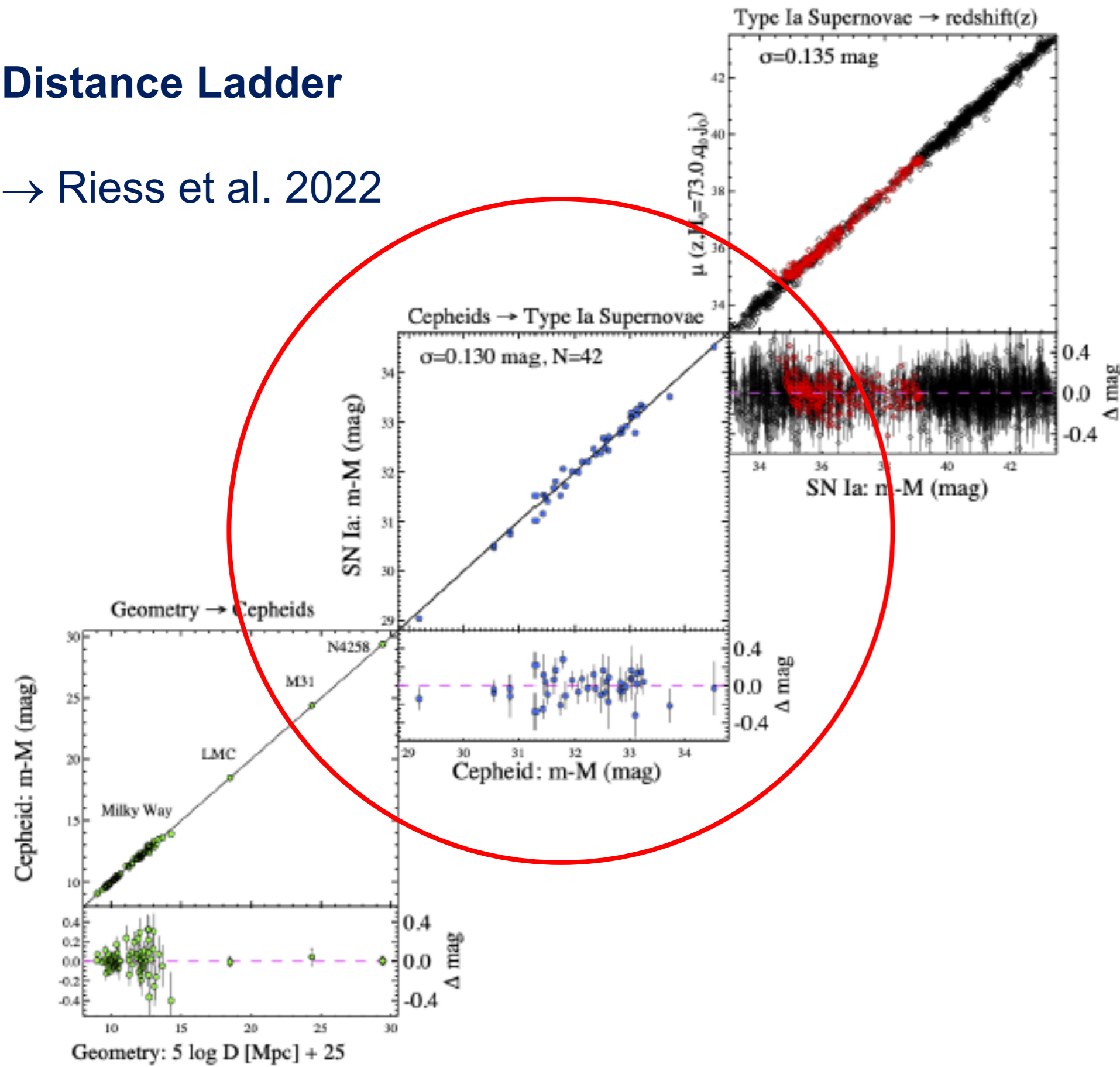
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Distance Ladder

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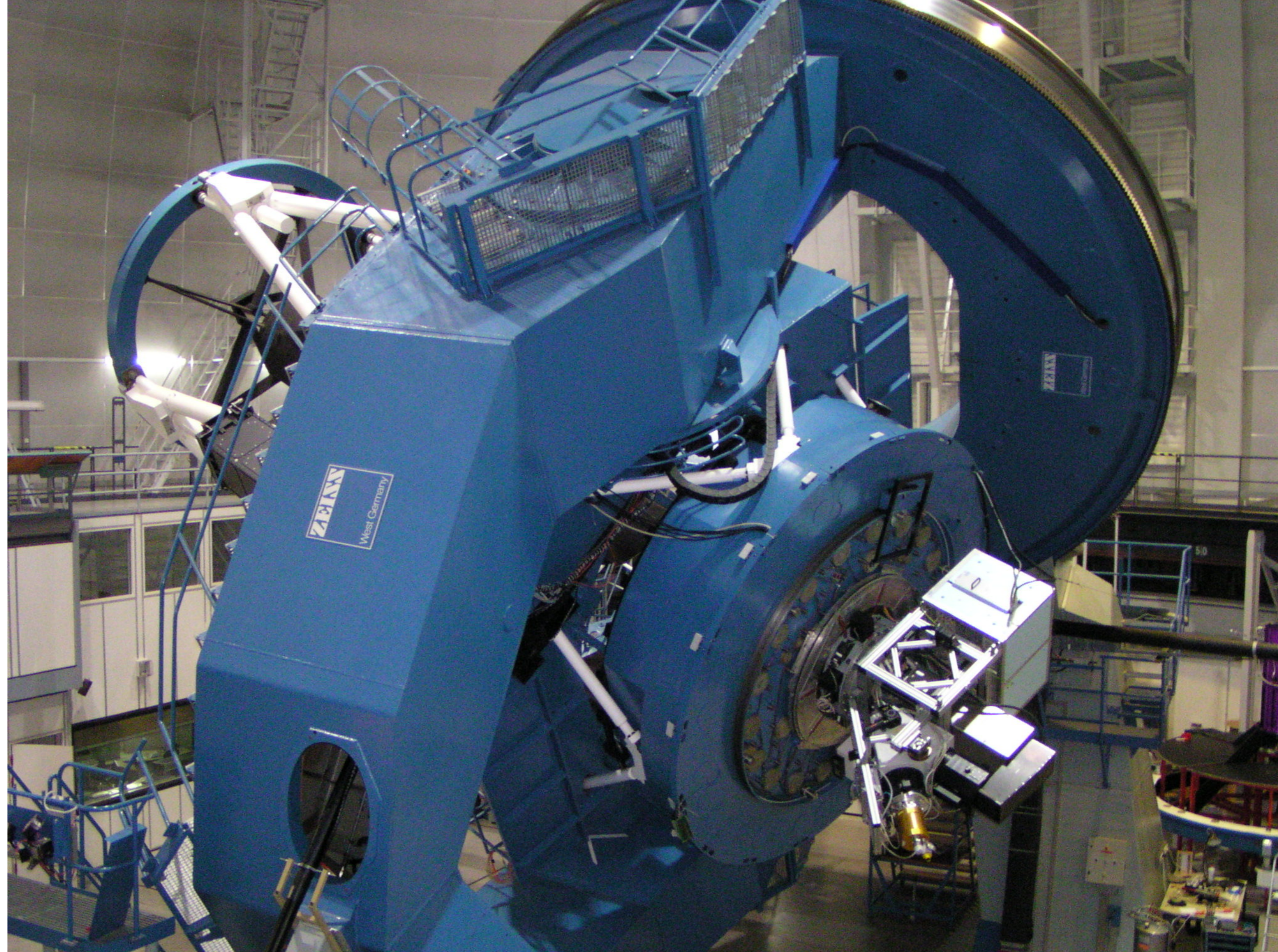


(2) Early PN observations with IFUs

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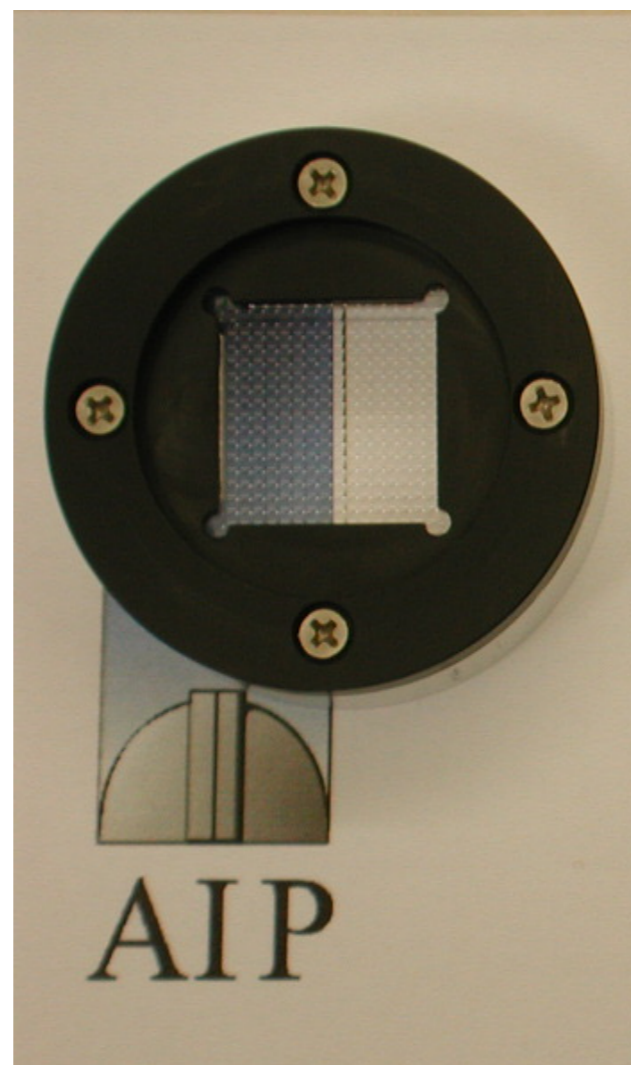
Potsdam Multi Aperture Spectrophotometer

Fiber-slit	0.1 x 96 mm
Collimator	f = 450 mm, F/3
Camera	f = 270 mm, F/1.5
Gratings	300/500/600/1200 mm ⁻¹
Wavelength range	350 - 900 nm
Dispersion	1.7 – 0.8 – 0.35 Å/pix
Coverage	3700 – 1600 – 720 Å *)
Resolution ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda$)	730 – 1500 – 3600 (11000 in 2 nd order)



Two integral field unit options:

Lensarray IFU

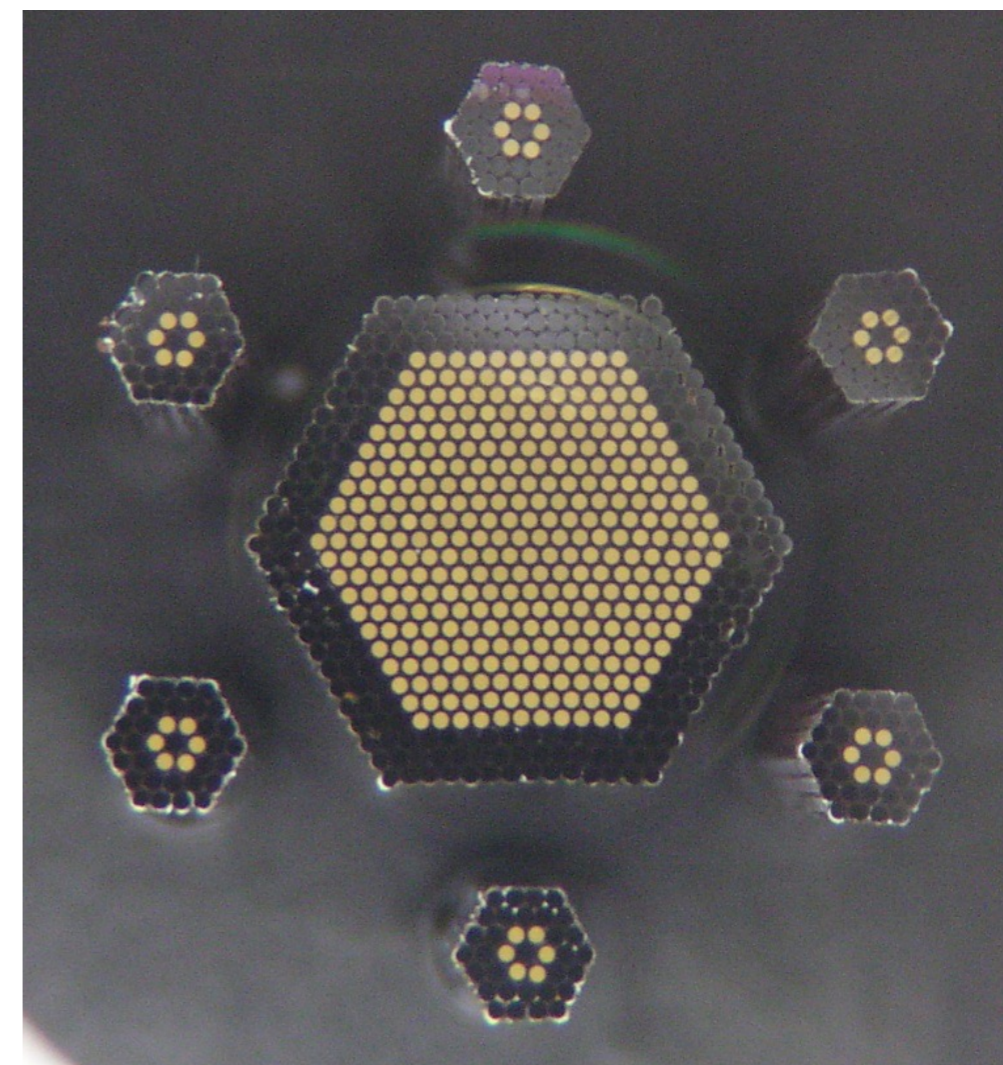


8 x 8 arcsec²

PNLF



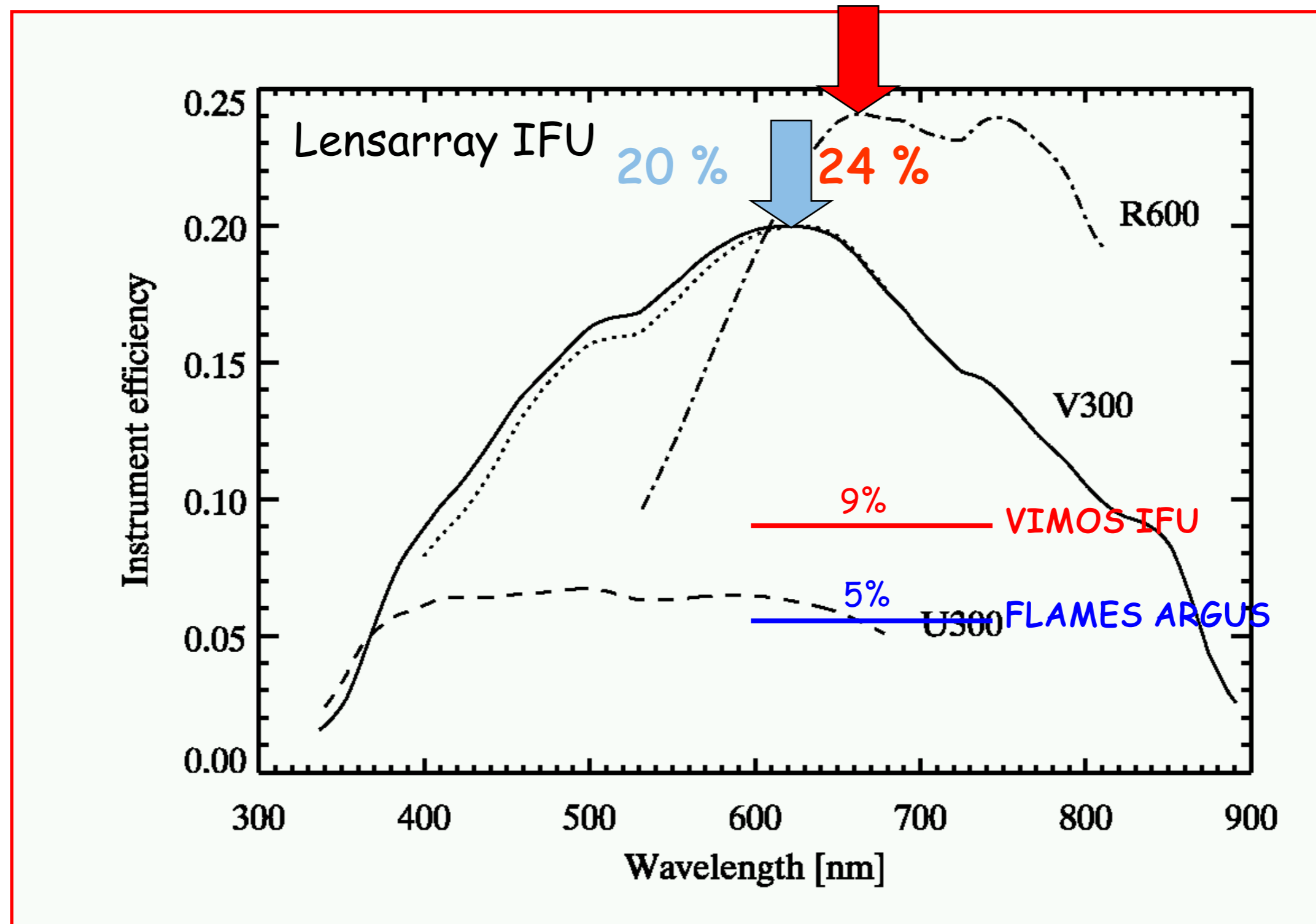
PPaK IFU



74 x 65 arcsec²

CALIFA Survey





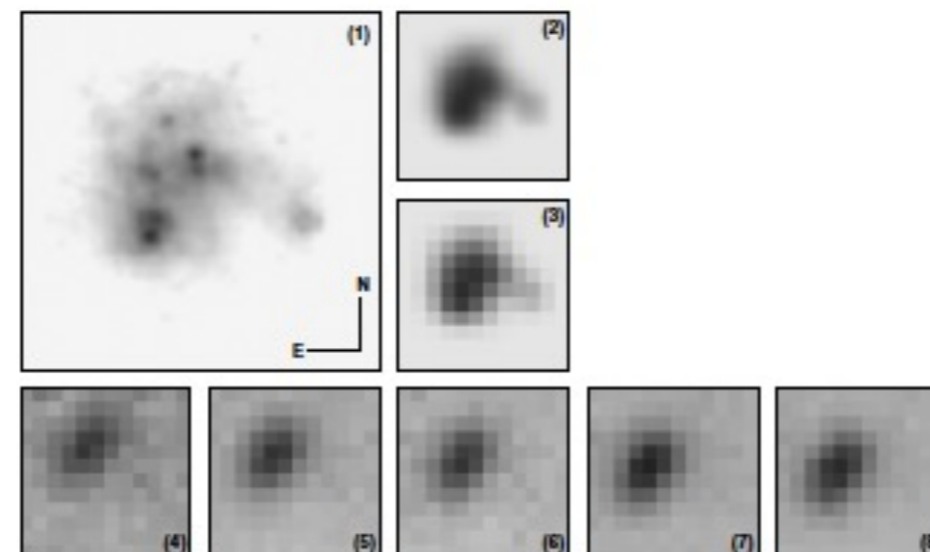
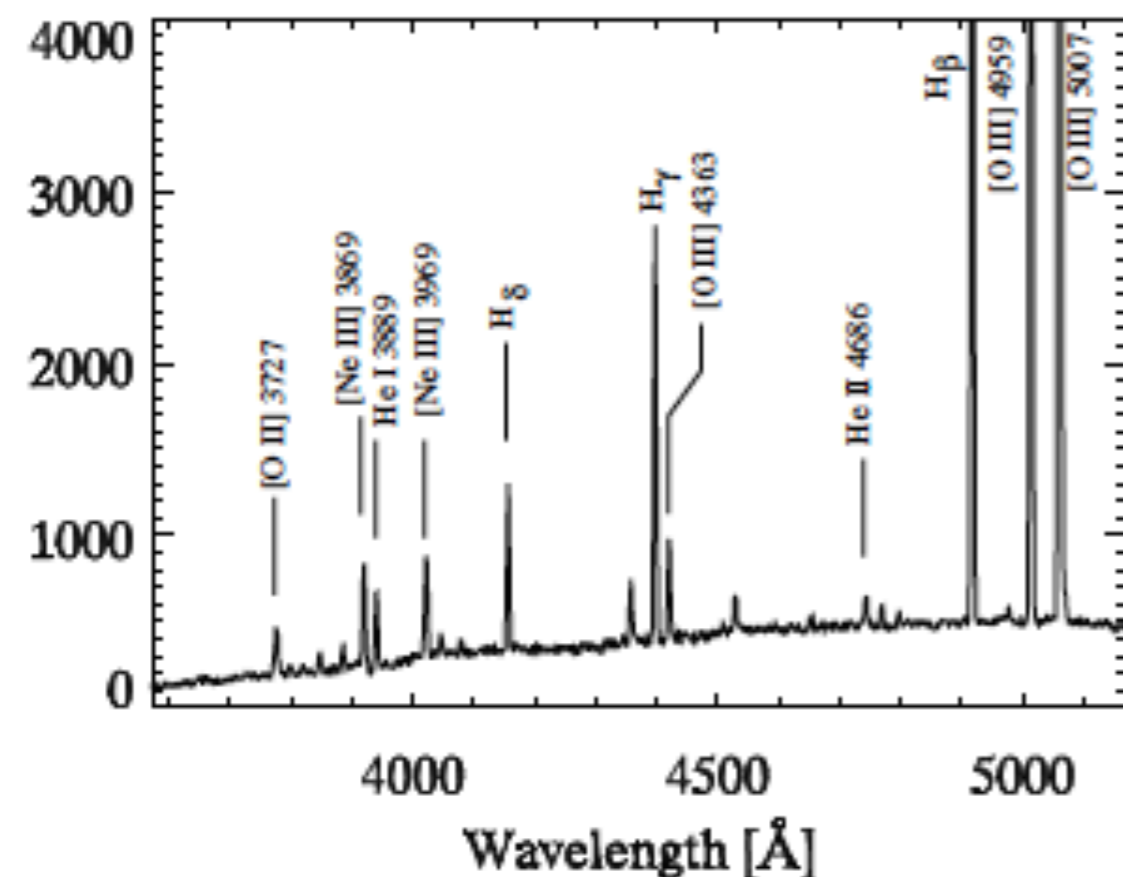


Fig. 2. Direct images and 3D maps of SBS0335-052. Top: Thuan et al. 1997 HST image (1), convolved with 1" seeing (2), and resampled on a 0.5 arcsec grid (3). Bottom: 3D maps in [O II] 3727 Å (4), continuum at 4200 Å (5), H γ (6), H β (7), [O III] 4959 Å (8). Note the shifts with wavelength as an effect of atmospheric refraction.



Science verification results from PMAS

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PMAS¹ is a dedicated 3D instrument with a 16×16 square element IFU (0.5 arcsec pitch), fiber-coupled to a fully refractive fiber spectrograph, which is based on CaF₂ lenses and has good response in the blue. It is currently equipped with a 2K×4K thinned CCD (SiTe ST002A), providing 2048 spectral bins. A 2×2K×4K mosaic CCD, which was commissioned 2003, increases the free spectral range to 4096 spectral bins. The present fiber bundle has been conservatively manufactured with 100μm diameter, high OH⁻ doped fibers for good UV transmission. A future upgrade with 50-60μm diameter fibers is intended to replace the existing IFU with a 32×32 element array. A unique feature of PMAS is the internal A&G camera, equipped with a LN₂-cooled, blue-sensitive SiTe TK1024 CCD, giving images with a scale of 0.2 arcsec/pixel and a FOV of 3.4×3.4 arcmin². The camera can be used with various broad-band and narrow-band filters. For a more detailed description, see Roth et al. 2000a and Kelz et al. 2003. After First Light in May 2001, a Science Verification run was conducted at the Calar Alto 3.5m Telescope in October 2001. Since then the instrument is available at this telescope as a common user instrument. In this paper, we describe our first results from the Science Verification observations. We selected targets with well-known properties from the literature in order to assess whether PMAS is capable of reproducing these data.

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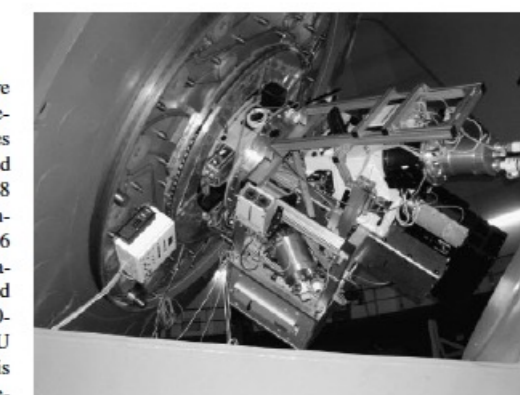


Fig. 1. PMAS at the Cassegrain focus of the 3.5m Telescope at Calar Alto Observatory, Spain.

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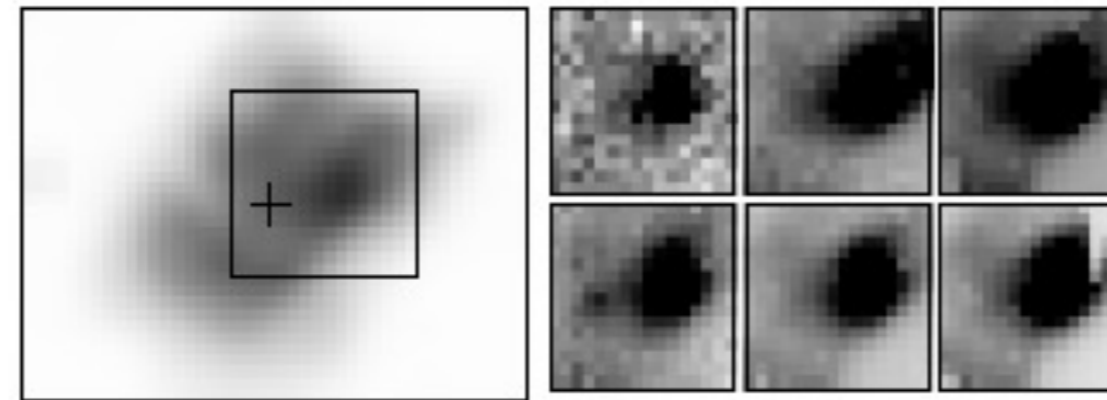
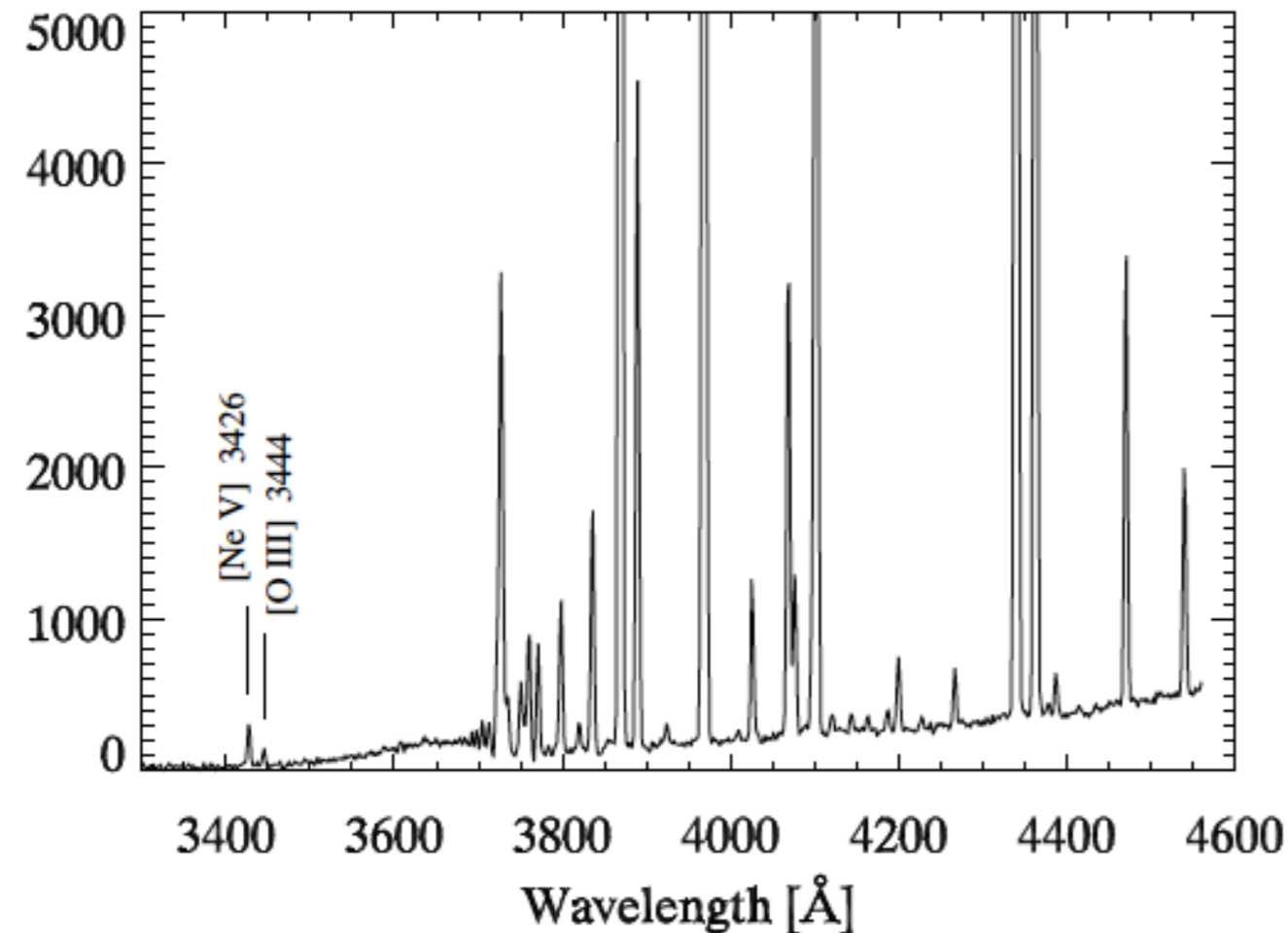


Fig. 8. Direct image and 3D maps of NGC7027 (North up, East left).



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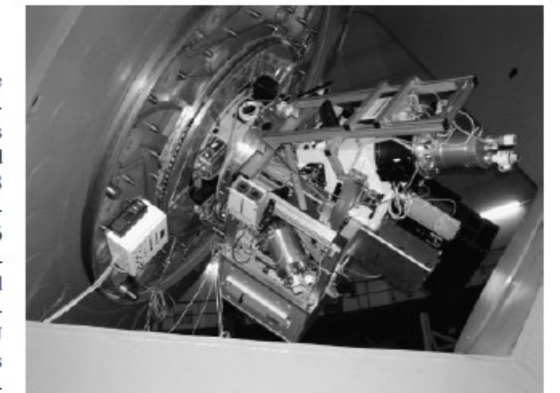


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SPECTROPHOTOMETRY OF PLANETARY NEBULAE IN THE BULGE OF M31

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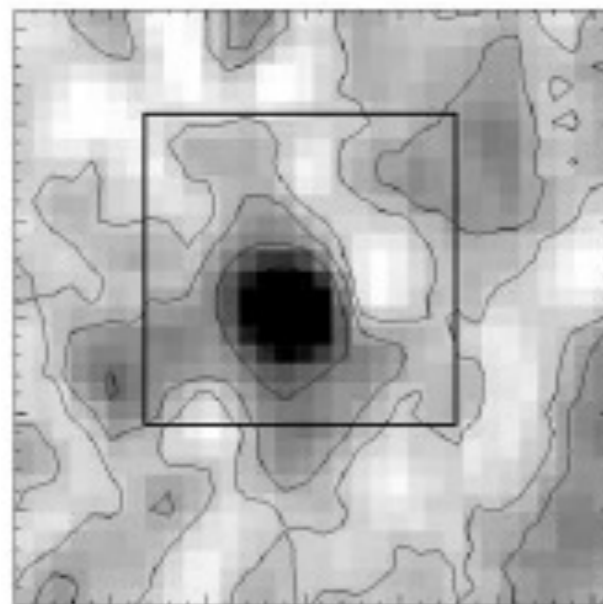
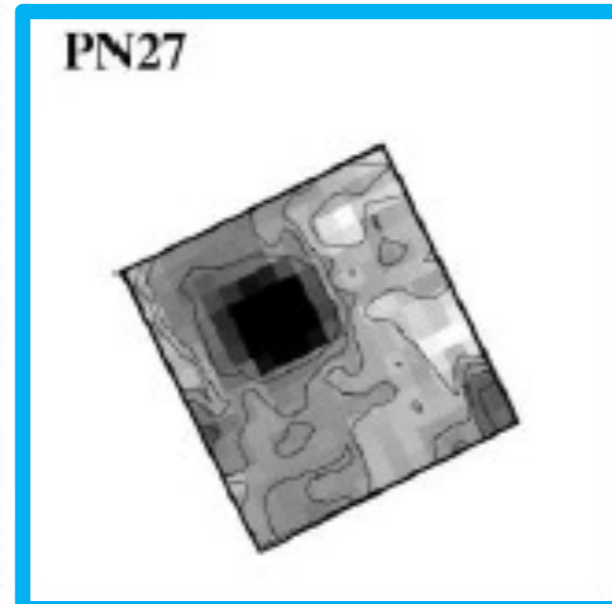
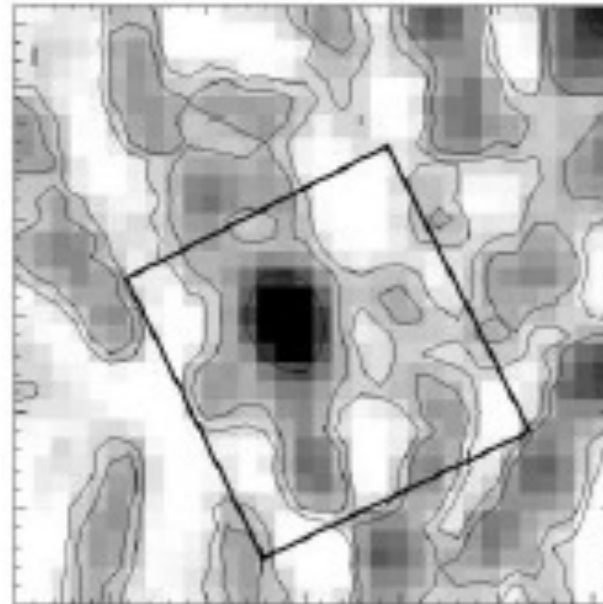
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M31 planetary nebula candidates

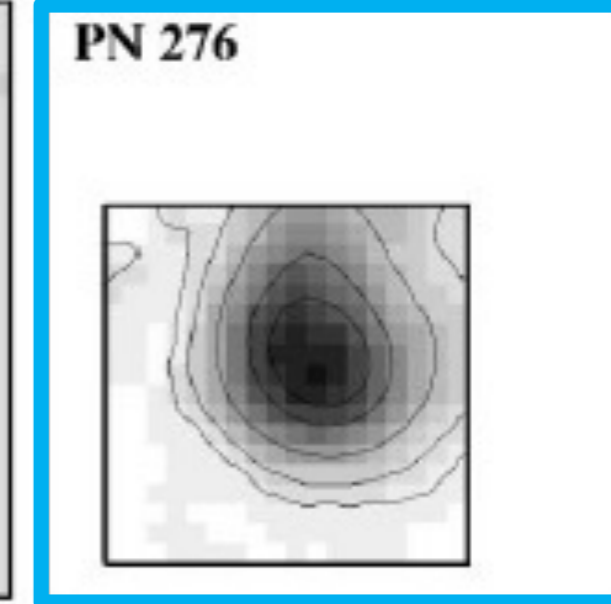
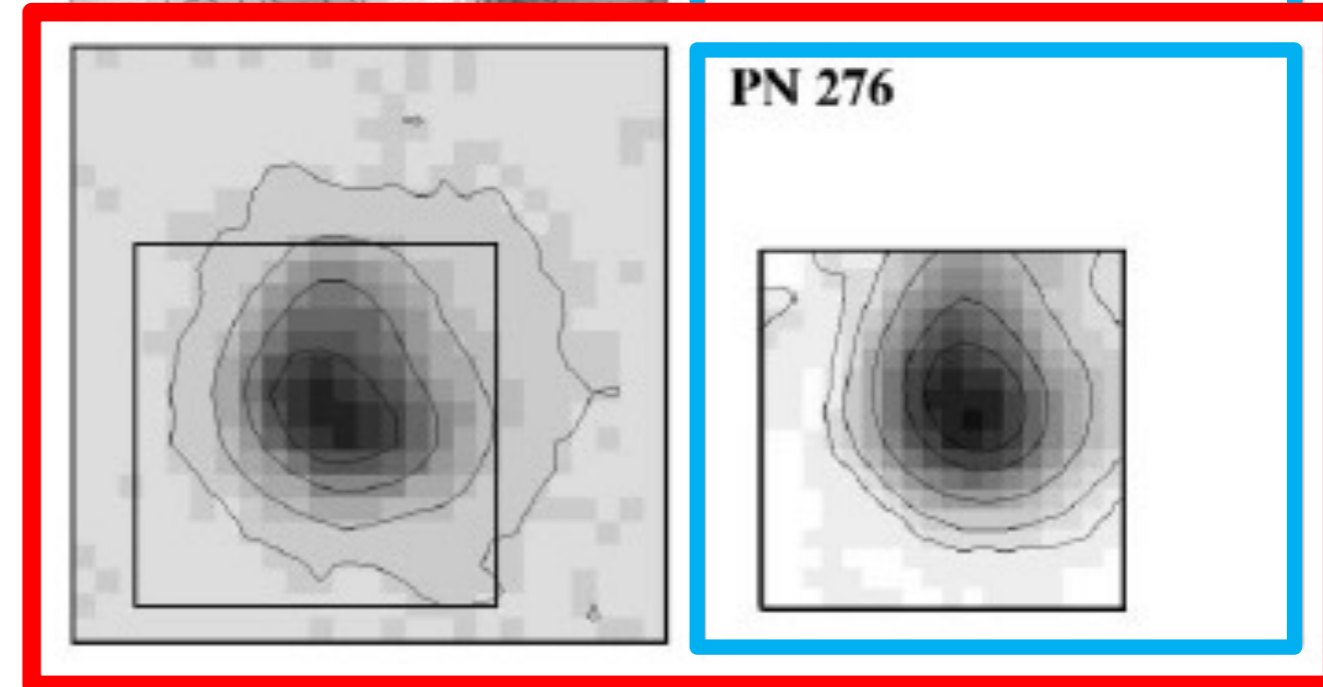
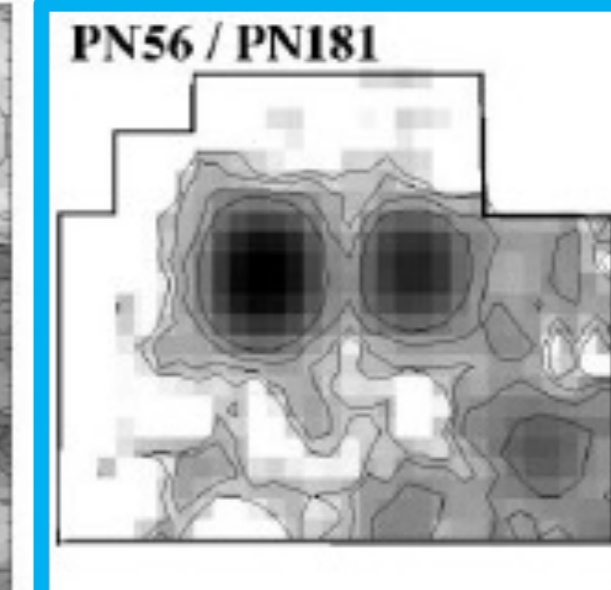
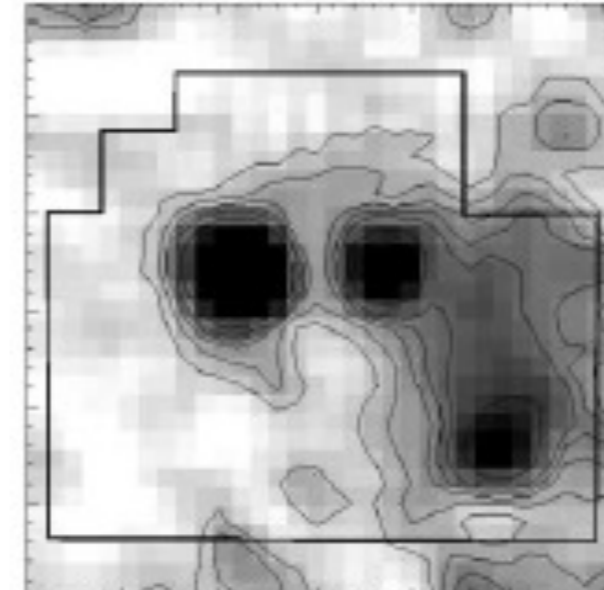
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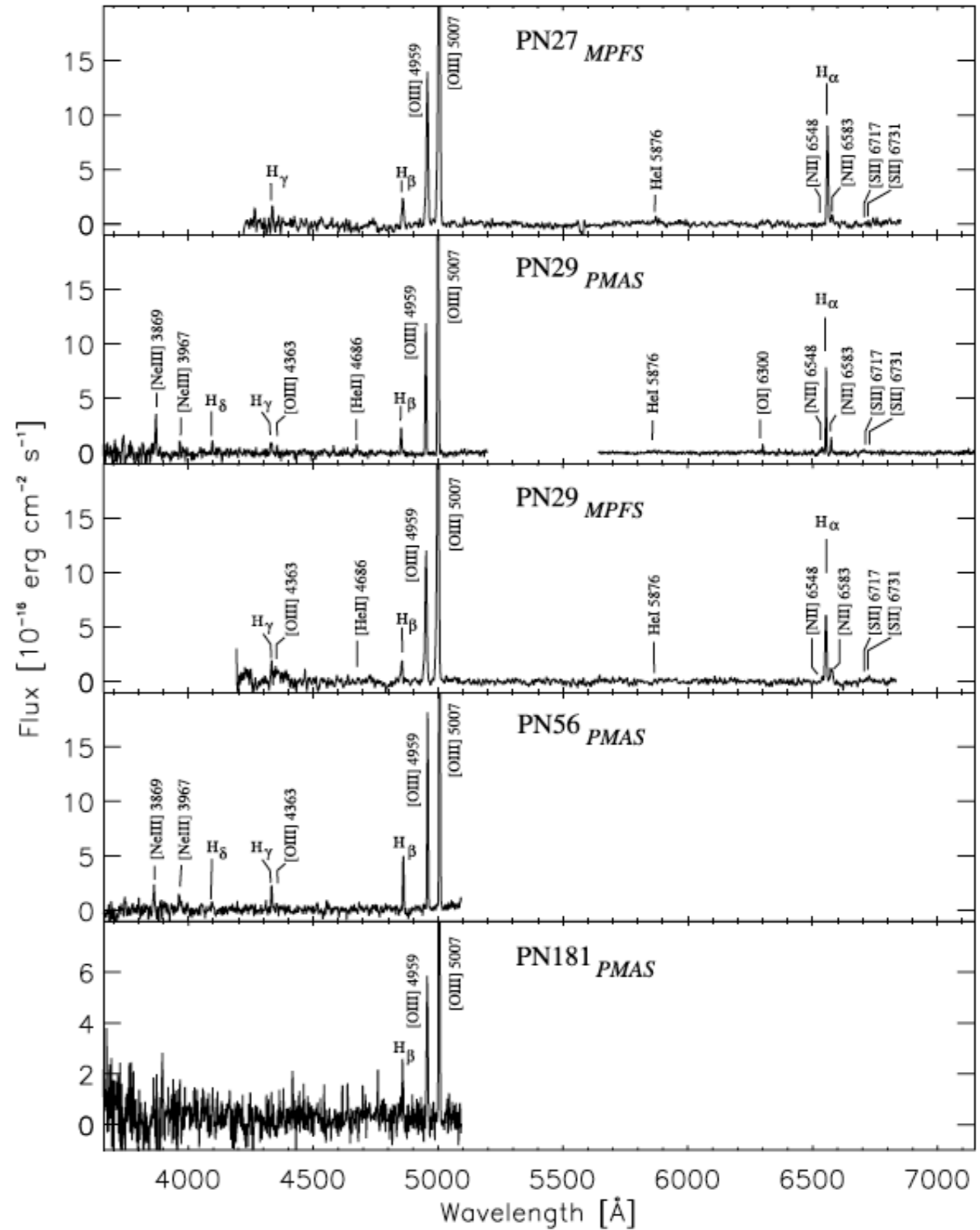
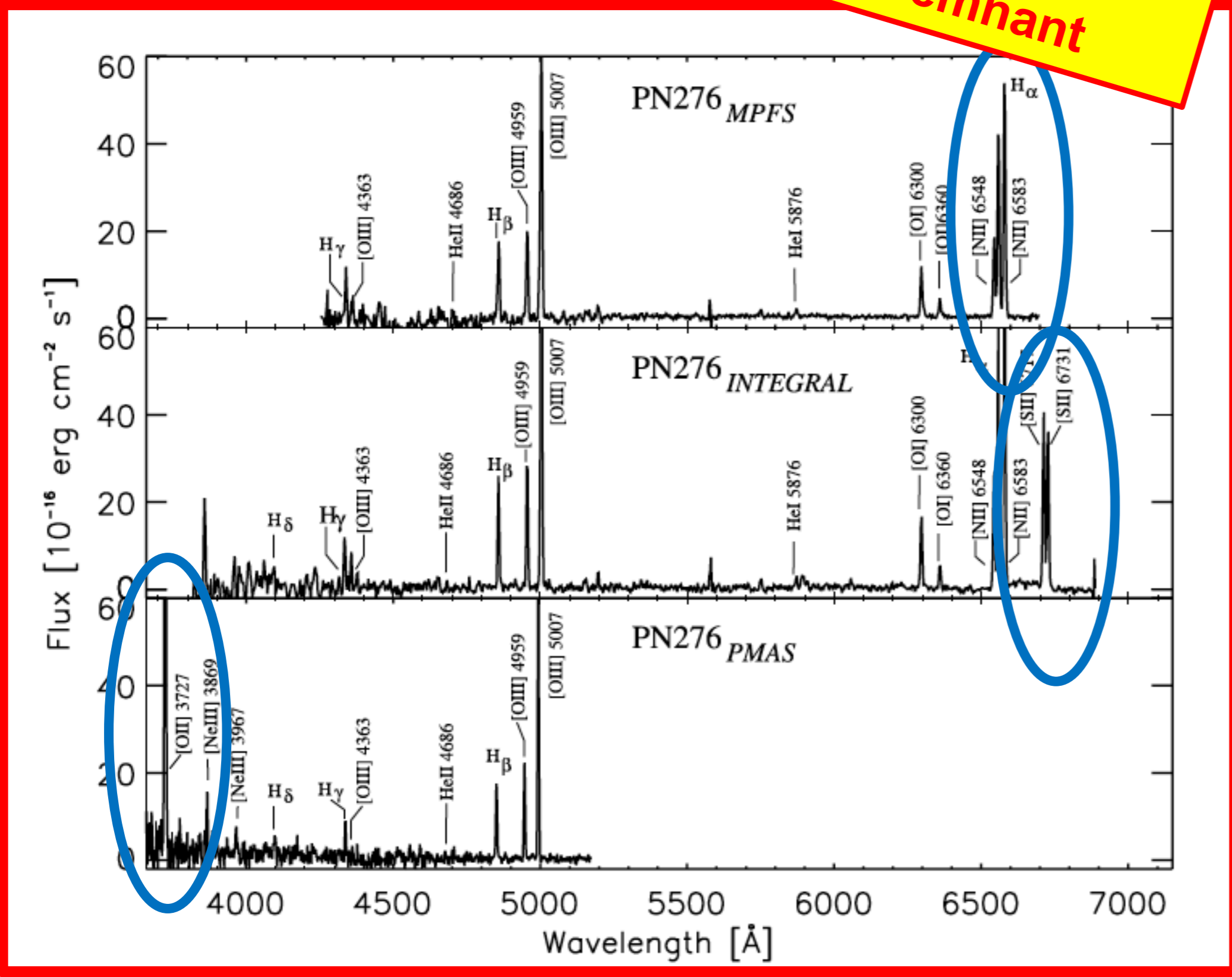
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PMAS + MPFS + INTEGRAL

supernova remnant



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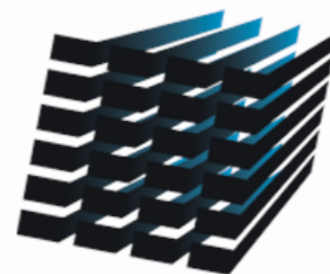
Pilot Study in NGC 300

- Use MUSE GTO to measure PNLf in nearby NGC 300 to unprecedented depth
- study partially resolved stellar population



GTO

(3) MUSE-PNLF



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multi unit spectroscopic explorer

GTO

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instruments at 8m class telescopes are most efficiently used to measure the halo PNe, this technique fails completely in the high surface brightness regions near the nucleus (Walsh et al. 1999). Crowded Field 3D Spectroscopy is the *only* method to provide the required accuracy for background subtraction in this galaxy. The combination of high spatial resolution, 1' FOV, large wavelength coverage, a suitable spectral resolution ($R \sim 1500$) and high efficiency will make MUSE an unchallenged instrument for these observations.

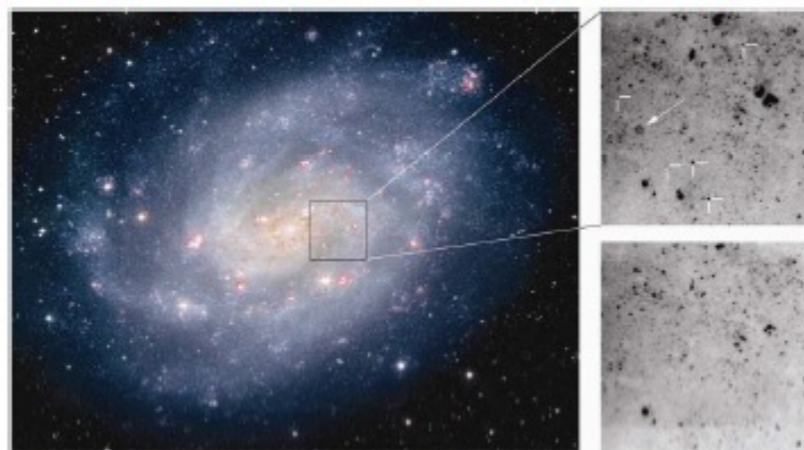


Fig. 4-11: Planetary Nebulae in NGC300, discovered with [O III] onband/offband imaging technique, using SUSI at the NTT. The frame in the color composite picture of the galaxy indicates the 2.2x2.2 arcmin FOV of the CCD camera. [O III] onband (top) and offband (bottom) frames are shown to the right. Several examples of XPN are indicated in the onband image (left to right): objects #27 (26.07), #23 (25.69), #2 (23.00), #7 (23.25), #13 (24.38). From Soffner et al. 1996, m_{5007} magnitudes in parenthesis. The total exposure time of the onband frame is 1800 sec

XPN are ideal tracers of intermediate age and old extragalactic stellar populations, because their hot central stars are among the most luminous stars in the HRD, emitting their radiation predominantly in the UV. A substantial fraction (of order 10%) of the total luminosity is re-emitted by the surrounding nebula in a prominent emission line spectrum, which gives enough contrast (for the bright lines) to detect the object as a point source against the bright background of unresolved stars of the parent galaxy. A practical application of this property has consisted in narrow-band imaging spectrophotometry, centered on the bright emission line of [O III] $\lambda 5007$, and the construction of PN luminosity functions (PNLF) for the purpose of distance determinations (see review by Ciardullo 2003). Approximately 5000 XPN in more than 40 galaxies have been identified to date (Ford et al. 2002).

Currently the only way to measure individual abundances from old or intermediate age stars in galaxies more distant than the Magellanic Clouds is through the emission line spectra of extragalactic planetary nebulae (Walsh et al. 2000). This approach has some similarities with the standard method of measuring abundance gradients from individual H II regions in the disk of spiral galaxies (Shaver et al. 1983, Zaritsky et al. 1994). As opposed to H II regions, XPN metallicities can be derived in a homogeneous way for galaxies of *any* Hubble type, and



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APPLICATION FOR OBSERVING TIME

PERIOD: 94A

Important Notice:

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By submitting this proposal, the PI takes full responsibility for the content of the proposal, in particular with regard to the names of CoIs and the agreement to act according to the ESO policy and regulations, should observing time be granted.

1. Title

Category: B-2

A study of the faint end of the planetary nebulae luminosity function of NGC 300

2. Abstract / Total Time Requested

Total Amount of Time:

We propose to make new and unique observations of six $1' \times 1'$ fields in the Scd galaxy NGC 300 with the MUSE instrument. By making use of good seeing and 1.5h integrated exposure time in each field, our observations will reach an unprecedented depth. Specifically, we aim at discovering planetary nebulae, through measurements in $H\alpha$ and [OIII] $\lambda\lambda 4959, 5007$. Hereby, we will be able to measure a cumulative planetary nebulae luminosity function six magnitudes below its bright cutoff in this galaxy. Earlier studies, in comparison, reach 3.5 magnitudes below the cutoff, and appear to be incomplete at higher magnitudes.

3. Run	Period	Instrument	Time	Month	Moon	Seeing	Sky	Mode	Type
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• 0.3
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• 1.1
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(3) MUSE-PNLF

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MUSE crowded field 3D spectra

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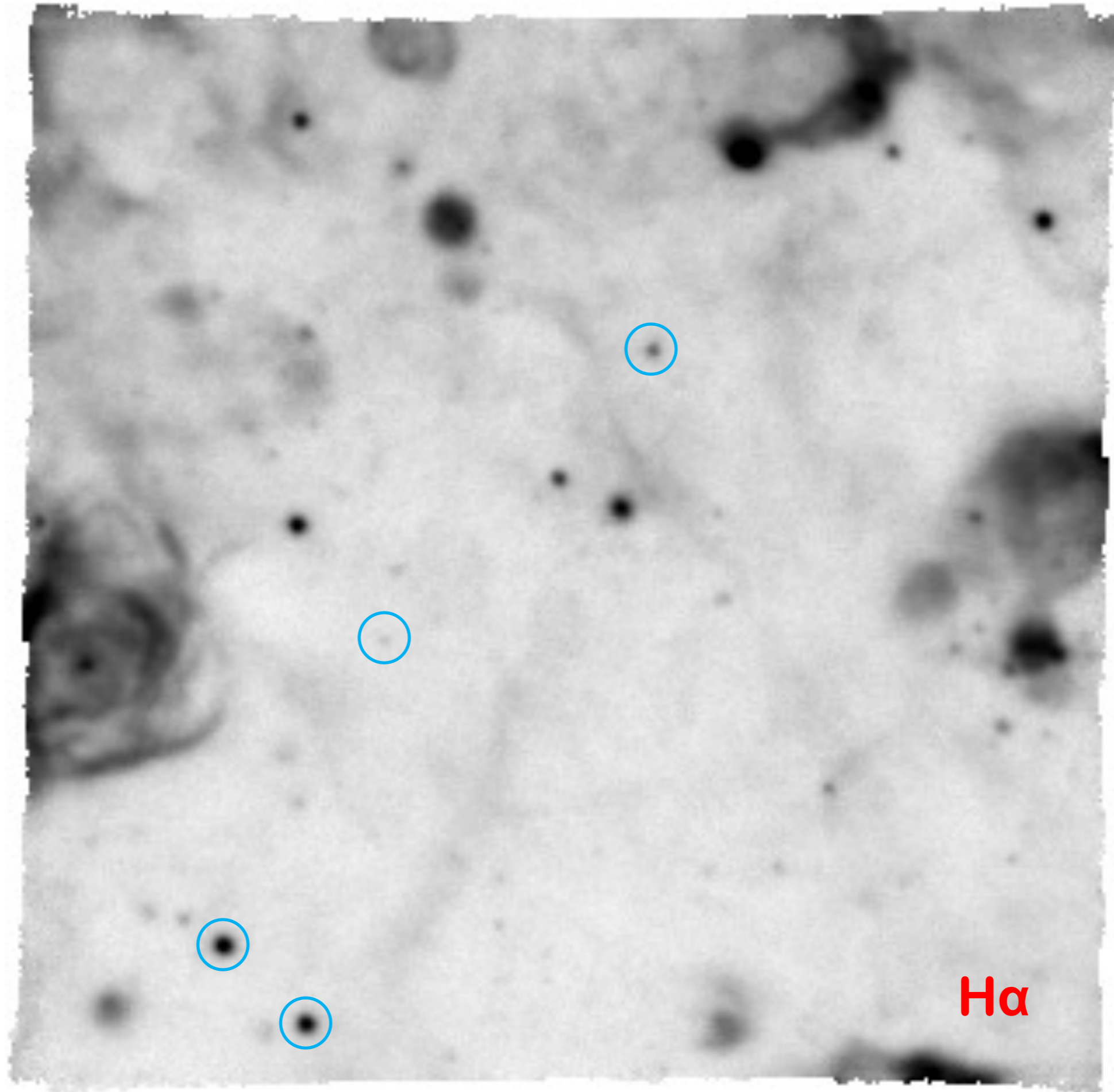
Table 3. Synthetic filter definitions.

Filter	λ_c	$\Delta\lambda$	$\lambda_0-\lambda_1$	λ -bins
He II	4687.16	5.00	4687.35–4691.10	70–73
He II _{c1}		70.00	4612.35–4681.10	10–65
He II _{c2}		62.50	4763.60–4824.85	131–180
H β	4862.69	6.25	4862.35–4866.10	210–213
H β _{c1}		62.50	4788.60–4849.85	151–200
H β _{c2}		62.50	4888.60–4949.85	231–280
[O III]	5008.24	6.25	5007.35–5012.35	326–330
[O III] _c		126.25	5028.60–5153.60	343–443
H α	6564.61	6.25	6564.85–6569.85	1572–1576
H α _{c1}		92.50	6371.10–6462.35	1417–1490
H α _{c2}		103.75	6609.85–6712.35	1608–1690
[N II] ₁	6549.86	5.00	6549.85–6553.60	1560–1563
[N II] ₂	6585.27	5.00	6586.10–6589.85	1589–1592
[N II] _{c1}		92.25	6371.10–6462.35	1417–1490
[N II] _{c2}		103.75	6609.85–6712.35	1608–1690
[S II] ₁	6720.29	5.00	6718.41–6722.16	1695–1698
[S II] ₂	6734.66	3.75	6733.41–6735.91	1707–1709
[S II] _{c1}		75.0	6626.10–6699.85	1621–1680
[S II] _{c2}		62.5	6763.60–6824.85	1731–1780
[S III]	9071.1	5.00	9073.25–9076.10	3578–3581
[S III] _c		46.25	9016.10–9061.10	3533–3569
V	5149.66	1101.25	4599.66–5699.66	0–880
R	6475.29	1550.00	5700.91–7249.66	881–2120
I	8299.66	2098.75	7250.91–9348.41	2121–3799

Notes. [N II]_{c1} identical to H α _{c1}, [N II]_{c2} identical to H α _{c2}.

(3) MUSE-PNLF

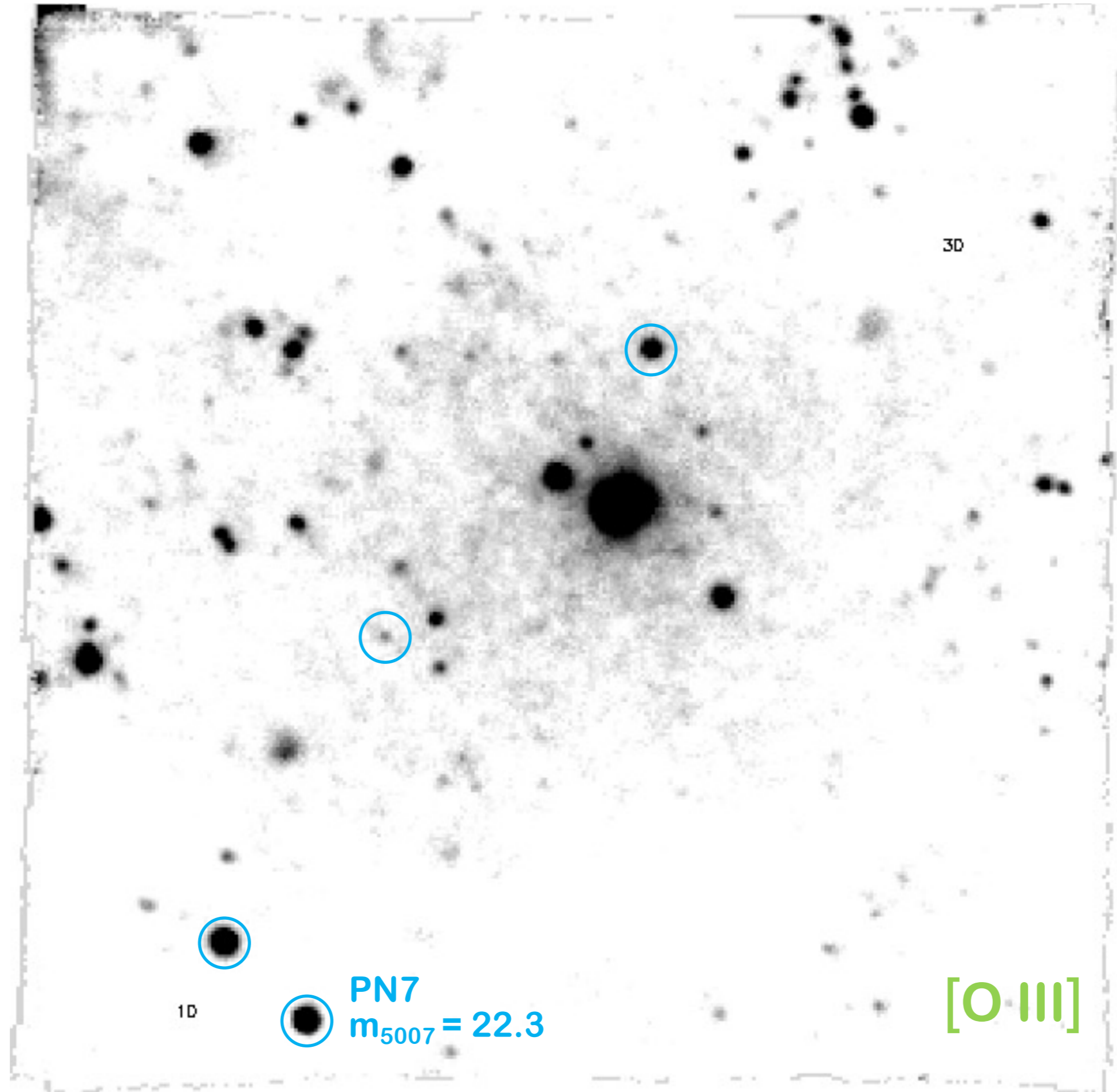
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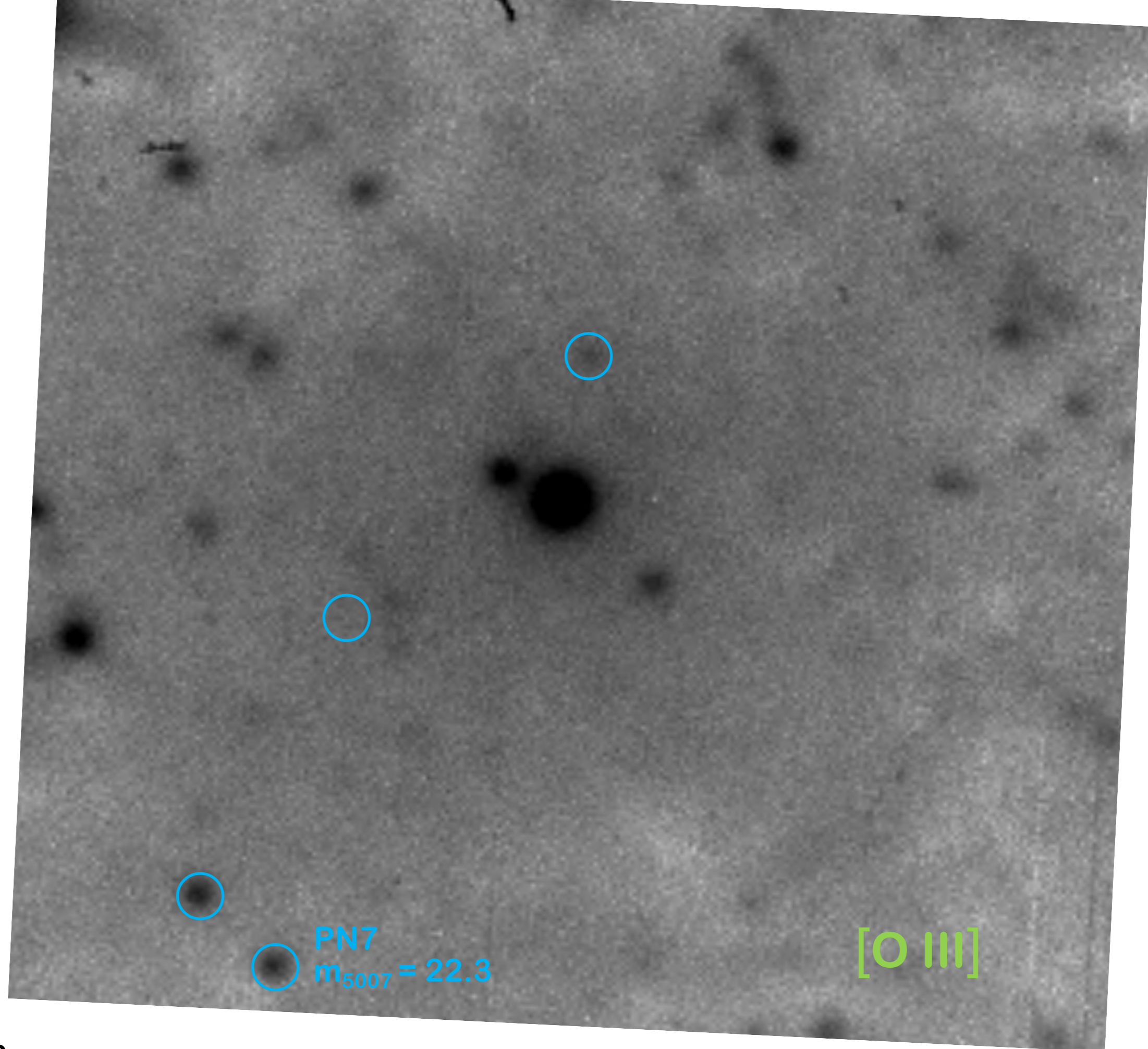
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Toward Precision Cosmology with Improved PNLf Distances Using VLT-MUSEI. Methodology and Tests

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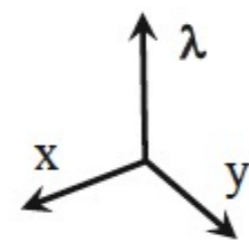
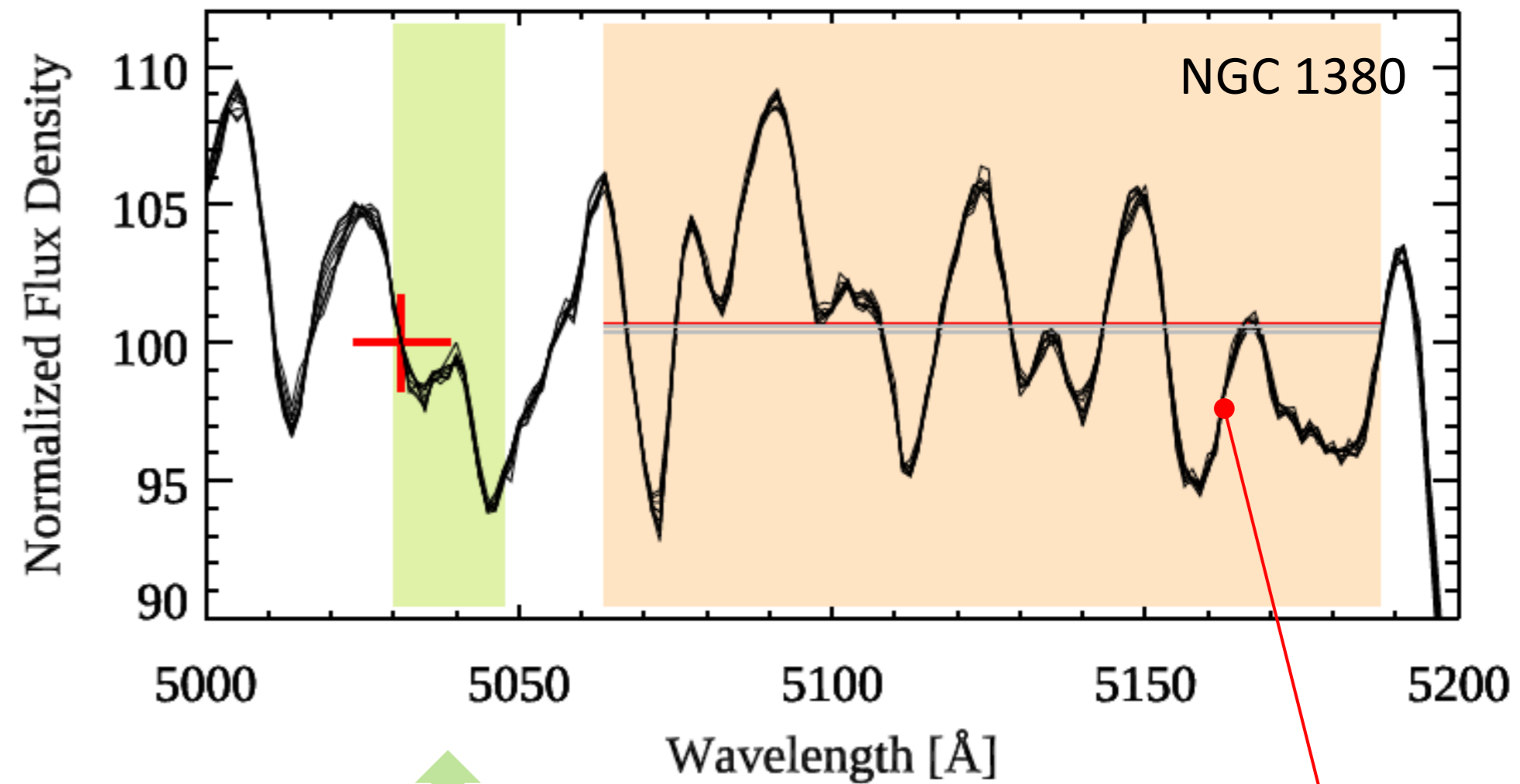
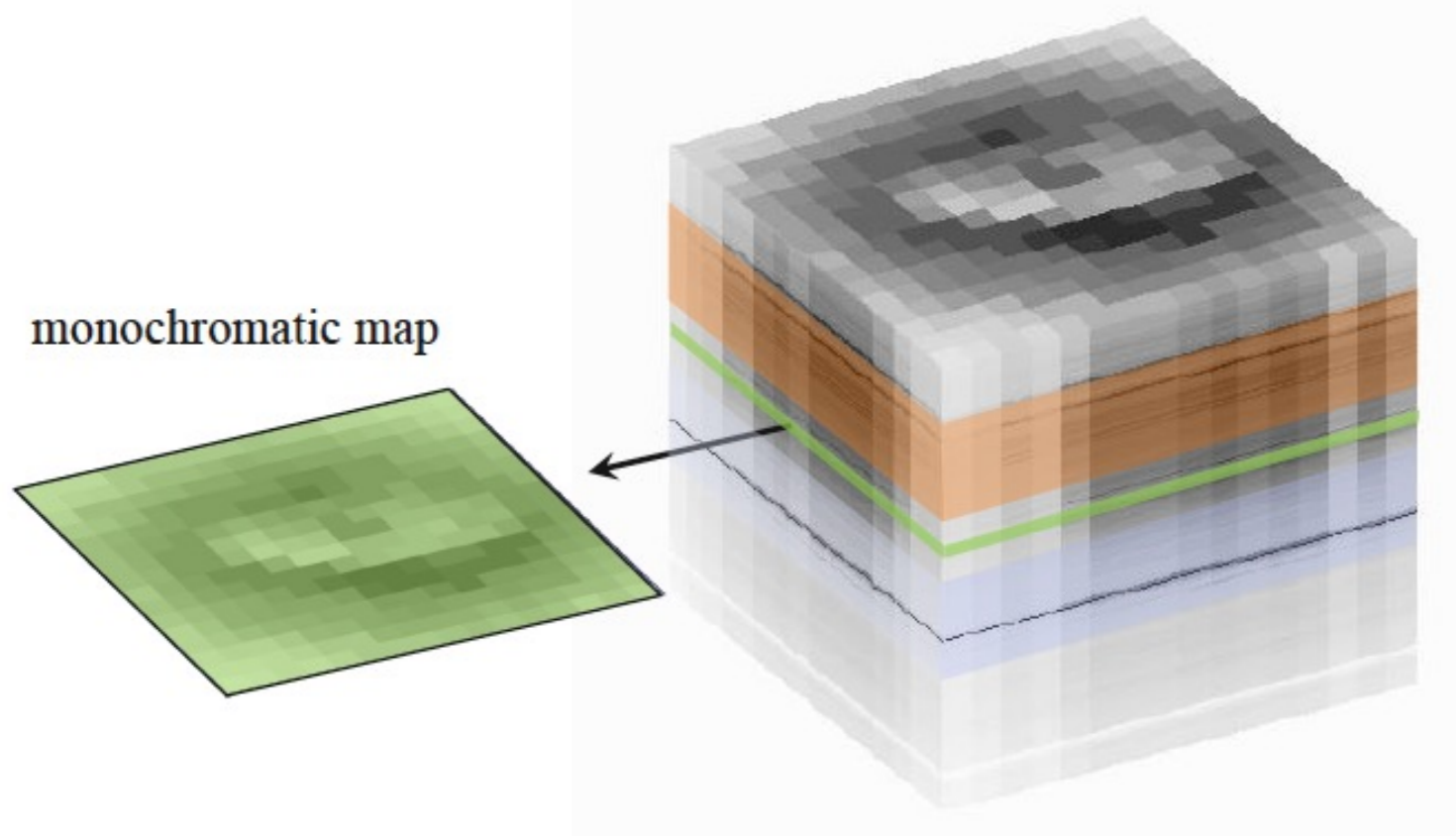
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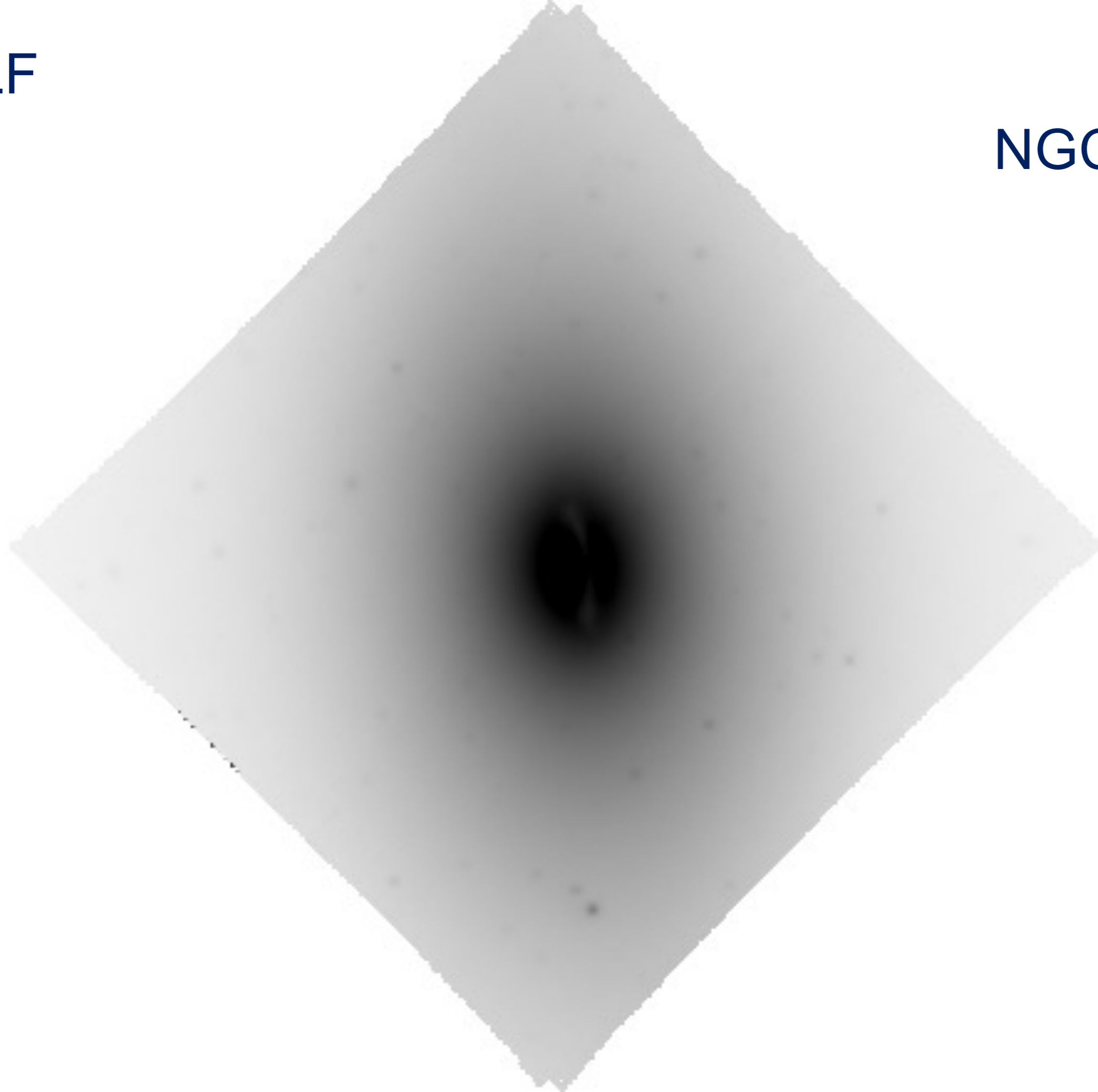
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10 samples
of galaxy
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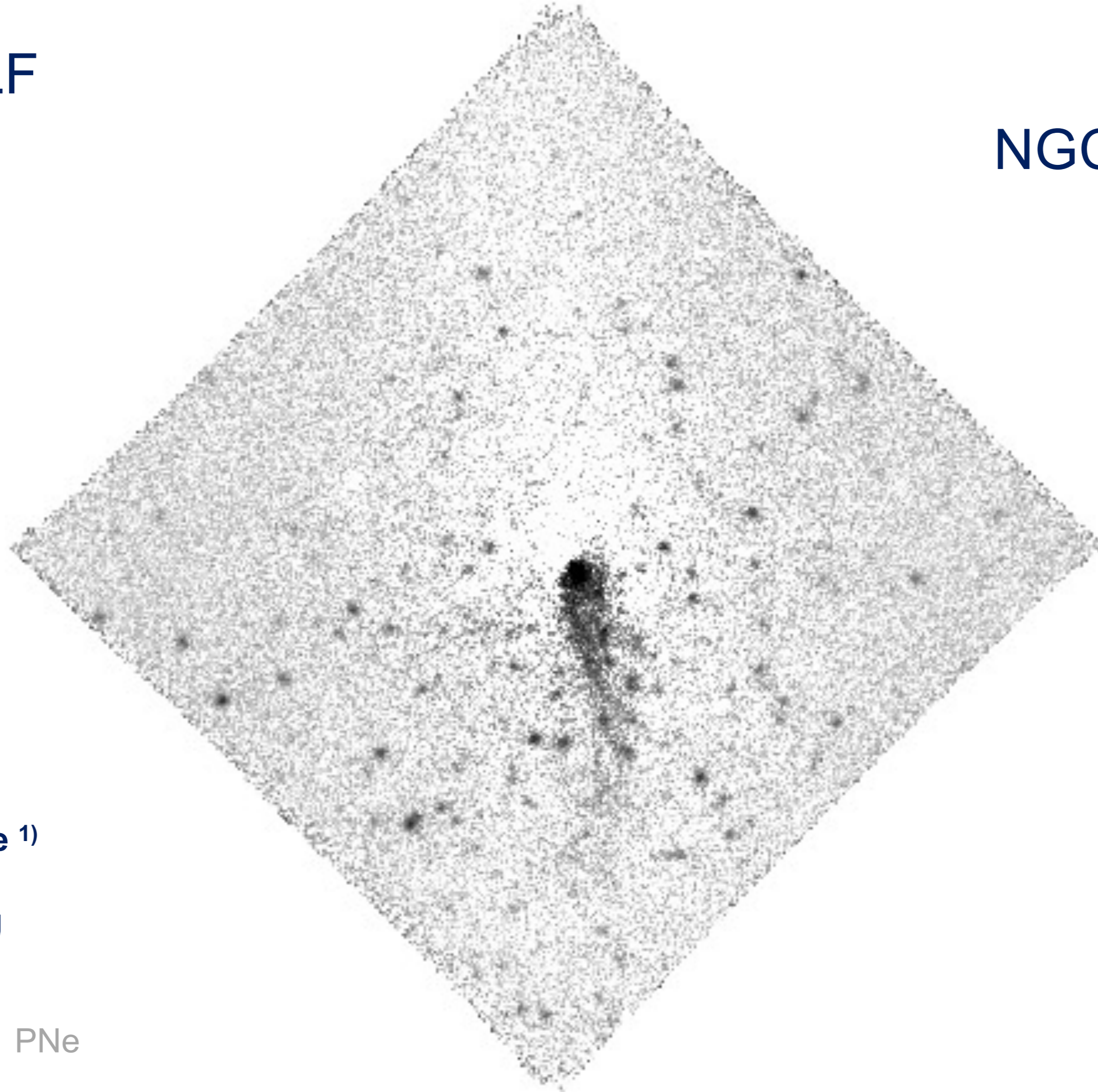
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NGC 1380



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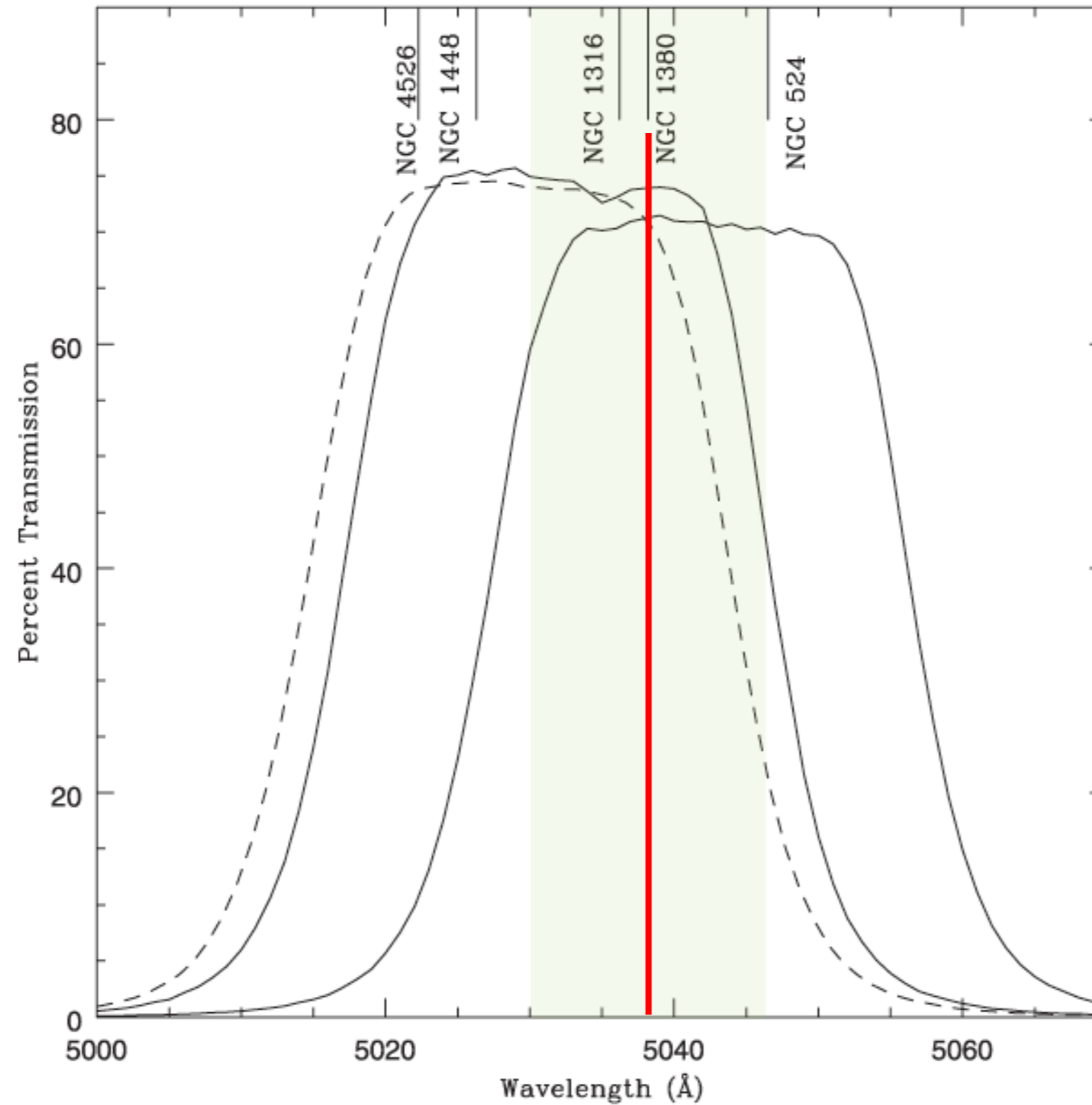


118 confirmed PNe ¹⁾

+ 40 in 2nd pointing
+ 8 in halo pointing

¹⁾ Spriggs+2020: 91 PNe

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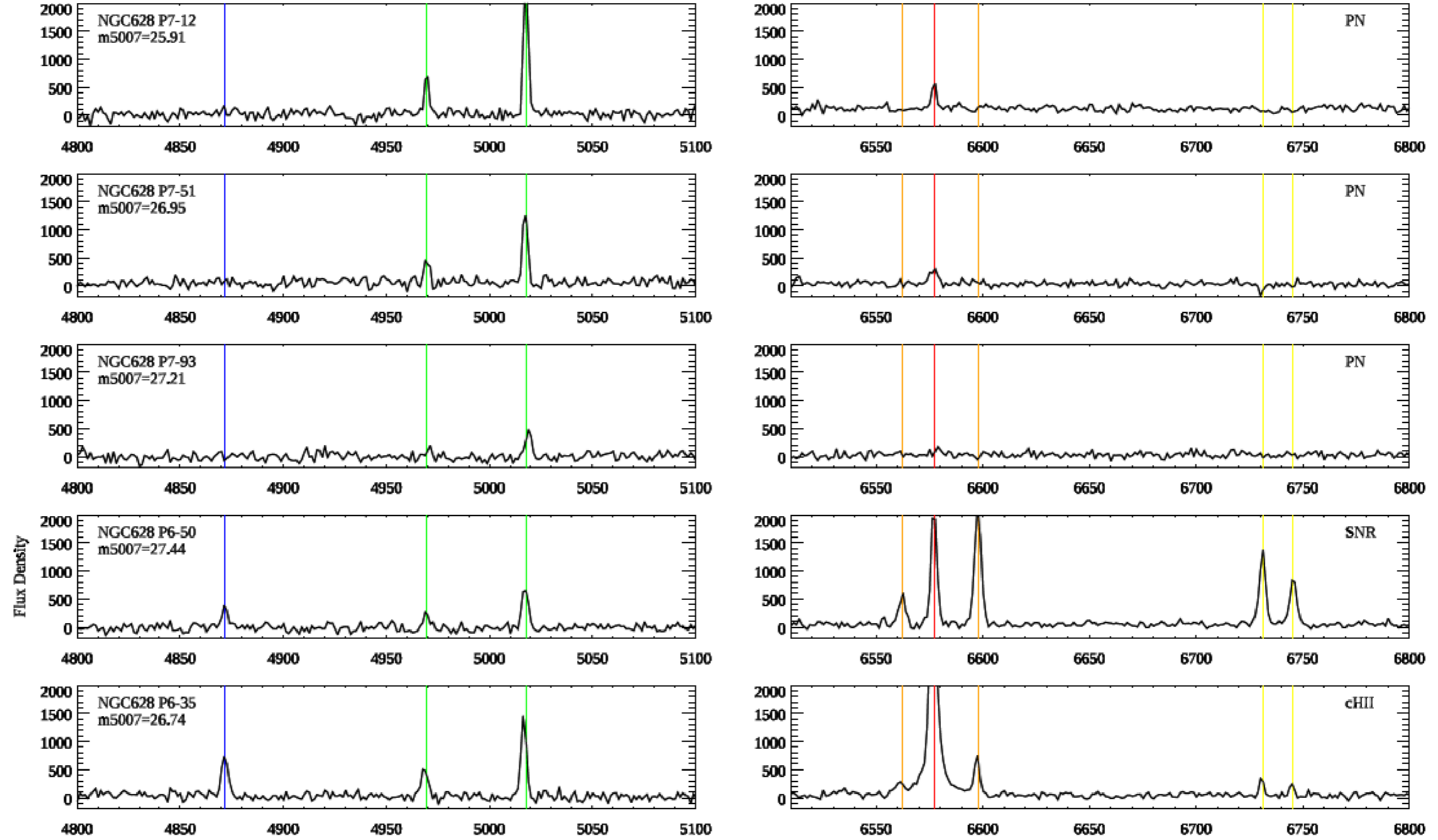


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MUSE:

- insensitive to LOSV
- 8m-class telescope
- image quality / AO
- DELF

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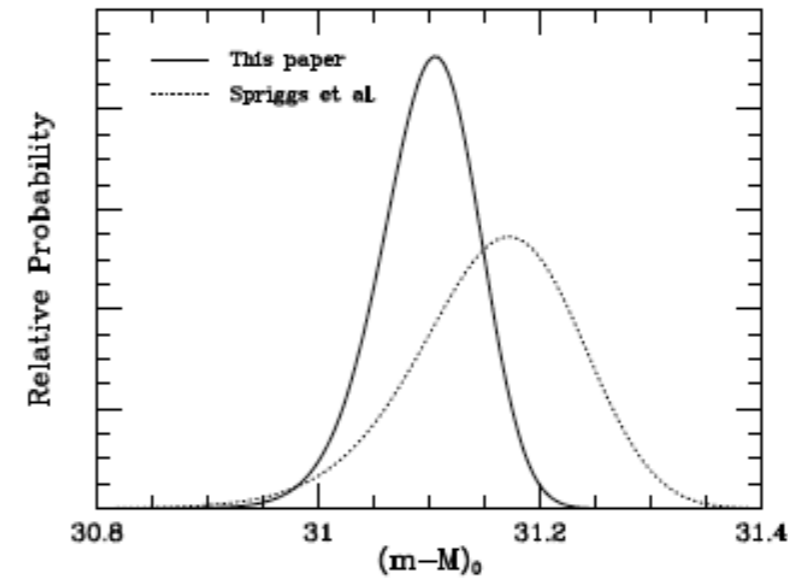
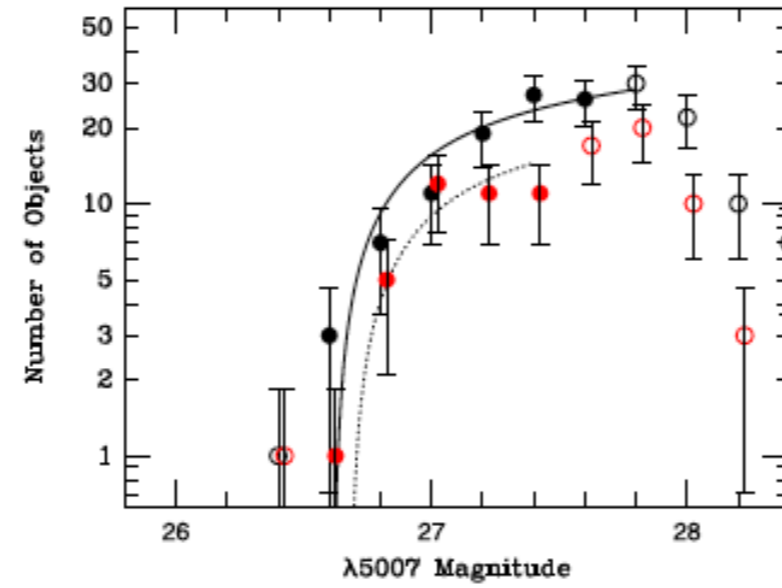


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3 benchmark galaxies:

- NGC 1380
- NGC 628
- NGC 474

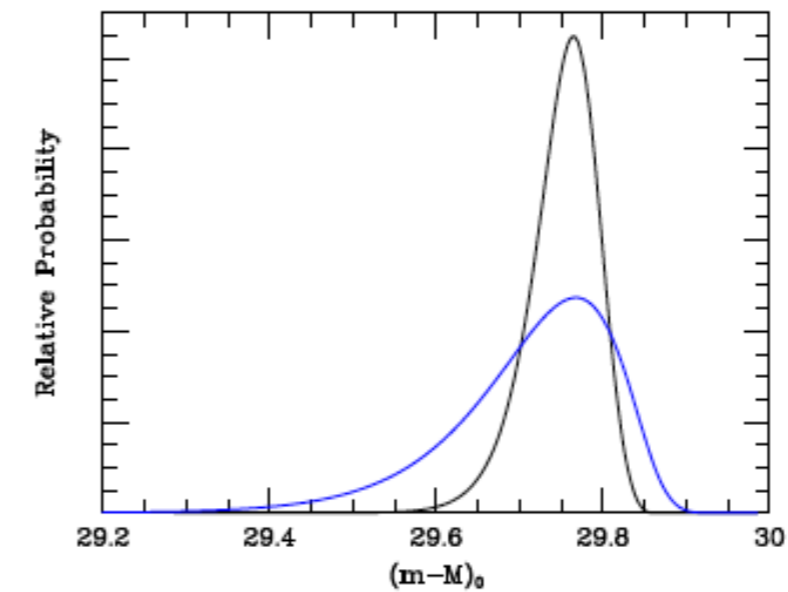
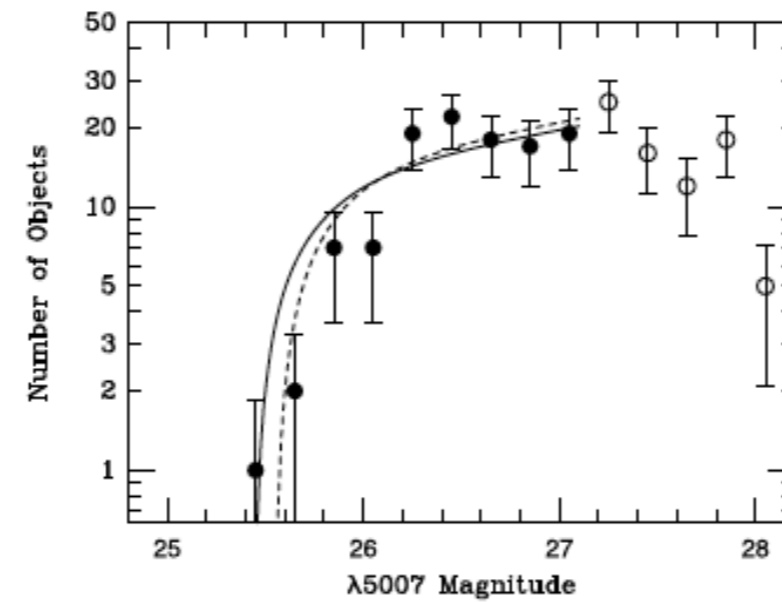
→ comparison with literature



NGC 1380

$$(m - M)_0 = 31.10^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$$

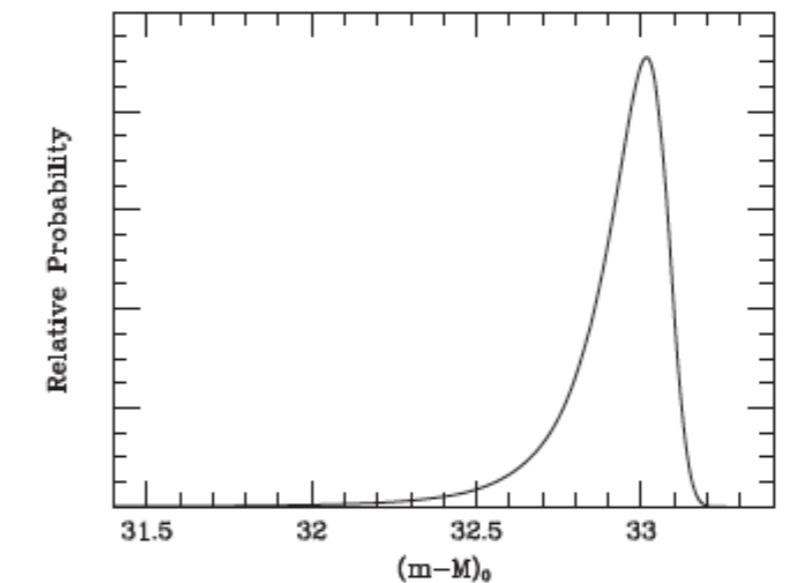
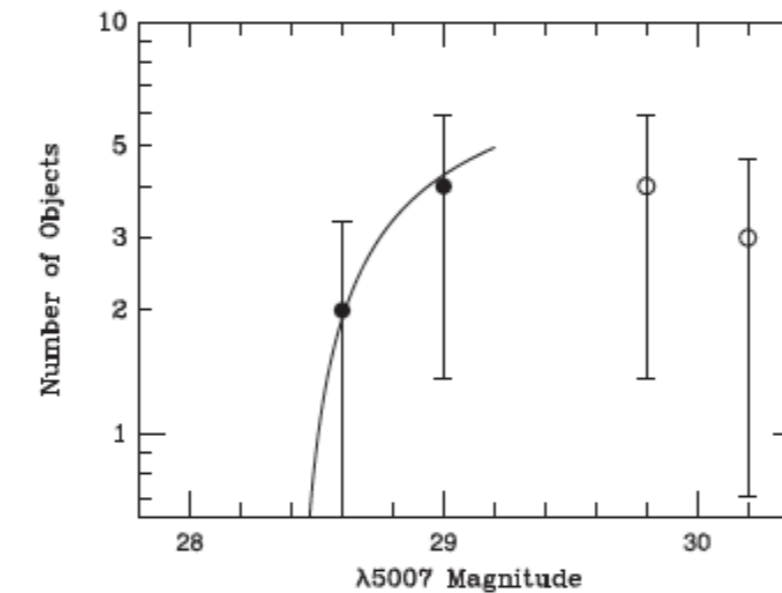
→ 16.6 Mpc



NGC 628

$$(m - M)_0 = 29.76^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$$
$$29.87^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$$

→ 8.95 Mpc



NGC 474

$$(m - M)_0 = 32.86^{+0.08}_{-0.25}$$

→ 37.4 Mpc

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Table 8. PNLF Galaxy Distances

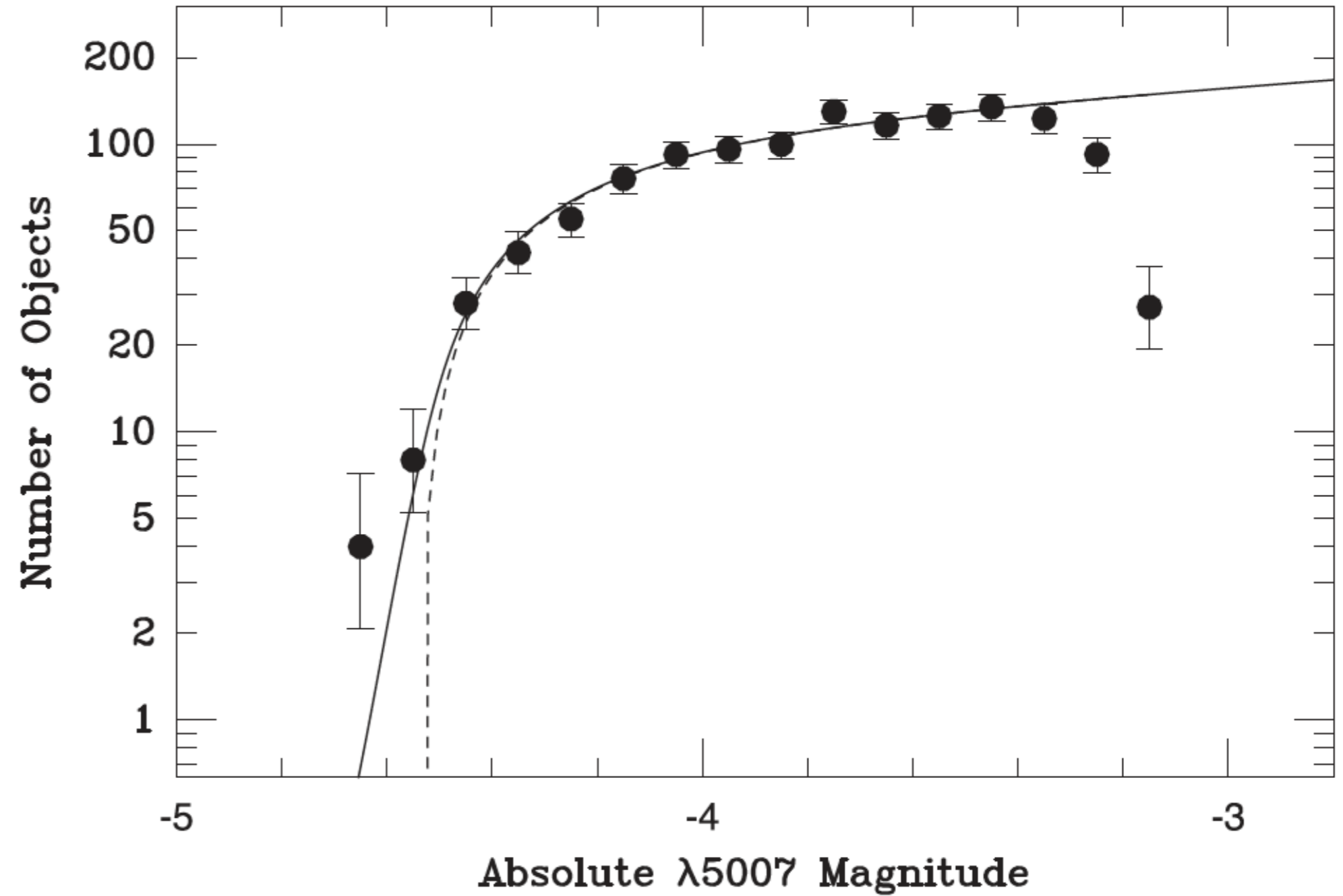
Galaxy	Number ^a of PNe	$(m - M)_0$	PN Distance Mpc	Other Distance Mpc	Notes
NGC 253	34/10	$28.66^{+0.12}_{-0.28}$	$05.4^{+0.3}_{-0.6}$		
NGC 1052	86/50	$31.26^{+0.04}_{-0.07}$	$17.9^{+0.3}_{-0.6}$	18.0 ± 2.4 (SBF)	
NGC 1326	55/20	$30.99^{+0.06}_{-0.11}$	$15.8^{+0.5}_{-0.8}$		overluminous PN rejected
NGC 1351	102/45	$31.39^{+0.04}_{-0.08}$	$19.0^{+0.4}_{-0.7}$	19.2 ± 0.6 (SBF)	overluminous PN rejected
NGC 1366	22/13	$31.39^{+0.10}_{-0.22}$	$19.0^{+0.9}_{-1.8}$	20.3 ± 4.1 (SBF)	
NGC 1385	78/54	$31.99^{+0.06}_{-0.08}$	$25.0^{+0.7}_{-0.9}$		
NGC 1399	232/164	$31.23^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$17.6^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	21.1 ± 0.7 (SBF)	
* NGC 1404	124/64	$31.37^{+0.04}_{-0.07}$	$18.8^{+0.3}_{-0.6}$	18.7 ± 0.6 (TRGB), 20.4 ± 0.6 , 20.2 ± 0.6 (SBF)	
NGC 1419	21/12	$31.39^{+0.10}_{-0.26}$	$18.9^{+0.9}_{-2.1}$	22.9 ± 0.9 (SBF)	
NGC 1433	258/160	$31.33^{+0.04}_{-0.06}$	$18.5^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	9.0 (TRGB)	2 overluminous PNe included
NGC 1512	210/144	$31.30^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$18.2^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	11.7 ± 1.1 (TRGB)	
* NGC 2207	3/0		< 40		
NGC 3501	6/0		< 38		
* NGC 4038/9	228/154	$31.77^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$22.6^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	21.7 ± 0.5 (TRGB) 18.1 ± 0.9 , 20.4 ± 0.6 , 21.4 ± 0.8 (CEPH)	“Antennae Galaxies”
NGC 4365	64/30	$31.55^{+0.05}_{-0.08}$	$20.4^{+0.5}_{-0.8}$	23.1 ± 0.8 (SBF)	
NGC 4418	47/24	$32.59^{+0.07}_{-0.10}$	$33.0^{+1.1}_{-1.5}$		overluminous PN included
NGC 4472	67/43	$30.85^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$	$14.8^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	15.9 ± 1.0 (SBF)	SBF is average of 22 values in NED
NGC 5248	29/15	$31.80^{+0.07}_{-0.10}$	$22.9^{+0.8}_{-1.1}$		overluminous PN rejected
NGC 6958	28/15	$32.80^{+0.24}_{-0.21}$	$36.2^{+4.3}_{-3.3}$		
ESO 338-IG04	0				
MCG-06-08-024	7/0				

^a Given as Total number of PNe / Approximate number of PNe contributing to distance

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Combined PNLF

Galaxy	M_{lim}	Total PNe	PN with $M < M_{\text{lim}}$
NGC 628	-3.19	202	90
NGC 1052	-3.74	87	39
NGC 1326	-3.26	55	39
NGC 1351	-3.43	102	45
NGC 1380	-3.22	112	78
NGC 1385	-3.65	78	40
NGC 1399	-3.27	232	163
NGC 1404	-3.70	126	38
NGC 1433 ^a	-3.25	258	95
NGC 1512	-3.16	210	144
NGC 4038/9	-3.40	228	152
NGC 4365	-3.71	64	30
NGC 4418	-3.86	47	24
NGC 4472	-3.91	81	39



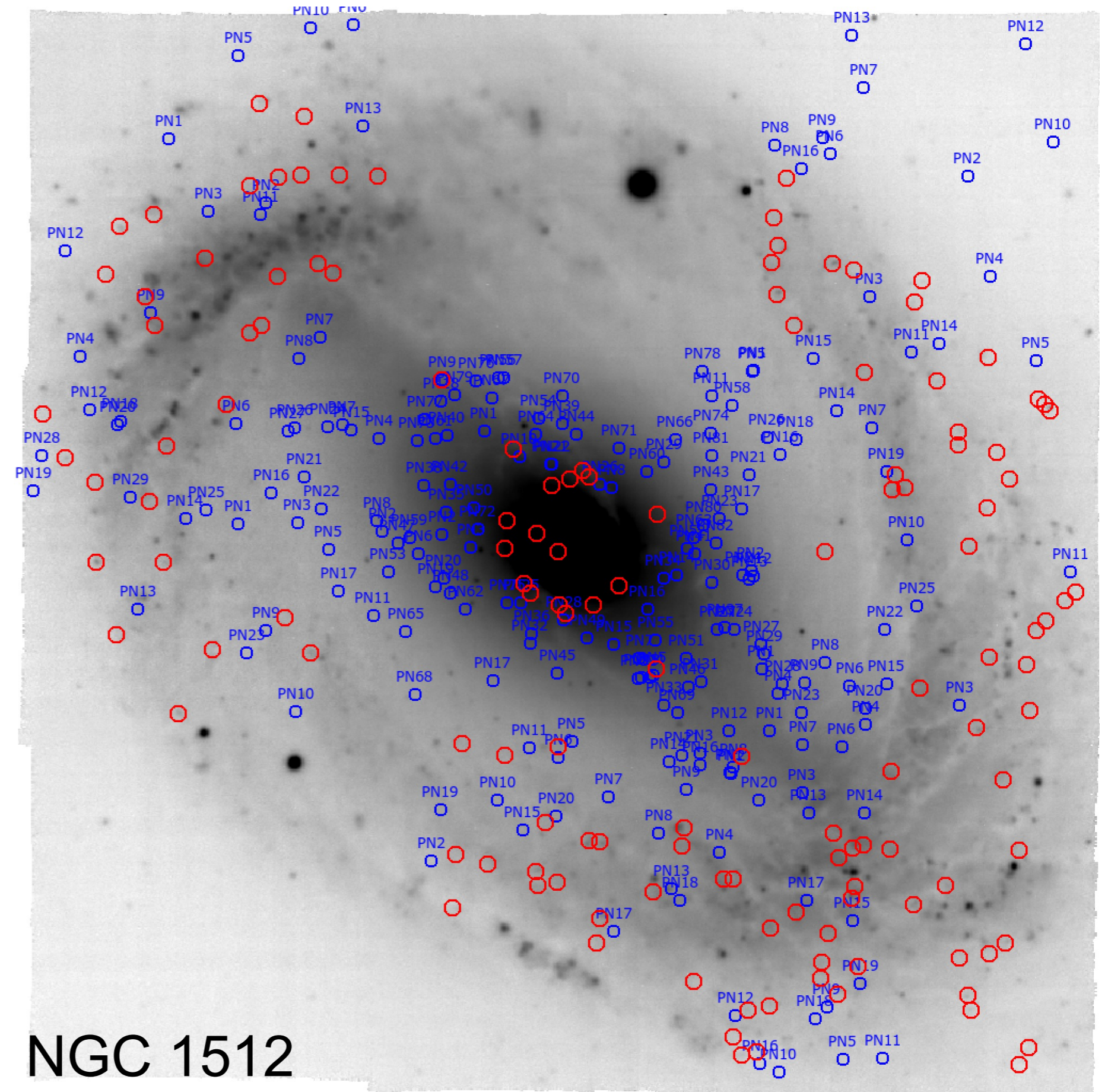
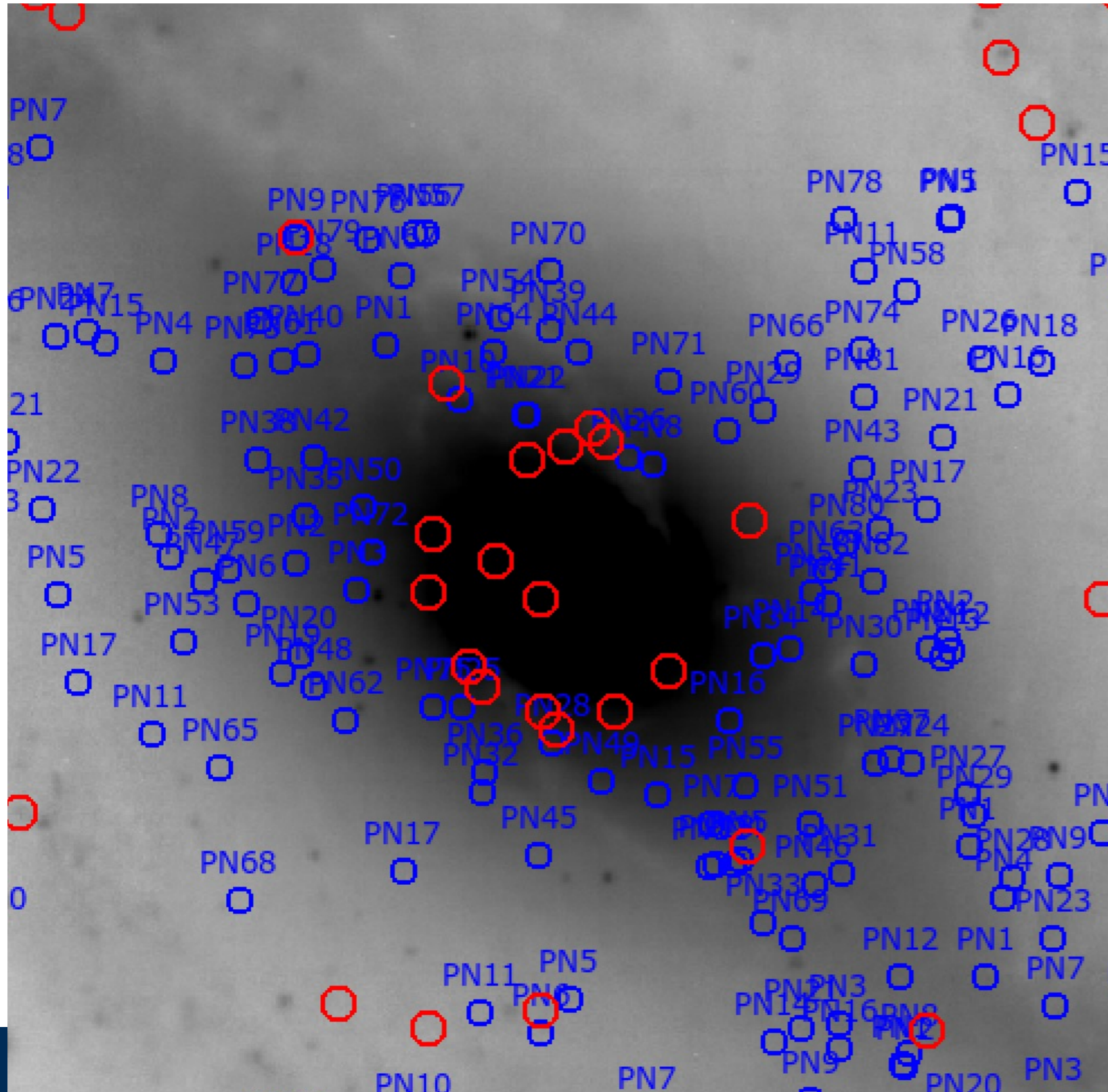
(4) PNLF with BlueMUSE



- Factor 2x higher throughput than MUSE
- Factor 2x higher spectral resolution:
suppression of continuum background
→ most efficient in nuclear regions

(4) PNLF with BlueMUSE

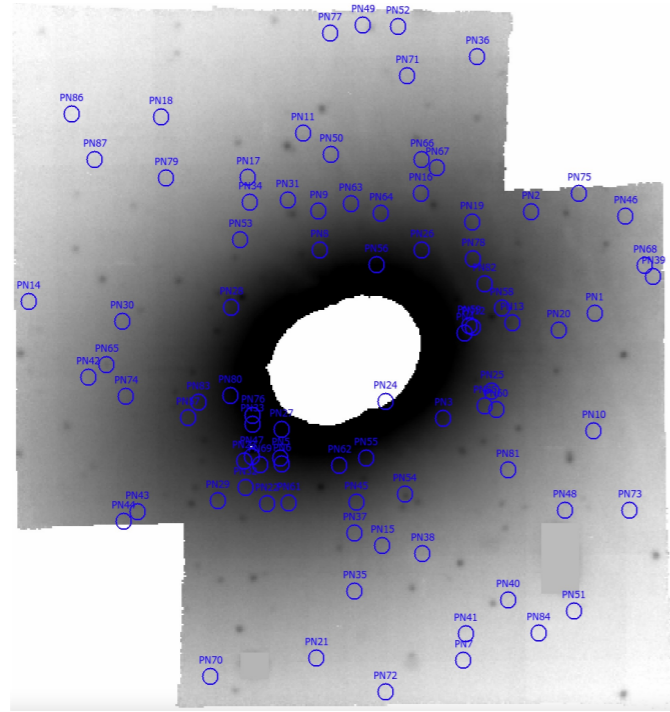
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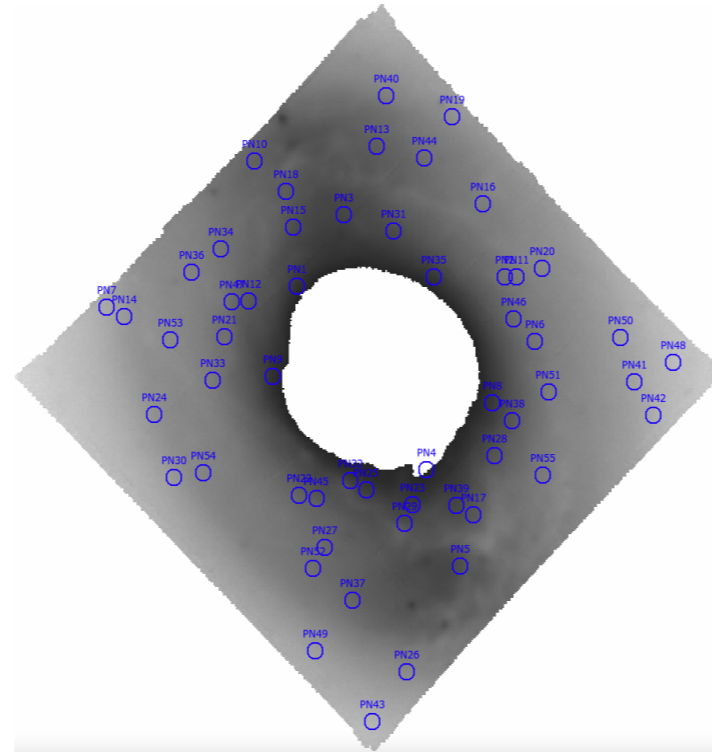
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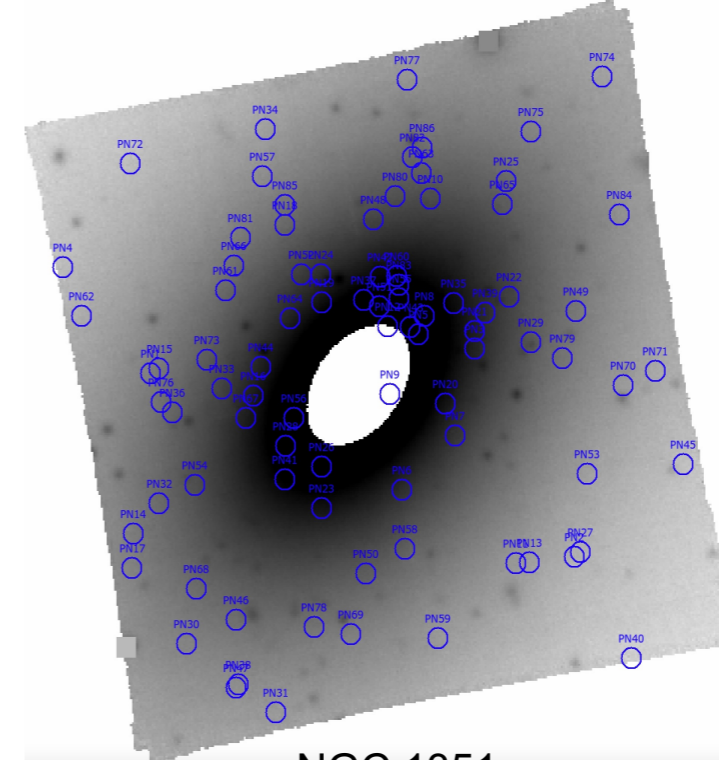
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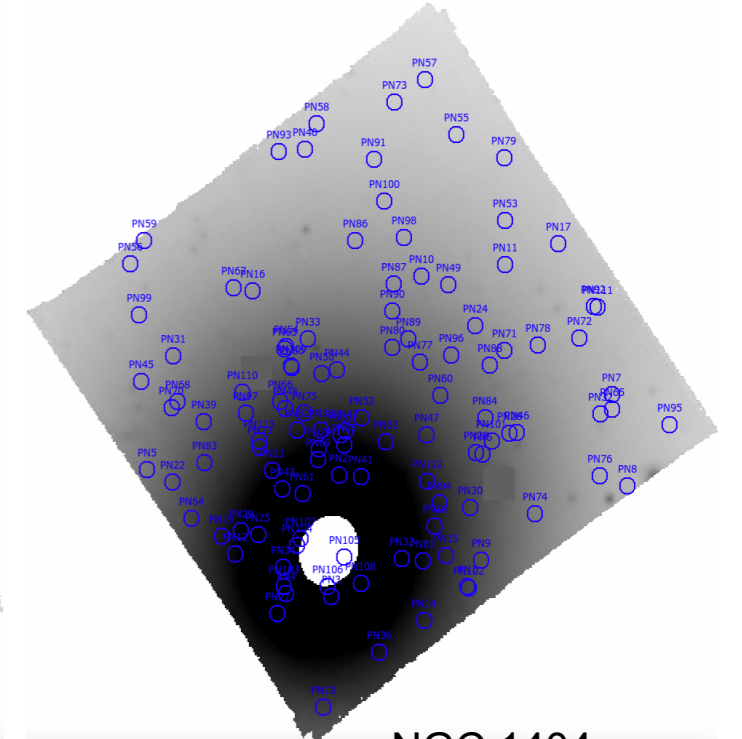
NGC 1052



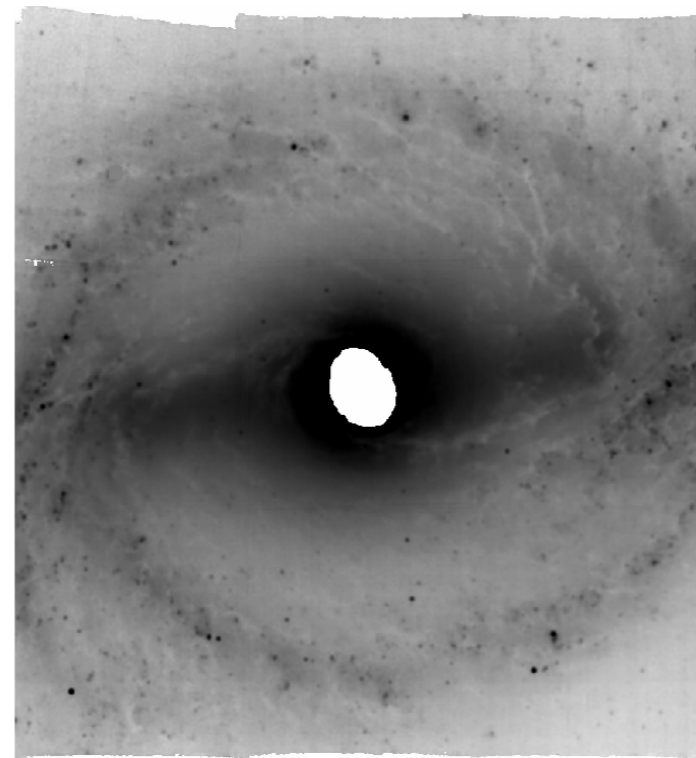
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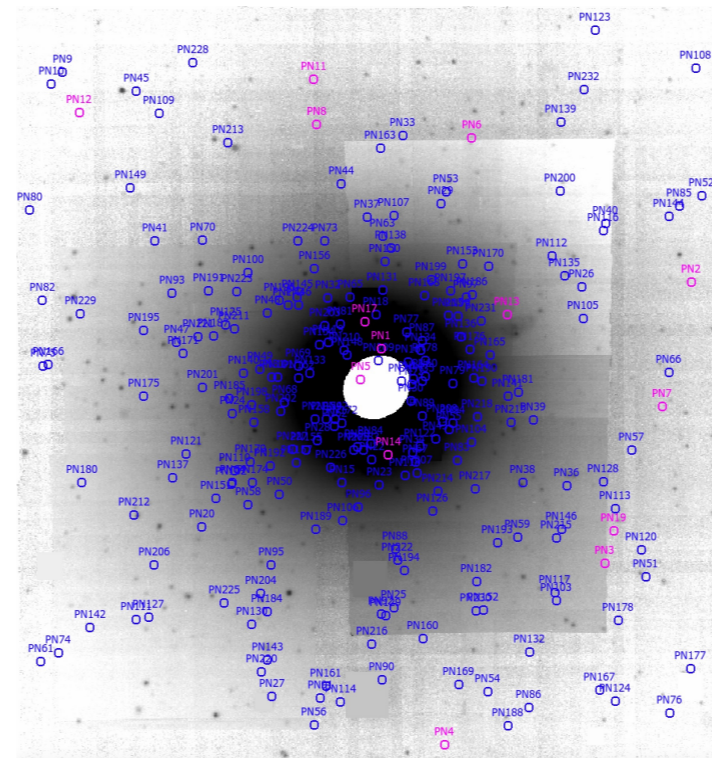
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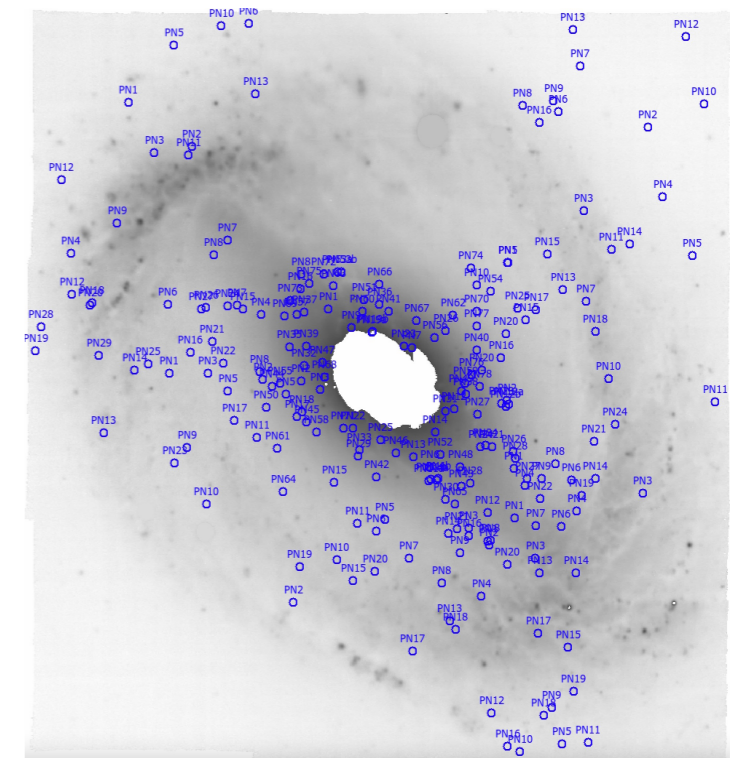
NGC 1404



NGC 1433



NGC 1399



NGC 1512

(5) Summary

- MUSE datacubes offer extremely small bandwidth narrow-band imaging
- Small bandwidth
 - ⇒ low continuum background
 - ⇒ low continuum background shot noise
 - ⇒ low continuum background systematic errors
- Differential Emission Line Filter works on a spaxel-by-spaxel basis and efficiently removes systematic „flatfield“ errors
- Differential Emission Line Filter introduces minimal shot noise in the process of continuum background subtraction
- BlueMUSE's higher efficiency @ 500.7nm boosts sensitivity
- BlueMUSE's higher spectral resolution reduces continuum background