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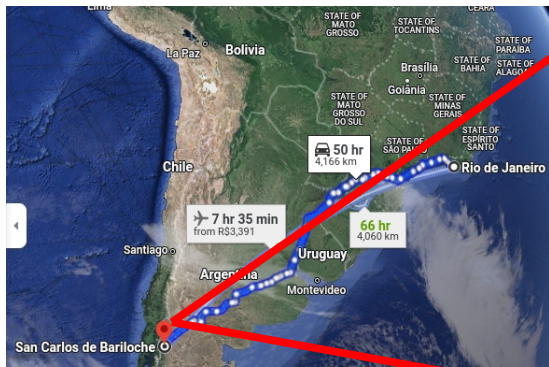
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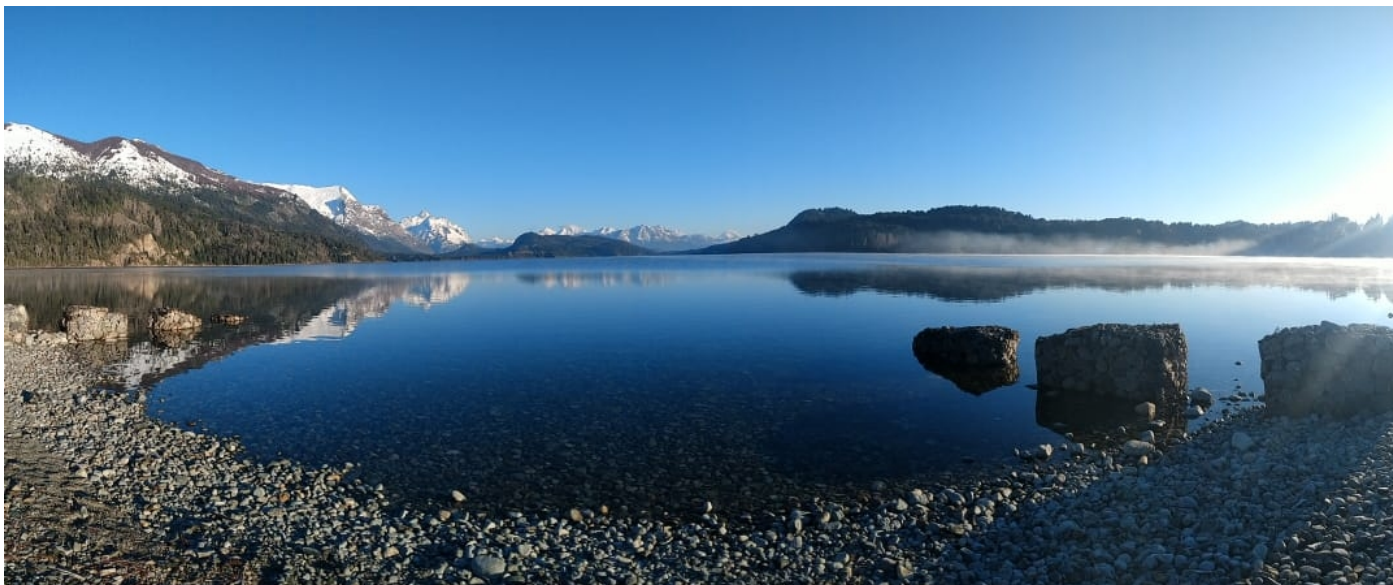
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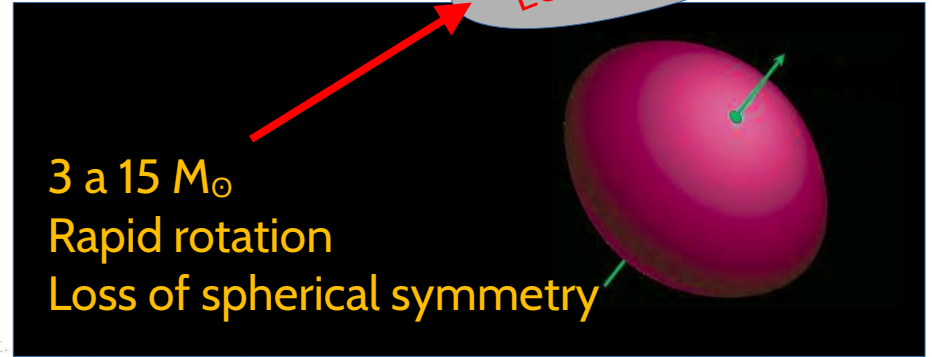
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Motivation: Be Stars

...OR HIGHER MASSES AT LOWER METALLICITIES!!

Main Sequence B-type stars.

Usually, broad photospheric lines.



H-emission lines, mild near-IR excesses.

Variable in all timescales.

(e.g. Review by Rivinius et al 2013)

The stars forms and dissipates *decretion disks*
Timescales months/years.

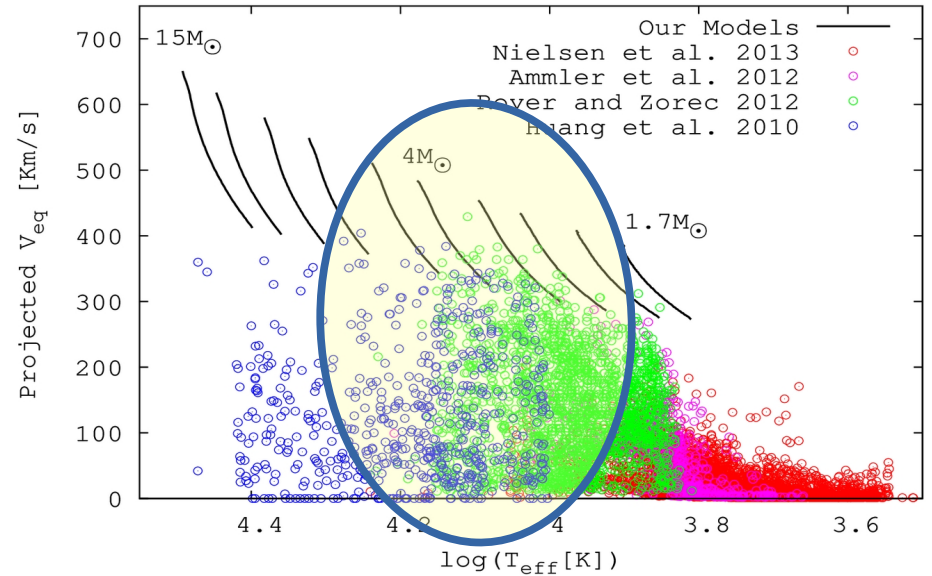
The diagram shows a Be star with a prominent decretion disk. The star is depicted as a dark, elongated object with a bright, glowing disk extending from its equator. The background is a light, grainy texture.

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Be stars are excellent laboratories to study :

- Physics of extreme stellar rotation.
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Are these rare objects?



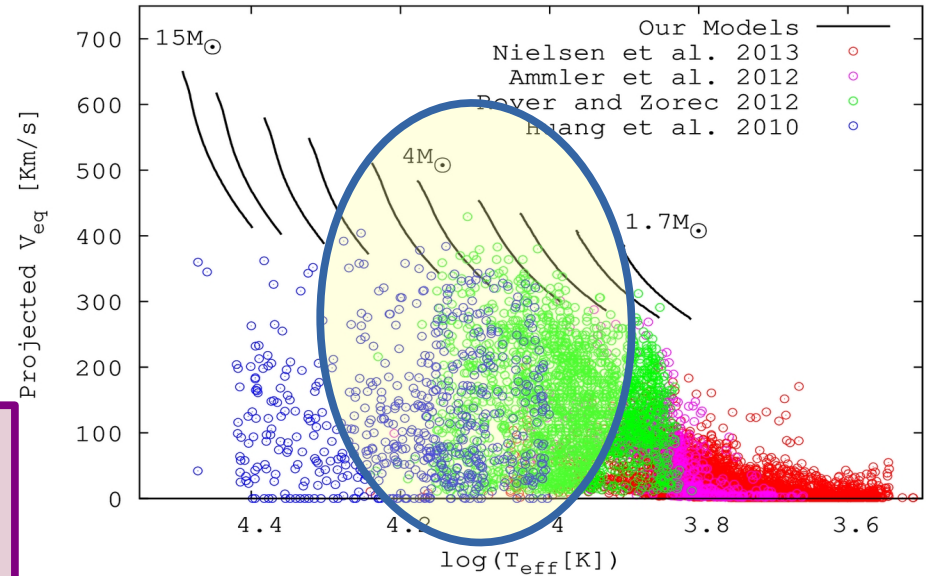
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In some Open Clusters, 40% of early B stars are Be.

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Motivation: Be Stars

Some Open questions

How Be stars acquire their rapid rotation.

Binarity? Large initial angular momentum content? Formation Ambient?

Mechanisms involved in the formation and evolution of the disk

Stellar Winds? Pulsations? Stellar activity? Binarity? Others?

Goal: Improve our knowledge of Be Stars

Understand the characteristics of *Ambients where Be stars Form and evolve*.

Compare the intra cluster medium of clusters rich in Be stars and those of similar age and composition where Be stars are not abundant.

Start with the OCs with largest amount of Be stars: **NGC 663**

→ **GAIA PHOTOMETRY + ISM TRACERS**

NGC 663: a cluster rich in Be stars

Distance: ~2900pc [Cantat-Gaudin 2018]

log(age[yr]): 7.0–7.7

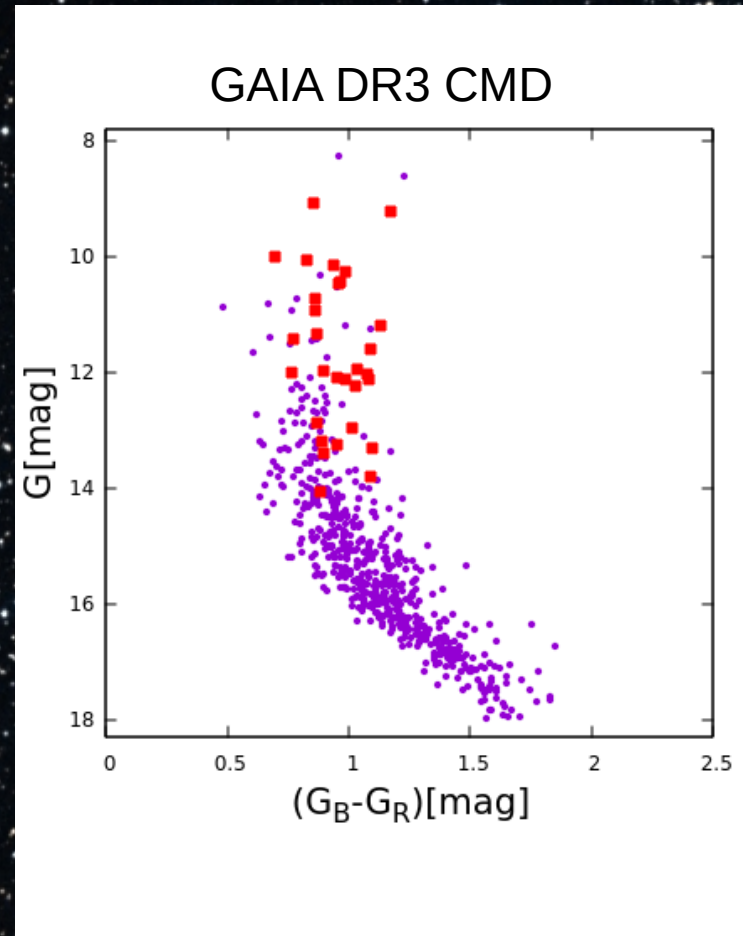
[Pigulski, 2001, Pandey 2005, Cantat-Gaudin 2018, Paron 2021. etc.]

Mean value of $E(B-V) = 0.8$

[Pigulski, 2001, Pandey 2005]

Multiple Stellar Populations? (ages)

[(Valcarce & Catelan 2011; Li et al. 2016, Paron et al. 2021.)



NGC 663: a cluster rich in Be stars



RED: WISE 24 μ m

NGC 663: a cluster rich in Be stars



What kind of material is it?

Are all stars of the cluster embedded there?

Are all clusters rich in Be stars like this one?

NGC 663: a cluster rich in Be stars



What kind of material is it? → S. Parón

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NGC 663: un cúmulo rico en estrellas Be

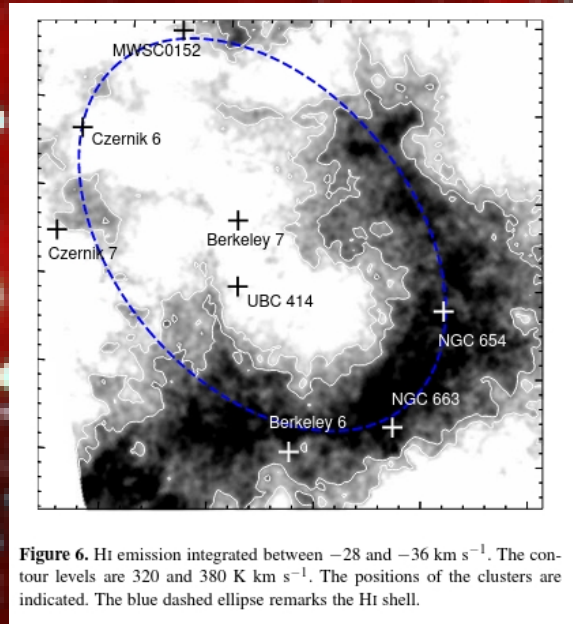


Figure 6. H I emission integrated between -28 and -36 km s^{-1} . The contour levels are 320 and 380 K km s^{-1} . The positions of the clusters are indicated. The blue dashed ellipse remarks the H I shell.

The ISM in the region around NGC 663 did not seem to have anything special...

Studying the interstellar medium to look for relics of triggered star formation among stellar clusters

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Intra Cluster Medium of NGC 663

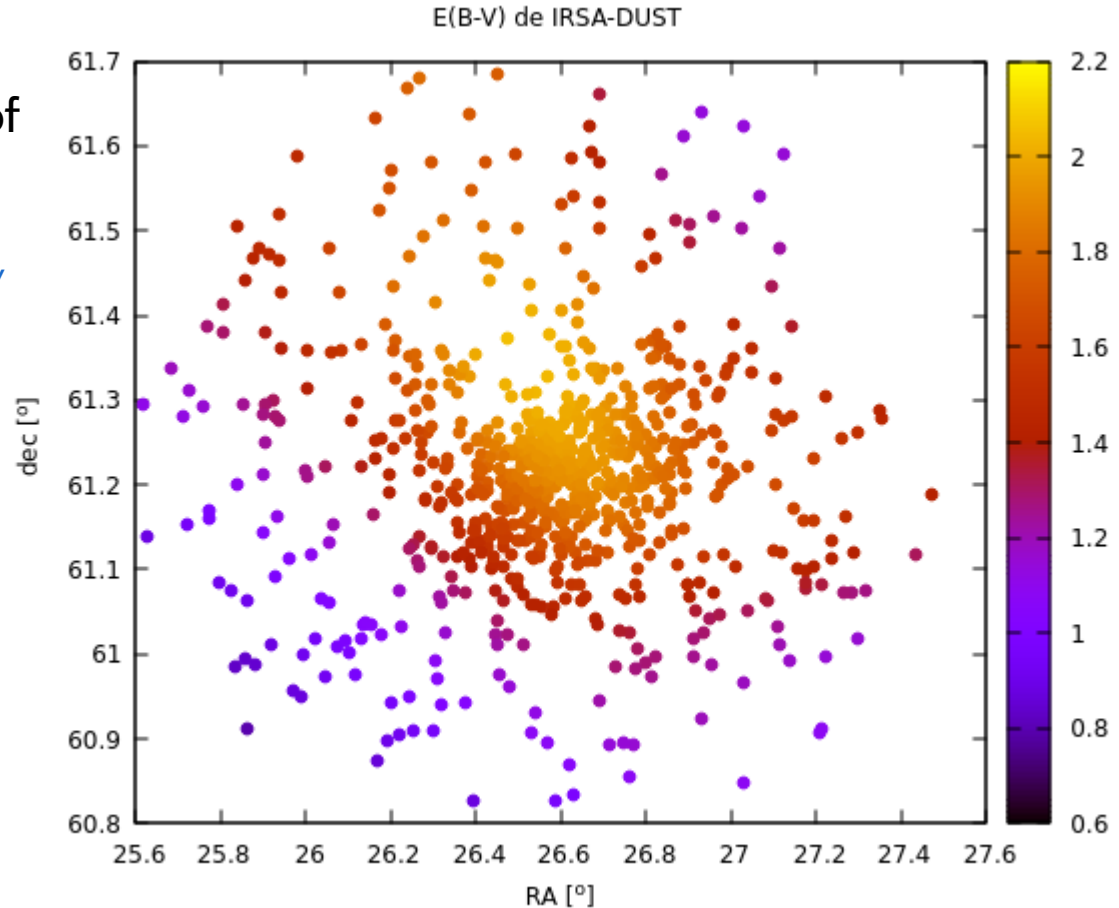
Dust reddening in the direction of sight

<https://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/applications/DUST/>

WIDELY USED IN LITERATURE.

Stars $P > 0.5$ of NGC 663
(Cantat Gaudin 2018).

Galactic dust extinction from Schlafly and Finkbeiner
(2011)



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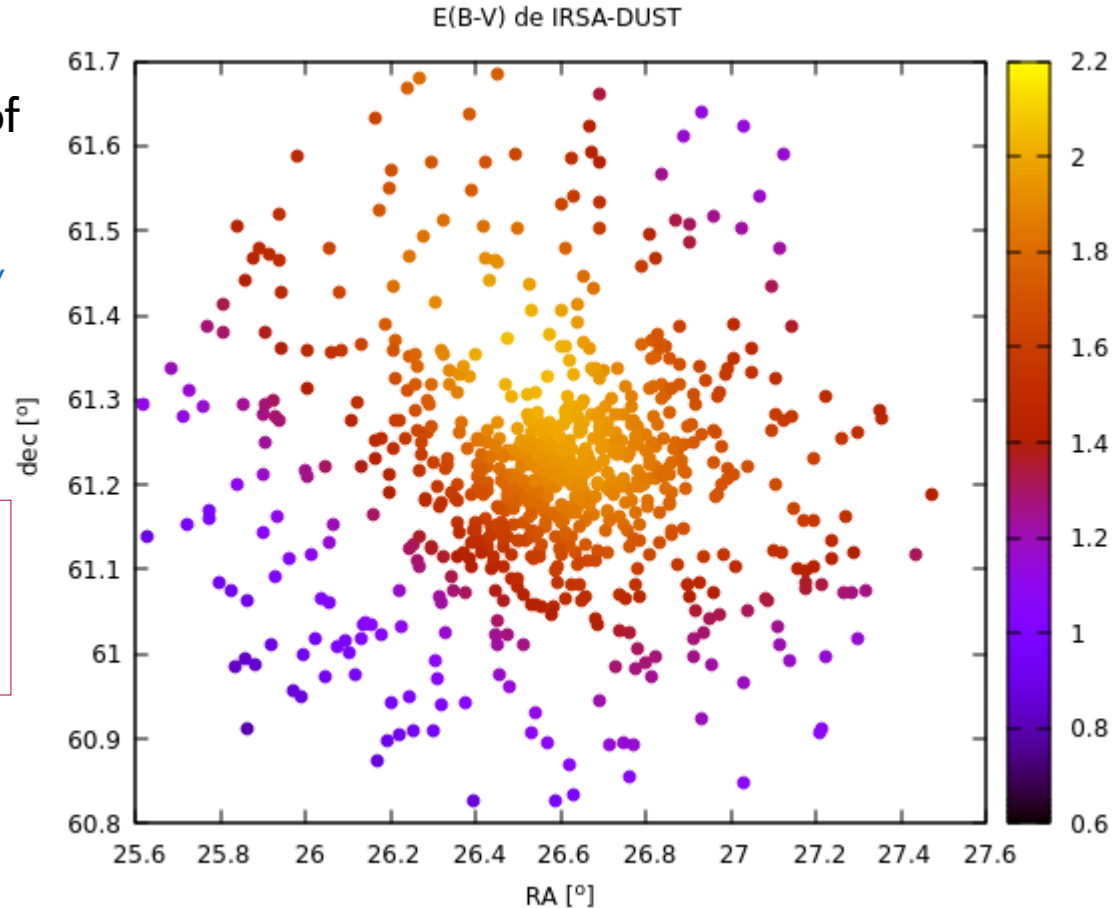
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These $E(B-V)_{\text{IRSA}}$ values can not be used as tabulated, derived from integration of dust column

Galactic dust extinction from Schlafly and Finkbeiner (2011)



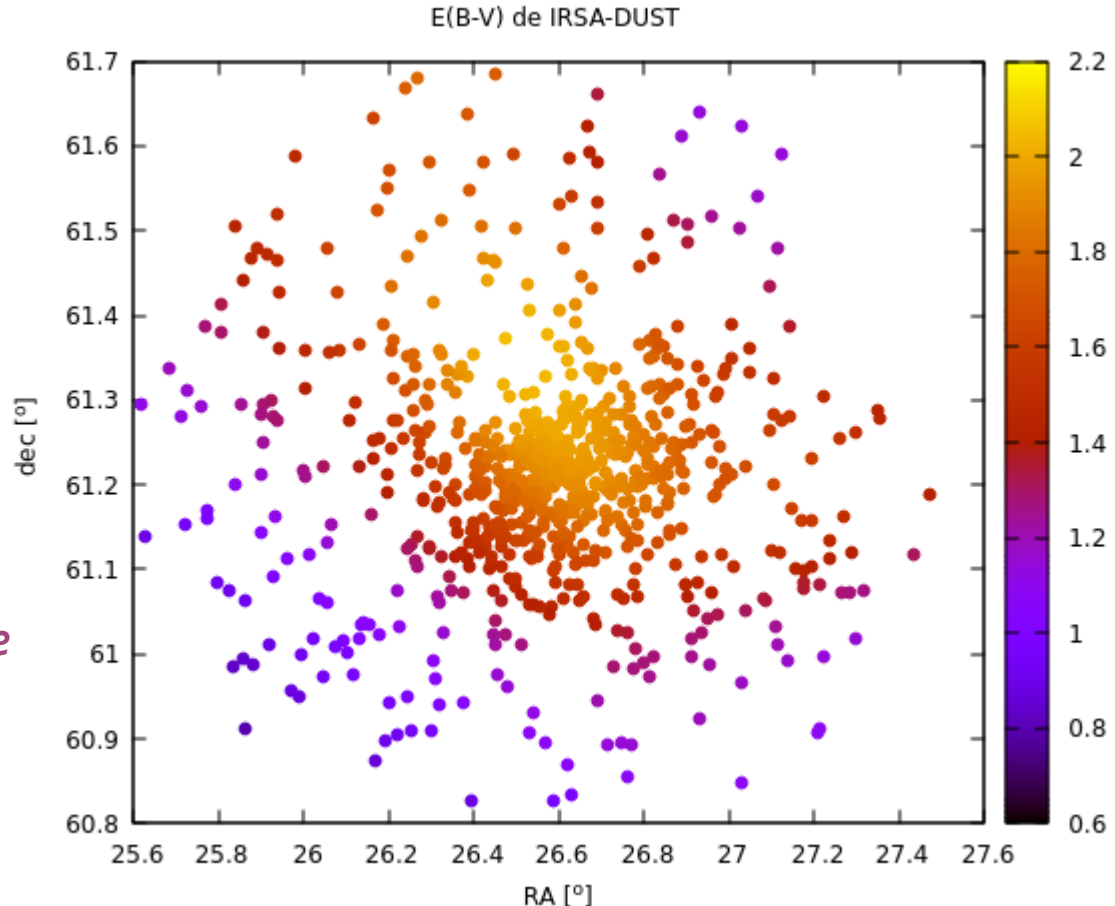
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We assume that stars close in angular distance having similar tabulated $E(B-V)_{\text{IRSA}}$, are equally affected by interstellar matter



We use this quantity as a feature to cluster the data and then deredden each group.

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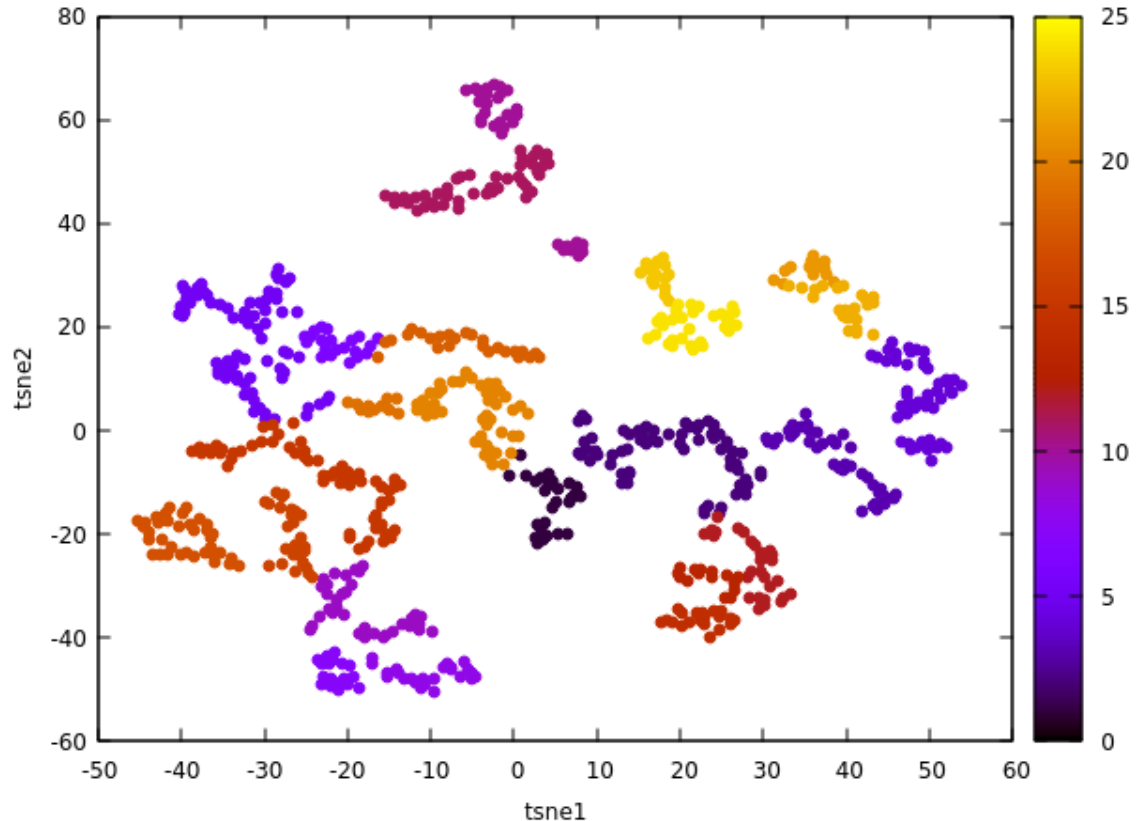
We use ML dimensionality reduction (t-SNE) methods to group stars according to their characteristics.

Features used: RA, dec, E(B-V).

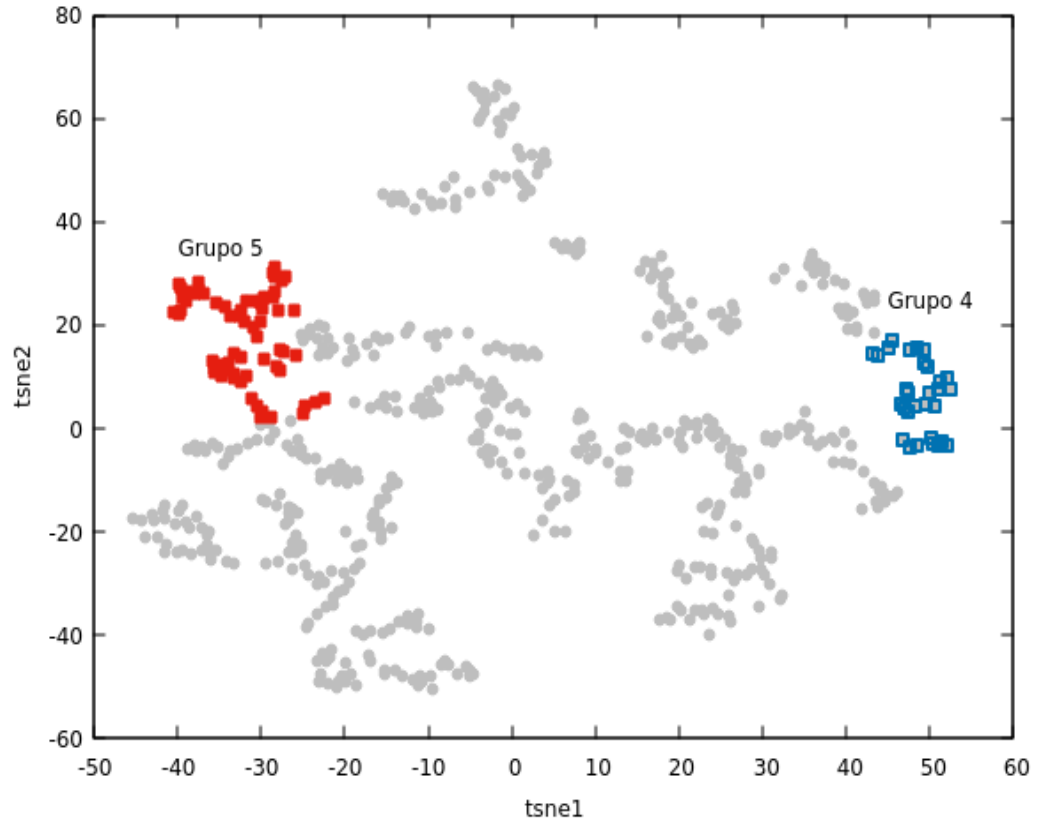
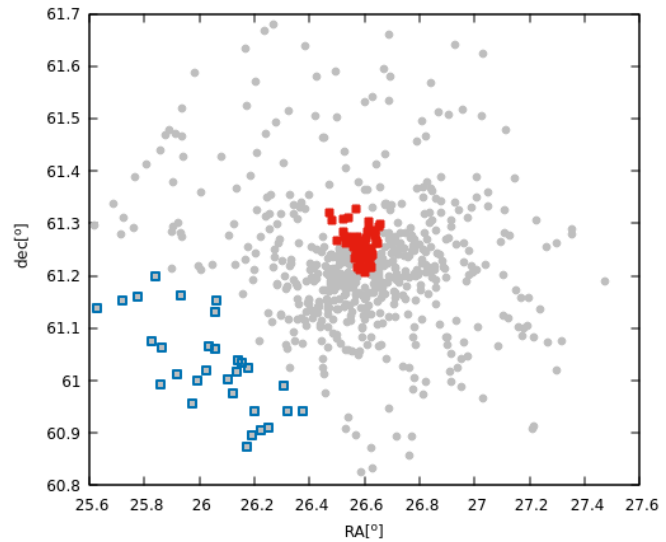
Reduction with t-SNE to 2D.

Other reduction methods such as UMAP produce similar groupings.

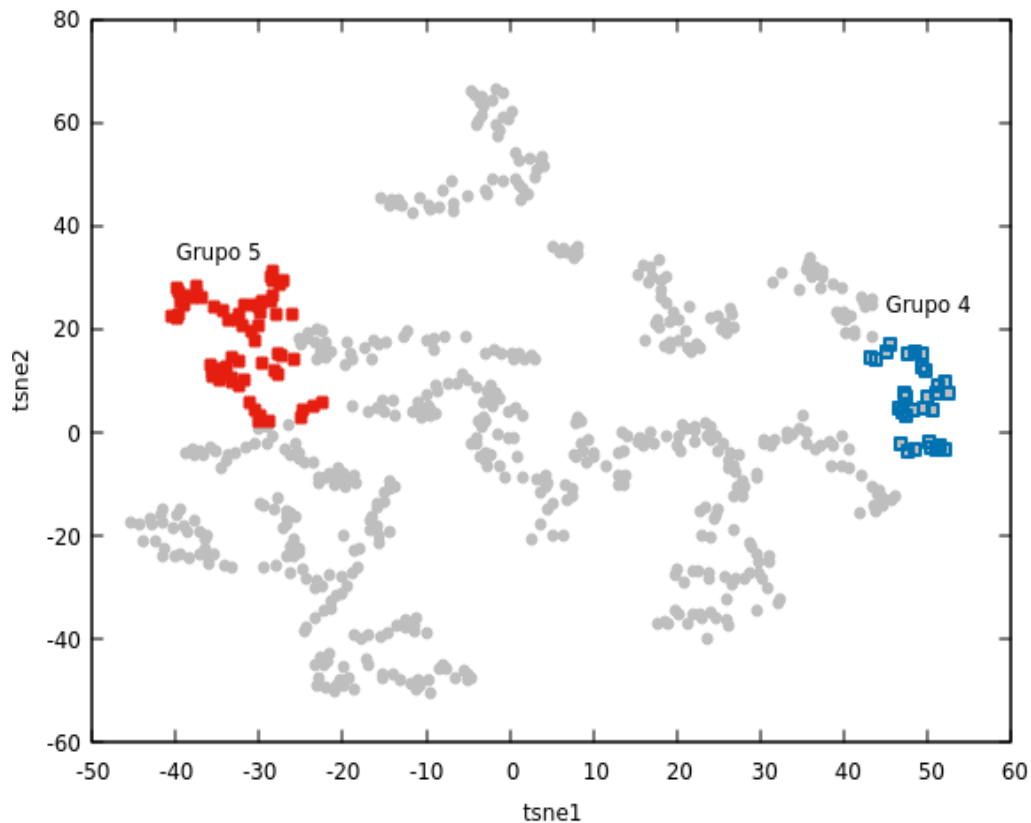
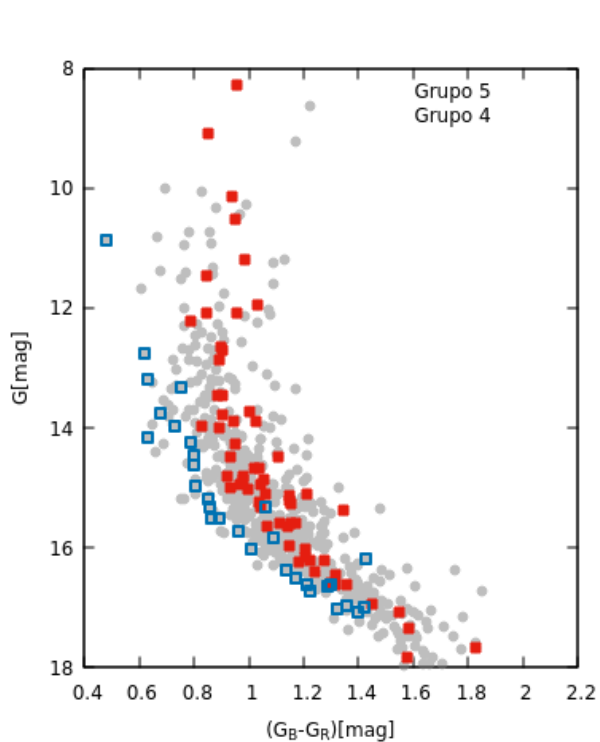
Matías Núñez
“explores nature
With ML”



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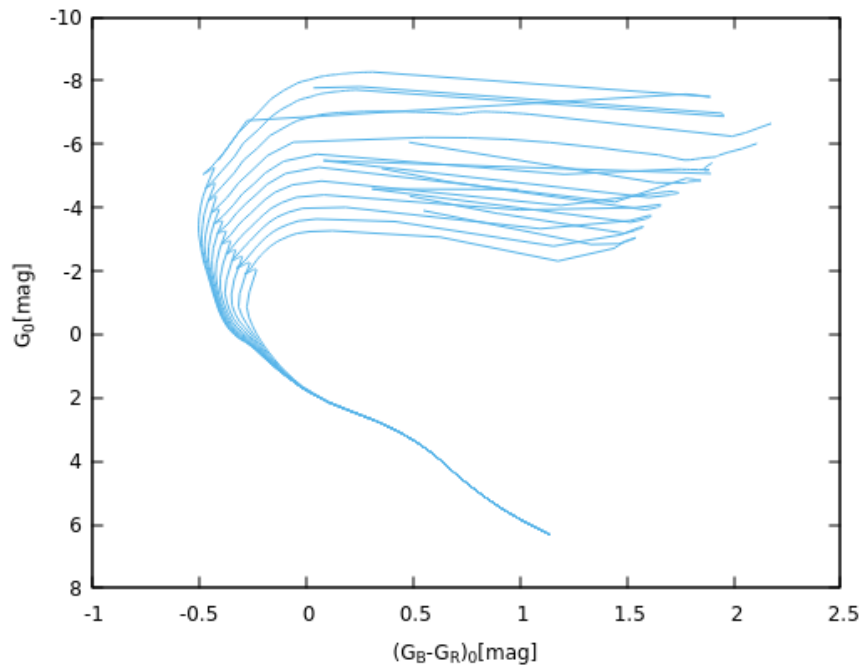


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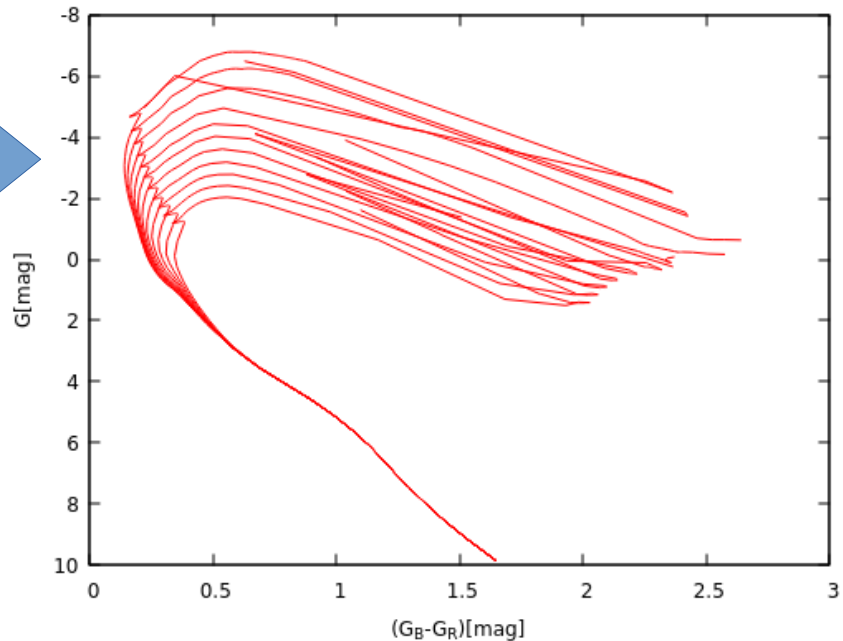


Reddening Isochrones

Isochrones of 10 to 100 Myr in Gaia system



Reddened Gaia Isochrones

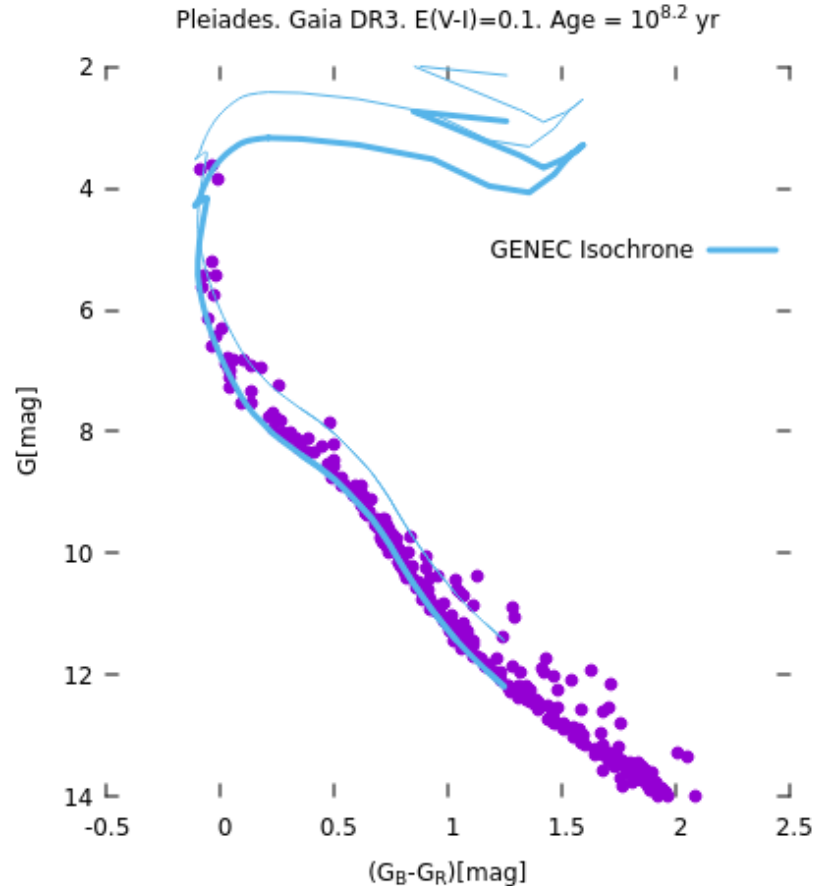


Isochrones Ekström (2012) $\rightarrow G - V = f(V - I)$, $G_B - G_R = g(V - I)$.

https://gea.esac.esa.int/archive/documentation/GEDR3/Data_processing/chap_cu5pho/cu5pho_sec_photSystem/cu5pho_ssec_photRelations.html

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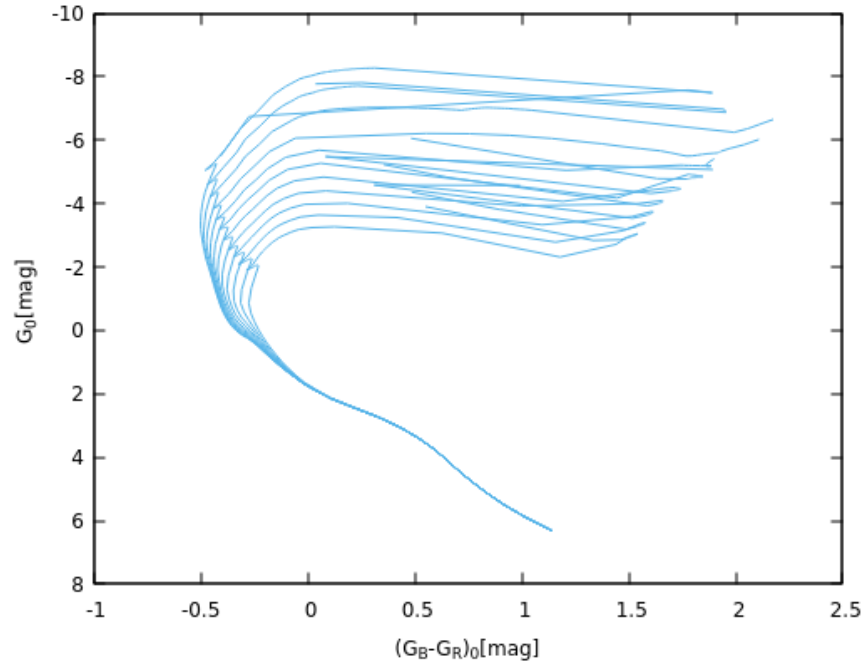
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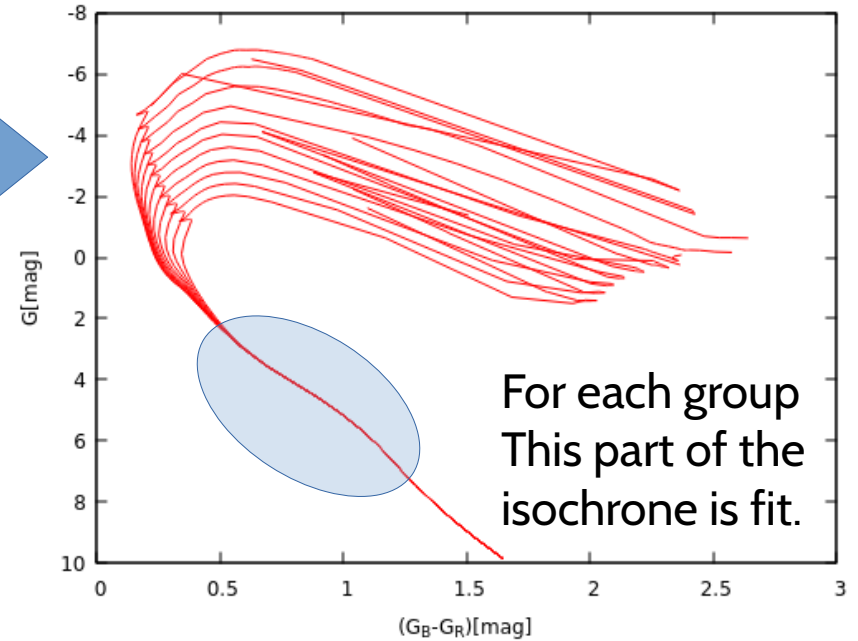
The reddened isochrones provide an adequate fit of Gaia DR3 data.

Dereddening NGC 663

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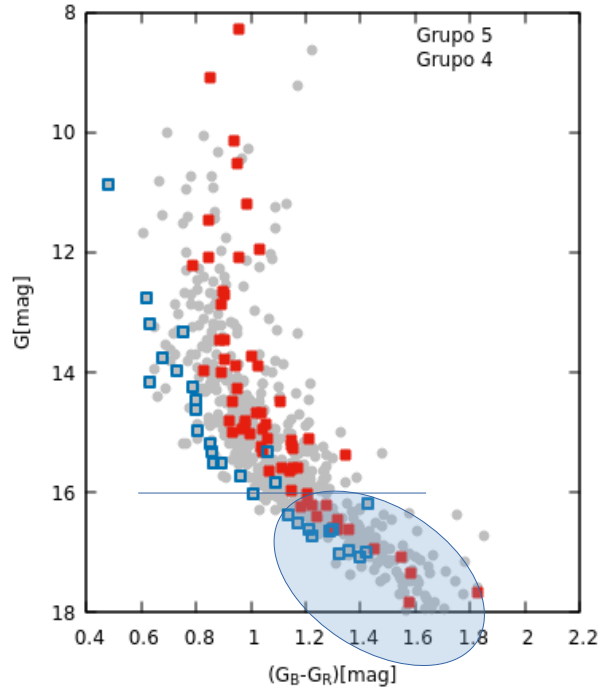


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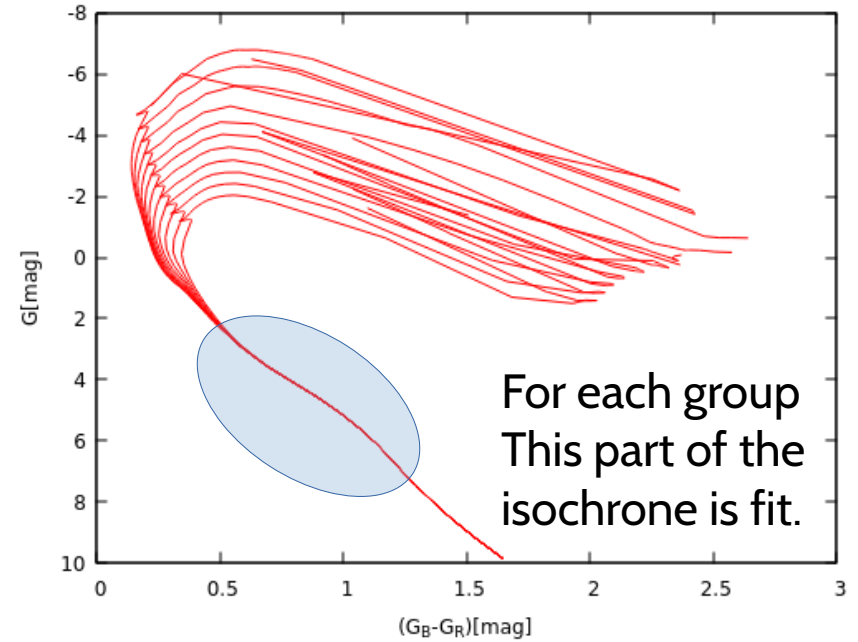
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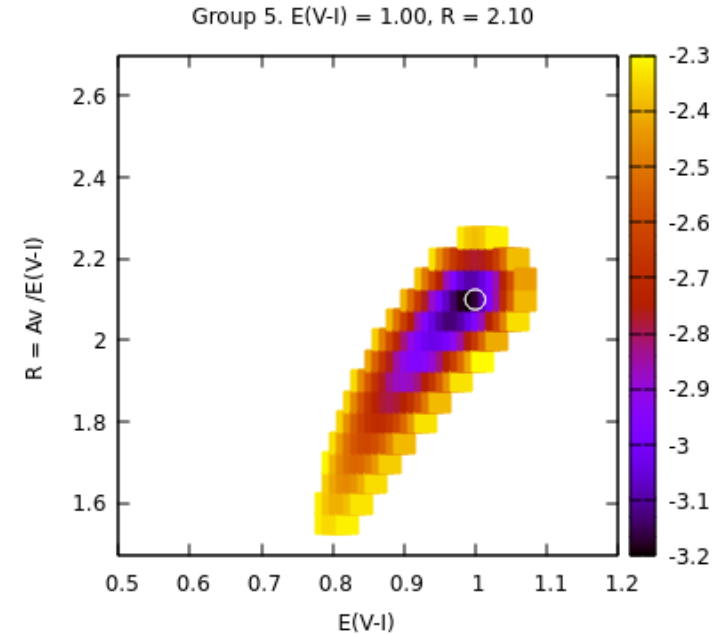
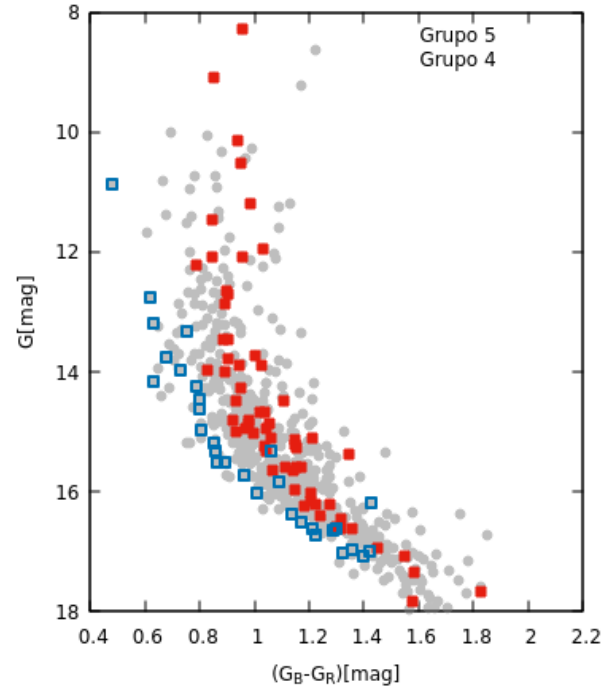
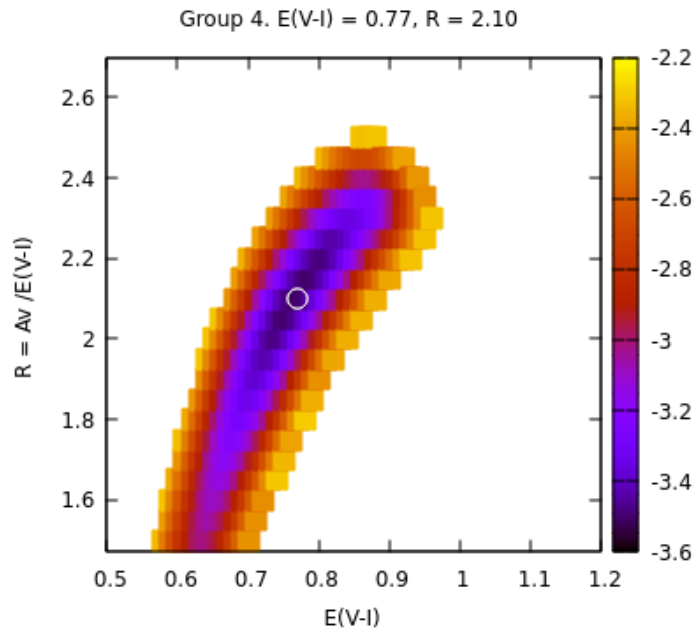
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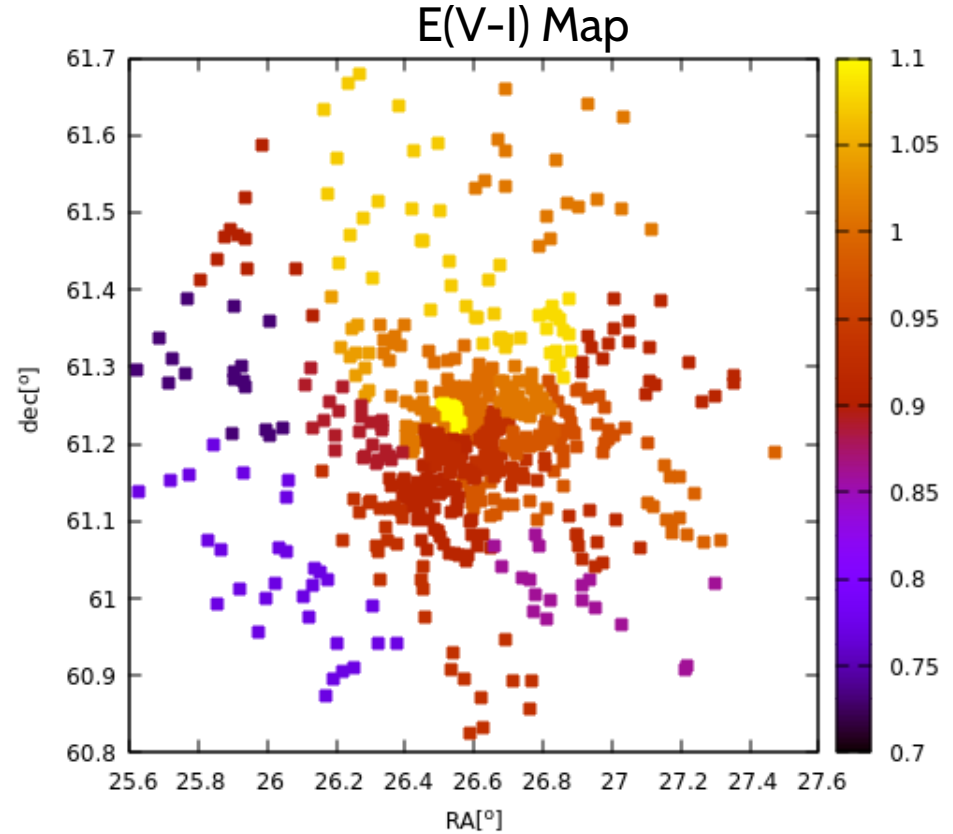
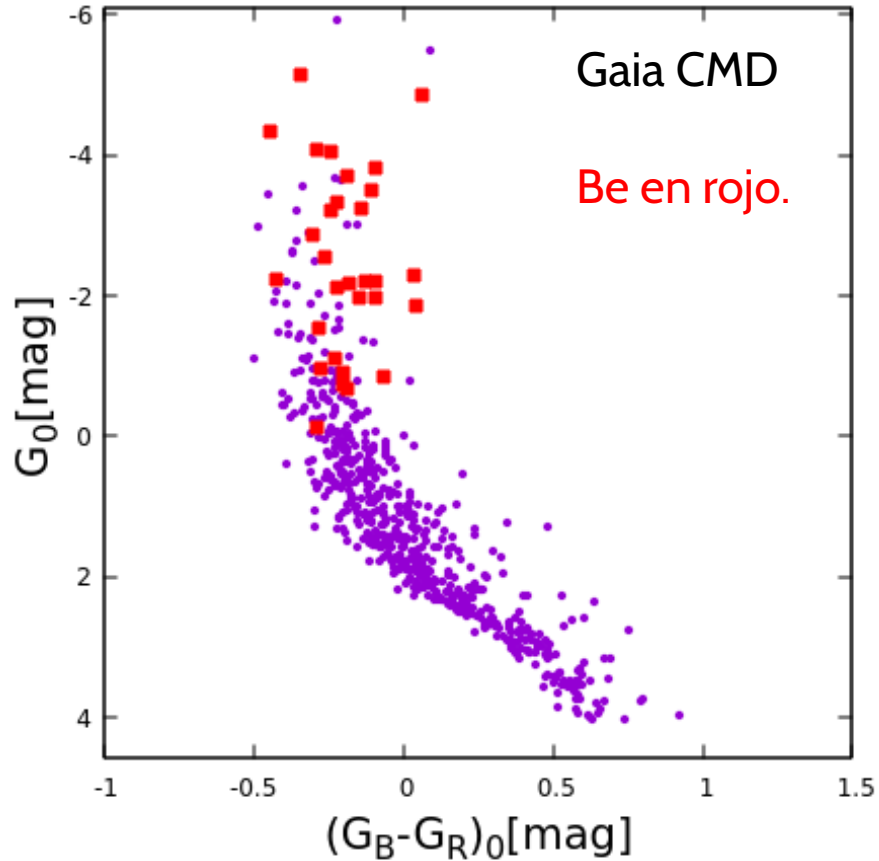


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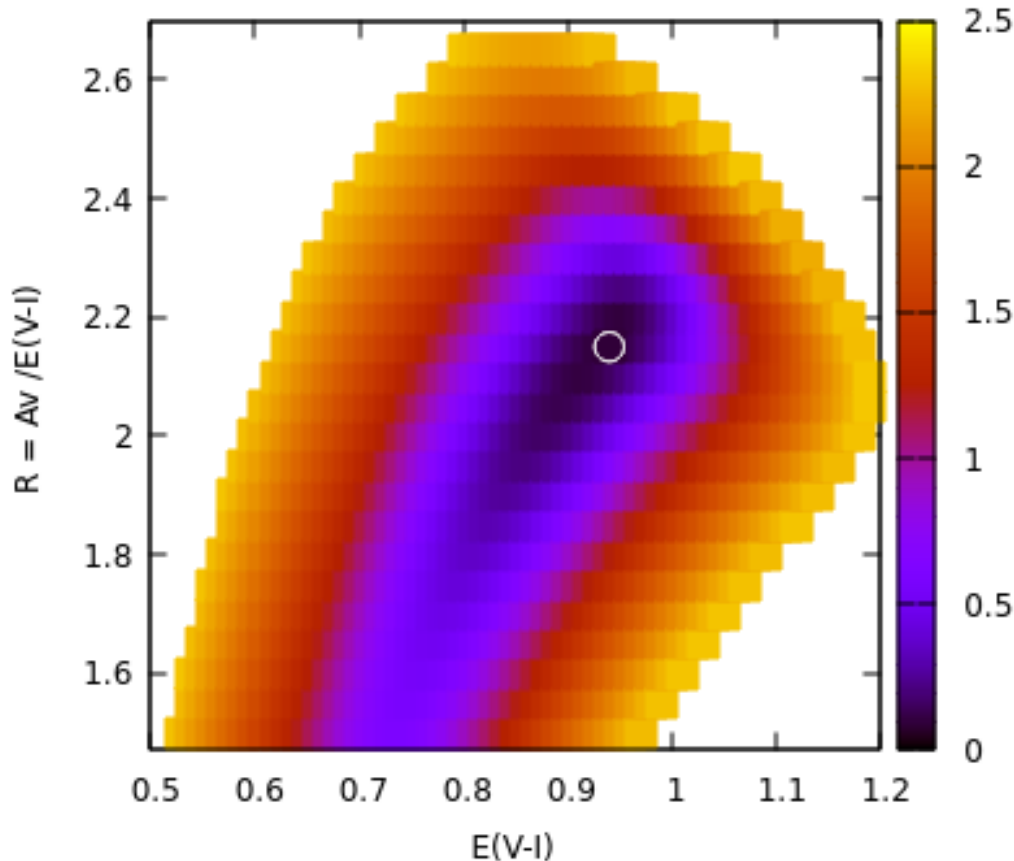
For the 24 Groups, we found $E(V-I)$ and $R=A_v/E(V-I)$

RESULTS



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Stars with $G > 16$. $E(V-I) = 0.94$, $R = 2.15$



Mean value $E(V-I) = 0.94$ compatible with literature (Pigulski, 2001, Pandey 2005).

Mean value of $R = A_V / E(V-I) = 2.15$, smaller than Normal ISM value ($R = 2.48$)

Considering $E(B-V) = 0.8 \rightarrow A_V = 2.53 E(B-V)$

$\rightarrow R$ value due to small size dust particles ?

THE PROCEDURE PROVIDES RELIABLE DATA!

Ongoing work

Follow the described procedure with other Ocs.

NGC 7419

NGC 3766

Double Cluster

etc.

Pleiades

