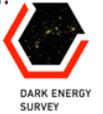




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# Exploring Milky Way Halo Substructures from Large-Area Sky Surveys

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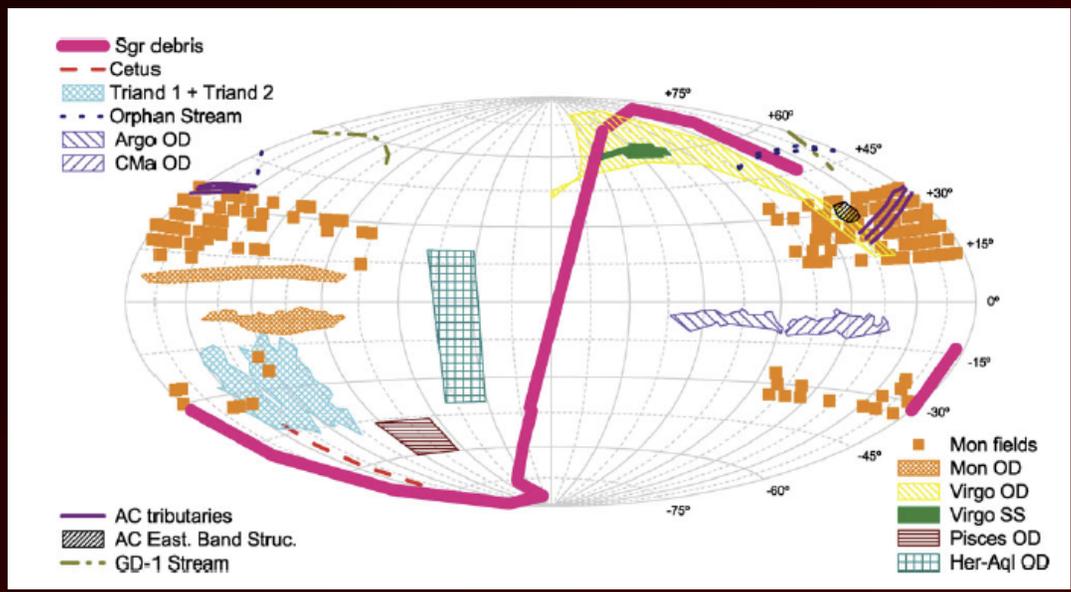
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# Halo Substructure

- Large-area sky surveys: SDSS, 2MASS....

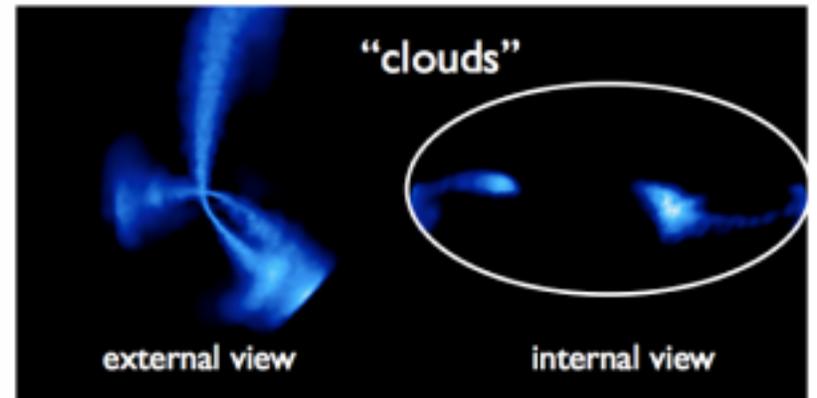
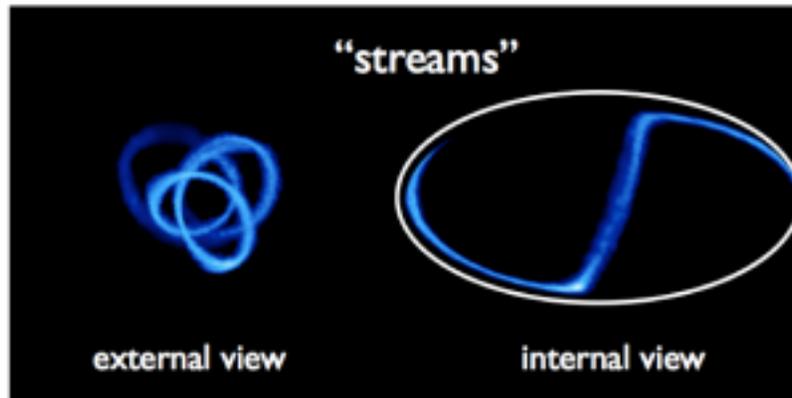
Rocha-Pinto 2010



Milky Way Halo is complicated!

# Morphology of Tidal Debris

- Stellar Debris Streams: mildly eccentric orbit
- Stellar Debris Clouds: highly eccentric orbit



Johnston et al. 2008

Need more data to support the theory!

- Most substructures were found through visual inspection
- EnLink (Sharma & Johnston 2009)
  - density-based group finder
  - objective analysis
  - irregular structures
  - good for large data set
- applied on a catalog of M-giants from 2MASS

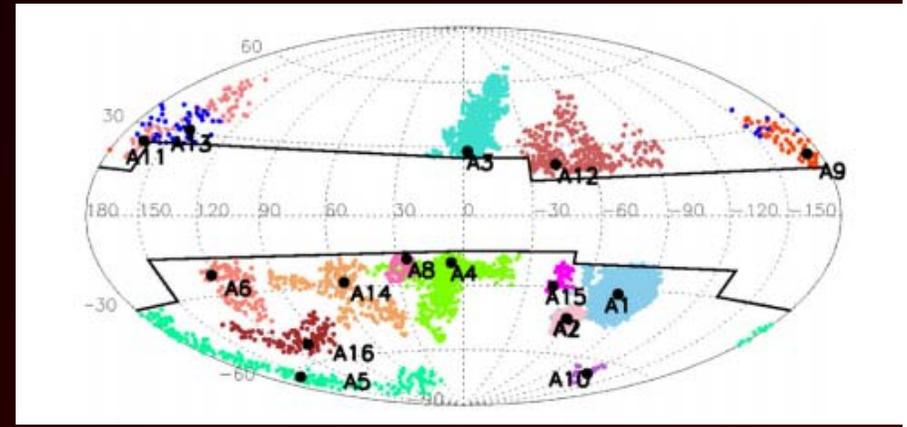
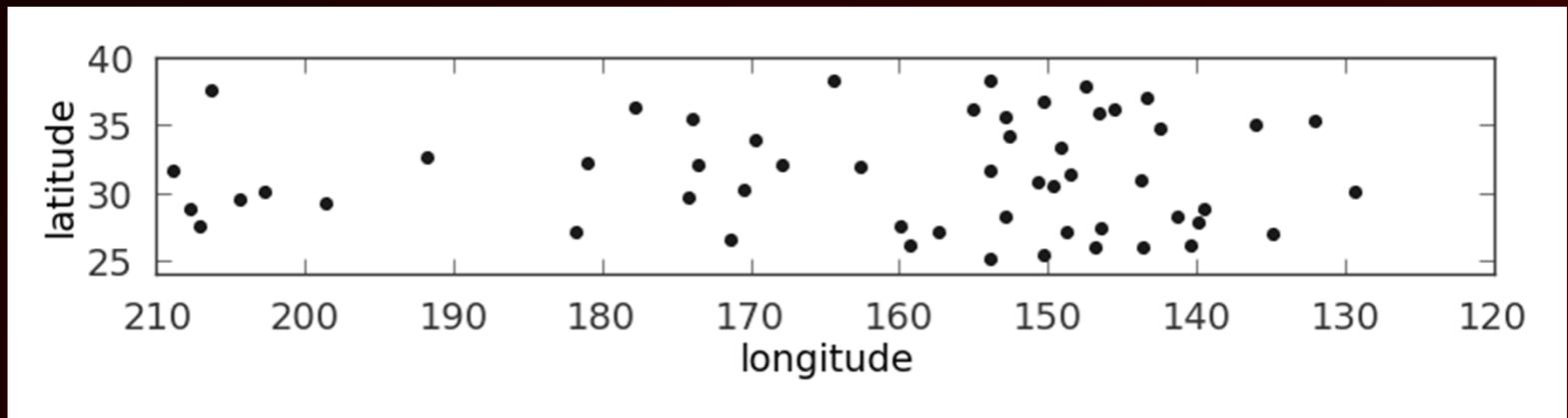


Table 2  
Summary of Groups Found in the 2MASS M-giant Sample

Name	Description	$l$	$b$	$n_{\text{stars}}$	$\text{Sig } S$	$\rho_{\text{peak}}$ (kpc)	Distance <sup>a</sup>
A1	LMC	282.865	-32.231	49234	52.9	$2.7 \times 10^4$	$60.1 \pm 30$
A2	SMC	301.823	-43.925	4001	33.4	$3.0 \times 10^4$	$64.0 \pm 32$
A3	Sag leading arm, north	358.130	27.985	3245	27.5	$6.5 \times 10^1$	$63.1 \pm 32$
A4	Sag core	5.51100	-20.053	1460	24.4	$1.8 \times 10^3$	$37.2 \pm 19$
A5	Sag trailing arm, south	157.190	-62.682	226	4.82	$1.0 \times 10^1$	$37.2 \pm 19$
A6	Andromeda	120.819	-22.212	117	4.49	6.5	$122.0 \pm 61^b$
A7	Group in SMC	302.436	-43.837	83	5.13	$1.7 \times 10^4$	$48.6 \pm 24$
A8	NGC 6822	25.393	-18.378	78	4.74	$1.5 \times 10^1$	$92.6 \pm 46$
A9	Sag trailing arm, south	187.953	19.882	64	4.54	2.9	$96.6 \pm 48$
A10	Fornax dwarf Sph	238.091	-65.798	39	7.58	7.3	$121.3 \pm 60$
A11	Near mask	164.086	24.992	79	5.18	3.4	$88.2 \pm 44$
A12	Probably Monoceros Ring	317.865	21.908	307	5.40	7.5	$21.8 \pm 11$
A13	Near mask	143.738	30.936	54	3.93	2.1	$22.6 \pm 11$
A14	Has protrusions to high $b$	56.9910	-27.865	203	5.23	8.9	$97.7 \pm 48$
A15	Near a strong extinction region	316.906	-29.868	76	4.99	$2.7 \times 10^1$	$98.6 \pm 49$
A16	In Pisces constellation	104.793	-52.535	126	6.25	9.9	$102.9 \pm 51$

# Sample – A<sub>13</sub>

- 54 stars (M giants)
- Ks: 10-11 mag (V~14-15 mag)
- J-Ks: 0.97 – 1.11
- Distance  $22.6 \pm 11$  kpc (based on  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim -1$ )

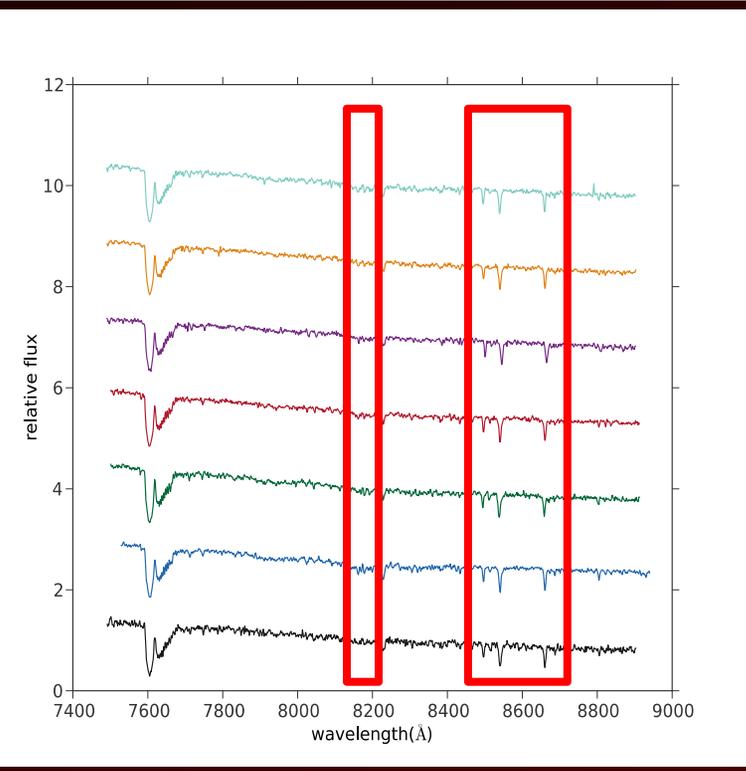


# Observations

- Obtained spectra for all 54 stars
- 7500-8900 Å
- $R \sim 2,000$
- Na I doublet 8183Å, 8195Å -- dwarf/giant
- Ca II triplet -- [Fe/H]
- RV precision  $\sim 5-10$  km/s

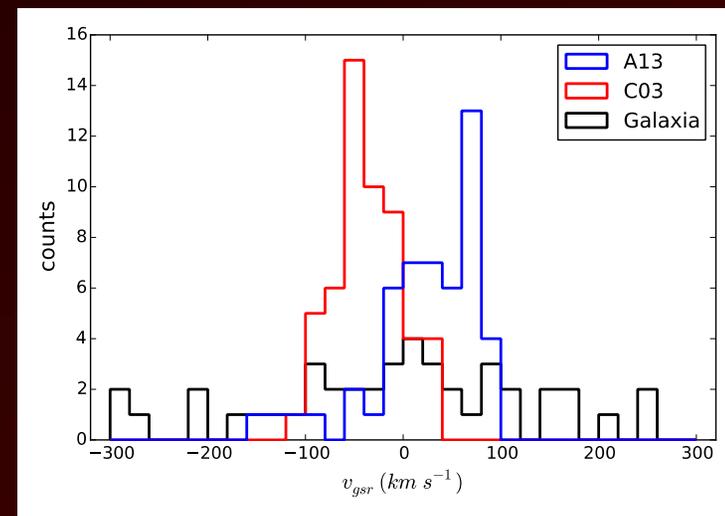
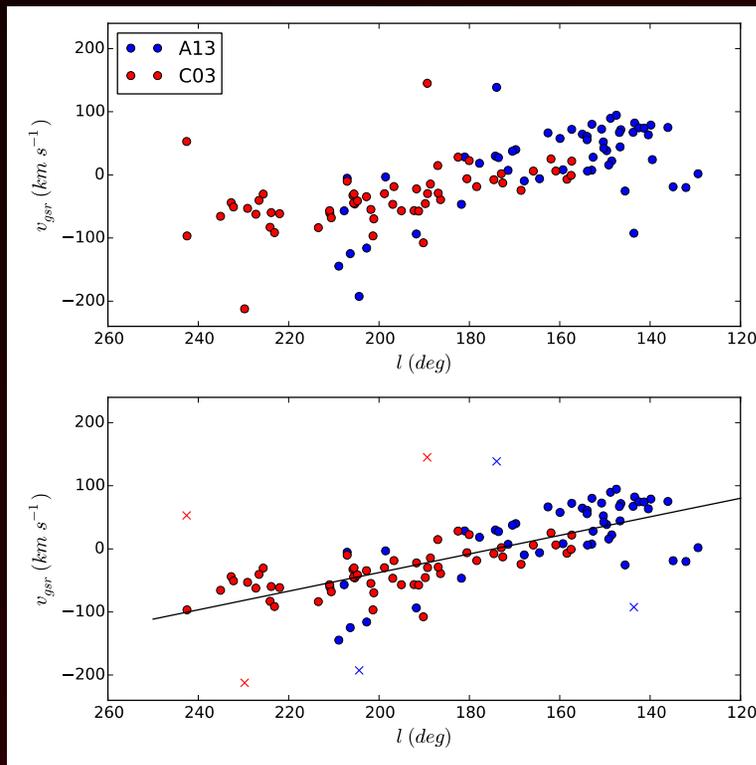
Table 1. Summary of Observing Runs

UT	Telescope	Spectrograph
2011 Nov 10	Hiltner 2.4 m	Modspec
2011 Nov 15-20	KPNO 2.1 m	Goldcam
2012 Nov 28-30	McDonald 2.1 m	ES2
2012 Oct 27-29	Hiltner 2.4 m	Modspec
2014 Jan 09-12	McDonald 2.1 m	ES2



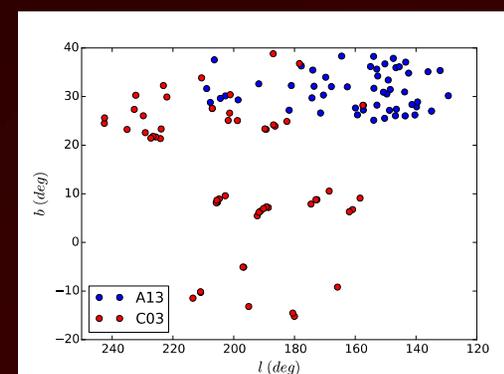
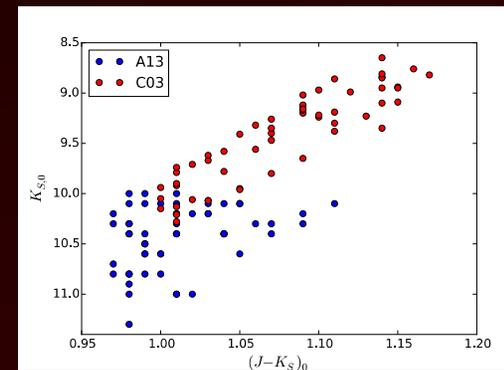
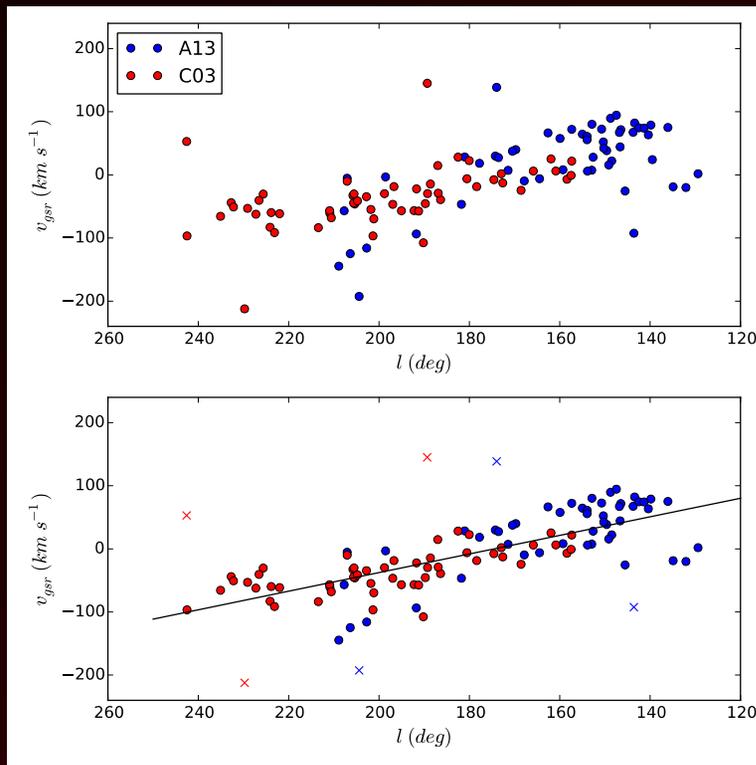
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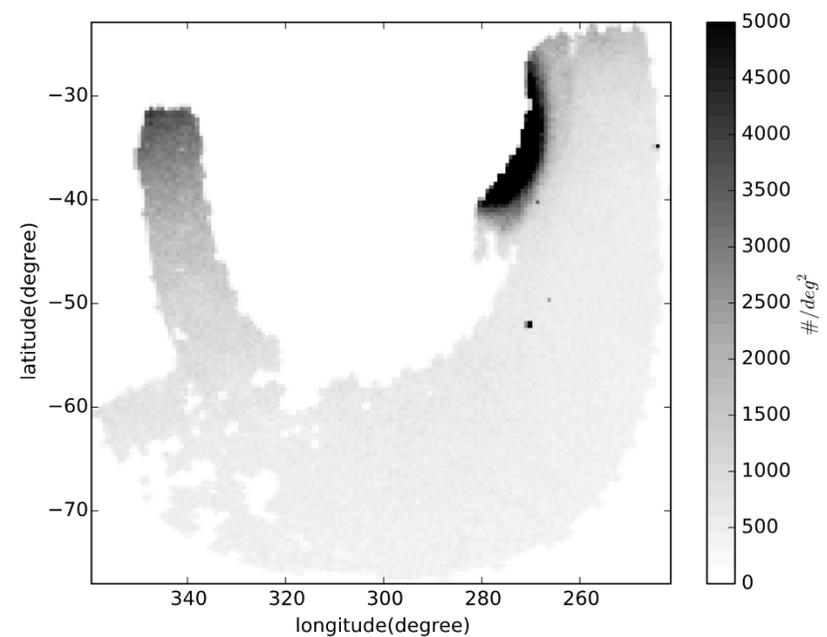
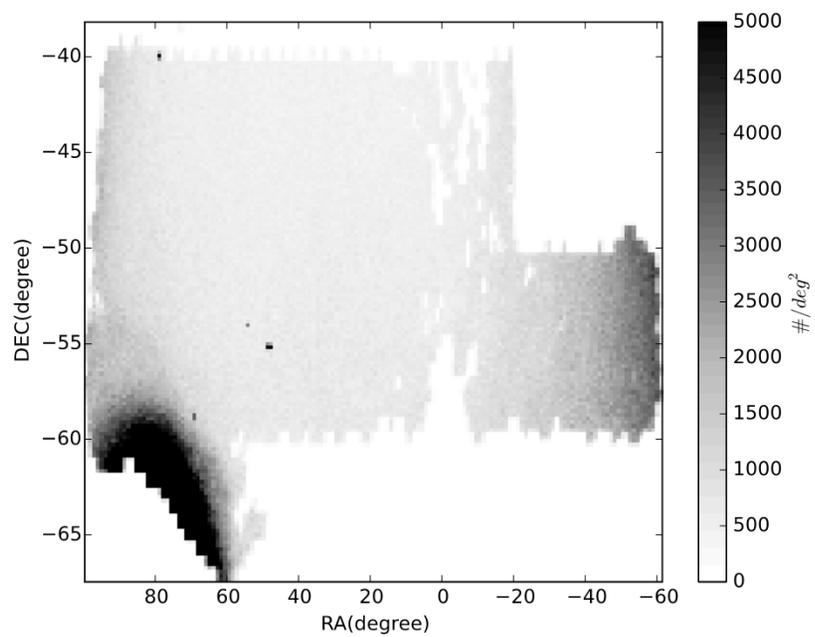
# Summary for Spectroscopic follow-up

- A overdensity structure found by an objective group finding algorithm
- Confirmed additional members in stellar structure found by Crane et al. 2003 at the Galactic anticenter , over 100 stars in total.
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- Part of the Monoceros Ring/Galactic Anticenter Stellar Stream
  - accreting dwarf galaxy
  - Galactic warp, disk oscillation Xu et al. 2015
- Group finder found more members that missed by visual inspection

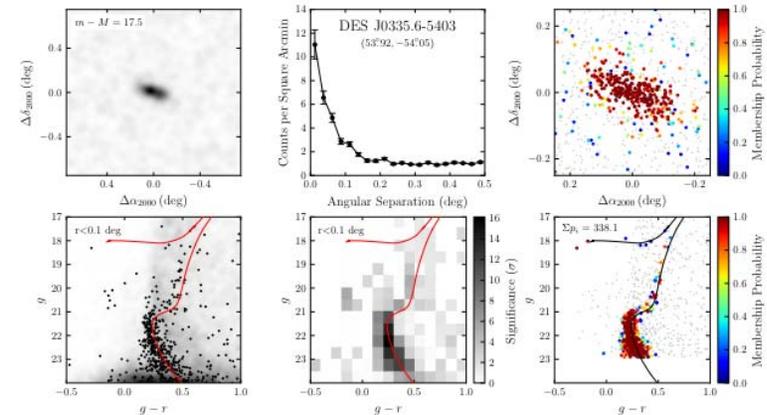
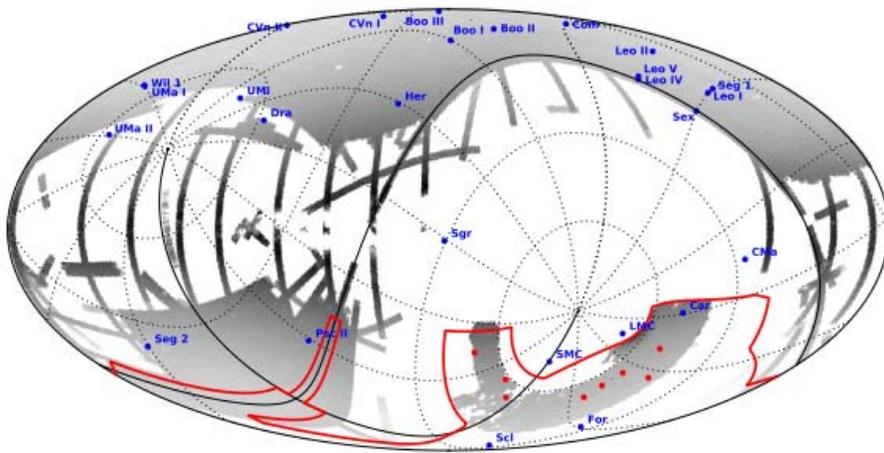
# Dark Energy Survey!

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- Year 1 data release (Y1A1 catalog)



# 8 new satellite candidate from Y1A1!



Available on arXiv this week!  
 Bechtol et al. 2015  
 arXiv: 1503.02584

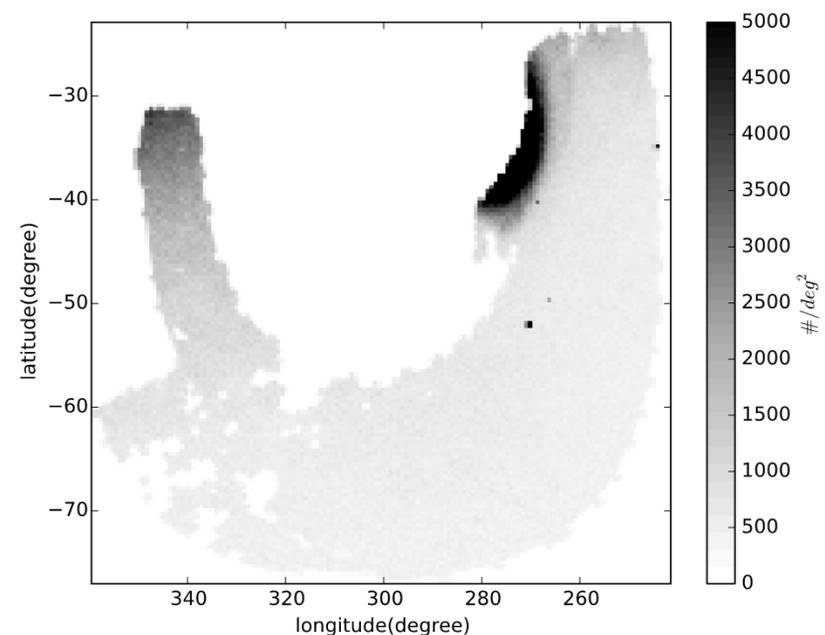
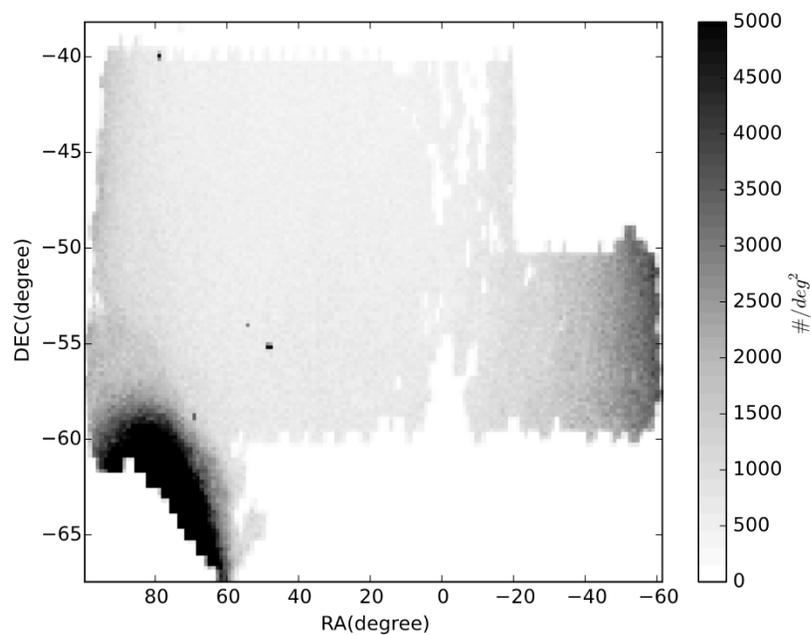
Table 1. Detection of new satellite galaxy candidates in DES Y1A1

Name	$\alpha_{2000}$ (deg)	$\delta_{2000}$ (deg)	$m - M$	Map Sig ( $\sigma$ )	TS Scan	TS Fit	$r_h$ (deg)	$\epsilon$	$\phi$ (deg)	$\Sigma p_i$
DES J0335.6-5403 (Ret II)	53.92	-54.05	17.5	24.6	1466	1713	$0.10^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.6^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	$72^{+7}_{-7}$	338.1
DES J0344.3-4331 (Eri II)	56.09	-43.53	22.6	23.0	322	512	$0.03^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.19^{+0.16}_{-0.16}$	$90^{+30}_{-30}$	96.9
DES J2251.2-5836 (Tuc II)	343.06	-58.57	18.8	6.4	129	167	$0.12^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	—	—	114.9
DES J0255.4-5406 (Hor I)	43.87	-54.11	19.7	8.2	55	81	$0.04^{+0.05}_{-0.02}$	—	—	30.6
DES J2108.8-5109 (Ind I)	317.20	-51.16	19.2	5.5	—	75	$0.010^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	—	—	26.6
DES J0443.8-5017 (Pic I)	70.95	-50.28	20.5	7.1	—	63	$0.02^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	—	—	19.1
DES J2339.9-5424 (Phe II)	354.99	-54.41	19.9	5.1	—	61	$0.02^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	—	—	19.4
DES J0222.7-5217 (Eri III)	35.69	-52.28	19.9	5.4	—	57	$0.007^{+0.005}_{-0.003}$	—	—	8.9

# Dark Energy Survey!

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- Year 1 data release (Y1A1 catalog)
- Look for more stellar streams and stellar clouds!
- Visual inspection + group finding algorithm



Thanks for your attention  
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Questions?