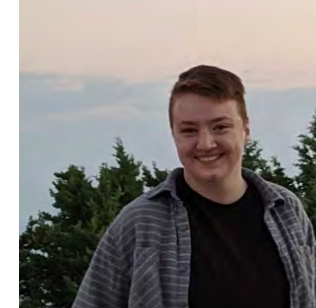


# SynthPop: A public, modular, python Galactic Population Synthesis Code



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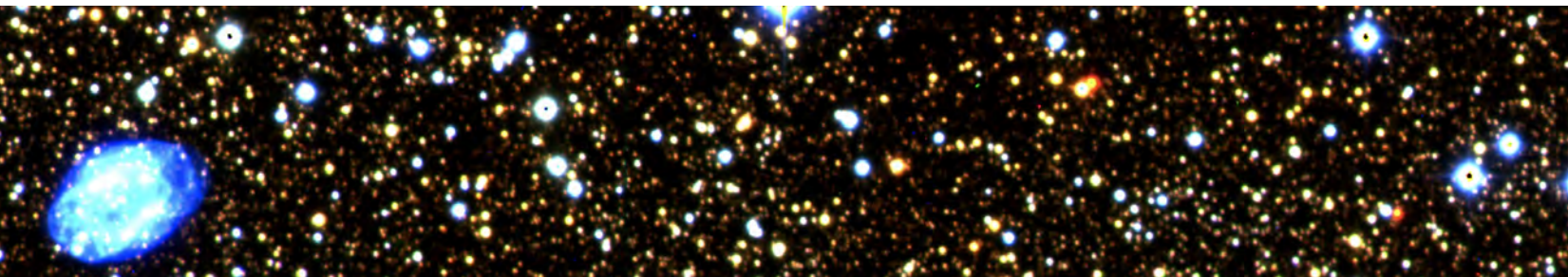
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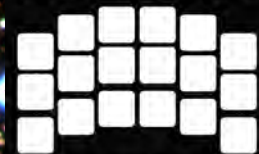
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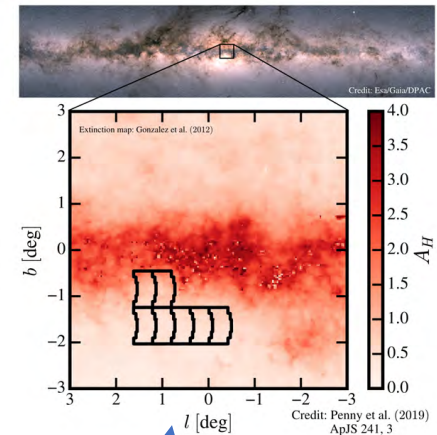
# Simulating the Roman GBTDS

Population synthesis model

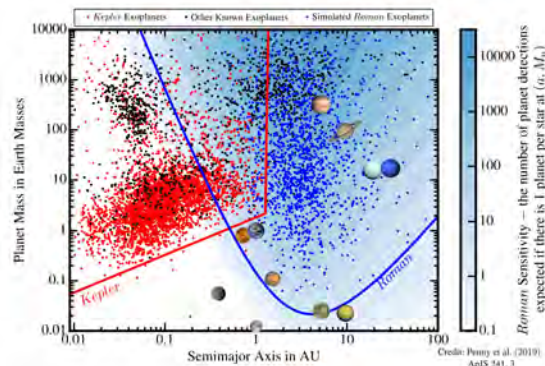


Normalize event rates

Field locations

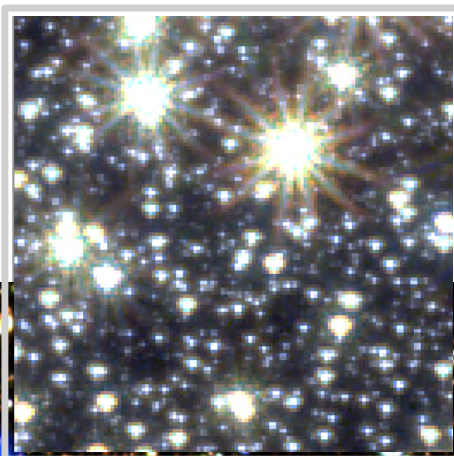


Predicted yields



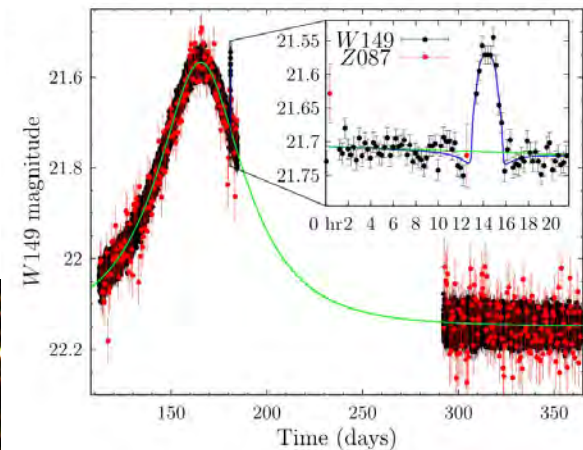
Penny et al. (2019)  
Penny et al. (2013)

Simulated images



Simulated lightcurves

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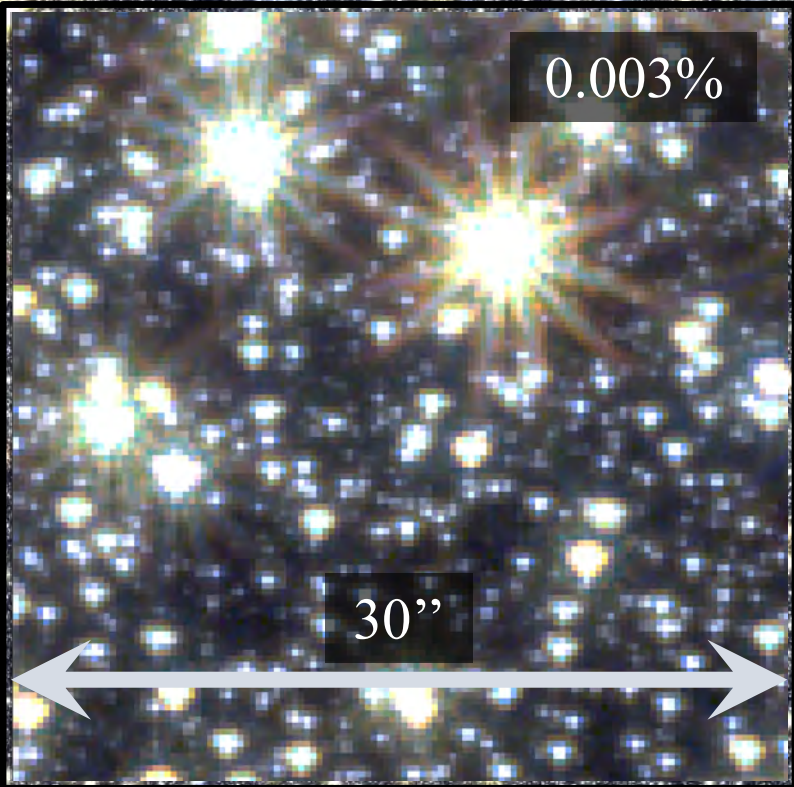


<https://github.com/gulls-microlensing/gulls>


<1% of GBTDS fields

0.003%

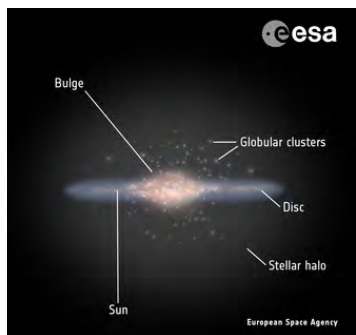
30''

A rectangular inset image showing a zoomed-in view of a star field. The stars are more prominent and colorful (yellow, white, blue) than in the main image. A horizontal double-headed arrow below the inset is labeled "30''". A small black box in the upper right corner of the inset contains the text "0.003%".

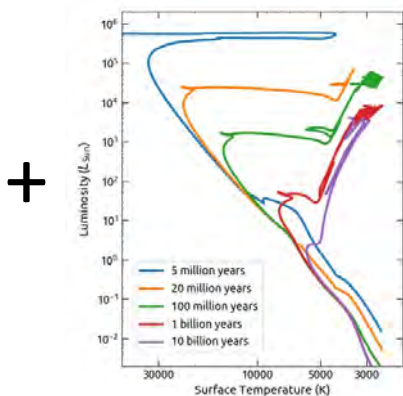
7.5' = 1 detector

A large horizontal double-headed arrow spanning the width of the main image, positioned below the text "7.5' = 1 detector".

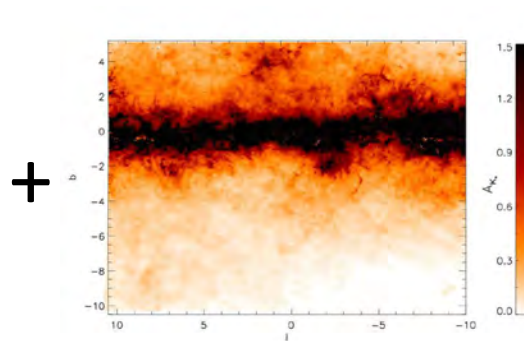
# Galactic Population Synthesis



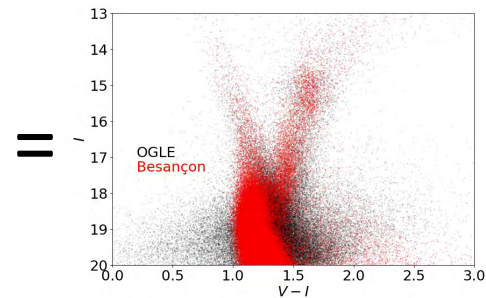
Density & kinematics



SFR history, IMF & evolution



Extinction



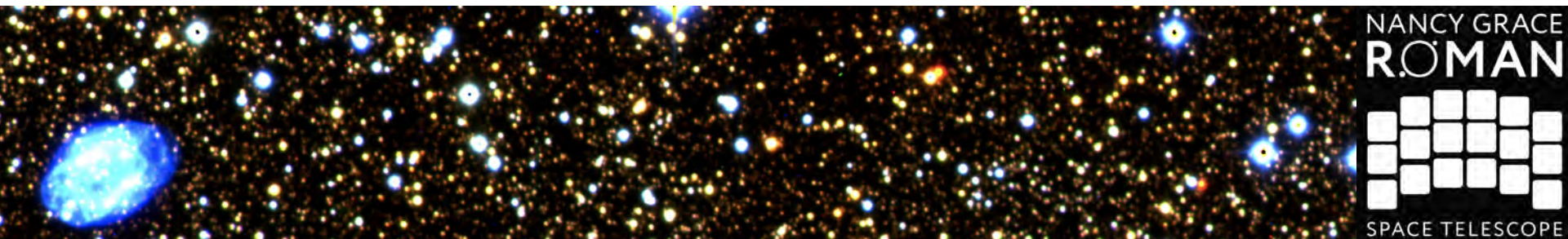
Synthetic stars + properties

Classical examples:

Besançon (web form – Robin et al. 2003 & later)

TRILEGAL (web form – Girardi et al. 2009)

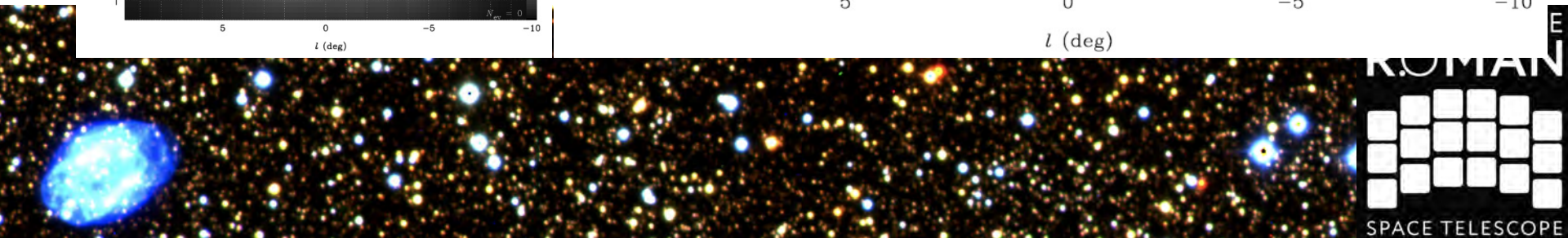
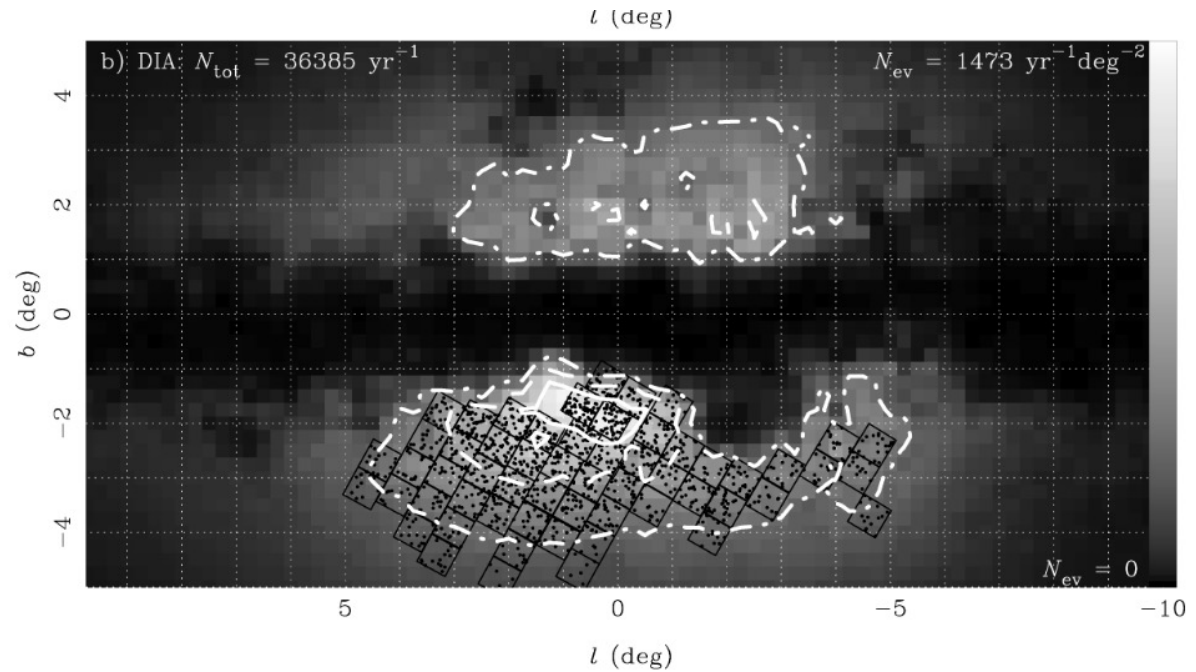
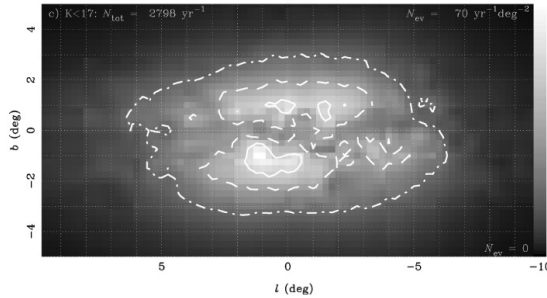
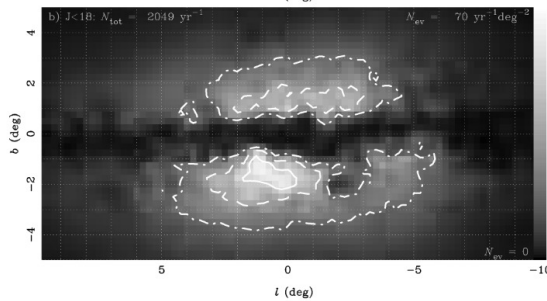
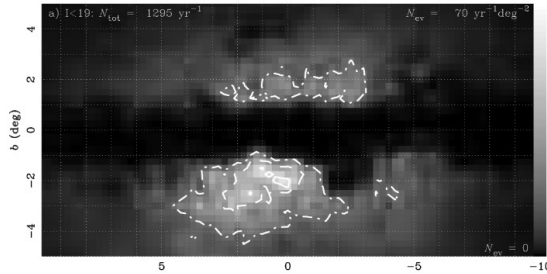
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# Population Synthesis Microlensing Predictions

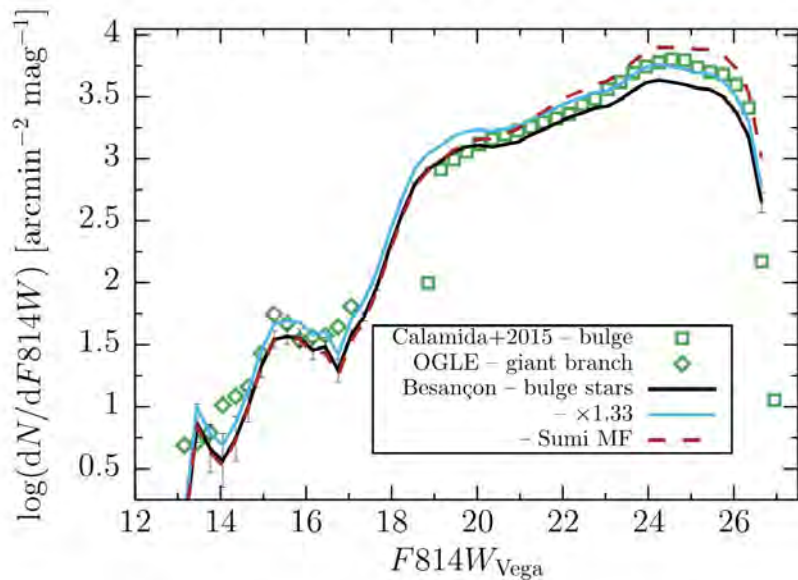
- Pioneered by Kerins, Robin & Marshall (2009)

- Found Besançon model (Robin+2003) overpredicted microlensing observations and led to updated bulge model

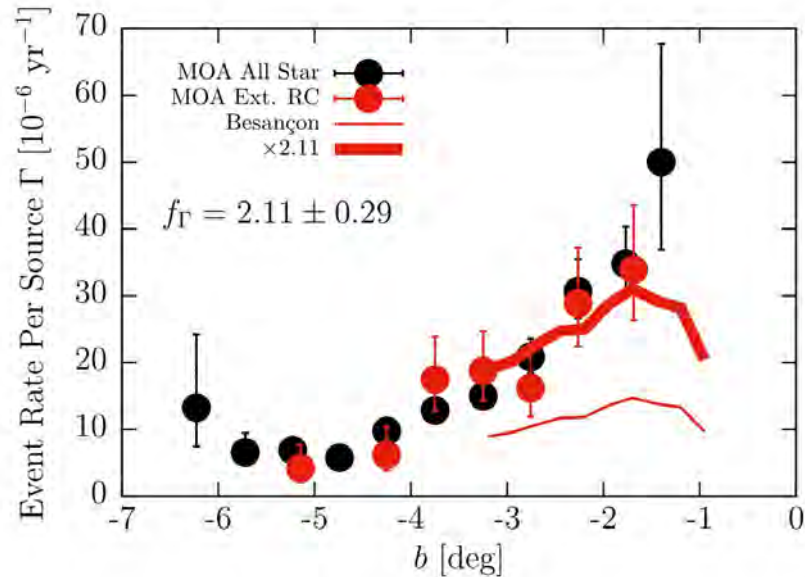


# Why do we need a new Galactic model?

Besançon model (v1106, see Penny et al. 2013)



33% too few sources



$\sim 2x$  too small event rate/source

Needed to scale rates by x2.8 to match data!

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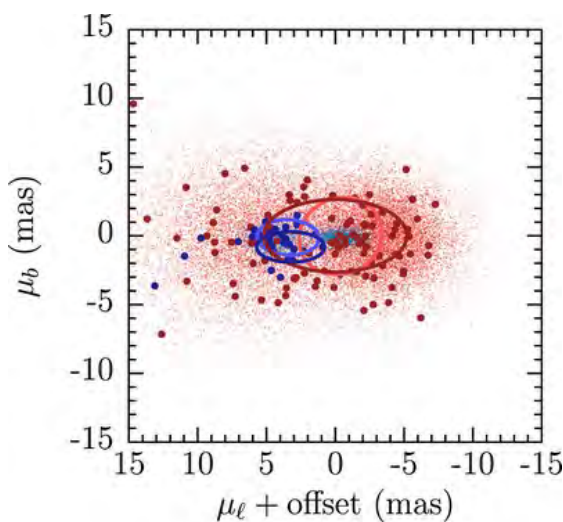
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## Causes:

- IMF – too few low mass stars
- Bulge bar angle
- Kinematics
- See Penny et al. (2019) discussion

## Also want to change:

- Filters
- Metallicity distributions
- Isochrones
- Binaries
- Extinction maps
- ...



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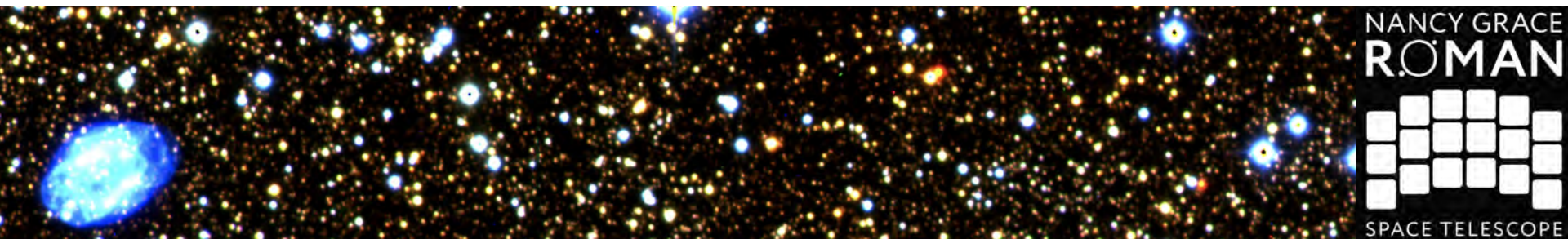
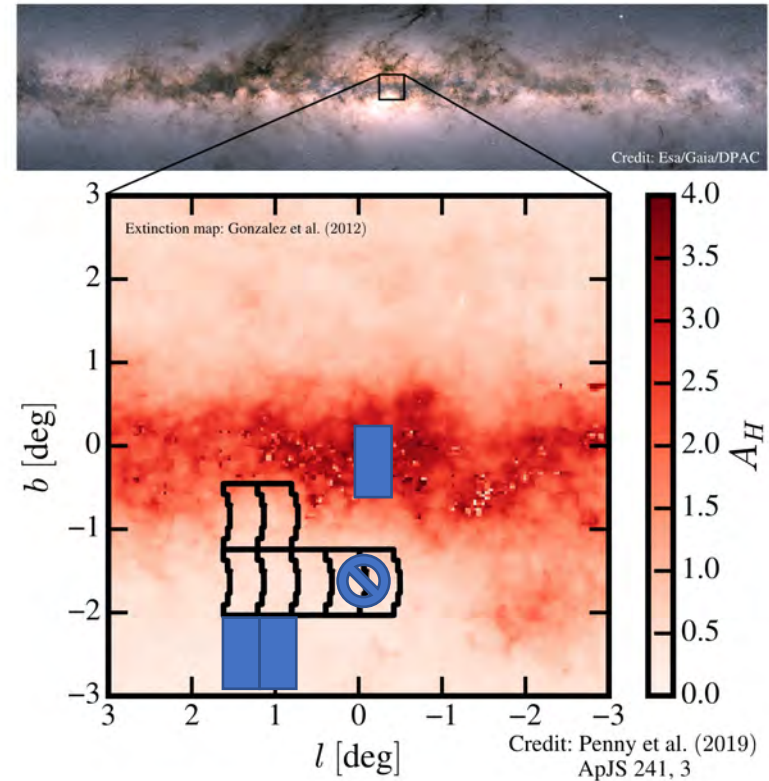
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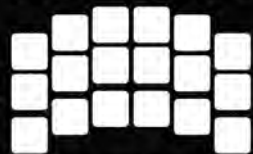
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# Optimization & ‘Tweaks’ to the GBTDS Survey

- Many ways in which the survey strategy can be ‘tweaked’ to yield additional science without significantly impacting the requirements of the microlensing survey.
- Possible example (not complete):
  - Periodic observations of the GC.
  - Periodic observations of the survey fields in all filters.
  - Periodic observations of a much larger survey area.
  - A field with doubled cadence
- For microlensing exoplanets
  - May want to sacrifice event rate for “characterizability”
  - May want/need to optimize for different requirements (e.g., HZ vs total yield vs FFPs).



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# SynthPop

Klüter et al. in prep

[github.com/synthpop-galaxy/synthpop](https://github.com/synthpop-galaxy/synthpop)



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## Goals: Modular, python, public

## Achieved: Modular, python, public

User can change every aspect

Importable module (generate stars on the fly, embed into other code)

Json parameter files

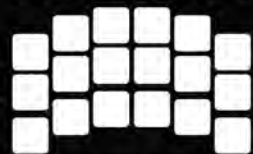
pip install option for casual use

**Sequential postprocessing module support**

```
import synthpop

model = synthpop.SynthPop(config_file_name, **kwargs)
model.init_population()
```

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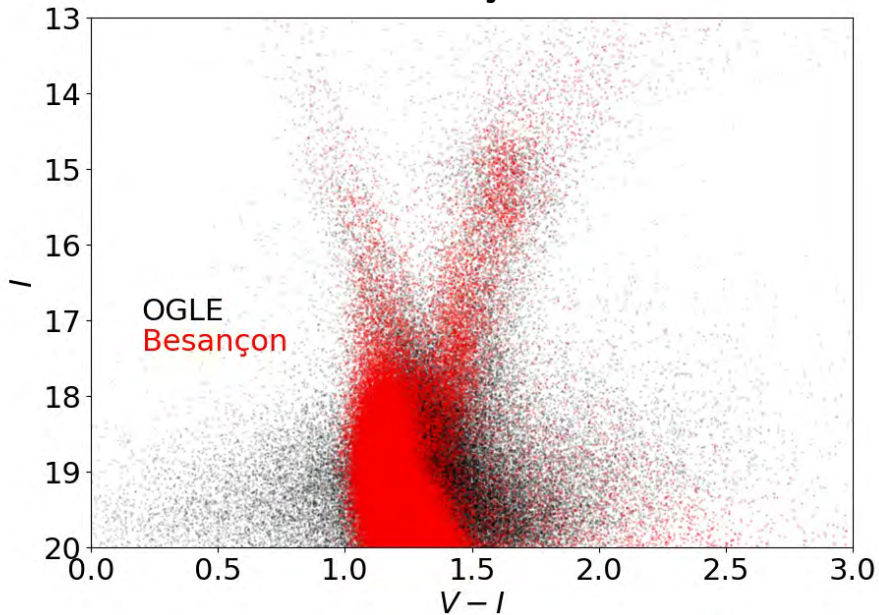


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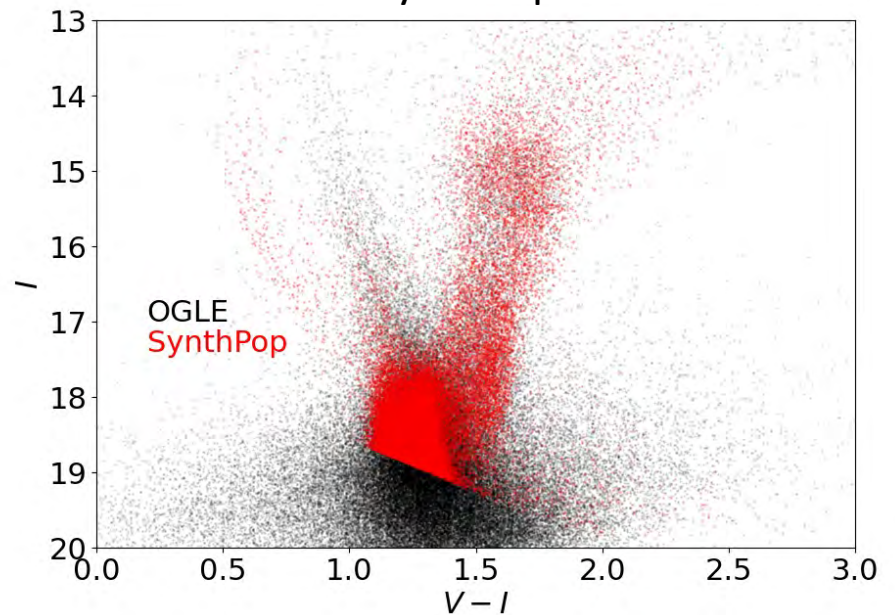
# Current limitations

- Performance – flexibility & python code come at a run-time cost, but this is reasonable
- Completeness – only a few models implemented (publicly) and well tested (several in development)
- No N-body models (yet)
- Only single stars

Besançon



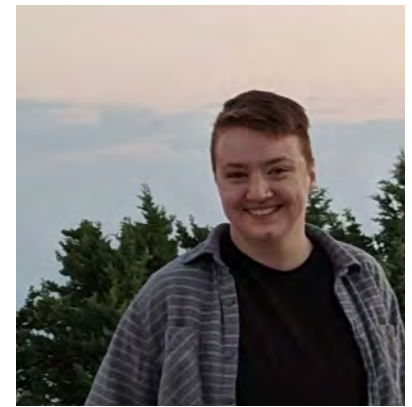
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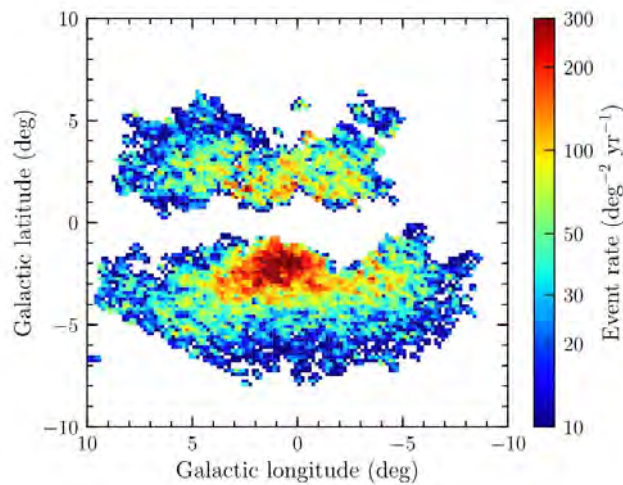
# Model comparisons

Identical analysis can be run on different models by changing 1 config line

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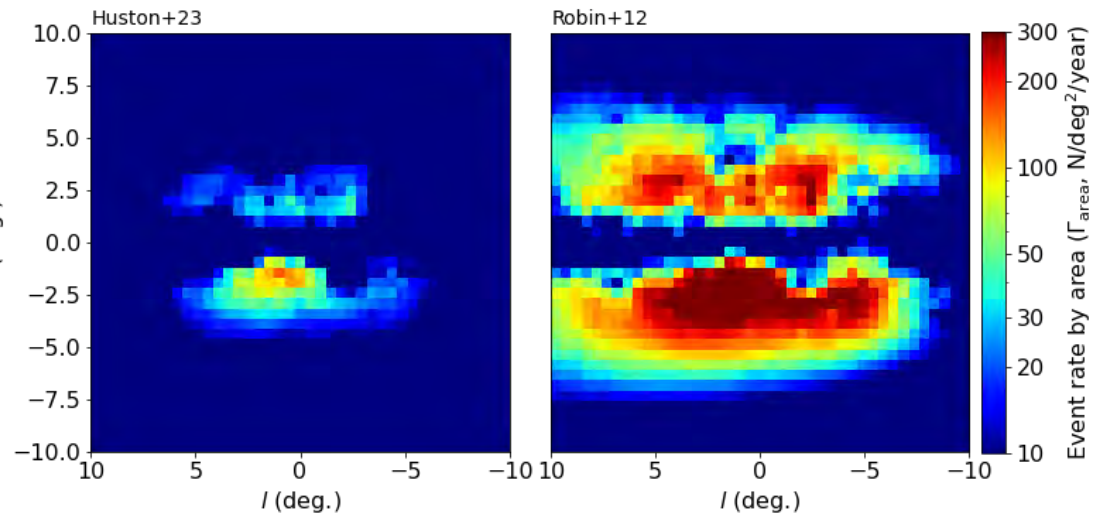


OGLE-IV Microlensing event rates

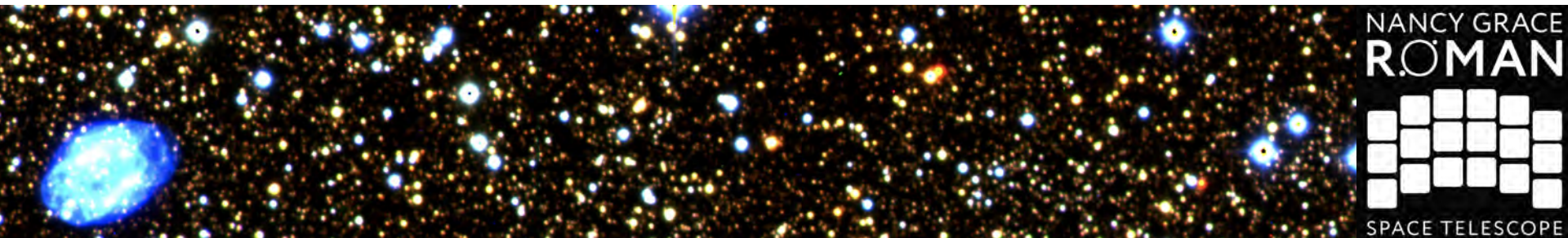


Mroz et al. (2019)

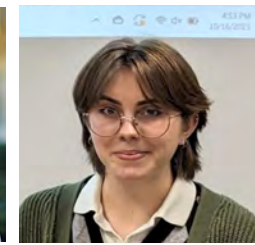
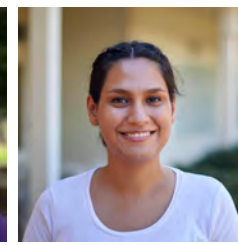
SynthPop models



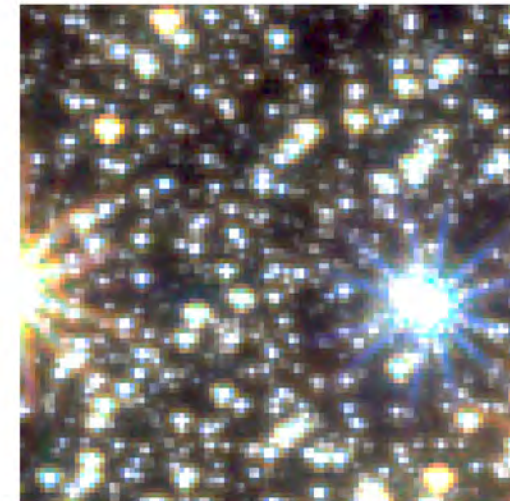
Macy Huston et al. in prep.



# Work in progress



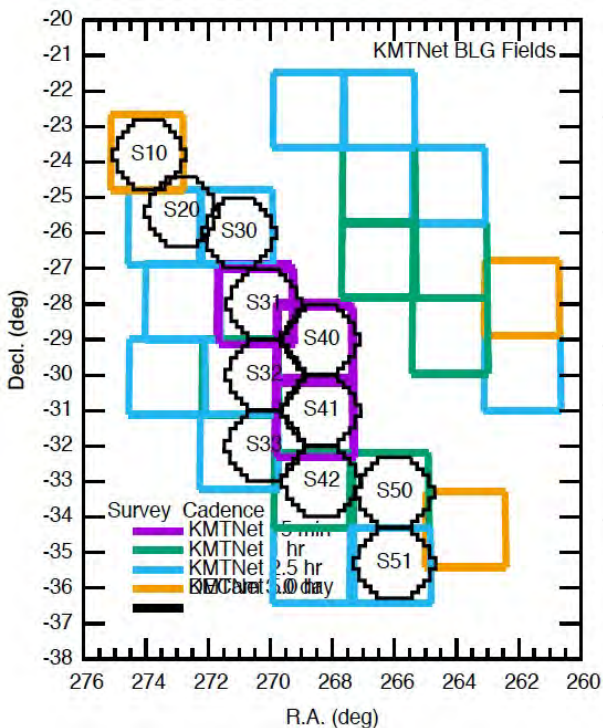
- Model selection & incorporate SynthPop into Roman bulge survey (BGTDS) microlensing & transit survey simulations (Farzaneh Zohrabi, Marz Newman, Macy Huston)
- Implement binary stars into SynthPop (Marz Newman)
- Extinction map implementations (Allison Chevis)
- Complete development of an SED fitter using SynthPop priors (TBD, Klüter et al. in prep.)
- Build SynthPop-based Bayesian microlensing parameter estimator (Allison Chevis + ?)
- Your project...?



Simulated Roman  
Image with SynthPop  
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Try it out: [github.com/synthpop-galaxy/synthpop](https://github.com/synthpop-galaxy/synthpop)  
*Issues & pull requests welcome*

# DEFSuS: DECam Faint Source Microlensing Survey



- $\sim 2$  min DECam  $\approx 1$  night of OGLE/KMTNet
- DECam alliance  $\rightarrow \sim 3$ -6 day cadence
- 9 fields =  $27 \text{ deg}^2 \approx 50\%$  of events
- Simultaneous  $r$ - $z$  color
- Mar-Jul to constrain parallax
- Plan to produce model-independent, calibrated source color + mag +  $\theta_*$  for all events

