

# Extragalactic Distance Scale lect. VII

## Pulsating stars



Lectures on /work/chuck/pci/wyklady (Paweł Ciecieląg)  
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cosmic-distance-scale/](https://www.camk.edu.pl/pl/archiwum/2019/08/14/cosmic-distance-scale/)

# Pulsating stars

$$\frac{d^2 R}{dt^2} = -g - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dP}{dr} \quad P\sqrt{\rho_0} = \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{G(3\gamma-4)}} = Q.$$

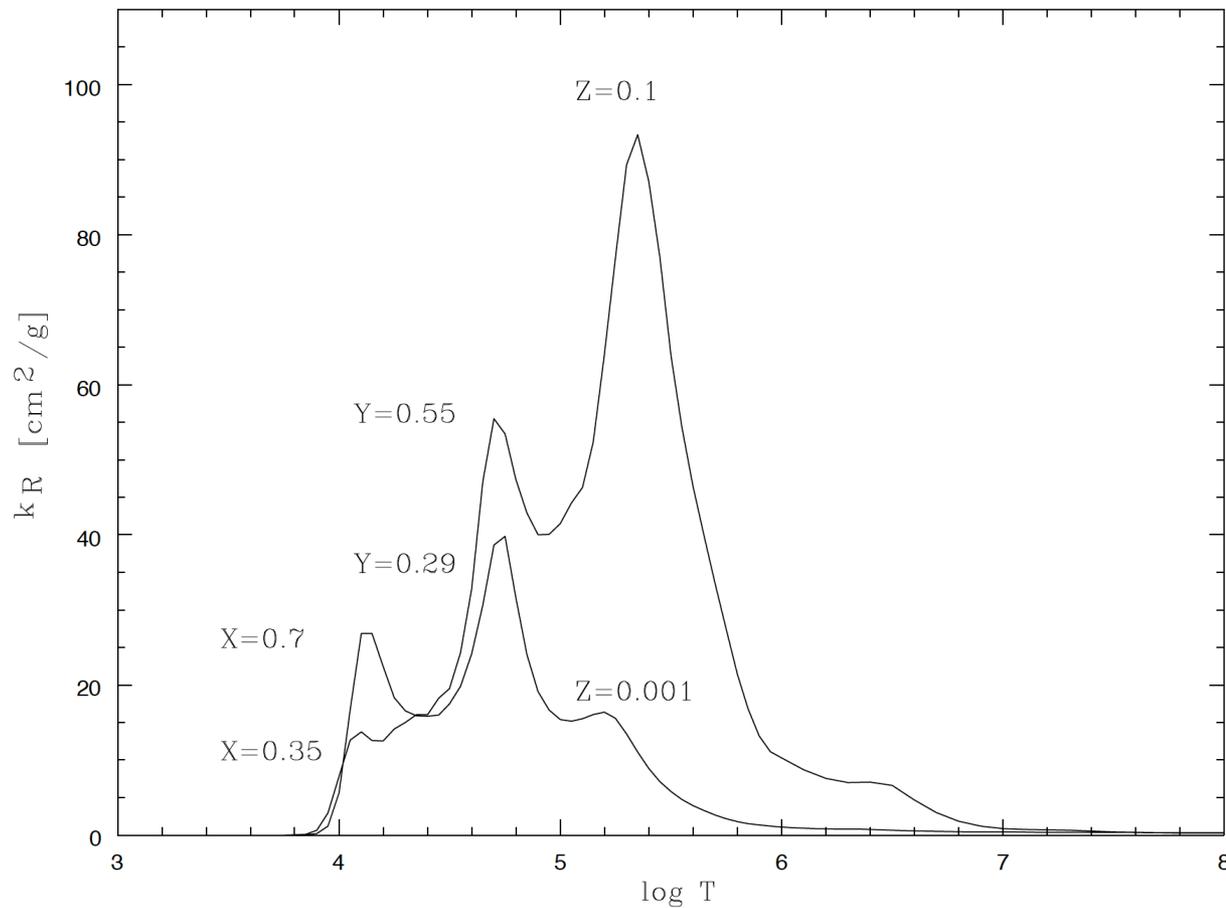
$$\log P - \frac{1}{4} \log \mathcal{M} + \frac{3}{4} \log g = \log Q.$$

$$\log P + 0,5 \log g + \log T_{ef} + 0,1(M_{bol} - M_{bol\odot}) = \log Q.$$

$$\log P + C(B - V)_0 + 0,1(M_{bol} - M_{bol\odot}) = \log Q$$

M. Kubiak Gwiazdy i materia międzygwiazdowa (in Polish)

# Mechanism gamma - kappa



$$F \rightarrow \left| \quad (1) \quad \right| \left| \quad (2) \quad \right| \left| \quad (3) \quad \right| \left| \quad \right|$$

Ionisation (1) partial ionisation  $\gamma$  reduced (2) no ionisation (3)

Contraction ( $\rho$  grows) flux conserved in (2) due to both effects opacity much bigger in (2)

Expansion ( $\rho$  decreases) opacity much bigger in 1 and 3

# Instability strips

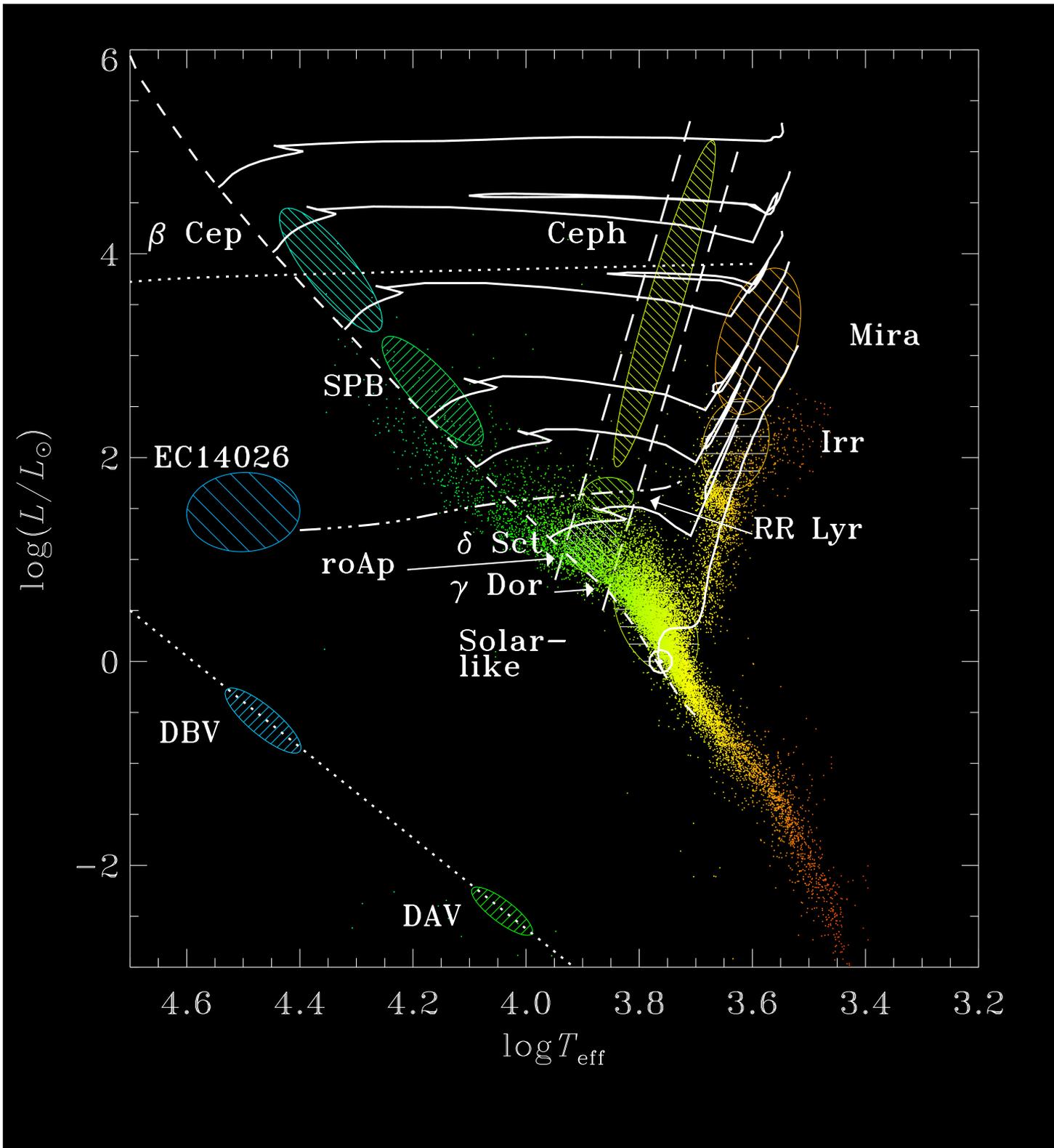
Partial ionisation zones exist in all stars, but they should be located at adequate depth to be efficient enough for pulsations (amplitud of changes of parameters like T, and density)

Hydrogen ionisation zones are located close to the photosphere, so they allow pulsation for only very big cool stars.

Second ionisation of helium – main instability strip

Different modes of pulsations (fundamental, first overtone, secon overtone, mix modes ect)

$$\log P + C(B - V)_0 + 0,1(M_{bol} - M_{bol\odot}) = \log Q$$



# History

Edvard Pigott 1784 – discovery

P-L relation based on hundreds of photographic plates collected at Harvard College's observatory in Peru (1893 – 1906) Henrietta Leavitt produced a catalog of 1777 variable stars in the Magellanic Cloud.

Leavitt (1908) "It is worthy of notice that in Table VI the brighter variables have the longer periods."

Leavitt (1912) „A remarkable relation between the brightness of these variables and the length of their periods will be noticed”

„They resemble the variables found in globular clusters”

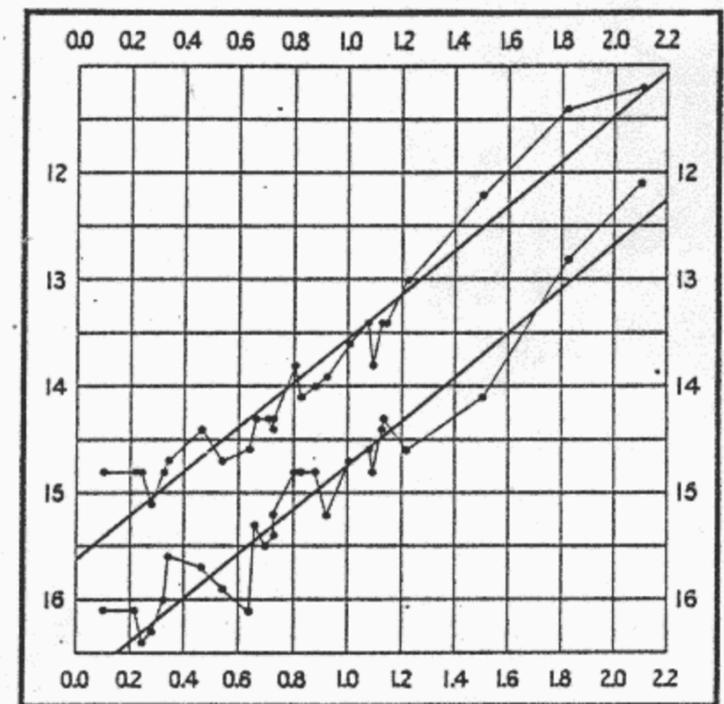


FIG. 2.

# History

Ejnar Hertzsprung realised that if the PL relation could be calibrated, then the absolute magnitudes of members of this group of variable stars might be determined directly from their periods. Hertzsprung (1913) parallaxes

$$\langle M_V \rangle = -0.6 - 2.1 \text{Log} P \quad \text{much lower distances, SMC at 10 kpc}$$

typographical error ? (most probably but we will never know)

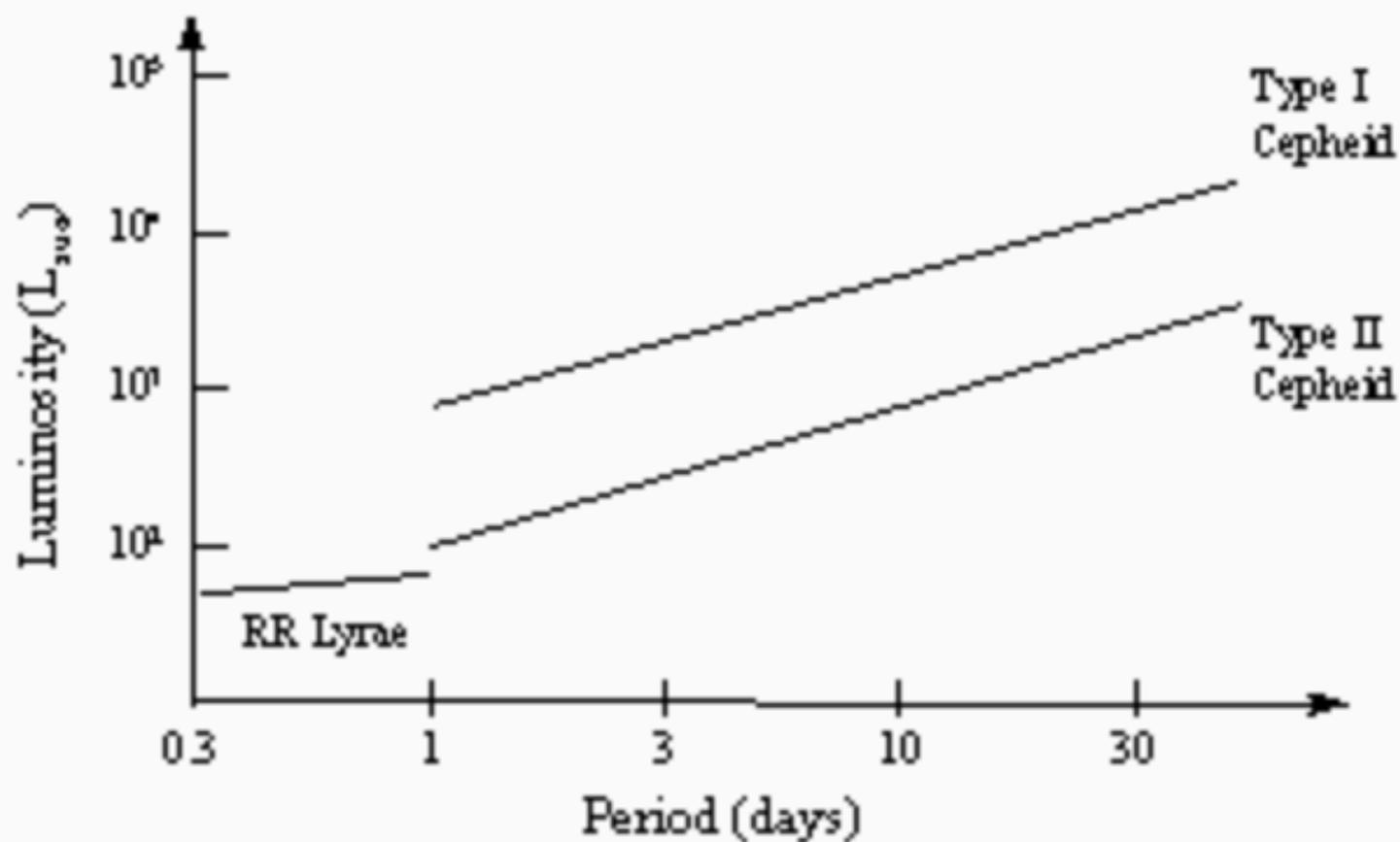
Shapley (1918) improved the calibration BUT due to systematic errors, and NOT taking into account extinction the ZP was 1.5 mag too dim. This was not realised for 30 years !

Shapley used „long period” variables in globular clusters and found for them similar slope of PL relation as for the SMC Cepheids. Shapley distinguished between long period (Type II Cep) and short period (RR Lyrae) variables. But he mixed up classical Cepheids and Type II Cep, which are dimmer by 1.5 mag !

He also introduced RR Lyrae as the standard candle

He was very successful in studying Galactic structure. In 1920 he presented a model of Galactic halo, bulge and disk.

# Period-Luminosity Relationship



# History Cepheids gives extragalactic distances

E. Hubble obtained the first Cepheid distance to NGC 6822 (214 kpc)

Modern distance to NGC 6822 is of 459 kpc (Gieren et al. 2005)

During the World War II Walter Baade was working at the Mount Wilson Observatory. He observed M31 and nearby „early type” galaxies M32 and NGC 205.

Baade and Hubble had already discussed at some length an apparent discrepancy in the distance calibration; they could not understand why the globular clusters associated with Andromeda appeared to be 1.5 magnitudes fainter than those in the Galaxy

Although the evidence presented in the preceding discussion is still very fragmentary, there can be no doubt that, in dealing with galaxies, we have to distinguish two types of stellar populations, one which is represented by the ordinary H-R diagram (type I), the other by the H-R diagram for the globular clusters (type II). Characteristic of the first type are highly luminous O- and B- type stars and open clusters; of the second globular clusters and short-period Cepheids. Early-type nebulae (E-Sa) seem to have populations of pure type II. Both types coexist, although differentiated by their spatial arrangement, in the intermediate spirals like the Andromeda nebula and our own Galaxy. (Baade 1944)

Miss Leavitt's cepheids in the Magellanic Clouds and the classical cepheids in our galaxy are clearly members of population I, while the cluster-type variables and the long-period cepheids of the globular clusters are members of population II. Since the color-magnitude diagrams of the two populations leave no doubt that .. we are dealing with stars in different physical states, there was no a priori reason to expect that two cepheids of the same period, the one a member of population I, the other of population II, should have the same luminosity. (Baade 1956)

## History: Cepheids gives extragalactic distances

Baade also verified that the Population II Cepheids are dimmer by some 1.5 mag.

The cosmos was re-scaled (two-fold increase!) when Baade presented his findings to the International Astronomical Union in 1952.

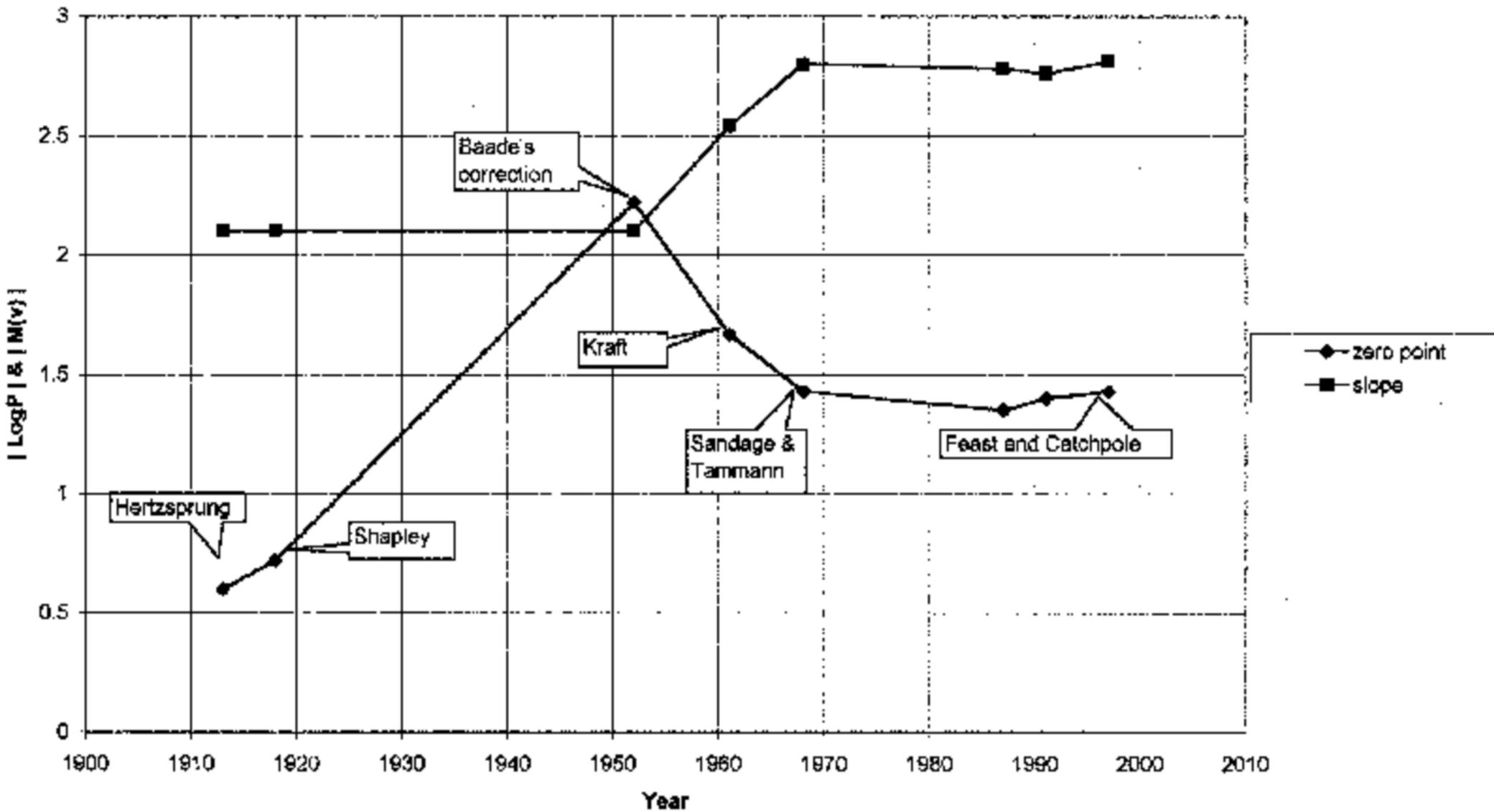
One year before Hubble said: I do not expect any further important revision on P-L

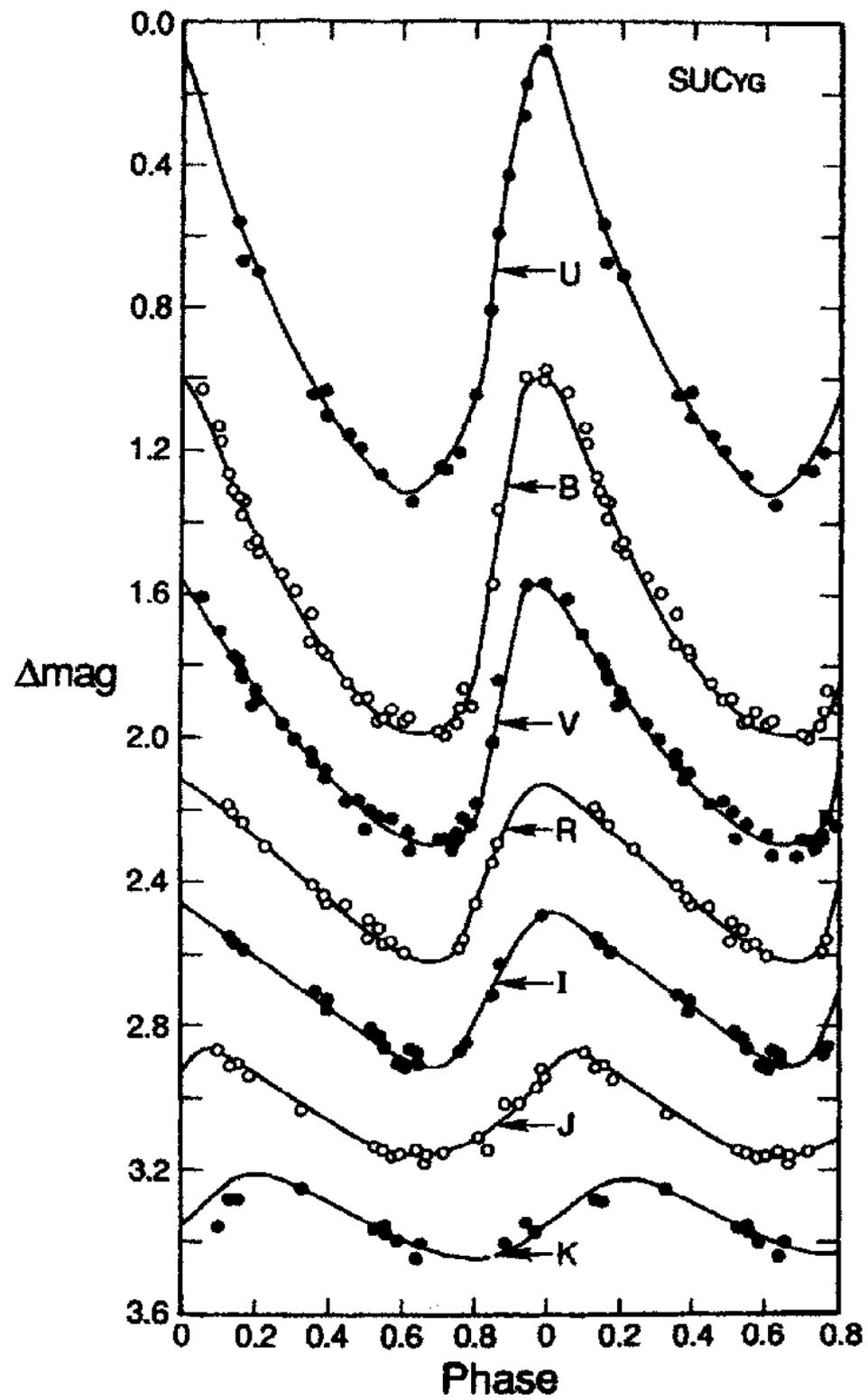
Surprisingly, the revision had no effect on the size of the Galaxy itself. This had been based principally upon studies of the globular clusters and the RR Lyraes. The zero point of Shapley's distance calibration had been based on Population I Cepheids and had *always* been 1.5 magnitudes in error, but when unwittingly applied to the Population II Cepheids, which were 1.5 magnitudes dimmer than realised, the mistake largely cancelled out. His RR Lyrae calibrations were similarly correct, because they too had been determined using the Population II Cepheids.

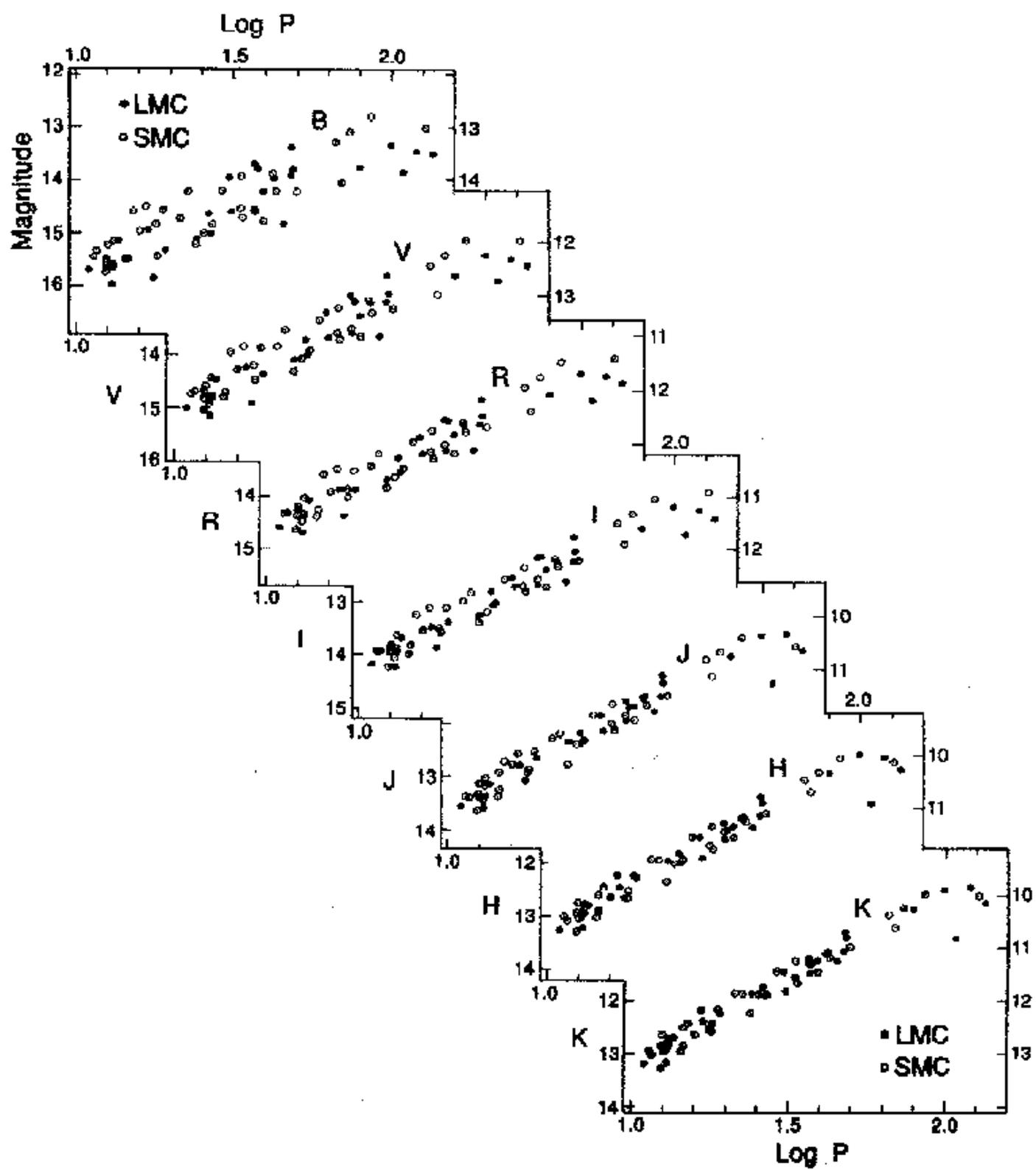
Fernie (1969): The definitive study of the herd instincts of astronomers has yet to be written, but there are times when we resemble nothing so much as a herd of antelope, heads down in tight formation, thundering with firm determination in a particular direction across the plain. At a given signal from the leader we whirl about, and, with equally firm determination, thunder off in a quite different direction, still in tight parallel formation.

Calibration of Shapley was very precise at that time except of the ZP. When used in our Galaxy it gaved good results.

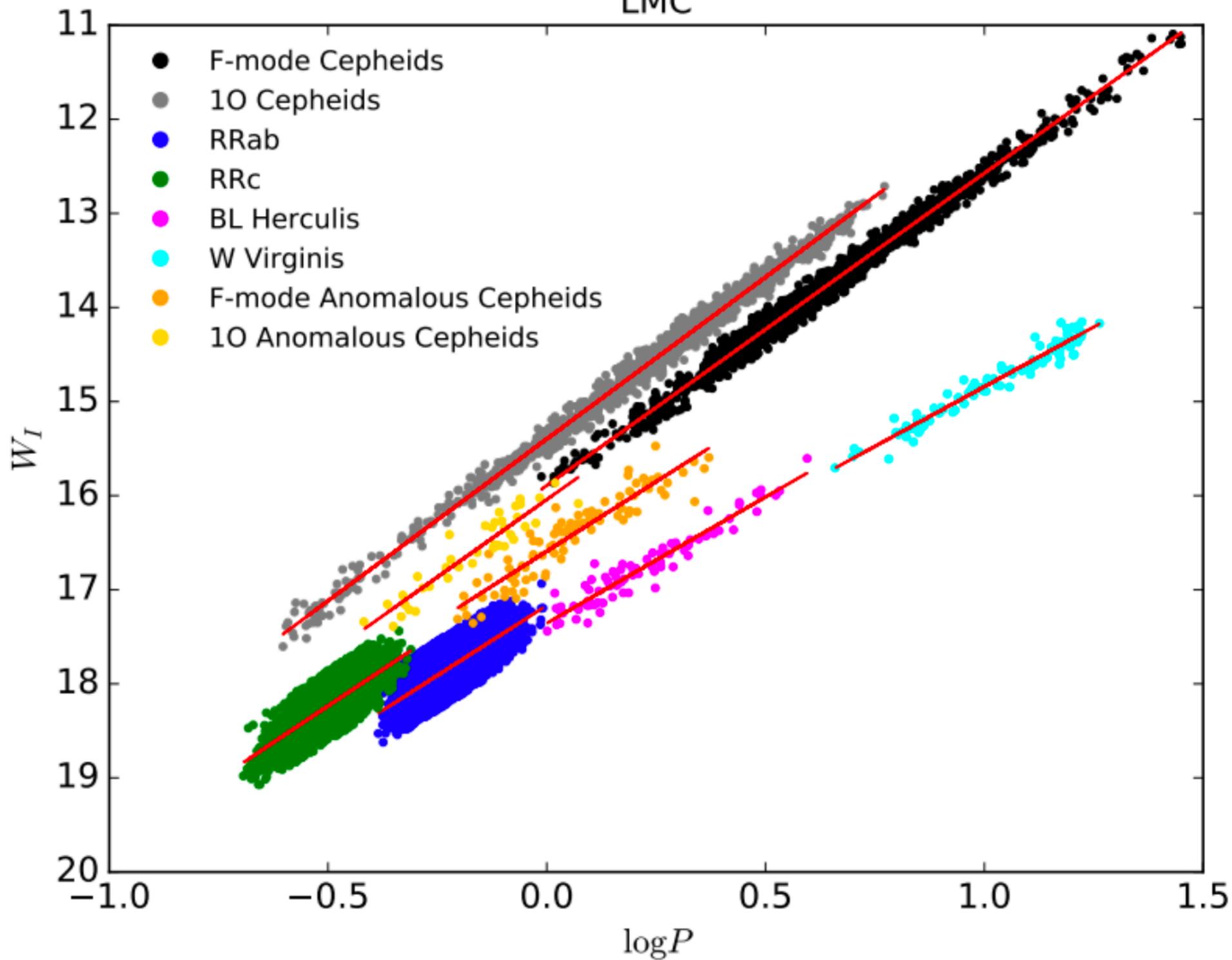
### Calibrations of the Cepheid PL relation







## LMC



# Cepheids

Easy to detect

Relatively bright (with the HST to 30-40 Mpc)

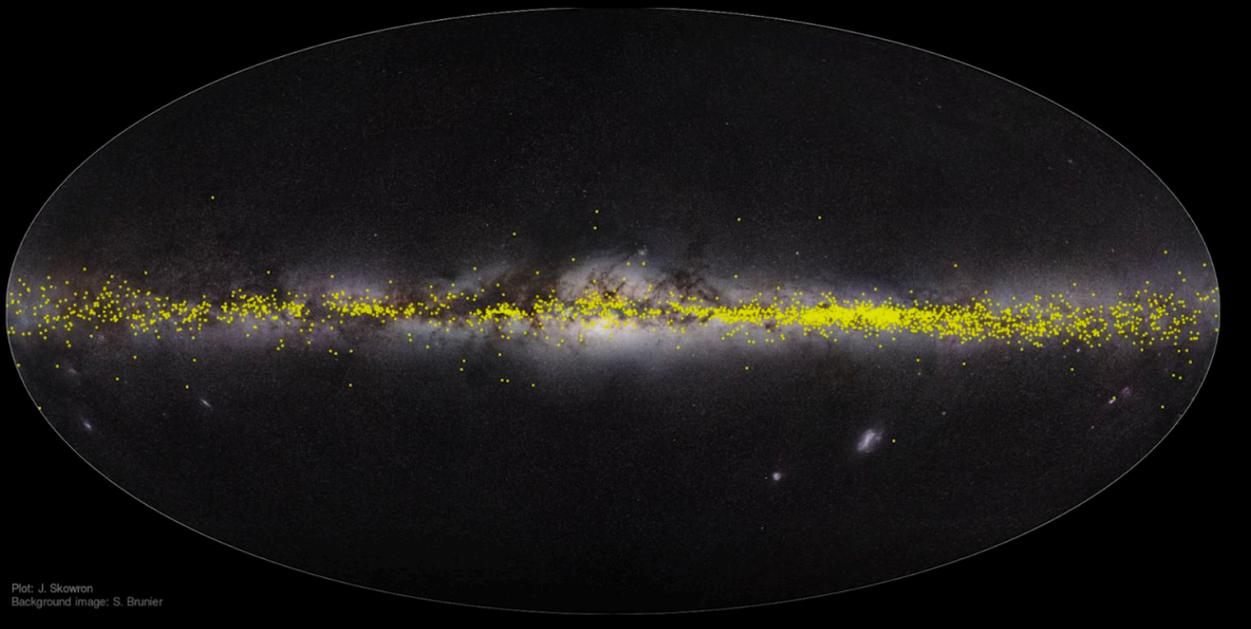
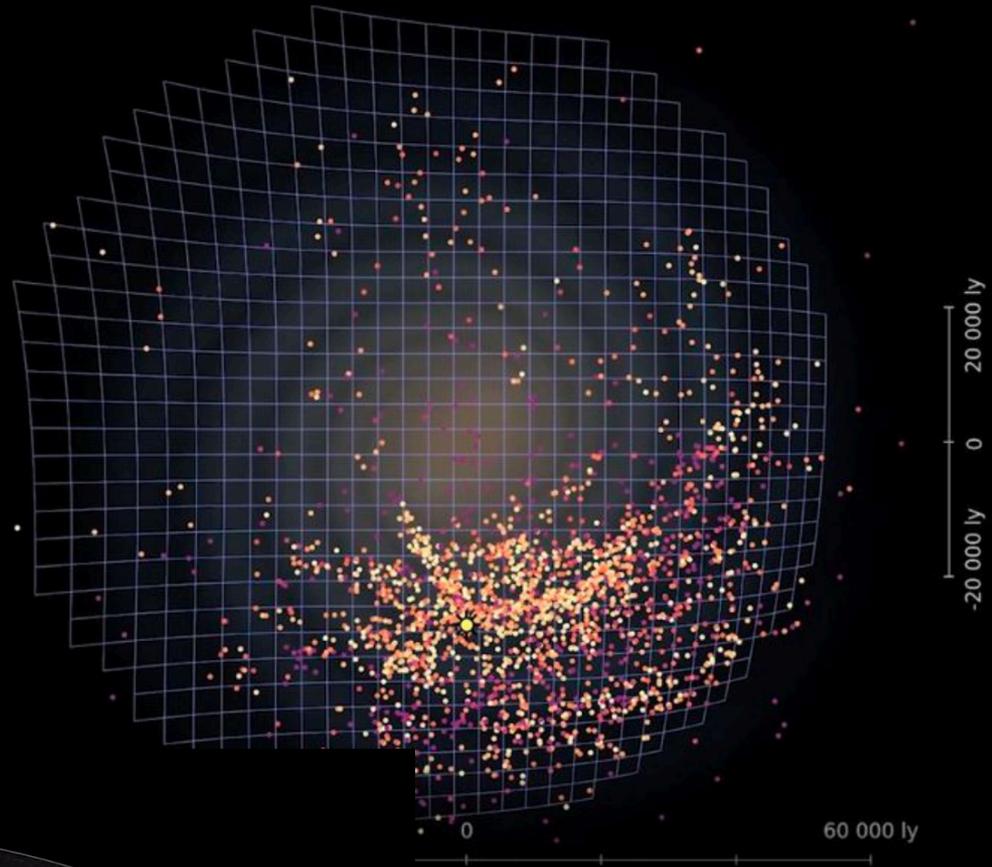
Easy to measure period and magnitude

Very wide range of magnitudes

In general we use them as a statistical tool

(sample of Cepheids) but we can calculate distances  
to individual objects with 0.2 mag precision

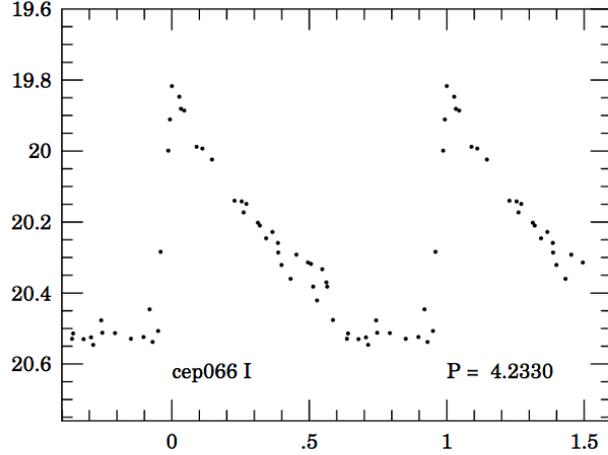
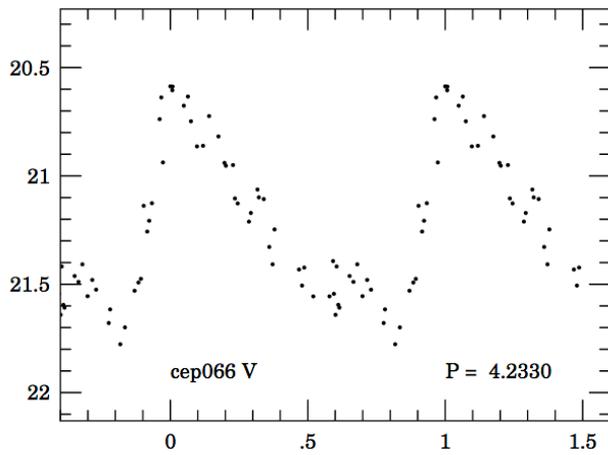
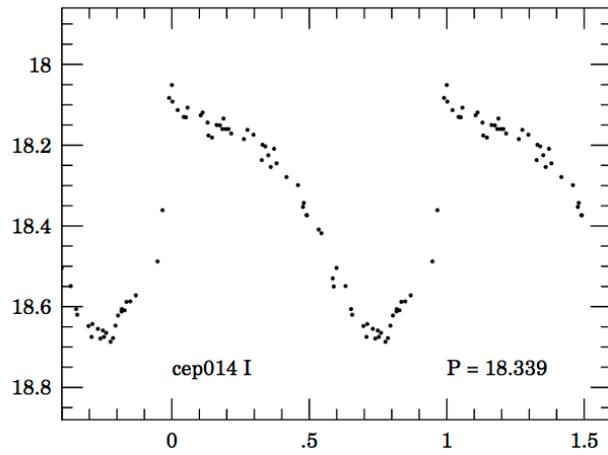
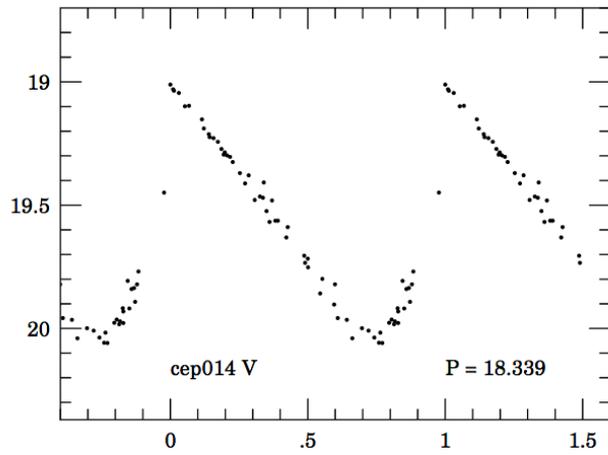
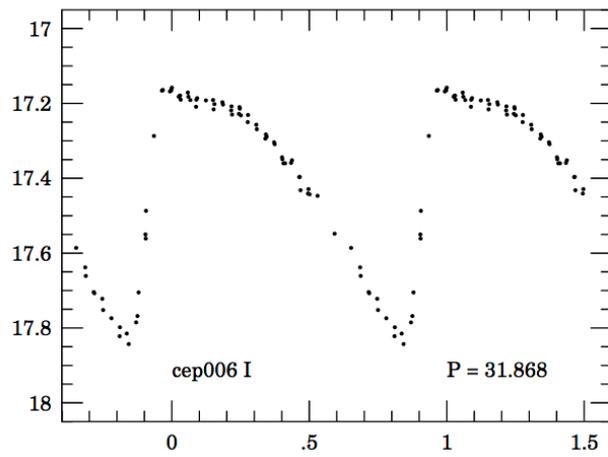
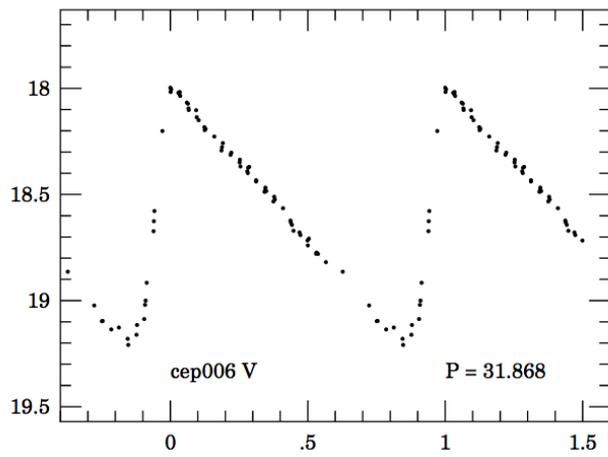
# 3D map of MW Basen on Cepheids



Plot: J. Skowron  
Background image: S. Brunier

OGLE project  
University of Warsaw

The map shows that the Milky Way disc is not flat but it is warped and twisted far and away from the galactic centre.



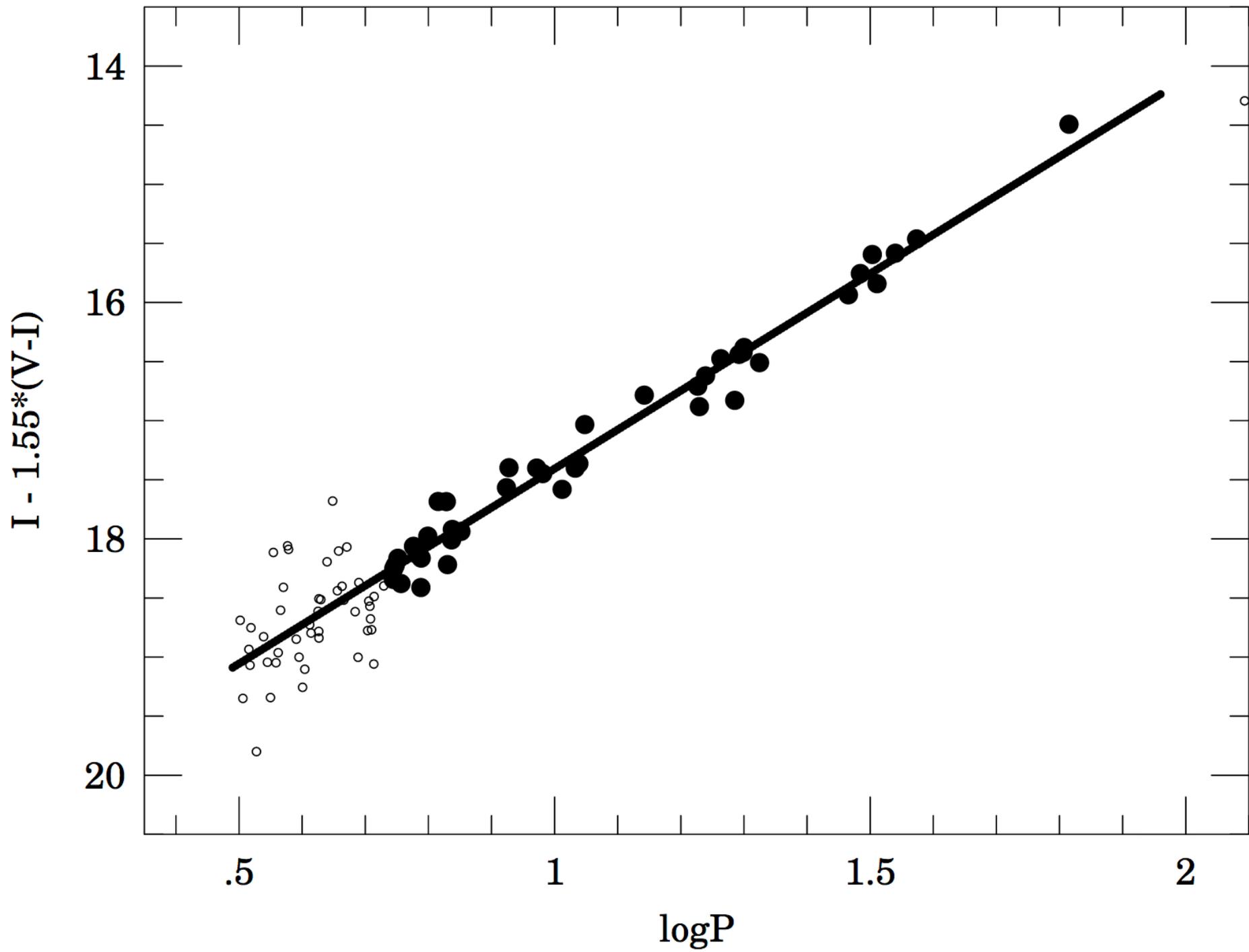
NGC 6822

Pietrzynski et al. 2004

1.3m telescope V+I  
band observations

77 nights

116 Cepheids detected  
 $1.6 < P < 124$



# Cepheids P-L

Problems:

Extinction

Absolute zero point

Malmquist bias

Uniform coverage of the IS

Metallicity effect

Is PL linear and universal ?

Binarity

Blending and crowding

Many other less important (?) issues

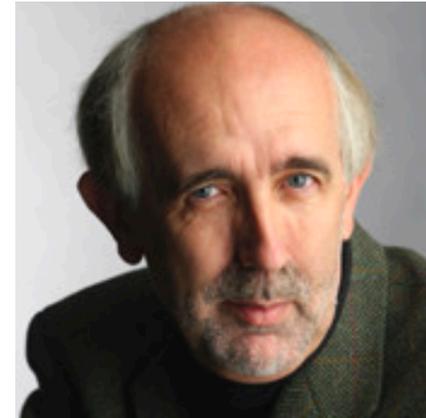
# Extinction

- 1) External determinations (e.g. Different kind of reddening maps etc)
- 2) Wesenheit index (reddening free) (ger. essence)

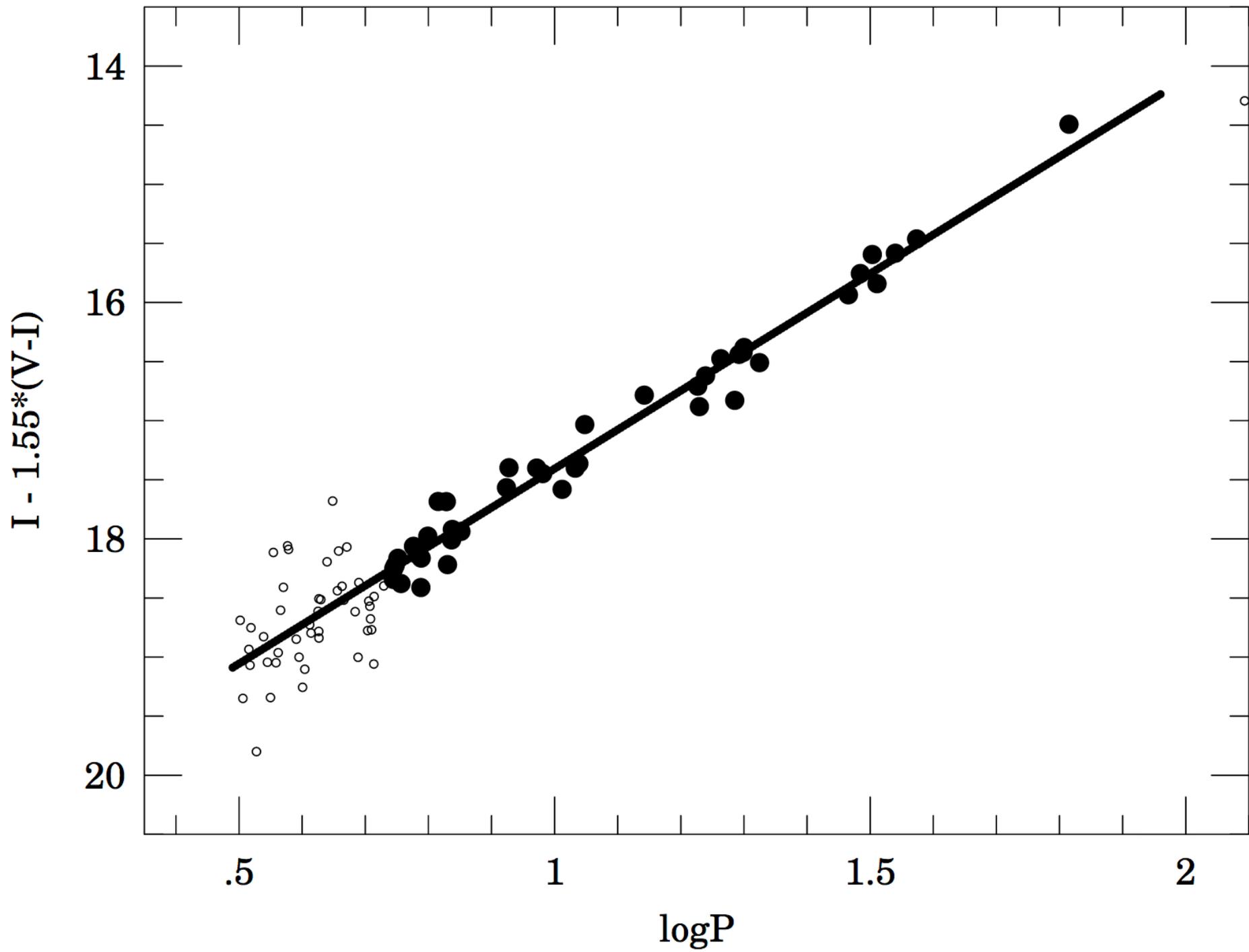
$$W = V - R(B - V)$$

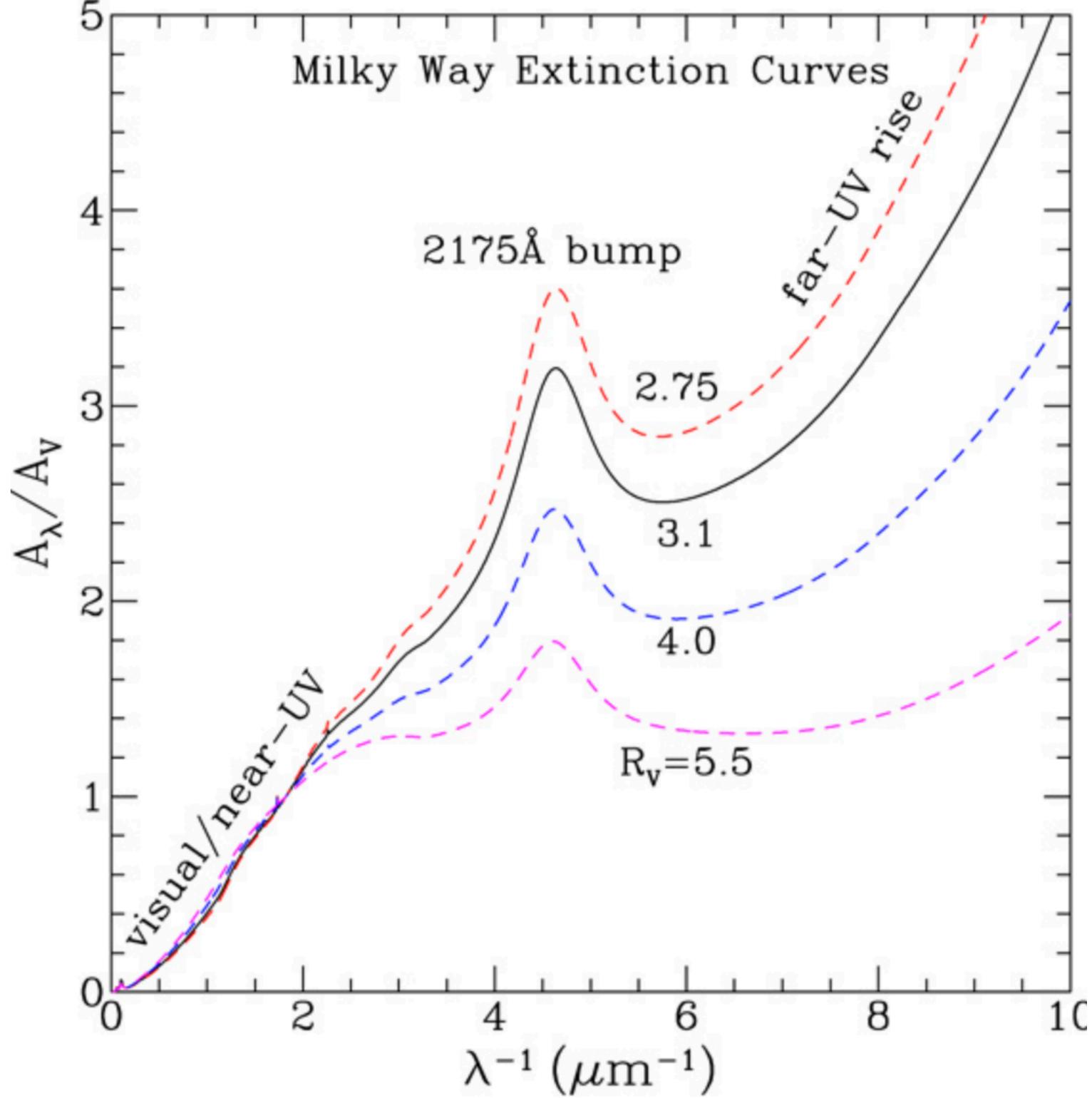
$$= V_0 + A_v - R(B - V)_0 - RE(B - V)$$

$$= V_0 - R(B - V)_0.$$



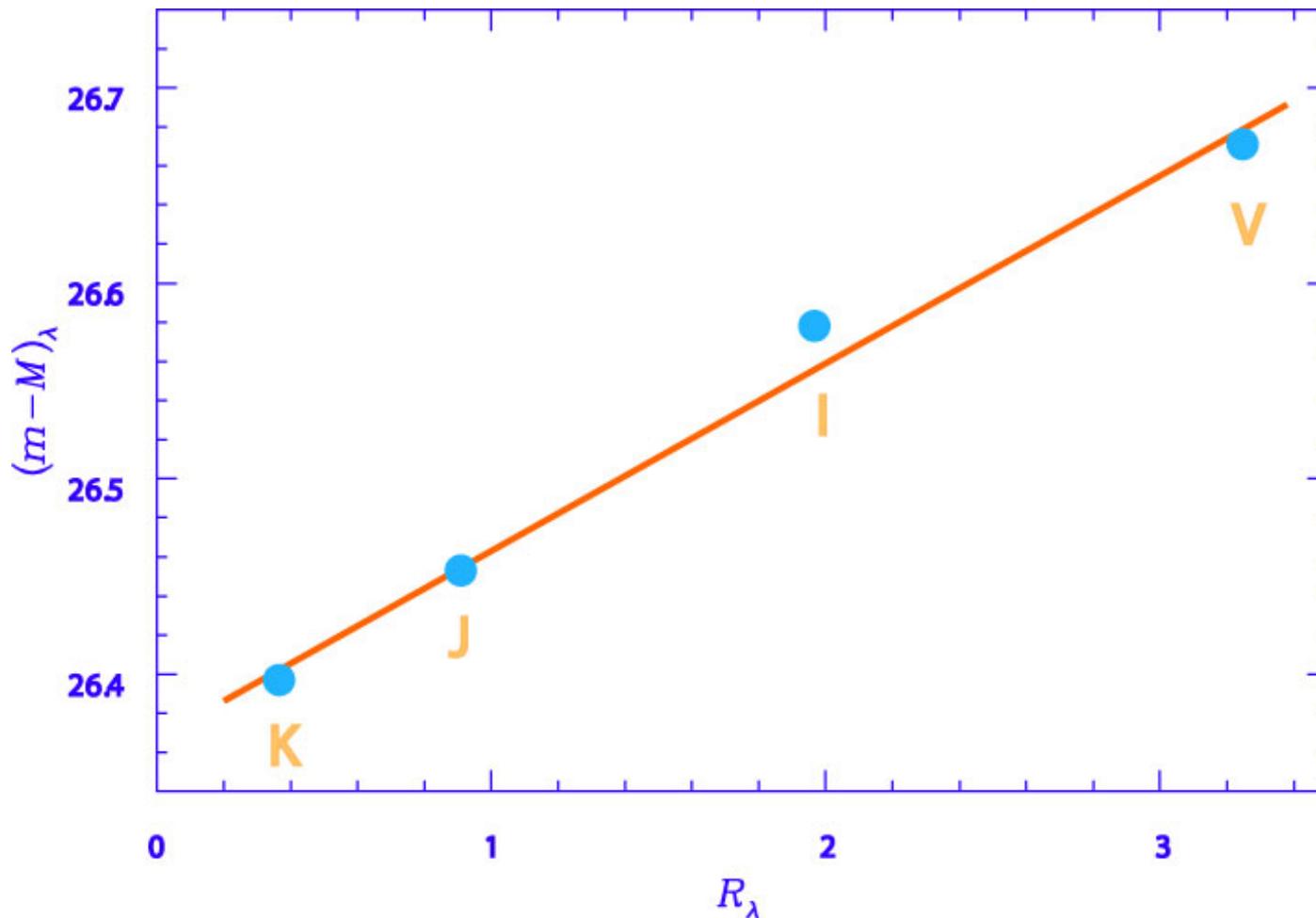
$$W(VI) = V - 10 + 5 \lg p(\text{mas}) - A_V - \frac{A_V}{E(V - I)} \cdot (V - I)_0 =$$
$$= M_V - \frac{A_V}{E(V - I)} \cdot (V - I)_0 \Rightarrow W(VI) = M_V - \beta \cdot (V - I)_0$$





# Cepheid multi- $\lambda$ distance solution

$$(m - M)_0 = (m - M)_\lambda - A_\lambda = (m - M)_\lambda - E_{B-V}R_\lambda$$



$(m-M) = 26.37$

$D = 1.88 \text{ Mpc}$

$E(B-V) = 0.10$

# Applications to 10 nearby galaxies

In all cases we showed that there is an „internal”

$E(B-V) \sim 0.1$  mag in addition to background  
(Galactic reddening)

Local distances changed by a few % ...

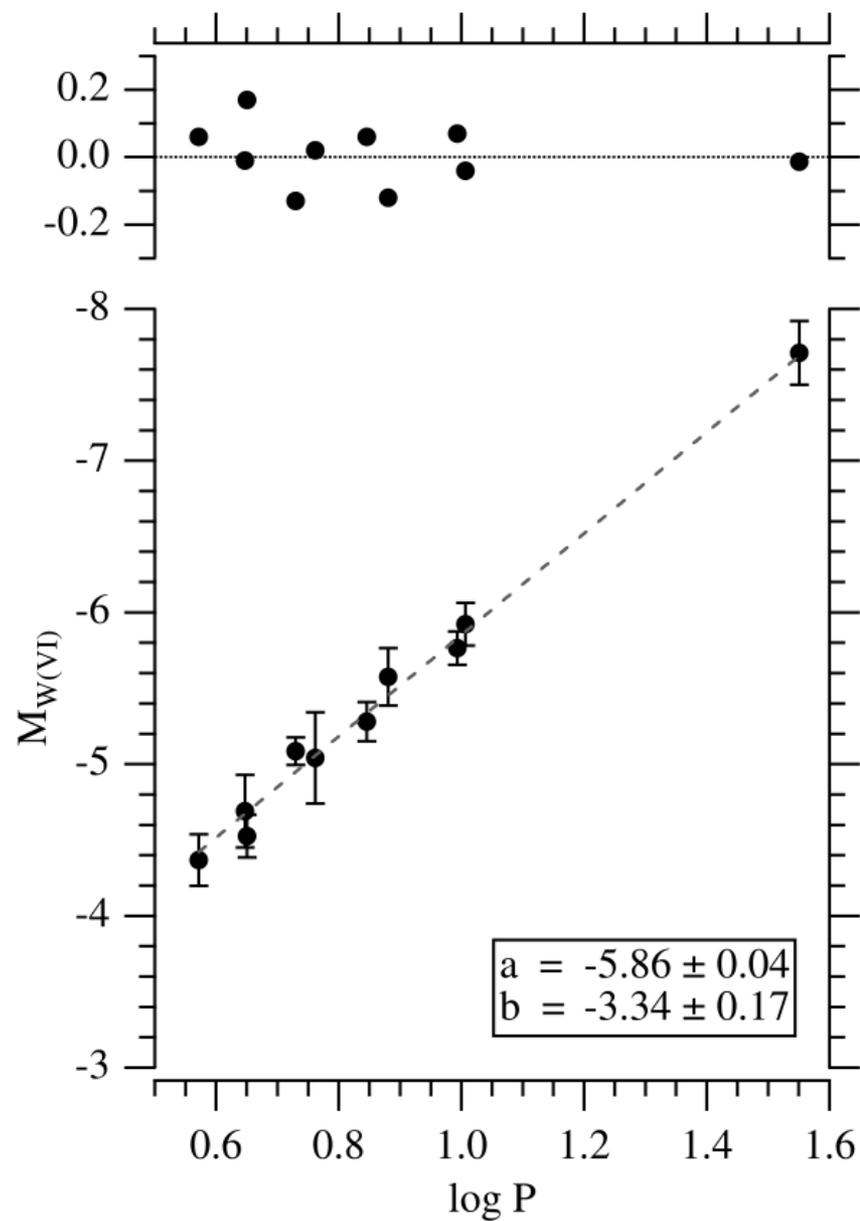
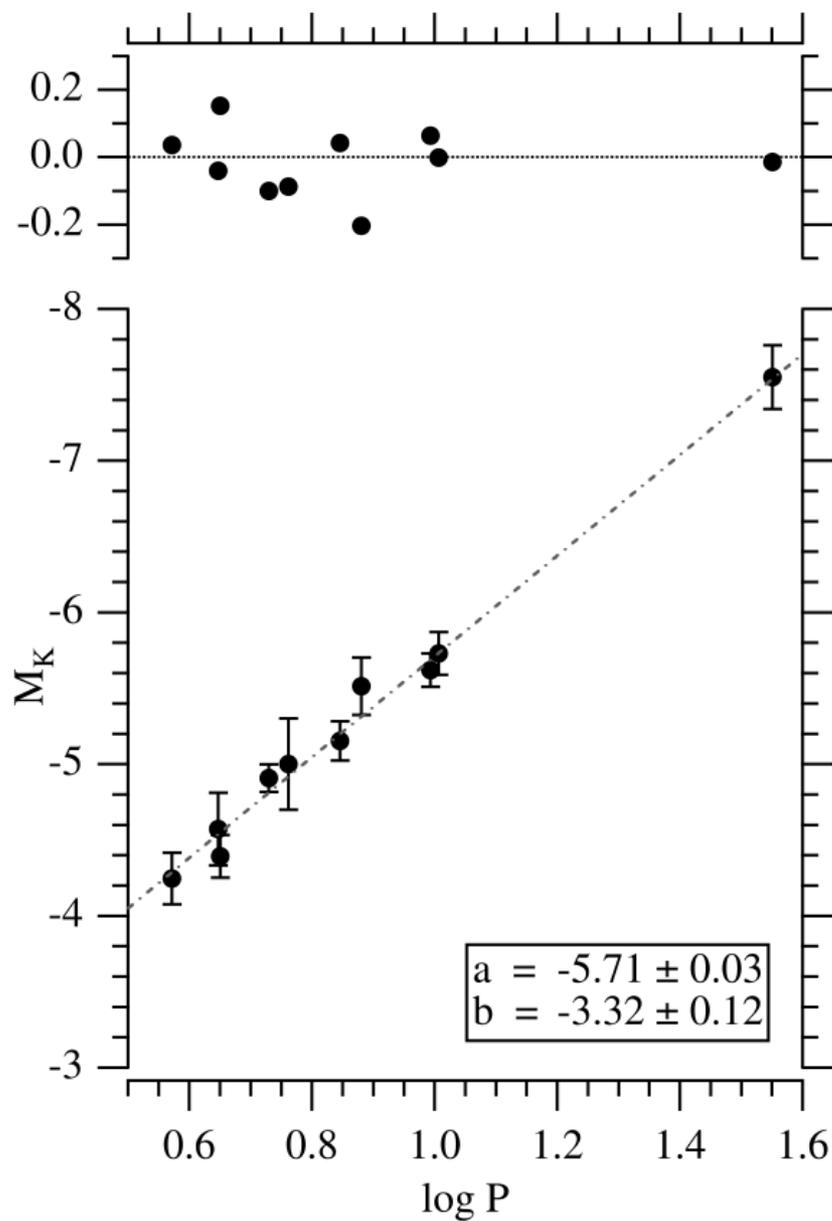


# Absolute ZP

Two possibilities

- 1) Individual distances to Cepheids (Parallax, BW)
- 2) Distance to a galaxy with Cepheids obtained with other technique (LMC, NGC 5248)

Benedict et al. 2007, Freedman et al. 2013



# Individual distances

Paralaxes:

Hipparcos: Feast and Catchpol 1997 van Leeuwen  
1999: 10 Cepheids

HST parallaxes Benedict 10 Cepheids

Scanning mode HST Cassertano et al.

Gaia first intents

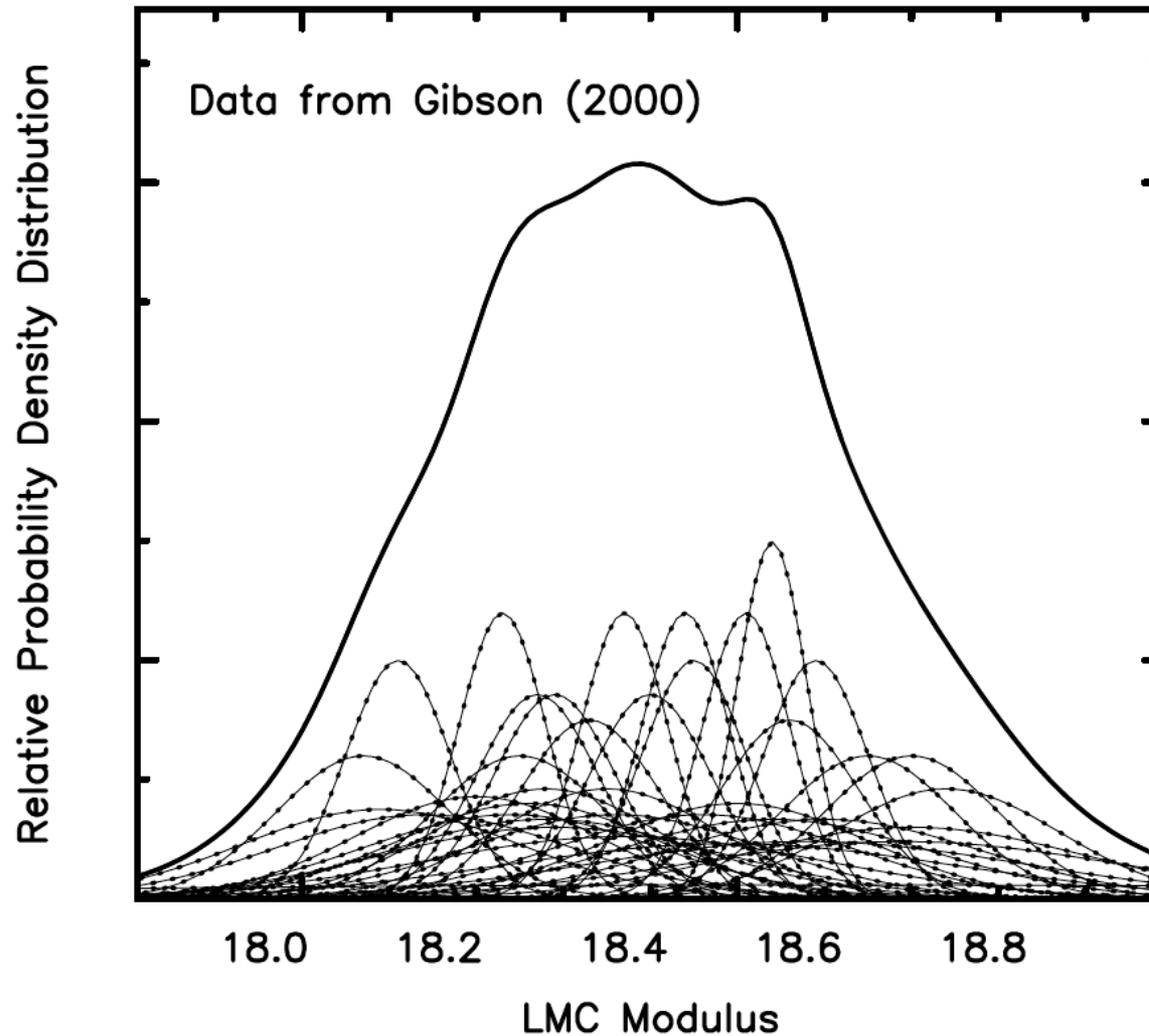
BW method a bit later (5%)

Still a lot of problems with systematics ...

# HST Key Project

Assumed not measured LMC distance (10-15 % error)

(long lasting discussion about long versus short distance scale)



# Distances to other galaxies

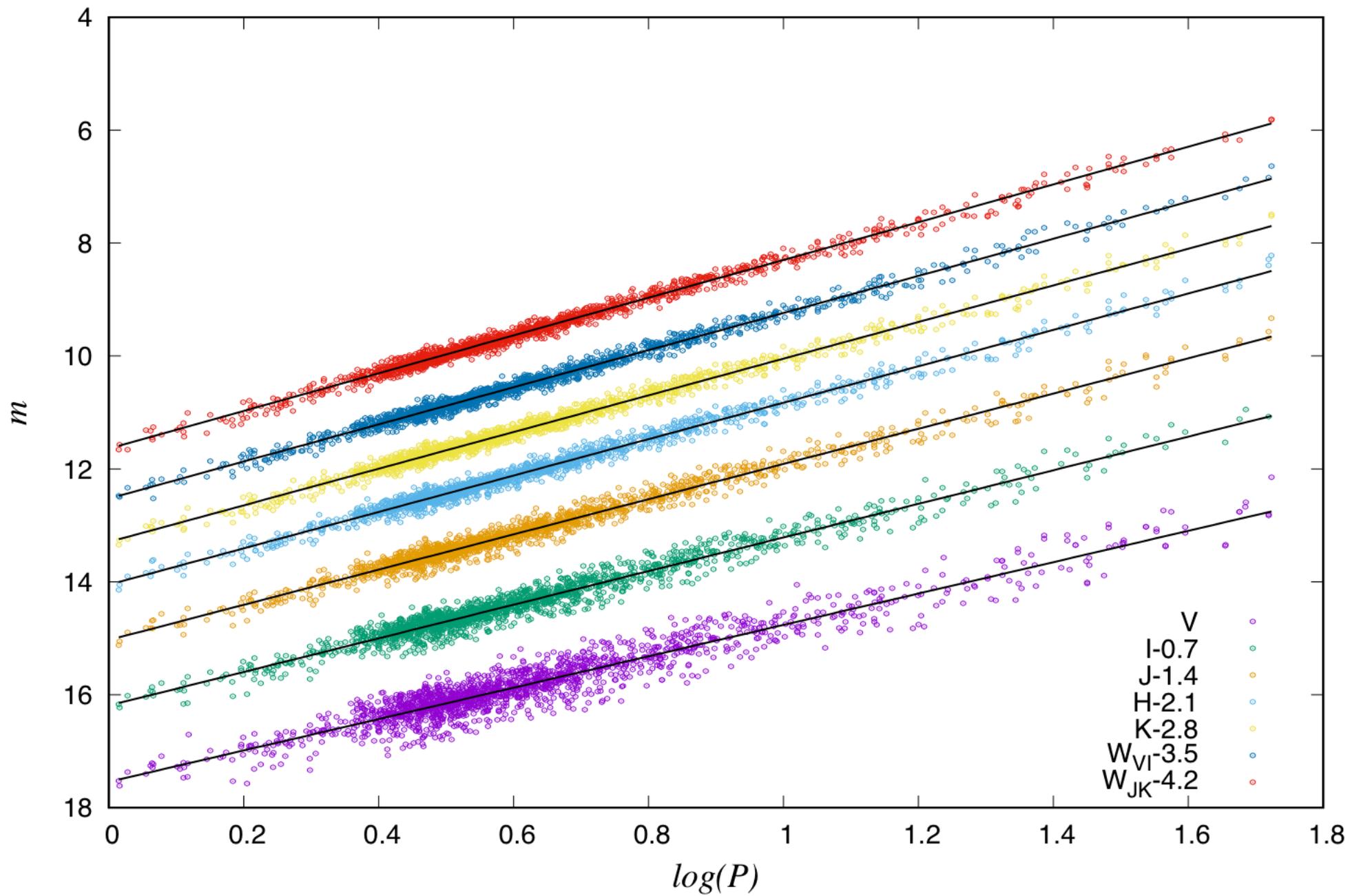
LMC HST Key project 10% 2001

LMC 1% Pietrzynski et al. 2019

NGC 4852 Reid et al. 2019 1.5% maser distance

Some people try to combine these determination to improve precision of the ZP – caution !

*LMC*



# Metallicity scales

$$Z = \sum_{i>\text{He}} \frac{m_i}{M} = 1 - X - Y$$

Description	Solar value
Hydrogen mass fraction	$X_{\text{sun}} = 0.7381$
Helium mass fraction	$Y_{\text{sun}} = 0.2485$
Metallicity	$Z_{\text{sun}} = 0.0134$

$$[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = \log_{10} \left( \frac{N_{\text{Fe}}}{N_{\text{H}}} \right)_{\text{star}} - \log_{10} \left( \frac{N_{\text{Fe}}}{N_{\text{H}}} \right)_{\text{sun}}$$

HII regions:

$$R_{23} = \frac{[\text{O II}]_{3727 \text{ \AA}} + [\text{O III}]_{4959 \text{ \AA} + 5007 \text{ \AA}}}{\text{H}_{\beta}}$$

$$S_{23} = \frac{[\text{S II}]_{6716 \text{ \AA} + 6731 \text{ \AA}} + [\text{S III}]_{9069 \text{ \AA} + 9532 \text{ \AA}}}{\text{H}_{\beta}}$$

# Metallicity effect

$$\Delta M = \gamma[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] + \psi$$

Empirical (we need absolute or relative distances and metallicities)

Using geometrical distances to nearby Cepheids / galaxies (parallaxes, eclipsing binaries, BW)

Or comparing with other standard candles (TRGB)

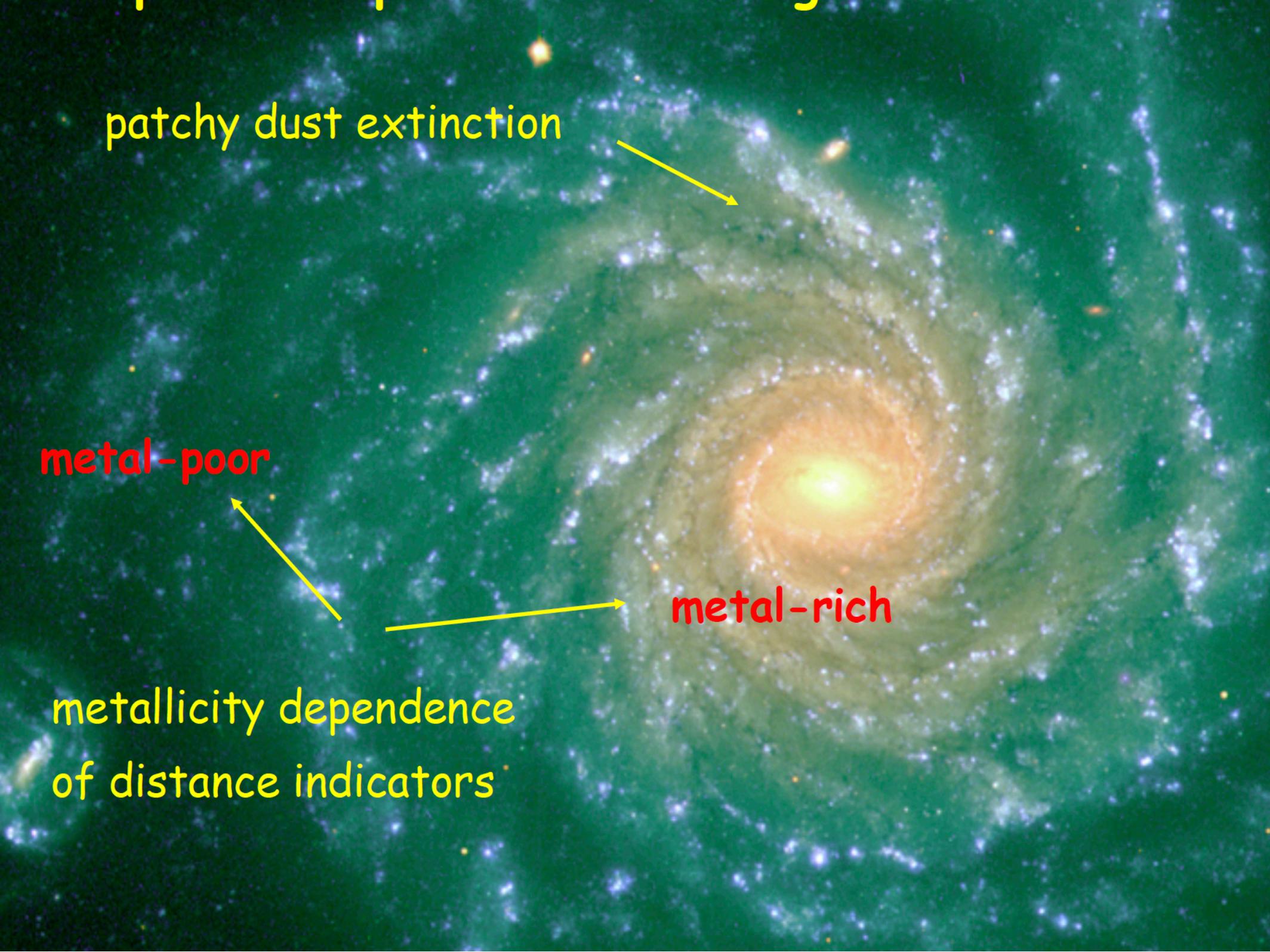
Theoretical (stellar evolution models)

patchy dust extinction

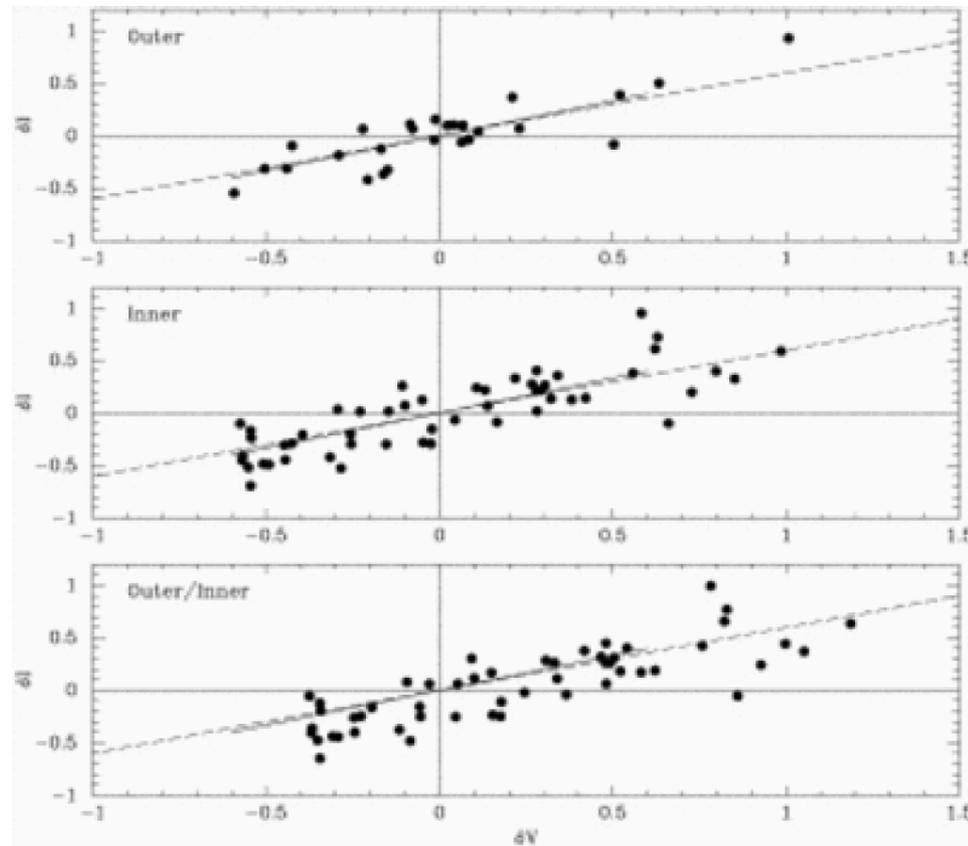
metal-poor

metal-rich

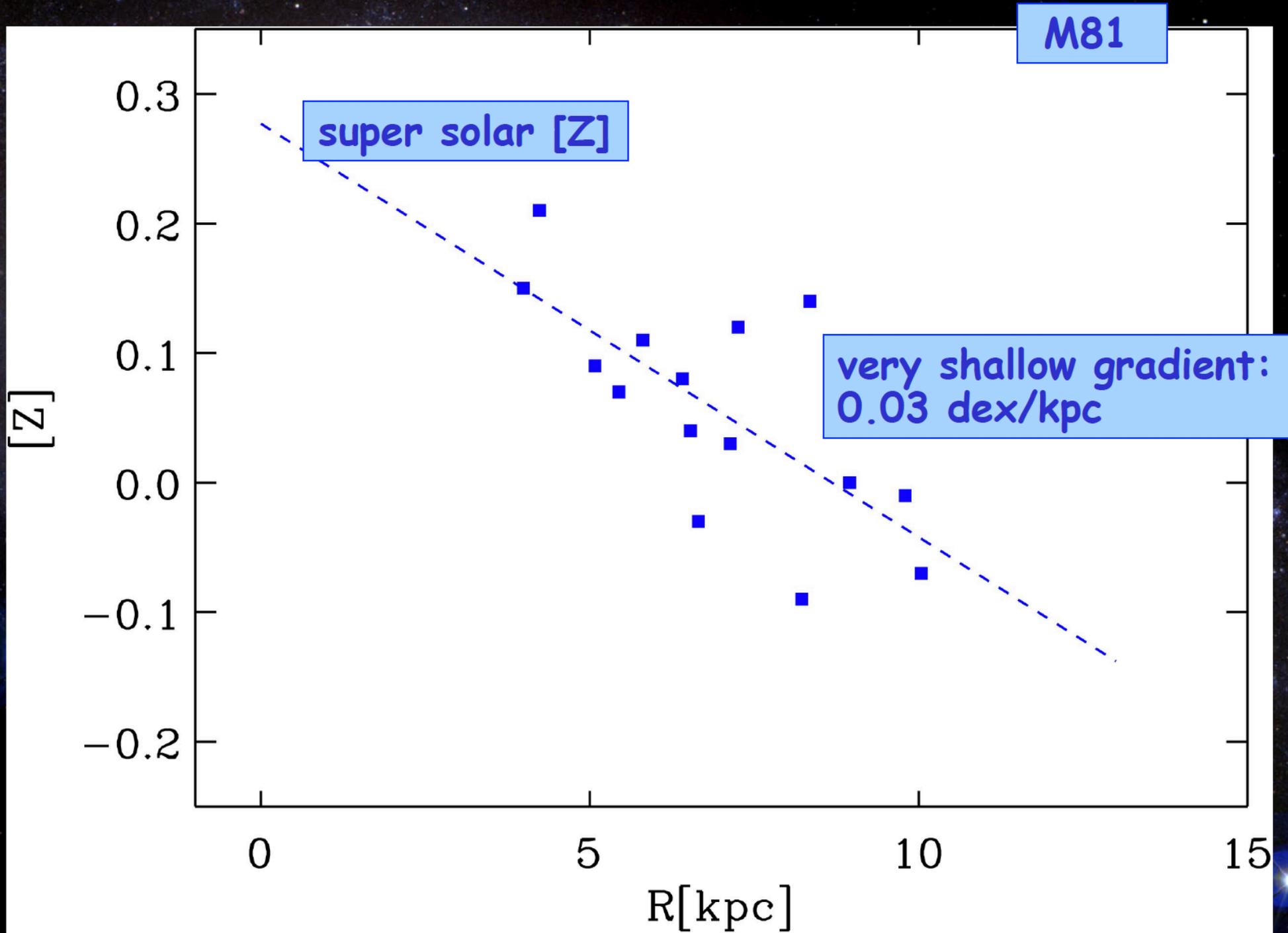
metallicity dependence  
of distance indicators



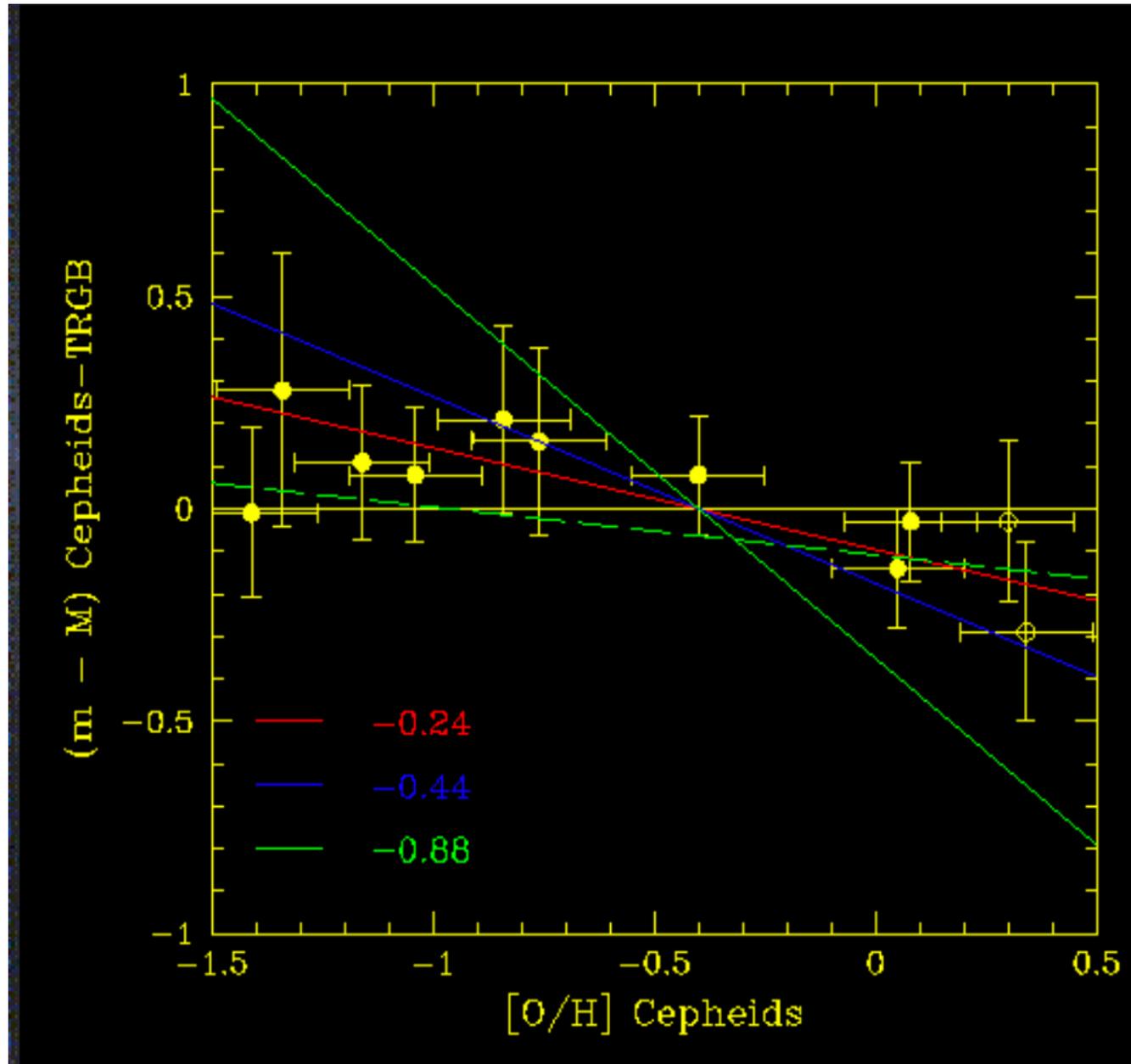
# M101, M81, M33, NGC 4852



$$\delta (MV) = (-0.24 \pm 0.16) \times [Fe/H] \text{ Kennicutt et al. 1998}$$

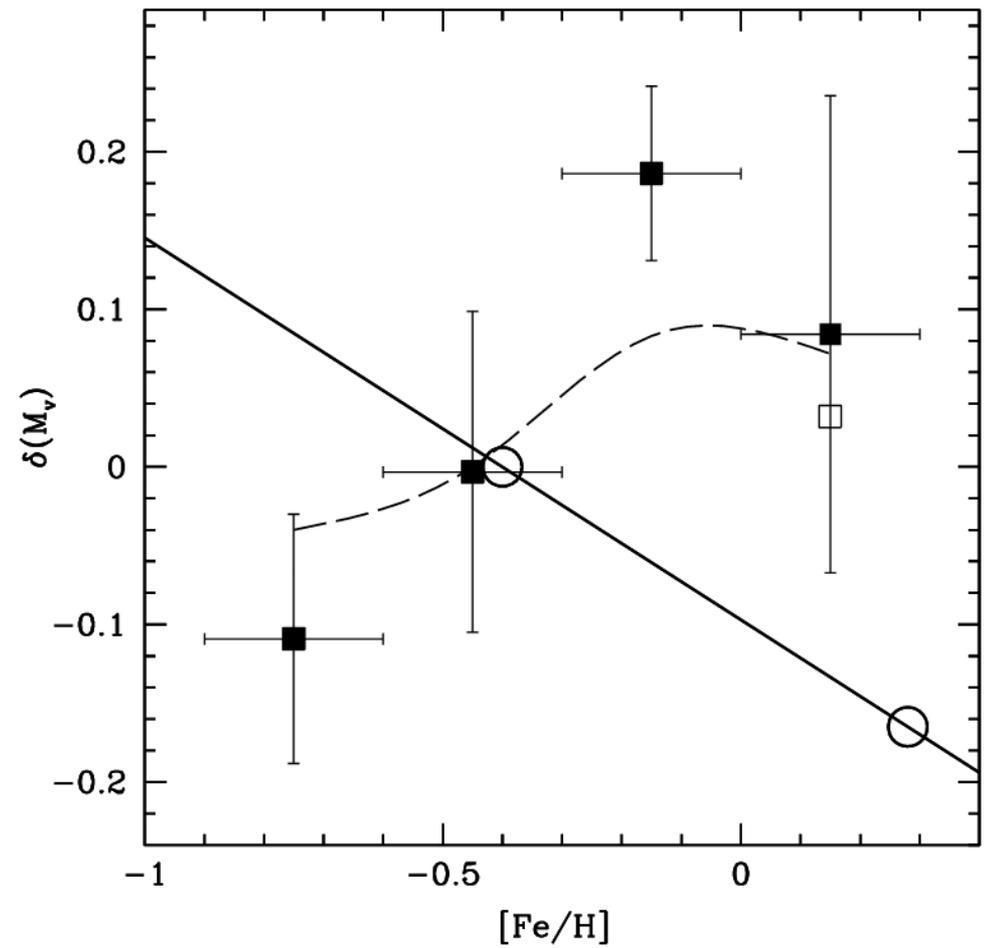
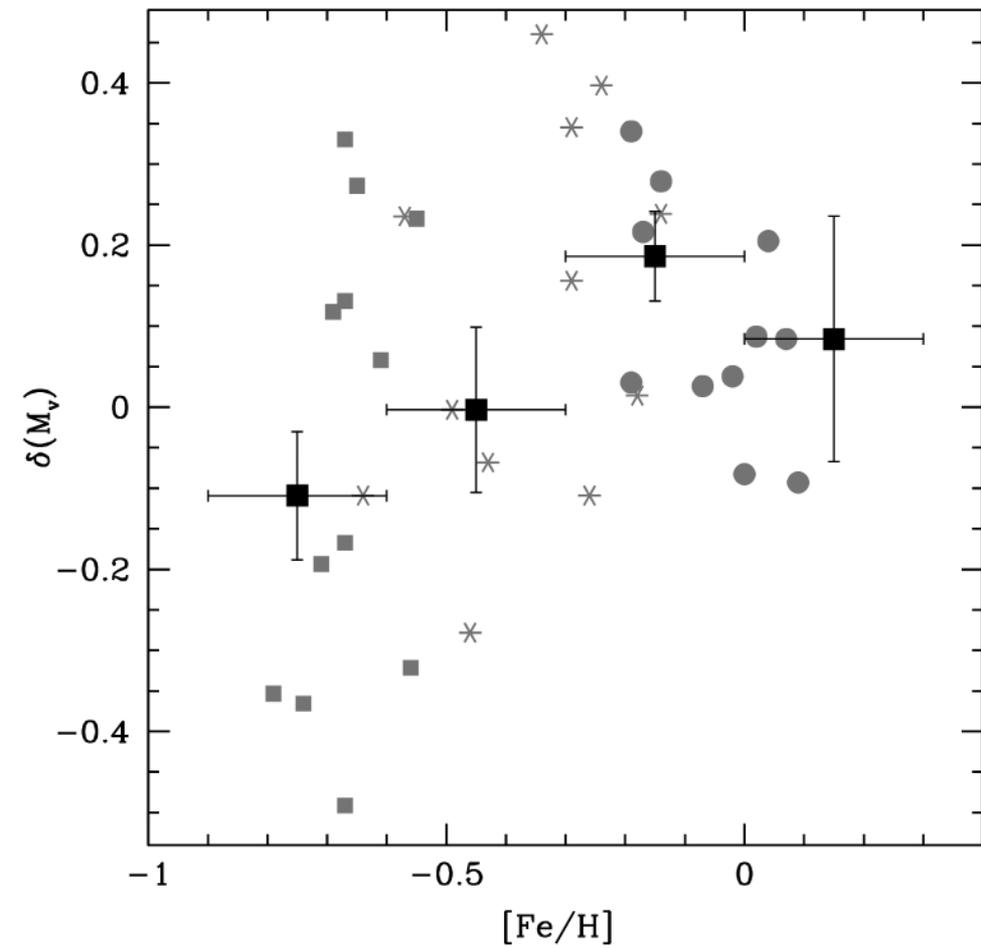


# Cepheids vs TRGB

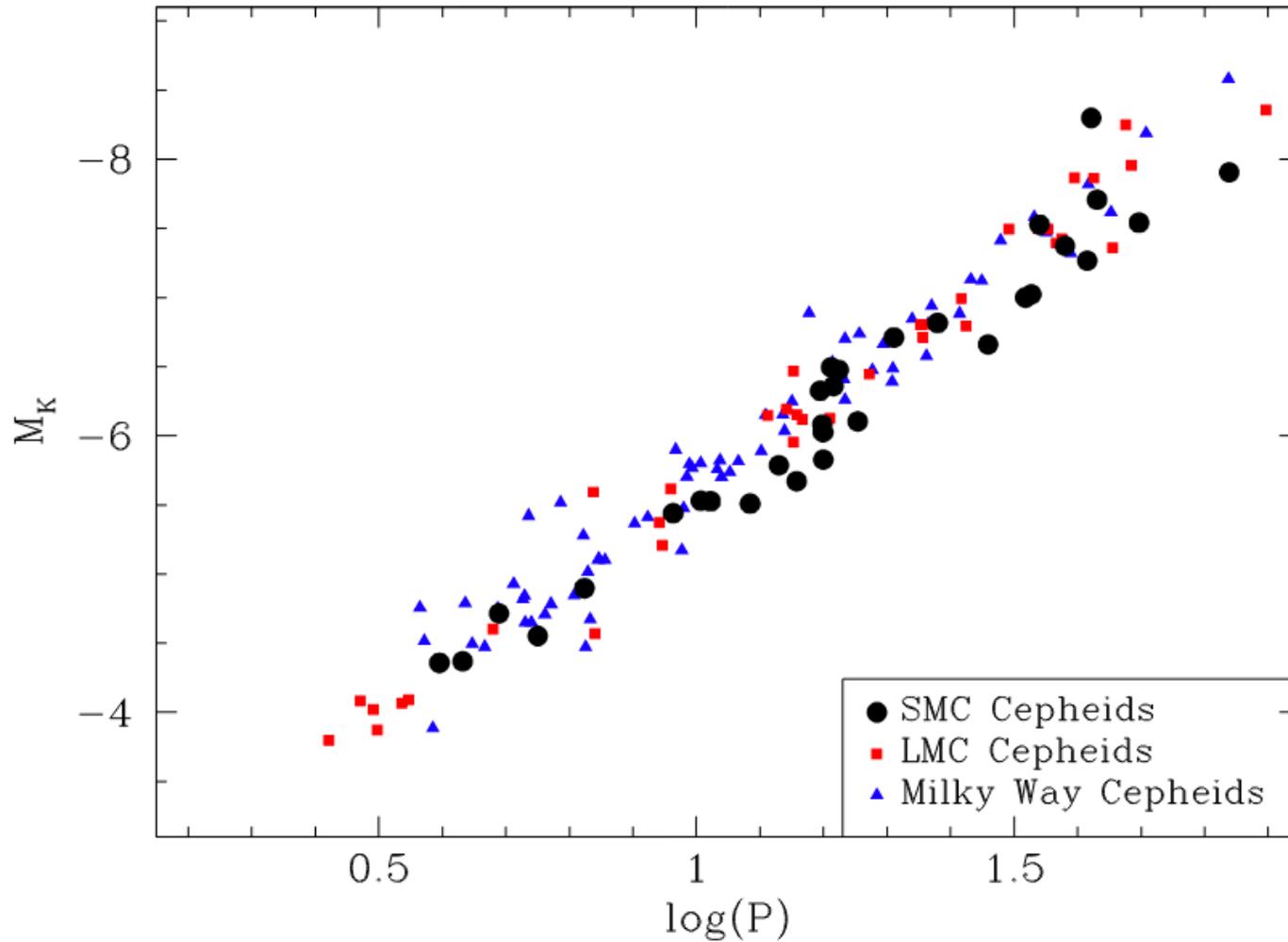


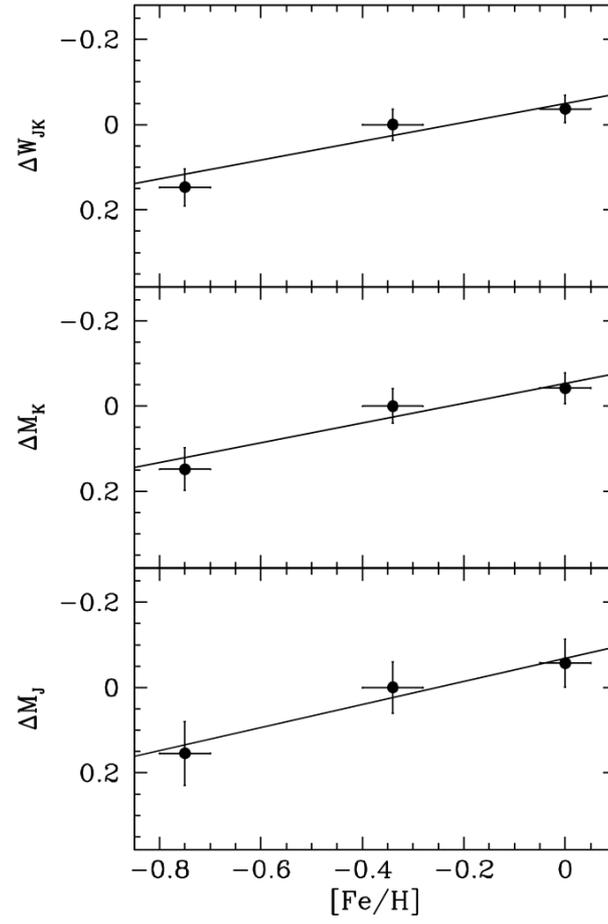
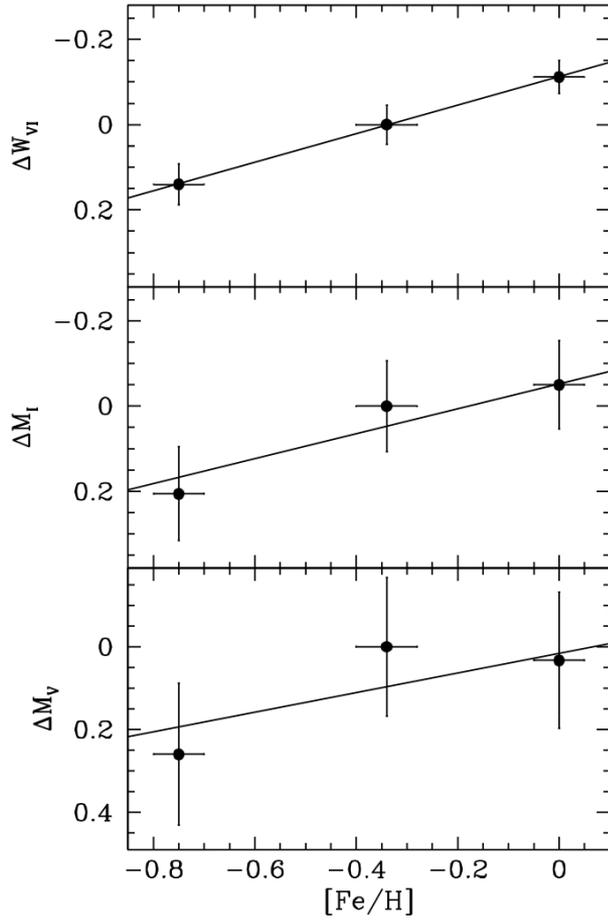
# HR high S/N spectra => direct [Fe/H]

## Romaniello et al. 2005



# BW method: MW, LMC, SMC





Band	$\gamma$	$\sigma(\gamma)$	$\psi$	$\sigma(\psi)$
$M_J$	-0.270	0.108	-0.068	0.044
$M_K$	-0.232	0.064	-0.054	0.024
$W_{JK}$	-0.221	0.053	-0.049	0.019
$M_V$	-0.238	0.186	0.016	0.111
$M_I$	-0.293	0.150	-0.053	0.076
$W_{VI}$	-0.335	0.059	-0.113	0.023
	mag/dex	mag/dex	mag	mag

# Comparing with eclipsing binaries

$$\gamma = \frac{\Delta(m - M)_0^{cep} - \Delta(m - M)_0^{ecl}}{\Delta[Fe/H]}$$

Filter	$R_\lambda$	$\Delta(m - M)$	$\Delta(m - M)_0^{cep}$	$\Delta(m - M)_0^{cep} - \Delta(m - M)_0^{ecl}$	$\gamma$
<i>V</i>	3.134	$0.340 \pm 0.017$	$0.481 \pm 0.017$	$0.009 \pm 0.031$	$-0.022 \pm 0.076$
<i>I</i>	1.894	$0.393 \pm 0.012$	$0.478 \pm 0.012$	$0.006 \pm 0.029$	$-0.015 \pm 0.071$
<i>J</i>	0.892	$0.449 \pm 0.010$	$0.489 \pm 0.010$	$0.017 \pm 0.028$	$-0.042 \pm 0.069$
<i>H</i>	0.553	$0.452 \pm 0.009$	$0.477 \pm 0.009$	$0.005 \pm 0.028$	$-0.012 \pm 0.069$
<i>K<sub>s</sub></i>	0.363	$0.463 \pm 0.008$	$0.479 \pm 0.009$	$0.007 \pm 0.028$	$-0.017 \pm 0.069$
<i>W<sub>VI</sub></i>	-	-	$0.482 \pm 0.008$	$0.010 \pm 0.027$	$-0.025 \pm 0.067$
<i>W<sub>JK<sub>s</sub></sub></i>	-	-	$0.481 \pm 0.008$	$0.009 \pm 0.027$	$-0.022 \pm 0.067$

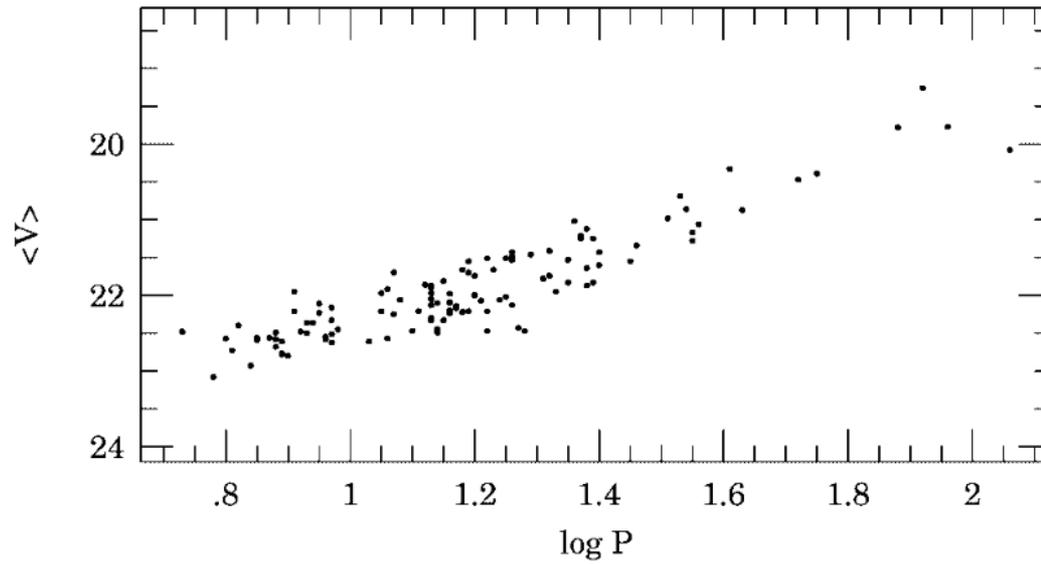
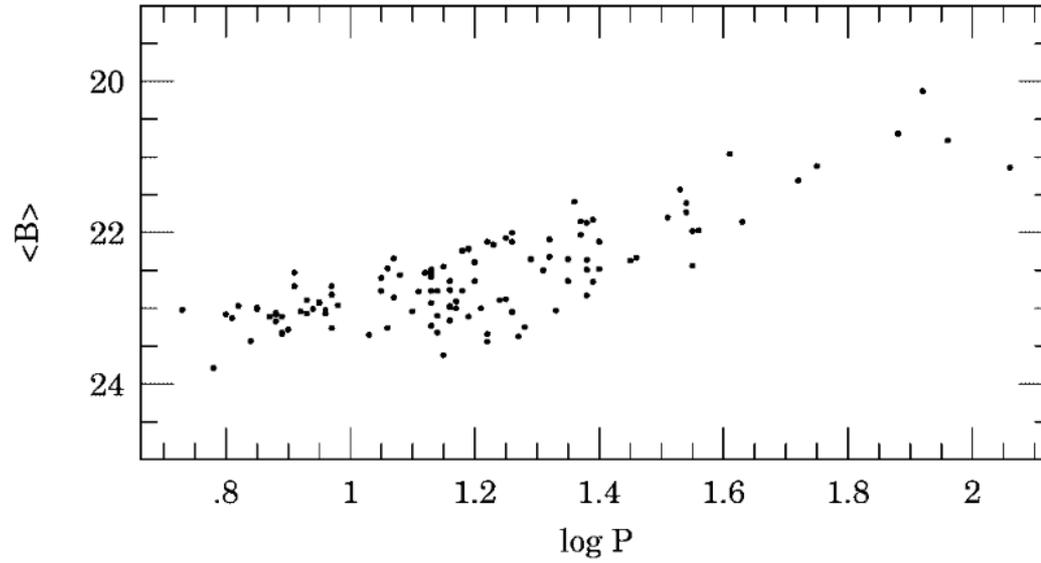
Wielgorski et al. 2017 (waiting for better mean distance to the SMC and precision Gaia parallaxes)

# Theoretical results

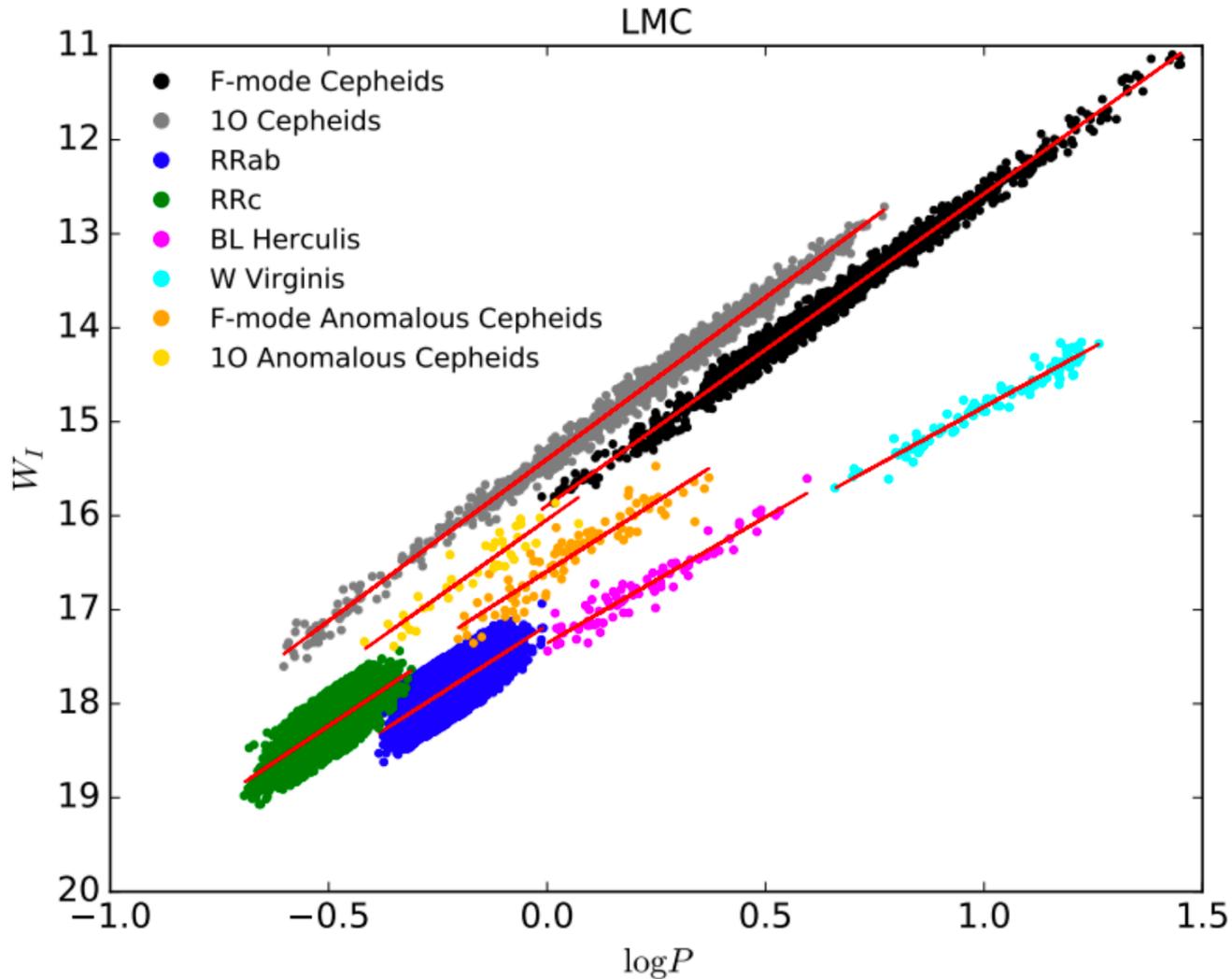
In most cases in the line of Romaniello et al. results.

In general a wide range of metallicity effects can be found in the literature (e.g. Bono 2000)

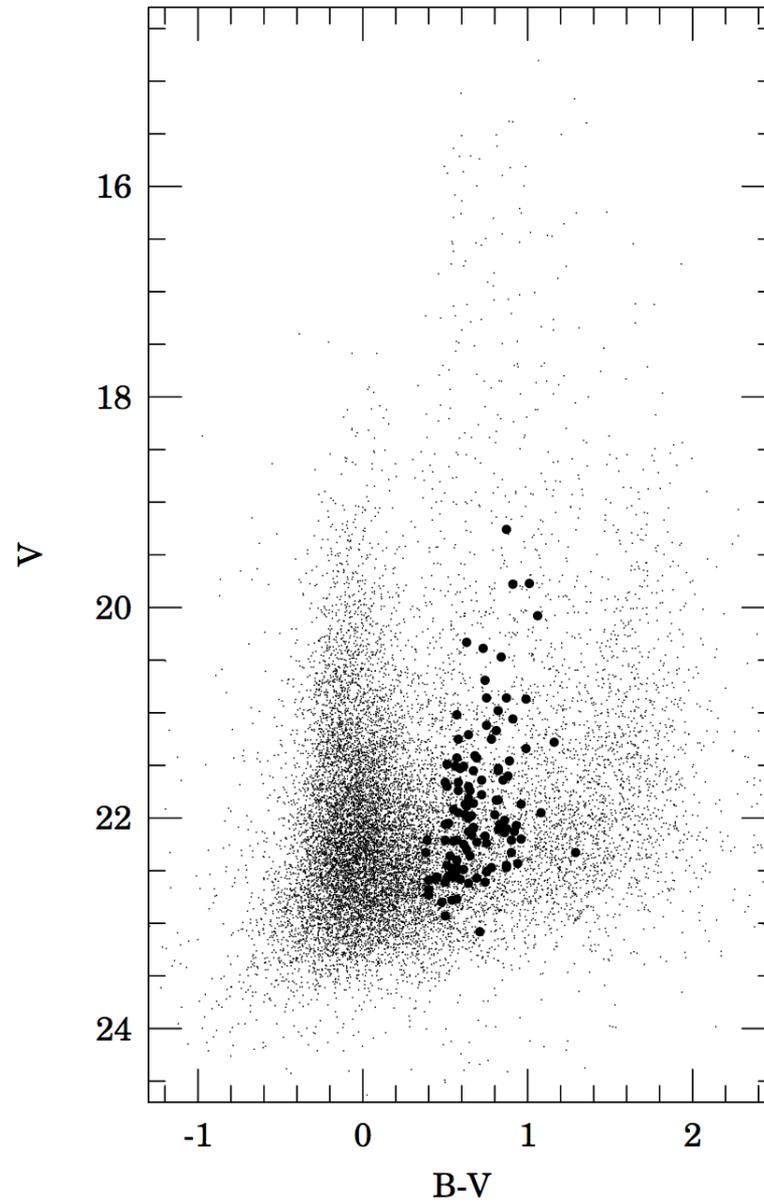
# Malmquist bias



# Distinguish FU (FO, Type II etc)



# Uniform distribution in the IS



# Is Cepheid P-L universal

In most galaxies we can only check stability of the slope of the P-L (precision 0.2). Within this precision slope seems to be stable.

Well known fact that Cepheids with  $P > 100\text{d}$  are located below mean P-L relation.

Linearity well checked only for the LMC and SMC:

SMC: Break at 2.5d (SMC) – Bauer et al. 1999, Udalski et al. 1999, also reported for 1d but not confirmed.

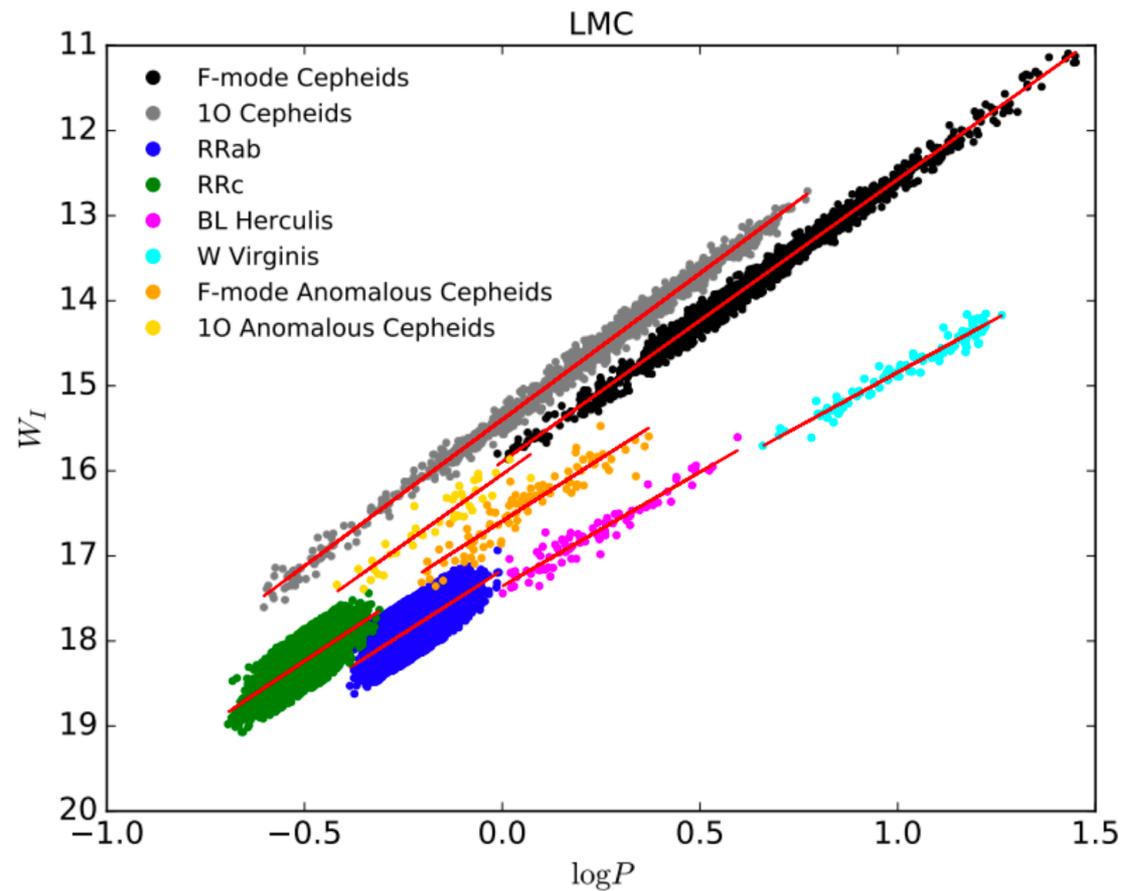
LMC: tiny break reported at 10d mostly visible in optical bands.

Several people reported breaks at 20d, 80d etc. Not confirmed so far.

# Using Cepheids $10\text{d} < P < 100\text{d}$

Reasonable because we can avoid problems:

- 1) Breaks in P-L relations
- 2) Influence of FO Cepheids

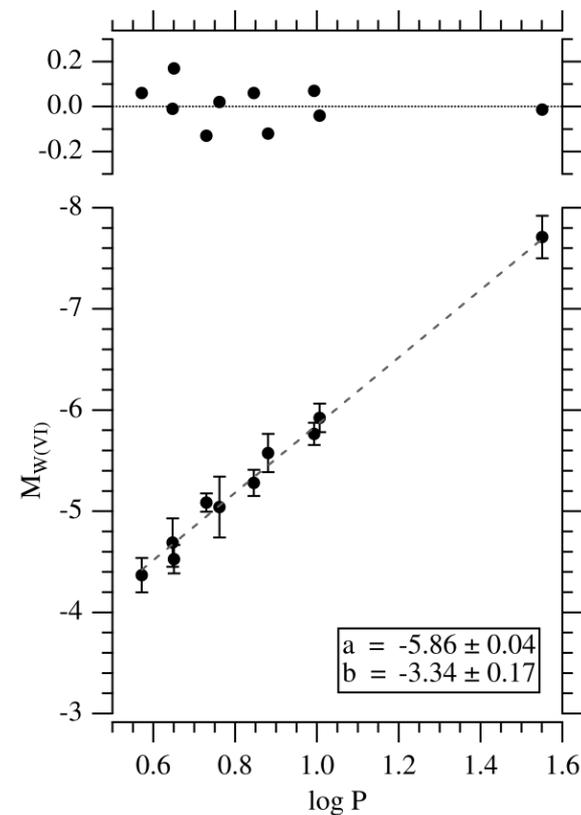
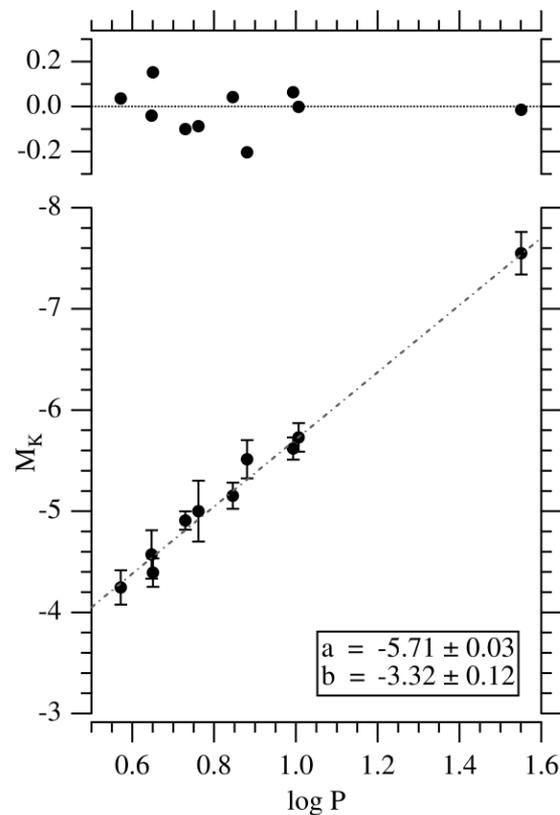


# Using Cepheids $10d < P < 100d$

Reasonable but: We discard something because we do not understand it ...

Not sure about breaks at other periods in other galaxies

Then calibration for short period MW Cepheids is used



# Blending / crowding

Mochejska et al.

Udalski et al. 199X astro-ph

Bresolin et al. 2XXX

Anderson et al. XXX

How about HST observations of Cepheids in the central parts and outskirts of some galaxies !

Not metallicity, so WHAT ? Blending ?