



New members of the Coma open star cluster



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Introduction

- Coma open star cluster (Melotte 111)
- USNO B1.0 and 2MASS PSC surveys
- Proper motion and photometric selections
- Estimated membership probability
- Low mass members
- Further work



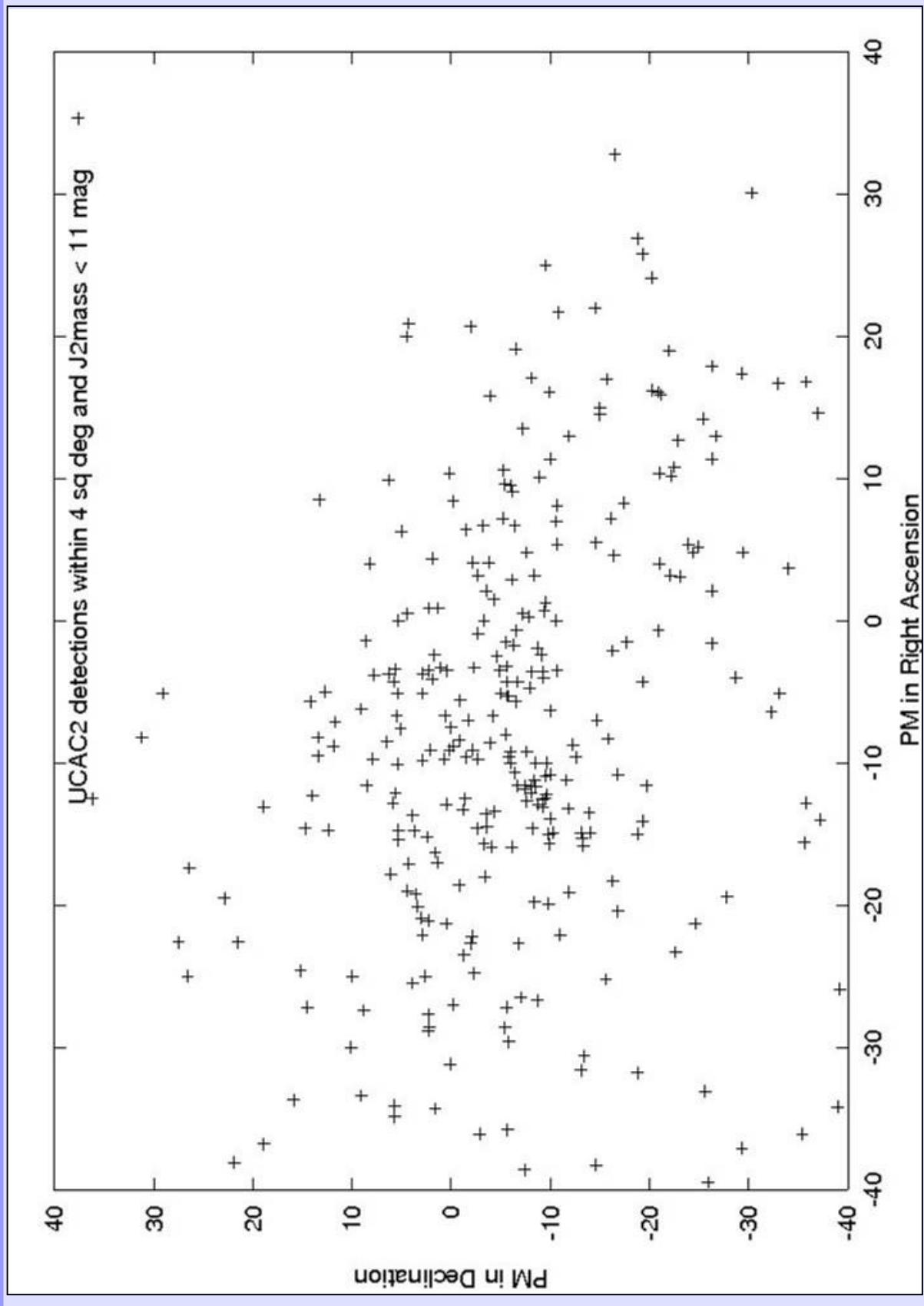
Coma open star cluster



- 90 pc away (Hipparcos)
- 500 ± 50 Myrs old
(Odenkirchen et al 1998)
- First studied in 1938
- Only 45 probable known members

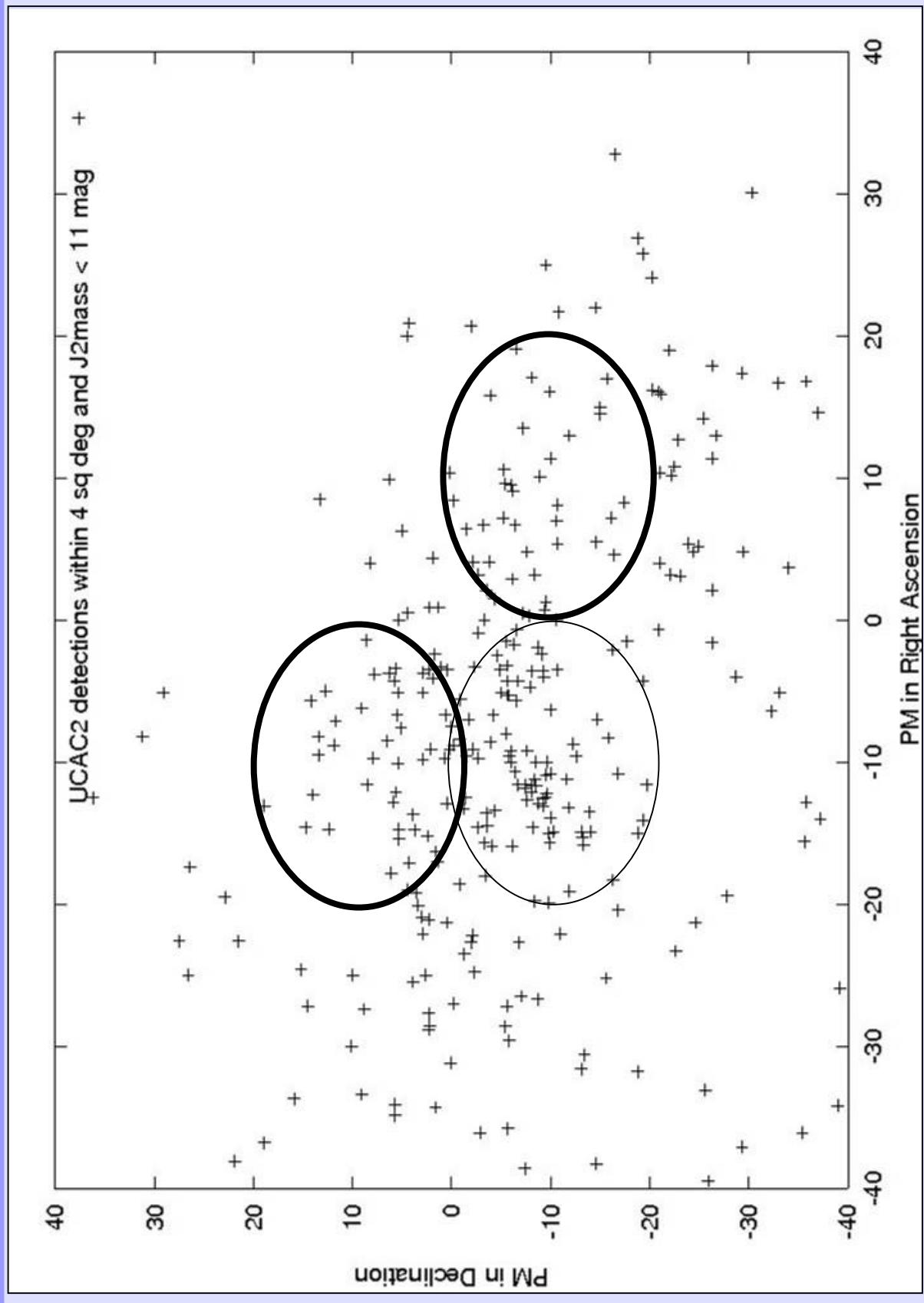
Use proper motion?

- Small proper motion
- $\mu_\alpha = -11.21 \pm 0.26$ mas/yr
- $\mu_\delta = -9.16 \pm 0.15$ mas/yr
- Hipparcos measurements
- USNO B1.0 survey



Star selection

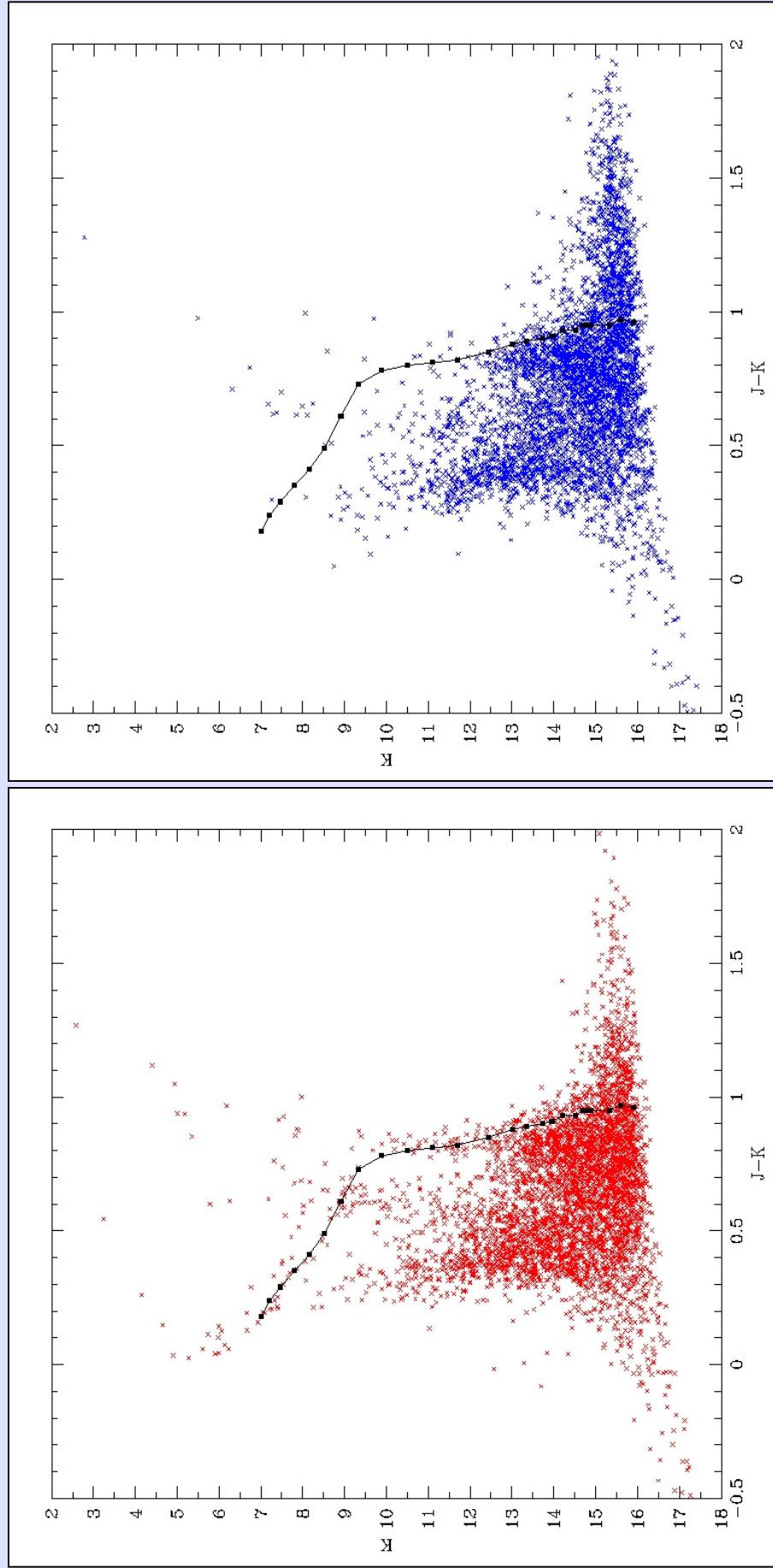
- Download 50 square degrees from USNO B1.0
 - B1, B2, R1, R2, I2 magnitudes
 - Accurate to 0.3 magnitudes
- Proper motions accurate to 2 mas/yr
 - Proper motion selection
$$(\mu_\alpha + 11.21)^2 + (\mu_\delta + 9.16)^2 < 100$$
 - Control Clusters

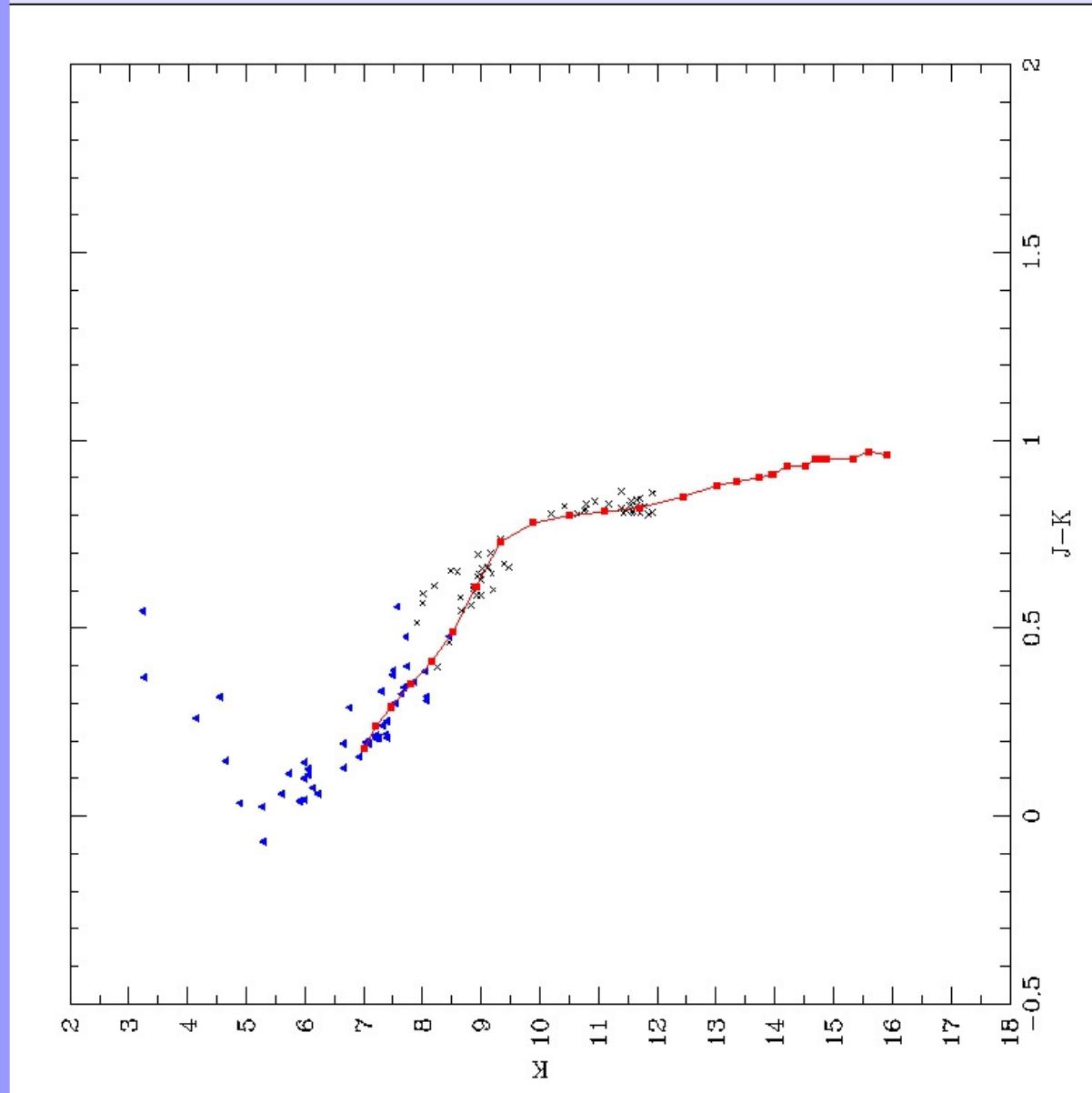


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Photometric selection

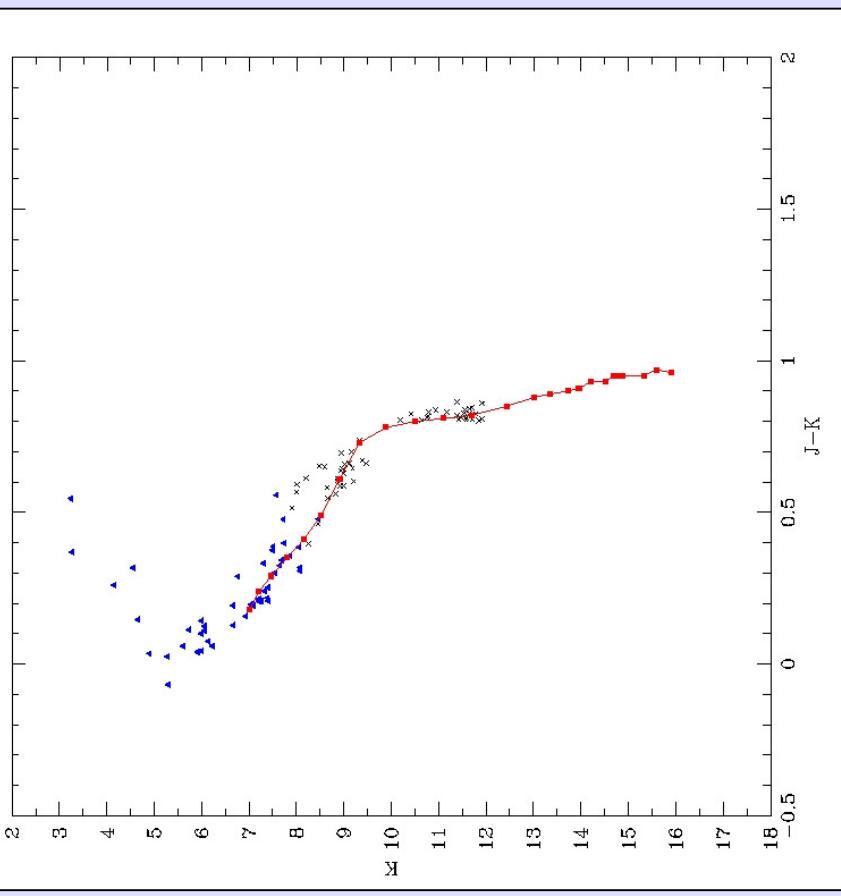
- Match data to 2MASS PSC
- $J=16.0$ $K=15.0$
- K , $J-K$ colour-magnitude diagram
- NEXTGEN models (Baraffe et al 1998)
- 0.3 magnitudes below and 1.5 magnitudes above the model, down to $K=10$
- 0.05 magnitudes above and below model,
 $12>K>10$
- **Found 53 new candidate members**







Membership Probability

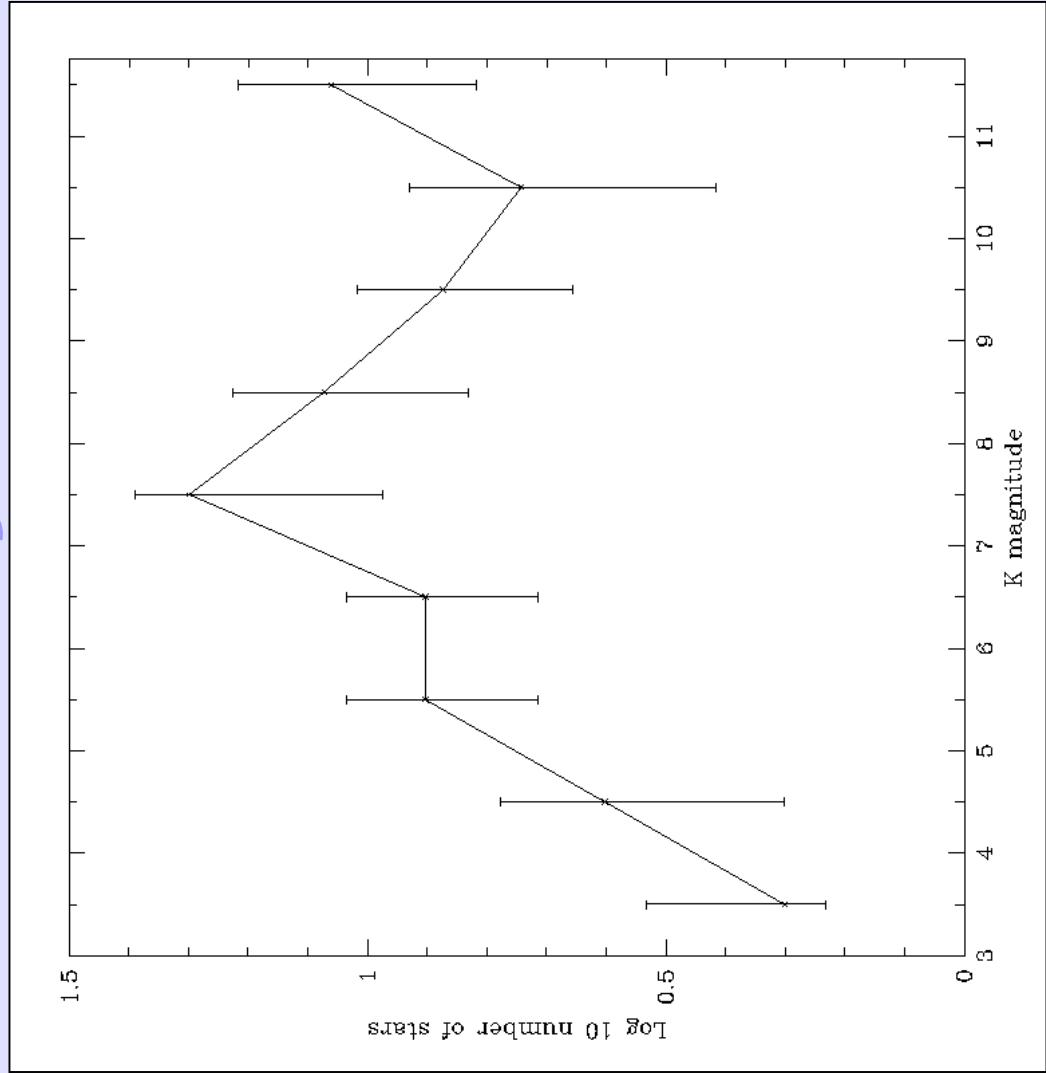


CMD section	No. of stars	Probability of membership
$0.2 < J-K \leq 0.4$	1	0.5
$0.4 < J-K \leq 0.6$	18	0.83
$0.6 < J-K \leq 0.8$	9	0.55
$10 < K \leq 11$	7	0.79
$11 < K \leq 12$	18	0.64

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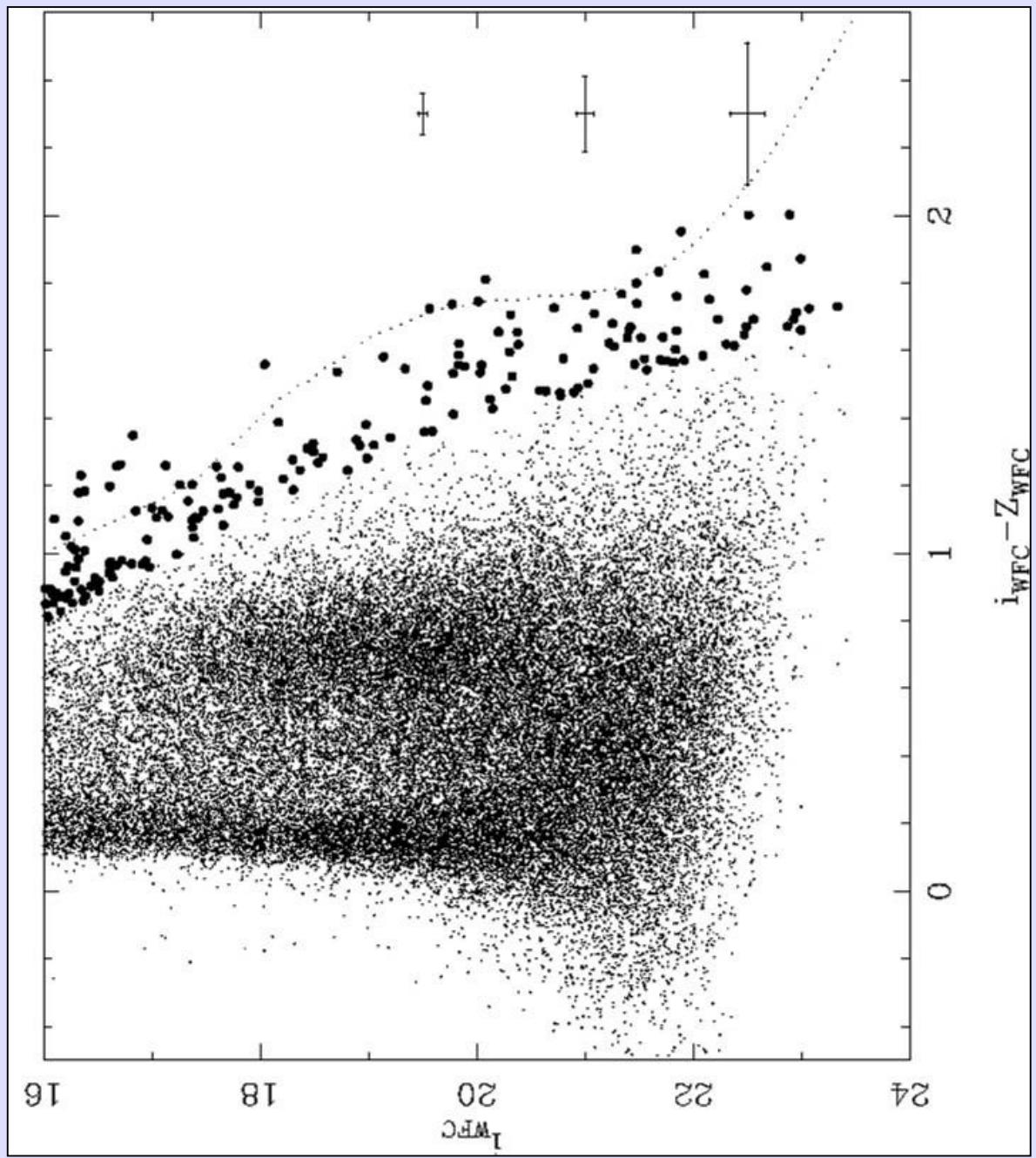
Luminosity Function

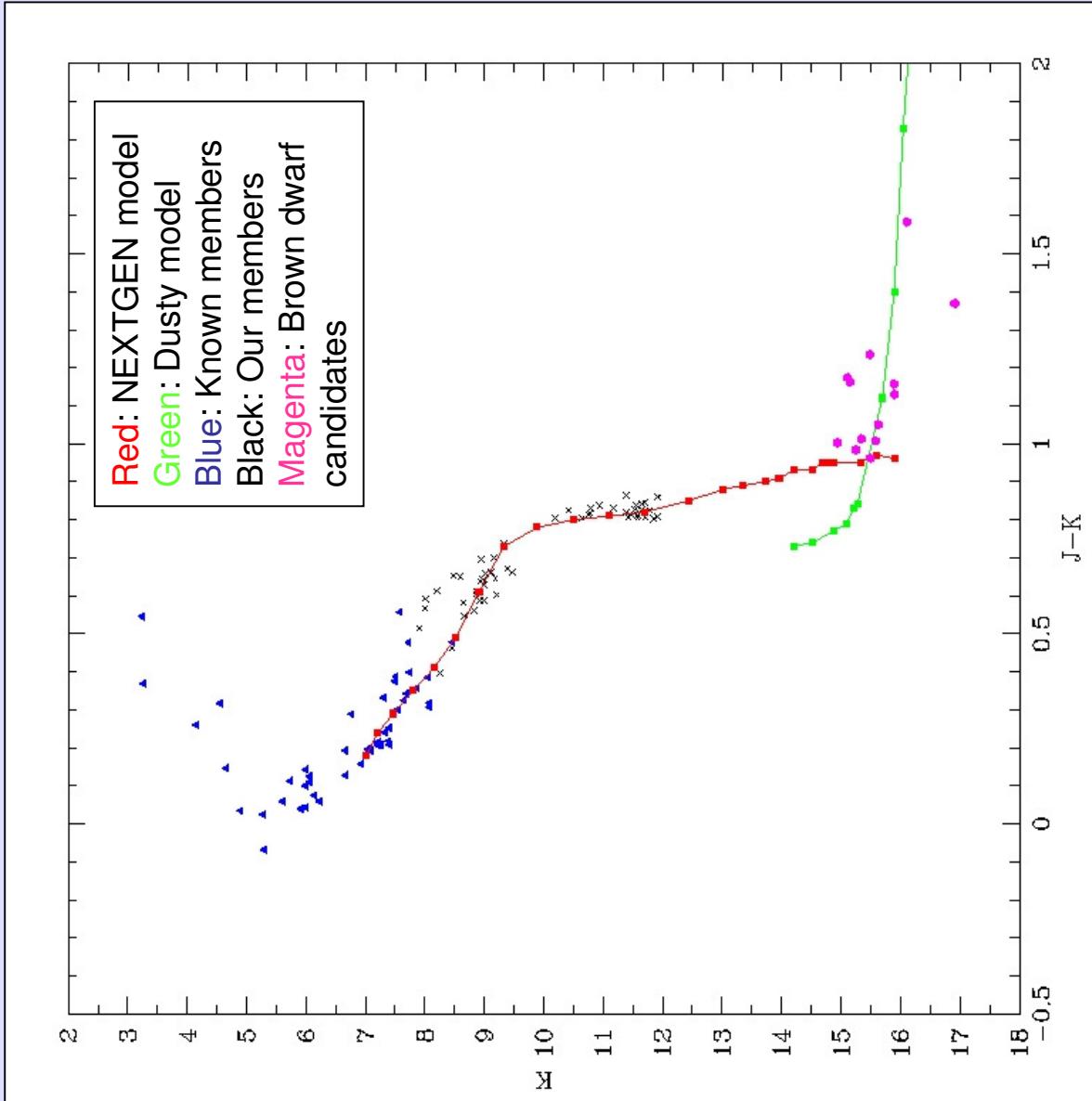


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Low mass cluster members

- Previously $1.05 M_{\odot}$
- $0.25 M_{\odot}$ our lowest candidate
- 15 degree I, Z survey
- 100 low mass candidates
- K and J magnitudes using UFTI on UKIRT
- **13** possible brown dwarfs





Summary

- **53** possible new cluster members
- Selected via proper motion using USNO B1.0
- Photometric selection using 2MASS PSC
- Probability of membership calculated
- Stars down to $0.25 M_{\odot}$ found
- 15 sq deg of cluster surveyed in I and Z
- **13** brown dwarf candidates
- Awaiting UKIDSS and SDSS for further study