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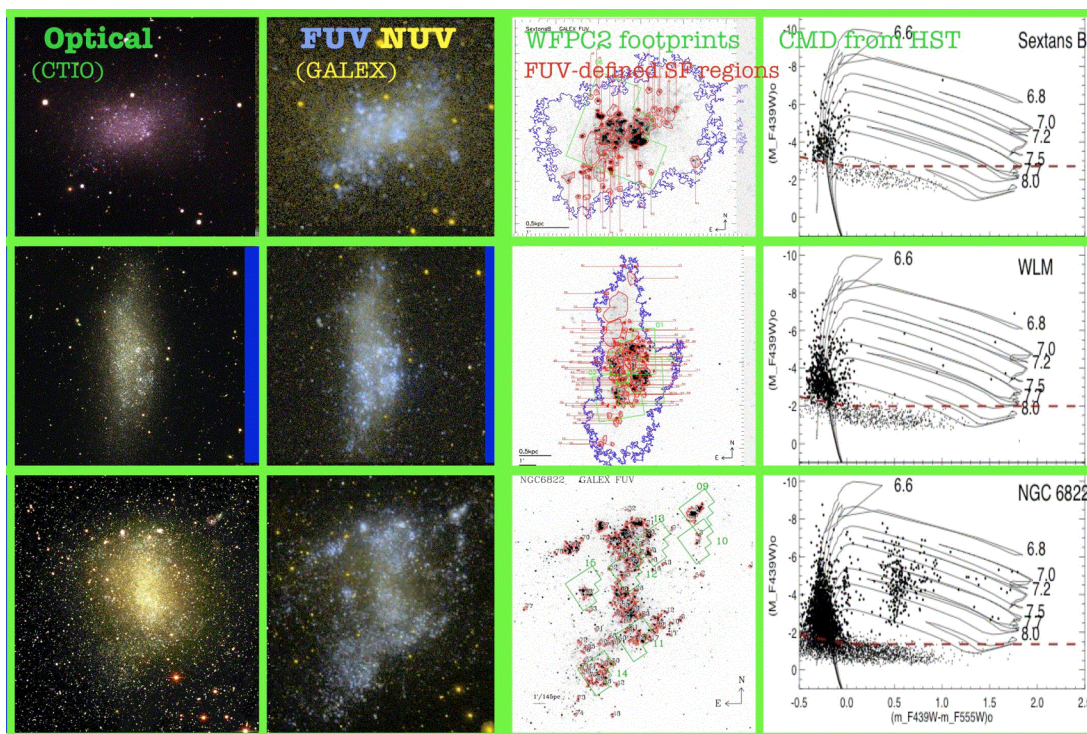
Young Stellar Populations in the Local Group: a treasury HST and GALEX study.

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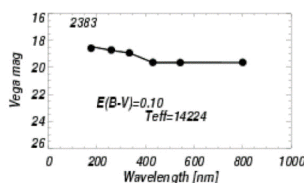
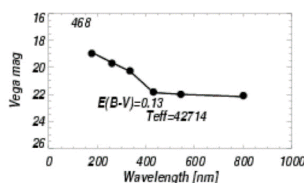
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Wide-field far-UV and near-UV GALEX imaging of Local Group galaxies affords a global, deep census and characterization of their recent star-formation sites, across a wide variety of environmental conditions. The resolved stellar constituents of selected star-forming sites are studied with HST multi-band imaging (Bianchi's treasury program 11079). The HST results provide the key for the interpretation of GALEX data covering the whole extent of the Local Group galaxies, and of measurements available for hundreds of nearby galaxies beyond the Local Group, shedding new light on the process of star formation in differing conditions, and on the interplay between star formation and interstellar dust.



Three galaxies of the sample



Left: SED fit for 2 stars in Sextans A. Dots are HST magnitudes (errors are smaller than the dots), the line connects the best-fit model mags.

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