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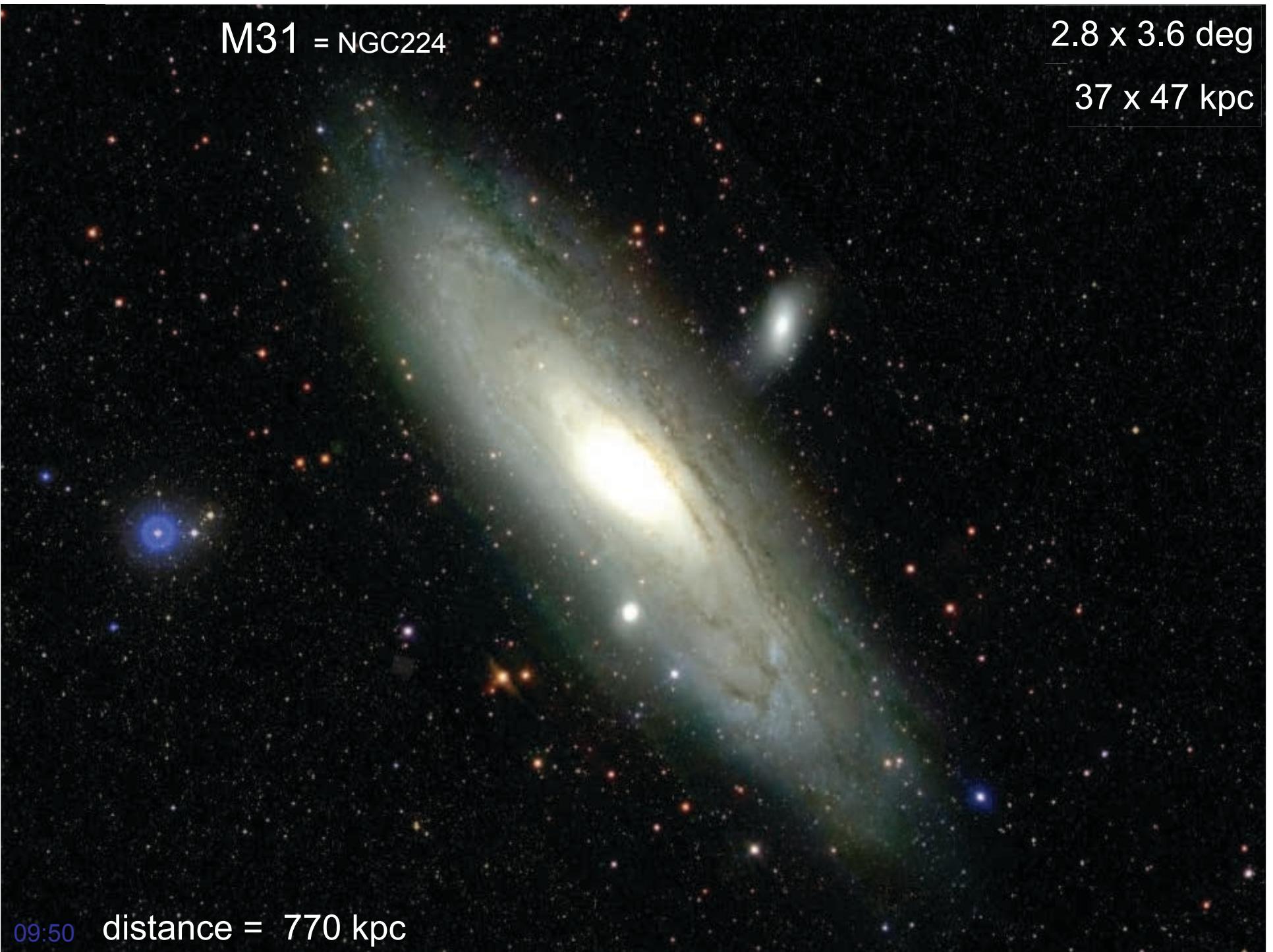
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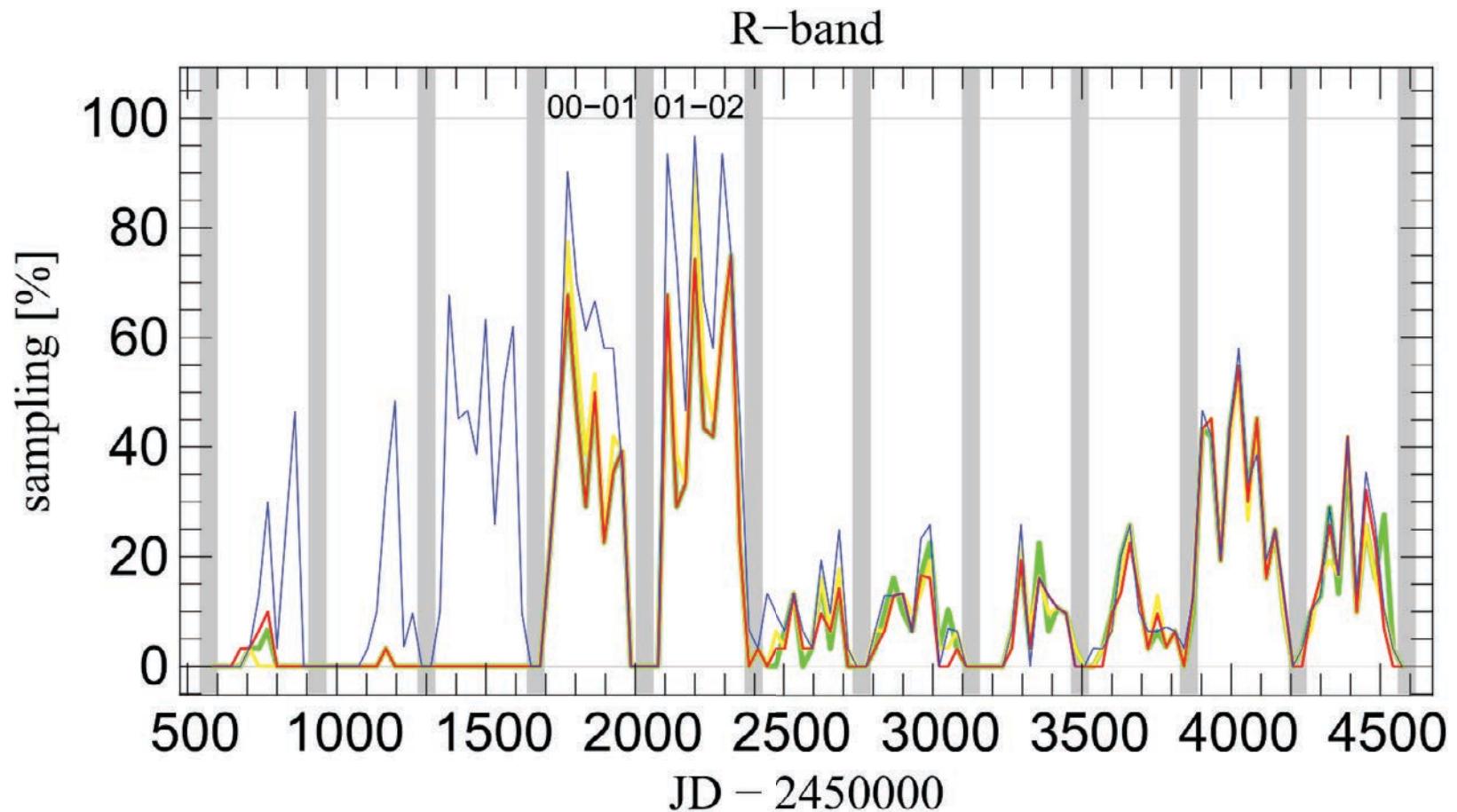


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Season	Observatory	<i>R</i> or <i>I</i> -band
		F1 or F2 or F3 or F4
1997–1998	WS	38
1998–1999	WS	33
1999–2000	WS or CA	134
2000–2001	WS or CA	154
2001–2002	WS or CA	201
2002–2003	WS or CA	52
2003–2004	WS	69
2004–2005	WS	47
2005–2006	WS	71
2006–2007	WS	124
2007–2008	WS	92
Total	WS	765
Total	CA	346
Total	WS or CA	1015 nights



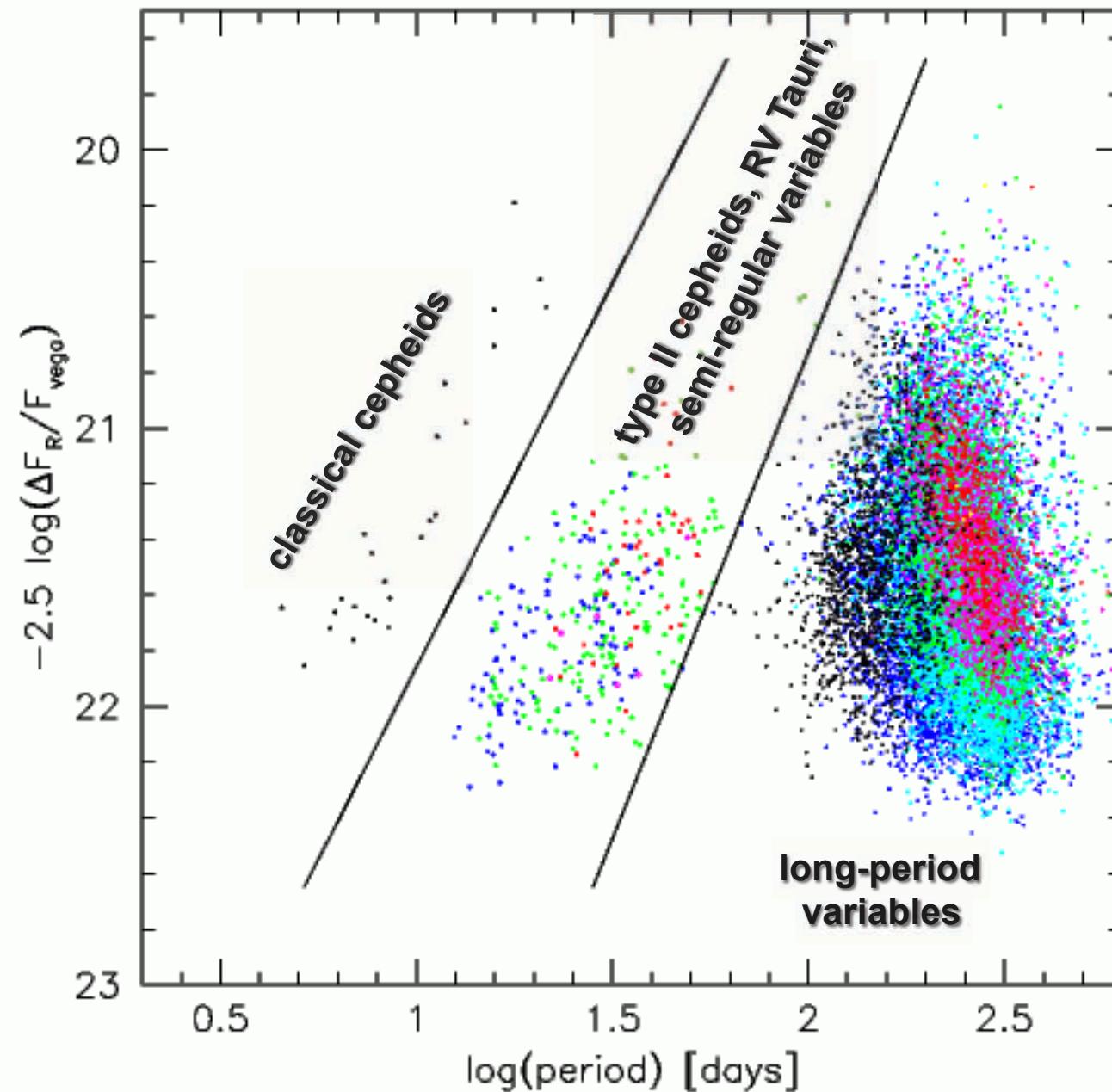
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**Figure 3.** Daily samplings of the four different fields F1, F2, F3, and F4 are colored in blue, red, yellow and green, respectively. Periods marked in gray show the 61 days (from April 1 to May 31) during which M31 can hardly be observed. See also Table 1. The two seasons with the highest sampling are 2000/2001 and 2001/2002, i.e., those seasons where we could combine Wendelstein with Calar Alto data.



## WeCAPP variables: Fliri, Riffeser et al. 2006A+A...445..423F)

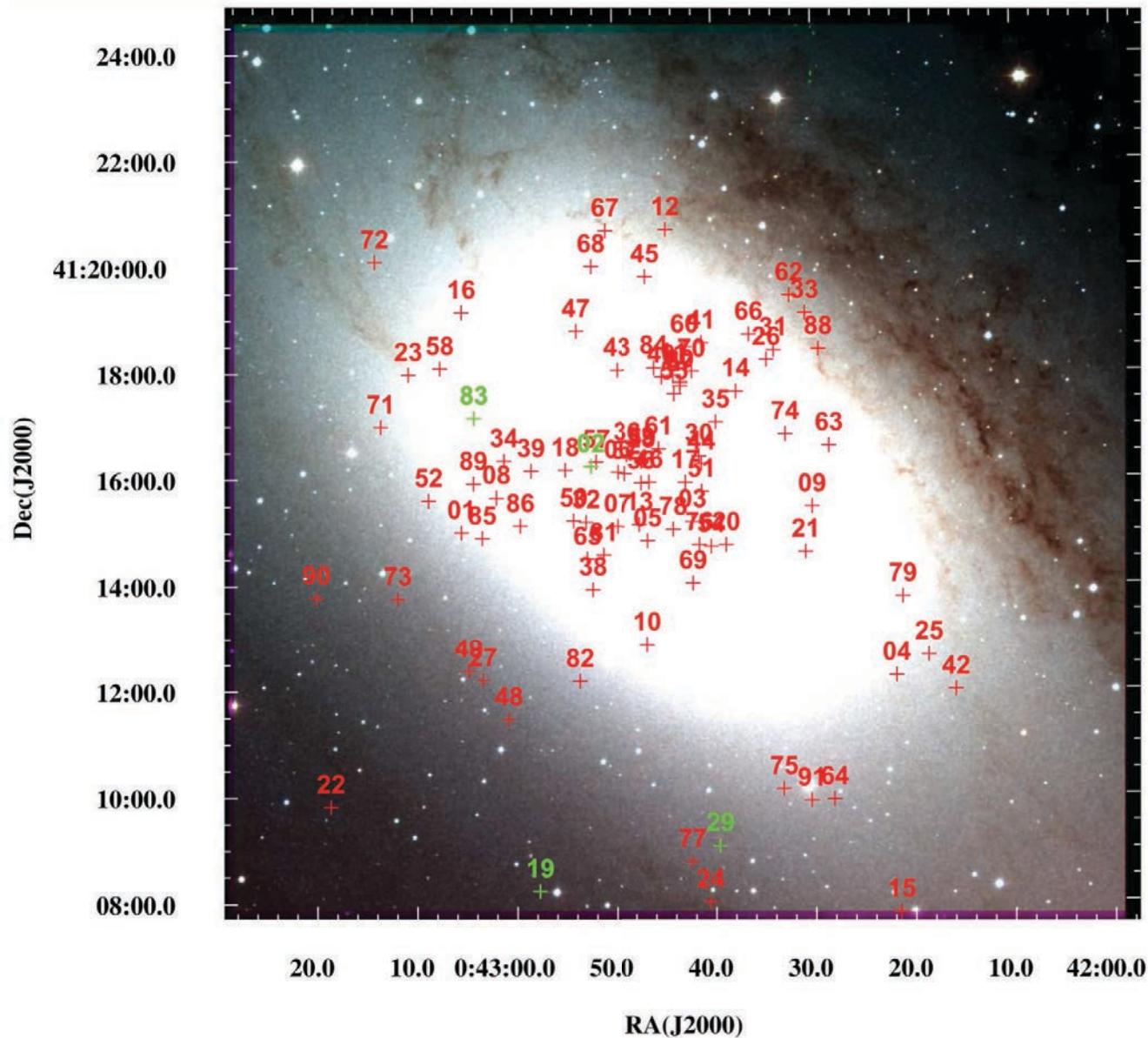


25 571 variable  
point sources in  
a  $16.1' \times 16.6'$

Period-amplitude  
relation of  
variables in  
inner 4 kpc  
of M 31.



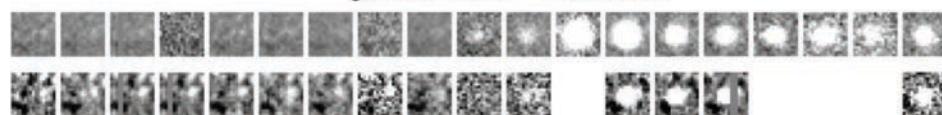
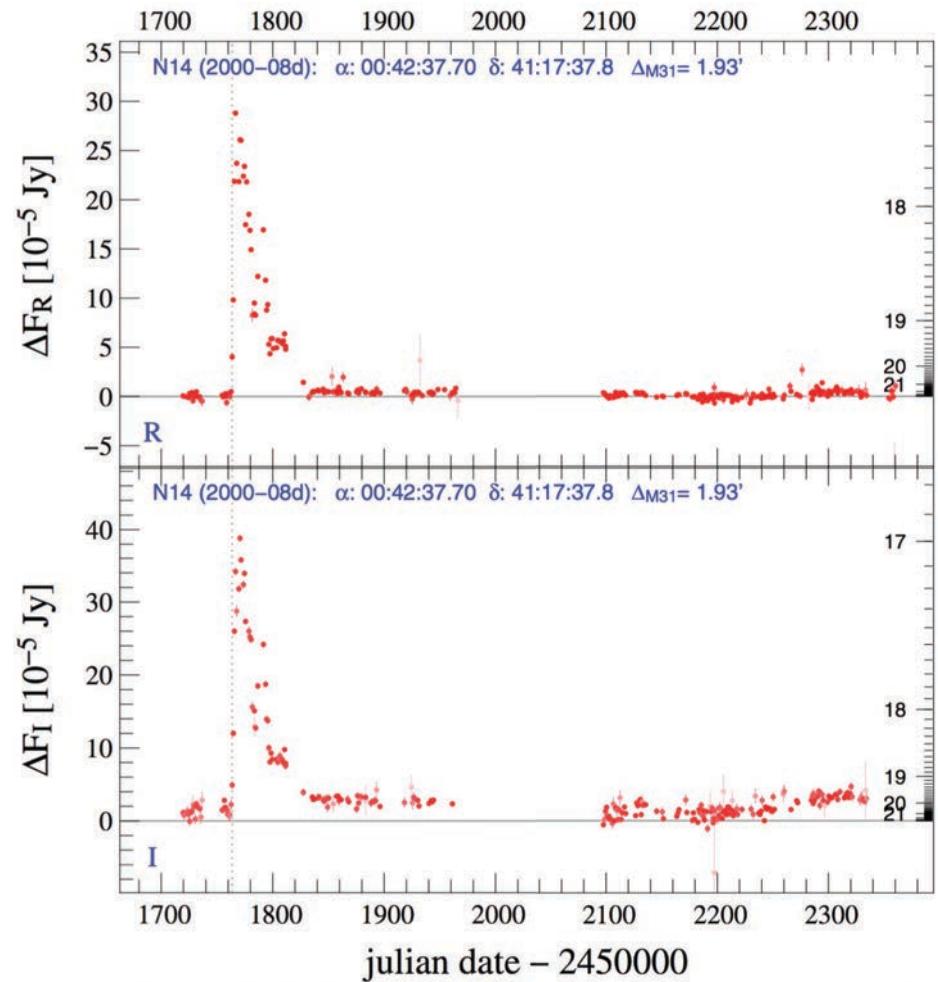
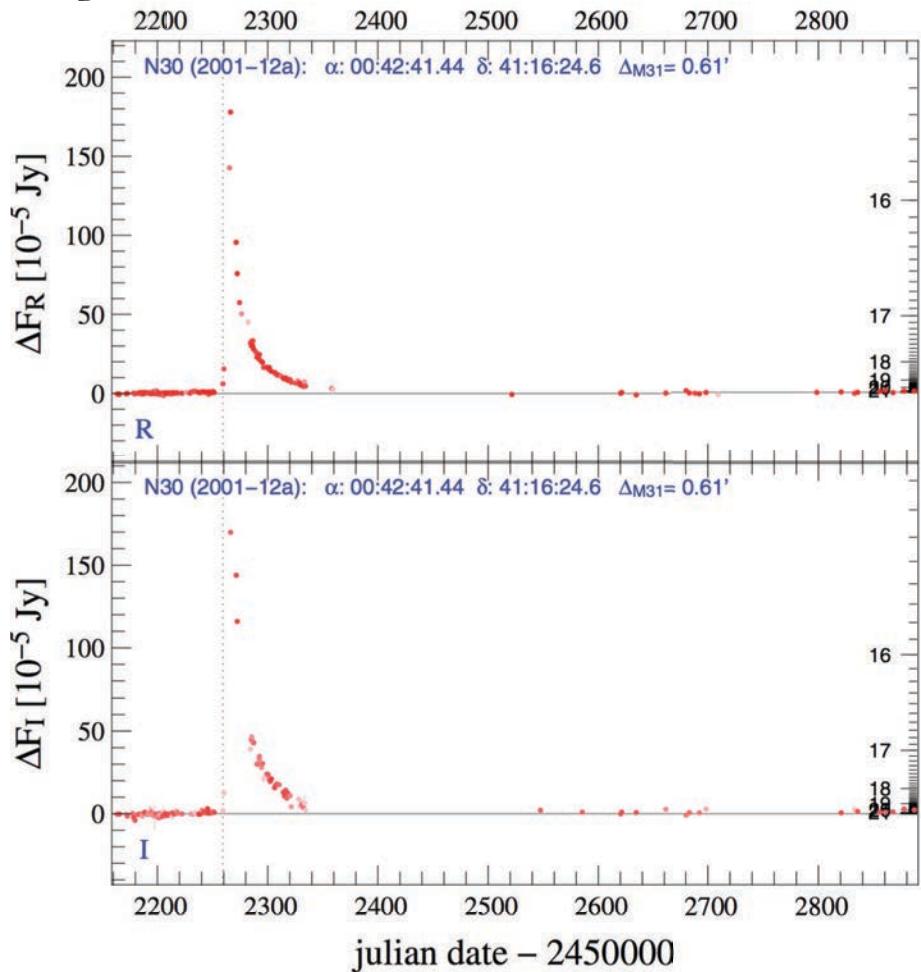
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**Fig. 4.** Distribution of the WeCAPP nova candidates. The recurrent nova candidates (see Sect. 5) are marked in green. The overlaying image is a three-colour-combined image using the observations obtained from Calar Alto observatories in  $V$ ,  $R$ , and  $I$ -band. The image has a size of  $17.2 \times 17.2$ .



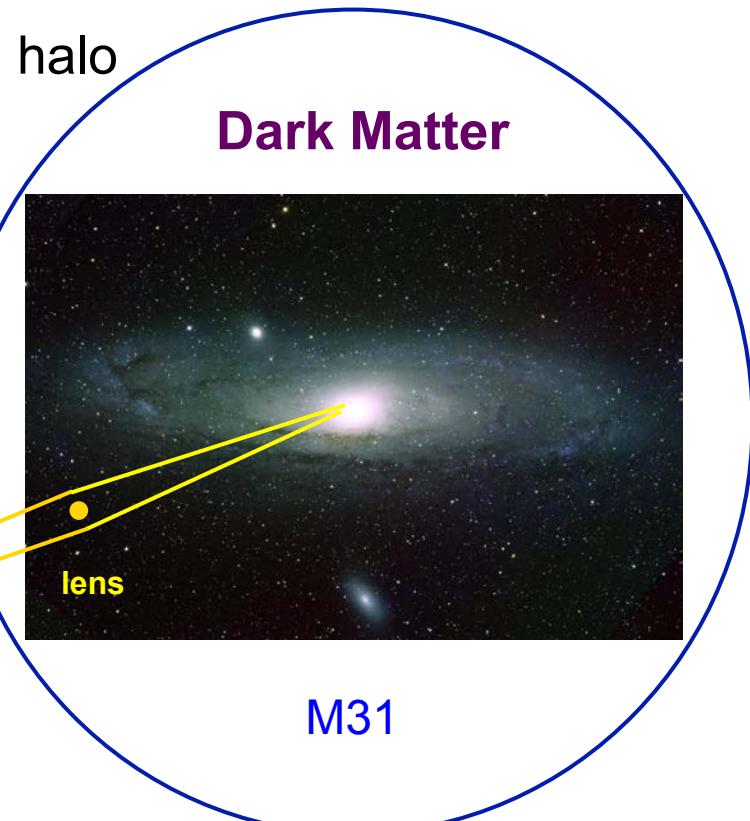
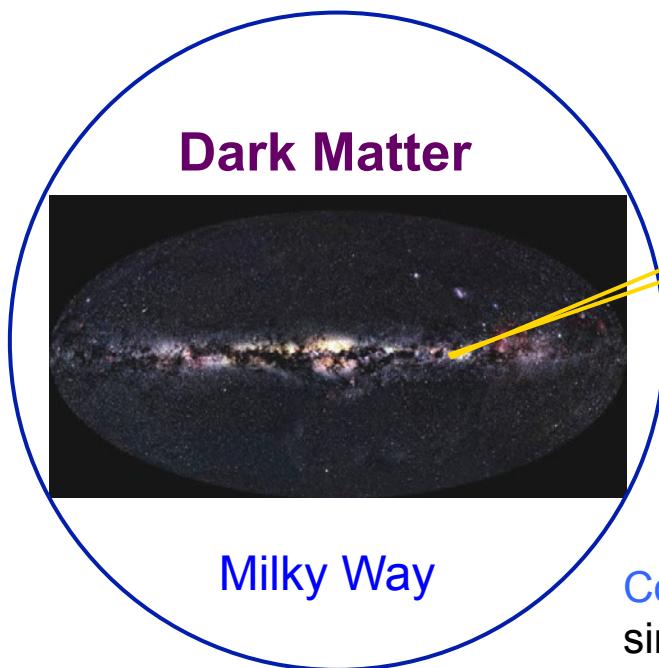
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# Microlensing in M31

- **halo-lensing:** compact DM in MW & M31 halo
- **self-lensing:** mass function in M31 bulge & disk



Compact masses detectable with gravitational lens effect since events are rare ( $\tau < 10^{-6}$ ) and short, one needs long term, continuous monitoring on large fields

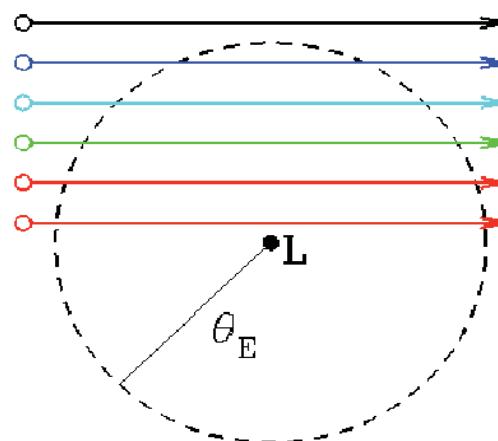
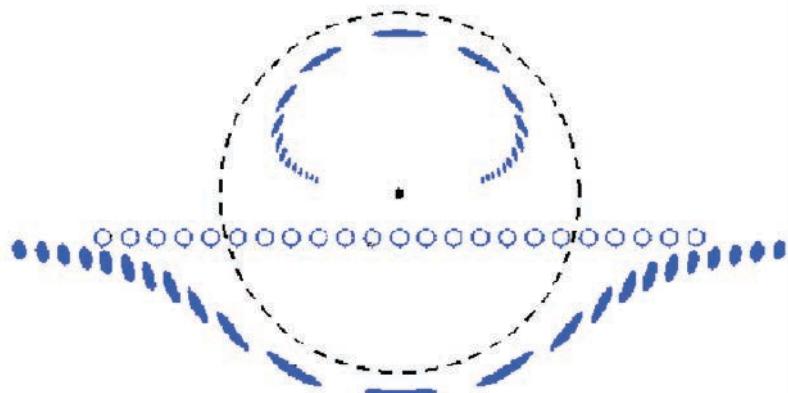
Large field also helps discriminating self- vs. halo-lensing



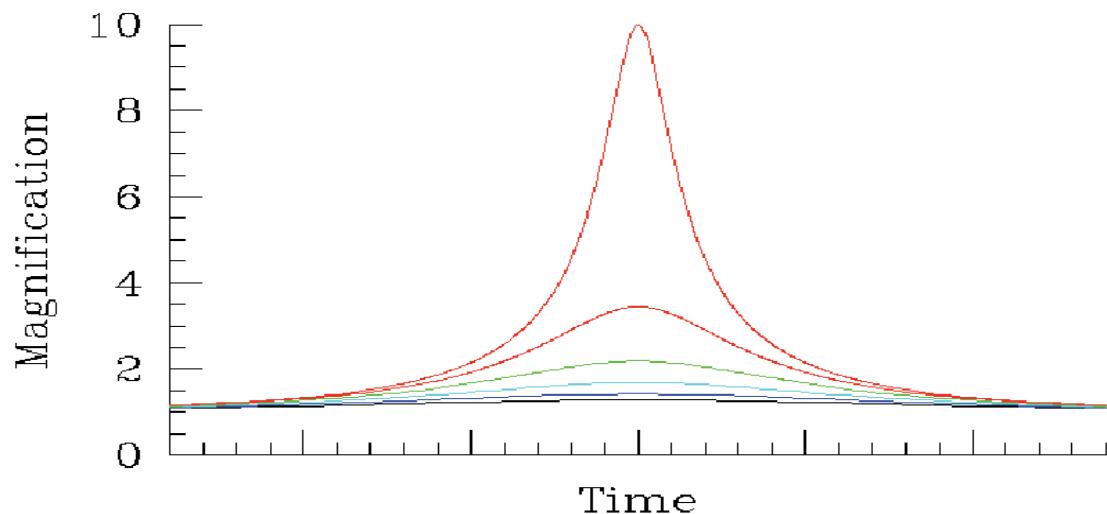
## gravitational microlensing (ML) of a point mass Paczynski (1986)

$$A(u) = \frac{u^2 + 2}{u\sqrt{u^2 + 4}}$$

$$u(t) = \sqrt{u_{min}^2 + \left(\frac{t - t_0}{t_E}\right)^2}$$

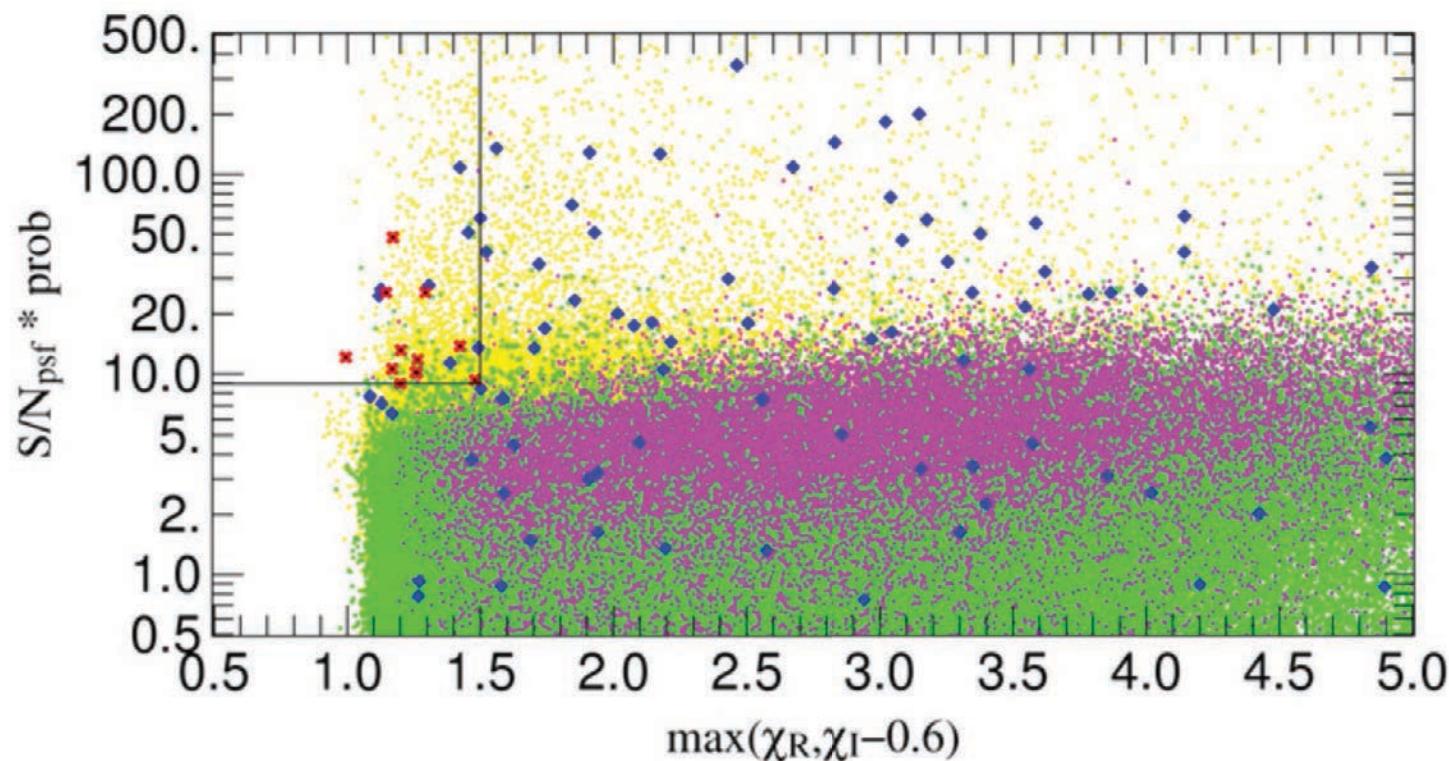


1. for solar mass objects, image splitting is sub-milli-arcsec's and can not be resolved
2. light curve is symmetric and achromatic
3. maximum magnification depends on impact parameter  $u_{min}$
4. timescale of the event  $t_E = R_E(M) / v_t$





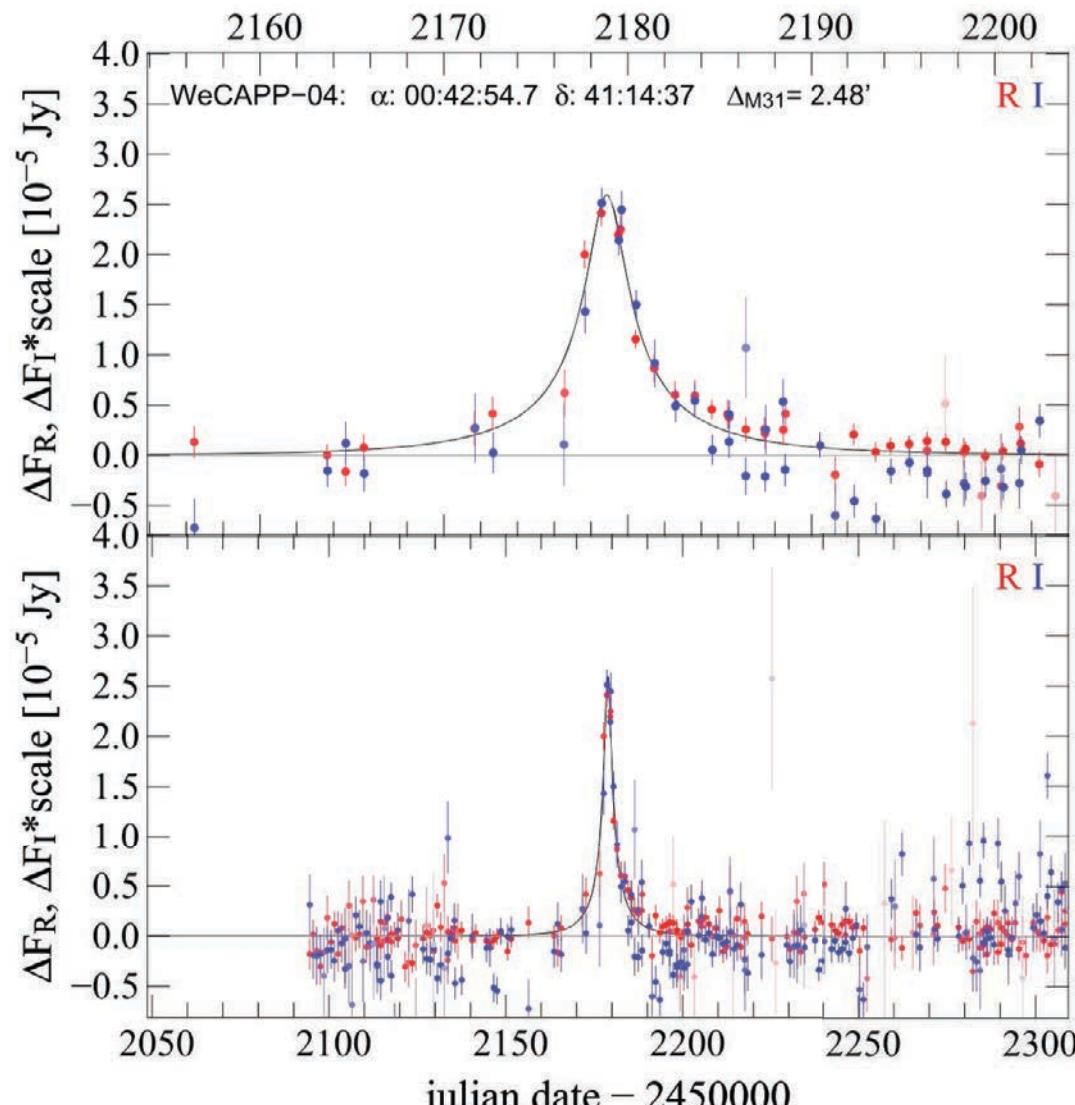
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**Figure 7.** Criteria III and IV reduce the light curves from 719,628 (green) to 2247, as shown in the box on the upper left side. The light curves that do not pass criterion VI are marked in yellow. We show the 23,001 variables published in the WeCAPP variable star catalog from Fliri *et al.* (2006) in magenta, as well as the 91 novae from Lee *et al.* (2012) in blue. The final 12 microlensing events are shown in red. We note that the declining parts of nova light curves resemble microlensing events and often make short-timescale novae the major contamination in microlensing detections. In this regard, we show that criteria III and IV can efficiently discriminate microlensing events from novae, and hence remove their contamination.



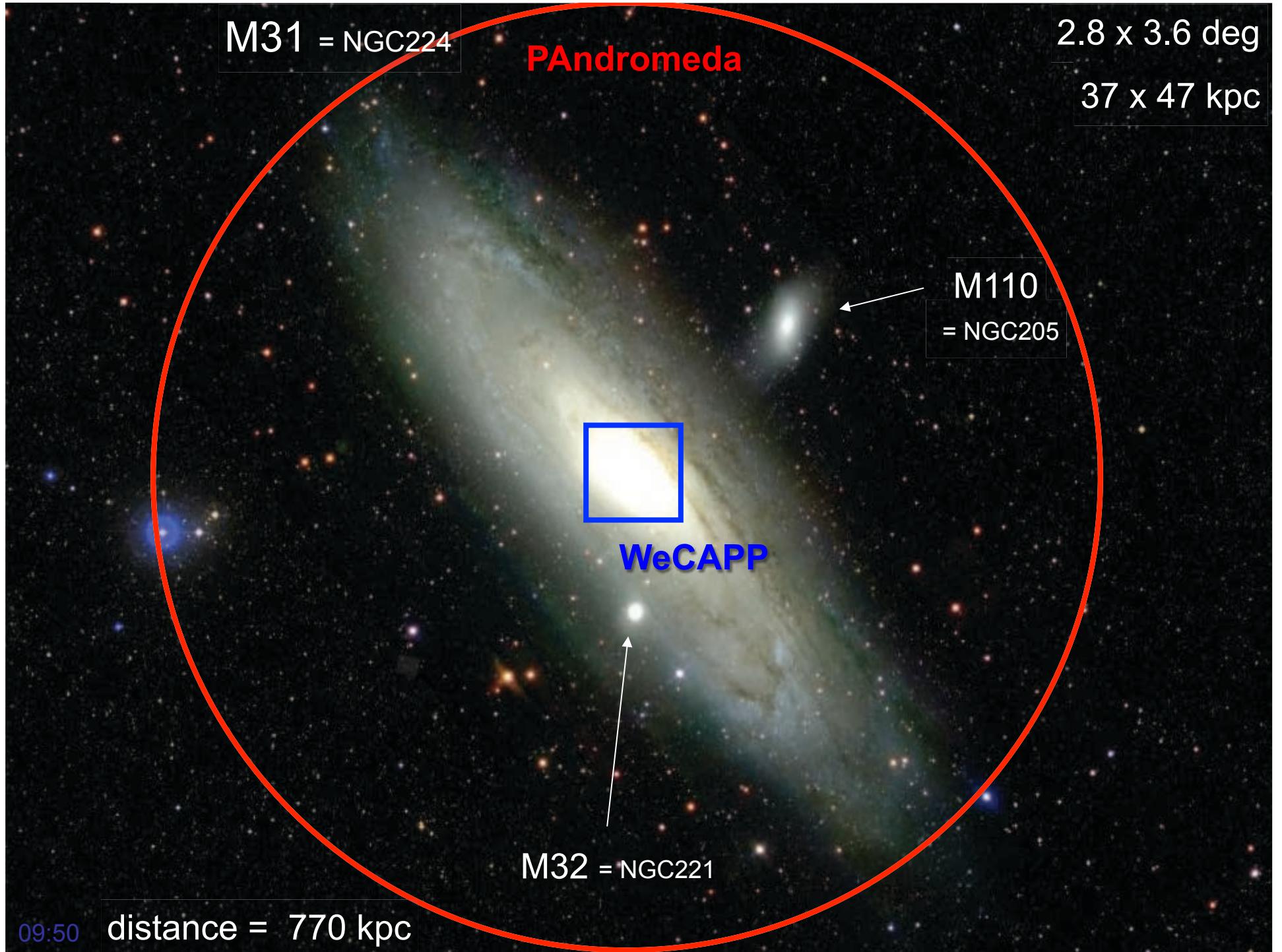
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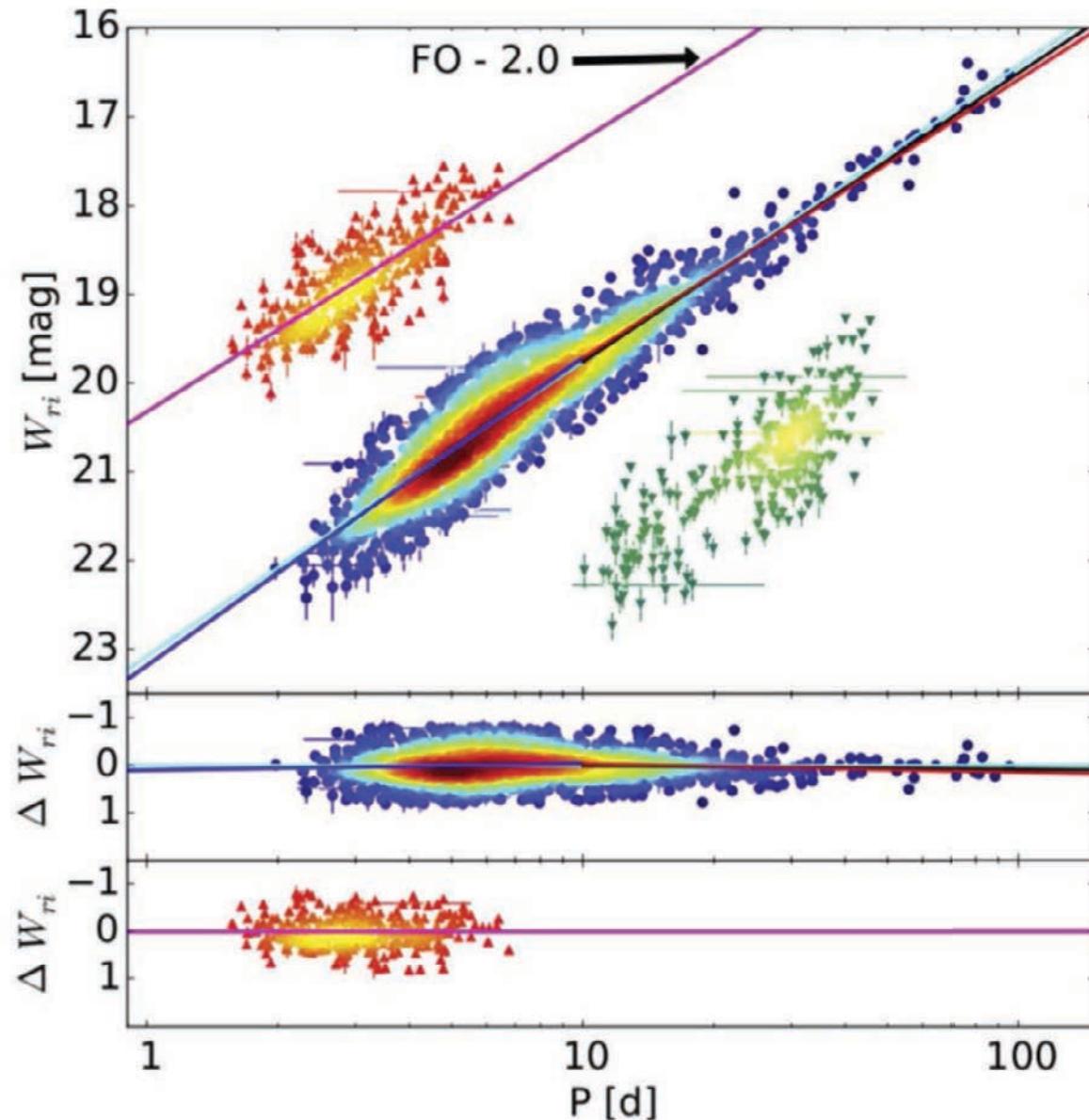


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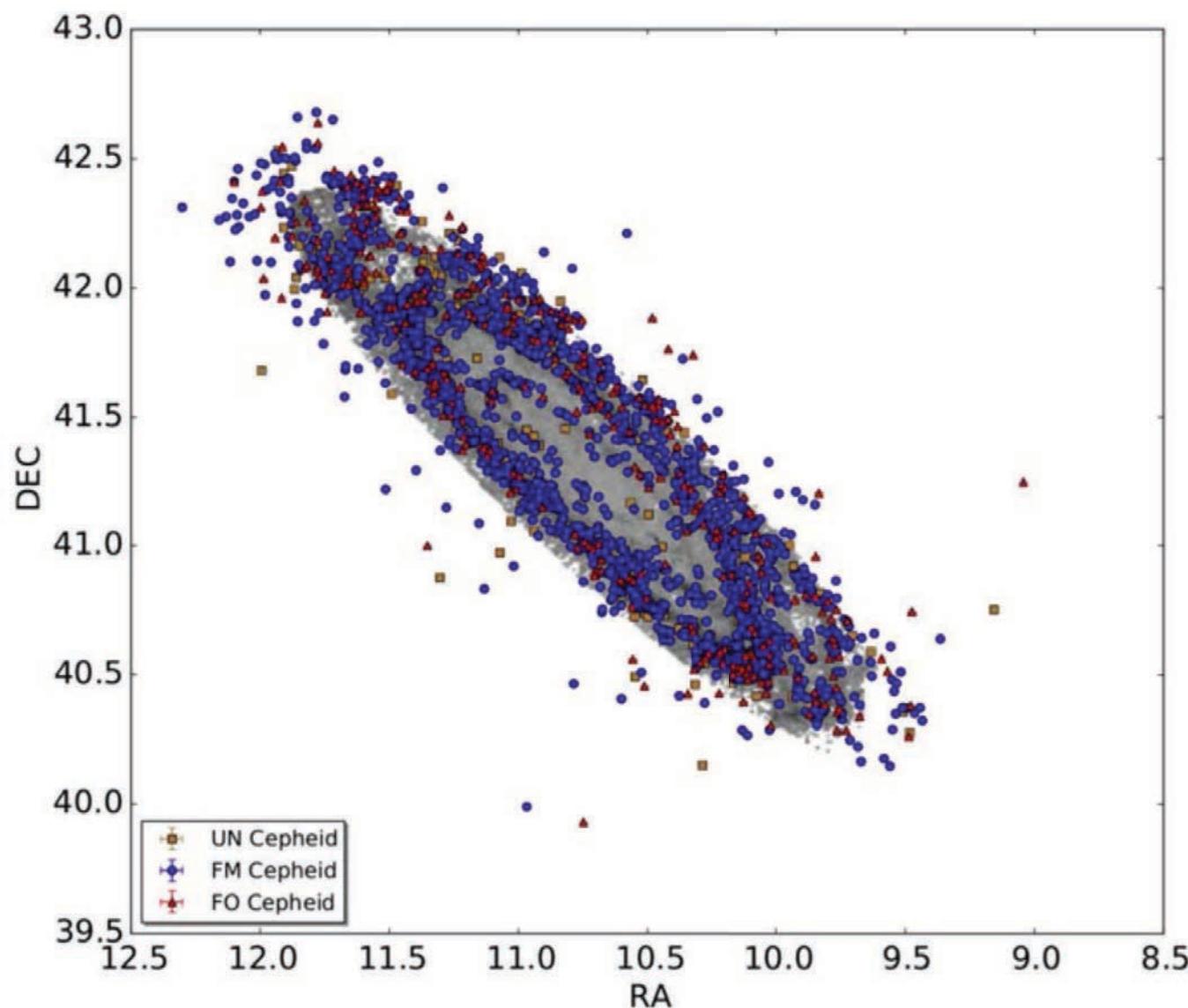


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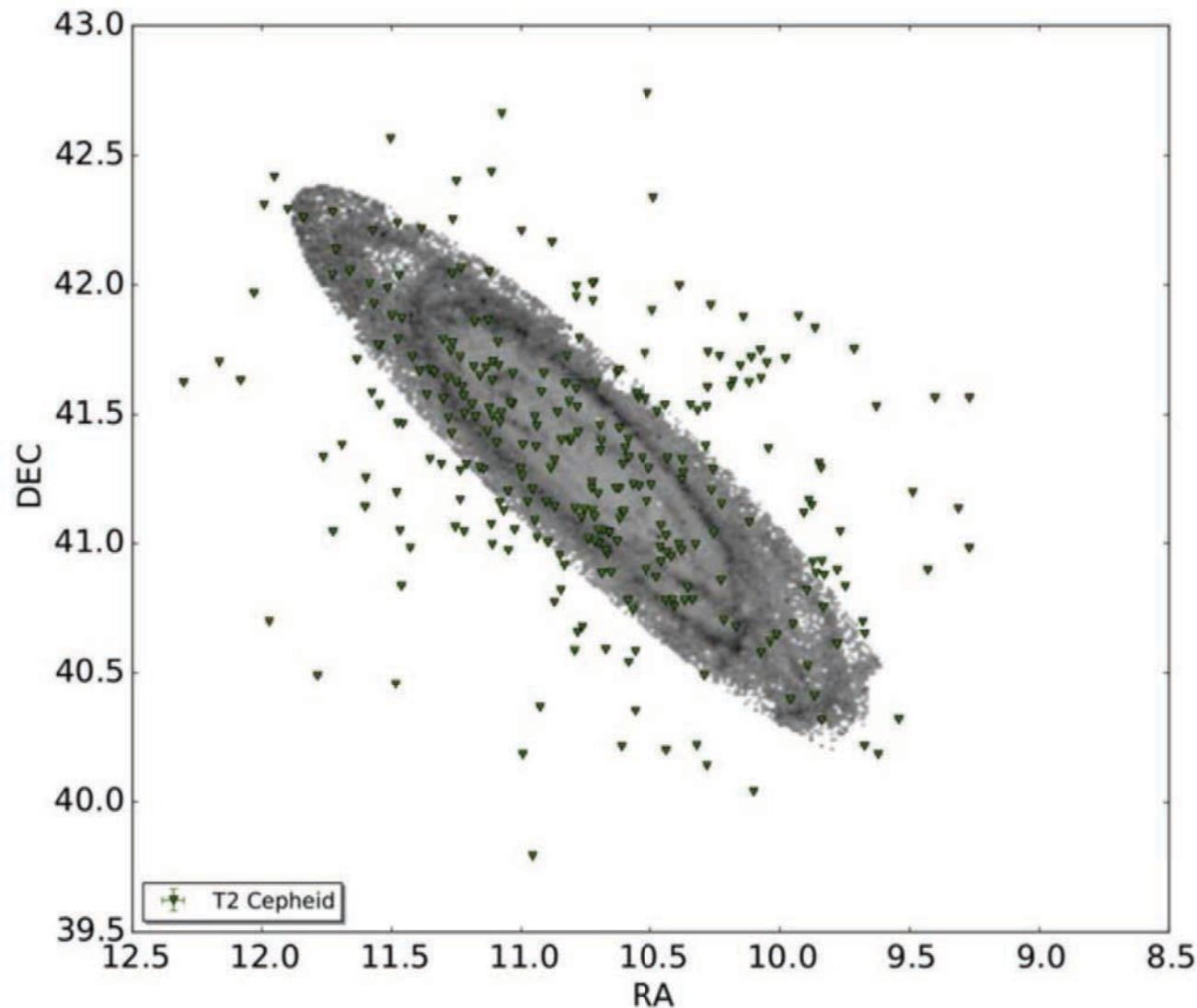
**Figure 19.** Period-Wesenheit diagram. In total, there are 1662 FM Cepheids, 307 FO Cepheids, and 278 T2 Cepheids. In the top panel, the FO Cepheids

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**Figure 17.** Spatial distribution of FM and FO Cepheids of the PAndromeda Cepheid catalog. The Cepheids are plotted over the  $E(B - V)$  map of Montalto et al. (2009), and they follow the ring structure of M31.

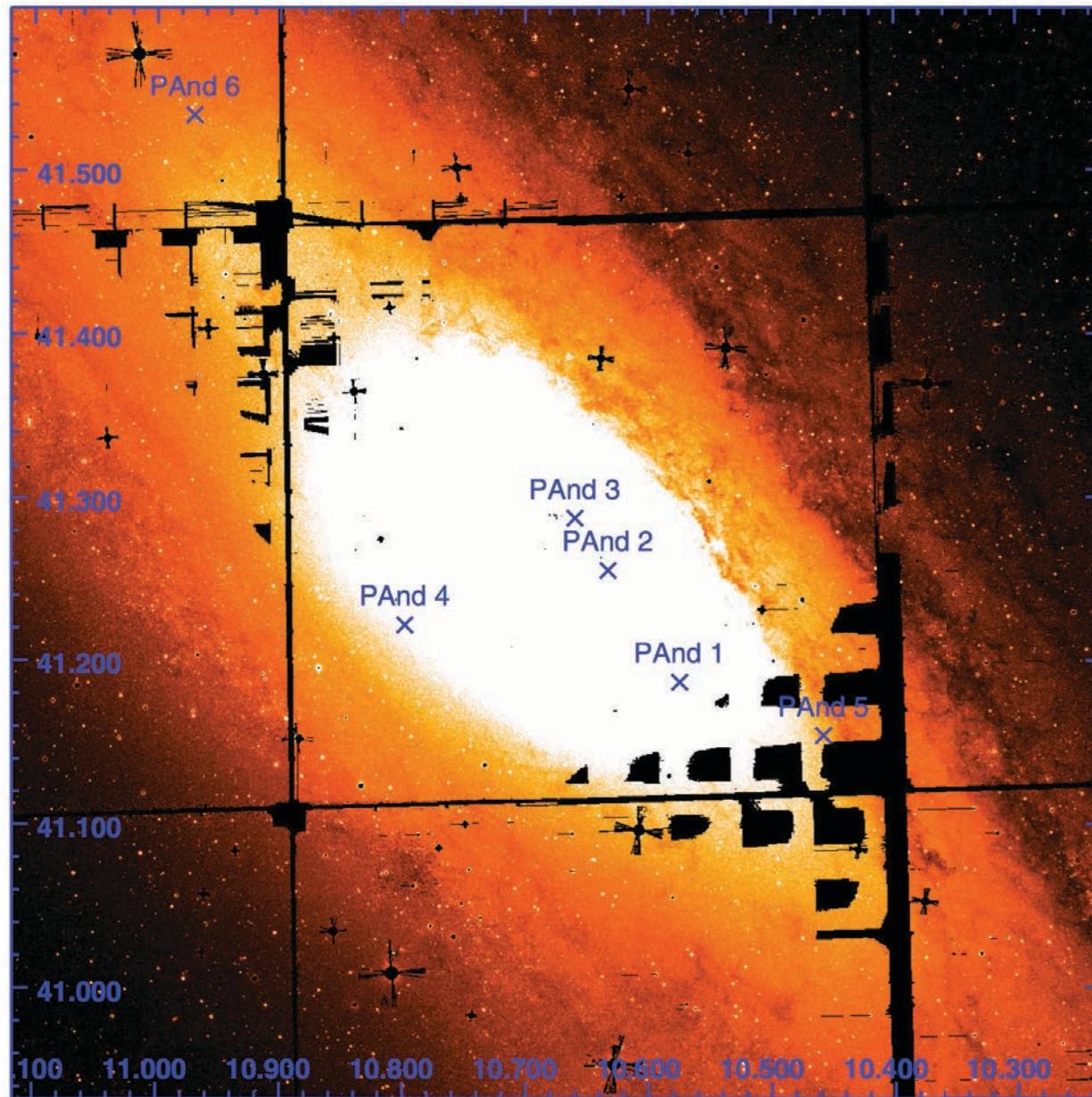
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**Figure 18.** Spatial distribution of T2 Cepheids of the PAndromeda Cepheid catalog. As in Figure 17, the Cepheids are plotted over the Montalto et al. (2009)  $E(B - V)$  map. In contrast to the FM and FO Cepheids, the T2 Cepheids follow the M31 halo.



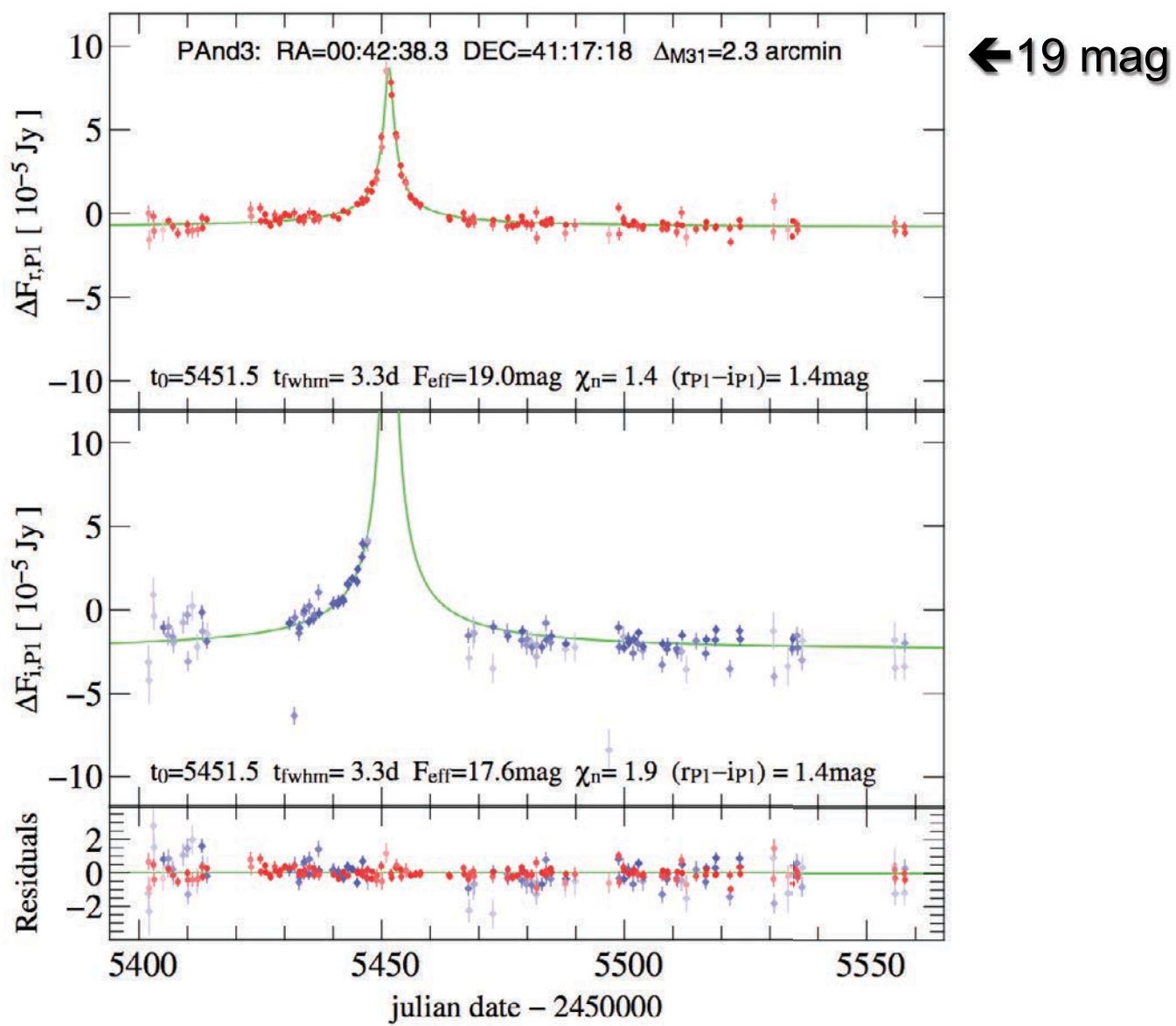
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**Figure 14.** Position of the six microlensing event candidates detected in the central  $40' \times 40'$  region of M31 from PAndromeda. The coordinates, R.A. (J2000) in hour and decl. (J2000) in degree, are also shown in the figure. The FOV of this image is  $40' \times 40'$ .



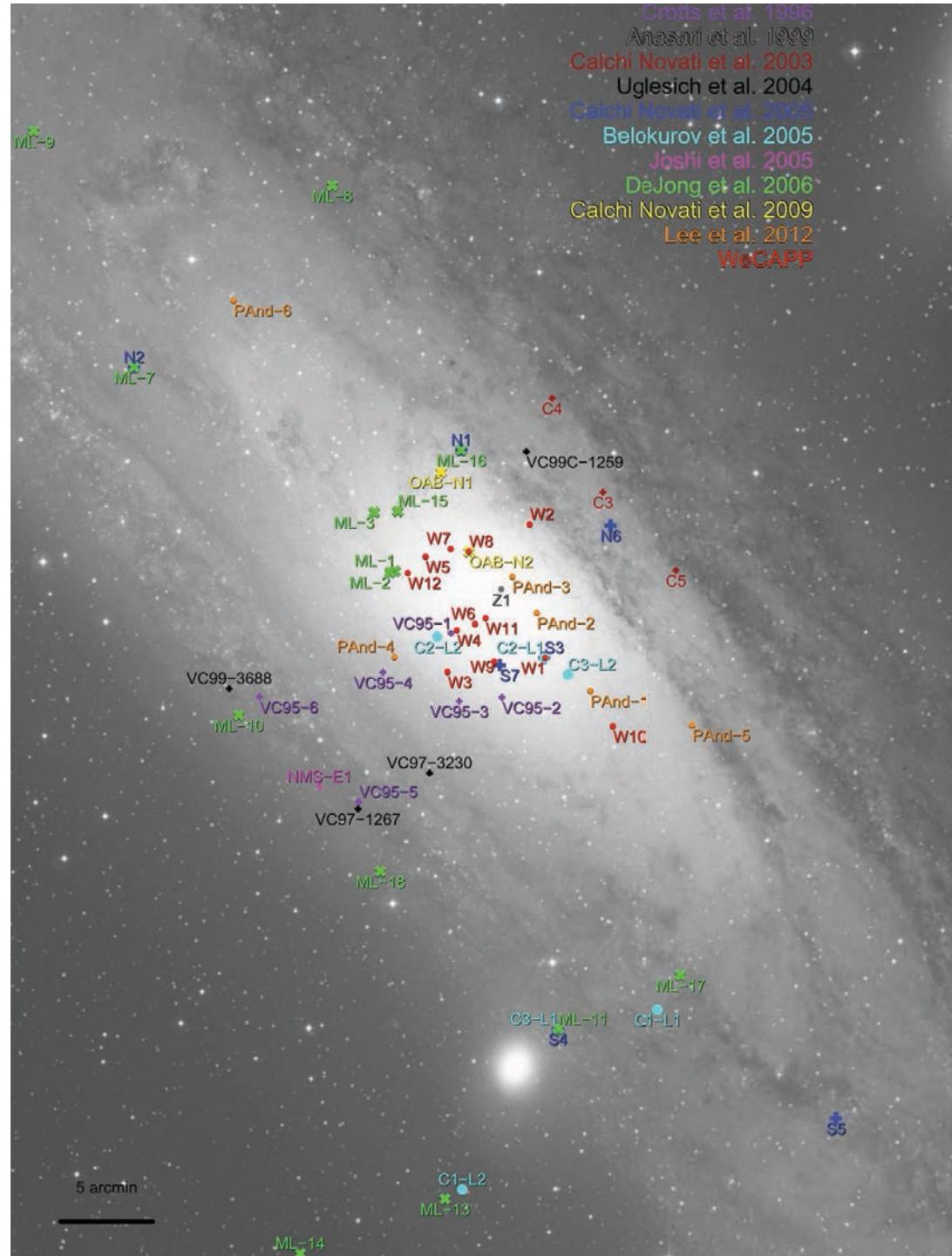
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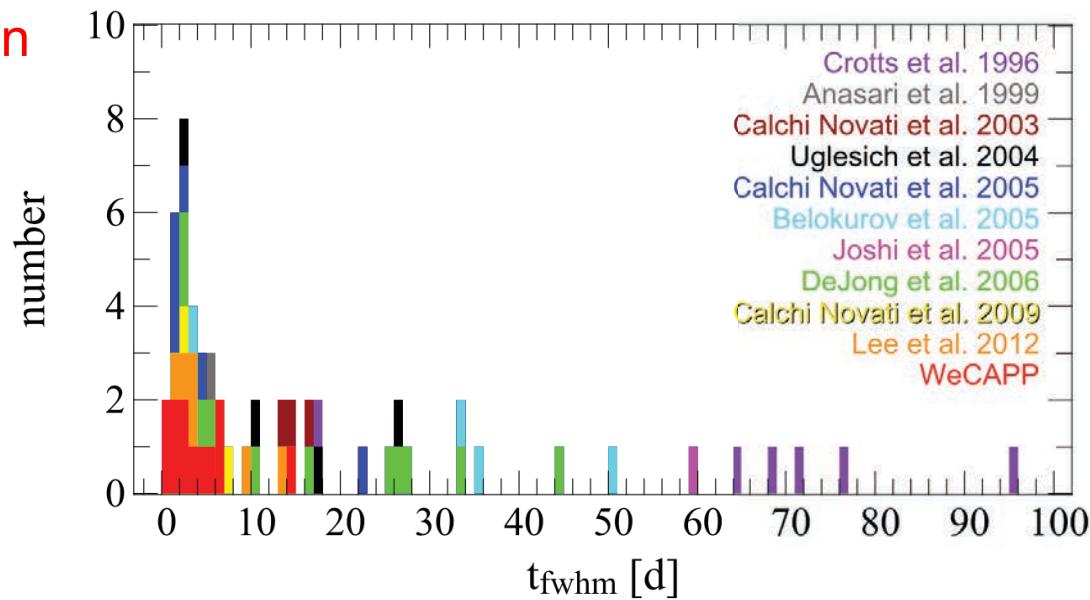
# 56 ML events in M31



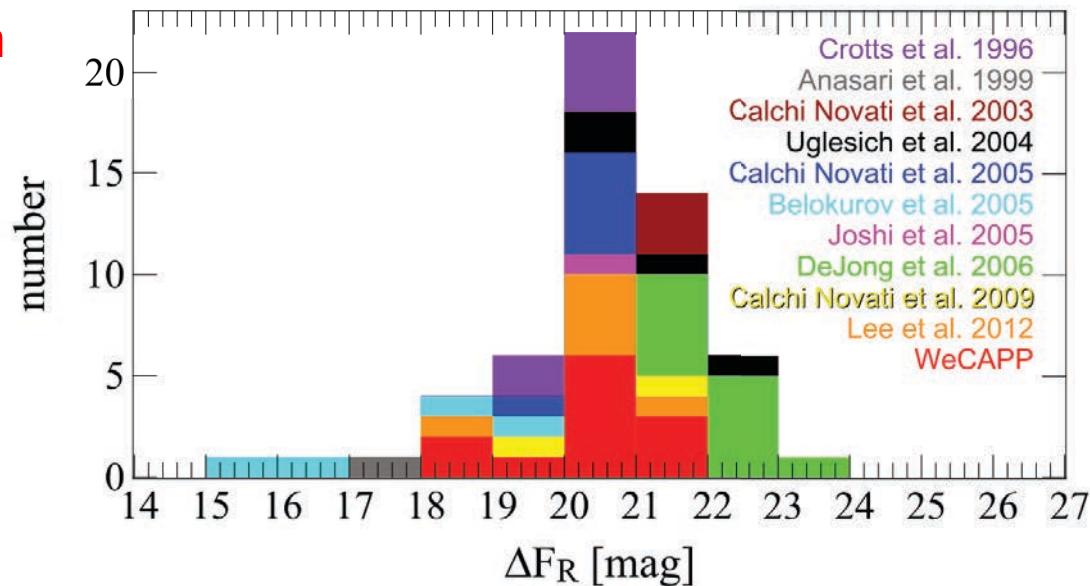


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time scale distribution



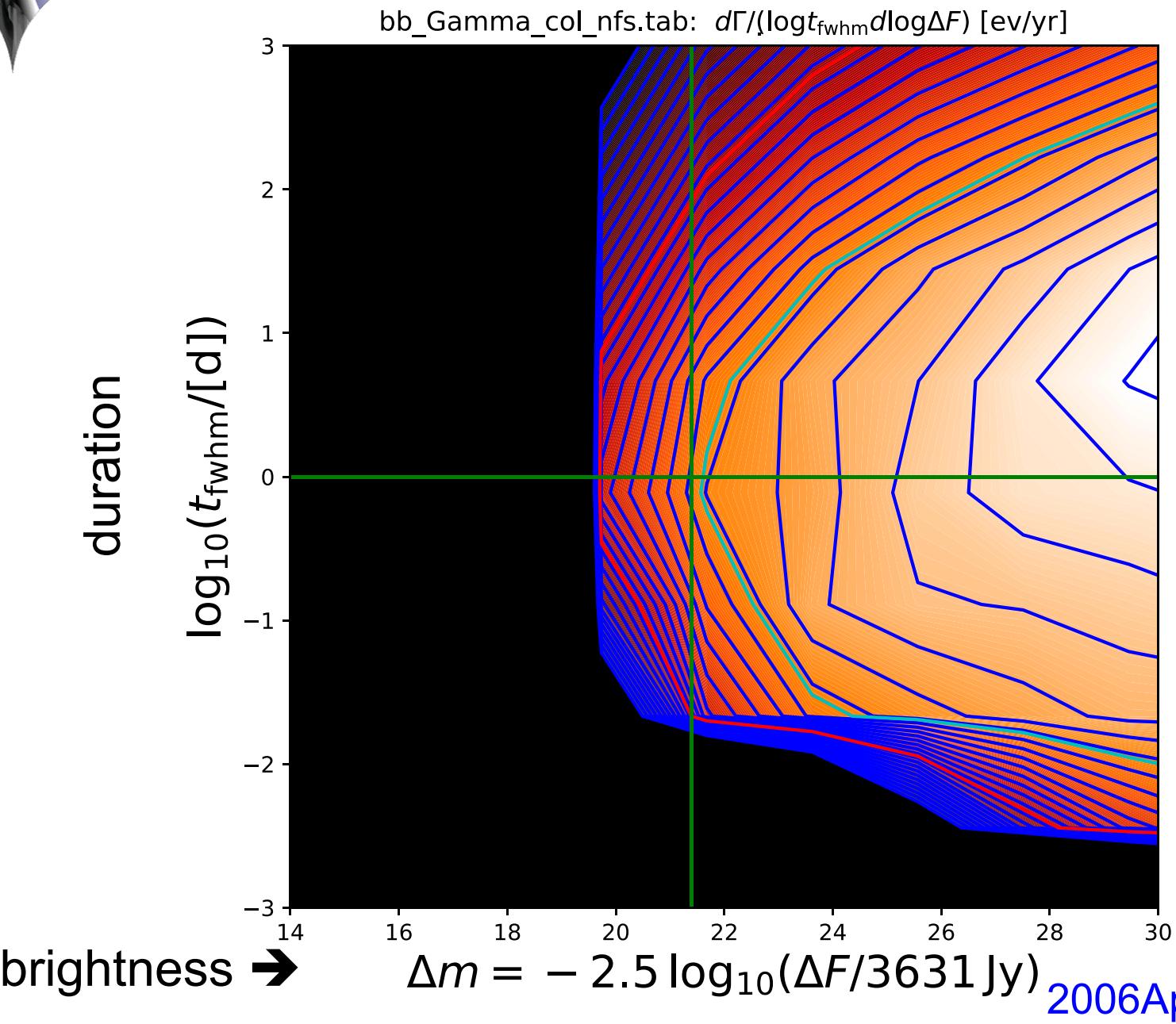
brightness distribution



**Figure 13.**  $t_0$ ,  $t_{\text{FWHM}}$ , and  $\Delta F_R$  distribution of all microlensing events in M31

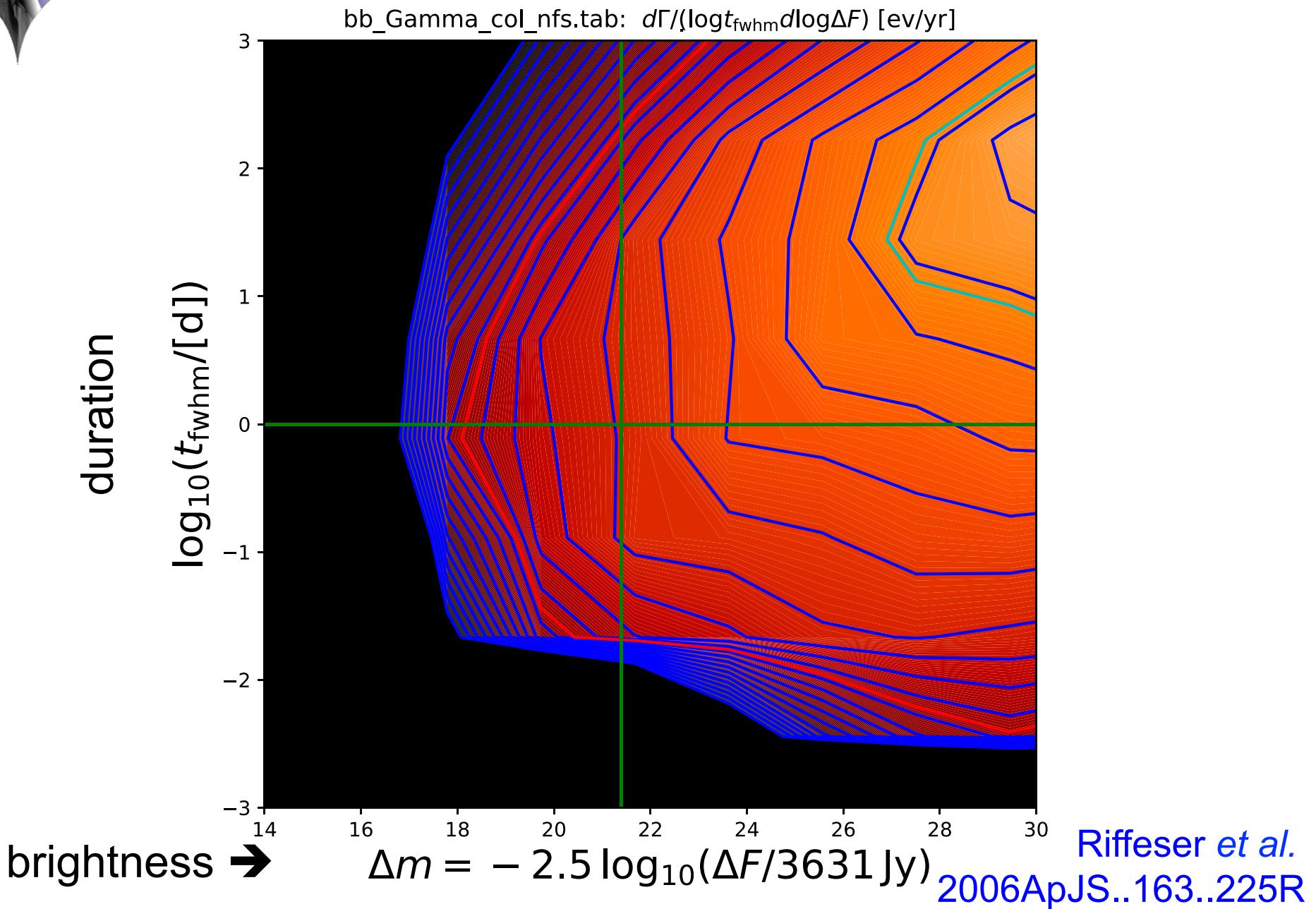


## star-bulge self lensing: no remnants





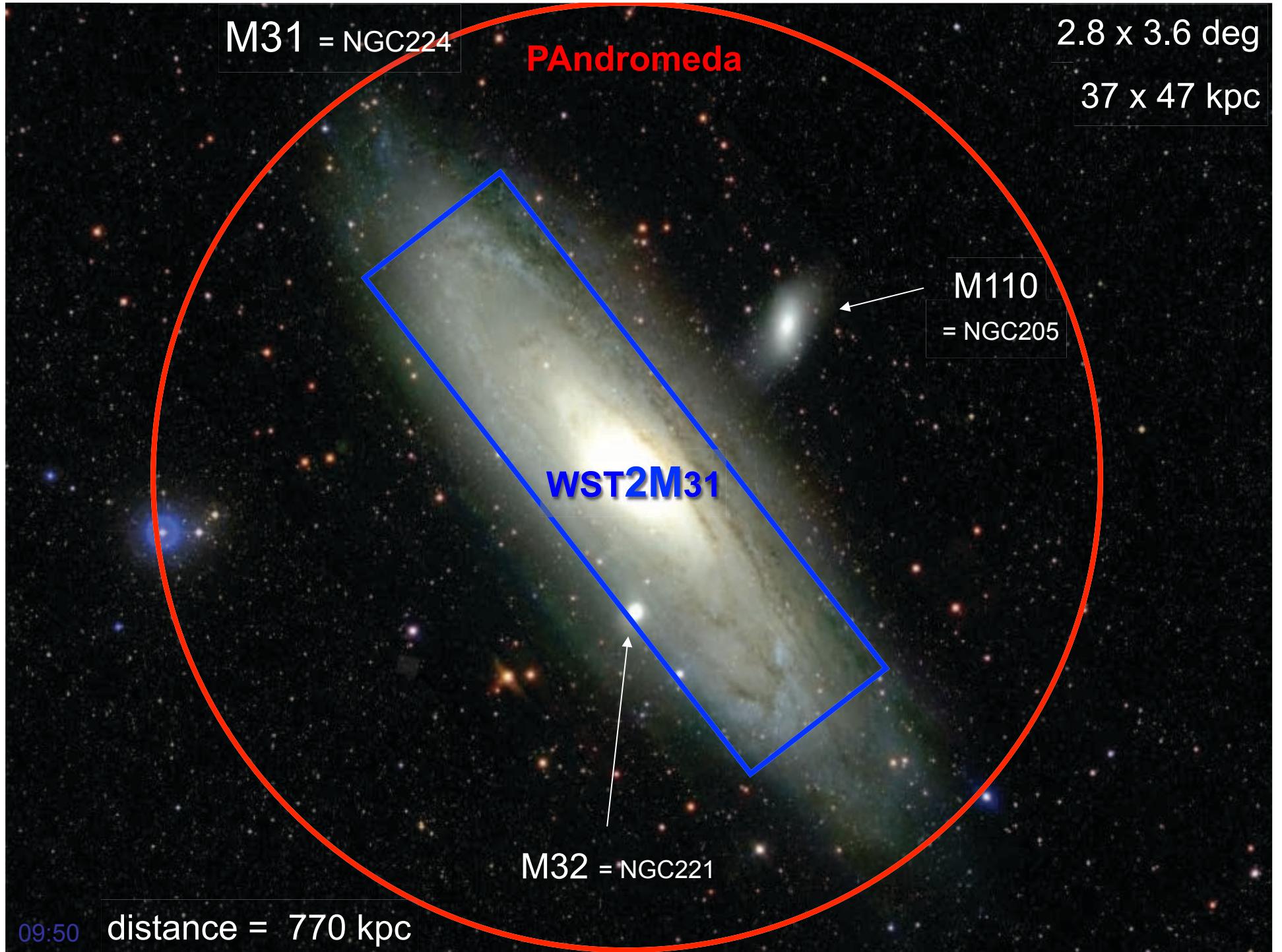
## BH-bulge lensing: only BH remnants as lenses





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## WST2M31 survey

**nights** 14/12/05 - 18/08/26 (3.75 yrs)

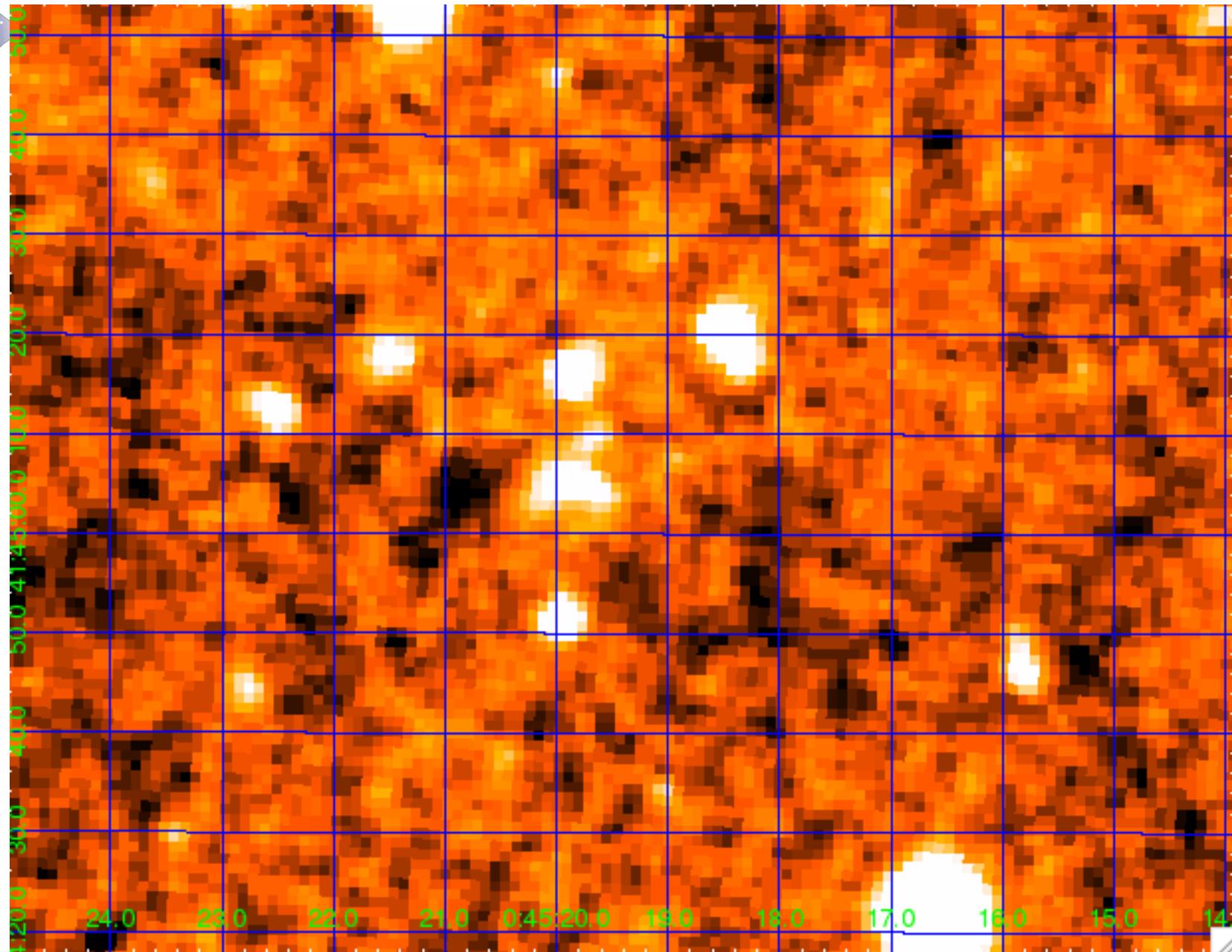
4 fields

	r	i	g
F1	180	164	2
F2	155	145	2
F3	150	142	1
F4	130	124	2

~ 21 000 **frames** (2.6 TB raw data)

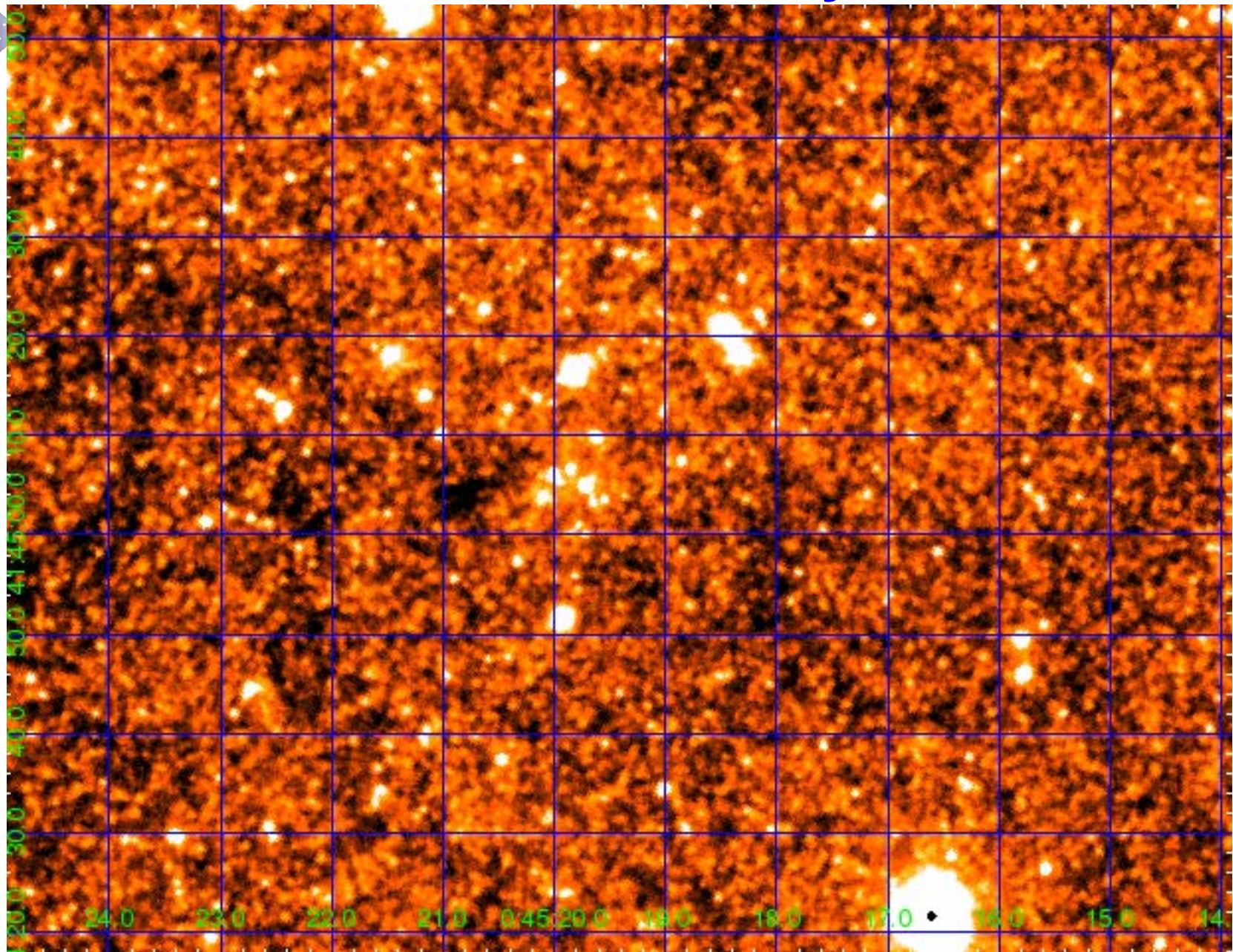
	r	i
F1	5586	2757
F2	2220	2147
F3	2205	2114
F4	1901	1841
	<b>11912</b>	<b>8859</b>

# ESO Digitized Sky Survey



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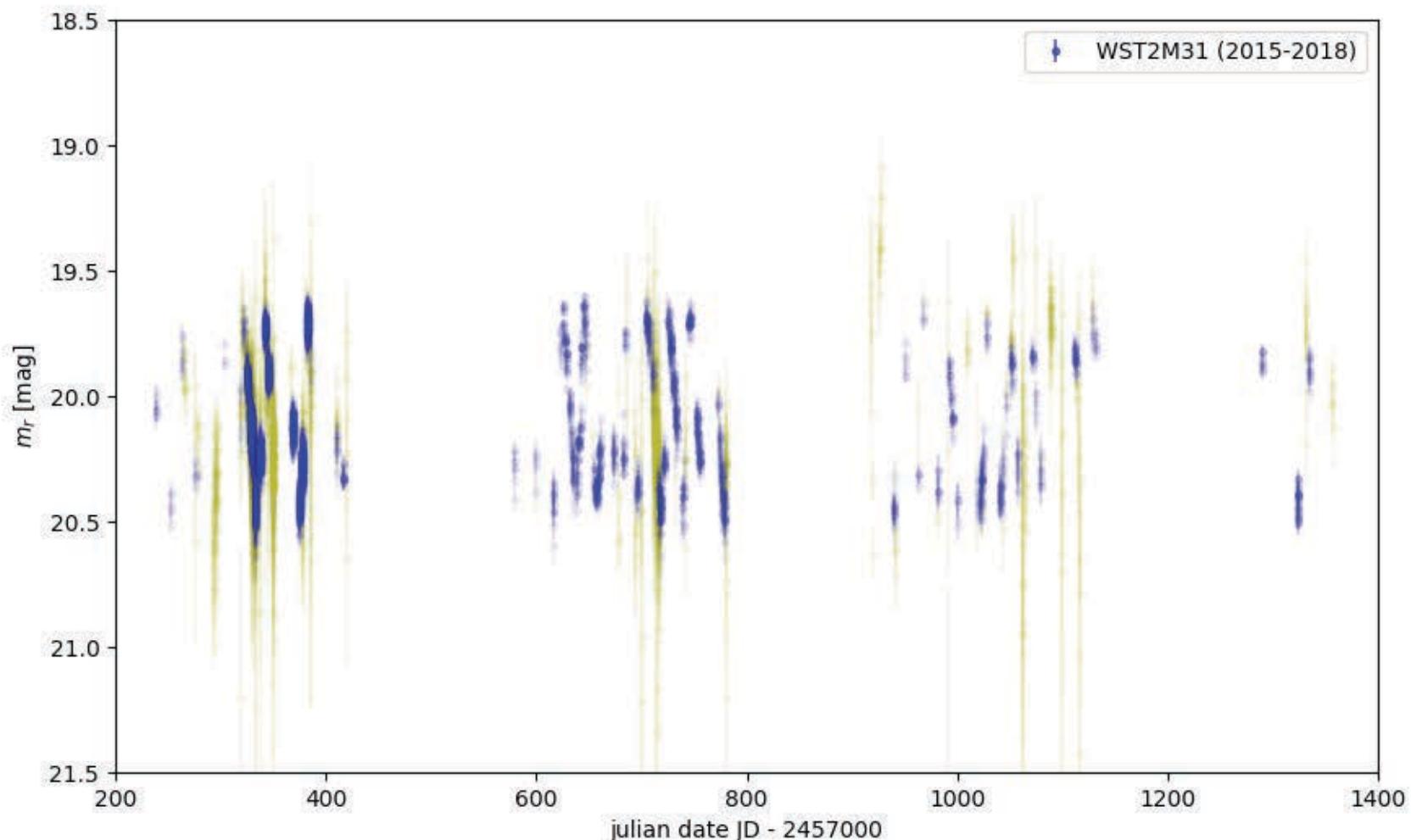
# WST2M31 survey



px-scale = 0.2 arcsec/px

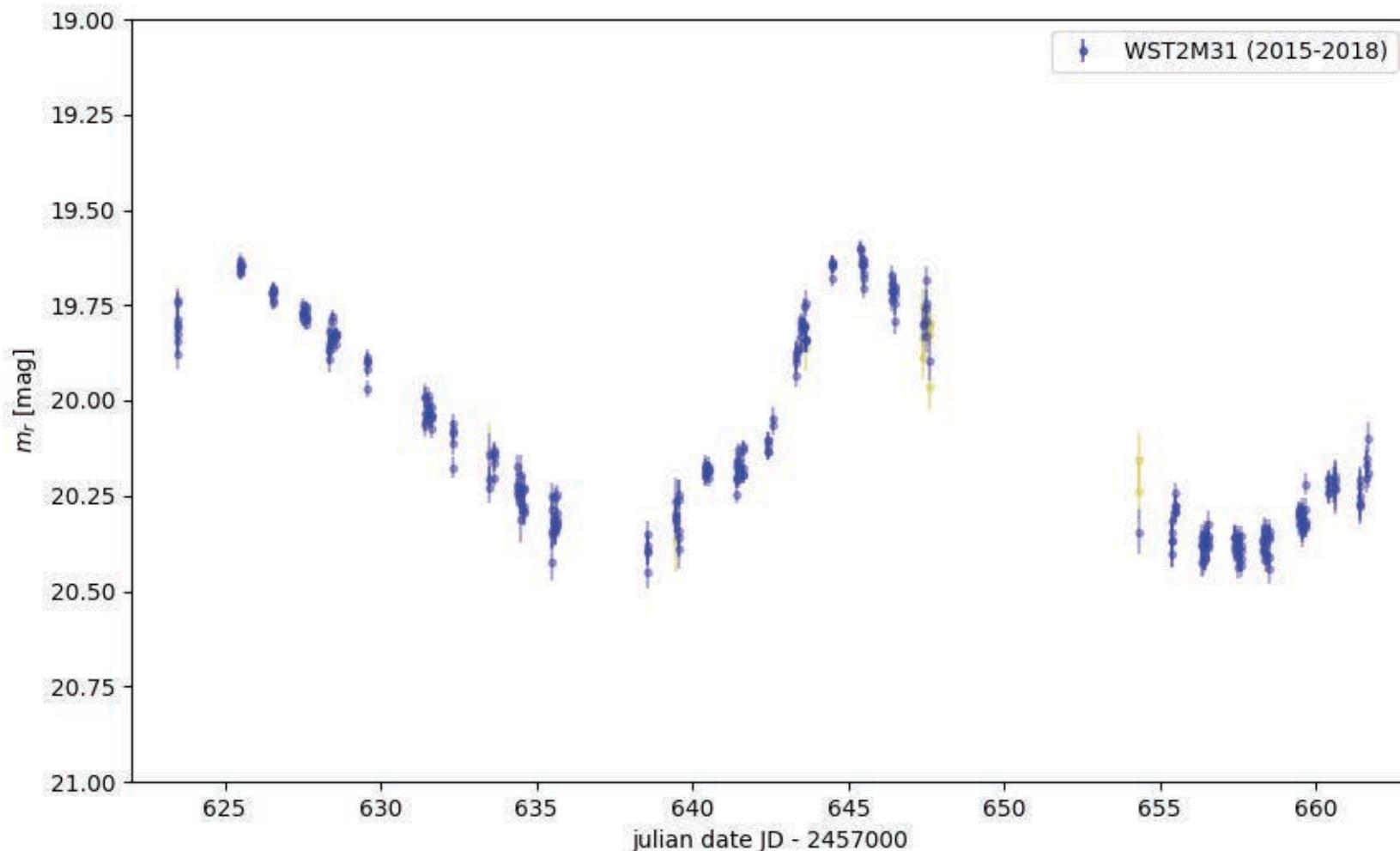


**WST2M31 survey**  
**3.5 years**  
**5000 x 60 sec images**



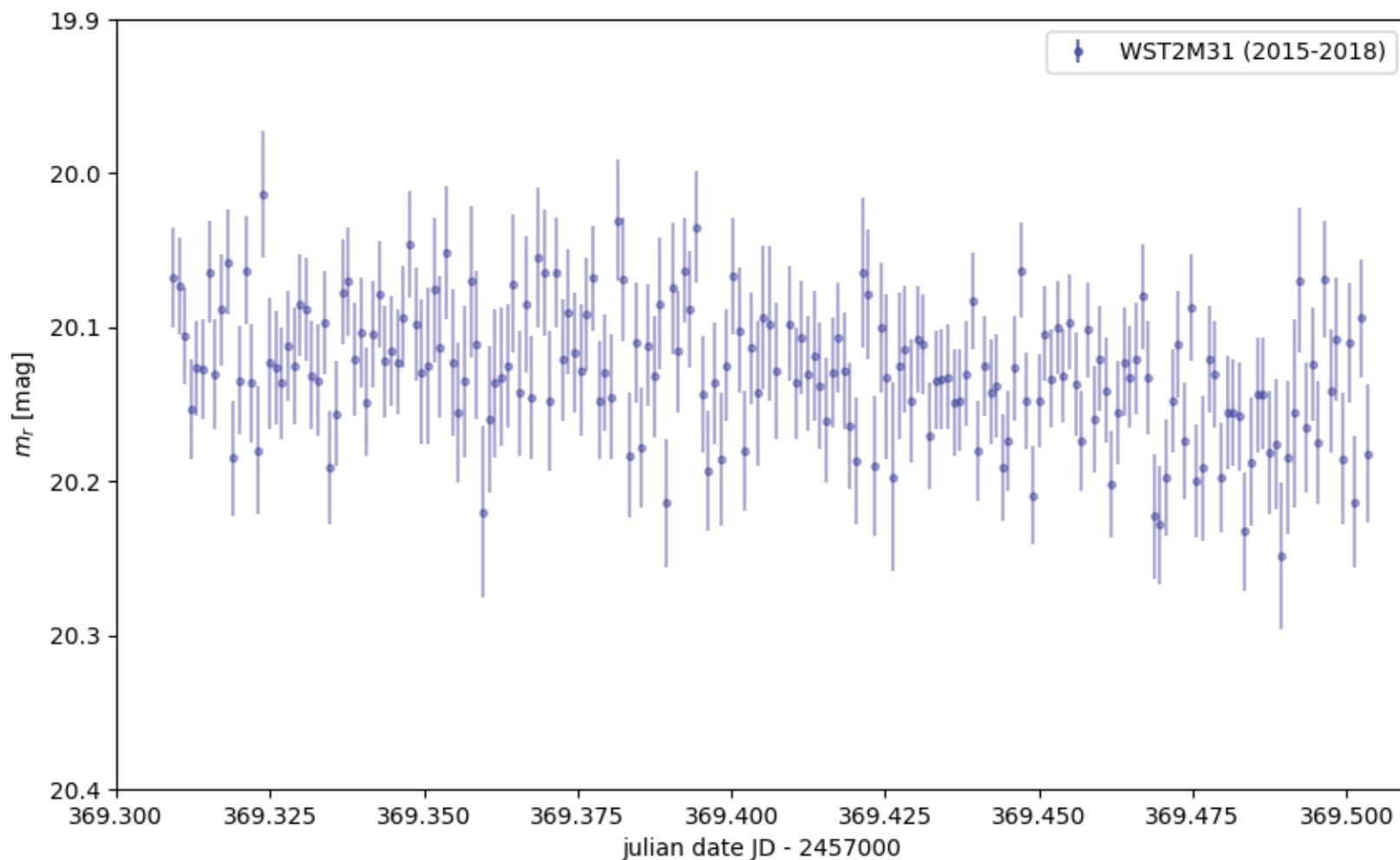


**WST2M31 survey**  
**40 nights**  
**60 sec images**



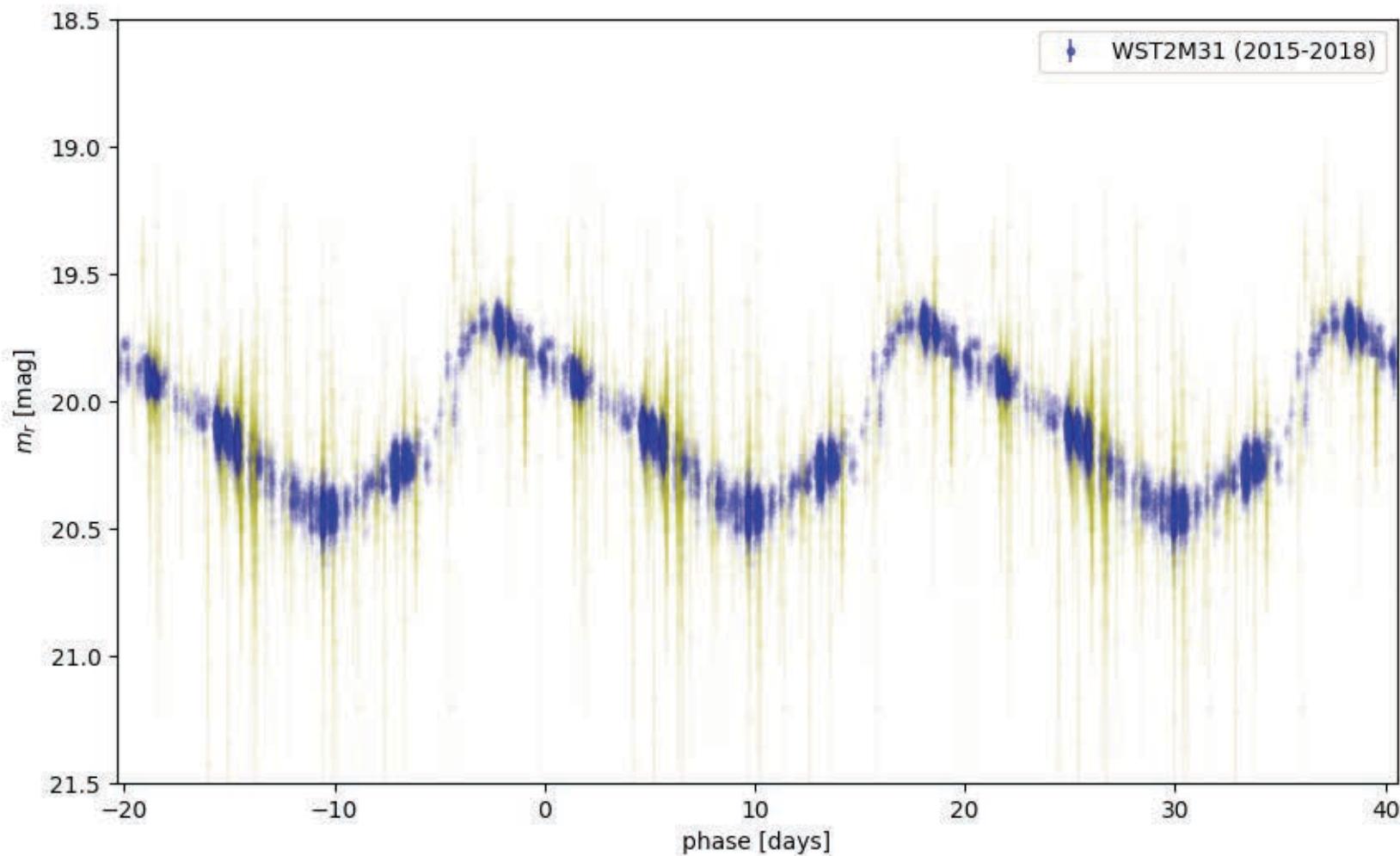


**WST2M31 survey**  
**1 night**  
**195 x 60 sec images**





**WST2M31 survey**  
**cepheid with period 20.23 days**  
**5000 x 60 sec images**





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