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# PLATO input catalog with BMK10k

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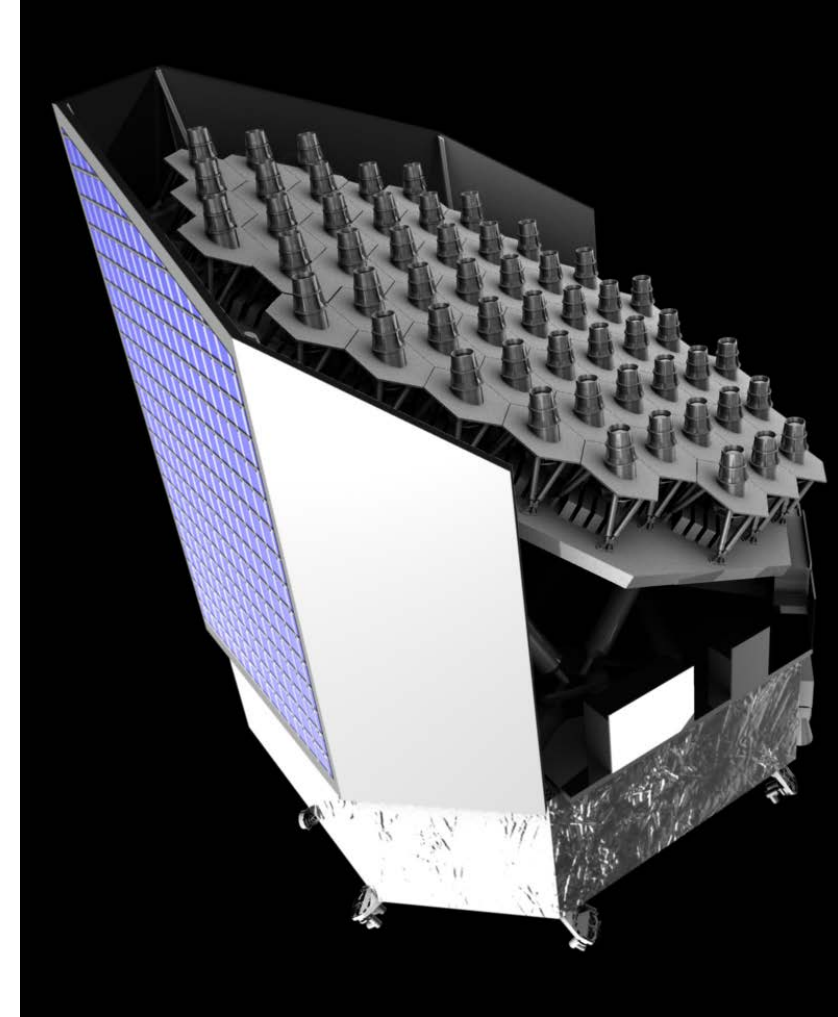
# PLATO - PLAnetary Transits and Oscillations

(Rauer et al. 2014, Exp. Astr. 38, 249)



plato

- Launch 2026, 4 – 8.5 year duration
- Transit monitoring of  $\approx 1$  Mill. stars ( $\lambda_{500-950\text{nm}}$ )
- 24 telescopes with cadence 25 sec ( $V \approx 8-16^m$ )
- 2 telescopes with cadence 2.5 sec ( $V \approx 4-8^m$ )
- Each telescope has 1100 deg<sup>2</sup> FoV
- Arranged in 4 groups (=2250 deg<sup>2</sup> per pointing)
- Photometry done from 90"×90" CCD windows
- Pixel sampling is 15"/pix (TESS has 21"/pix)
- **can't download all of this → you better weed out false positives early on → BMK10k**

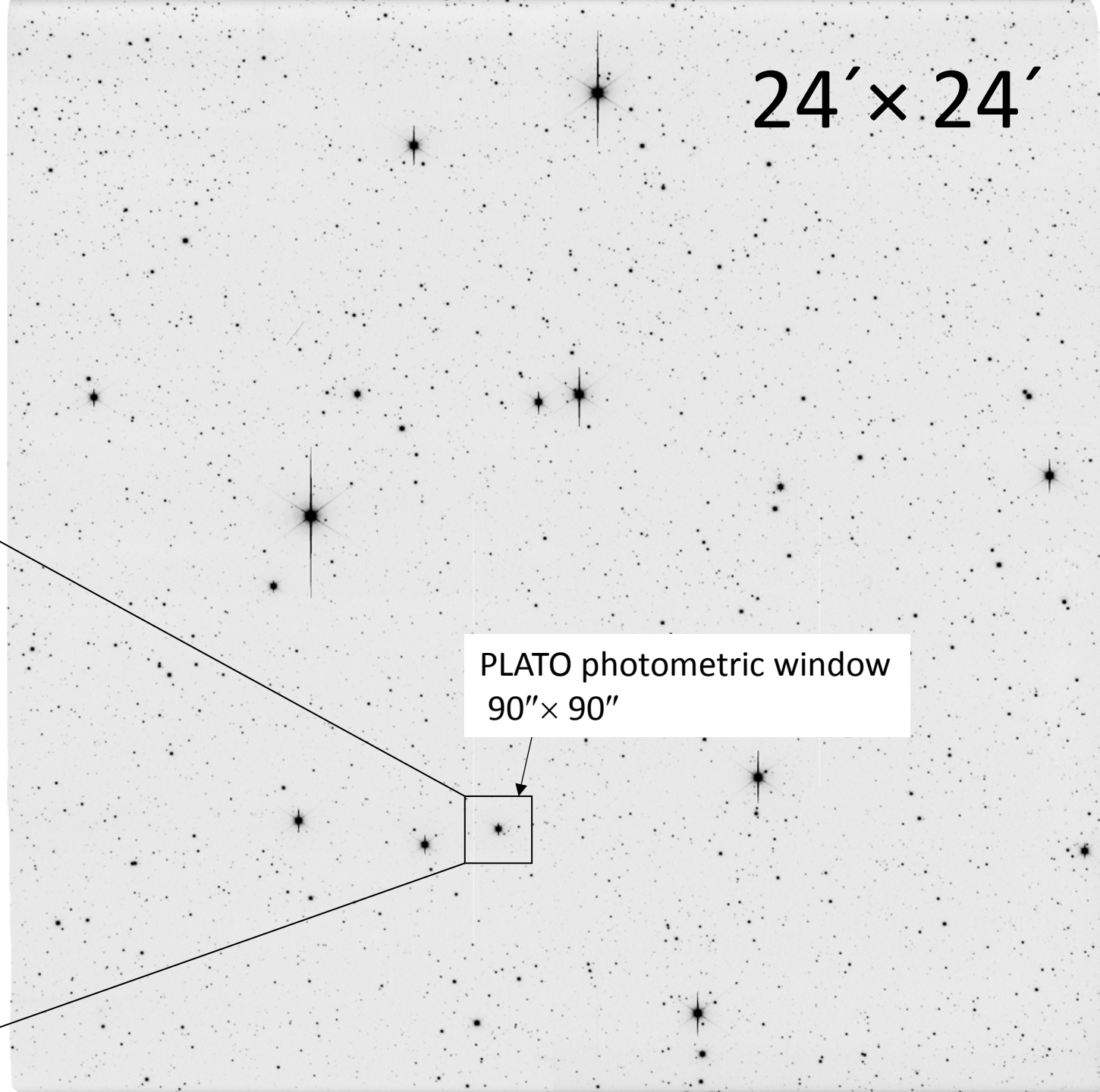


# Star field at

RA 21h31m DEC +48d26'

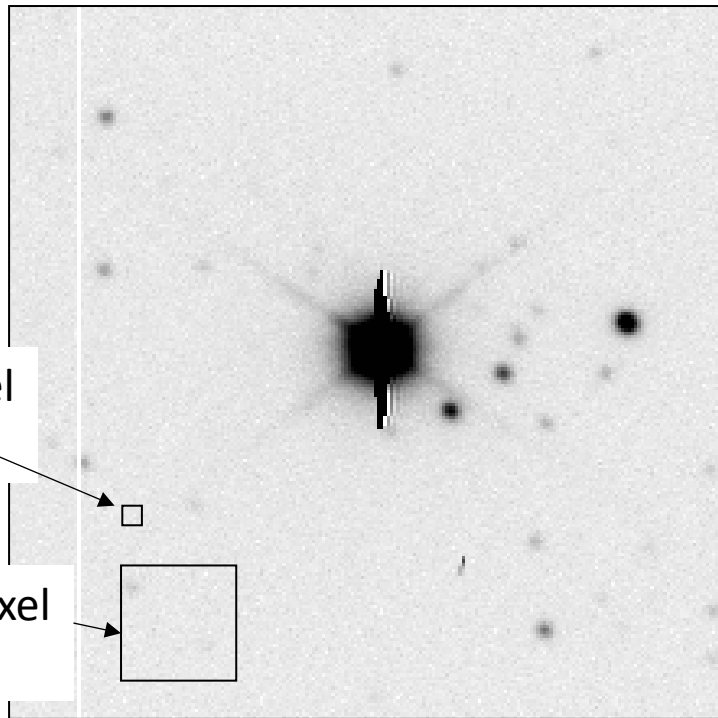
Gal Long 92° lat -2°

Within PLATO field ST09  
(Orionis)



24' × 24'

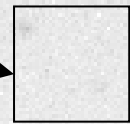
PLATO photometric window  
90" × 90"



One BMK pixel  
2.5" × 2.5"



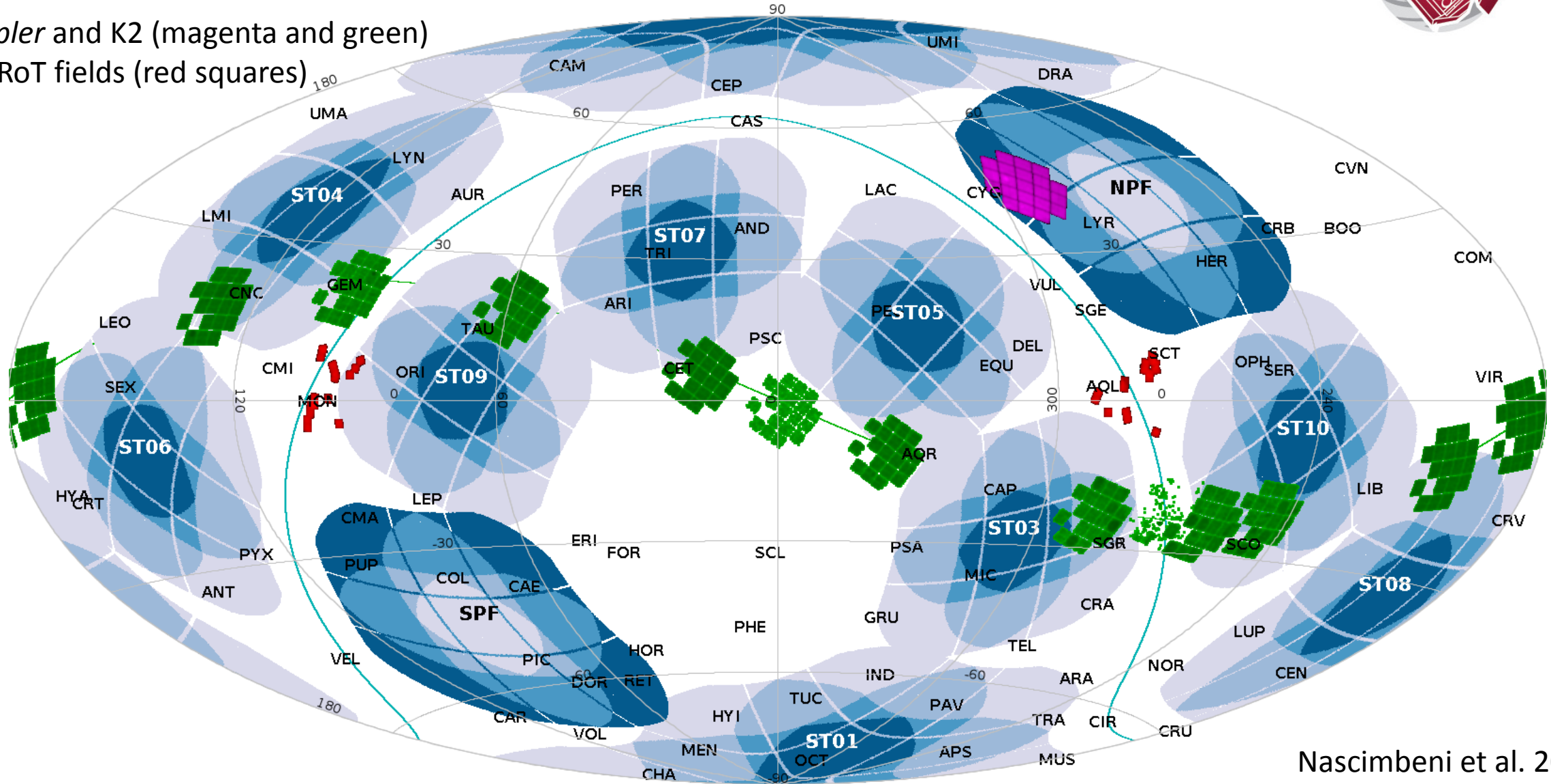
One PLATO pixel  
15" × 15"



# PLATO deep field south (SPF)



Kepler and K2 (magenta and green)  
CoRoT fields (red squares)



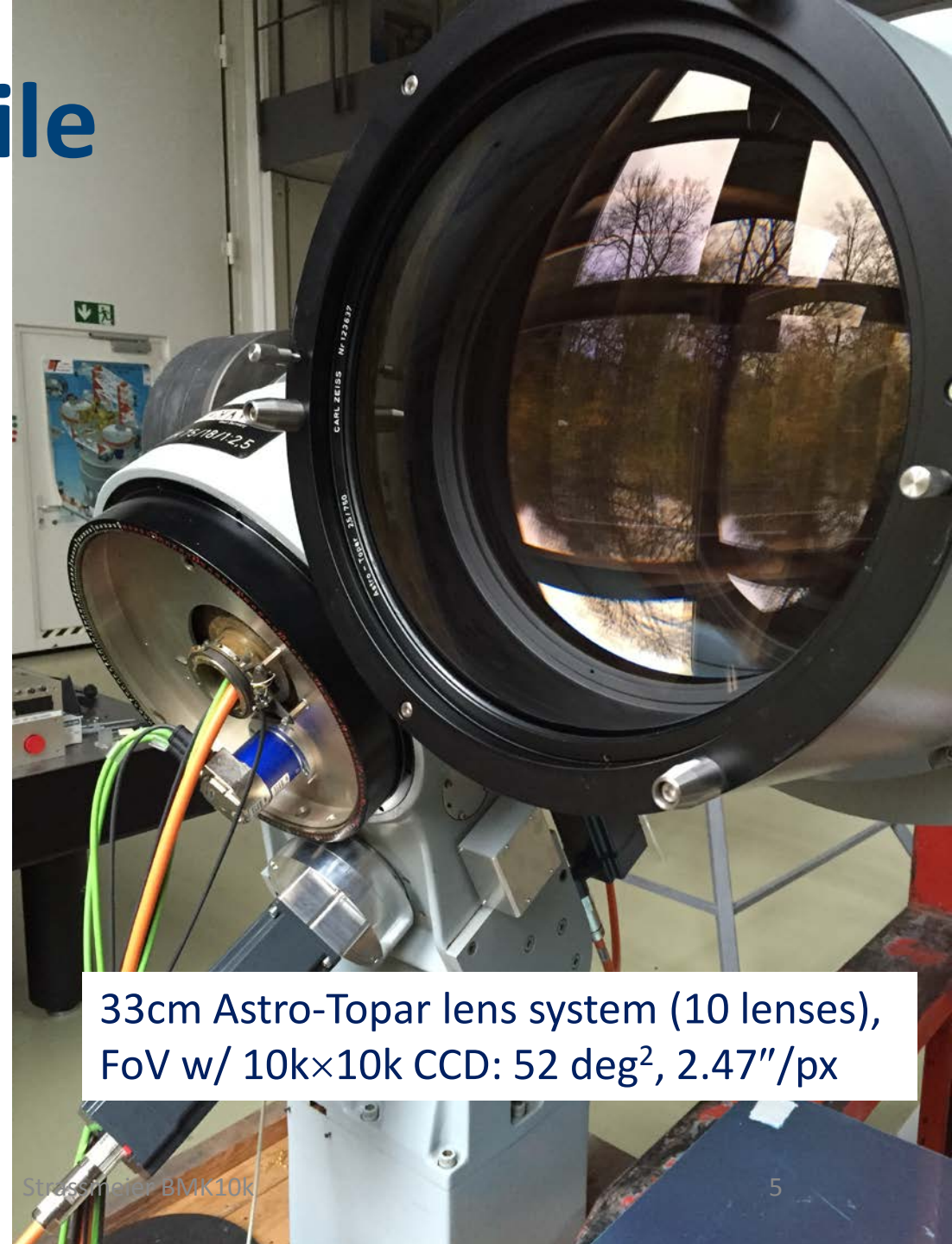
Nascimbeni et al. 2016

# BMK10k telescope for Chile

- Ballistische Messkammer from Carl Zeiss Jena c/o 1974 (Univ. Munich, DFG SFB78)
- Overhaul at AIP incl. robotics
- Observe entire PLATO southern deep field with 1d time resolution
- 2250 square degrees (50 pointings)
- All season long with 3 expos (10, 60, 200s)
- Provide lightcurves for all PLATO targets prior to CCD windowing between 6-18<sup>m</sup>
- Identify and characterize target contaminants of up to  $\Delta m \approx 5^m$

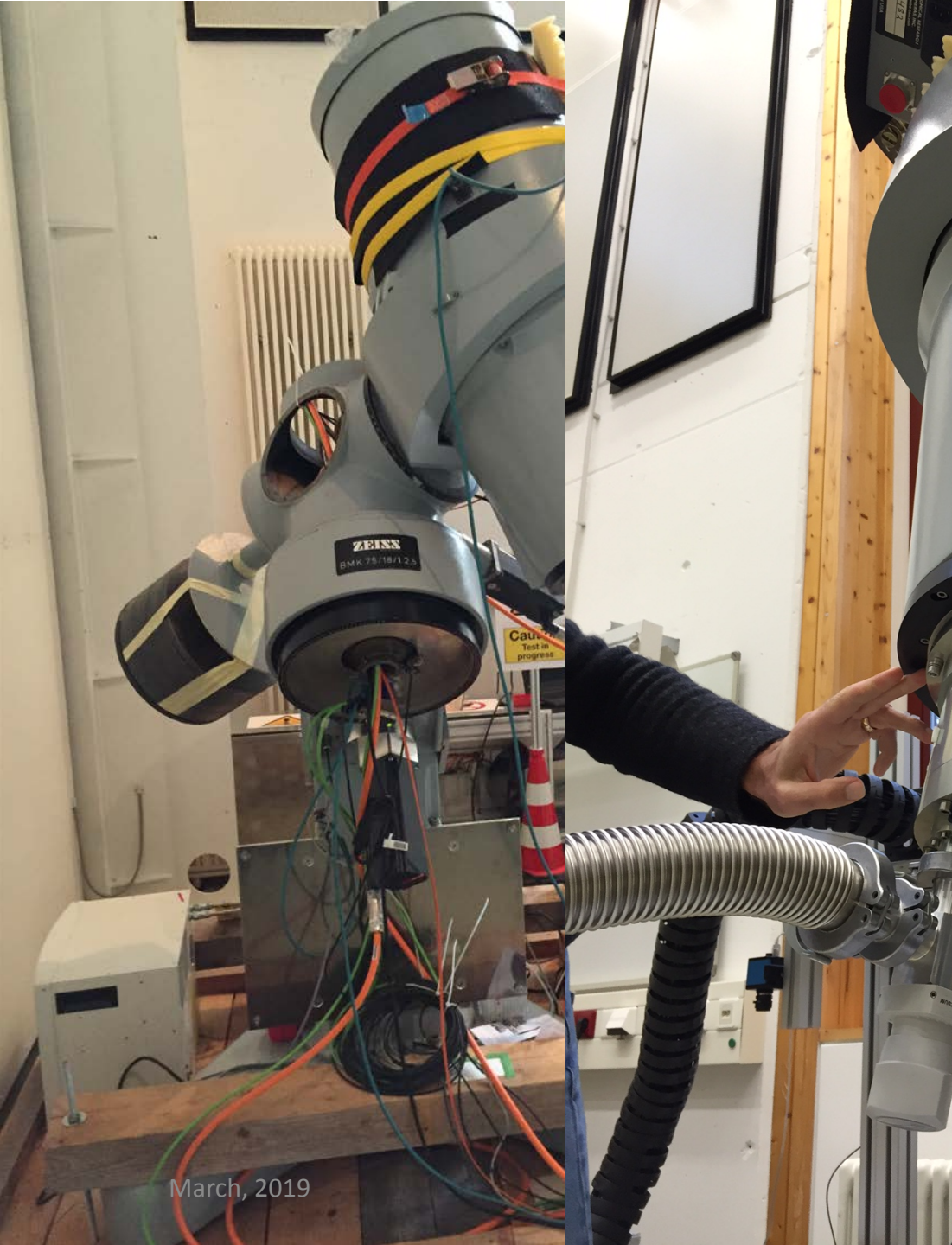
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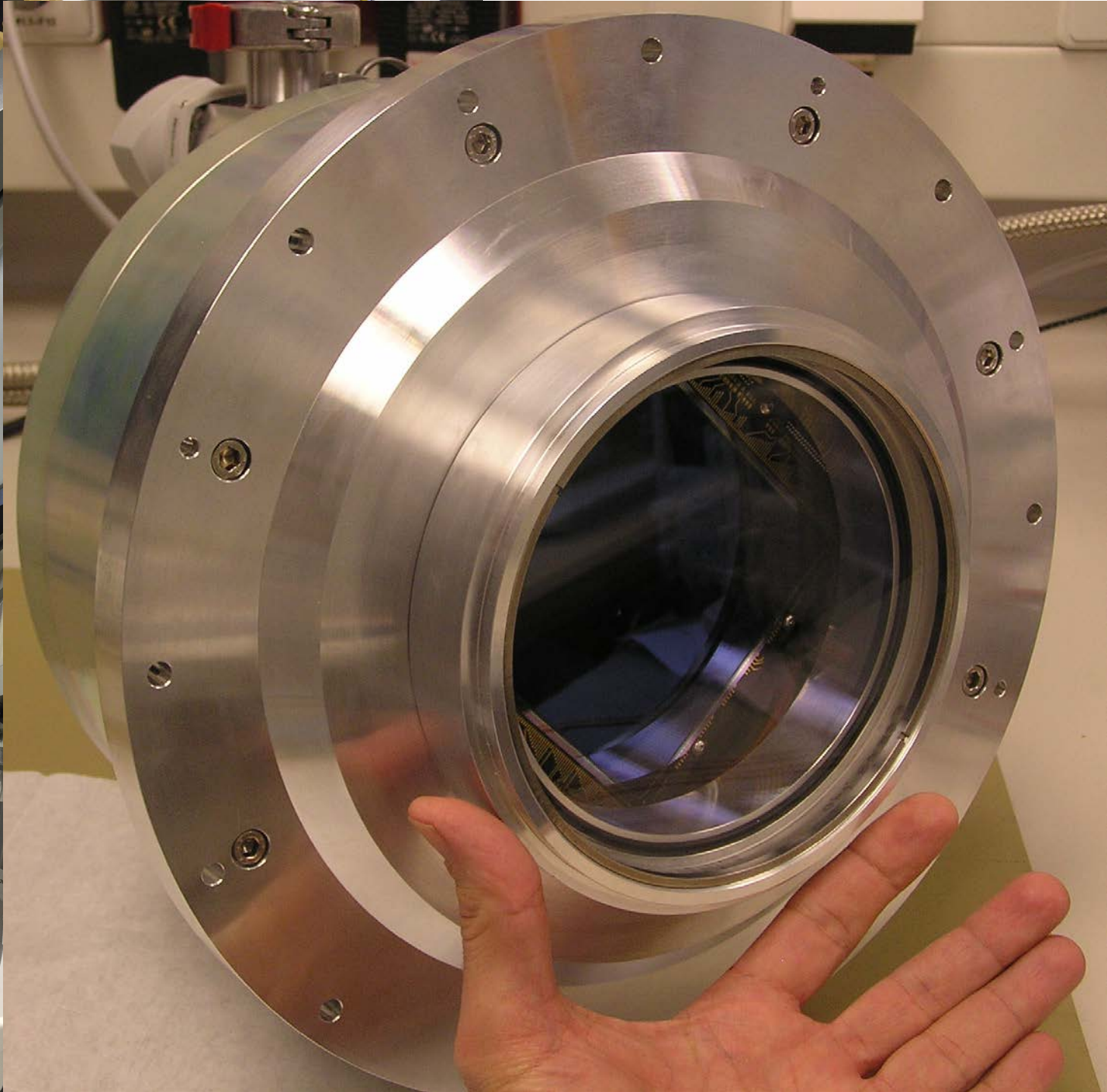


33cm Astro-Topar lens system (10 lenses),  
FoV w/ 10k×10k CCD: 52 deg<sup>2</sup>, 2.47"/px



Strossmeier BMK10k



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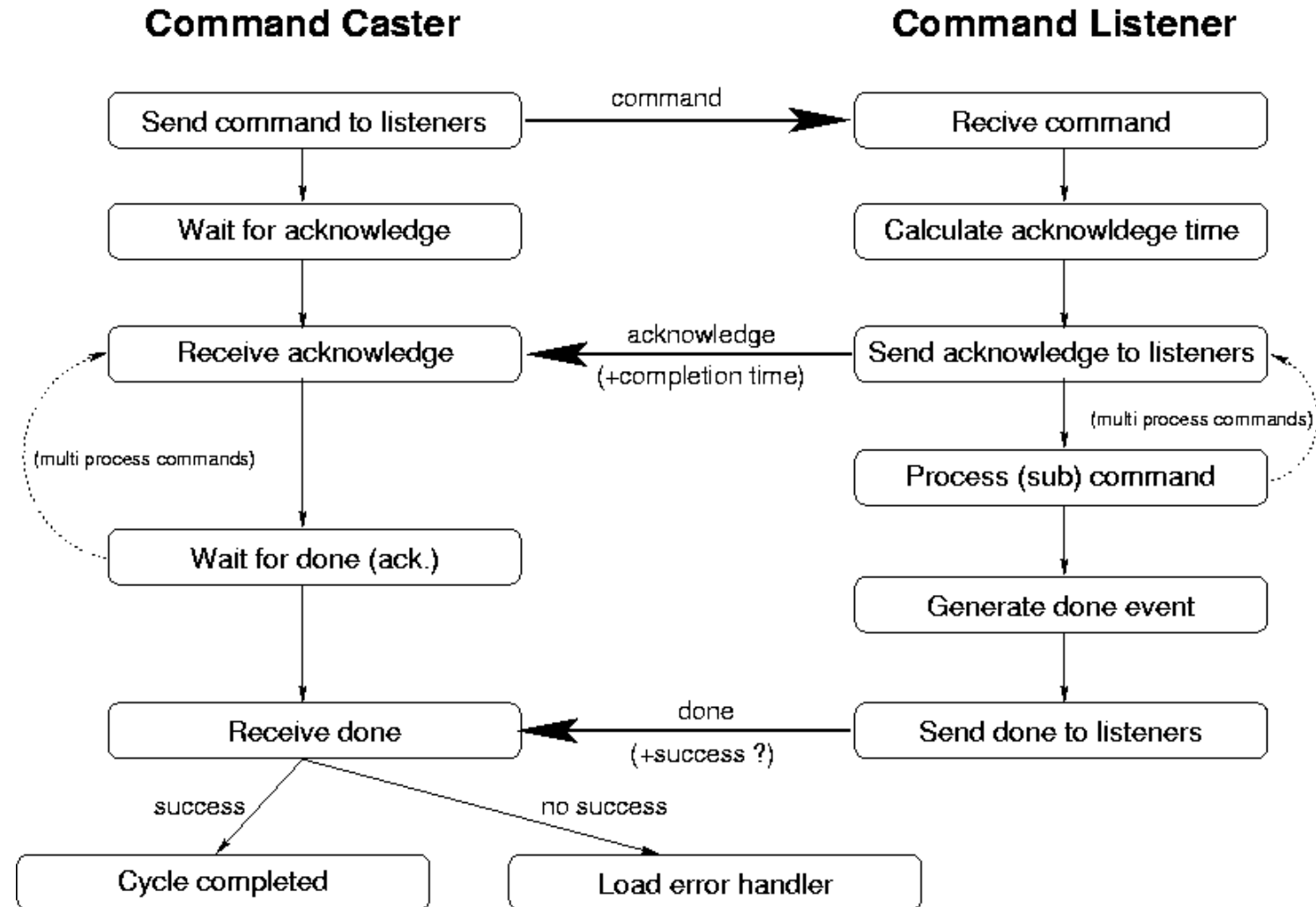
# Exoplanet transits (very) wide field surveys in operation

Telescope	SuperWASP	HAT	TRAPPIST	KELT	Mearth	NGTS	BMK10k
							
Telescope diameter (cm)	11	11	60	4.2	40	20	33
# of telescopes	2 × 8	1×5 + 1×2	2	2	2 × 8	12	1
FoV (square degrees)	2 × 482	320 + 128	2 × 0.1	2 × 676	16 × 0.19	12 × 64	52
Pixel sampling ("/pix)	13.7	13.7	0.64	23	0.84	5	2.5
Site(s)	LaPalma + SA	AZ + Hawaii	Morocco+Chile	AZ + SA	AZ + Chile	Chile	Chile

AZ = Arizona; SA = South Africa

# Robotization based on STELLA Control System

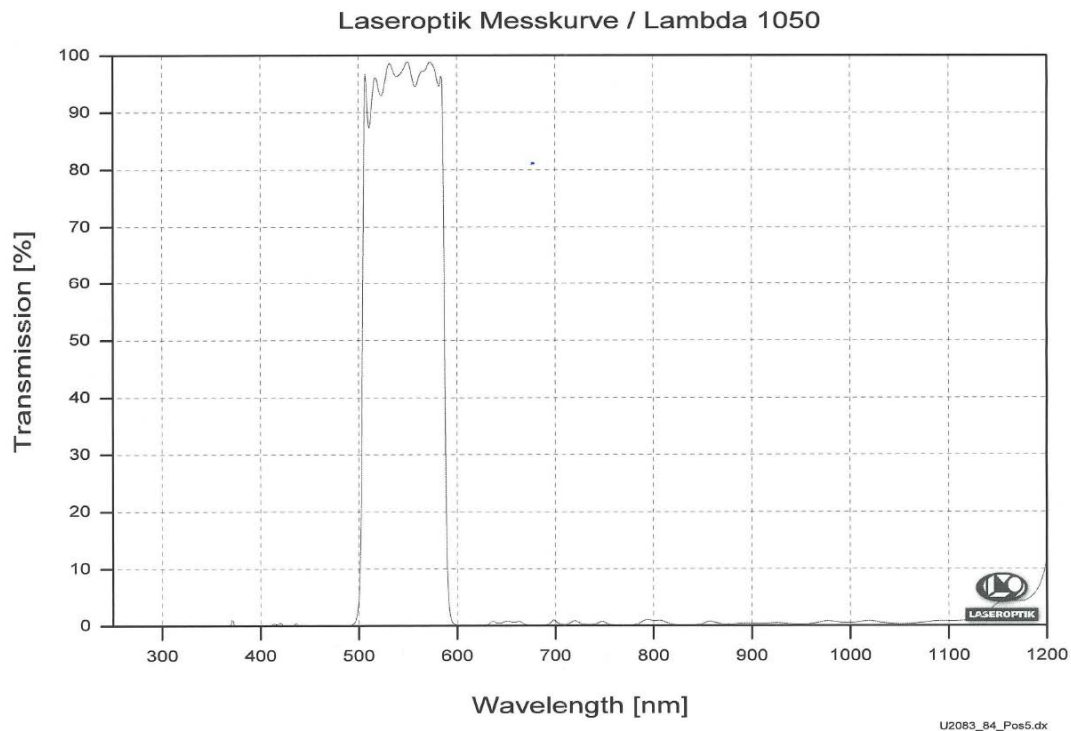
- STELLA Control System SCS w/ Java messenger kernel
- Dispatch scheduler
- Telescope and CCD control
- Dome control
- Data management
  - Nightly data rate  $\approx 50$  GB
  - Yearly sum  $\approx 15$  TB
  - Transfer rate  $\approx 1.8$  MB/s



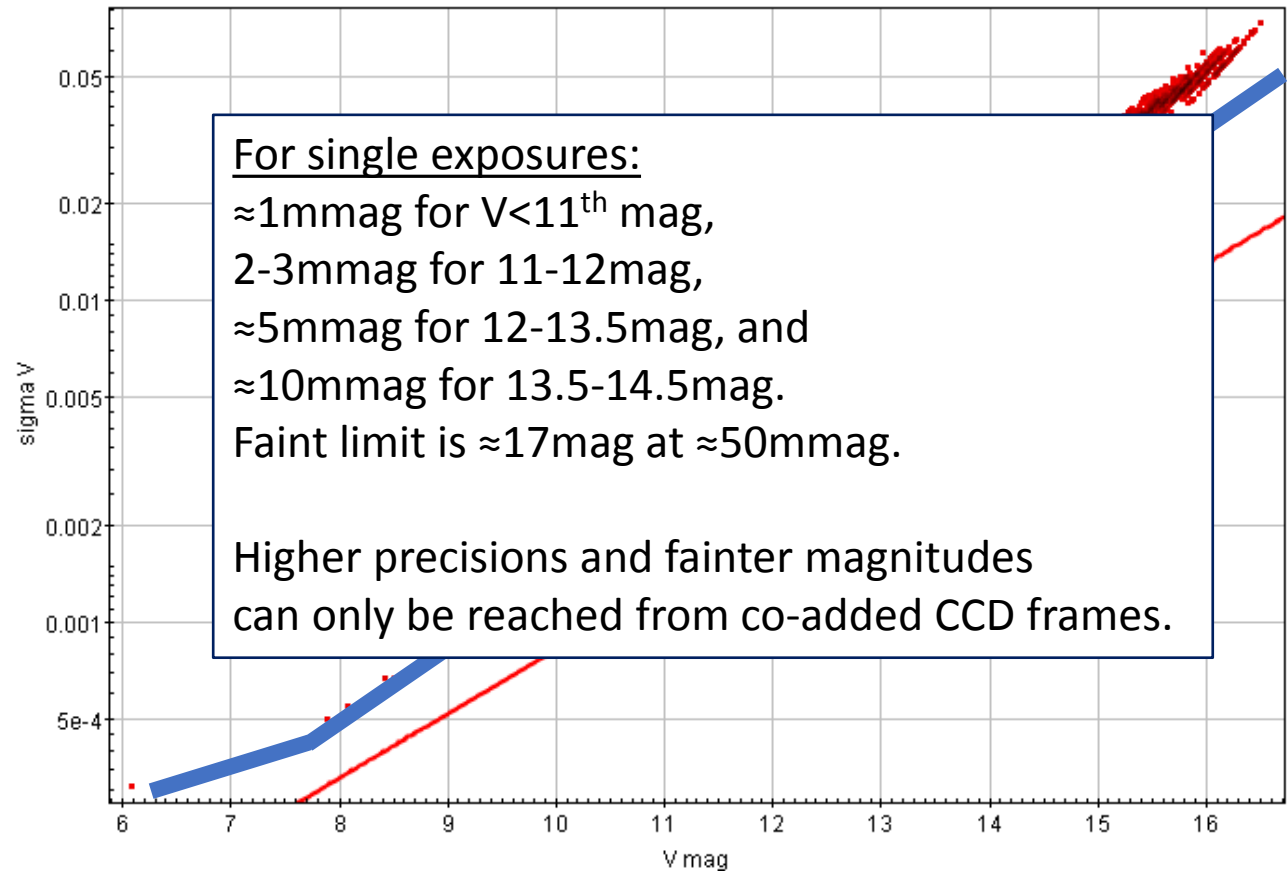


# BMK10k performance prediction

Photometric bandpass: 500 - 590 nm  
(smart coating on CCD window)



Photometric precision as measured (near Graz, Austria):  
Single 120-s exposure.



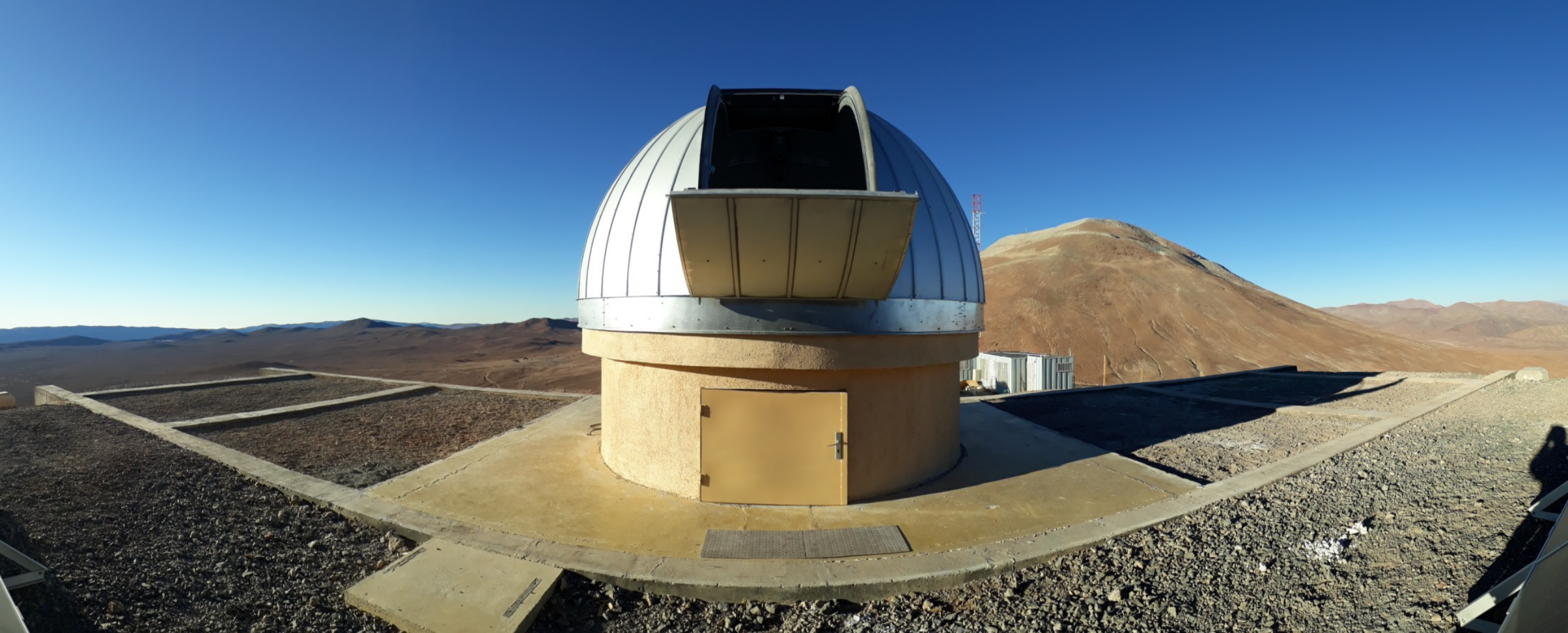
Ruhr-University-Bochum Observatory at „Cerro Murphy“ Chile, now part of ESO Paranal





# BMK10k site at Cerro Murphy

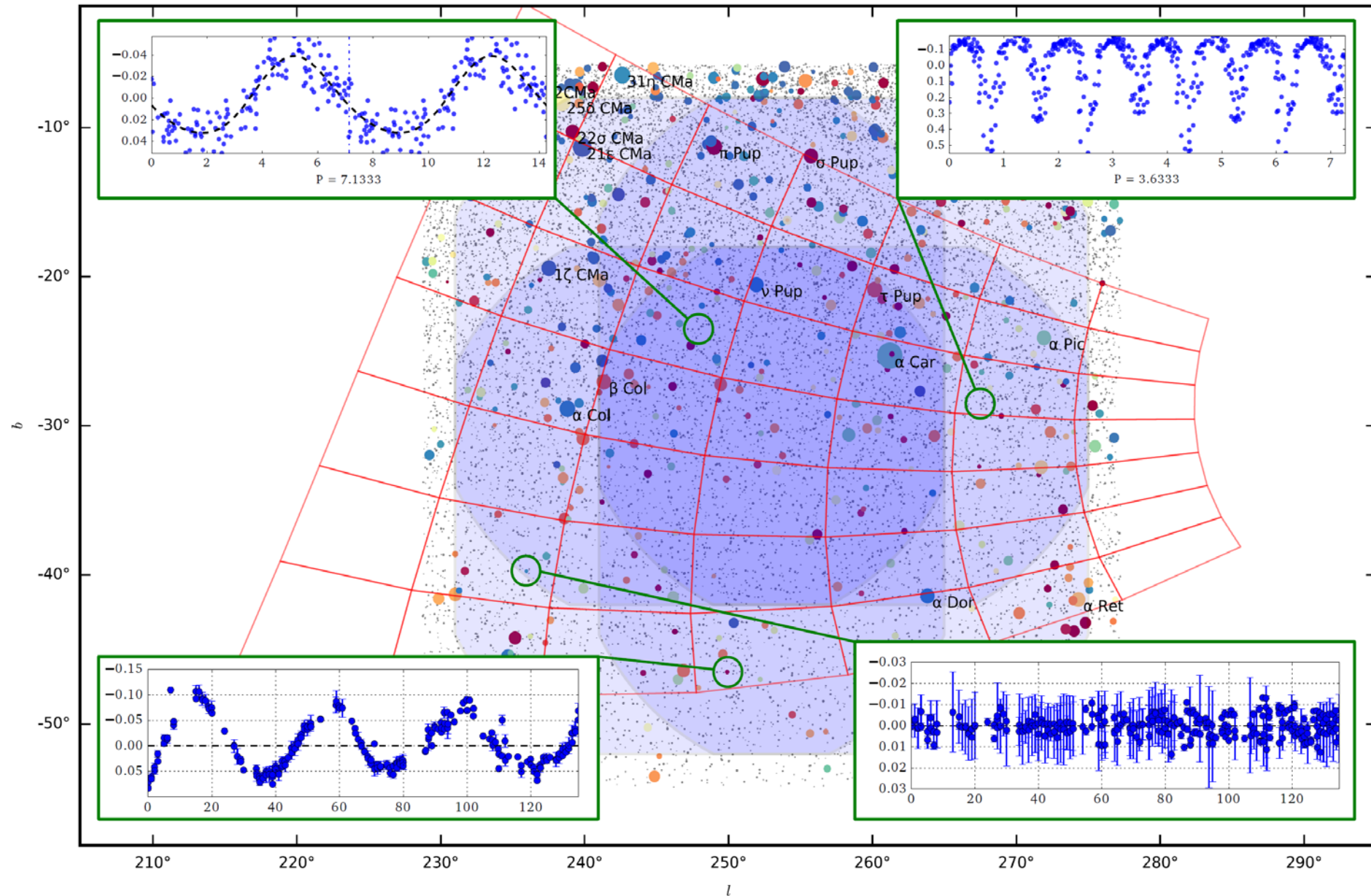
10/2018



**Telescope arrival now planned for June 2019**

# 50 pointings for BMK10k

- Observe entire PLATO SPF once per night
- Pointing overlap of 30% in area
- Plan is for 3 years
- Periods 1h – 100d
- Minimum 120 data points per target per season

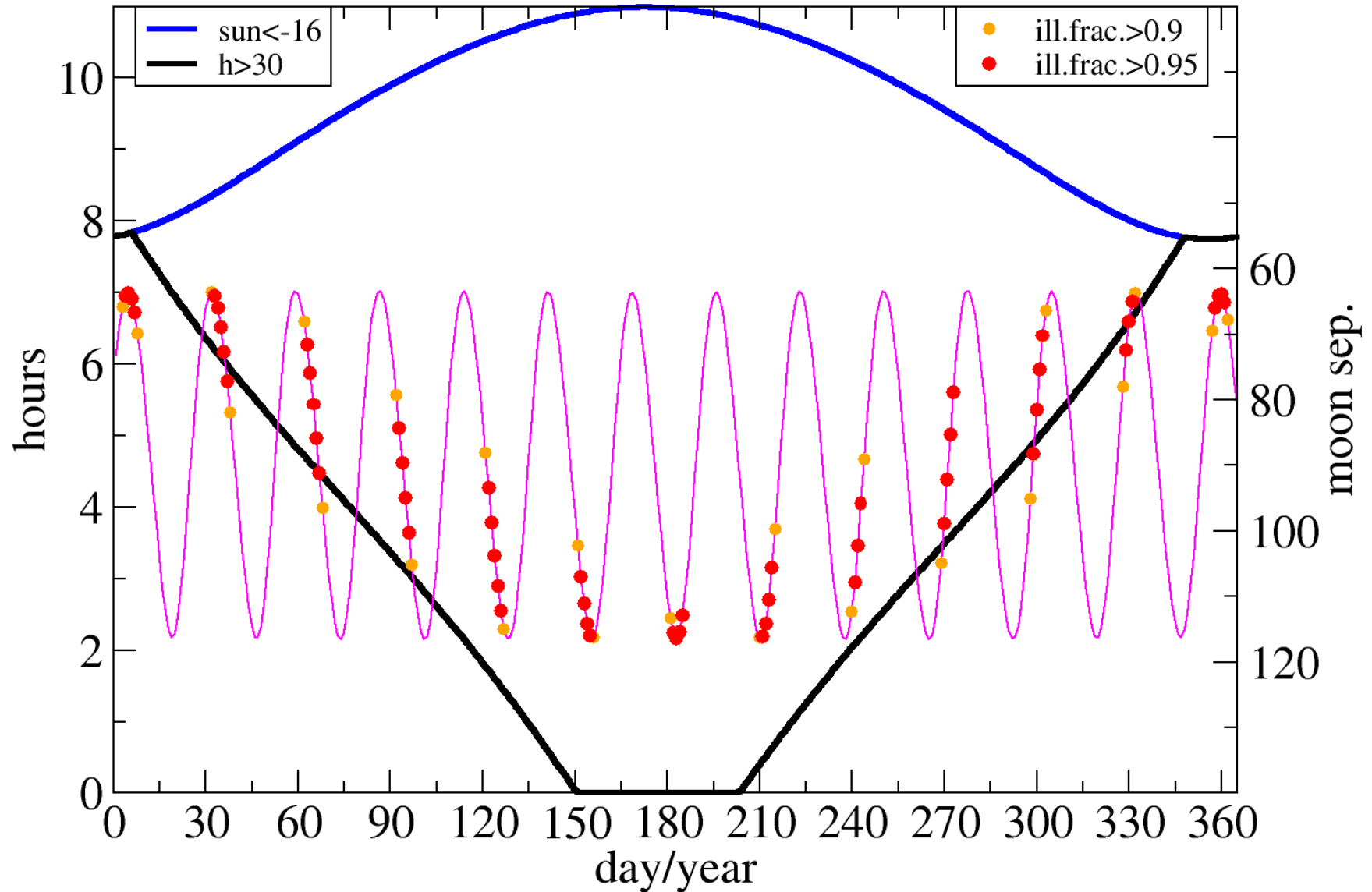


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## Visibility of Plato's S-field @ C. Armazones

ra=6h16, de=-45d20



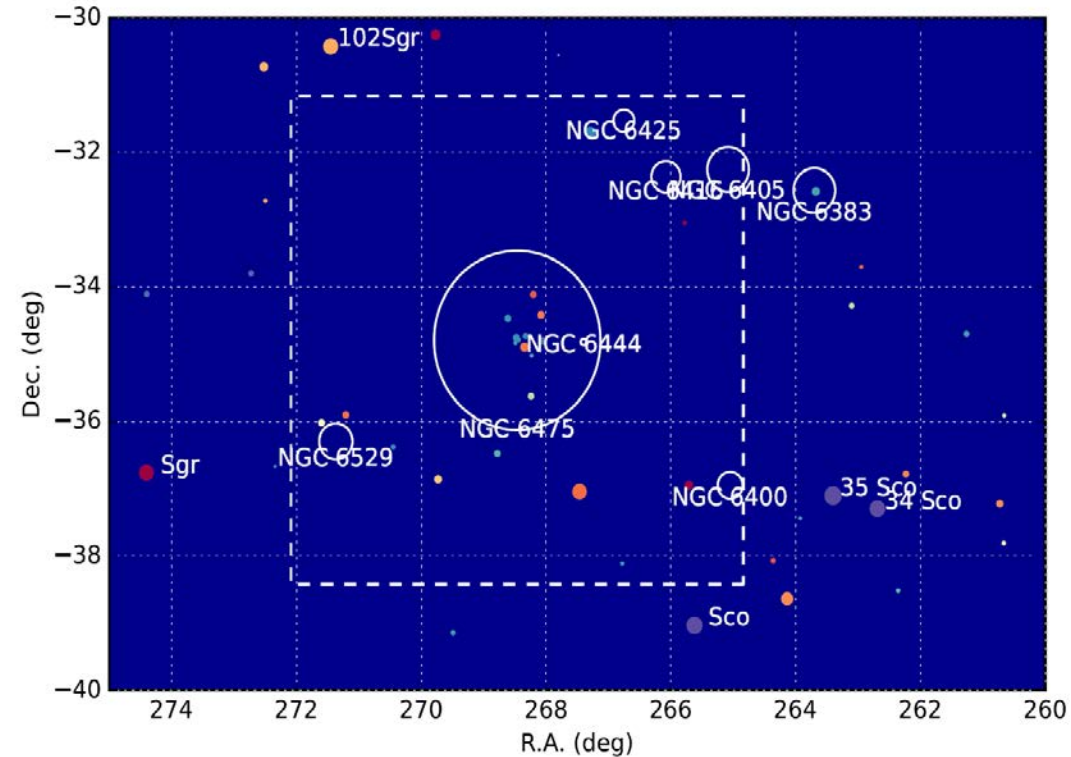
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- Ptolemy's cluster (M7=NGC6475, 220Myr)
  1. Rotation periods → gyroage-calib
  2. Exoplanet transits → planet agesStare-and-expose w/ 2 exp times (10 & 100s).  
Cadence of 4 min for  $V \approx 9-15^m$ .
- GRB optical afterglows
- Transients (X-ray binaries, flares, etc.)



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- 2250 square degrees (50 pointings)
- Provide lightcurves for all PLATO targets prior to CCD windowing between 6-18<sup>m</sup>
- Identify and characterize target contaminants of up to  $\Delta m \approx 5^m$
- Consensus of all eclipsing binaries in PLATO FOV
- Monitor Ptolemy's cluster to recalibrate gyroscopes

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