

SPECTROSCOPIC AND PHOTOMETRIC OBSERVATIONS AT MOLĖTAI AO FOR THE ESA PLATO SPACE MISSION: FIRST RESULTS

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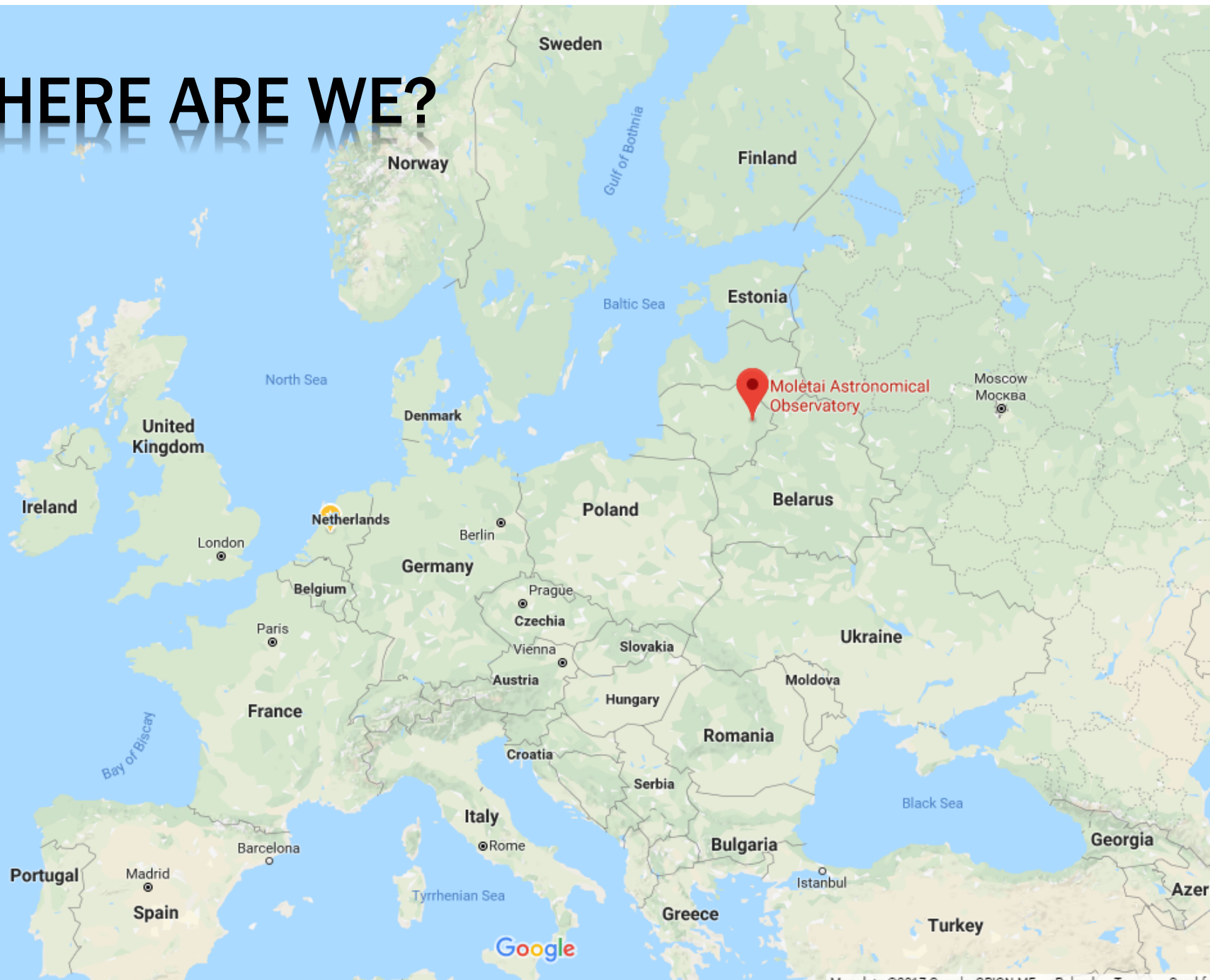
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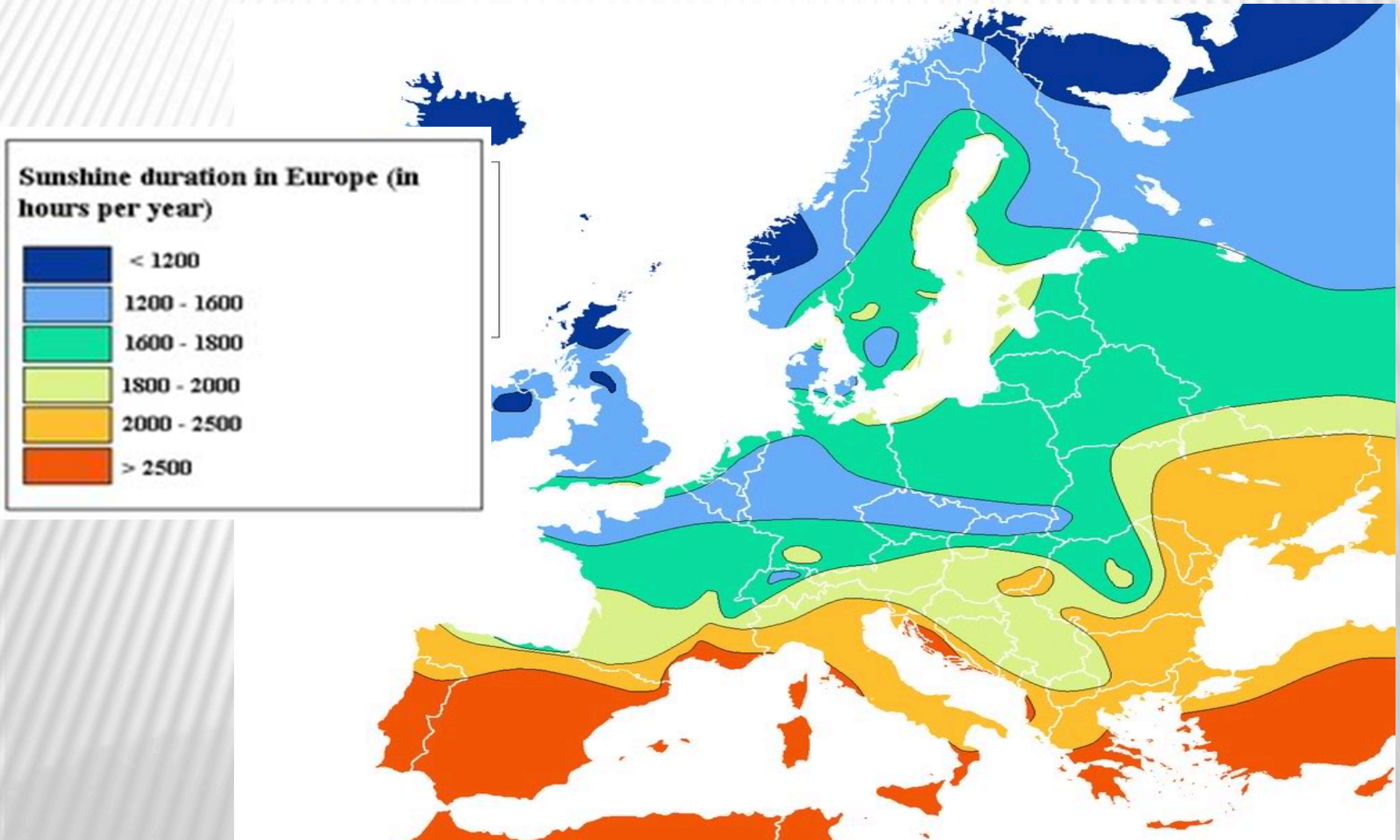
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NIGHTS?



TELESCOPES

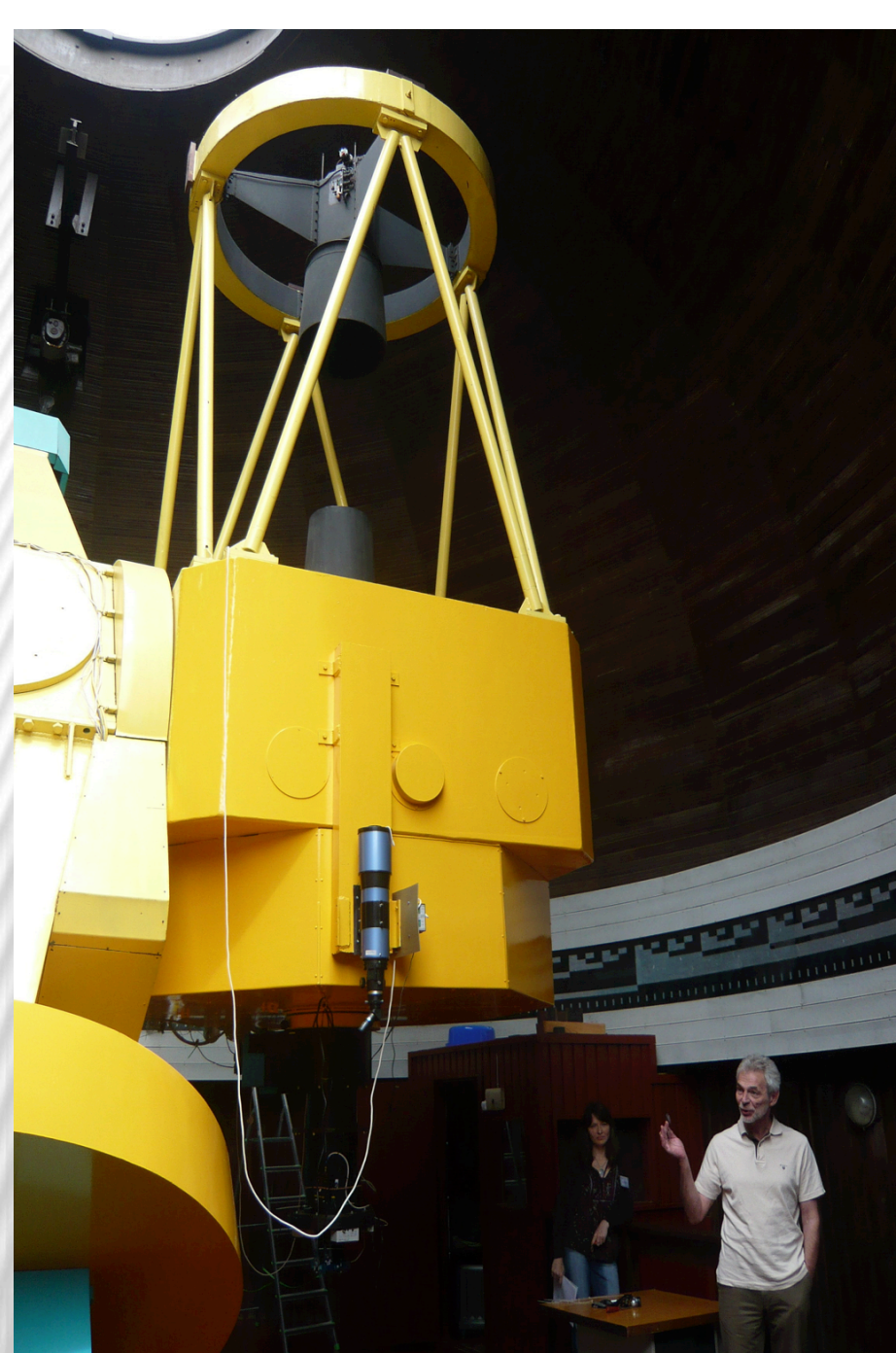
1.65 m Ritchey-
Chretien

0.63 m Cassegrain

0.35/0.51 m wide
field Maksutov

Telescopes at Molétai AO

1.65 M TELESCOPE RITCHY-CHRETIEN

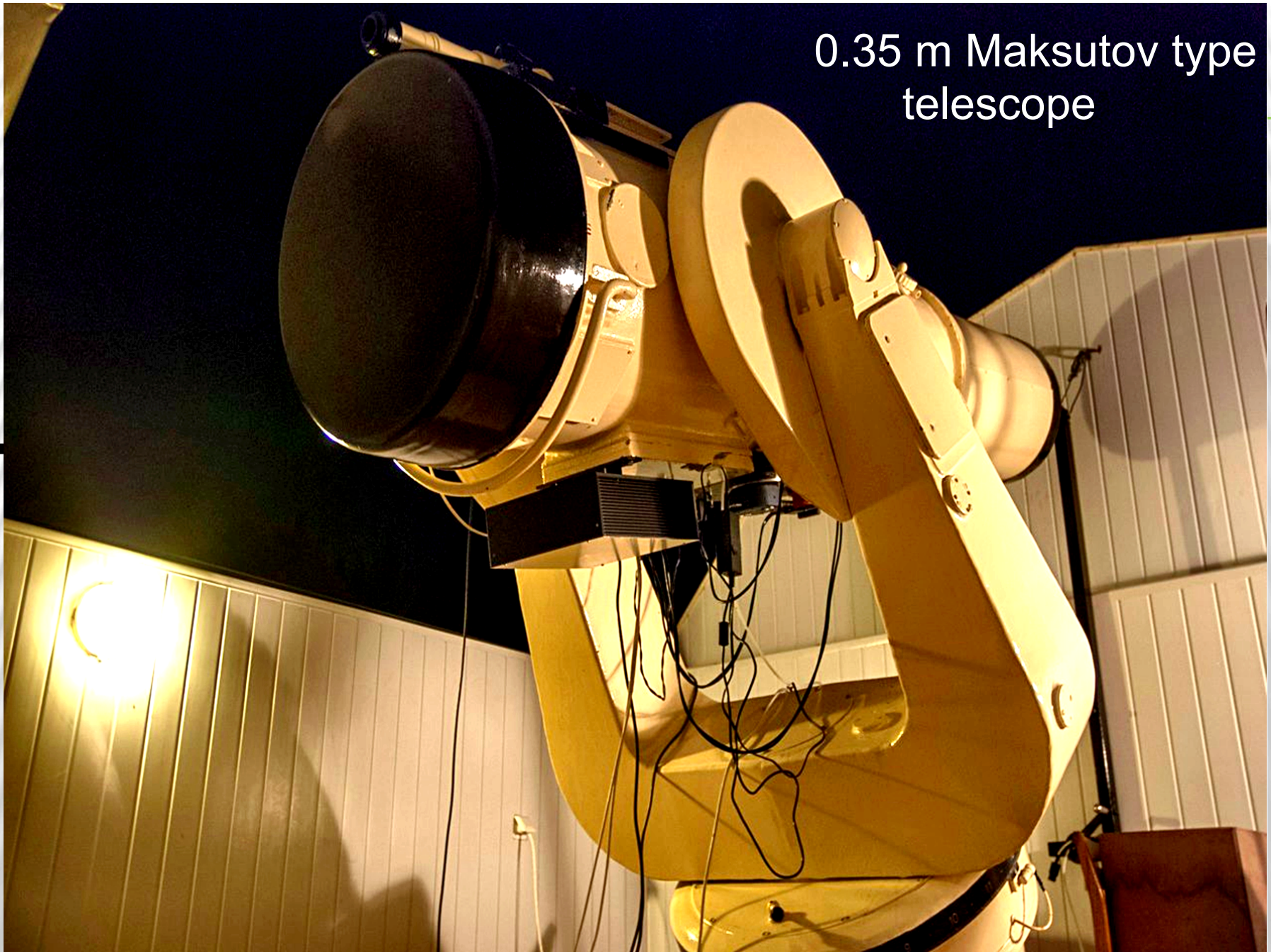


Telescopes at Molėtai AO

0.35/0.51 m Maksutov type telescope
Diameter of FOV may reach 2°



0.35 m Maksutov type
telescope



INSTRUMENTS

1.65 m Ritchey-
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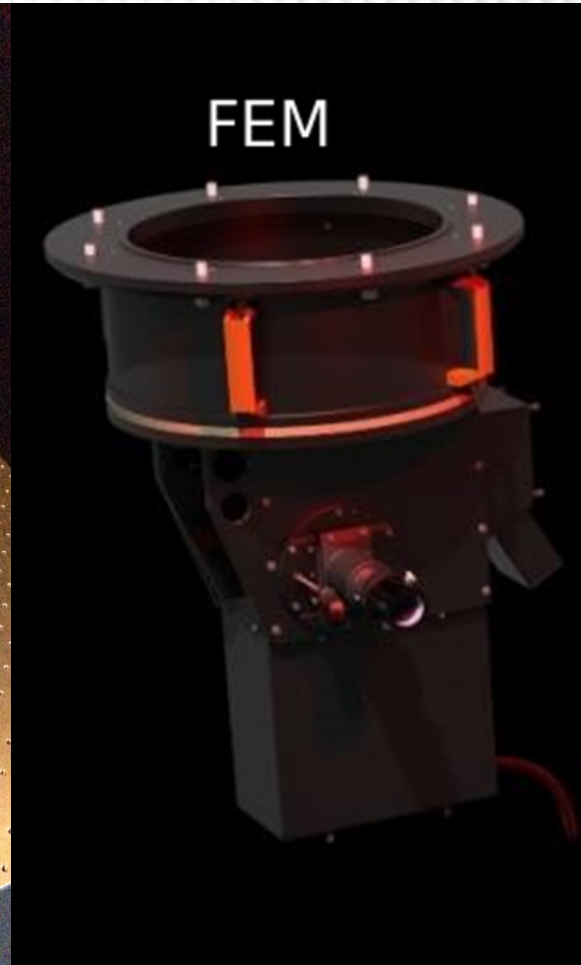
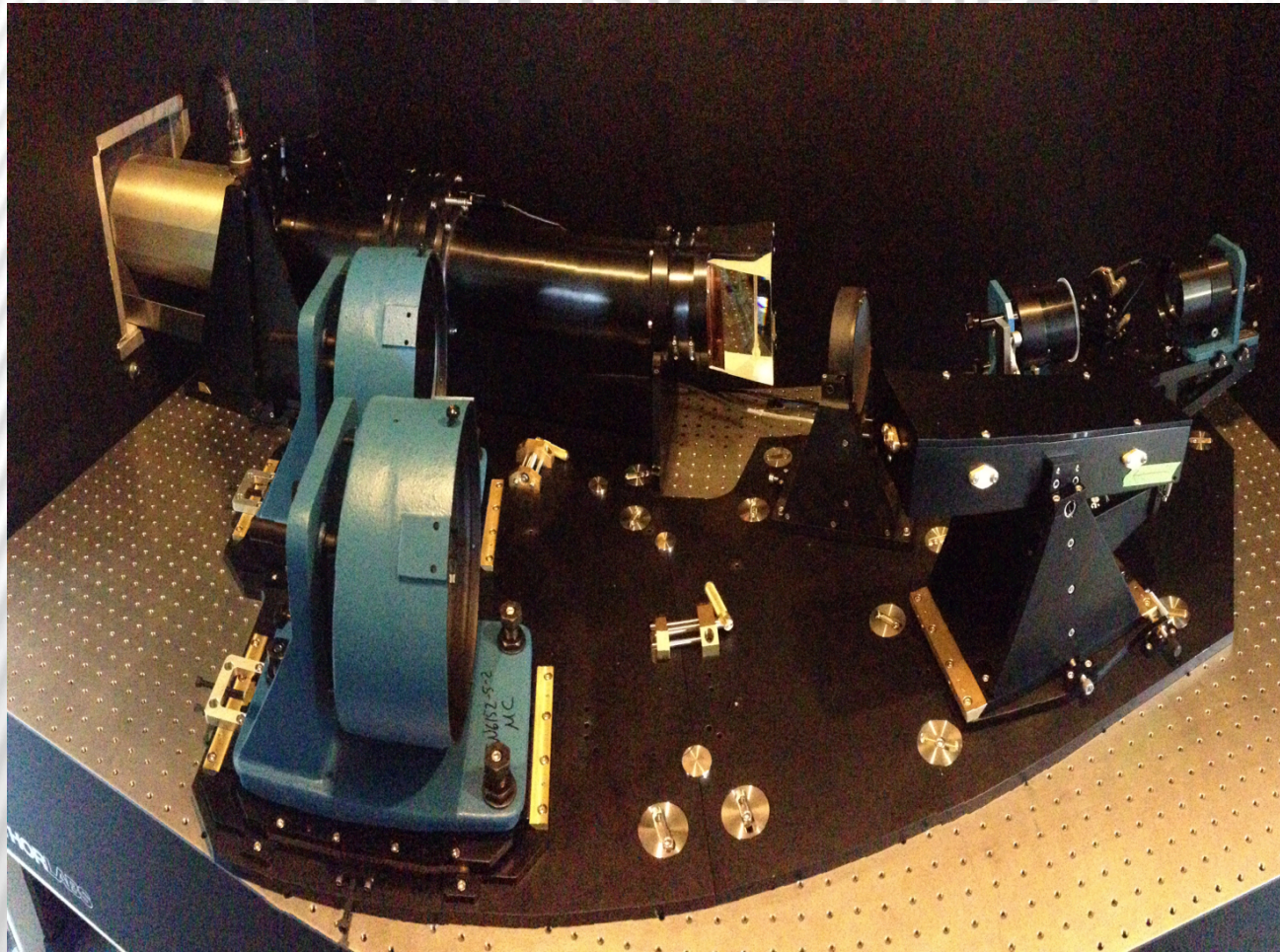
High resolution spectrograph
+ CCD camera (photometry)

0.63 m Cassegrain

0.35/0.50 m wide
field Maksutov

CCD camera (photometry)

VILNIUS UNIVERSITY ECHELLE SPECTROGRAPH (VUES)



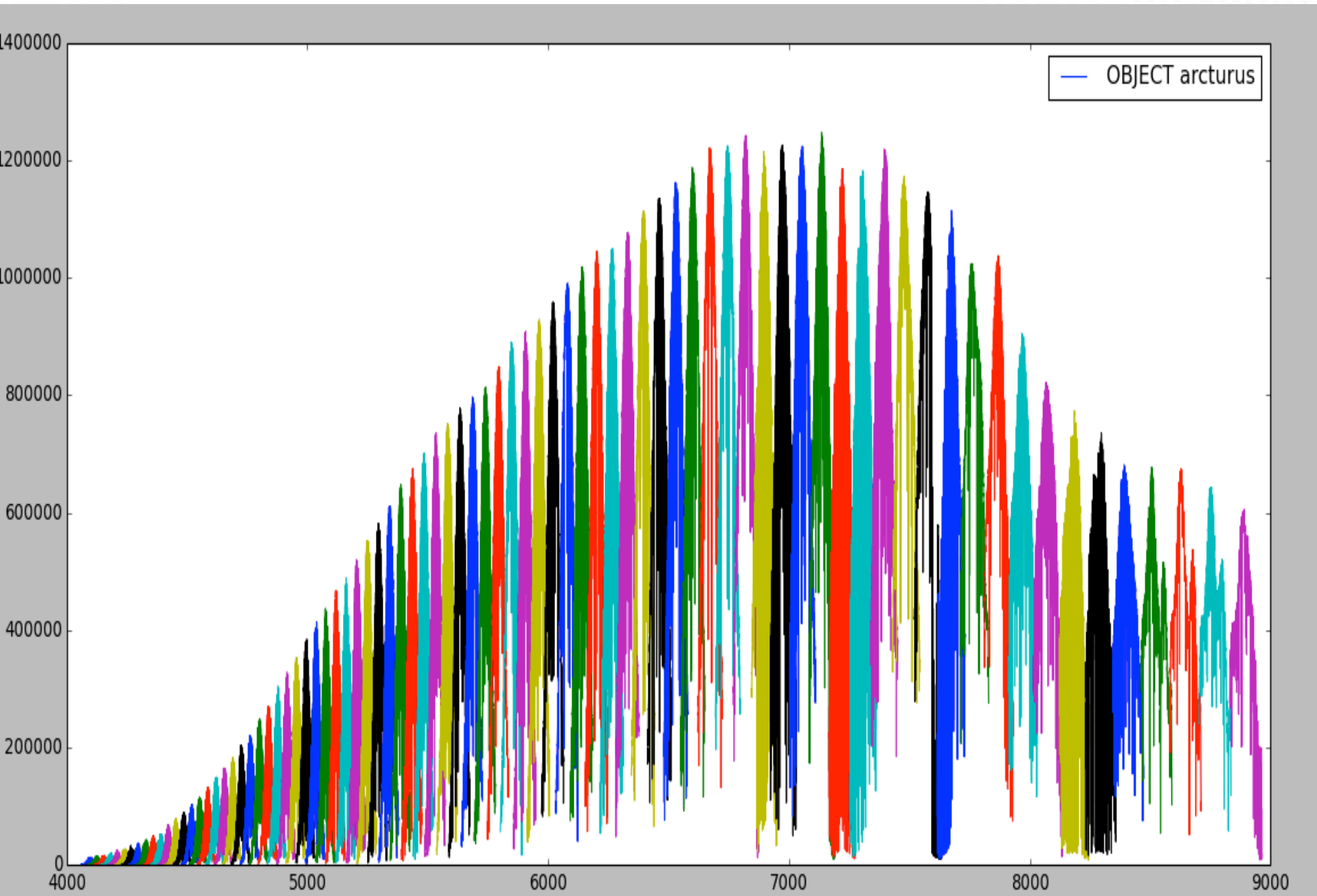
Designed, built, and delivered by the Yale Exoplanet Laboratory

Vilnius University Echelle Spectrograph (VUES)

Key parameters of the spectrograph:

Wavelength Range	$\lambda = 400\text{--}880\text{ nm}$
Spectral Resolution Modes, $\lambda / \delta\lambda$	30000; 45000; 60000
Echelle spectrum	70 – 153 rows
Ešele difrakcinė gardelė	31.6 grooves/mm
Instrumental Throughput	25%, $\lambda = 543\text{ nm}$
Broad-spectrum optical fiber (FBPI)	fiber, $\phi = 100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, $l = 16\text{ m}$
On-sky Fiber Aperture	2.5 arcseconds
Spectrograph Detector	4k x 4k x 15 μm pixel pitch
Temperature	-94°C

The faintest objects can be observed with VUES: 9-10 mag



VUES COMPARISON WITH OTHER SPECTROGRAPHS

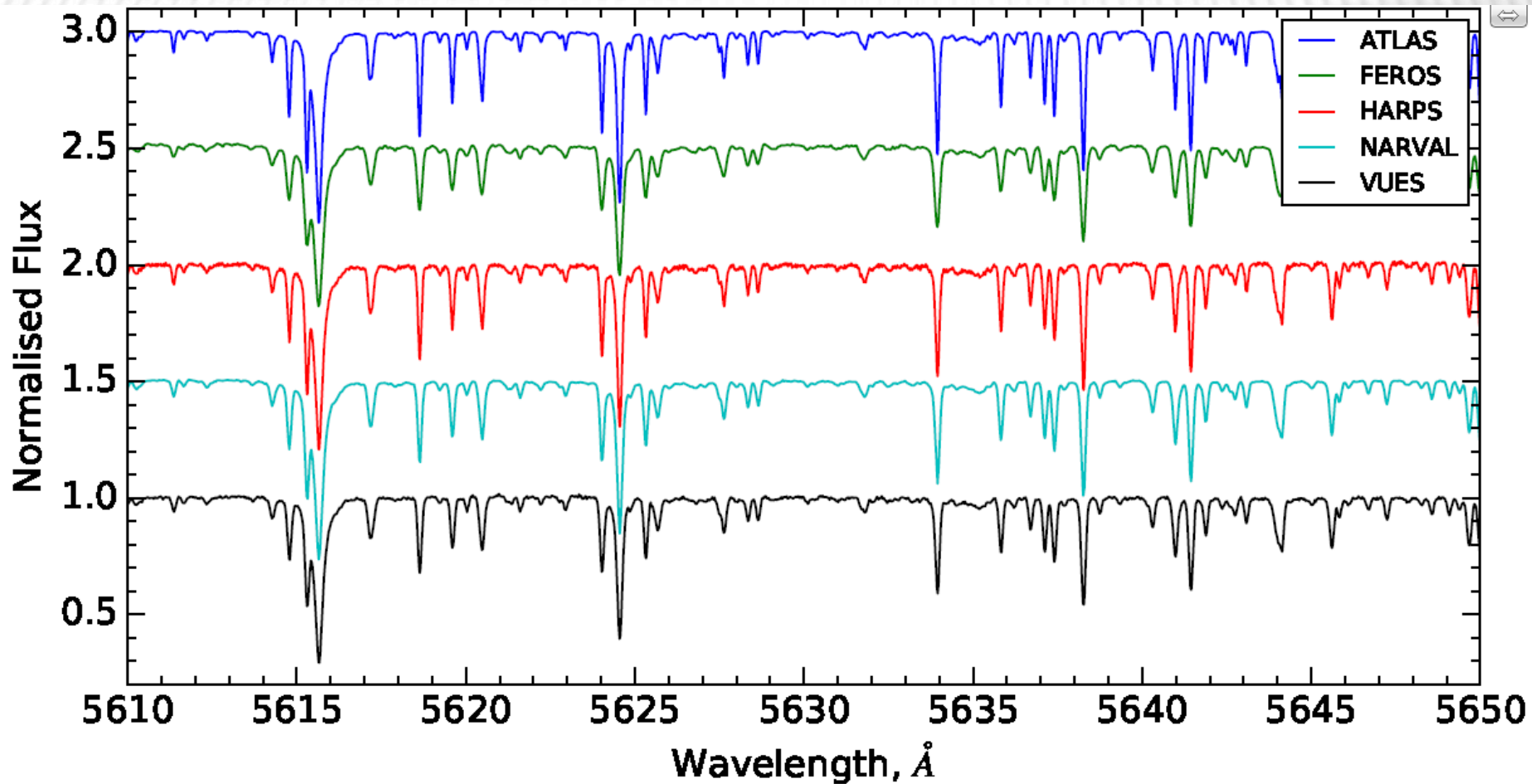
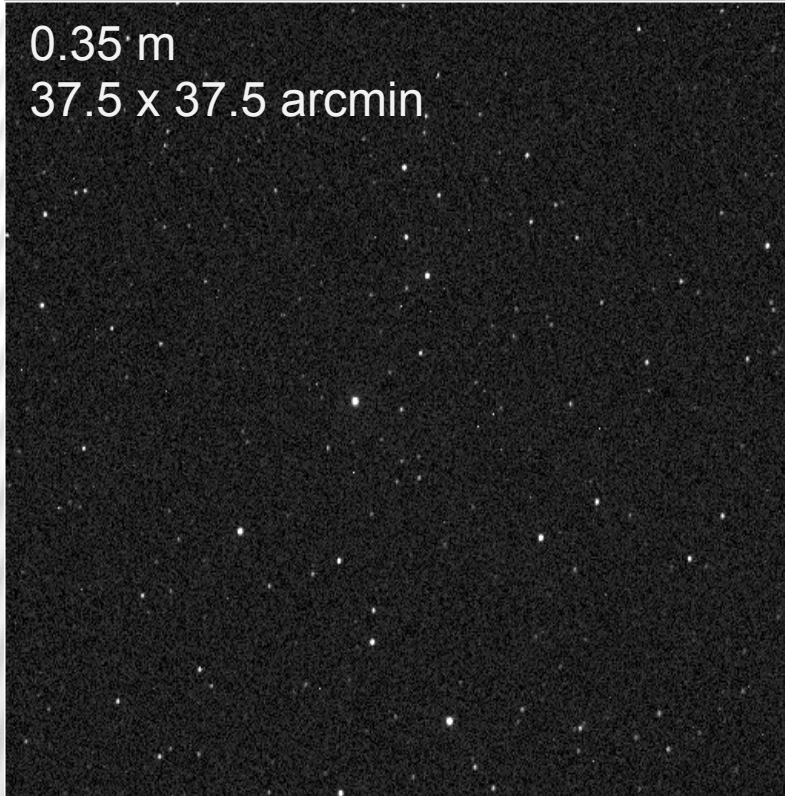
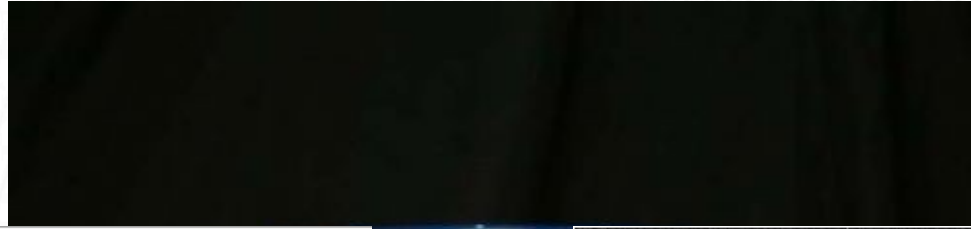
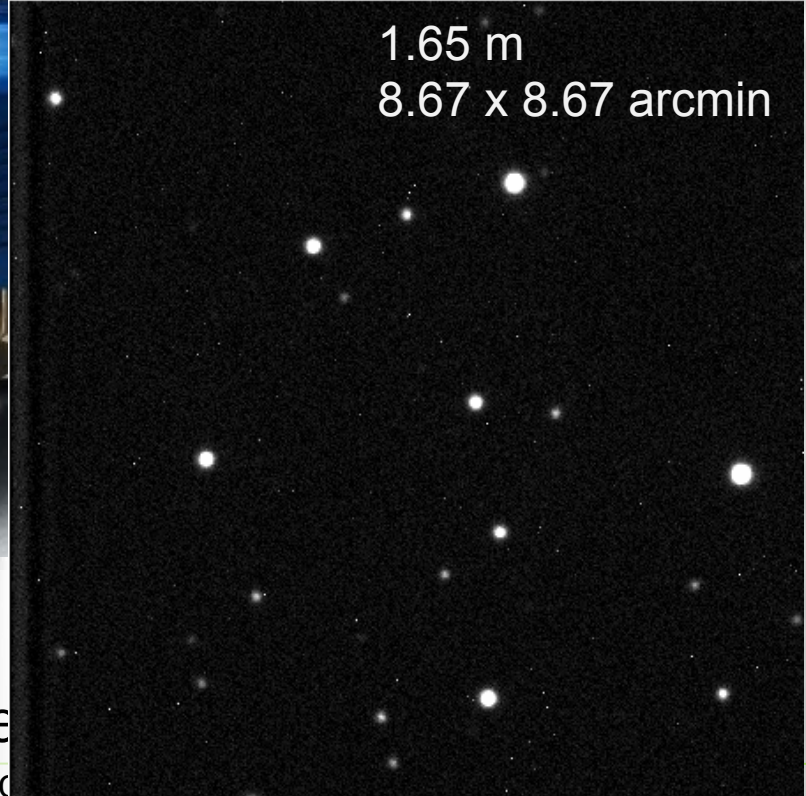


Fig. 3. Examples of the Solar spectra observed with the ATLAS, FEROS, HARPS, NARVAL and VUES spectrographs.

Photometric observations



0.35 m
37.5 x 37.5 arcmin

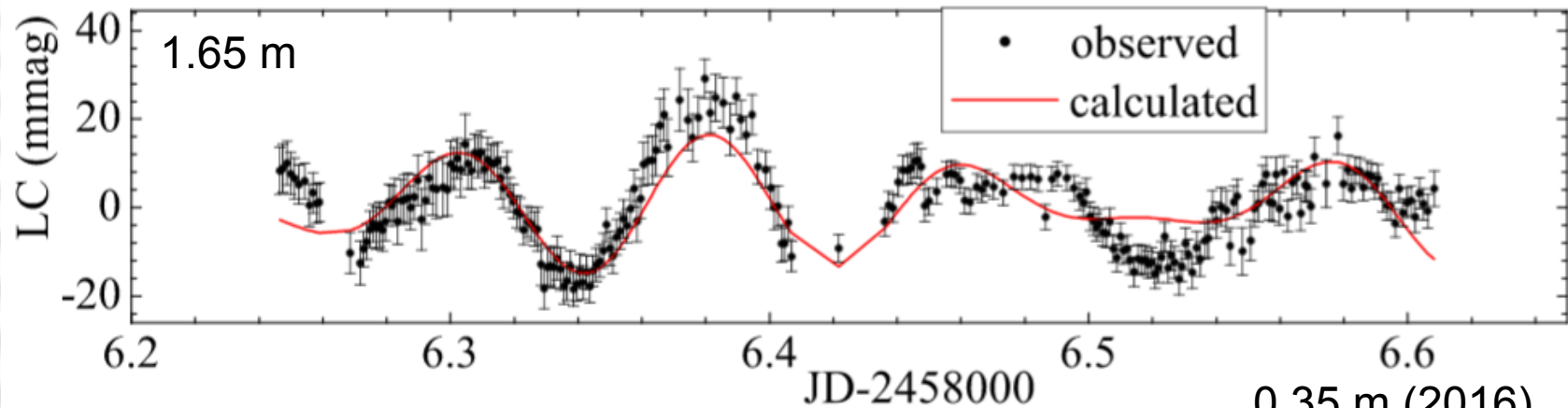


1.65 m
8.67 x 8.67 arcmin

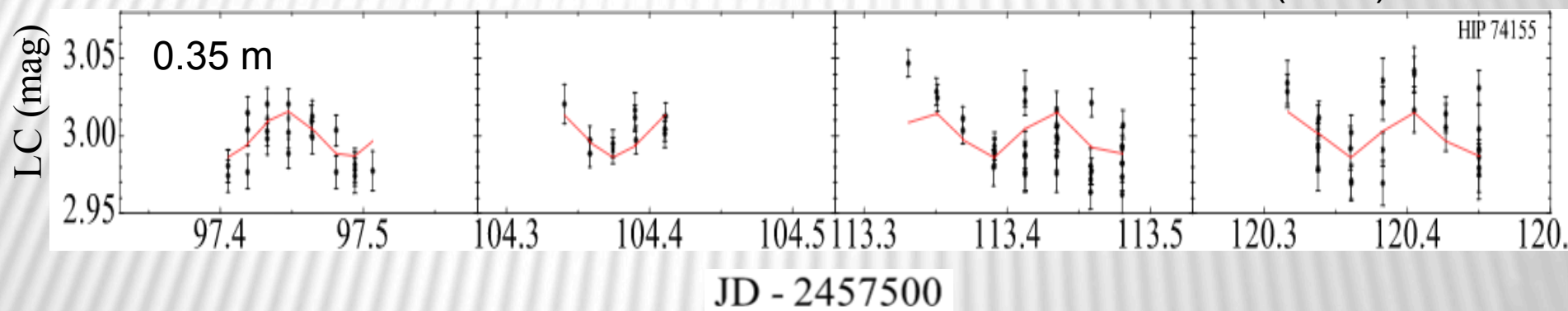
CD camera
thermoelectric cooling (-30°C)
Array Size (pixels) 1024 x 1024
Pixel Size 13 x 13 microns

EXAMPLES OF LIGHT CURVES

1.65 m (2017)



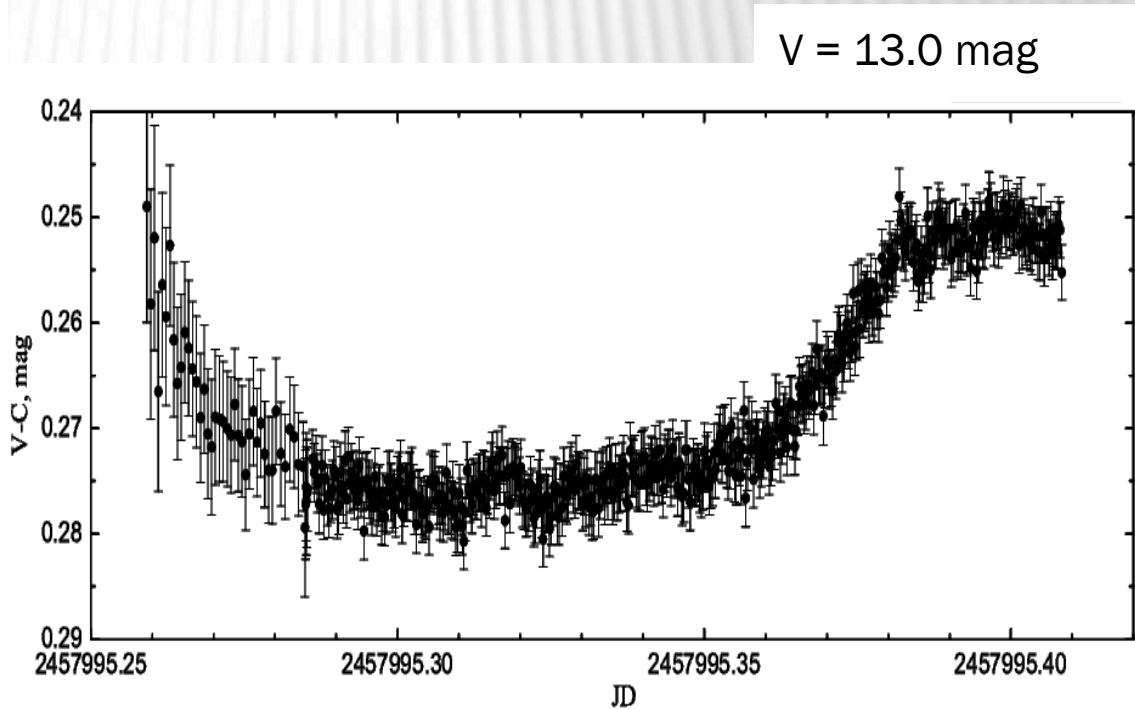
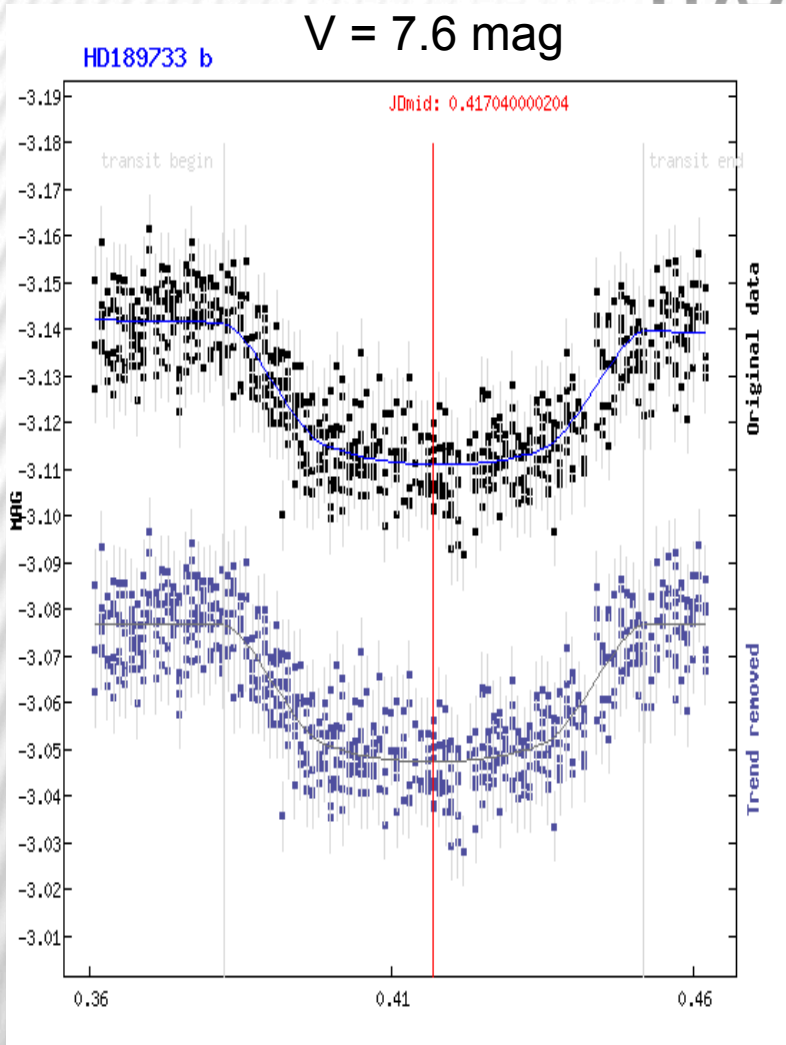
0.35 m (2016)



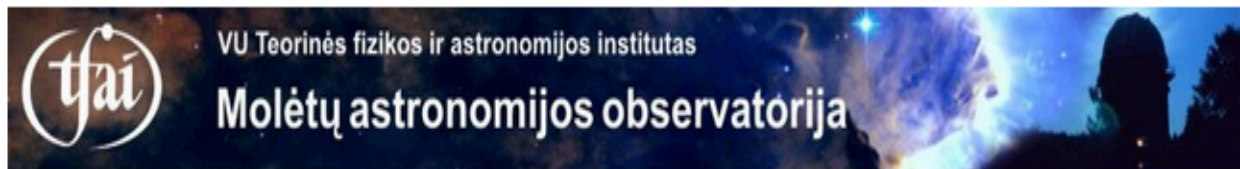
$V = 7.12$ mag

Differential photometry done with Muniwin program of the software package C-Munipack 1 (Hroch 2014), which is based on a software package DAOPHOT (Stetson 1987).

EXOPLANETARY TRANSITES



Limiting magnitudes?



Deadlines

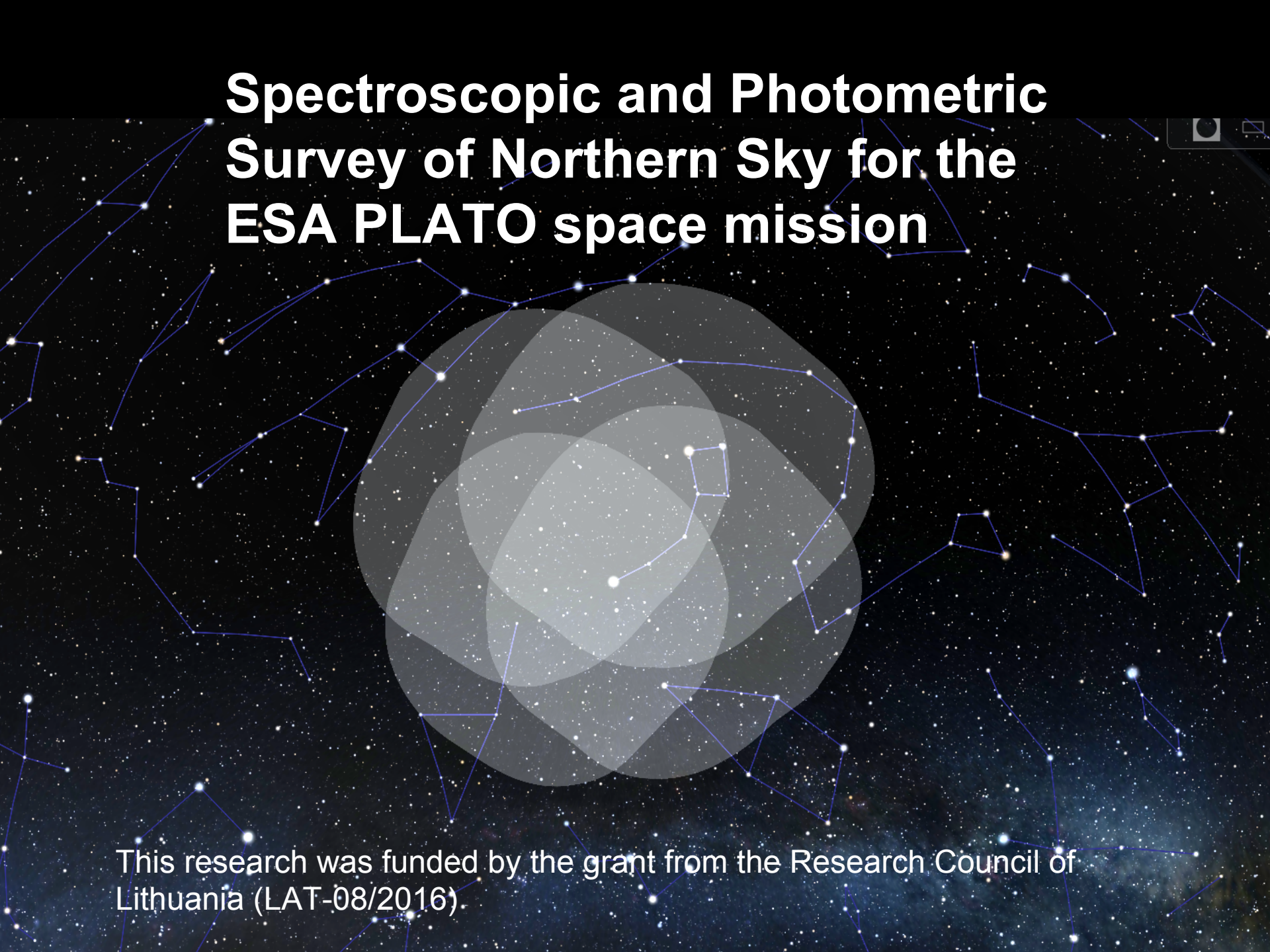
For the normal proposal cycle*	Submission Deadline
December to February	31 of October
March to May	31 of January
June to August	30 of April
September to November	31 of June

*Proposals are reviewed in 15 days after the submission deadline

- Instruments
- Apply for observing time
 - Allocated observations
 - Application form
- Observing conditions

- Dr. Julius Sperauskas
- Habil. dr. Gražina Tautvaišienė
- Prof. dr.(HP) Vladas Vansevicius

Spectroscopic and Photometric Survey of Northern Sky for the ESA PLATO space mission



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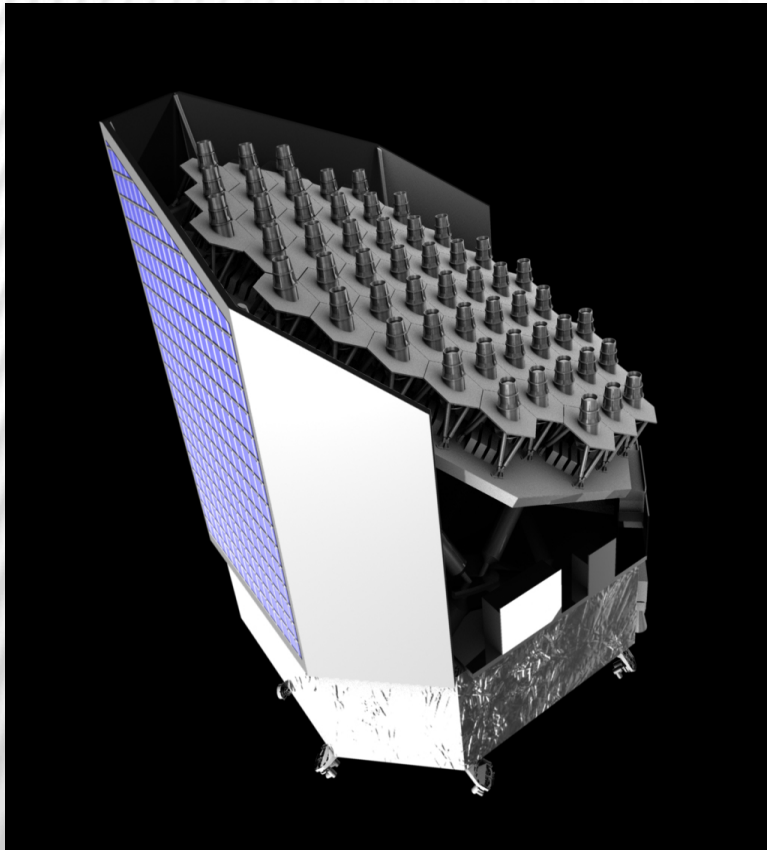
MOTIVATION

- Need of stellar variability and spectroscopic information that is necessary for a development of the PLATO input catalog
 - Current photometric catalogs and spectroscopic surveys are not enough
 - Spectroscopy was never done before for 73% of FGK bright stars ($V < 8$ mag) in STEP2 .
- More stars have photometric magnitudes V&B.

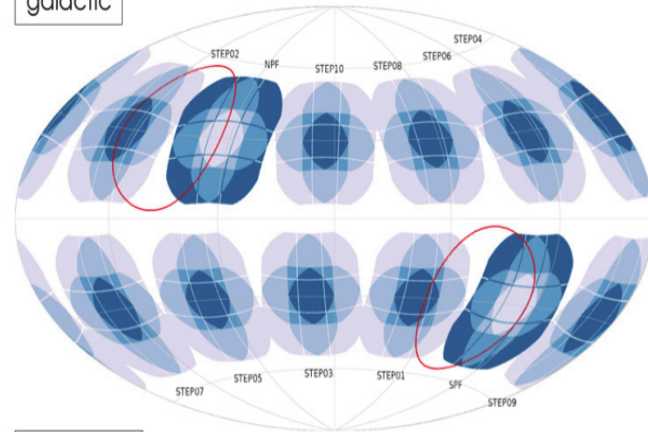
MOTIVATION

- The largest telescope in the northern Europe (1.65 m) with a high resolution spectrograph @ latitude N 55.3°
(most spectroscopic surveys were done from southern hemisphere)
- Polaris region accessible
- Important for PLATO and TESS missions

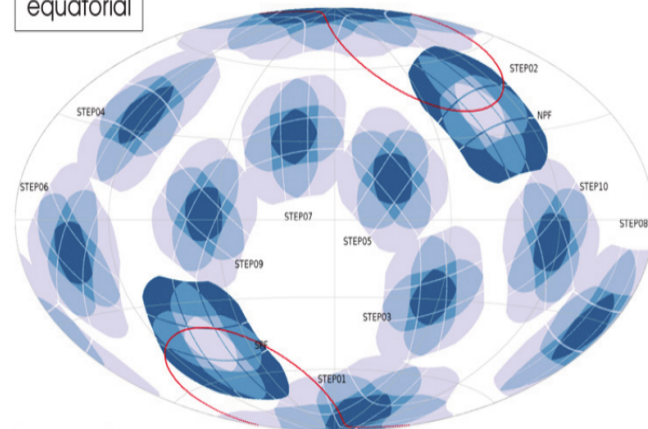
PLATO NORTHER SKY



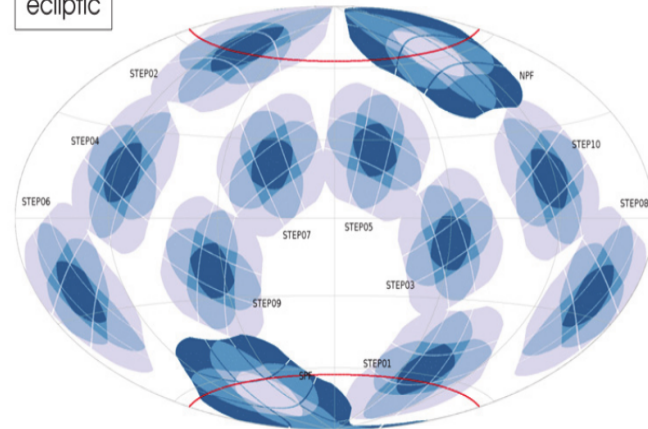
galactic



equatorial

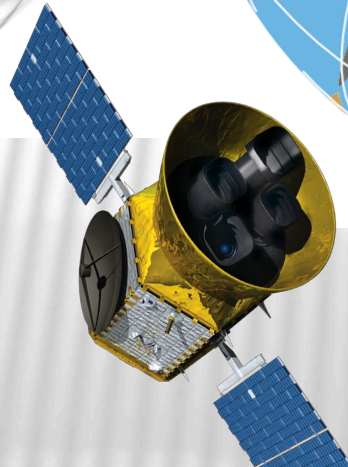
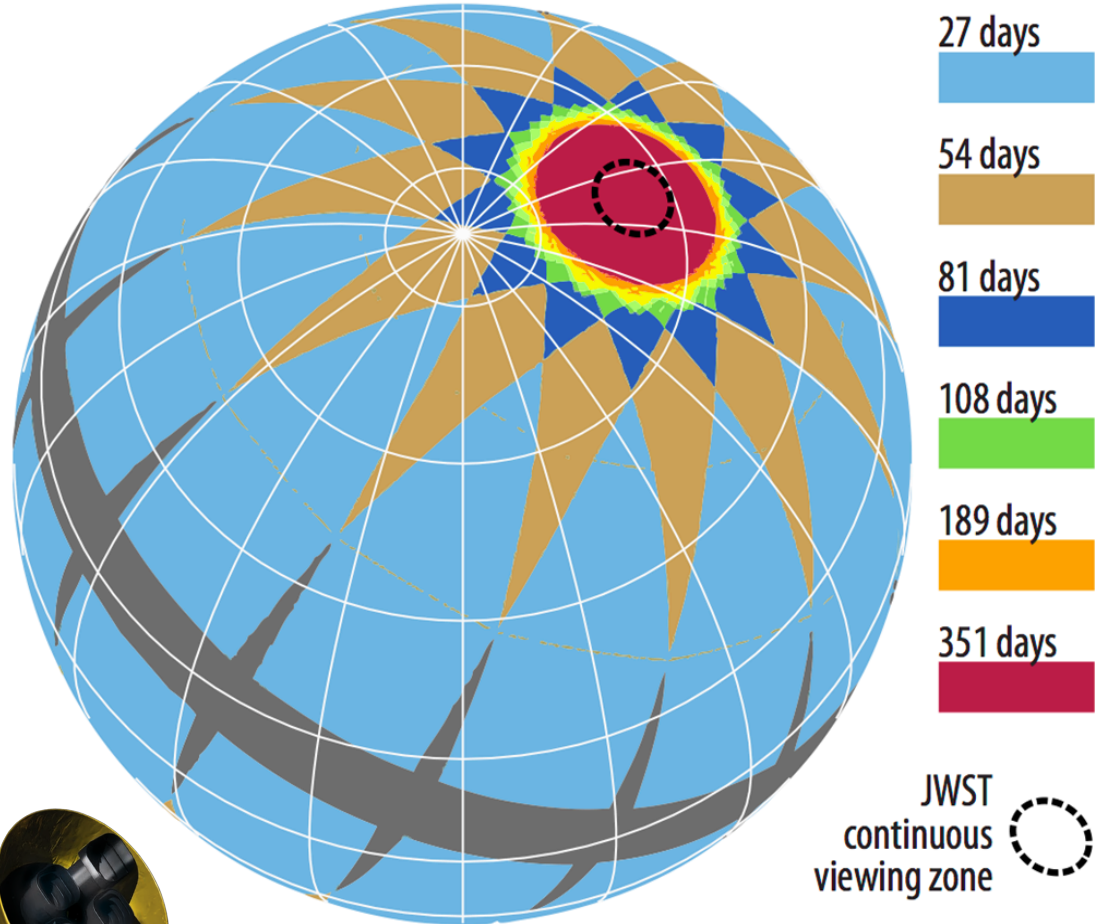
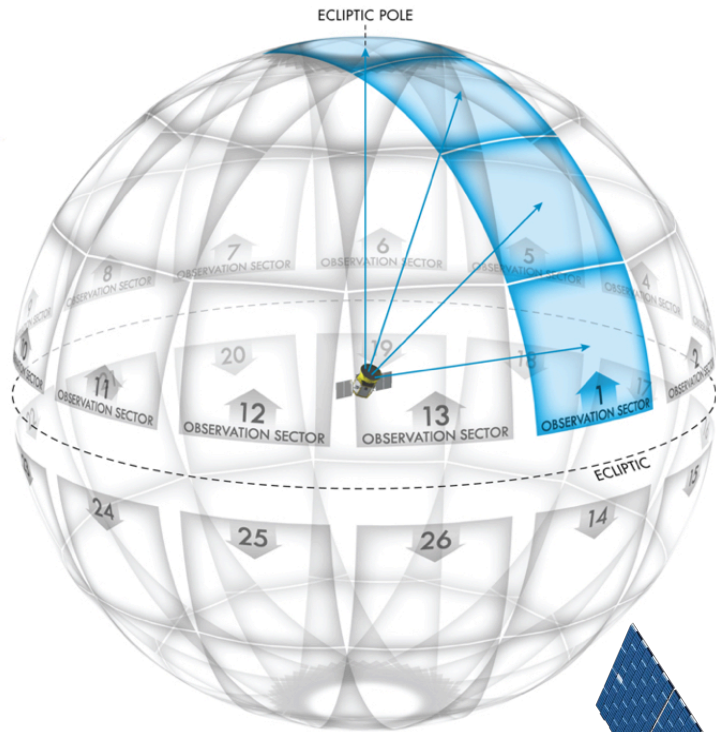


ecliptic



TESS NORTHERN SKY

TESS 2-year sky coverage map



Spectroscopic Survey in PLATO fields

Selected bright dwarfs and
sub-giants ($V < 8\text{mag}$) of
F5 and cooler spectral
types (~ 200 in a field)

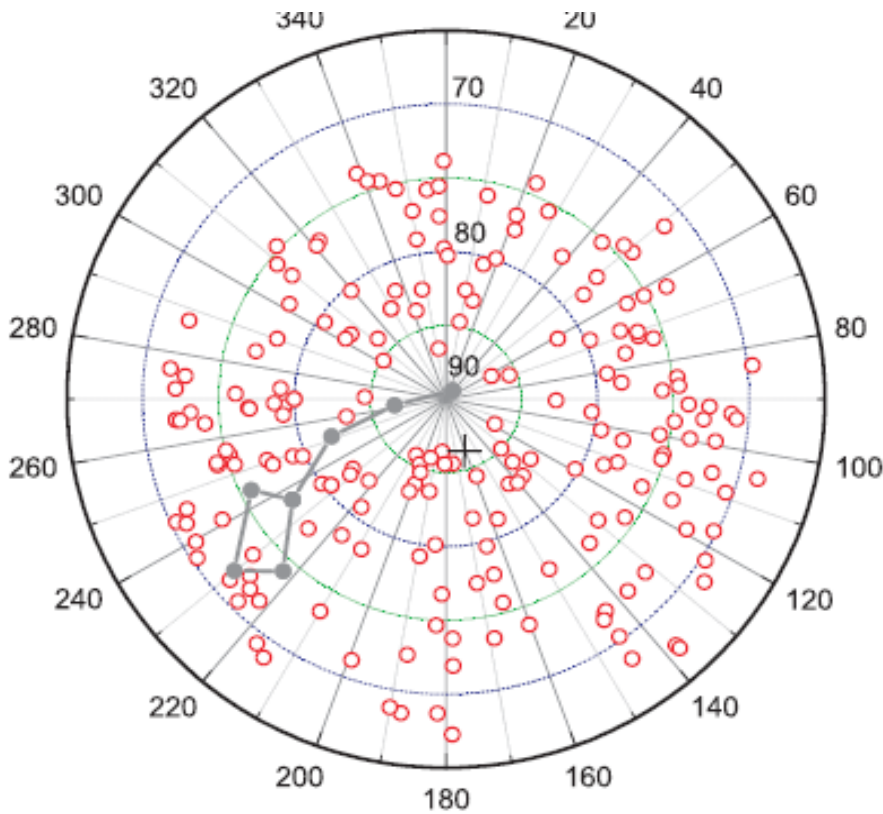


Fig. 2. Positions of the programme stars (red open circles) in the PLATO STEP02 field. The centre of the field is shown as the black cross.

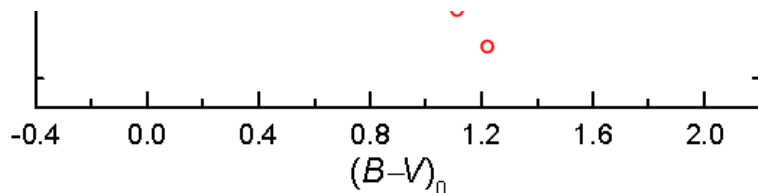


Fig. 1. Colour-magnitude diagram of stars in the PLATO STEP02 field. The FGK dwarfs observed in this programme are presented as the red open circles.

Observed 213 stars with magnitude up to $V=8$ mag in the northern sky.

Derived spectroscopic atmospheric parameters (effective temperature, surface gravity, metallicity) for 140 slow rotating stars.

Other stars were either fast rotators or double line binaries

(will be analyzed using different techniques)

Found: 7 new spectroscopic binary candidates

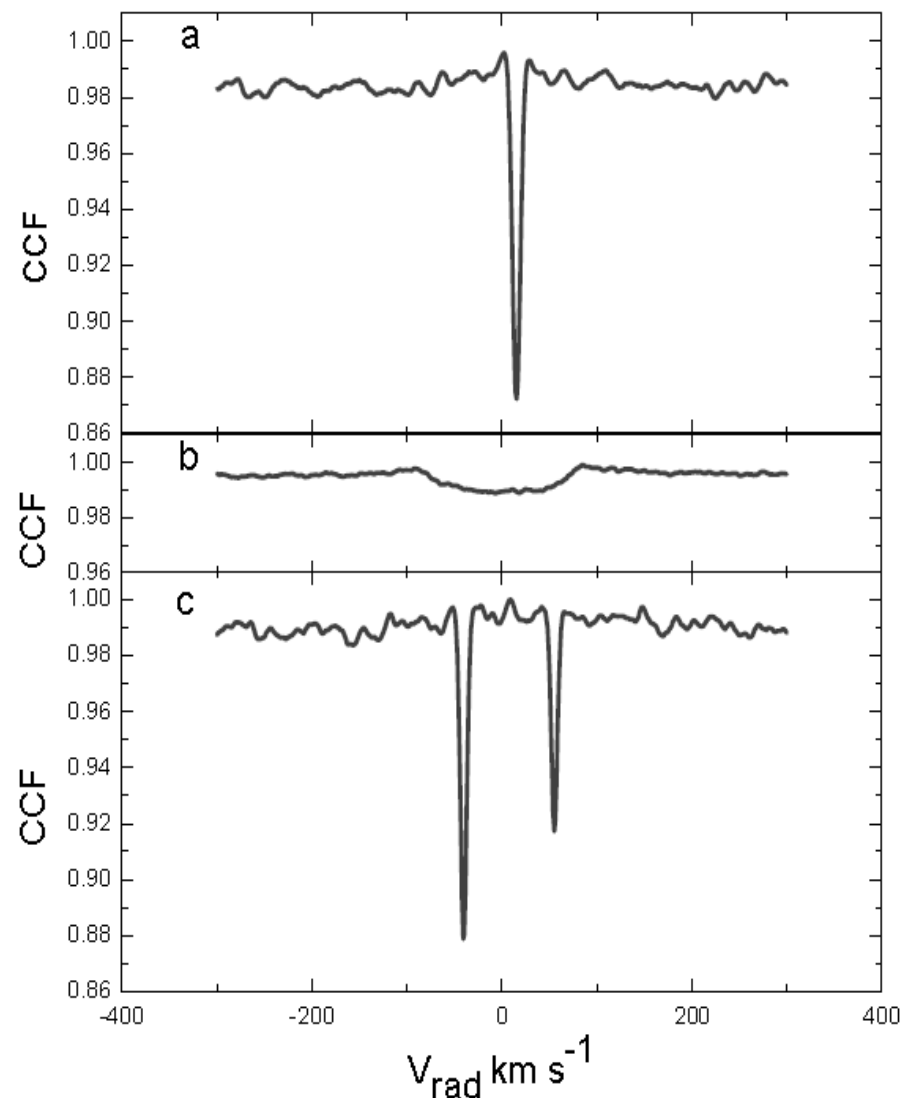


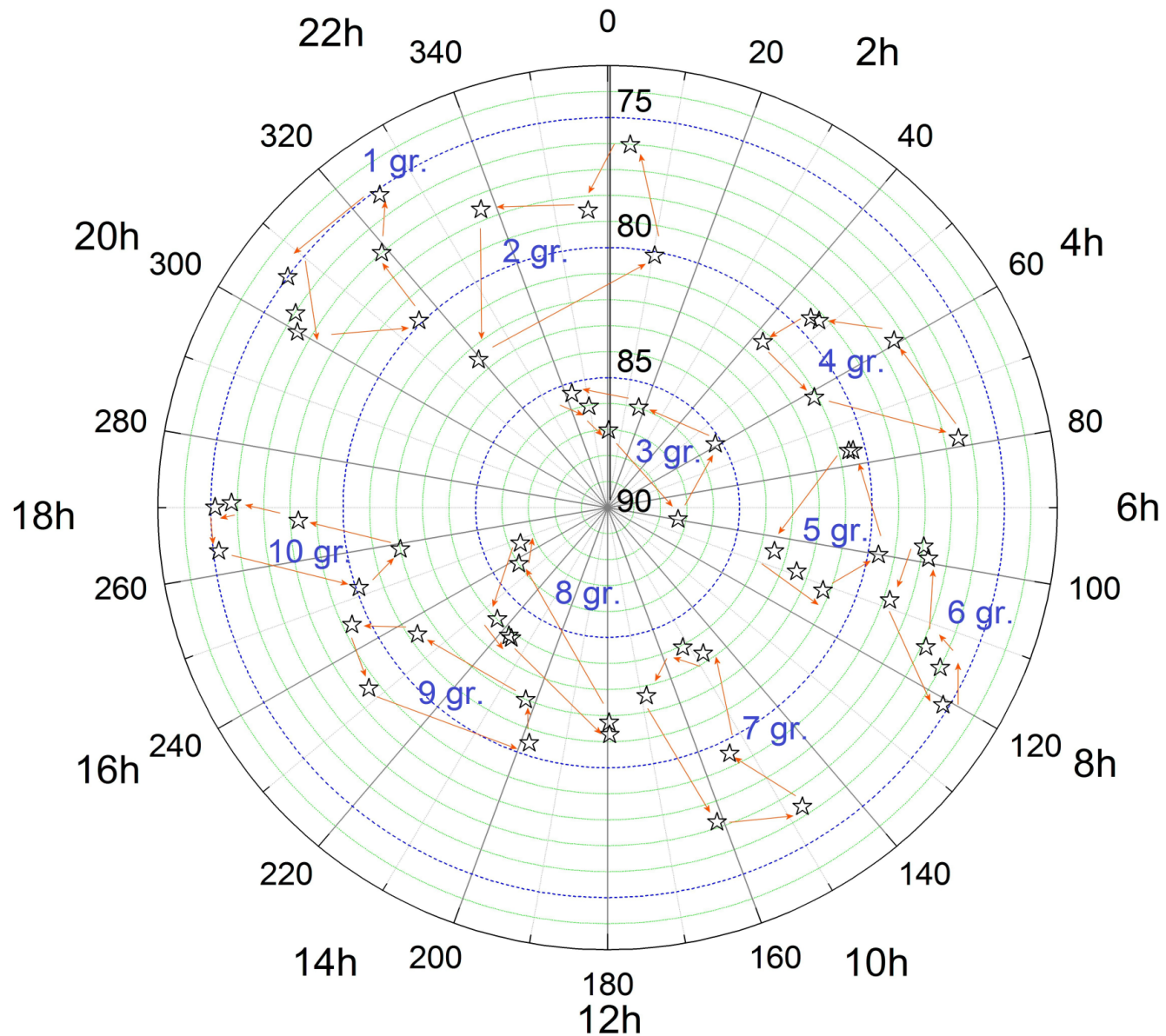
Fig. 4. CCFs produced for calculating the radial velocities and detection of double-line binary stars: a) the typical slow-rotating star, b) the fast-rotating star, c) CCF of the double-line spectroscopic binary TYC 4602-552-1 (HIP 117712), showing two profiles.

Table 3. The atmospheric parameters of the sample stars.

TYC identification	T_{eff} K	$\sigma_{T_{\text{eff}}}$ K	$\log g$	$\sigma_{\log g}$	[Fe/H]	$\sigma_{[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]}$	v_t km s ⁻¹	σ_{v_t} km s ⁻¹	V_{rad} km s ⁻¹	$\sigma_{V_{\text{rad}}}$ km s ⁻¹	$FWHM_{V_{\text{rad}}}$ km s ⁻¹
1-1496-1	6353	54	4.24	0.35	0.01	0.08	1.39	0.24	-2.97	0.05	10.23
1-589-1	6711	93	4.18	0.36	-0.10	0.12	1.76	0.34	13.00	0.01	15.47
0-145-1	6042	31	3.77	0.22	0.10	0.08	1.33	0.24	-63.52	0.01	10.31
0-586-1	5650	28	4.41	0.25	-0.13	0.09	0.85	0.24	26.68	0.01	8.11
3-326-1	6423	147	4.05	0.46	0.02	0.01	1.28	0.32	-13.11	0.01	15.00
0-2068-1	6111	33	3.83	0.25	0.07	0.09	1.29	0.23	-28.79	0.01	9.07

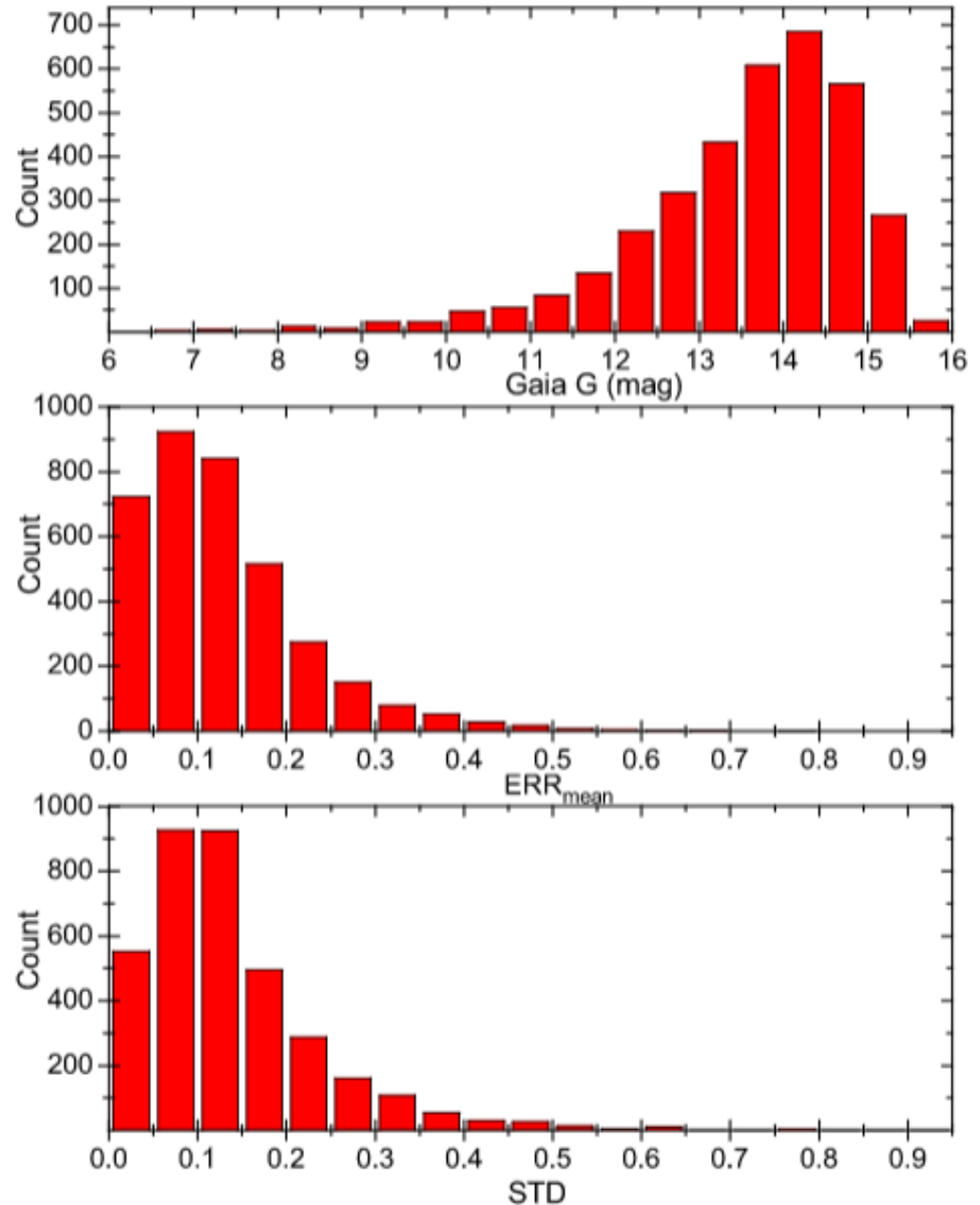
Typical precision $\sigma_{T_{\text{eff}}}=55\text{K}$, $\sigma_{\log g}=0.3$, $\sigma_{[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]}=0.1\text{dex}$
Values of atmospheric parameters are in good agreement with
photometric and other spectroscopic determinations.
The table with all 140 analyzed stars will be available online
Results of chemical composition analysis is going to be ready
soon.

PHOTOMETRY WITH 0.35 M TELESCOPE

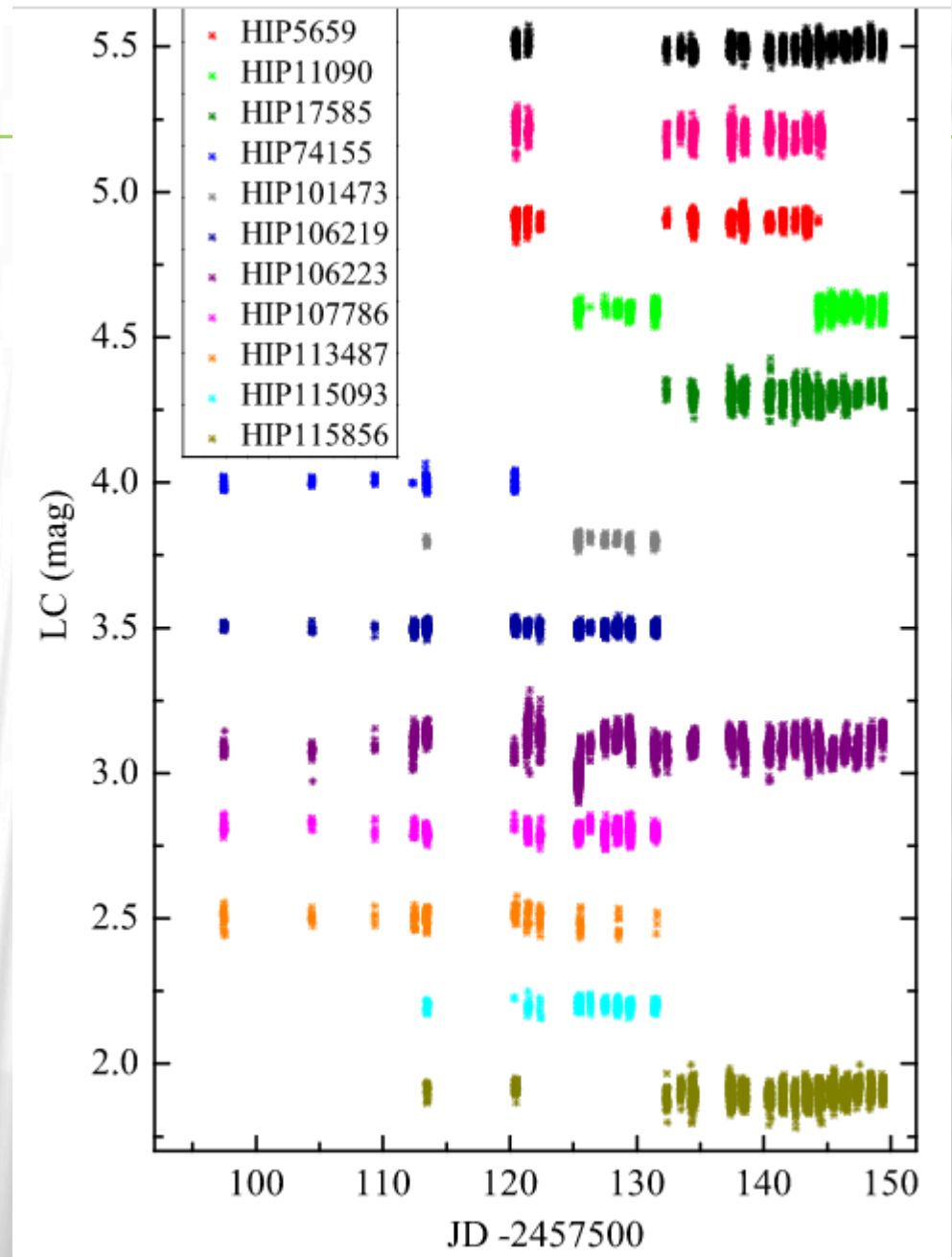


OBSERVATIONS WITH 0.35 M MAKSUTOV TELESCOPE

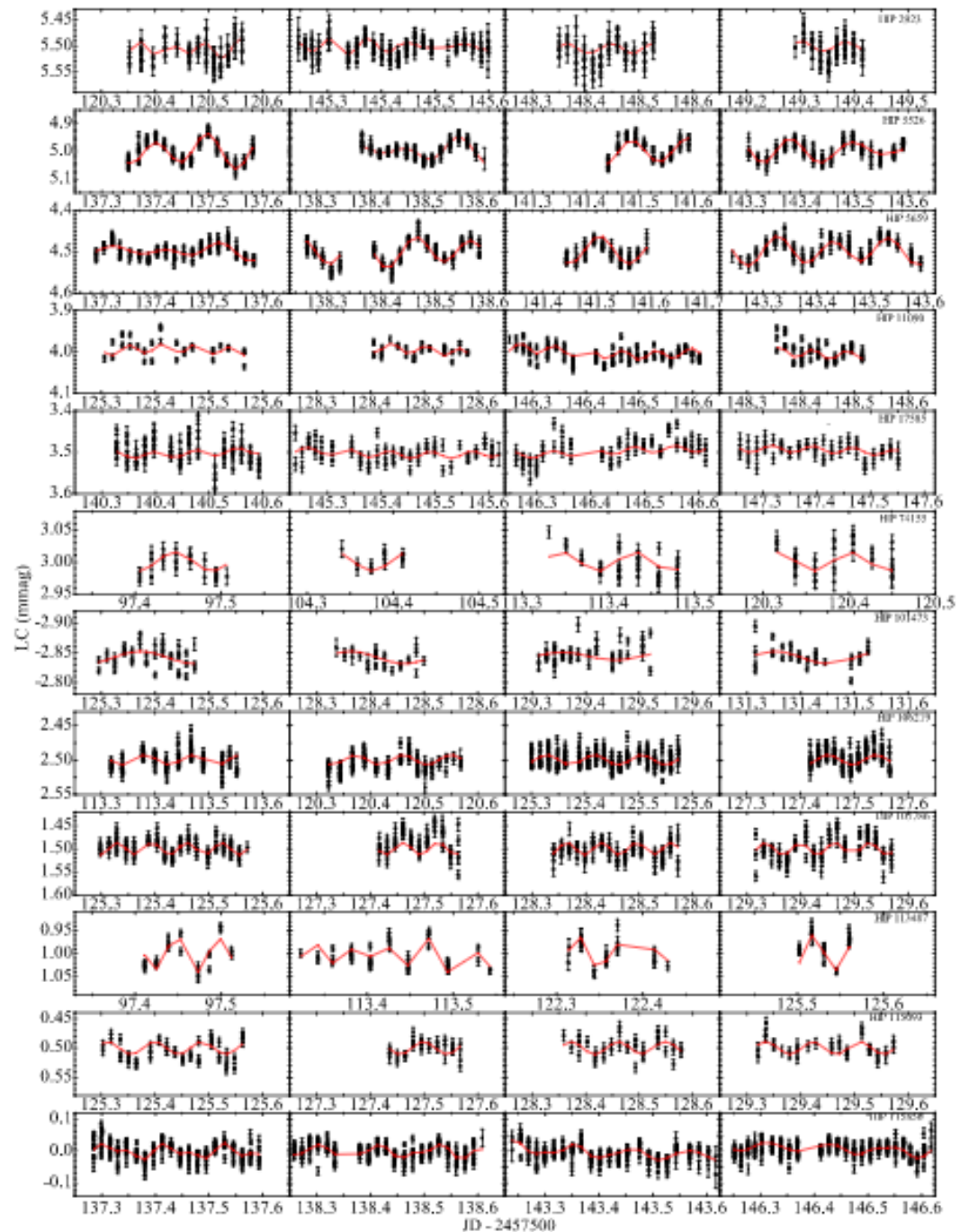
- ✖ Analyzed 3617 stars in 13 different fields with candidates to δ Scuti stars.



LIGHT CURVES OF CANDIDATES TO δ SCUTI STARS

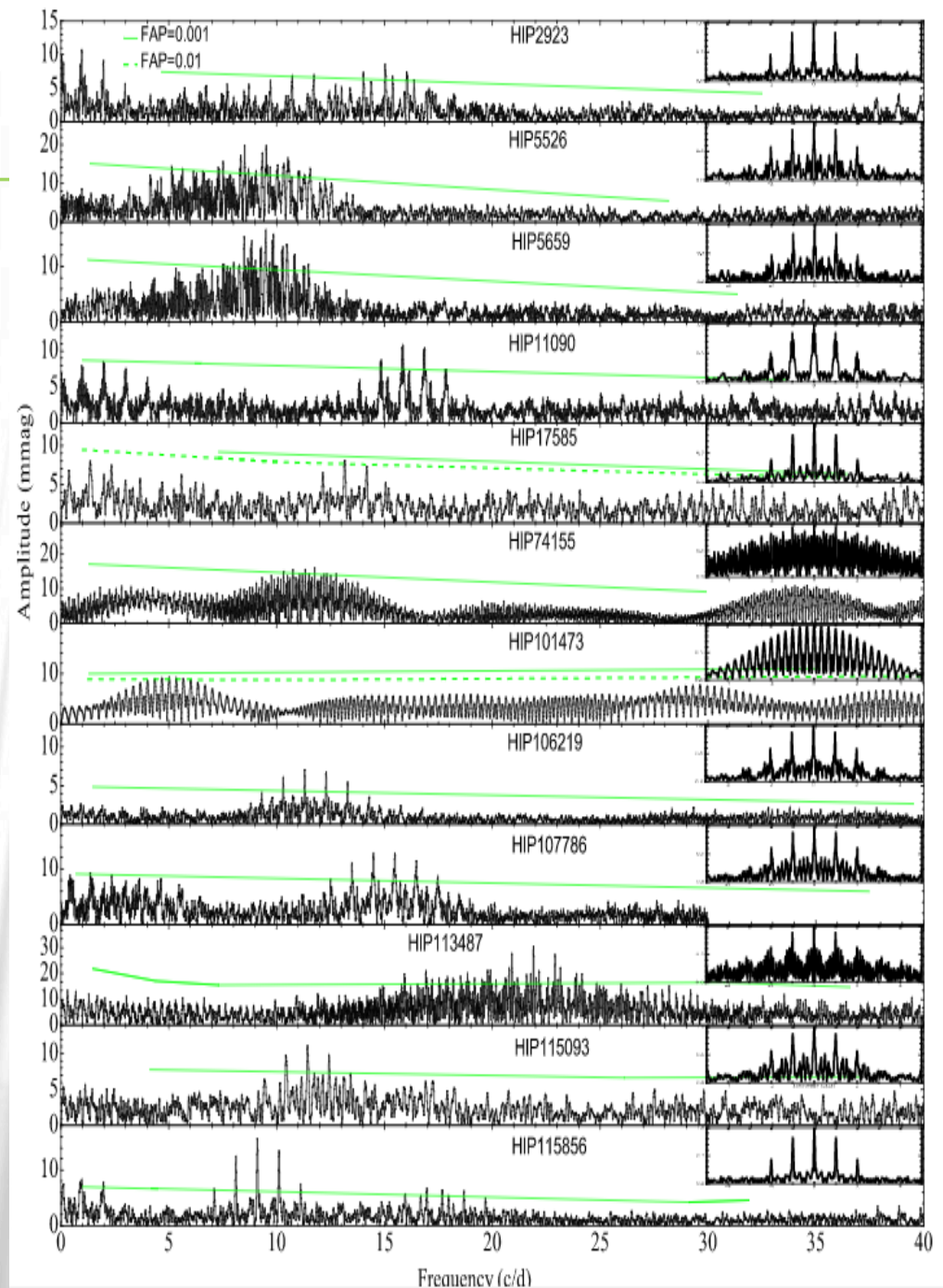


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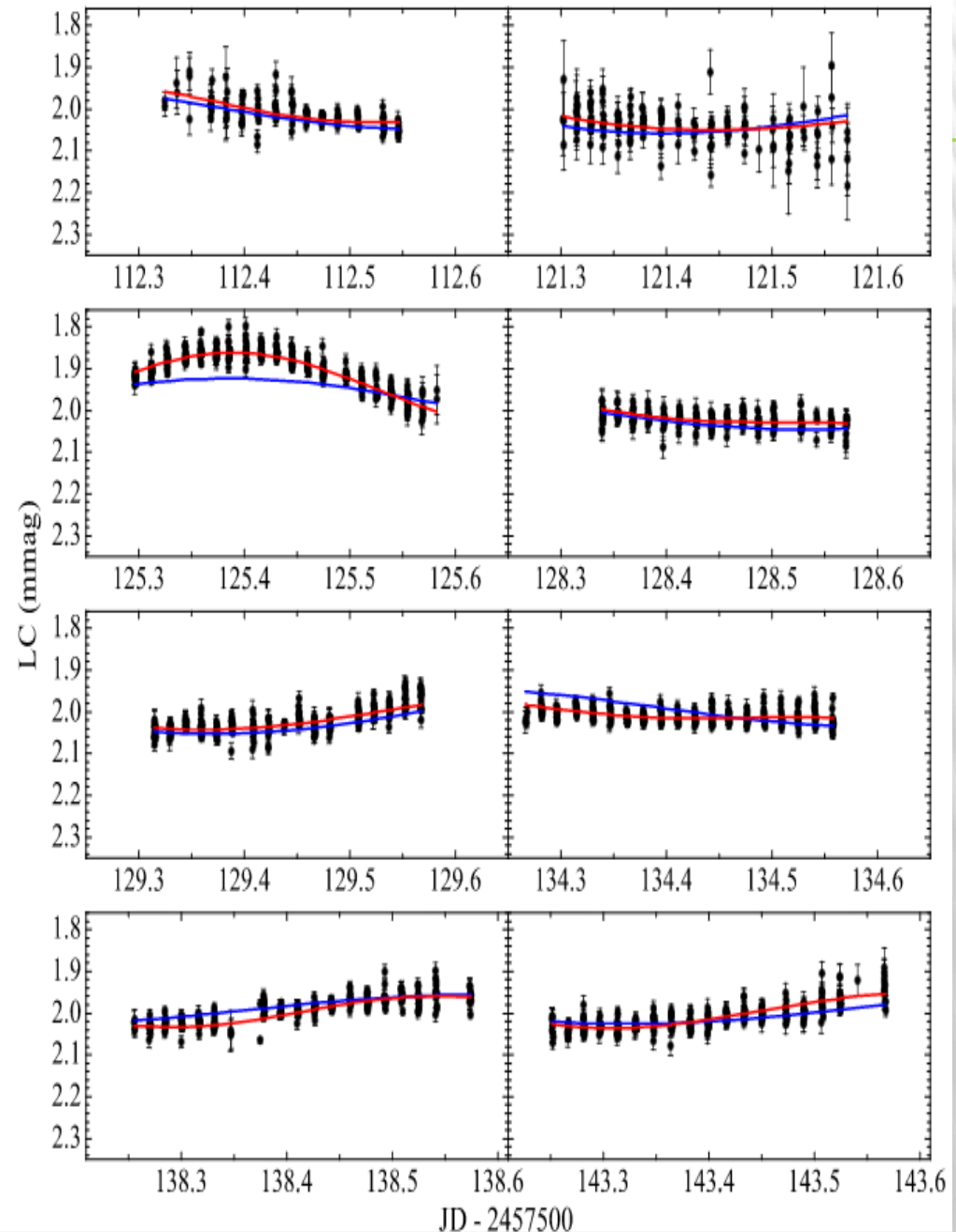
FT SPECTRA OF CANDIDATES TO δ SCUTI STARS

- ✖ We confirmed, that 12 candidates have brightness variation frequencies which are typical for δ Scuti stars.



NOT A δ SCUTI?

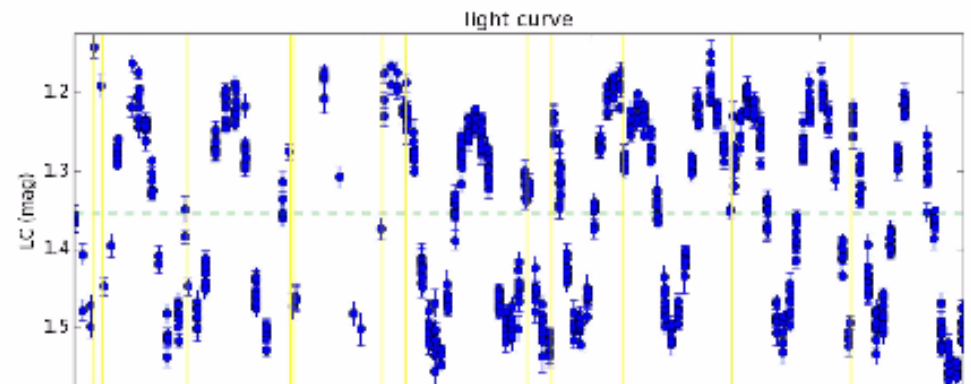
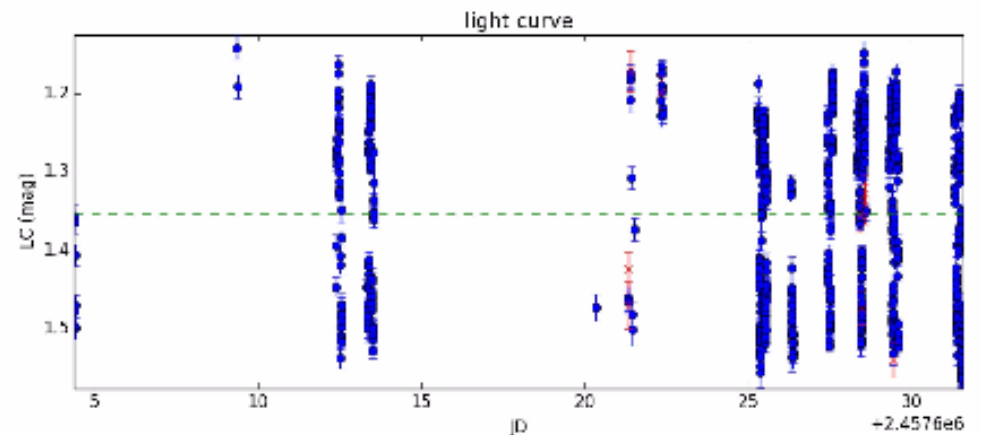
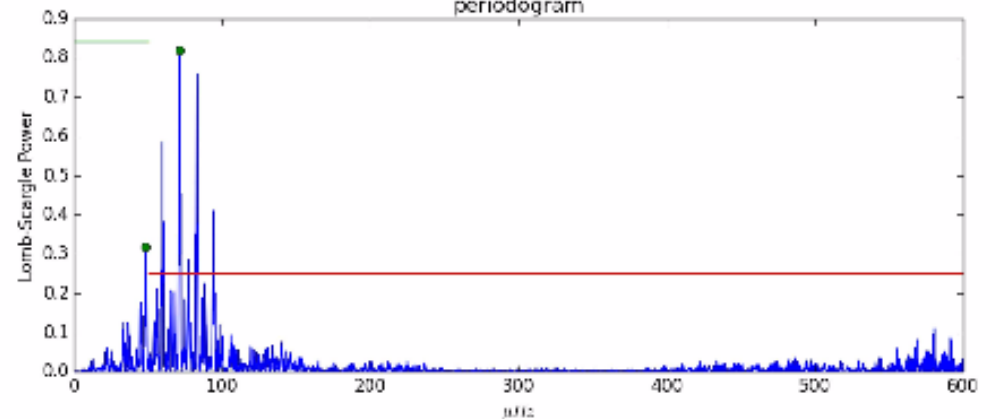
- ✖ One of the candidates had much longer periods of variations.
- ✖ The dominant frequency is 1.142 c/d with the amplitude of 43.38 mmag.
- ✖ Possibly it is a massive star ($M > 2M_{\text{sun}}$) evolving from the main sequence towards the giant region across the instability strip.



OTHER VARIABLE STARS IN THE FIELDS

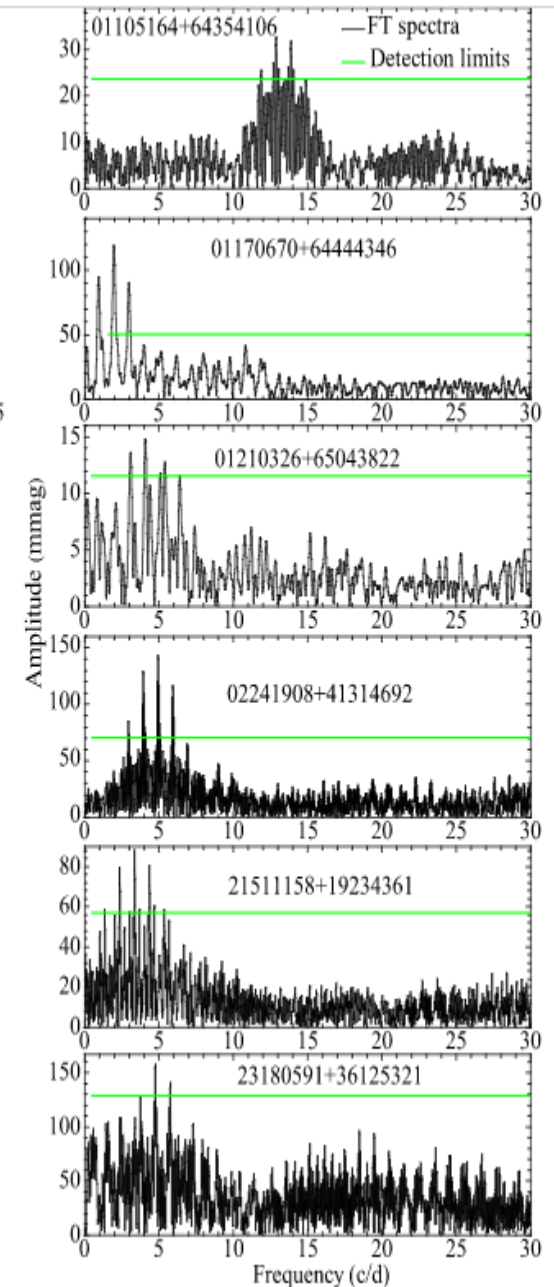
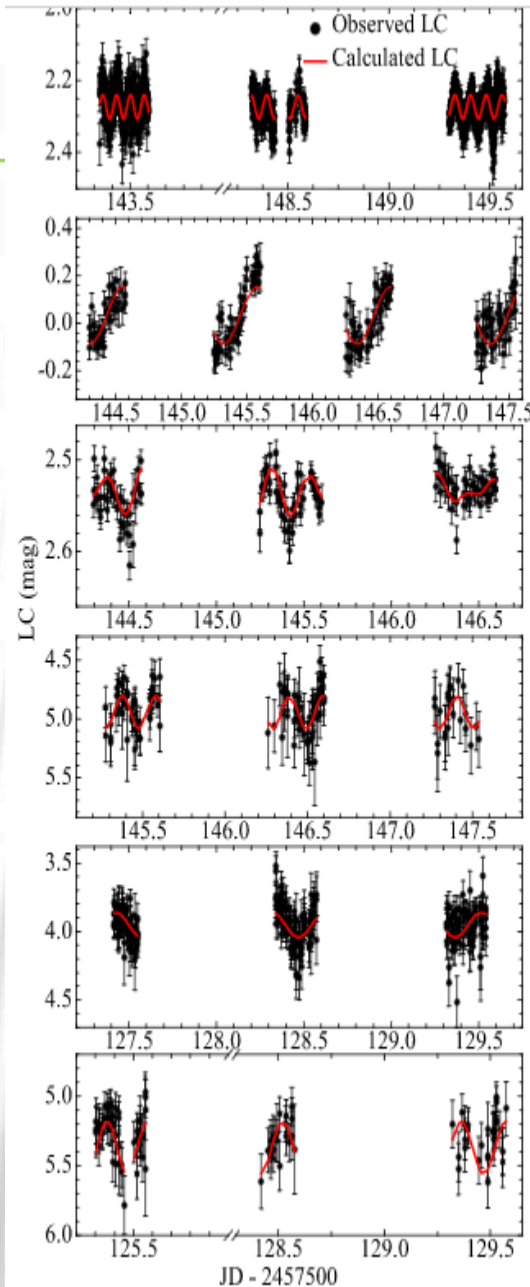
✖ Shortperiodic stars

OBJECT: 23194862+36034925 (GAIA_G = 11.116 mag)
X_POS = 167.61 Y_POS = 435.65
COMPARISON STAR: 23183000+36203151
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periodogram

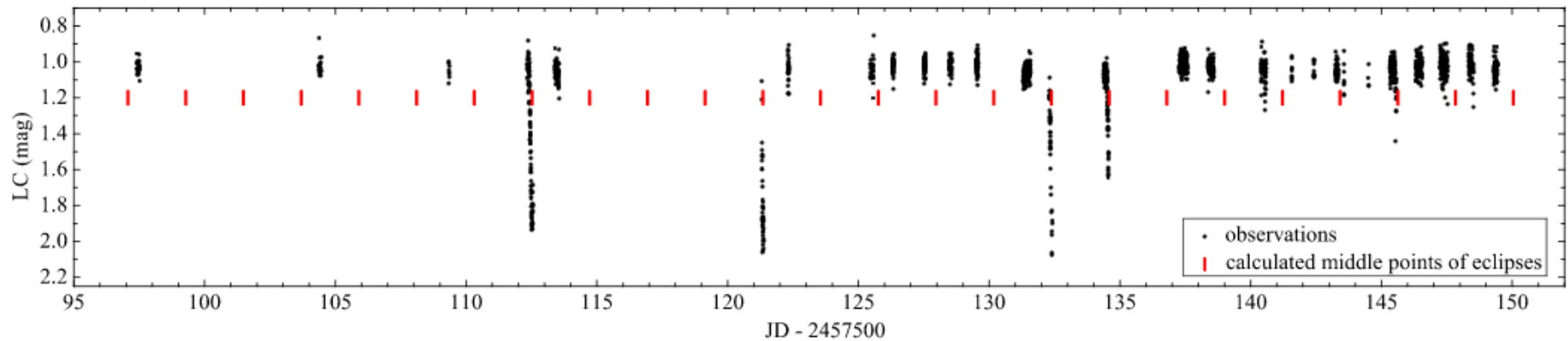
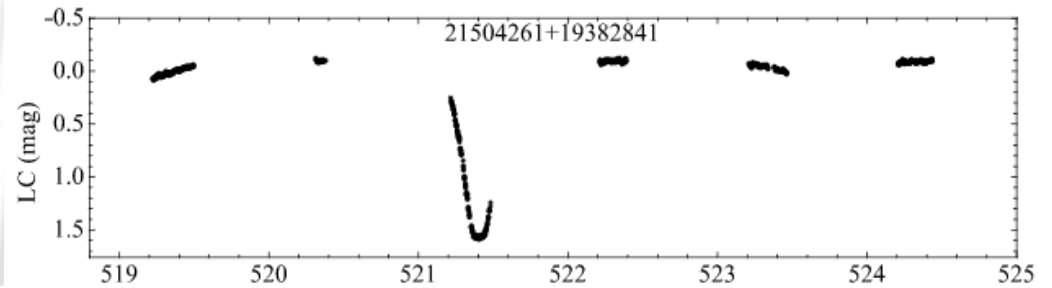
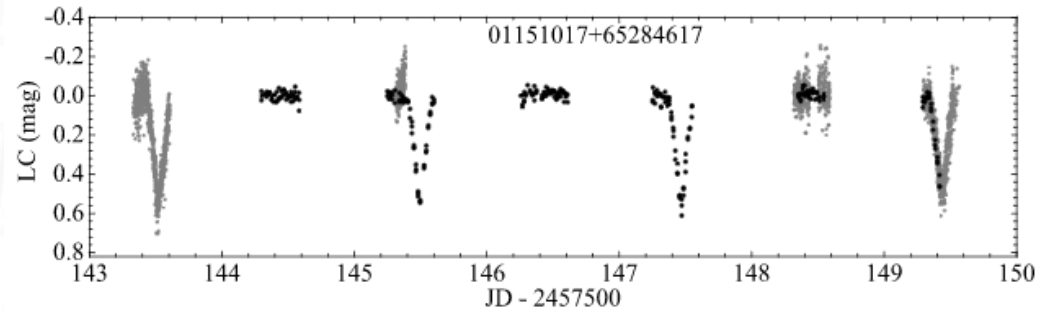
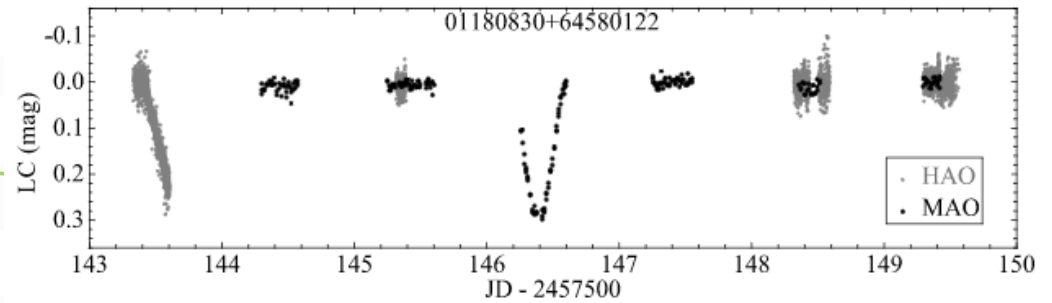


EXAMPLES OF NEW FOUND SHORT PERIODIC VARIABLES OF UNKNOWN TYPE

- ✖ Found 35 candidates to short periodic variables.



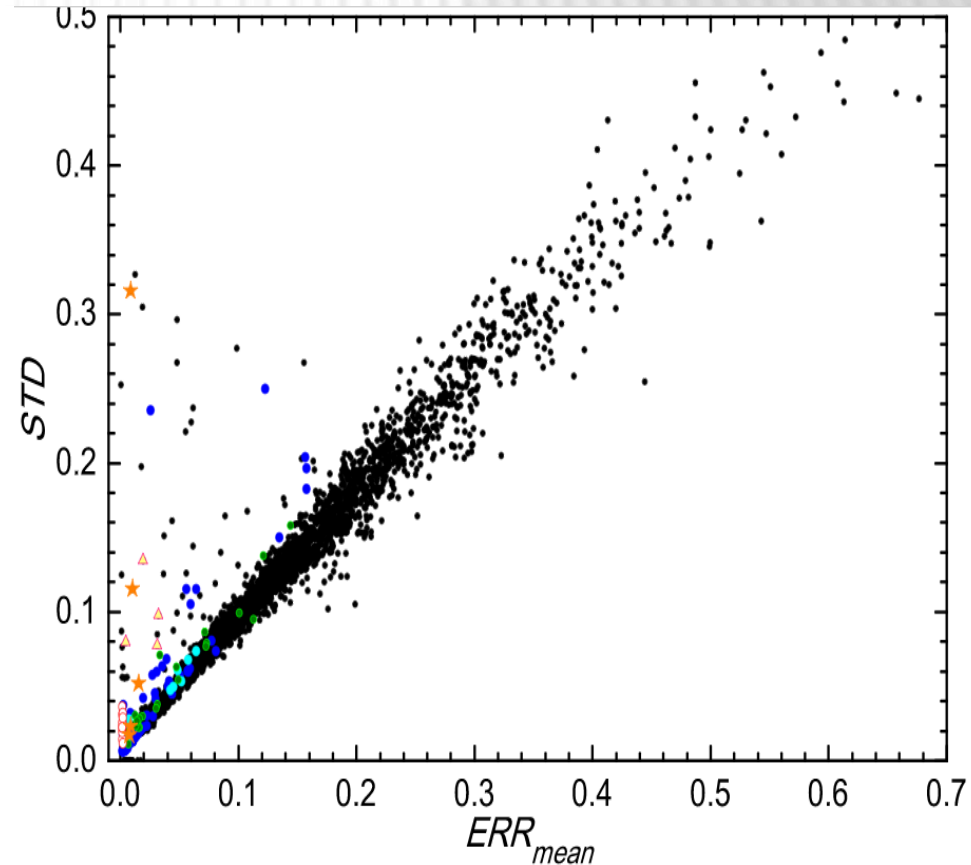
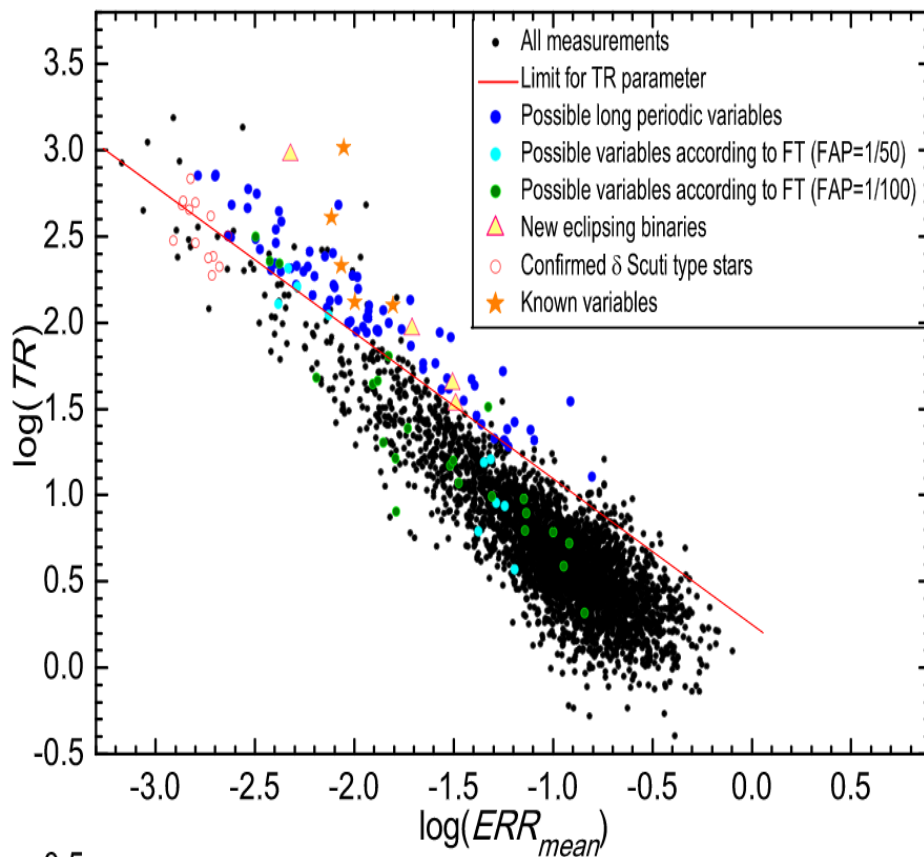
ECLIPSING BINARY STARS

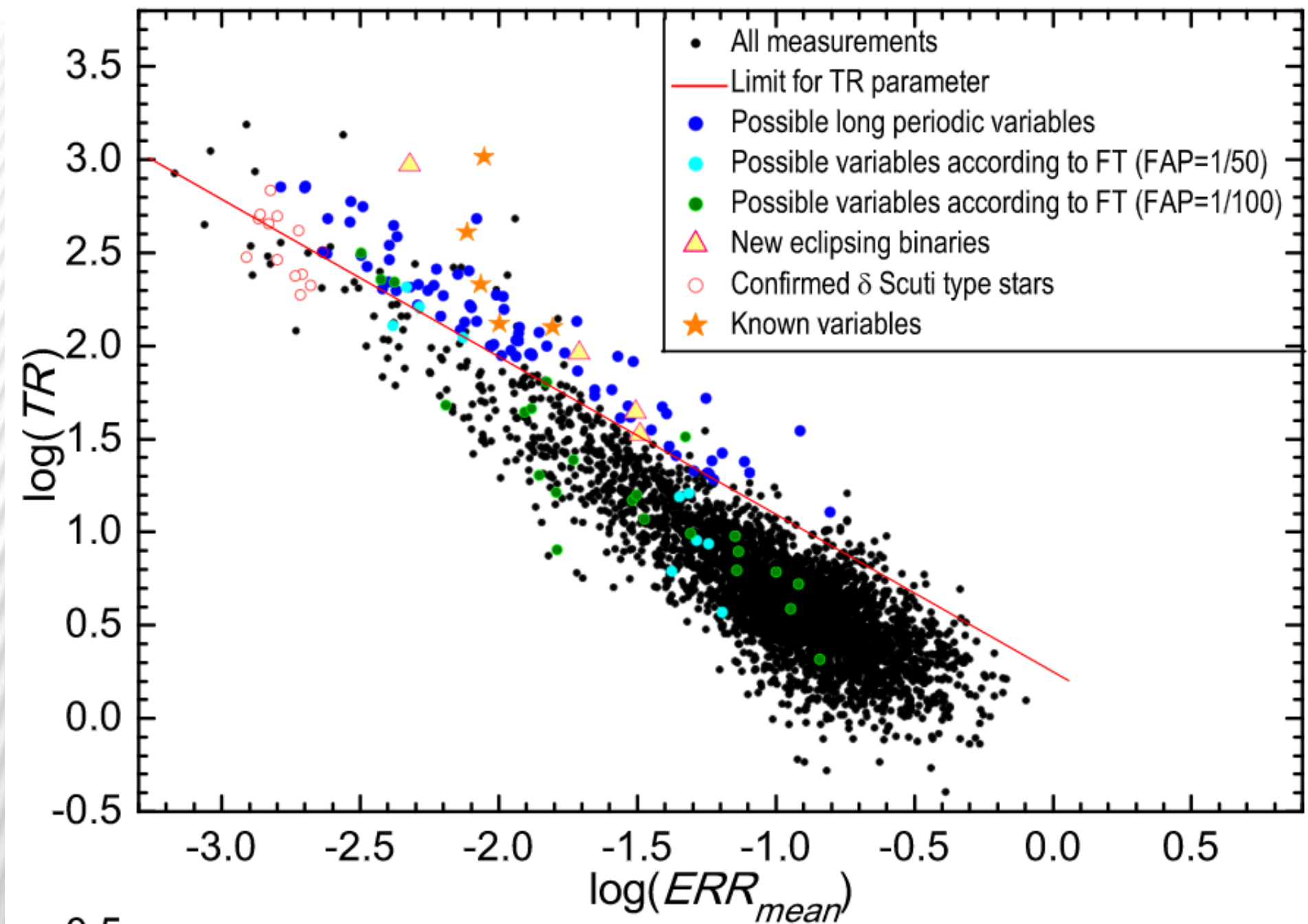


TRENDING (LONGER PERIODIC) STARS

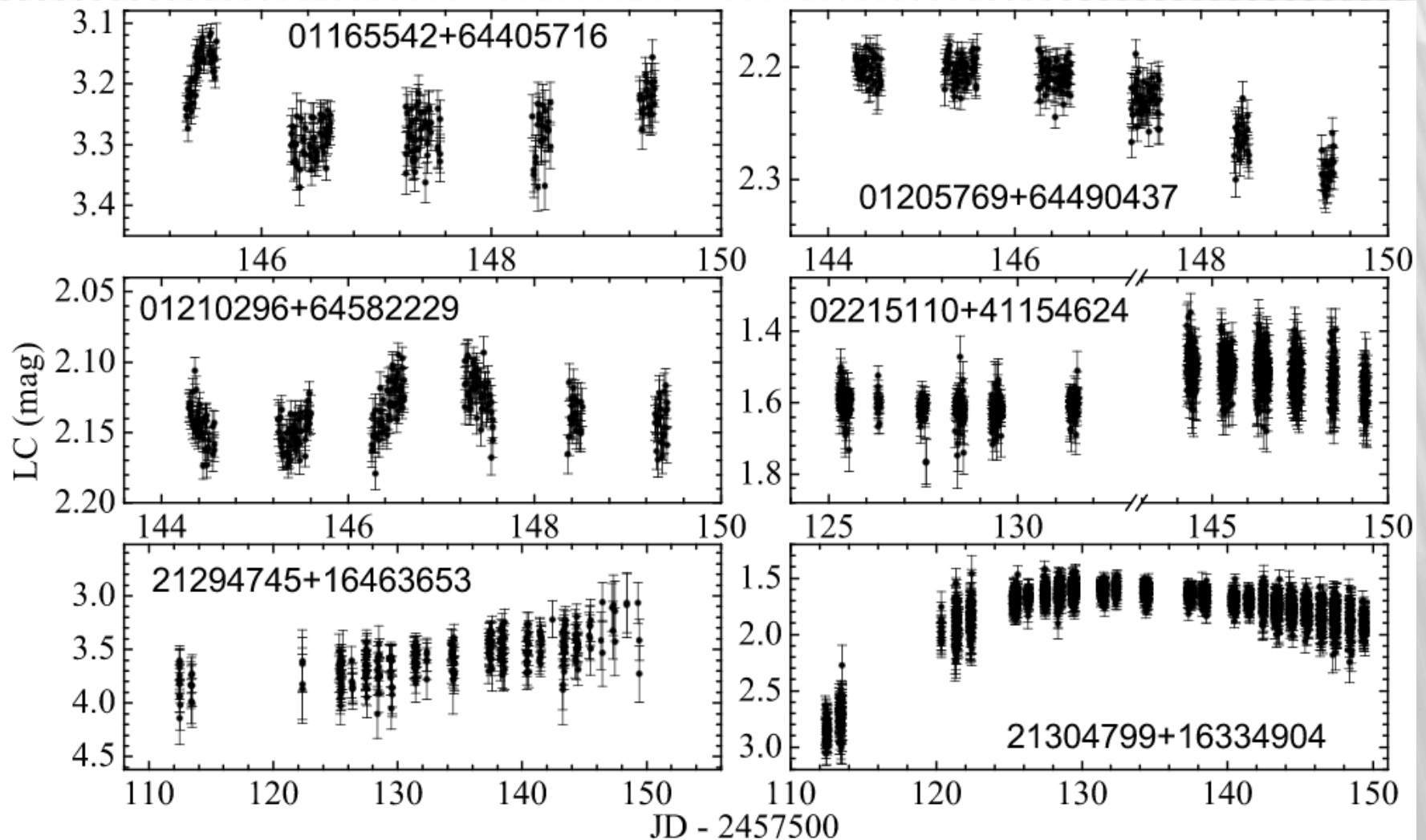
✕ Trending parameter

$$TR = \frac{mag_{max} - mag_{min}}{STD_{LC} * ERR_{mean}},$$





✖ Examples of variable stars found using trending parameter TR. Periods left undetermined



FINAL CONCLUSION OF PHOTOMETRIC ANALYSIS

- ✖ Confirmed 12 variable δ Scuti stars
- ✖ Found 4 new eclipsing binaries
- ✖ 35 candidates to short periodic
- ✖ 83 candidates to longer periodic variable stars of so far undefined type
- ✖ We also present data of 5 known variable stars in the investigated fields.

DATA ARE GOING TO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE

- ✖ Reduced CCD images
- ✖ Light curves of 3617 stars
- ✖ Files with graphs of observed LCs and their Lomb-Scargle periodograms .
- ✖ Tables with information about analyzed stars and variability parameters (CNAME,GAIA ID, MAIN ID, SP TYPE, OTYPE, coordinates, FIELD NAME, X and Y position, GAIA G mag, STD, F with MAX A at F(0-50), MAX A at F(0-50), DETECT LIM at F(0-50), F with MAX A at F(50-500), MAX A at F(50-500), DETECT LIM at F(50-500), NO OF POINTS)

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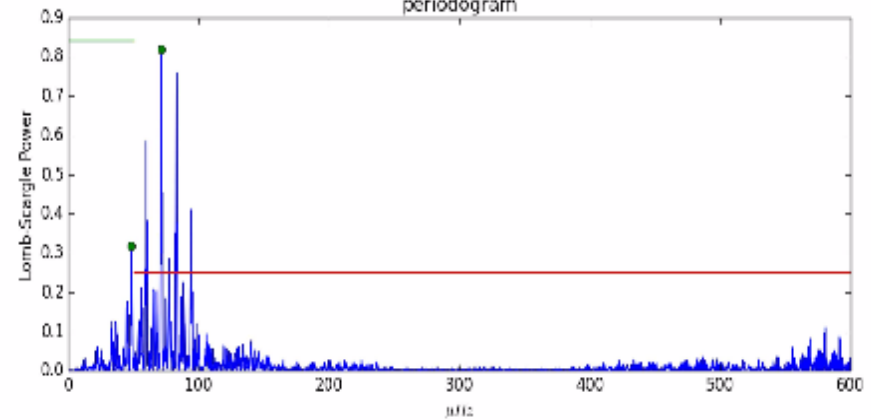
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COMPARISON STAR: 23183000+36203151

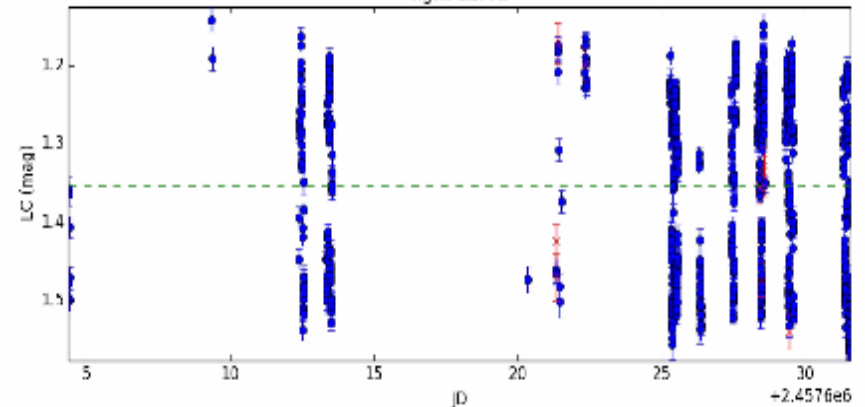
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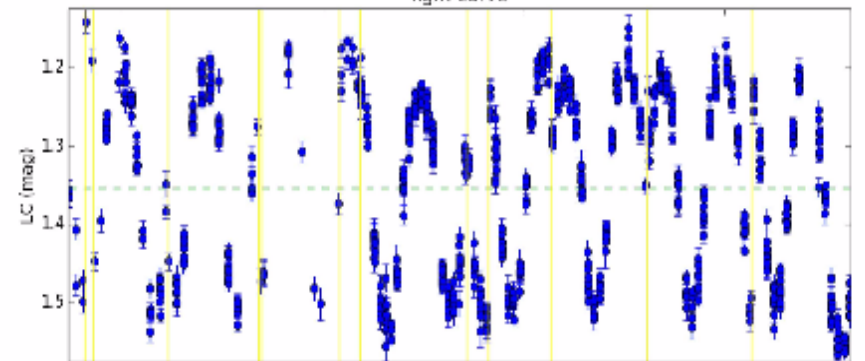
periodogram



light curve



light curve



A long-exposure photograph of a night sky filled with numerous star trails, appearing as long, thin, curved lines of light. The trails are predominantly white and yellow, with some hints of blue and red. In the lower center, a dome-shaped observatory is visible, illuminated from within, showing a warm glow. The dome is surrounded by dark silhouettes of trees. The overall scene is a deep blue night sky.

We continue our observations and analysis
Thank you!