

PLATO CompSci: pulsations and binarity



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More than 250 registered scientists

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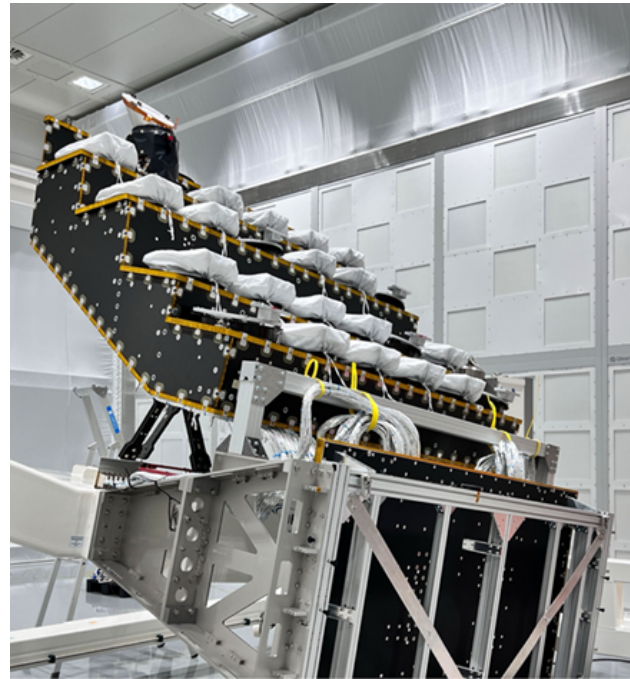
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**Rauer et al. (2024) for
all recent info**

PLATO mission

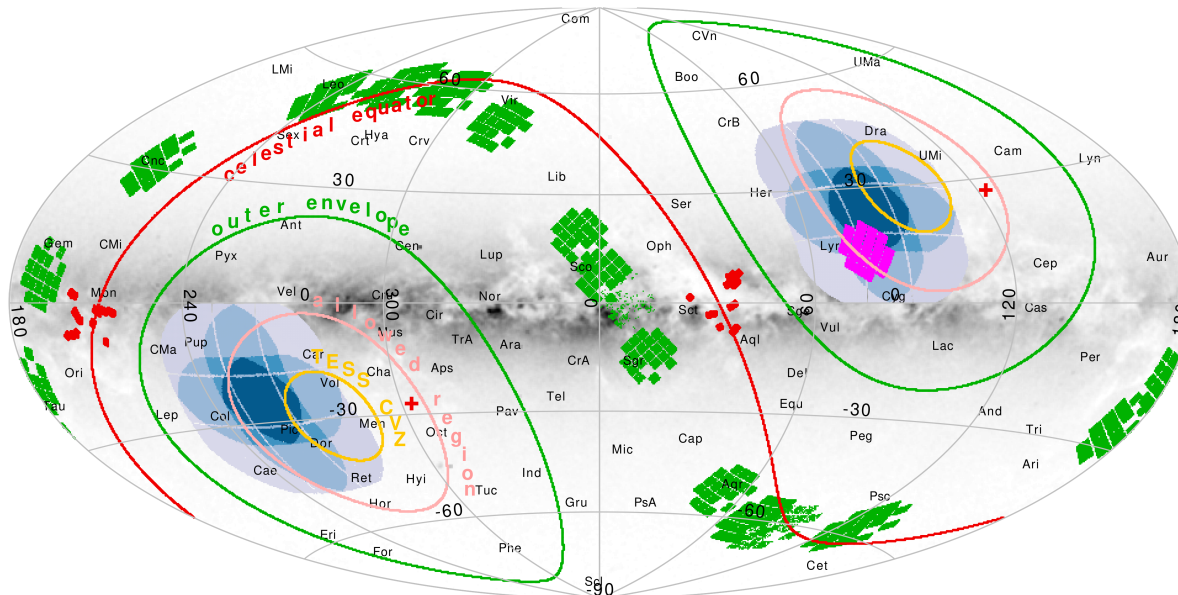
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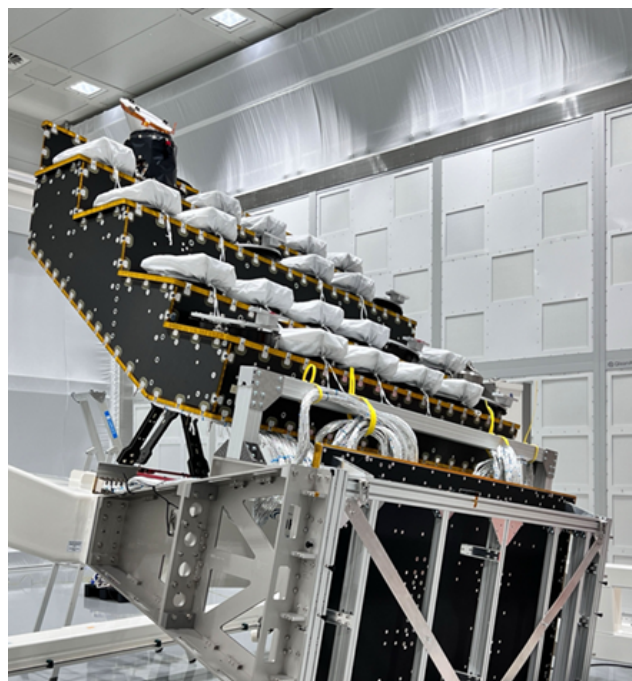
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Nascimbeni et al. (2022, 2024)

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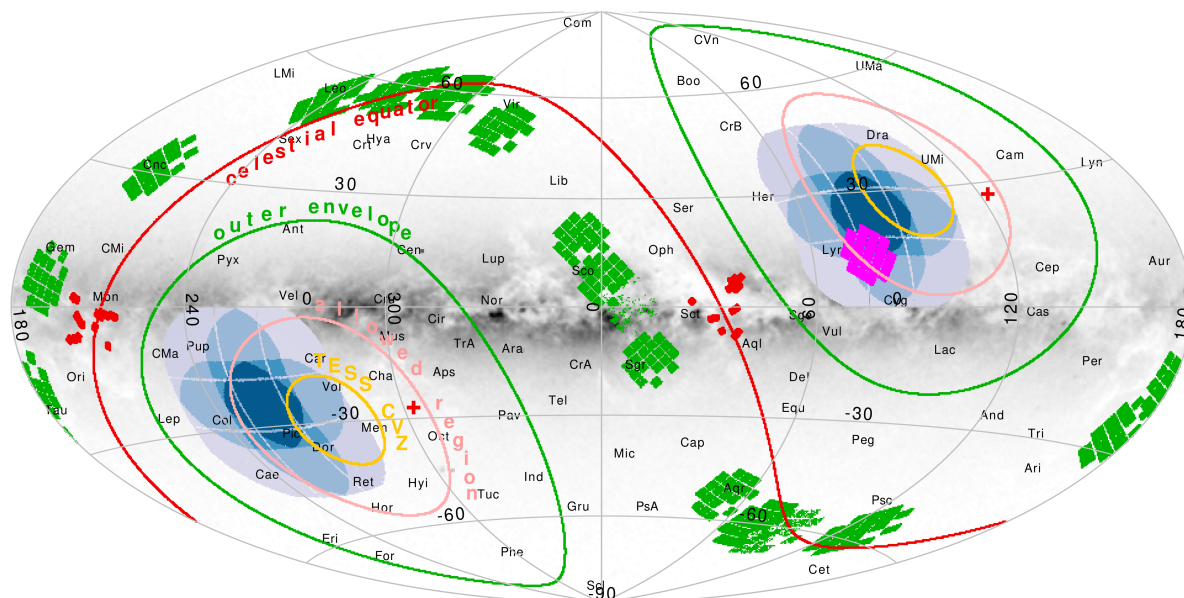
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PLATO is NOT a survey

Core Science:
exoplanets and their
host stars

**Complementary
Science:**
everything else

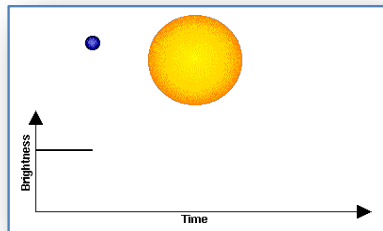


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PLATO mission: Core Science

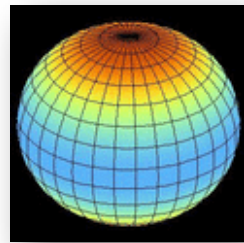
Prime mission goals:

- Detect a large number of extrasolar transiting planets, including **Earth-sized planets up to the habitable zone of solar-like stars**;
- Determine precise **planetary radii, masses**, hence **mean densities**;
- Investigate seismic activity in stars, enabling the precise characterisation of the planet-host star, including its **age**.



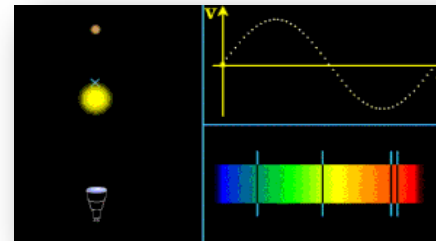
Transit detection

- Planet/star radius ratio
- Inclination



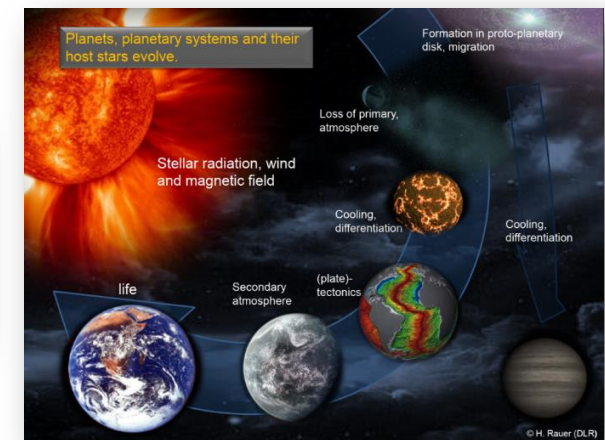
Asteroseismology

- Stellar radius, mass
- Stellar age



Ground-based observations

- Planet mass



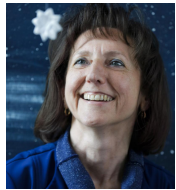
Mean density
Age

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Transient Phenomena & Extragalactic Science
Peter Jonker
Samaya Nissanke



Ground-Based Follow-Up
(Spectroscopy, Interferometry & Multicolour Photometry)
Ennio Poretti

Objectives

- Scientific programmes distinct from the Core Science
- Unique database of variable phenomena

How

- Guest Observer (GO) programme (call and selection by ESA)
- GO is assigned 8% of the science data (10th of thousands objects)

Task

Make sure community is ready for optimal GO proposal submission

Confluence Wiki pages: documentation, information, etc.

The screenshot shows a Confluence Wiki page titled "WP16: Complementary Science". The page content includes:

- A large heading: "You do NOT need to be a Consortium member to apply for GO time BUT"
- A sub-heading: "Webpage" with a link to "PLATO Complementary Science webpage: PLATO-CS webpage."
- A sub-heading: "PLATO mission" with a paragraph describing the mission's selection by the ESA Science Programme Committee in February 2014, its 6.5-year duration, and its scientific goals.
- A list of sources to learn more about the mission, including links to the ESA mission home page, mission summary, history, science goals, spacecraft payload, and definition study report.
- A sub-heading: "PLATO Complementary Science" with a paragraph explaining the branch's role in exploiting the full potential of PLATO for scientific topics beyond the core mission goals.

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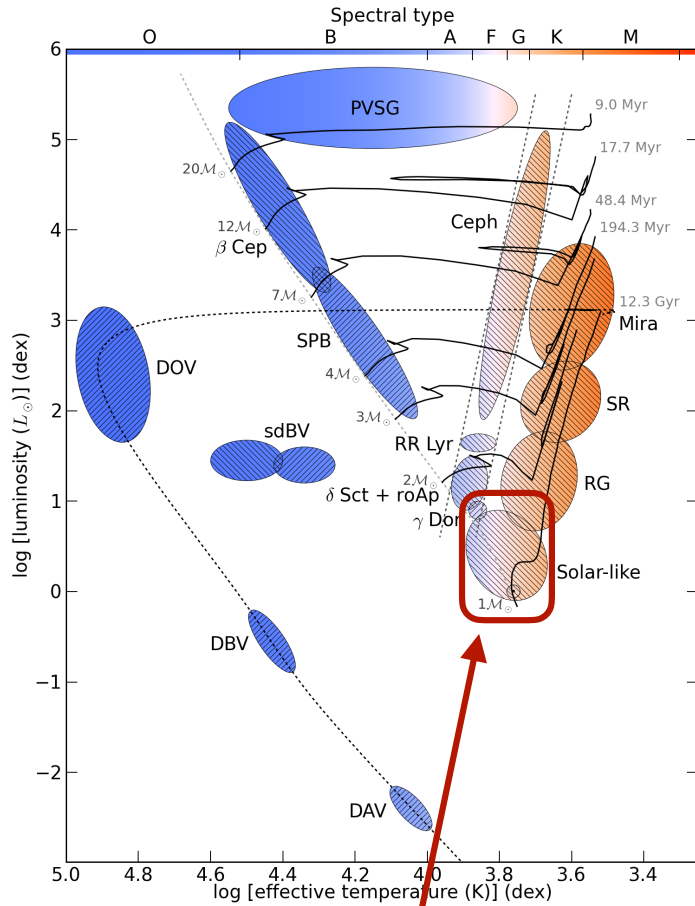
You can't access internal info, documents, PIC, etc. Signing the NDA is an (easy) solution!

PLATO-CS: Science component

Stellar Science

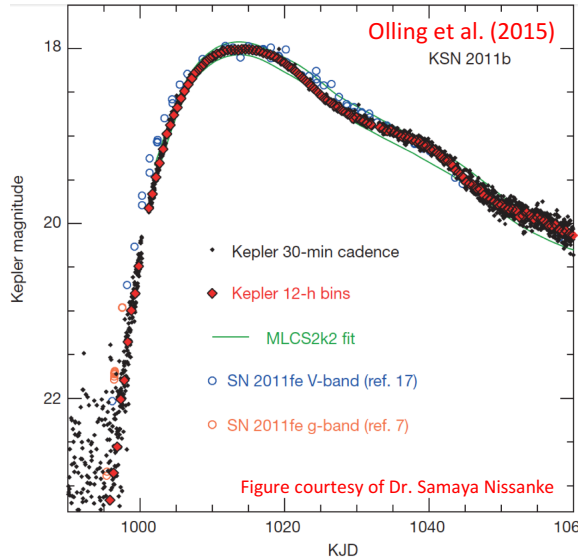
Extragalactic Science

Transient phenomena



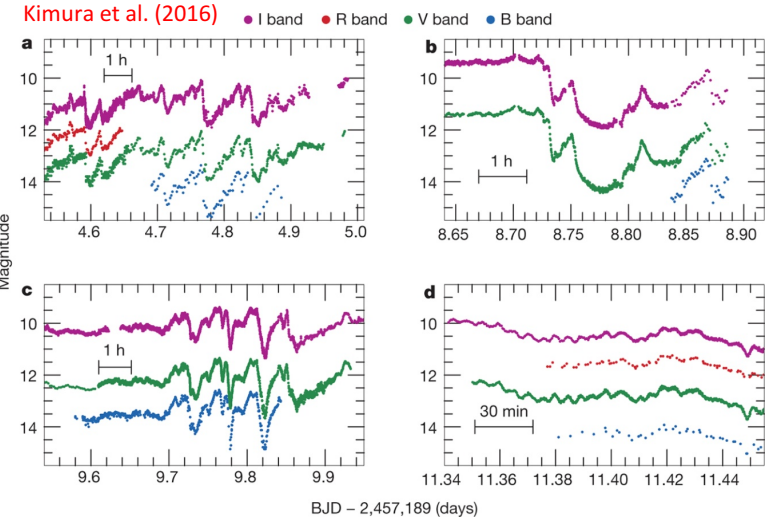
Core Science

Asteroseismology of solar-like pulsators



Extragalactic Science

- SNe explosions in distant galaxies: progenitor shock-breakout physics
- Monitoring cores of 1000s AGNs to understand SMBH accretion & variability



Transient Universe

- Mapping and understanding of accretion physics near YSOs
- White dwarfs, black holes, and neutron stars: monitoring in fast cadence asap after transient

Validation

Adjustment of the free parameters for a given **fixed description** of the input physics

Assessment of how good or bad the chosen input (physics) description is

Calibration

Discovery and inclusion of **new and improved** input physics descriptions and profiles in stellar models

Minimize systematic uncertainties of the mass, radius, and age of a star

The **Science Calibration and Validation** **PLATO Input Catalogue (scvPIC)**

38402 targets in the v1 version of the catalogue



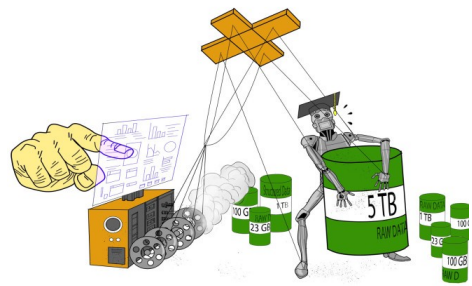
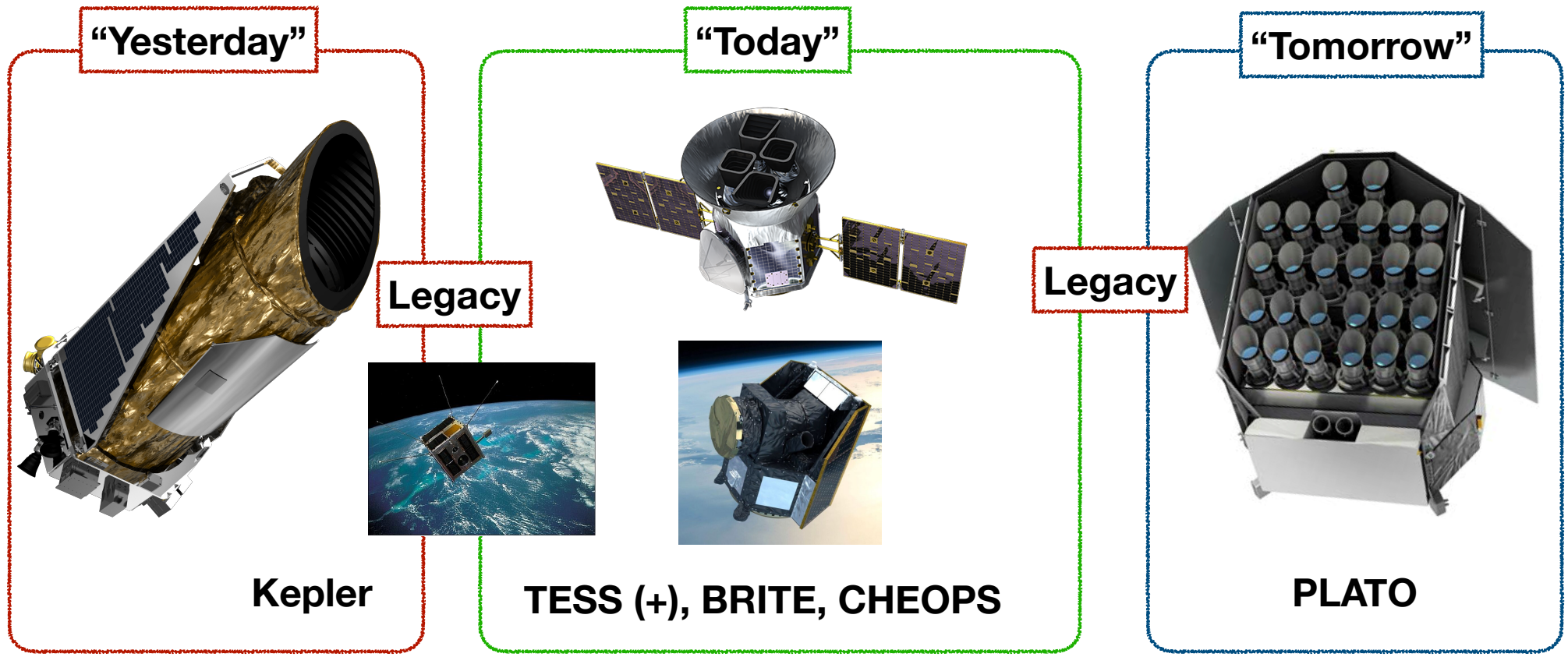
- **SCV1a** – *Detached eclipsing binaries*
 - Calibration of stellar models
 - Validation of masses and radii
- **SCV1b** – *Astrometric binaries*
 - Validation of stellar masses
 - Combined modelling of two coeval stars
- **SCV1c** – *Wide binaries*
 - calibration and validation of age estimates
- **SCV1d** – *AA Dor or HW Vir-type*
 - astrophysical clock for end-to-end test of time stamps
- **SCV1e** – *Wide white dwarf binaries*
 - calibration and validation of age estimates

(Sub-)sample	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Total
SCV1a	85	76	686	847
SCV1b	217	878	444	1539
SCV1c	54	176	430	660
SCV1d	1	0	0	1
SCV1e	53	0	0	53
SCV1 total	410	1130	1560	3100

**Interested?
Train is leaving!**

Slide courtesy: Konstanze Zwintz

Towards target selection for PLATO



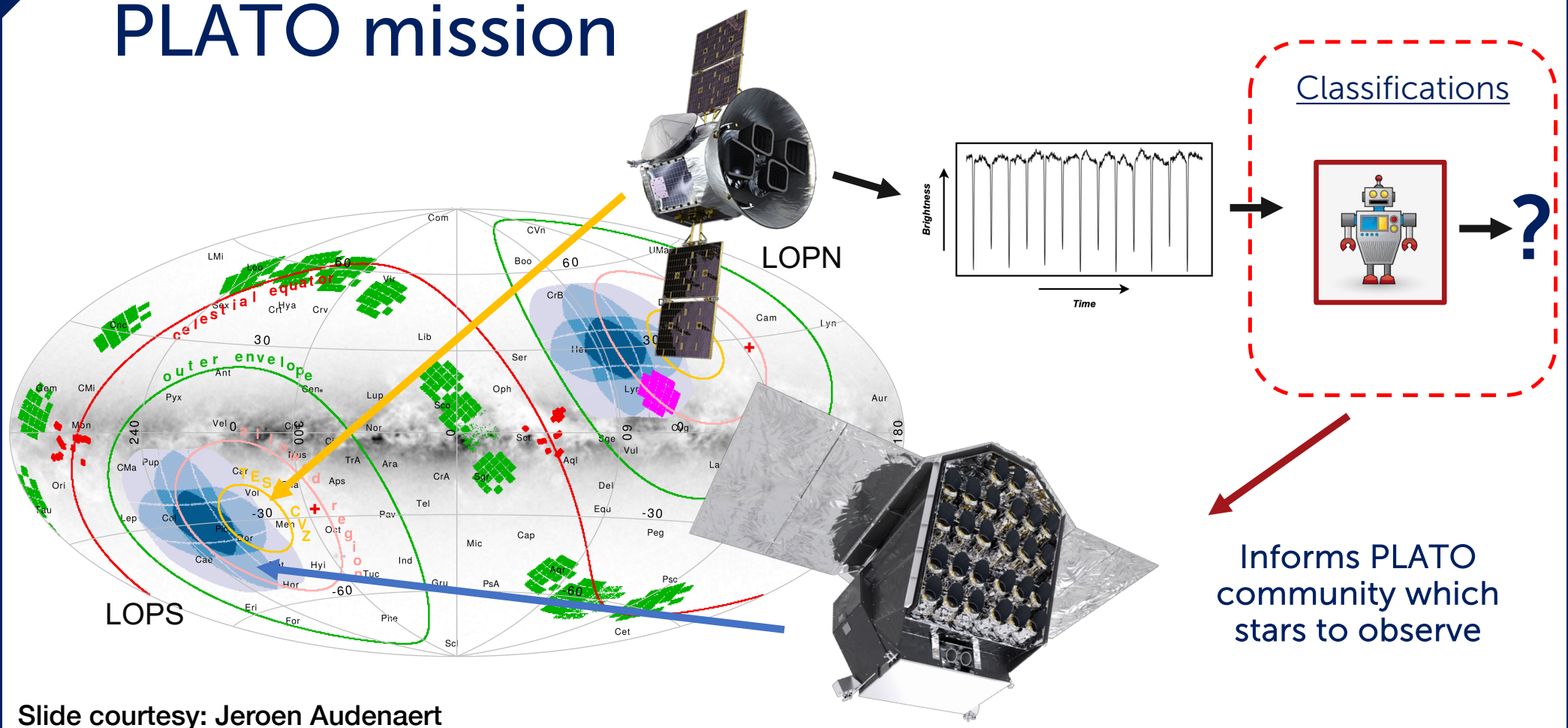
Millions of objects and light curves, Terabytes of data



Stellar (Astro)physics



TESS classifications to inform ESA PLATO mission

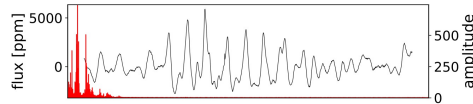


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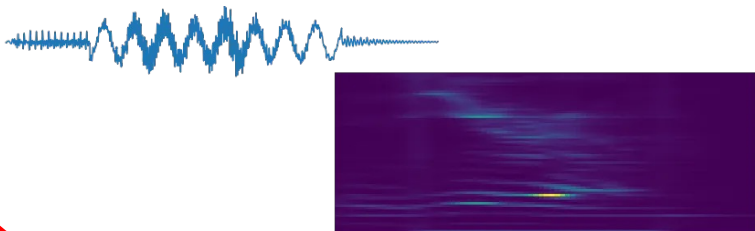
Architecture (2)

1. Light Curve

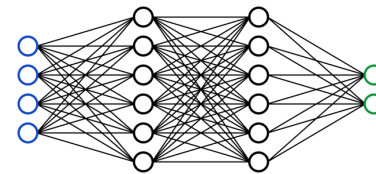


2. Creating a representation of the light curve (latent space)

Wavelet Scattering Transform



3. Output layer



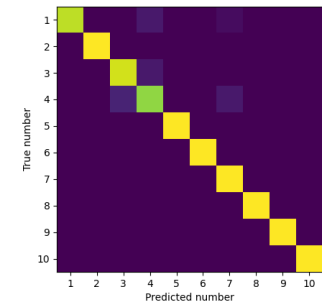
Training a fully connected neural network to map latent space to the variability classes

4. Predictions

Predicting the class for each light curve

Probabilistic classifications

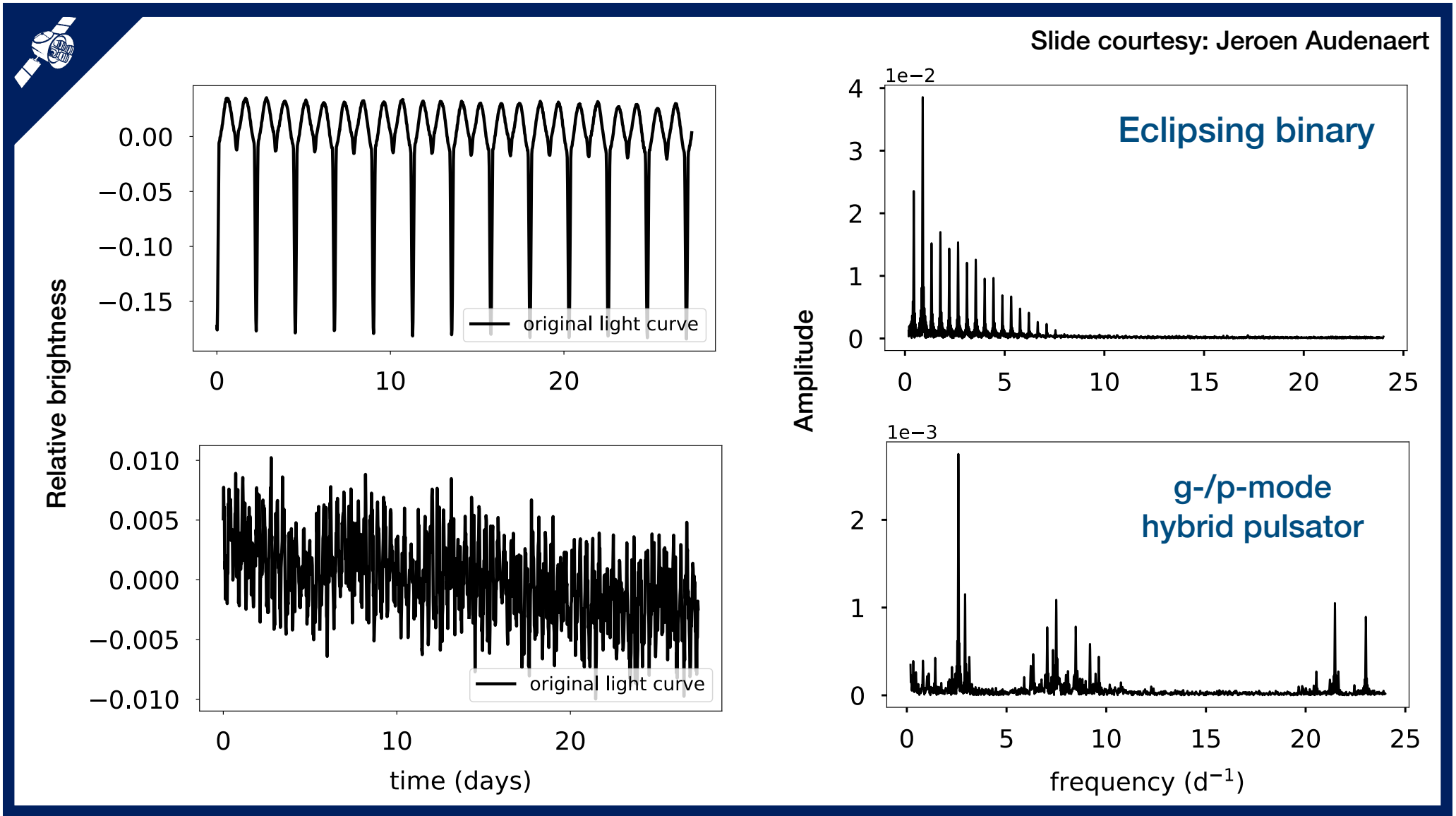
- 80% γ Dor
- 4% δ Sct
- 3% hybrid (γ Dor/ δ Sct)
- 10% rotational variables
- 3% other



Kymatio - Andreux et. al (2019) - arXiv 1812.11214

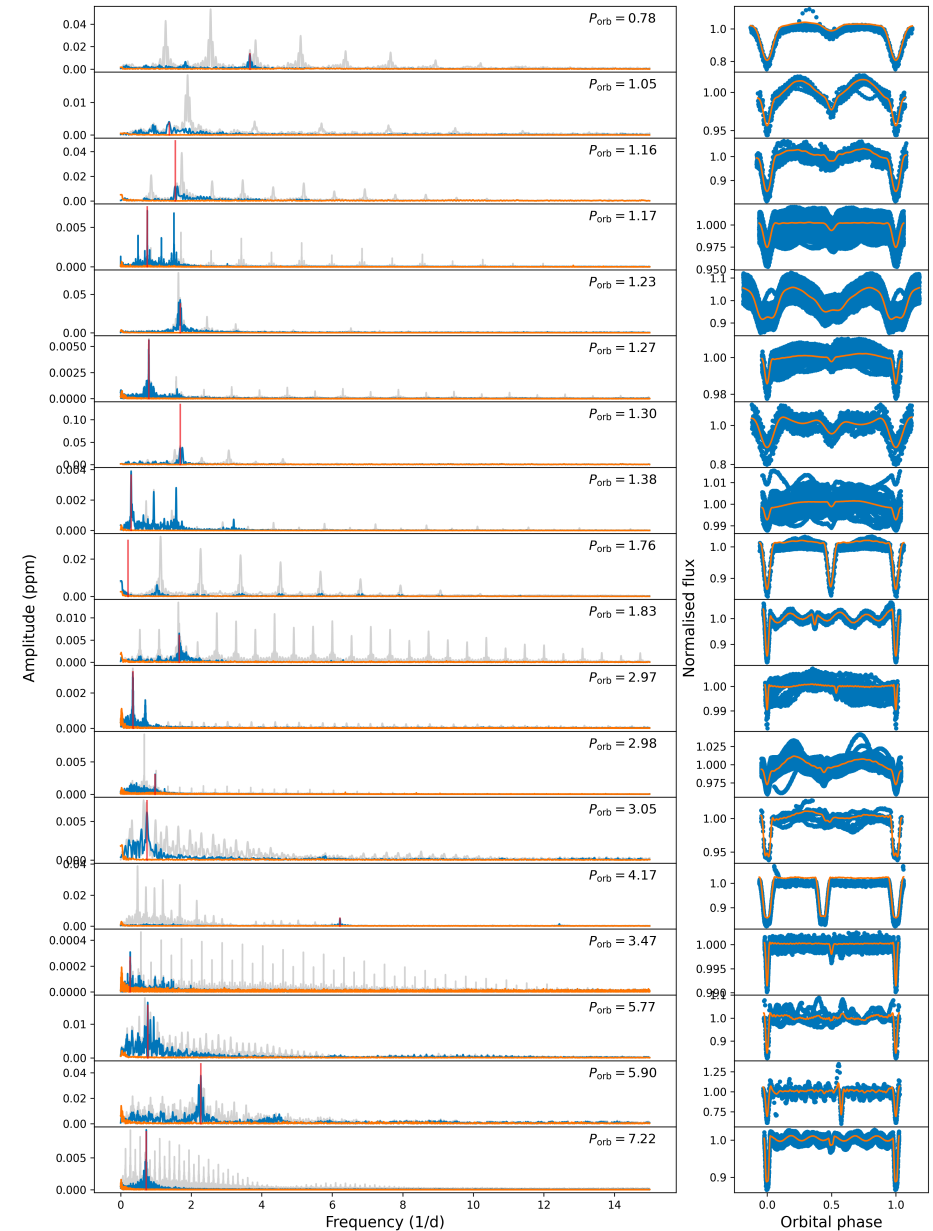
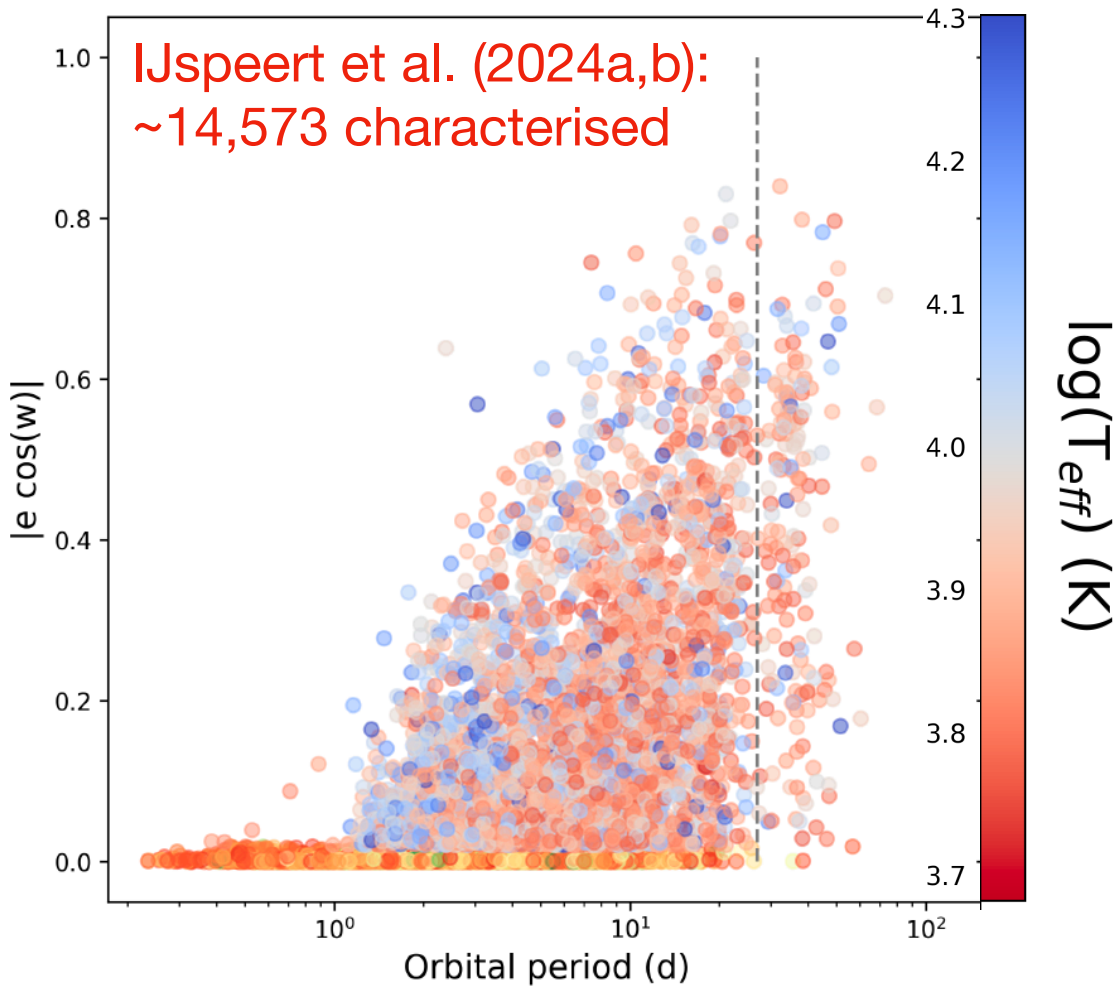
Celis (2021); Audenaert et al. (in prep.)

Classification Examples



Towards target selection for PLATO

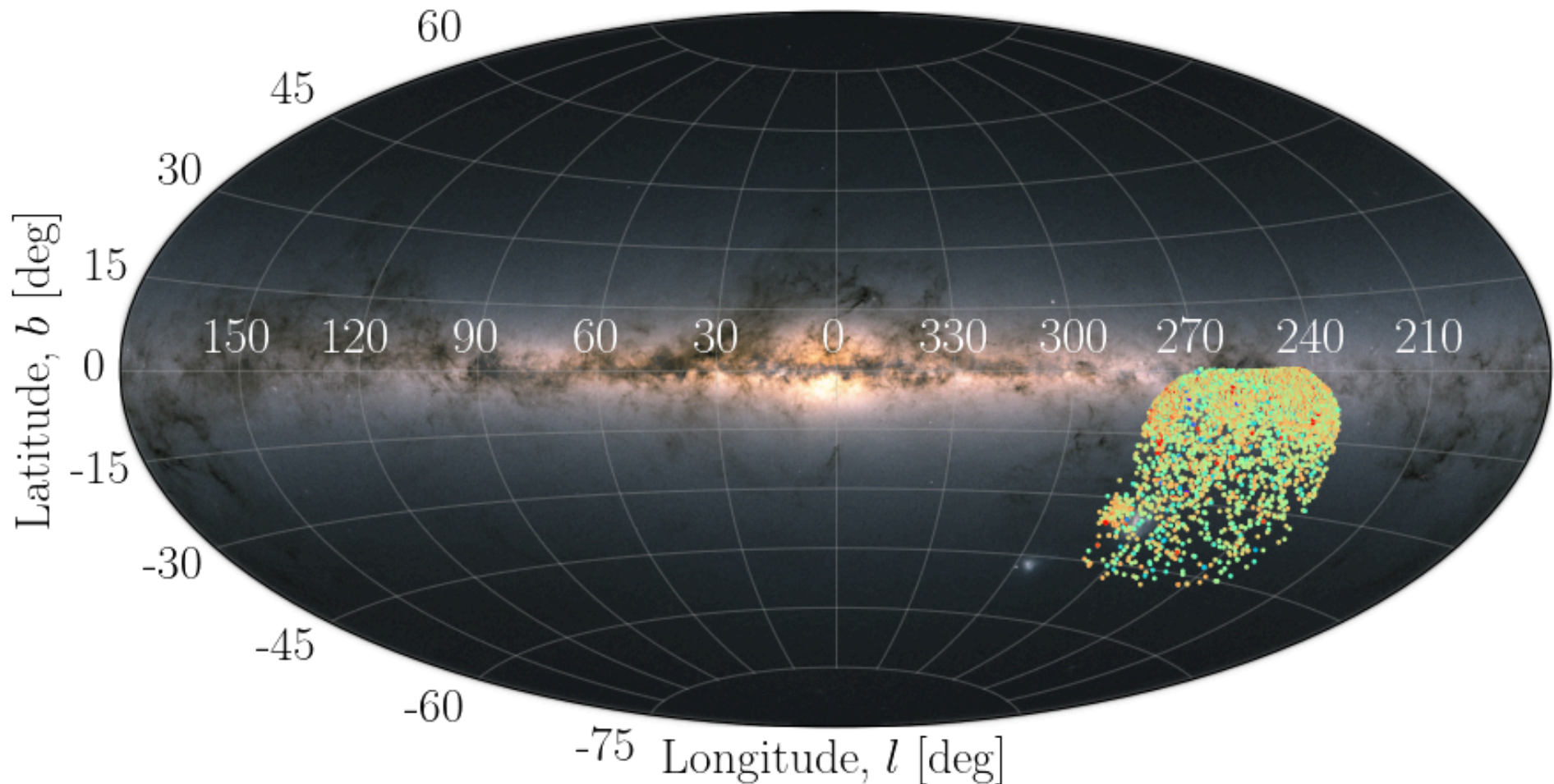
~69 000 discovered EBs
from TESS QLP



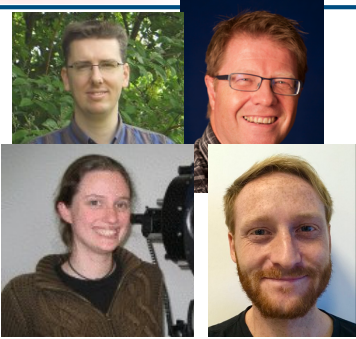
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6500 of 69 000 discovered EBs are found in LOPS2. ~500 of those contain at least one pulsator

Aitoff projection in Galactic coordinates

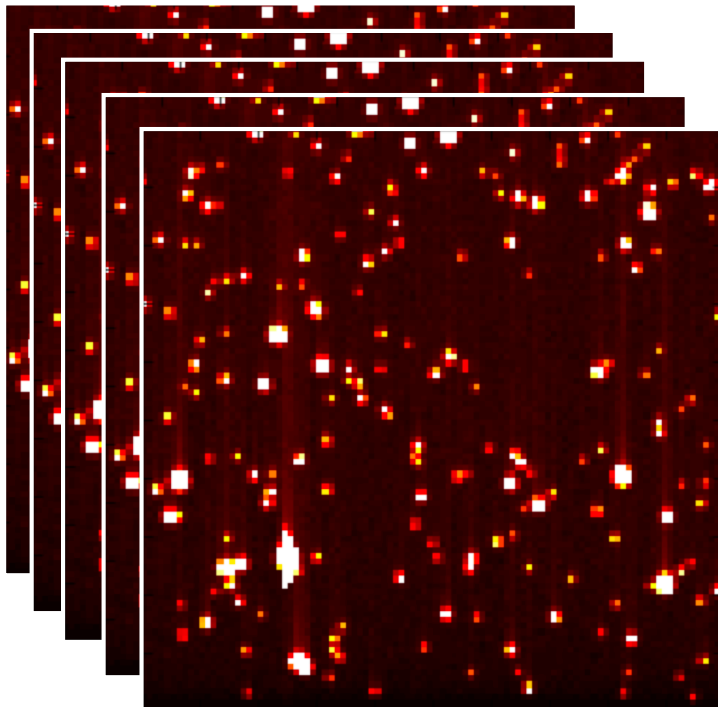


PlatoSim: PLATO CCD Image Simulator



- Generates time-series of CCD images
- Including realistic instrumental noise
- More and more effects are included - hard to put them on one slide in a decent font

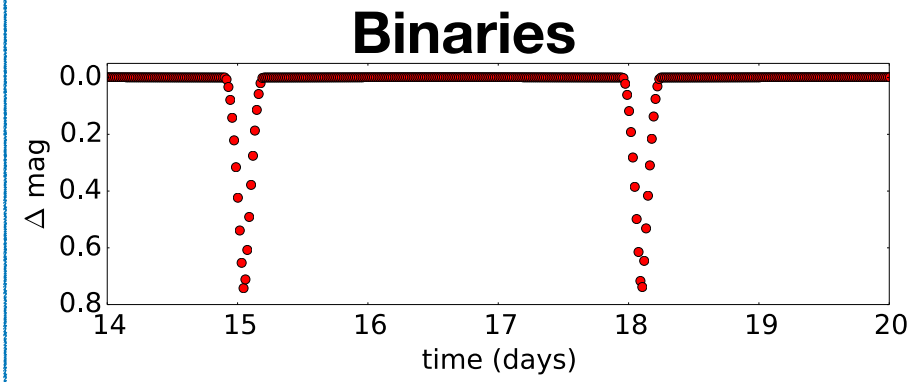
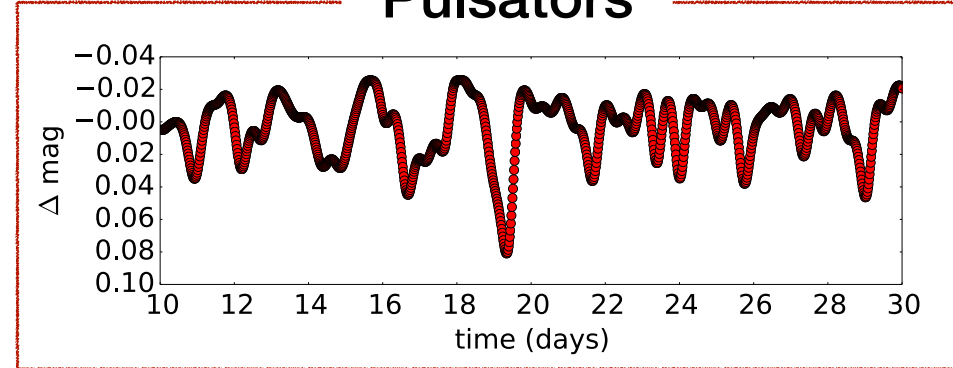
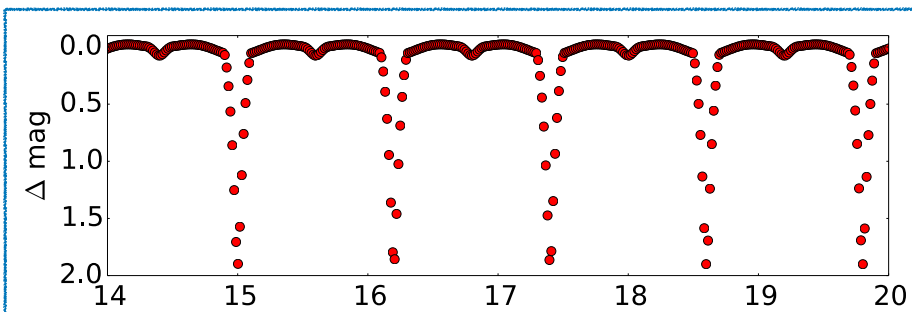
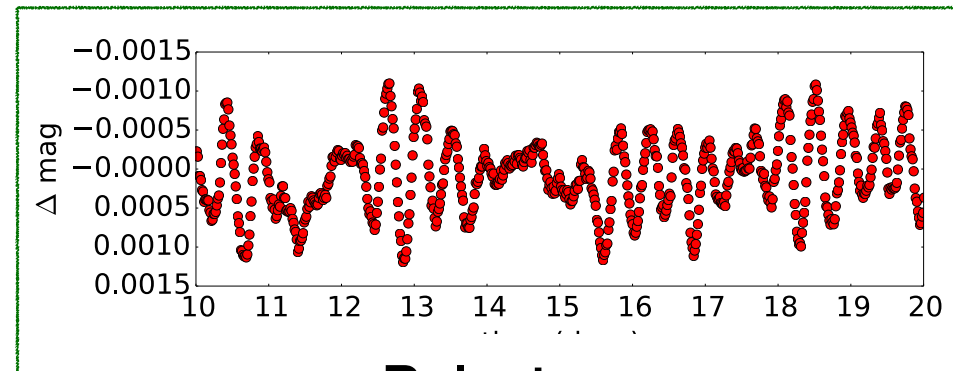
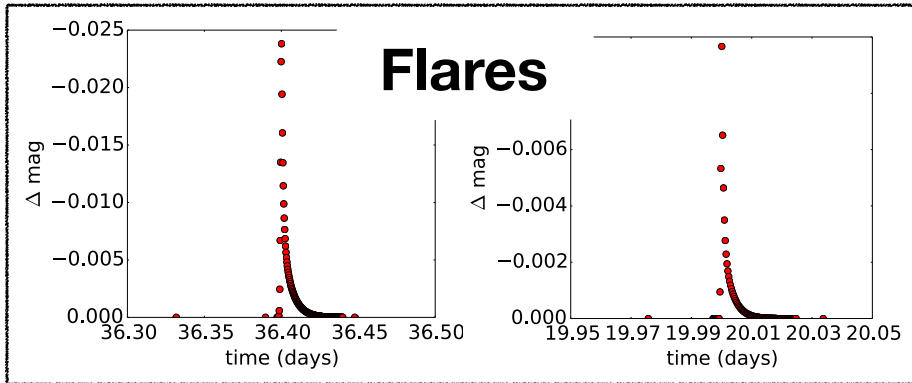
<http://ivs-kuleuven.github.io/PlatoSim3/>



35000 exposures - Normal Cam

- Realistic star field
- Jitter
- Thermo-elastic drift
- Position dependent PSF
- Cosmics
- Sky background
- Variable sources
- Transmission degradation
- Kinematic aberration
- Optical distortion
- Photon noise
- Blooming
- Charge diffusion
- CTI
- CCD half dependent gain
- Geometrical vignetting
- Spatial PRNU noise
- Angle dependent QE
- Polarization
- Particle contamination
- Brighter-Fatter effect
- Dark signal
- Readout noise
- Open shutter smearing

PLATO-CS: stellar variability simulations



For details see Jannsen et al. (2024)

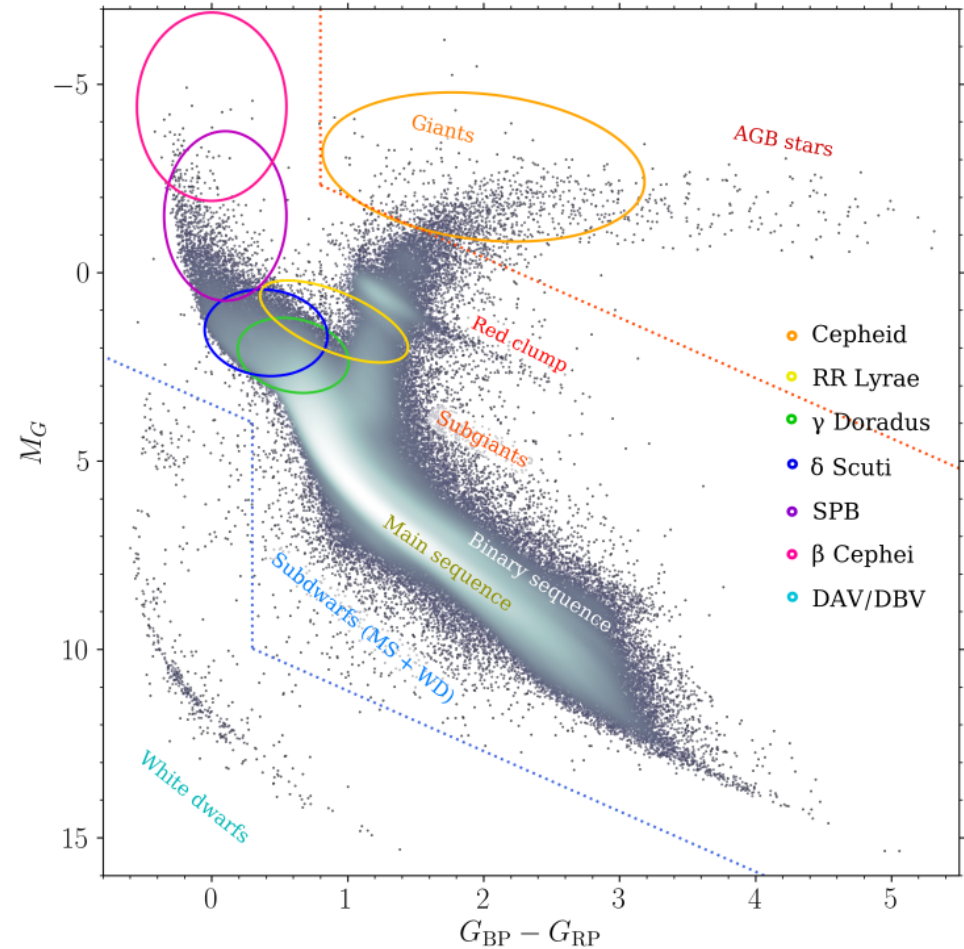
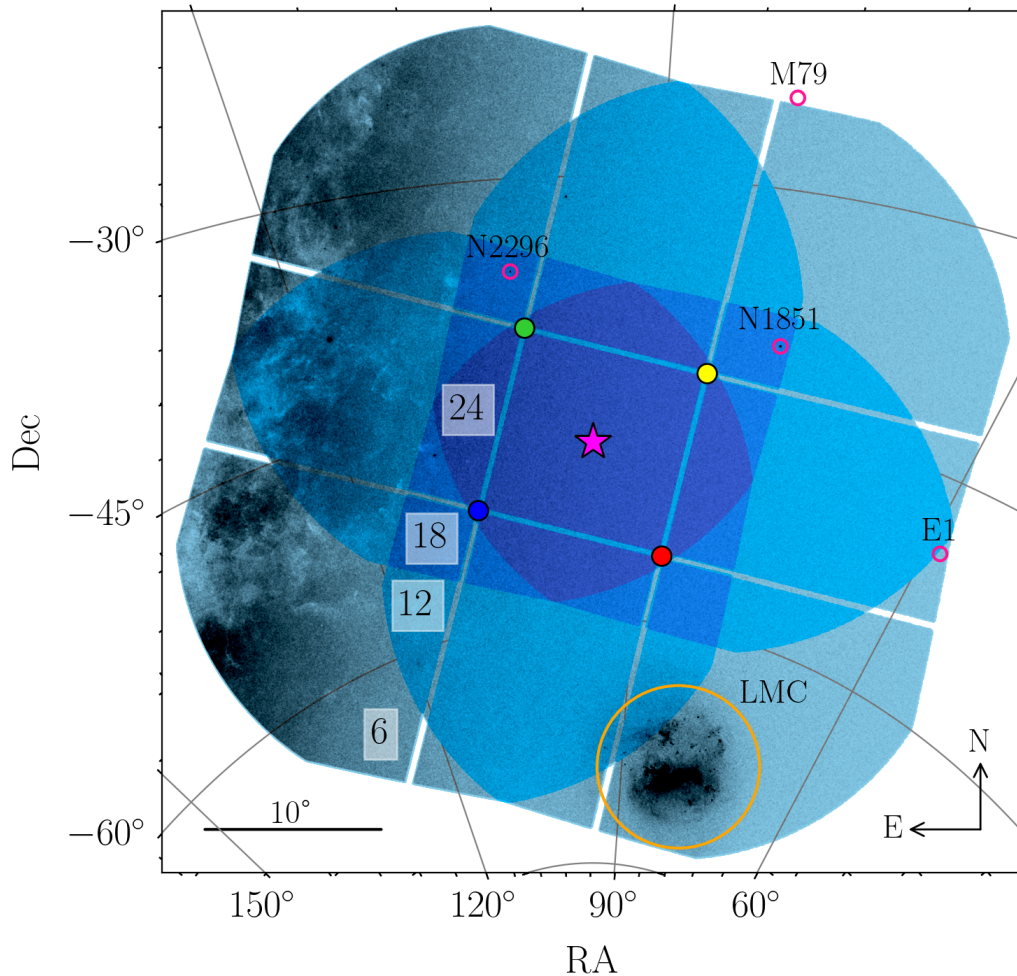




MOCKA: a mock catalog of pulsating stars

PlatoSim (Jannsen et al. 2024)

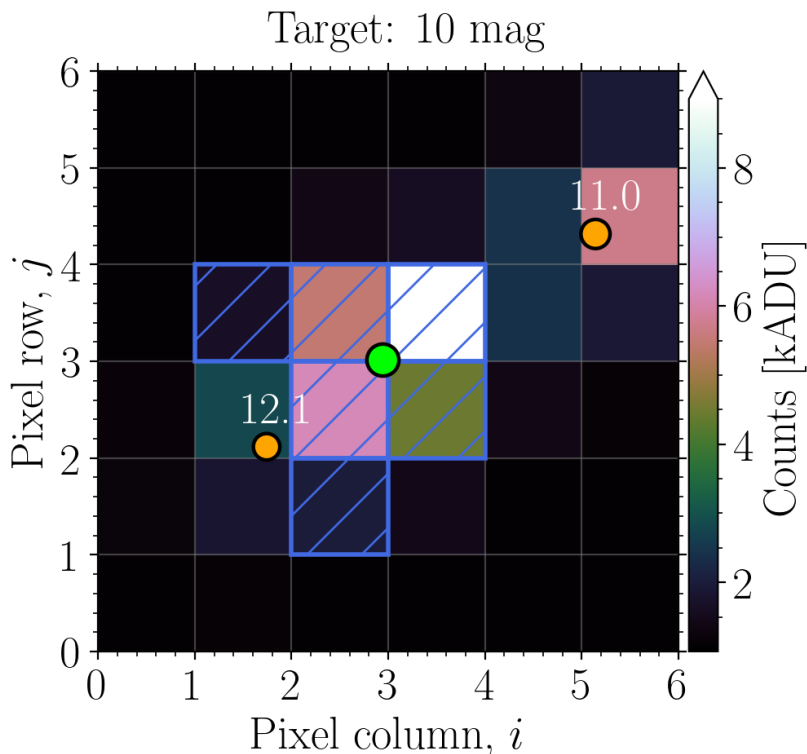
Gaia DR3-based, $G < 17$ catalogue





MOCKA: g-mode pulsators as (will be) seen by PLATO

Pixel-based simulations with **PlatoSim** (Janssen et al. 2024)

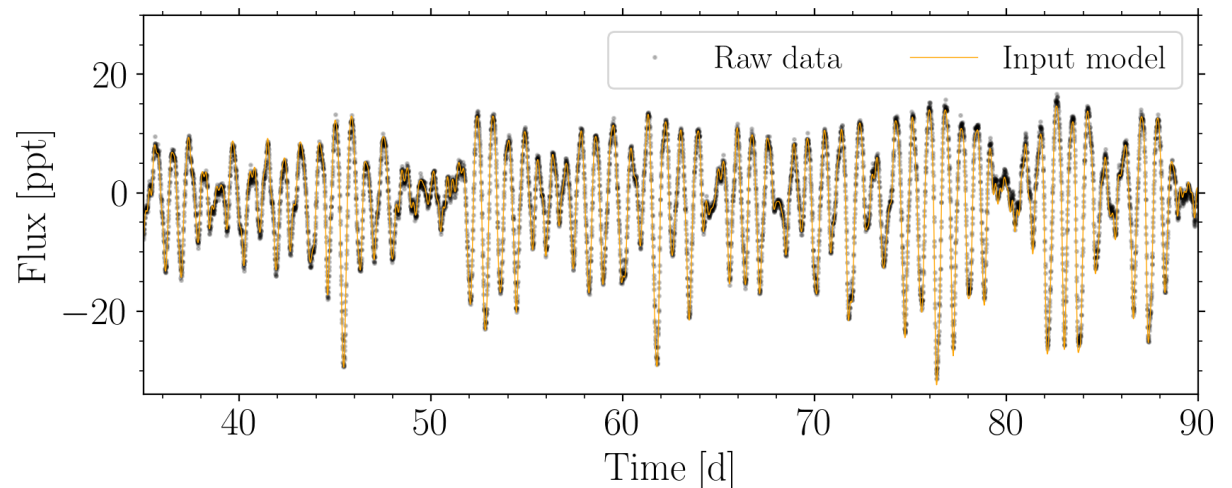


Three realisations of the sims:

- Specs-driven level of systematics
- Inflated systematics
- Contaminants variability: heavy

Light curve extraction & post-processing:

- a faster version of the PLATO pipeline
- custom made (rather simple) detrending
- outlier detection/rejection





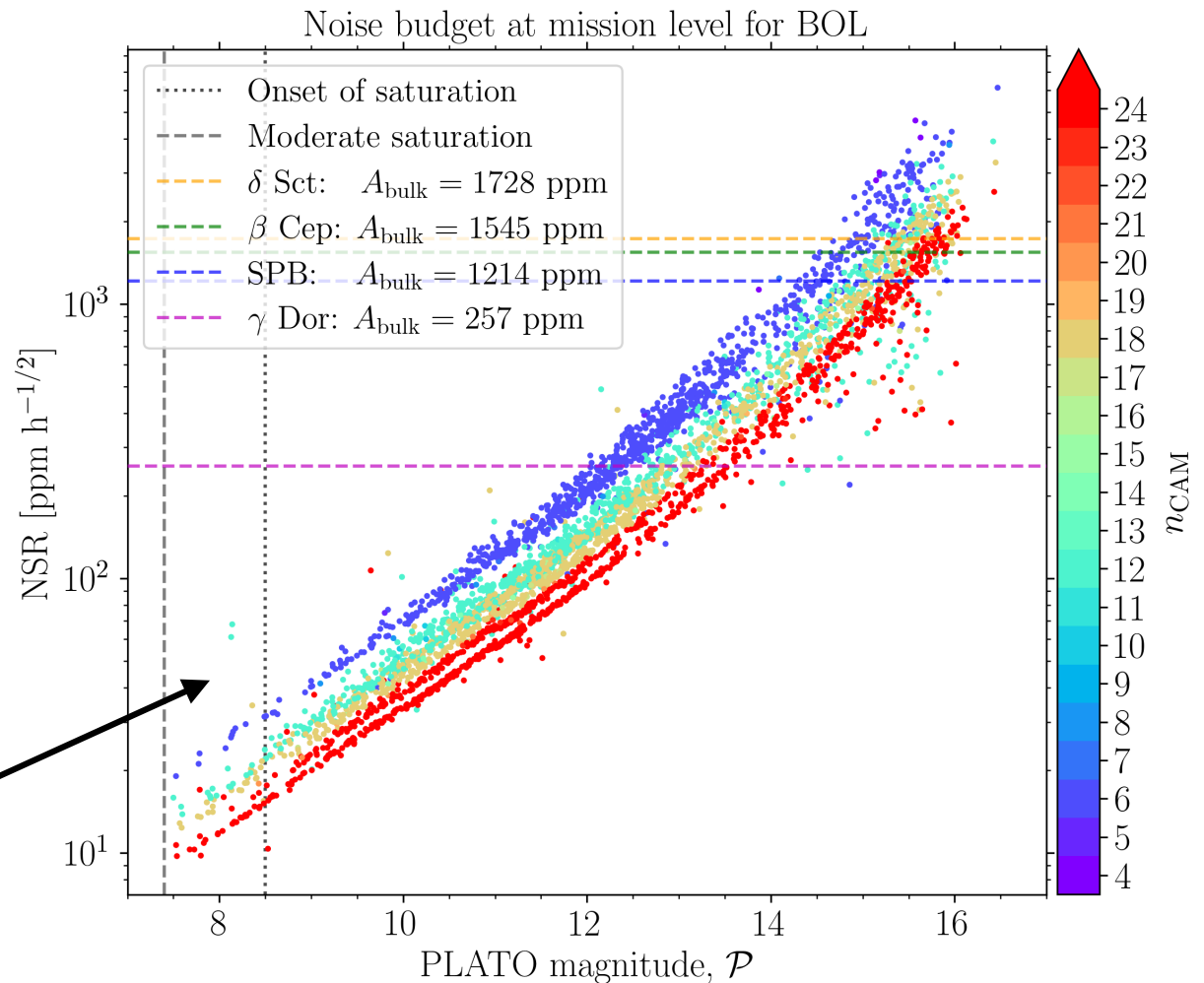
MOCKA: noise budget & detection efficiency

Rauer et al. (2024)

Ultra-high precision, long, uninterrupted phot. monitoring of **bright ($V < 11-13$) stars**

BUT

It depends on exact science question!



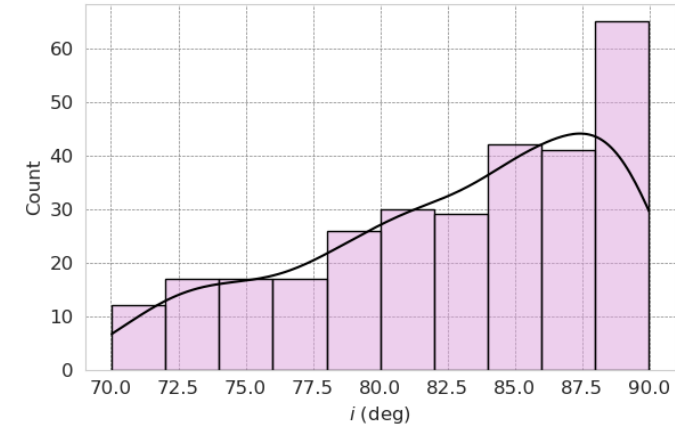
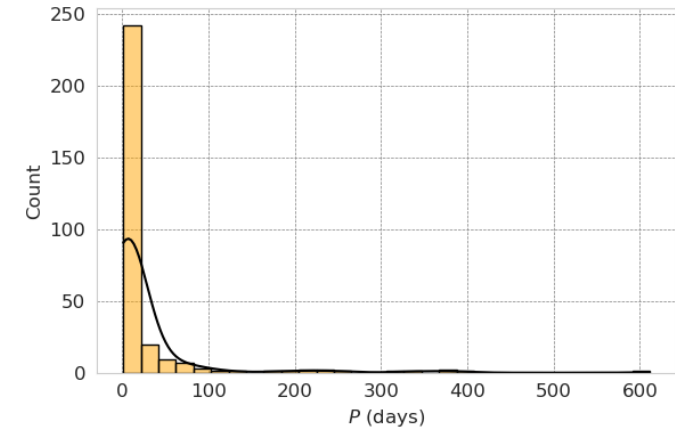
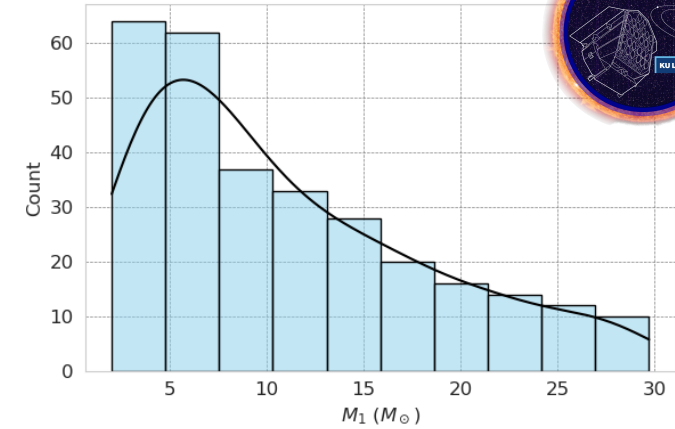
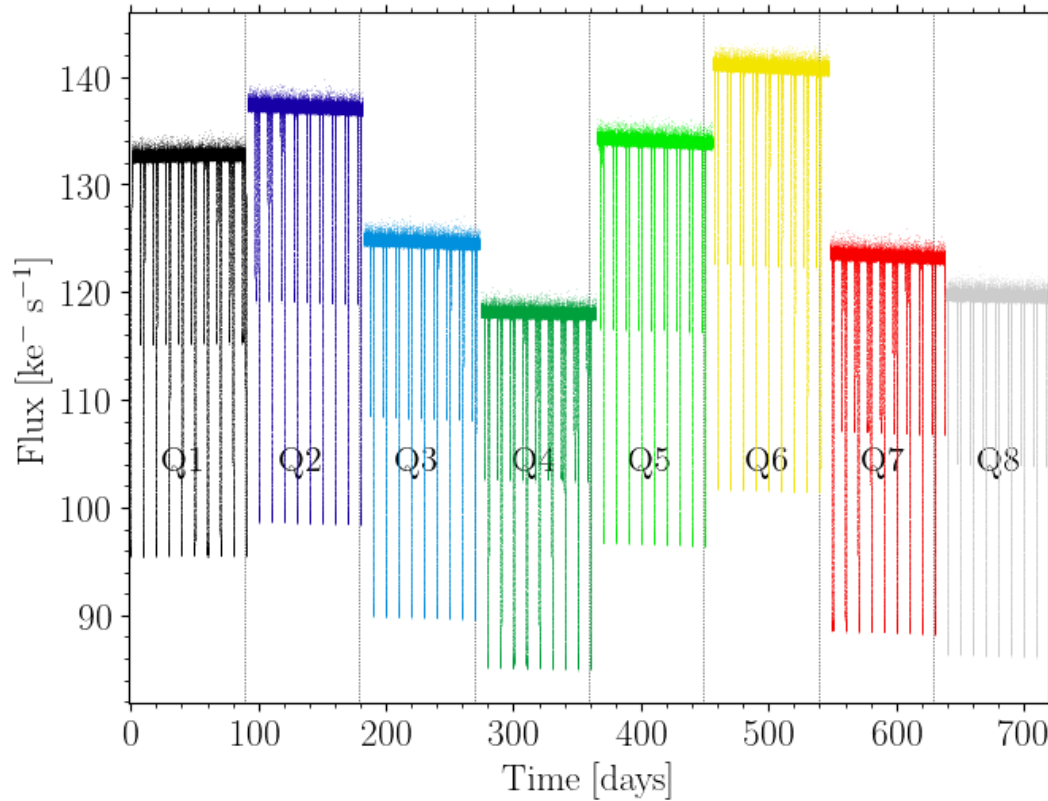
PLATO-CS: simulations of EBs



Synthetic population of binaries

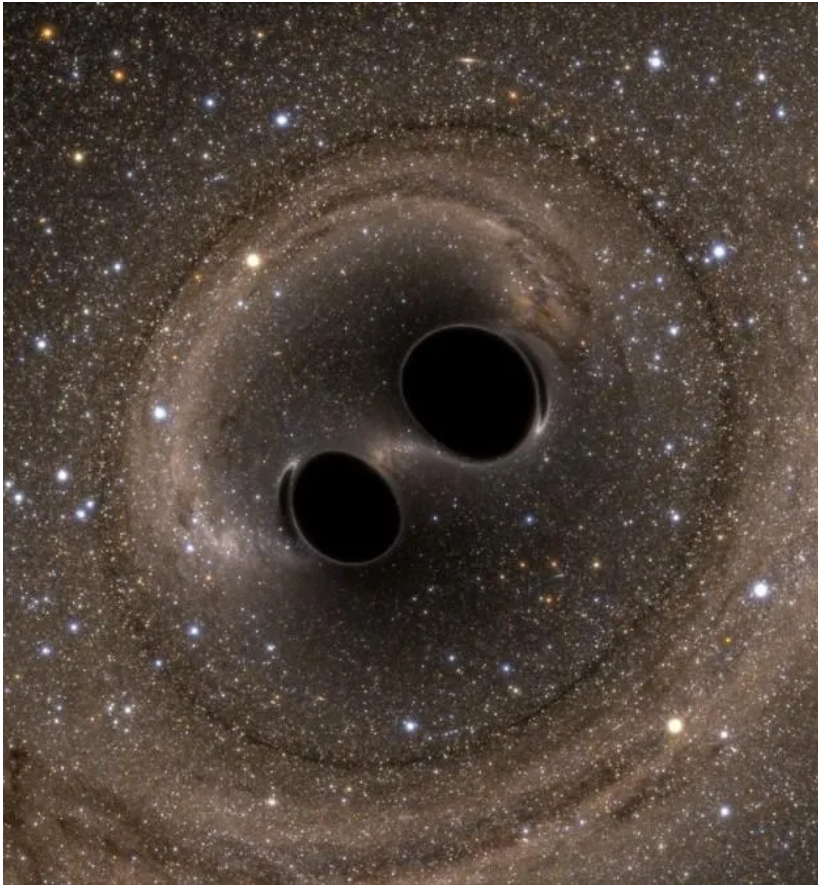


Selection of EB systems



(Optimistic) detection efficiency: > 90%

Super Massive Black Hole Binaries (SMBHBs)

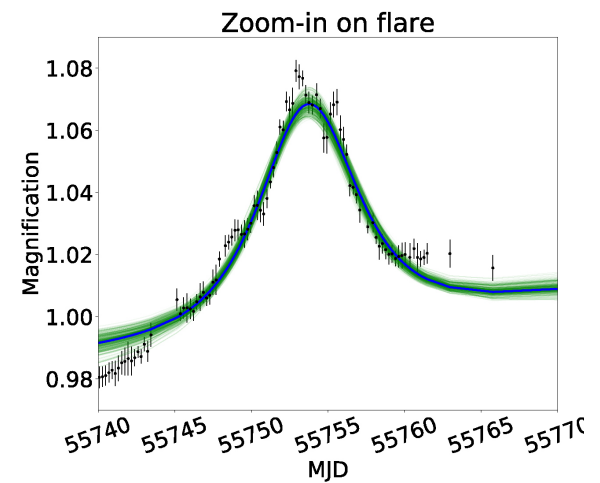
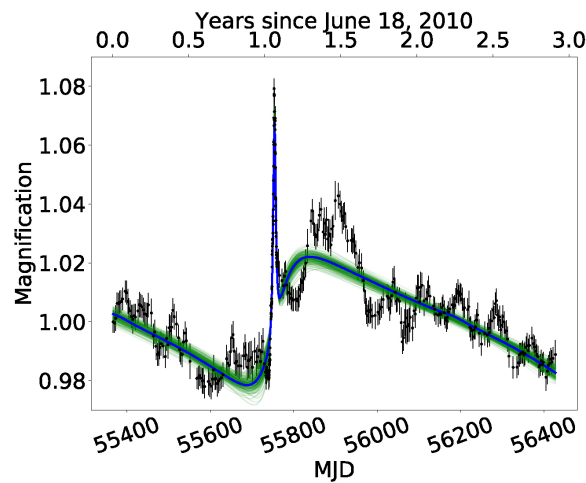


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Spikey: self-lensing flares from eccentric SMBH binaries

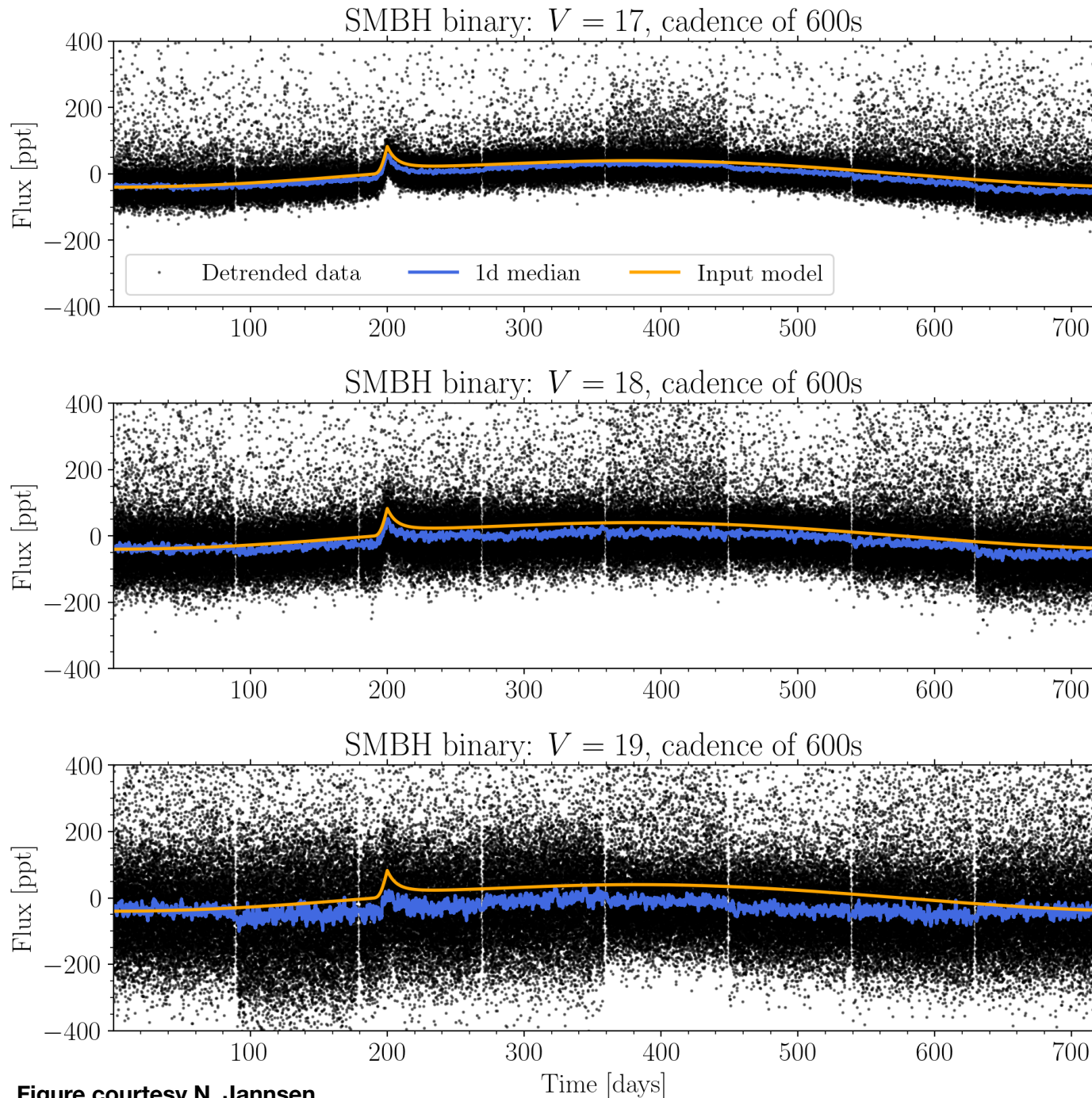
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Spikey Vmag = 17.8

Can PLATO do it?

SMBHBs as (will be) seen by PLATO



“**Spikey**” SMBHB as a prototype (Hu + 2020)

Variability timescales: ~ 2 years orbital + ~ 30 d self-lensing

8Q of PlatoSim data at 600s cadence

No contaminants b/c question is: “can PLATO do faint extragalactic sources?”

**PLATO is NOT a surveyor, let's design its
since together**

**PLATO can be and should be pushed
beyond the limits**

**PLATO has a lot to offer to the binary
(and multiple) star community**

"PLATO can fly... show must go on"

Questions to an astrologist?

