

# **TESS: Mission Update**

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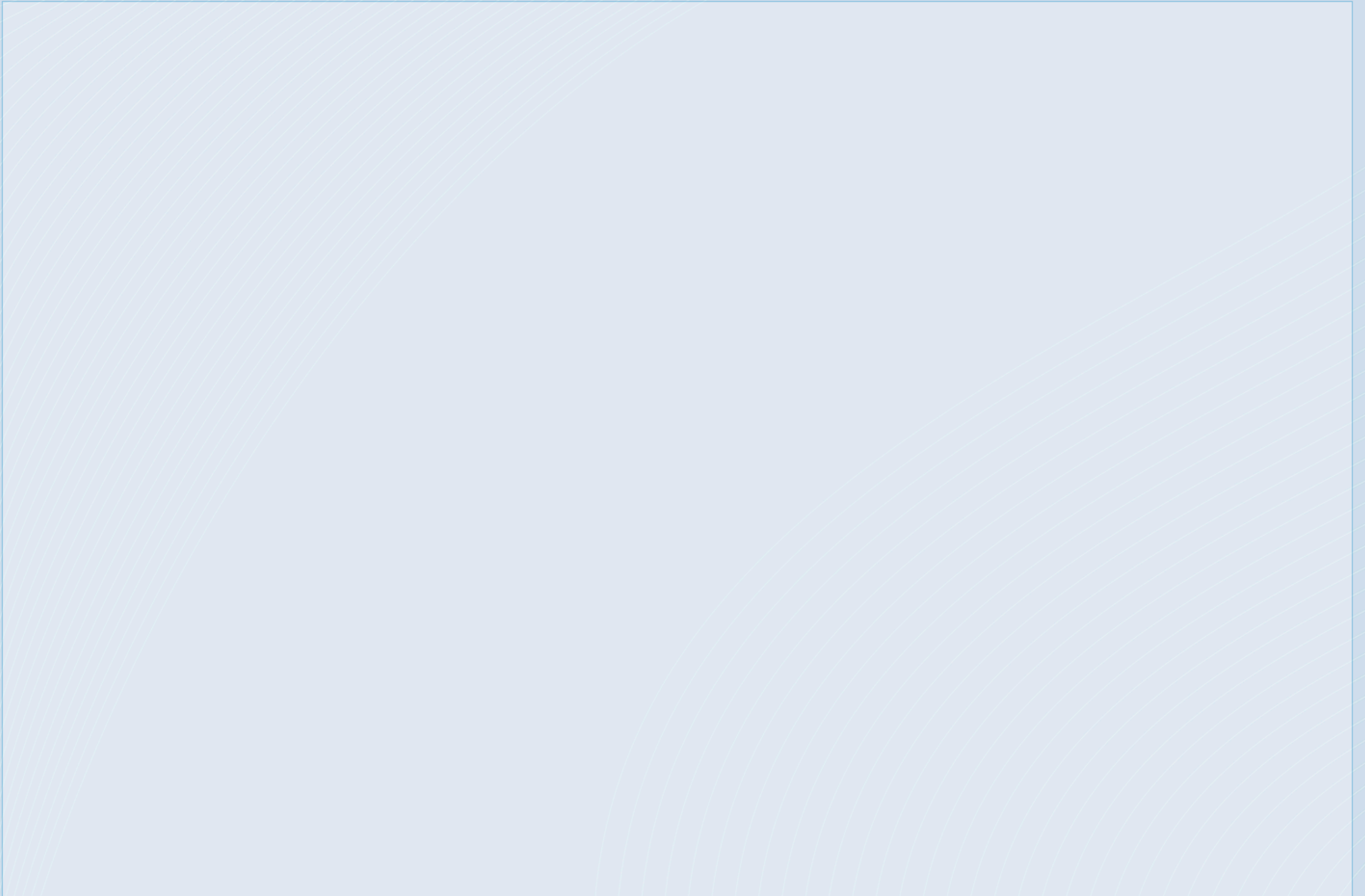
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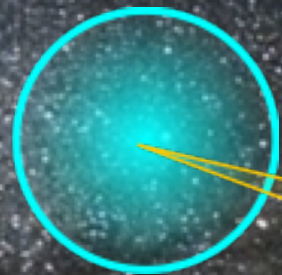
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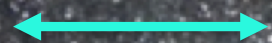
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- ***Science Survey Sectors 1-7 completed; Sector 8 in Progress***



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0.25% of the sky

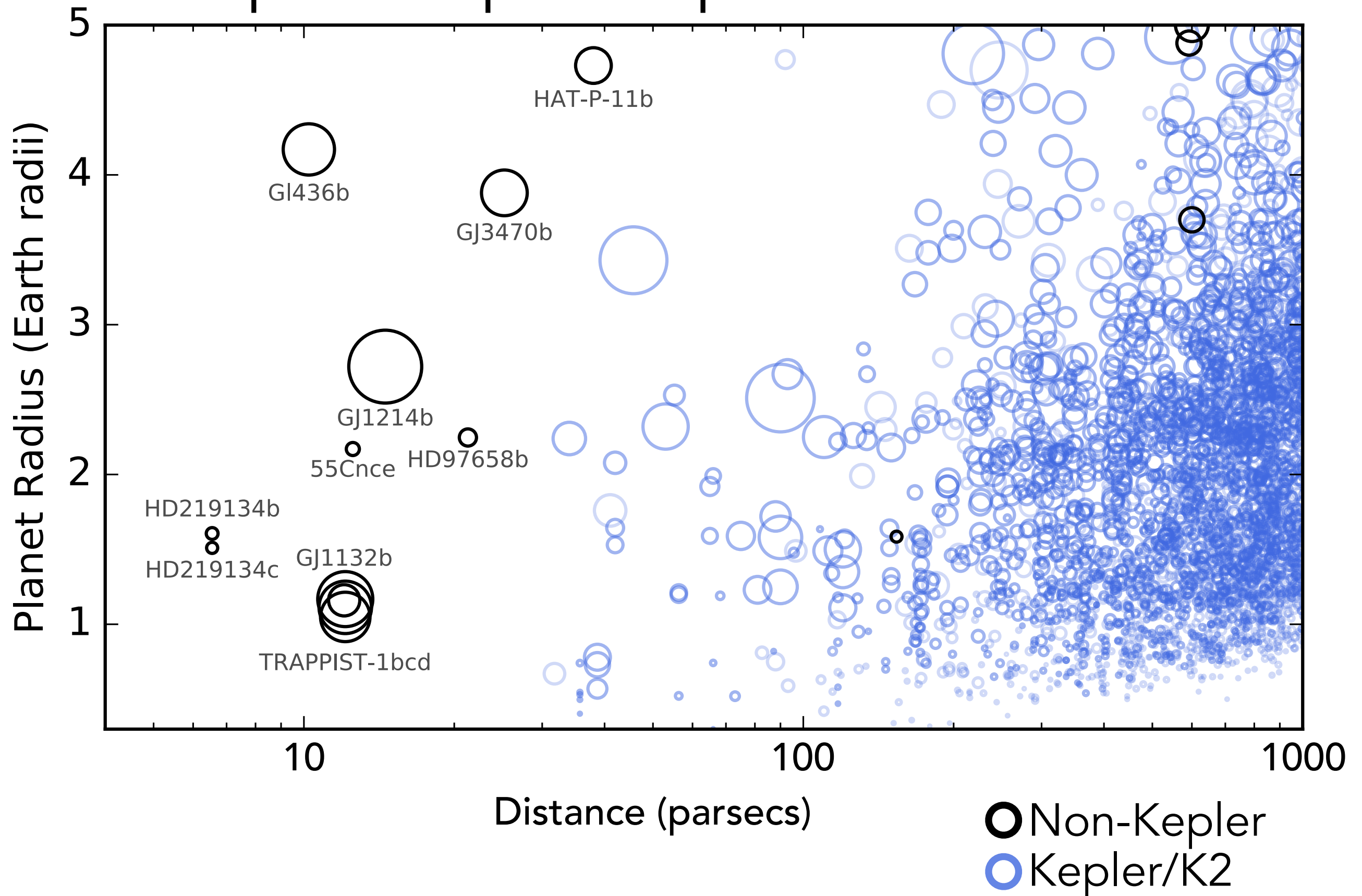


TESS Search Space:  
200 light-years  
All-sky

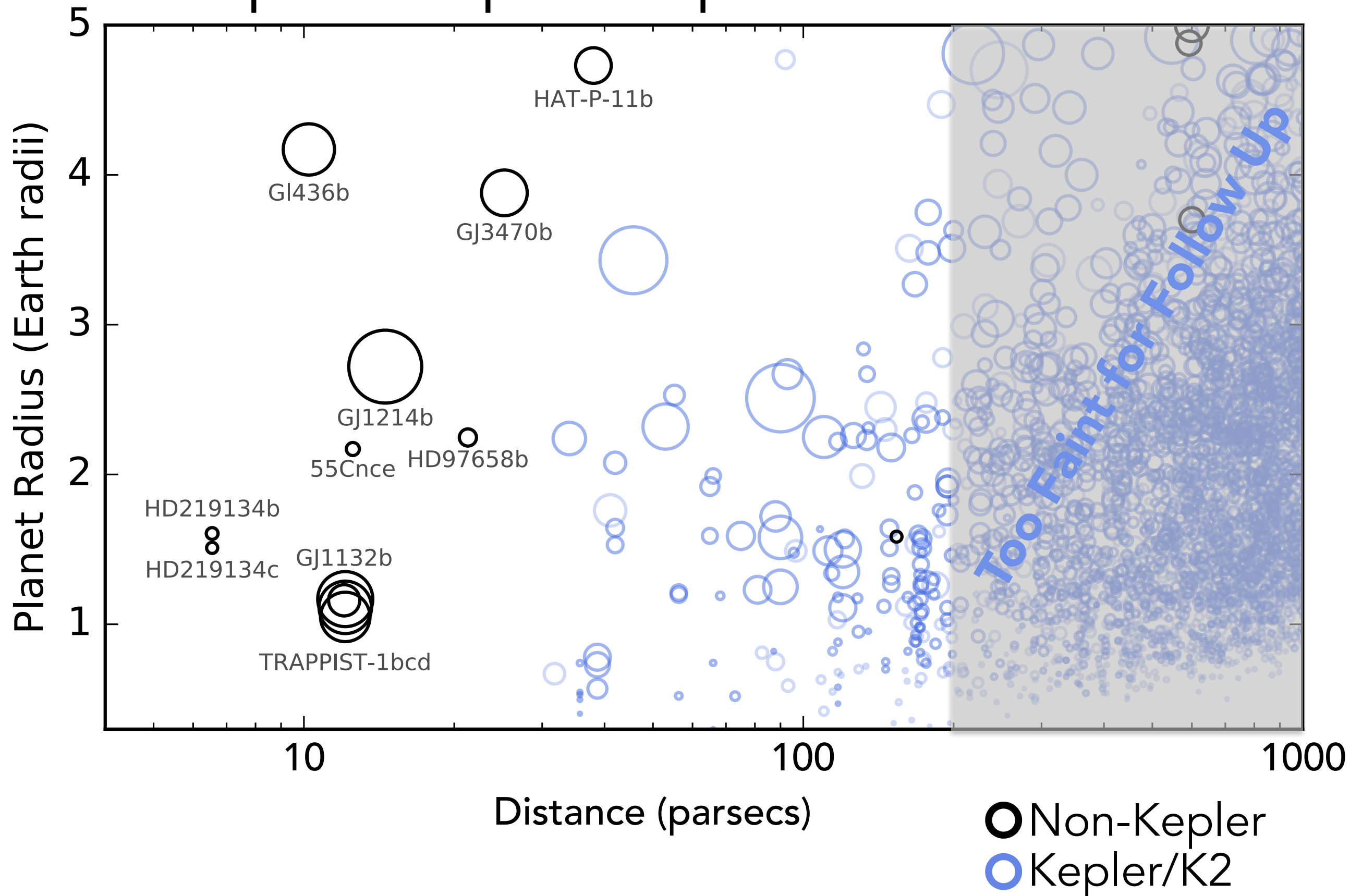




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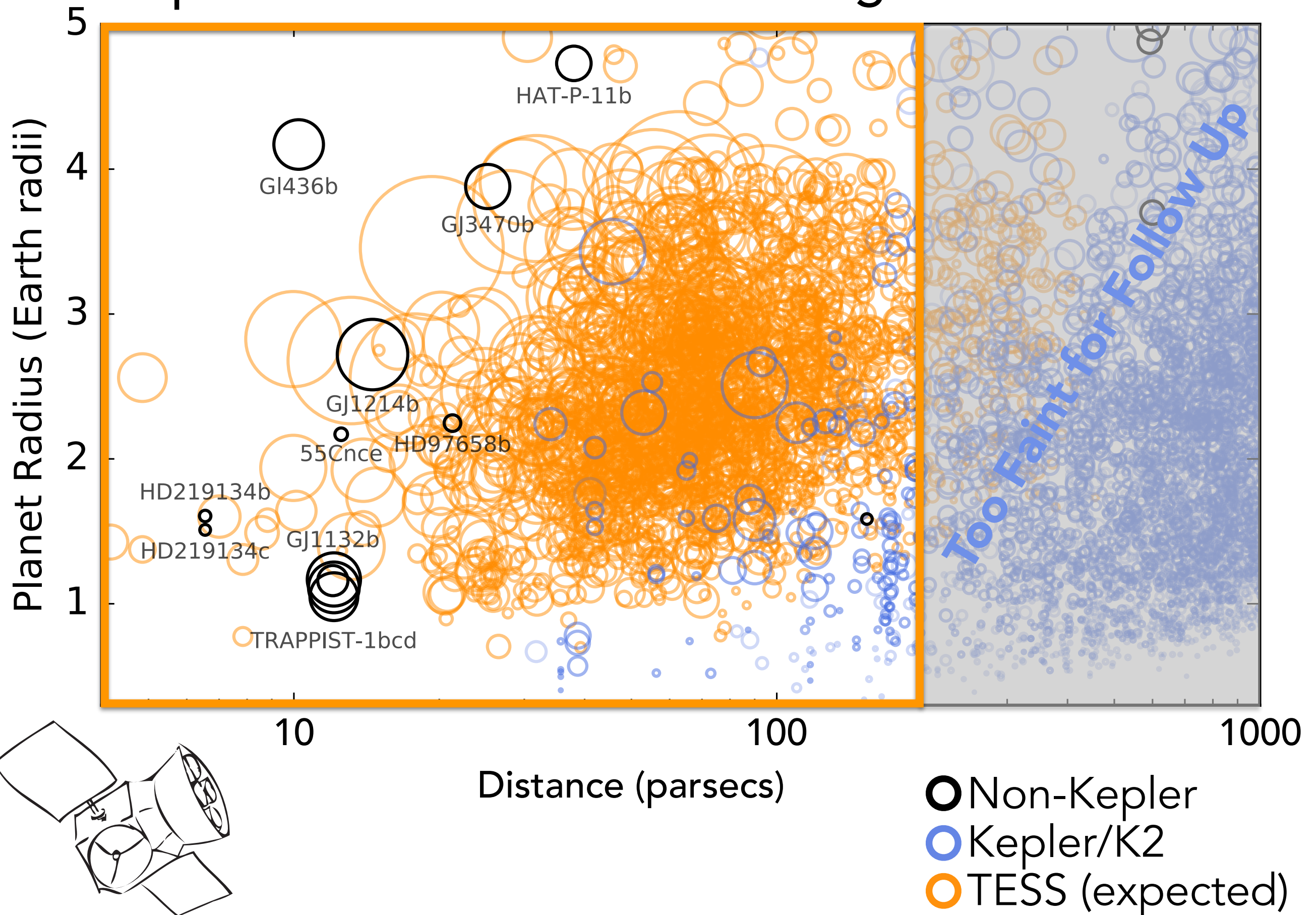


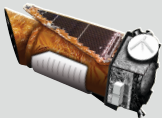
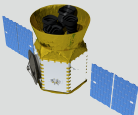
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# We predict TESS will fill in this region



Mission Comparison	<i>Kepler</i> 	<b>TESS Prime</b> 
Main goal	Measure frequency of Earths	Find planets around bright stars
Duration	8 years (4 <i>Kepler</i> + 4 <i>K2</i> )	2 years
Orbit	Heliocentric (373 d)	High-Earth (13.7 d)
Bandpass	0.4 – 0.8 $\mu\text{m}$	0.6 – 1.0 $\mu\text{m}$
Optical area	7100 $\text{cm}^2$	114 $\text{cm}^2$
Field of view	105 $\text{deg}^2$	2304 $\text{deg}^2$
% of pixels retained	0.003% (1 min) 6% (30 min)	8% (2 min) 100% (30 min)
Dwell time per star	<i>Kepler</i> : 4 years <i>K2</i> : 3 months	Typically 1–2 months
Magnitude of planet hosts	10-16	6-13



## Etendue Comparison

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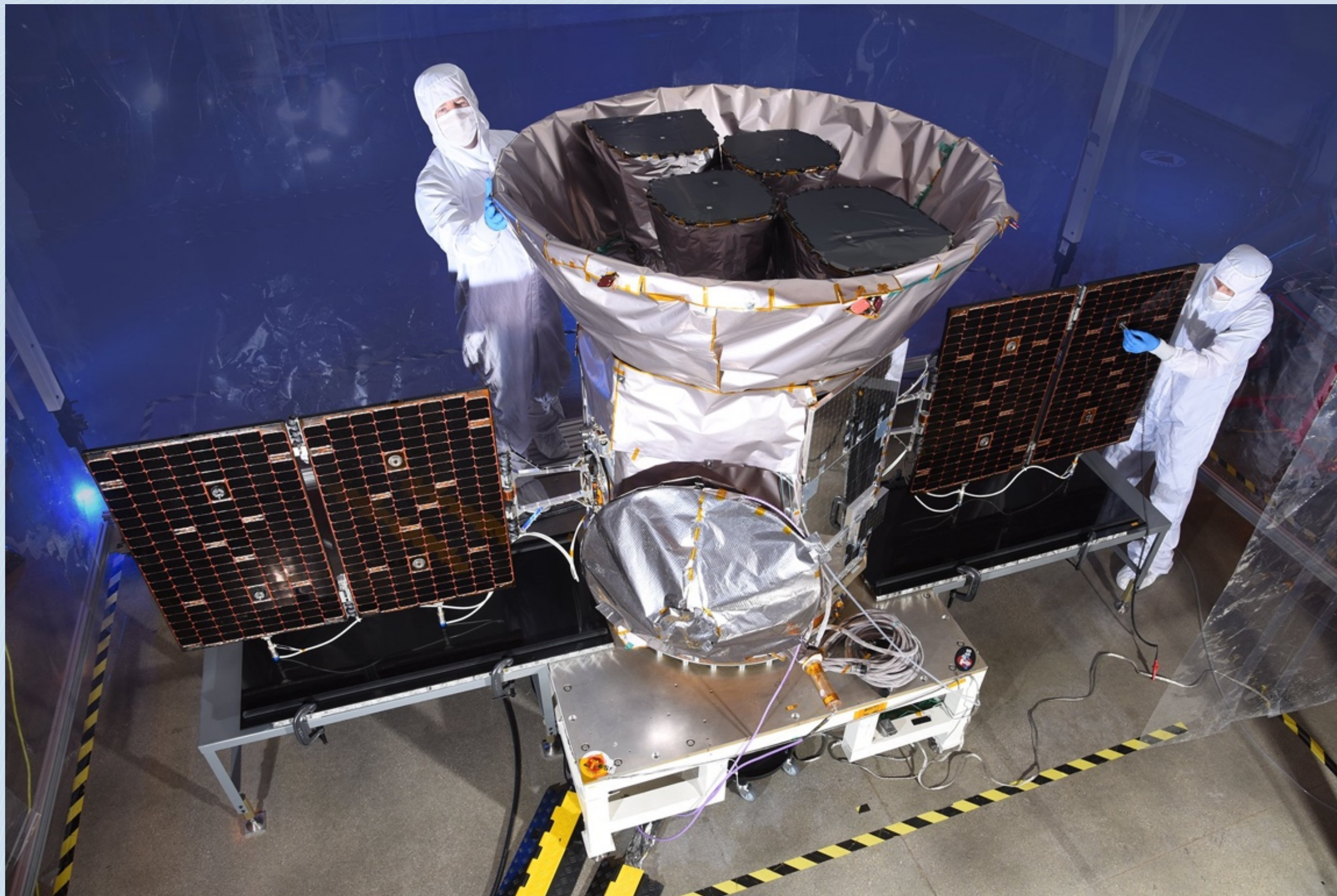
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**TESS is the highest etendue optical  
space mission yet flown:  
~6 times greater than Kepler**

Bryson et al. 2010  
Ricker et al. 2016

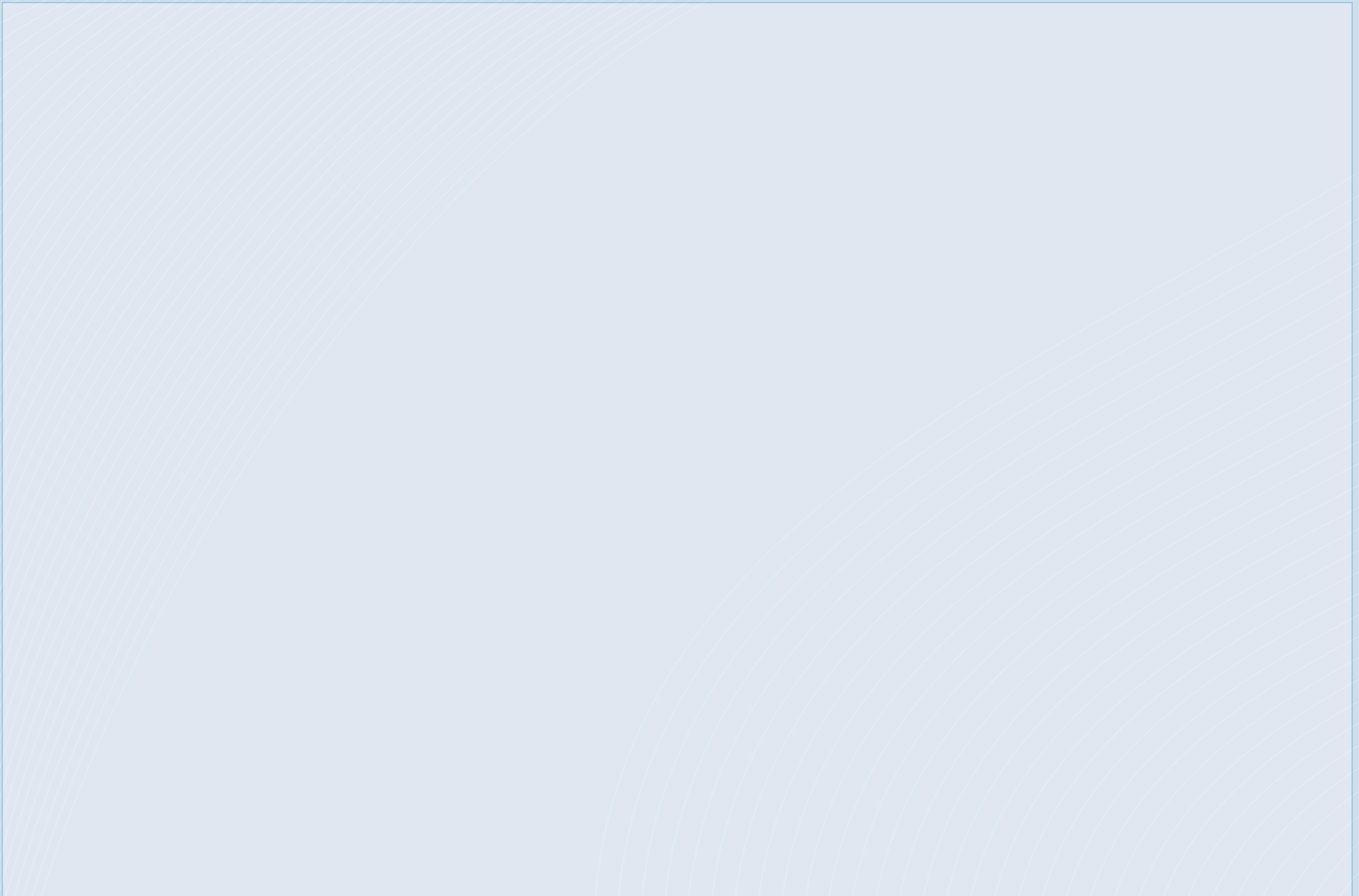








# *TESS Orbit Greatly Simplifies Mission Operations*



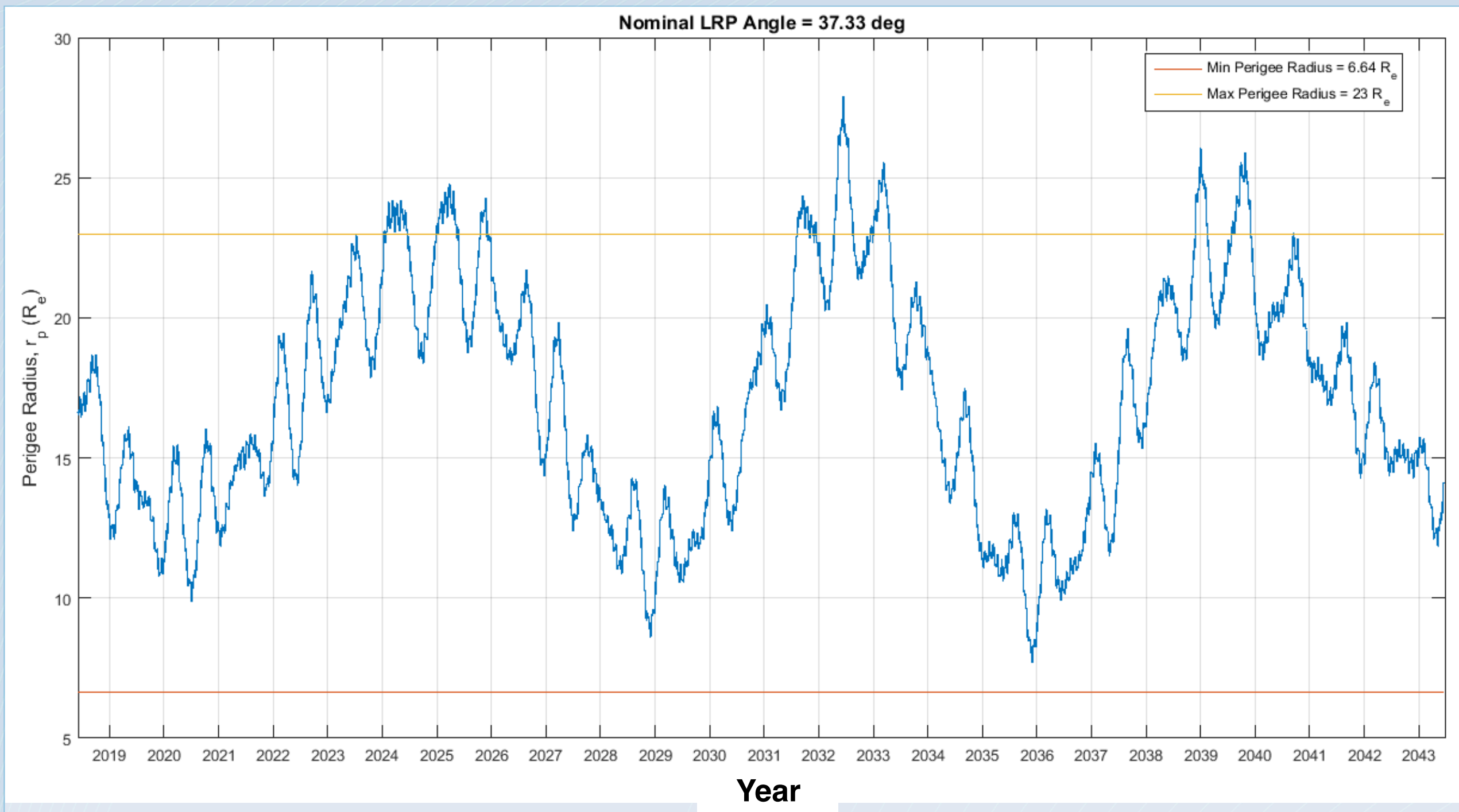




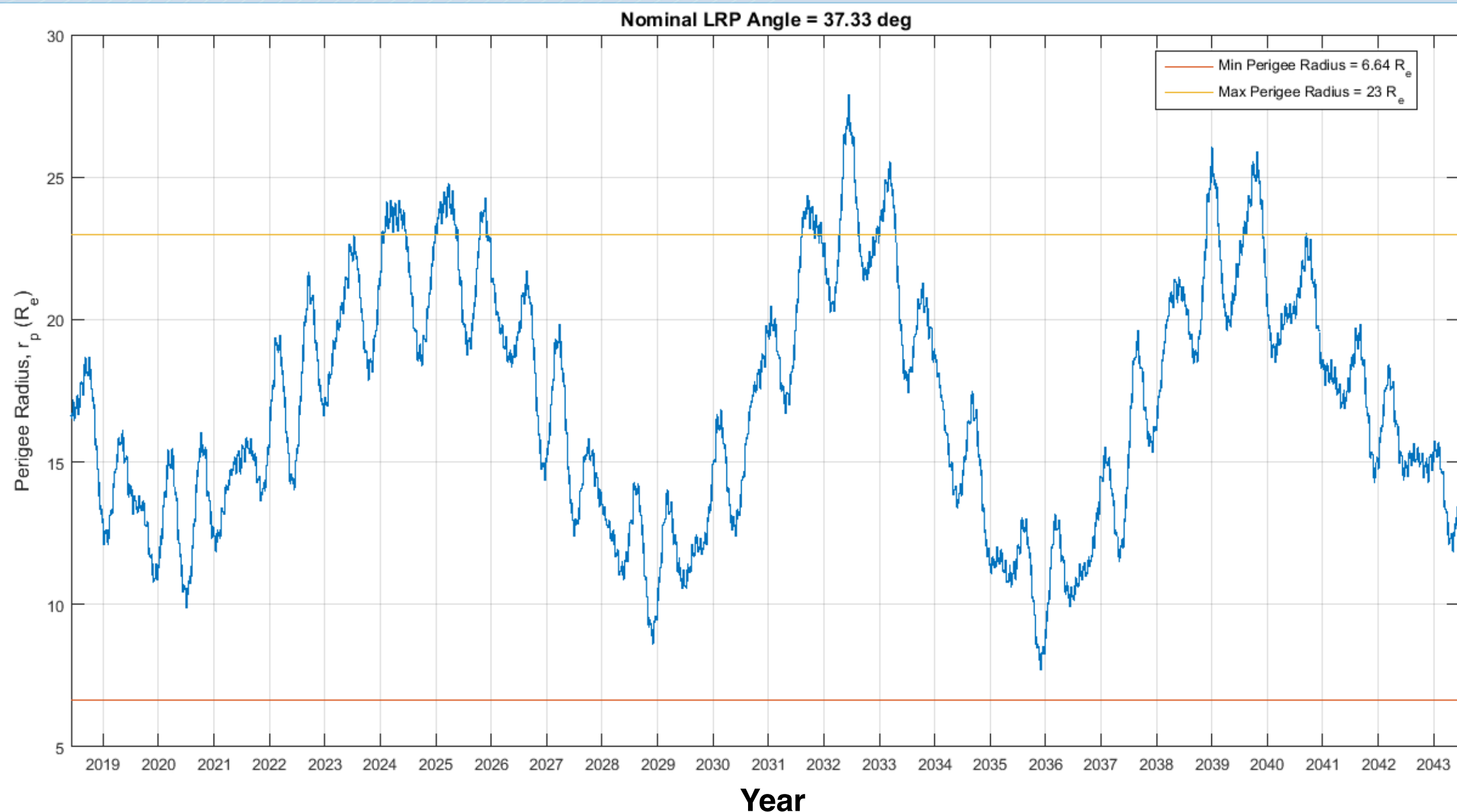
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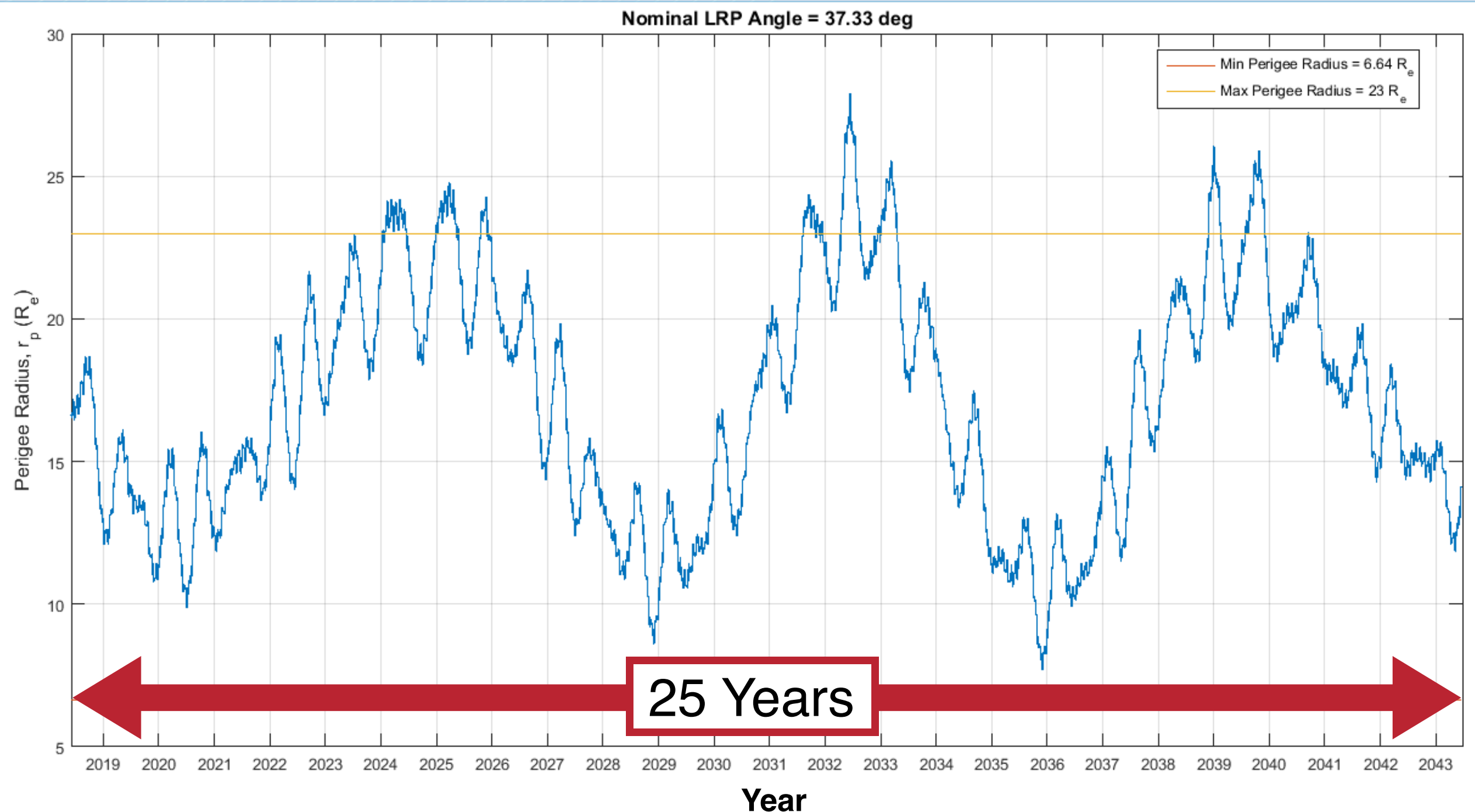
- Extended Observations: *~300 hrs per orbit*
- Thermal Stability: *<30 mK/day (passive control only)*
- Earth/Moon Stray Light Level:  *$10^6$  times less than LEO*
- Low Radiation Levels: *Outside of Earth's Radiation Belts*
- **Excellent Pointing Stability:** *No Drag, No Gravity Gradient*
- **Station keeping propellant:** *none required for ~100 years*
- **High Downlink Rates:** *100 Mbit/s (185 GB in ~5 hr at **Apogee!**)*







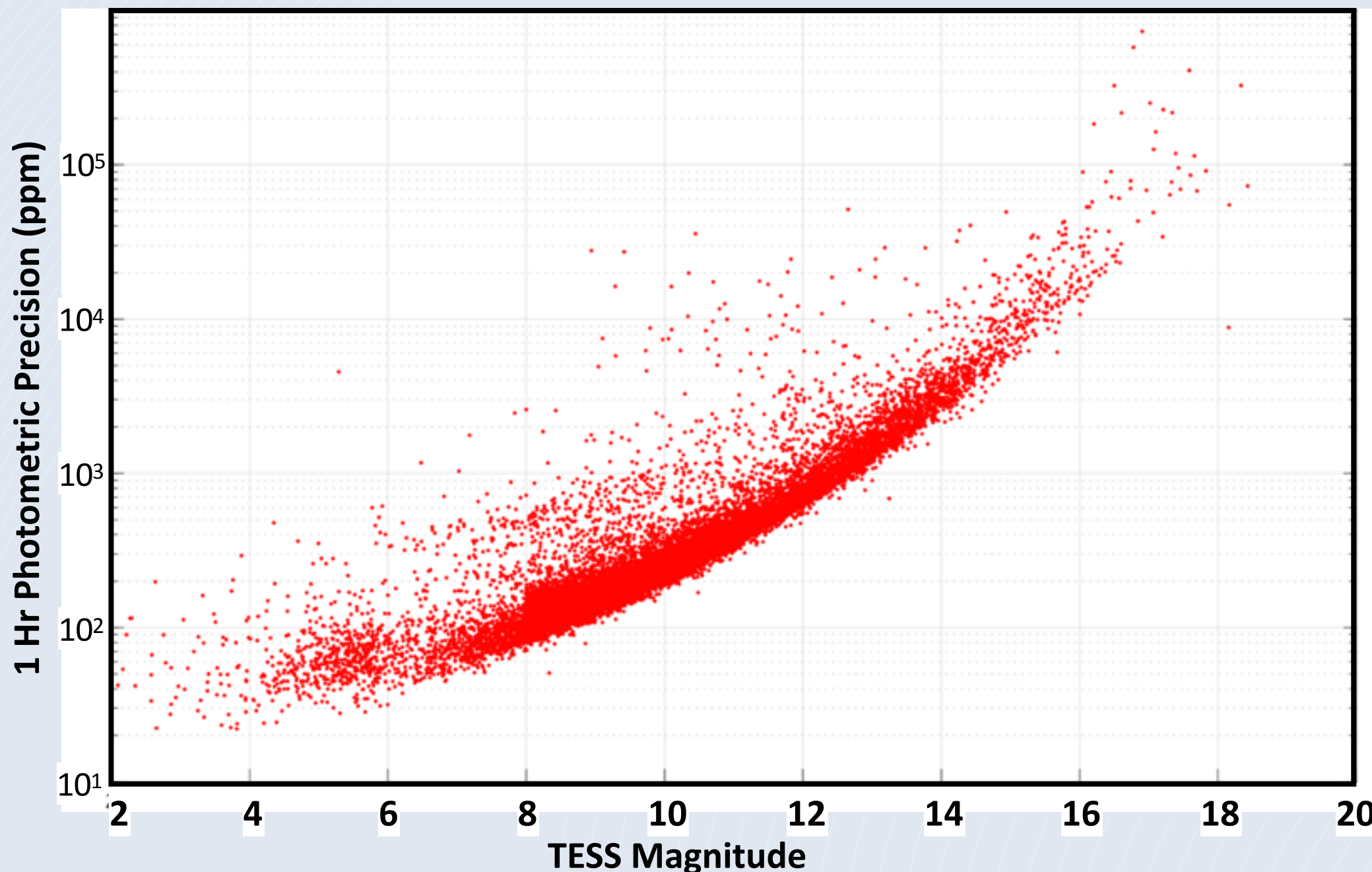
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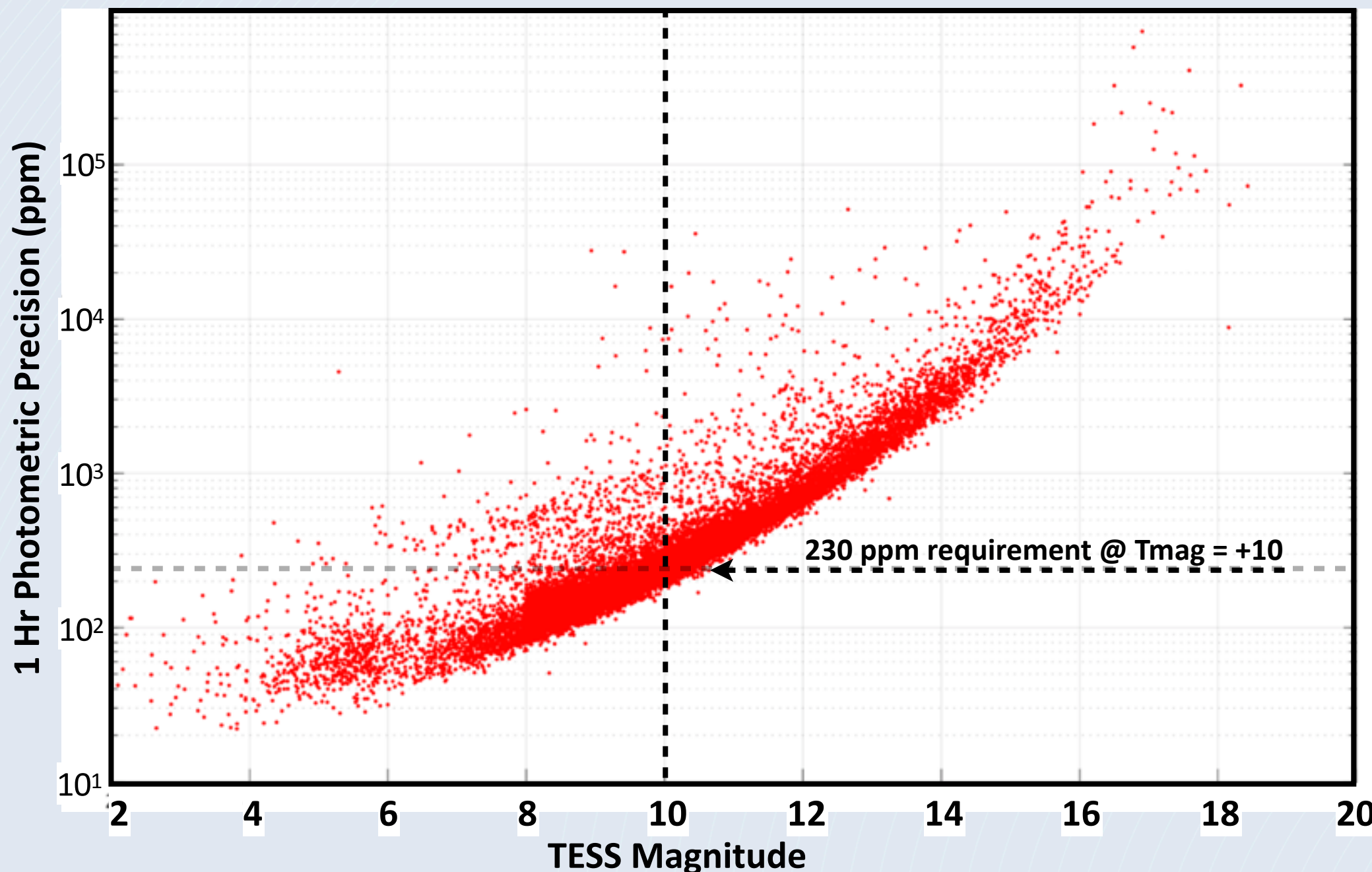
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- **Stable TESS orbit behavior is anticipated for >25 years**



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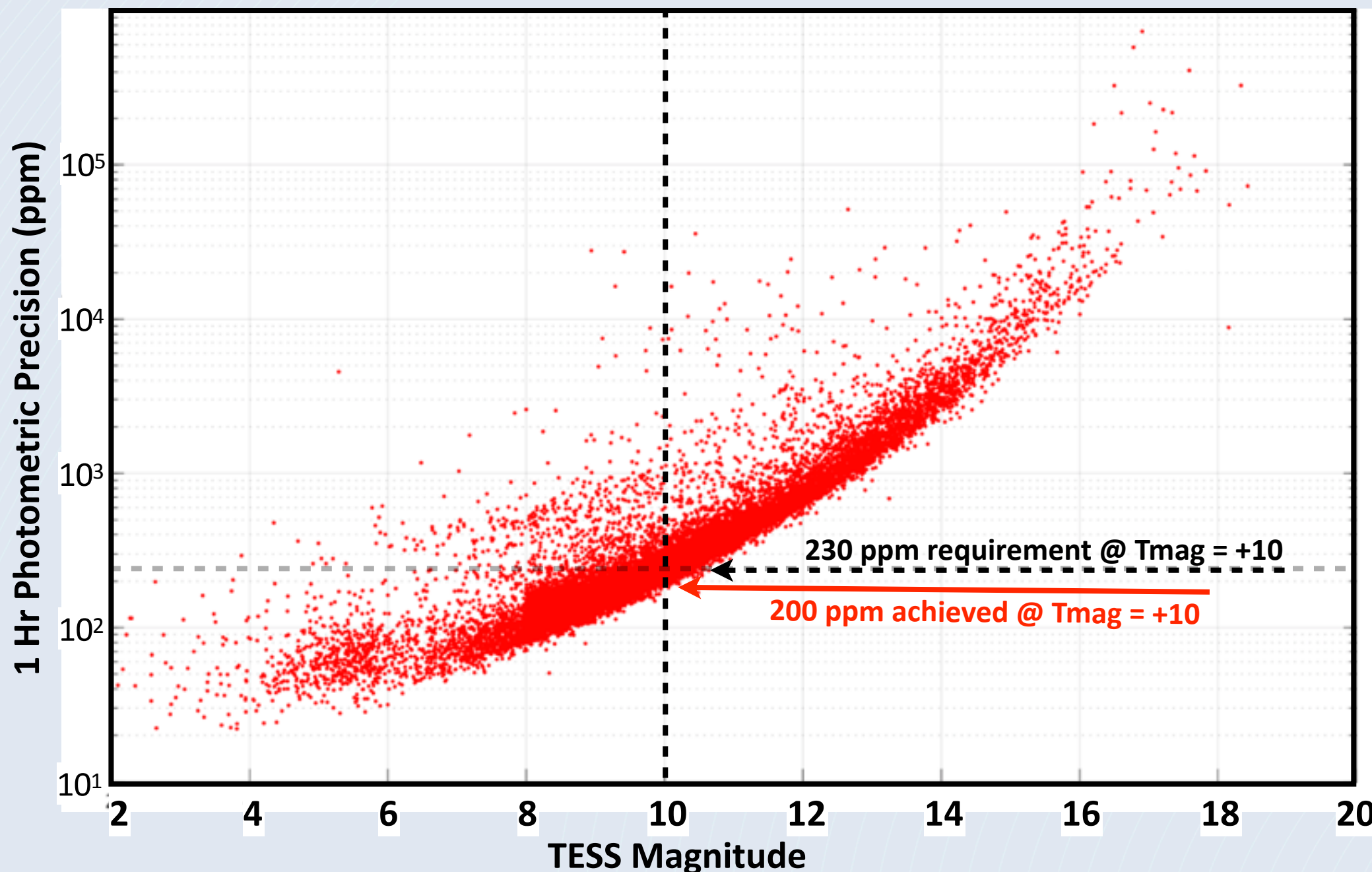


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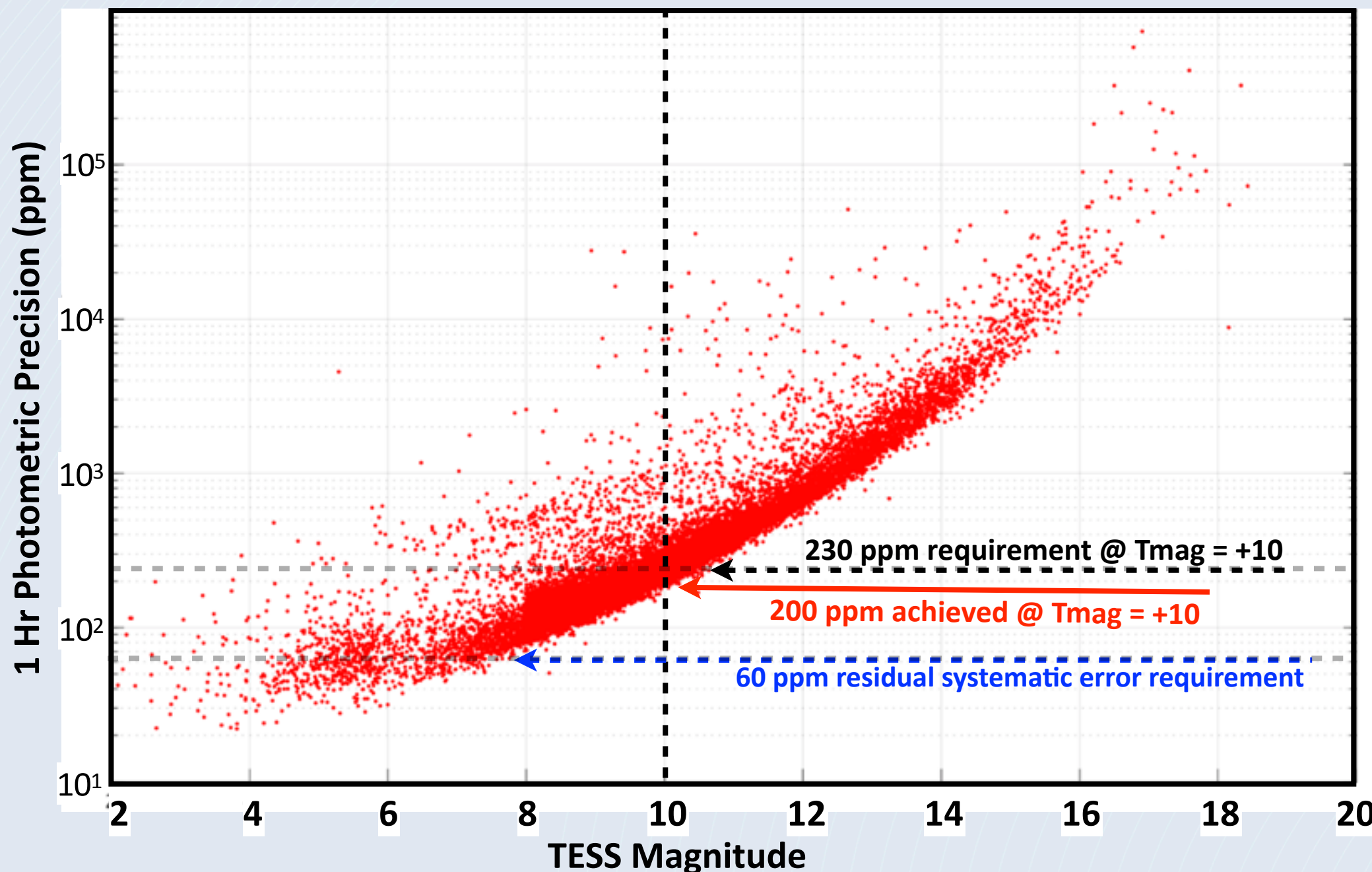




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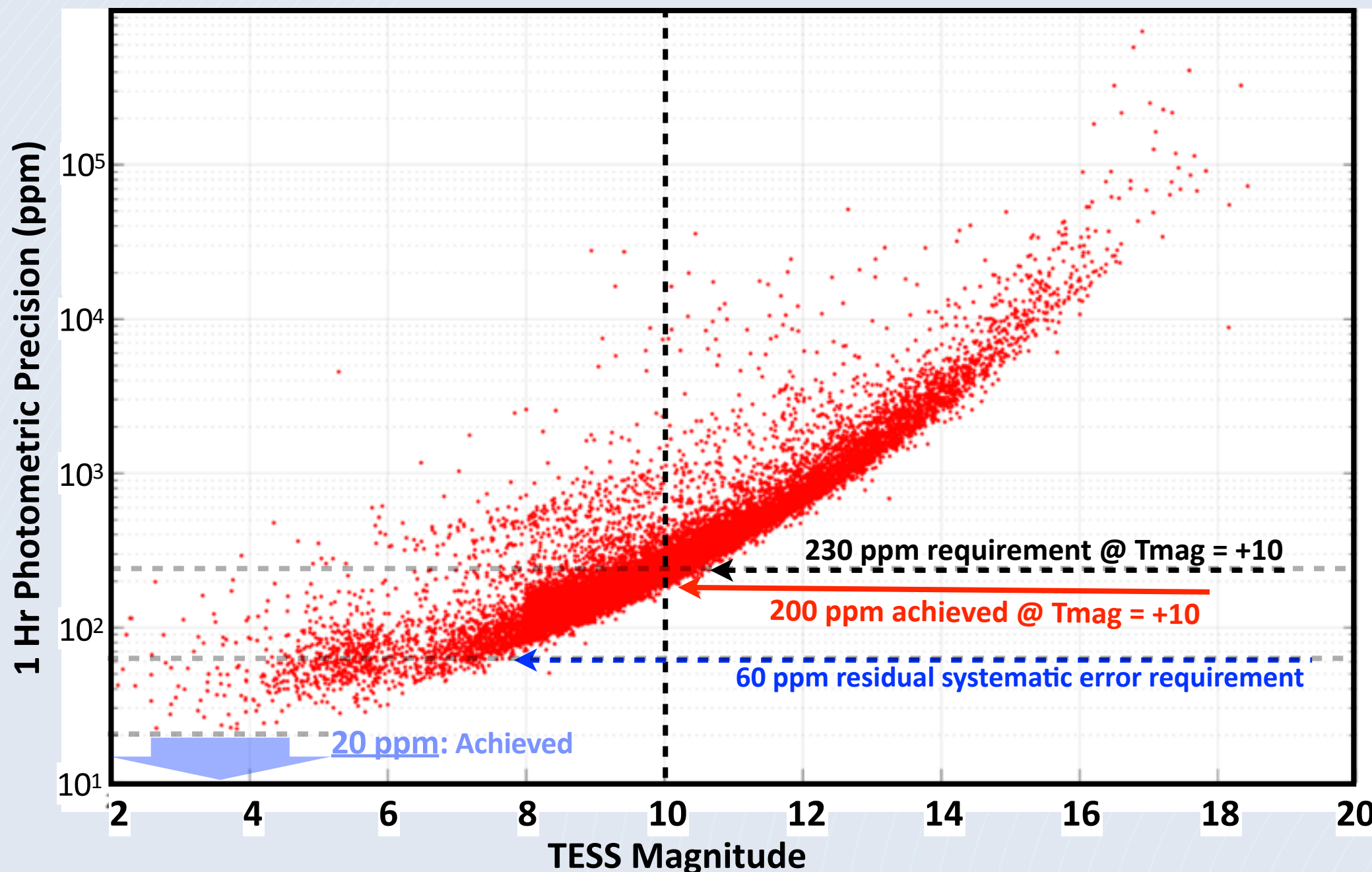


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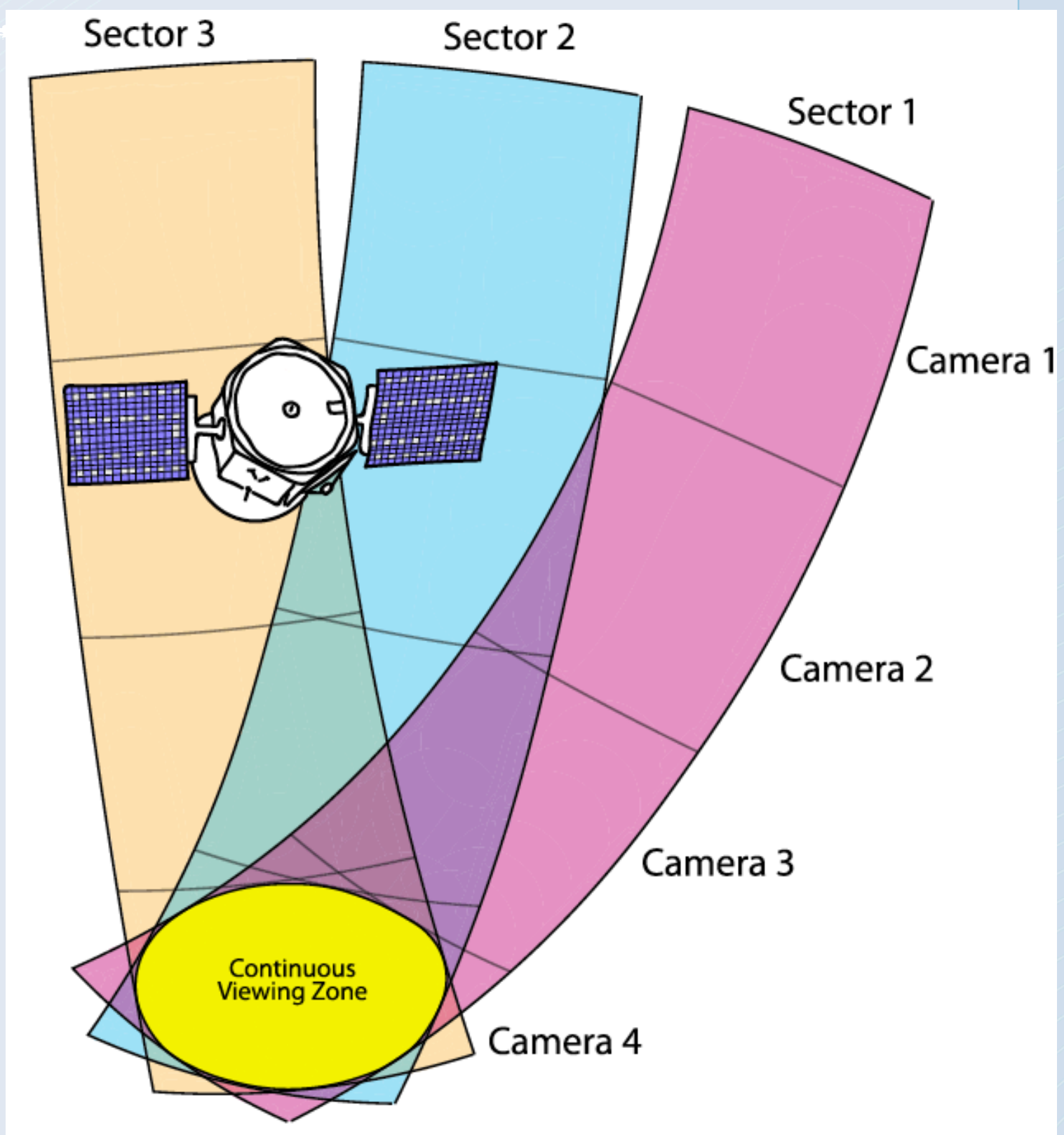
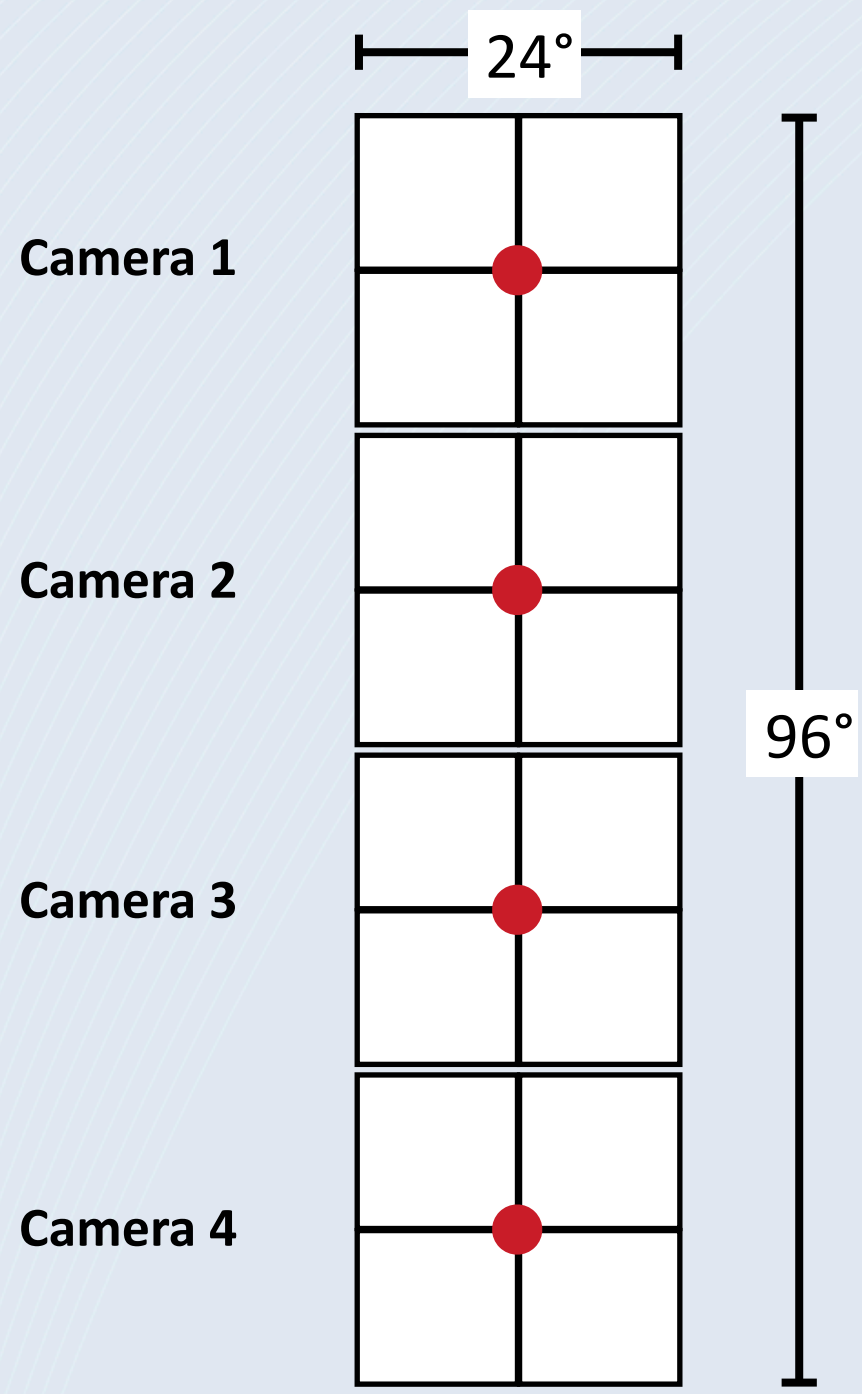


Commissioning Completed:  
24 July 2018

TESS Science Survey Began:  
25 July 2018



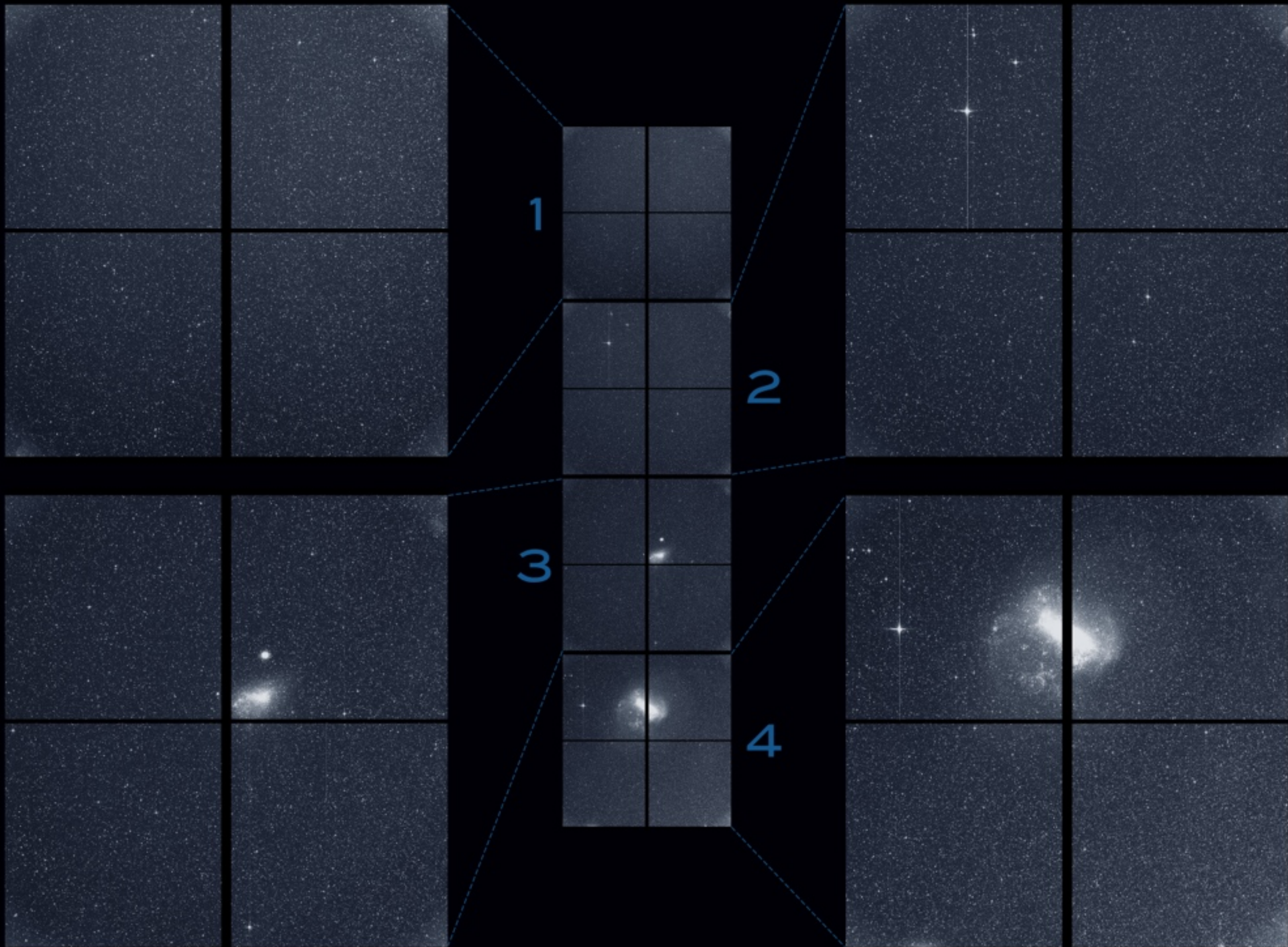
Ecliptic Plane



# Official “First Light” Image from TESS Sector 1

(1 of ~1200 FFIs from Sector 1)







Messier 30  
Globular cluster

Beta Piscis Austrini

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Beta Gruis

Alpha Tucanae

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NGC 104  
Globular cluster

Small Magellanic Cloud  
Galaxy

Gamma Hydri

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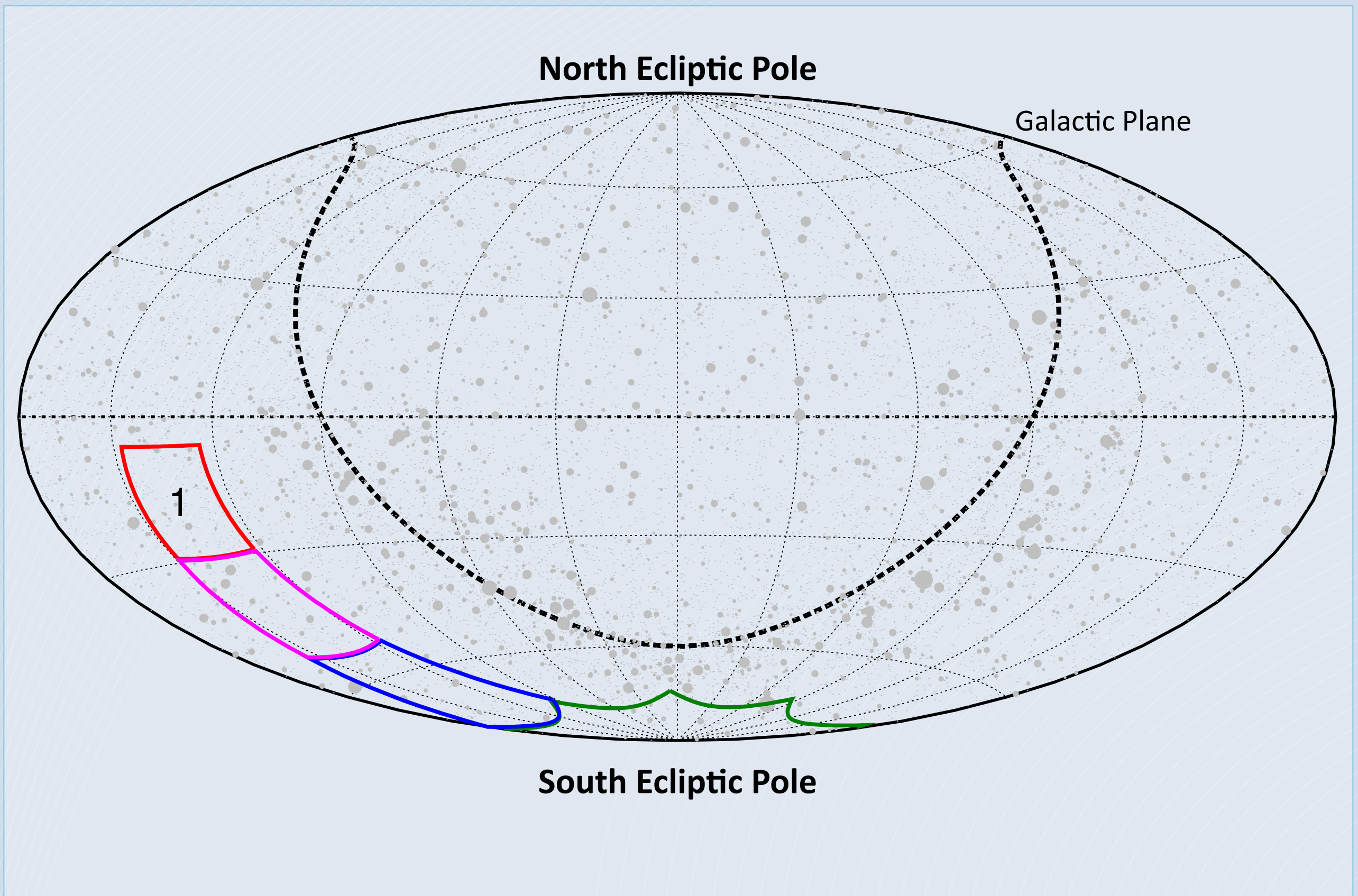
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Variable star

Large Magellanic Cloud  
Galaxy

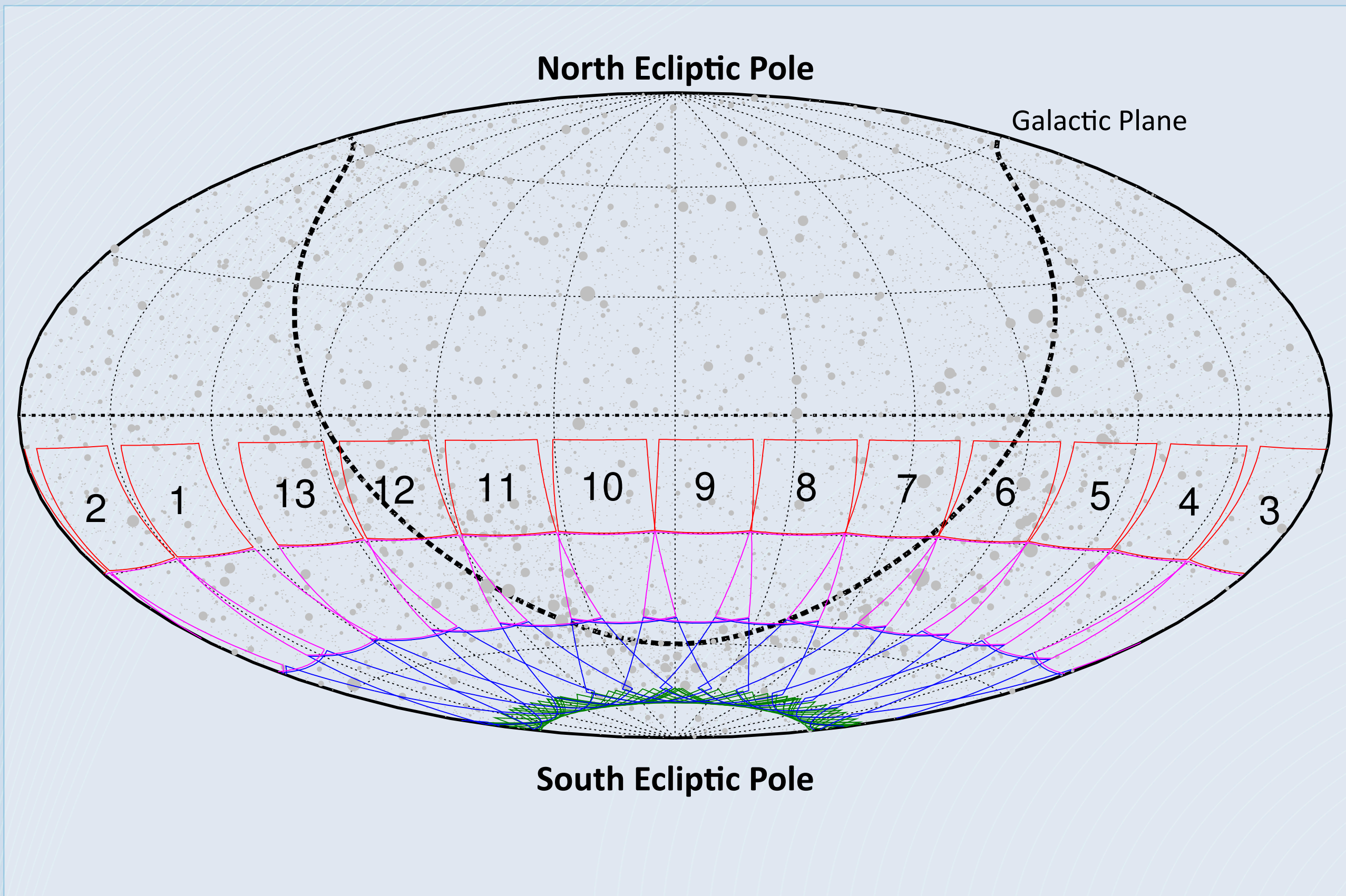
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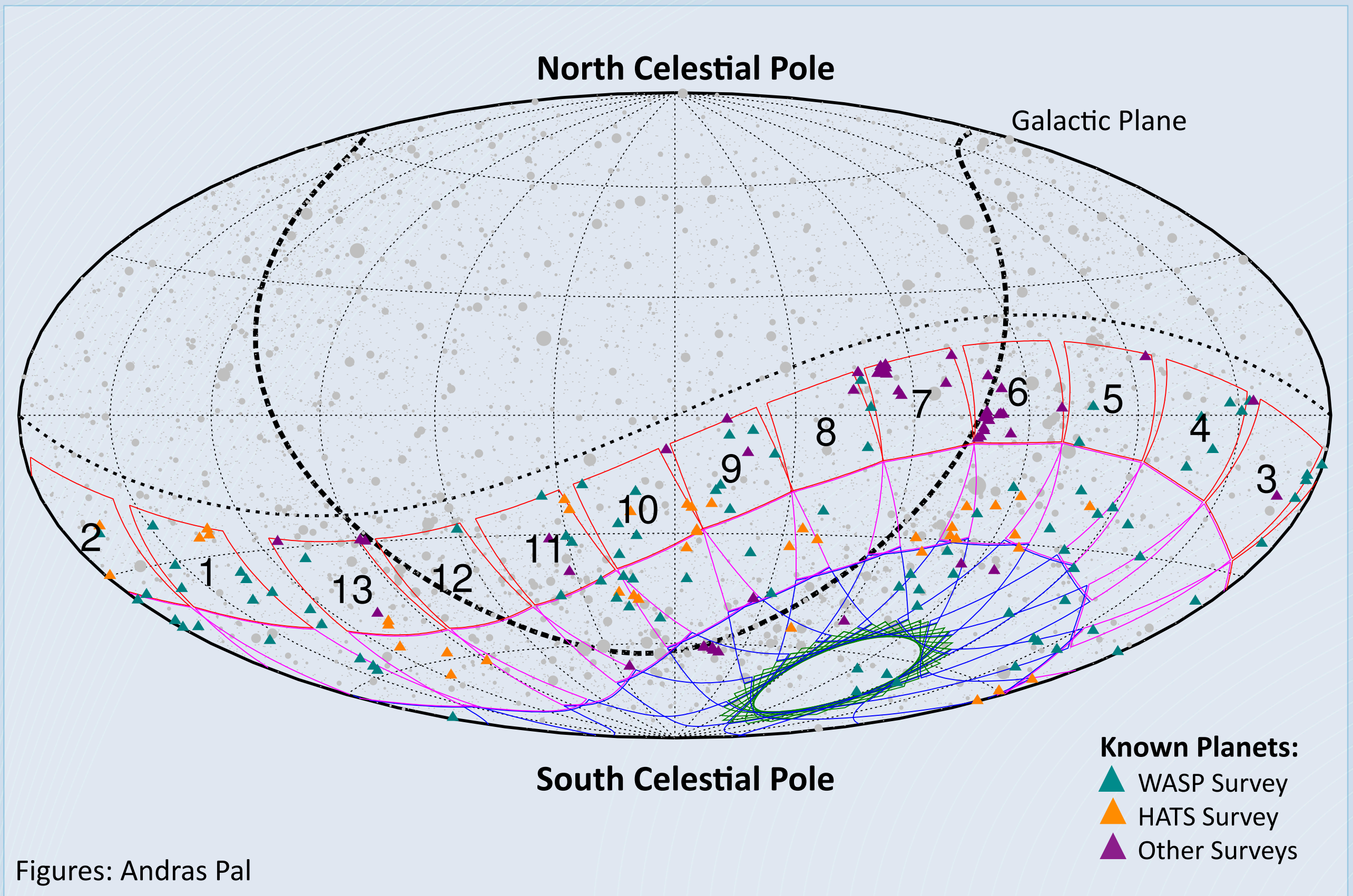






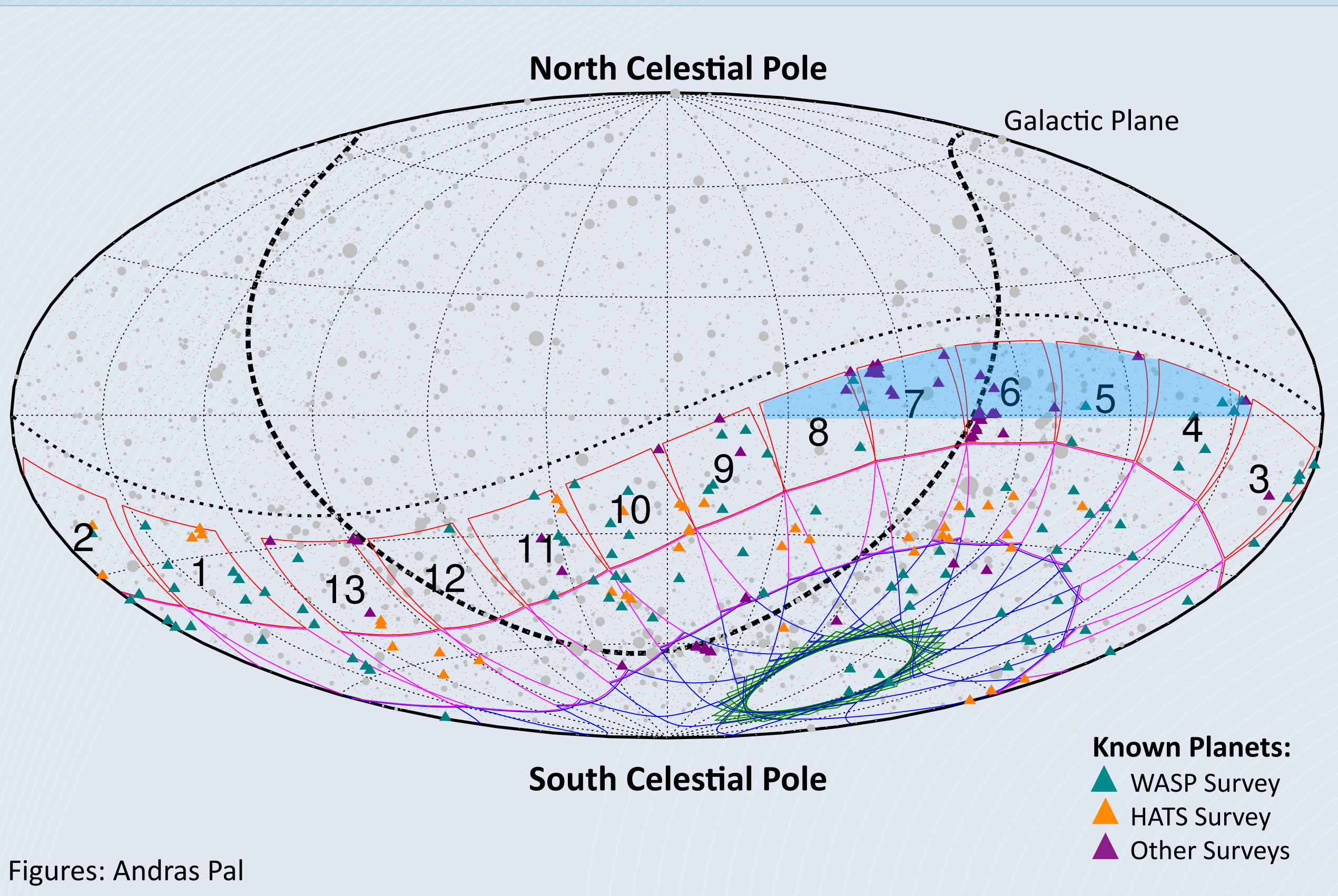






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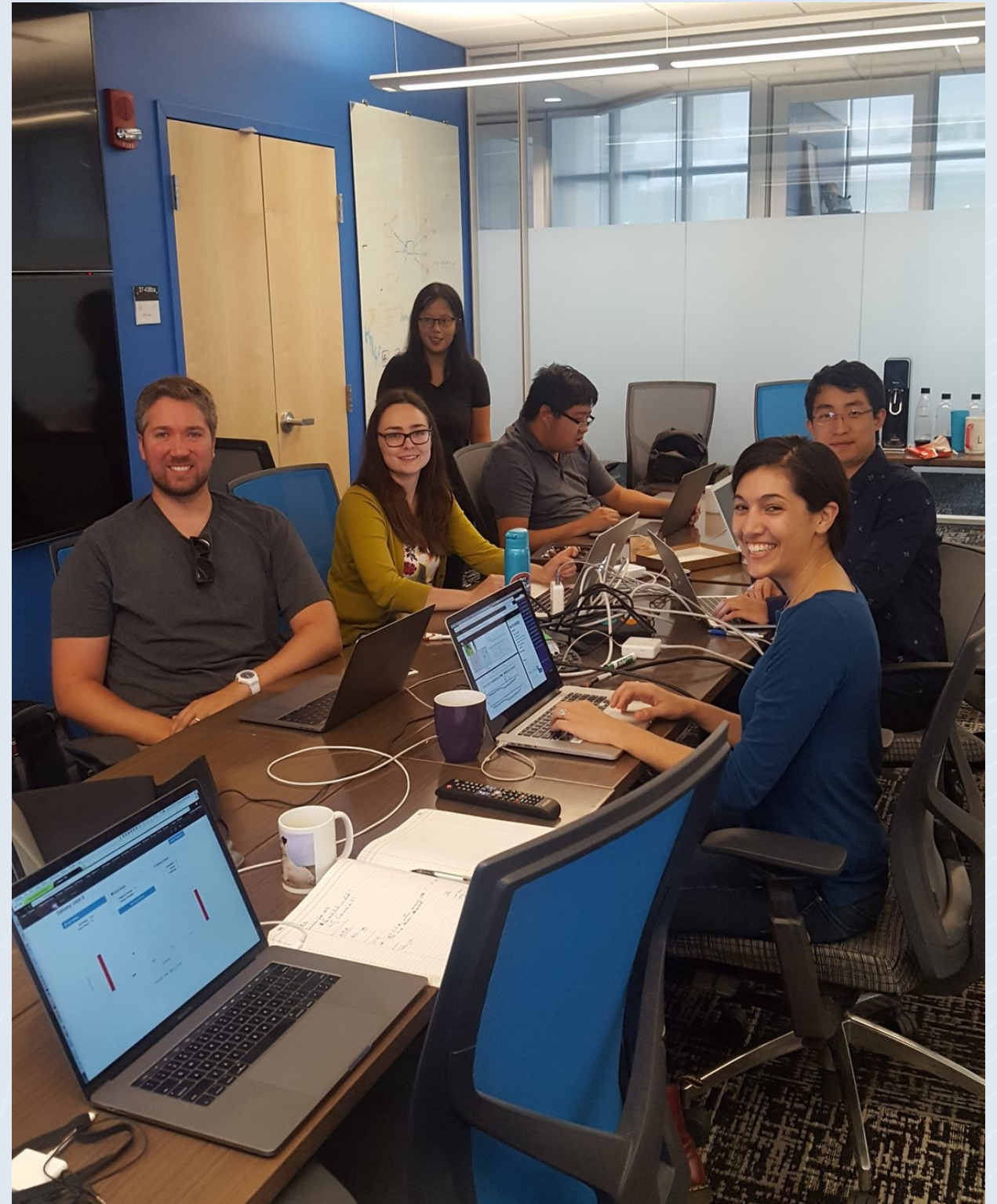


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- Initial Full Data Release on December 6th
  - ▶ *6 weeks earlier than originally planned*
  - ▶ *Accompanying documentation included*
  - ▶ *Posted here at MAST for public download*
- Initial 8% of Sky Survey
  - ▶ *Sectors 1 and 2 (of 26 scheduled over next two years)*
  - ▶ *~30,000 light curves at 2 min cadence*
  - ▶ *~2000 Full frame images at 30 min cadence*
- Full sensitivity for the two sectors surveyed
  - ▶ *~ 3500 square degrees*
  - ▶ *~20,000,000 stars and galaxies brighter than  $I_{mag} = +18$  ( $S/N > 10$ )*
  - ▶ *Continuous viewing of the Large Magellanic Cloud for 2 months*
    - *Anticipated in full 12 month survey: microlensing events, variable stars, ...*







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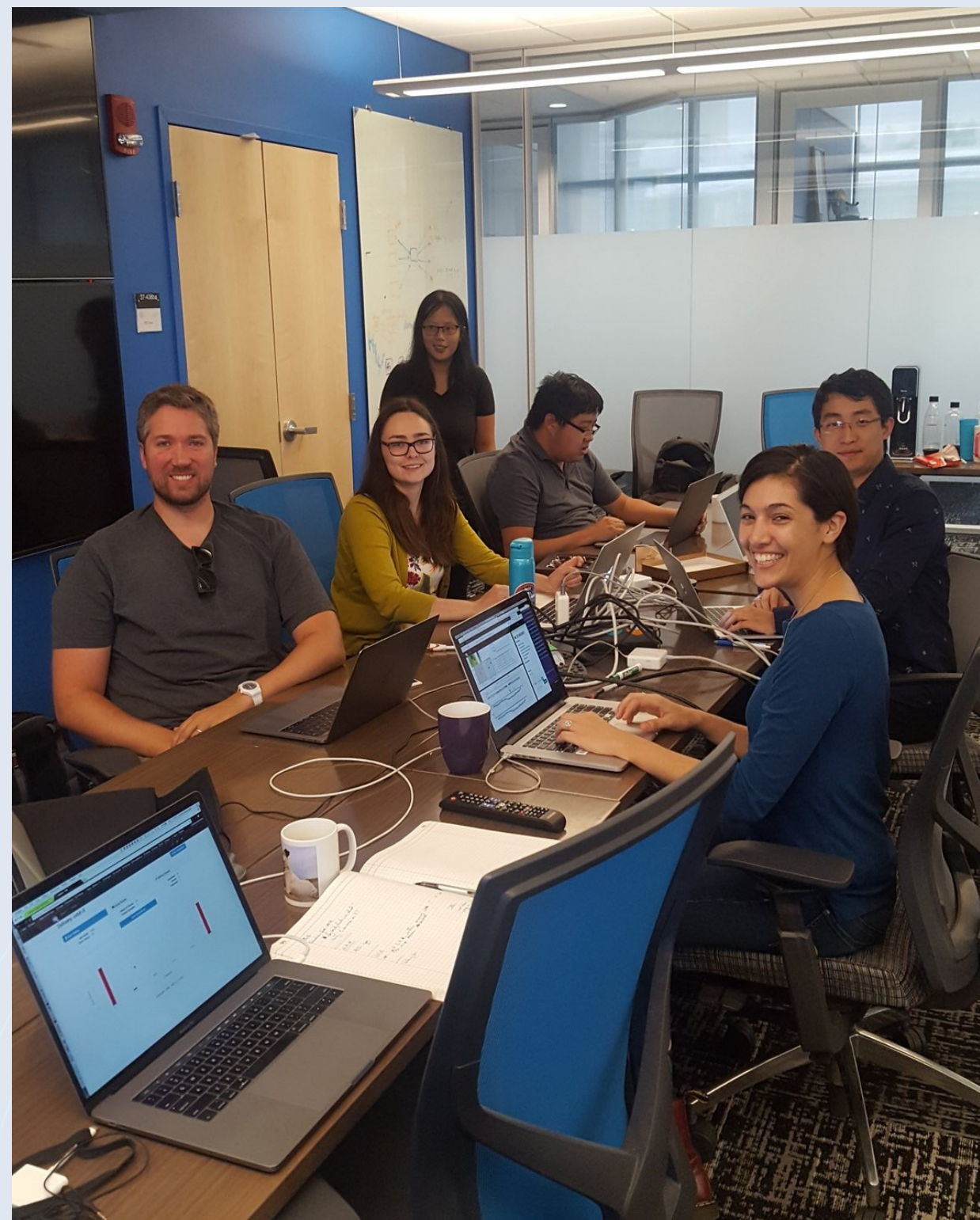
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## Team Goal:

Issue prompt **Alerts** for Ground Observers to establish masses for TESS-discovered small planets **ASAP**, thus satisfying TESS's **Level 1 Mission Requirements**





# 385 TOIs (so far!)

Yield from 5 sectors:

104 TOIs with TESS  $R_p < 4R_E$

54 false positives

189 alerted with QLP parameters

196 alerted with SPOC parameters

TESS small planets ( $< 4 R_E$ ) thus far:

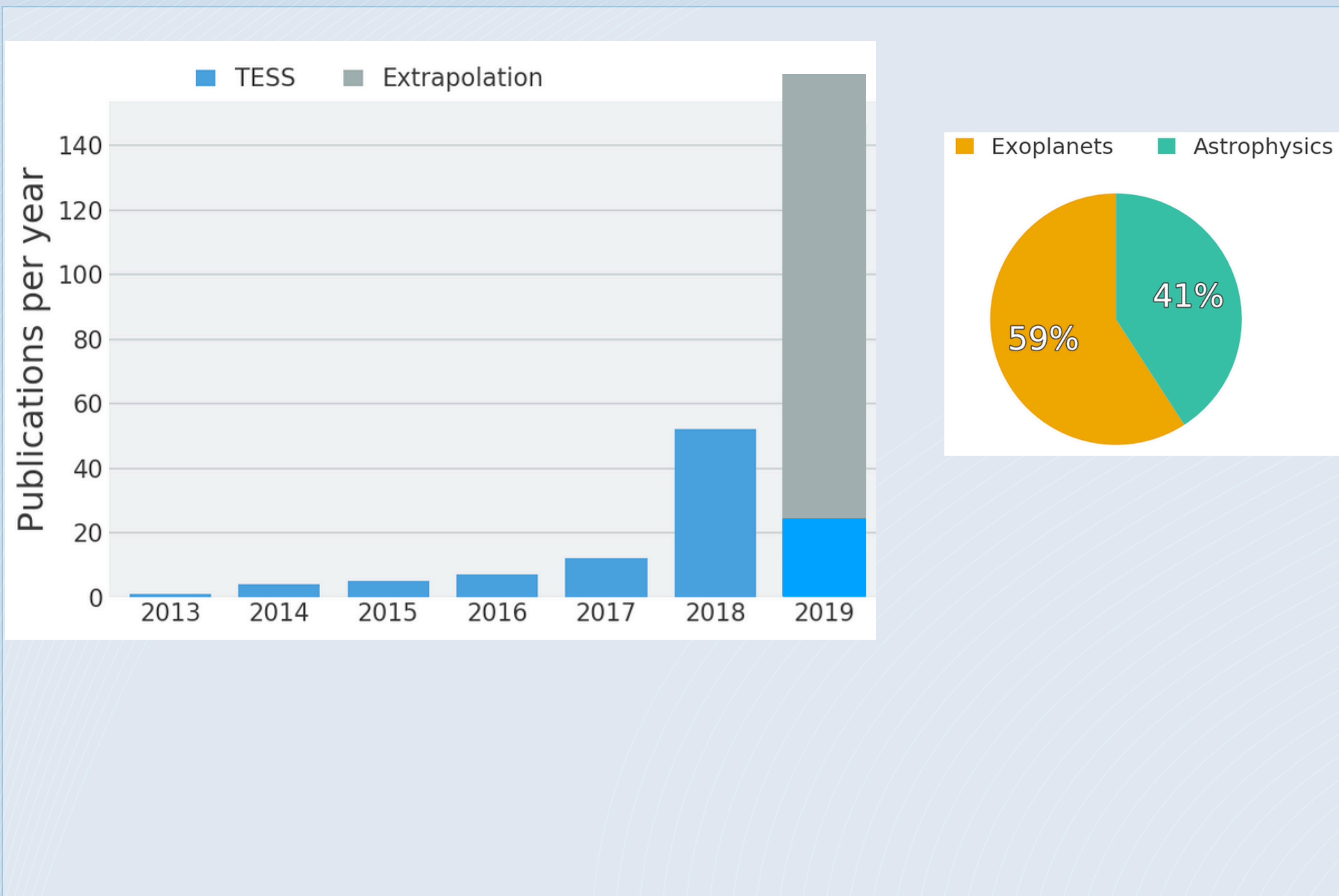
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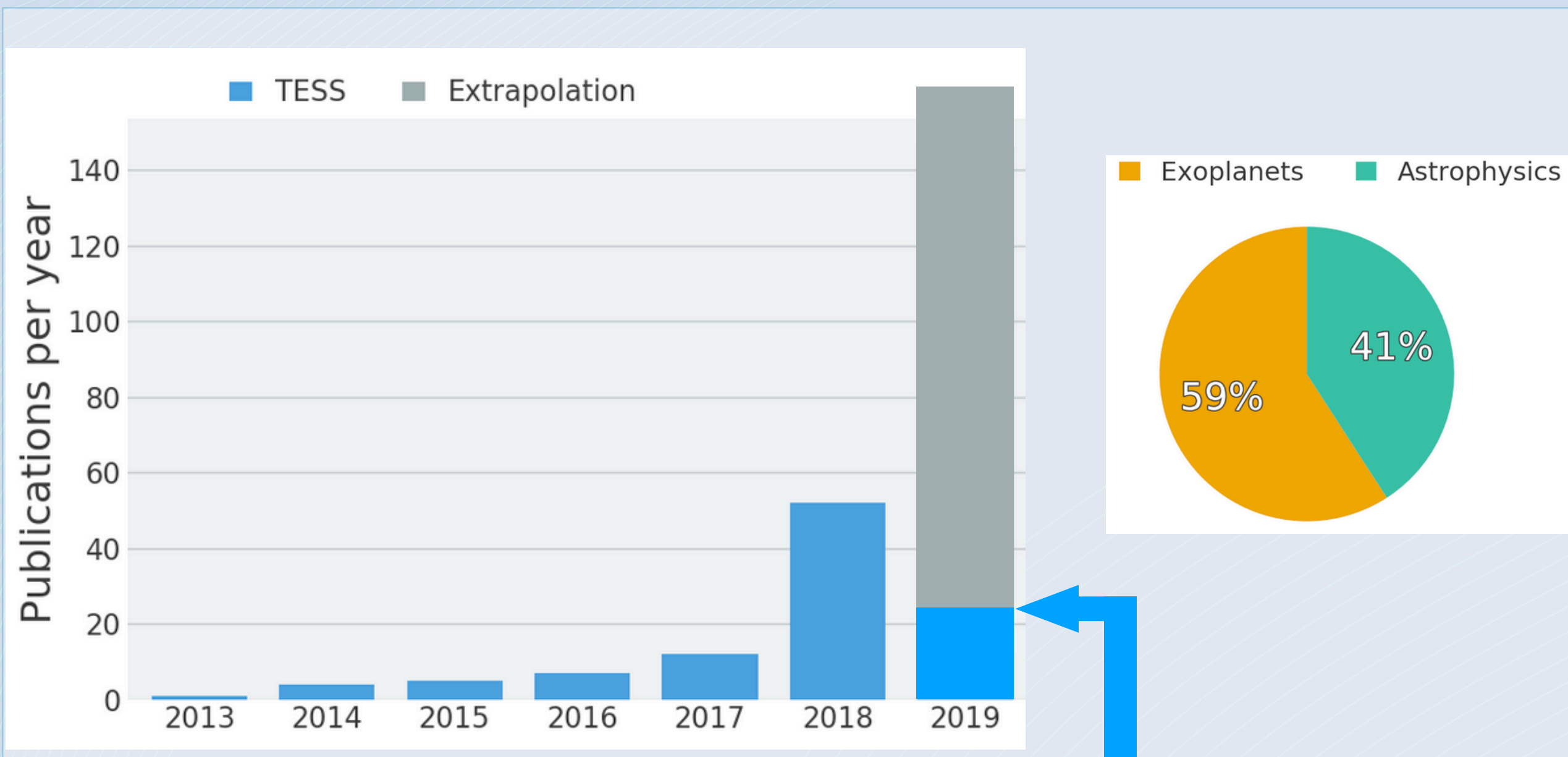
Mass measurements complete: 6

QLP = MIT Quick Look Pipeline

SPOC = NASA Ames Kepler-derived Pipeline







Rate since Jan 1:  
26 publications in 53 days  
=> 1 per ~2 days



Camera 4

R Dor

LMC

S. Ecliptic Pole





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Pi Mensae  
T= 5.1 mag  
TESS Planet Candidate Host!



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5th mag G star

# $\pi$ Mensae c

Huang+ 2018

arXiv:1809.05967

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## TESS DISCOVERY OF A TRANSITING SUPER-EARTH IN THE $\pi$ MENSAE SYSTEM

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### ABSTRACT

We report the detection of a transiting planet around  $\pi$  Men (HD 39091), using data from the *Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite* (*TESS*). The solar-type host star is unusually bright ( $V = 5.7$ ) and was already known to host a Jovian planet on a highly eccentric, 5.7-year orbit. The newly discovered planet has a size of  $2.14 \pm 0.04 R_{\oplus}$  and an orbital period of 6.27 days. Radial-velocity data from the HARPS and AAT/UCLES archives also displays a 6.27-day periodicity, confirming the existence of the planet and leading to a mass determination of  $4.82 \pm 0.85 M_{\oplus}$ . The star's proximity and brightness will facilitate further investigations, such as atmospheric spectroscopy, asteroseismology, the Rossiter-McLaughlin effect, astrometry, and direct imaging.

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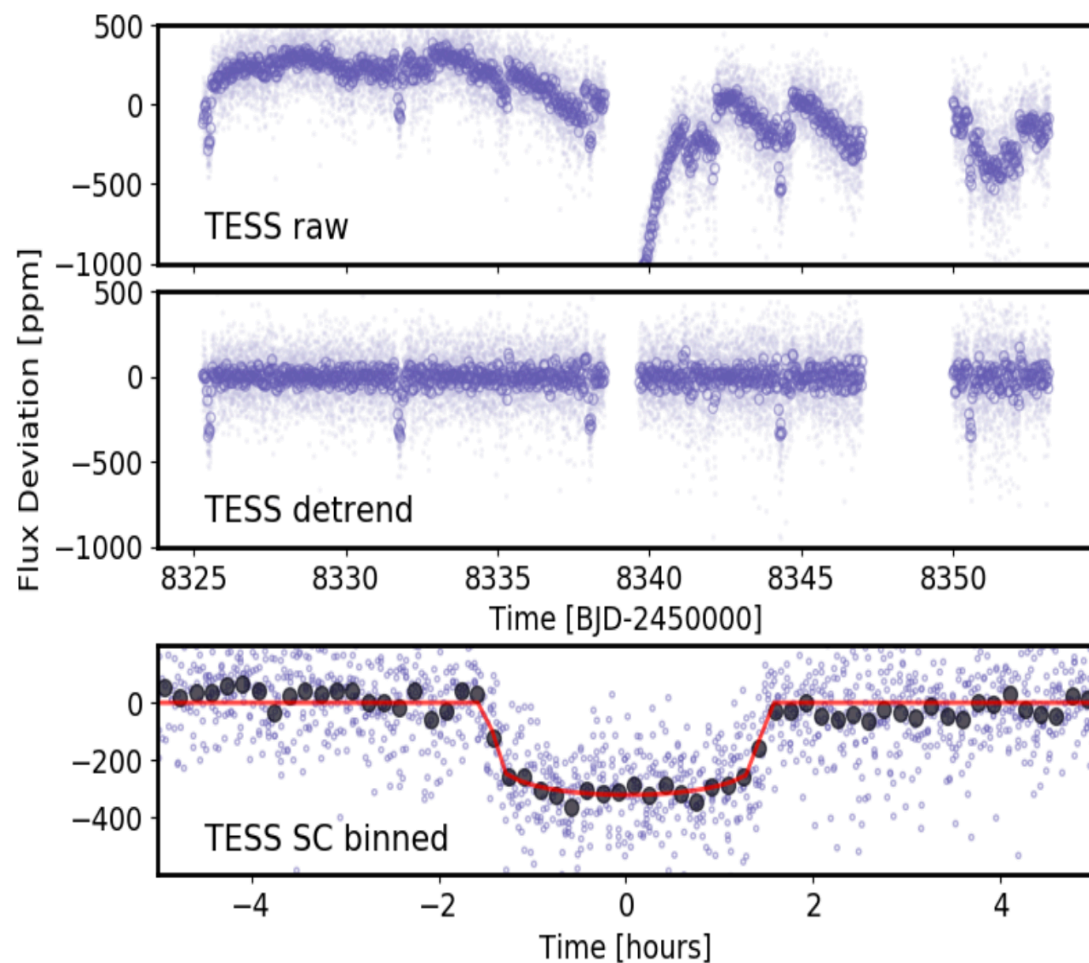
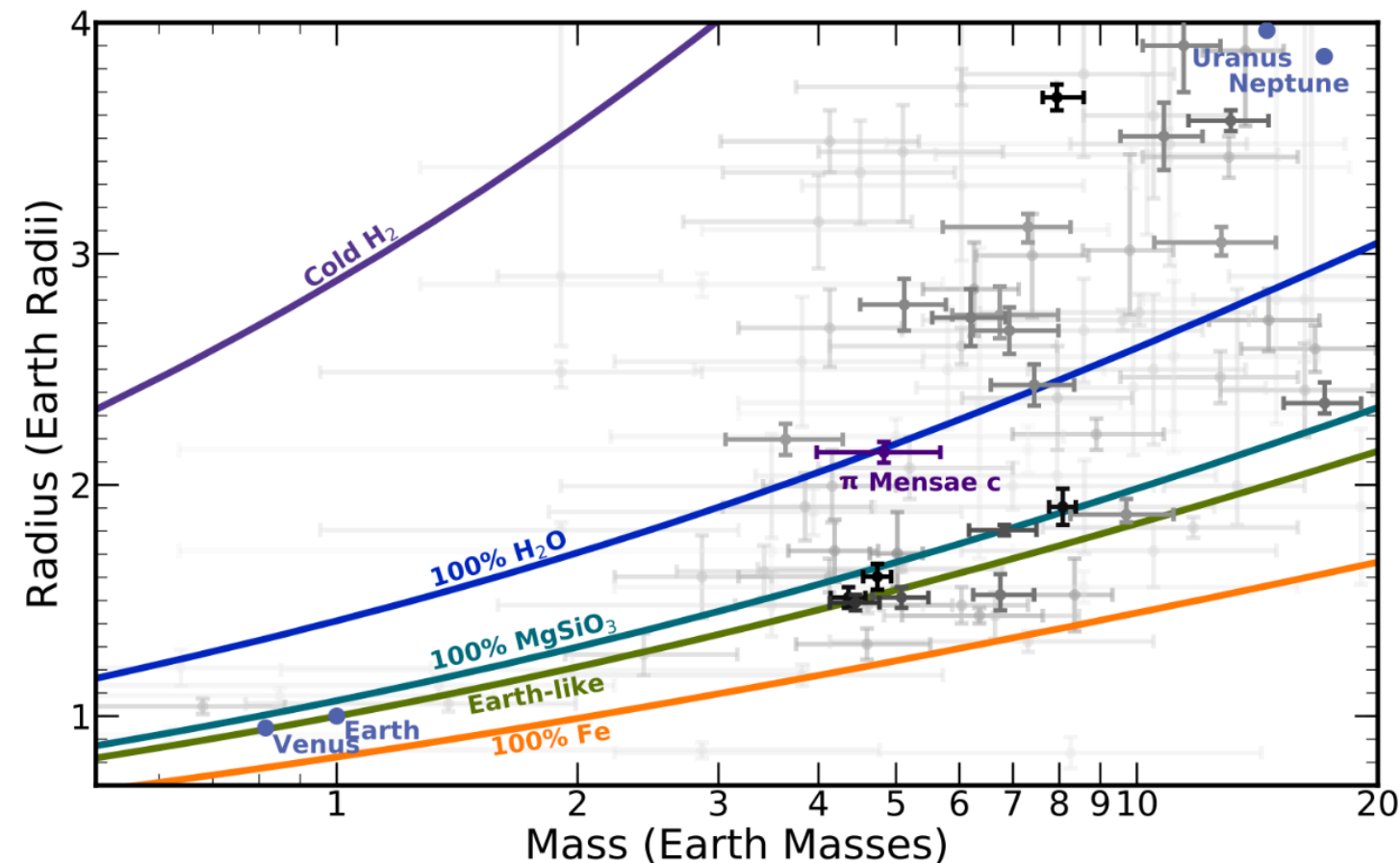


FIG. 2.— Raw (*top*) and corrected (*middle*) *TESS* light curves. The lighter points are 2 min cadence. The darker points represent time average of the light curve to 30 min exposure time. The interruptions are from the data downlink and the pointing anomaly. The bottom panel shows the phase-folded light curve, along with the best-fitting model. The black dots represent 5-minute averages.





# LHS 3844b

11th mag M star

Vanderspek+ 2018

[arXiv:1809.07242](https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.07242)

## TESS DISCOVERY OF AN ULTRA-SHORT-PERIOD PLANET AROUND THE NEARBY M DWARF LHS 3844

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Data from the newly-commissioned *Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite* (*TESS*) has revealed a “hot Earth” around LHS 3844, an M dwarf located 15 pc away. The planet has a radius of  $1.32 \pm 0.02 R_{\oplus}$  and orbits the star every 11 hours. Although the existence of an atmosphere around such a strongly irradiated planet is questionable, the star is bright enough ( $I = 11.9$ ,  $K = 9.1$ ) for this possibility to be investigated with transit and occultation spectroscopy. The star’s brightness and the planet’s short period will also facilitate the measurement of the planet’s mass through Doppler spectroscopy.

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“The discovery of a terrestrial planet around a nearby M dwarf during the first *TESS* observing sector suggests that the prospects for future discoveries are bright. It is worth remembering that 90% of the sky has not yet been surveyed by either *TESS* or *Kepler*. ”



# HD 21749b

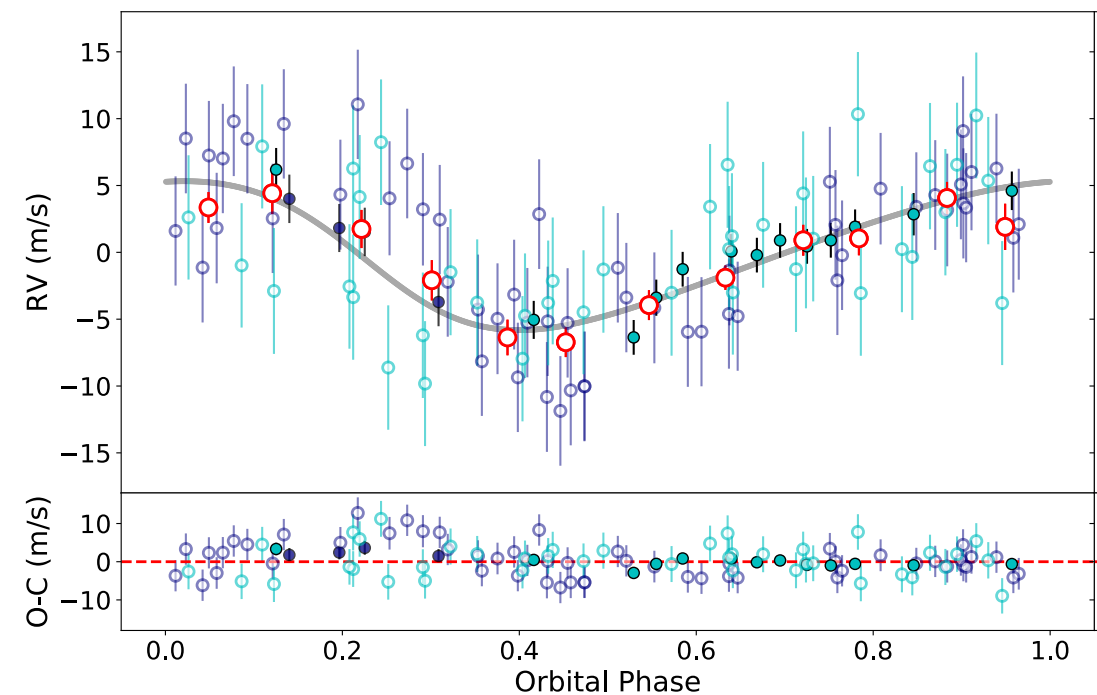
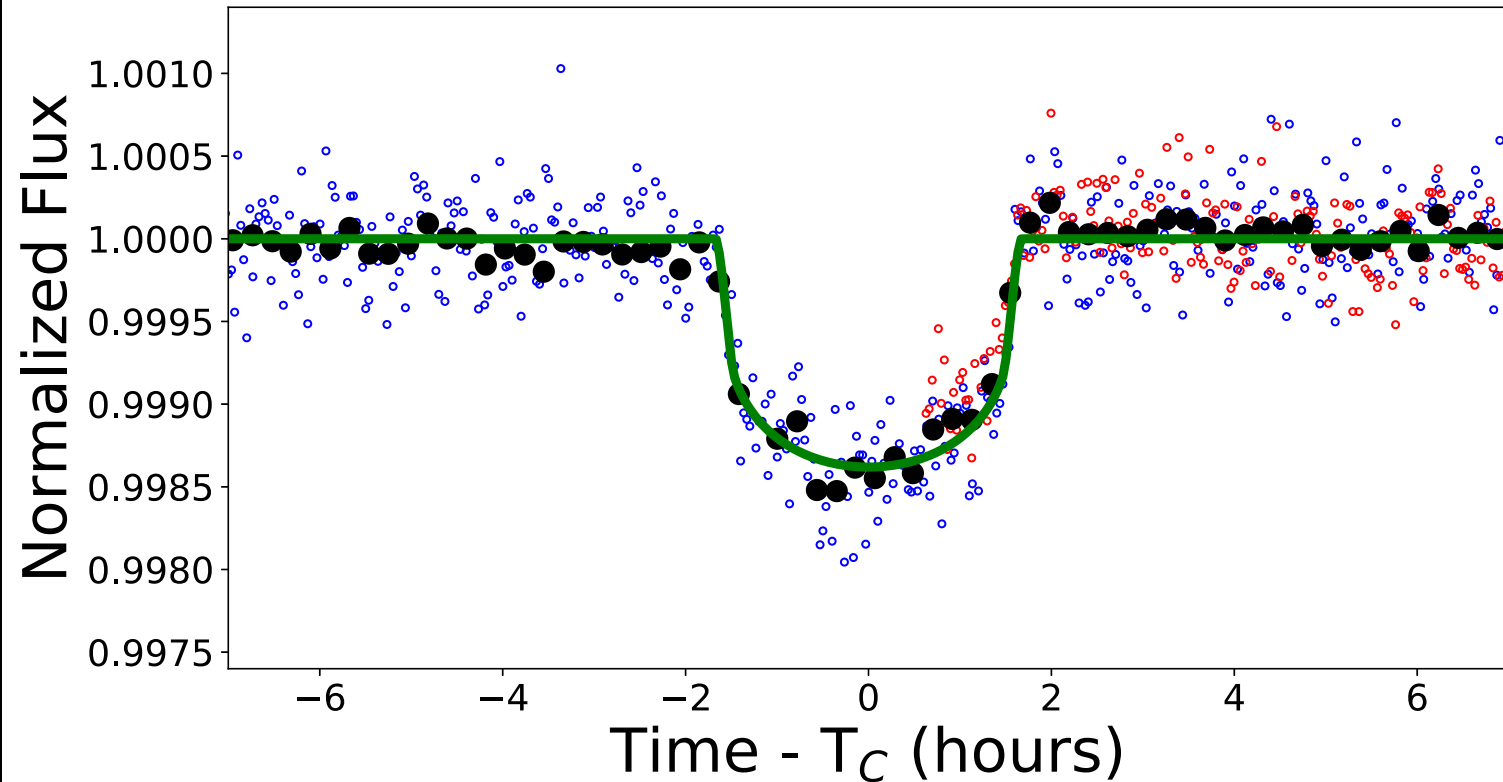
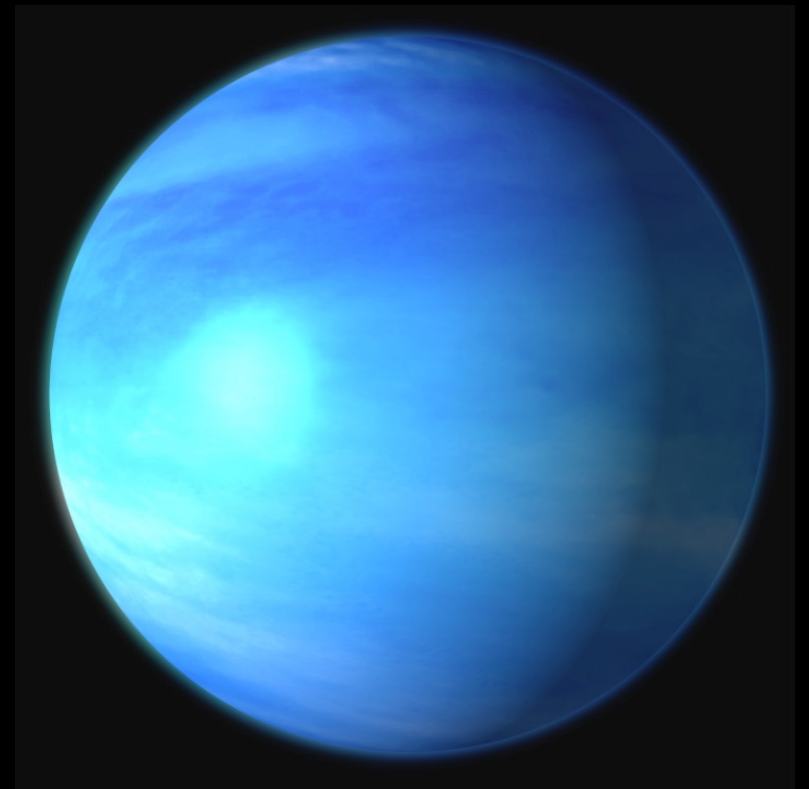
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THE LONGEST PERIOD *TESS* PLANET YET: A SUB-NEPTUNE TRANSITING A BRIGHT, NEARBY K DWARF STAR

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HARPS radial velocities  
PFS radial velocities

Just in case you thought  
TESS was only about  
exoplanets...





# Time Domain Astrophysics with TESS Full Images



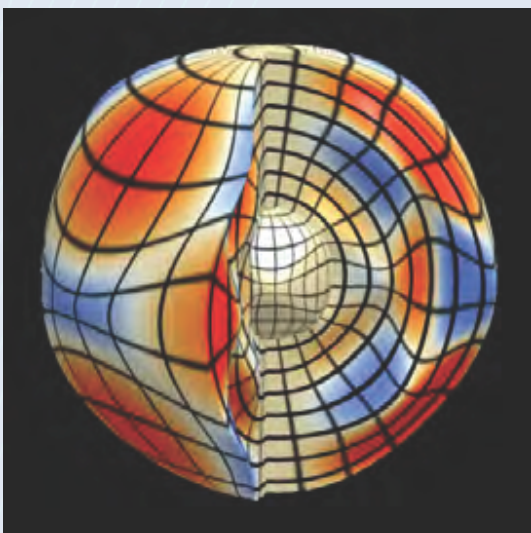
## Solar System Objects: *Thousands in 2 years...*

- ◆ Occultation Events
- ✓ Comets
- ✓ Asteroids



## Explosive & Variable Extragalactic Sources: *Thousands (?) in 2 years...*

- ✓ Supernovae
- ◆ AGNs
- ◆ Blazars
- ◆ Quasars
- ◆ Tidal Disruption Events
- ◆ Gamma-ray Bursts
- ◆ Kilonovae (Gravitational Wave Counterparts)
- ◆ Hypernovae



✓ Preliminary  
TESS Results in  
Early Sectors

## Variable Stars:

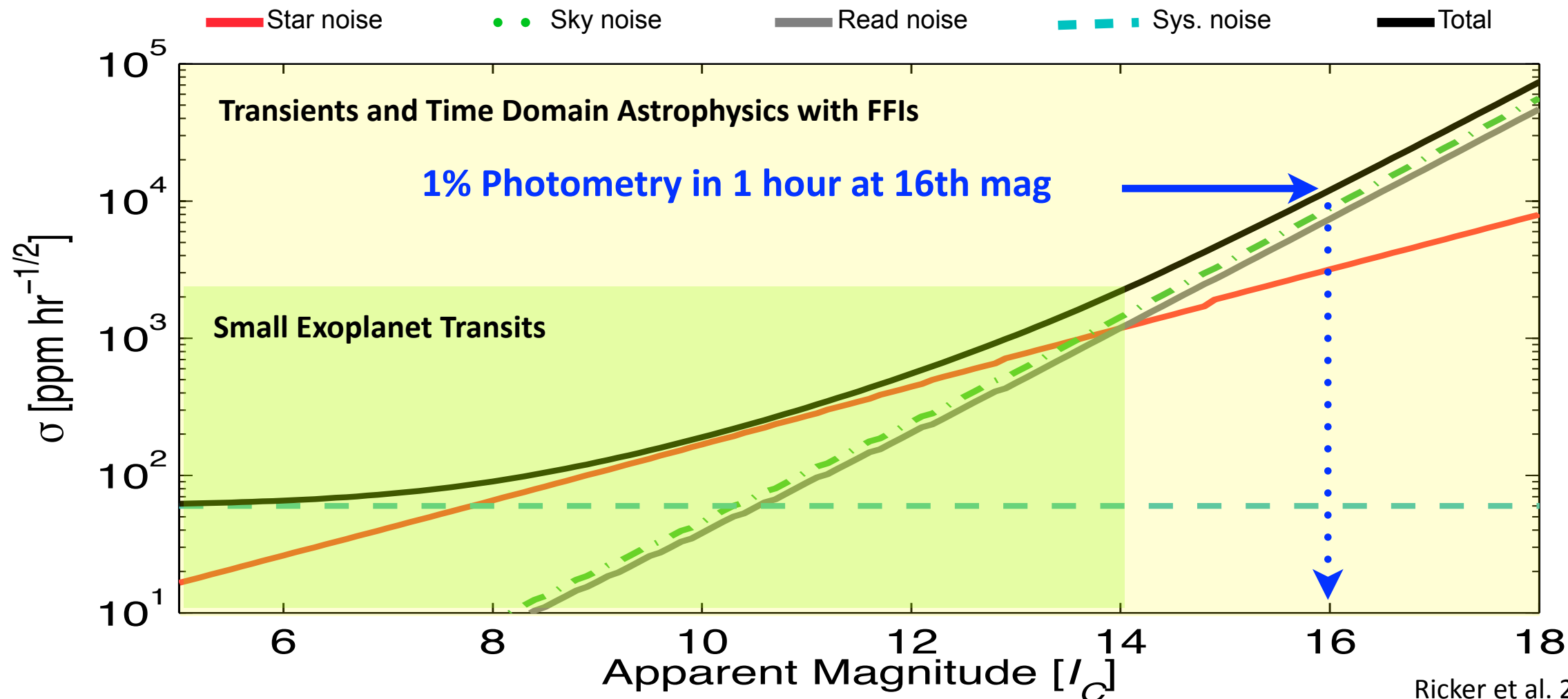
*Millions in 2 years...*

- ✓ Asteroseismology
- ◆ Brown Dwarfs
- ✓ Eclipsing Binaries
- ✓ Flare Stars
- ✓ Cepheids
- ◆ T Tauri Stars
- ◆ Cluster Gyrochronology
- ✓ White Dwarfs
- ✓ Neutron Stars
- ◆ Emission line stars (Be stars)
- ◆ RR Lyrae Stars
- ◆ WD Oscillations
- ◆ Novae
- ◆ Young Stellar Objects

# TESS also goes deep...

- In one hour:
  - 1% photometry at 16<sup>th</sup> mag
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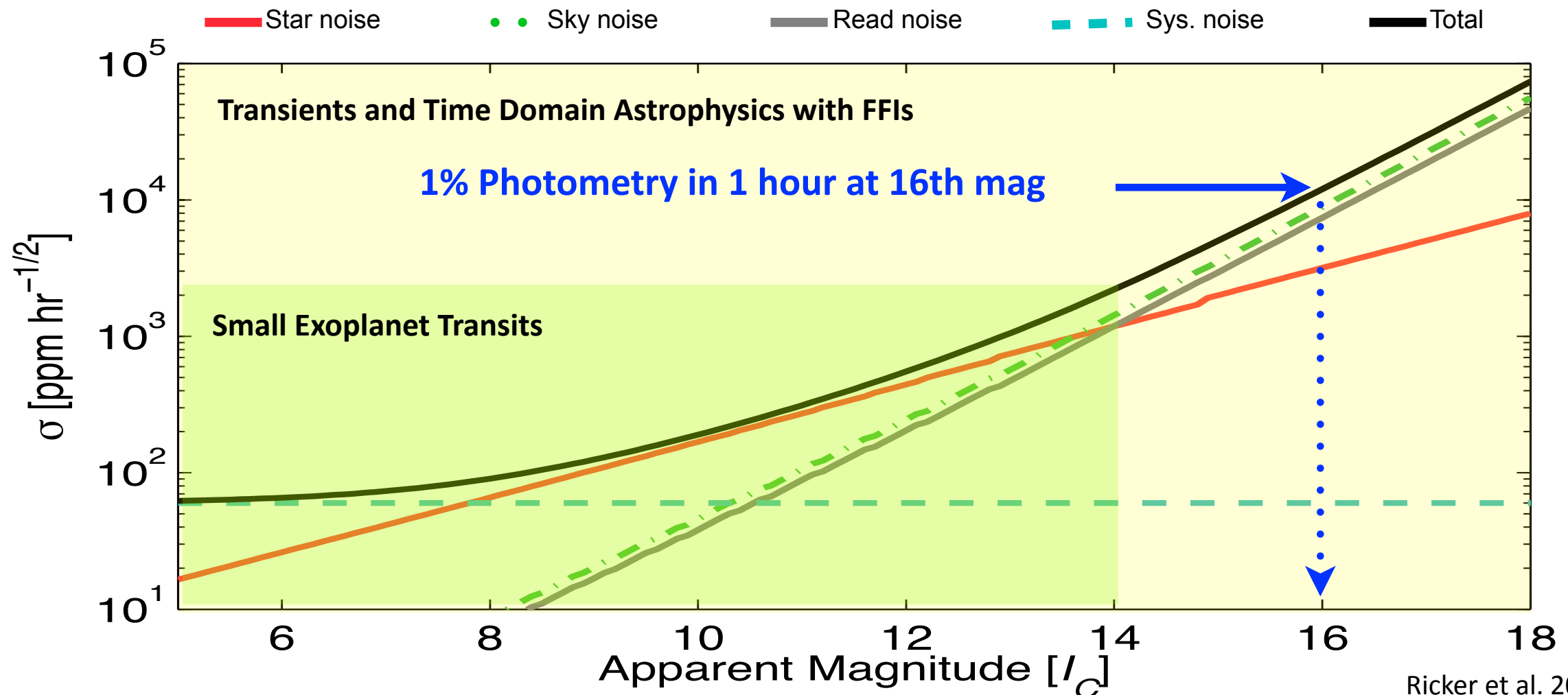




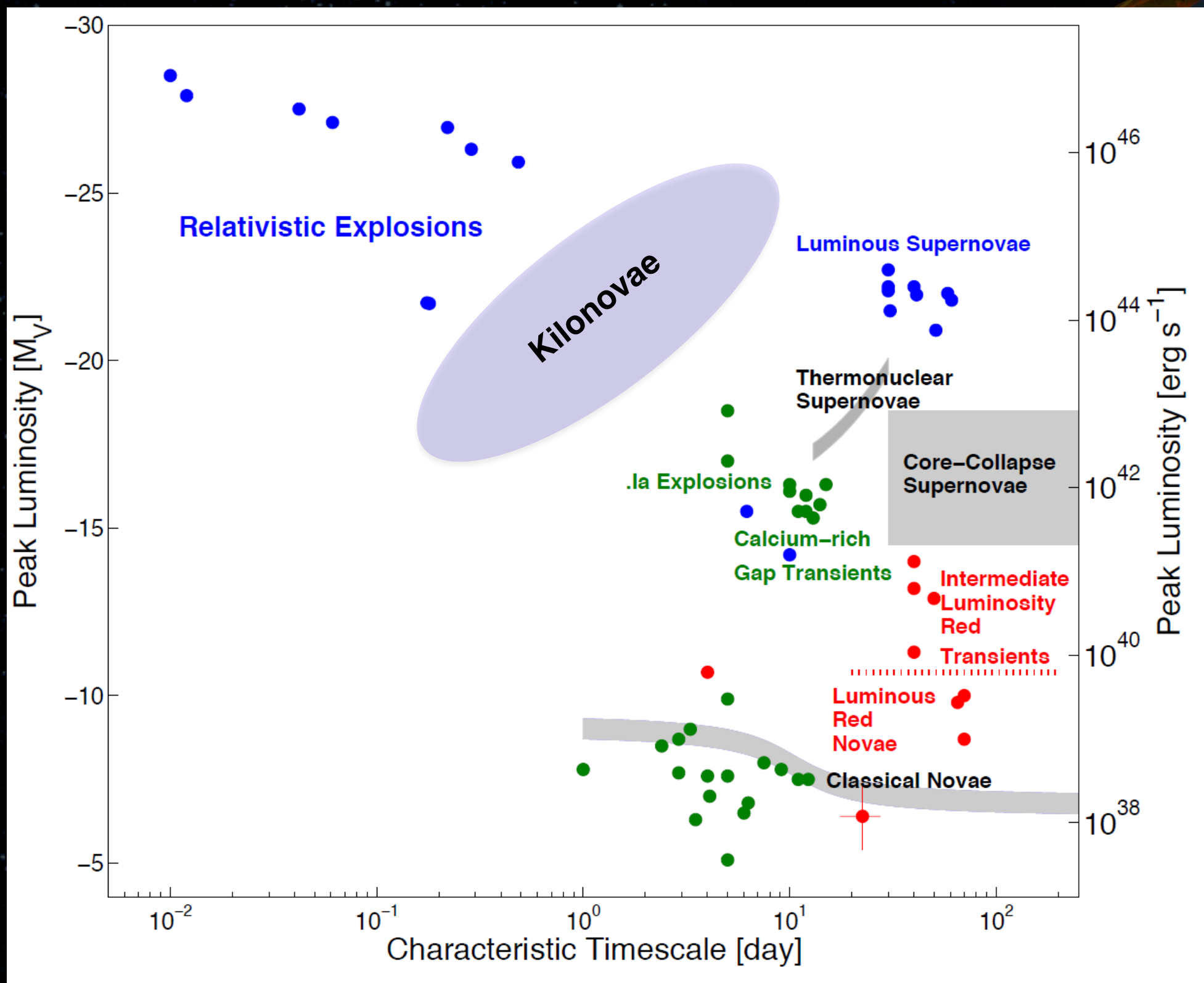
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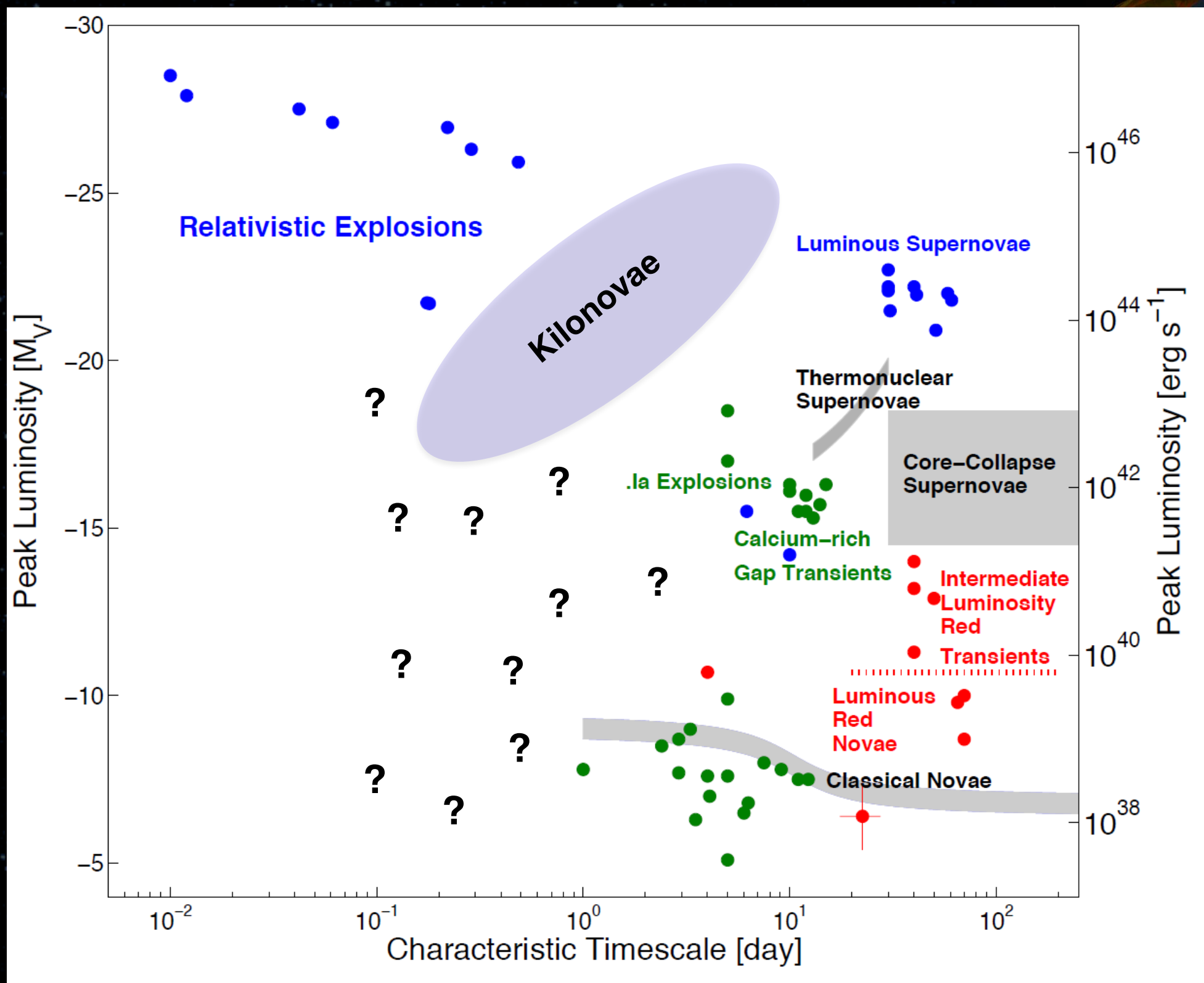
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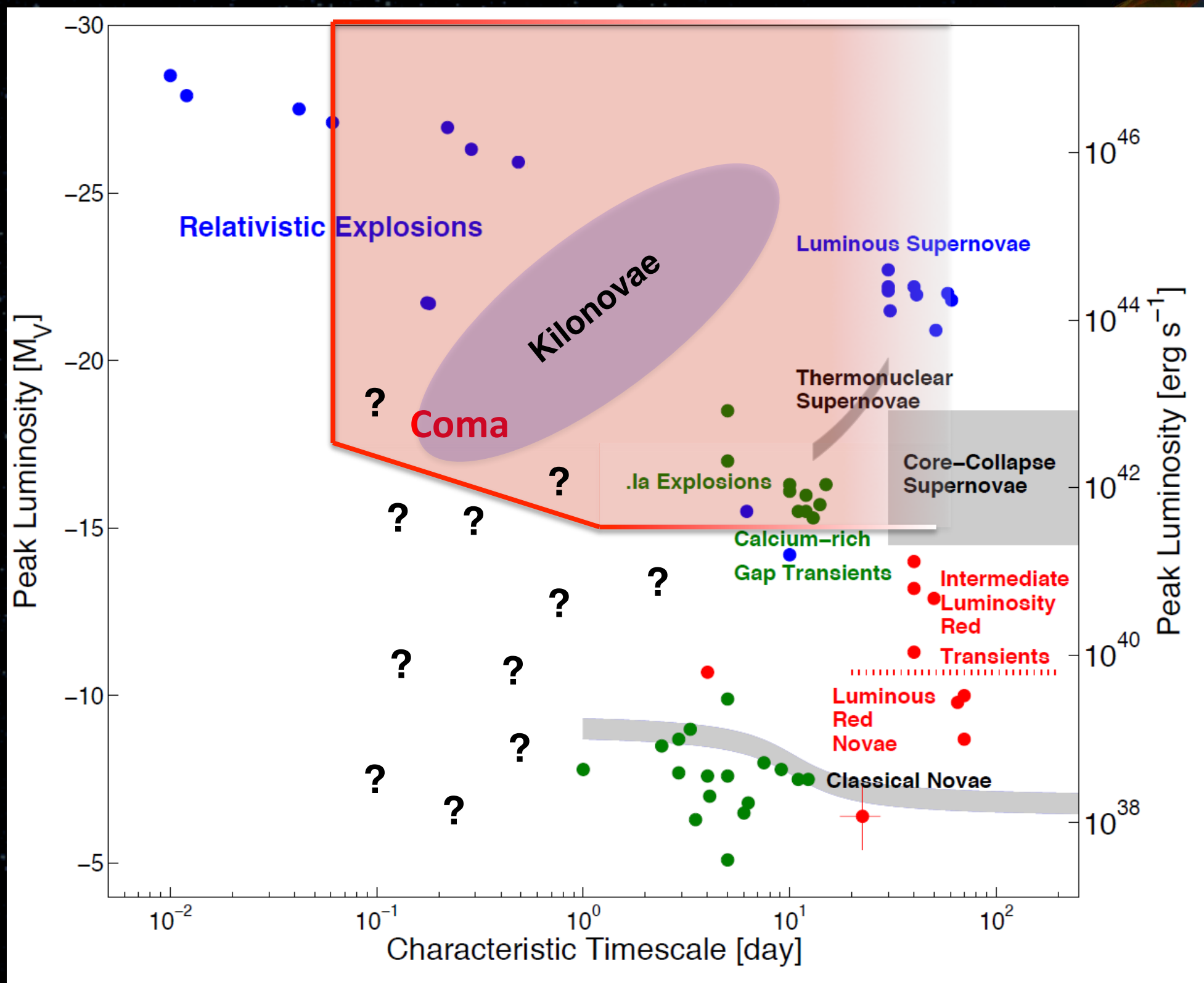


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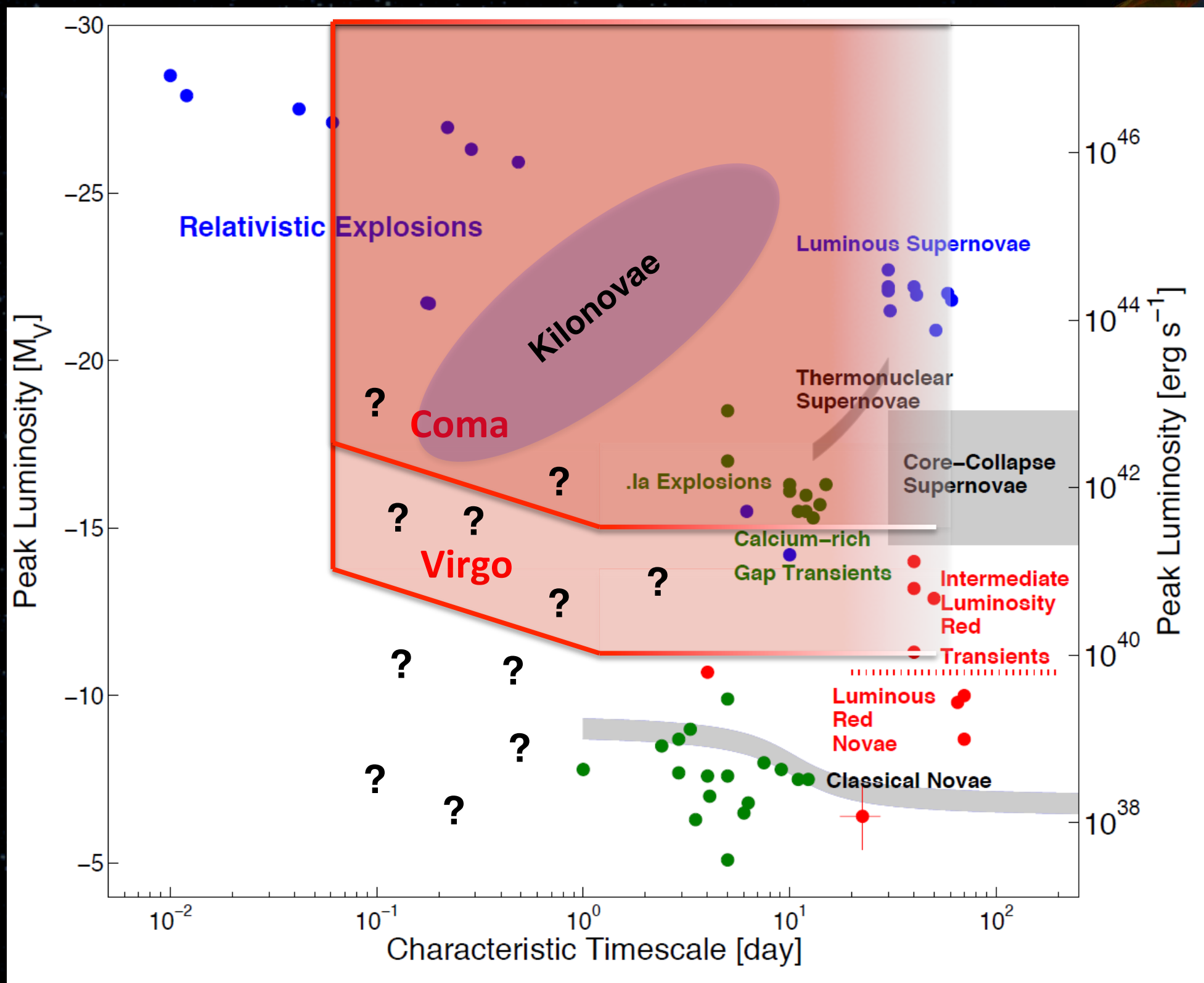
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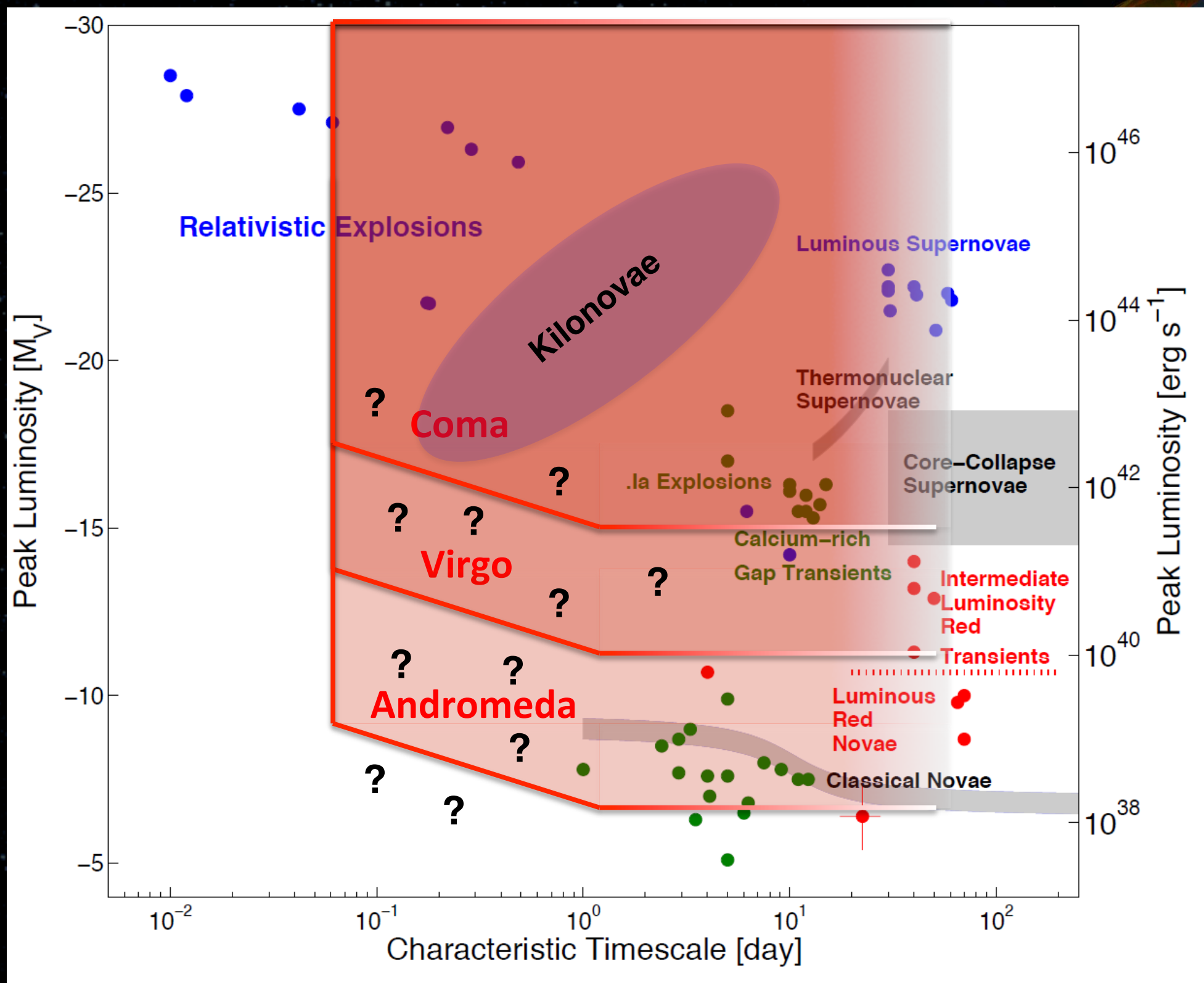




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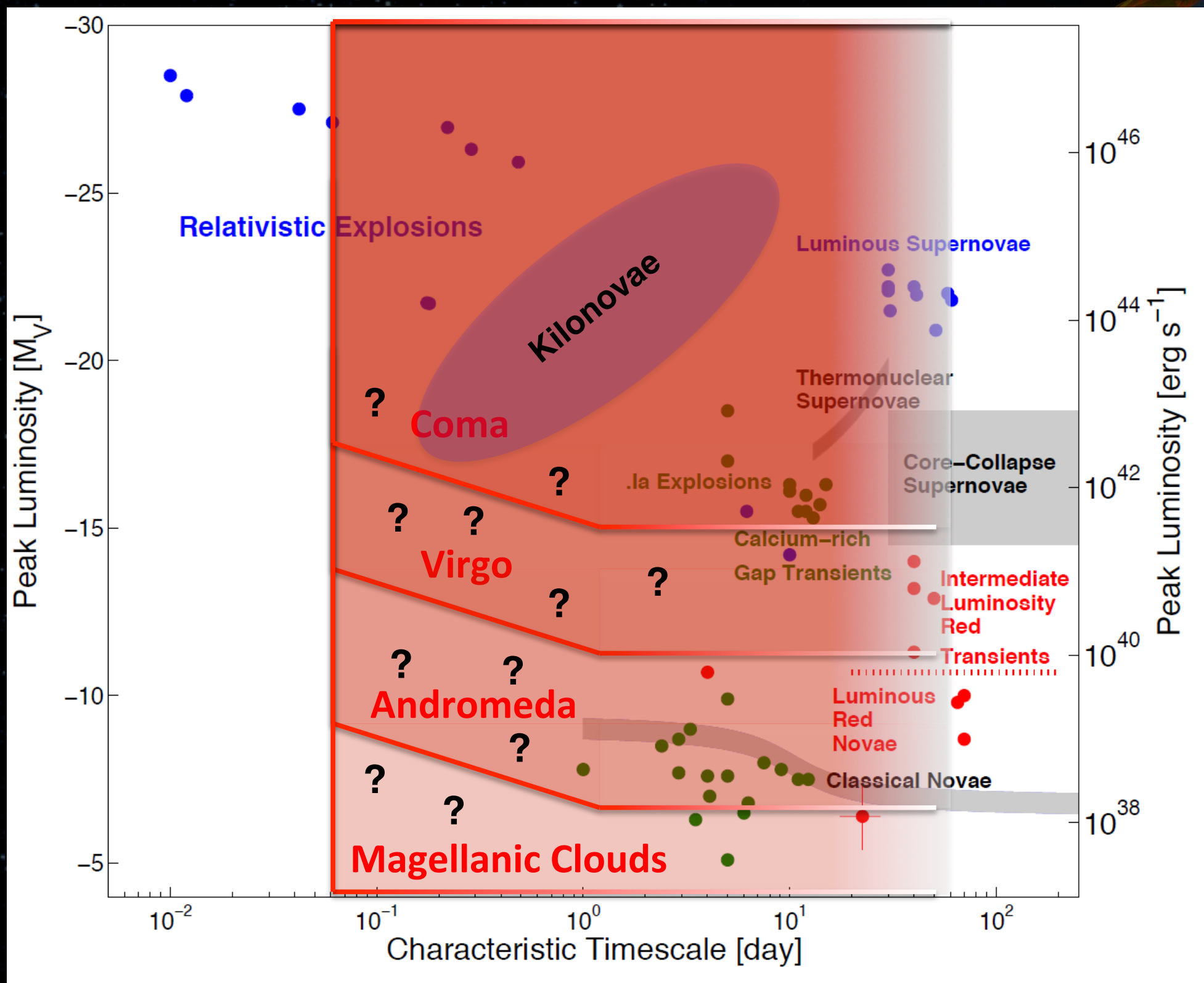


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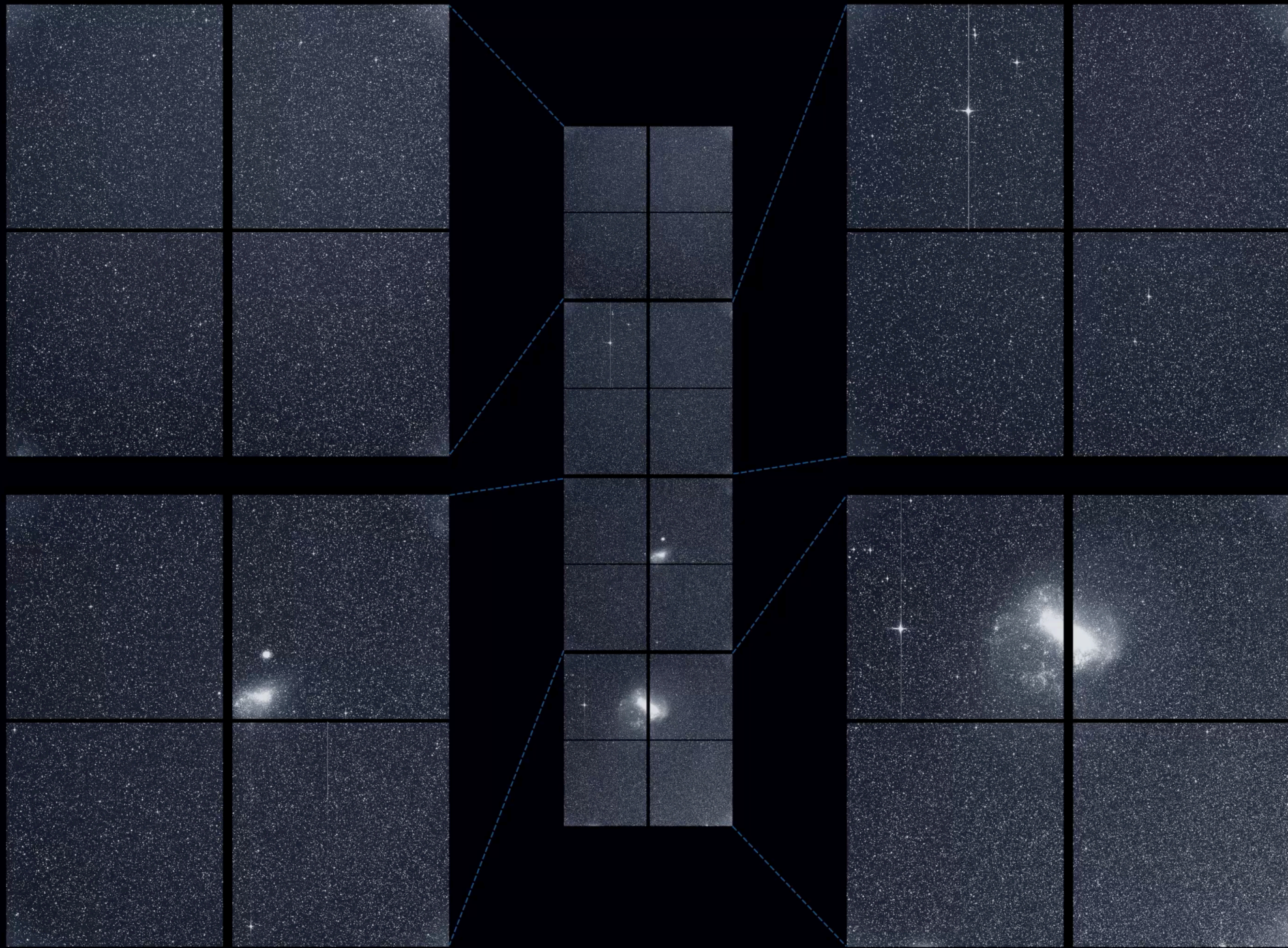


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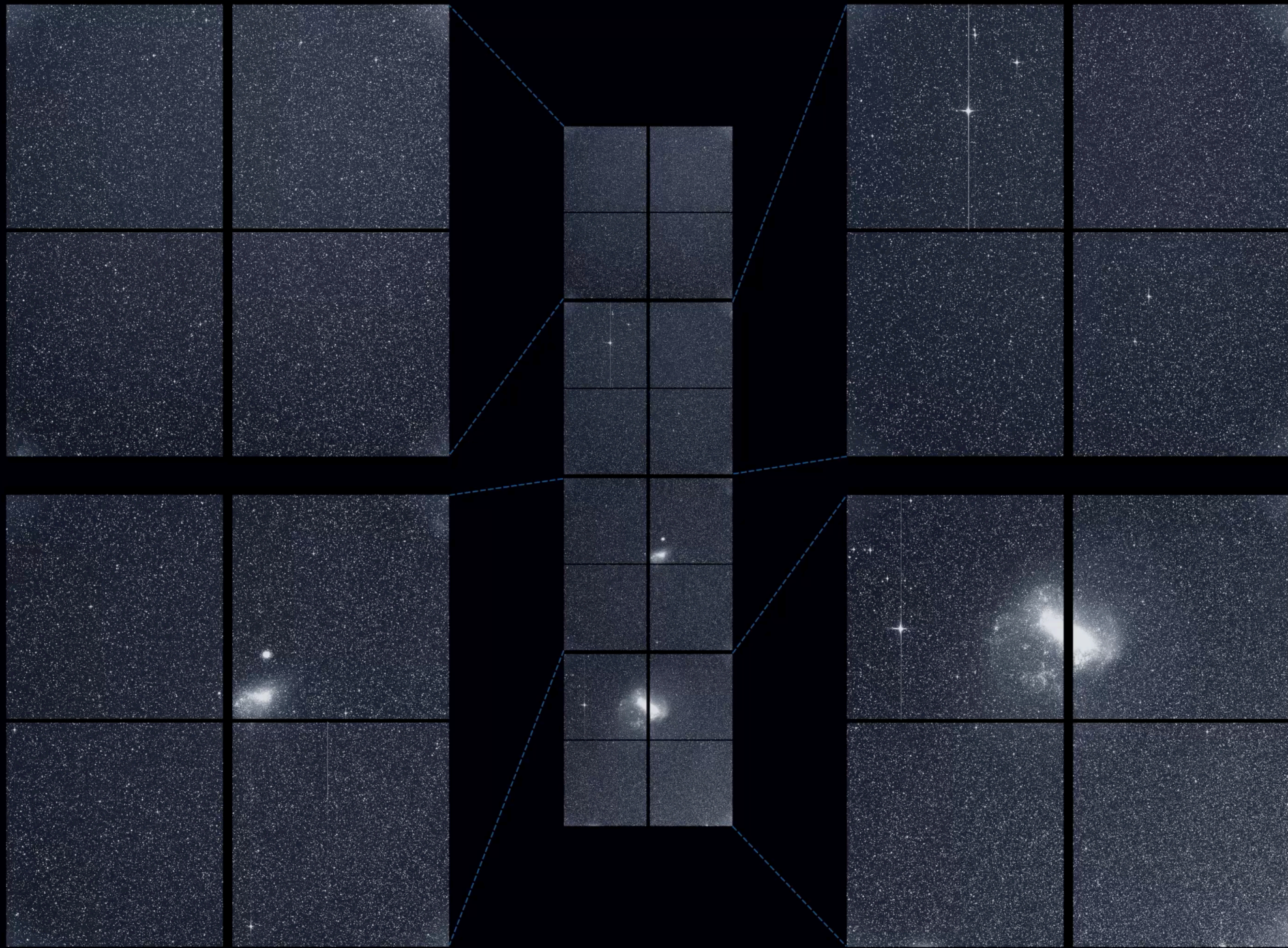


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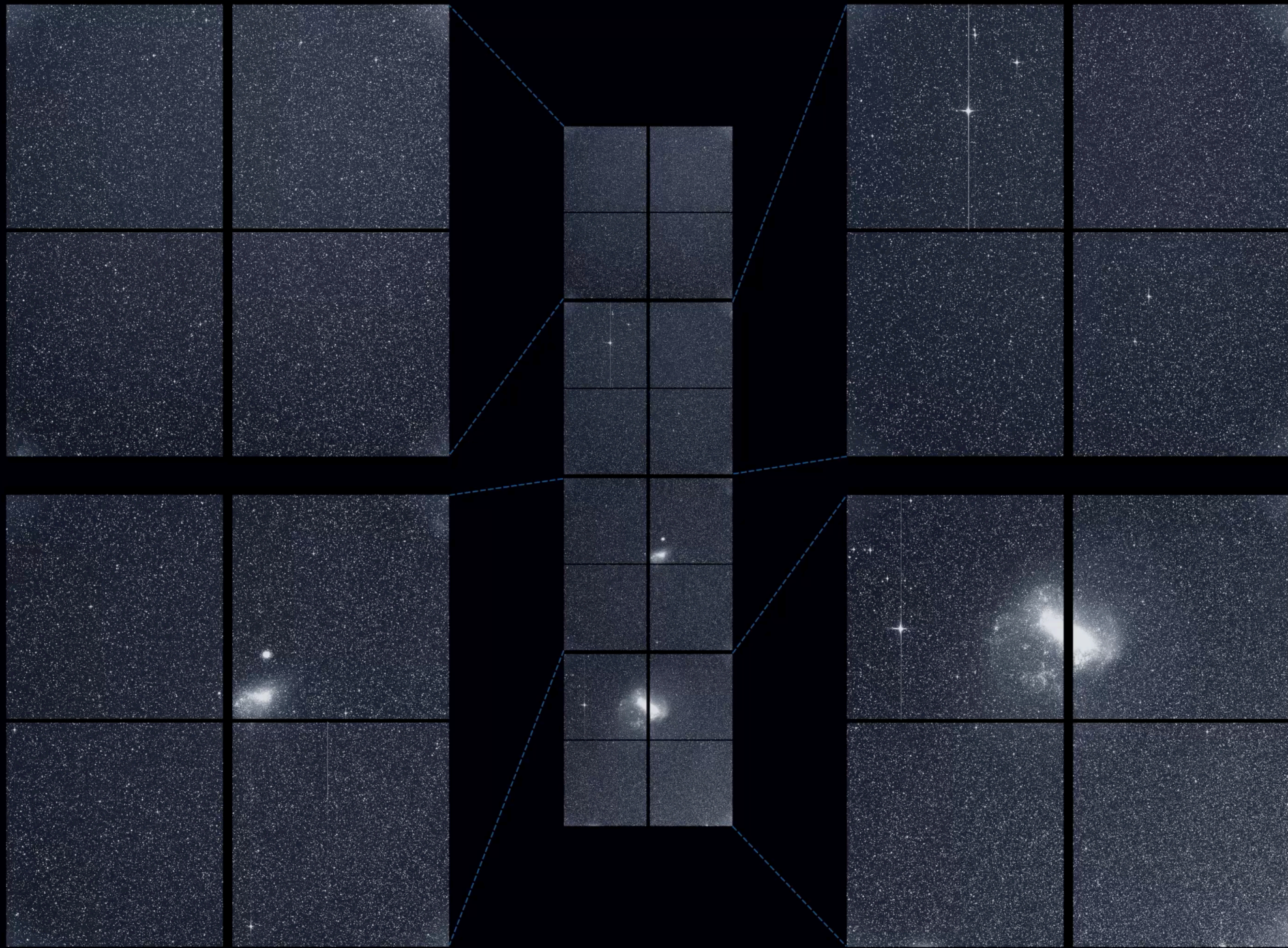


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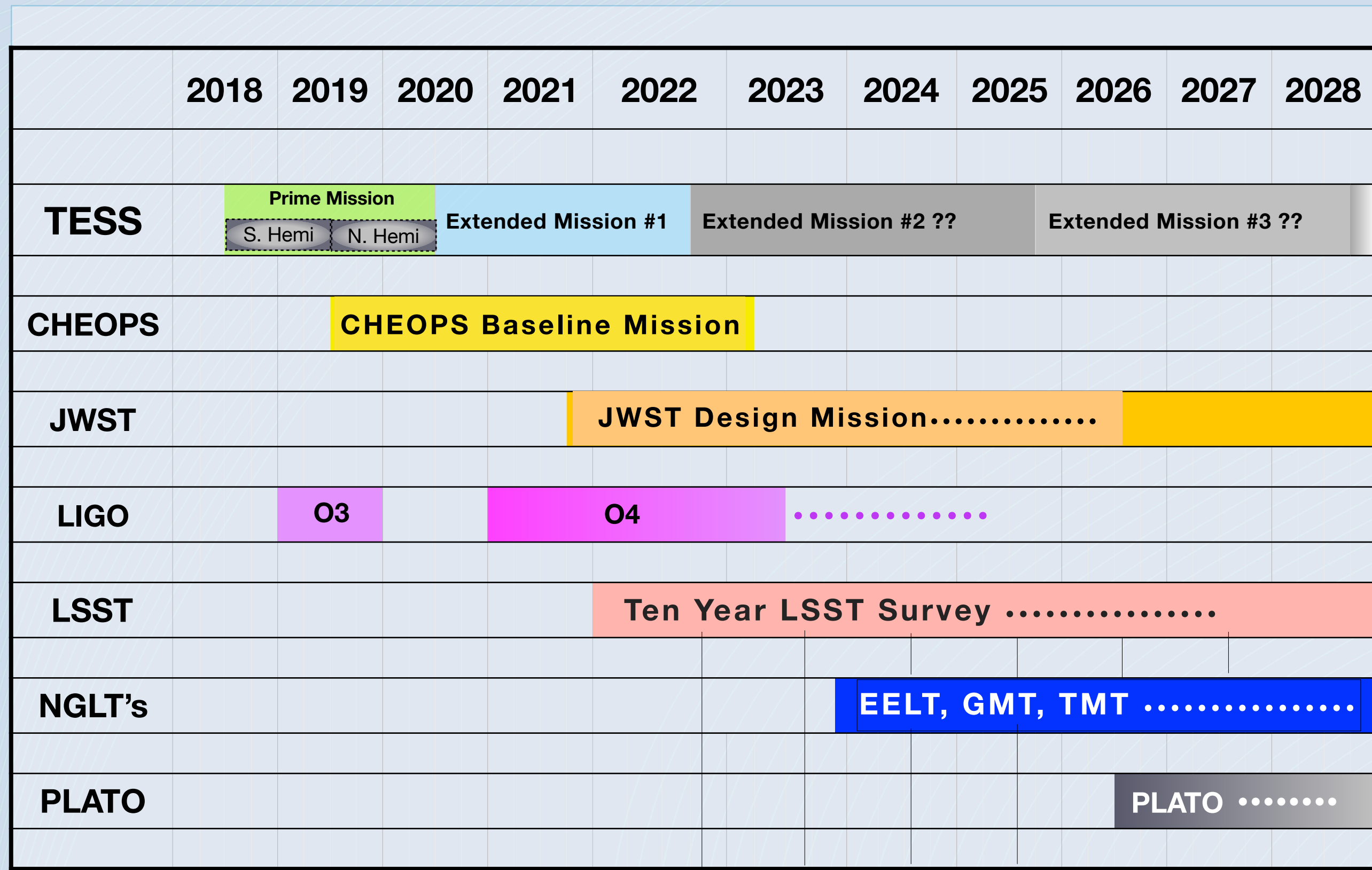
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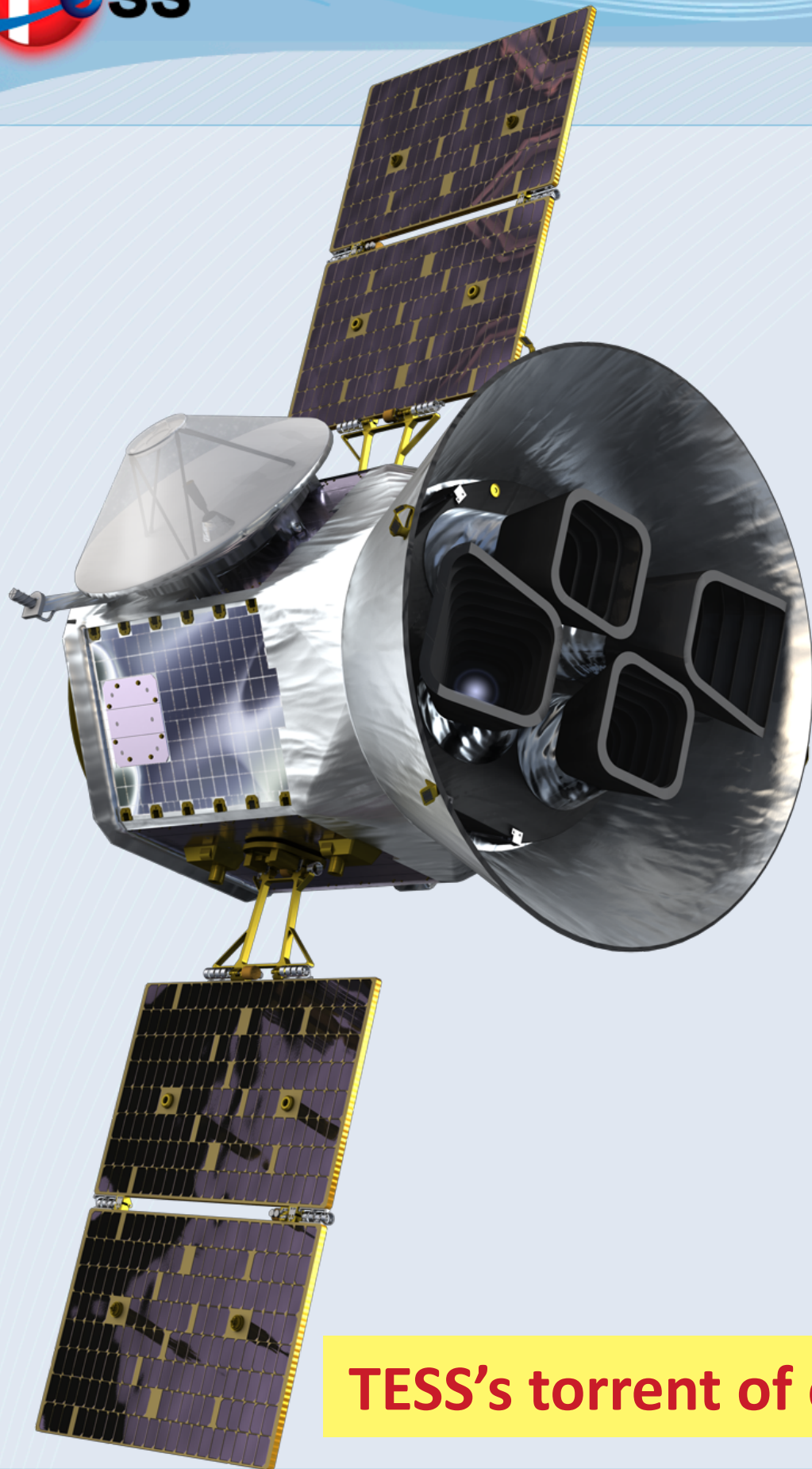
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# TESS Enables Time-Domain Astronomy in the Coming Decade



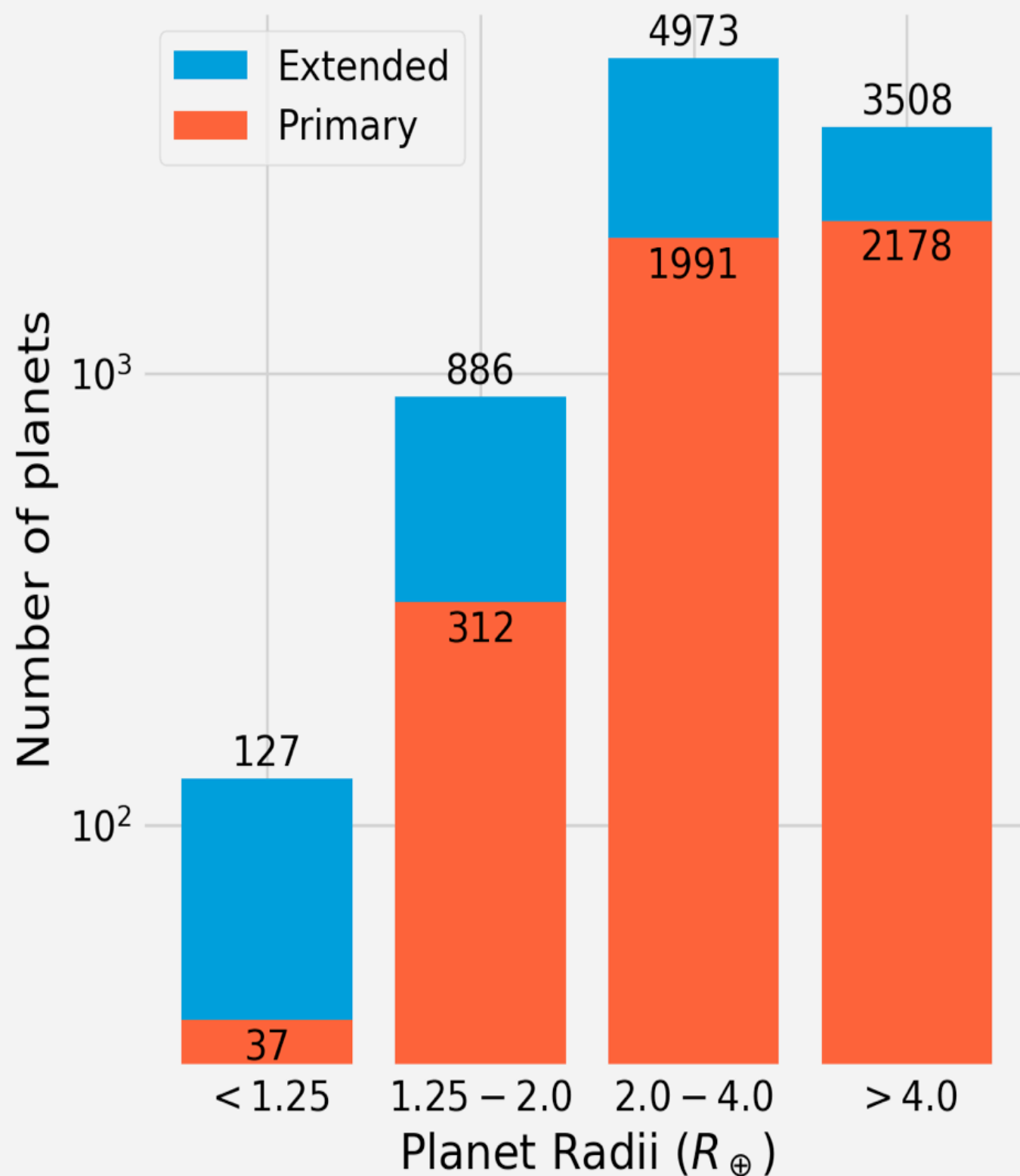


- TESS's unique lunar resonant orbit is greatly simplifying the mission
  - ▶ *Stable operations in principle could last until 2038 or later*
- TESS's spacecraft stability is exquisite
  - ▶ *20 milli-arcseconds on 1 hour time scales*
- TESS's camera performance is superb
- TESS's sky survey sector-by-sector is well underway
  - ▶ *Sectors #1-7 are complete; #8 in progress*
- TESS's full frame images are enabling a wide range of astrophysics discoveries
  - ▶ *Also **Stellar Astrophysics, Planetary Astronomy, Extragalactic "Multi-Messenger Astronomy"***

**TESS's torrent of exciting new discoveries has commenced...**







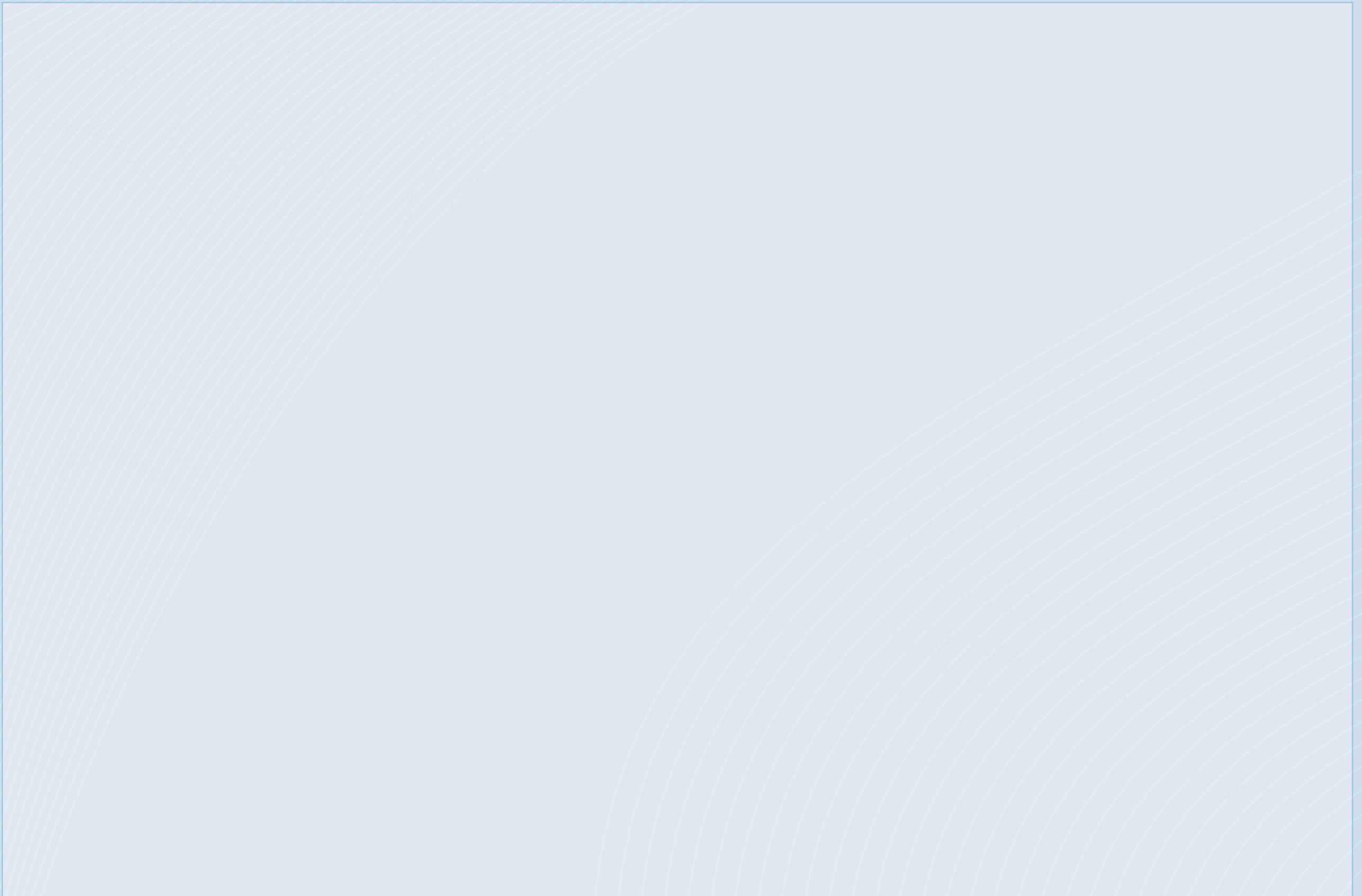
- **NB: Log Scale on Y-axis**
- **TESS Extended Mission (2020-2022)**
  - ▶ *Should double number of planets*
    - 4,518 in Primary
    - 9494 in Extended
  - ▶ *3x as many Earth-sized planets*
  - ▶ *Many more planets in HZ*

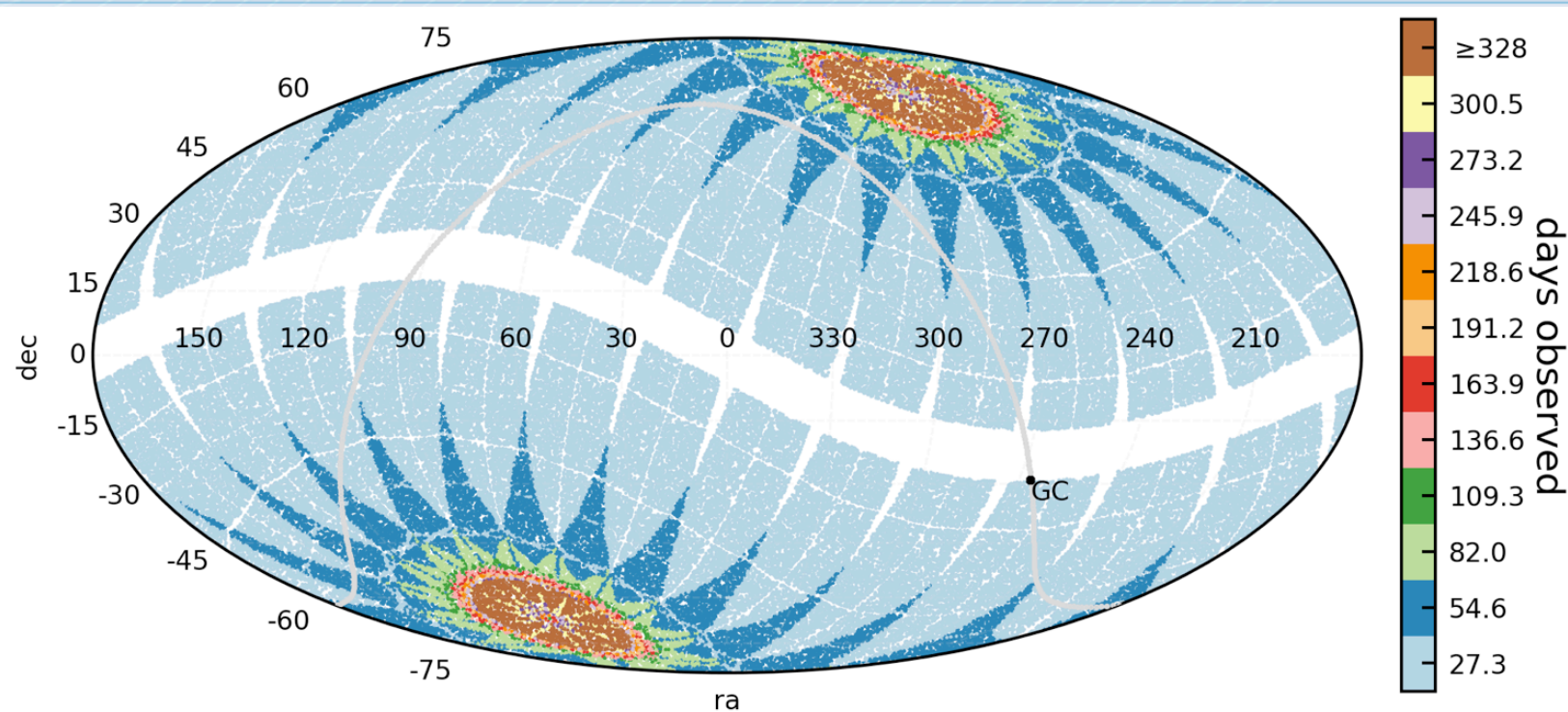
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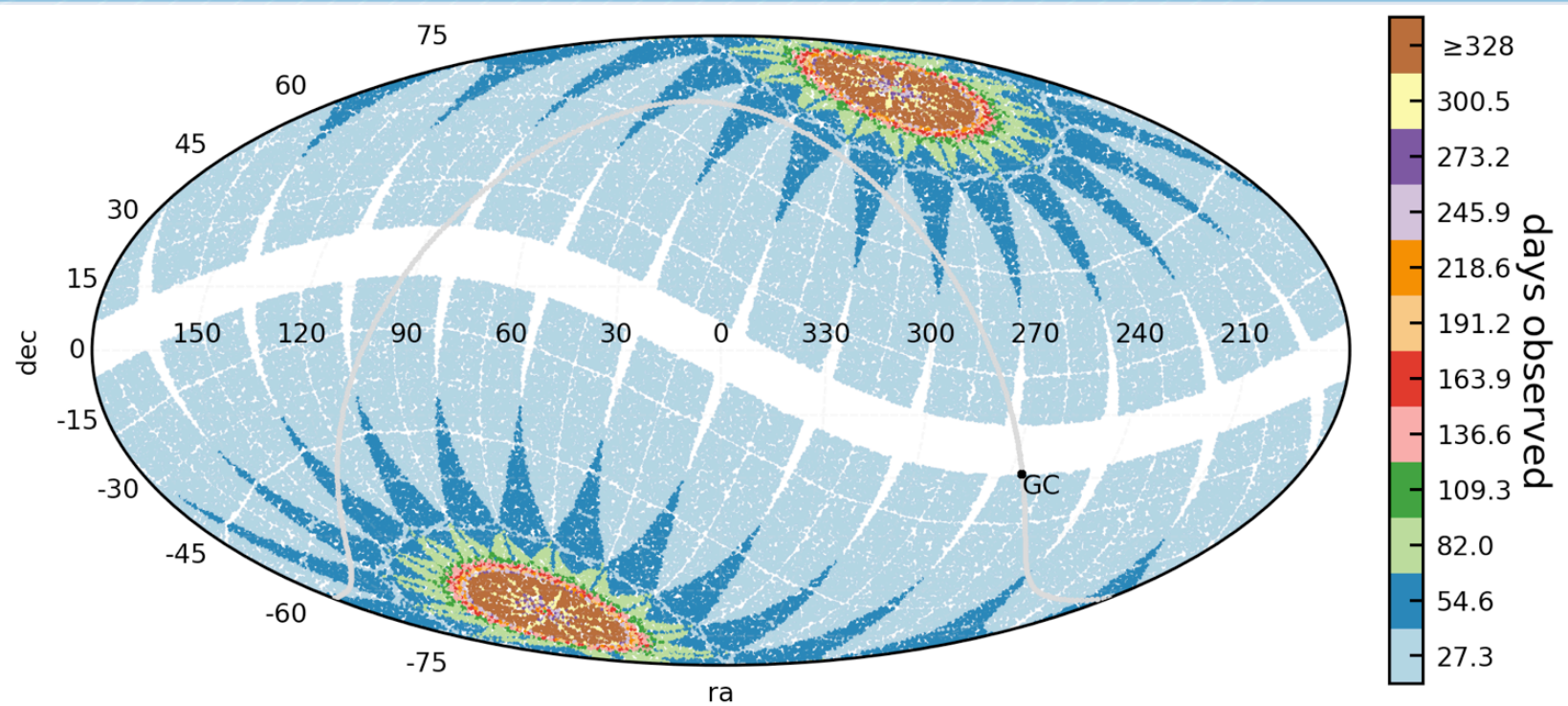
# *Sky Coverage for Primary & Extended Missions*





**Primary  
Mission**





**Primary  
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