

# StarDICE: Calibration at the per mil level of a new generation of telescopes for dark energy measurement

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# Presentation summary

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3. Photometric calibration

## II. The StarDICE experiment

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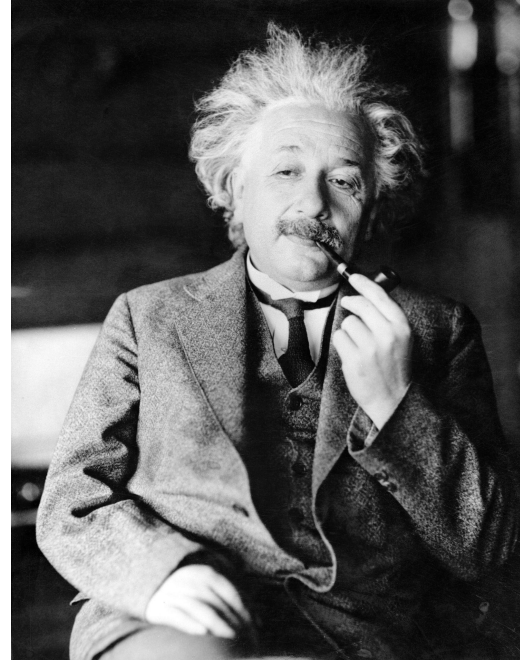
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Albert Einstein, pipe smoking

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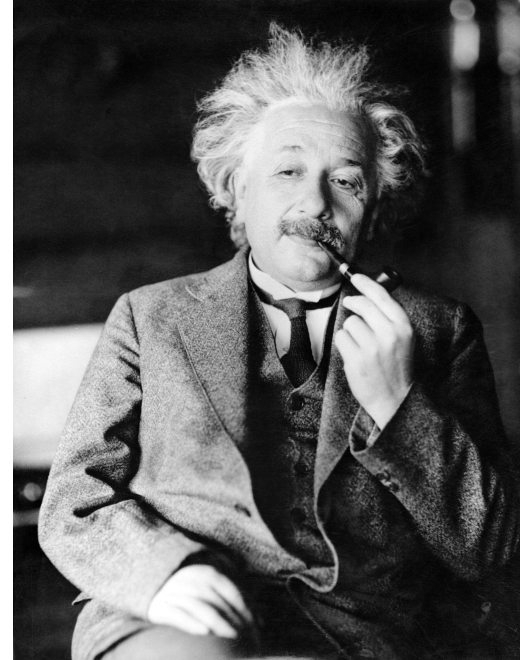
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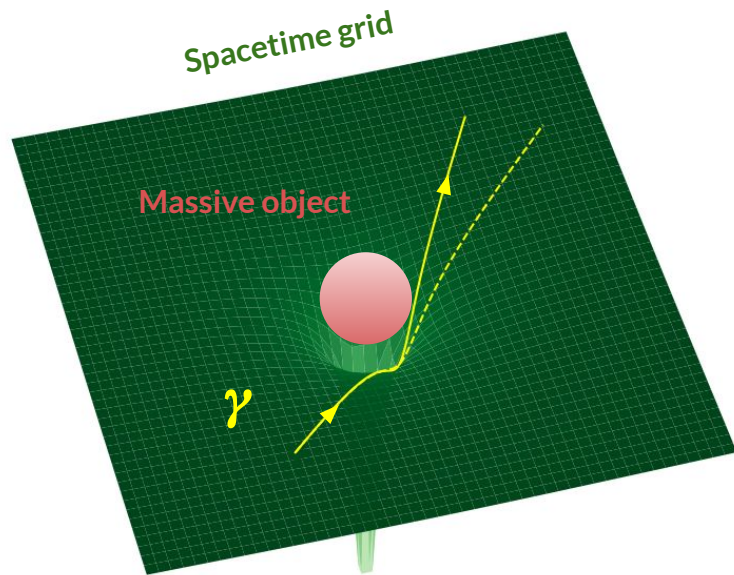
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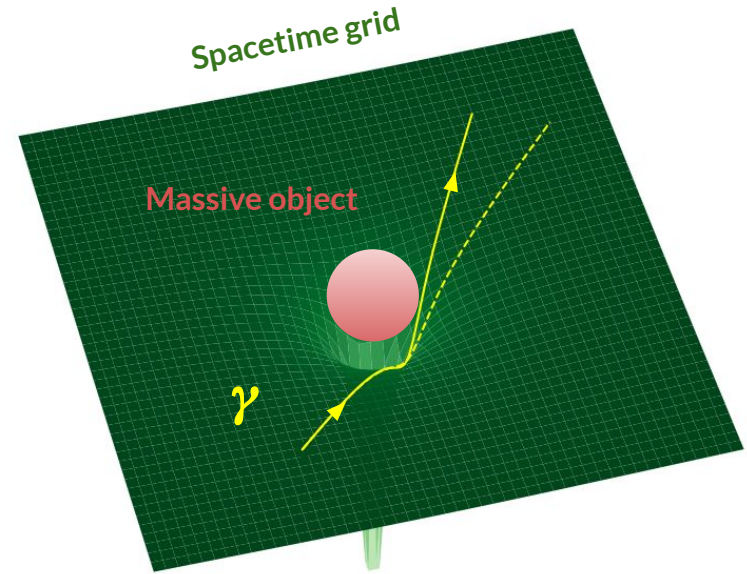
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⇒ But the Universe is complex and full of materials, so how can we study it?

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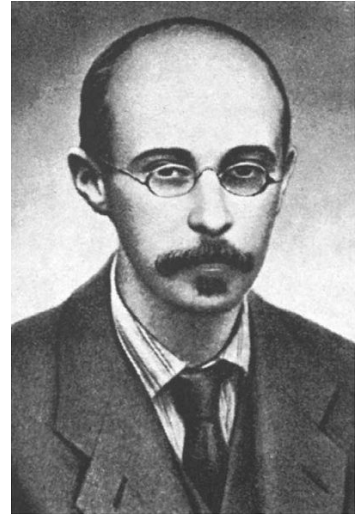
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Friedmann's equations (solution to Einstein equation)

Scale factor  $\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = \frac{4\pi G_N}{3} \left( \rho + \frac{3p}{c^2} \right)$

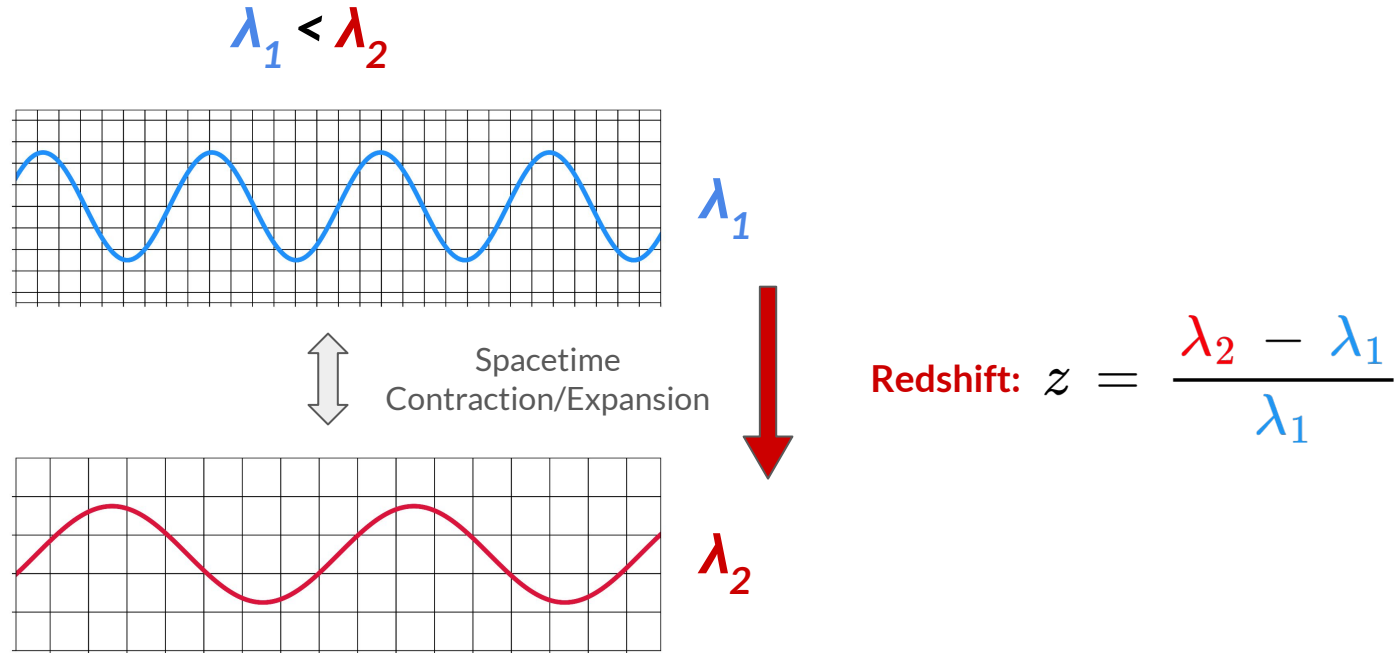
$$\left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G_N}{3} \rho - \frac{kc^2}{a^2}$$



Aleksandr Friedmann, not pipe smoking

⇒ links the **dynamic behavior** of the Universe with its **energy content**

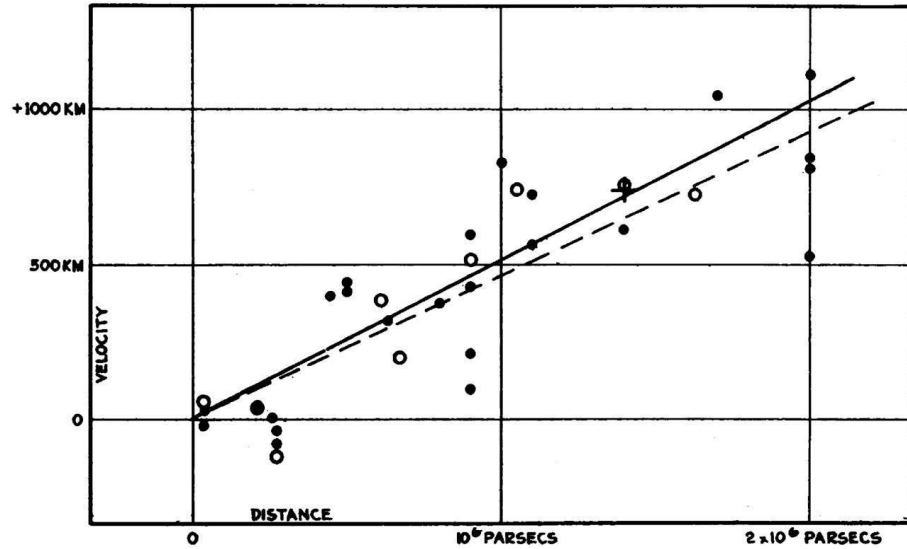
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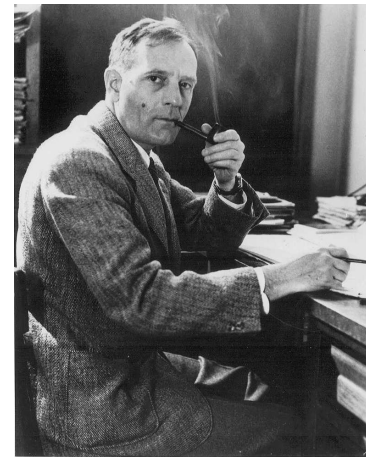
Spacetime expansion affects light wavelength

⇒ The redshift  $z$  is a tracer for studying spacetime evolution

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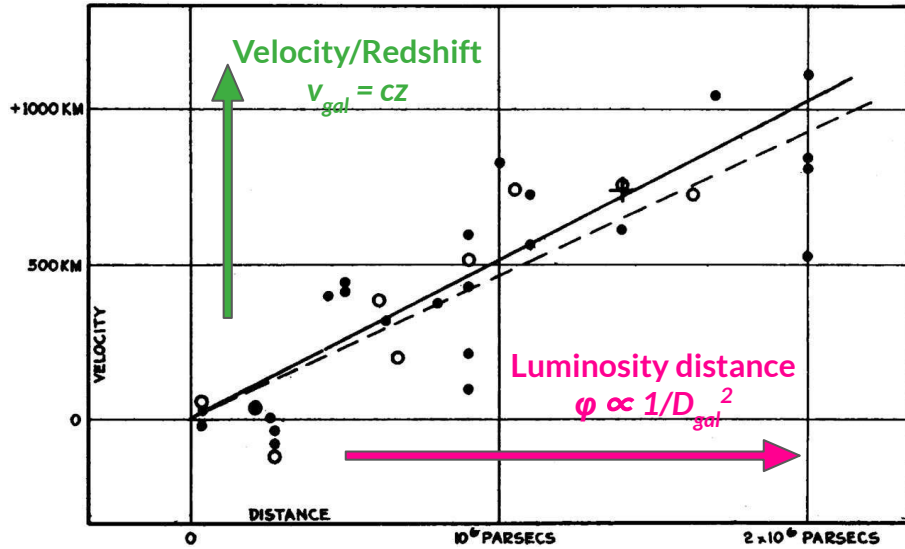


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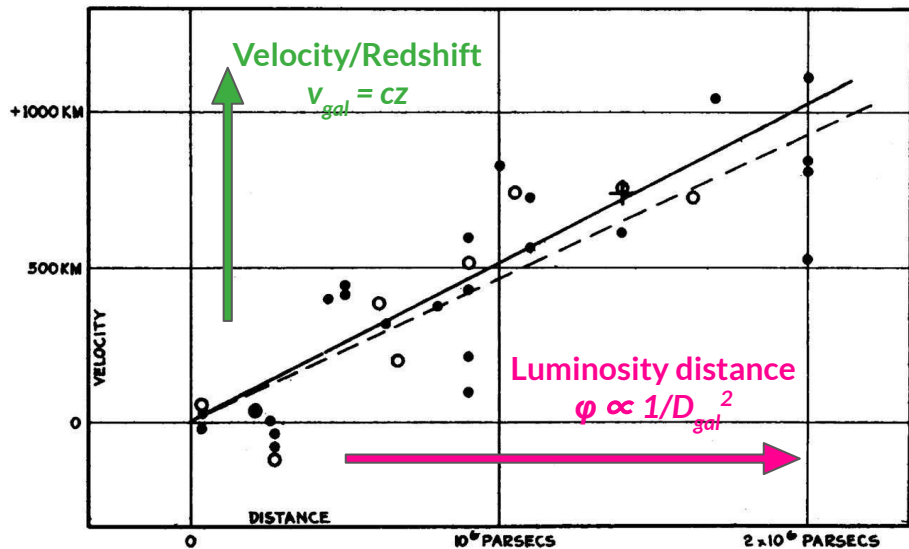
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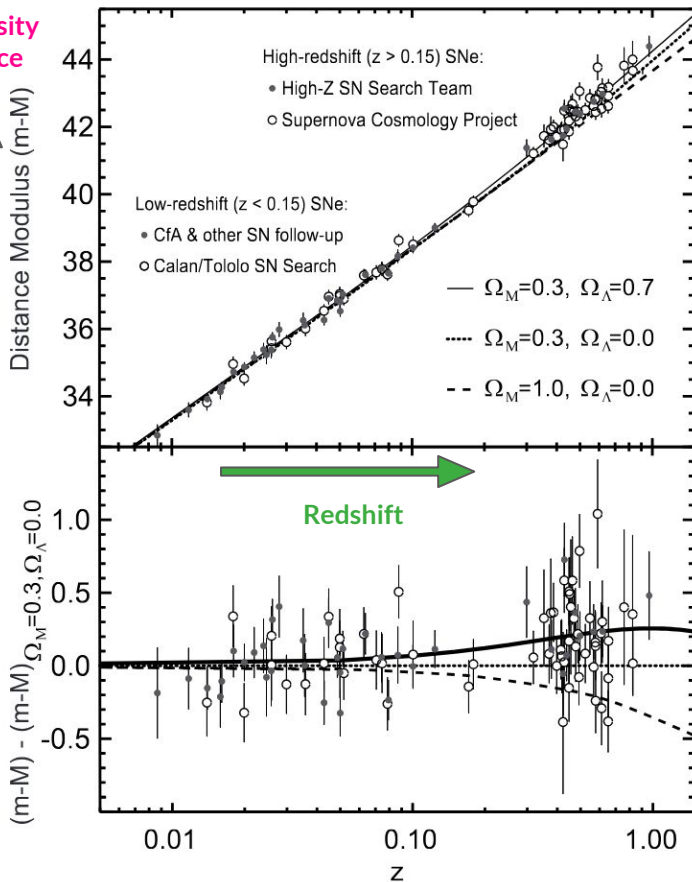
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The redshift  $z$  increases with the galaxy distance  $D_{gal}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  First evidence of the Universe's expansion



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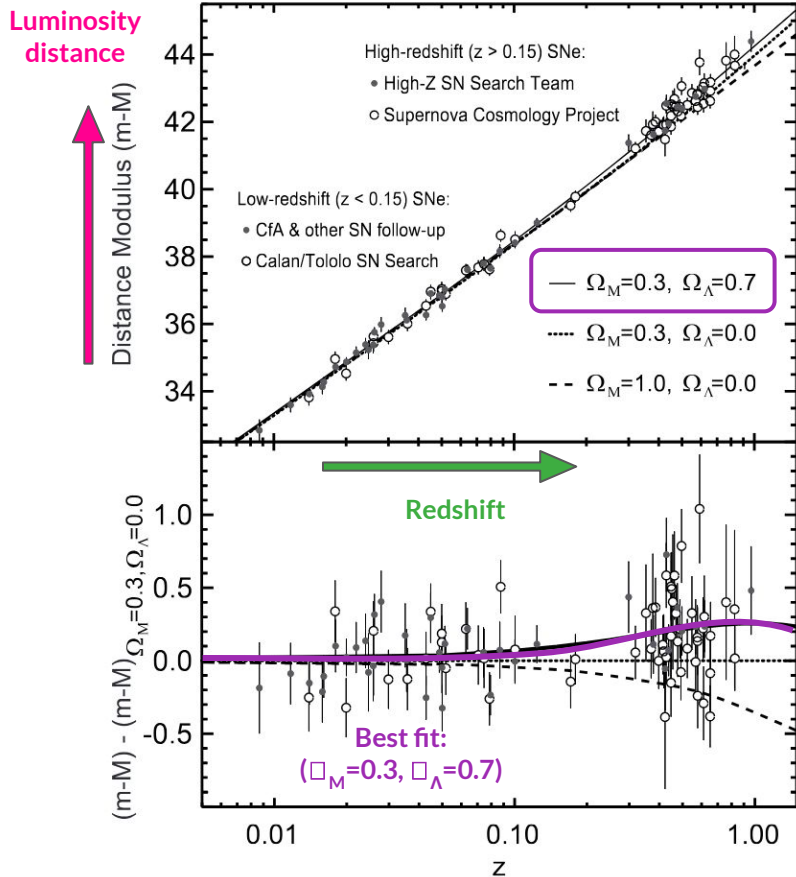
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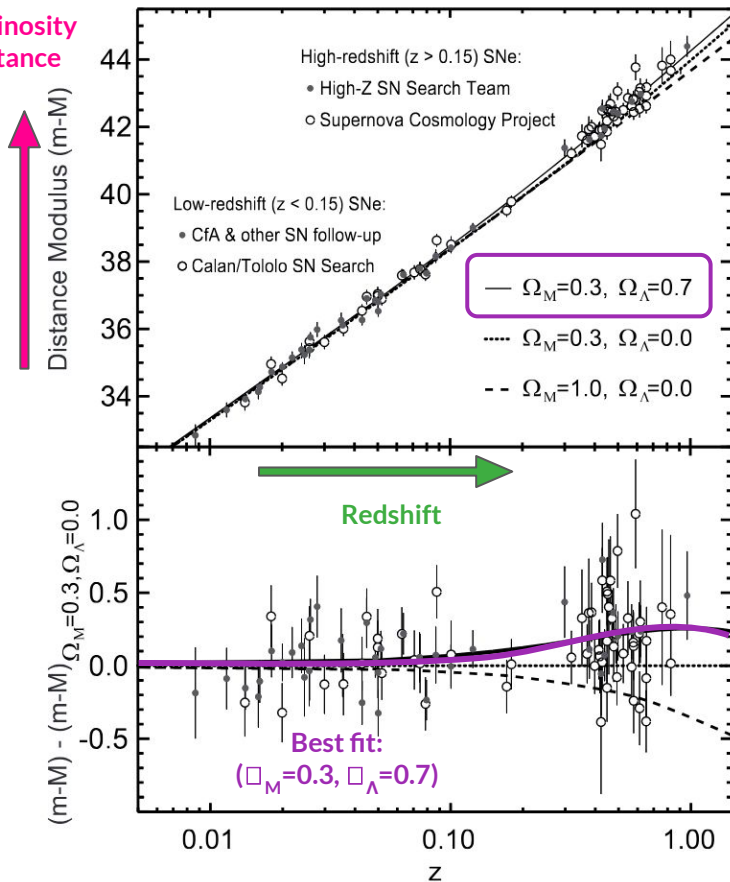


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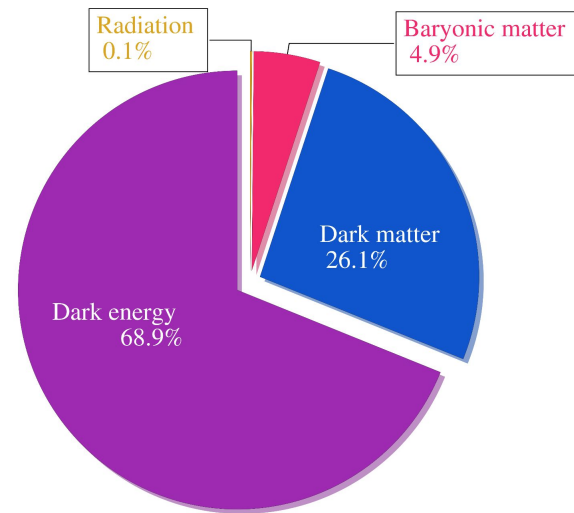
Cosmological constant

The cosmological constant can be seen as an additional component of the energy content  
 ⇒ dark energy

## Dark energy models

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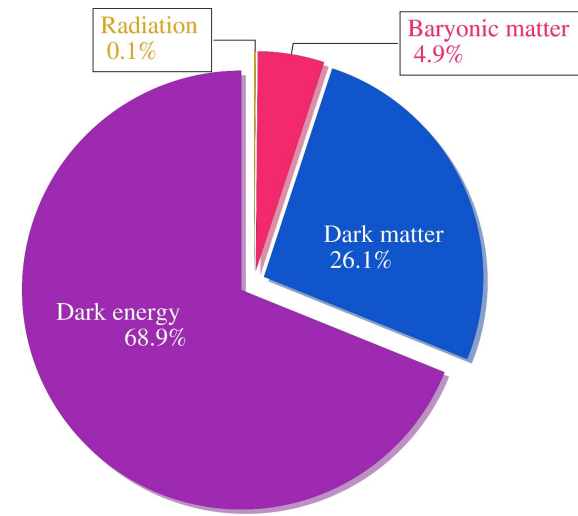
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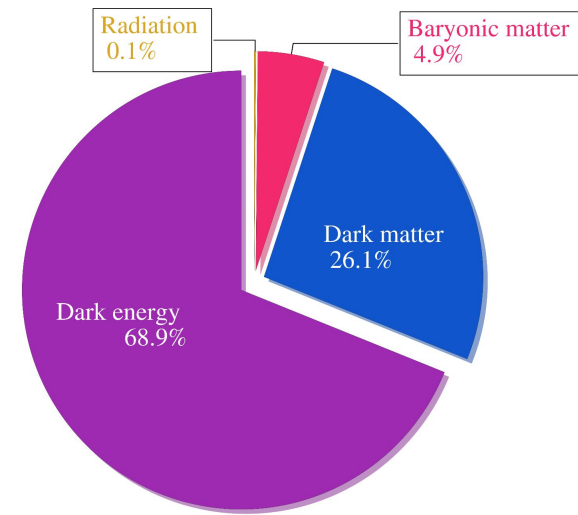
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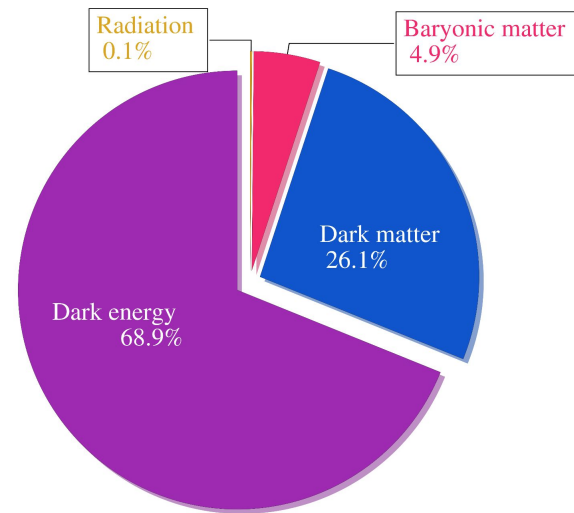
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⇒ Which model describes better the observations ?



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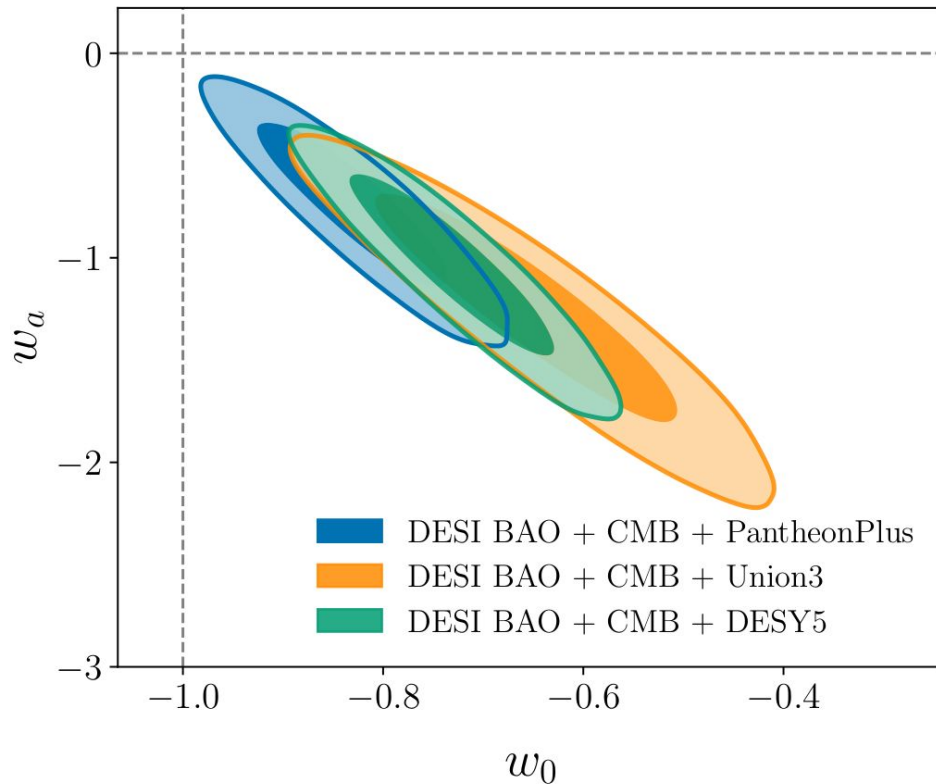


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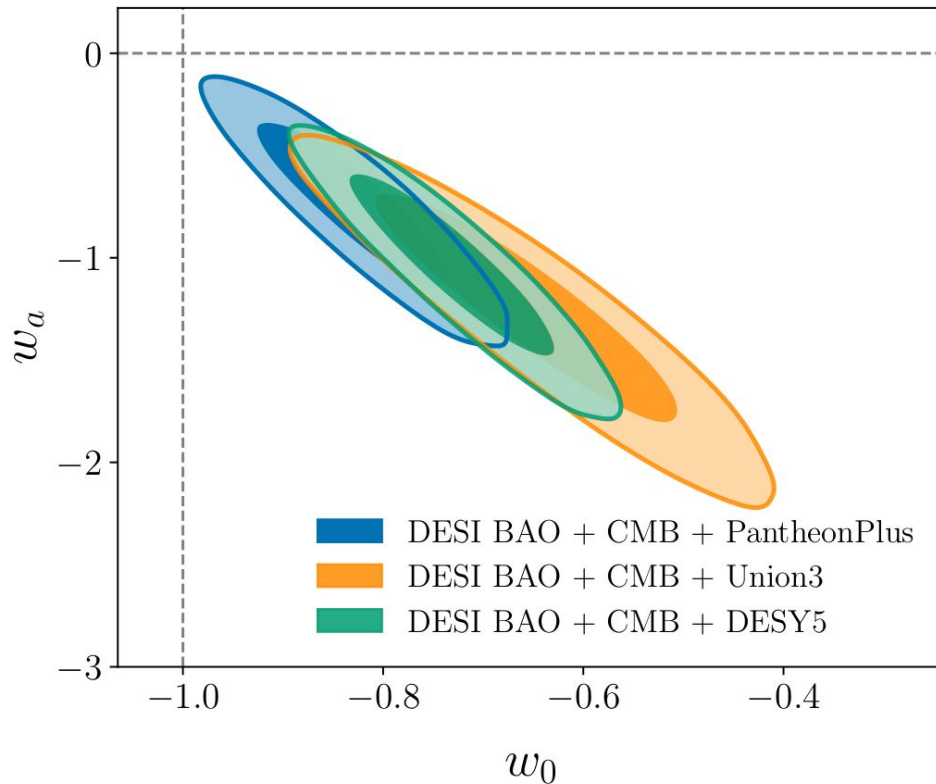
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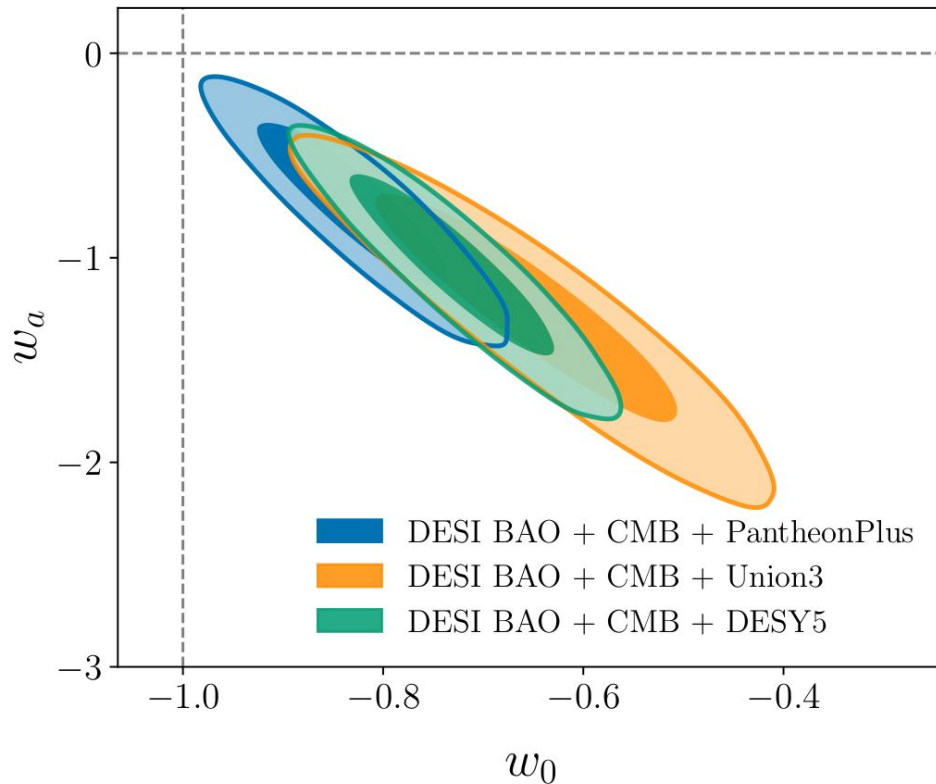
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⇒ Accurate measurements, or is there any source of bias, notably for SNe Ia ?

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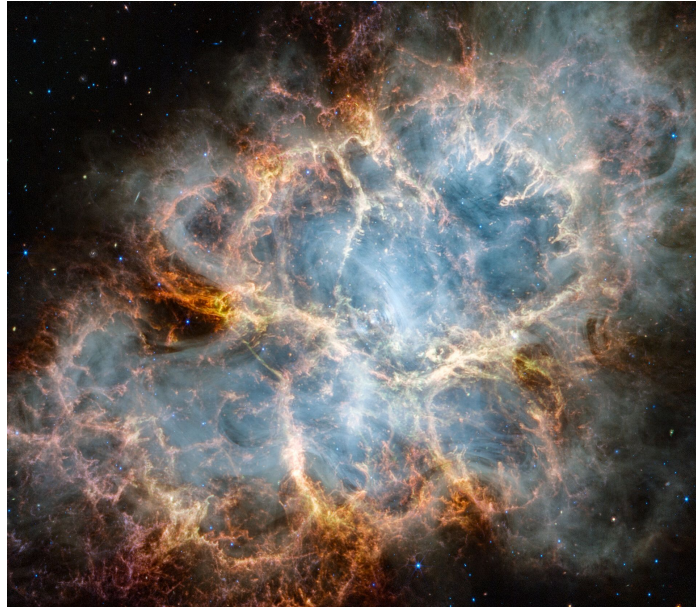
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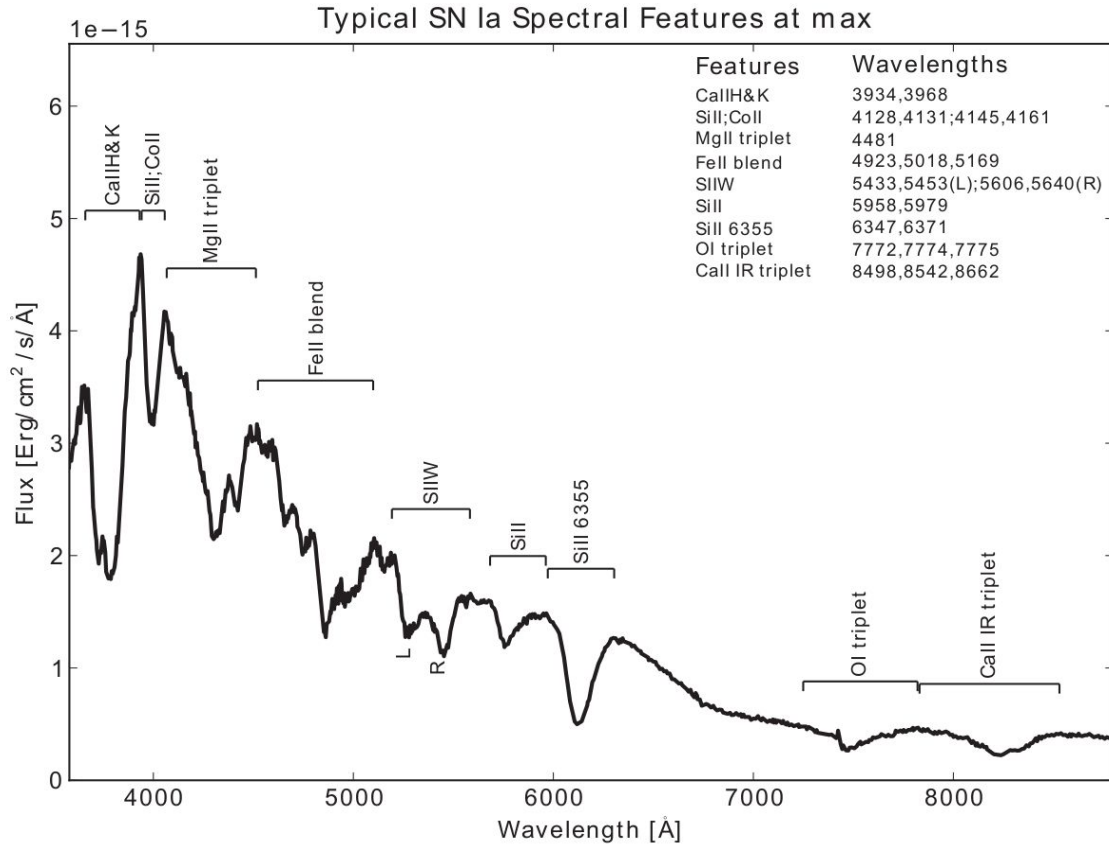
# Explosion mechanism

- Explosion of a carbon-oxygen white dwarf (WD) with a mass  $> 1.4 M_{\odot}$



Crab Nebula, remnant of SN 1054  
observed with the JWST

# Type Ia supernovae spectrum



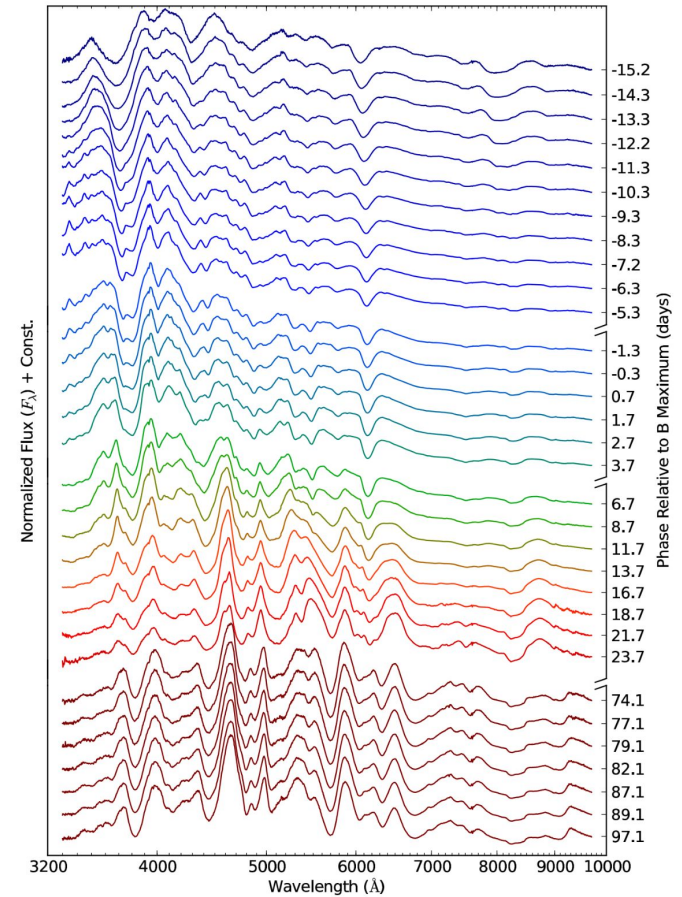
SN Ia spectrum (Chotard, 2011)

## Characteristics:

- Absence of hydrogen line
- Strong Si line (6355 Å)
- Intermediate-mass elements from oxygen to calcium

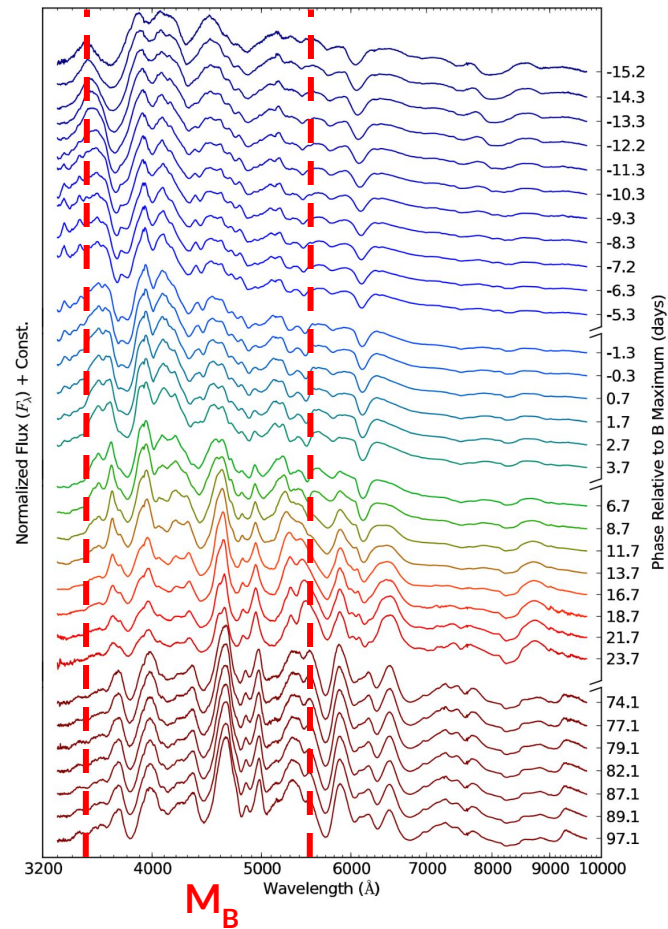
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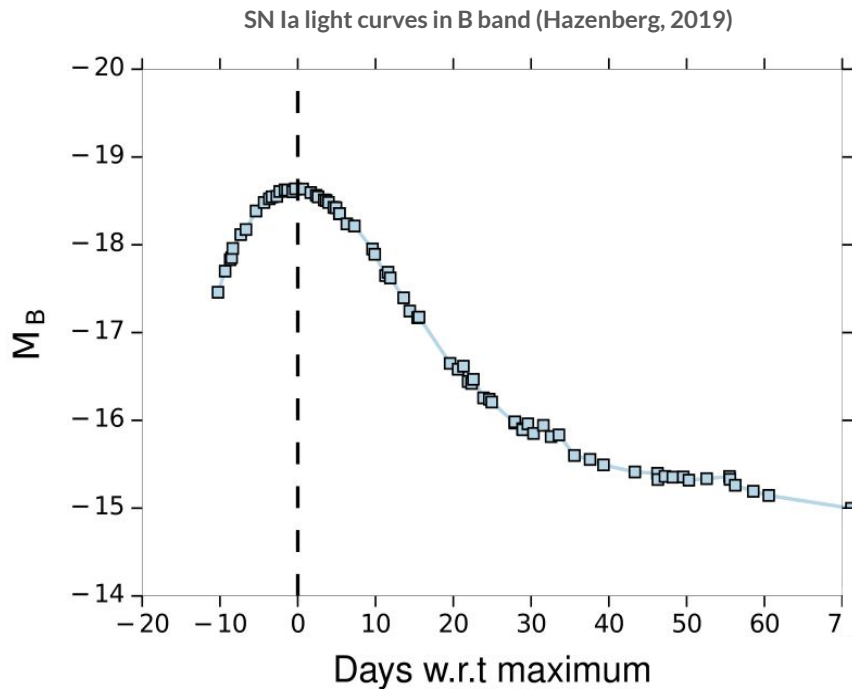
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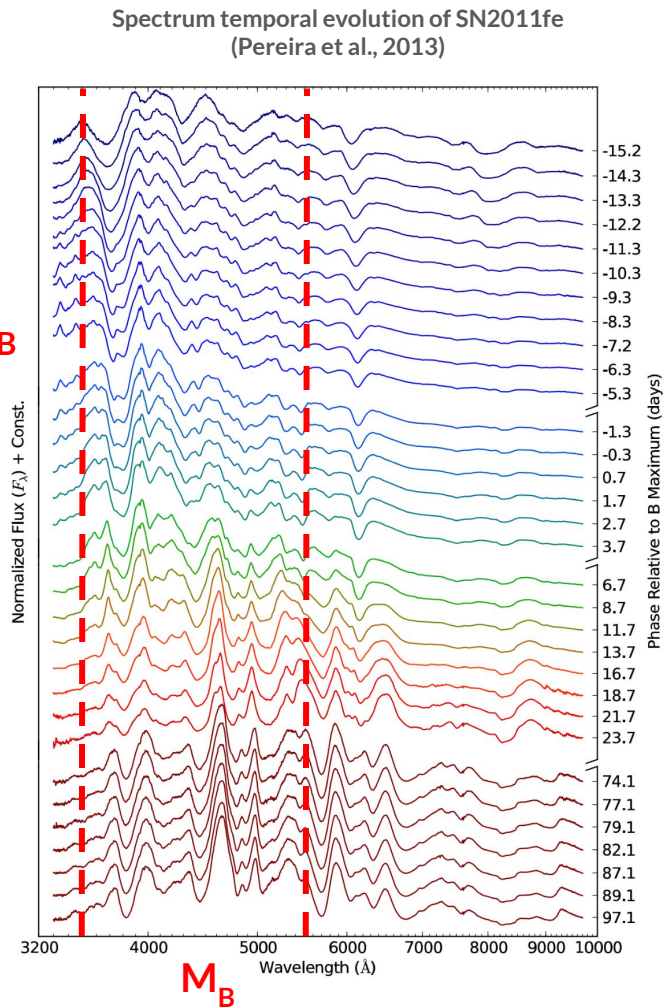




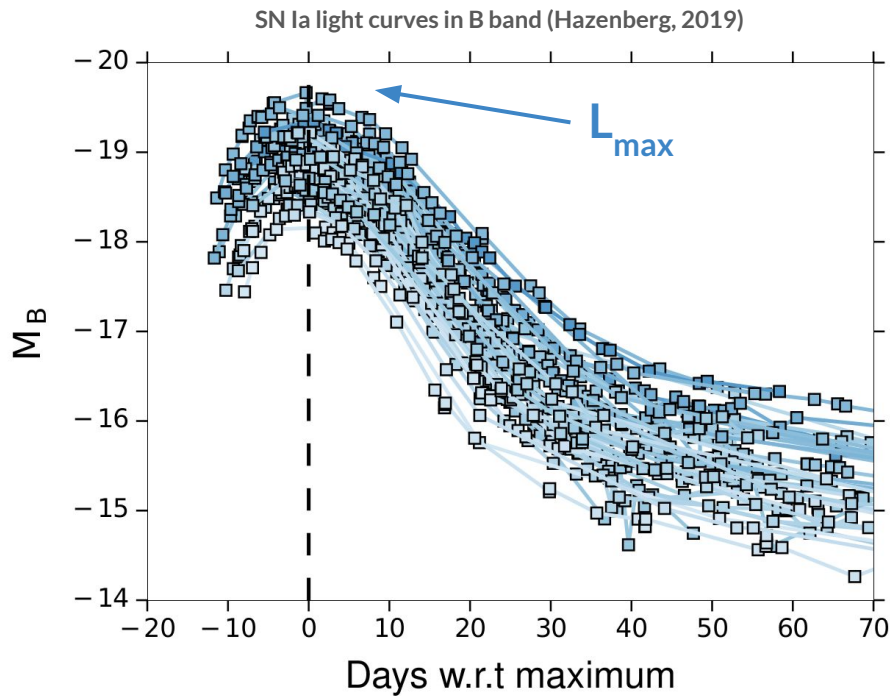
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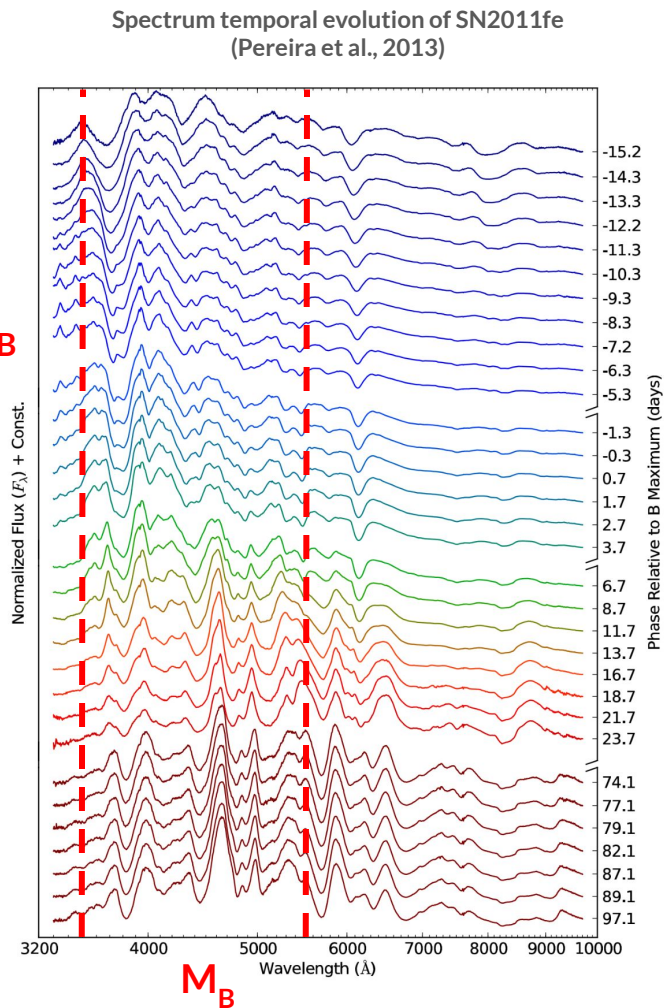
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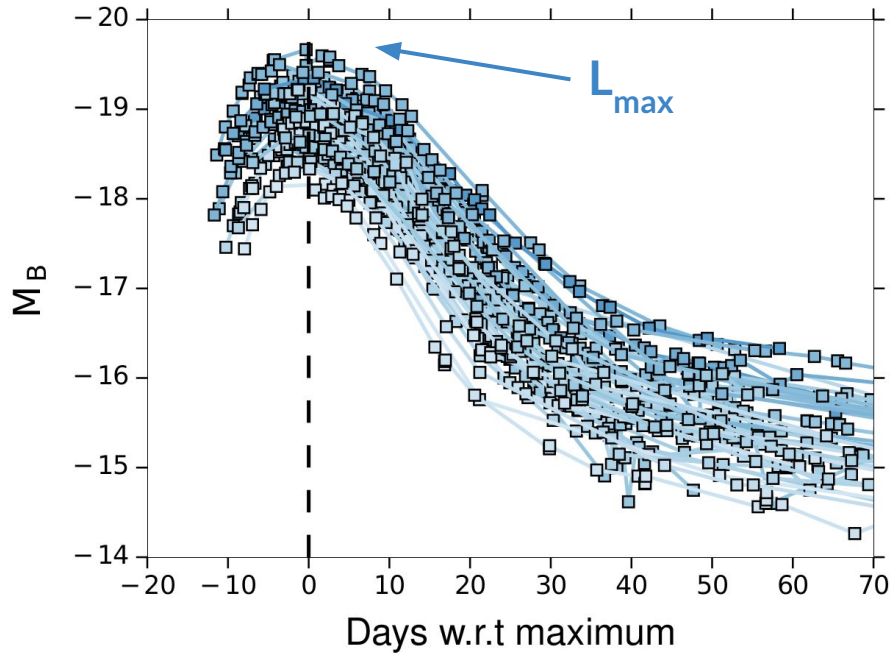


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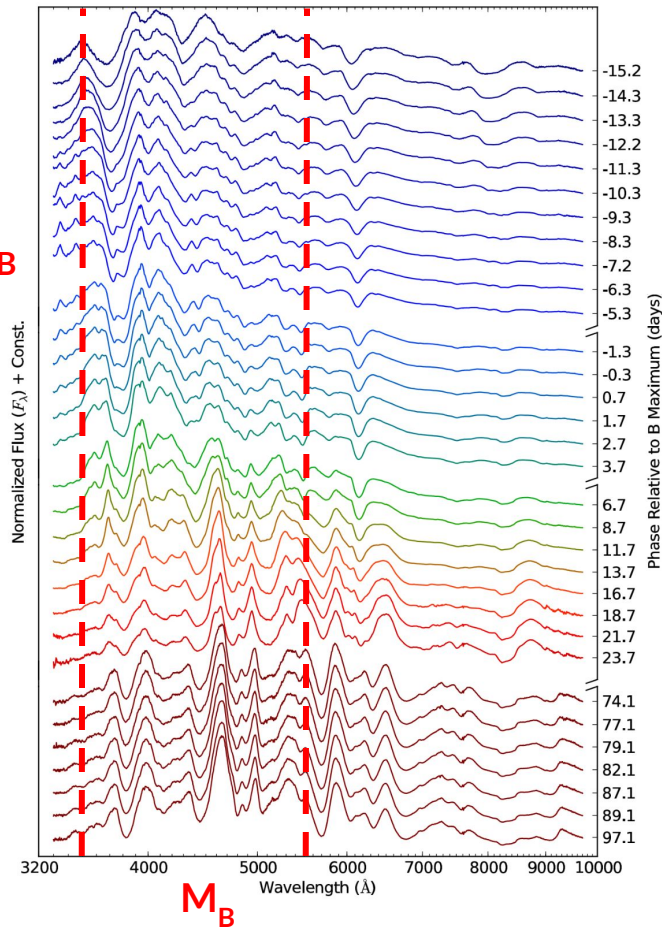
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SN Ia light curves in B band (Hazenberg, 2019)



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Luminosity distance:

$$F_{\max} = \frac{L_{\max}}{4\pi D_L^2} ; M_B = m_B^* - 5 \log_{10} \frac{D_L}{10\text{pc}}$$

# ● Hubble diagram

Plot  $\mu$  against  $z \rightarrow$  Hubble Diagram

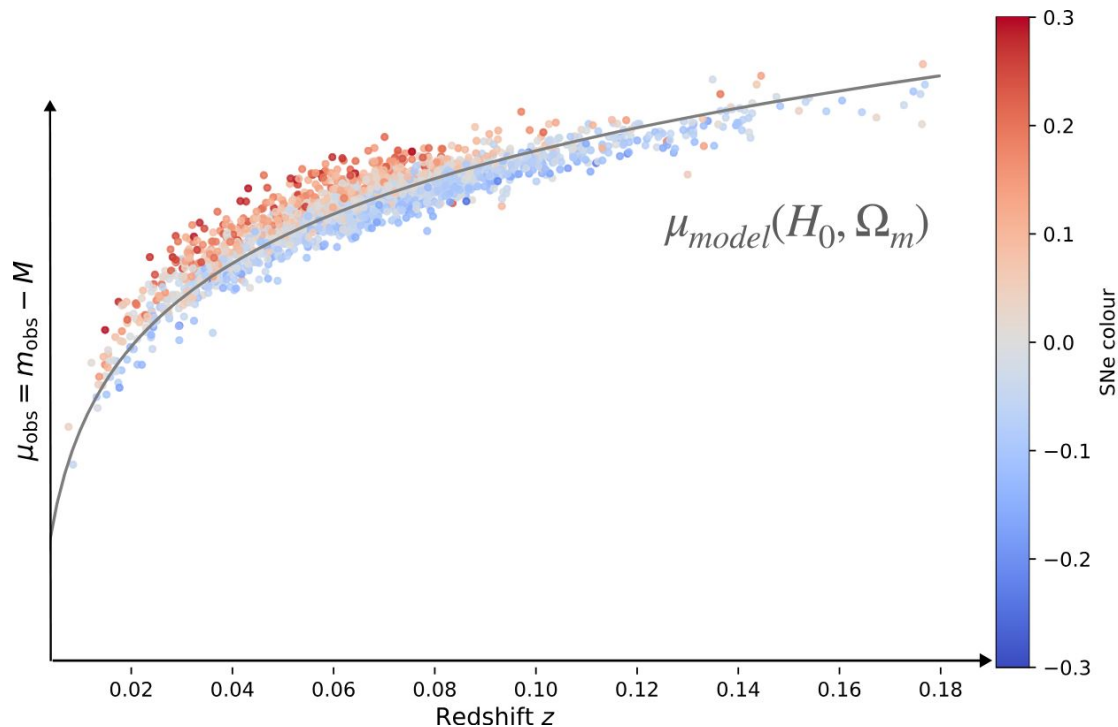
Distance modulus:

$$\mu = m_B^* - M_B$$

Restframe  
magnitude

Absolute  
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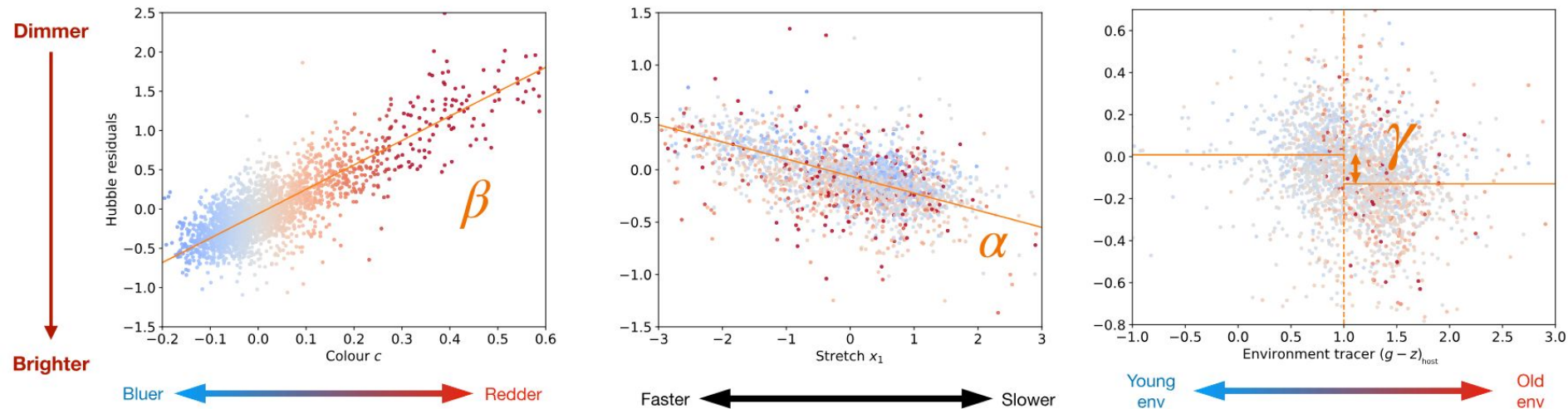
$\Rightarrow$  dispersion in  $\mu$  of  $\sim 40\%$



Hubble diagram

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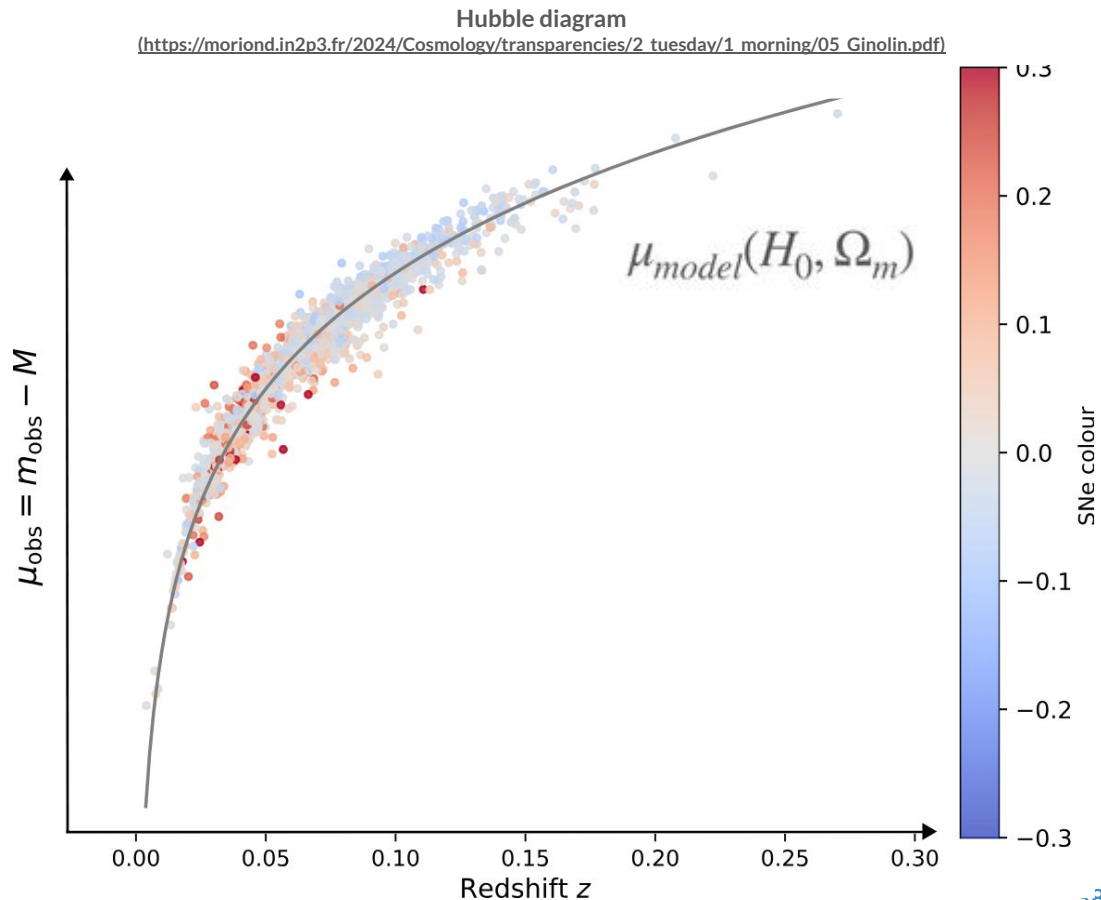
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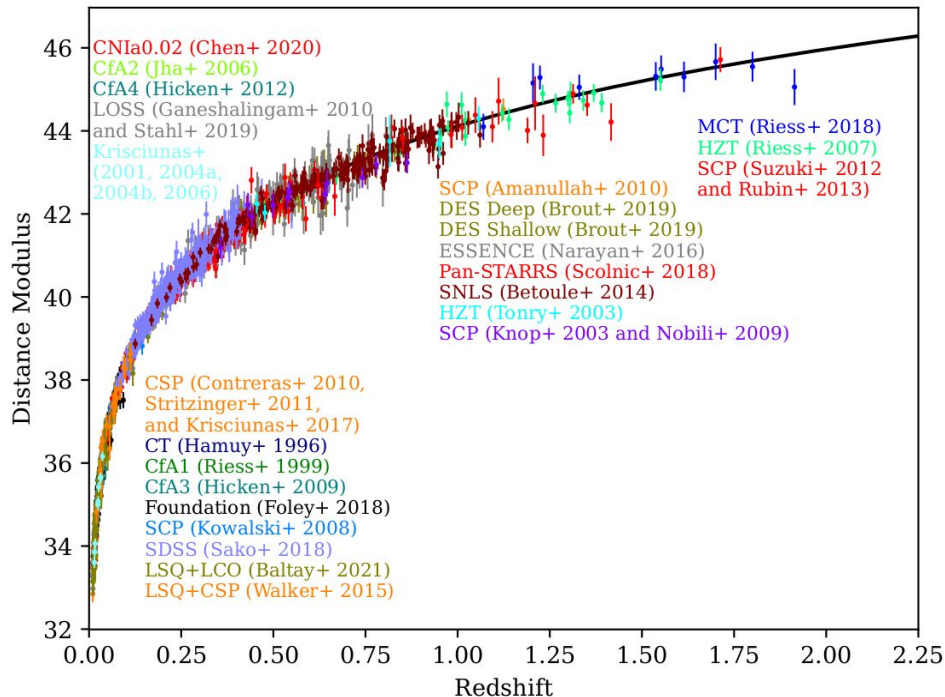
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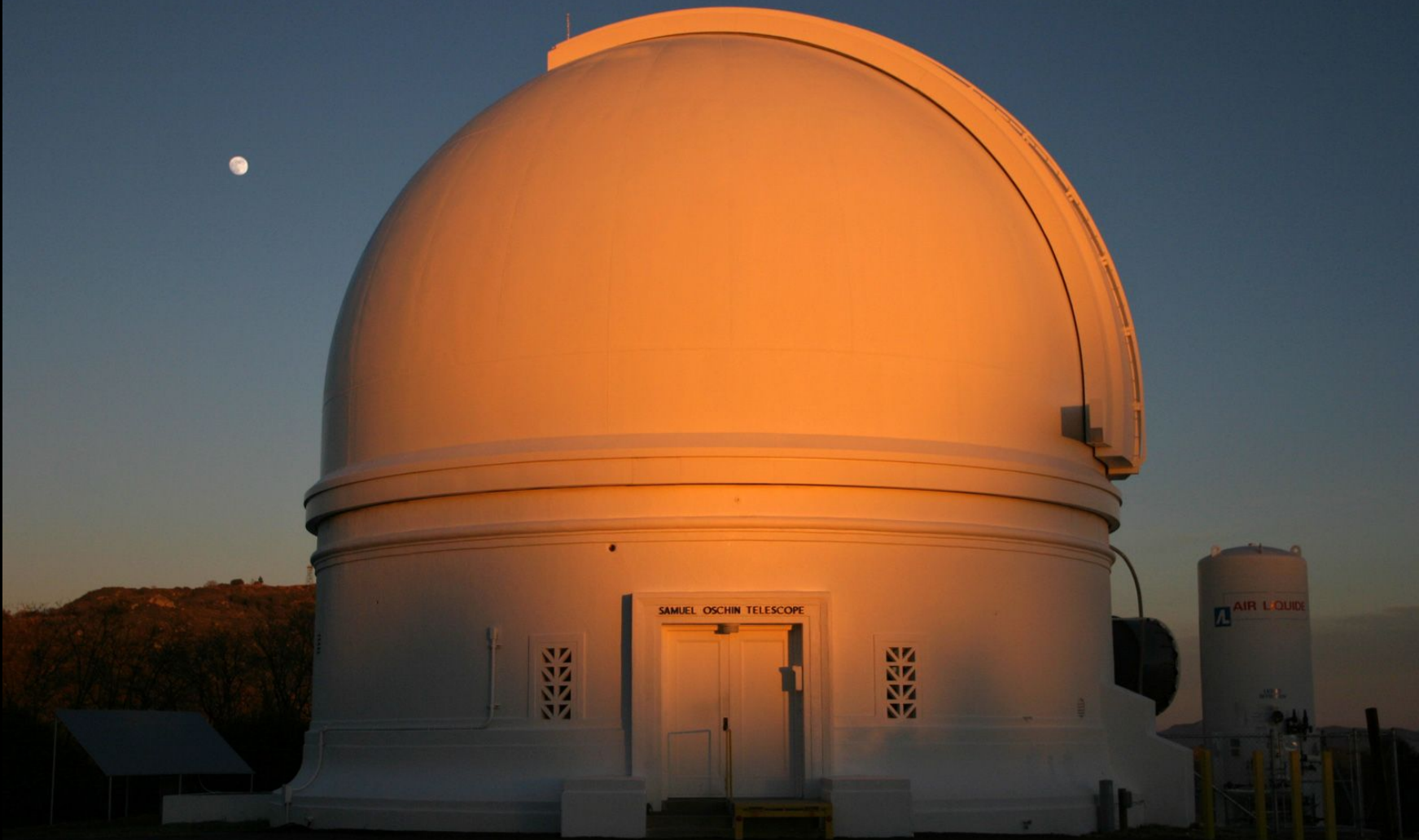


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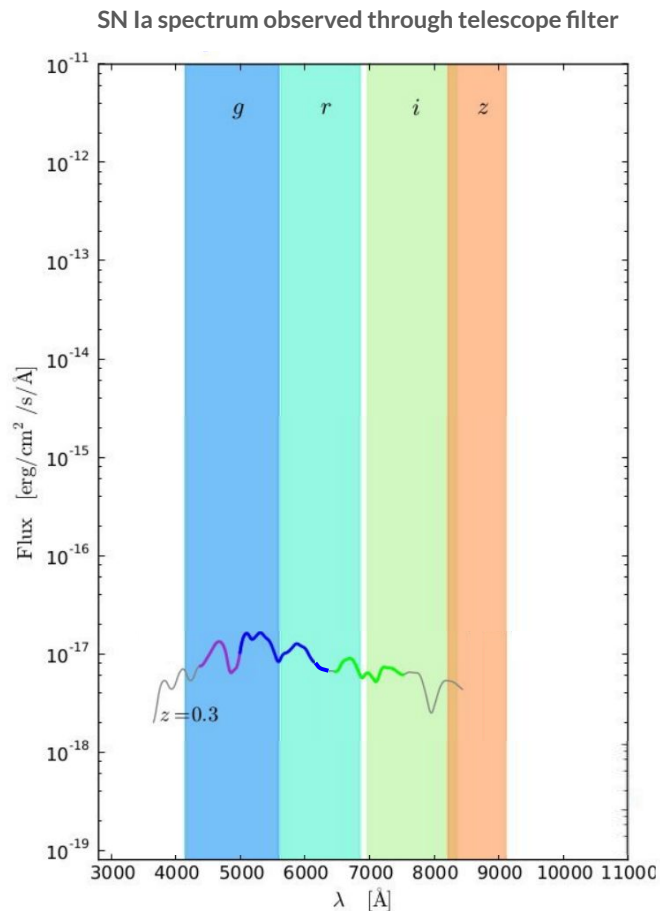






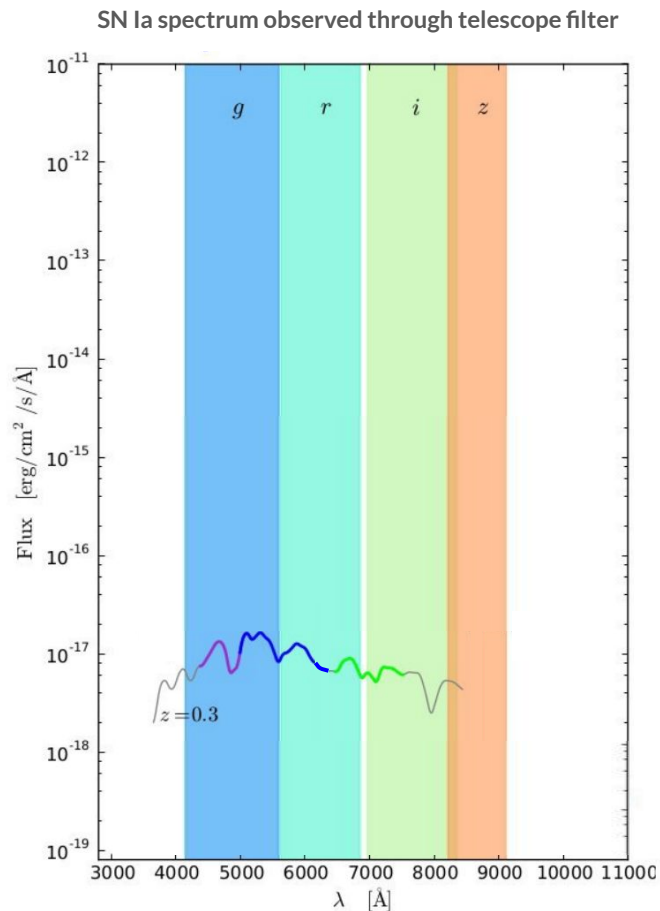


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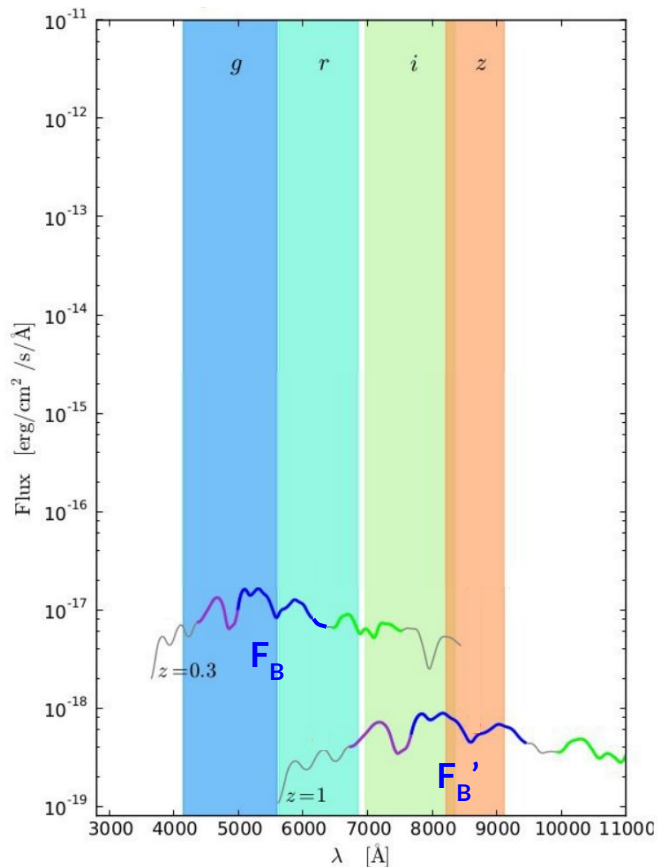
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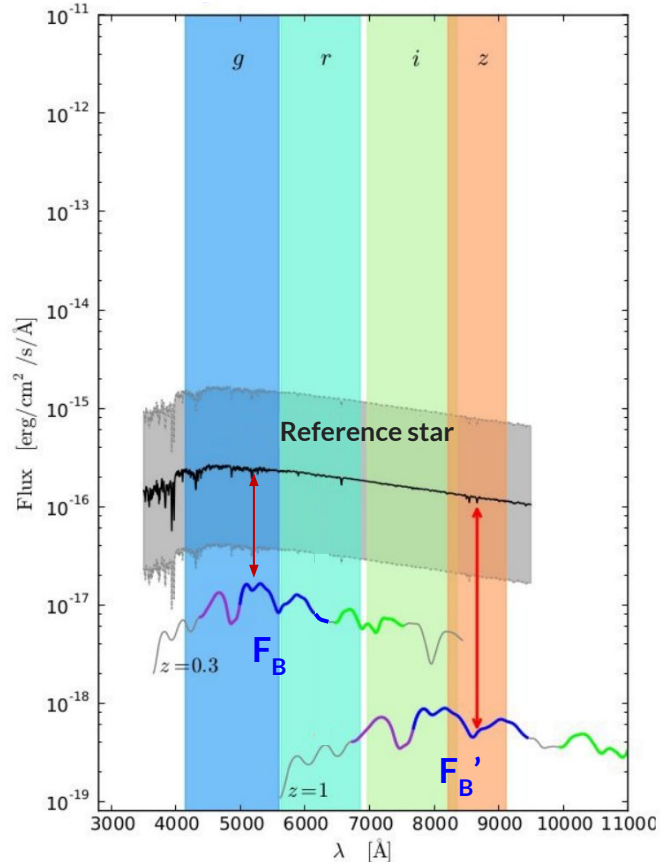
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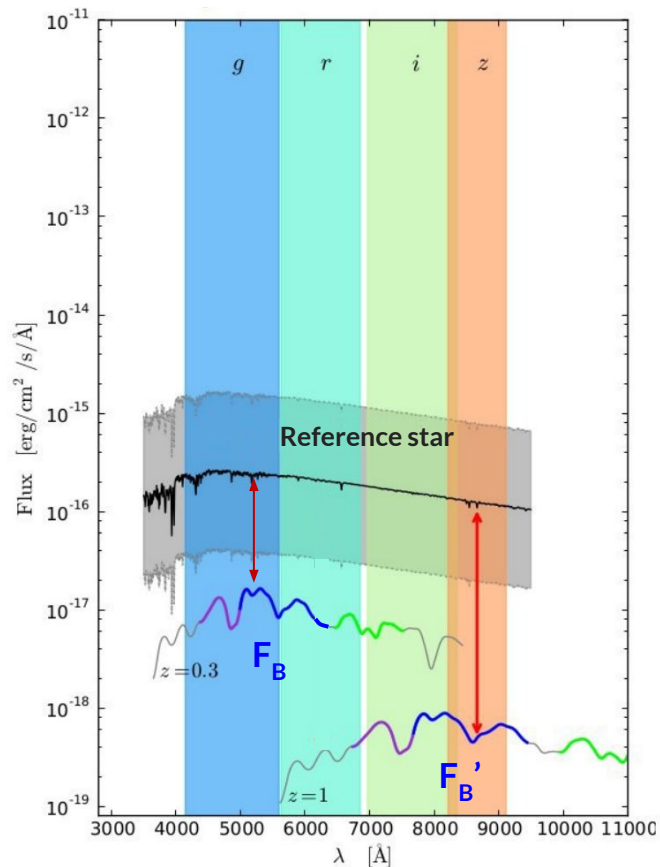
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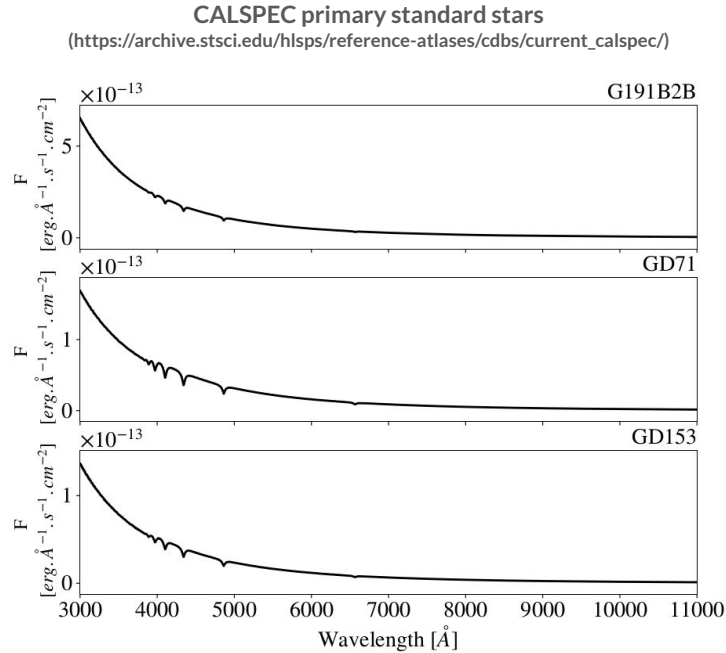
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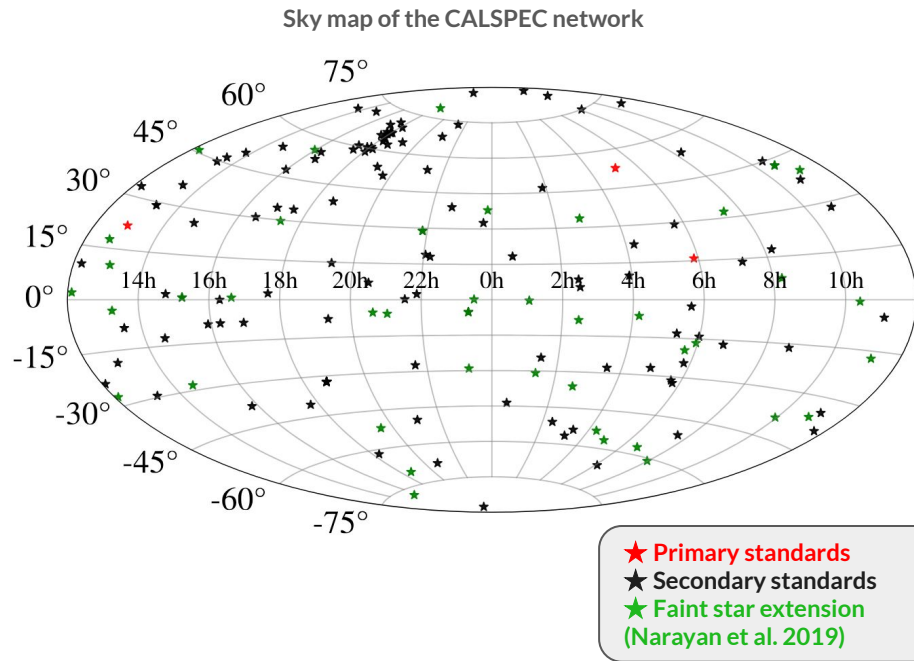
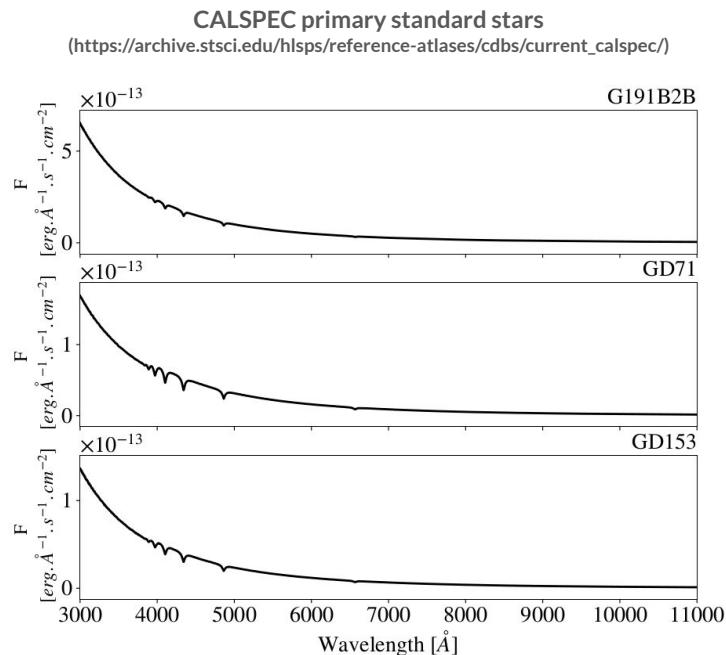
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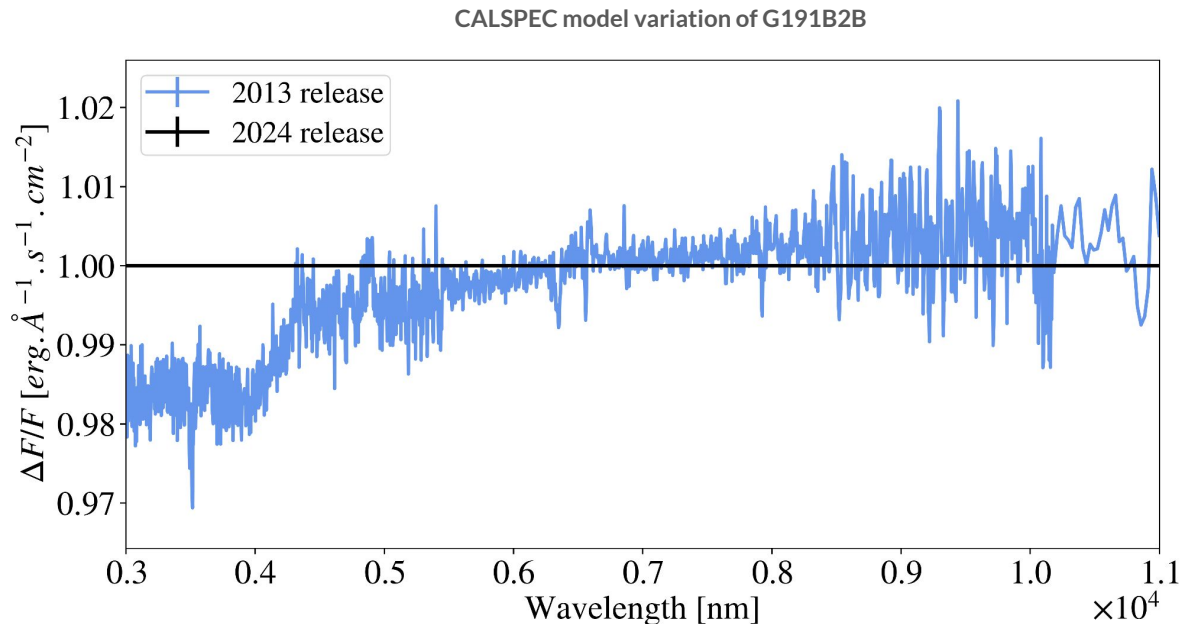


⇒ Network of calibrated sources covering the full sky

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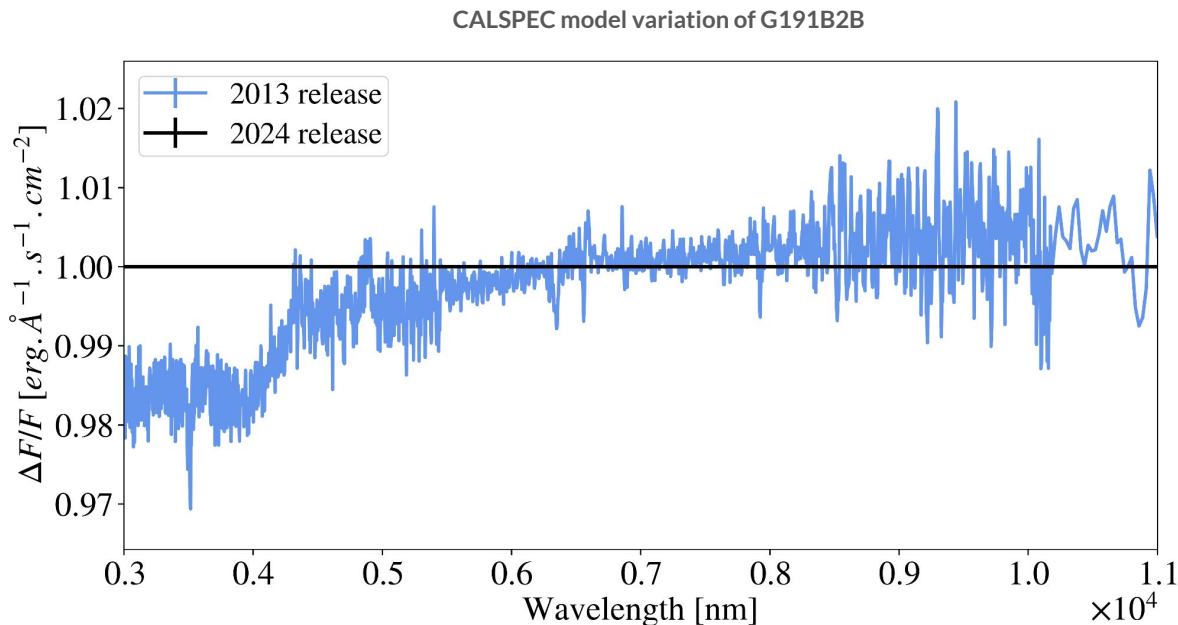
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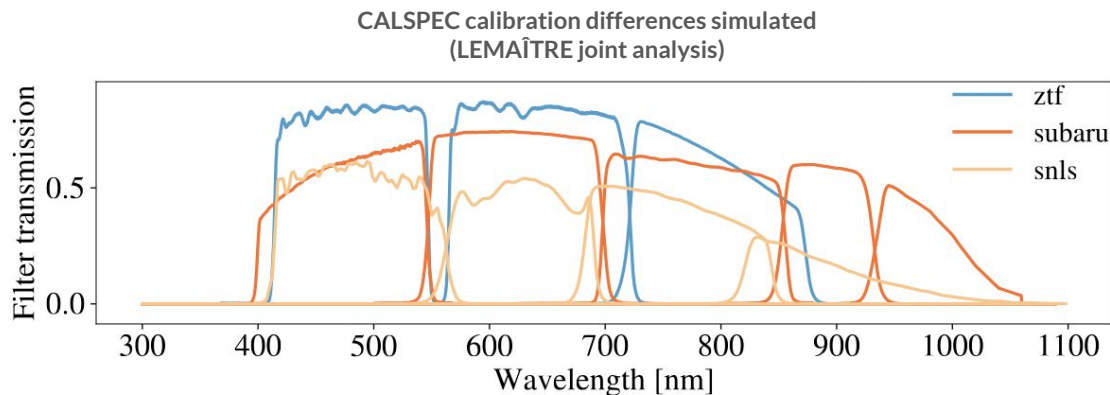
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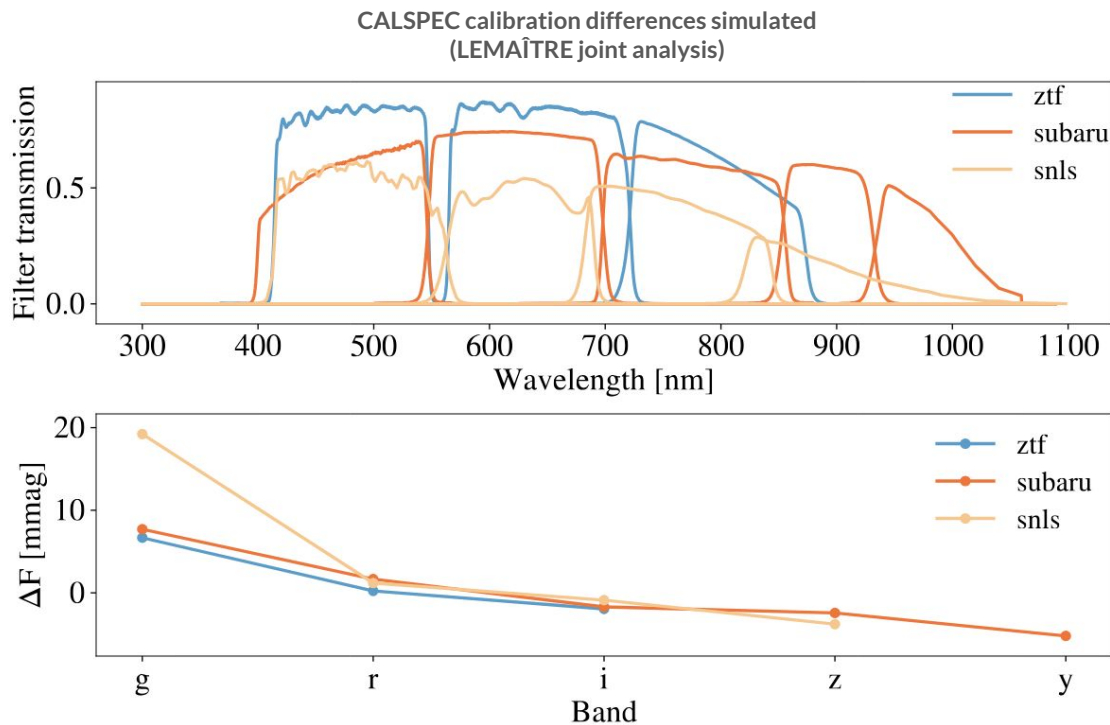
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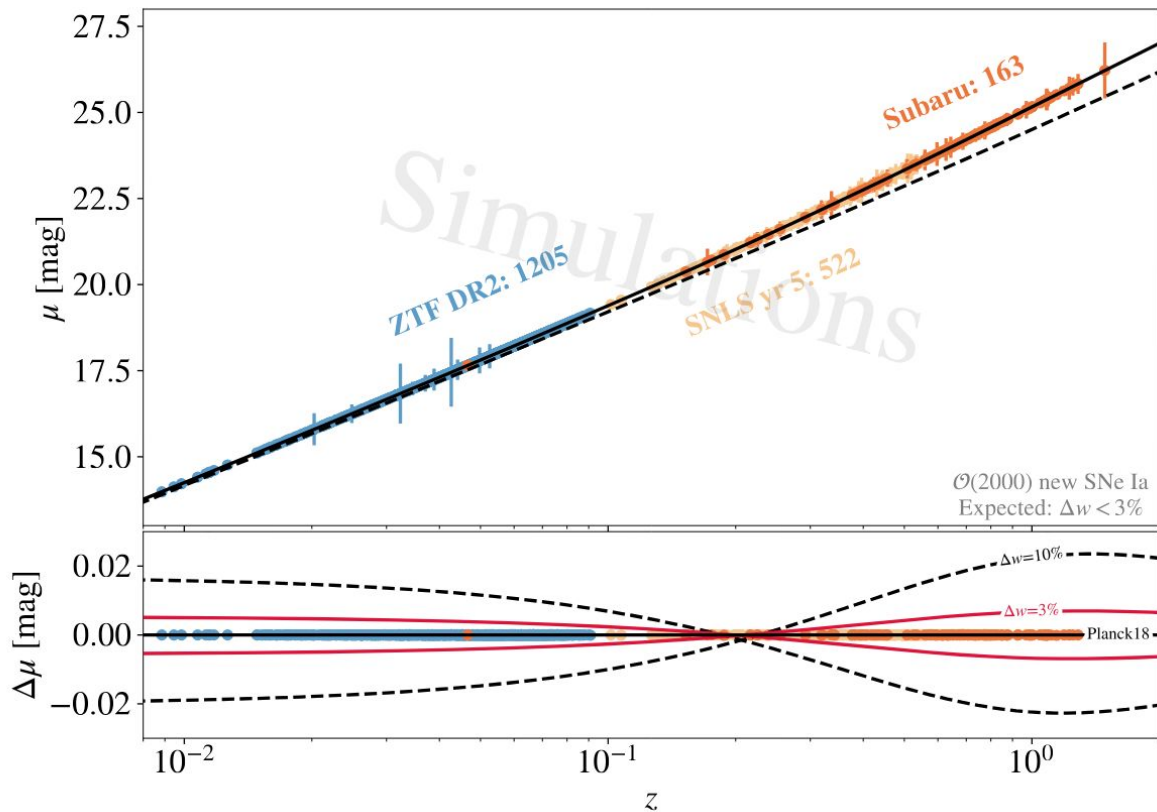
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Hubble diagram obtained with LEMAÎTRE simulations



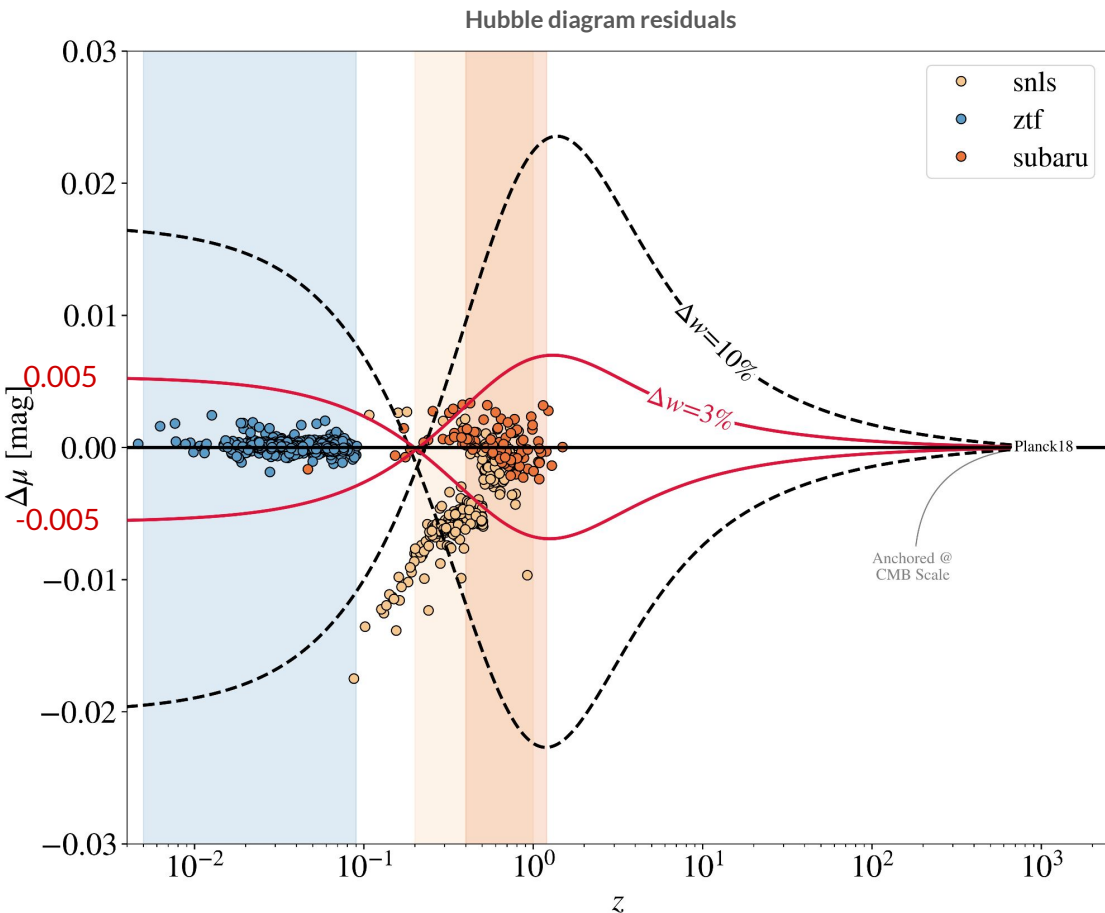
- Fitting distance moduli  $\mu$  of simulated SNe Ia

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- Adding flux calibration bias estimated with CALSPEC releases

⇒ focus on the residuals to the  $\Lambda$ CDM model

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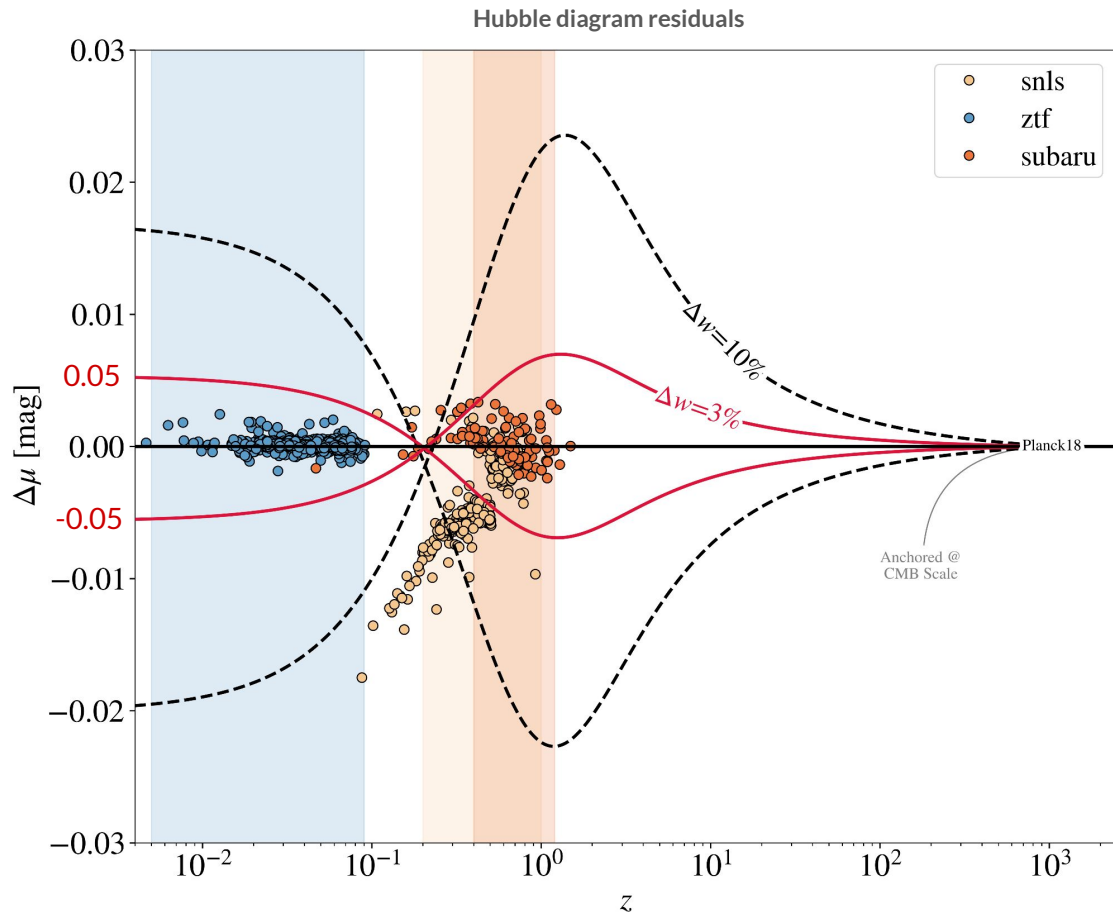


● 3% deviation of  $w$  from  $\Lambda$ CDM

↔ ~ 0.005 mag deviation in  $\mu$   
( $0.01 < z < 1$ )



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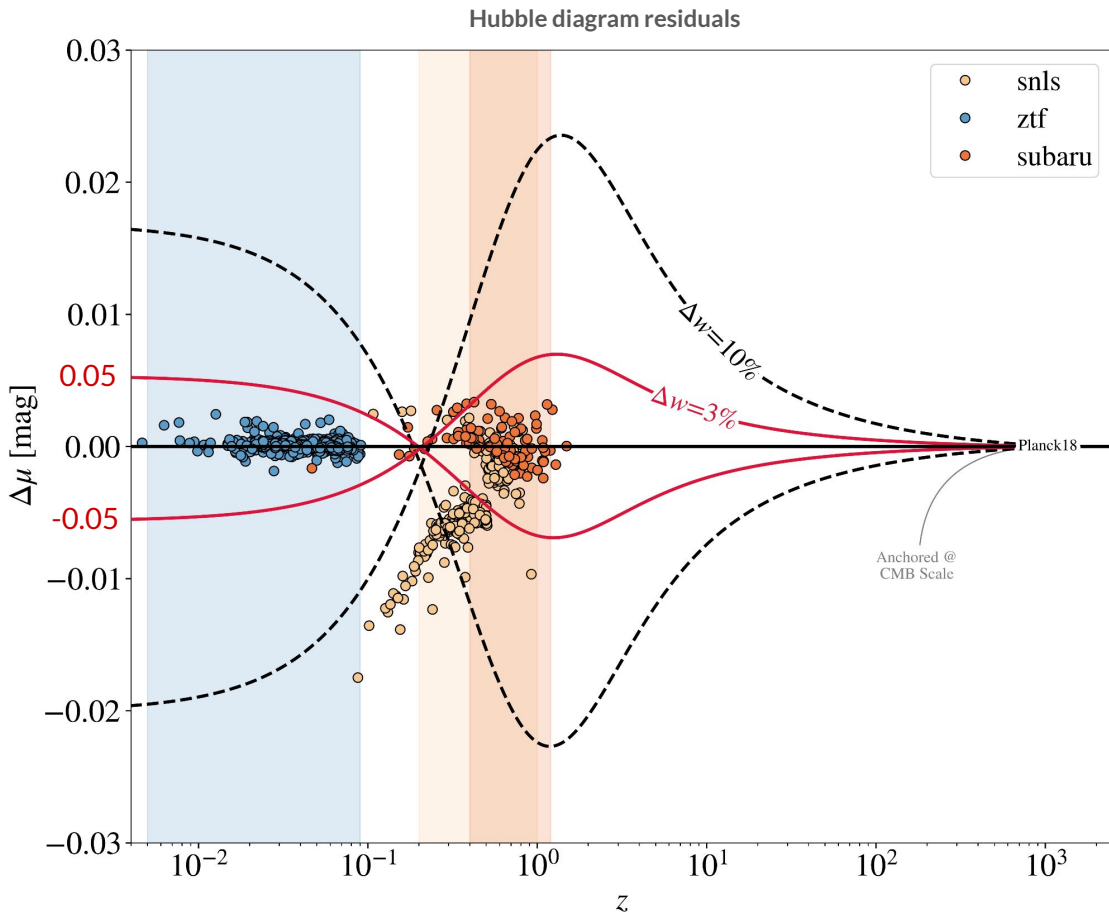
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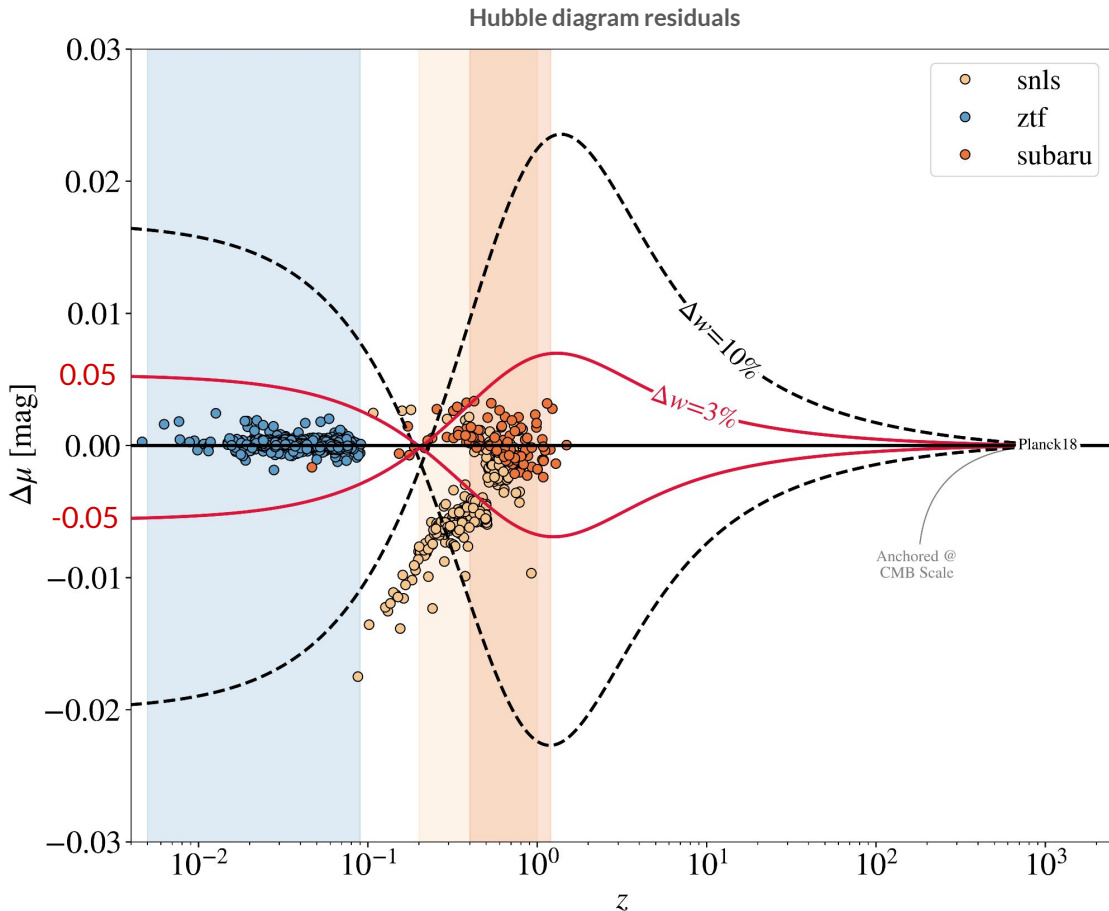
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## II. The StarDICE experiment

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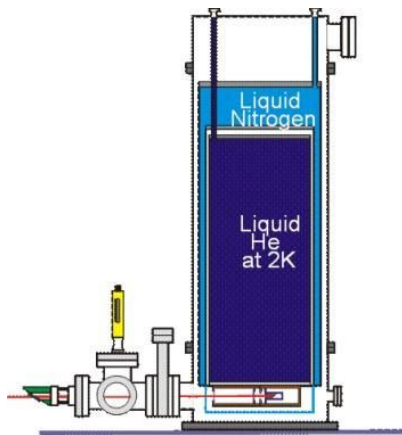
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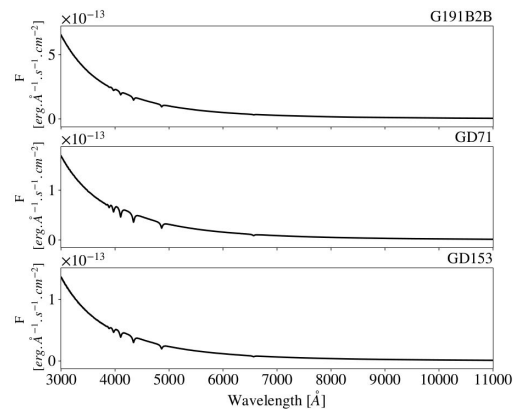
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CALSPEC  
standard stars

1 W

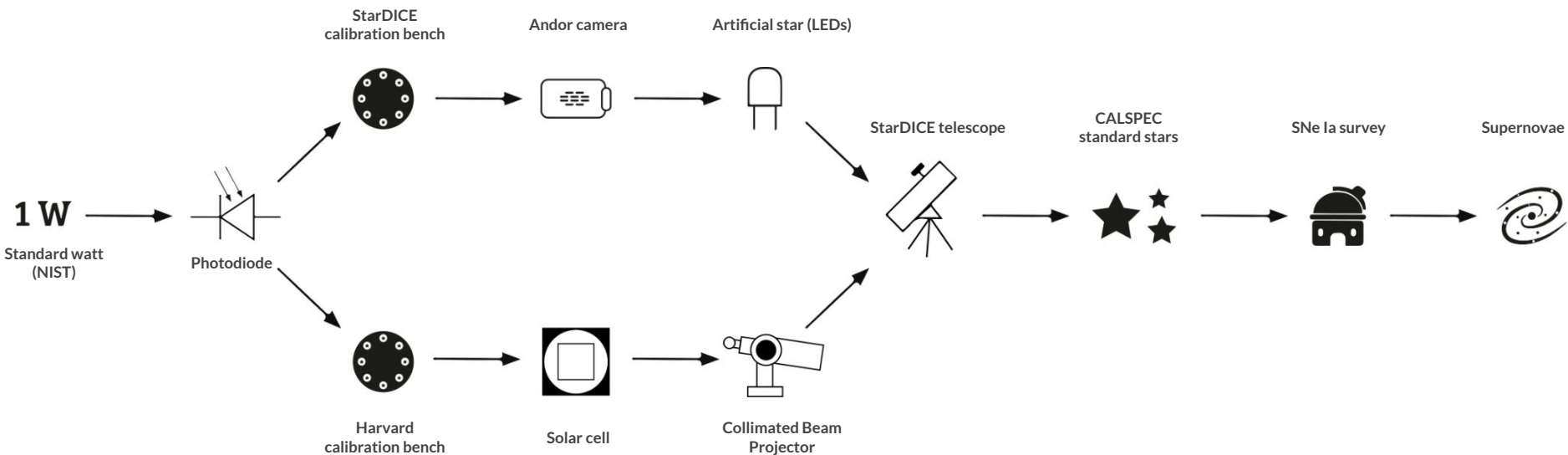


POWR facility  
Houston et al. 2006



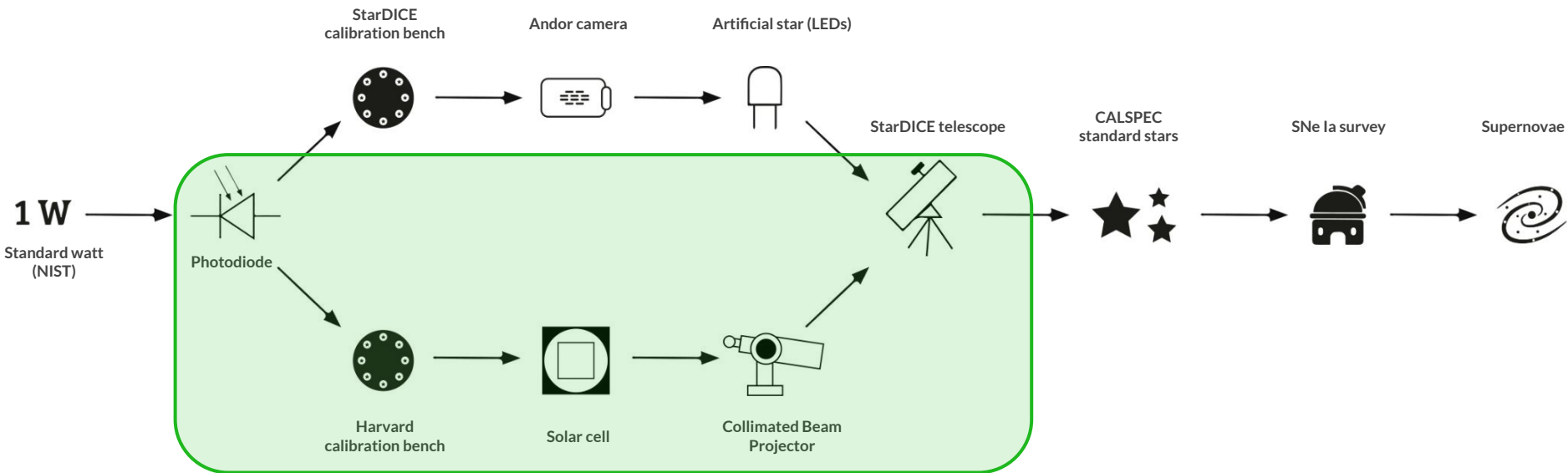
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More sensitive detectors

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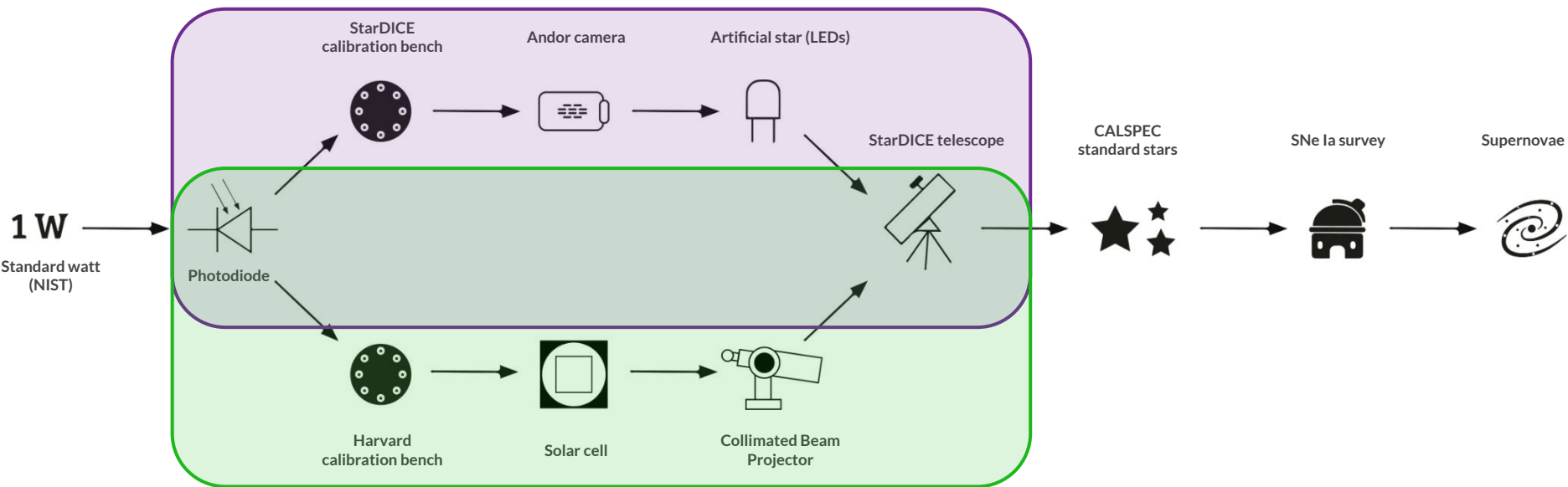
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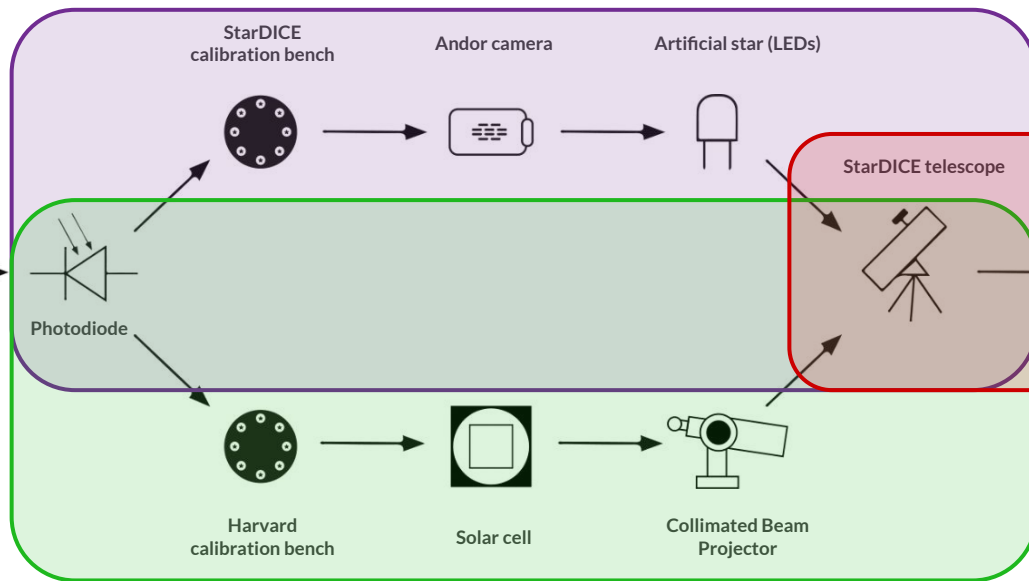
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Measurement of the spectra of CALSPEC standard stars

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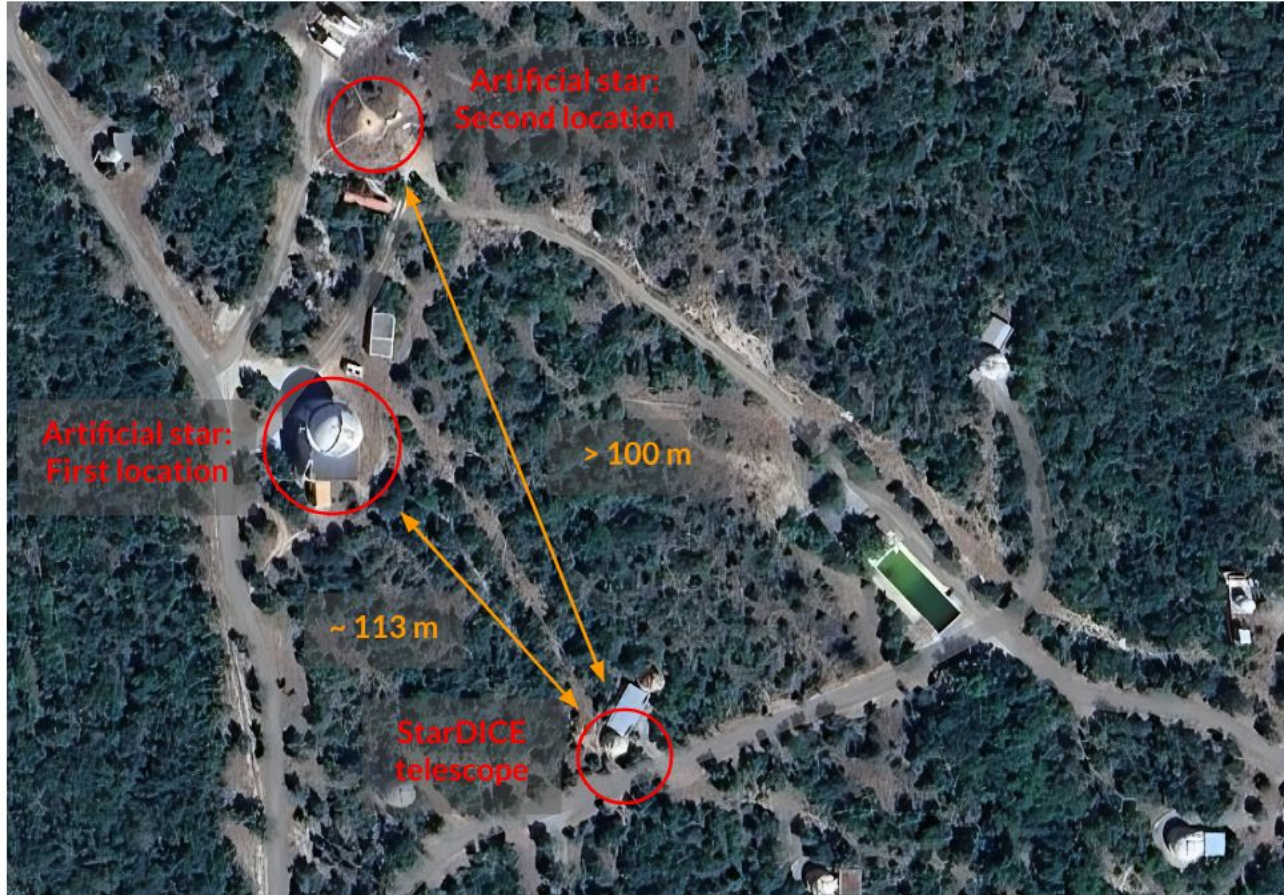
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# Observatory of Haute-Provence



Observatoire de Haute-Provence satellite view

## Installation of the telescope



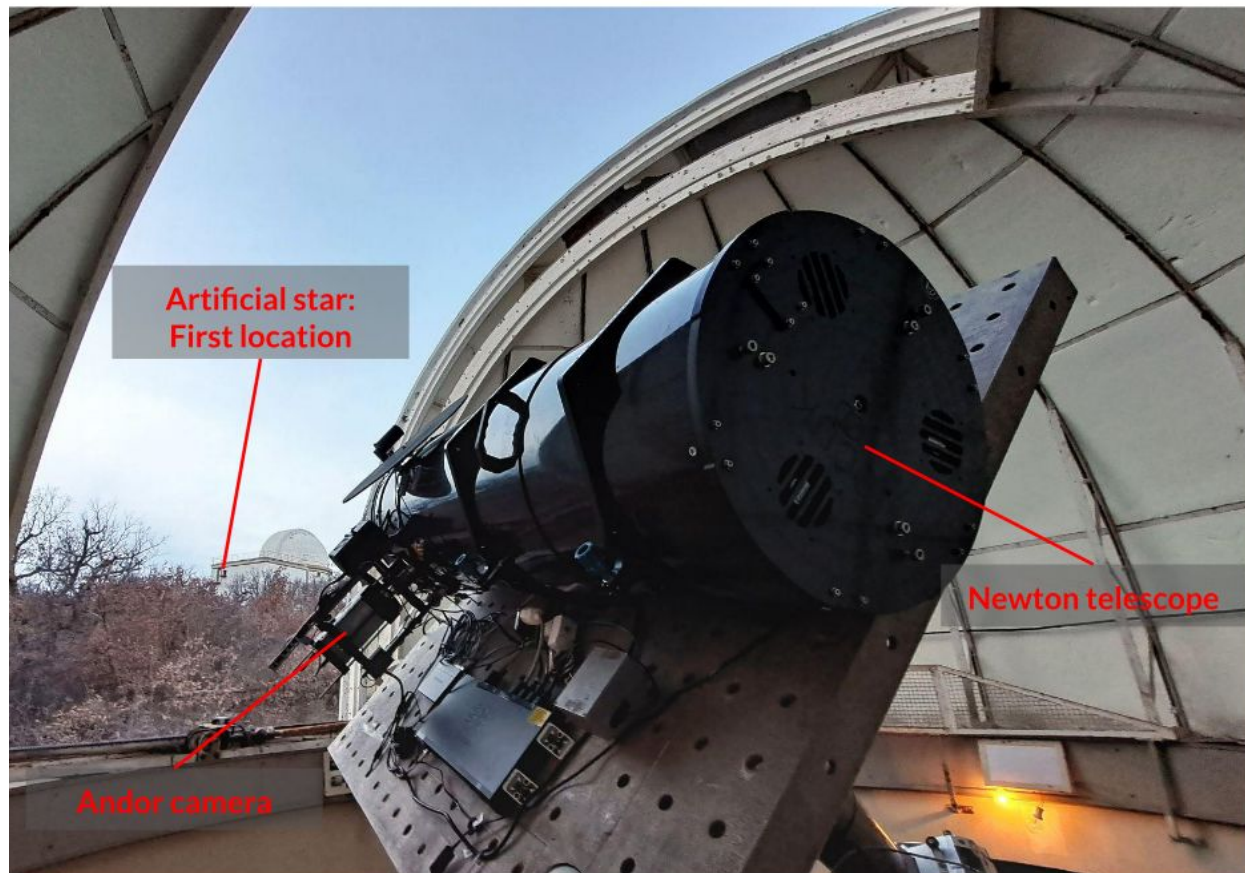
A happy StarDICE team (not pipe smoking) balancing the telescope they have installed

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StarDICE telescope on its mount

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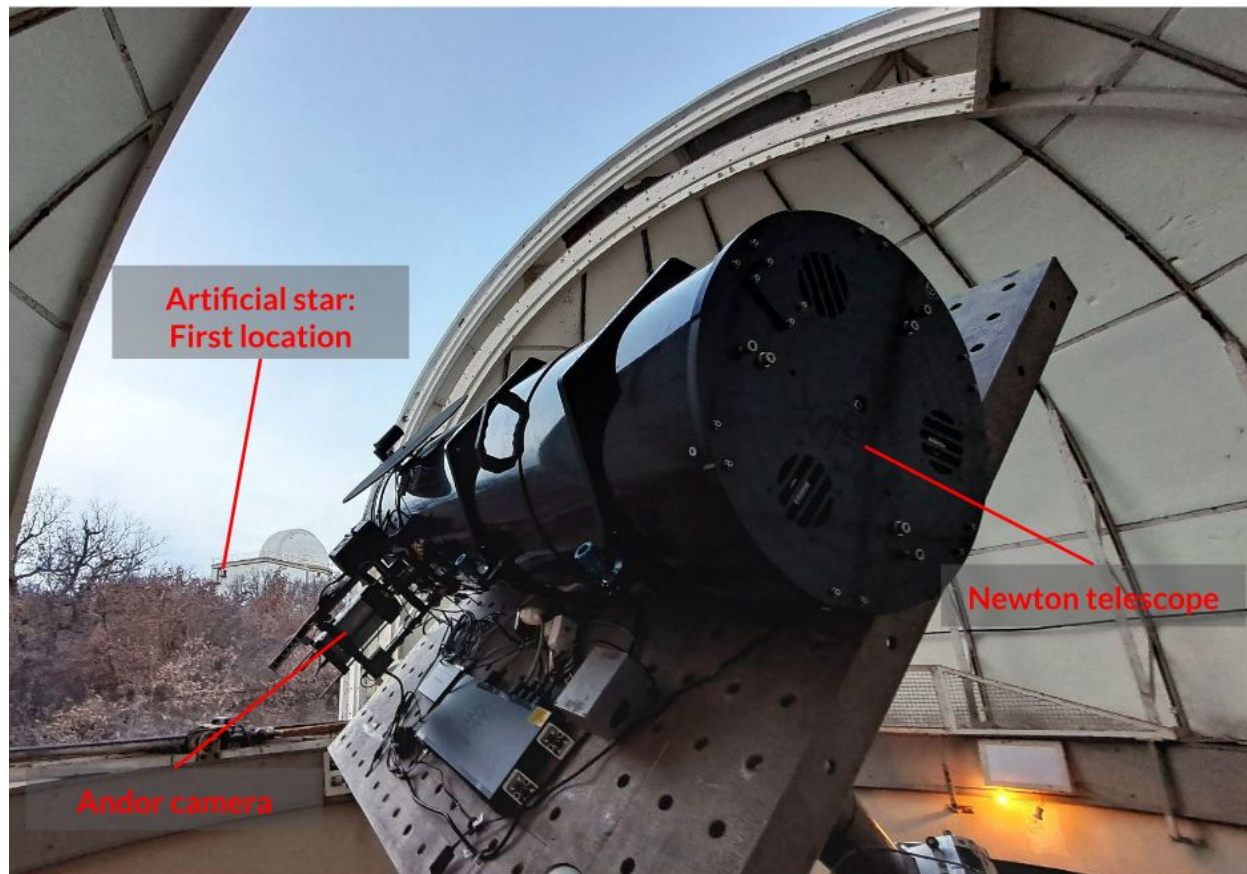
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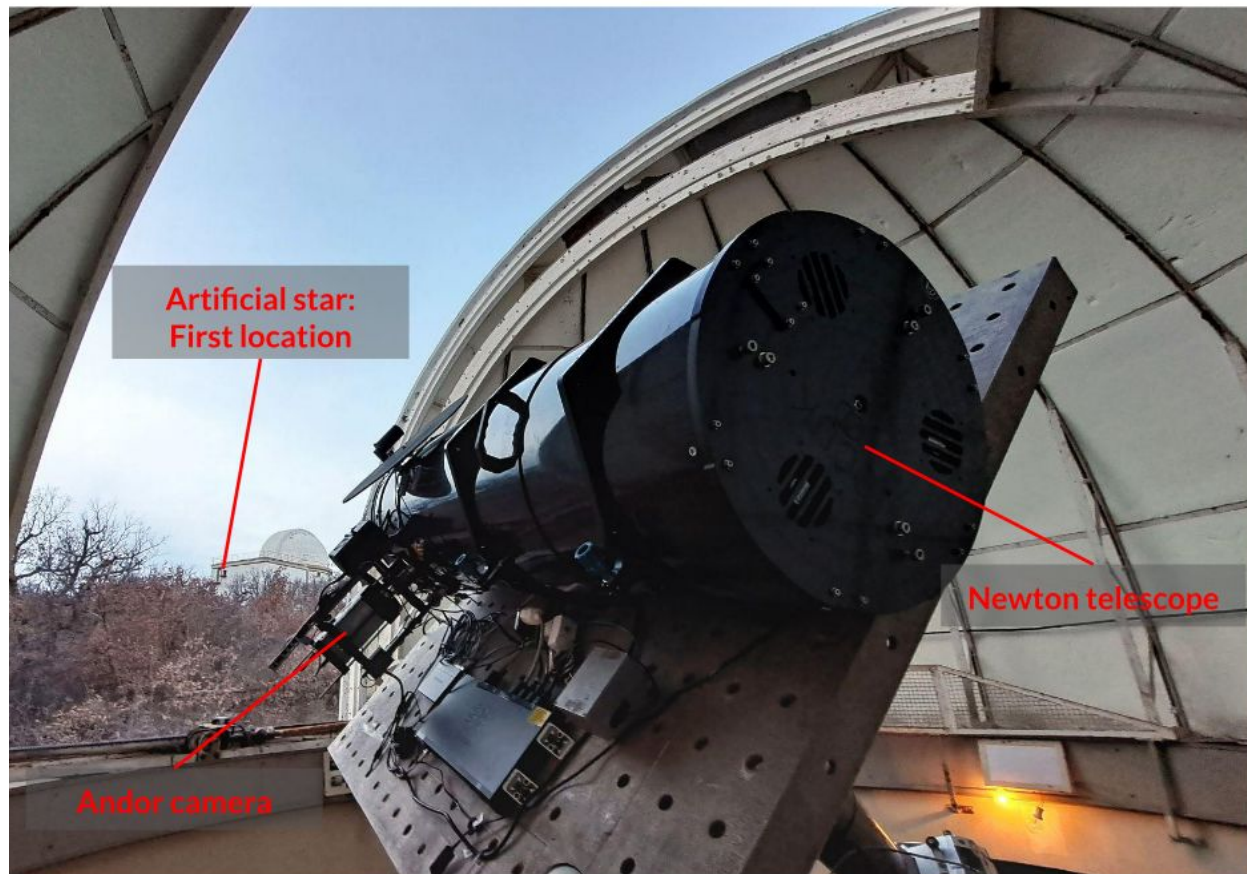
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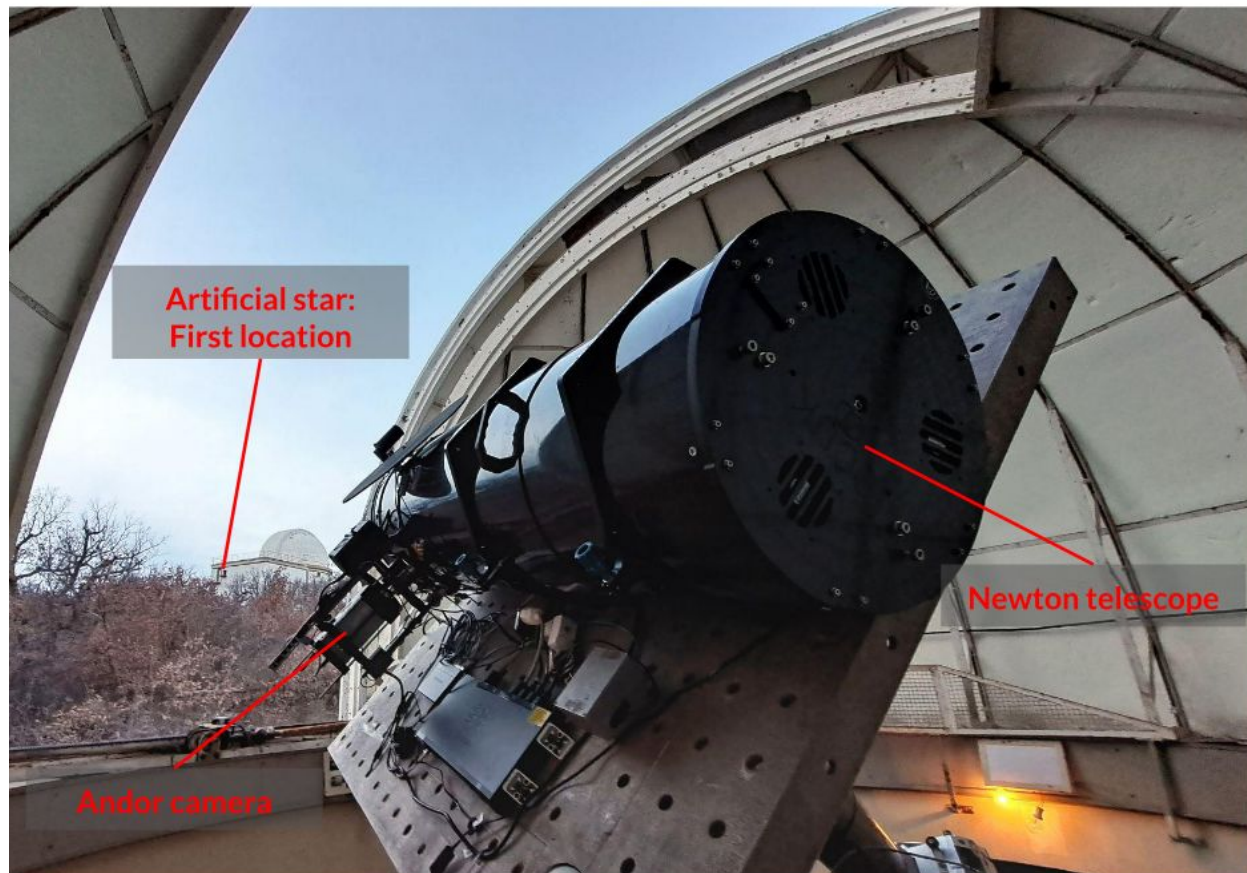
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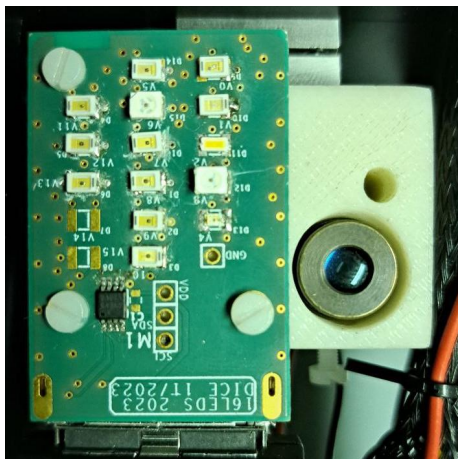
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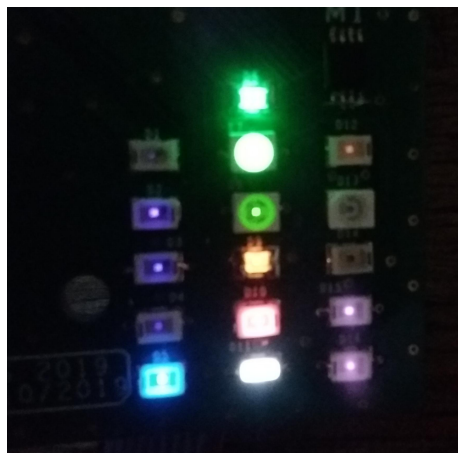


# Artificial star

- 16 LEDs covering visible and near-IR range
- Flux calibrated in laboratory
- Mounted in July 2024 (after all the analyses I will present)



Artificial stars LEDs off



Artificial stars LEDs on

Helmet enclosing the artificial star



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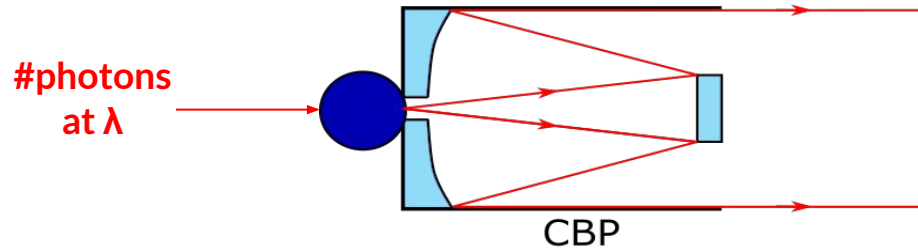
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## a. Setup description

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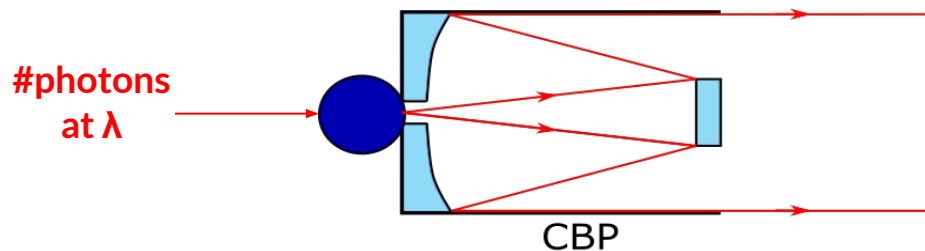
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Two purposes:

- Calibrate the StarDICE telescope response
- Proof of concept for the CBP at Rubin Observatory for the LSST

# How to use a CBP ?

## Ingredients:

- A tunable laser
- A mounted-backward telescope to recreate a parallel beam from a point source
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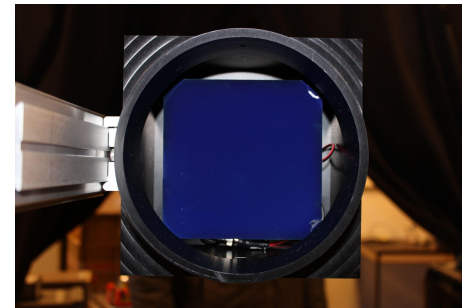
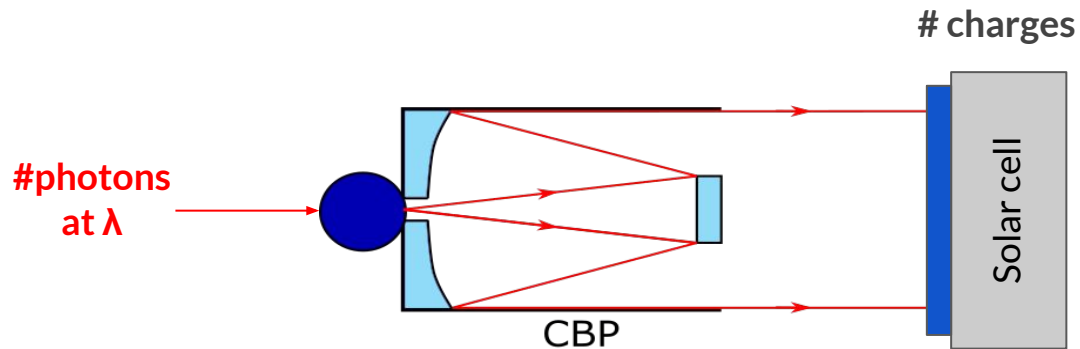
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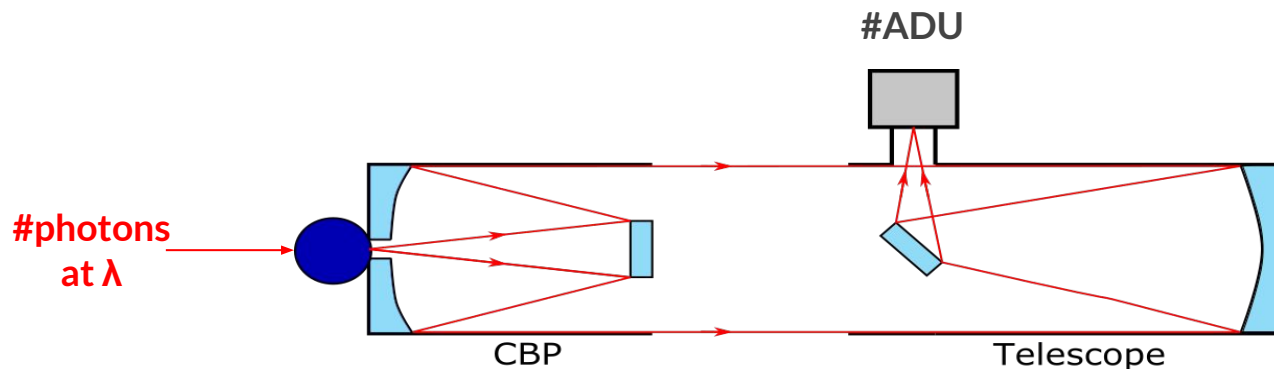
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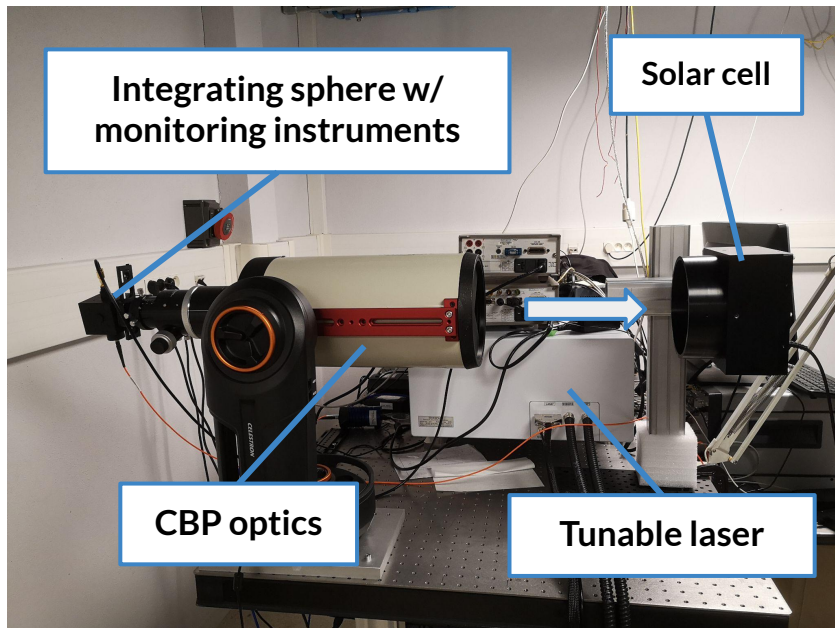
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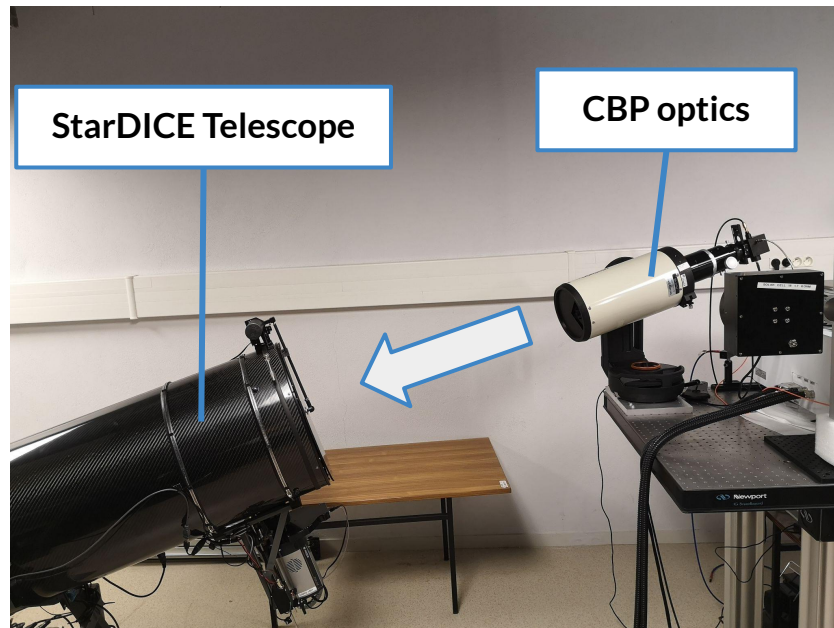
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## Setup device



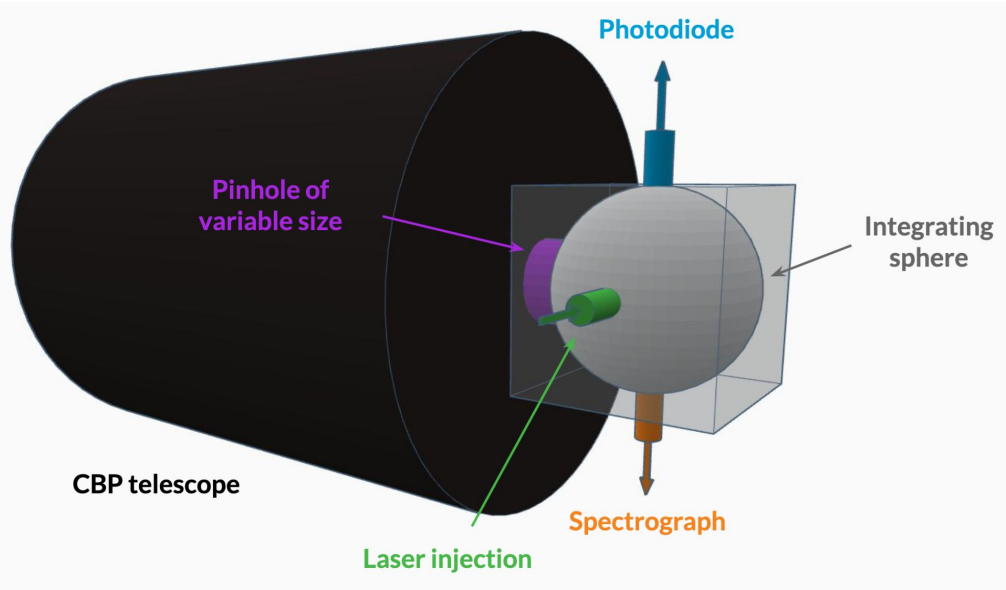
(1) CBP response measurement



(2) StarDICE response measurement



# Integrating sphere



Two instruments in the integrating sphere, to monitor the input light:

- a **spectrograph** to monitor the laser **wavelength**
- a **photodiode** to monitor the **flux quantity**

## How do we measure our responses ?

(1) CBP response  $R_{\text{CBP}} [\gamma \cdot \text{C}^{-1}]$

$$R_{\text{CBP}} = \frac{Q_{\text{solar}}}{Q_{\text{phot}} \times \epsilon_{\text{solar}} \times e}$$

- $Q_{\text{solar}}$ : solar cell charges [C]
- $Q_{\text{phot}}$ : photodiode charges [C]
- $Q_{\text{ccd}}$ : stardice charges [ADU]
- $\epsilon_{\text{solar}}$ : solar cell quantum efficiency [ $\text{C} \cdot \gamma^{-1}$ ]
- $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  [C]

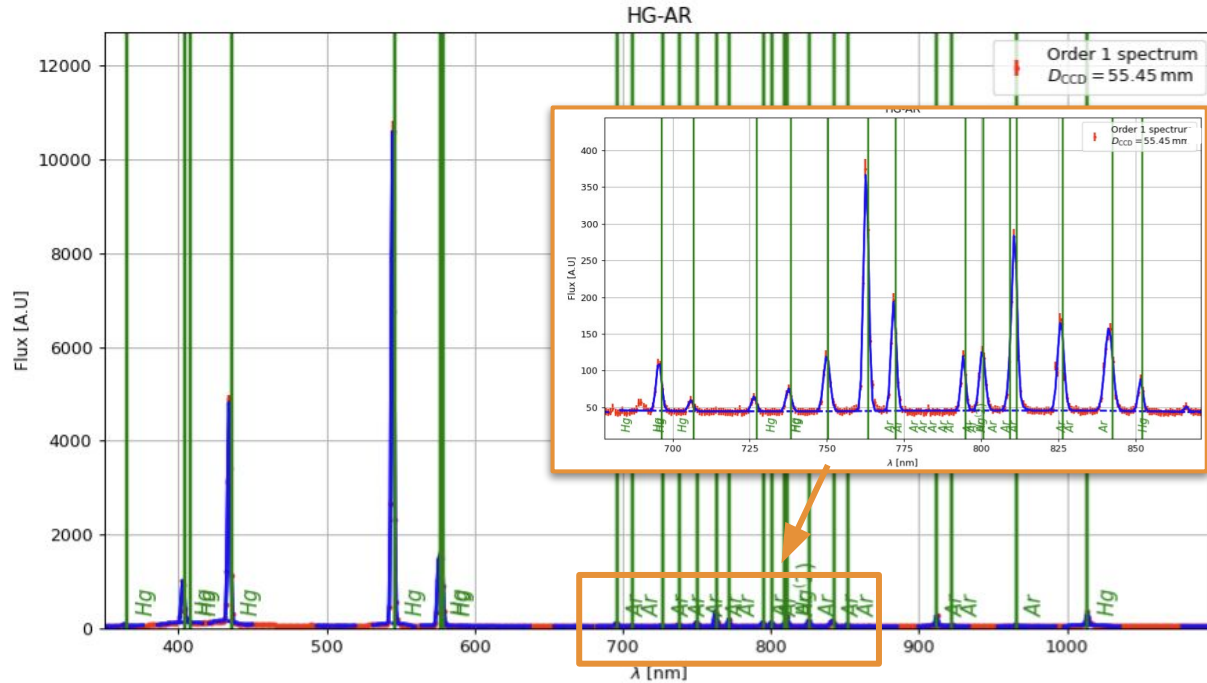
(2) StarDICE response  $R_{\text{SD}} [\text{ADU} \cdot \gamma^{-1}]$

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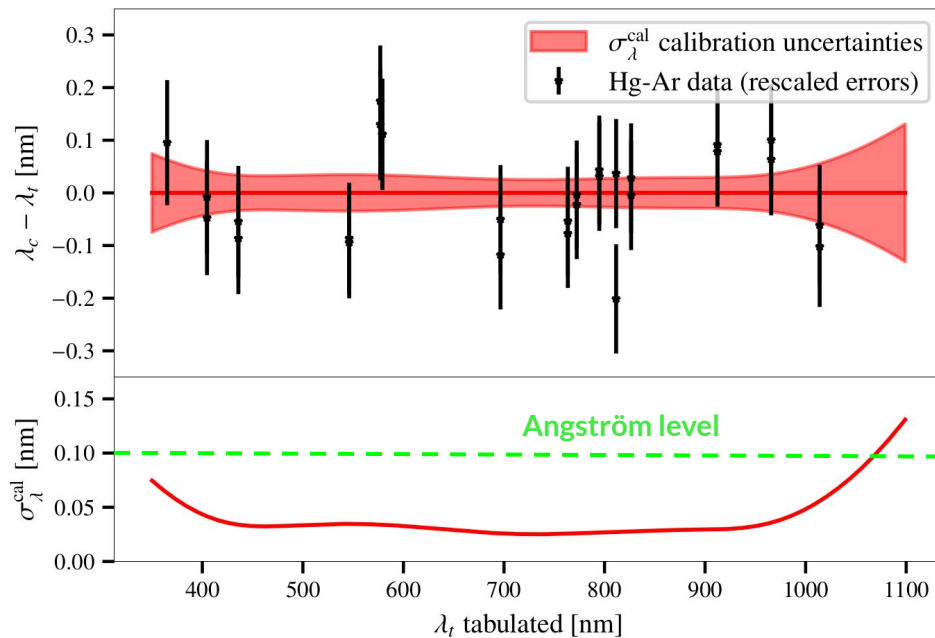
## 5.b. Data presentation and reduction

# Spectrograph wavelength calibration



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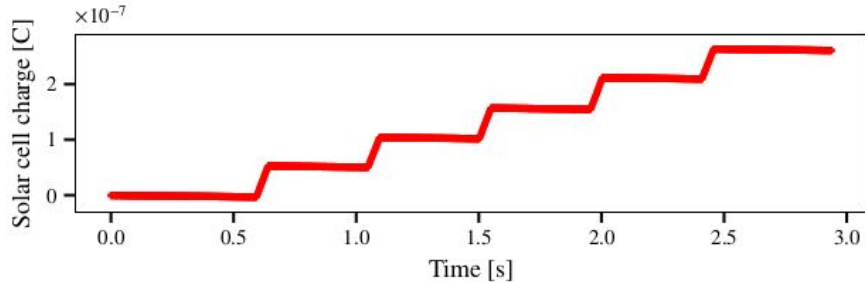
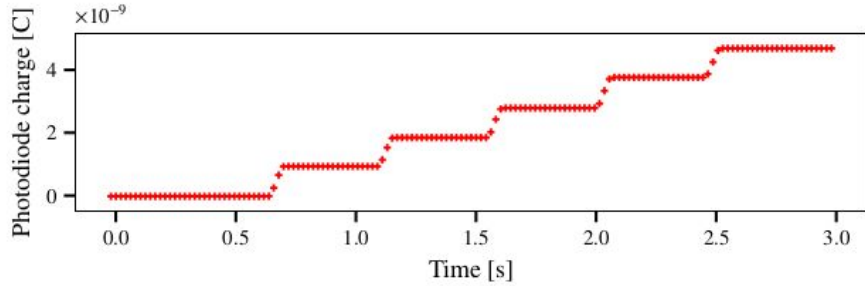
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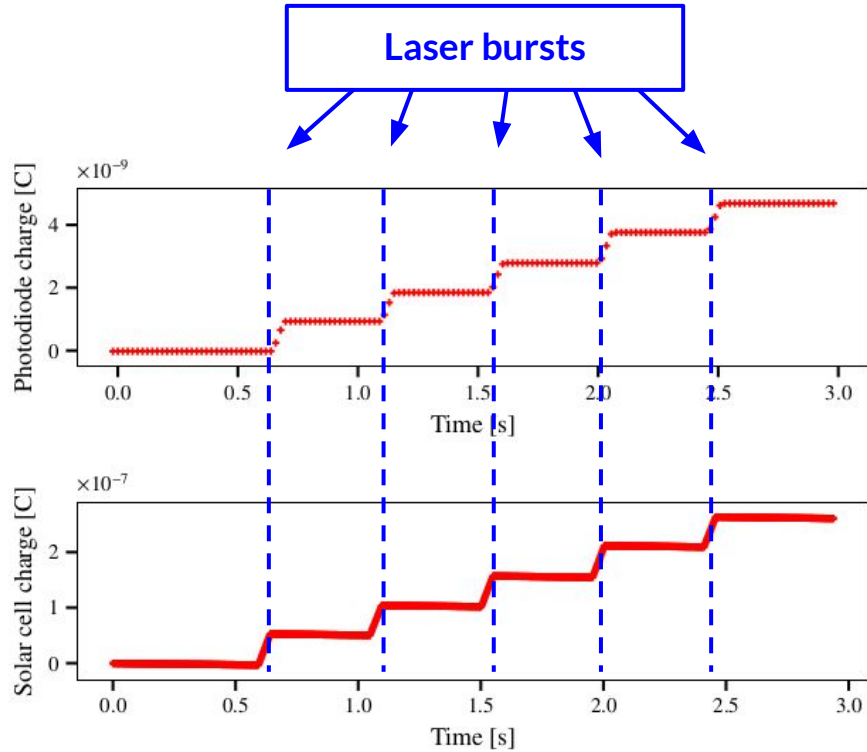


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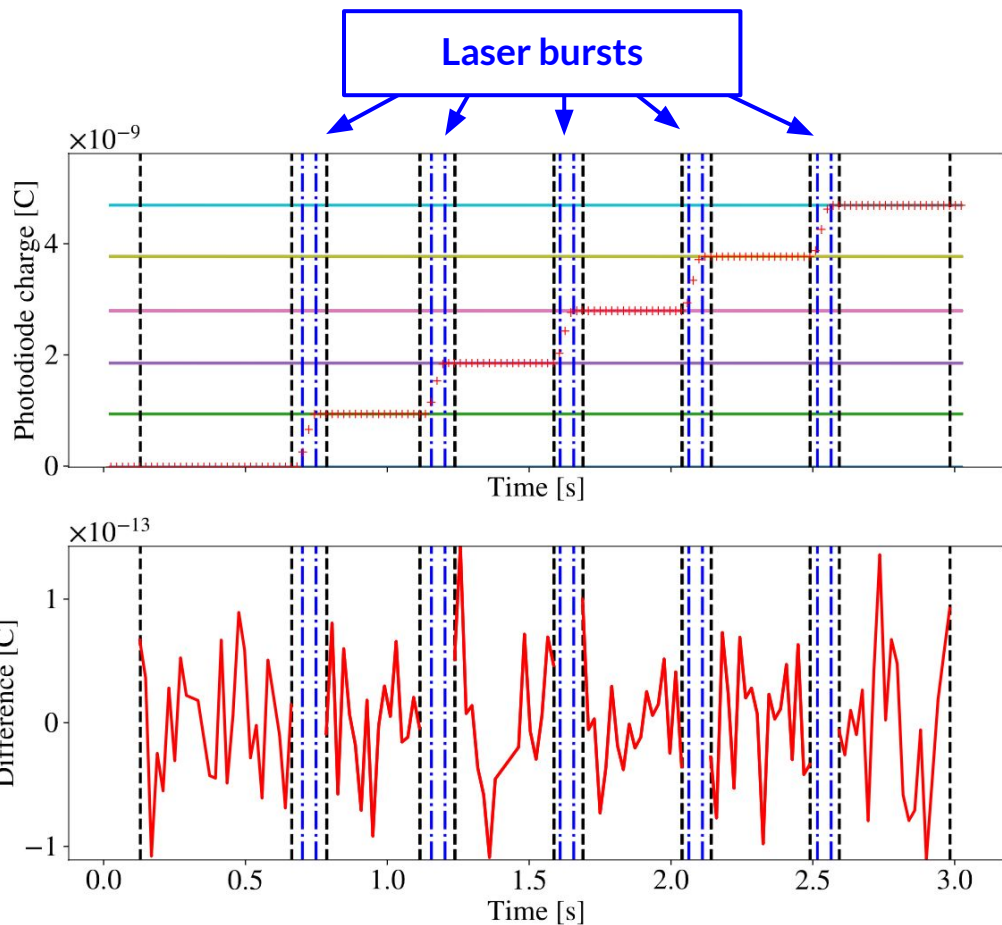


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# Photodiode reduction



- Compute the differences between dark sequences
- Residuals 4 orders of magnitude smaller

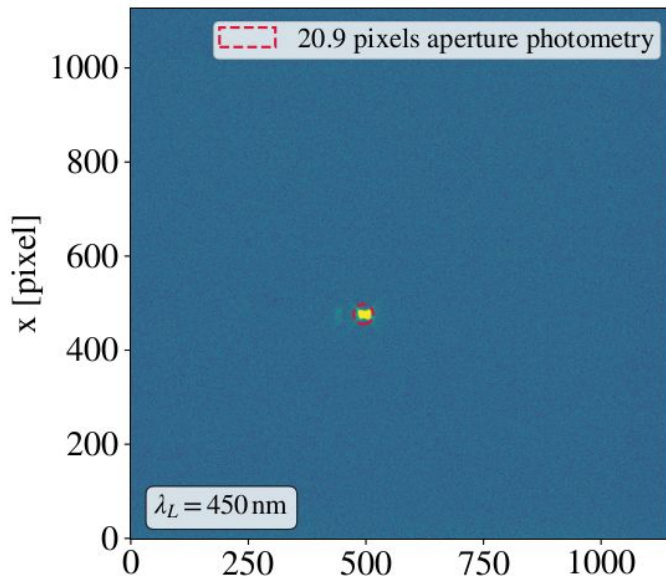
⇒ Monitor total charges  $Q_{\text{phot}}$  and  $Q_{\text{solar}}$

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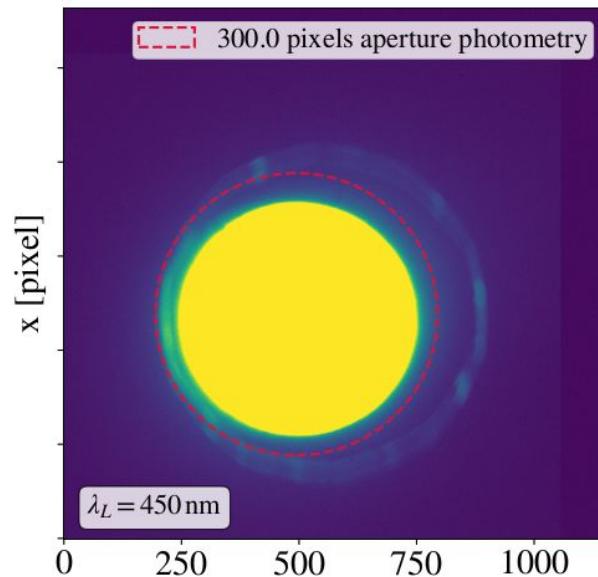


# StarDICE telescope

75 $\mu$ m pinhole  
→ mimic punctual source



5mm pinhole  
→ enough signal in solar cell



- Background subtraction + aperture photometry at optimized radius

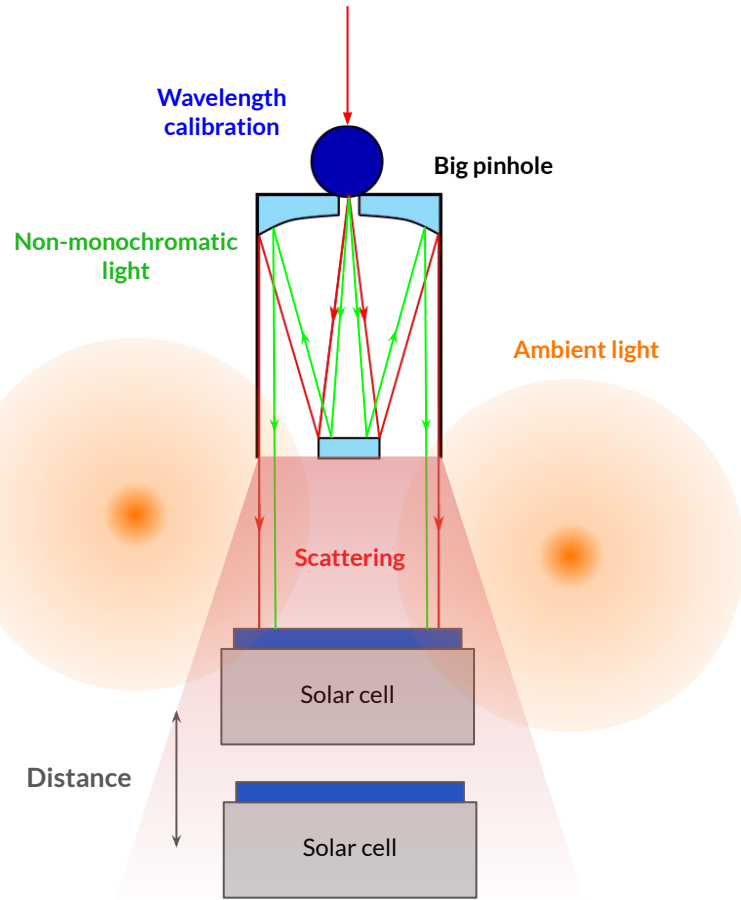
⇒ Measure  $Q_{CCD}$  the photons collected in ADU

$$R_{tel} = \frac{Q_{ccd}}{Q_{phot} \times R_{CBP}}$$

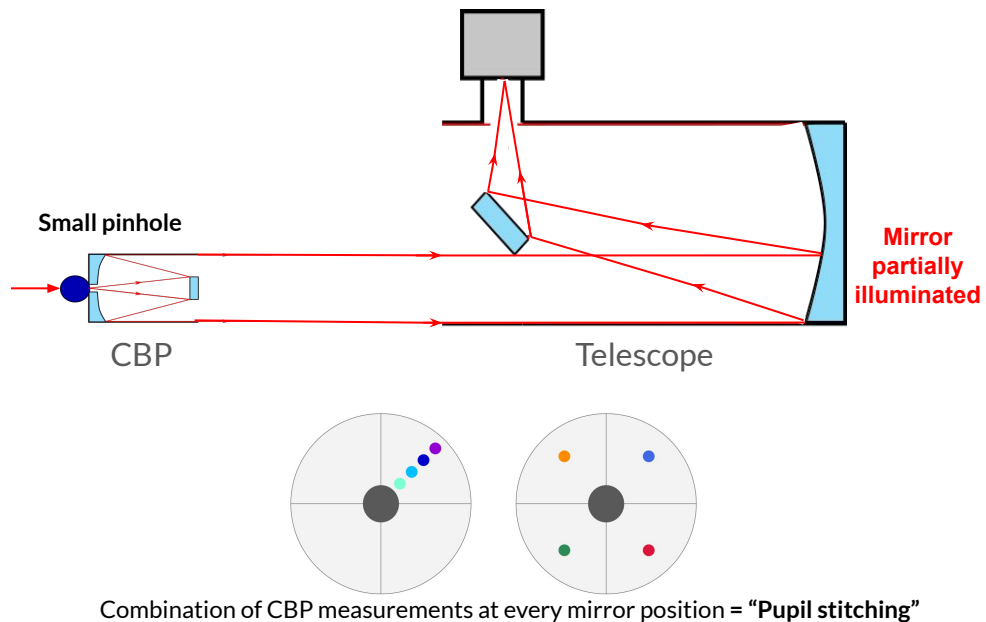
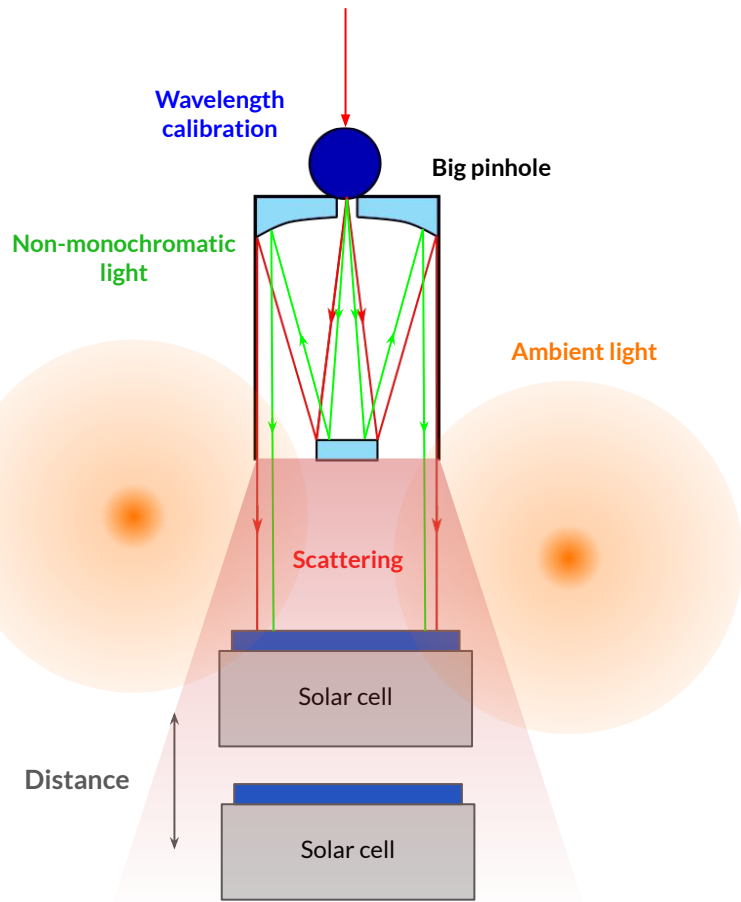
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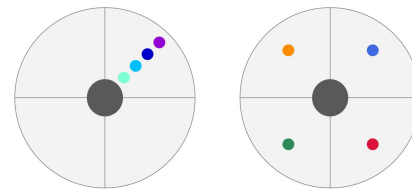
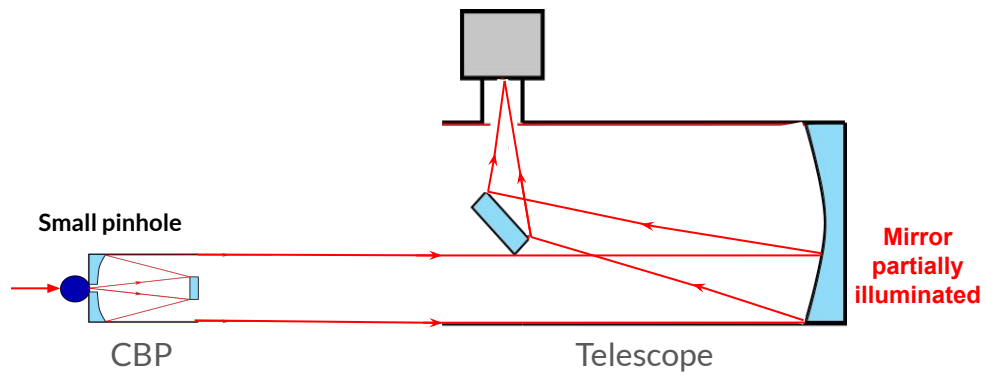
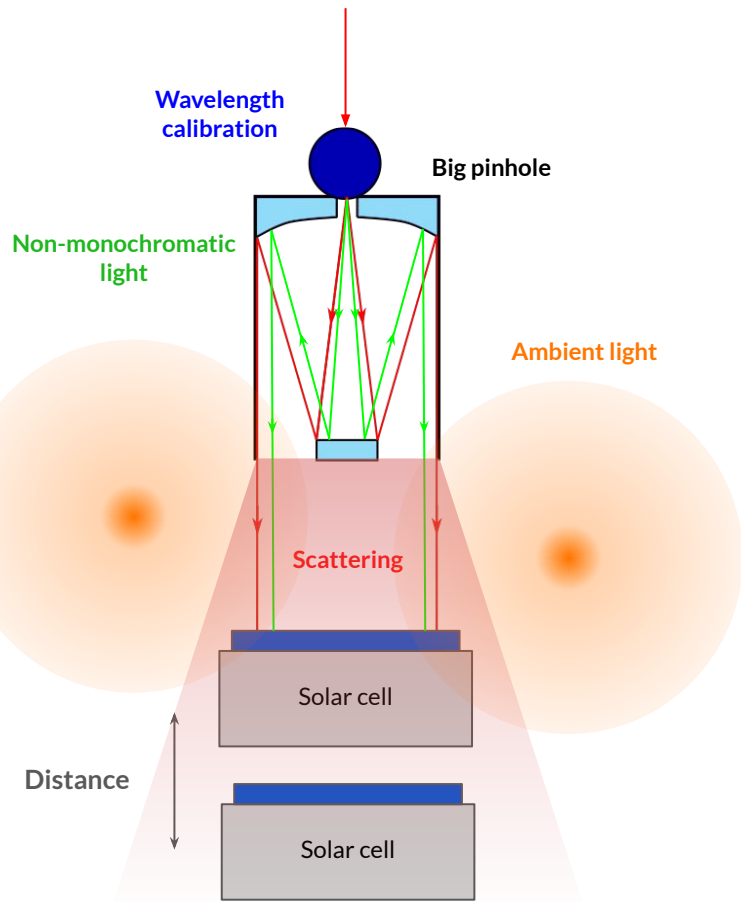
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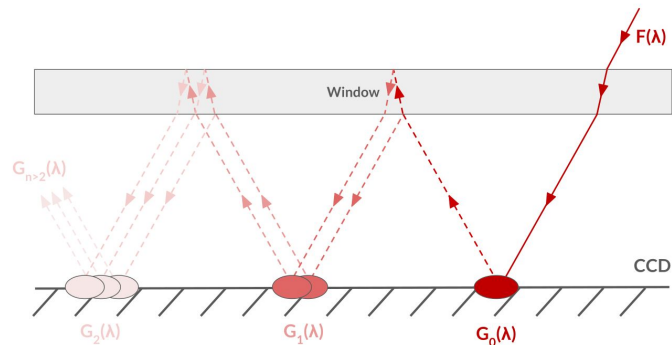


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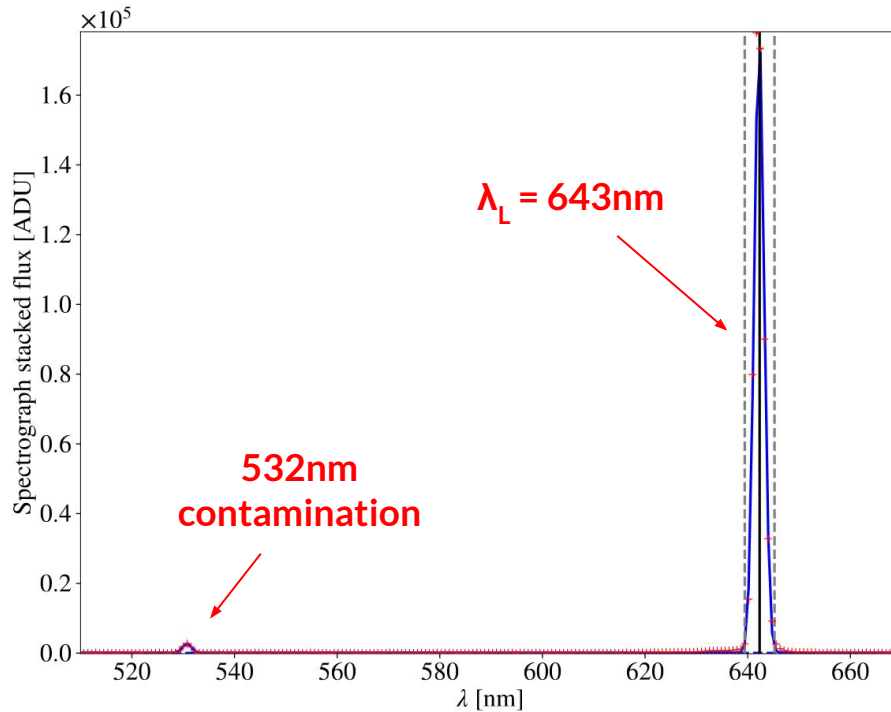
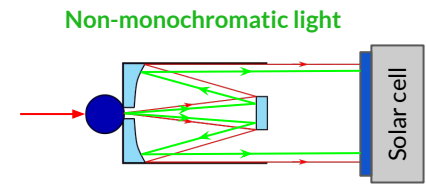


Combination of CBP measurements at every mirror position = "Pupil stitching"

## Ghosts



# Laser light contamination

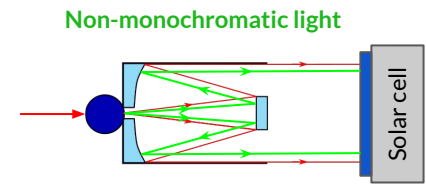


Signal:  $\lambda_L + 532\text{nm}$  contamination

Charges  $Q_{\text{spectro}}(\lambda)$  measured with a gaussian fit

$\Rightarrow$  Estimate the ratio of contamination light over main wavelength

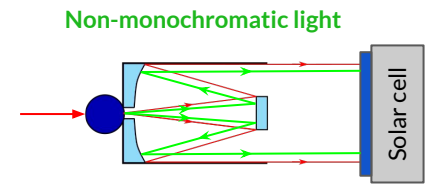
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Calibrate the charges measure with  $\alpha$ :

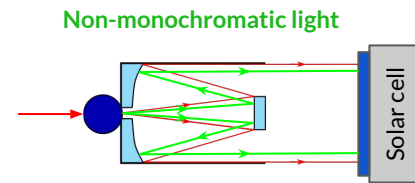
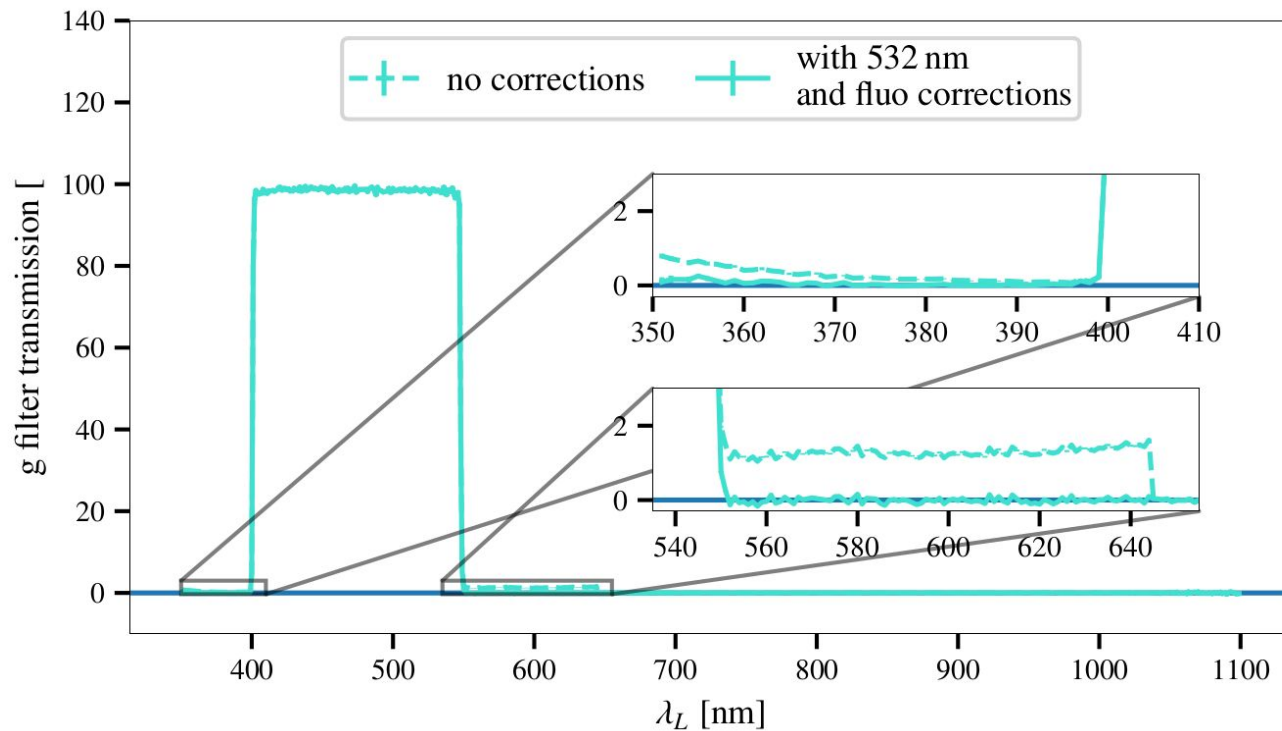
$$Q_{\text{phot}}^{\lambda_L} = \frac{Q_{\text{phot}}^{\text{mes}}}{1 + \alpha(\lambda_L)}$$

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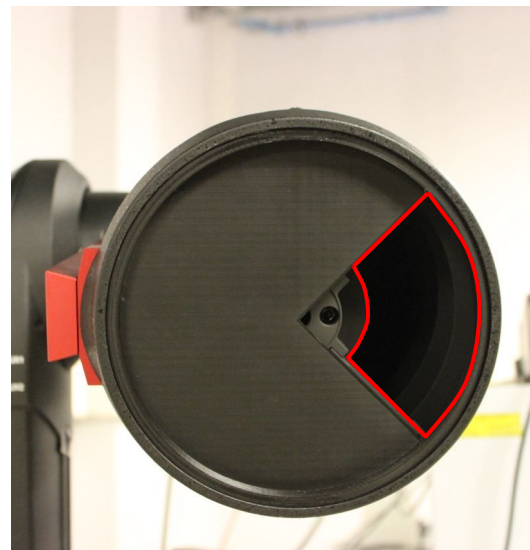
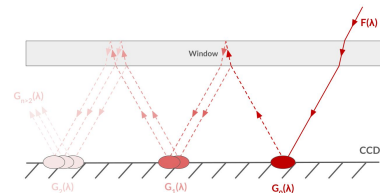
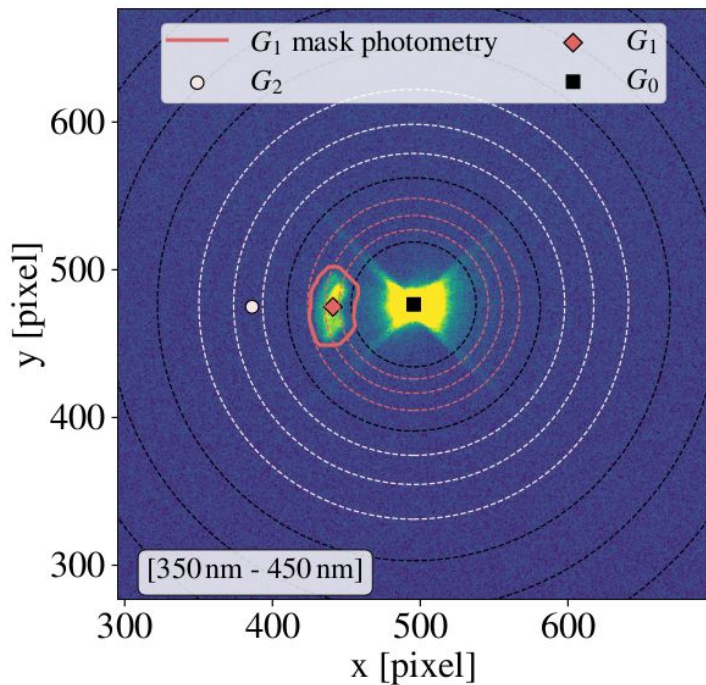
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$$Q_{\text{phot}}^{\text{cal}}(\lambda_L) \equiv \frac{Q_{\text{phot}}^{\text{mes}}(\lambda_L)}{1 + \alpha(\lambda_L)}$$

Plus: 532nm contamination used to monitor wavelength calibration

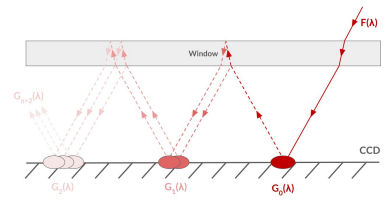
# Ghost contamination



CBP output

⇒ Parasite signal when performing aperture photometry

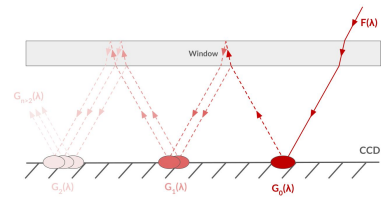
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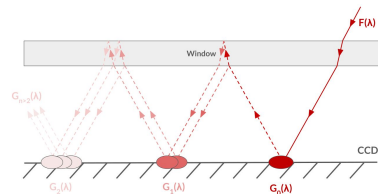
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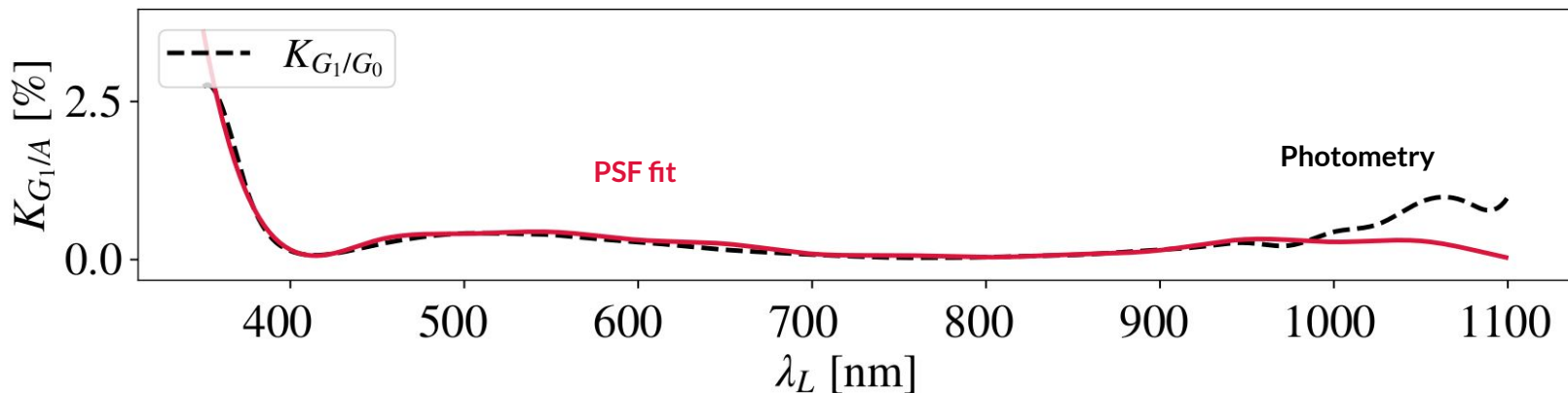


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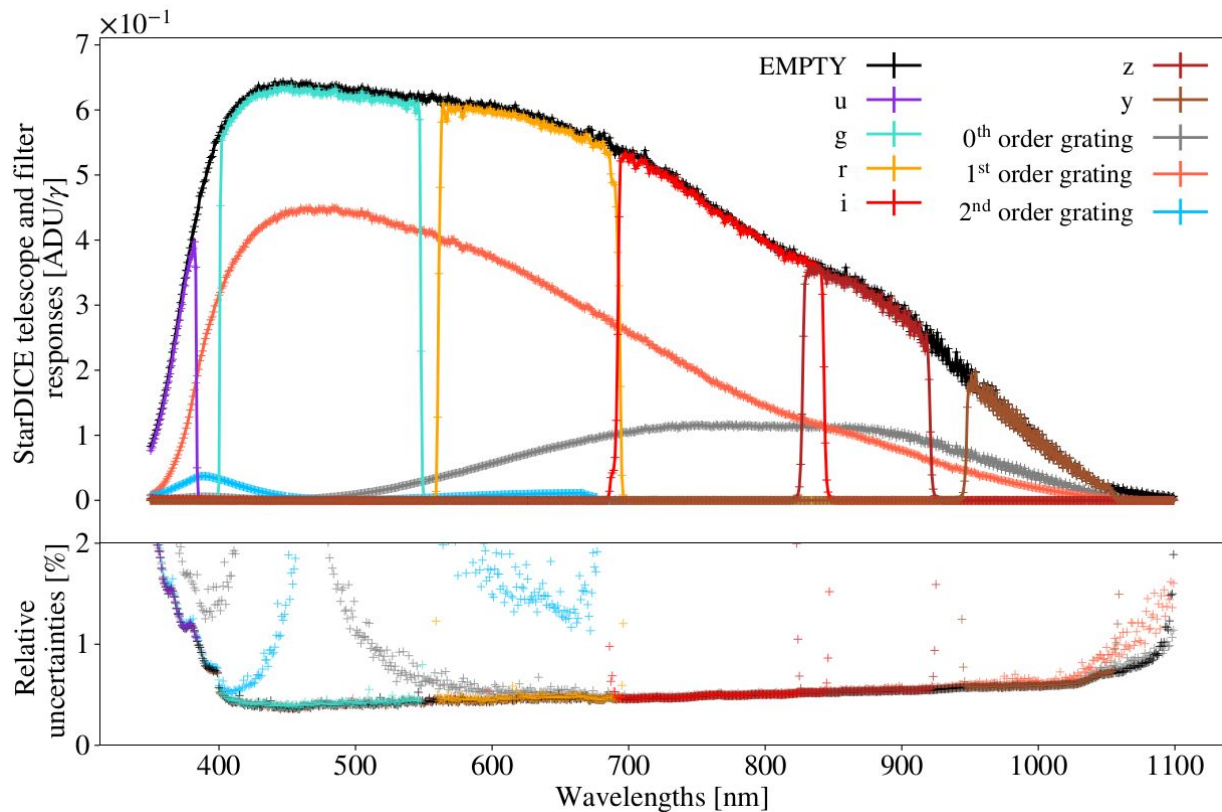
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## 5.d. Results

# StarDICE filters transmission

$$R_{\text{tel}} = \frac{Q_{\text{ccd}}}{Q_{\text{phot}} \times R_{\text{CBP}}}$$

- ~0.5 % per nm uncertainty over [400 - 1000] nm range for every filter
- Wavelength resolution high enough to see the slopes of the filter edges

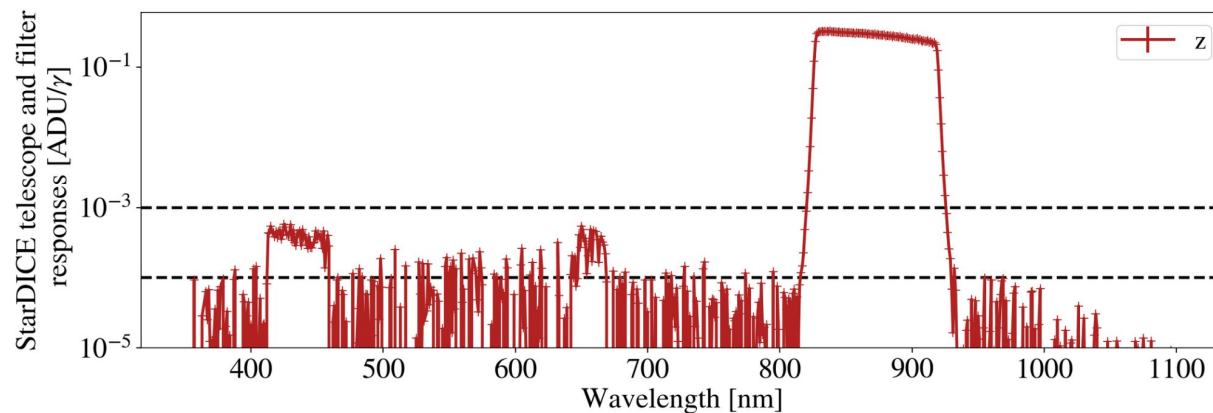
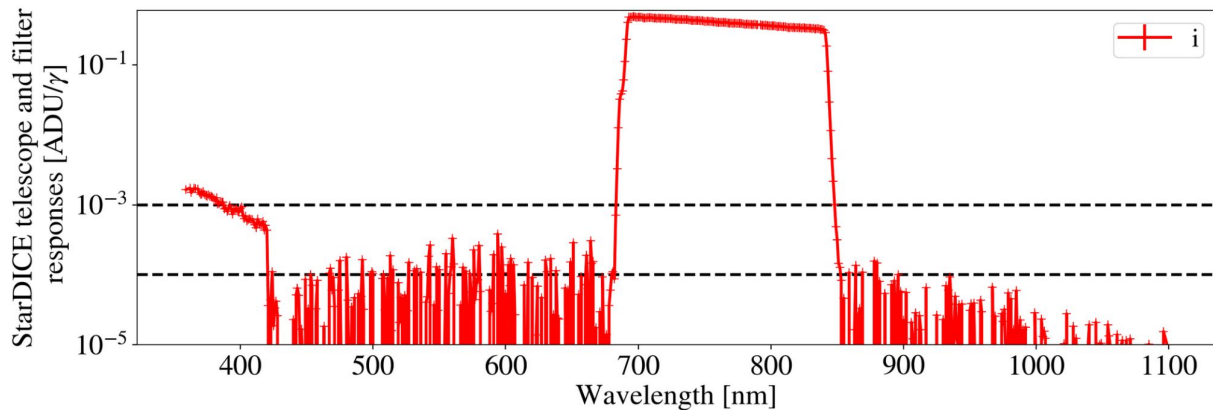


# Filter leakages

Example of i and z filters:

Detection of out-of-band leakages below **0.1%** level

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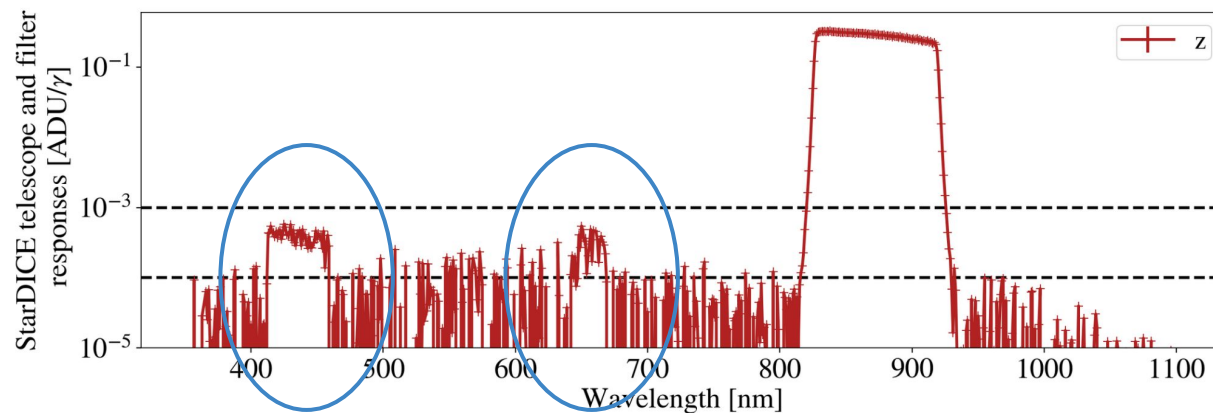
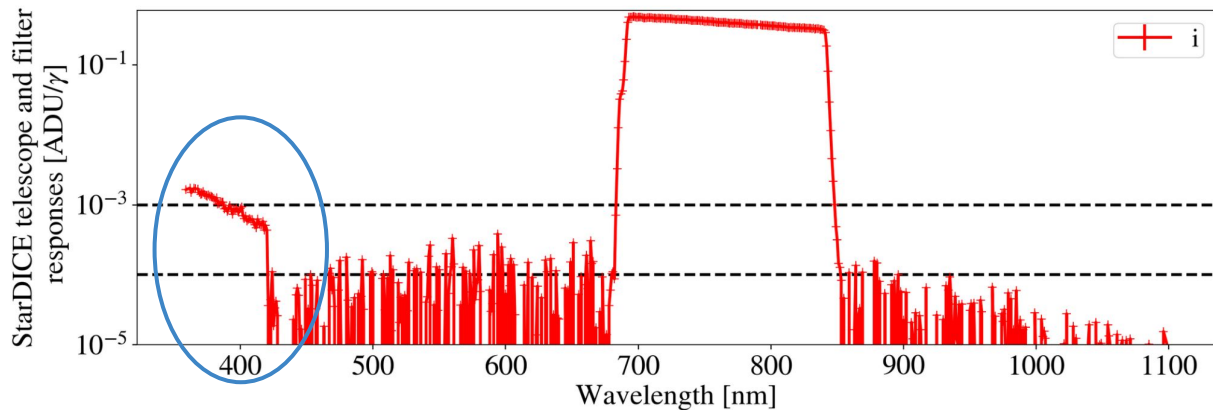


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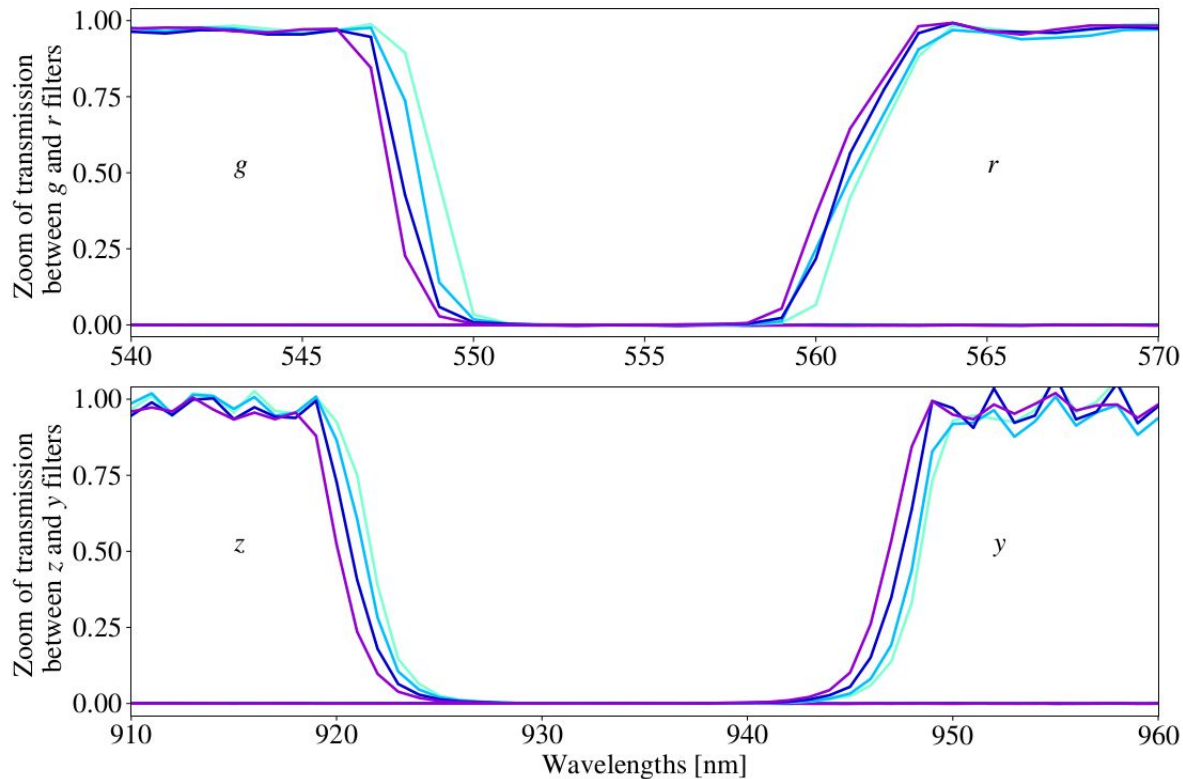
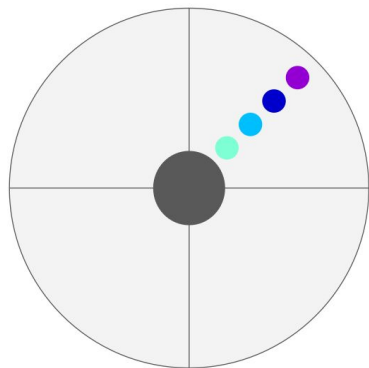
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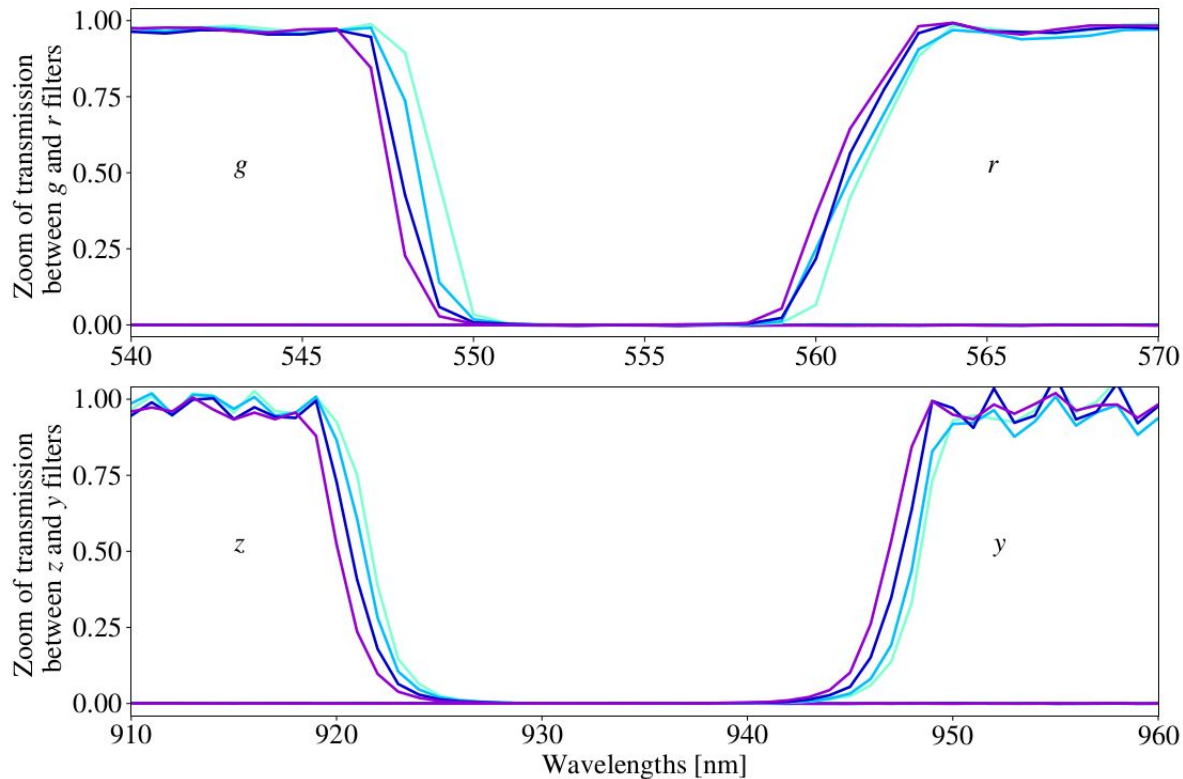
$$\lambda_{\text{eff}} = \lambda_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\sin^2(\theta)}{n_{\text{eff}}^2}}$$

Blue-shift of filter edges when high incident angles



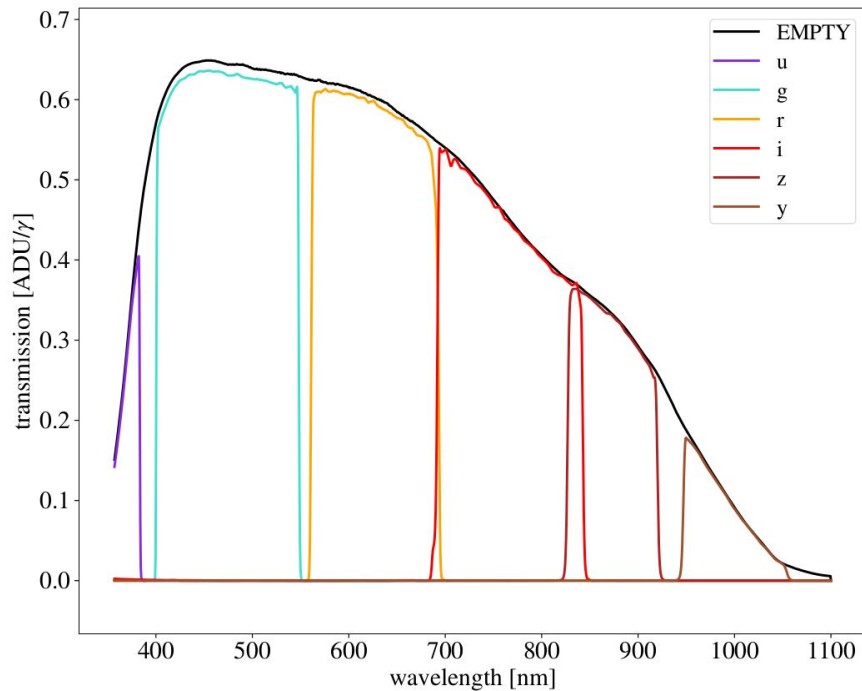
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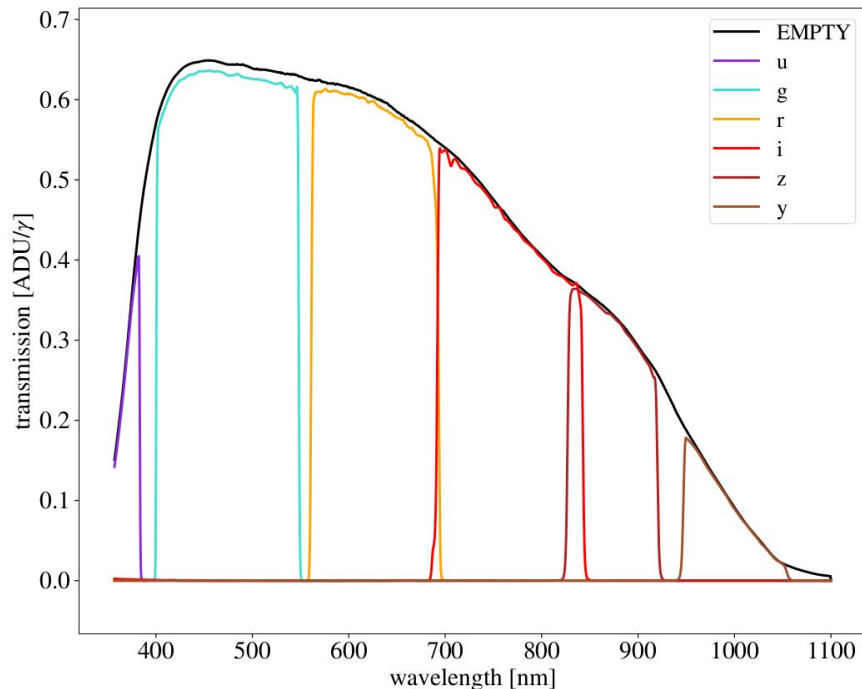
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r	0.13
i	0.11
z	0.11
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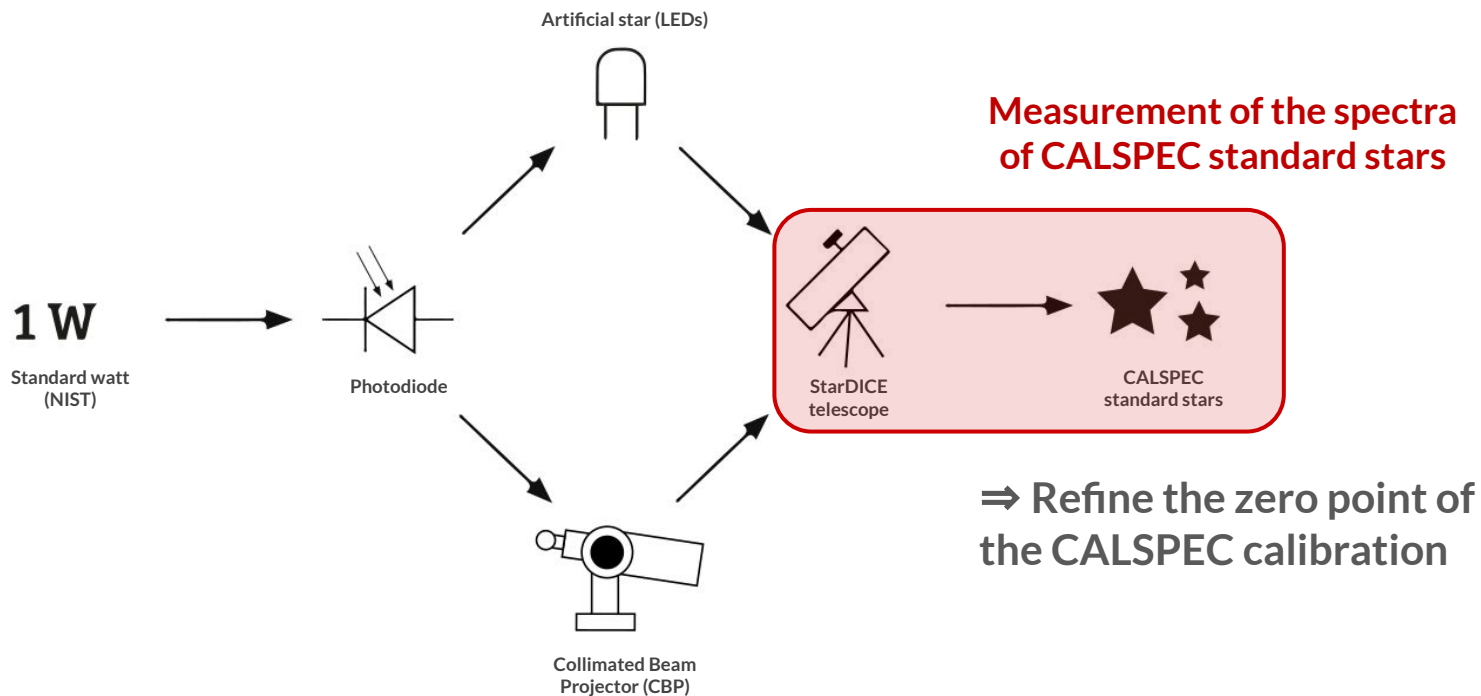
- Filter bandpasses measured with a precision of **~0.2 nm**
- Detected **out-of-band leaks** at relative level 0.01%
- When coupled with **artificial star** ⇒ **flux measurement** at a precision of **~0.1%** for *ugriz* with StarDICE

⇒ Proof of concept **validated** for **Rubin-CBP**

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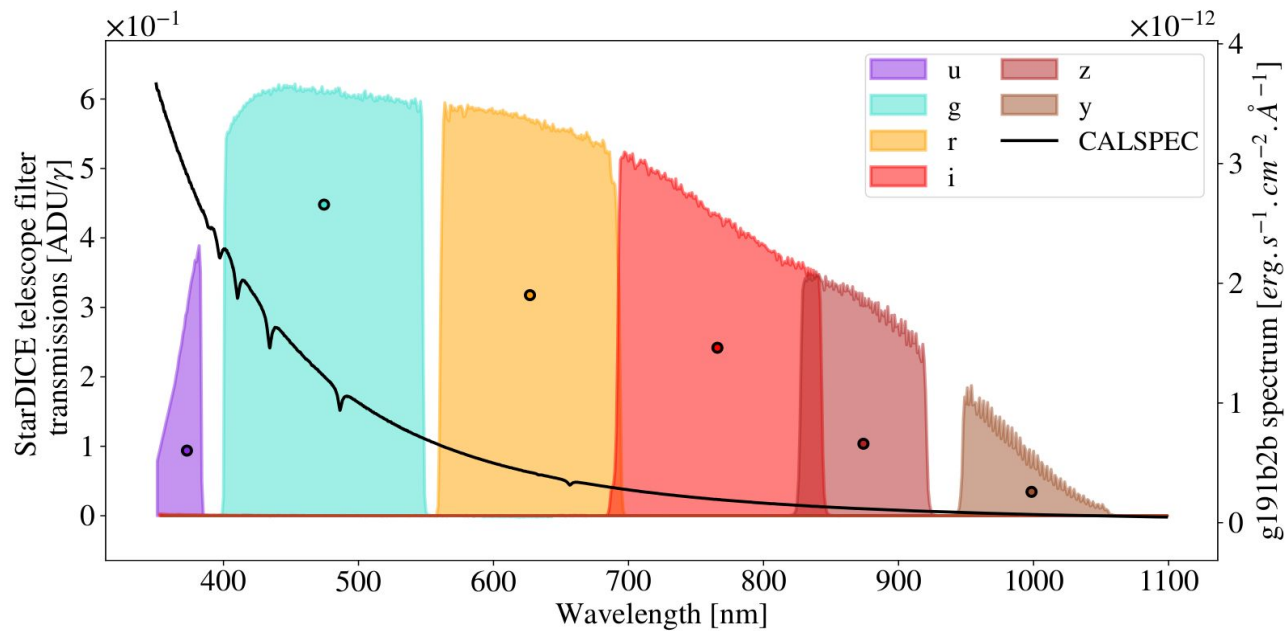
# 6. On-sky measurements analysis with StarDICE

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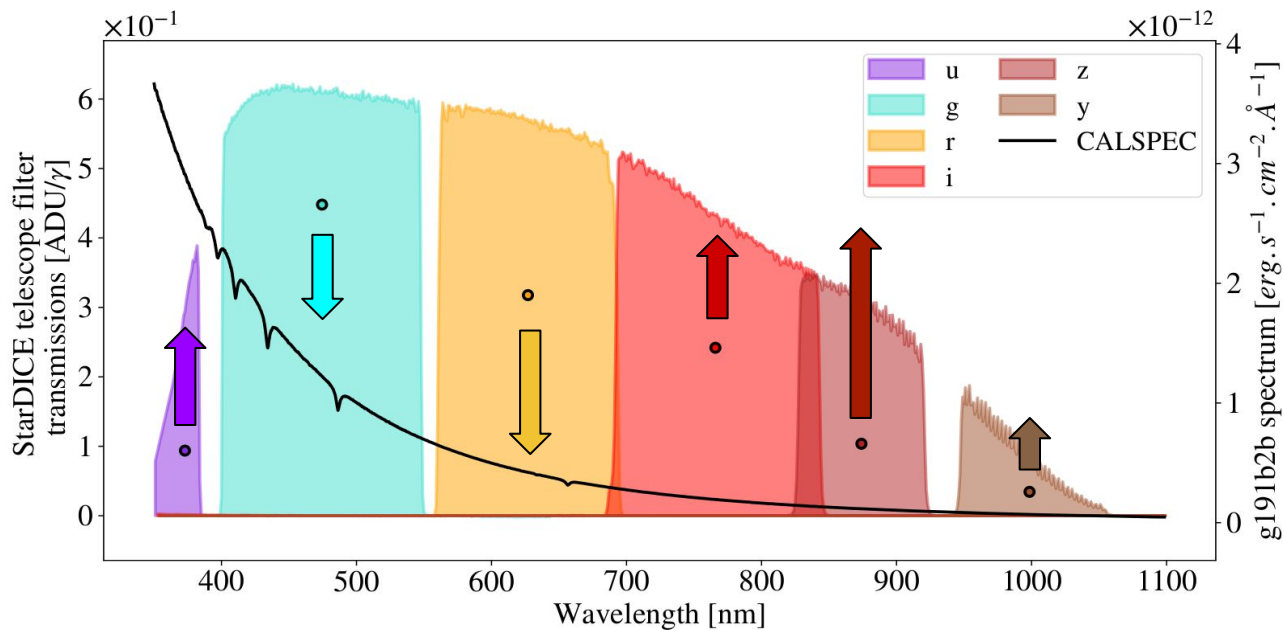




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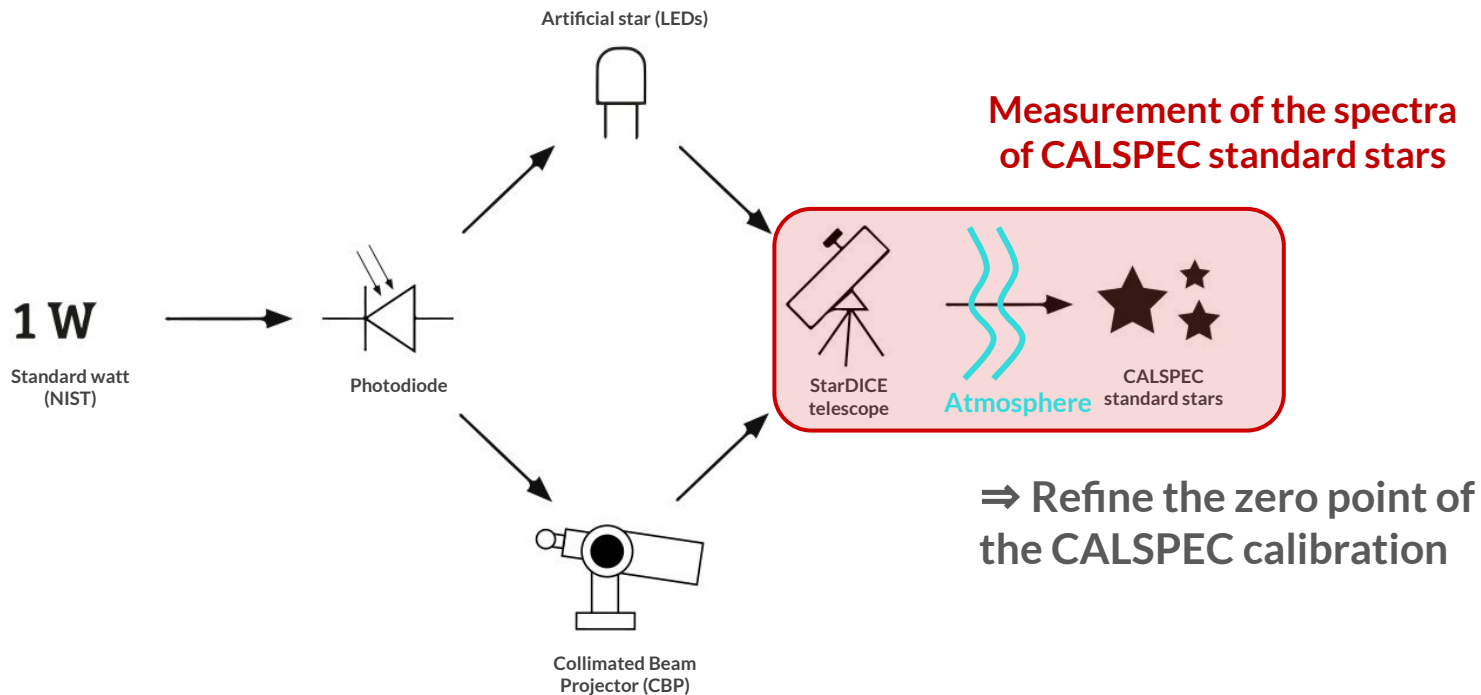


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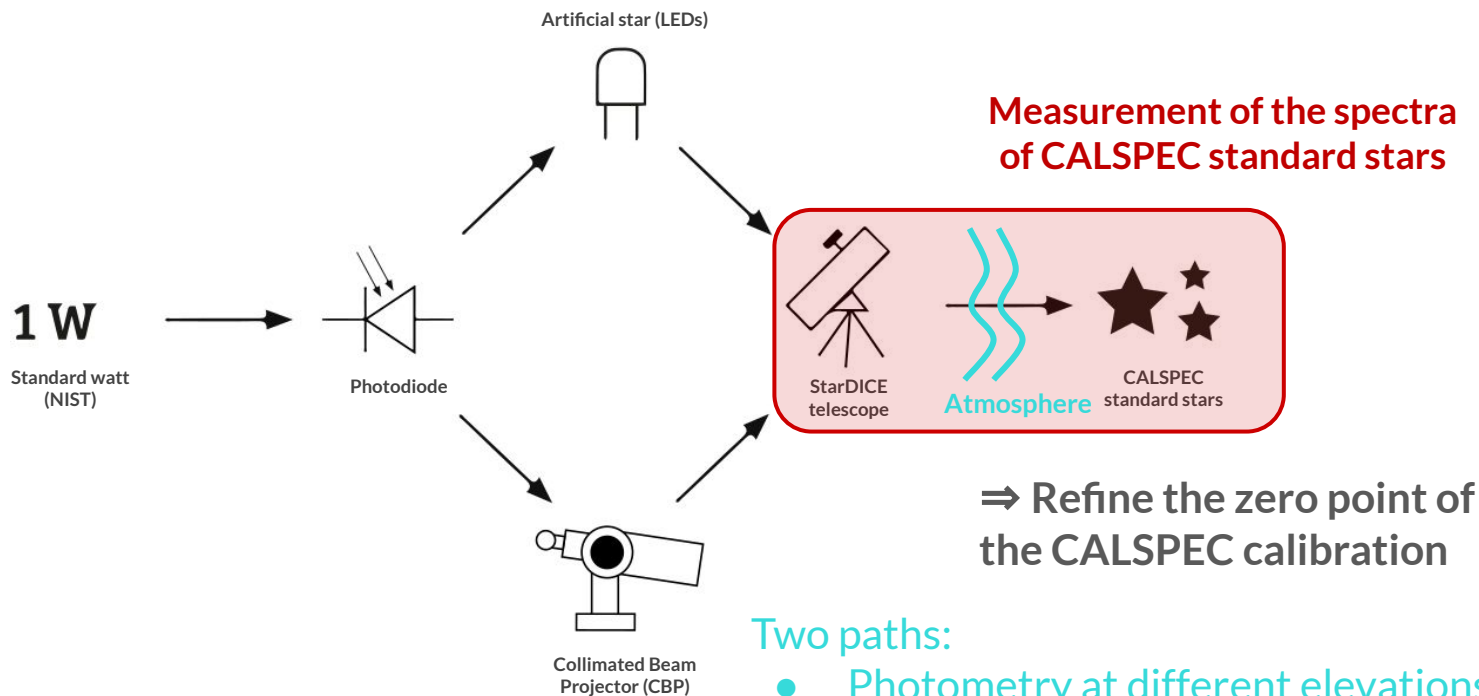
- Prior spectra given by CALSPEC
- Prior knowledge of filter transmissions (CBP + Artificial star)

⇒ Theory/Measurements to adjust the zero points

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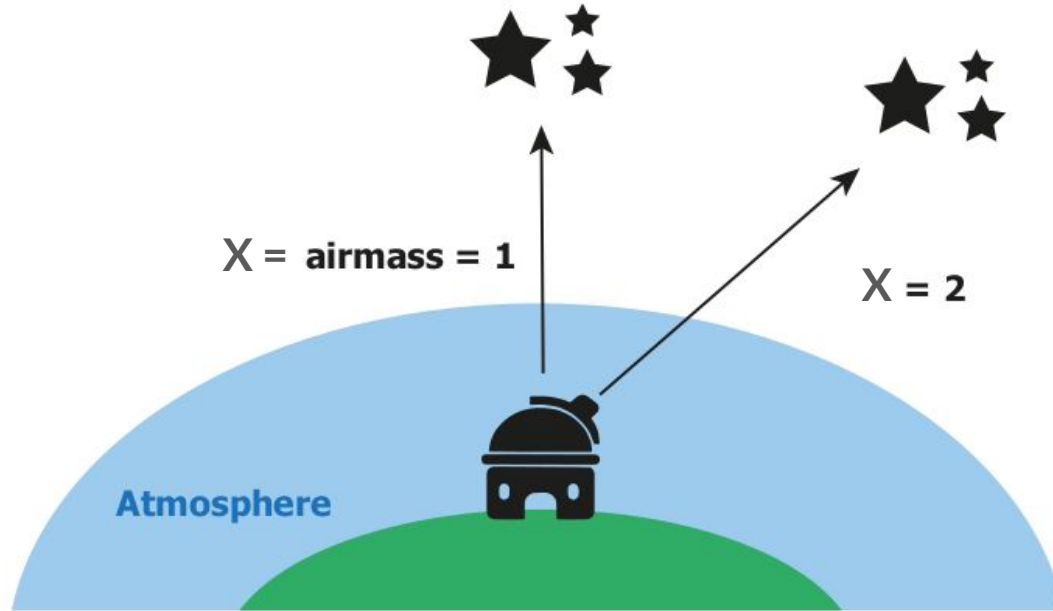
Two paths:

- Photometry at different elevations
- Spectrophotometric measurements

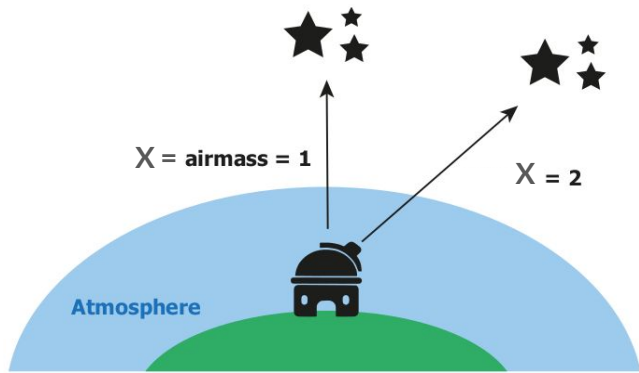
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## 6.a. Photometric analysis

# ☐ Airmass

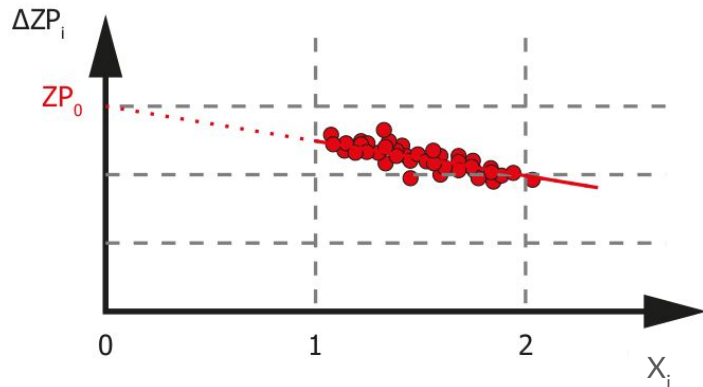


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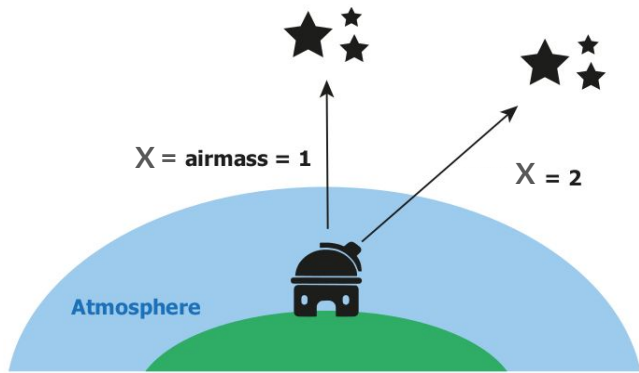


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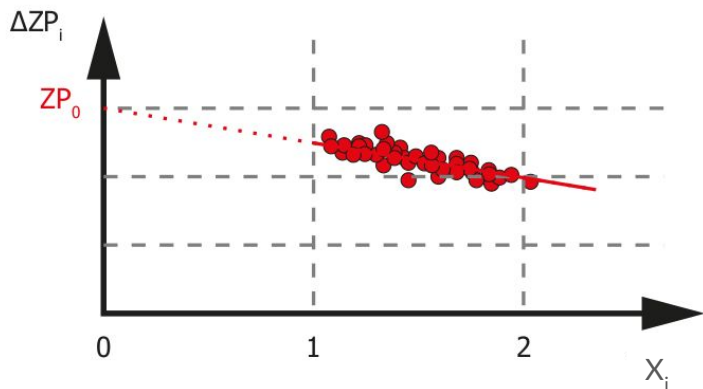


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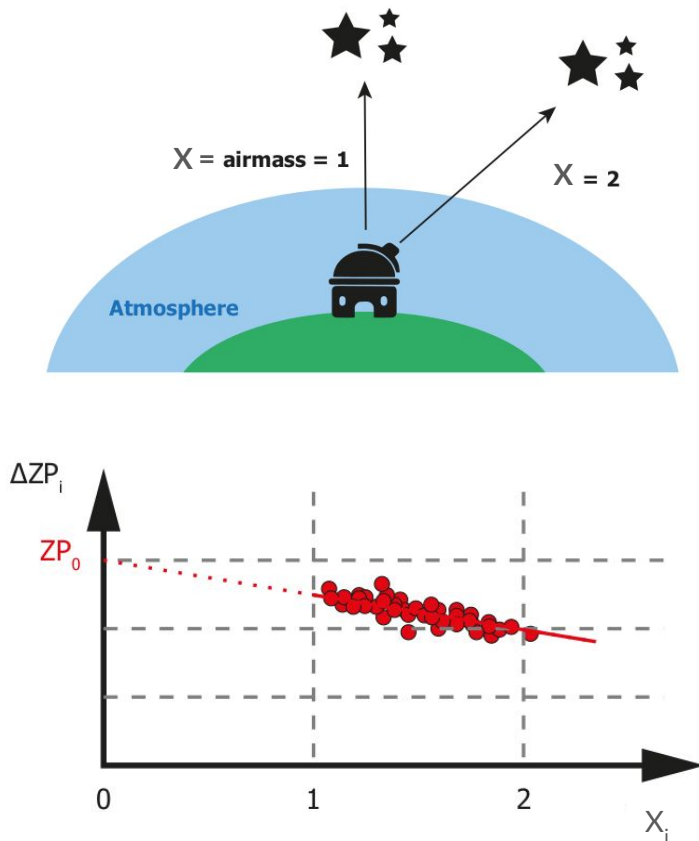
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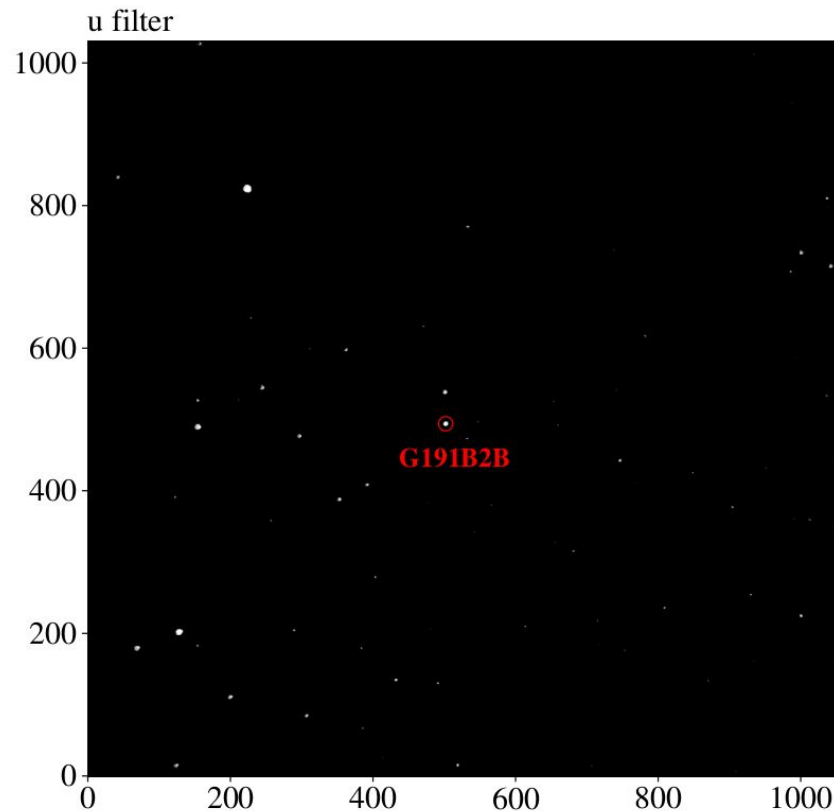
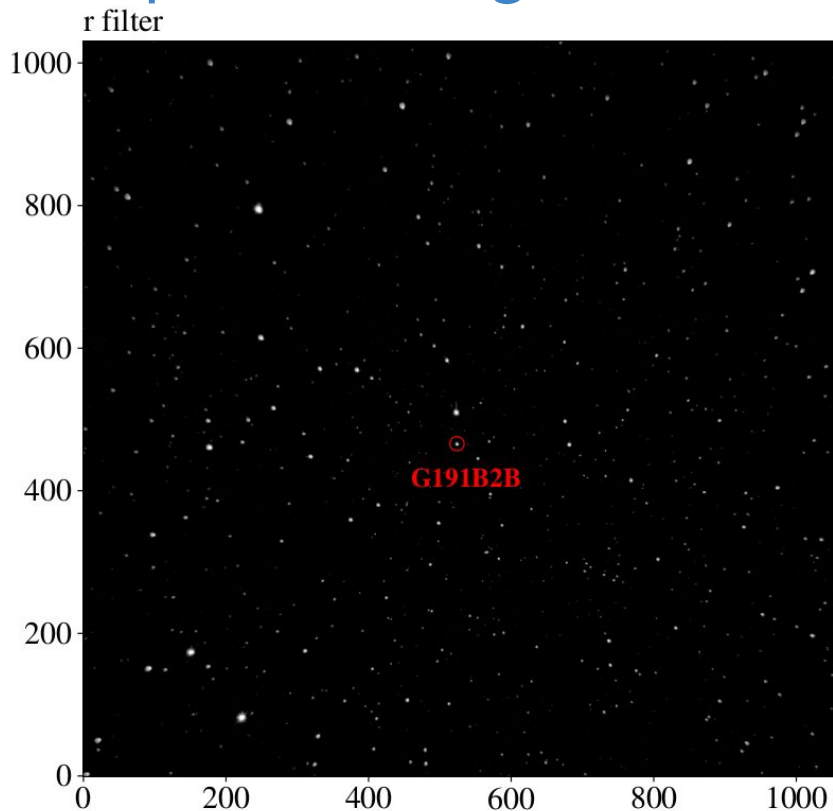
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## This analysis:

- Estimate the StarDICE performance of refining the  $ZP_0$  with a 2-year survey (~84 nights)

## Examples of image



Pre-survey: 23 observation nights of the CALSPEC primary standard G191B2B

# ● Synthetic photometry

$$F^{\text{synth}} = \int_{\lambda} S_{\star}(\lambda) \times R_{\text{tel}}(\lambda) \times T_{\text{atm}}(\lambda, P_a) \times t_{\text{exp}} \times A_{\text{mirror}} \times \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{hc}$$

StarDICE flux

StarDICE telescope response

Star spectral energy density (SED)

Atmosphere transmission

Exposition time

StarDICE collection surface

## ■ Synthetic photometry

$S_{\star}(\lambda)$  → GAIA catalog low resolution spectra

$R_{\text{tel}}(\lambda)$  → CBP measurements

$T_{\text{atm}}(\lambda)$  → Libradtran simulations with **airmass, pressure and humidity**  
(ozone, aerosols and PWV are fixed)

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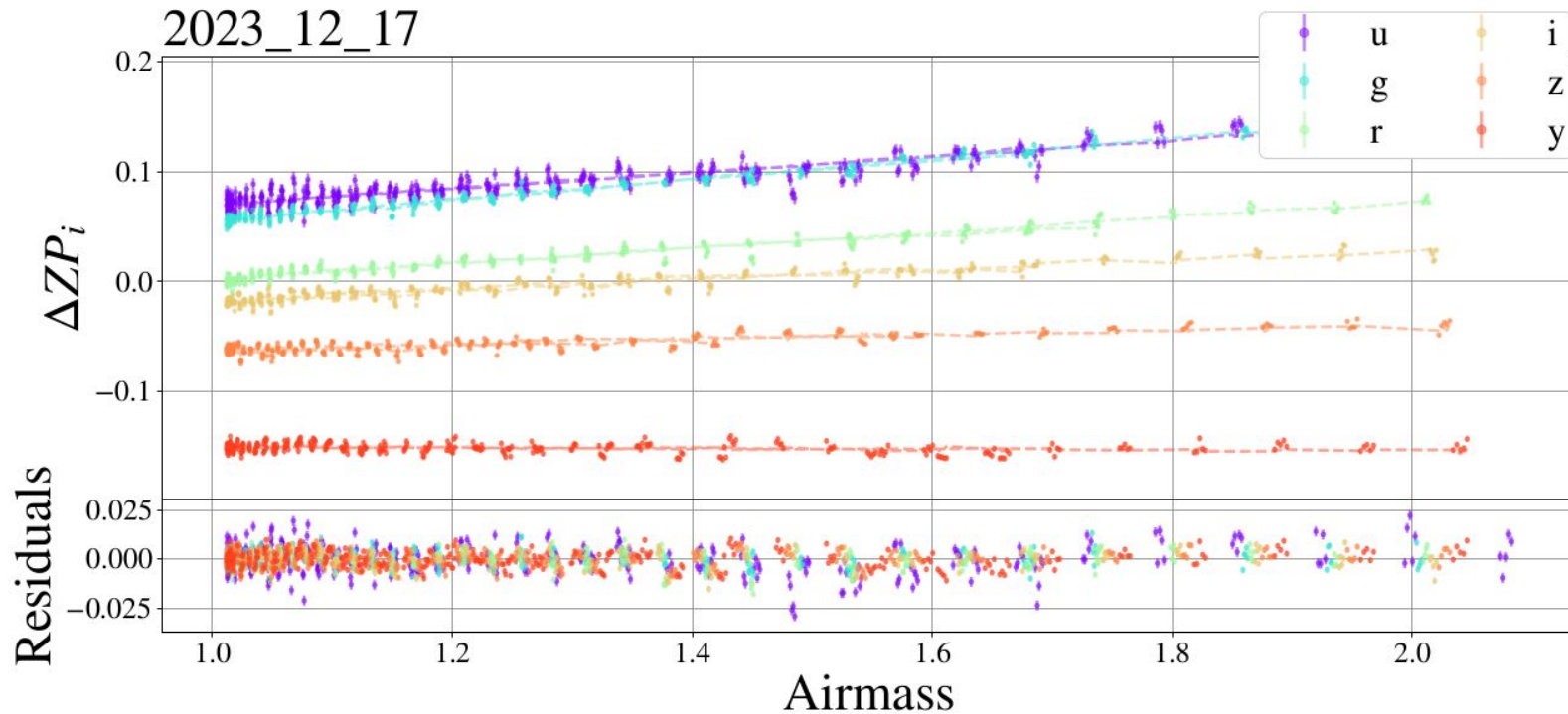
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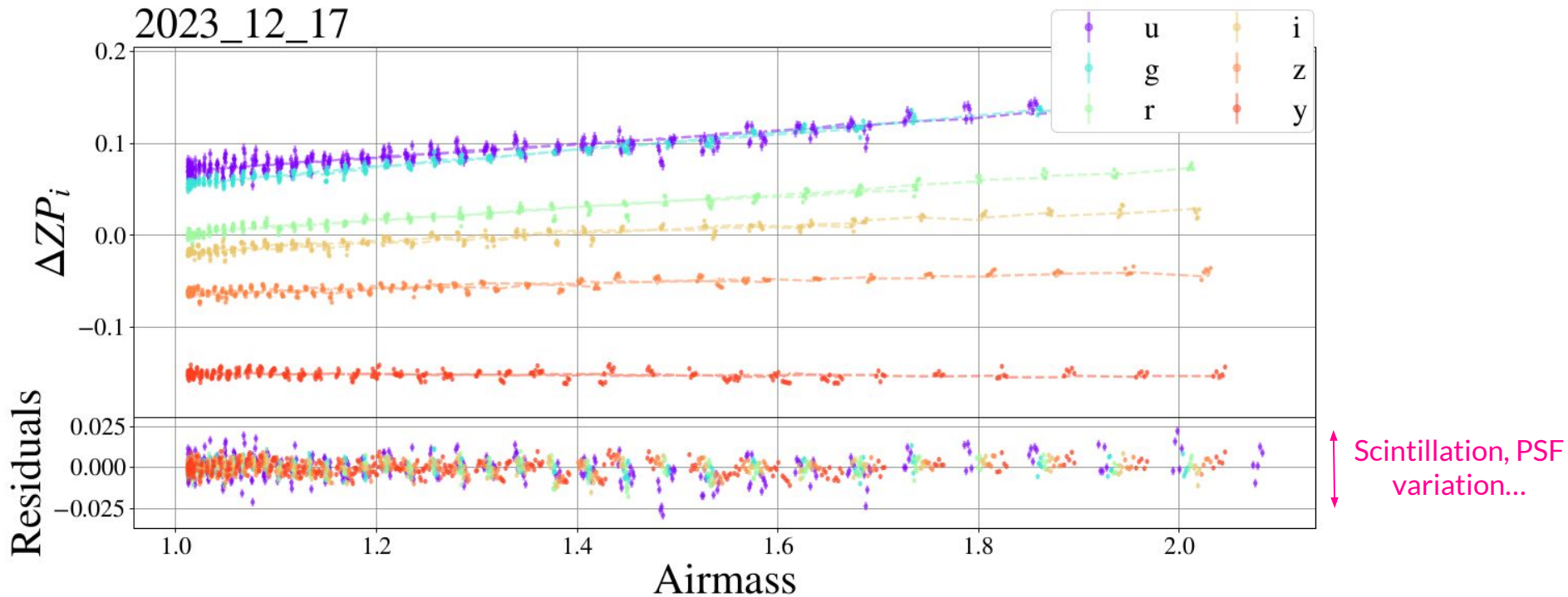
$$\Delta ZP_{b,i}(X) = \overset{\text{Atmosphere}}{k_b} X_i + \overset{\text{Out-of-atmosphere zero point}}{ZP_{0,b}}$$

# $\Delta ZP_i$ vs airmass



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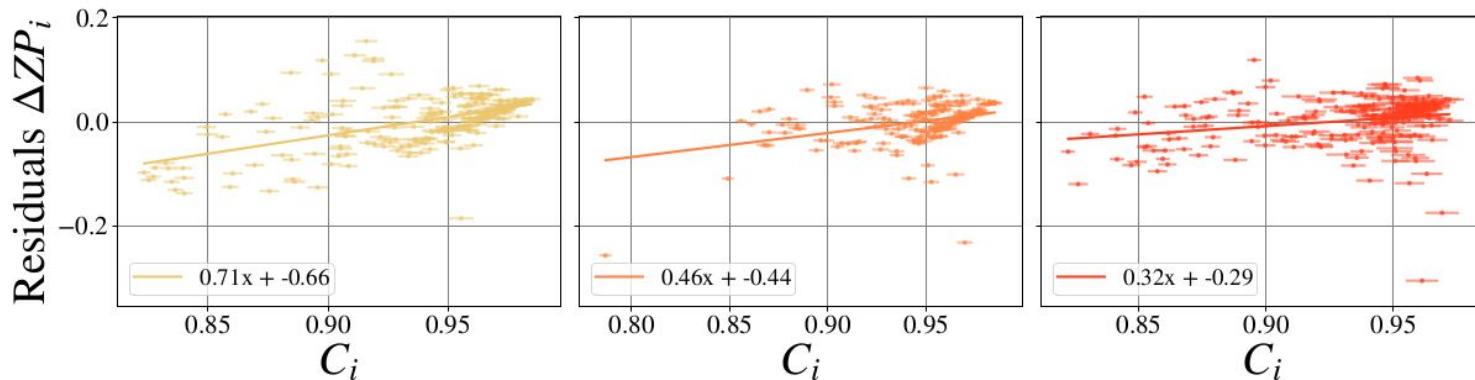
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## Aperture correction

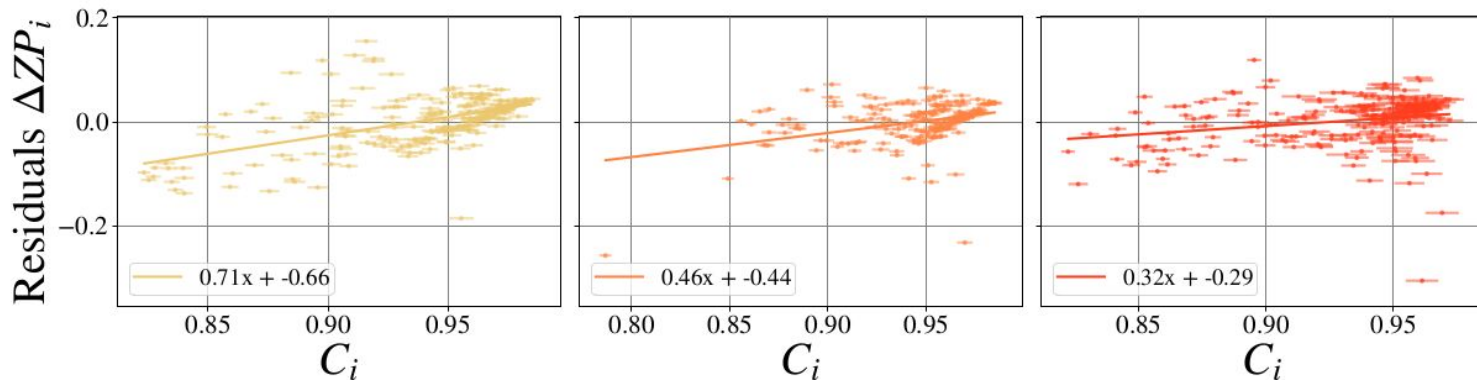
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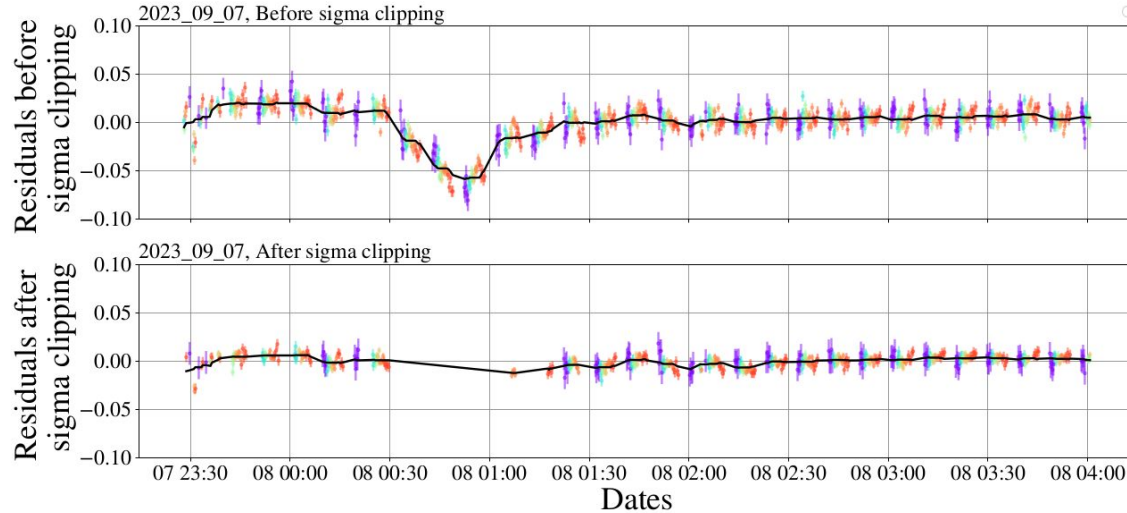
Atmosphere

Out-of-atmosphere  
zero point

$$\Delta ZP_{b,i}(X, C) = k_b X_i + \alpha_b C_i + ZP_{0,b}$$

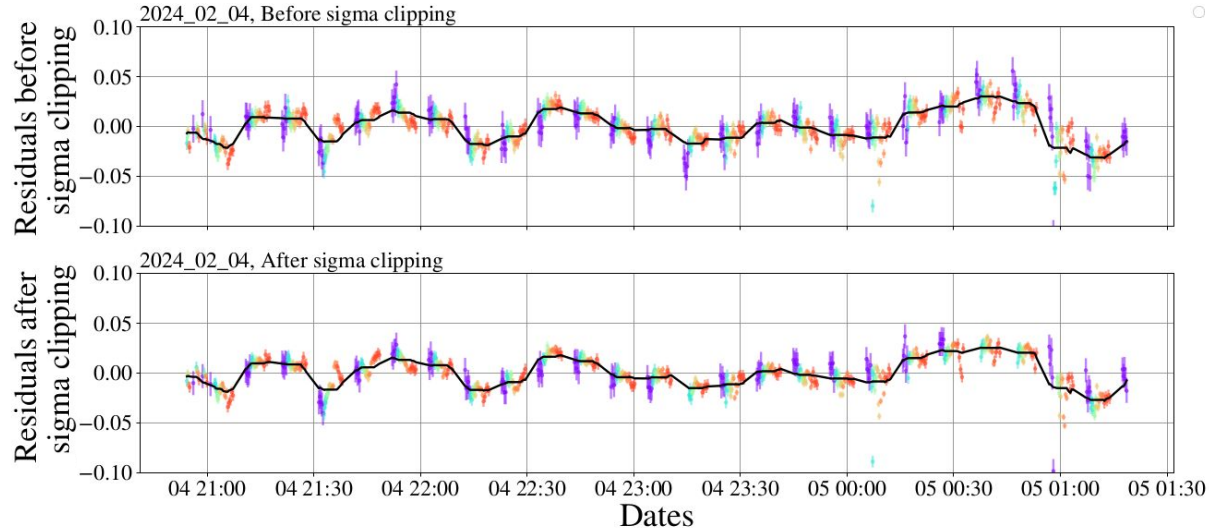
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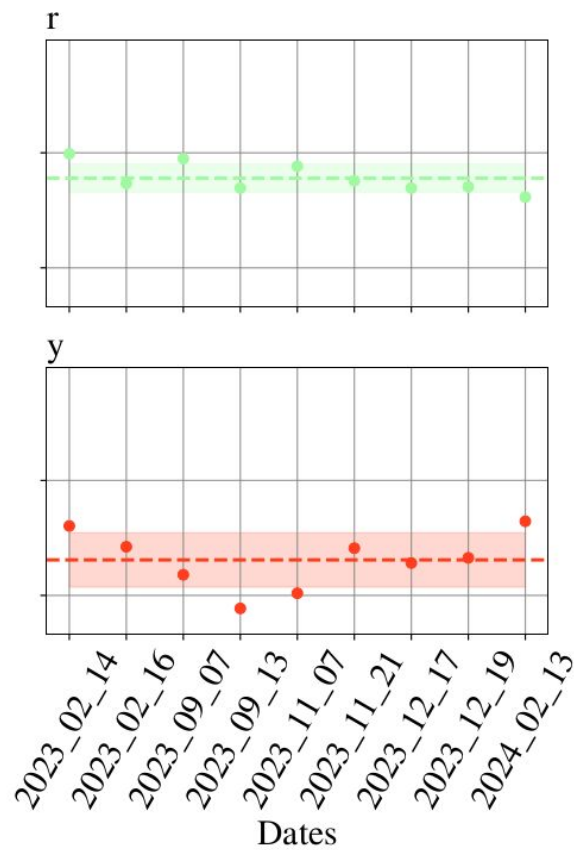
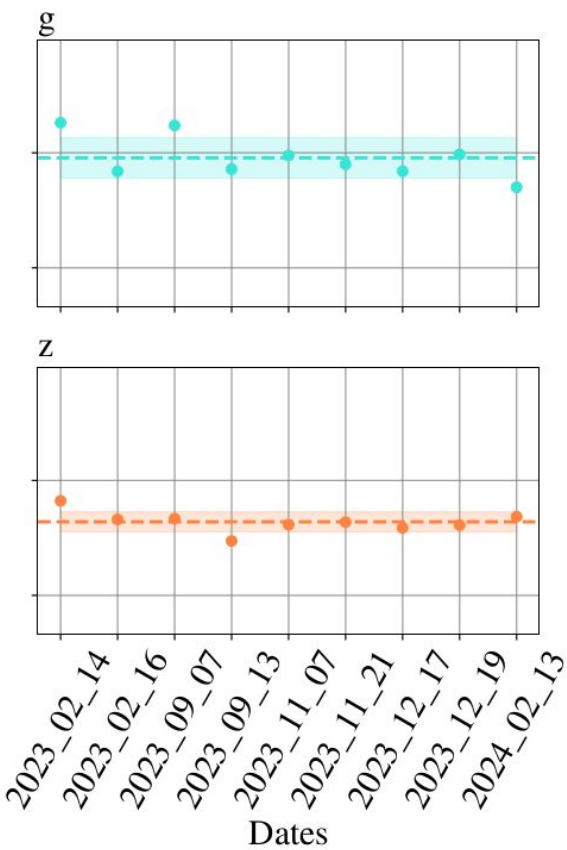
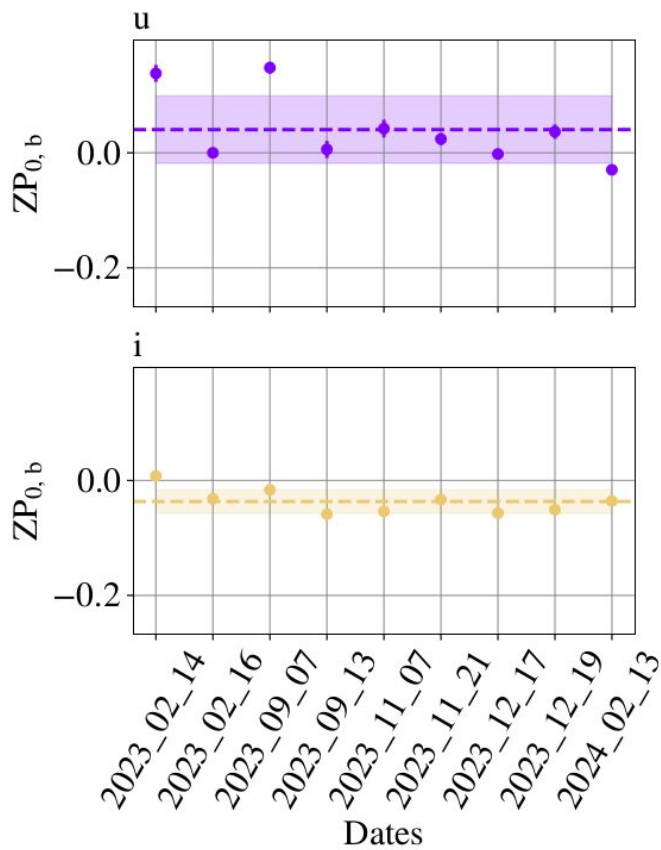
- **Gray extinction** between  $\sim 00:30$  and  $\sim 01:20 \Rightarrow$  **cloud extinction**
- Compute **rolling mean**  $\mu_{\text{rolling}}$  in all bands
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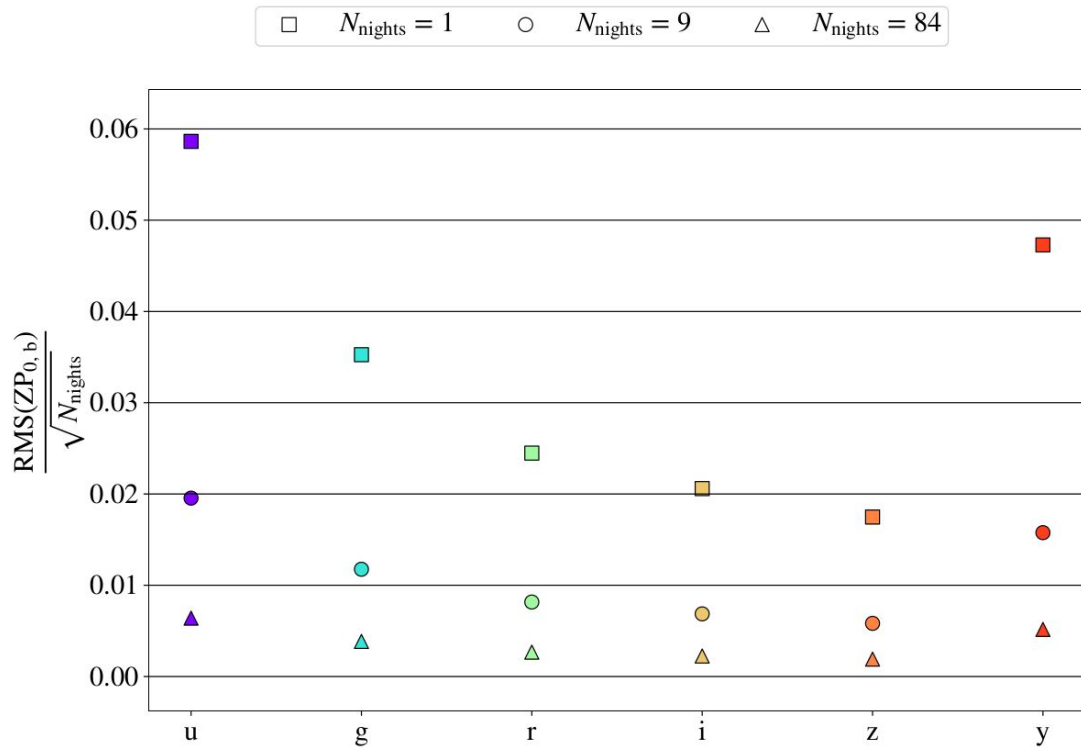


- **Faint oscillations lower than  $3\sigma_{\text{rolling}}$   $\Rightarrow$  not cut performed**
- **Set the threshold  $\sigma_{\text{rolling}} > 0.005$  to detect non-photometric nights**
- **Only 9 photometric nights kept**

# Results



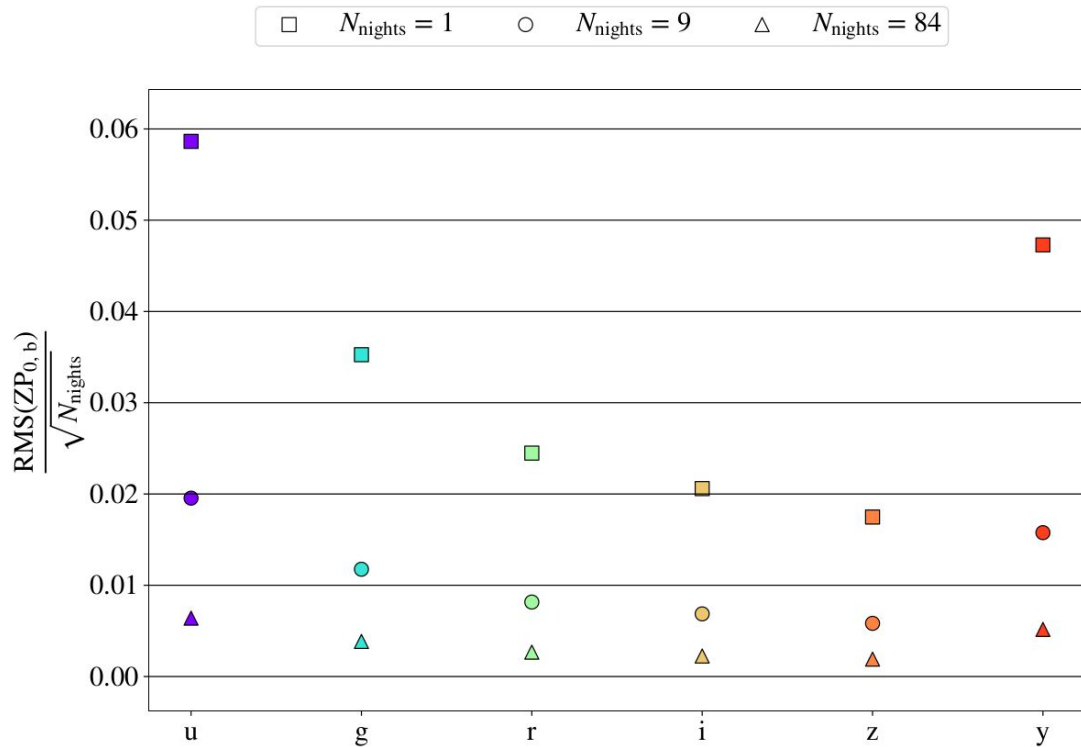
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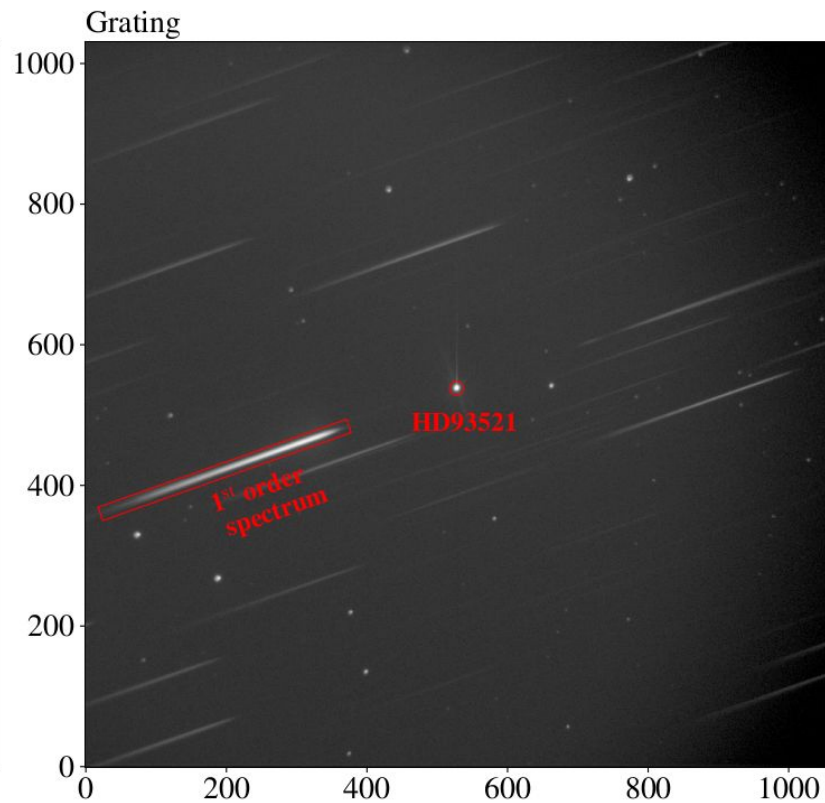
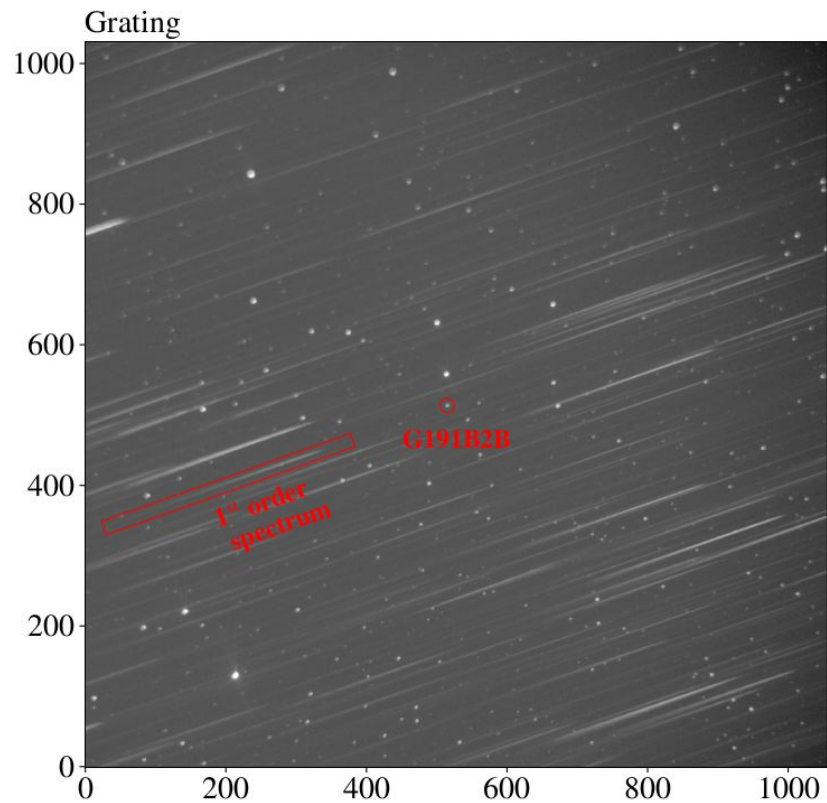
$\Rightarrow$  Improve the atmosphere simulation by fitting live parameters

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## 6.b. Spectrophotometric analysis



# Image examples

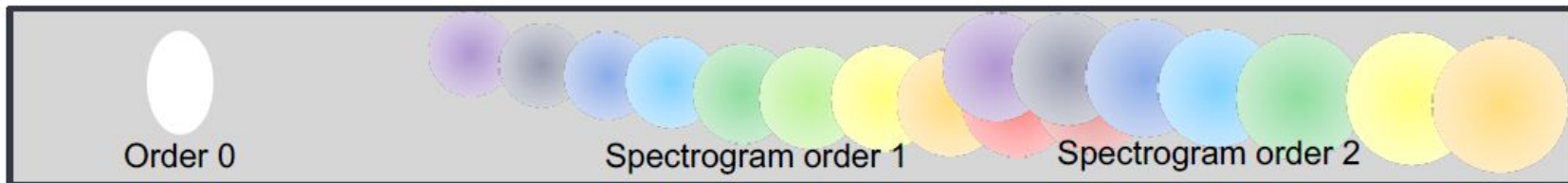


# Slitless spectrophotometry

Spectractor software (Neveu et al. 2021)



Spectractor + prior knowledge of PSF,  $\Delta p$

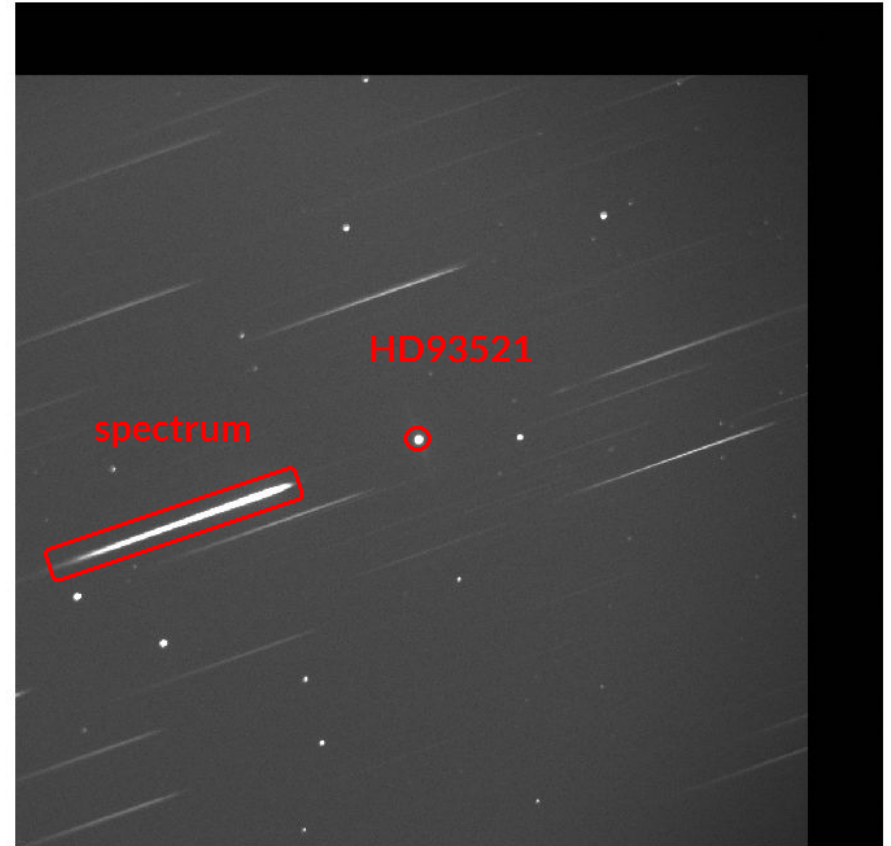


# HD93521 spectrum

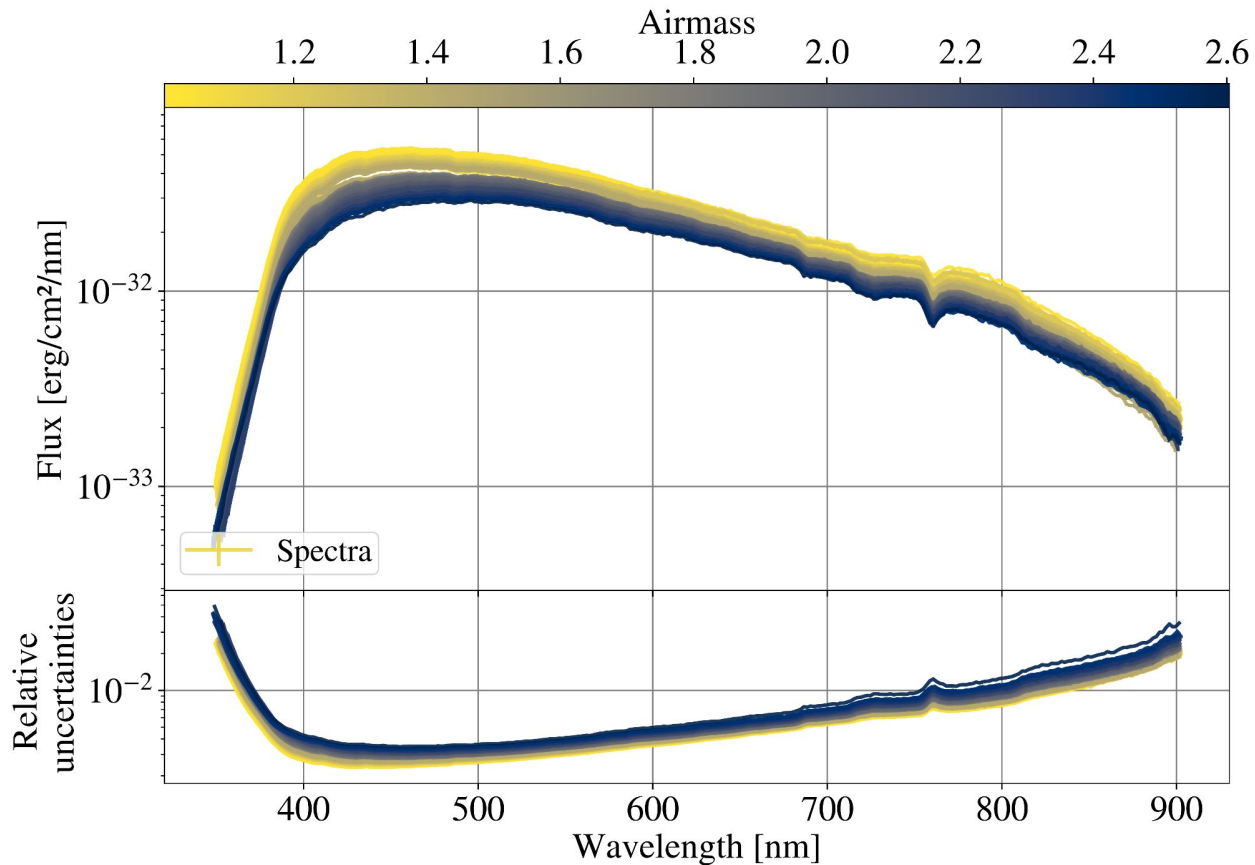
## Spectrum extraction of HD93521

- Part of CALSPEC calibration
- Bright:  $m_{\text{HD93521}} = 6.99$
- Isolated field

Image of HD93521 observed by StarDICE with the grating in the filterwheel



# HD93521 spectra extraction



- ~300 images at different airmasses
- Spectra extracted with <0.1% uncertainties in [360-750]nm

⇒ Validated method for a bright and isolated star

# Atmosphere extraction

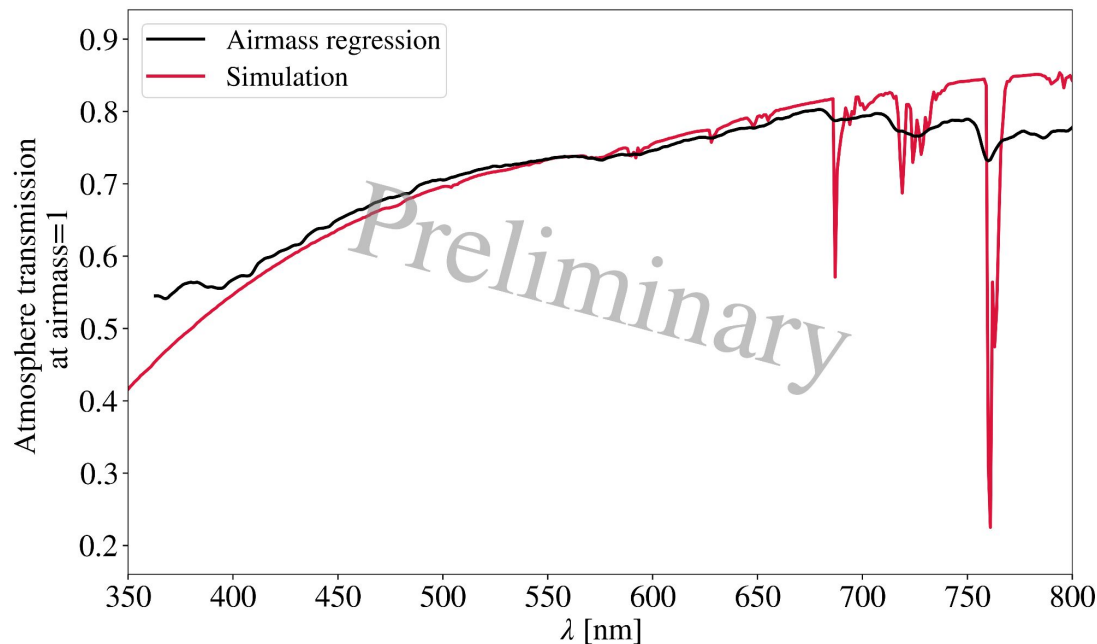
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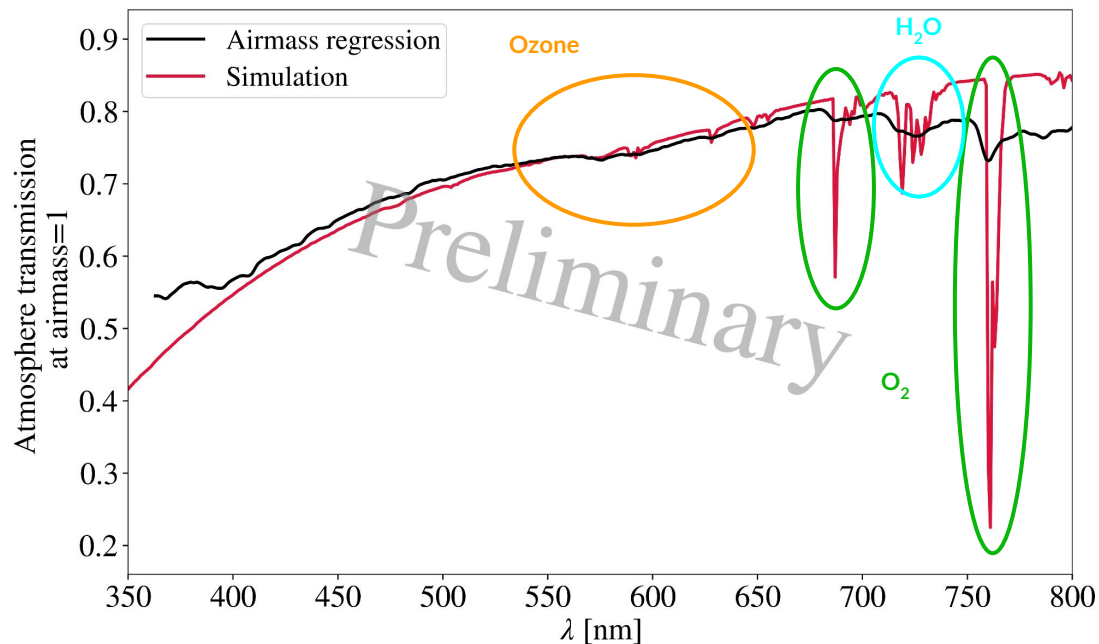
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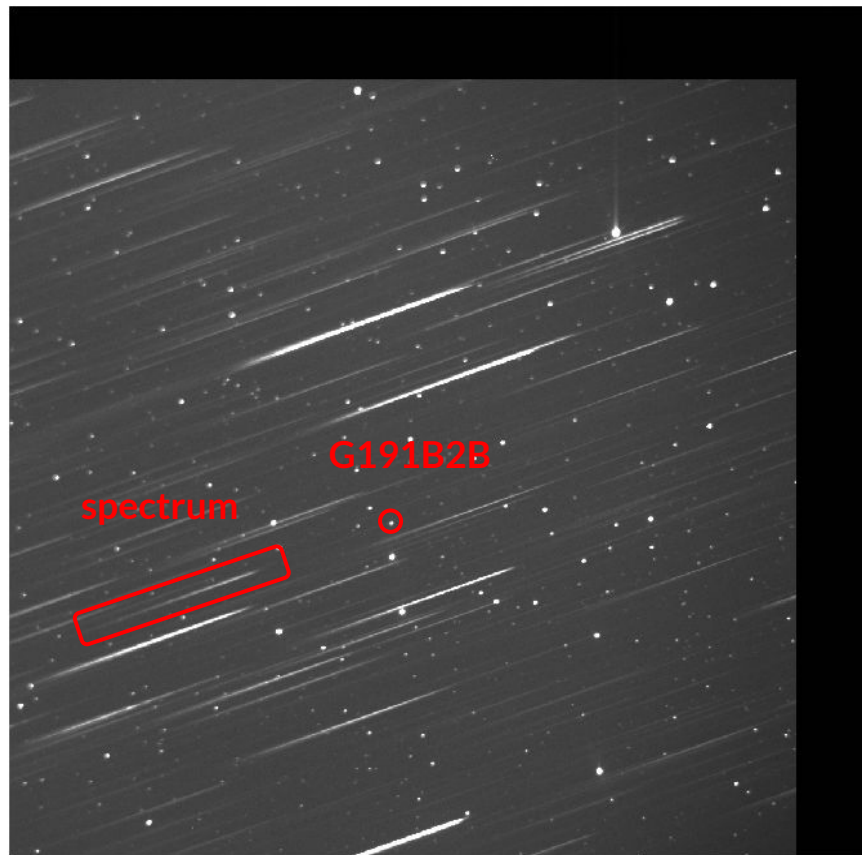


# G191B2B spectrum

## Spectrum extraction of G191B2B

- Primary CALSPEC standard
- Faint:  $m_{\text{G191B2B}} = 11.69$
- Very crowded field

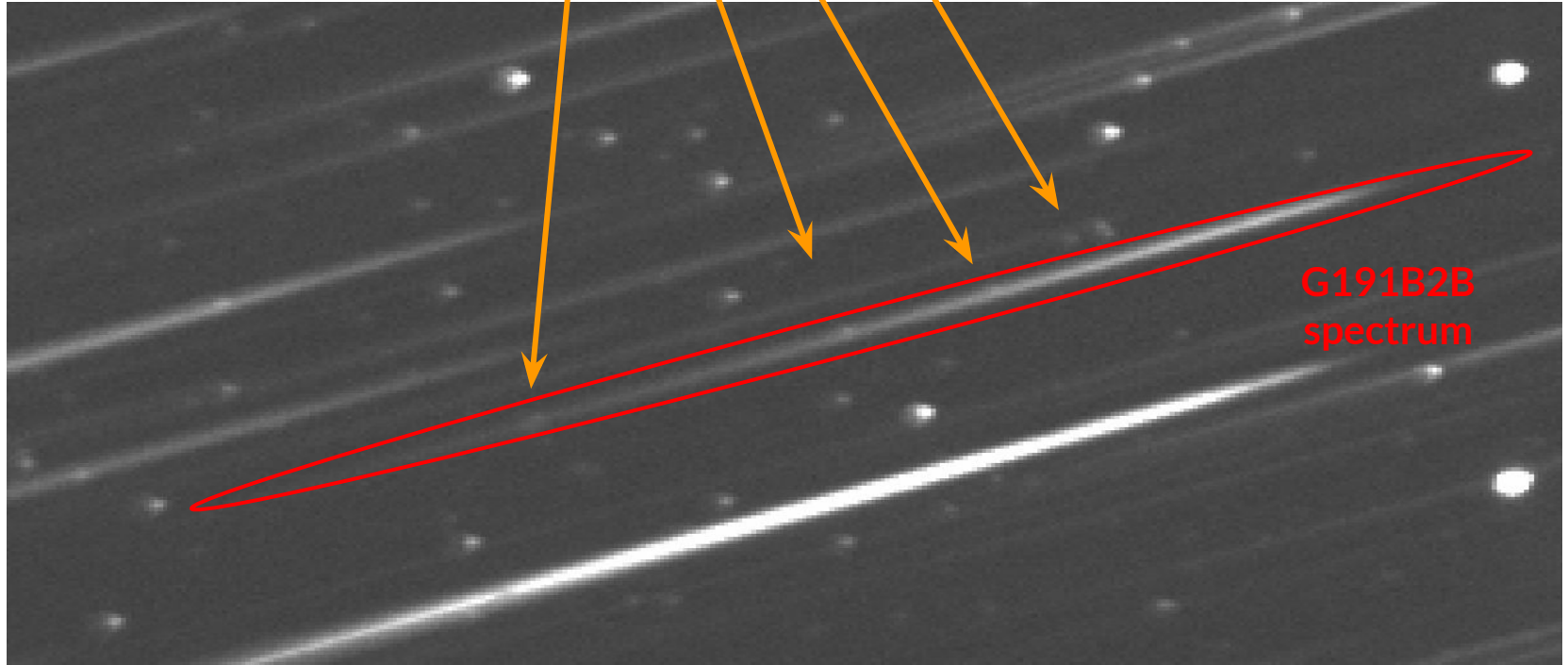
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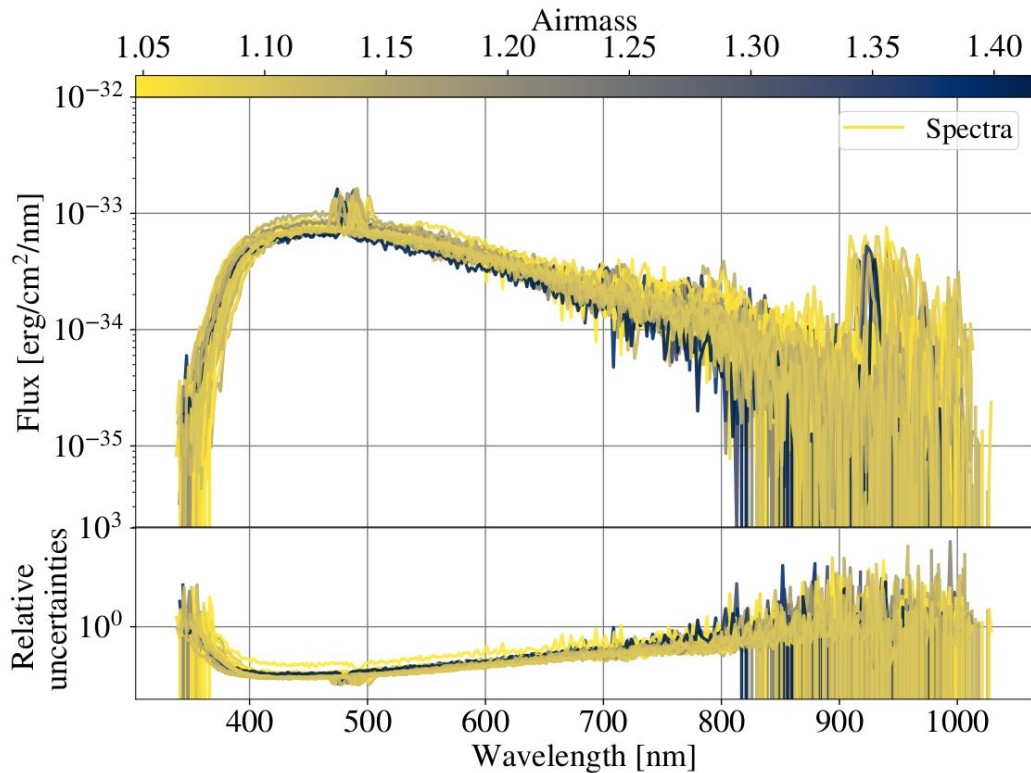


## Zoom on G191B2B spectrum

Contamination stars



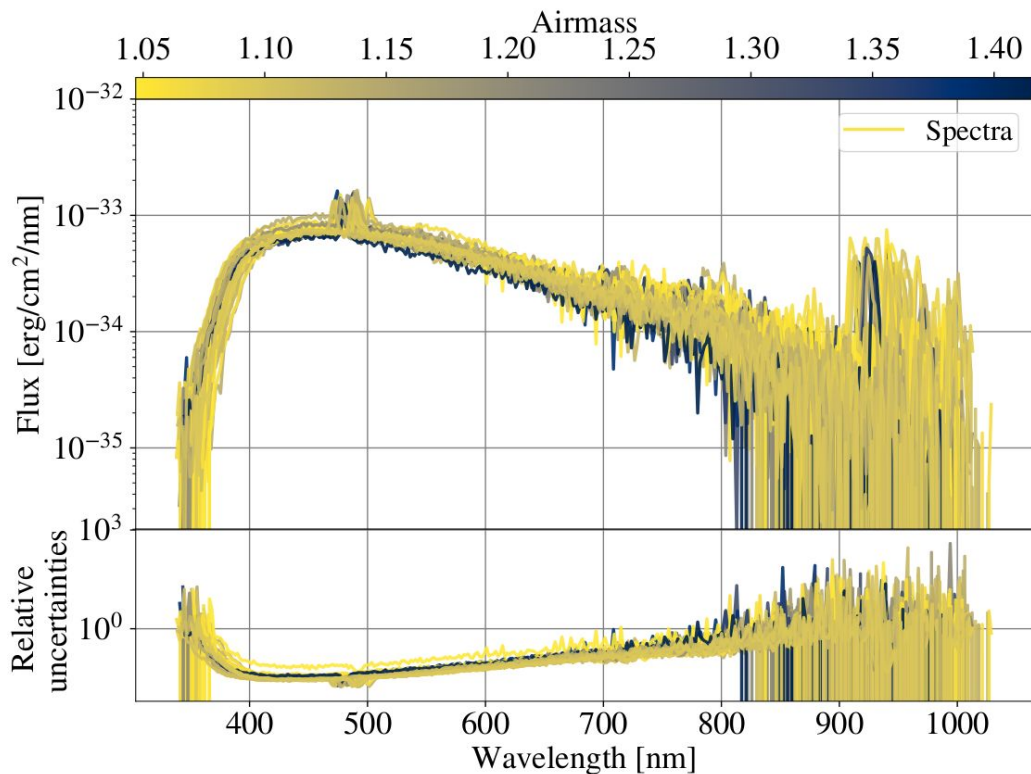
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Solutions:

- Develop full-forward model of the star field (work in progress)
- Extract brighter stars in the field

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## 6.c. Conclusion

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## Photometry

- Measurements of  $ZP_0$  for StarDICE filters

### Future developments:

- Priors improveable (**artificial star + atmosphere transmission fit**)
- **Forced photometry** to prevent selection bias for faint stars
- Infrared data to measure **smaller gray extinction from clouds**

## Spectrophotometry

- **Feasibility** of extracting spectra on **StarDICE images**
- Joint effort with the **Auxiliary Telescope (AuxTel)** at Rubin observatory to measure atmospheric transmissions

### Future developments:

- Atmosphere fit → **PWV, ozone, aerosols**  
⇒ crucial for photometric analysis
- **Forward model** of the **starfield** for crowded images

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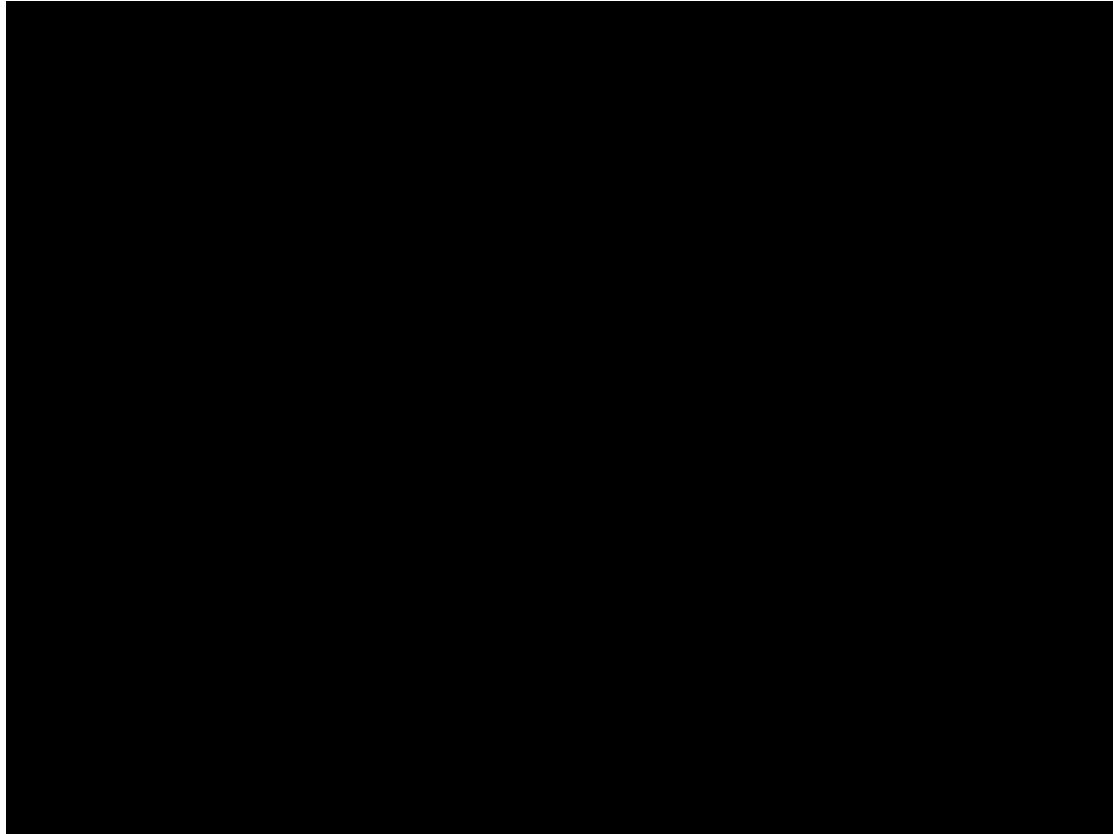


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  - Pre-survey → Validated the method to **refine zero point** of **CALSPEC** calibration
  - The **2-year survey** will benefit from the **artificial star**, an **infrared camera**, improving the photometric accuracy
  - **Slitless spectrophotometry** is a **powerful tool**, for both **atmospheric considerations**, and measuring the whole spectrum of a target in **one image**

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# Thank you for your attention



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# Backup slides

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# Cosmo

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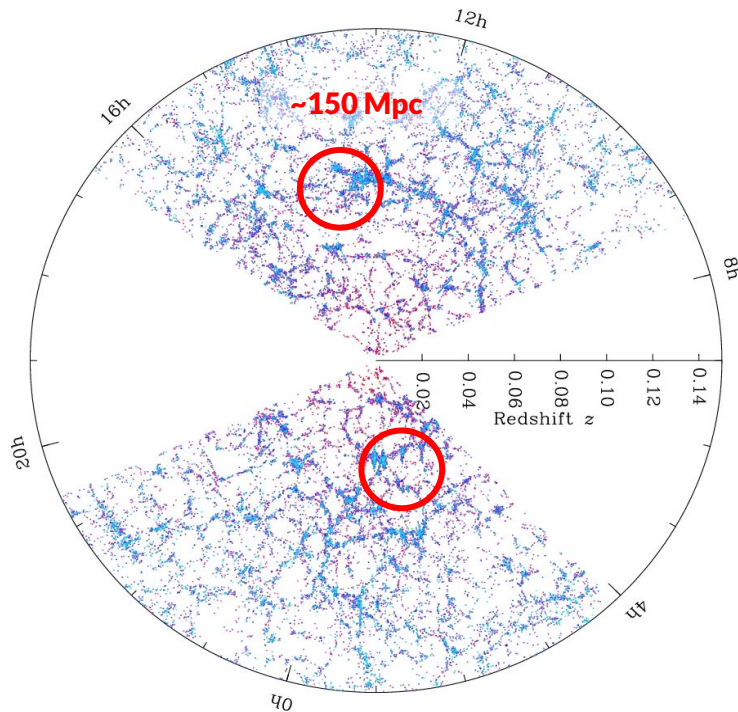
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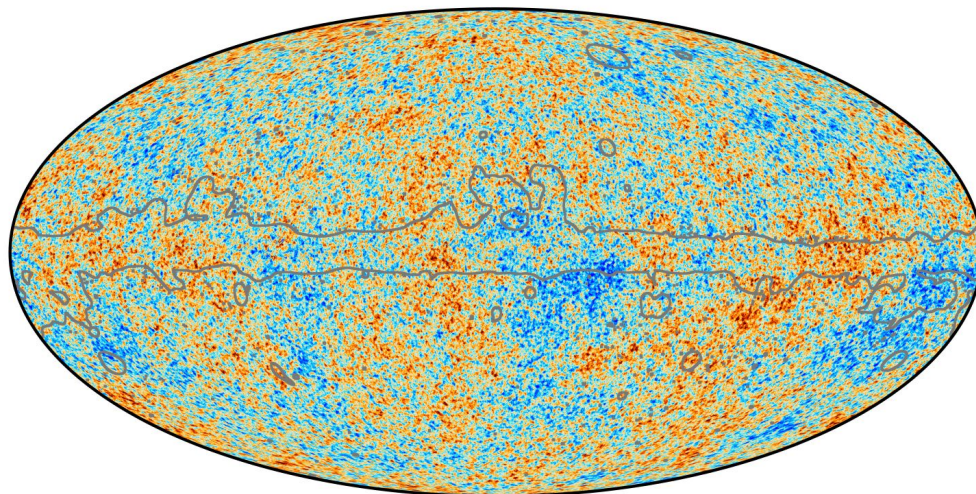


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CMB map from Planck Collaboration et al. 2020a

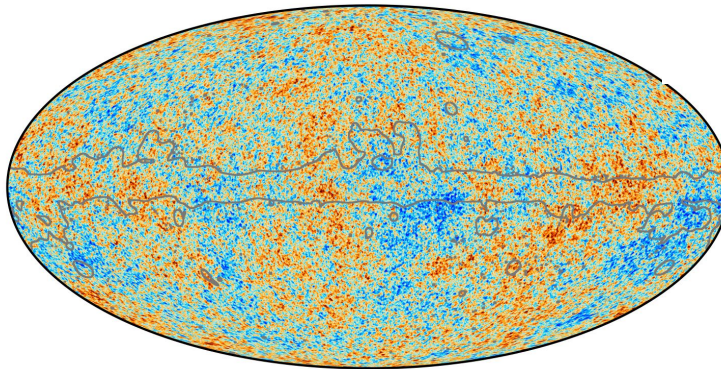
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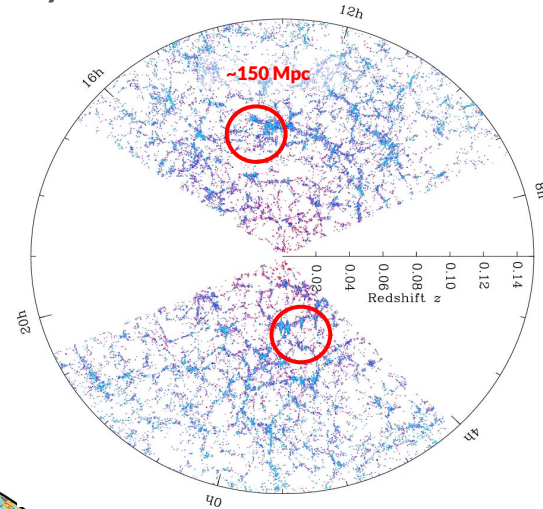
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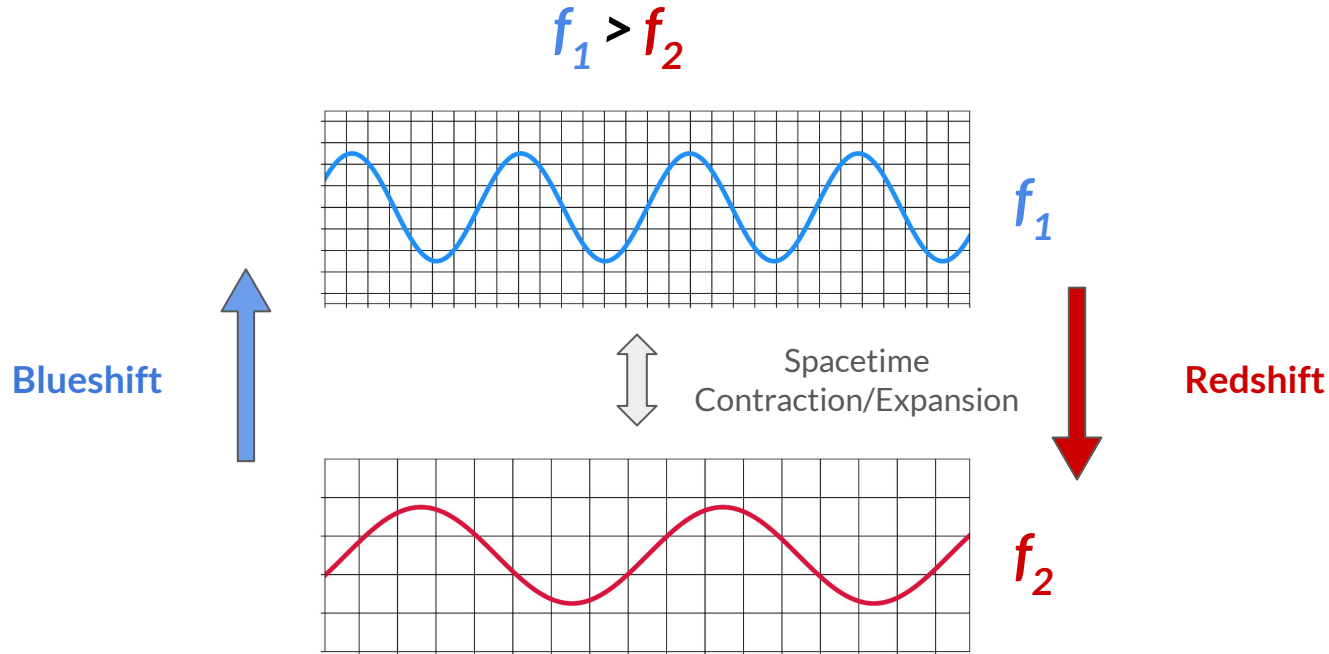


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## Spacetime evolution



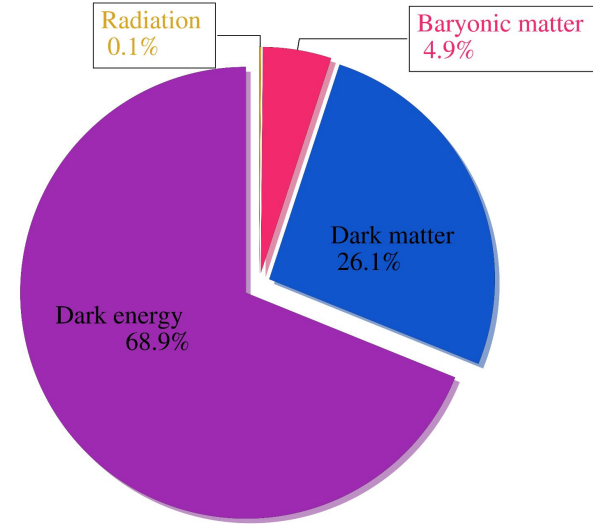
Spacetime deformations affect both light trajectory and wavelength  
⇒ Light is a tracer for studying spacetime evolution

# Dark energy models

Dark energy → fluid described by an equation of state with the parameter  $w$ :

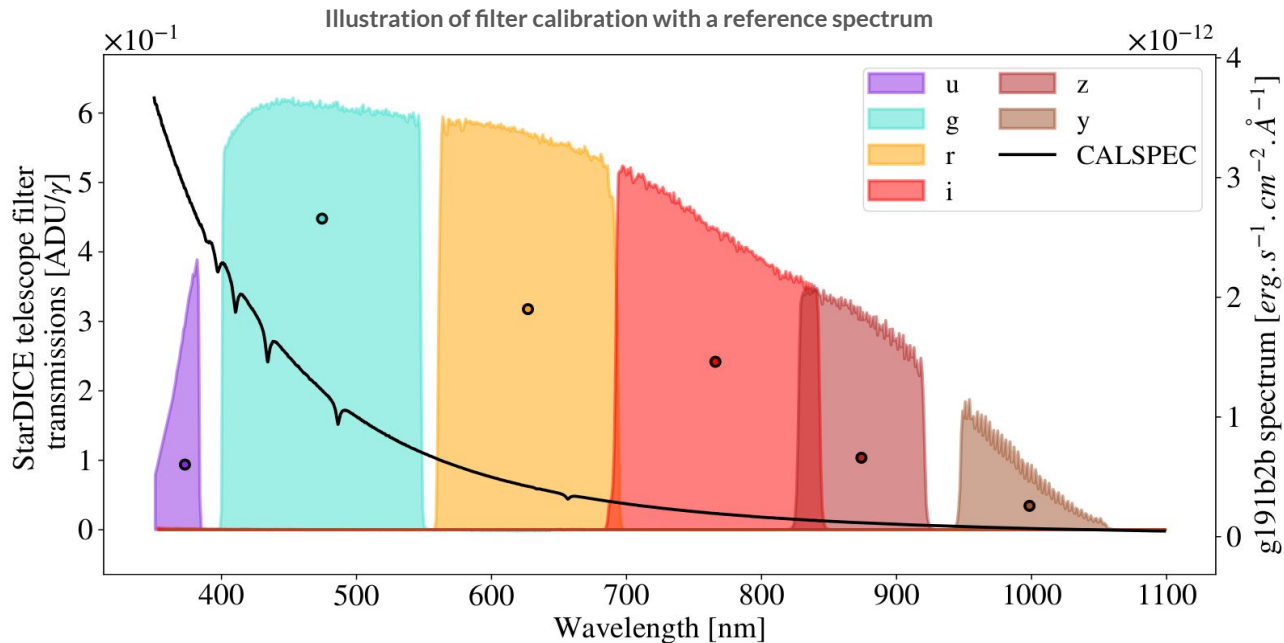
$$\rho_{\text{de}} \propto a^{-3(1+w)}$$

- $\Lambda$ CDM, the standard model
  - $w = -1$ ,  $\Lambda$  for **the cosmological constant**, CDM for **Cold Dark Matter**, and a flat Universe
- $w$ CDM
  - constant  $w$  but with  $w \neq -1$
- $w_0 w_a$  CDM
  - $w$  is sets dynamic with:  $w(a) = w_0 + \left(1 - \frac{a}{a_0}\right)w_a$



Pie chart of the energy contents distribution in the Universe

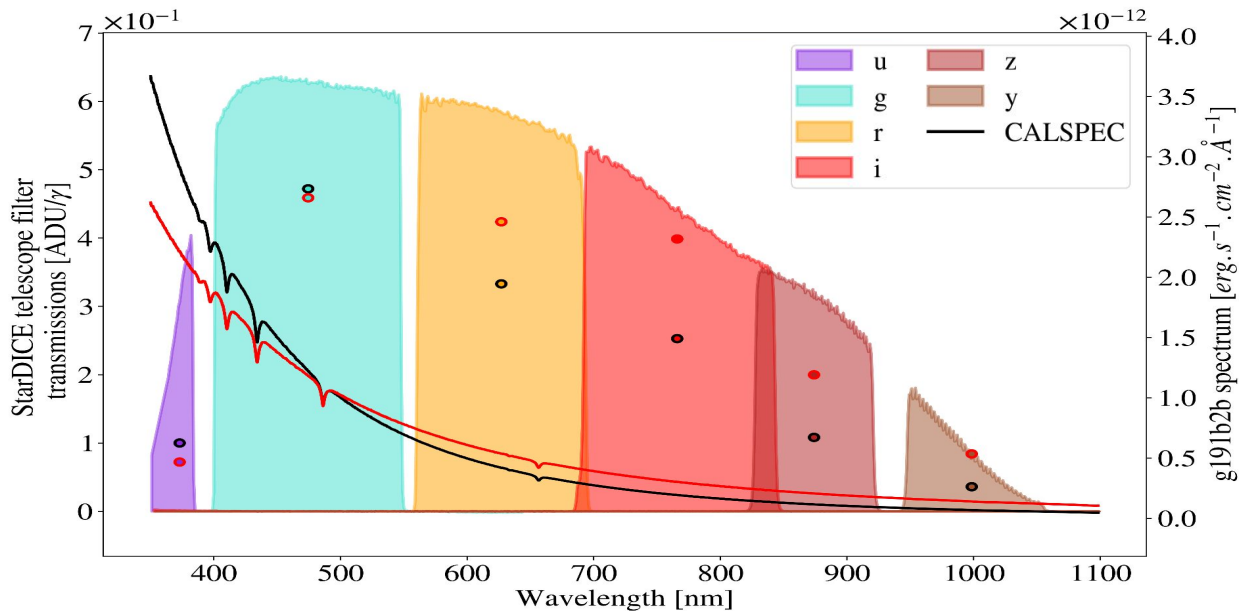
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Illustration of filter calibration with a reference spectrum



Observations of **CALSPEC** photometric standards

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⇒ A chromatic difference in the model induces a biased calibration

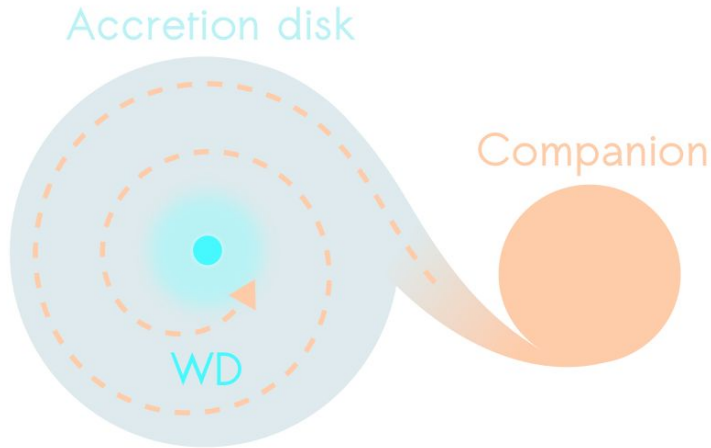
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SNe Ia

# Explosion mechanism

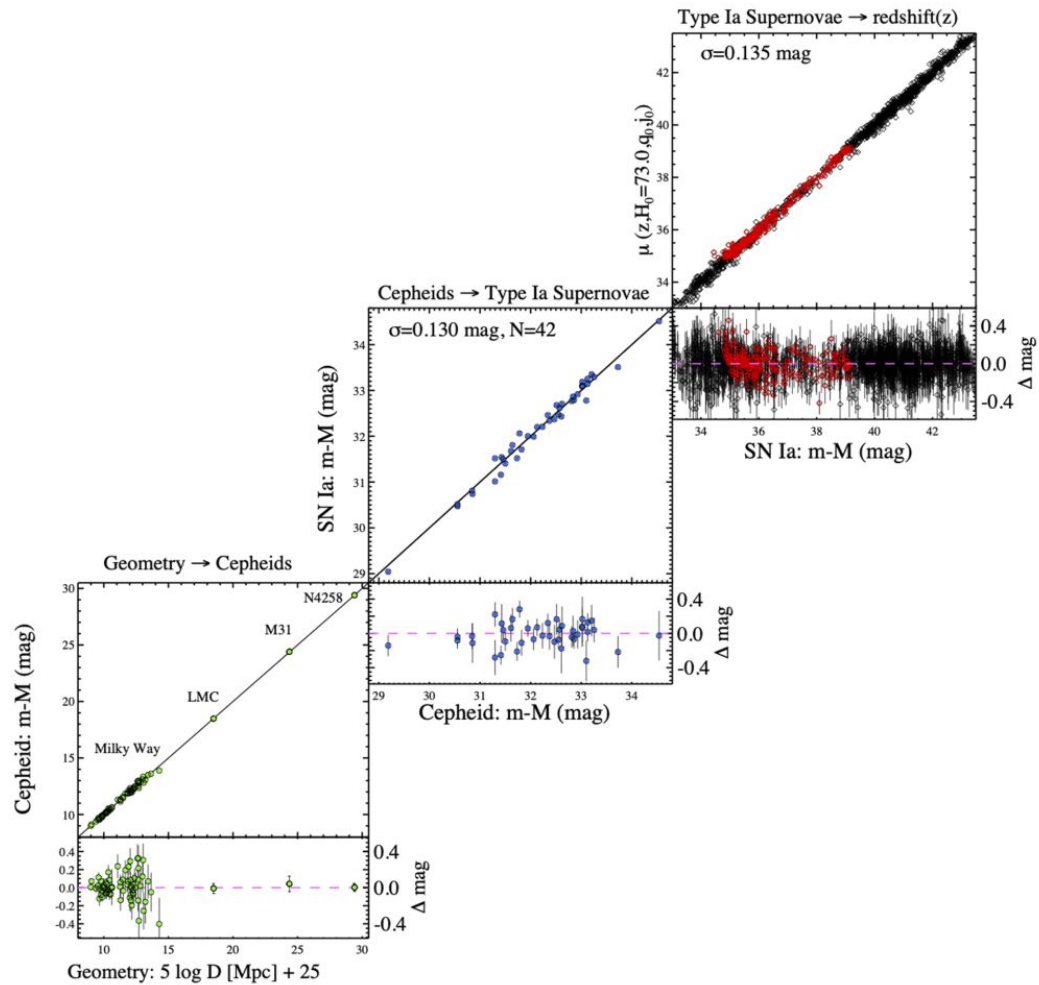
- Explosion of a carbon-oxygen white dwarf (WD) with a mass  $> 1.4 M_{\odot}$
- Two scenarios:

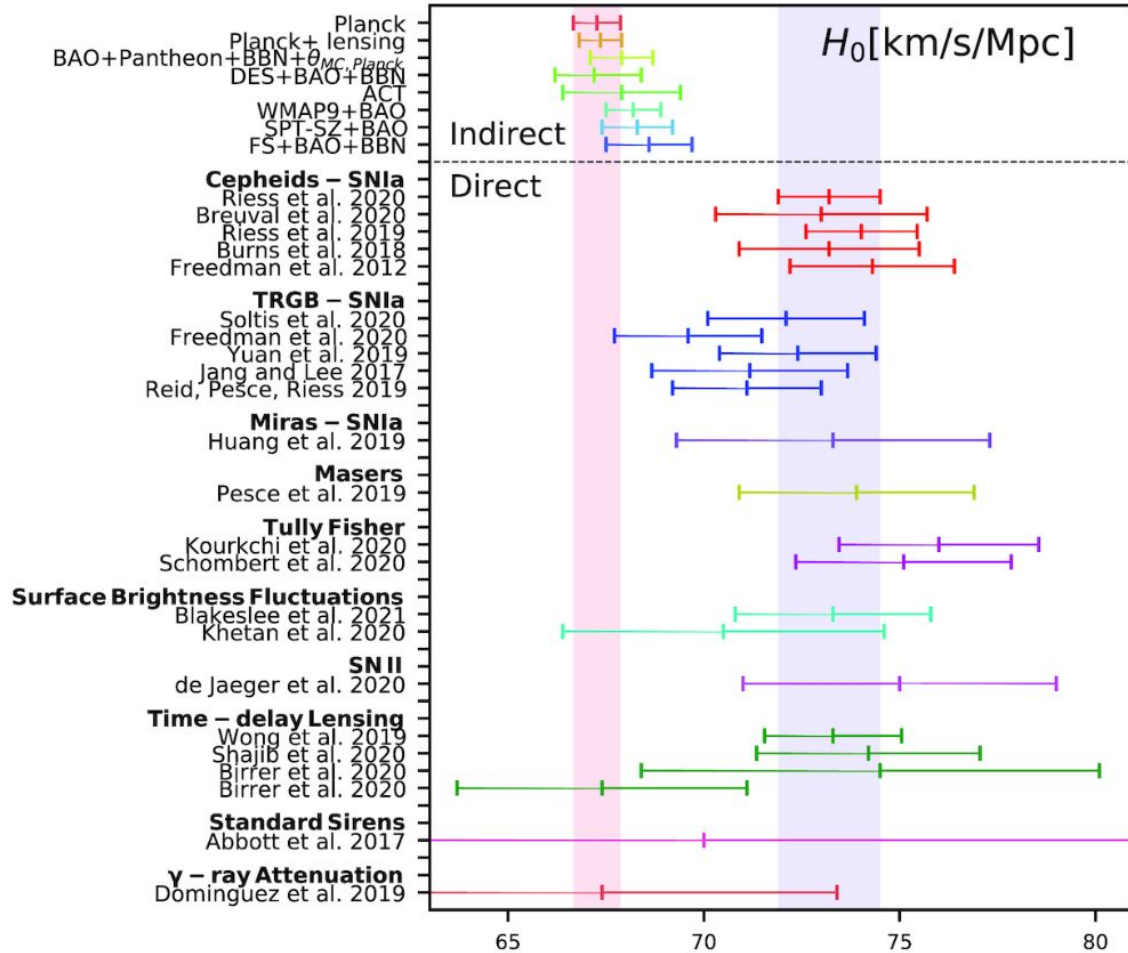
## Single degenerate



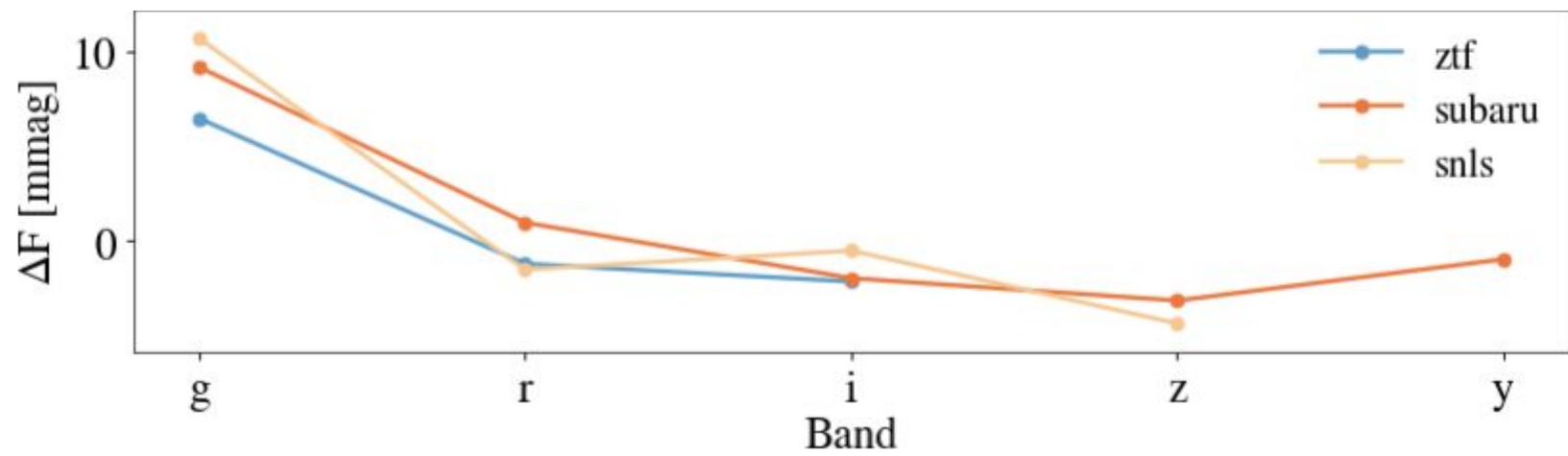
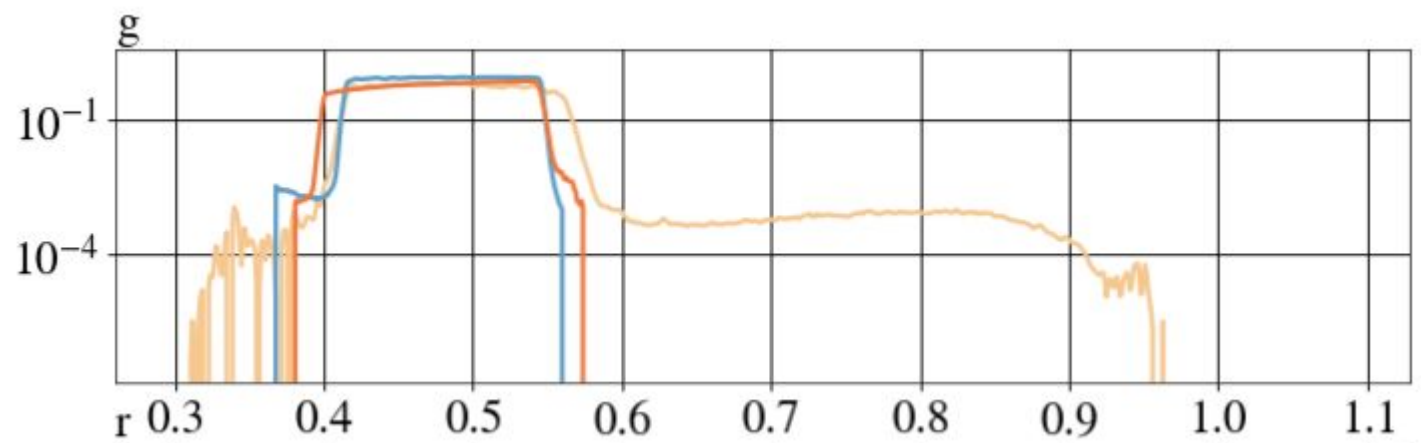
## Double degenerate









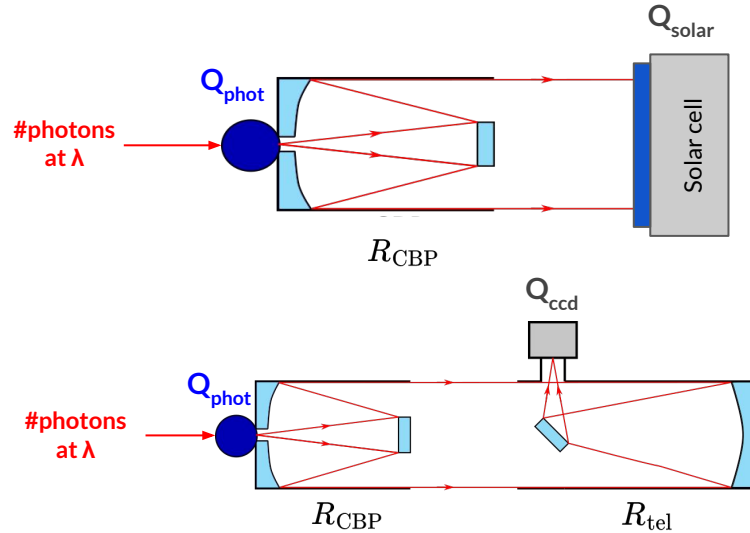


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CBP

# CBP guideline

Want to calibrate a telescope? Simple, use another reverse-mounted telescope!



$$R_{\text{CBP}} = \frac{Q_{\text{solar}}}{Q_{\text{phot}} \times \epsilon_{\text{solar}} \times e}$$

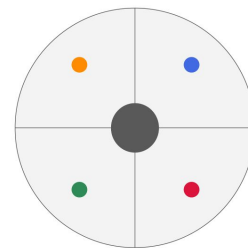
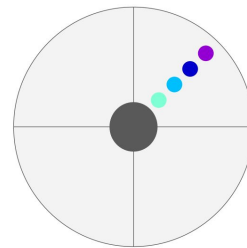
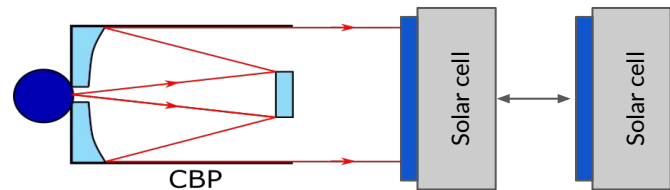
$$R_{\text{tel}} = \frac{Q_{\text{ccd}}}{Q_{\text{phot}} \times R_{\text{CBP}}}$$

Congratulations, calibration is done!

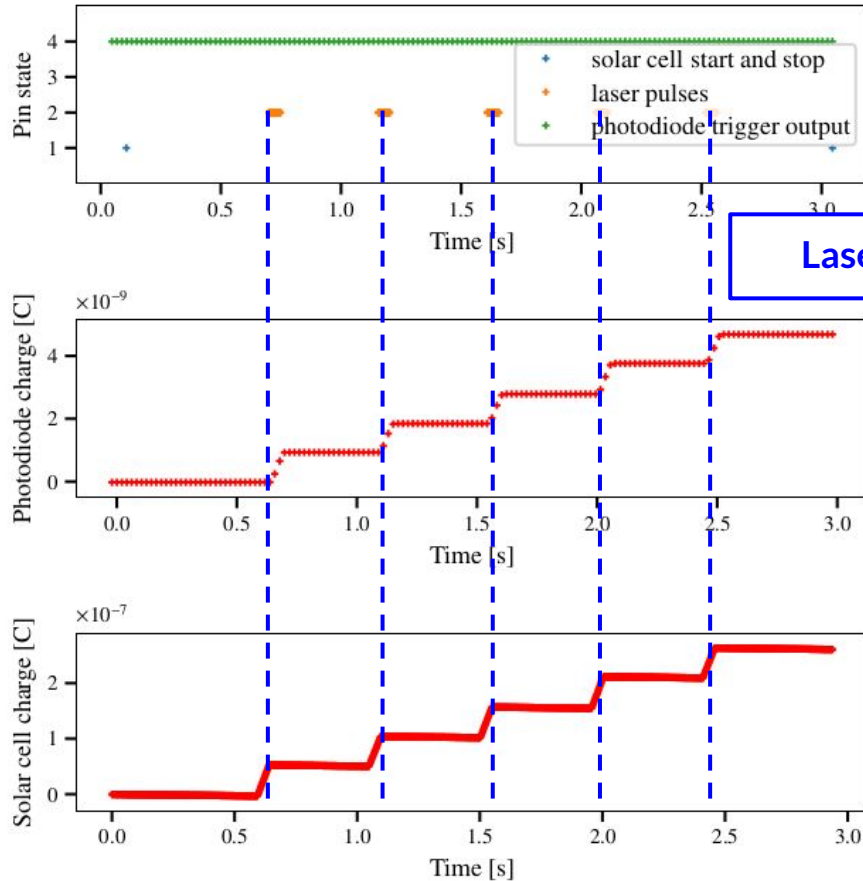
# Acquisition plan

## Measurements in different conditions to evaluate systematics and make pupil stitching:

- Spectrograph calibration
- CBP response:
  - Solar Cell measurement; 5mm pinhole
  - Long and short distance ( $\sim 16\text{cm}$  difference); 5mm pinhole
  - Cap on the CBP to measure ambient light
- StarDICE response:
  - Same position; every camera filter;  $75\mu\text{m}$  & 5mm pinhole
  - 8 positions on the mirror;  $75\mu\text{m}$  pinhole (“pupil stitching”)
    - 4 positions on different quadrants but same radius
    - 4 positions at different radius but same quadrant
  - (4x4) positions on the CCD;  $75\mu\text{m}$  pinhole



# Photodiode and solar cell dataset

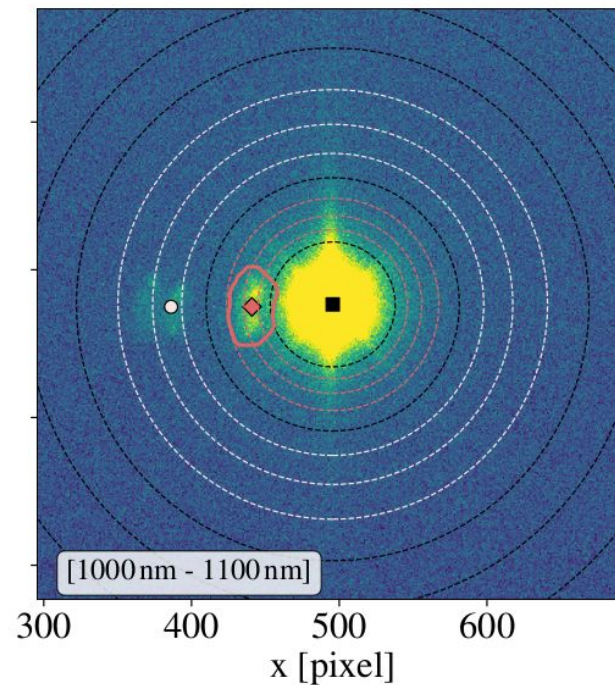
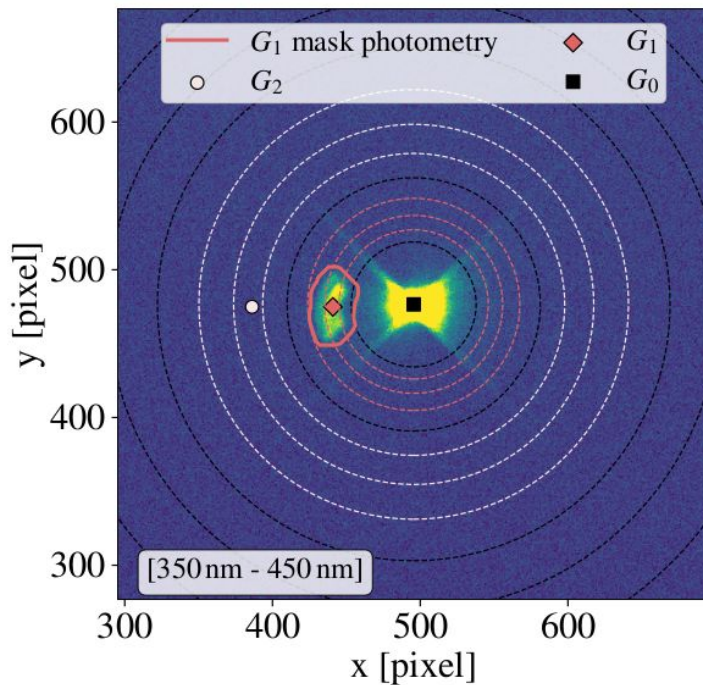
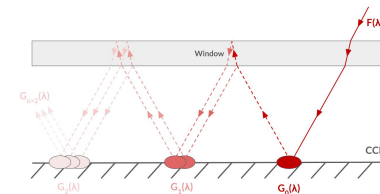


Logic timer device  $\Rightarrow$  synchronizing clocks of every electrometers with the laser

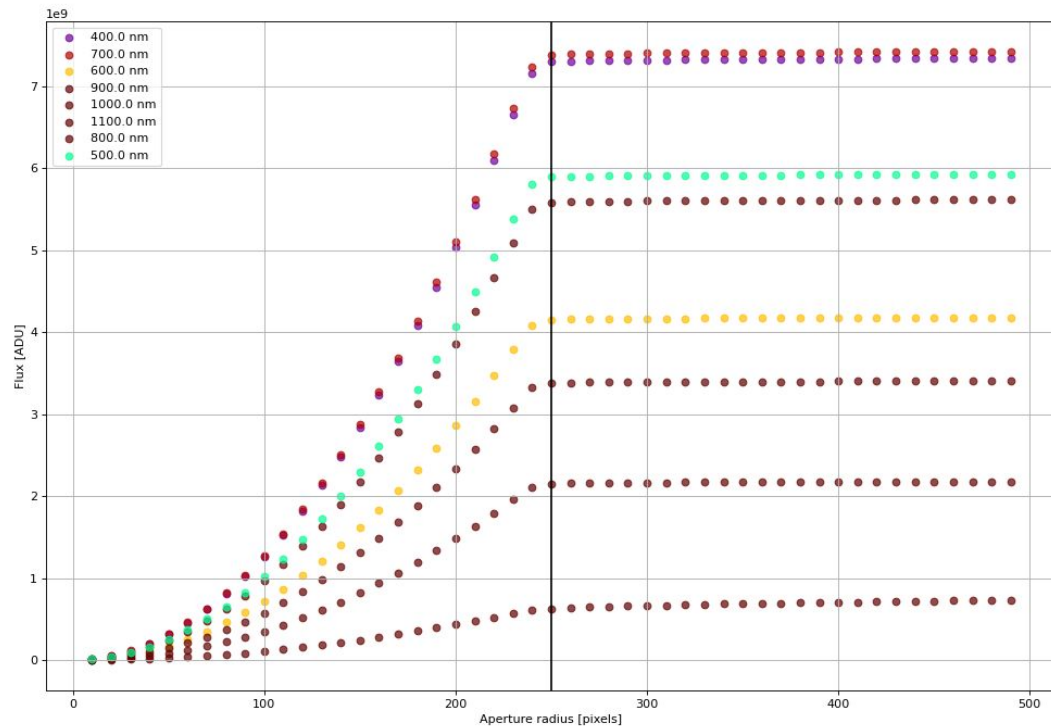
Laser bursts

Two electrometers measuring charges [C]: one for the photodiode and one for the solar cell

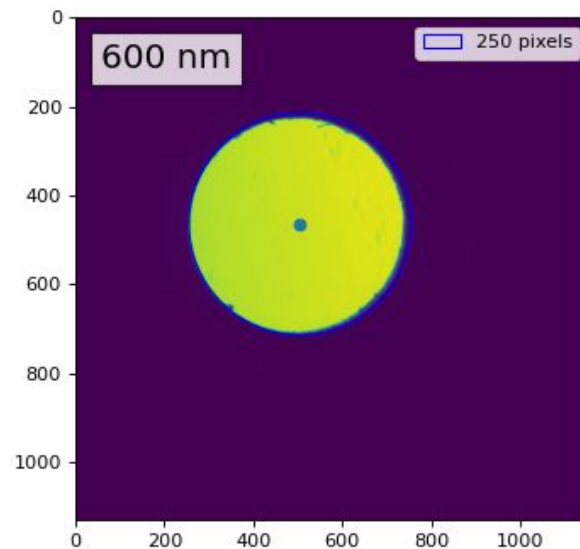
# Ghost contamination



# Growth curve



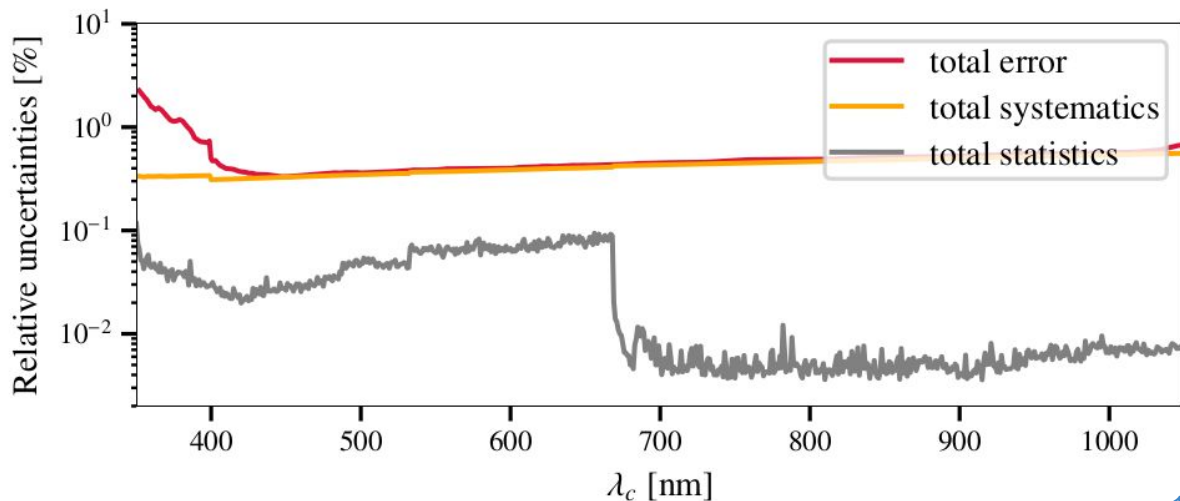
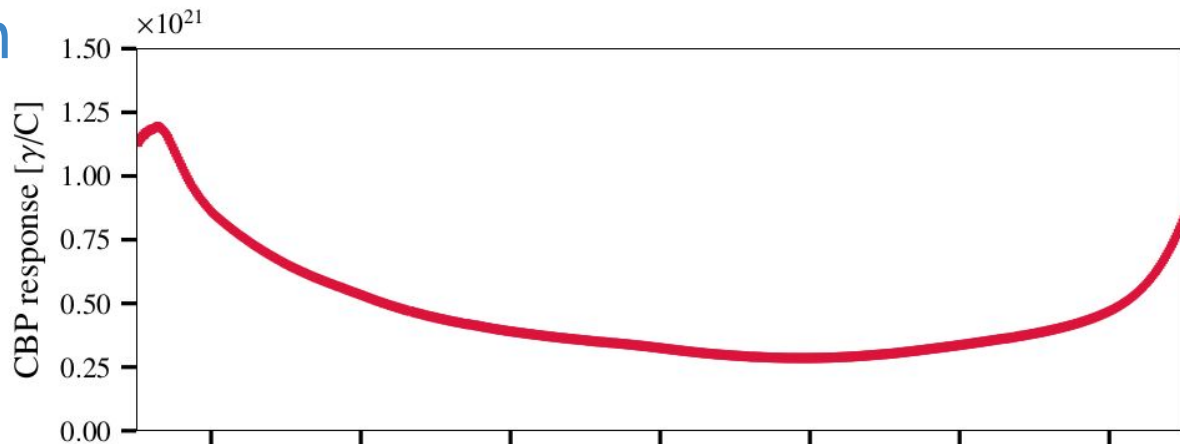
→ Break at 250 pixels



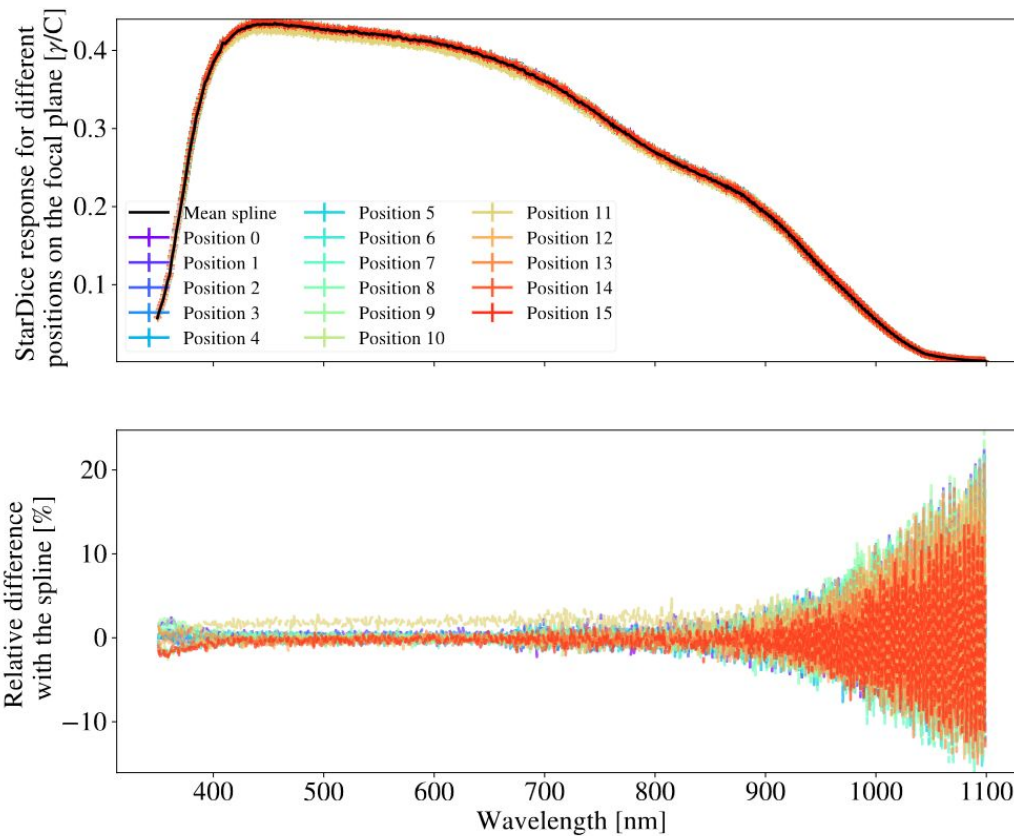
# CBP transmission

$$R_{\text{CBP}} = \frac{Q_{\text{solar}}}{Q_{\text{phot}} \times \epsilon_{\text{solar}} \times e}$$

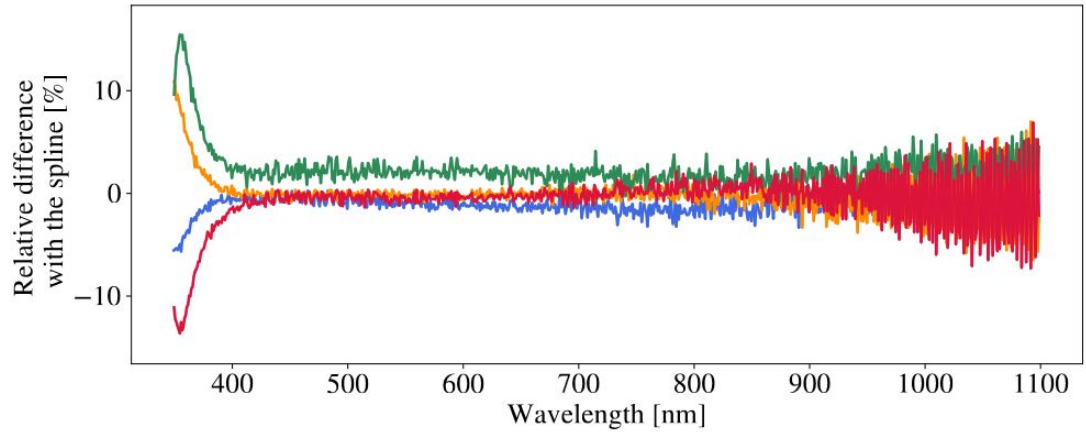
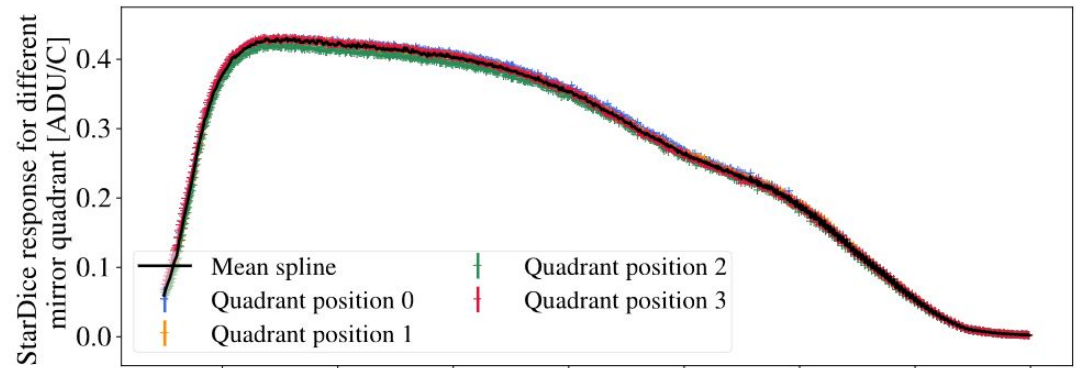
~0.4 % per nm uncertainty  
over [400 - 1000] nm range

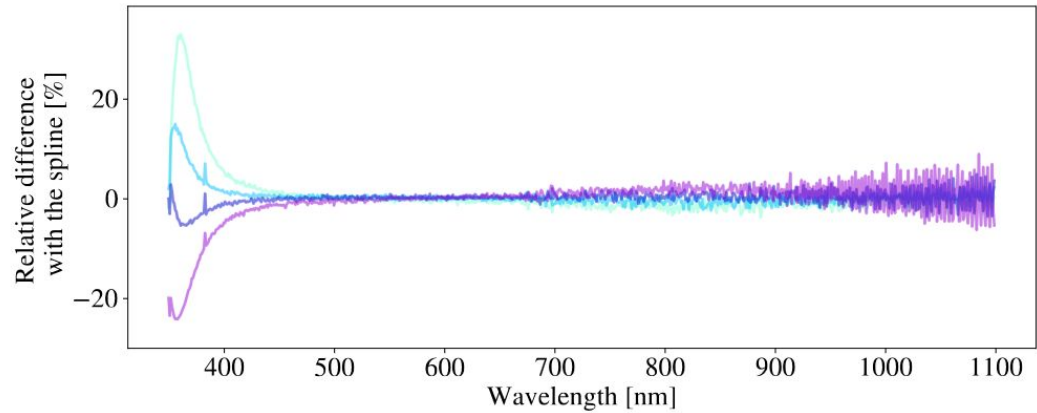
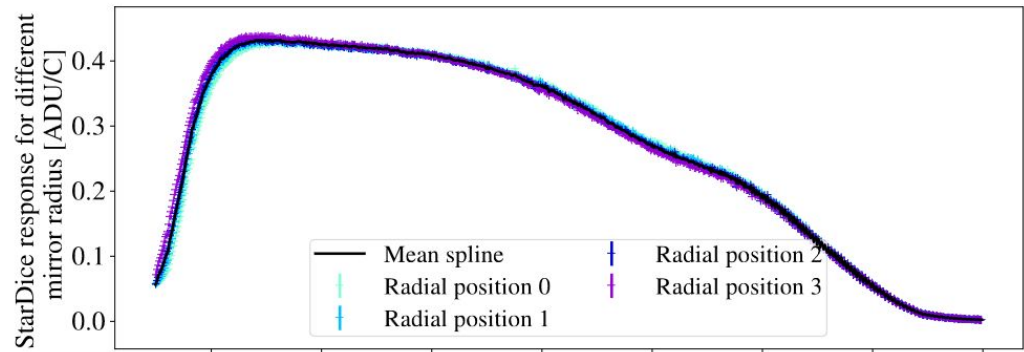




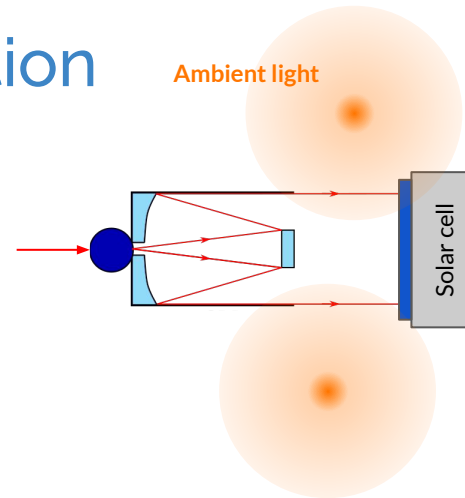
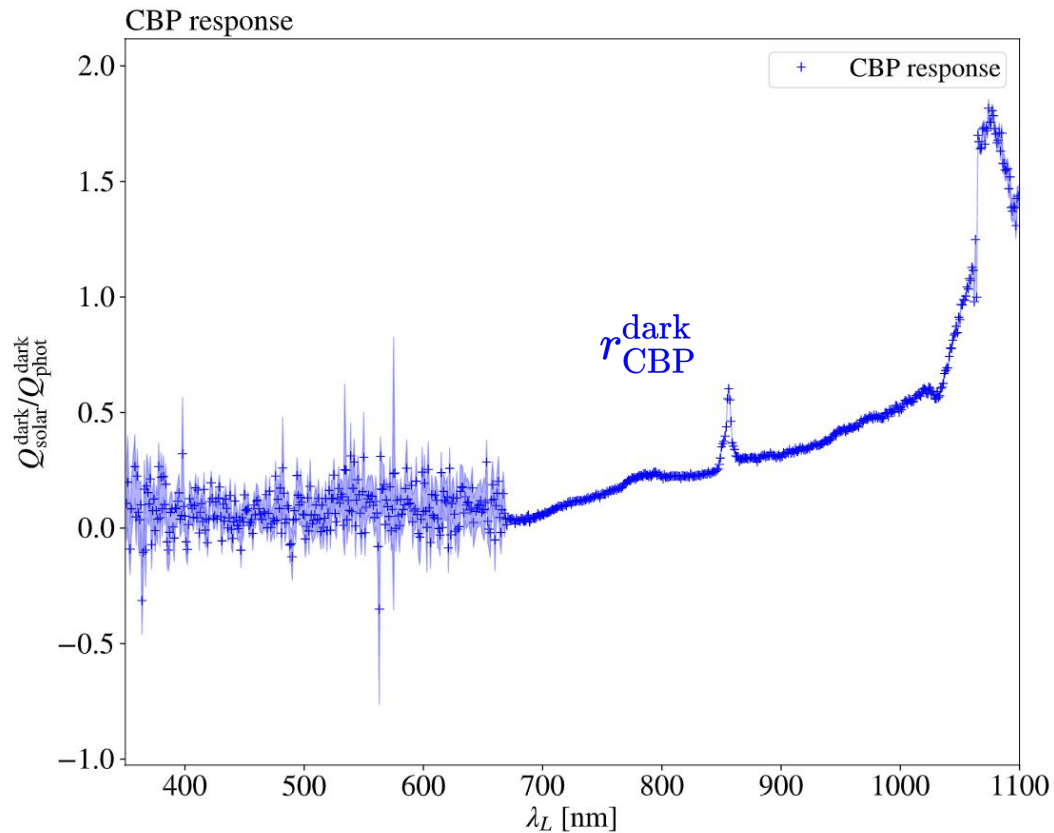


# Quadrant positions





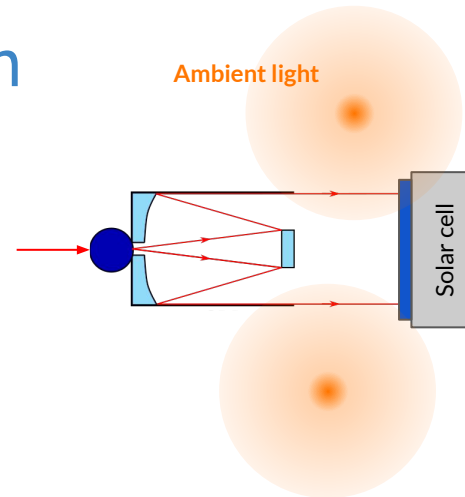
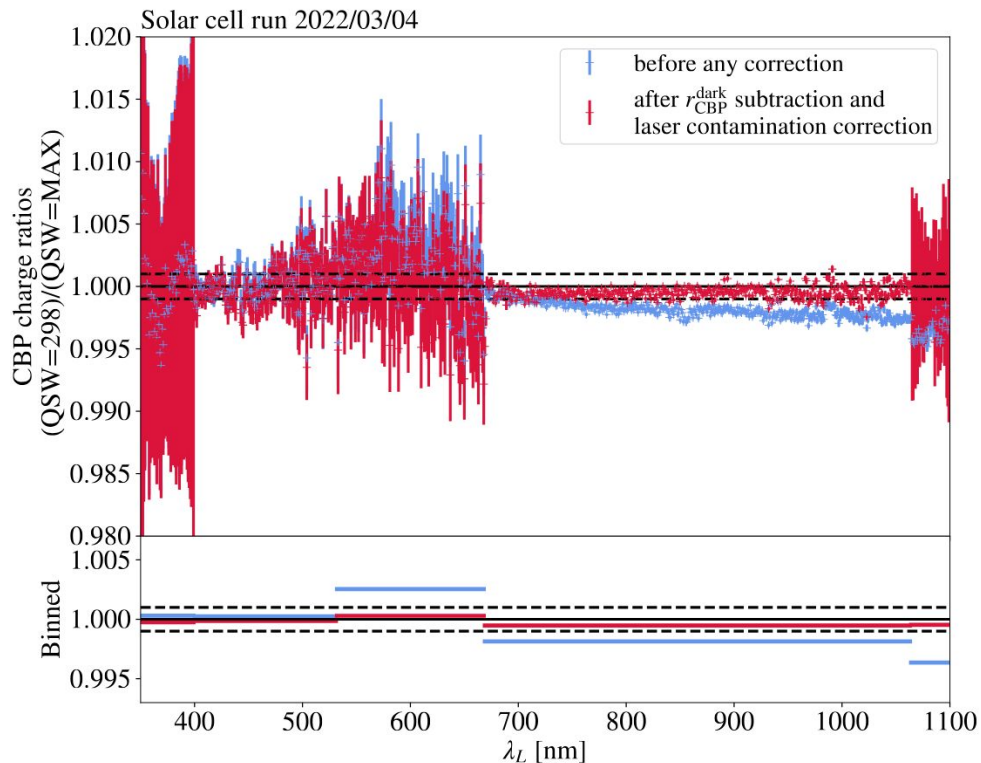
# Ambient light contribution: presentation



Ambient light contamination depend on wavelength  $\rightarrow$  laser box is not perfectly light tight

$$Q_{\text{solar}}^{\text{cal}} = Q_{\text{solar}}^{\lambda_L} - r_{\text{CBP}}^{\text{dark}} \times Q_{\text{phot}}$$

# Ambient light contribution: correction

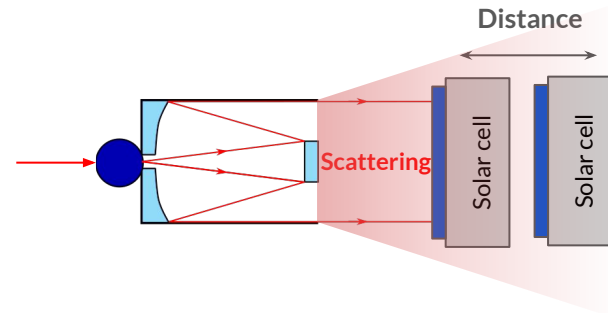
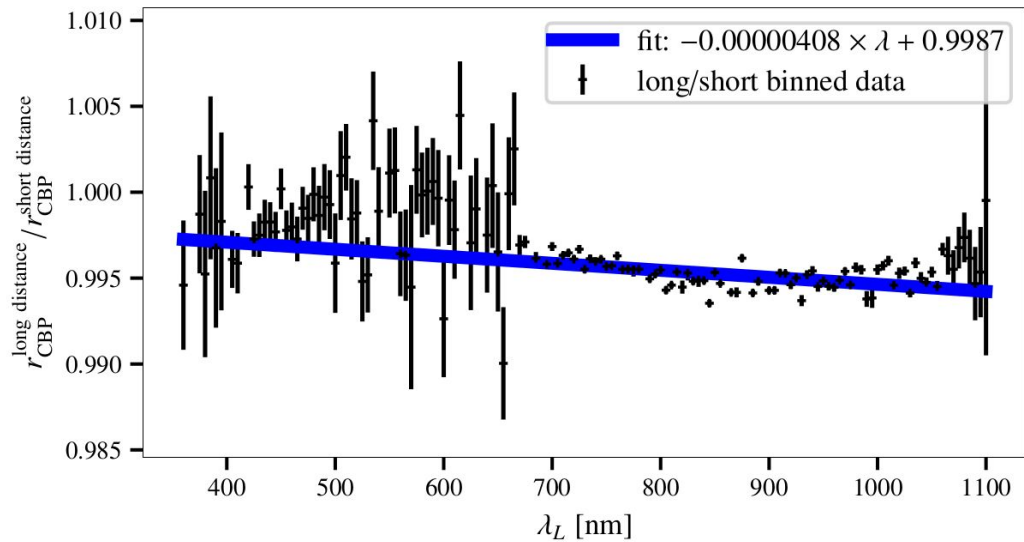


Ratio of two runs at different laser powers (different by a factor 2)

⇒ once corrected by the background, ratio contained below the per mil

$$Q_{\text{solar}}^{\text{cal}} = Q_{\text{solar}}^{\lambda_L} - r_{\text{CBP}}^{\text{dark}} \times Q_{\text{phot}}$$

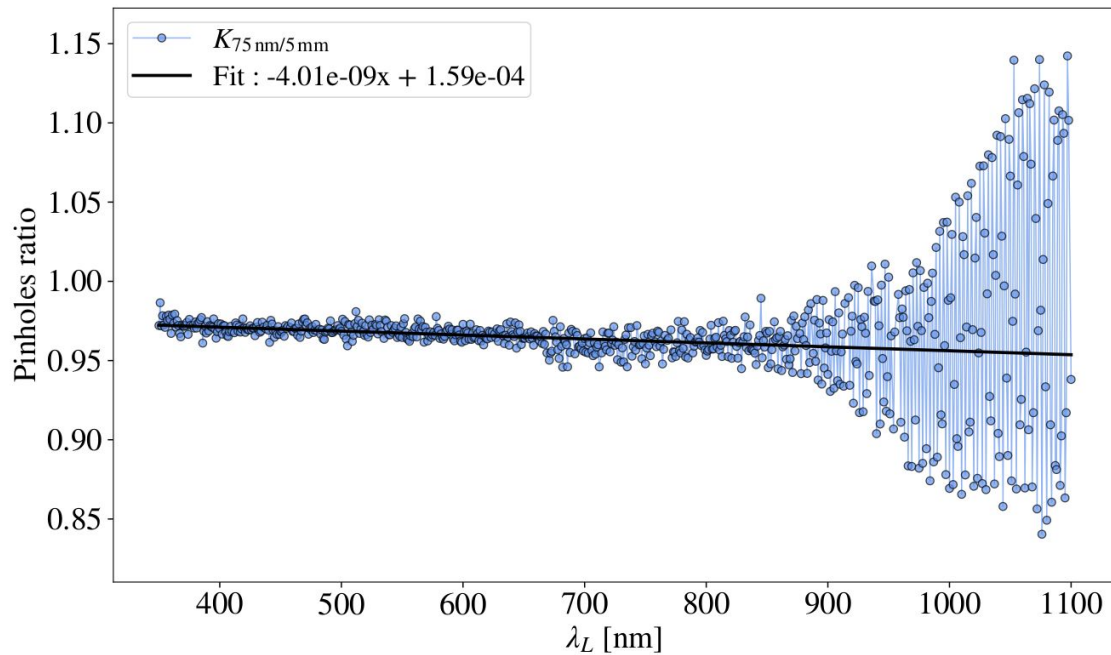
# Scattered light



Ratio of two run at different distance  
between the CBP and the Solar Cell  
(~ 16cm)

- Decrease of 2.5‰ of light flux in [350 - 1100]nm
- Dominant systematics for CBP throughput

## Intercalibration 5mm/75 $\mu$ m



$$K_{75\mu\text{m}/5\text{mm}}(\lambda) = \frac{R_{\text{CBP}}^{5\text{mm}}(\lambda)}{R_{\text{CBP}}^{75\mu\text{m}}(\lambda)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Infer } R_{\text{CBP}}^{75\mu\text{m}}(\lambda) \text{ from } R_{\text{CBP}}^{5\text{mm}}(\lambda)$$

# Ghost contamination

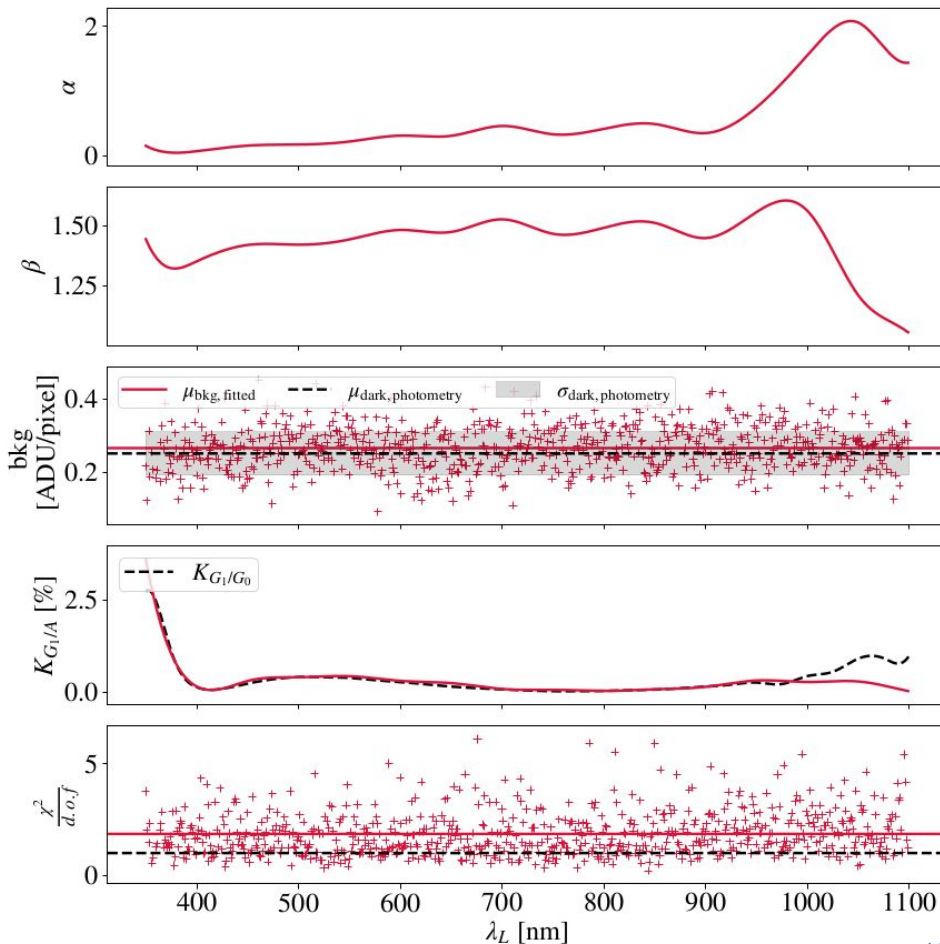
PSF fit with successive aperture photometry with radius  $r$ :

$$F(r, \lambda) = A(\lambda) \times \frac{\text{Moffat distribution } M(r, \lambda) + \text{Ghost contribution } K_{G/A}(r, \lambda)}{1 + K_{G/A}(+\infty, \lambda)} + \text{Background } \text{bkg}(\lambda) \times \pi r^2$$

Fit results consistent with ghost photometry:

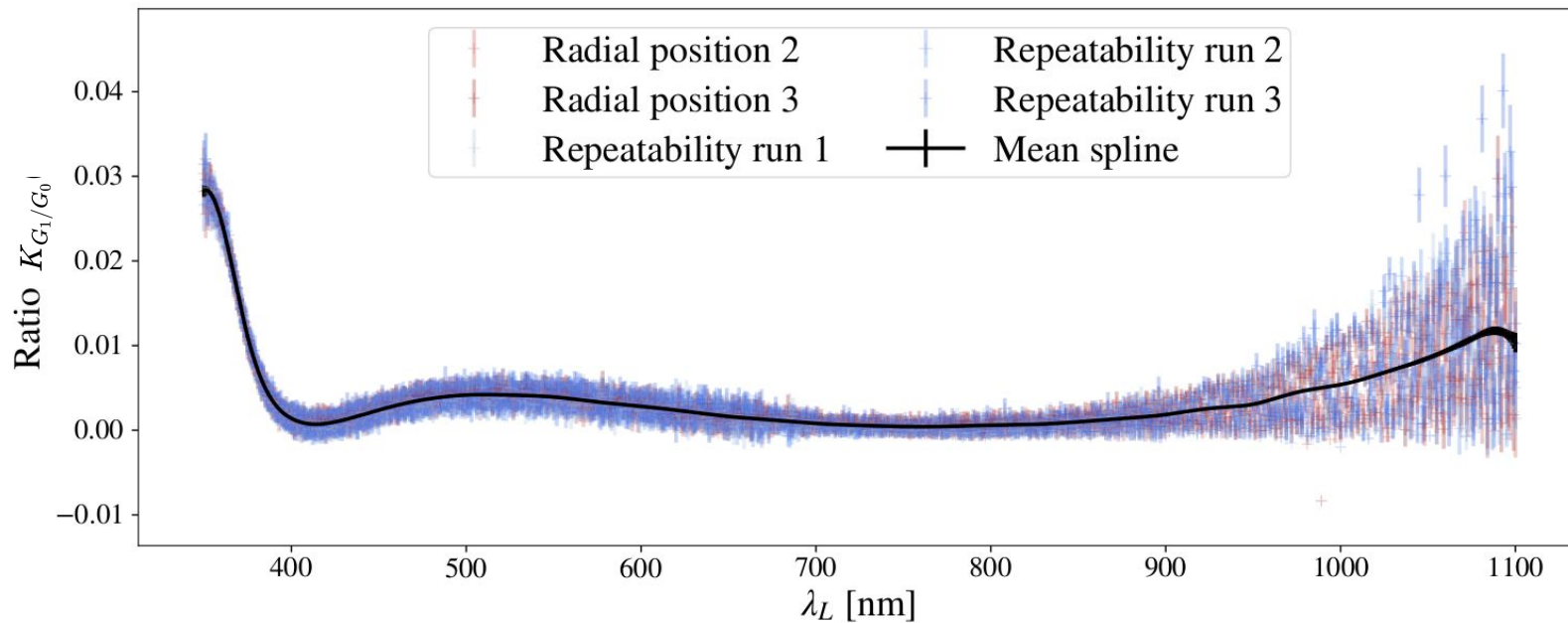
$$K_{G_1/G_0}(\lambda) = \frac{G_1(\lambda)}{G_0(\lambda)}$$

⇒ Ghost contribution well characterized with wavelength



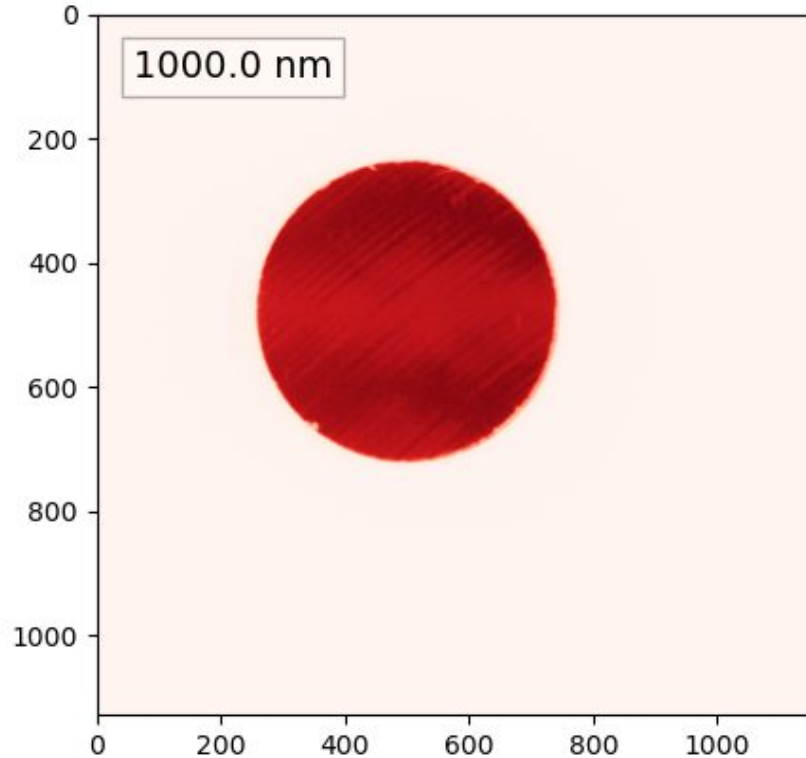


# Ghost contamination in StarDICE

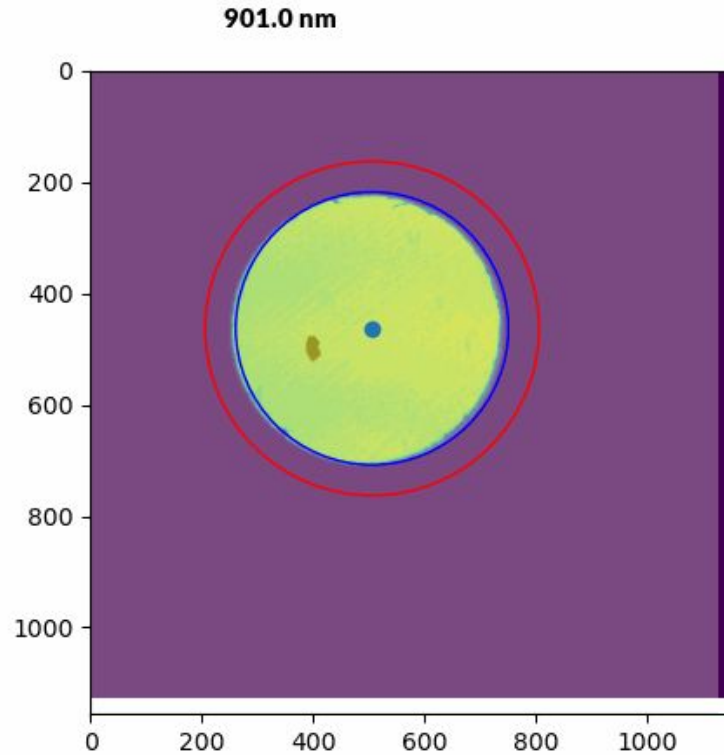


$$K_{G_1/G_0}(\lambda) = \frac{G_1(\lambda)}{G_0(\lambda)}$$

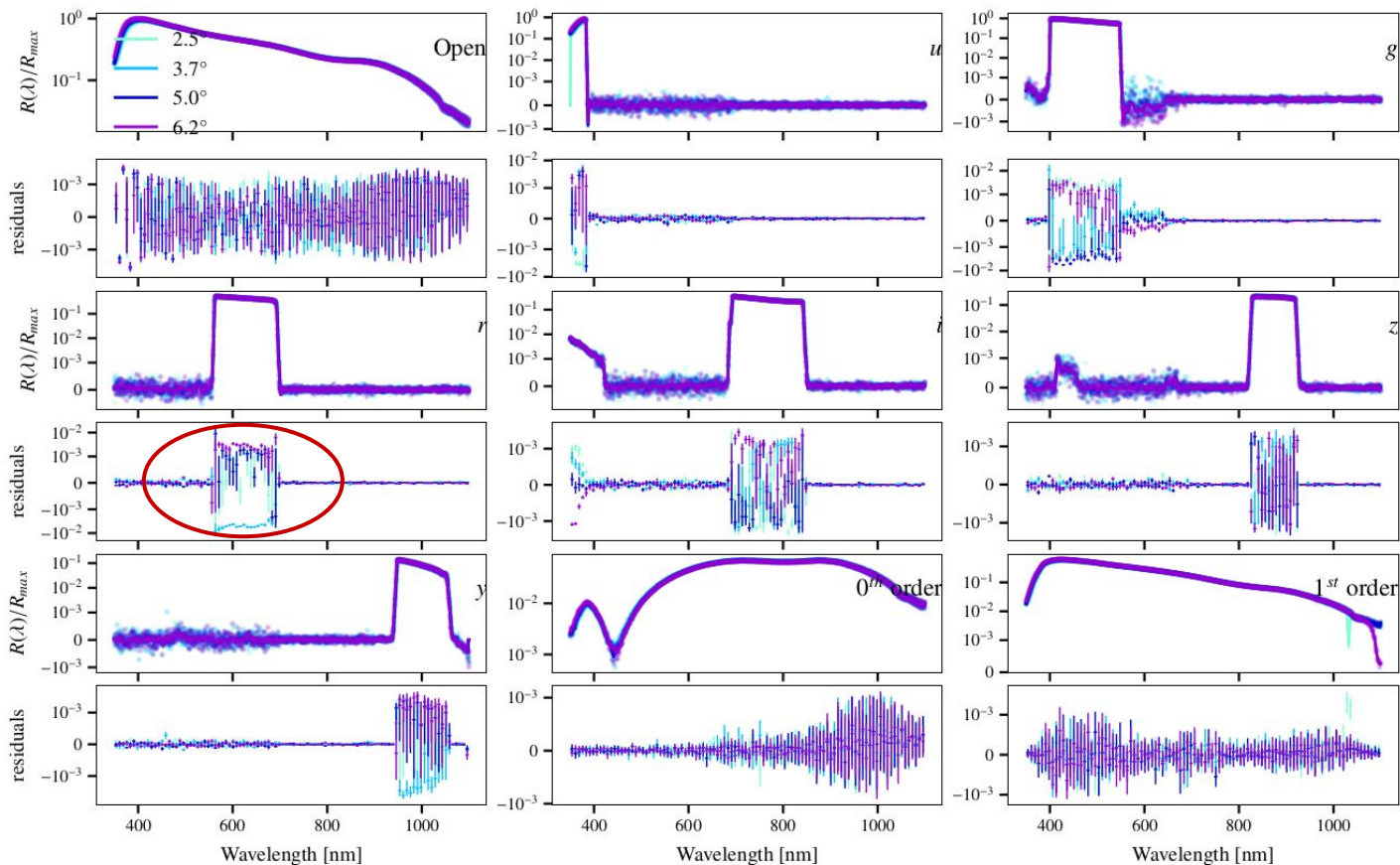
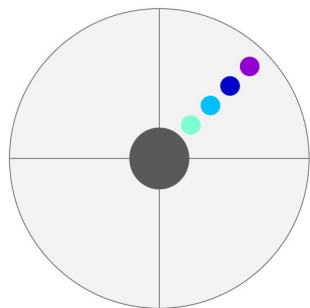
# Fringing depending on position



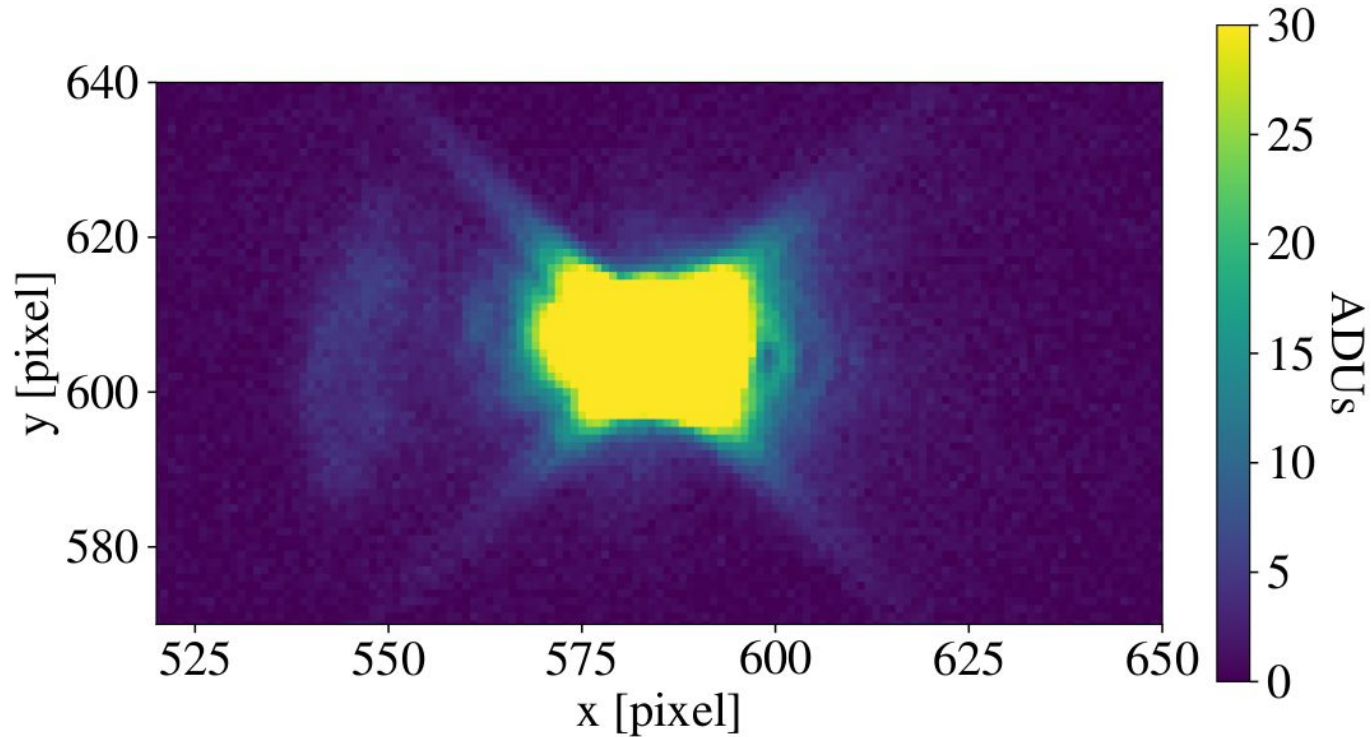
## Ghost photometry : IR oscillations



# Pupil stitching

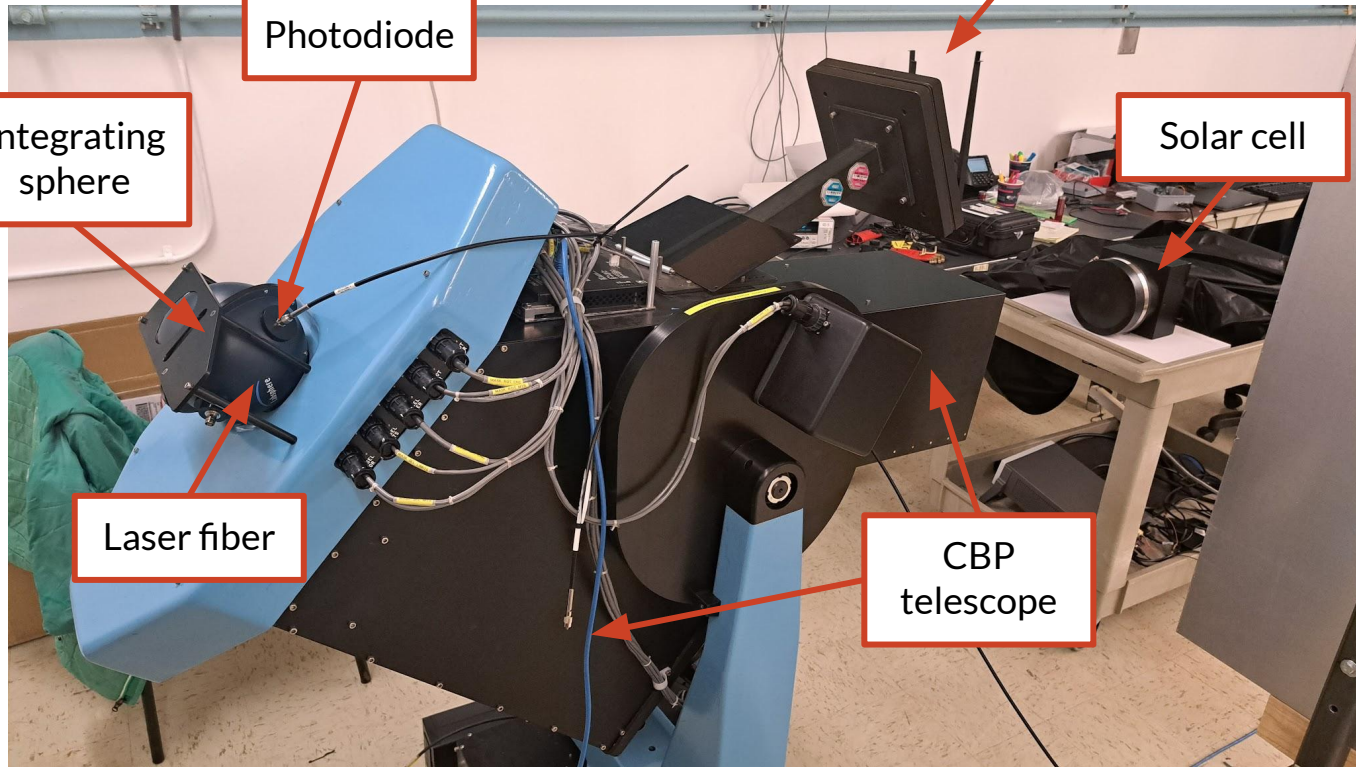
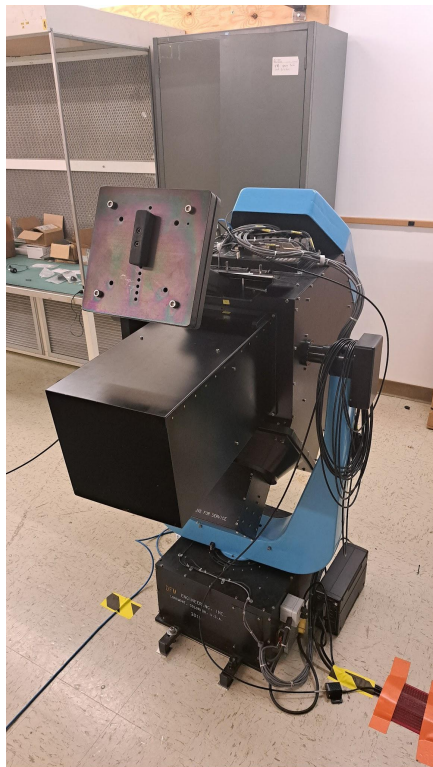


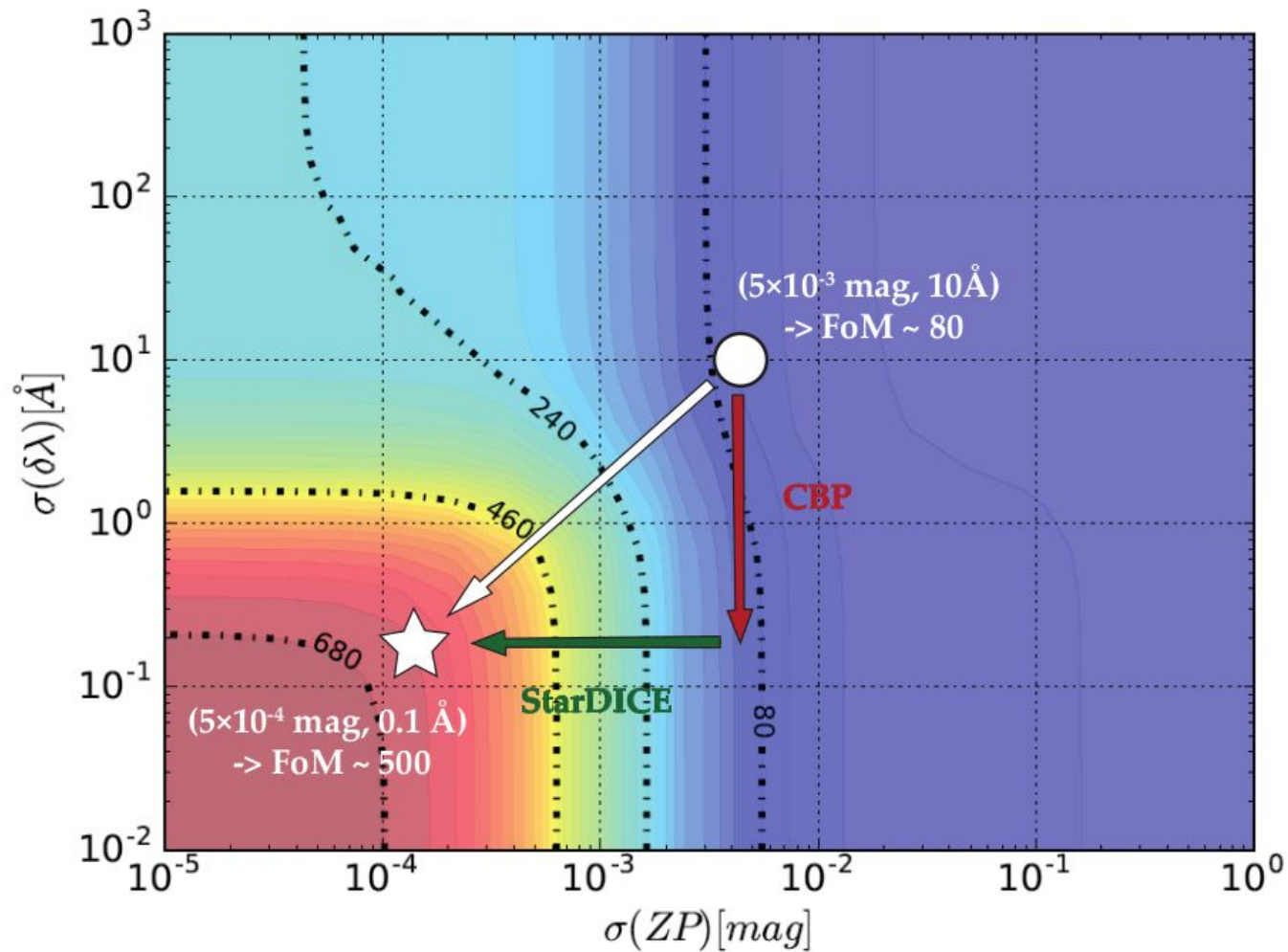
## ● Dust on the filter



Dust particle of about 200-300  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter intercepting the CBP beam  
 $\Rightarrow$  consistent with the flux discrepancy

# Rubin CBP





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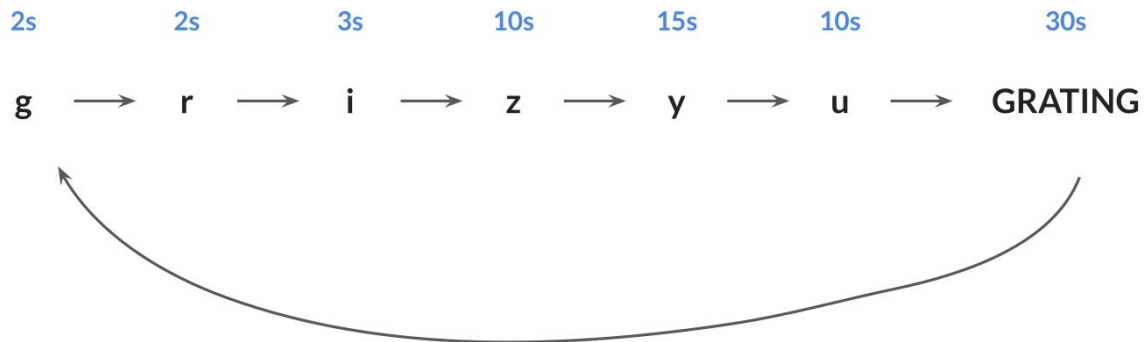
# Photometry



## Dataset description

Follow-up of the CALSPEC primary standard G191B2B

- 23 observation nights
- ~3000 images by filter → total of ~20 000 images
- Observations in “ugrizy” filters + “grating”
- ~800 stars studied in the field



## ● Fitting zero points

Fit initialization for every star  $s$  in every image  $i$ :

$$\Delta \hat{m}_{i,s} = m_{i,s}^{\text{obs}} - m_{i,s}^{\text{synth}} = -2.5 \times \log_{10} \left( \frac{F_{i,s}^{\text{obs}}}{F_{i,s}^{\text{synth}}} \right)$$

Magnitude variation model:

$$\Delta m_{i,s} = \Delta ZP_i + \Delta m_s + \epsilon_{i,s}$$

Diagram labels for the magnitude variation model equation:

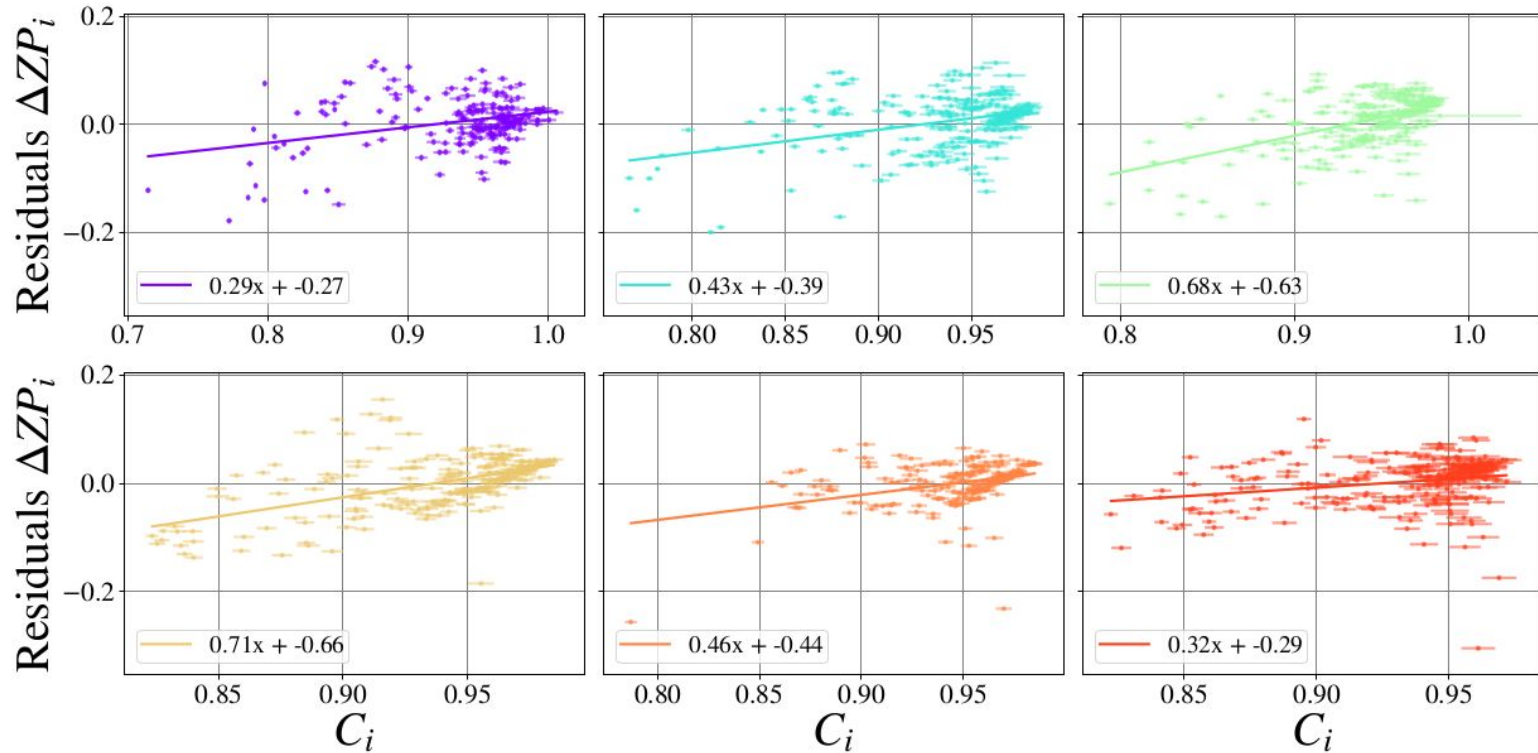
- Image variations: points to  $\Delta ZP_i$
- Average offset synth/obs: points to  $\Delta m_s$
- Variance model: points to  $\epsilon_{i,s}$

Zero point model per band:

$$\Delta ZP_{b,i}(X, C) = k_b X_i + \alpha_b C_i + ZP_{0,b}$$

Diagram labels for the zero point model equation:

- Atmosphere: points to  $k_b X_i$
- Aperture photometry: points to  $\alpha_b C_i$
- Out-of-atmosphere zero point: points to  $ZP_{0,b}$



$$\Delta m_{i,s} = \text{fit\_init}(F_{is}^{\text{obs}}, F_{is}^{\text{synth}})$$

$$\sigma_F = \text{vect}(1)$$

$$\Delta m_s = \text{vect}(0)$$

for p in range(N<sub>p</sub>)

for q in range(N<sub>q</sub>):

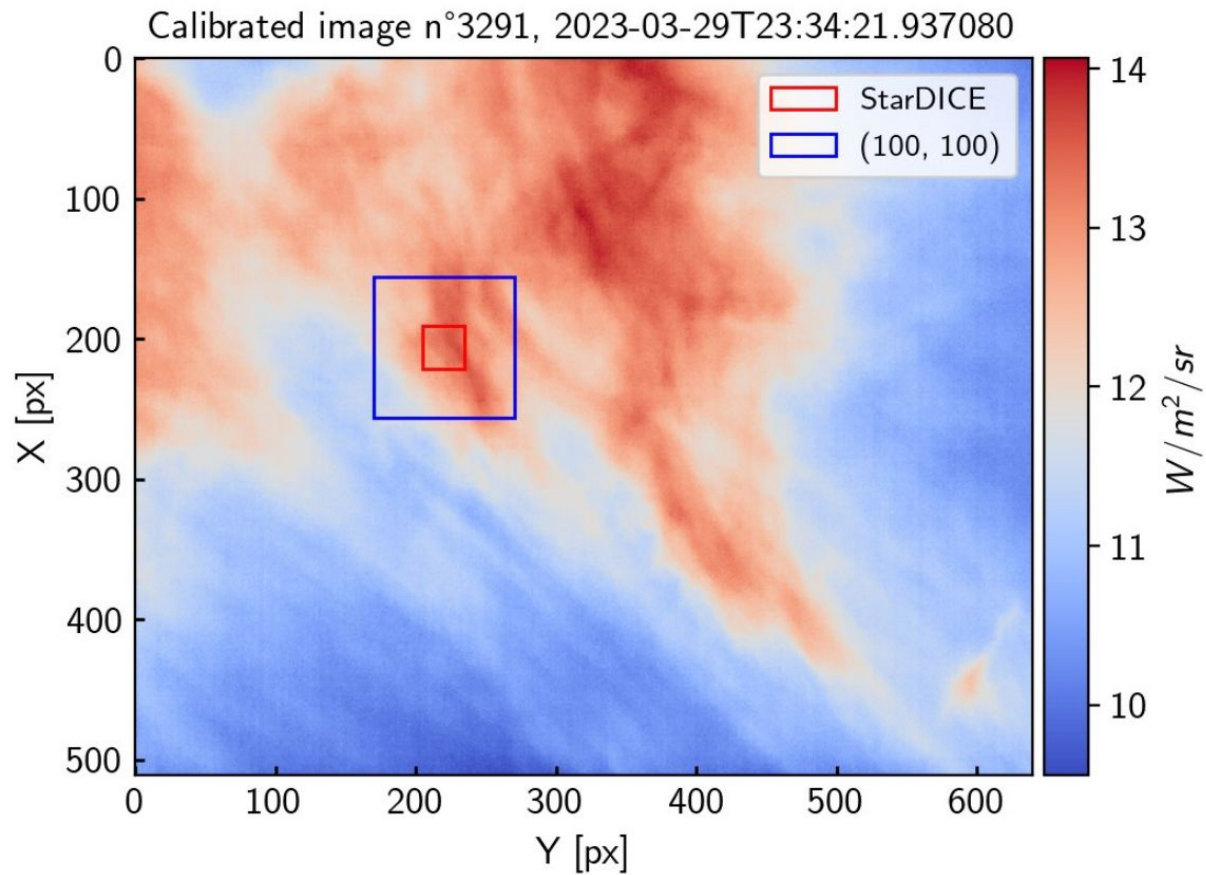
$$\Delta ZP_i, \Delta m_s = \text{mag\_variation\_model}(\Delta m_{i,s}, \Delta m_s, \sigma_F)$$

$$r_{i,s} = \Delta m_{i,s} - (\Delta ZP_i + \Delta m_s)$$

$$\sigma_F = \text{error\_model\_variance}(r_{i,s})$$

$$k_b, ZP_{0,b}, \alpha_b = \text{zero\_point\_model}(\Delta ZP_i, X_i, C_i)$$

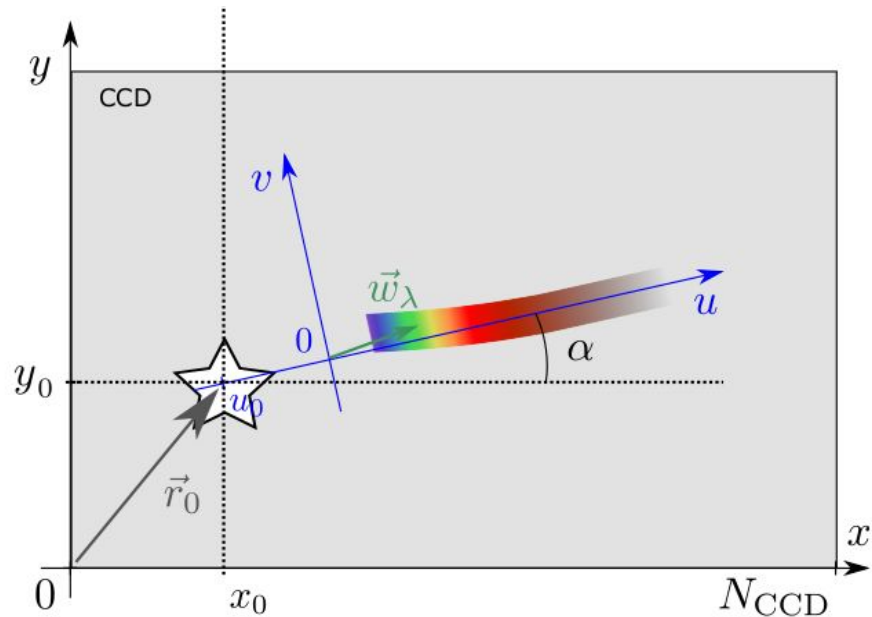
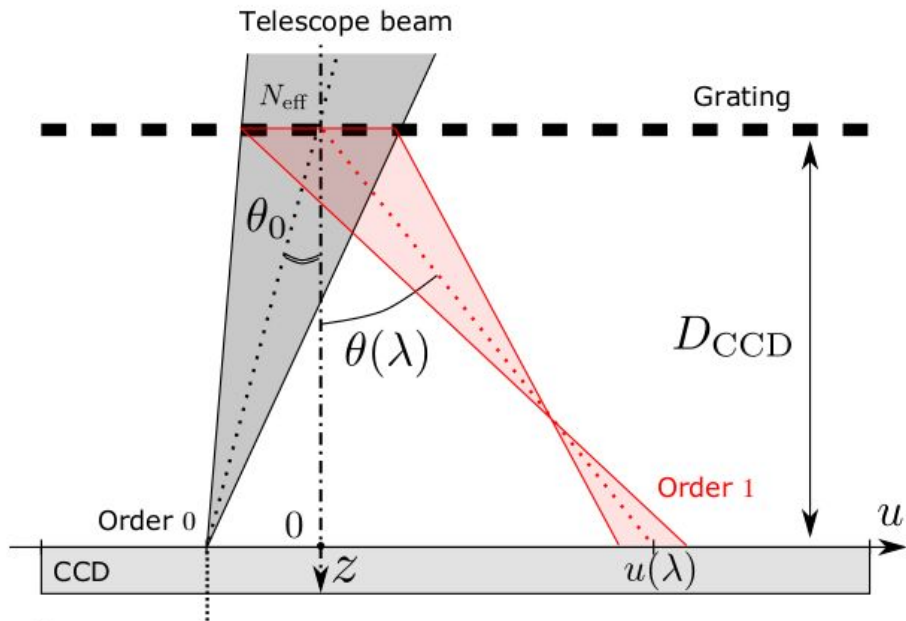
## Infrared image



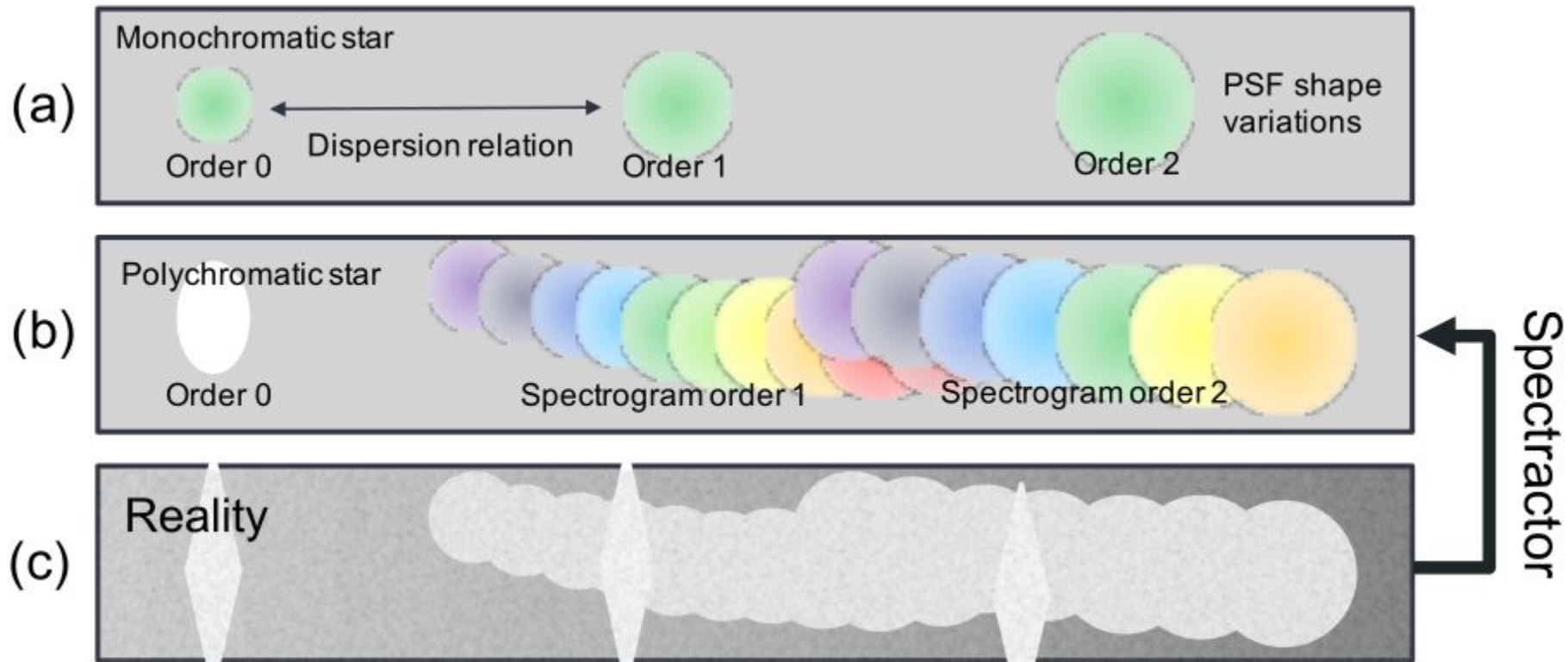
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# Spectrophotometry

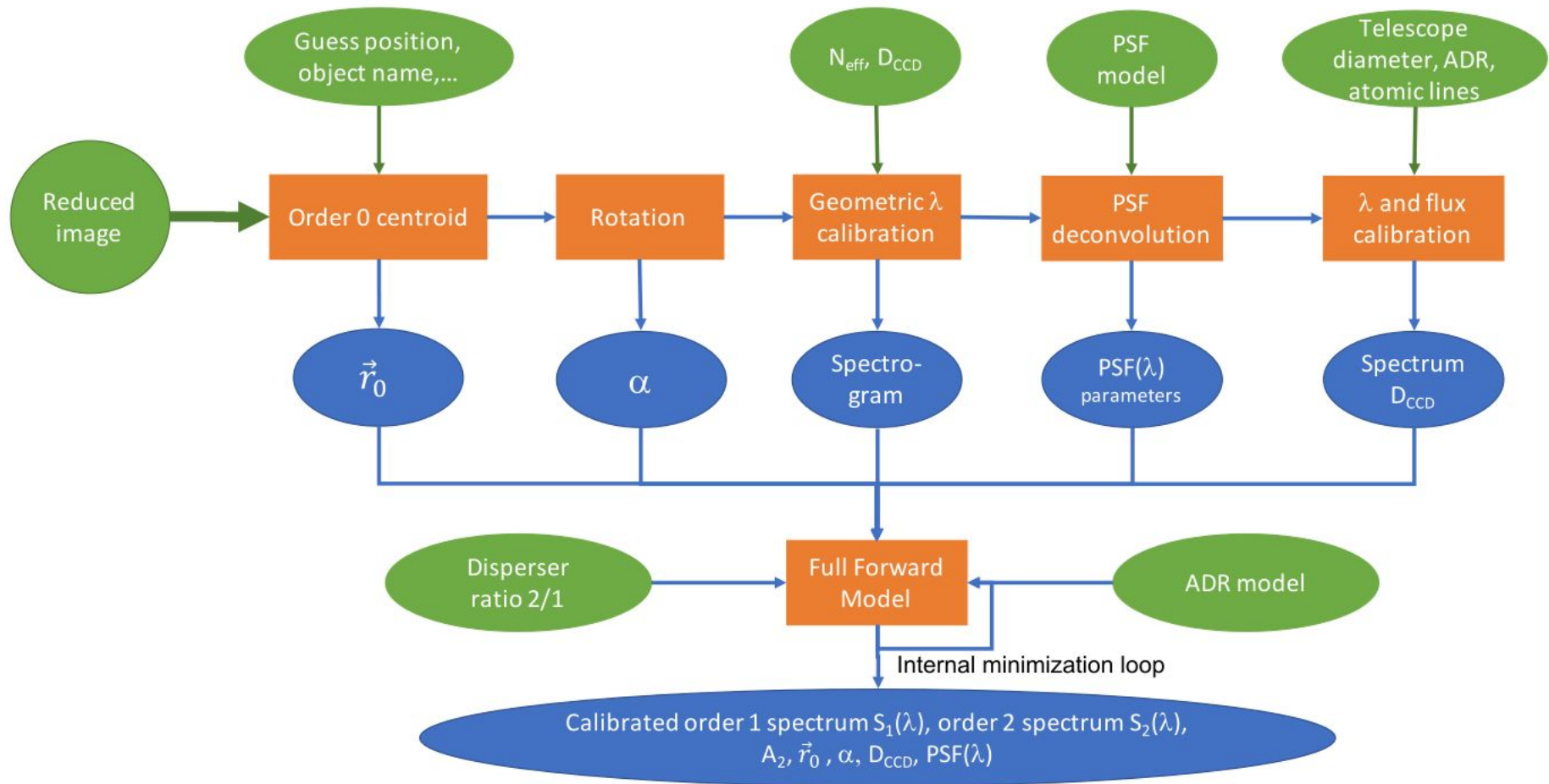
# Grating dispersion



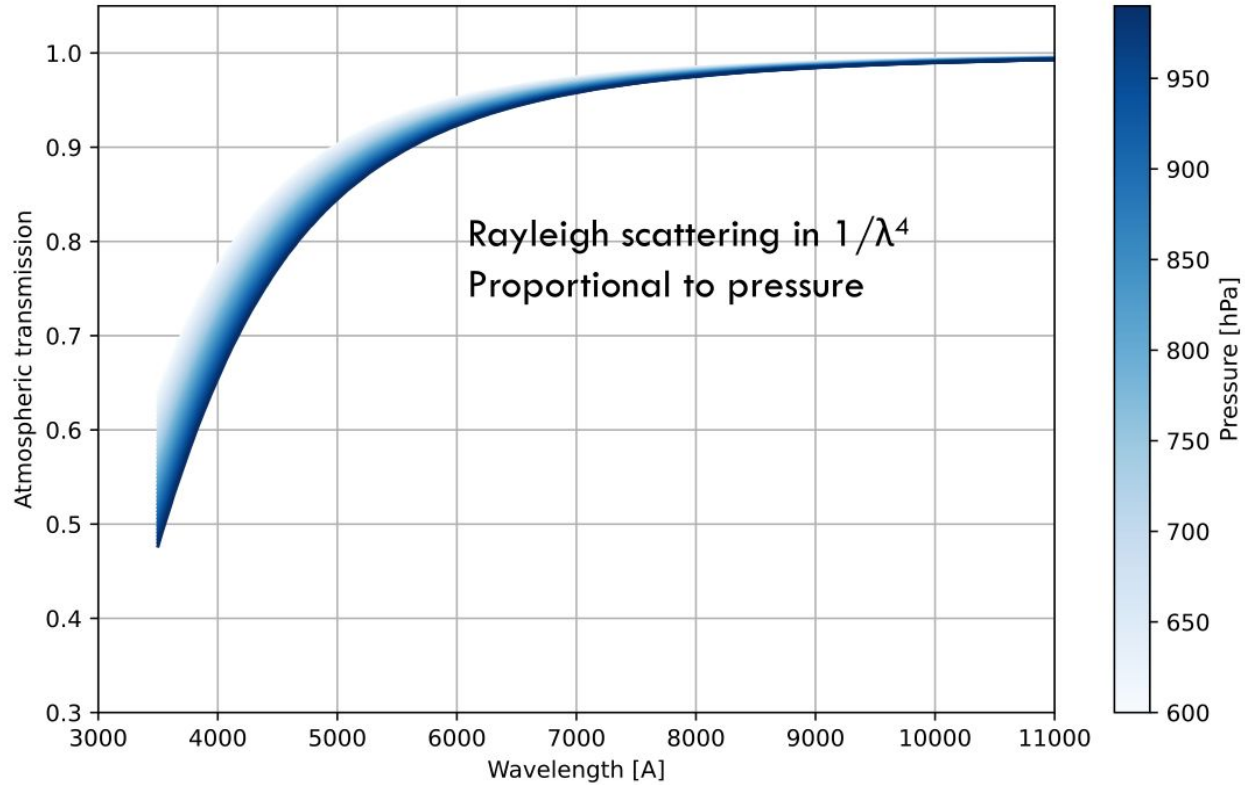
⇒ Disperse the light of the entire field of view on the camera



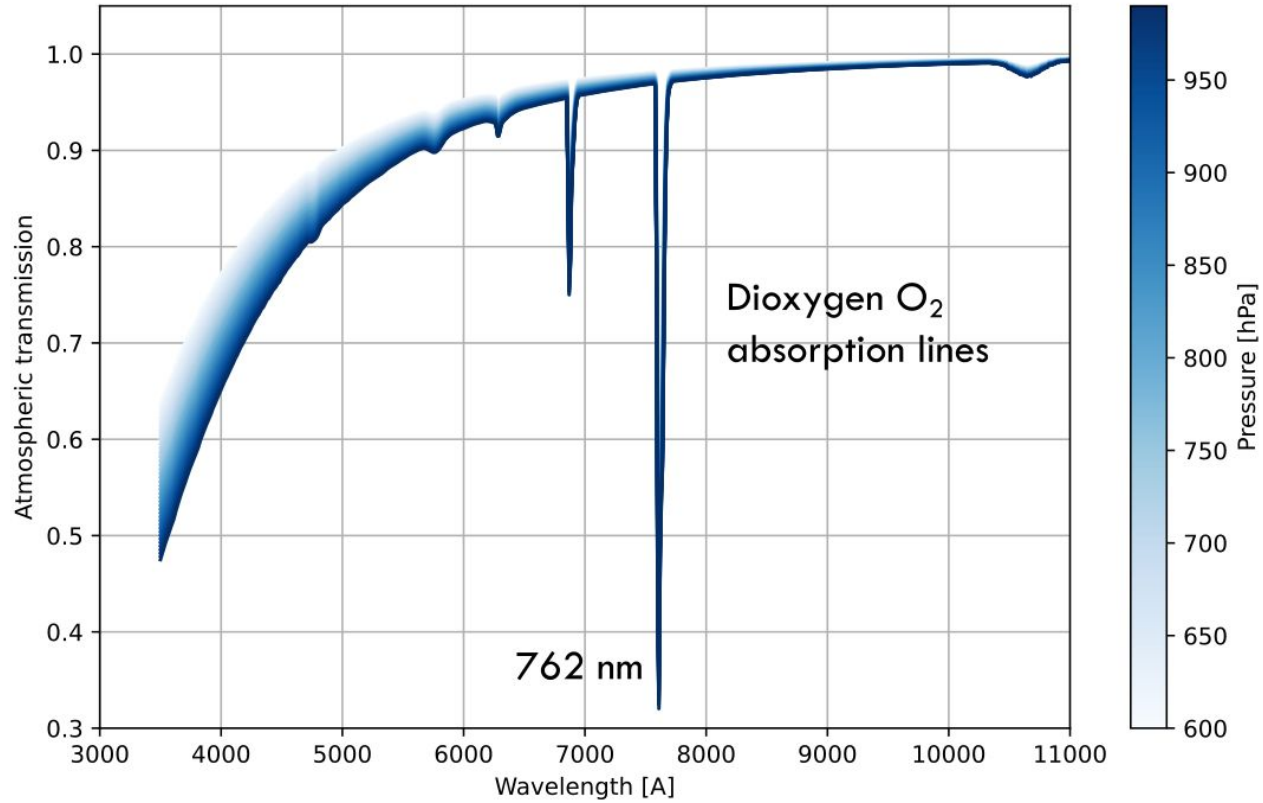




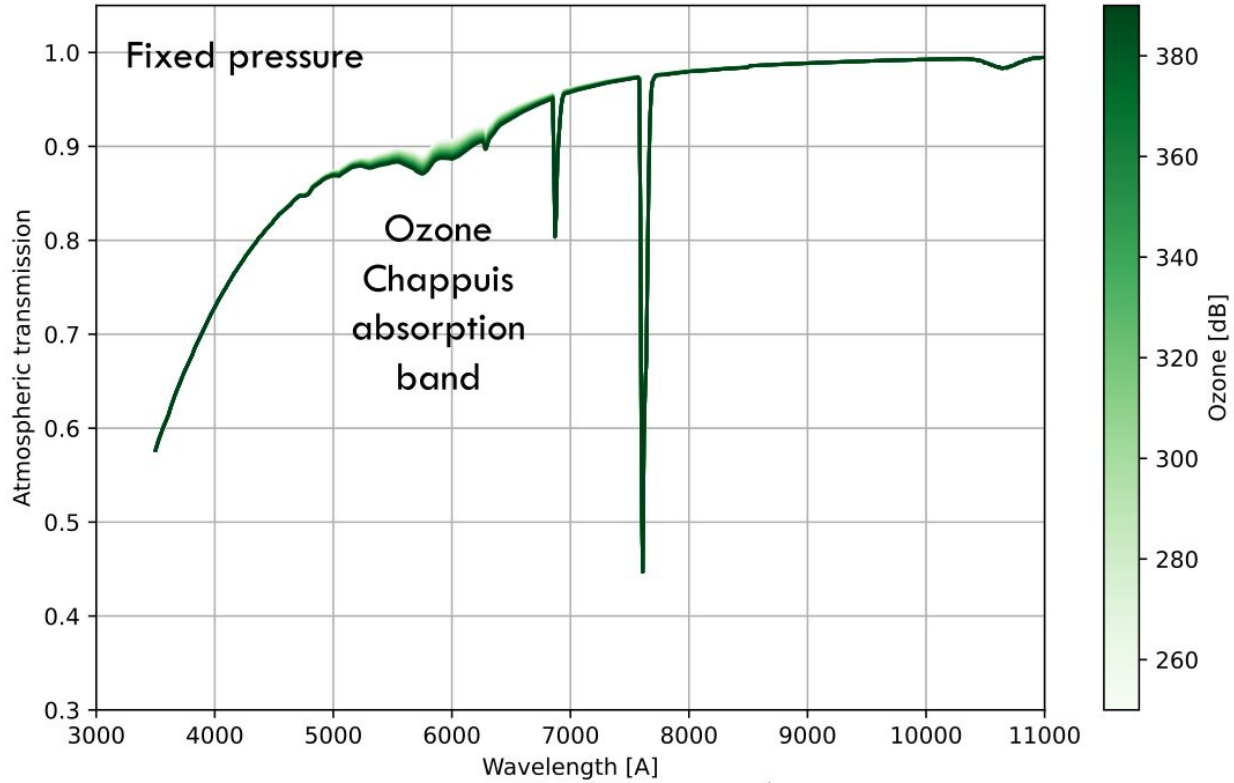
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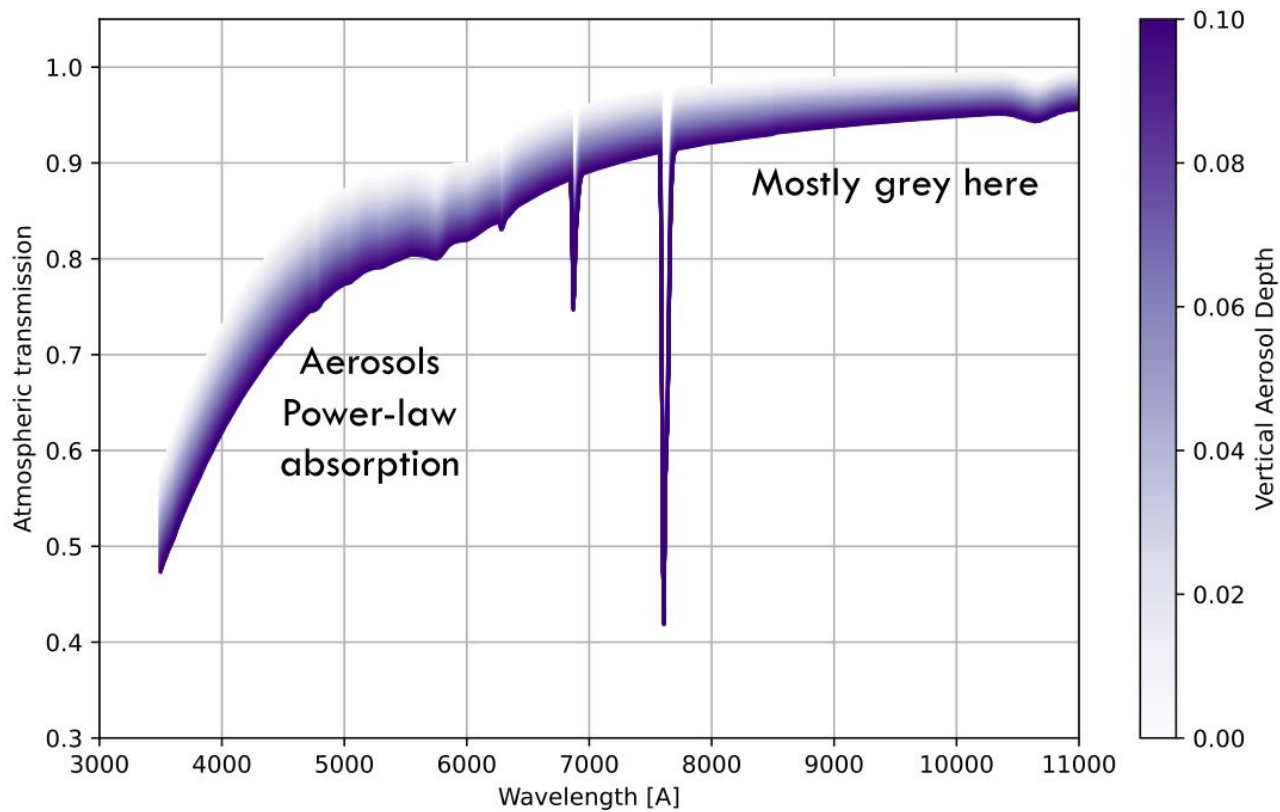
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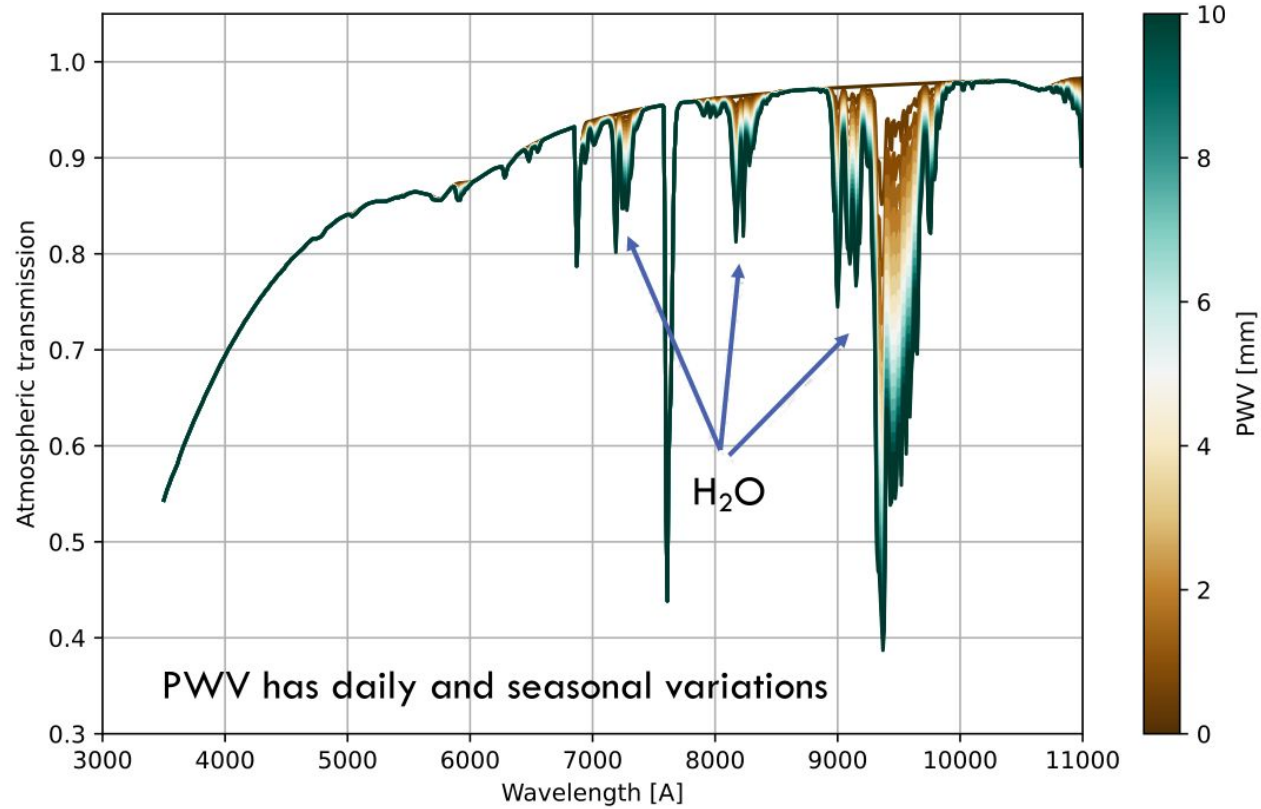
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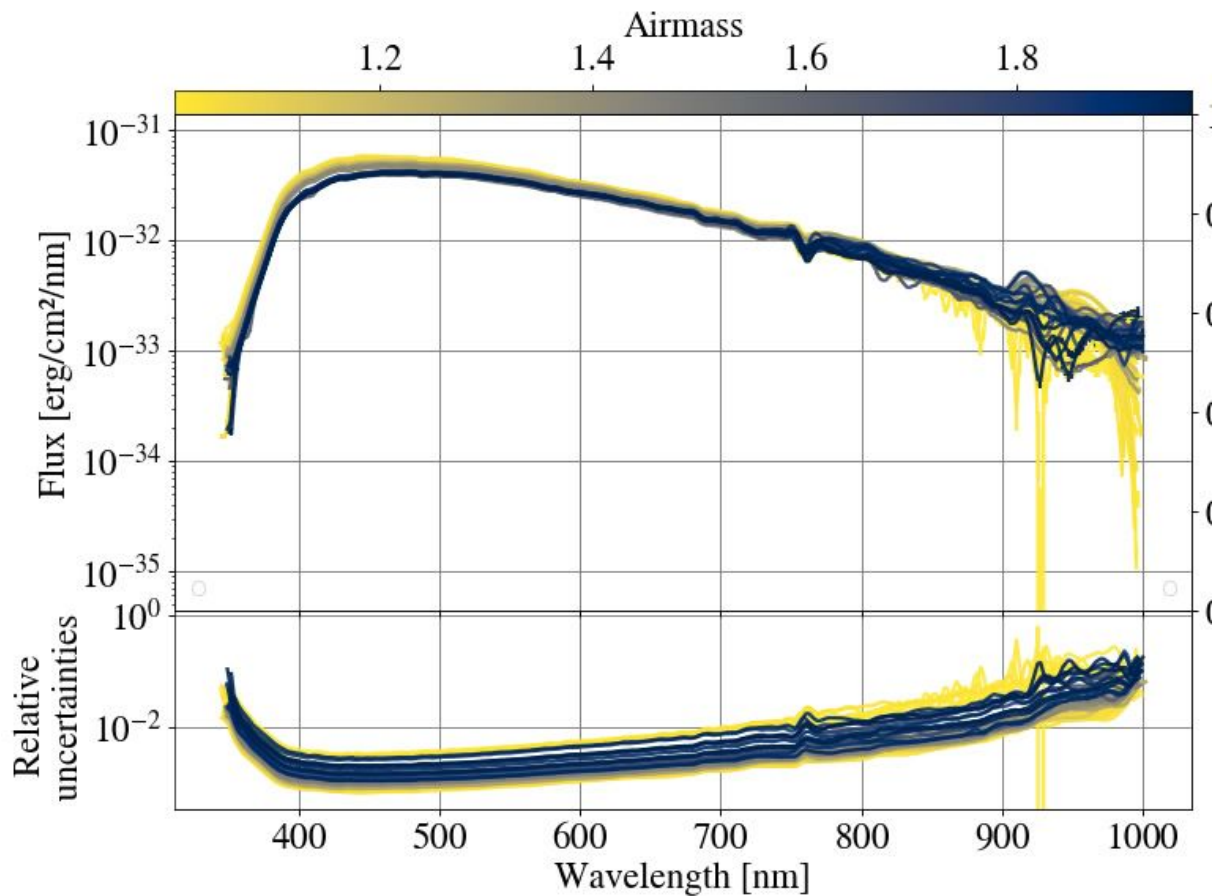


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## Field simulation

