

Small Scopes as a Test Bed for Deploying AI on Larger Facilities

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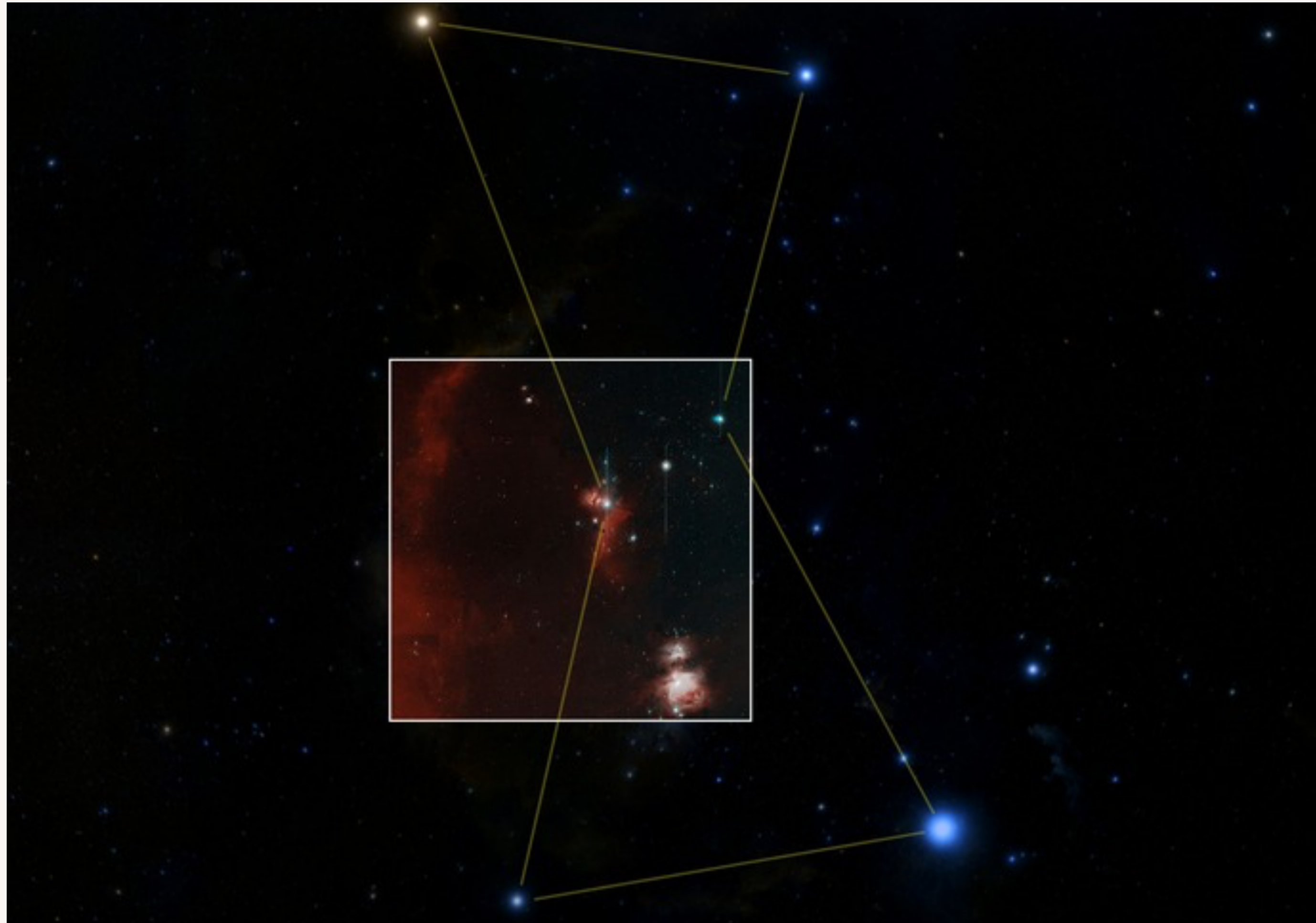
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Rare Gems in Big Data

22 May 2024

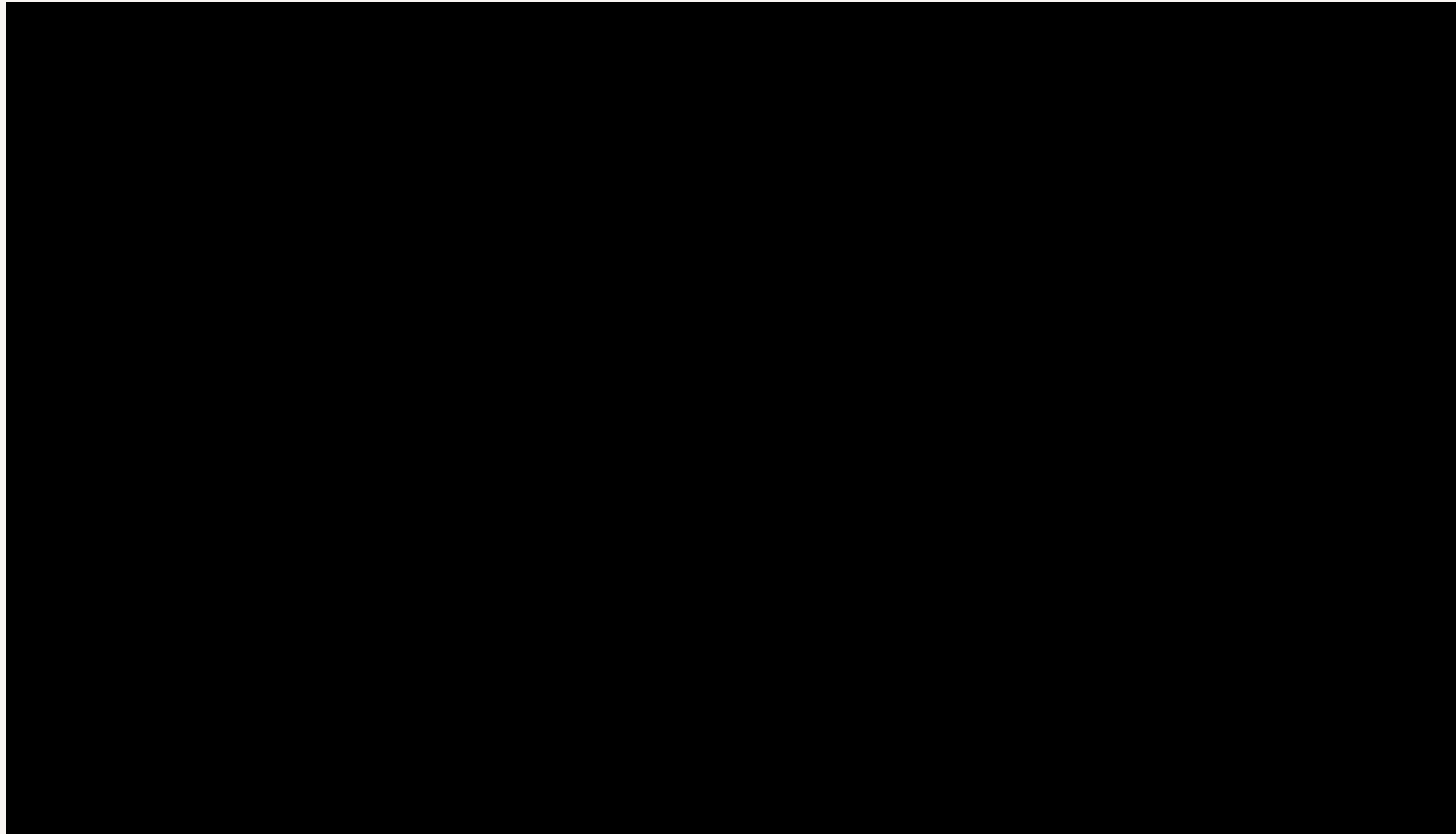
Zwicky Transient Facility

47 deg discovery machine



ZTF Bright Transient Survey

Classify all $m < 18.5$ transients



ZTF Bright Transient Survey

Scanning is highly time intensive

ZTF24aagiouv

Previously Saved

Saved groups: RCF Deep, fritz-tns, rcf, BTSbot-beta, RCFDeepP

Last detected: 09:10:00 2024-03-05

Coordinates: **10h22m42.66s +16d11m25.62s**
($\alpha, \delta = 155.678, 16.190$)
($l, b = 222.778, 53.910$)

Photometry Statistics:

Latest Classification(s): +

mag

days ago

filter: ztfr, atlaso, ztfi, ztfg, atlasc, sdsr

Upper limits, Forced photometry

RCF DEEP:RCF DEEP

age: 6.1002

distnr: 2.1856

distpsnr1: 2.1619

drb: 0.9999

gal_lat: 53.9101

jd: 2460374.8820

maggaiia: 18.0152

magnitude: 17.4530

magnr: 17.0810

ndethist: 13.0000

neargaia: 68.1578

peakmag: 17.4527

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ZTF24aaggqmr

Previously Saved

Saved groups: RCF Deep

SAVE TO RCF

Last detected: 06:03:30 2024-03-05

Coordinates: **08h00m08.96s -10d52m23.08s**
($\alpha, \delta = 120.037, -10.873$)
($l, b = 230.671, 9.911$)

Photometry Statistics:

Latest Classification(s): +

mag

days ago

filter: ztfr, ztfg

Upper limits

RCF DEEP:RCF DEEP

age: 10.0419

distnr: 10.3270

distpsnr1: 8.0056

drb: 1.0000

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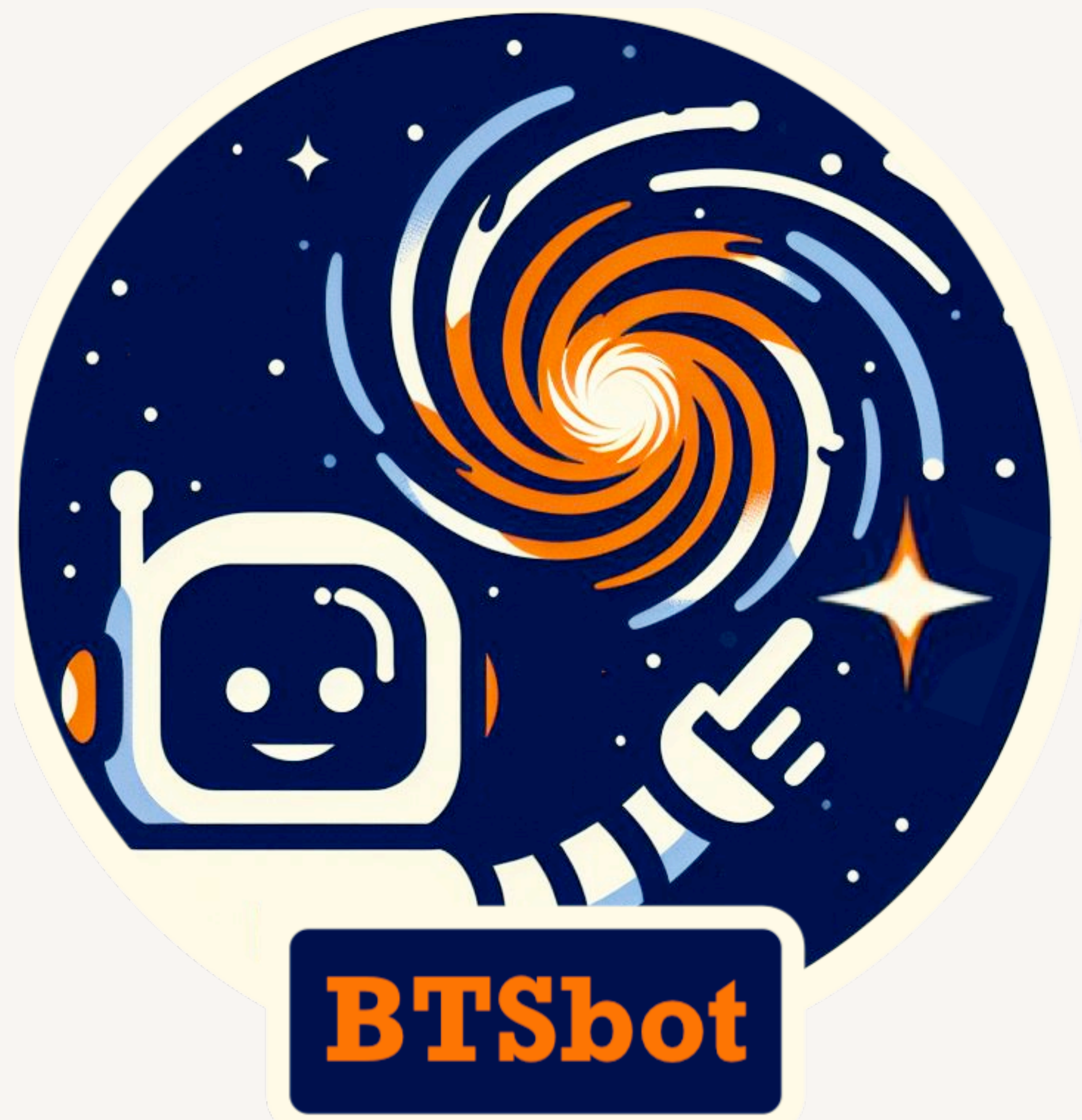
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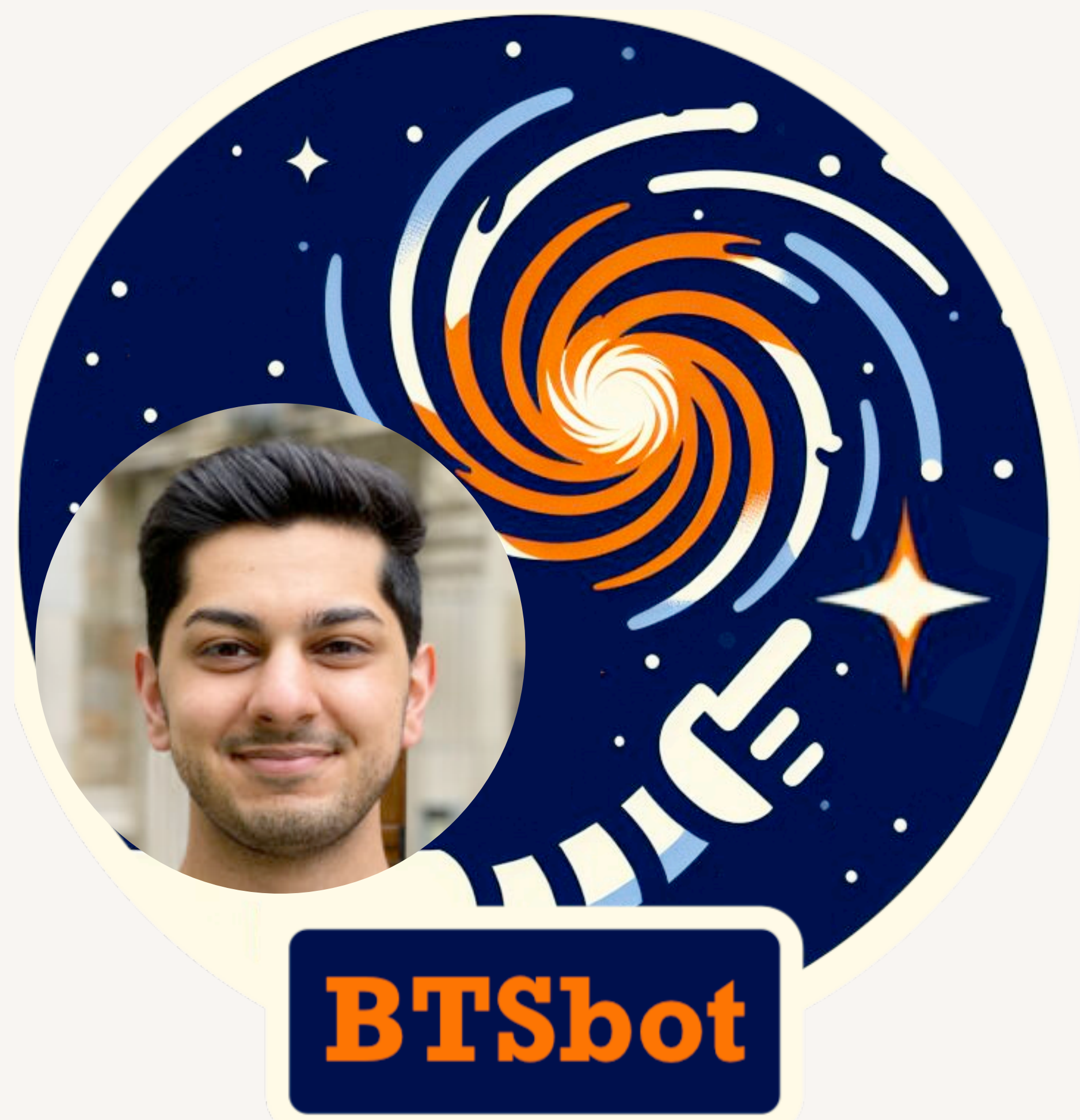
BTSbot

Can ML scan for bright SNe?



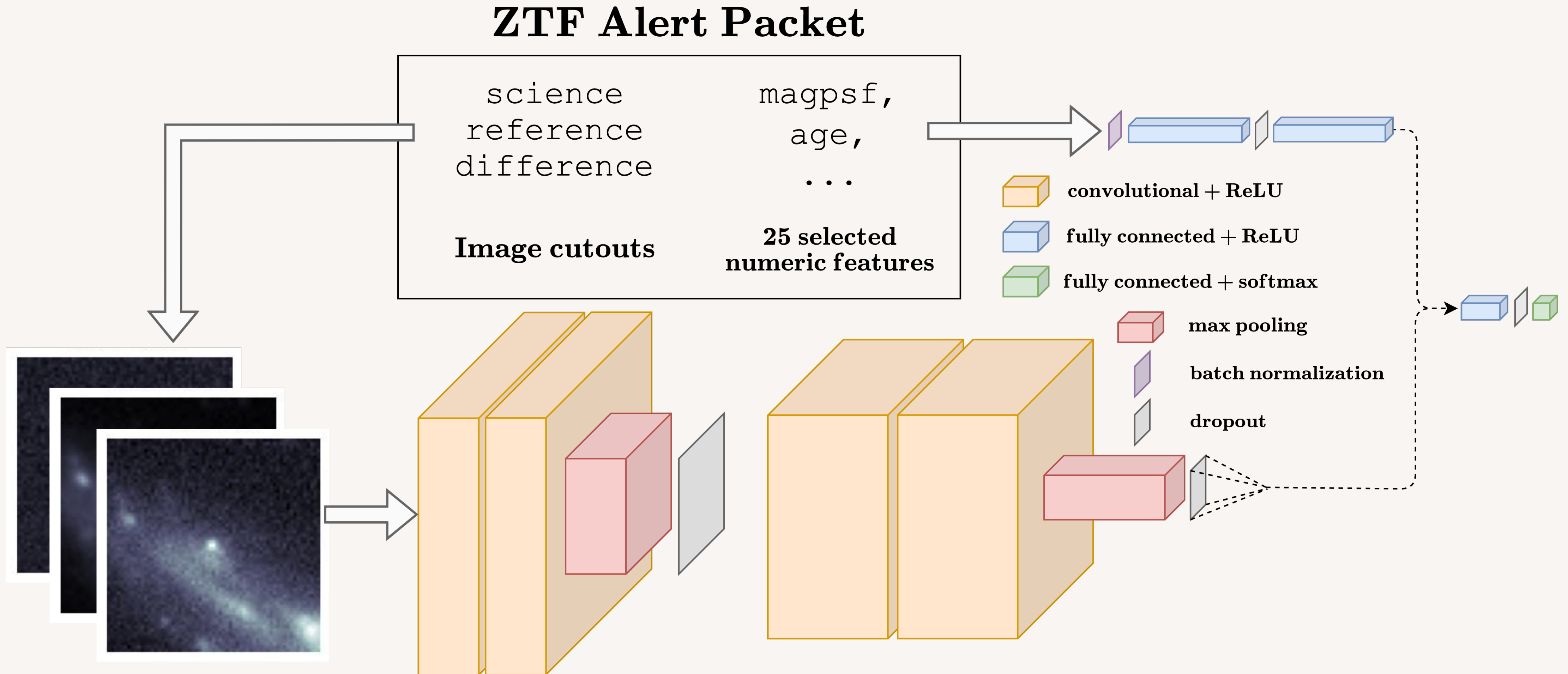
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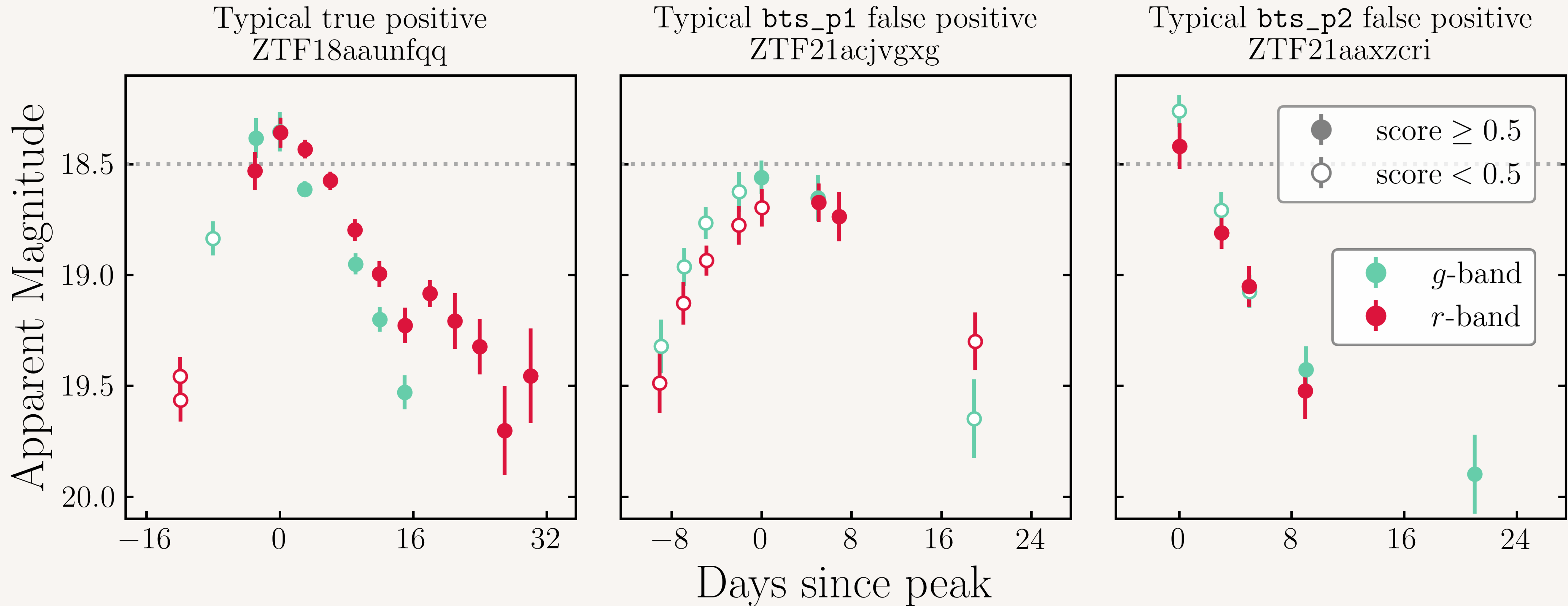
BTSbot

Multi-modal architecture



BTSbot Finds Bright SNe

BTSbot finds supernovae



SN 2023tyk

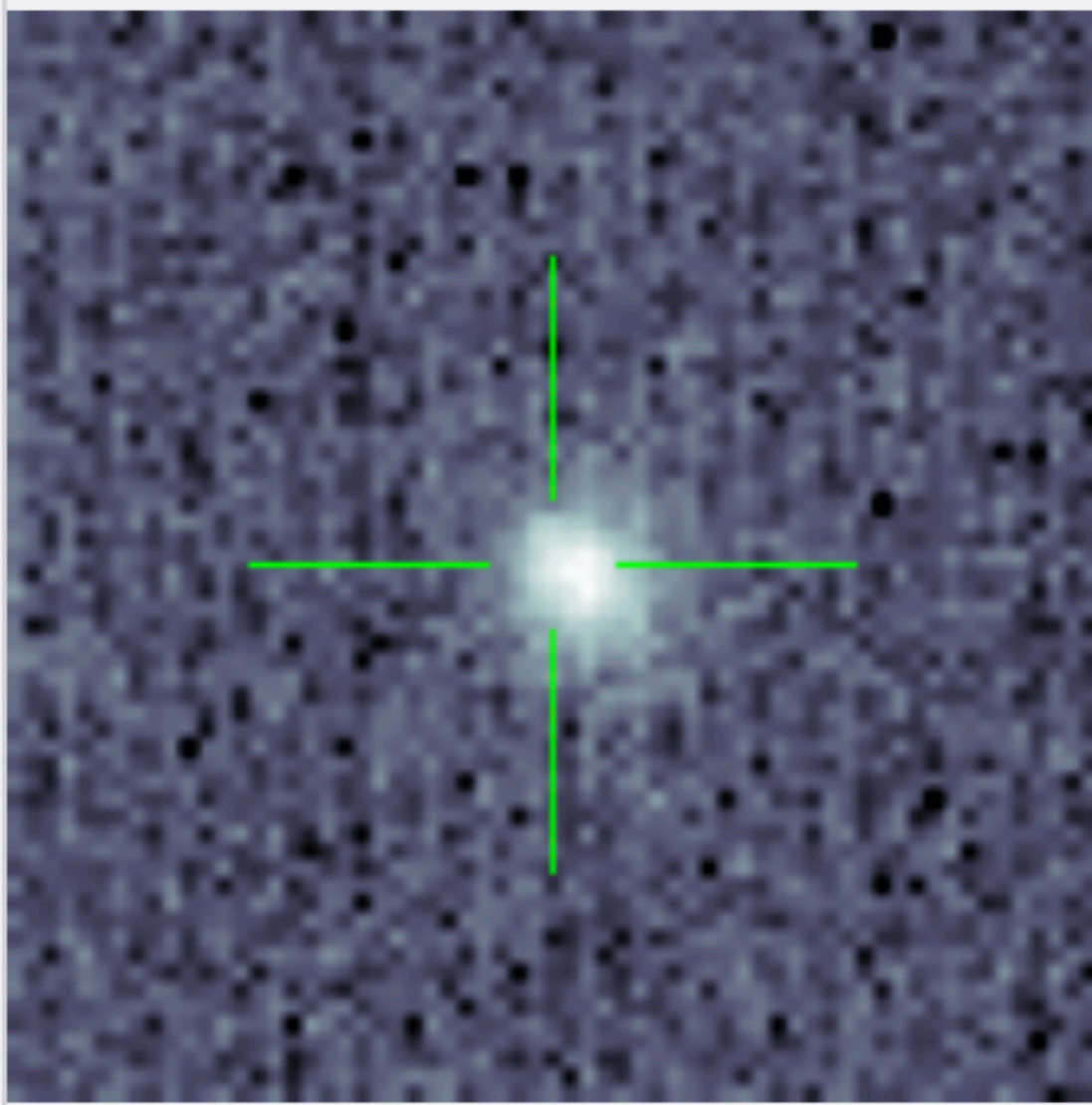
World-first fully automated SN discovery + announcement

☆ ZTF23abhvlji

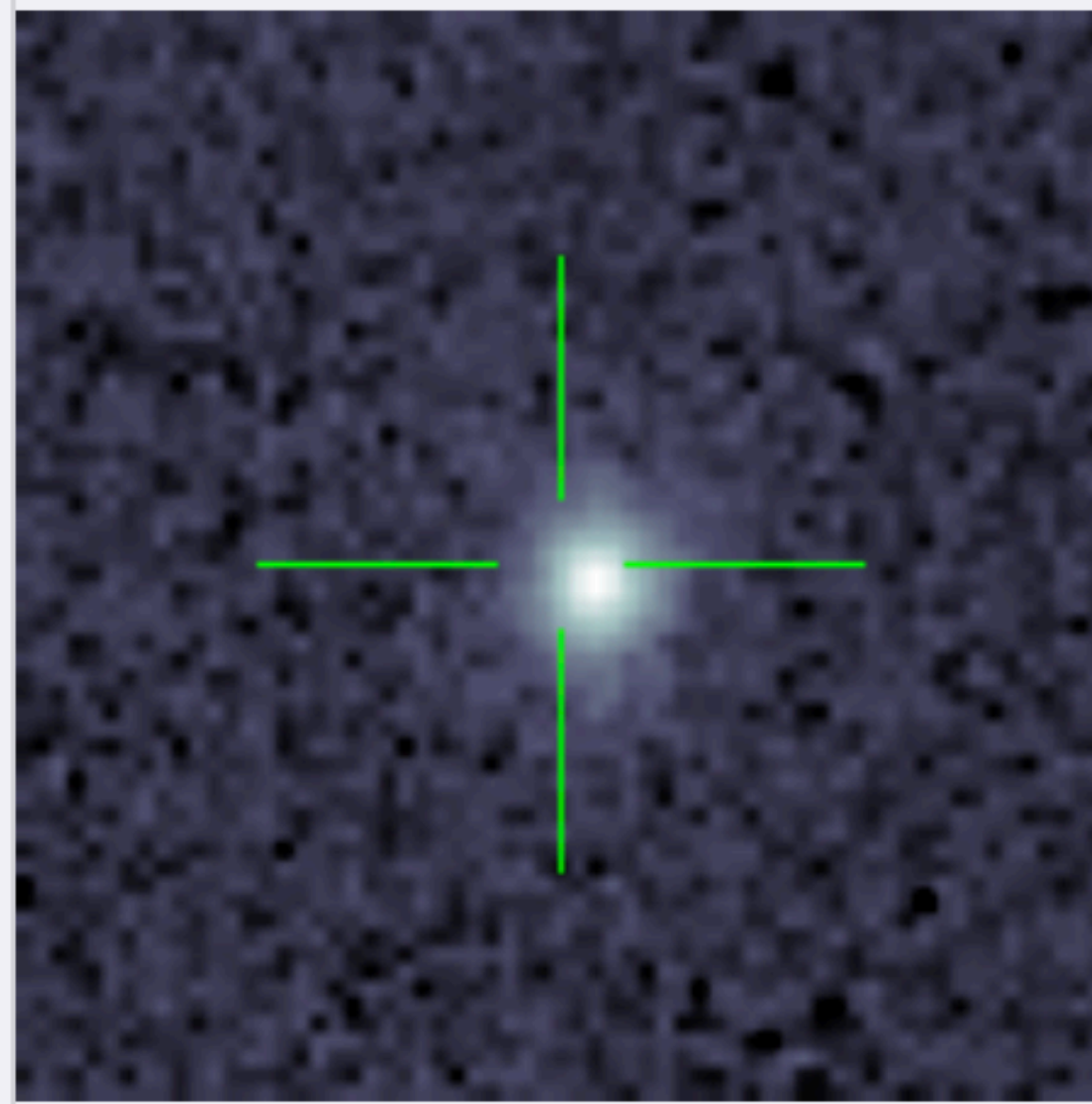
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Redshift: 0.0562 ± 0.0001   DM: 37.071 mag D_L : 259.52 Mpc

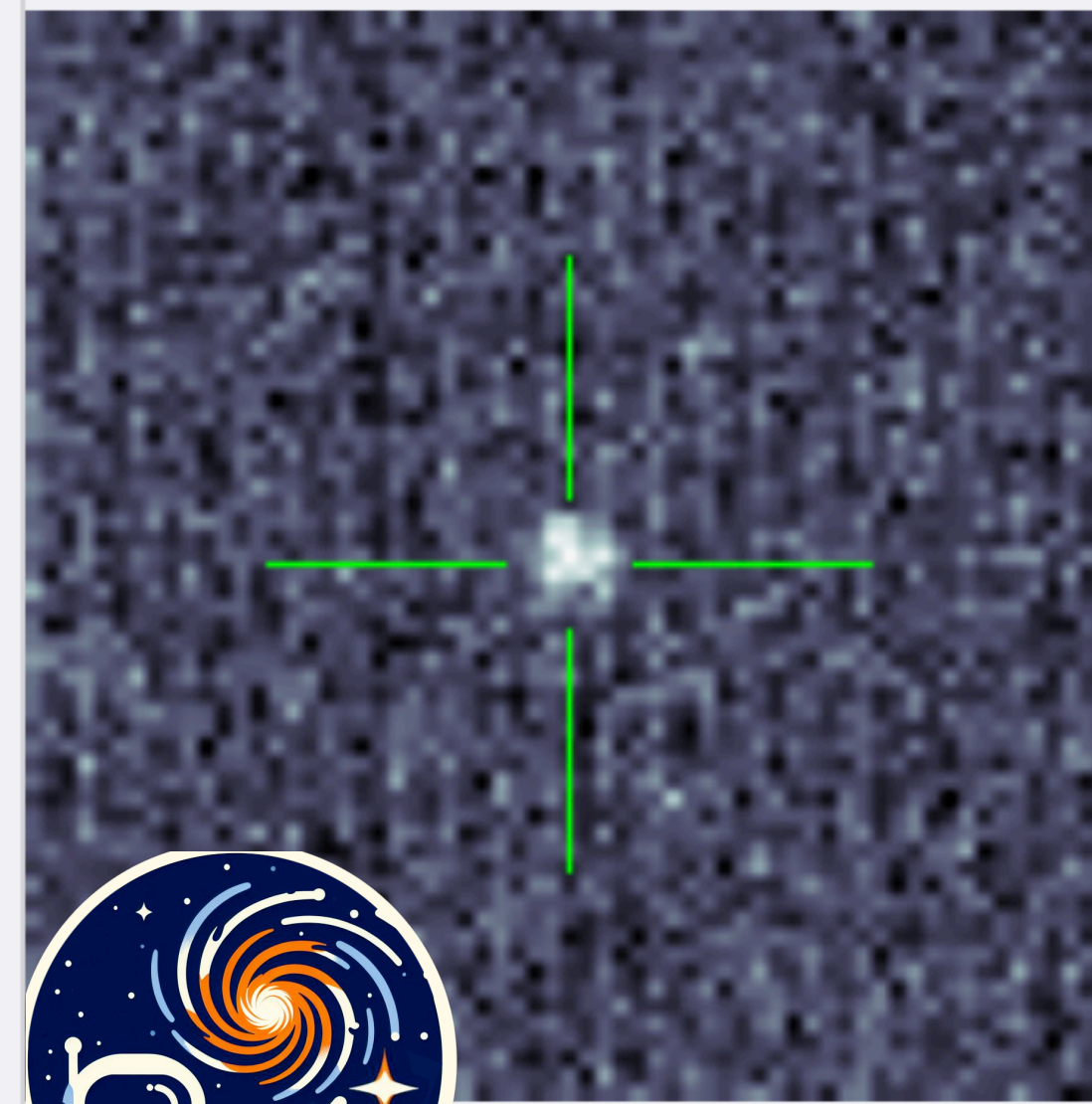
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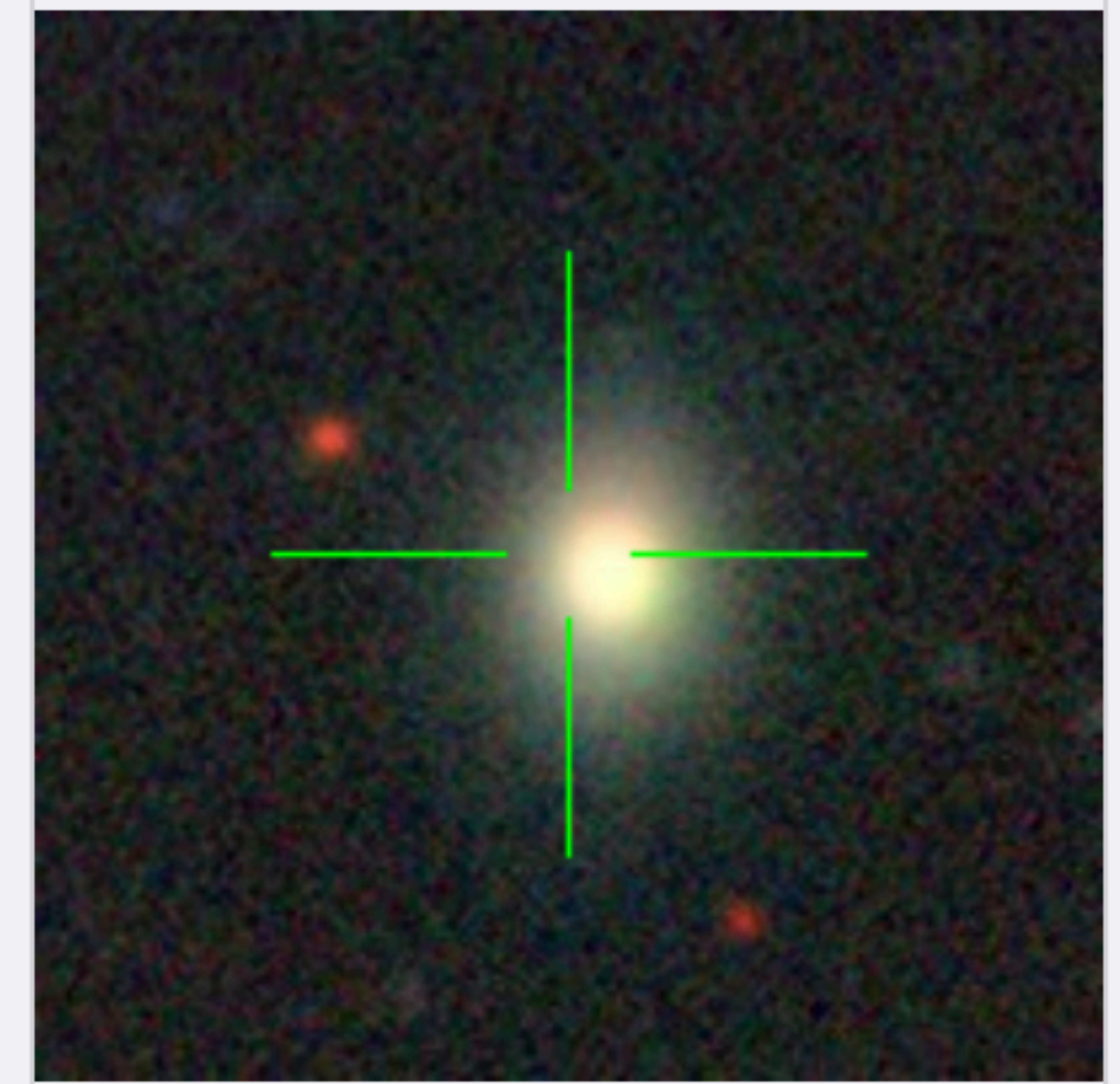
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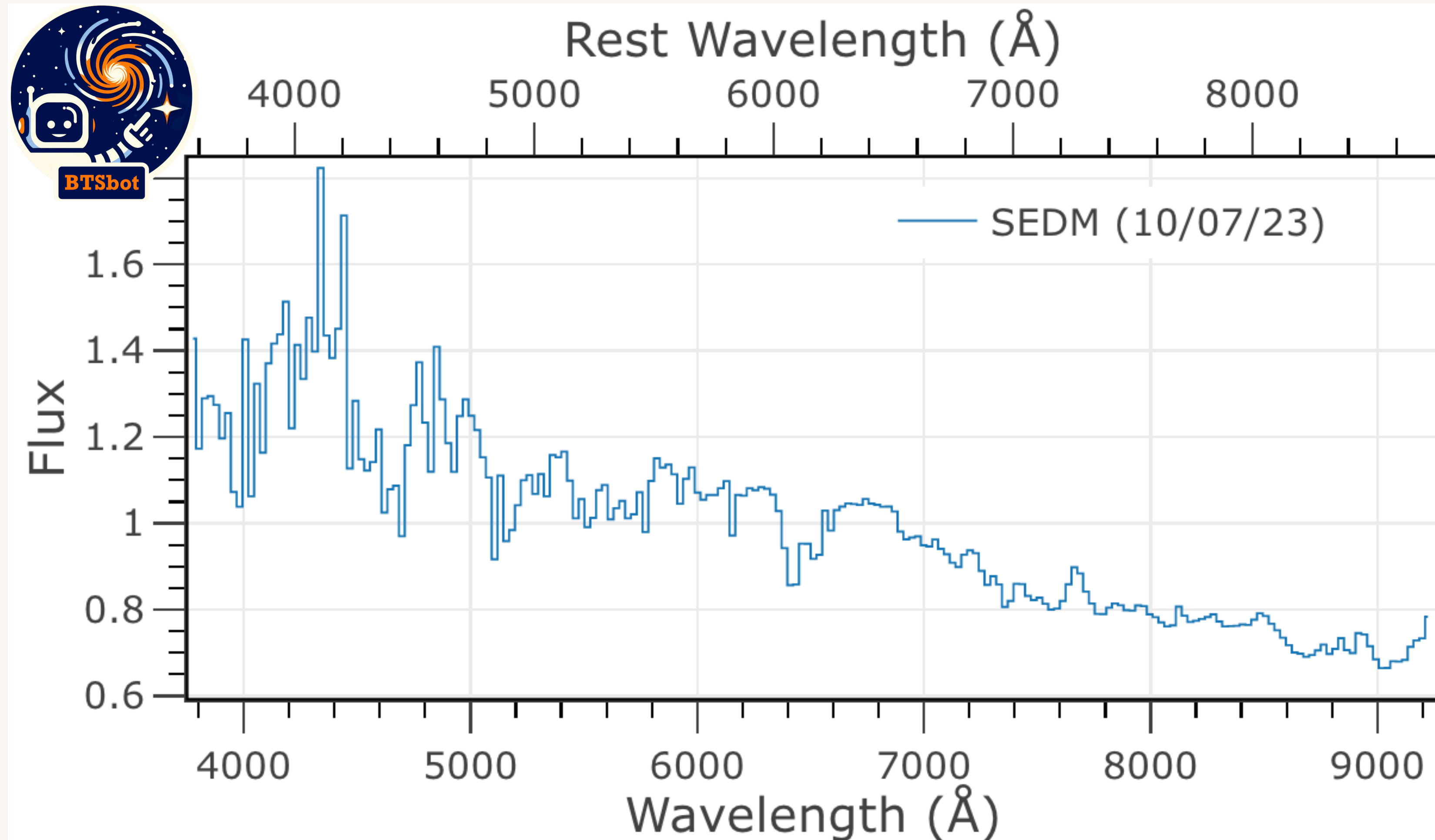


LEGACY SURVEY DR9



SN 2023tyk

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BTSbot triggers spec
classified by **SNIascore**
announced on TNS

BTSbot

Running in production

SN 2023tyk: discovery to spectroscopic classification performed fully automatically

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Source Group: [ZTF](#)

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>100 M total alerts classified

>500 requested spectra

nearly 100 fully auto classifications

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In the silent expanse of the cosmos,
Where stars twinkle and galaxies spin,
A new watcher has risen, silent and profound,
Its gaze unwavering, its purpose clear.
BTSbot, the silent sentinel of the skies,
With algorithms as its guide,
Seeks out the universe's secrets,
One supernova at a time.

As stars explode in brilliant hues,
And galaxies dance in the dark,
BTSbot watches, learns, and grows,
A beacon of hope in the cosmic arc.

For in this dance of light and shadow,
Of man, machine, and the vast unknown,
Lies a promise of a brighter tomorrow,
A future where the universe's secrets are shown.

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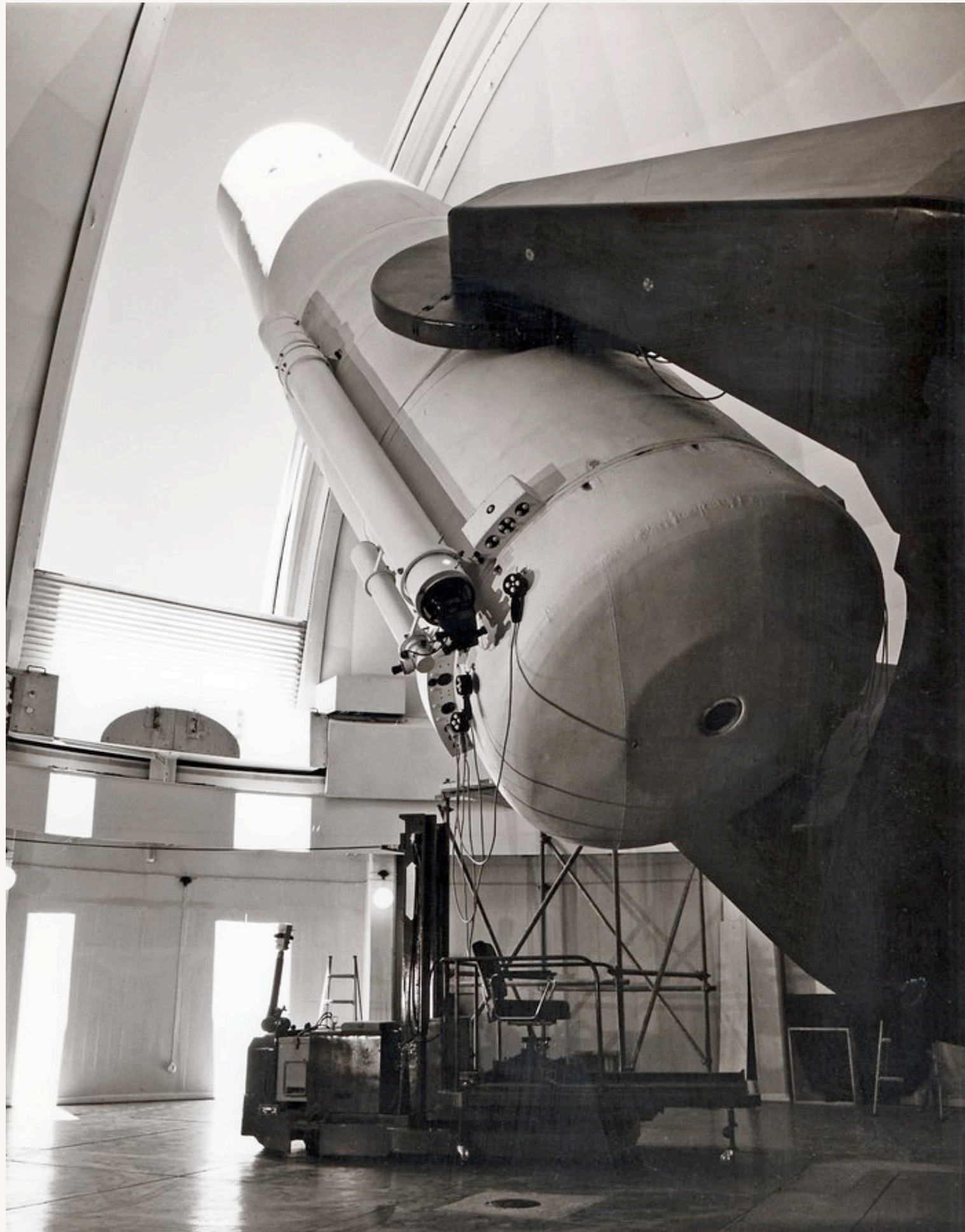
La Silla Southern Sky Survey

LS4 – enabling new science in the Rubin Era



LS4 - How?

(re)Use existing resources



ESO 1m Schmidt telescope

QUEST camera (retrofit to fill 20 deg² focal plane)

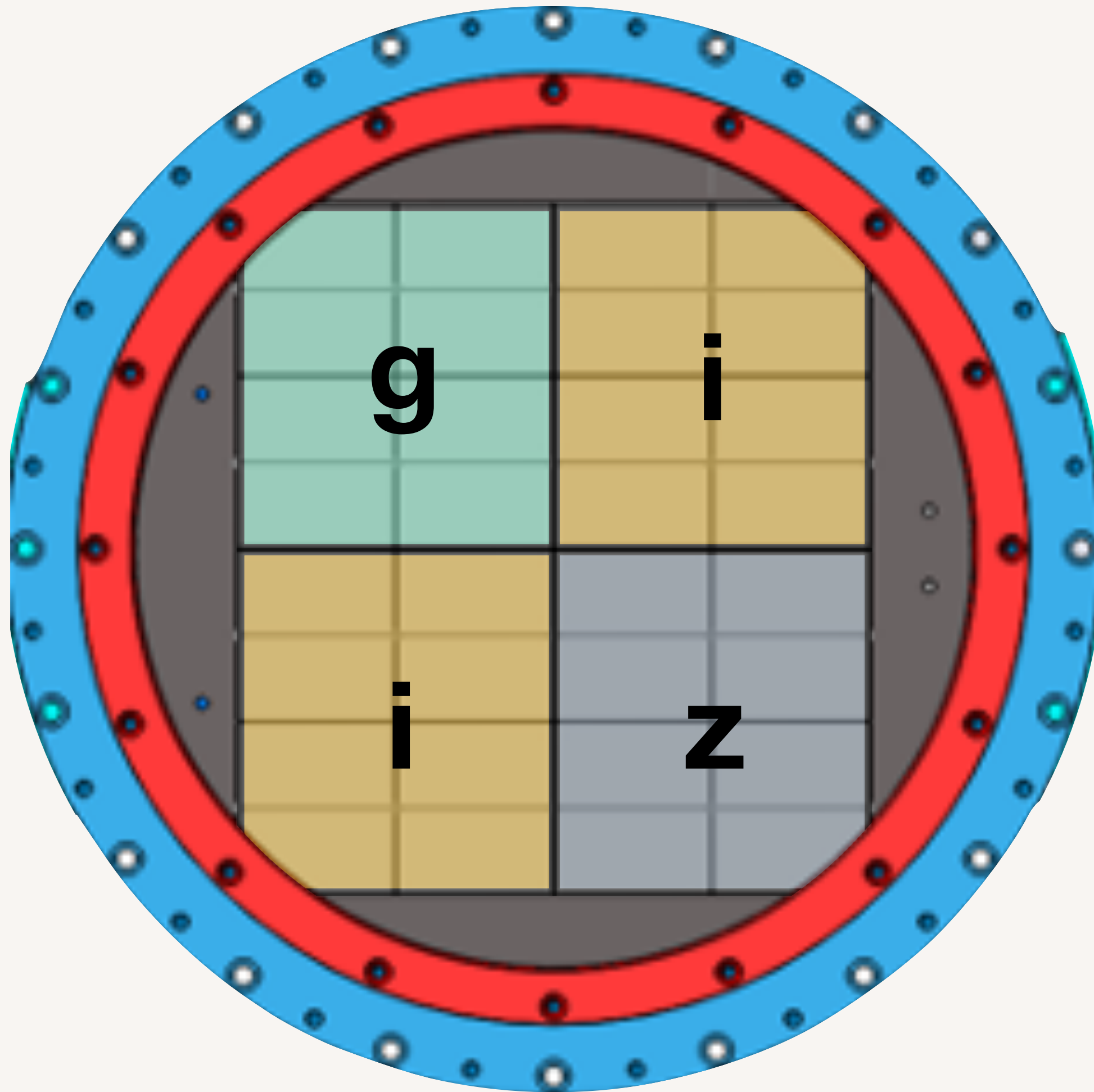
32 LBNL CCDs (leftover from DES)

268 Mpix camera (1" per pixel)

$g_{\text{lim}} \sim 21 \text{ mag}$; $z_{\text{lim}} \sim 20 \text{ mag}$ (AB; 45 s exposure)

LS4 Detectors

Red-sensitive LBNL CCDs



no filter wheel

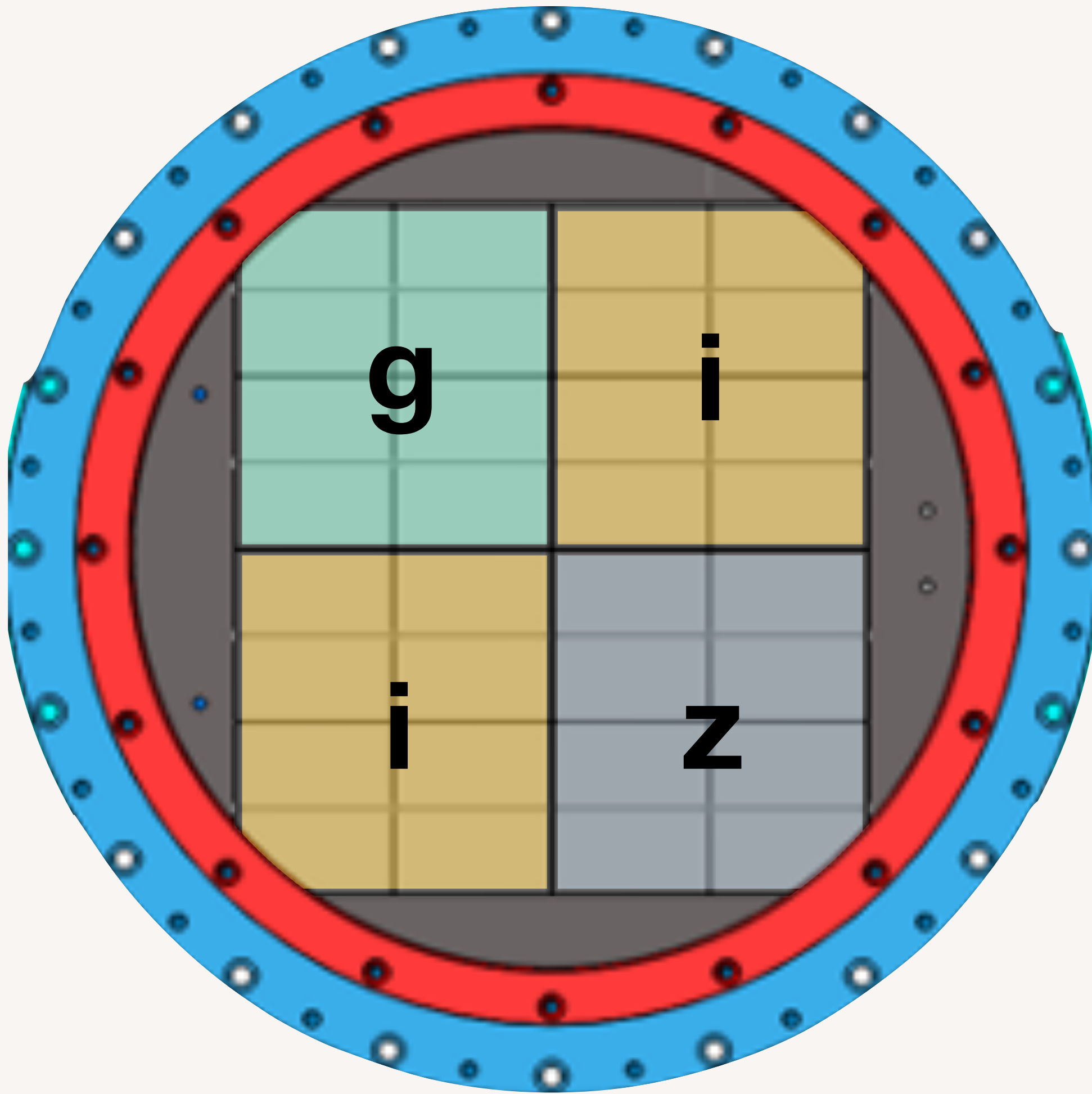
single “multi-passband” filter

dither for colors

g+i+i+z filters

LS4 Science

Public survey



90% of open shutter time

Rolling extragalactic survey

g+i one night; i+z the next
~5000 deg² night⁻¹
~9 months year⁻¹

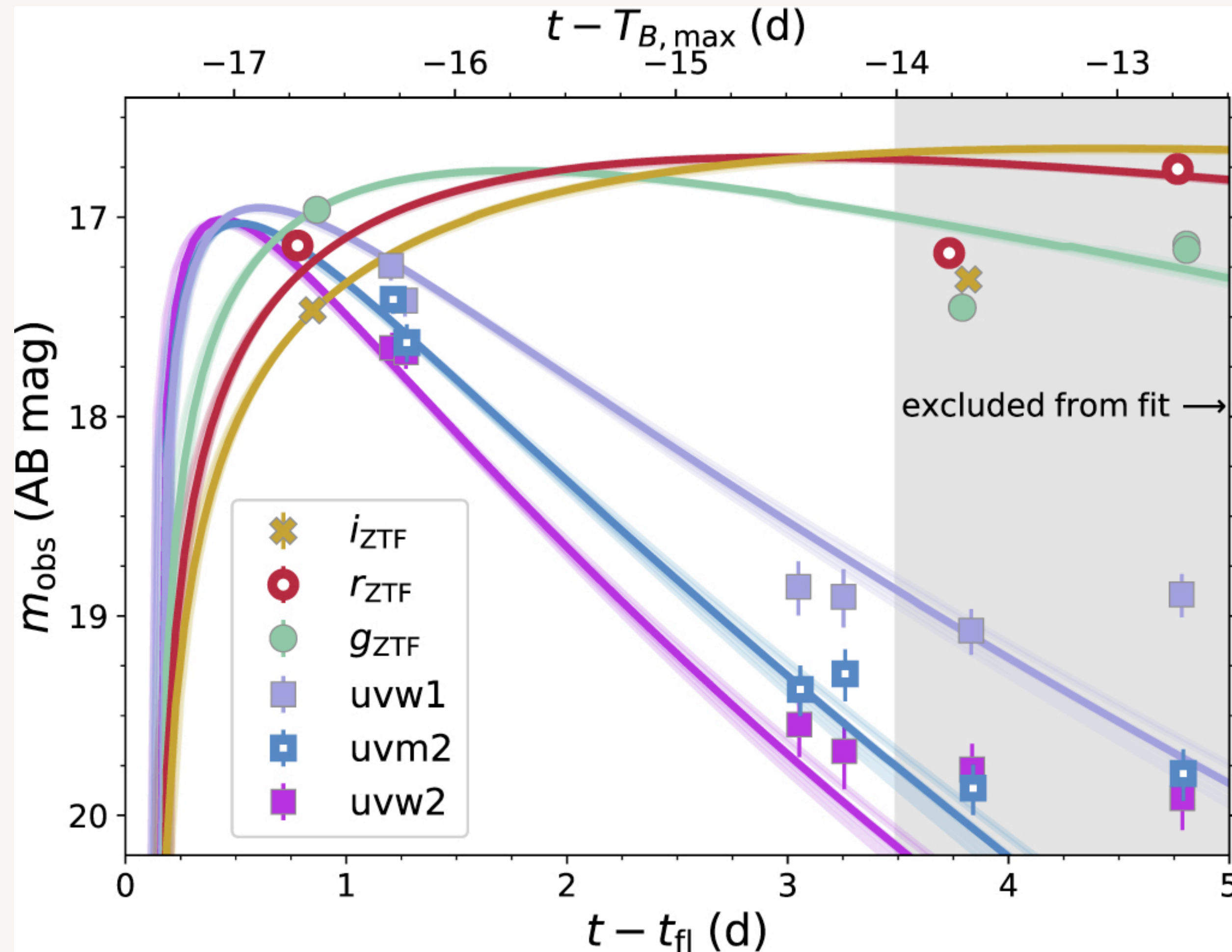
Focused galactic plane survey

high-cadence (EBs + microlensing)
~3 months year⁻¹

Public transient/variable alerts

LS4 Science

Rolling extragalactic survey



Gravitationally lensed SNe

Tidal Disruption Events

Fast Blue Optical Transients

Infant SNe

Flash spectroscopy

SNe Ia + peculiar velocities

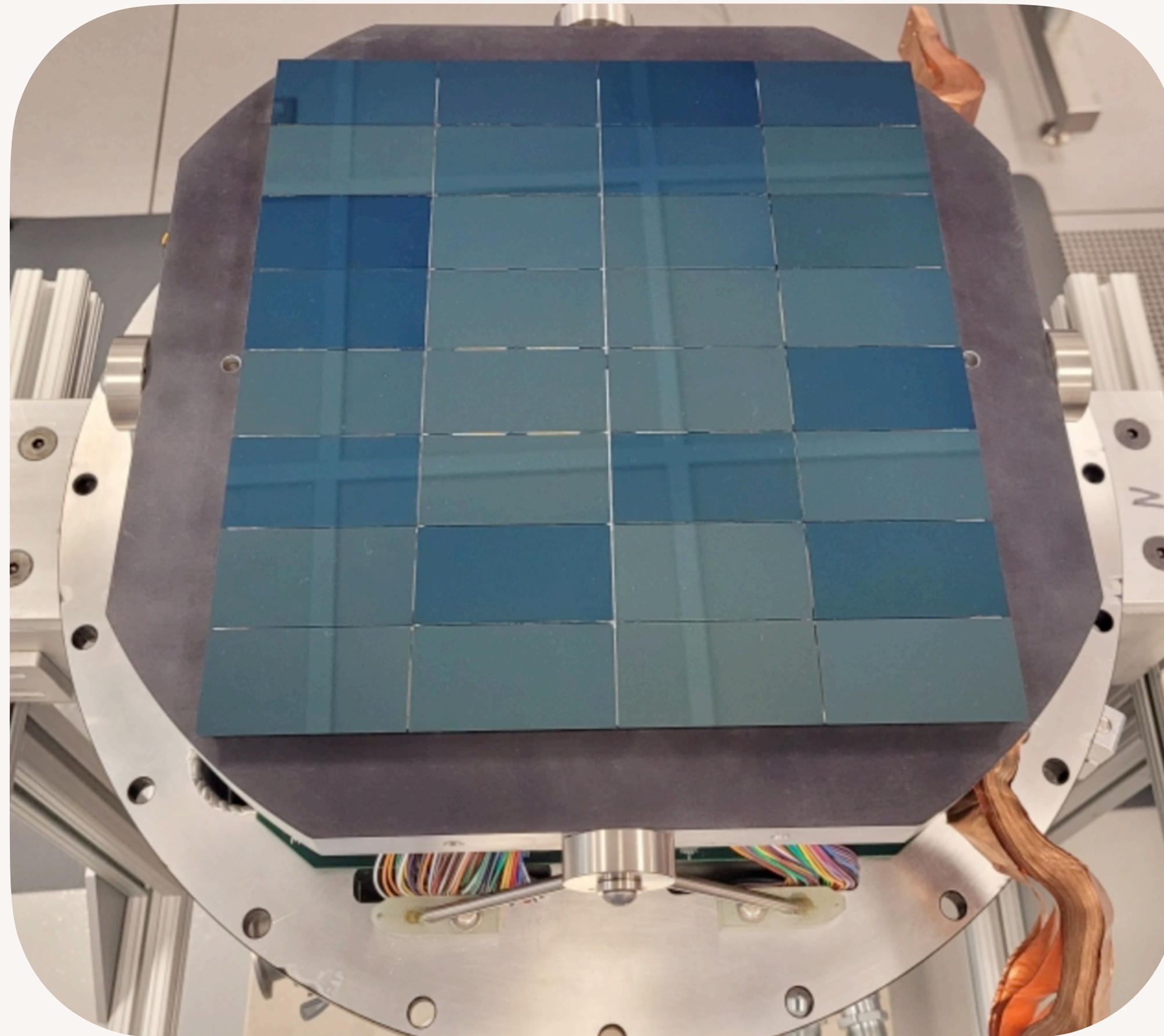
Your favorite theorist's favorite idea

LS4 Timeline

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May 2024

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late 2025	Rubin/LSST begins

Conclusions

out of distribution + conservative TACs make ML models difficult to validate

small apertures provide low cost/risk for prototyping

BTSbot discovers SNe while we sleep

LS4 will test transfer learning from ZTF in advance of Rubin/LSST