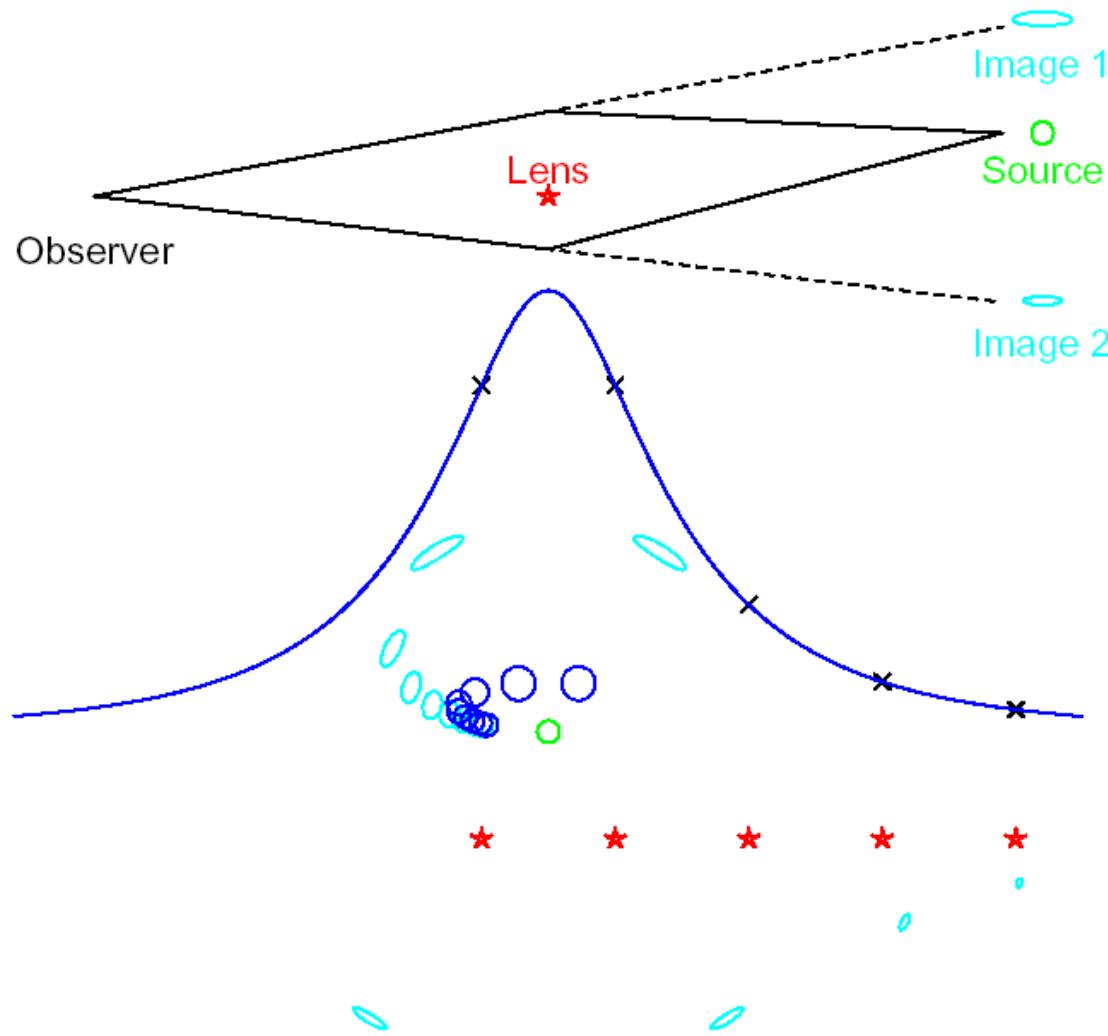


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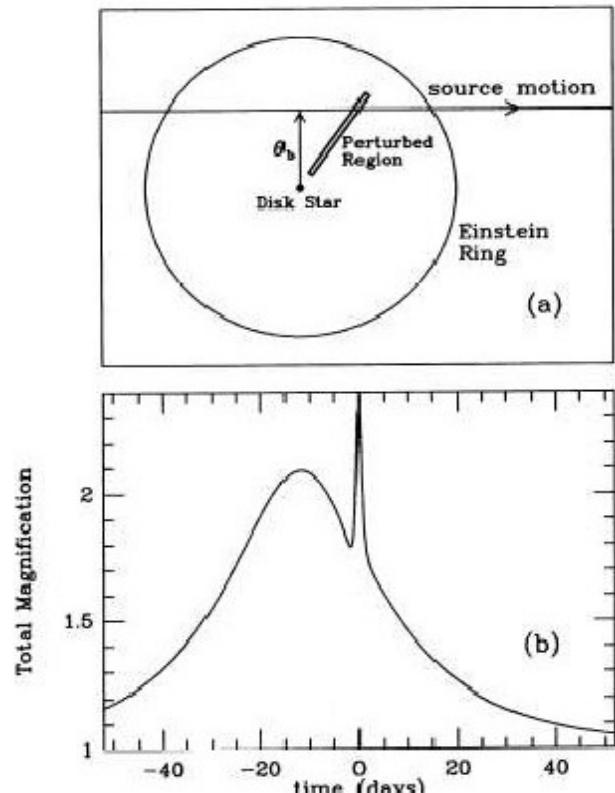
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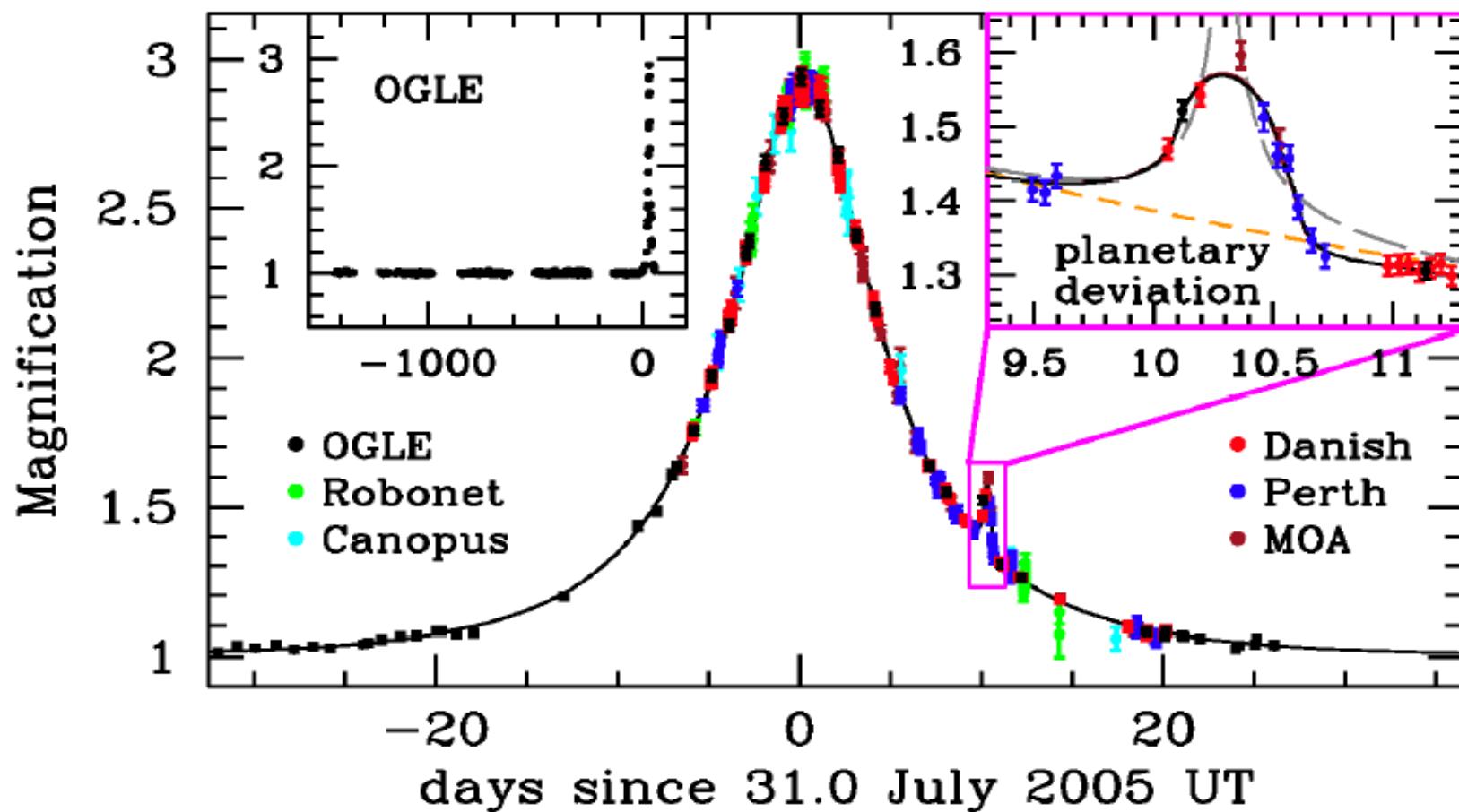
5. OBSERVATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Two distinct steps are required to observe a planetary system by microlensing. First, one must single out a disk star which happens to be microlensing a bulge star. Second, one must observe this star often enough to catch the deviation in the light curve due to the planet. The first step involves the observation of millions of bulge stars on the order of once per day. The second step involves the observation of a handful of stars many times per day. In the following we give a rough outline of what is required for each of these steps.

While observations from one site would be useful, there are advantages to be gained by observing from several sites. First, two telescopes that were totally committed. Third, in view of the fleeting nature of the events, it would seem prudent to build in some redundancy in case of bad weather at a particular site. Thus, the optimal scheme would employ, say, a dozen telescopes. Each of these would be committed to carry out two observations per night. During the near-December season,

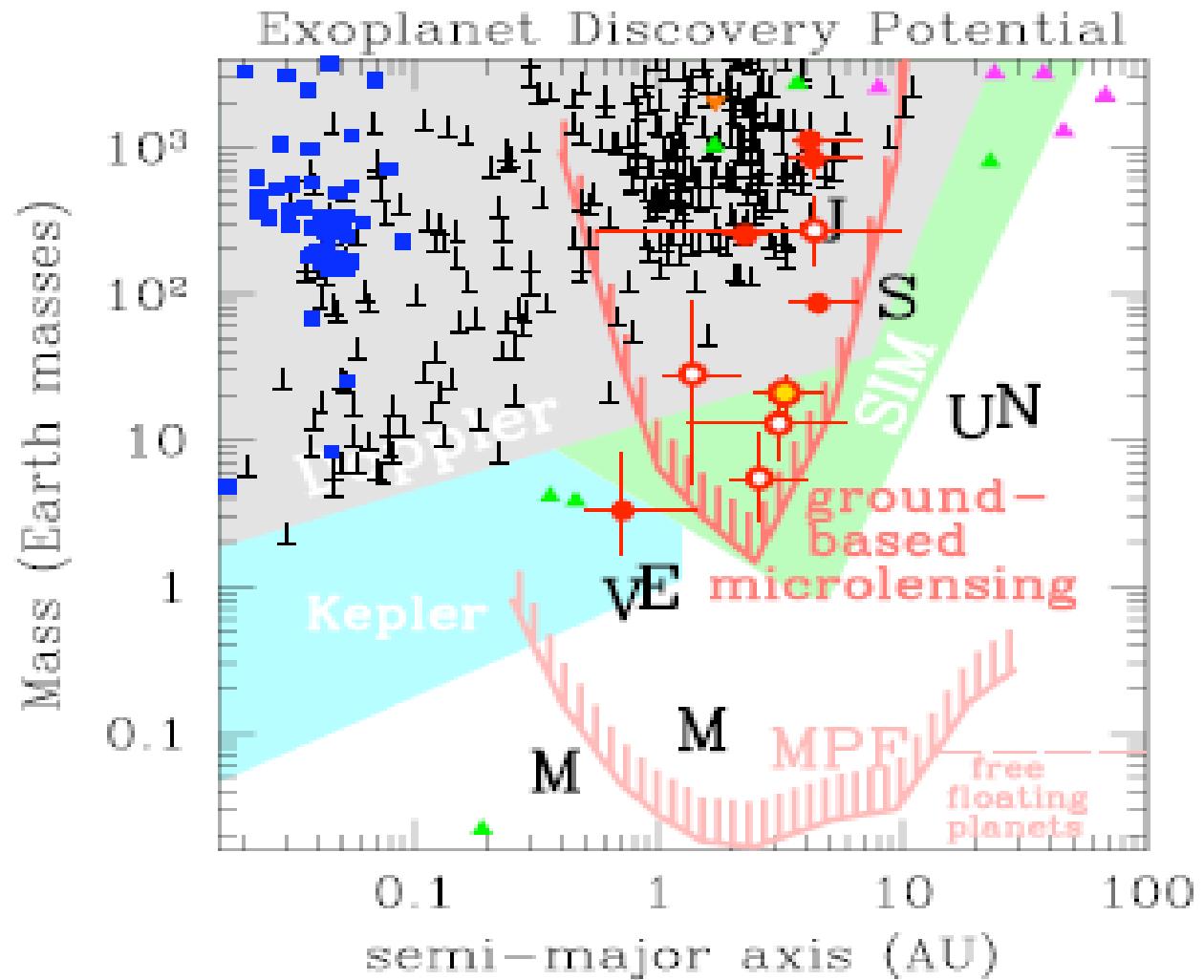
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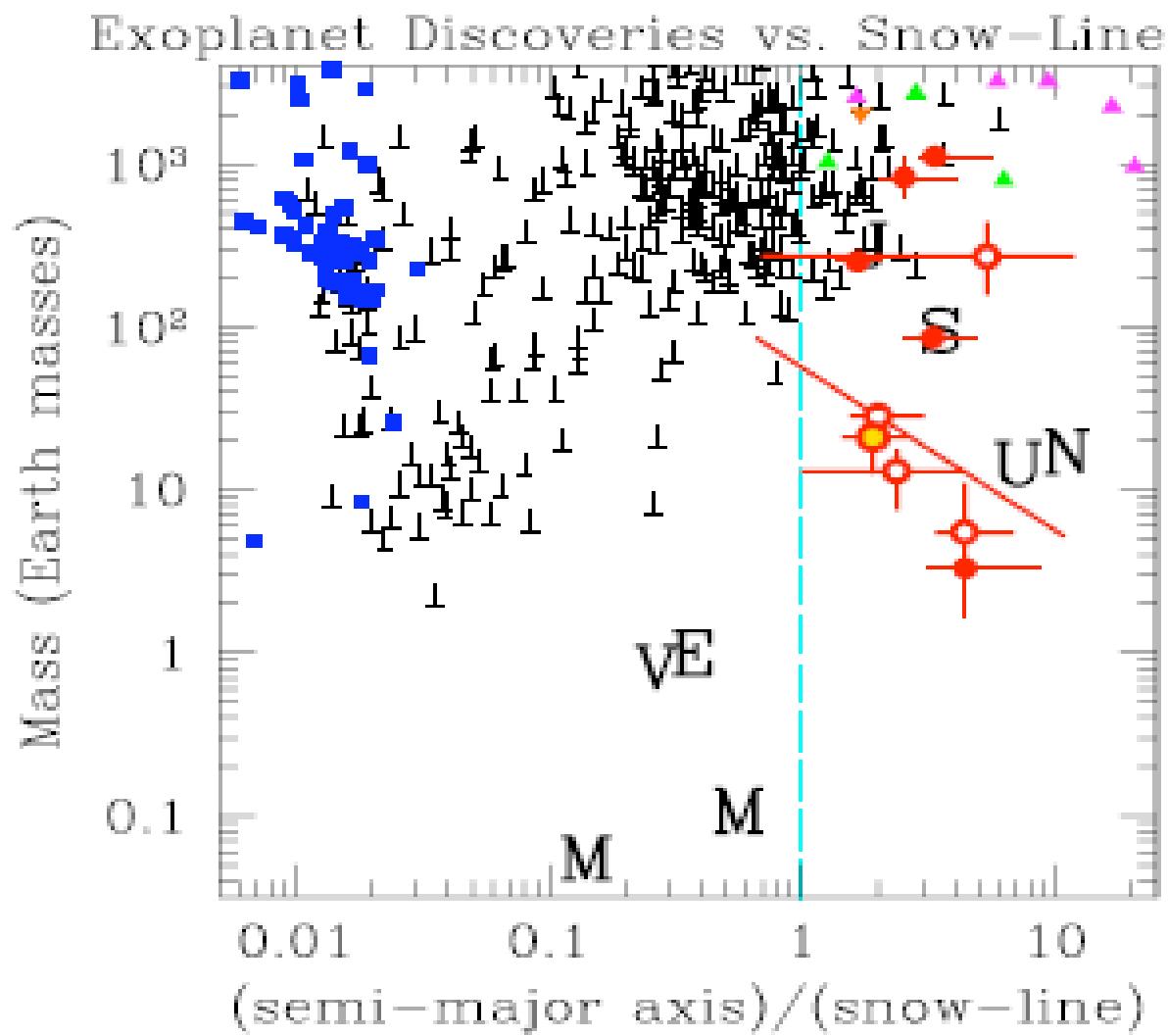


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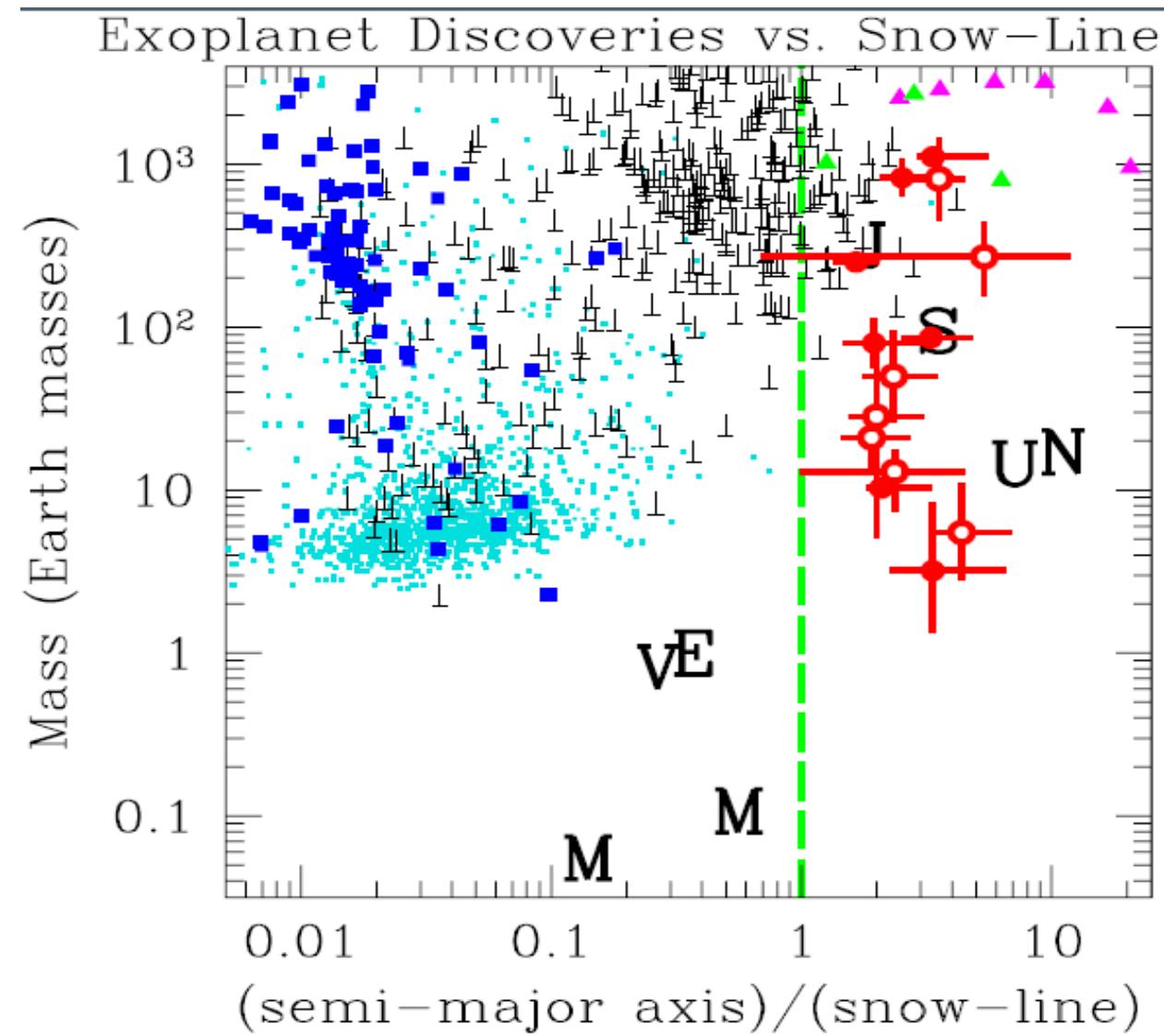
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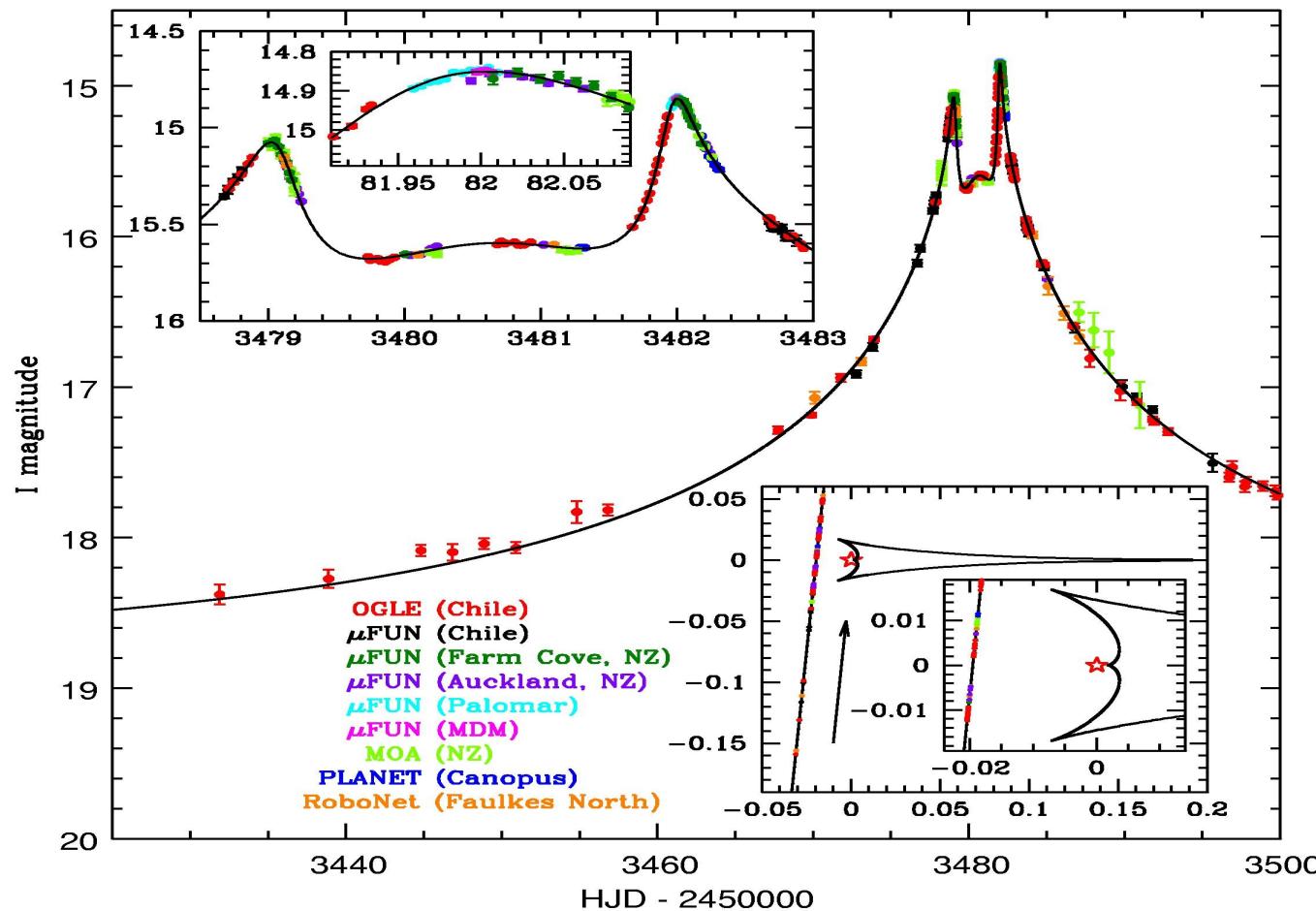


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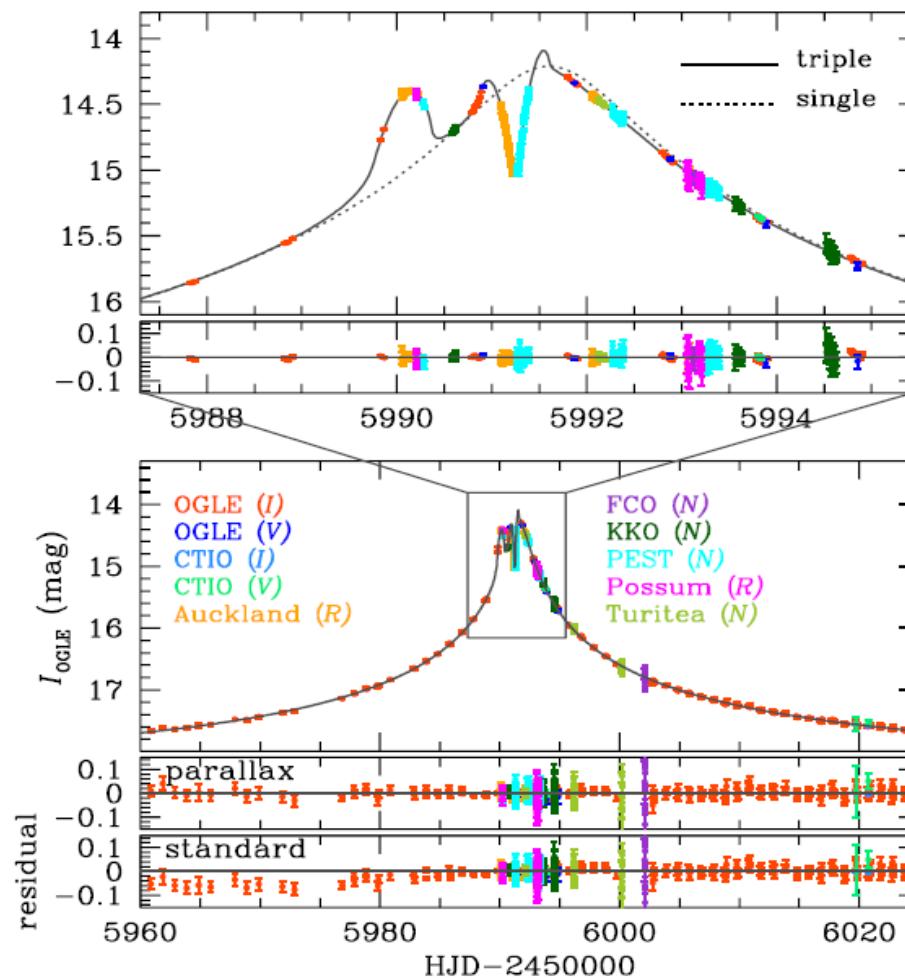
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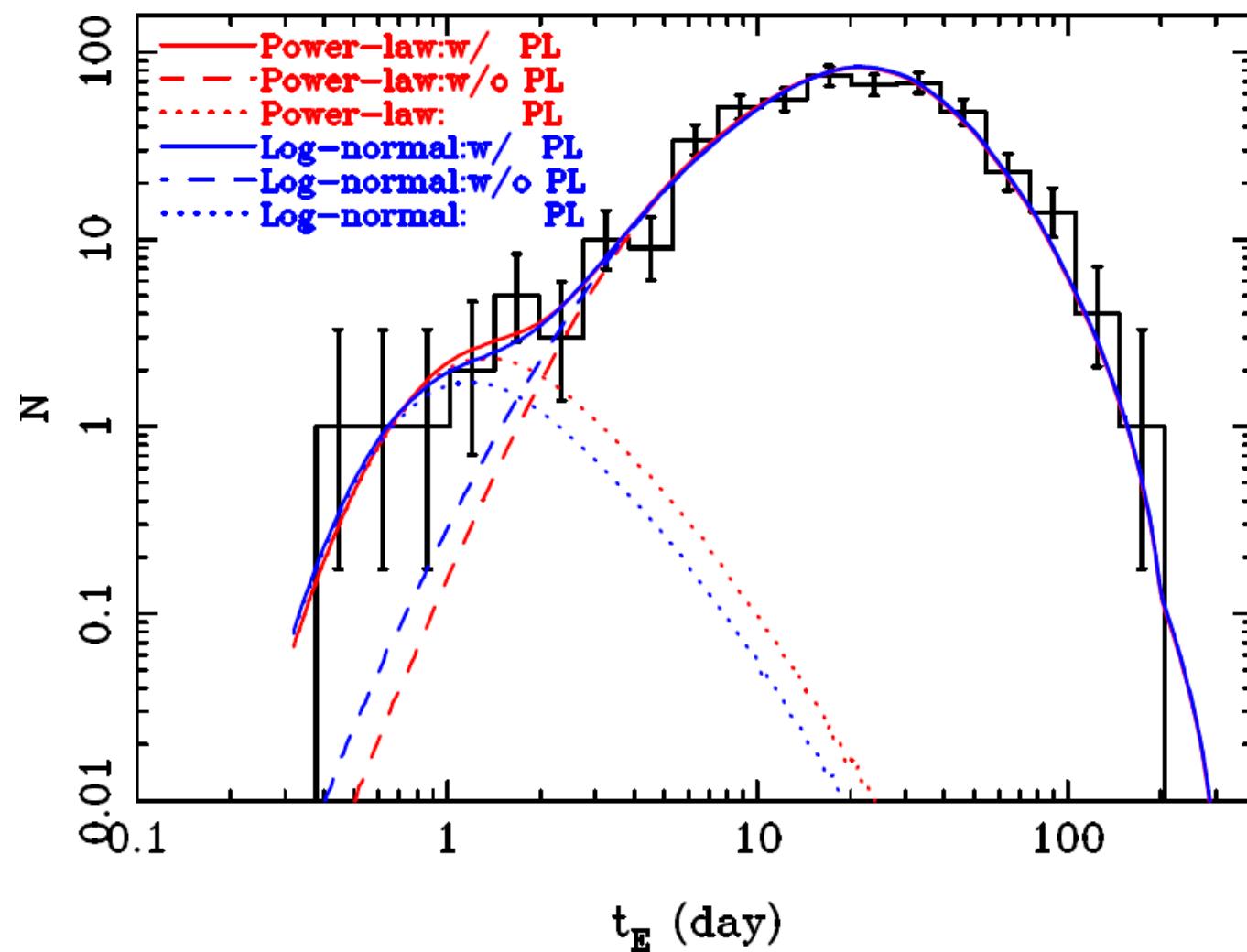


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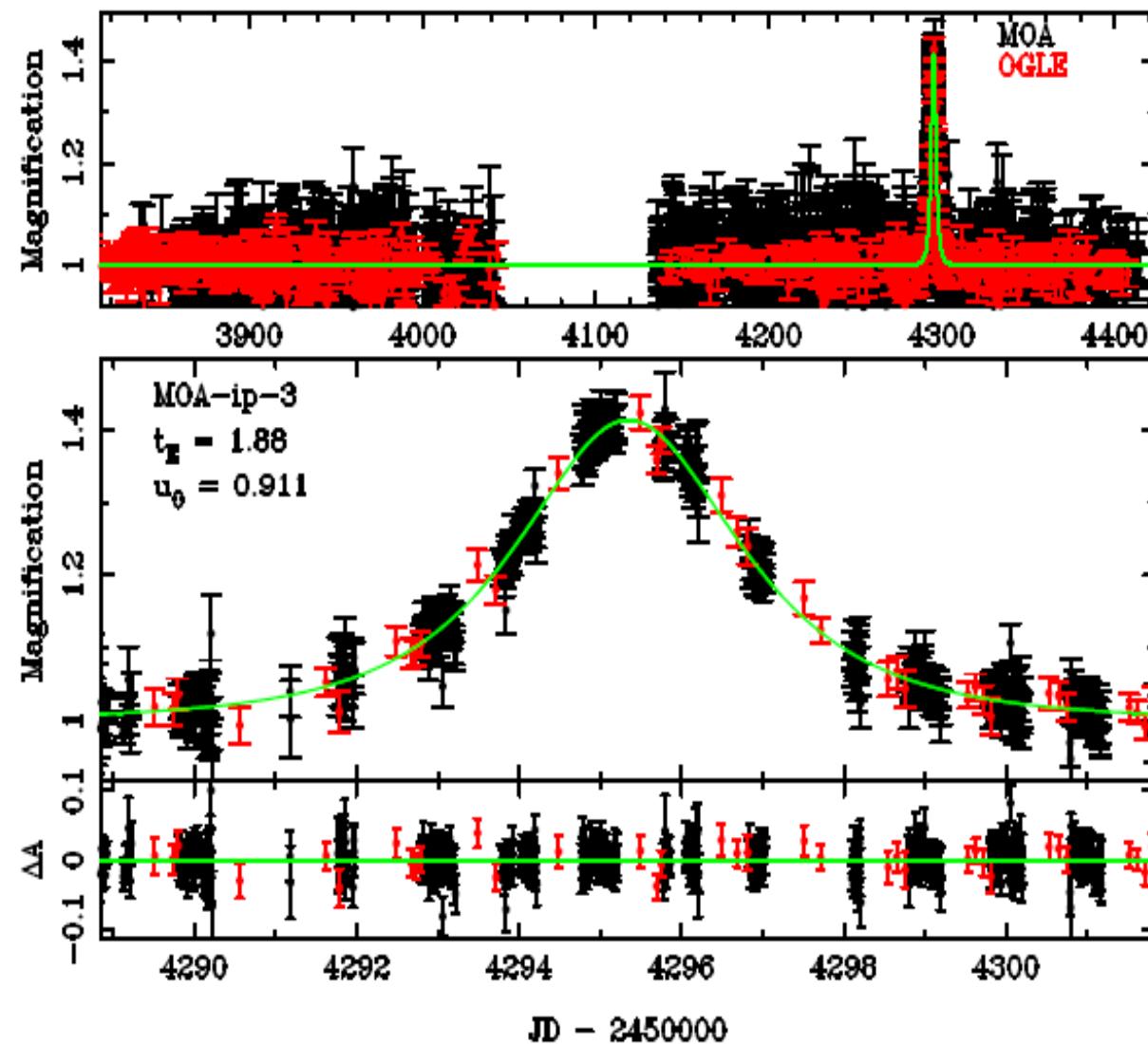


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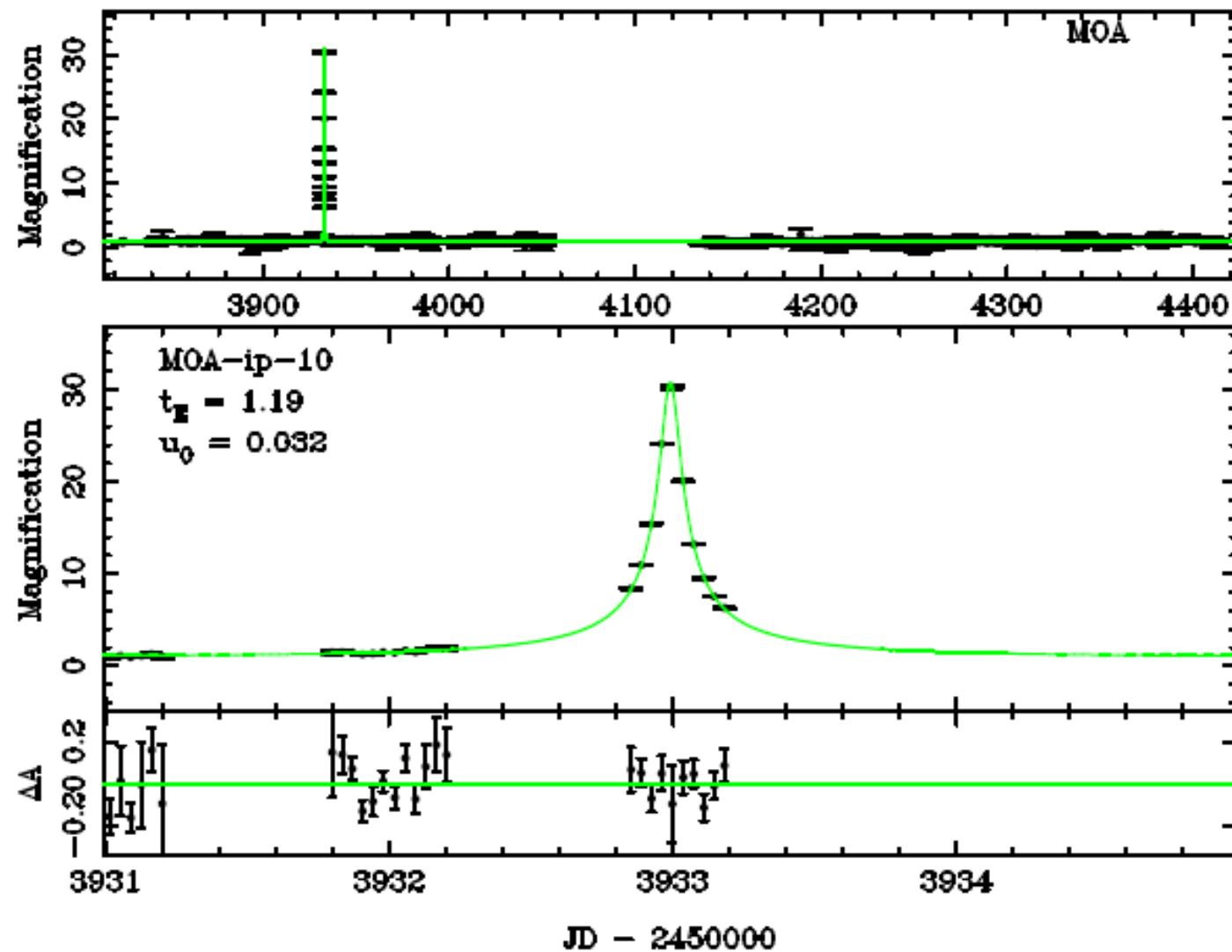


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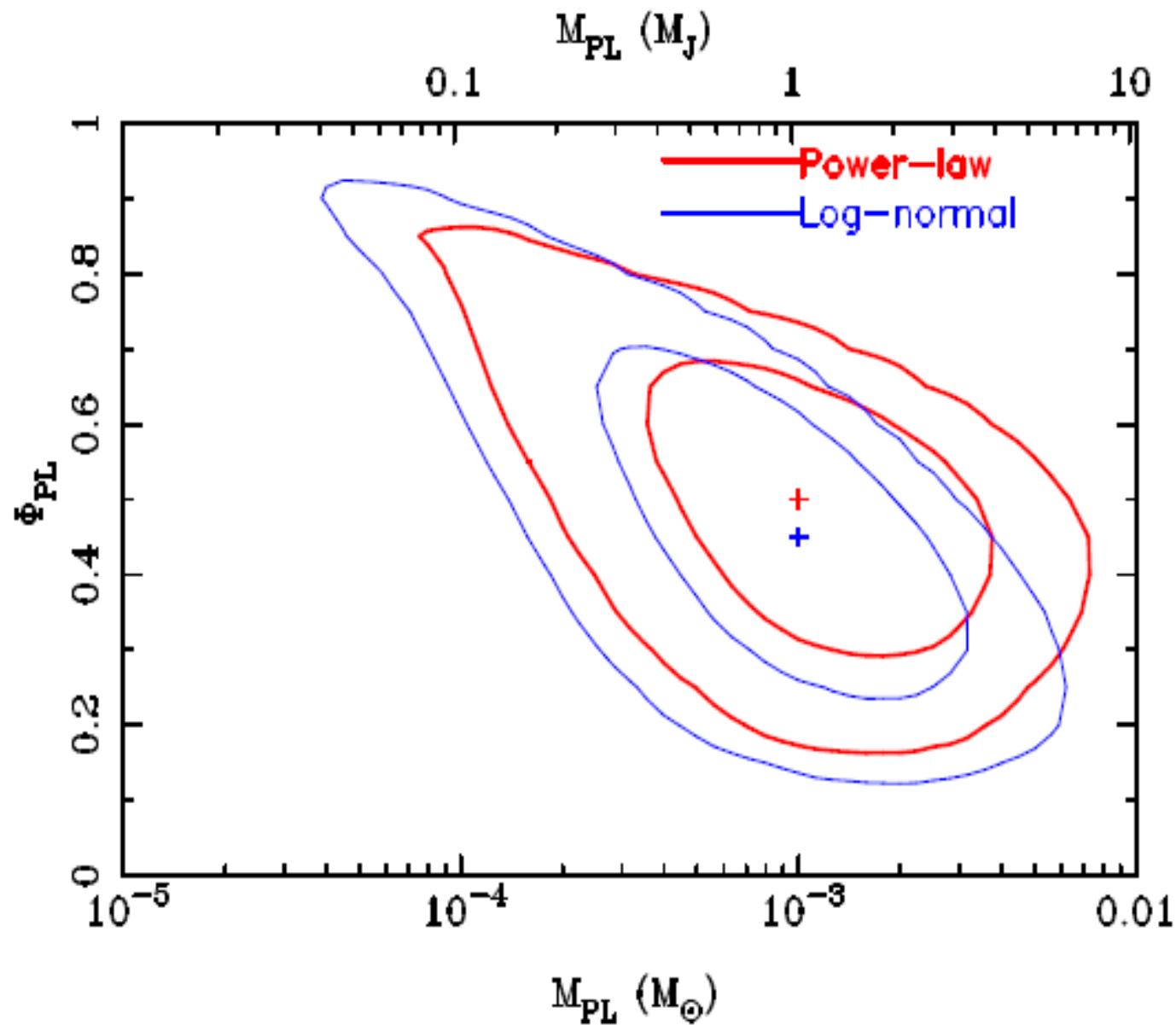
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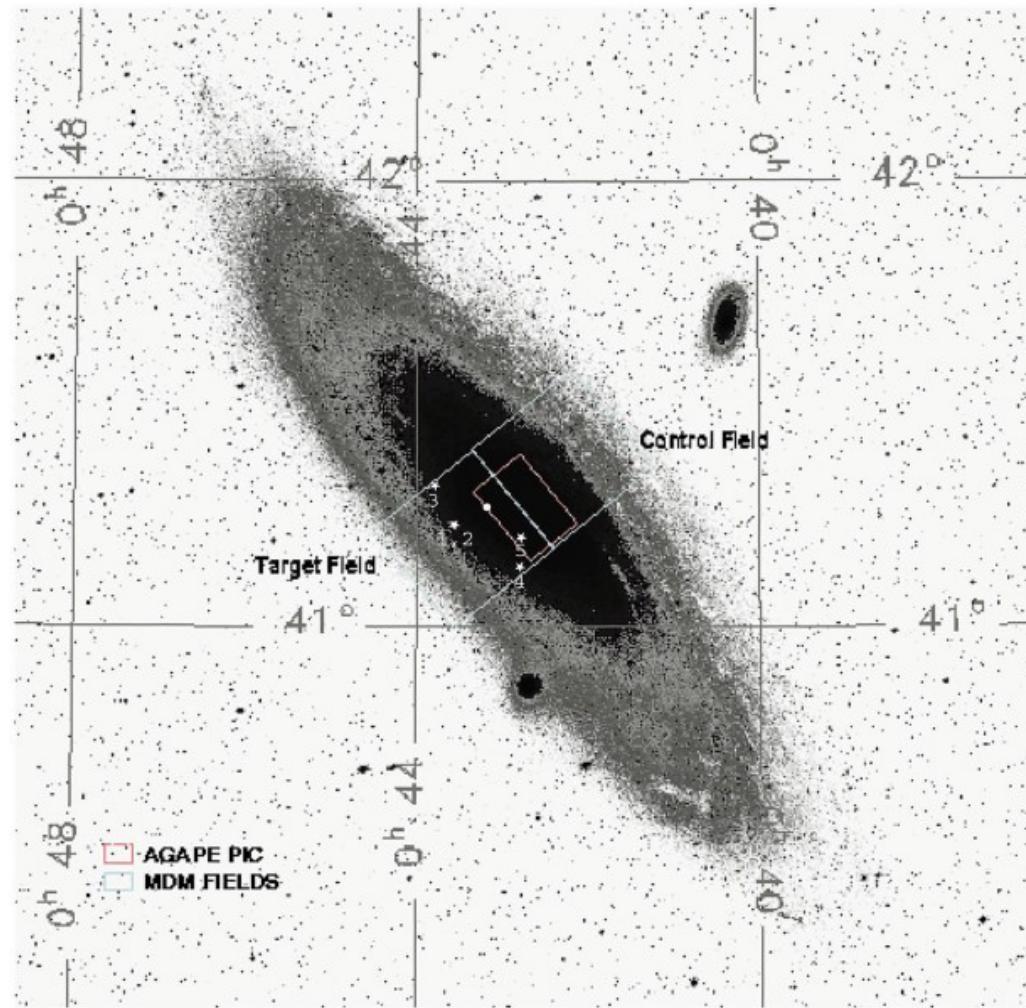
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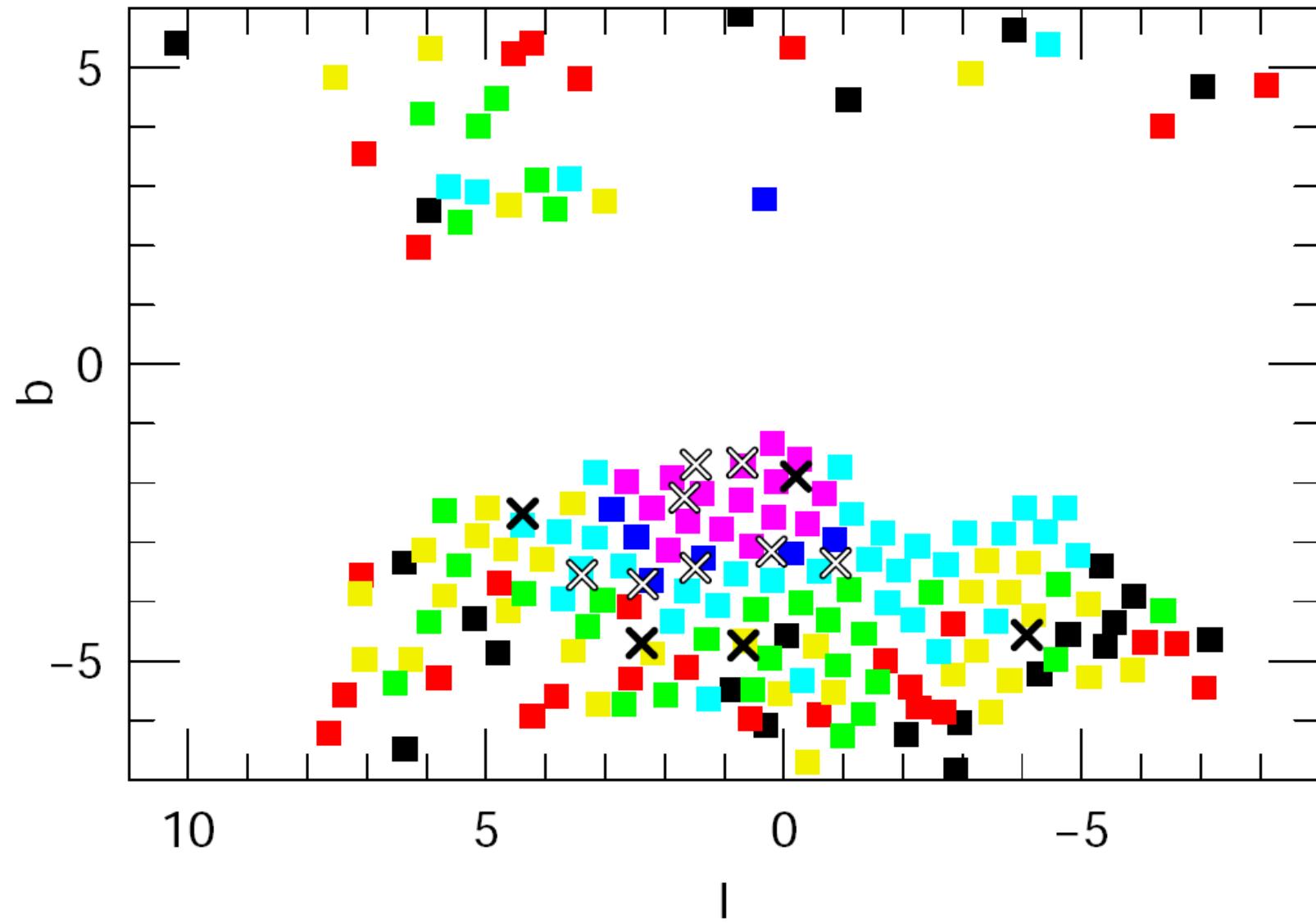
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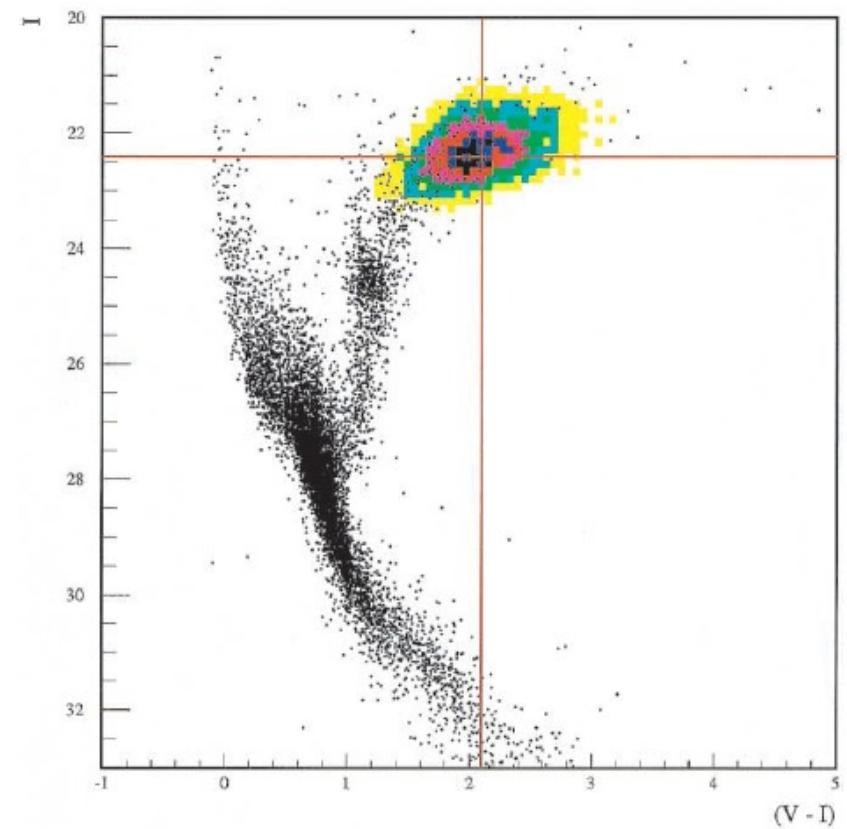
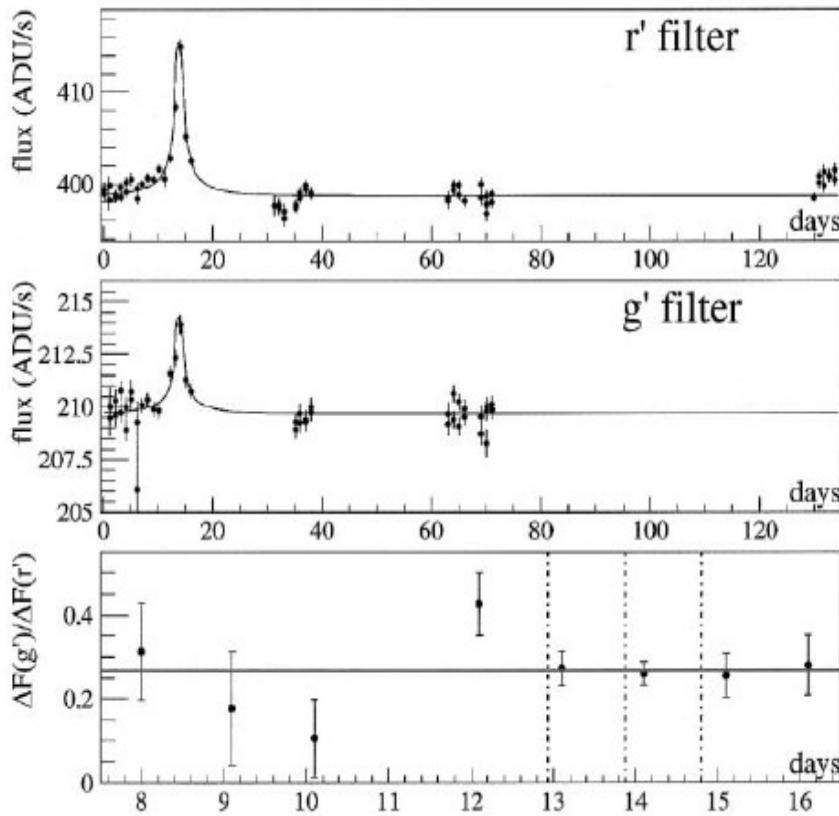


Distribution of MW Planets on Sky



Early M31 microlensing event

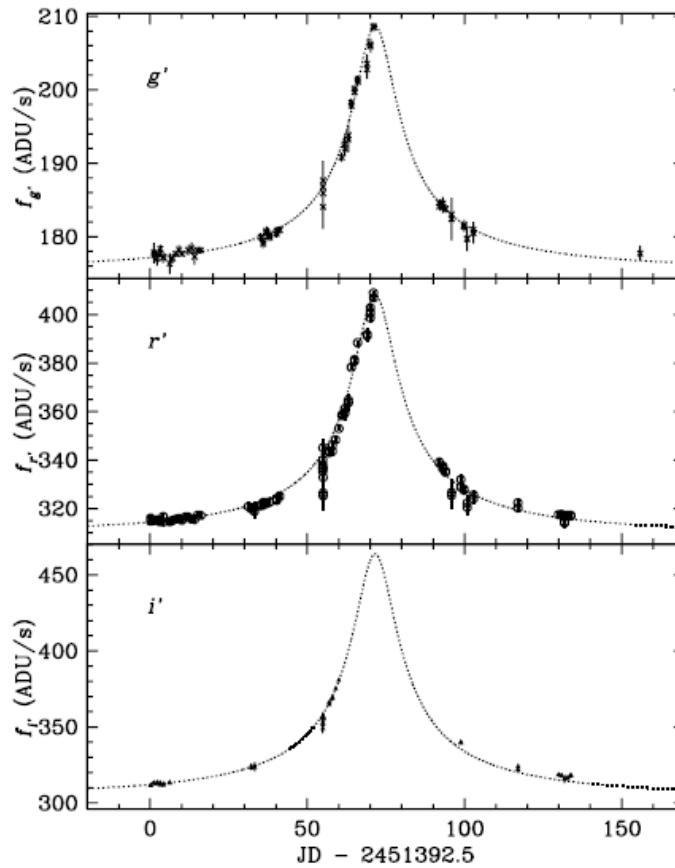
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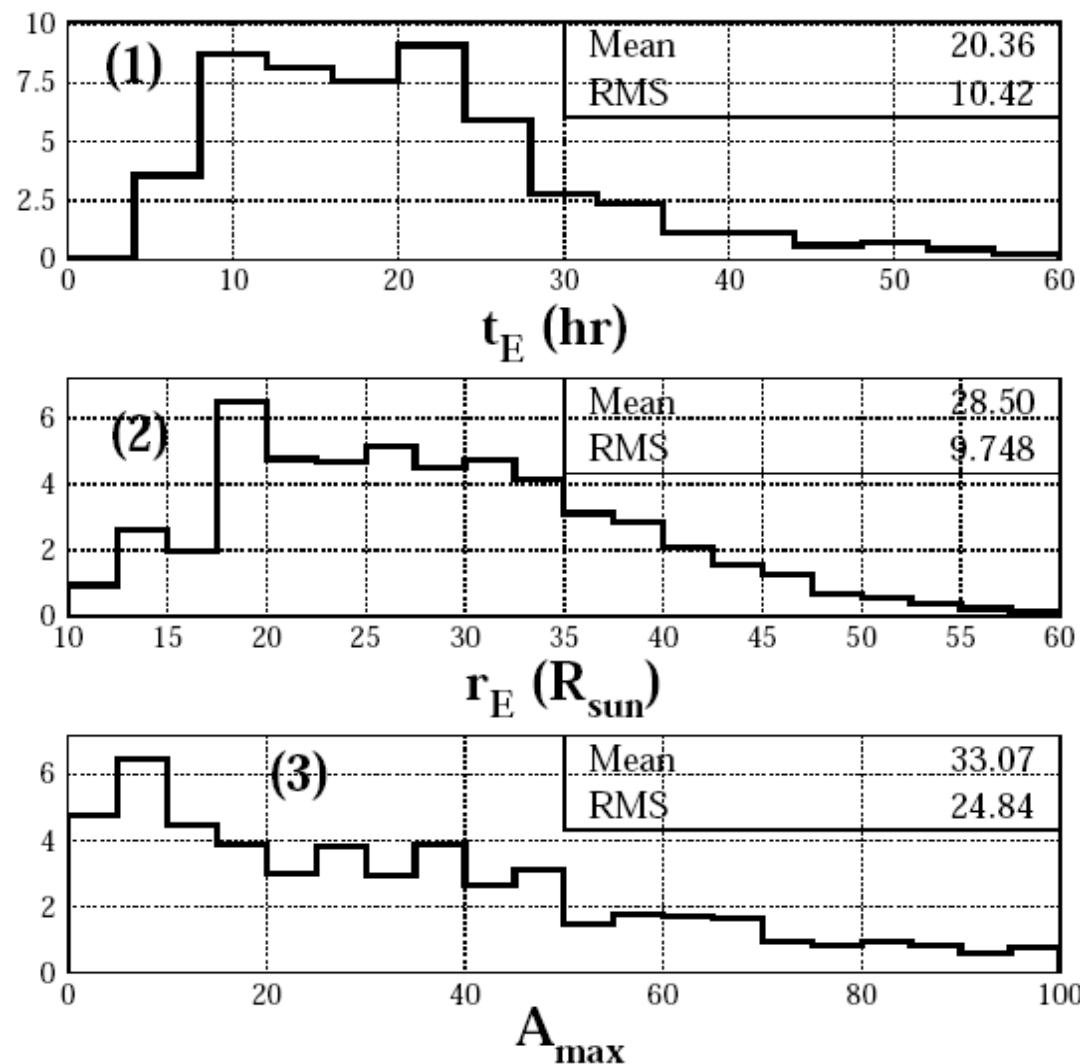
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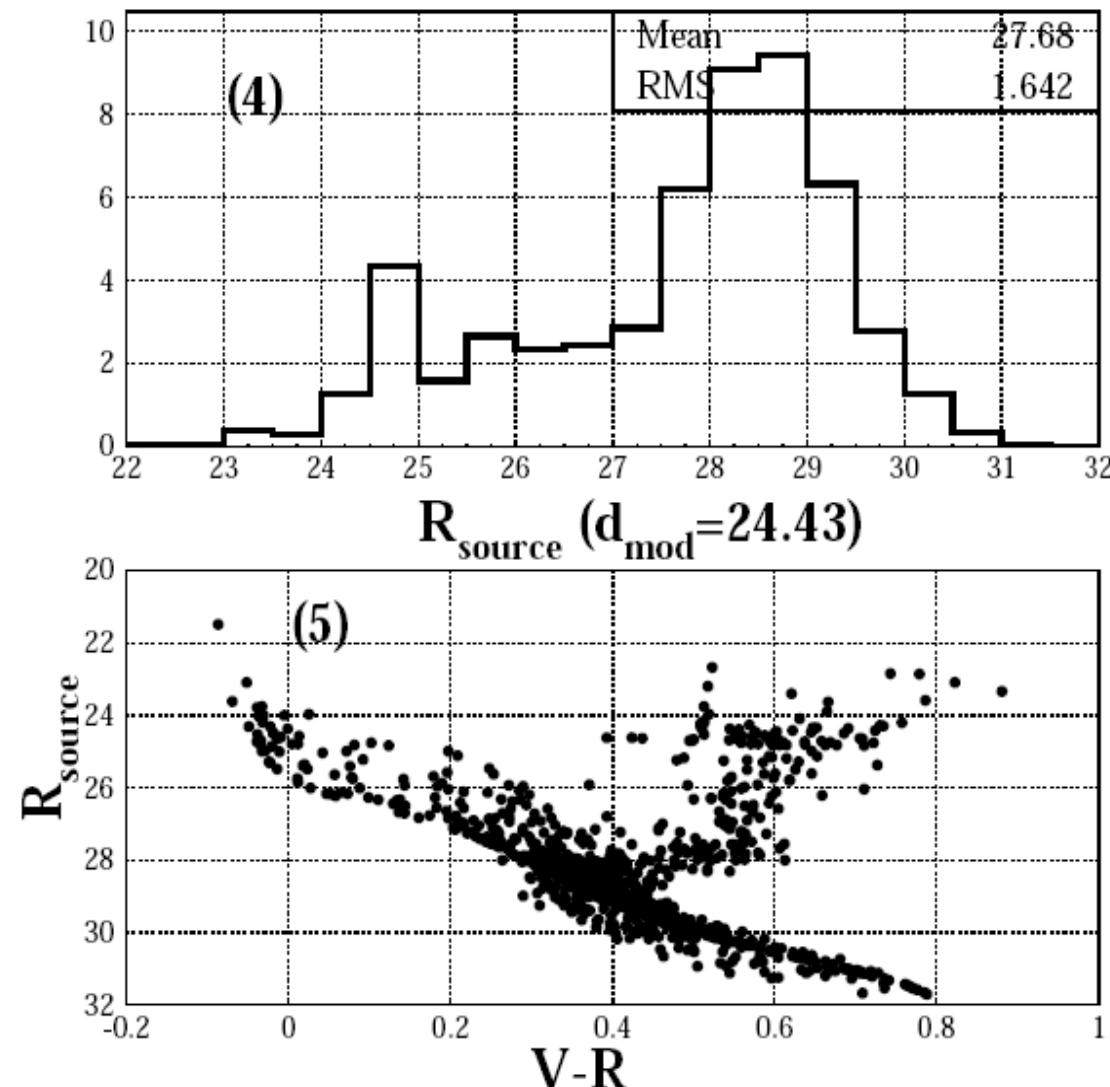


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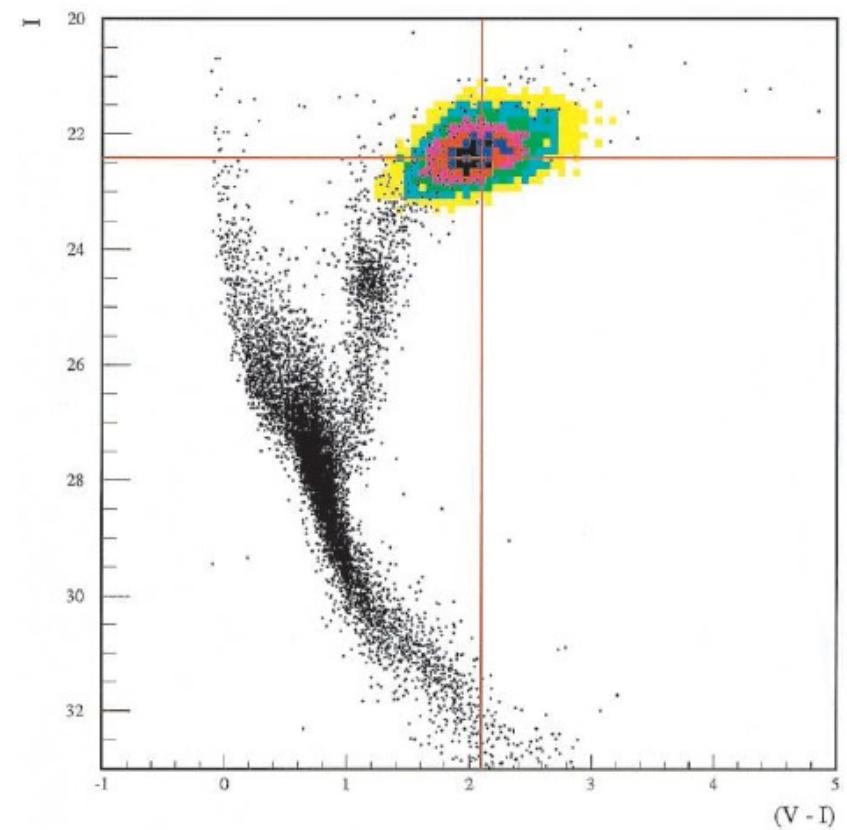
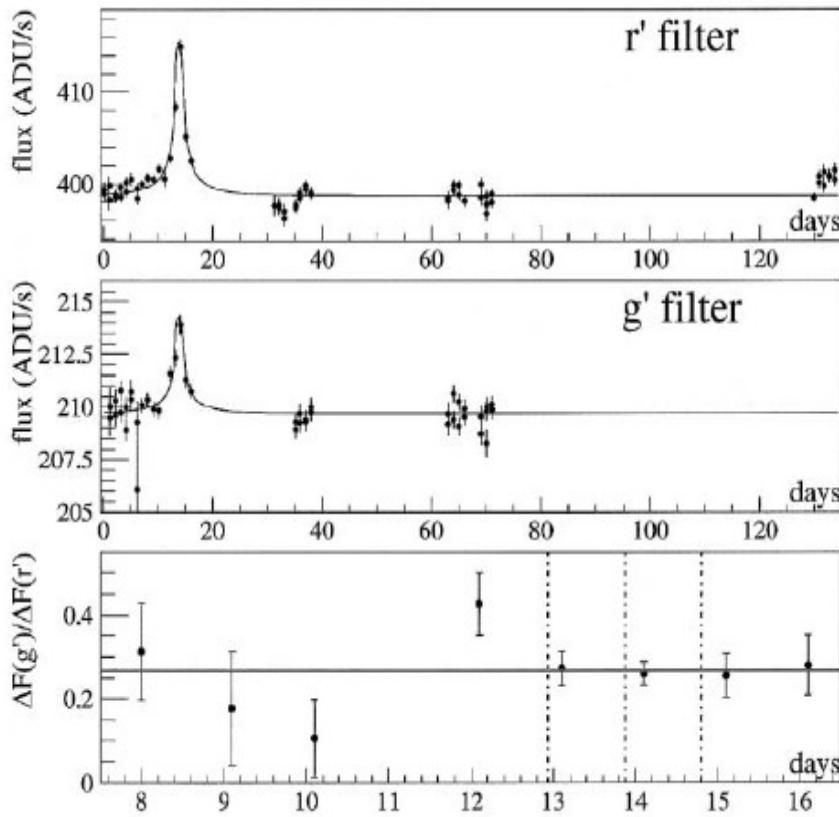


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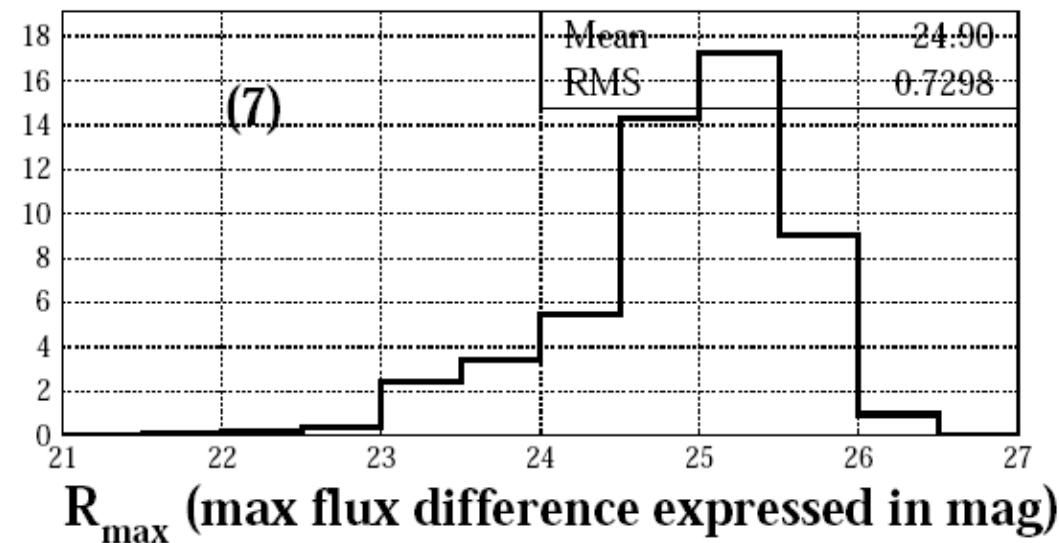
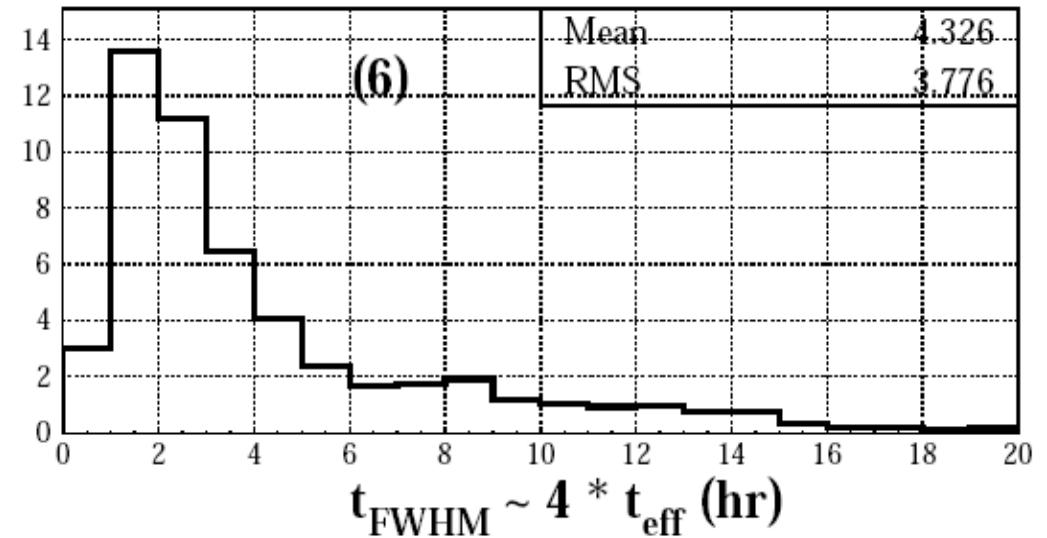
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