

# The PLATO Input Catalog (PIC) and the PLATO field selection

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**Bright star sample**

The P1, P2, P4, and P5 targets are made available to the community in two ways:

- An all sky (**asPIC**) with stars following the astrophysical selection criteria from the Science Requirement Document (SCiRD) of PLATO with the exception of signal to noise ratio
- A PIC (called **tPIC**, i.e. target PIC) extracted for the PLATO long pointing fields (LOPS and LOPN), which includes target NSR estimate, available for PLATO consortium members only (for the moment)



# The asPIC

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## The all-sky PLATO input catalogue★

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(To be updated at any major release of the tPIC)

asPIC data available on:

- **MAST:** <https://archive.stsci.edu/hlsp/aspichttps://tools.ssdc.asi.it/asPICtool/>
- **Vizier:** [http://vizier.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/VizieR-3?-source=J/A%2bA/653/A98&-out.add=\\_r](http://vizier.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/VizieR-3?-source=J/A%2bA/653/A98&-out.add=_r)

# PIC1.1.0, the first release of tPIC



**PIC1.1.0 has been officially released to PLATO Consortium on March 27, 2020**

All PLATO consortium members (update of members still ongoing) who have signed a NDA letter can request the tPIC by **sending a mail to:**

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PDC office ([pdcoffice@mps.mpg.de](mailto:pdcoffice@mps.mpg.de)) to get the catalog.

PDC office is responsible for PIC distribution.

# PIC1.1.0 in a nutshell



PIC1.1.0 is a catalog of F5->GKM dwarf and sub-giant stars selected according to the criteria defined in the PLATO Science Requirement Document (SCiRD). It is designed to be compliant with the constraints of **P1**, **P2**, **P4** and **P5** stellar samples.

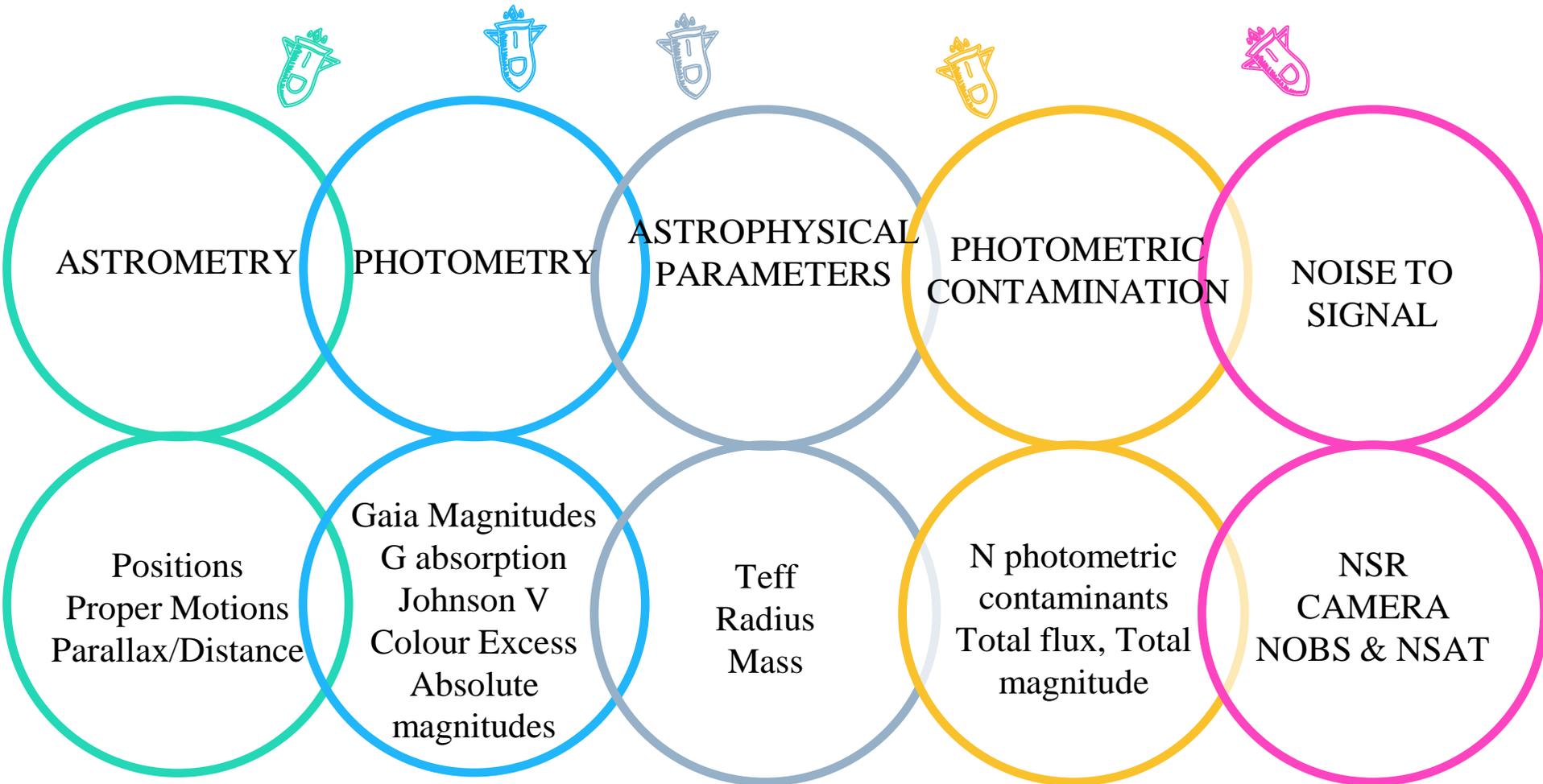
PIC1.1.0 is based on the *Gaia* DR2 catalog. The color and selection criteria were defined in the *Gaia* color-magnitude diagram after correcting for reddening and it is limited to the PLATO North and South long pointing fields (NPF and SPF, respectively) published by Nascimbeni et al. (2016), MNRAS, 463, 4210.

**Accompanying documents.** PIC tables are released with 4 explanatory documents:

PLATO_SCI_UPD_TN_016_i1.2	“PIC1.1.0” Scientific Note
PLATO-DLR-PL-LI-0015_i4.2	“Basic Input Parameters for Performance Studies” Technical Note
PLATO-DLR-PL-RP-0001_i4.2	“Instrument Signal and Noise Budget” Technical Note
PLATO-SSDC-PDC-TN-0003	“PIC 1.1.0 Release Note”

[Additional information in Montalto et al. \(2021\), A&A, 653, 98](#)

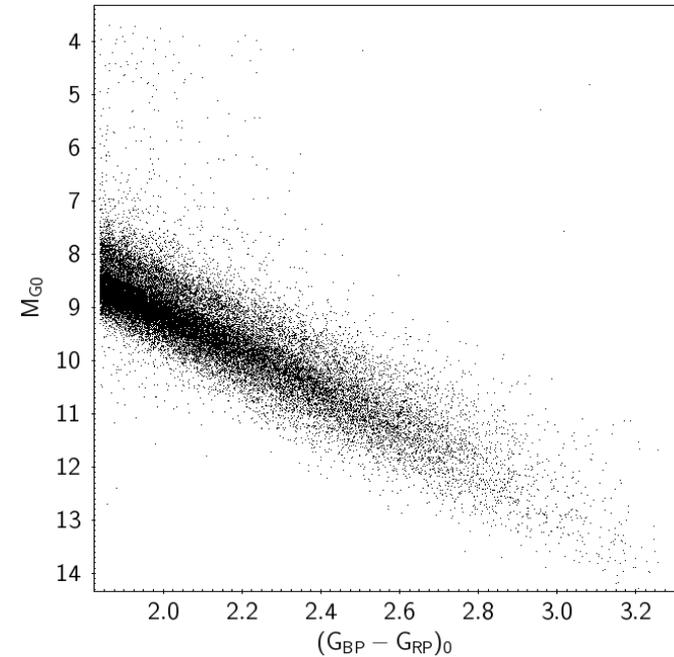
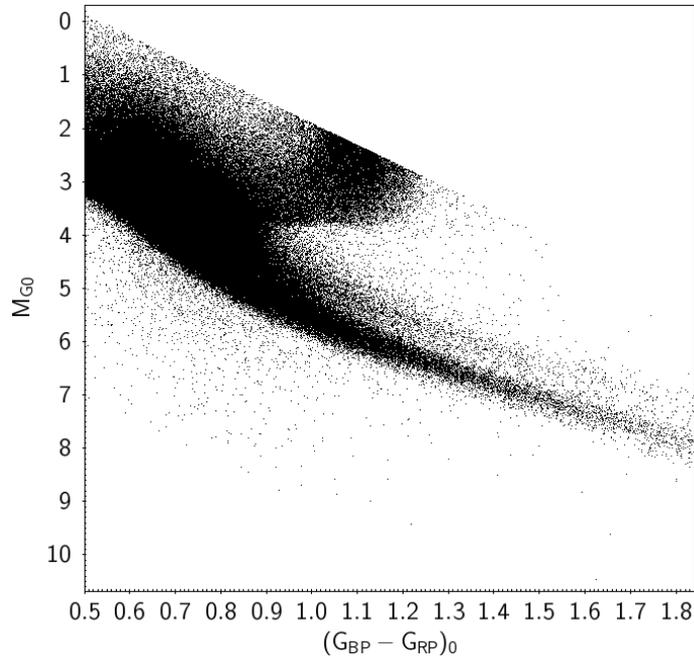
# PIC1.1.0 content: P1, P2, P4, P5 targets, with following data:



For all P1, P2, P4, P5 targets in provisional long pointing fields of Nascimbeni et al (2016);



# PIC1.1.0



Selection criteria are defined in the absolute *Gaia* color magnitude diagram using distances derived from *Gaia* DR2 parallaxes and taking into account reddening.

PIC1.1.0 contains **320,743 PLATO targets** for P1, P2, P4 and P5 PLATO samples and **8,587,898 PLATO photometric contaminants** which are located within a distance of 60 arcsec from each target.

# PIC1.1.0: selection parameters



The (B-V) color is not appropriate for the M dwarfs selection. We homogenized sample selection using the (GBP-GRP) color.

PIC1.1.0 based on newly calculated intrinsic  $(GBP-GRP)_0$  Separation between P1, P2, P5 AND P4 set at  $(GBP-GRP)_0 = 1.84$

$$\text{P1 sample} = \begin{cases} 0.56 \leq (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 < 1.84 \\ M_{G,0} \leq 4.1 (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 + 5.0 \\ M_{G,0} \geq 4.1 (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 - 2.2 \\ V \leq 11 \\ \text{NSR}_{\text{sys}} \leq 50 \text{ ppm hr}^{-1} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{P2 sample} = \begin{cases} 0.56 \leq (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 < 1.84 \\ M_{G,0} \leq 4.1 (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 + 5.0 \\ M_{G,0} \geq 4.1 (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 - 2.2 \\ V \leq 8.5 \\ \text{NSR}_{\text{sys}} \leq 50 \text{ ppm hr}^{-1} \end{cases}$$

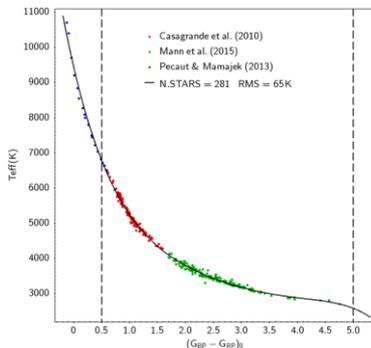
$$\text{P4 sample} = \begin{cases} (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 \geq 1.84 \\ M_{G,0} > 2.334 (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 + 2.259 \\ \text{Distance} < 600 \text{ pc} \\ V \leq 16 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{P5 sample} = \begin{cases} 0.56 \leq (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 < 1.84 \\ M_{G,0} \leq 4.1 (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 + 5.0 \\ M_{G,0} \geq 4.1 (G_{BP} - G_{RP})_0 - 2.2 \\ V \leq 13 \end{cases}$$

New definition of P5: F5-late K, according to new SciReq defined by the PSWT late 2019

# (Photometric) stellar parameters

## Color-effective temperature relation



$$T_{\text{eff}} = f(G_{\text{bp}} - G_{\text{rp}})_0$$

### Intrinsic color

$$(G_{\text{BP}} - G_{\text{RP}})_0 = (G_{\text{BP}} - G_{\text{RP}}) - E(G_{\text{BP}} - G_{\text{RP}})$$

$$A_G, E(G_{\text{BP}} - G_{\text{RP}}), T_{\text{eff}}$$

$$M_G = G - 5 \log(d) + 5 - A_G$$

$$BC_G = f(T_{\text{eff}})$$

[Andrae et al. \(2018\)](#)

$$\frac{L}{L_\odot} = 10^{-0.4(M_G + BC_G - M_{\text{BOL},\odot})}$$

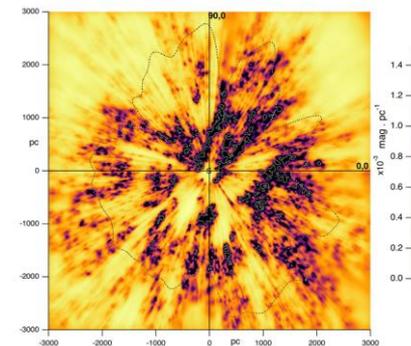
From  $(T_{\text{eff}}, A_V)$  to  $(A_G, A_{\text{BP}}, A_{\text{RP}})$

$$A_G = f_G(T_{\text{eff}}, A_V)$$

$$A_{\text{BP}} = f_{\text{BP}}(T_{\text{eff}}, A_V)$$

$$A_{\text{RP}} = f_{\text{RP}}(T_{\text{eff}}, A_V)$$

## $A_V$ estimation



[Lallement et al. \(2019\)](#)

Stellar parameters are estimated with a procedure that uses custom calibrated relations and external constraints on interstellar extinction together with distances and fundamental astrophysical relations.

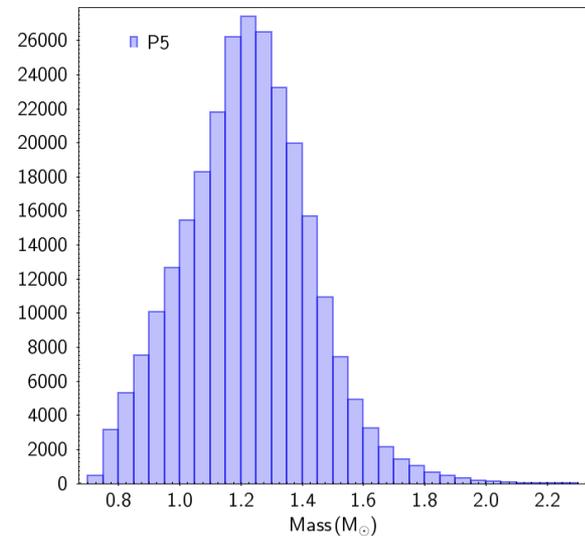
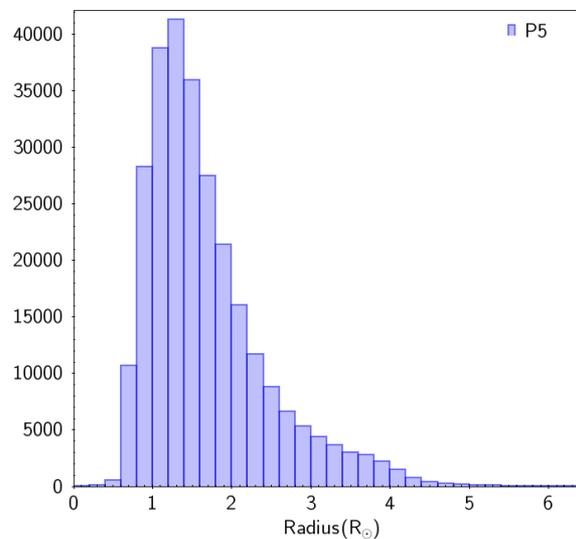
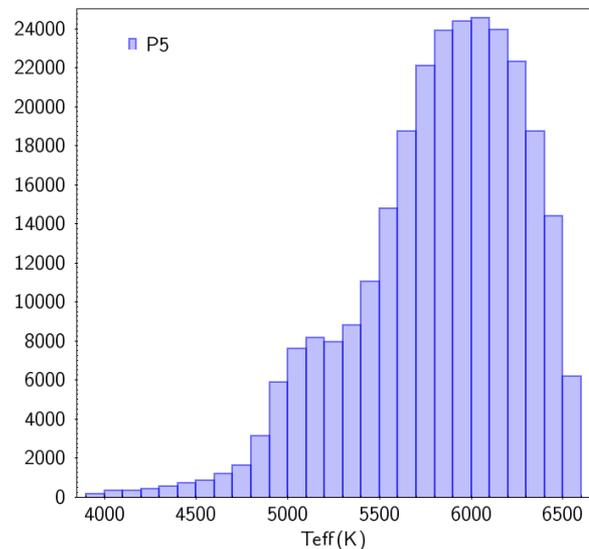
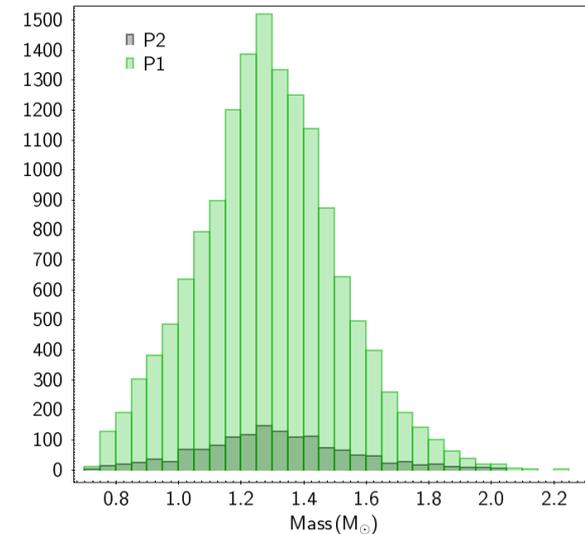
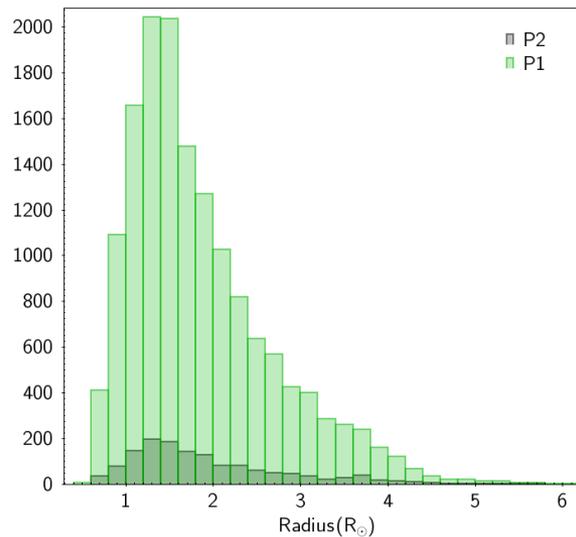
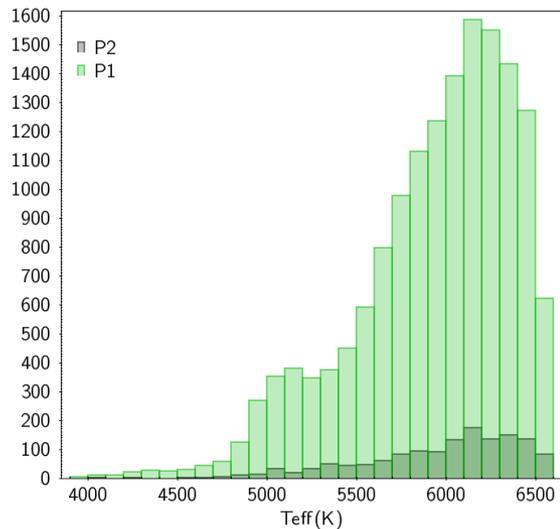
## Radius and Mass estimation

$$\frac{R}{R_\odot} = \left( \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}} \right)^{-2} \sqrt{\frac{L}{L_\odot}}$$

$$\frac{M}{M_\odot} = f(L, T_{\text{eff}})$$

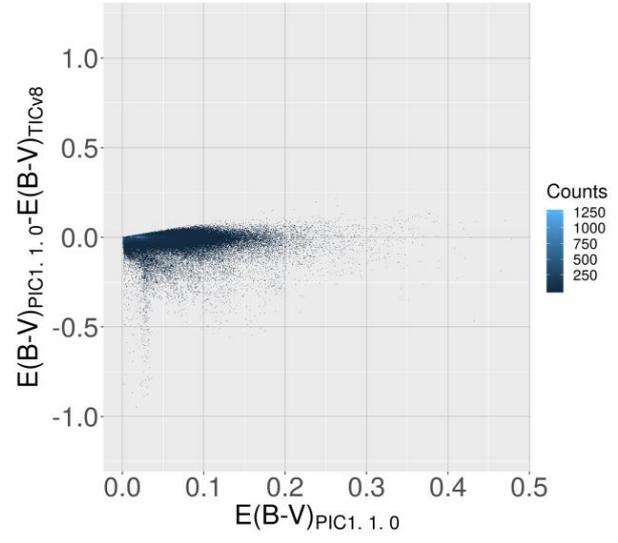
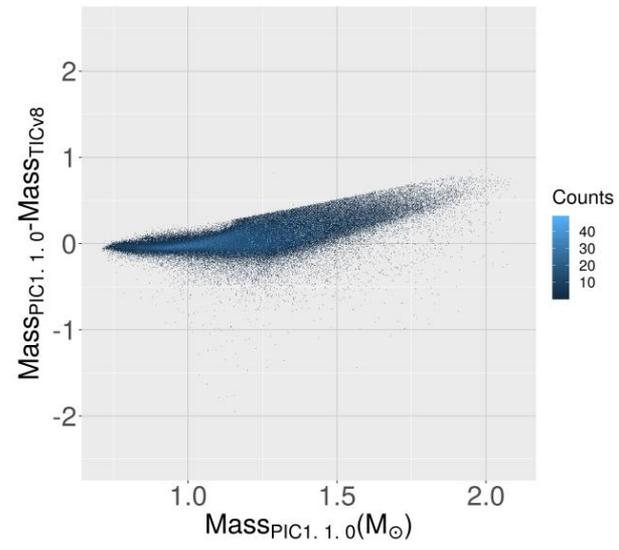
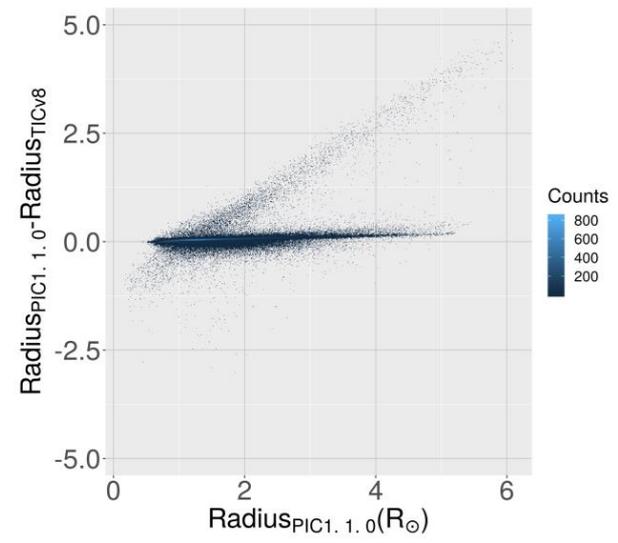
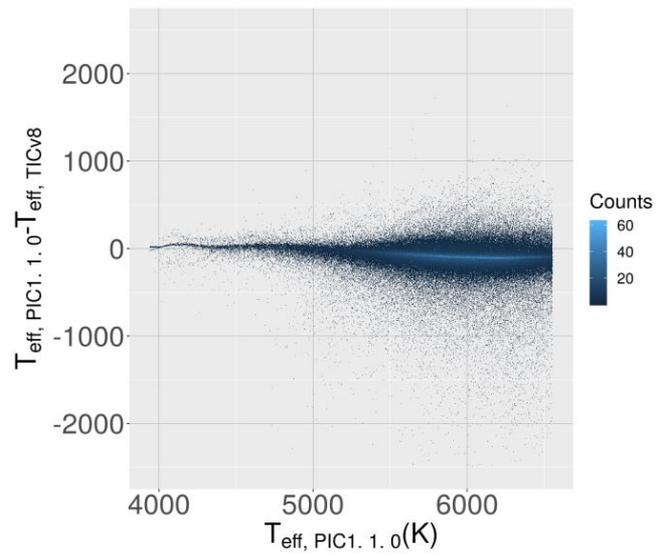
[Moya et al. \(2018, ApJS, 237, 21\)](#)

# PIC1.1.0: stellar parameters





# PIC1.1.0 vs TICv8



# Next PIC2.0.0 major release

(early 2022)



**PIC2.0.0 will be based on Gaia eDR3.** This will imply new calibration of all selection parameters (ongoing).

asPIC2.0.0 will be published as an update of Montalto et al. (2021)

tPIC2.0.0 will be extracted for the new LOPS and LOPN of Nascimbeni et al. (2021), see next slides.

PIC2.0.0 will contain the following information:

IDs + parallax, proper motions +

**astrometricQualityFlag (Gaia) +**

**PlatoMag, ePlatoMag +**

$G$ ,  $G_{BP}$ ,  $G_{RP}$  fluxes and magnitudes +

distance (Bailer-Jones 2021) +

**new** extinction in the visible and Gaia bands (Lallement et. al. 2019+)

**new** photometric stellar parameters ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ , Mass, Radius) +

**binaryFlag +**

**sourceFlag +**

contaminants number and total mag +

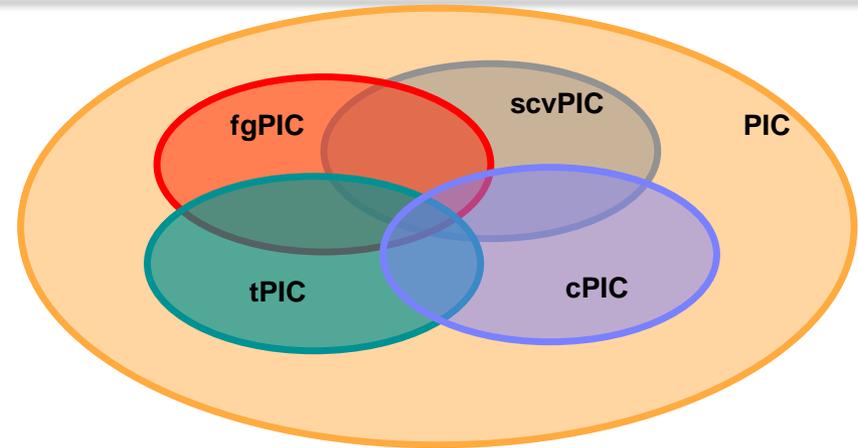
NSR from performance team

+all targets with known planet candidates

# The complete PIC



The four lists will eventually be merged to build a single target table.



**tPIC** Stellar Catalogue containing P1, P2, P4 & P5 stars, planet hosts

**fgPIC** FGS Performance Stellar Catalogue : Fine Guide System (FGS) guarantees the attitude of the spacecraft

**cPIC** Instrument Calibration Stellar Catalogue : stars used for attitude, image geometry model, PSF calibration, best focus and throughput

**scvPIC** Science Calibration & Validation Stellar Catalogue for both stellar and exoplanet science.

# PLATO field selection



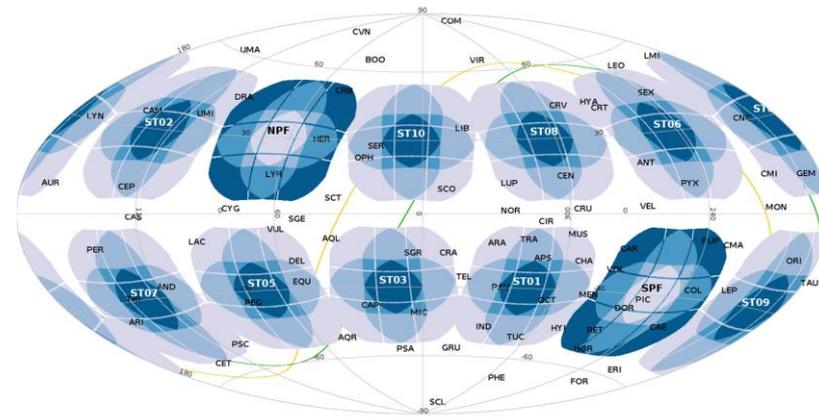
The coordinates of the PLATO fields shall be considered only **provisional**, for the moment A PLATO team is working on the selection of the PLATO fields.

The final choice will be driven by three types of criteria:

- 1) **Formal requirements** from the “*PLATO Science Requirements Document*”
- 2) **Additional criteria** which maximize the scientific return of PLATO
- 3) **Technical requirements** which include, for instance, the centers of the LOP fields must have Ecliptic latitude  $|\beta| > 63$

“Old” fields from Nascimbeni et al. (2016)

FIELD	$l$	$b$	$\alpha$ (2000.0)	$\delta$ (2000.0)	$\lambda$ (2026.0)	$\beta$
SPF	253	-30	86.79871	-46.39595	83.96876	-69.76083
NPF	65	30	265.08003	39.58370	262.02469	62.87730
STEP01	313	-30	303.21875	-80.70689	280.08245	-58.40055
STEP02	125	30	161.03552	86.60225	98.05976	65.26214
STEP03	13	-30	303.72755	-29.38949	299.71981	-9.32570
STEP04	185	30	121.62881	36.08815	116.44782	15.47221
STEP05	73	-30	329.39187	15.55358	337.86387	26.17499
STEP06	245	30	144.59365	-10.44089	151.01378	-23.13442
STEP07	133	-30	23.15075	32.06570	33.91768	20.76828
STEP08	305	30	194.99113	-32.83751	207.44785	-24.27328
STEP09	193	-30	67.41140	1.99201	66.31768	-19.57838
STEP10	5	30	243.39338	-7.64561	243.22263	13.31896

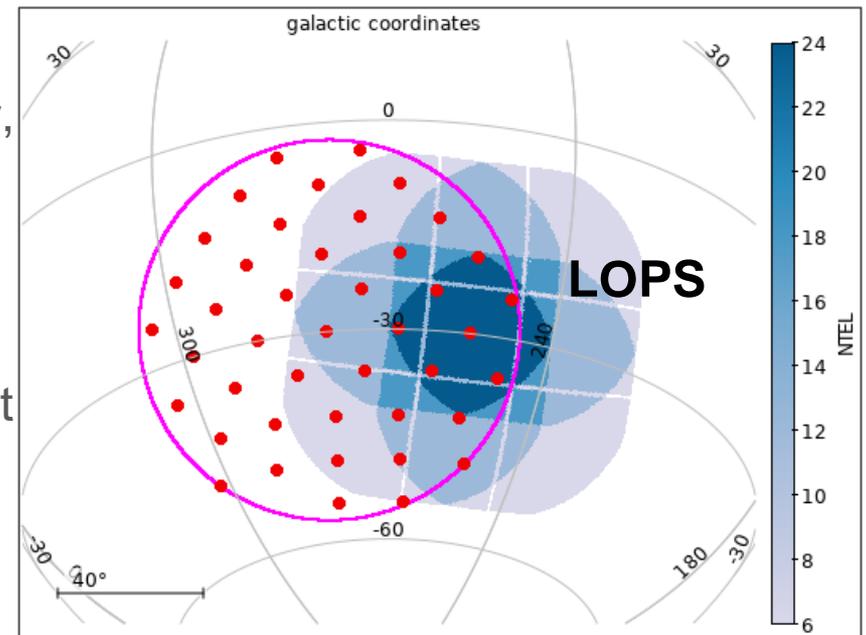


In the following we describe the criteria considered so far for the identification of the two Long Observation Pointings for the Northern Hemisphere (LOPN) and Southern Hemisphere (LOPS). All details will appear in Nascimbeni et al. (2021, A&A, subm.)

# The grid-based approach: the “coarse” grid



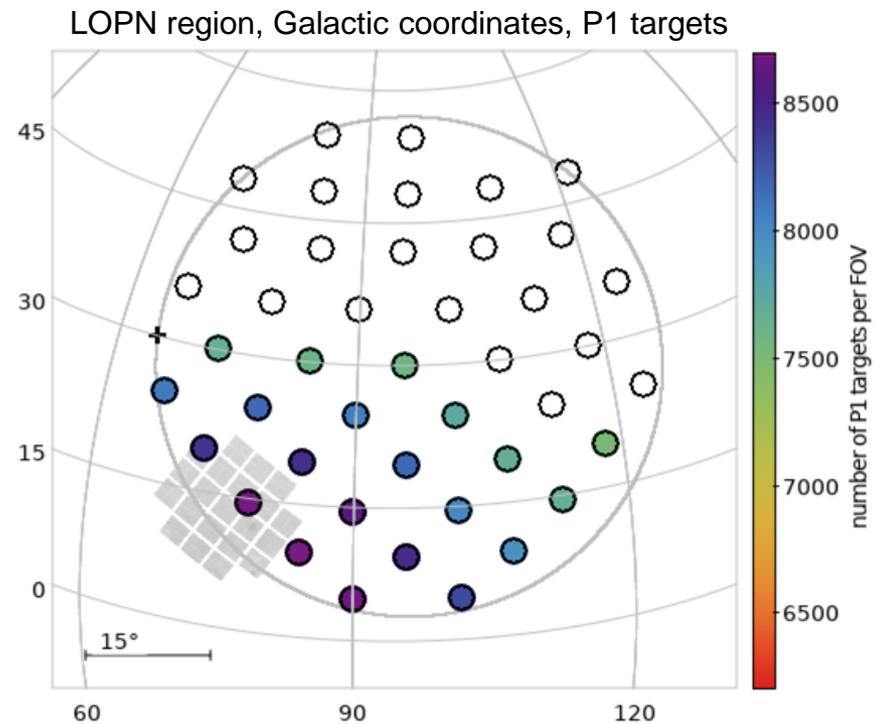
- We focused on the choice of the LOPN and LOPS fields and base our prioritization metric on the maximization of P1 targets (these targets are NSR limited,  $<50\text{ppm/hr}$ ,  $V < 11$ )
- We first implemented a “coarse” HEALPix level-3 grid (average spacing  $\sim 7.3^\circ$ ) to sample those two N=S “allowed regions” at  $|\beta| > 63^\circ$  [magenta circle] with a reasonable number of samples (43+43) [red points]
- For all those test fields, the PLATO performance team (PPT) provided a subsample of asPIC1.1.0 augmented with the effective *noise-to-signal ratio* (NSR) and other quantities of interest



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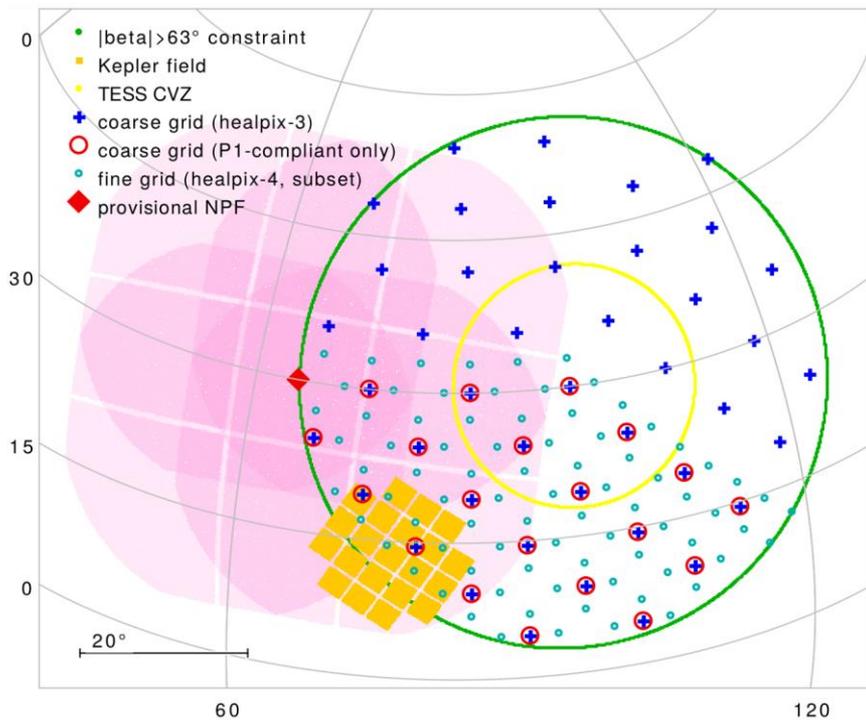
- Thanks to the coarse grid, we identified a subset of 32 pointings (21 N + 11 S) meeting the P1 requirements of 7,500 P1 targets/field (filled points in the figure, for the NPF)
- Only within the “*compliant region*” we constrained, we implemented a “fine” HEALPix level-4 grid (average spacing:  $3.66^\circ$ , cyan circles in the next slide) of 128 new pointings, for which again the PPT provided the NSR



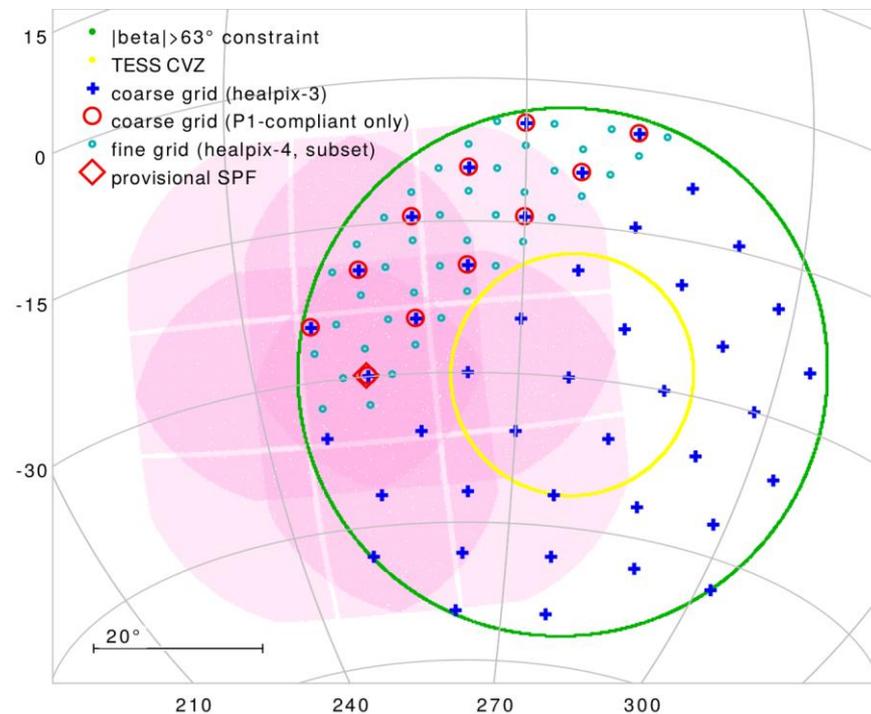
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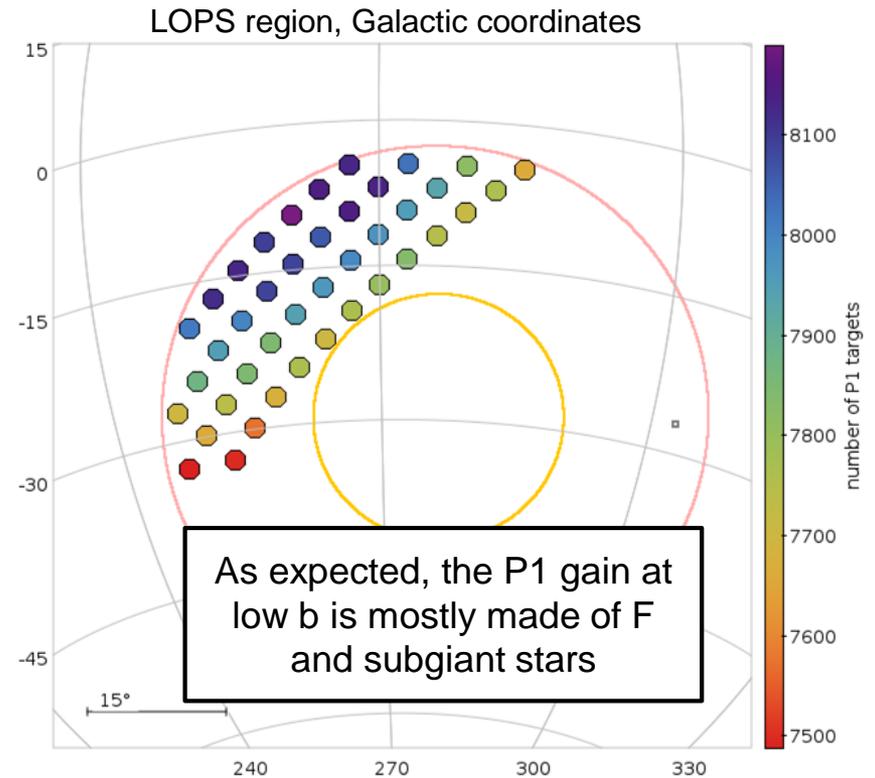
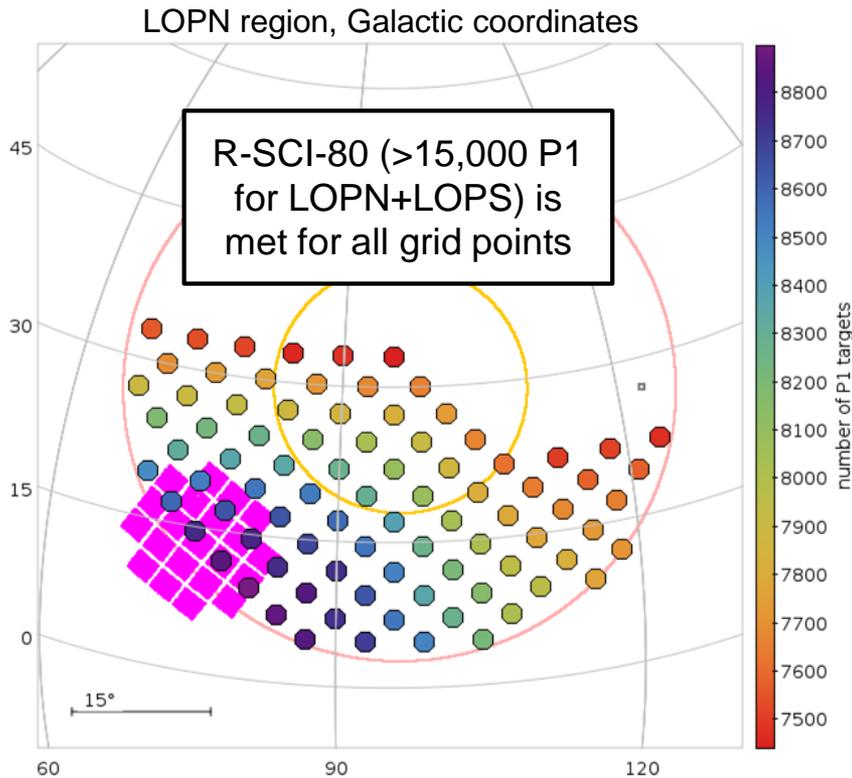
LOPN region, Galactic coordinates



LOPS region, Galactic coordinates

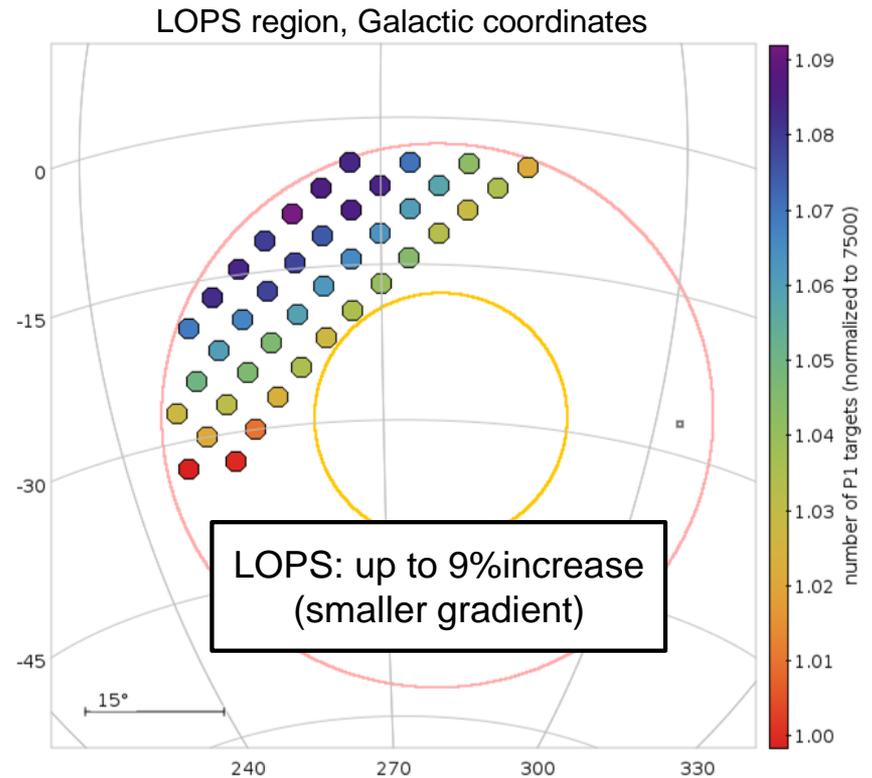
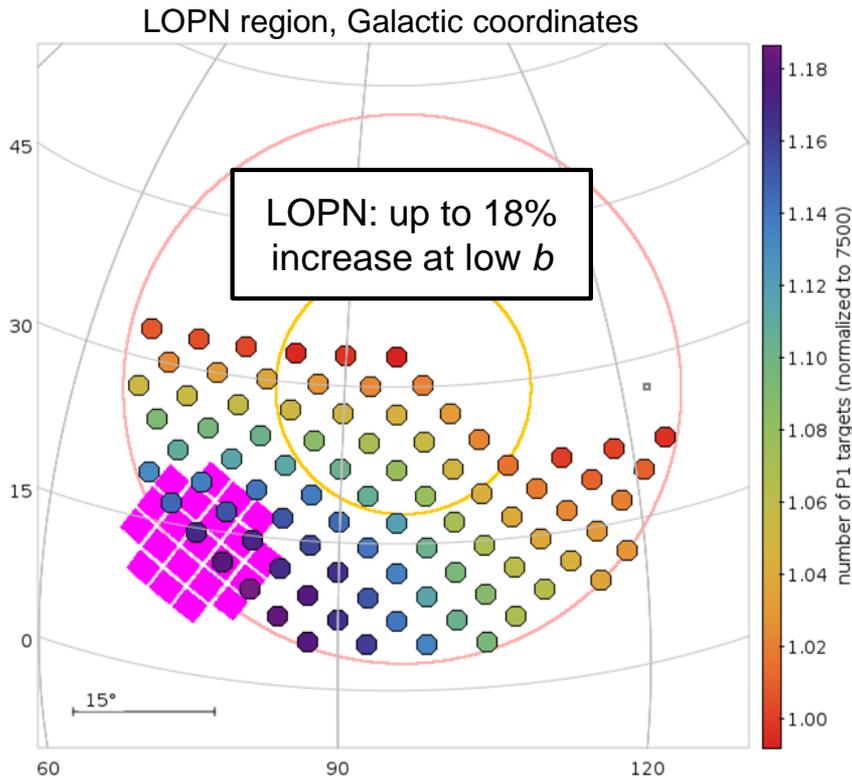


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# The prioritization metric



We then devised a prioritization metric (to be summed over each field) in the form:

$$\sum_{i \in P1} \frac{1}{\text{NSR}_i \times R_{\star,i}^{3/2}} \times (1 - \text{FPR}_i)$$

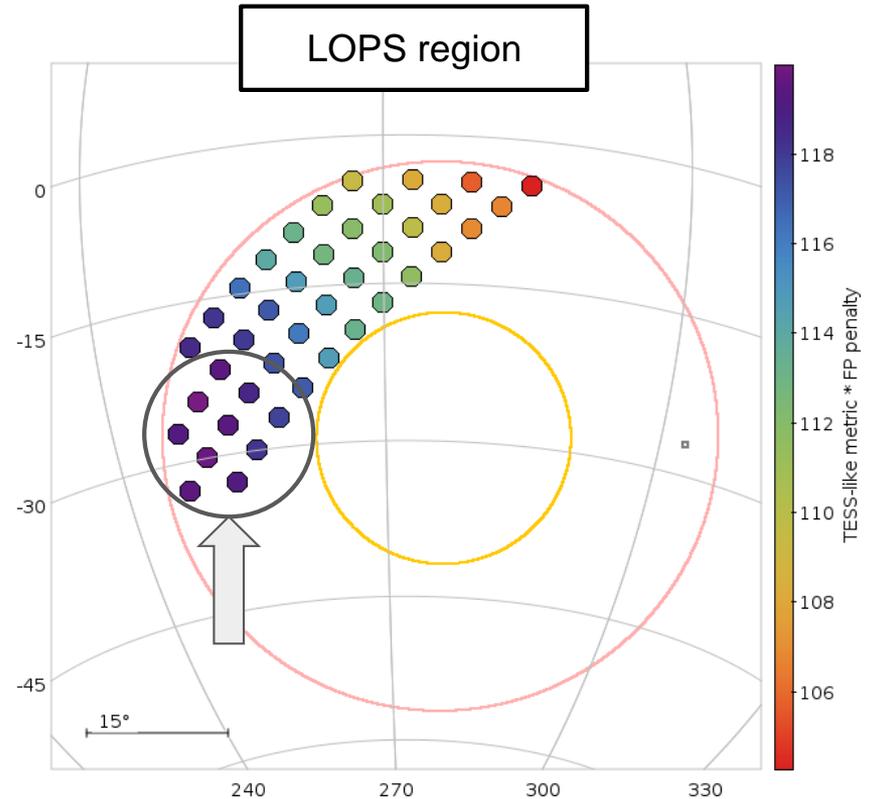
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# Applying the metric: LOPS region



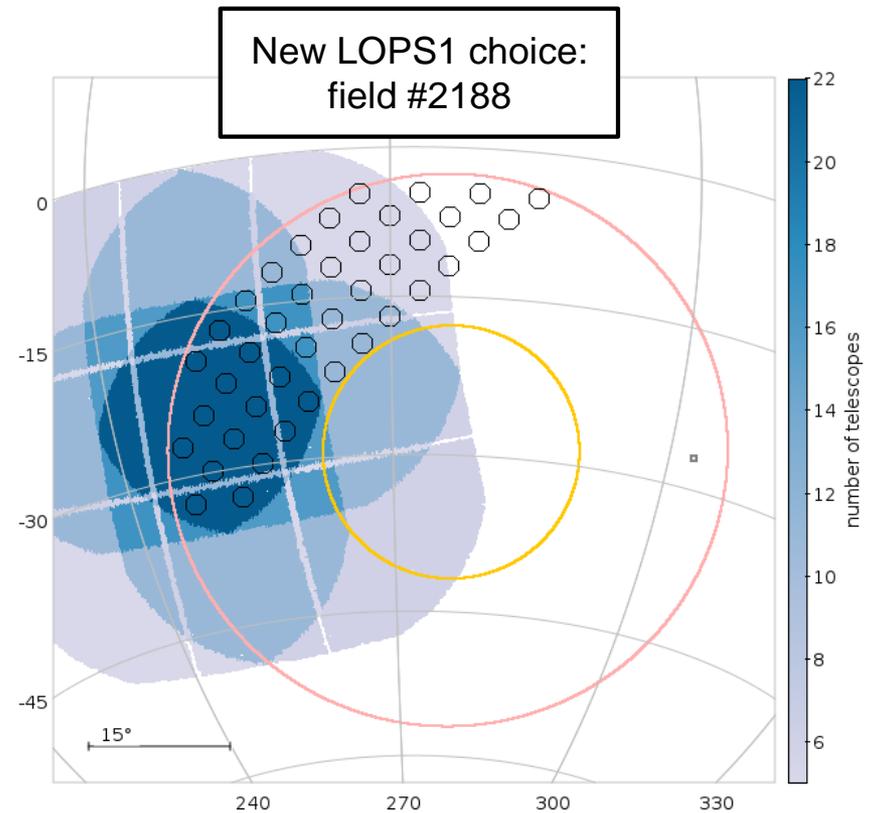
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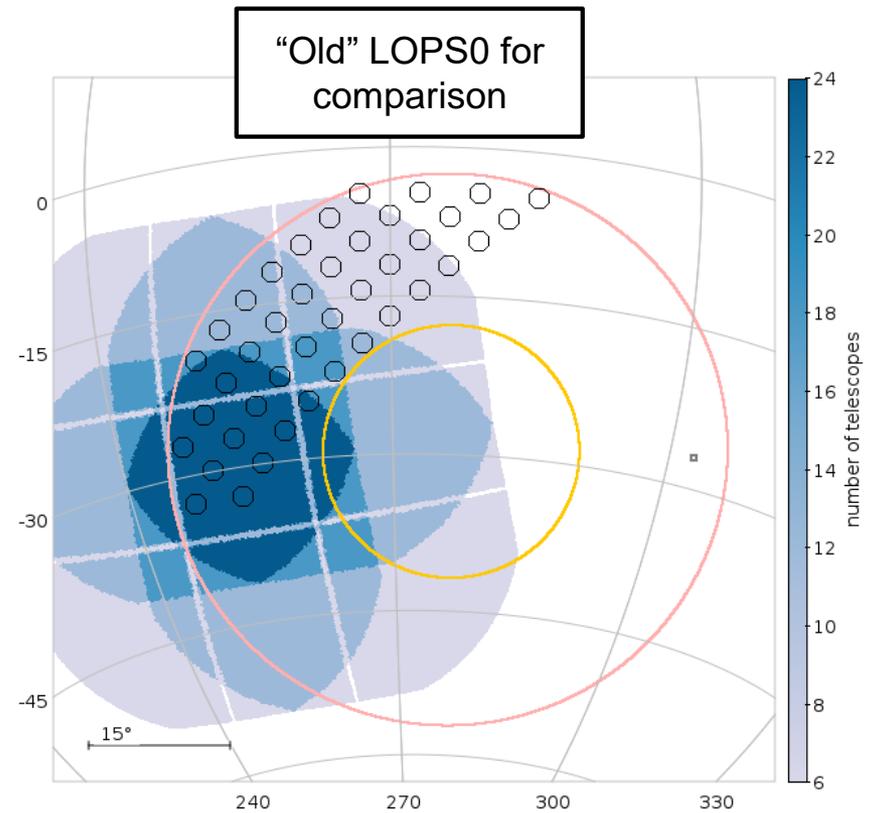
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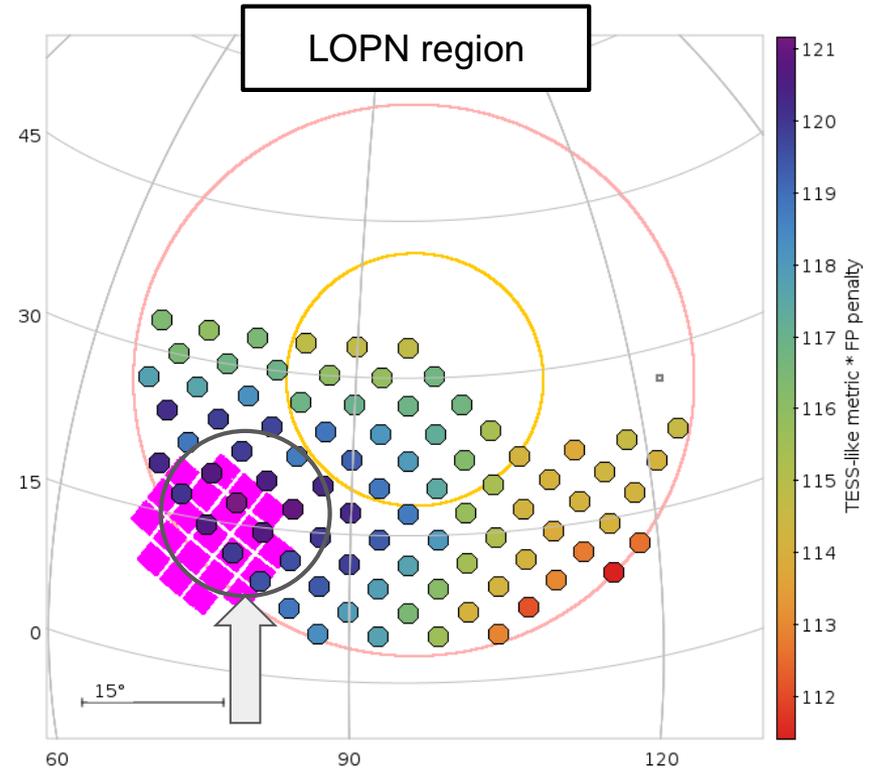
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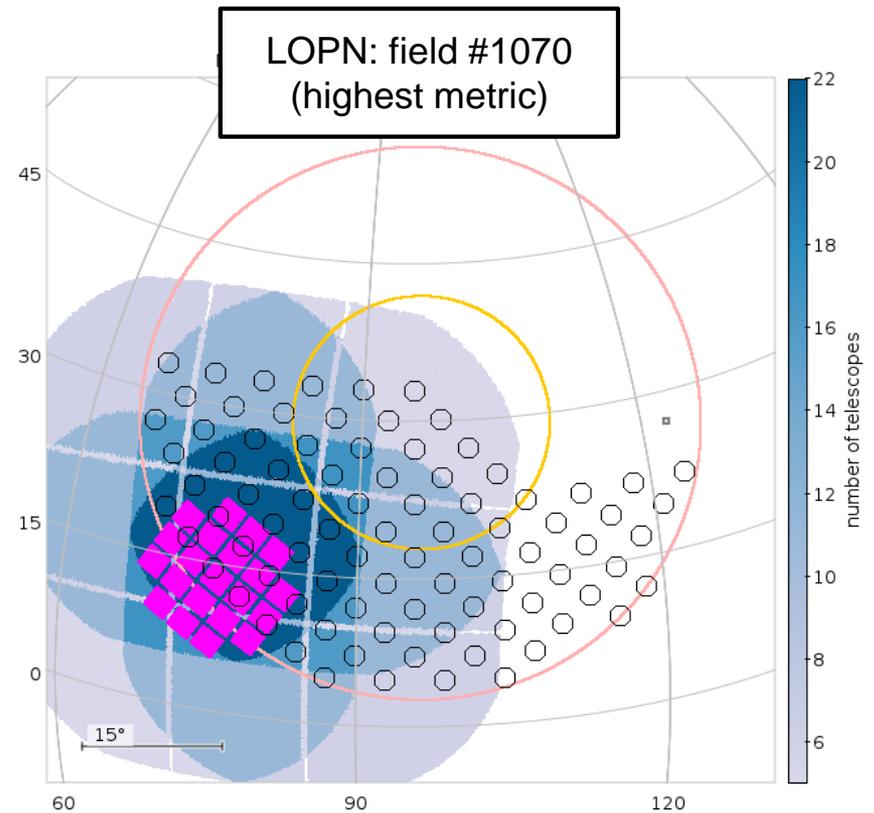
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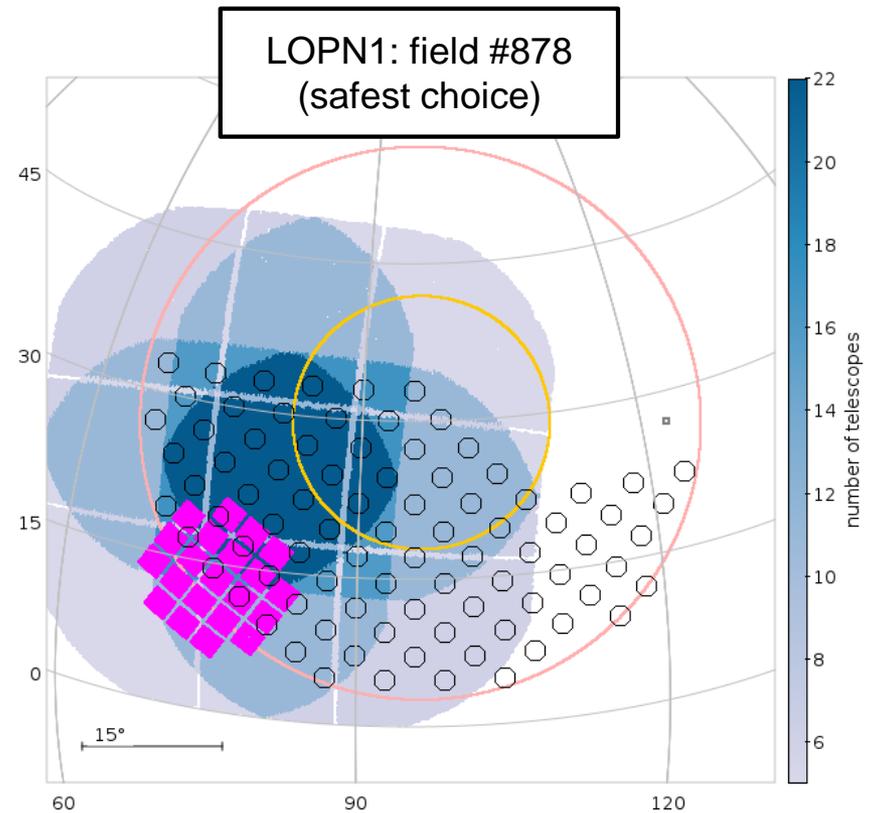
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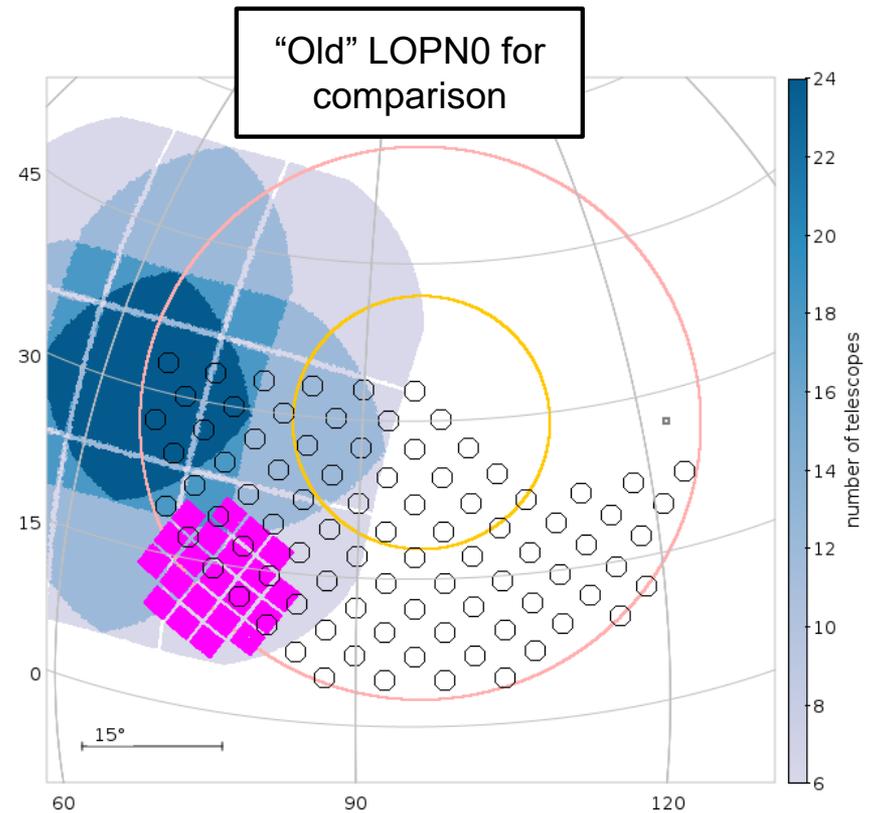
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# The new, preliminary Long pointing fields

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field	LOPS1	LOPN1	notes
$\alpha$ [deg]	93.49134	277.18023	ICRS
$\alpha$ [hms]	06:13:57.9	18:28:43.2	ICRS
$\delta$ [deg]	-42.93544	52.85952	ICRS
$\delta$ [hms]	-42:56:08	52:51:34	ICRS
$l$ [deg]	250.31250	81.56250	IAU 1958
$b$ [deg]	-24.62432	24.62432	IAU 1958
$\lambda$ [deg]	96.36781	287.98162	Ecliptic
$\beta$ [deg]	-66.29759	75.85041	Ecliptic

