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### Astrophysical context

The number of transiting exoplanets has increased steadily, thanks to dedicated ground and space based (e.g., HATNet [1], Kepler) transit surveys. The successfully working TESS mission [2] is expected to find  $\sim 4000$  transiting planets around bright stars (V<13 mag) [3], thus doubling the number of known systems. Transiting exoplanets provide us with a unique opportunity to improve our knowledge of planetary formation, structure, and evolution. For example, combining the photometry-derived radius with the radial velocity (RV)-derived mass allows us to constrain planetary composition by comparing the parameters with those predicted by structure models (e.g. [4]).

Despite the large number of known transiting exoplanets, only 667 have masses and radii known to 20% precision [5]. Most are hot Jupiters (HJs, Fig. 1), which have periods < 10 days. Their cooler counterparts, warm Jupiters (WJs), defined as giant planets with periods 10-300 days, remain poorly characterised as many of them orbit faint stars, complicating RV follow-up. The existence of these close-in giant planets poses challenges for planet formation models. It is thought that they formed beyond the ice line and migrated inwards through either (i) disk interactions [6], in which planets remain on circular and aligned orbits, or (ii) interactions with a third body, resulting in eccentric and misaligned orbits. While the eccentricities and obliquities of HJs are strongly affected by tidal and/or magnetic interactions with the host star, for WJs they contain reliable information about their formation and migration. Hence, a systematic detection of transiting WJs, and a detailed characterization of their orbital parameters, is crucial. Simulations of the expected TESS yield [3] predict >300 giant planets  $(R_p > 4R_{\oplus})$  with P>10d orbiting bright stars (V<13) in the Southern hemisphere (see Fig. 2). This statistically significant sample of warm giant planets will allow for the first time to constrain long-standing challenges about their formation, evolution, and structure. The first and second extended TESS missions (EM1, EM2) will increase this yield ([7]). Likewise, EM1 alone is predicted to find second transits for ~400 monotransiting planets from the primary mission ([8]).

## Immediate aim

We propose to obtain precise RV measurements with FEROS of TESS candidates to perform for the first time a systematic characterization of the transiting WJ population. Our plan includes a wide range of facilities, but the project's scientific success heavily relies on FEROS time.

TESS's large pixel size makes it hard to identify the source producing the transits. We use FITO600, a 0.6 m telescope at El Sauce, and the LCOGT network with 1.0 m telescopes at Siding Springs and SAAO, to perform photometric follow-up observations to identify the star hosting the transit signal. GAIA DR2 is also used to exclude false-positive scenarios and improve stellar parameters. Likewise, we were granted 13 nights at NTT/Astralux Sur to identify close companions to TESS targets via lucky imaging, which we are currently analysing. In terms of spectroscopy follow-up, we have  $\sim 90$  guaranteed nights per year with the FIDEOS spectrograph at the ESO 1.0 m telescope to monitor WJ candidates orbiting the brightest stars (V<10). We also submitted a 9n HARPS proposal to detect  $\sim 20$ WJs with  $K<30 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . In this proposal, we aim to use FEROS to detect  $\sim 80$  WJs with amplitudes K>30  $m s^{-1}$  orbiting moderately bright stars 11<V<13, and  $\sim$ 35 WJs with K<30 m s<sup>-1</sup> orbiting stars with V<11. The full analysis of the systems (transits + RVs) will be MPIA-led using the juliet code, which was developed at MPIA ([9]) and focuses on disentangling stellar activity and planetary signals around active stars.

#### Previous work

Our team has published several TESS gas giant exoplanets ([10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]; Fig. 1), even pushing the limits of FEROS to detect an ultra-short period planet ([16], Fig. 3). We also have 11 confirmed WJs in preparation (Brahm et al., Espinoza et al., Rojas et al., Eberhardt et al., Hobson et al., in prep) and many promising candidates needing RV follow-up. Our team is a dedicated partner in the HATS project, leading 1/3 of HATS papers ([17, 18, 19, 20, 21]) and participating in all other papers. We have also characterized several transiting exoplanets from the K2 mission ([22, 23, 24, 25]). Our team has the experience and the facilities to be a leading group on exoplanet characterization in the TESS era.

#### Layout of observations

We plan to obtain FEROS spectra in Object-Calibration mode, in order to trace the instrumental velocity drift through the night. Exposure times will be calculated via the FEROS exposure time calculator, taking into account the brightness of the stars to obtain a sufficient signal to noise ratio for precise RV measurements. Typical exposure times for a  $V \sim 12$  mag star are of  $\sim 20$  min. The reduction and analysis will be performed with the CERES pipeline ([26]) developed for the La Silla echelle spectrographs (FEROS, CORALIE, and HARPS), enabling to reach RV precision down to 5 m s<sup>-1</sup> (see section 8e).

## Strategic importance for MPIA

Building on the success of HATS, we established a new strategic collaboration for TESS follow-up observations, which will combine FEROS with other facilities. The search for WJs is an important goal for the PSF department with strong links to formation models, which will be investigated with our theory group.

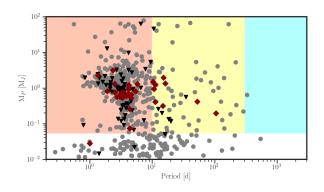


Figure 1: Distribution of transiting planets in the planet mass versus period plane having masses and radii determined with a 20% precision or better, as listed in TEPCat [5]. The coloured regions represent the different insolation regimes (orange: hot Jupiters, yellow: warm Jupiters, blue: cold Jupiters). Planets led by our team are marked as red diamonds, and those to which we contributed data are marked as black triangles. Warm Jupiters, which are key for constraining theories of the formation and orbital evolution of giant planets, have been sparsely detected.

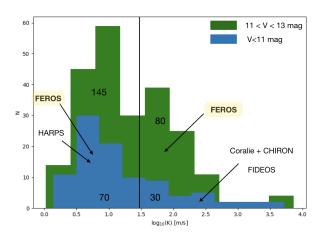


Figure 2: Predicted TESS yield of warm giant planets orbiting bright stars (P>10d,  $R_P > 4$   $R_{\oplus}$ , V<13) according to [3]. The FEROS time of this proposal will be primarily used for characterizing the population of giant planets ( $K > 30 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ) orbiting moderately bright stars (11<V mag<13), and super Neptune mass planets ( $K < 30 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ) orbiting bright stars (V<11 mag).

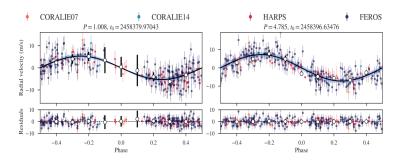


Figure 3: Phase folded radial velocities for the multiplanetary system HD213885 discovered by TESS and analysed using our in-house tool Juliet. Note the low-amplitude of the signals detected (5.3  $\pm$  0.39  $\rm m\,s^{-1}$  and 7.26  $\pm$  0.48  $\rm m\,s^{-1}$ ) and the number of FEROS RV observations that were a key to characterize precisely this system.

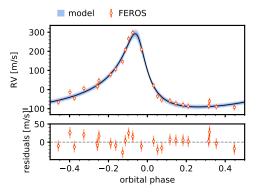


Figure 4: Phase folded FEROS RVs for TIC-237913194 b, a WJ with a period of 15.17d, on one of the most eccentric orbits of all known warm giants ( $e = 0.575 \pm 0.011$ ). Figure from [13].

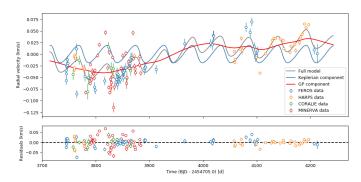


Figure 5: RVs for TOI-201, a WJ with period of 52.9781 d and  $e = 0.23^{+0.08}_{-0.10}$ , orbiting a young, active star. The long temporal baseline of the FEROS RVs was key to characterizing the stellar activity through a Gaussian process. Figure from [15].

Over the past 25 years, more than 4300 exoplanets were discovered mostly thanks to ground-based radial velocity surveys and the Kepler mission ([27]). The transit method is by far the most successful detection technique contributing to more than 3700 exoplanets. This large sample allows one to do statistical analysis, which was not previously possible. One major discovery is that even though HJs are easy to detect, they are very rare ([28]). These close-in giant planets still present a challenge for theorists, as their radii are larger than is predicted by standard thermal evolution models ([29]). WJs, on the other hand, generally have equilibrium temperatures of  $T_{eq}$  <1000 K, and their structures are not significantly affected by proximity effects. The detection and characterization of transiting WJs is crucial to calibrate theoretical structural models that can then be used on HJs to understand which variables are responsible for inflating their radii. Therefore, increasing the sample of such planets is very important and would allow us to better understand their evolution. By carrying out a systematic, longterm RV follow-up programme with FEROS, we can confirm and characterize these WJs while also disentangling stellar activity effects. A long temporal baseline on a stable, precise instrument such as FEROS is vital to this project. With the TESS extended mission currently reobserving the Southern skies, this is a critical time for simultaneous RV monitoring.

This proposal is also linked to Jan Eberhardt's PhD thesis, whose goal is to analyse exoplanets with combined methods; FEROS data will be vital for combined TESS/RV analyses. He also aims to revisit TW Hya with new TESS, CRIRES, HARPS and FEROS data to study the planet vs. spot hypotheses.

## Data reduction and analysis

The spectra obtained with FEROS are extracted using the CERES pipeline, expressly written for this instrument and optimised for the subsequent radial velocity measurements. A complete description of CERES can be found in ([26]). In brief, each spectrum is extracted and subsequently calibrated in wavelength using the ThAr spectra. The RV is then measured by crosscorrelating the observed spectrum with a binary mask chosen according to the spectral class of the target. Additionally, the bisector of the CCF (i.e., the deformation of the line shape) is determined as a supplemental parameter, serving as a diagnostic tool to rule out falsepositive scenarios such as blended eclipsing binaries or stellar activity effects. We also measure stellar activity indicators such as  $H_{\alpha}$  and  $\log R'_{HK}$ , and estimate the atmospheric stellar parameters including effective temperature  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , surface gravity  $\log g$ , and metallicity [Fe/H]. The precision in RV obtainable with CERES is of the order of 5-10 m/s. FEROS is, therefore, a very competitive instrument for the measurements of the RVs of stars in the southern hemisphere.

## Results highlight

Our team achieved many exoplanet discoveries using ground-based (HATSouth) and space-based (K2) surveys, and has characterized several TESS candidates. The planets span a large region in parameter space, from a  $\sim 9 \,\mathrm{M}_{\oplus}$  planet around an active M dwarf ([25]) to massive ones three times Jupiter's mass ([30]). Regarding HATSouth confirmations, we highlight HATS-59 [20], its first multi-planetary system, with a hot Jupiter and an outer massive companion; and HATS-17 b, the longest period transiting planet discovered by a ground-based transit survey ([31]); plus many well characterized hot Jupiters ([17, 18, 21]). Our team also characterized 3 warm Saturns on eccentric orbits, discovered by K2 ([24, 22]). Our TESS follow-up is producing excellent results, with eight hot and warm Jupiters confirmed at least partly with FEROS data. We highlight one of the most eccentric known warm Jupiters ([13], Fig. 4), a still-contracting warm giant orbiting a 0.8 Gy star ([15], Fig. 5), and two warm giants near the 2:1 resonance ([32]). Finally, this program provided crucial candidates for the theoretical work by Paula Sarkis, who recently constrained the radius anomaly of hot Jupiters ([33]).

#### **Future Plans**

TESS is the most important exoplanet search mission in orbit, expected to discover > 300 giant planets around bright stars (V < 13 mag) in its prime mission, suitable for RV follow-up with FEROS. After observing the full sky over two years, it has re-observed the Southern hemisphere in EM1 and will re-observe it again in EM2.

We aim to systematically characterize the full population of transiting WJs that will be unveiled by TESS. While we are close to the end of our initially predicted 780 hours to characterize the prime mission targets, the extended missions are expected to produce a further  $\sim 400$  candidates each ([7]). To characterize the full TESS warm giant population from the prime mission and first extended mission, we will therefore require a total of 1040 further hours of telescope time distributed into 6 semesters. This will span the entire second TESS extended mission and a year after it, allowing for characterization of targets detected up to the end of the mission. Many of these discoveries will be suitable for atmospheric characterization with JWST and hence will have a large impact.

FEROS is a strategically well-placed instrument and is one of the few suitable instruments in the Southern hemisphere for follow-up RV observations. Our well-established team of researchers at the MPIA, STScI, and PUC and UAI in Chile has demonstrated the experience and facilities needed to excel in the exoplanet field and be a leading group in the TESS era.

## 9. Objects to be observed

(Objects to be observed with high priority should be marked in last column)

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| Designation  | $\alpha$ (2000)                                     | $\delta$ (2000)              | spectral range<br>to be observed | priority |
| TIC7145074   | 0 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup> 03.16 <sup>s</sup>   | $-43^{\circ} 24' 34.84''$    | 11.56                            | 1        |
| TIC398673587 | 0 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup> 06.52 <sup>s</sup> . | $-7^{\circ} 36' 50.82''$     | 12.37                            | 1        |
| TIC67599025  | 1 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup> 46.16 <sup>s</sup>   | $-31^{\circ} 30' 20.38''$    | 12.87                            | 1        |
| TIC248387177 | 1 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup> 31.37 <sup>s</sup>   | 0° 17′ 24.37″                | 11.95                            | 1        |
| TIC456862677 | 1 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup> 44.68 <sup>s</sup>   | 21° 30′ 47.03″               | 11.94                            | 1        |
| TIC237913194 | 1 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 46.99 <sup>s</sup>   | $-60^{\circ} 44' 23.68''$    | 12.14                            | 1        |
| TIC54002556  | 1 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup> 05.15 <sup>s</sup>   | $-14^{\circ} 25' 08.94''$    | 12.46                            | 1        |
| TIC394287035 | 2 <sup>h</sup> 6 <sup>m</sup> 45.77 <sup>s</sup>    | $-81^{\circ} 14' 50.55''$    | 12.33                            | 1        |
| TIC231071138 | 2 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup> 46.40 <sup>s</sup>   | $-56^{\circ} 45' 22.41''$    | 12.70                            | 1        |
| TIC337129672 | 2 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 31.26 <sup>s</sup>   | 8° 4′ 45.34″                 | 11.65                            | 1        |
| TIC408809625 | 2 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup> 36.84 <sup>s</sup>   | 16° 20′ 15.44″               | 12.19                            | 1        |
| TIC4672985   | 2 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup> 52.96 <sup>s</sup>   | $-10^{\circ} 39' 26.58''$    | 11.50                            | 1        |
| TIC65347776  | 2 <sup>h</sup> 38 <sup>m</sup> 54.06 <sup>s</sup>   | $-27^{\circ} 19' 27.22''$    | 11.82                            | 1        |
| TIC318812447 | 2 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup> 08.77 <sup>s</sup>   | 3° 54′ 36.84″                | 11.51                            | 1        |
| TIC439873430 | 2 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup> 46.95 <sup>s</sup>   | $-4^{\circ} 51' 46.81''$     | 12.50                            | 1        |
| TIC257527578 | 3 <sup>h</sup> 5 <sup>m</sup> 10.23 <sup>s</sup>    | $-21^{\circ}  56'  01.13''$  | 11.23                            | 1        |
| TIC280096473 | 3 <sup>h</sup> 5 <sup>m</sup> 26.46 <sup>s</sup>    | $-74^{\circ} 28' 22.00''$    | 12.67                            | 1        |
| TIC358107516 | 3 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup> 54.82 <sup>s</sup> . | $-73^{\circ}  57'  27.17''$  | 13.00                            | 1        |
| TIC238197638 | 3 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup> 57.37 <sup>s</sup> . | $-72^{\circ} 47' 37.44''$    | 12.02                            | 1        |
| TIC279401253 | 3 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup> 37.73 <sup>s</sup>   | $-15^{\circ} 1'34.41''$      | 11.94                            | 1        |
| TIC423785115 | 4 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 40.73 <sup>s</sup>   | $-26^{\circ} 39' 00.92''$    | 11.90                            | 1        |
| TIC436637677 | 4 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup> 39.59 <sup>s</sup> . | 12° 57′ 18.90″               | 11.92                            | 1        |
| TIC77437543  | 4 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup> 29.88 <sup>s</sup> . | $-36^{\circ} 15' 25.55''$    | 12.18                            | 1        |
| TIC13072758  | 5 <sup>h</sup> 4 <sup>m</sup> 21.22 <sup>s</sup> .  | $-29^{\circ} \ 2' \ 03.05''$ | 12.70                            | 1        |
| TIC13093071  | 5 <sup>h</sup> 4 <sup>m</sup> 46.19 <sup>s</sup>    | $-26^{\circ}51'32.96''$      | 12.32                            | 1        |
| TIC455033897 | 5 <sup>h</sup> 6 <sup>m</sup> 23.32 <sup>s</sup> .  | 3° 16′ 49.76″                | 11.44                            | 1        |
| TIC284859630 | 5 <sup>h</sup> 7 <sup>m</sup> 57.40 <sup>s</sup>    | 5° 58′ 08.84″                | 12.84                            | 1        |
| TIC24358417  | 5 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 22.70 <sup>s</sup>   | $-34^{\circ}40'05.70''$      | 12.48                            | 1        |
| TIC382200986 | 5 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup> 16.48 <sup>s</sup> . | $-54^{\circ}56'45.96''$      | 12.69                            | 1        |
| TIC140215502 | 5 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup> 36.19 <sup>s</sup> . | $-34^{\circ}45'58.69''$      | 12.15                            | 1        |
| TIC363914762 | 5 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 56.56 <sup>s</sup> . | $-49^{\circ} 0' 25.02''$     | 11.19                            | 1        |
| TIC318013179 | 5 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup> 41.14 <sup>s</sup> . | $-16^{\circ}43'29.96''$      | 13.00                            | 1        |
| TIC282576340 | 6 <sup>h</sup> 0 <sup>m</sup> 38.29 <sup>s</sup> .  | $0^{\circ} 7' 53.34''$       | 11.47                            | 1        |
| TIC219176113 | 6 <sup>h</sup> 5 <sup>m</sup> 43.56 <sup>s</sup> .  | $-51^{\circ}58'37.28''$      | 12.61                            | 1        |
| TIC124029677 | 6 <sup>h</sup> 6 <sup>m</sup> 09.68 <sup>s</sup> .  | $-19^{\circ}57'12.40''$      | 11.93                            | 1        |
| TIC219181903 | 6 <sup>h</sup> 7 <sup>m</sup> 25.64 <sup>s</sup> .  | $-51^{\circ}53'48.67''$      | 12.92                            | 1        |
| TIC250595513 | 6 <sup>h</sup> 19 <sup>m</sup> 12.38 <sup>s</sup> . | $-4^{\circ} 38' 15.36''$     | 11.59                            | 1        |
| TIC49705089  | 6 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup> 44.23 <sup>s</sup> . | $-24^{\circ} 1'28.75''$      | 12.87                            | 1        |
| TIC142087638 | 6 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup> 46.12 <sup>s</sup>   | $-74^{\circ}11'24.35''$      | 11.53                            | 1        |
| TIC319610598 | 6 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 48.82 <sup>s</sup> . | $-52^{\circ} 38' 18.17''$    | 11.30                            | 1        |
| TIC157115010 | 6 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 53.25 <sup>s</sup> . | $-43^{\circ}  53'  34.74''$  | 11.93                            | 1        |
| TIC142532090 | 6 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup> 38.52 <sup>s</sup>   | $-13^{\circ} 26' 10.98''$    | 12.50                            | 1        |
| TIC279514271 | 7 <sup>h</sup> 3 <sup>m</sup> 02.89 <sup>s</sup>    | $-55^{\circ} 22' 05.83''$    | 12.62                            | 1        |
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 $<sup>^</sup>a$  TESS alerts of each Sector are made public after the observations of the Sector. Hence, the list of candidates could evolve when future data from upcoming sectors are released.

#### 10. Justification of the amount of observing time requested:

Using the predicted yield of TESS ([3]), we estimate that TESS will detect  $\sim 300$  WJs ( $R_p > 4R_{\oplus}$  and P > 10 days) around bright and moderately bright stars (V < 13 mag). FEROS will be systematically used to characterize all ( $\sim 80$ ) moderately bright systems (11 < V < 13) presenting RV semi-amplitudes of K>30 m s<sup>-1</sup> (type I candidates), and also a fraction ( $\sim 50\%$ ) of the lower mass systems (K<30 m s<sup>-1</sup>) orbiting bright (V<11) stars (type II candidates). In order to constrain the orbital parameters and measure the planetary mass with a precision around 20%, we anticipate we need around 20 spectra at different orbital phases. We assume that there will be also an equal number of false positives among our candidates that can be discarded after 4 RV observations.

For type I candidates, with a mean exposure time of 1200s, we require 640 hours to fully characterize these systems. As for type II candidates, with an execution time of 600s, we need 140 hours.

Thus, to succeed in systematically characterizing warm giant planets detected with the TESS primary mission, we estimated around **780 hours** of telescope time, distributed into 5 semesters. This time has been practically completed, though over 7 semesters due to COVID-19 shutdowns; 11 planets have been published, with a further 13 in prep.

From the predicted yield of the extended missions ([7]), we estimate a further  $\sim 400$  WJs for each one. As there is no information on the expected RV semi-amplitudes of large planets in [7], we assume similar proportions to the prime mission. Therefore, to systematically characterize the warm giants of the first extended mission, we will need around **1040 hours** of telescope time, which we will distribute into 6 semesters.

#### For this semester, we are applying for 173 hours.

We reduce and analyse the data immediately every night. This allows us to quickly discard false-positives and hence focus on promising targets and use the allocated time more efficiently.

#### 11. Constraints for scheduling observations for this application:

Since our candidates have a wide spread in RA and DEC, the schedule can be very flexible, and as we have many candidates to observe at any time, we can avoid collecting redundant data. We, however, prefer if our observations can be scheduled evenly throughout the semester as much as possible. In the previous semester, we successfully managed to share time with Olga Zakhozhay, Jose Vines, and Maximiliano Moyano, as part of a self-organized time-pool. This allowed us to greatly improve the time coverage, which is especially important for the planets where only one transit was observed. We plan to continue the time-pool in this semester.

# 12. Observational experience of observer(s) named under 2.3: (at least one observer must have sufficient experience)

Trifon Trifonov has experience observing with FEROS. Melissa Hobson has experience with other spectrographs such as HARPS, and with FEROS in the current remote mode.

## 13. Observing runs at the ESO 2.2m-telscope (preferably during the last 3 years) and publications resulting from these

| Telescope | instrument | date            | hours   | success rate | publications                     |  |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Oct 15 - Mar 16 | 143 hrs | 83%          | [19] [30],[20]                   |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Apr 16 - Sep 16 | 163 hrs | 85%          | [17], [18], [21]                 |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Oct 16 - Mar 17 | 162 hrs | 85%          | [17], [18], [21]                 |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Apr 17 - Sep 17 | 181 hrs | 100%         | [17], [21]                       |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Oct 17 - Mar 18 | 124 hrs | 100%         | [17], [21]                       |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Apr 18 - Sep 18 | 165 hrs | 100%         | [10], [16]                       |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Oct 18 - Mar 19 | 160 hrs | 100%         | [11], [16], [15]                 |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Apr 19 - Sep 19 | 149 hrs | 100%         | [24], [13], [14], [15], [32]     |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Oct 19 - Mar 20 | 145 hrs | 93%          | [13], [14], [15], [32], +in prep |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Apr 20 - Sep 20 | 157 hrs | 0%           | Note: site closed                |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Oct 20 - Mar 21 | 157 hrs | 30%          | Note: site partially closed      |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Apr 21 - Sep 21 | 157 hrs | 31%          | Note: site partially closed      |  |
| 2.2m      | FEROS      | Oct 21 - Mar 22 | 157 hrs | 100%         | several in prep                  |  |

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## Tolerance limits for planned observations:

| maximum seeing:         | 2.5" | minimum transparency:  | 60%   | maximum airmass: | 1.9        |
|-------------------------|------|------------------------|-------|------------------|------------|
| photometric conditions: | no   | moon: max. phase / 🕹 : | 1/30° | min. / max. lag: | 0/0 nights |