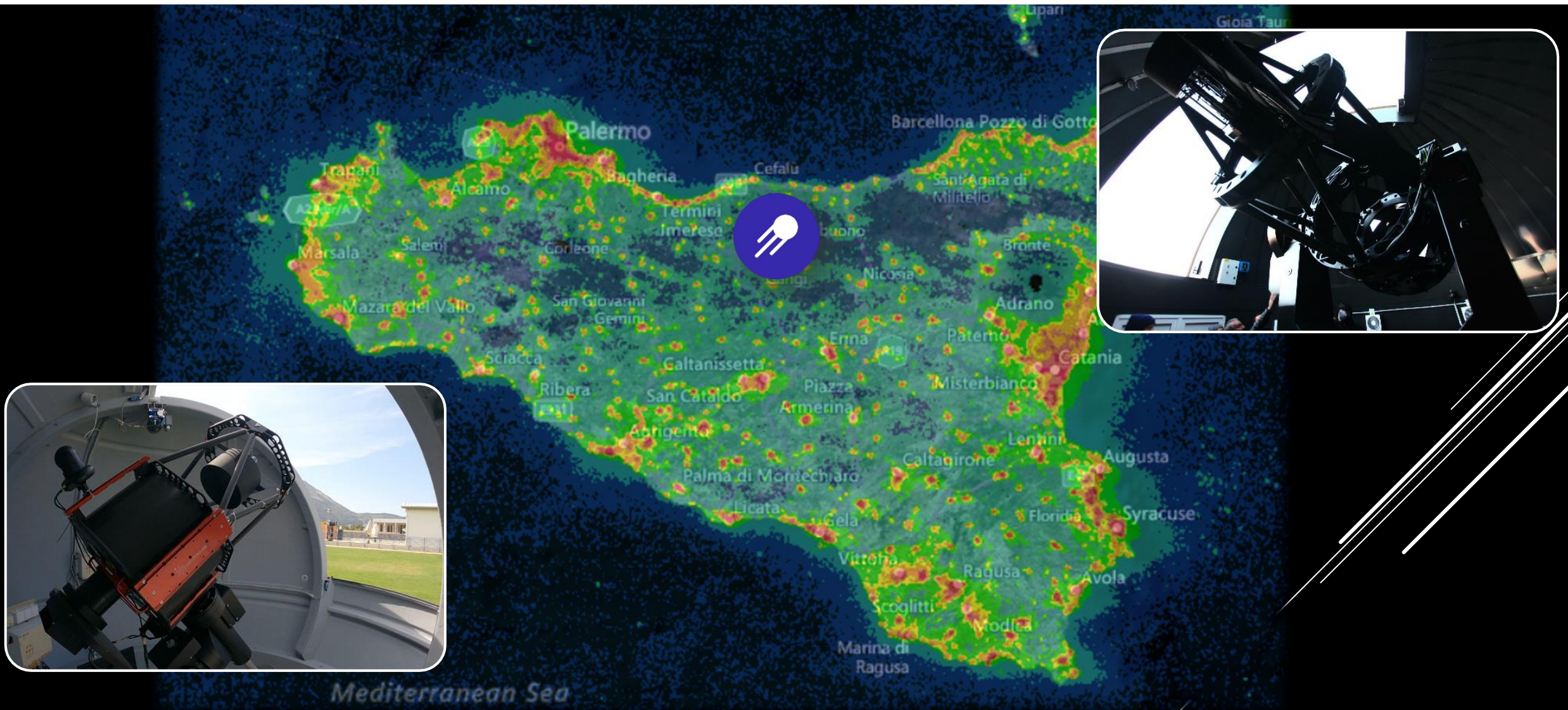
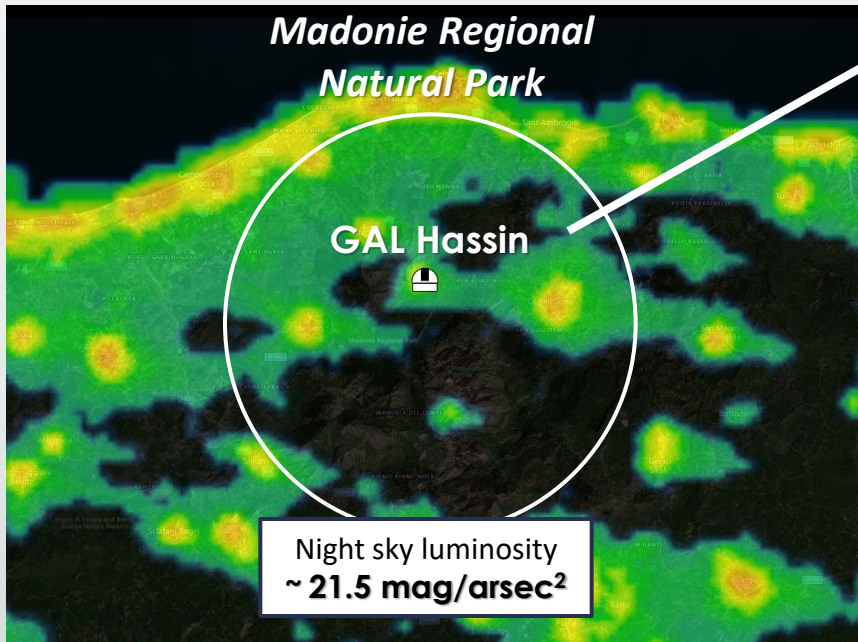


The wide-field telescopes for NEO surveillance of the GAL Hassin astronomical center



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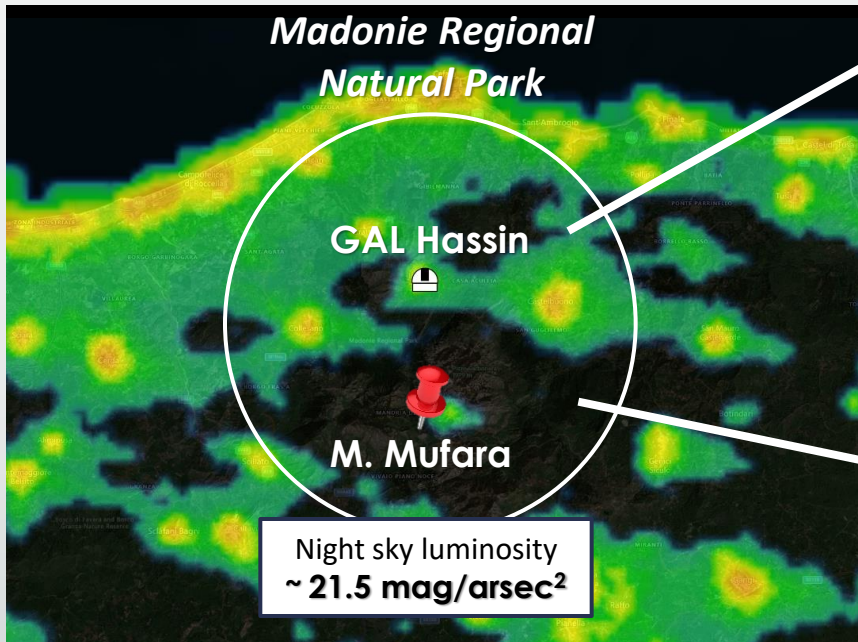


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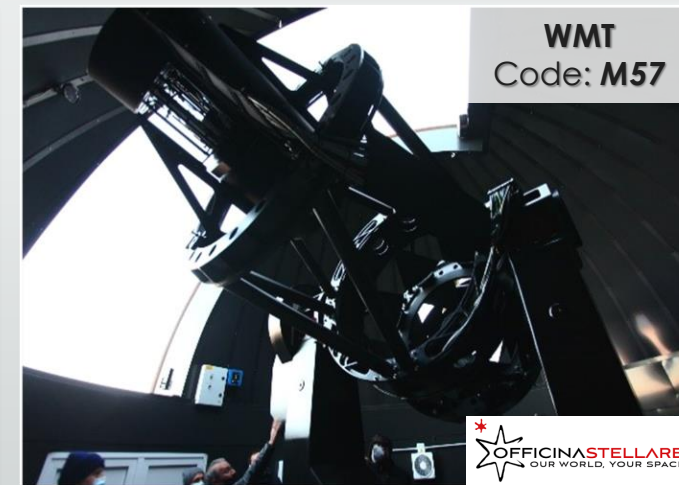


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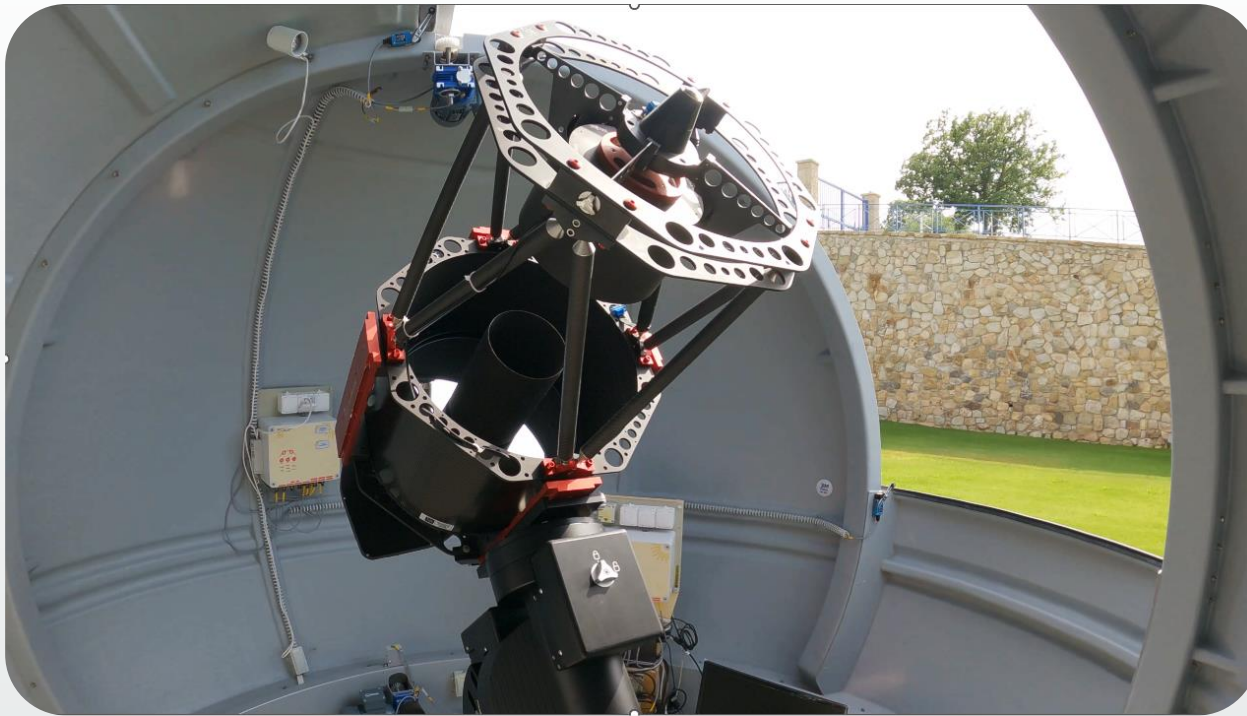
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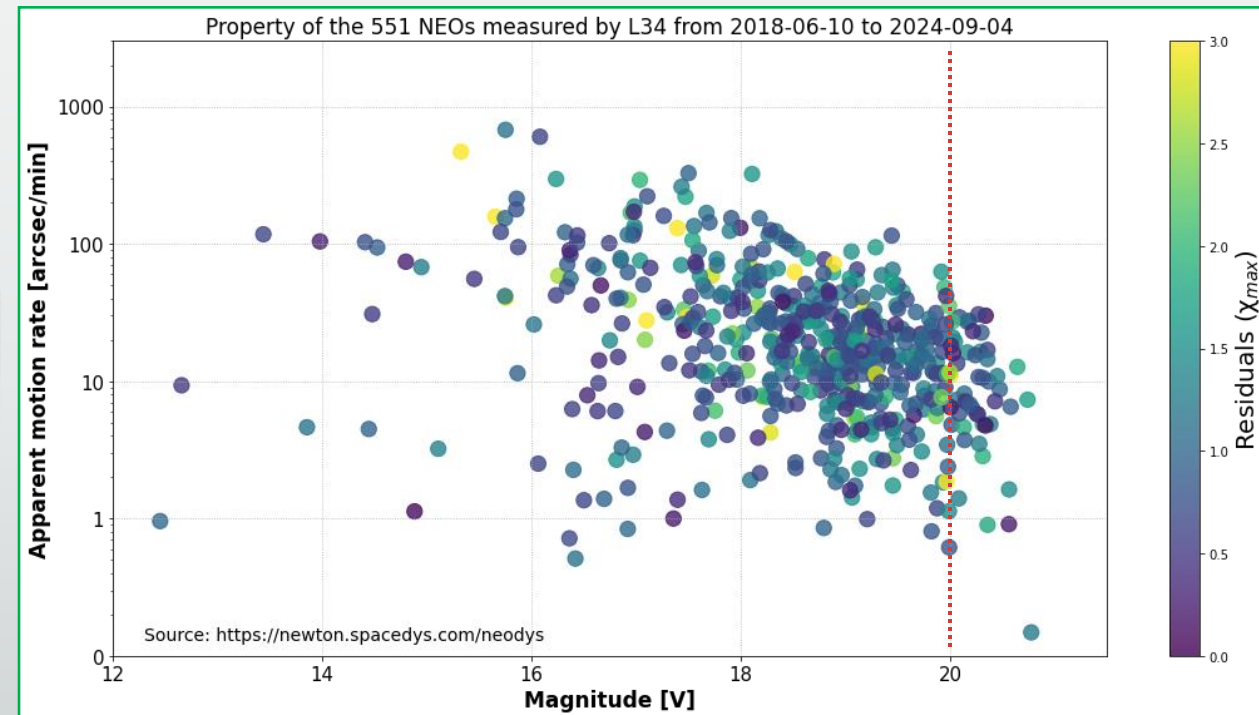
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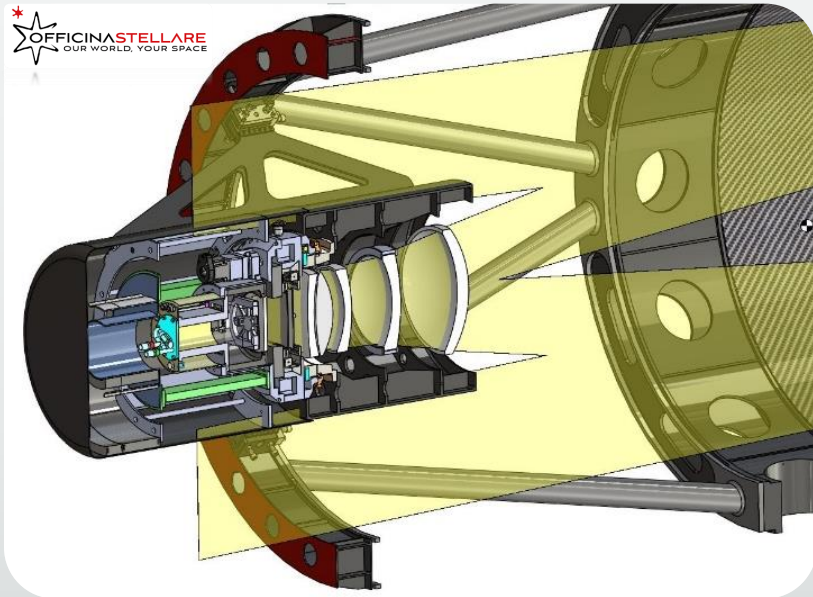


- **Officina Stellare RC telescope, 40 cm aperture, $f/D=3.8$.**
- **Camera sCMOS Moravian C4-16000, 4k x 4k pixels (2024).**
- **Wide field of view (1.5 deg^2).**
- **Fast equatorial mount 10 micron 3000 HPS.**
- **GPS time synchronization system (accuracy $\sim 0.1 \text{ sec}$).**
- **Fully remotely controlled.**

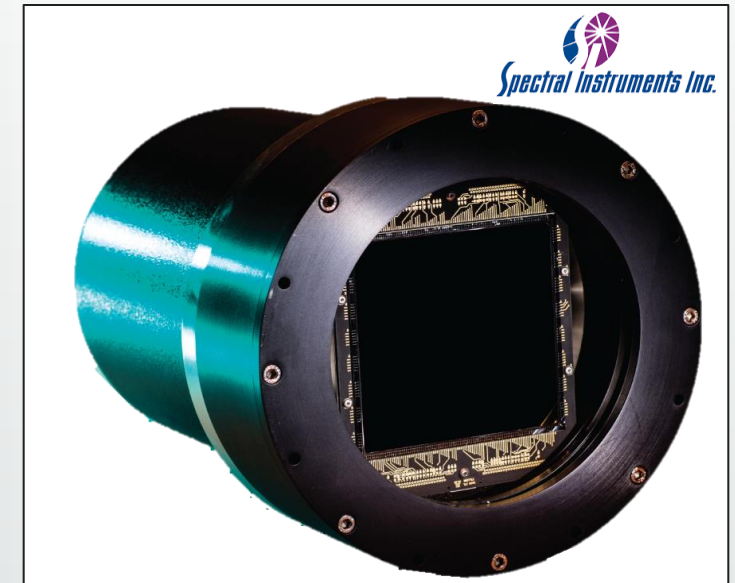


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- **Prime-focus** telescope.
- **1 meter** aperture.
- Low focal ratio **$f/D = 2.1$** .
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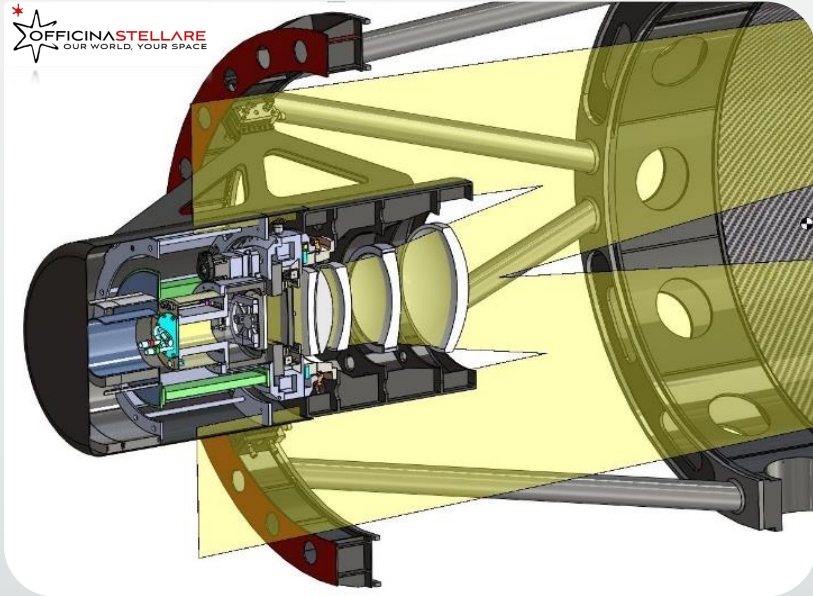


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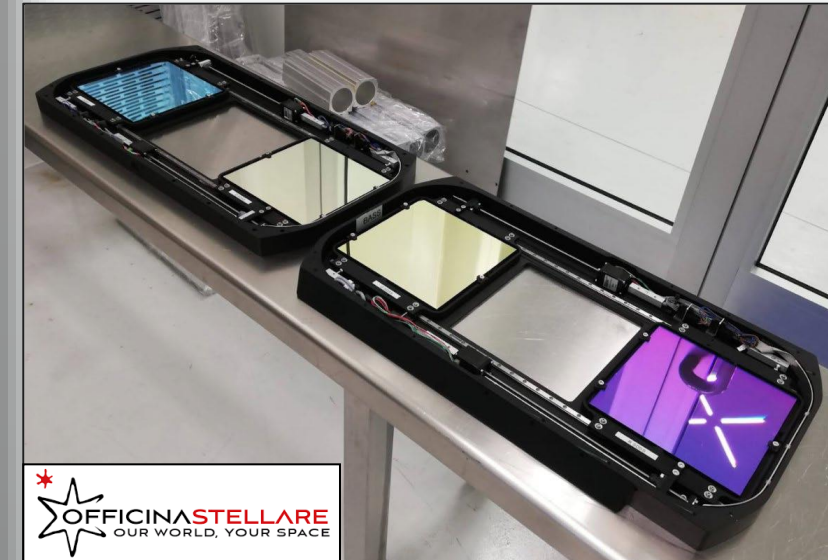
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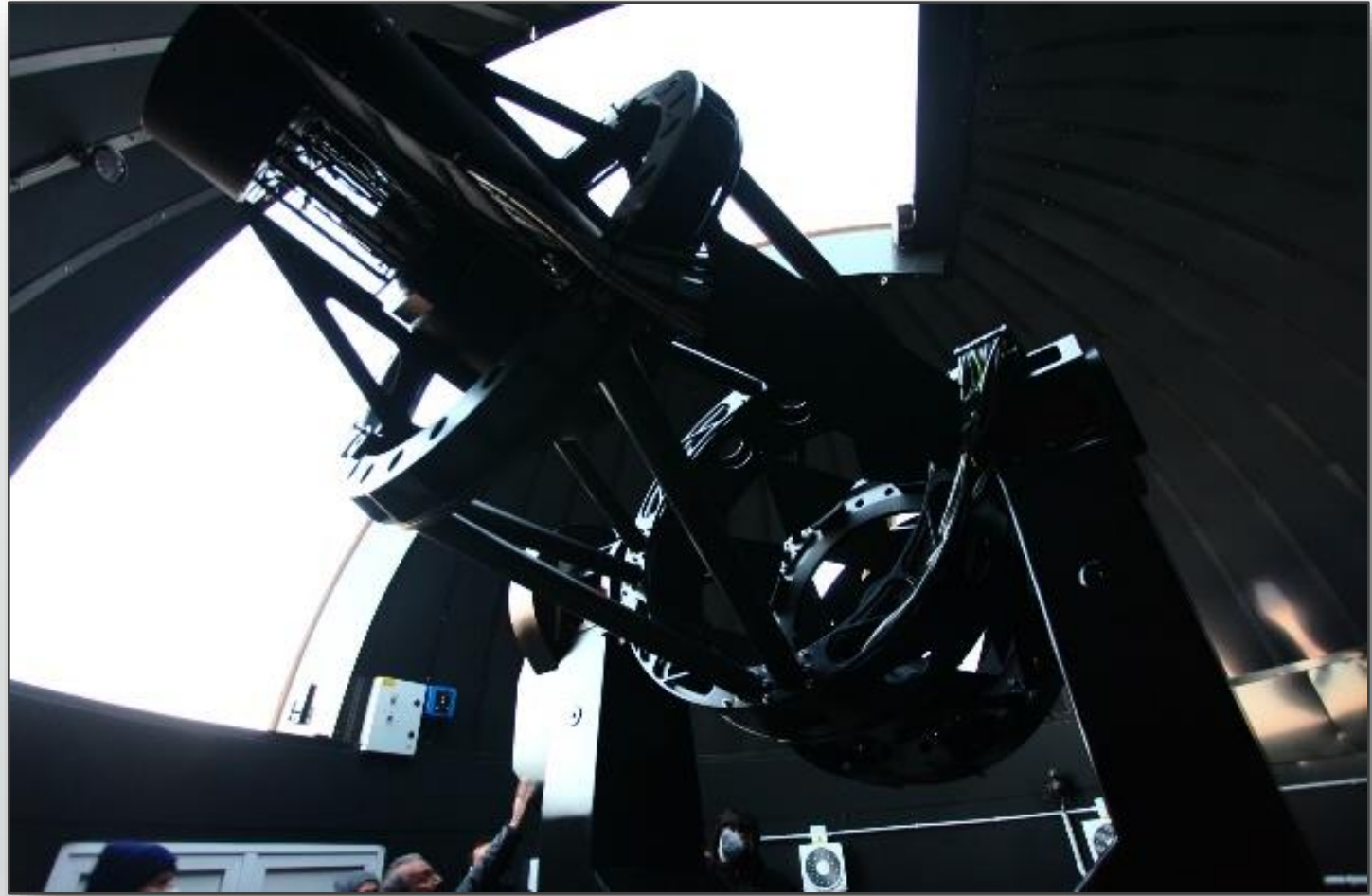


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Equipped with **Sloan**
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The GAL Hassin facilities for NEO monitoring – **Wide-field Mufara Telescope (WMT – M57)**



- Installed on **M. Mufara** (1865 m altitude)
- Commissioning phase **completed** in June 2023.
- IAU observatory code: **M57** (Aug. 2023).
- **Remotely controlled** since July **2024**.

The GAL Hassin facilities for NEO monitoring – **Wide-field Mufara Telescope (WMT – M57)**



- 360 degrees **free horizon**
- Low **latitude** ($\sim 38^\circ$)



Min. declination: **-40 deg**
Min. solar elongation: **~ 30 deg**



- Pointing min. elevation: **+11 deg**

The GAL Hassin facilities for NEO monitoring – Wide-field Mufara Telescope (WMT – M57)

PermID: 58641
 ProvID: 1997 WX20
 TrkSub:
 Speed: 0.981"/min
 PA: 119.2 deg

Main belt asteroid (58641)
 Magnitude V ~ 20.4
 Solar elongation: **29.6 deg**
 Elevation: 12.6 deg
 Observed with SNR ~ 5

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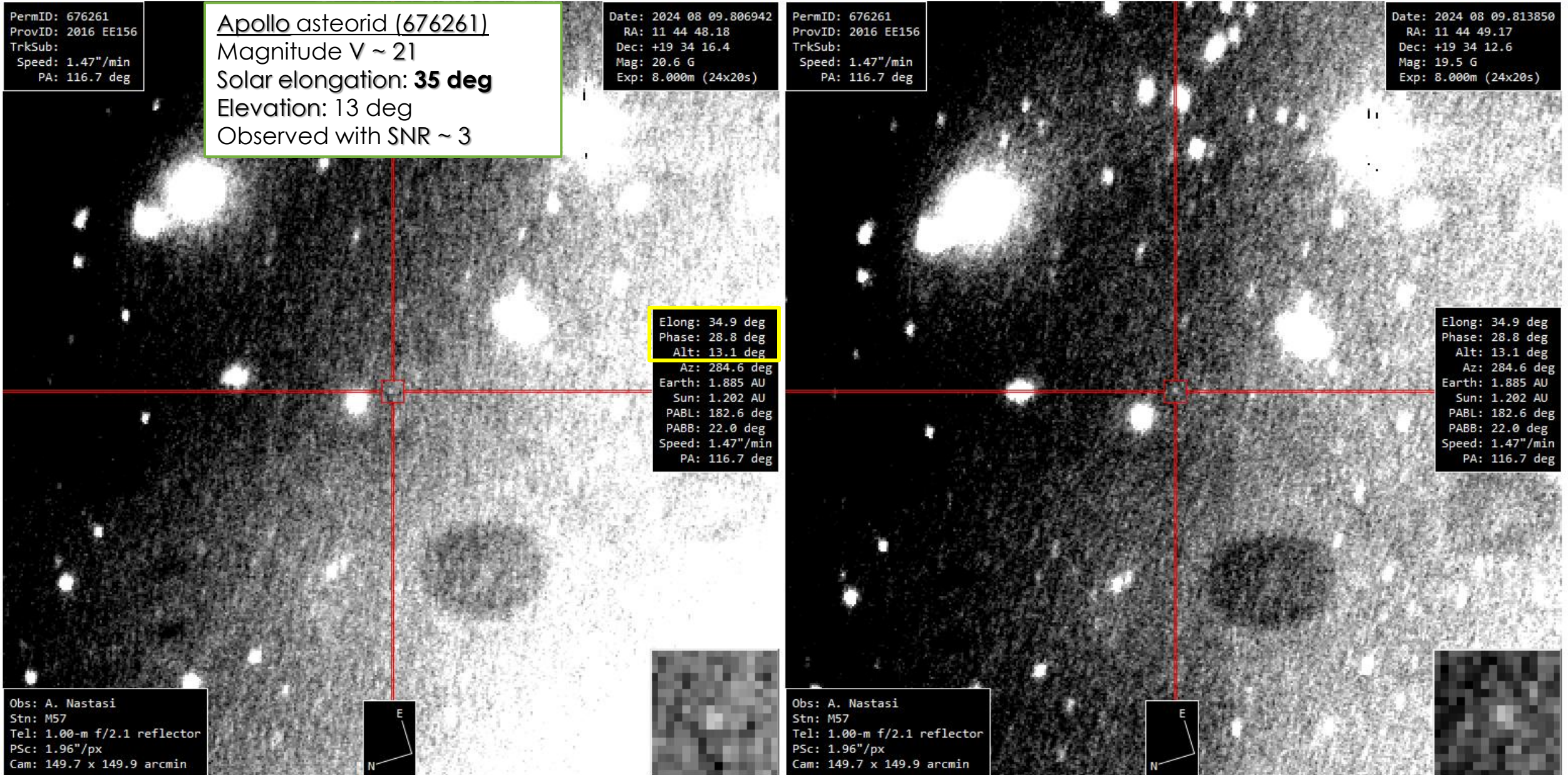
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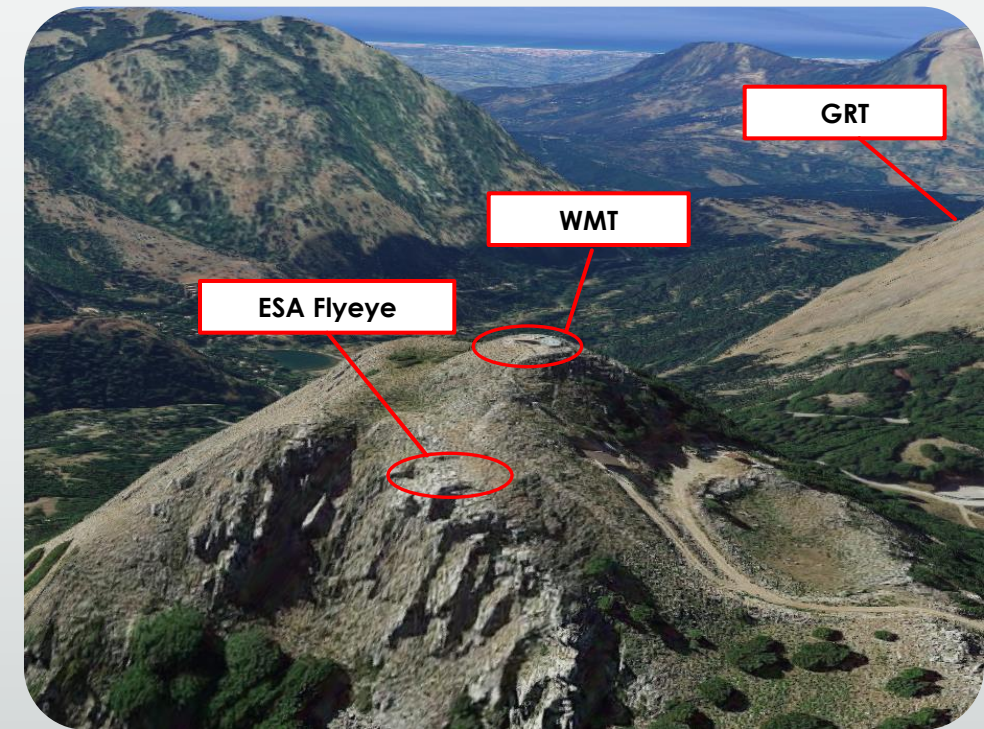
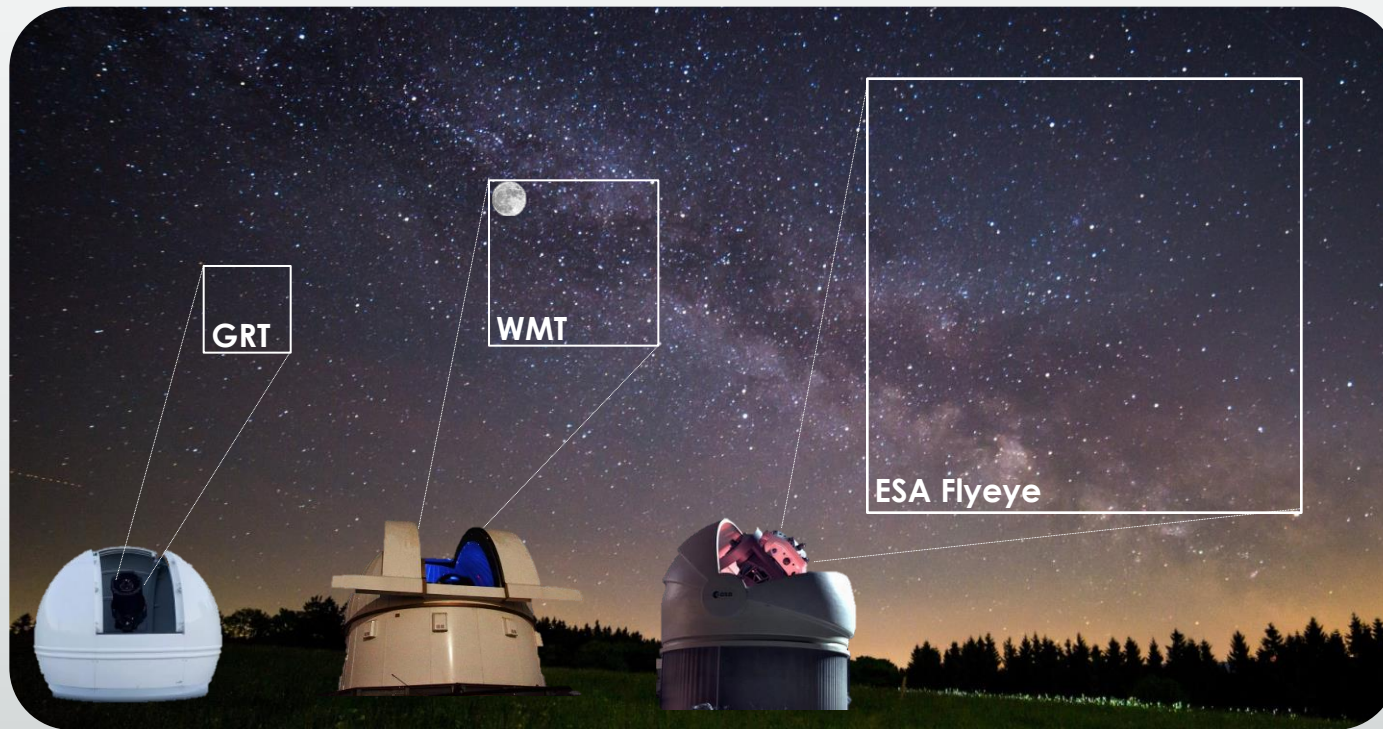
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A **network** of wide field telescopes soon active in Sicily...

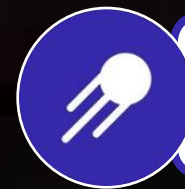
WMT & ESA NEOSTEL “Flyeye” may work in **synergy** as **complementary** facilities:

- **Simultaneous runs**, having the same weather conditions.
- WMT will offer prompt **confirmation** and **photometric characterization** of targets discovered by the **ESA Flyeye**.
- A unique network of telescopes in the **Mediterranean area**.





Thank you



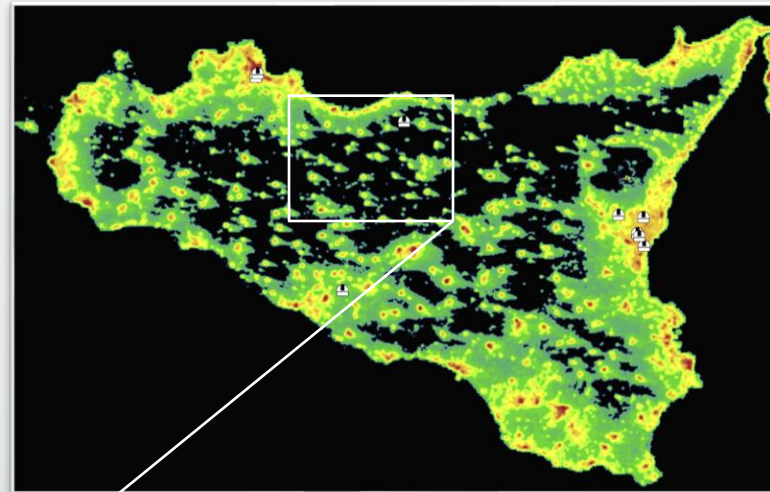
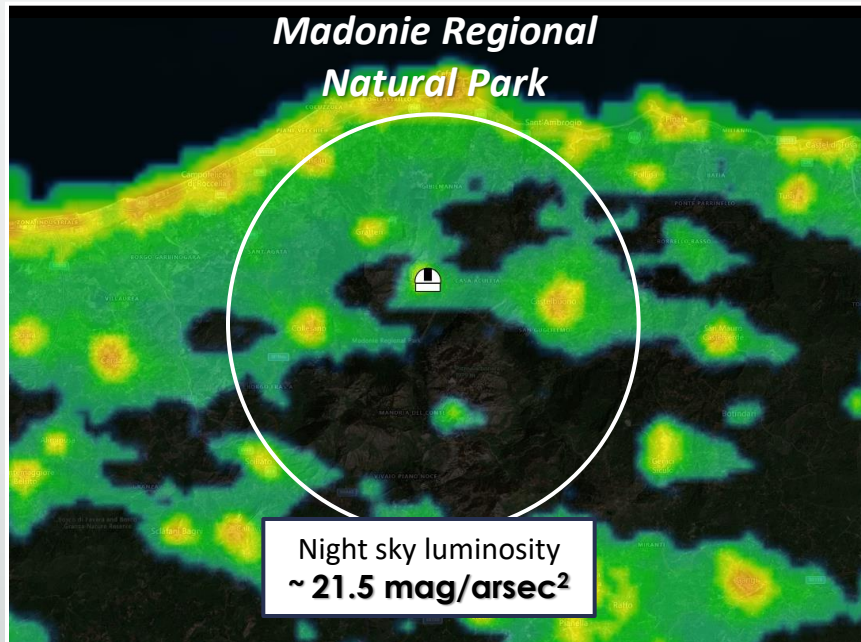
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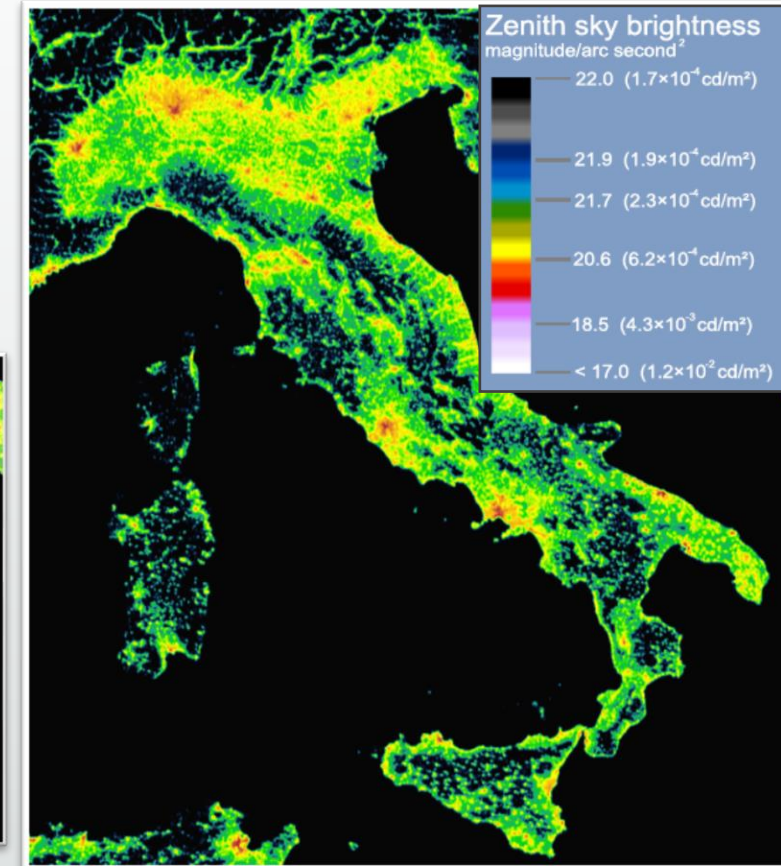
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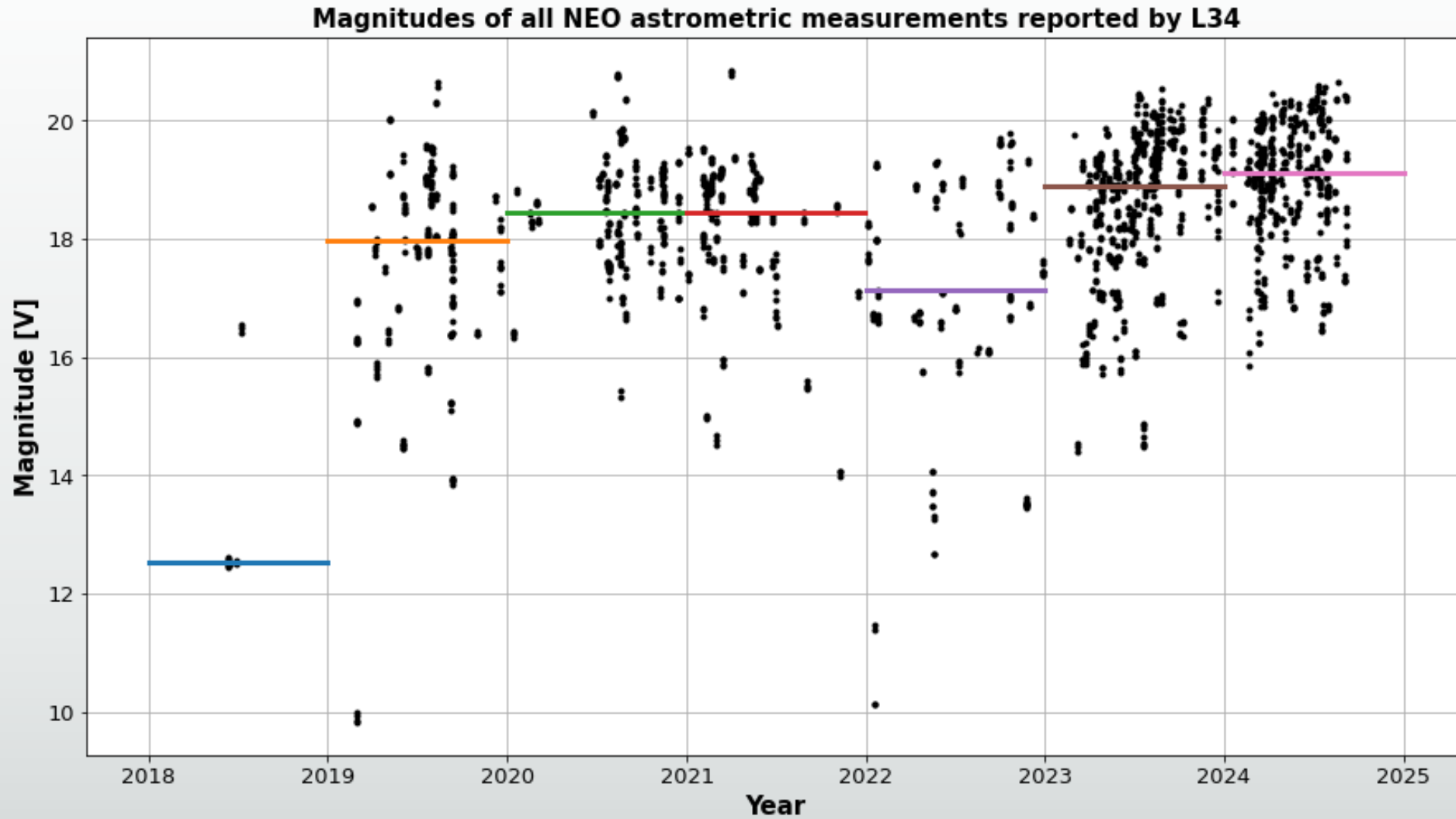
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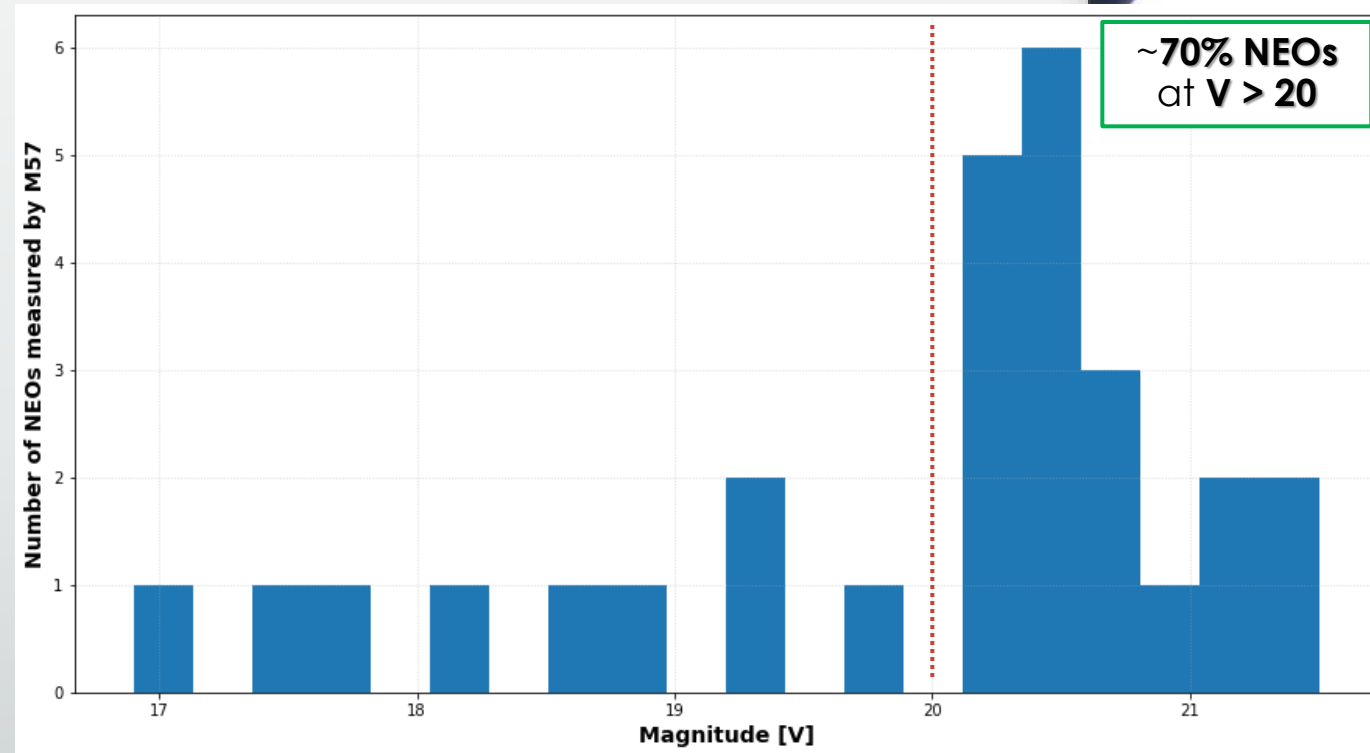
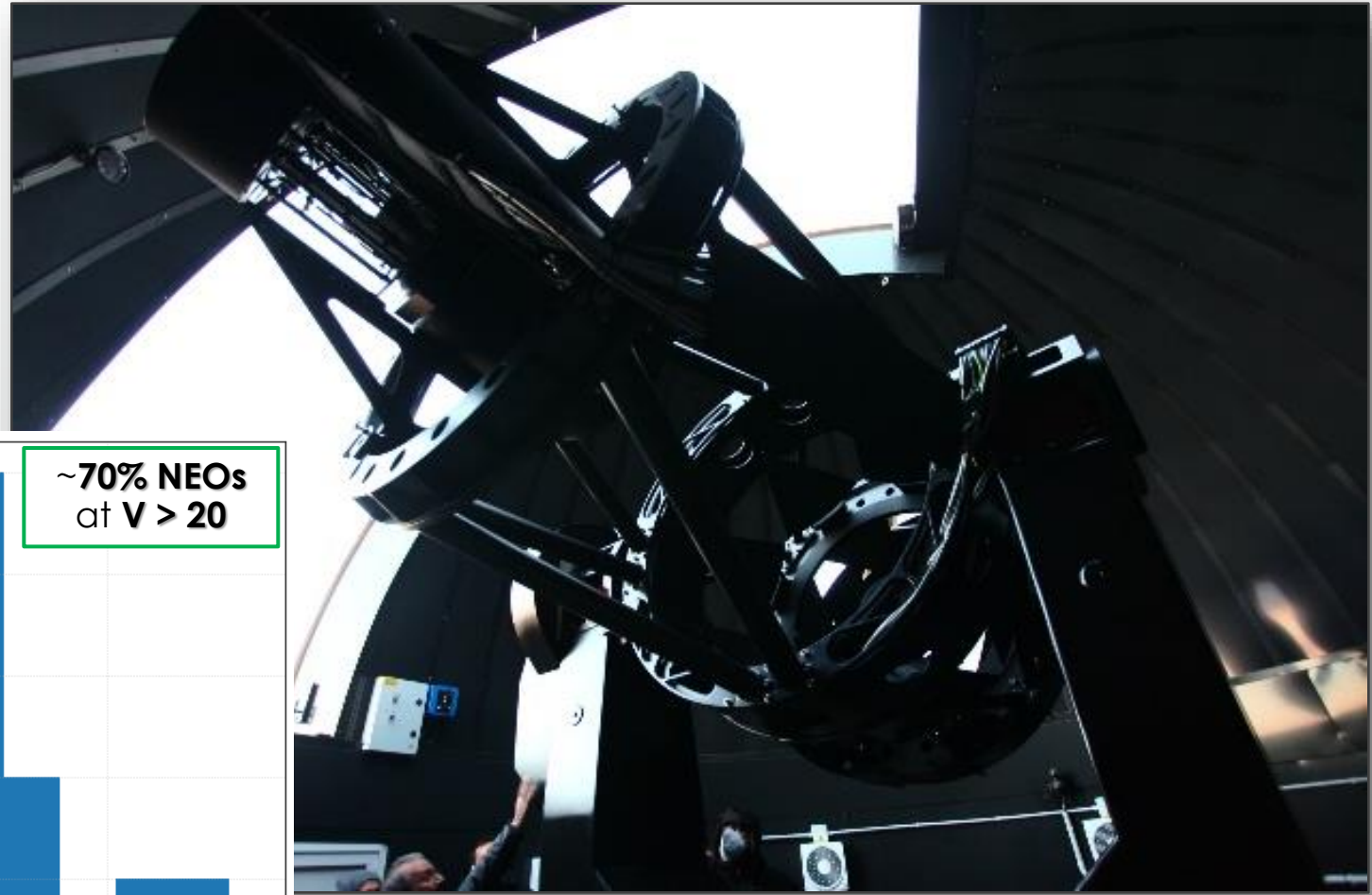
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Night sky conditions on M. Mufara (as measured in 2017):

- 1/3 of photometric nights, with **seeing of ~1 arcsec** for more than 6 hrs per night;
- 1/3 of quasi-photometric nights;
- 1/3 not clear nights.

