





### The UV-Excess survey of the Northern Galactic Plane

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# **Overview:**

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**Rosette Nebula (IPHAS)** 



European Galactic Plane Surveys (EGAPS): -UVEX (U, g, r, HeI5875) (see Groot et al., 2009) -IPHAS (i, r, Hα) (see Drew et al., 2005) image 185x10 degrees centered on the Northern Galactic Plane |b|<5 deg down to ~21-22 mag. with 0.33"/pix (2.5mtr INT+WFC, La Palma). -VPHAS+ (U, g, r, i, Hα) images the Southern Galactic Plane (2.6mtr VST, Paranal).





normalized flux and transmitted percentage







## Survey aims and goals:

 Select a homogeneous sample of stellar remnants in our Milky Way: single and binary white dwarfs, interacting compact binaries, Cataclysmic Variables, Symbiotics, AM CVn stars. These are useful for binary and stellar evolution, gravitational wave radiation sources (LISA foreground) and accretion disk physics.

- UVEX-IPHAS: 2 epochs (~3 year baseline) r-band for proper motion and variability in the Galactic Plane.

- Arcsec scale 3D extinction map (5 colour bands) of Galactic Plane.







### **Synthetic UVEX/IPHAS colours:**

-Red: Bergeron DA white dwarfs (T=1500-17000K, log(g)=8)
-Green: Koester DA white dwarfs (T=6000-80000K, log(g)=8)
-Blue: Koester DB white dwarfs (T=10000-50000K, log(g)=8)
-Black: Pickles main-sequence

#### The stellar detections in the first 5 months of UVEX data:







# Selection of UV-excess Sources:

Field-to-field selection algorithm selects blue outliers in the UVEX 2- colour and colour-magnitude diagrams: Stellar and binary remnants are intrinsically blue and faint, they separate from the main-sequence stars because of their blue colours and the reddening of the background main-sequence due to dust extinction.

Apply to the first 5 months good UVEX data: 752 fields (203 sq.deg) with:

- -also a 15arcmin offset-field observation
- -g band seeing < 1.7 arcsec
- -r band background < 2000 cts/pixel
- -sources detected as stellar and prob.stellar in r and g

After selection: 13128 UV-excess candidates (3 populations).







Simbad Cross-match with the 13128 UV-excess sources: 150 matches





Deacon POSSI-IPHAS PM catalog cross-match: 10 subdwarfs, 31 white dwarfs, 2 purples Witham Hα emission line object catalog cross-match: 29 subdwarfs, 22 white dwarfs, 31 purples Corradi Symbiotic stars catalog cross-match: 6 subdwarfs, 6 white dwarfs, 18 purples Viironen Planetary Nebulae catalog cross-match: 2 subdwarfs, 1 white dwarf, 4 purples





# Spectroscopic follow-up for 110 UV-excess candidates



calr1360740 and calr1360741





flux (erg/cm2/sec/Hz)





### **Classification of the UVEX WHT/ISIS spectra:**

The spectra contain DA and DAB white dwarfs, Cataclysmic Variables, T Tauri stars, subdwarfs, red dwarf-white dwarf binaries and a QSO at redshift z~2.16. These are all genuine UV-excess sources.

50% of the 55 candidates of the white dwarf sample are indeed white dwarfs.



# **Conclusions:**

-EGAPS form a full scale optical, multicolour, digital and photonnoise limited survey covering the full Galactic Plane. When finished it will contain information of ~1 billion objects in our Milky Way.

-We find ~13 UV-excess white dwarf candidates per sq.deg. and ~50% of them are DA white dwarfs (from WHT/ISIS follow-up)

-UVEX started in June 2006, currently 40% complete (see right). IPHAS: 100% is observed, some fields are re-observed.









# The End

More info: P.J. Groot et al. 2009 and Verbeek et al. 2010 (in prep.)

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