

# The Fornax Deep Survey (FDS) photometric catalog

## Abstract

We present the catalog of *ugri*-bands photometry and morphometry for  $\sim 1.7$  million sources over the  $\sim 21$  square degree area of the Fornax deep survey (FDS) centered on the bright central galaxy NGC 1399. For a wider area, of  $\sim 27$  square degrees extending in the direction of NGC 1316, we provide *gri* photometry for  $\sim 3.1$  million sources. FDS is a survey carried out with the OmegaCAM camera on the VST telescope, and is a joint project that used the GTO time of NOVA (PI. R.F. Peletier) and the INAF survey VEGAS (PI. M. Capaccioli & E. Iodice). To improve the morphological characterization of sources, we generated multi-band image stacks by coadding the best-seeing *gri*-band single exposures with a cut at full width at half maximum  $\text{FWHM} \leq 0.9$  arcsec. The final catalog contains: (i) source identification and position from the multi-band stacks; (ii) the calibrated and aperture corrected AB magnitudes derived from PSF photometry in all available bands; (iii) the uncorrected aperture and Kron-like magnitudes in all bands; (iv) the morphometric parameters (FWHM, CLASS\_STAR, concentration index, flux radius, elongation and sharpness) for the multi-band stacks, as well as the latter for all other available bands. In addition to the photometry for the data available in the FDS image repository, the present release contains images and weight maps for the FDS field n. 8. The reference publication, with all the required details on the present catalog, is [Cantiello et al. \(2020, A&A 639, A136\)](#).

## Overview of Observations

The imaging data of the FDS survey, already available as ESO Phase3 products, were obtained with OmegaCAM/VST in *u*, *g*, *r*, and *i* bands. The footprint of the catalog is given in Figure 1.

In addition to the images released from the survey, for the present catalog we generated multi-band stacks by coadding the best-seeing *gri*-band single exposures with a cut at full width at half maximum  $\text{FWHM} \leq 0.9$  arcsec (referred as *a*-stacks in the following), used as master detection frames to allow a more robust identification of compact sources. Moreover, images and weight maps of the field n. 8 are also used, and made available through the ESO Phase3 archive.

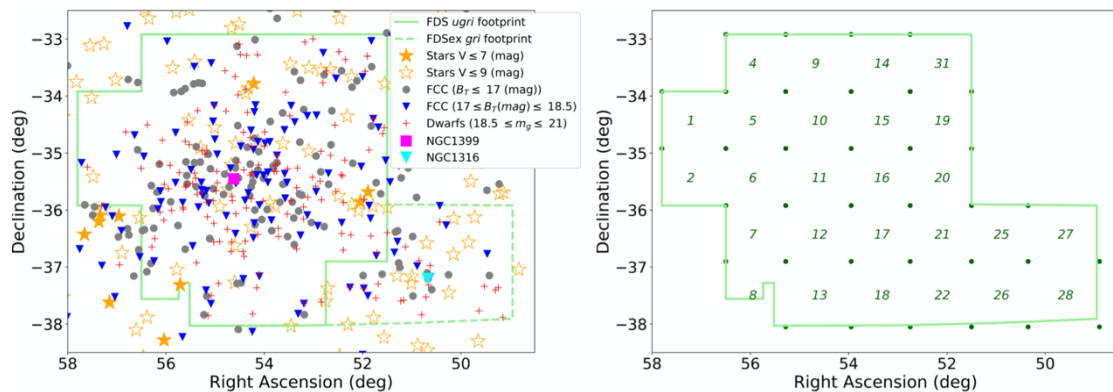


Figure 1. *Left panel:* FDS footprint of the area covered by *ugri* photometry (green solid line), and by only *gri* (dashed green line). Other sources from catalogs available in the literature are also shown, as labeled. Bright galaxies from the Fornax Cluster Catalog ([Ferguson, 1989](#)) are subdivided into two categories: likely members brighter than  $B_T = 17$  mag and with  $17 \leq B_T$  (mag)  $\leq 18.5$  (filled gray circles and blue triangles, respectively; from [Ferguson 1989](#), Table II). Dwarf galaxies from FDS by [Venhola et al. \(2018\)](#), in the magnitude range  $18.5 \leq m_g$  (mag)  $\leq 21$ , are indicated with red crosses. The positions of the two brightest galaxies, NGC 1316 and NGC 1399, are also shown with a filled cyan triangle and a magenta square, respectively. Orange filled or empty five-pointed stars mark those stars with  $m_V \leq 7/\leq 9$  mag, respectively. *Right panel:* FDS and FDS-extended area. Green lines mark the edges of the survey, green bullets show the edges of single pointing; the ID of the field is also indicated.

## Release Content

The  $\sim 21$  sq. deg. *ugri* imaging data of FDS centered on NGC 1399 (Fig. 1, solid green line in the left panel), and the additional  $\sim 6$  sq. deg. *gri* observations in the direction of NGC 1316 (dashed lines in the left panel of Fig. 1, referred as FDS-extended, FDSex, area), have the image quality parameters specified in Table 1. In the table we report the median FWHM, principal colors (linear combinations of colors of stars,  $P_2$ -related columns in Tab. 1, for more details see [Ivezić et al., 2004](#)), and limiting magnitudes for point sources and for all available bands and fields. We calibrate our photometry to the AB system.

The final catalog contains: (i) source identification adopting the IAU naming rules and position from the *a*-stacks; (ii) the calibrated and aperture corrected AB magnitudes from PSF photometry derived with DAOPhot in all available bands; (iii) the uncorrected aperture and Kron-like magnitudes from SExtractor; (iv) the morphometric parameters for *a*-stacks (FWHM, CLASS\_STAR, concentration index, flux radius, elongation and sharpness), as well as items (iii) and (iv) for all other available bands.

The complete catalog contains 50 (41) different photometric and morphometric parameters for the  $\sim 1.7$  ( $\sim 3.1$ ) million sources with *ugri* (*gri*) photometry detected in the FDS(ex) area, excluding large diffuse galaxies presented elsewhere in the FDS series. The data volume is  $\sim 1.2$  GB for the photometric catalogue, 1.0 GB for the images and 6.6 GB for the weighting maps.

Table 1. Image quality parameters for FDS and FDSex fields.

| Field ID | $FWHM_u$    | $FWHM_g$    | $FWHM_r$    | $FWHM_i$    | $FWHM_z$    | $\langle P_2(s) \rangle$ | $\sigma[P_2(s)]$ | $\langle P_2(w) \rangle$ | $\sigma[P_2(w)]$ | $\langle P_2(x) \rangle$ | $\sigma[P_2(x)]$ | $\eta_{\text{lim}}$ | $\theta_{\text{lim}}$ | $\eta_{\text{lim}}$ | $\theta_{\text{lim}}$ |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| (1)      | (2)         | (3)         | (4)         | (5)         | (6)         | (7)                      | (8)              | (9)                      | (10)             | (11)                     | (12)             | (13)                | (14)                  | (14)                | (16)                  |
| 1        | 1.17 ± 0.03 | 1.35 ± 0.12 | 1.14 ± 0.11 | 0.69 ± 0.08 | 0.72 ± 0.08 | 0.006                    | 0.019            | 0.018                    | 0.024            | 0.014                    | 0.030            | 24.24 ± 0.13        | 25.39 ± 0.10          | 24.65 ± 0.17        | 24.53 ± 0.15          |
| 2        | 1.21 ± 0.08 | 1.11 ± 0.16 | 0.89 ± 0.05 | 0.79 ± 0.09 | 0.79 ± 0.04 | 0.008                    | 0.018            | 0.011                    | 0.020            | 0.005                    | 0.032            | 24.02 ± 0.18        | 25.41 ± 0.13          | 25.04 ± 0.12        | 24.12 ± 0.13          |
| 4        | 1.19 ± 0.05 | 1.39 ± 0.13 | 1.19 ± 0.09 | 0.70 ± 0.07 | 0.71 ± 0.07 | 0.007                    | 0.020            | 0.052                    | 0.026            | -0.005                   | 0.029            | 24.12 ± 0.09        | 25.35 ± 0.10          | 24.65 ± 0.11        | 24.44 ± 0.14          |
| 5        | 1.35 ± 0.07 | 1.17 ± 0.14 | 0.98 ± 0.06 | 1.11 ± 0.16 | 0.82 ± 0.09 | 0.005                    | 0.018            | 0.007                    | 0.024            | 0.012                    | 0.033            | 24.05 ± 0.17        | 25.48 ± 0.10          | 24.72 ± 0.08        | 23.88 ± 0.10          |
| 6        | 1.13 ± 0.07 | 0.83 ± 0.04 | 1.08 ± 0.12 | 1.24 ± 0.14 | 0.80 ± 0.05 | 0.005                    | 0.021            | 0.023                    | 0.023            | -0.007                   | 0.033            | 24.22 ± 0.10        | 25.70 ± 0.10          | 24.66 ± 0.14        | 23.51 ± 0.09          |
| 7        | 1.03 ± 0.06 | 0.82 ± 0.04 | 0.90 ± 0.07 | 1.44 ± 0.13 | 0.78 ± 0.08 | 0.007                    | 0.022            | 0.012                    | 0.020            | 0.008                    | 0.026            | 24.16 ± 0.12        | 25.79 ± 0.11          | 24.91 ± 0.13        | 23.35 ± 0.11          |
| 8        | 1.21 ± 0.10 | 0.93 ± 0.16 | 0.90 ± 0.12 | 0.96 ± 0.18 | 0.84 ± 0.13 | 0.006                    | 0.021            | 0.022                    | 0.024            | -0.015                   | 0.033            | 24.23 ± 0.21        | 25.50 ± 0.22          | 24.99 ± 0.21        | 23.72 ± 0.20          |
| 9        | 1.42 ± 0.08 | 1.20 ± 0.07 | 0.97 ± 0.08 | 0.84 ± 0.07 | 0.82 ± 0.05 | 0.003                    | 0.022            | 0.036                    | 0.021            | -0.015                   | 0.035            | 23.96 ± 0.09        | 25.50 ± 0.12          | 25.06 ± 0.13        | 24.38 ± 0.13          |
| 10       | 1.34 ± 0.06 | 1.15 ± 0.05 | 0.96 ± 0.07 | 1.09 ± 0.11 | 0.86 ± 0.05 | 0.000                    | 0.018            | 0.009                    | 0.014            | -0.010                   | 0.026            | 24.09 ± 0.10        | 25.52 ± 0.09          | 24.84 ± 0.11        | 23.96 ± 0.11          |
| 11       | 1.27 ± 0.06 | 1.09 ± 0.14 | 1.08 ± 0.14 | 1.17 ± 0.10 | 0.84 ± 0.08 | 0.011                    | 0.023            | 0.025                    | 0.024            | -0.002                   | 0.032            | 24.09 ± 0.13        | 25.22 ± 0.10          | 24.65 ± 0.11        | 23.64 ± 0.09          |
| 12       | 1.18 ± 0.08 | 0.80 ± 0.04 | 0.97 ± 0.07 | 1.17 ± 0.09 | 0.80 ± 0.05 | 0.014                    | 0.024            | 0.022                    | 0.021            | 0.001                    | 0.037            | 24.30 ± 0.09        | 25.74 ± 0.11          | 24.85 ± 0.11        | 23.61 ± 0.09          |
| 13       | 1.10 ± 0.05 | 0.91 ± 0.05 | 1.03 ± 0.08 | 1.16 ± 0.07 | 0.89 ± 0.05 | 0.003                    | 0.016            | 0.021                    | 0.016            | -0.003                   | 0.029            | 24.39 ± 0.18        | 25.72 ± 0.13          | 24.99 ± 0.12        | 24.22 ± 0.13          |
| 14       | 1.46 ± 0.09 | 1.18 ± 0.09 | 0.96 ± 0.08 | 0.85 ± 0.06 | 0.83 ± 0.06 | 0.004                    | 0.019            | 0.012                    | 0.017            | 0.005                    | 0.028            | 23.99 ± 0.08        | 25.43 ± 0.12          | 24.94 ± 0.13        | 24.30 ± 0.12          |
| 15       | 1.30 ± 0.05 | 1.13 ± 0.04 | 0.88 ± 0.04 | 0.98 ± 0.09 | 0.81 ± 0.06 | 0.001                    | 0.020            | 0.008                    | 0.022            | -0.001                   | 0.031            | 24.19 ± 0.11        | 25.37 ± 0.09          | 25.10 ± 0.08        | 24.02 ± 0.16          |
| 16       | 1.31 ± 0.04 | 1.26 ± 0.08 | 0.91 ± 0.08 | 1.09 ± 0.07 | 0.84 ± 0.05 | 0.008                    | 0.025            | 0.006                    | 0.020            | -0.000                   | 0.035            | 24.16 ± 0.11        | 25.31 ± 0.08          | 24.93 ± 0.11        | 23.88 ± 0.09          |
| 17       | 1.27 ± 0.06 | 1.25 ± 0.16 | 0.82 ± 0.05 | 1.01 ± 0.07 | 0.80 ± 0.04 | -0.006                   | 0.020            | 0.020                    | 0.020            | -0.011                   | 0.032            | 24.17 ± 0.09        | 25.16 ± 0.18          | 25.21 ± 0.11        | 24.01 ± 0.10          |
| 18       | 1.12 ± 0.08 | 0.94 ± 0.05 | 1.03 ± 0.07 | 1.12 ± 0.12 | 0.87 ± 0.09 | -0.002                   | 0.018            | 0.021                    | 0.016            | 0.007                    | 0.025            | 24.19 ± 0.23        | 25.57 ± 0.13          | 24.93 ± 0.12        | 24.14 ± 0.13          |
| 19       | 1.26 ± 0.05 | 1.14 ± 0.09 | 0.89 ± 0.05 | 0.86 ± 0.06 | 0.79 ± 0.05 | 0.010                    | 0.022            | 0.042                    | 0.022            | 0.009                    | 0.025            | 24.10 ± 0.11        | 25.46 ± 0.09          | 25.15 ± 0.10        | 24.13 ± 0.13          |
| 20       | 1.30 ± 0.05 | 1.23 ± 0.06 | 0.92 ± 0.09 | 1.08 ± 0.08 | 0.81 ± 0.08 | 0.019                    | 0.033            | -0.006                   | 0.032            | 0.002                    | 0.044            | 24.12 ± 0.11        | 25.17 ± 0.12          | 24.76 ± 0.13        | 23.80 ± 0.12          |
| 21       | 1.22 ± 0.05 | 1.12 ± 0.06 | 0.78 ± 0.05 | 0.88 ± 0.08 | 0.78 ± 0.04 | 0.001                    | 0.022            | 0.004                    | 0.027            | 0.002                    | 0.035            | 24.06 ± 0.11        | 25.22 ± 0.09          | 24.92 ± 0.12        | 24.22 ± 0.09          |
| 22       | ...         | 1.03 ± 0.06 | 0.80 ± 0.06 | 0.85 ± 0.05 | 0.79 ± 0.05 | ...                      | ...              | 0.004                    | 0.019            | 0.007                    | 0.029            | ...                 | 25.27 ± 0.14          | 24.92 ± 0.13        | 24.21 ± 0.10          |
| 25       | ...         | 1.12 ± 0.05 | 0.76 ± 0.06 | 0.85 ± 0.08 | 0.78 ± 0.08 | ...                      | ...              | 0.016                    | 0.025            | -0.003                   | 0.031            | ...                 | 25.36 ± 0.11          | 24.98 ± 0.12        | 24.10 ± 0.10          |
| 26       | ...         | 0.95 ± 0.12 | 0.80 ± 0.04 | 0.91 ± 0.08 | 0.78 ± 0.04 | ...                      | ...              | 0.037                    | 0.021            | -0.018                   | 0.035            | ...                 | 24.79 ± 0.15          | 25.00 ± 0.11        | 23.94 ± 0.13          |
| 27       | ...         | 1.05 ± 0.09 | 0.78 ± 0.06 | 0.89 ± 0.09 | 0.77 ± 0.08 | ...                      | ...              | 0.012                    | 0.026            | -0.007                   | 0.042            | ...                 | 25.19 ± 0.11          | 24.79 ± 0.15        | 23.75 ± 0.16          |
| 28       | ...         | 1.09 ± 0.07 | 0.79 ± 0.15 | 0.91 ± 0.11 | 0.78 ± 0.10 | ...                      | ...              | 0.007                    | 0.035            | 0.013                    | 0.032            | ...                 | 25.11 ± 0.13          | 24.65 ± 0.19        | 23.78 ± 0.14          |
| 31       | 1.46 ± 0.08 | 1.22 ± 0.06 | 1.00 ± 0.07 | 0.86 ± 0.08 | 0.84 ± 0.05 | 0.012                    | 0.022            | 0.030                    | 0.023            | 0.003                    | 0.032            | 23.83 ± 0.11        | 25.31 ± 0.11          | 24.78 ± 0.15        | 24.05 ± 0.17          |
| Median   | 1.26 ± 0.11 | 1.12 ± 0.15 | 0.92 ± 0.11 | 0.94 ± 0.17 | 0.80 ± 0.04 | 0.006                    | 0.021            | 0.017                    | 0.022            | 0.000                    | 0.032            | 24.12 ± 0.13        | 25.38 ± 0.17          | 24.92 ± 0.17        | 24.02 ± 0.24          |

## Release Notes

### Data Reduction and Calibration

The data, data acquisition and reduction procedures are presented in a number of papers of the FDS series ([Iodice et al. 2016, 2017a,b, 2019](#); [Venhola et al. 2017, 2018, 2019](#)). The fine tuning of the astrometric calibration is obtained by first associating the source lists extracted from the science images with the 2 Micron All-Sky Survey Point Source Catalog (2MASS PSC; [Cutri et al. 2003](#)). A full description of the observations and the pipeline used for data reduction (AstroWISE; [McFarland et al. 2013](#)) steps are given in the cited papers.

Here, we describe two critical differences with respect to previous works, specifically related to the focus on compact stellar systems in the present work.

### Multi-band *a*-stacks

We generated a new set of master-detection frames, *a*-stacks, to improve the detection and characterization of compact sources. The *a*-stacks are obtained by combining in a single coadded image all single VST exposures in *g*, *r* and *i* bands with a median  $FWHM \leq 0.9$  arcsec. The combined image

was processed as the single band images, except for the photometric calibration which is not derived. With this procedure, a new frame with narrower and more stable FWHM compared with *ugri* bands is obtained, and used as master detection frame. This improved both the uniformity of detections over the different FDS fields, and the determination of the morphological properties of the sources, allowing more accurate characterization of compact and point-like objects.

The *a*-stacks have a median FWHM smaller by  $\sim 15\%$  and with a *rms* scatter a factor of  $\sim 2.5$  lower than the median and *rms* of the FWHM for the best passband. In general, the depth of the coadded multiband *a*-stack does not change much compared with the best band of the field, because the reduced number of exposures used is compensated by the better S/N due to the higher spatial resolution. The spatial resolution, however, is in all cases enhanced, as shown in the FWHM<sub>a</sub> column in Table 1.

### Two-steps calibration

Catalogs were extracted independently for each FDS pointing and for each filter, using the *a*-stacks as detection maps; the identification of fields with available data is shown in the right panel of Fig. 1. By construction, the catalogs of each pointing have no overlapping regions. To increase the contrast of faint sources close to the cores of extended galaxies, before running the procedures to obtain the photometry and the morphometry we modeled and subtracted all Fornax members brighter than  $B_T \sim 18$  mag.

To obtain the photometry of sources in FDS frames, we used a combination of procedures, based on SExtractor ([Bertin & Arnouts 1996](#)) and DAOphot ([Stetson 1987](#)) runs, and newly developed code described in [Cantiello et al. \(2020, A&A 639, A136\)](#) and below for completeness. The galaxy-subtracted frames used in this stage are already calibrated as described in the previous works of the FDS series (see below).

First, we used SExtractor to obtain the mean properties of each frame, like the FWHM; the reference morphometry for each source is obtained from the *a*-stacks, though we also derived the morphometric properties for all available passbands. Then, DAOphot is run on the *a*-stacks, and fed to our procedure to identify bright, non-saturated and isolated stars needed to obtain a variable PSF model over the single pointing. Typically a total of 50 to 100 point-like sources was adopted to model the PSF with DAOphot for each filter and field. The list of PSFs was then fed to DAOphot for PSF modeling, adopting the variable PSF option. The first complete DAOphot run was on the *a*-stack, adopting a 2-sigma threshold above the local background. The output table for this run was used to (i) identify sources to define a master detection catalog, (ii) obtain the DAOphot sharpness parameter that will be used as additional parameter for selecting candidate compact sources.

The master detection catalog was then given as input to run DAOphot on each available filter and for all fields: *ugri* for the FDS area, *gri* for FDSex. We also run SExtractor on the full set of images, to obtain the aperture magnitude (MAG\_APER) and the automated aperture magnitude (MAG\_AUTO), with the respective photometric errors<sup>1</sup>. For the aperture magnitudes, after some tests we adopted the eight-pixel diameter ( $\sim 1.7$  arcsec).

The photometric calibration is carried out in two steps. The first is the same described in [Venhola et al. \(2018\)](#) and in the release description of the first data release of the FDS images, and uses standard star fields observed each night and comparing their OmegaCAM magnitudes with the final data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey Data III ([Alam et al. 2015](#)). With such calibration, after applying the field and pass-band dependent aperture corrections, the photometry of the same sources in different adjacent FDS pointings showed a spatially variable offset, with a median upper limit of  $\sim 0.1$  mag. Hence, as a second step of the photometric calibration, to improve the photometric uniformity and consistency over the FDS (and FDSex) area, and to derive the spatially and filter dependent aperture correction maps, we compared our VST photometry of bright non-saturated point-like sources to the APASS photometry and obtained the two-dimensional map that best matches the two datasets. The correction maps are derived from 200 to 300 stars per FDS field, Figure 2 shows an example of correction maps derived for the field FDS#19. Each correction map is then applied to its specific field and passband, to correct the photometry of all sources detected in the specific FDS pointing.

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<sup>1</sup>For SExtractor runs, we adopted Gaussian convolution kernels of different sizes depending on the FWHM of the field.

Because APASS lacks  $u$  coverage, for such passband we adopted a slightly different re-calibration strategy. After the preliminary calibration described above, the  $B$ -band magnitudes of stars from APASS were transformed to  $u$ -band using [Lupton \(2005\)](#) transformation equations available from the SDSS web pages. In particular, we used:  $u = B_{APASS} + 0.8116 \times (u - g)_{fit} - 0.1313$ , where the  $(u - g)_{fit}$  color index is derived from the APASS  $(g - i)$  and  $(g - r)$  indices, using a second degree polynomial fit derived from SDSS data over different sky regions. From this stage on, by using the  $u$ -band magnitudes of stars in APASS derived as a function of the  $B, g, r,$  and  $i$  photometry, we may proceed to derive and apply the  $u$ -band correction maps as in  $gri$  bands.

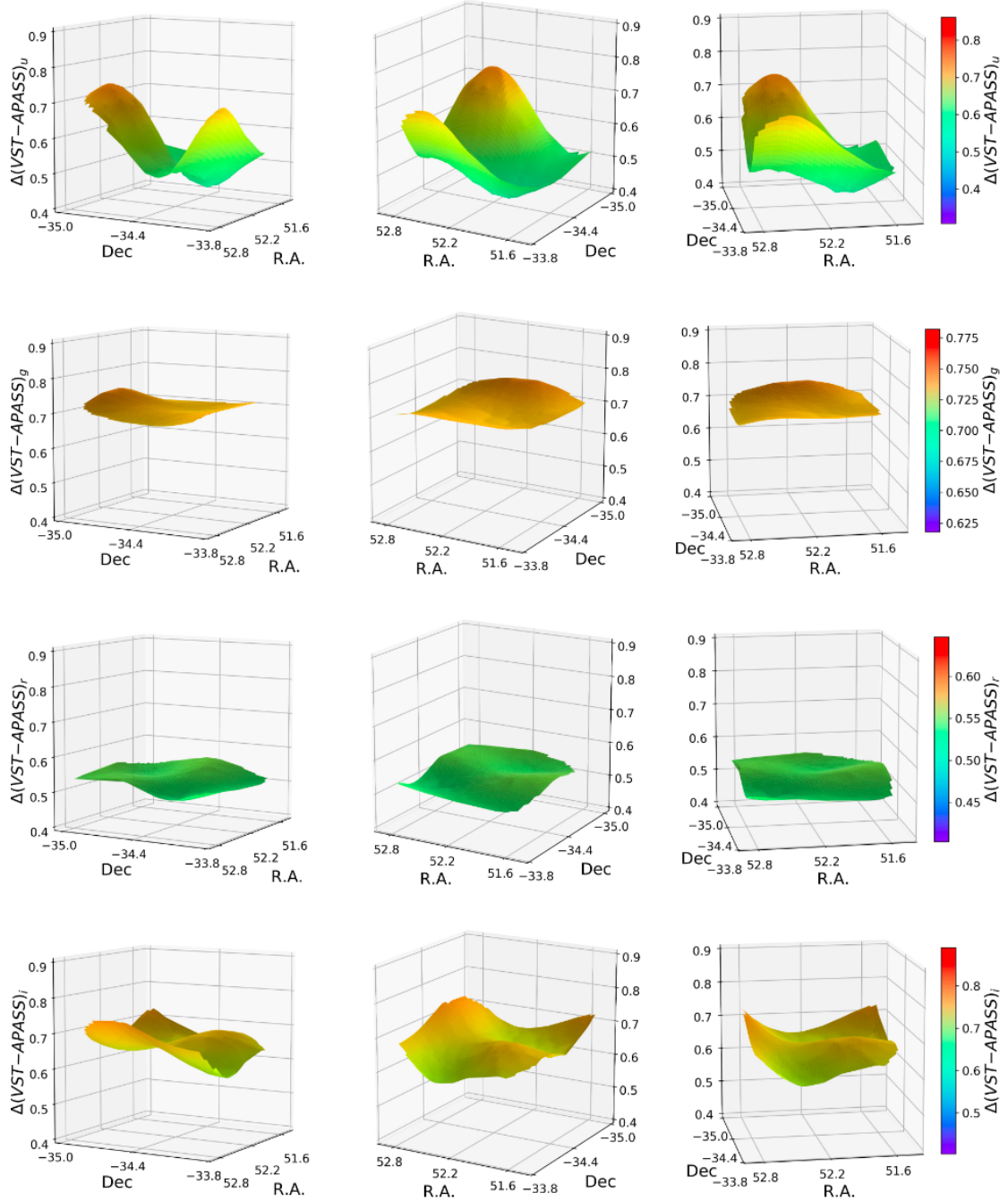


Figure 2. Example of the two-dimensional photometric correction maps for refining the photometry of FDS fields. The maps also include the aperture correction term. Field FDS#19 is shown:  $u, g, r,$  and  $i$ -band correction maps are plotted from upper to lower panels, respectively.

The magnitudes in the final catalog are not corrected for Galactic extinction, but we include one column with the  $E(B-V)$  extinction correction, assuming the Galactic extinction values from the [Schlafly & Finkbeiner \(2011\)](#) recalibration of the [Schlegel et al. \(1998\)](#) infrared based dust maps.

To further verify the validity of the calibration obtained with the strategy delineated above, especially for the more elaborate  $u$ -band, we matched and compared our photometry to the SkyMapper (SM) data (e.g., [Wolf et al. 2018](#)). The SDSS photometric systems of APASS and SM are not equivalent, the  $u$  and  $g$  bands, in particular, show differences of up to 0.5 mag in the two systems. However, within the color interval  $|g - i| \leq 1$  mag, the SM to SDSS difference for  $uri$ -bands is  $\lesssim 0.1$  mag, while it is a factor of  $\sim 4$  larger in  $g$ -band (see [Wolf et al. 2018](#), their Fig. 17 and Sects. 2.2, 5.4). Hence, as a further consistency check, we compared our VST re-calibrated photometry to SM data, within the color interval  $|g - i| \leq 1$  mag.

Over the entire FDS area covered with  $ugri$  observations, we found  $\sim 46\,500$  sources in common with SM. After identifying bright and isolated stars, and with the given prescriptions on  $(g - i)$  color selection, the final sample contains  $\sim 4600$  objects ( $\sim 220$  per FDS field). The median magnitude offsets between the FDS and SM photometry for the matched sources, is generally good, with the only not unexpected exception of the  $g$ -band. We find good agreement between the  $u$ ,  $r$  and  $i$  photometry, with magnitude offsets better than 0.02 mag in  $r$  and  $i$  bands and of  $\sim 0.05$  mag in  $u$ ; the  $rms$  is  $\sim 0.03$  in  $gri$  and about twice larger in  $u$ -band.

For an independent check of the  $g$ -band photometry, we used the data from the HST/ACS Fornax Cluster Survey (ACSFCS; [Jordán et al. 2007, 2015](#)). We matched the  $\sim 6300$  globular cluster candidates from the ACSFCS with the FDSex  $gri$  catalog. Adopting a matching radius of 1.0 arcsec, a total of 3750 sources are found in both catalogs. The completeness of the matching is  $\sim 90\%$  or higher at bright magnitudes ( $m_g \leq 23$  mag), decreases to  $\sim 80\%$  for  $m_g \leq 24$  mag, and is lower than  $\sim 70\%$  for  $m_g \leq 25$  mag. Hence, the completeness of the  $gri$  catalog drops quickly below  $m_g \sim 24.5$  mag, which corresponds to  $\sim 0.5$  mag fainter than the turn over magnitude (TOM) of the globular cluster luminosity function for galaxies in Fornax ([Villegas et al. 2010](#)).

From the matched catalog, we find the median difference is consistent with zero –  $\Delta g(\text{FDS} - \text{ACSFCS}) = -0.03 \pm 0.12$  mag for the full sample of 3750 matched sources;  $\Delta g(\text{FDS} - \text{ACSFCS}) = -0.01 \pm 0.07$  mag for the 1455 sources in the reference catalog – with no evidence of significant residual trends.

## Data Quality

Table 1 provides collection of data quality checks and parameters derived from the FDS catalog.

As an overall photometric quality assessment, we used principal colors, described in [Ivezić et al. \(2004\)](#). Principal colors are linear combinations of the SDSS colors of stars. We adopted the coefficients and selection parameters given in Tables 1–3 of [Ivezić et al. \(2004\)](#). The colors are combined to obtain a new color perpendicular to the stellar locus. Assuming the position of the locus to be fixed, the value of the principal colors is then an internal measure of the absolute photometric calibration of the data. Table 1 provides the median and  $rms$  width of three principal colors,  $P_2(s)$ ,  $P_2(w)$  and  $P_2(x)$  for each FDS field; the median  $P_2$  values over the full set of fields is  $< 0.02$  mag with  $rms \lesssim 0.03$  mag. The  $P_2(s)$  depends on the  $u$ -band photometry, and cannot be determined over the FDSex fields. The overall  $\langle P_2 \rangle$  and  $\sigma[P_2]$  values, and the values for each field, are consistent with the same value reported by [Ivezić et al. \(2004\)](#) for SDSS.

Finally, we obtain the limiting magnitudes reported in Table 1 for all fields and bands, derived as  $5\sigma$  magnitude integrated over the PSF, determined from the median S/N estimated as  $\Delta m_{\text{PSF}^{-1}}$ . The median  $g$ -band limiting magnitude is  $g_{\text{lim}} \sim 25.4 \pm 0.2$  mag; we note that the faintest globular clusters matched with the ACSFCS reach  $g_{\text{lim}} \sim 25.6$  mag, which increases to  $g_{\text{lim}} \sim 25.2$  mag for the sources in the reference catalog.

## Known issues

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## Previous Releases

With the present catalogue release, we complement the FDS imaging data of DR1 with the  $ugri$  observations of the FDS field n. 8.

## Data Format

### Files Types

The whole catalog is provided as a FITS table, together with the *ugri* FITS images and weigh maps of the field n. 8. All relevant information for the catalog and images is in the file header.

### Catalogue Columns

|    | Label        | Format | Unit | Description                                    |
|----|--------------|--------|------|--|
| 1  | ID           | String | "    | Source ID based on the IAU naming              |
| 2  | RA           | Double | deg  | Right ascension (J2000.0)                      |
| 3  | Dec          | Double | deg  | Declination (J2000.0)                          |
| 4  | mu           | Double | mag  | u-band PSF corrected magnitude                 |
| 5  | emu          | Double | mag  | error on u-band PSF corrected magnitude        |
| 6  | mg           | Double | mag  | g-band PSF corrected magnitude                 |
| 7  | emg          | Double | mag  | error on g-band PSF corrected magnitude        |
| 8  | mr           | Double | mag  | r-band PSF corrected magnitude                 |
| 9  | emr          | Double | mag  | error on r-band PSF corrected magnitude        |
| 10 | mi           | Double | mag  | i-band PSF corrected magnitude                 |
| 11 | emi          | Double | mag  | error on i-band PSF corrected magnitude        |
| 12 | CLASS_STAR   | Double | "    | SExt. CLASS_STAR from the multi-band a-stacks  |
| 13 | Conc_idx     | Double | "    | Normalized concentration index from a-stacks   |
| 14 | Flux_Rad     | Double | arcs | SExt. Flux radius from the multi-band a-stacks |
| 15 | FWHM         | Double | arcs | Source FWHM from the multi-band a-stacks       |
| 16 | Major_axis   | Double | deg  | SExt. Profile RMS along major axis - a-stacks  |
| 17 | Minor_axis   | Double | deg  | SExt. Profile RMS along minor axis - a-stacks  |
| 18 | Elongation   | Double | "    | Elongat., major-to-minor axis ratio - a-stacks |
| 19 | Flags        | Long   | "    | Flags, based on SExt. flags coding rules       |
| 20 | Sharpness    | Double | "    | DAOphot sharpness parameter from the a-stacks  |
| 21 | CLASS_STAR_u | Double | "    | SExt. CLASS_STAR - u-band                      |
| 22 | Conc_idx_u   | Double | "    | Normalized concentration index - u-band        |
| 23 | Sharpness_u  | Double | "    | DAOphot sharpness parameter - u-band           |
| 24 | mu8pix       | Double | mag  | Aperture magnitude within 8 pixels - u-band    |
| 25 | emu8pix      | Double | mag  | Error on Aperture mag. within 8 pix. - u-band  |
| 26 | muauto       | Double | mag  | SExt. automated apert. mag. MAG_AUTO - u band  |
| 27 | emuauto      | Double | mag  | Error on automated ap. mag. MAG_AUTO - u band  |
| 28 | CLASS_STAR_g | Double | "    | SExt. CLASS_STAR - g-band                      |
| 29 | Conc_idx_g   | Double | "    | Normalized concentration index - g-band        |
| 30 | Sharpness_g  | Double | "    | DAOphot sharpness parameter - g-band           |
| 31 | mg8pix       | Double | mag  | Aperture magnitude within 8 pixels - g-band    |
| 32 | emg8pix      | Double | mag  | Error on Aperture mag. within 8 pix. - g-band  |
| 33 | mgauto       | Double | mag  | SExt. automated apert. mag. MAG_AUTO - g band  |
| 34 | emgauto      | Double | mag  | Error on automated ap. mag. MAG_AUTO - g band  |
| 35 | CLASS_STAR_r | Double | "    | SExt. CLASS_STAR - r-band                      |
| 36 | Conc_idx_r   | Double | "    | Normalized concentration index - r-band        |
| 37 | Sharpness_r  | Double | "    | DAOphot sharpness parameter - r-band           |
| 38 | mr8pix       | Double | mag  | Aperture magnitude within 8 pixels - r-band    |
| 39 | emr8pix      | Double | mag  | Error on Aperture mag. within 8 pix. - r-band  |
| 40 | mrauto       | Double | mag  | SExt. automated apert. mag. MAG_AUTO - r band  |
| 41 | emrauto      | Double | mag  | Error on automated ap. mag. MAG_AUTO - r band  |
| 42 | CLASS_STAR_i | Double | "    | SExt. CLASS_STAR - i-band                      |
| 43 | Conc_idx_i   | Double | "    | Normalized concentration index - i-band        |
| 44 | Sharpness_i  | Double | "    | DAOphot sharpness parameter - i-band           |
| 45 | mi8pix       | Double | mag  | Aperture magnitude within 8 pixels - i-band    |
| 46 | emi8pix      | Double | mag  | Error on Aperture mag. within 8 pix. - i-band  |
| 47 | miauto       | Double | mag  | SExt. automated apert. mag. MAG_AUTO - i band  |

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| <b>48</b> | emiauto  | Double | mag | Error on automated ap. magn. MAG_AUTO - i band |
| <b>49</b> | ebv      | Double | mag | Reddening from Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011)    |
| <b>50</b> | FDSfield | Long   | "   | FDS field pointing ID                          |

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