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uvby PHOTOMETRY WITH A CCD

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Initial observations using uvby filters with a CCD detector were completed in June of 1985, using the Cerro Tololo 4m PFCCD system. It has been possible to derive all Strömgren indices (b-y, m_1 and c_1) for V<18 from frames with acceptable integration times. For fields in the open cluster IC 4651, averages of 2 to 3 frames with exposure times of 15, 20, 40, and 500 seconds for the y, b, v, and u filters, yielded high precision magnitudes and indices for V<15. Exposure times up to 5 times longer were required for the v and u filters in order to derive c_1 indices of sufficient precision for stars with V between 15 and 16. One result of our survey is the apparent absence of main sequence stars below V = 15.

The nearby globular cluster NGC 6397 was also observed. Frames with exposure times of 200, 400, 750 and 2500 seconds were used to construct the color-magnitude diagram shown. Analysis of the m_1 and c_1 indices in comparison to VandenBerg and Bell's (1985) isochrones indicate Z = 0.0003 and an age of 14 x 10⁹ years; higher Z would imply an even younger age.

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Figure 1. Color-magnitude diagram for the open cluster IC 4651.



Figure 2. Color-magnitude diagram for the globular cluster NGC 6397.