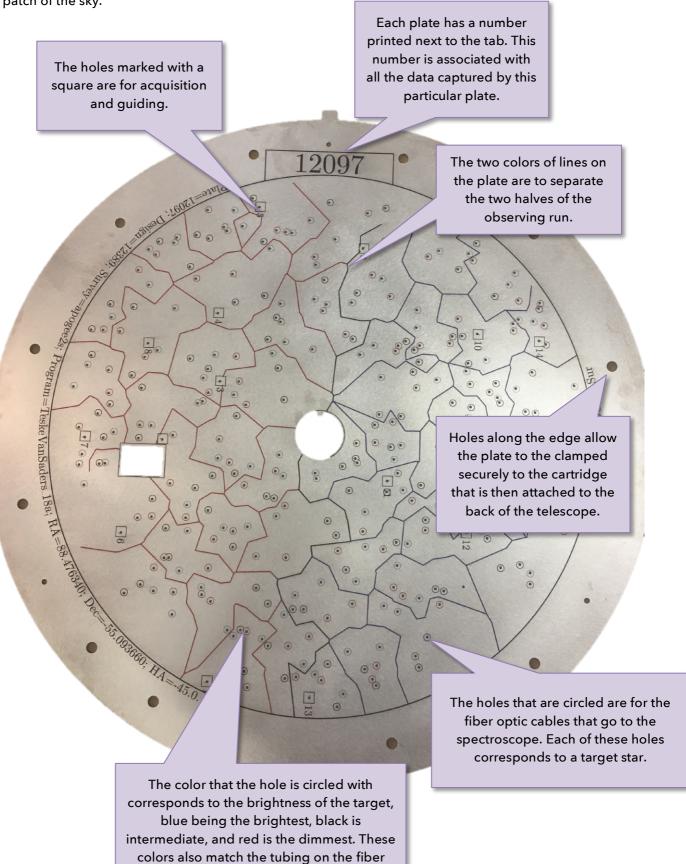


Anatomy of an APOGEE South Plate

The purpose of the aluminum plate is to precisely position fiber optic cables so that light from all of the stars on the plate can be directed to the spectrographs at one time. Each plate covers a three-degree patch of the sky.



optic cables that is plugged into each hole.