



### COROT Sees First Light!

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Corot will be surveying vast stellar fields to learn about star interiors and to search for extrasolar planets. These early observations allow Corot scientists to prepare for the science phase which will begin in early February.

On January 18, the telescope was positioned to begin observations, facing away from the center of our galaxy. Corot will maintain this position until April, when the Sun's rays will start to interfere with the observations. COROT will then rotate by 180 degrees and will start ob

