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THE SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC STANDARD STARS GRID FOR THE GAIA ABSOLUTE CALIBRATION

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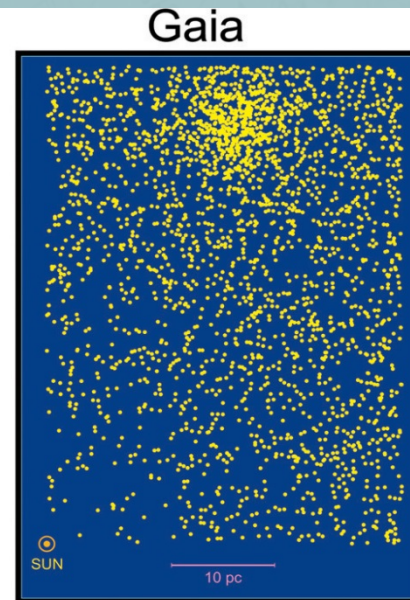
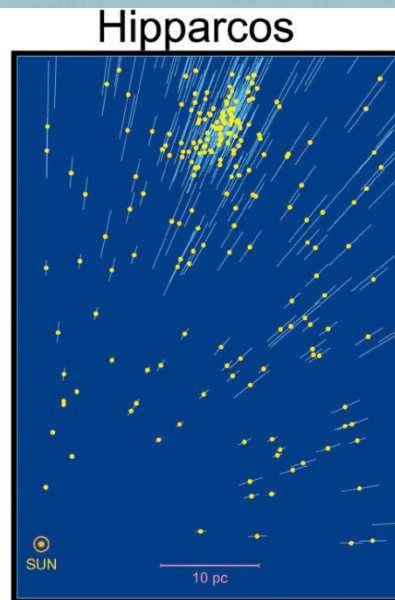
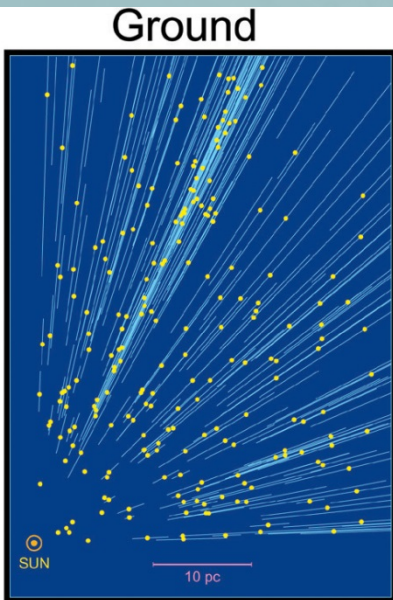


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Gaia objectives

- The largest and most precise 3D chart of our Galaxy (6D space survey: α , δ , π , $\mu\alpha$, $\mu\delta$ + complementary radial velocities) + astrophysical parameters
- Composition, Formation and Evolution of our Galaxy, unraveling the chemical and dynamical history of our Galaxy...
And much more!

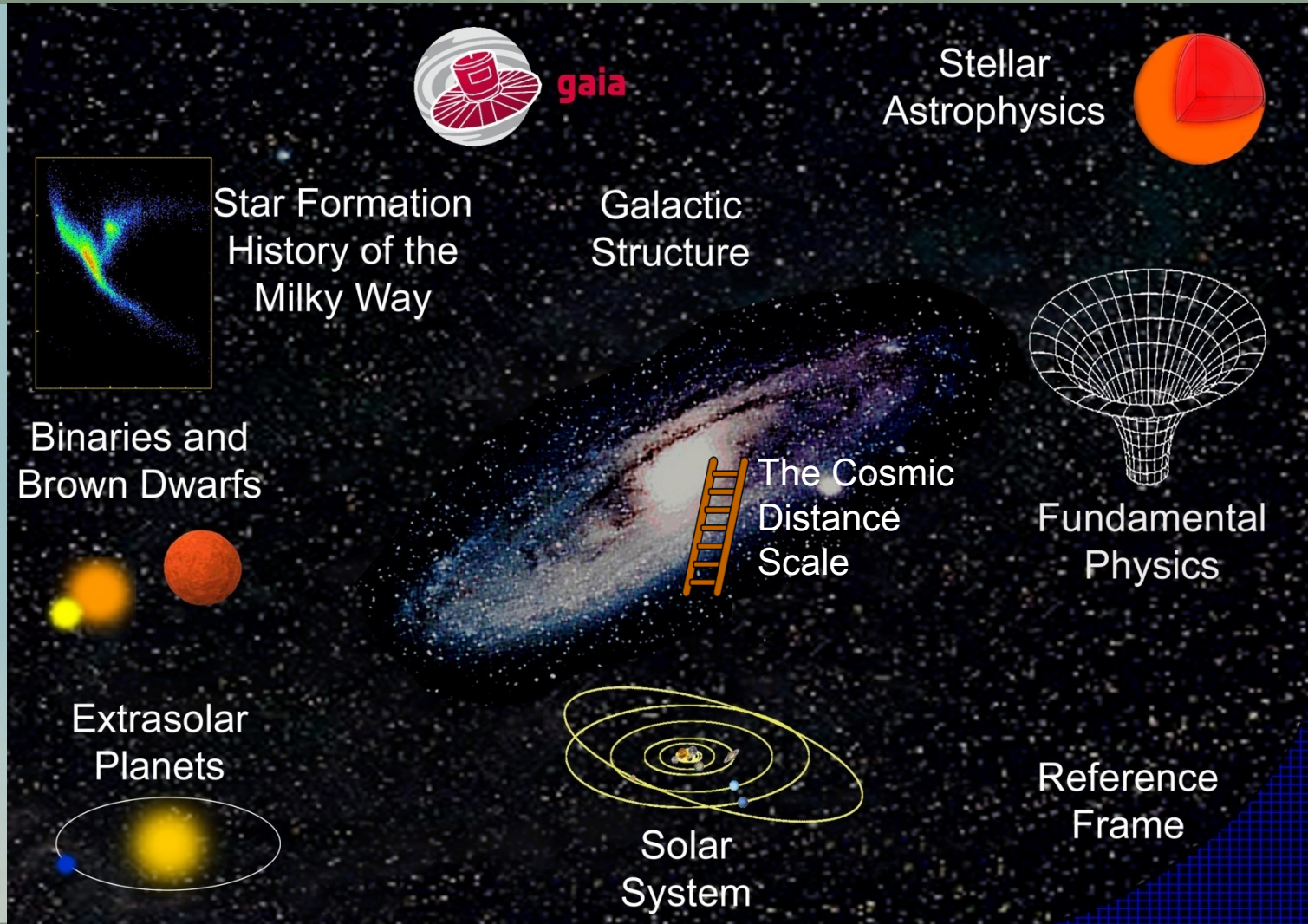


**Astrometric
accuracy:
the Hyades D~47 pc**

Gaia will provide:

- in our Galaxy ...
 - the distance and velocity distributions of all stellar populations
 - a rigorous framework for stellar structure and evolution theories
 - a large-scale survey of extra-solar planets a large-scale survey of Solar System bodies ... and beyond
 - definitive distance standards out to the LMC/SMC
 - rapid reaction alerts for supernovae and burst sources QSO detection, redshifts, microlensing structure fundamental quantities to unprecedented accuracy: γ to 10^{-7} (10^{-5} present)

Gaia science:

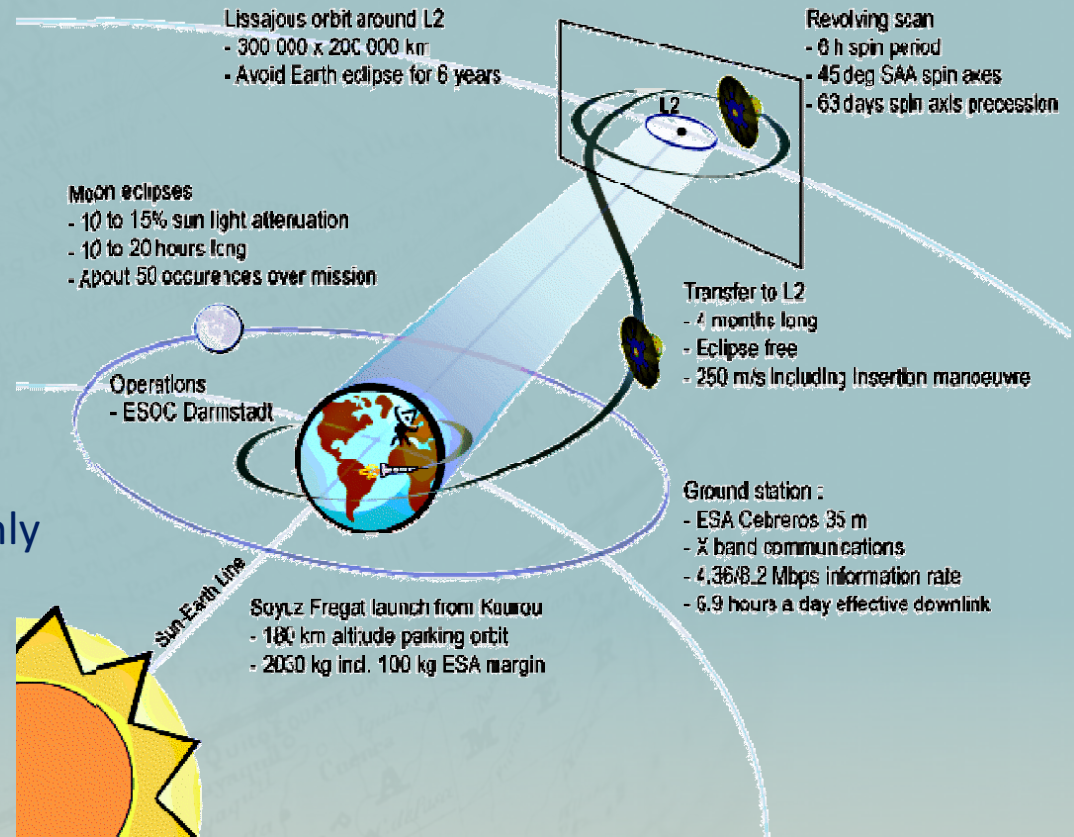


- Gaia
- The Gaia Spectrophotometric Standard Stars

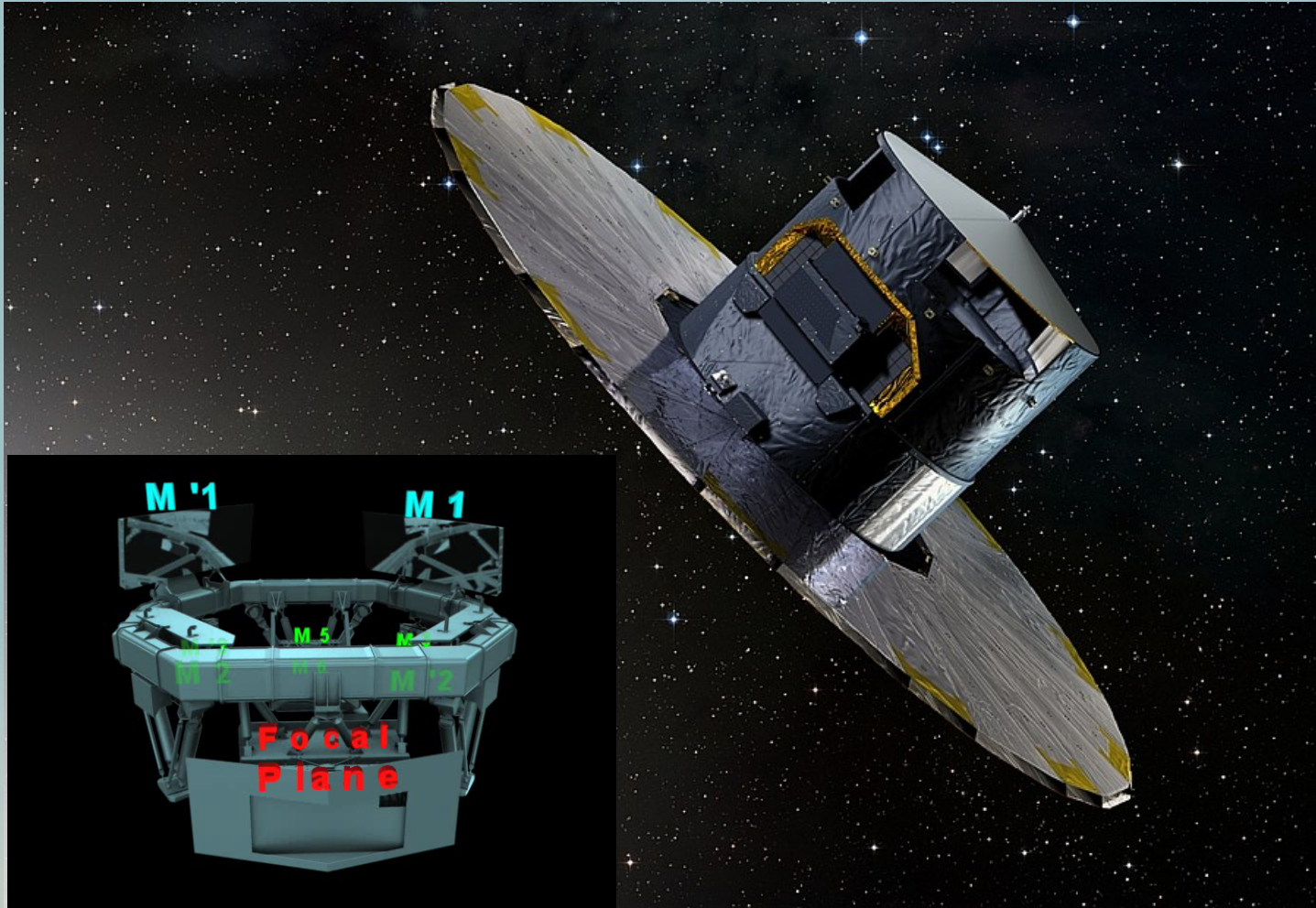


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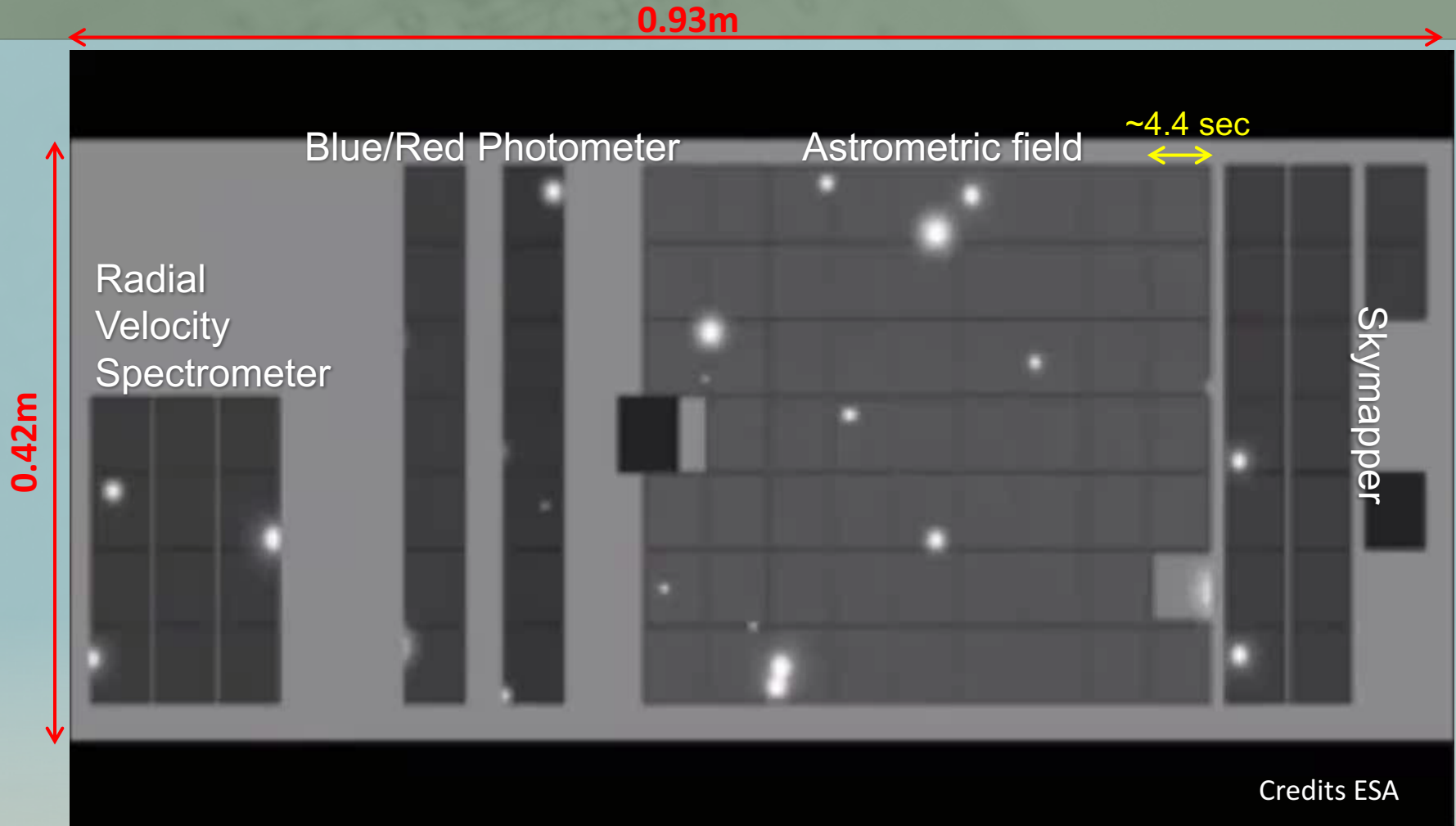
- L2, 1.5 million km from the Earth (~2 months cruise)
- stable thermal environment,
- high observing efficiency,
- moderate radiation environment (launch worst phase).
- Ground Based Optical Tracking (GBOT needed for solar system only (accuracy 20mas, 150m in L2))



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Gaia focal plane



FoV: 0.7 deg x 0.7 deg, pixel (10 μm x 30 μm): 0.059"(AL) x 0.177"(AC)
106 CCD 4500x1966 px (TDI)
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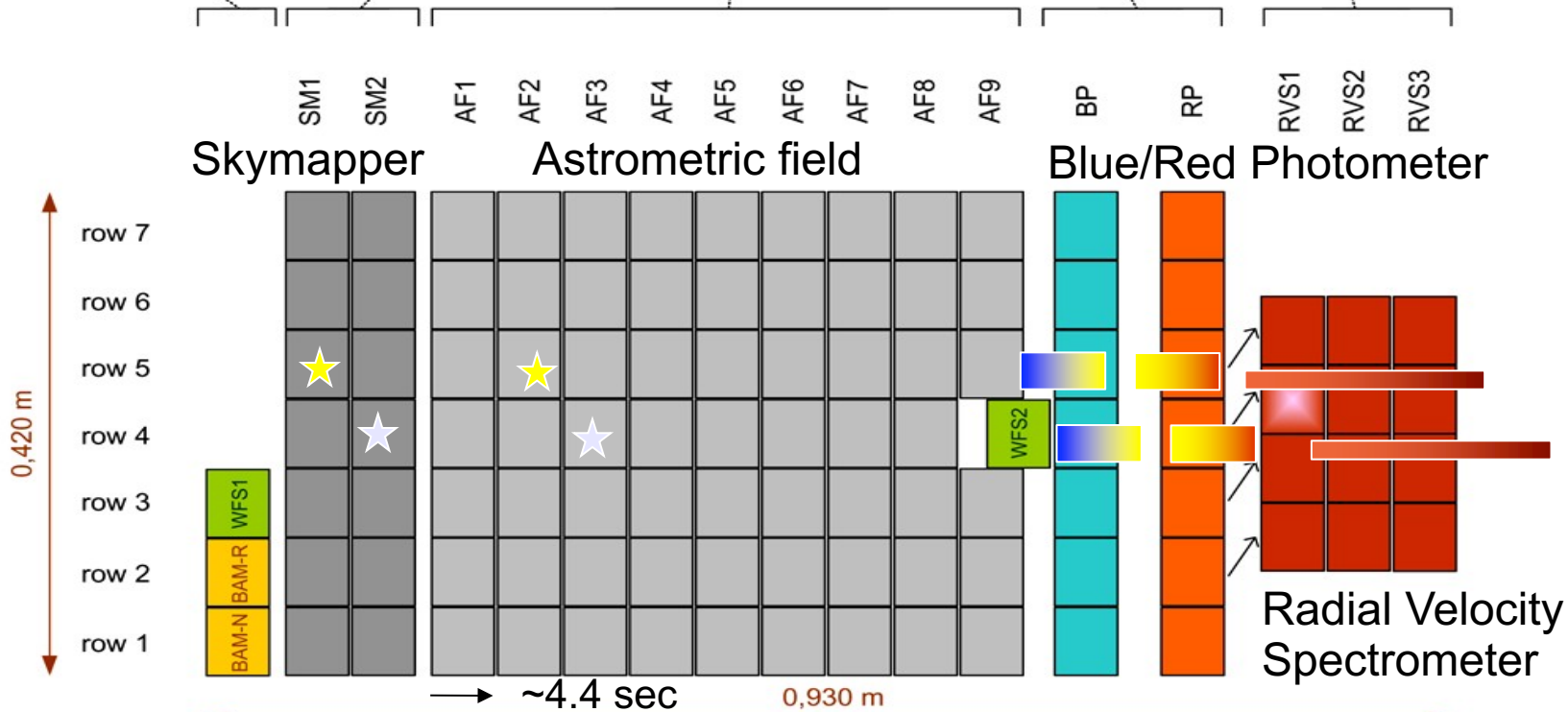
One strip with one Wave Front Sensor (WFS) and two Basic Angle Monitoring (BAM) CCDs

Two strips of Sky Mapper (SM) CCDs. The first one sees the stars coming from the first telescope, the second one sees the stars coming from the second telescope

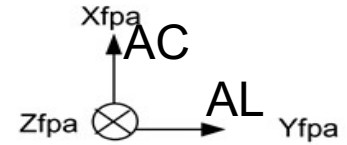
Nine strips for Astrometric measurements. In the ninth strip, the second WFS is implemented

Two strips for, respectively, blue and red photometric measurements

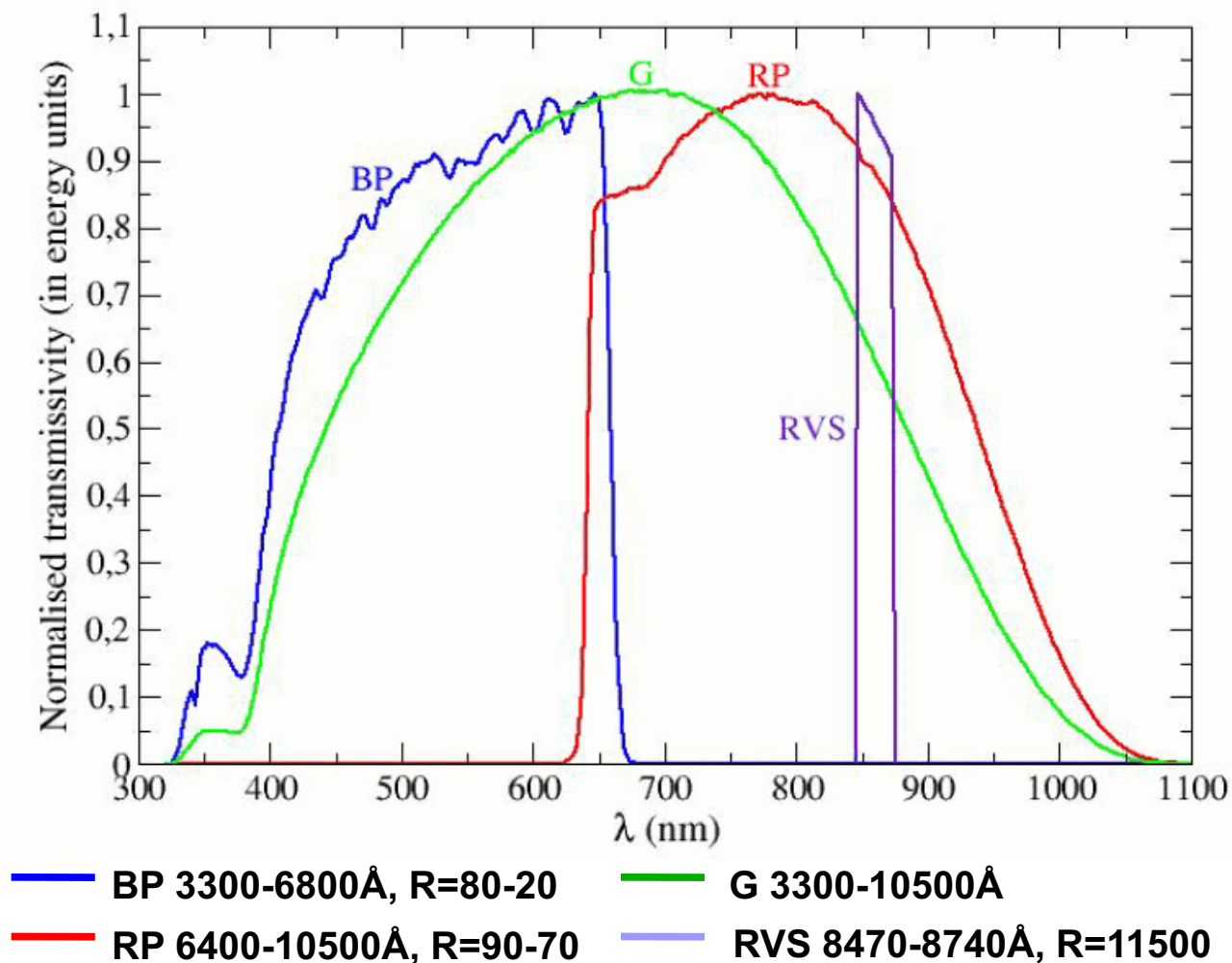
Three strips of four CCDs for Radial Velocity Spectrometer (RVS) measurements. The CCDs are operated in a three-lines binned mode, one CCD of the first strip excepted.



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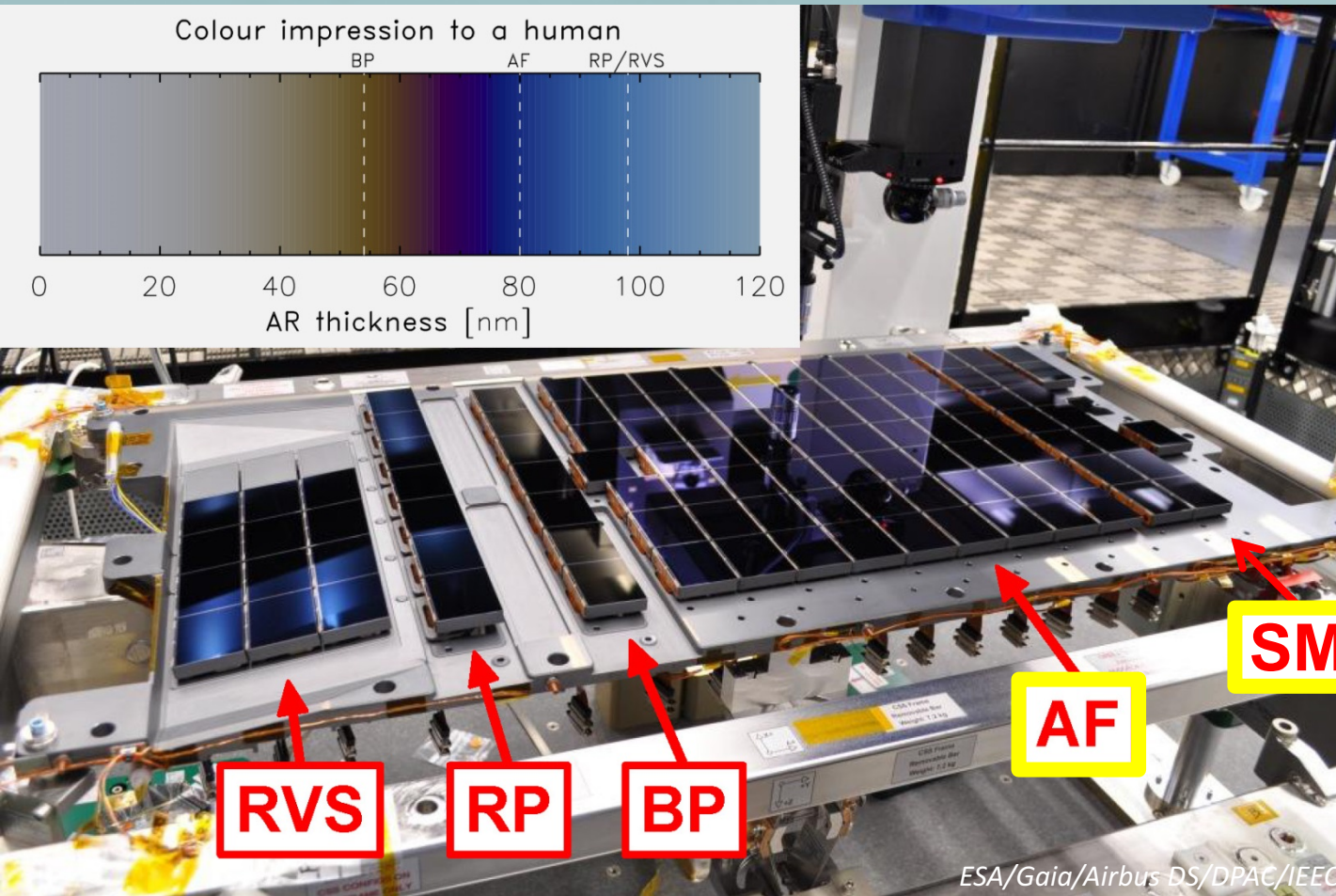
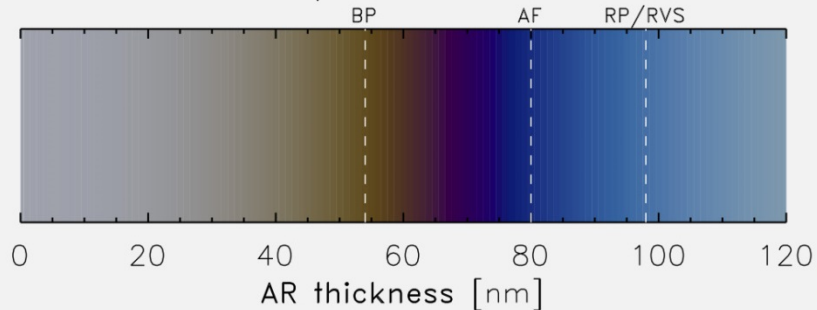


Gaia passbands



Examples of Gaia imaging capabilities

Colour impression to a human



Gaia's focal plane
for 2 telescopes 1.49 x
0.54 m

- Time to cross a CCD:
4.4s

- Time to cross the
FOV: 45s

- Time between FOVs:
106.5m & 4h 13.5m

- Time between scans:
6h

ESA/Gaia/Airbus DS/DPAC/IEEC-ICCUB/M.Weiler

Examples of Gaia imaging capabilities

NGC

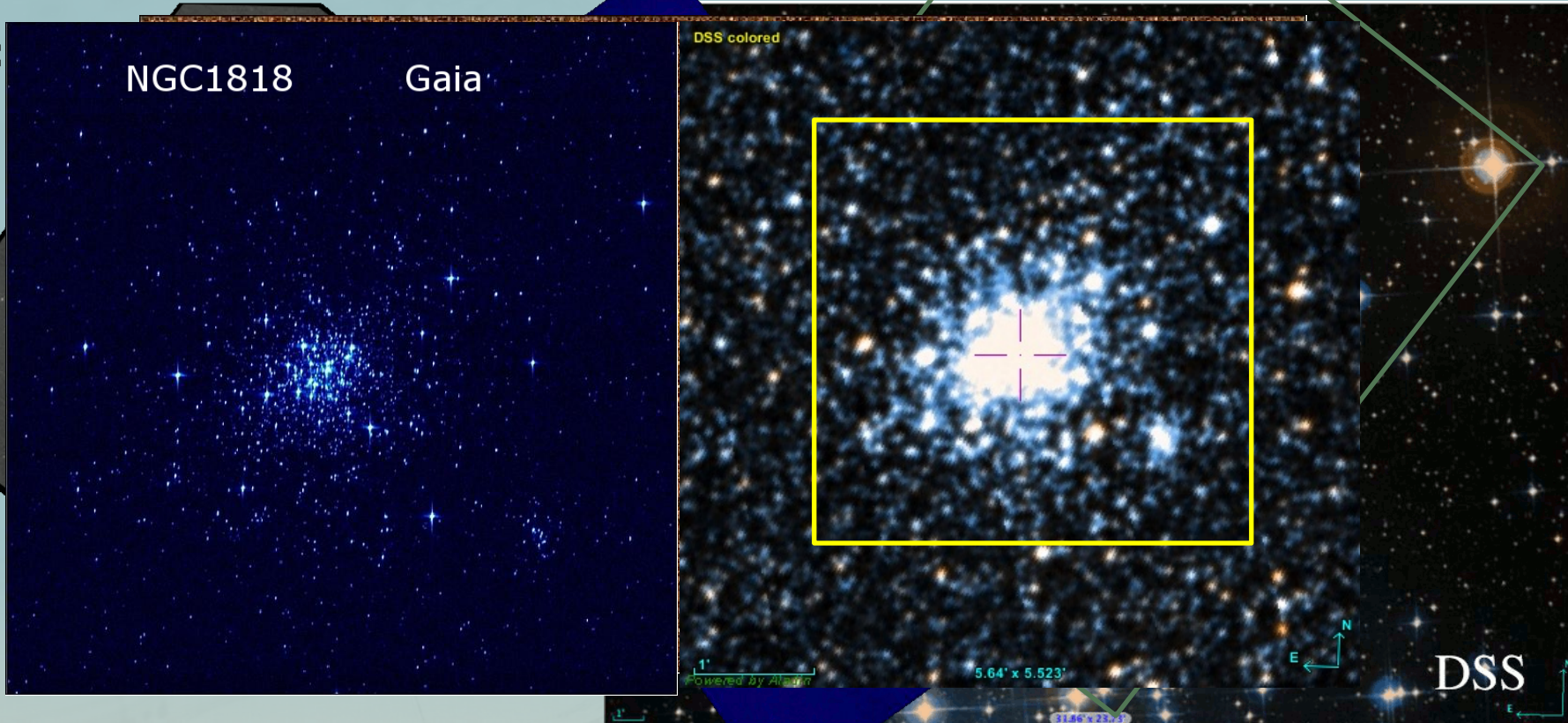
NGC1818

Gaia

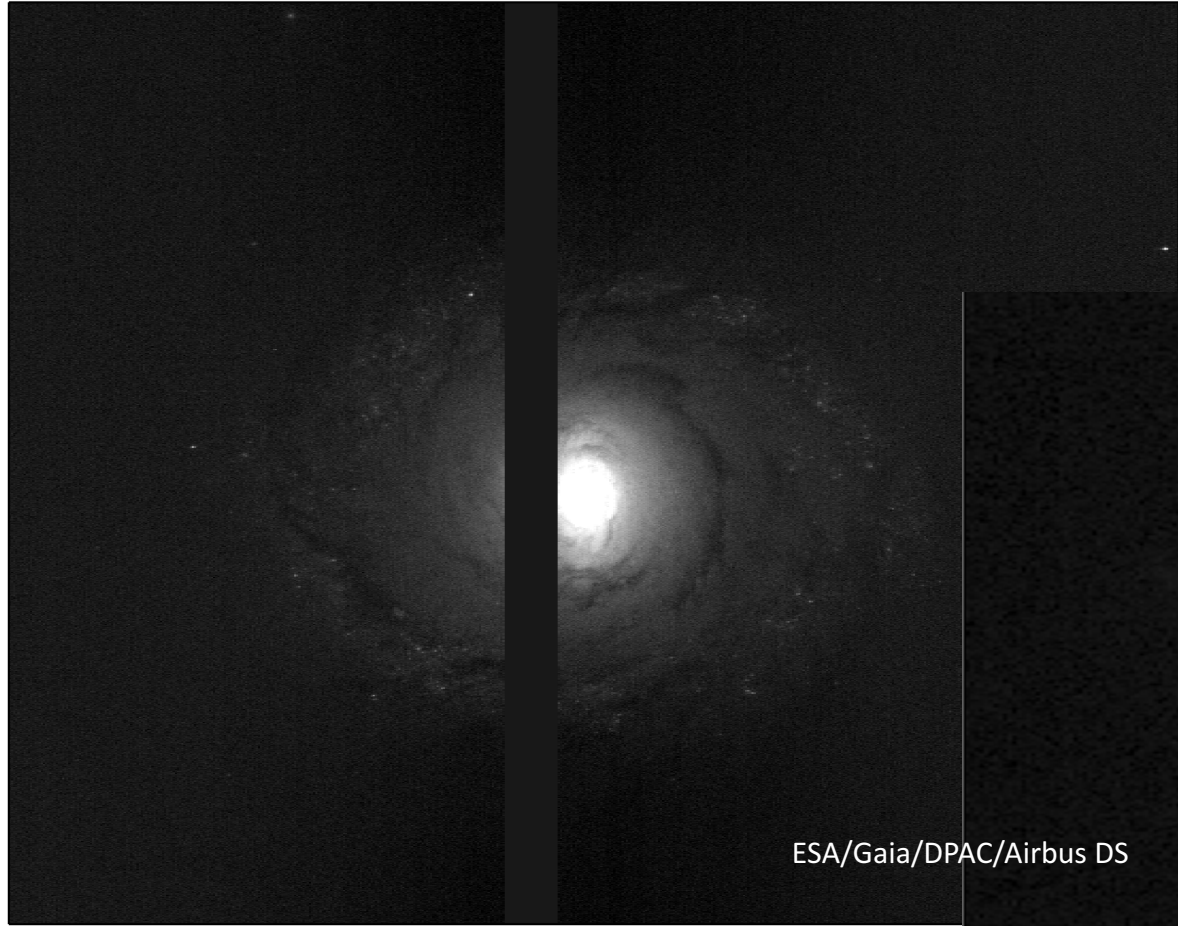
DSS colored

DSS

60"



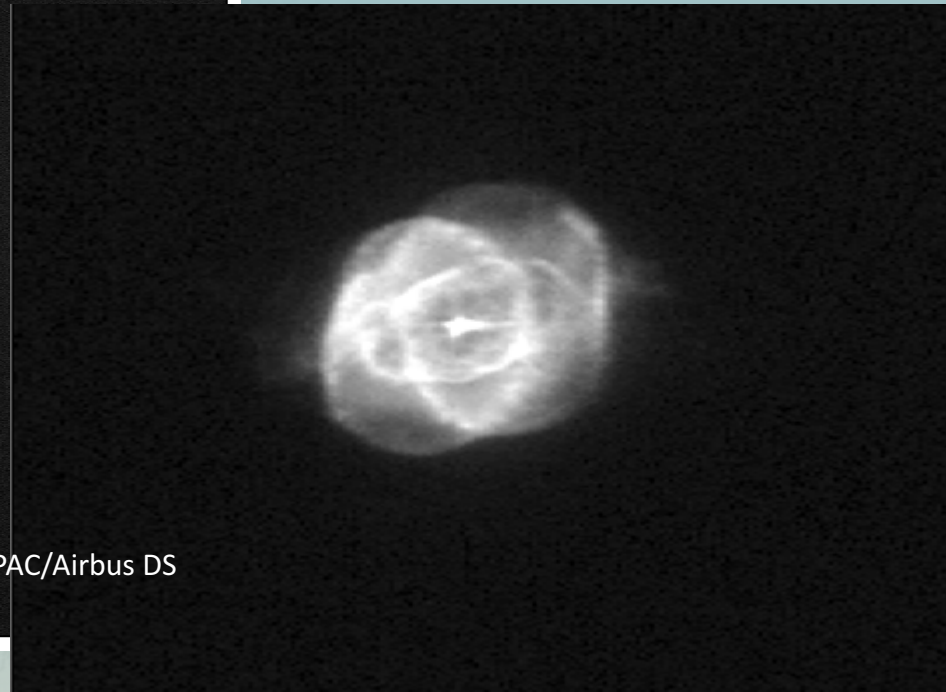
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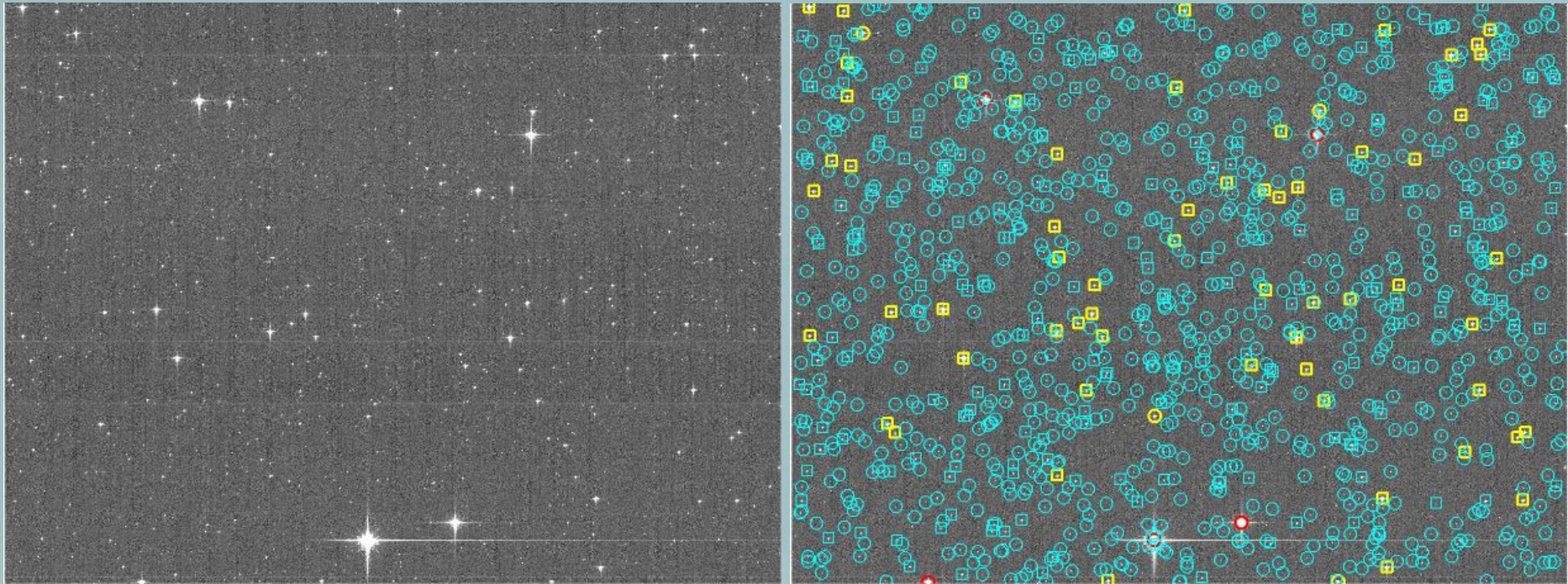
Messier 94

ESA/Gaia/DPAC/Airbus DS

Cat's Eye Nebula

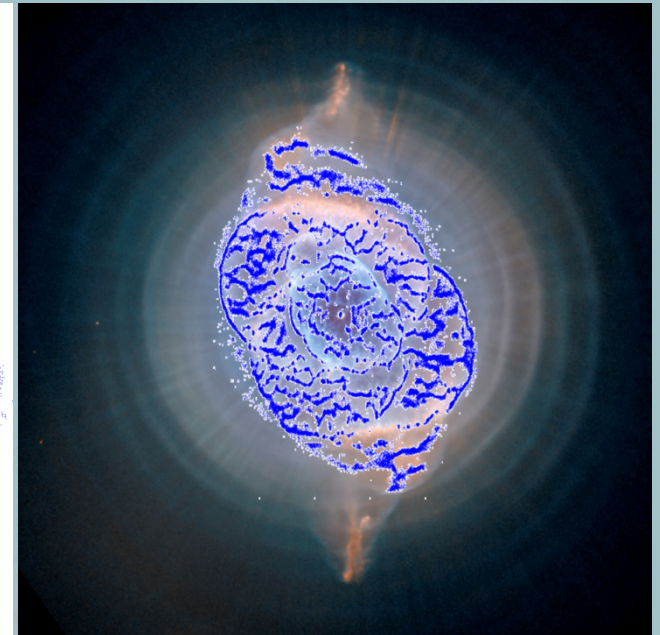
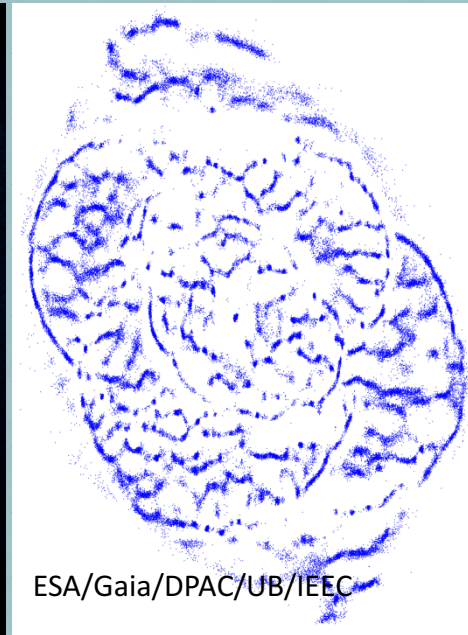


Examples of real Gaia “images”



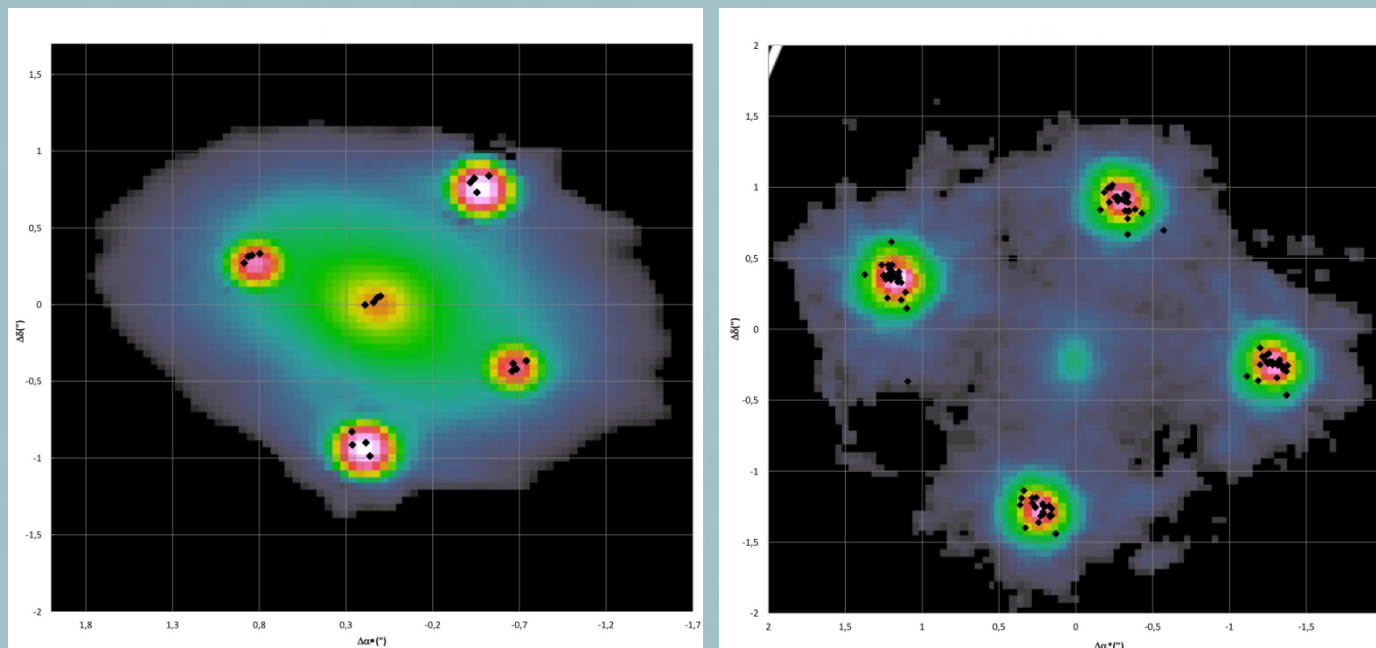
An image of the sky as recorded by one of the sky mapper CCDs and the assignment of windows to all point-like sources detected and confirmed above a given threshold. The limiting magnitude of Gaia for this image is $G = 20.7$. Several symbols and colours encircling the sources are used for different ranges of magnitudes

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Left: HST ACS/WFC image of the Cat's Eye nebula (integration time 1.2 h; north is up and east is left). The scale of the image is $\sim 1 \times 1$ arcminute. Middle: the $\sim 84,000$ Gaia detections that were made in this area from 25 July to 21 August 2014. Right: a superposition of the two images

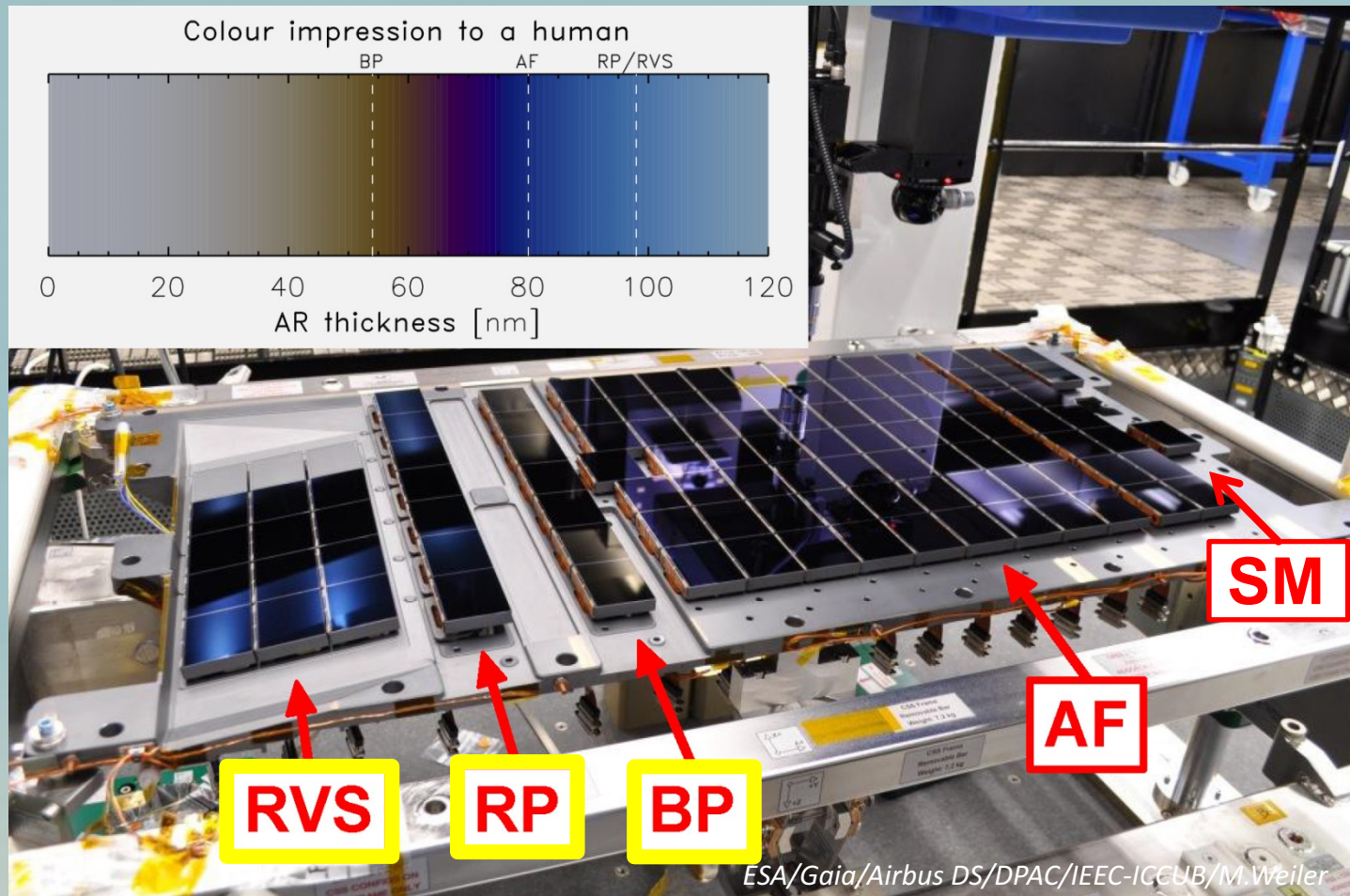
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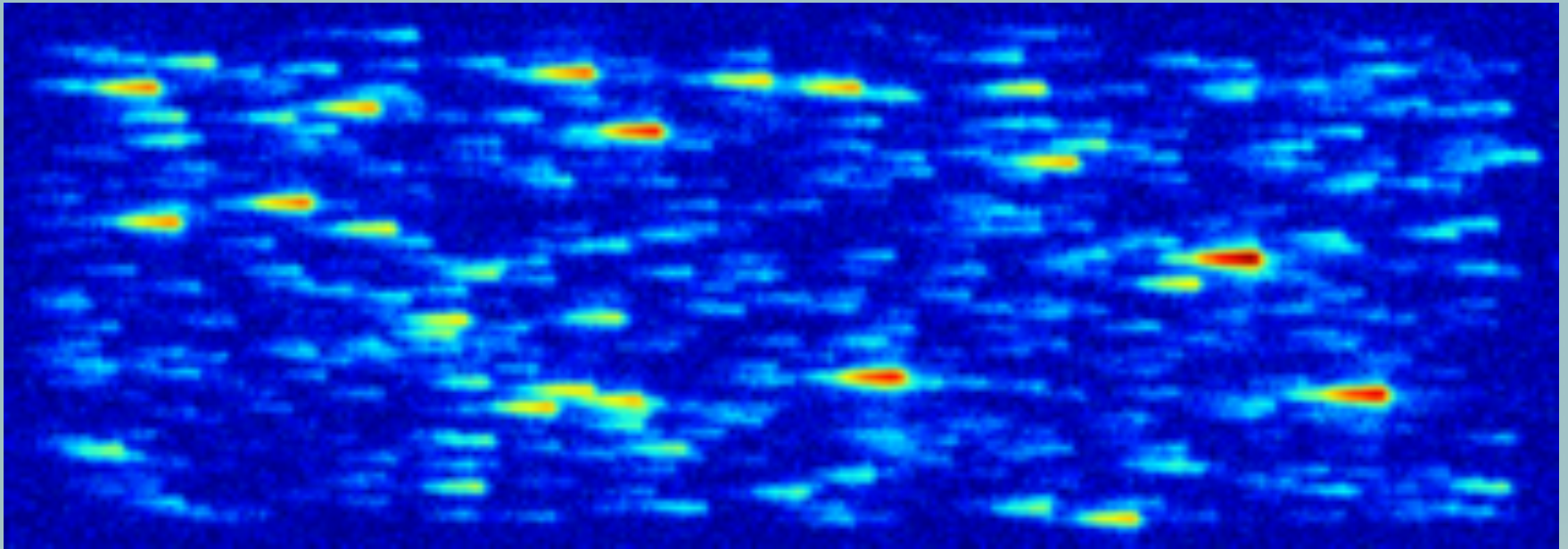
ESA/Gaia/DPAC/Christine Ducourant, Jean-Francois Lecampion (LAB/Observatoire de Bordeaux), Alberto Krone-Martins (SIM/Universidade de Lisboa, LAB/Observatoire de Bordeaux), Laurent Galluccio, Francois Mignard (Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur, Nice)

Einstein Cross (left) and HE0435-1223 (right) with Gaia astrometric positions placed over HST images. Magnitude ranges: 17 to 19 ; astrometric accuracy of each position in this preliminary reduction is ~ 100 mas. It will be much improved during the global astrometric processing where spacecraft attitude will also be solved together with the source astrometry.

Examples of Gaia spectroscopic capabilities

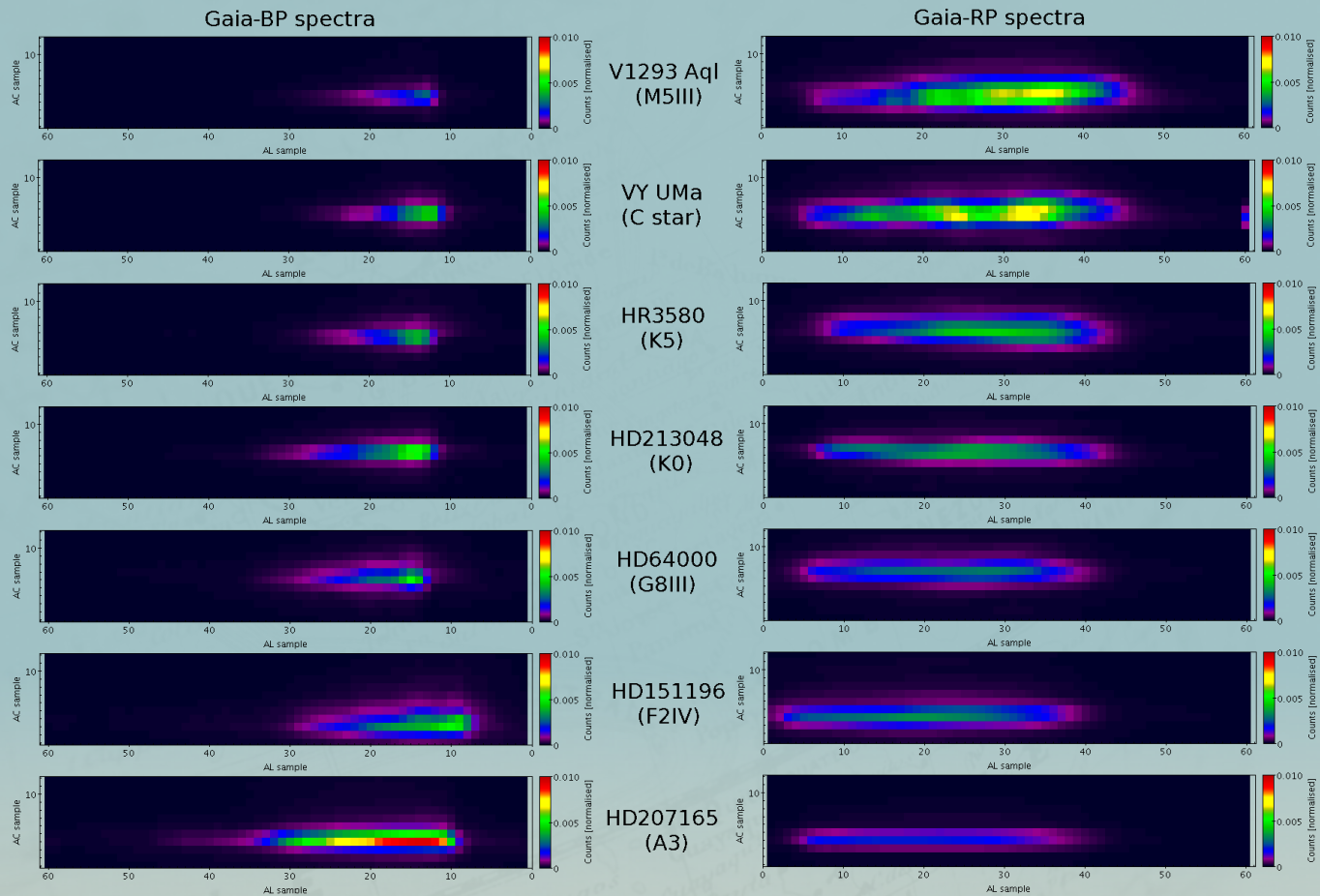


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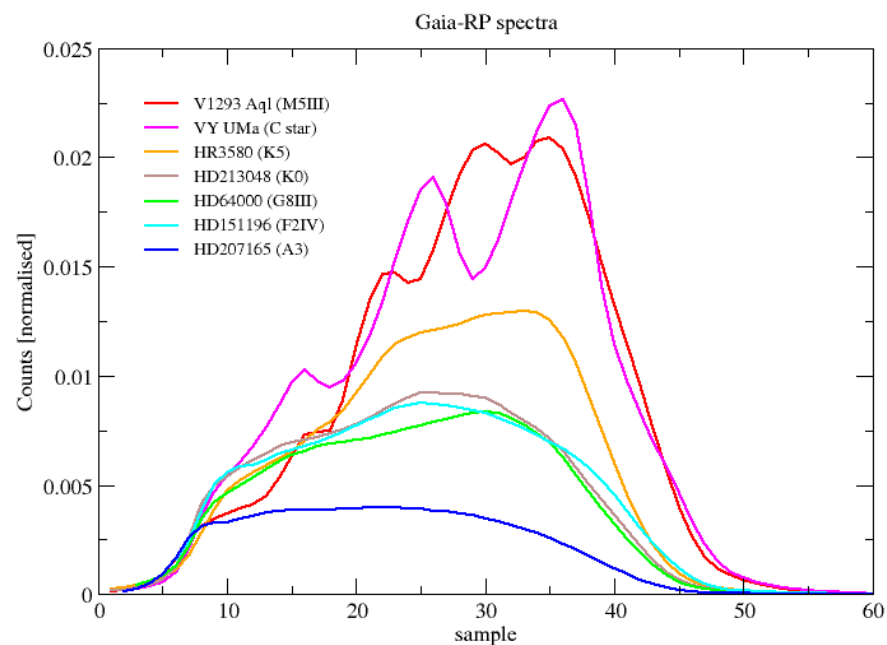
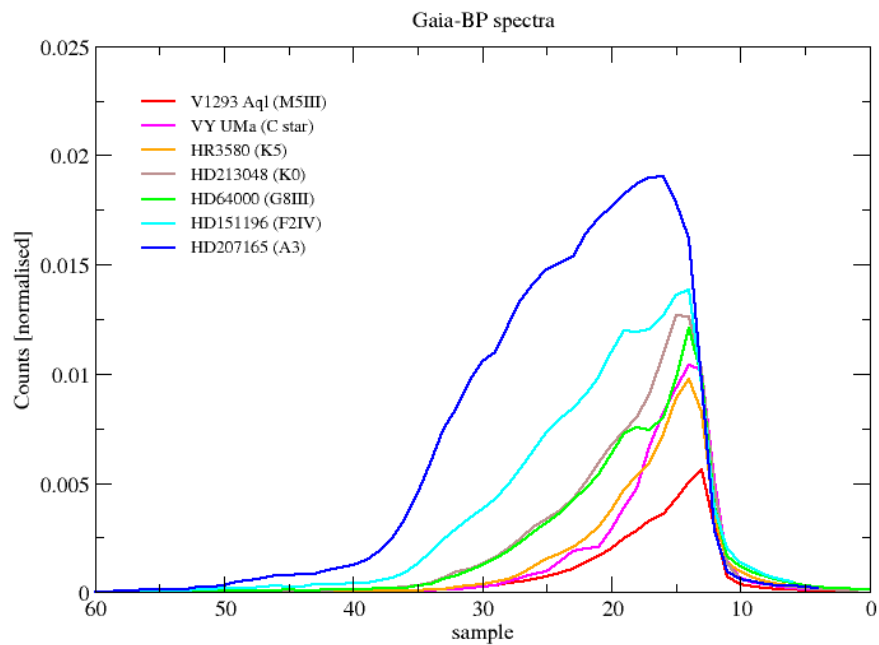
A simulation of a crowded stellar field as observed by Gaia's photometric instruments.

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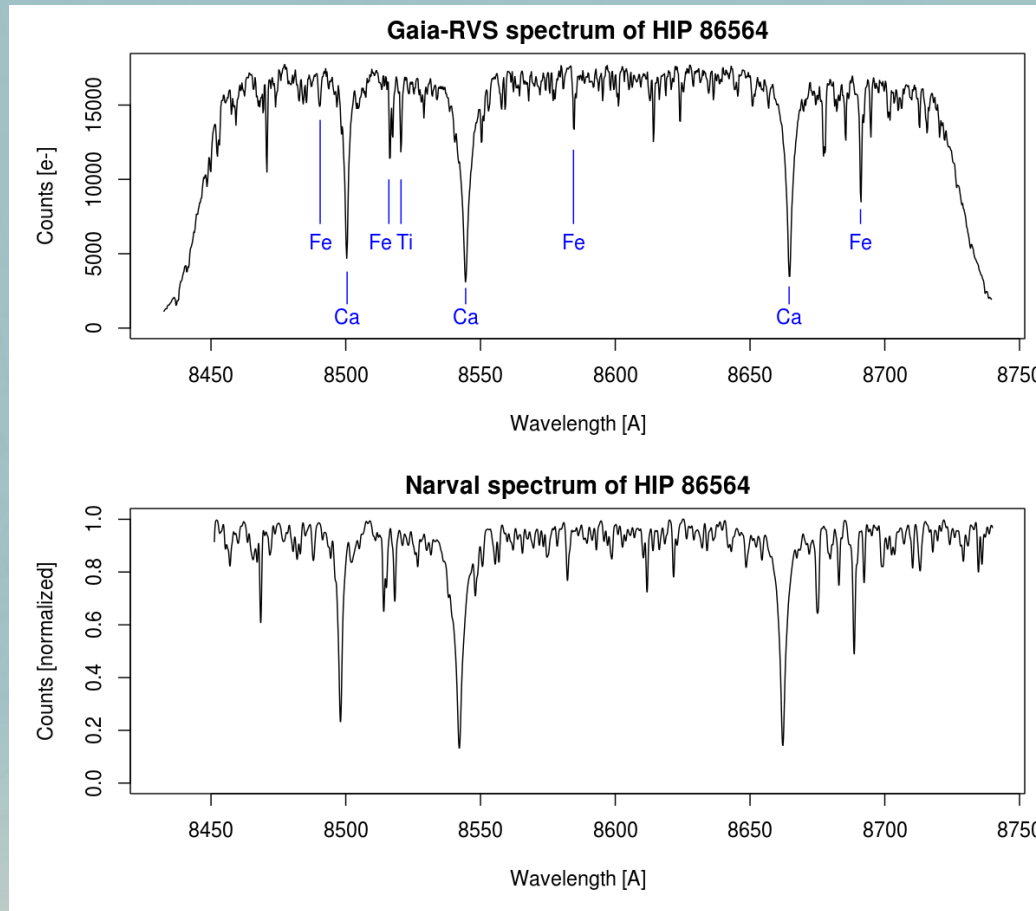
Blue and Red Photometer 2D spectra for 7 bright cool ($\sim 3000^\circ\text{C}$) and hot ($\sim 8000^\circ\text{C}$) stars.

Gaia BP/RP spectra



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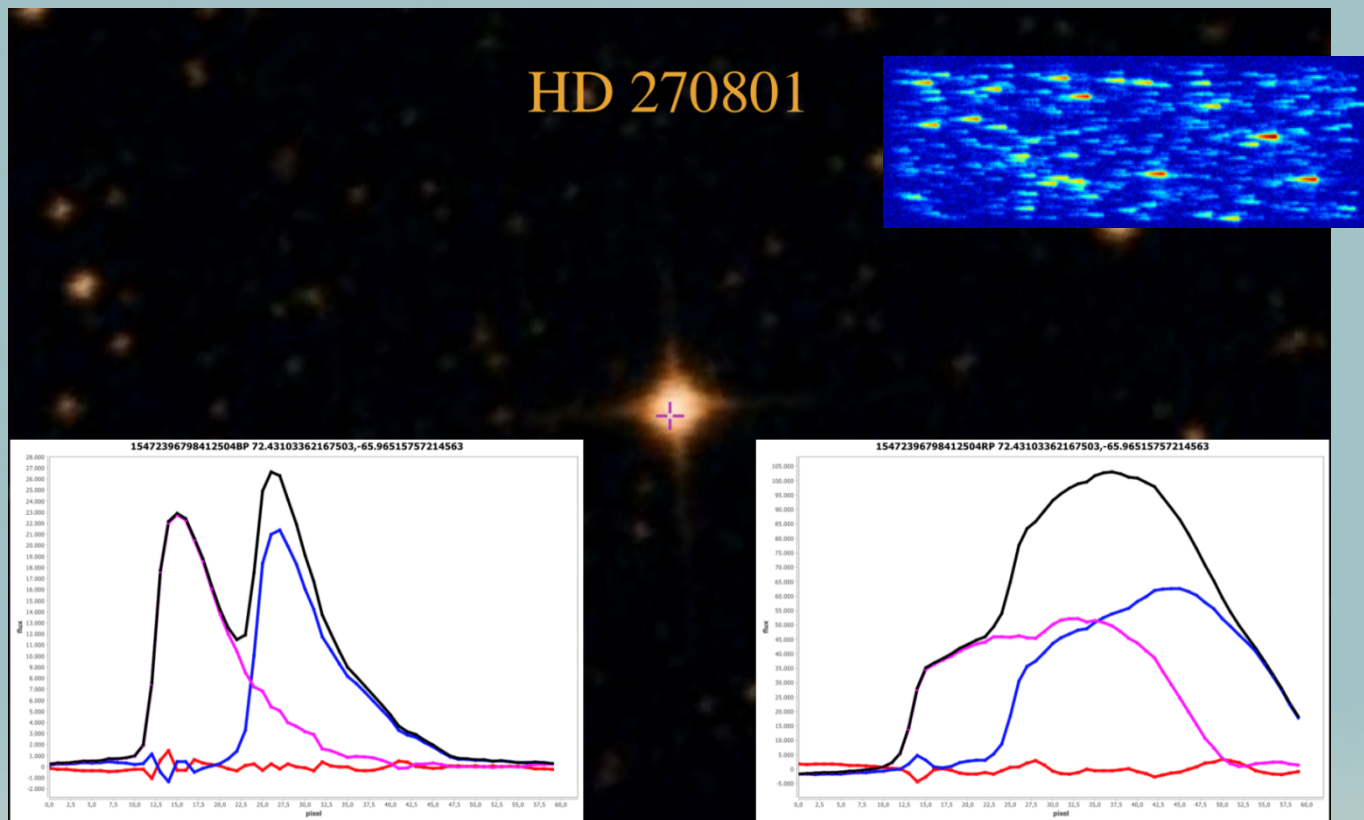
Gaia RVS spectrum



HIP 86564 (K5, V=6.6), RVS & Narval@Bernard Lyot 2m spectra

R=11500

First Gaia BP/RP deblended spectra



DSS coloured image of the double star HD270801. Bottom left: the observed BP spectrum in black and the two extracted spectra in magenta and blue; in red the extraction residuals. Bottom right: the same for RP

Tales of two clusters retold by Gaia

NGC 2451

John Herschel, 1835

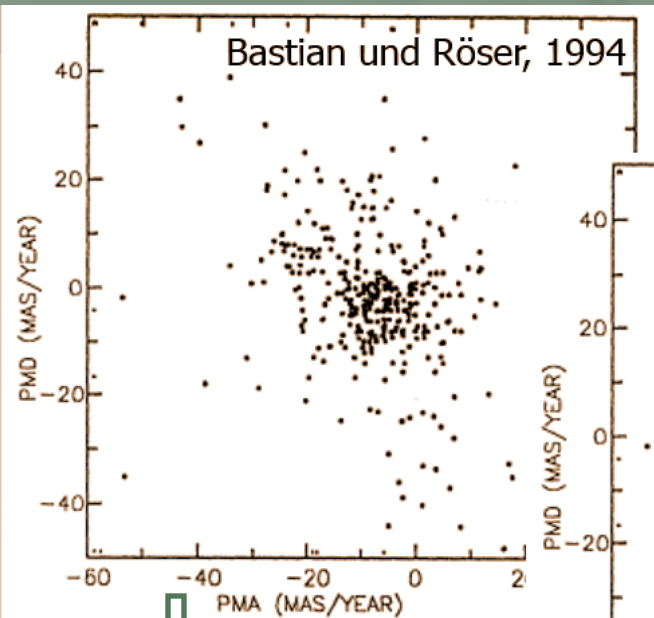
L. E. Dreyer , NGC2451 in 1888

S. Röser and U. Bastian 1994

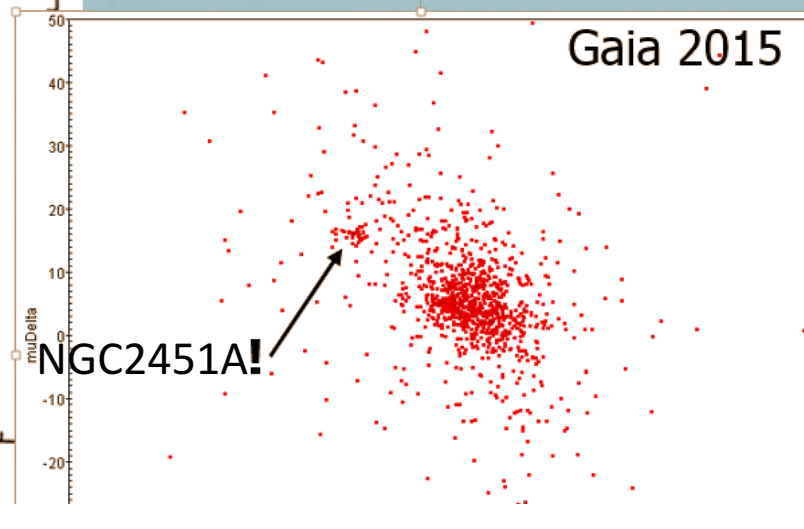
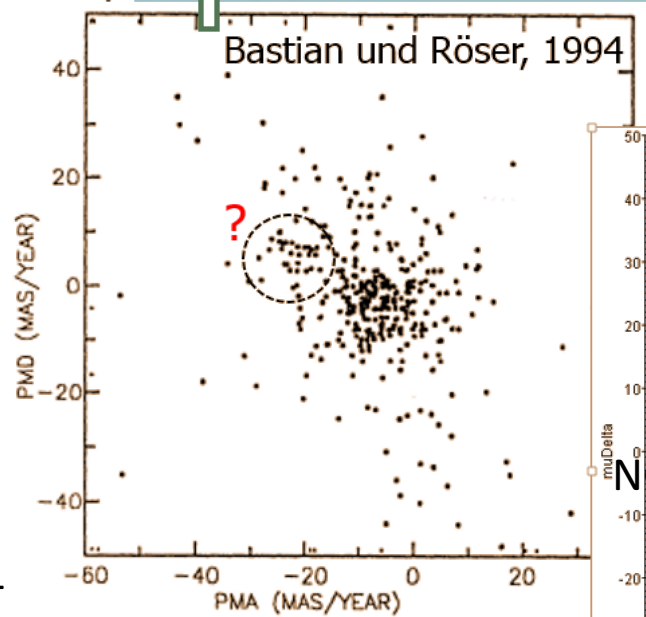
Proper Motions Catalogue (PPM)
more than 100 years of position
measurements! The cluster was
finally proven to be non-existent

Roberto Mura

Tales of two clusters retold by Gaia



A barely discernible density enhancement?



S. Röser & U. Bastian 1994
NGC2451 NON existent

CMD

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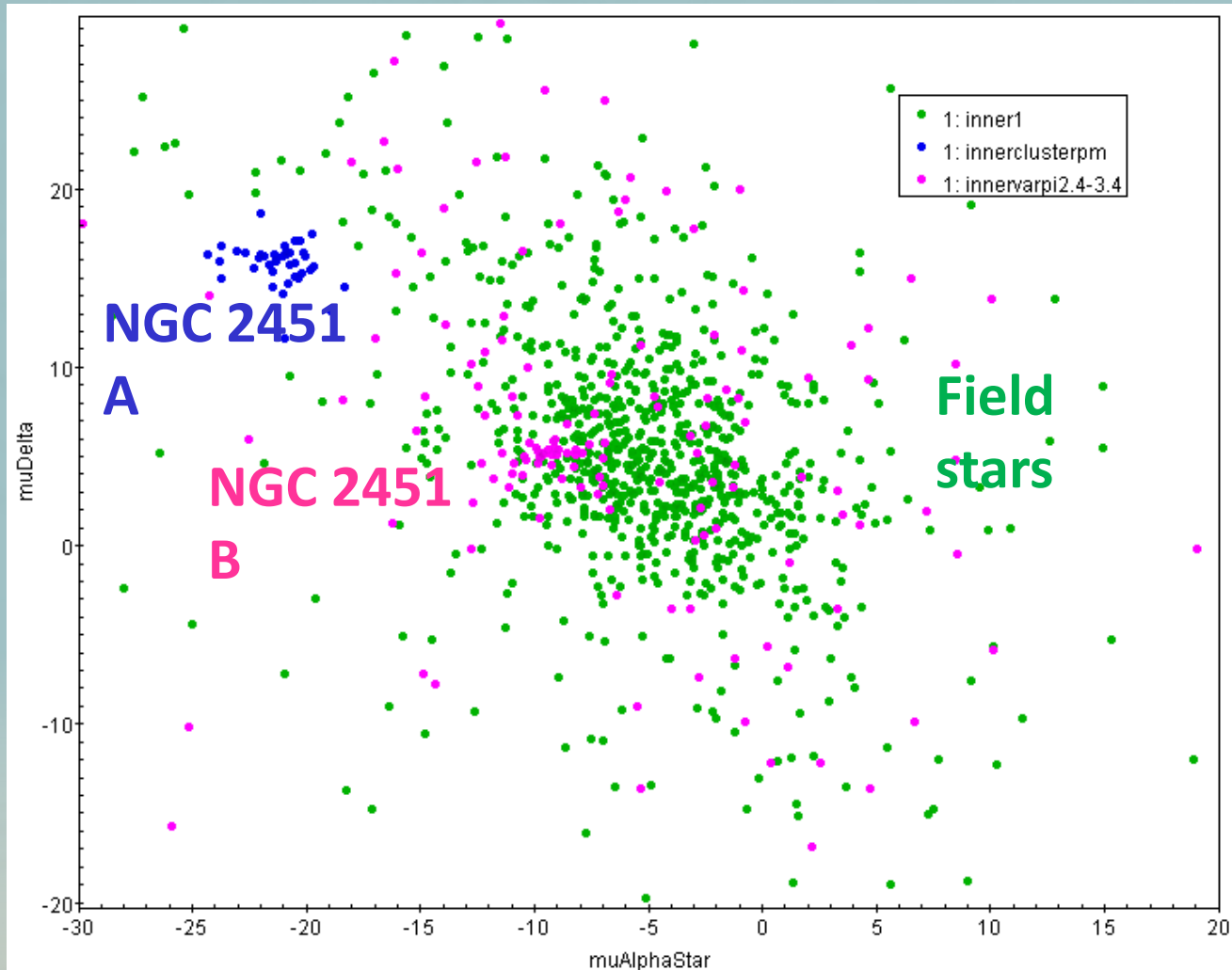
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NGC

10 months of Gaia
NGC2451 nicely pop-out in the PM diagram. No need of CMD.
Even NGC2451B still hidden...BUT Gaia distance measurements of all 1100 stars in the NGC 2451 area indicated two slight bumps at ~190 pc, and ~360 pc (in agreement with the supposed distances of the two clusters!)

Tales of two clusters retold by Gaia



DPAC: Data Processing and Analysis Consortium

- **CU1: System Architecture**
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CU5 - photometric processing

- **DU13:** Instrument absolute response characterization: ground-based preparation (E. Pancino, G. Altavilla deputy)
- **DU14:** Instrument absolute response characterisation: definition and application (C. Cacciari)

G. Cocozza, S. Galleti, S. Ragaini,
M. Bellazzini, A. Bragaglia, L. Federici, P. Montegriffo, E. Rossetti

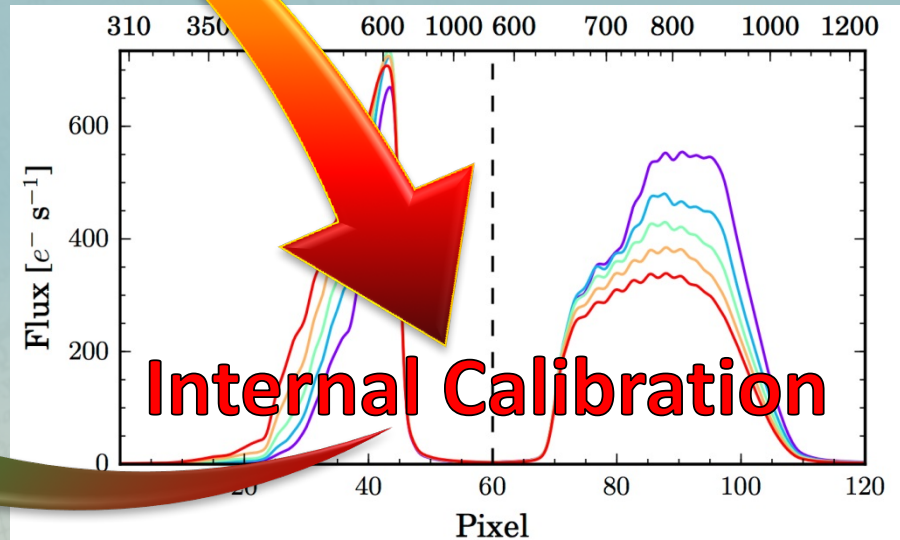
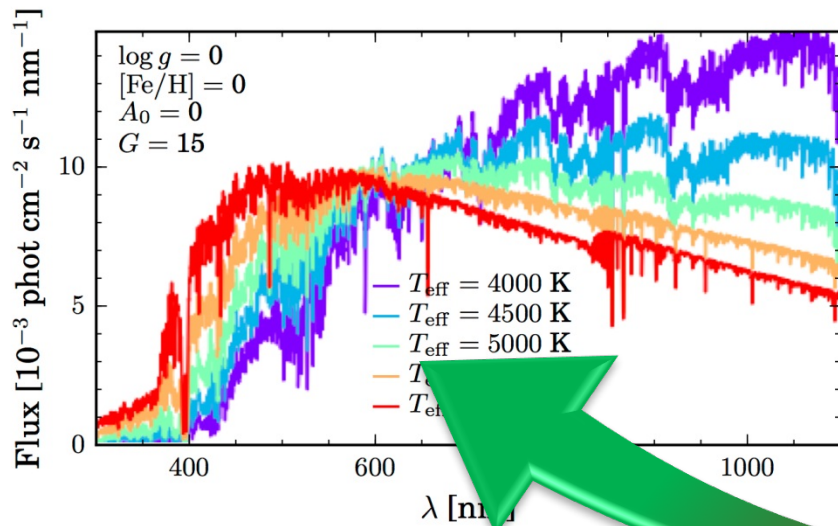
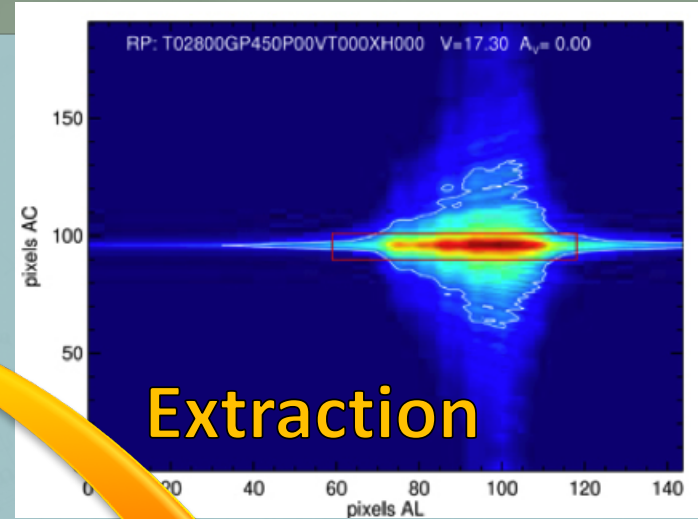
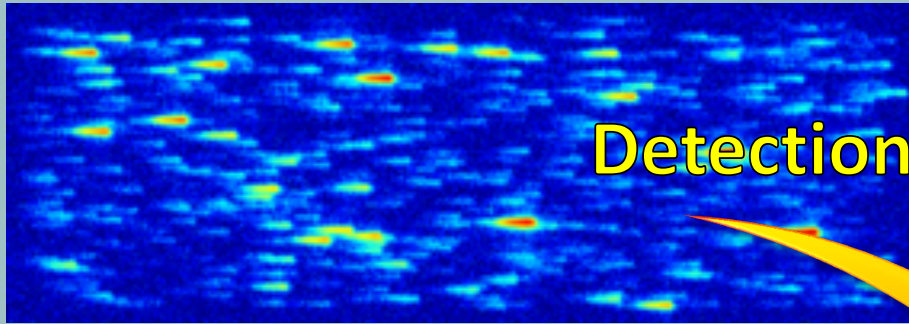
- **DU17:** Flux and classification-based science alerts

CU7 - variability processing (G. Clementini)

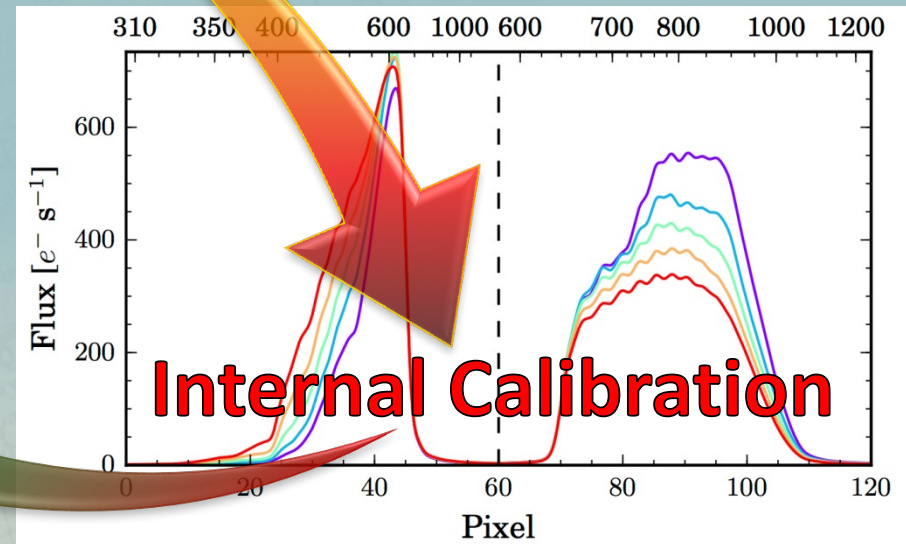
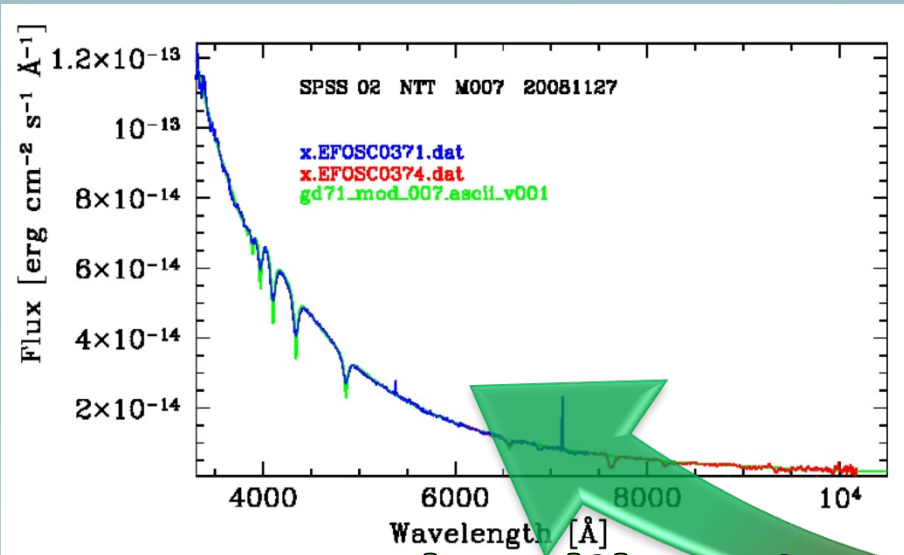
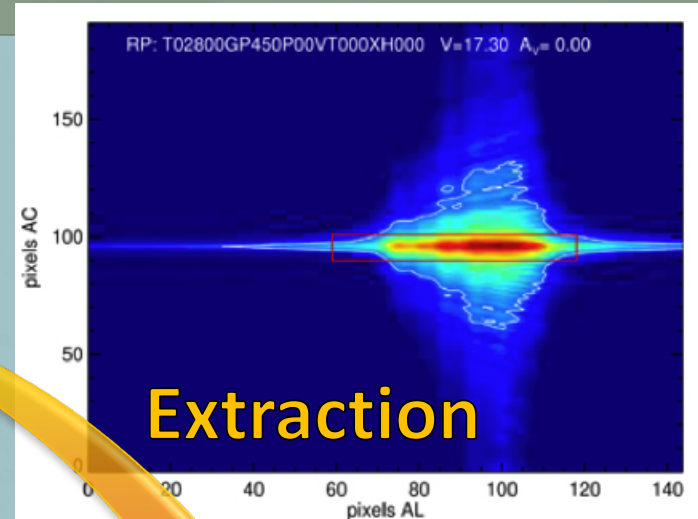
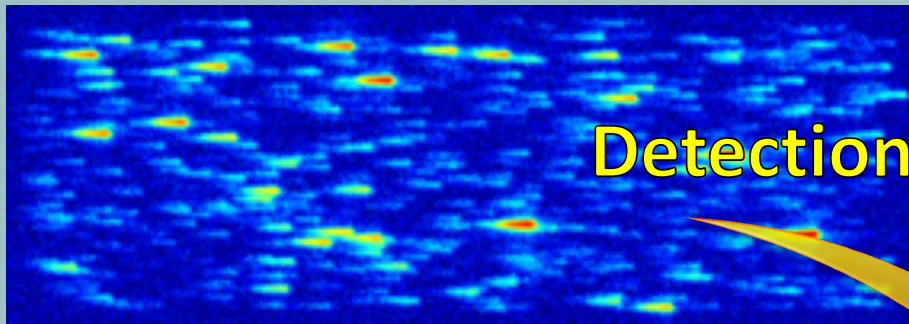
The Bologna CU5-DU13 goal

- **Provide a grid of ~200 Spectro-Photometric Standard Stars (SPSS) for the absolute spectro-photometric calibration of the Gaia G-band and low resolution (BP/RP) spectrophotometry**
- Existing grids are not sufficient, we need:
 - Spectral type coverage (all spectral types)
 - Well distributed in the sky
 - Precision and accuracy of 1-3%
 - Good statistics (100-200)
 - Full coverage of Gaia range (330-1100 nm)
- **See Pancino et al., 2012, MNRAS, 426, 1767, Altavilla et al. 2015, AN, 336, 515**

Gaia Absolute Calibration



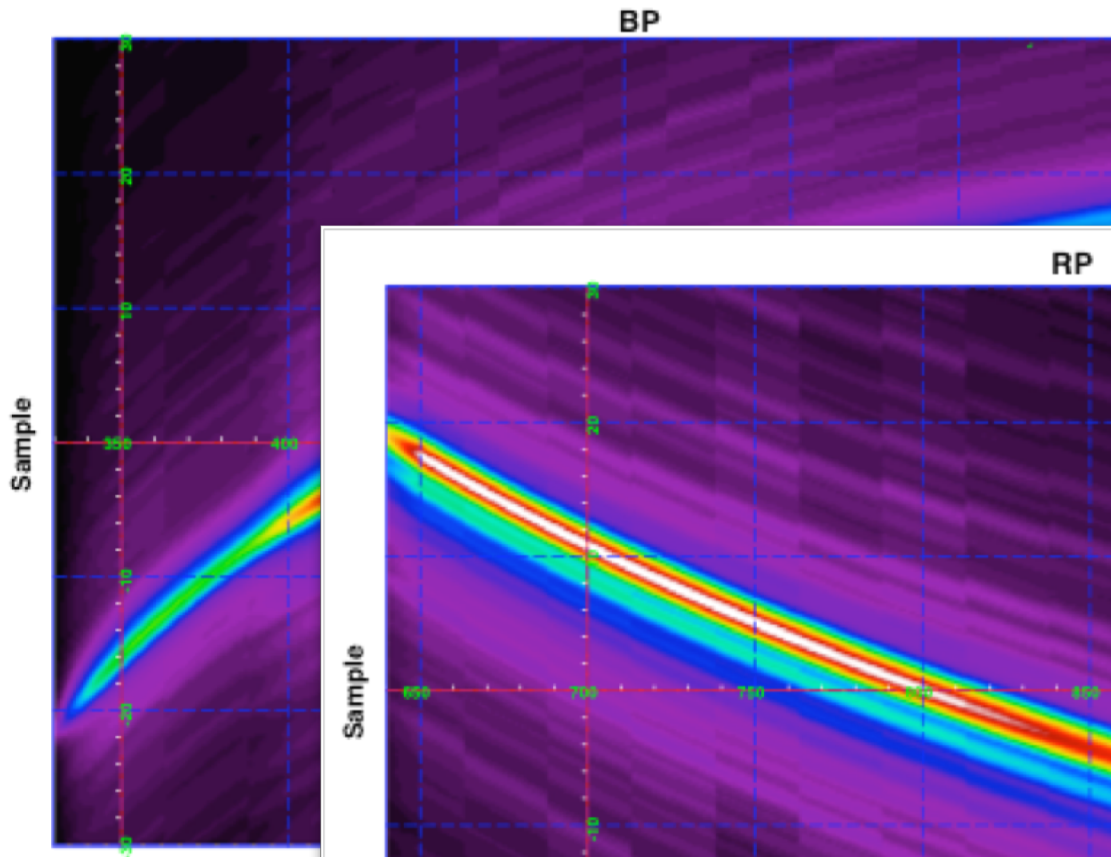
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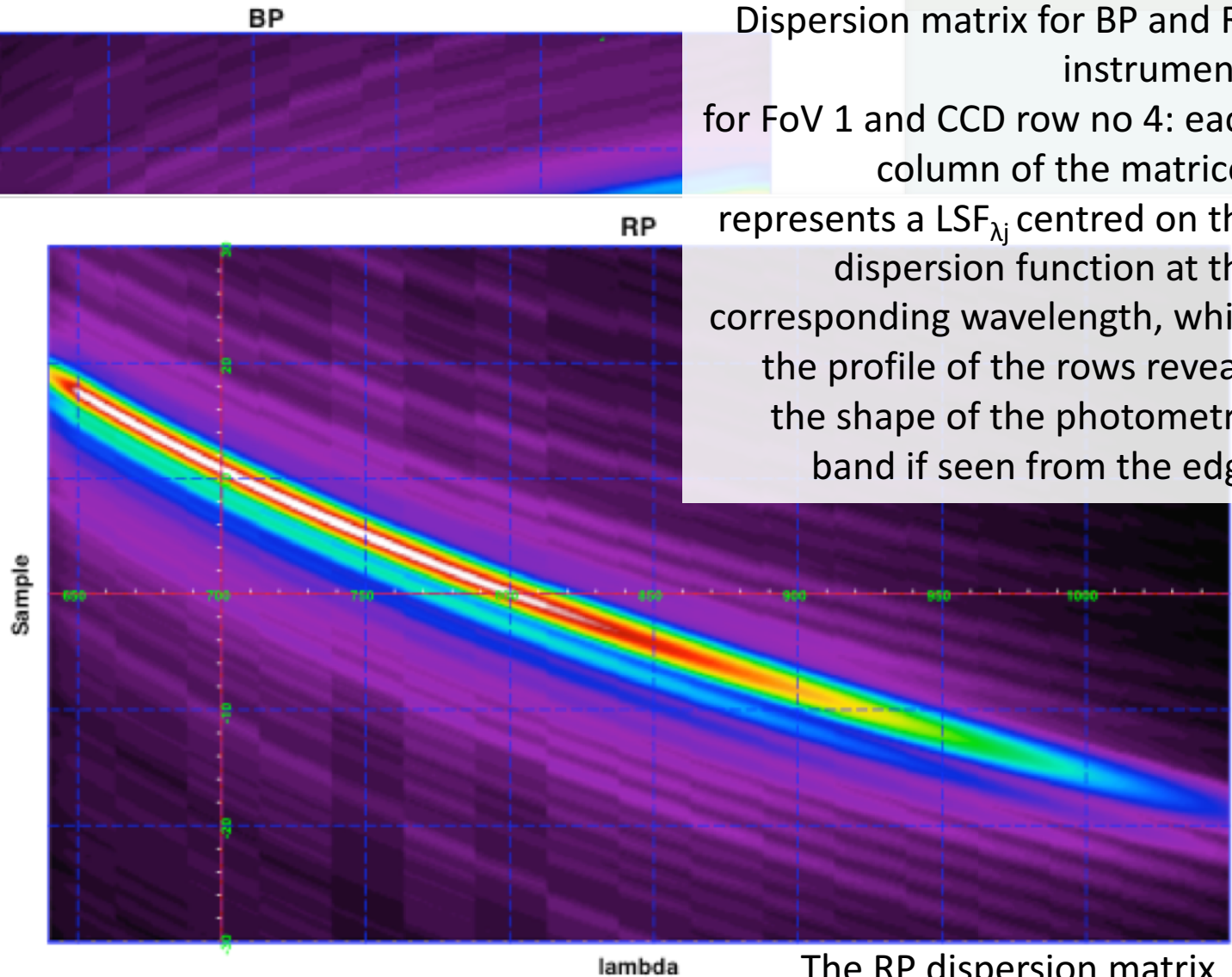
External Calibration

Internal Calibration

LSF smearing



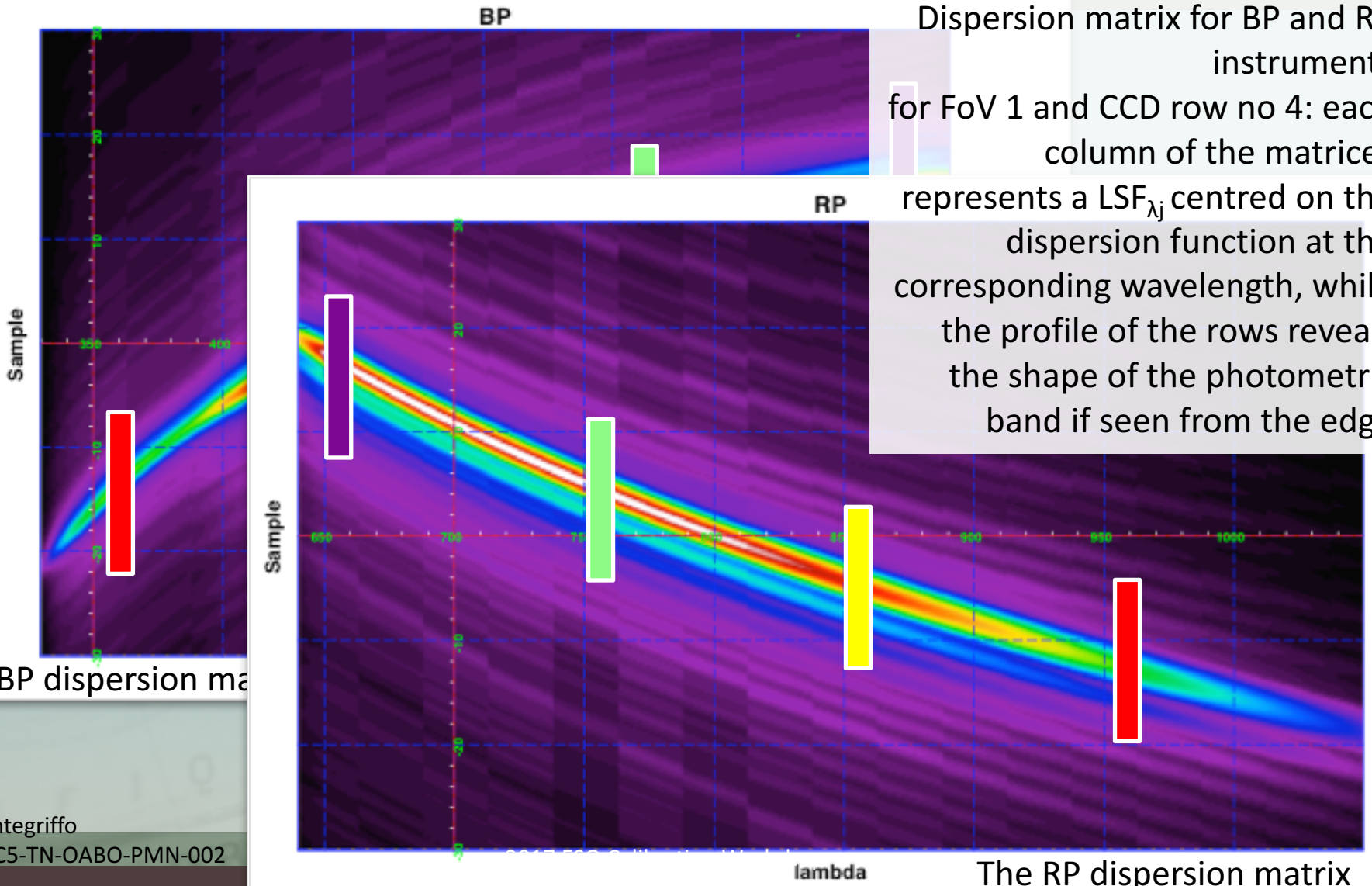
The BP dispersion matrix



Dispersion matrix for BP and RP instruments for FoV 1 and CCD row no 4: each column of the matrices represents a LSF_{λ_j} centred on the dispersion function at the corresponding wavelength, while the profile of the rows reveals the shape of the photometric band if seen from the edge

The RP dispersion matrix

LSF smearing

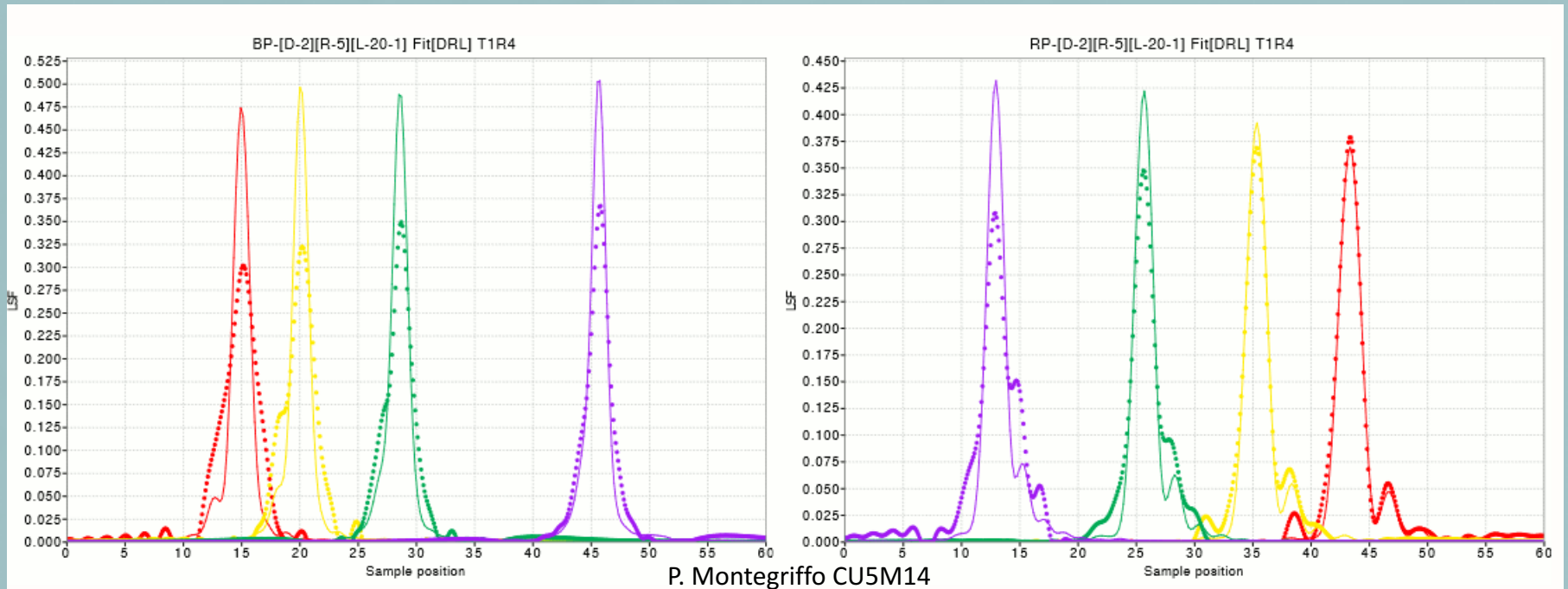


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Gaia LSF smearing



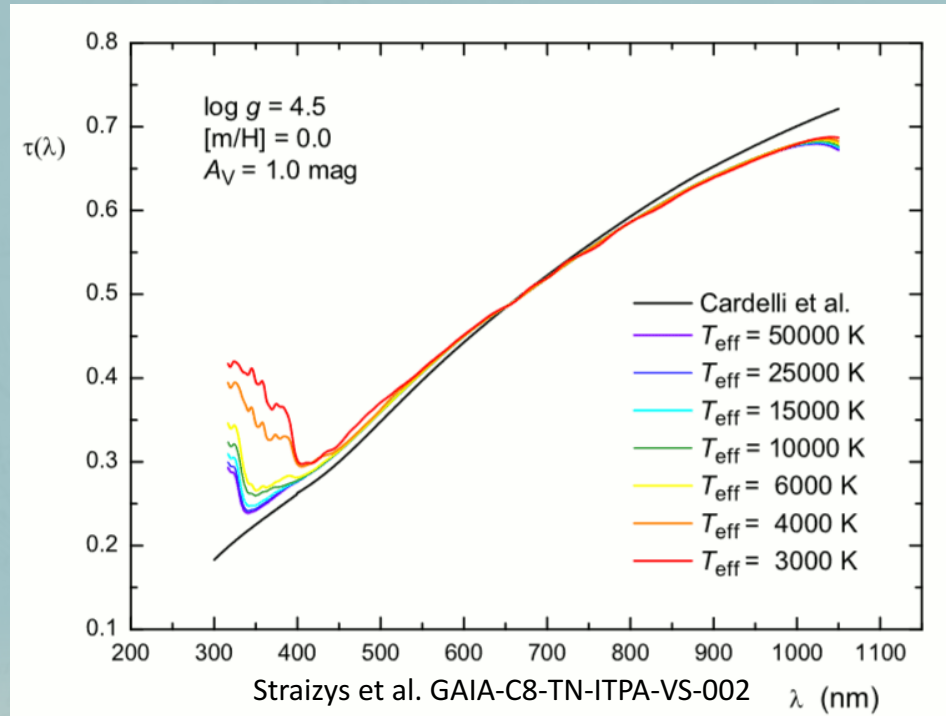
P. Montegriffo CU5M14

- 350 nm
- 450 nm
- 550 nm
- 650 nm

- 650 nm
- 750 nm
- 850 nm
- 950 nm

- line : starting model
- dots: fitted model

Gaia LSF smearing



The Gaia apparent interstellar extinction laws for different effective temperatures.

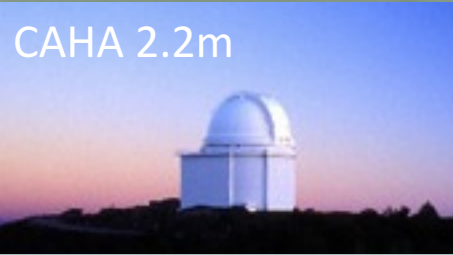
Gaia Absolute Calibration

Same principle as for classical spectrophotometry
but
much more complicated instrument model

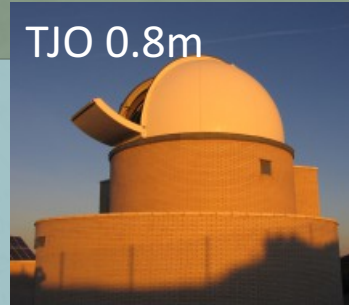
~100-200 calibrators needed to model instrument response
mmag internal accuracy, a few % external accuracy

Gaia Absolute Calibration

CAHA 2.2m



TJO 0.8m



Cassini 1.5m



San Pedro
Mártir
1.5m

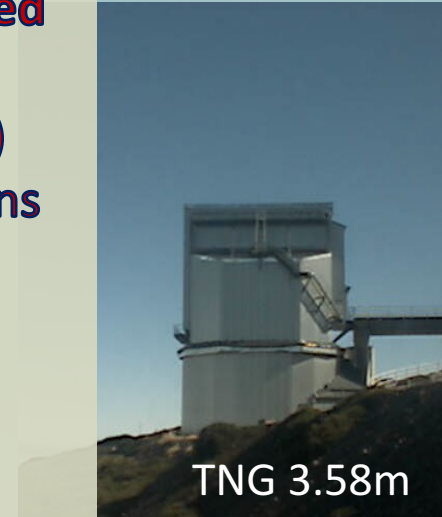


- **A large observational effort to collect the required data started in 2006 and was completed in 2015**
- **Almost 5000 hours (the equivalent of 500 nights)**
- **Spread in >900 different nights in 66 observing runs from 2006 to 2015**
- **Using 6(+1) different telescopes and instruments**
- **Comparable to one of the large modern surveys (GES)**

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TNG 3.58m



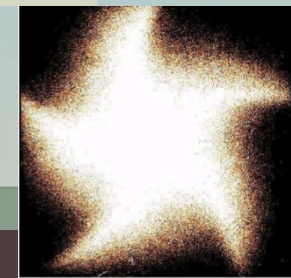
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Instruments characterization

[Altavilla et al. 2015AN.336.515A](#)

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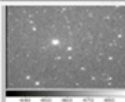
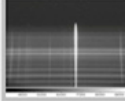
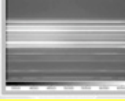
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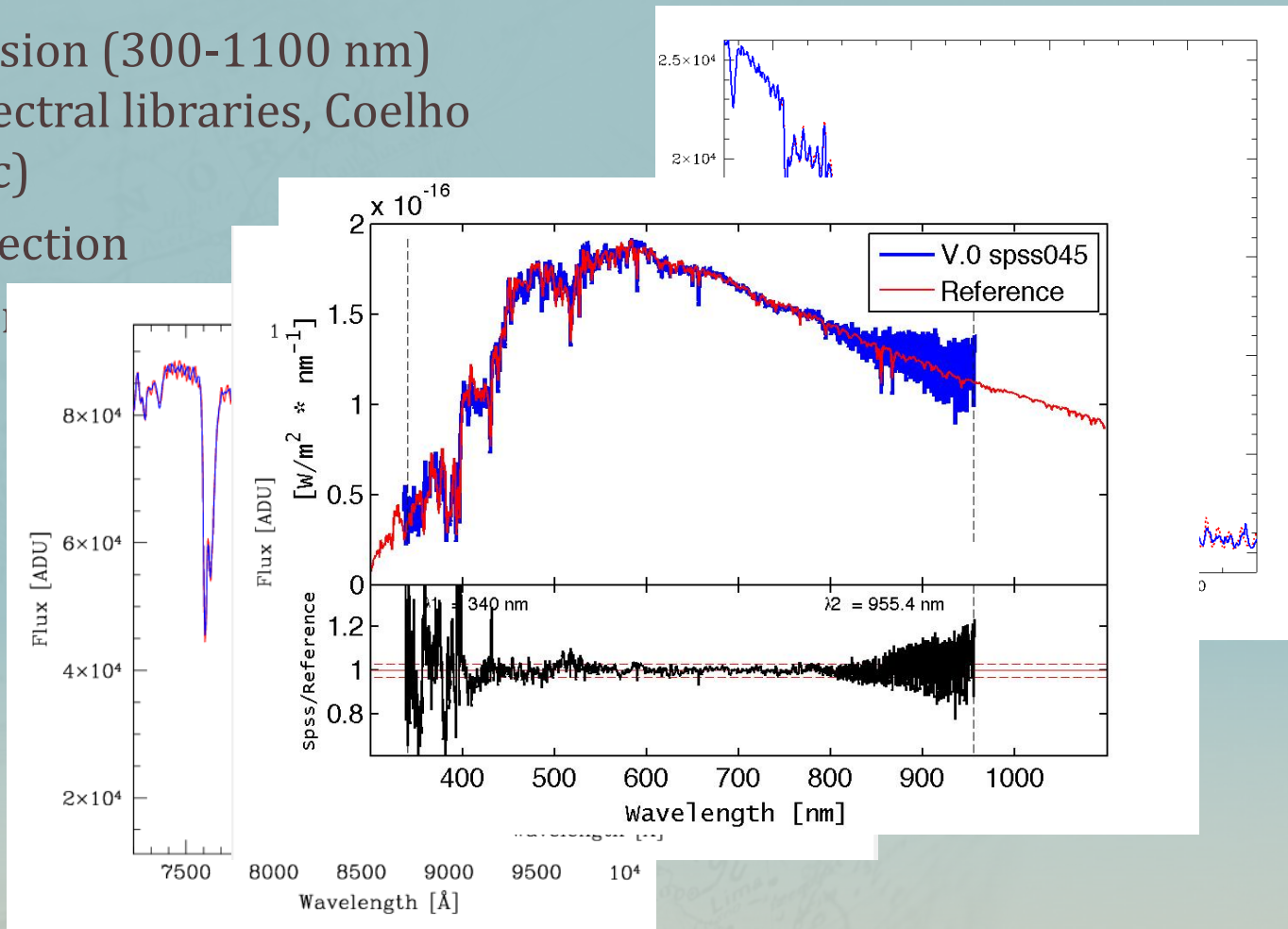
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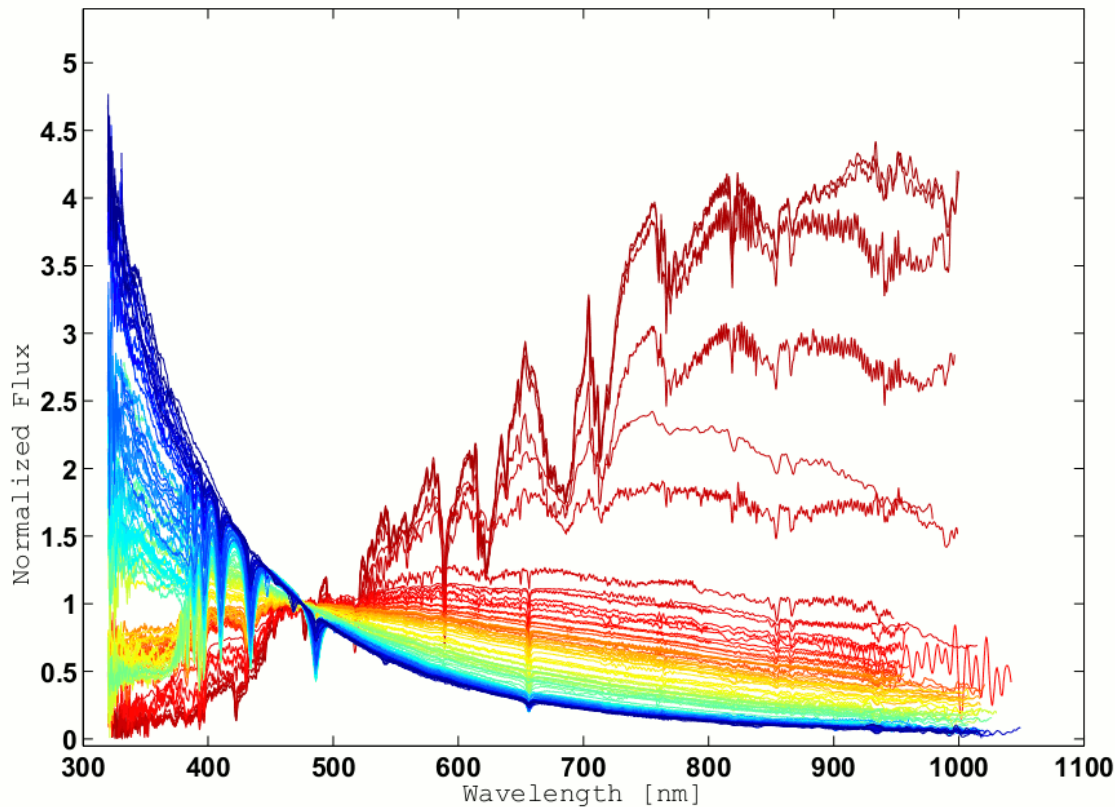
Advanced spectroscopy reductions

- Models extension (300-1100 nm)
(Gaia CU8 spectral libraries, Coelho 2009, Calspec)
- Fringing correction
- Light loss correction



V0 release

The pre-launch (internal) release, October 2013



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Goal:

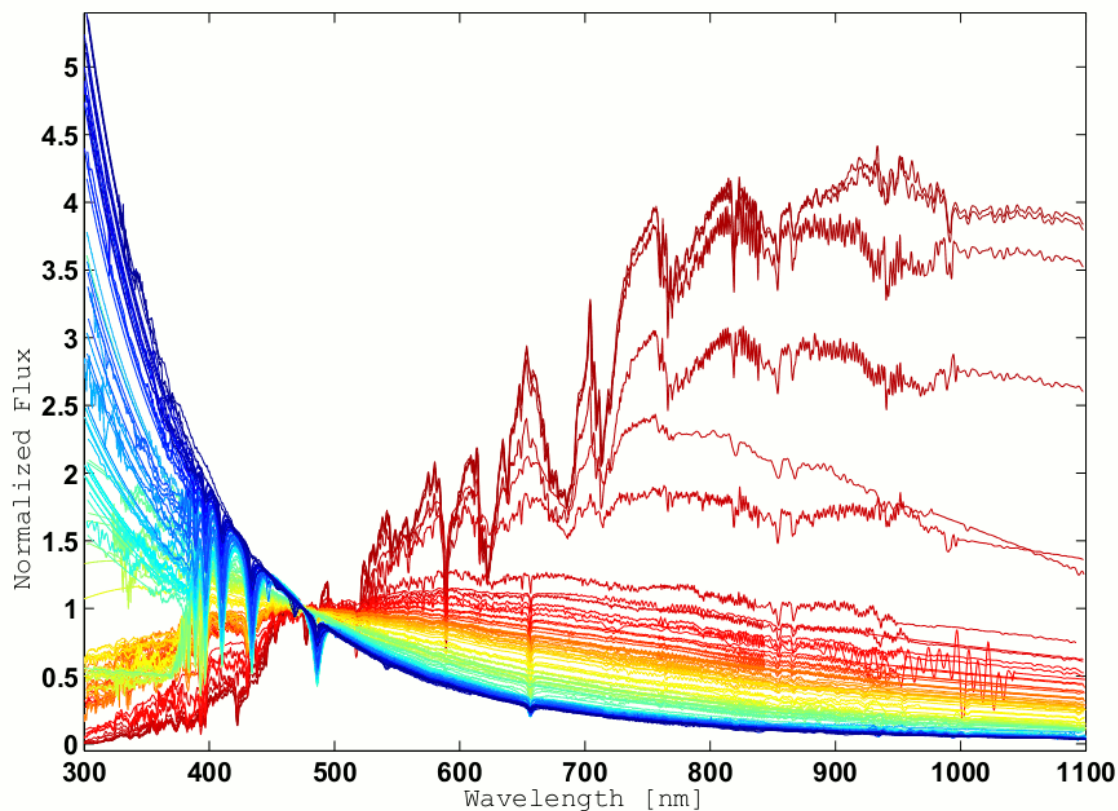
- testing pipelines
- No fringing correction
- No narrow-slit spectra
- Cut borders (blue and red)
- Already exceeding DPAC requirements

Major problem :

Missing borders induce calibration errors $> 0.1\text{mag}$

V1 release

The V1 release, July 2015

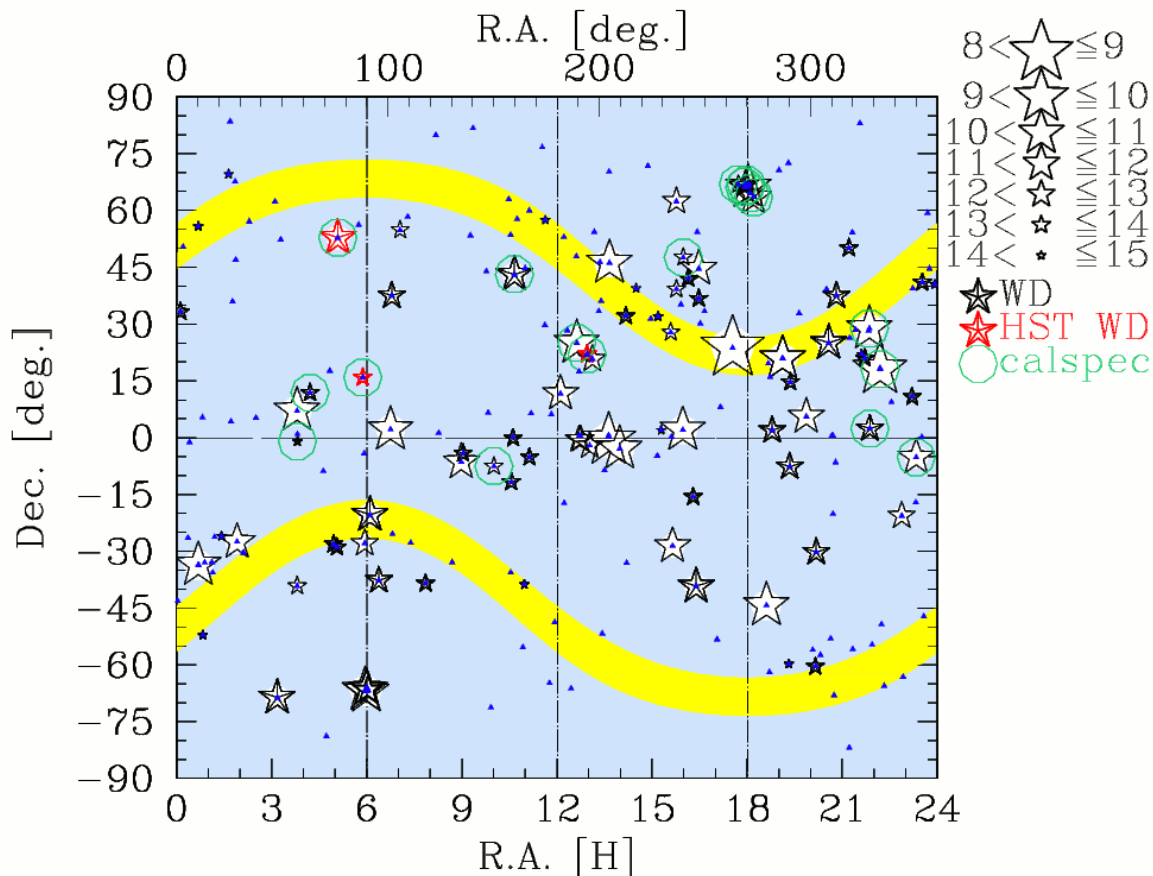


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- Extended with theoretical or empirical template spectra (CALSPEC, Gaia spectral libraries, Public libraries)
 - No new observational data
 - Calibrate 1st, 2nd Gaia release
- Only G and only ZP in 1st

V1 release

July 2015

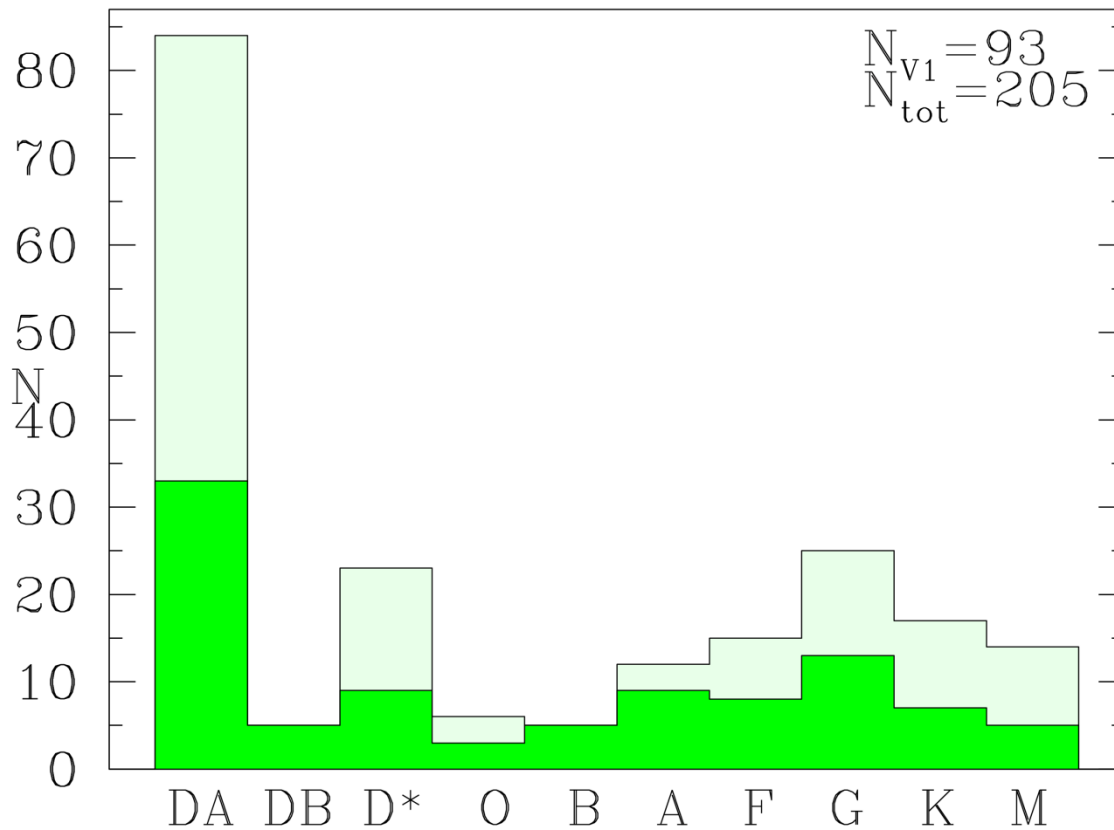


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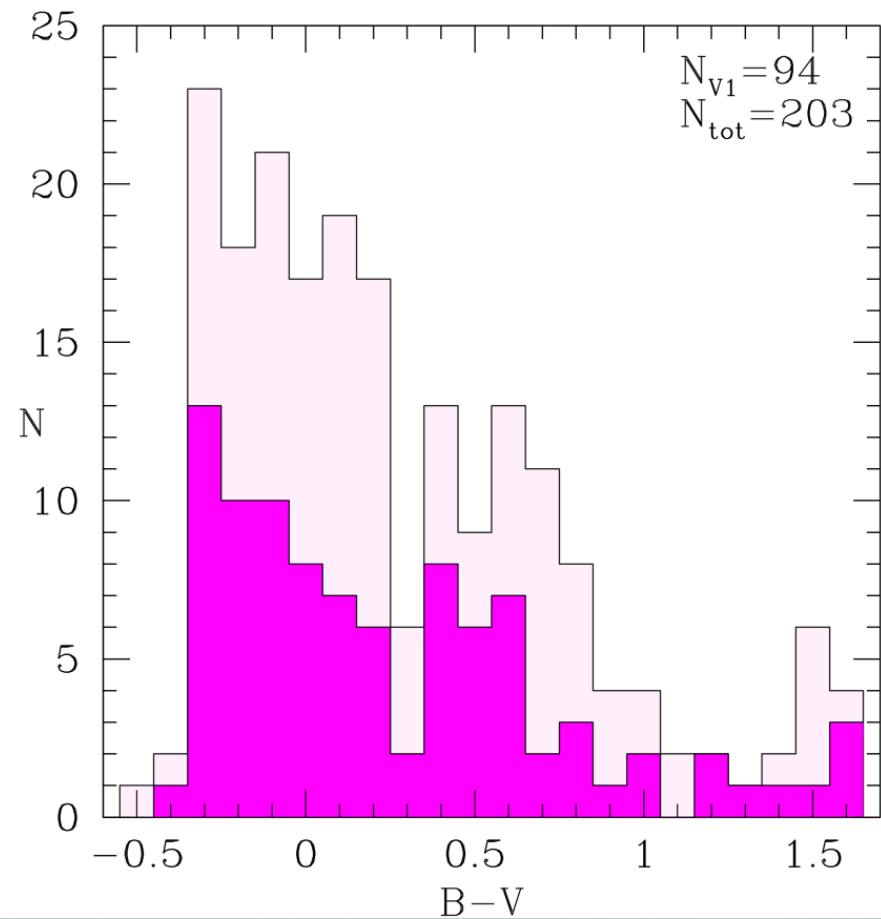
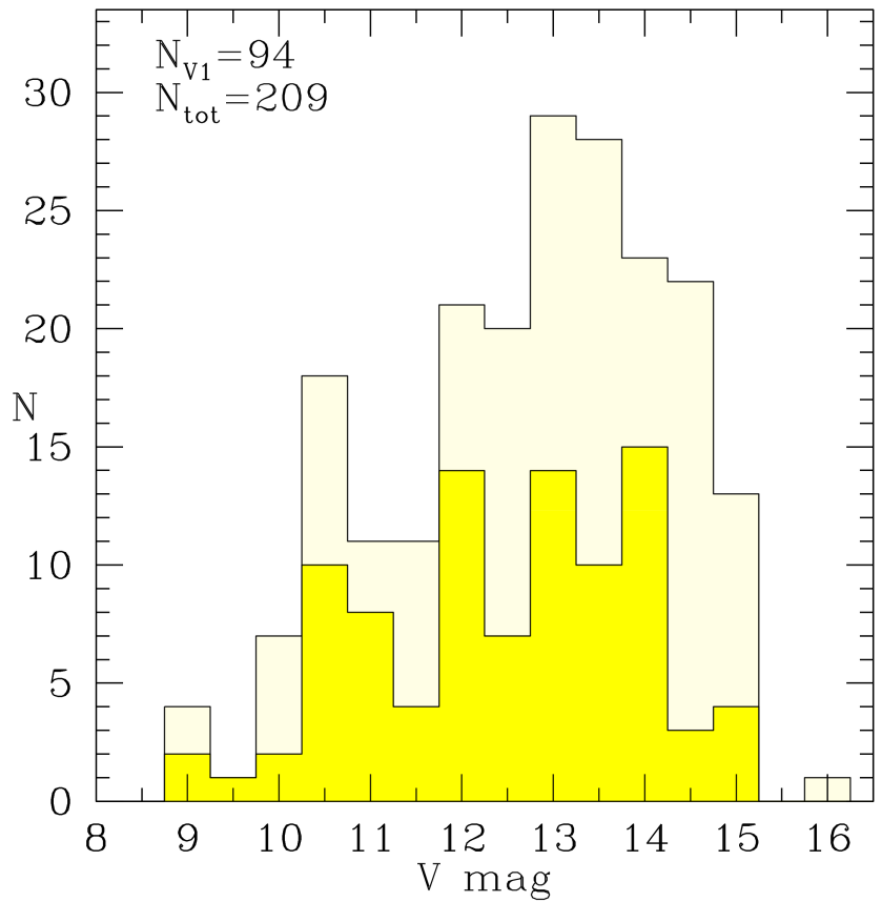
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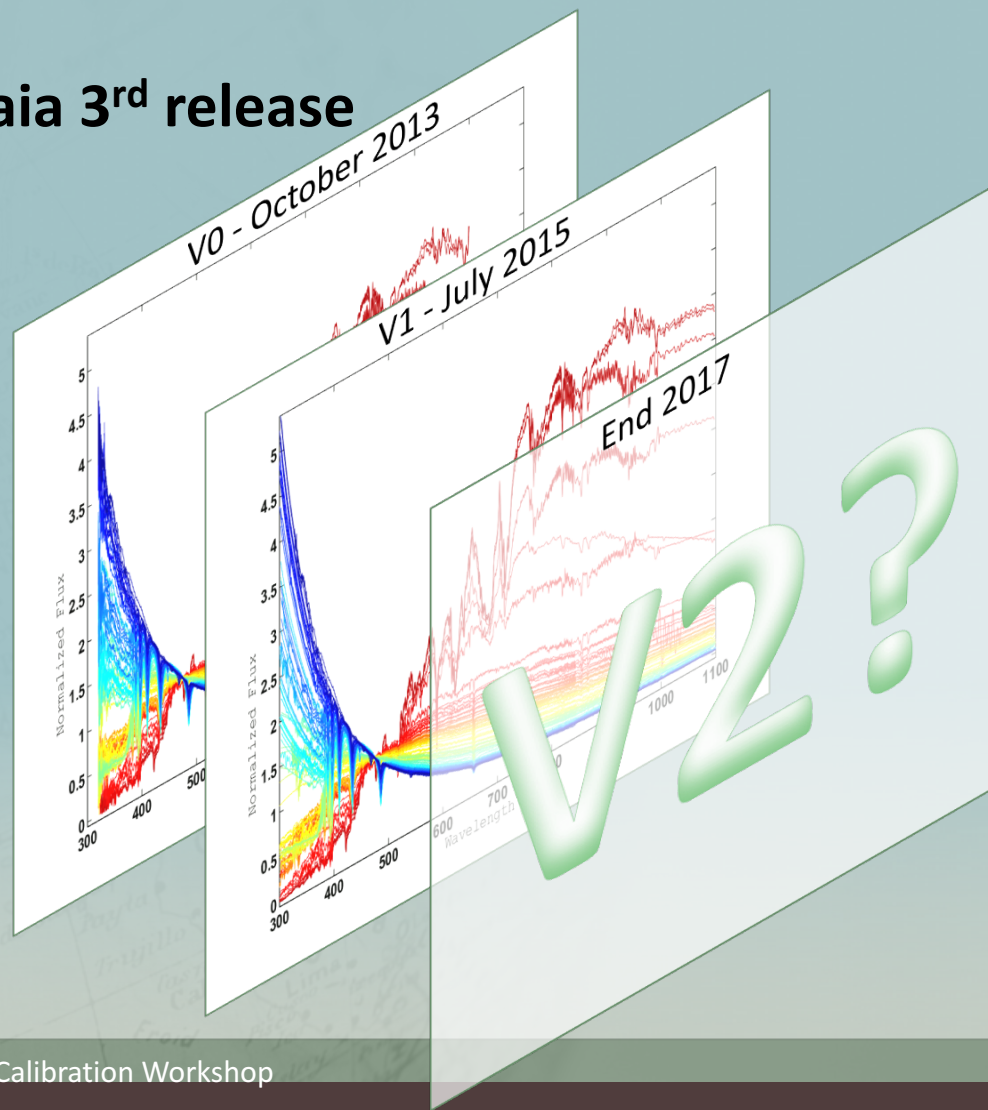
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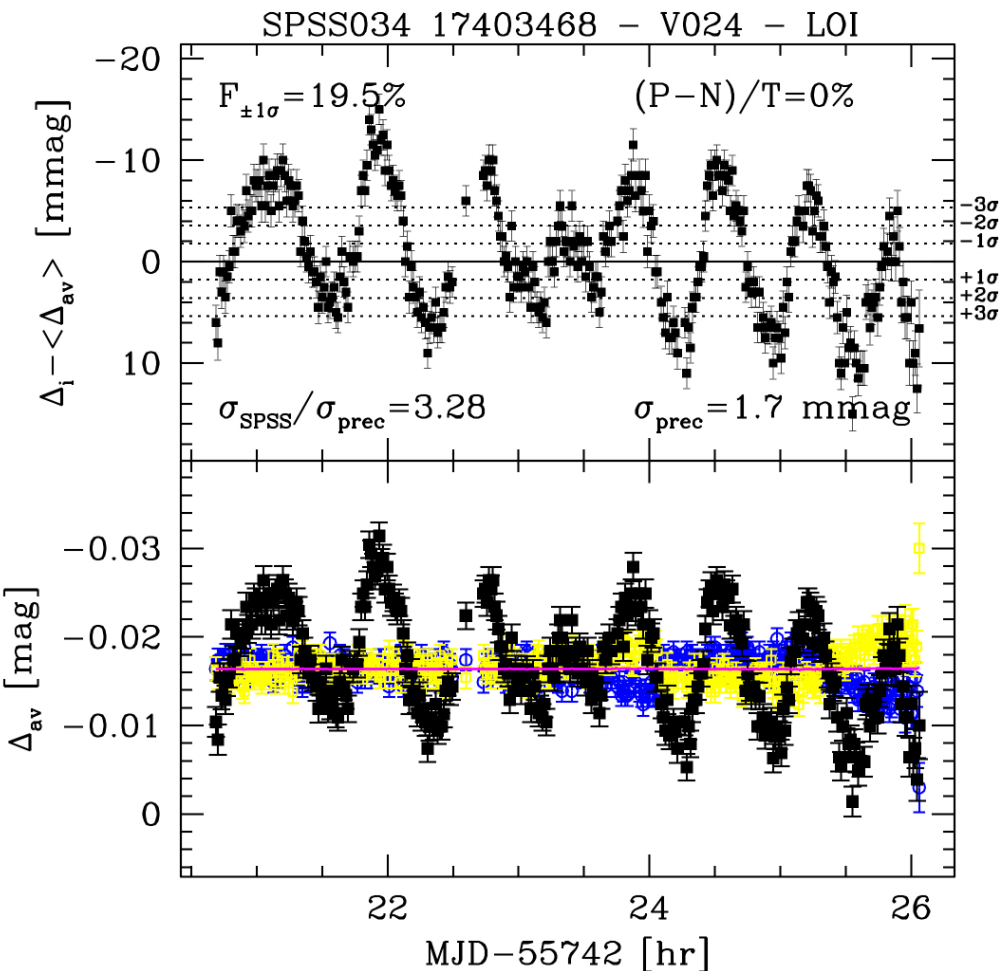
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Improvements:

- Quality
- Quantity



Relative Photometry

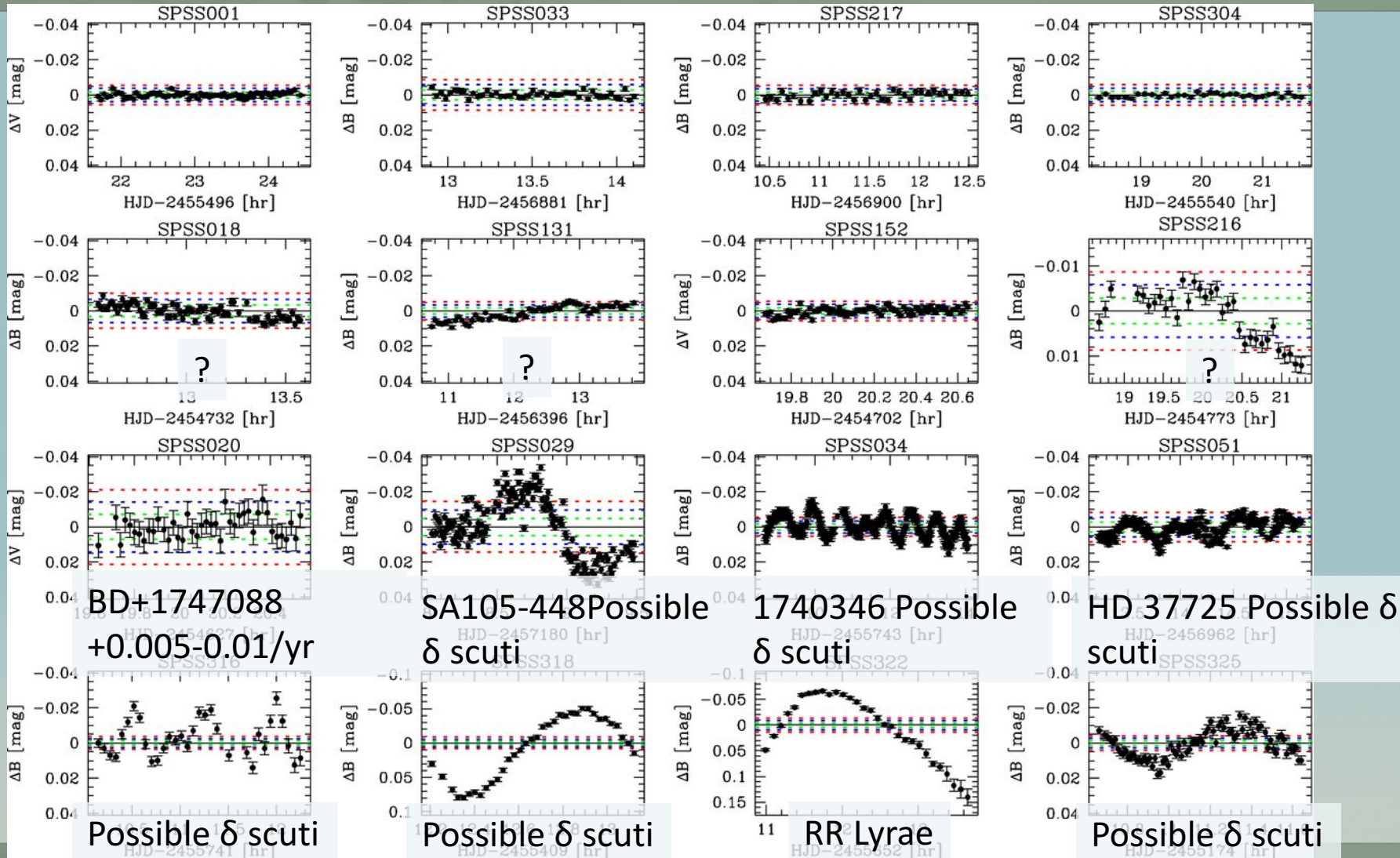


Constancy assessment:

- Short-term (1-2 h series)
- 173 SPSS monitored
- Found 12 variables
- >1 good curve per SPSS (a dozen exceptions)
- Marinoni et al.

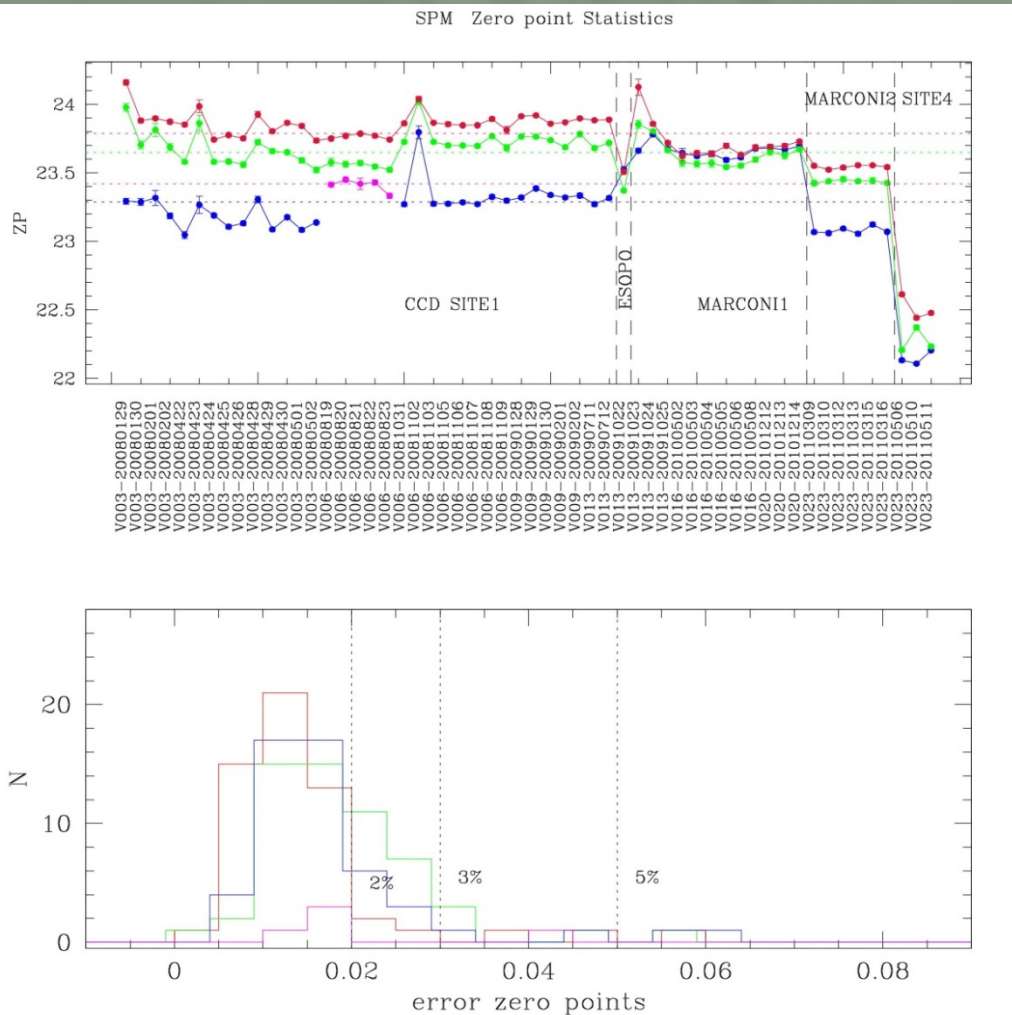
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Absolute Photometry



ZP calibration of (grey) spectra:

- Synthetic photometry
- Night solutions
 - 32 good nights
 - 27 usable nights
 - 36 non-photometric
- Instrumental magnitudes
- First pass calibration

Now comparing internally and with literature

First release: Sept 14, 2016 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Positions (α , δ) and G magnitudes (single-star and good astrometric behaviour). Photometric data of Ecliptic Poles Scanning RR Lyrae and Cepheid variable stars. The five-parameter astrometric solution - positions, parallaxes, and proper motions - for stars in common with the Tycho-2 Catalogue. The catalogue is based on the Tycho-Gaia Astrometric Solution (TGAS)
Second release: late 2017 <input type="checkbox"/>	Five-parameter astrometric solutions (single-star). Integrated BP/RP photometry. Mean radial (no radial-velocity variation).
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GDR1 available at archives.esac.esa.int/gaia

Also at ASDC <http://gaiaportal.asdc.asi.it/>

- Gaia data (GaiaSource, TgasSource, GaiaVariable, GaiaAuxQSO-ICRF2match);
- External Catalogues matched with Gaia (2MASS PSC, UCAC4, PPMXL, GSC2.3, SDSSdr9, AllWISE, URAT-1);
- Cross-Match Results tables;
- External Catalogues not matched with Gaia (RAVE4).
- Working at advanced science enabling tools (visualization, data analysis, statistics, data mining)

Gaia imaging... from Loiano (Italy)



Gaia Image of the Week

01 Dec 2014

www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/iow_20141201

Gaia (R~21) observed with
BFOSC@1.52m G.D. Cassini
telescope at Loiano Observatory,
Italy, on 17 October 2014

*“Optical tracking of deep-space
spacecraft in Halo L2 orbits and
beyond: the Gaia mission as a pilot
case” A. Buzzoni, G. Altavilla, S.
Galletti, 2016 [2016AdSpR..57.1515B](#)*

Thanks for your attention



1.52m G.D. Cassini
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