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# Gaia@OABO 2 years after launch

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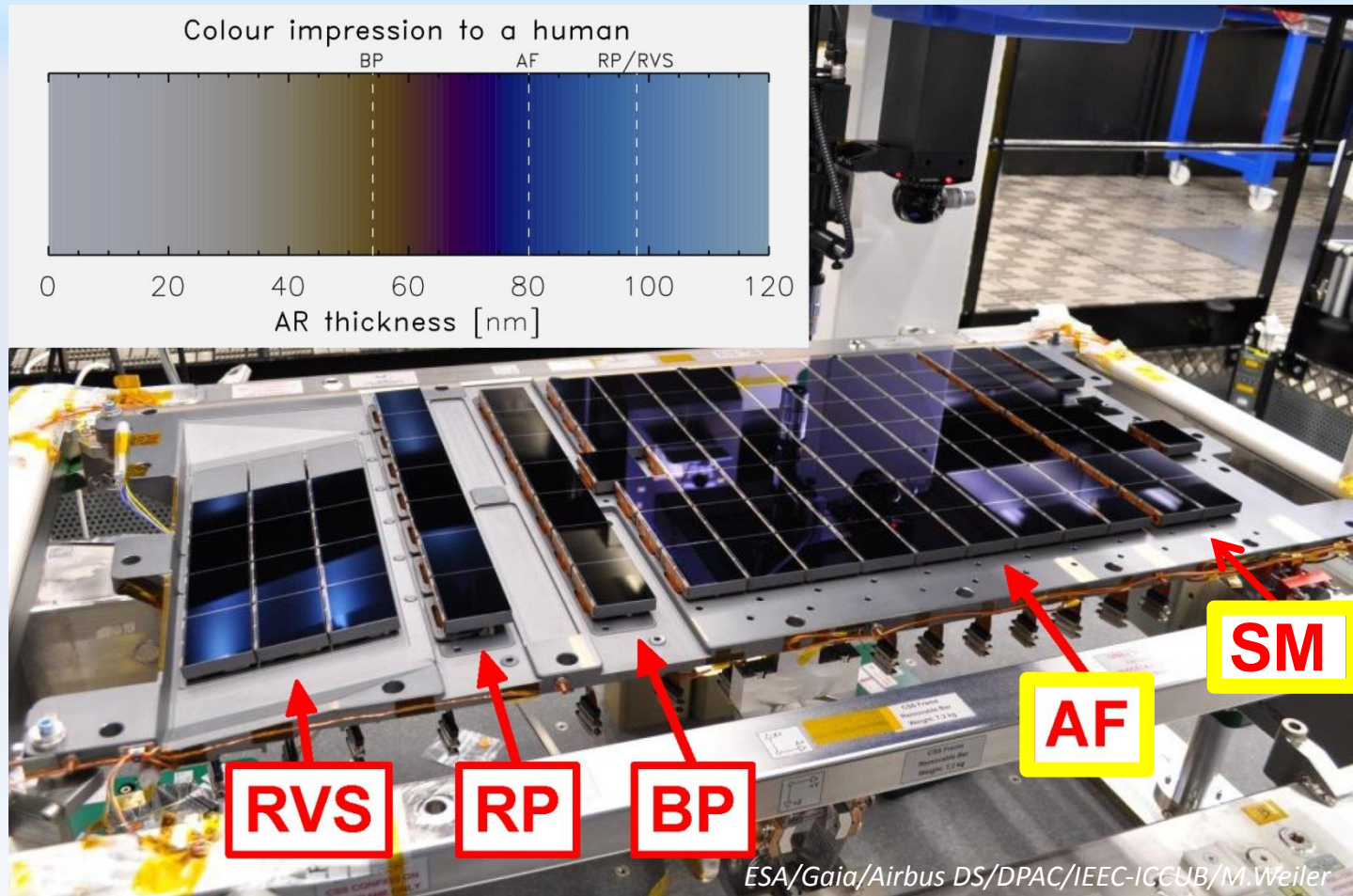
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- Gaia 2 years after
- The Gaia Spectrophotometric Standard Stars
- The Gaia Science Alerts programme



Gaia lift off - 09:12UT on 19 December 2013

# Examples of Gaia imaging capabilities



Gaia's focal plane. The inset shows the CCD colour as a function of the thickness of the anti-reflection coating on the detector.

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



# Examples of Gaia imaging capabilities

NGC

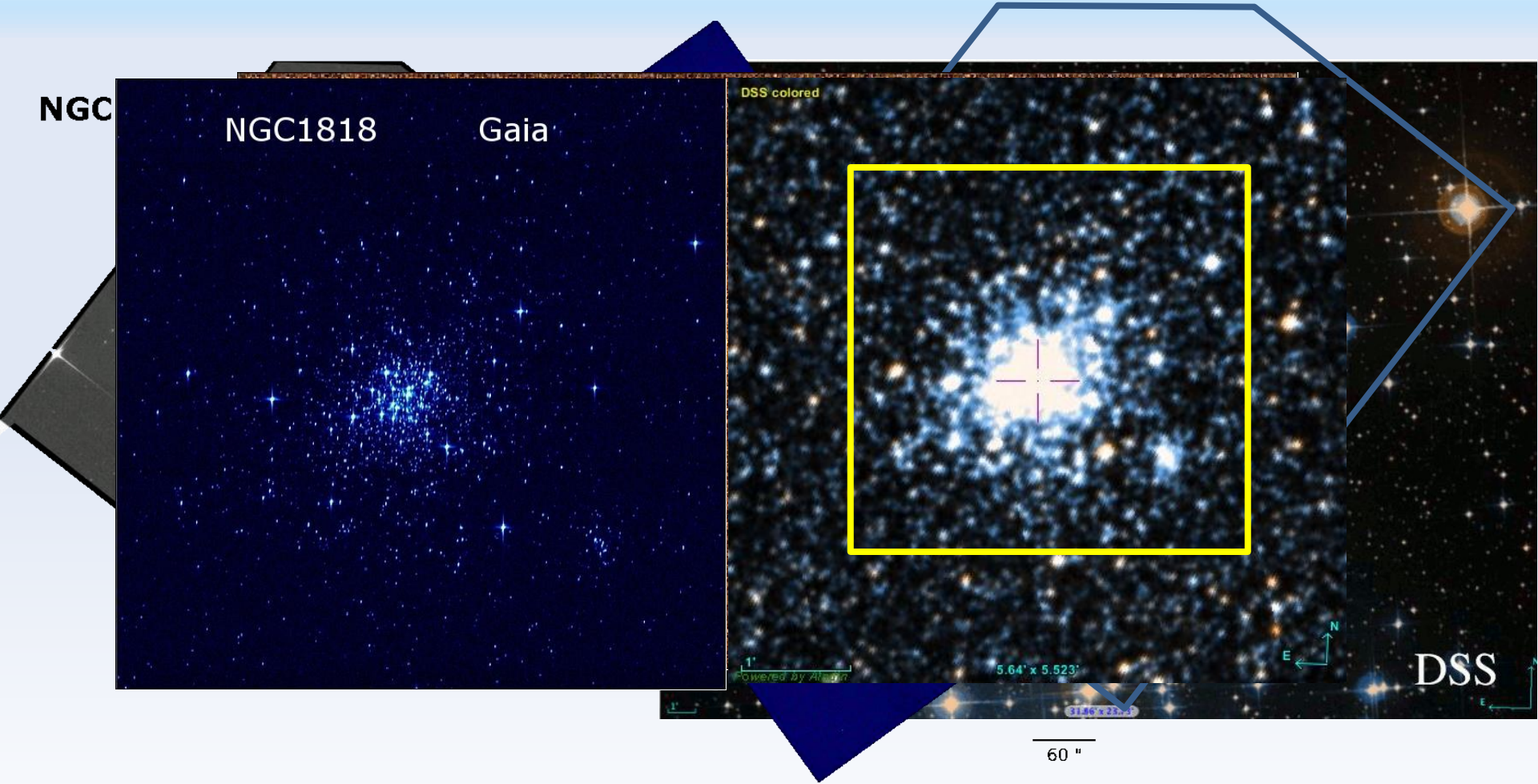
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Gaia

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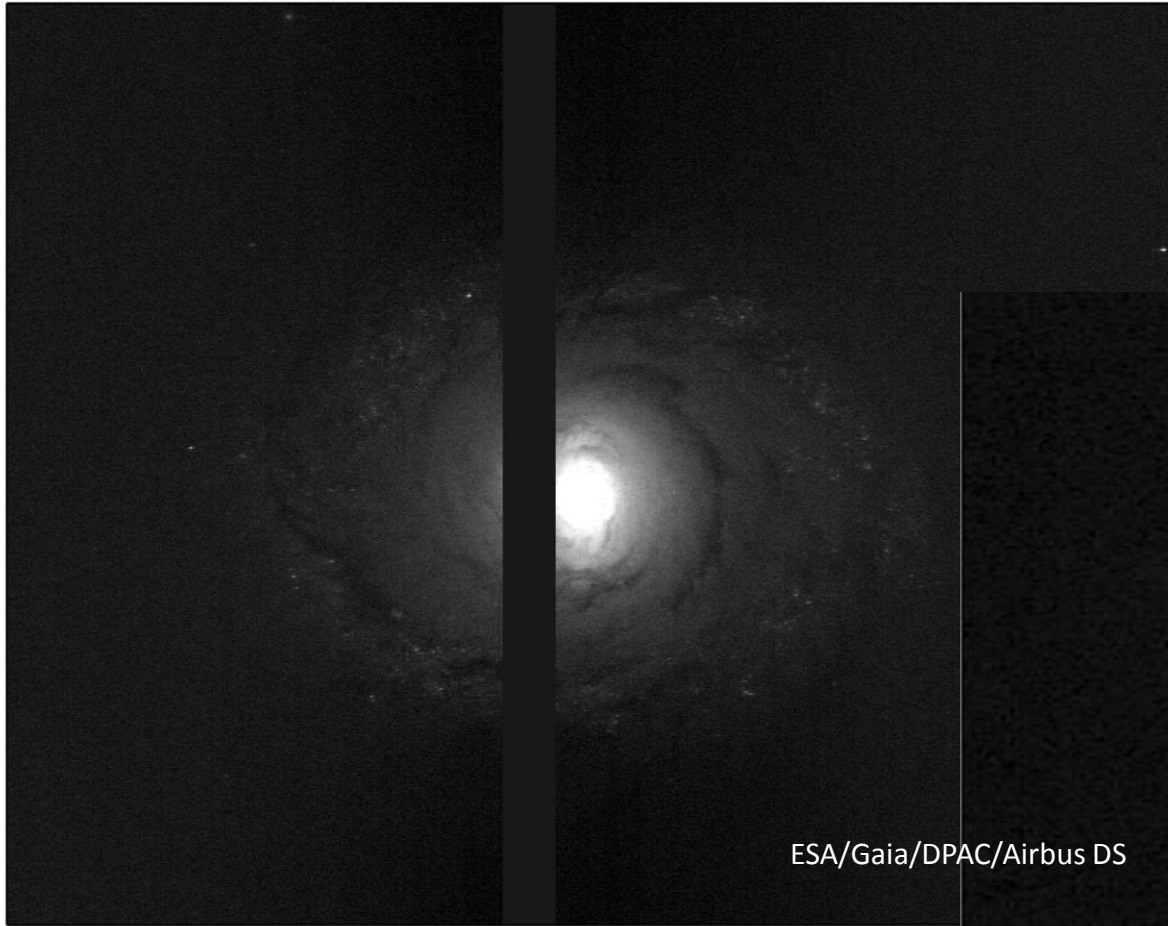
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60 "



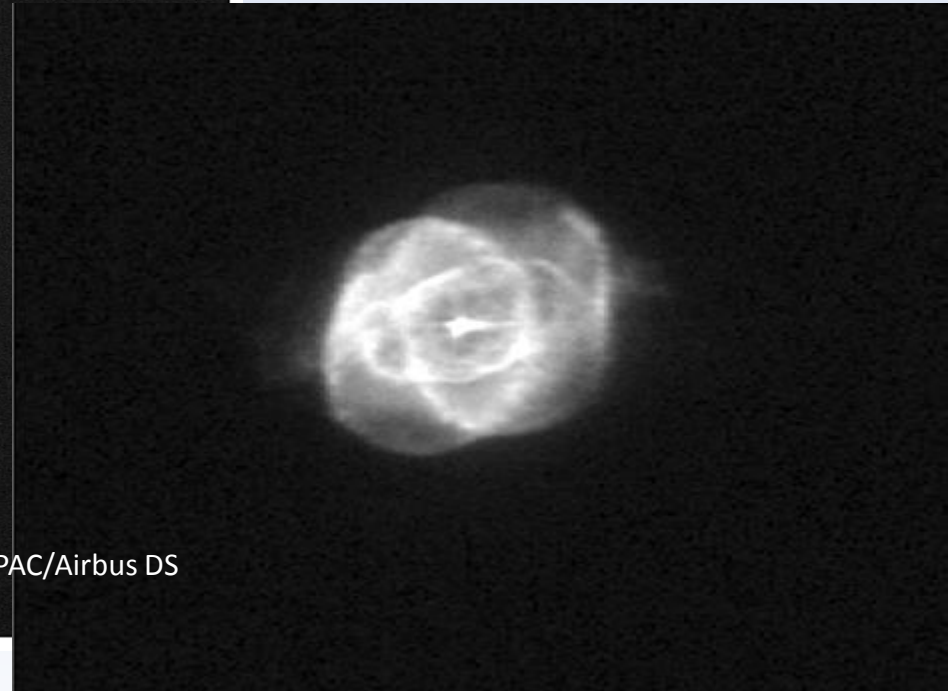


# Examples of Gaia imaging capabilities



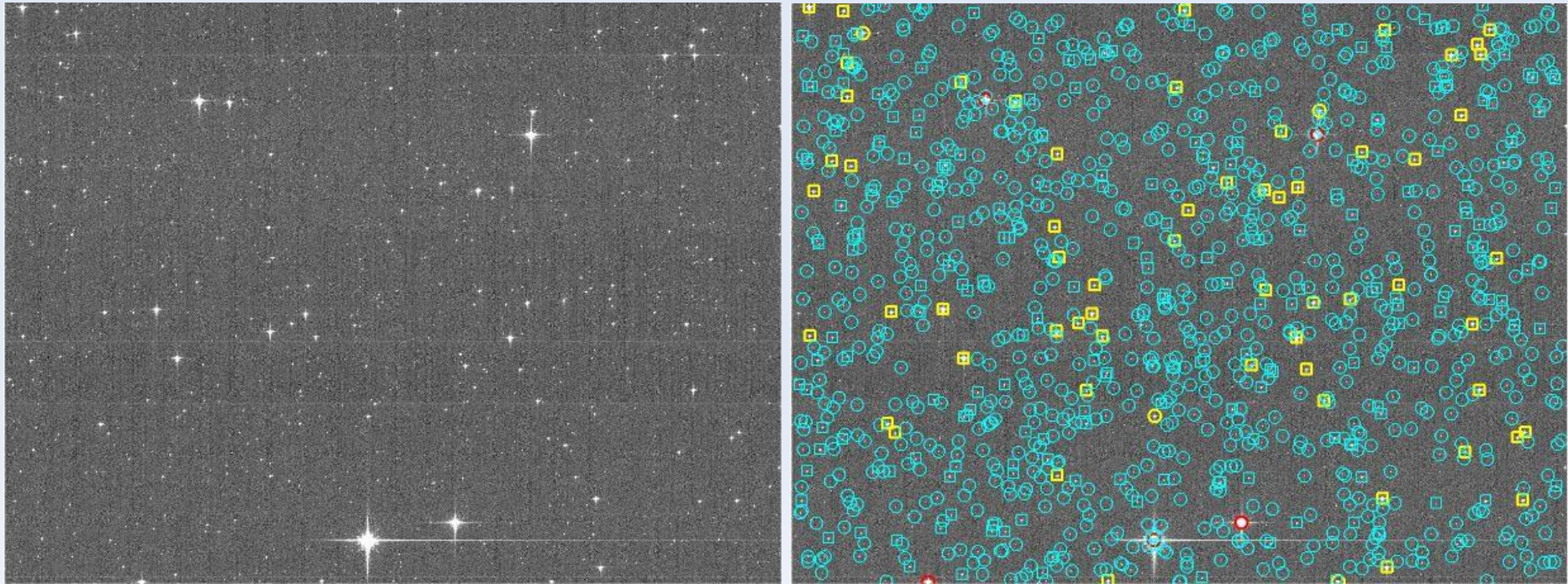
Messier 94

Cat's Eye Nebula



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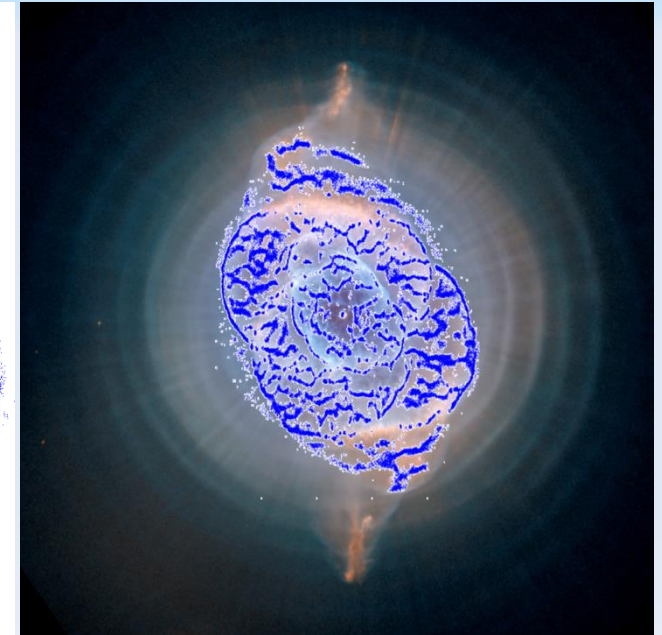
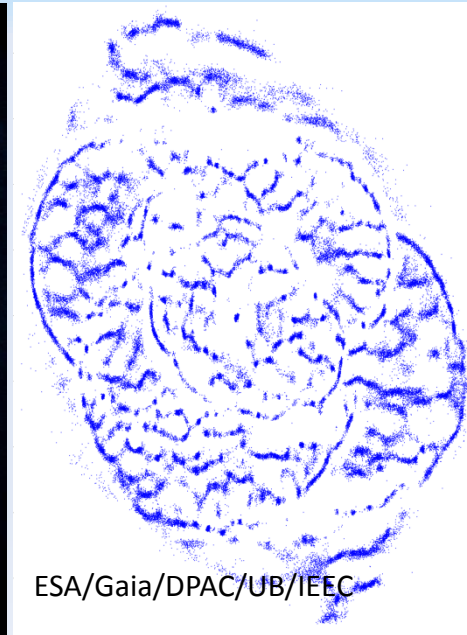
# Examples of real Gaia “images”



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  $G = 20$ . Several symbols and colours encircling the sources are used for different ranges of magnitudes



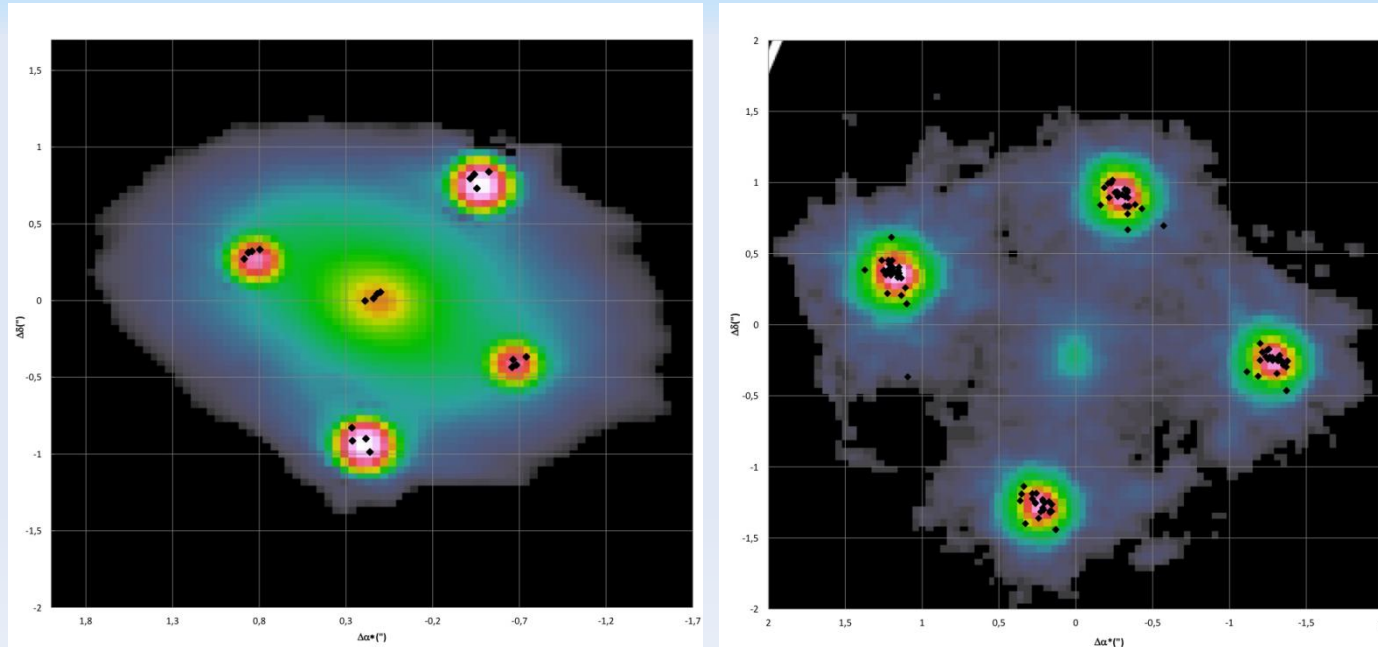
# Examples of real Gaia “images”



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



# Examples of real Gaia “images”



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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  $\sim 100$  mas. It will be much improved during the global astrometric processing where spacecraft attitude will also be solved together with the source astrometry.

# Tales of two clusters retold by Gaia

**NGC 2451**



John Herschel, 1835

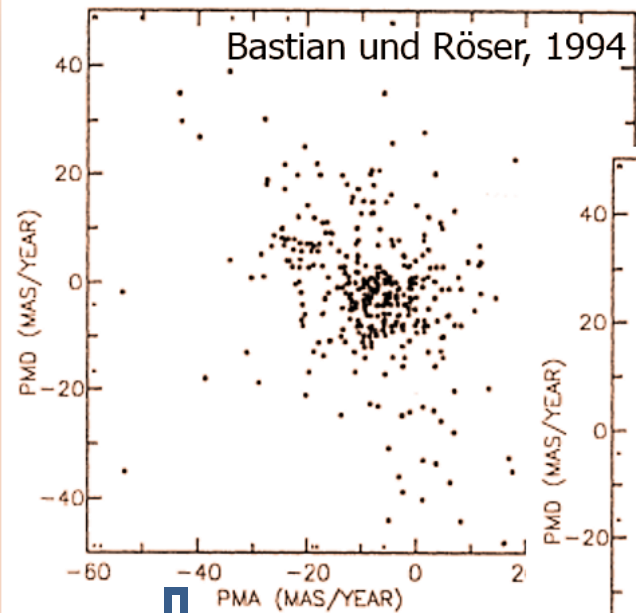
L. E. Dreyer , NGC2451 in 1888

S. Röser and U. Bastian 1994

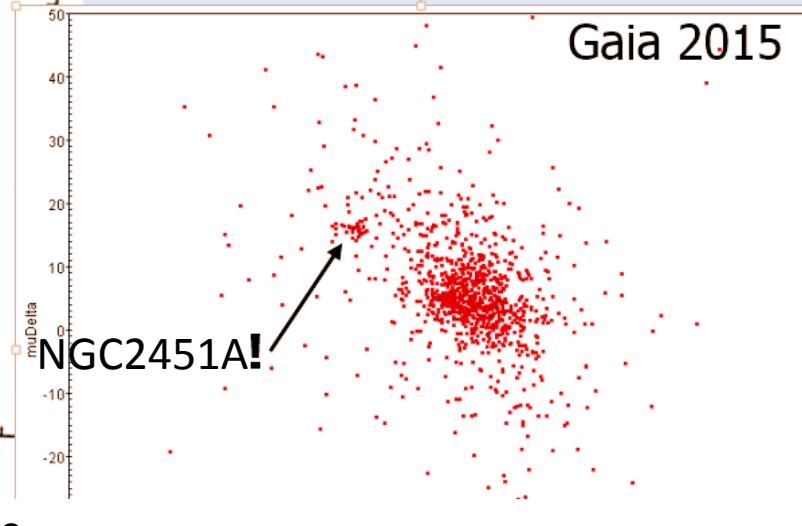
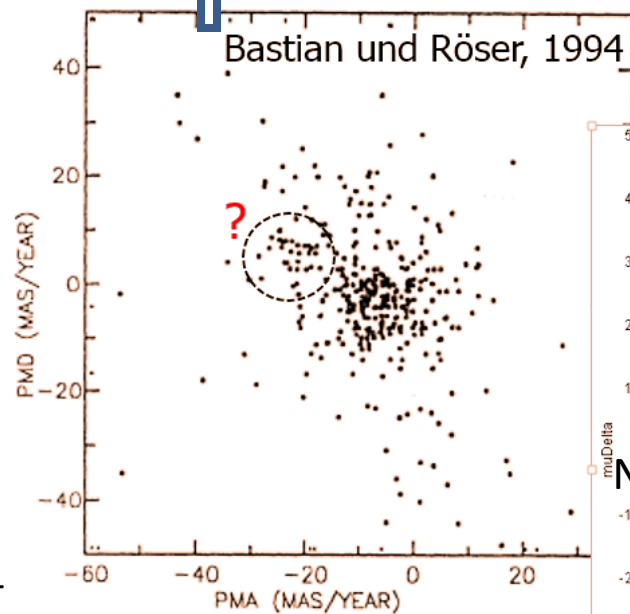
Proper Motions Catalogue (PPM)  
more than 100 years of position  
measurements! The cluster was  
finally proven to be non-existent

*Roberto Mura*

# Tales of two clusters retold by Gaia



A barely discernible density enhancement?



S. Röser & U. Bastian 1994  
NGC2415 NON existent

CMD

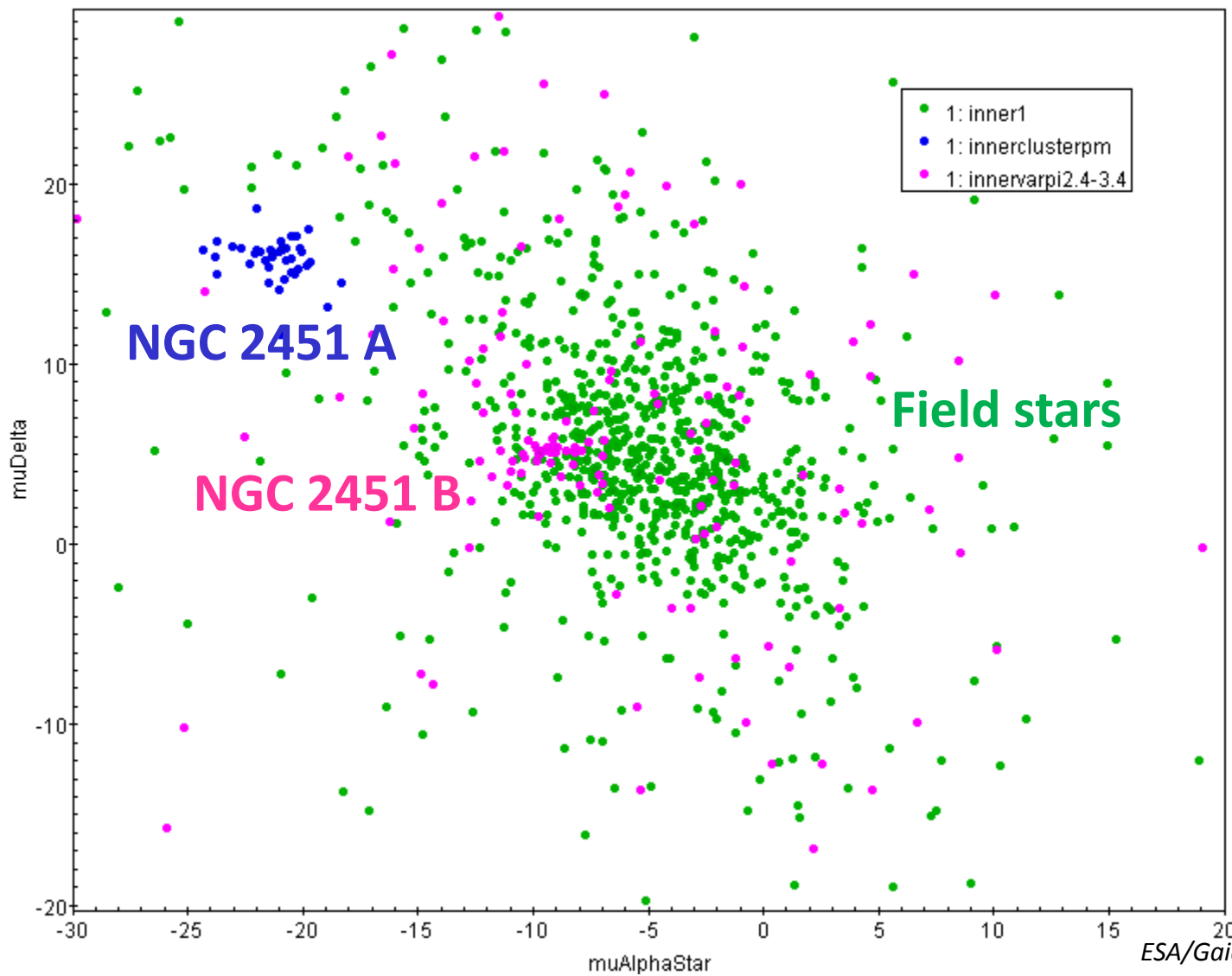
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NGC2451 nicely pop-out in the PM diagram. No need of CMD.  
Even NGC2451B still hidden...BUT Gaia distance measurements of all 1100 stars in the NGC 2451 area indicated two slight bumps at ~190 pc, and ~360 pc (in agreement with the supposed distances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

10 months of Gaia

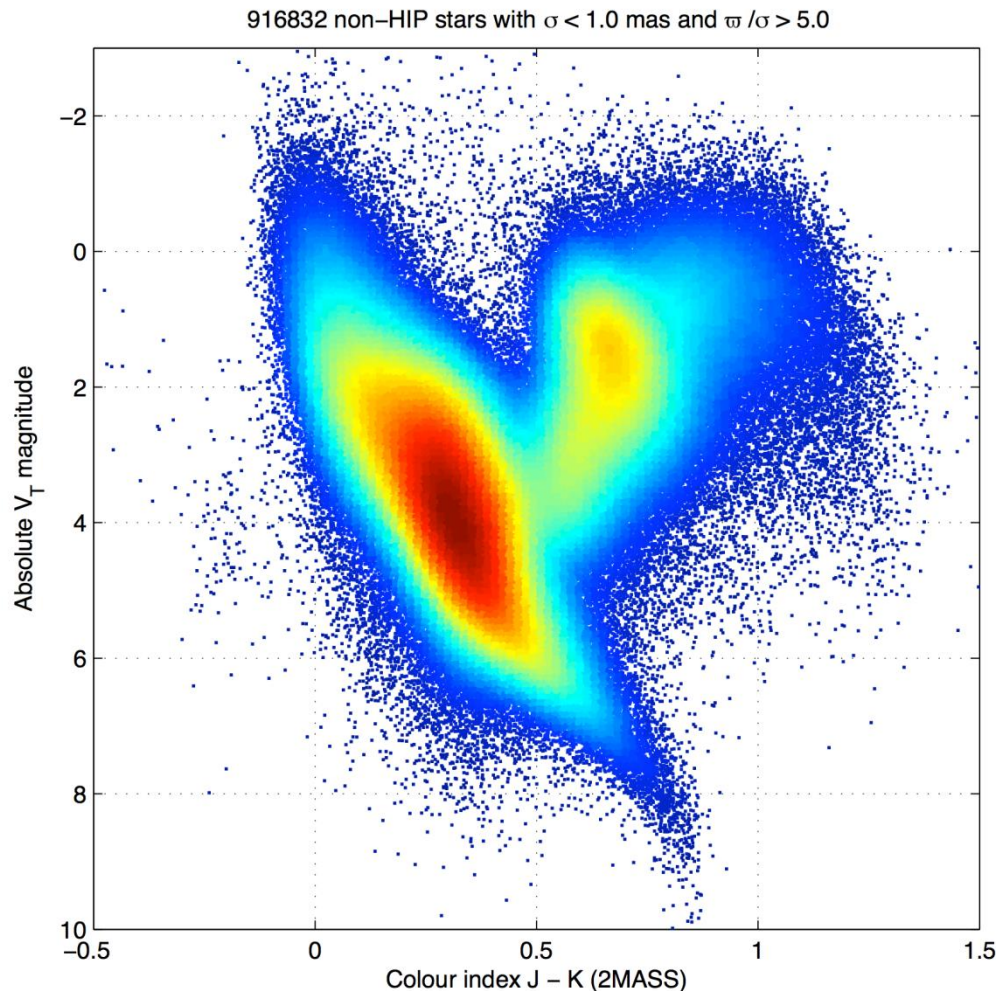


# Tales of two clusters retold by Gaia



But do not trust it yet! The data shown are very preliminary. Well calibrated - while still preliminary - Gaia motions and parallaxes of 2 million stars, including the ones shown here, are still to be produced and verified over the next few months. They will not become available before summer 2016.

# Gaia first Hertzsprung-Russel Diagram



~1 million stars observed by Gaia  
1<sup>st</sup> year of observations + earlier ground-and space-based telescopes data.

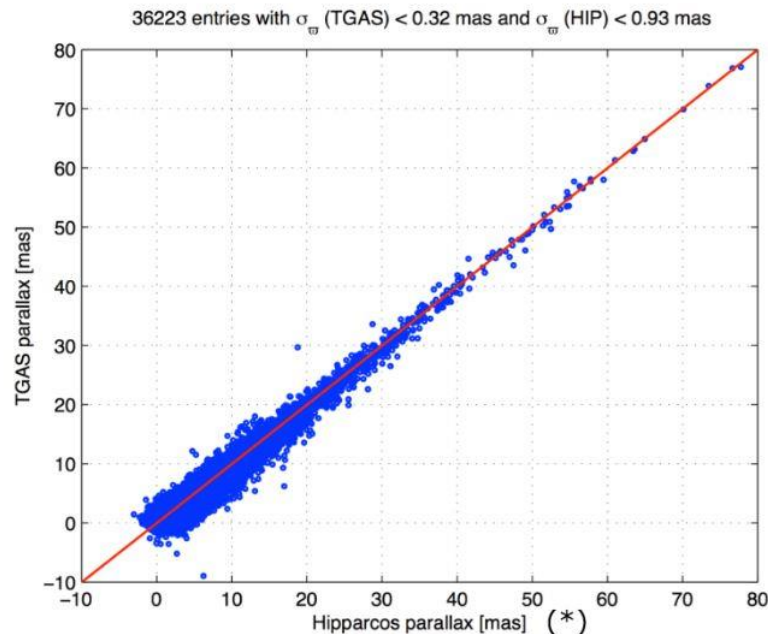
Hints of what the mission will deliver in the coming years!

# Gaia first Hertzsprung-Russel Diagram

Gaia has made an average of roughly 14 measurements of each star on the sky thus far, but this is generally not enough to disentangle the parallax and proper motions. To overcome this: Gaia data combined with positions extracted from the Tycho-2 catalogue, based on data taken between 1989 and 1993 by Hipparcos.

Results:  $\varpi_{\text{TGAS}}$  versus  $\varpi_{\text{HIP}}$

Credits U. Lammers

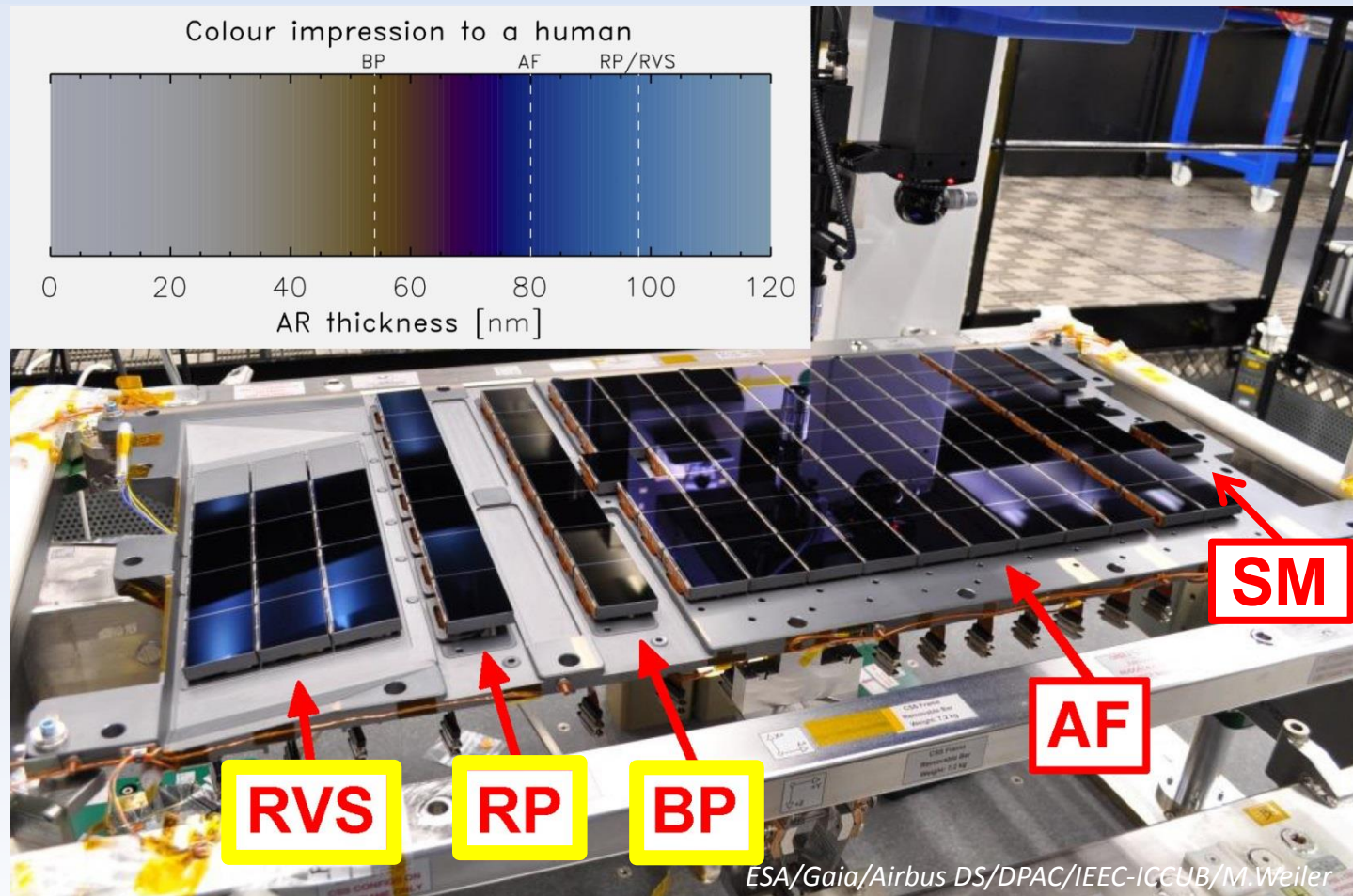


Note: TGAS parallaxes are independent of HIP parallaxes!

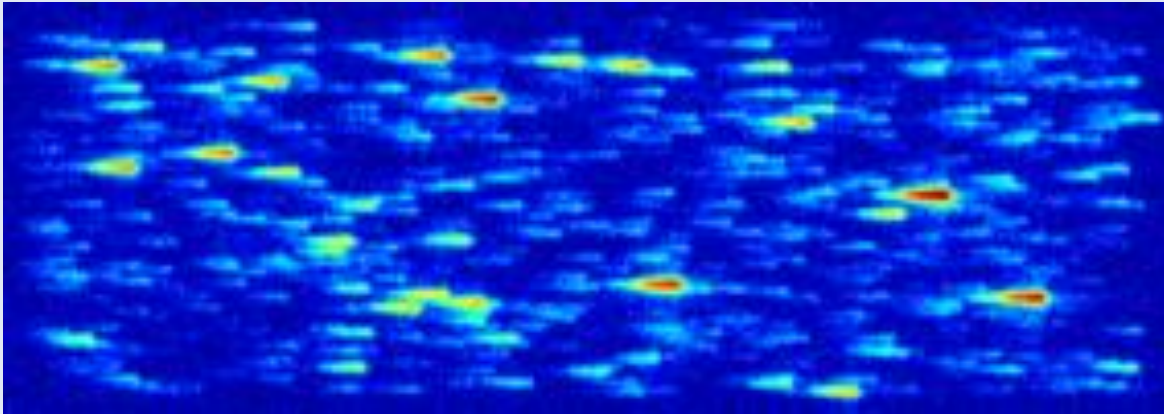
(\*) van Leeuwen, 2007



# Examples of Gaia spectroscopic capabilities



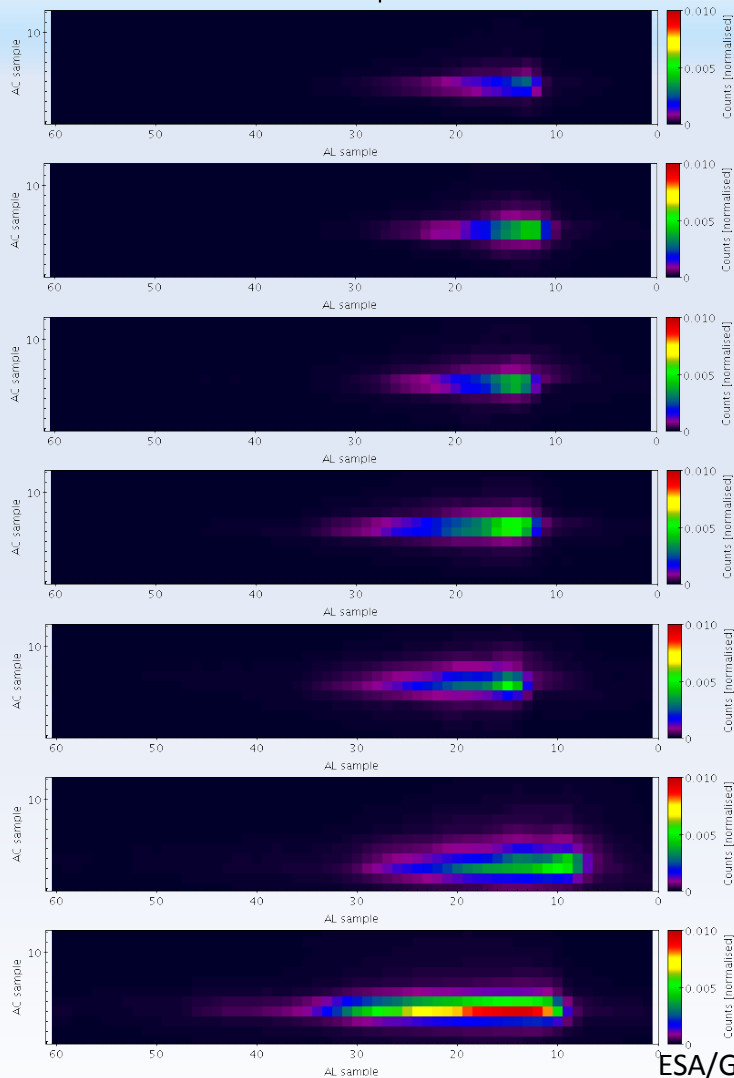
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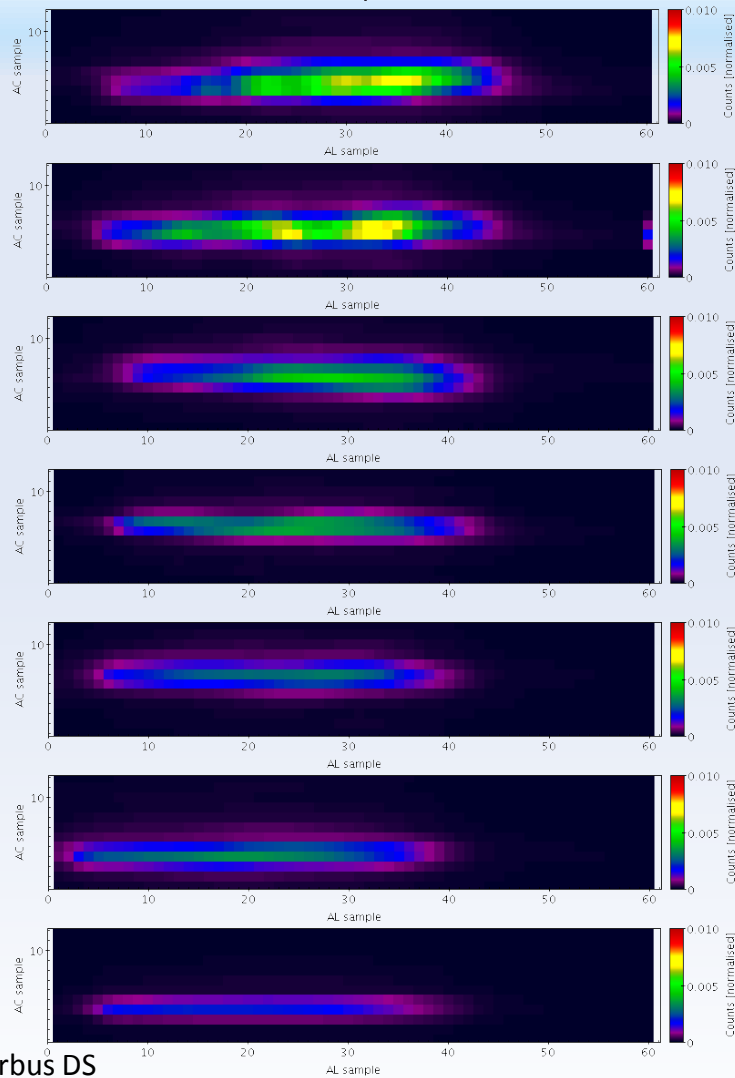
A simulation of a crowded stellar field as observed by Gaia's photometric instruments.

# Gaia BP/RP spectra

Gaia-BP spectra



Gaia-RP spectra



V1293 Aql  
(M5III)

VY UMa  
(C star)

HR3580  
(K5)

HD213048  
(K0)

HD64000  
(G8III)

HD151196  
(F2IV)

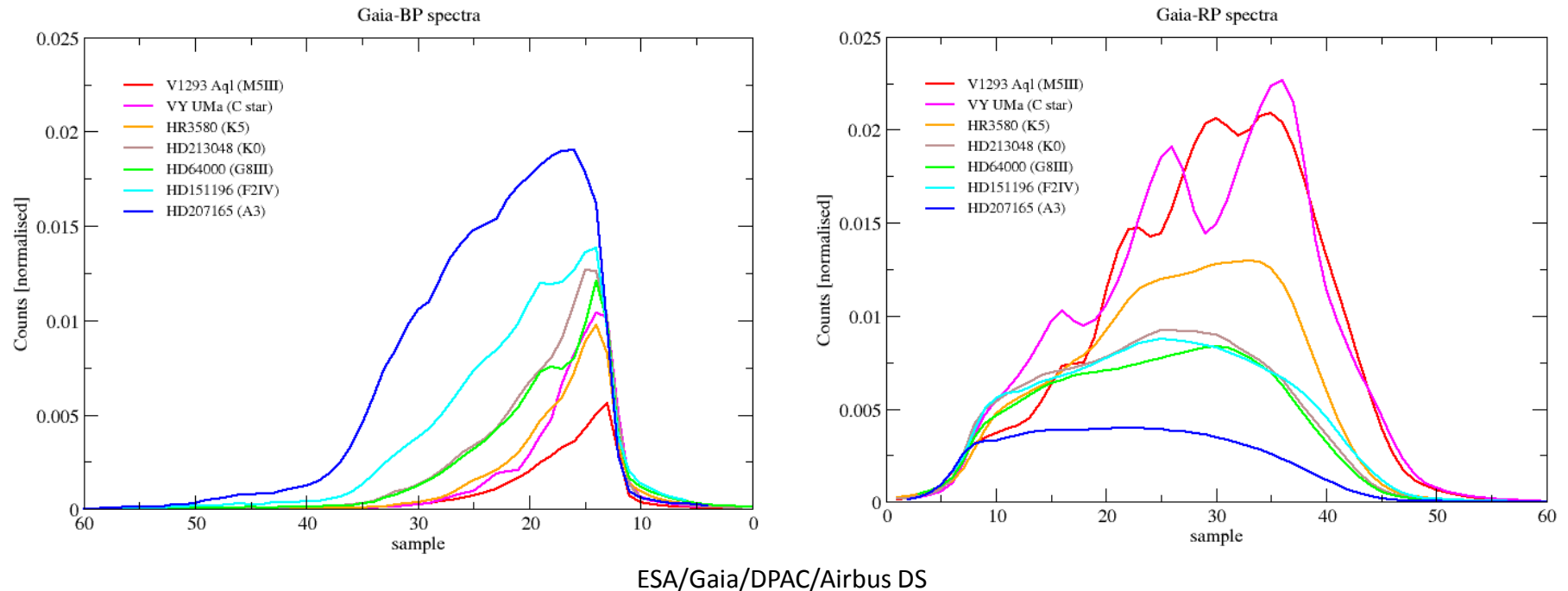
HD207165  
(A3)

ESA/Gaia/DPAC/Airbus DS

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

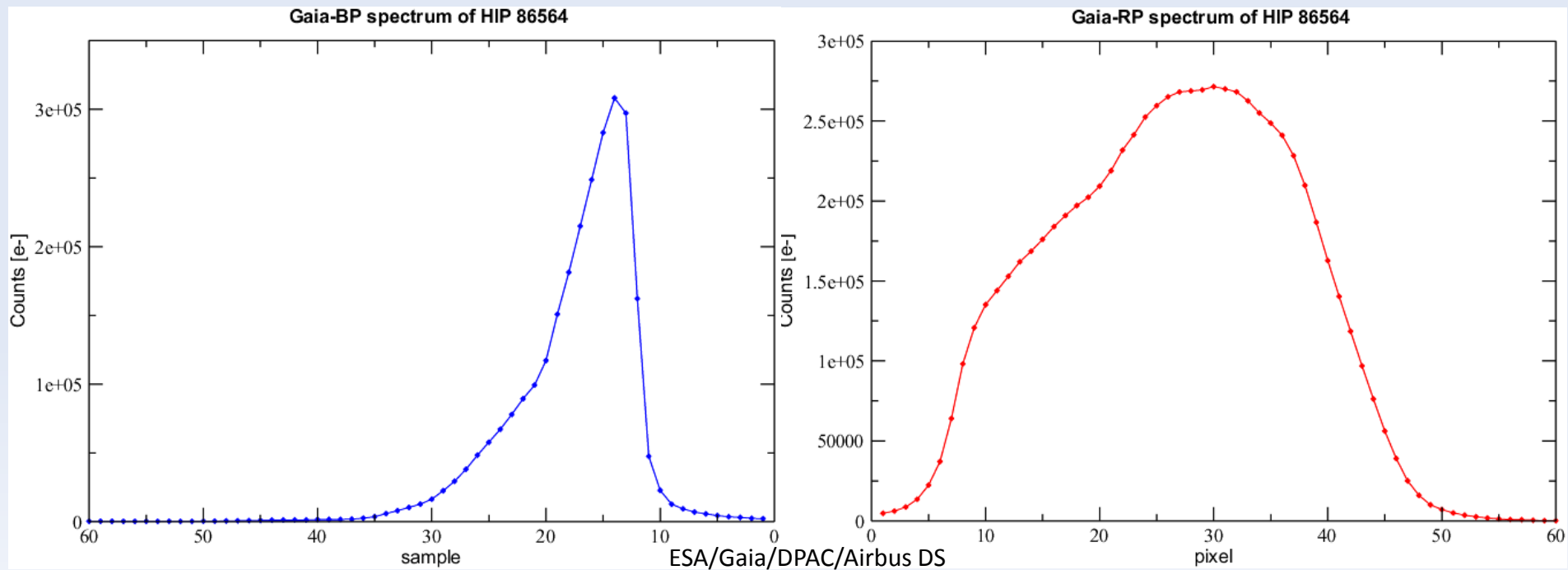


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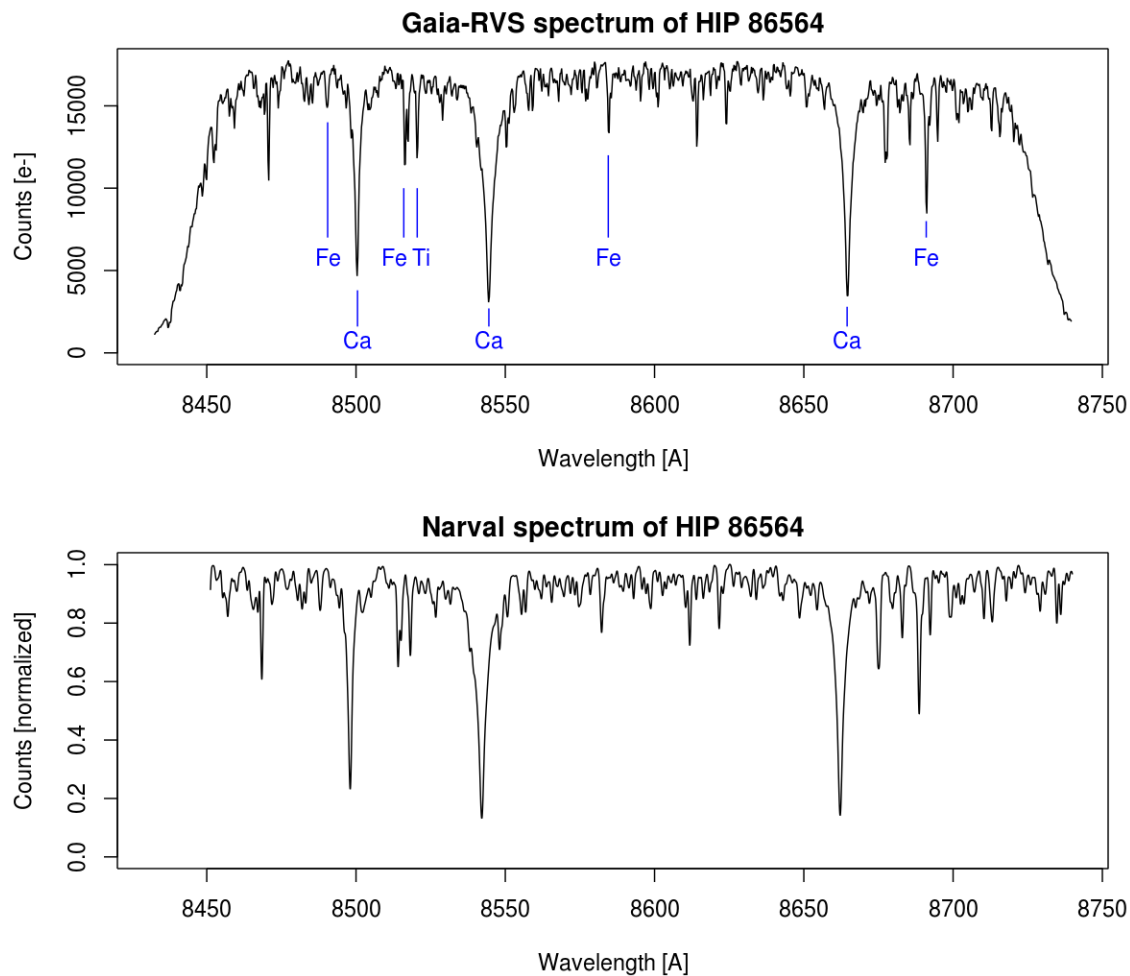
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# Gaia BP/RP spectra



HIP 86564 (K5, V=6.6), BP and RP spectra

# Gaia RVS spectra



HIP 86564 (K5, V=6.6), RVS & Narval spectra

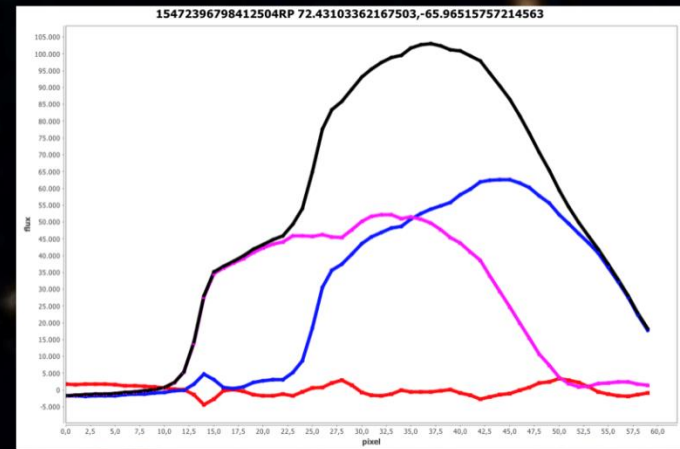
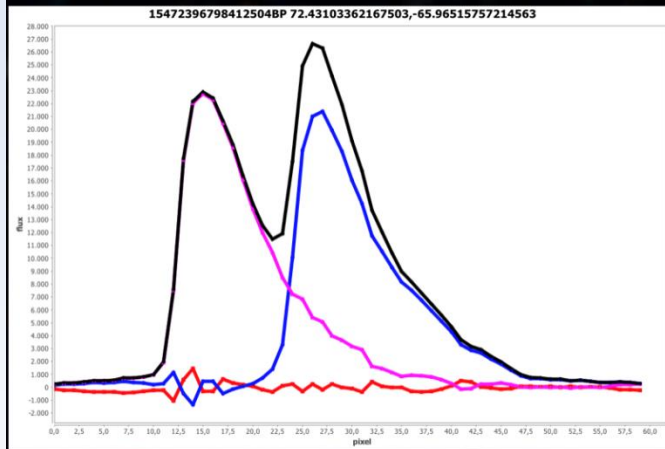
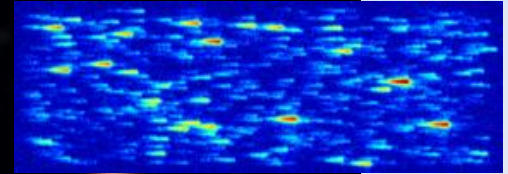
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# First Gaia BP/RP deblended spectra

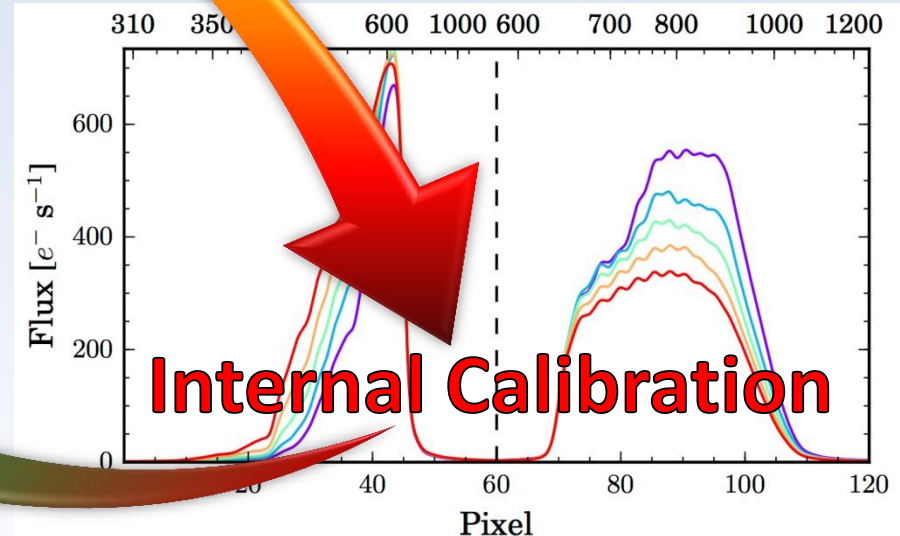
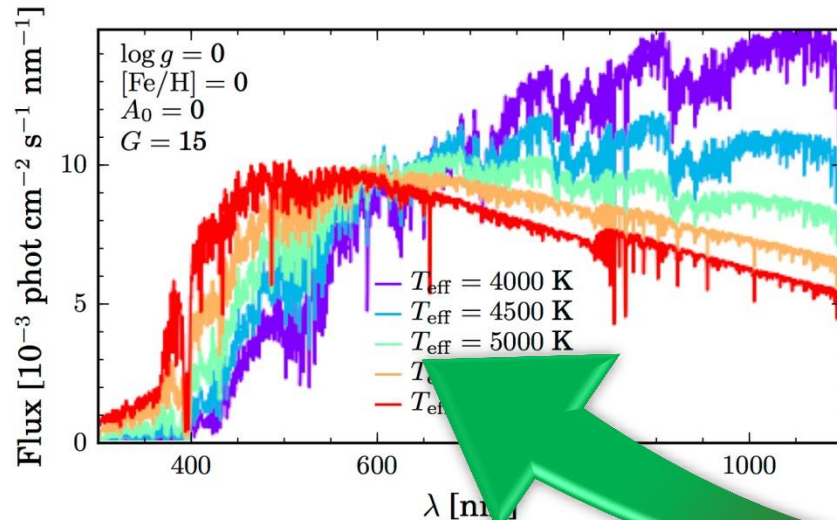
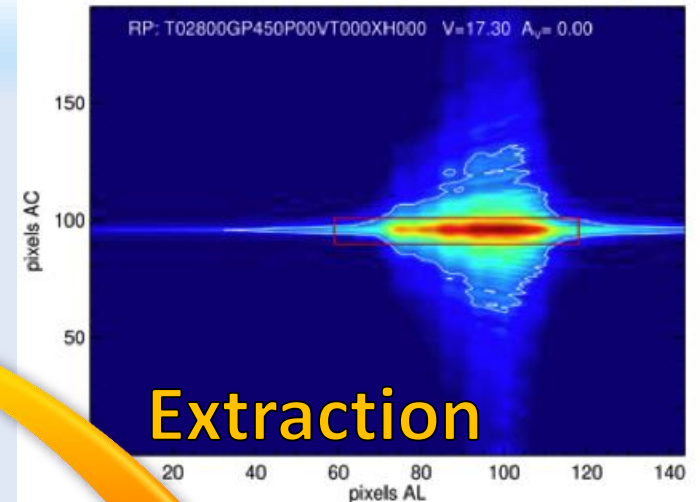
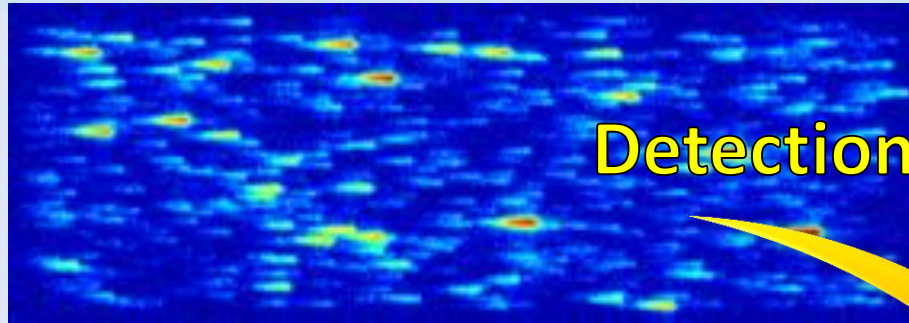
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HD 270801

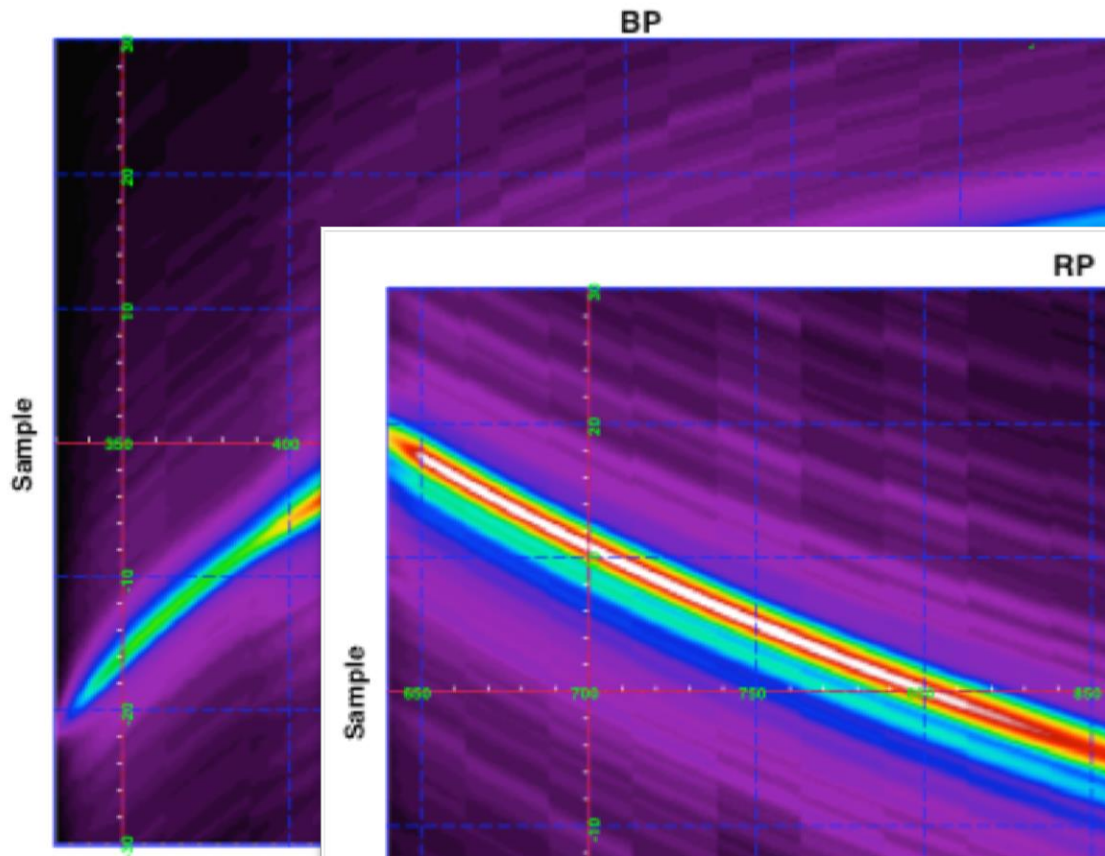


DSS coloured image of the double star HD270801. Bottom left: the observed BP spectrum in black and the two extracted spectra in magenta and blue; in red the extraction residuals. Bottom right: the same for RP

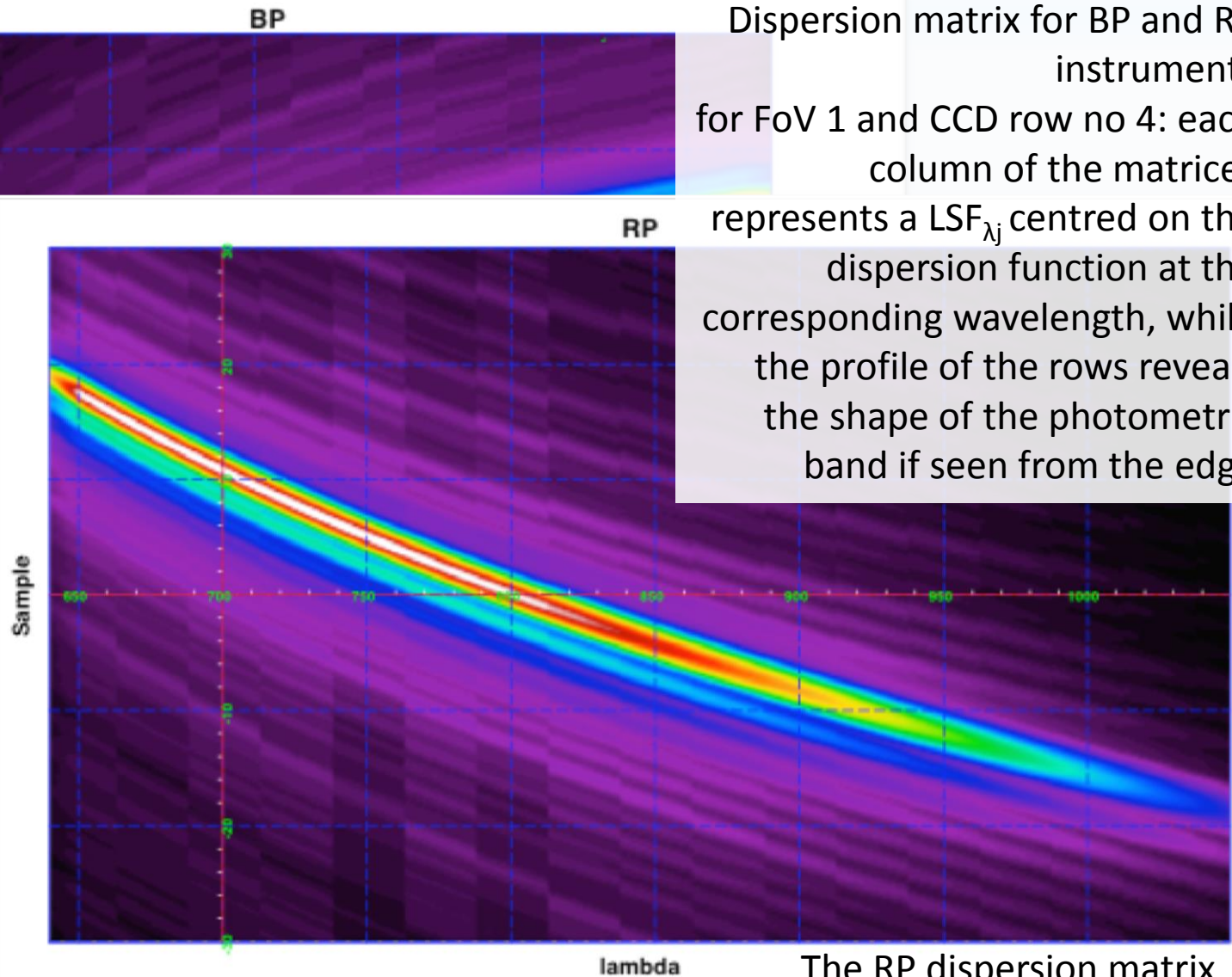
# Gaia absolute calibration



# Gaia LSF smearing



The BP dispersion matrix

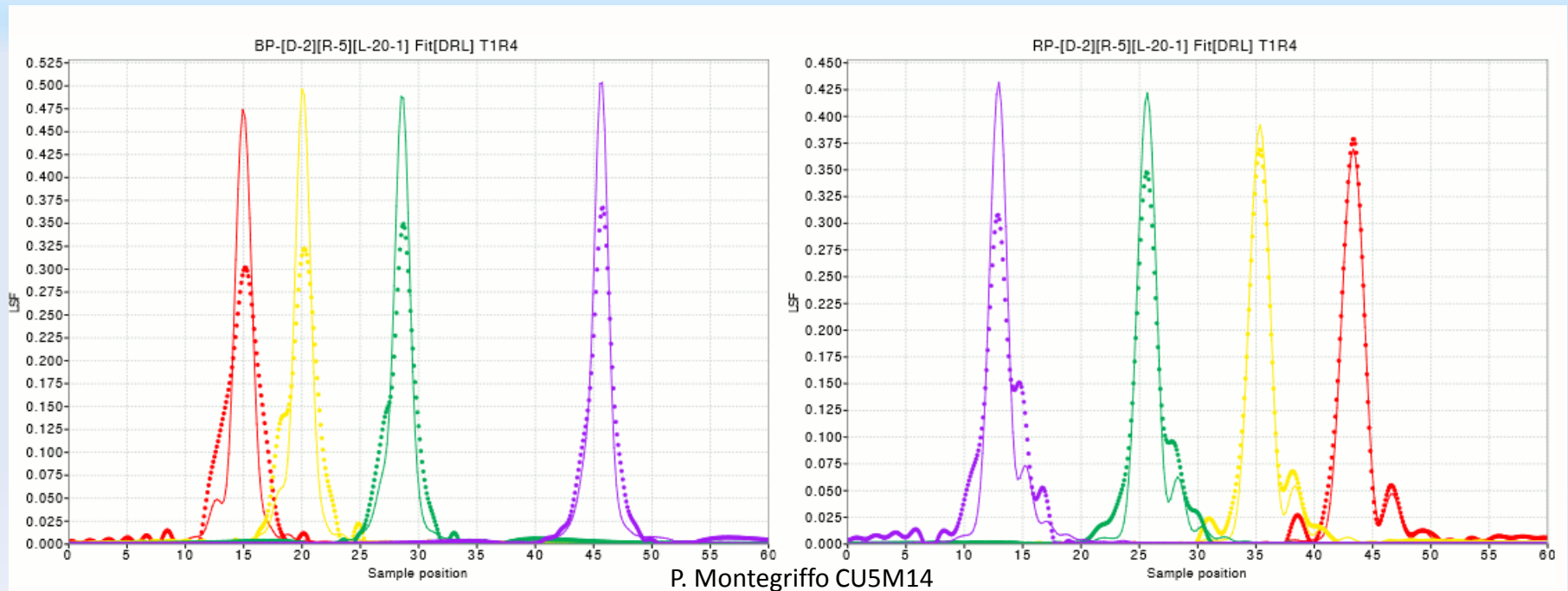


Dispersion matrix for BP and RP instruments for FoV 1 and CCD row no 4: each column of the matrices represents a  $LSF_{\lambda_j}$  centred on the dispersion function at the corresponding wavelength, while the profile of the rows reveals the shape of the photometric band if seen from the edge

The RP dispersion matrix



# Gaia LSF smearing

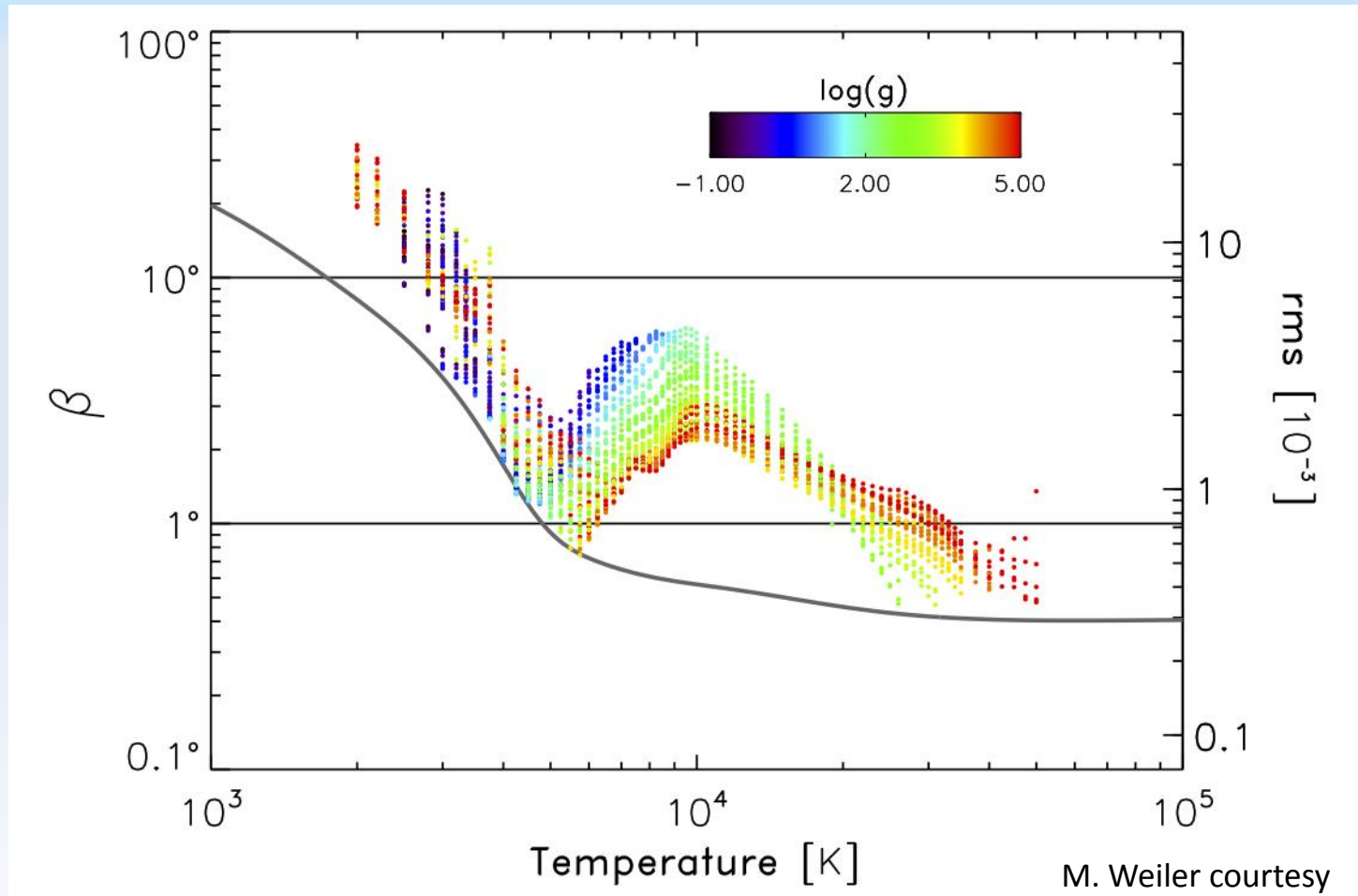


— 350 nm  
— 450 nm  
— 550 nm  
— 650 nm

— 650 nm  
— 750 nm  
— 850 nm  
— 950 nm

- line : starting model
- dots: fitted model

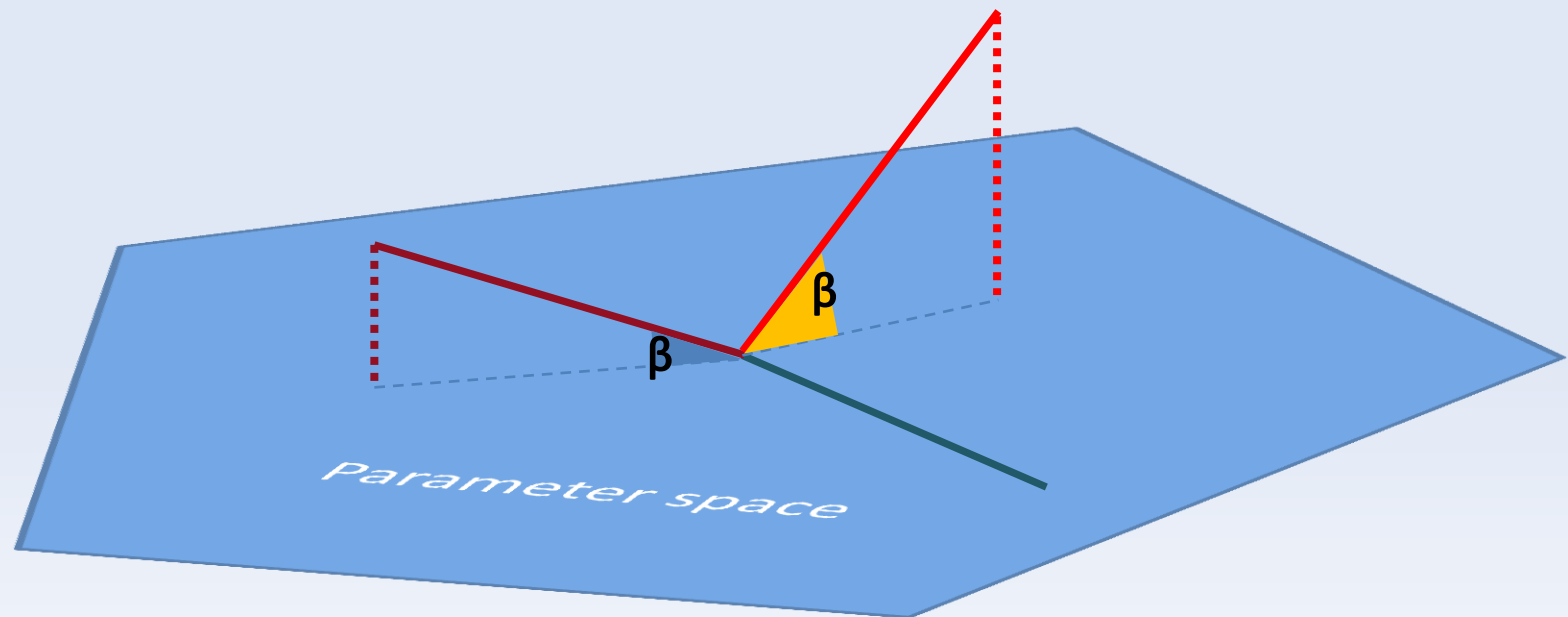
# Gaia LSF smearing



94 spectrophotometric standard stars

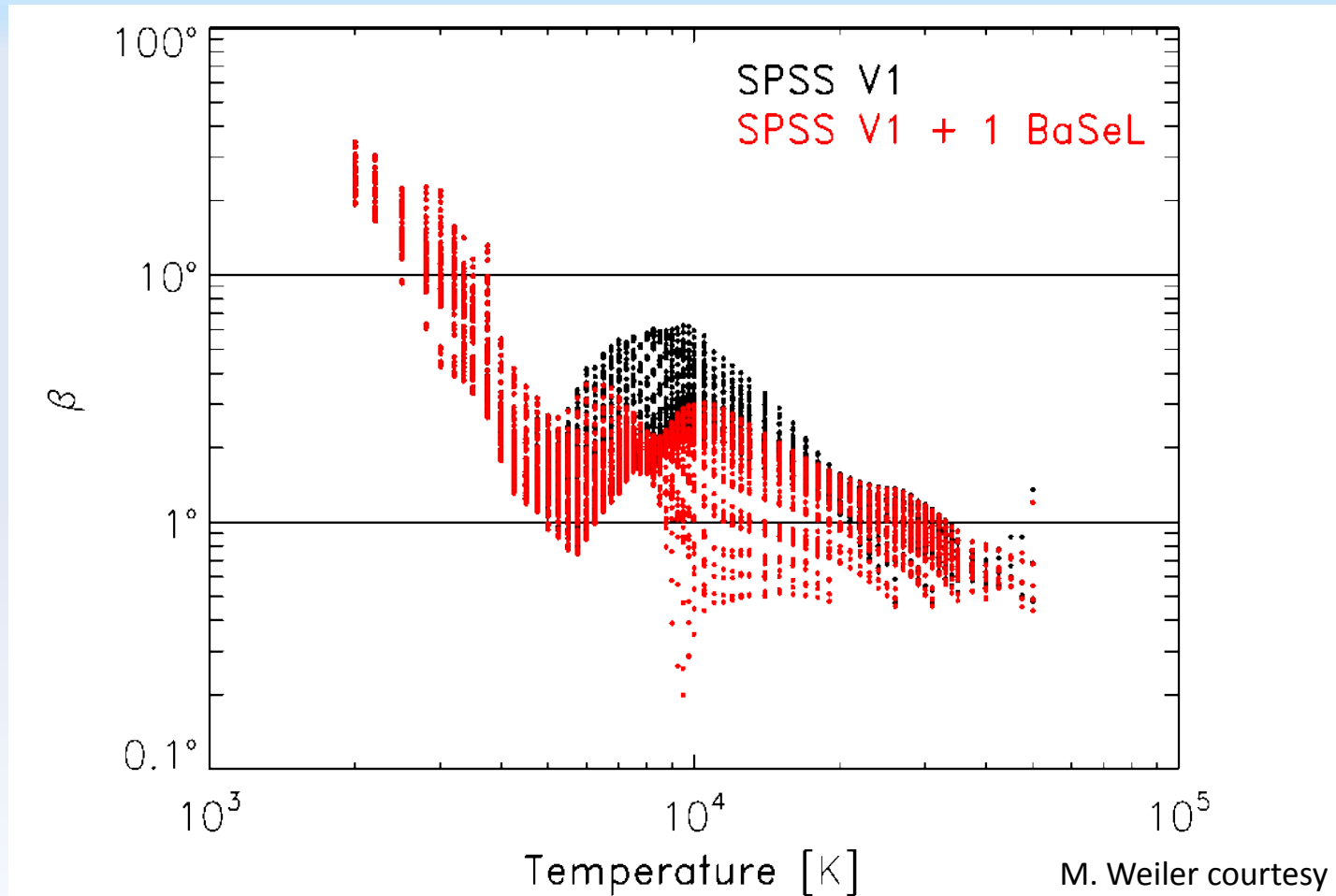
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# Gaia LSF smearing



The smaller is  $\beta$ , the better a spectrum can be described with the basis functions

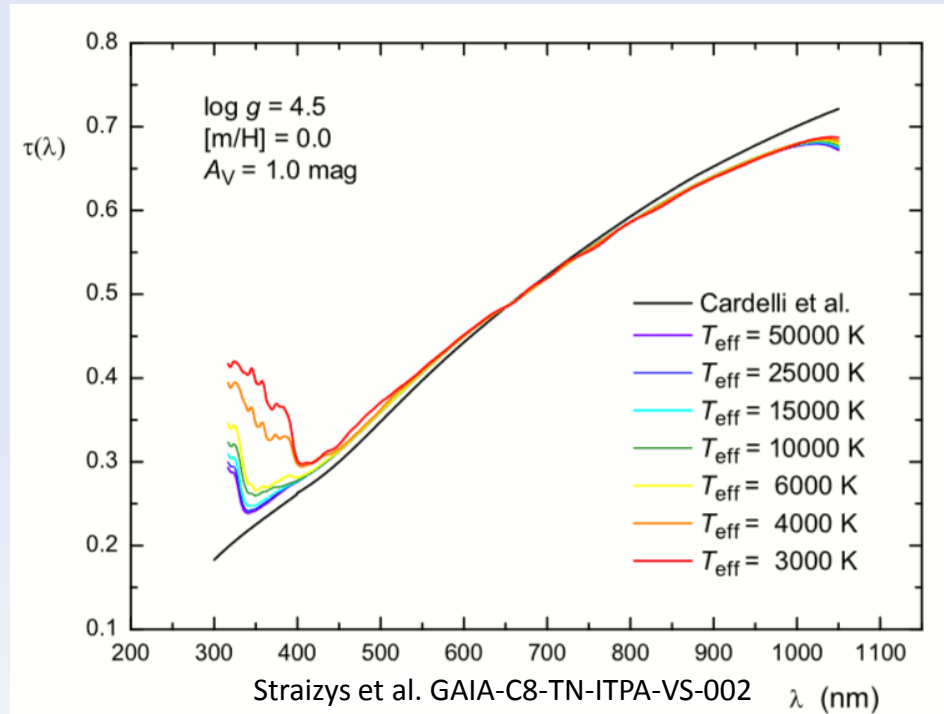
# Gaia LSF smearing



94 spectrophotometric standard stars + 1 ad hoc BaSeL spectrum (Teff 9500, **log(g)=2.0**, z=-2)  
14 basis in principal component analysis to reconstruct BaSeL semi-empirical spectra



# 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

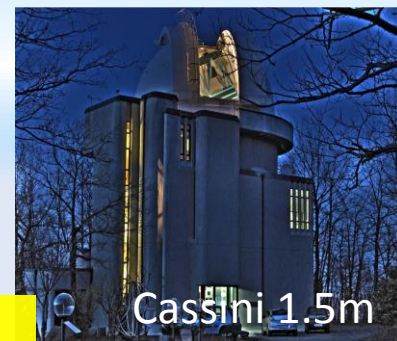
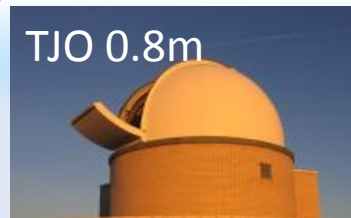
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## CU5 - photometric processing

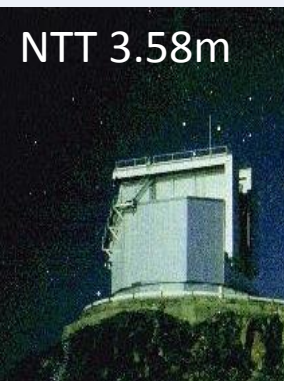
- **DU13:** Provide a grid of suitable Spectro-Photometric Standard Stars (SPSS) for the absolute spectro-photometric calibration of the Gaia G-band and low resolution (BP/RP) spectrophotometry
- **DU14:** provide an absolute calibration model

## CU7 - variability processing

# The Bologna Gaia Group



- **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)**





# The Bologna Gaia Group

## **DU13** Summary of last year:

- Two milestones reached:
  - **End of observations**
  - **V0, V1 flux tables release**
- Other major progress
  - Pre-reductions and ASDC archiving
  - Relative and absolute photometry
  - Advanced spectroscopy reductions

# Pre-reductions

| Data product   | Imaging | Spectroscopy |
|----------------|---------|--------------|
| 2D pre-reduced | ~71%    | ~67%         |

# ASDC Archiving

| Data Product                 | Status       | Frames         |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Raw frames                   | ~95 %        | 101010 (232GB) |
| Calib. Masters               | ~65 %        | 3073           |
| 2D Pre-reduced               | ~71 %        | 50272          |
| 1D extracted spectra         | ~67 %        | 5855           |
| Photo catalogues             | started      | 22648          |
| Light-curves                 | started      | 146            |
| Fringing corrected spectra   | started      | 2462           |
| Light loss corrected spectra | just started | 7              |

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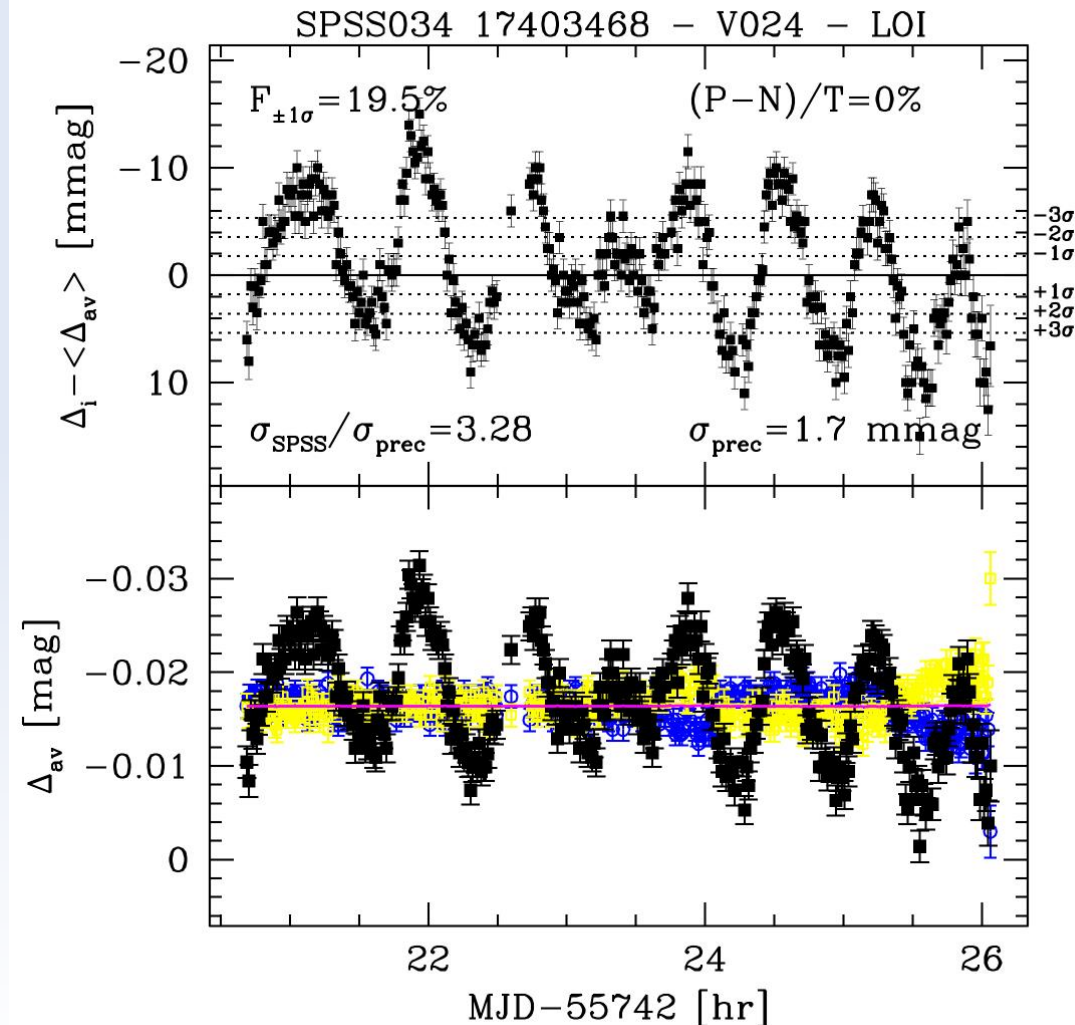
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# Relative photometry



## Constancy assessment:

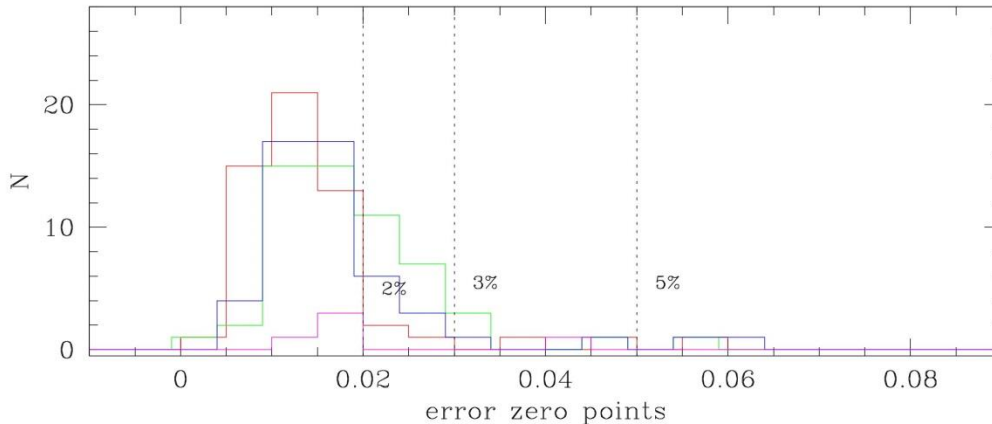
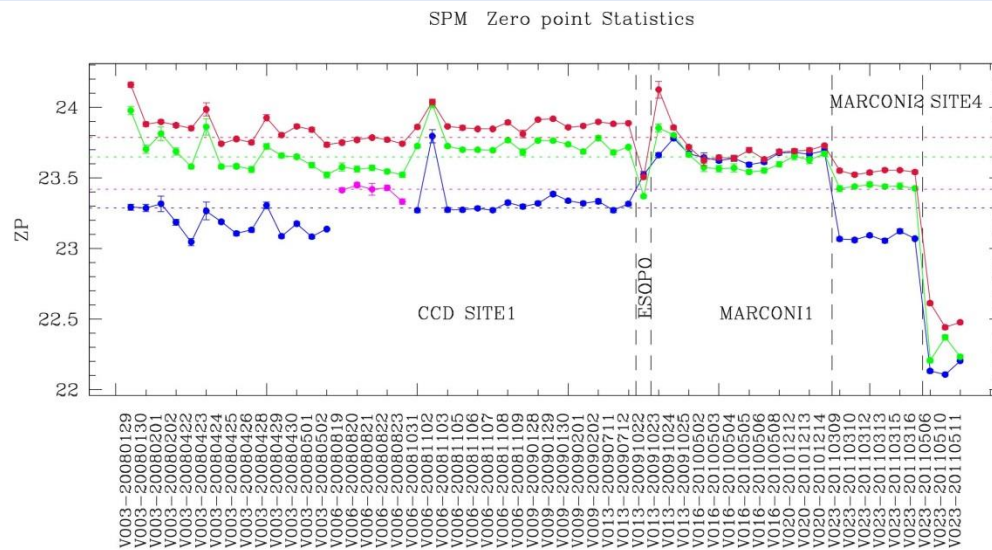
- Short-term (1-2 h series)
- 173 SPSS monitored
- Found 8 variables

## Major progress last year:

- A few SPSS pending!
- >1 good curve per SPSS (a dozen exceptions)
- Paper and Technical Note in preparation (S. Marinoni et al)



# Absolute photometry



## ZP calibration of (grey) spectra:

- Synthetic photometry

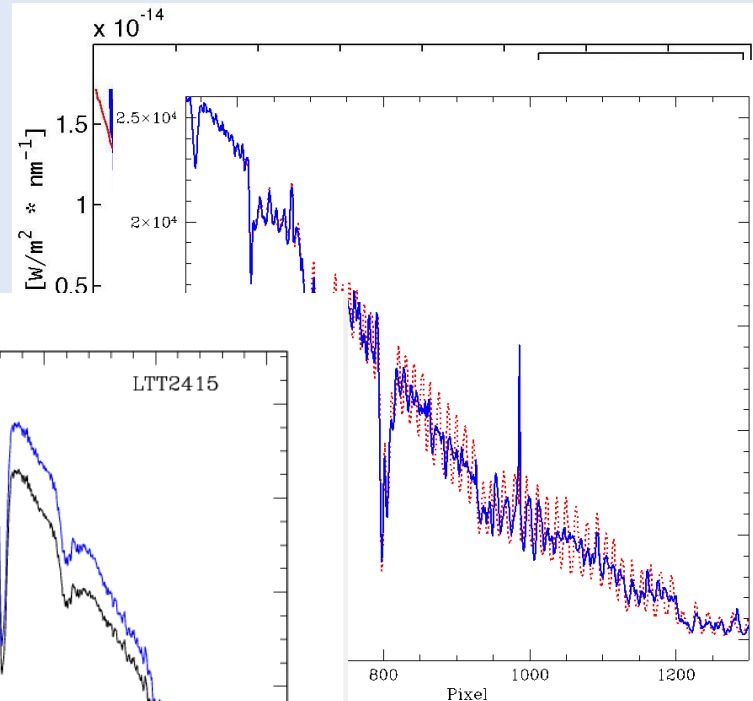
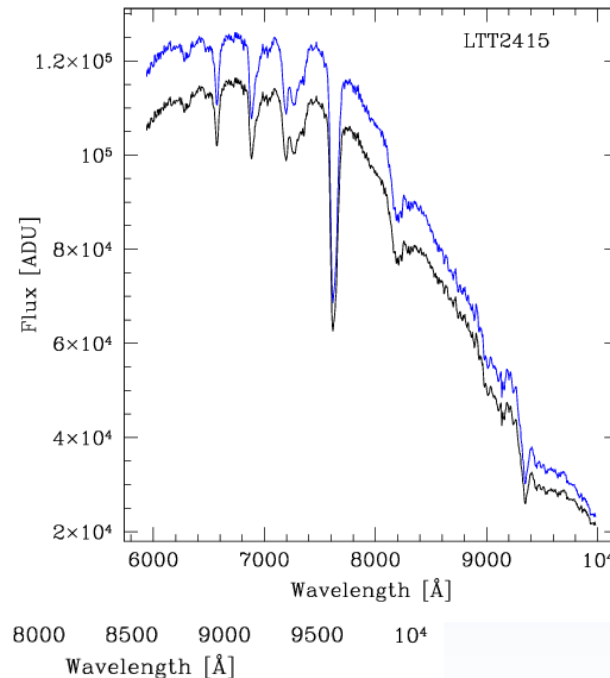
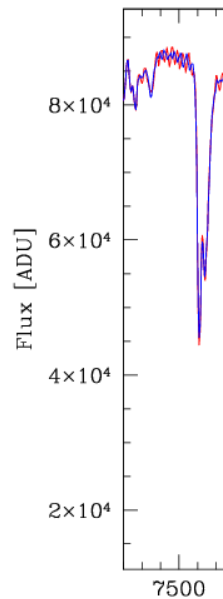
## Major progress last year:

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

Now comparing internally and with literature

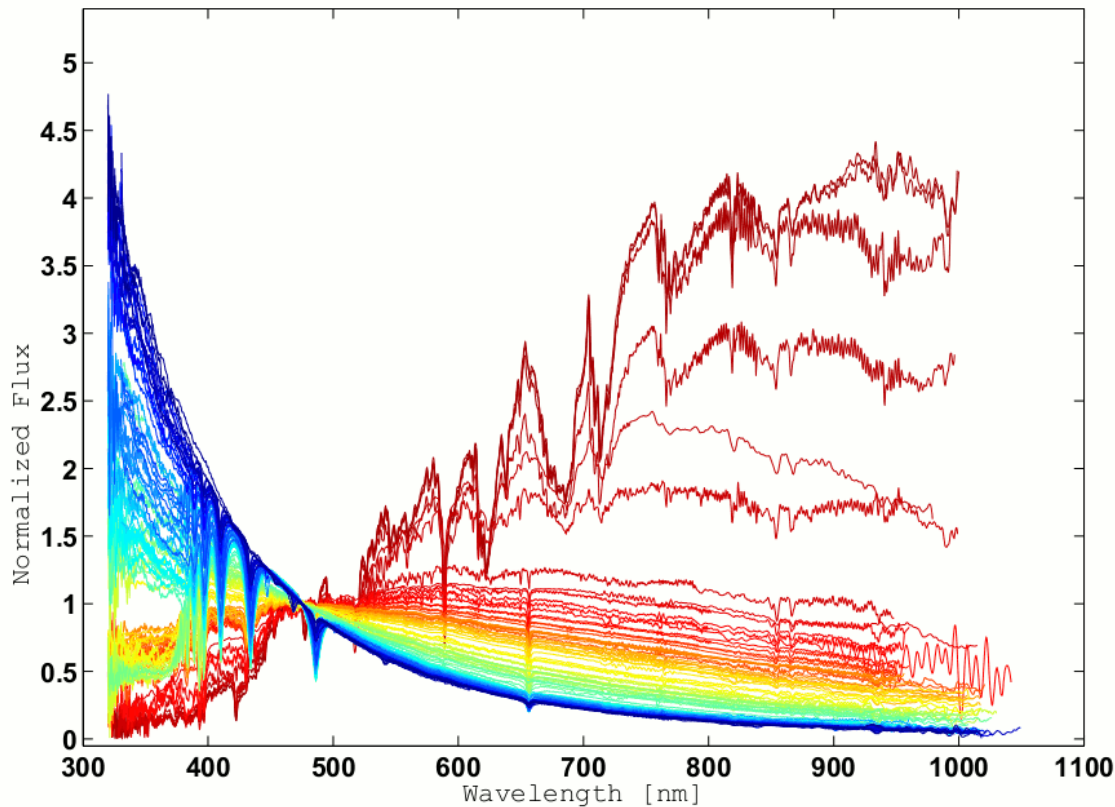
# Advanced spectroscopy reductions

- 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



## 94 SPSS

Goal:

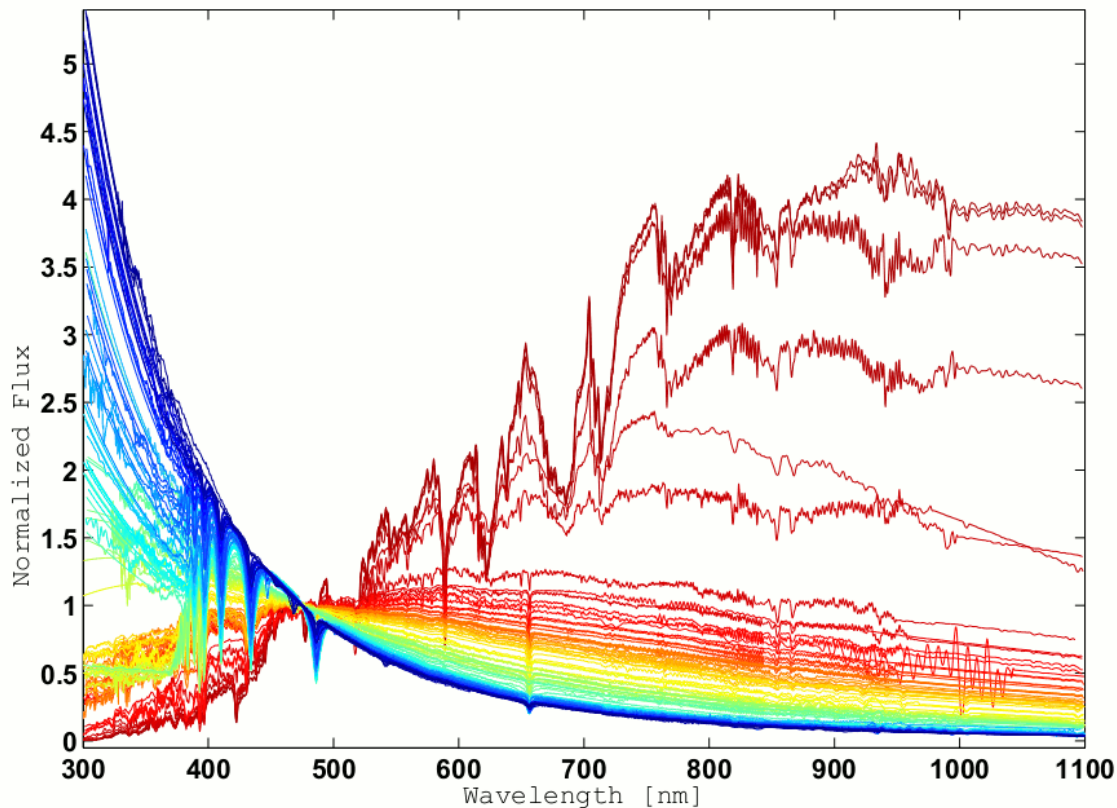
- testing pipelines
- No fringing correction
- No narrow-slit spectra
- Cut borders (blue and red)
- Already exceeding DPAC requirements

Major problem :

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

# V1 release

The V1 release, July 2015



## 94 V0 SPSS

- Extended with theoretical or empirical template spectra (CALSPEC, Gaia spectral libraries, Public libraries)
- No new observational data
- Can calibrate 1<sup>st</sup> Gaia release  
Only G and only ZP



# V2 release

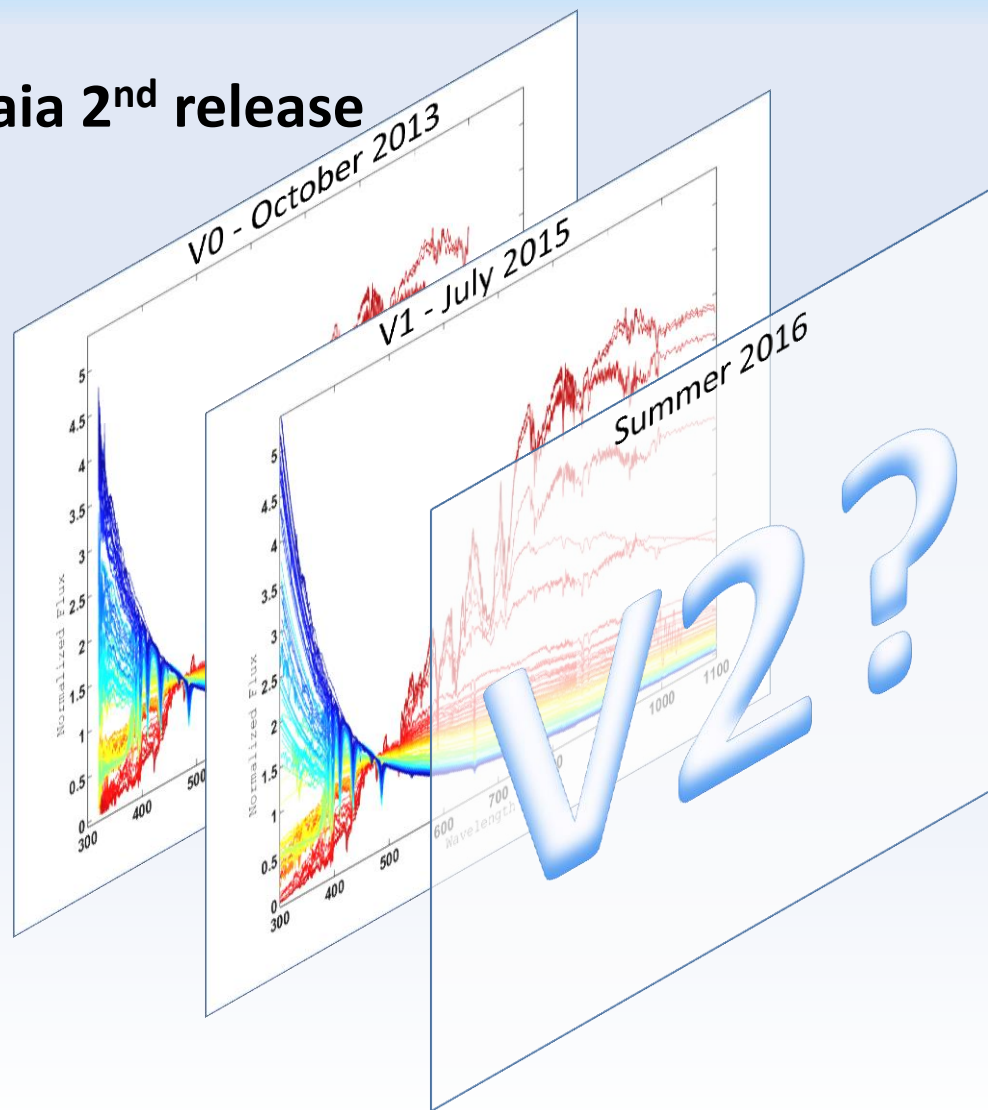
## The V2 release, mid 2016 for Gaia 2<sup>nd</sup> release

Including

- constancy assessment
- absolute photometry

Fundamental question:

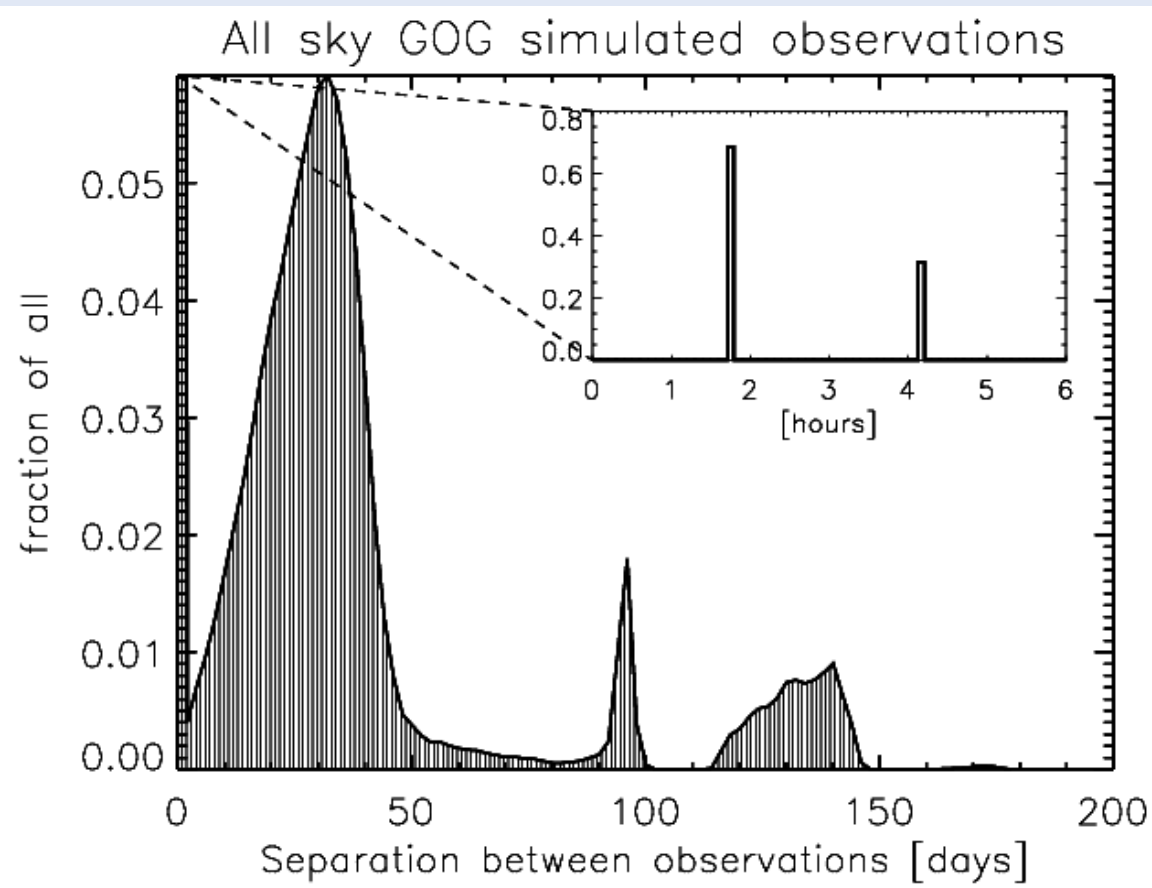
- Quality?
- Quantity?
- Hybrid?



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| First release:<br>summer 2016           | Positions ( $\alpha$ , $\delta$ ) 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 <a href="#">Tycho-Gaia Astrometric Solution</a>                         |
| Second release:<br>summer 2017          | Five-parameter astrometric solutions (single-star). Integrated BP/RP photometry. Mean radial (no radial-velocity variation).  |
| Third release:<br>summer 2018<br>(TBC)  | Orbital solutions, system radial velocity and five-parameter astrometric solutions, for binaries having periods between 2 months and 75% of the observing time will be released. Object classification and astrophysical parameters, together with BP/RP spectra and/or RVS spectra they are based on (well-behaved objects). Mean radial velocities (no radial-velocity and with available atmospheric-parameter estimates). |
| Fourth release:<br>summer 2019<br>(TBC) | Variable-star classifications will be released together with the epoch photometry used for the stars. Solar-system results will be released with preliminary orbital solutions and individual epoch observations. Non-single star catalogues.   |
| Final release:<br>2022 (TBC)            | Full astrometric, photometric, and radial-velocity catalogues. All available variable-star and non-single-star solutions. Source classifications, astrophysical for stars, unresolved binaries, galaxies, and quasars. An exo-planet list. All epoch and transit data for all sources. All ground-based observations made for data-processing purposes.   |

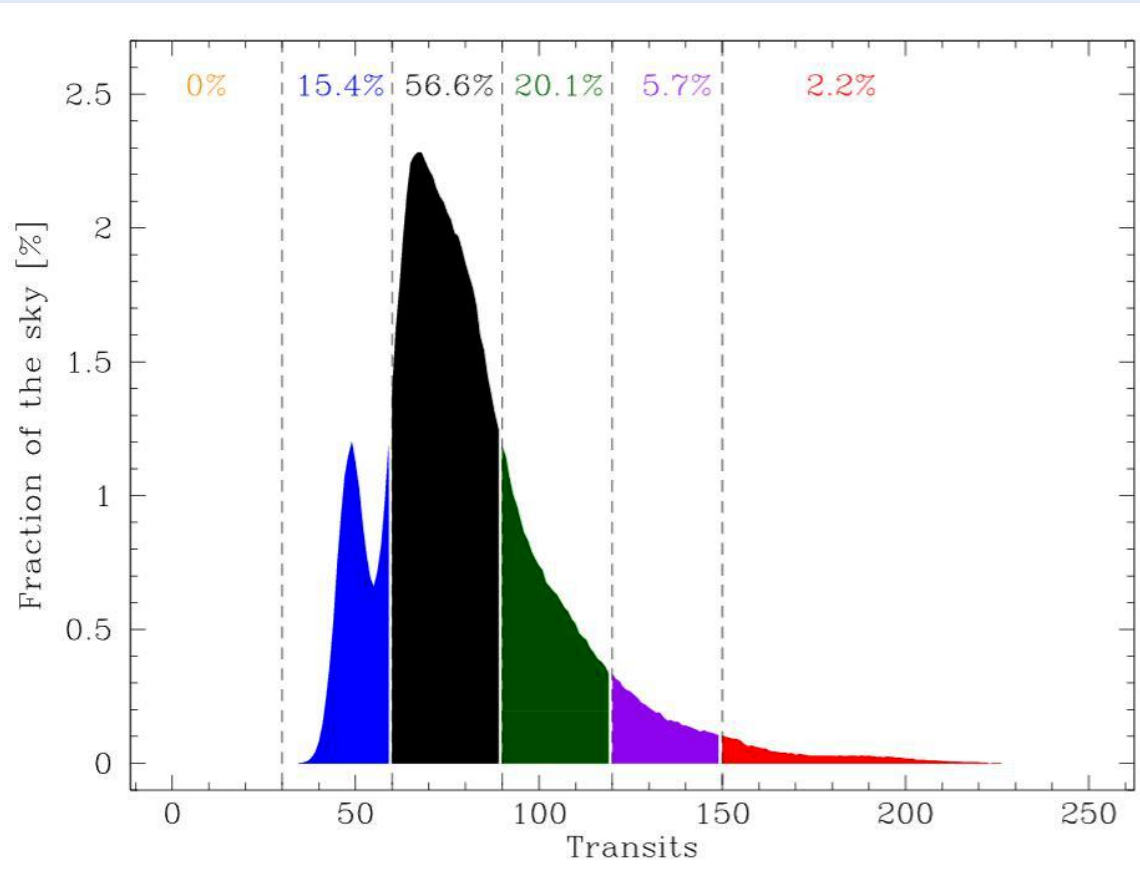
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The very early data products released to the astronomical community



Gaia will cover 1230 sq. deg. / day with high spatial resolution and well known (but non-optimal) cadence.

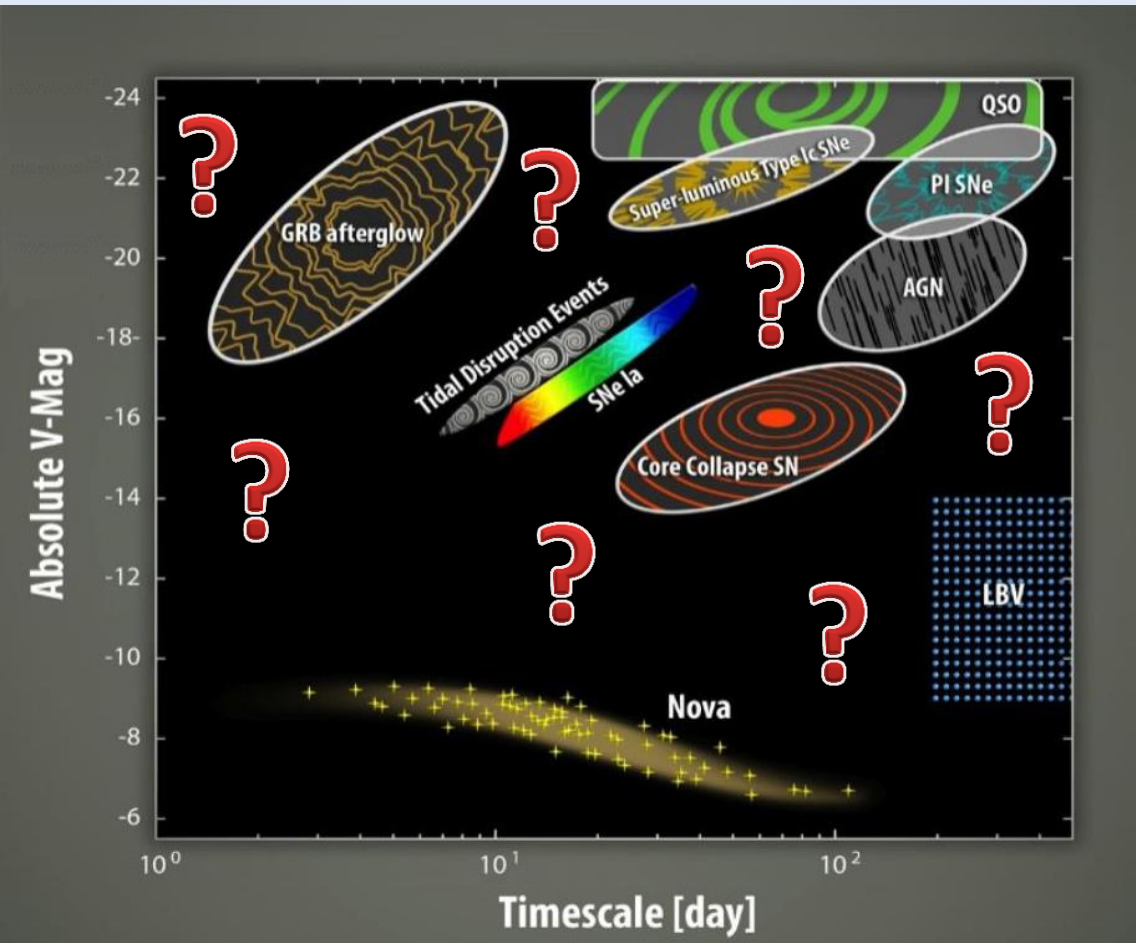
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~ 15% of the sky is expected to be observed 30-60 times,  
~57% of the sky is expected to be observed 60-90 times and  
~20% 90-120 times.  
The remaining 7.9% is expected to be observed 120-240 times.

J. de Bruijne, private communication.

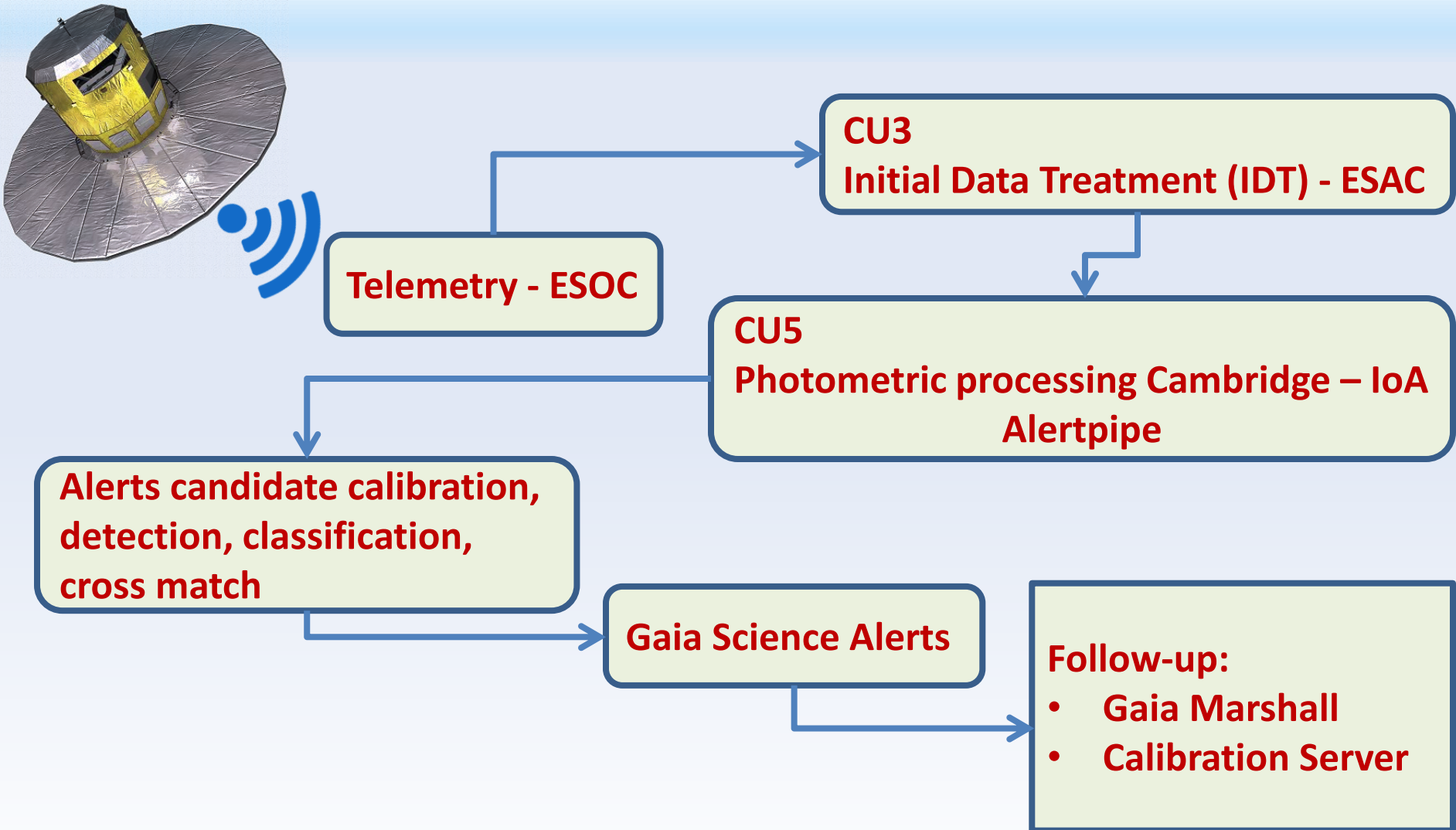
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Repeated observations of the same patches of the sky will allow **transients** detections ( $G \leq 19$ )



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# Gaia Marshall



create  
new ticket

## TARGET SELECTION

### QUEUES

inbox (58)

review for  
followup (66)

## OBSERVATION

### QUEUES

classification  
targets (58)

+ followup  
(10)

= all targets (68)

## CLASSIFICATION

### ATEL QUEUES

queued for

classification (25)

queued for atel (22)

Alert not enough data to determine a current magnitude

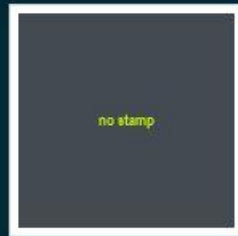


latest comment (212 days ago): 800s spectrum taken 11/06/2015 - heather

identity



Gaia15agj



PI: no pi set

gaia id: 55523

object info

ra & dec:

09:50:59.23

+37:58:00.2

[ 147.74682

37.96674 ]

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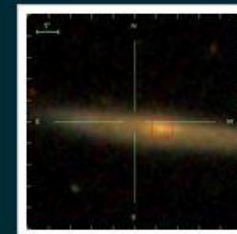
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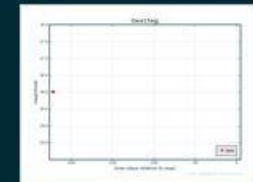
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sdss nearest

object

lightcurve



latest magnitude:

18.49 Gaia  
G-band  
2015-06-03  
+221d

actions

Provides a visual workflow of the status of alerts follow-up

▸ Developed at Queen's University Belfast for Pessto Survey

▸ Customised by GSA group to meet our requirements

▸ With David Young (Queen's Univ.) support

<https://gaiamarshall.ast.cam.ac.uk/marshall>

# Gaia Photometric Science Alerts

<https://gaia.ac.uk/selected-gaia-science-alerts>



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## Gaia Photometric Science Alerts: Validation Phase

**12/11/2015 update:** Alerts are not currently being published while we are in development and testing. We plan to start publishing new alerts in January 2016. Per-source alert pages, including lightcurves and BP/RP spectra are available. They can be accessed by clicking on alert names in [Alerts table](#).

**10/7/2015 update:** The Gaia Alerts Validation Phase is now complete, and we are currently pausing publication of Gaia Alerts. The full Gaia alerts system will become operational by mid November 2015.

Currently, a number of improvements to the alerts systems are being implemented, based on our experience with the validation phase activities, and with the important information that you as the Gaia Alerts Followup community have shared with us.

The full operational system will eventually include a number of improvements including:

1. Links to new tables and per-source alert pages.
2. Inclusion of lightcurves and BP/RP spectra.
3. Results of automated detection, filtering and classification.
4. Connections to ground-based telescopes involved in educational follow-up programs.
5. Publication of VOEvents.

### Alerts science

- ▼ [Guest Stars with Gaia](#)
  - [Exploding stars](#)
  - [Variable stars](#)
  - [Cosmology with Supernovae](#)
- [Supernovae in one minute](#)
- [History of Supernovae detections movie](#)

### Alerts downloads

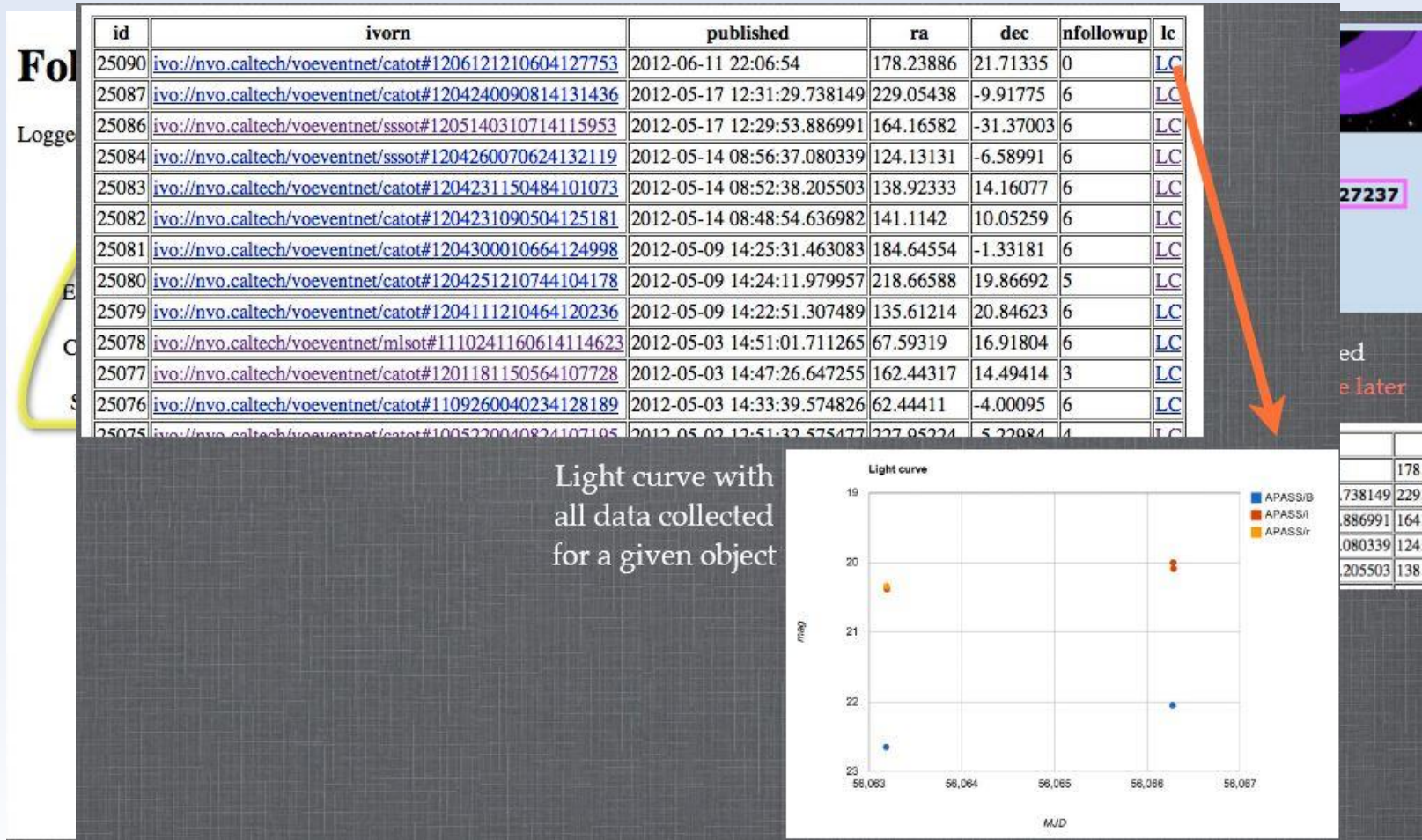
- [Download FUGA-William Herschel Telescope follow-up spectra tarball](#). (353KB)





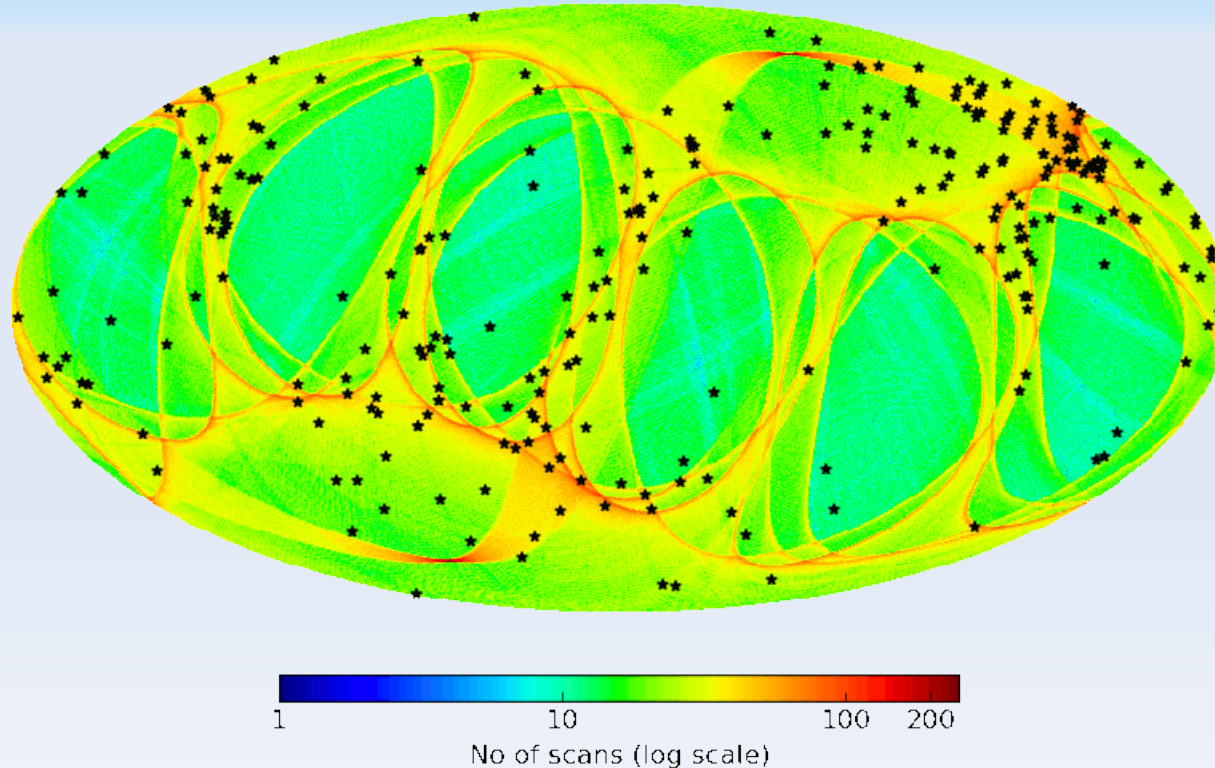
# Gaia Calibration Server

The main purpose of the Cambridge Photometry Calibration Server (CPCS) is to provide a uniform calibrations of photometric follow-up observations of transient targets to be reported by Gaia Science Alerts team. <http://gsaweb.ast.cam.ac.uk/followup>



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Scan coverage on 10 Jan 2016

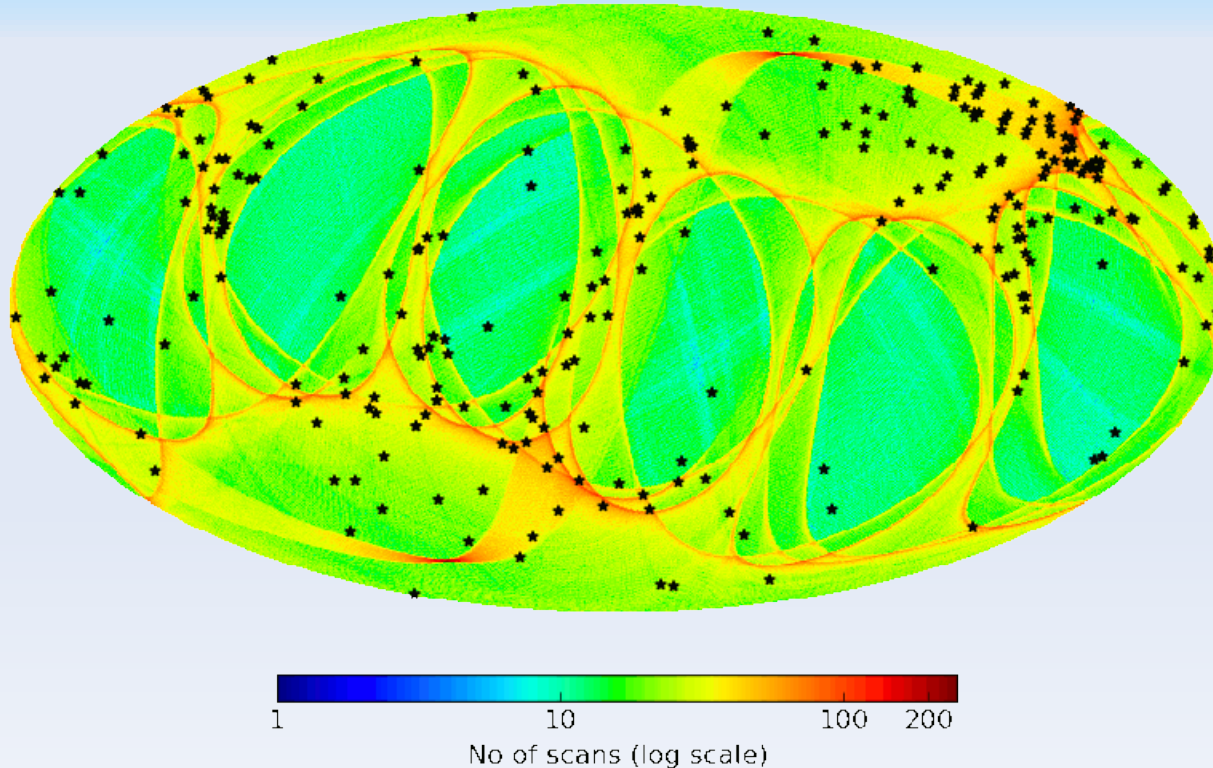


The map shows locations of Gaia Science Alerts published between **13 October 2014** and **9 June 2015** (black stars), superimposed on the scan density map of the sky. The background colour indicates how many times each area, of approximately 0.05 square degrees, of the sky was seen by the Gaia Photometric Science Alerts up to date (data processed even if Gaia Alerts are not switched on)



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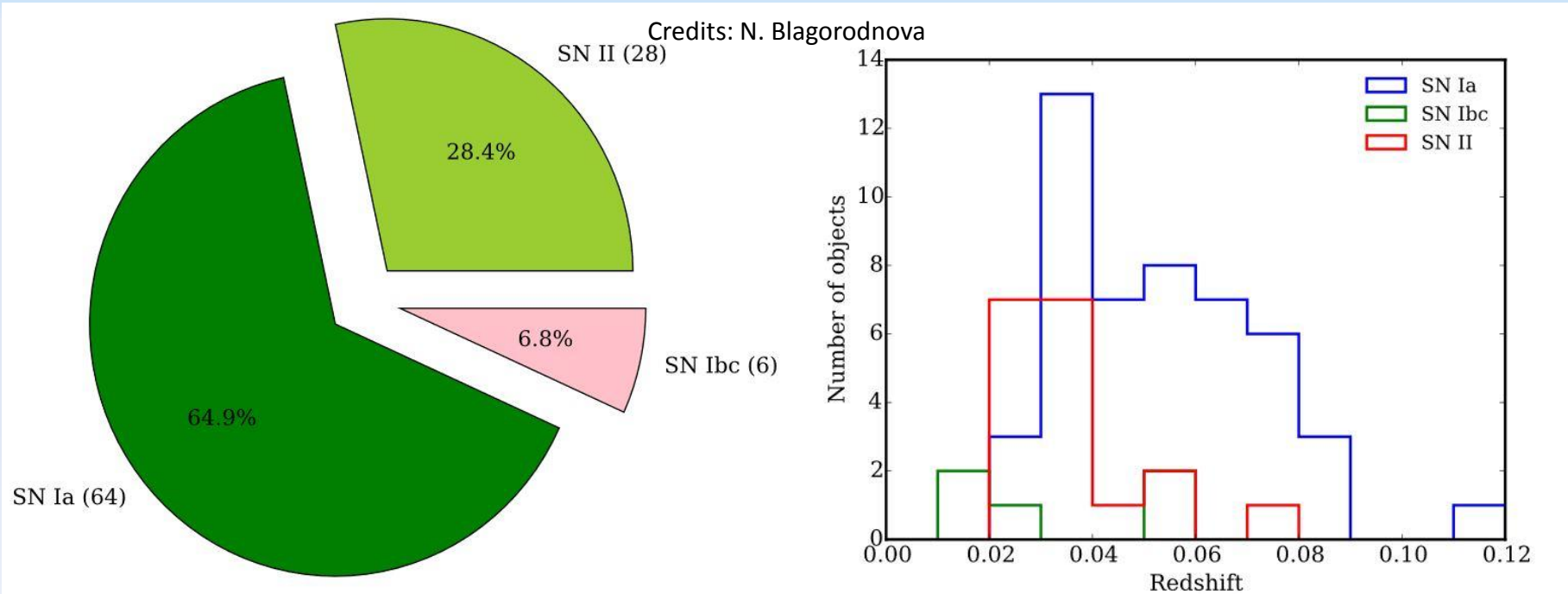
Scan coverage on 10 Jan 2016



From 13 Oct 2014 — 9 Jun 2015

- 297 IDT runs ~16 billion transits ingested
- ~52 million alert candidates
- 275 published alerts, 166 in 2015

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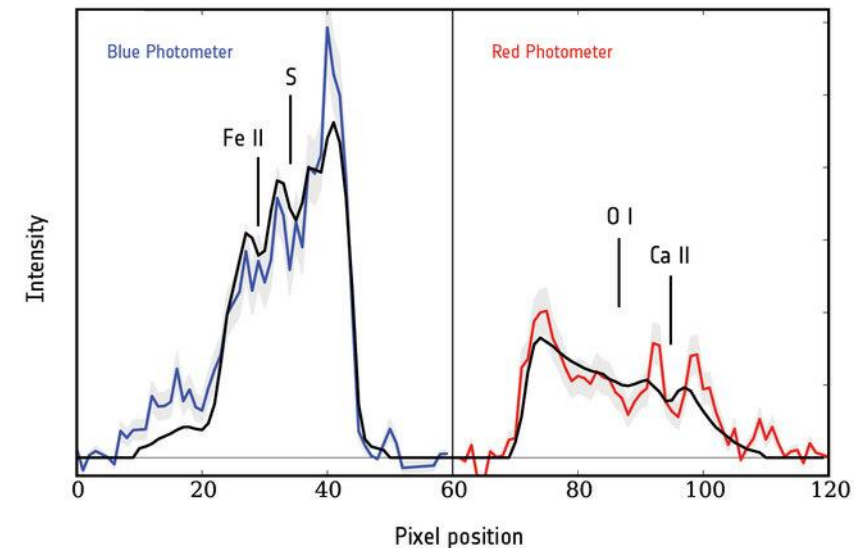
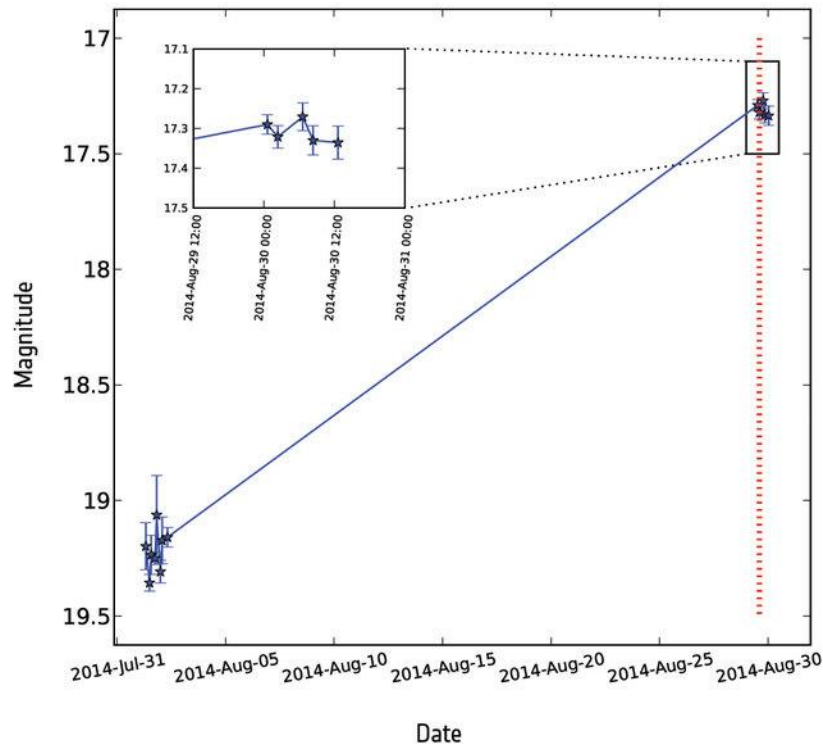
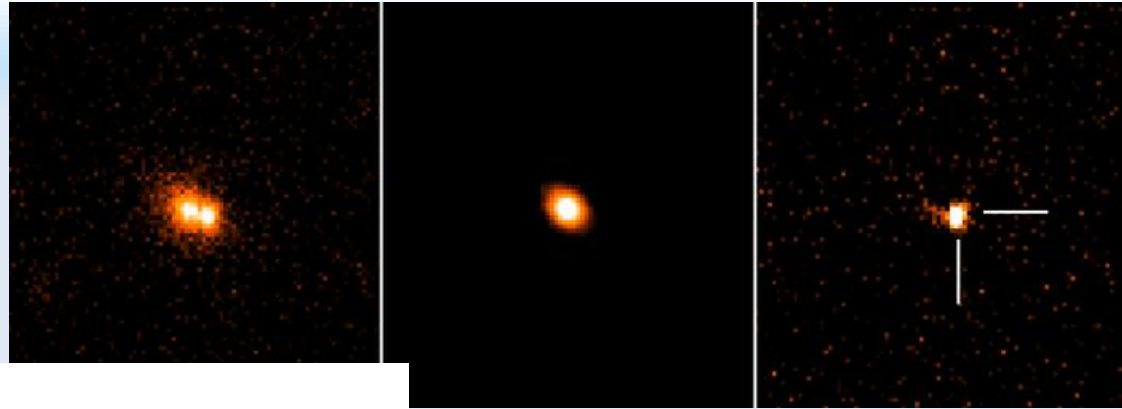


So Far:

- 275 published alerts, 55 in common with other surveys, 217 NEW
- 41% spectroscopically observed (NTT, LT, INT, WHT, AAT...)
- 53% followed up photometrically (~for a total of 15000 data points)
- **98 SNe** (the first: Gaia14aaa Ia, z:0.036)

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Gaia14aaa



credits: ESA/Gaia/DPAC/N. Blagorodnova, M. Fraser, H. Campbell, A. Hall (Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge)

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## Index to Gaia Photometric Alerts

<http://gsaweb.ast.cam.ac.uk/alerts/alertsindex>

These are all the alerts raised to date. You might wish to view or download these as a [table in CSV format](#).

See [here](#) for an explanation of the columns.

Show  entries

Search:

| Name      | Observed               | RA<br>(deg.) | Dec.<br>(deg.) | Mag.  | Historic<br>mag. | Historic<br>scatter | Class   | Published              | Comment   |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------|------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|---|
| Gaia15agm | 2015-06-01<br>14:51:25 | 358.98623    | -43.72412      | 17.35 |                  |                     | SN Ia   | 2015-06-09<br>11:27:39 | candidate SN  |
| Gaia15agl | 2015-06-01<br>20:34:37 | 337.79327    | -37.82735      | 18.71 |                  |                     | unknown | 2015-06-09<br>11:27:39 | candidate SN  |
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| Gaia15agi | 2015-01-24<br>09:32:33 | 43.08181     | 60.57638       | 18.97 |                  |                     | unknown | 2015-06-03<br>15:16:18 | Galactic plane red transient, brightened from 20 to 18 mag in 100days |
| Gaia15agh | 2015-05-25<br>01:24:24 | 181.02133    | 14.06805       | 17.58 |                  |                     | SN Ia   | 2015-06-02<br>15:06:52 | candidate SN in spiral starforming SDSS galaxy (z=0.043)              |
| Gaia15agg | 2015-05-29<br>15:41:03 | 64.10105     | -28.49464      | 18.96 |                  |                     | unknown | 2015-06-02<br>13:22:16 | Candidate SN on edge of DSS galaxy                                    |
| Gaia15agf | 2015-05-29<br>08:17:25 | 330.62236    | -20.32945      | 18.54 |                  |                     | SN Ia   | 2015-06-02<br>13:19:12 | Candidate young and blue SN on the edge of a DSS galaxy               |
| Gaia15age | 2015-05-29<br>22:00:29 | 83.48209     | -20.78890      | 16.96 |                  |                     | unknown | 2015-06-02<br>00:15:29 | aka CSS101214:053356-204720 : CV candidate                            |
| Gaia15agd | 2015-05-29<br>07:24:33 | 171.57245    | 28.36723       | 18.42 |                  |                     | SN II   | 2015-06-02<br>00:09:38 | SN candidate in low surface brightness starburst galaxy at z=0.03     |

# Manual vs auto operation

## Manual operation (last year)

- $\sim 10^{5-6}$  candidates/day
- Human selection of alerts
- Slow!
- $\sim 1$  alerts/day
- Classification after publication

## Planned operation (mid Jan)

- $\sim 100$  candidates/day
- Automatic selection
- Quicker
- $\sim 10$  alerts/day
- Classification before publication



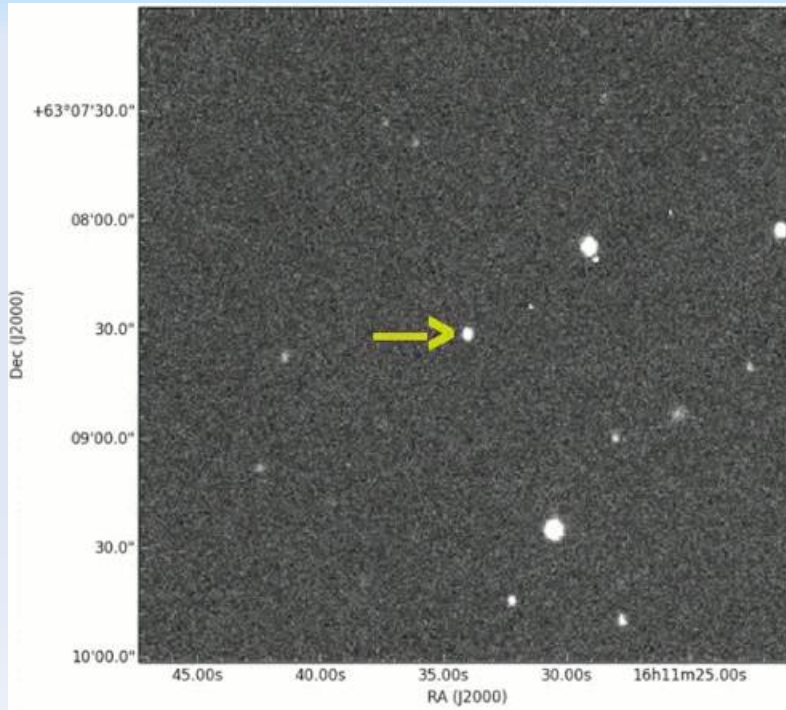
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We contribute to this effort with the Cassini 1.5m Telescope at Loiano.

Bologna-Warsaw joint proposals

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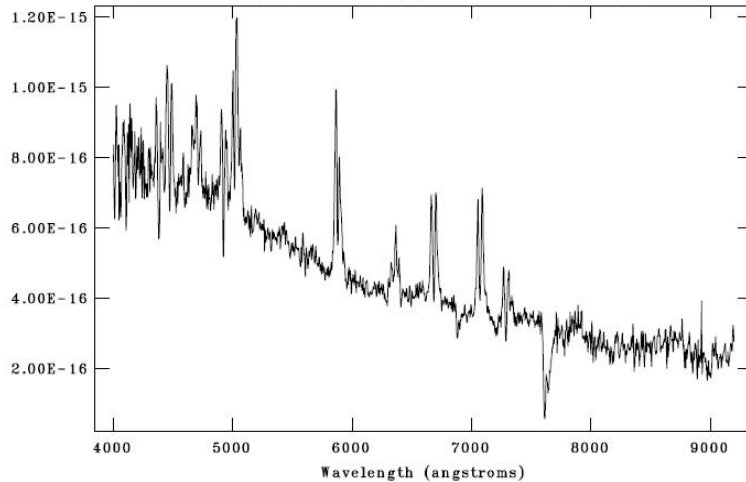
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The observations span 88 min. The movie has been sped up by a factor 250, so that the whole clip lasts only 21 seconds.

The data were taken at Loiano Observatory on 2014/10/24

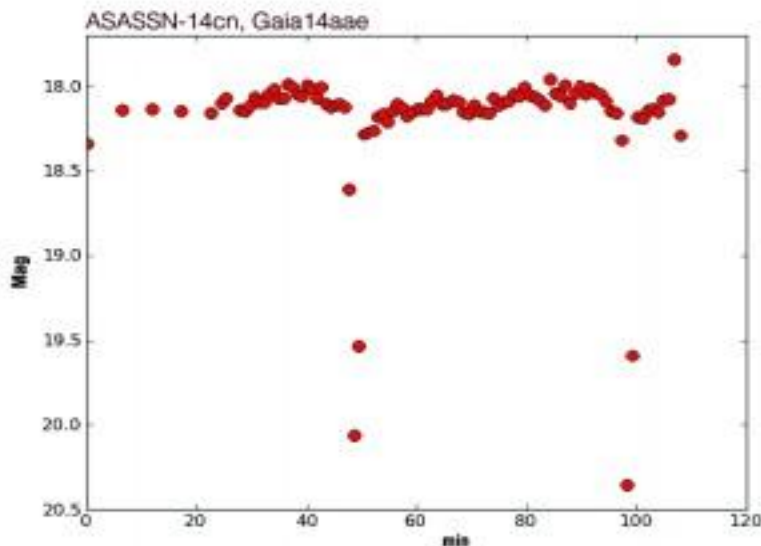
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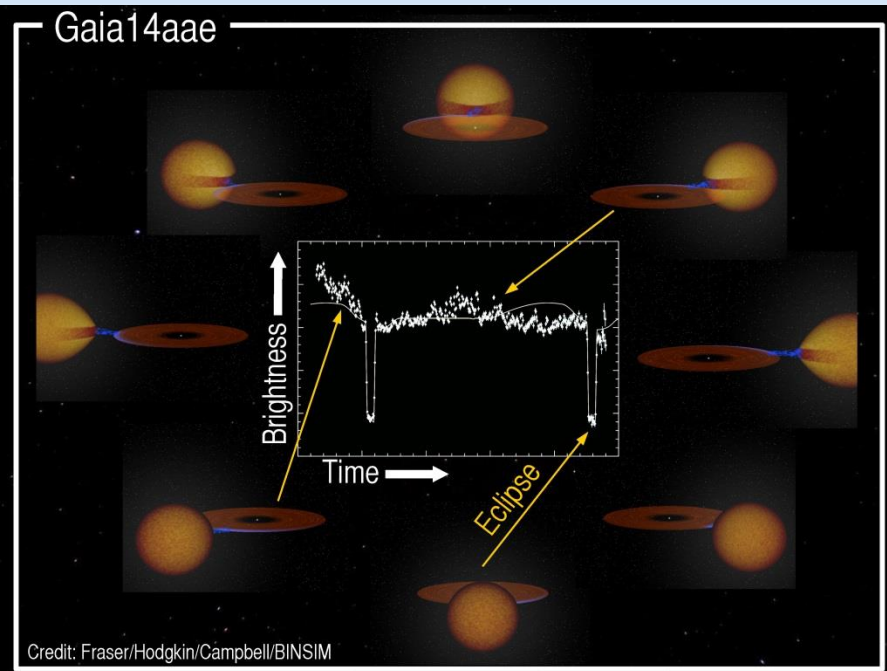


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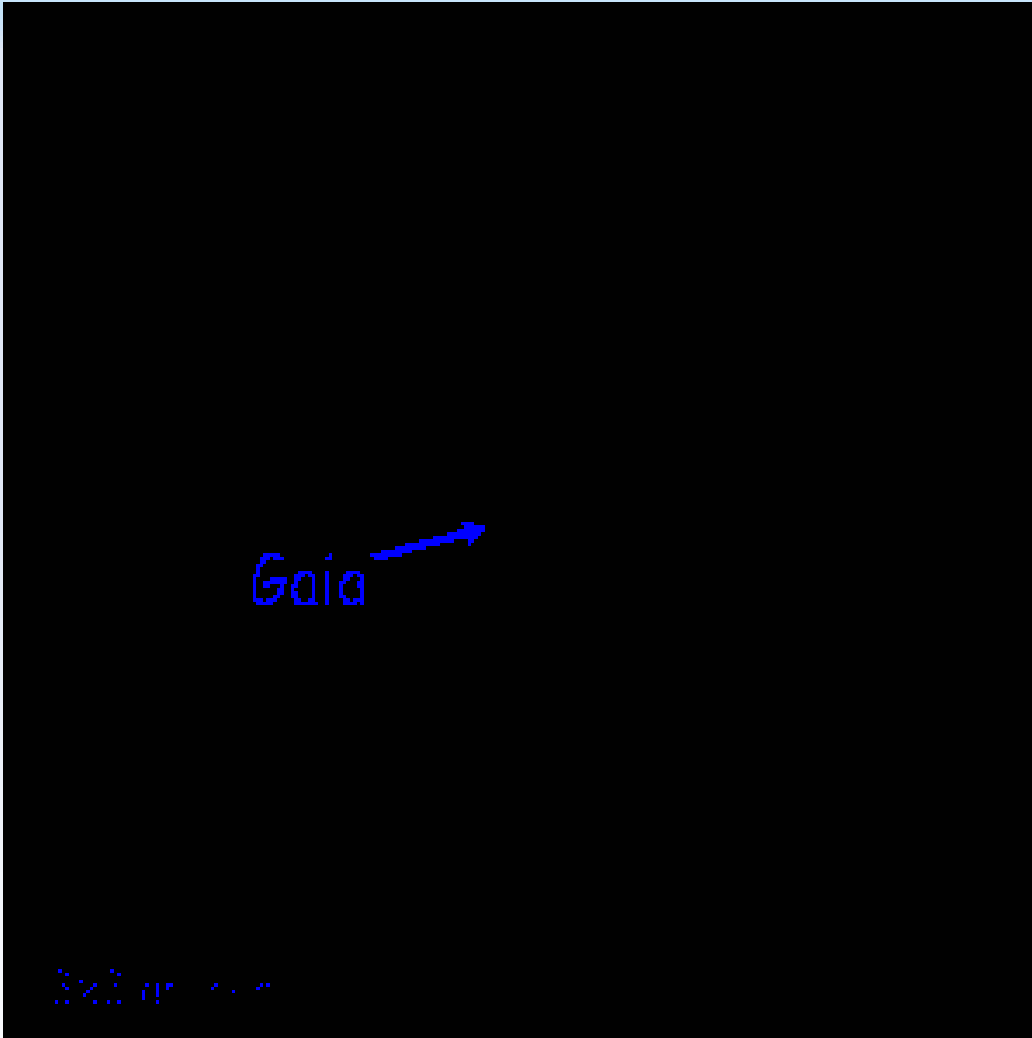
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**Gaia Image of the Week**  
**01 Dec 2014**

[www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/iow\\_20150717](http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/iow_20150717)



# Gaia imaging...from Loiano



Gaia Image of the Week

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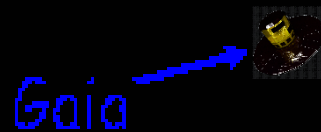
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Gaia (R~21) observed with  
BFOSC@1.52m G.D. Cassini  
telescope at Loiano Observatory,  
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*“Optical tracking of deep-space  
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Galletti, 2016, accepted by Advances  
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Thanks for your  
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Stefano Di Matteo