

Stellar variability - I

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Plan

An other high level introduction on Gaia

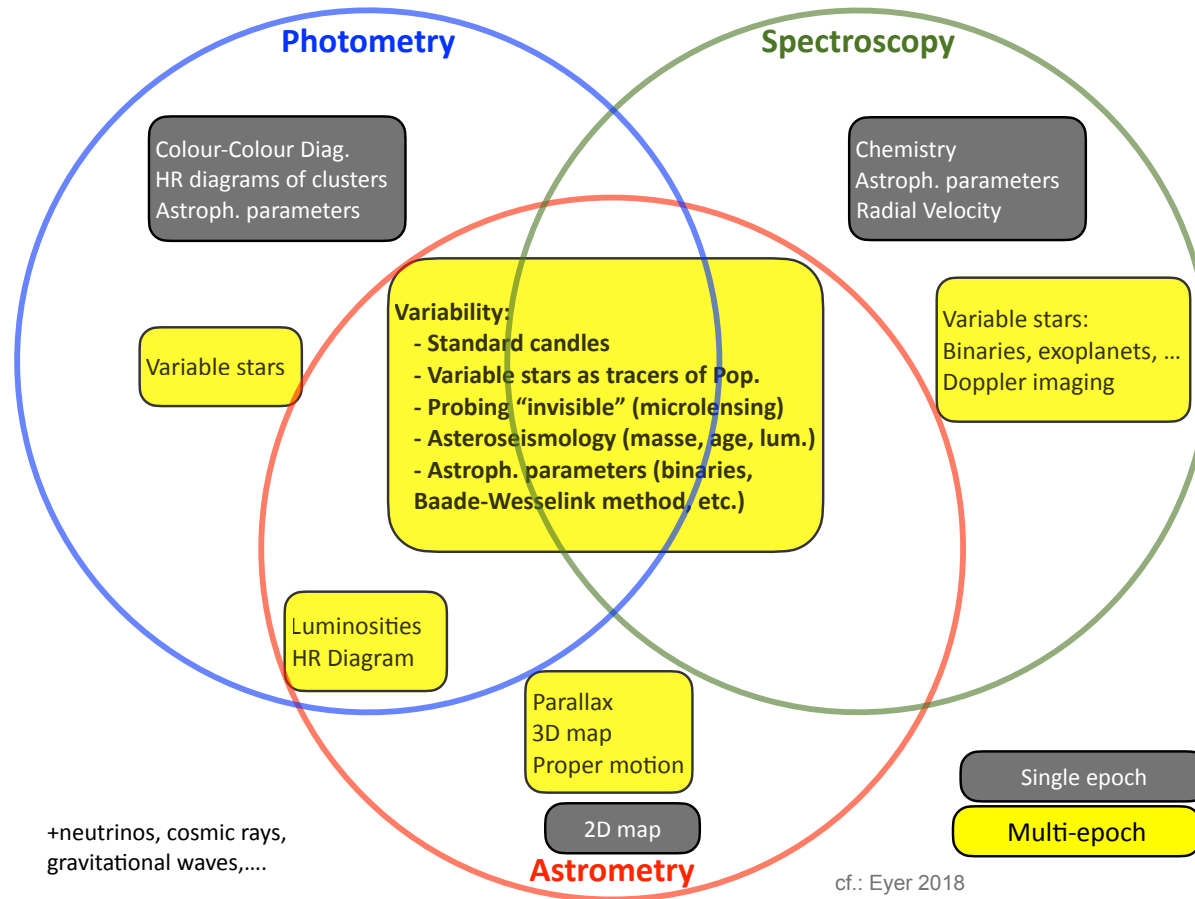
Variability in celestial objects

Variability analysis by the Gaia consortium

Gaia Citizen Science project

An other high level introduction on Gaia

Introduction: Observations in Astronomy



Booming era of optical surveys

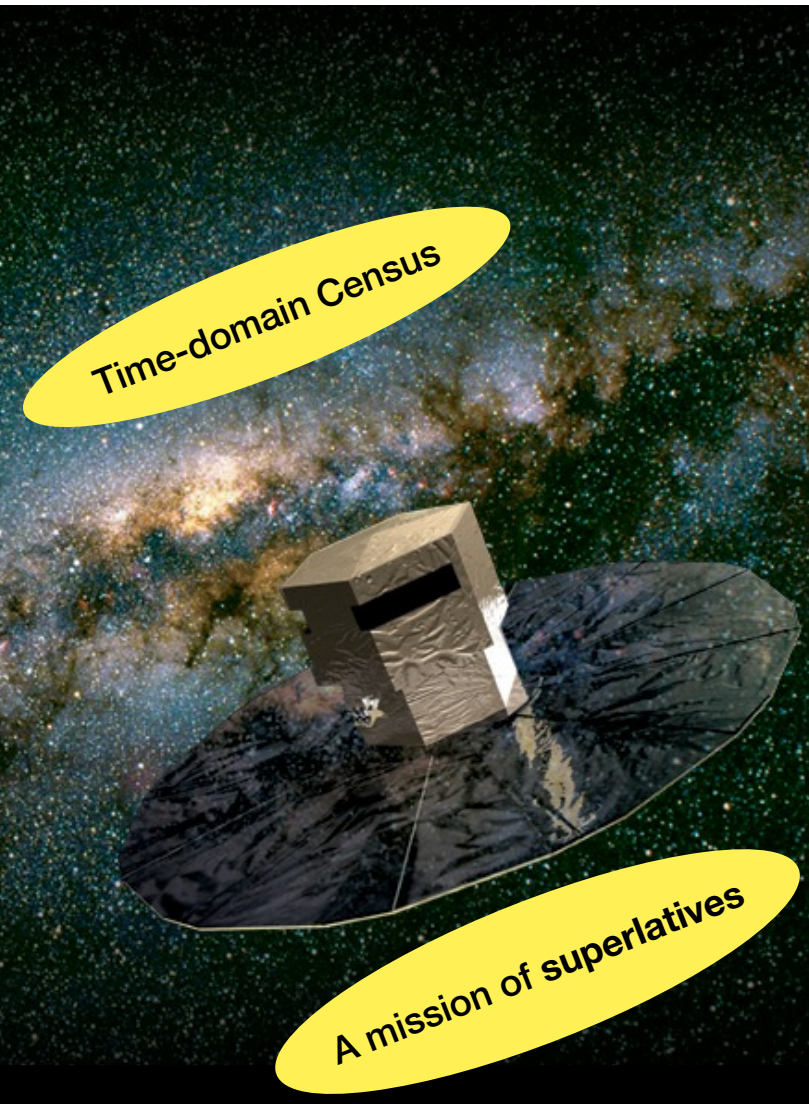
Ground based

- **Very Large Scale surveys:** **LSST**, PanSTARRS, VVV
- **Microlensing:** **OGLE**, MACHO, EROS
- **Planetary transits:** OGLE-III, **HAT**, SuperWasp, TrES
- **Observations of clusters/galaxies:** ... Geneva open cluster survey, many ...
- ASAS, SkyMapper, Fly's Eye
- **Transients:** ROTSE, NSVS, PTF, **Catalina**, **ZTF**
- **Asteroids:** **LINEAR**, ATLAS, LONEOS
- **Multi-site observations:** DSN (Delta Scuti Network), WET, SONG (Doppler-velocity obs.), ...
- **Antarctica:** SIAMOIS, ICE-T, ASTEP, ...
- **Cosmology:** **SDSS**

Space

- **Hipparcos** (ESA)
- **Gaia** (ESA)
- JASMINE (Japan)
- **COROT** (CNES/ESA)
- **Kepler** (NASA)
- **TESS** (NASA)
- PLATO (ESA)
- WIRE (NASA)
- MOST (Canada)
- BRITe (Canada+Austria+Poland)
- CHEOPS (ESA)

The Gaia mission: a **systematic multi-epoch survey**



- A “cornerstone” mission of the European Space Agency
- Observations of **all the objects** brighter than $G=20.7$ (**> 2 billion sources**)
- Measurements of:
 - **positions** (astrometry)
 - **brightness, colours** (spectro-photometry)
 - **radial velocities** (spectroscopy) > 100 million stars
- Launch (Soyuz rocket): December 19 2013
- End of data acquisition: 2025 (no ore cold gas)
- For a 10-year mission, on average
 - **140** times in each of the 9 CCDs (band G), and each BP and RP CCD
 - **80** times in the Radial Velocities Spectrometer Instrument
- The data is public through the “Data Releases”
 - DR4 & DR5: 2025 & 2030 respectively

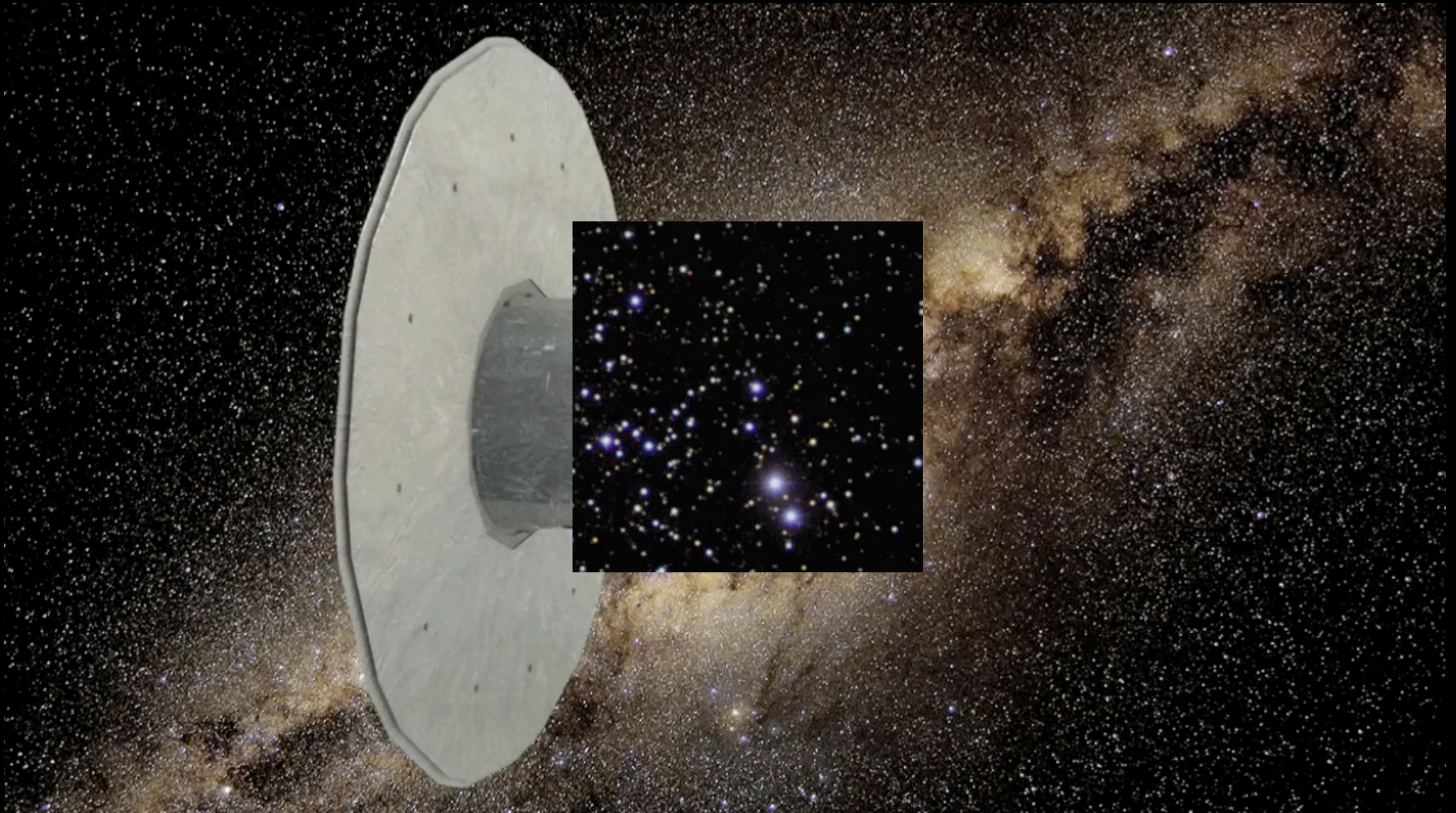
Gaia spacecraft



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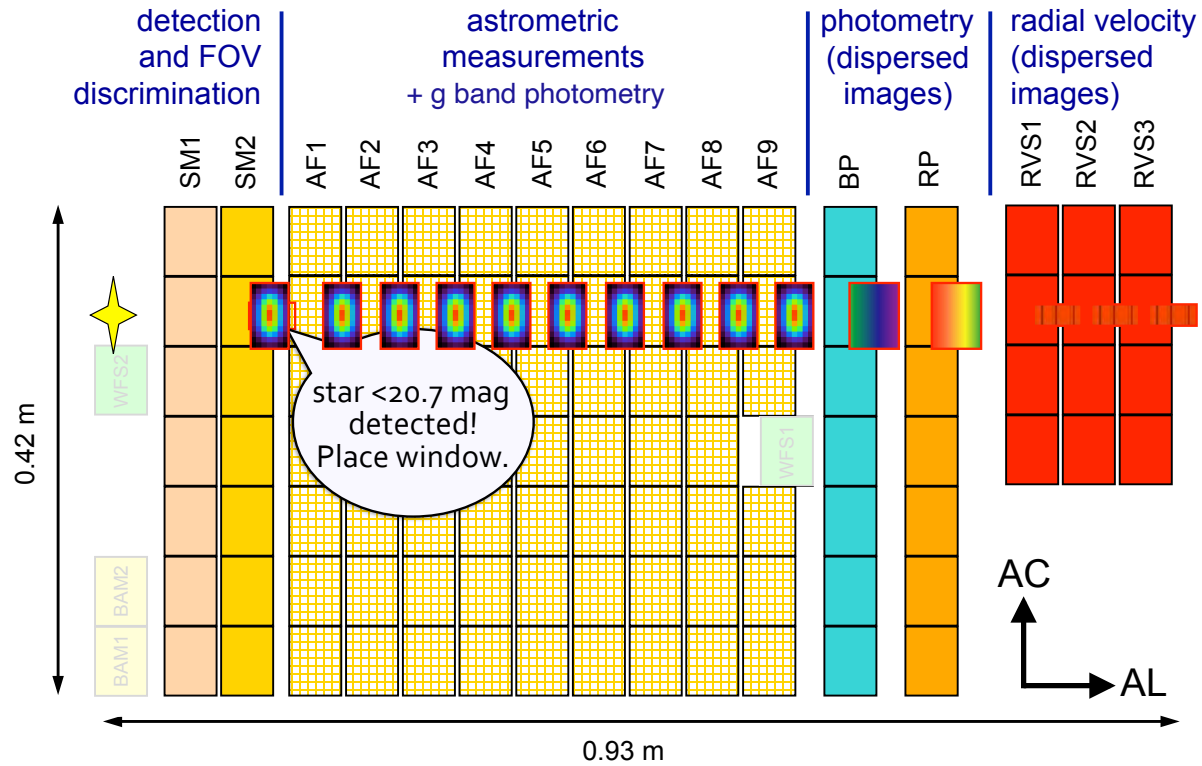
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Gaia continuously scans the sky (rotation period of 6 hours)



Gaia Focal plane

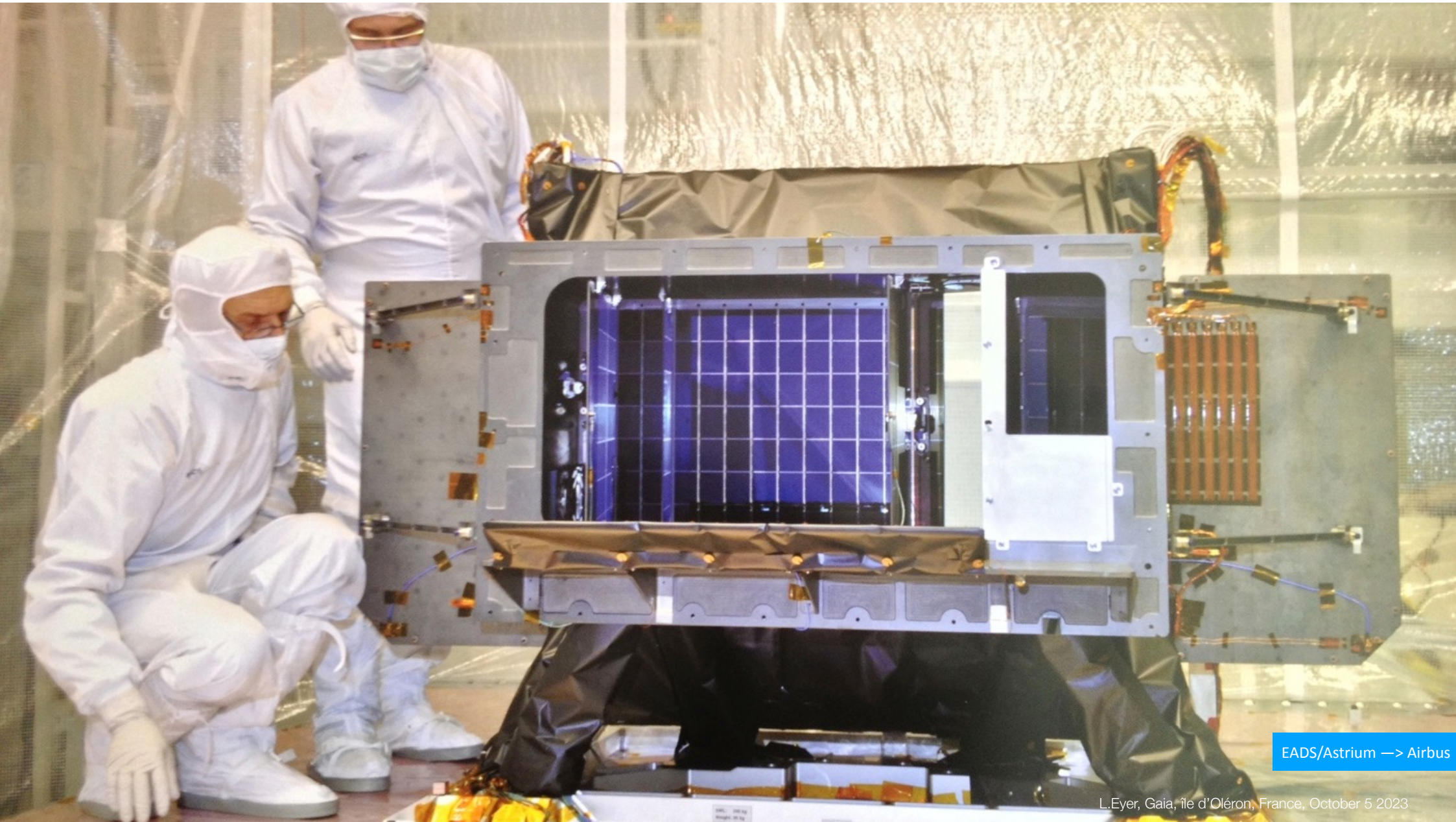
106 CCDs: 938 million pixels (still? the largest CCD camera in Space)



Gaia FoV: 0.7 deg x 0.7 deg
 pixel: 0.059"(AL) x 0.177"(AC)

Courtesy of B.Holl

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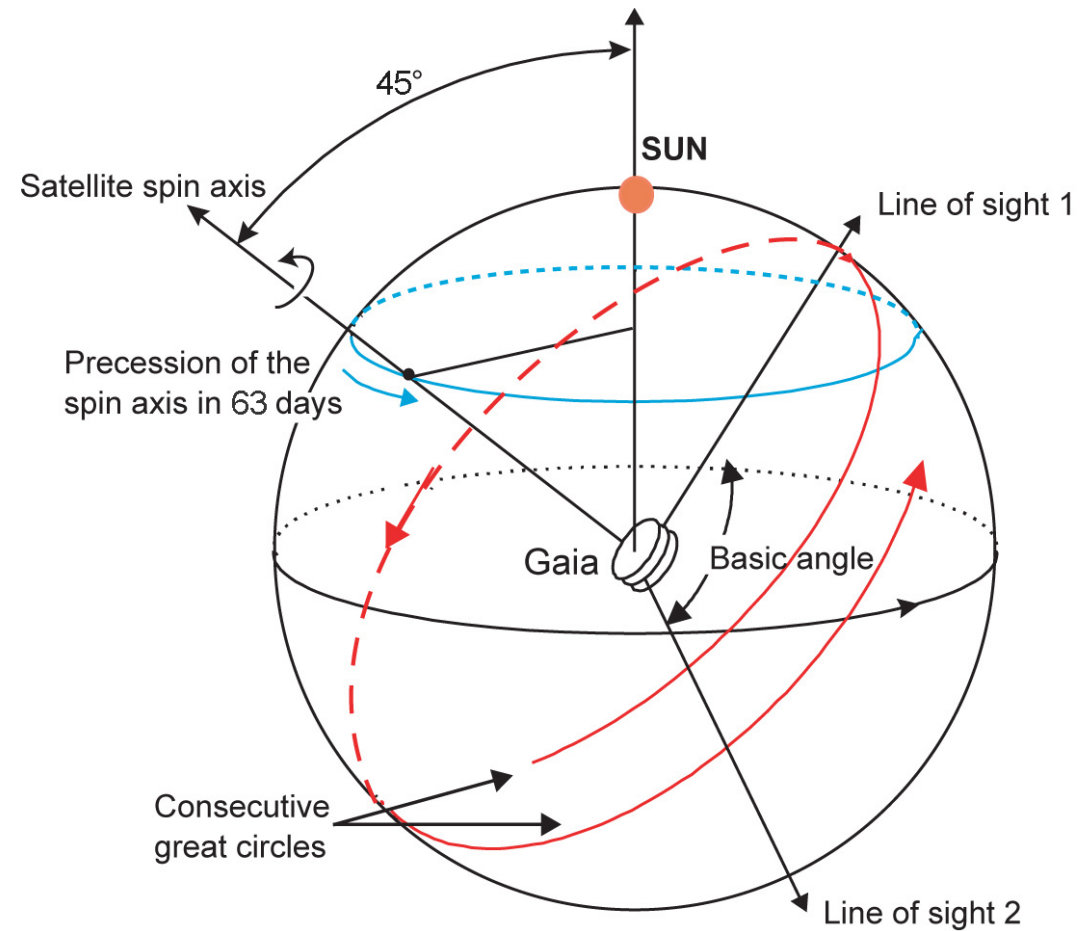


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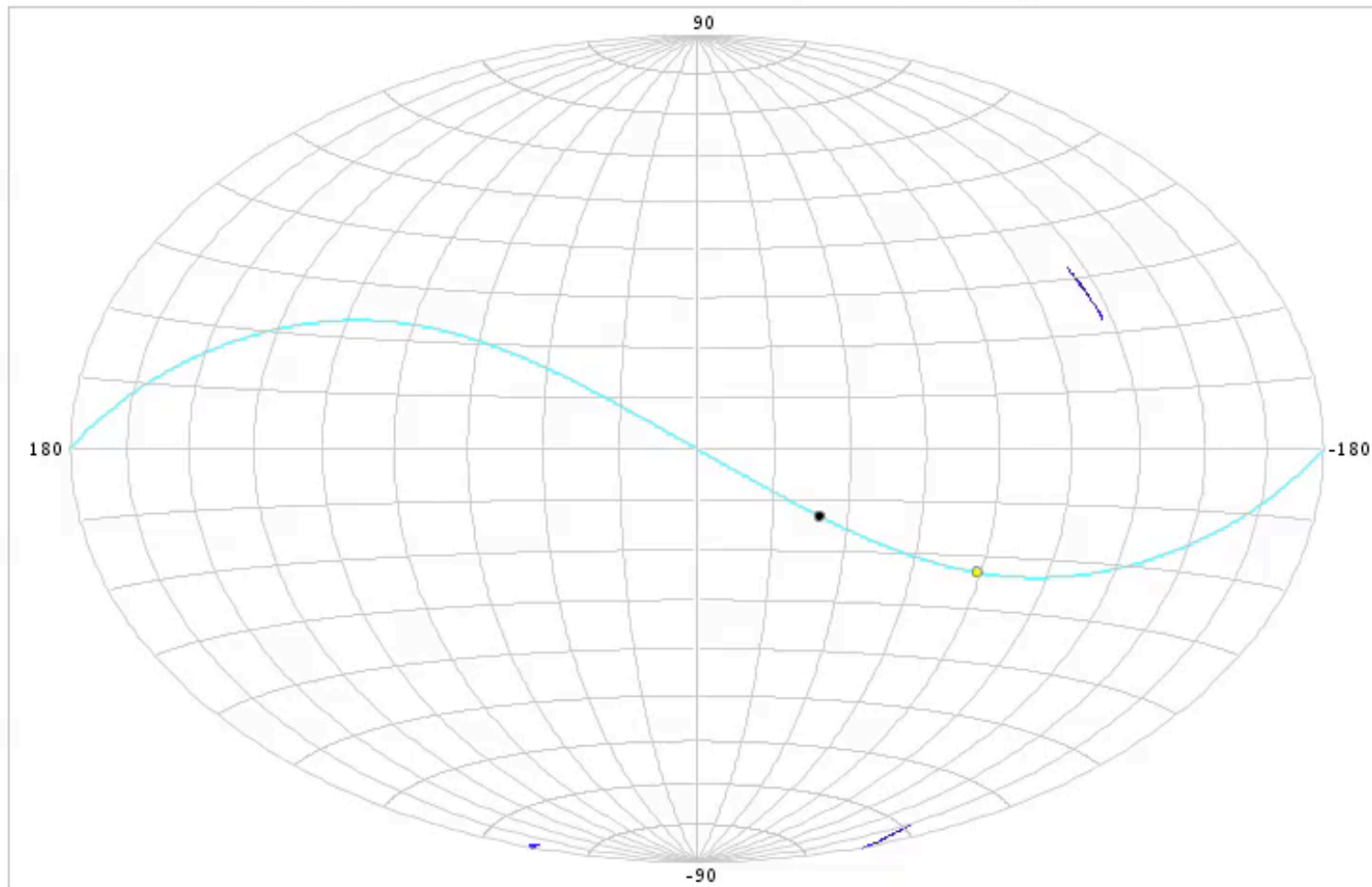
The Gaia mission sampling properties

- Rotation of the satellite 6 hours, precession in 63 days
- From Line of sight “1” to “2”: 1h46
- From Line of sight “2” to “1”: 4h14
- Gaps of about 30 days



Projection Aitoff du nombre de mesures

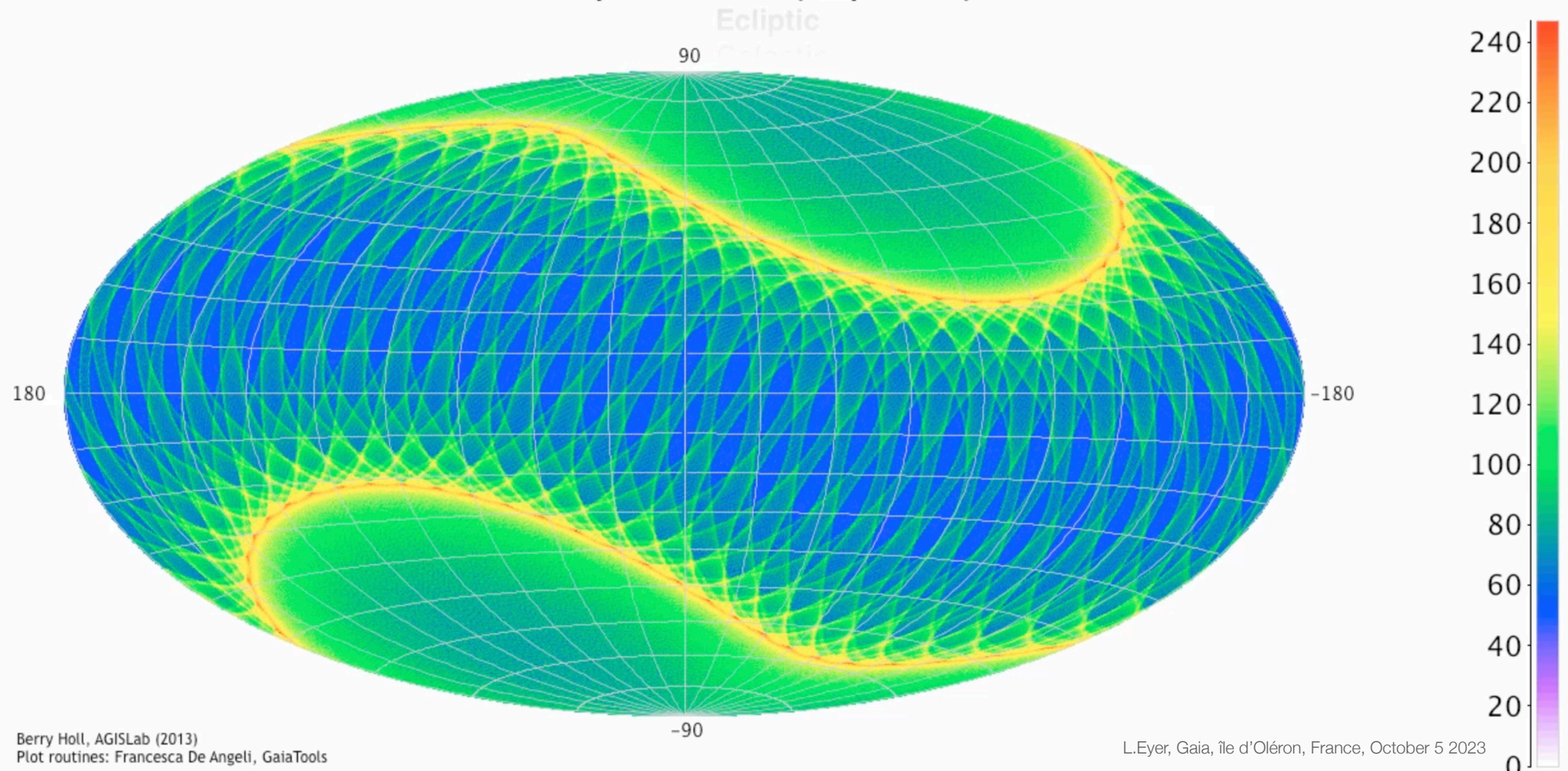
NSL field transits in ICRS after: 0 years 000 days 00 hr 10 min



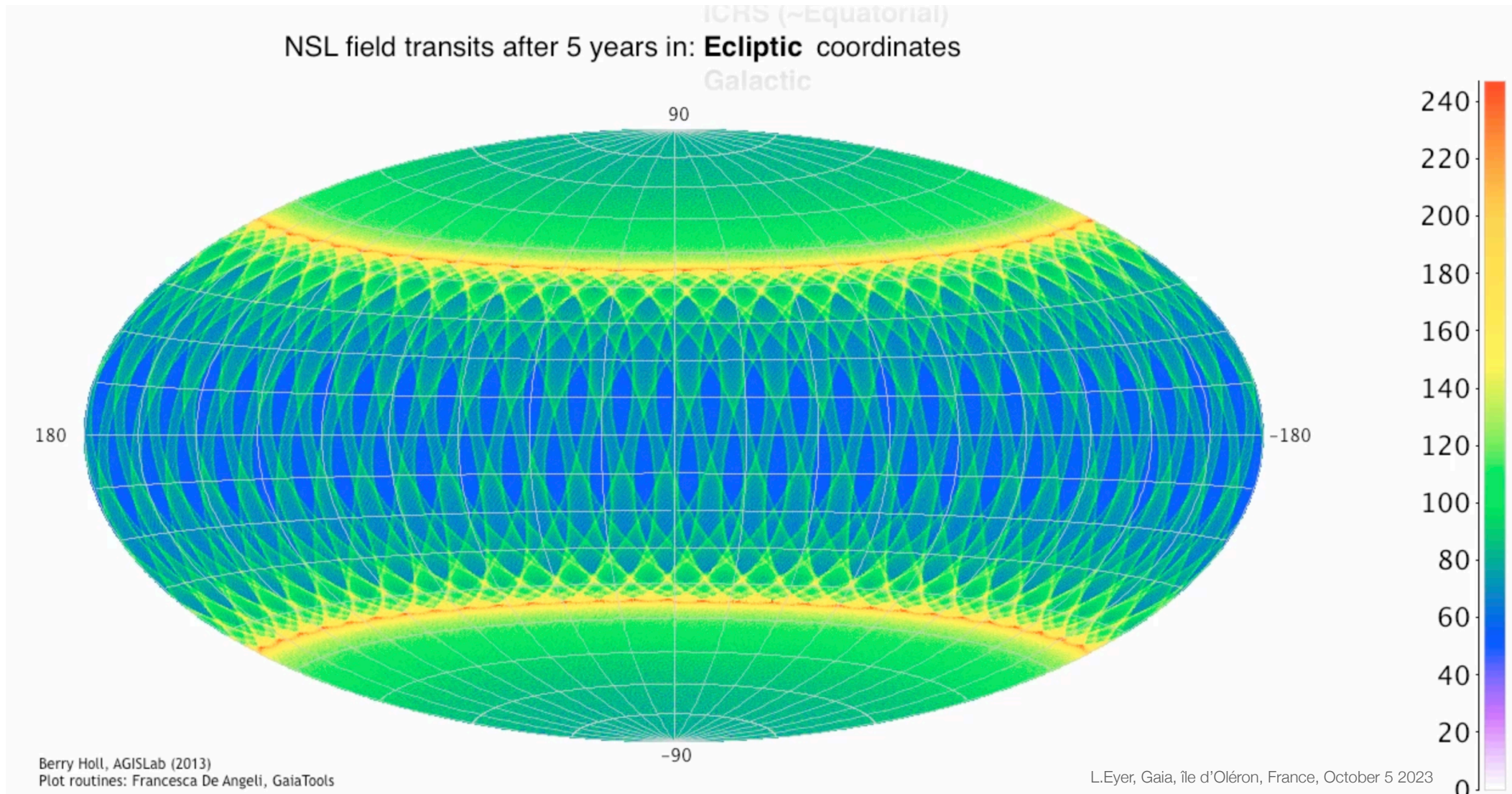
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Gaia Nominal Scanning Law: Number of measurement

NSL field transits after 5 years in: **ICRS (~Equatorial)** coordinates

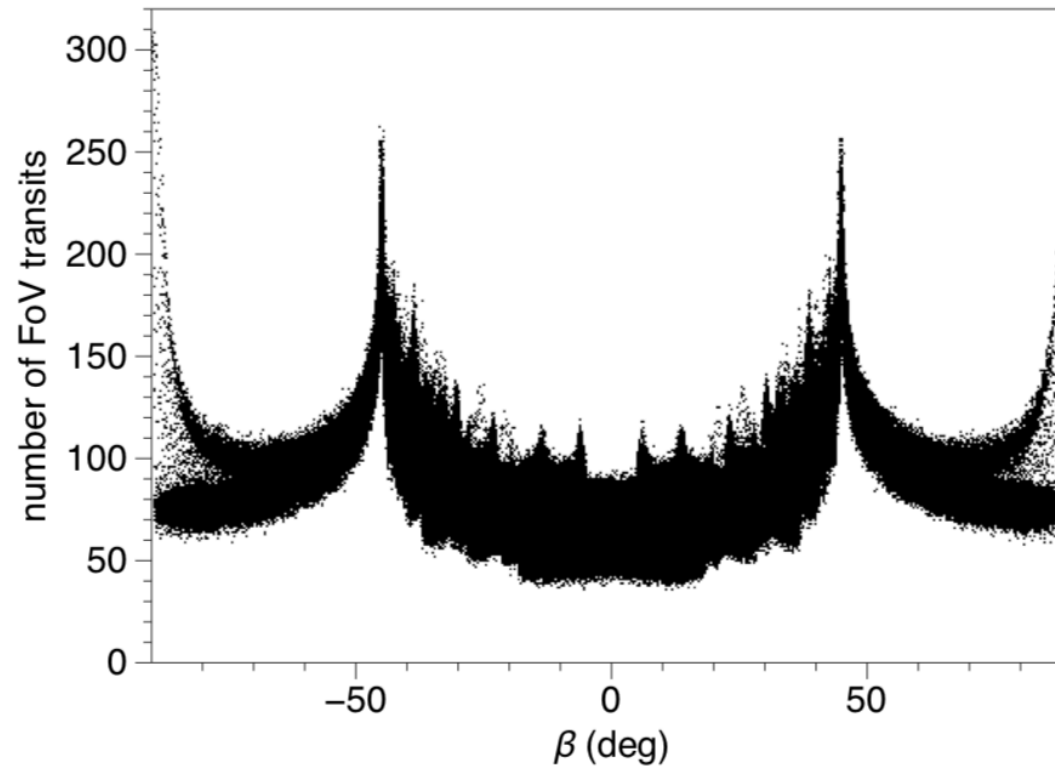


Gaia Nominal Scanning Law: Number of measurement



Gaia Nominal Scanning Law: Number of measurement

Mean of 86 Field of View transits
for a 5 year mission



Eyer et al 2017

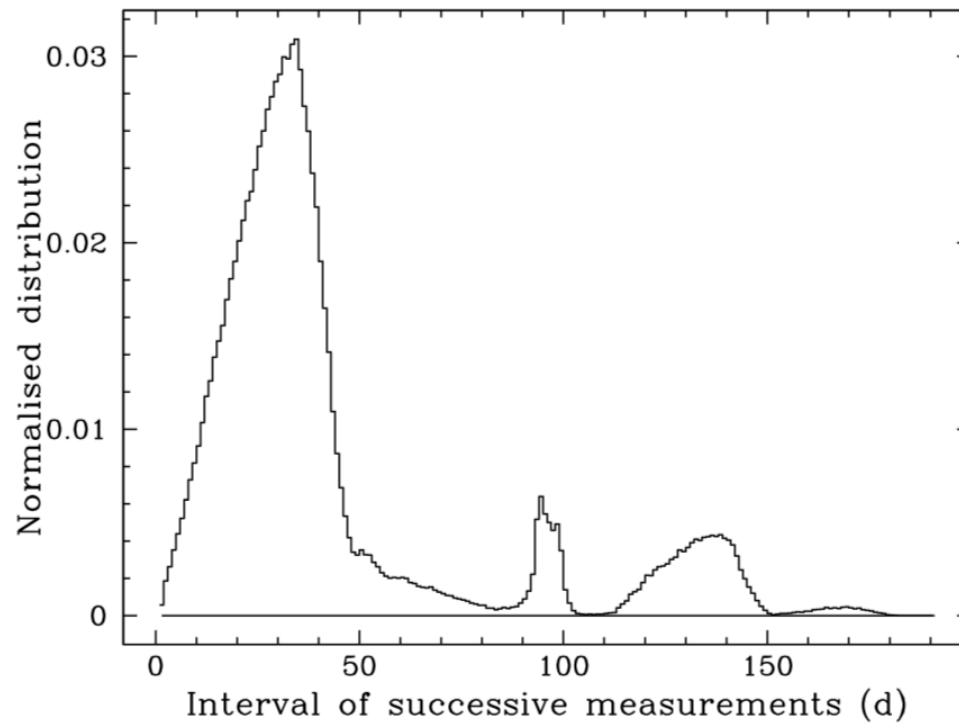
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Gaia Nominal Scanning Law: Sampling

Probed time intervals

4.5 seconds to the minute

1h46, 4h14, ... 6h to few days



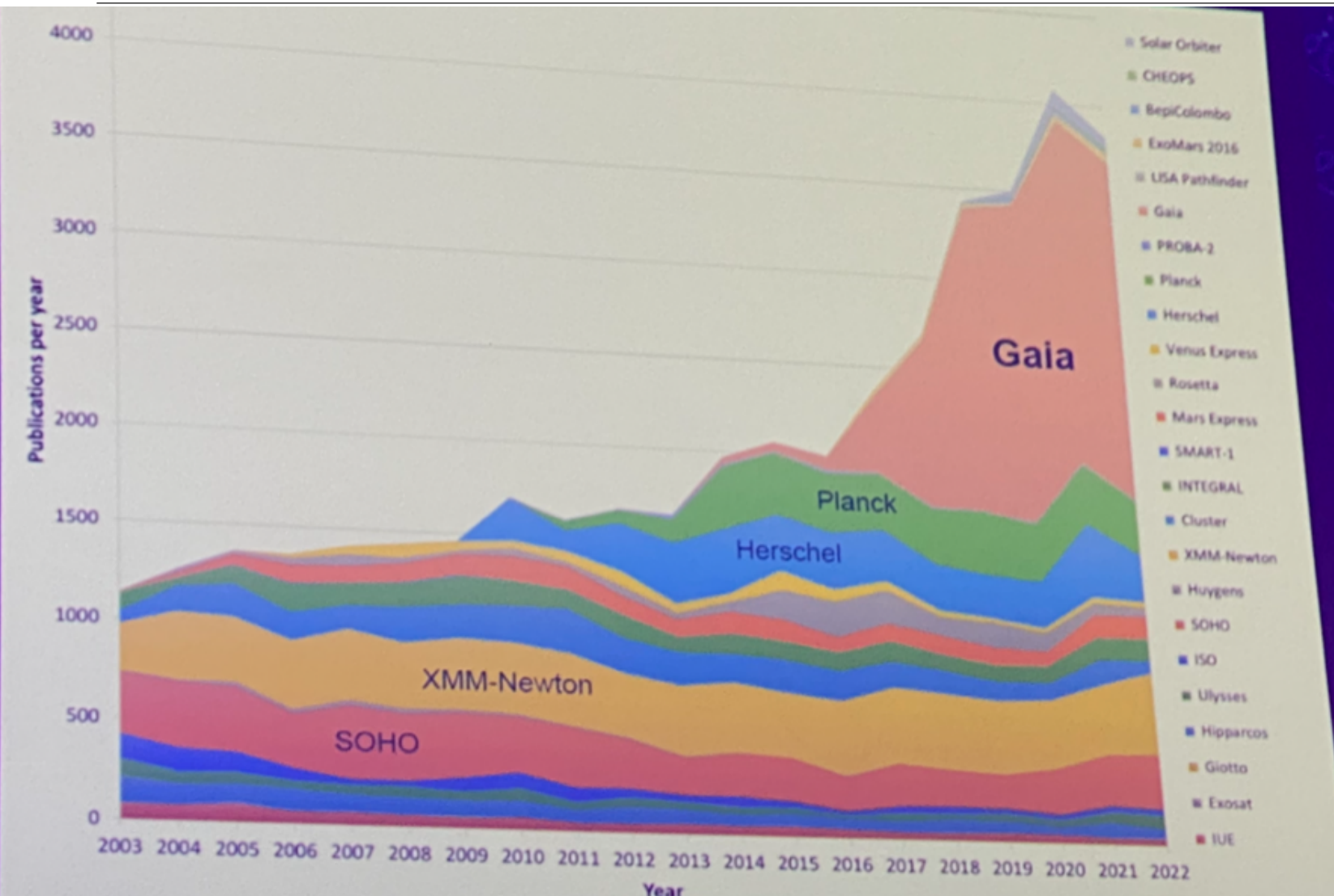
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Why is Gaia so outstanding?

- An **unprecedented astrometry** (positions, parallaxes, proper motions) for so many stars
- **Three instruments** (astrometry, [spectro-]photometry, spectroscopy) on the same platform
- Quasi-**simultaneous** measurements
- **Multi-epoch** measurements of the entire sky
- Number of measurements (big data, for DR3 - 34 months - nearly **1 trillion CCD** measurements)
- Time base of **10 years** (if all is going well) - Frequency precision is very high for periodic objects
- High **dynamical range** from the brightest sources ($G \sim 1.7$ in DR3) to magnitude $G \sim 21$
- The time-domain **selection function** can be determined
- Gaia is **in space** (some stability and whole celestial sphere accessible from one platform)
- Cyclic improvements of **systematic data analyses** (more data, better calibrations, better detection of outliers and enhancement of problems identification)

ESA missions and their publications per year



Presented at EAS 2023 (Krakow)
by Kissler-Patig

Gaia is “astrometry”

In Gaia third data release

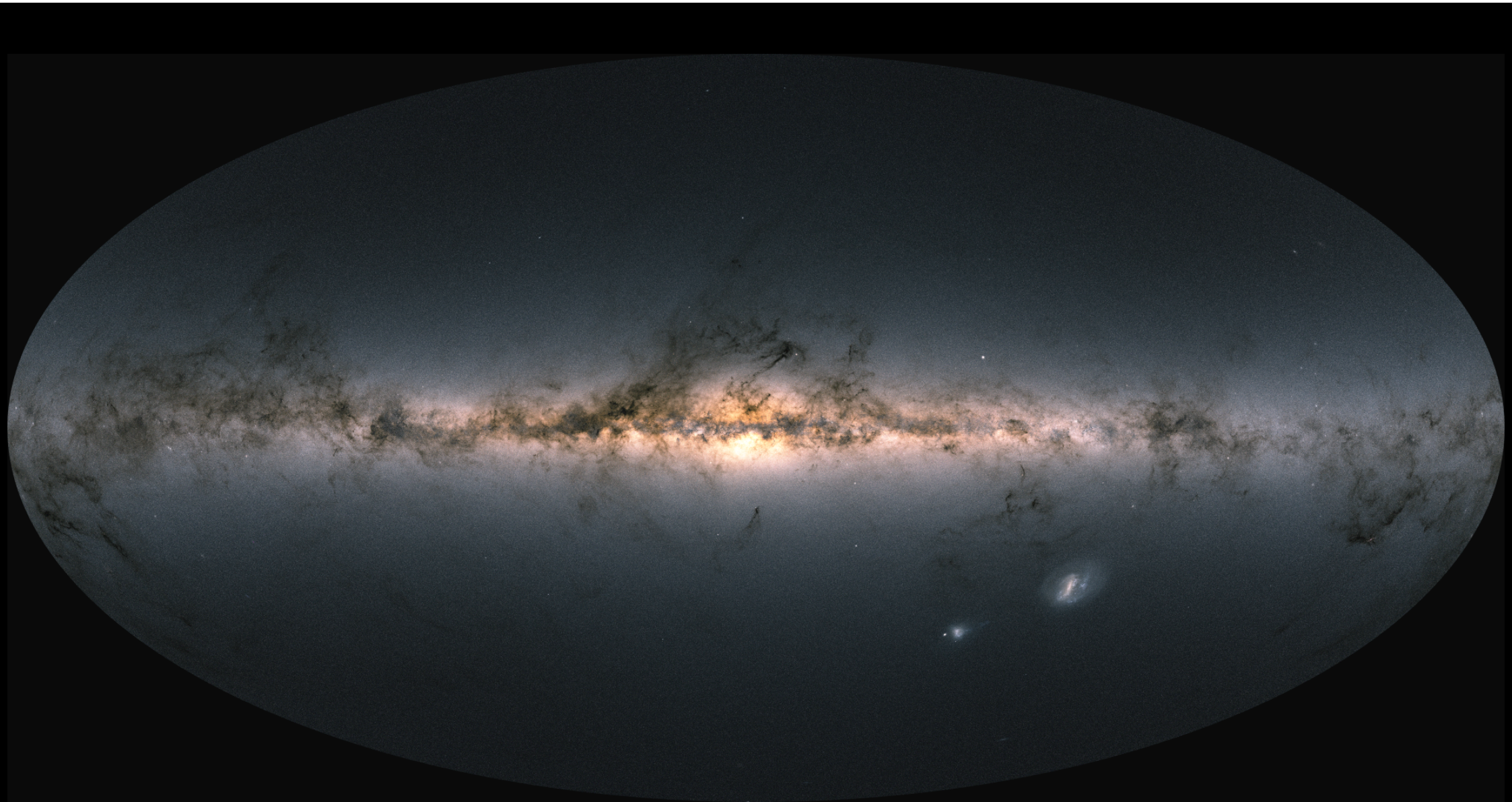
1.8 billion sources with positions

Multi epoch

1.5 billion sources with parallaxes and proper motions

169,227 astrometric non single stars

Black hole detection: Gaia BH1, Gaia BH2 (El Badry 2023a,b)



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Gaia is “photometry”

In Gaia third data release

1.8 billion in G band

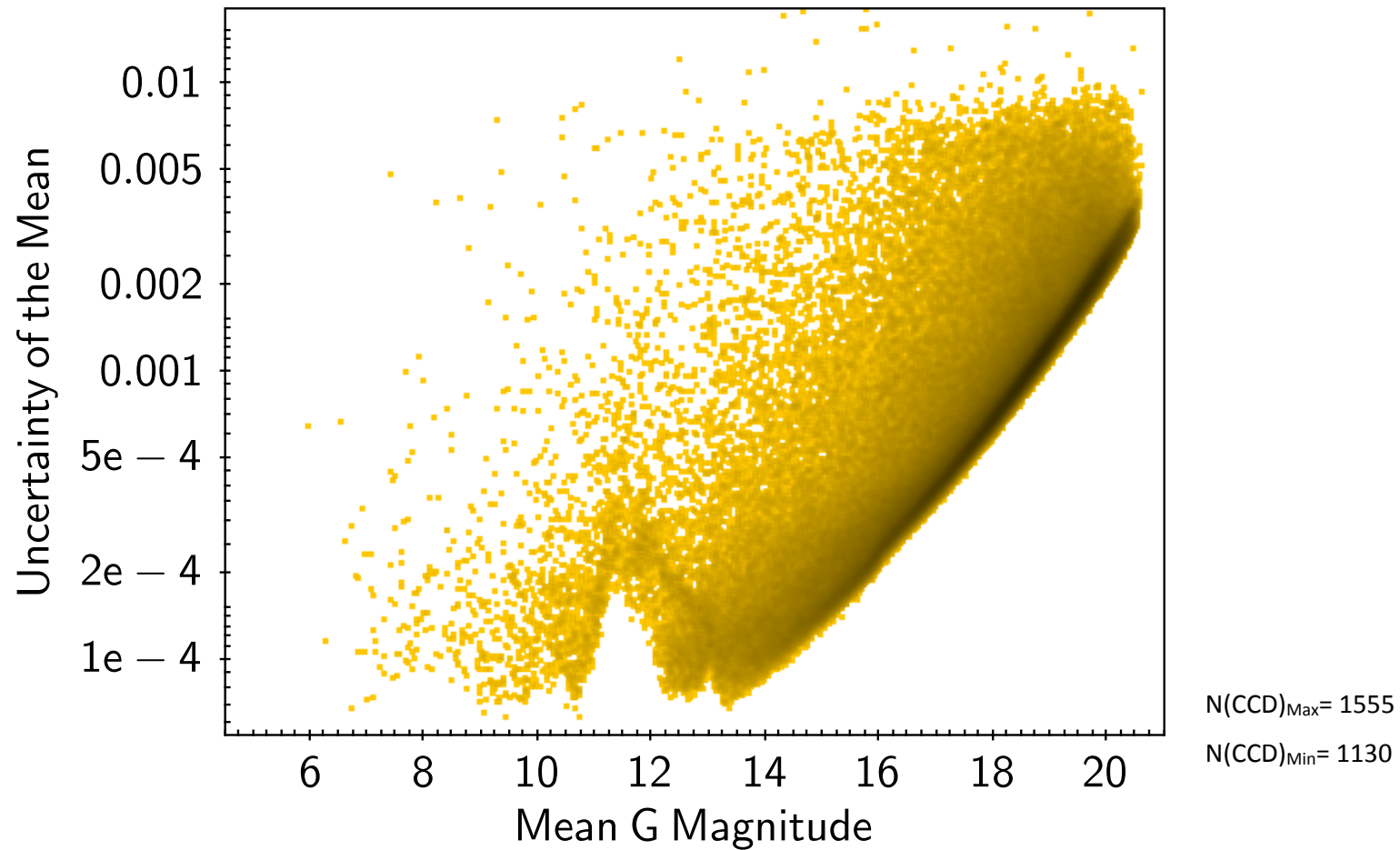
1.5 billion sources with BP and RP

Multi epoch

10.5 million classified variable sources

2.5 million galaxies (from spurious effect in the photometry)

The photometric precision on the G-band mean for DR3



Selection of 1/2 million sources with highest number of measurements and $|\text{ecliptic latitude}| < 60$

Gaia is “spectrophotometry”

In Gaia third data release

470 million astrophysical parameters (Temperature, mass, age, metallicity)

220 million low resolution spectra

Multi epoch

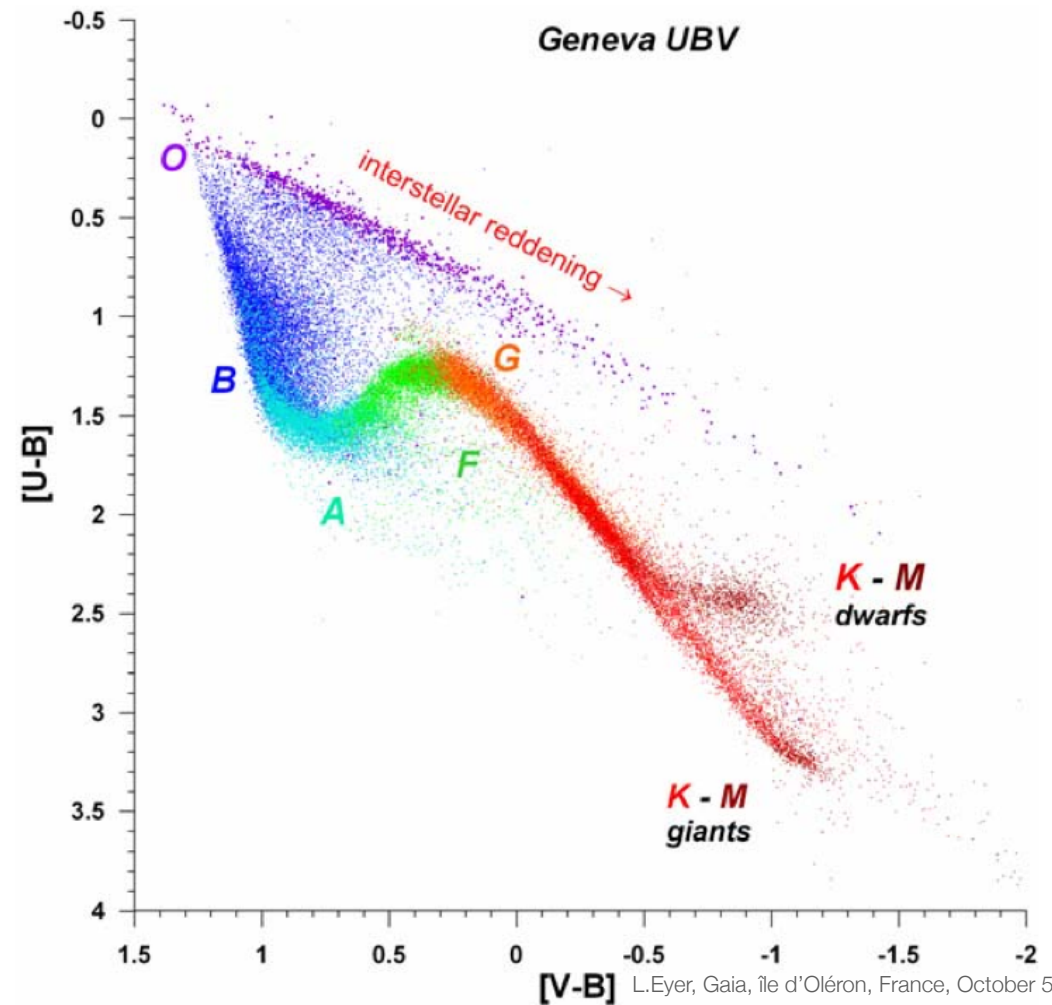
1.7 million Long Period Variables

546,468 Carbon rich star classification

Colour-colour diagram: Geneva Photometry

The HR diagram of the “poor”

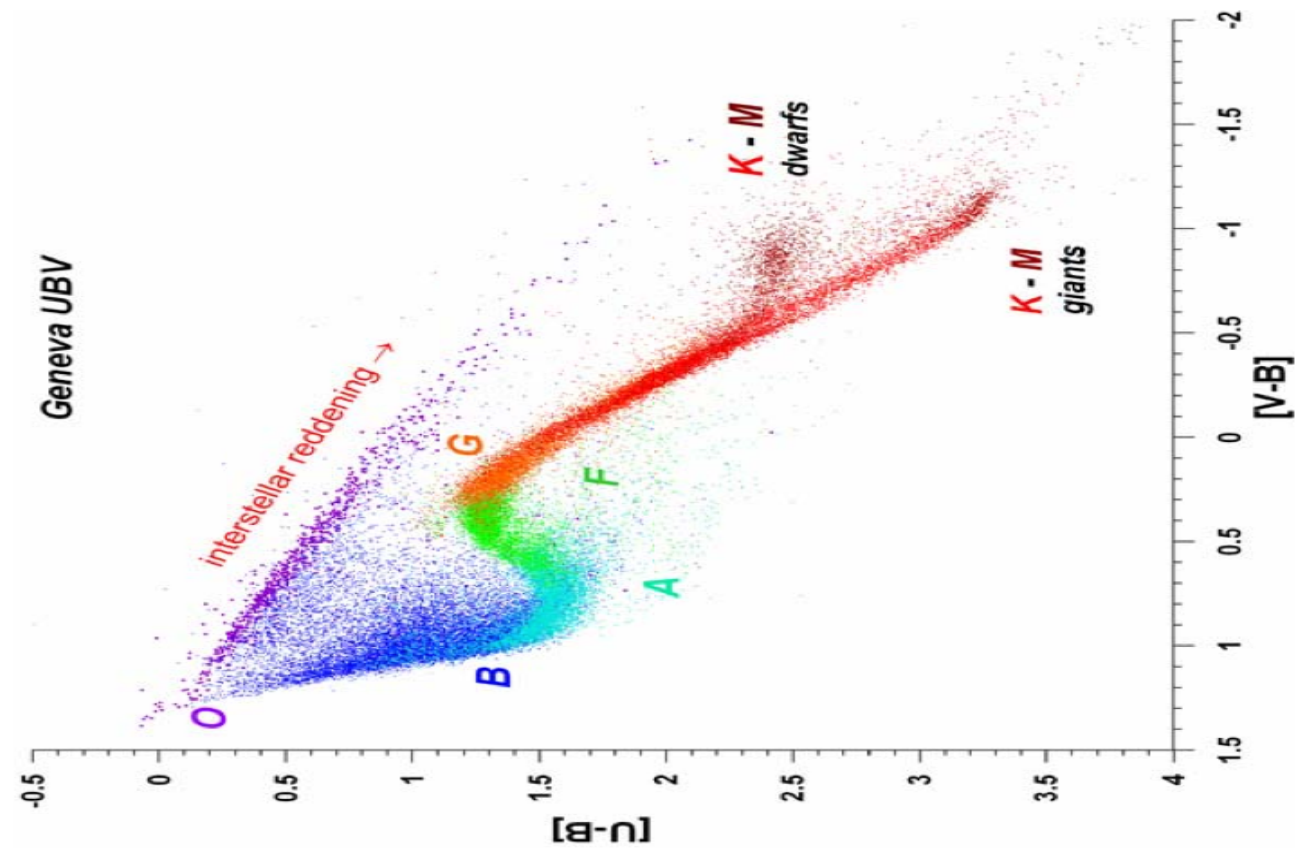
50'000 stars
396'000 measurements



Credit: Cramer 1994

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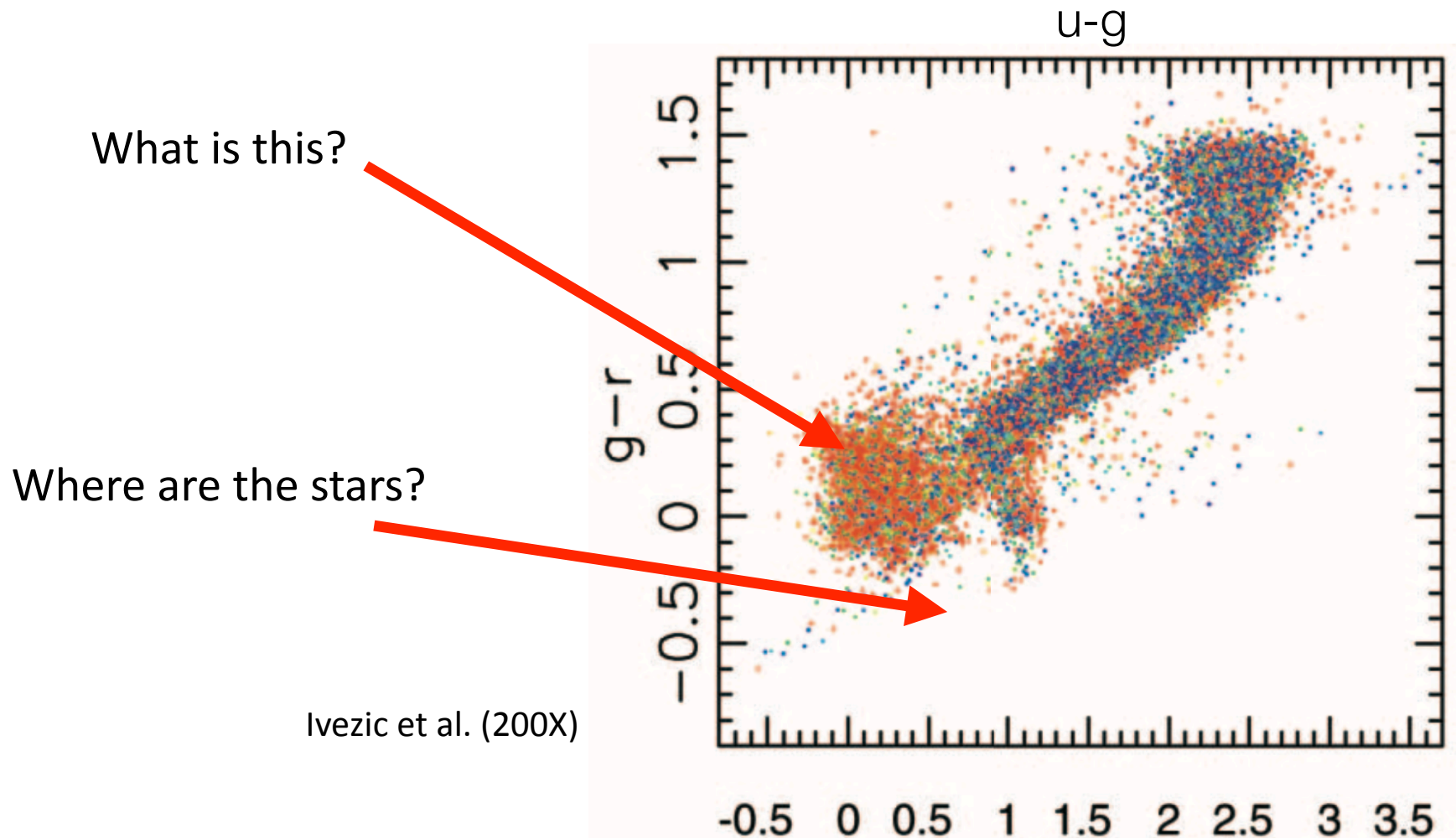
Colour-colour diagram: Geneva Photometry



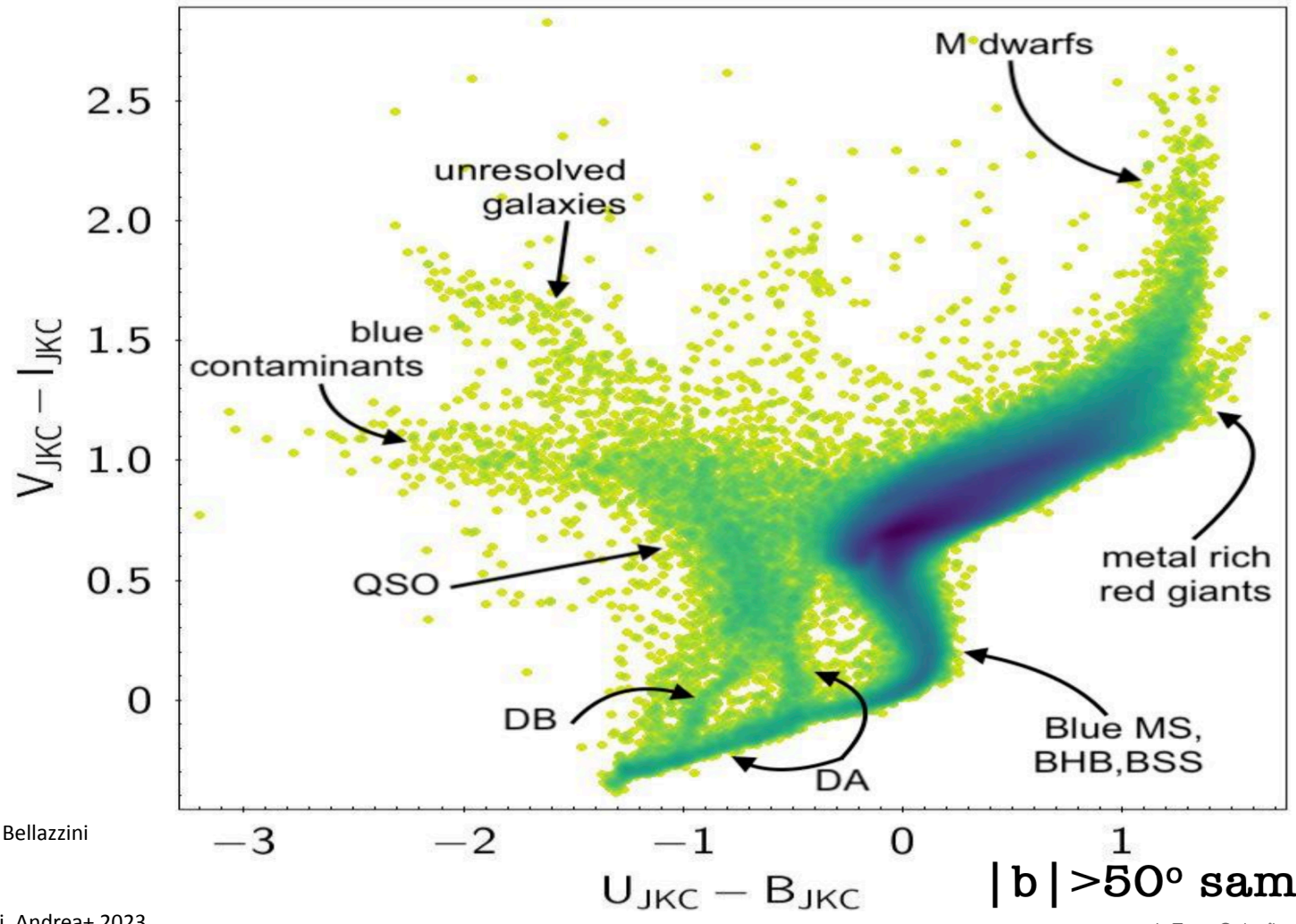
Credit: Cra

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Colour-colour diagram: Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)



BP/RP spectra can be used to derive pseudo bands



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$|b| > 50^\circ$ sample

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Gaia is “spectroscopy” and “radial velocities”

In Gaia third data release

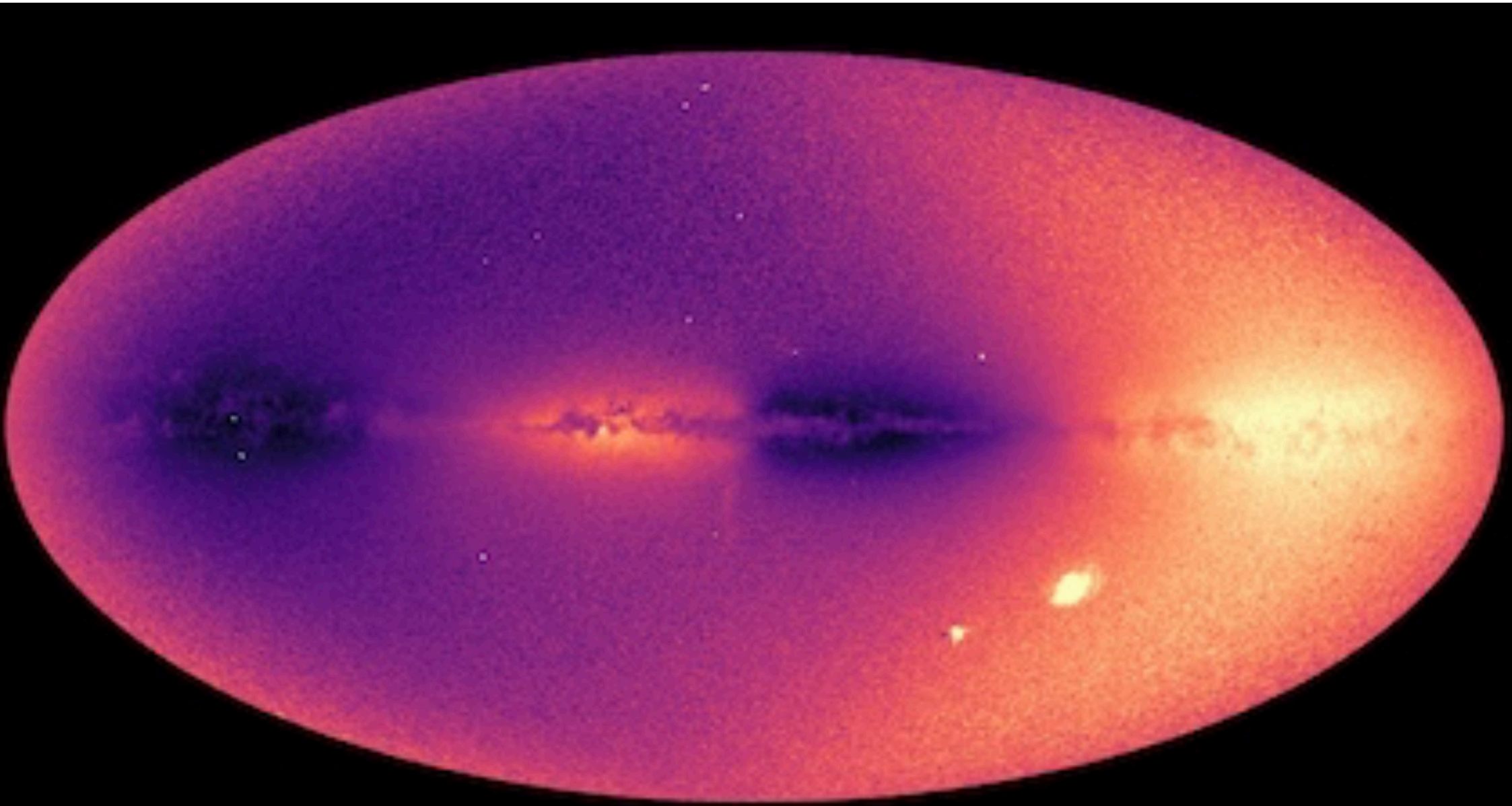
- 33 million radial velocities
- 5.6 million astrophysical parameters
- 2.5 million chemical compositions
- 1 million spectra published

Multi epoch

186,905 Spectroscopic binary stars (SB1/SB2)

1,898 Cepheids and RR Lyrae stars with radial velocities

9,614 LPVs with radial velocities time series (focused product release October 10 2023)



Gaia strengths

Large numbers...

but...

... more importantly when the different **time domain** data sets are combined together

especially to decipher the properties of variable sources and binaries...

Questions?

Colour absolute Magnitude Diagram

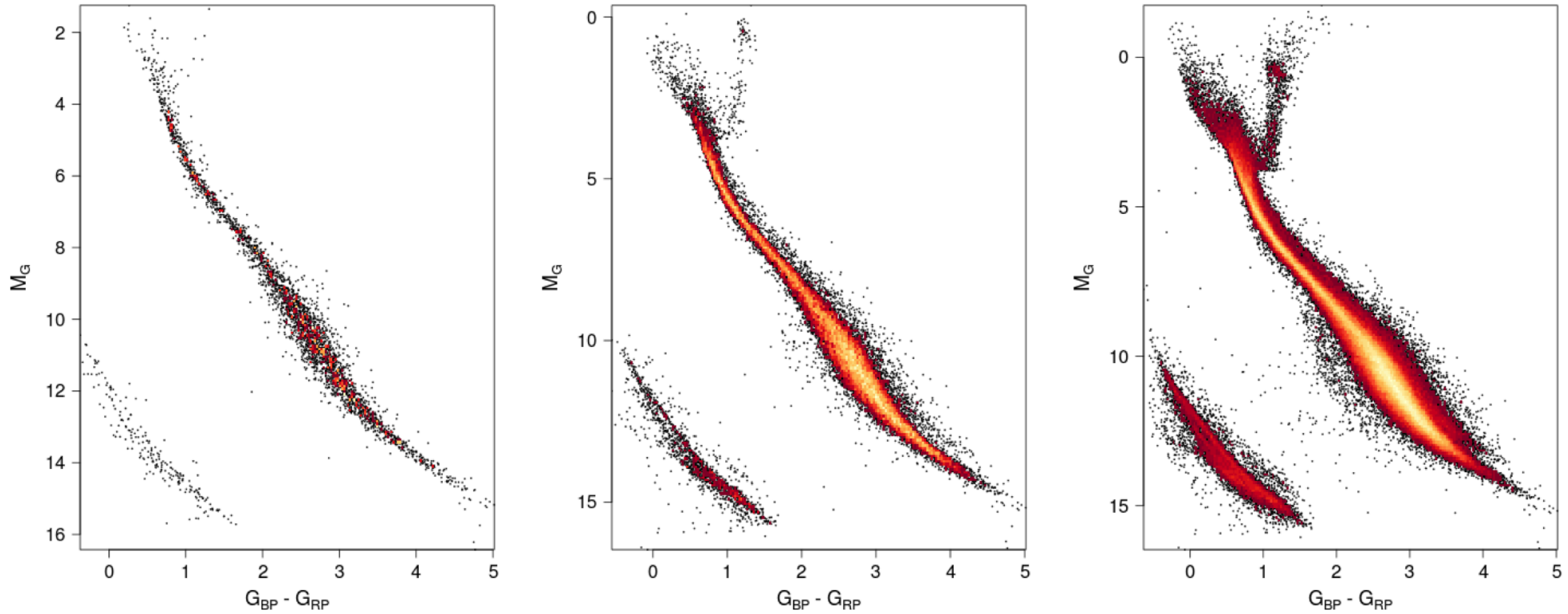
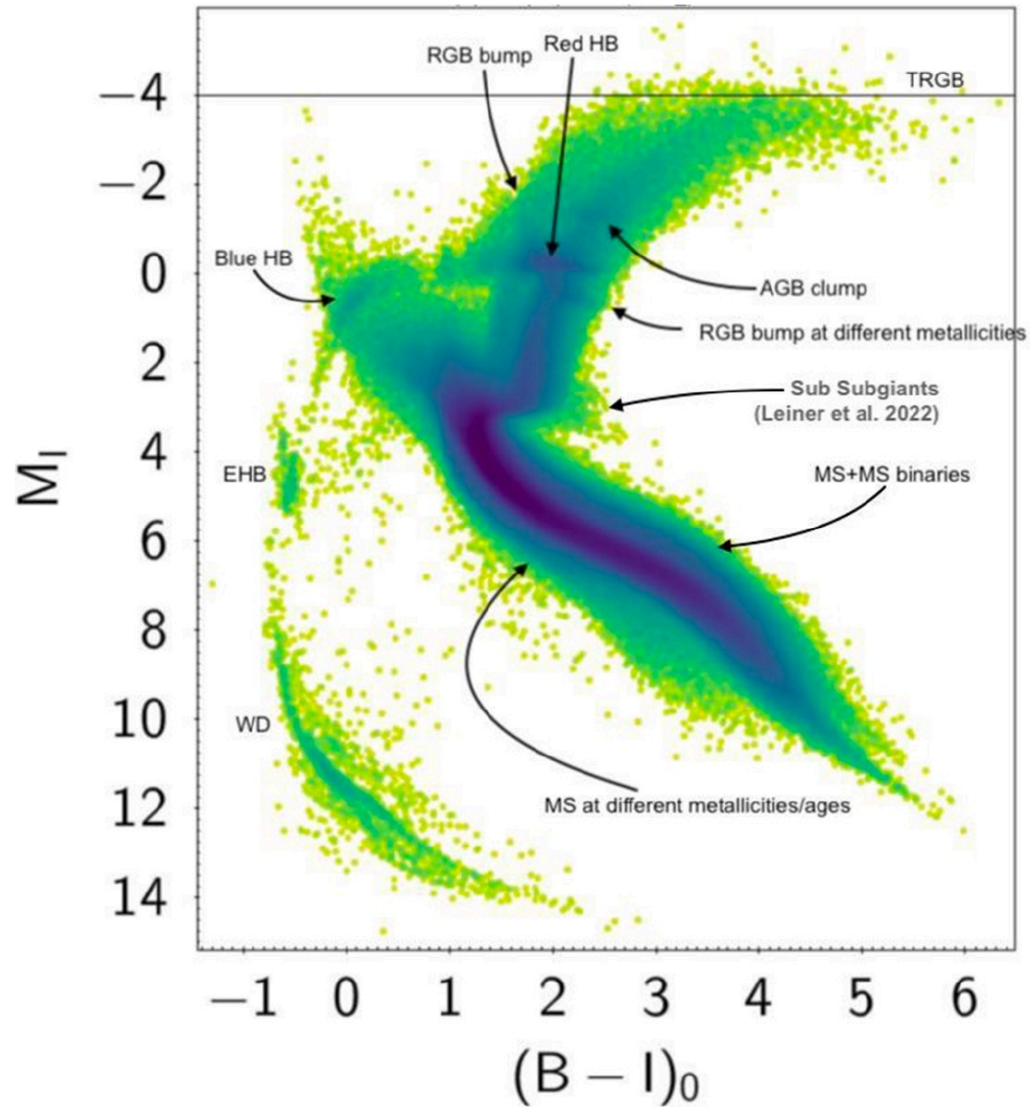


Fig. 6. Solar neighbourhood *Gaia* HRDs for a) $\varpi > 40$ mas (25 pc, 3,724 stars), b) $\varpi > 20$ mas (50 pc, 29,683 stars), and c) $\varpi > 10$ mas (100 pc, 212,728 stars).

Colour absolute Magnitude Diagram

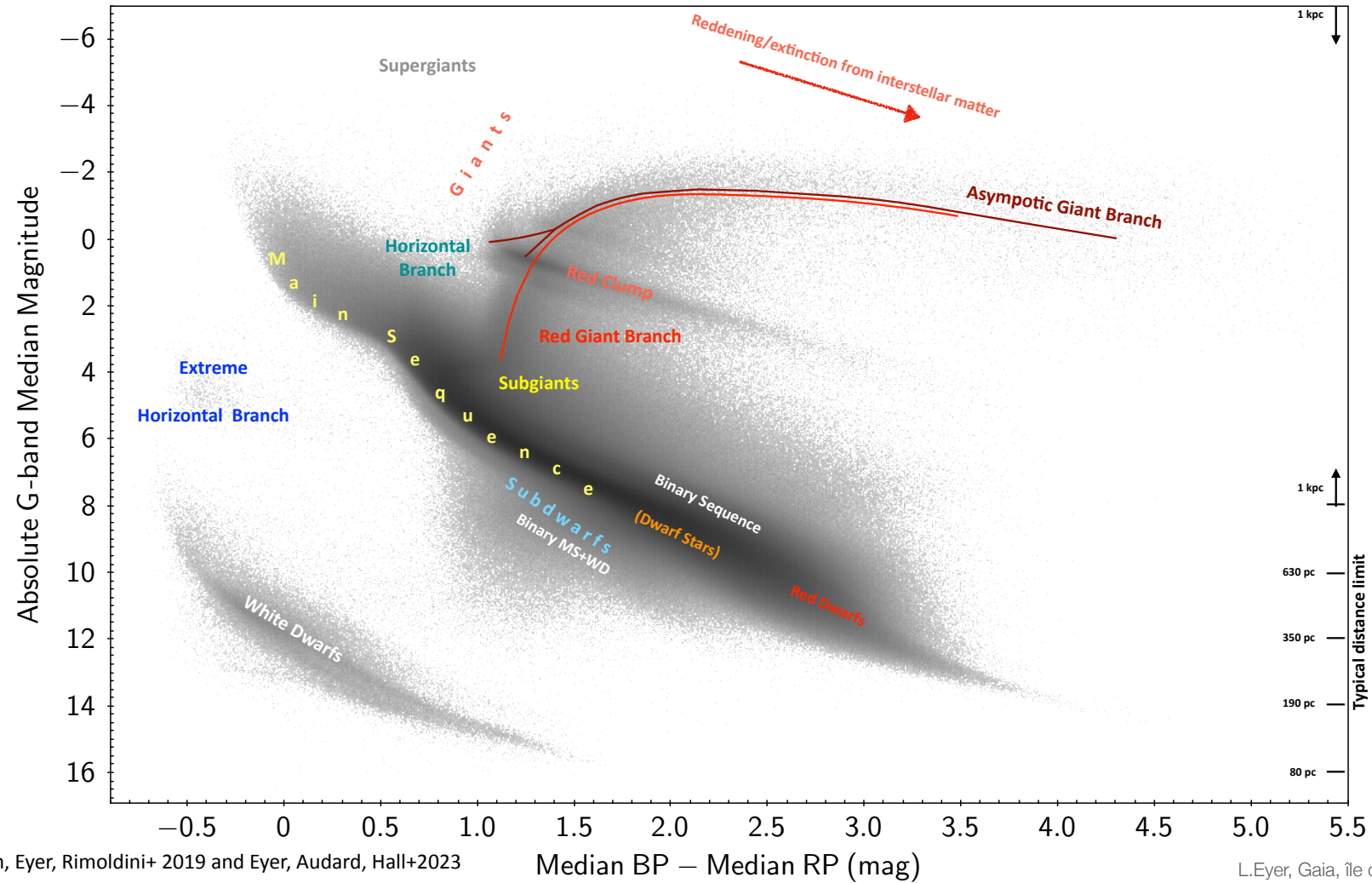


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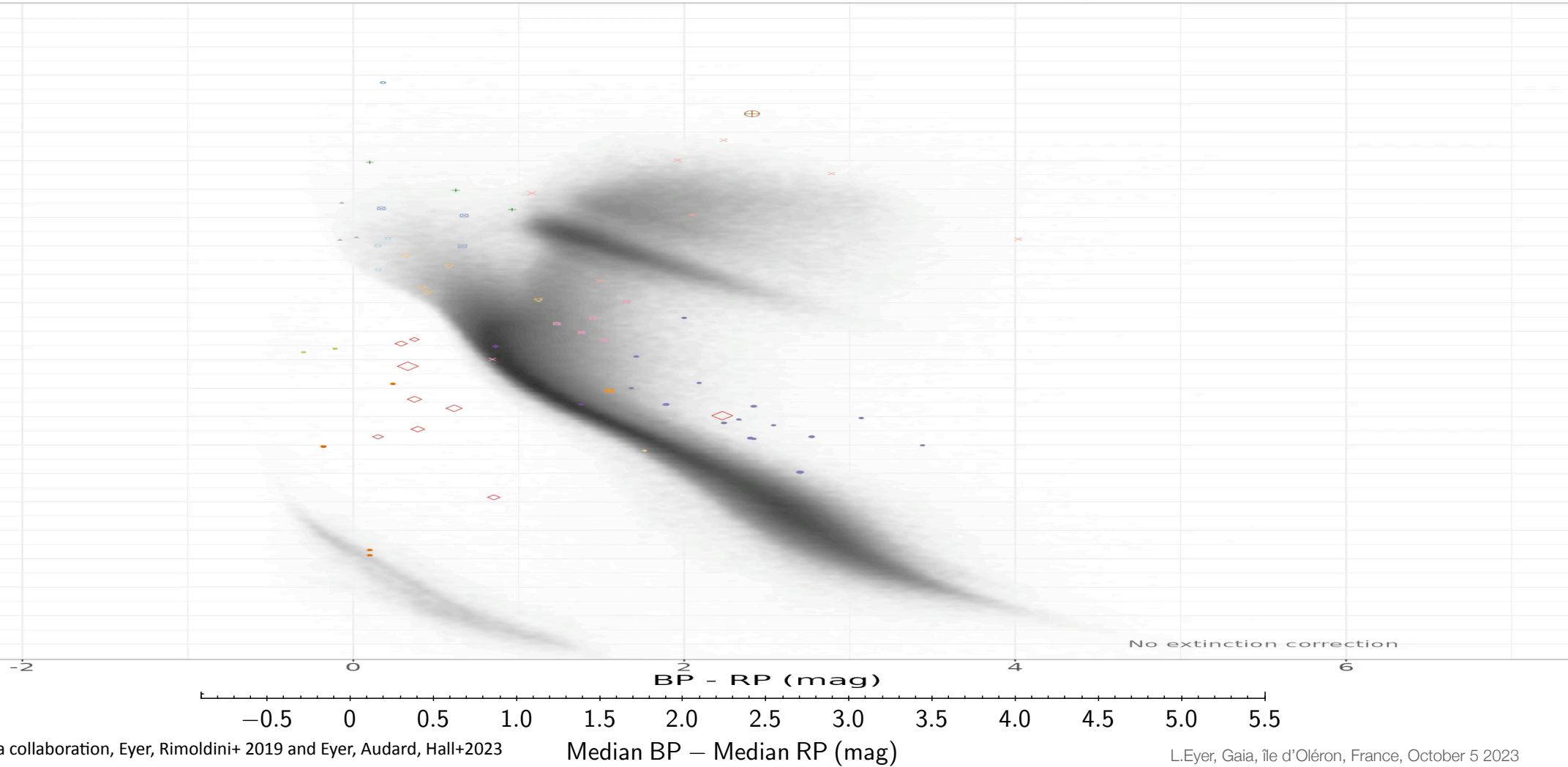
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Colour absolute Magnitude Diagram



Colour absolute Magnitude Diagram

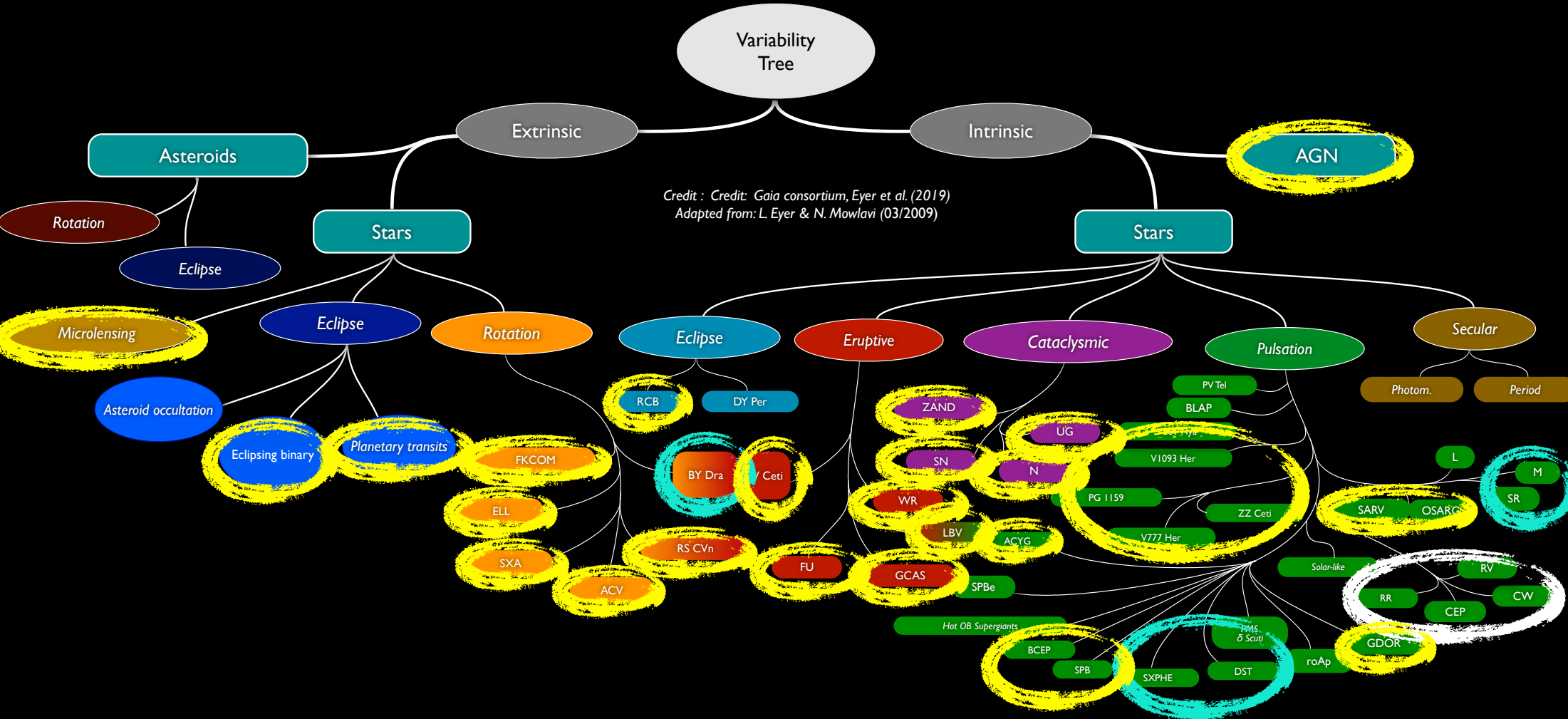
Motion in the colour-magnitude diagram



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Variability in celestial objects

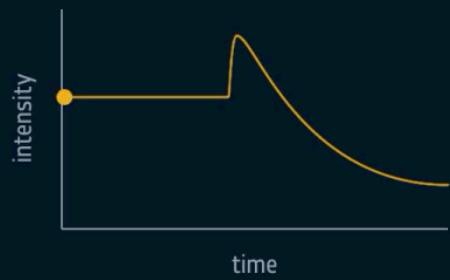
The Variability tree



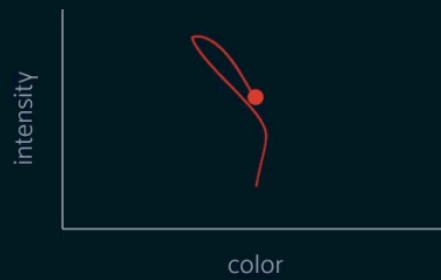
Credit : Credit : Gaia consortium, Eyer et al. (2019)
Adapted from: L. Eyer & N. Mowlavi (03/2009)



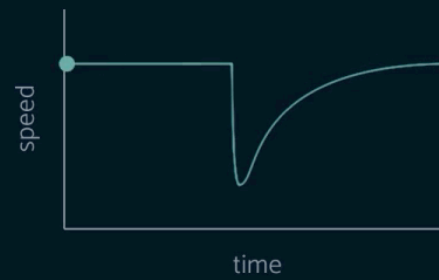
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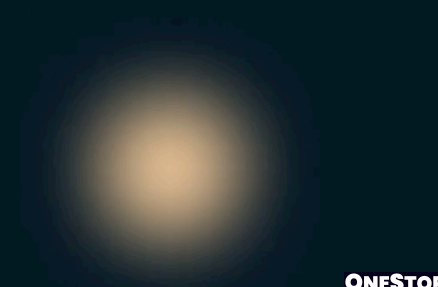
Color/Intensity



Radial velocity



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SuperNovae

1006: Monks of Sankt Gallen reported it,
Iranian, Egyptian, Chinese “astronomers”

1054: Reported by Chinese, Islamic sources,
Crab Nebula

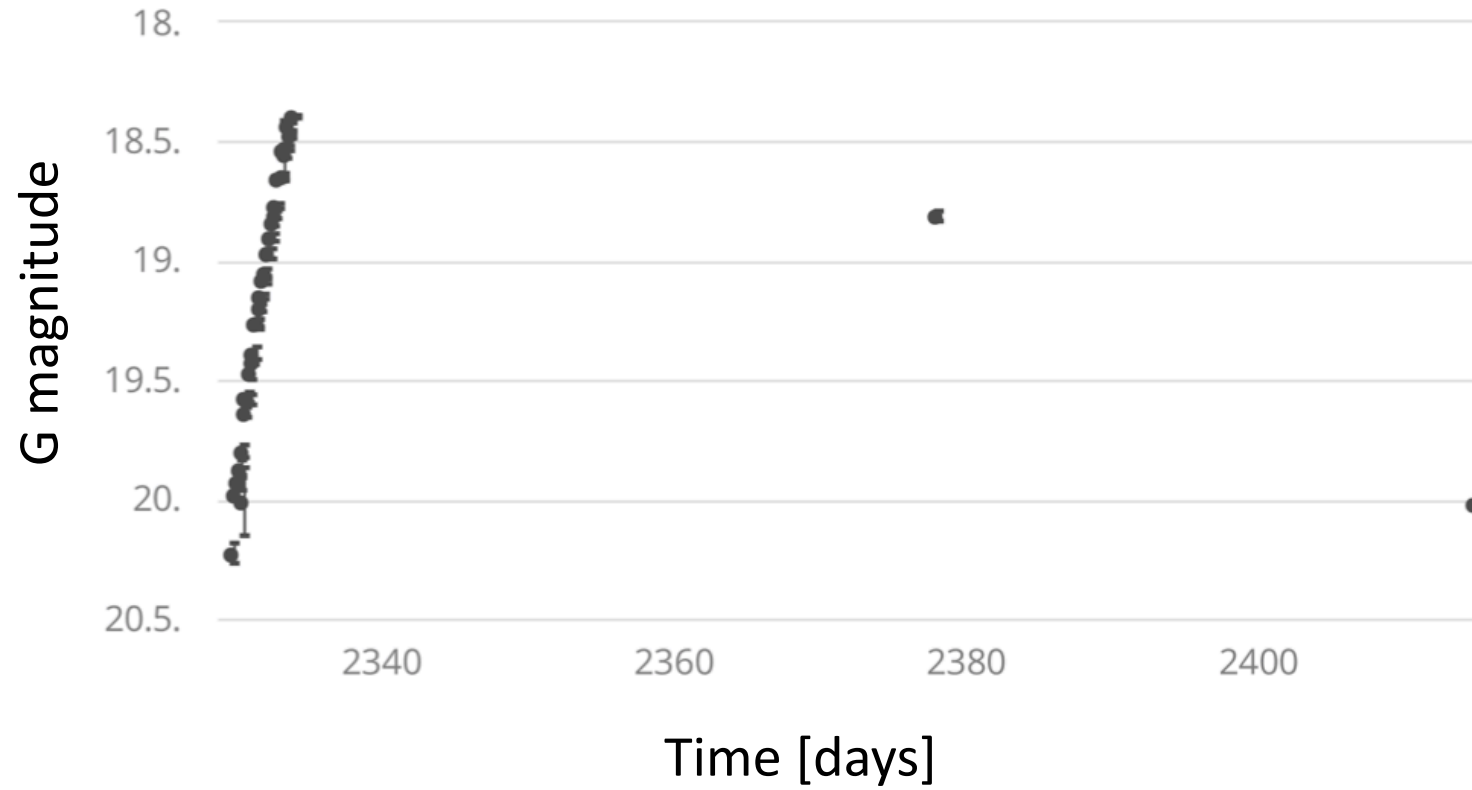
1572: Observed by Tycho Brahe (Tycho’s Nova),
English, Chinese “astronomers”

1604: Kepler’s Nova, Chinese, Korean,
Arabic sources

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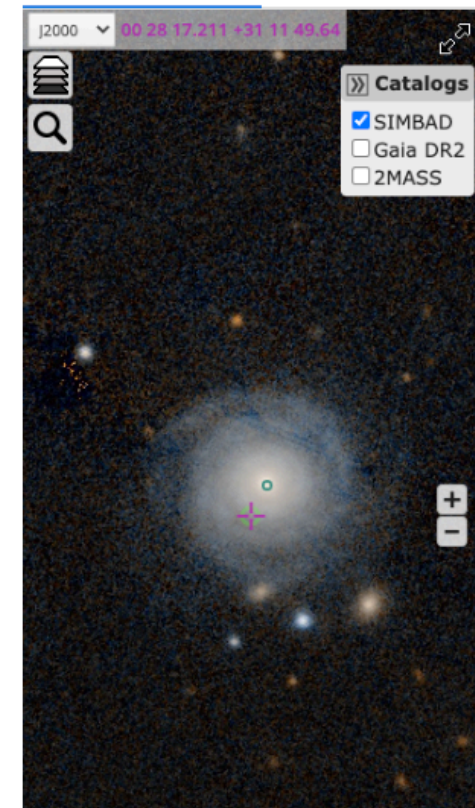
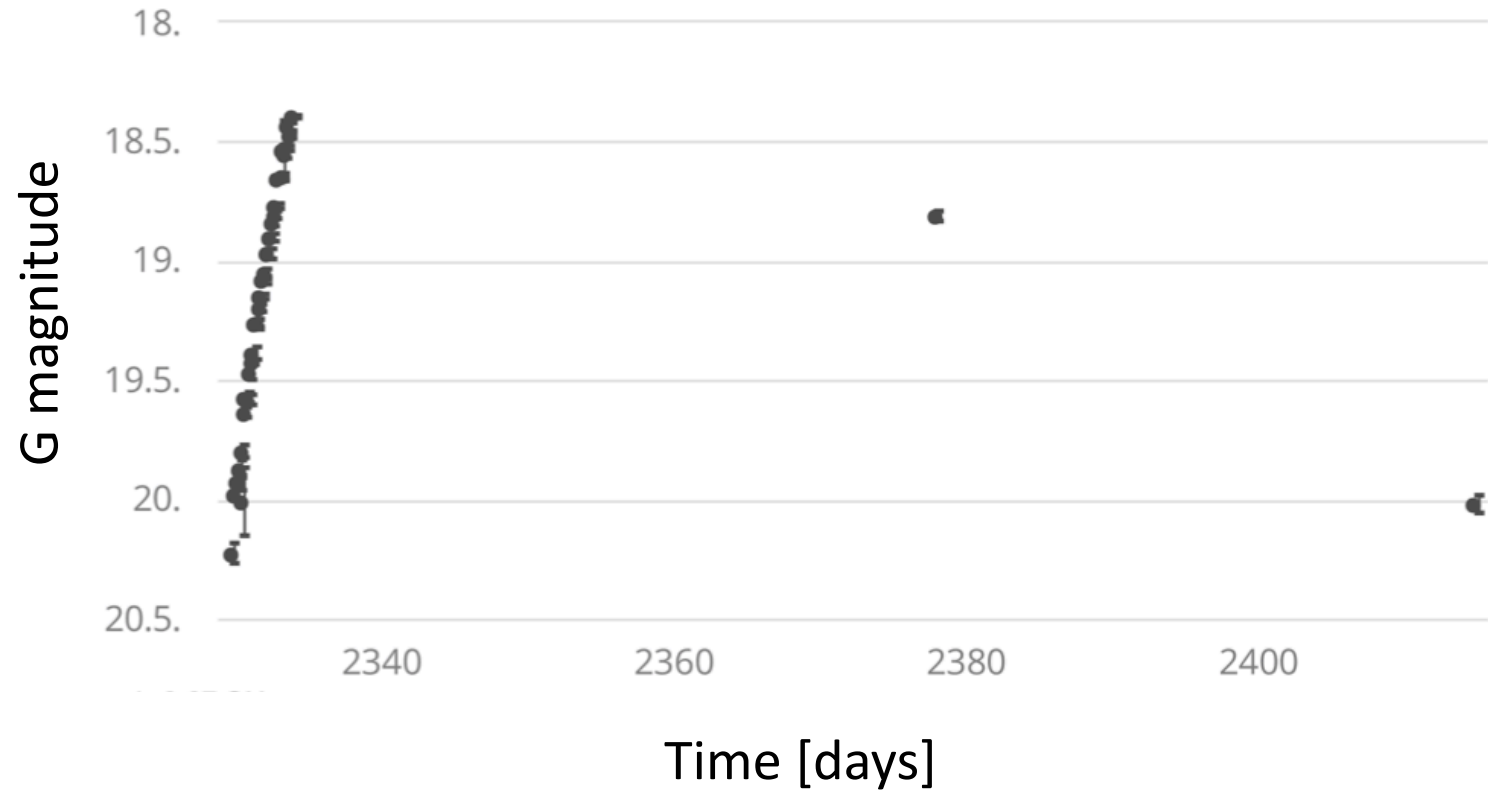
SuperNovae



Courtesy of Panos Gavras

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SuperNovae



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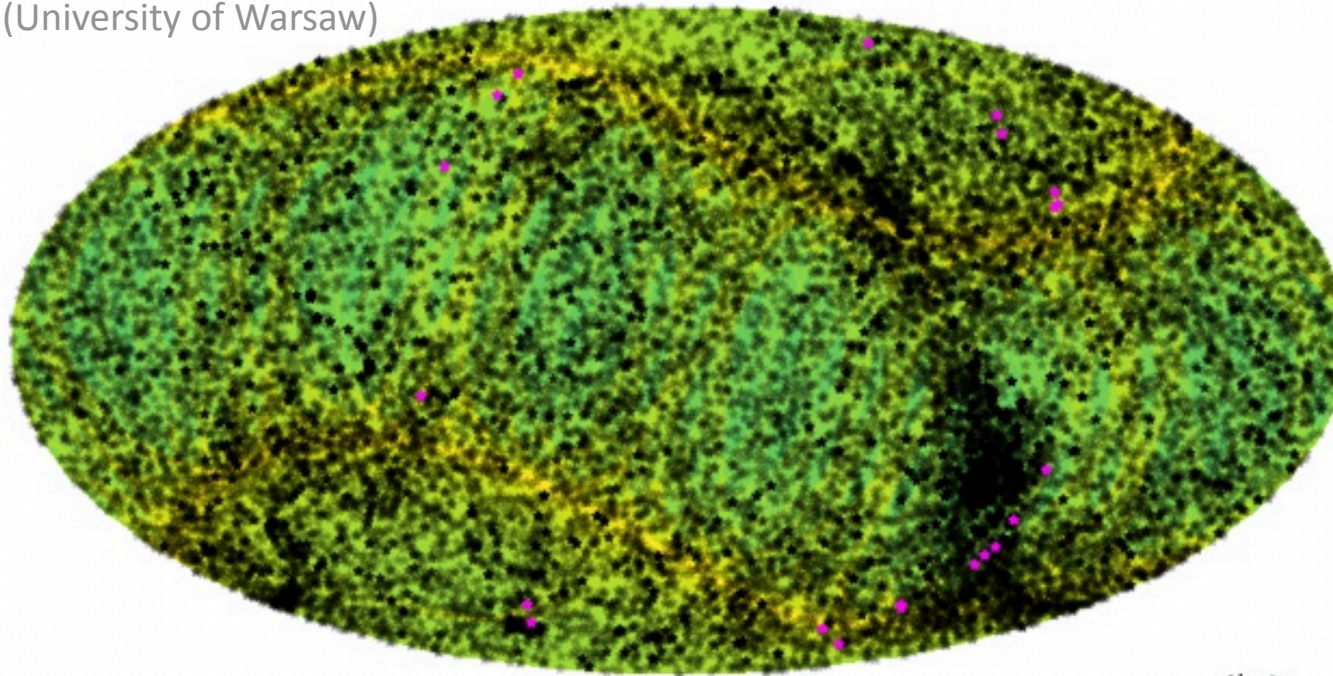
Gaia Science photometric Alerts

Coordinated by Cambridge University

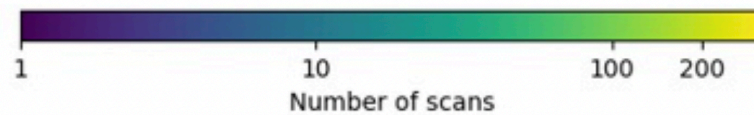
Simon Hodgkin

Lukasz Wyrzykowski (University of Warsaw)

Scan coverage on 01 May 2023



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



Alerts
◆ last 7 days
◆ older alerts
★ (fading with age)

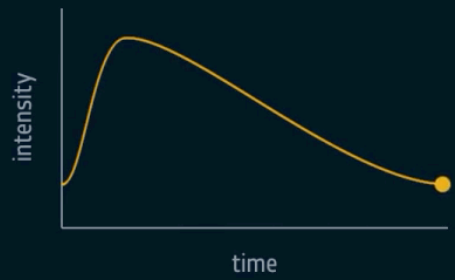
23,045 alerts

~28% classified sources

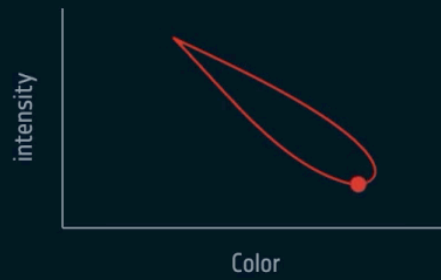
80% Supernovae



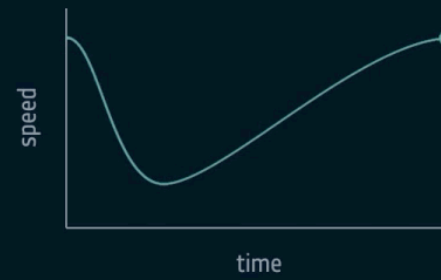
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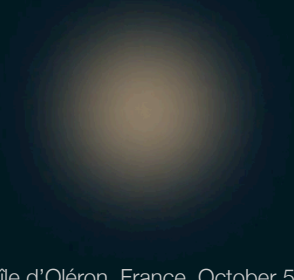
Color/Intensity



Radial velocity



See from afar



Eclipsing binaries

1596: Fabricius described the Mira star as nova...

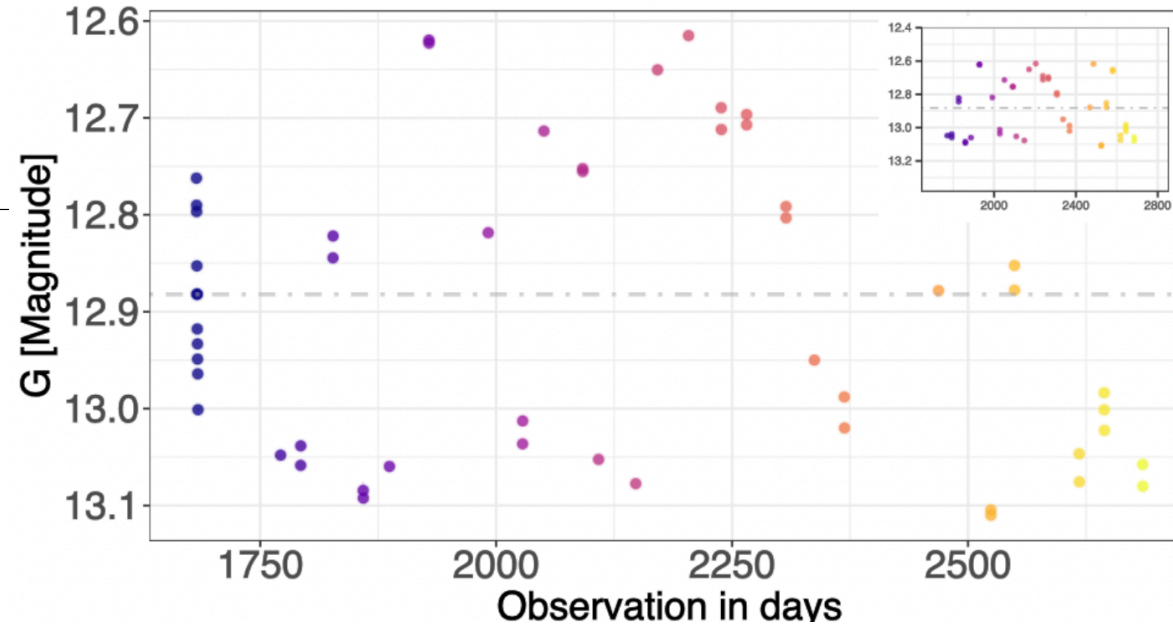
1784: Goodricke and Pigott discovered η Aql and δ Cep

It took a long time to recognise that the origin of variability was pulsation

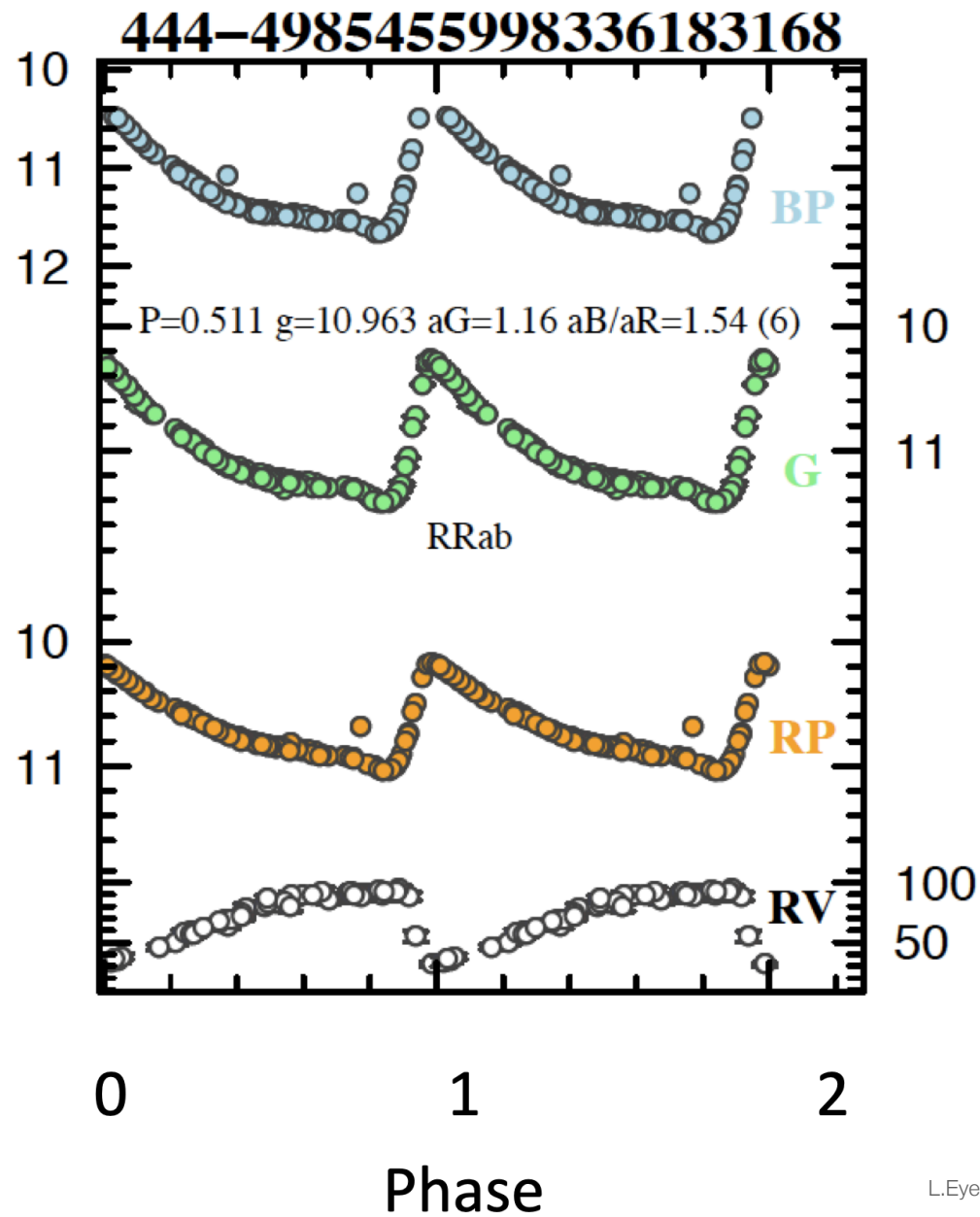
Ritter (1879) explained it, but was neglected by the community, Emden (1907) and Eddington (1918)



Pulsating star

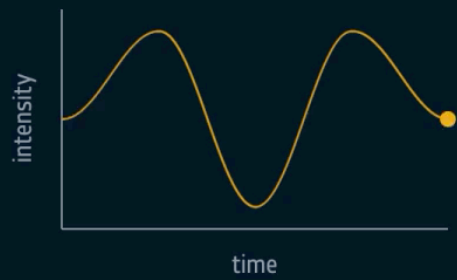


RR Lyrae stars

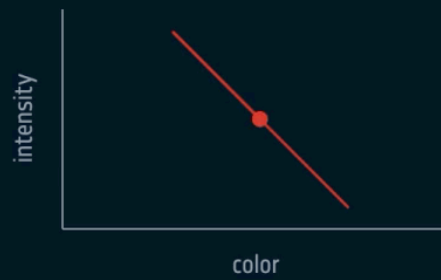




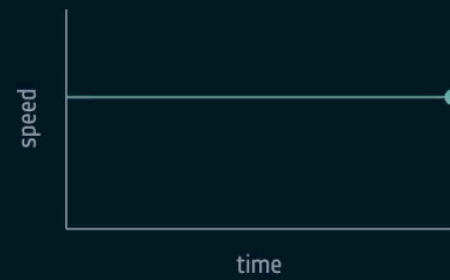
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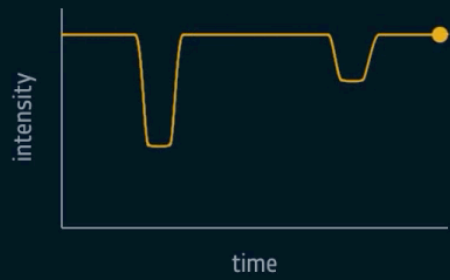


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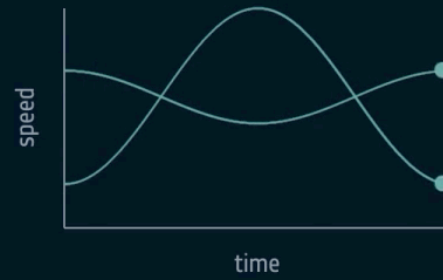
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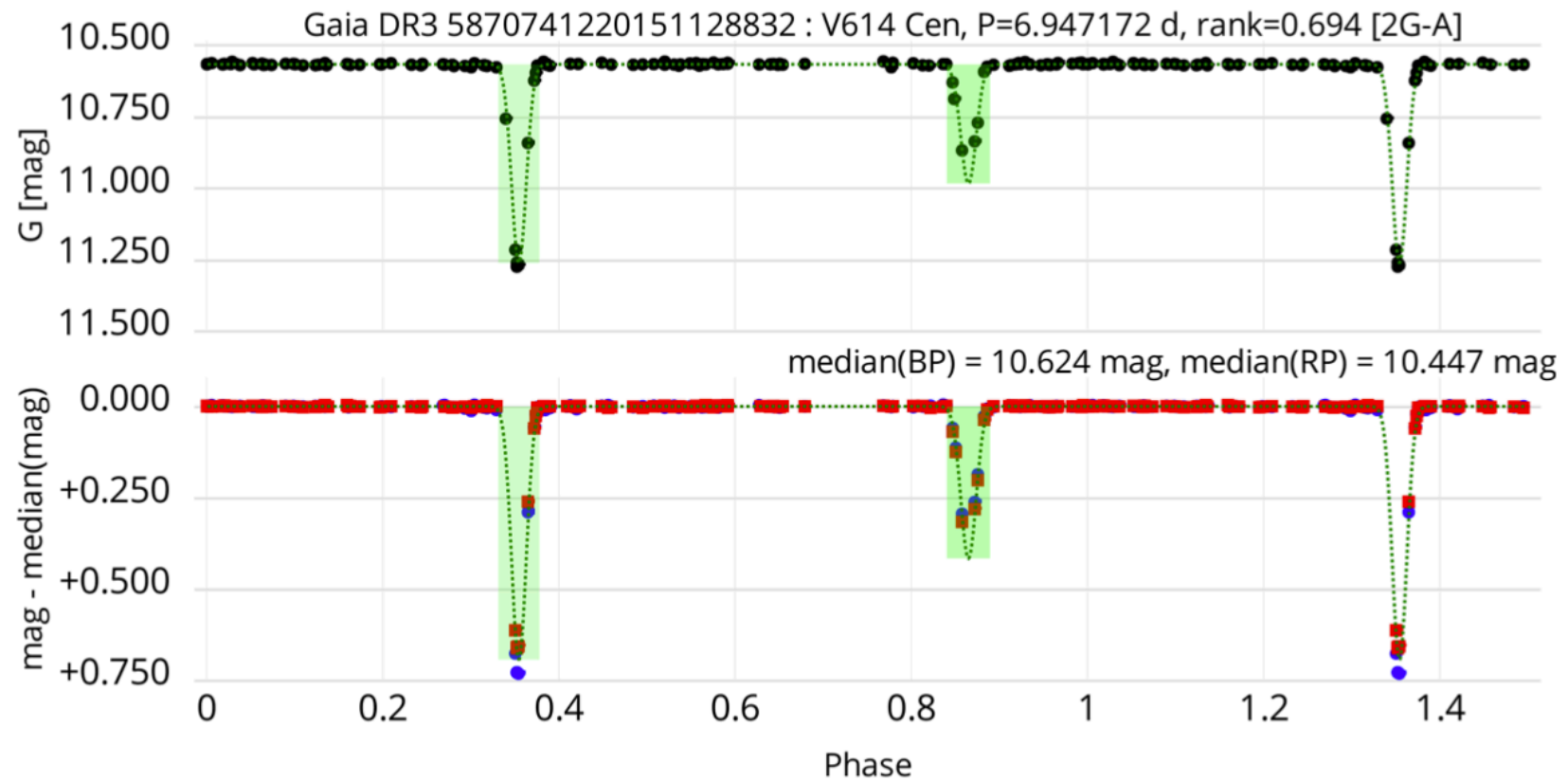
Eclipsing binaries

1669: Algol variability was discovered Montanari

1784: Goodricke gave the correct explanation



Eclipsing binaries





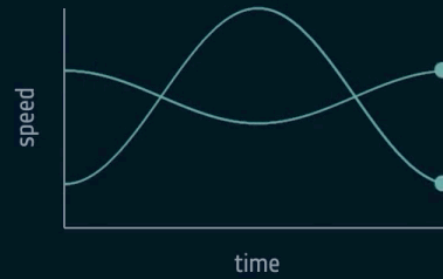
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Radial velocity



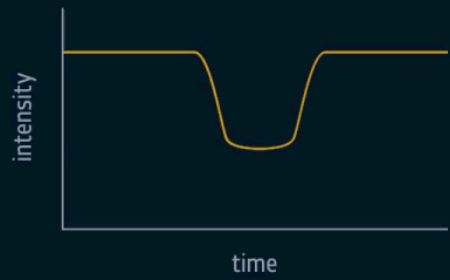
See from afar



Don't you see anything special?



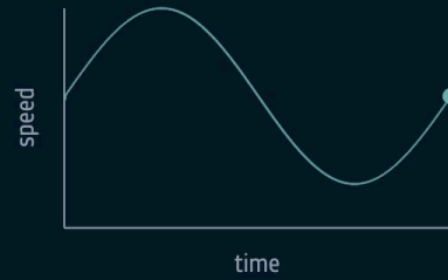
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Small is also beautiful: Exoplanetary transits

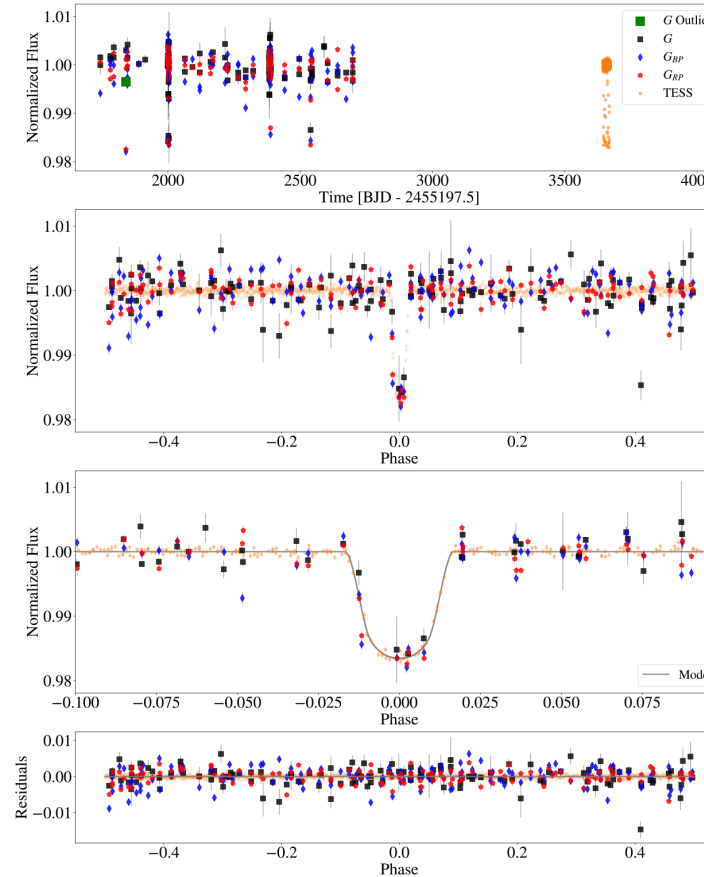
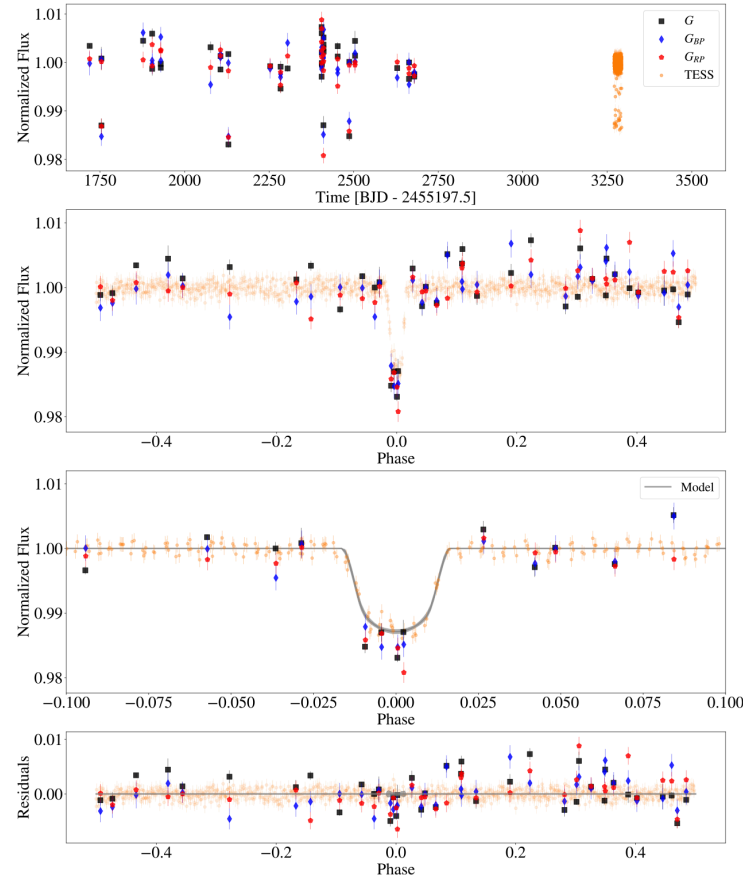
214 candidates

173 are known systems

41 are new systems

-> 2 confirmed cases
Panahi et al (2022a)

Warning for the Gaia archive:
gaiadr3.vari_planetary_transit
Now corrected



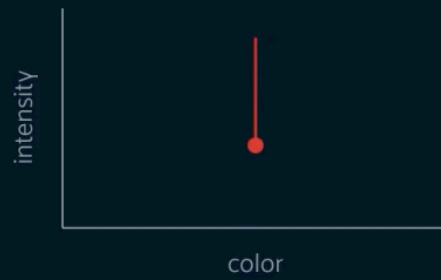
ALSO: Collaboration with NASA TESS mission to confirm the transit or identify background eclipsing binaries (Panahi et al 2022b): 5% BEB, 5% confirmation of the transit



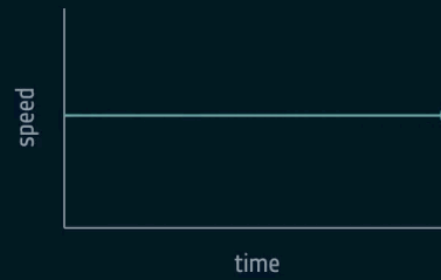
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Microlensing

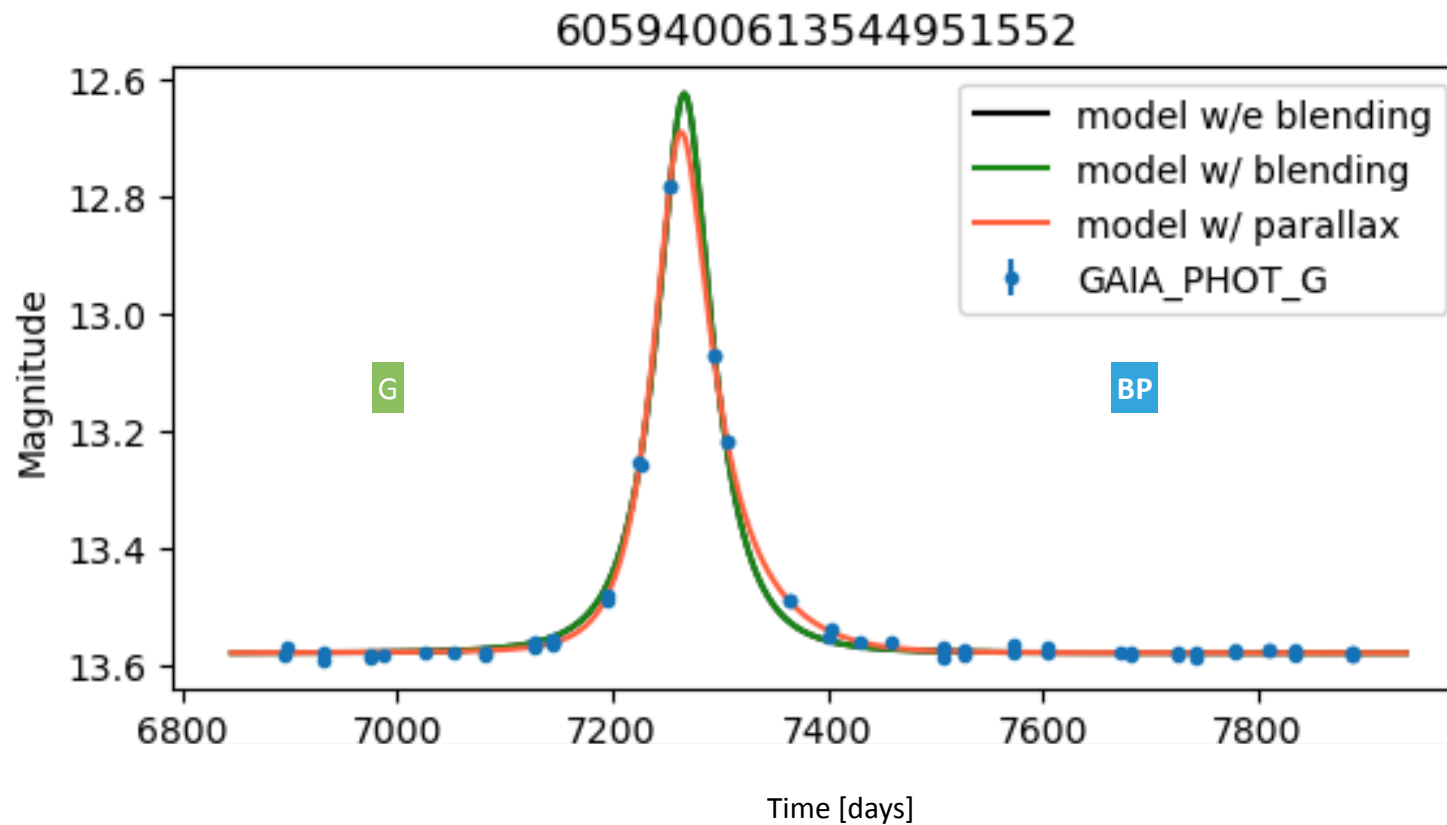
1936: Einstein: computed but said there is no great chance of observing this phenomenon

1964: Refsdal made the modelling

1986: Paczynski proposed to do a survey to detect dark matter in the form of dark dense objects

It turns out that in the bulge microlensing is common it is about 1 in 500 variable stars!

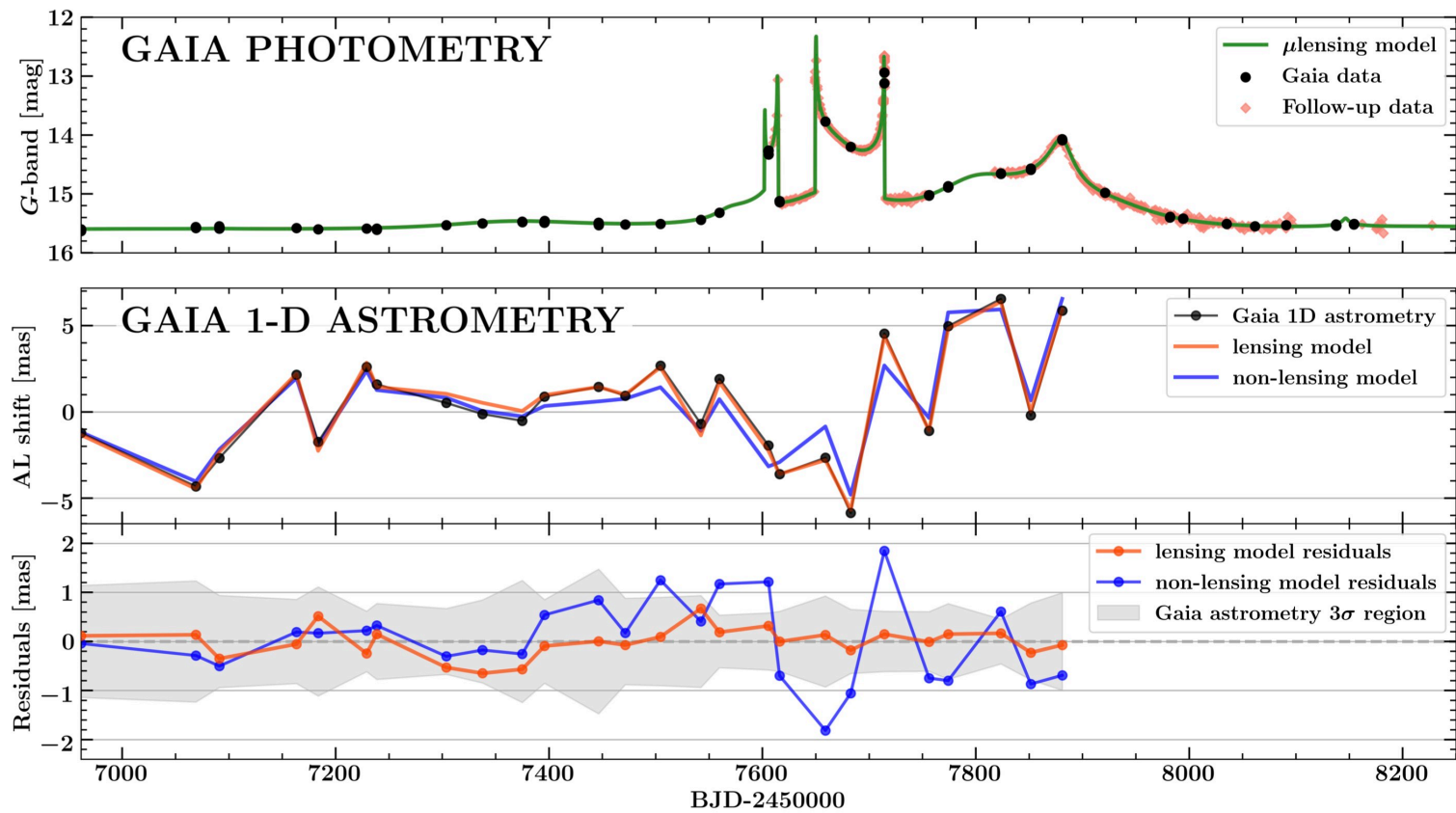
Microensing: A new event



Since then some results of Gaia

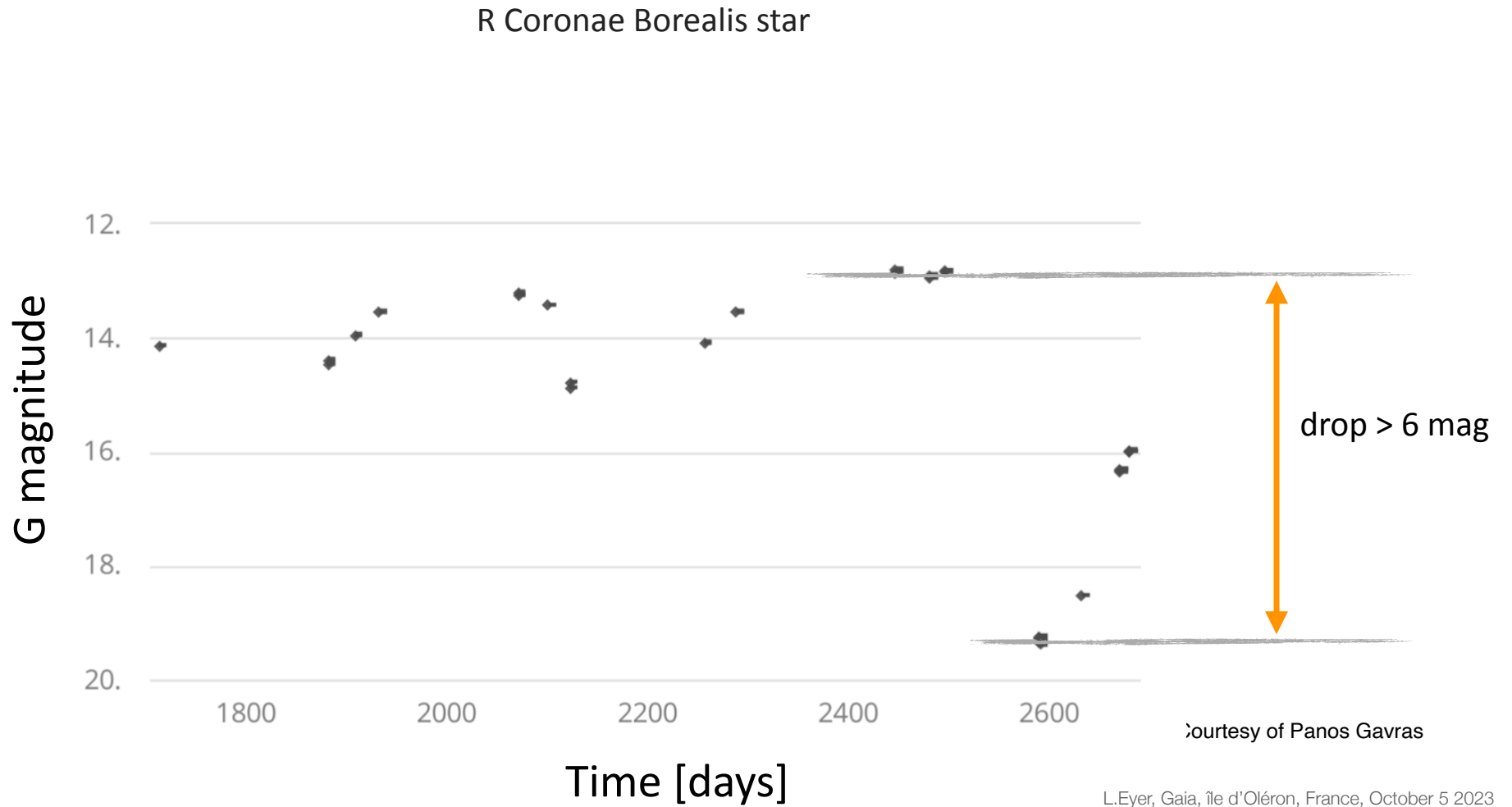
Astrometric microlensing
(October 9, 2021)

Only way
to detect
single black holes



etc...

R Coronae Borealis stars



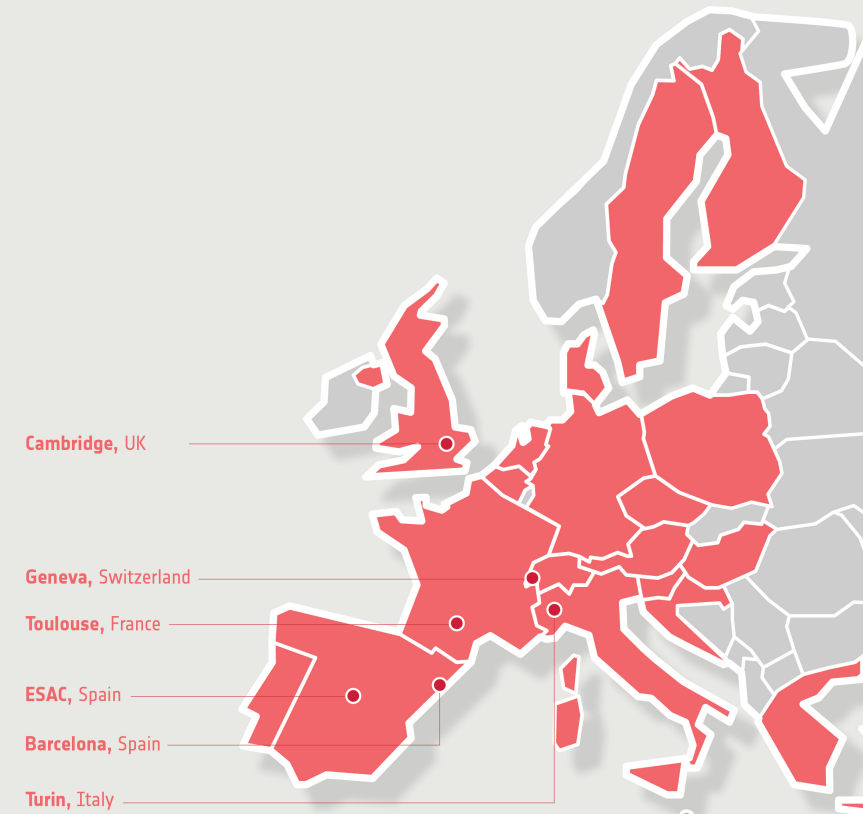
etc...

Questions?

Variability processing and analysis by the Gaia consortium

Data Processing and Analysis consortium

A mostly European Consortium
of 450 people



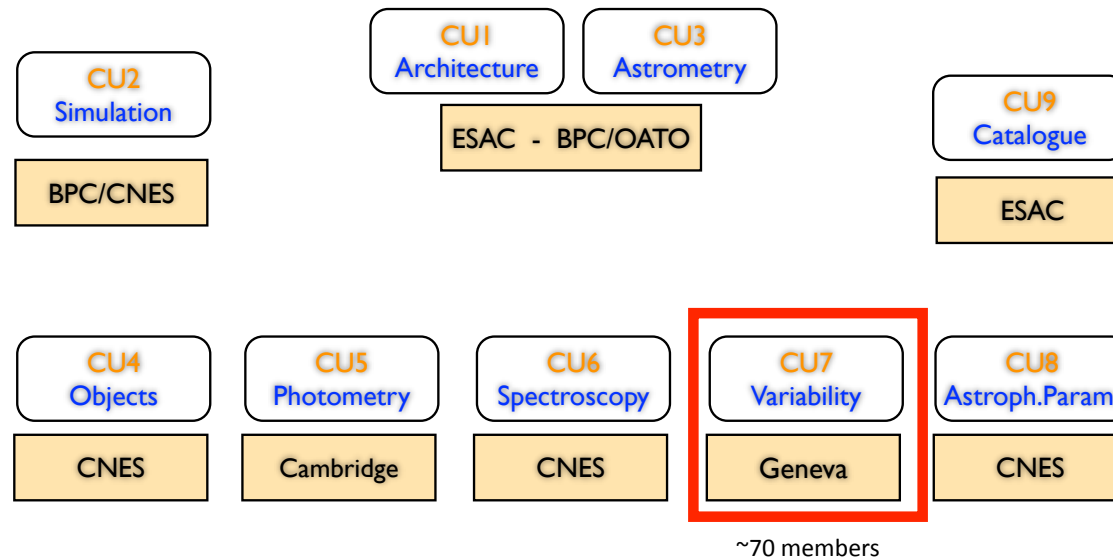
Small external contributions from:
Algeria, Brazil, Chile, Israel, United States, European Southern Observatory

Gaia Data Processing and Analysis Consortium (DPAC)

A consortium of ~450 people to deal with the data

Two concepts:

1. Coordination units
2. Data Processing Center



There is a coordination done by the Consortium executive (DPACE) and a “project office” (PO)

After launch: Unexpected issues detected during commissioning

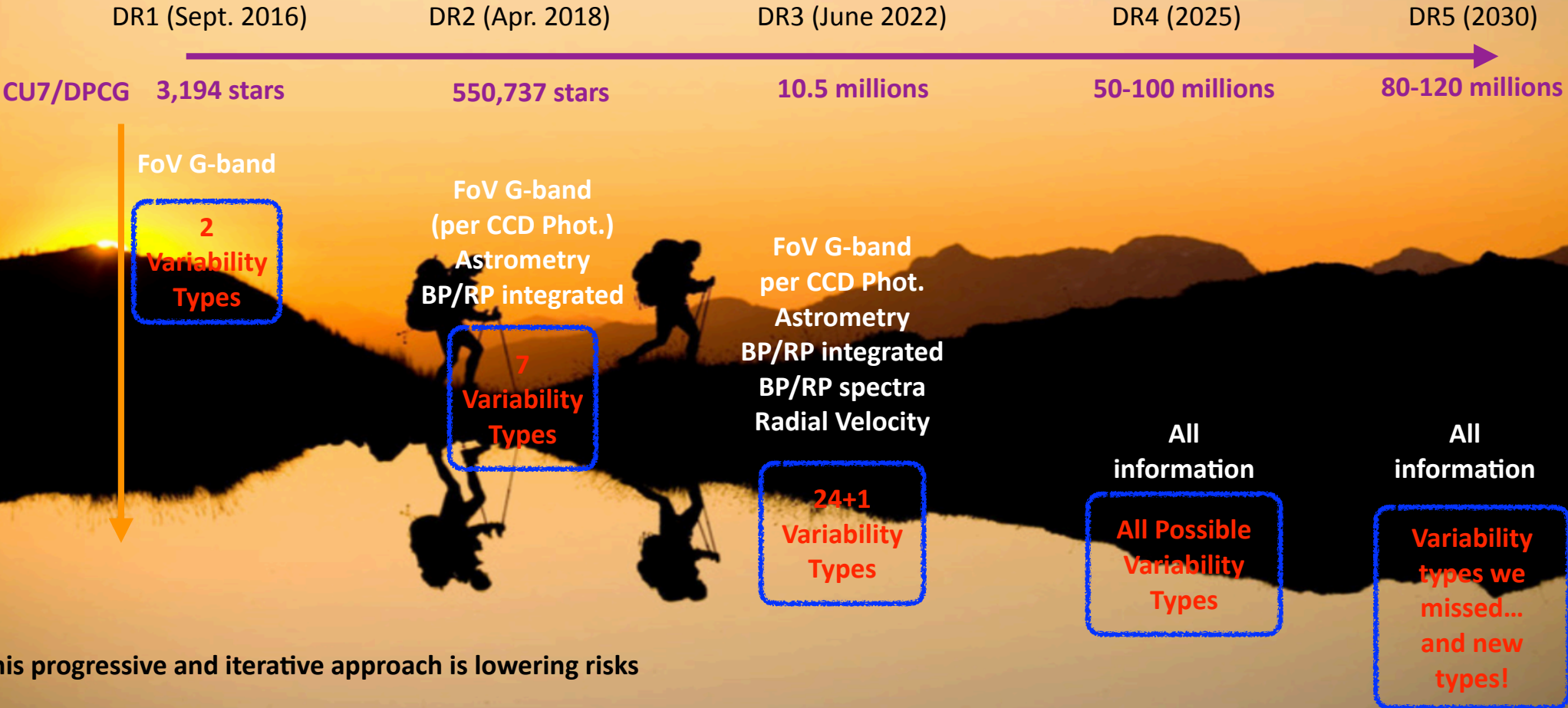
Happy launch, then:

- Gaia seen from Earth is fainter than thought
- There is a varying stray-light on the focal plane
- The Basic Angle Monitor measures larger variations than expected
- Some evaporation escapes from the service module and contaminates the mirrors
- There are many more clanks/micrometeoroid hits than initially thought



Cyclic improvements in the Gaia consortium

Intermediate releases contain variability information with the delivery of time series data, this from DR1



This progressive and iterative approach is lowering risks

<http://www.materaphoto.com/outdoor-adventure/>

Gaia data

Diverse data:



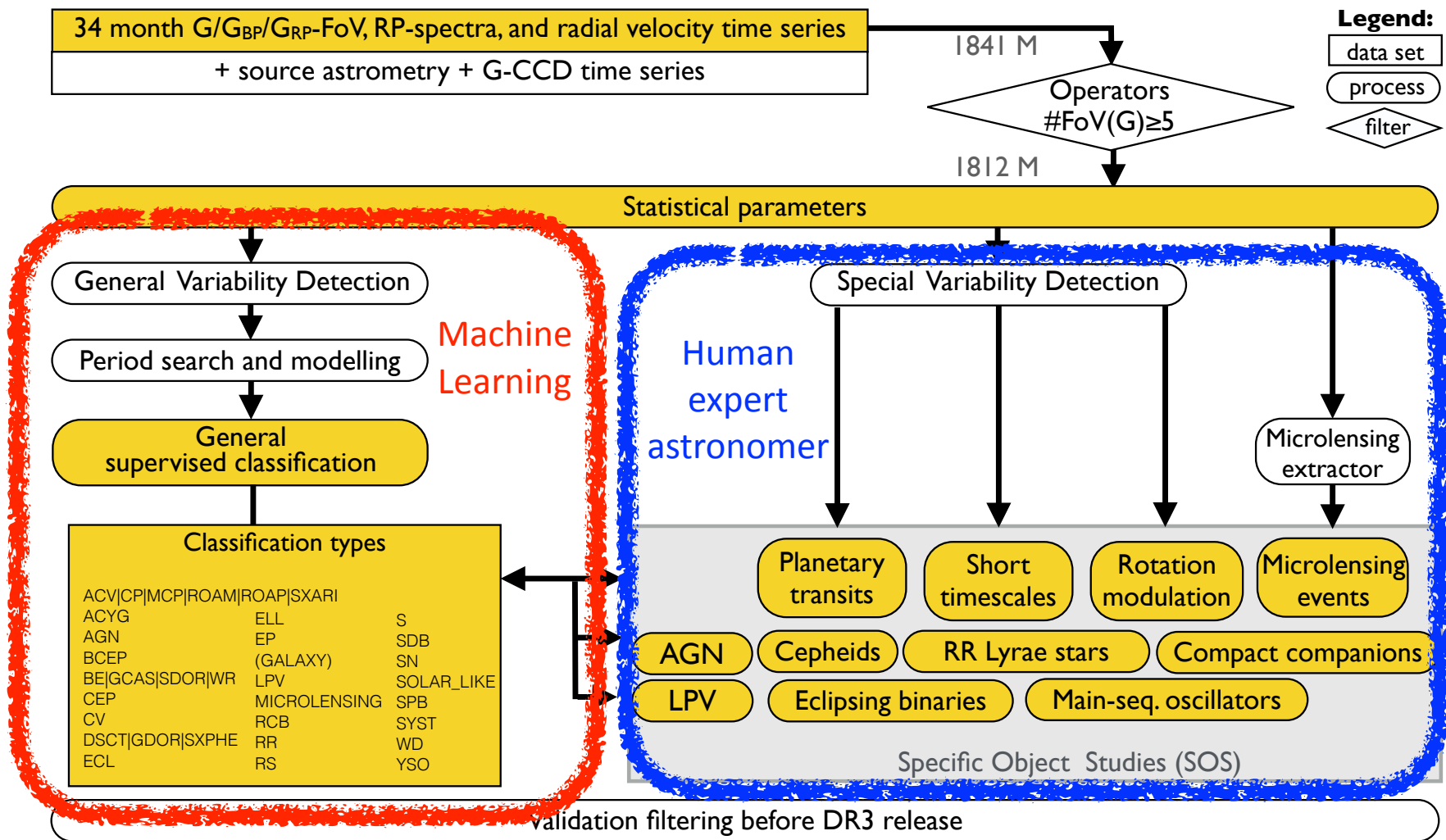
- Unprecedented astrometry (positions, parallaxes, proper motions)
- Unprecedented photometry (G, BP, RP)
- Unprecedented Spectroscopy

Enormous amount of data:

DR3 nearly one trillion photometric measurements!



Software pipeline



DR1: just a show case in a part of the Large Magellanic Cloud

(September 2016)

Variables in the First data release
G-band photometric time series:

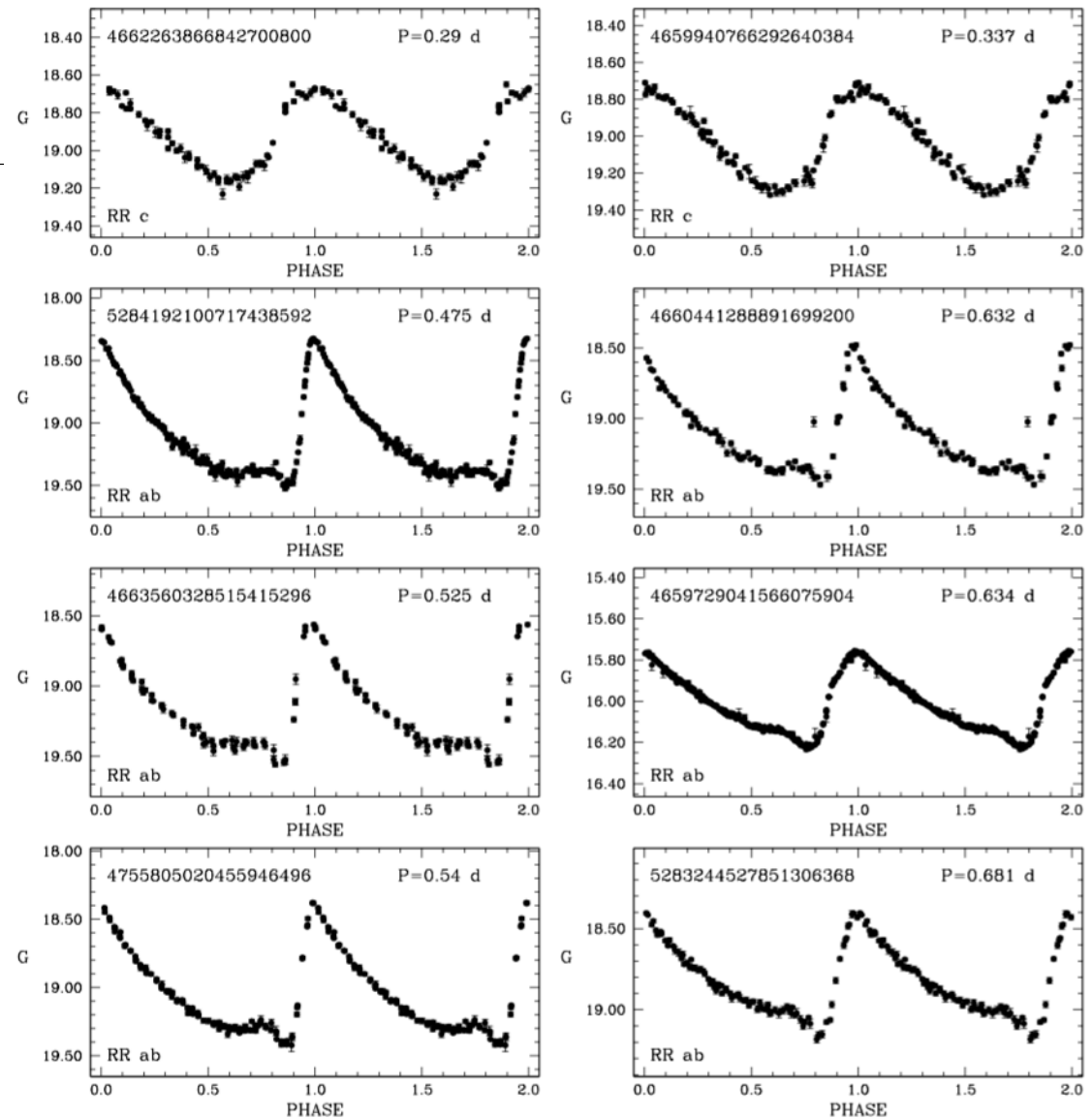
3,194 variables (386 new)

599 Cepheids (43 new)

2,595 RR Lyrae stars (343 new)

>1,000 new !

An OGLE release “just” before DR1

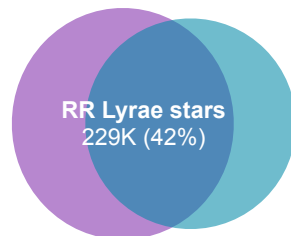


Variable stars in Gaia DR2

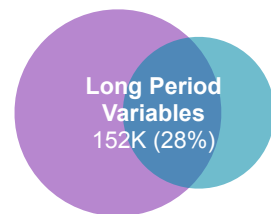
(April 2018)

550,737 Variable Stars

Violet filled circles: Classification
Rimoldini et al. 2019

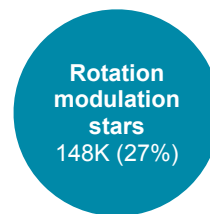


Clementini
et al. 2019

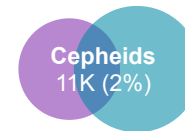


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Lebzelter
et al. 2018



Lanzafame
et al. 2018



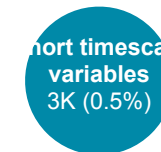
Clementini, Ripepi
et al. 2019

Ripepi et al. 2019

Muraveva
et al. 2018



Rimoldini
et al. 2019



Roelens
et al. 2018

Courtesy of B.Holl, modified by L.Eyer

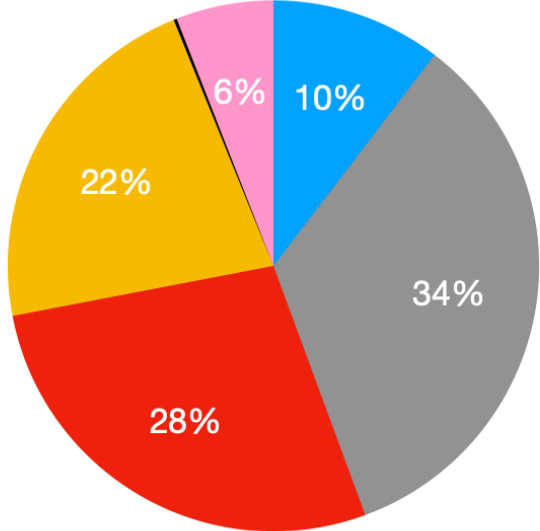
The variability content of DR3

Reminder about the DR3 for variables:

Largest data set of classified variable on the whole sky

10.5 million variable sources {
9.5 million variable stars
1 million AGN/quasars
2.5 million galaxies

- AGN
- Rotation (+other)
- Eruptive/Cataclysmic
- Pulsation
- Eclipsing systems
- Other



DR3 articles related to variability

GAIA ANDROMEDA PHOTOMETRIC SURVEY

(01) The Gaia Andromeda Photometric Survey, Evans, et al.

VARIABLE STAR CLASSIFICATIONS AND LIGHTCURVES

(02) Summary of the variability processing and analysis, Eyer, et al.

(03) Classification of 12 million variable sources into 25 classes, Rimoldini, et al.

(04) Cross-match of Gaia EDR3 sources with variable objects from the literature, Gavras, P.

(05) Ellipsoidal Variables with Possible Neutron-Star or Black-Hole secondaries, Gomel, et al.

(06) Solar like variability, rotation modulation stars, Di Stefano, et al.

(07) Validating the classification of Young Stellar Object Candidates, Marton, et al.

(08) The second Gaia catalogue of long-period variable candidates, Lebzelter, et al.

(09) The first catalogue of Gaia eclipsing binaries - Candidate identification, Mowlavi, et al.

(10) Specific processing and validation of all-sky RR Lyrae and Cepheid stars - the Cepheid sample, Ripepi, et al.

(11) Specific processing and validation of all-sky RR Lyrae and Cepheid stars - the RR Lyrae sample, Clementini, et al.

(12) The first catalogue of variable active galactic nuclei, Carnerero, et al.

(13) Microlensing events from all over the sky, Wyrzykowski, et al.

(14) Scan-angle dependent signals and spurious periods, Holl, et al.

PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION PAPERS

(15) Pulsations in main-sequence OBAF stars as observed by Gaia, Gaia Collaboration, De Ridder, J., et al.

(16) The extragalactic content, Gaia Collaboration, Bailer-Jones, C.A.L., et al.

DOCUMENTATION

(17) Gaia DR3 documentation, van Leeuwen

**Variability in DR3:
16 published articles**

Gaia DR3 is breaking many records

2.3 million LPVs (Lebzelter 2023, Rimoldini et al. 2023)

2.3 million stars with rotation modulation-BY Dra/UV Ceti stars (Distefano et al. 2023, Rimoldini et al. 2023)

2.2 million eclipsing binaries (Mowlavi et al. 2023)

0.3 million RR Lyrae stars (Clementini et al. 2023, Rimoldini et al. 2023)

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The DR3 results for the variable sources

Variability type/type group	Total	Variability type/type group	Total
α^2 CVn and associated stars	10 779	R Coronae Borealis stars	153
α Cygni stars	329	RR Lyrae stars	297 981
Active galactic nuclei or QSO	1 035 254	RS Canum Venaticorum	742 263
β Cephei stars	1475	Subdwarf B stars	893
Be stars, γ Cas and associated stars	8560	Short-timescale	983 185
Cepheids	16 175	Supernovae	3029
Cataclysmic variables	7306	Solar-like variability	2 306 297
δ Scuti/ γ Doradus/SX Phoenicis stars	748 058	Slowly pulsating B star	1228
Eclipsing binaries	2 184 496	Symbiotic System	649
Ellispoidal variations	65 300	Variable white dwarfs	910
Exoplanetary transits	214	Young stellar objects	79 375
Long-period variables	2 326 297		

Eyer, Audard, Holl+ 2023

Completeness and Contaminations

Group	Variability type	Catalogue (and region)	Completeness	Contamination
AGN	agn	Gaia-CRF3	51%	≤ 5%
AGN	agn	SDSS-DR16Q ^a	47%	≤ 5%
Cepheids	Classical Cepheids	OGLE IV (MW)	> 86%	<2%
Cepheids	All Cepheids	OGLE IV (LMC & SMC)	~ 90%	<1%
Eclipsing binaries	eclipsing_binary	OGLE-IV (LMC/SMC/Bulge)	33/45/19%	~5%
LPV	long_period_variable	ASAS-SN and OGLE III-LPV ^b	79–83%	0.7–2%
Microlensing	microlensing	OGLE-IV (Bulge, Disk)	30-80%	< 1%
Rotation modulation	rotation_modulation	ZTF	0.4 % ^c	6%
Rotation modulation	rotation_modulation	ASAS-SN	0.4%	14%
RR Lyrae stars	rrlyr	OGLE-IV (LMC)	83%	<1.8%
RR Lyrae stars	rrlyr	OGLE-IV (SMC)	94%	<8%
RR Lyrae stars	rrlyr	OGLE-IV (Bulge-up)	79%	<0.15%
RR Lyrae stars	rrlyr	OGLE-IV (Bulge-down)	82%	-

Eyer, Audard, Holl+ 2023

Summary of properties - SOS

Variability type	Number	Trimmed range Q01 /Q50/ Q99	BP/RP median (Q50)	Period/Time scale Q01/Q50/Q99
AGN	872 184	0.11/0.39/0.91	1.1	
Compact Companions	6 336	0.13/0.16/0.21	1.0	0.25/0.42/1.5
Cepheids	15 238	0.10/0.46/1.1	1.6	1.0/3.9/58
Eclipsing binaries	2 184 477	0.04/0.28/0.85	1.1	0.22/0.48/29
Long Period Variables	1 720 588	0.10/0.2/2.5	2.2	37/246/861
Microlensing events	363	0.08/0.52/3.0	1.0	8.7/60/1845
MainSequence Oscillators	54 476	0.02/0.04/0.5	1.7	0.04/0.09/7.9
Planetary transits	258	0.005/0.017/0.05	1.2	0.51/1.3/20
Rotation Modulation	474 026	0.007/0.03/0.19	1.5	0.32/2.2/26
RR Lyrae stars	272 428	0.19/0.54/1.1	1.6	0.39/0.57/0.81
– RRab	272 428	0.20/0.67/1.1	1.5	0.39/0.57/0.81
– RRe	272 428	0.17/0.38/0.7	1.6	0.22/0.32/0.43
– RRd	272 428	0.35/0.51/1.0	1.4	0.36/0.49/0.59
Short time scale	471 679	0.07/0.13/0.8	1.2	0.01/0.14/0.86

Eyer, Audard, Holl+ 2023

The Gaia DR3 results on variables

There are two sources for the variability classes

(1) the general classification

(2) the Specific Object Studies (SOS)

All the time series are published and are available from the Gaia archive

The screenshot shows the Gaia archive website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, SEARCH, SINGLE OBJECT, VISUALISATION, HELP, VOSPACE, and SHARE. Below this, there are tabs for Basic, Advanced (ADQL), and Query Results. The main content area displays a list of variability classes under the 'Variability' section. The classes are listed as follows:

- gaiadr3.vari_agn
- gaiadr3.vari_cepheid
- gaiadr3.vari_classifier_class_definition
- gaiadr3.vari_classifier_definition
- gaiadr3.vari_classifier_result
- gaiadr3.vari_compact_companion
- gaiadr3.vari_eclipsing_binary
- gaiadr3.vari_epoch_radial_velocity
- gaiadr3.vari_long_period_variable
- gaiadr3.vari_microlensing
- gaiadr3.vari_ms_oscillator
- gaiadr3.vari_planetary_transit
- gaiadr3.vari_planetary_transit_13june2022
- gaiadr3.vari_rad_vel_statistics
- gaiadr3.vari_rotation_modulation
- gaiadr3.vari_rrlyrae
- gaiadr3.vari_short_timescale
- gaiadr3.vari_summary

Annotations on the screenshot include:

- A red arrow pointing to the 'gaiadr3.vari_classifier_result' class.
- A green arrow pointing to the 'gaiadr3.vari_ms_oscillator' class.
- Green boxes highlighting the following classes: 'gaiadr3.vari_agn', 'gaiadr3.vari_cepheid', 'gaiadr3.vari_eclipsing_binary', and a group of classes from 'gaiadr3.vari_long_period_variable' to 'gaiadr3.vari_summary'.

Colour magnitude diagram

The Large Magellanic Cloud

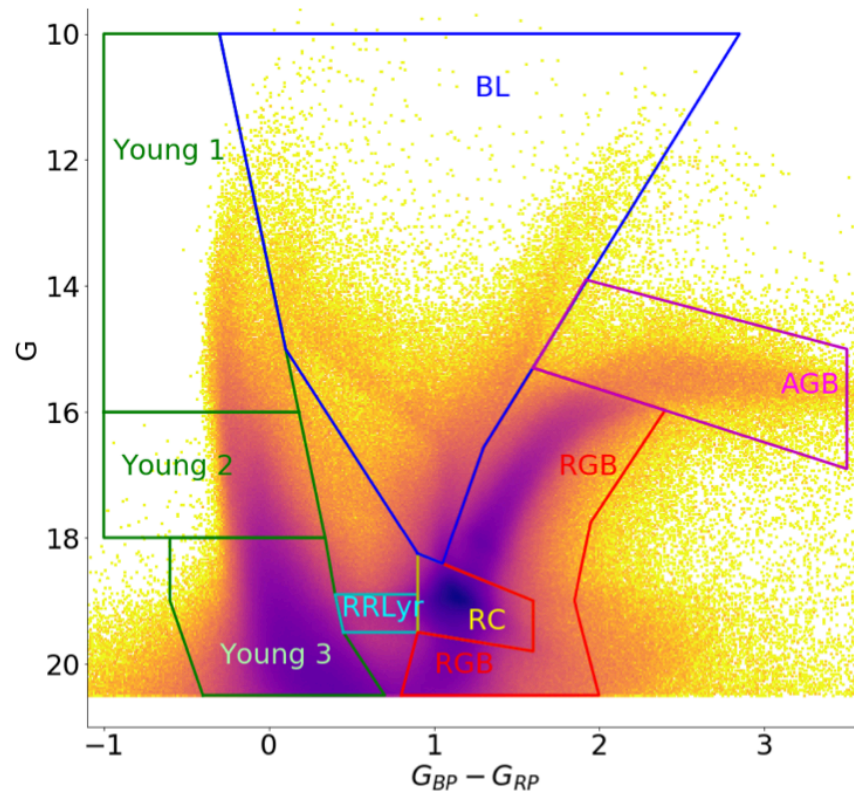
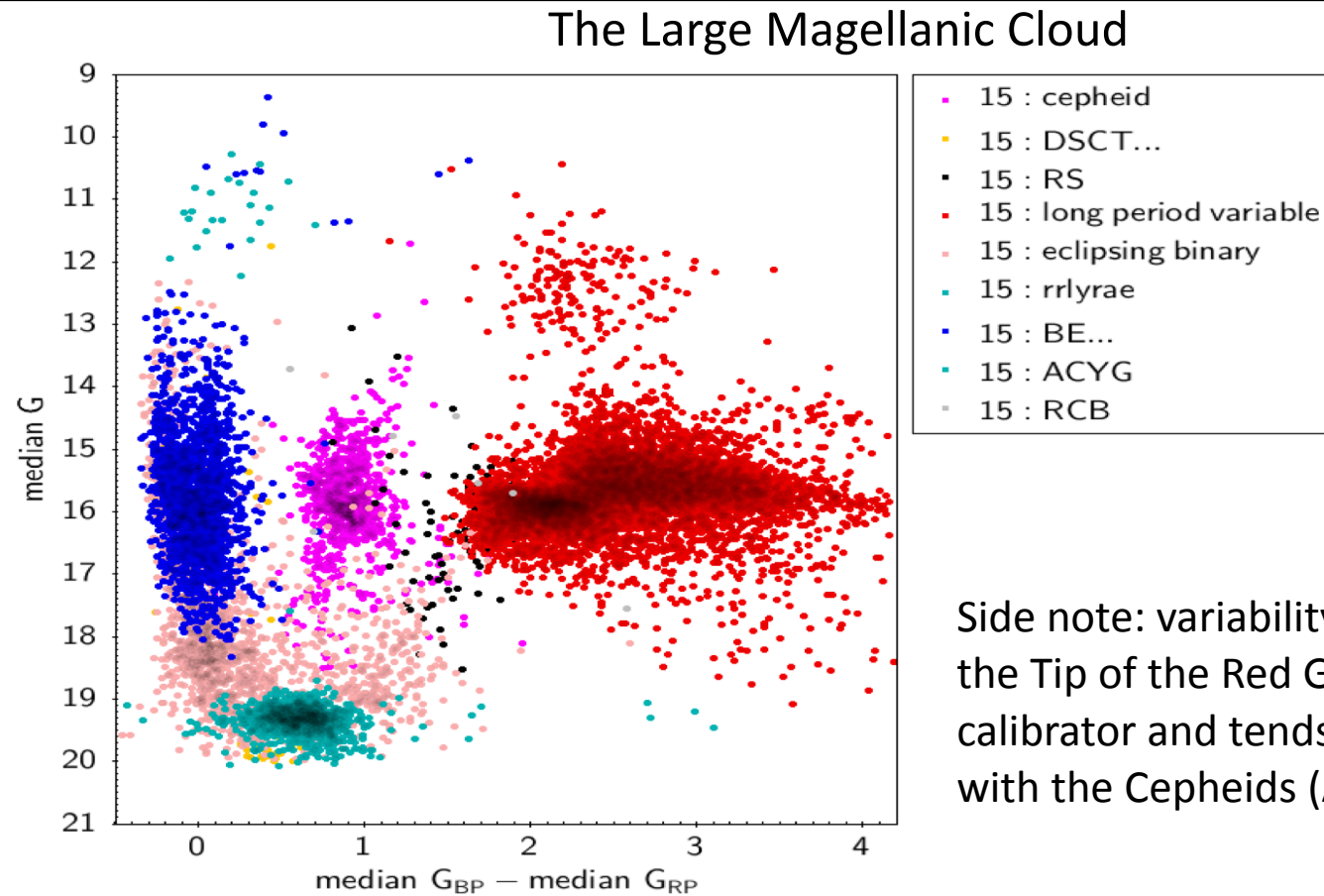


Fig. 2. Areas (as defined by the polygons given in the text) of the CMD for the LMC not corrected for reddening for the selection.

Gaia collaboration, Luri et al. 2021

Colour magnitude diagram



Side note: variability helps to understand better the Tip of the Red Giant branch as a distance scale calibrator and tends to reconcile TRGB estimate with the Cepheids (Anderson, Koblischke, Eyer 2023)

Eyer, Audard, Holl+ 2023

Gaia Citizen Science project

Variable stars in the Hertzsprung-Russell

Results of our “Gaia” work in Gaia DR3:

10.5 million classified variables sources

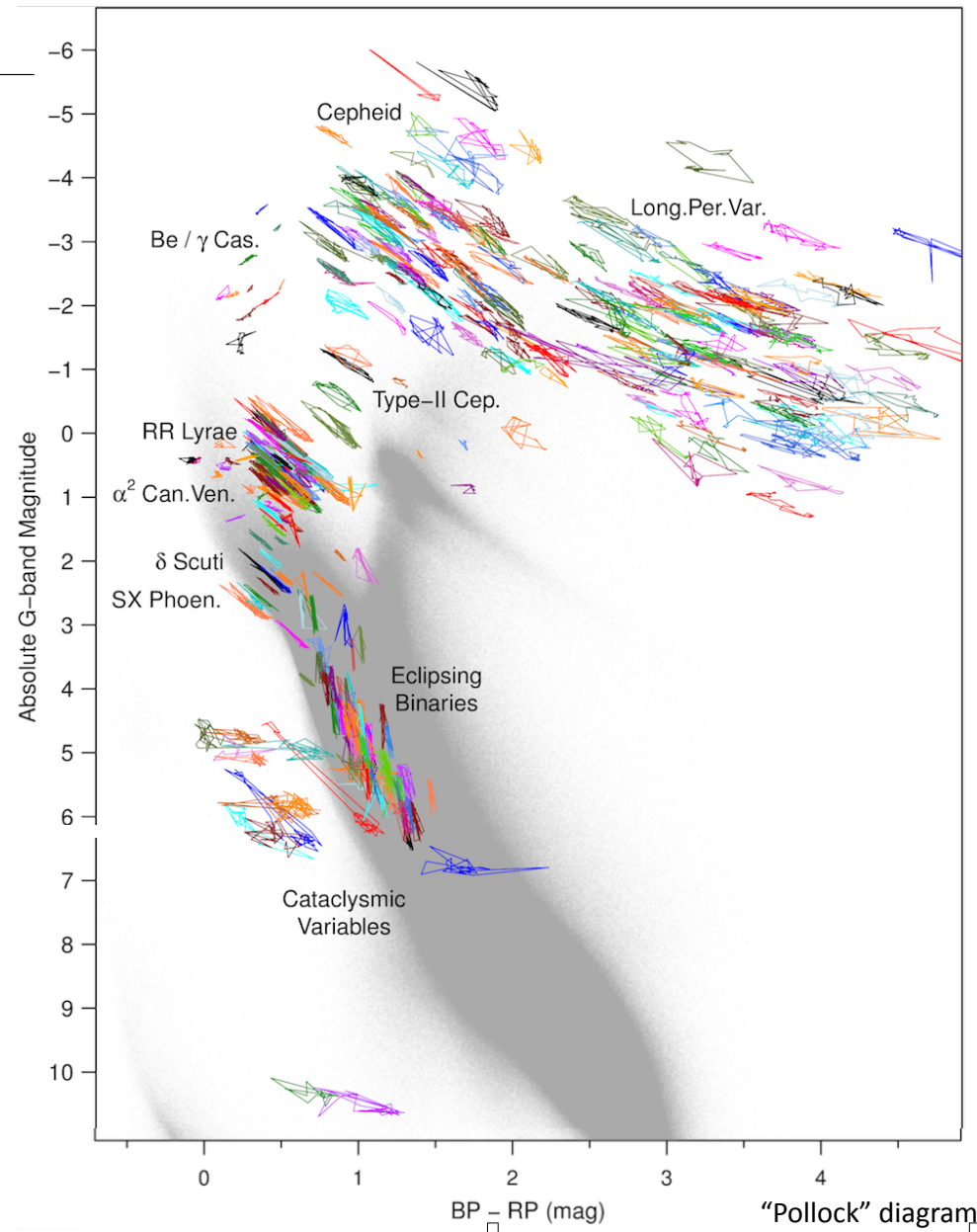
Classification with Artificial Intelligence:

Machine Learning

Expert Astrophysicist Procedural approaches

with the help from Citizen Science

It acts as a validation of the classification of DR3



GaiaVari: A Citizen Science Project around variable stars observed by Gaia

Pedro Garcia Lario wrote a successful proposal to ESA

Two goals

1. Enhance Gaia awareness —> Public Relation, improve visibility
2. Help the processing for the future DR4/DR5, improve knowledge of the variable sky

Chosen Platform: Zooniverse

Main actors:

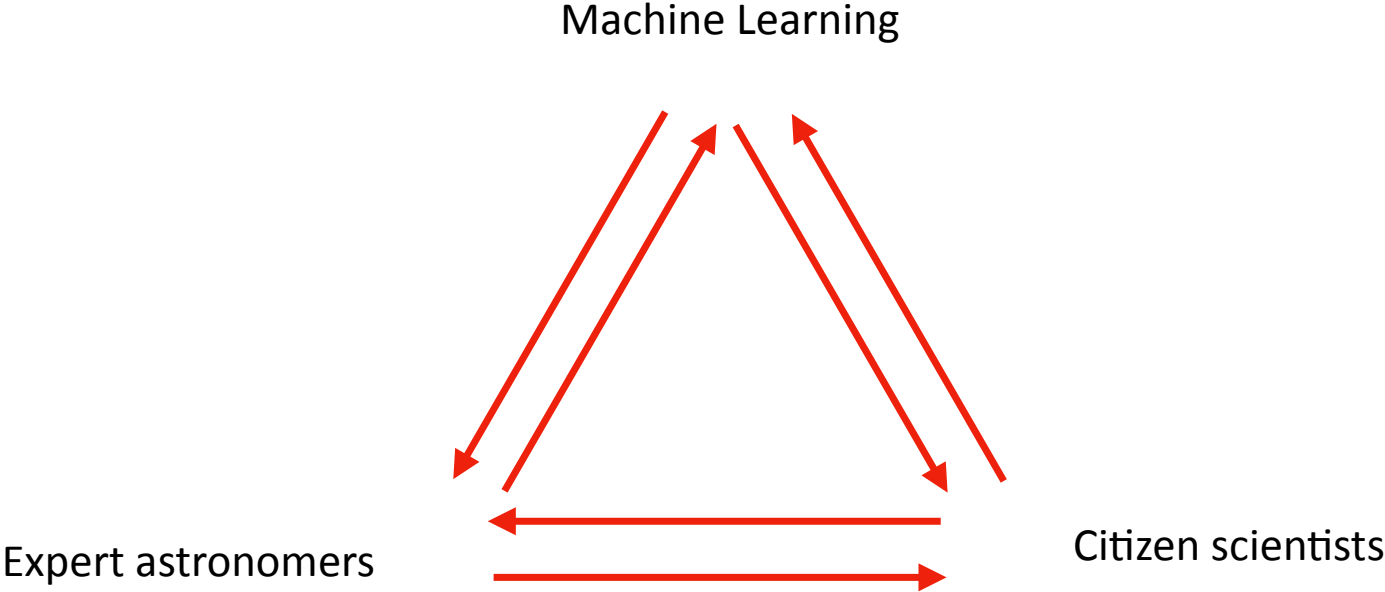
ESA - Pedro Garcia Lario

Sednai company - Krzysztof Nienartowicz and Elsa Mathias

University of Geneva - Laurent Eyer and Grégoire Pigeon, Marc Audard, +

ScienceNow - Milena Ratajczak and Jan Pomierny

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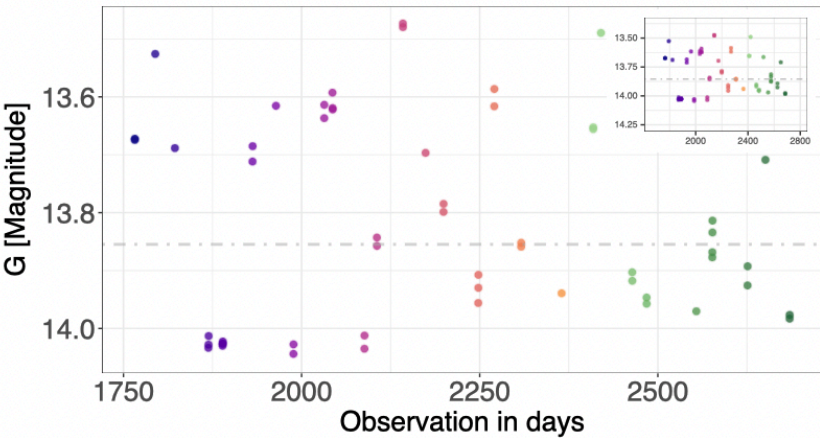


One of the most read tabloids in Switzerland



GaiaVari a citizen science project

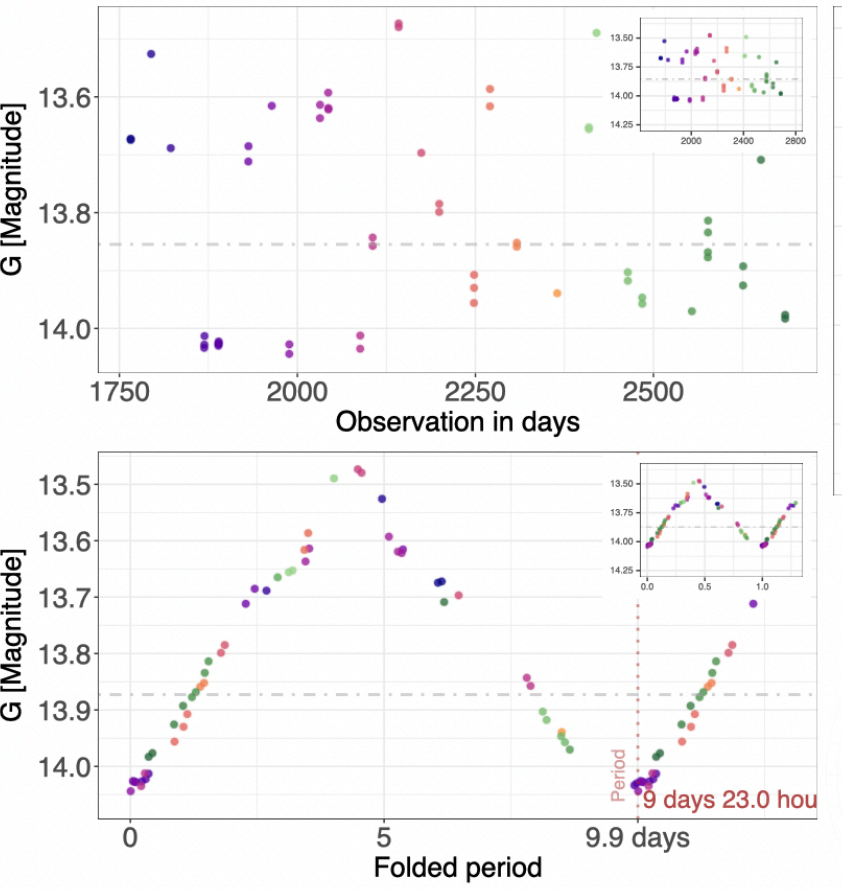
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TASK	TUTORIAL
What type of variable object is it?	
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<input type="radio"/> RR Lyrae	
<input type="radio"/> Long Period Variable	
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NEED SOME HELP WITH THIS TASK?	
<input type="button" value="Done & Talk"/>	<input type="button" value="Done"/>

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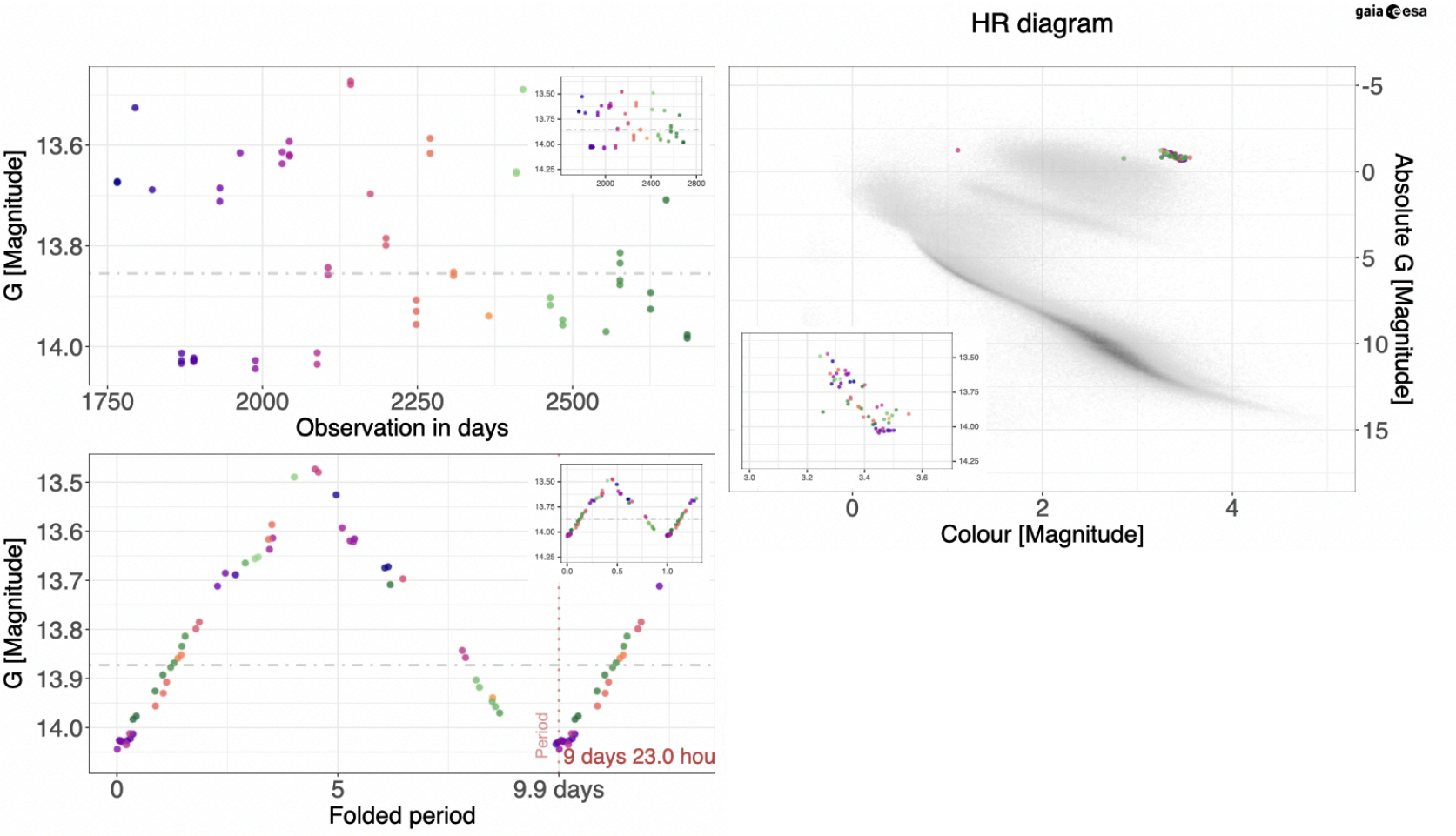
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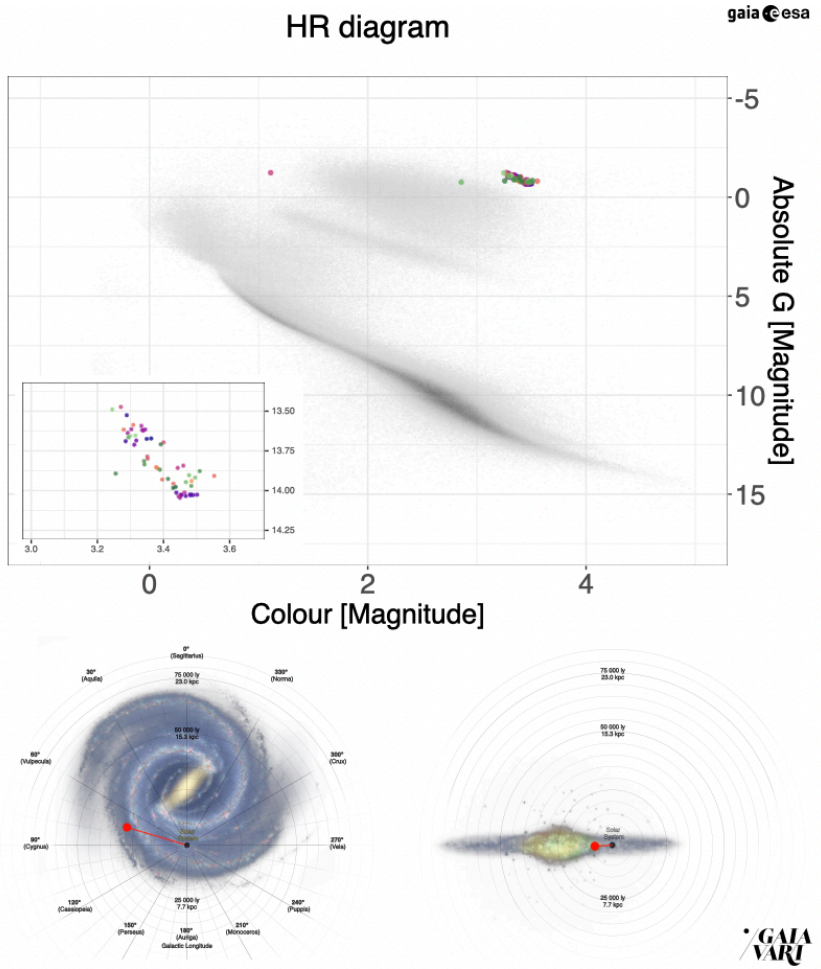
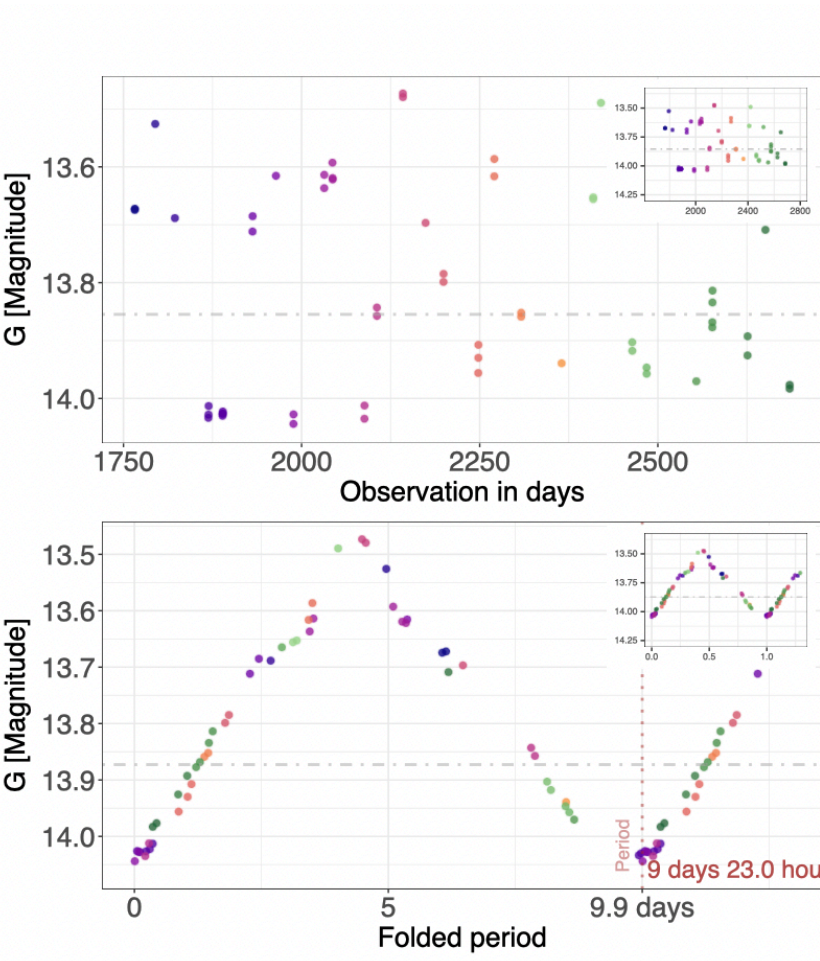
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Any guess?

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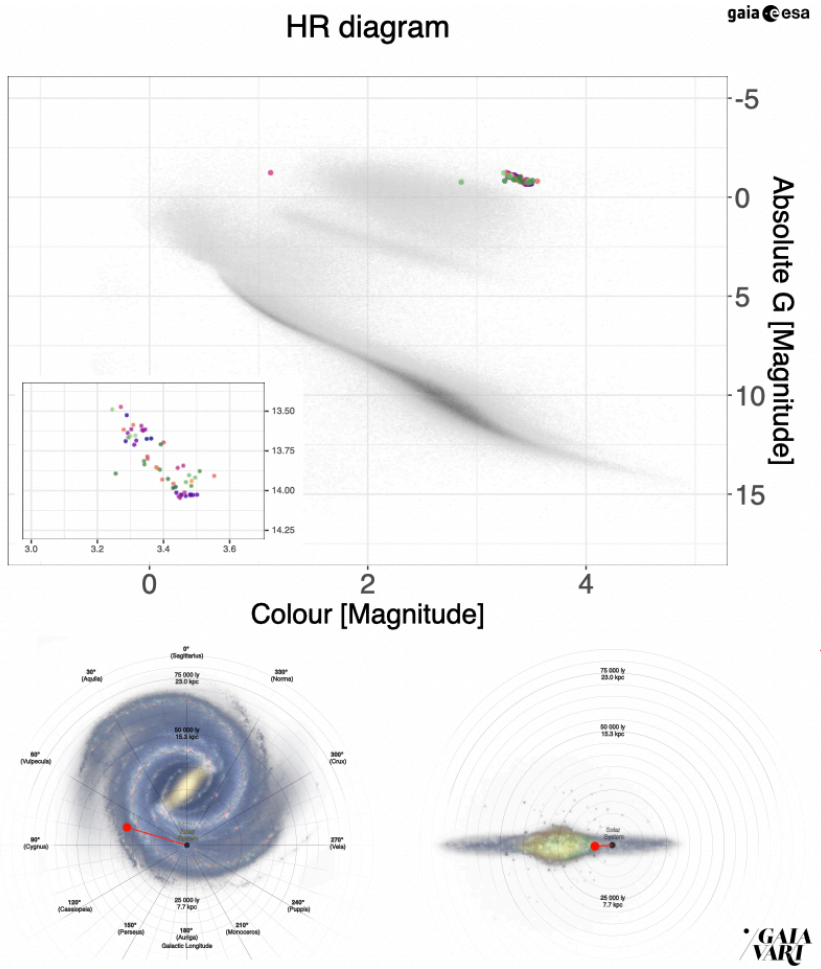
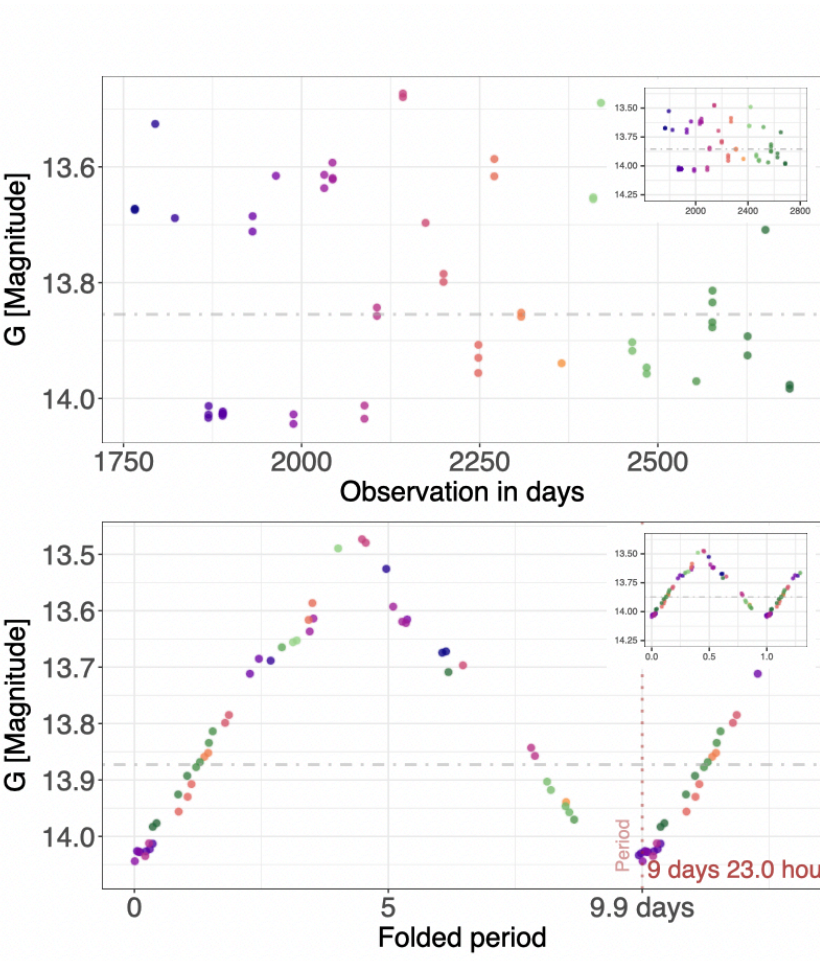
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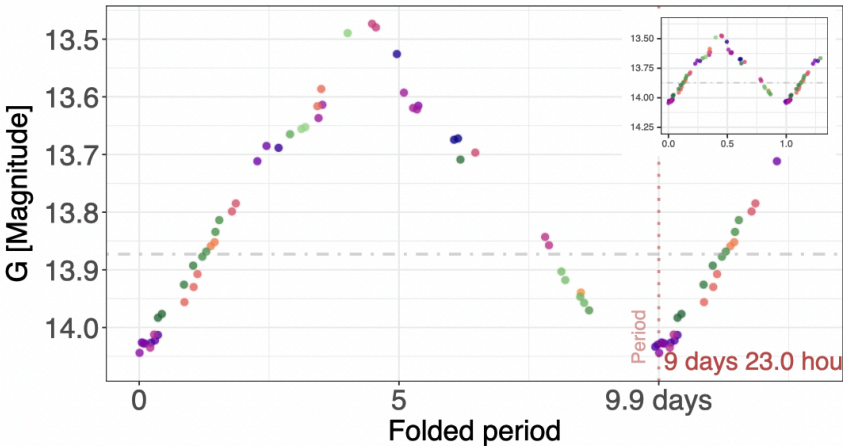
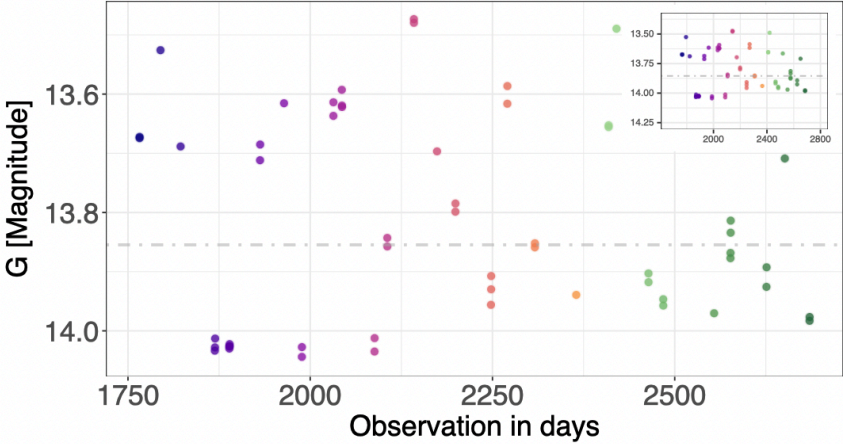
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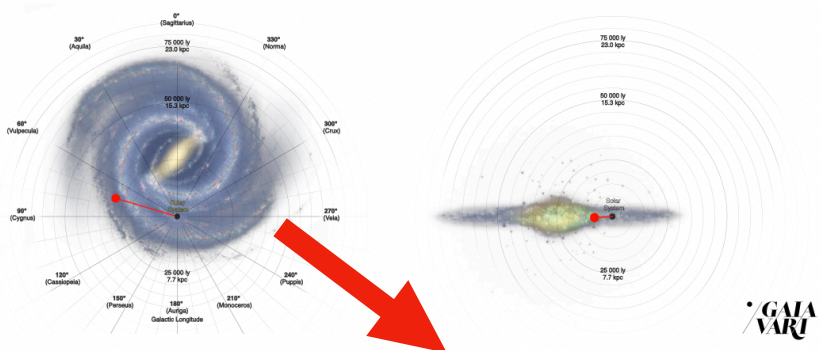
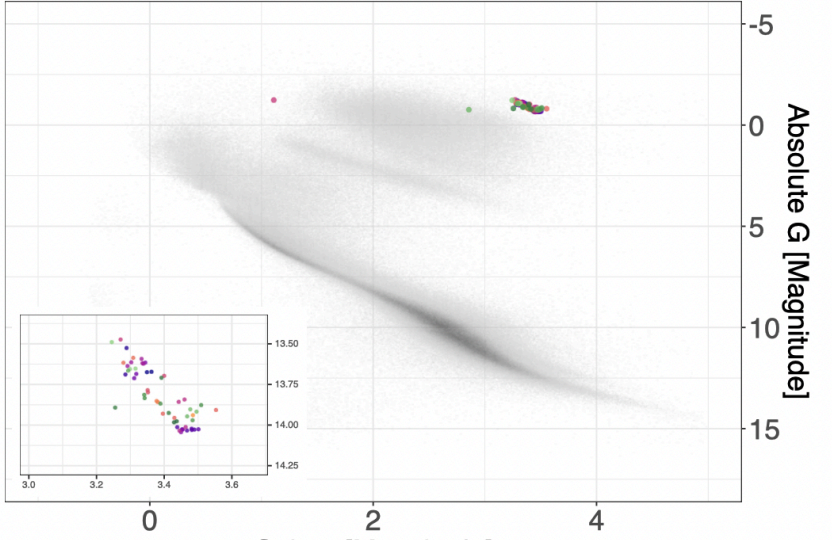
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HR diagram

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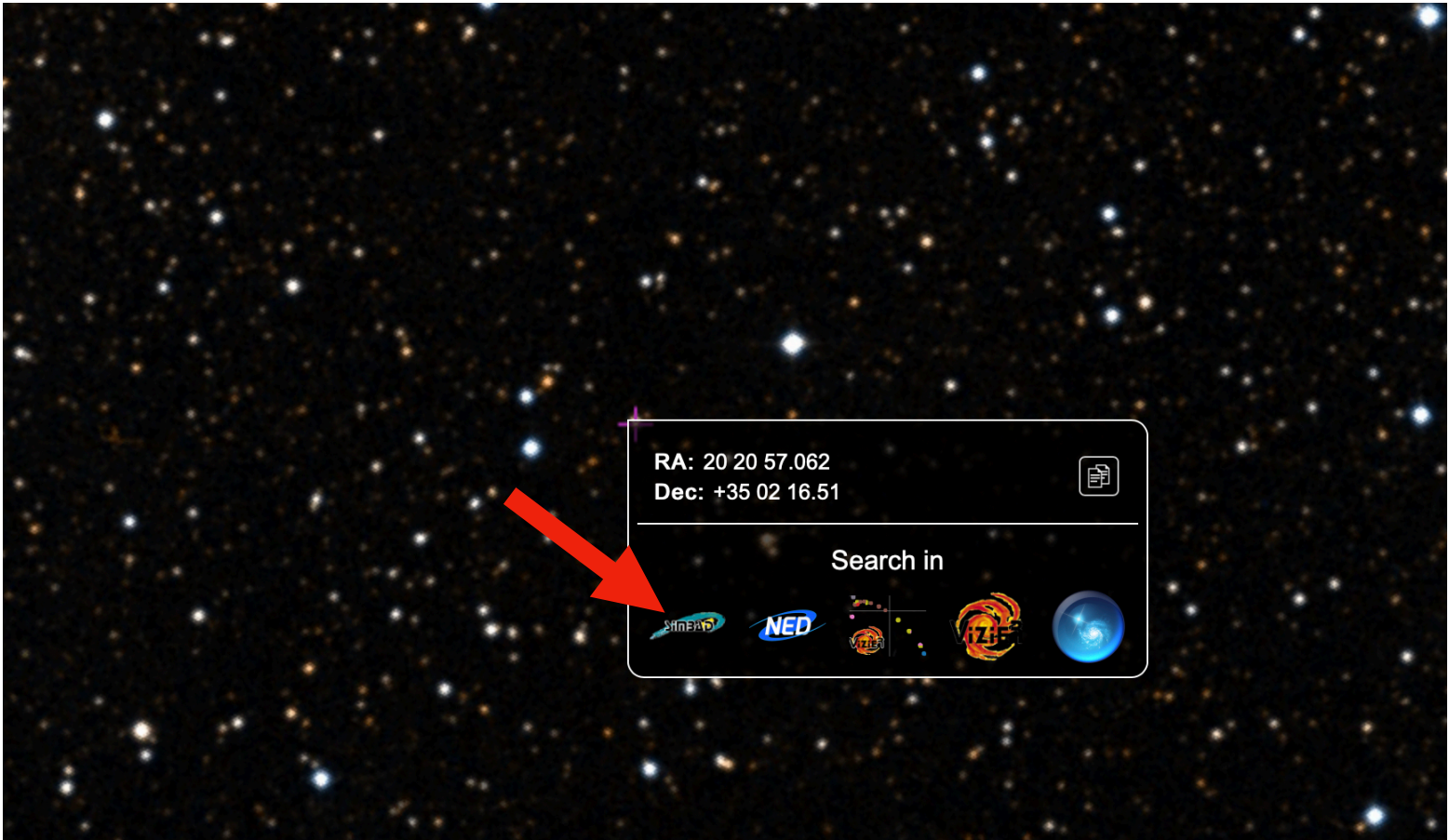
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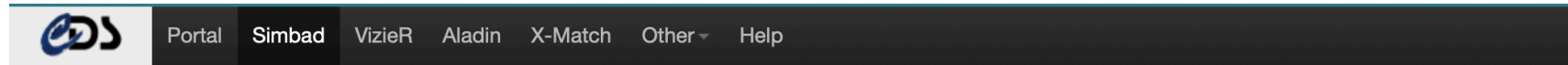


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ATO J305.2363+35.0371

other query modes :

- Identifier query
- Coordinate query
- Criteria query
- Reference query
- Basic query
- Script submission
- TAP
- Output options
- Help

Query : ATO J305.2363+35.0371

Basic data :

ATO J305.2363+35.0371 -- Classical Cepheid Variable

Other object types: **cC*** ([2019Sci](#)), * (UCAC4,Gaia), **Pu*** ([2018AJ](#)), **V*** (ASASSN), **NIR** (2MASS), **Opt** (ATO)

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Gal coord. (*ep=J2000*) : 073.7123918478962 -00.8957183981613 [0.0122 0.0145 90]

Proper motions *mas/yr* : -3.124 -4.783 [0.016 0.018 90] **A** [2020yCat.1350....0G](#)

Radial velocity / Redshift / cz : **V(km/s)** -26.72 [3.23] / **z(spectroscopic)** -0.000089 [0.000011] / **cz** -26.72 [3.23]
(**Opt**) **C** [2022yCat.1355....0G](#)

Parallaxes (*mas*): 0.1140 [0.0170] **A** [2020yCat.1350....0G](#)

Fluxes (5) : **R** 14.944 [0.16] **E** [2012yCat.1322....0Z](#)
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J 9.793 [0.024] **C** [2003yCat.2246....0C](#)
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@d0ct0r

March 24th 2023, 10:07 pm

Subject 85156453

HR diagram
gaia @ esa

G [Magnitude]

Observation in days

Absolute G [Magnitude]

Colour [Magnitude]

Folded period

9.9 days

9.9 days 23.0 hou

Beautiful Cepheid! The Hertzsprung progression in the Cepheid class is very interesting to study.

Helpful (1) Reply Link Report

- Gaia Vari**
@GAIA_Zooniverse
RESEARCHER
MODERATOR
TEAM
- Maria W**
@RoksolanaKot
- Wirg78**
@Wirg78
- Travaglino**
@Travaglino
- AlexScience**

March 25th 2023, 12:02 am

[#interesting](#) case indeed!

Helpful (0) Reply Link Report

April 15th 2023, 10:26 pm

[#interesting](#) [#cep](#)

Helpful (0) Reply Link Report

April 20th 2023, 1:48 pm

very reddened [#cepheid](#)

Helpful (0) Reply Link Report

May 1st 2023, 12:11 pm

[#cep](#) [#reddened](#) [#known](#) in [#ASAS-SN](#) as ASASSN-V J202056.73+350213.7 / ATLASJ305.2363+35.0371 period 9.9435319

Helpful (0) Reply Link Report

May 10th 2023, 5:05 pm

reddened [#cep](#)

Helpful (0) Reply Link Report

A Citizen Science Project around variable stars observed by Gaia

Beta version

Mostly within the GaiaVari teams

Campaign 1

10,121 sources to be classified

From March to May 2023

- 850 Volunteers
- 205,000 Classifications
- 19,000 Comments



<https://www.contractingbusiness.com/contracting-business-success/article/21256089/the-four-requirements-of-success>

What are the outcomes of Campaign 1

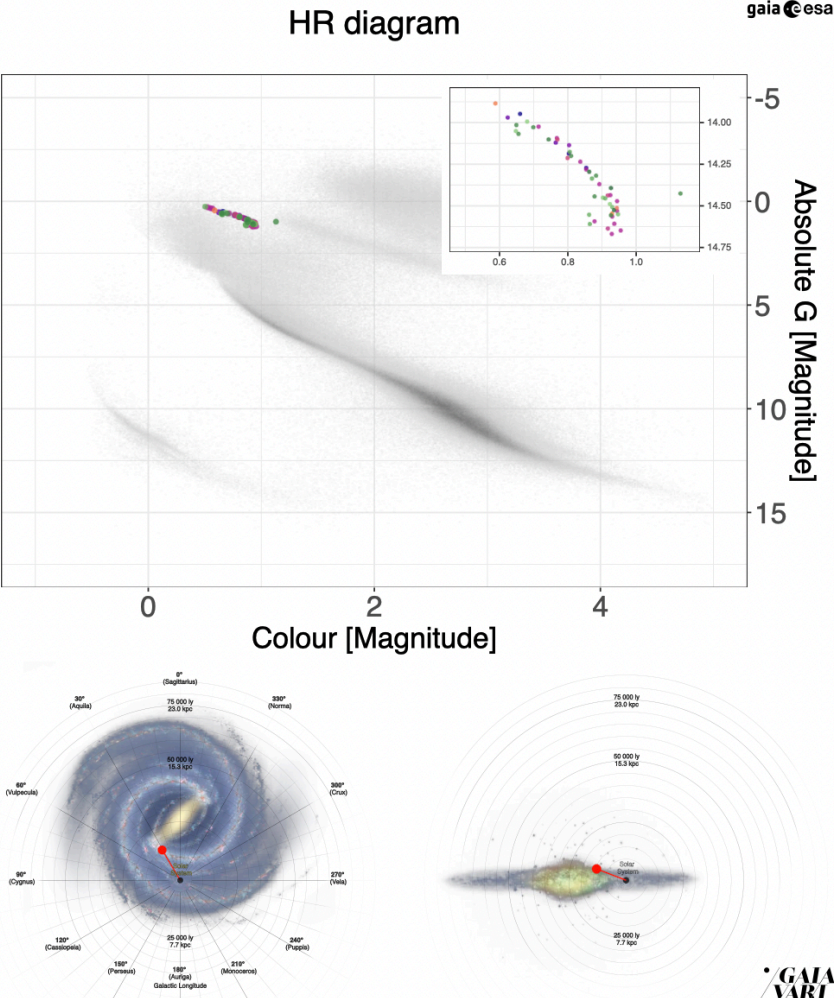
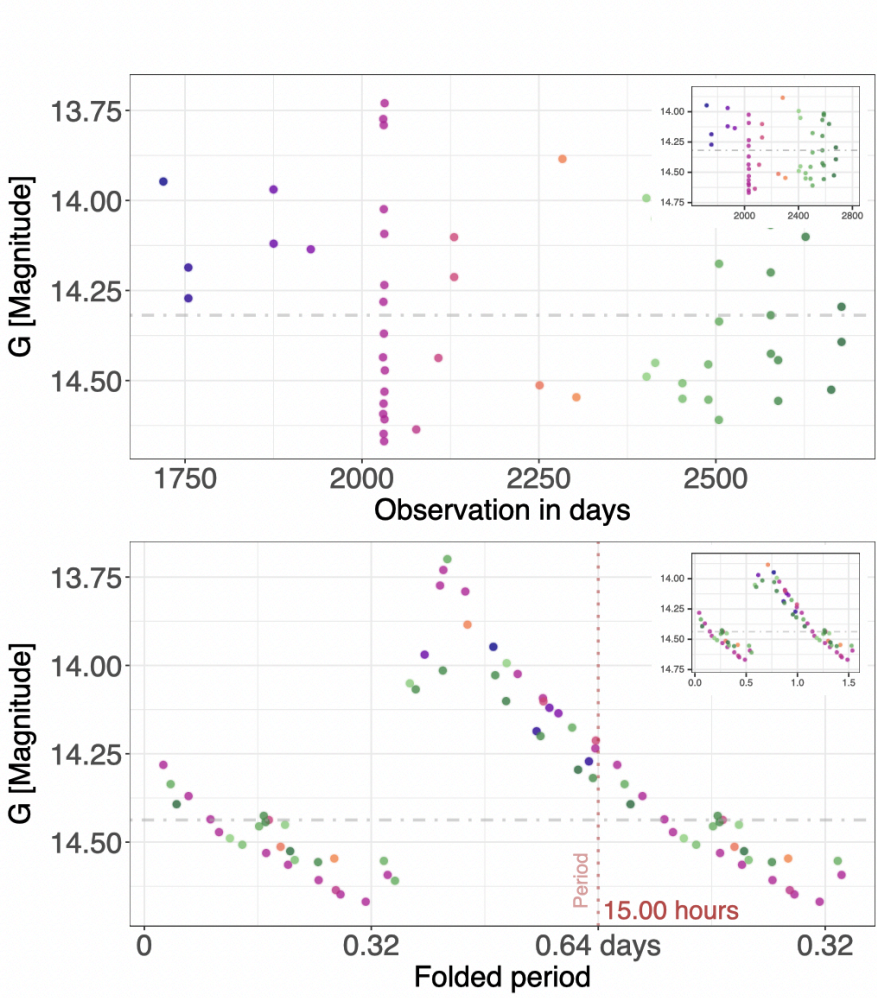
Some possible identified “problems” in DR3:

- Some misclassifications between RR Lyrae and Cepheid subtypes (in parallel a correction was issued V. Ripepi)
- Many wrong periods in Long Period Variables, given by characterisation Work Package, CORRECTED Long Period Variable Work Package; there are many small amplitudes LPVs
- Factor 2 in the periods of eclipsing binaries by characterisation (this was expected), CORRECTED by Eclipsing binary Work Package

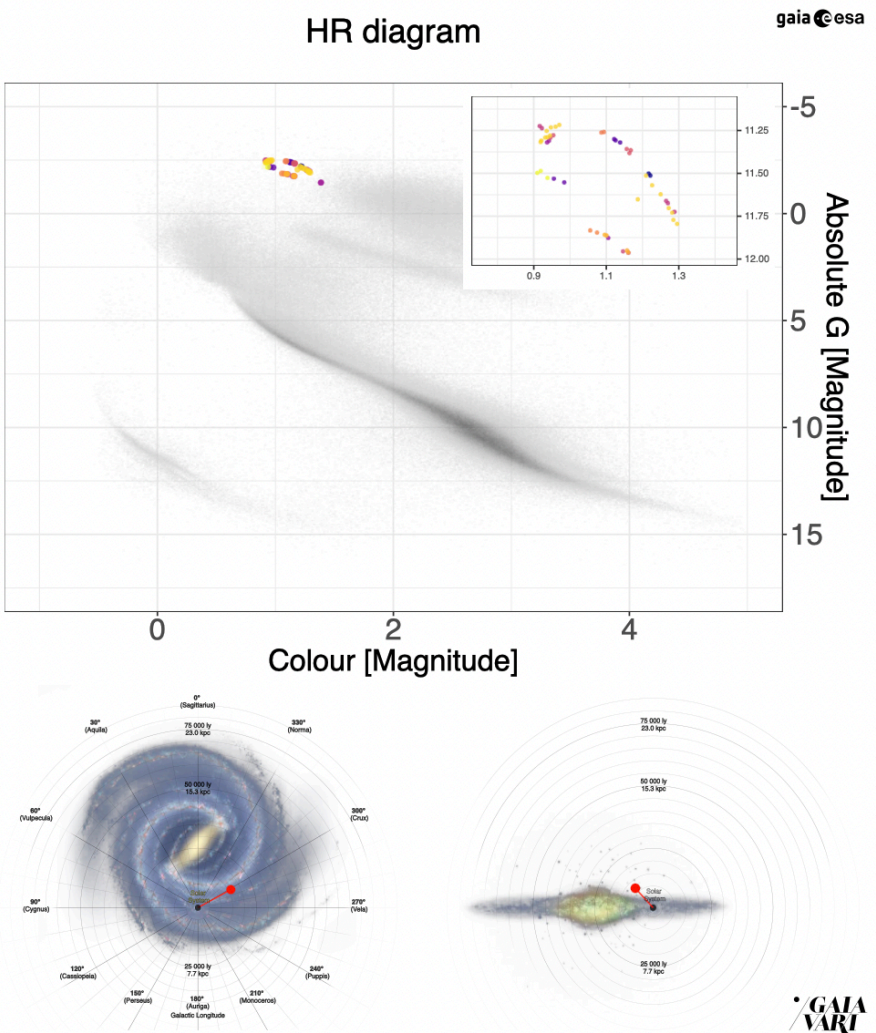
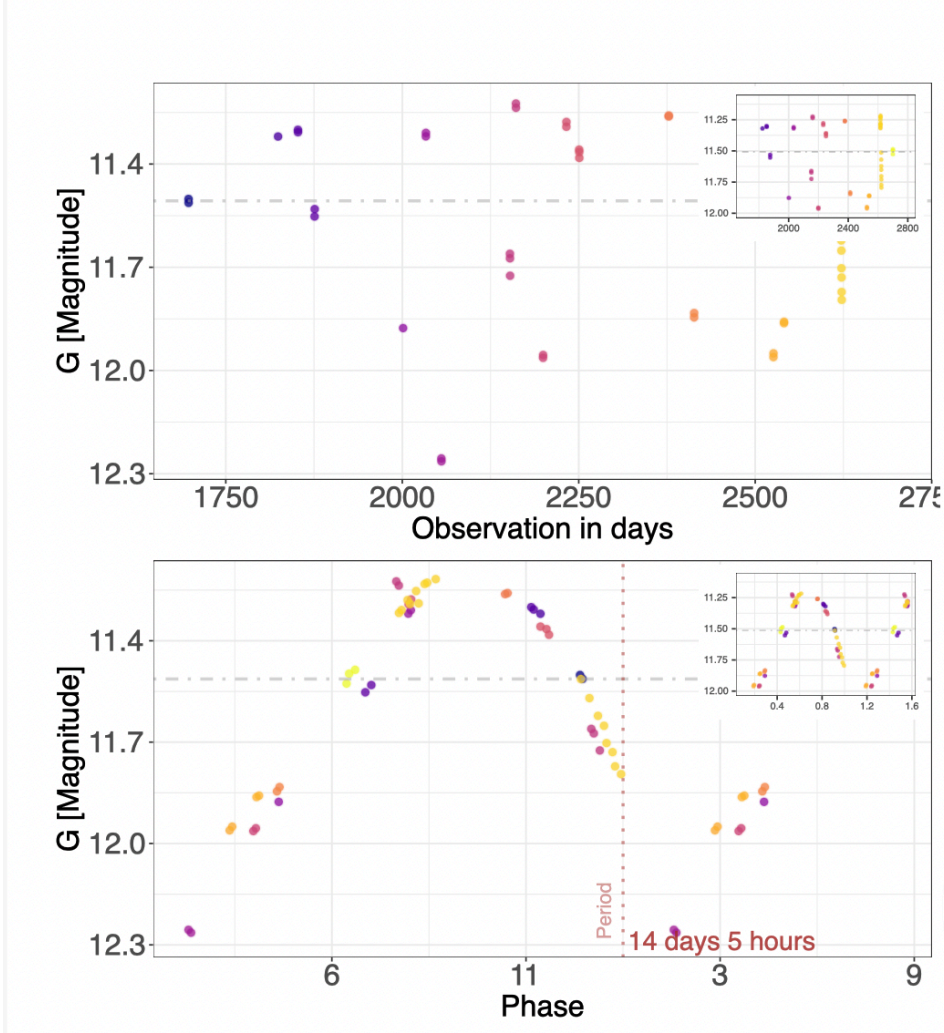
Some interesting results/remarks:

- Subclasses quite easily identified (RR Lyrae Bailey’s types, RR Lyrae Blazhko effect, Cepheid sub-classification)
- Big loop in the colour magnitude diagram with many Type II Cepheids, to be confirmed
- Several new R Coronae Borealis stars candidates!
- One fascinating white dwarf remarked by many citizen scientists. This is to be studied.
- ZZ Ceti white dwarf location seems to host cataclysmic variables
- Classification between Ellipsoidal variability and RS CVn stars a bit fuzzy

What are the outcomes of Campaign 1



What are the outcomes of Campaign 1



The second Campaign

Campaign 2 - On-going

Dedicated mostly on overlaps of the classification (when two classifiers claim the star)

Astronomers can also be citizen scientist, **so register:**

<https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/gaia-zooniverse/gaia-vari>

Stellar variability - II

Laurent Eyer
University of Geneva

Ile d'Oléron, France
Thursday, October 5, 2023

11h00-12h30 (CET)



Practical goal

Some problems

HR diagram and variables

Distance scale

Other topics

Pushing the limits

Focused Product Release

Some problems

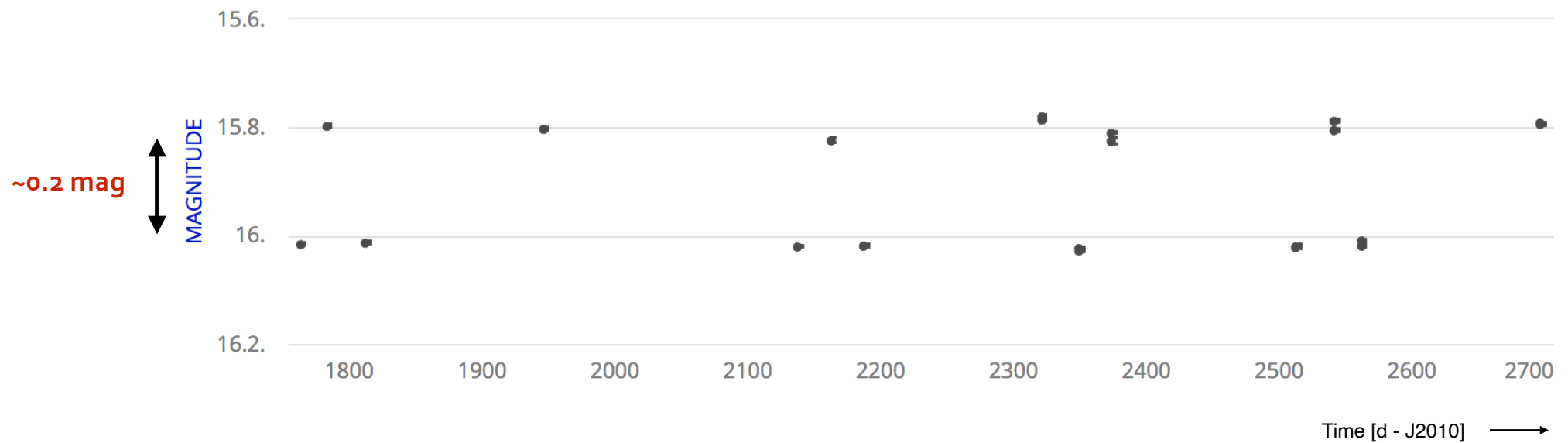
Not all is so rosy: strange sources

G-band FoV
photometry

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Operators



What is it? any guess?

Courtesy of B. Holl

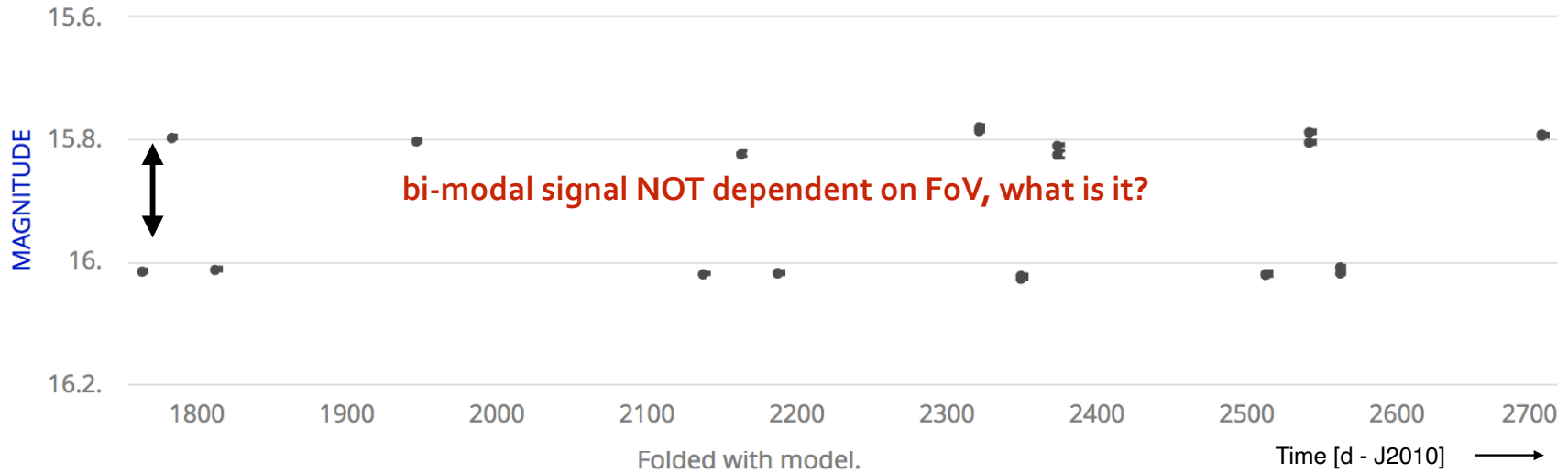
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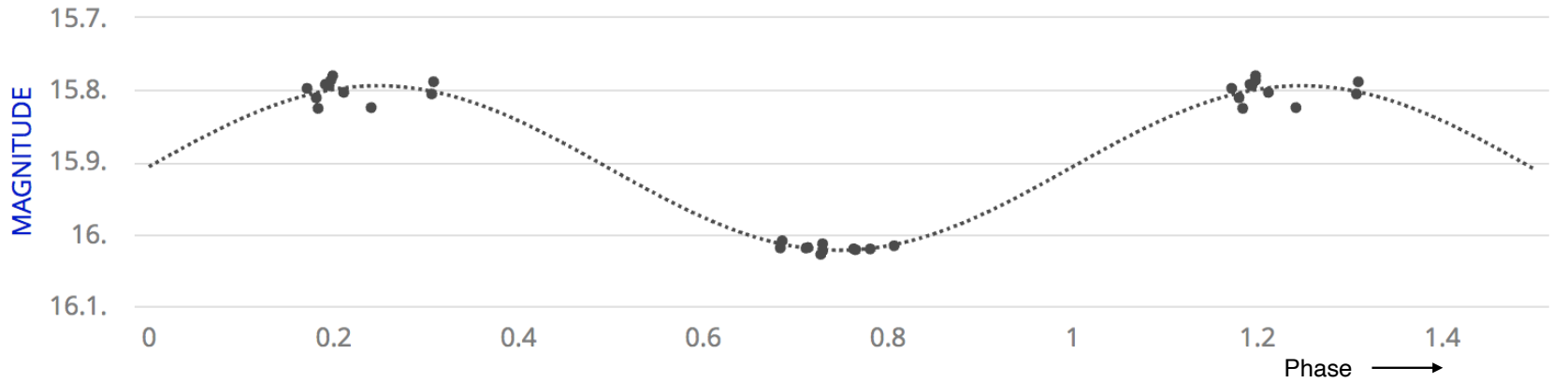


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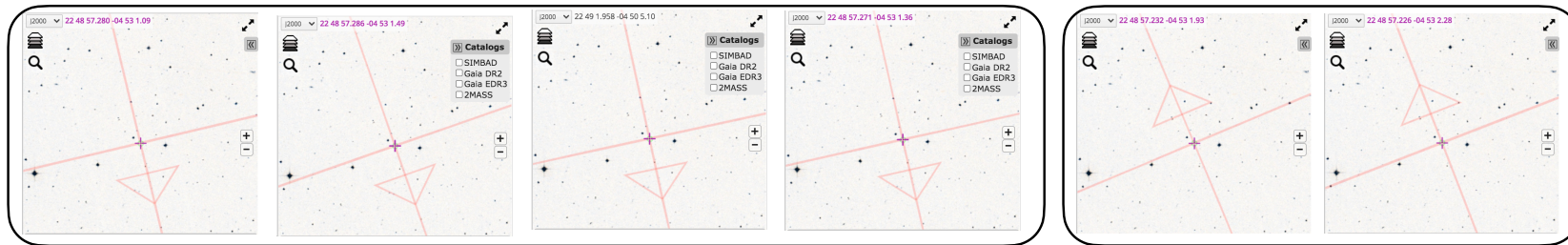


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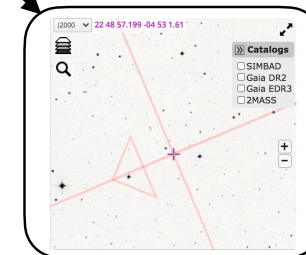
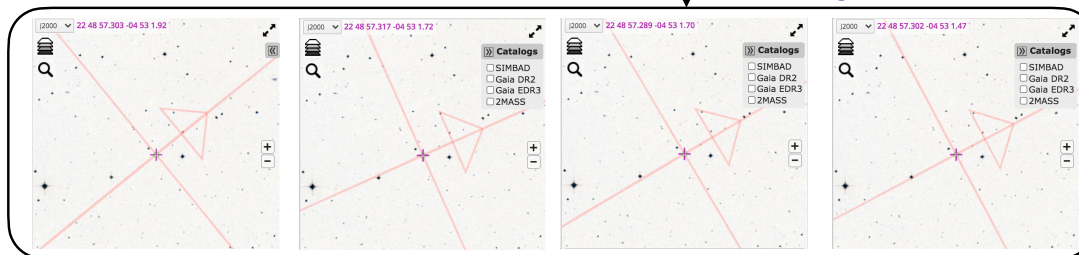
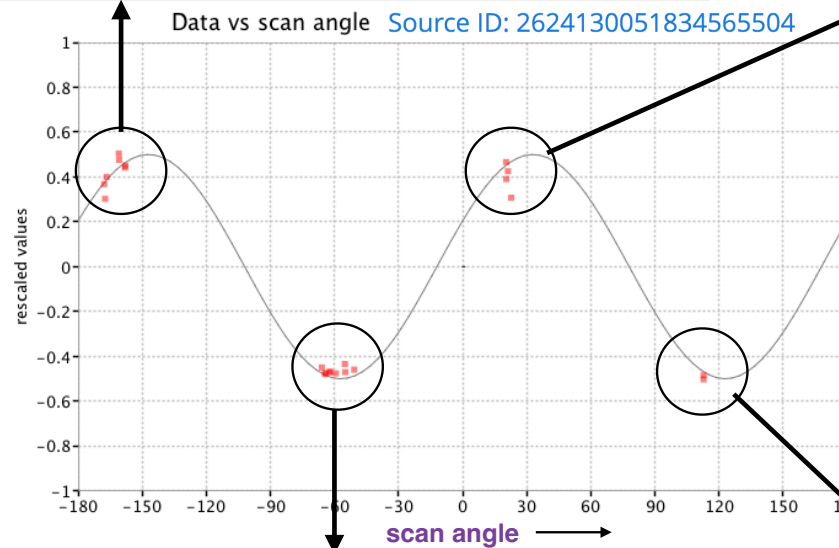


Courtesy of B. Holl

The modulation is correlated with the scan angle



G-band FoV
photometry
Signal depends
on *scan angle*
(modulo 180 deg)



Courtesy of B. Holl

Many spurious frequencies come from this

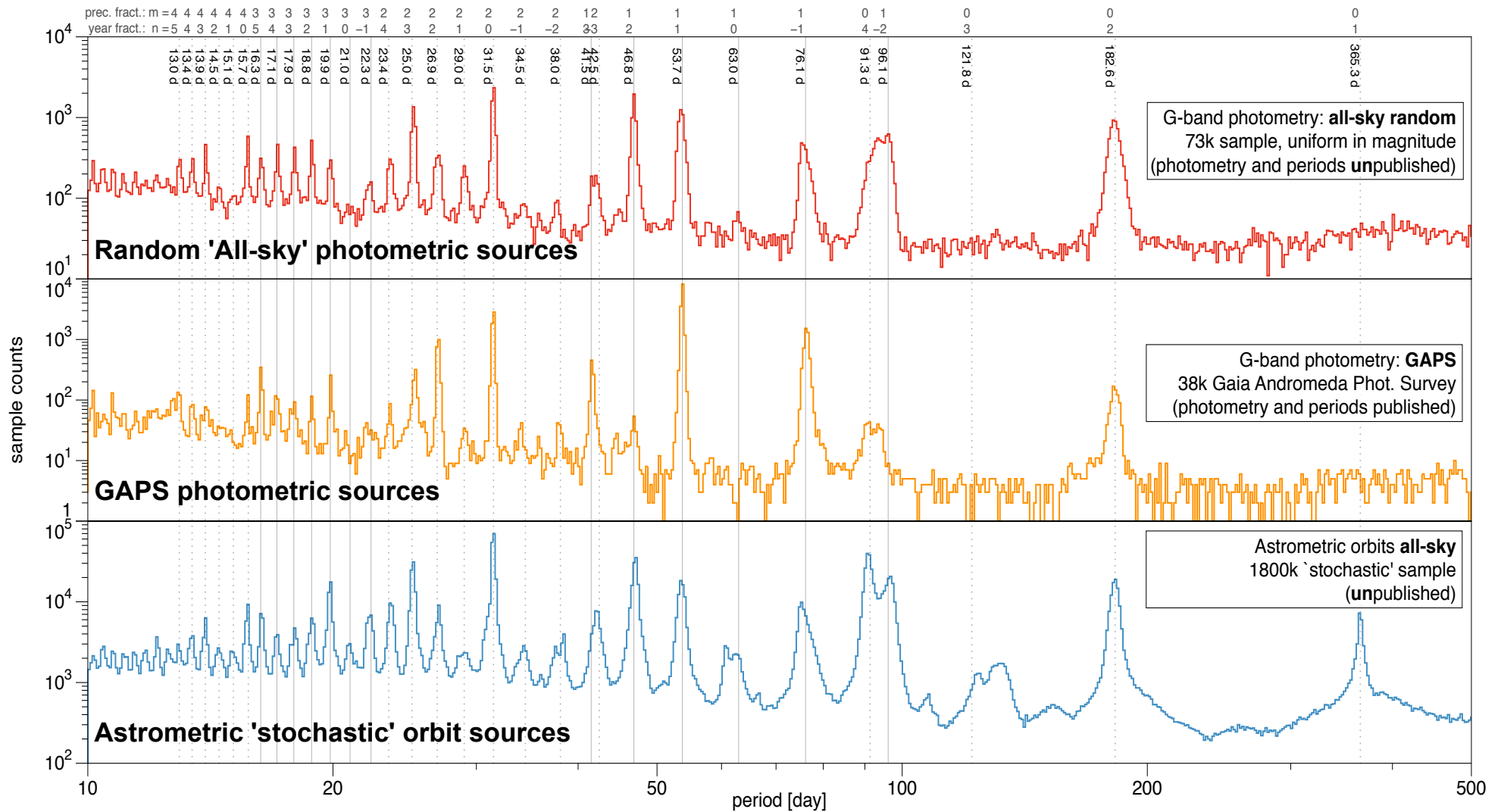
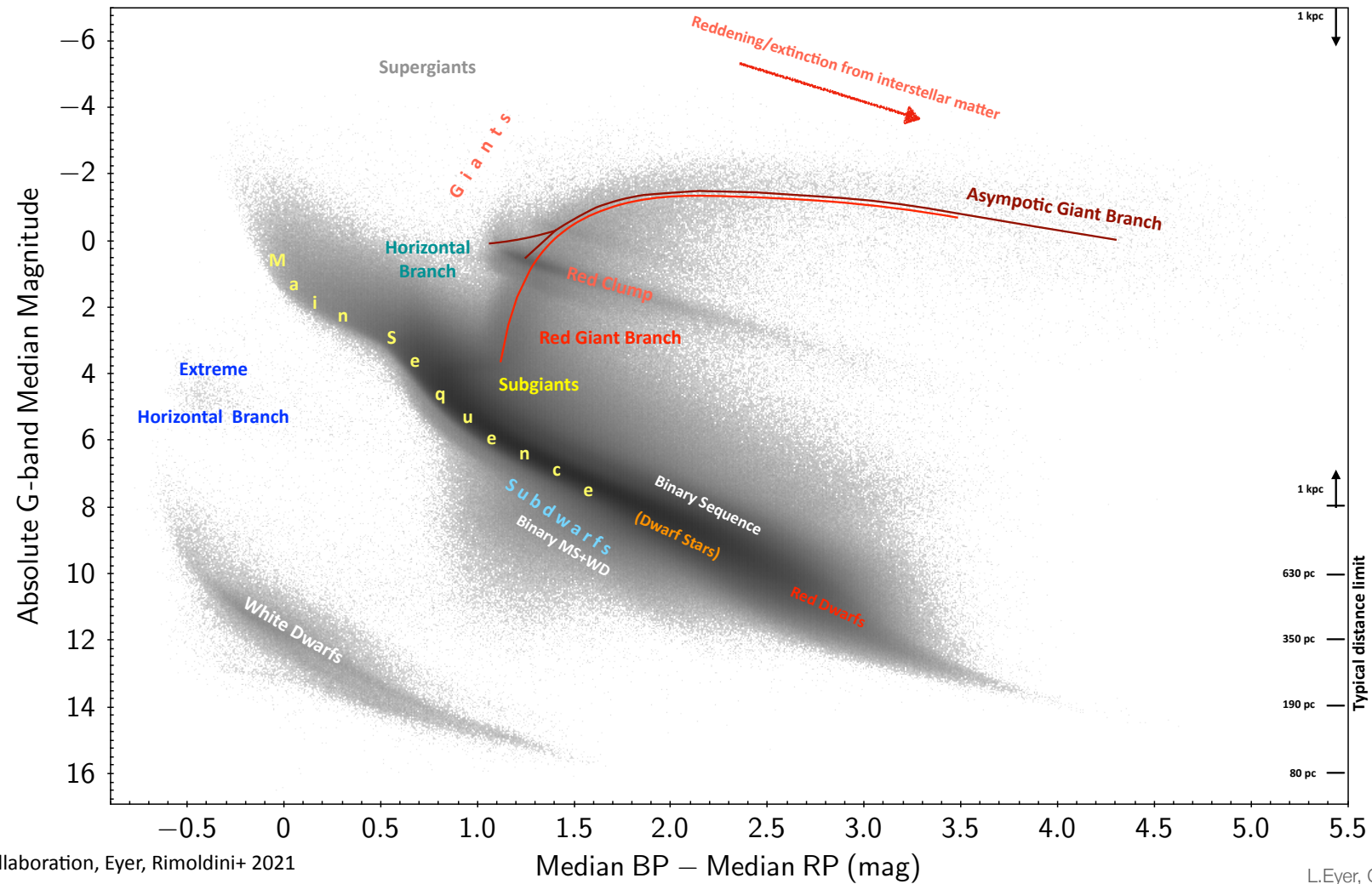


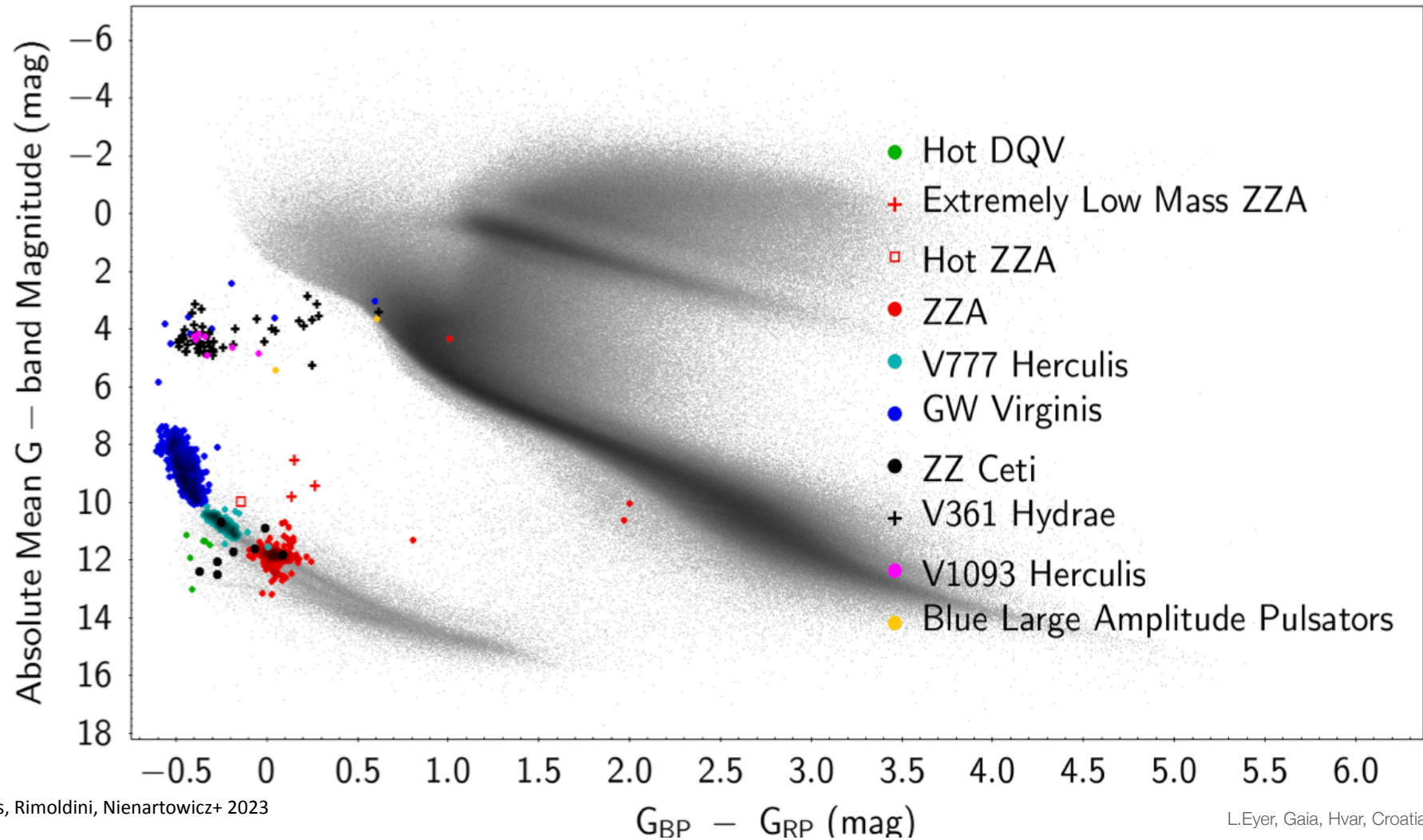
Fig 16 of Holl, Fabricius, Portell, et al. (2023)

HR diagram and variables

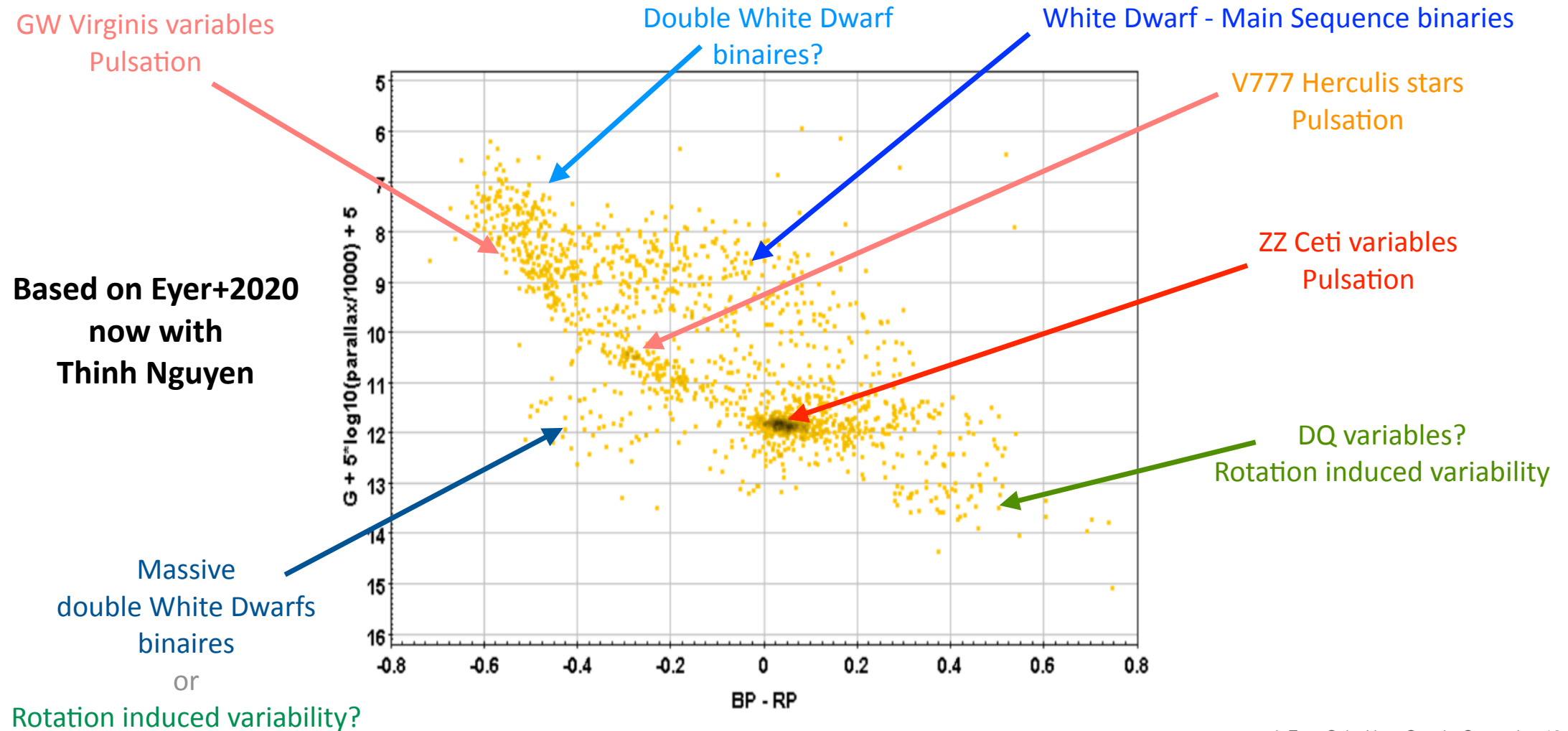
Colour absolute Magnitude Diagram



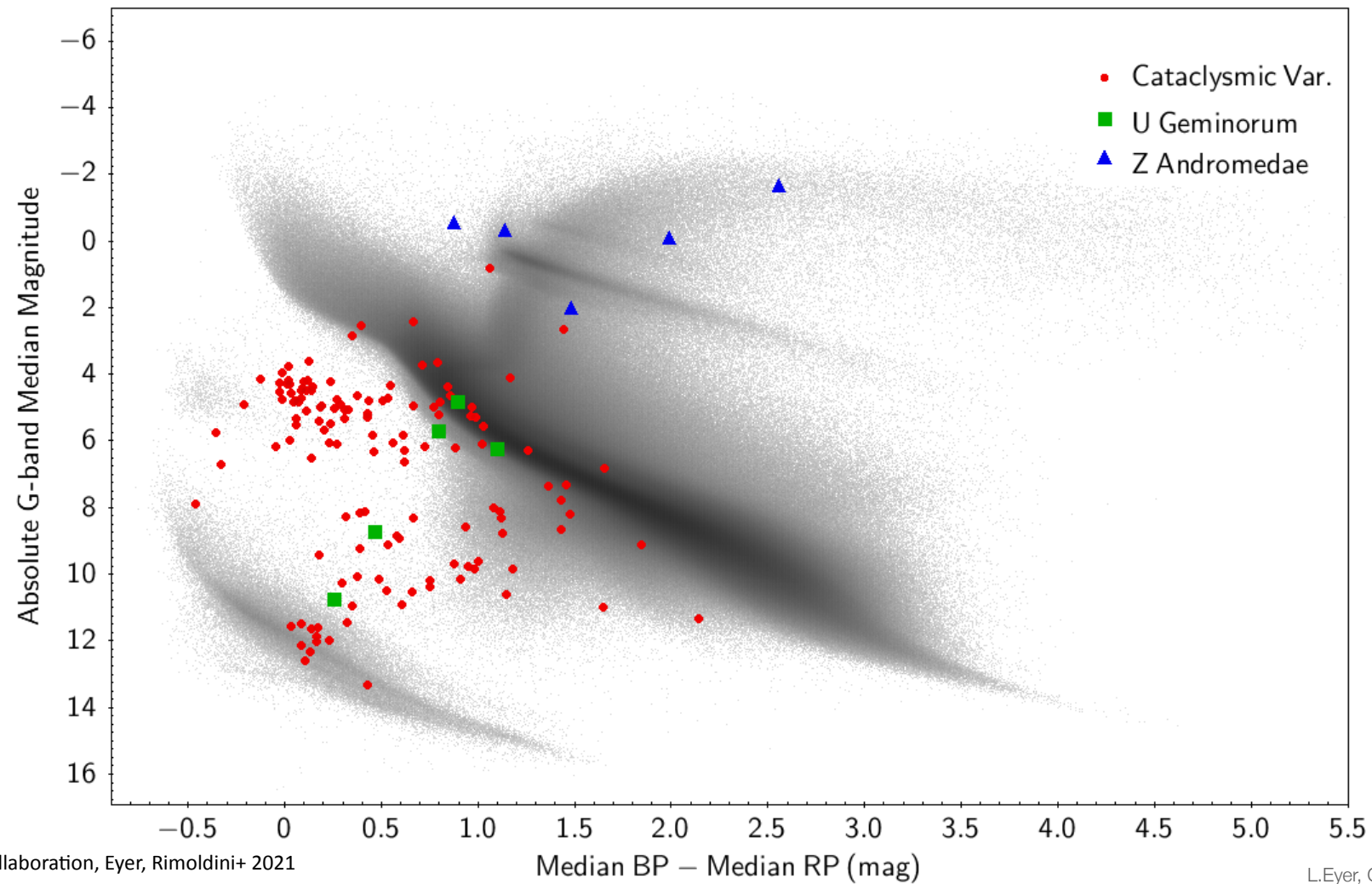
White dwarfs from the literature



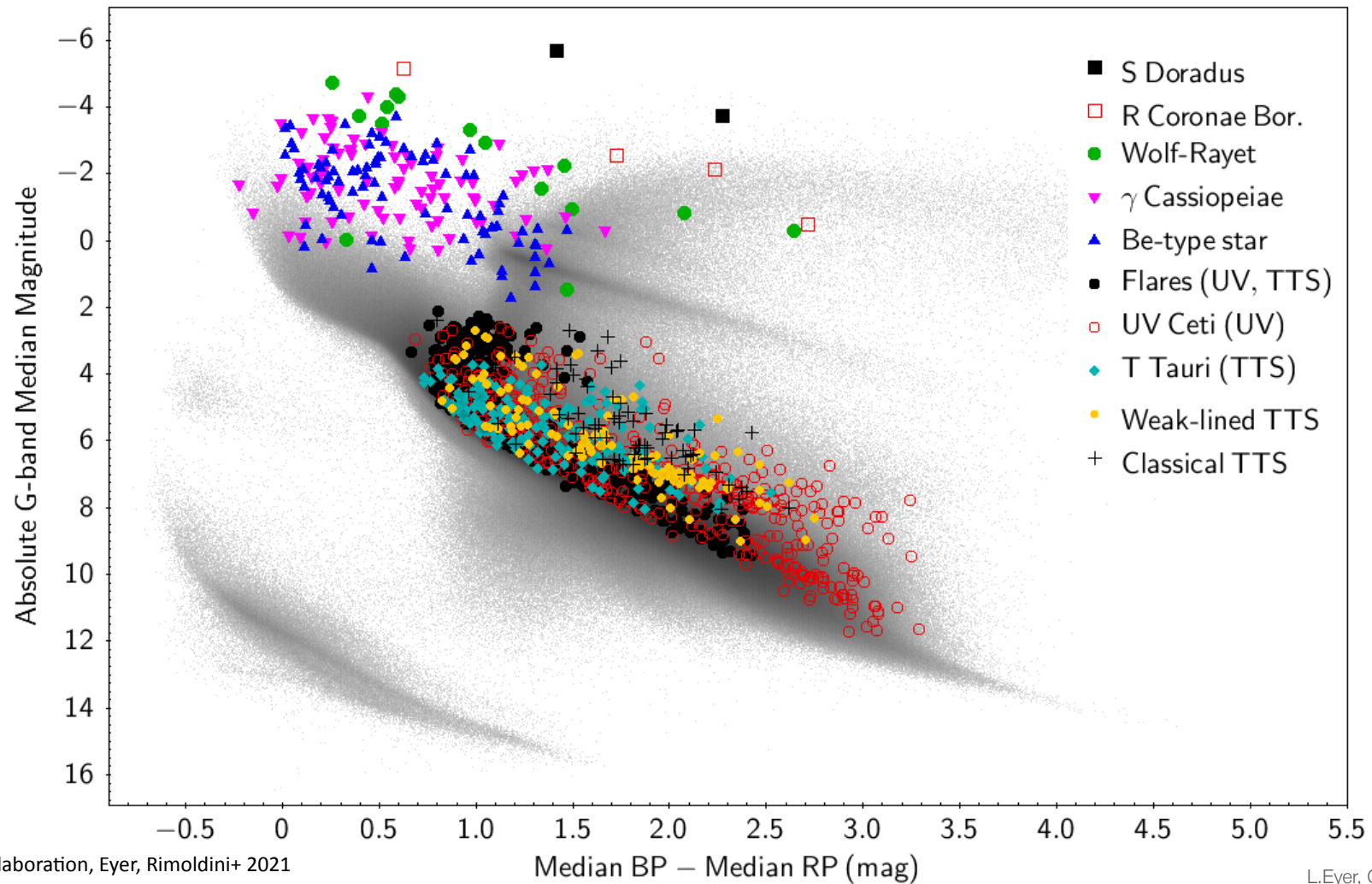
Variable white dwarfs in the Colour absolute Magnitude Diagram from published excess scatter



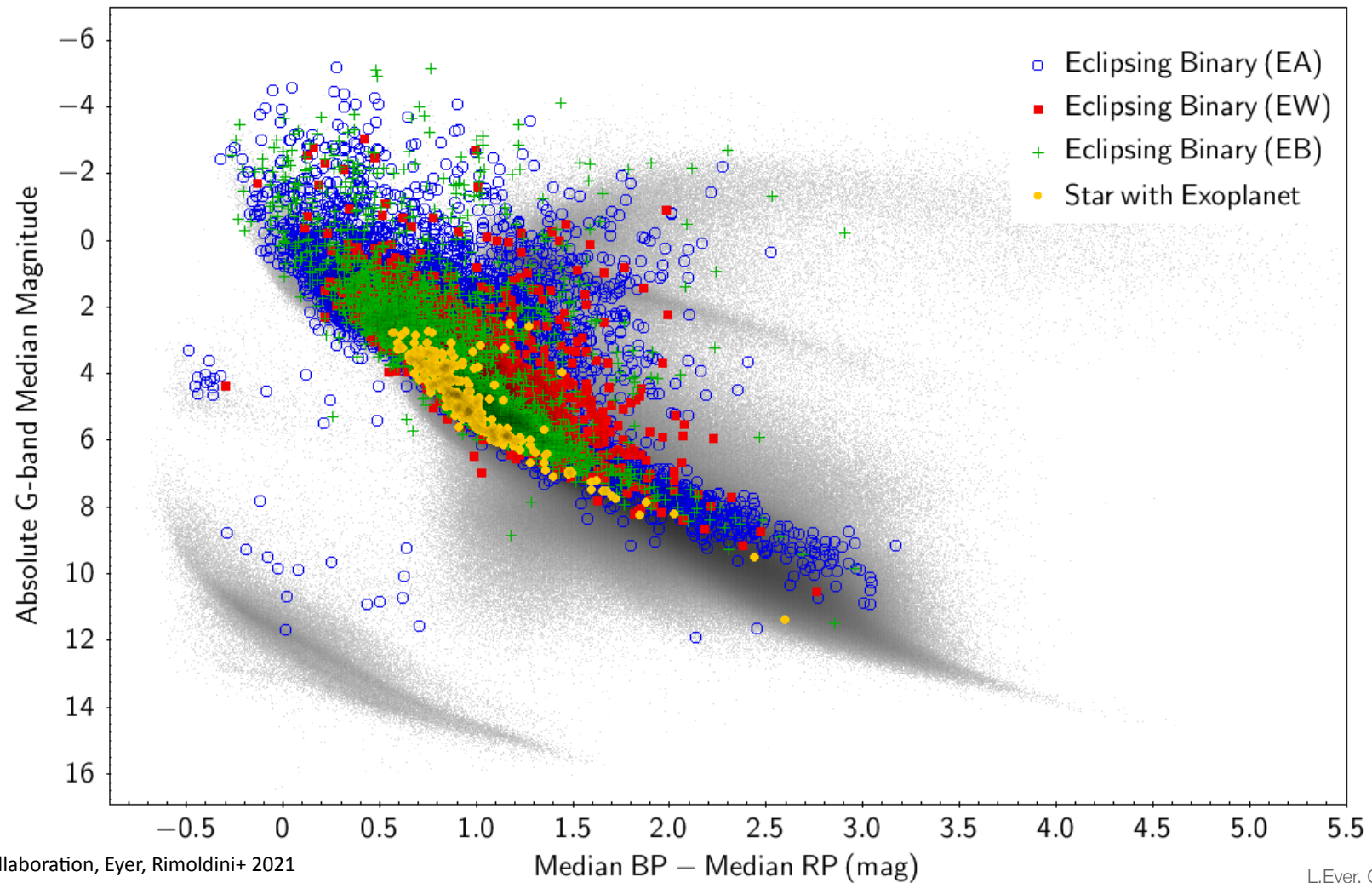
Cataclysmic stars in the Colour Absolute magnitude Diagram



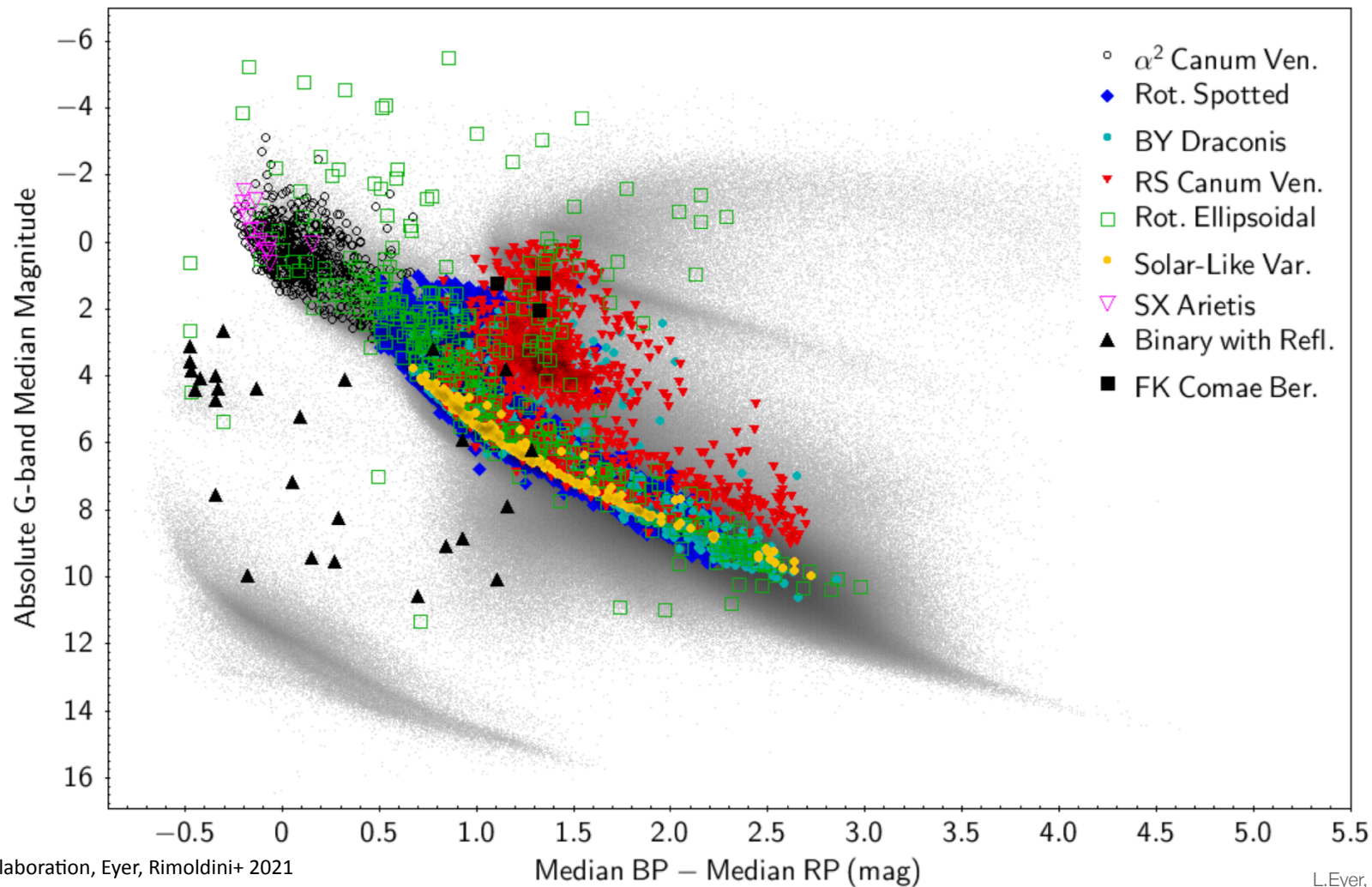
Eruptive stars in the Colour absolute Magnitude Diagram



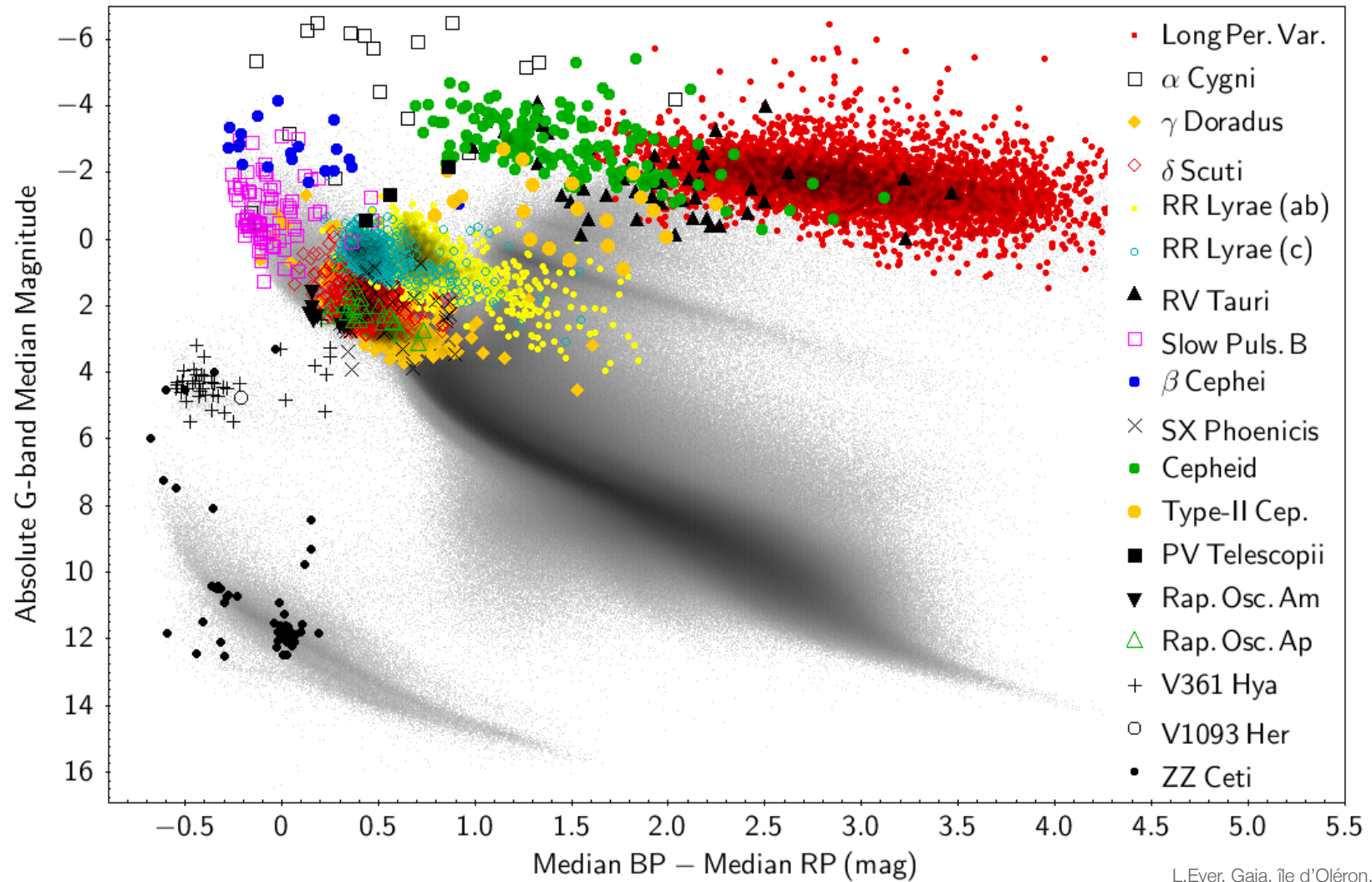
Eclipsing stars in the observational HR diagram



Variability induced by rotation in the observational HR diagram

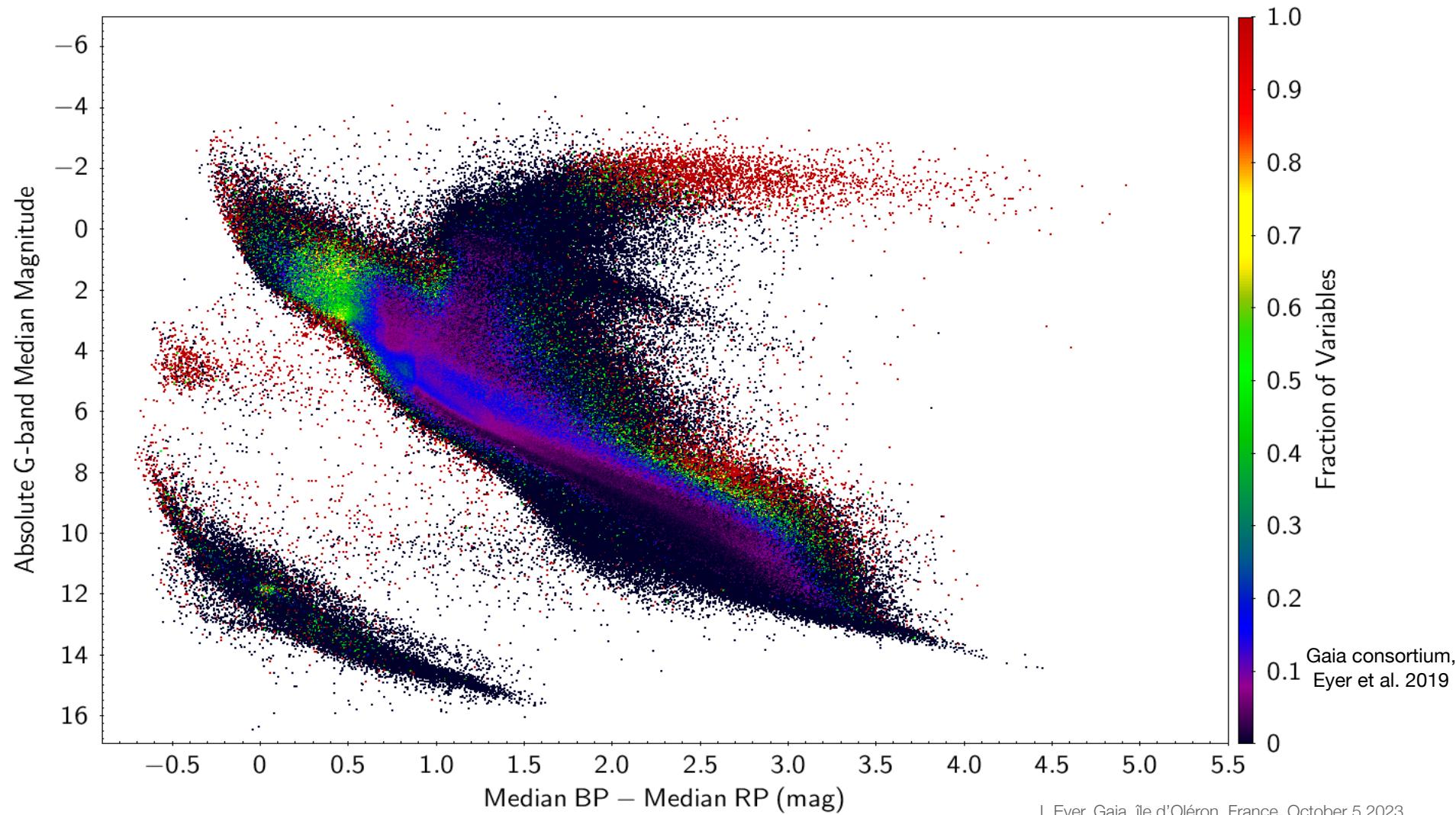


Gaia HR Diagram (from DR2)

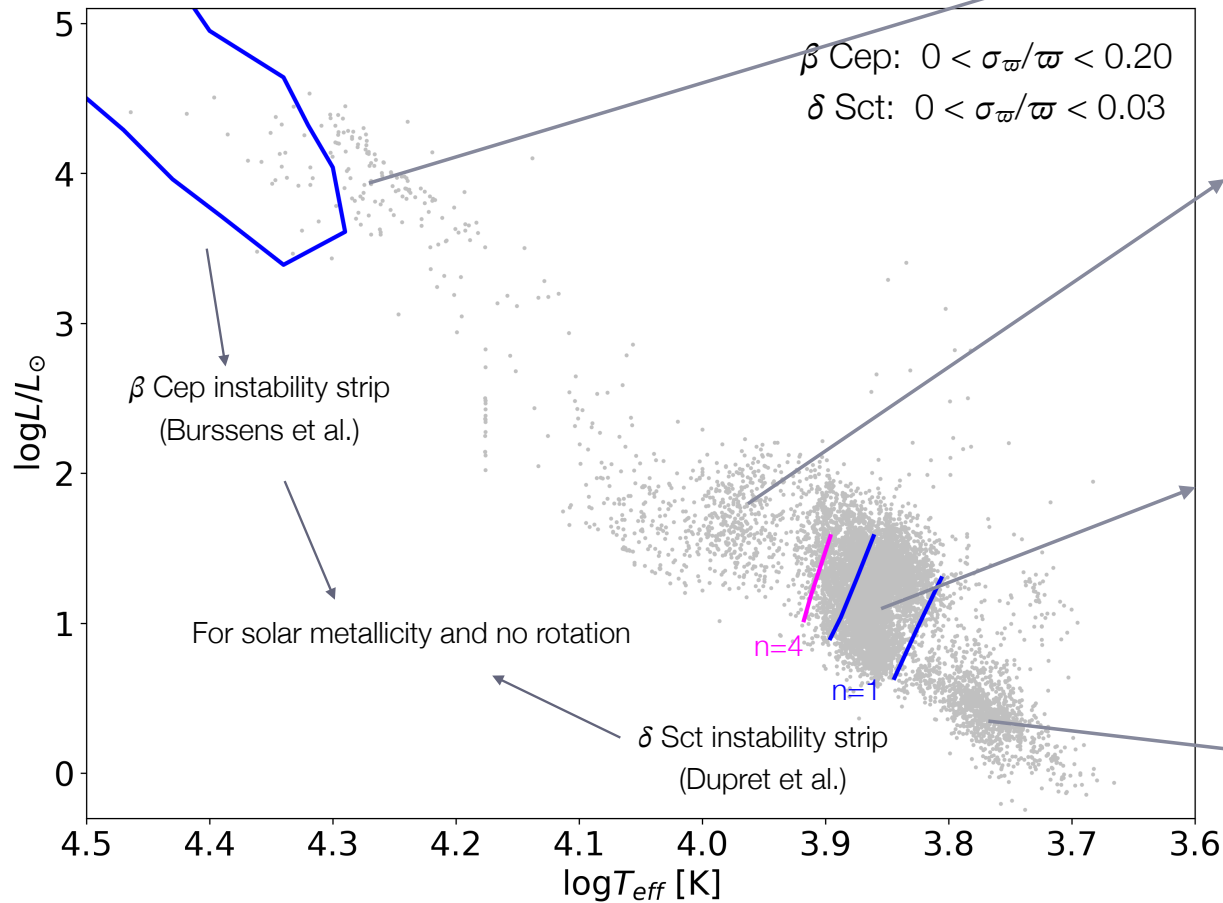


Gaia consortium,
Eyer et al. 2019

Gaia HR Diagram (from DR2): the fraction of variables



Instability regions: P-mode pulsators: β Cep and δ Sct variables



Most β Cep candidates fall outside the instability strip. Difficult to explain.

Variability in this part of the HR diagram is seen before but is not well understood. Fast rotation and/or star spots likely play a roll.

Excellent match between theoretical strip and observations.

$\log L$ and $\log T_{\text{eff}}$ were not used to classify the pulsators!

Also shows the good quality of CU8 astrophysical parameters in this T_{eff} range.

Puzzling group of variables outside instability strip:

Fourier series

$$mag(t_j) = zp + \sum [A_i \sin(i \times 2\pi\nu_{max}t_j + \phi_i)]$$

in fact the fit should be done in $a_i \sin(2\pi\nu t) + b_i \cos(2\pi\nu t)$

$$R_{ij} = A_i / A_j$$

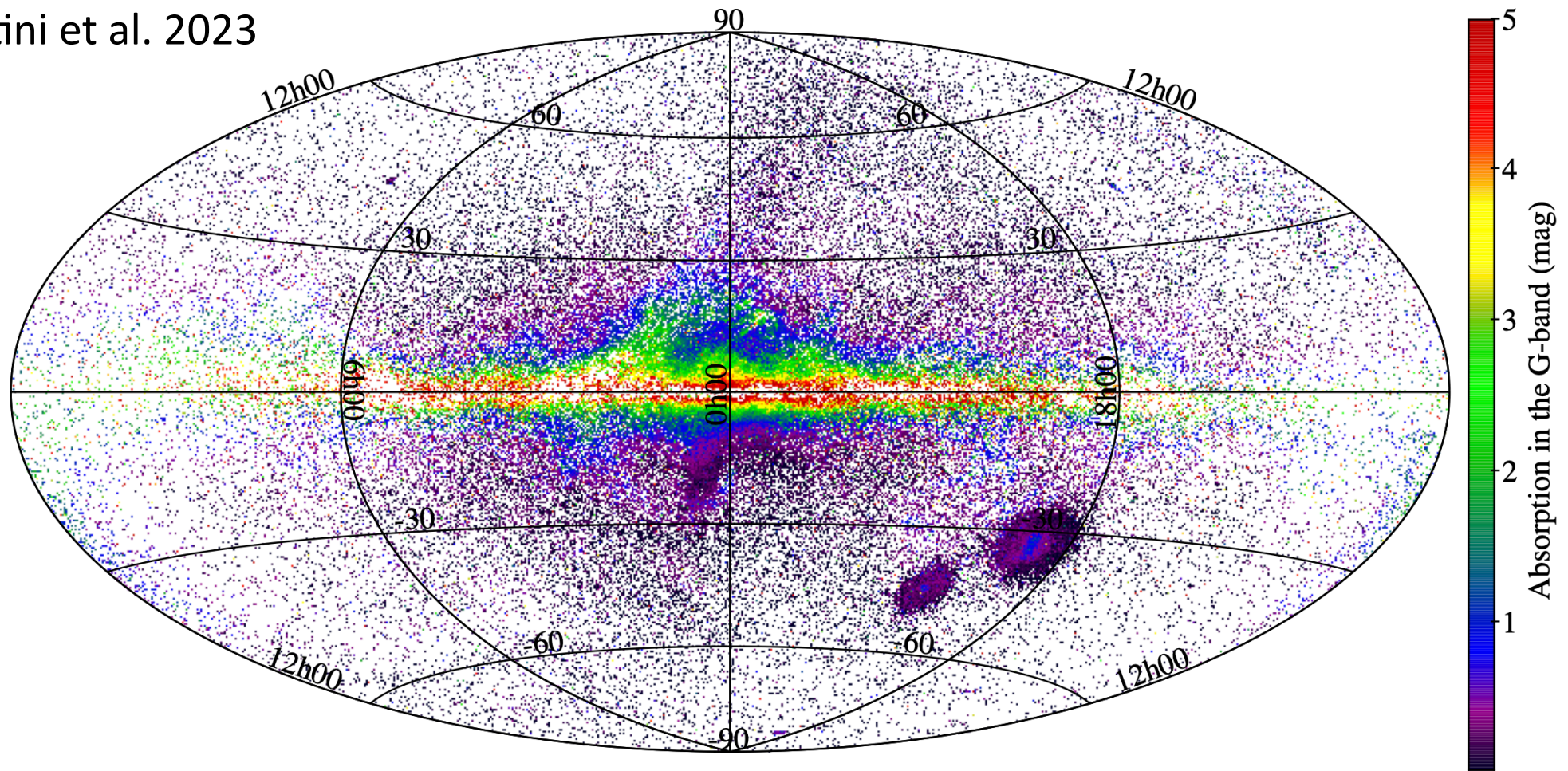
$$\phi_{ij} = j \times \phi_i - i \times \phi_j$$



Calibration of absolute luminosities
Calibrate metallicities

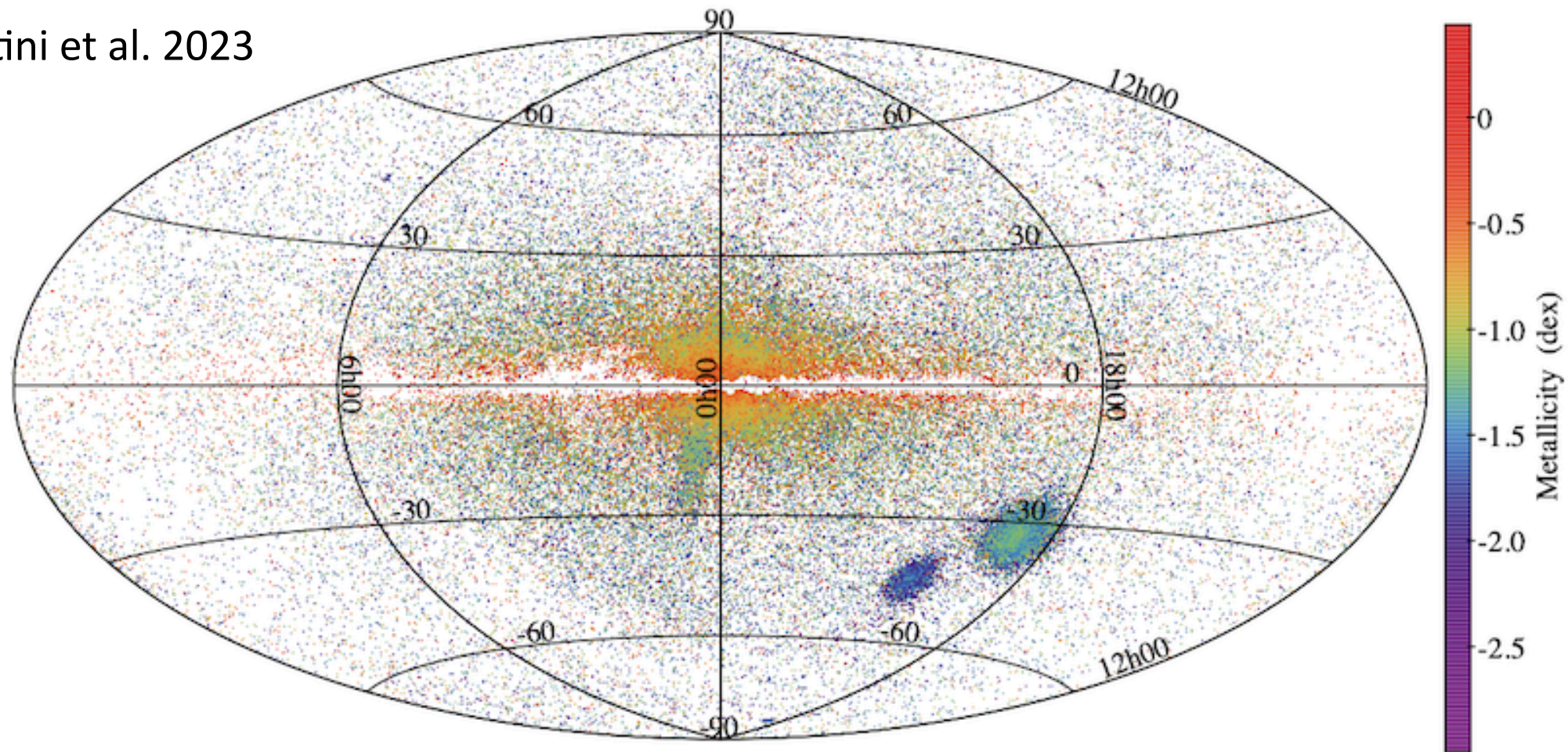
Absorption Map from RR Lyrae stars

Clementini et al. 2023



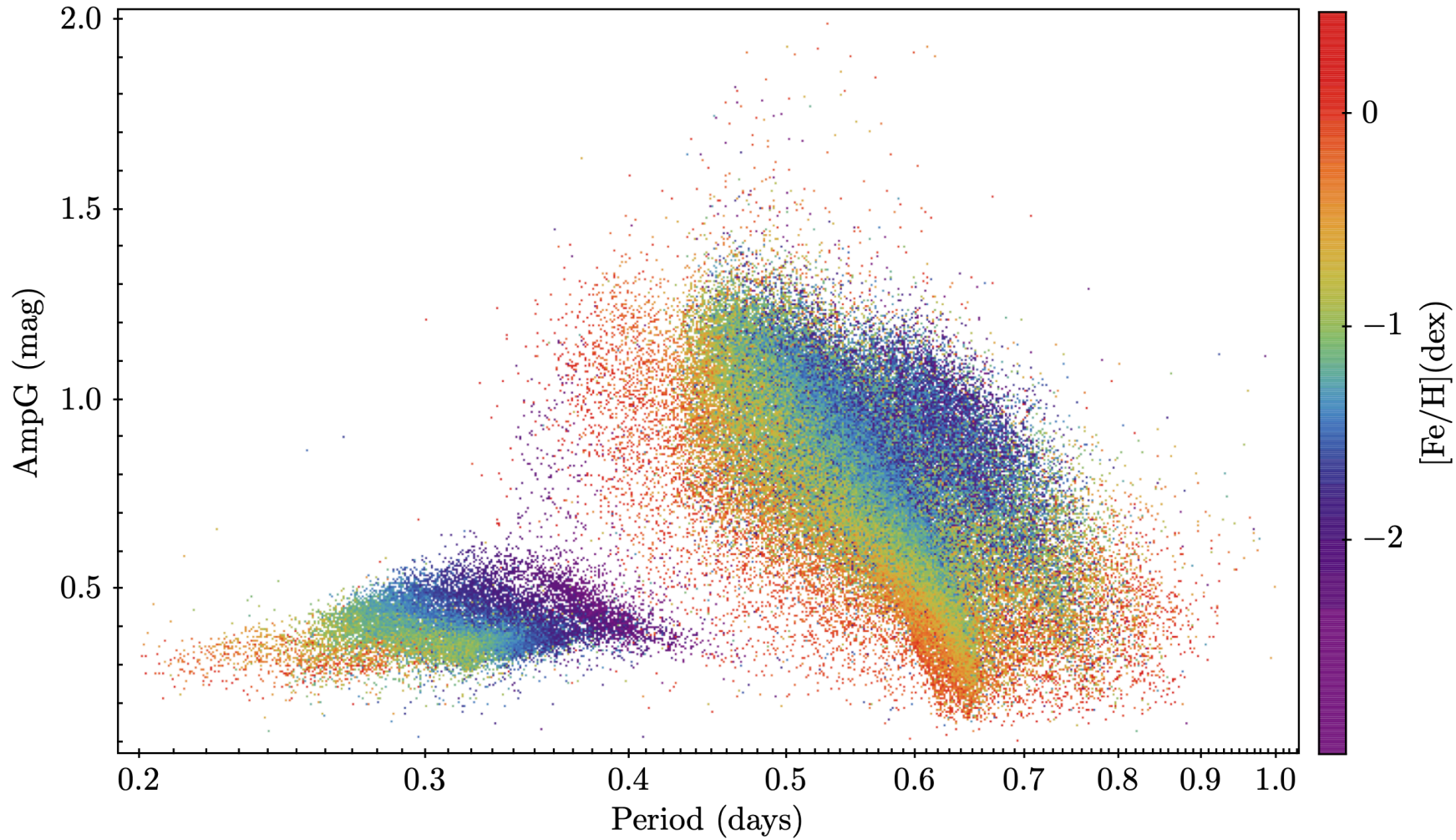
Metallcities from RR Lyrae

Clementini et al. 2023



Metallcities from RR Lyrae

Clementini et al.
2023



Distance scale

Period Luminosity Relation of Cepheids

$$M = \alpha \log_{10}(\text{period}) + \beta$$

Henrietta Leavitt and Charles Pickering at Harvard

Cepheids
in the
Small Magellanic Cloud
(same distance)

If distance known from parallax with good precision

$$\text{distance} = 1 / \text{parallax}$$

$$m - M = 5 \log_{10}(\text{distance}) - 5$$

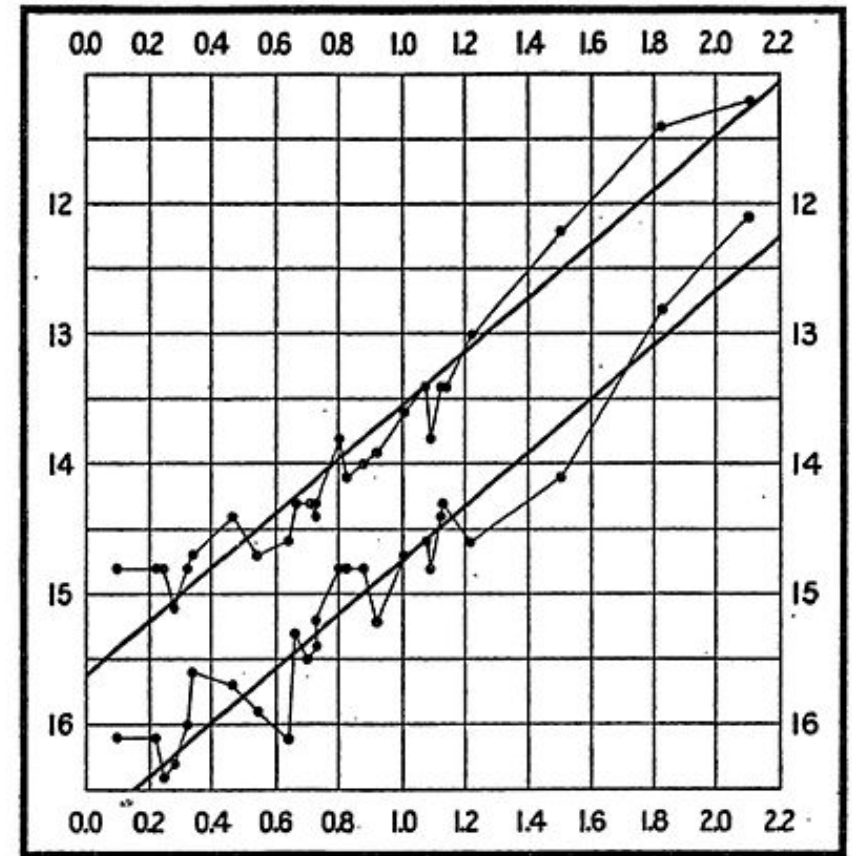


FIG. 2.

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The Period Luminosity relations

First comment

In a large fraction of the HR diagram
Higher luminosity, means higher mass

A little calculation for the main sequence...

Higher mass means lower mean density

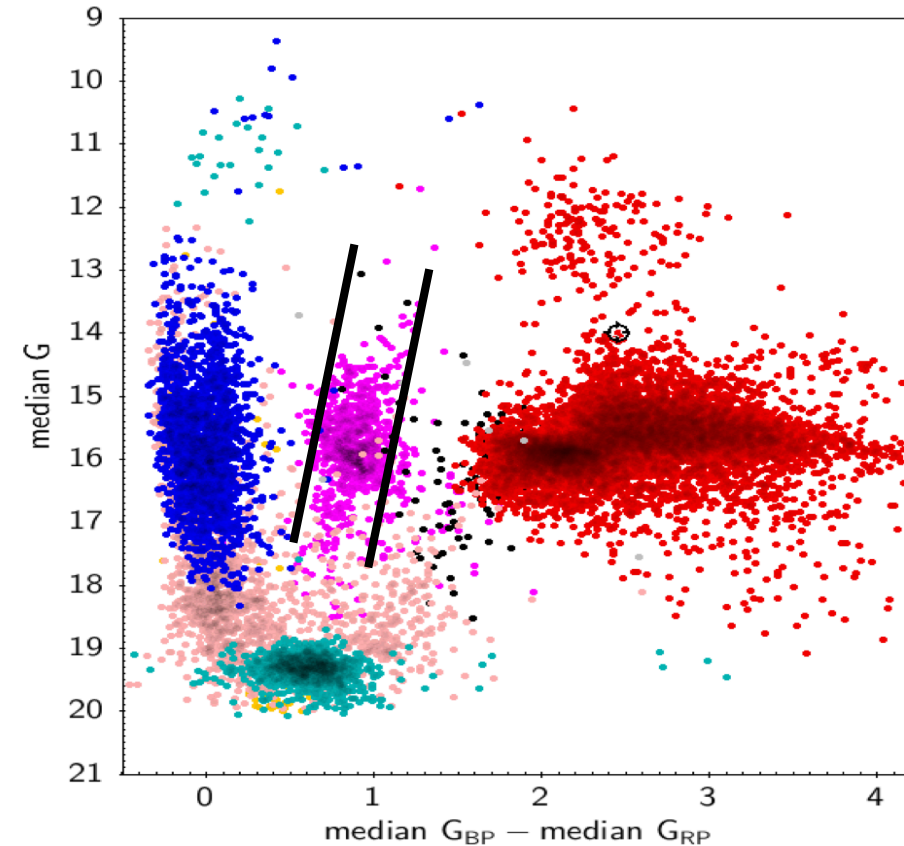
Second comment

Spherical oscillating body in fundamental mode

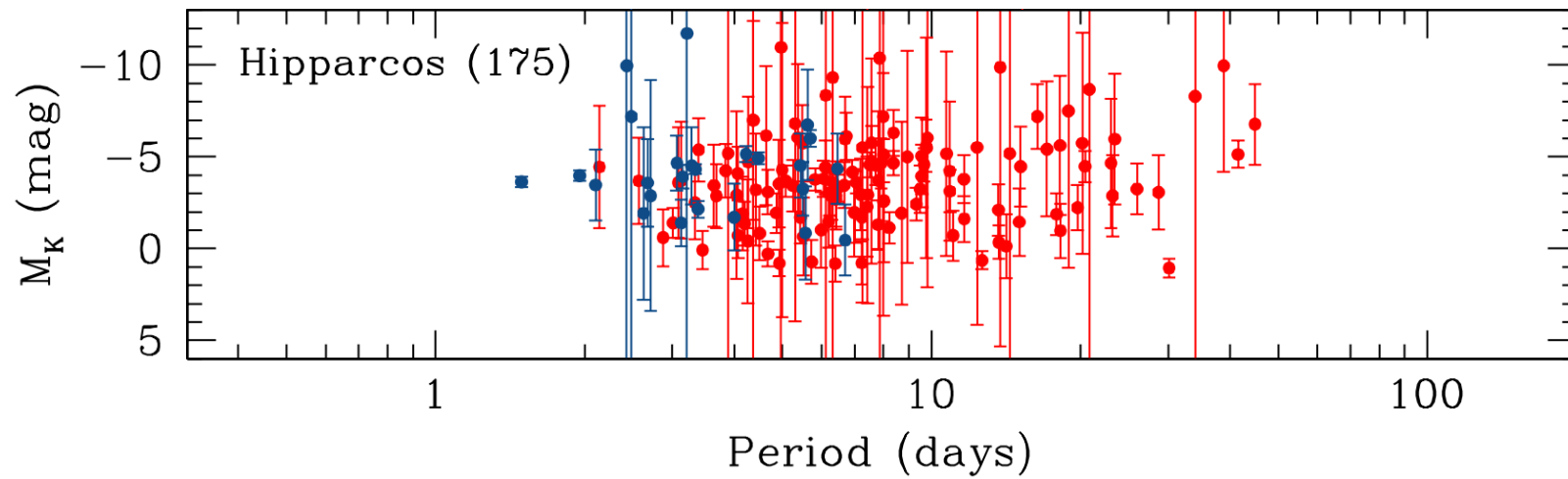
Period goes like the inverse of the square root of the density

Frequency goes like the square root square root of the density

Nothing astonishing...

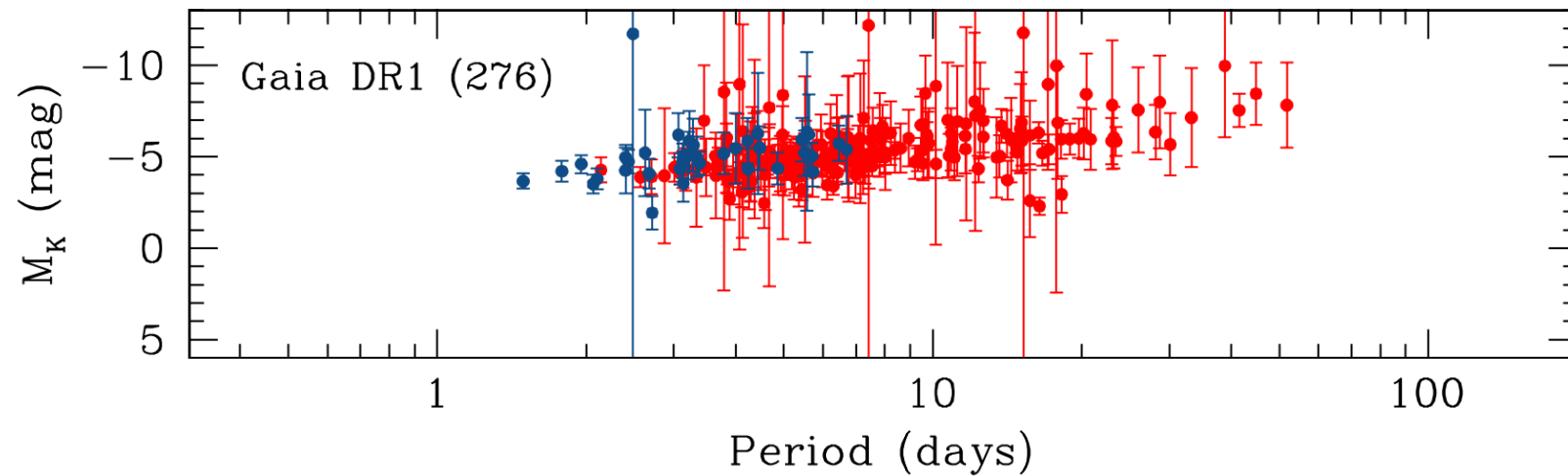


Period Luminosity relations for Cepheids



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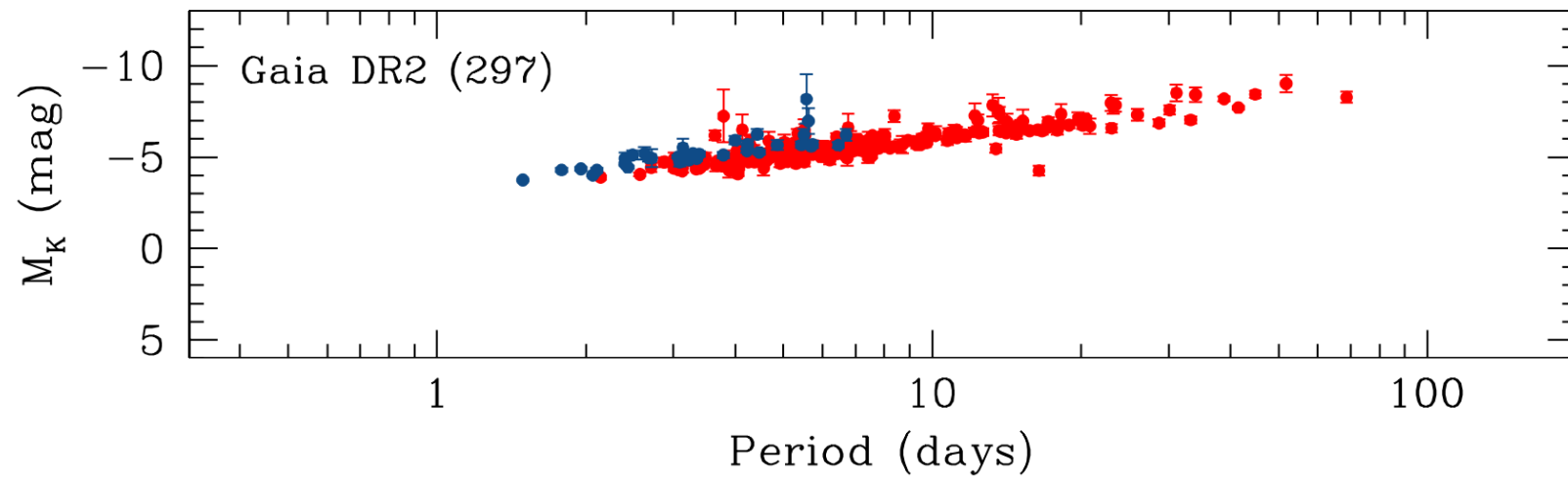
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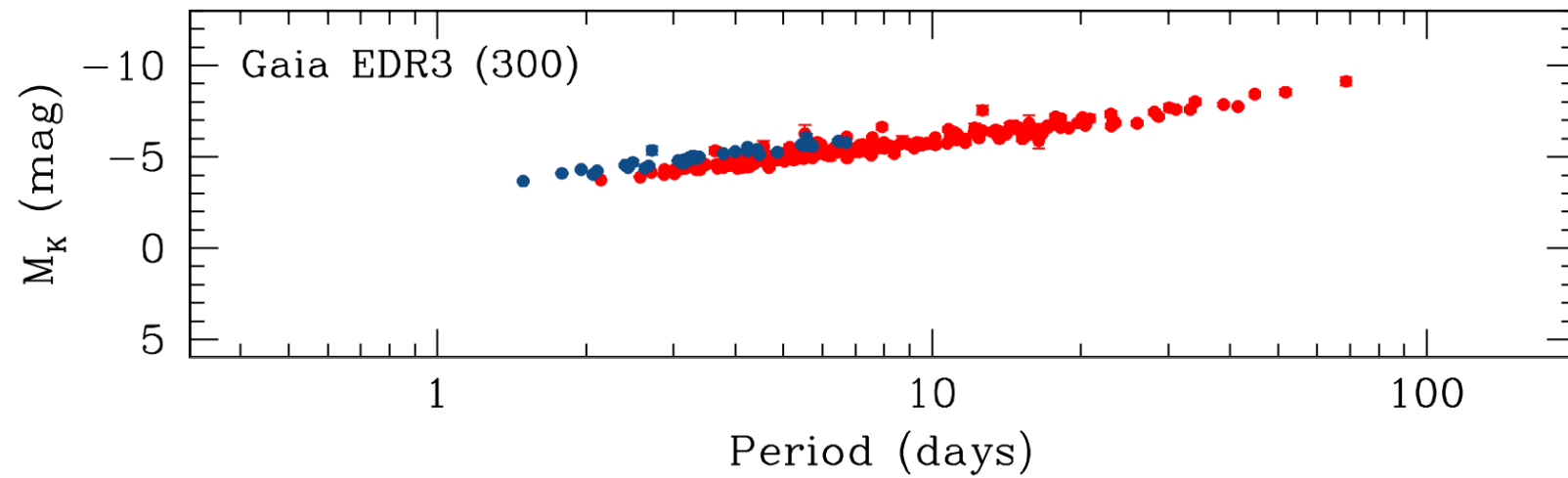
Study of the Period luminosity relation in Gaia Collaboration, Clementini, Eyer, Ripepi+2017

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The Hubble-Lemaître law

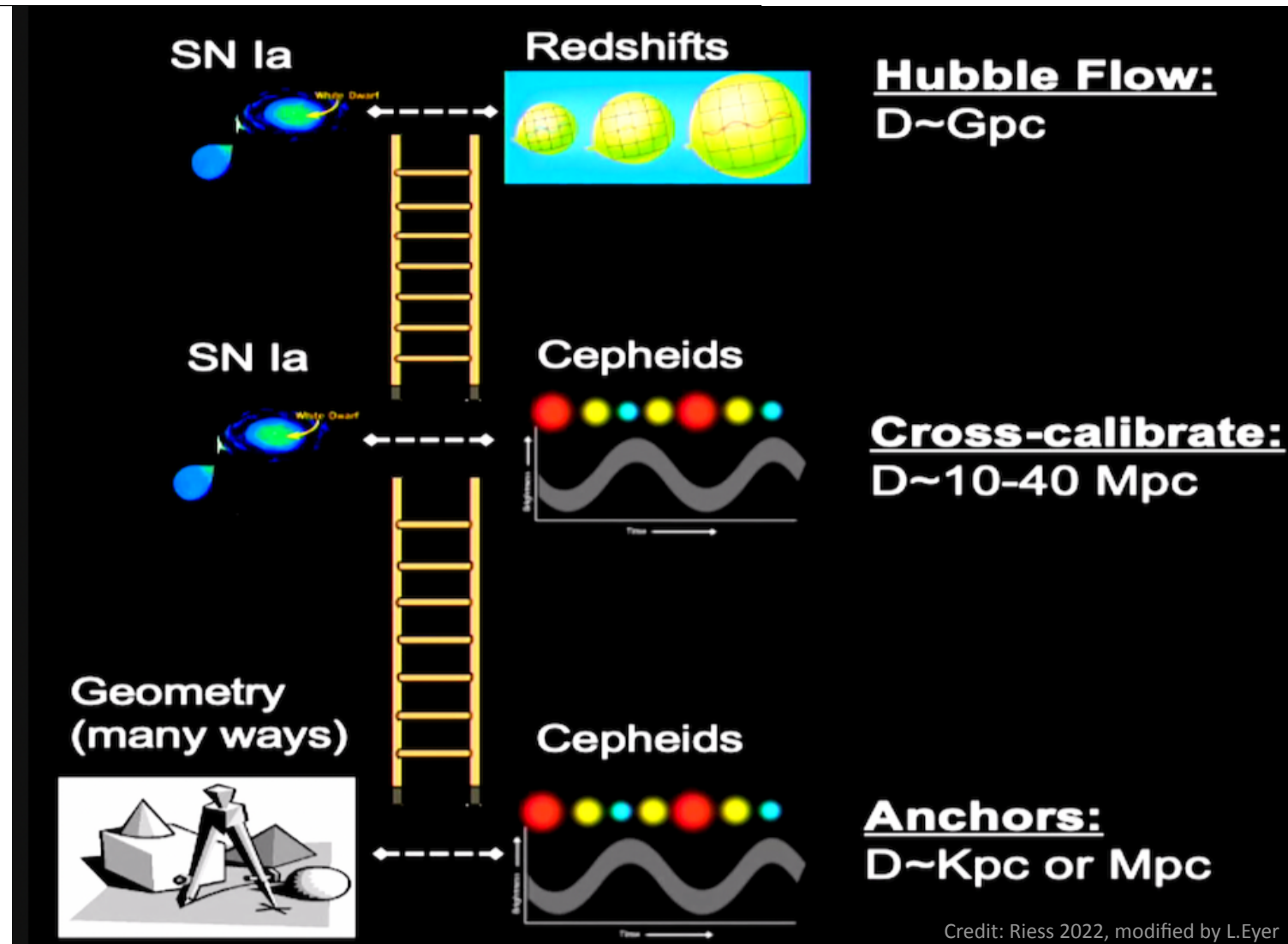
The Hubble-Lemaître law:

$$V = H_0 d$$

H_0 in km/s/Mpc

For decades there has been an active research on the estimation of H_0

The distance measurement "d" is problematic



Credit: Riess 2022, modified by L.Eyer

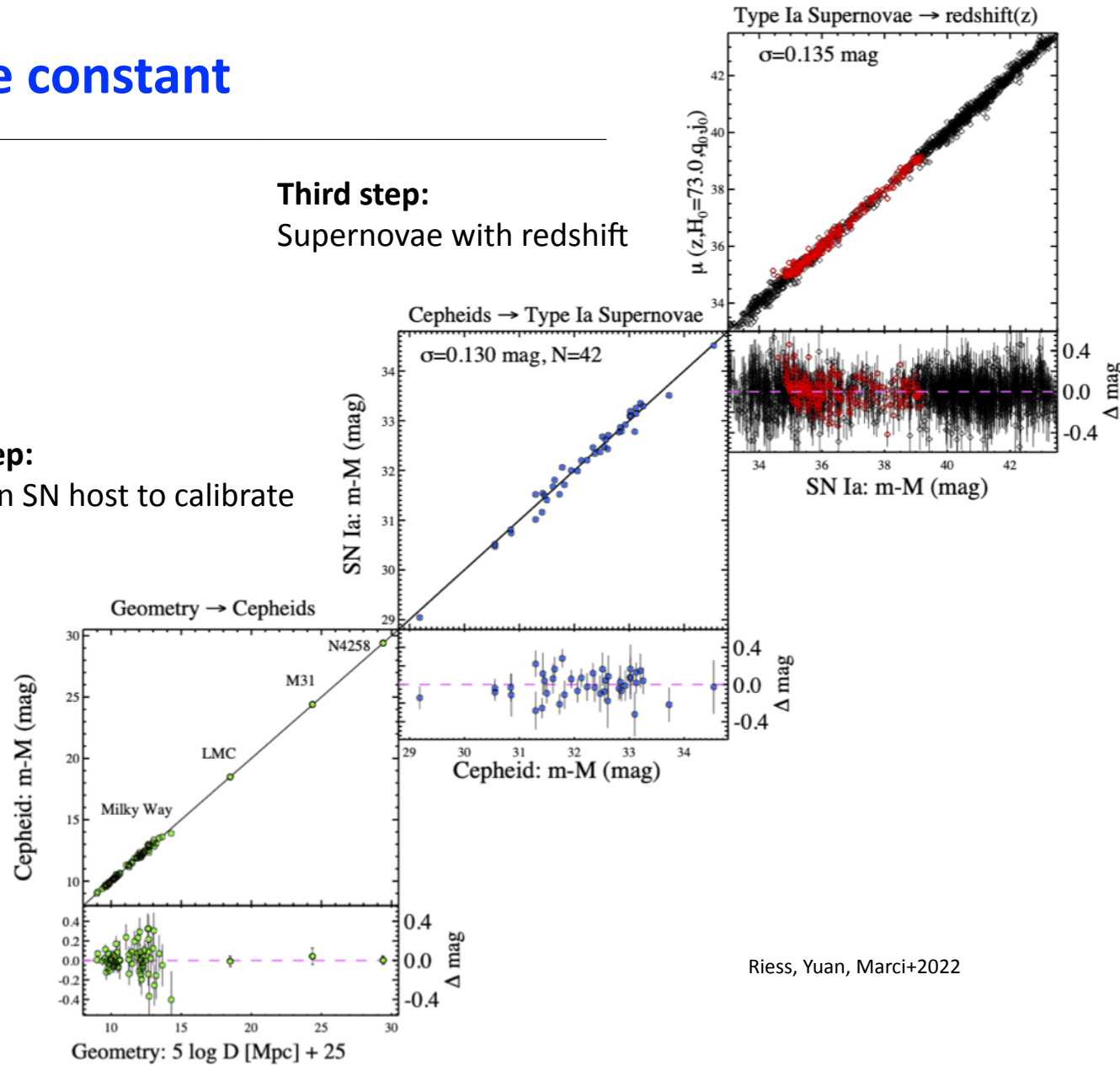
The measurement of Hubble constant

First step:
Geometry (parallax, eclipsing binaries, Megamaser)

Most famous standard candles: Cepheids!
With their period luminosity relation

Second step:
Cepheids in SN host to calibrate

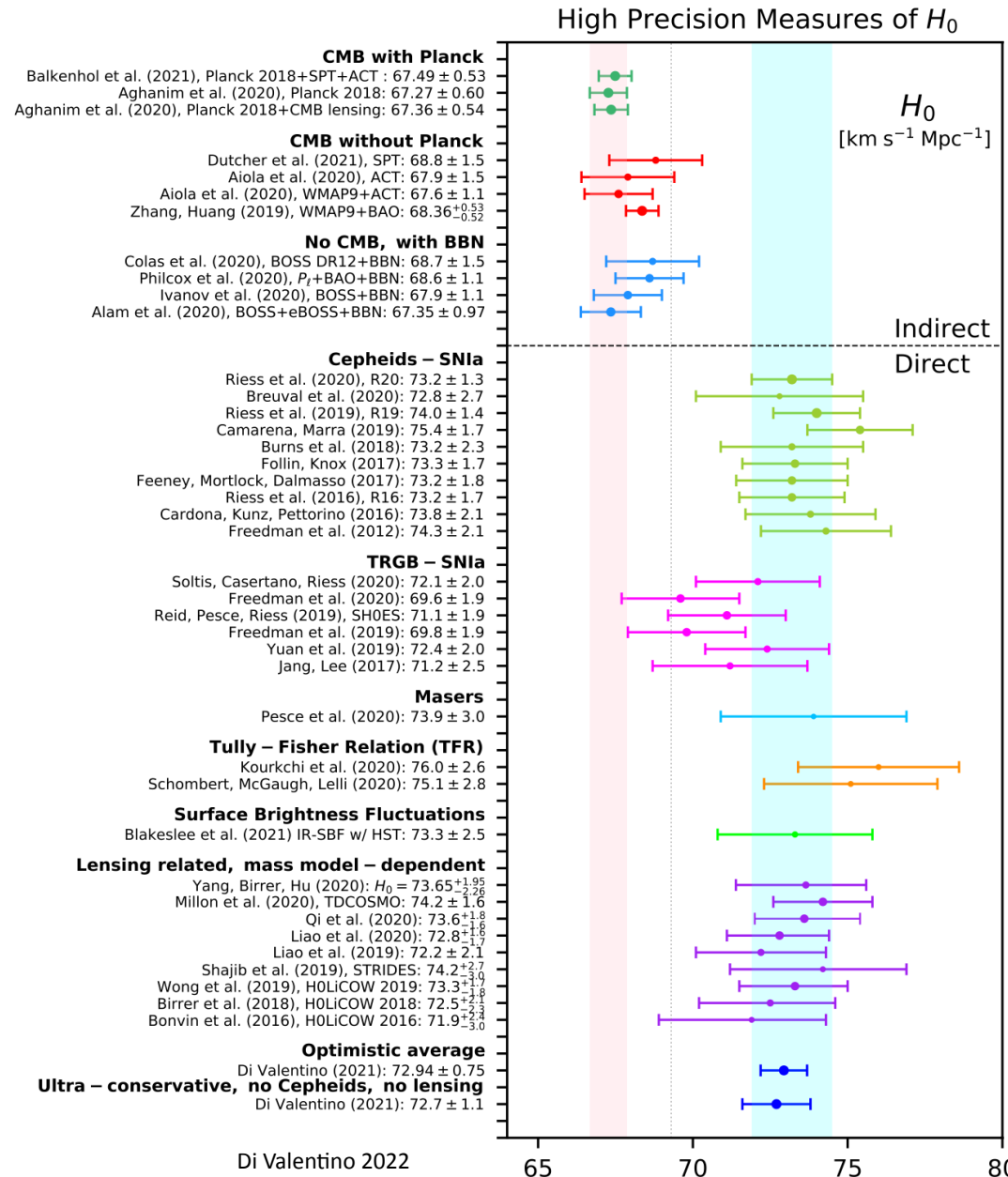
Third step:
Supernovae with redshift



Riess, Yuan, Marci+2022

The Hubble tension/Hubble trouble

Hubble tension is at 5 sigma level



Assessing the error budget

SH₀ES team lead by Adam Riess

geometric distance

Same filter system

Error Budget:

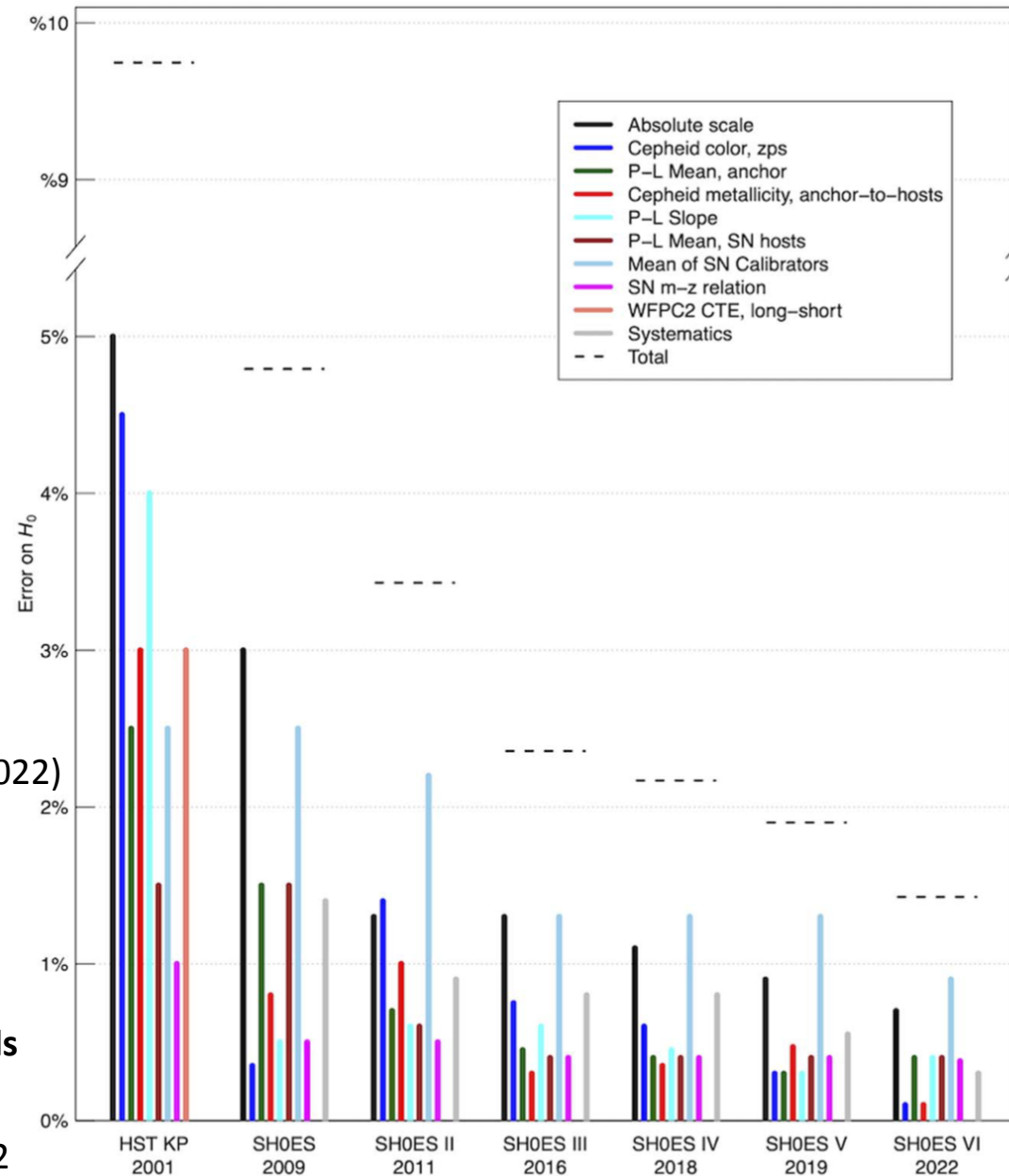
Largest uncertainty: SN dispersion

Improvement is slow 1 source per year,
also an improvement by James Webb Telescope - better
precision, homogeneity JWST, see Yuan, Riess, Casertano 2022)

Second largest uncertainty: Cepheids

From EDR3: Gaia is the best option to calibrate the Cepheids

Riess, Yuan, Macri+2022



Still Cepheids are problematic

Cepheids in the Milky Way are bright... too bright...

Saturation: Gaia gating system

In Gaia, colour variations (astrometric solution is using a mean colour)

How to solve this?

Wait until the Gaia consortium improves its solution...

or...

Problem with Cepheids

or...

Several Cepheids are in clusters → determine the distance of the cluster with Gaia

Improved precision because many stars can be used to determine the distance of the cluster
Improved systematics, for example “the Lindegren correction” can be applicable

Systematic analysis Cruz Reyes, Anderson 2022:

→ Detection, calibration of Cepheids at the level 0.9% at 10 days

1 cluster cepheid is like 9 cepheids

Riess, Breuval, Yuan+2022 → 5-7% improvements of the uncertainty, enhancing the tension

Closing remarks on Cepheid Distance scale (1/2)

Hubble tension is at a larger than 5 sigma level

Reasons still unknown

Field Cepheids surpass now LMC or NGC 4258 (maser)

The Gaia Parallax offset is a limitation, looking for improvements of DR4(2025)/DR5 (2030)

Closing remarks on Cepheid Distance (2/2): The improvements

More data

Lower random errors

Photometry $\propto 1/\sqrt{\text{mission_length}}$

Positions, parallaxes $\propto 1/\sqrt{\text{mission_length}}$

Proper motion $\propto 1/(\text{mission_length}*\sqrt{\text{mission_length}})$

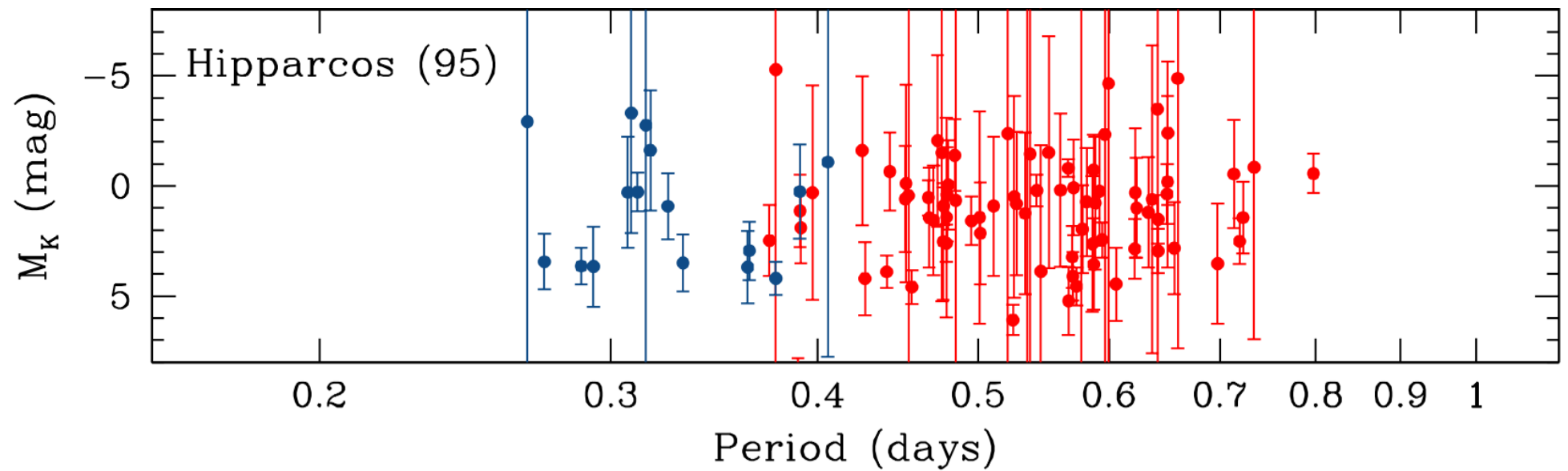
34 months (DR3) to 10 years (DR5) → improvement of 1.9

Better calibrations/data reductions

Lower systematic errors

This topic will have significant improvements

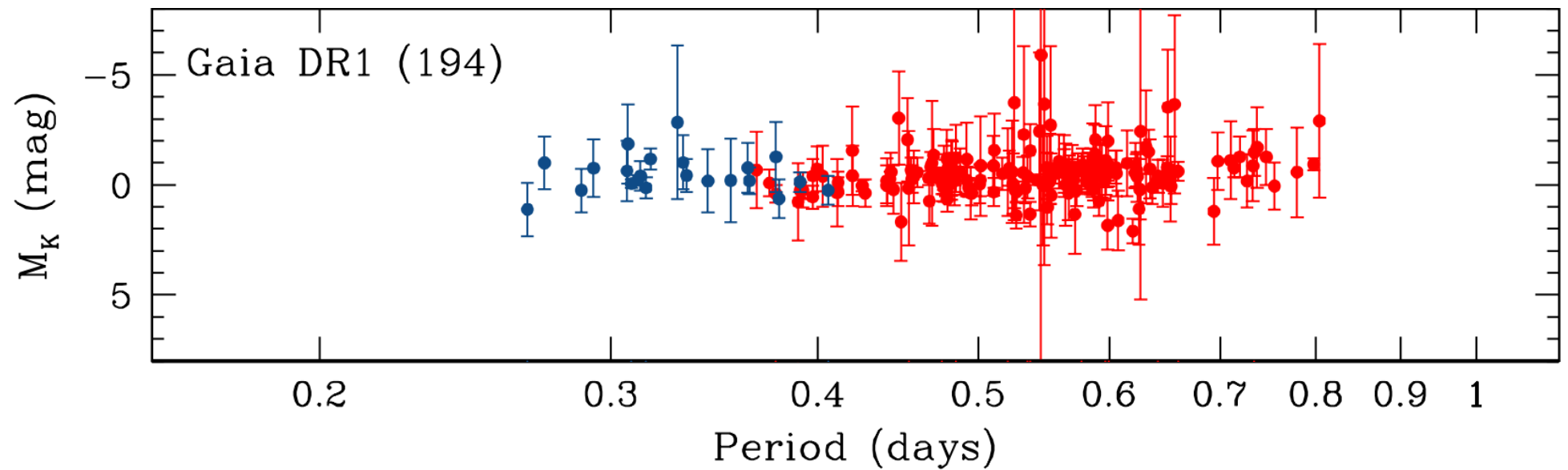
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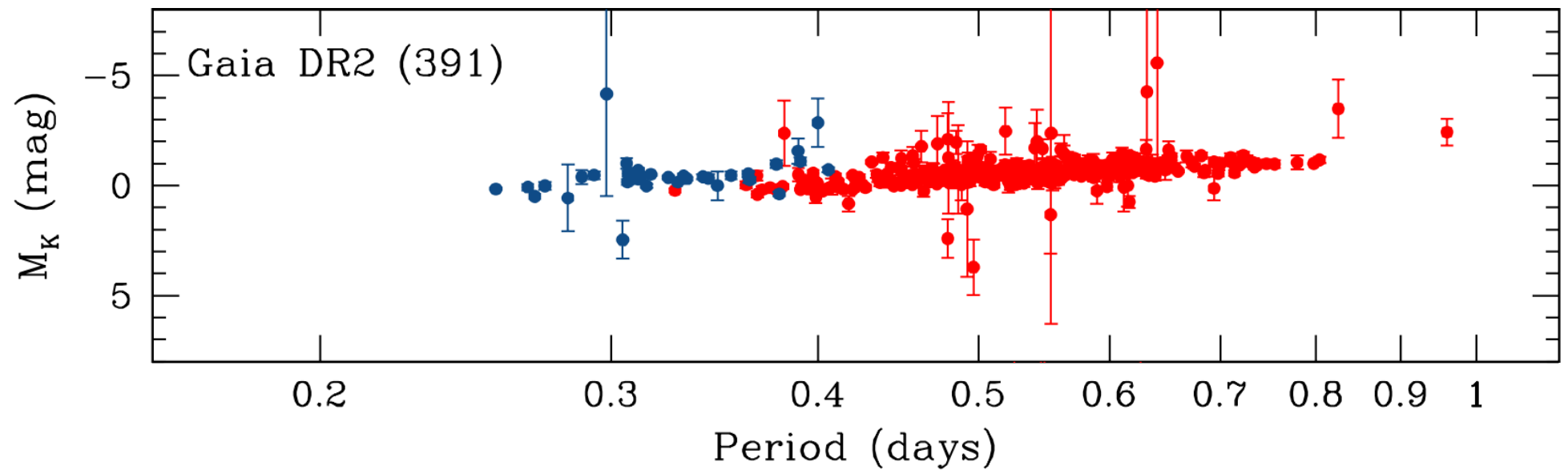
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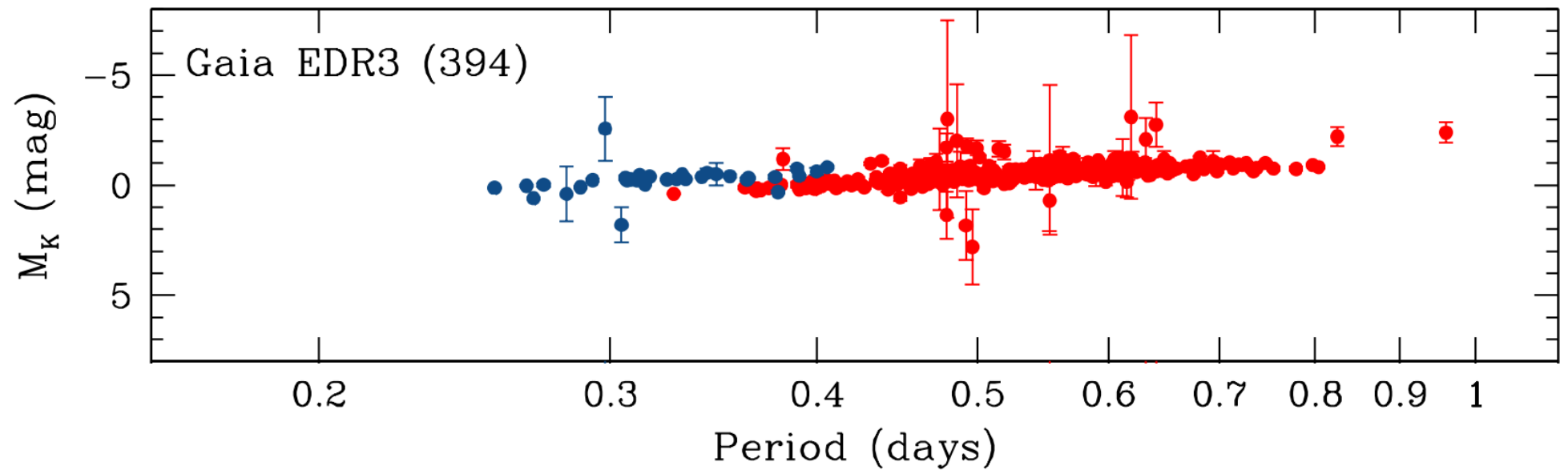
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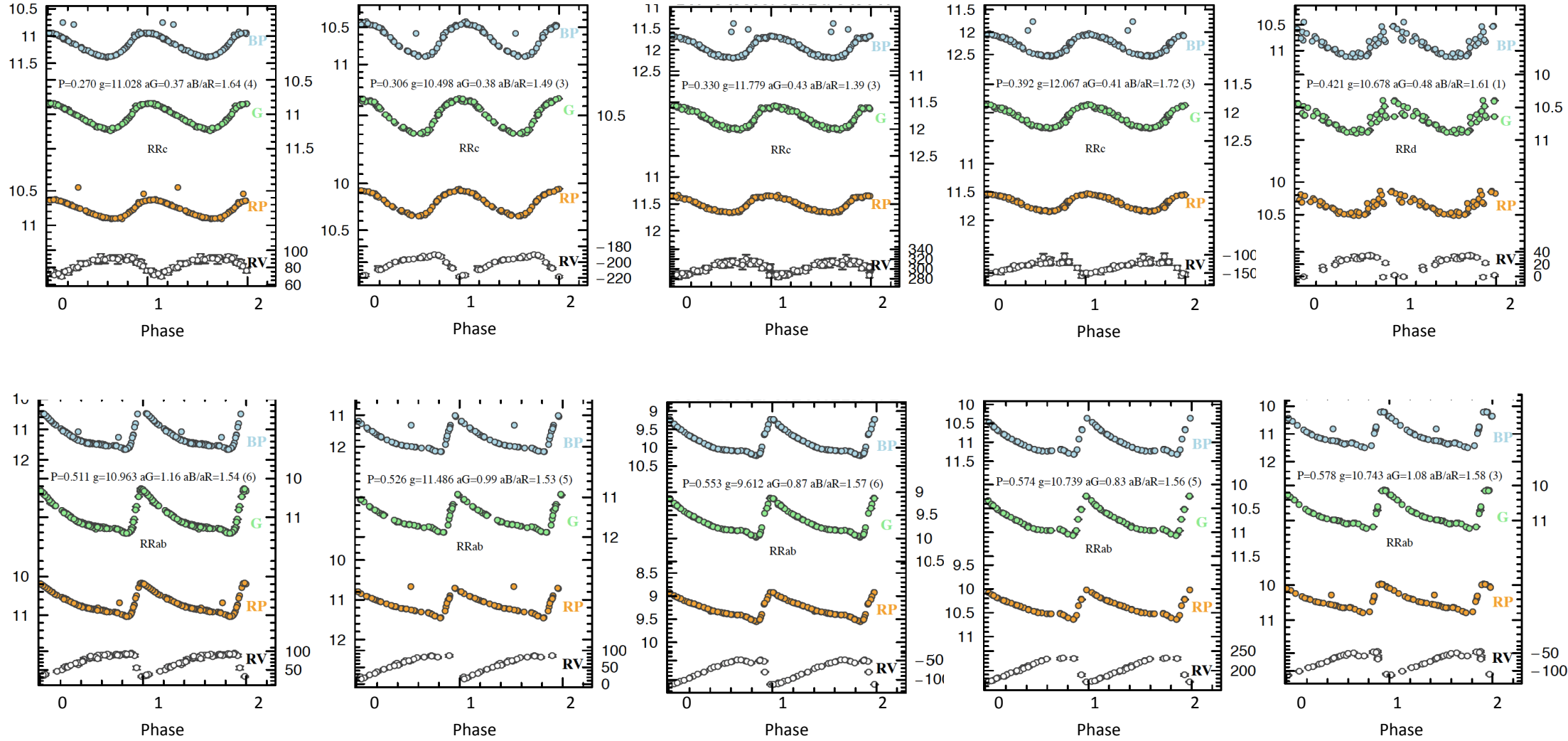
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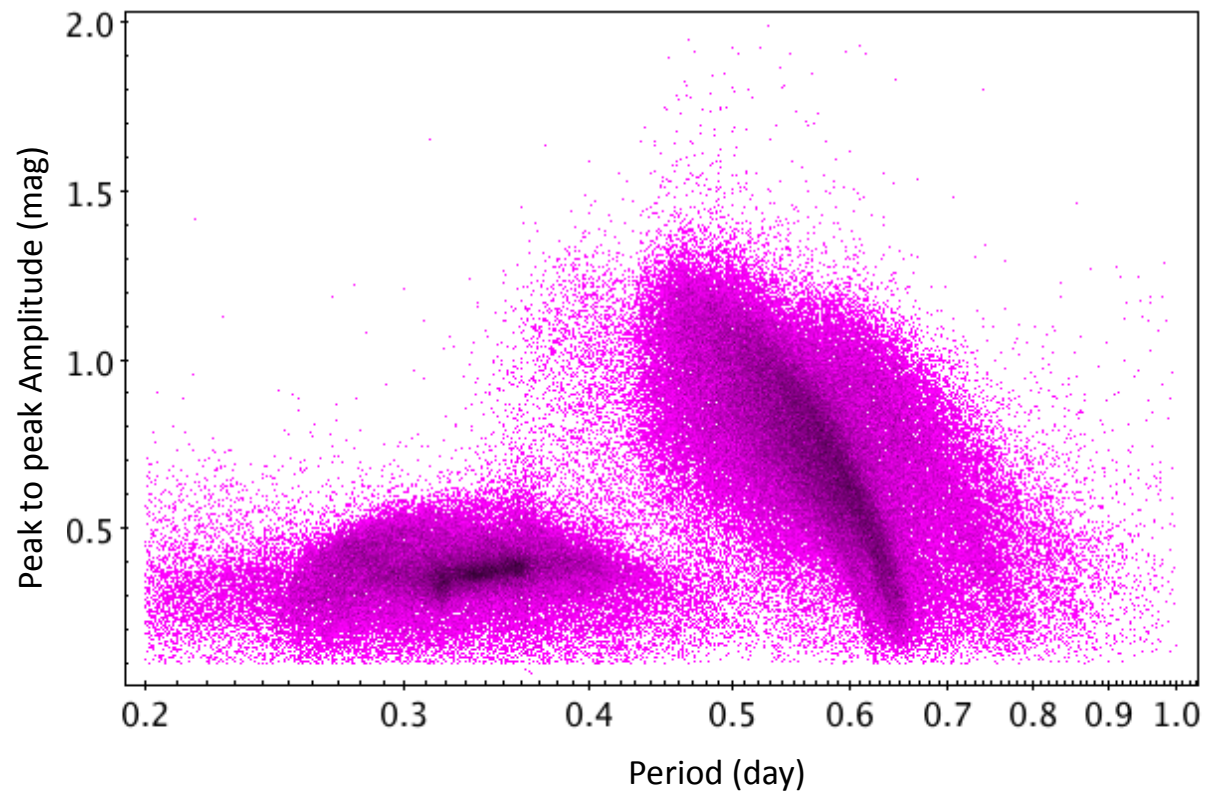
About 2,000 Cepheids and RR Lyrae stars with radial velocities



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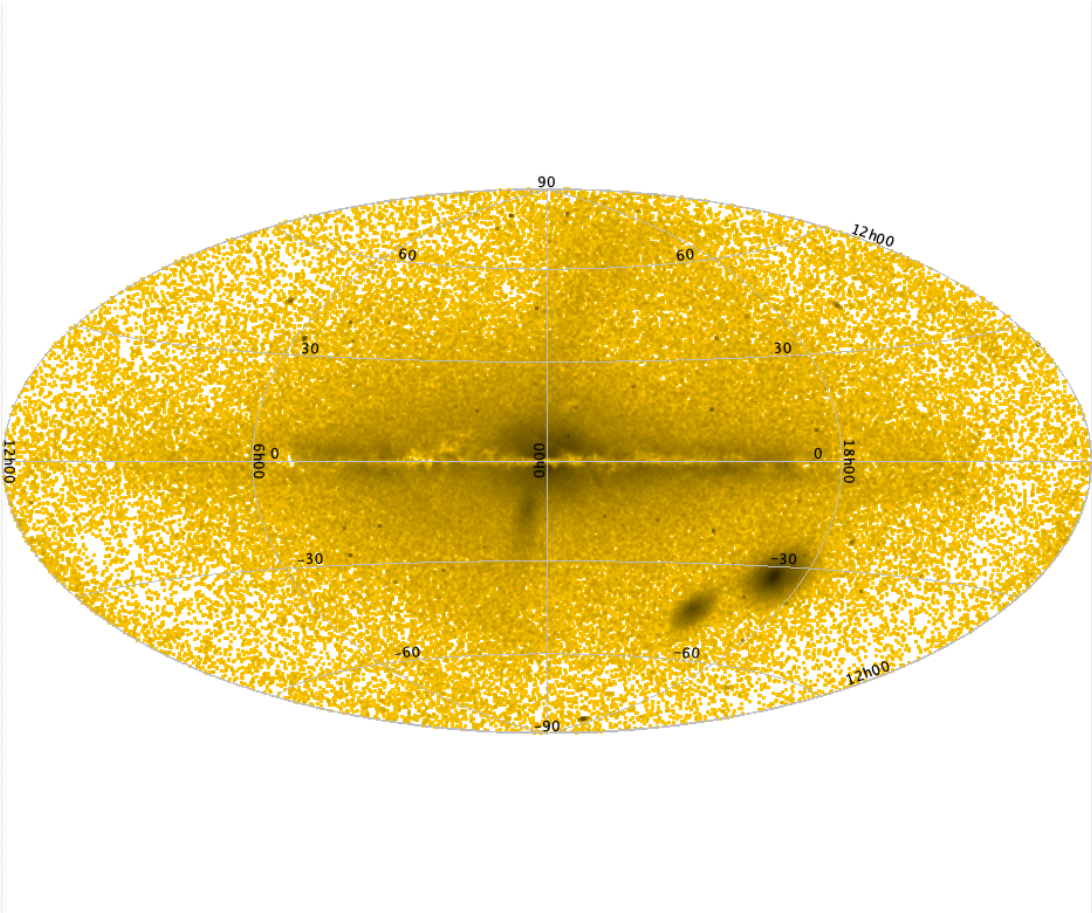
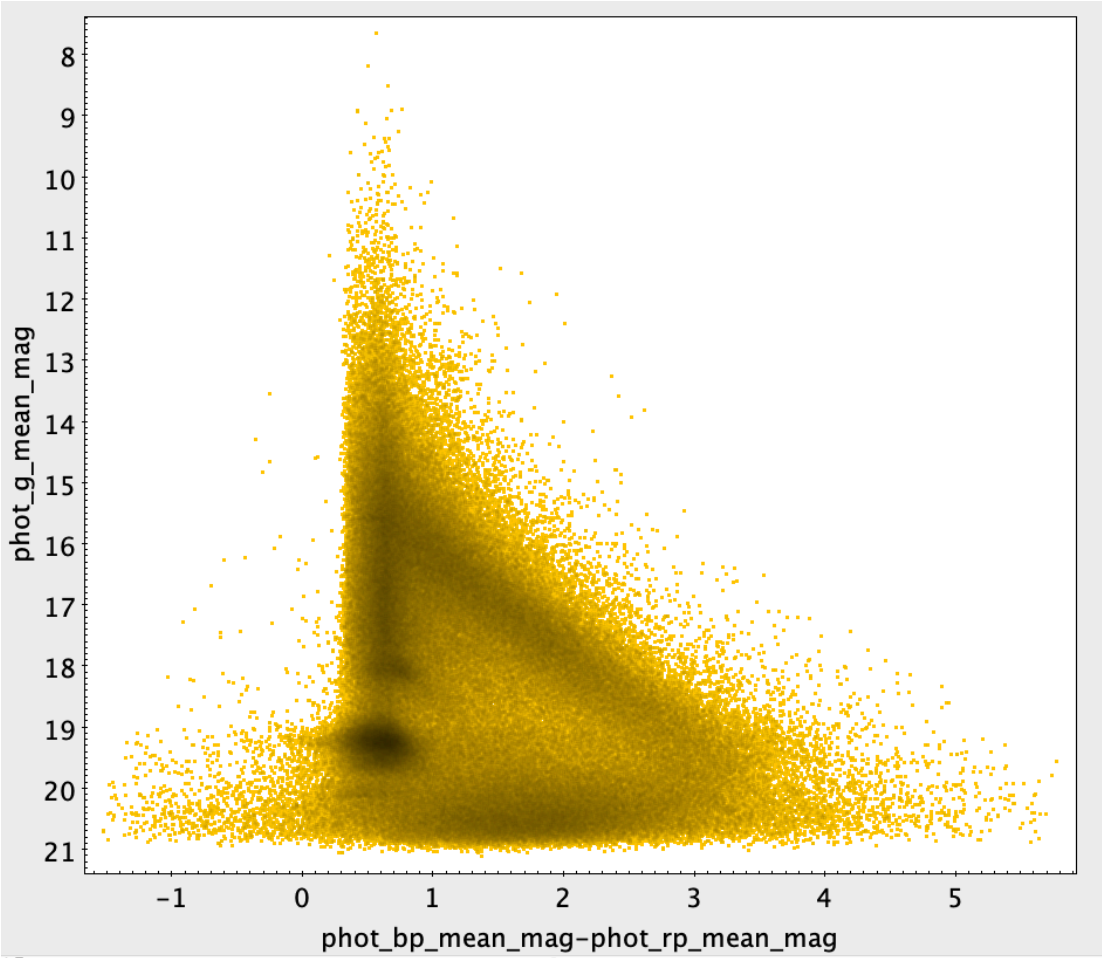
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RR Lyrae stars: ~270,000 (with RVS time series for about 1,200)



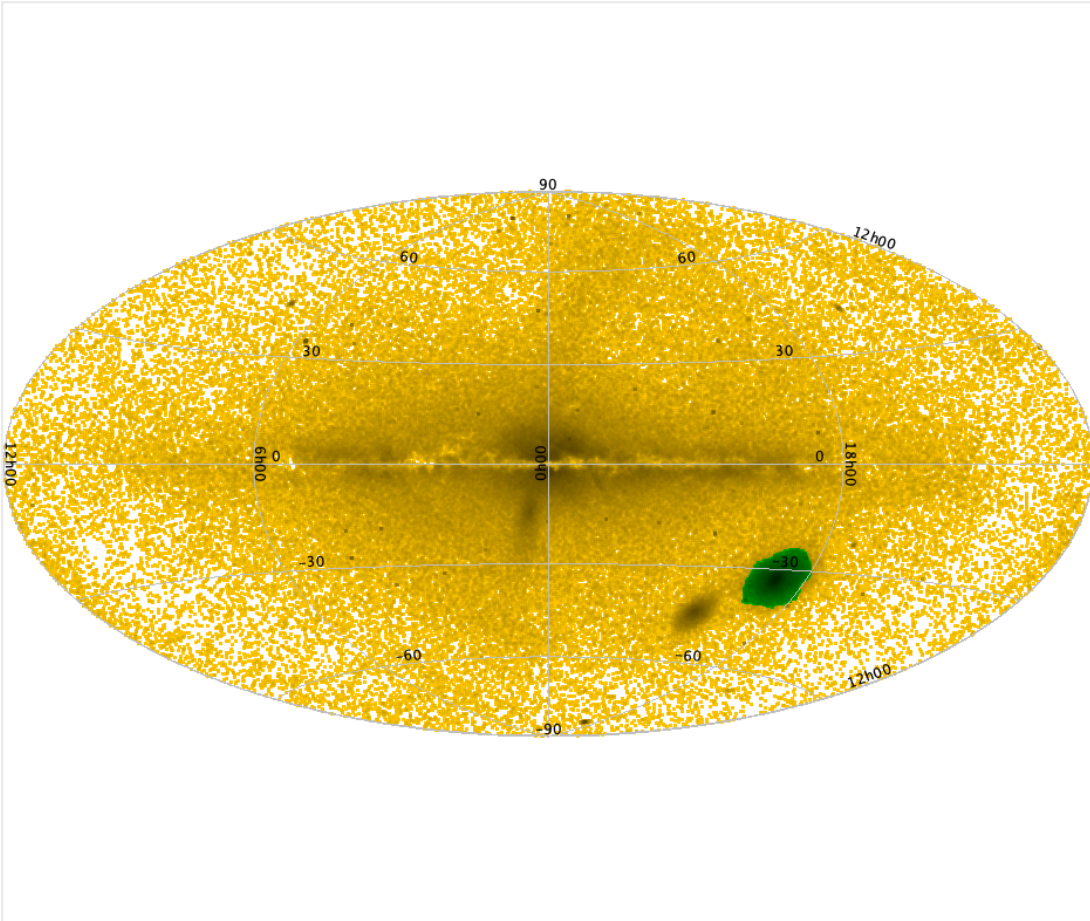
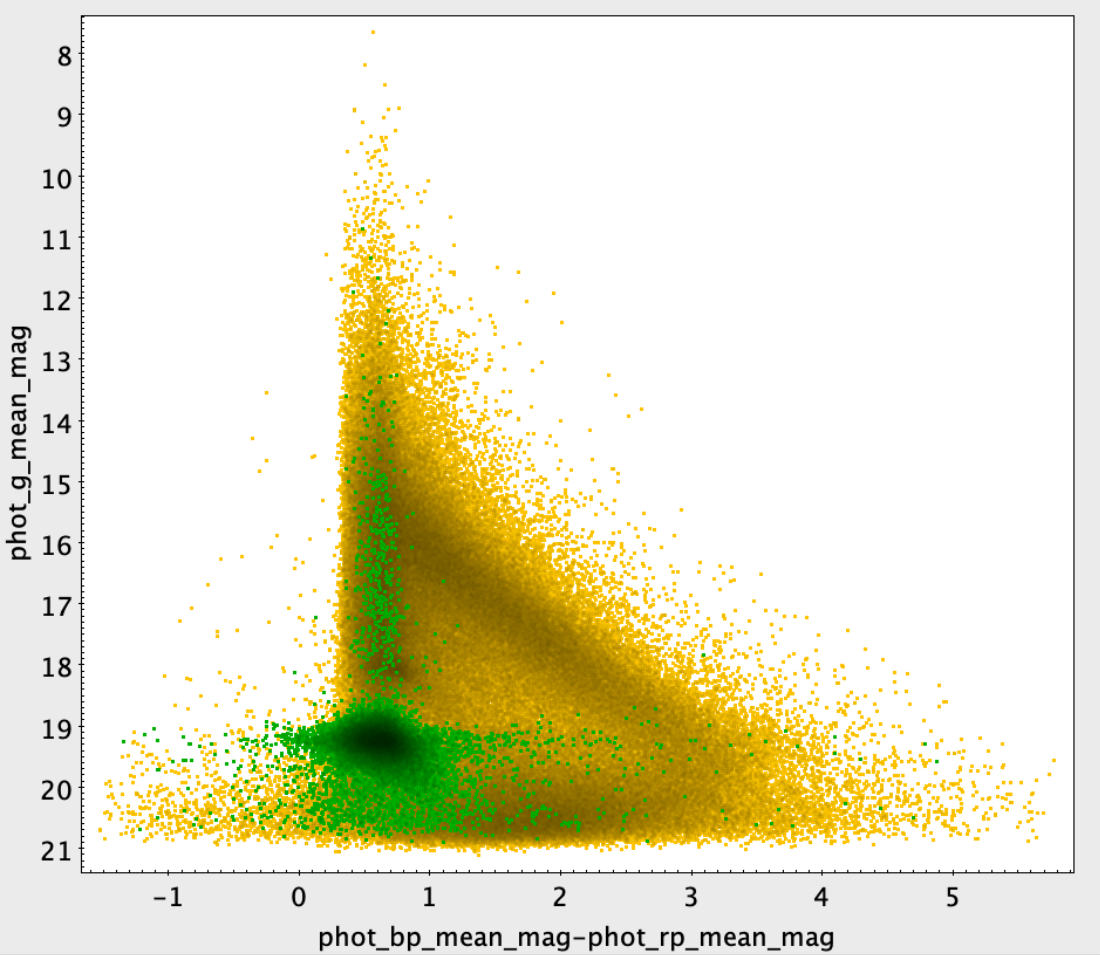
Special focus on RR Lyrae stars

About 270,000 stars



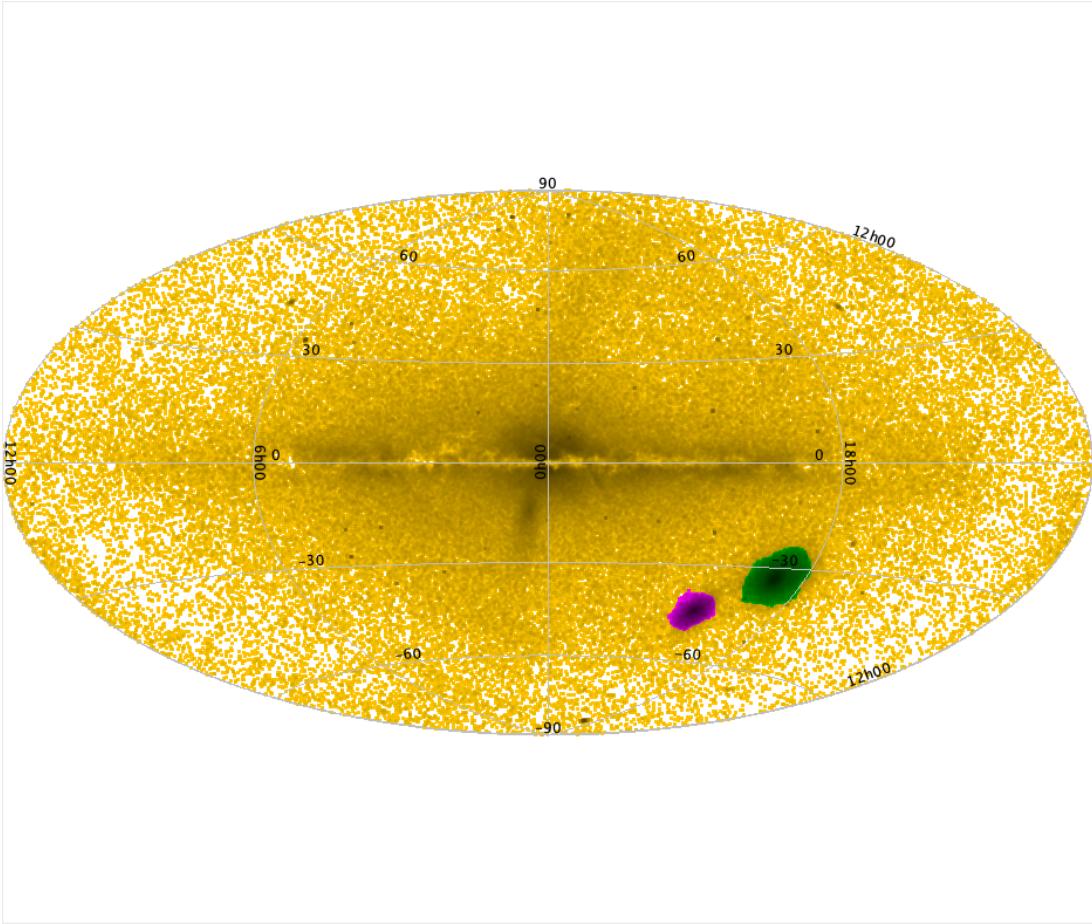
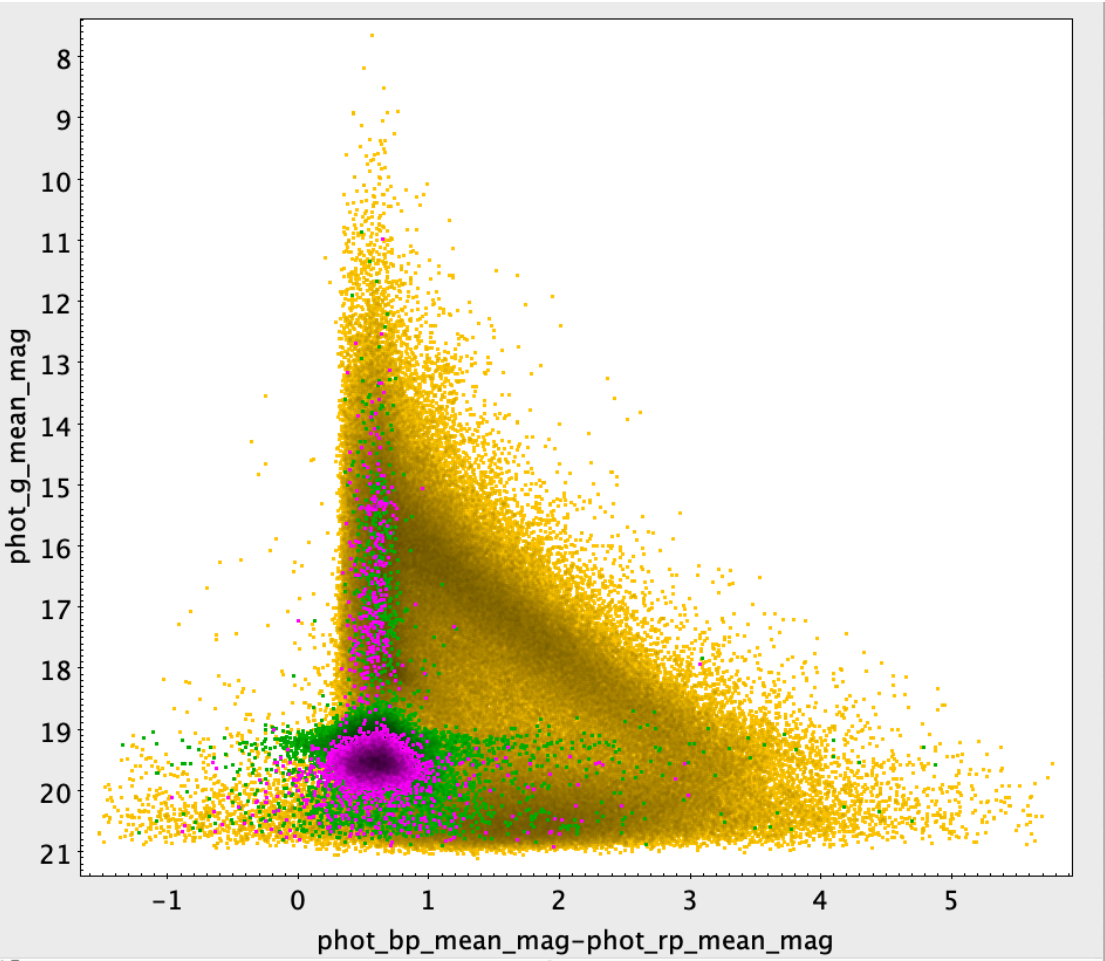
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LMC



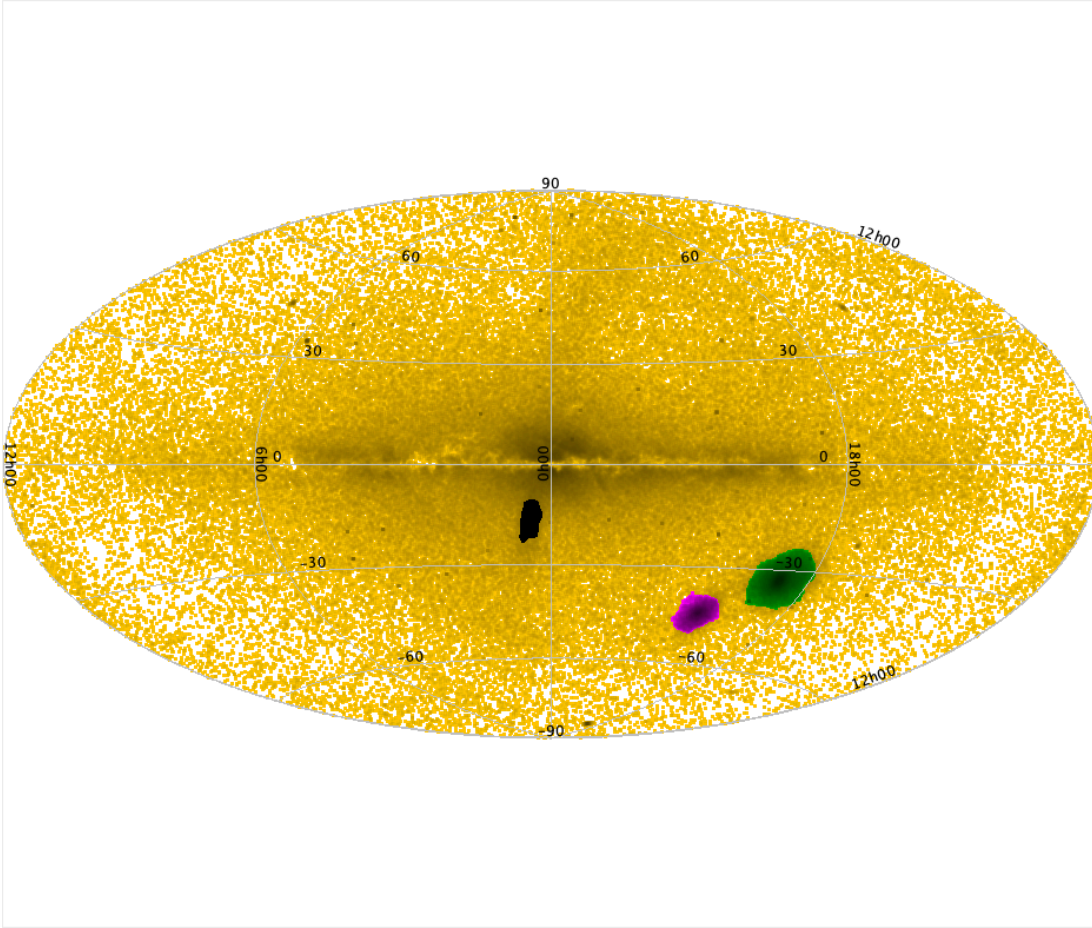
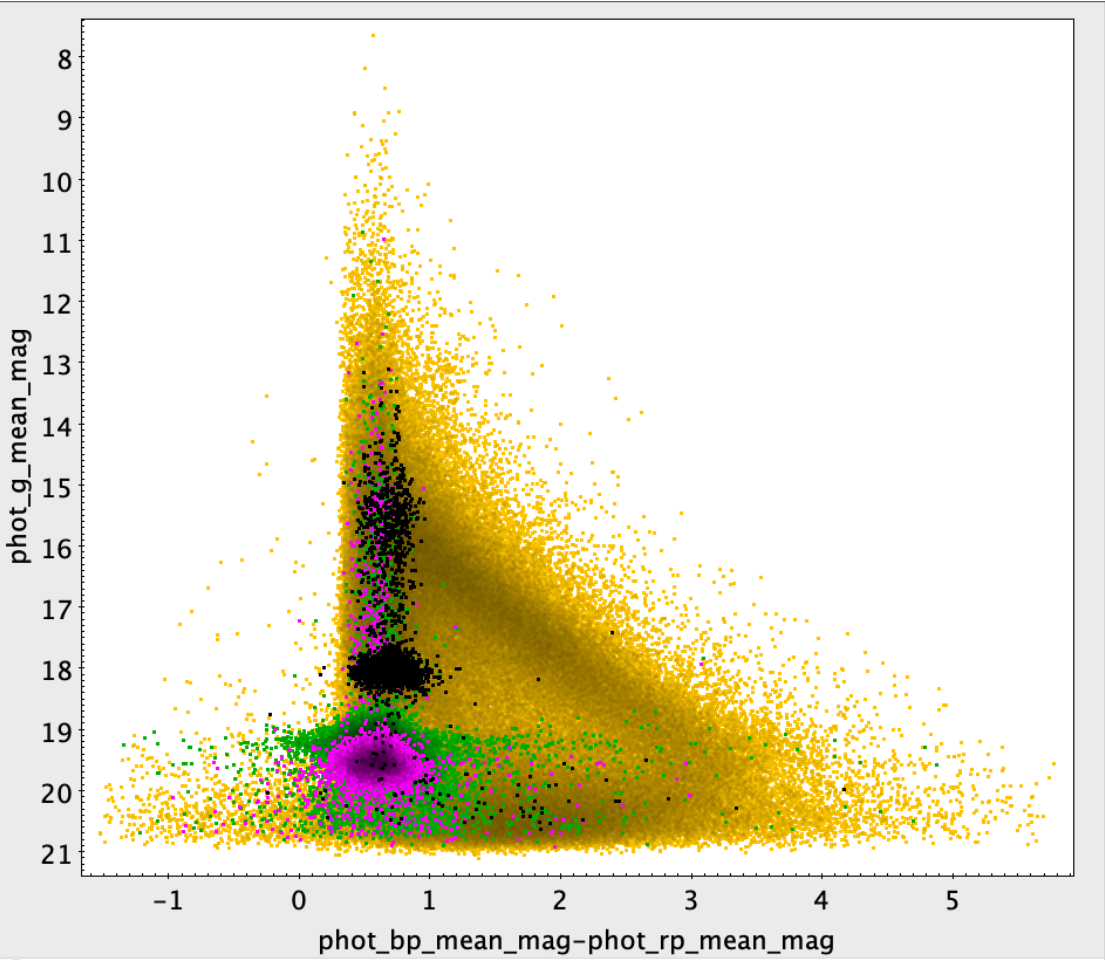
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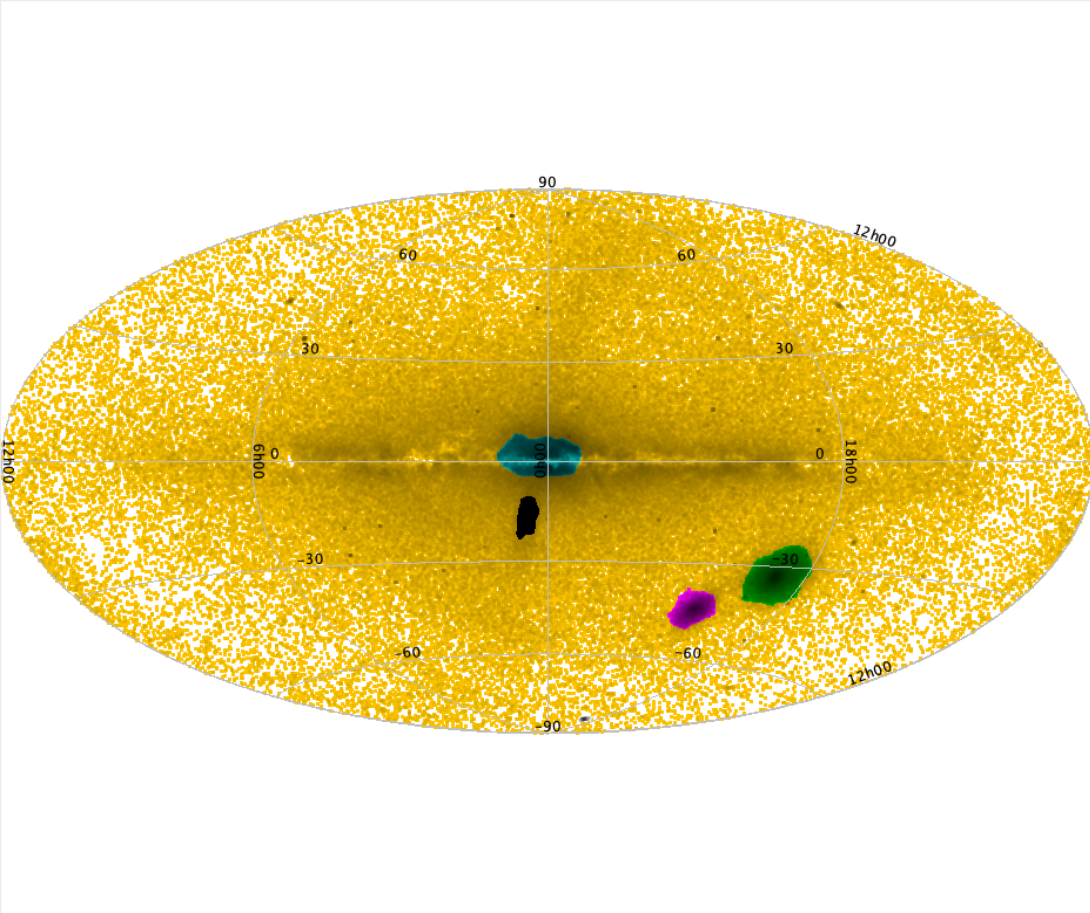
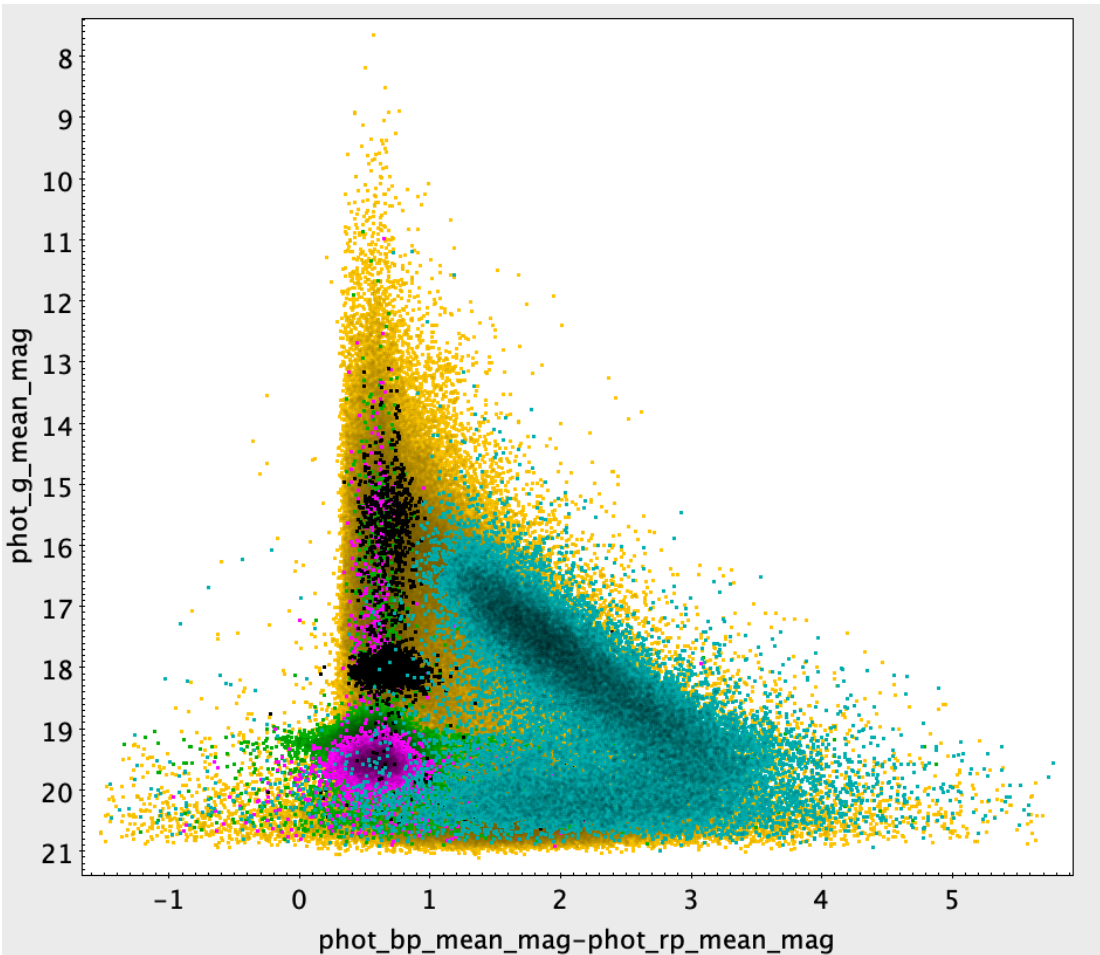
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Sagittarius Dwarf



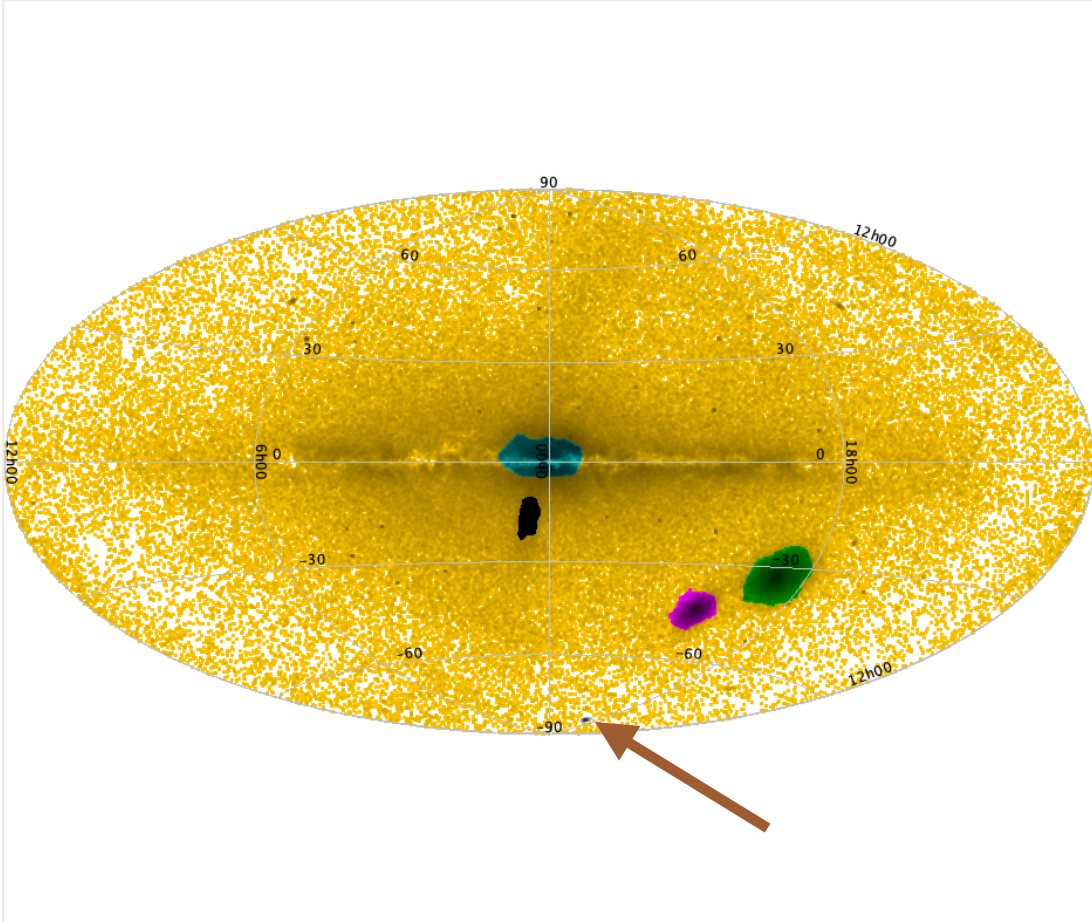
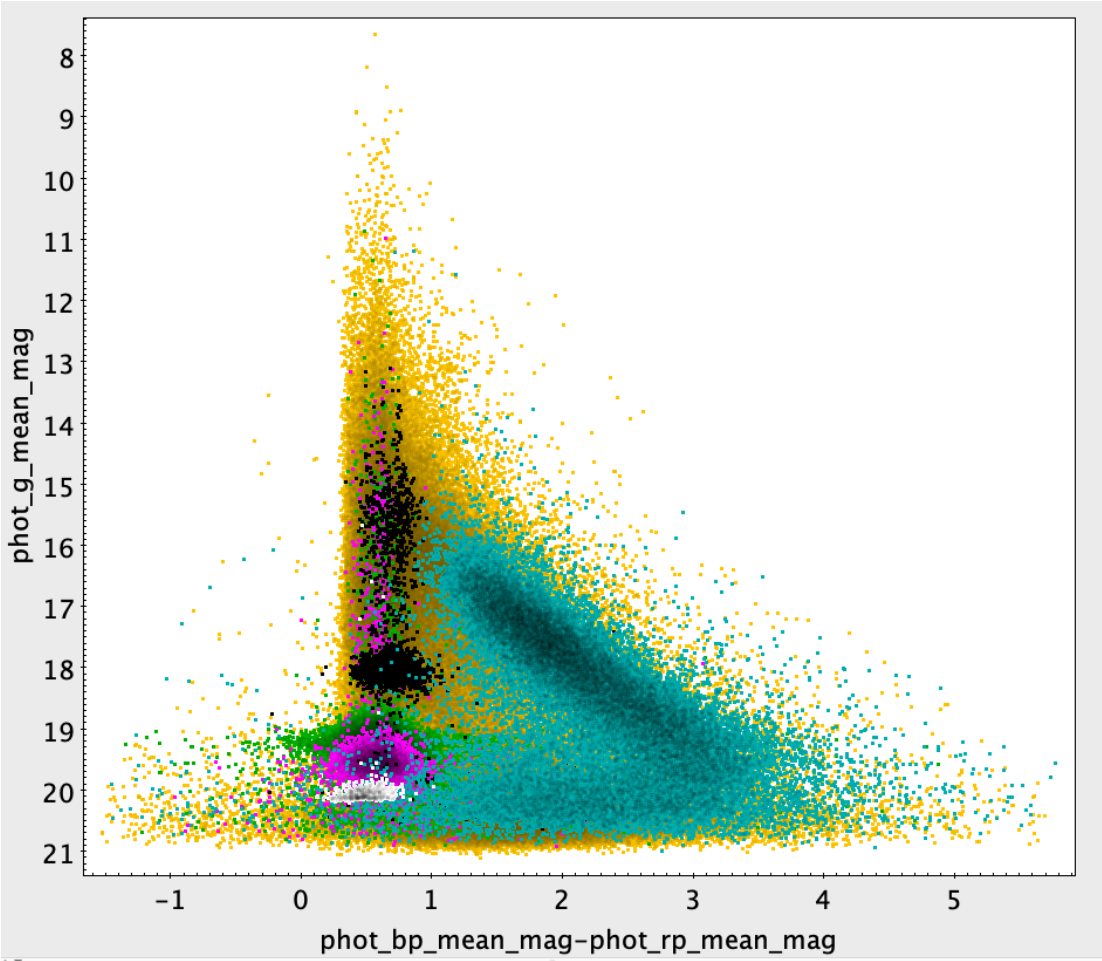
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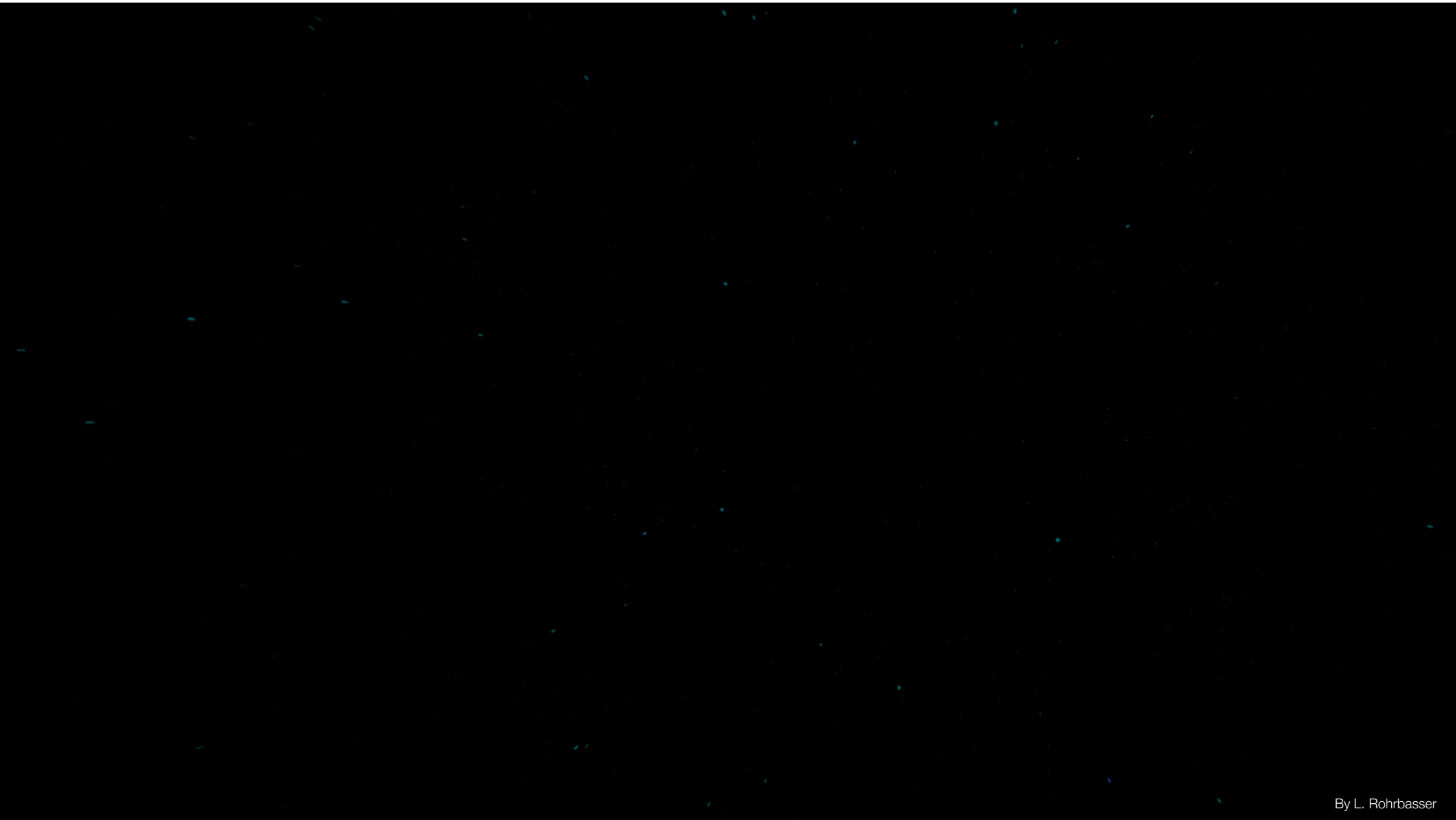
Bulge (with strong extinction)



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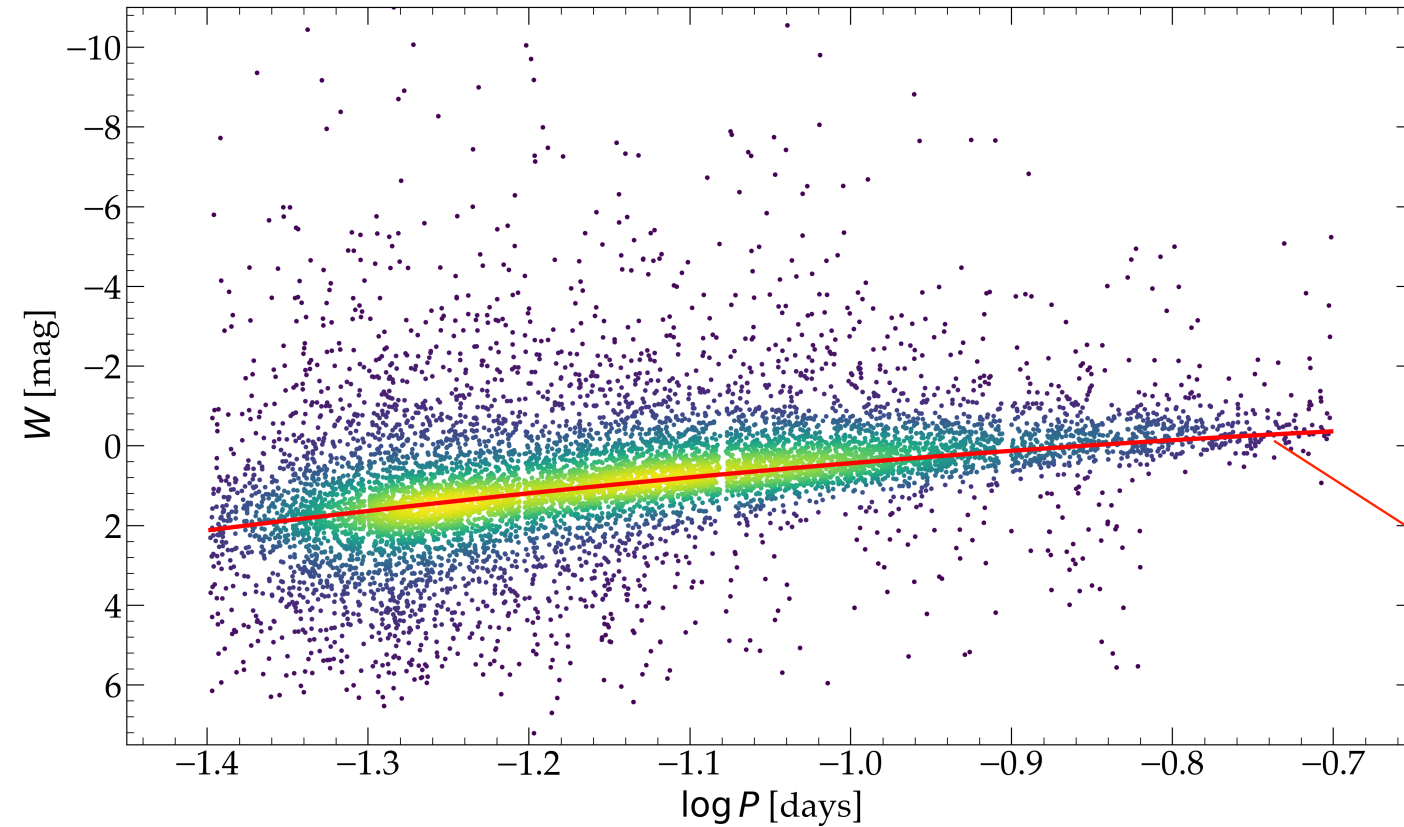
Sculptor





The period-luminosity relation of δ Sct stars

8'894 sources with good parallax, $\text{ampl} \geq 50$ mmag, $T_{\text{eff}} \in [6400, 8700]$ K



To our knowledge: the most extensive and precise empirical PW relation of δ Sct stars published!

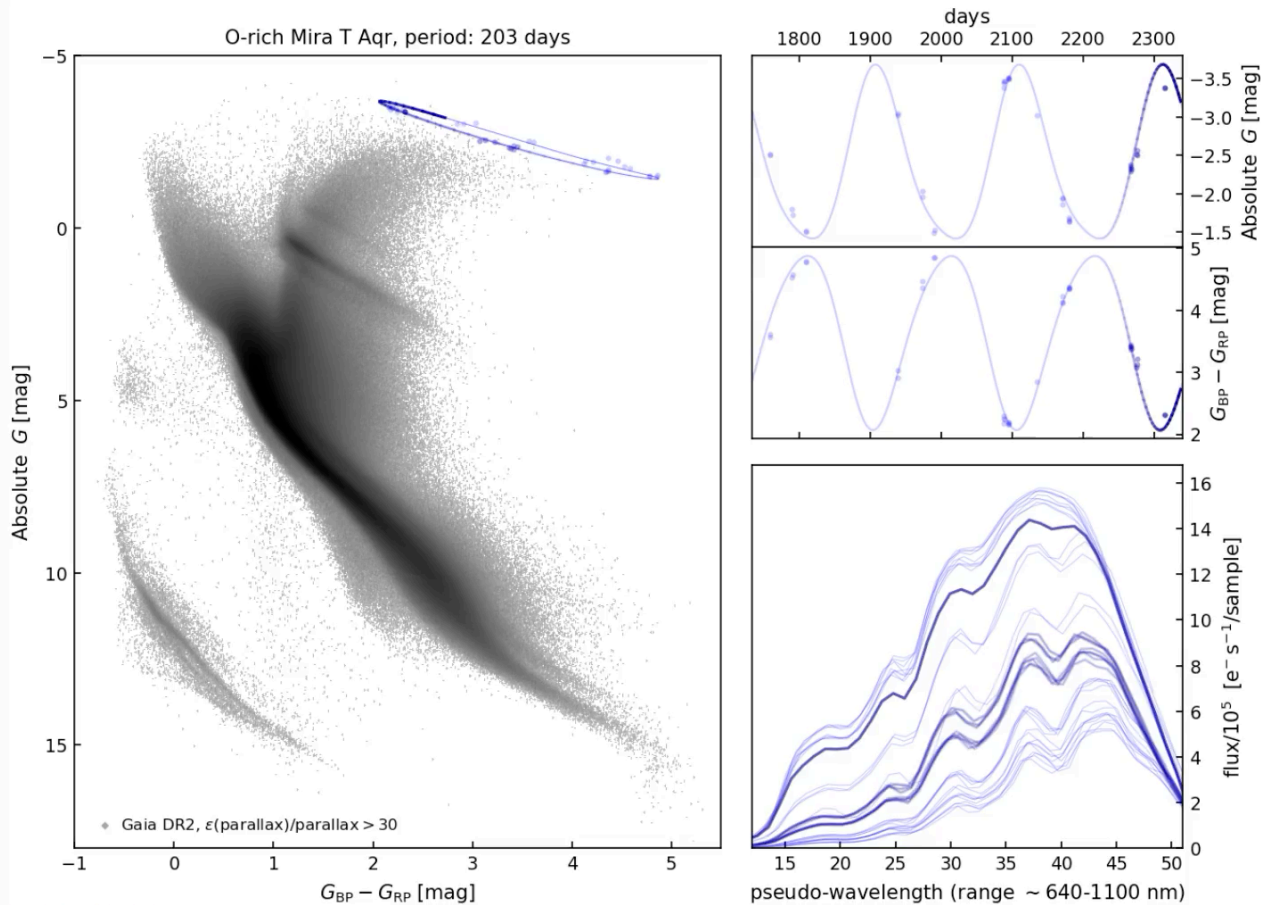
A simple linear relation does not represent well the empirical PW relation; a quadratic fit does.

→ the relation is either nonlinear or has two regimes

Back to RR Lyrae stars

Other topics

Variable stars alive in RP spectrophotometry



We are able to distinguish between Carbon-rich or Oxygen-rich stars

Carbon rich stars are one of the most important contributors to the enrichment of the interstellar medium

546,468 C-rich long period variable stars

N. Mowlavi, M. Trabucchi, T. Lebzelter: ESLAB53 (2019)

Pushing limits

Period recovery rate for strictly period signals

1. $\text{Signal}(t) = A \sin(2 \pi \nu t + \phi) + \text{noise}$

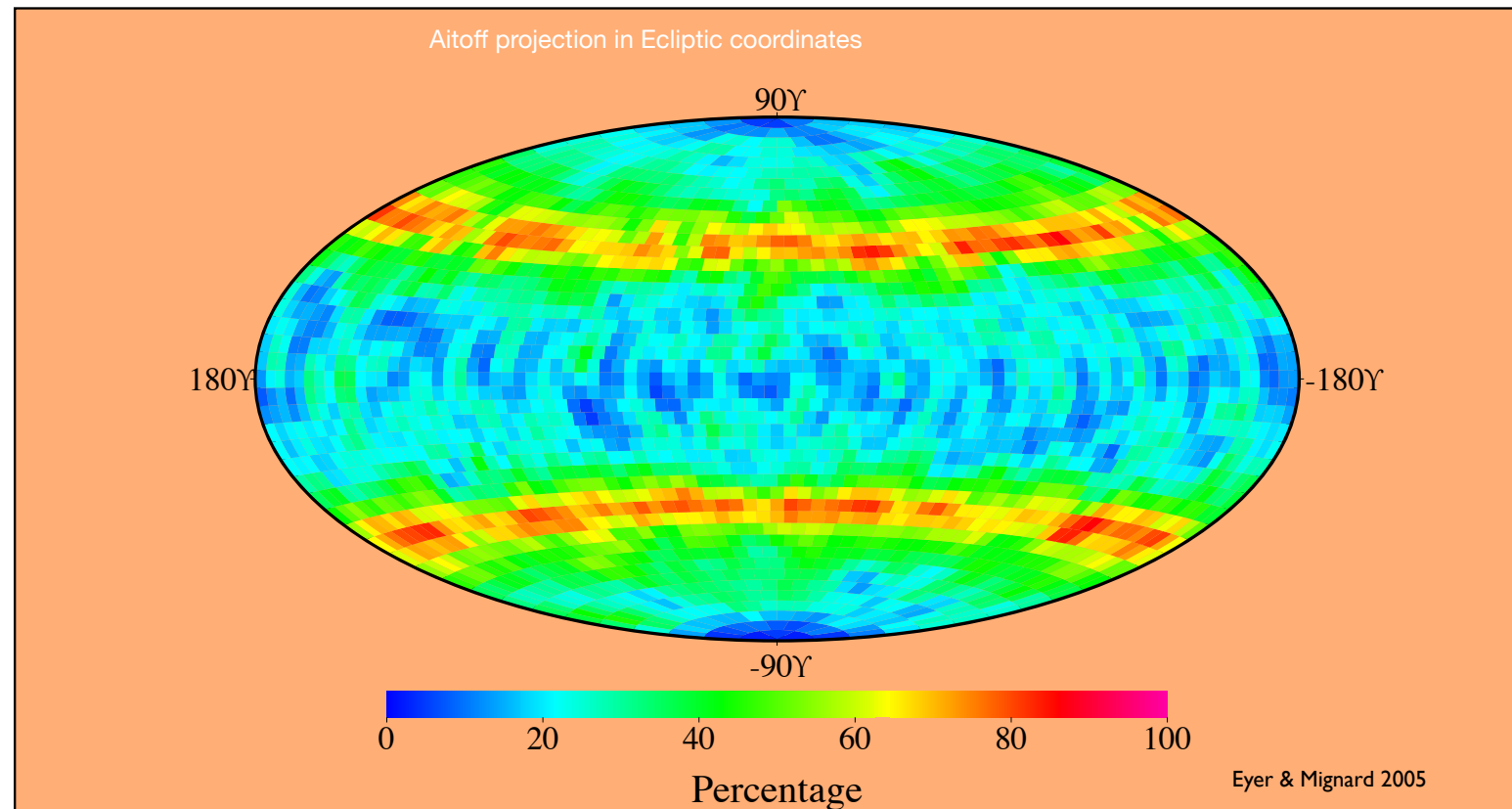
2. Two parameters:

a) S/N ratio = 0.75
(very unfavorable case)

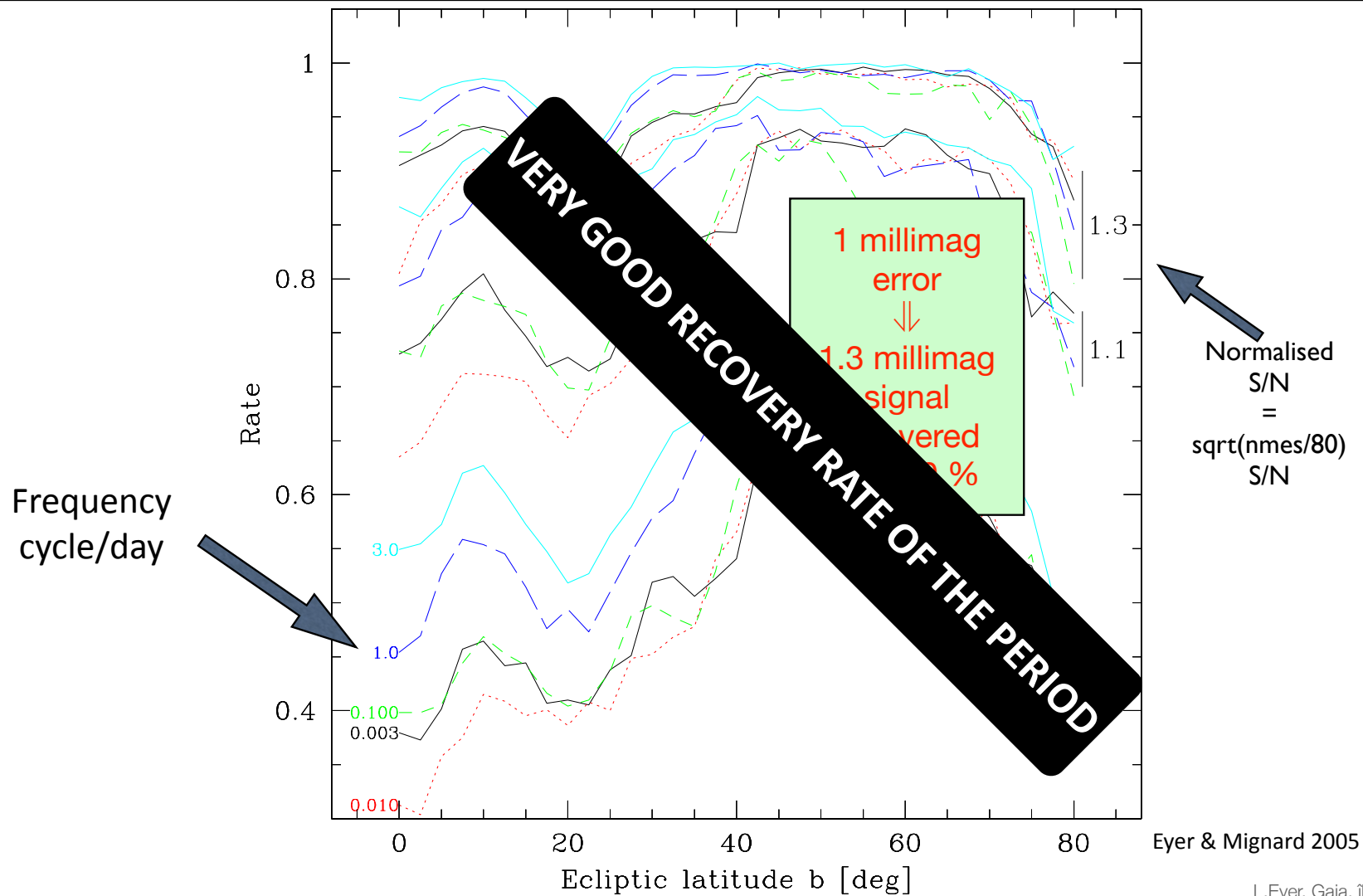
b) Period = $1/\nu = 0.2$ day

3. Gaia sampling

4. Period search algorithm
→ determine the success rate



Period recovery rate for strictly period signals



Lower photometric amplitudes: pulsation

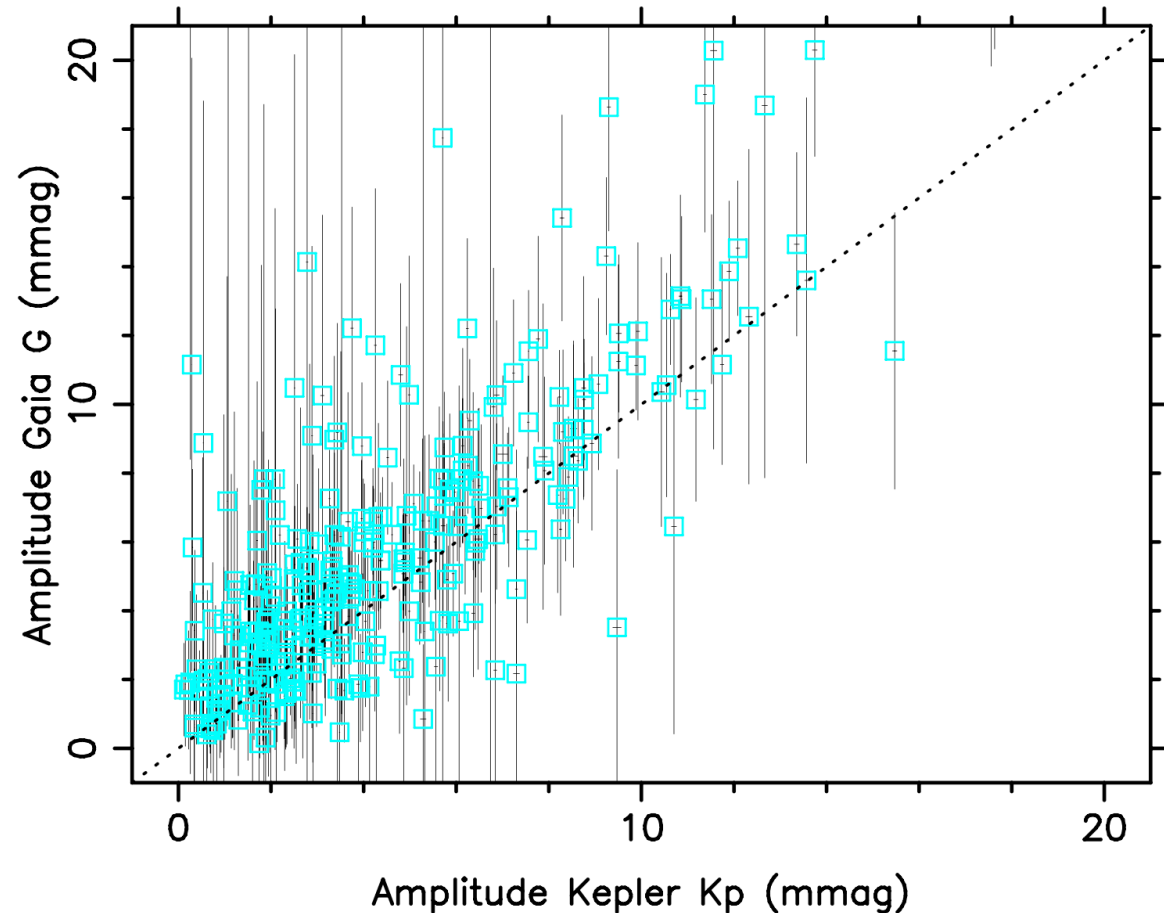
Pushing the limits

Conny Aerts at 2023 EAS's conference

Comparison with gamma Dor stars from Kepler

Already now, we detected amplitudes with uncertainties of 2 mmag (in RP!)

Gives hopes that few millmag amplitude will be detected in DR4/DR5!



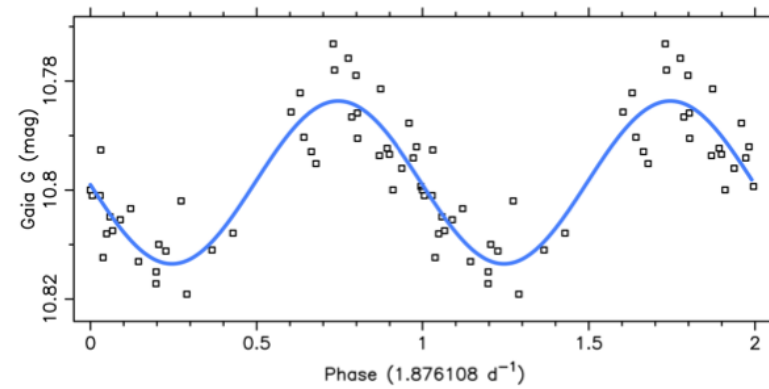
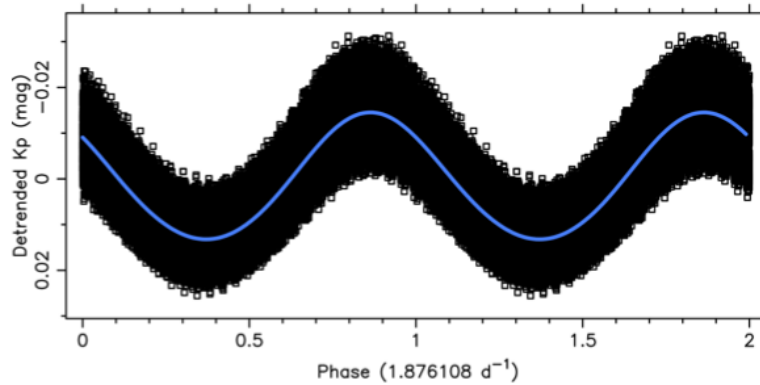
Multi periodic behaviour

Article of Gaia consortium De Ridder, Ripepi, Aerts+2023

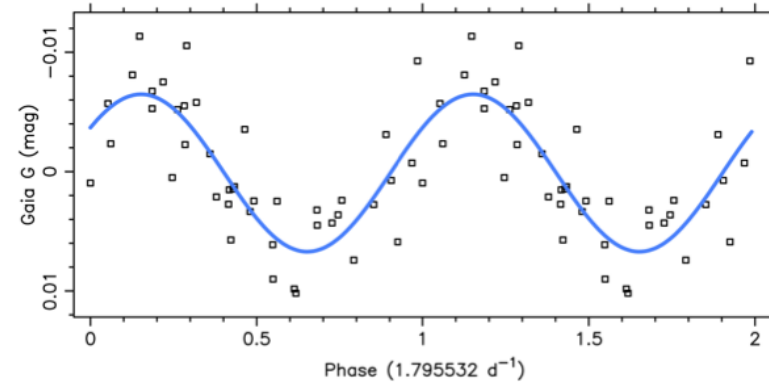
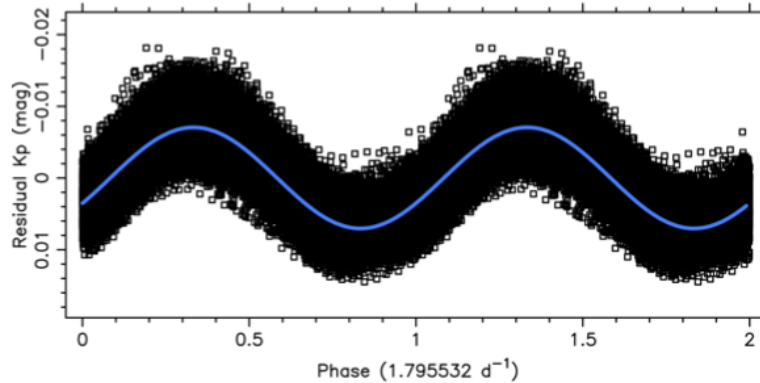
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Second frequency



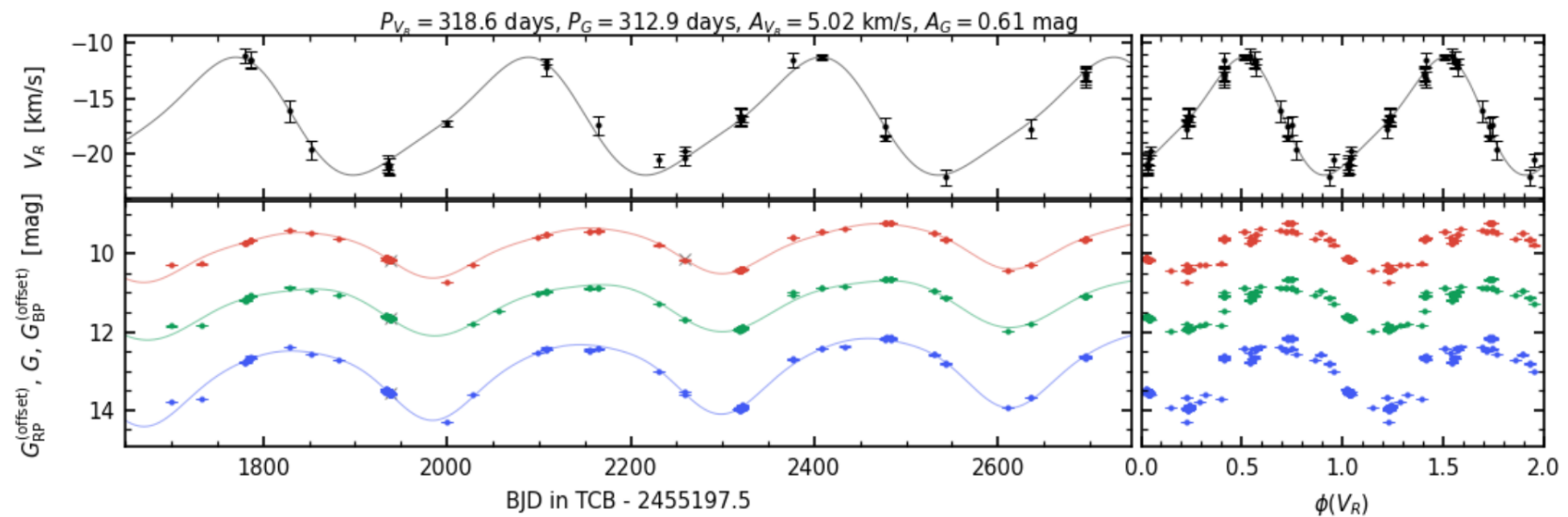
It opens the door of multi-periodic analysis in Gaia data

The Focused Product Release

Focused Product Release: Time domain radial velocities for Long Period Variables

Stay tuned: **NEXT WEEK**: Tuesday October 10, 2023

- Reminder Gaia DR3: 1,720,588 LPVs
- $6 < G < 14$
- Data interval: 34 months
- Total number of 9,614 stars with radial velocity time series



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