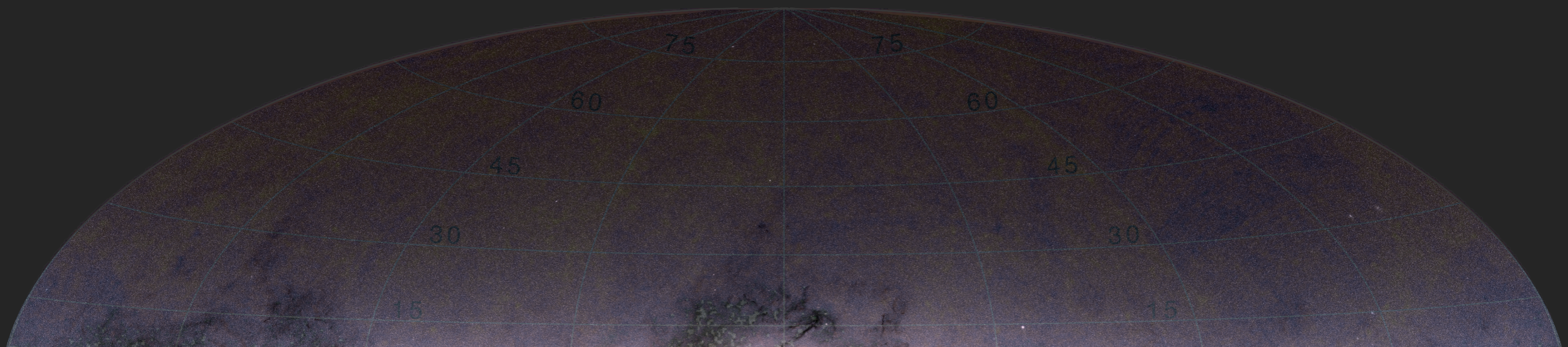




DIFFERENTIAL ASTROMETRY FOR EARTHS AT MICRO-ARCSECOND PRECISION

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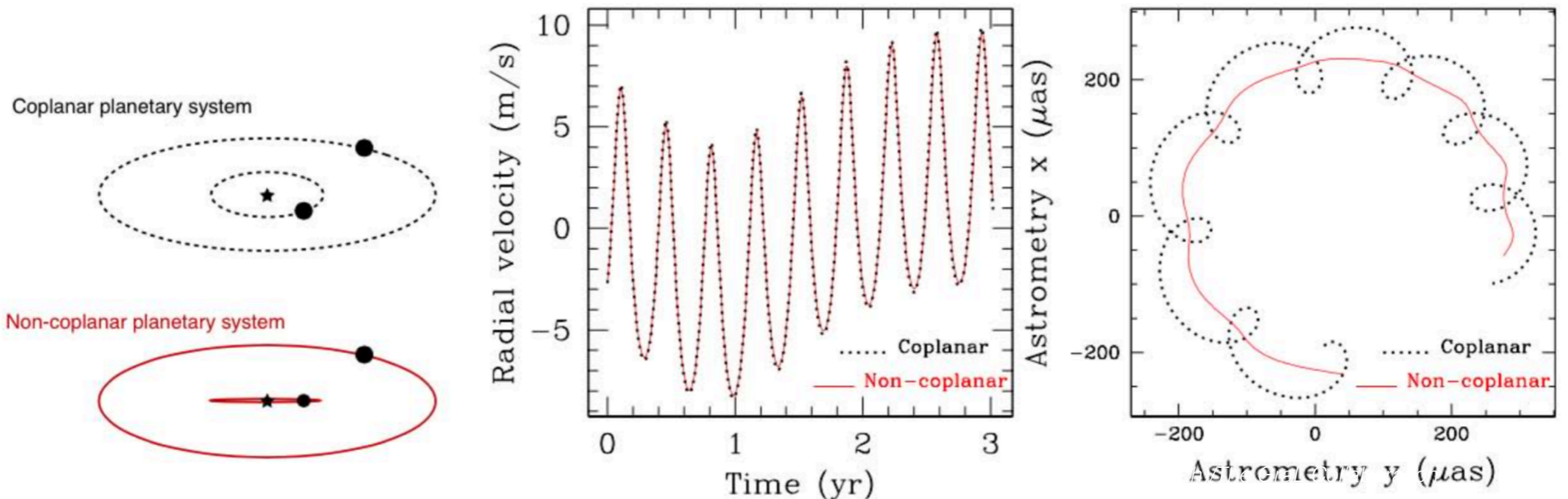
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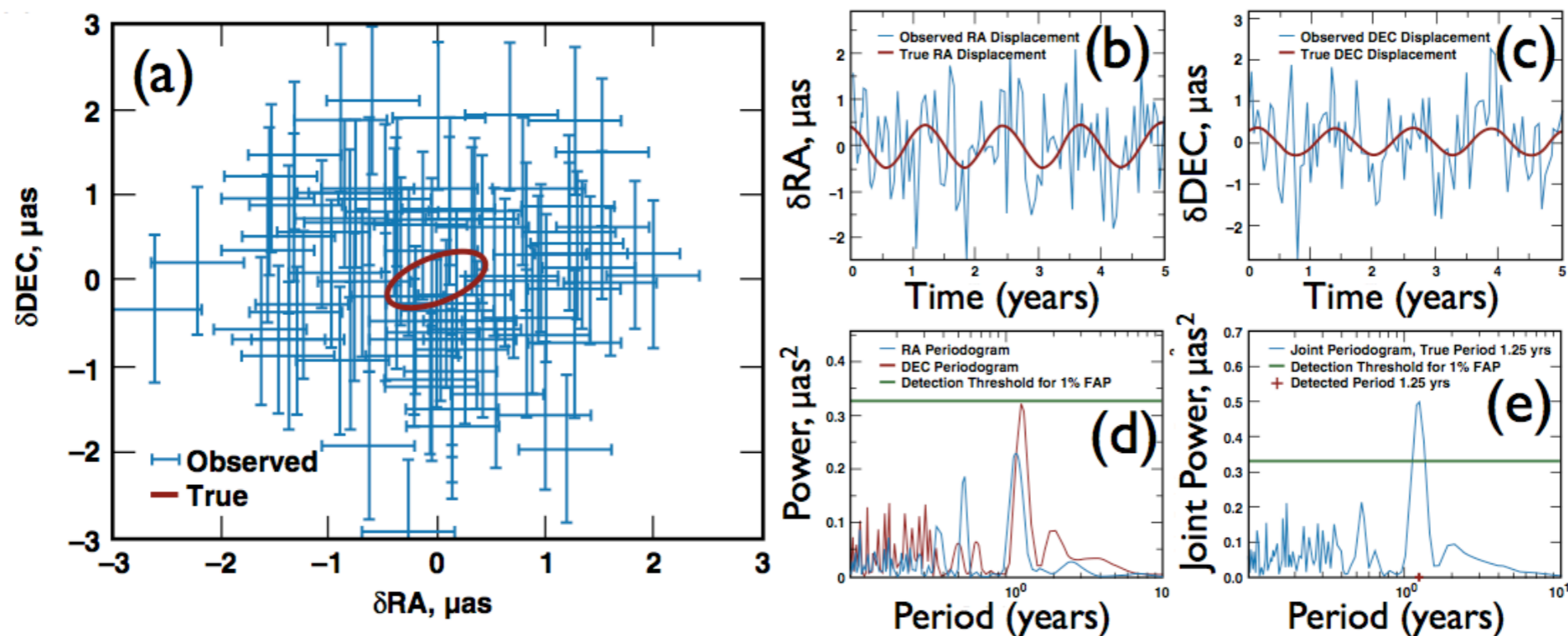
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Very simplistic way to perform a detection of a 1.5 M_{Earth} planet at the HZ of a Sun at 10pc



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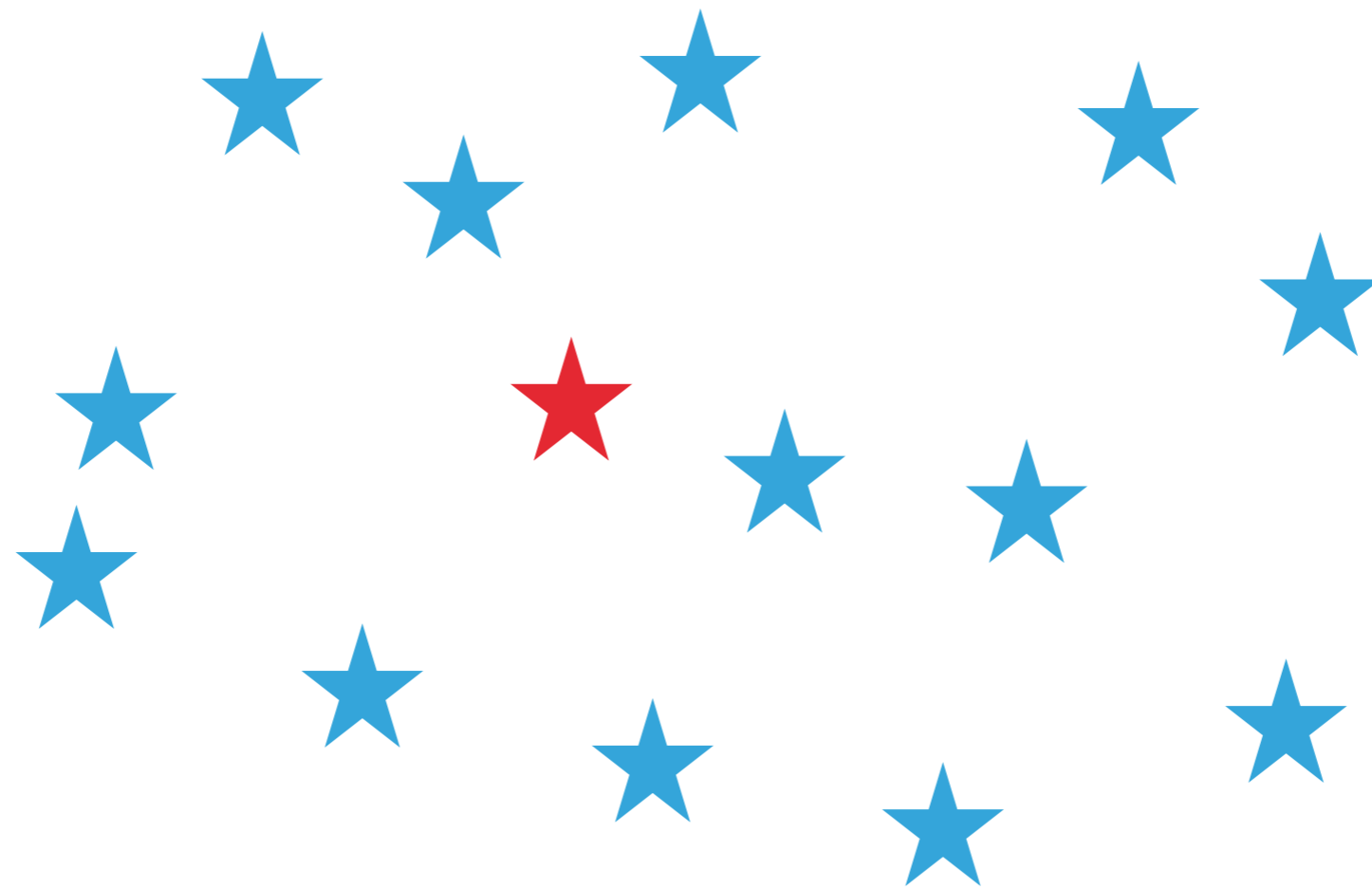


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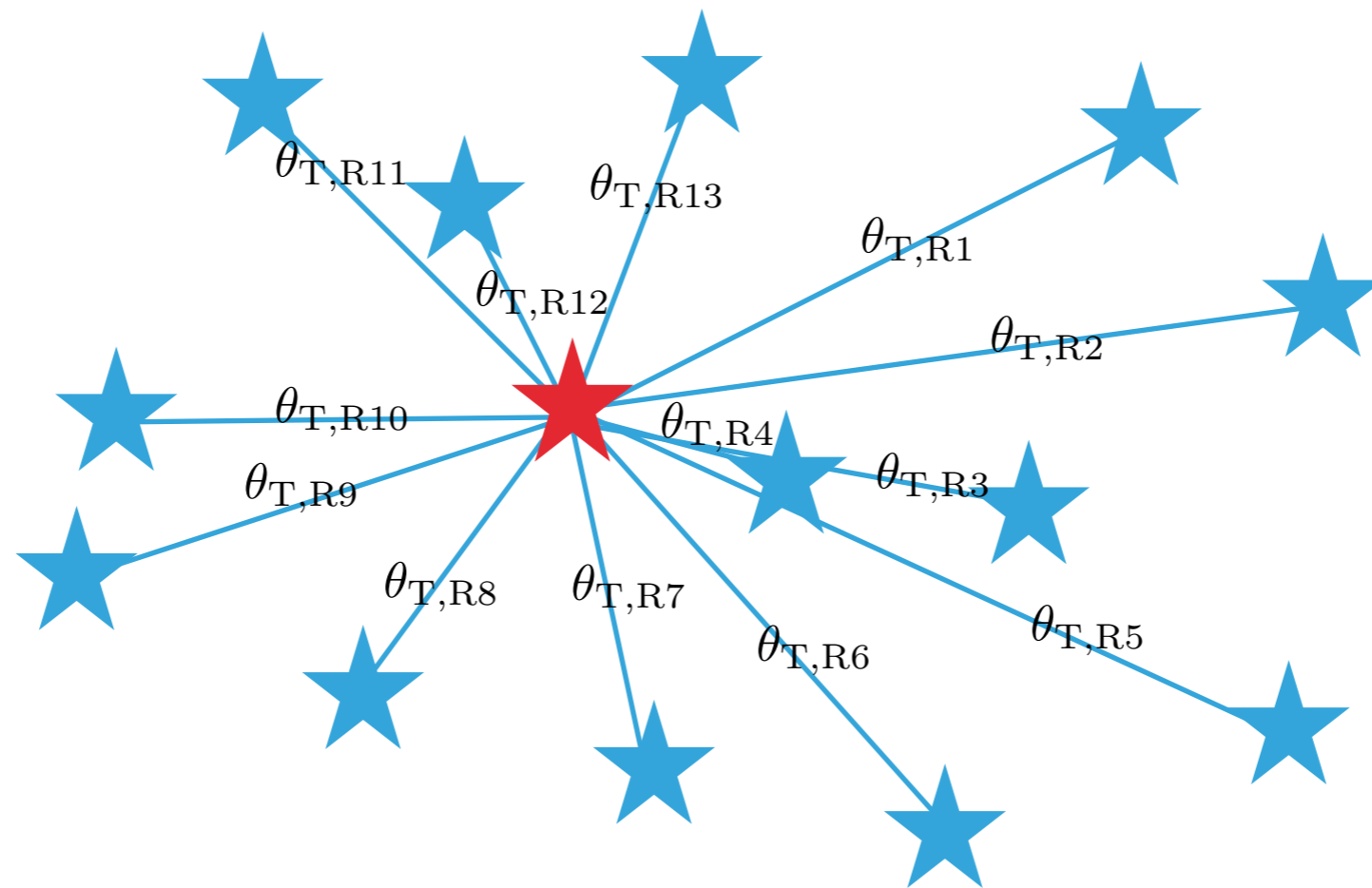


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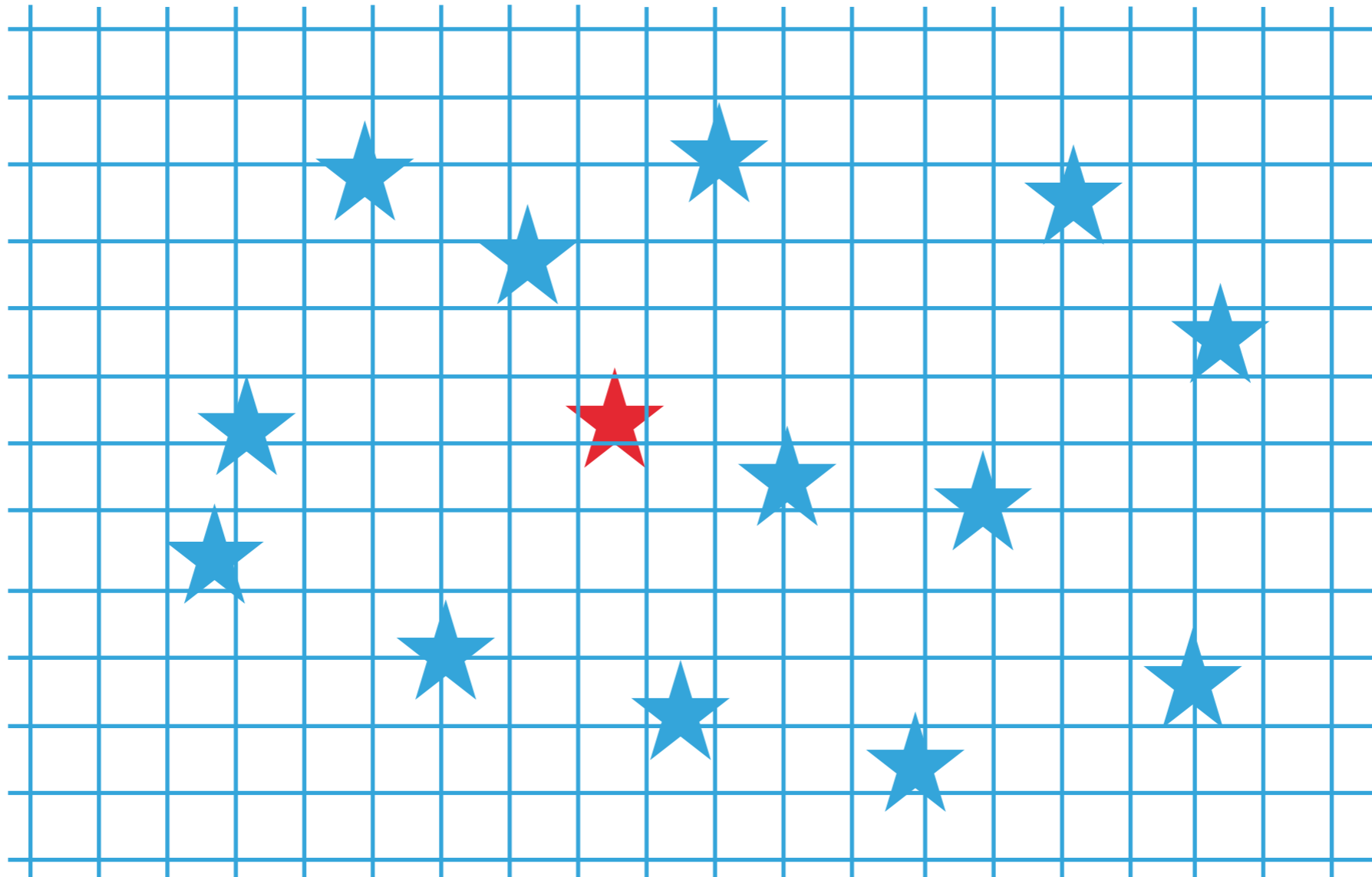
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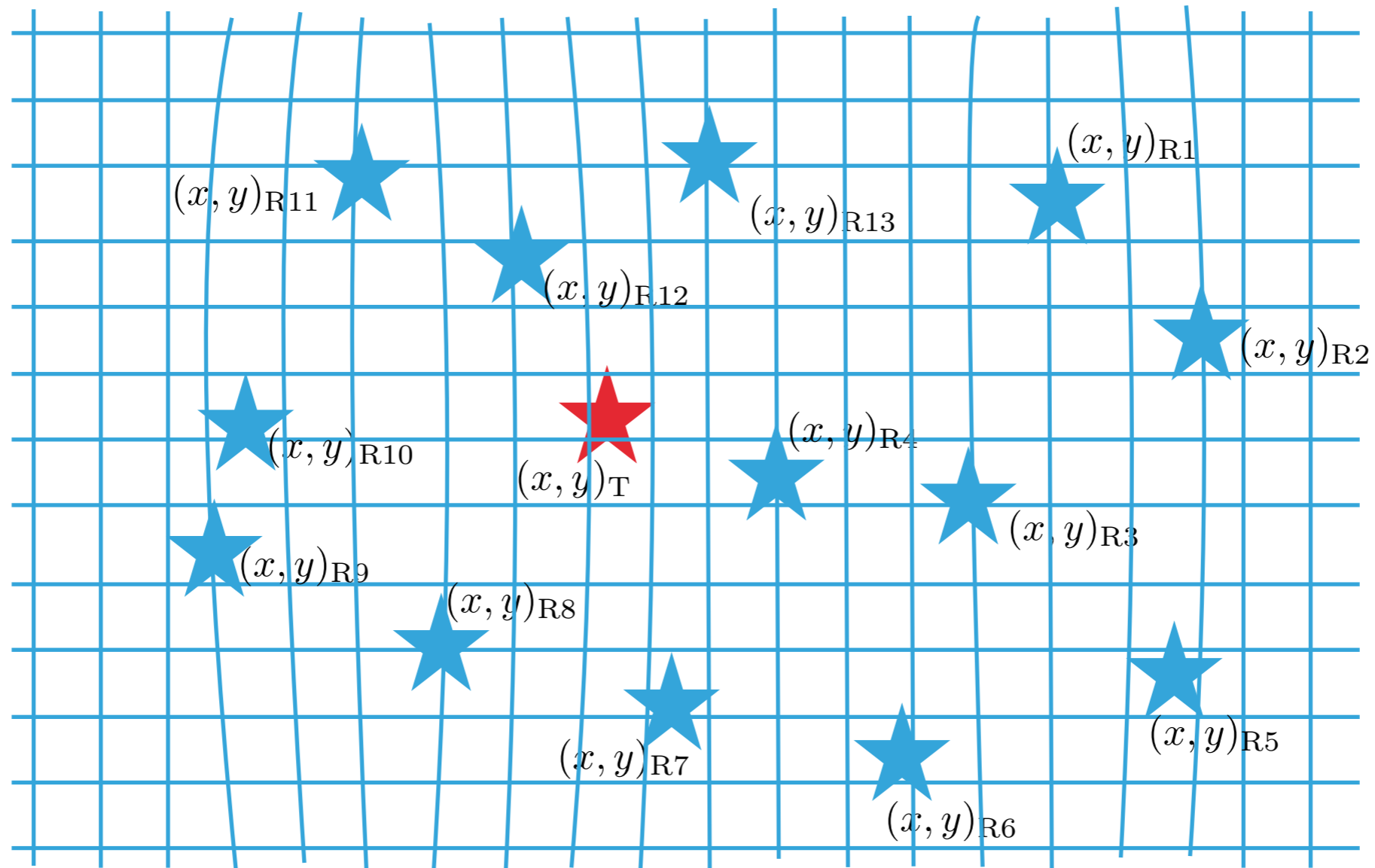
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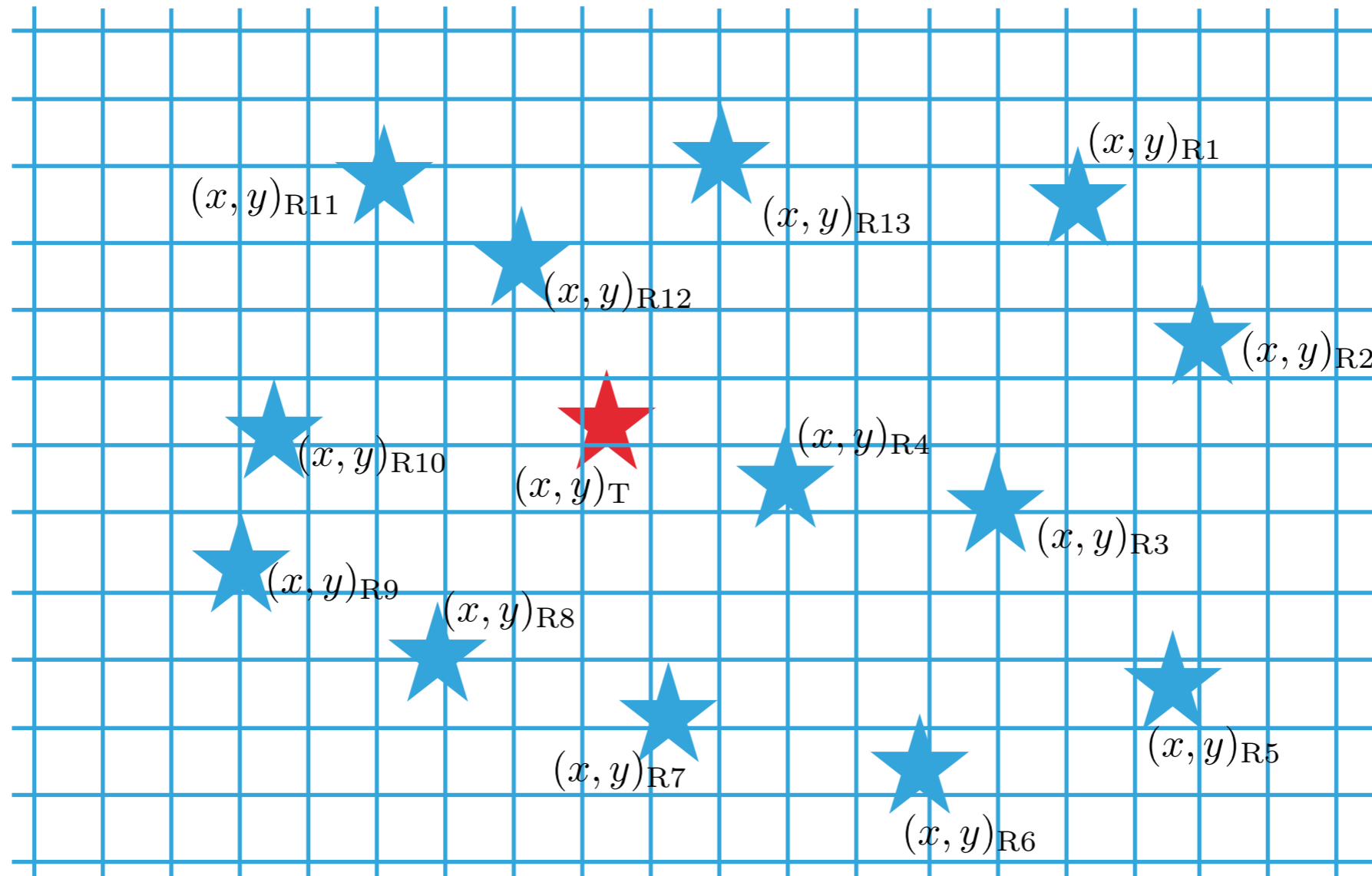
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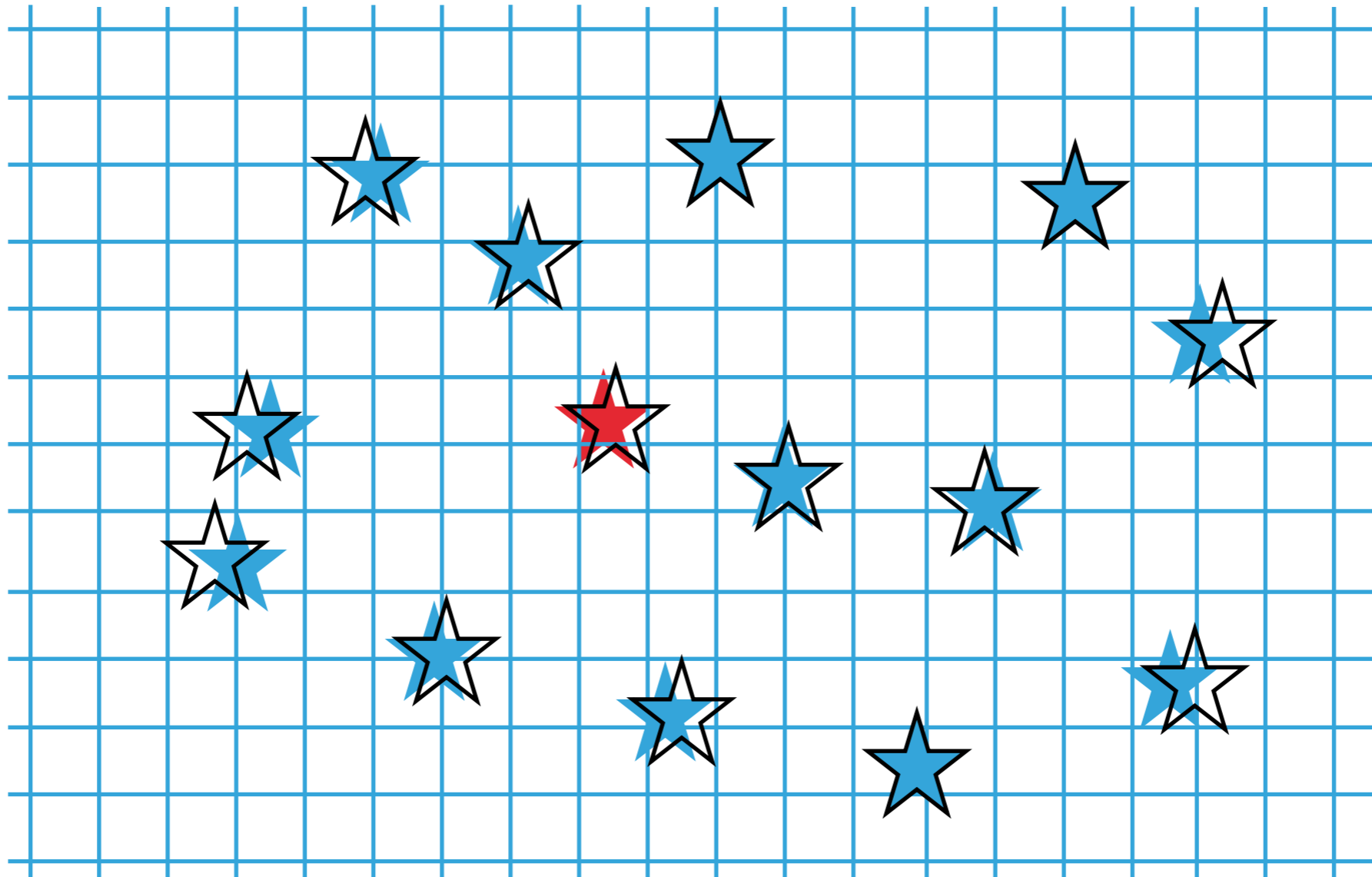
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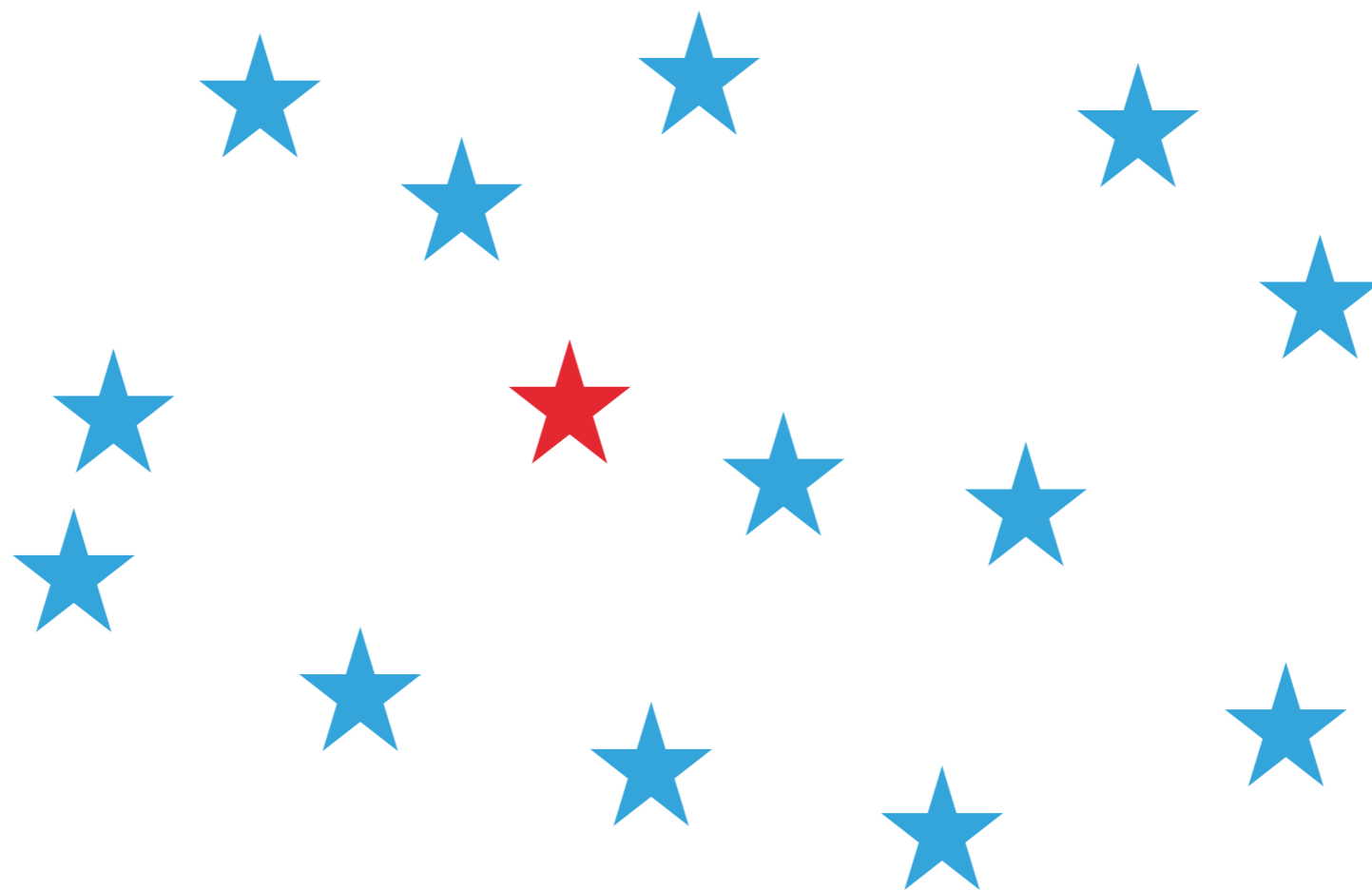
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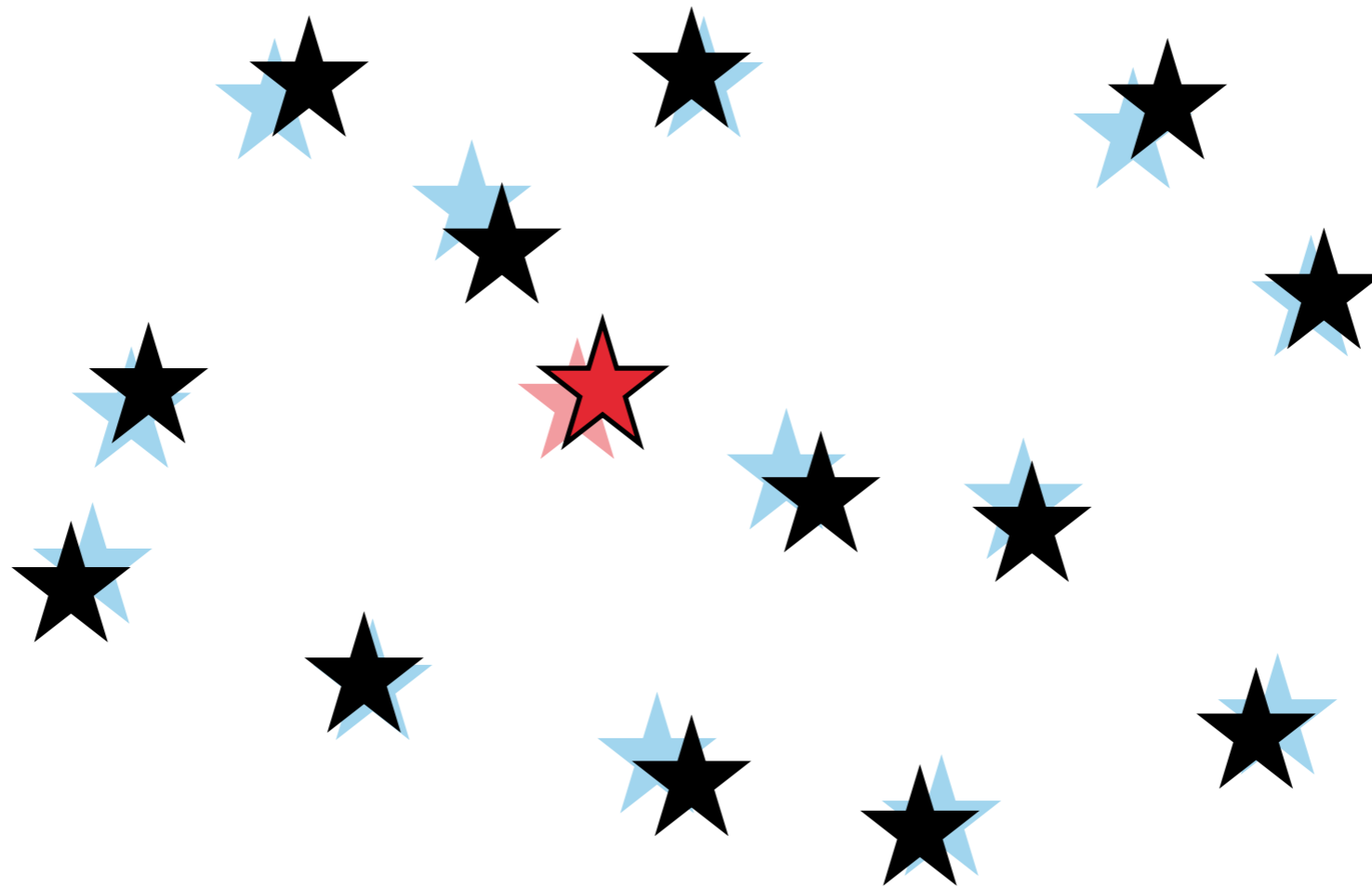
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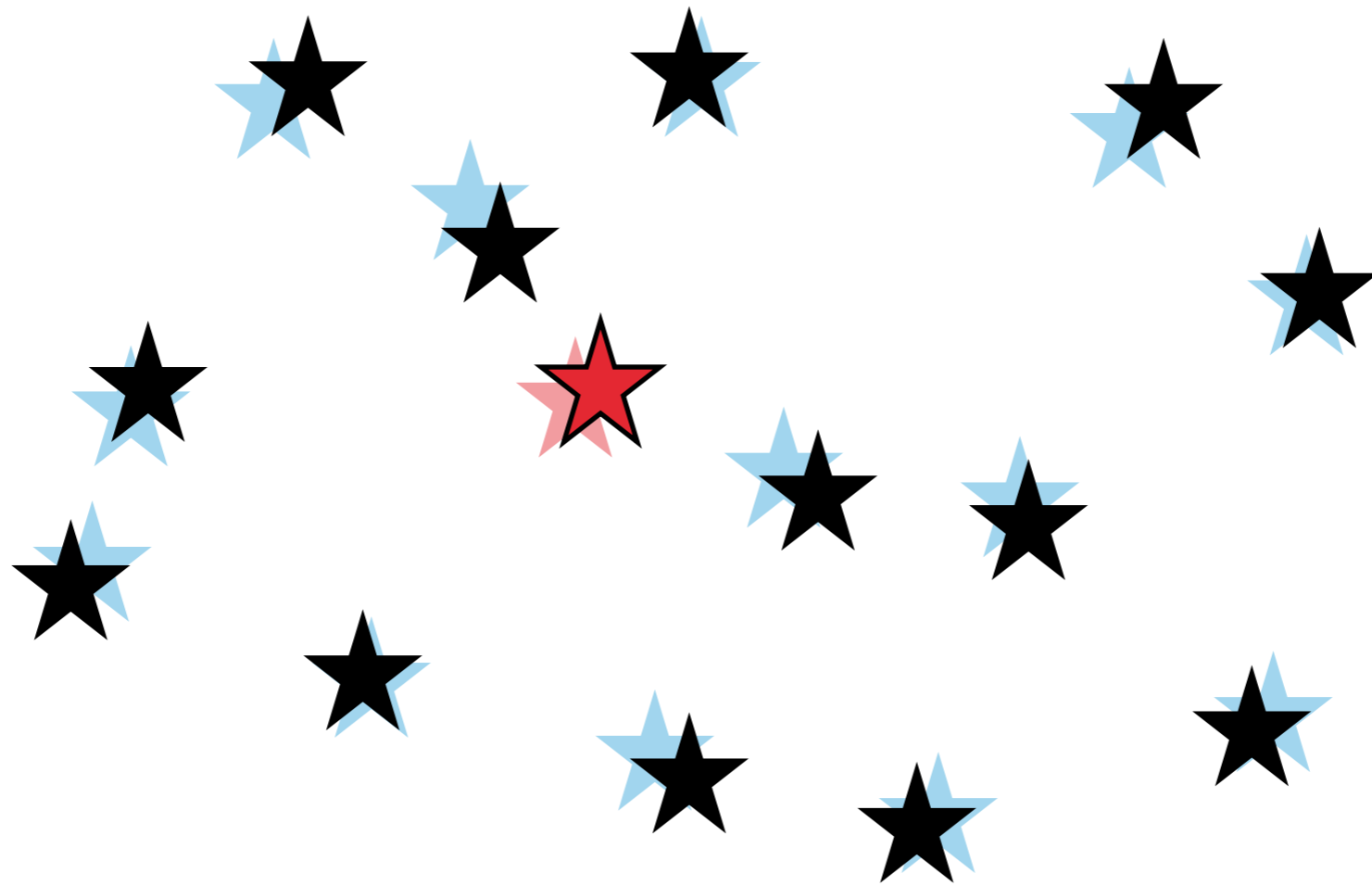
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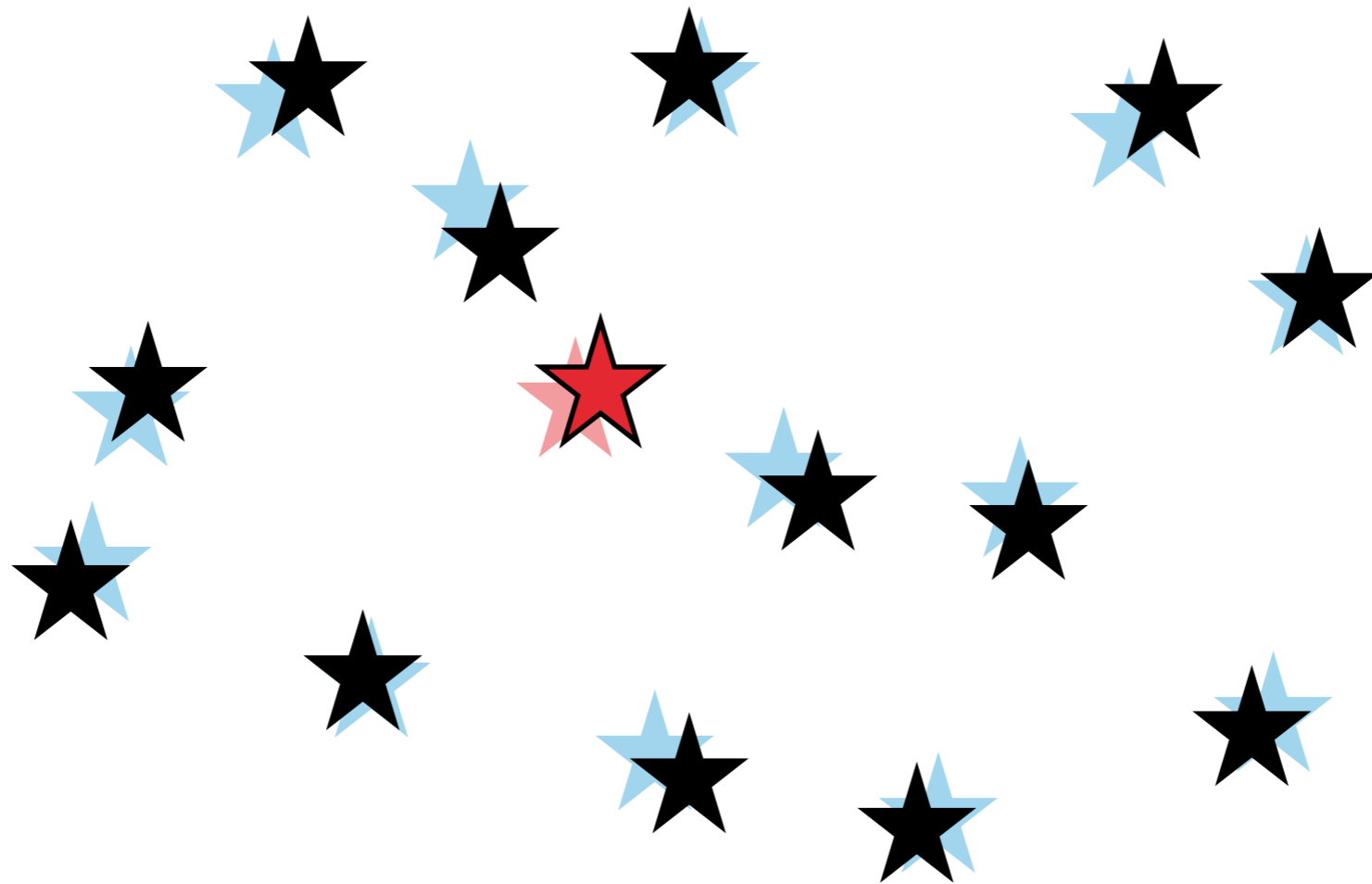
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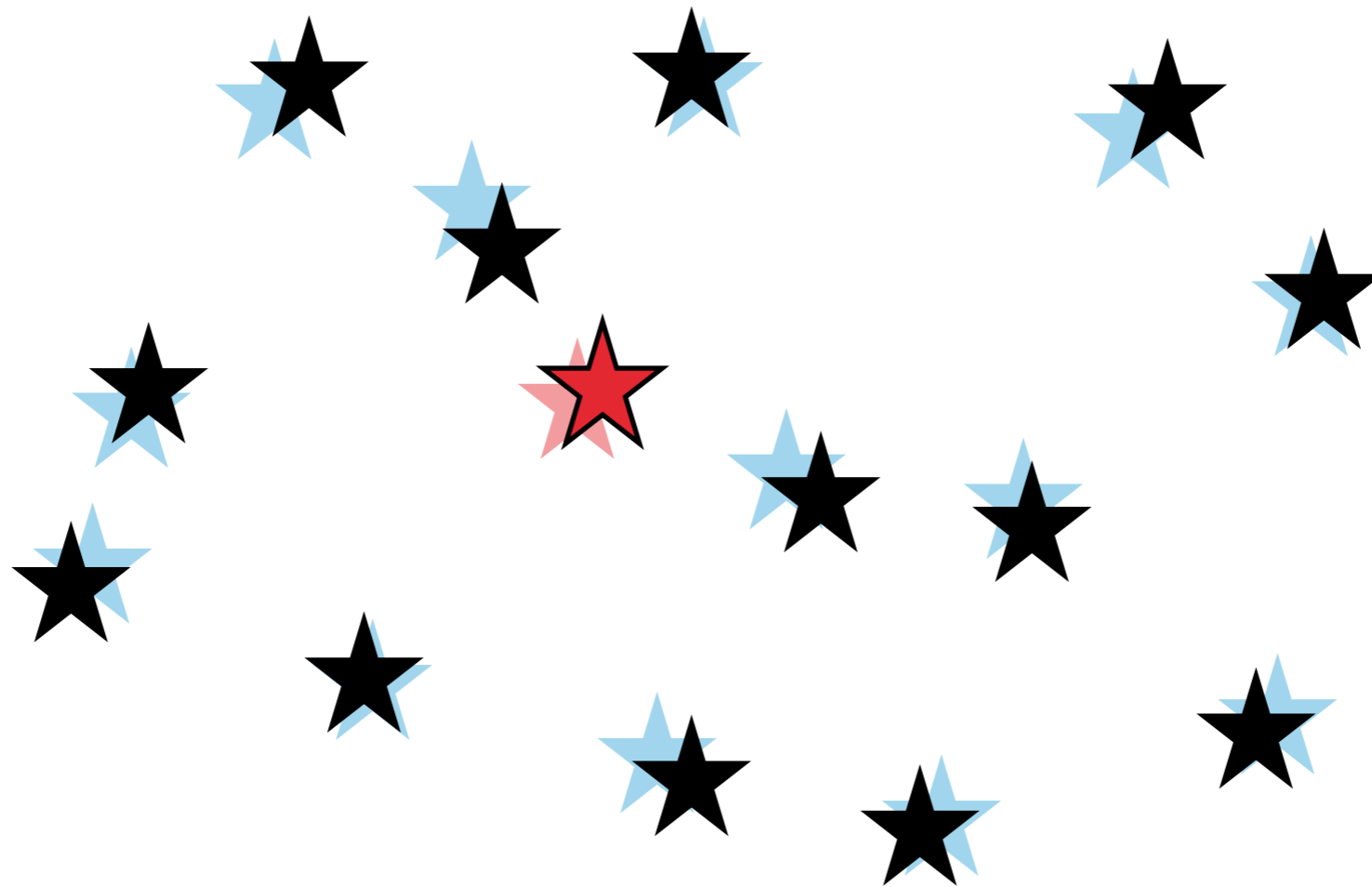
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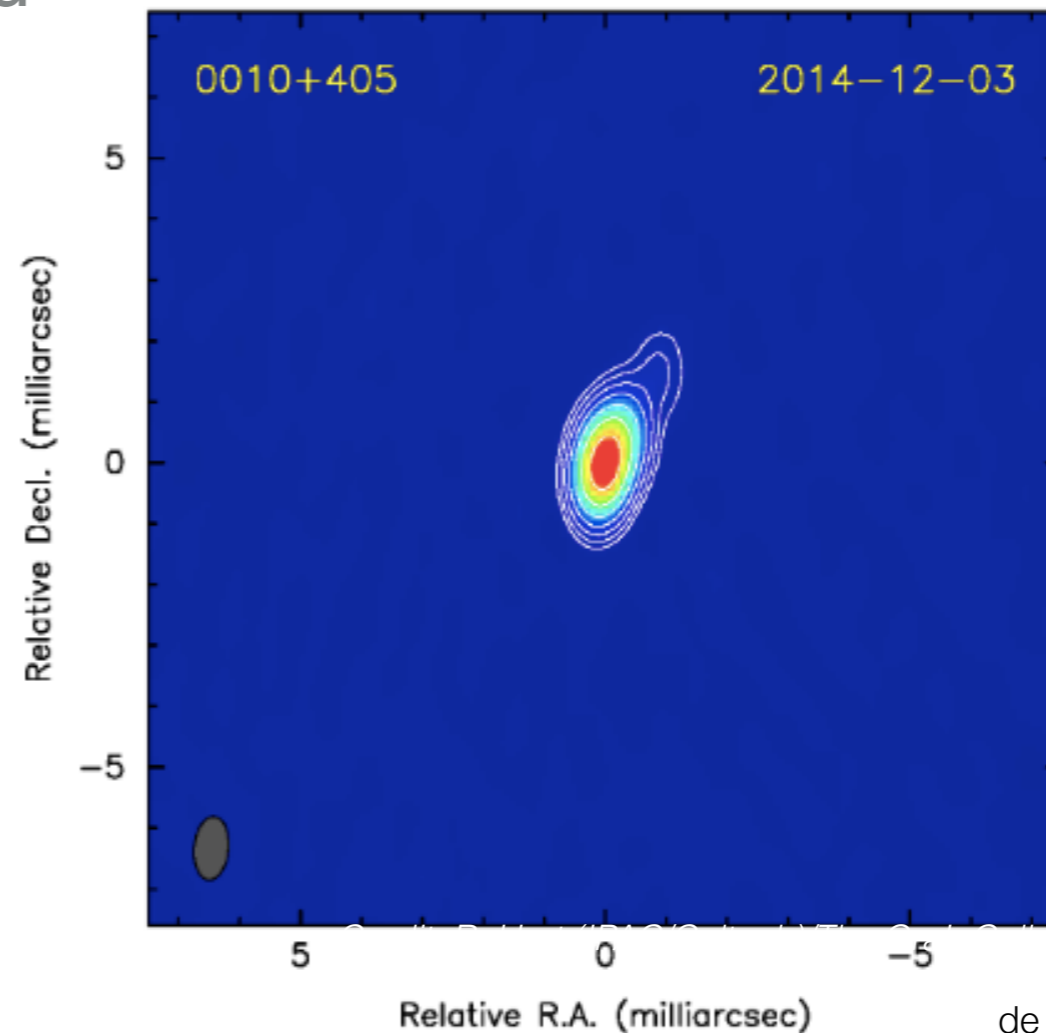
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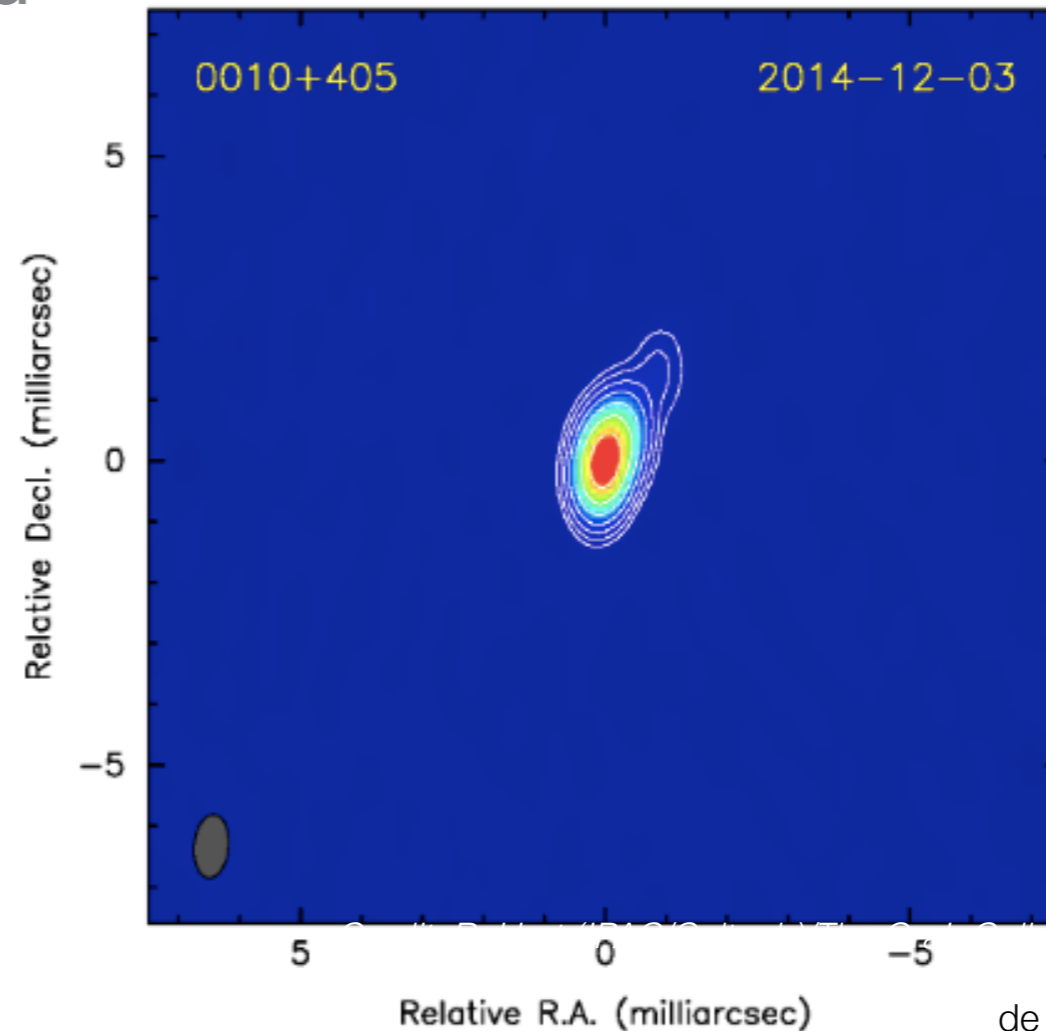
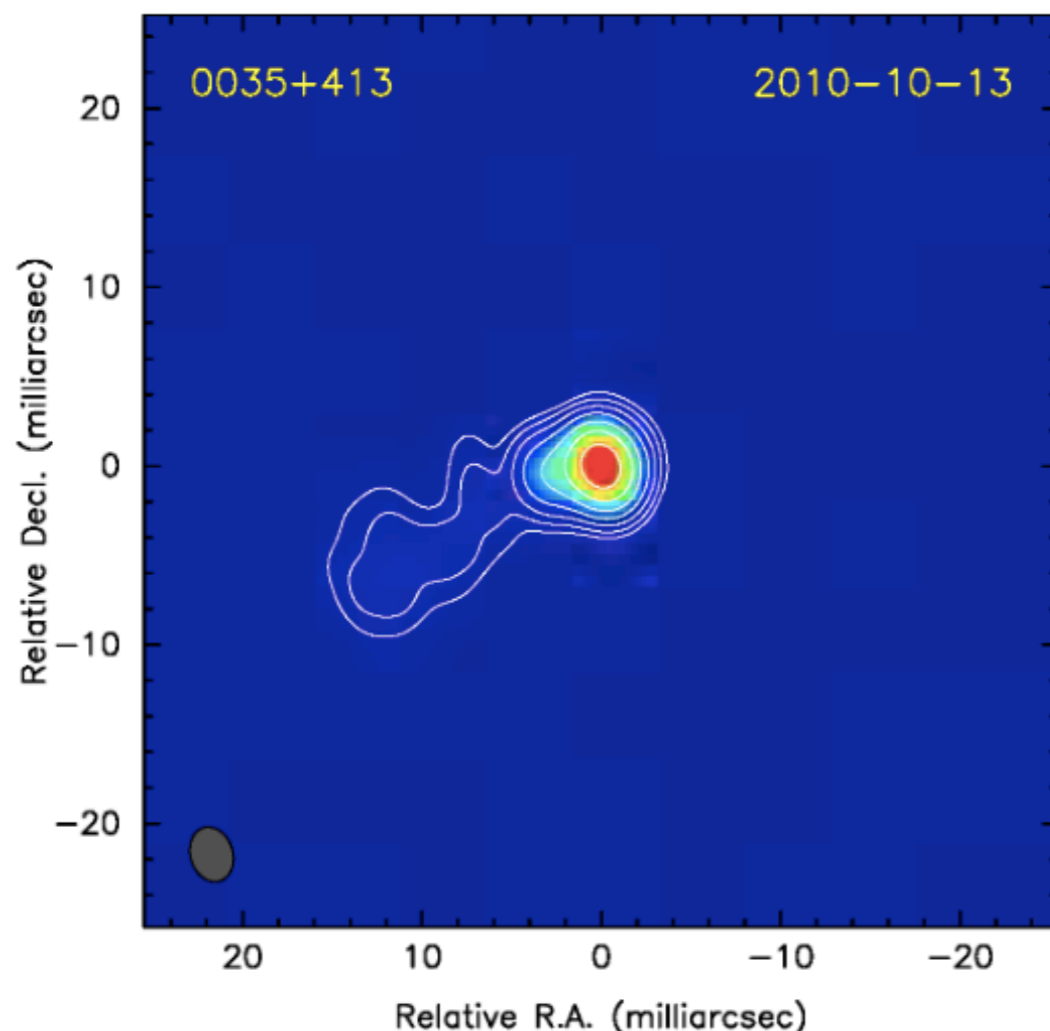
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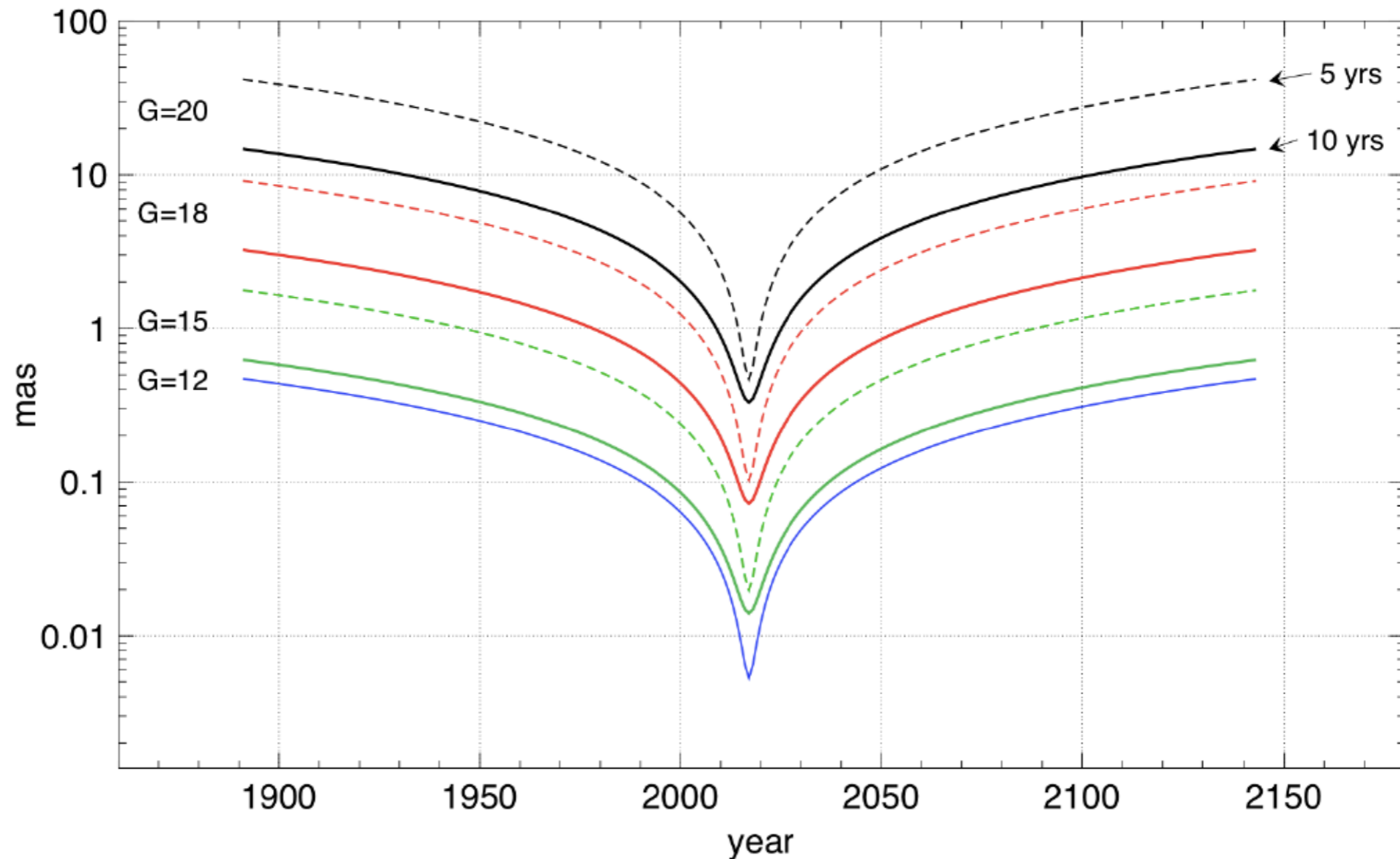
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Brown et al., 2017 (Gaia Mission Extension)

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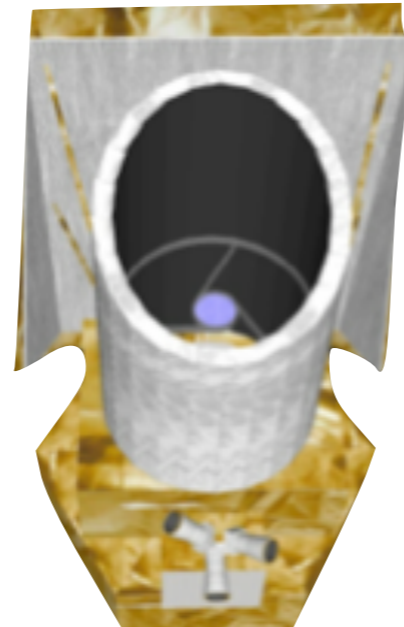
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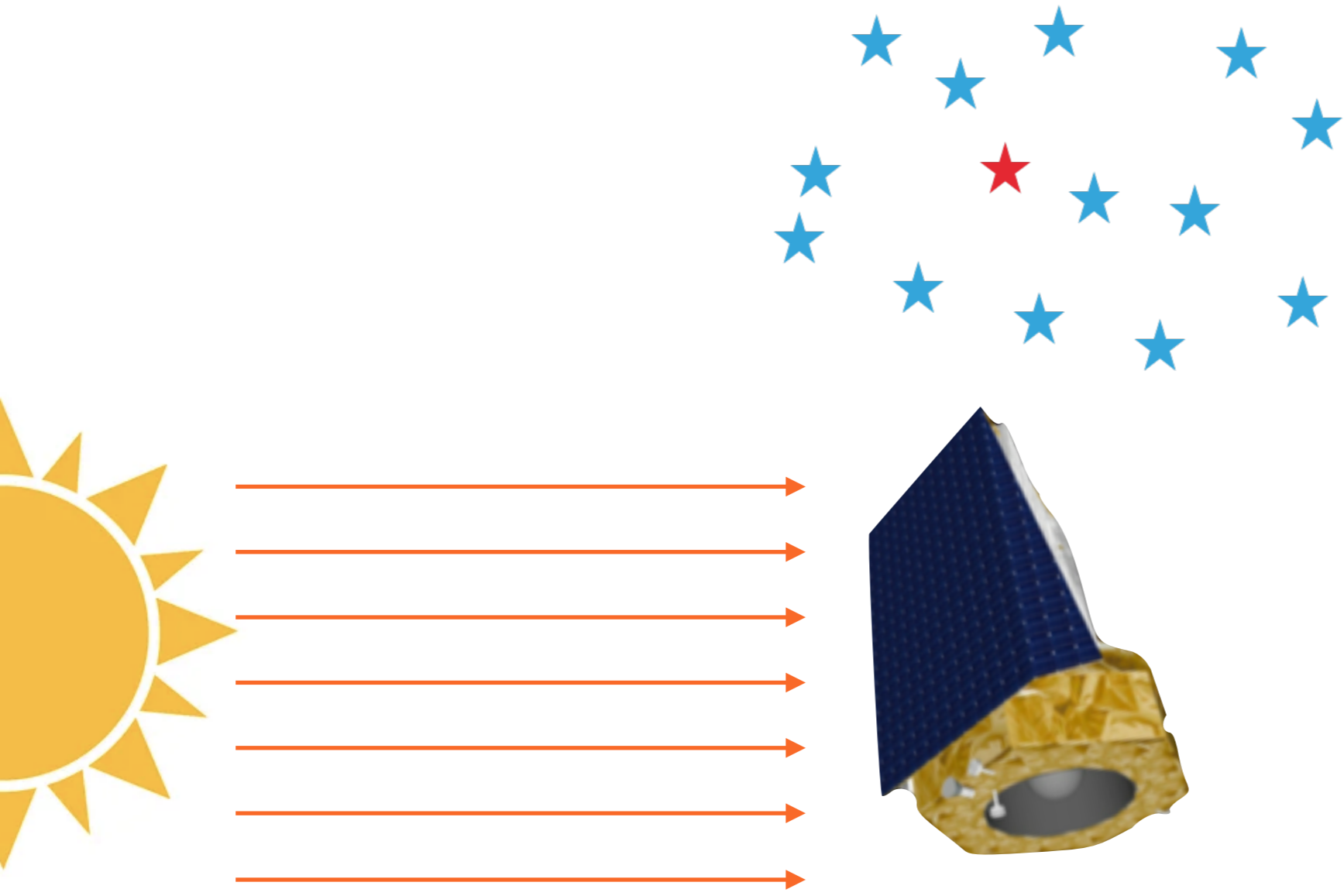
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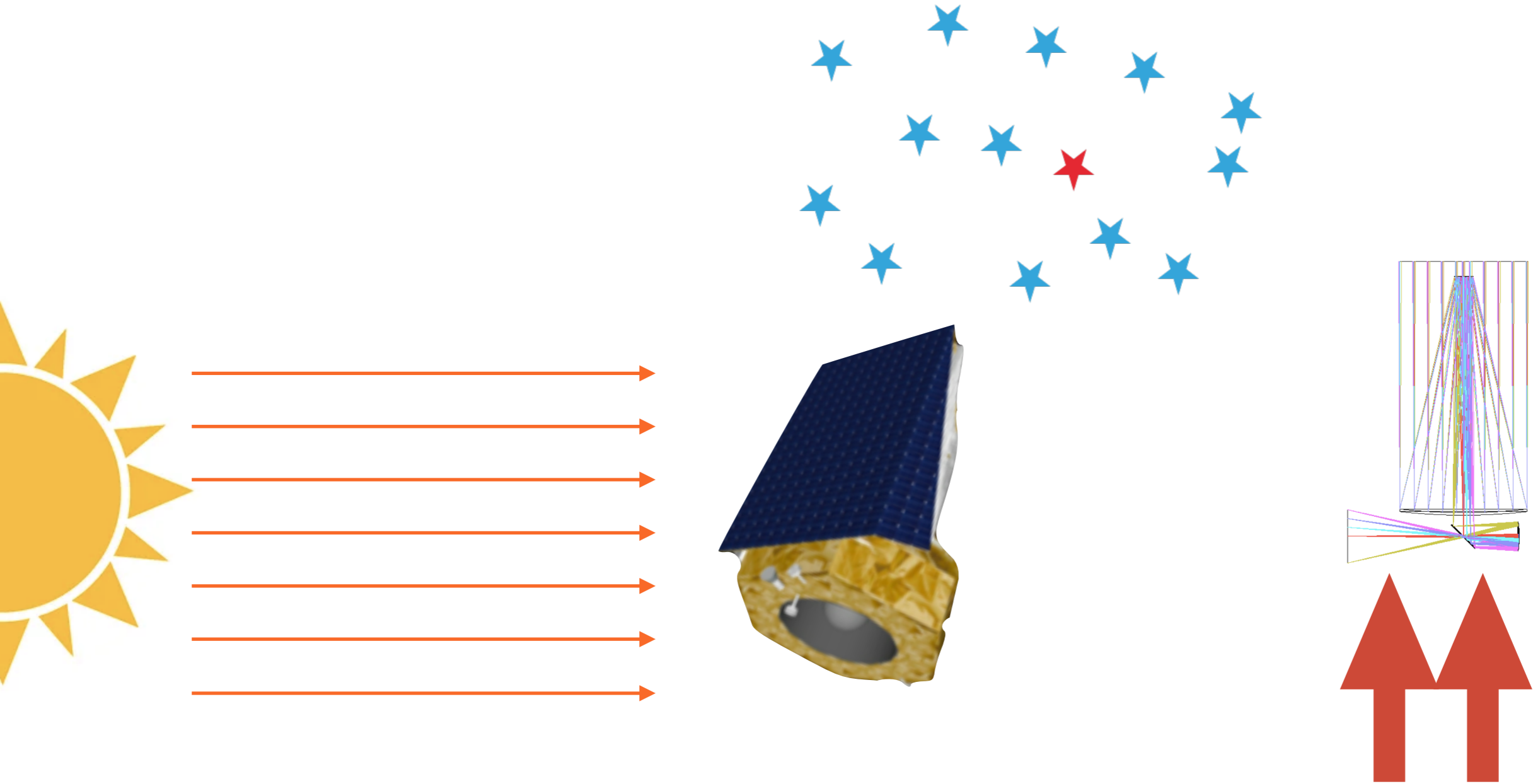
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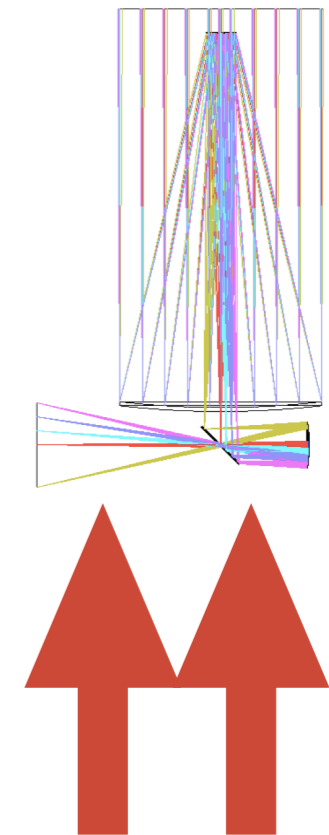
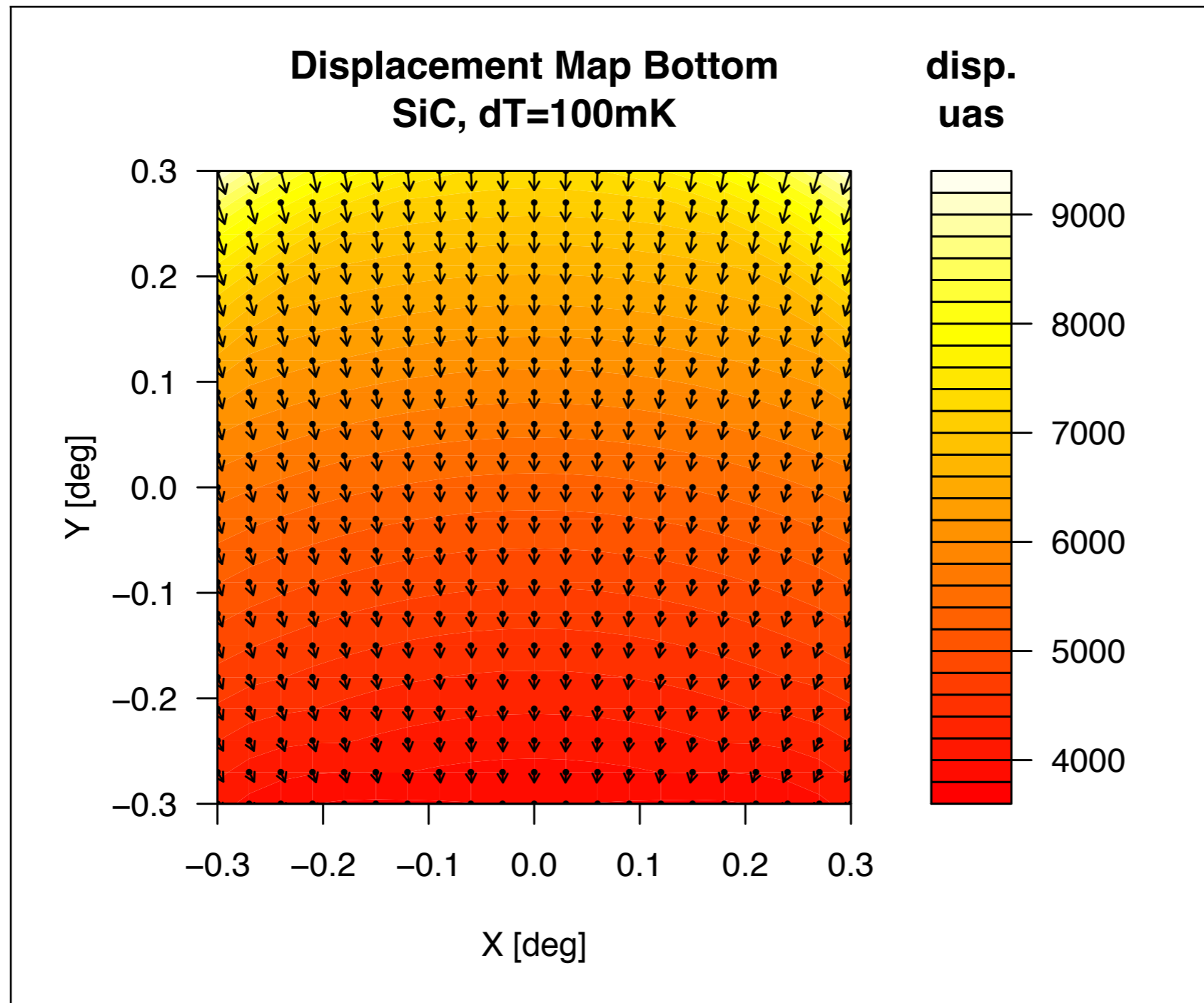
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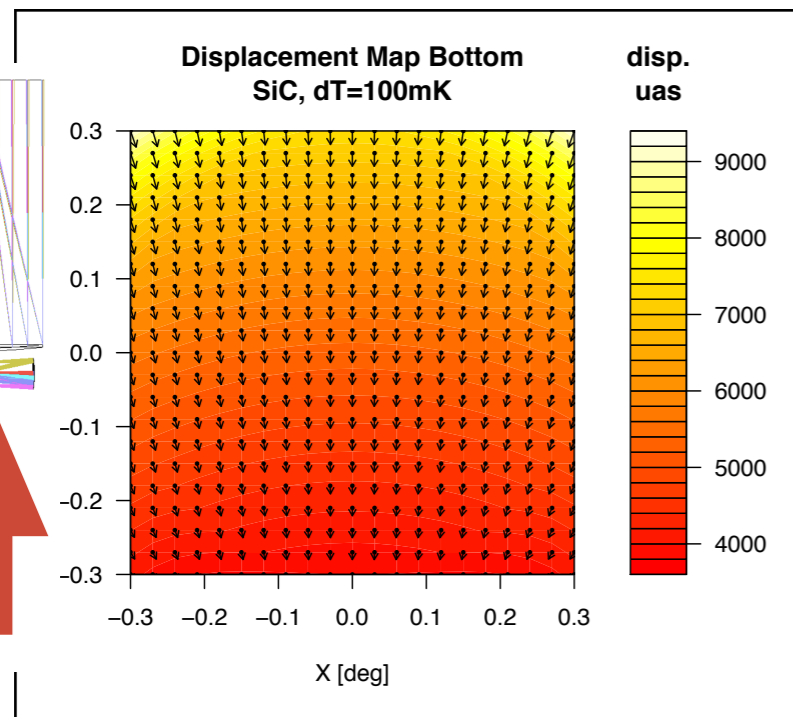
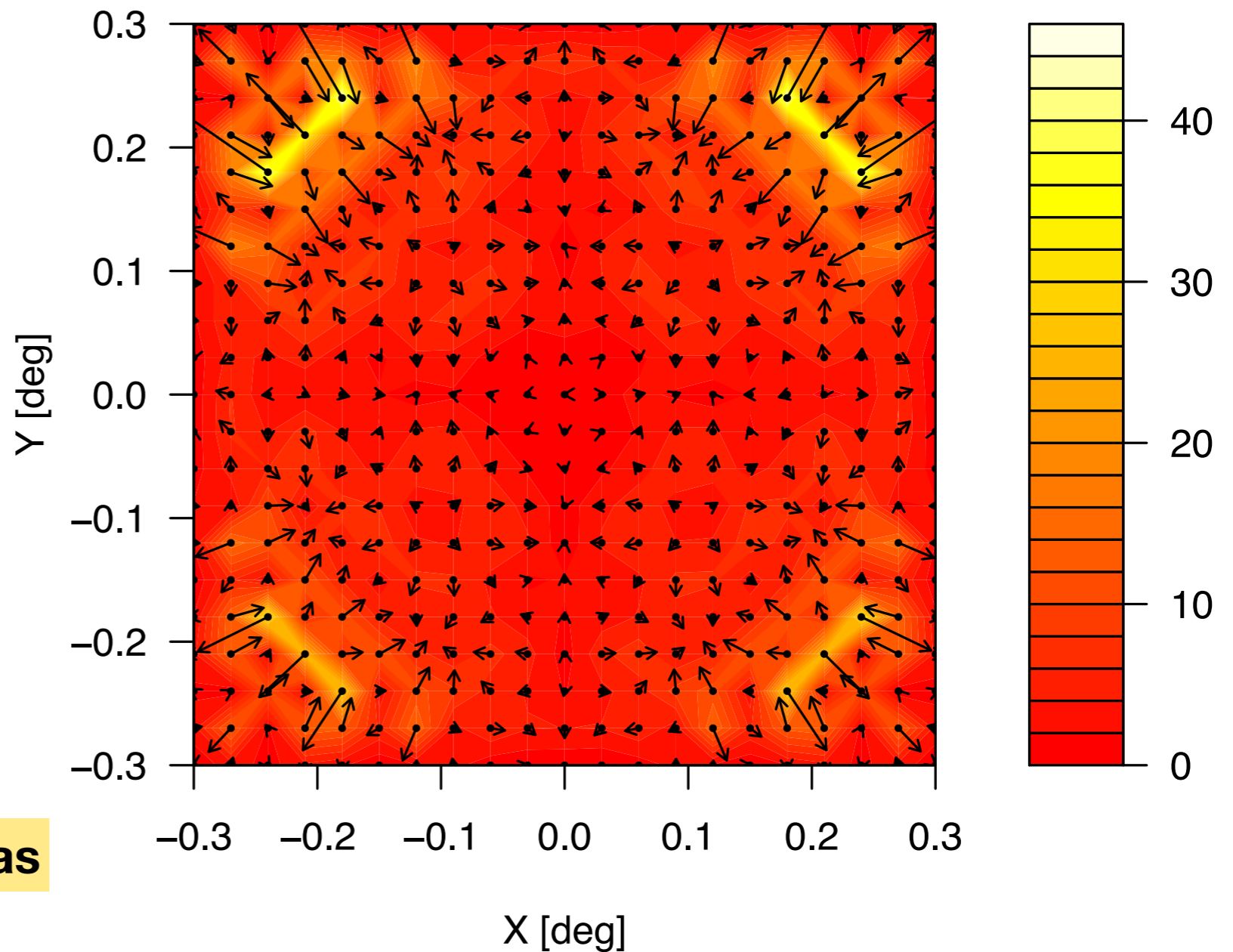
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Thermal distortion corrected field
Chebyshev 8, SiC structure, dT=100K

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uas



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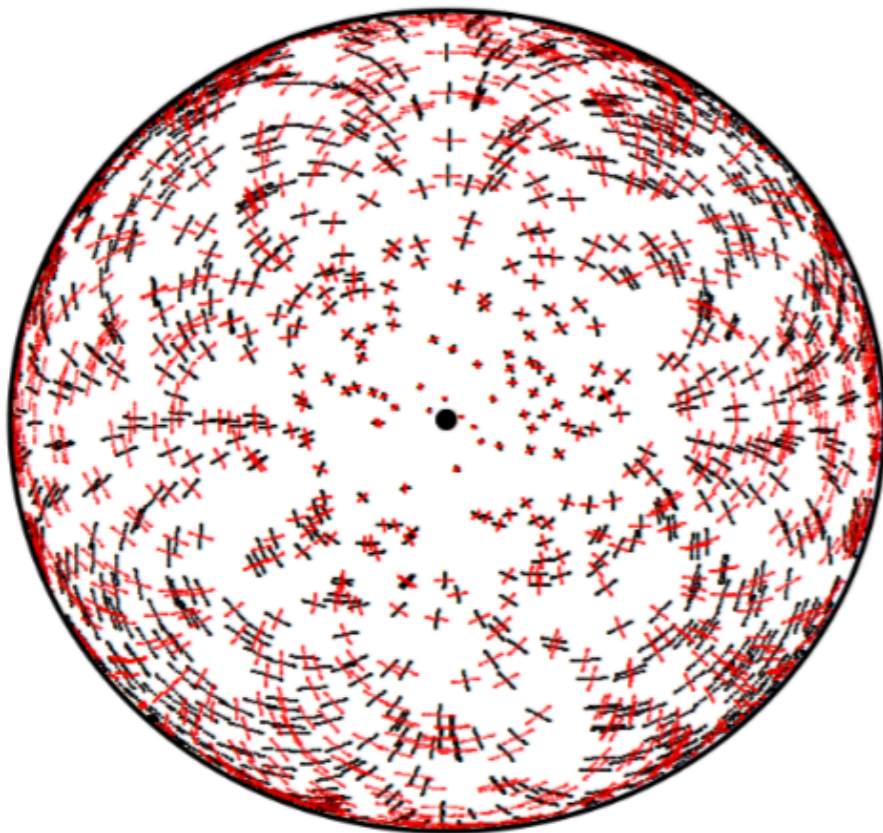
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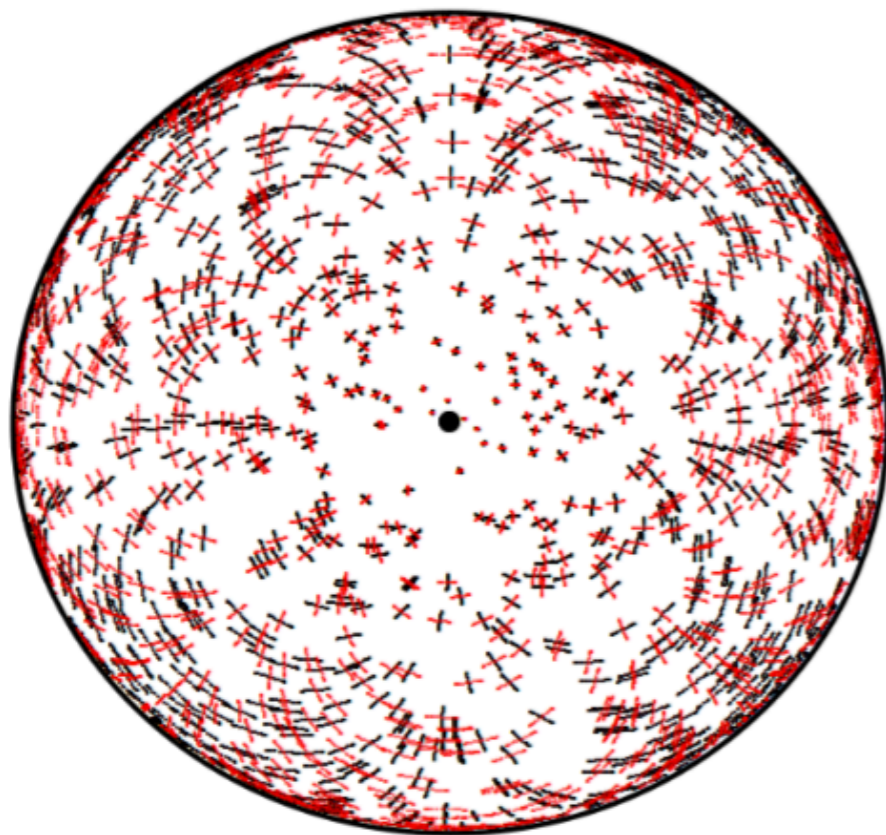
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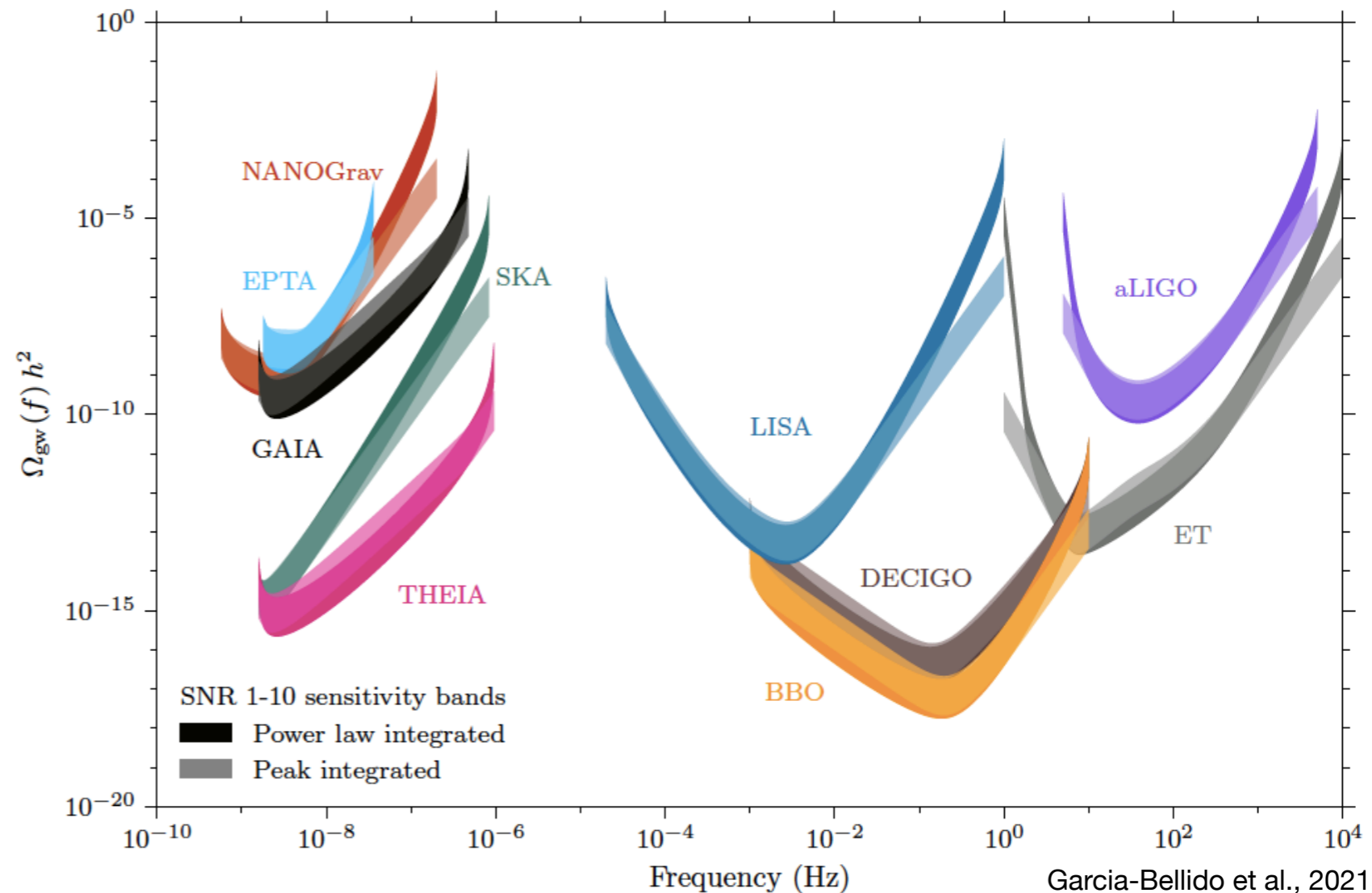
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INSTRUMENT STABILITY

BETTER DESIGN (MATERIALS, OPERATIONS)
BETTER MONITORING (ON BOARD METROLOGY SYSTEMS PM)

PHYSICAL MODELLING

AT THE SUB-MAS REGIME: GRAVITATIONAL EFFECTS
DEPENDING ON FOV AND MISSION PROFILE

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BREAKING MODEL DEGENERACIES, GOING DEEP IN THE NOISE
INTEGRATING SIGNAL PROCESSING + STATISTICAL +
MATHEMATICAL + COMPUTER SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE

2020

2030

2040

Relative
"large" FoV

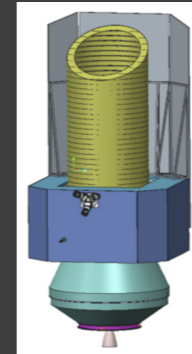
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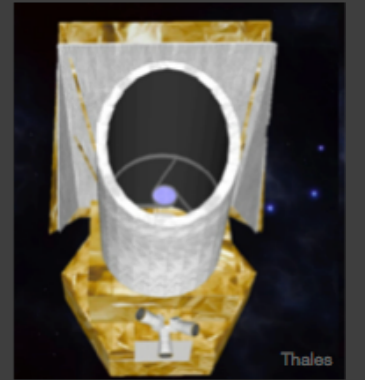
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+ Non dedicated missions that can (and hopefully will) do relative astrometry as Roman, Euclid, etc.

CHES



Theia



Boehm et al., 2017

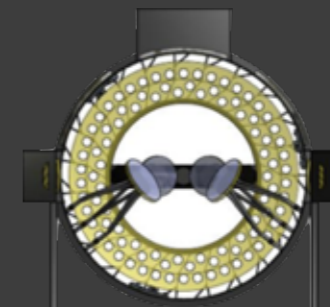
Relative
Diffraction-based
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TOLIMAN



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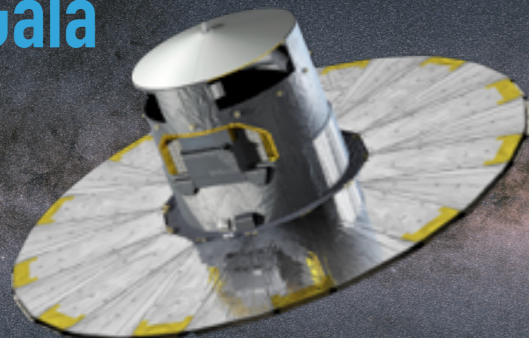
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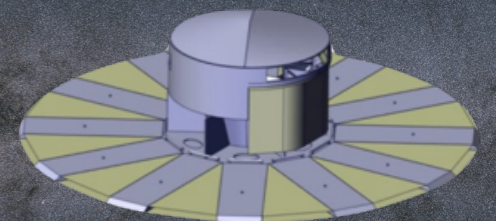
Absolute
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Gaia



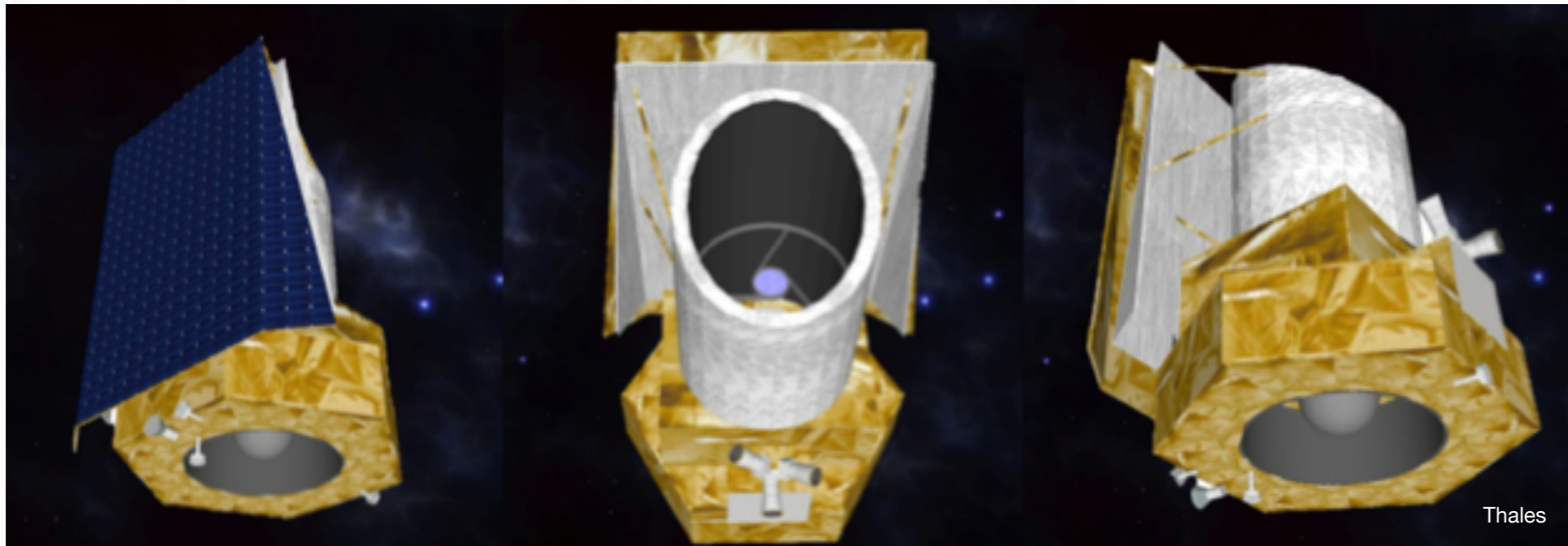
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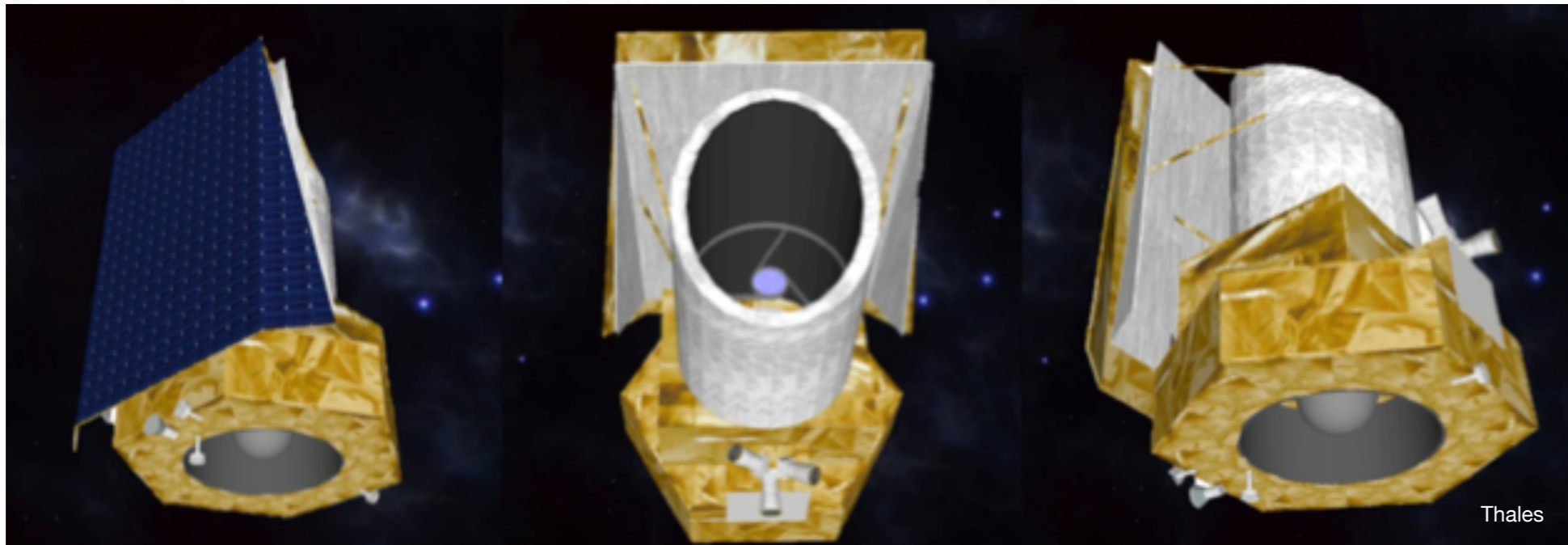
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THEIA MAJOR SCIENCE CASES



- To probe small-scale properties of Dark Matter
- To reliably probe the shape of MW DM halo
- To detect and study **habitable exo-Earths** around nearby **FGK** stars **unambiguously** and to probe their **planetary system architectures**
- Significantly improve the knowledge of Neutron Star EOS and of matter around Black Holes
- Micro-arcsecond astrometry dead-time due to stabilization dedicated to photometry

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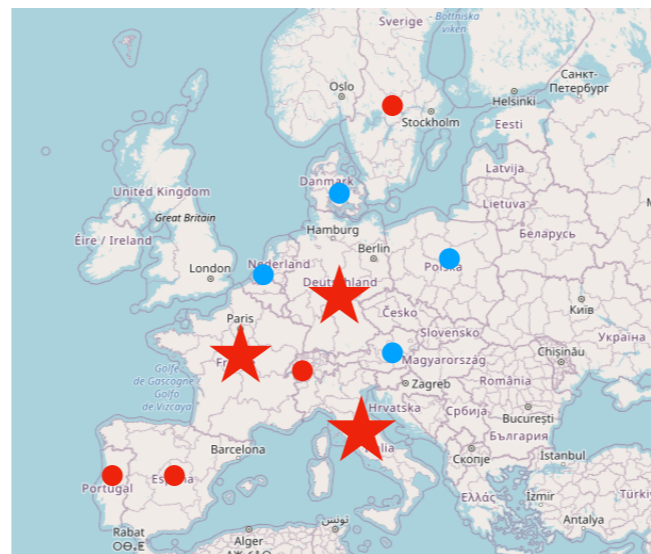


- Measure true mass function of **temperate 1–5 M_{\oplus} rocky planets** around solar-type stars
- **Study the three-dimensional architecture** of FGK systems harboring telluric planets
- Provide input target lists of stars with **telluric planets for direct-imaging / spectroscopic** missions aimed at searching for atmospheric biomarkers.

THEIA PROPOSAL



Theia core team

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- The core team includes members from **Italy, France, Germany, Sweden, Spain, Switzerland and Portugal (and USA)**
- Additional contributions from **Austria, Denmark, The Netherlands and Poland.**
- Participants from several countries outside Europe: Australia, Israel and USA (“non-enabling” contribution). Several countries have expressed their interests
- In M5 proposal : 22 countries, 209 researchers

THEIA: INSTRUMENT STABILITY AND MONITORING CONCEPT



INSTRUMENT STABILITY

SIMPLE OPTICAL SYSTEM,
LOW CTE AND WELL UNDERSTOOD MATERIALS,
ALMOST NO MOVING PARTS

METROLOGICAL SYSTEMS (SUB-UAS)

CALLIBRATION (UAS)

MULTIPLE THERMAL MONITORING POINTS

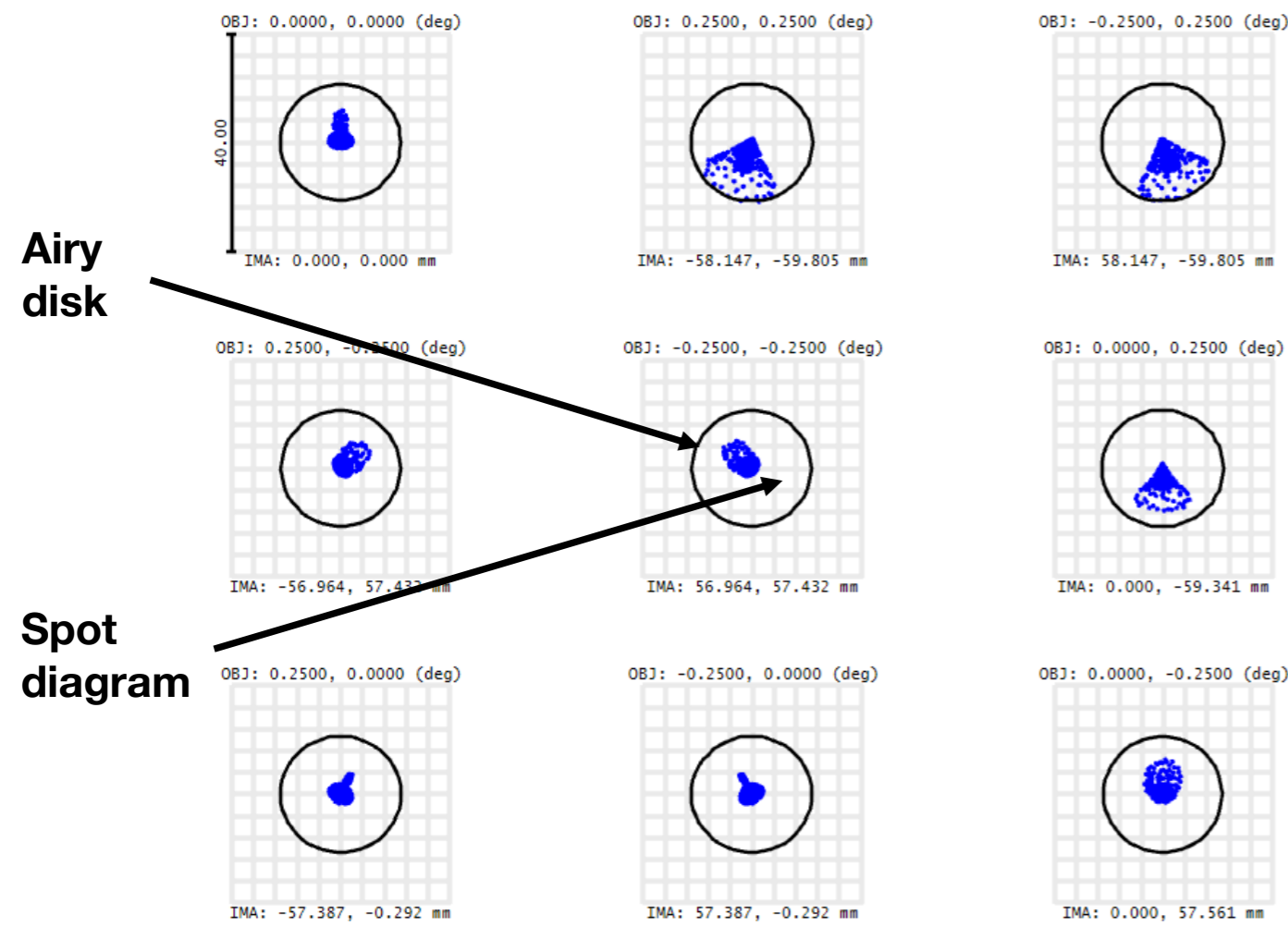
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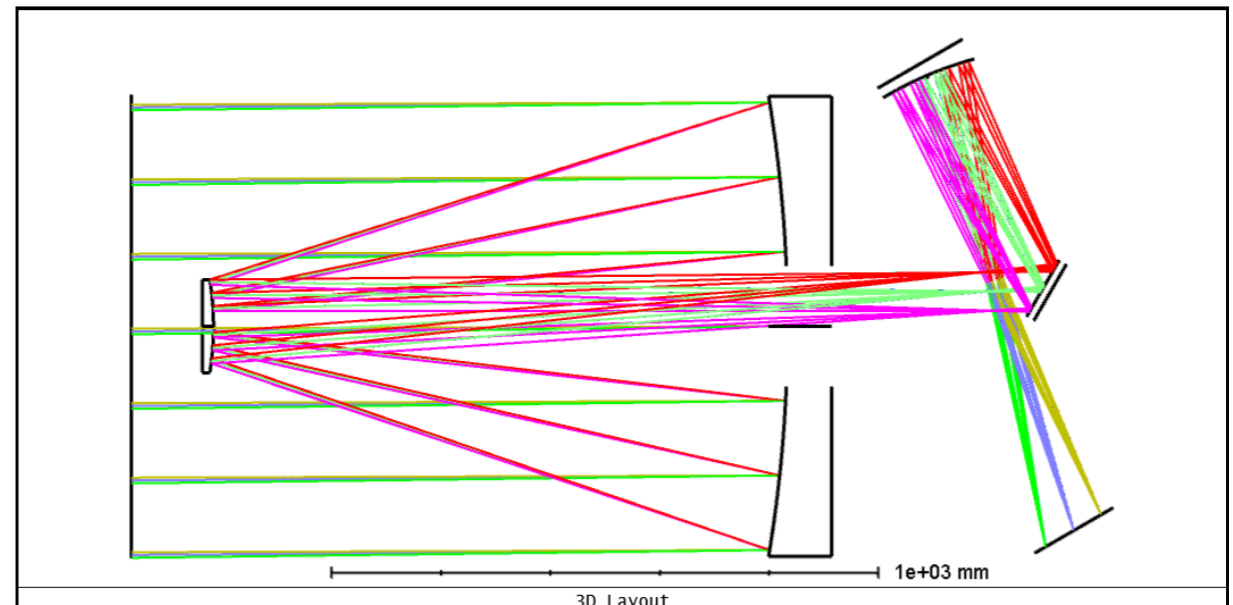
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Korsch Three Mirror Anastigmat (TMA): no aberrations up to third order

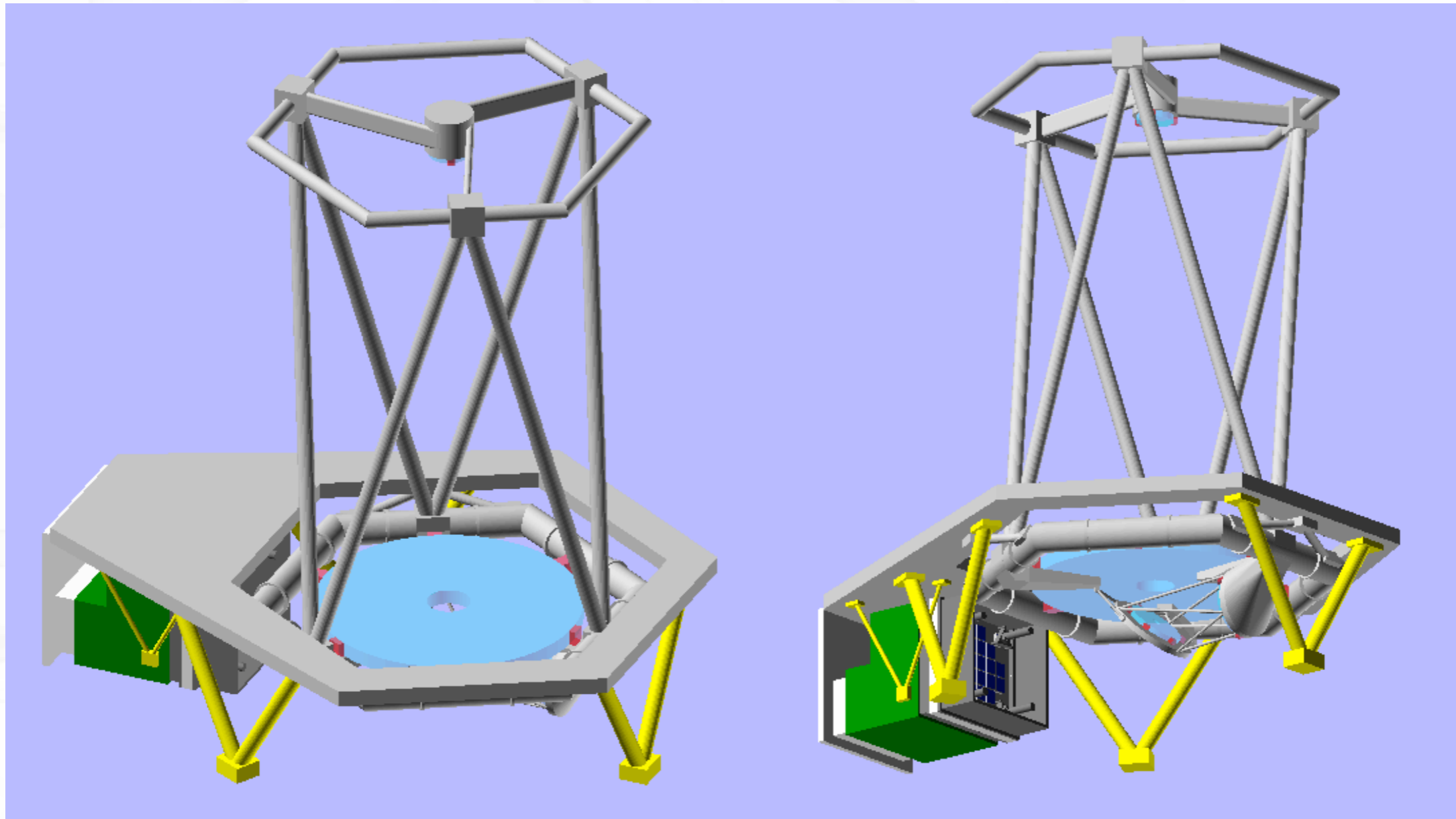


Korsch TMA
0.8m primary mirror
Effective Focal Length (EFL) : $f = 13$ m
FoV : 0.5 x 0.5 deg

Surface: IMA		Spot Diagram	
19/07/2022		Zemax	
Units are μm .		Zemax OpticStudio 22.2	
Field :	Airy Radius: 10.84 μm . Legend items refer to wavelengths		
RMS radius :	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		
GEO radius :	1.880 4.831 4.903 2.074 2.144 3.484 1.608 1.637 2.102		
Scale bar :	5.820 10.979 10.786 6.156 6.347 8.111 4.187 4.193 6.354		
	Reference : Chief Ray	Theia.zmx	
		Configuration 1 of 1	

- all optics are coaxial
- M1: 800mm CA diameter, 220mm hole diameter, $R=-2547\text{mm}$ (same as previous THEIA proposal), $C=-0.98615$
- M1 to M2: $d=1050\text{mm}$
- M2: 180mm CA diameter, $R=530\text{mm}$, $C=-1.7567$
- M2 to Fold: $d=1477\text{mm}$
- Fold to M3: $d=488\text{mm}$
- M3: 180x180mm square CA, $R=661.7\text{mm}$, $C=-0.6391$
- Field of View: 0.5x0.5deg square
- Field of View bias: 0.45deg (in order for the light beam to avoid the plane mirror after reflection on M3).

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Korsch on-axis TMA
0.8m primary mirror
EFL 32m

Optics: Zerodur, ULE or Sital
Structures: SiC or Si3N4
Rigid Hexapod configuration

Lifetime : 4yr (built considering 8 yrs)

arXiv:1707.01348

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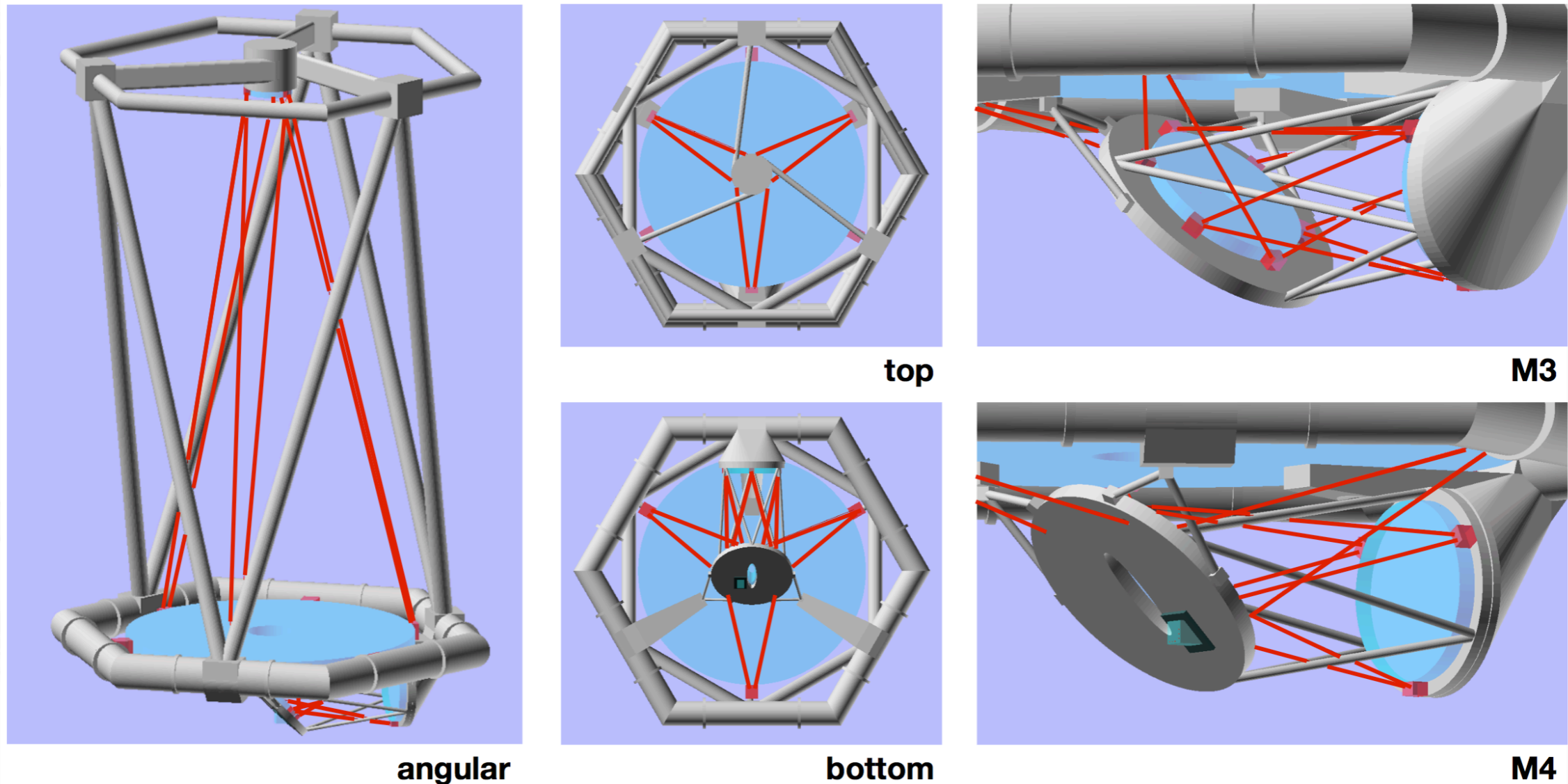
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FOCAL PLANE METROLOGY

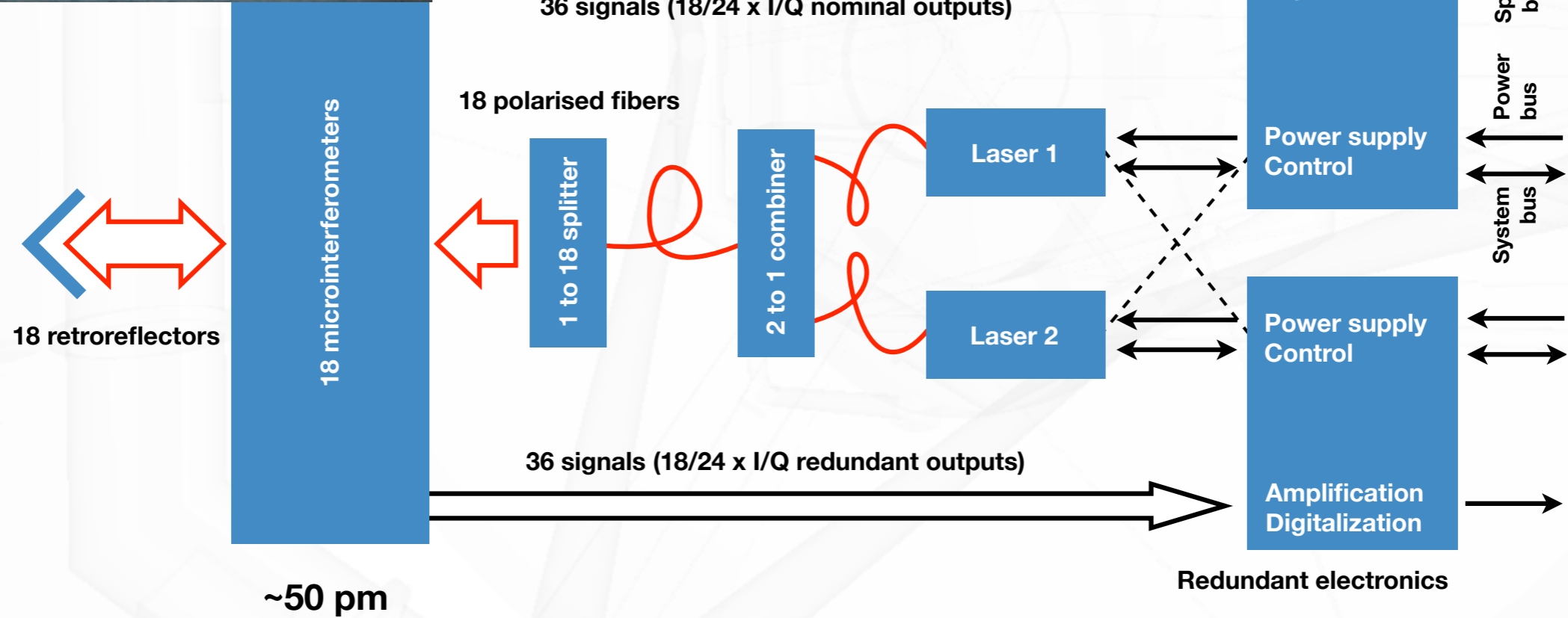
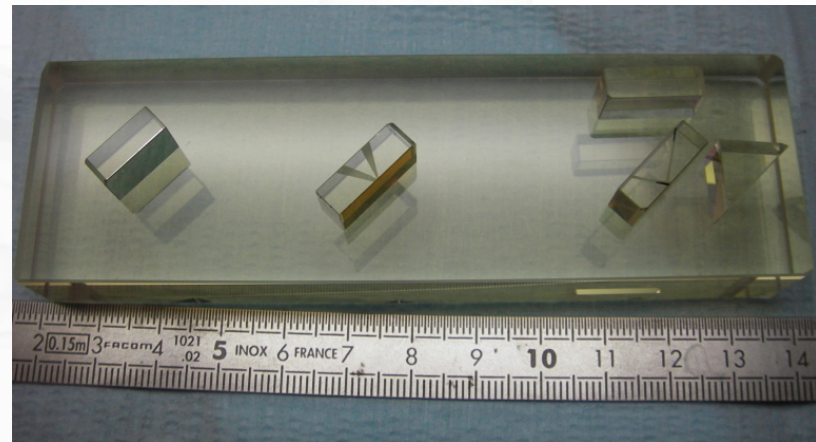
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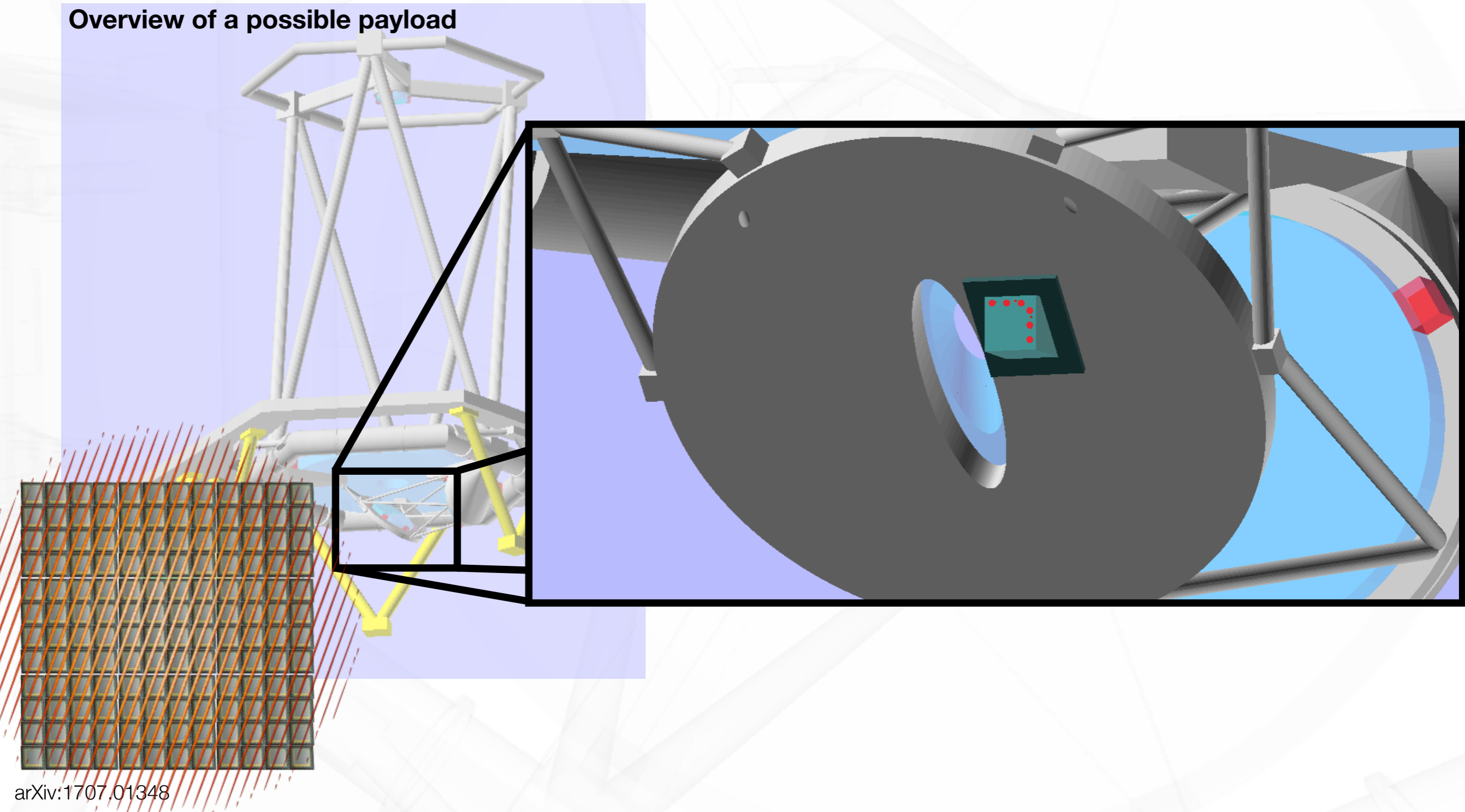


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Overview of a possible payload

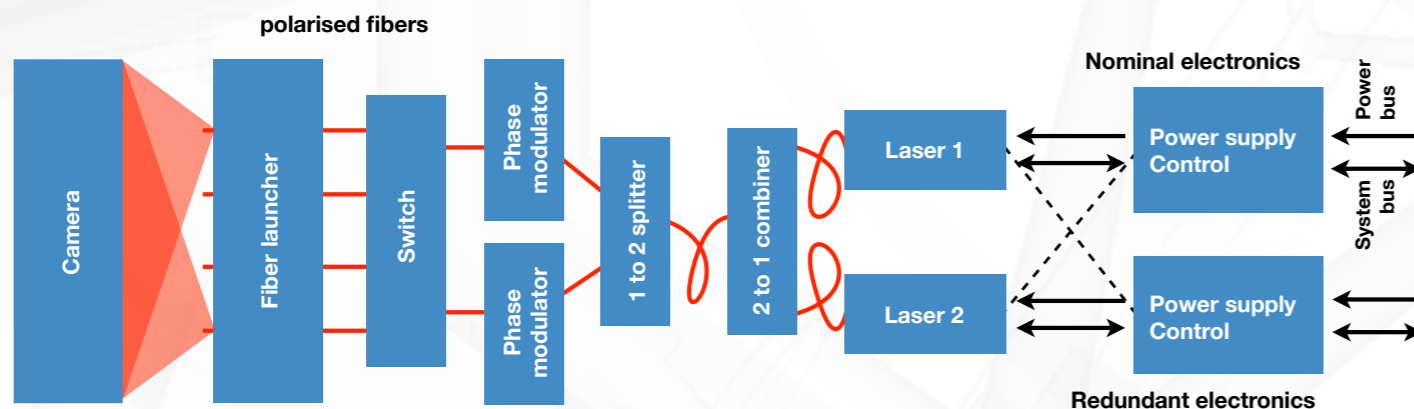
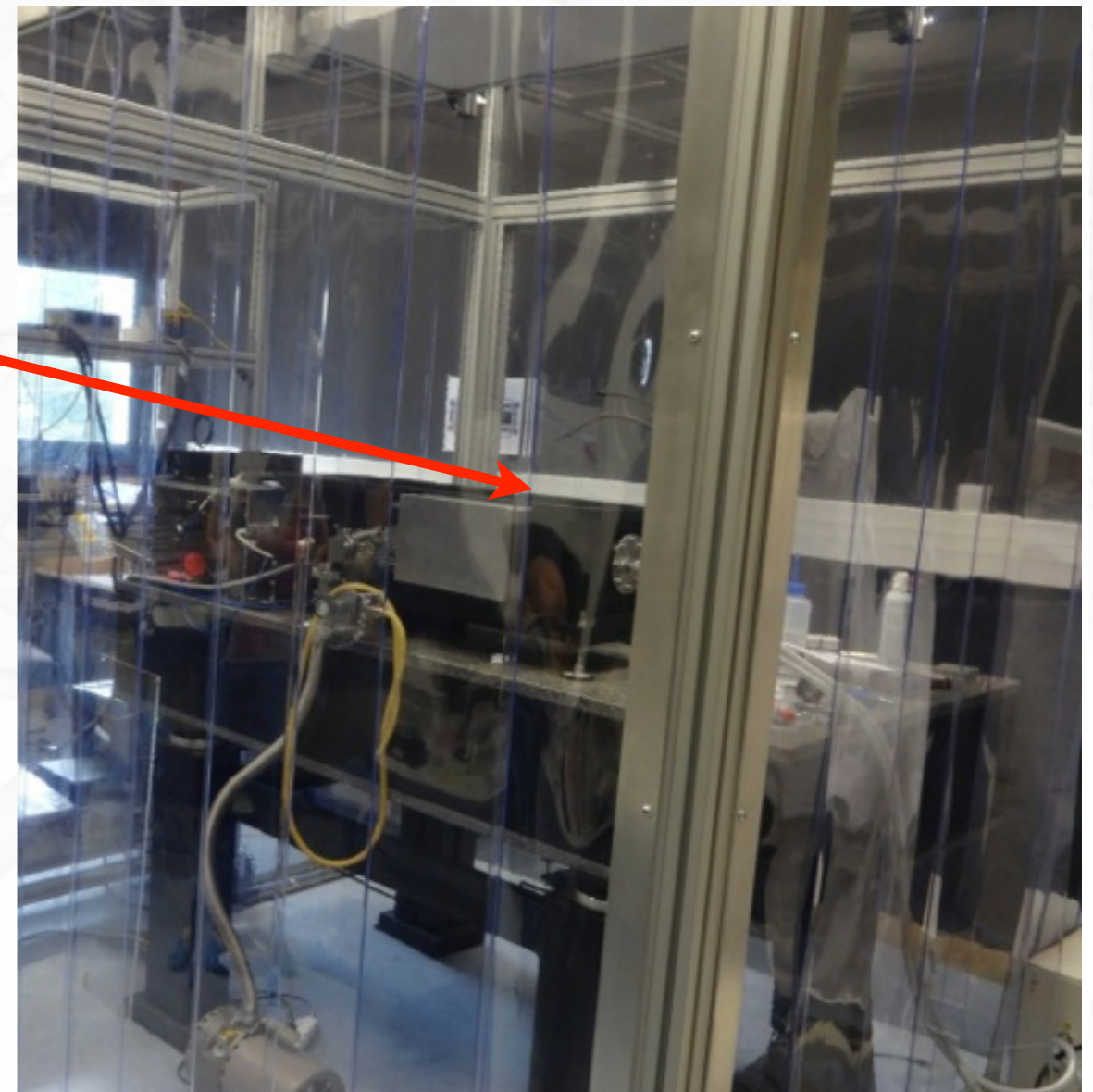
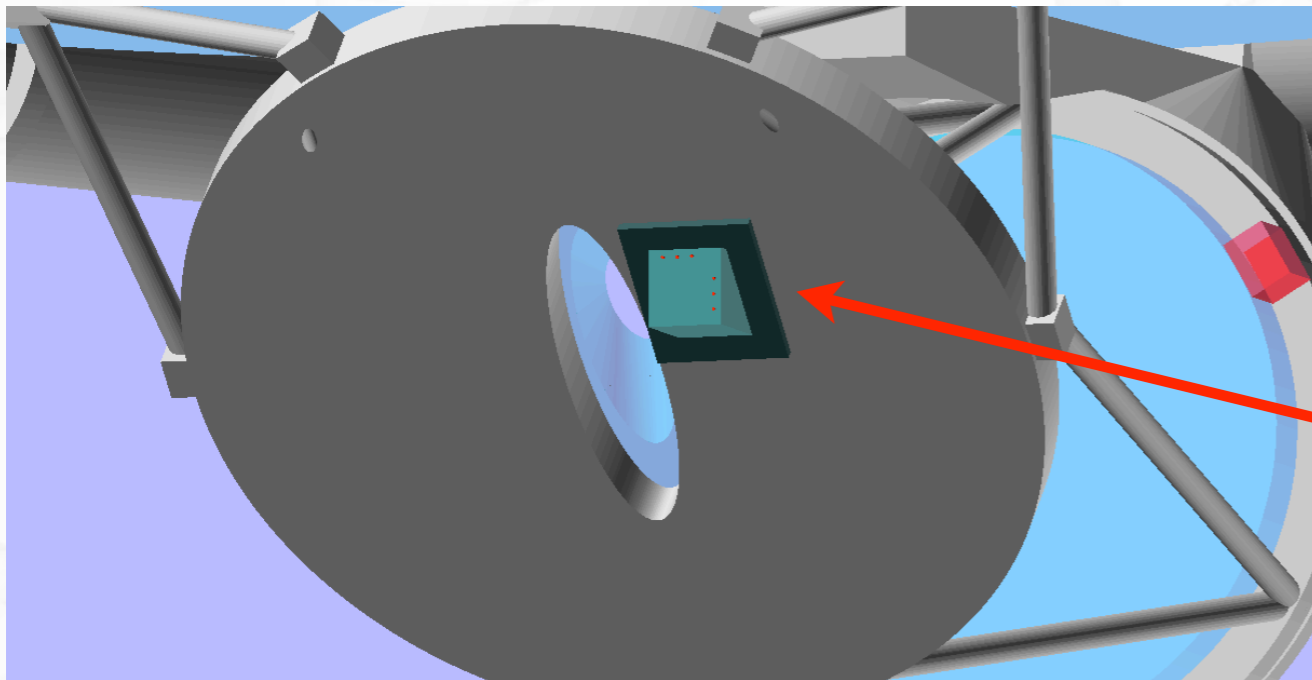


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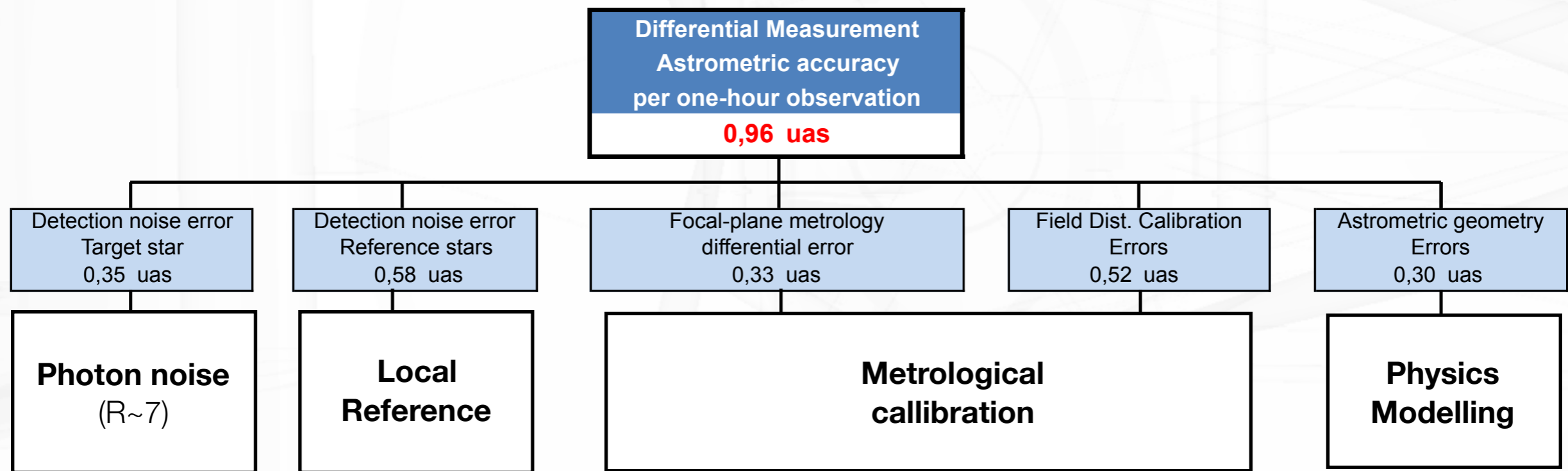


Interferometric FPA calibration
 Prototype @ IPAG
 reaches $\sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$ pixel size

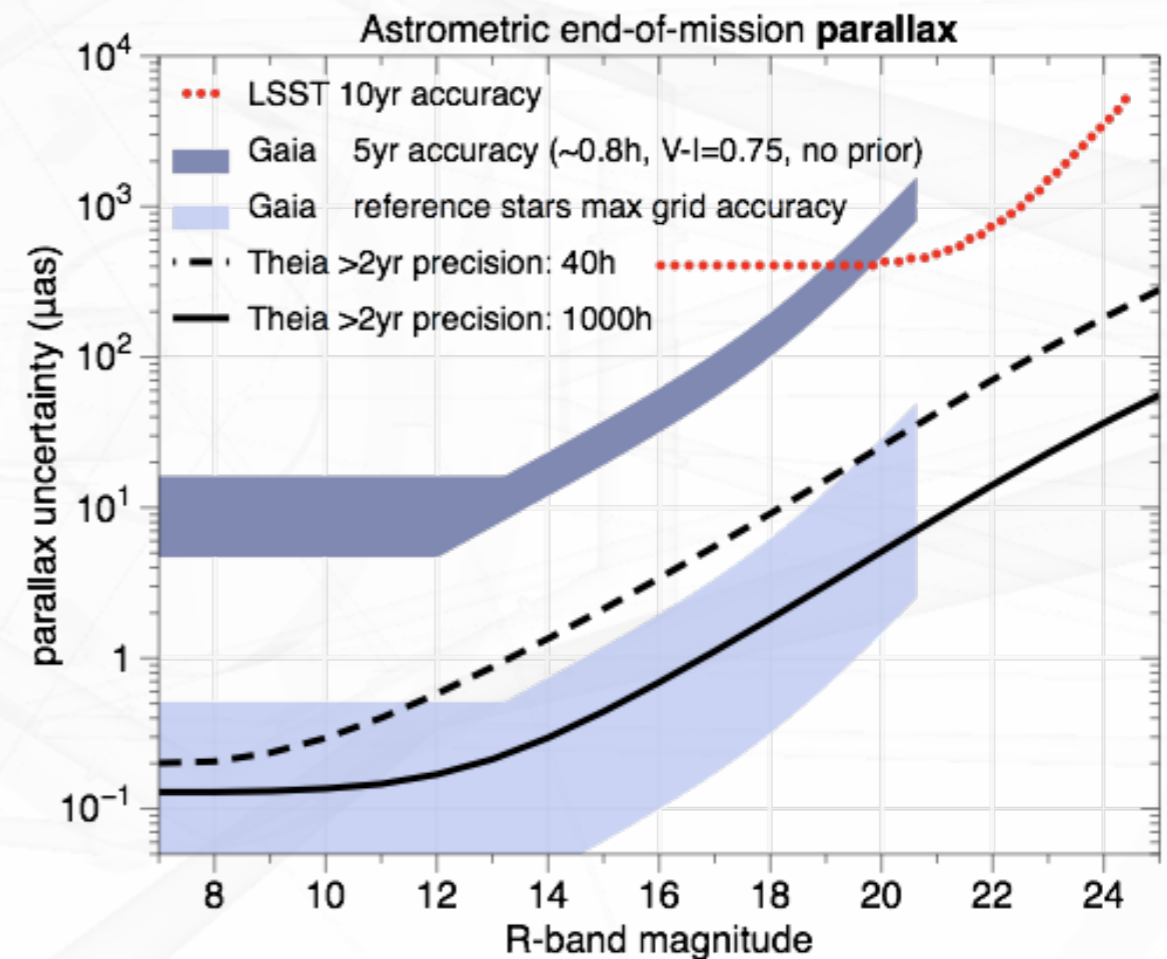
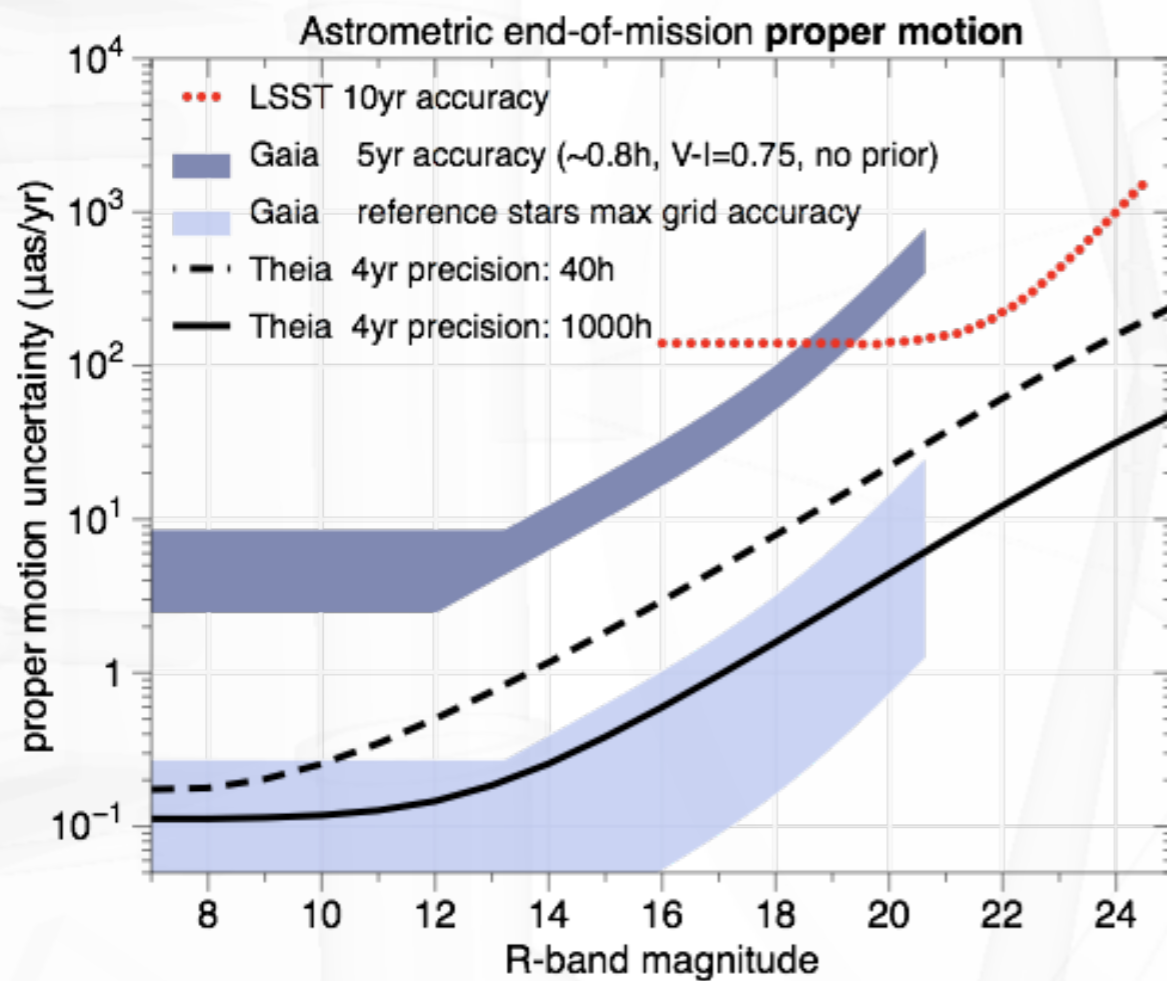


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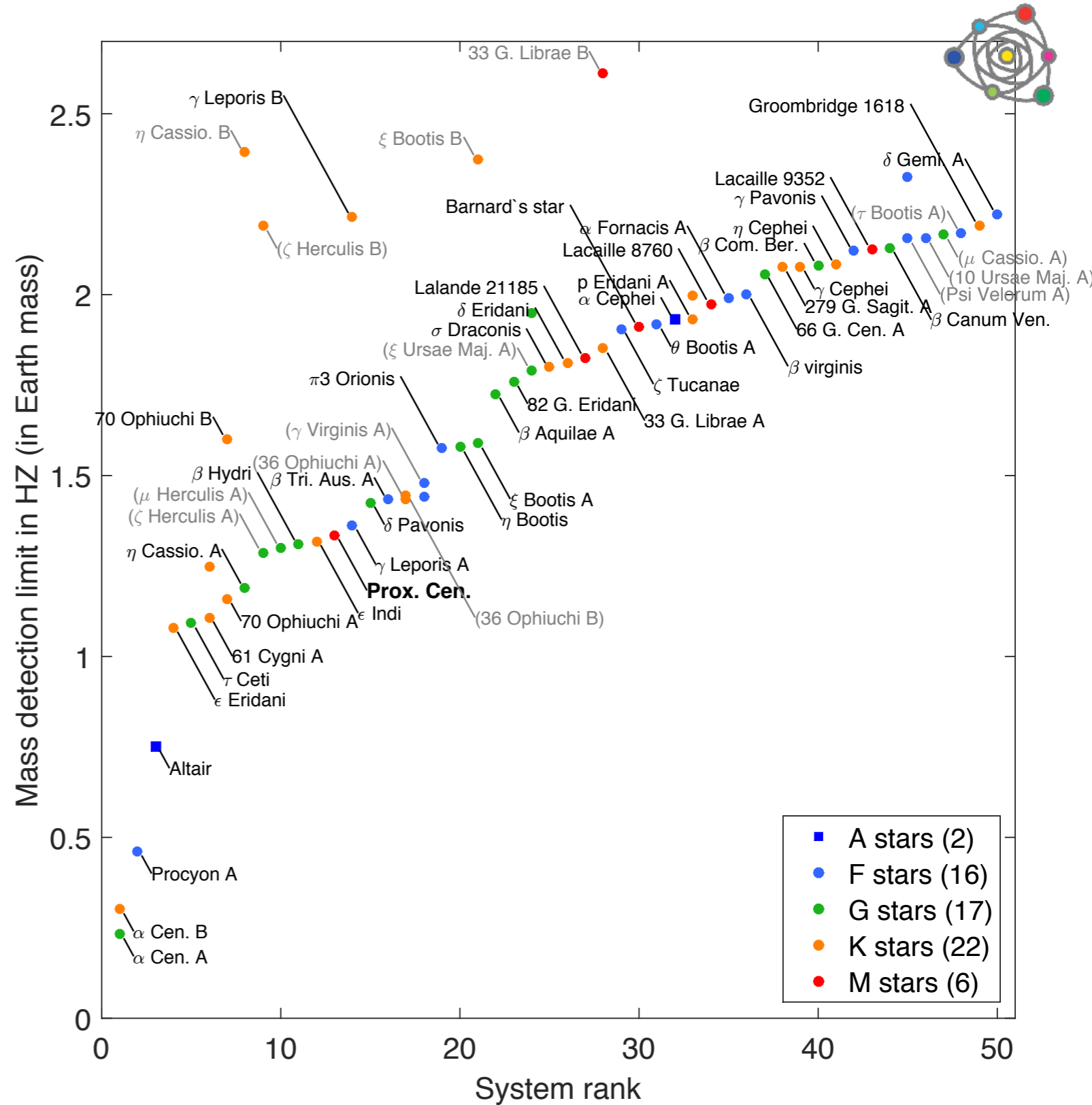


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- Nearby telluric planets in the HZ of AFGKM stars



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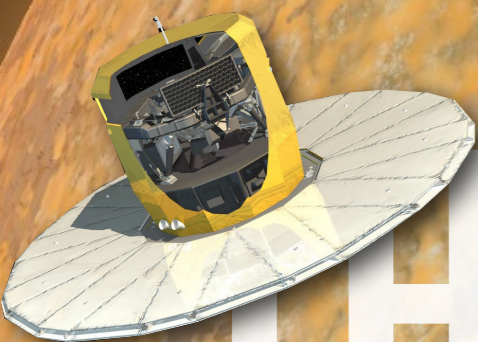
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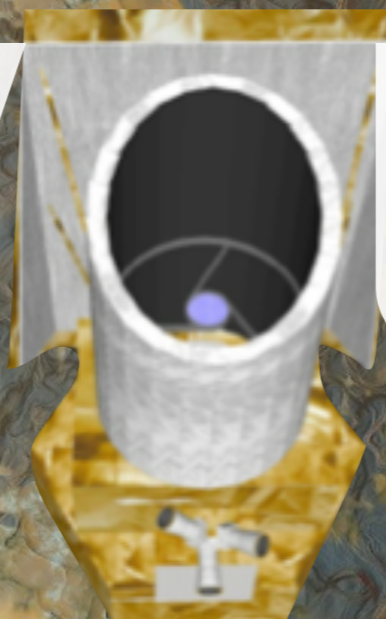
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**Exciting concepts are being proposed for dedicated
micro-arcsecond relative astrometry missions to study faint
objects and telluric planets in Habitable Zones of nearby stars**

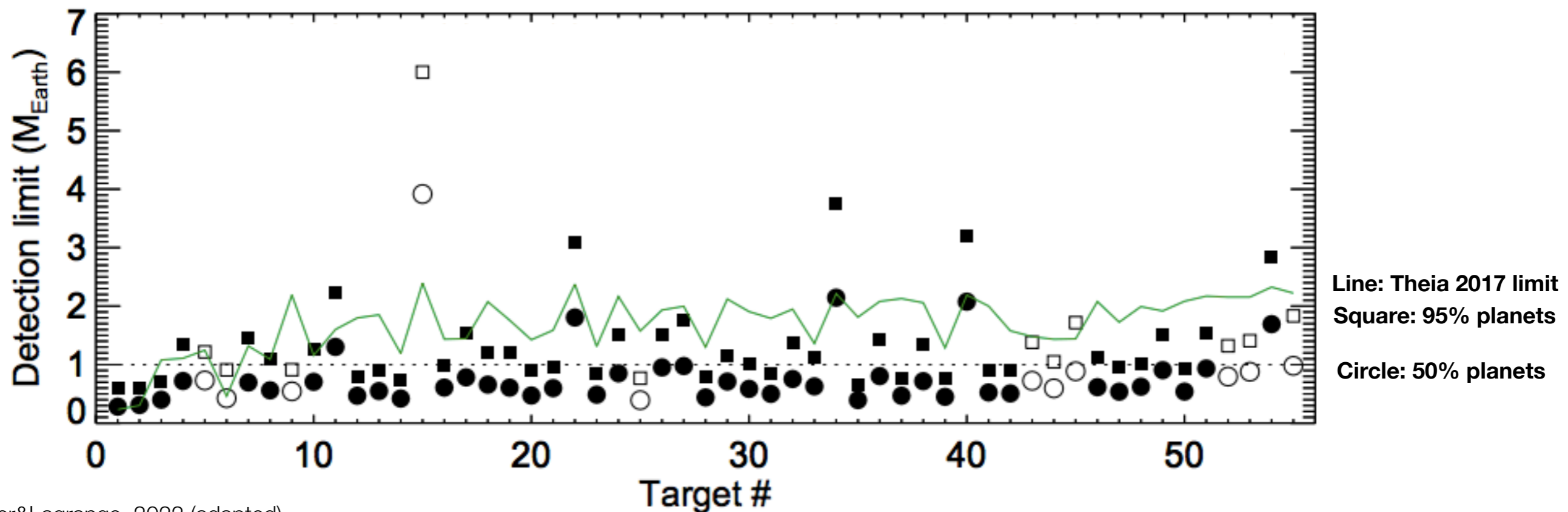
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Meunier&Lagrange, 2022 (adapted)

Results of a recent blind test on Theia targets, including the expected stellar activity in the simulation but not accounting for them in the modelling



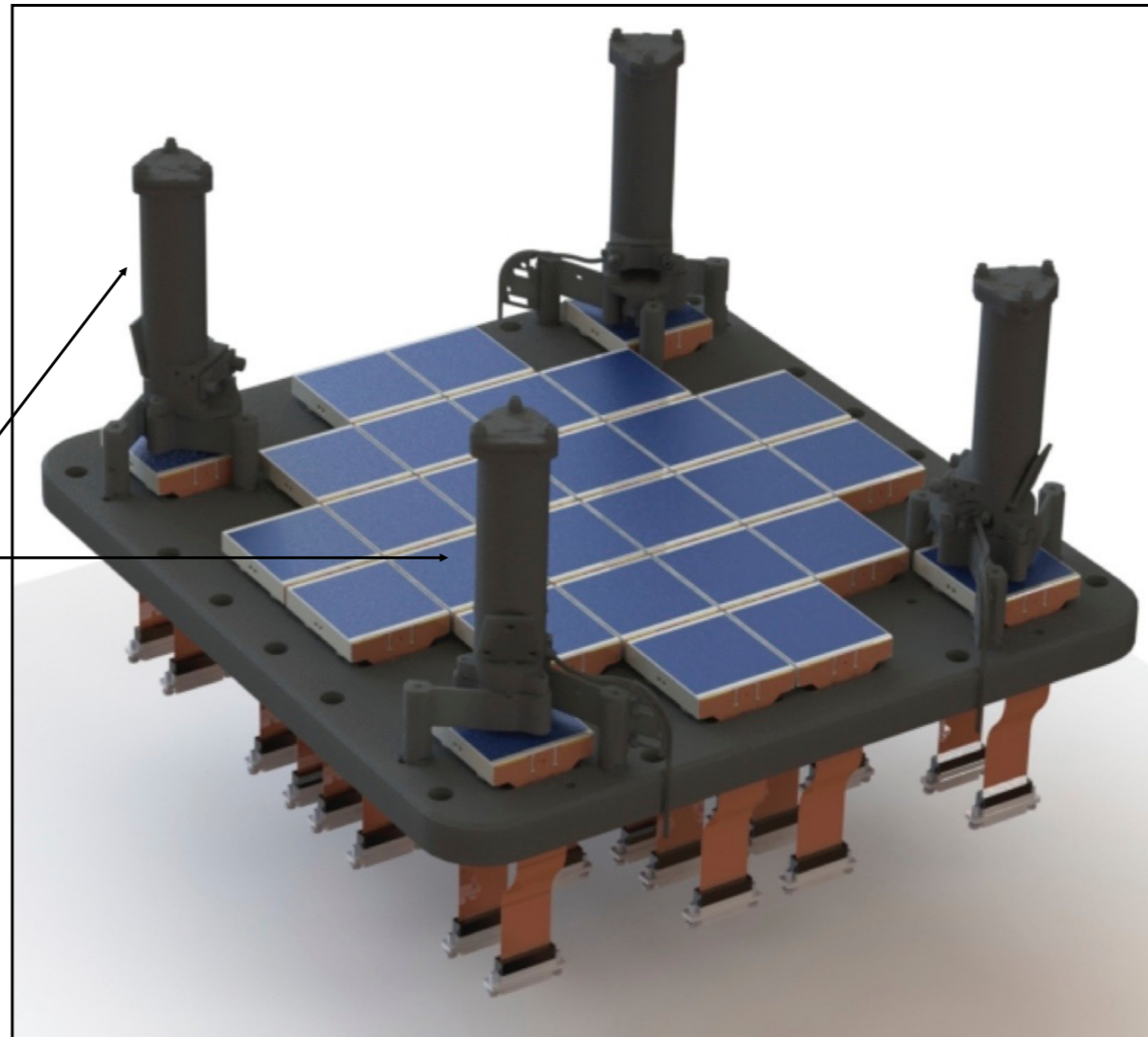
M5 Focal plane array

Specifications:

Diffraction-limited 0.5° FOV
~ 30,000 x 30,000 pixels
 ≤ 1 billion pixels

Wavefront sensors

**6x6 Elliptical FoV
Science Array
of 4k vs. 4k
Detectors**



Detectors:

-**FPA:** 24 e2V $4k^2$ CCD
-**WFS:** 4 e2V $4k^2$ CCD

New large detectors with small pixels !

Zoom arrière

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Systematic experimental study on stitching techniques of CMOS image sensors

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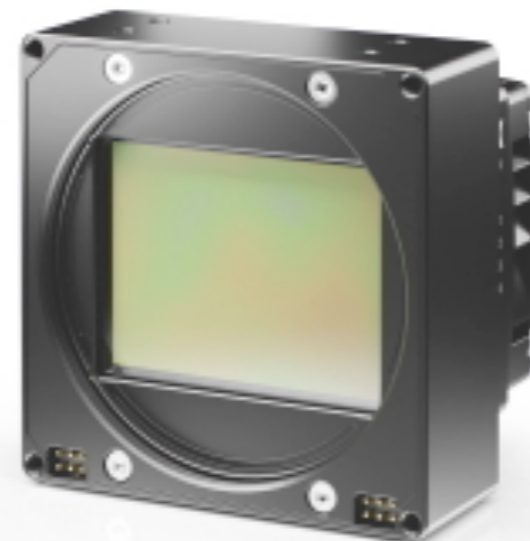
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Abstract: On the basis of the systematic study of stitching techniques, a large area, 28.3 mm × 38.8 mm, 42 Mega pixels CMOS Imaging Sensor (CIS) had been demonstrated on 12 inch silicon wafer in a 0.055 μm CMOS process. By scanning a reticle across a wafer of silicon, smaller arrays can be stitched together to construct larger area sensors. Meanwhile, in order to verify the feasibility and capability of stitching, a 203 mm × 179 mm, 1.8 Billion pixels CIS was also created without any performance deficiency.

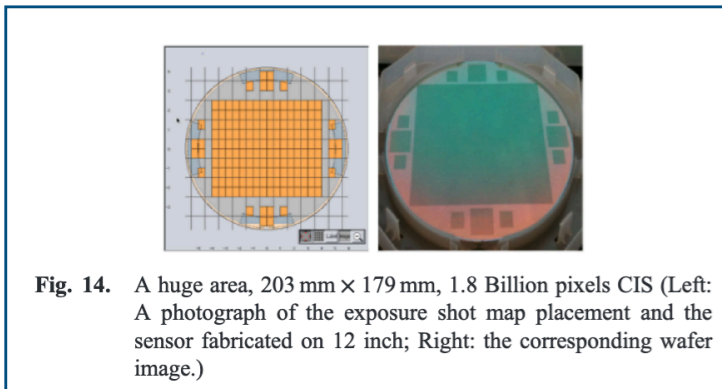
Keywords: CMOS Imaging Sensor (CIS), stitching technique, 12 inch, 0.055 μm CMOS process

Classification: Integrated circuits

Pixels of ~4μm
 => array of 12 cm x 12 cm
 can be manufactured on a wafer of 12'' (300mm)



SONY IMX411 BSI 150MP
 11648 x 8542
 [43.8 x 32.87 mm]



Large detector arrays starting in 2016 thanks to the stitching technology

GIGAPYX 4600

46 Megapixel, BSI Rolling Shutter
 High Speed HDR CMOS image sensor

Ultimate video image quality

GIGAPYX is a family of large image sensors designed for those applications that demands the best of image quality CMOS sensor has to offer. Manufactured using the most advanced CIS technologies available, it offers low noise, sensitivity, intra-scene dynamic range, resolution and frame rate with no compromises. Ranging from the optical 1.5" format (14 x 18 mm²) up to 6x6 and 6x7 Medium-formats (73 x 58 mm²), this family of sensor is compliant with the major large scale optical formats of high quality applications. GIGAPYX 4600 is the first release of this family of sensors: it is a Full-Frame (35 mm) sensor, with 46 Megapixels. The device operates in Rolling-Shutter, up to 150 frames per second with 12 bits per pixel acquisition mode at full resolution, and up to 200 FPS with 8K format (8320 x 4320). The sensor provides up to 92 dB intra-scene dynamic-range thanks to in-pixel true HDR (linear output, single shot acquisition).

Make your own GigaPYX sensor

- GigaPYX is manufactured using stitching technology
- By combining multiple blocks of pixels and readout, Pyxalis can manufacture the right dimension you need for your application.
- All GigaPYX family members will share the same electro-optical performances, and the same readout and addressing method
- this allows you to offer a range of cameras with consistent performance and image signature while leveraging electronic design efforts across multiple products.

GIGAPYX Family	Format	# of block A Along X axis	# of block A Along Y axis	Matrix sizes in mm Width x Height	Die sizes in mm Width x Height	# of data Lane + clock
GIGA46M	35 mm Full-frame	4	5	36.6 x 24.2	39 x 38.2	128 + 16
GIGA37M		4	4	36.6 x 19.4	39 x 33.4	128 + 16
GIGA110M		6	8	54.9 x 38.7	57.3 x 52.7	192 + 24
GIGA82M	65 mm	6	6	54.9 x 29	57.3 x 43	192 + 24
GIGA80M		5	7	45.8 x 33.9	48.2 x 47.9	160 + 20
GIGA27M	Super 35 mm	3	4	27.5 x 19.4	29.9 x 33.4	96 + 12
GIGA14M		2	3	18.3 x 14.5	20.7 x 28.5	64 + 8
GIGA151M	65 mm square	6	11	54.9 x 53.2	57.3 x 67.2	192 + 24
GIGA220M	Max size	8	12	73.2 x 58.1	75.6 x 72.1	256 + 32

Detector Interferometric Calibration Experiment (DICE)

Crouzier et al. 2016, A&A 595, A108

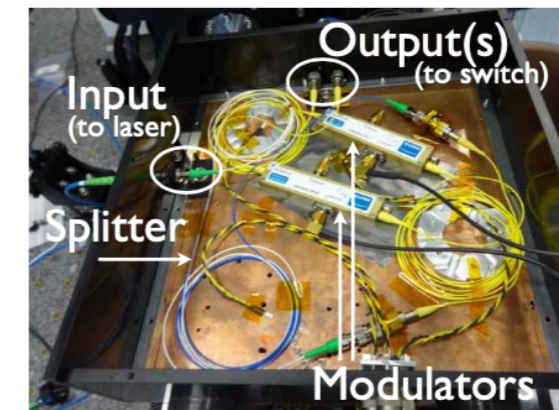
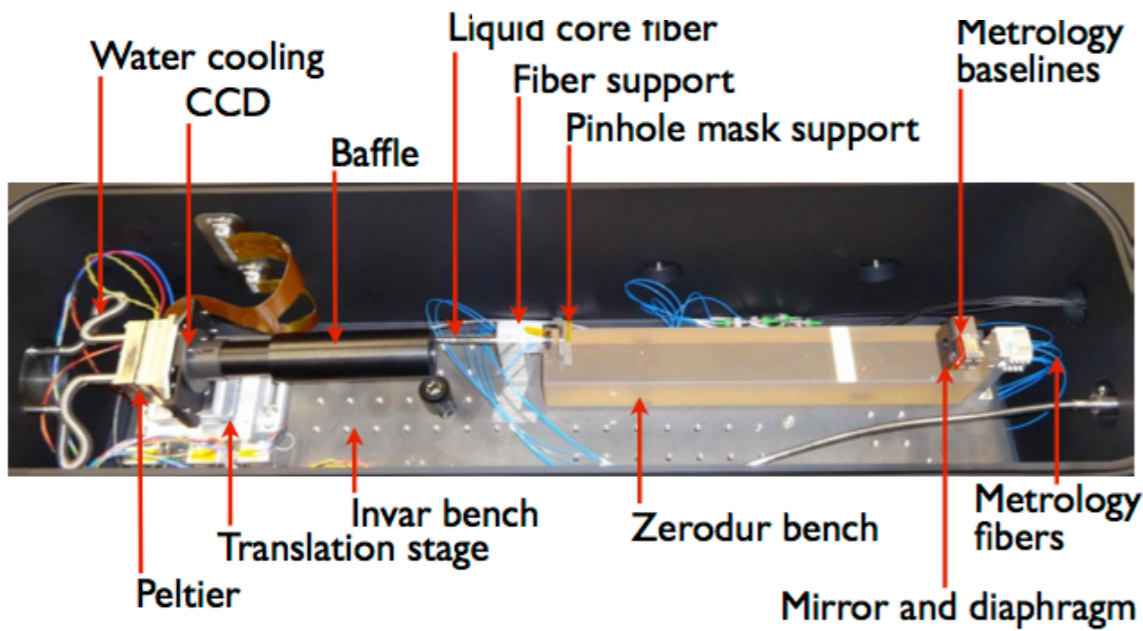
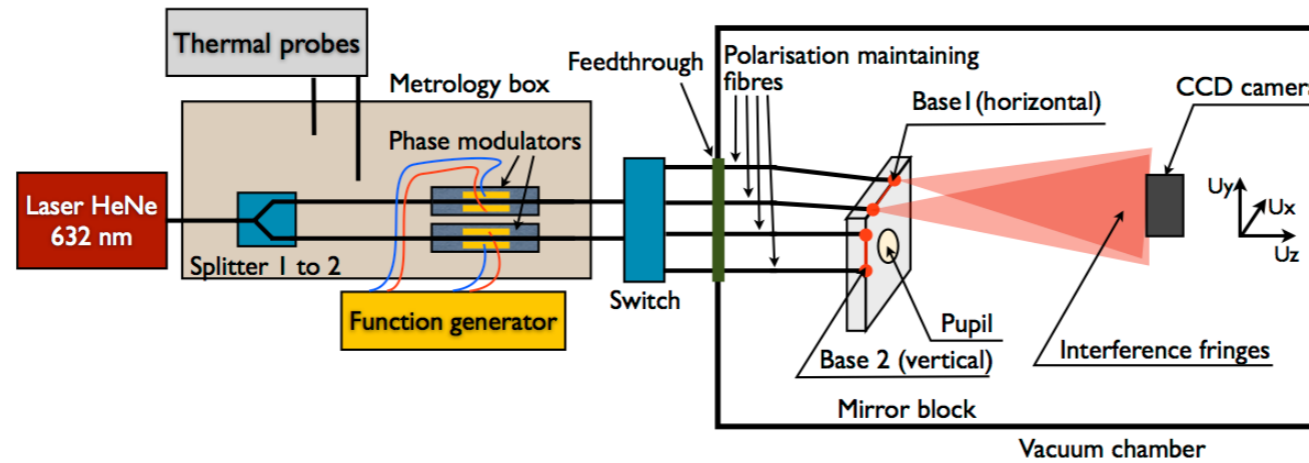
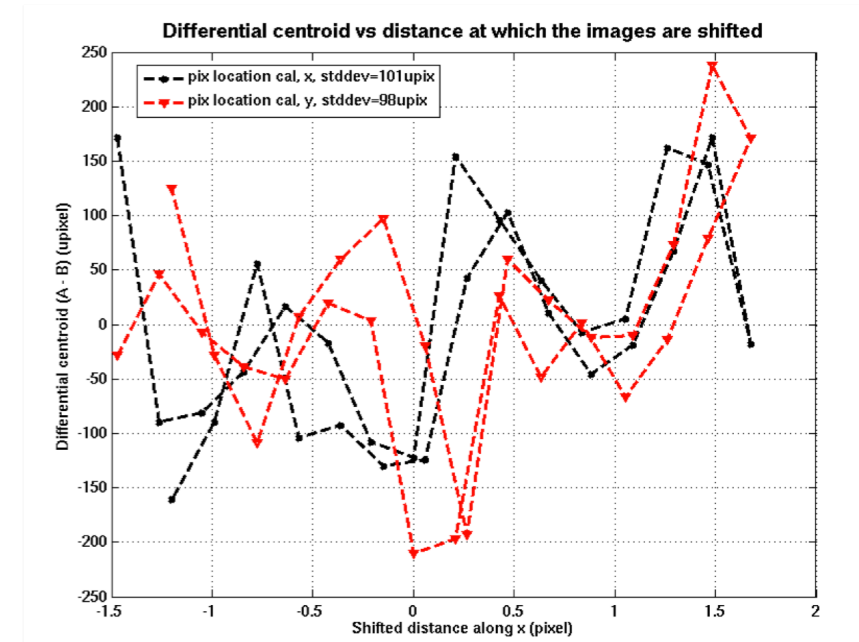
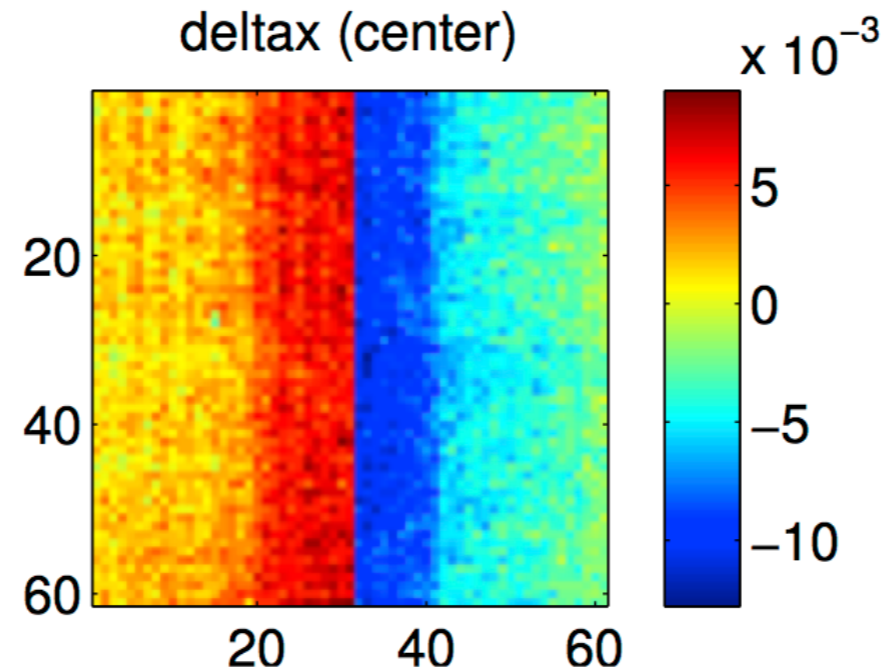
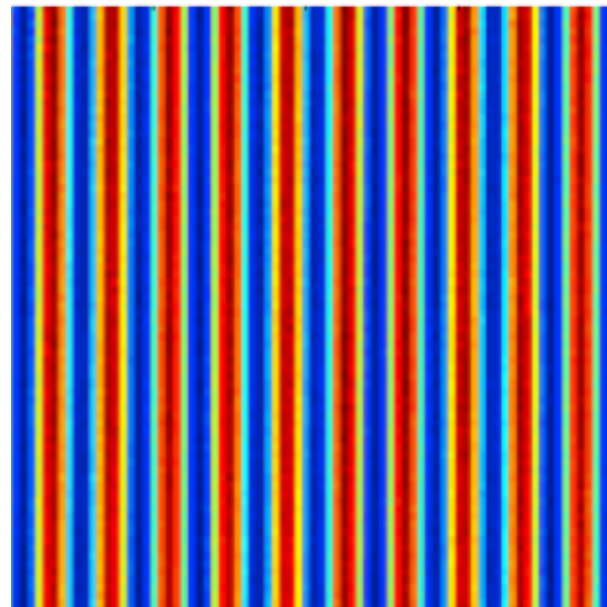


Figure III.7: Picture of the metrology box.

Laboratory results



Best results so far:

- JPL/VESTA: 10^{-4} pixels
- IPAG/CNES: 6×10^{-5} pixels (Crouzier et al. 2016)

Proposed strategy to reach 10^{-5} pixel calibration:

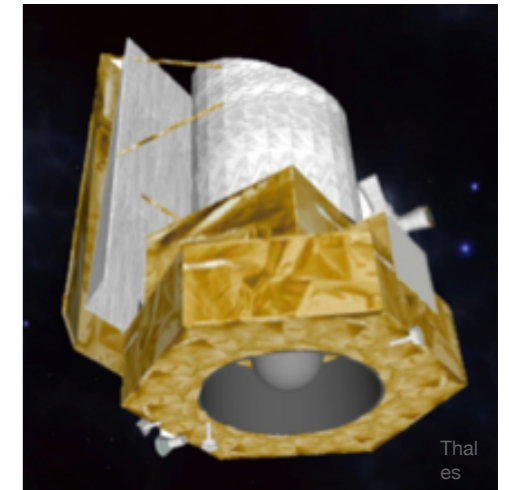
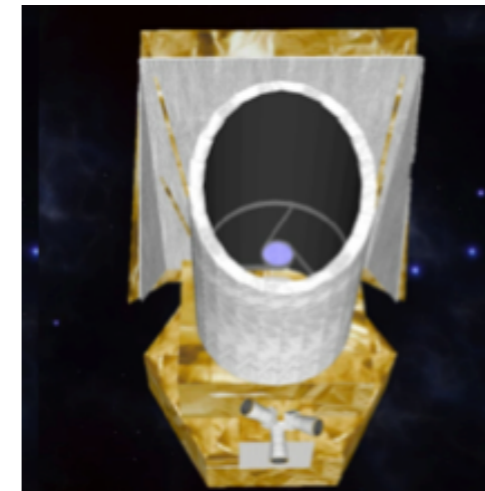
100 independent positions, a space of $\sim 40 \times 40$ pixels for Nyquist-sampled centroids

Mission profile

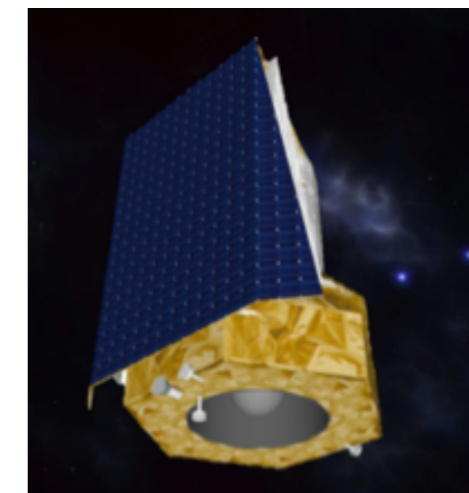
- **ESA-led, ESA-operated mission with consortium funded payload** (this is the normal type of ESA mission)
- Submitted for the **ESA M7 call** as an Ariane 6.02 launch
- Spacecraft dry mass with margin: 1063 kg. Total launch Mass: 1325 kg



Launch date	No constraints, allowing launch date in 2037
Orbit	Large Lissajous in L2
Lifetime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years of nominal science operations • Technical operations: 6 months orbit transfer plus instrument commissioning and 1 month decommissioning
Concept	Single spacecraft, single telescope in the PLM, single camera in the focal plane, metrological monitoring of PLM
Communication architecture	75 Mbps, 4h/day



Thales





TRL evaluation and foreseen development plans for the Theia payload

Technology Item	Heritage or Comments	Current TRL	Foreseen TRL by end of Phase A (2026)	Development plans for the baseline design
Camera detectors	Option 1) several 50-150 Mpixels CMOS (Sony IMX411, Pyxalis GP4600). Current baseline.	4-5	6	Option 1) Performance demonstrated for the operational environment. Flight model qualified for nanosat with a smaller format (50Mpixels). Option 1 will require a 2x2 GP4600 mosaic for the FPA or small reduction of science.
	Option 2) A single new gigapixel visible CMOS (30k x 30k). Desired option.	3	5	
Camera electronics	CMOS TDI platform product families for line scanning in Earth observation	6	8	
Camera system	Options 1) 2x2 detector array or single detector if FOV reduction is scientifically acceptable.	7	8-9	Option 2) Simpler system solution as only one detector is implemented, but further test of the detector chip must be performed
	Option 2) a single sensor and electronics. Implemented in Earth observation	7	8-9	
Camera WFS	Gaia. But modifications to fit Theia optics are necessary.	6-9	6-9	Use of the corner of the gigapixel detector
FPA metrology laser source	Meteosat Third Generation (MTG)	9	9	
FPA metrology optical components	High NA single/multimode fibers required and commercially available on ground. Space qualification is being addressed by fiber manufacturers.	5	6-7	Work on radiation hardening data with companies like Nufern. Data on Gamma and Proton irradiation exist (Alam 2006, SPIE 6308, 630808)
FPA metrology electronics	Laboratory benches.	4		Laboratory work foreseen for FPA calibration
FPA metrology system	Laboratory benches, but not yet for Theia FPA scale.	4		
Telescope metrology laser source	Tesat LISA, MTG.	9	9	
Telescope metrology picometer interferometers	Interferometers performing at the level required by Theia already flying (Gaia-BAM).	5	5-6	Independent active actuators (piezo) coupled to standard nm laser metrology to maintain position. However, TMA design with gigapixel array (Option 1 & 2) will relax the needs for metrology of the telescope structure considering few tens of mK environmental stability. Telescope metrology is also relaxed with alternative design with only one mirror (Formation Flying, deployable boom).
Telescope metrology electronics and optoelectronics components	Based on Actel RTG4 and Gooch & Housego.	5		
Telescope metrology system	Each actuator with its own metrology at TRL >5.	4		
Telescope structure	Ceramics telescopes have been used in Herschel, Gaia, Euclid.	9	9	
Telescope optics	Several flying TMA. Design similar to Euclid. Straylight needs assessment.	5	8	Laboratory tests and optical design analysis
Thermal control system	Euclid, Ariel	6-7	8	Optimize V-groove passive cooling configuration coupled to e.g. active JT coolers
Fine Guidance Sensor	Euclid, Ariel	6-7	8	Similar to existing FGS designs