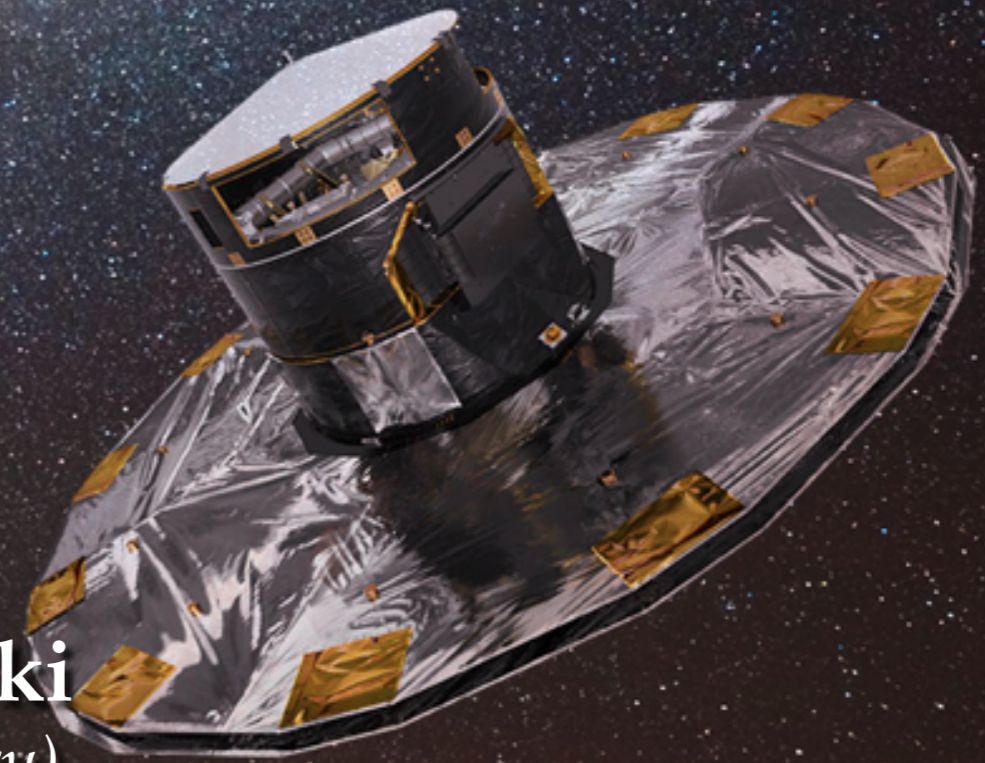


# GAIA AS A TRANSIENT SURVEY



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gaia



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# PEOPLE INVOLVED

## Cambridge, UK:

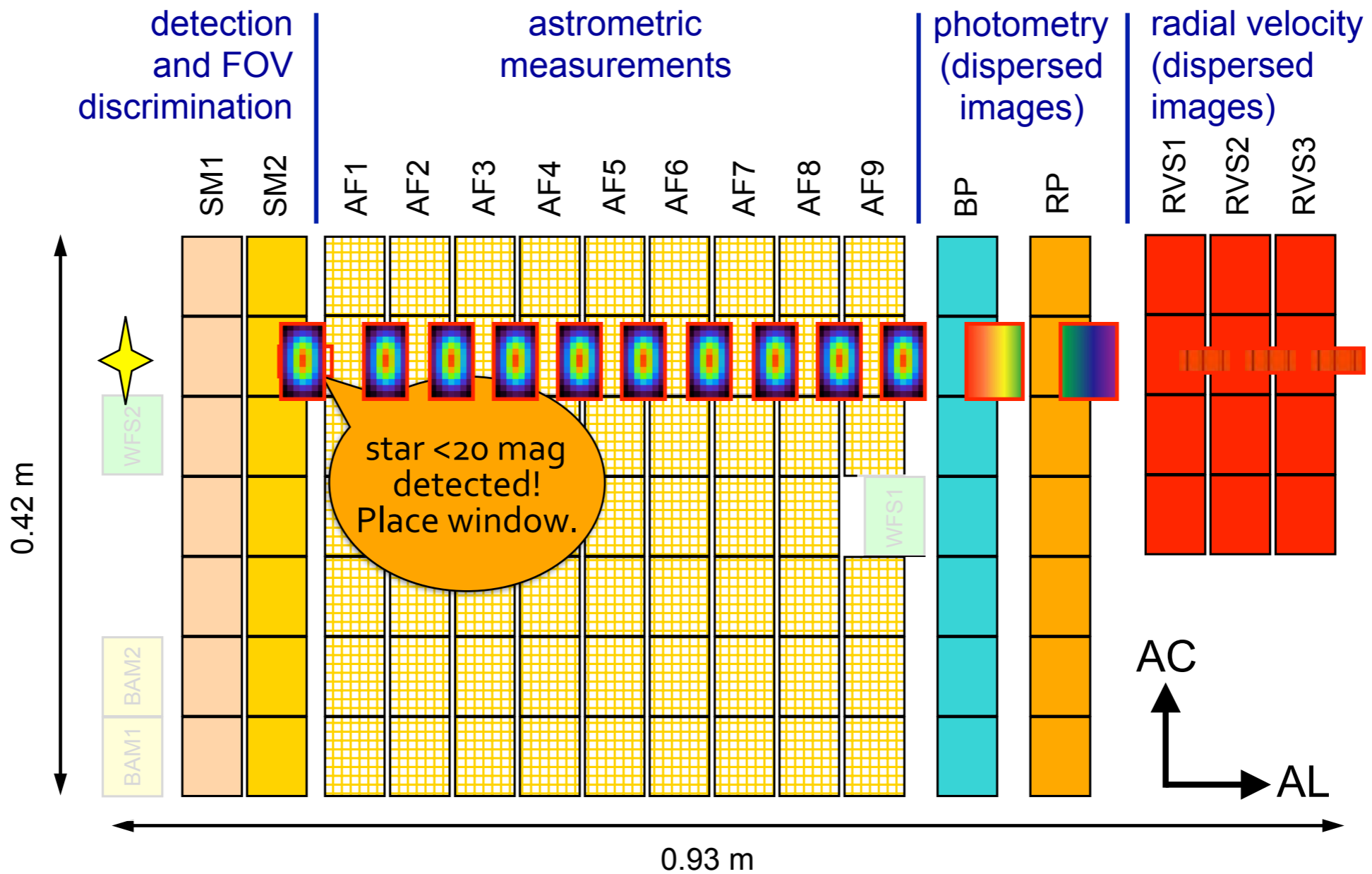
Simon Hodgkin  
Guy Rixon  
Nadia Blagorodnova  
Heather Campbell  
Morgan Fraser  
Sergey Koposov

## Warsaw, Poland:

Zuzanna Kostrzewa-Rutkowska  
Krzysztof Ulaczyk  
Michał Pawlak  
Krzysztof Rybicki  
OGLE team

# SINGLE GAIA OBSERVATION = TRANSIT

**Camera:**  
 0.75 deg<sup>2</sup>  
 pixel:  
 10x30 μm  
 (59x177 mas)



windows  
observed:

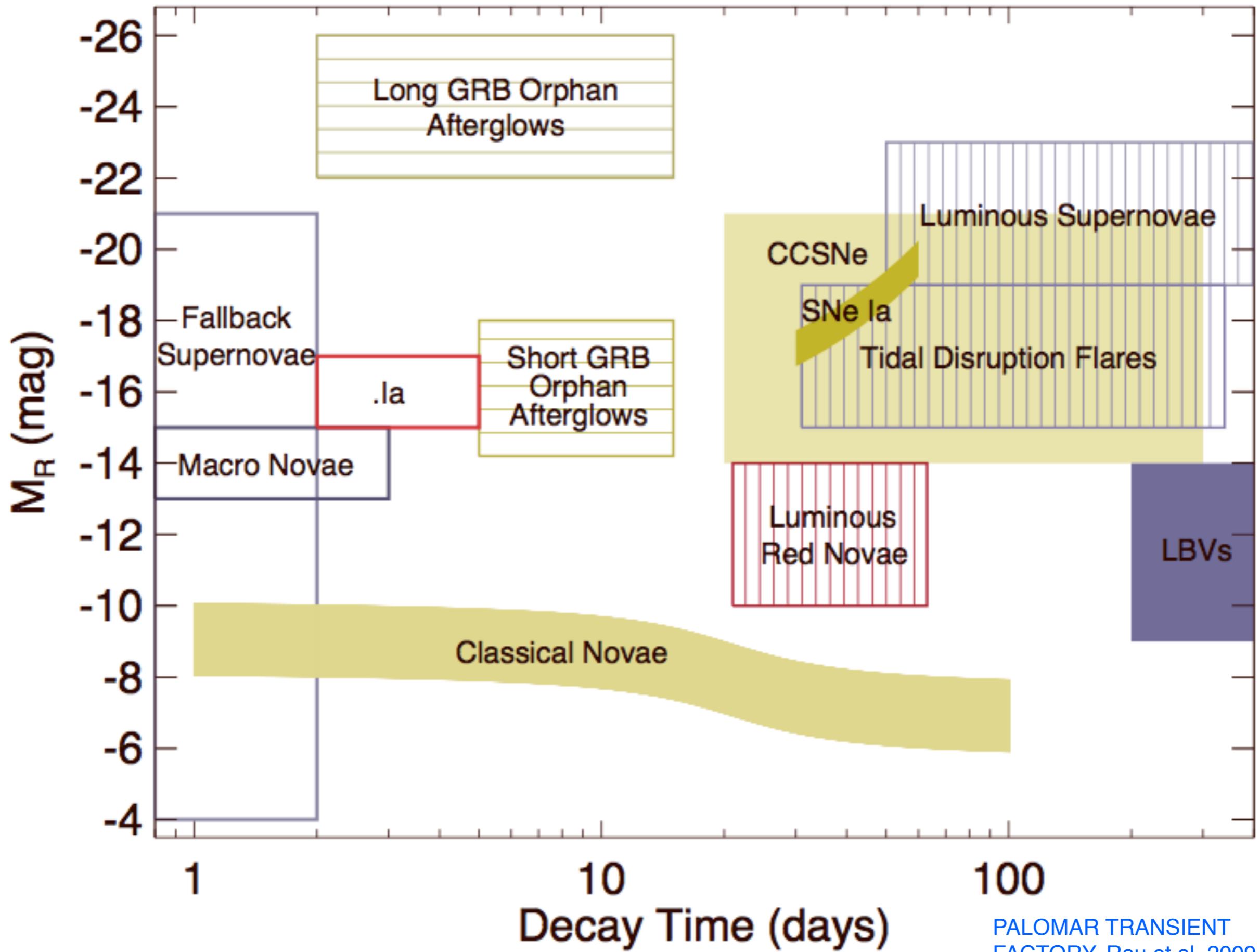
→ ~4.4 sec

→ ~45 sec

Animation by  
Berry Holl, Geneva

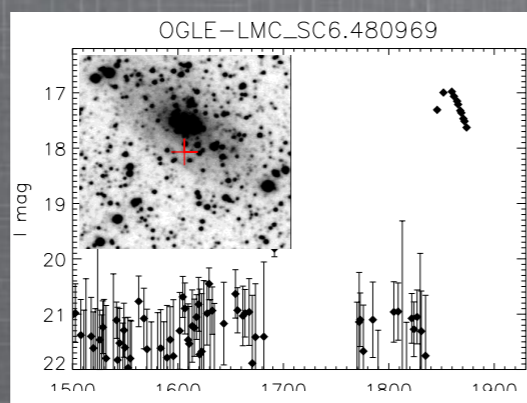
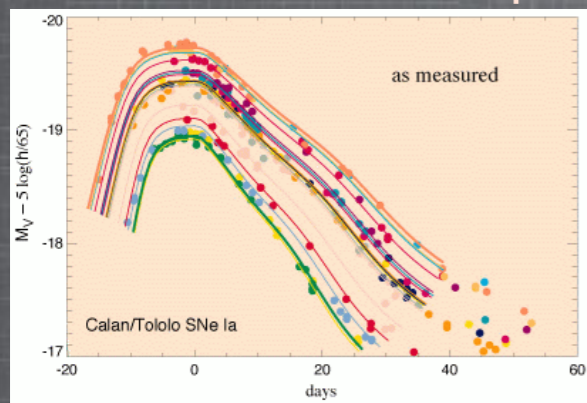
# GAIA AS A TRANSIENT SURVEY

	<b>Gaia</b>	Catalina Sky Survey	PTF	OGLE-IV (Magellanic System only)	LSST (from 2020??)
deg	<b>≈ 1230</b>	1200	1000	150	5000
Avg Cadence	<b>≈ 30 days</b>	14 days	5 days	5 days	4 days
Limiting mag	<b>20 (21?)</b>	19.5	21	21	r=24.7
f	<b>all sky</b>	0.6	0.2	0.02	<0.48

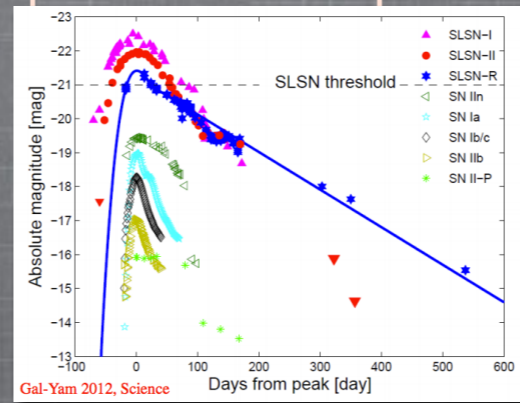


# TRANSIENTS ZOO

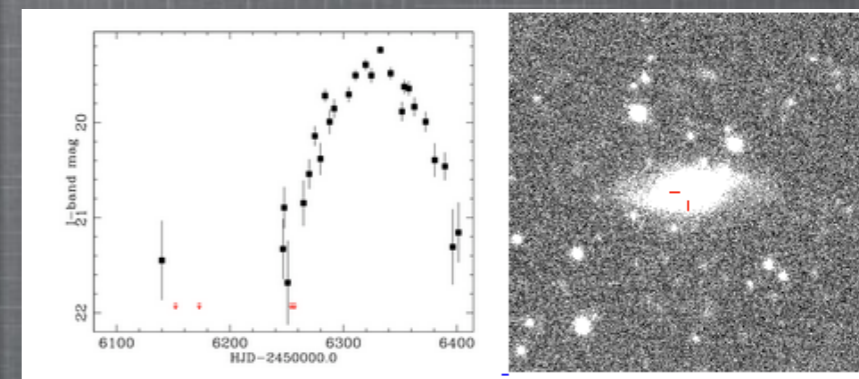
Supernovae



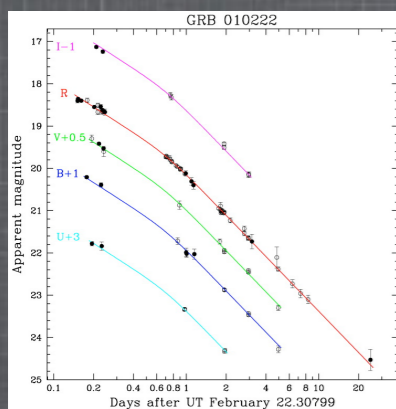
Super-luminous Supernovae



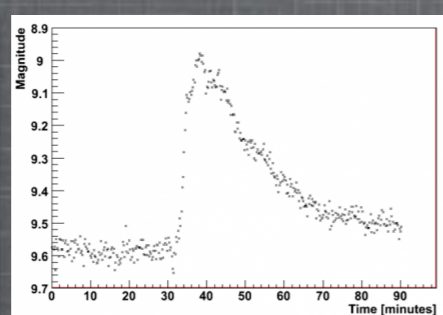
AGN flares/TDE



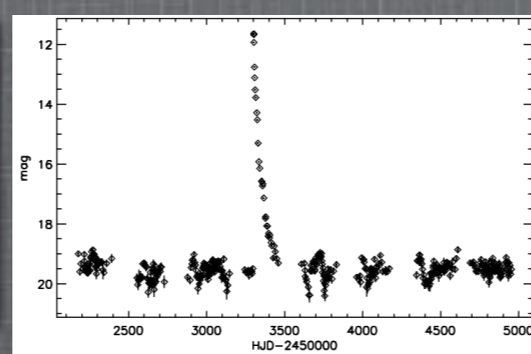
GRBs afterglows



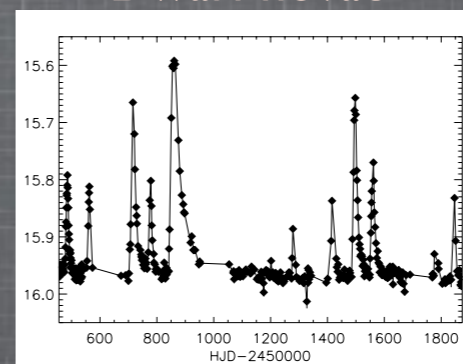
M-dwarf flares



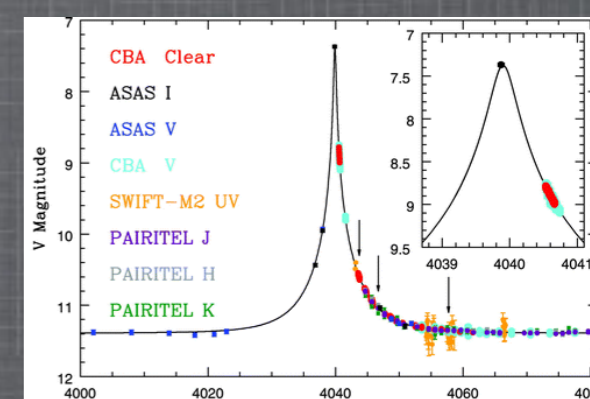
Classical novae



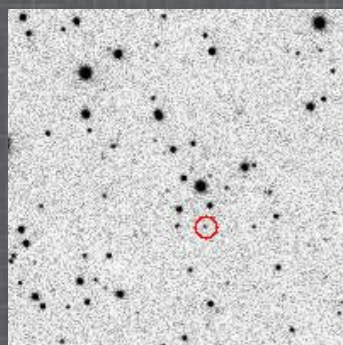
Dwarf novae



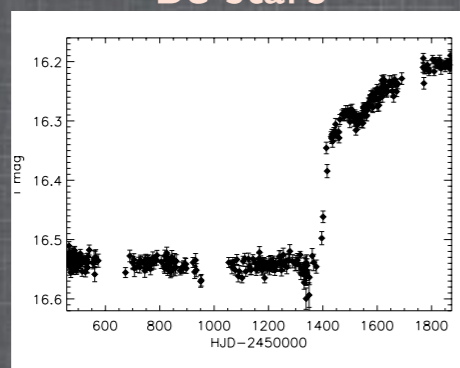
Microlensing events



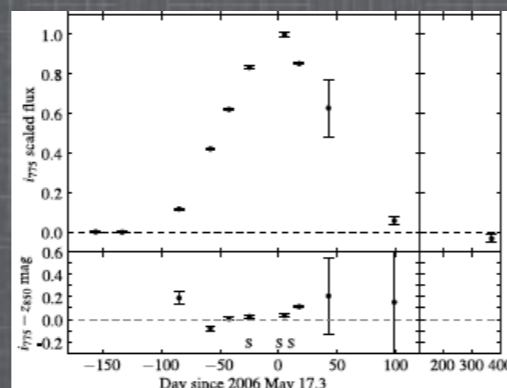
Asteroids



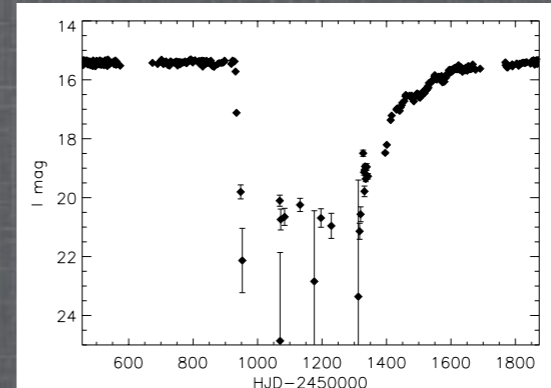
Be stars



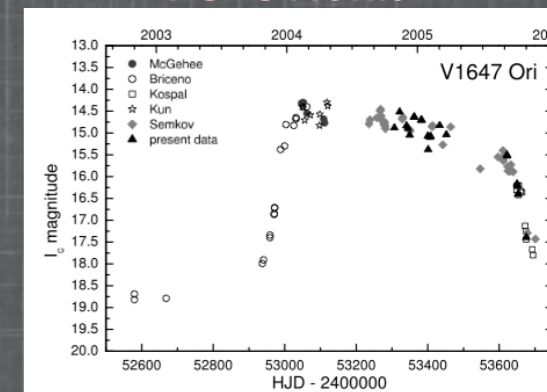
NEW THINGS??



R Coronae Borealis

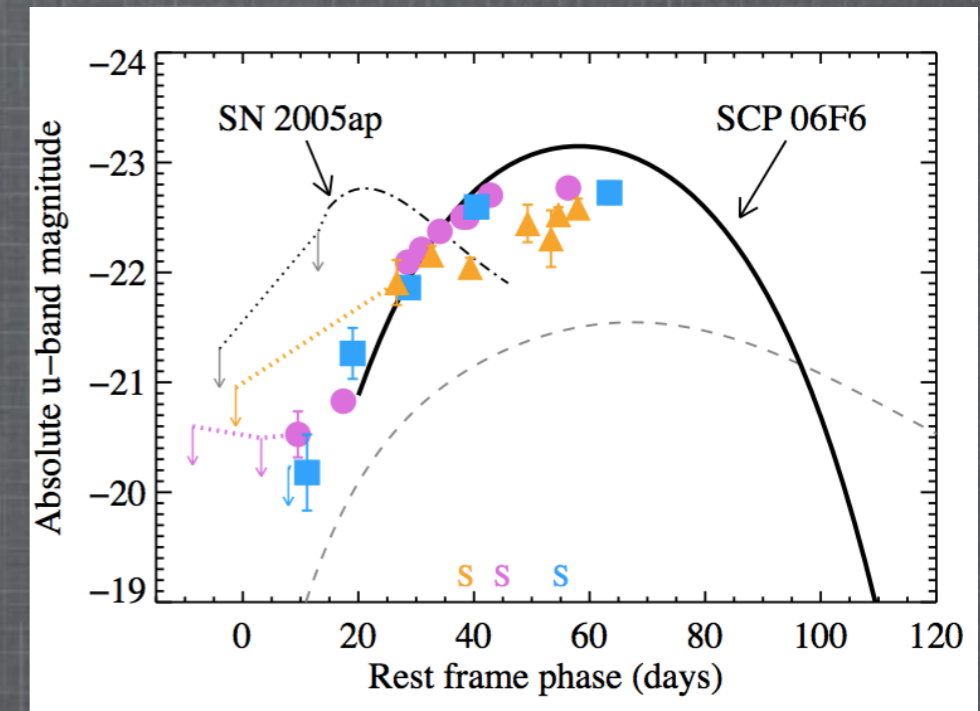
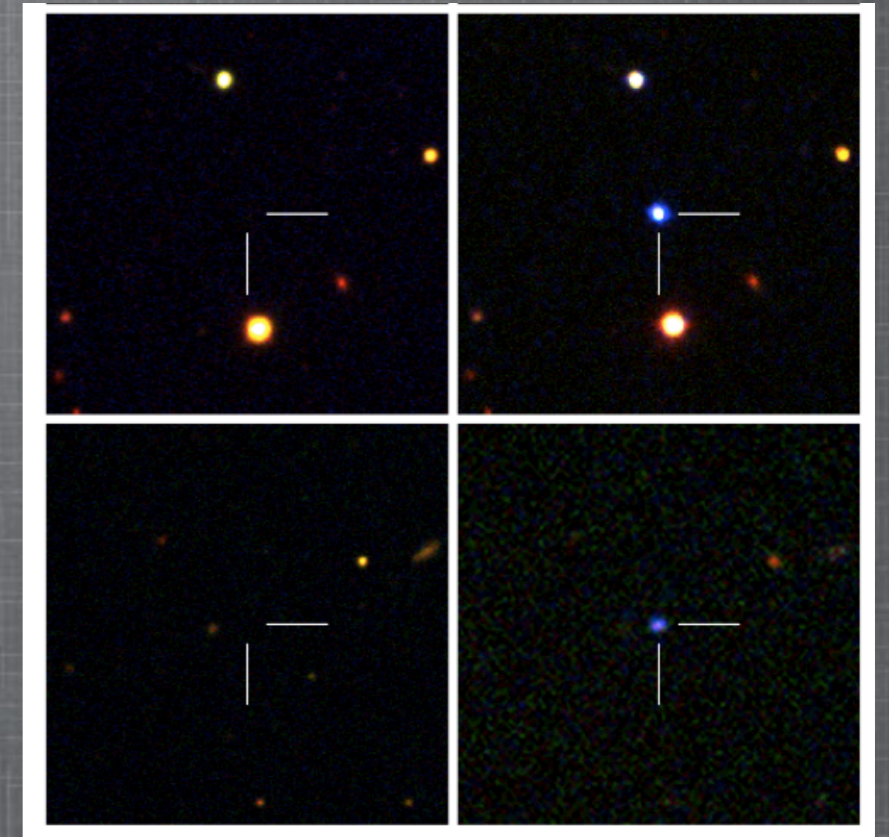


FU Orionis



# SUPERNOVAE IN GAIA

- **6000**
- **Local supernovae**  
calibration of the SNe cosmology projects.
- **Ultra-luminous Surpernovae:**  
curves, U band magnitude reaching -23, host galaxies faint, e.g. Quimby et al. (2010), link to the relationship between GRBs and SNe.
- **Large “unbiased” samples of core-collapse supernovae**  
and progenitors
- **Supernovae in galaxy cores:**  
metallicity, homogenous sample, Gaia’s superb astrometry in use



# OTHER INTERESTING TRANSIENTS

## ◆ RCrB-type stars

- carbon stars, emitting soot
- rare class (~50 known), but 3000 expected
- can drop by 8 mag in a week - perfect time-scale for Gaia

## ◆ GRB Afterglows

- very short duration events - expecting just a few

## ◆ Classical and recurrent novae

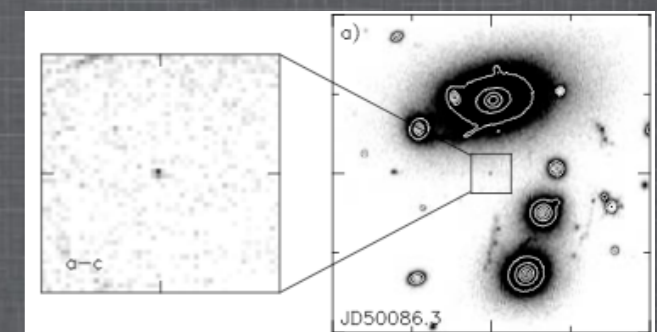
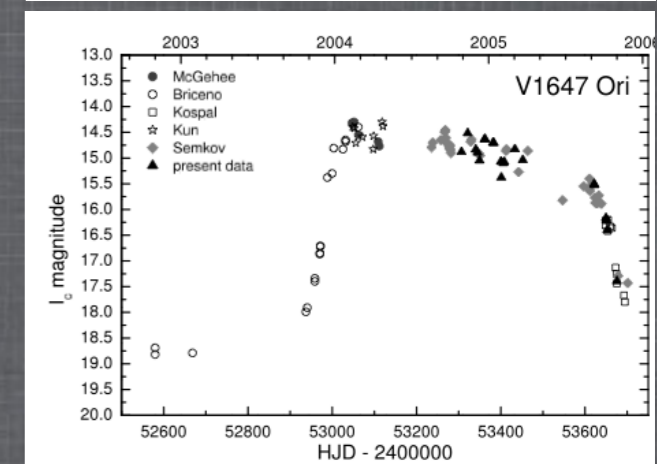
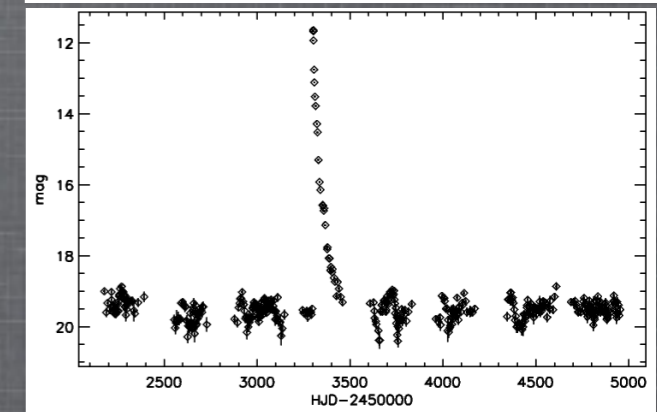
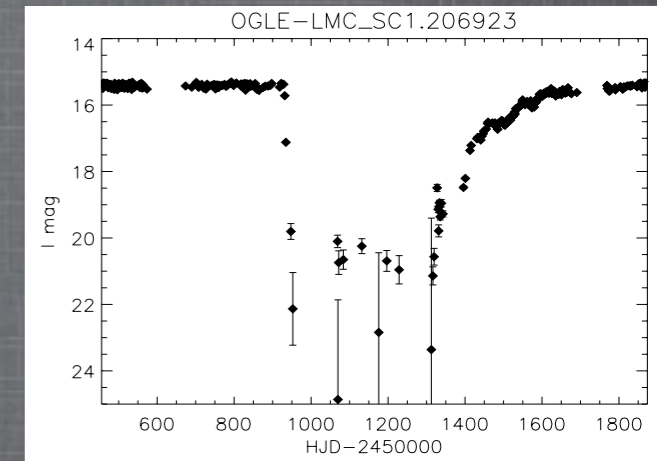
- potential distance indicators
- can be detected in MW and other galaxies
- large amplitudes, wide range of time-scales

## ◆ FU Orionis/EX Lupi

- unstable pre-MS stars
- rare class (few known)
- several magnitudes up, long time-scales
- X-ray variability
- FU Ori repeats every ~40 years!

## ◆ Gravitationally lensed distant supernovae

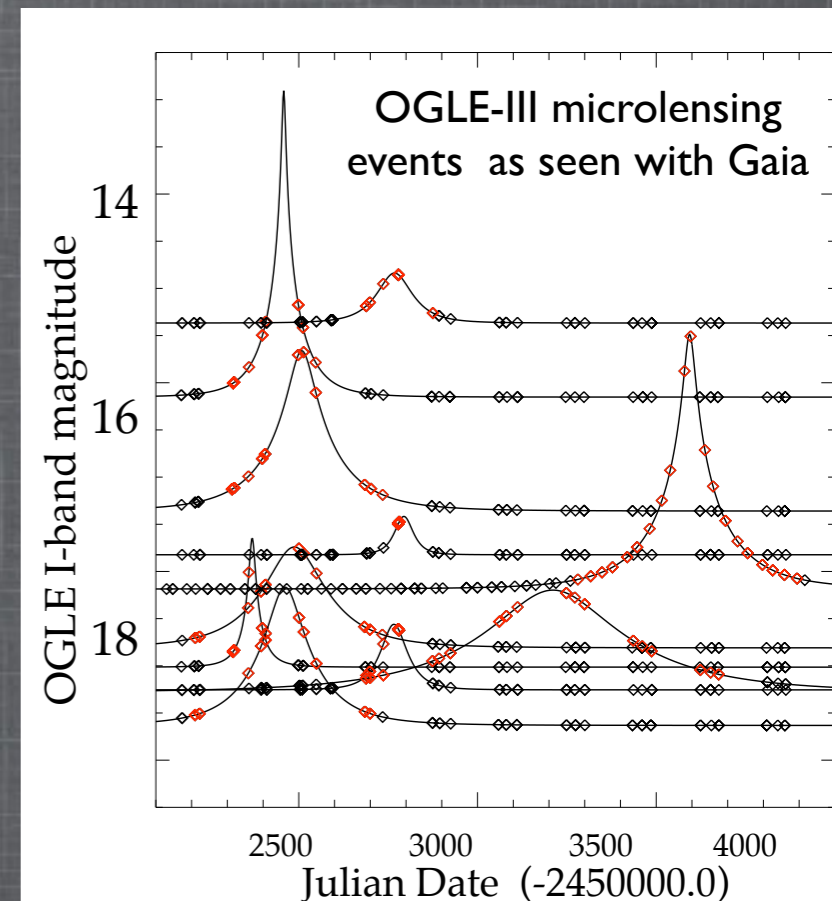
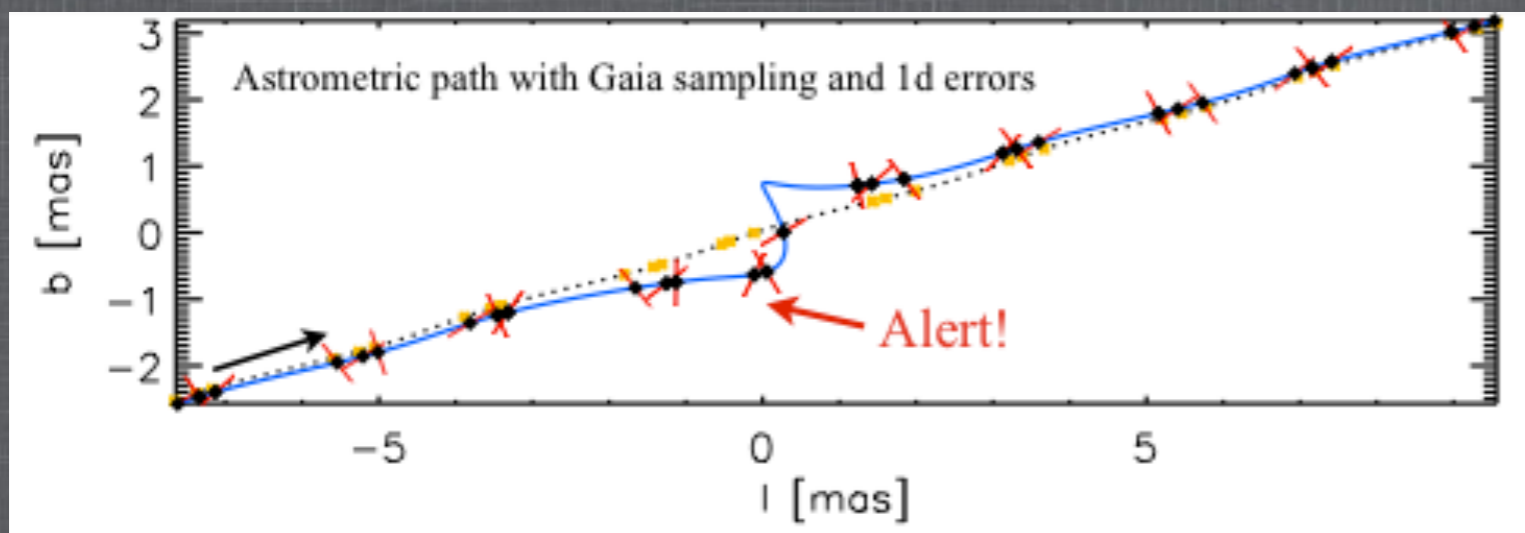
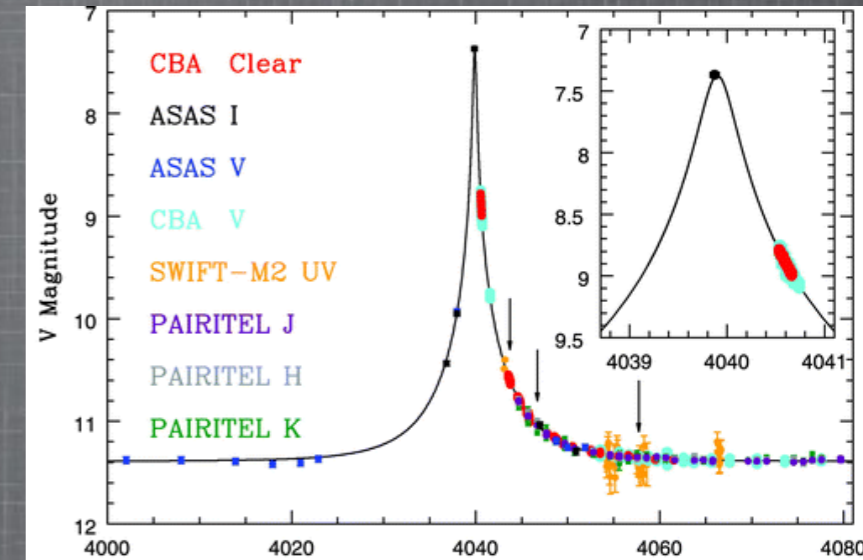
- unique uniform all-sky monitoring
- high redshift SNe rates, distances, H0





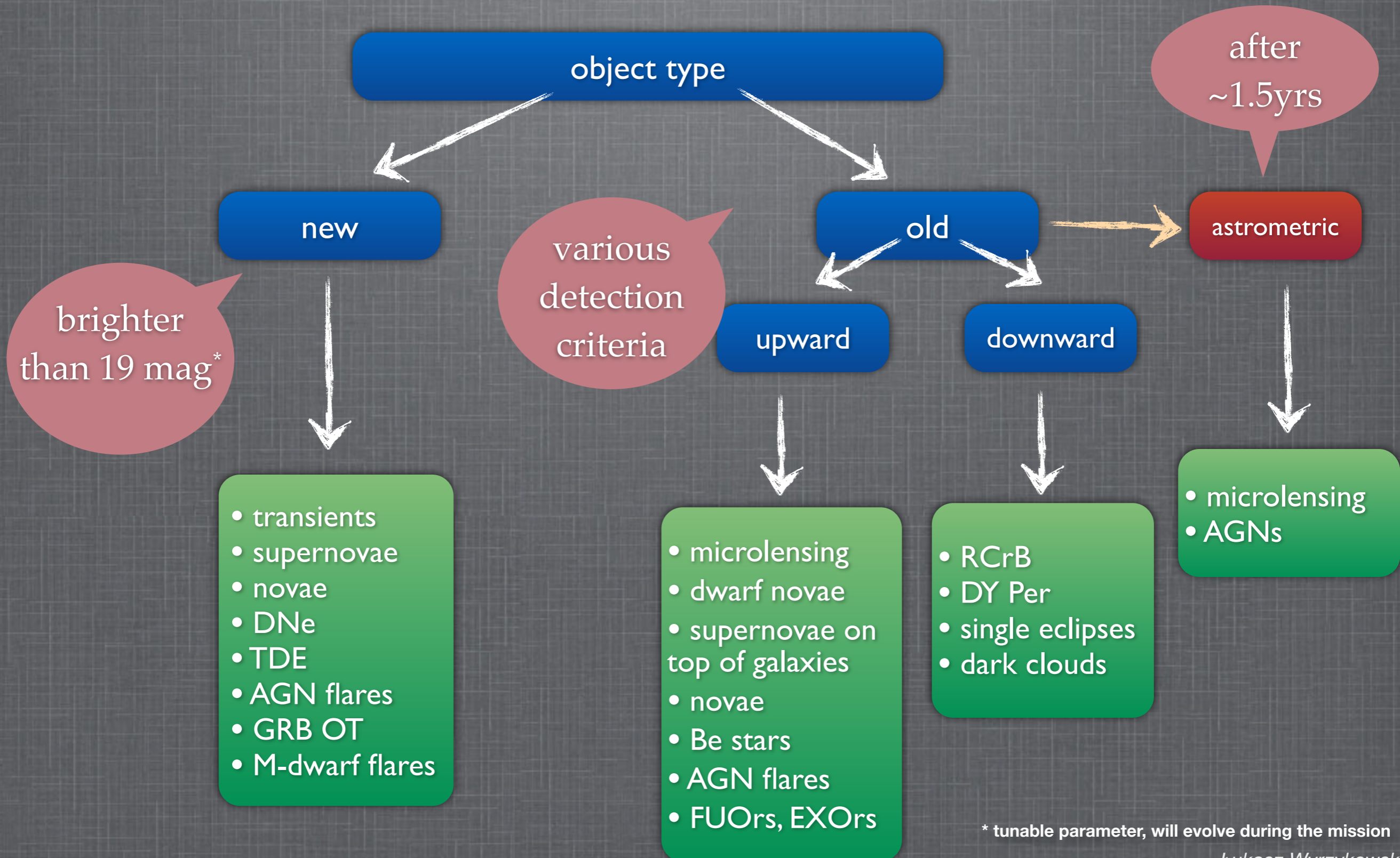
# MICROLENSING IN GAIA

- 7,500 events expected during the mission, mainly in the Galactic Bulge but many lost (crowding)
- 15,000 astrometric events (higher optical depth)
- **photometric** alerts expected on **1000+** events, mainly **long** - the most interesting ones (nearby or massive lens)
- **astrometric** microlensing - unique opportunity with Gaia!
  - measure masses and distances of the dark lenses
  - detect black-holes: astrometric deviation of ~few mas



# ANOMALY DETECTION SYSTEM

running in Cambridge on daily basis



\* tunable parameter, will evolve during the mission

# ANOMALY DETECTION SYSTEM

## Classification

object type

new

old

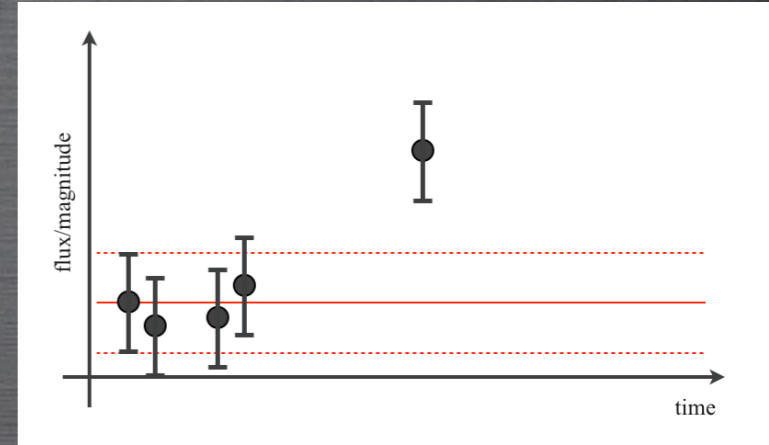
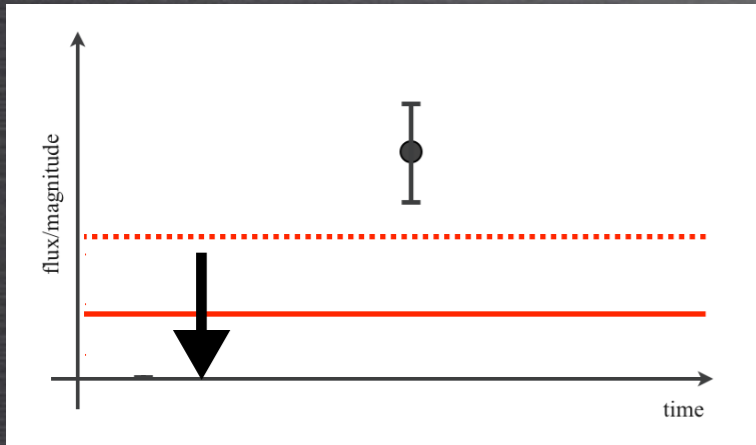
transient

bump

artefact

dip

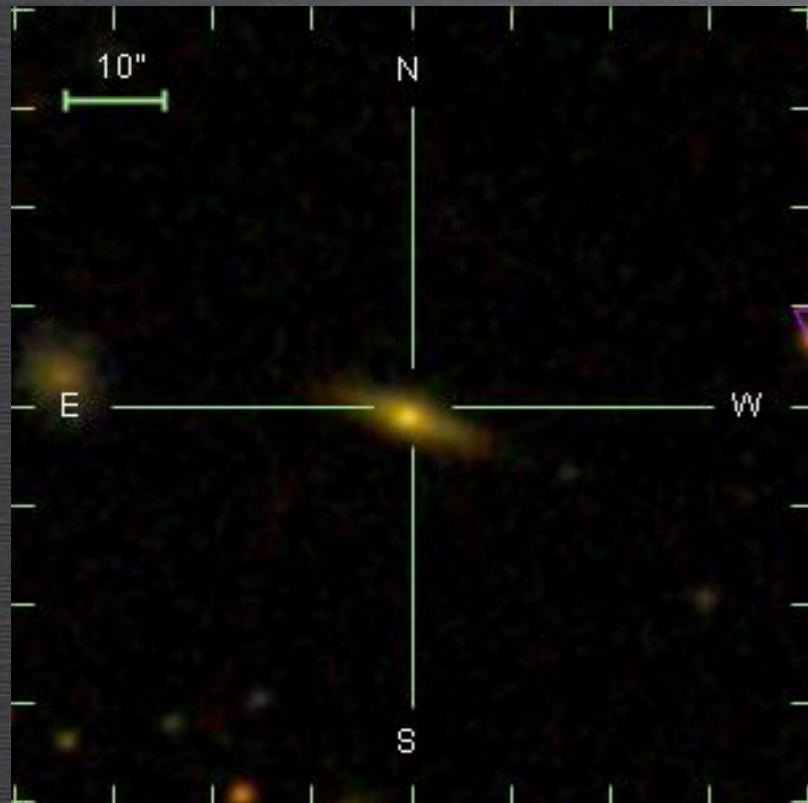
*work in progress:*  
expand with more sophisticated methods



# ANOMALY DETECTION SYSTEM

Cross-match with archives

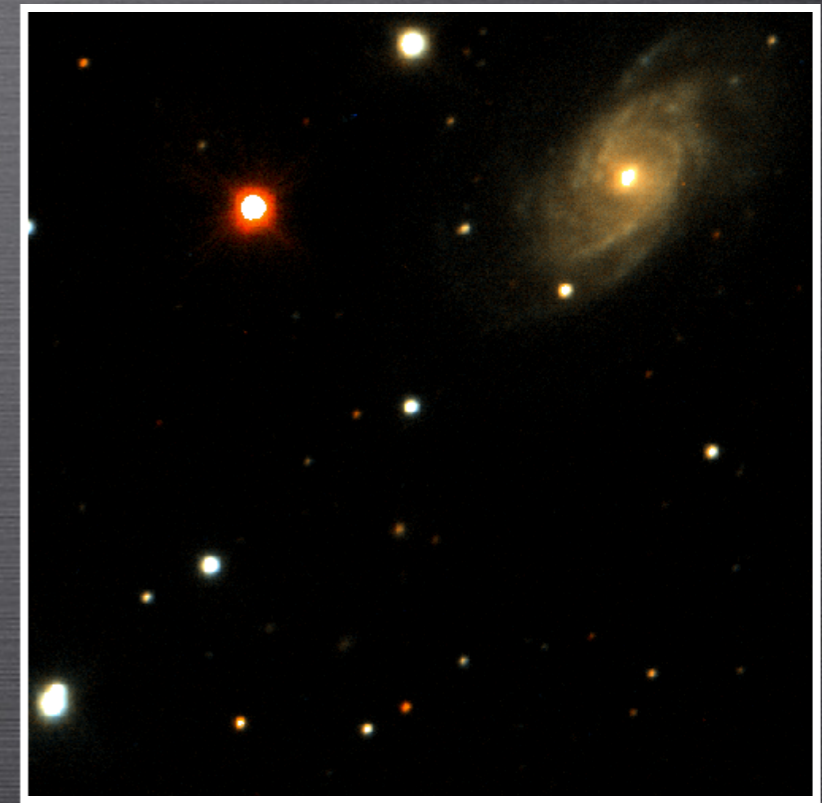
SDSS



DSS



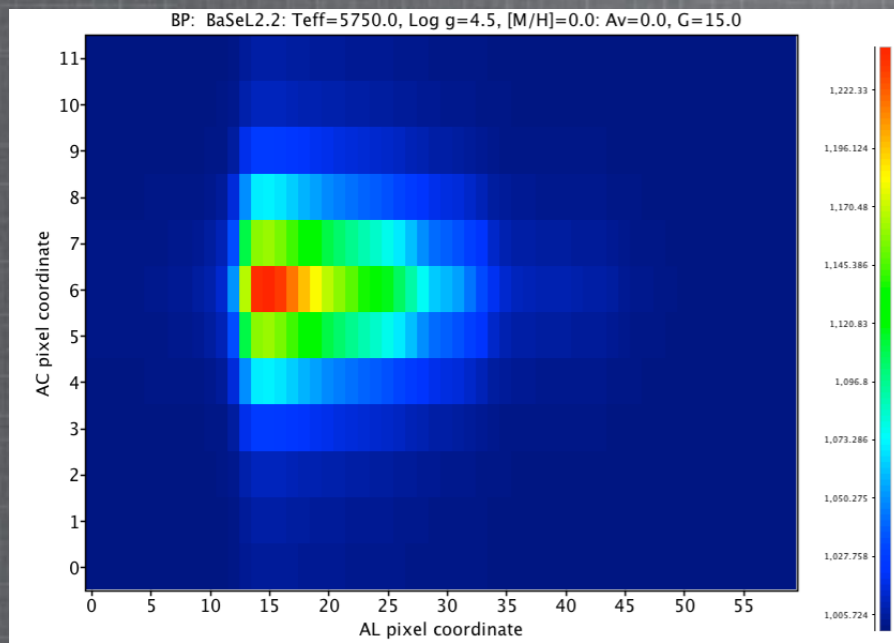
OGLE-IV



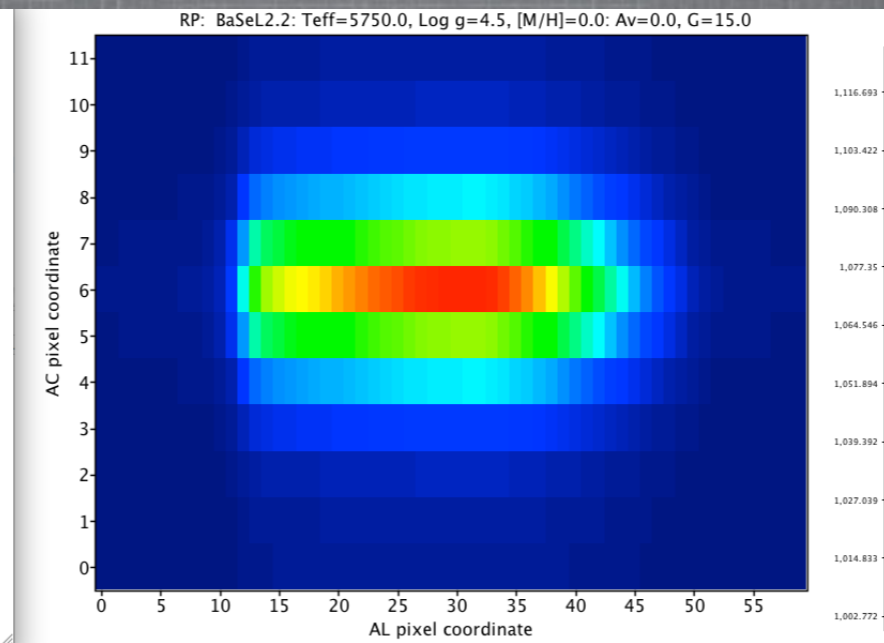
*work in progress:*  
fully-automatise the cross-match

# GAIA SPECTRA

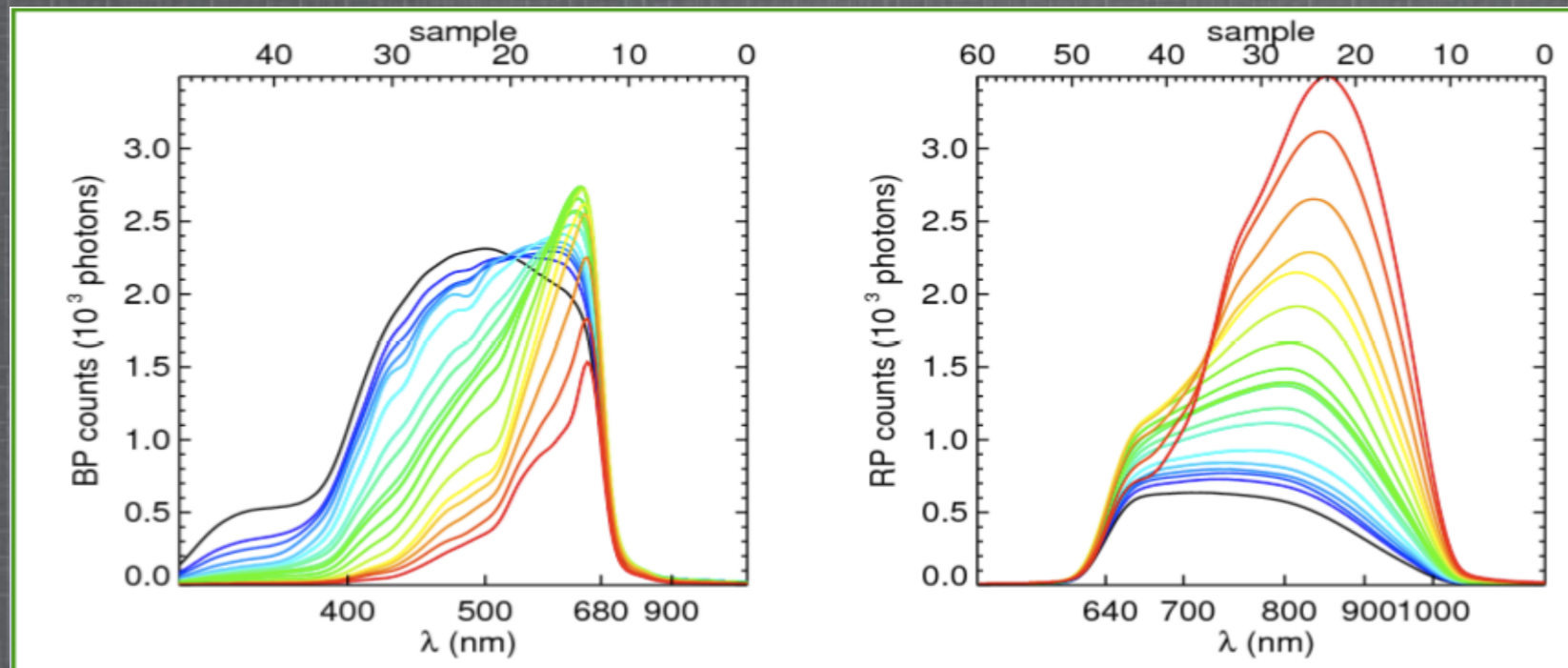
## Blue photometer



## Red photometer



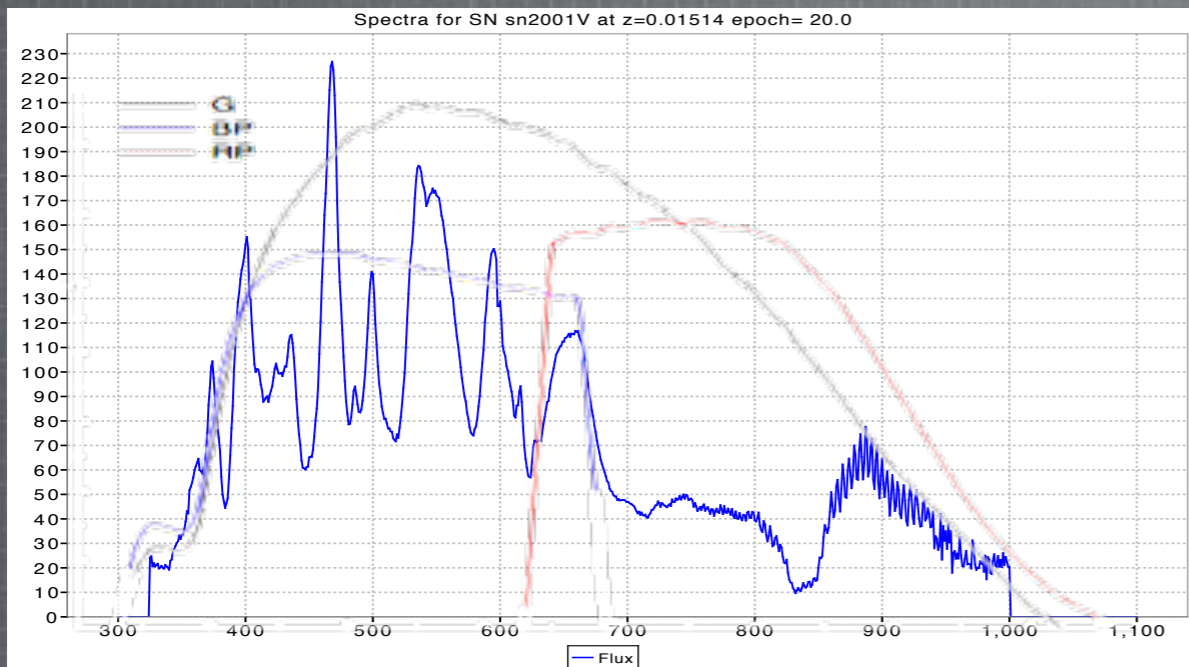
On the CCDs  
- two low resolution  
spectrographs,  $R \sim 100$



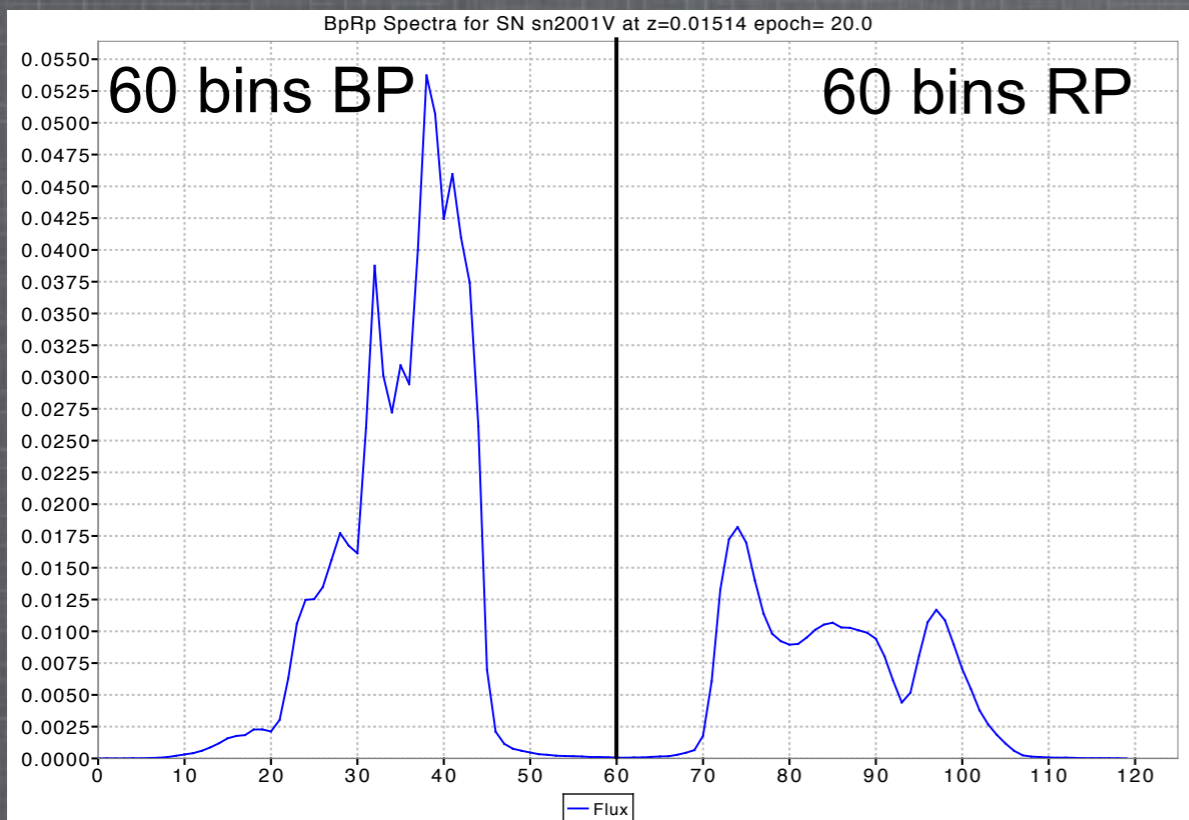
Measurements  
- 1 dimensional for  
stars  $G > 13$  mag

# CLASSIFICATION OF ALERTS

## Spectral classification - the "secret" power of Gaia



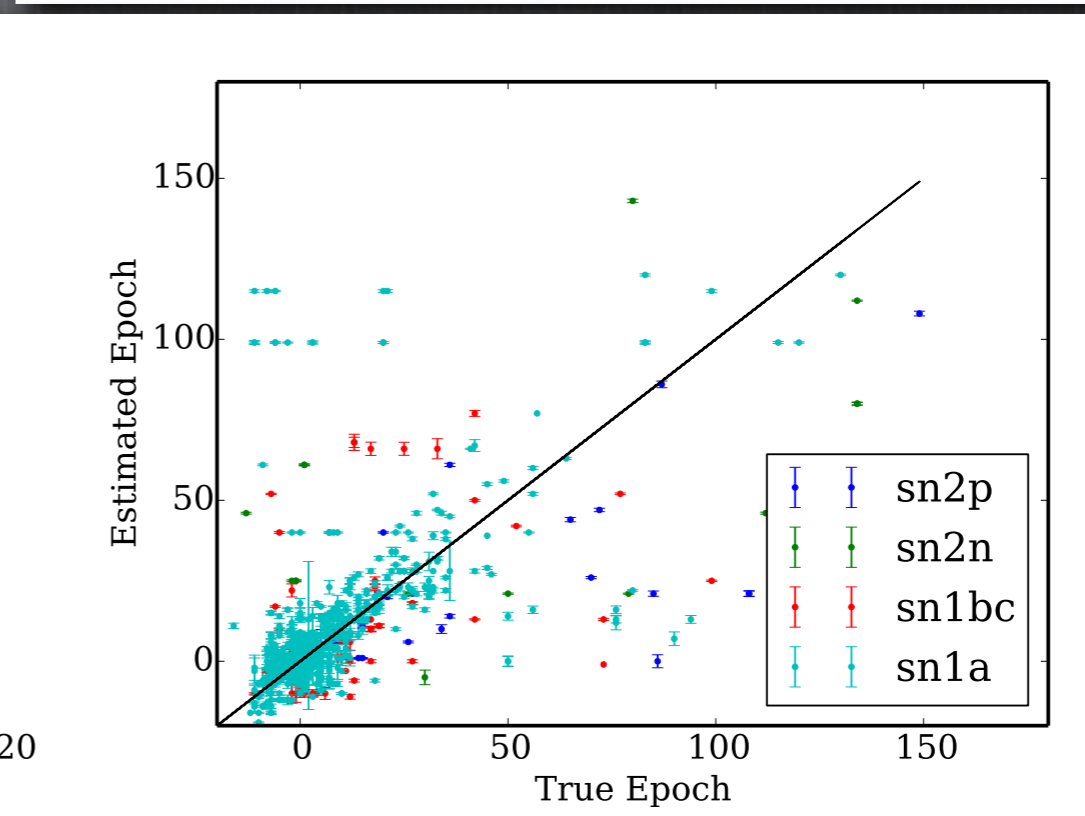
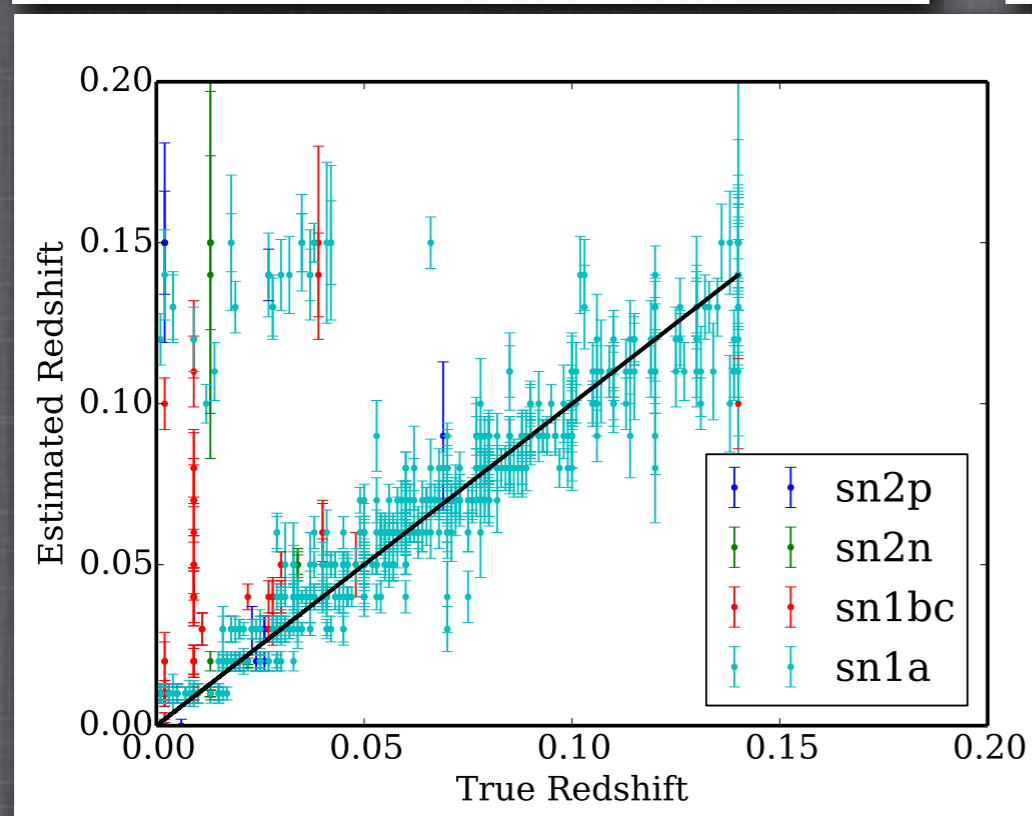
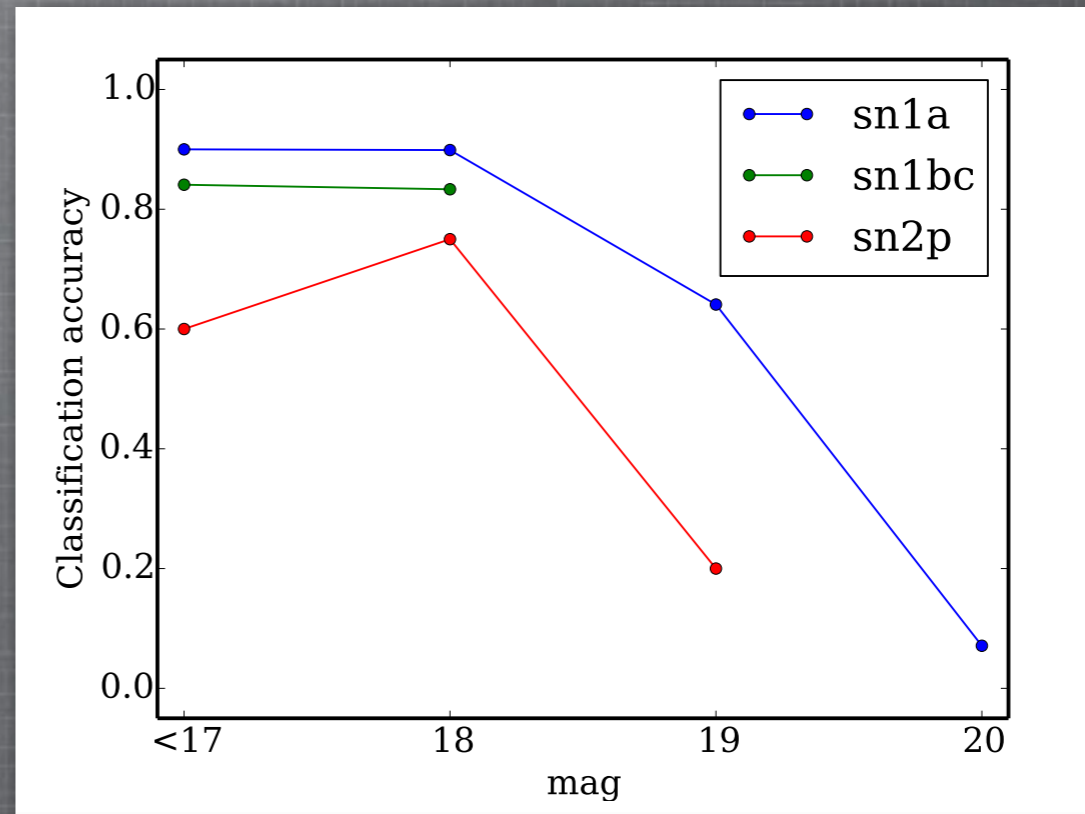
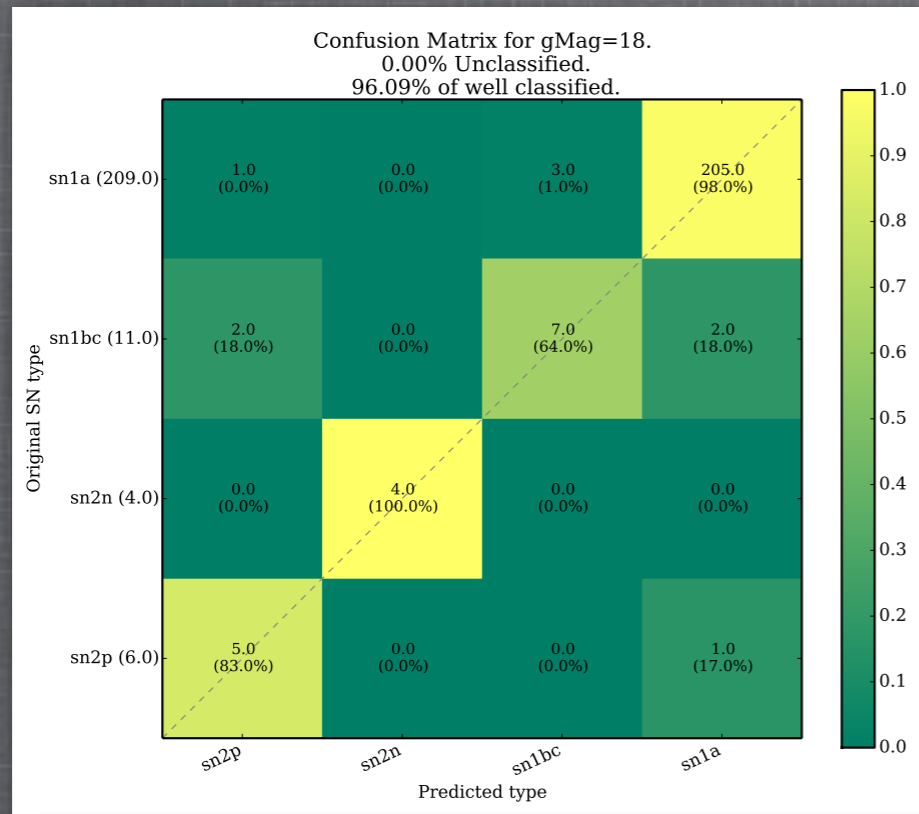
transients typing –  
low false-positives rate!



Gaia is equipped with low-resolution ( $R \sim 100$ ) spectrographs. They will allow for classifying transients into types and for supernovae they will provide estimates for redshift and epoch based on just a single observation!

# CLASSIFICATION OF ALERTS

## Spectral classification - the "secret" power of Gaia



Blagorodnova et al. 2014

# YEAR 1

## First alerts!

launch  
19 December 2013



2014

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

2015

Jan

Feb

reaching L2  
system shake-down

Ecliptic  
Poles  
scanning

data accumulation  
over whole sky  
first alerts possible

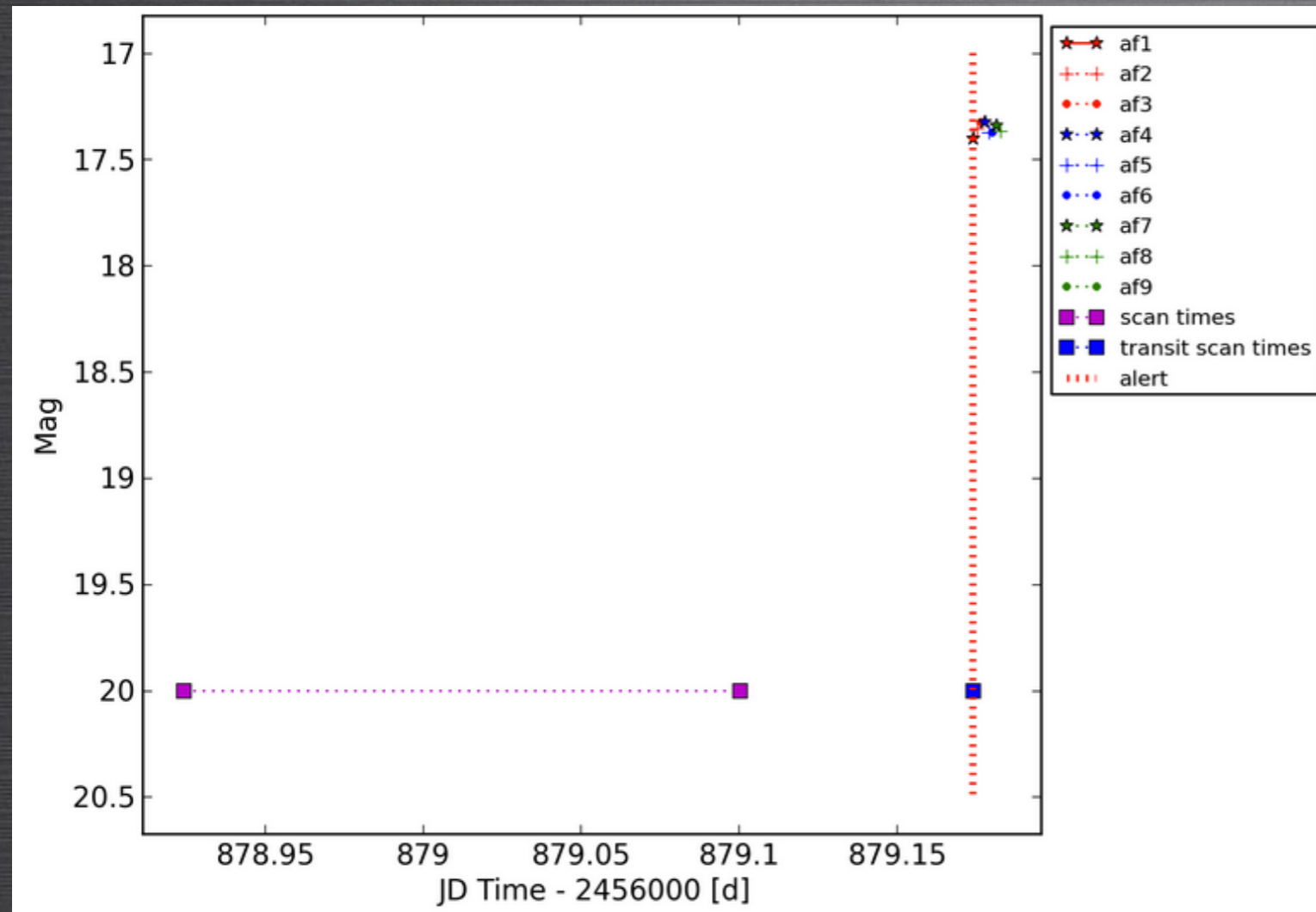
verification phase  
alerts released  
publicly

regular observing  
phase

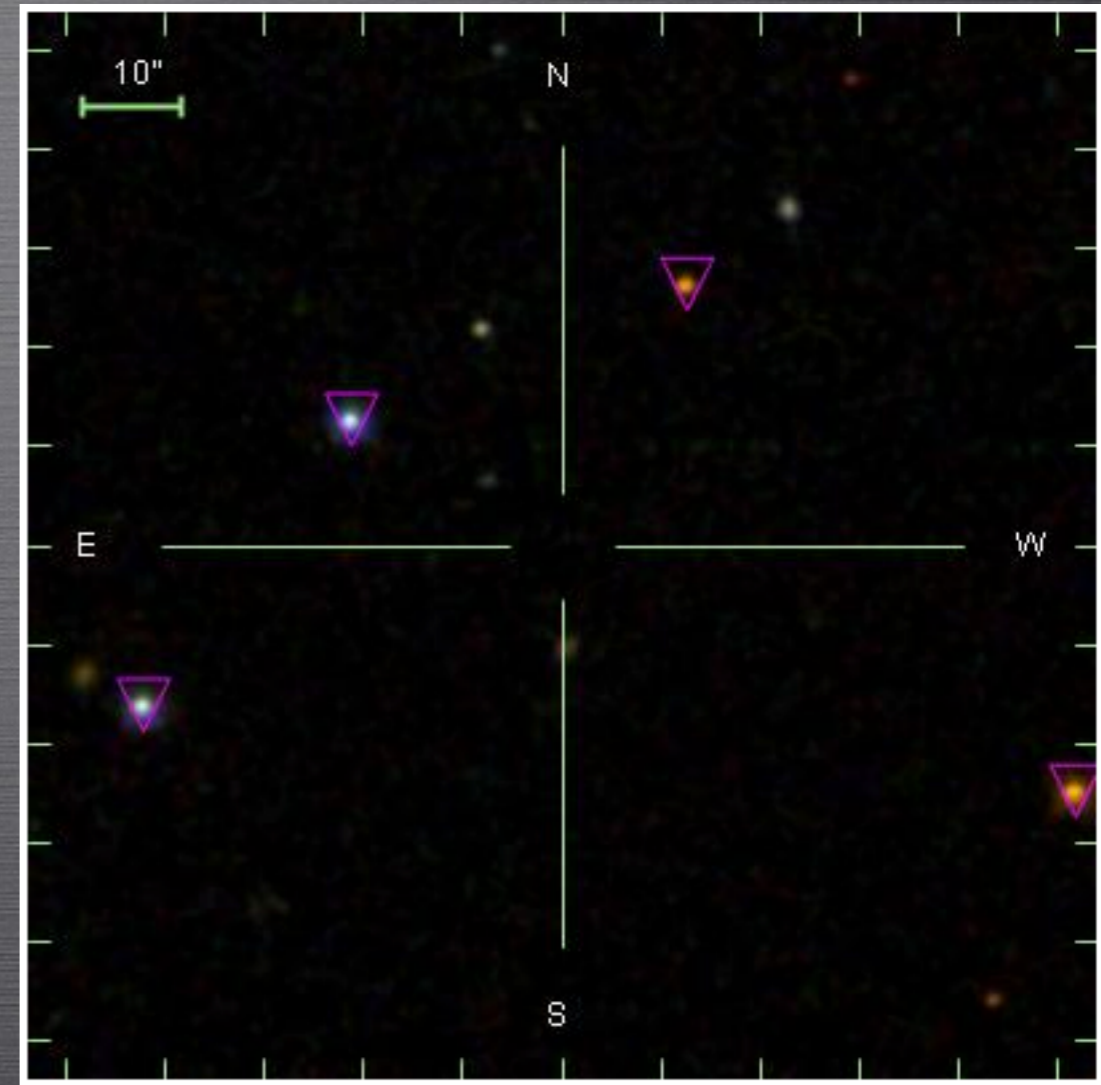


# NEW SOURCE ALERT EXAMPLE

Alert:



Finding chart (SDSS):



“sister” alerts found nearby

ecliptic coordinates = 1.810217, -0.698089

Identified as planetoid 9197 Endo

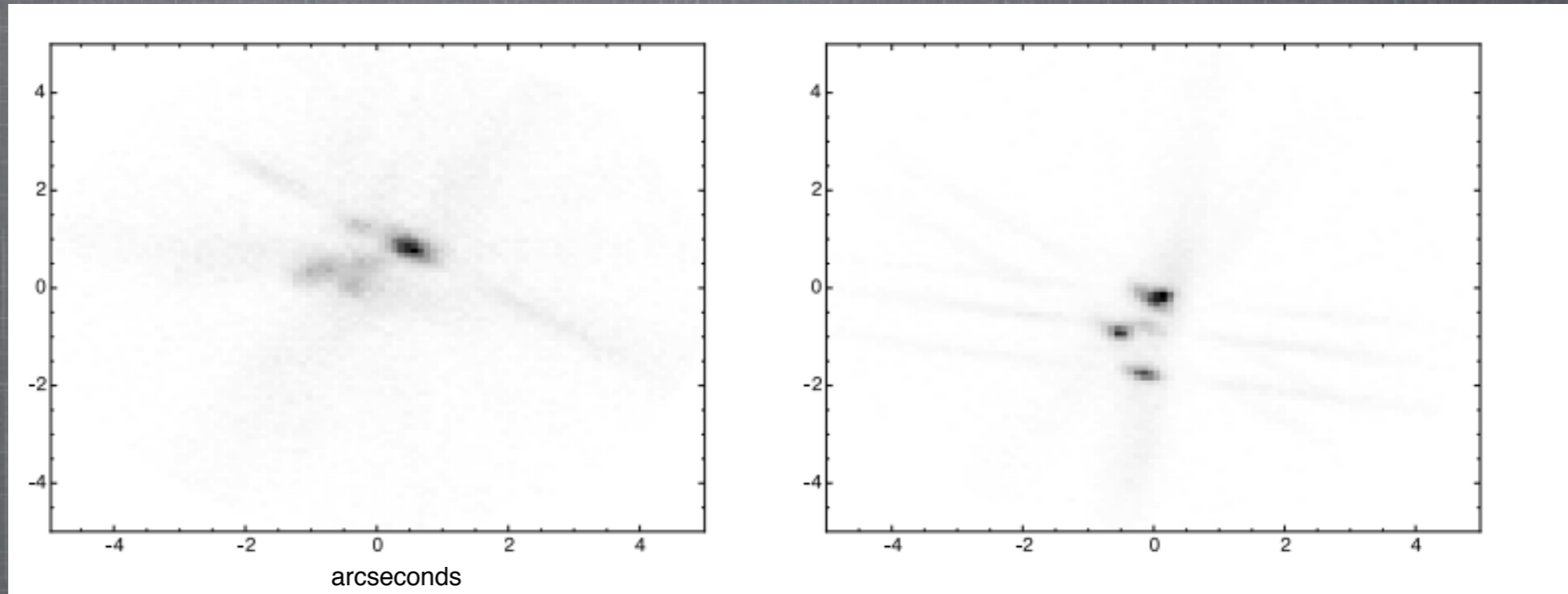
(thanks to Francois Mignard!)

*raw Gaia data!*

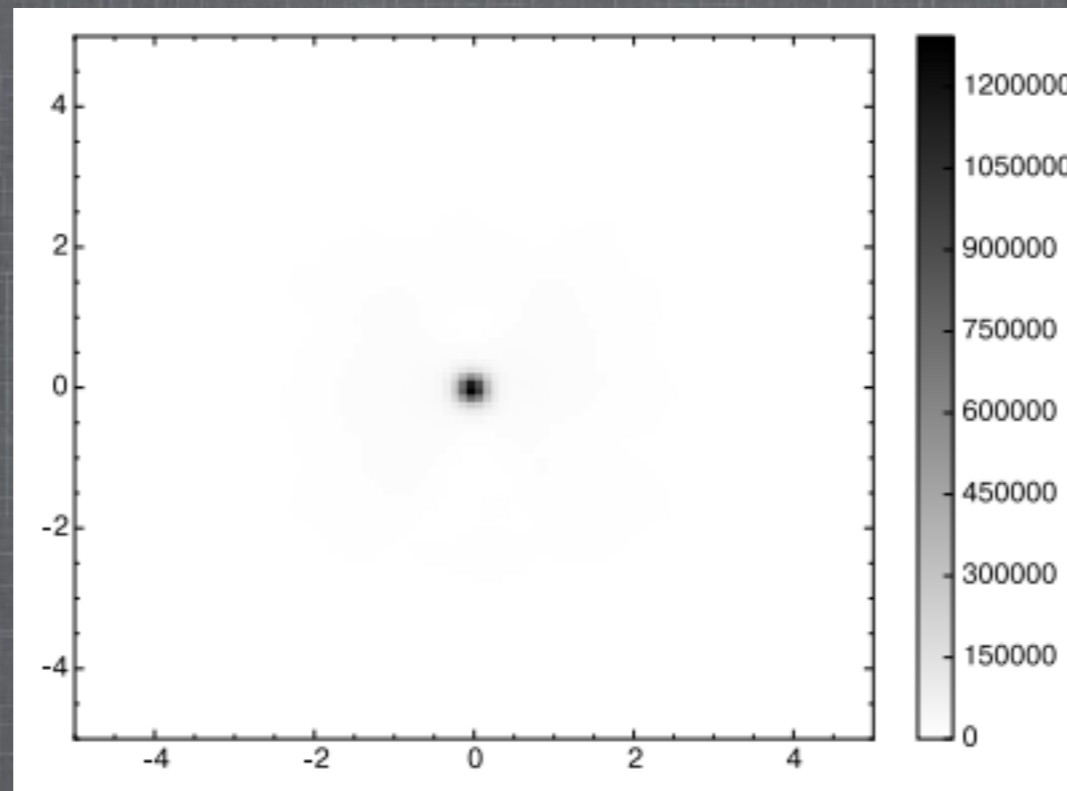
# ASTROMETRY

matching Gaia to stellar catalogues

before mid-November 2014

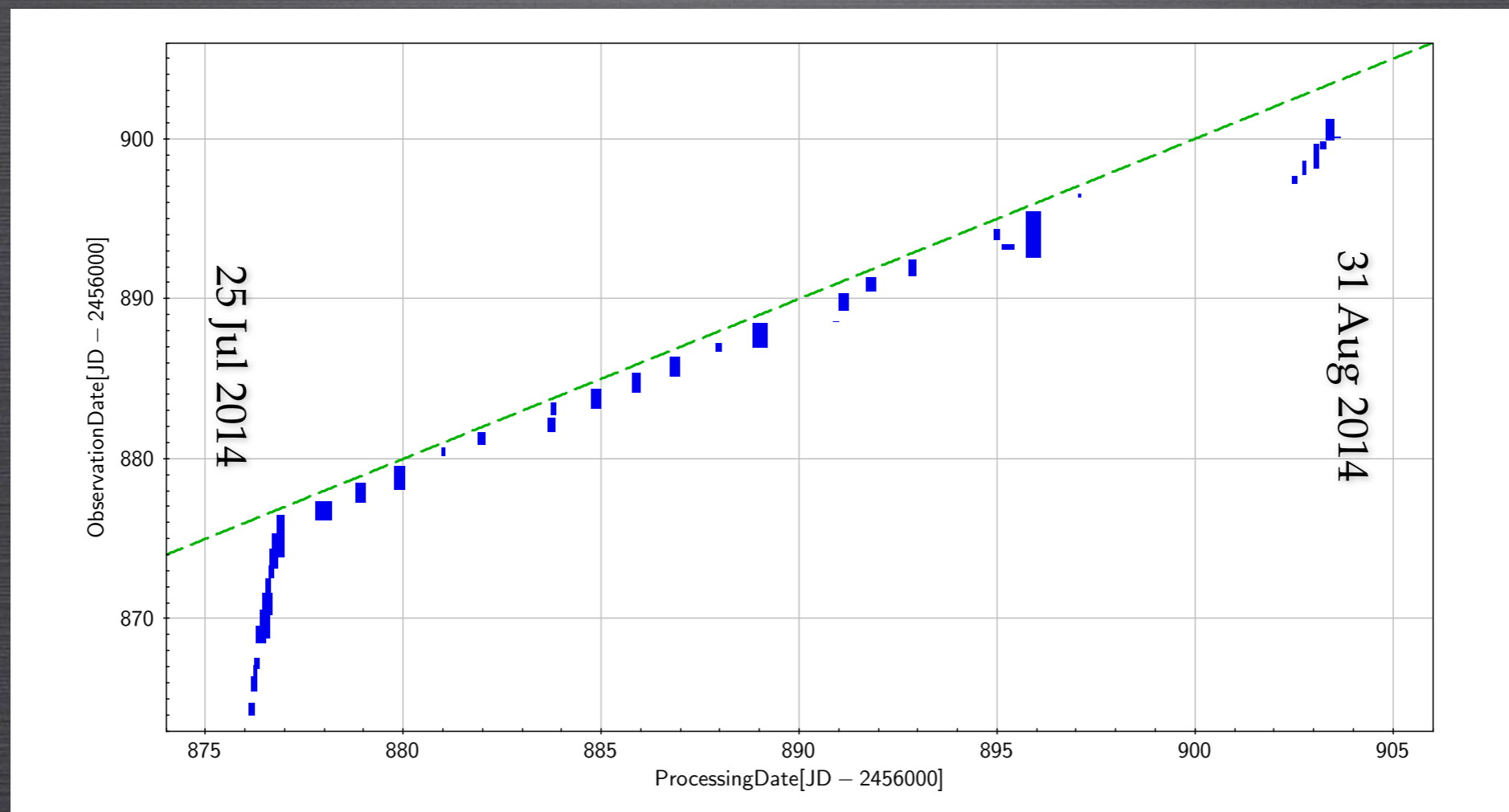
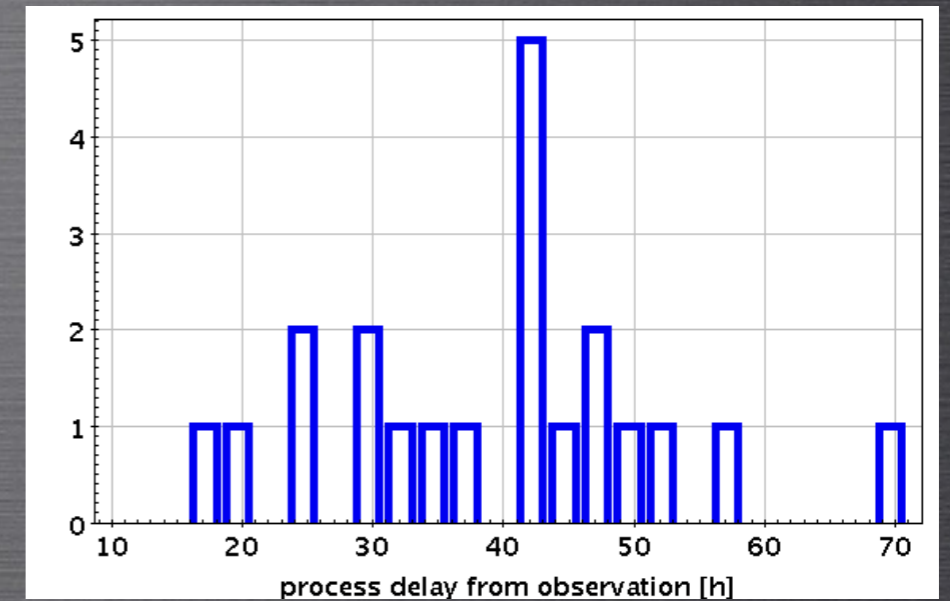
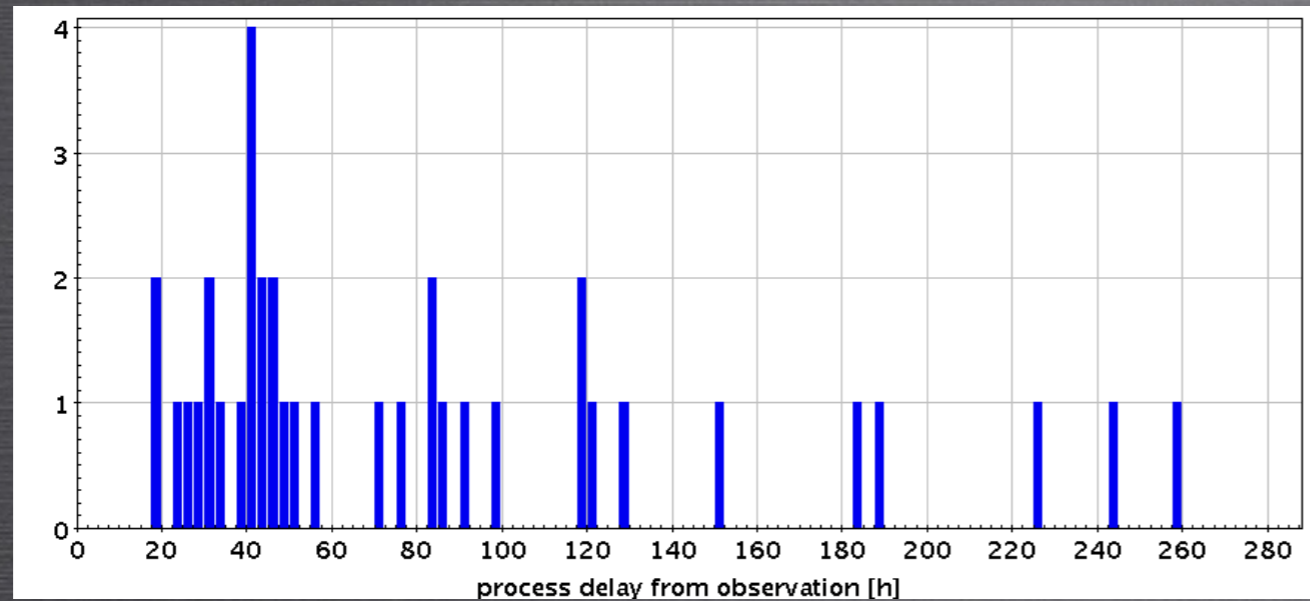


from mid-November 2014



# PROCESSING REAL GAIA DATA

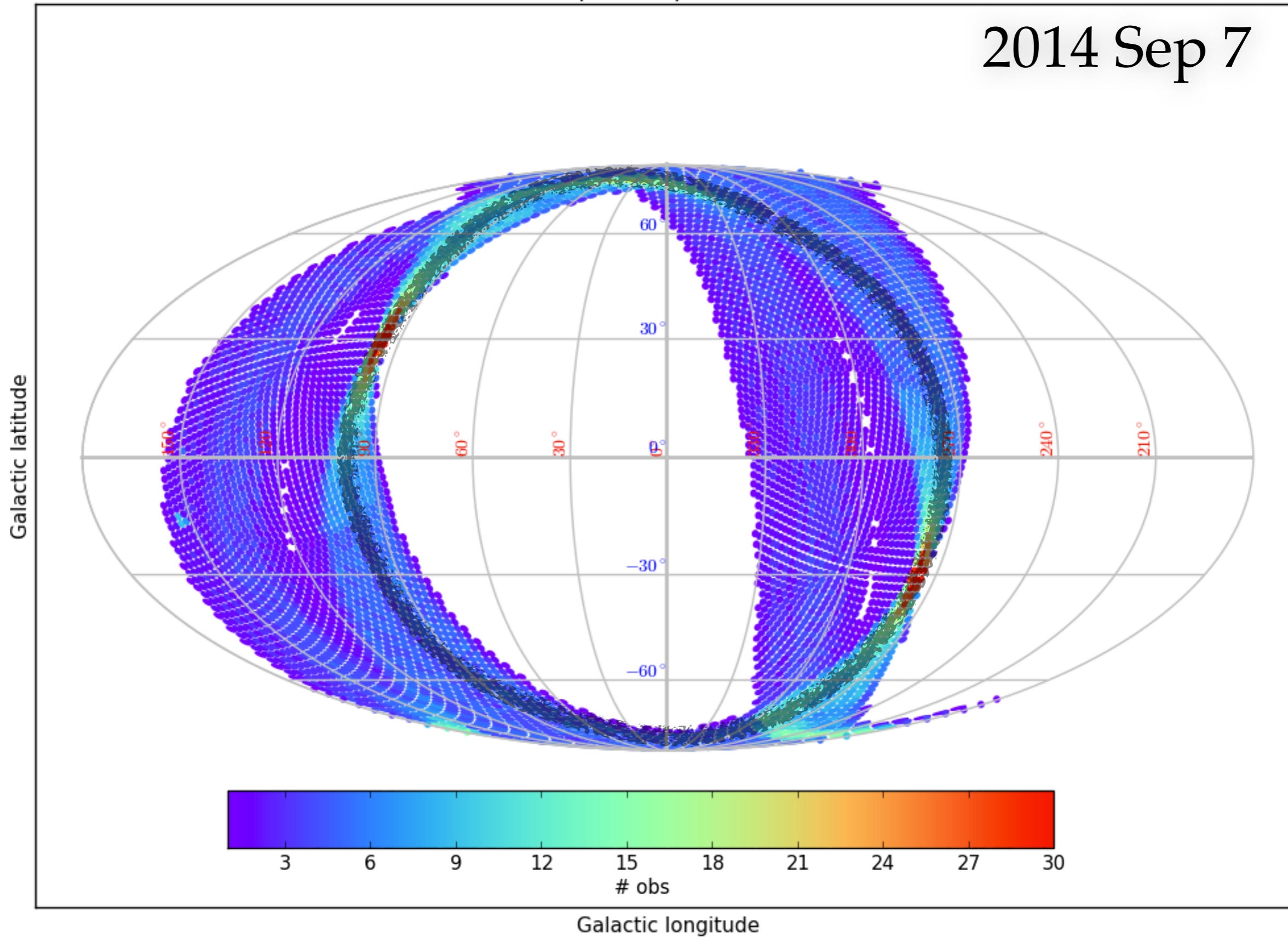
delay between observation and end of processing



# PROCESSING REAL GAIA DATA

Map of completed HPs

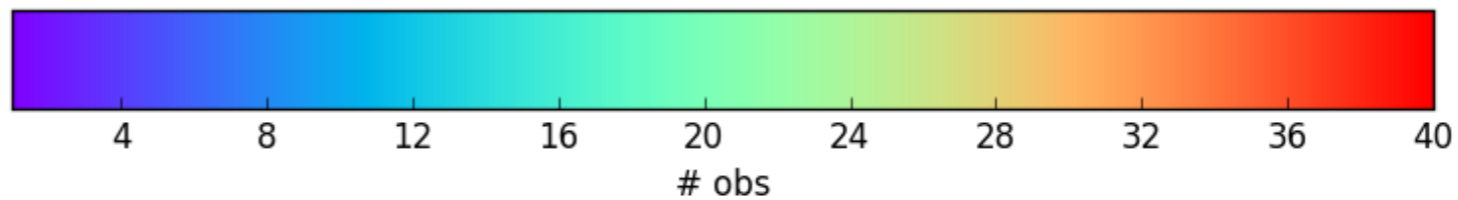
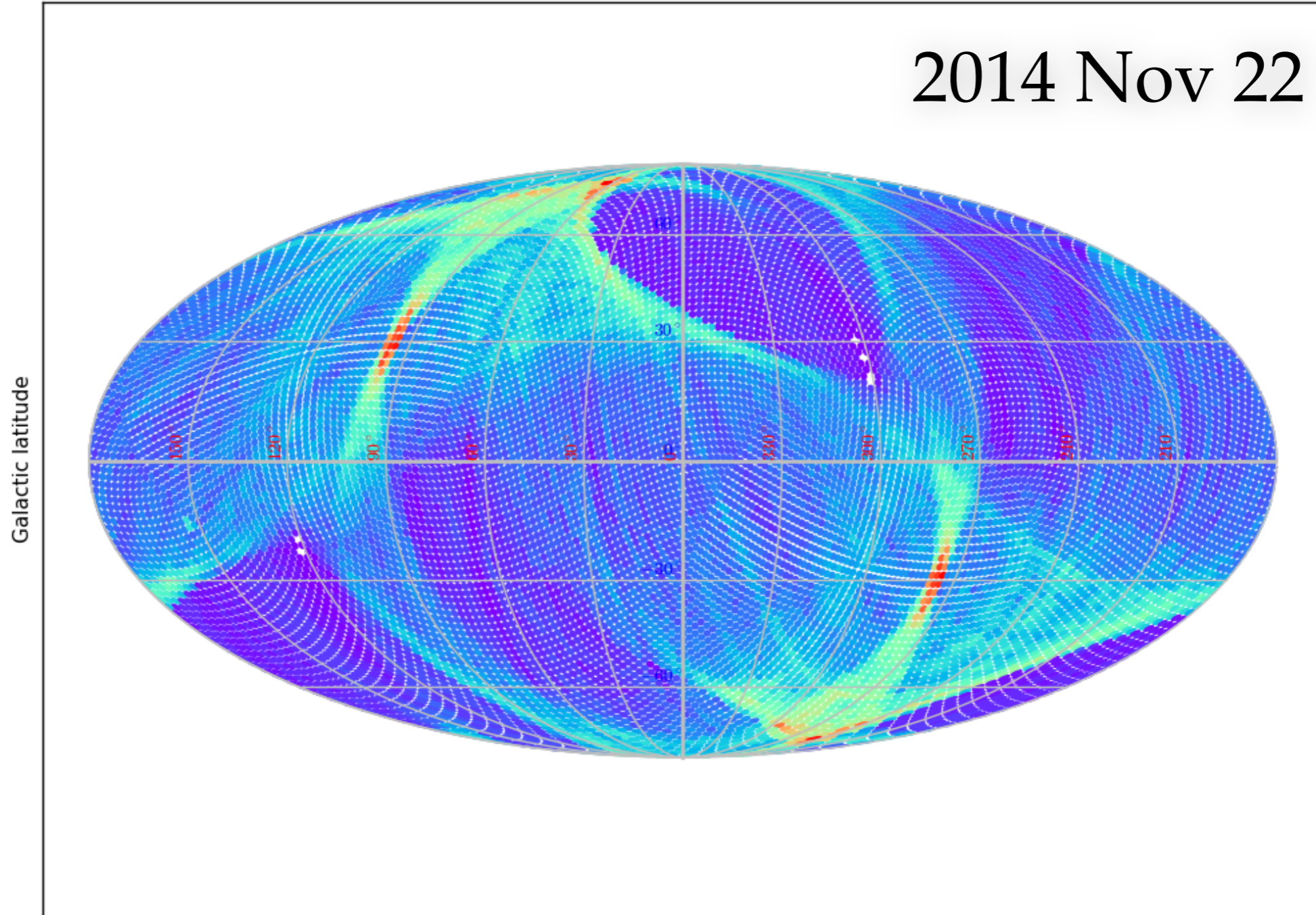
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# PROCESSING REAL GAIA DATA

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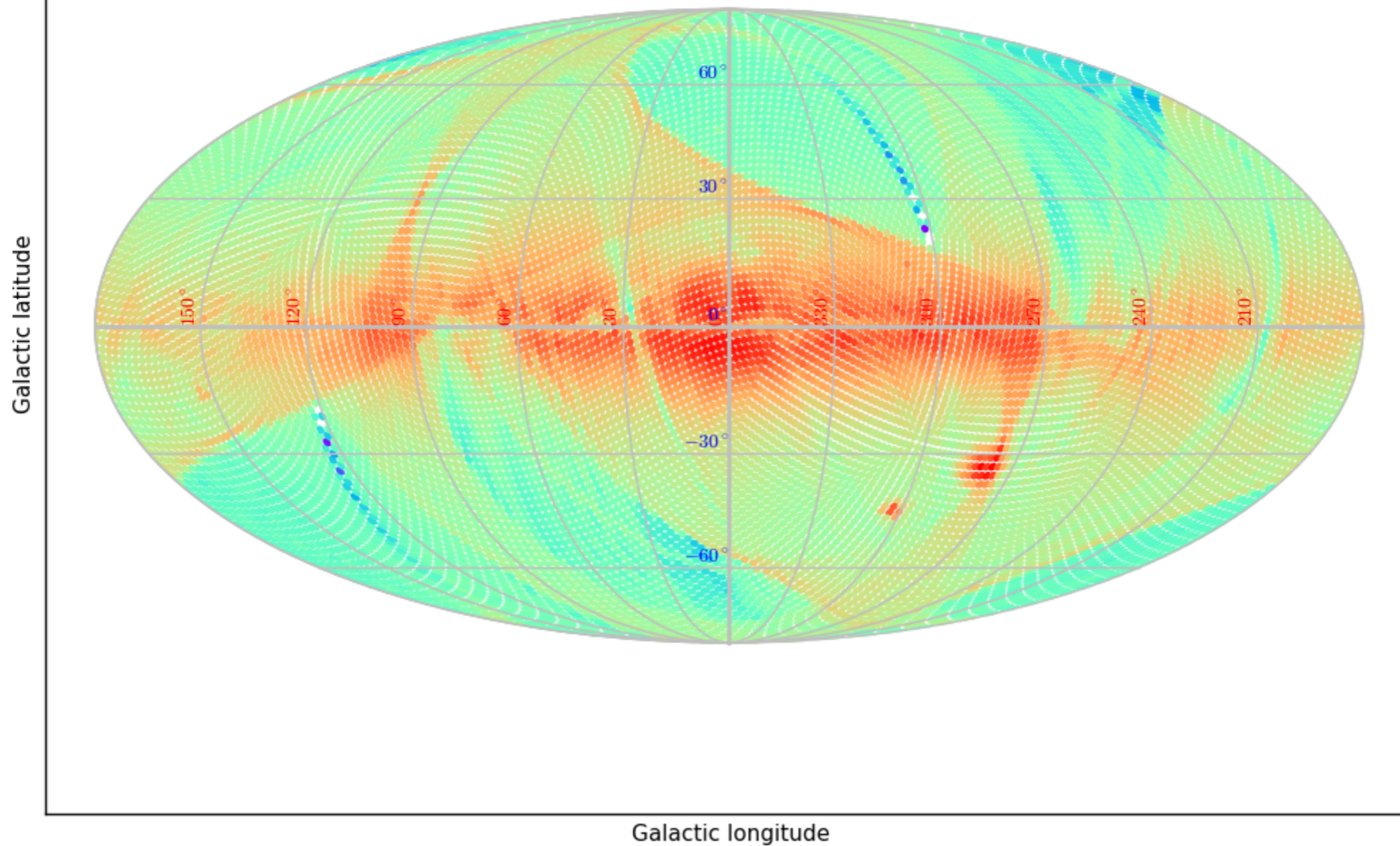
2014 Nov 22



# PROCESSING REAL GAIA DATA


Map of all Gaia transits

2014 Nov 22



# WHERE GAIA IS POINTING?

[http://gaia.esac.esa.int/tomcat\\_gost/gost/](http://gaia.esac.esa.int/tomcat_gost/gost/)

Observation Forecast Tool  gaia Query Results Versions

### Events forecast submit form

Enter source name [resolved by **Simbad**]:

**Retrieve position**

Or

Choose your **CSV** file containing the target positions:  
 No file chosen  
(first 3 columns name, alpha, delta in degrees)

Enter as angular position in Equatorial coords.

**RA:**


[Deg or h:m:s]

**DEC:**


[Deg or d:m:s]

### Select an observation period FROM

Lookup is by default from 26/09/14 onward + 1 year

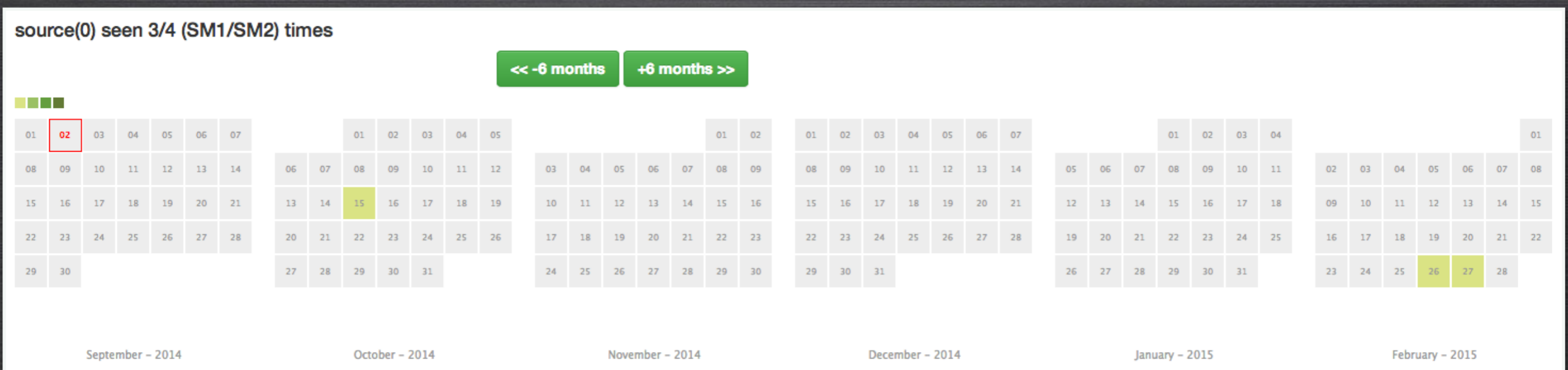


**TO:**



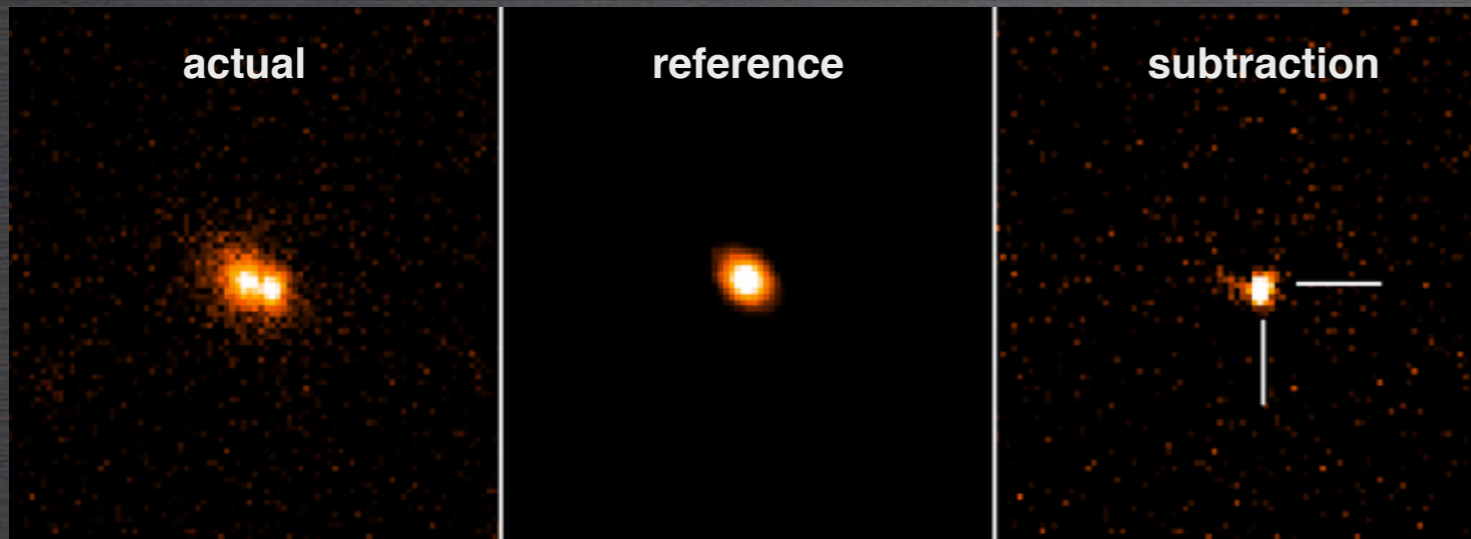
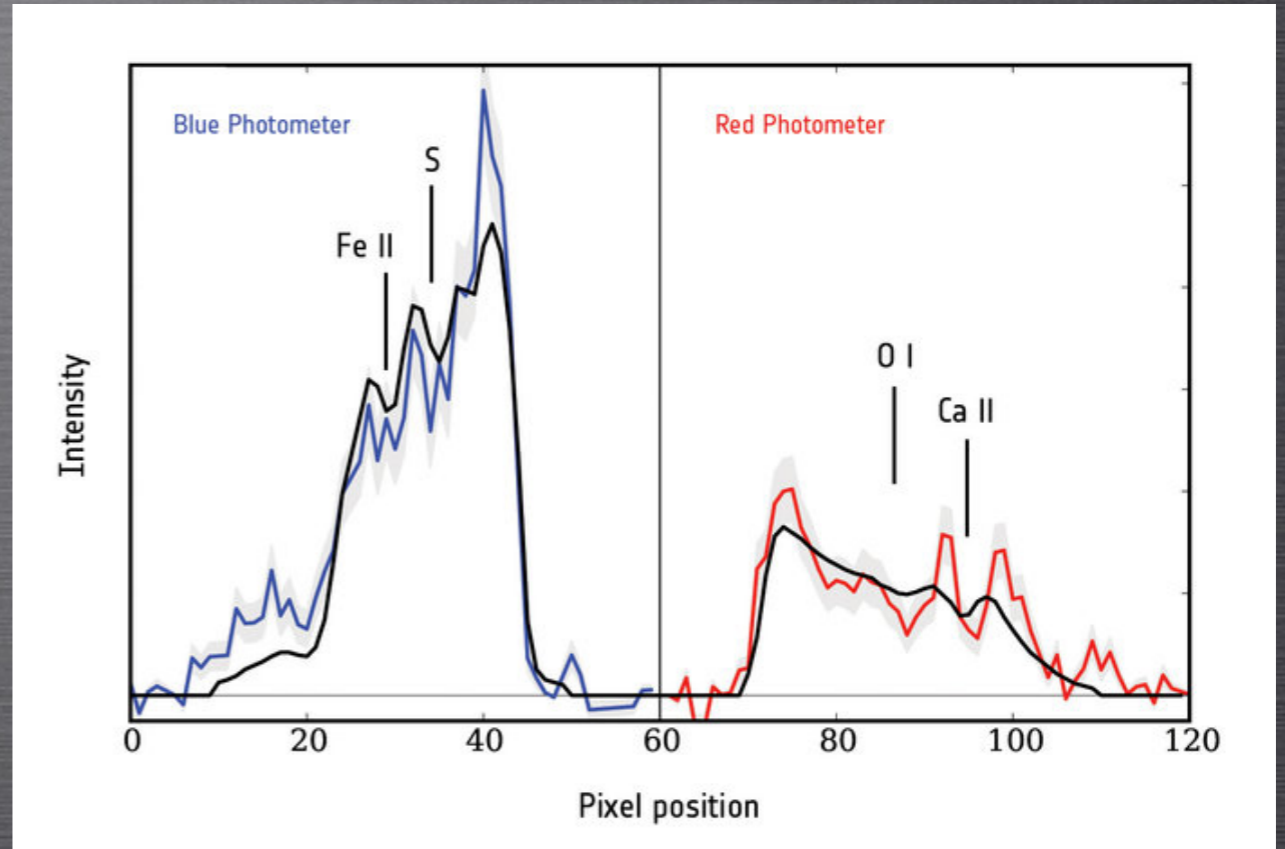
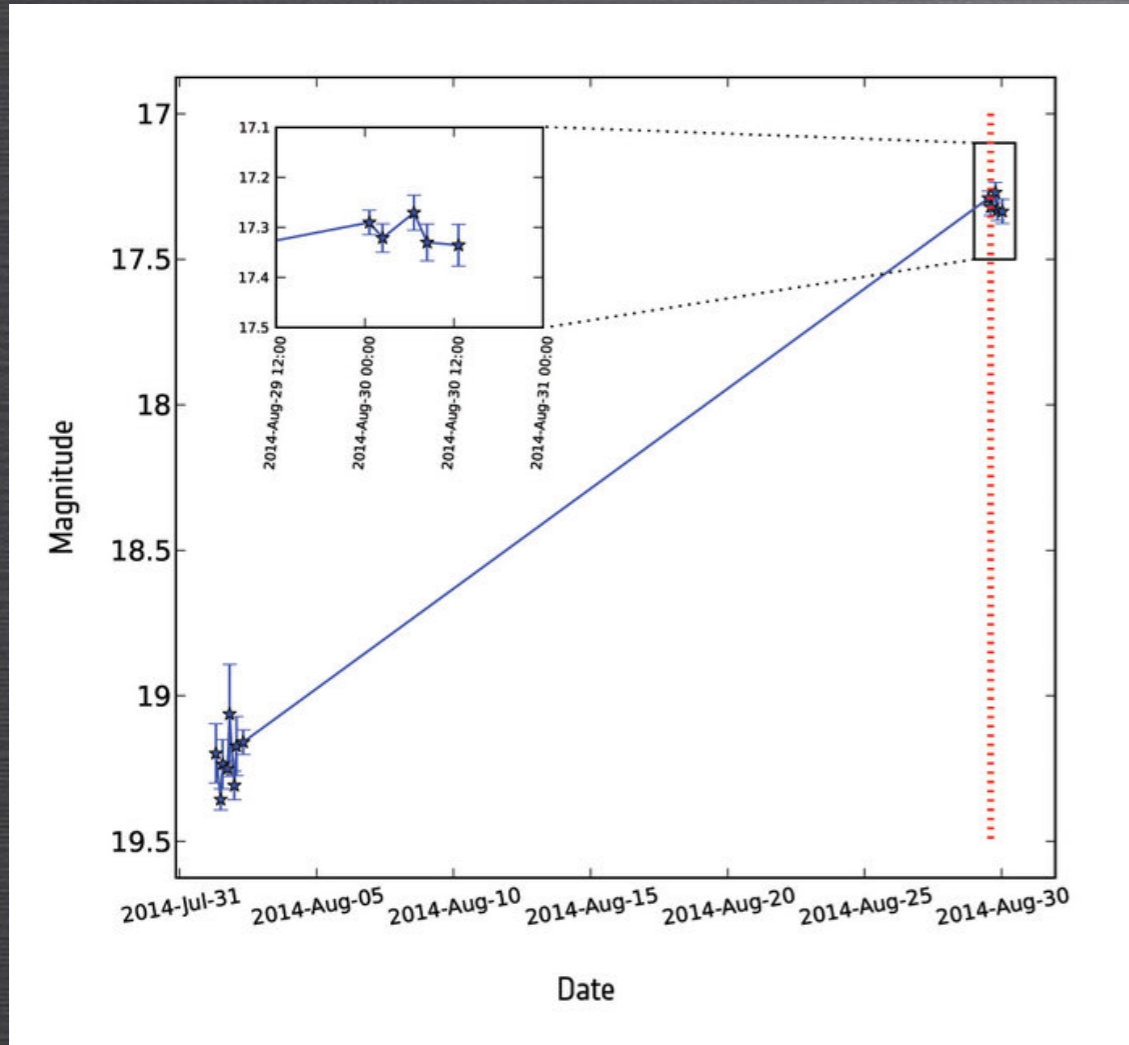
**Submit for events forecast**

I have read the warnings below and agree to continue



# FIRST CONFIRMED SN FROM GAIA

Gaia14aaa discovered on 30 Aug 2014



Found based on BPRP spectrum match!

Confirmation image from Liverpool Telescope

*raw Gaia data!*



# OTHER CONFIRMED TRANSIENTS

Gaia14abz - SN Type Ia at  $z=0.059$  (Asiago)

Gaia14acg - SN Type Ia at  $z=0.031$  (Asiago)

Gaia14act - SN Type II at  $z=0.027$  (Asiago)

Gaia14acz - SN next to SDSS galaxy at  $z=0.105$

Gaia14aat - Dwarf Nova (Liverpool Telescope)

Gaia Verification @ WHT (Rixon et al):

Gaia14aae - AM CnV, a'ka ASASSN-14cn

Gaia14aaf - CV

Gaia14aai - M flare

Gaia14aau - M Flare

Gaia14abg - CV

Gaia14abq - M Flare

Gaia14abr - M Flare

# ALERTS VERIFICATION PHASE

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



## Gaia in the UK

Taking the Galactic Census

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## Gaia Photometric Science Alerts: Validation Phase

Welcome! We have begun the experiment to validate our AlertPipe software. This software discovers, classifies and publishes Gaia Photometric Science Alerts. We are right at the beginning of the journey, and invite you to join in.

On this web page we are publishing coordinates and photometry for a manually selected subset of alerts as part of our validation process. These sources and the contents of the webpages come with a number of caveats (details below). The methodology used to find the alerts is also described below.

If you do measure any data for these targets, then please let us know (via [Contact page](#) and choose the category: Science alerts), and if possible we'd like to get a copy of your data (e.g. via ftp) for inclusion in our verification analysis together with data from collaborating observatories:

[http://www.ast.cam.ac.uk/ioa/wikis/gsawgwiki/index.php/Working\\_groups](http://www.ast.cam.ac.uk/ioa/wikis/gsawgwiki/index.php/Working_groups). Anything we use will be credited. Similarly, if you do publish any ATELS, articles, etc, then please do let us know.

If you publish any results based on these Gaia discoveries, we would appreciate an acknowledgement along the lines of: "We acknowledge ESA Gaia, DPAC and the Photometric Science Alerts Team (<http://gaia.ac.uk/selected-gaia-science-alerts>)".

# ALERTS VERIFICATION PHASE

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

Name	UTC timestamp	RA	Dec	AlertMag	HistMag	HistStdDev	Class	Comment
Gaia14ade	2014-11-11 08:25:59	357.71672	28.98319	17.78	19.30	0.13	unknown	very blue star: CV?
Gaia14add	2014-11-11 04:44:38	182.15532	11.99387	17.70	18.71	0.04	unknown	QSO at z=0.36. Brightening of 1 mag
Gaia14adc	2014-11-06 02:55:24	316.06927	51.32732	15.92	18.10	0.06	unknown	Very red spectrum, possible Mira
Gaia14adb	2014-10-29 00:13:52	181.30013	21.83836	18.61	20.06	0.06	unknown	Near SDSS galaxy SDSS J120512.03+215018.1 with photometric redshift z=0.05
Gaia14ada	2014-09-10 01:32:01	208.40506	34.82615	18.73	19.68	0.05	unknown	blue star, now faded, ROSAT source within error, CV?
Gaia14acz	2014-11-01 23:47:20	211.56593	36.38459	18.96	Not known	Not known	unknown	blue in BP/RP; 5 arcsec from SDSS galaxy z=0.105
Gaia14acy	2014-10-26 21:01:38	10.16959	-28.95650	18.41	19.63	0.06	unknown	Galaxy (2dFGRS TGS287Z263), small offset?
Gaia14acx	2014-10-27 09:33:08	240.01542	33.18725	15.24	20.20	0.02	CV	Known Dwarf Nova: VW CrB (Blue SDSS star r=19.9, very blue in BP/RP)
Gaia14acw	2014-10-24 03:35:31	37.28835	-32.96673	17.61	18.39	0.04	unknown	
Gaia14acv	2014-10-25 07:06:23	182.44766	29.73023	18.40	18.97	0.03	unknown	very blue SDSS star at r=19.2
Gaia14acu	2014-10-26 00:49:49	202.47026	31.90307	18.23	19.18	0.08	unknown	SDSS star at r=20
Gaia14act	2014-10-26 06:05:30	185.09378	28.41434	18.43	Not known	Not known	SN II	offset from SDSS galaxy; last non-det 2014-07-31; blue BPRP spectrum

# ALERTS VERIFICATION PHASE

Gaia Follow-Up Network for Transient Objects = Gaia-FUN-TO

why?

- check if an alert is real
- to weed out errors from the pipeline
- to classify (phot+spec) or confirm BP / RP classification

**open to everyone !**

requirements for follow-up:

- ideally: fully robotic telescope
- rapid response (<24h)
- automated photometric processing
- data submission to common repository

**You can still join us!**  
email: LW @ astrouw.edu.pl

# ACTIVE FOLLOW-UP PARTNERS

## NORTH

Loiano, Italy, 1.5m

APT2, Italy, 0.8m

TNT, Italy, 0.72m

Mercator, La Palma (Swiss Time), 1.2m

Konkoly, Hungary, 1m, 0.6/0.9/1.8m, 0.5m

PIRATE, Mallorca (Open University), 0.43m

pt5m, La Palma (Sheffield), 0.5m

Vienna, Austria, 1.5m

ASV, Serbia, 0.6m

Tubitak, Turkey, 1.5m, 1m, 0.6m

Wroclaw, Poland, 0.6m

Ostrowik, Poland, 0.6m

Italian Supernova Project, Italy, 0.53m

Wise, Israel, 1m, 0.7m, 0.45m

OHP, France, 1.2m

## SOUTH

Swiss Euler, La Silla, 1.2m

Danish/Czech, La Silla, 1.54m

GROND, La Silla, 2.2m

SAAO, South Africa, 1.9m, 1m

*OGLE, La Campanas, 1.3m*

*MOA, New Zealand, 2m*

# FOLLOW-UP CALIBRATION SERVER

for Gaia Science Alerts Photometric Follow-up

## GAIA SCIENCE ALERTS

Cambridge Photometric Calibration Server manual



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last update: 30 July 2012

## UPLOADING THE FOLLOW-UP DATA

<http://gaia020.ast.cam.ac.uk:5000> (temporary site)

http://gsaweb.ast.cam.ac.uk/followup

### Follow-up Data Uploading Form

Event ID:

Hash tag:

MJD OBS:

Exposure time:

Filter:

SExtractor catalog:

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[Browse Event Streams](#) | [Browse Skyalert Feeds](#) | [my Feeds and Alerts](#)

Portfolio: <ivo://nvo.caltech/voeventnet/catot#1111181120424127237>

From the [CRTS](#) stream.  
Catalina Real-time Transient Survey  
Position is 118.19689,12.37233 ± 0.0012  
This portfolio initiated 2011-11-18 05:32:05  
Also available is the [JSON representation of this portfolio](#).

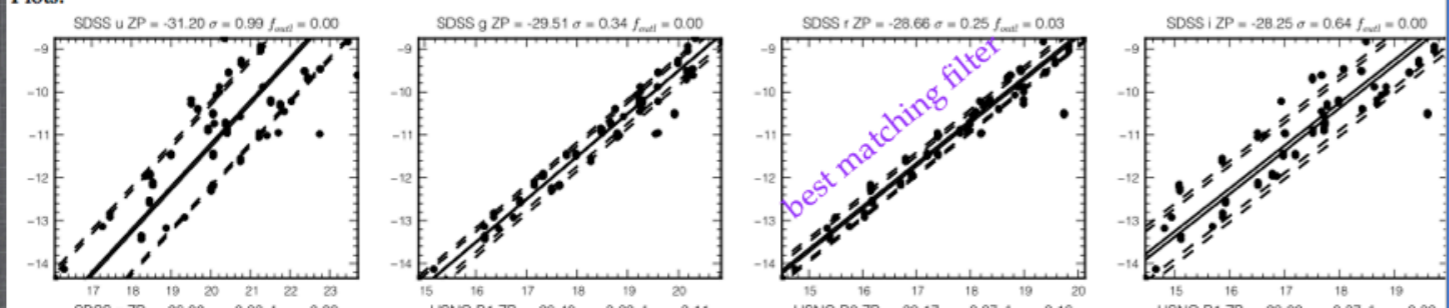
Your unique access name / pass  
(provided by Cambridge)

## RESULT OF CALIBRATIONS

Hi 536c \*\*\*\*\*

Upload done from IP 131.111.70.231 from hashtag 536 \*\*\*\*\*  
EventId : ivo://nvo.caltech/voeventnet/catot#1106101350644123477

Ra : 214.61884  
Dec : 35.71373  
Filter: SDSS / r *← best matching filter (data will be stored as in this filter)*  
Magnitude: 18.1738541917 +/- 0.0142 mag *← calibrated magnitude*  
ZP: -28.6588541917 *← zero point*  
Scatter: 0.248369741493 mag



Database:

Ra	Dec	N_follow-up
59.71914	1.55959	-
49.69022	21.57691	-

REQUIRED SExtractor FIELDS:

```
# ALPHA_J2000 Right ascension of barycenter (J2000) [deg]
# DELTA_J2000 Declination of barycenter (J2000) [deg]
then, either:
# MAG_APER Fixed aperture magnitude vector [mag]
# MAGERR_APER RMS error vector for fixed aperture mag. [mag]
or:
# MAG_AUTO Automatic aperture magnitude [mag]
# MAGERR_AUTO RMS error for automatic aperture mag. [mag]
```

access can be fully automatised

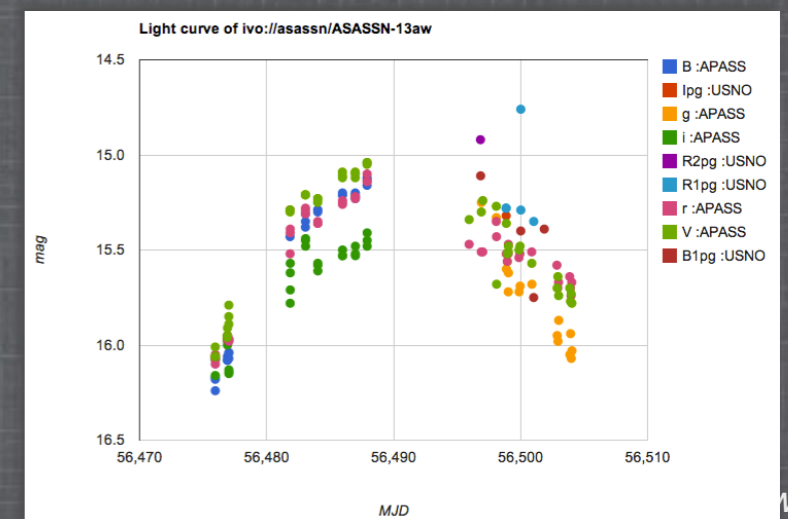
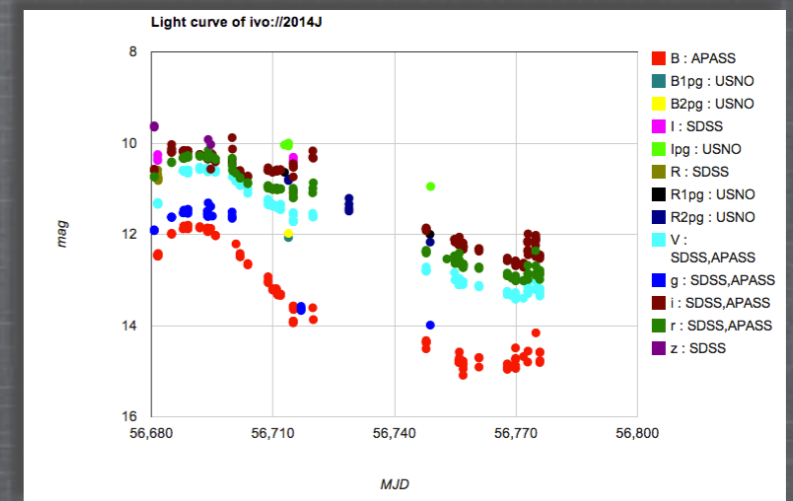
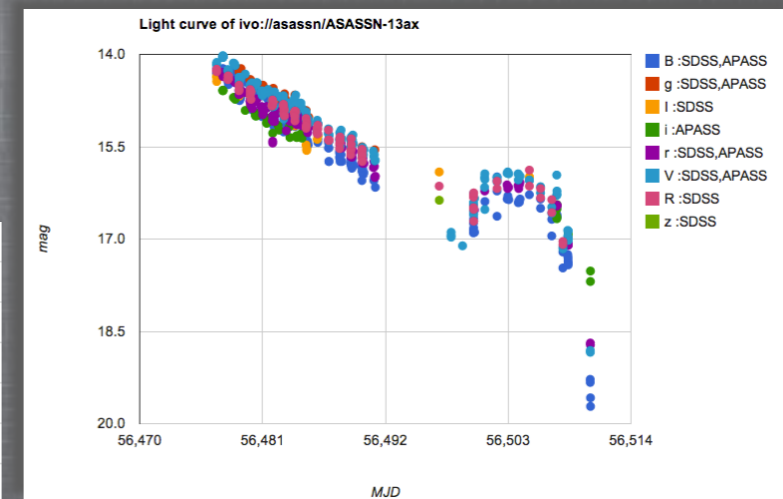
software developed by Sergey Koposov, IoA

# ALERTS VERIFICATION PHASE

About 15 observatories, >3000 observations of about 50 targets in 2013/14

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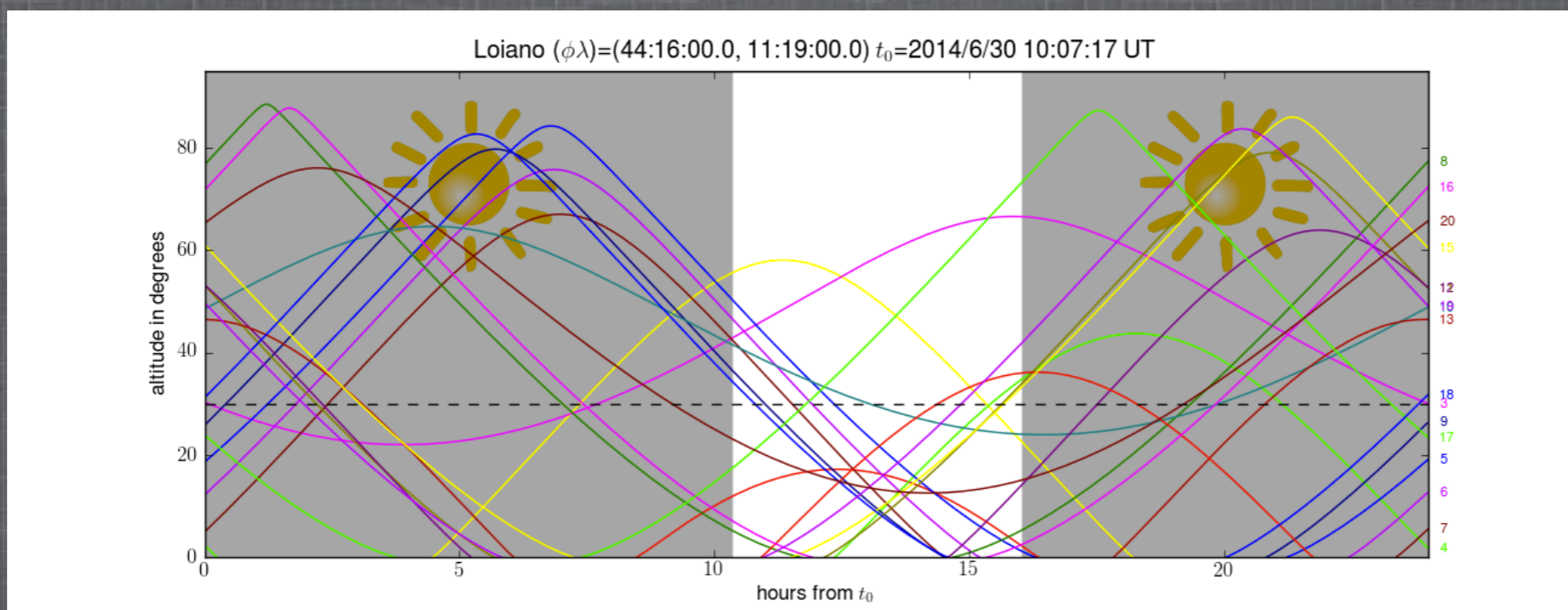
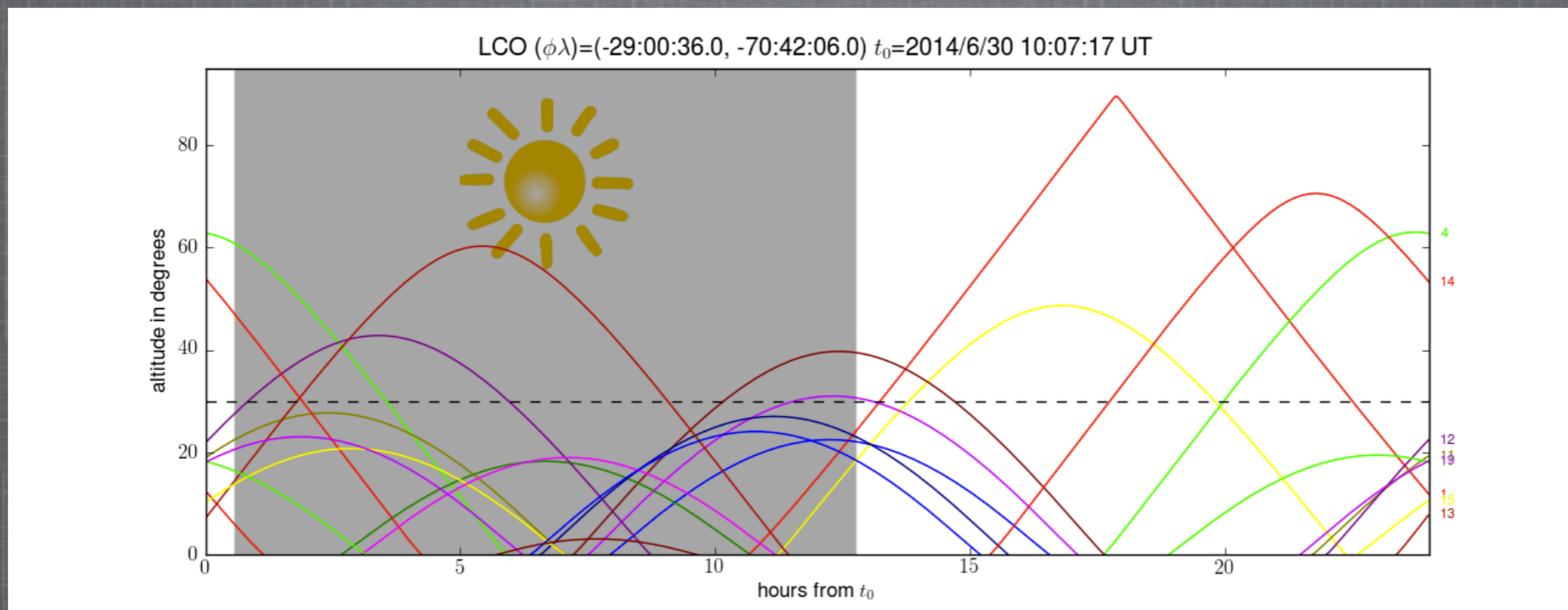
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18	admin	None	None	6
49	Aleks Scholtz James Gregory Telescope 0.94 St.Andrews,UK	-2.8	56.3	0
16	Alex Ball-SMARTS1.3	70.815	-30.16527778	145
1	AnonymousFollowUpAccount	0.0	0.0	0
9	AshishMahabalEulerLaSillaChile	-70.73	-29.257	28
7	AshishMahabalGOIndia	73.666667	19.083333	0
10	AshishMahabalP60	-116.863889	33.355833	0
8	AshishMahabalSAAO1.9SA	20.811642	-32.378961	0
15	AshishMahabal-SMARTS1.3	70.815	-30.16527778	0
27	BAS NAO 2m Rozhen	24.74	41.7	0
28	BAS NAO 60cm Rozhen	24.74	41.7	0
29	BAS NAO Rozhen 50/70cm Schmidt	24.74	41.7	0
30	Belogradchik, AO, 60cm, Bulgaria	22.67	43.62	0
14	Colin Snodgrass, RoboNET	0.0	0.0	0
31	Gabor Marschalko, Konkoly, Piszkesteto Mountain Station, Hungary	19.8953	47.9181	60
5	GiuseppeAltavillaAPT2CataniaItaly	14.974722	37.693056	0
3	GiuseppeAltavillaAsiagoObservatoryItaly	11.571375	45.843389	0
2	GiuseppeAltavillaLoianoObservatoryItaly	11.333889	44.259167	0
4	GiuseppeAltavillaTNTTeramoItaly	13.733333	42.6575	0
6	GiuseppeAltavillaToppoNaplesItaly	15.463333	40.817778	0
43	Giuseppe Leto APT2 Catania	14.974722	37.693056	4
26	Goran Damjanovic, ASV, Serbia	21.55	43.15	201
36	Heather Campbell	0.0	0.0	0
41	Irek Khamitov T100	2.02222	36.825278	38
42	Irek Khamitov T60	2.02222	36.825278	10
34	Krzysztof Ulaczyk, Ostrowik, Warsaw	21.42	52.08972	52
33	Krzysztof Ulaczyk, test account	0.0	0.0	0
24	Lukasz Wyrzykowski, OGLE, Las Campanas	-70.7	-29.2	0
23	Milan Bogosavljevic, Astronomical Station Vidoejevica 60cm, Serbia	21.555666	43.140166	0
22	Montarrenti Observatory, Siena, Italy	11.18	43.23	22



# ALERTS VERIFICATION PHASE

Follow-up planning for the network of telescopes

<http://www.astro.uw.edu.pl/~kulaczyk/ephem/>



Tool by Krzysztof Ulaczyk



WP11  
Time-domain  
astronomy



# GAIA SCIENCE ALERTS WORKSHOPS

2010-Cambridge

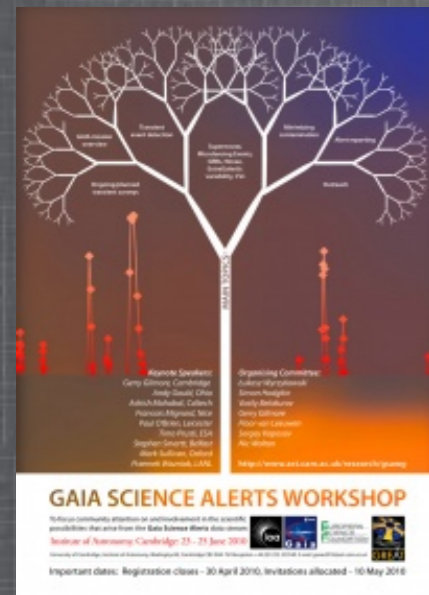
2011-Cambridge

2012-Bologna

2013-Paris

2014-Warsaw

(2015-Liverpool)



2013 - 2016 Gaia Time-domain Photometric Follow-up supported by OPTICON, WP11: Time-domain astronomy (HQ: Warsaw)

Archive of slides and videos:

<http://www.ast.cam.ac.uk/ioa/wikis/gsaawgwiki>