



Solar System science Gaia and LSST

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Big questions concerning asteroids

- Formation and evolution of Earth
 - Bringing water to Earth
 - The Earth dynamical environment (Potentially Hazardous Asteroids)
- Formation of our Solar System
 - Traces of the primordial formation
 - Dynamical evolution
- Formation and evolution of other planetary systems
- Small bodies (asteroids, comets, TNOs...) as remnants of the planet formation processes

Motivations for Solar System / asteroid studies

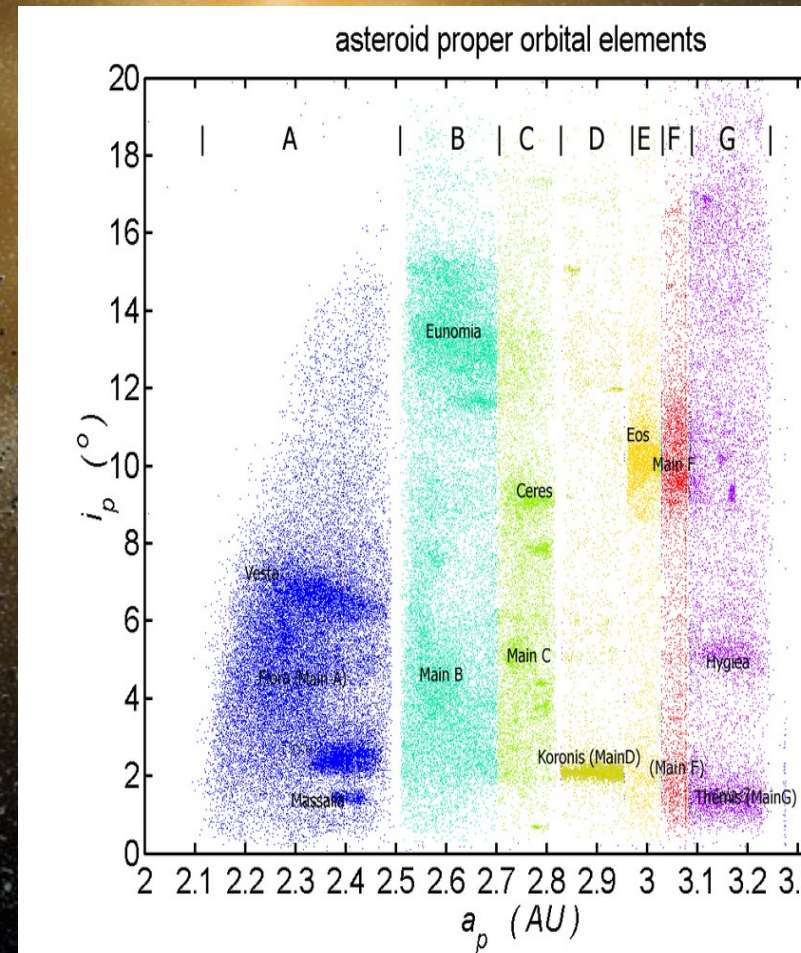
How big did the asteroids/planetesimals formed?

Are there some primordial objects left?

Degree of radial mixing □ dynamical evolution

Were primordial objects differentiated?

Composition and internal structure of asteroids



Past and future surveys

2005

2014

2020

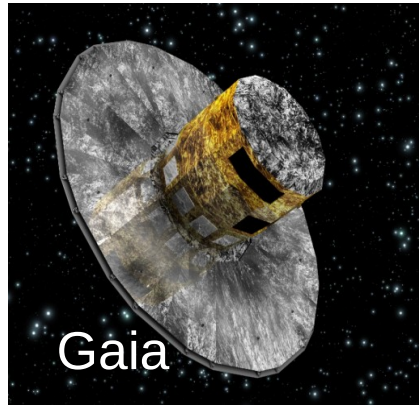
2030



SDSS

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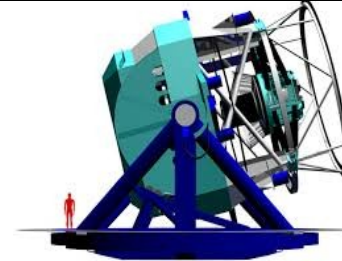
Catalina Sky Survey



Gaia



Large Synoptic Survey Telescope



Starts when Gaia ends

Gaia and the Solar System



- Gaia will NOT collect observations of « large » bodies (> 600 mas)
 - Main Planets, large satellites
- Comets
- « Small » planetary satellites
 - « regular »
 - « irregular » (retrograde orbits)

- Asteroids (~ 300.000)
 - Mainly Main Belt Asteroids (MBA)
 - Several Near Earth Crossers (NEO)
 - Other populations (trojans, Centaurs,...)

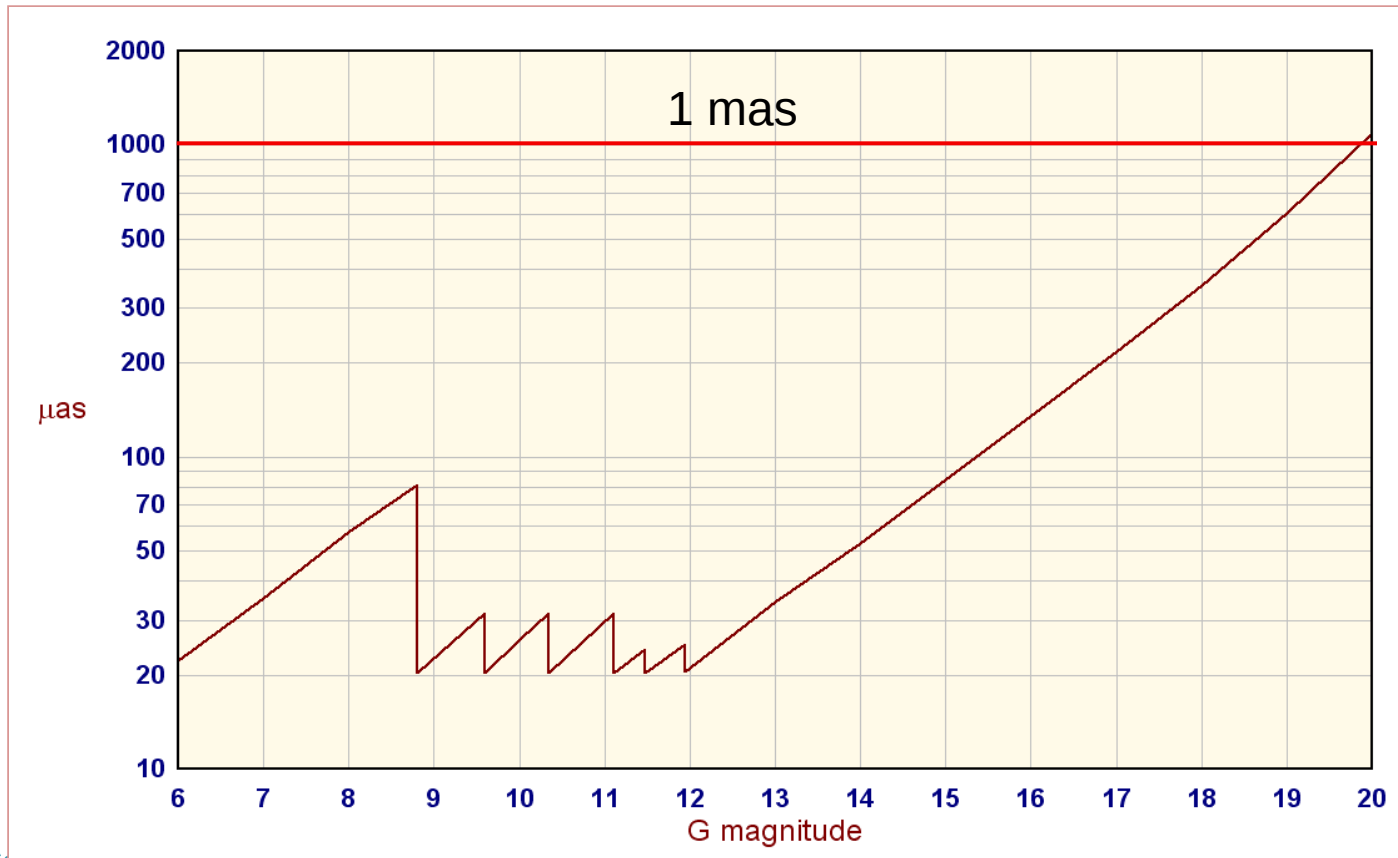
...poorly known in general:

- > 600.000 identified
- 50% « good » orbit; $< 1\%$ rotation period; $< 0.1\%$ approx. shape;
 $< 0.5\%$ spectral type; $< 0.01\%$ mass.

$6 < V < 20$, size
 < 600 mas
 ~ 70 observations /
object

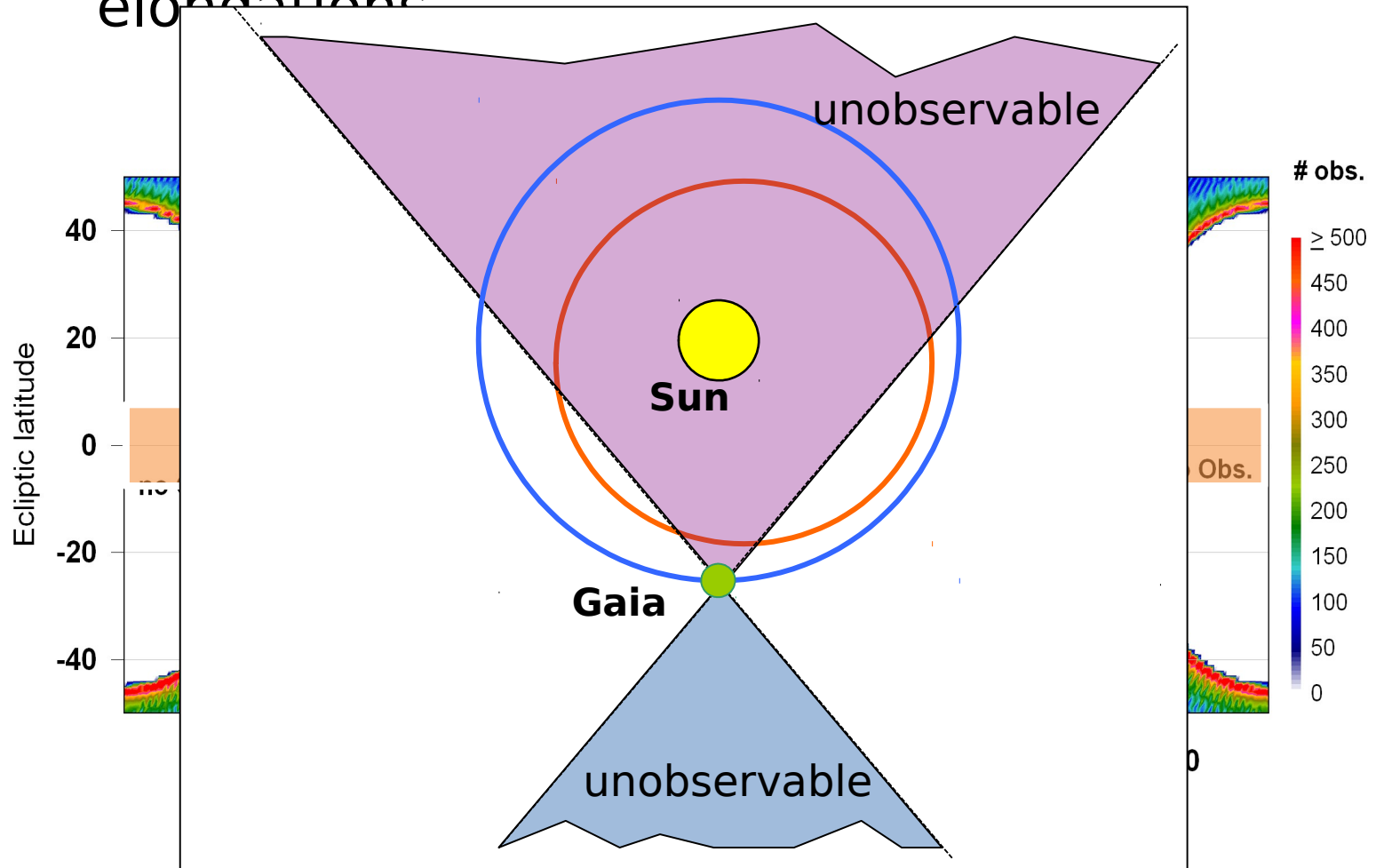
Astrometric accuracy: single observation

- Small field accuracy with final attitude
- Single observation accuracy \square orbit refinement (x 100)
 - one field transit, final attitude
 - point source



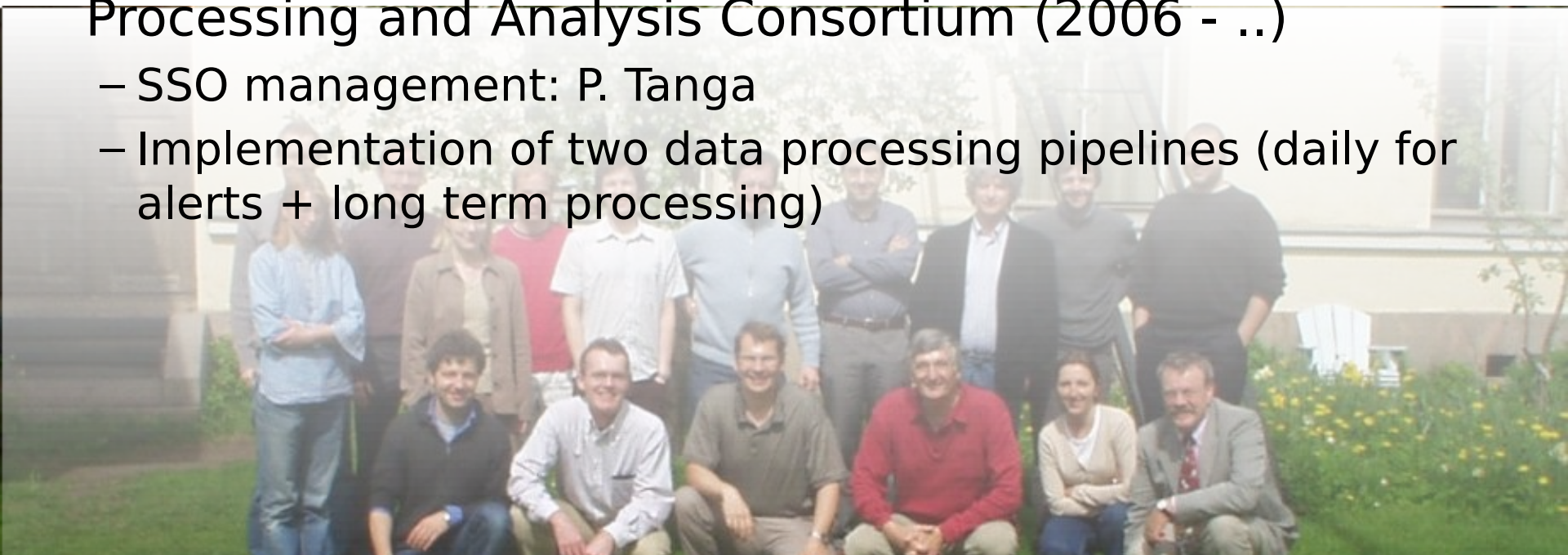
Gaia peculiar scanning

Solar System objects only at preferred elongations



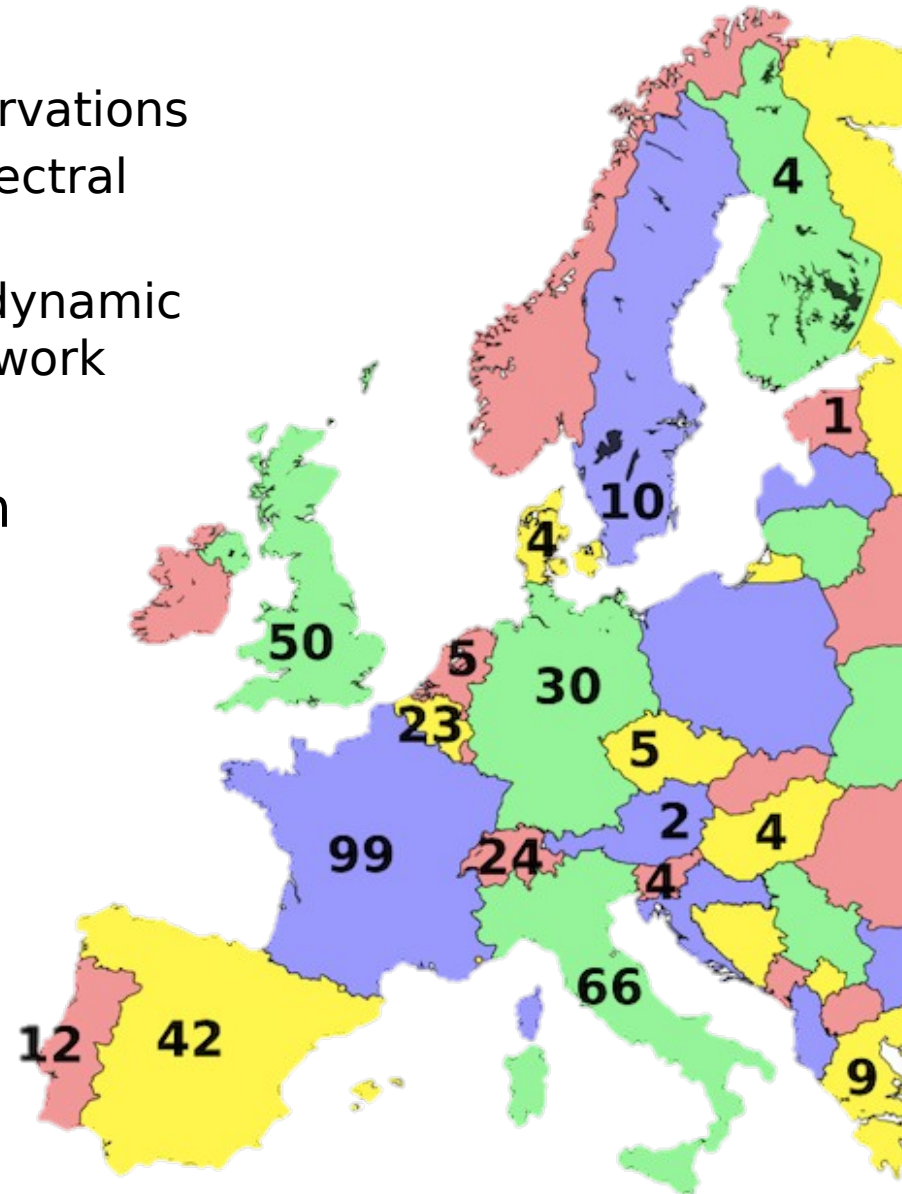
The scientific community, Solar System and Gaia

- before 2000 : preliminary studies
- 2001 – 2005 : Solar System Working Group
 - coordinator: F. Mignard
 - main achievements:
 - preliminary assessment of performance and science outcome
 - identification of problematic technical issues
- Smooth transition to Coordination Unit 4 inside the Data Processing and Analysis Consortium (2006 - ..)
 - SSO management: P. Tanga
 - Implementation of two data processing pipelines (daily for alerts + long term processing)



Strong implication of the French community

- For the Solar System:
 - Besançon □ “threading” of the observations
 - Nice □ coordination, simulations, spectral properties, photometry inversion
 - Paris □ object identification, global dynamic model, ground-based follow-up network
- Data Processing Center : CNES in Toulouse (specific team)
- Expertise useful for LSST ?



Identified goals for Solar System science

Astrometry

- Systematic survey - **discoveries possible (in particular at low solar elongations)**
- Orbits : X 100 improvement
- Perihelion precession for 300 planets : GR tests
- Masses from close encounters ~ **100 masses expected**
- Discoveries of new objects

CCD signal

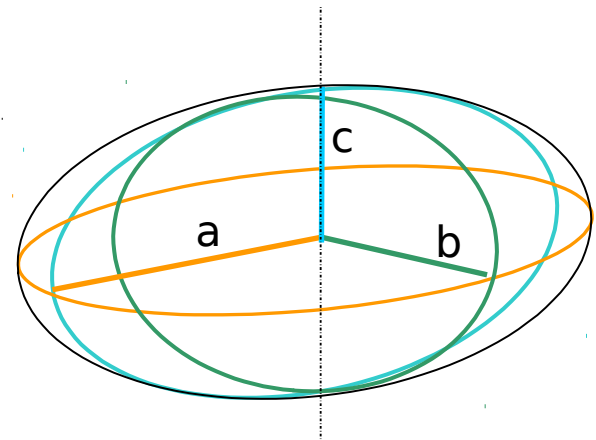
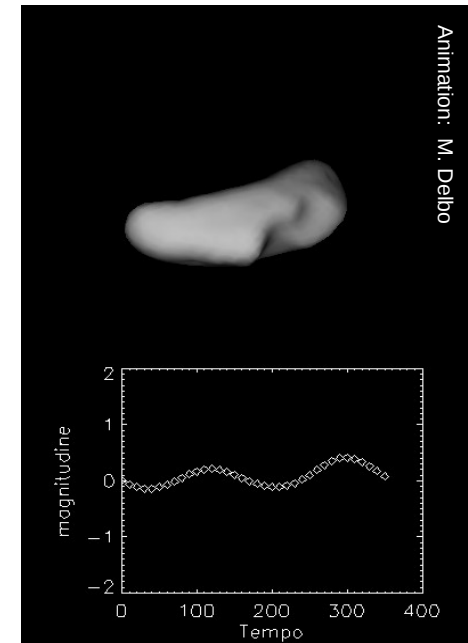
- Diameter **for over 100s asteroids** (\square density)
- Binary asteroids (separate sources > 120 mas)

RP/BP spectrophot

- Spectro-photometric data: **composition, taxonomic classification**
- Sparse photometry over 5 years : **rotation, pole, shape**

Photometry □ Shapes

- Inverse problem:
 - find the rotation parameters from photometric data
 - strongly non linear
 - usually solved from “dense” light curves (~ 100 s-1000 observations)
- Choice for Gaia:
 - Three-axial ellipsoids
 - Genetic algorithm for determining 7 parameters:
 - Semi-axis (a, b, c)
 - Pole coordinates (λ, β)
 - Rotation period (T)
 - Slope magnitude vs. phase angle (□ scattering)
- LSST: much better time sampling

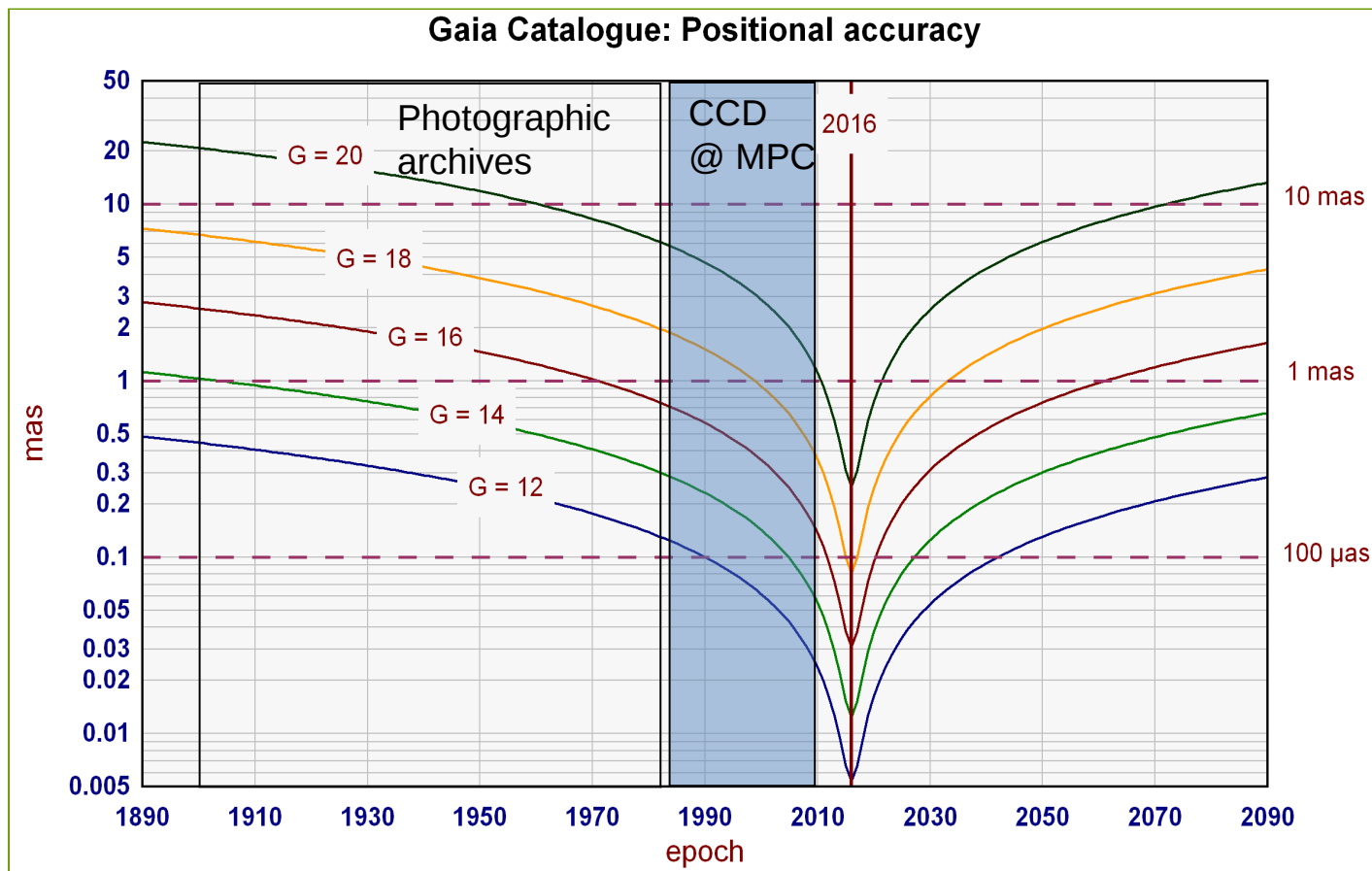


Our knowledge – before and after Gaia

Property	today	Gaia
astrometry	~ 0"5	0"005
orbits	~ 0"1-100"	x30 times
shapes, poles	100	~100,000
rotation periods	4000	~100,000
satellites	~ 50 (MBA)	hard to pr
spectral types	~ 1000	~200,000
masses, $\sigma < 50\%$	~ 50	150
size	~ 500	1000

Gaia: Indirect impact for solar system science

Reprocessing “old” plates and CCD frames: very small catalogue errors

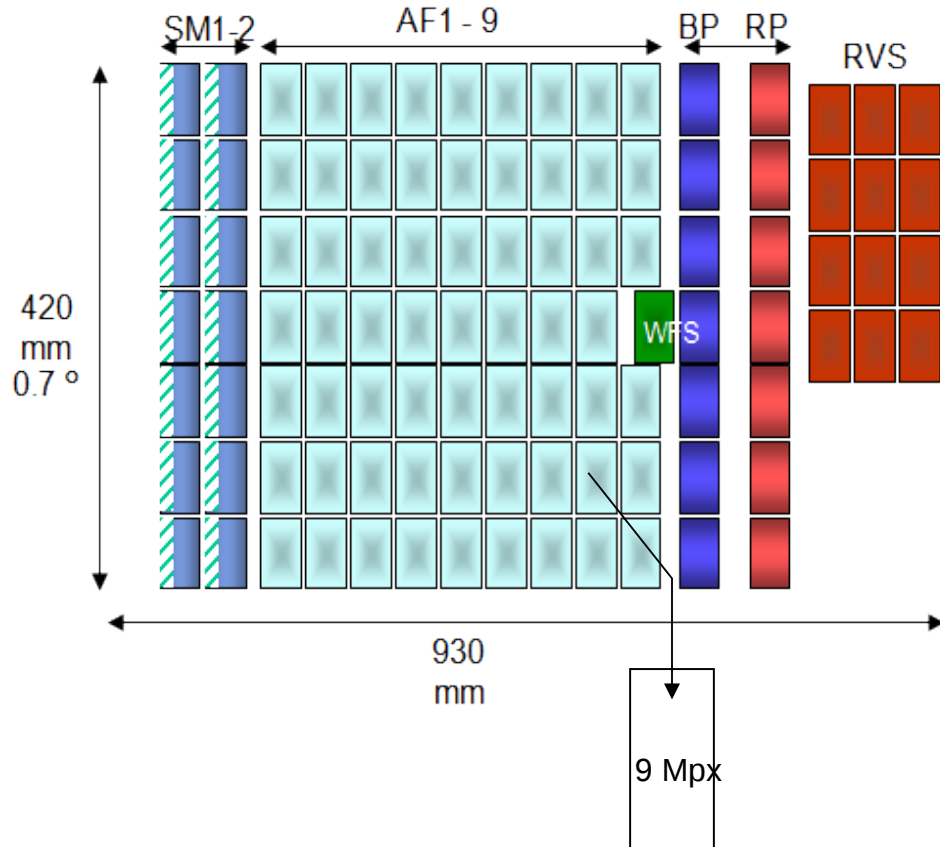


Gaia/LSST: Similarities

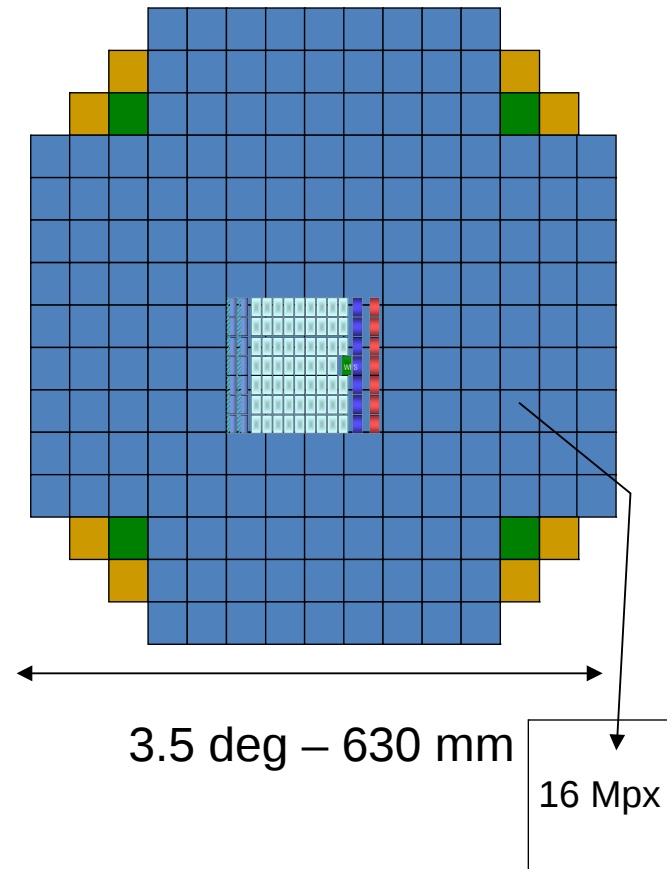
- Conceptually very close projects:
 - Integrated survey systems: observatory + telescope + camera + data management
 - No PI mode, proprietary time, proposals...
 - Ultimate delivery are the fully reduced data (not the telescope/instrument, not the raw observation)

Comparison of Focal Plane

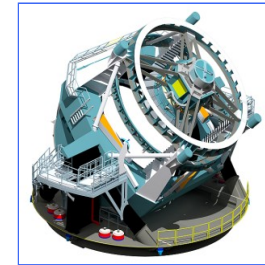
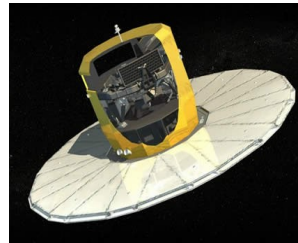
Gaia



LSST



Gaia vs. LSST - Equipment



telescope (m)

1.45x0.5 m

8.4m

FOV

1 deg²

9.5 deg²

Spectro-photometry

25 bands

6 bands

operational in

2014

2020

lifetime

5 yrs

10 yrs

duty cycle

24h/day

8h/day

short term return

106 mn

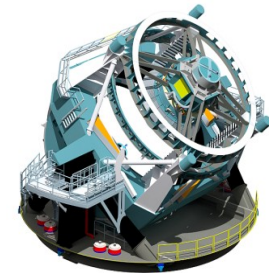
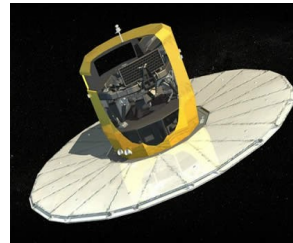
30-60 mn

return period

2 months

3 days

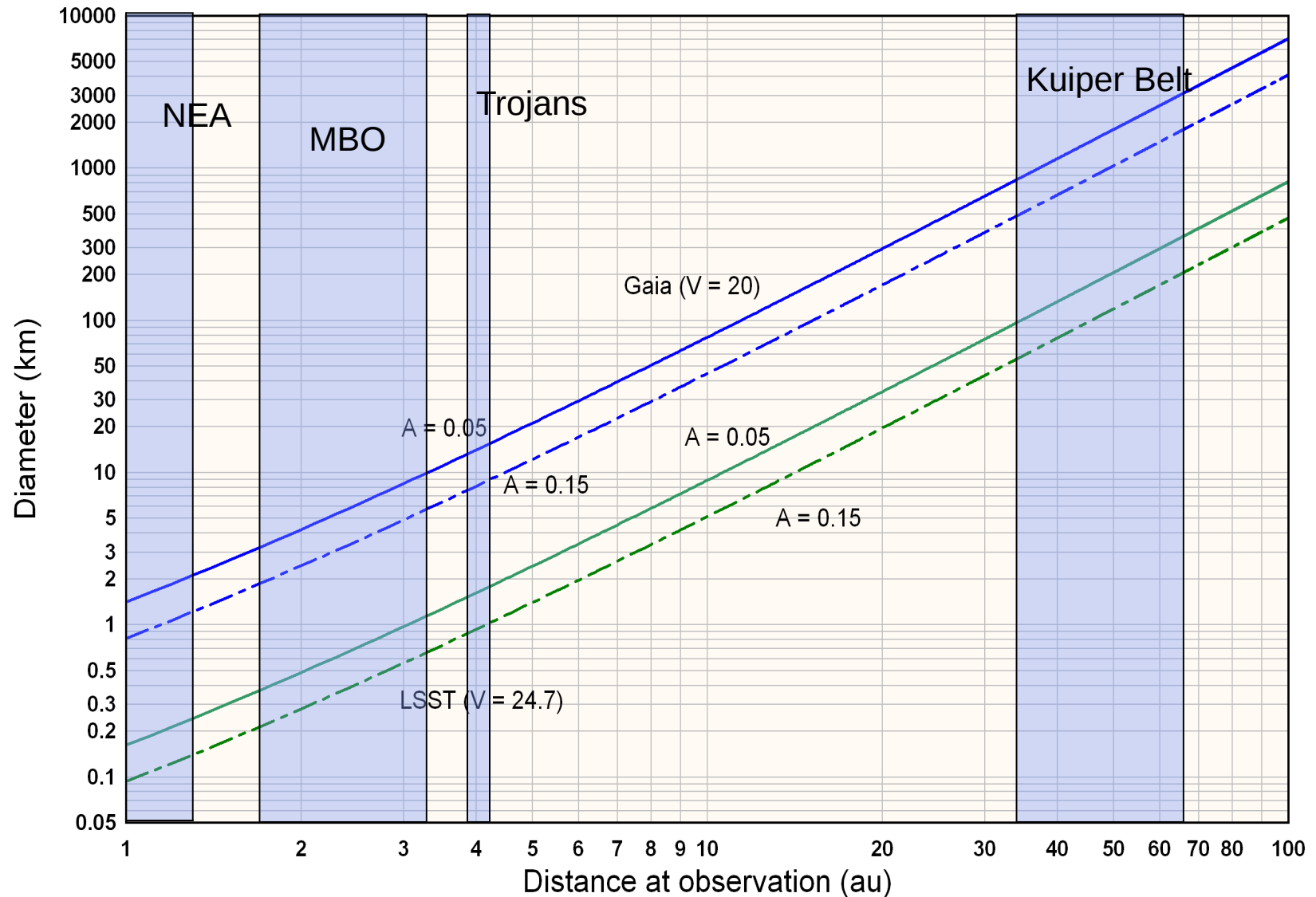
Gaia vs. LSST - Performance



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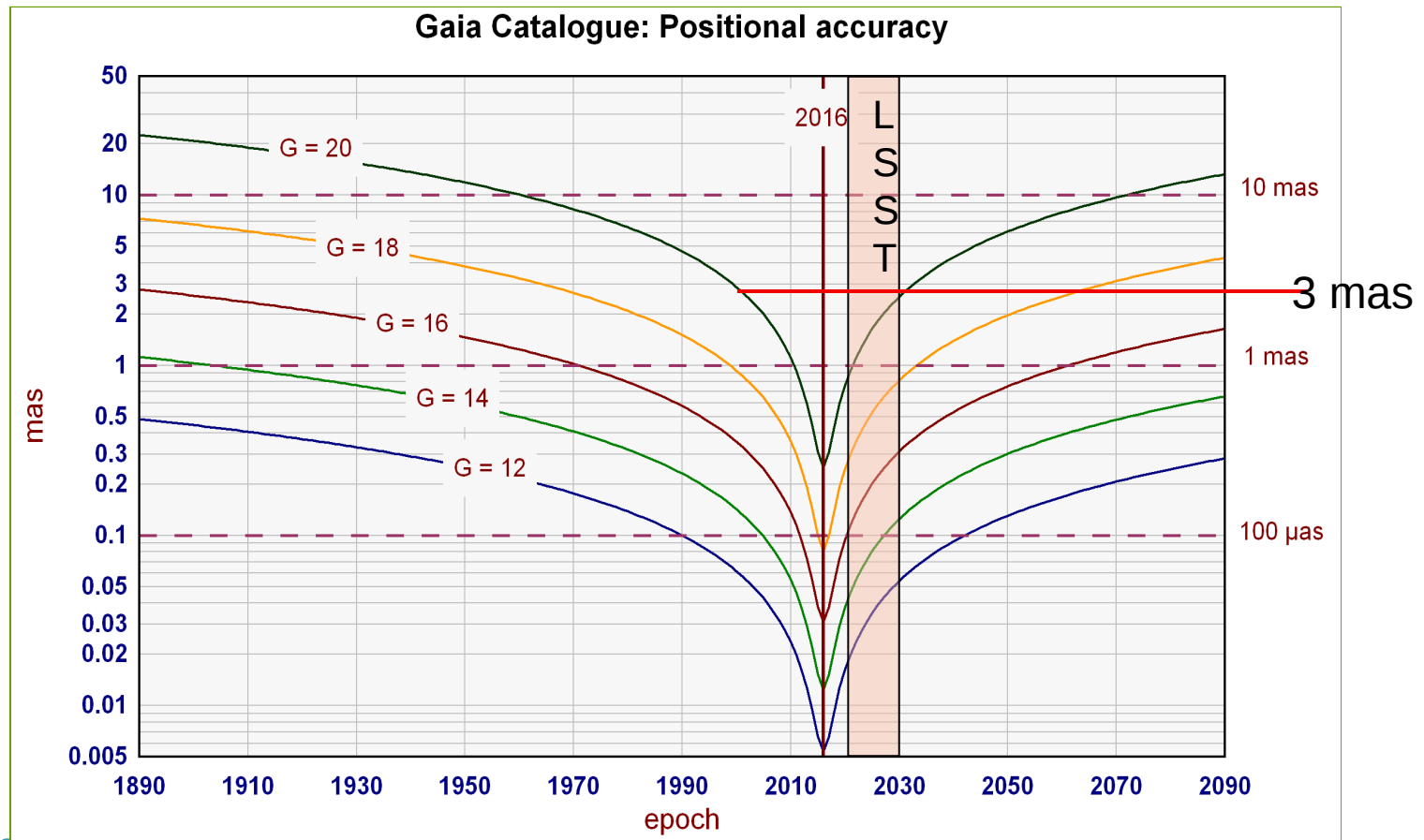
sensitivity	$V = 20$	$V = 24.5$ mag (1 visit)
number of observations	60-70	~ 800
sky coverage	full sky	~ 50% (but full ecliptic)
number of SSO sources	3×10^5	6×10^6
astrometric accuracy (single obs)	0.05 - 1 mas	10 - 80 mas
astrometric calibration	self calibration	reference stars (Gaia ?)
photometric accuracy	1-10 mmag	10-100 mmag
Spatial resolution	0.1" (~2 px)	0.7" (average seeing)

Detection capabilities: diameters



Gaia Catalogue for LSST

- Use of the Gaia catalogue for CCD processing
 - reference stars virtually error-free for LSST
 - ~ **100,000 Gaia stars in the LSST FOV !**



Overall throughput

Population	today(*)	LSST (**)
MBA	630,000	5.5x10
NEA	10,000	100,00
PHA	1500	90% D
Trojans	2000	300,00
KBO	1000	40,000

(*) : Gaia will not change much these numbers. PanSTARR can.

(**) : LSST Science Book.

Quantitative impact Gaia & LSST surveys

- Number of observations in MPC $\sim 8 \times 10^7$ $0''.4$
 - best from classical astrometry (not doppler, timings..)
 - Hipparcos with post-fit residuals
 $0''.08$ to $0''.15$
- Number of observations from Gaia $\sim 2 \times 10^7$ $0''.005$
 - reprocessing with Gaia catalogue(50% ?) $\sim 4 \times 10^7$
 $0''.02$?
- Number of observations from LSST $\sim 2 \times 10^9$ $0''.01$ -
 $0''.07$

Challenges

- Data processing most challenging for SSO :
 - coping with the daily volume
 - matching observations of the same sources taken at different time
 - photometric inversion for millions sources does not come for free
- Difference between 'potential science' from a survey and 'actual science' with fully calibrated data
- How to maintain the resource level during 'routine operations'

Thanks for your attention

