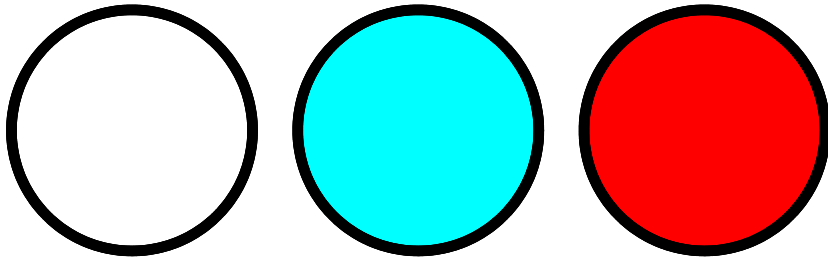


# RAPAS



# RAPAS project introduction

## SNR vs magnitude



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# RAPAS

## Réseau Amateurs Professionnels pour les Alertes Scientifiques

Introduction, AIProAm,  
Needs

Gaia induced idea  
Réduction photométrique  
Qualifier le réseau des observateurs RAPAS

# 1. Introduction : AIProAm

2022 call

by the ProAm Incentive Multi-Year Action  
of the Paris Observatory

January 10, 2022

## 1. Call by the ProAm Incentive Multi-Year Action

The ProAm Incentive Multi-Year Action (ProAm IMYA) of the Paris Observatory calls for proposals for scientific actions in the frame of Professional-Amateurs collaborations. The goal is to promote collaborations between professional and amateurs astronomers on any astronomical topic and with any technique.

**Eligibility criteria** are the following :

- the project must be a **collaboration between professional and amateur astronomers, including at least one member of the Paris Observatory**. This includes members of GEPI, IMCCE, LERMA, LESIA, LUTH, SYRTE, USN, UFE as well as the laboratories for which the Paris Observatory is a secondary administrative supervisor (APC, LPP, OSUC). Professional and amateur astronomers from any institute and country are welcome in the proposing team.
- the project must be an **astronomical research project**. This includes direct scientific collaborations as well as citizen science.

The present call concerns funding for 2022, although scientific projects can extend over several years. If the ProAm IMYA office selects a project for 2022 and additional funding is required the following years for the same project, a new proposal will have to be submitted every year showing the results already obtained. The selection of a project in 2022 does not guarantee its selection in future years. **The yearly budget of the ProAm IMYA is of the order of 25000 euros.**



# Needs

There is an increasing number of programs delivering astronomical alerts. These are related to SSO or Galactic objects or extra-Galactic events

The angular designation often requires a large FOV and deep magnitude search mode with limited exposure. The telescope Figure Of Merit in a search mode could be :

$$\text{telescope FOM} = \text{lim mag} \times \text{FOV square degree} / \text{min}$$

Amateurs with their respective observatory spread over wide longitude and latitude range and behind independant cloud coverage conditions provide optical search mode to deliver AD and Dec localisation of optical candidates with a classification to allow their photometric or even spectrometric tracking function with large telescopes.

The needs could be summarised in :

- An array of instruments spread over large territory
- Wide Field Of View Instruments  $>1^{\circ 2}$
- High magnitude detection limit  $>20$  in 1min exposure or asses lim mag vs exposure
- Unified methodology and uniform photometric data deliveries and low latency to up load data

This could provide an amateur network meeting several alerts prgm requirements

A new ProAm collaboration :

## **Le Réseau Amateurs Professionnels pour les Alertes Scientifiques (RAPAS)**

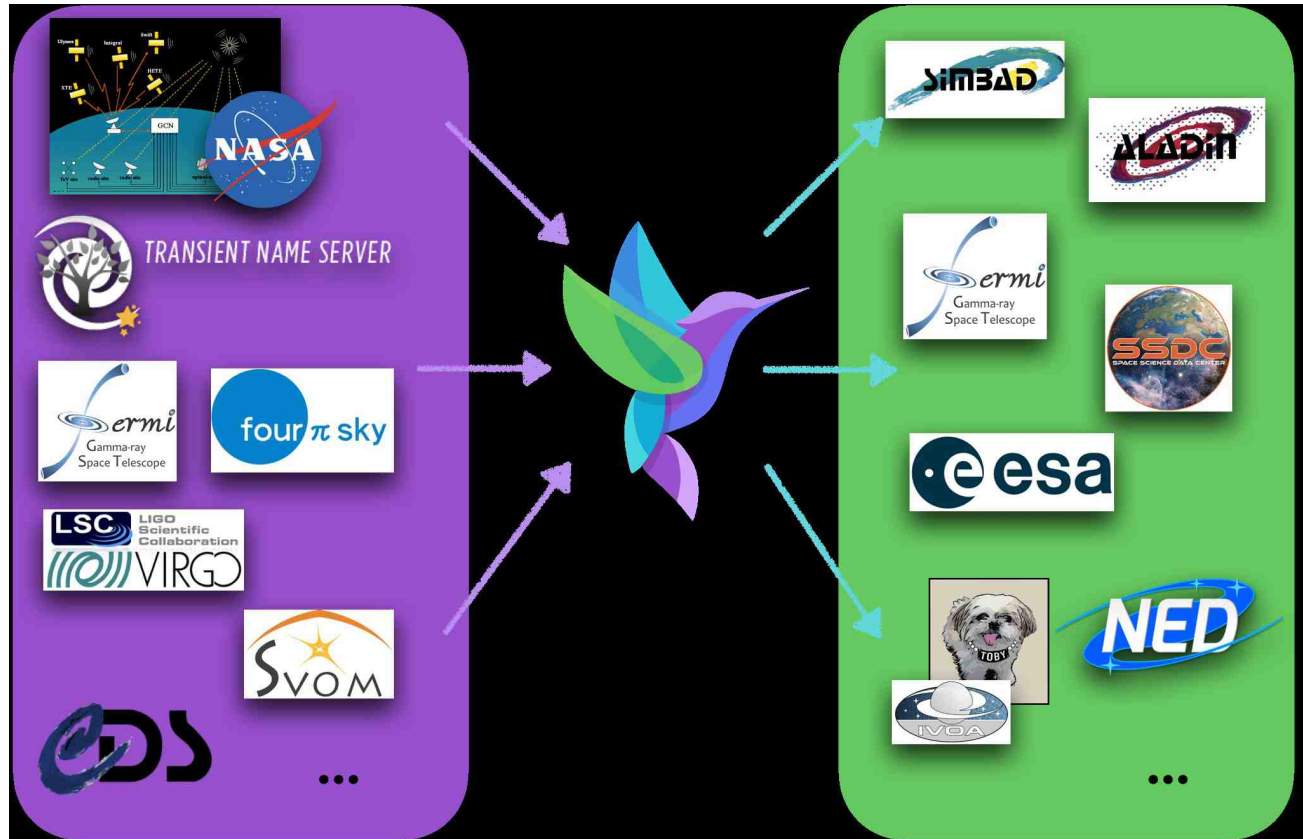
### **Amateurs-Professionals Network for Scientific Alerts**

- RAPAS project is aiming to build such a network
- We are inviting amateurs to register in this network with preliminary data related to their observatory facility.
- A workshop is scheduled on october 8th and 9th 2022 at Paris Observatory
- We will deliver to observers a filter set to unify the photometric data.
- Then the purpose is to assess the photometric accuracy of the network for the end of the year 2022.

# Astro-Colibri



Web site and App



# The Gaia induced idea :

Gaia mission delivers alerts :

- <https://gaiafunssso.imcce.fr/>
- <http://gsaweb.ast.cam.ac.uk/alerts/home>

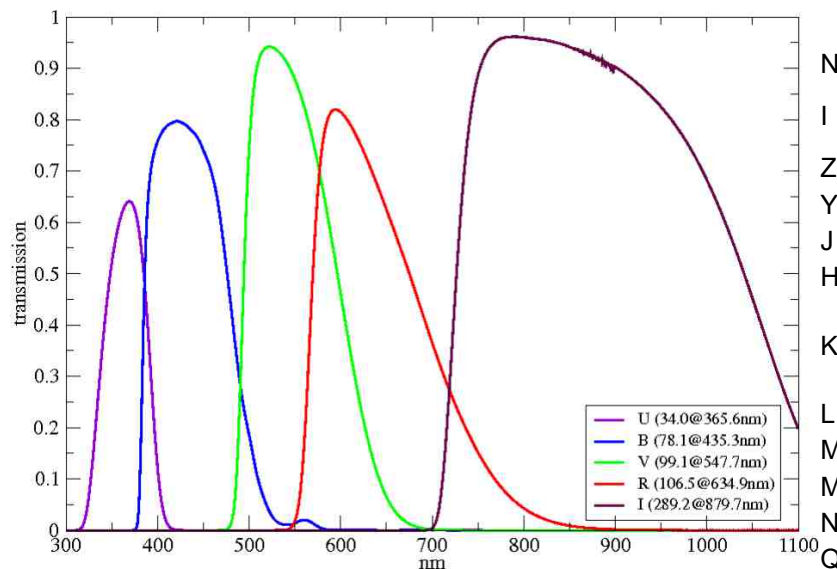
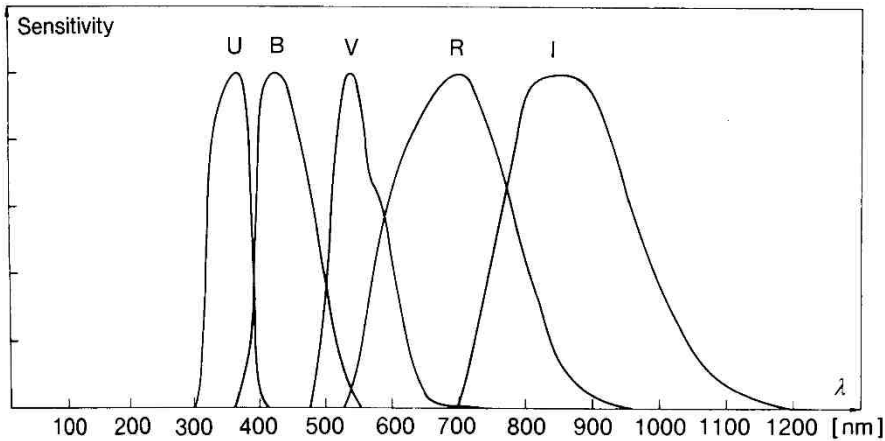
In addition Gaia provides an updated photometric catalog up to 20-21 magnitude in three wide spectral bands. This photometric system may enhance SNR and limiting magnitude of amateur telescopes and allows data reduction with this catalog.

Gaia DR3 is released on June the 13th 2022



# Discrepancies between photometric systems

➤ From Johnson and Cousins U B V R I J K L M N...



Filter Letter	Effective Wavelength Midpoint $\lambda_{\text{eff}}$ For Standard Filter <sup>[2]</sup>	Full Width Half Maximum <sup>[2]</sup> (Bandwidth $\Delta\lambda$ )	Variant(s)	Description
Ultraviolet	365 nm	66 nm	u, u', u*	"U" stands for ultraviolet.
Blue	445 nm	94 nm	b	"B" stands for blue.
Visual	551 nm	88 nm	v, v'	"V" stands for visual.
Green (visual)	590 nm	100 nm	g, g'	"G" stands for green (visual).
Red	658 nm	138 nm	r, r', R', R <sub>c</sub> , R <sub>e</sub> , R <sub>i</sub>	"R" stands for red.
Near-Infrared	806 nm	149 nm	i, i', I <sub>c</sub> , I <sub>e</sub> , I <sub>j</sub>	"I" stands for infrared.
Z	900 nm <sup>[3]</sup>		z, z'	
Y	1020 nm	120 nm	y	
J	1220 nm	213 nm	J', J <sub>s</sub>	
H	1630 nm	307 nm		
K	2190 nm	390 nm	K Continuum, K', K <sub>s</sub> , K <sub>long</sub> , K <sup>8</sup> , nbK	
L	3450 nm	472 nm	L', nbL'	
Mid-Infrared	4750 nm	460 nm	M', nbM	
N	10500 nm	2500 nm		
Q	21000 nm <sup>[4]</sup>	5800 nm <sup>[4]</sup>	Q'	

# Set of filters used by Am observers

- UBVRI Johnson Cousins, Bessel, Sloan, RGB

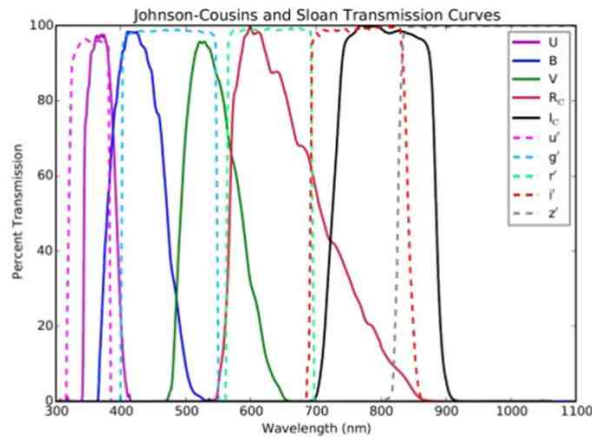
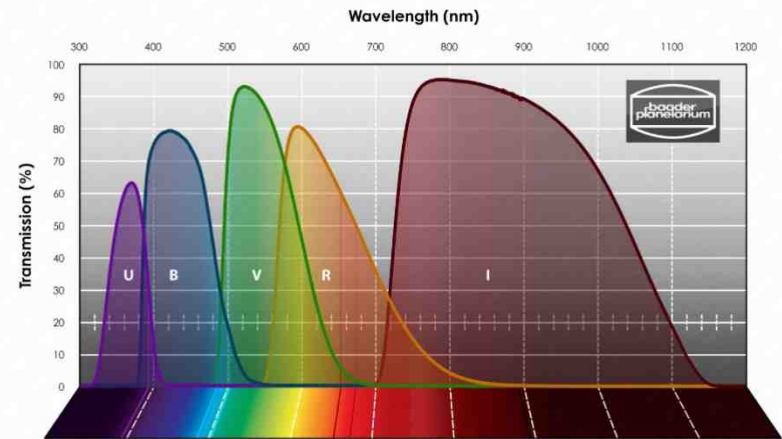
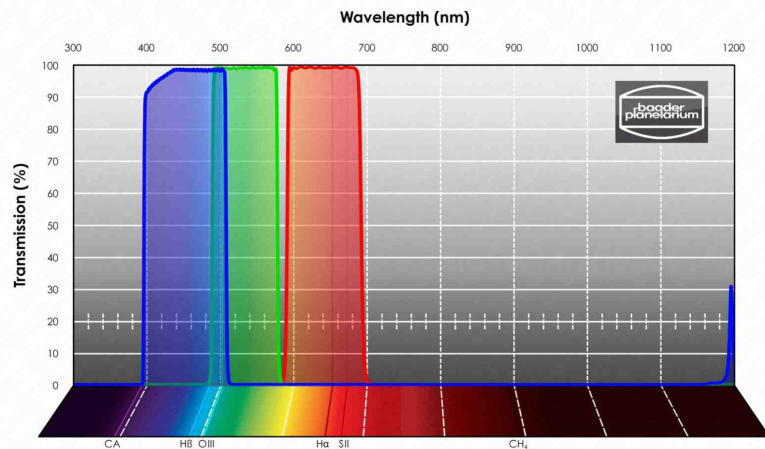


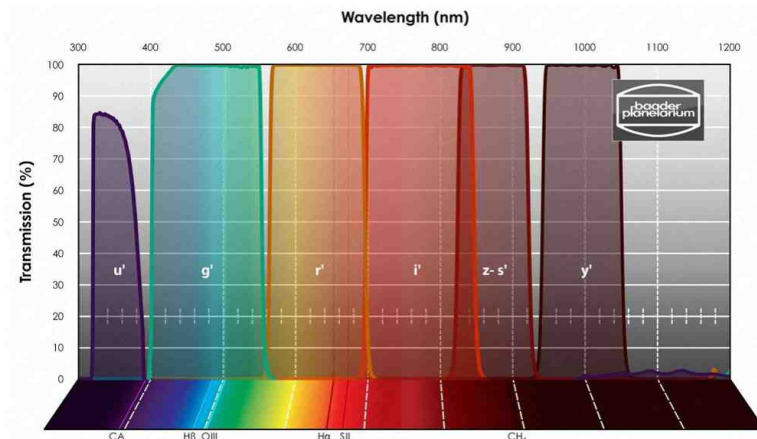
Fig. 4. Astrodon transmission curves for the Johnson-Cousins (UBVR<sub>C</sub>I<sub>C</sub>) and the Sloan (u'g'r'i'z') photometric systems.



BAADER UBVR I Bessel Photometric Filters

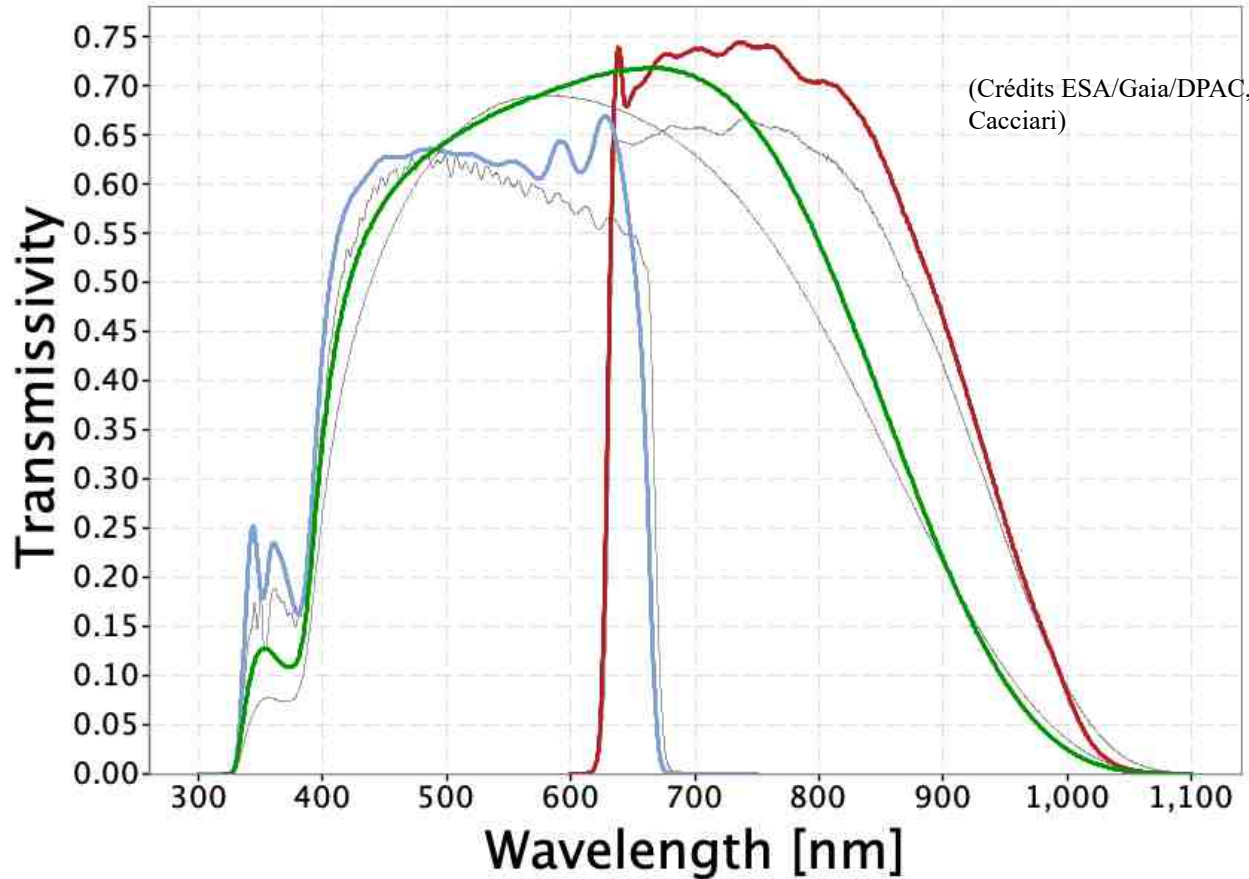


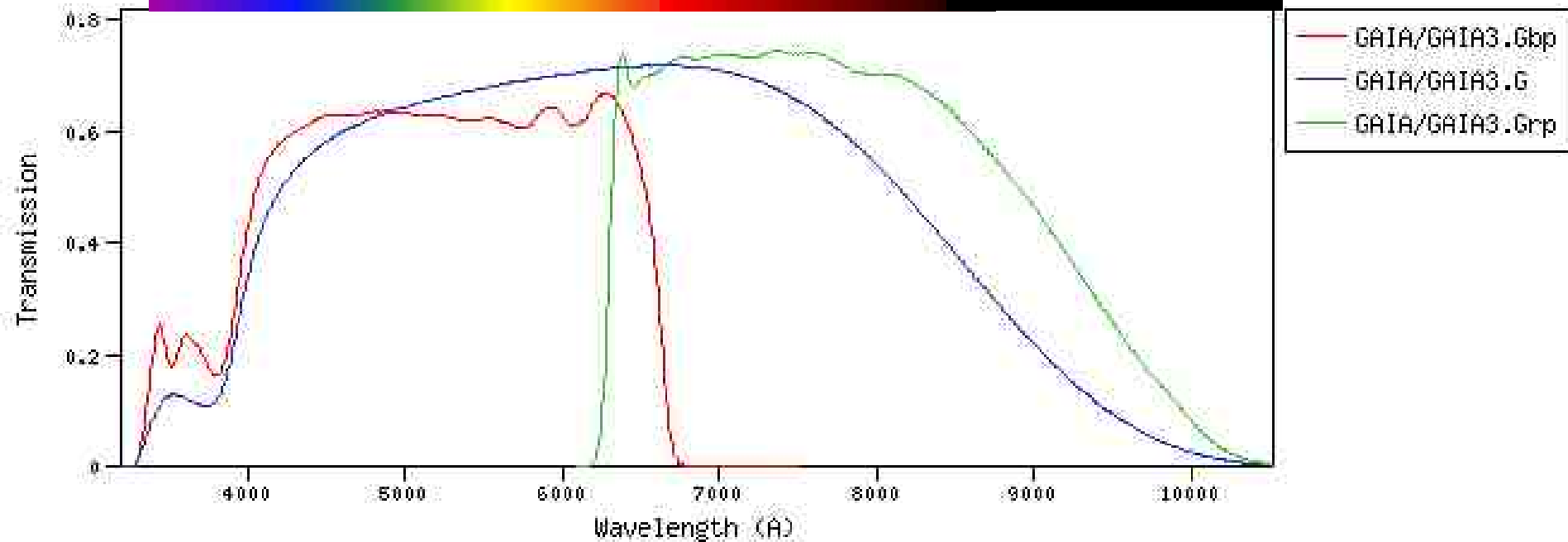
BAADER RGB CMOS Filter - CMOS-optimized



BAADER SLOAN/SDSS (ugriz') Photometric Filters

A more comprehensive description of the photometric and spectral external calibrations will be published in Riello et al. (2020, the paper presenting the EDR3 photometry) and Montegriffo et al. (in preparation, a paper entirely dedicated to the external calibration of the BP/RP spectra). The passbands are shown in the figure above as green, blue, and red solid lines for the G, G\_BP, and G\_RP bands, respectively. The thin grey lines show the nominal, pre-launch passbands published in Jordi et al. 2010.

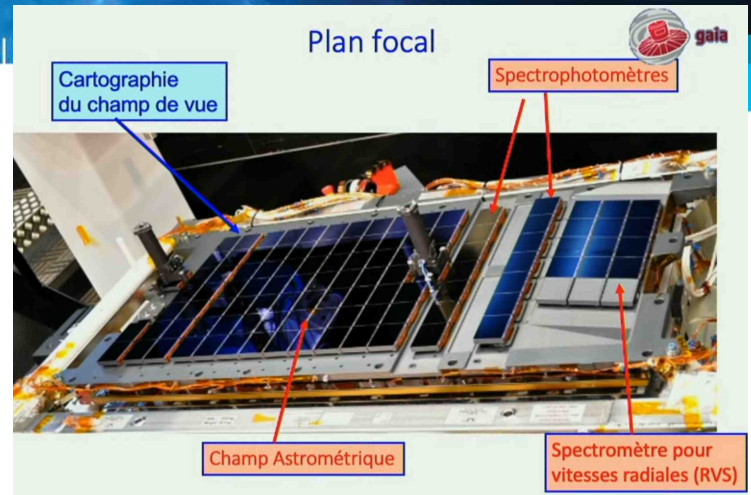




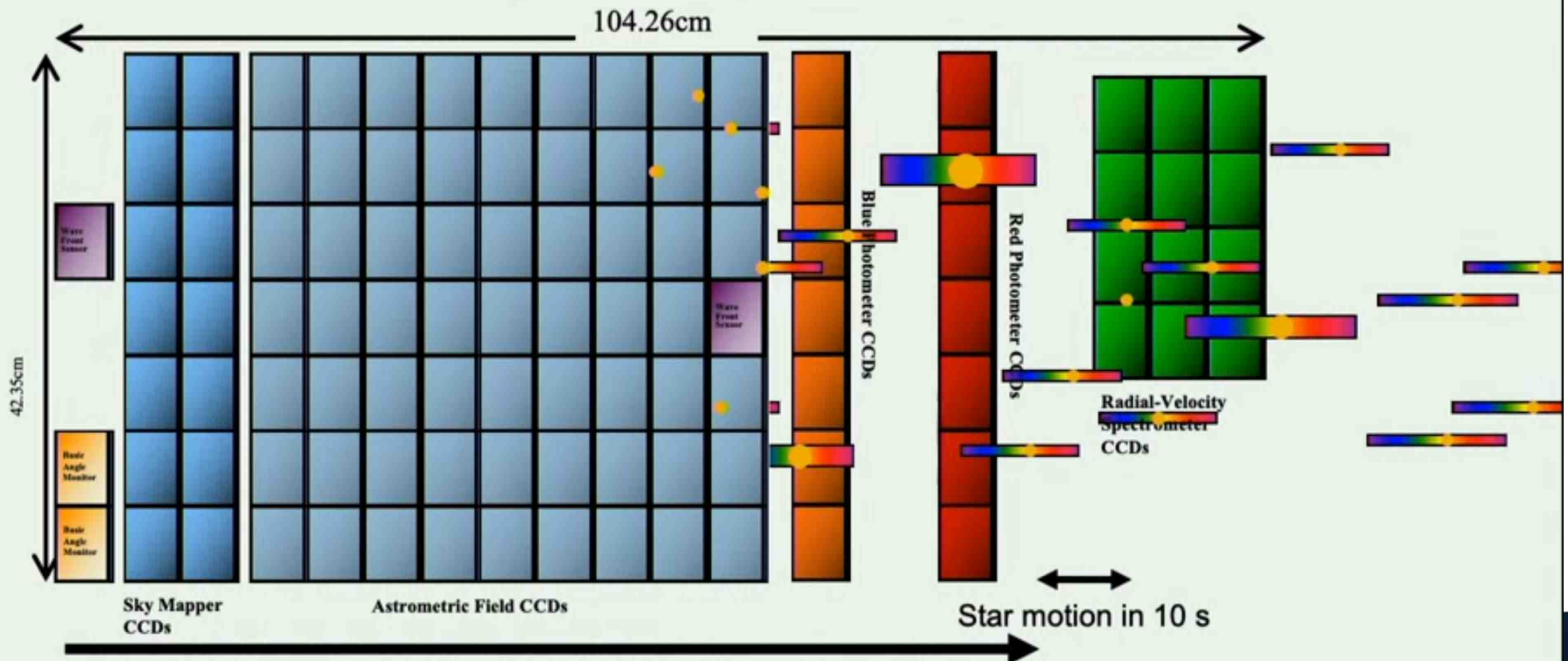
Filter ID	$\lambda_{ref}$	$\lambda_{mean}$	$\lambda_{eff}$	$\lambda_{min}$	$\lambda_{max}$	$W_{eff}$	ZPv	ZP $\lambda$
GAI/GAIA3.Gbp DR3	5109.71	5319.87	5035.75	3292.83	6738.11	2157.50	3552.01	4.08e-9
GAI/GAIA3.G DR3	6217.59	6719.55	5822.39	3294.02	10301.96	4052.97	3228.75	2.5e-9
GAI/GAIA3.Grp	7769.02	7939.10	7619.96	6196.05	10422.96	2924.44	2554.95	1.27e-9

<http://svo2.cab.inta-csic.es/svo/theory/fps3/index.php>

# Gaia focal plan array



106 CCDs, 938 million pixels, 2800 cm<sup>2</sup>





# the Gaia photometric catalog

- Gaia DR3 will be released on June 13, 2022 - info from :  
<https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/data-release-3>
- 1,46 E9 sources complete astrometry up to mag G 21
- 1,806 E9 sources with G photometry
- 1,54 et 1,55 E9 sources with GBP and GRP bands.

cross reference with other catalogues :

- Hipparcos-2, Tycho-2 + TDSC merged,
- 2MASS PSC (2MASS XSC merged),
- **SDSS DR13**,
- Pan-STARRS1 DR1, SkyMapper DR2, GSC 2.3, APASS DR9, RAVE DR5, allWISE, URAT-1, et RAVE DR6

- Marc Serrau will release Grappa version of Gaia DR3 as Gaia EDR3 ready to be plug in Prismv11, CDC, ...

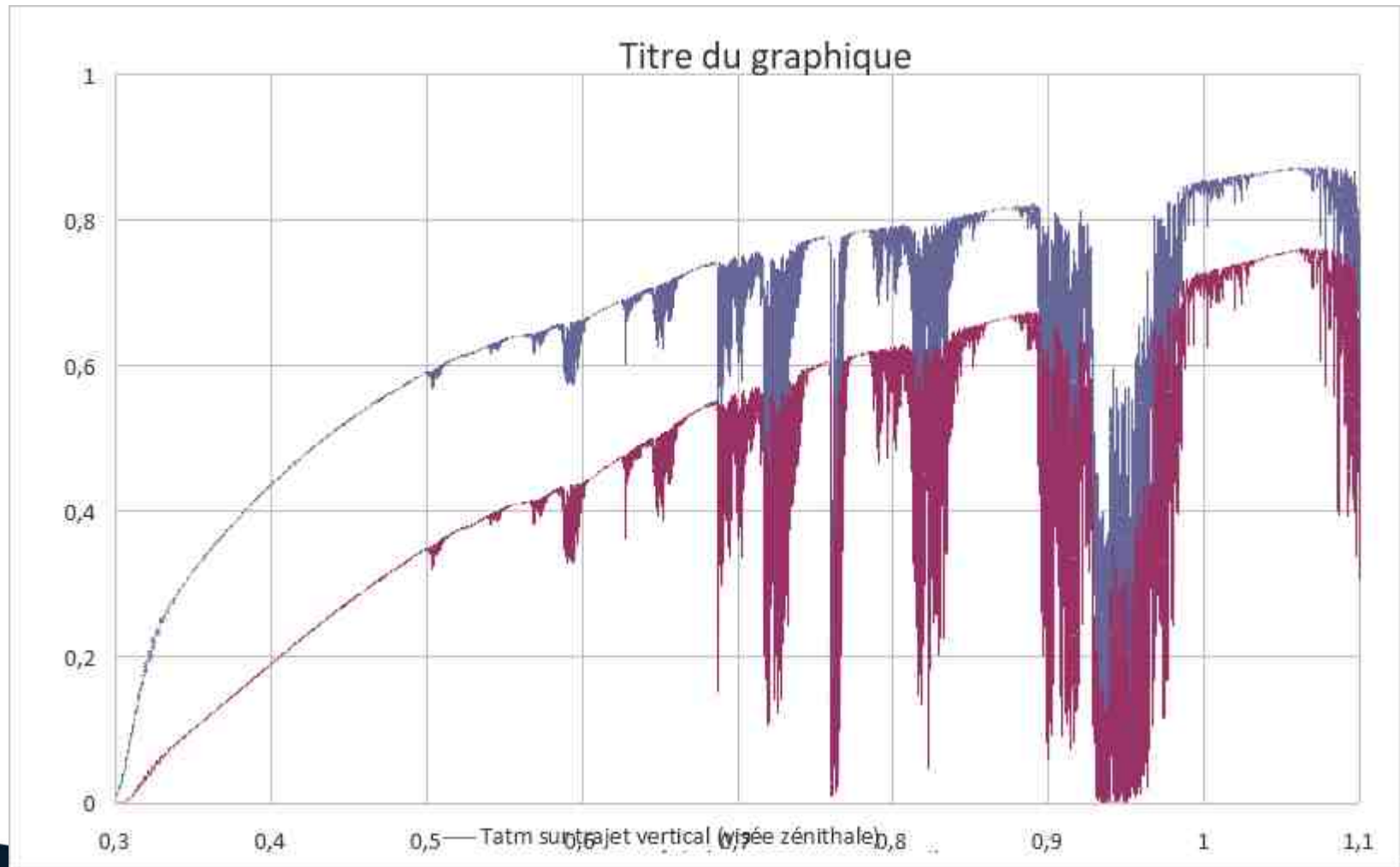
# Gaia DR3 catalog accy

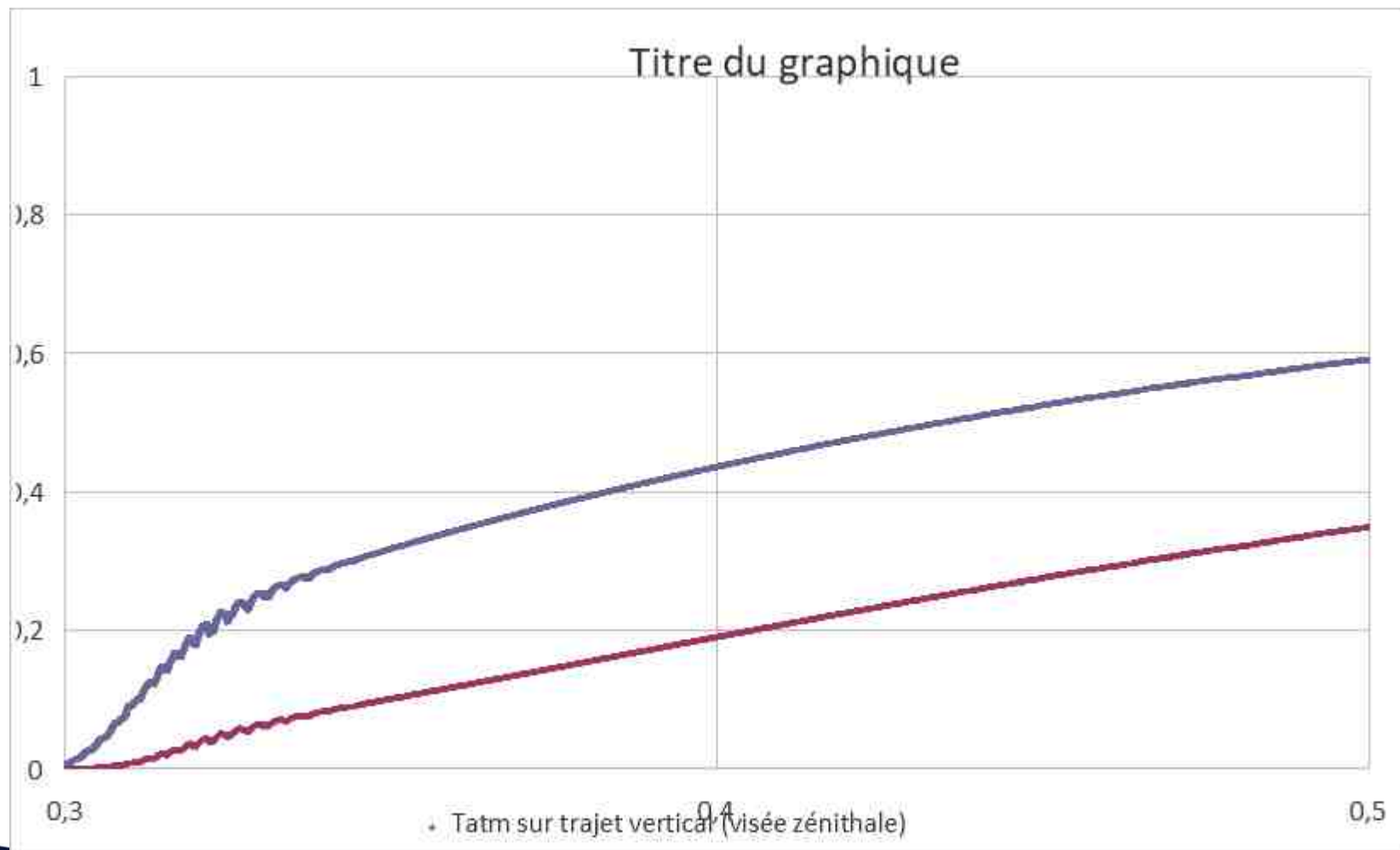
- Photometry (G, GBP, and GRP published as part of Gaia EDR3, OTHER DATA ARE NEW IN GAIA DR3)
  - The G-band photometric uncertainties are  $\sim 0.3$  mmag for  $G < 13$ , 1 mmag at  $G = 17$ , and 6 mmag at  $G = 20$  mag.
  - The GBP-band photometric uncertainties are  $\sim 0.9$  mmag for  $G < 13$ , 12 mmag at  $G = 17$ , and 108 mmag at  $G = 20$  mag.
  - The GRP-band photometric uncertainties are  $\sim 0.6$  mmag for  $G < 13$ , 6 mmag at  $G = 17$ , and 52 mmag at  $G = 20$  mag.
  - More information on the properties and limitations of the BP/RP spectra will be published closer to the release of Gaia DR3.

# RAPAS filters specs

- Gaia bands are defined outside atmosphere
- Therefore we have to adapt the filter spectral bands to be less sensitive to air mass

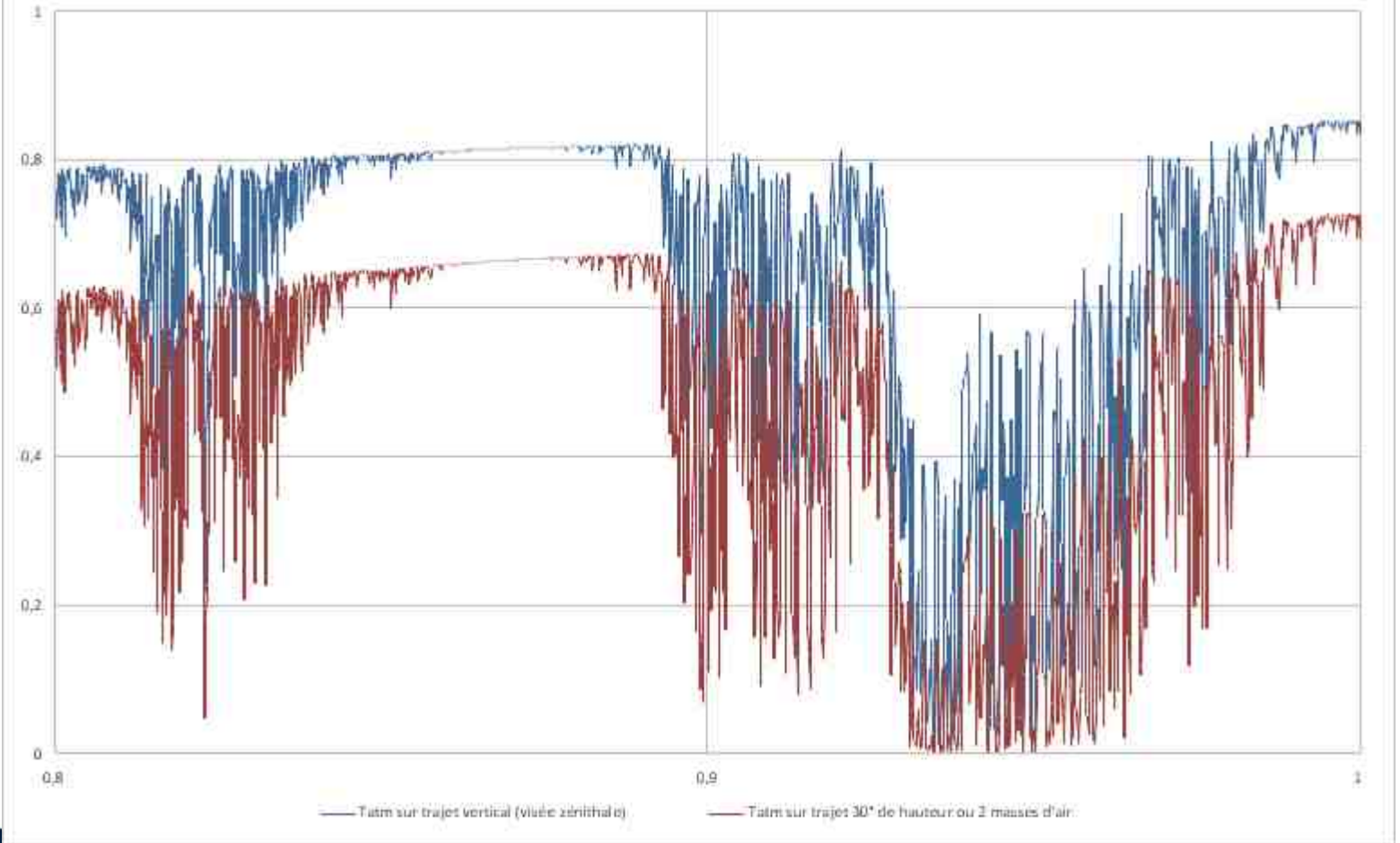
# Atmospheric transmission 1 and 2 air mass



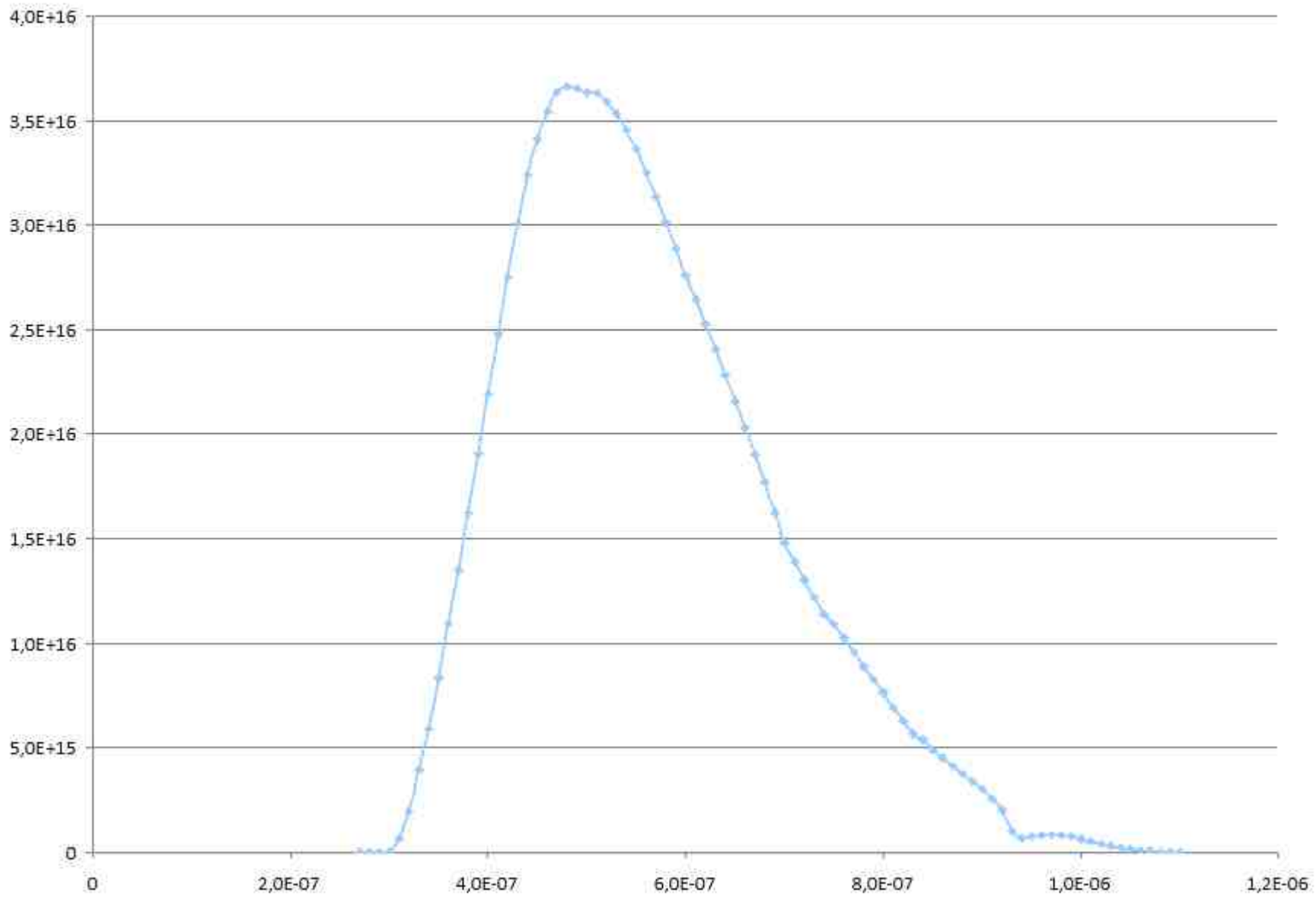




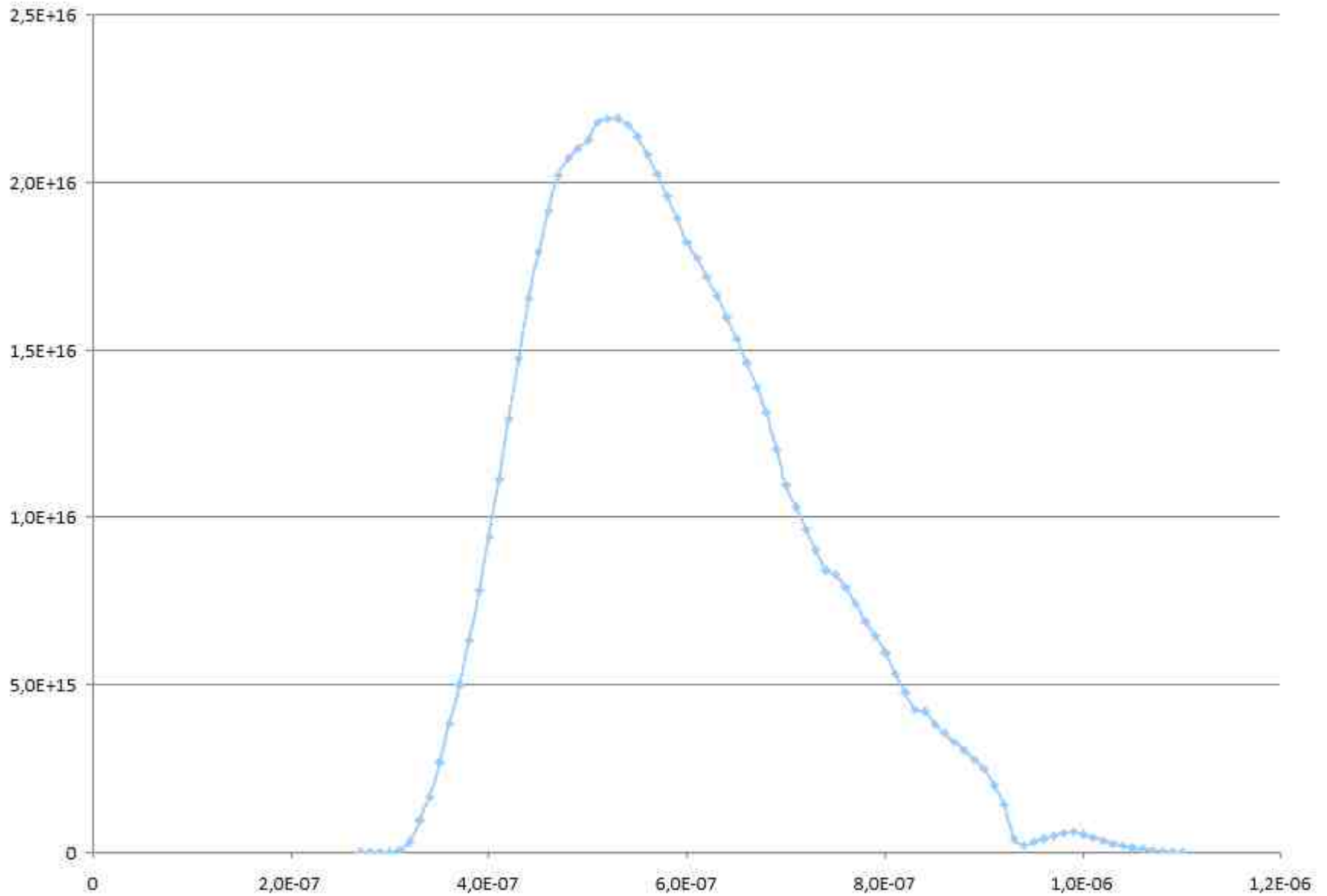
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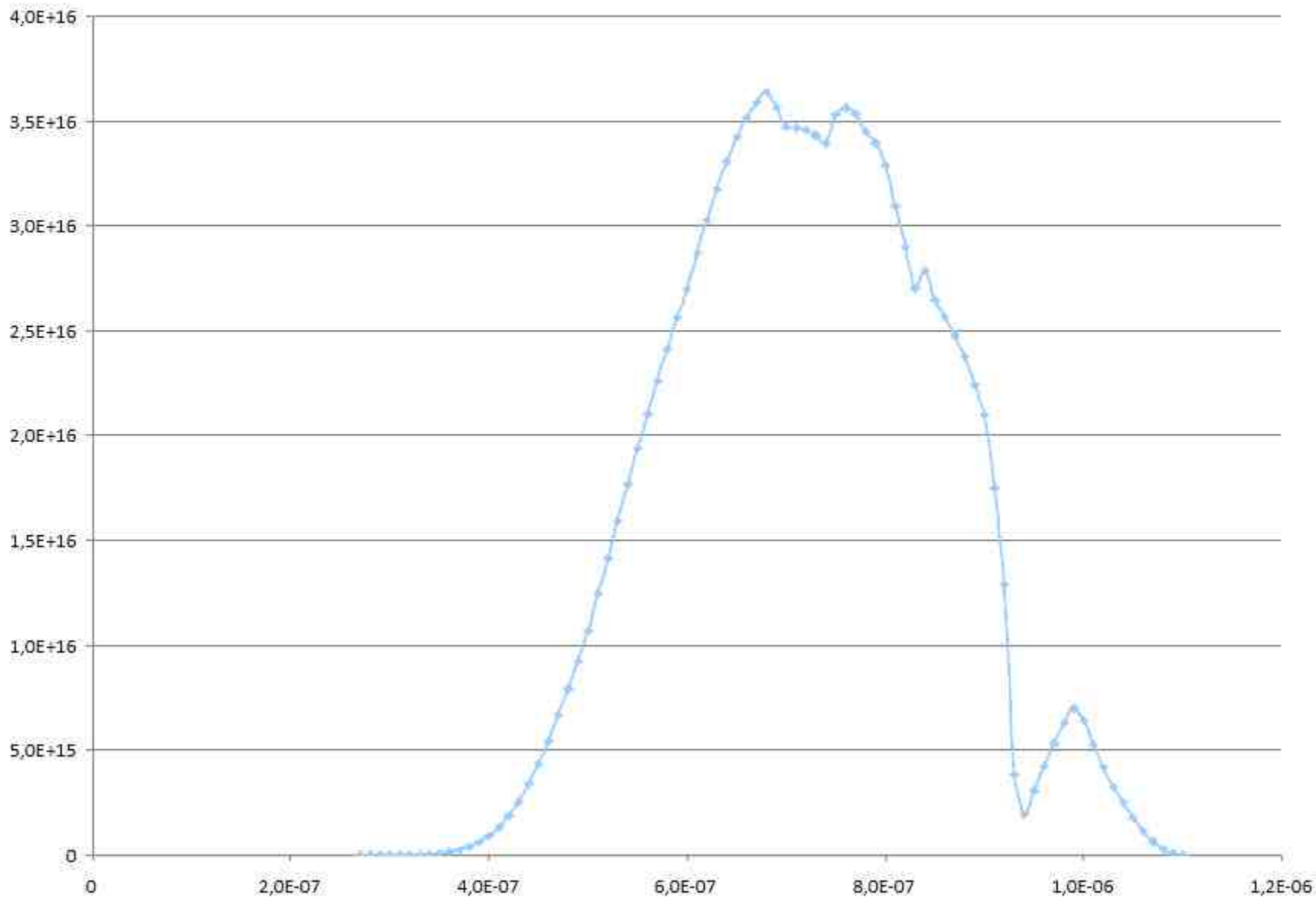
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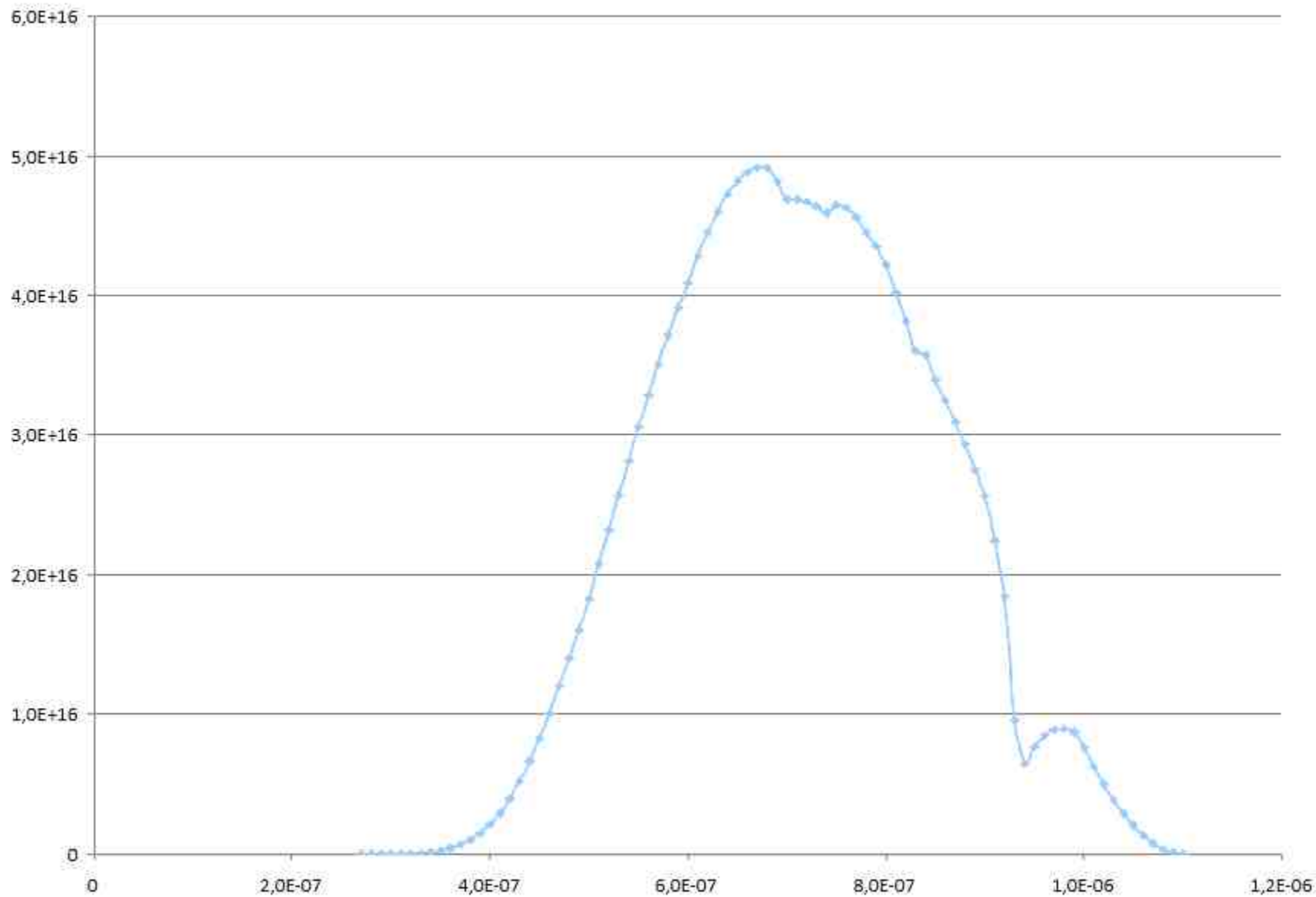
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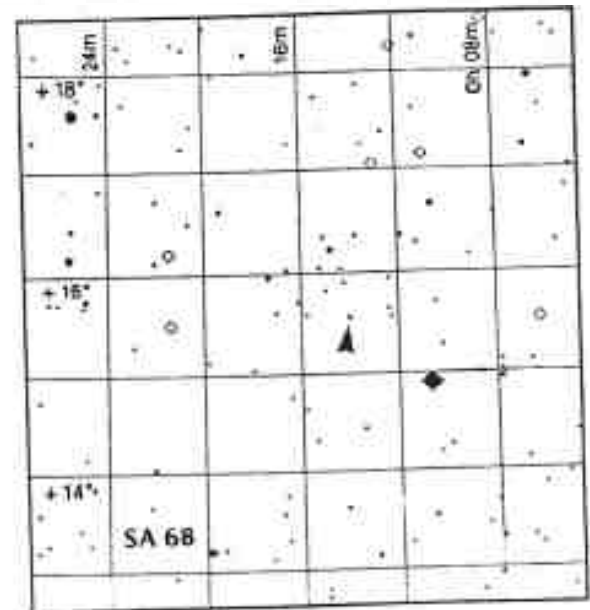
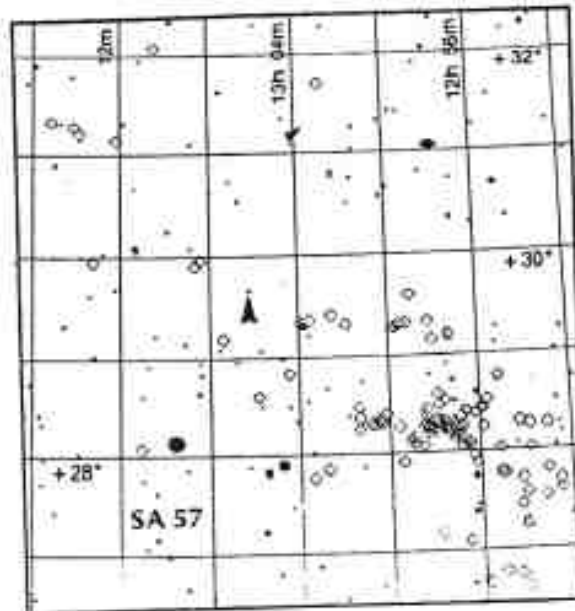
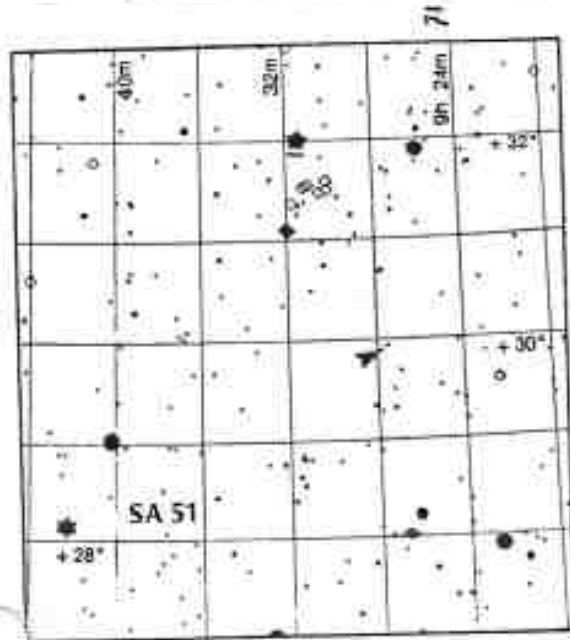


# Selected areas to assess limiting mag



## PRIMARY STAR IN EACH SELECTED AREA

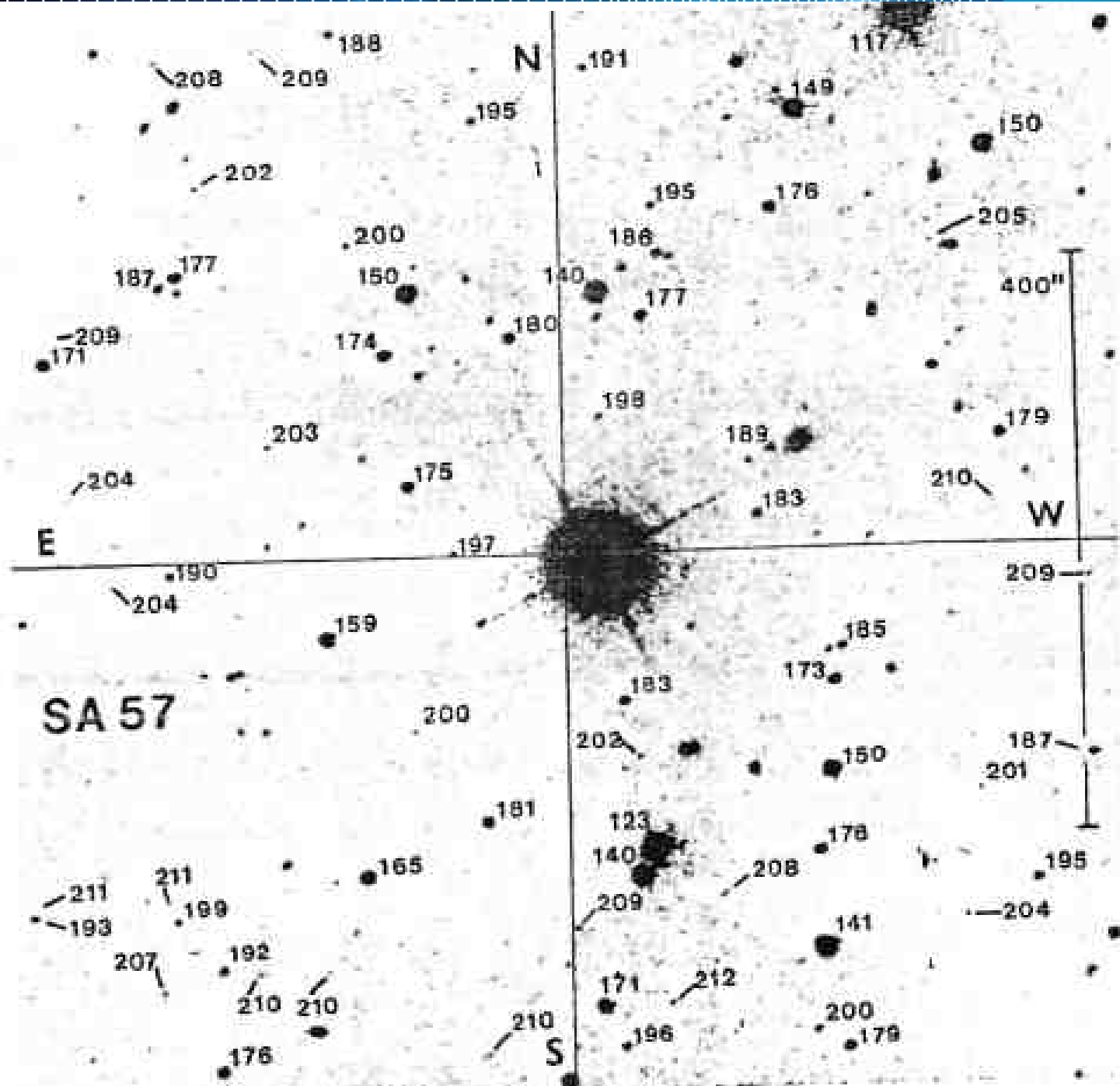
Area	Star	Mag.	1950.0	2000.0
SA 51	SAO 79445	9.1	7h 27.5m, +29° 56'	7h 30.6m, +29° 50'
SA 57	SAO 82672	8.1	13h 6.3m, +29° 39'	13h 8.6m, +29° 23'
SA 68	SAO 91810	8.2	0h 14.0m, +15° 34'	0h 16.6m, +15° 50'



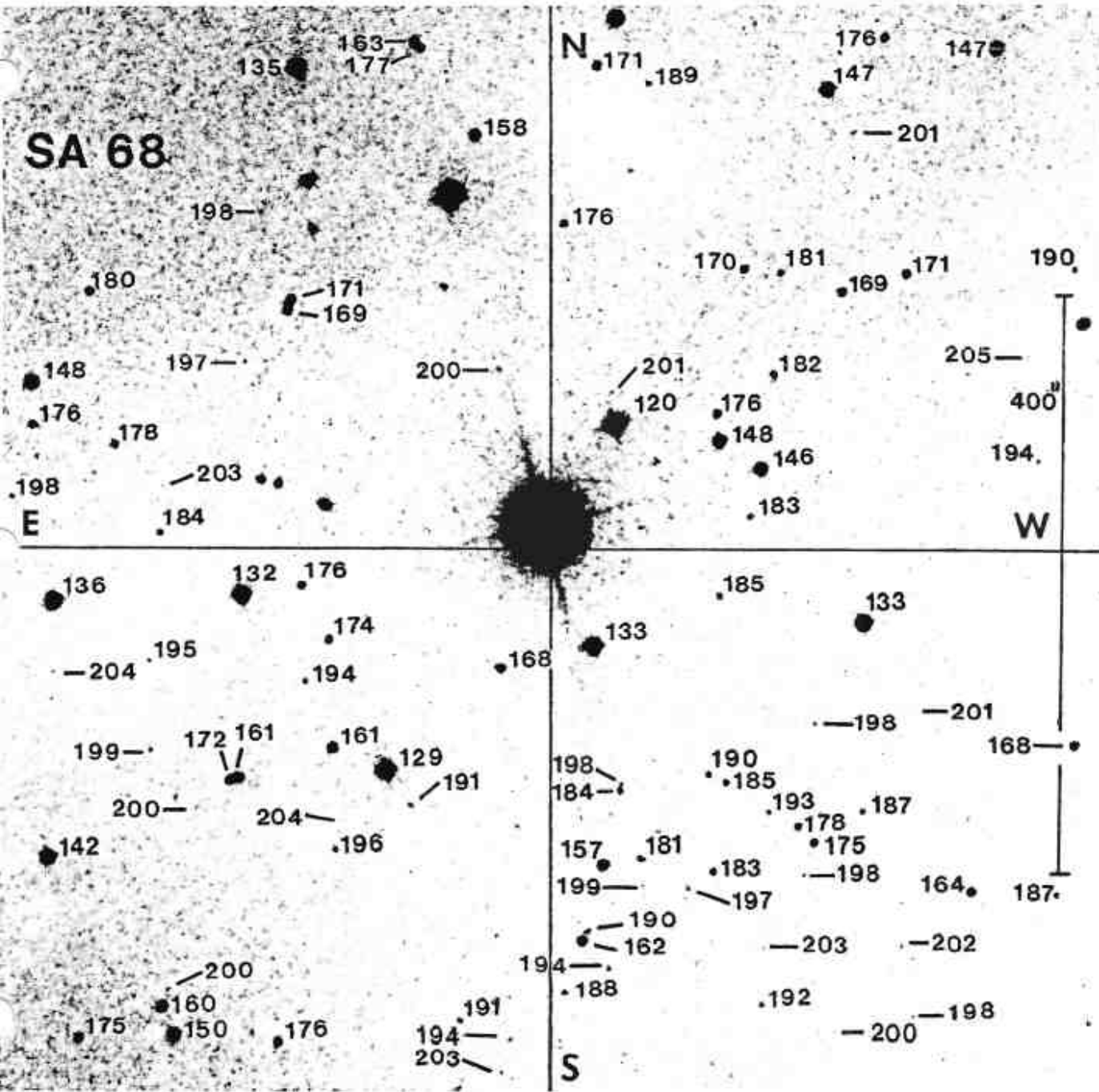
These finder charts for the three Selected Areas described in the text are adapted from a star atlas published by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. North is up, and each field is 5'' square. Arrows denote the bright star near the center of each of the author's photographs. The finder chart for SA 51 contains Gemini's bright stars Castor at top center and Pollux at lower left. The brightest star in the SA 57 finder is 4th-magnitude Beta Comae Berenices at lower left. SA 68 is located just northeast of 3rd-magnitude Gamma Persei.

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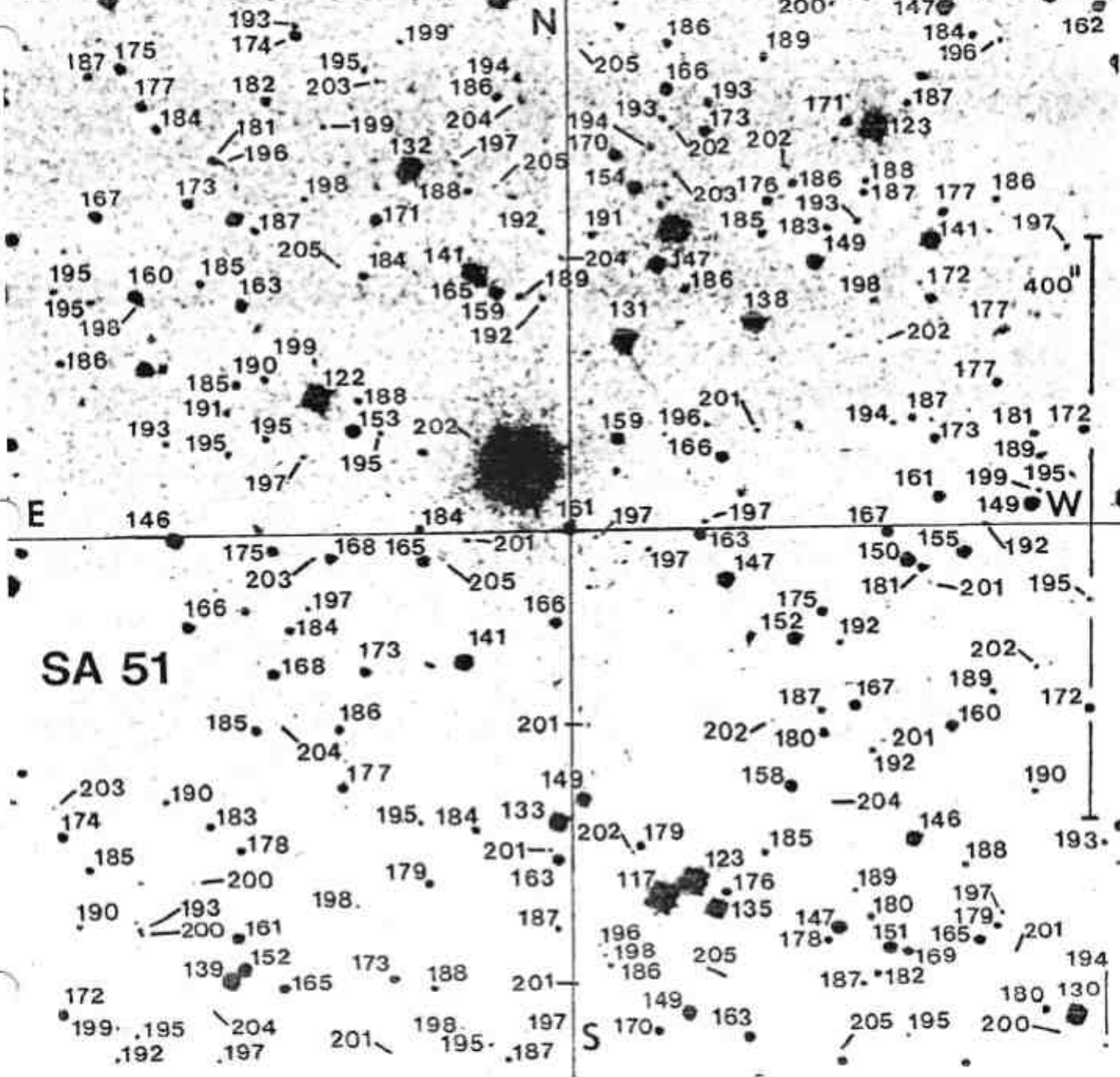
January, 1984, SKY & TELESCOPE 29



SA 68











5 stacked 60s exposures  
500 mm aperture  
1400 mm focal length  
IMX455 CMOS detector  
less than  $1,5^e$  rms noise

FOM = 30  
 $1,5 \times 1^{\circ 2}$   
20  
1min

Thierry Midavaine

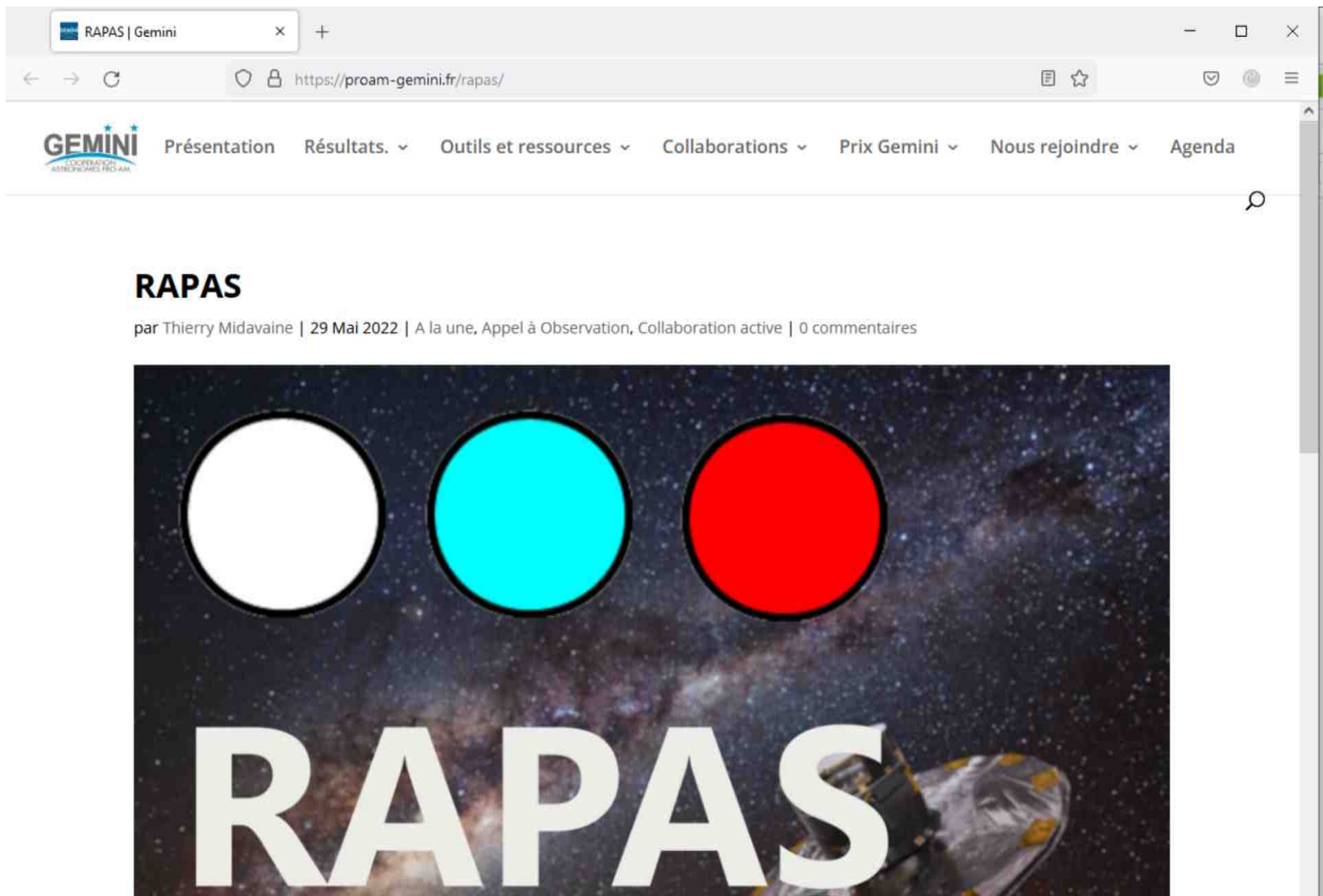






# Registration to the RAPAS network

➤ Web Gemini: <https://proam-gemini.fr/rapas/>



# RAPAS workshop 8-9th octobre Paris obs

➤ Registration to the workshop :

<https://centre-janssen.observatoiredeparis.psl.eu/-Kick-Off-meeting-of-the-ProAm-RAPAS-activity-215-?lang=en>

Salle Denisse Observatoire de Paris

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the website for the 'Kick Off meeting of the ProAm RAPAS activity'. The page features a header with the logos for 'l'Observatoire de Paris' and 'PSL', along with language options for 'en' and 'fr'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main banner image shows the Jules Janssen Conference Center with several observatory domes in the background. A portrait of Jules Janssen is overlaid on the left side of the banner. Below the banner, the breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home > Conferences, workshops, schools > 2022 > Kick Off meeting of the ProAm RAPAS activity'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: 'Home', 'Call for proposals', and 'Conferences, workshops, schools'. Under 'Conferences, workshops, schools', there is a list of years: '2009', '2010', '2011', and '2012'. The main content area displays the title 'Kick Off meeting of the ProAm RAPAS activity' in bold blue text. Below the title, the following information is provided: 'Dates : 08 — 09 October 2022', 'Organizer(s) : Vincent Robert', and 'Location : Site de Paris'. A section titled 'Résumé' follows, with the beginning of the text: 'Plusieurs projets au sol et dans l'espace bénéficient de l'aide d'observateurs amateurs en coordination avec des professionnels. Parmi eux la mission Gaia est probablement un des exemples emblématiques. La mission Gaia délivre quasi quotidiennement des alertes pour des détections d'événements'.

# Workshop Agenda preliminary

- Alert Session
  - William Thuillot Michel Dennefeld : Alertes Gaia et autres alertes
  - William Thuillot : Alertes astrometriques
  - Lukasz Wyrzykowski : pour alertes astrophys.
  - Michel Dennefeld IAP : réponses aux alertes photometriques
  - Astro Colibri
- Filters specifications and design
  - Riello Gaia photometric system
  - Thierry Midavaine, Michel Dennefeld : specifications, conceptions et réalisations des filtres
- Instrument photometric model
- Photometric data reduction
  - Marc Serrau : Catalogue Gaia DR3 Grappa, Réduction photométrique automatique avec Prism V11
  - Livraison des données, entete FITS
  - Mesure de sa precision individuelle, mesure de la precision du reseau, dispersion residuelle
  - Conversion et rattachement dans le systeme SDSS
- Next steps
  - Michel Dennefeld : reponses aux alertes spectroscopiques
  - Christian Buil Michel Dennefeld : alertes spectroscopiques, aspects materiels (spectro)

# RAPAS 2023 - 2024 on the way

- Qualify the photometric accy of the network
- Perform search and photometric data deliveries to prgm alerts
- Study enhanced filter set grade 2
- Production of filters set 2nd batch
- Study high efficiency low dispersion spectroscopic device