

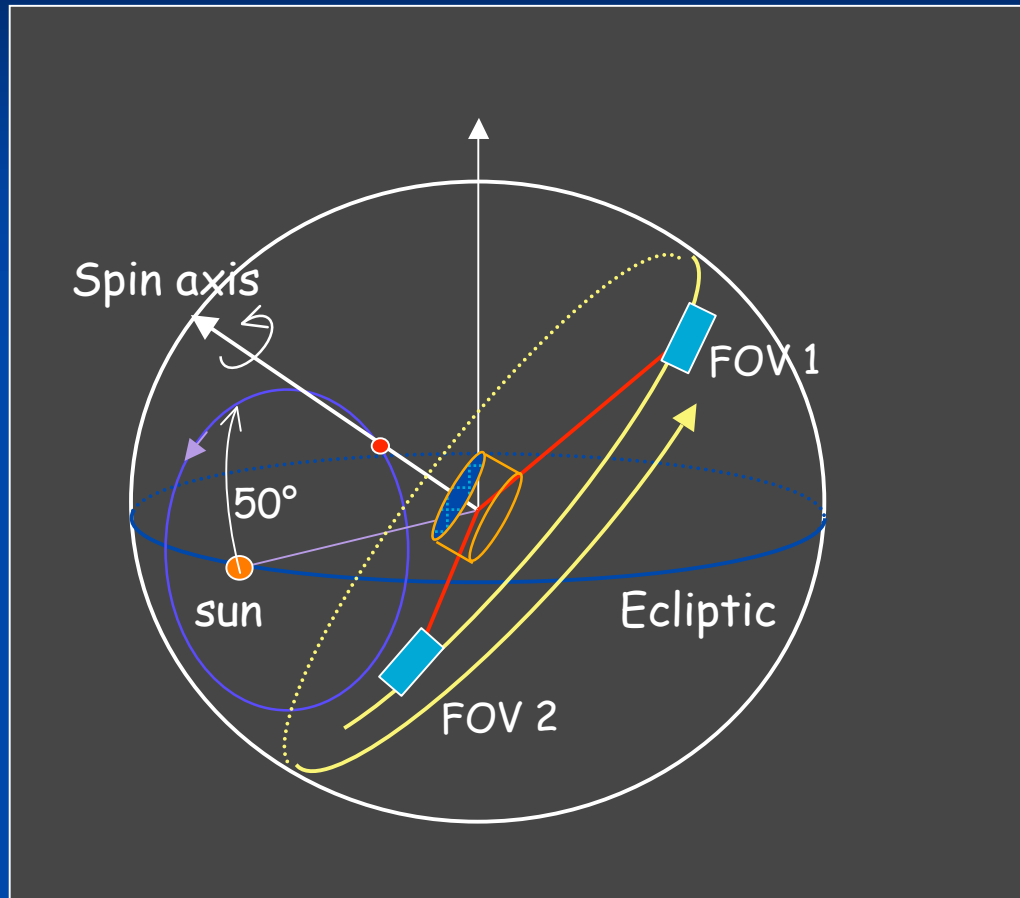
# Gaia II

## Scientific baselines

On-board detection working group

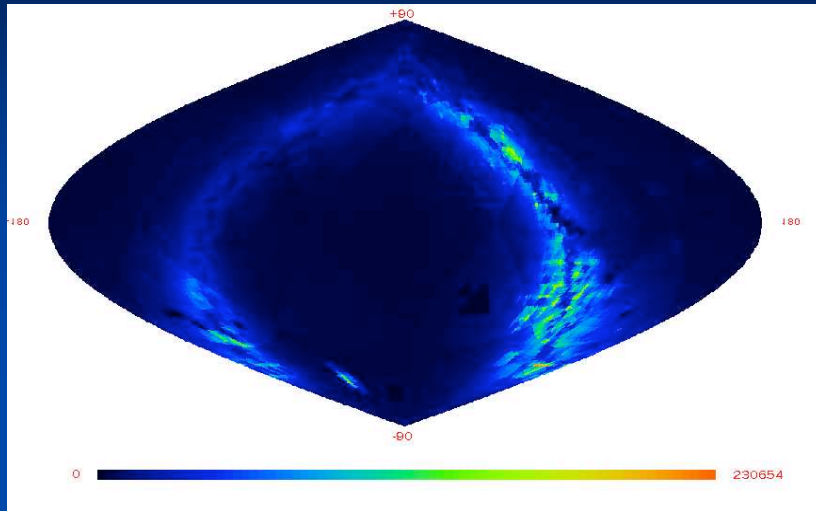
# The instruments

# Scanning law



Spin axis       $50^\circ$  to Sun  
Scan rate:     60 arcsec/s  
Spin period:    6 hours

# Scanning law

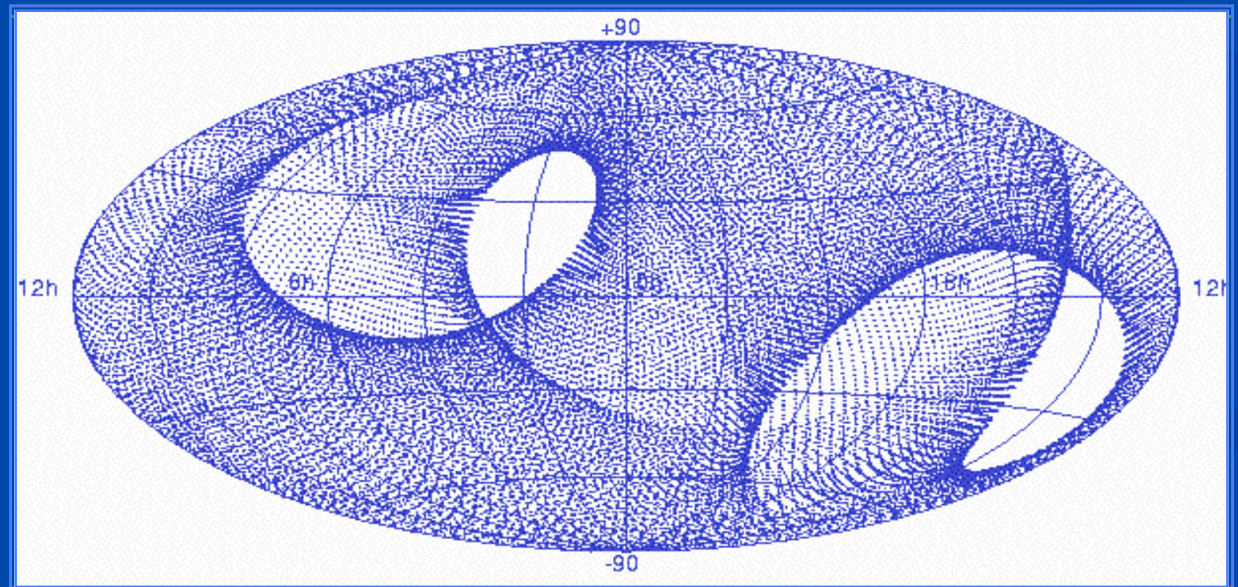


The stellar density in equatorial coordinates

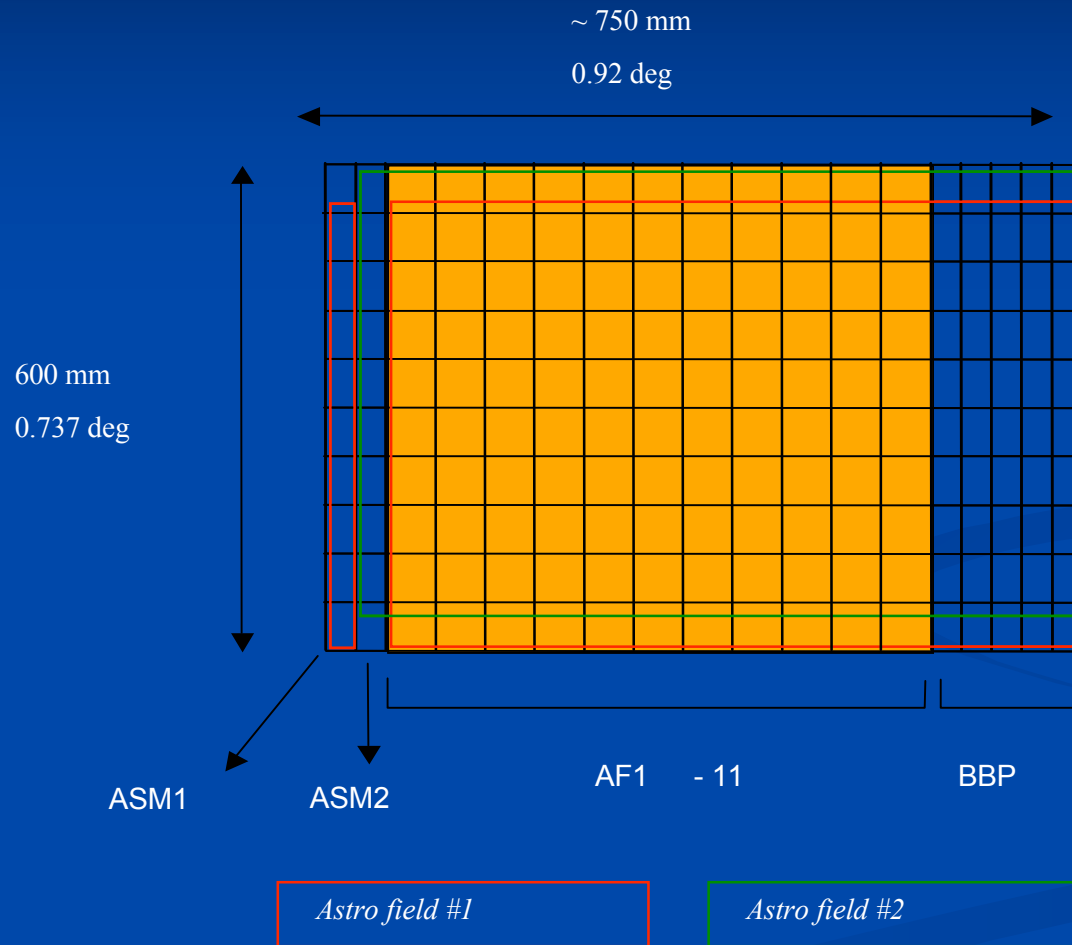
30 days

60 days

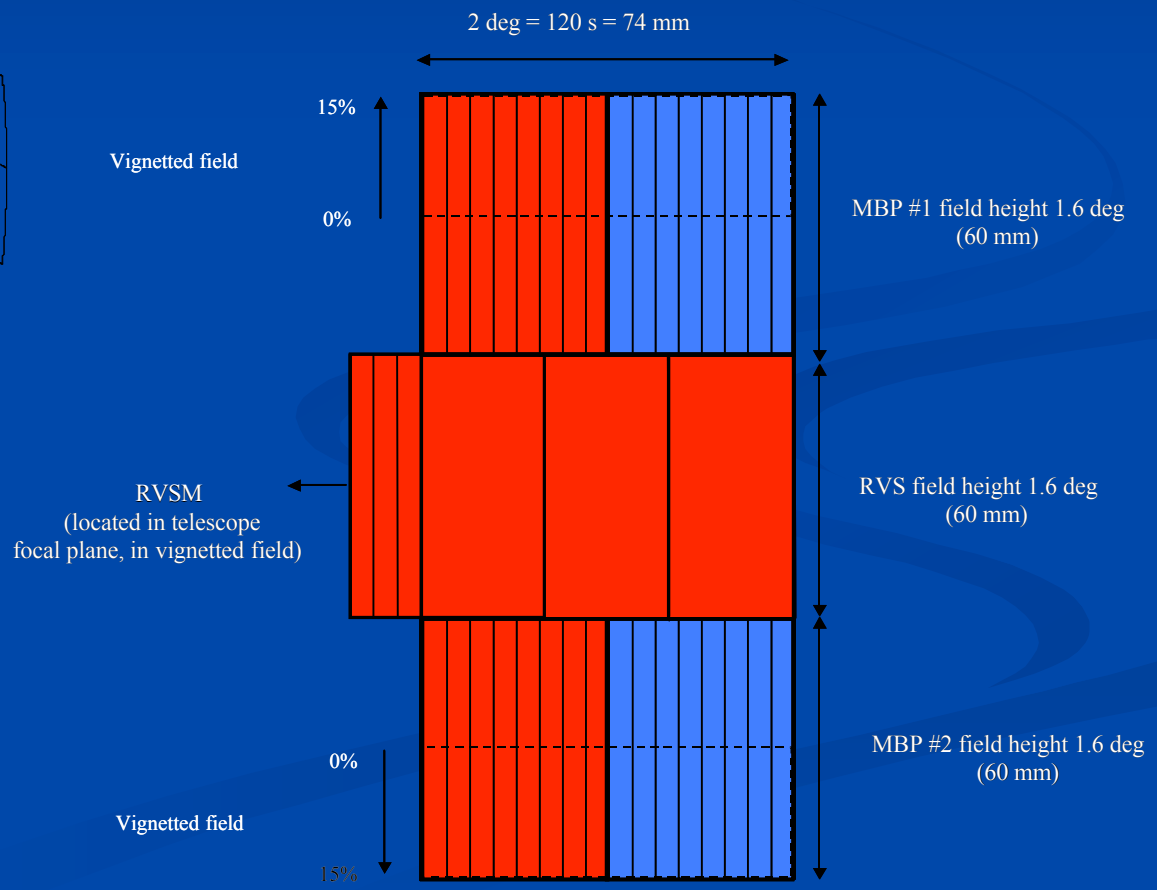
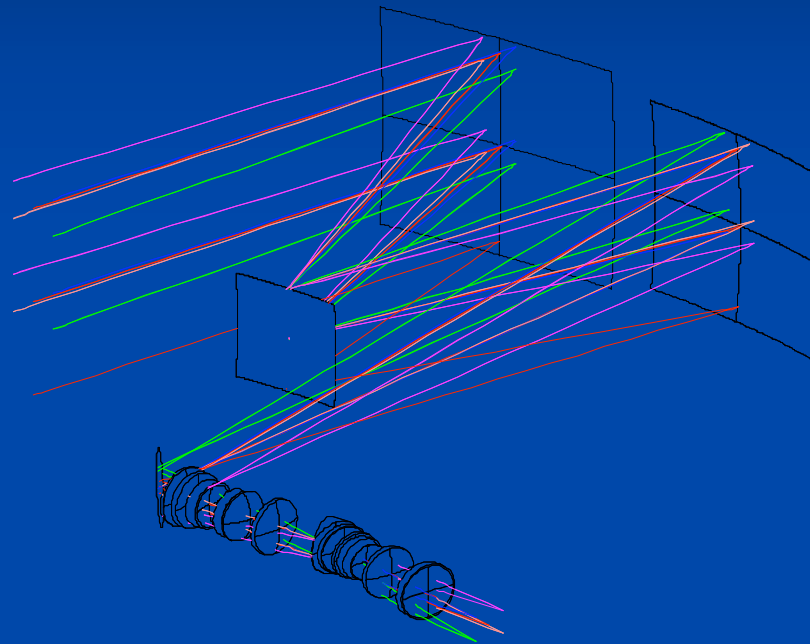
100 days



# Astrometric focal plane



# Spectrometer and MBP/RVS focal plane



# Basic unchanged principles

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- Two viewing directions with  $106^\circ$  basic angle
- Separate spectroscopic telescope including the medium-band photometer and the radial velocity spectrometer
- The on-board detection (except for bright stars)
- The limiting magnitude  $G=20$
- The astrometric accuracies as a function of magnitude
- Satellite at the L2 position, coverage  $\sim 8$  hours / 24
- Telemetry rate at about 1 Mbps on average

# What has changed

- The fairing diameter reduced from 4.2 m to 3.8 m for a Soyuz launch
- The revised optical design has a shorter focal length and an intermediate focus
- The lower distortion allows larger CCD chips, smaller number of CCDs
- A longer integration time per chip (from 0.9 s to 3.3 s)
- Both viewing directions are now superimposed on a single focal plane
- The two fields having different cross-scan motions
- Some complications in terms of on-board object detection and windowing
- A slower spin rate of 60 arcsec/s (reduced from 120 arcsec/s)
- increasing the elementary integration time and reducing the telemetry further
- with some impact on the regularity of sky sampling
- Smaller sun aspect angle of  $50^\circ$  (reduced from  $55^\circ$ ) due to the smaller sun-shield
- Degrading slightly the decoupling of the astrometric parameters.



GENERAL PARAMETERS		
	Former Design	New Design
Observing time L	L = 4 years	L = 5 years
Scan rate $\dot{\alpha}$	120 arcsec/s	60 arcsec/s
Precession period $\Delta_p$	70 days	70 days
Rotation axis	55° from sun direction	50° +/- 0.1° from sun direction
Star population V < 20 Average value «Worst case»	$\dot{\alpha}$ $N_s = 25\ 000$ stars/deg <sup>2</sup> 3 000 000 stars/deg <sup>2</sup>	$\dot{\alpha}$ $N_s = 25\ 000$ stars/deg <sup>2</sup> 3 000 000 stars/deg <sup>2</sup>
Total number of observed stars	~ 1 billion	~ 1 billion

(from Astrium final report)

PARAMETERS OF THE ASTROMETRIC INSTRUMENT		
□	Previous Design	New Design
Basic angle	106 deg	106 deg
Entrance pupil	1.7 m x 0.7 m	1.4 m x 0.5 m
Focal length	50 m	46.67 m
Field of view (effective)	0.32 deg <sup>2</sup>	> 0.4 deg <sup>2</sup>
FOV height	0.66 deg across	0.66 deg across scan
Spot sampling	6 pixels	6 pixels
Pixel size	9 μm x 27 μm	10 μm x 30 μm
CCD active area	29 mm x 58 mm	45 mm x 59 mm
Number of CCDs in Astro fields	2 x 17 x 10 = 340	11 x 10 = 110
Sky mapper CCDs	2 x 70 = 140	2 strips x 10 CCDs = 20
Broad Band Photometry	2 x 4 x 10 = 80	5 x 10 = 50
Total number of CCDs	560	180
Wavelength band	Defined by CCD QE	Defined by CCD QE
CCD Quantum efficiency	CCD #3	CCD #3
Pixel MTF	0.4 @ Nyquist freq.	GST Study Report values
TDI integration time per chip	0.9 s	3.3 s
Overall aberration WFE	36 nm rms	45 nm rms
TDI errors	0.3 pixel rms	0.2 pixel rms
Optical transmission	> 0.9	> 0.86

(from Astrium final report)

**USEFUL FIGURES FOR ASTRO INSTRUMENT**

Parameter	Previous design	New Design
Focal plane scale	1 arcsec = 242 $\mu$ m Pixel along scan = 9 $\mu$ m = 37.1 mas Pixel across scan = 27 $\mu$ m = 111 mas	1 arcsec = 226 $\mu$ m Pixel along scan = 10 $\mu$ m = 44.2 mas Pixel across scan = 30 $\mu$ m = 133 mas
Airy radius @ $\lambda = 0.7 \mu$ m	Along scan : 20.6 $\mu$ m (85 mas) Across scan : 50 $\mu$ m (206 mas)	Along scan : 23.3 $\mu$ m (103 mas) Across scan : 65.3 $\mu$ m (289 mas)
Star speed along scan	Entrance space : 120 arcsec/s Focal plane : 29.1 mm/s	Entrance space : 60 arcsec/s Focal plane : 13.6 mm/s
Star speed across scan (maximum value)	Entrance space : 171 mas/s Focal plane : 41.4 $\mu$ m/s	Entrance space : 171 mas/s Focal plane : 38.6 $\mu$ m/s
Time-Field correspondence	1 s = 120 arcsec = 0.033 deg 1 pixel along scan = 0.309 ms	1 s = 60 arcsec = 0.0167 deg 1 pixel along scan = 0.735 ms
Astro field-of-view	Effective FOV: W = 0.32 deg FOV across scan: $H_x = 0.66$ deg FOV along scan: $H_y = 0.56$ deg FOV swept per second : $H_x \cdot W = 0.022$ deg $_s$	Effective FOV: W = 0.415 deg $_s$ ; FOV across scan: $H_x = 0.66$ deg FOV along scan: $H_y = 0.66$ deg FOV swept per second : $H_x \cdot W = 0.011$ deg $_s$
Integration time	TDI integration time : $t_e = 0.9$ s (26.2 mm or 2912 pixels) Integration time per passage : $t = 15.3$ s Total integration time over the lifetime : $T = LW/(4p) = 978$ s	TDI integration time : $t_e = 3.3$ s (~ 45 mm or 4500 pixels) Integration time per passage : $t = 38.2$ s Total integration time over the lifetime : $T = LW/(4p) = 1587$ s
Average total number of focal plane passages per star per telescope.	$N = T/t = 64$ observations (or great circles)	$N = T/t = 41$ observations (or great circles)
Star number and flow (per telescope)	Average star flow : $N_s H_y W = 550$ stars/s Average number of stars in the FOV : $N_s W = 8\ 000$ stars Rate of processed stars: $N_s W/t_e = 8\ 890$ stars/s	Average star flow : $N_s H_y W = 275$ stars/s Average number of stars in AF FOV : $N_s W = 10\ 000$ stars Rate of processed stars: $N_s W/t_e = 3\ 145$ stars/s

(from Astrium final report)

<b>Spectrometer Telescope (common to RVS and MBP)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Previous Design *</b>	<b>New Design</b>
Entrance pupil	0.75 m x 0.7 m	0.5 m x 0.5 m
Focal length	4.17 m	2.1 m
Field of view (optical)	4 x 1 deg <sup>2</sup>	2 x 4.8 deg <sup>2</sup>
Optical transmission	> 0.92	> 0.92
<b>Medium Band Photometry (MBP)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Previous Design *</b>	<b>New Design</b>
Field of view (optical)	2 x 1 deg <sup>2</sup>	2 x 3.2 deg <sup>2</sup>
Pixel dimensions	10x10 $\mu\text{m}^2=0.5 \times 0.5 \text{arcsec}^2$	10x15 $\mu\text{m}^2=1 \times 1.5 \text{arcsec}^2$
CCD active area	7.25 x 73 mm <sup>2</sup>	3.36 x 59 mm <sup>2</sup>
# of CCDs (sky mapper excluded)	15	30
Number of MBP wavelength bands	11	11
Available integr. time/star passage	33 s	82.5 s
Total integration time/ star over 5 yr	3 400 s	16 800 s
<b>Radial Velocity Spectrometer (RVS)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Previous Design *</b>	<b>New Design</b>
Field of view (optical)	2 x 1 deg <sup>2</sup>	2 x 1.6 deg <sup>2</sup>
Pixel dimensions	20 x 20 $\mu\text{m}^2 = 1 \times 1 \text{arcsec}^2$	10x15 $\mu\text{m}^2 = 1 \times 1.5 \text{arcsec}^2$
CCD active area	73 x 24 mm <sup>2</sup>	10 x 59 mm <sup>2</sup>
# of CCDs (sky mapper excluded)	6	3
Spectral range	847 – 870 nm	848 – 874 nm
Spectral sampling	0.75 Å per pixel	0.375 Å per pixel
Number of spectral samples per star	330	694
Available integr. time/ star passage	60 s	101 s
Total integration time/ star over 5 yr	6 100 s	10 100 s

(modifications  
from Astrium final report)

# Scientific requirements for the focal plane

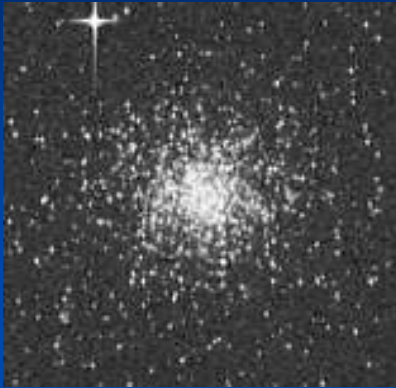
- The mission
  - Astrometry, photometry, spectroscopy
  - Object counts and implications
  - For which objects (stars, galaxies, asteroids, background)
- The astrometric focal plane
  - A global vision
    - On-board detection
  - The CCDs
    - Samples, patches and windows
- Travelling in the focal plane
- The spectro focal plane

# Overall description

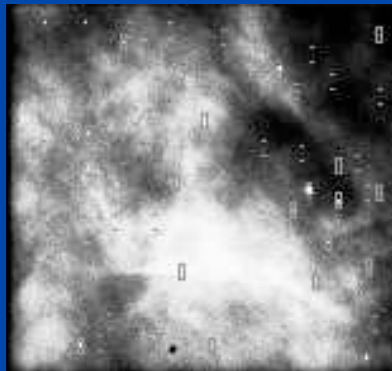
## ■ Many ways to describe the focal plane !

■ Science (function):	ASM (detection)	AF (astrometry)	BBP (photometry)
■ Reading (algo+elect.):	ASM1/2 (all read)	AF+BBP (selected)	
■ Sampling (electronics):	ASM (2x2)	AF1(1x2)	AF2-10 AF11 BBP
■ Patches (telemetry):	-	several differences	-
■ Activation:	redundancies	AF2 if AF1 fails	Other

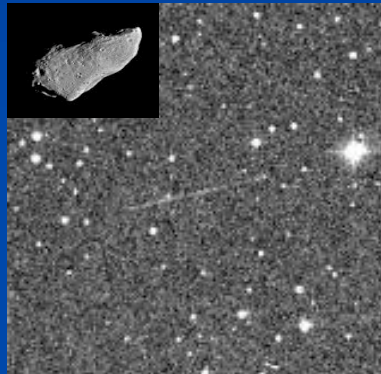
# Various objects



Globular cluster



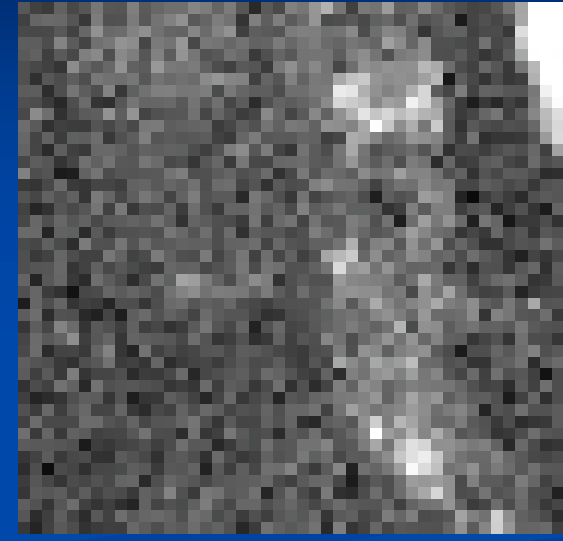
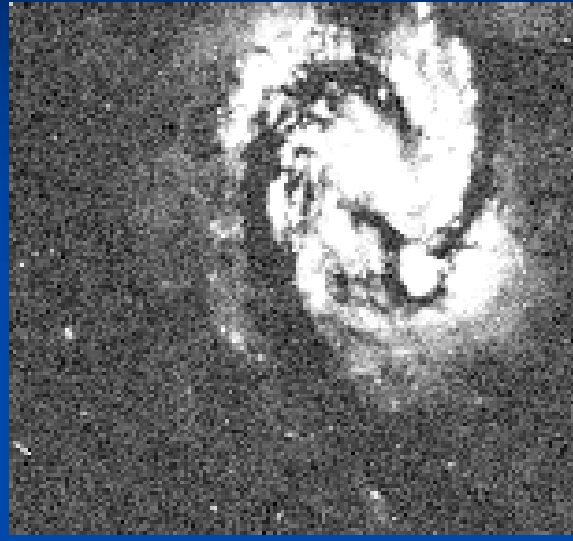
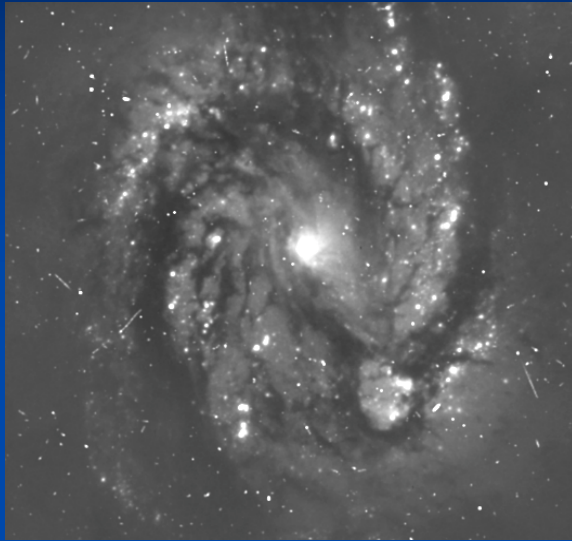
High background



Near-Earth Objects

- Stars
  - High density
- NEO
  - Motion during integration
- Galaxies
  - Large area

# Galaxies



The M100 galaxy with HST

in ASM1

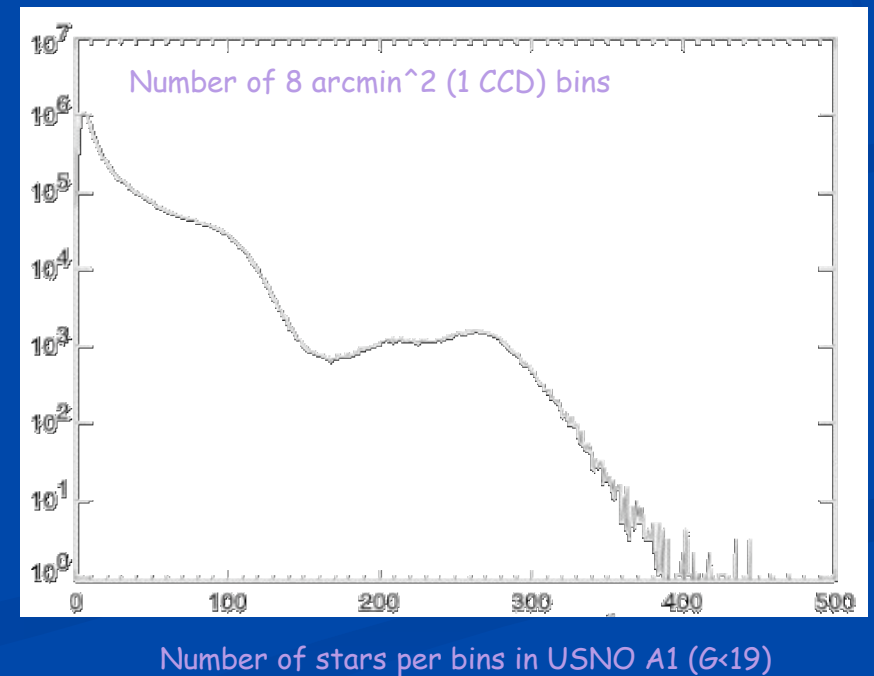
zoomed

- Unresolved galaxies are not a priority
- observed however



# Object counts

- 3 levels of buffer or CPU maxima
  - Maximum on a CCD (when observing a globular cluster)
  - Maximum on the focal plane (when the satellite observes the galactic center)
  - Maximum Telemetry (great-circle along the galactic plane)

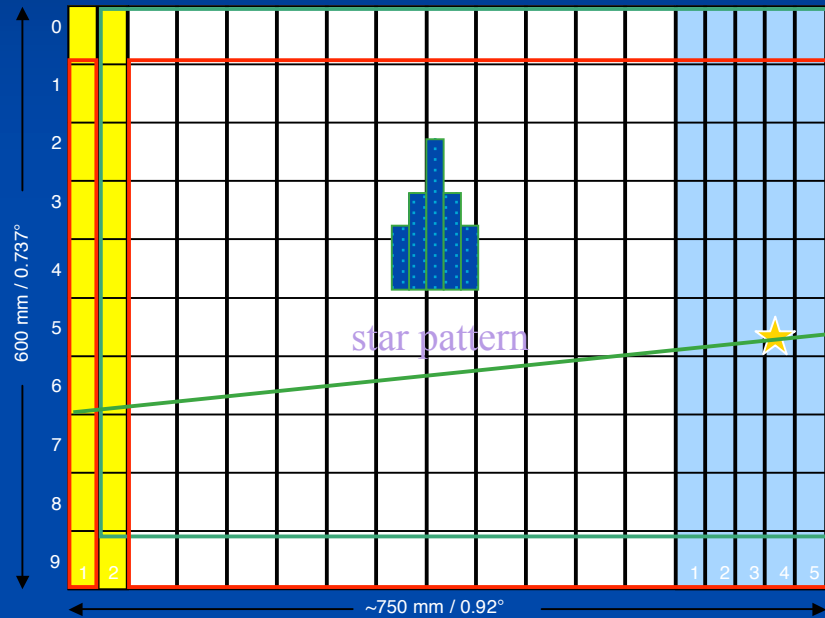


# Astrometric focal plane

ASM1-2  
2600x1966, 1.9s

BBP1-5  
2600x1966, 1.9s

<-- AF1-11 : 4500x1966, 3.3s -->

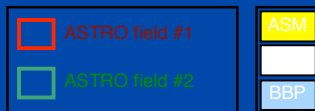


Transverse motion:  
+-64 pixels maxi  
(exaggerated here!)

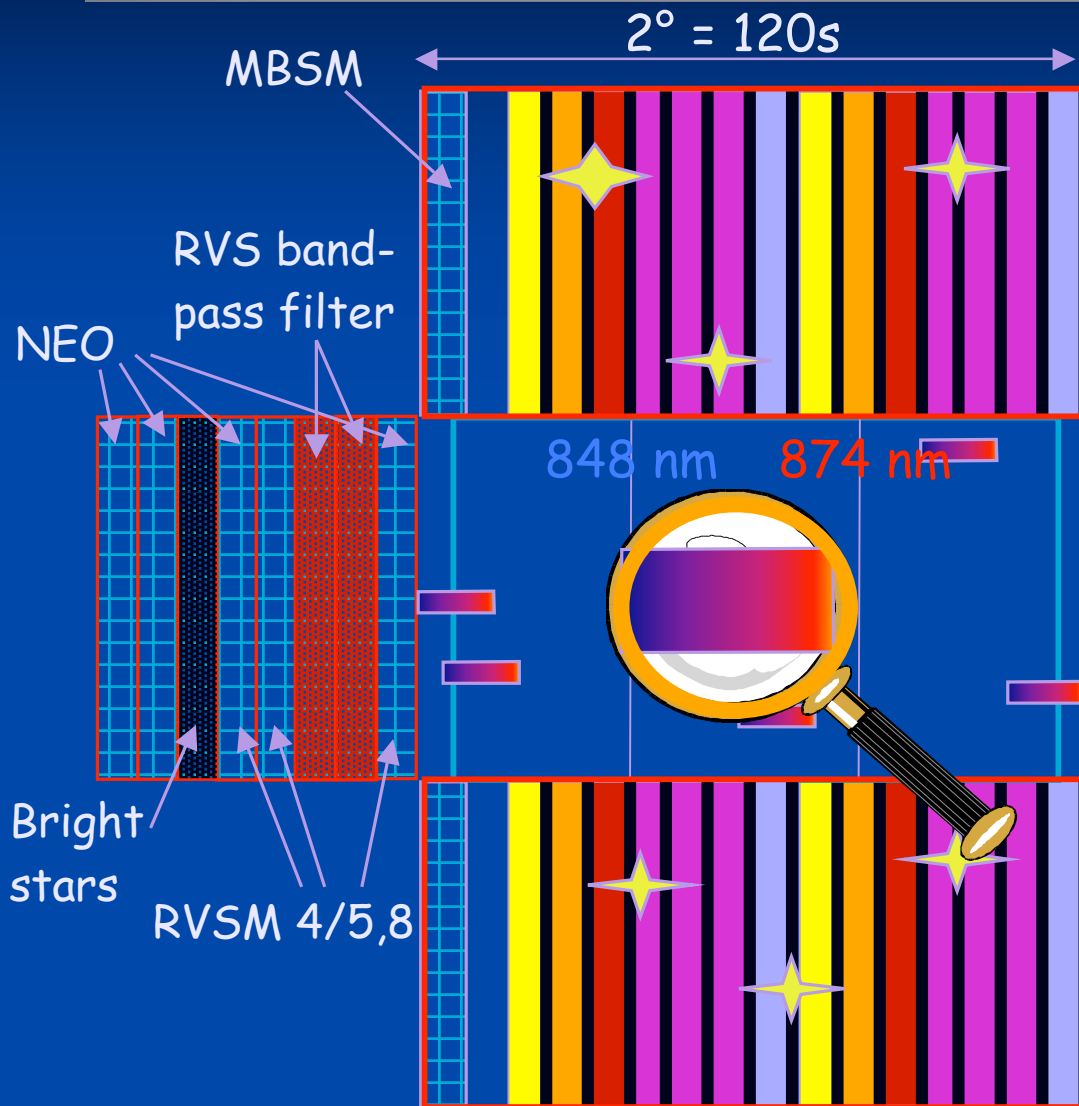
Sky  
Mapper

Astrometric Field

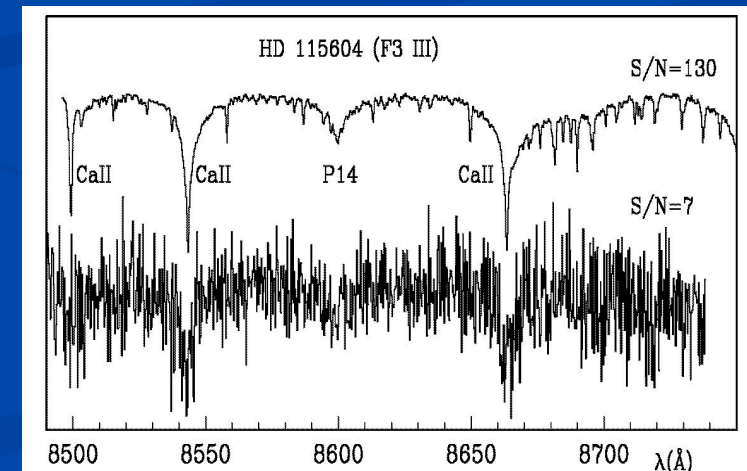
Broad Band  
Photometry



# Spectro field



- Confirmation and redundancy
  - For spectro sky mapper
- Two MBP fields
  - 1+15 CCDs = 1+11 filters TBC



# Sampling

# Sampling and patches

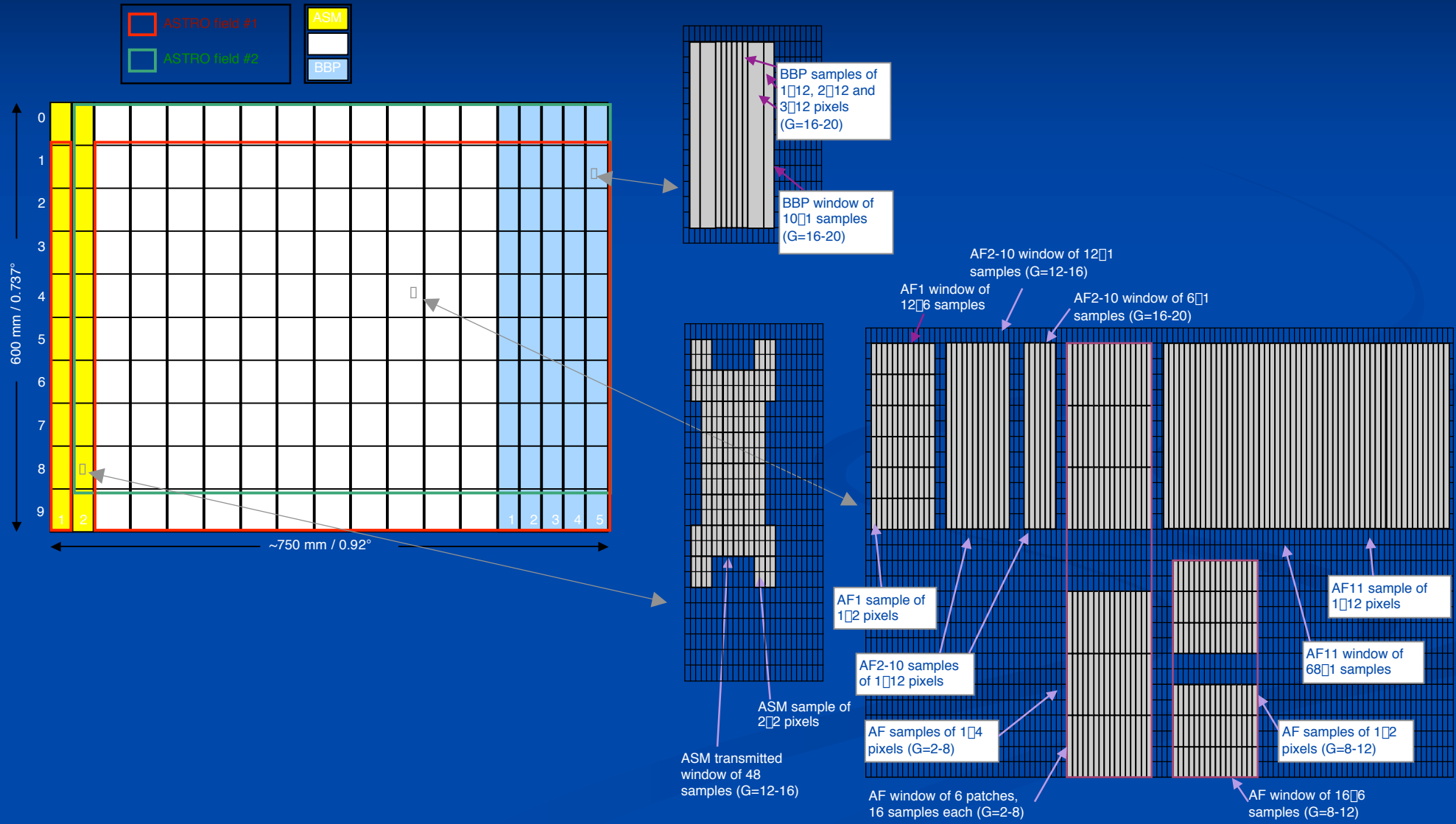
## ■ Scientific Requirements

- Highest precision along-scan
- Highest signal/noise : smallest read-out noise : electronic binning
- Enough flux per object for on-ground reconstruction (two close objects)

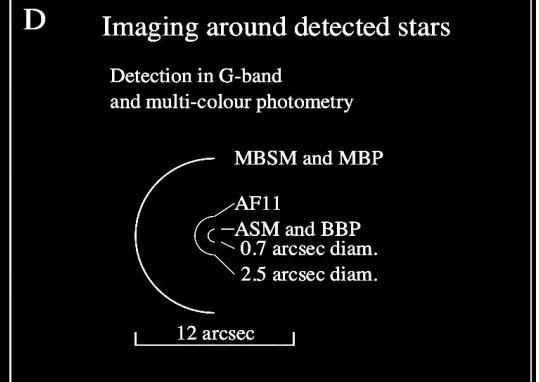
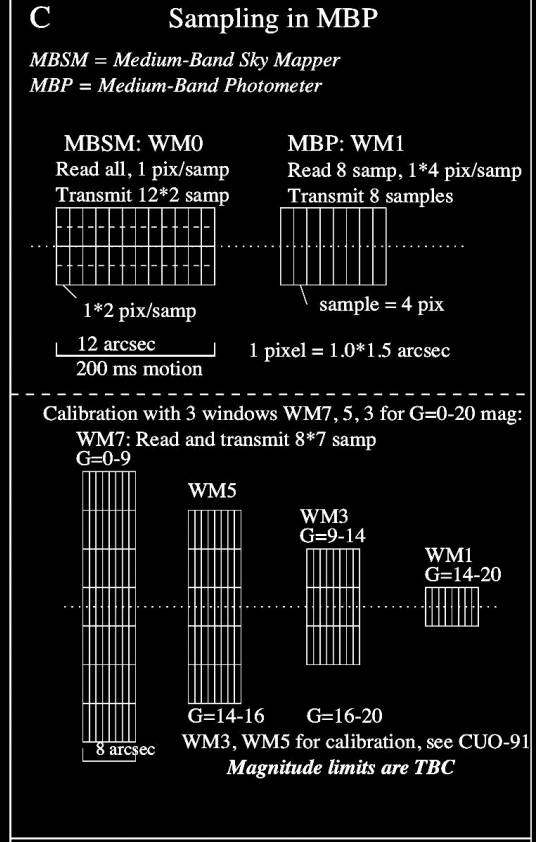
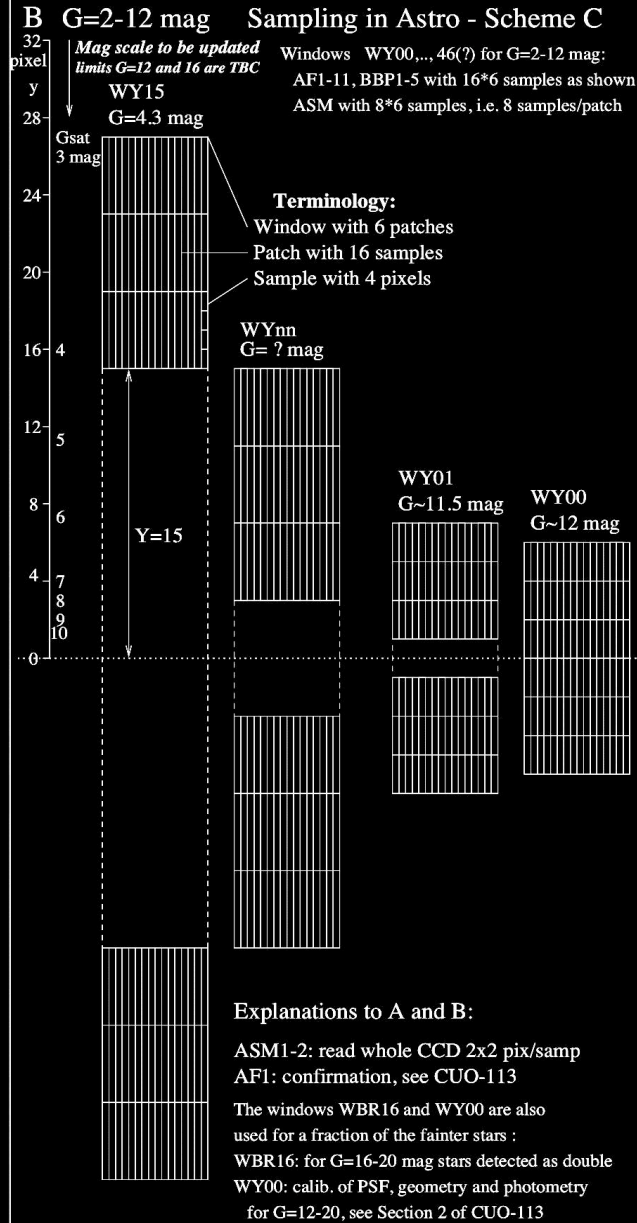
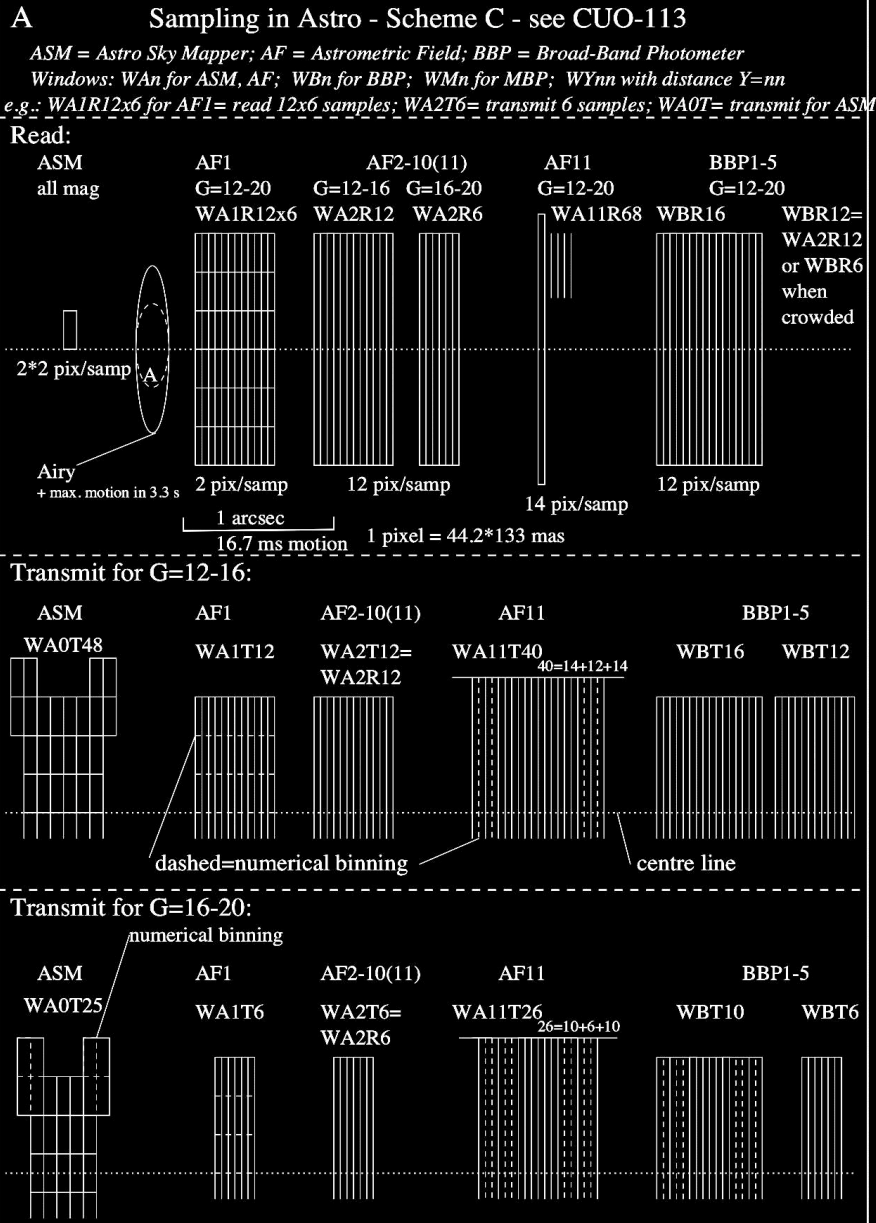
## ■ Technical Constraints

- CPU: limited instantaneous number of objects
- Telemetry: small number of patches, size of patches
- Number of samples  $AC$  fixed by the max. density
  - $3 \cdot 10^6$  in astro
  - $\sim 10^5$  in MBP, TBC

# Sampling in the astrometric field

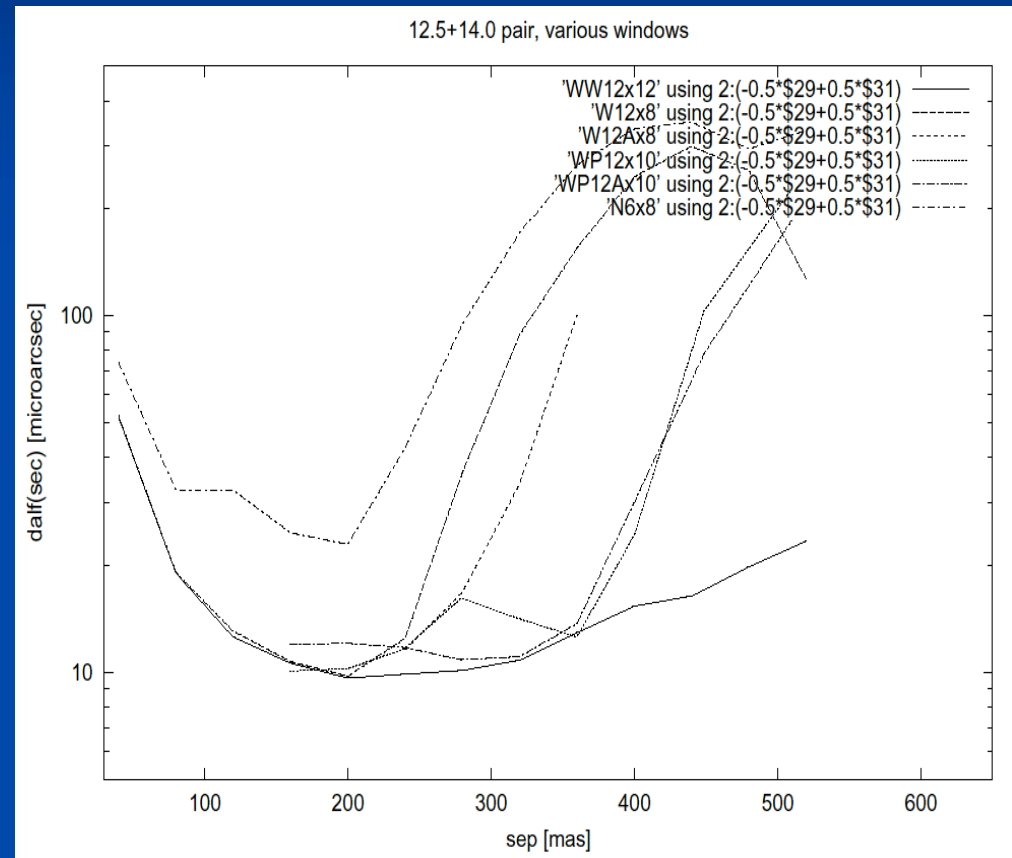


# Sampling in Astro and MBP



# Patches for double stars

- A large fraction of stars have a companion
  - Plus optical companion in dense areas
- Data reduction complicated
- One or several patches
  - Depends on the separation between components
- Size of patches is critical
  - Both components may be damaged if only a small part of one component is in the patch

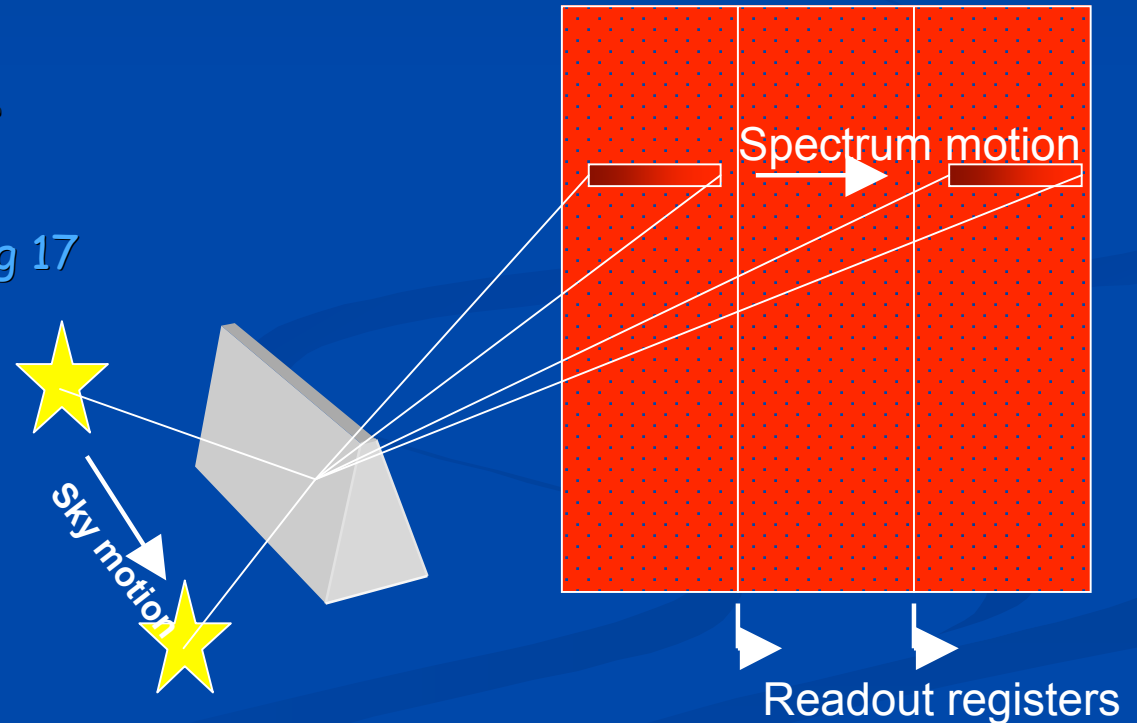




RVS

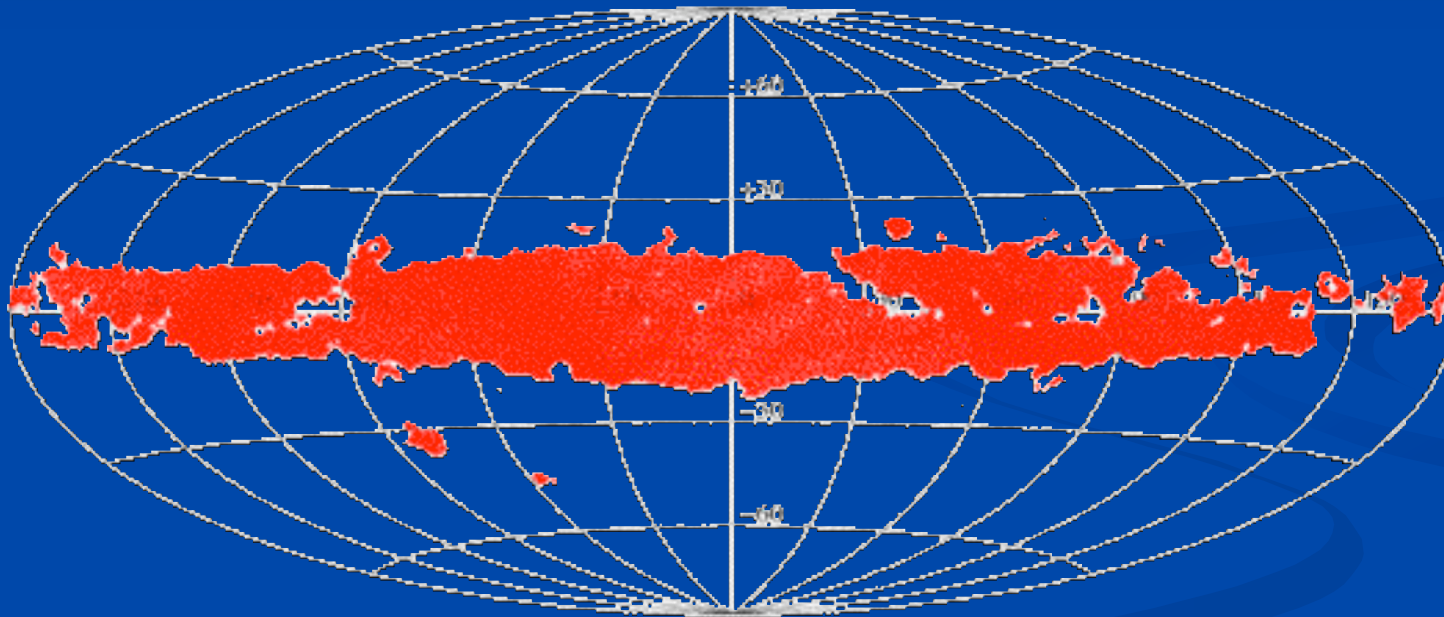
# RVS specific problems

- High resolution gives a better precision on radial velocity
- $R=11500$  means 694 pixels AL
- Large crowding
- Transverse motion : signal over several pixel AC
- Less than 1 photon/pixel at mag 17
- Thus the rotation mechanism
- 3 CCDs instead of 6 suggested



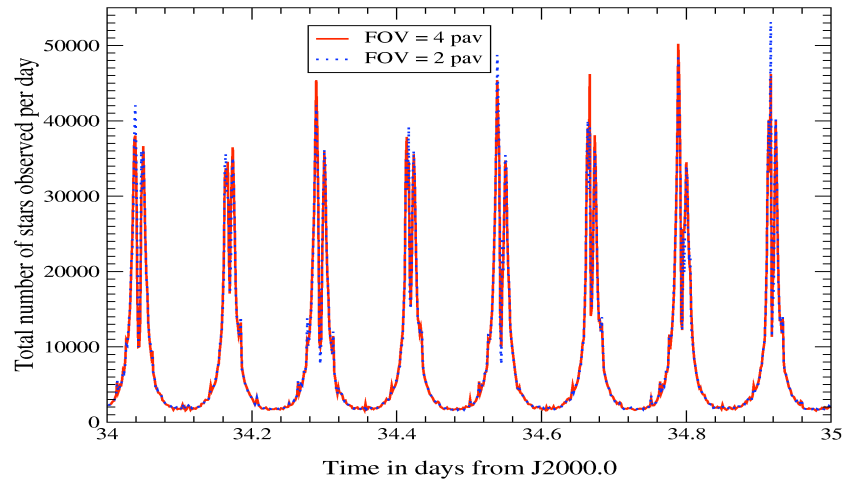
# RVS full CCDs

- When crowding is such high that the RVS CCD should be entirely downloaded?
- Galactic coordinates, limiting magnitude=17,  $R=10000$ , row/spectrum=2



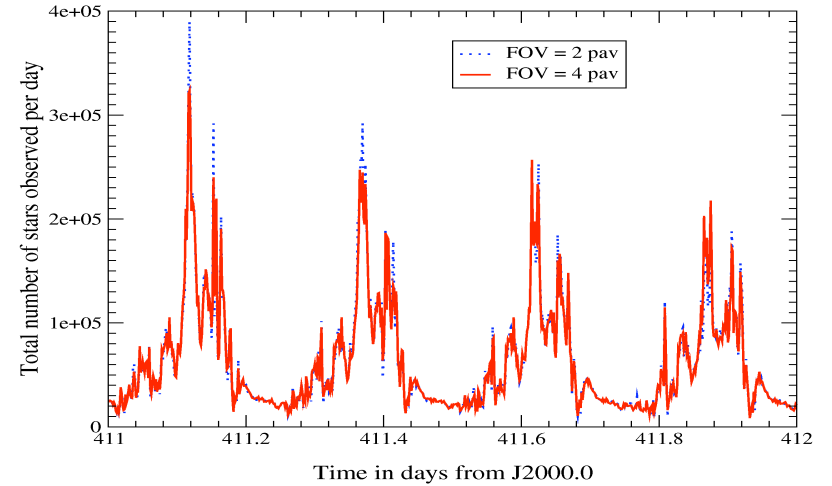
Total number of stars observed by RVS during day 34 to 35

Starcount : GSC2.2 F-band, Magnitude limit = 17



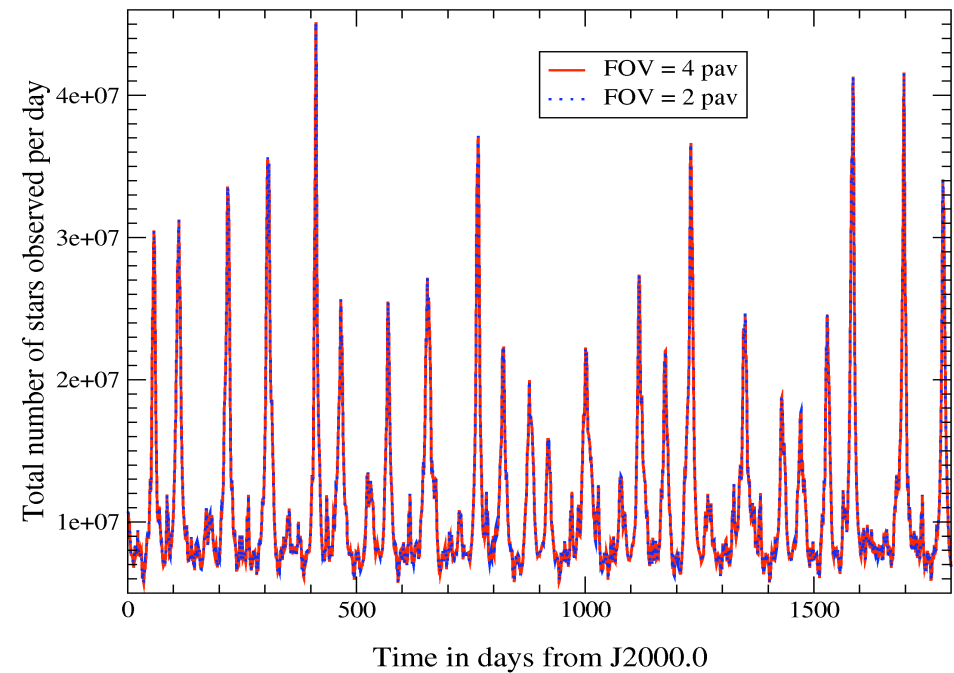
Total number of stars observed by RVS during day 411 to 412

Starcount : GSC2.2 F-band, Magnitude limit = 17



Total number of stars observed by RVS during the whole GAIA mission

Starcount : GSC2.2 F-band, Magnitude limit = 17



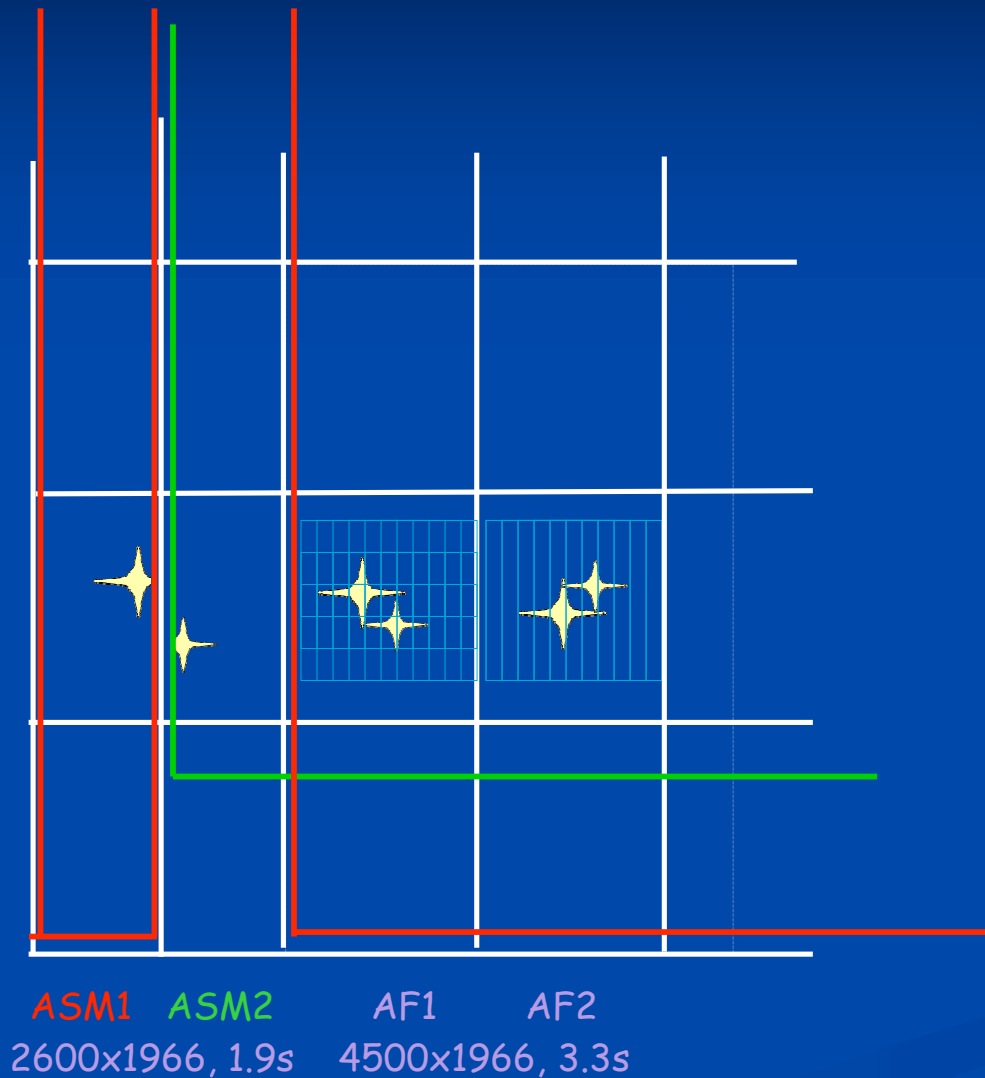
# RVS algorithms

- Pre-processing
  - Detection
  - All RVSM read TBC
  - Then whole reading of the 3 RVS CCDs
- Post-processing (TBC)
  - Selection/windowing
    - 694 x 1 or 2 depending on PSF/pixels positions
  - Summing of the 3 CCD?
  - Extraction of Ca II lines for faint stars?
  - Classical compression
  - Possible calibrations
    - angle of rotation mechanism

# Observing strategy

All this TBC in a forthcoming document

# Instrument/detection/selection



## ■ Instrument

- 2 FOVs, different transverse motion
- One sky mapper for each binning 2x2
- Confirmation in AF1 binning 1x2
- 9 following AF binning 1x12
- Binning 1x because all contribute to astro. precision
- AF2 could play AF1 role when failure

## ■ Detection

- All samples read in ASM
- Detection occur (in some sliding window)
- Results sent for selection

## ■ Selection and tracking

- Management of which patches to observe in AF1
- Ask for AF1 samples
- Confirms detection
- Send a patch (was 5x5 samples in former design)
- Compute at regular intervals the motion
- Tracking for AF2, etc.

# Detection - requirements

- Observations
  - $G < 20^m$  completeness
  - For fainter objects, download at least position+magnitude+background from ASM
  - Galaxies and nebulae? Not a priority
- False detections
  - Larger number of patches in AF1 to cope with false detections/cosmic rays
- Precision
  - Good enough for object tracking
  - For scan rate computation ( $\sim 1\text{mas/s}$ )
- Classification
  - For priority levels
- Processing should be
  - fast  $< 1.9 + 3.3s$  (ASM1),  $< 5.5s$  (RVSM),
  - robust



# Selection - requirements

- After detection:
  - Which objects to observe
  - How (centering, size, overlapping, ...) in each CCD (=observing strategy)
  - What to download
- A priority
  - To bright stars
  - May also depend on other criteria
- Selection reproducible on ground (censorship)
- Constraints
  - Limited number of patches should cope with high density fields
  - Take care of double stars (no sample overlapping)
  - Storage (possible downlink failure)
  - Telemetry (some great circles ~ along the galactic plane)