Stellar and substellar companions from Gaia DR2

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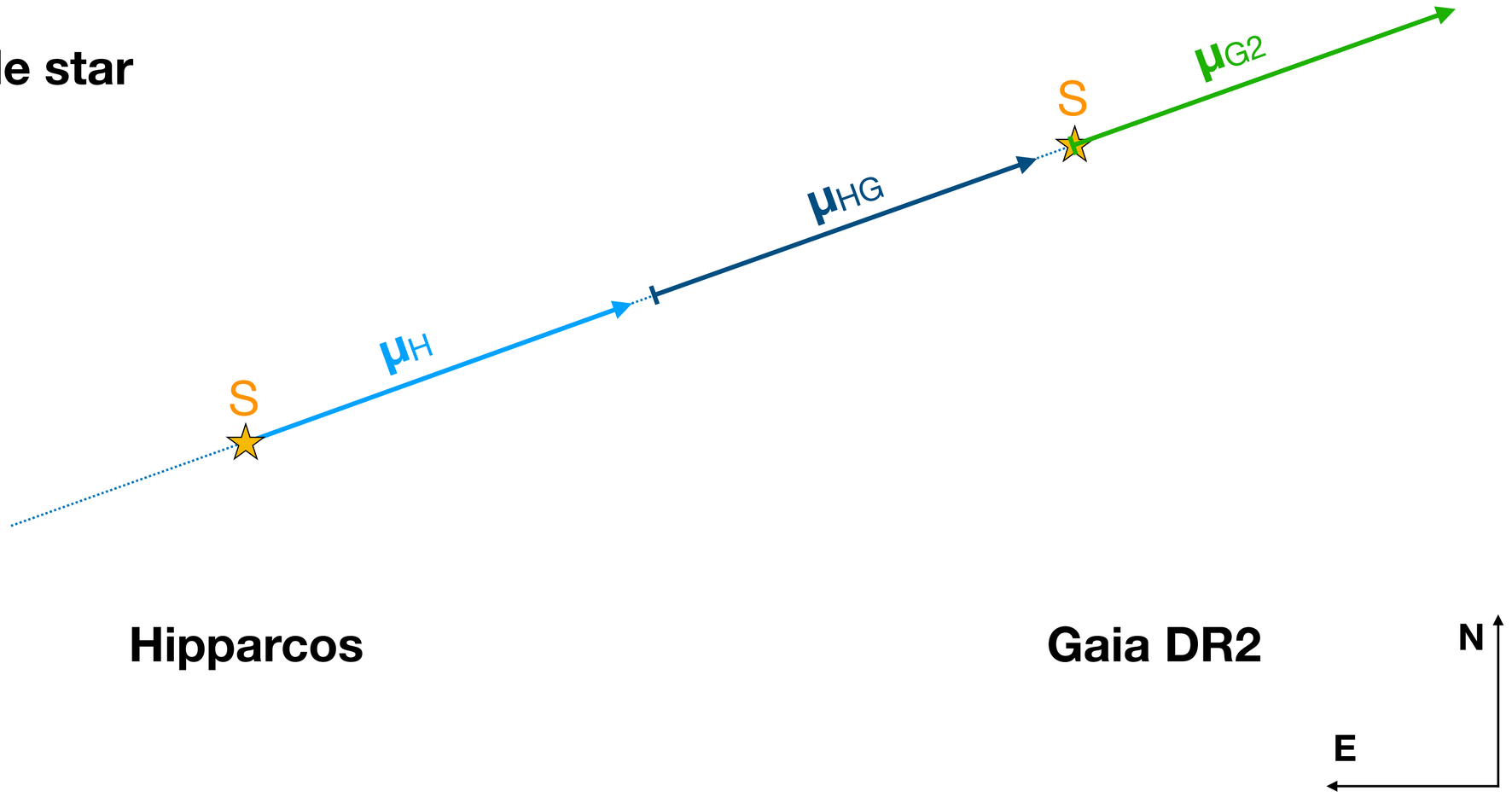
Overview

Detection of companions of nearby stars from Gaia DR2 proper motions using two methods:

1. **Proper motion anomaly** between Hipparcos-Gaia positions and Gaia proper motions

2. **Common proper motion** and parallax pairs

Proper motion anomaly



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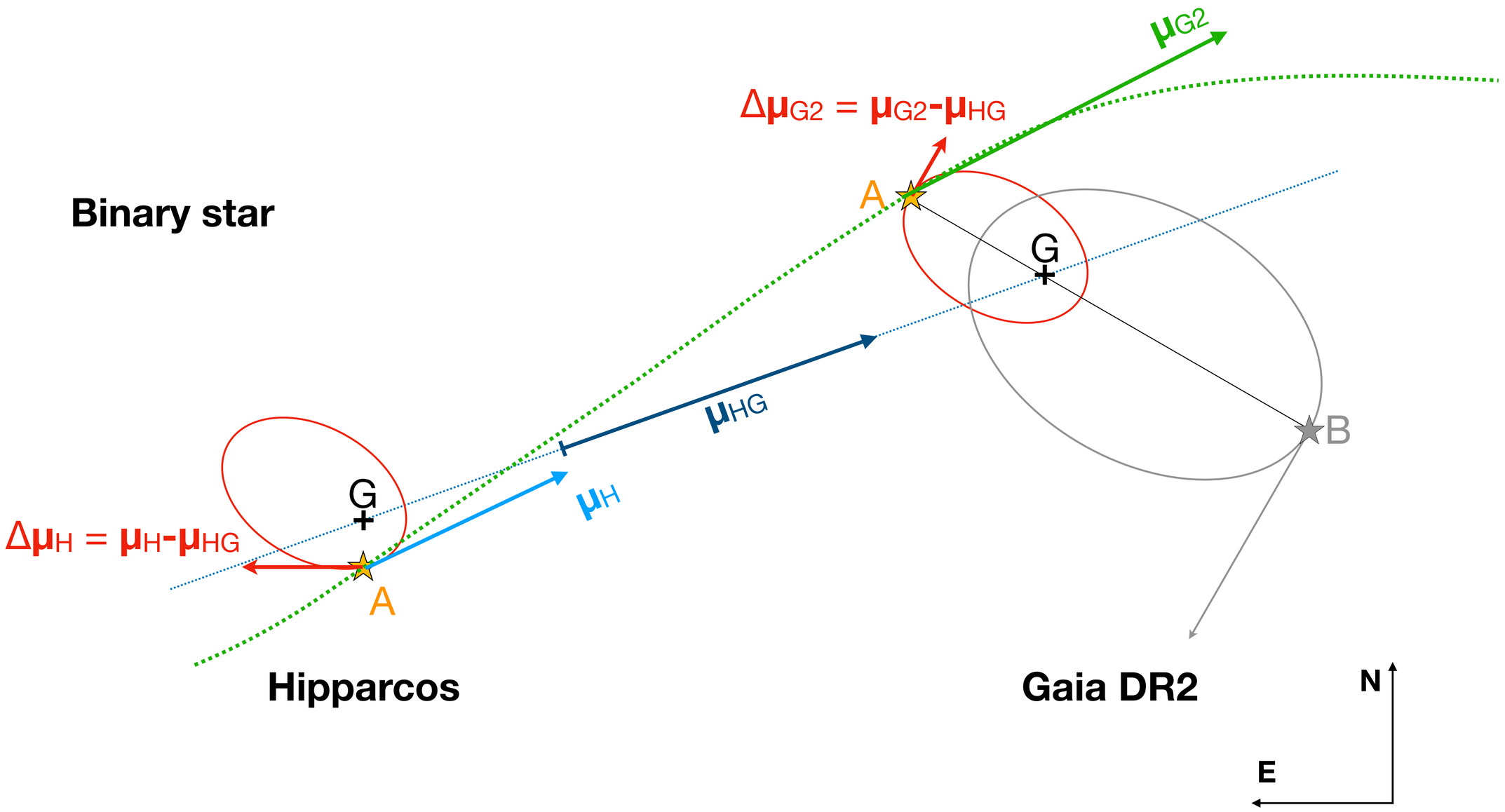

- Sensitivity in mass and orbital radius ?

$$\frac{m_2}{\sqrt{r}} = \sqrt{\frac{m_1}{G}}\, v_1 = \sqrt{\frac{m_1}{G}} \left(\frac{\Delta\mu[\mathrm{mas\,a^{-1}}]}{\varpi[\mathrm{mas\,au^{-1}}]} \times 4740.470 \right)$$

$$\sigma(\mu) = 242\,\mu\mathrm{as\,a^{-1}}$$

$$\sigma\left(m_2^{\dagger}\right) = 0.040\,M_J\,\mathrm{au}^{-1/2}\,\mathrm{pc}^{-1}$$

- The sensitivity decreases linearly as a function of the distance

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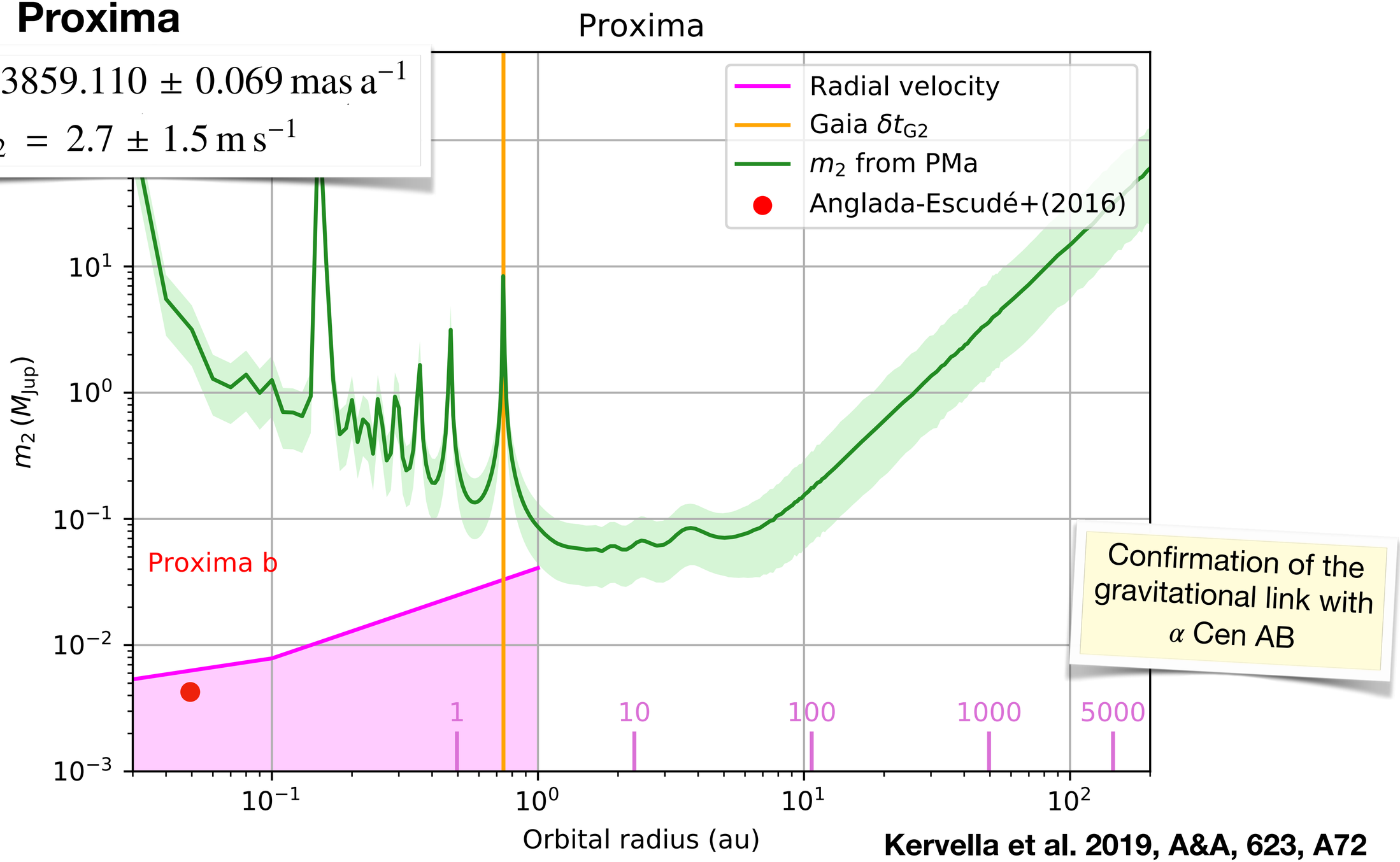
Proxima

$$\mu_{\rm HG} = 3859.110 \pm 0.069\,{\rm mas\,a^{-1}}$$
$$\Delta v_{\rm tan,G2} = 2.7 \pm 1.5\,{\rm m\,s^{-1}}$$



Confirmation of the gravitational link with α Cen AB

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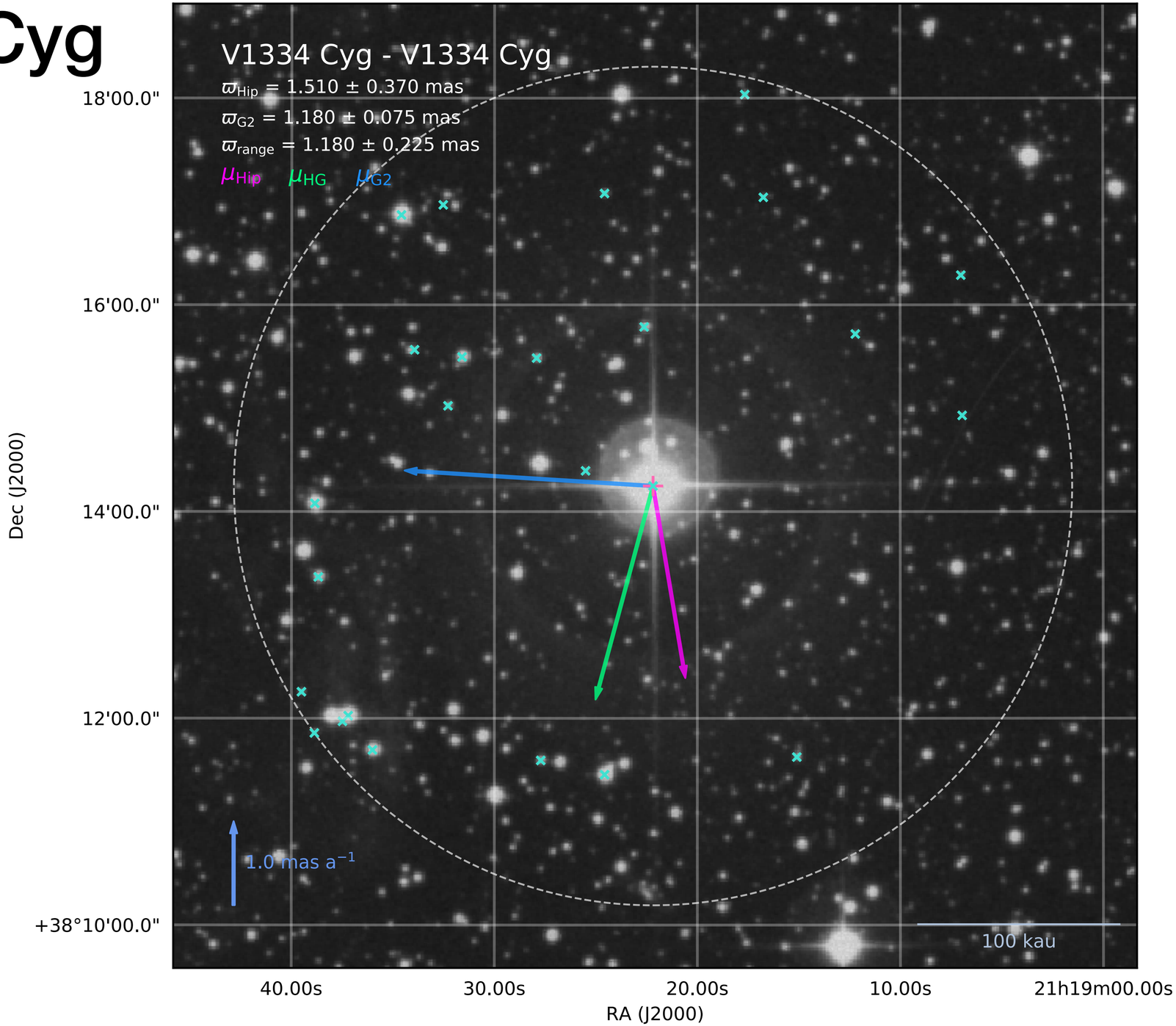
V1334 Cyg


V1334 Cyg - V1334 Cyg
ϖ_{Hip} = 1.510 ± 0.370 mas
ϖ_{G2} = 1.180 ± 0.075 mas
ϖ_{range} = 1.180 ± 0.225 mas
μ_{Hip} μ_{HG} μ_{G2}
18'00.0"
16'00.0"
14'00.0"
12'00.0"
+38°10'00.0"
Dec (J2000)
1.0 mas a^{-1}
100 kau
40.00s
30.00s
20.00s
10.00s
21h19m00.00s
RA (J2000)

V1334 Cyg

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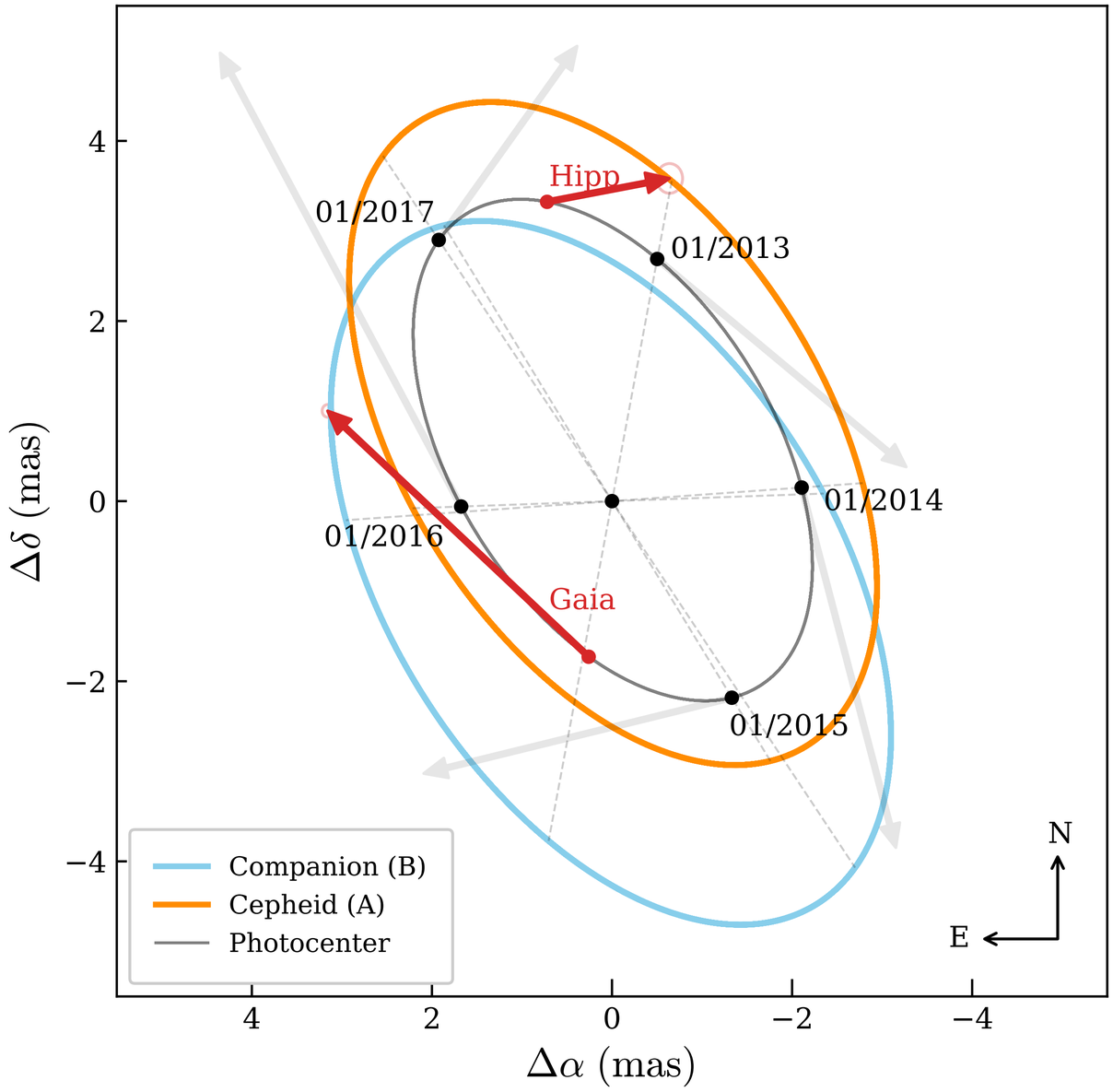

Adopted parameters	
Parallax from GDR2 ϖ	$1.180_{\pm0.066}$ mas ($1.388_{\pm0.015}$ mas)
Mass from P-M m_1	$4.6_{\pm0.7}\,M_\odot$ ($4.29_{\pm0.13}\,M_\odot$)
Parameters from Evans (2000)	
Orbital period P	$1937.5_{\pm2.1}$ d ($1932.8_{\pm1.8}$ d)
Eccentricity e	$0.197_{\pm0.009}$ ($0.233_{\pm0.001}$)
Arg. of periastron ω	$226.4_{\pm2.9}$ deg ($229.8_{\pm0.3}$ deg)
v_r amplitude K_1	$14.1_{0.1}$ km s^{-1} ($14.168_{0.014}$ km s^{-1})
v_r at Hip epoch	$+9.86 \pm 0.41$ km s^{-1}
v_r at GDR2 epoch	-9.66 ± 1.33 km s^{-1}
PMa vectors	
$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{Hip}}$	$[-1.36_{\pm0.29}, +0.26_{\pm0.33}]$ mas a^{-1}
$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{G2}}$	$[+2.90_{\pm0.12}, +2.73_{\pm0.14}]$ mas a^{-1}
Parameters from present analysis	
Inclination i	$118_{\pm6}$ deg ($124.94_{\pm0.09}$ deg)
Semimajor axis a	$6.18_{\pm0.21}$ au ($6.16_{\pm0.07}$ au)
Ang. semimajor axis θ	$7.3_{\pm0.5}$ mas ($8.54_{\pm0.04}$ mas)
Long. of asc. node Ω	$208_{\pm6}$ deg ($213.17_{\pm0.35}$ deg)
Mass of secondary m_2	$3.80_{\pm0.57}\,M_\odot$ ($4.04_{\pm0.05}\,M_\odot$)

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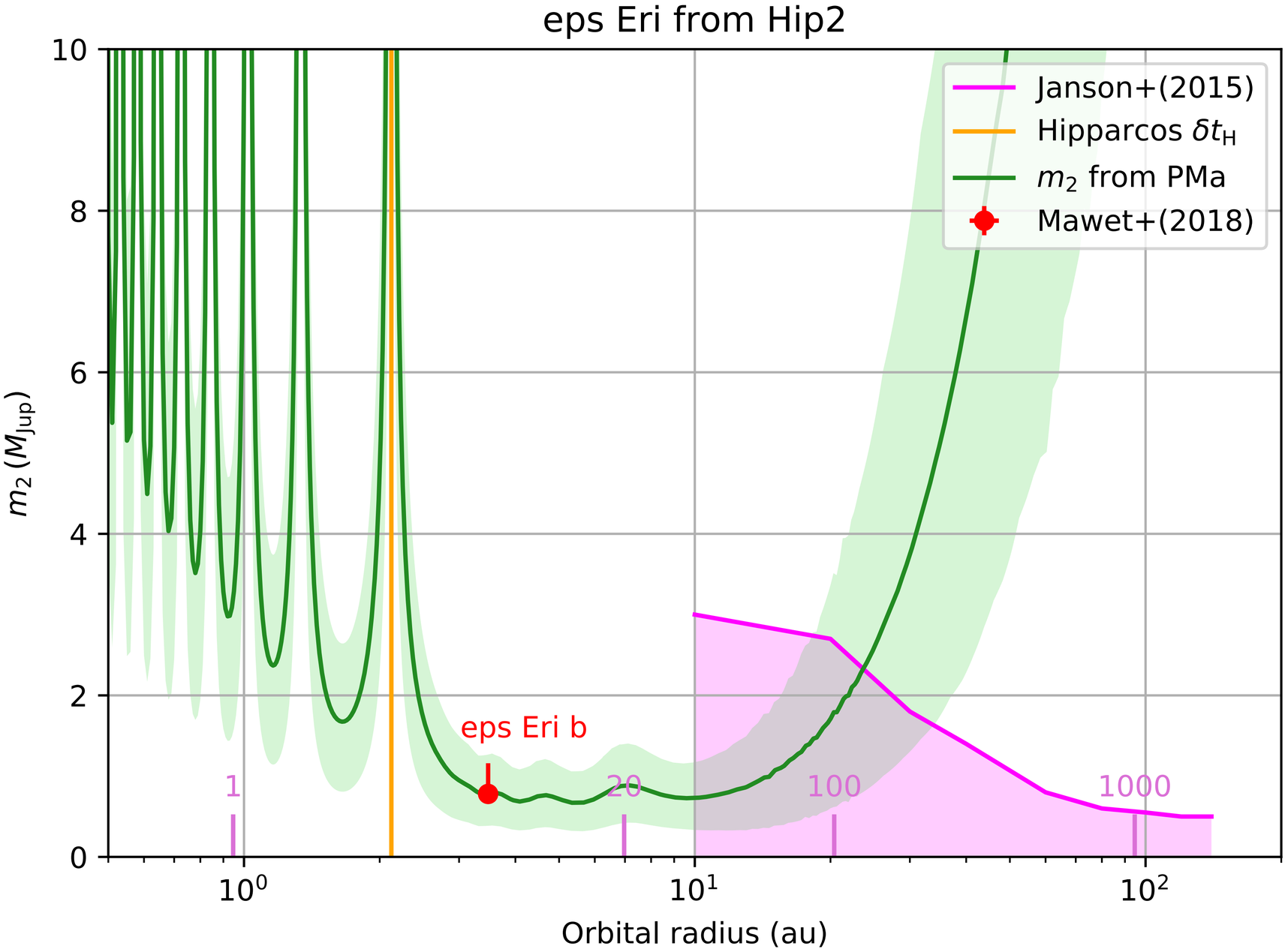

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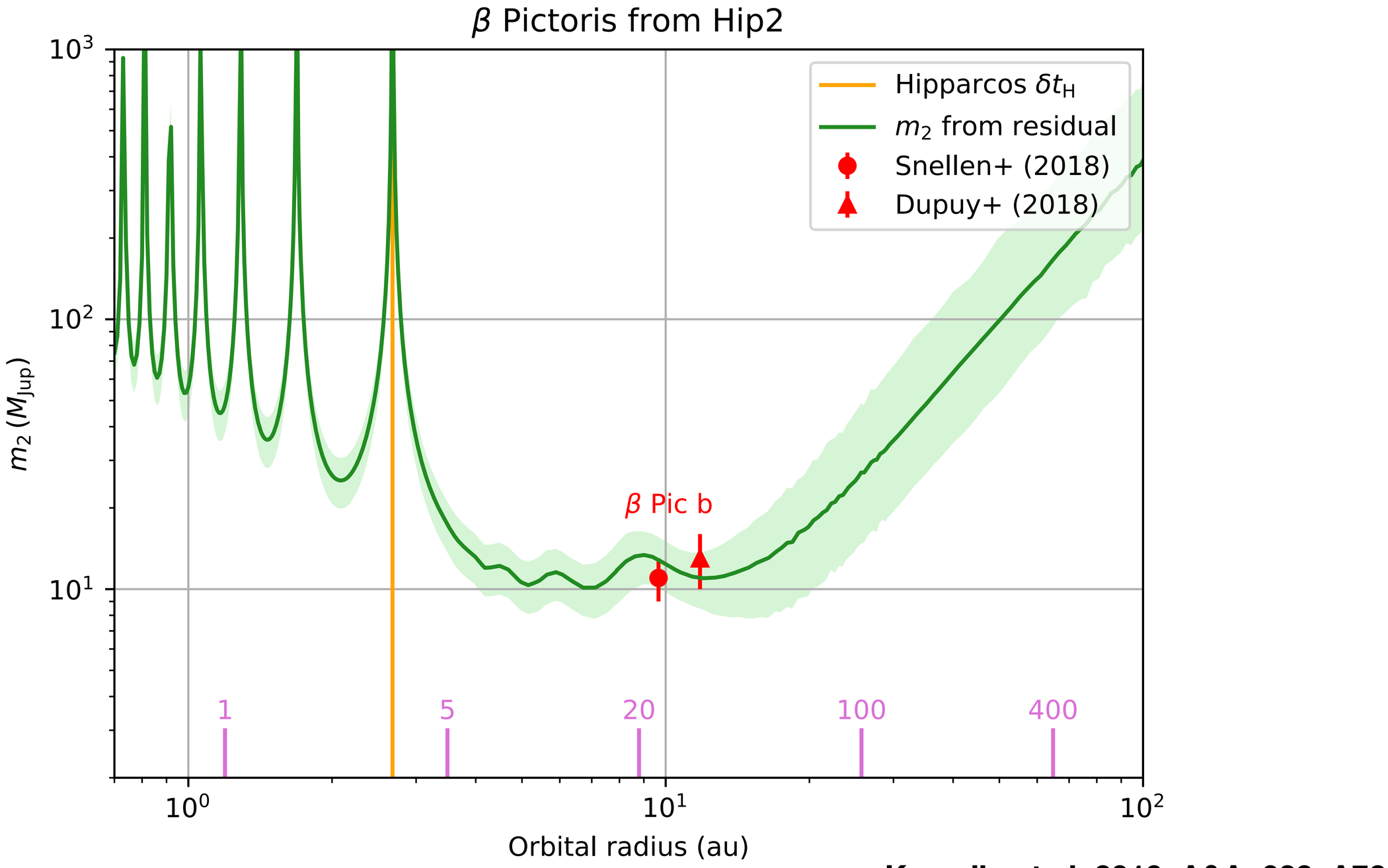

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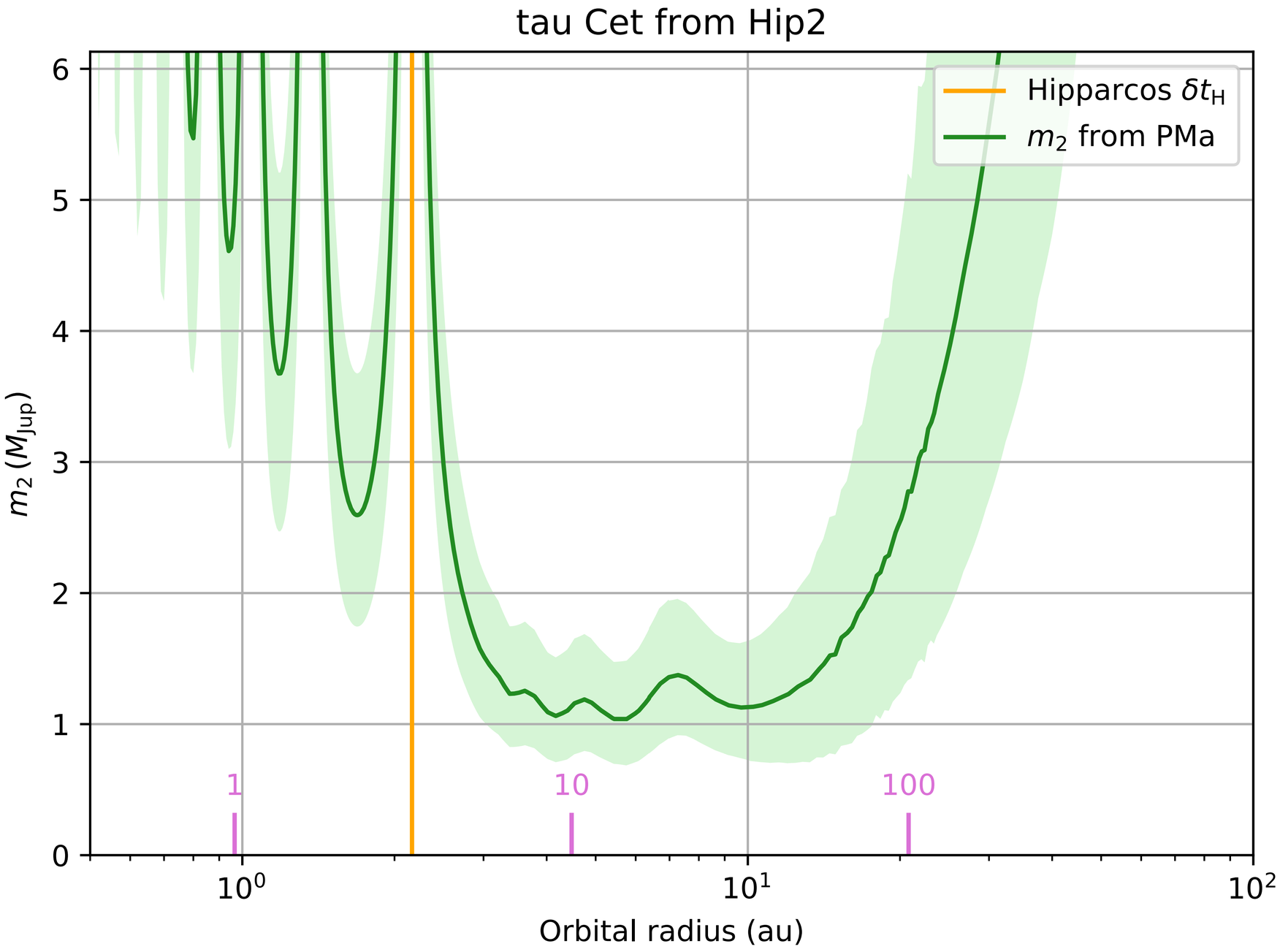
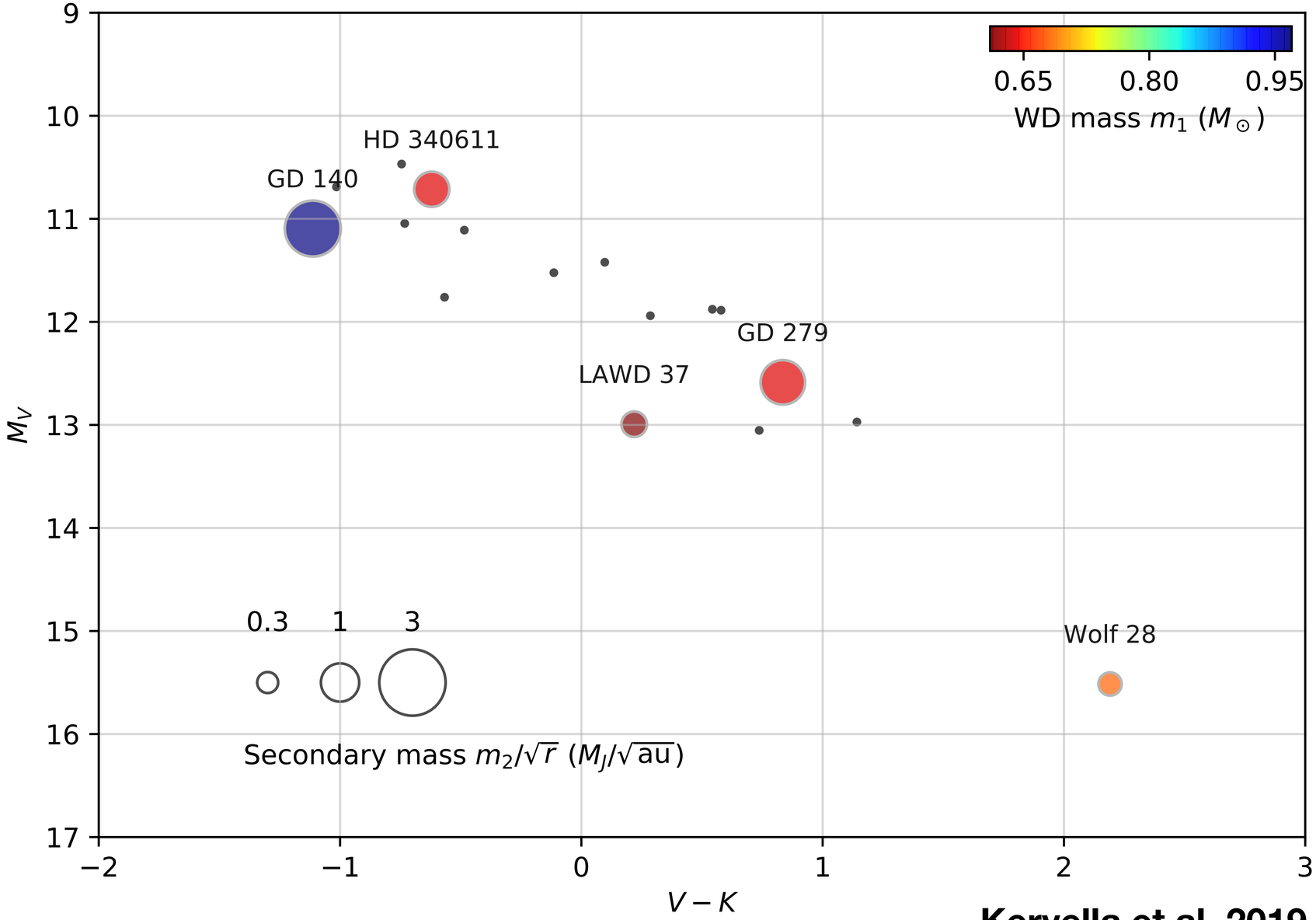

tau Cet from Hip2
Hipparcos δt_H
m_2 from PMa
m_2 (M_{Jup})
Orbital radius (au)
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
10^0
10^1
10^2
1
10
100

White dwarfs



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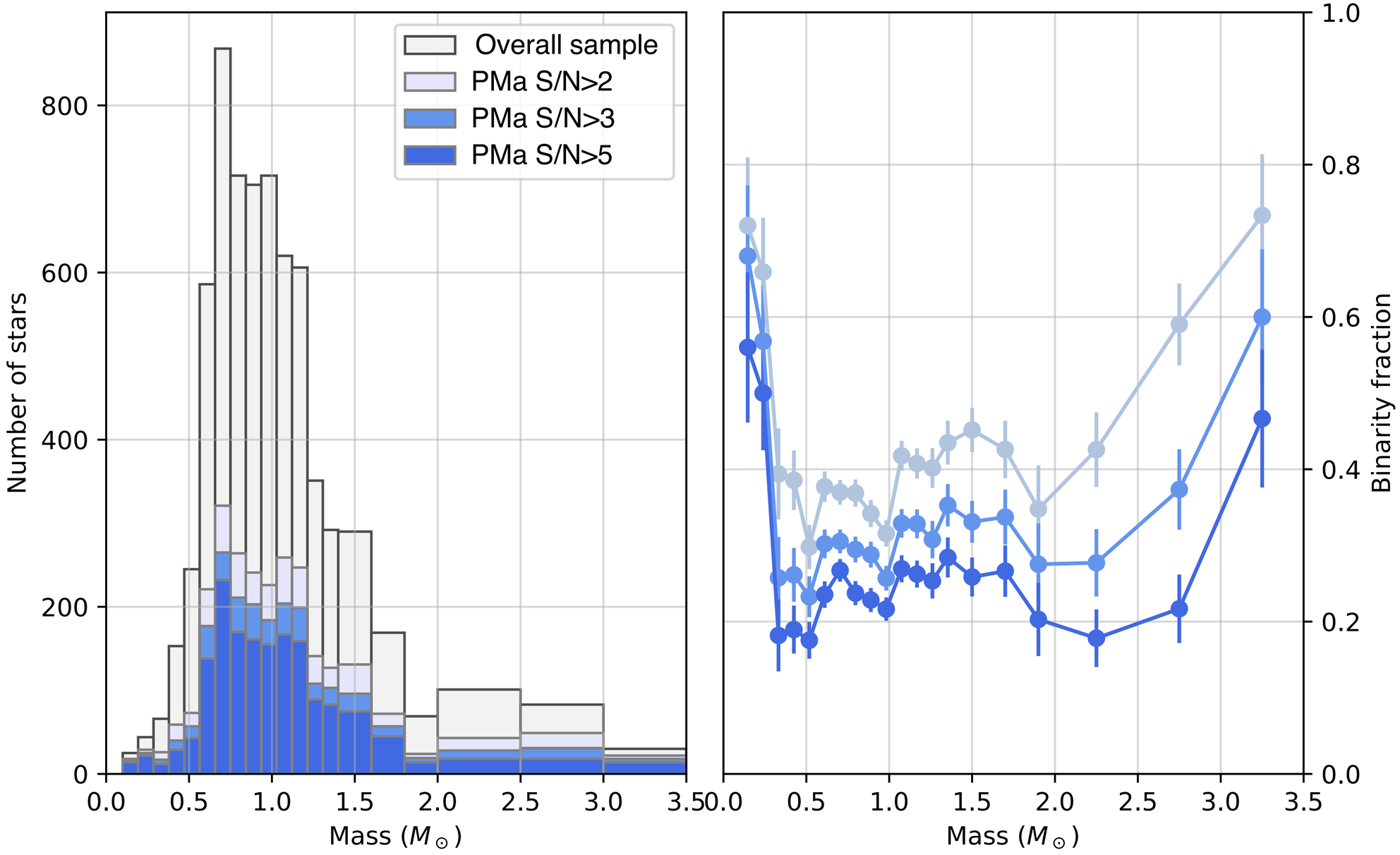

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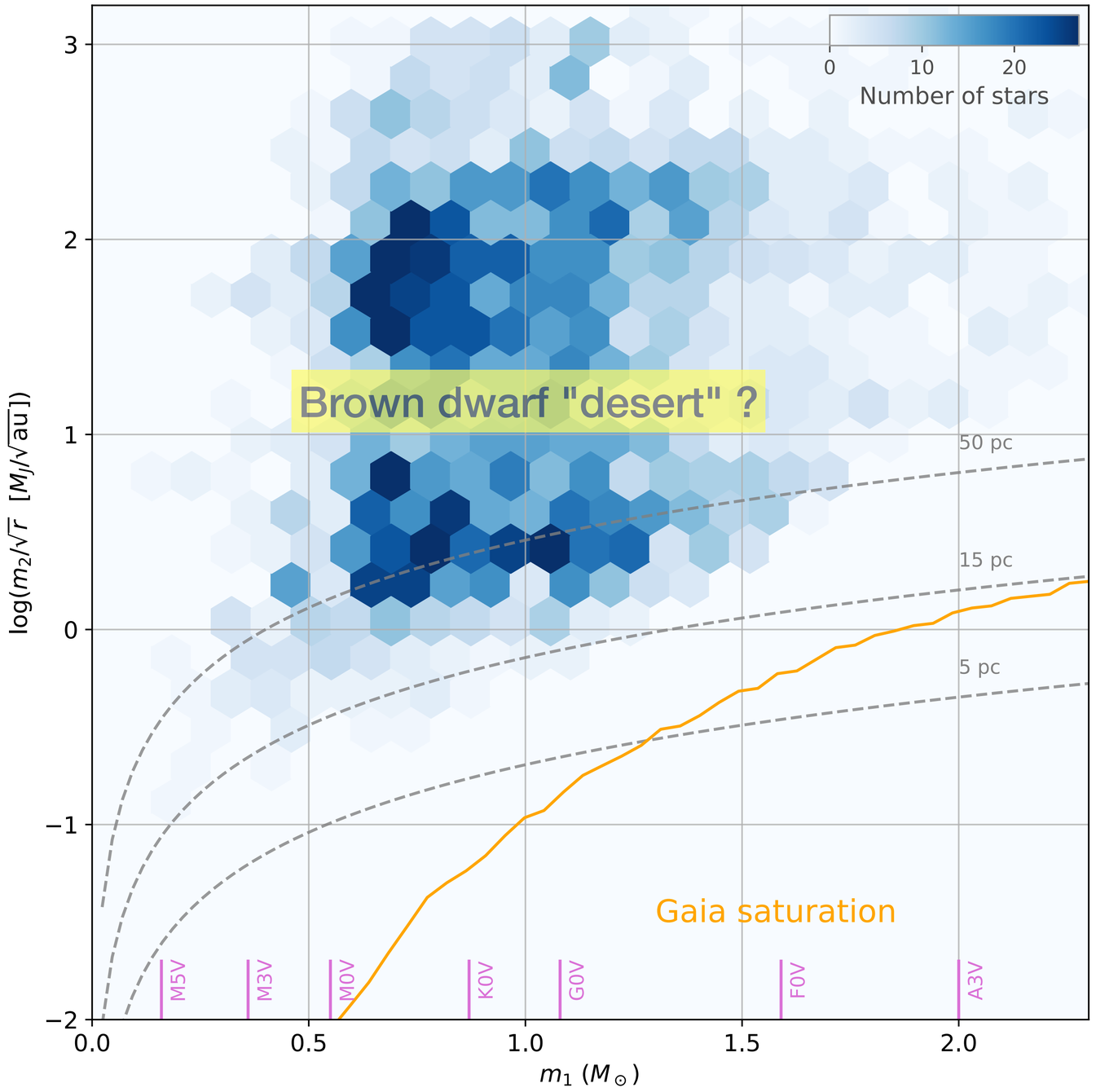
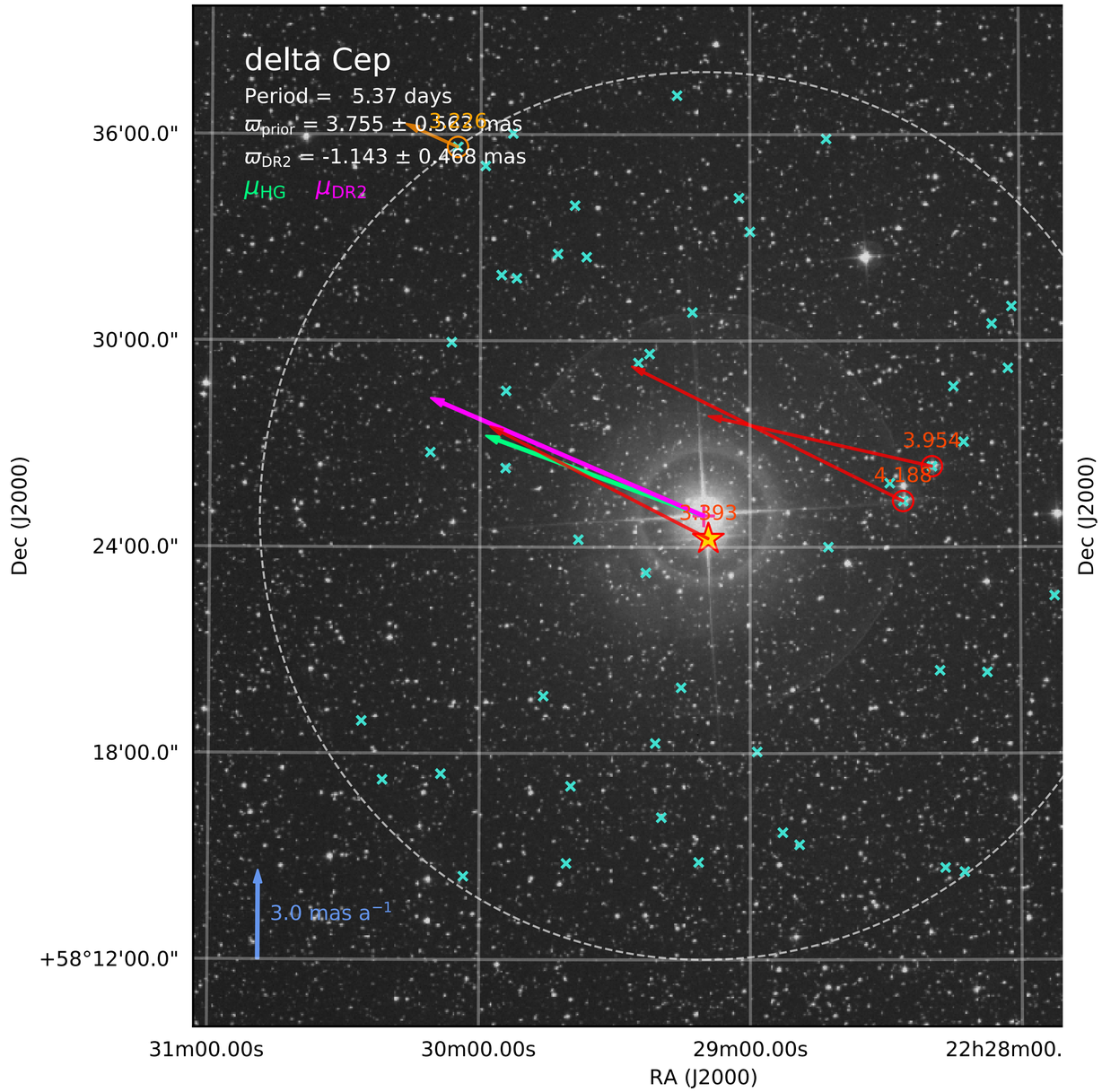
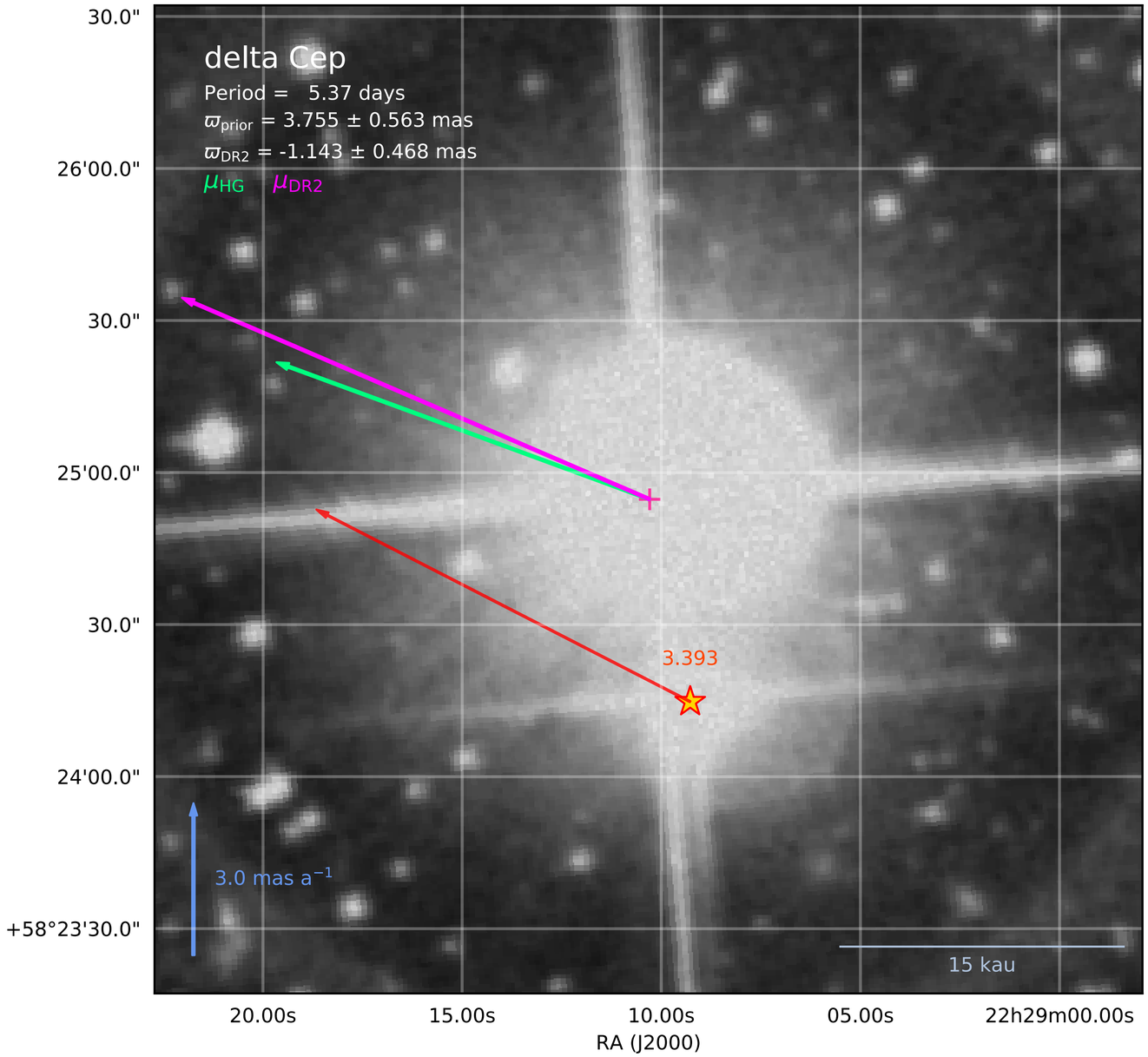

Number of stars
0
10
20
Brown dwarf "desert" ?
50 pc
15 pc
5 pc
Gaia saturation
M5V
M3V
M0V
K0V
G0V
F0V
A3V
$\log(m_2/\sqrt{r}\ \ [M_J/\sqrt{\mathrm{au}}])$
$m_1\ (M_\odot)$
3
2
1
0
−1
−2
0.0
0.5
1.0
1.5
2.0

Common proper motion companions of Cepheids





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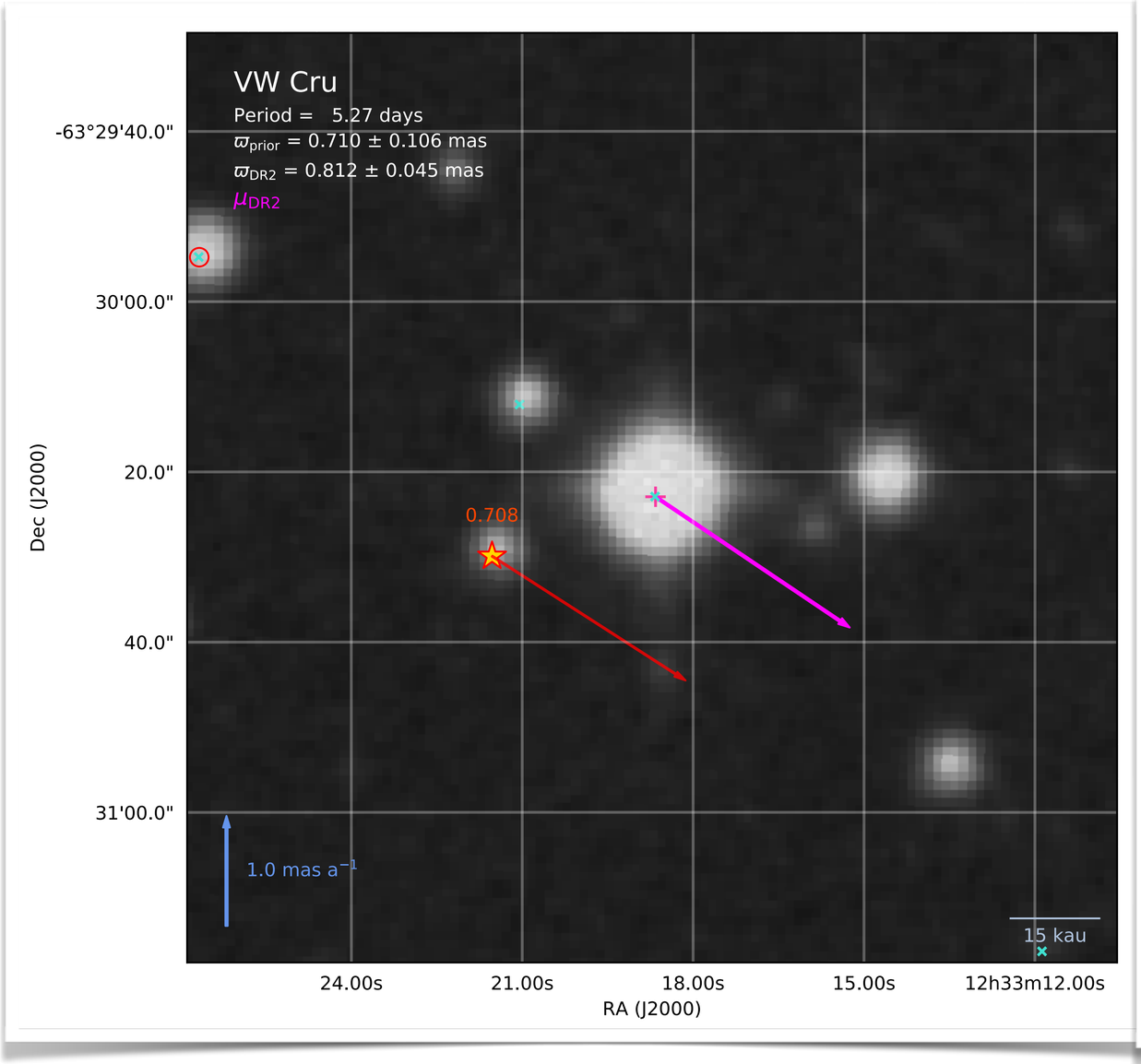
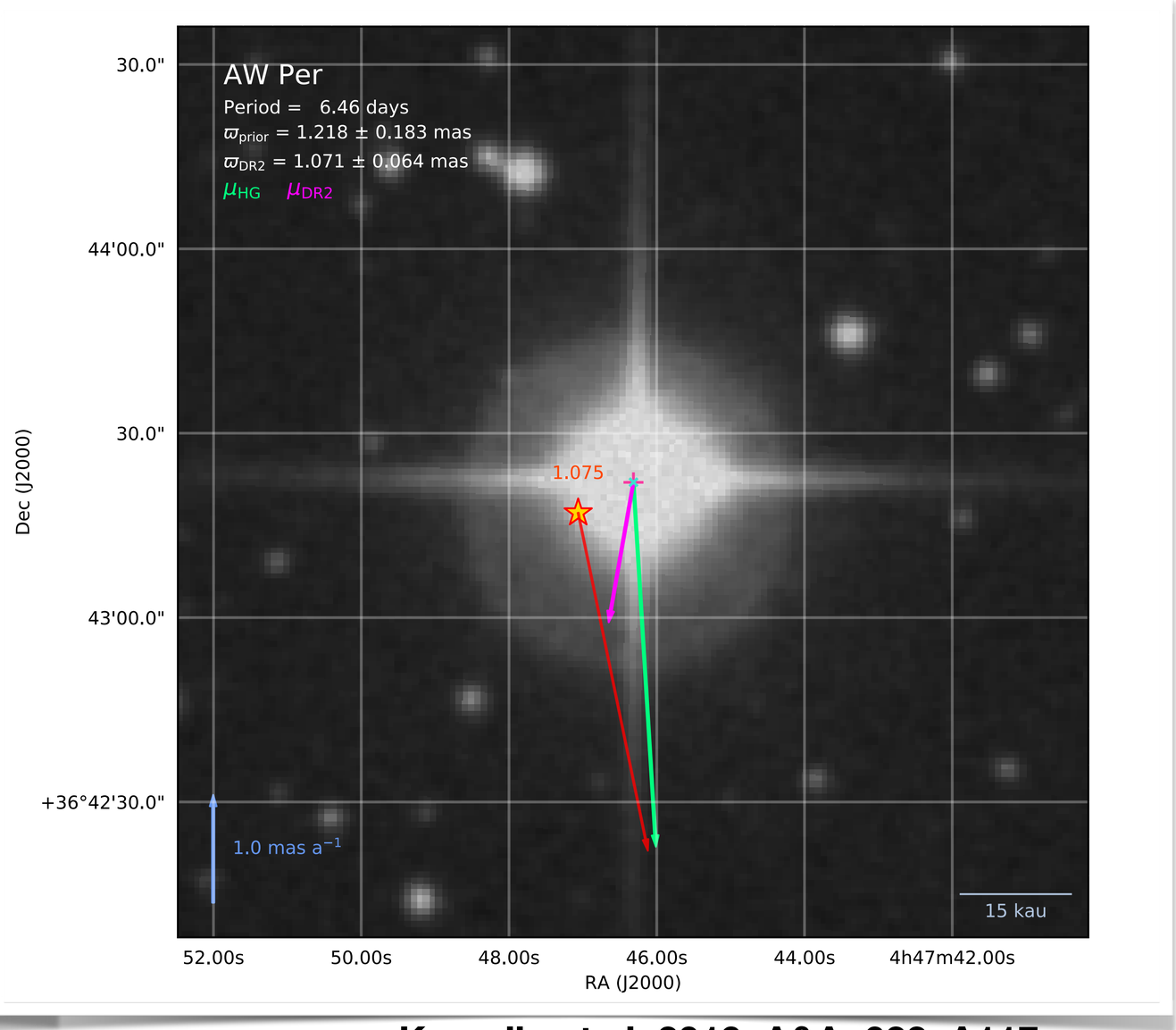
Cepheid companions





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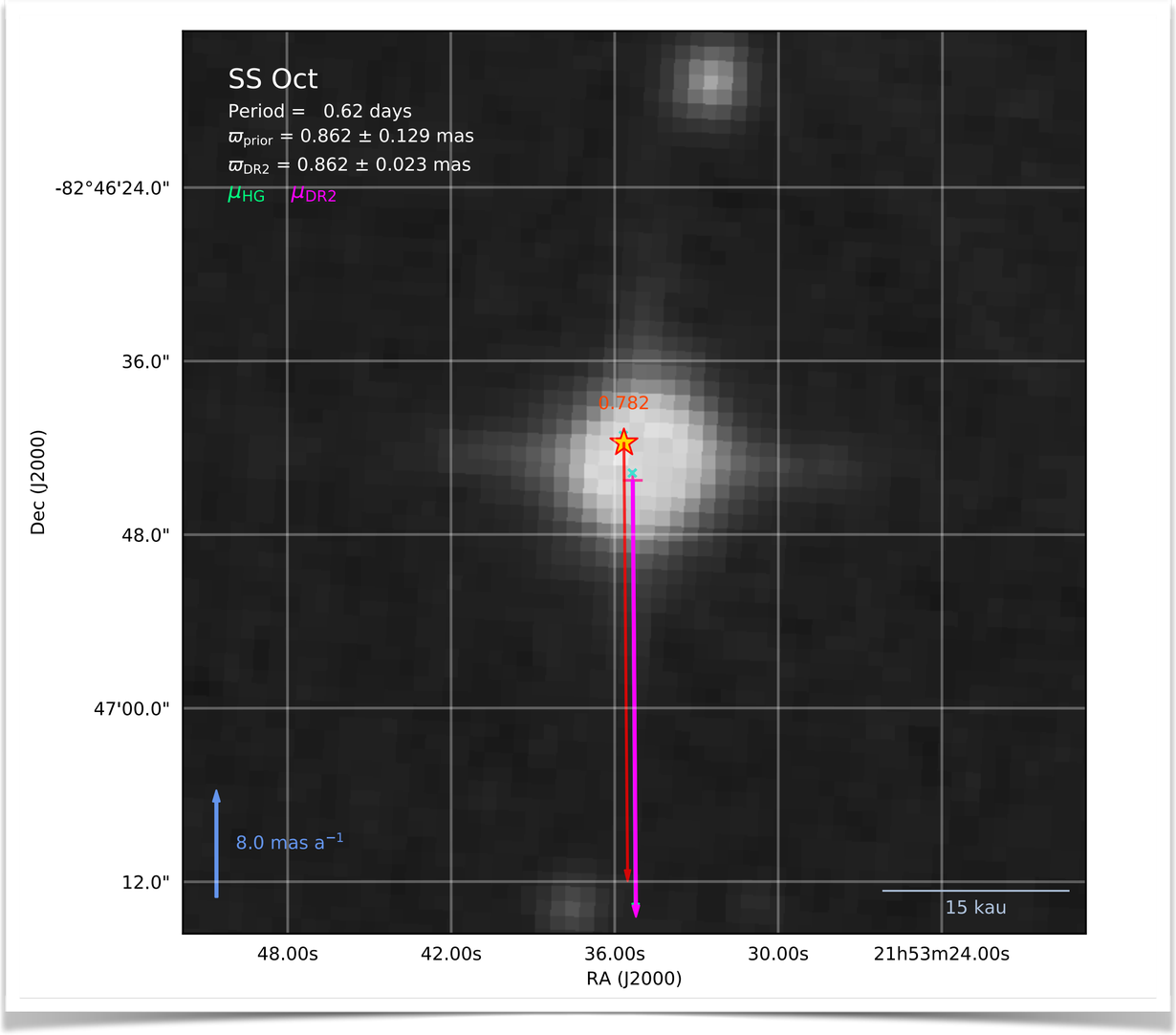
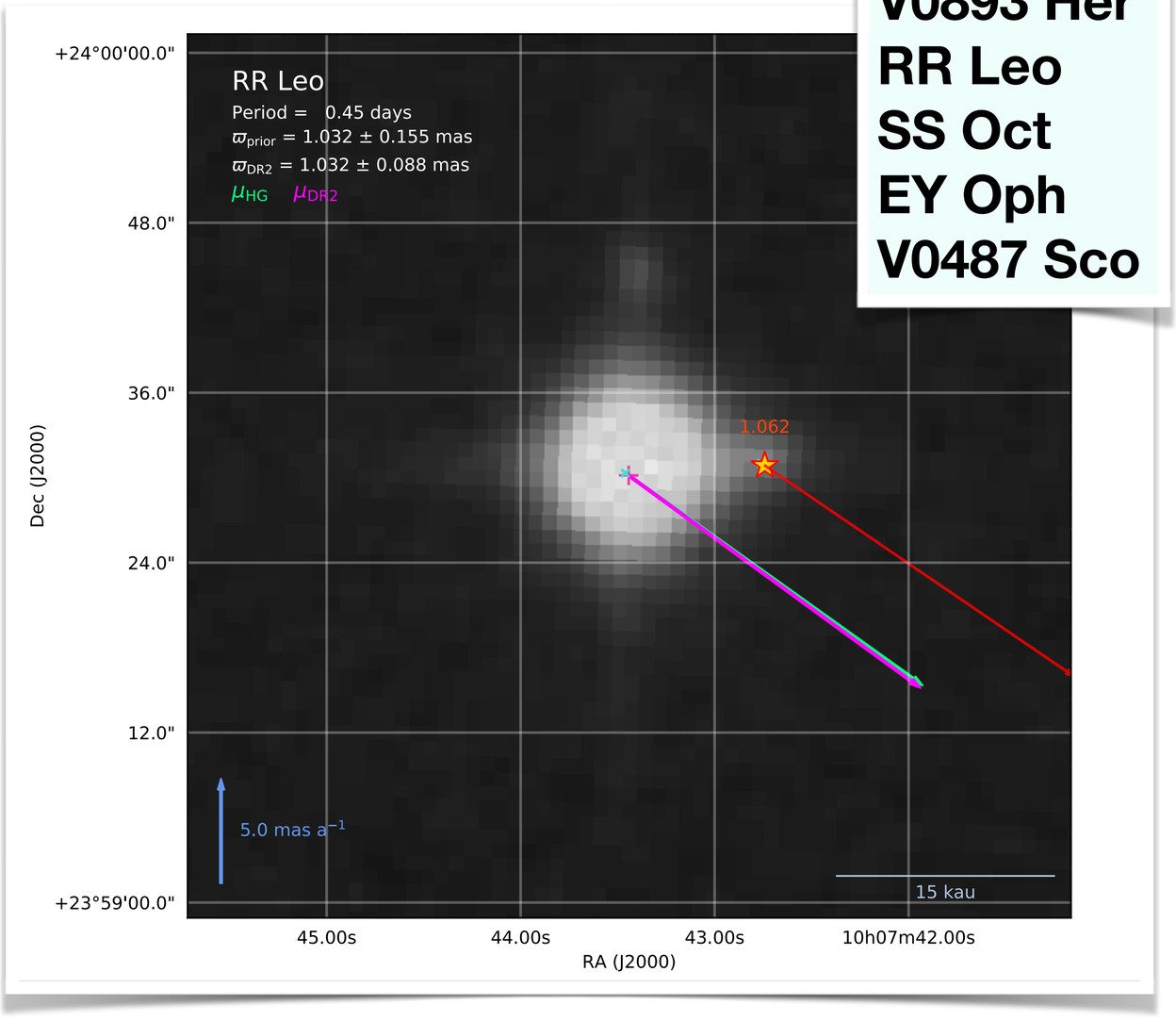
RR Lyrae companions

OV And
CS Del
V0893 Her
RR Leo
SS Oct
EY Oph
V0487 Sco





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Conclusion

- 30% of the 6500 stars within 50 pc (27% of the 117 000 Hipparcos stars) present a PMa at > 3 σ level

- Many low mass companion signatures, including on white dwarfs

- Accuracy of Gaia DR2 tangential velocity anomaly **Δv_{tan}~1 m/s/pc**

- >80% of Cepheids are in binary or multiple systems, as well as ~20% of RR Lyrae stars

- Work in progress: common proper motion companions of all Gaia DR2 stars within 50 pc (71 000 stars)