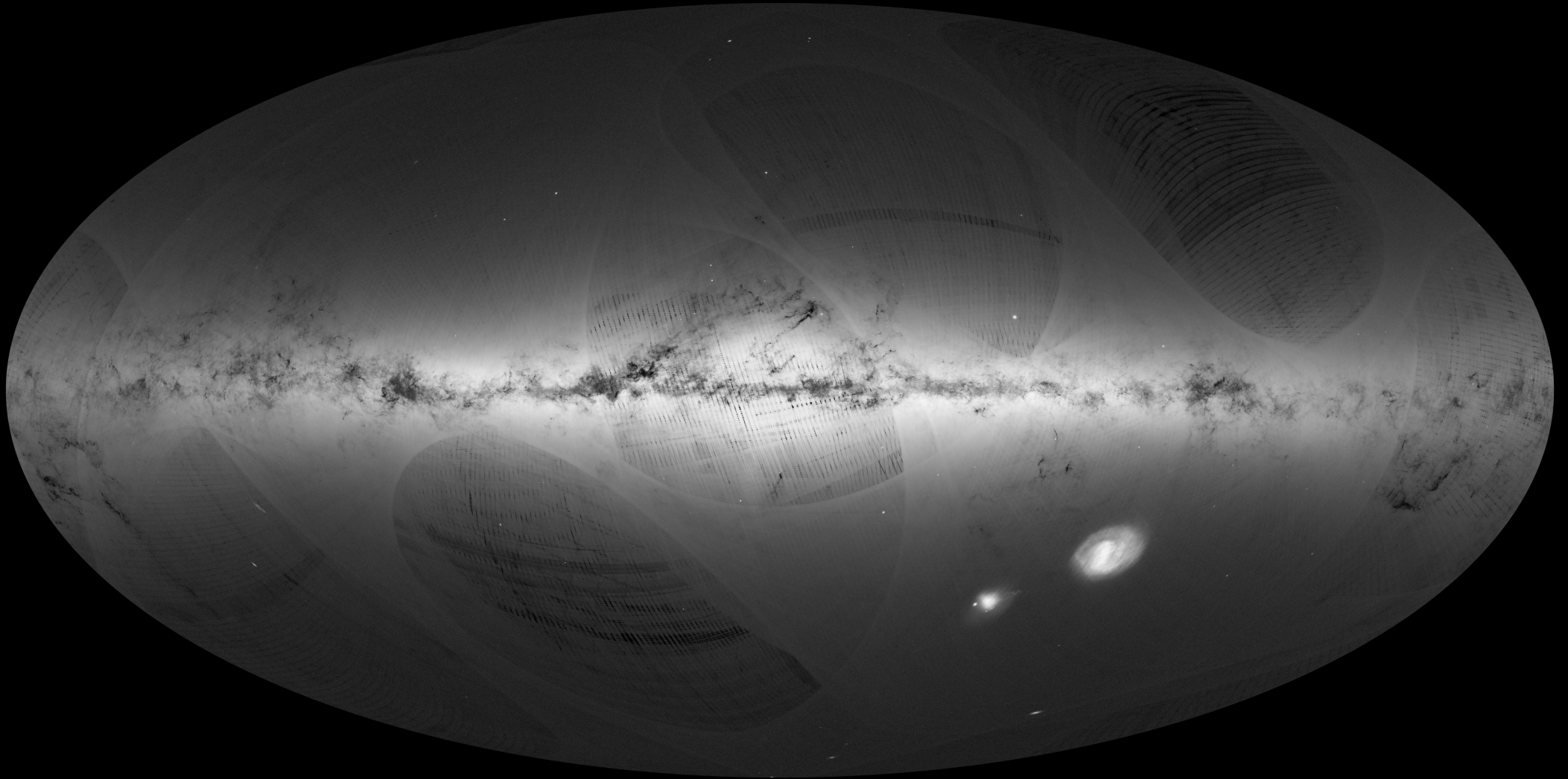


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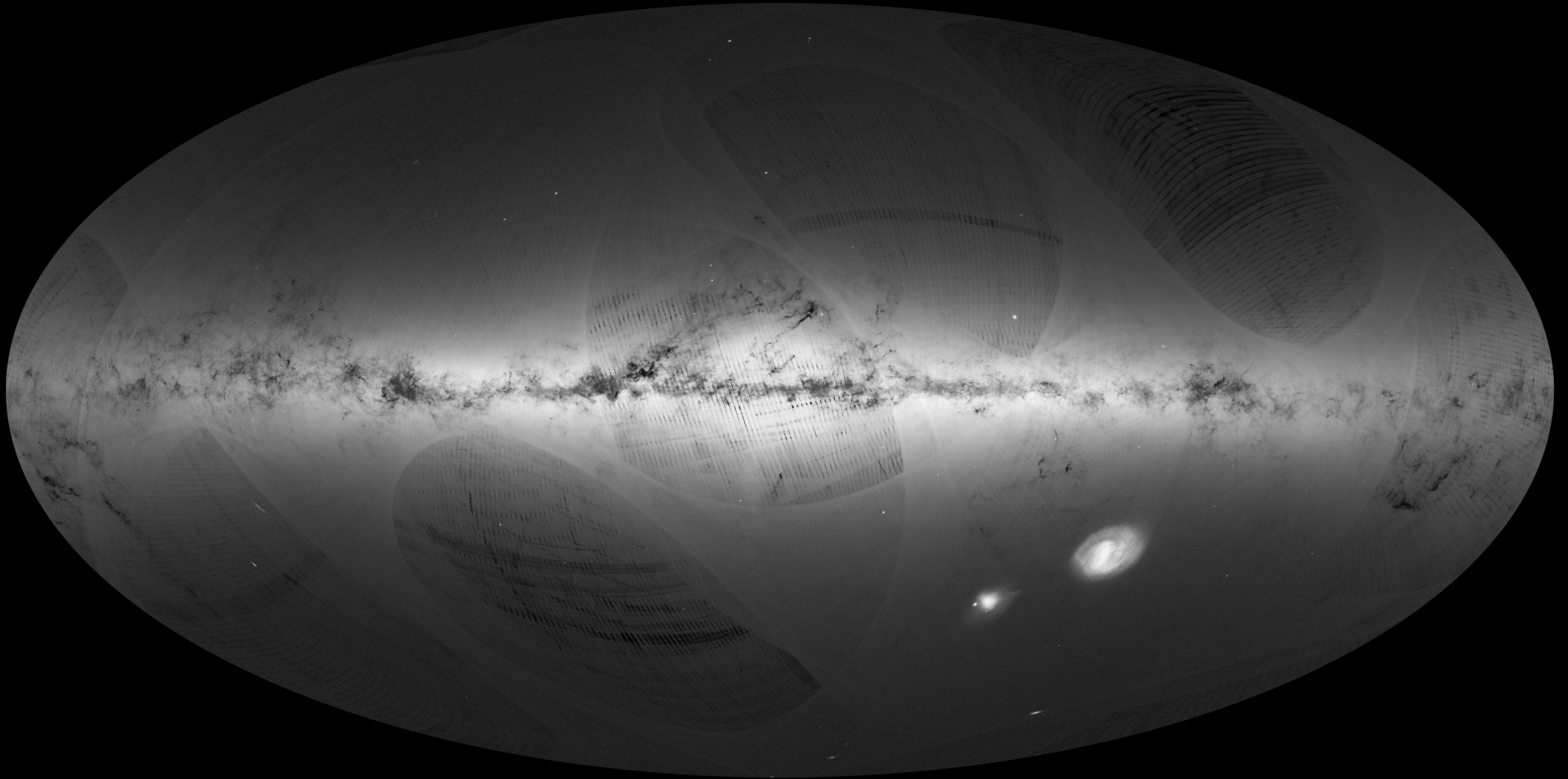
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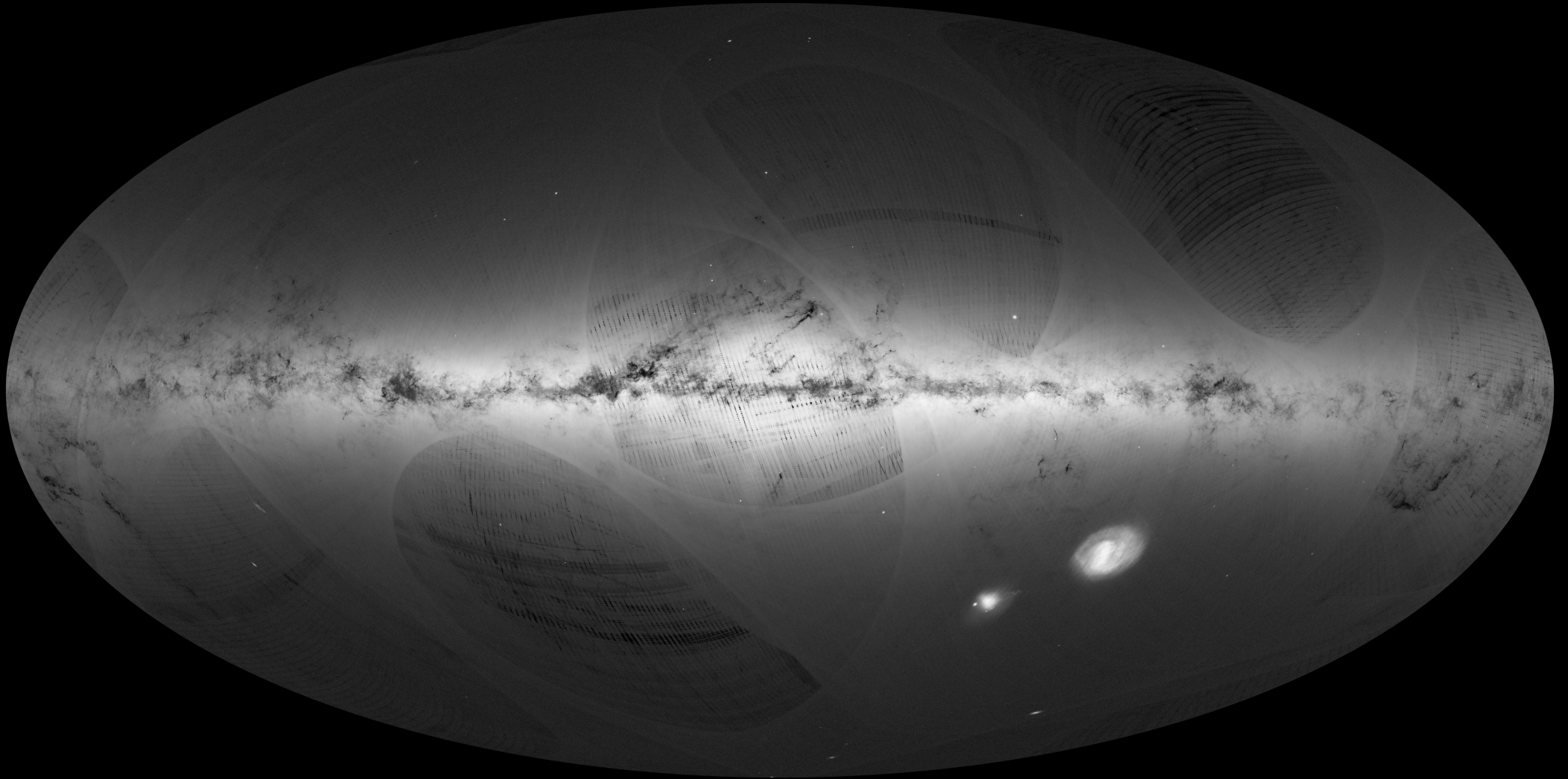
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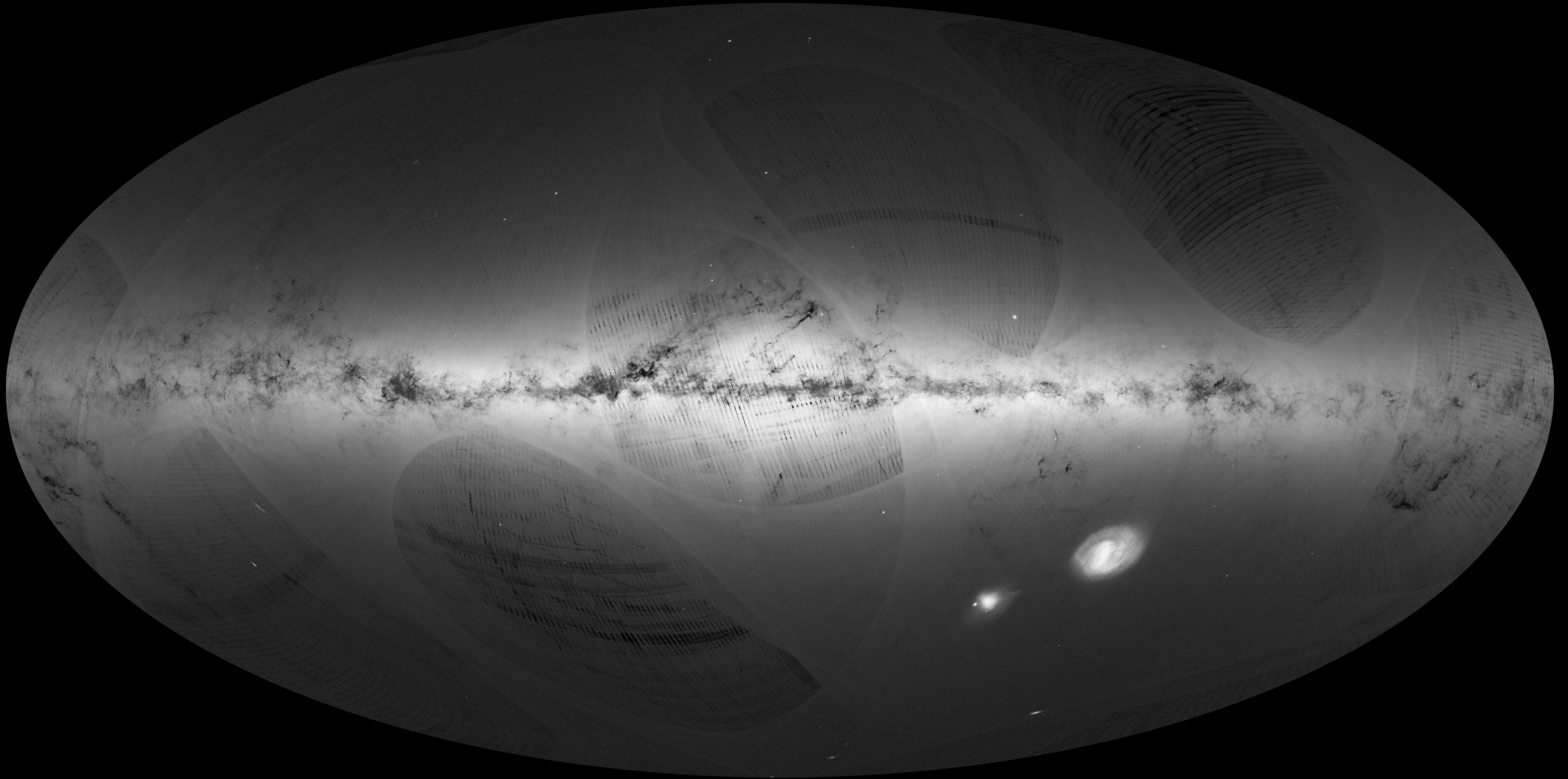
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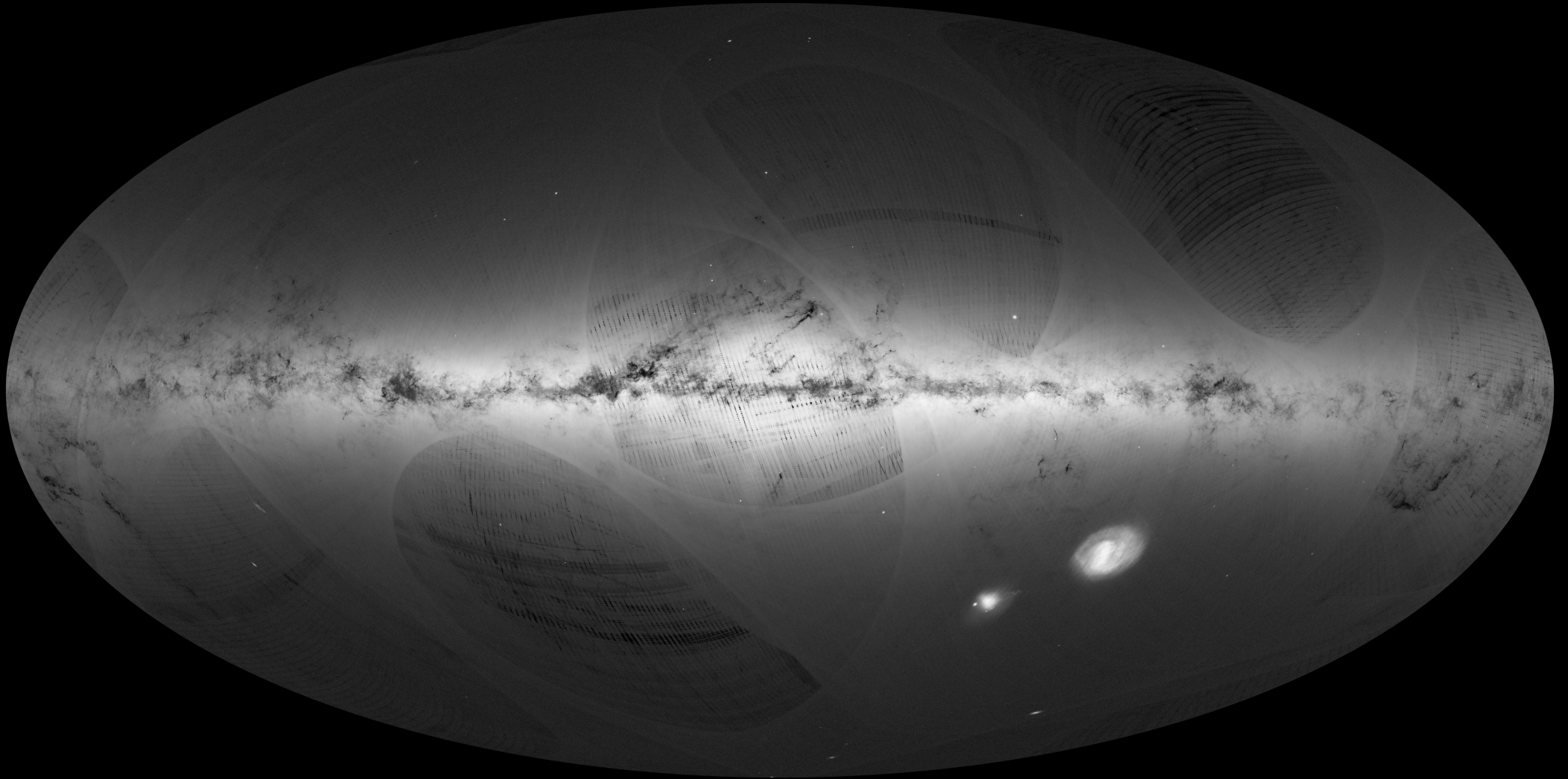
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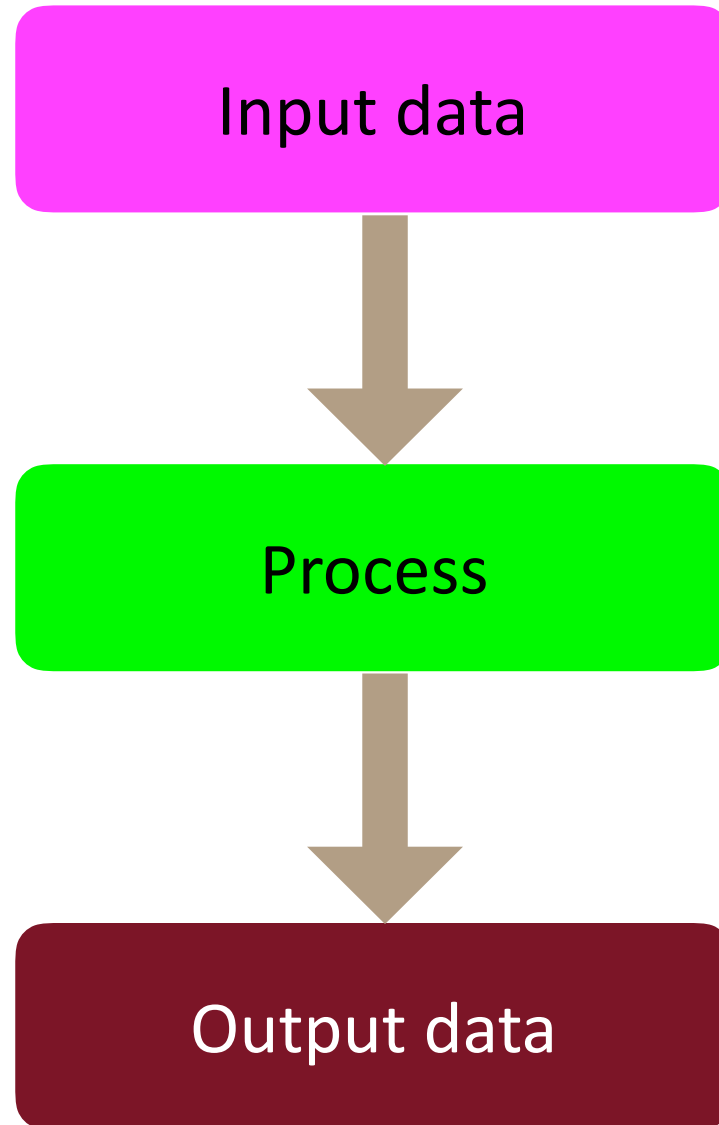
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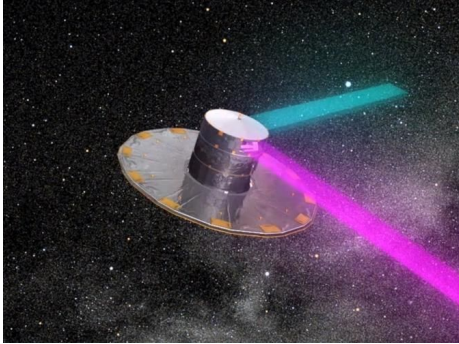
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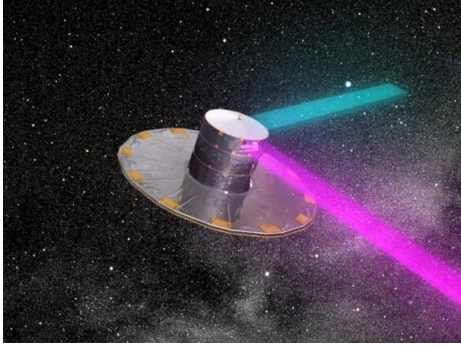
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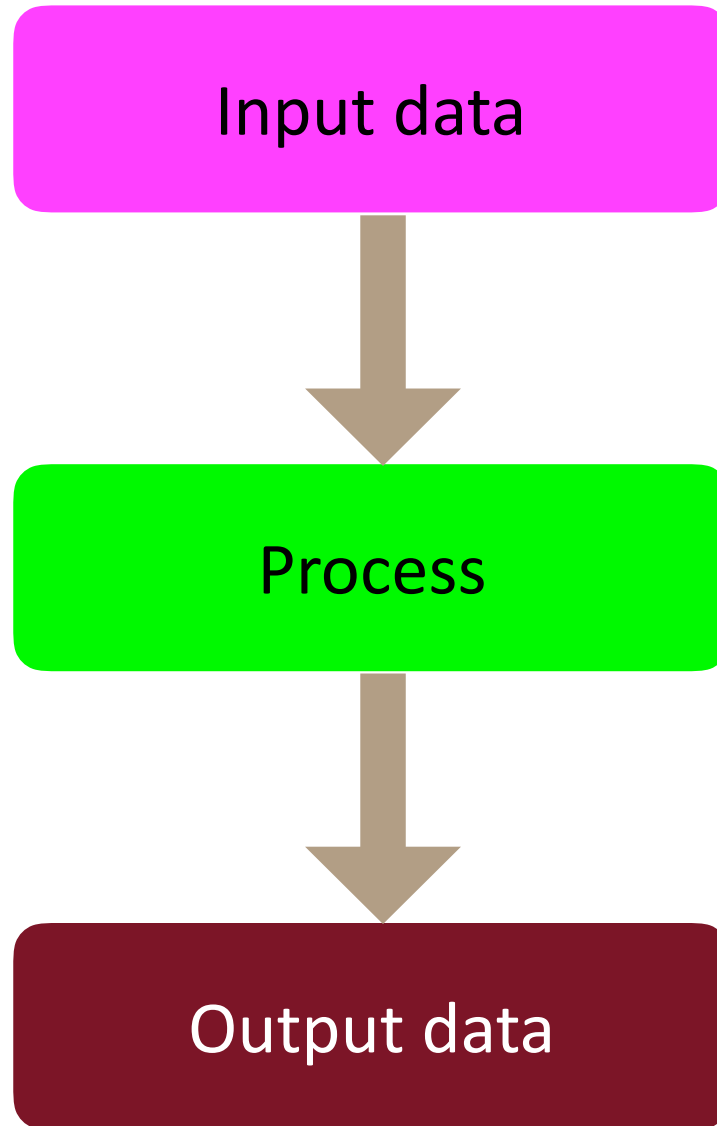
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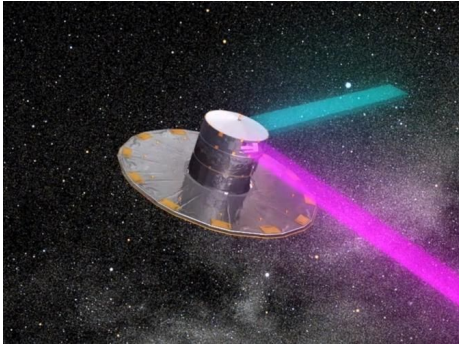
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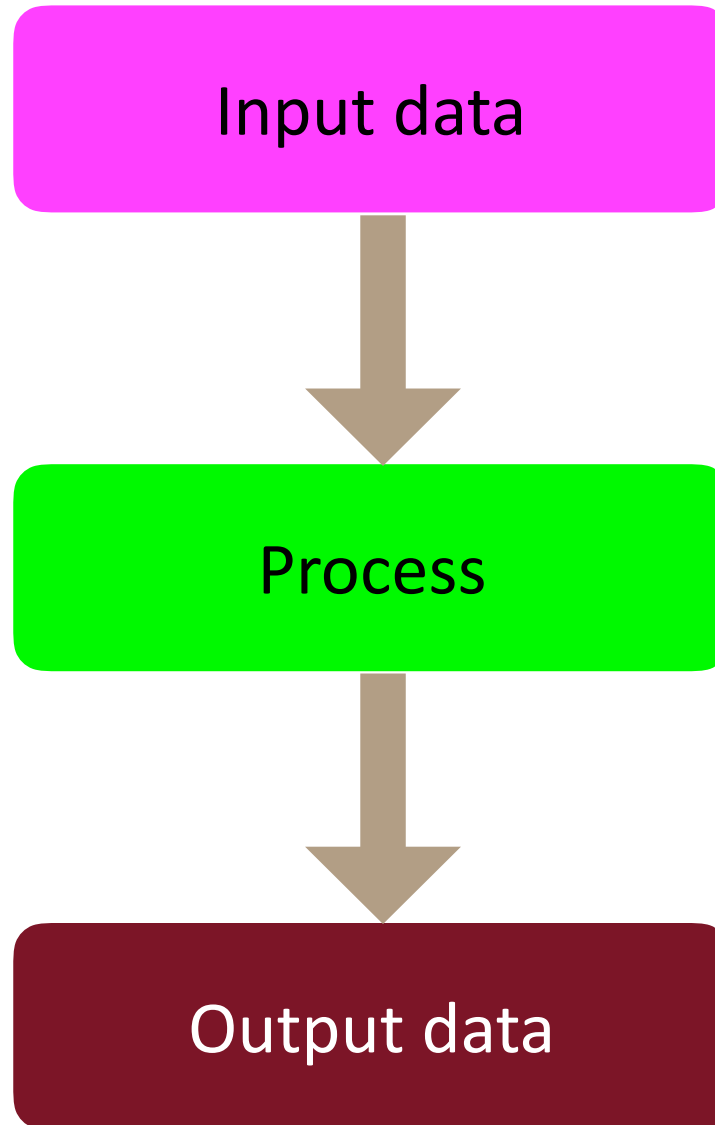
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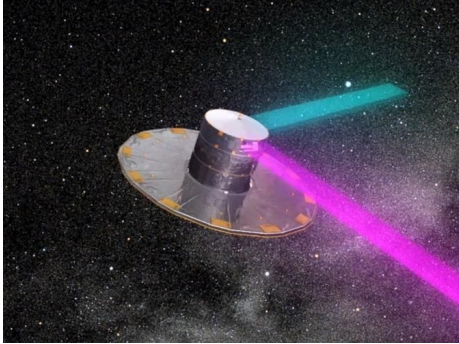
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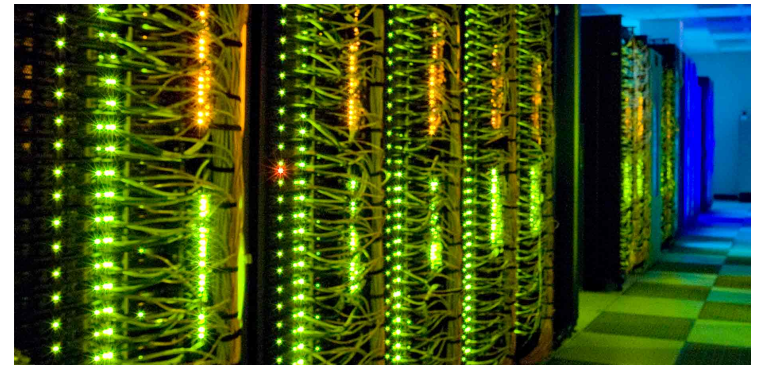


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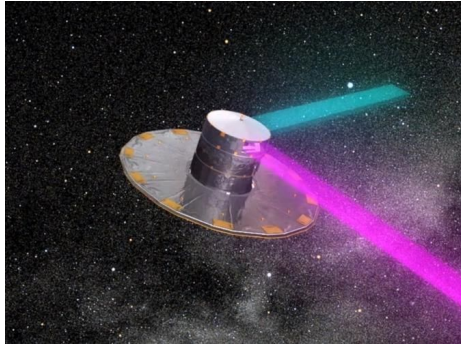
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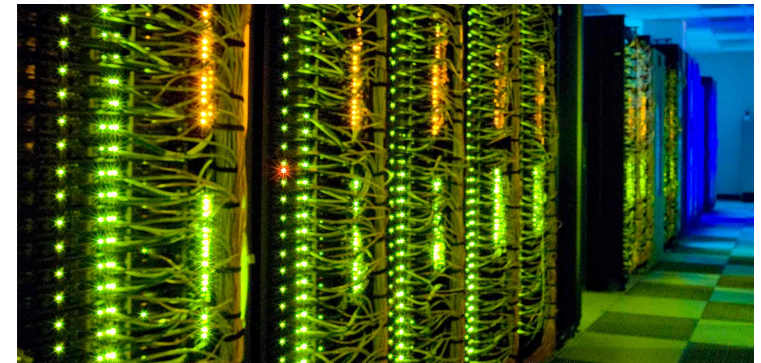
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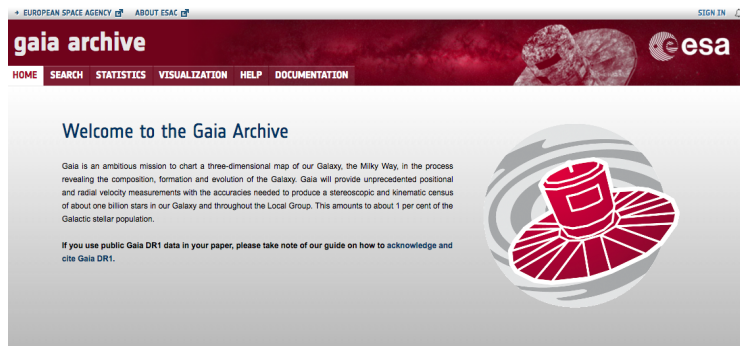
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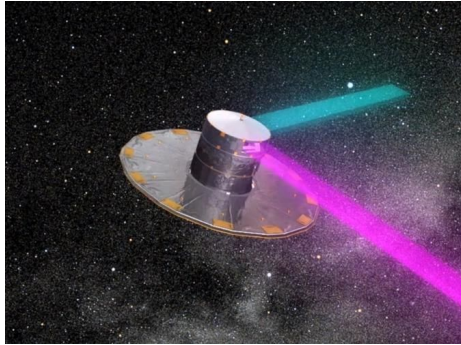
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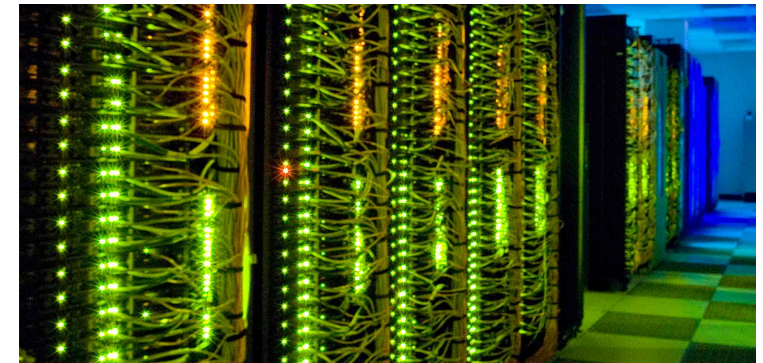


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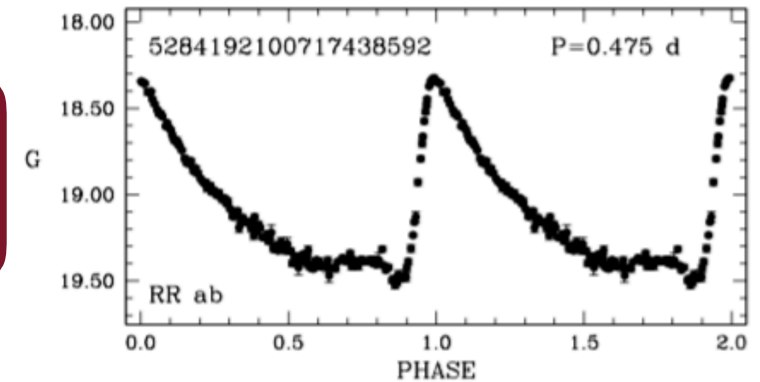
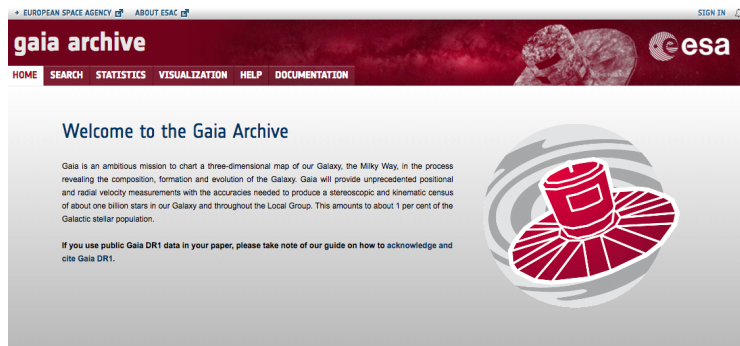
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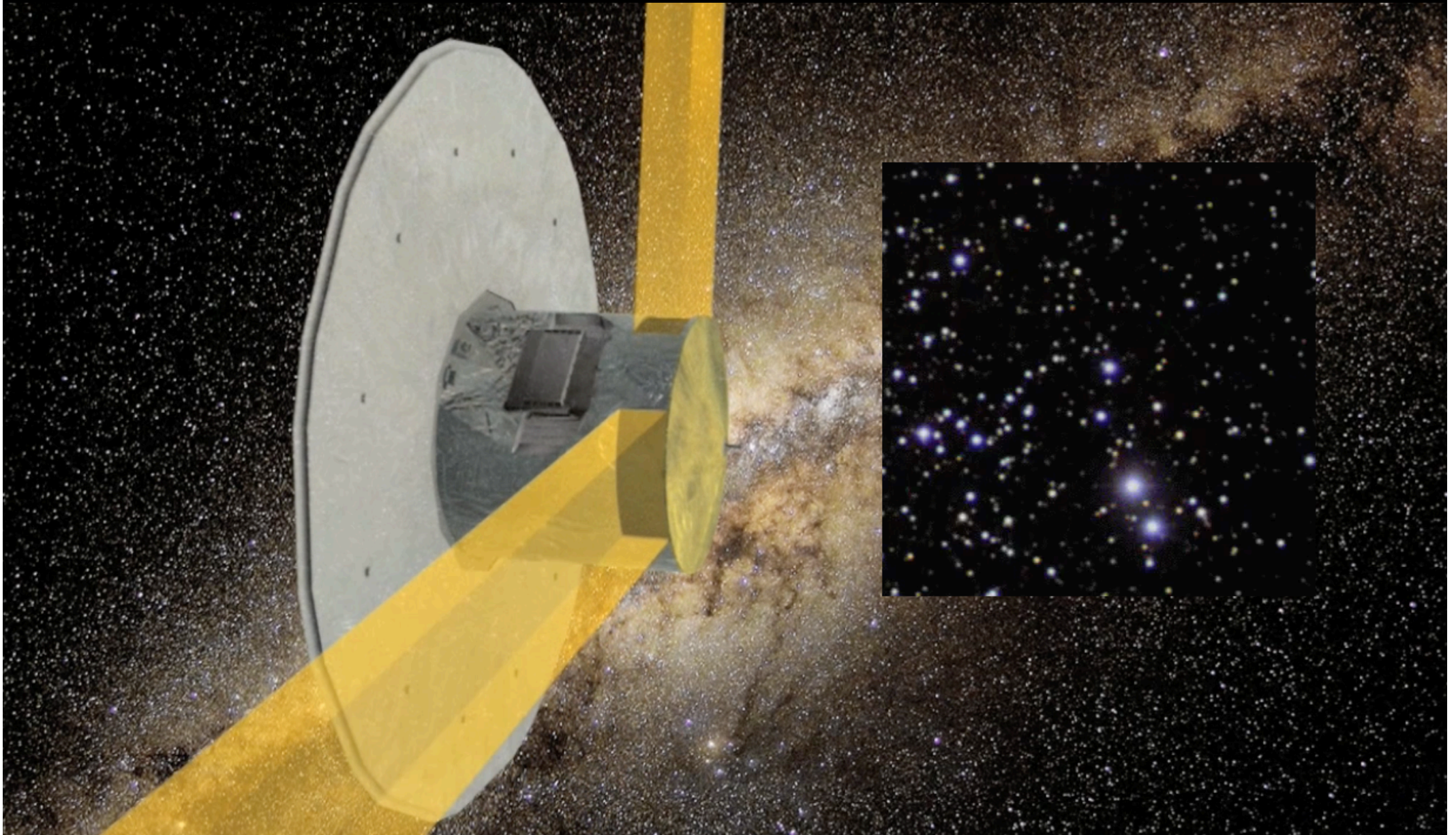
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# Introduction: Gaia, scanning the whole sky

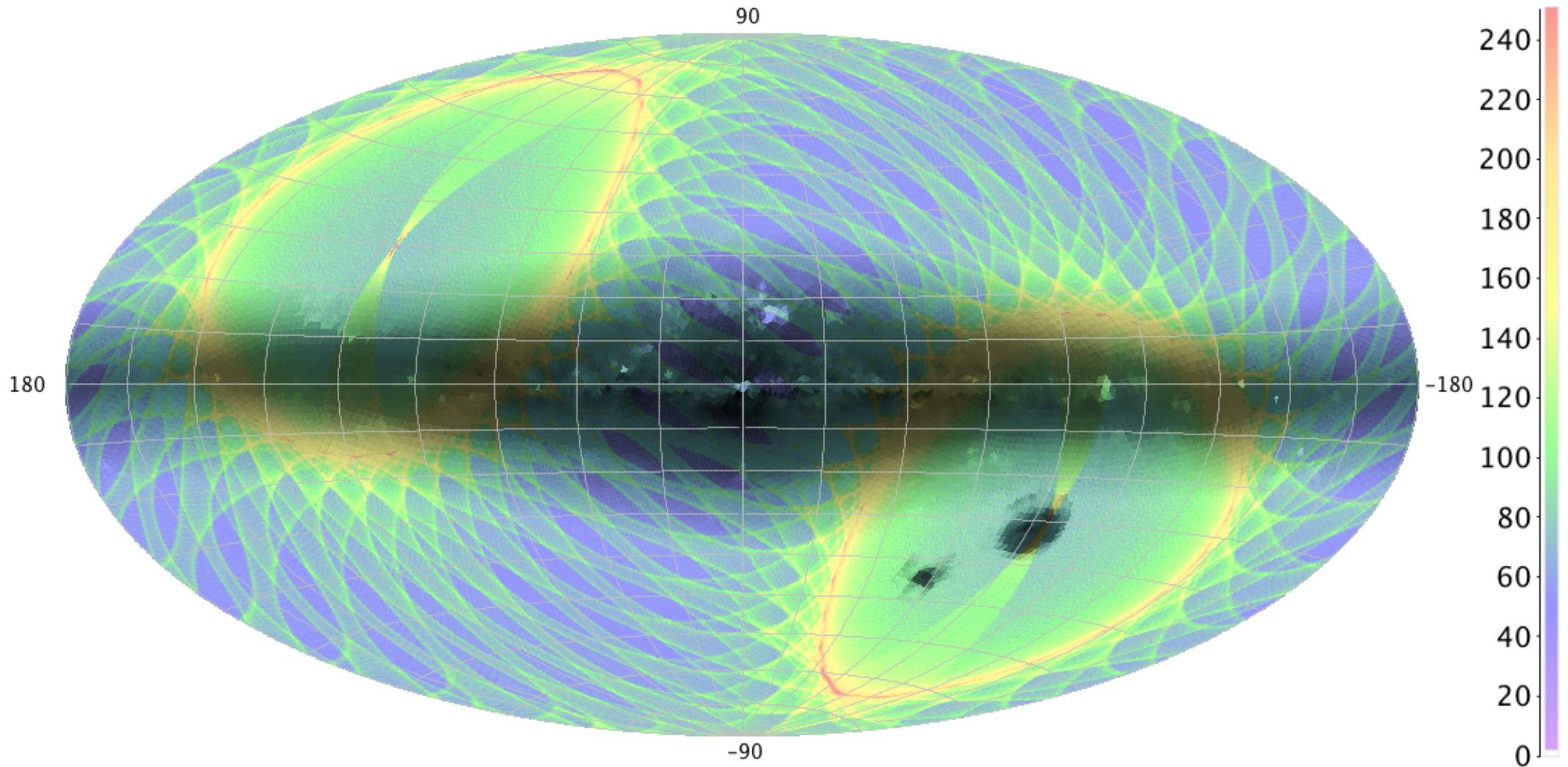
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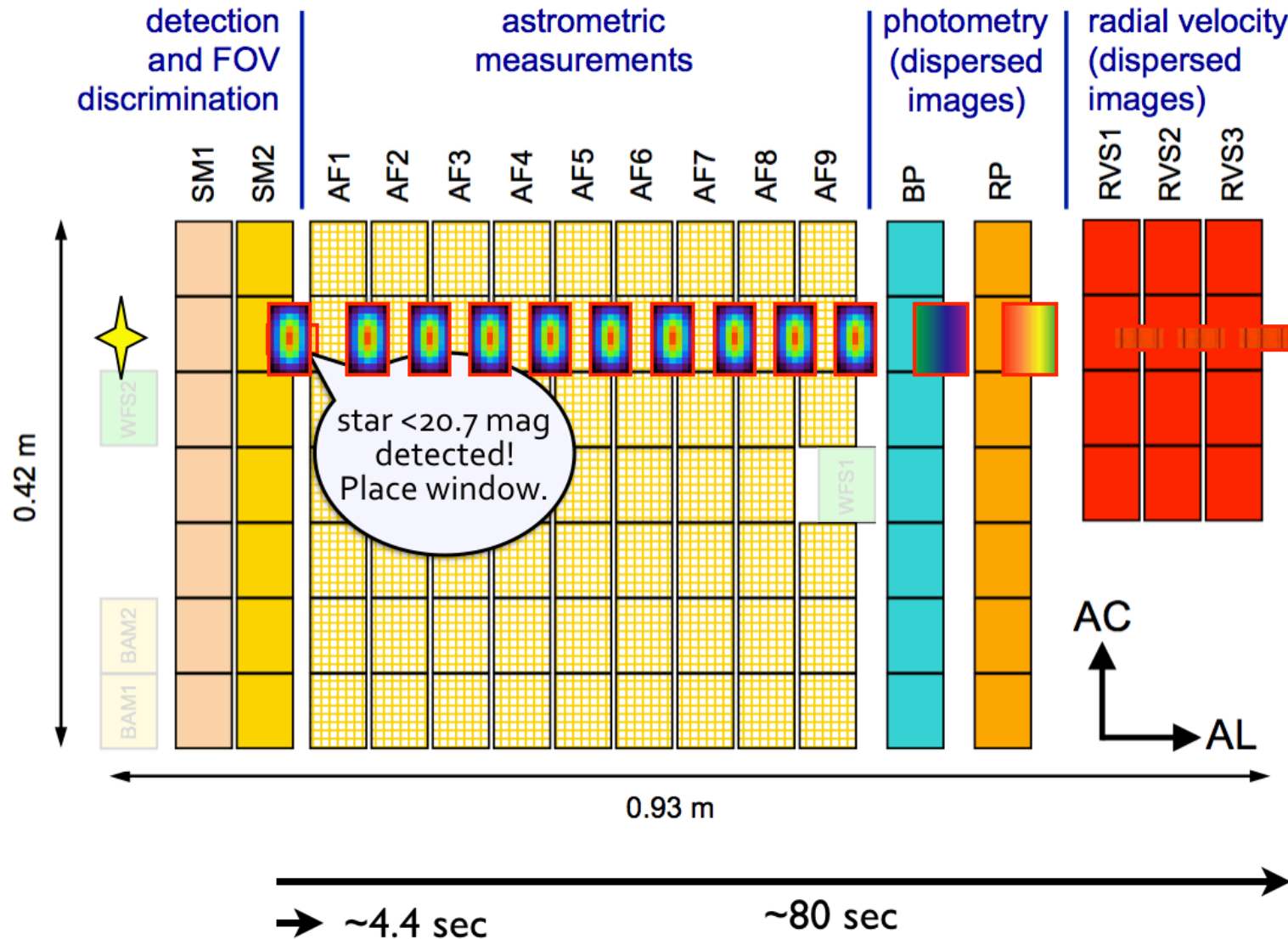
Predicted 5 year mission sky coverage (galactic coordinates)





# The input data: the focal plane

About 1 billion pixels!



observed windows  
(not to scale):

Successive CCDs: 4.85 seconds

Gaia FoV: 0.7 deg x 0.7 deg  
pixel: 0.059"(AL) x 0.177"(AC)

Courtesy of Berry Holl

# The input data

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**Astrometry**

**Photometry**

**RVS instrument**



# The input data

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## **Astrometry**

per-CCD positions

## **Photometry**

per-CCD flux

per-CCD spectra in blue and red

## **RVS instrument**

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5 parameter  
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**Time Domain Analysis**  
**We (CU7) are interested in variable objects**

# Gaia Main Database Dictionary Tool (in ESAC)

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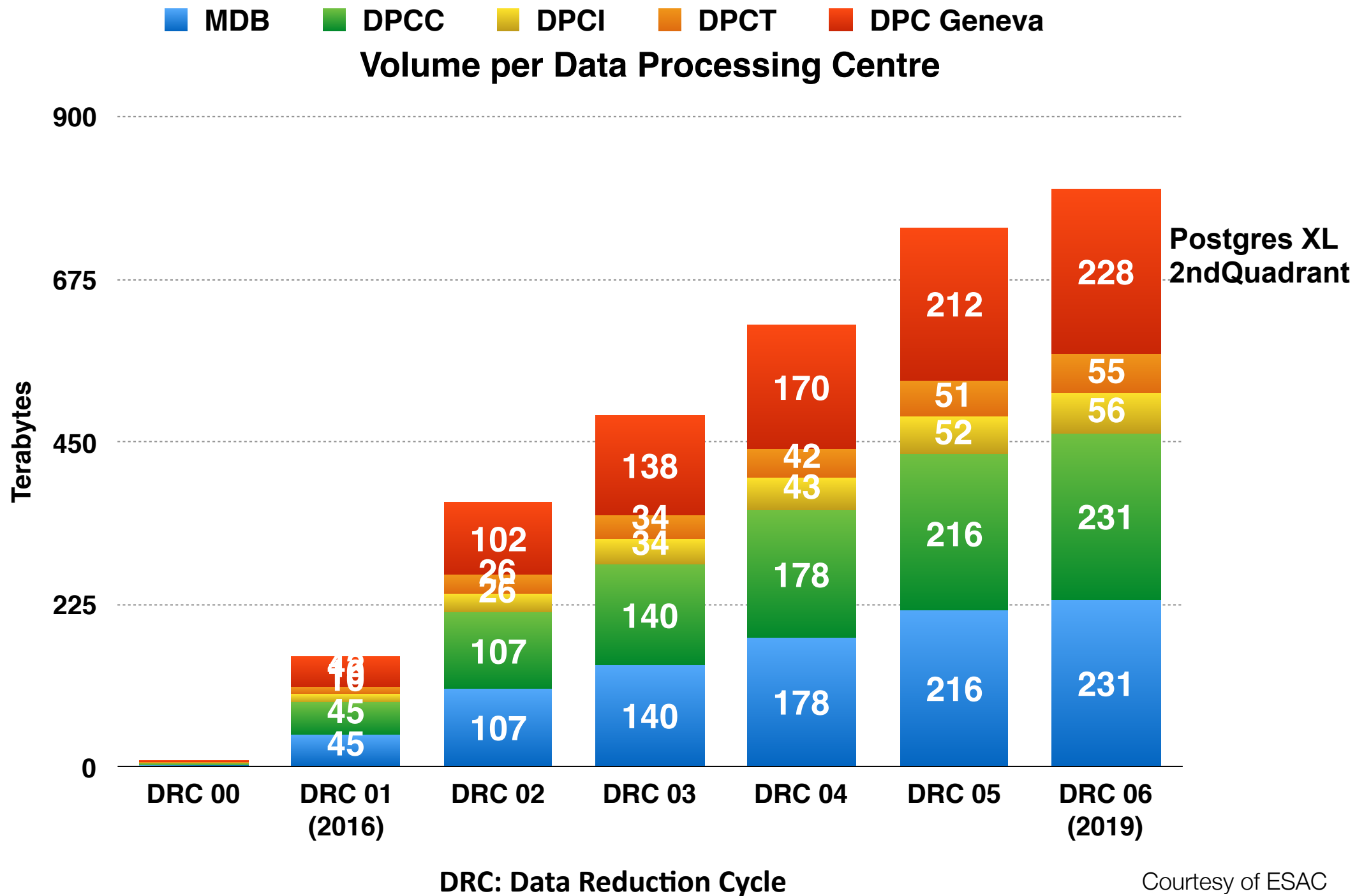
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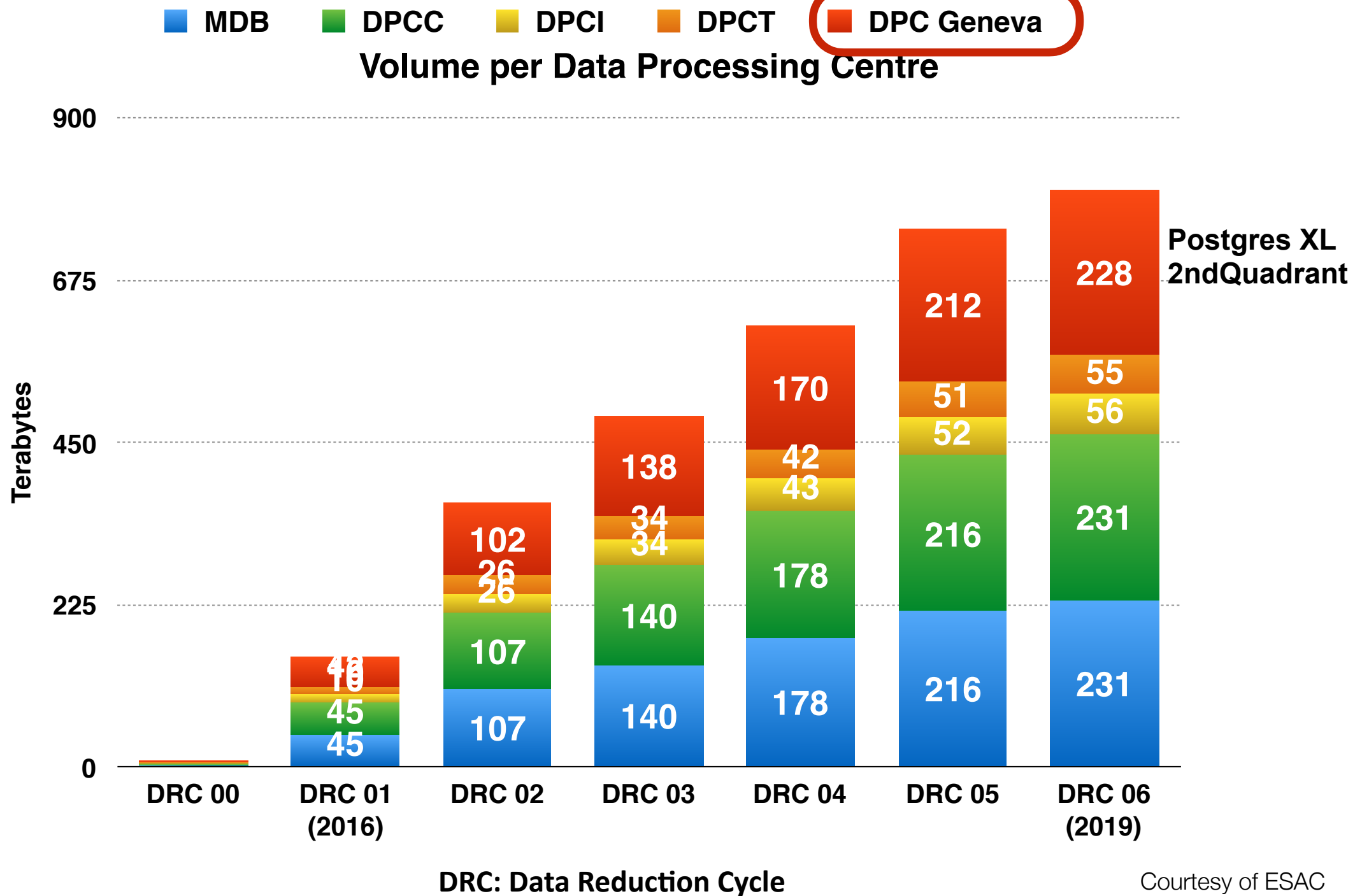
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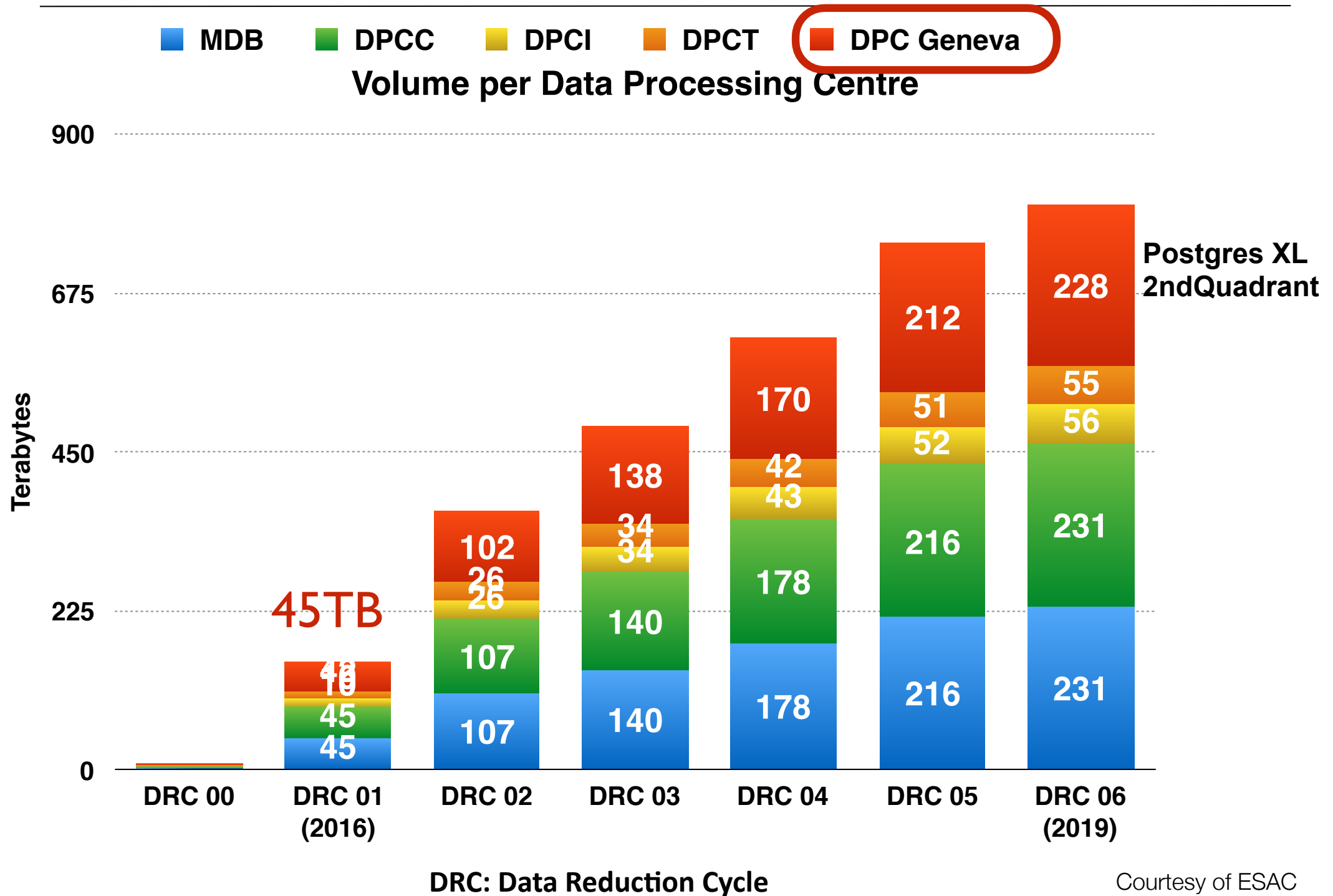




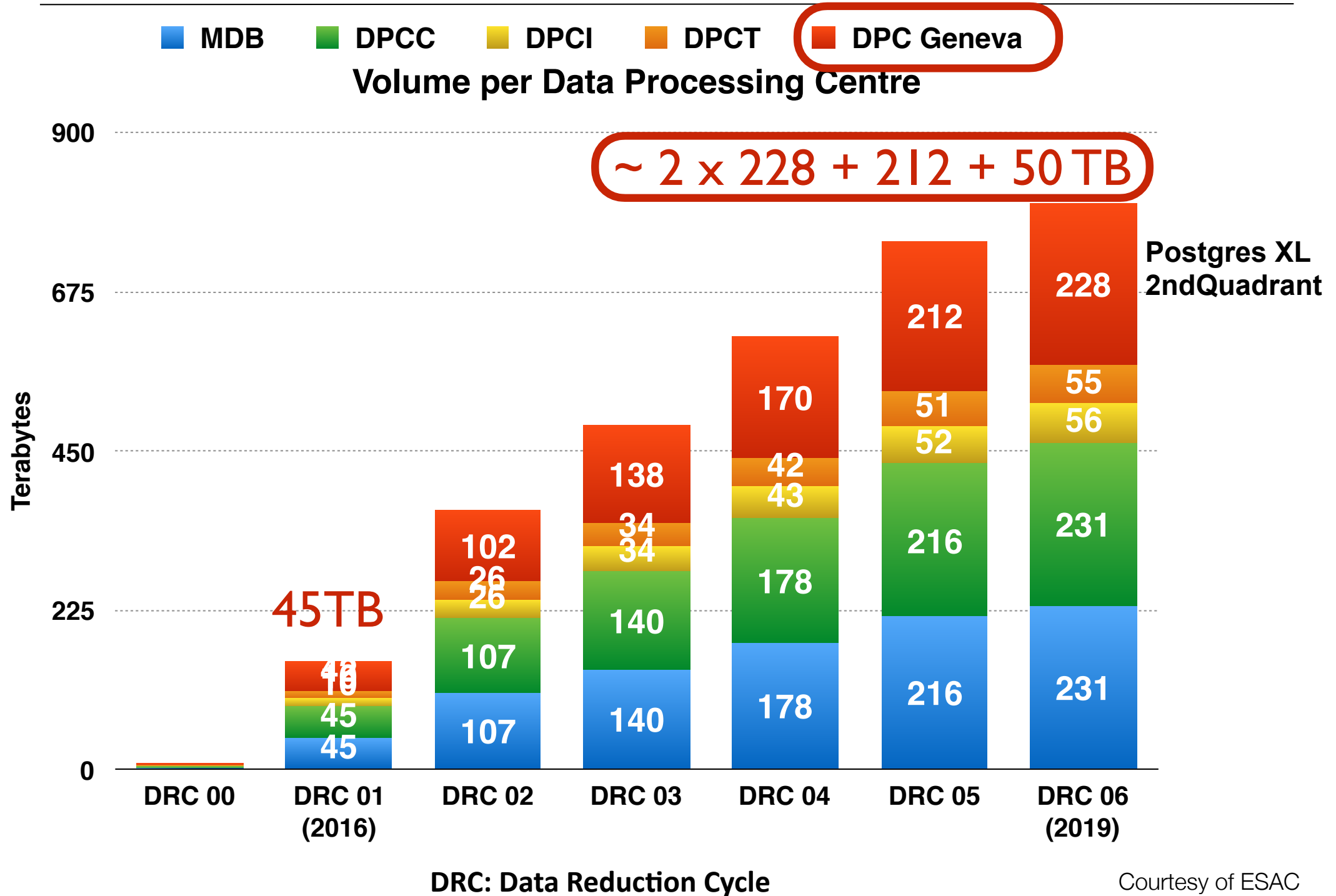
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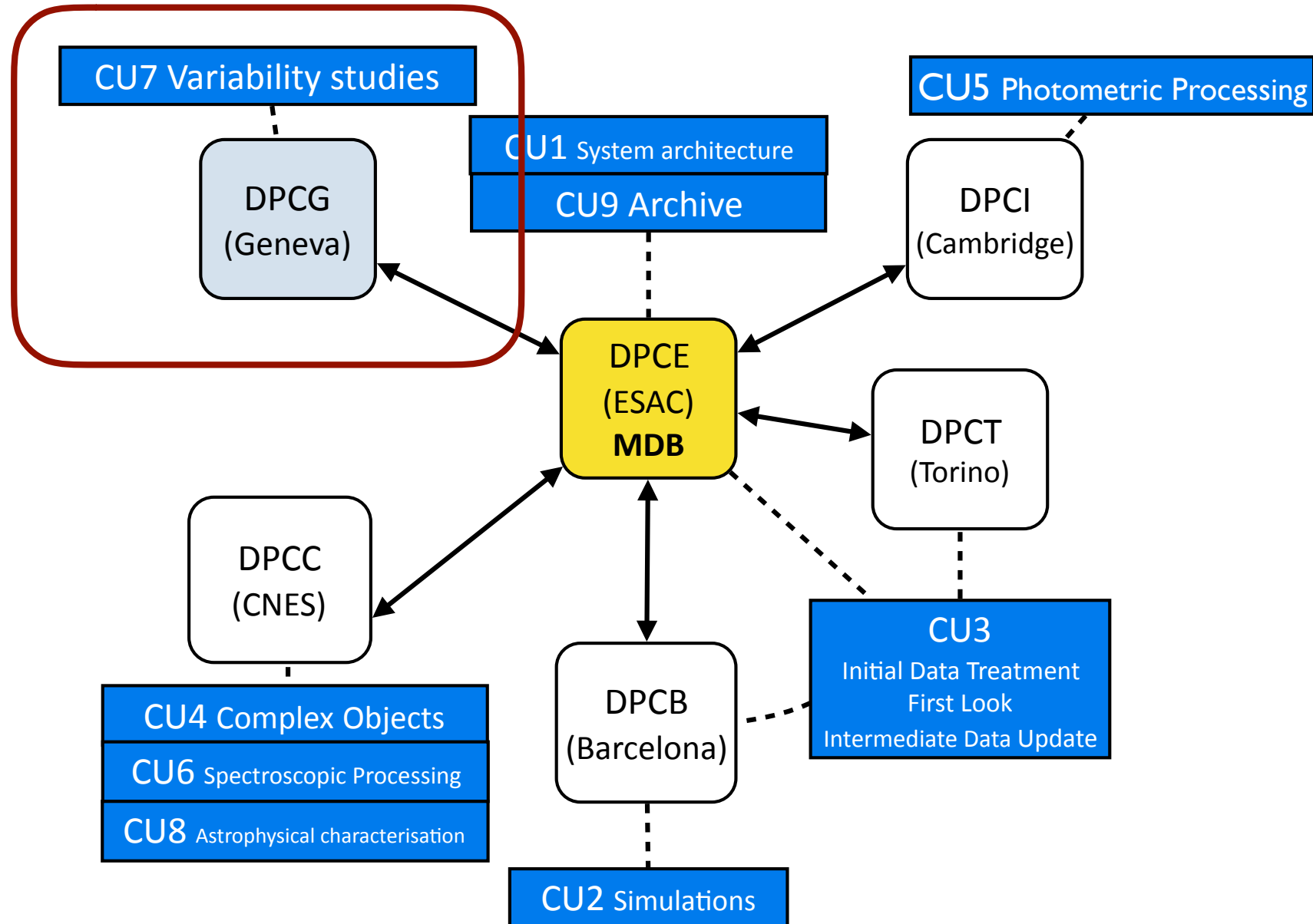


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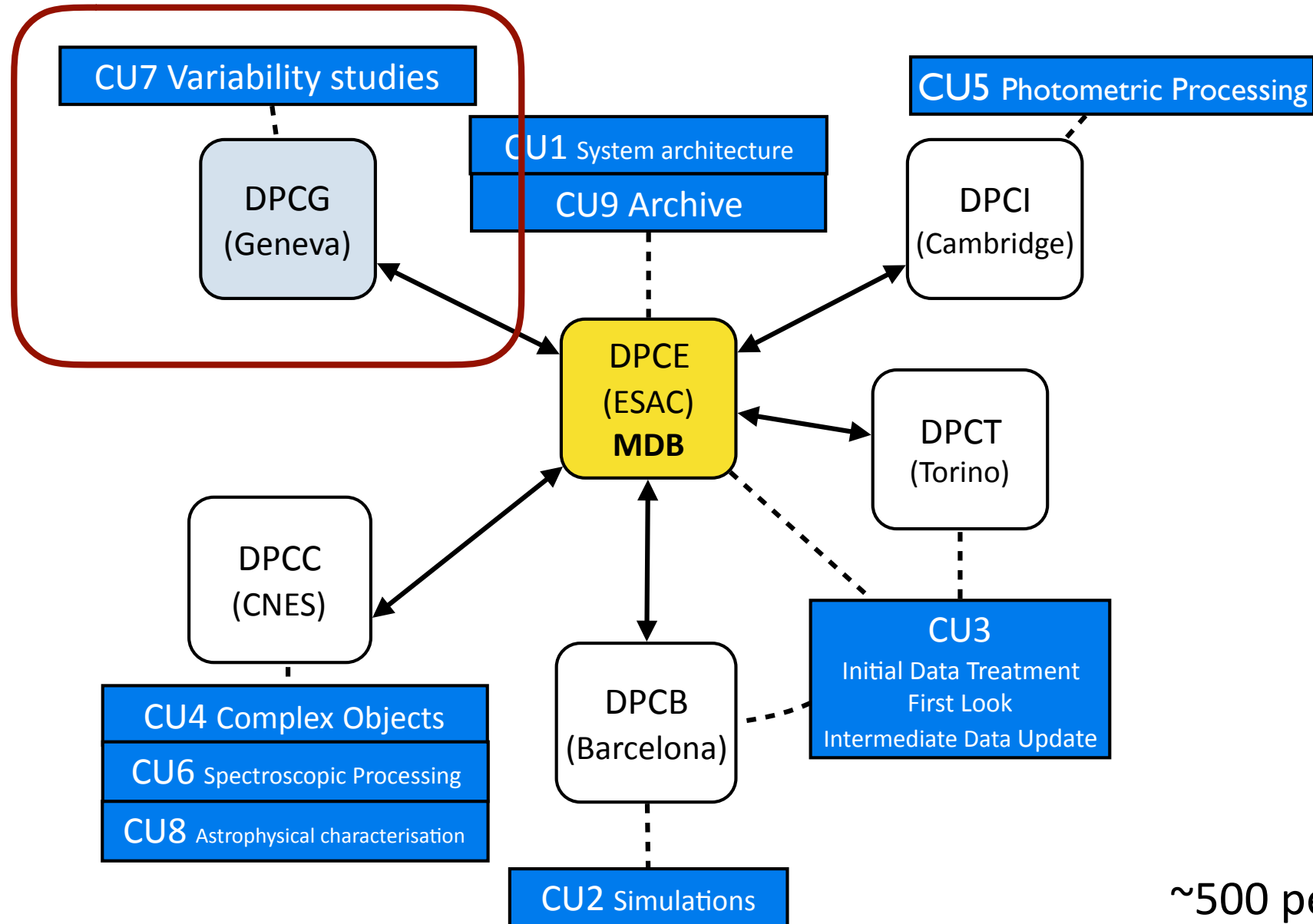
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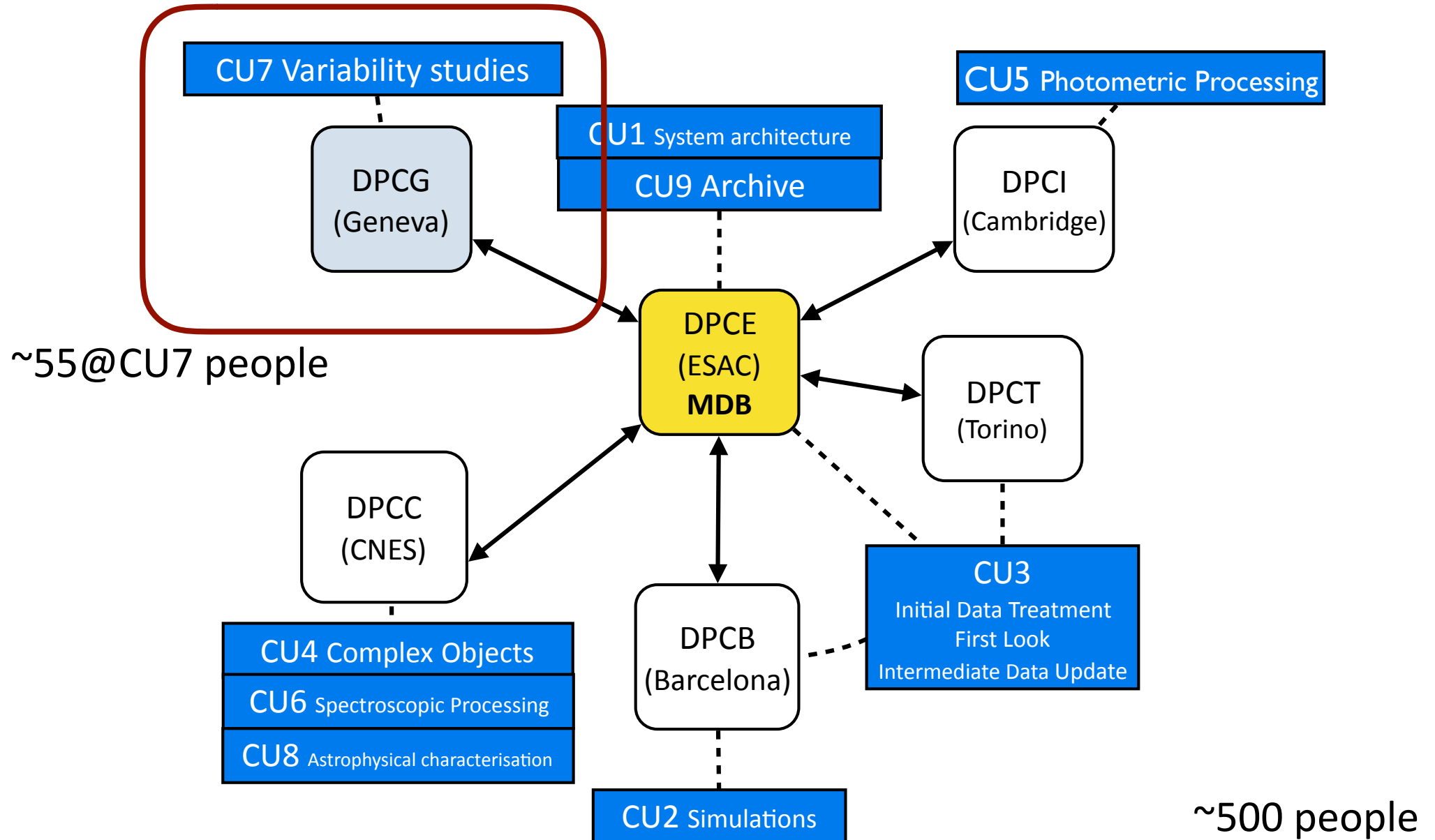
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Per-CCD data

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Reduce your problem by one order of magnitude!

# Variability Processing and Analysis:

## A global, comprehensive approach

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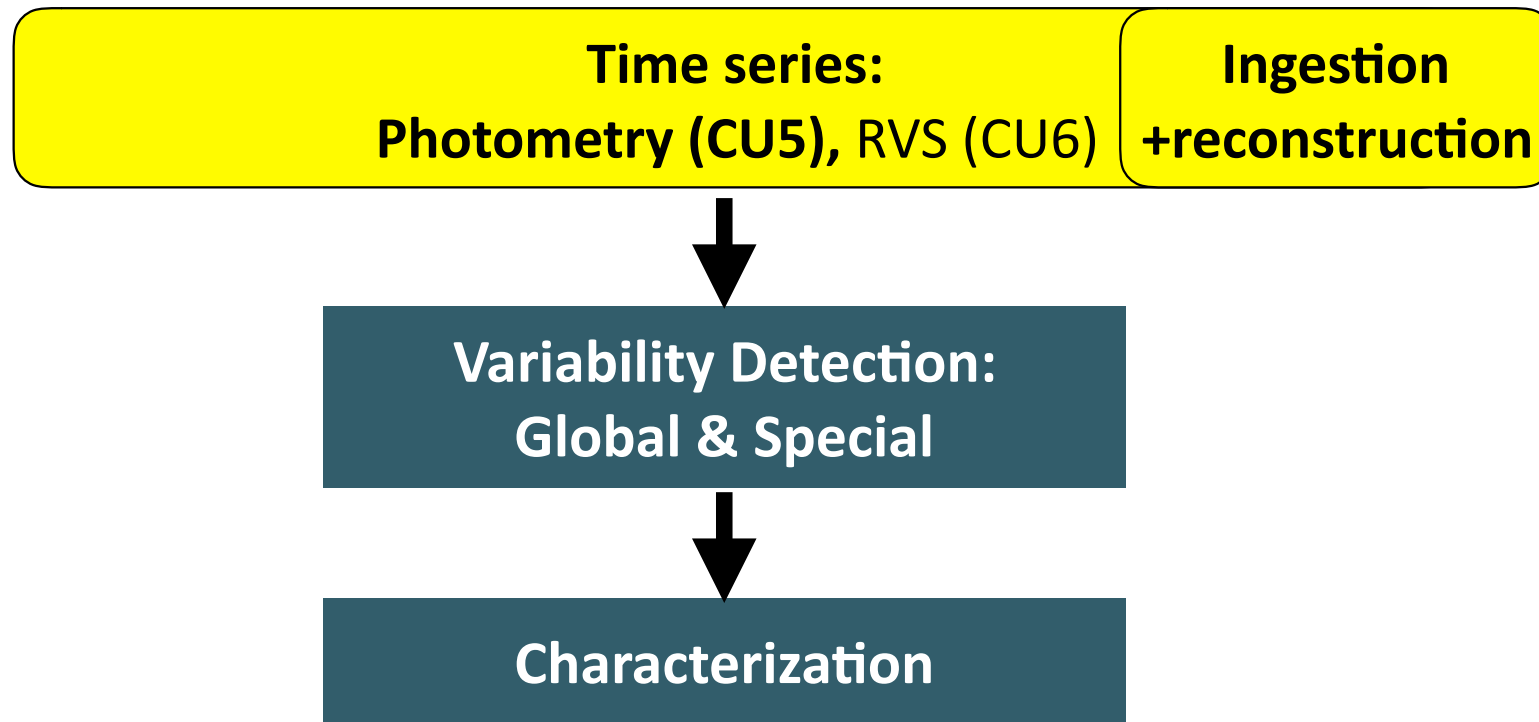


**Variability Detection:  
Global & Special**



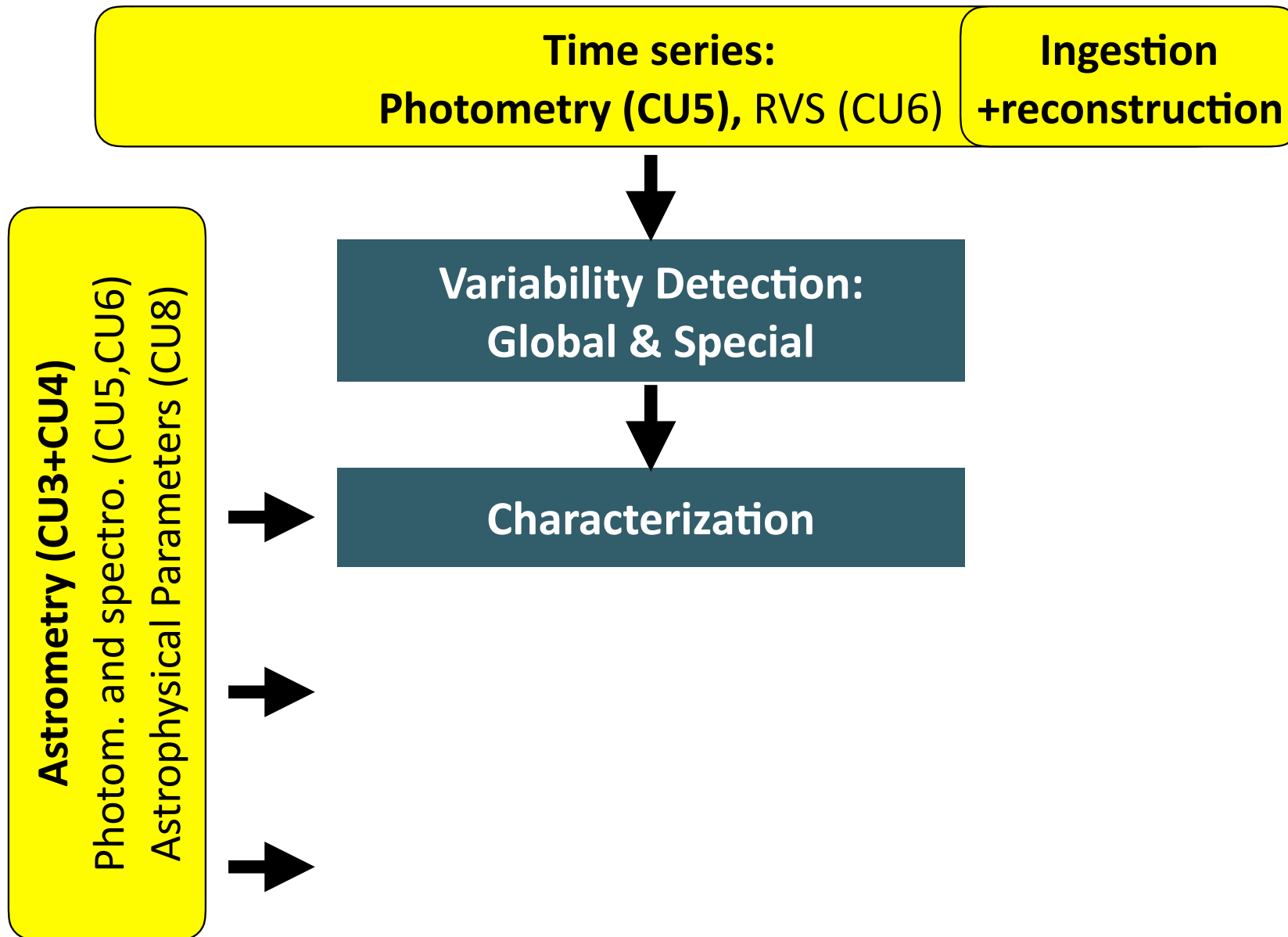
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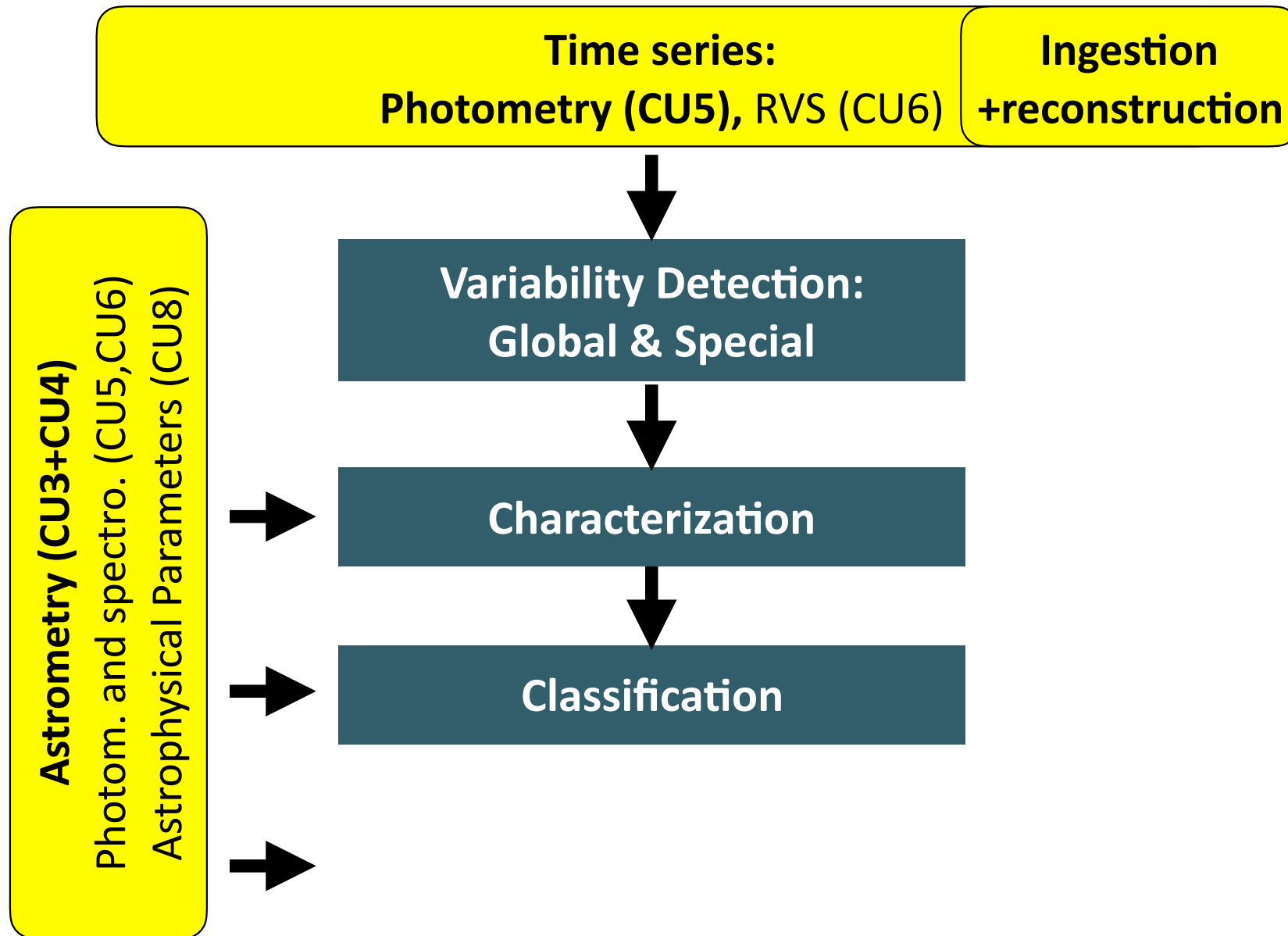
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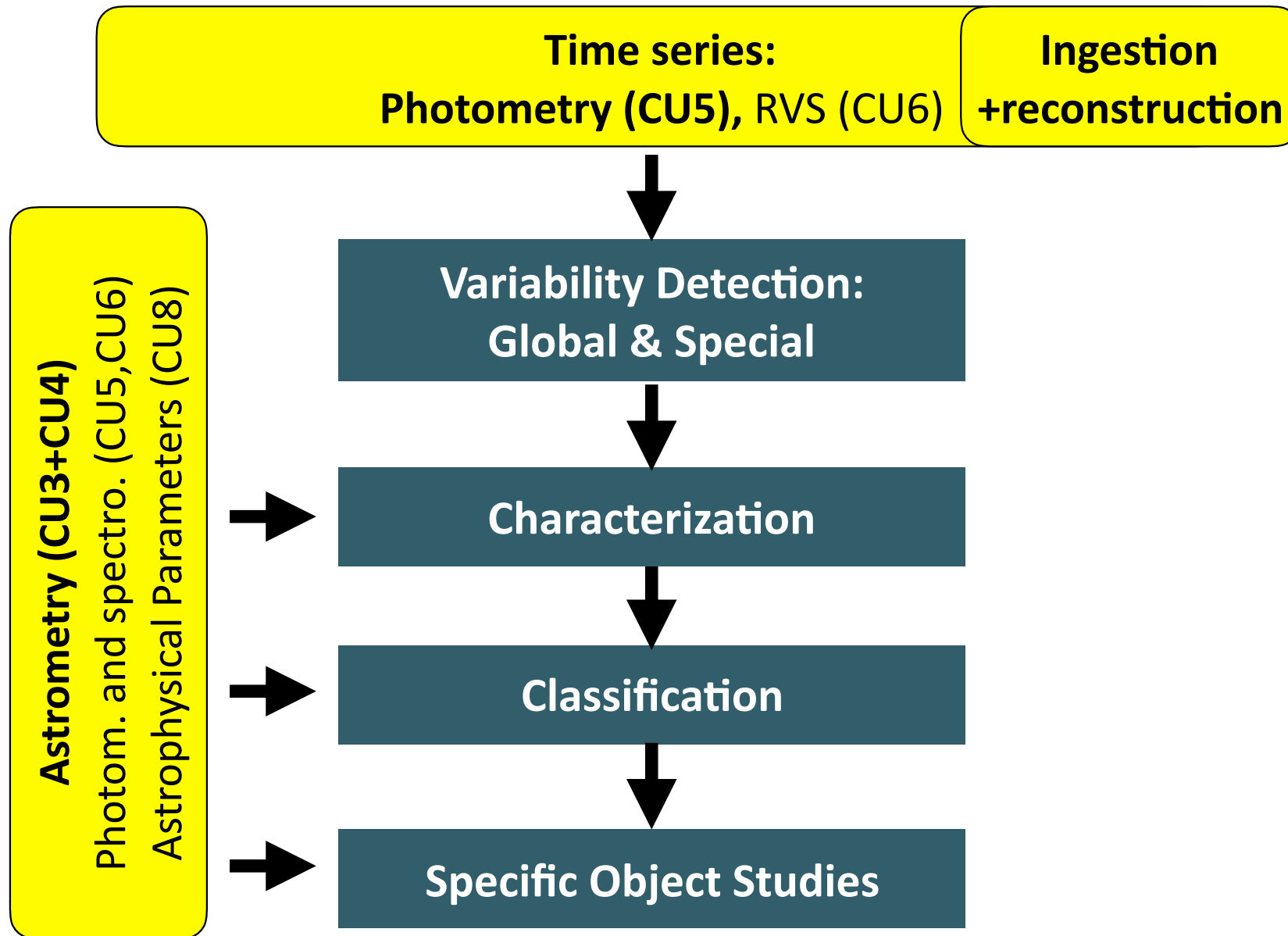
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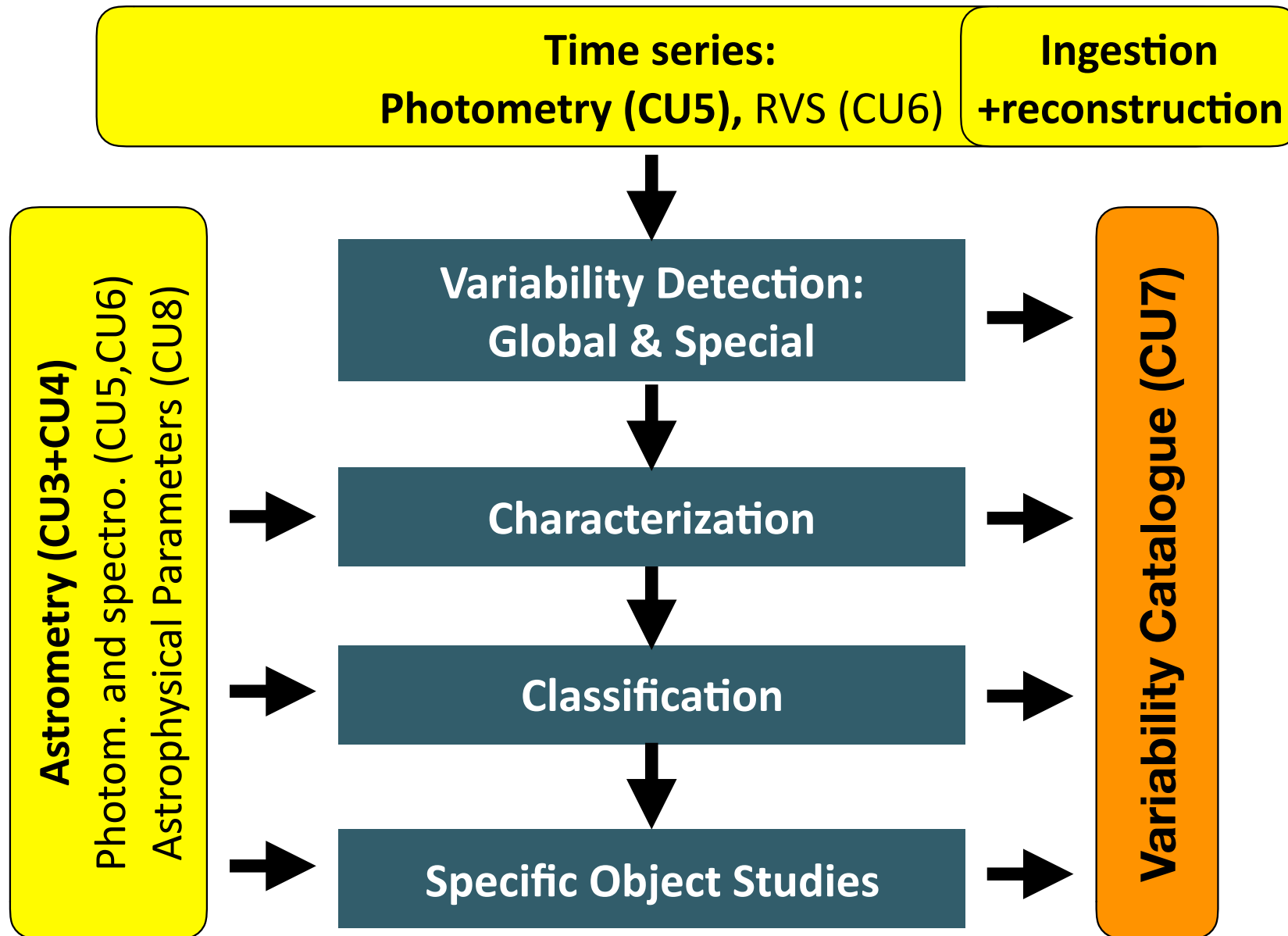
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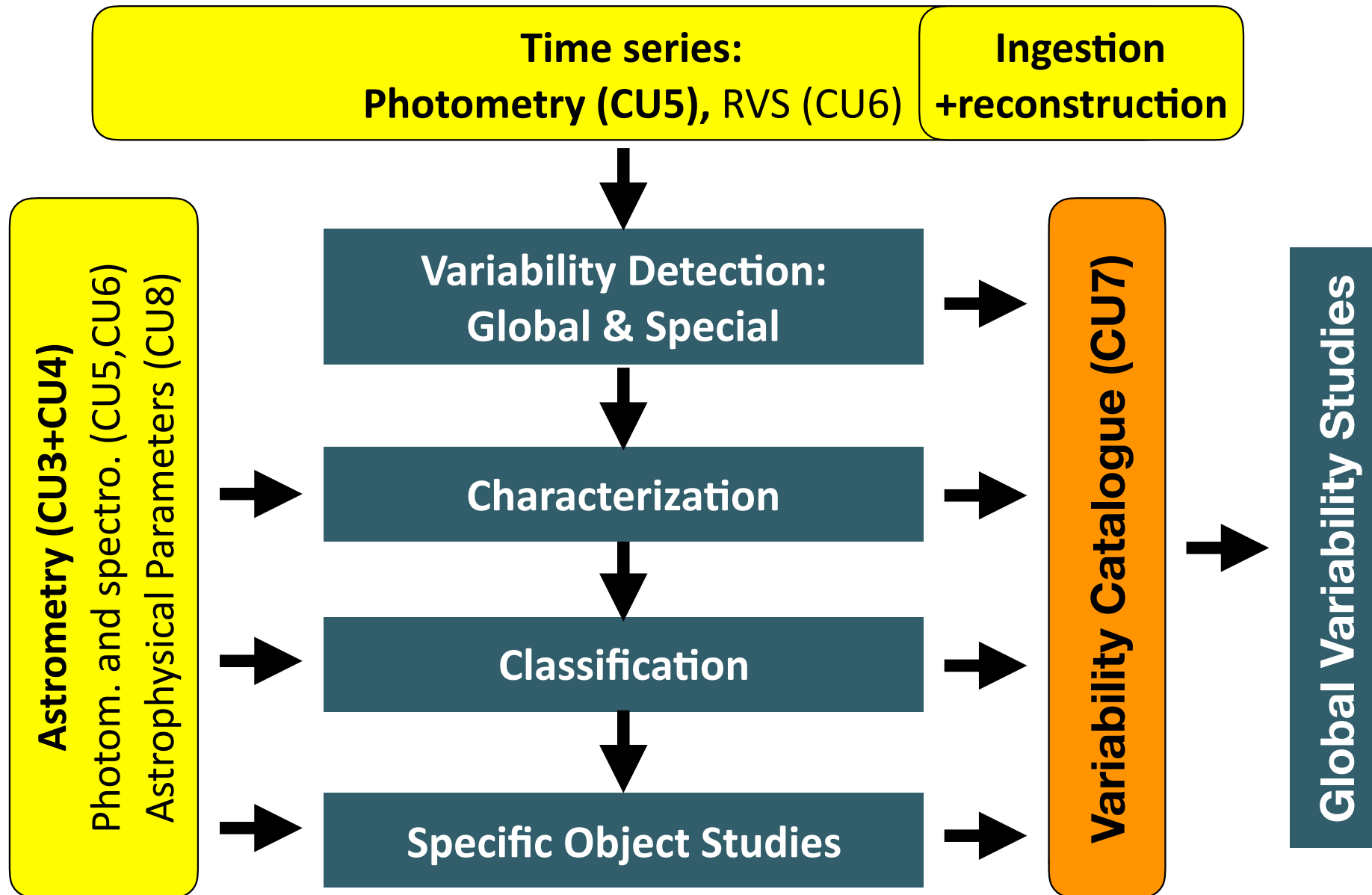


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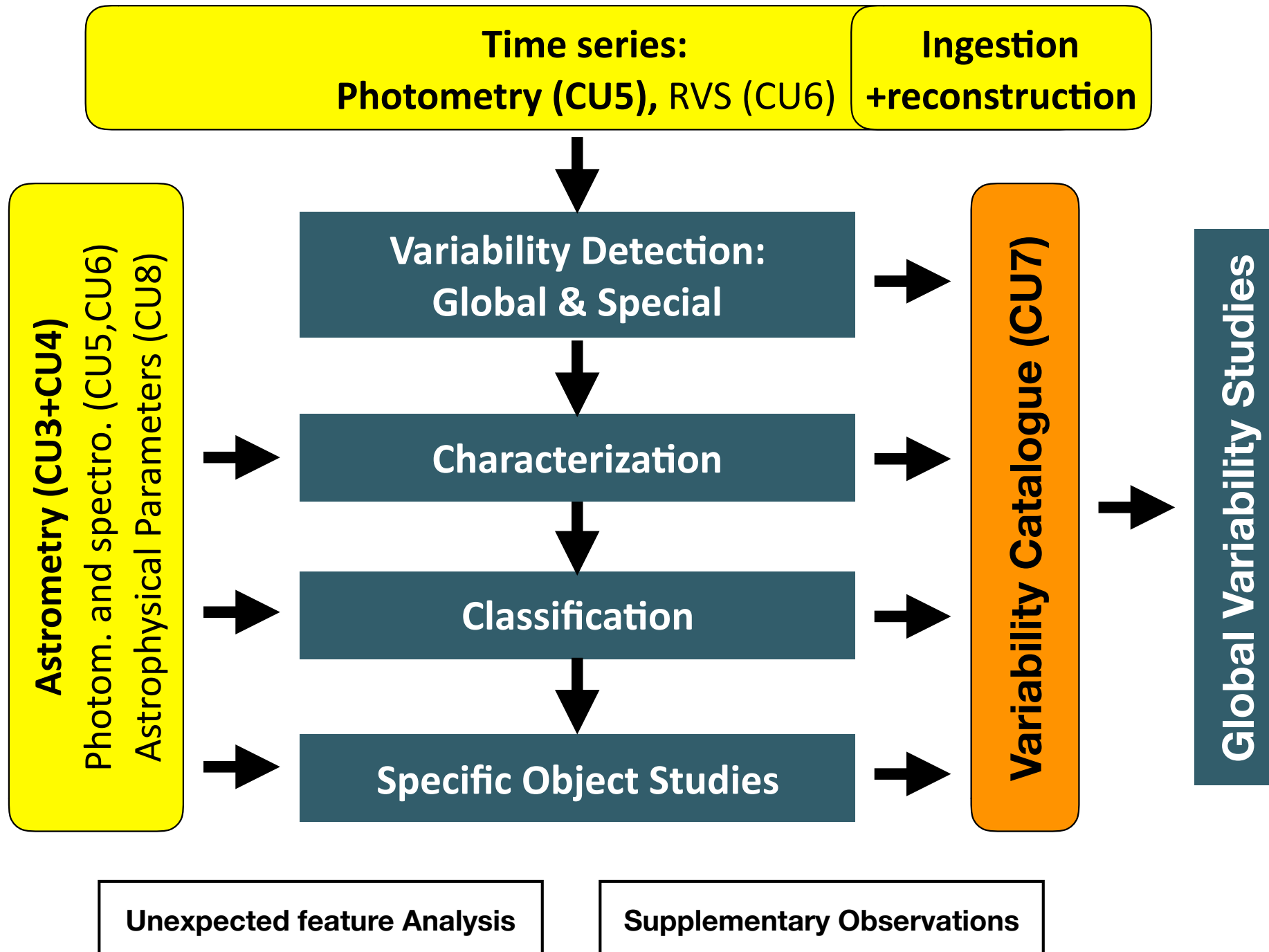


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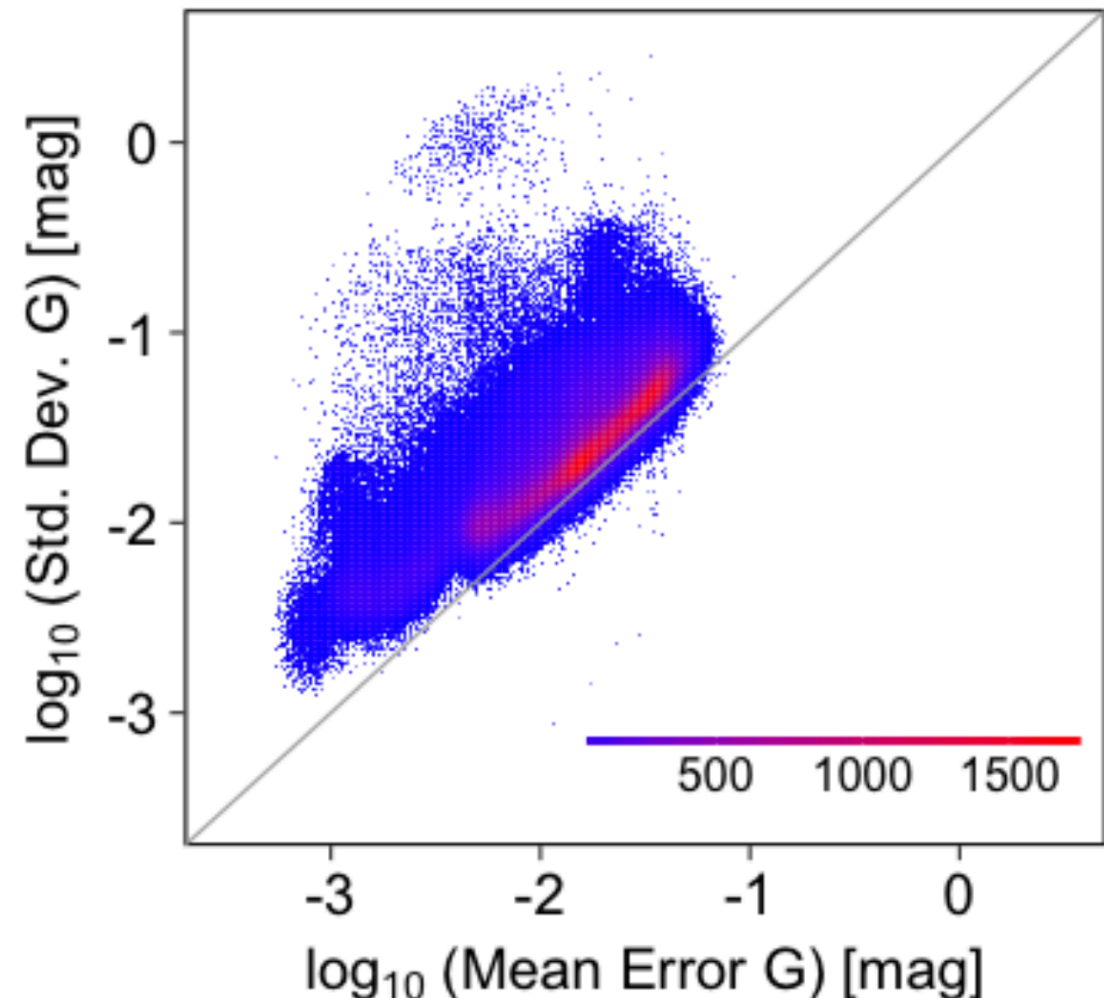
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**Gaia DR1**



see Eyer et al. 2017



# General Variability Detection

Alternative: use a supervised classification scheme (e.g. Gaia Data Release 1)

**Attributes:** General + those derived from time series  
**Algorithm:** Random Forest (Breiman 2001)  
**Training-set:** based on OGLE

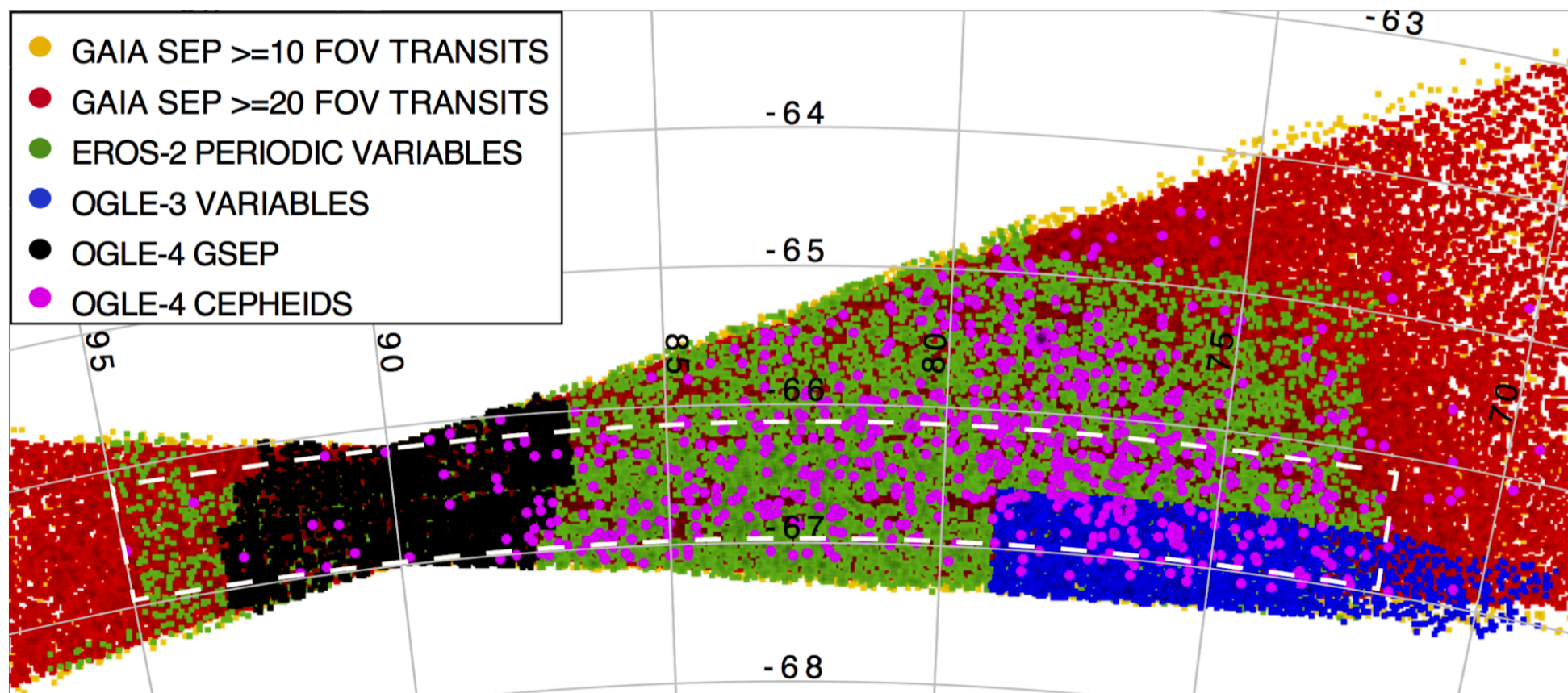
## Result of the classification

Completeness  
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Confusion Matrix:

| # obj./class  |          | CONSTANT | VARIABLE |   |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|---|
| 2055          | CONSTANT | 93       | 7        | % |
| 2055          | VARIABLE | 8        | 92       | % |
| Contamination |          | 8        | 7        | % |

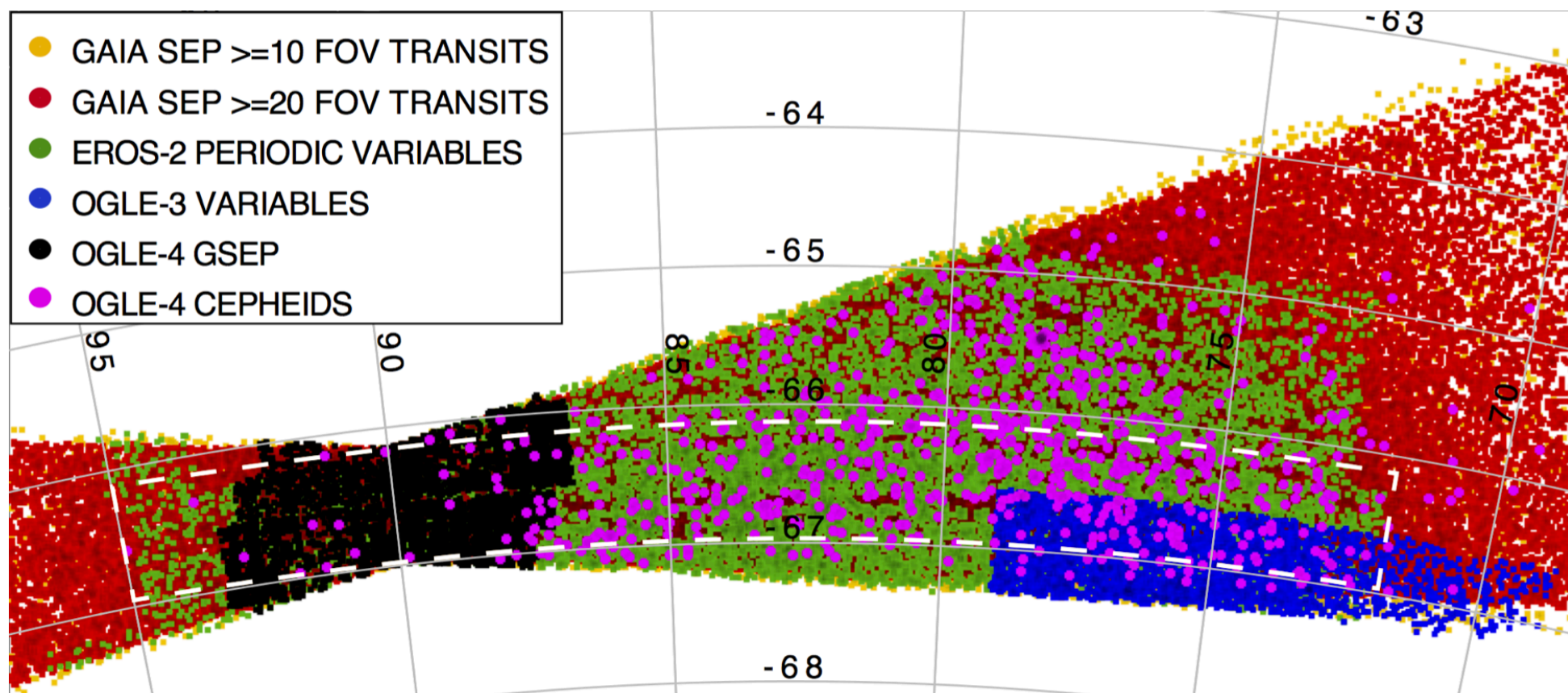
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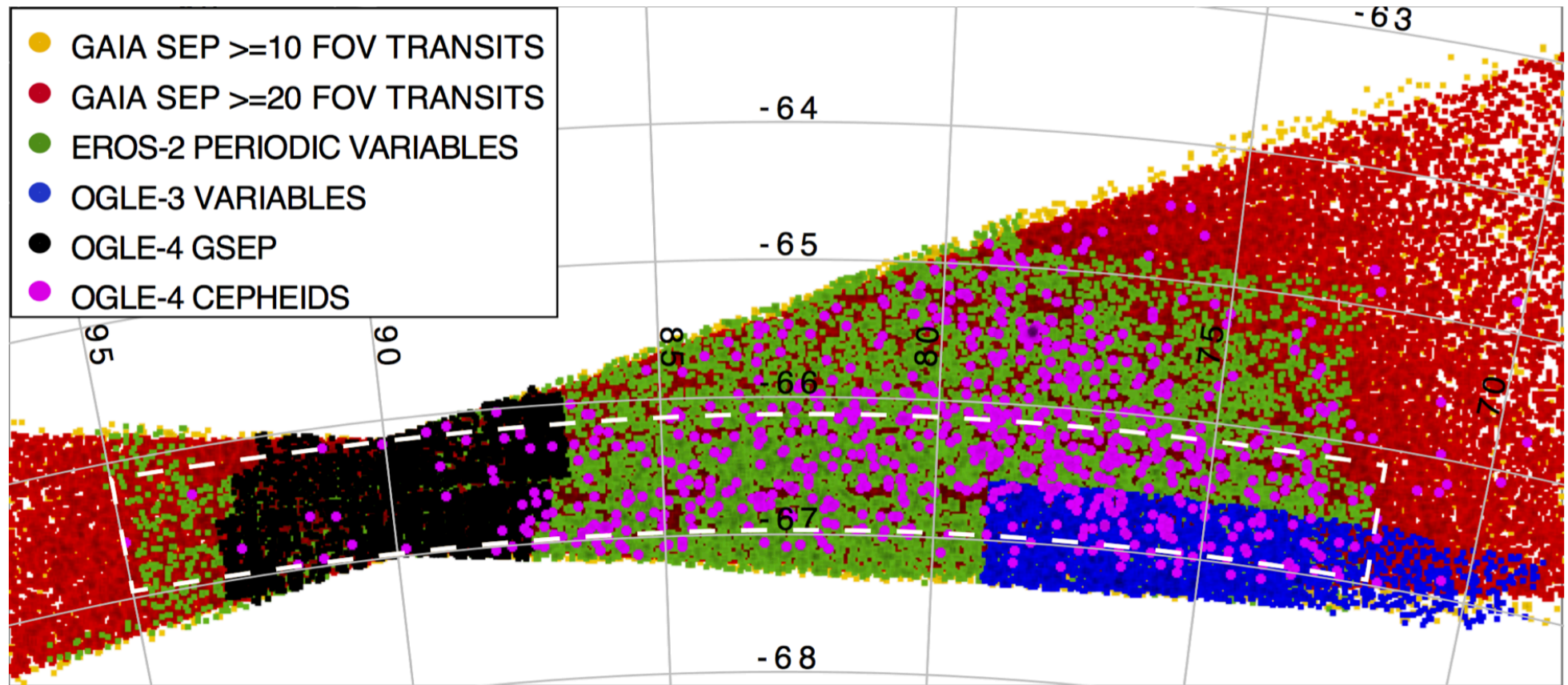
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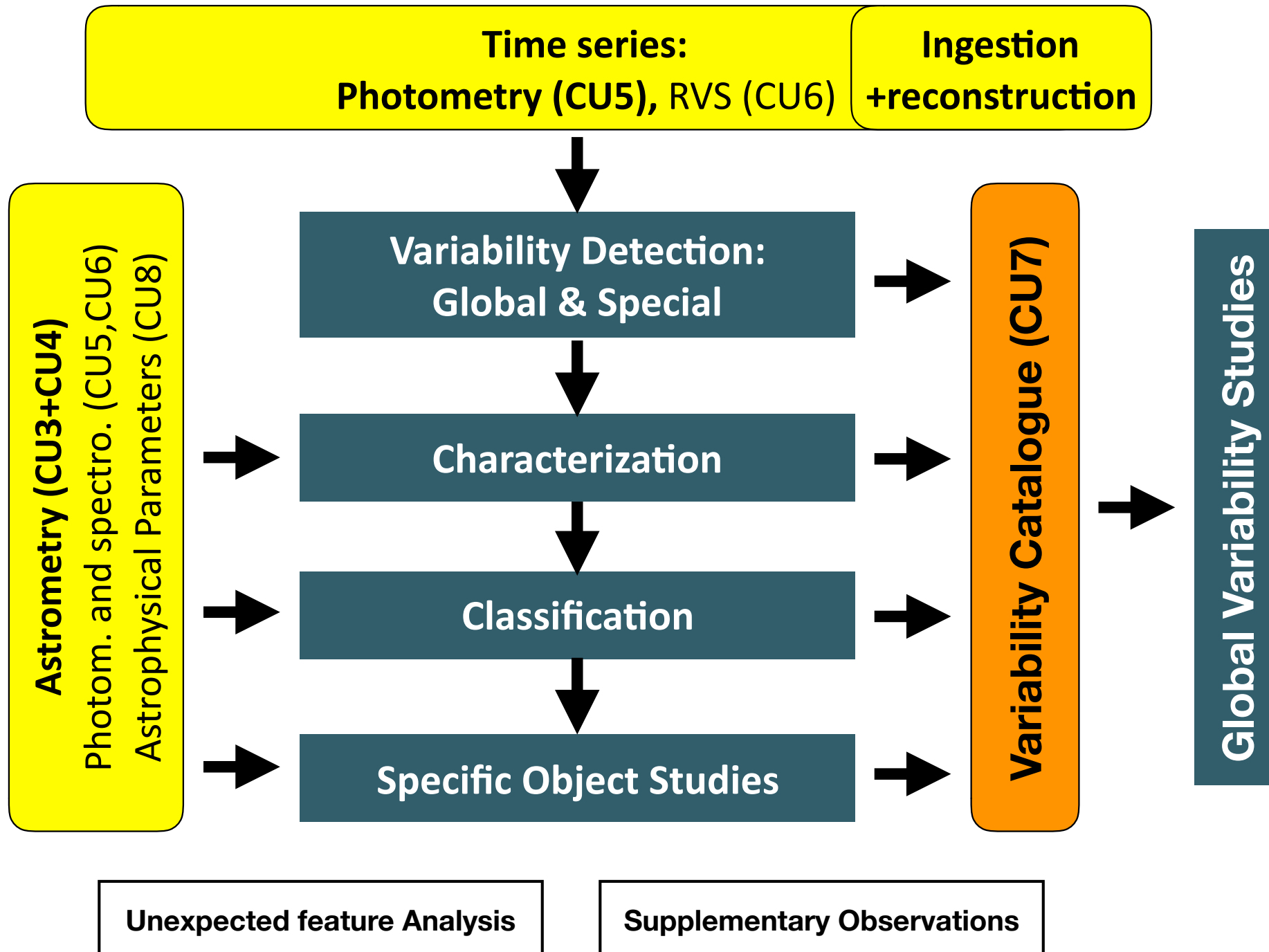
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Gaia Data Release 2 is for the whole sky, no training-set is really representative

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# Classification: Iterative approach (semi-supervised) for Gaia Data Release 2

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An obvious fact: the classification depends critically on the training-set

## **Iterative work to improve (generalise) the training-set**

- a. Coverage and distribution of training-set similar to real data
  - Sky position, number of measurements, magnitude (signal/noise)
- b. Relative fraction of variables in the training-set representative of the true one (e.g. this is true for Random Forest)

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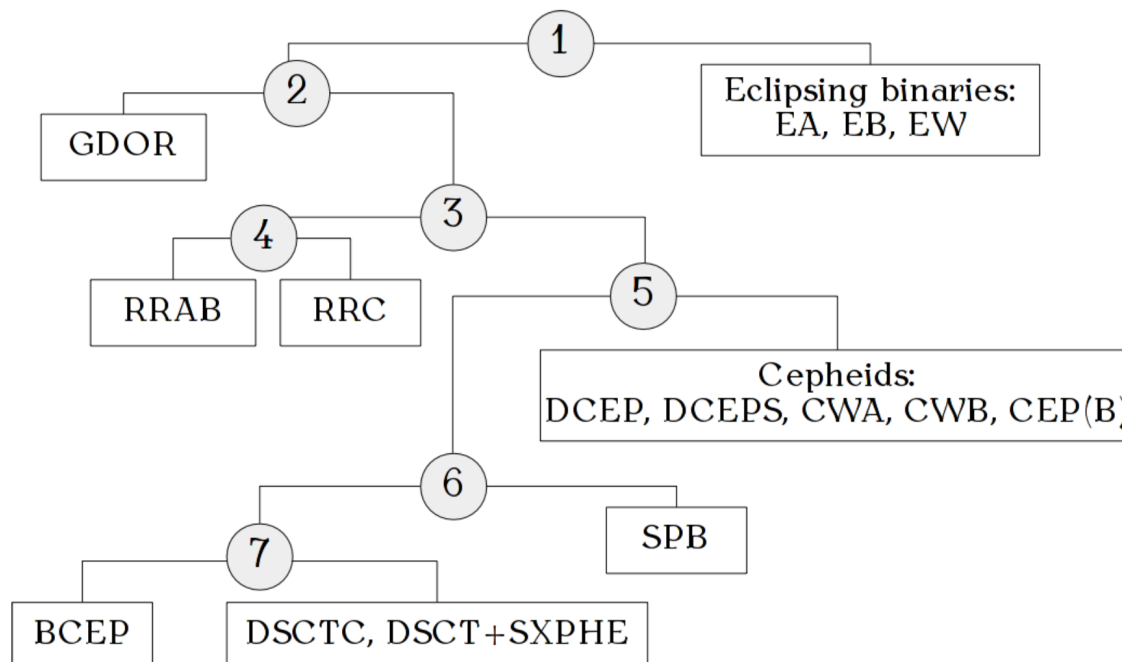
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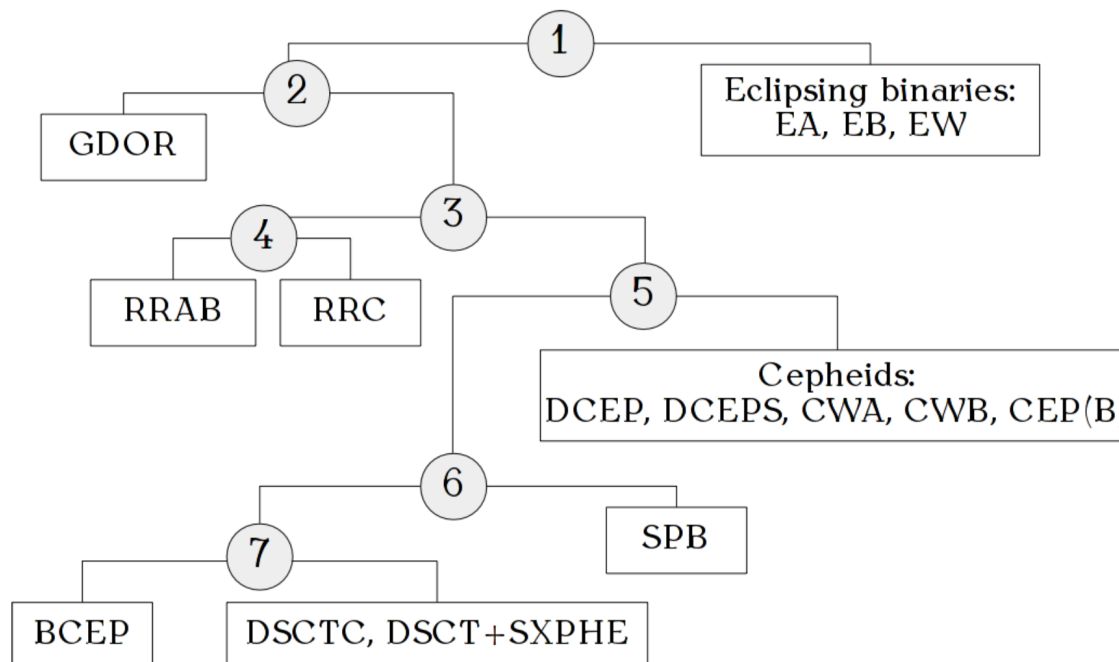
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Furnish training-set  
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# Classification

Example of  
Gaia DR1

| # obj./class  |          | CEP+RR | CONSTANT | DSCT | ECL | ELL | LPV | QSO |   |
|---------------|----------|--------|----------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 2562          | CEP+RR   | 99     |          |      | 1   |     |     |     | % |
| 436           | CONSTANT |        | 94       |      |     |     | 6   |     | % |
| 71            | DSCT     | 23     |          | 42   | 35  |     |     |     | % |
| 844           | ECL      | 3      |          |      | 95  |     | 1   | 1   | % |
| 12            | ELL      |        |          |      | 50  | 42  | 8   |     | % |
| 1711          | LPV      |        | 1        |      |     |     | 99  |     | % |
| 117           | QSO      |        | 5        | 1    | 7   |     |     | 87  | % |
| Contamination |          | 2      | 6        | 21   | 8   | 29  | 2   | 11  | % |

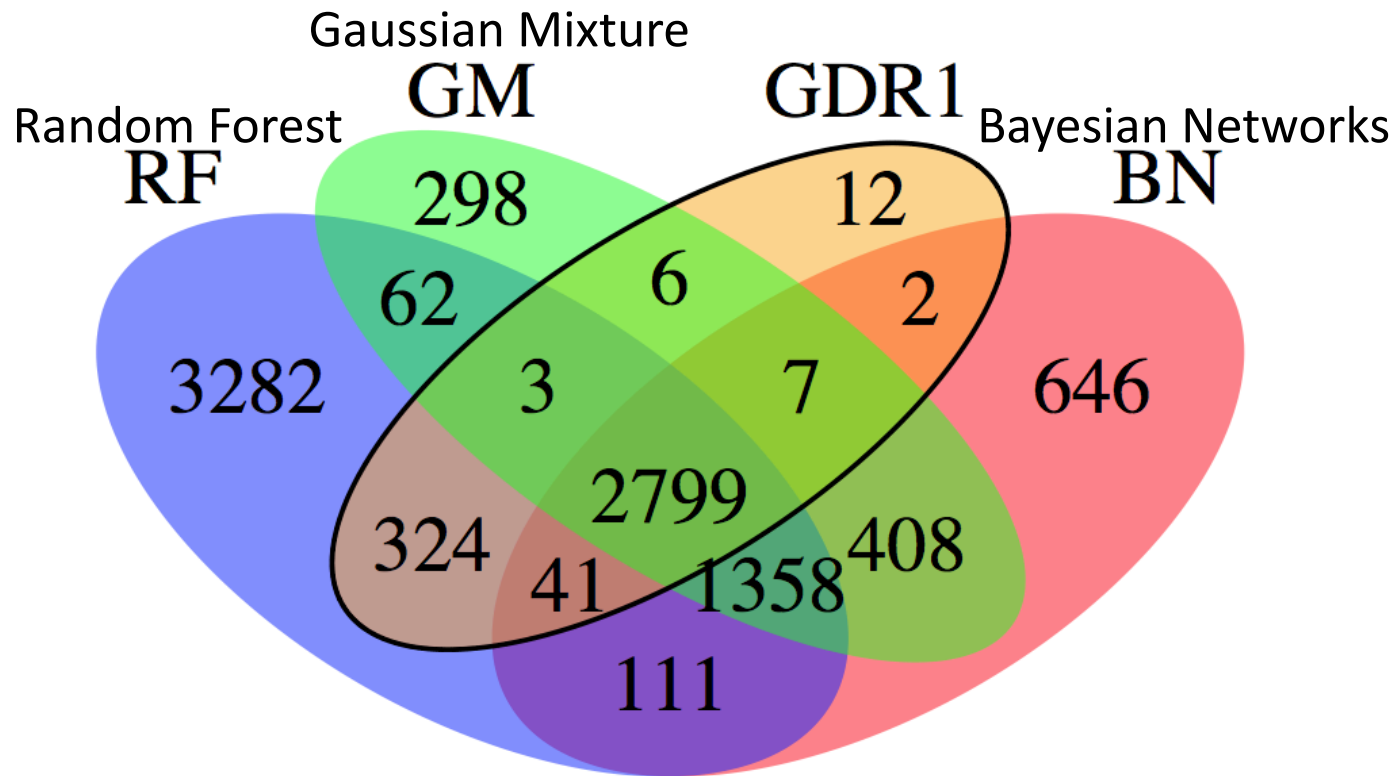
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Venn Diagram of the different classifiers  
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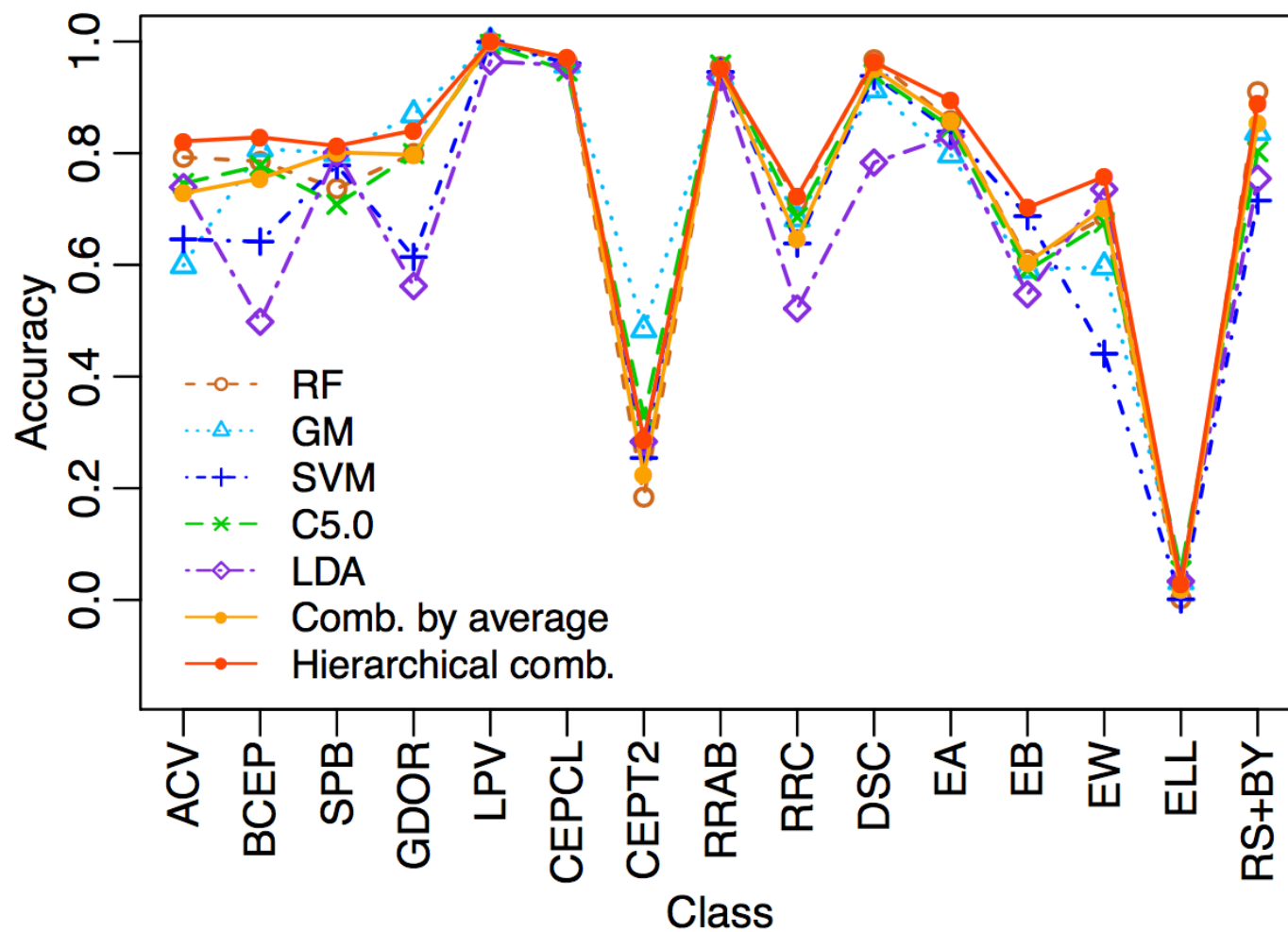
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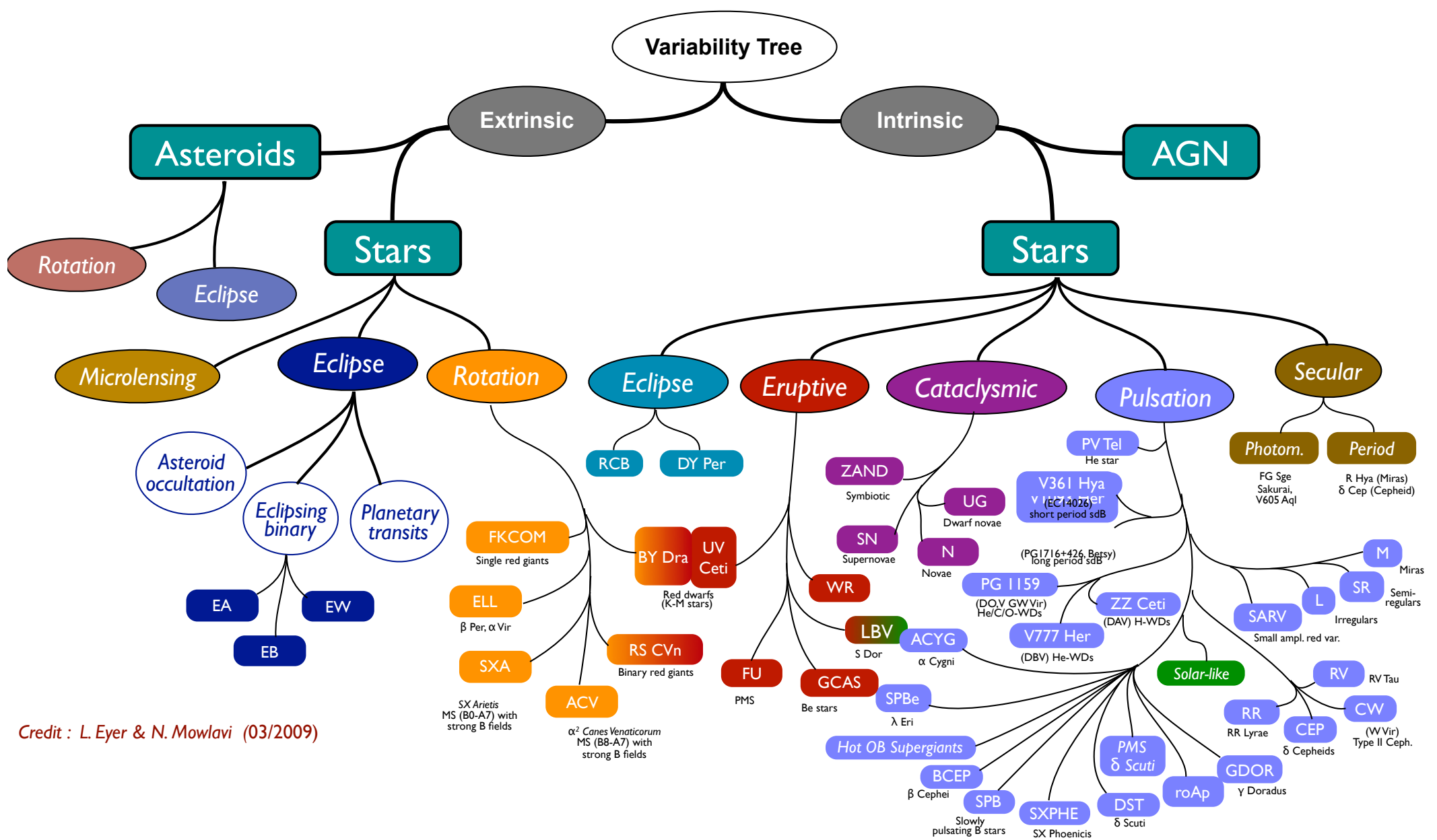
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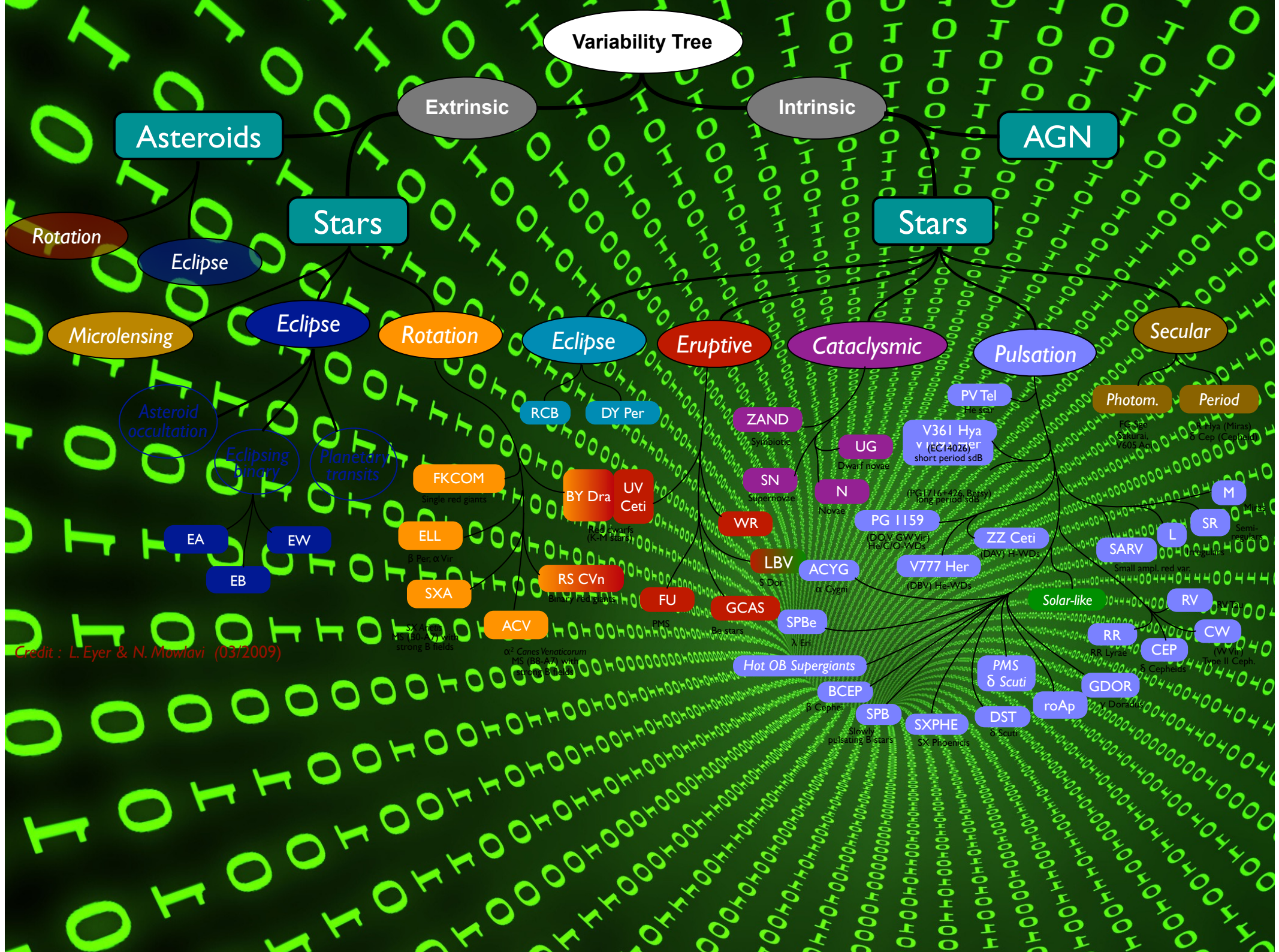
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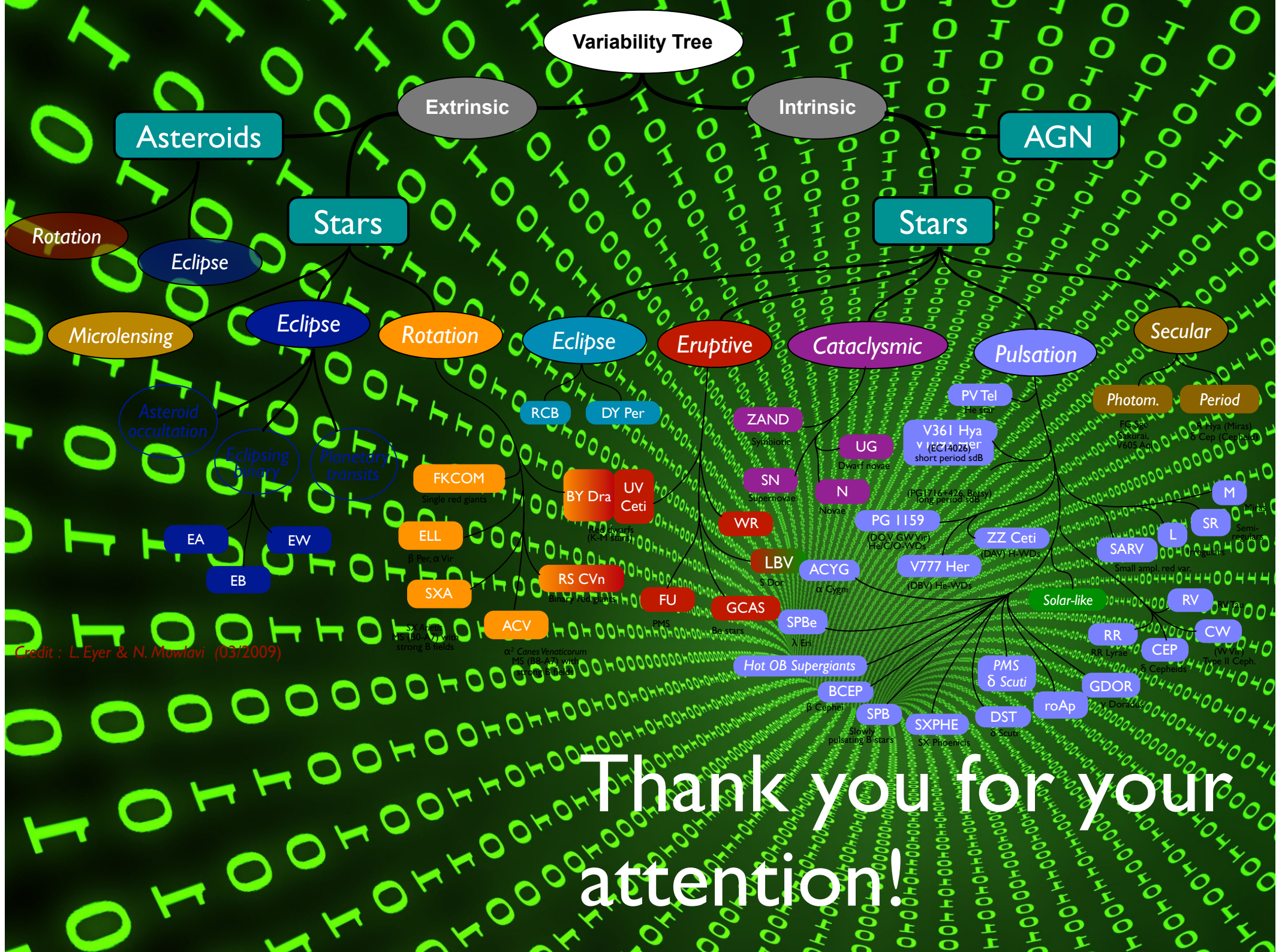
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