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The CHARA/SPICA astrophysical objectives

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Facts:

- 1478 stellar angular diameter measurements in history up to dec. 2016 (JMDC catalogue, Duvert+16) from different techniques (lunar occultation, intensity interferometry and optical interferometry).
- 11% (resp. 22%) of stars have their angular diameter measured with a precision better than 1% (resp. 2%). It corresponds to 159 and 323 measurements, respectively.



1150 measurements in these diagram (stars with well-defined spectral type) corresponding to 627 different stars

With CHARA/SPICA: with $\delta > -30^{\circ}$, mV < 8 and $\theta > 0.2$ mas ~7700

Stars can have their angular diameter <u>potentially</u> measured with a 1 % precision. In 3 years (70 nights per year), we could derive the angular diameter of 800 stars and do images (or characterize) 200 stars

Why?

- Indeed, the JSDC (Chelli+16) provides the angular diameter of 453000 stars with a median statistical uncertainties of 1.1%
- But, if we consider the 23 surface-brightness color relations (SBCR) available in the literature, we have inconsistencies



Linked to mV and the angular diameter

1.
$$S_{\rm V} = V - 5\log \theta_{\rm LD} = \sum a_{\rm k} (V - K)^k$$

2. $F_{\rm V} = 4.2207 - 0.1S_{\rm V} = \alpha + \beta (V - K)$
3. $\log \theta_{\rm LD} = d_1 + c_1 1 (V - K) - 0.2V$
4. $\theta_{\rm LD} (V = 0) = 10^{A + B(V - K)}$
5. $\Phi_{\rm V} = \frac{\theta}{9.305 * 10^{\frac{-V}{5}}} = \sum z_{\rm k} (V - K)^k$

. If we apply the 23 SBCR to an hypothetic star of mV=6; we obtain a dispersion the derived angular diameters of :

- ➢ 2% if V-K=3
- 9% if V-K=0 (early-type stars)
- 9% if V-K=5 (late-type stars)

. Conclusion: We are probably far from being able to estimate the angular diameter of stars with a 1% precision and accuracy.

Diagnostic:

- The 23 SBCR are based on various types of data and the methods used are also different.
- The subsets of data used are also very heterogeneous. Indeed, the 23 SBCR are based on samples of stars of 18 to 239 stars. No SBCR is using all the database (perhaps JSDC2 ?)
- There is also the problem of the V and K photometry. We need homogeneous data.
- And physically, as soon as the star is not a black body, we can have potentially

a deviation from the SBCR. In other words stellar activity (spots, convection, winds & environment, rotation, and multiplicity) should be also taken into account.

With CHARA/SPICA:

- We can derive the angular diameter of 800 stars with a 1% precision (or better).
 - > This would double the number of stars for which we have an angular diameter.
 - This would increase by a factor 5 the number of stars for which we have a 1% precision
 - It would provide a unprecedented sample of stars with homogeneous angular diameters
- We can do images and/or characterize the stellar activity of 200 stars

=> CHARA/SPICA is "an angular diameter machine and an picture box"

Why is it crucial to derive the angular diameter of stars with a 1% precision and accuracy ?

Three astrophysical objectives of CHARA/SPICA:



1. Exoplanet Host Stars



2. Asteroseismology



3. SBCR: for the distance of the eclipsing binaries and PLATO

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Objective 1: The Exoplanet Host Stars



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Objective 2: Asteroseismology



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Asteroseismology: first example

The diameter of the CoRoT target HD 49933

Combining the 3D limb darkening, asteroseismology, and interferometry

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Fig. 2. Our best-fit model of the observed squared visibilities (black dots) with the calculated one (full line) with a reduced $\chi^2 = 0.47$. The angular diameter is $\theta_{LD} = 0.445$ mas.

Table 1. Our stellar evolution model for HD 49933.

M/M_{\odot}	R/R_{\odot}	$\log g$	Y_0	$(Z/X)_{0}$	α	$lpha_{ m ov}$	Age (My)	$T_{\rm eff}\left({\rm K} ight)$	$\log L/L_{\odot}$	$X_{ m c}$	Ys	$(Z/X)_{\rm s}$	[Fe/H]
1.200	1.42	4.21	0.29	0.016	1.00	0.35	2690	6640	0.55	0.47	0.20	0.011	-0.38

Notes. The mass M, initial helium content Y_0 , metallicity $(Z/X)_0$, core overshoot α_{ov} , and mixing length α are adjusted to reproduce the radius obtained by interferometry and the observed large and small separations.

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VEGA/CHARA θ^* of the CoRoT target at 2.7% of precision (Bigot+11)

Asteroseismology: second example

The fundamental parameters of the roAp star 10 Aquilae*

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Objective 3: SBCR and the distance of eclipsing binaries



LETTER

An eclipsing-binary distance to the Large Magellanic Cloud accurate to two per cent

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8 years of photometric and spectroscopic observations of 8 eclipsing binaries in the LMC => R1, R2 in km



Distance to LMC with a 2.2% precision: 49.97 +/- 0.18 (stat.) +/- 1.1 (syst.) kpc Uncertainty Budget: amplitude of velocity curves K1, K2 (0.5%), Stellar radii (0.5%), inclination (0.2%), reddening (0.8%), metallicity (0.3%), photometry (0.5%) and SBCR (2%). SBCR = di Benedetto 05

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SBCR for distances, but also for faint targets of PLATO



Three objectives:

- 1. Exoplanet Host Stars
- 2. Asteroseismology
- 3. SBCR for distances of EB and PLATO

For these three objectives, stellar activity has to be taken into account:



Theoretical impact of fast rotation on calibrating the surface brightness-color relation for early-type stars A&A, 2015, A&A, 579, 107

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Model of a standard stars, then exploration of parameters space (rotation velocity, inclination) for different interferometric configurations. Calculation of the impact of rotation on the SBCR

Objectives and timeline for CHARA/SPICA

Phase 1 <u>during the preparation of the PLATO space mission (~2026)</u>. Derive the angular diameter of 800 stars with a 1% precision and obtain images for 200 stars.

1/ observe **known stars hosting exoplanet in transit.** Observe also exoplanet host stars without transit (~180 objects already identified).

2/ observe interesting **known asteroseismic targets** (from WIRE, MOST, CoRoT, Kepler, TESS, ...). We identified for instance ~400 objects from TESS catalogue.

3/ complete the sample of 800 stars observing benchmark stars in the HR diagram in order to derive a or several **Surface-Brightness Color Relation**(s) (depending on the color/class) taking also into account (i.e. correcting) the 'activity' of stars. Distances of SMC, LMC, M31 and M33. New anchors for Ho.

4/ characterize ~200 active stars in order to quantify the impact of activity(spots, wind & circumstellar environment, convection, rotation and multiplicity) on the three astrophysical objectives.

Phase 2: during the PLATO space mission.

1/ perform a follow-up of interesting **bright** (mV < 7-10) PLATO targets: stars hosting planet(s) in transit, asteroseismic targets

2/ apply the SBCR(s) corrected of activity (from phase 1) to **faint (i.e. all)** PLATO targets, **and use our activity diagnostics (SED)** to make additional corrections on their derived angular diameter.



		Exoplanet Host Stars	Asteroseismology	SBCR (distances & PLATO faint targets)
	Objectives (session 1)			
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	Spots			
	Convection			
<u>er</u>	Winds Environment			
	Rotation			
	Binarity			

CHARA/SPICA will also serve a wide variety of **additional programs**. The instrument will be very active for 3 years and then will enter a follow-up phase (~2026) which permits to give access to a lot of time. Based on the **white book of visible interferometry** (Stee et al., 2017, arXiv170302395S), we identify the following objectives.

1. Cepheids:

- 1. Limb-darkening measurement in the visible domain (stronger in visible).
- 2. Precise angular diameter curves of northern Cepheids (BW method)
- 3. Study of the circumstellar environment of Cepheids in the visible domain (like for e.g. on delta Cep with VEGA/CHARA: Nardetto+16).
- 4. Study of Cepheids in binaries in order to derive their masses.
- 2. Synergy between SPHERE imaging of exoplanet and interferometric measurements.
- A precise angular diameter of the star helps to constrain the age of the system (see for e.g. GJ504, Bonnefoy et al. 2018).

3. Fundamental parameters of roAp stars (spots, magnetism, asteroseismic targets). Direct measurements (as done with VEGA: Perraut+) or using SBCR (phase 1) relations for faint stars.
4. Fundamental parameters of metal poor stars (Gaia benchmark). Direct measurements (as done with VEGA: Creevey+15) or using SBCR (phase 1) relations for faint stars. Connection with Galactic Archeology.

5. Environment of Young Stellar Objects (YSOs). In the visible domain, one can constrain the relation between the accretion disk, the star and the jet (with VEGA: Perraut+).

- 6. The circumstellar disk of Be stars. Constrain of the continuum measurement.
- 7. Images of binaries in interaction (for e.g. Beta Lyrae, SS Lep).

8. Pulsating stars: RR Lyrae, delta-Scuti, beta Cep. Study of their fundamental parameters, pulsation and environment when possible.

9. Nova