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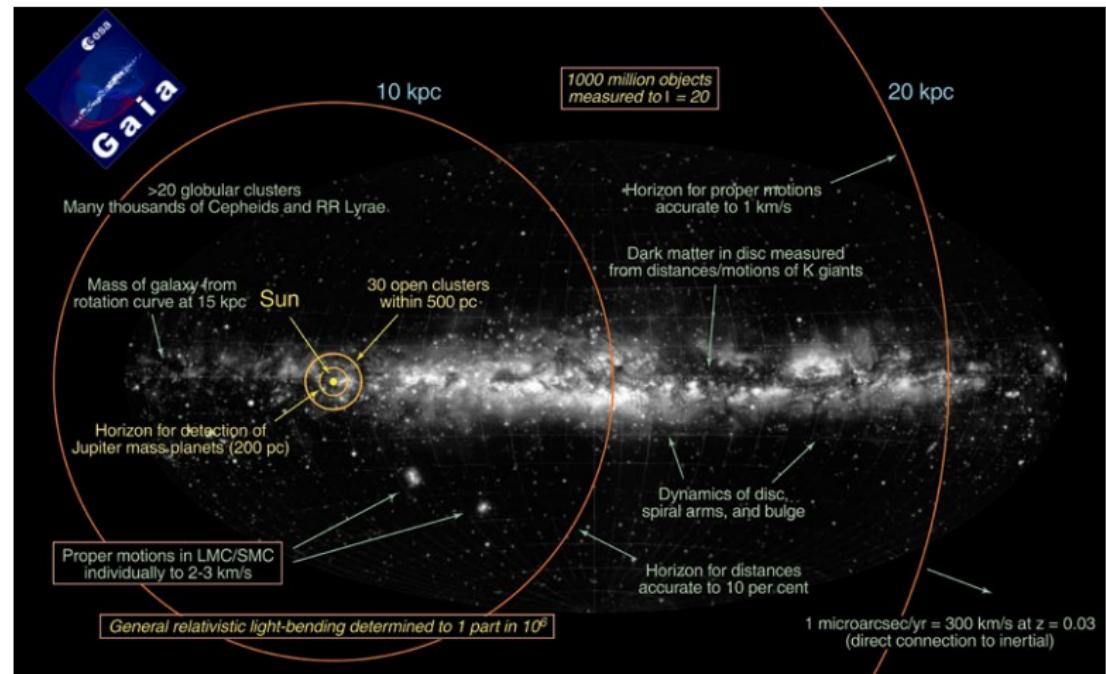
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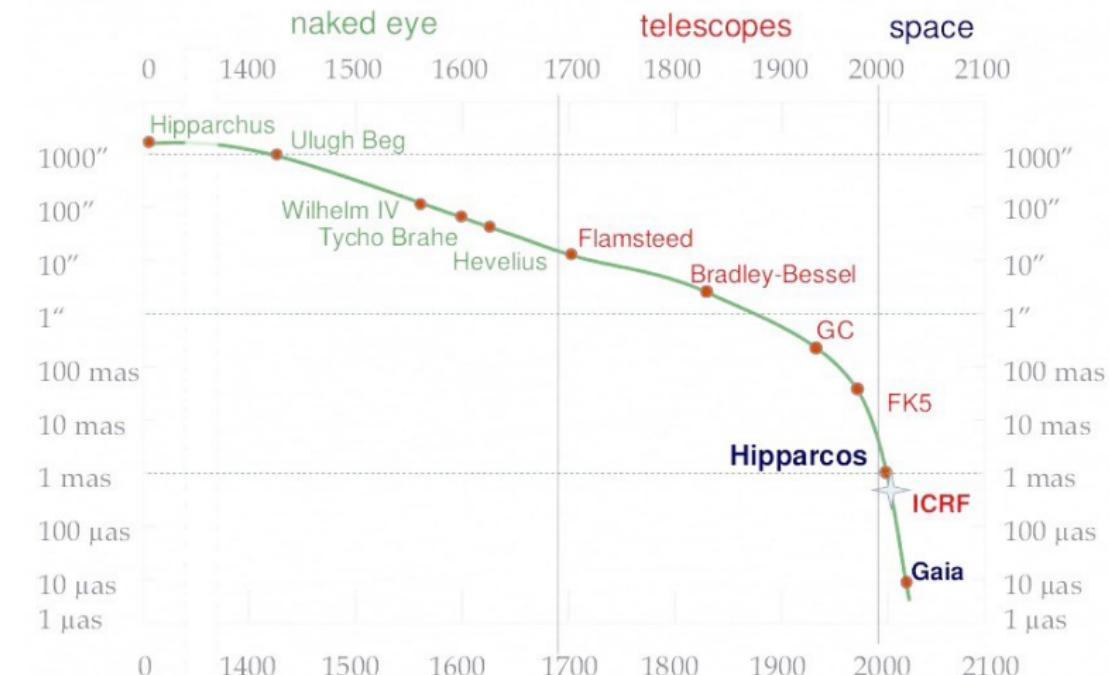
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Schematic diagram showing the distances out to which Gaia will contribute to our knowledge of the Galaxy.  
Image: ESA



Accuracy of astrometric observations VS year. Image : S. Klioner, Porto 2011

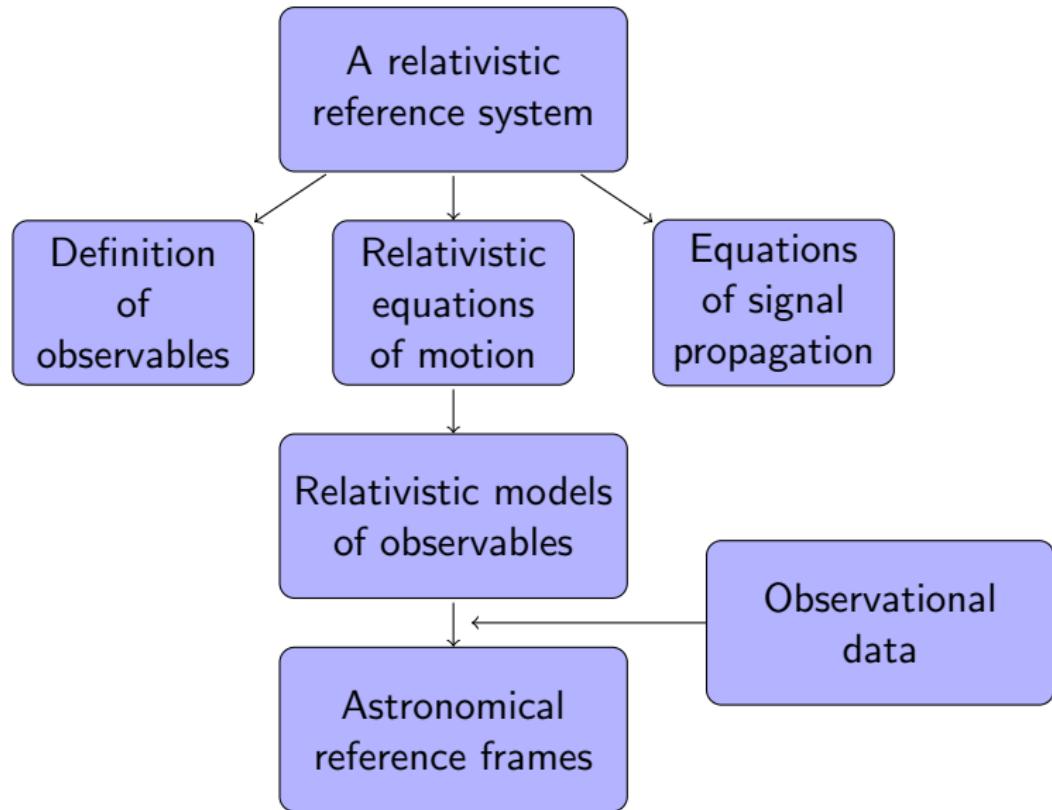
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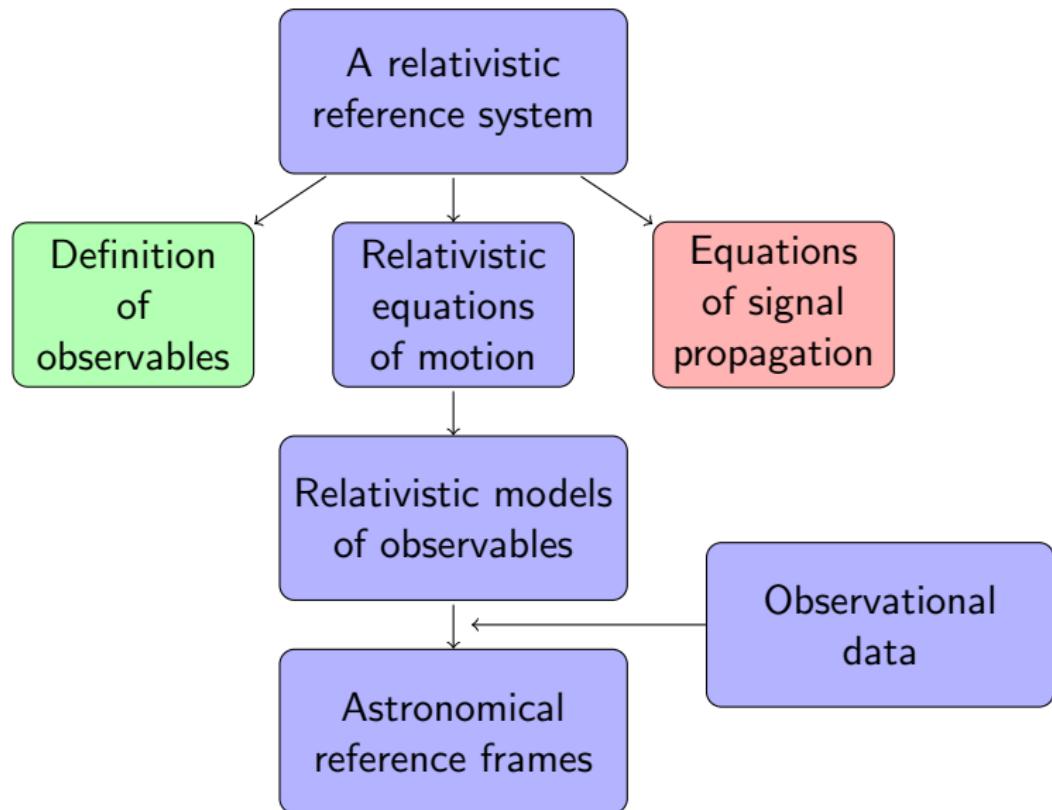
$10 - 10^4 \mu\text{as}$

## Relativistic light deflections in the Solar System

Body	Monopole		Quadrupole	
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Sun	17,000	$180^\circ$		
Mercury	0.083	$0.15^\circ$		
Venus	0.49	$4.5^\circ$		
Mars	0.12	$0.4^\circ$		
Jupiter	16.3	$90^\circ$	240	$8 R_J$
Saturn	5.8	$17^\circ$	95	$4 R_S$
Uranus	2.1	$1.2^\circ$	8	$2 R_U$
Neptune	2.5	$0.9^\circ$	10	$2 R_N$

Mignard,Klioner , Gaia : Relativistic modelling and testing, 2009





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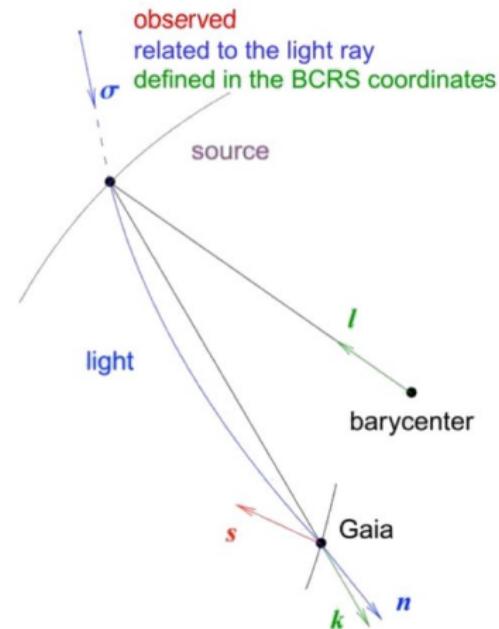
RAMOD

# General RElativistic Model (GREM)

Based on IAU reference  
systems

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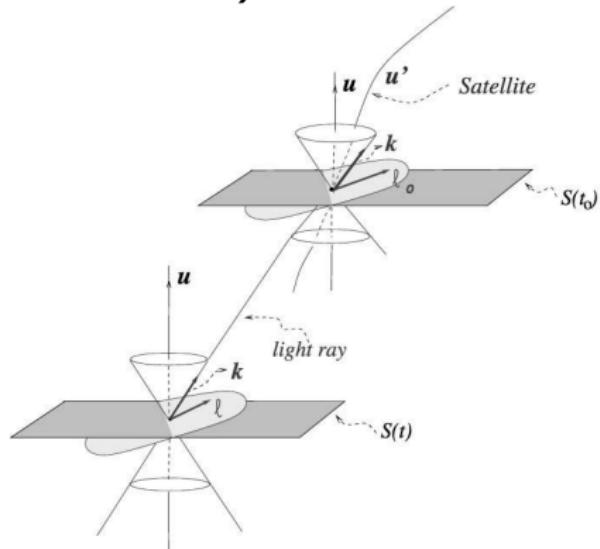
- (1) aberration
- (2) gravitational deflection
- (3) coupling to finite distance
- (4) parallax



General structure of the General RElativistic Model (GREM). Image: S. Klioner, PRD 2003

# Relativistic Astrometric MODel (RAMOD)

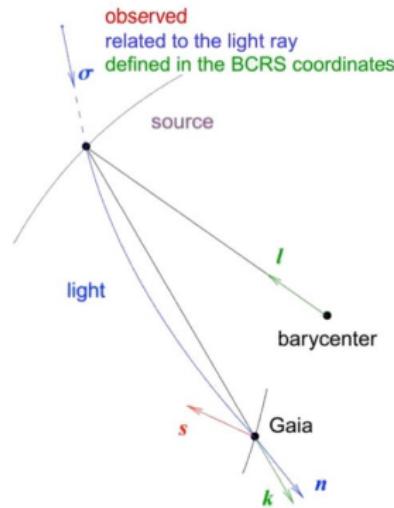
- Based on a measurement protocol
- local barycentric observer  $u$
- $\bar{\ell} = \text{local line of sight of the fiducial observer } u$



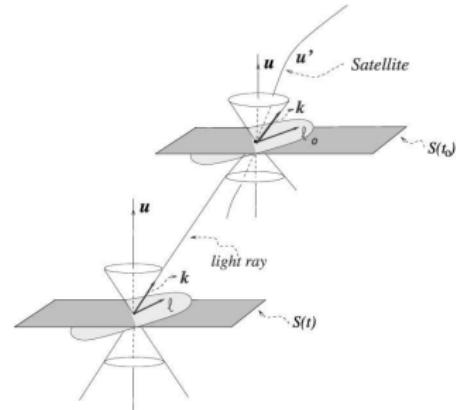
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$$\frac{d\bar{\ell}^k}{d\zeta} + \bar{\ell}^i \bar{\ell}^j \left( \partial_i h_{kj} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_k h_{ij} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\ell}^k \bar{\ell}^i \partial_i h_{00} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_k h_{00} + \mathcal{O}(h^2) = 0$$

# How to relate their results?



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Previous studies : aberration (M. Crosta and A. Vecchiato 2010), geodesic equations (M. Crosta 2011)

# Time Transfer Functions (TTF)

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Le Poncin-Lafitte et al. 2004, Teyssandier & Le Poncin-Lafitte 2008; T. 2012.

- $\Delta_r$  at any order in general static, spherically symmetric space-times
- without integrating the whole set of geodesic equations
- well adapted to a ray emitted and observed at points both at a finite distance  $x_A$  et  $x_B$
- definition of the astrometric observable within the formalism (Bertone and Le Poncin-Lafitte 2012)

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We propose to :

extract  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\hat{k}_i$  from GREM and RAMOD

# TTF formalism in closed form

(S. Bertone and C. Le Poncin Lafitte, Memorie SAI 2012)

$$\mathcal{T}_r(\mathbf{x}_A, t_B, \mathbf{x}_B) = \frac{R_{AB}}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \Delta_r(\mathbf{x}_A, t_B, \mathbf{x}_B) + \mathcal{O}(c^{-5})$$

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$$\Delta_r = \frac{1}{2} R_{AB} \int_0^1 \left[ h_{00}^{(2)} + \frac{2}{c} N_{AB}^i h_{0i}^{(3)} + N_{AB}^i N_{AB}^j h_{ij}^{(2)} \right]_{z_-^\alpha(\lambda)} d\lambda$$

# TTF for a time-dependent metric

(S. Bertone et al., 2013)

**PPN metric :**  $h_{00} = \frac{2G}{c^2} \sum_P \frac{\mathcal{M}_P}{R_P(t, \mathbf{x})}$  ,  $h_{0i} = -(1 + \gamma) h_{00} \beta_P^i(t)$  ,  $h_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \gamma h_{00}$

$$\mathbf{R}_P = \mathbf{R}_{PB}^* - \lambda R_{AB}(\mathbf{N}_{AB} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_P)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_r(\mathbf{x}_A, t_B, \mathbf{x}_B) &= \frac{R_{AB}}{c} + (\gamma + 1) \frac{G}{c^2} \sum_P \mathcal{M}_P \left[ 1 - \boldsymbol{\beta}_P(t_C) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{AB} \right] \\ &\quad \times \ln \left[ \frac{R_{PA} - \mathbf{R}_{PA} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{AB} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_P(t_C) \cdot (\mathbf{R}_{PA} - \mathbf{N}_{AB} R_{PA})}{R_{PB} - \mathbf{R}_{PB} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{AB} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_P(t_C) \cdot (\mathbf{R}_{PB} - \mathbf{N}_{AB} R_{PB})} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i)_B &= -N_{AB}^i + (\gamma + 1) \frac{G}{c^2} \sum_P \frac{\mathcal{M}_P}{R_{AB} R_{PB} [R_{PB}^2 g_P^2 - (\mathbf{R}_{PB} \cdot \mathbf{g}_P)^2]} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ g_P N_{AB}^i \left[ (\mathbf{R}_{PB} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{AB}) (R_{PB}^2 - R_{PA} R_{PB} - R_{AB} \mathbf{R}_{PB} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}_P(t_C)) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - R_{PB}^2 R_{AB} g_P^2 \right] + R_{PB}^i g_P^2 [R_{PB} R_{PA} - R_{PB}^2 + R_{AB} \mathbf{R}_{PB} \cdot \mathbf{g}_P] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \boldsymbol{\beta}_P^i(t_C) R_{PB} [(R_{PA} - R_{PB})(\mathbf{R}_{PB} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{AB}) + R_{PB} R_{AB}] \right\} \\ &\quad + (\gamma + 1) \frac{G}{c^2} \sum_P \mathcal{M}_P \frac{\boldsymbol{\beta}_P^i(t_C) - N_{AB}^i \boldsymbol{\beta}_P(t_C) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{AB}}{R_{AB} g_P} \ln \frac{g_P R_{PB} + \mathbf{R}_{PB} \cdot \mathbf{g}_P}{g_P R_{PA} + \mathbf{R}_{PA} \cdot \mathbf{g}_P} \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O}(c^{-4}) . \end{aligned}$$

# TTF for a static metric

**Static metric :**  $h_{00} = \frac{2G}{c^2} \sum_P \frac{\mathcal{M}_P}{R_P(t, \mathbf{x})} , \quad h_{0i} = 0 , \quad h_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \gamma h_{00}$

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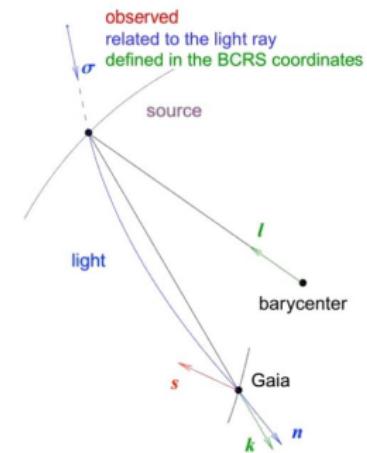
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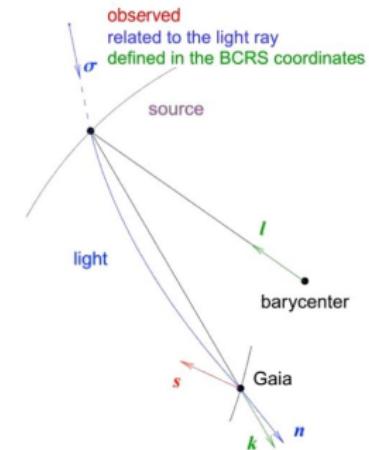


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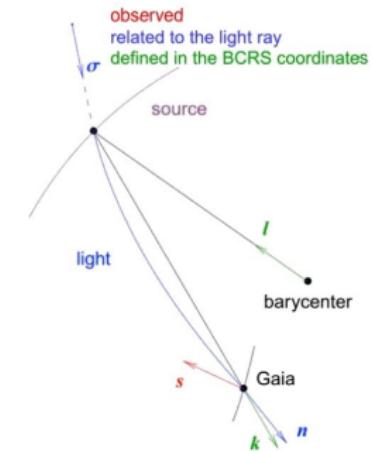
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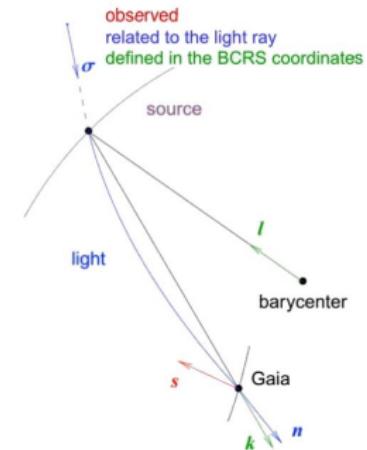
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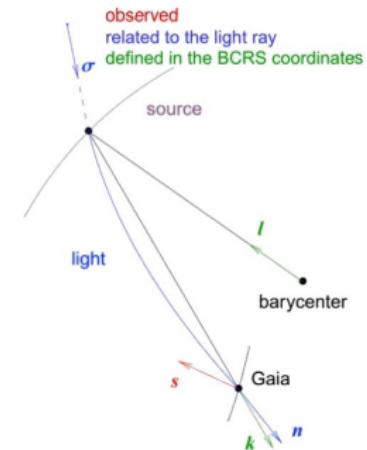
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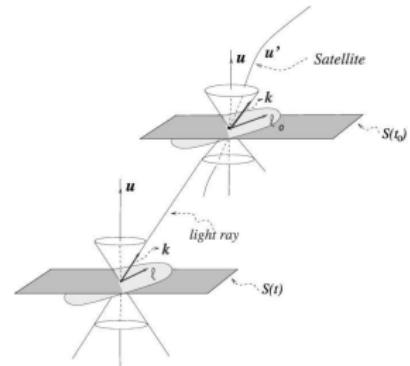
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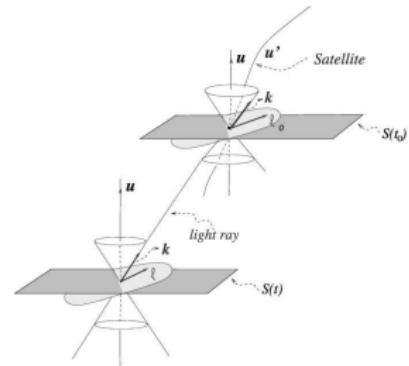


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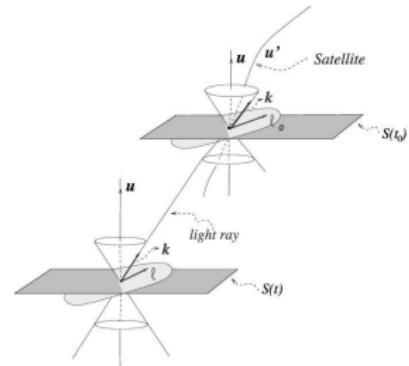
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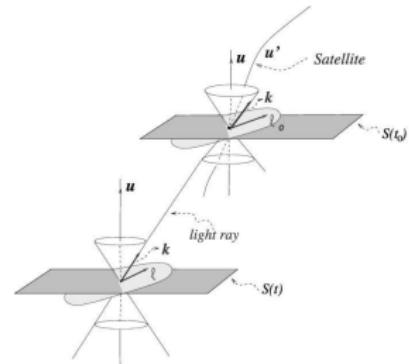
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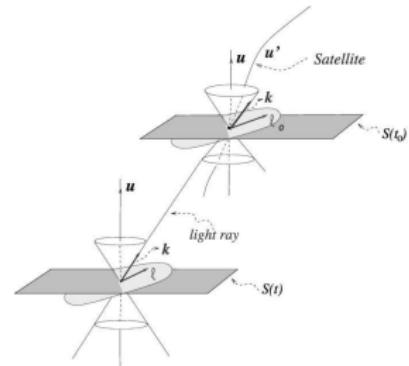
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## Conclusions

- Absolute high-precision astrometry needs independent verifications
- More than one model of relativistic light propagation to interpret experimental data
- We propose a procedure to relate and understand them using the TTF formalism

## Perspectives

- Development of a GSR-TTF

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