



#### ECE 5554 – Final Project Calibration of Satellite Cameras using Star Images



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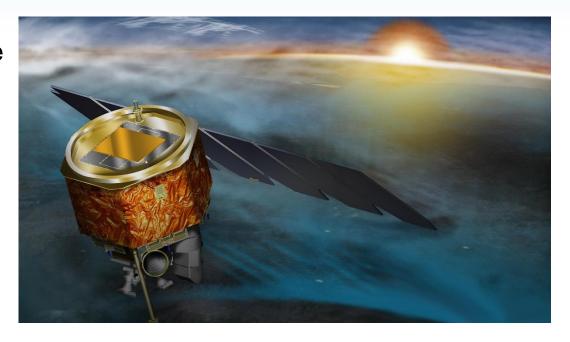








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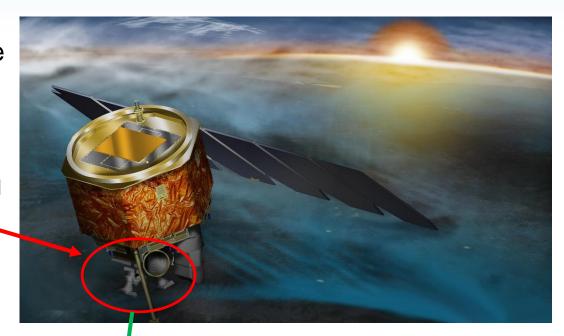


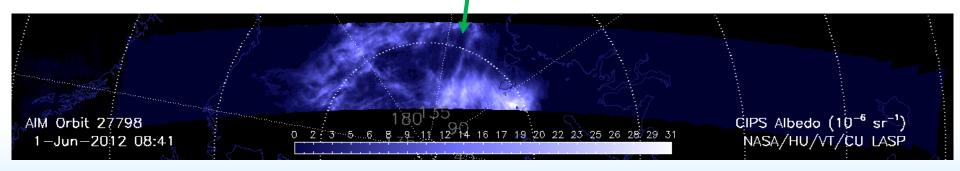






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  - Measures PMC (Polar Mesospheric Cloud) properties



























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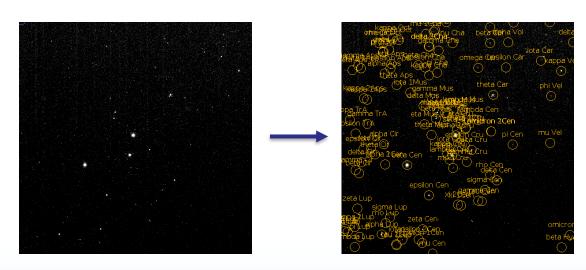








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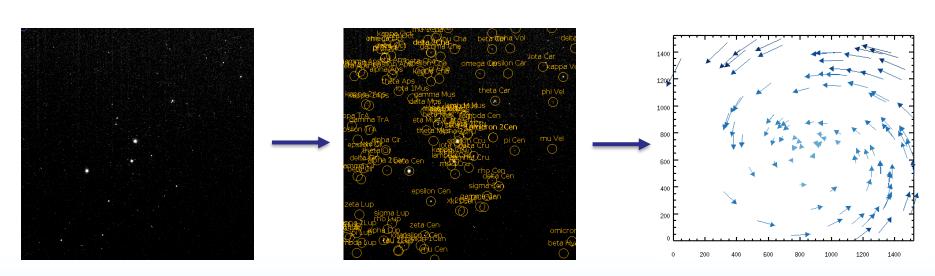








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**Output:** Distortion Map













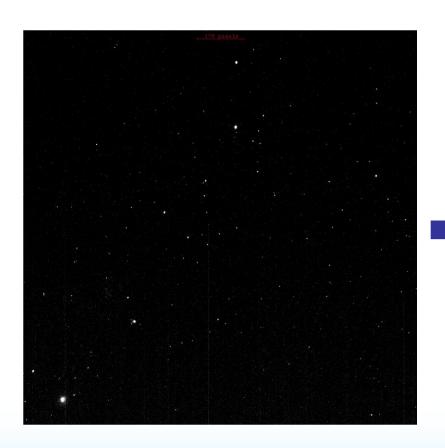


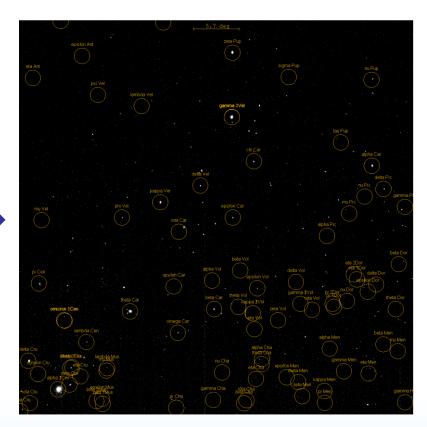






Step 1) Identify Stars using Astrometry.net



















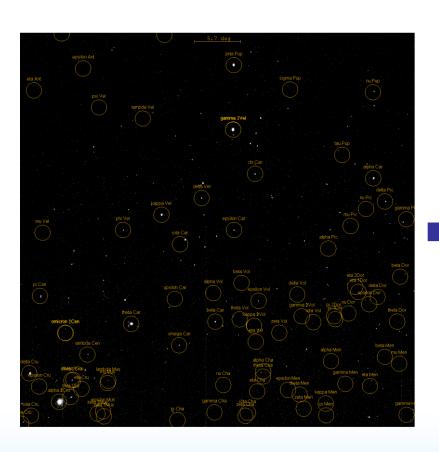








Step 2) Lookup Star coordinates (RA/DEC) in Star Catalog



















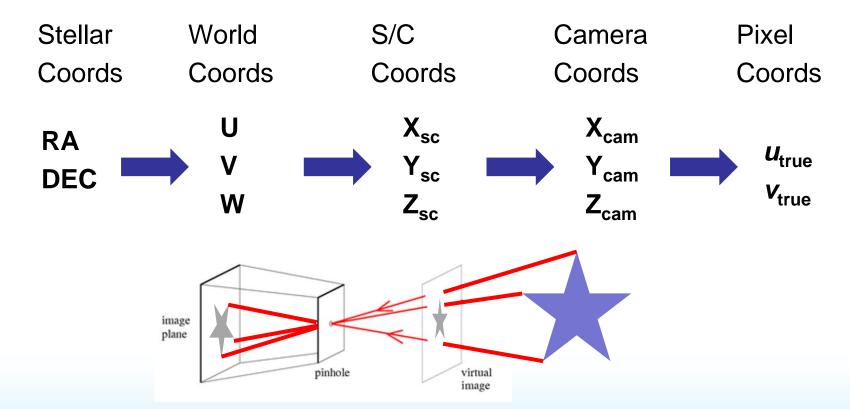








Step 3) Use pointing information from satellite and ideal camera model to transform from star coordinates to "true" pixel coordinates















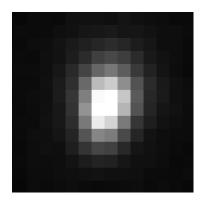








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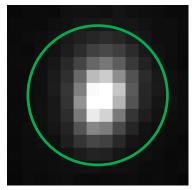








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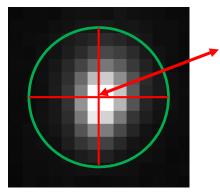








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Centroid pixel coords:

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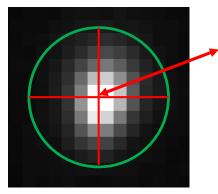








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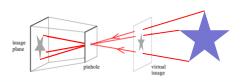


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True pixel coords:

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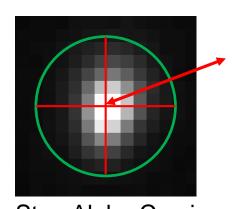








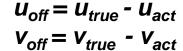
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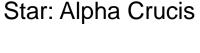


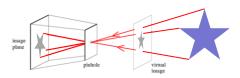
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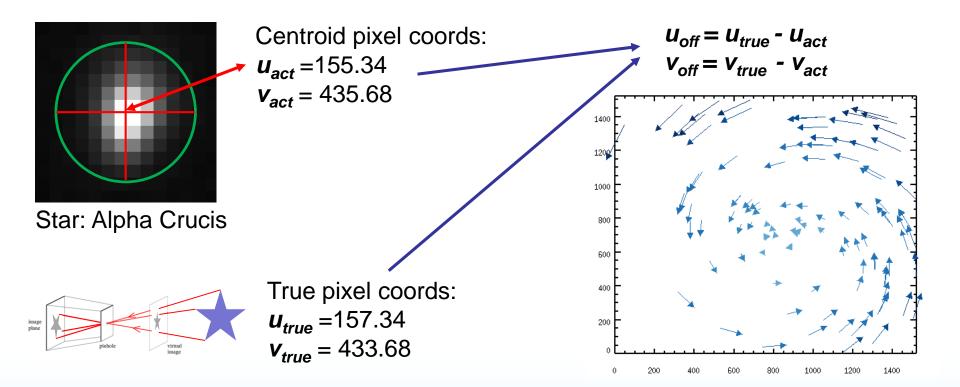








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# Summary



#### Current Progress:

- Identified all stars in images
- Looked up star coordinates from star catalogs
- Transformed star coordinates to pixel coordinates
- Quantified errors for each camera

#### Future Work:

- Find a transformation for each camera that fixes the error in a systematic way
- Test proposed transformation matrices on a test dataset

















