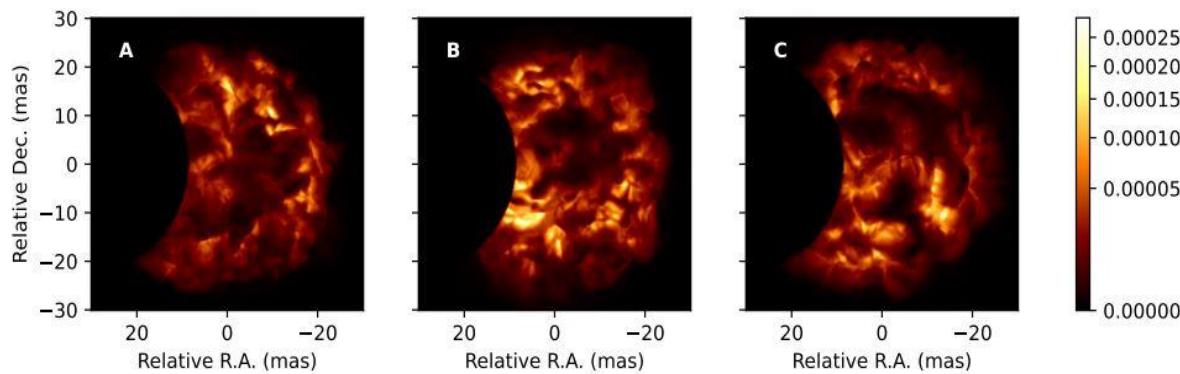


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with English (machine only) translation to English below:

Photometry and spectroscopy of Betelgeuse (α Ori) during its occultation by 319 Leona on 12/12/2023

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On December 12, 2023, Betelgeuse will be occulted by asteroid [319 Leona](#) along a very thin band that will pass north of the Mediterranean.

This occultation will be exceptional: Leona and Betelgeuse will have almost the same apparent size (~ 50 mas visible). The phenomenon will look more like an (annular) eclipse than a standard occultation.

During Leona's entry and exit from the Betelgeuse disk (which will last only a few seconds), it will be possible to obtain information on the distribution of convective cells on the surface of the star. What good is it, since we can obtain an image of the surface of the star by interferometry at the [VLTI](#)? The VLTI only observes in the infrared (between 1 and 13 μm).

Obtaining light curves in visible light (ideally R, G and B bands, or even in narrow filter), will make it possible to compare the distribution of light on the surface of the star with an infrared observation.

This result will be unprecedented since there is no visible light interferometer allowing such an observation to be made. Note, for the experiment to work, it will be imperative to determine the shape of Leona, and for this to also carefully observe the occultations of other stars by Leona, in particular: September 13, October 29, December 30 and 31, 2023 .

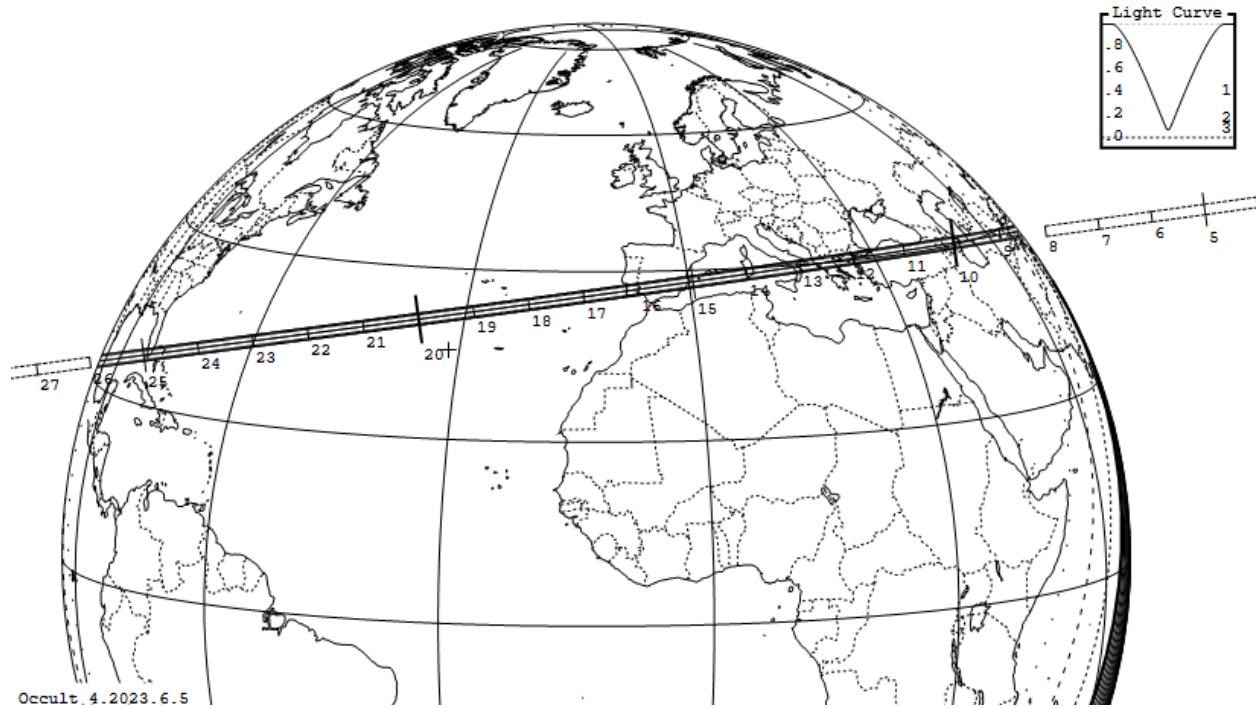
It will therefore be necessary to obtain photometric observations with exposure times of a few tens of milliseconds. With Betelgeuse near magnitude 0, this seems feasible, but it is not possible to predict exactly how bright Betelgeuse will be in the heart of the occultation.

In addition, it will be necessary to coordinate the observers to distribute the observations according to different filters.

To go further, it will also be interesting to obtain visible spectrometry to see if the width of the atomic lines changes during the occultation, which would reveal the velocity distribution of the convective cells on the surface of the star.

Star:	Duration:	Residual:
Mv 0.5; Mb 2.0; Mr -1.8	RA = 11.0 mas	Mag = 14.2
RA = 5 55 10.3441 (astrometric)	1km = 0.19 secs, 1mas = 0.25 secs	Dia = 61 ±3km, 46 mas
Dec = 7 24 25.652	Mag Drop: 2.9 [93%]v, 2.9 [93%]r	Parallax = 4.864"
[of Data: 5 56 29, 7 24 43]	Sun : Dist = 162°	Hourly dRA = -1.949s
Prediction of 2023 Jun 15.2	Moon: Dist = 151°, illum = 1%	dDec = -3.98"
Reliable - position from UBSC	Error 34.4 x 4.0 mas in PA 92°	JPL#65:INTG:2023-Apr-27, Known errors

93% Annular Occn. Expect fades >12 secs (star dia)
Double star; Variable star



NEOWISE 50.0 ± 5.0 km

AcuA 65.0 ± 4.2 km

IRAS 68.2 ± 11.0 km

MSX 81.3 ± 11.8 km

Weighted diameter = 60.9 ± 3.0 km

Knowing the apparent diameter and the shape of 319 Leona will be key elements for the success of this operation.

Light and rotation curves

Raoul Behrend (University of Geneva) therefore proposes to establish the curves of rotations and light of the asteroid as of now.

Leona is a long-period asteroid (18 days), it will be a question of making measurements during sequences of 15 minutes on successive nights.

For more details on the Cdr & CdL, see on [Gemini](#) and especially on the CdR & CdL site [within the framework of this campaign](#).

Ephemerides

The details of the occultation will be regularly updated and available on the [Lucky Star](#) and [IOTA/ES sites](#).

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[The Occultations France](#) discussion group on the **Slack** platform brings together French-speaking enthusiasts wishing to participate in this campaign.

Occultations by (319) Leona in 2023

Occultations of stars by (319) Leona will also make it possible to specify its shape and dimensions.

Here is the list of occultation events to observe in 2023 provided by Josselin Desmars – IMCCE – on the Lucky Star website:

September 13, 2023

occultation of star [GDR3 3347400001862704896](#) G mag: 12



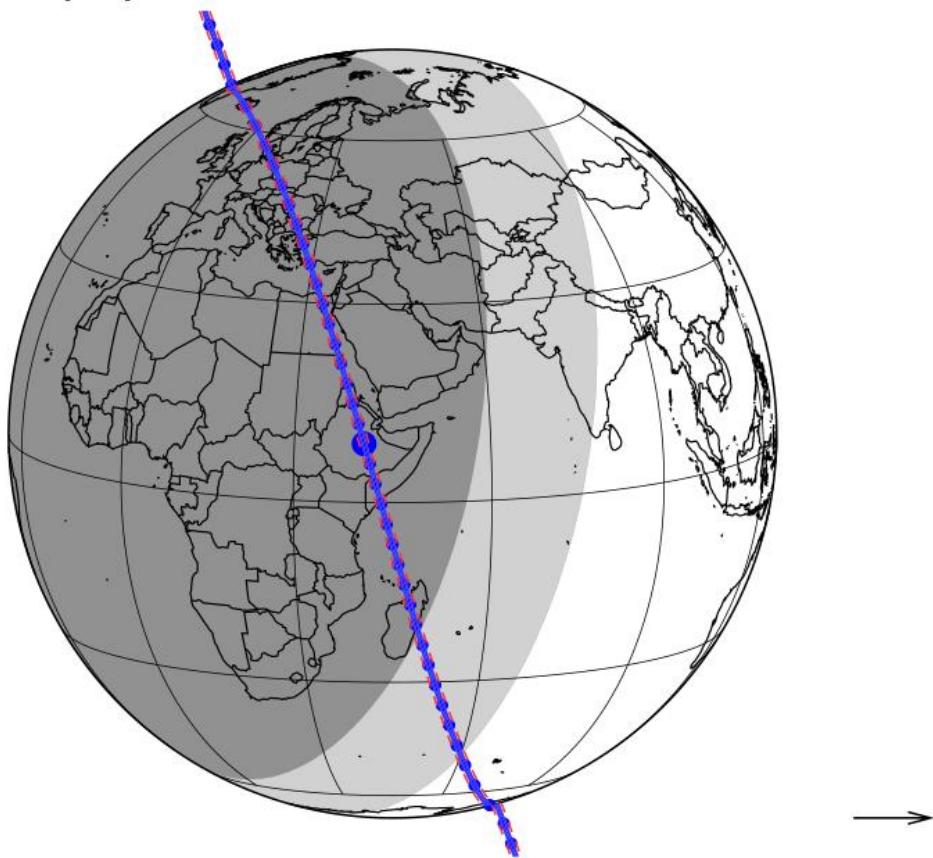
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October 29, 2023

occultation of star [GRD3 3329912540006690816](#) G mag: 13.5

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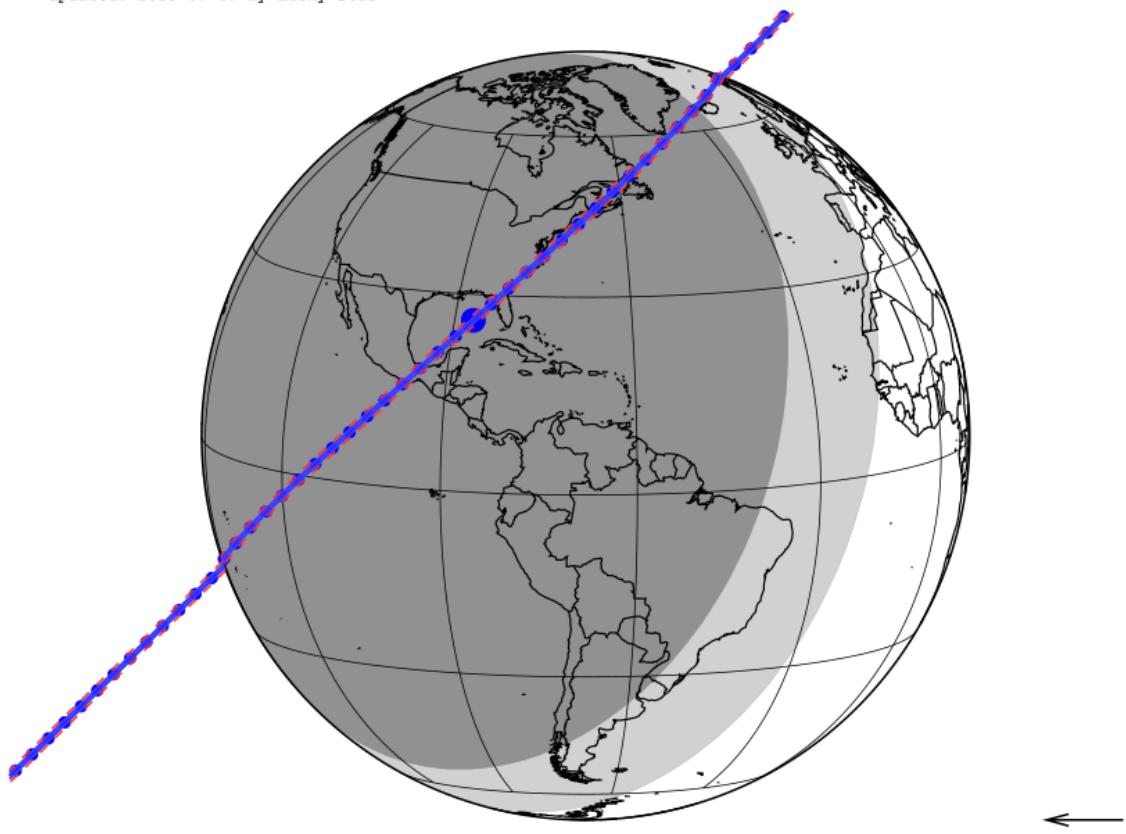
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November 15, 2023

occultation of star [GDR3 3328614880063542528](#) Gmag: 12.7

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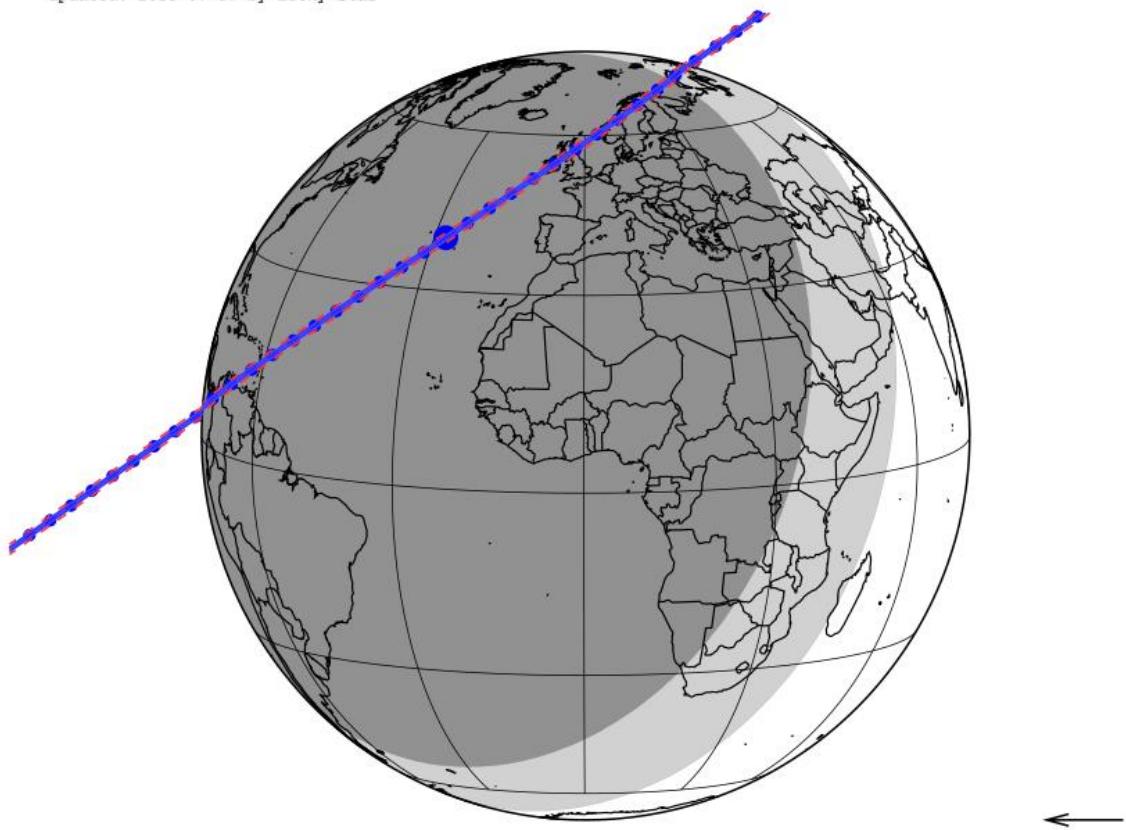
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November 19, 2023

occultation of star [GDR3 3328509636184145280](#) G mag: 13.2

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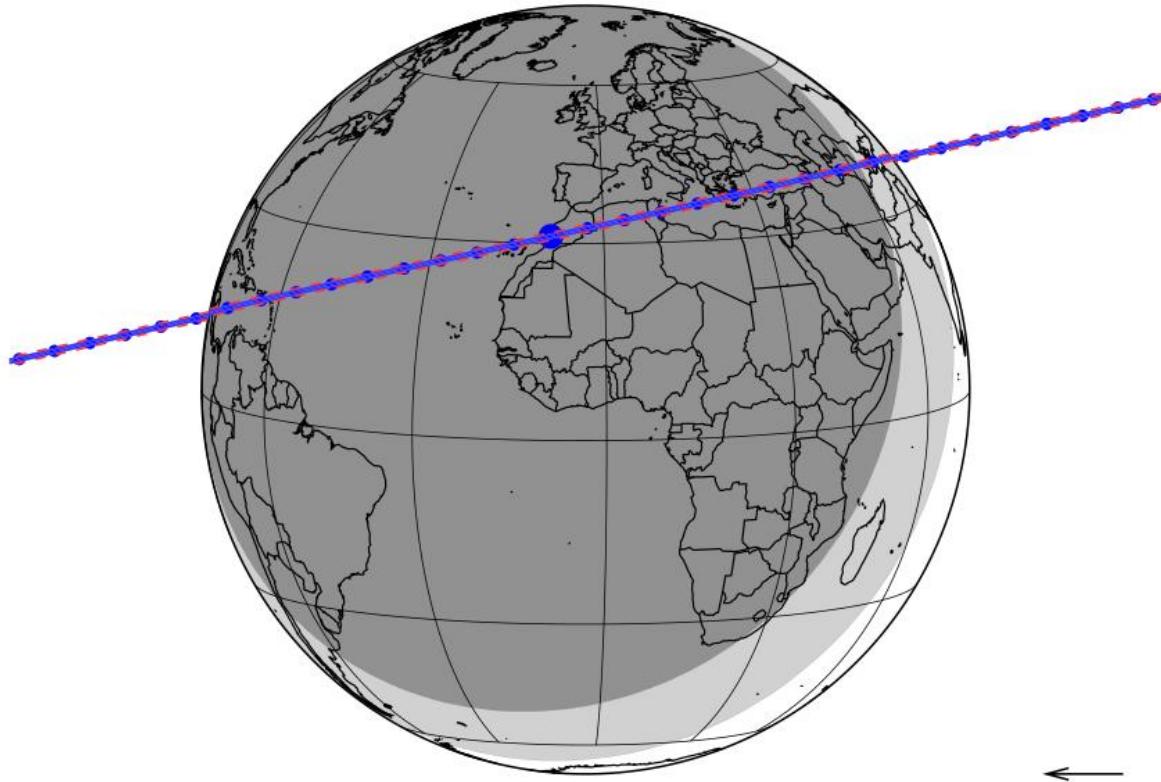
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December 6, 2023

occultation of star [GRD3 3323124812347342464](#) G mag: 11.5



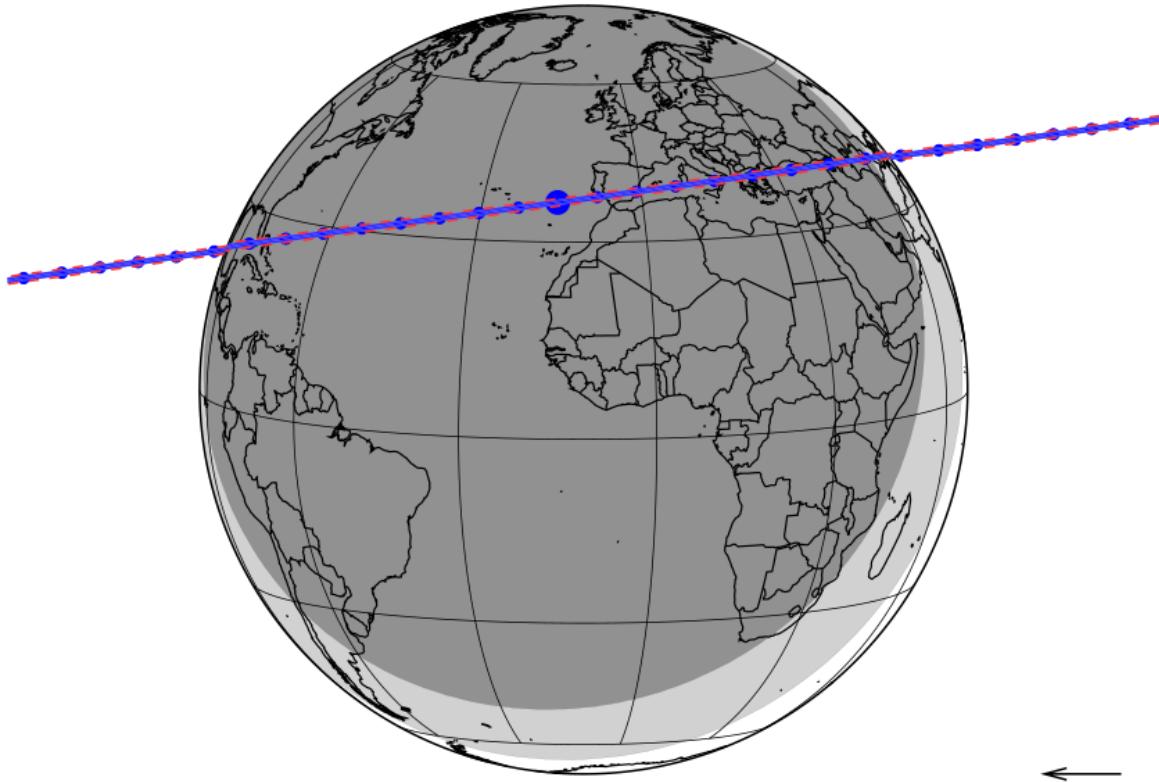
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December 12, 2023

occultation of Betelgeuse , G mag: - 0.2

December, 2023 - January, 2024
updated: 2023-03-25 by Lucky Star

VISIBILITY: V+VISIBLE V+VISIBLE



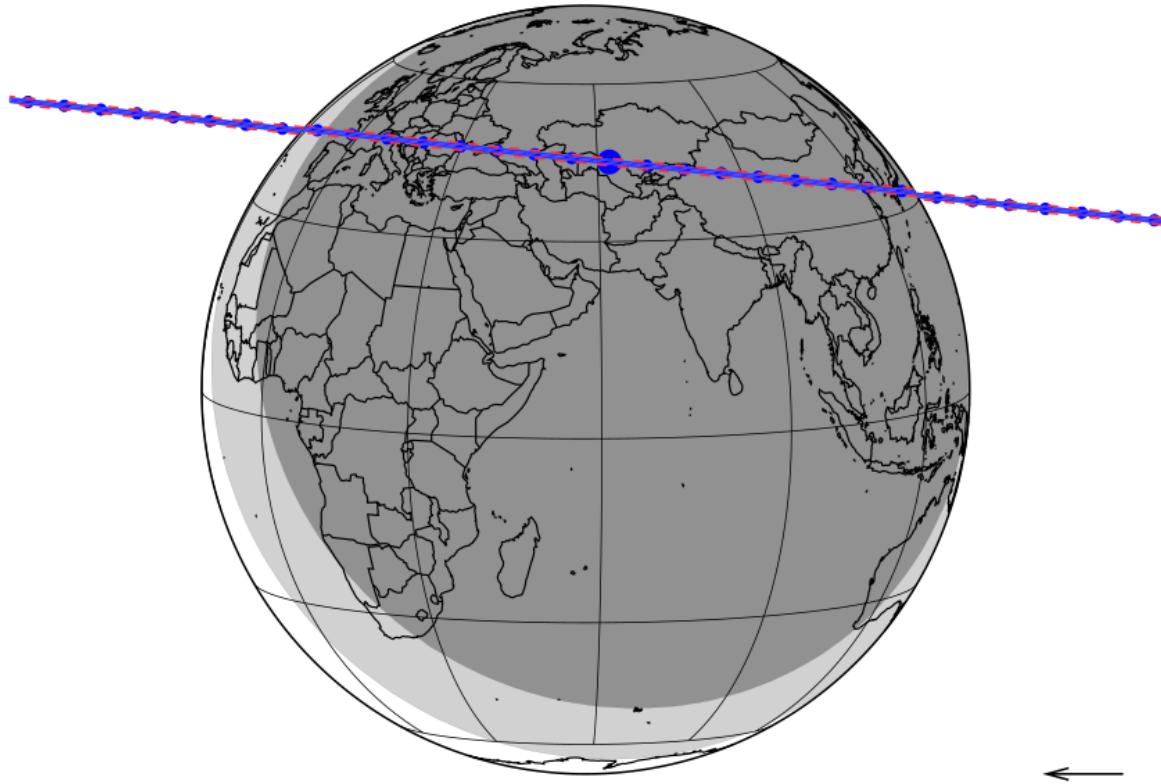
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December 30, 2023

occultation of star GDR3 3333617417448917888 G mag: 14

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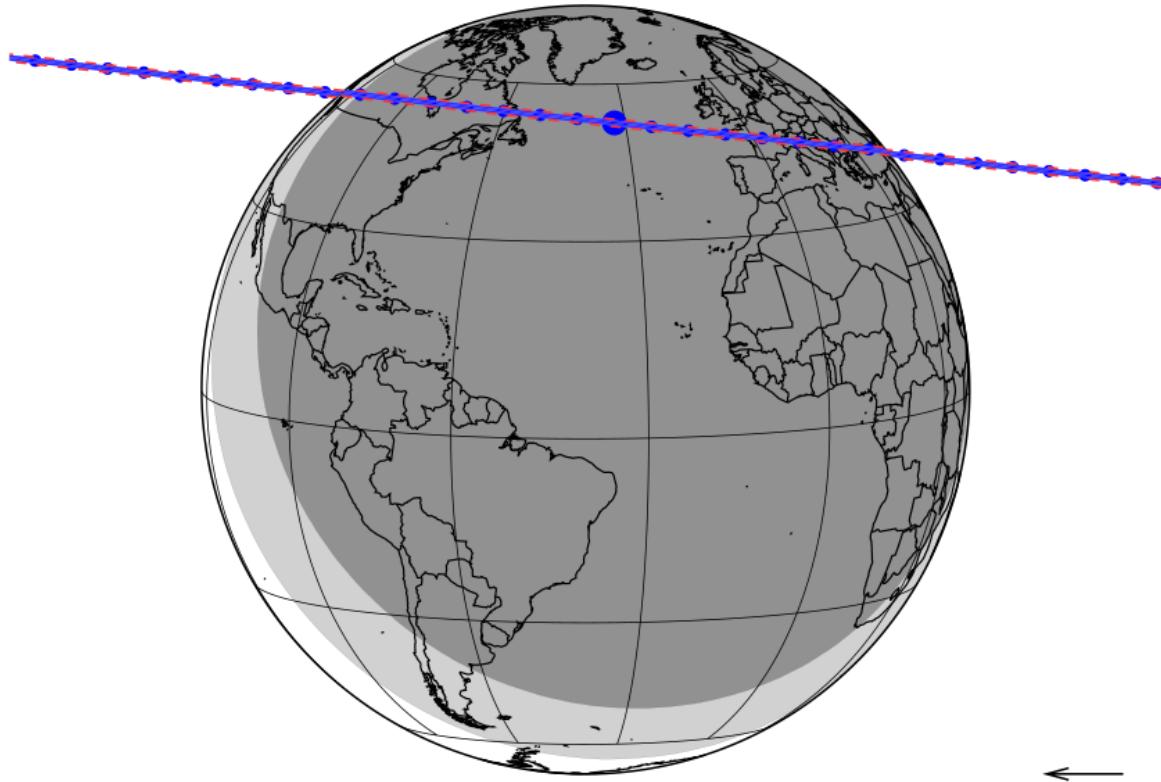
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December 31, 2023

occultation of star GDR3 3333620303666947200 G mag: 13.6

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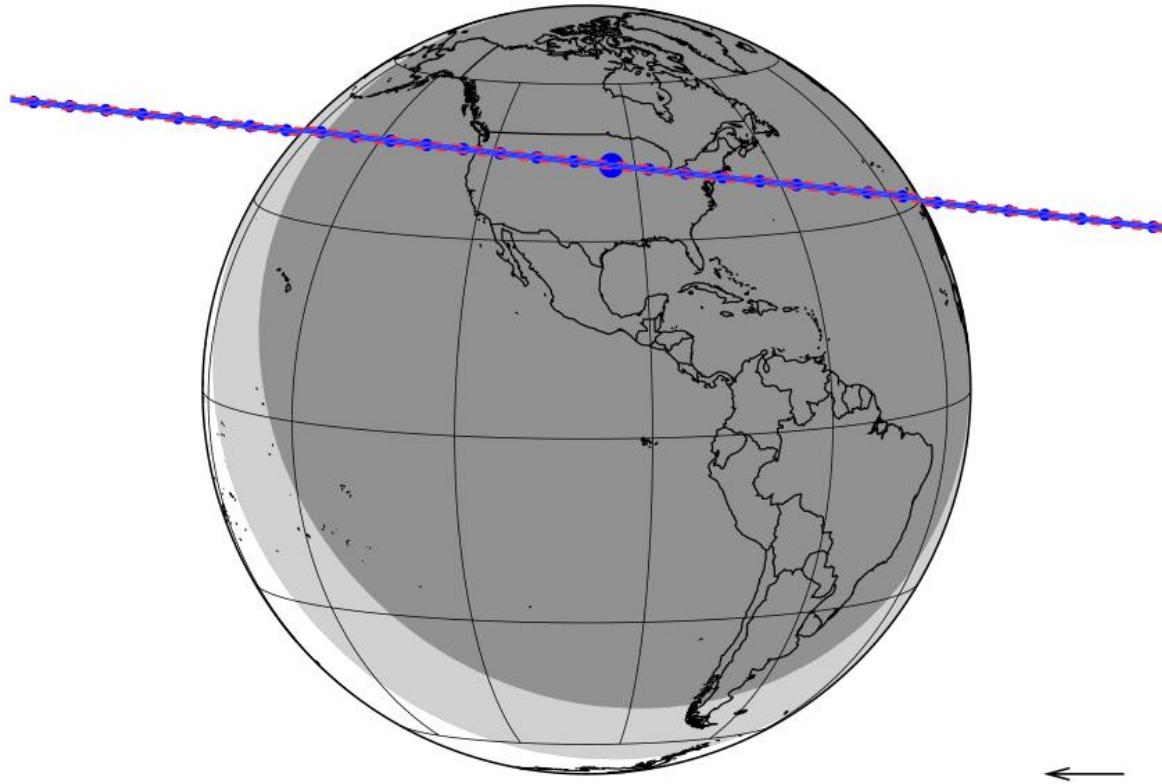
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December 31, 2023

occultation of star GDR3 3333619096780667520 G mag: 14.1



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Excerpts from Jiří Kubánek's presentations shown at [ESOP 41](#) in 2022 in Granada.

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