

# Space Interferometry Mission: A Stellar Mission

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# Accurate & Precision Astrometry

- Wide Angle Astrometry:
  - Parallaxes (Distance)
  - Proper Motions (Masses, Kinematics)
- Narrow Angle Astrometry:
  - Masses of Stars
  - Planets (Orbits, coplanarity, masses)

# SIM : Proven, Timely, & Synergistic

- Demonstrated sub-microarcsecond precision
  - This laboratory demonstration lies at the heart of the mission
- The SIM Project has met all Technical Milestones
- SIM has been validated by two decadal reports, two roadmap studies, & most recently an astrometric approach to planet finding has been endorsed by ***ExoPlanet Task Force***
- SIM is ready to move to Phase C
- SIM could make 2013-2023 the decade of extra-solar planets
  - SIM & COROT and Kepler
  - SIM & GAIA
  - SIM & JWST
  - SIM & TPF-C, TPF/Darwin
- SIM-GAIA would define the state of art in wide field astrometry

# Schedule of Talks

- Michael Shao “Technology Breakthrough”
- Chas Beichman “Planets: Small, Medium & Large”
- Todd Henry “SIM: A Stellar Mission”
- Ron Allen “Interferometry: A Stellar Methodology”
- Questions & Answers