



Exoplanetology and Gaia: Synergies in the Making

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Non-Solar Planetary Systems

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Jeans (1943)

		Distance of planet	
Star	Mass	Theory	Obs.
61 Cygni ² 70 Ophiuchi ³	$0.56 \\ 1.1$	$\frac{2.9}{5.7}$	2·4 6·8

The agreement indicates that these non-solar planets may have been formed in the same way as our planetary system.

The theory makes it probable that all stars are surrounded by planetary systems (more or less massive) of the same structure as ours. Planets corresponding to Jupiter will have the period

T = 11.9 M years.

It may be worth while to look for disturbances with such periods.

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Courtesy J. Sahlmann

Sozzetti 2005

Like RV, it faces:

- technological challenges (achievable precision, ground vs. space, instrument configuration, choice of wavelength, calibrations, etc.)
- astrophysical challenges (noise sources characterization)
- data modeling challenges (orbital fits)

See e.g. Sozzetti (2005, 2010)





^{gaia} Up There and Cruising!





Successfully launched on December 19th, 2013!







Overall status post-commissioning

- Good launcher and excellent orbit insertion performance
 - ✓ plenty of propellant left for future manoeuvres
- Service module commissioning went smoothly
 - Chemical propulsion system for large manoeuvres
 - Micro propulsion system to maintain Gaia's spin rate and compensate solar radiation pressure torque
 - ✓ Attitude and Orbit Control System works well within specs; thermal control fine
 - ✓ Good link budget for phased array antenna \Rightarrow high data rates possible
- Rubidium atomic clock working to required accuracy at this stage
 - ✓ Validation of high accuracy time correlation pending
- Payload module

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- ✓ 106 CCDs and 106 backend electronics units all working fine
- \checkmark 7 on board computers managing the CCDs and electronics
- ✓ Payload and data handling unit for storing and downlinking data
- ✓ Telescope aligned and focused: very good image quality over full FPA
- Gaia \rightarrow ESOC \rightarrow DPAC/SOC \rightarrow AirbusDS chain working smoothly
 - ✓ Excellent flight control team at ESOC
 - ✓ DPAC operations teams calm and competent
 - ✓ About 40 DPAC Payload Experts analyzing the commissioning data
 - ✓ Many S/W patches and fixes but all in controlled manner



(TAKE THAT HIPPARCOS!)



- Gaia is a 'little' fainter than expected at L2
- Lower throughput than expected (icy materials)
- Stray light 'strikes' in
- BAM device sees large BA variations
- Lots of micrometeoroid hits





rre-launch predictions					
V-magnitude	Astrometry (parallax)	Photometry (BP/RP integrated)	Spectroscopy (radial velocity)		
6 to 12	5-14 µas	4 mmag	1 km/s		
15	24 µas	4 mmag	3 km/s		
16.5			13 km/s		
20	290 µas	40 mmag			
Stray light impact (noise contribution only)					
6 to 12	5-14 µas	4 mmag	1 km/s		
15	25 µas	5 mmag	13 km/s		
16.5					
20	430 µas	60 (RP) – 80 (BP) mmag			

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Calculations by: D. Katz, C. Jordi, L. Lindegren, J. de Bruijne

gaia Outlook on Gaia performances



- Stray light impact assessed with respect to extra noise
 Systematics not accounted for
- On the assumption that BA variations and micro-meteoroid hits can be accounted for perfectly the stray light affected numbers provide an optimistic performance estimate
- Too early to provide quantitative estimates of the effects of
 - Basic Angle variations
 - Throughput loss (with corresponding optical quality degradation)
 - Micro-meteoroid hits
 - Radiation damage



Gaia Data Releases (Pre-commissioning)



- Intermediate Data Release Scenario agreed with inputs from Data Release Policy and DPAC Operations Plan
 - Science Alerts as soon as possible
 - L+22m positions, G-magnitudes, proper motions to Hipparcos stars, ecliptic pole data
 - L+28m + first 5 parameter astrometric results, bright star radial velocities, integrated BP/RP photometry
 - L+40m + BP/RP data, some RVS spectra, astrophysical parameters, orbital solutions for short period binaries
 - L+65m + variability, solar system objects





Impacts on data processing

- 3 months longer commissioning period
 - Later start of nominal operations and processing
- Extra development and processing effort needed to deal with:
 - Effect of future decontamination campaigns
 - Stray light effects
 - Change in RVS observing strategy
 - Account for basic angle variations through BAM measurements
 - Deal with high rate of micro-meteoroid hits
 - More complex data validation

First data release expected by mid-2016



Next Steps



- Finish on-board parameter optimizations
- Around July 1: next decontamination and update of Central SW
 - possibly re-align telescopes after decontamination
- Start 28 days of undisturbed EPSL data collection around July 15
 - Start of nominal operations
 - NSL starts mid August
- In orbit commissioning review on July 18
 - Formal handover of Gaia
- Independent review of basic angle issue ongoing in parallel (ends July 2)
- Support contract with AirbusDS will be put in place to complete post-IOCR actions
 - Includes software updates for RVS observing strategy by end 2014



^{gaia} CCD-level Location Estimation





1. 2/3(was 6) < G < 12: bright-star regime (calibration errors, CCD saturation) 2. 12 < G < 20: photon-noise regime (sky-background and electronic noise at G ~ 20 mag)







- Required photometric precision not an issue
- Low-cadence of the observations a serious limitation

- It's not hopeless if you have the right tools! (Dzigan & Zucker 2012)

- It can work for early detections of (1000s?) short-period transiting GPs (and maybe ~100s BDs)

- It may require a dedicated follow-up network

 Confirmation efforts will likely be limited by target brightness (typically, V > 14 mag)

See Brandon Tingley's poster



Gaia Discovery Space



10.00

- 2-3 M_J planets at 2<a<4 AU are detectable out to~200 pc around solar analogs
- 2) Saturn-mass planets with 1<a<4 AU are measurable around nearby (<25 pc) M dwarfs

For Gaia: $\sigma_A \sim 15-20 \ \mu as$

(Pending new assessment of systematic noise floor)

Sozzetti 2011



0.10

Semi-major Axis (AU)

1.00

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 10^{-1}

 10^{-2}

0.01





How do Planet Properties and Frequencies Depend Upon the Characteristics of the Parent Stars (also, What is the Preferred Mechanism of Gas Giant Planet Formation)?





- Found so far only in microlensing events
- Gaia will see ~1000 BDs of all ages, with sufficient astrometric sensitivity to giant planets within 2-3 AU
- A fundamental test of planet formation! Sozzetti (arXiv:1406.1388)



- Gaia & spectroscopic characterization observatories (e.g., JWST)
- Gaia & transit surveys from the ground (e.g., WASP, HAT, MEarth, APACHE, NGTS) and in space (CoRoT, Kepler, TESS, PLATO)
- Gaia & direct imaging observatories (e.g., SPHERE/VLT, PCS/E-ELT)
- Gaia & RV programs (e.g., HARPS(-N), ESPRESSO, CARMENES, and the likes)
- Gaia & ground-based and space-borne astrometry

Objectives of study within the GREAT RNP/ITN

Synergy with Direct Imaging





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Synergy with RVs



- Complete characterization of systems architectures across orders of magnitude in mass and orbital separation
- Refinement of known orbits (both ways)
- Complete dynamical stability studies in multiple systems
- Very important synergy with present (e.g., HARPS@ESO), starting (e.g., HARPS-N@TNG/GAPS), and upcoming (ESPRESSO@VLT, IR instruments) RV surveys



Finding Nearby Transiting Intermediate-Separation GPs



Sozzetti et al. 2014

For well-measured, quasi-edge-on orbits, i is accurate to <3%

Gaia may find hundreds of candidate transiting giant planets around F-G-K-M dwarfs of all ages and [Fe/H].

Some may be really transiting!



Follow-up efforts, possible targets for JWST

Gaia – Kepler - HARPS-N

Howard et al. 2012

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* Parallaxes of stars in the Kepler field released formally around mid-2016

* For a typical target with V<15 at <0.5 kpc, expect $\sigma(\pi)/\pi$ <2-3% from Gaia

* Re-calibrate absolute luminosities

* Re-determine the stellar radii to <5% -> reassess the planets' structural properties

A global statistical re-analysis of planetary properties and frequencies (including η_{\oplus}) in the Kepler field as a function of e.g. M_{*}, [Fe/H]

$$f_{\text{cell}} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_{pl,cell}} \frac{1/p_j}{n_{\star,j}},$$

 $p_j = (R_\star/a)_j$

OBJECTIVE OF THE FP7-SPACE ETAEARTH PROJECT









 In Summer 2016, >90% of parallaxes for (well behaved?) stars observed by Gaia are delivered...

- Elected primary source of the TESS/PLATO input catalogs of >2x10⁶ bright dwarf stars (with negligible giant star contaminants)
- Significant reduction in astrophysical false positives (know thy neighbors!)





- Providing the largest catalogue of 'new' astrometric orbits & masses of extrasolar planets and superbly accurate parallaxes is Gaia's defining role in the exoplanet arena
- Gaia will help to better characterize thousands of (old and new) planetary systems (in terms of both the planets and the hosts)
- The synergies between Gaia and ongoing and planned exoplanet detection and (atmospheric) characterization programs from the ground and in space are potentially huge
- Gaia's 'first' major release: L+28m (Middle of 2016)