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Gaia NSS Processing: Star+BD, BD+planet systems

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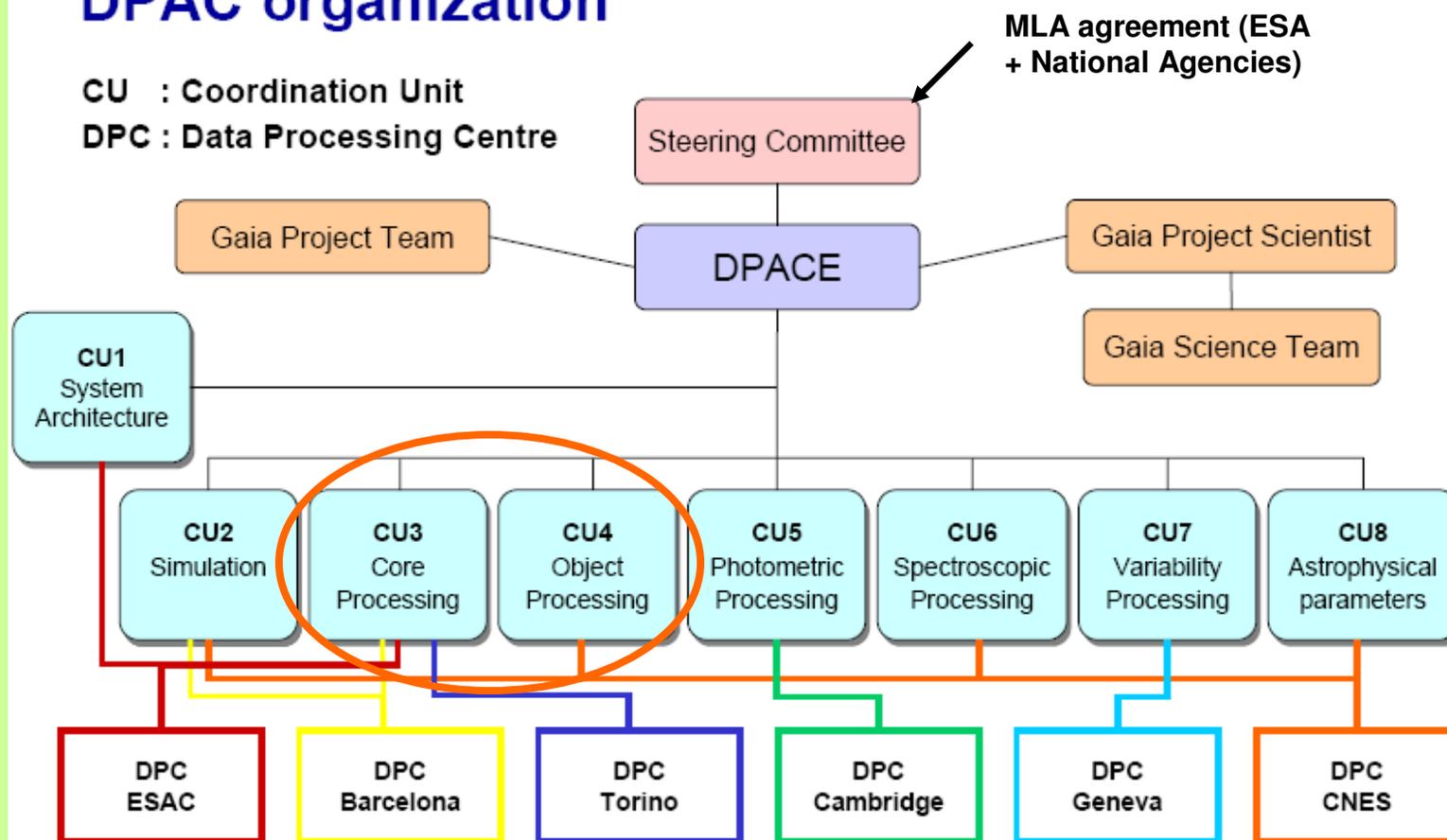


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DPAC organization

CU : Coordination Unit
DPC : Data Processing Centre





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Astrometric solution for Gaia: The problem

- The basic measurement is the "time of observation" for each star's crossing a CCD
 - ⇒ 10^{12} measurements in total
- Unknown parameters to estimate:
 - 5 astrometric parameters per star
 - attitude (celestial orientation) of instrument as function of time
 - instrument calibration parameters (basic angle, CCD positions, etc)
 - possibly additional parameters (incl. PPN- γ)
 - ⇒ 5×10^9 unknowns in total
- Not all stars are suitable for simple modelling (binaries, etc)
 - a subset of "primary stars" is used for the astrometric solution
 - aim to use at least 100 million primary stars (10% of all)
 - the rest are "secondary stars", can be treated offline
 - ⇒ astrometric solution needs 5×10^8 unknowns



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Astrometric solution for Gaia: Formulation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Observed} \\ \text{location of image} \\ \text{in pixel stream} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Star position} \\ \text{on sky} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \text{instrument} \\ \text{Attitude} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \text{CCD / pixel} \\ \text{offset} \end{pmatrix} + \text{noise}$$

5 astrometric parameters
($\alpha_0 \delta_0 \pi_0 \mu_\alpha \mu_\delta$)
(radial velocity assumed known)

quaternion $q(t)$
represented by
cubic spline
coefficients

geometric
calibration

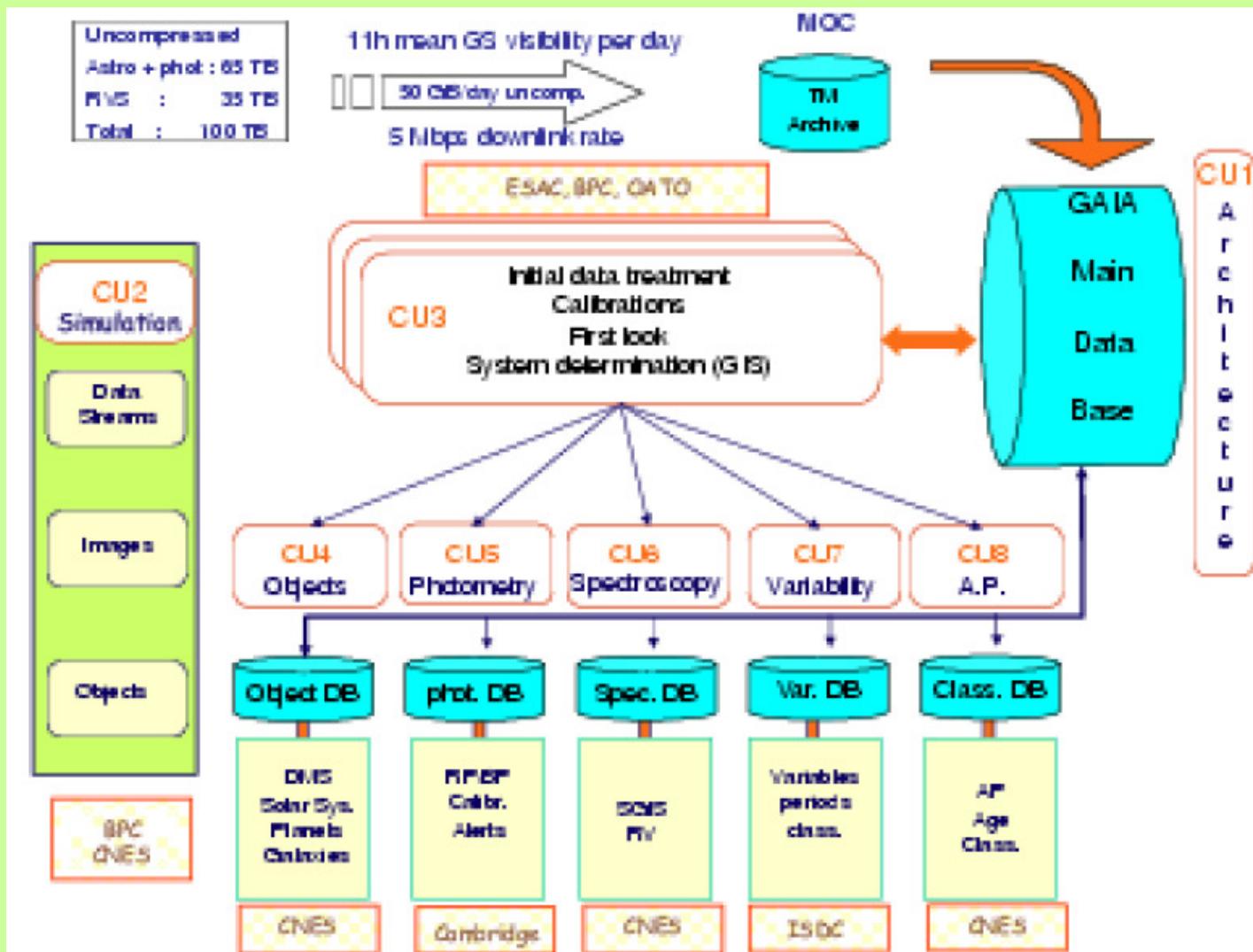
white
gaussian,
known σ

Symbolically: $O = f(S, A, C) + n$

Block-iterative least-squares solution + alignment with the ICRS



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CU4 NSS WBS



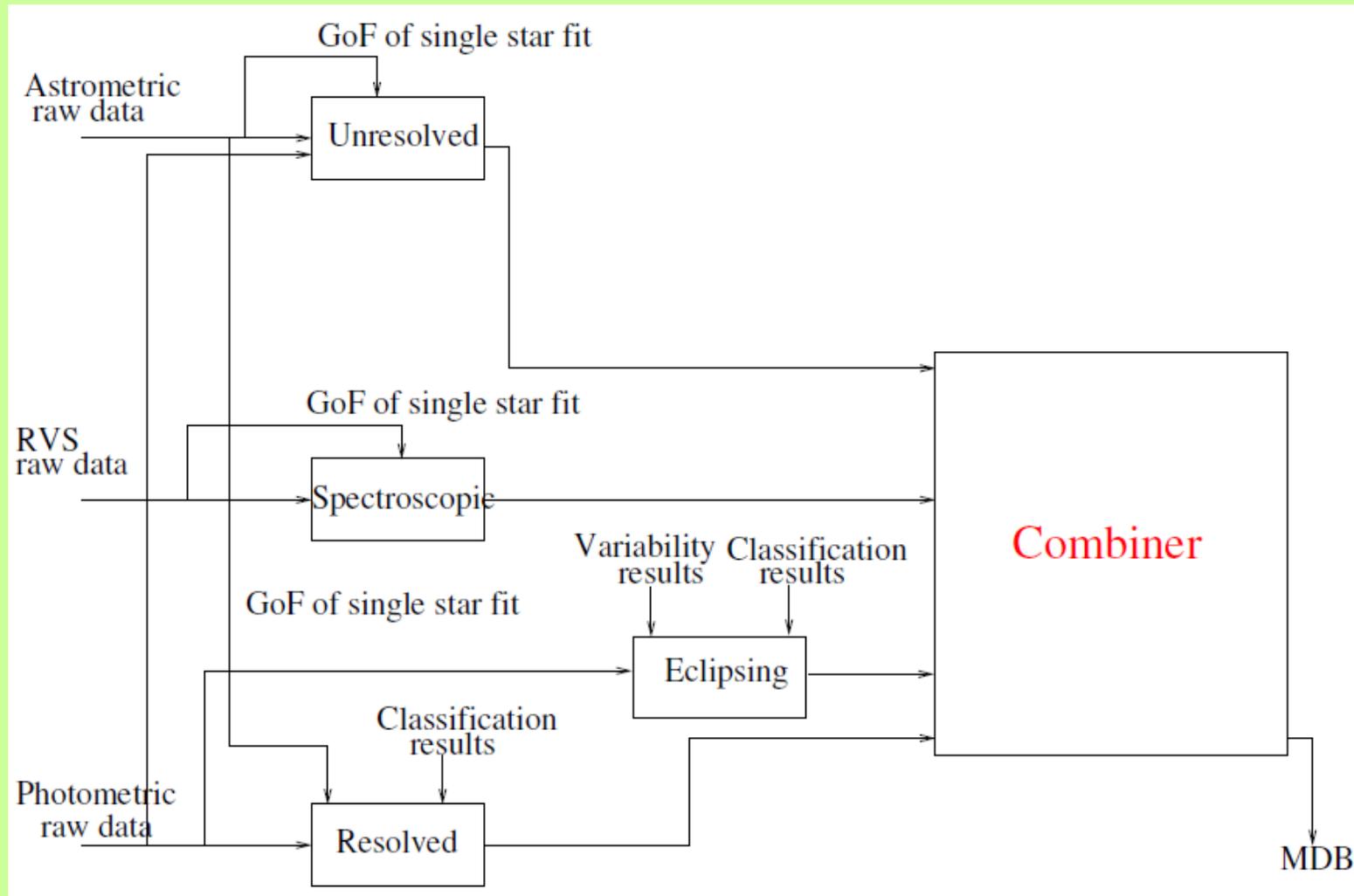
CU4, Object processing, in charge of Non Single Stars. A total of 80 man-years manpower spread over several Development Units:

- **DU 432: Unresolved NSS**
- **DU 433: Resolved NSS**
- **DU 434: Spectroscopic NSS**
- **DU 436: Eclipsing**
- **DU 437: Extrasolar planets**
- **DU 438: NSS simulation**
- **DU 439: Solution combiner**



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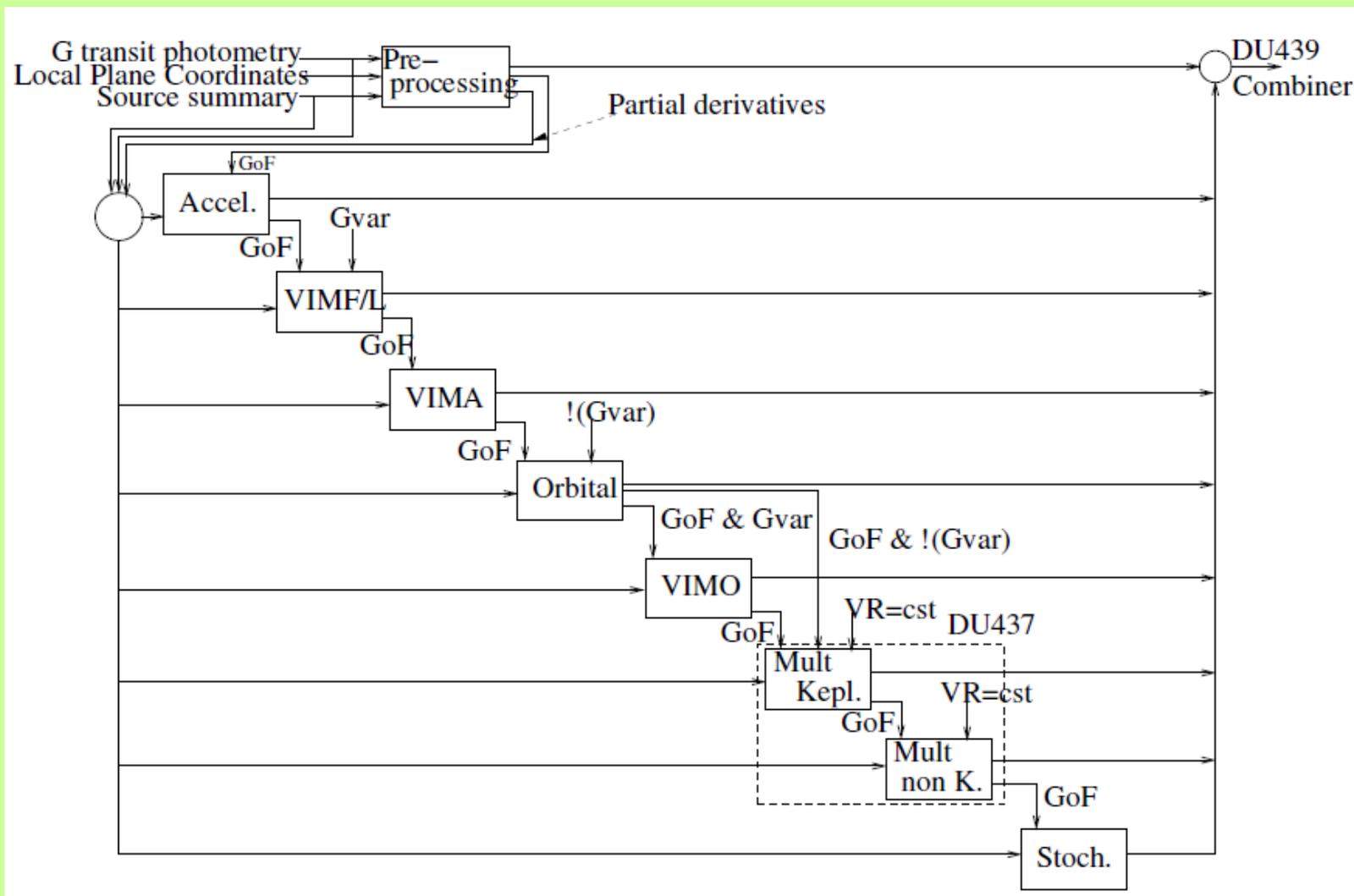
Gaia CU4 – NSS Treatment





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Gaia CU4 – Astrometric NSS Treatment





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Fitting Astrometric Orbits



- Highly non-linear fitting procedures, with a large number of model parameters (at a minimum, $N_p = 5 + 7 * n_{pl}$)
- Redundancy requirement: $N_{obs} \gg N_p$
- Global searches (grids, Fourier decomposition, genetic algorithms, Bayesian inference +MCMC) must be coupled to local minimization procedures (e.g., L-M)
- For strongly interacting systems, dynamical fits using N-body codes will be required



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Assessing Detections



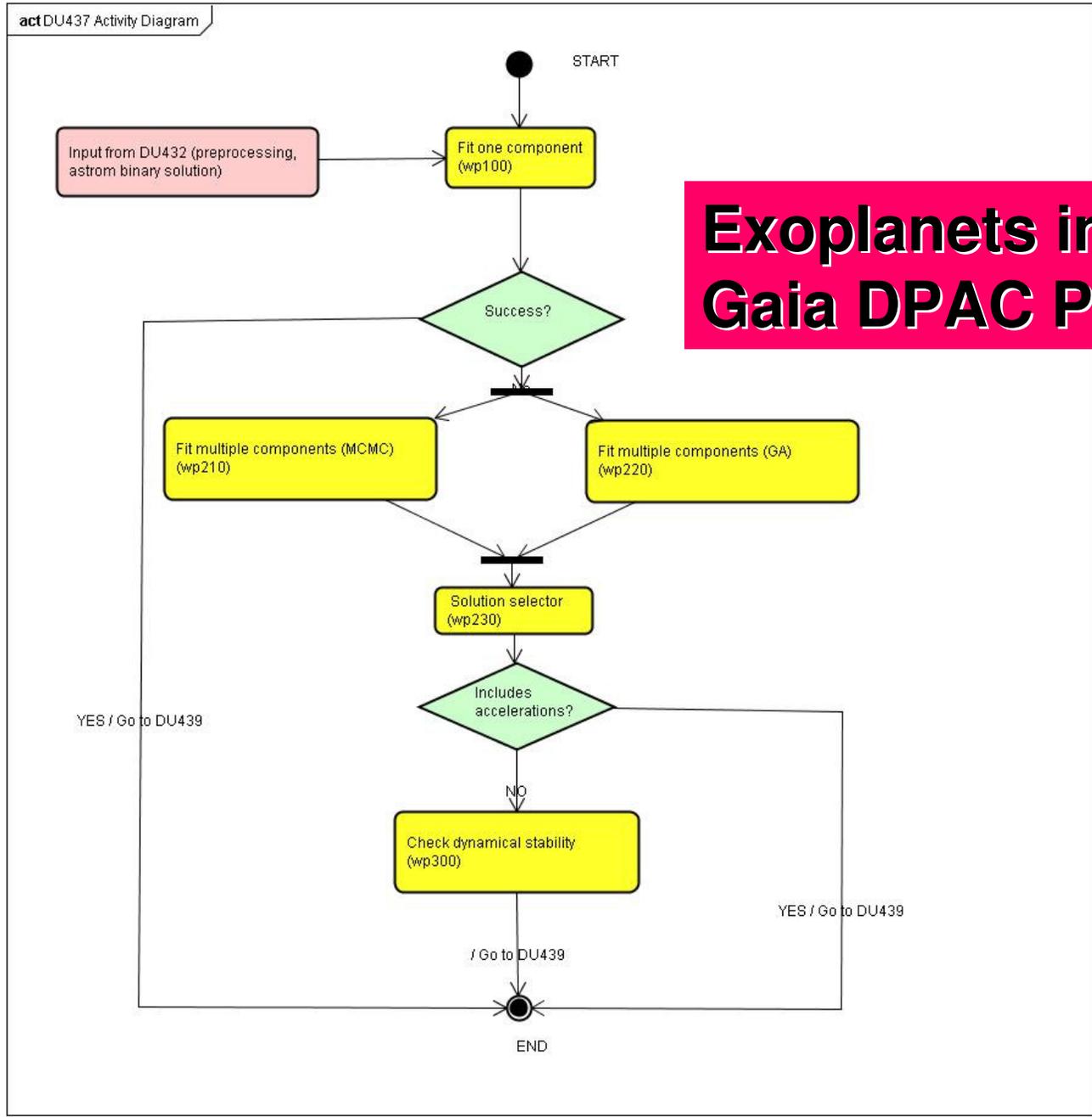
- **Errors on orbital parameters: covariance matrix vs. χ^2 surface mapping vs. bootstrapping procedures**
- **Confidence in an n-component orbital solution: FAPs, F-tests, MLR tests, statistical properties of the errors on the model parameters, others?**
- **Importance of consistency checks between different solution algorithms**
- **Memento lessons learned from RV surveys, with disagreement on orbital solution details, and sometime number of planets!!**



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Exoplanets in the Gaia DPAC Pipeline





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Intermediate Data Releases

- 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



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Gaia transiting BD candidates?



- Required photometric precision not an issue
- Low-cadence of the observations a serious limitation
- It's not hopeless if you have the right tools!
- It can work for early detections of (a few hundred?) short-period transiting BDs
- It may require a dedicated follow-up network
- Confirmation efforts might be limited by V mag (typically, $V > 14$ mag), although not as severely as for transiting giant planet candidates
- See e.g. Dzigan's and Bouchy's talks, Bonomo's poster



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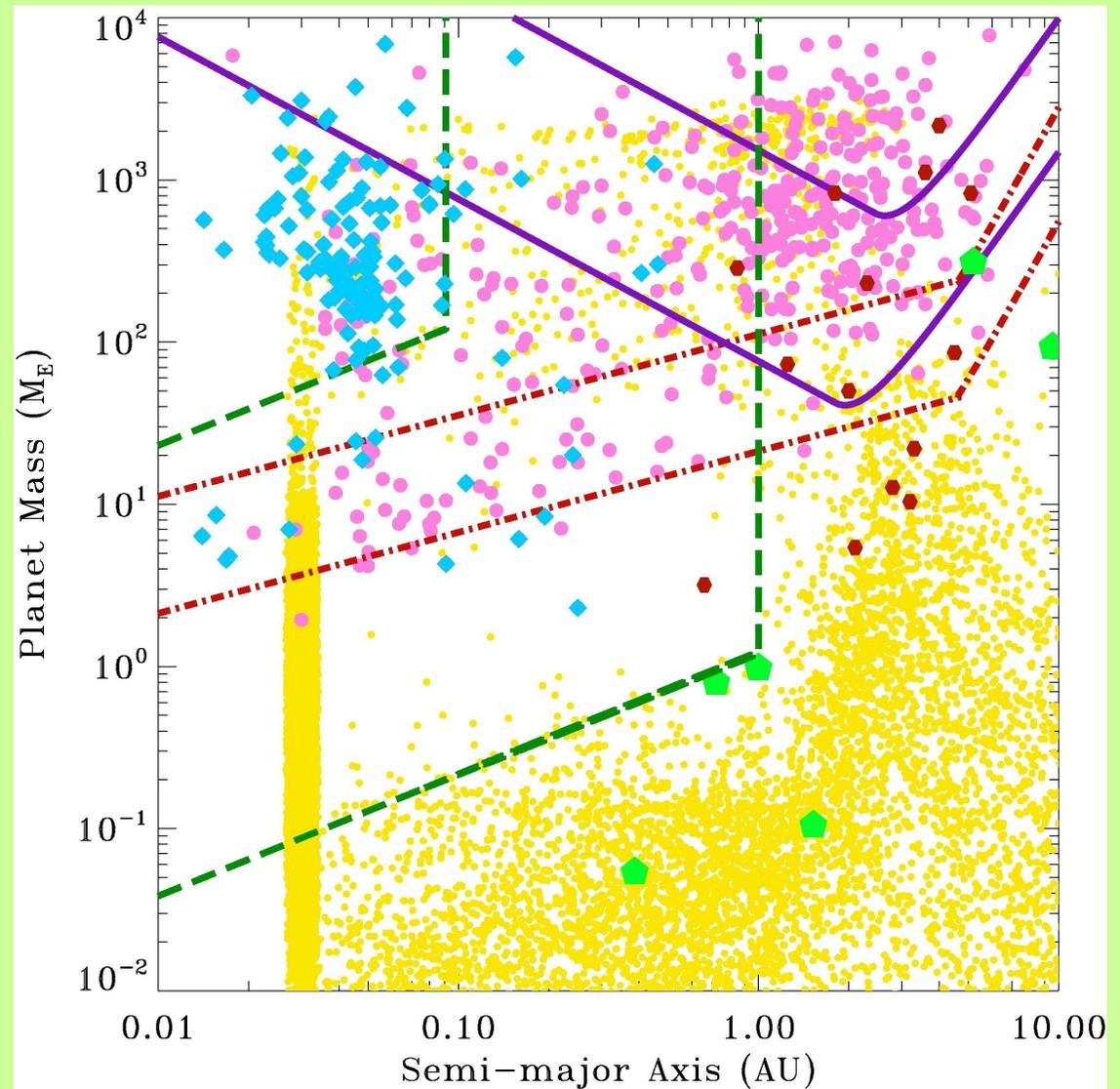
Gaia Discovery Space



- 1) 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: $\sigma_A \sim 15-20 \mu\text{as}$

Sozzetti 2011

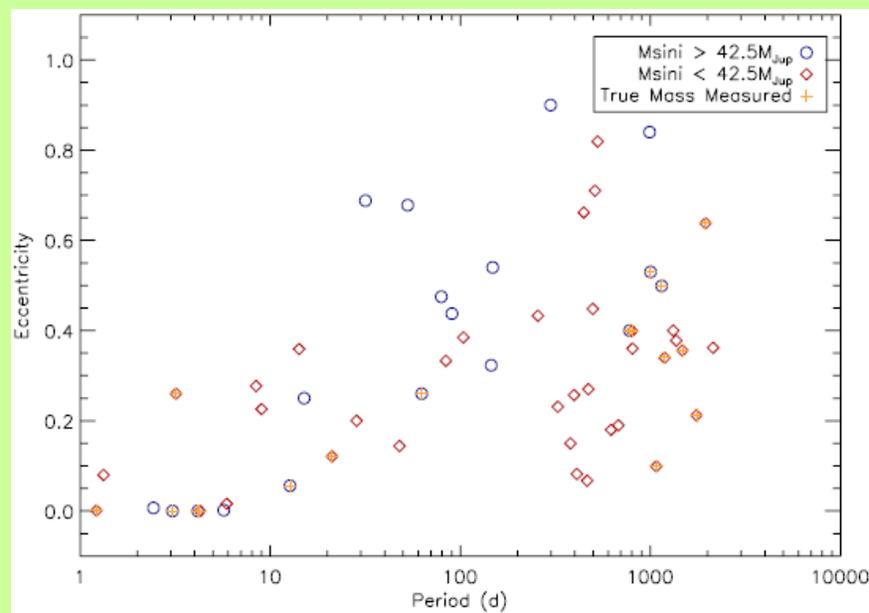
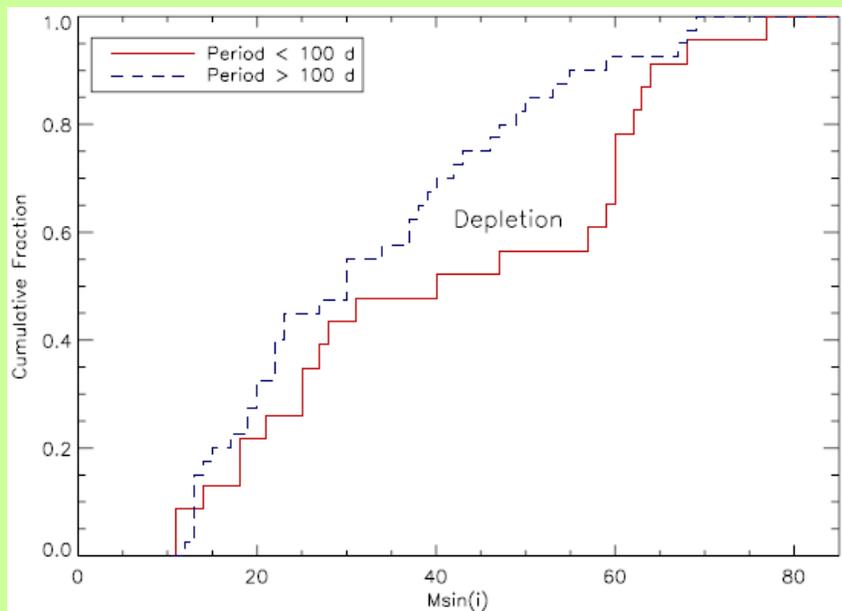
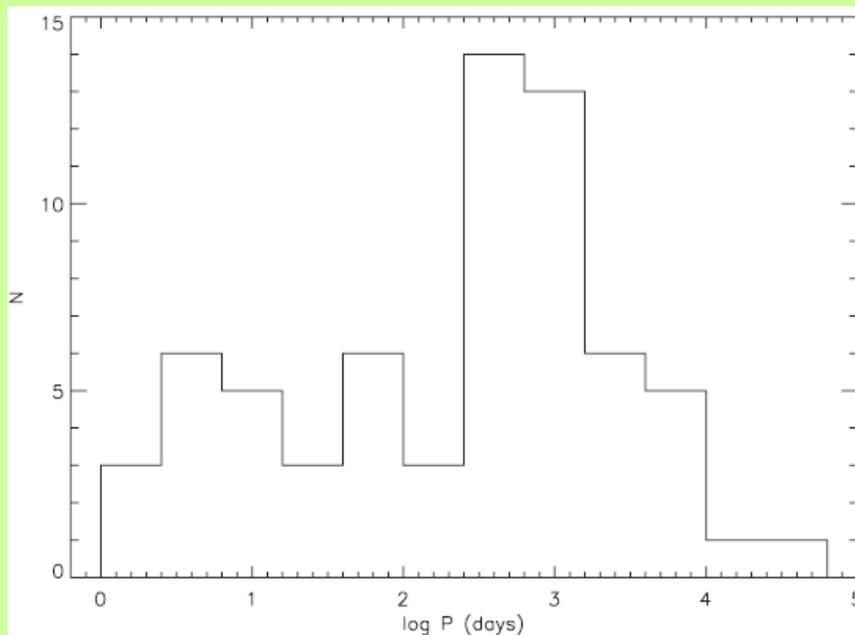




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Ma & Ge 2014





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Gaia and the BD Desert



- **Close ($a < 3-4$ AU) BD companions to Sun-like stars are rare ($< 1\%$)**
- **Short-period, medium-mass gap, different eccentricity distributions. Evidence for different formation mechanisms?**
- **Occurrence rates have best-case uncertainties of 30% (60 objects known)**
- **Gaia will be sensitive to BD companions around $\sim 10^6$ stars, up to a 10^4 -fold increase in target sample! -> 1000s of detections...**
- **It will completely characterize the BD desert, with fine structure analysis of its dependence on stellar properties (mass, metallicity) -> probe of BD formation mechanism (Parker's talk)**



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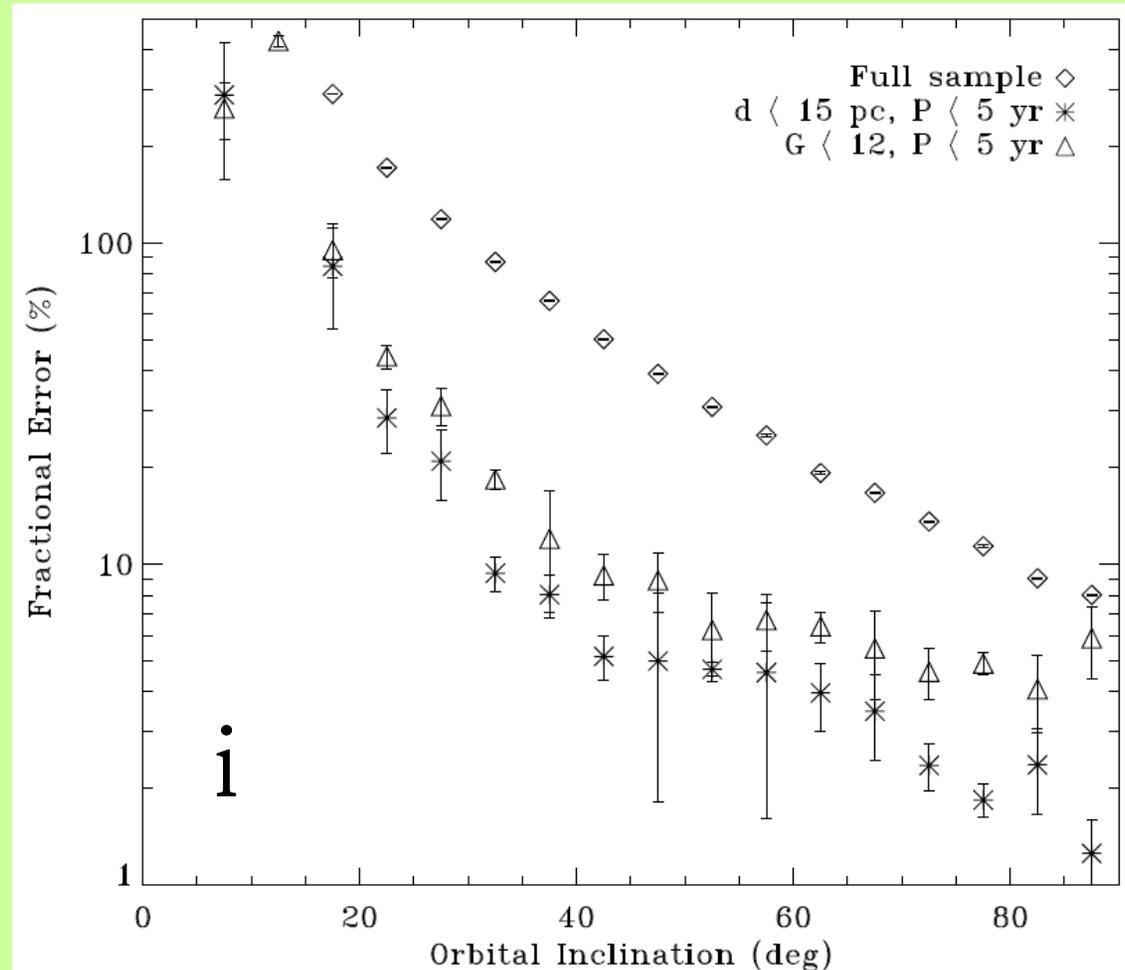
Finding Nearby Transiting Intermediate-Separation BDs



Sozzetti et al. 2014

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

Gaia may find hundreds of candidate transiting brown dwarfs around F-G-K-M dwarfs of all ages and $[Fe/H]$.
Some may be really transiting!



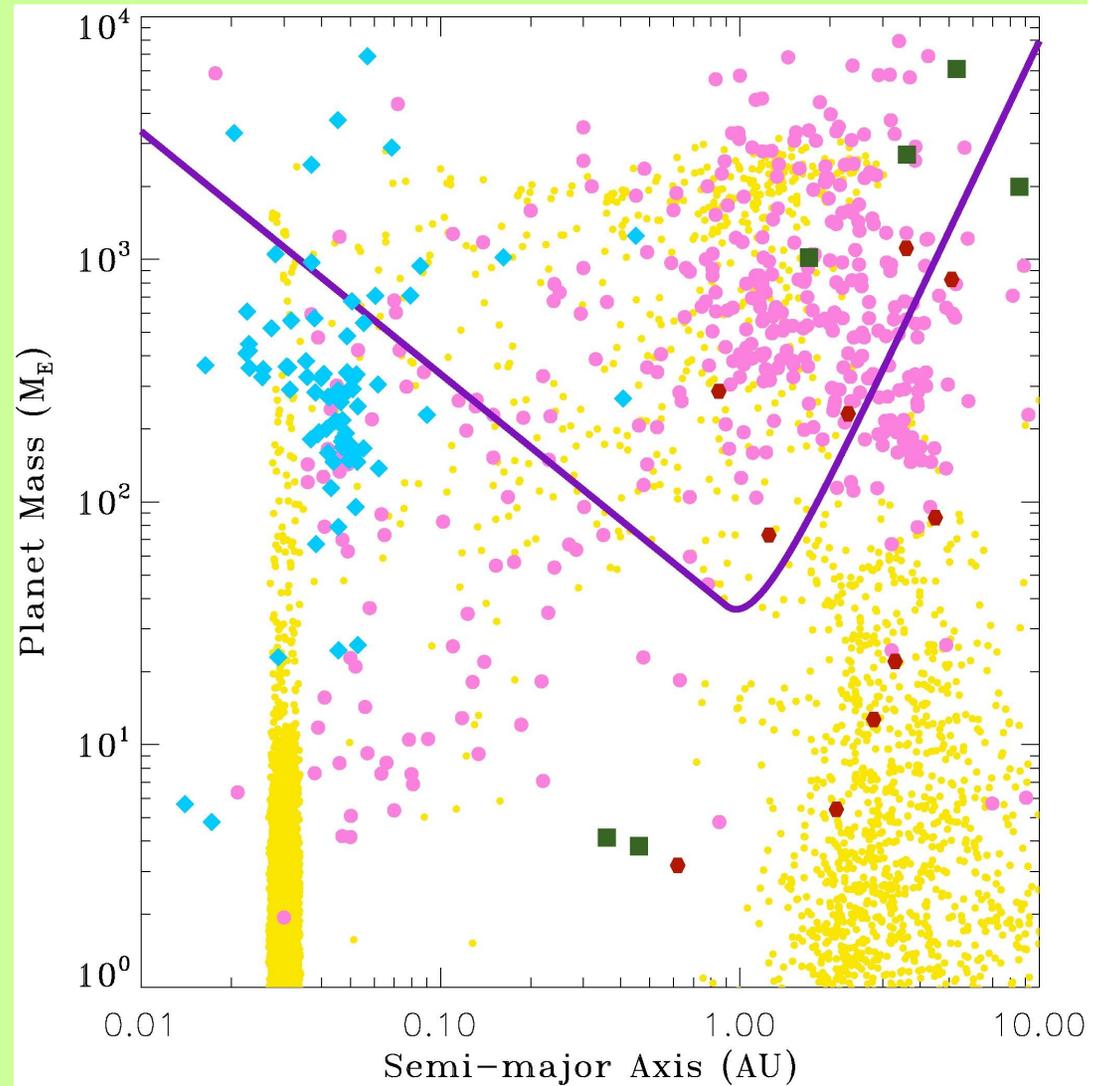
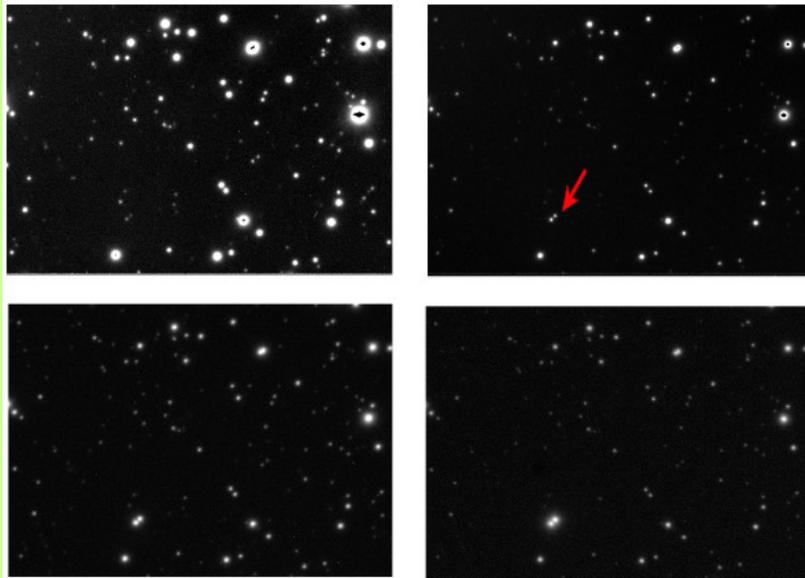
Follow-up efforts, possible targets for JWST



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Gaia detection limits for
WISE J104915.57-531906.1
(see Boffin et al. 2014)





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Planets Around BDs



- Found so far only in microlensing events
- Gaia will see ~1000 BDs of all ages (and more if G=21 mag achieved, but beware of stray light!), with sufficient astrometric sensitivity to giant planets within 2-3 AU
- A fundamental test of planet formation!



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Summary



Gaia astrometry and photometry will give the coolest results when applied to the coolest objects in the Solar neighborhood!

Synergistic efforts with other ground-based and space-borne programs the other fundamental element of the Gaia legacy to address many key questions in BD astrophysics (see talks by Dzigian, Sahlmann, Bouchy, Kirkpatrick, Joergens)