Finding Hot-Jupiters by Gaia photometry using the Directed Follow-Up strategy

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## Transiting Exoplanets (especially Hot-Jupiters): what can they tell us?

- 1. Radius of the planet
- 2. Orbital inclination and Mass when combined with radial velocity
- 3. Spin-Orbit (Mis)alignment angle
- 4. Albedo (reflected light)
- 5. Atmospheric spectral features



# Transiting Exoplanets: The challenge

In order to detect 1 typical HJ we have to observe thousands of stars with full coverage

Transit detection is a bit like playing the slot machine:

1.020

- Observe many stars
- Frequent observations

Dedicated surveys (COROT) 1.015 High-cadence Dense fields

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1.01



# Transiting Exoplanets: Low-cadence surveys

Hipparcos Epoch photometry - HD209458



Robichon & Arenou (2000)

"Hipparcos Catalog does not represent a likely place to detect planets in the absence of other information" (Jenkins et al. 2002)

# Directed Follow-Up (DFU) strategy for low-cadence surveys

Sampled transits provide *some* information about the hypothetical transit, if it exists.

Using MCMC we can present this scarce information as a Probability Distribution Function



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"Data don't make any sense, we will have to resort to statistics."

# Directed Follow-Up strategy for low-cadence surveys

Low-cadence observations

MCMC: posterior distributions

Instantaneous Transit Probability – ITP(t)

Prioritize stars for follow-up observations

Perform follow-up observations

#### Planetary candidate

#### DFU Application to Hipparcos Epoch Photometry – HD 209458

Low-cadence Hipparcos observations



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### HD 209458: Follow-Up predictions Instantaneous Transit Probability –ITP(t)



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# HD 209458: *Hipparcos* combined with a Directed Follow-Up simulation



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# ITP degradation

ITP for 10 years after Hipparcos observed HD 209458



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# Transiting Exoplanets by *Gaia* photometry





Optimized to derive parallaxes, proper motions, not for planetary transit search!

# Is it worth it? Gaia yield of transiting planets

 $\frac{d^6 N_{det}}{dR_p dp dM dr dl db} = \rho_*(r, l, b) r^2 \cos b \frac{dn}{dM} \frac{d^2 f(R_p, p)}{dR_p dp} P_{det}(M, r, R_p, p)$ (Beatty & Gaudi 2008)

- Transiting HJs & VHJs frequencies from OGLE complete survey (Gould et al. 2006)
- Stellar density in the solar neighborhood (Reid et al. 2002)
- Galactic model (Bahcall & Soneira 1980)
- Transit detection probability as an Observational Window Function

# Gaia Transit Observational Window Function



Observational window function for 70 Gaia measurements  $(\alpha=12^{h}24^{m}00^{s}; \delta=-15^{0})$ 



Assumptions: Gaussian noise No outliers Minimum number of points in transit (3,5,7)

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# Gaia expected yield

Assuming 2-hours transit...

- Down to 14<sup>th</sup> G-magnitude: minimum 7 transits: ~70 transiting HJs and VHJs minimum 5 transits: ~200 minimum 3 transits: ~600
- Down to 16<sup>th</sup> G-magnitude: minimum 7 transits: ~300 transiting HJs and VHJs minimum 5 transits: ~900 minimum 3 transits: ~2600



# Directed Follow-Up strategy application for Gaia



CU-7 for Variability Processing

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- Simulated Gaia light curves inspired by known transiting planets (period, duration, coordinates)
- Gaia Scanning Law
- Phase chosen to produce required number of sampled transits
- Photon noise level 1 mmag.
- We defined two main detection scenarios.

### First scenario - Gaia data alone



• Simulation inspired by CoRoT-1b (*P*=1.51 d, *w*=0.1 d)

- Assuming five sampled transits (N<sub>tot</sub>=64)
- *d* > 0.005 mag



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# Second scenario - DFU observations

with as little as 3 transit samples we will be able to trigger follow-up

- Simulation inspired by WASP-4b (P=1.338 d, w=0.104 d)
- Assuming four sampled transits (N<sub>tot</sub>=83)
- *d* = 0.005 mag



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Prioritizing candidates for Directed Follow-Up observations

ITP peak values > 0.1
Wald statistic of the transit depth
Skewness of the ITP >1



## False alarm treatment

- Statistical false-alarm rate is negligible
- Red noise will manifest as effectively white noise



## Initiating the Follow-Up campaign

#### ITP degradation



As soon as possible... (while Gaia still operates)



# Follow-Up network for Gaia discoveries

• Widespread

Moderate precision







# Summary & Future



- Transiting Hot Jupiters are valuable (favorable for observational study)
- The Directed Follow-Up strategy utilizes low-cadence surveys for transit search
- Gaia yield can reach thousands of transiting planets
- More applications in many astrophysical phenomena (Eclipsing Binaries...) and surveys (OGLE, LSST...)

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