

Finding planets with astrometry

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Long-baseline interferometry:

- High precision astrometry
- Phase-referencing
- HD176051 with PHASES in 2010
- GRAVITY



Hipparcos

Mission:

- High precision astrometry on 100 000 stars
- Astrometry (lower precision) on at least 1 million stars

Launch: 1989 Status: completed (1993)



Gaia

Mission:

• Measure the positions and velocity of approximately one billion stars in our Galaxy

Launch: 2013 Status: extended mission (2022 – 2025?)











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- The instantaneous proper motion is the sum of the orbital proper motion and the long term proper motion
- The difference between the instantaneous and long term proper motions is the proper motion anomaly (PMa):

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```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
In practice, getting the PMa is easy (others have done the hardwork!)
                                                                                                                                                                                                         plt.ion()
                                                                                                                                                                                                         import astropy.units as u
                                                                                                                                                                                                         from astropy.coordinates import SkyCoord, CartesianDifferential
                                                                                                                                                                                                         from astroquery.gaia import Gaia
                                                                                                                                                                                                         from astroquery.esasky import ESASky
                                                                                                                                                                                                         from astropy.io import fits
                                                                                                                                                                                                         from astroquery.simbad import Simbad
                                                                                                           Retrieve target HIP number form Simbad
                                                                                                                                                                                                         tgt = "51 Peg" # target name
thg = 24.25 # time between Hip and Gaia epochs
                                                                                                                                                                                                         # query simbad to get HIP number of the target
                                                                                                                                                                                                         tgt_ids = Simbad.query_objectids(tgt)
ind = [id.find("HIP") for id in tgt_ids["ID"]].index(0)
                                                                                                                                                                                                         tgt_hip_id = int(tgt_ids["ID"][ind].split("HIP")[1])
                                                                                       Get corresponding Gaia source id from Brandt+2018
                                                                                                                                                                                                      19 # Hipparcos/Gaia associations (from Brandt+2018)
                                                                                                                                                                                                         hgca = fits.open("HGCA_vDR2.fits")[1].data
                                                                                                                                                                                                         hip_id = hgca.hip_id
                                                                                       catalog (could also be retrieved from Simbad)
                                                                                                                                                                                                         gaia_source_id = hgca.gaia_source_id
                                                                                                                                                                                                      24 # gaia source id of the target
                                                                                                                                                                                                         tgt_gaia_source_id = gaia_source_id[np.where(hip_id == tgt_hip_id)][0]
                                                                                                                                                                                                         # retrieve gaia and hipparcos data for the target
                                                                                                                                                                                                      28 job gaia = Gaia.launch_job('select * from gaiadr2.gaia_source WHERE source_id = '+str(tgt_gaia_source_id), dump_to_file=False,
                                                                                                                                                                                                         output format='votable
                                                                                        Retrieve Gaia and Hipparcos astrometry and proper
                                                                                                                                                                                                      29 job_hip = Gaia.launch_job("select * from public.hipparcos as hip where hip.hip = "+str(tgt_hip_id), dump_to_file=False,
                                                                                                                                                                                                         output_format='votable')
                                                                                         motion measurements
                                                                                                                                                                                                      31 # extract position and velocity from gaia data
                                                                                                                                                                                                         results_gaia = job_gaia.get_results()[0]
                                                                                                                                                                                                         x_gaia = np.array([results_gaia["ra"], results_gaia["dec"], 1000.0/results_gaia["parallax"]])
                                                                                                                                                                                                         v_gaia = np.array([results_gaia["pmra"], results_gaia["pmdec"], results_gaia["radial_velocity"]])
                                                                                                                                                                                                      36 # and from hipparcos
            See Kervella+2019
                                                                                                                                                                                                         results hip = job hip.get results()[0]
                                                                                                                                                                                                        x hip = np.array([results hip["ra"], results hip["de"], 1000.0/results hip["plx"]])
                                                                                                                                                                                                         v_hip = np.array([results_hip["pmra"], results_hip["pmde"], 0])
                                                                                                          Correct Gaia astrometry (Lindegren+2018)
                                                                                                                                                                                                      41 # correct the gaia data for plx zeropoint and frame rotation (see Lindegren+2018)
                                                                                                                                                                                                      42 x gaia[2] = 1000.0/(1000.0/x gaia[2]+0.029)
                                                                                                                                                                                                         wx, wy, wz = -0.086, -0.114, -0.037
                                                                                                                                                                                                      44 v_gaia[0] = v_gaia[0]+wx*np.sin(x_gaia[1]/180.0*np.pi)*np.cos(x_gaia[0]/180.0*np.pi)+wy*np.sin(x_gaia[1]
                                                                                                                                                                                                         /180.0*np.pi)*np.sin(x_gaia[0]/180.0*np.pi)-wz*np.cos(x_gaia[1]/180.0*np.pi)
                                                                                                                                                                                                      45 v gaia[1] = v gaia[1]-wx*np.sin(x gaia[0]/180.0*np.pi)+wy*np.cos(x gaia[0]/180.0*np.pi)
                                                                        Following Kervella+2019, the Hipparcos distance is replace by
                                                                                                                                                                                                      47 # create 6d coordinates vector in ICRS frame and replace hipparcos distance by propagated gaia distance
                                                                                                                                                                                                      48 c_gaia = SkyCoord(ra=x_gaia[0]*u.degree, dec=x_gaia[1]*u.degree, distance = x_gaia[2]*u.pc, pm_ra_cosdec =
                                                                                                                                                                                                         v gaia[0]*u.mas/u.yr, pm dec = v gaia[1]*u.mas/u.yr, radial velocity = v gaia[2]*u.km/u.s, frame = "icrs")
                                                                        the Gaia distance backpropagated to the Hipparcos epoch
                                                                                                                                                                                                         c gaia hip = c gaia.apply space motion(dt=-thg*u.yr)
                                                                                                                                                                                                      50 c hip = SkyCoord(ra=x hip[0]*u.degree, dec=x hip[1]*u.degree, distance = c_gaia hip.spherical.distance, pm_ra_cosdec =
                                                                                                                                                                                                         v hip[0]*u.mas/u.yr, pm dec = v hip[1]*u.mas/u.yr, radial velocity = v gaia[2]*u.km/u.s, frame = *icrs")
                                                                                                                                                                                                      52 # calculate long term velocity vector
                                                                                                                                                                                                      53 v_x = (c_gaia.cartesian.x - c_hip.cartesian.x)/(thg*u.yr)
                                                                                                                                                                                                      54 v y = (c gaia.cartesian.y - c hip.cartesian.y)/(thg*u.yr)
                                                                                                                                                                                                      55 v_z = (c_gaia.cartesian.z - c_hip.cartesian.z)/(thg*u.yr)
                                                                                                                                                                                                      57 # get the proper motion corresponding to the LT velocity using astropy transformations
                                                                                                                                                                                                      58 c hg hip = SkyCoord(x = c hip.cartesian.x, y = c hip.cartesian.y, z = c hip.cartesian.z, v_x = v_x, v_y = v_y, v_z = v_z,
frame="icrs", representation type="cartesian", differential_type="cartesian")
                                                                       The anomaly is calculated as a difference of velocity in the ICRS
                                                                                                                                                                                                      59 c hg gaia = SkyCoord(x = c_gaia.cartesian.x, y = c_gaia.cartesian.y, z = c_gaia.cartesian.z, v_x = v_x, v_y = v_y, v_z = v_z, frame="icrs", representation_type="cartesian", differential_type="cartesian")
                                                                        frame, and projected on the sky plane to get a proper motion
                                                                                                                                                                                                      60 v_hg_hip = c_hg_hip.proper_motion
                                                                                                                                                                                                      61 v_hg_gaia = c_hg_gaia.proper_motion
                                                                                                                                                                                                      63 # calculate the proper motion anomalies
                                                                                                                                                                                                      64 pma_hip = np.sqrt(np.sum((c_hip.proper_motion - v_hg_hip)**2))
                                                                                                                                                                                                      65 pma_gaia = np.sqrt(np.sum((c_gaia.proper_motion - v_hg_gaia)**2))
                                                                                                                                                                                                      67 print("VHG [HIP]:", v hg hip)
                                                                                                                                                                                                      68 print("PMa HIP:", pma_hip)
69 print("VHG [GAIA]:", v_hg_gaia)
                                                                                                                                                                                                       0 print("PMa GAIA:", pma_gaia)
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Order of magnitudes







For a sun-like star at 10 pc, and a planet of 1 M_{Jup} orbiting at 1 au:

$$egin{aligned} v_{\star} &= rac{2\pi rac{M_{planet}}{M_{\star}}a}{\sqrt{rac{a^3}{M_{\star}}}} &= 30\,m/s \ && rac{M_{planet}}{a^{1/2}} &= rac{dM_{\star}^{1/2}}{2\pi}\Delta\mu \ && \mu_{orb} &= v_{\star}/d &= 6\,mas/yr \end{aligned}$$
 Valid for a circular, face-on orbit!

In practice, the measured anomaly is reduced by a mean factor of 0.87 by the inclination and eccentricity (Kervella+2019). This gives:

$$M_{planet}\,=rac{dM_{*}^{1/2}}{2\pi}rac{\Delta\mu}{0.87}\,a^{1/2}$$





- In practice, neither Gaia nor Hipparcos truly measures the instantaneous proper motion
- Gaia measured the mean over a period of 665 days (DR2)
- Hipparcos measured the mean over a period of 1227 days
- This reduces the measured PMa



Small period limit



 t_3 ٠ ٠ t_4 t_1 t_5 $egin{aligned} \mu_{gaia} &= \mu imes \left| rac{1}{T_{gaia}} \int_{0}^{T_{gaia}} \exp{\left(i rac{2\pi t}{P}
ight)} dt
ight| \ &= \mu imes \left| rac{P}{i2\pi T_{gaia}} \left[e^{i rac{2\pi T_{gaia}}{P}} - 1
ight]
ight| \end{aligned}$ $\mu = \mu imes rac{P}{\pi T_{aaia} \sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 - \cos\left(rac{2\pi T_{gaia}}{P}
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Gaia/Hipparcos PMa efficiency





Examples of Gaia planet candidates





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(Figures from Kervella+2019)



The mass of Proxima c



Towards the observer

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- Adding in radial velocity measurements:

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ight)$$





Radial velocity (residuals after subtracting Proxima b) showing the signal of planet c (Damasso+2020)

- Orbital period P = 1900 +-90 days
- Time of the inferior conjnction 5892 +- 101 days
- Msin(i) = 5.8 +- 2 M_{Earth}



Adding the Gaia PMa anomaly (Kervella+2020):

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HD 206893 c from Direct imaging and Gaia?



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Another instrument for high-precision astrometric measurements: GRAVITY



Lindegren+2018, 2021

Typical precision with GRAVITY: 10-50 umas Typical precision with GAIA: 50-200 umas (DR2); up to 10 to 50 umas (eDR3)





VLTI/GRAVITY: a fibered interferometer (and a complicated instrument...)



GRAVITY Collaboration (2017)



Single-field and dual field interferometry

"Single-field" interferometry



"Dual-field phase-referenced" interferometry



- Binary object unresolved by each telescope of the array
- Science fiber on the photocenter
- Light of both components is injected into the fiber
- Measured signal: visibility modulus and/or closure phase



- Science fiber moves from one component to the other
- Measured signal: complex visibilities referenced to the star



ExoGRAVITY results

Medium resolution K-band spectroscopy on beta Pic b



Constraining the size of any circumplanetary disk around PDS70c



Direct detection of the RV planet beta Pic c



Long term astrometric survey with multiple stellar conjunctions



- Apparent motion of Alpha Cen A and B on the sky, with conjunctions with several stars over the next 30 years (Kervella+2016)
- Each conjunction gives the opportunity to observe with GRAVITY





Gravity Collaboration et al. 2017)





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High precision astrometry on exoplanets



- The 50 umas precision obained with GRAVITY only loosely depends on the magnitude
- This level of precision is also obtained on planet to star relative astrometry









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Detecting inner planets from non Keplerian deviations





Testing formation models

Mass - Period Distribution



- Astrometry can be used to look for giant planets (M_{Jup}) at 1 to 10 au, which aren't as easy to detect with other methods
- Excellent tool to test formation theories such as the exclusion zone in Tidal Downsizing

$$a_{\rm exc} = 1.33 \, {\rm AU} \, \left(\frac{M_{\rm p}}{1 \, {\rm M_J}}\right)^{2/3}$$



Testing formation models





- Astrometry in combination with direct imaging and interferometry will be a powerful tool to populate M/L diagram
- Follow up at small separation with GRAVITY difficult because of the unknown location of Gaia planets
- Stellar accelaration in Gaia future releases?







GRAVITY+



GRAVITY dual-field max separation: 2 as



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