

# Gaia Alerts Contributions by The Open University

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### PIRATE and COAST Upgrades

- PIRATE upgraded from Baader R,G,B filters to Johnson U, B, V, R, I and a larger 9-slot filter wheel
- COAST camera upgraded from a 1k x 1k to a 3k x 3k chip, and new FLI camera body
- Both cameras now have a GPS timing card tied to the shutter mechanism, giving accurate timing to thousandth of a second
- Model creator freeware automatically creates a pointing model



#### Milky Way over PIRATE and Teide by Alan Cayless - OU

### Transits with PIRATE

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HAT-P 23 is magnitude ~12 in Johnson R filter, here it's dipping as HAT-P-23b transits, causing a ~1.5% dip

All data acquired and reduced by Mark Salisbury at the Open University using PIRATE

 WASP-52b is magnitude ~12 in Johnson R filter, here dipping as WASP-52b transits, causing a ~3% dip





## Gaia Data Obtained by PIRATE

#### Current Targets

- Cycling through 25 Gaia targets every few nights.
- ► ~10 different targets most nights.
- ▶ 3x Johnson R, V, B each.
- Data automatically uploaded to the calibration server each day.
- Microlensing events, CVs, "anything interesting"

### Backlog (Back to May 2017)

- 78 Gaia targets.
- ▶ 400 nights worth of data.
- >20,000 Gaia target images.
- Data to be reduced and uploaded in the following weeks.



#### Milky Way over PIRATE and COAST - Nayra Rodriguez IAC



### Ensemble Photometry

- All possible reference stars are paired off
- The light curve for the night for each of those pairings is made, and the RMS calculated
- The stars which appear most frequently in the lowest 20% of RMS are chosen as reference stars.
- The stars are added to an ensemble one by one, and the string length of the target and ensemble light curve is calculated
- The ensemble with the lowest string length is chosen as the final light curve



### Building up a Long-Term Photometry (Kojima microlens)



RA - 76.927650, DEC - 24.798750 14 star ensemble

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### Gaia Alert Light Curves



### Summary

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- PIRATE collecting lots of Gaia Alerts data
- Automation, automation, automation
- Working through a data backlog
- Plotting our own light curves using ensemble photometry
- Need to clear backlog
- Need become better at removing "old" gaia targets from the schedule
- Need new targets to observe





Length

- Gaia17dcg
- Gaia17ctl
- Gaia18atk
- Gaia18cib
- Gaia18chm
- Gaia17dce
- Gaia17cxa
- Gaia18cjk
- Gaia18beg
- Gaia17ddp
- Gaia18ajz
- Gaia18akt

- Gaia18apf
- Gaia18chq
- Gaia18arn
  - Gaia18cik
- Gaia18axf
- Gaia18axl
  - Gaia18bcb
    - Gaia18clv
  - Gaia18avw
    - Gaia18aqa
      - Gaia18aen
      - Gaia17ddi
- Gaia18ajt

- Gaia16aye
- Gaia17biu
- Gaia17bij
- Gaia17big
- Gaia17bhs
- Gaia17bie
- Gaia17bia
- Gaia17bim
- Gaia17bic
- Gaia17bin
- Gaia17bii
- Gaia17bij
- Gaia17bja
- Gaia17bin
- Gaia17bjw
- Gaia17bjv
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- Gaia17bqf Gaia17bal Gaia17bpy Gaia17bpp Gaia17bpz Gaia17bge Gaia17baa Gaia17bue Gaia17bpj Gaia17bdk Gaia17bei Gaia17cga Gaia17chf Gaia17bnz Gaia17byb Gaia17bxh
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  - Gaia18ajz Gaia18bcb Gaia18aqa Gaia18cib Gaia18chm Gaia17cxa Gaia18cik Gaia18beg Gaia18cha Gaia18akt Gaia18apf Gaia18cik
    - Gaia18clv Gaia18avw