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The Take-Home Message



- **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**
- **The Italian community is now engaged in cutting-edge programs**
- **It should be prepared to take advantage of the Gaia opportunity**
- **And in fact (talks by Busonero, Martino, Marrese), it IS getting ready!**