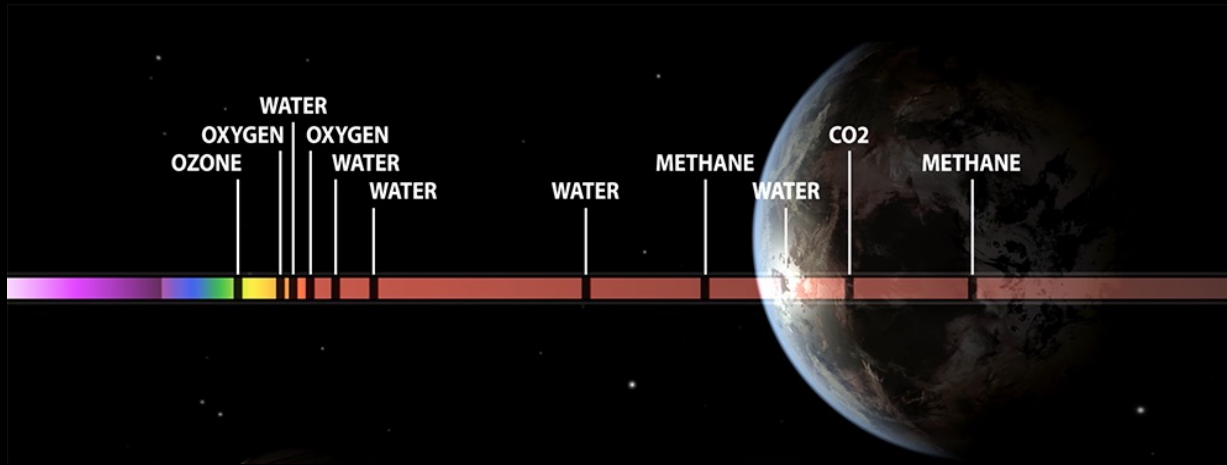
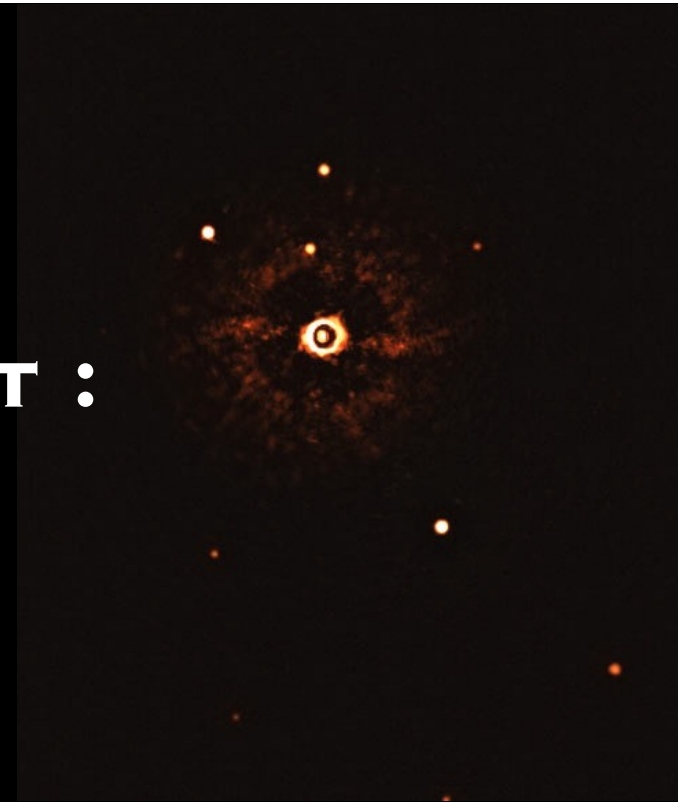


PLANETS IN HIGH-CONTRAST : DETECTION AND CHARACTERISATION



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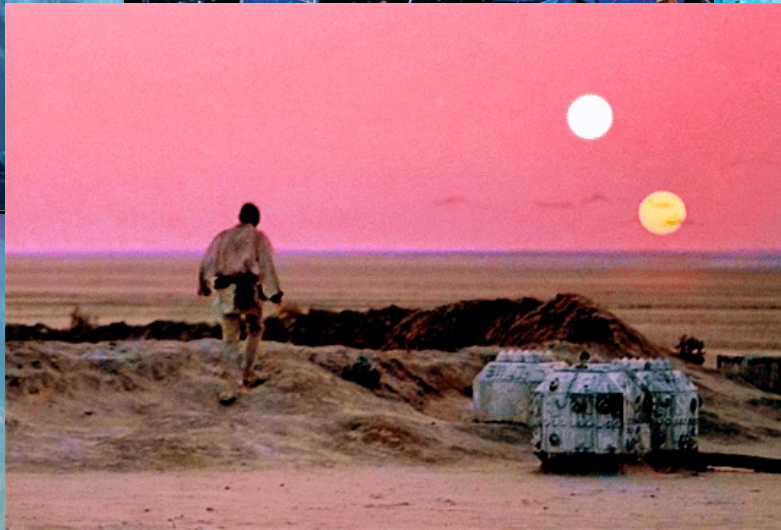
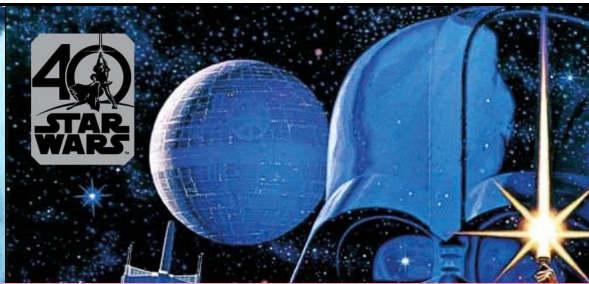
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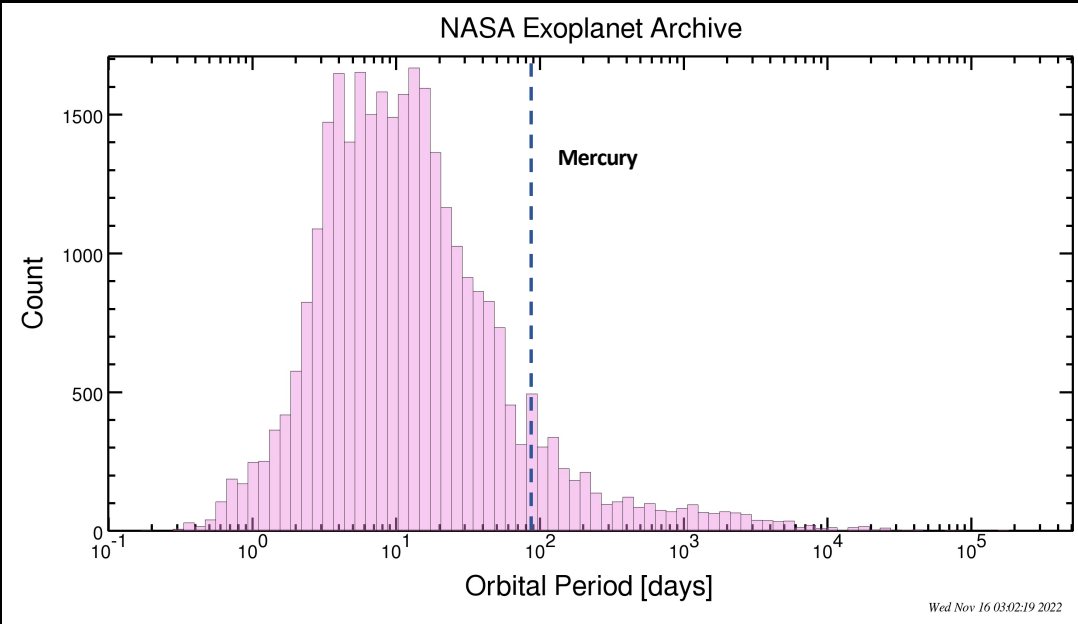
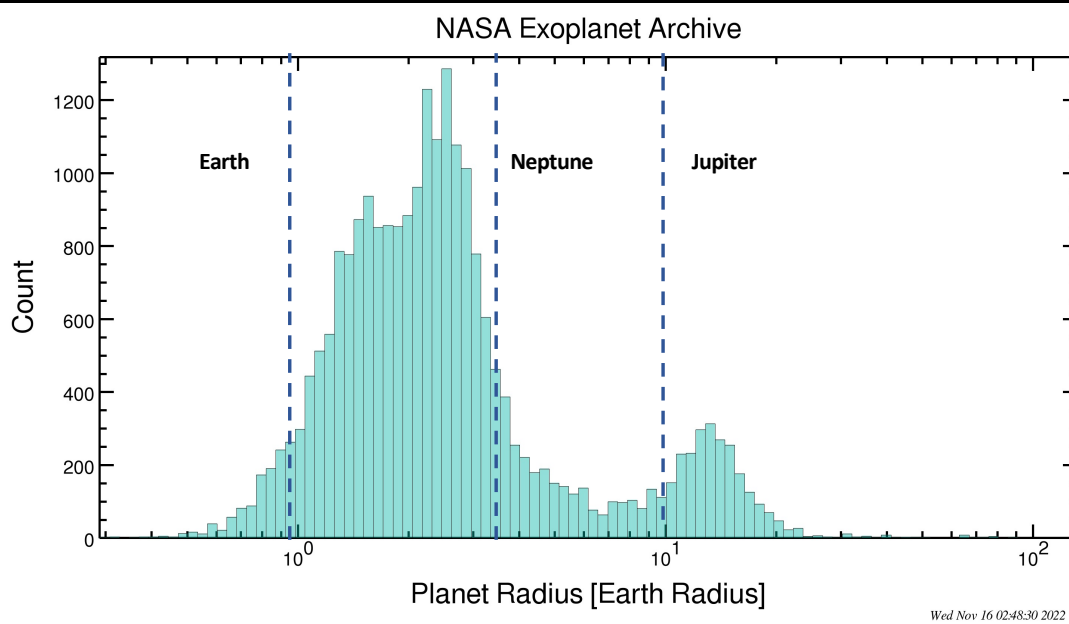
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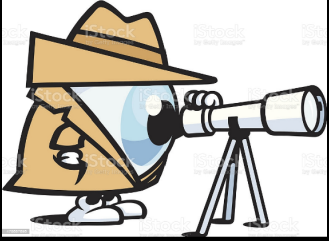
869 multi-planet systems

Planets in multi-star systems (upto 4 stars!)

3,894 host stars



Source: Generated via the Confirmed Planets Plotting Tool in NASA Exoplanet Archive



How do we look for exoplanets?

RADIAL VELOCITY

ASTROMETRY

TRANSIT DETECTION

GRAVITATIONAL
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PULSAR TIMING
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DIRECT IMAGING

ORBITAL BRIGHTNESS
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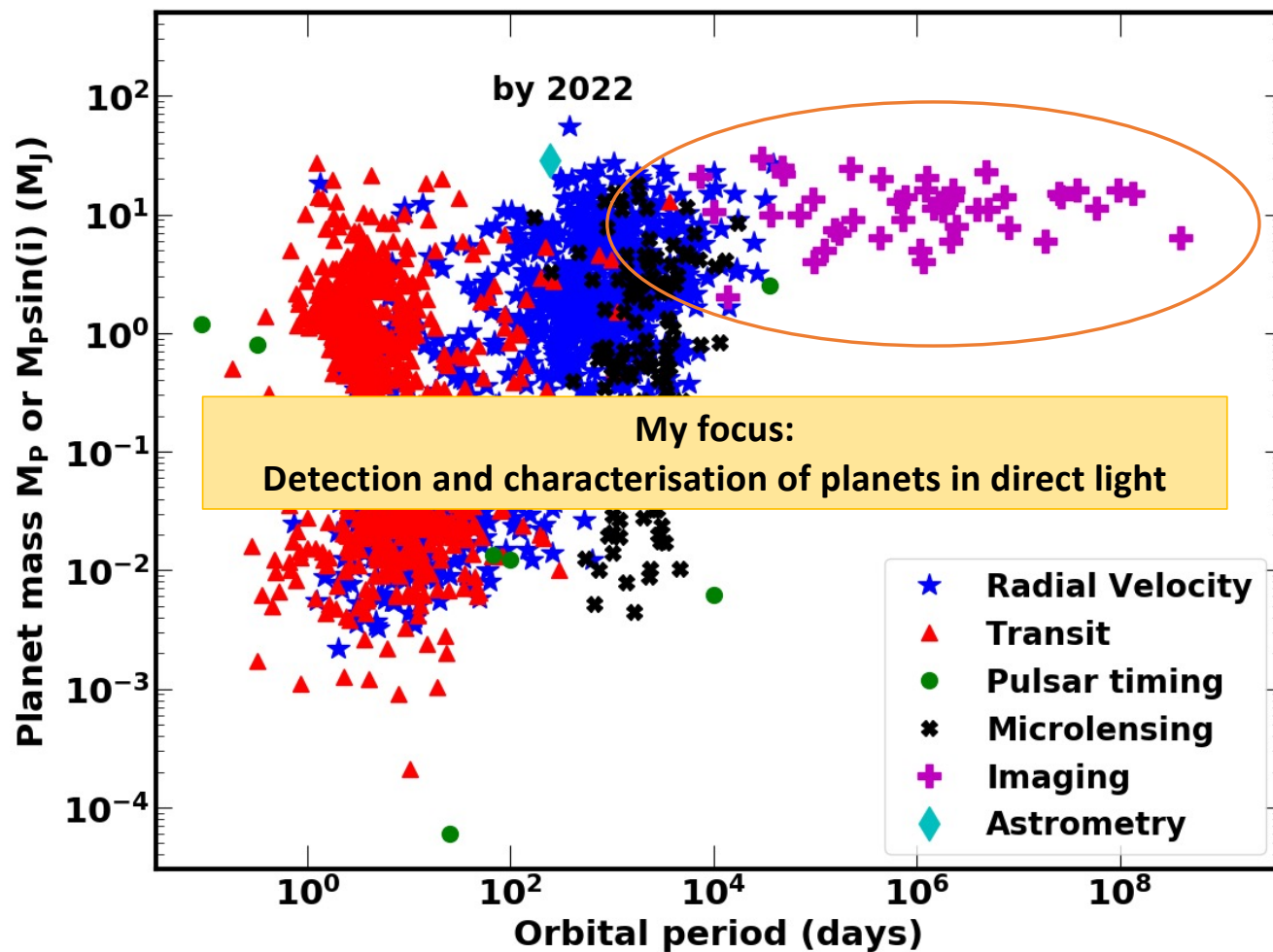
ECLIPSE TIMING
VARIATIONS

DISK KINEMATICS

Direct vs. Indirect techniques

- Limited information from Indirect detection methods like RV, Transits etc.
- Direct imaging: photons from the planet
- Provides abundance of information – orbit, brightness, mass, atmospheric properties
- Provides concrete, independent evidence
- Targets a unique population

Ideal Targets: giant planets in wide orbits



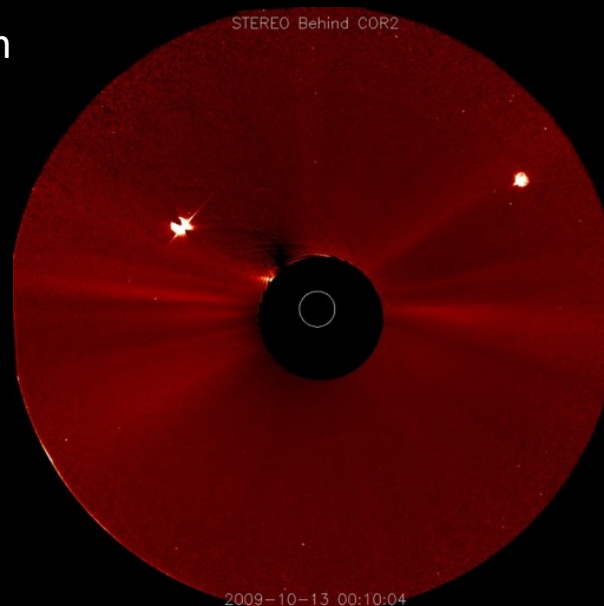
Based on data from NASA Exoplanet Archive, as on 29 March, 2022

High Contrast Imaging (HCI)

- Concept: snapshot of the planet in its orbit
- Main challenge : Planet is too faint compared to star
- What do we want? Improve Contrast! (F_p/F_s)
- How?

Say Cheese!

Block out the problem



Coronagraphy
Source: NASA/STEREO



High Contrast Imaging (HCI)

Correct for atmospheric seeing: Adaptive Optics



Source: Keck observatory/ Sean Goebel

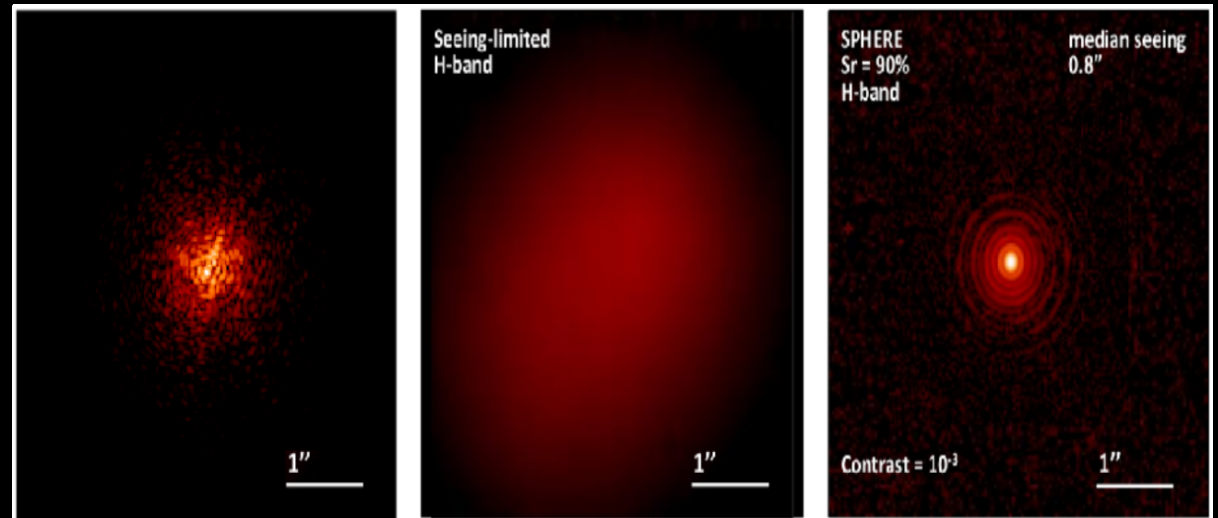


Image of a point source taken with VLT H band. Left: Short exposure without AO. Middle: long exposure without AO. Right: Long exposure with SPHERE's SAXO extreme AO correction.

Source: [Cantalloube \(2016\)](#)

High Contrast Imaging (HCI)

Code better!

Advanced post processing techniques



Angular Differential Imaging (ADI)

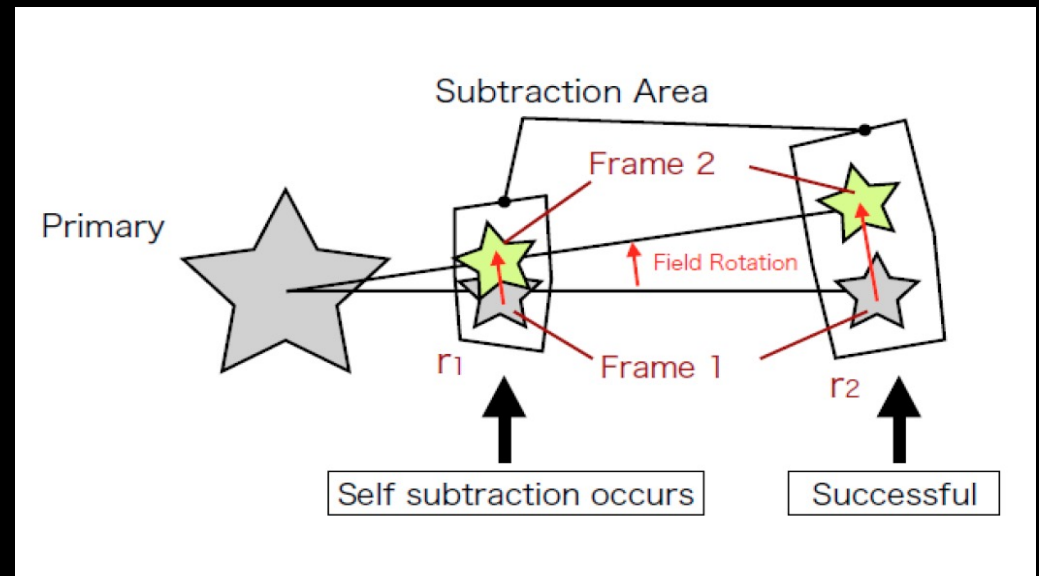
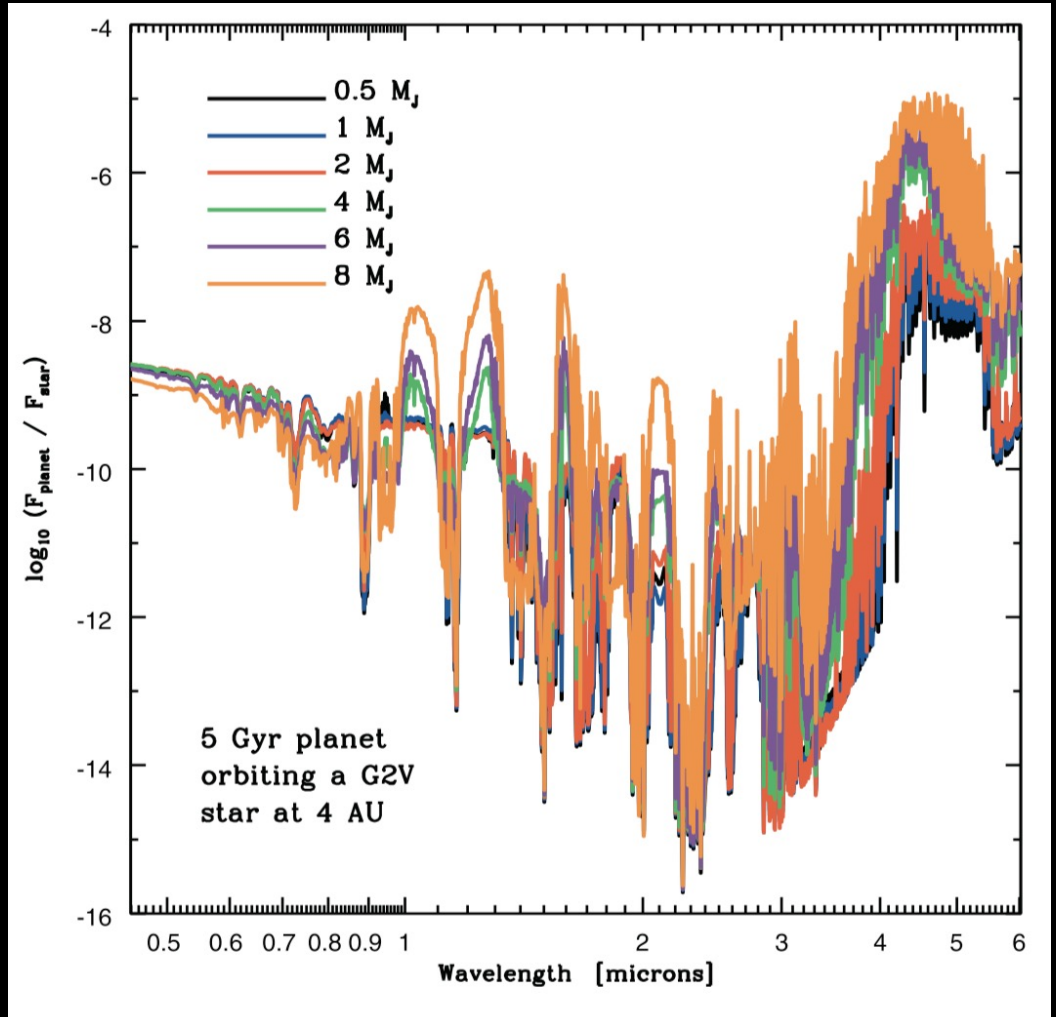
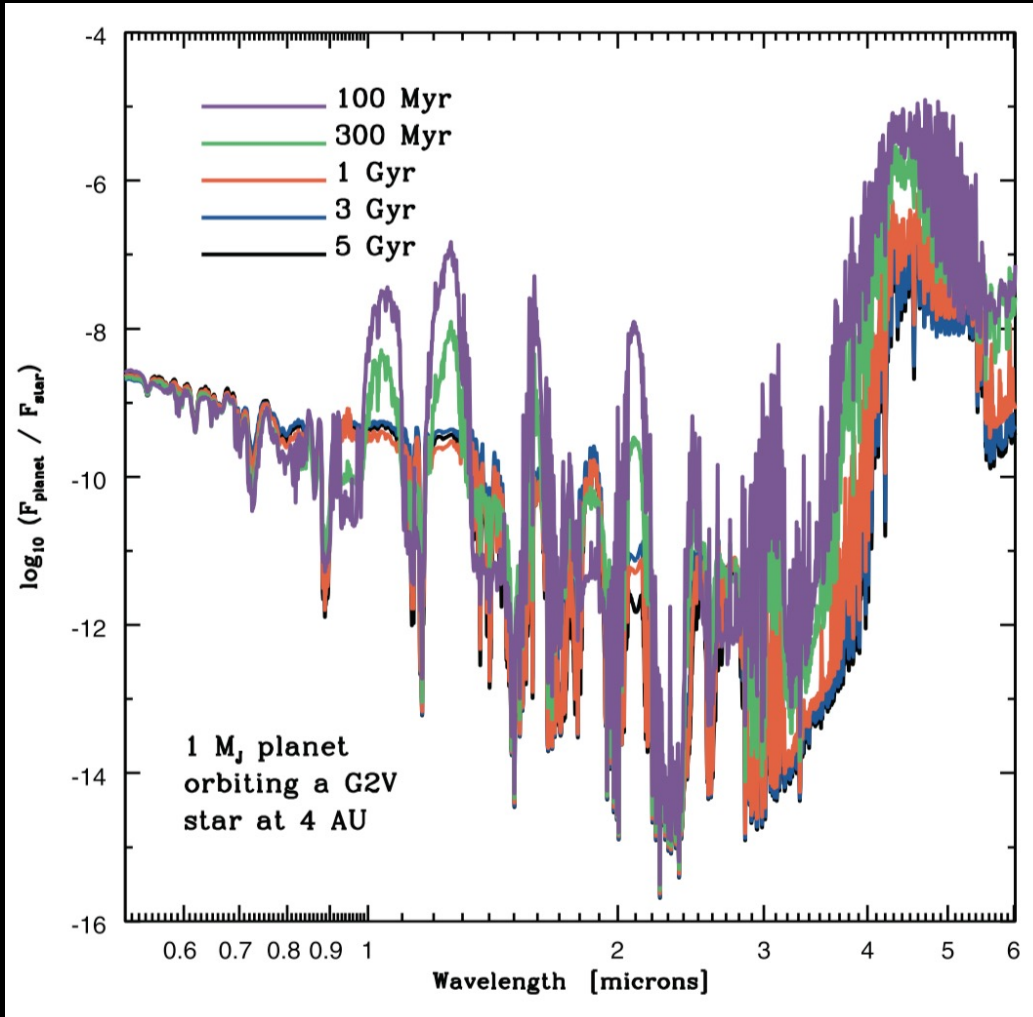


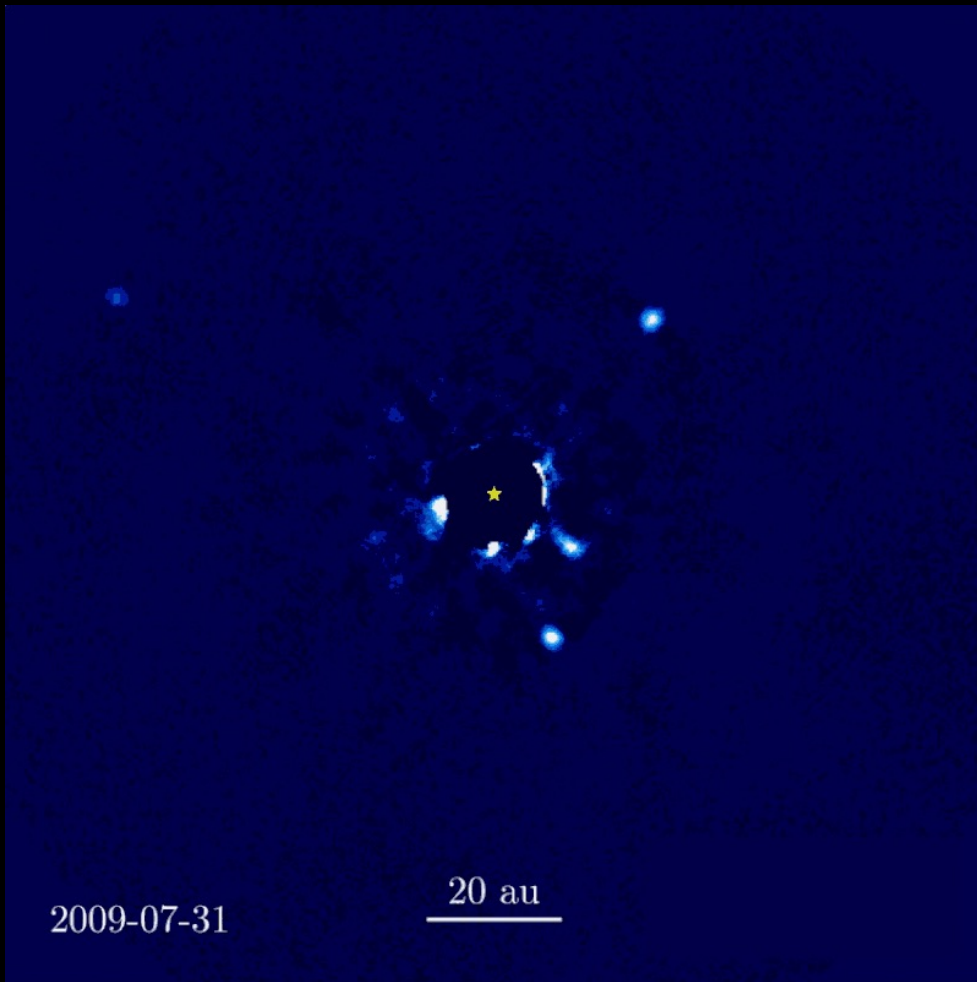
Illustration of using field rotation of companion to average out its signal.

Credit: [Samland \(2019\)](#)



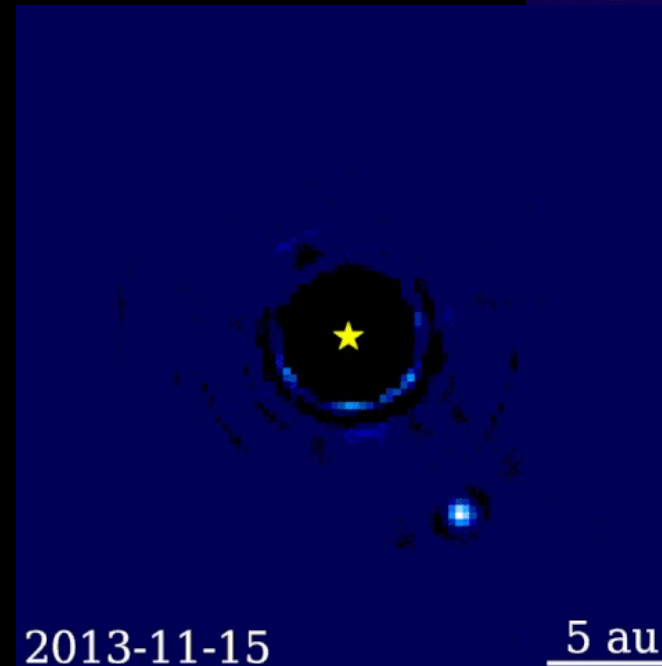
Source: Burrows et al. (2004)

HR 8799 system

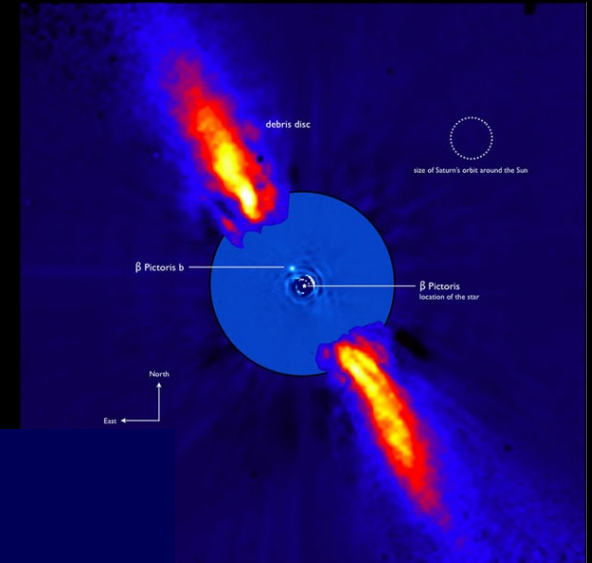


Video: Jason Wang (Caltech) /
Christian Marois (NRC Herzberg)

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Source: <https://jasonwang.space/orbits.html>

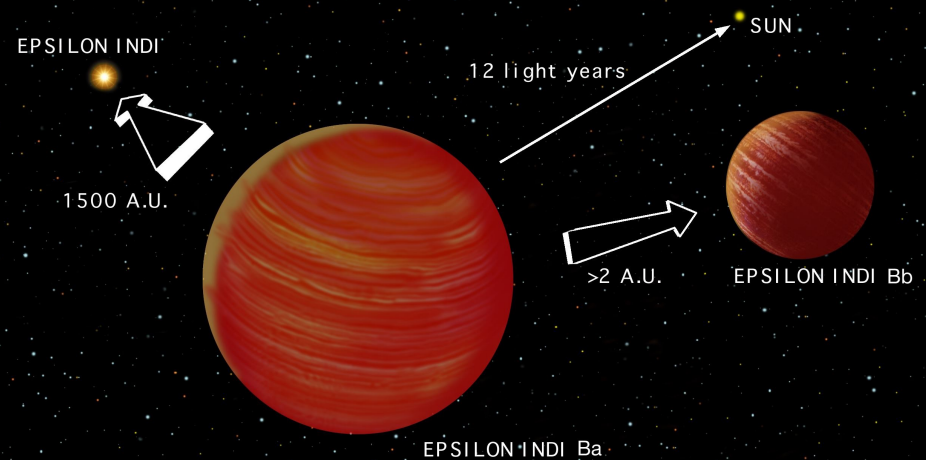


Source: ESO/ A-M.
Lagrange et al./ Sky
& Telescope.

High-contrast investigation of ϵ Indi

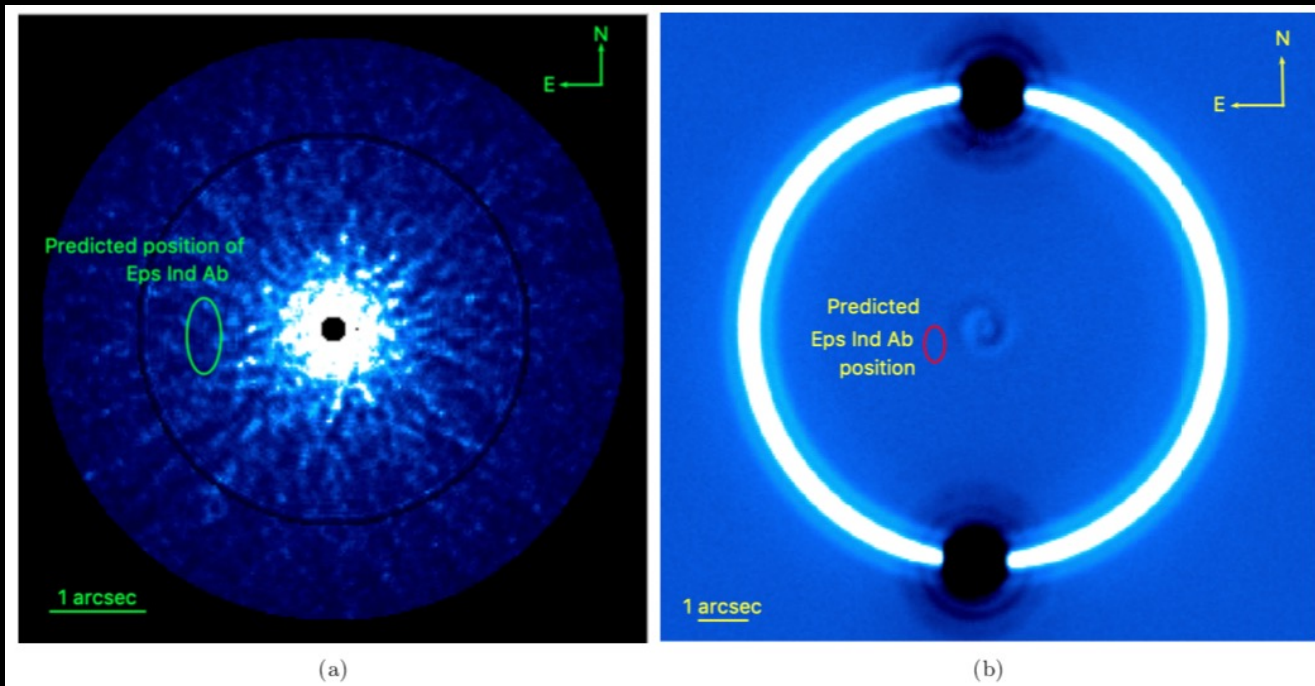
- K5 type star ϵ Ind A ($0.76 M_{\odot}$) 3.6 pc away
- Visible to naked eye ($V = 4.7$)
- Binary companions ϵ Ind Ba, Bb – both T-type dwarfs $\sim 50 M_J$ each discovered in 2005
- Long term RV signals from ϵ Ind A point to a planetary mass companion
- Detected by RV and astrometry (Feng et al. 2019)

$$M_p = 3.25^{+0.39}_{-0.65} M_J ; a = 11.55^{+0.98}_{-0.86} au$$



Artist's conception of the ϵ Indi system showing ϵ Indi A and its brown-dwarf binary companions.
Credit: Wikipedia

High-contrast investigation of ϵ Indi



(a) Final detection probability map from NaCo reduced data, and

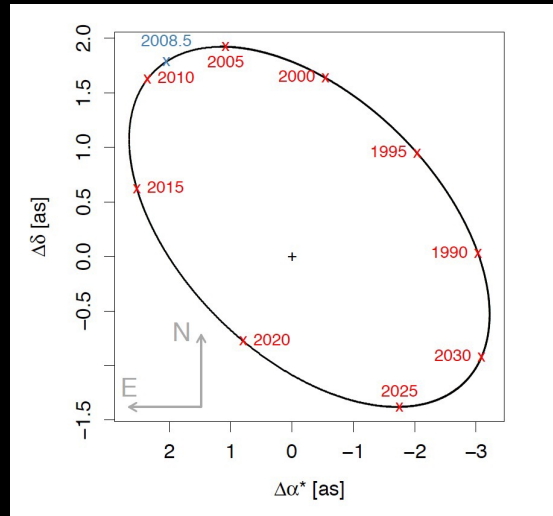
(b) Final reduced image from NEAR

Source: Viswanath et al. (2021)

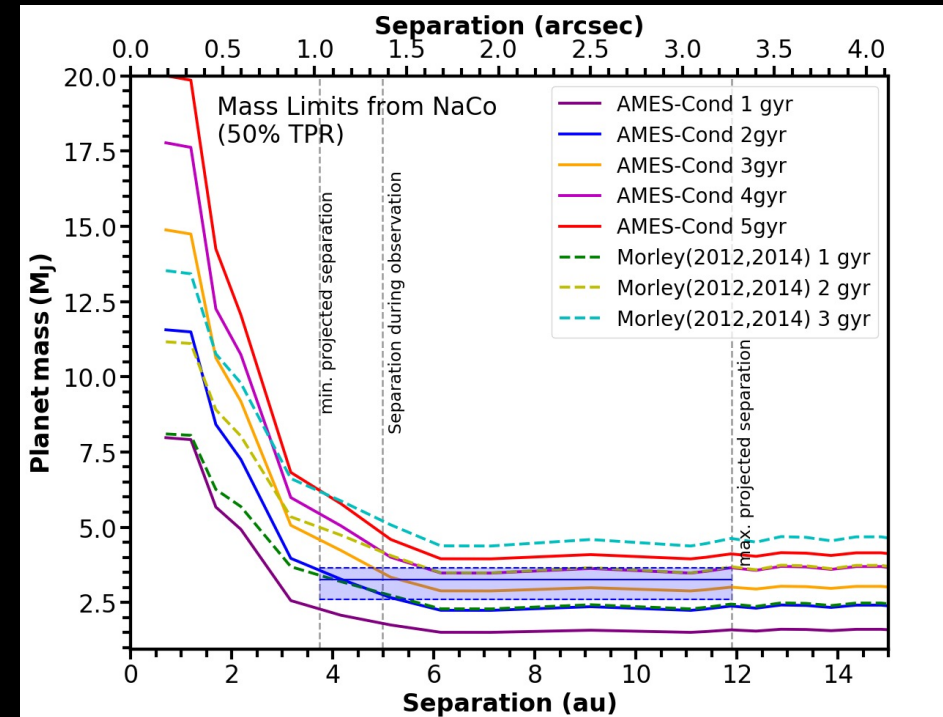
- Deep AO imaging observations with 3.8 μm L' band of NaCo (Oct-Nov 2018) and 10-12.5 μm NEAR band (Sep 2019) at VLT
- Combined data covers near- to mid- infrared, where older/colder planets peak in thermal emission.
- No companions were detected in both the images.

High-contrast investigation of ϵ Indi

- Arrived at unprecedented sensitivities close to the bright star (200-300 K)
- From the non-detection at 1.37", between the two models, we place a lower age limit of 2 Gyr on the system – consistent with the literature
- Projected separation looks more favourable in coming years – possible detection with ERIS, MIRI or METIS



Source: Feng et al. (2019)

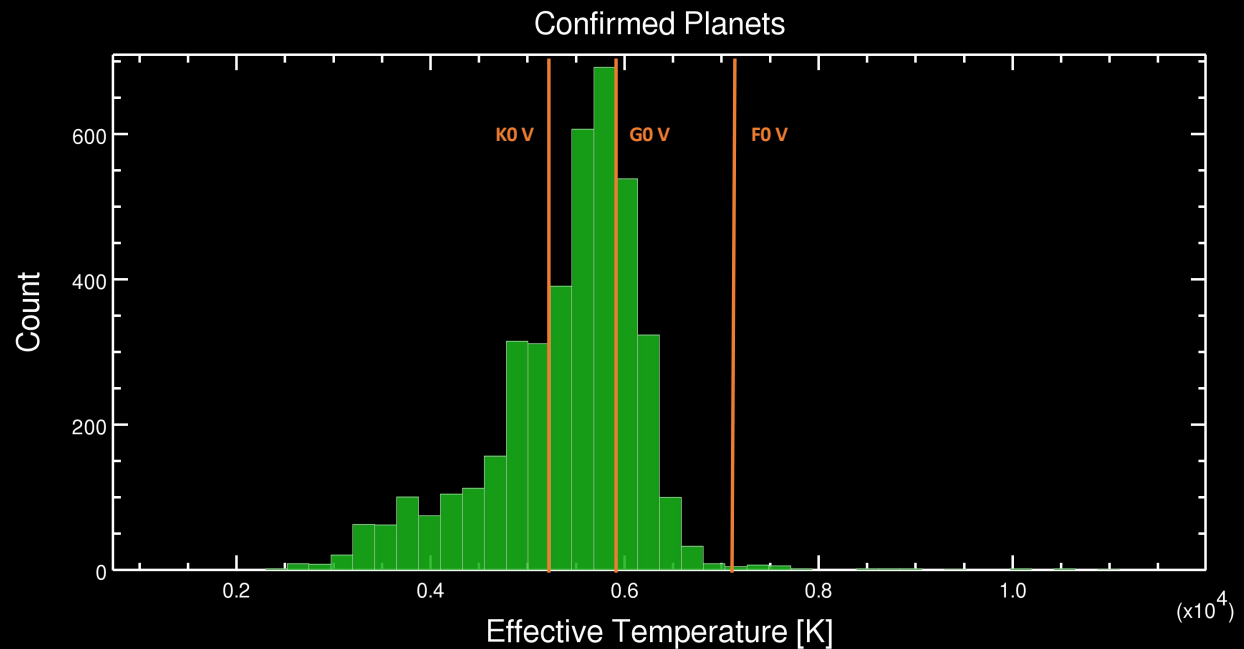


Mass detection limits derived from the contrast curves from NaCo data, using AMES-Cond and Morley (2012, 2014) atmospheric models.

Source: Viswanath et al. (2021)

BEAST detection of companions around HIP 81208

- Substellar companion demographics as a function of stellar mass significant
- Most host stars are of F-G-K type
- The B-star Exoplanet Abundance Study (BEAST) Janson et al. (2019) is a dedicated HCI survey around 85 B-type stars with SPHERE at VLT; Extreme AO and coronagraphy
- Ongoing since 2019;



Janson et al. (2021b)

Squicciarini et al. (2022)

Source: Generated via the Confirmed Planets Plotting Tool in NASA Exoplanet Archive

BEAST detection of companions around HIP 81208

Target HIP 81208

Region	UCL of Sco-Cen
Distance	~ 148 pc
Stellar type	B9V (8383 K)
Mass	2.8 M_{\odot}
Age	17 Myr

No known binary companion ;
Likely no disk from the SED

BEAST detection of companions around HIP 81208

- Observed twice with BEAST, in Aug 2019 and April 2022
- Low resolution YJH spectroscopy with IFS
- Imaging data in K_1 , K_2 (2.1, 2.25 microns) band with IRDIS
- Total integration time 0.85 hr
- Data reduced with BEAST's Data Centre software (Delorme et al. 2017); ADI based reduction for IRDIS and PCA-based for IFS
- An inner brown dwarf companion ($\sim 70 M_J$) at $0.32''$ in both IFS and IRDIS images.
- An outer stellar mass companion ($\sim 0.14 M_\odot$) at $\sim 1.5''$ revealed in the IRDIS images.

BEAST detection of companions around HIP 81208

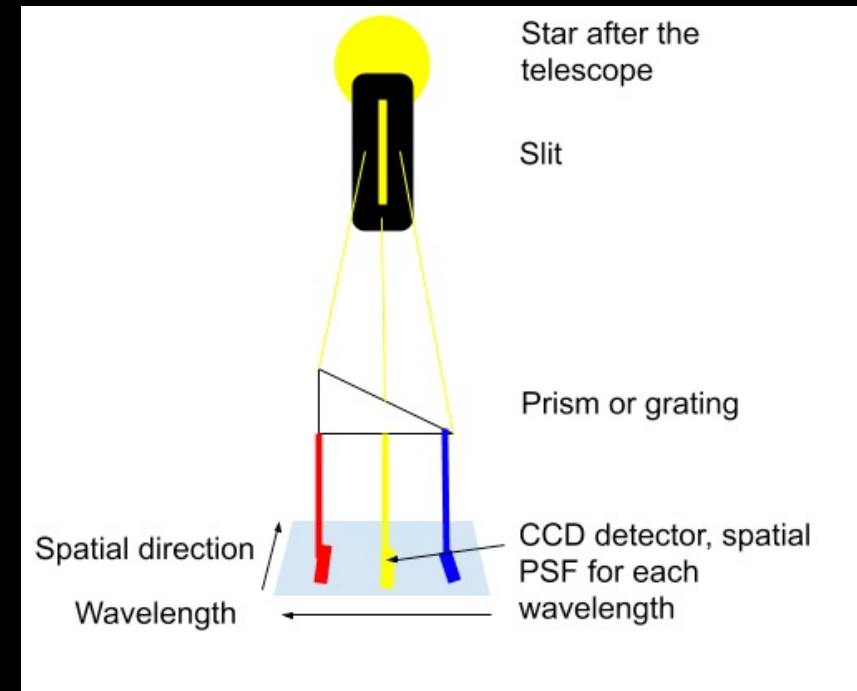
- IFS Spectrum analysis
- Candidate mass characterisation
- Orbital characterisation between the two epochs
- Viswanath et al. (2022) in prep....

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preparation ***

SPHERE IRDIS K band image of HIP 81208 from 2019 epoch. Source: Viswanath et al. (2022, in prep)

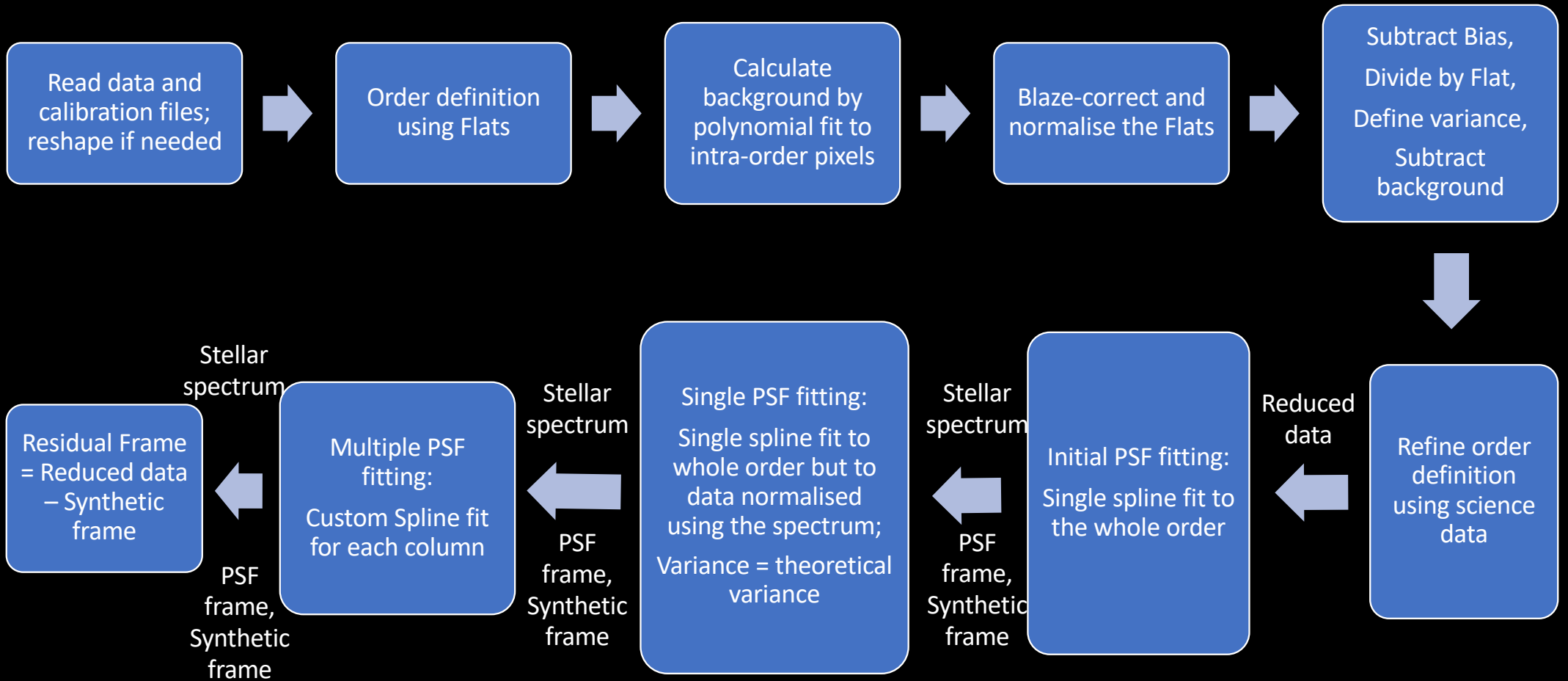
High Dispersion Spectroscopy (HDS) with HCI

- Techniques to study exoplanet atmospheres ; direct imaging and transit spectroscopy (indirect)
- Need high resolution ($>100,000$) to separate planet lines from stellar - HDS
- Challenge same as before – planet is much fainter than star
- Solution: Combine HDS with HCI! Outcome is a 2D spectrum
- Need for efficient spectral extraction algorithms
- In 2019, Alexis Brandeker developed an optimal spectral extraction code for such high-contrast spectroscopy for Ultra Violet Echelle Spectrograph (UVES)



Schematic structure of a high-dispersion spectrograph. Source: E. Taillanter (2019)

Optimal Spectral Extraction: A Rough Pipeline Outline!

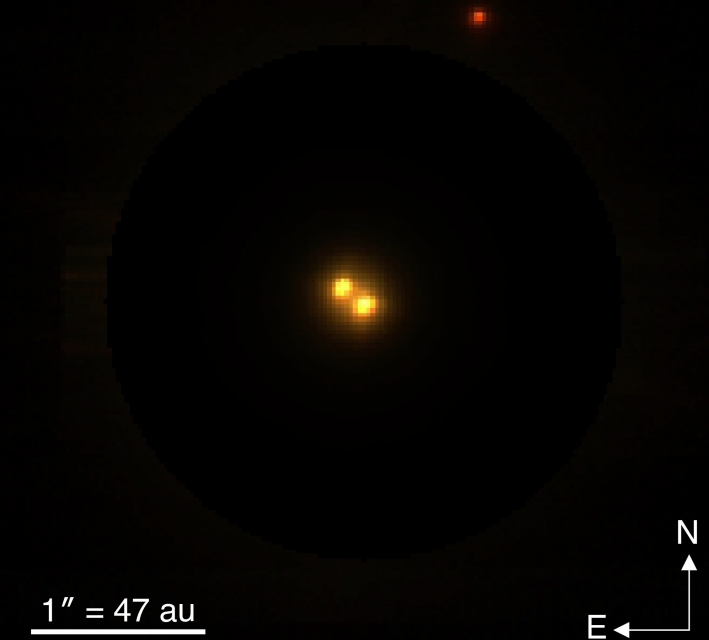


Near-UV emission from Delorme 1 (AB)b

- M5.5 type low-mass binary ($\sim 0.2 M_{\odot}$), separated by ~ 12 au
- 12-14 M_J circumbinary companion discovered at a separation of ~ 84 au (Delorme et al. 2013)
- Observed with Naco L', Astrolux Z', WISE and MUSE NFM
- Indication of ongoing accretion - H_{α} , H_{β} and He I emission (Eriksson et al. 2020) and H I ($Pa\beta$, $Pa\gamma$, $Br\gamma$) emission (Betti et al. 2022)
- Estimated age ~ 40 Myr; similar to 'Peter Pan disc' systems (see e.g., Boucher et al. 2020)



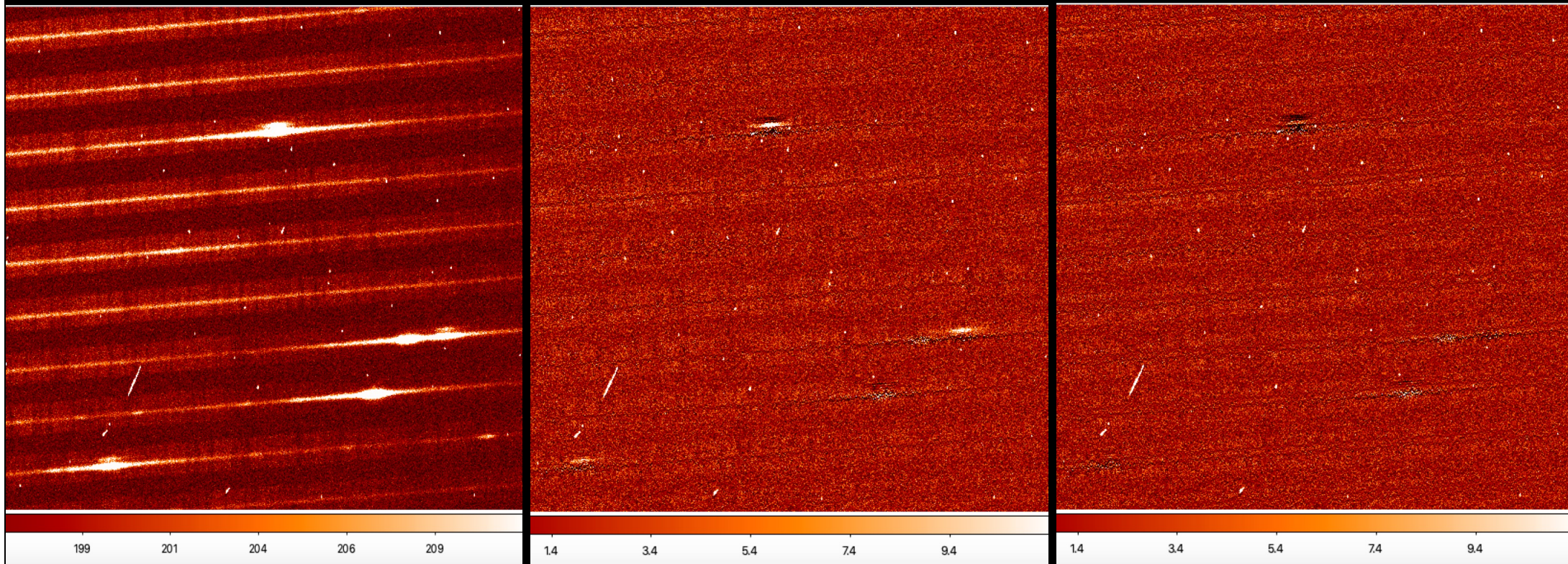
Delorme 1



MUSE NFM observation of Delorme 1 system. Source: Eriksson et al. (2020)

Near-UV emission from Delorme 1 (AB)b

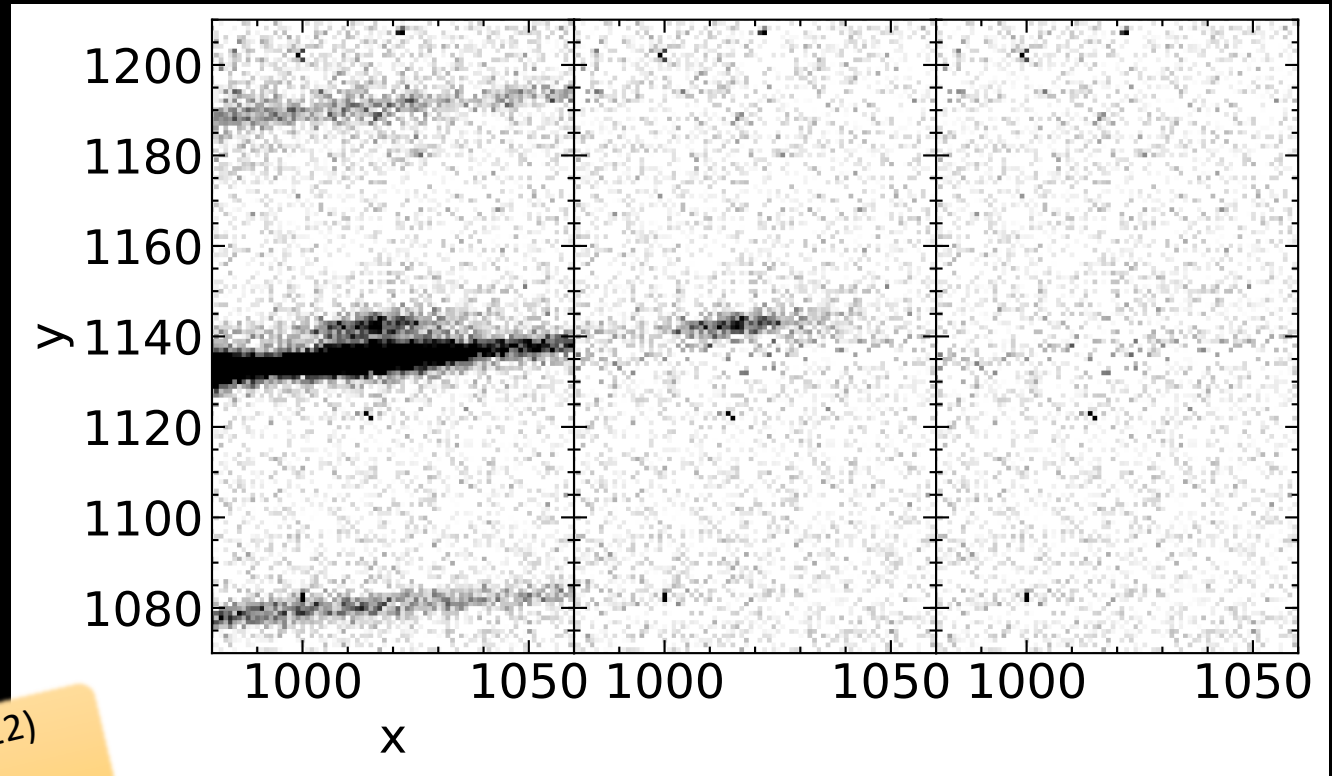
- Follow up observation with UVES at VLT /UT2 in Oct, 2021
- Blue arm (330-452 nm) ; Integration time of ~ 0.4 hr; $R_\lambda \sim 50,000$; slit width 0.8''
- Pipeline for reduction – Optimal spectral extraction algorithm, with some added modifications like proper sky background estimation, masking planet location while PSF extraction etc.
- Extraction of the 1D planet spectrum based on current PSF extraction routine; gives a second residual frame with the planet signal also removed.



Cut out of the data frame: (Left) After basic reduction, with both stellar and companion lines present; (Middle) The residual frame after PSF subtraction, with the stellar lines removed; (Right) The final residual frame after the companion lines are removed.

Near-UV emission from Delorme 1 (AB)b

- First detection of H ϵ emission in Near-UV (from H γ to H η)
- Tentative detection of H11 and H12, He I, Ca II H&K and possibly Fe I, Cr I and Ti I.
- Estimated \dot{M}_{acc} using L_{acc} derived from L_{line} using both stellar scaling relations and planetary accretion models

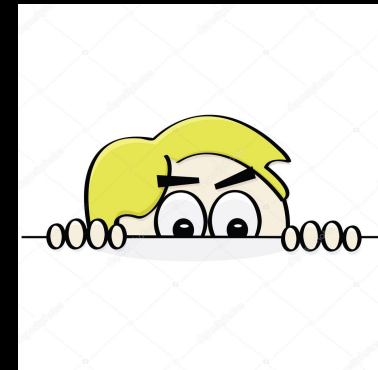


Eriksson, Viswanath, Janson et al. (2022)
submitted to A&A

H ϵ line in the order 24 of the Delorme 1 (AB)b UVES spectrum (Blue Arm).
Source: Eriksson et al. (2022, submitted to A&A)

Sneak Peek!

Optimal Spectral Extraction : CRRES+



Optimizing the code for CRRES+

Test application to archival CRRES data for β Pic b

Up Next.....

Reduction and Analysis of the Red arm (476 – 684 nm) of
UVES data for Delorme 1 (AB)b

Stay Tuned.....

