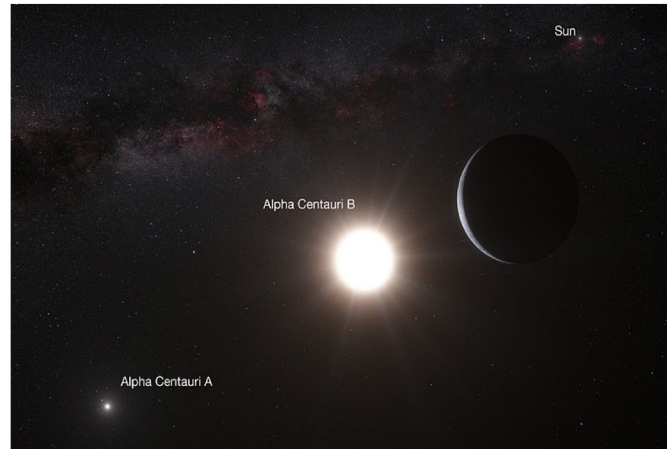
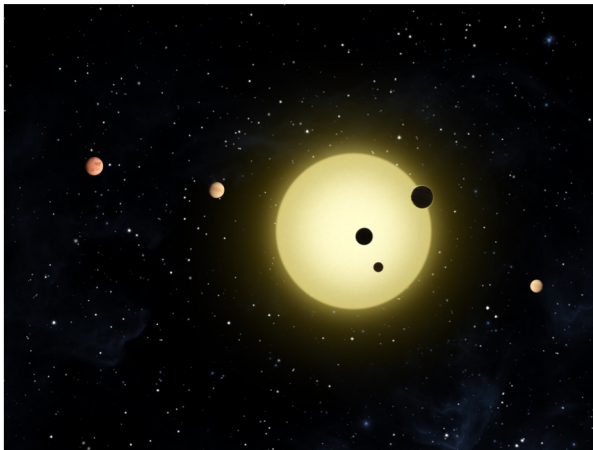


Introduction to exoplanetology

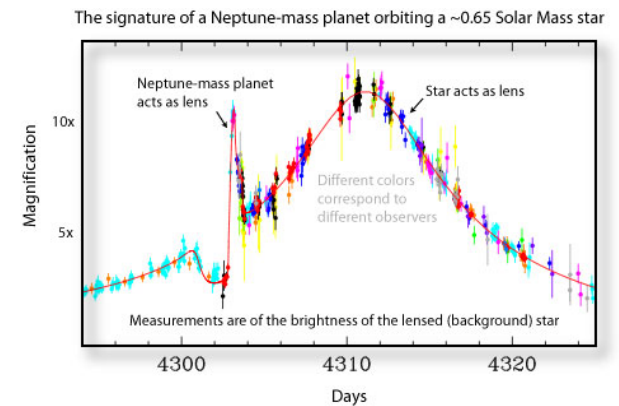
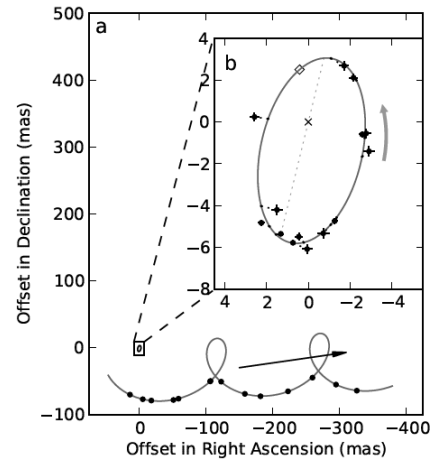
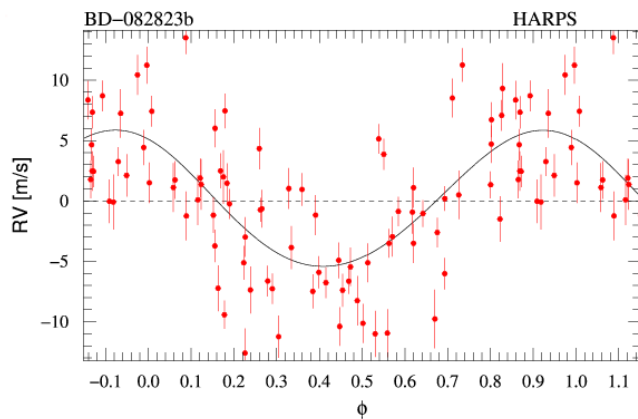
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Introduction to exoplanetology. III.

Indirect methods for exoplanet detections

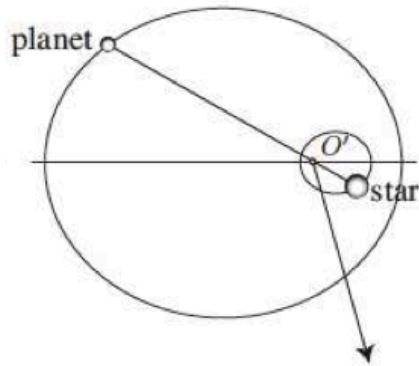


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The radial velocity method

Radial motion of a star for an inertial observer (cf. L2)



$$V_r = \gamma_r + \underbrace{K (\cos(\omega + f) + e \cos \omega)}_{\text{Orbital velocity}}$$

Systemic velocity

Orbital velocity

$$K = \frac{28.4329 \text{ m/s}}{\sqrt{1-e^2}} \frac{m_p \sin i}{M_{Jup}} \left(\frac{m_p + m_*}{M_{Sun}} \right)^{-2/3} \left(\frac{P}{1 \text{ yr}} \right)^{-1/3}$$

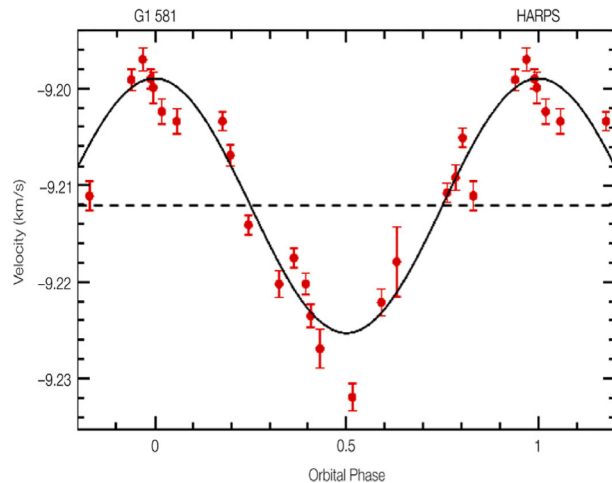
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The radial velocity method

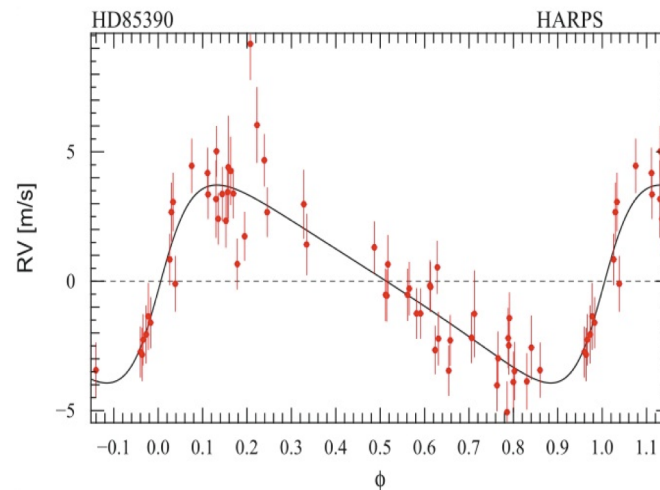
What if N>1 planets?

$$V_r = \gamma_r + \sum_{i=1}^N K_i (\cos(\omega_i + f_i) + e \cos \omega_i)$$

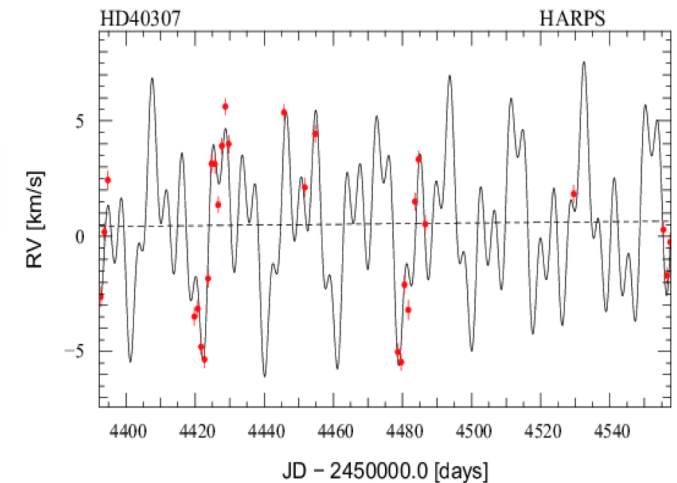
IF planet-planet interactions are negligible (i.e. far from orbital resonance)



1 planet
circular orbit



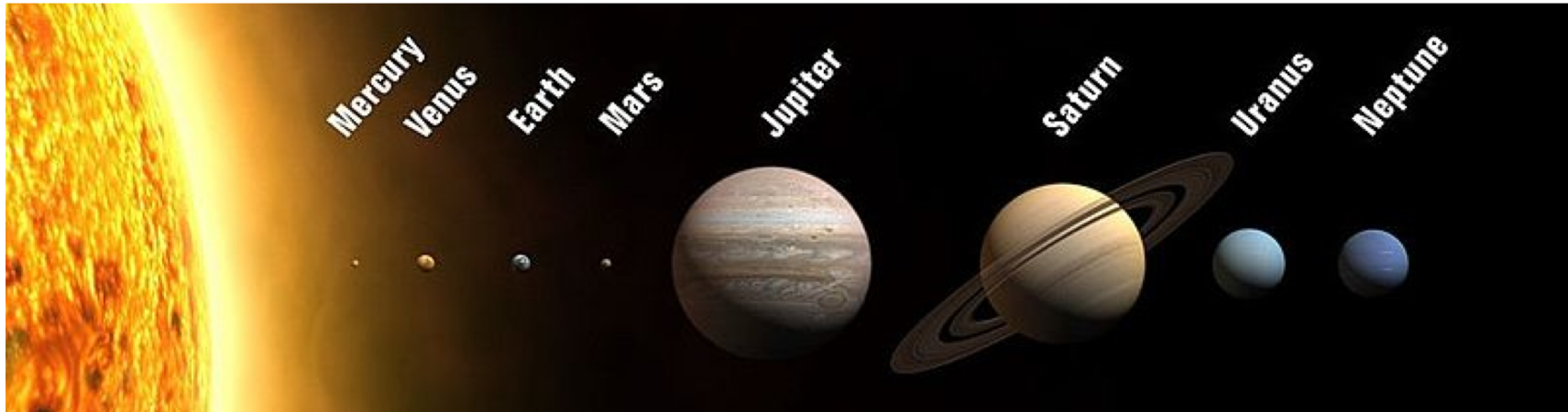
1 planet
eccentric orbit



Several planets

Complex systems: modeling includes planet-planet interactions and tidal effects
Criterion of dynamical stability helps constraining the solution

The radial velocity method



| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------|------|---|-----|------|------|------|-------|
| P (yr) | 0.24 | 0.62 | 1 | 1.9 | 11.9 | 29.4 | 83.7 | 163.7 |
| K (cm/s) for $i=90^\circ$ | 0.8 | 8.5 | 9 | 0.8 | 1250 | 280 | 28 | 26 |

Current best precision $\sim 25\text{cm/s} = 1\text{ km/h}$

The radial velocity method

1952



Otto Struve (1897-1963)

Proposal for a project of high-precision stellar radial velocity work

The Observatory, Vol. 72, p. 199-200 (1952)

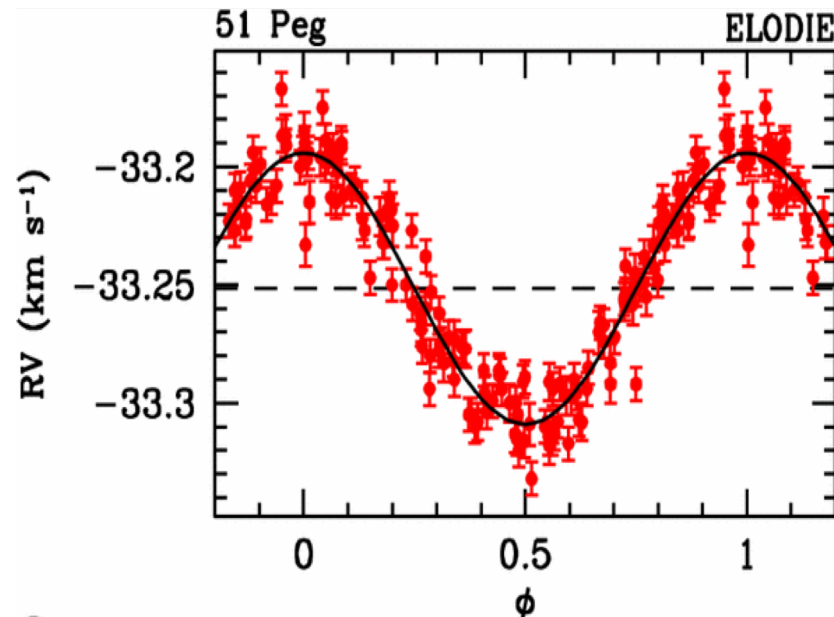
We know that *stellar* companions can exist at very small distances. It is not unreasonable that a planet might exist at a distance of 1/50 astronomical unit, or about 3,000,000 km. Its period around a star of solar mass would then be about 1 day.

Precision at that time ~ 750 m/s

1995



Didier Queloz & Michel Mayor



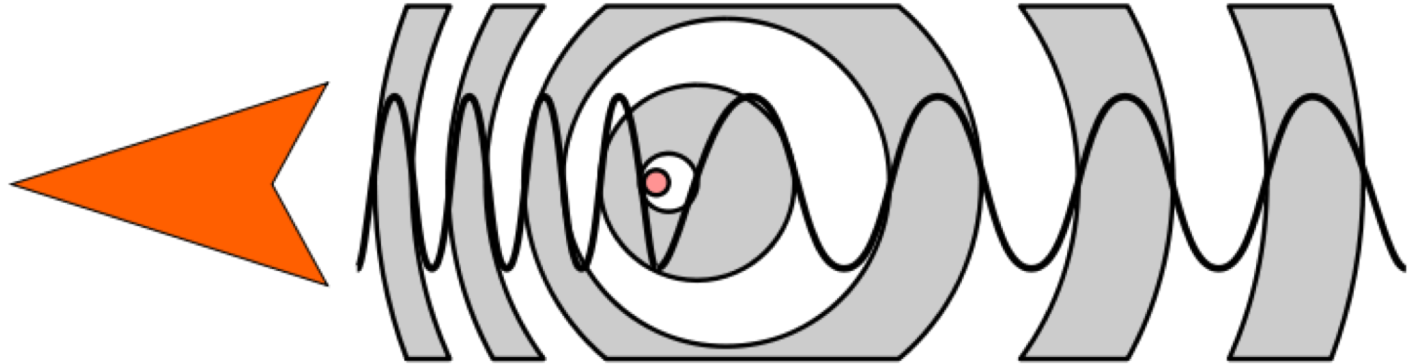
$P = 4.2$ days
 $a = 0.053$ au
 $M \sin i = 0.5 M_{\text{Jup}}$

The radial velocity method

The Doppler effect

$$\lambda = \lambda' \sqrt{\frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta}}$$

$$\beta = v/c$$



-> **high-resolution spectroscopy** (visible or near-infrared)

-> measurement of the radial velocity by **comparing the observed spectrum to a reference**, e.g.

- * a standard star' spectrum
- * a synthetic spectrum
- * a spectrum of the target

-> For stars that are poor in well-defined lines (hot and/or fast rotating stars), the radial velocity can be measured by fitting a profile on one or a few strong lines.

-> The coldest stars are very rich in lines (molecular bands), resulting in no net continuum

Best targets: metal-rich, slowly rotating stars of type F5 to M5

The radial velocity method

RV error with a single line:

$$\sigma_{RV} \sim \frac{\sqrt{FWHM}}{C \times SNR}$$

with FWHM the full-width at half maximum, SNR the signal-to-noise ratio in the continuum, and C the contrast of the line



Small FWHM: high resolution + slow rotation

High C: strong (but unsaturated) lines

High SNR: telescope size, instrumental performances

RV precision for a spectrum:

(Bouchy et al. 2001)

$$\sigma_{RV} = c \left(\sum_i \frac{\lambda_i^2 |dA_i / d\lambda|^2}{A_i + \sigma_D^2} \right)^{-1/2}$$

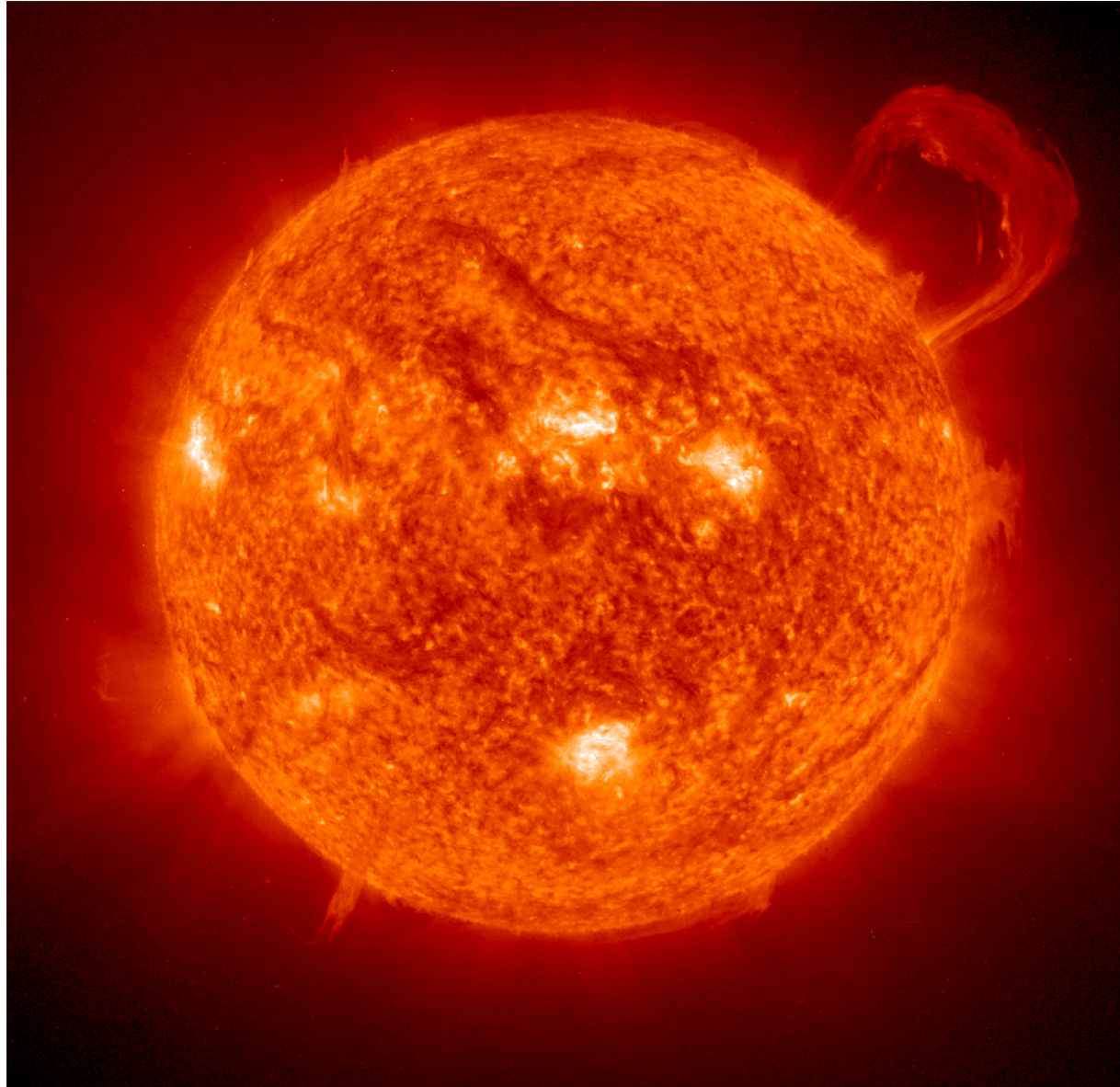
i = pixel i ; λ_i = wavelength; σ_D is the read-out noise (in electrons);

A_i = flux in electrons; c = speed of light

Formula valid only for sufficiently strong lines and high SNRs, and neglecting stellar and instrumental systematic noises

The radial velocity method

Stellar noises



The radial velocity method

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Magnetic cycles: 11 years for the Sun. Not only the RV precision varies with the magnetic phase, but possibly the RV itself too.

Solution: targeting old stars?

« Ultimate » precision ~ 10 cm/s ?

The radial velocity method

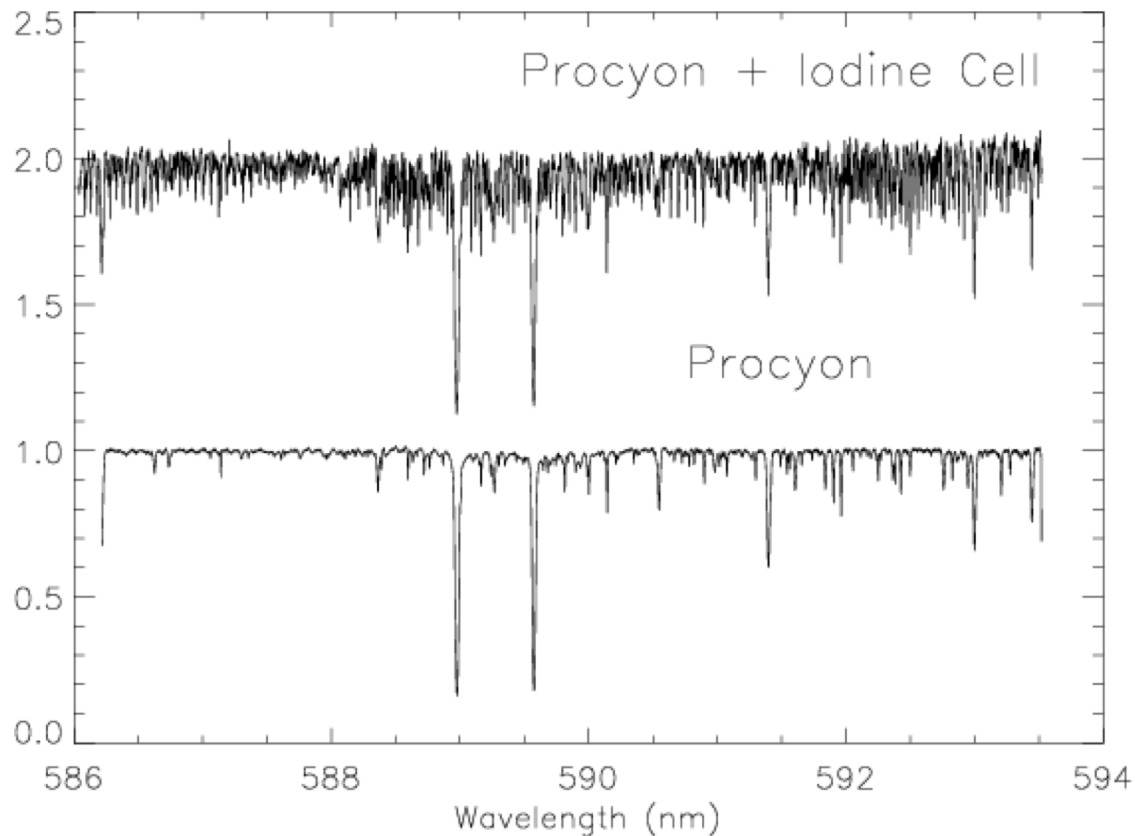
1 m/s $\sim 10^{-5}$ Å $\sim 1/1000^{\text{th}}$ of a pixel for a high-resolution spectrograph

- **Temperature and pressure** in the spectrograph must be regulated very precisely.
1m/s = 0.01K = 0.01 mbar
- **Mechanical stability**: flexures can lead to RV drifts $> 10\text{m/s}$
- **Stability of the illumination** of the spectrograph' slit: internal calibration or use of optical fibers that minimize the illumination effects
- **Homogeneity and electronical performances of the detector**: ultra-high quality + very thorough calibration are required
- **Minimizing contamination** by the light of the **Moon**
- **Avoiding the spectral areas rich in telluric lines** (especially in the red and IR) that can be variable
- **Wavelength calibration**: Iodine cell, Thorium-Argon lamp, laser comb, Fabry-Perot

The radial velocity method

Calibration in λ : the Iodine cell technique

I₂ cell upstream of the spectrograph's slit → forest of lines between 5000 and 6200 Å

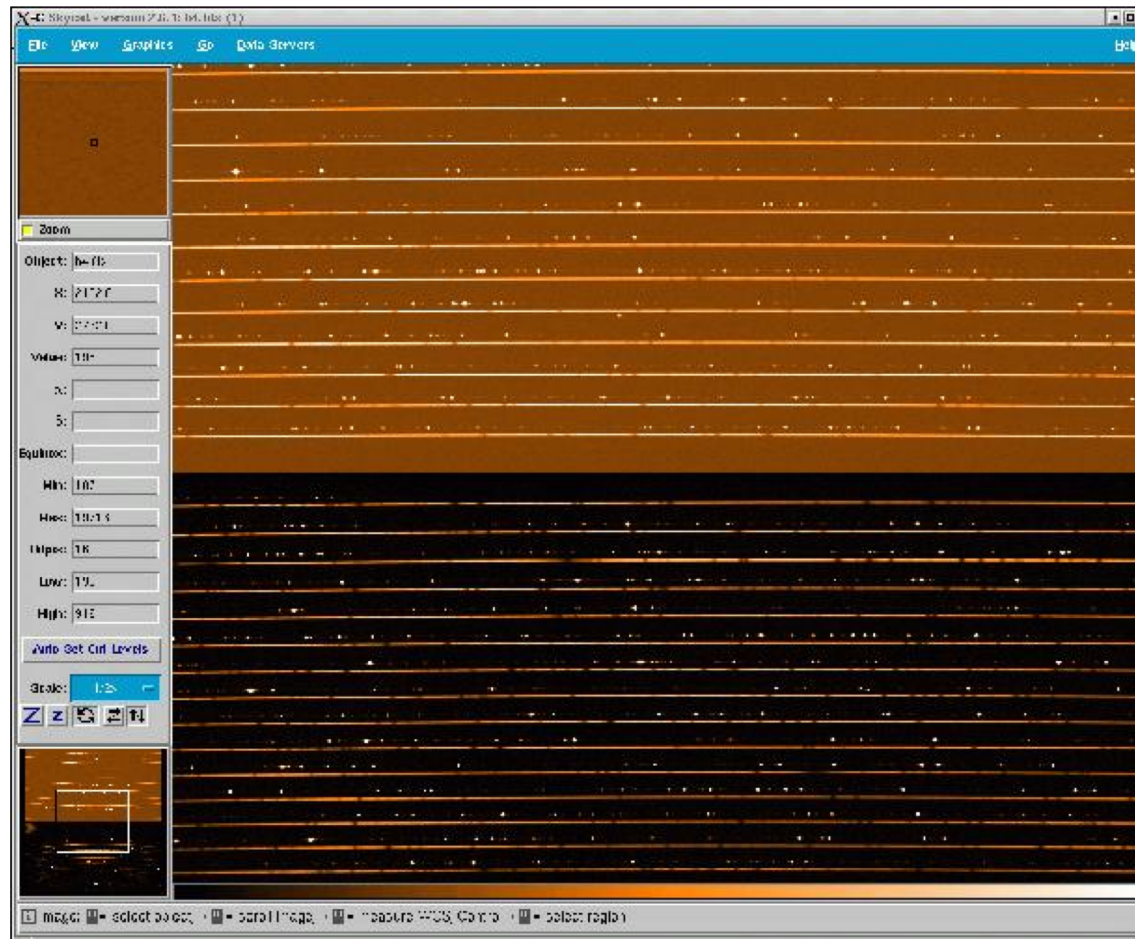


**RV measurement by full modeling of the combined star + I₂ spectrum.
Calibration in λ and RV measurement in the same step**

The radial velocity method

Calibration in λ : the simultaneous Thorium-Argon technique

Thr-Ar lamp sends light to the telescope focus, and it is then transmitted to the spectrograph through a different fiber than the scientific one.



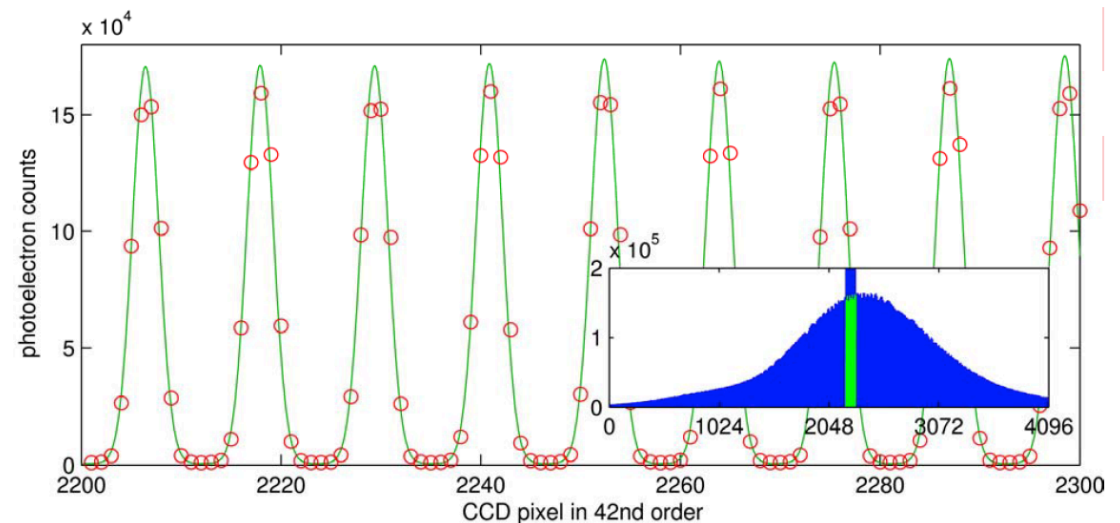
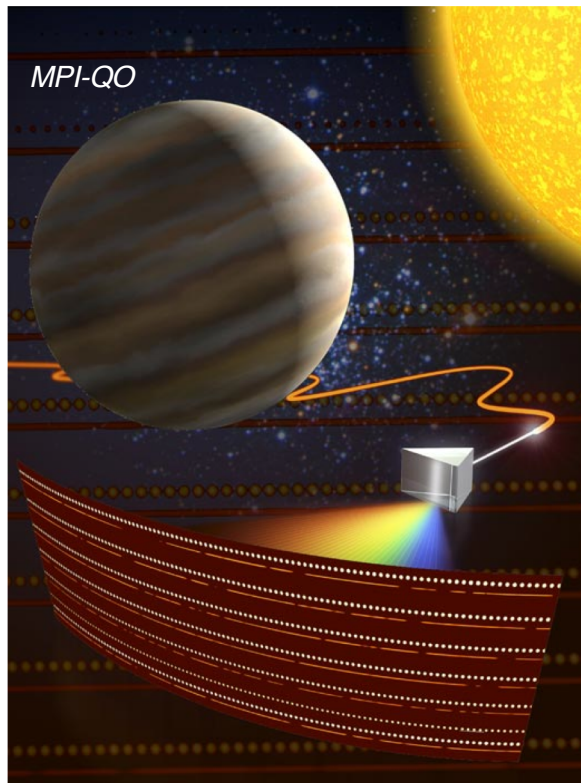
The spectrum is calibrated in wavelength, then the RV is measured by cross-correlation

The radial velocity method

Calibration in λ : the Laser Frequency Comb technique

Laser whose spectrum is a « comb » of lines regularly spaced within a range of λ . The laser's periodic modulations are set by an atomic clock to reach the highest accuracy on the frequencies. In RV, accuracies $< 1\text{cm/s}$ can be achieved.

Current problems: lines are too close (Fabry-Perrot), λ -range too small.



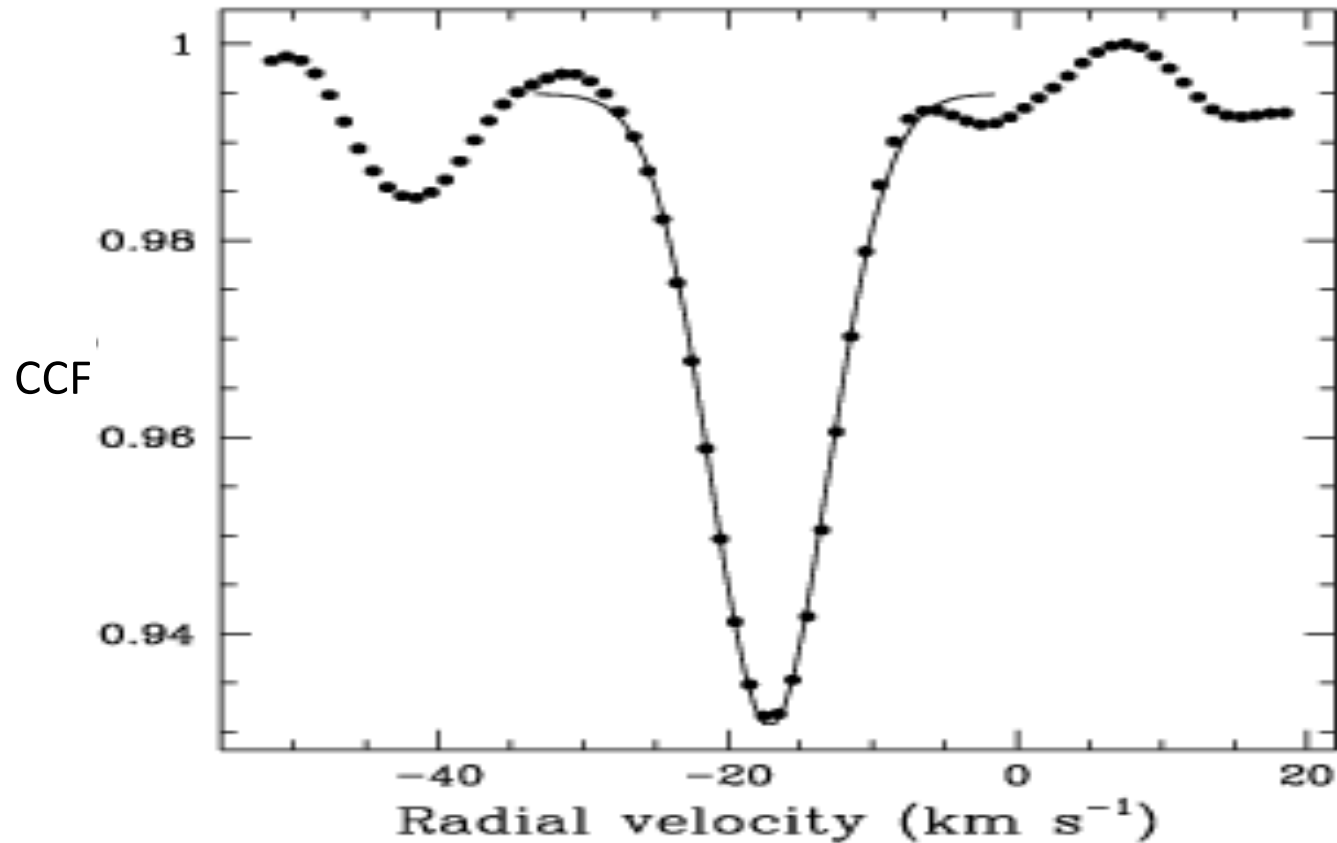
Wilken et al. 2010

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The radial velocity method

The cross-correlation function = CCF

$$(s * t)(\delta) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s(\lambda)t(\lambda + \delta)d\lambda$$

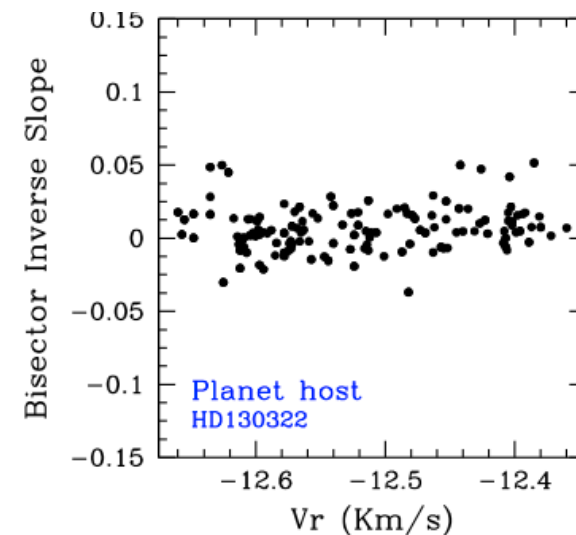
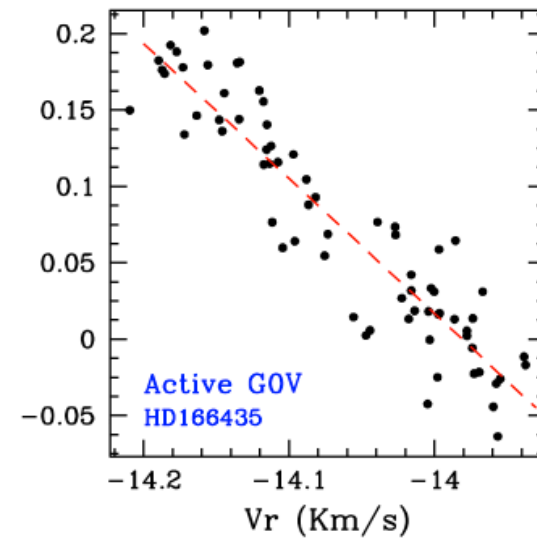
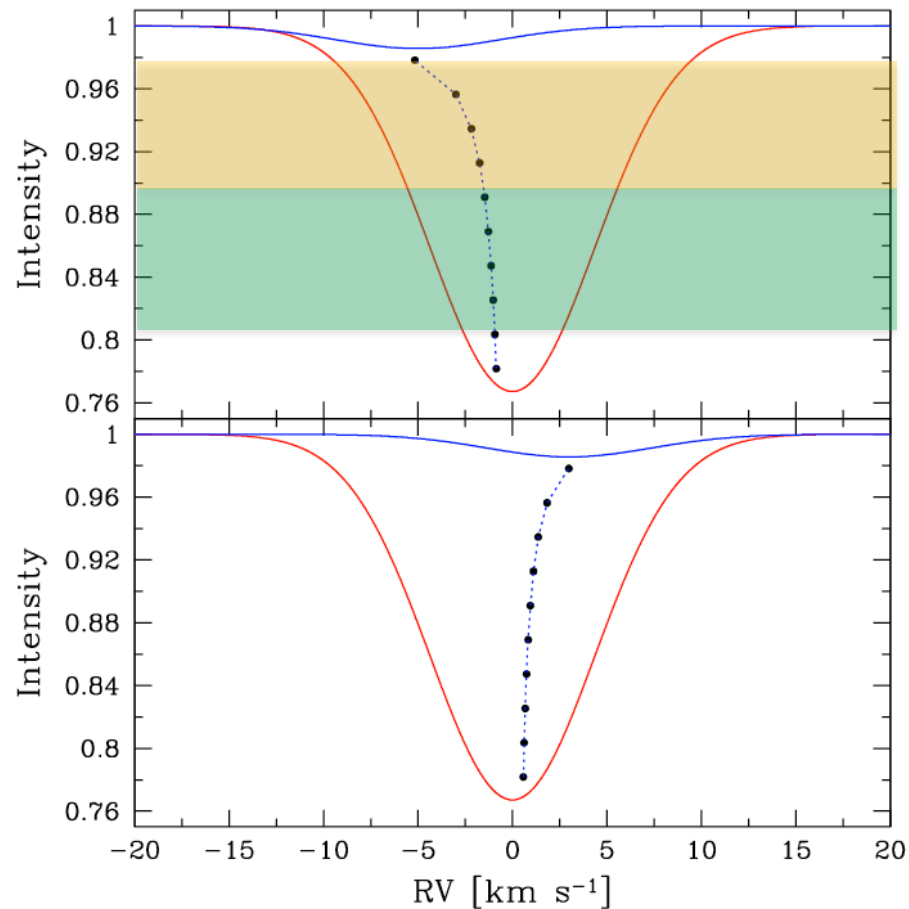


Correlation of the spectrum with a standard, and measurement of the radial velocity by fitting a Gaussian profile on the obtained CCF

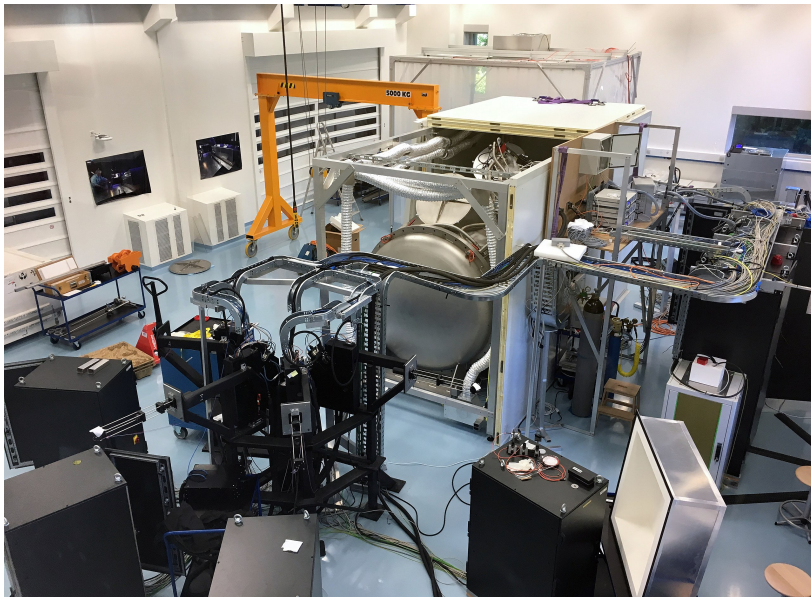
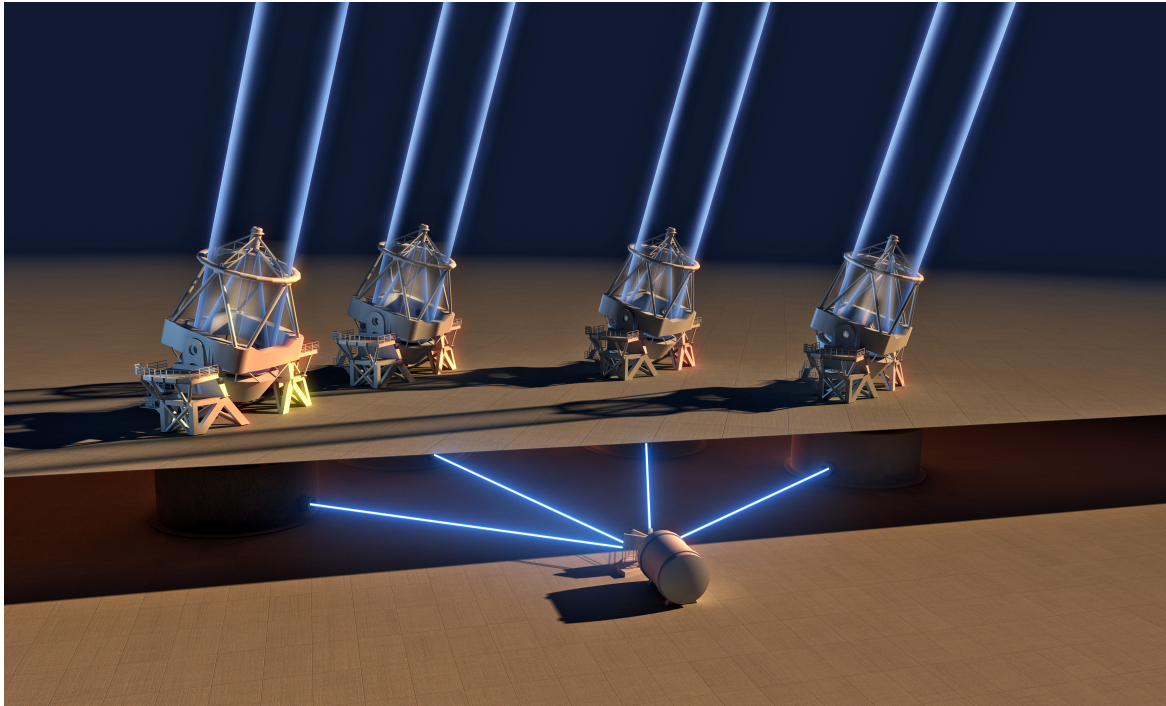
The radial velocity method

The CCF bisector as a mean to identify « false planets »

Comparing the average velocity in the ranges 10-40% et 55-90% of the maximum contrast



The radial velocity method: the state-of-the-art



Up to 4x8.m telescopes at ESO Paranal,
Chile

Echelle spectrograph

R up to 190,000

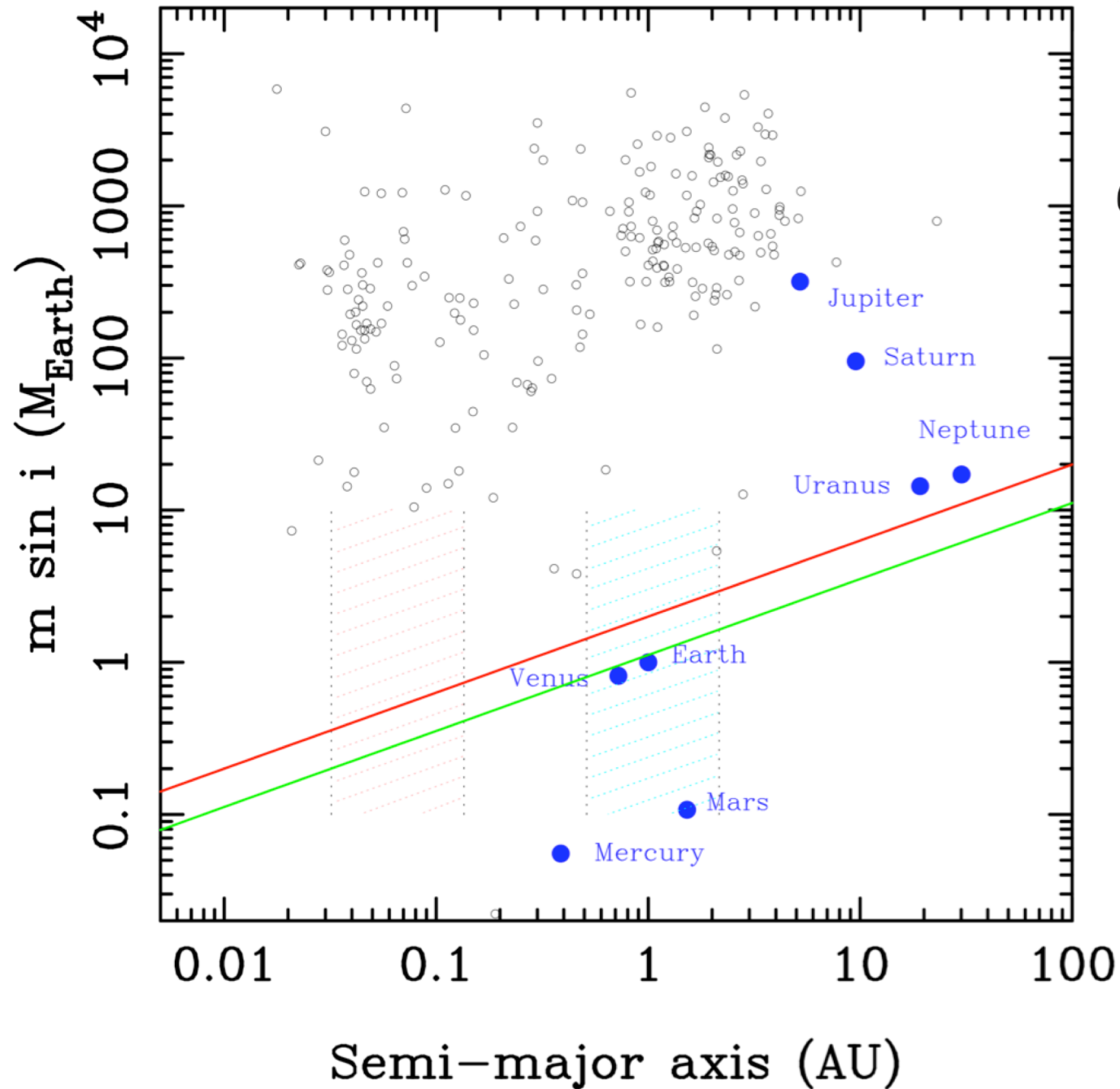
380-788nm

Thorium-Argon + Laser-Comb

Extreme instrumental stability

RV stability <10 cm/s

The radial velocity method: the state-of-the-art



Radial velocities: results

1988 : first exoplanet: γ Cep b (Campbell et al.), confirmed only in 2002

1989 : first brown dwarf (or exoplanet?): HD114762b (Latham et al.)

1995: first confirmed exoplanet around a main-sequence star: 51 Peg b (Mayor & Queloz)
Discovery of hot Jupiters

1997: first multiple exoplanetary system: Upsilon Andromedae (Butler et al.)

2000: HD209458b, first transiting planet (Mazeh et al., Charbonneau et al.)

2004: first « Neptune » and « Super-Earth » (Butler et al., Mc Arthur et al.)

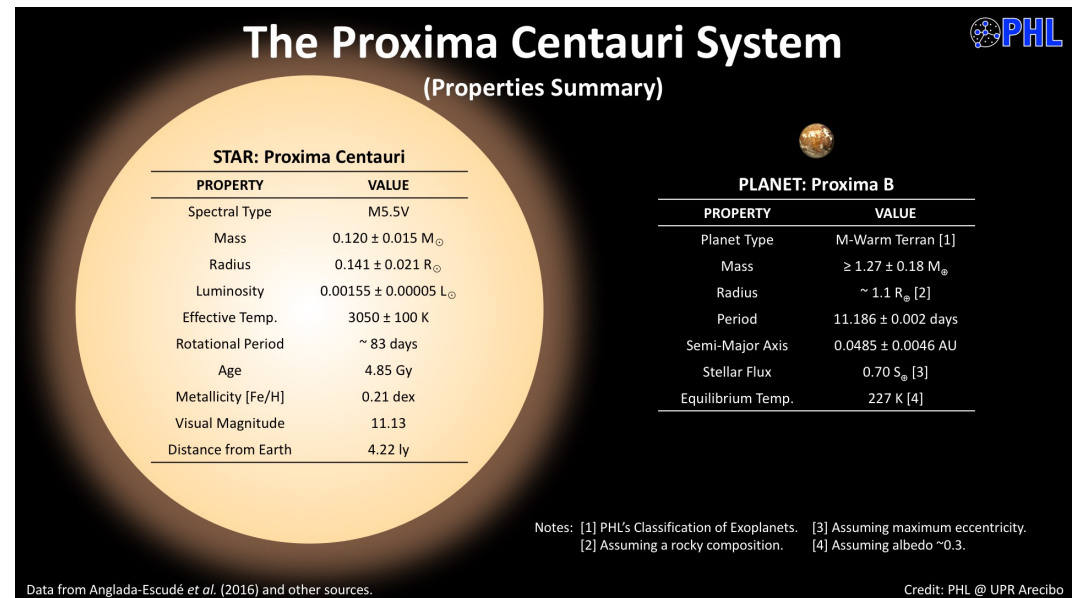
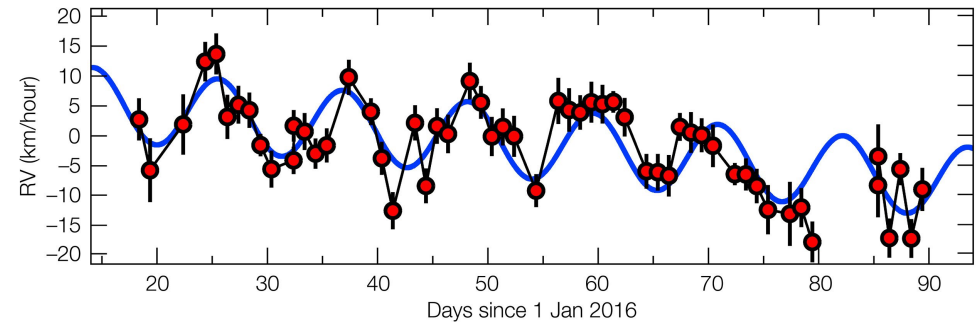
2006: first multiple Neptunes system (Lovis et al.)

2007: first super-Earth in the habitable zone, first multiple super-Earths system (Udry et al.)

~~2013: Earth-mass planet around Alpha Cen B! (Dumusque et al) $K=50\text{cm/s!}$~~

2015 (Rajpaul et al.)

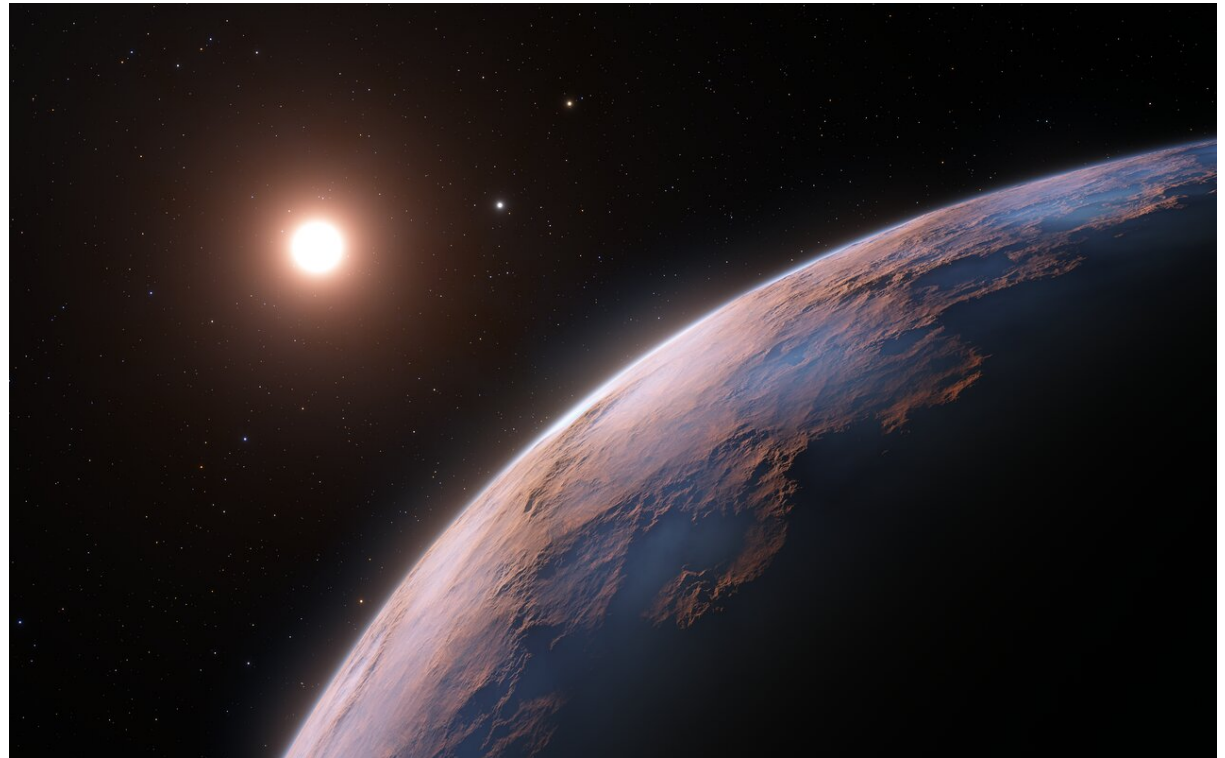
Radial velocities: results



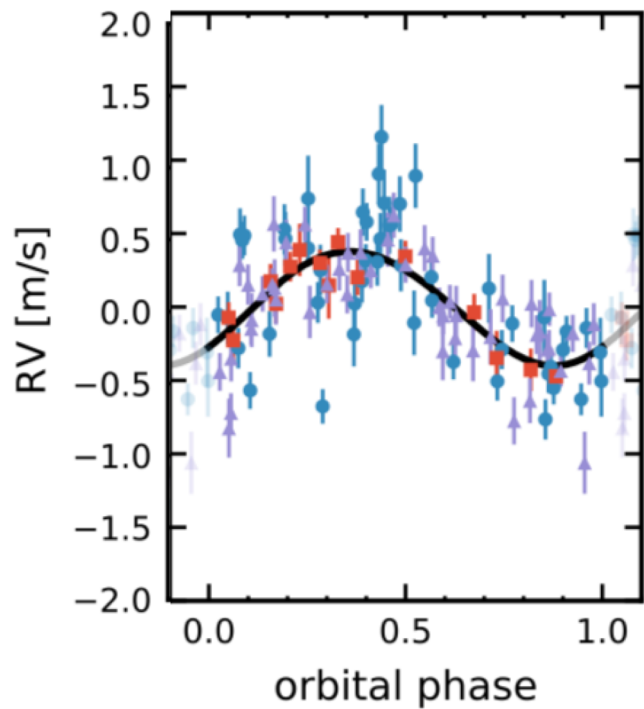
Anglada-Escudé et al. (2016)

Radial velocities: results

Proxima Centauri d - $K = 39 \pm 7$ cm/s - $M_{\text{sin}i} = 0.26 \pm 0.5 M_{\text{Earth}}$

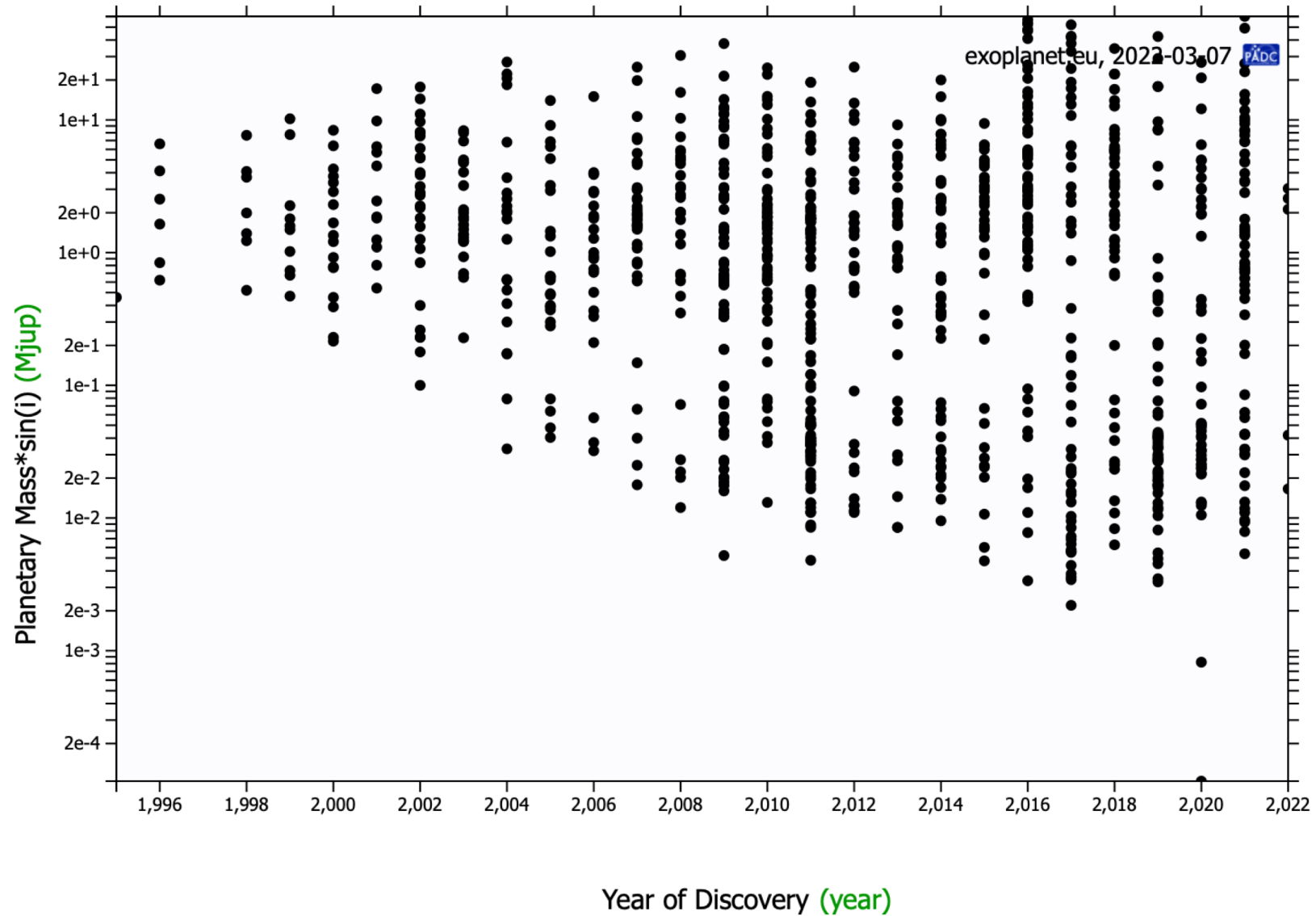


Faria et al. (2016)



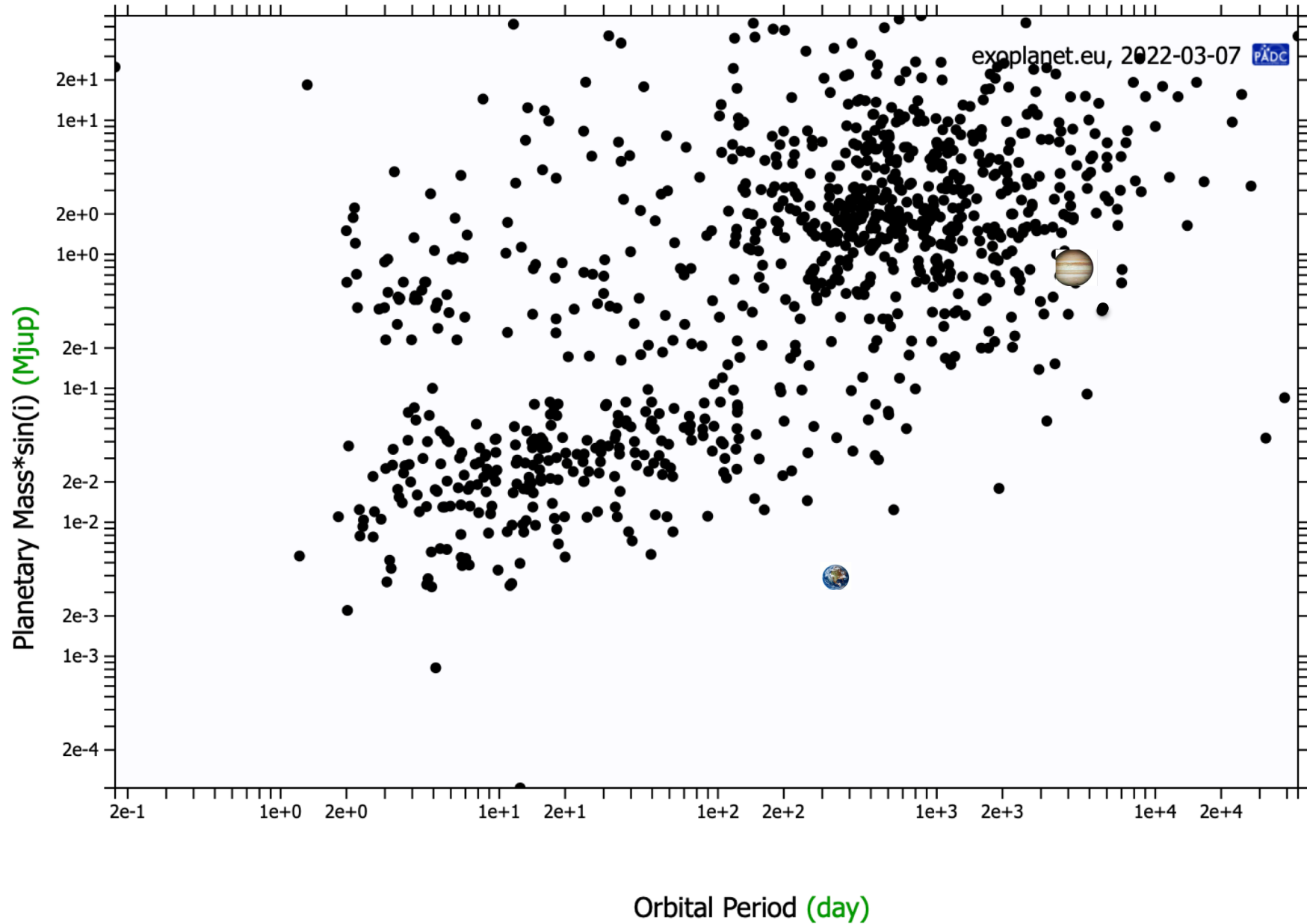
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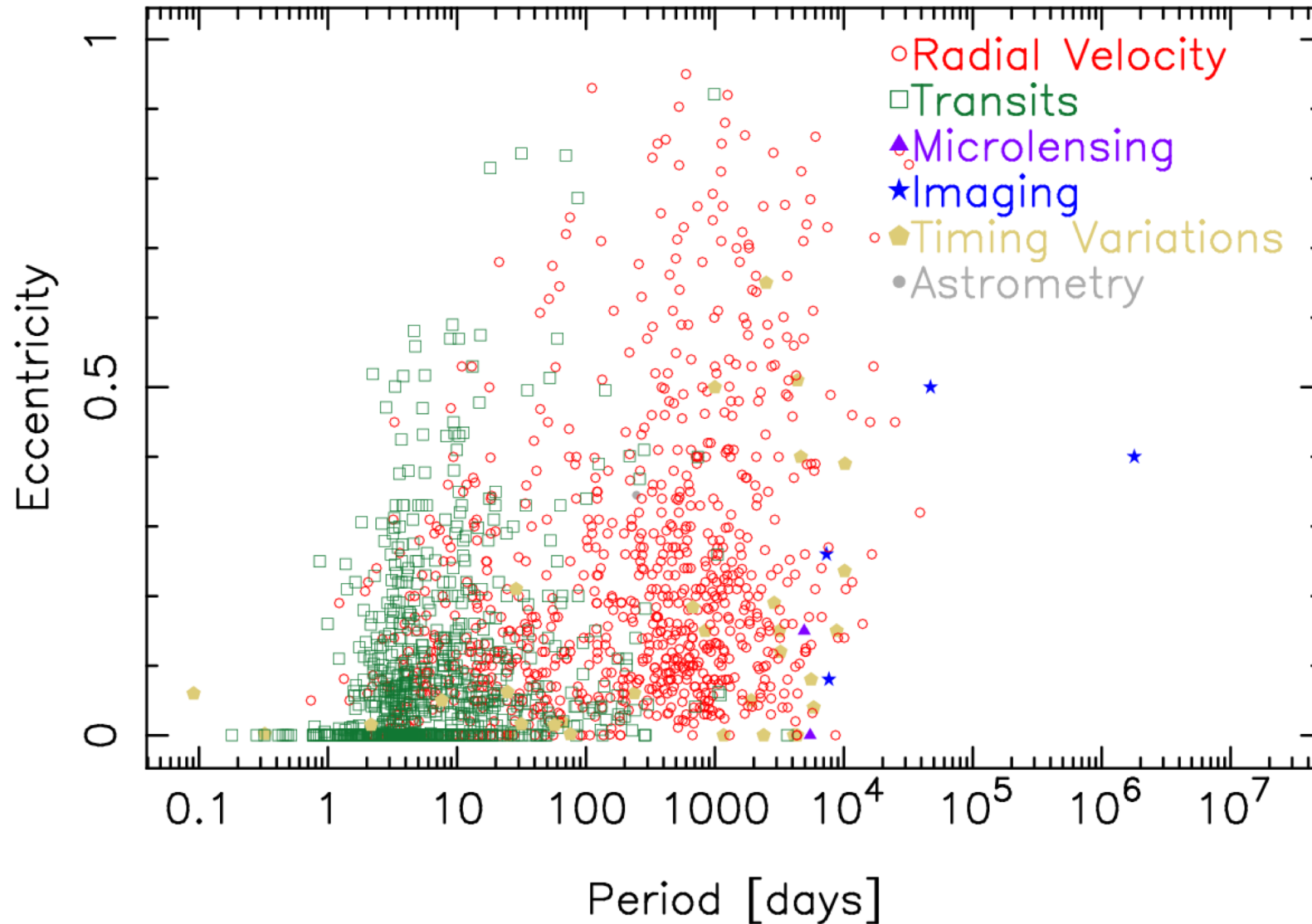


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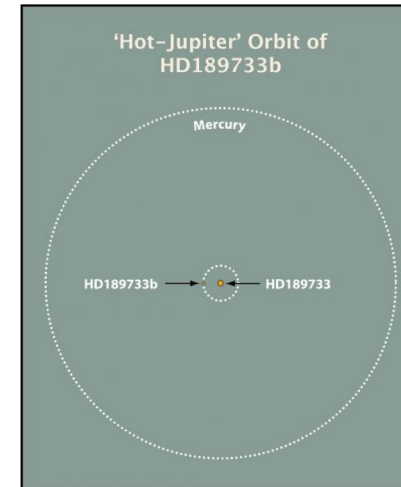
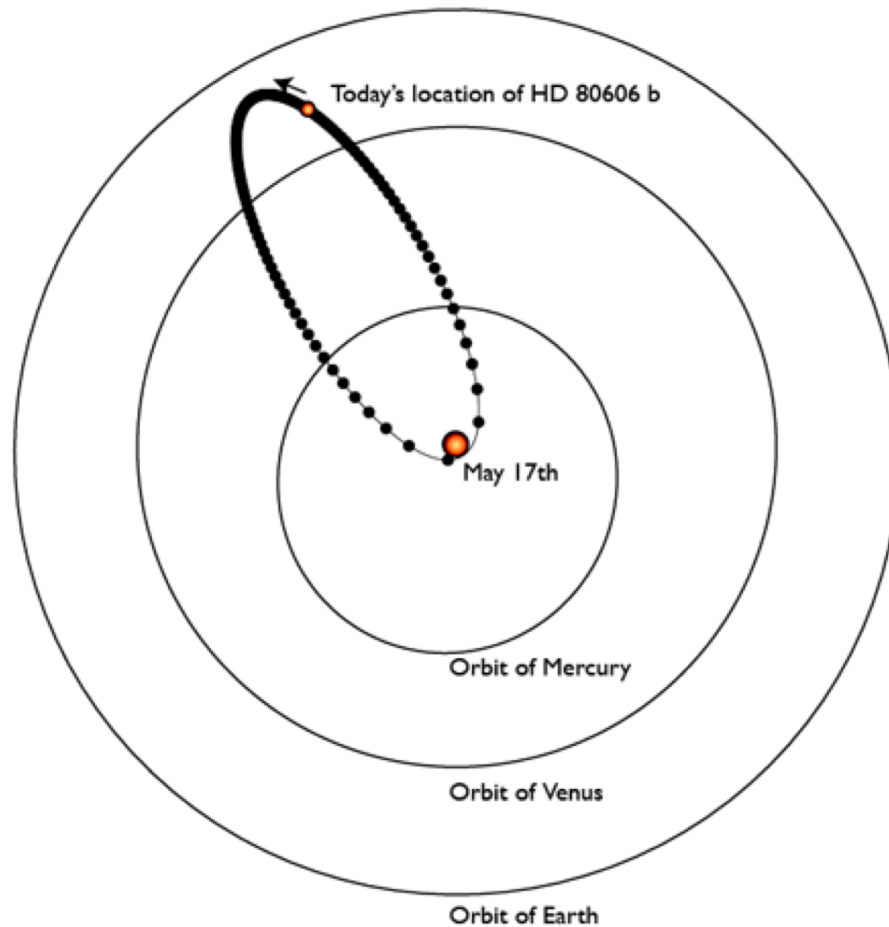
Eccentricity – Period Distribution

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Radial velocities: results

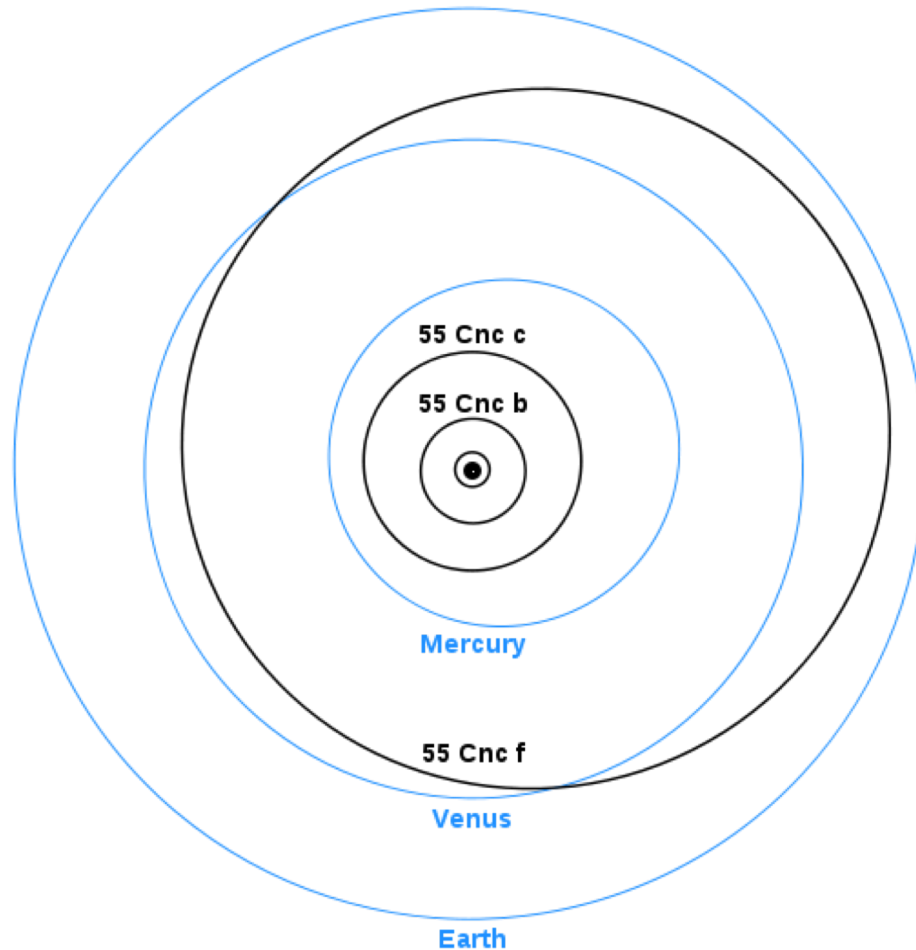


Giant planets in orbits shorter than Jupiter's: eccentric and warm/hot Jupiters
A few % of solar-type stars

Eccentric warm Jupiters: planet-planet scattering and/or Kozai resonance followed by tidal migration?

Radial velocities: results

Systems of short-period giant planets in or close to orbital resonances



55 Cnc e: $8 M_{\text{Earth}}$, $P = 19\text{h}$

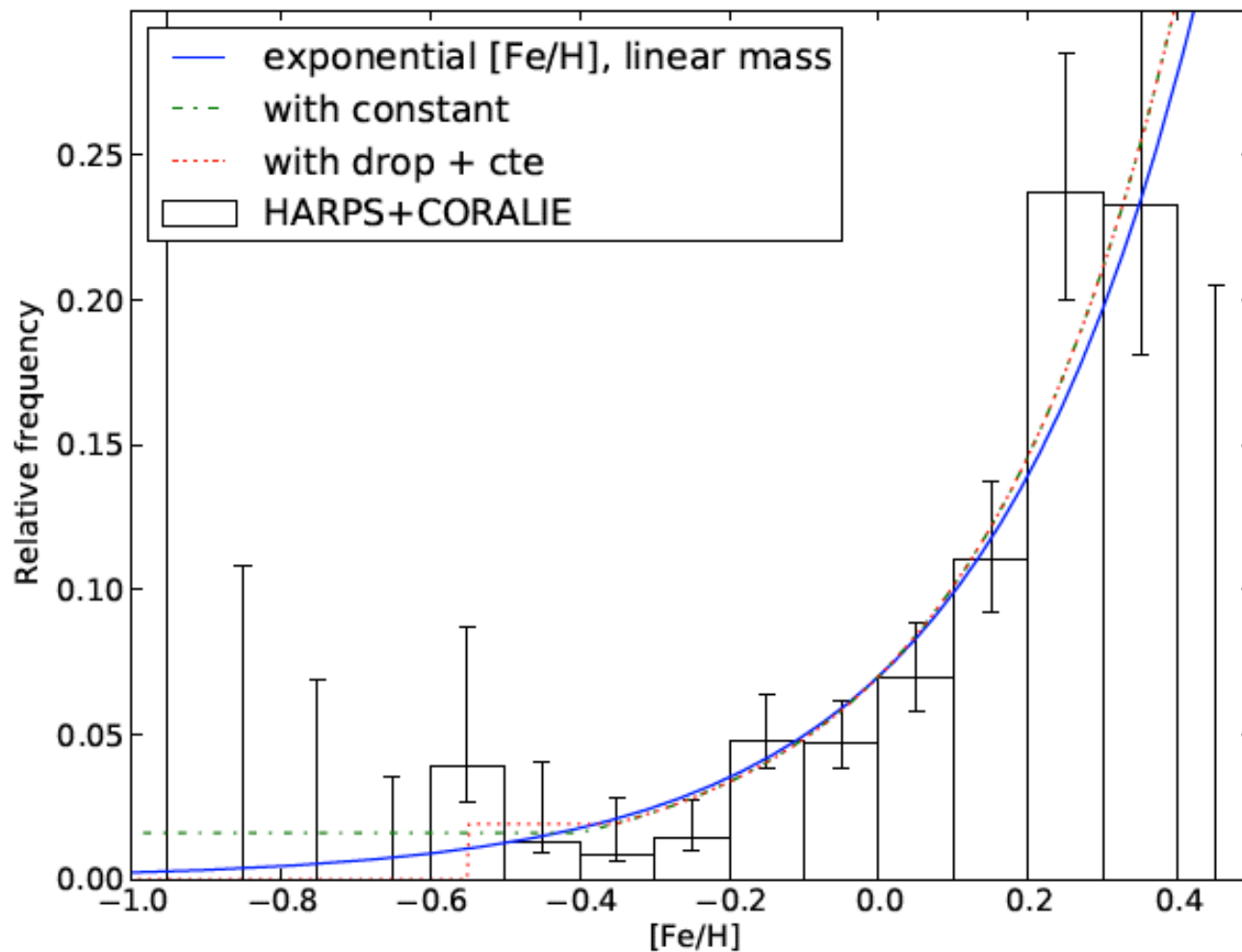
55 Cnc b: $0.8 M_{\text{J}}$, $P = 15\text{ days}$

55 Cnc c: $0.2 M_{\text{J}}$, $P = 45\text{ days}$

55 Cnc f: $0.15 M_{\text{J}}$, $P = 260\text{ days}$

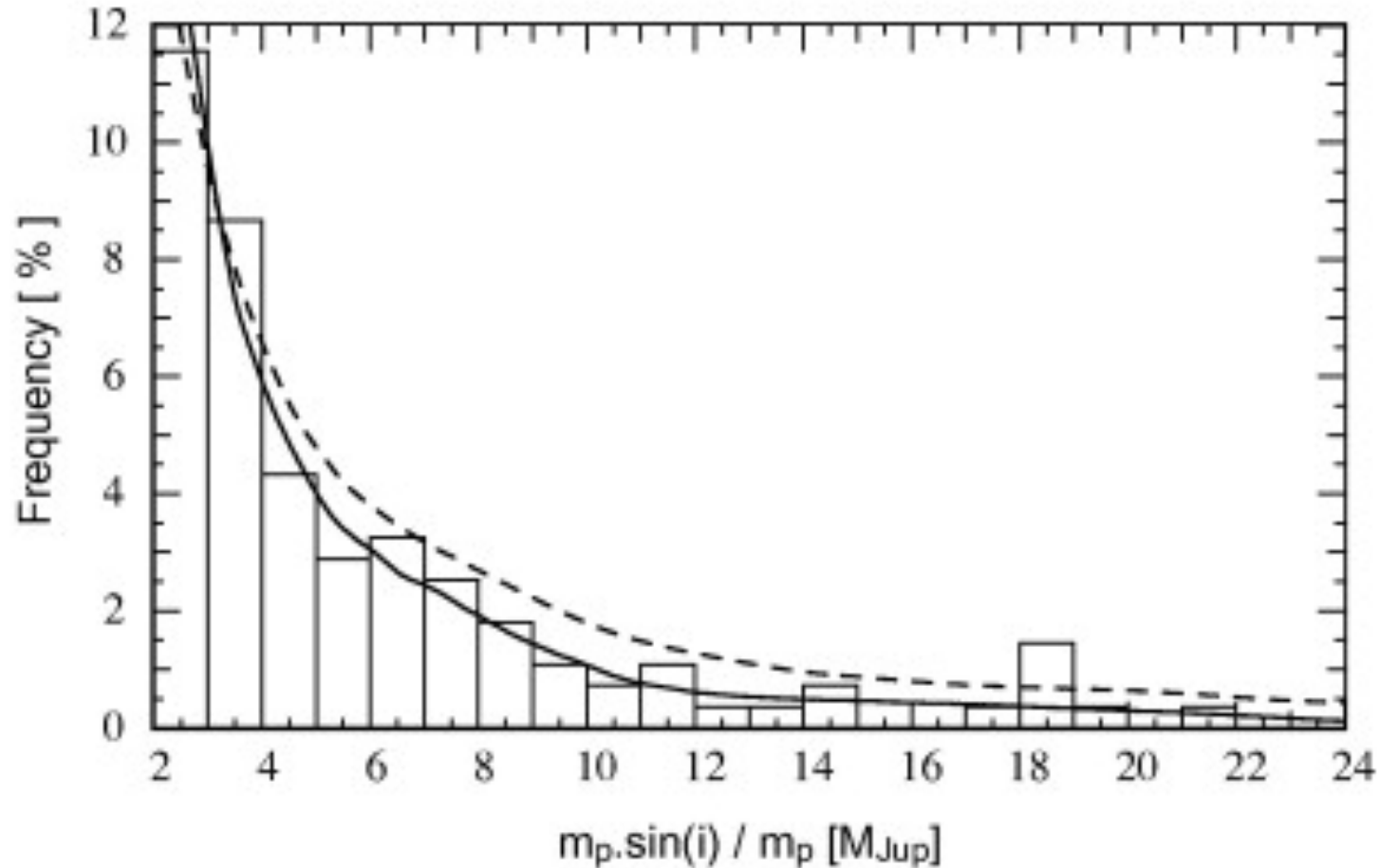
Proofs of disk-driven migration?

Radial velocities: results



The frequency of giant planets increases with the metallicity of hot stars

Radial velocities: results



The frequency of planets decreases for bigger masses

Radial velocities: results

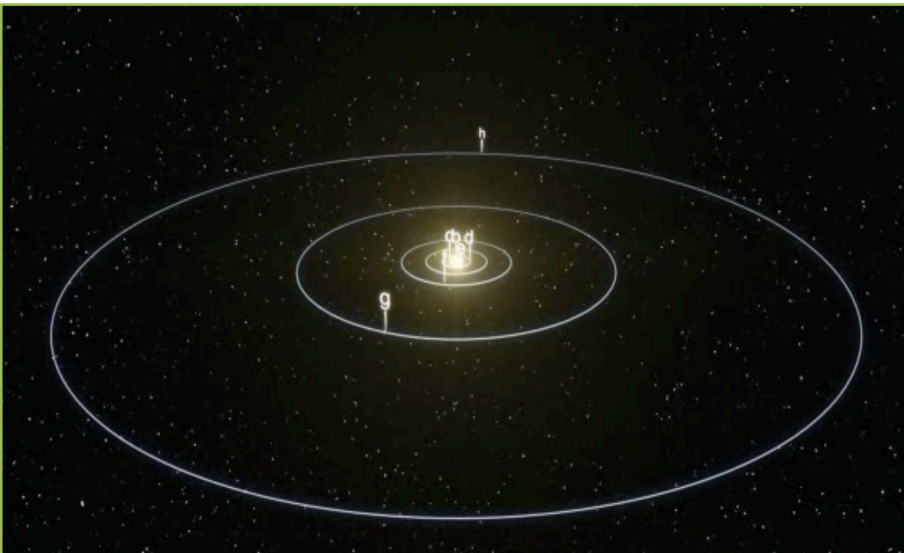


HD10180

Solar-type star

7 planets

- HD10180b, $\geq 1.4 M_{\text{Earth}}$, $P = 1.2$ days
- HD10180c, $\geq 0.75 M_{\text{Neptune}}$, $P = 5.8$ days
- HD10180d, $\geq 0.7 M_{\text{Neptune}}$, $P = 16$ days
- HD10180e, $\geq 1.5 M_{\text{Neptune}}$, $P = 50$ days
- HD10180f, $\geq 1.4 M_{\text{Neptune}}$, $P = 123$ days
- HD10180g, $\geq 1.2 M_{\text{Neptune}}$, $P = 1.6$ years
- HD10180h, $\geq 0.7 M_{\text{Saturne}}$, $P = 6$ years



**Multiplanetary system with
short-period super-Earths
and Neptunes**

Radial velocities: results

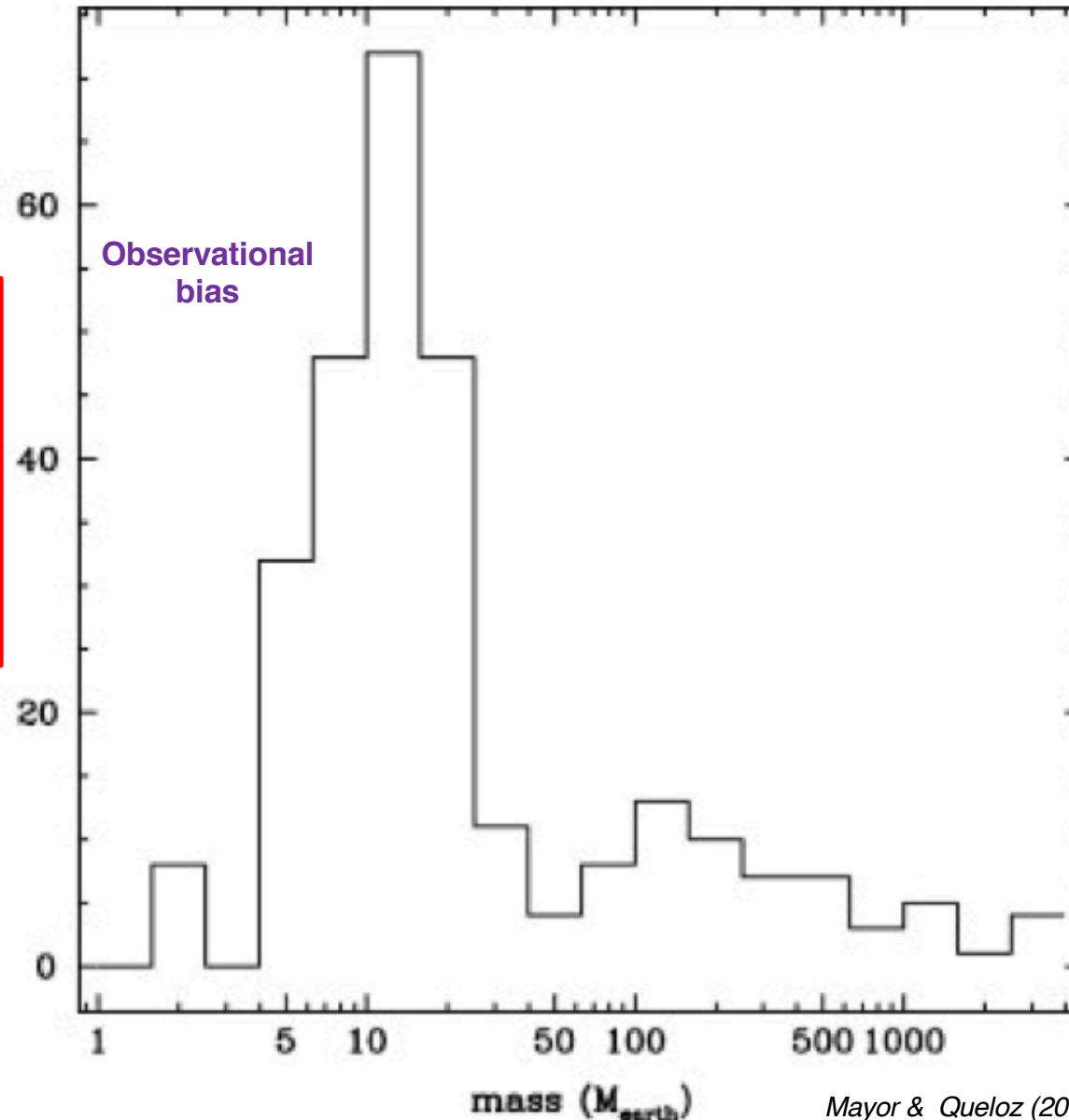
$P < 100$ days

Population distinct of hot Jupiters

30-50% of solar-type stars have one or several planets of a few M_{Earth} in short-period orbits (Mercury's or shorter)

No metallicity effect

>70% = multiple systems



Mayor & Queloz (2012)

Radial velocities: results



Jupiter-Analog Upper Limits from the AAPS Sample

| Velocity Amplitude (m s^{-1}) | Upper Limit percent | | |
|---|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | e=0.0 | e=0.1 | e=0.2 |
| $K > 50$ | 11.6 ± 1.1 | 12.3 ± 1.4 | 14.6 ± 1.5 |
| $K > 40$ | 12.6 ± 1.1 | 13.6 ± 1.4 | 16.2 ± 1.5 |
| $K > 30$ | 14.4 ± 1.2 | 15.4 ± 1.4 | 18.6 ± 1.5 |
| $K > 20$ | 18.6 ± 1.1 | 20.7 ± 1.5 | 23.8 ± 1.6 |
| $K > 10$ | 37.2 ± 1.1 | 44.8 ± 1.4 | 48.8 ± 1.5 |

Wittenmeyer et al. (2011)



Jupiter analog:

Now estimated to be less than
5% of solar-type stars!

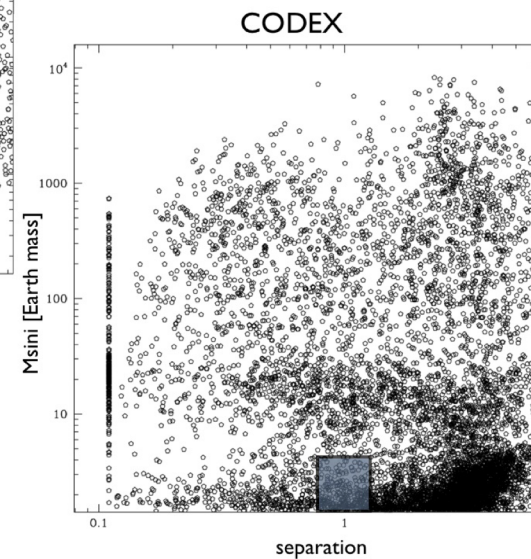
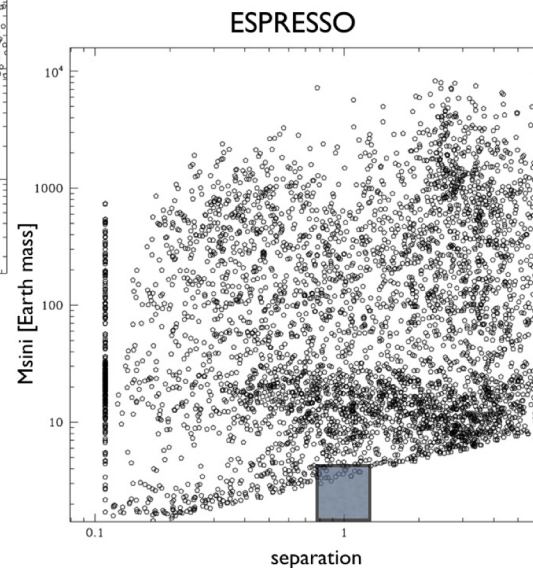
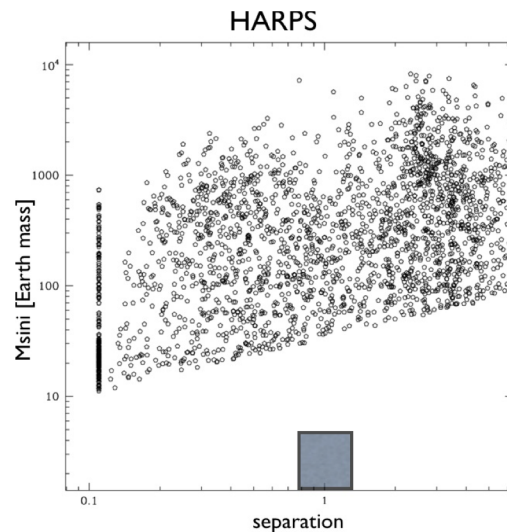
Rowan et al. (2016)

Radial velocities: the future

ESPRESSO@VLT: 1 to 4 telescopes of 8.2m
precision ~ 10 cm/s for bright solar-type stars



HIRES@E-ELT: telescope of 39m
precision of 2 cm/s for bright solar-type stars



Radial velocities: the future

IR spectrographs to search for small planets around ultra-cool stars, e.g.

Carmenes @ Calar Alto, 3.5m telescope
precision of 1 m/s for ~300 ultra-cool stars (>M4)



SPIROU @ CFHT 3.6m telescope
precision of 1 m/s for ultra-cool stars



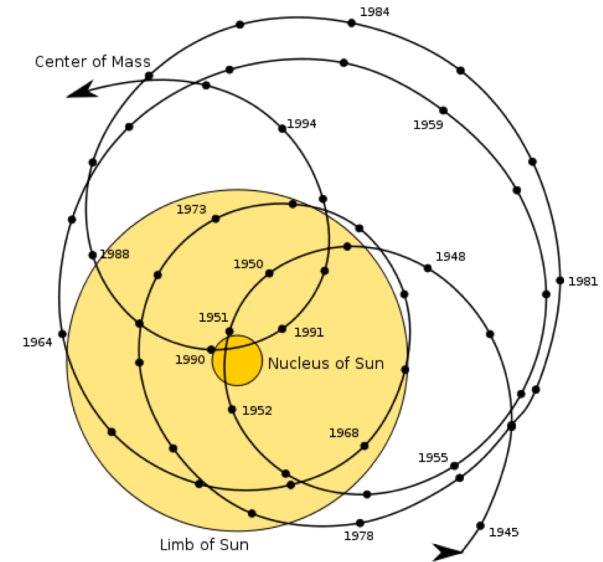
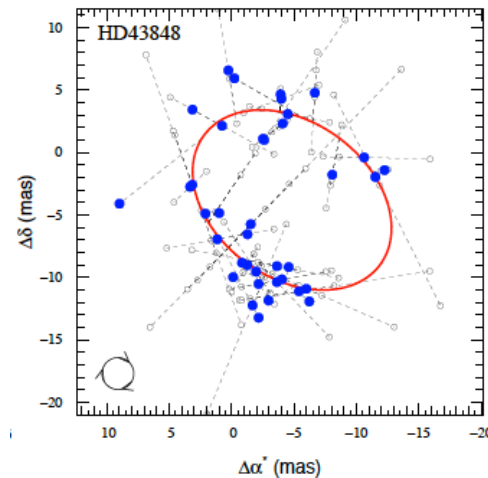
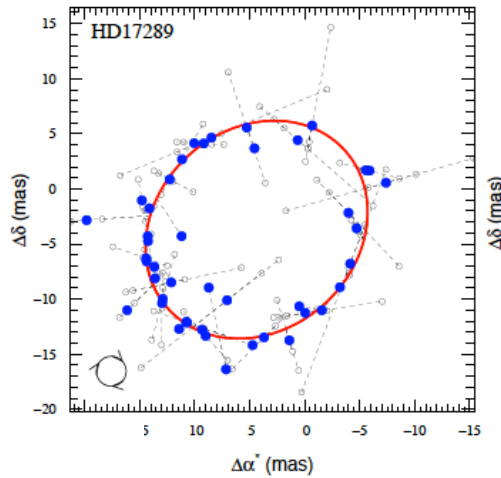
Habitable Zone planet Finder (HPF) @ Hobby-Eberly 10m telescope
precision <1 m/s for ultra-cool stars

Etc...



The astrometric method

Motion of the star in the plane of the sky (circular orbit)



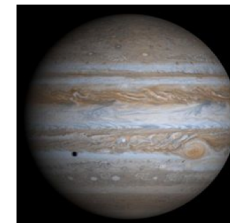
$$\theta = \frac{a m_p}{d m_*} = \left(\frac{G}{4\pi^2} \right)^{1/3} \frac{m_p}{m_*^{2/3}} \frac{P^{2/3}}{d}$$

$$\theta = 5 \text{ mas} \frac{m_p}{M_J} \left(\frac{m_*}{M_{sun}} \right)^{-2/3} \left(\frac{P}{11.8 \text{ yr}} \right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{d}{\text{pc}} \right)^{-1}$$

Jupiter

$$\theta = 3 \mu\text{as} \frac{m_p}{M_{\oplus}} \left(\frac{m_*}{M_{sun}} \right)^{-2/3} \left(\frac{P}{1 \text{ yr}} \right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{d}{\text{pc}} \right)^{-1}$$

Earth



$$m_p \ll m_*$$

The astrometric method: results

1855: **first exoplanet detected** around the binary star 70 Ophiuchi (Jacobs)

1943: detection of massive exoplanets (Strand; Reyl & Holmberg)

1963: detection of an exoplanet of $1.6 M_J$ around **Barnard's star**, the second closest stellar system (van de Kamp)

Years 1960-1980: other planets (and brown dwarfs) detected, notably by Peter van de Kamp

All these detections have been ruled out and imputed to systematic effects

Typical precision for modern CCD imagery $\sim 1-10$ mas

Decrease in $1/d$

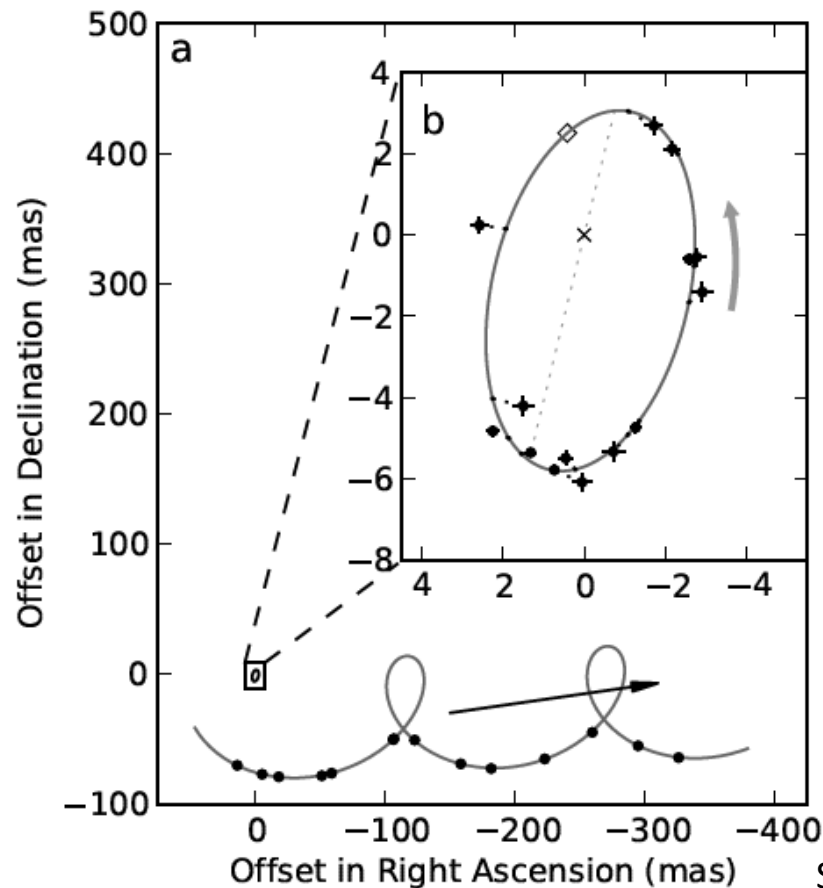
Favors long-period massive planets

The astrometric method

Ground-based CCD imagery

Main source of error = atmospheric turbulence

Solution = differential astrometry in a **small field** (a few arcmins) with a large aperture telescope. **Needs many reference stars nearby.**



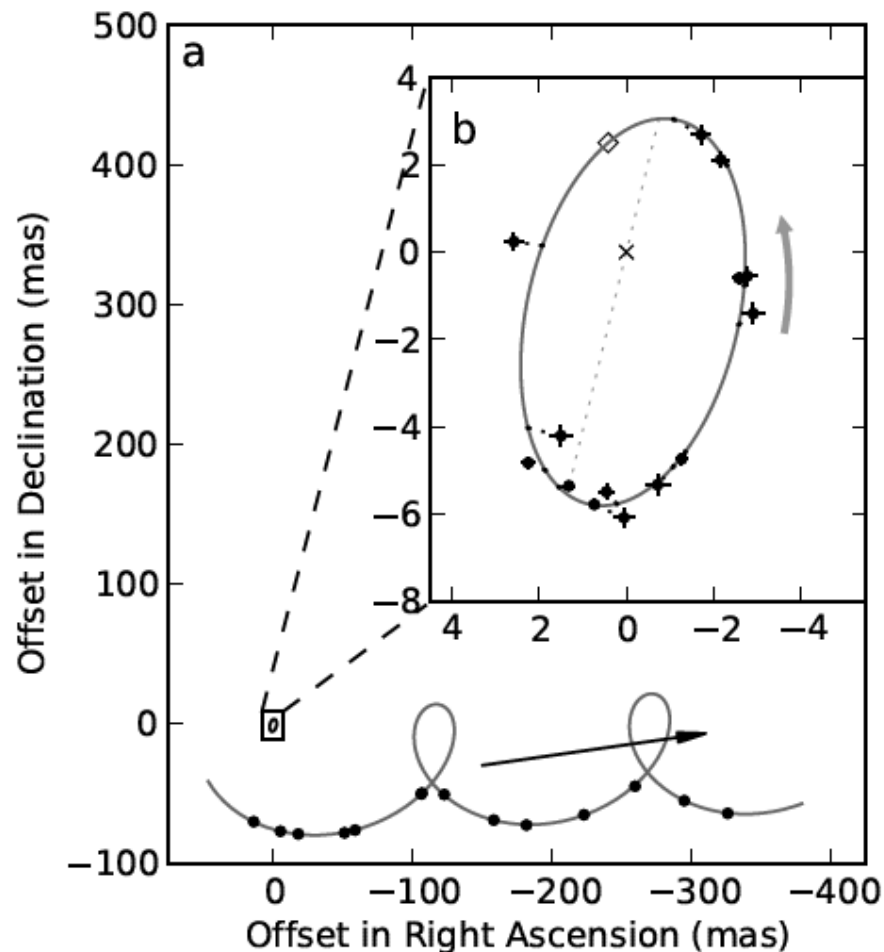
$\sigma = 0.1$ mas for a 10 min exposure with a 10m telescope

The astrometric method: results

Astrometric orbit of a low-mass companion to an ultracool dwarf★

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$P = 245$ days

$e = 0.35$

$a = 0.36$ au

$M_1 = 78.4 \pm 7.8 M_{\text{Jup}}$

$M_2 = 28.5 \pm 1.9 M_{\text{Jup}}$

A pair of brown dwarfs at 20 parsec

**Promising approach for nearby
very-low-mass stars and brown
dwarfs**

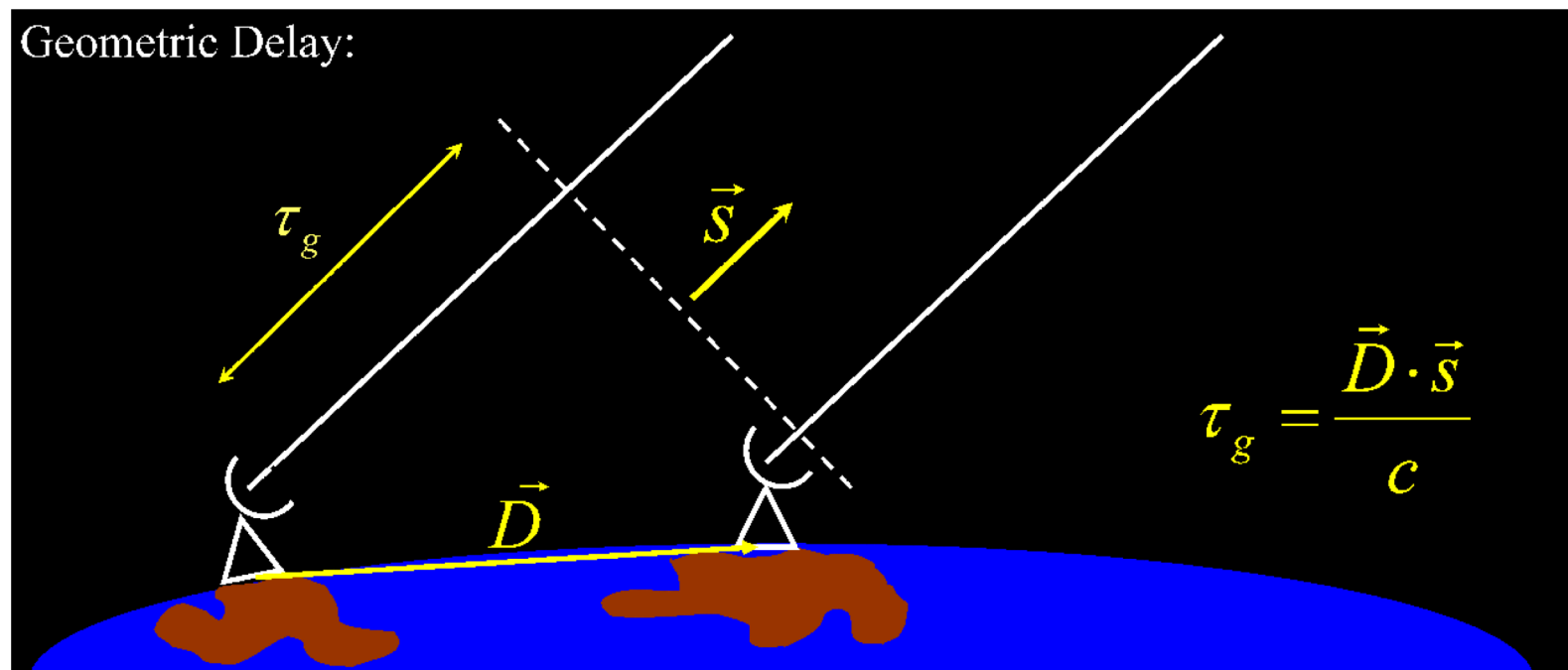
The astrometric method

Ground-based interferometry

For two stars at $> 0.5^\circ$, the differential astrometric precision with CCD ground-based astrometry does not depend any more of the size of the telescope and is fully given by the atmospheric turbulence.

Solution for « distant » stars: **Long-base interferometry**. The size of the virtual telescope is larger than the separation of the light rays at the top of the atmosphere ($\sim 100\text{m}$)

Expected precision: down to 0.01 mas (ex. VLT/PRIMA)



The astrometric method

Ground-based interferometry: very difficult

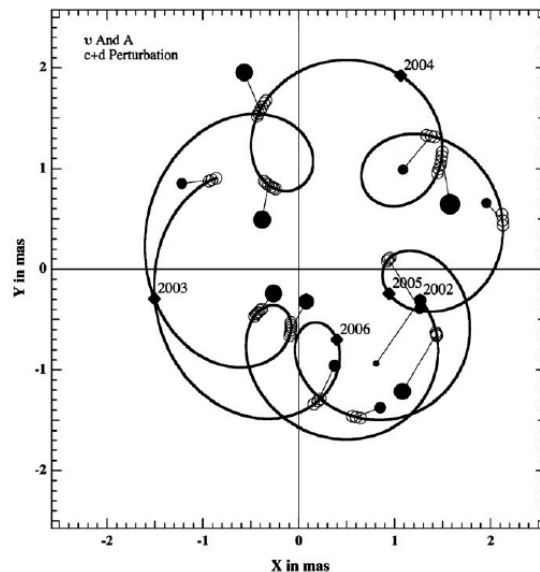


The astrometric method: results

Space: follow-up of exoplanets detected by RVs

HST Fine Guidance Sensors (interferometry) :

- **Gl 876 b (5 pc)** : $P=60\text{d}$, $M_{\text{sini}}\sim 2 M_{\text{Jup}}$ $\rightarrow M_{\text{p}}=2.6 M_{\text{Jup}}$ (Benedict et al. 2002; Bean & Seifarth 2009)
- **ϵ Eri b (3 pc)** : $P=2500\text{d}$, $M_{\text{sini}}\sim 1.2M_{\text{Jup}}$ $\rightarrow M_{\text{p}}=1.6 M_{\text{Jup}}$ (Benedict et al. 2006)
- **HD 33636 b (29 pc)** : $P=2130 \text{ d}$, $M_{\text{sini}}\sim 9 M_{\text{Jup}}$ $\rightarrow M_2=0.14 M_{\text{Sun}}$ (Bean et al. 2007)
- **u And c and d (14 pc)** : $M_{\text{c}}\text{sini}=2M_{\text{jup}}$, $P_{\text{c}}=241\text{j} + M_{\text{d}}\text{sini}=4.3 M_{\text{jup}}$, $P_{\text{d}}=1282 \rightarrow M_{\text{c}}=14 M_{\text{jup}}$, $M_{\text{d}}=10 M_{\text{jup}}$, $i_{\text{mut}}=30^\circ$ (Mac Arthur et al. 2010)

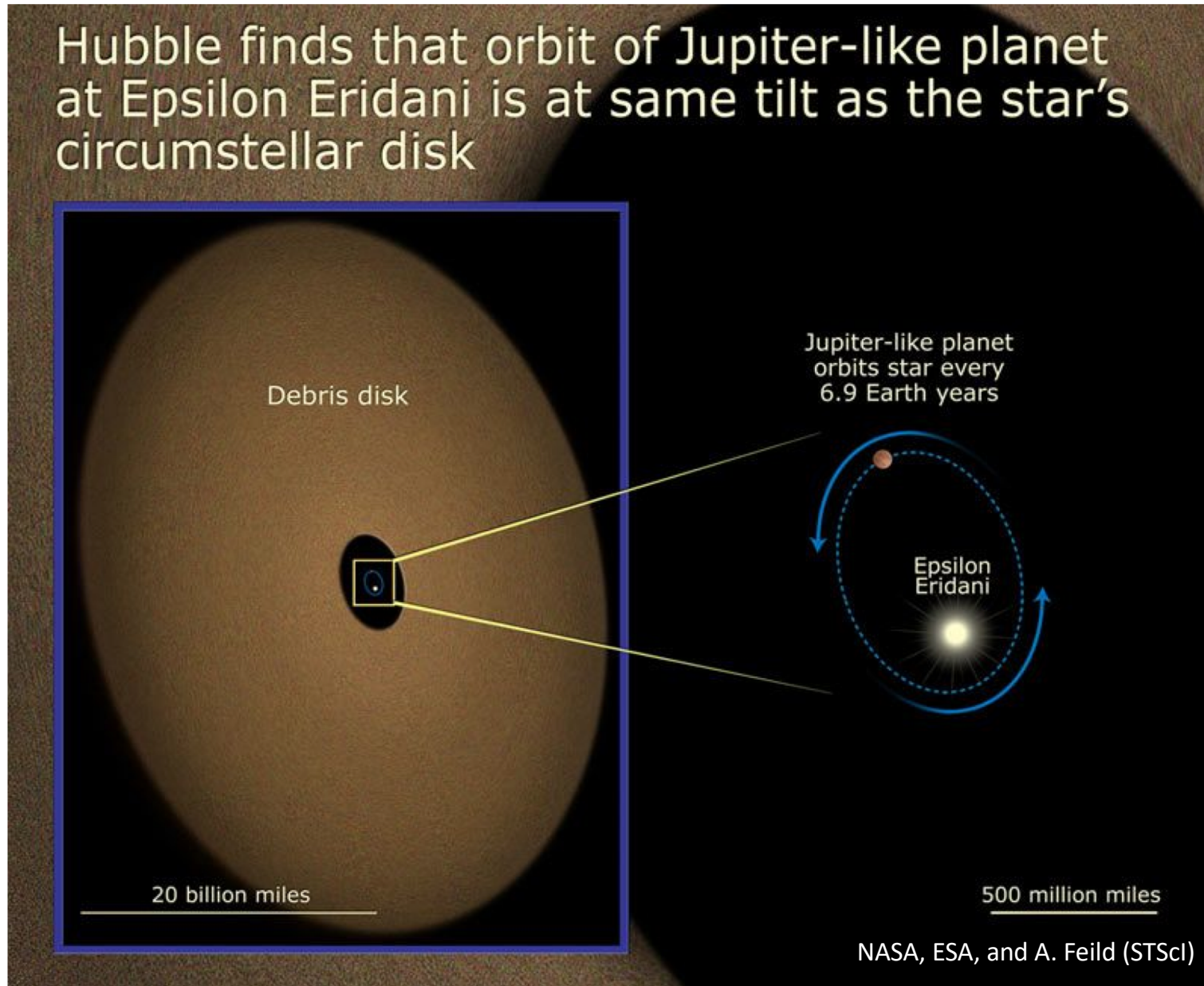


+ a few upper limit on M_2 from Hipparcos data

The astrometric method: results

Space: follow-up of exoplanets detected by RVs

Hubble finds that orbit of Jupiter-like planet at Epsilon Eridani is at same tilt as the star's circumstellar disk



The astrometric method: the future

The ESA Gaia mission

ESA mission

Launched on Dec 19th 2013

2 telescopes of 1.45m aperture

1 third telescope for spectroscopy

Orbit: Earth-Sun L2 point

Photometry + astrometry + RV for
 10^6 stars

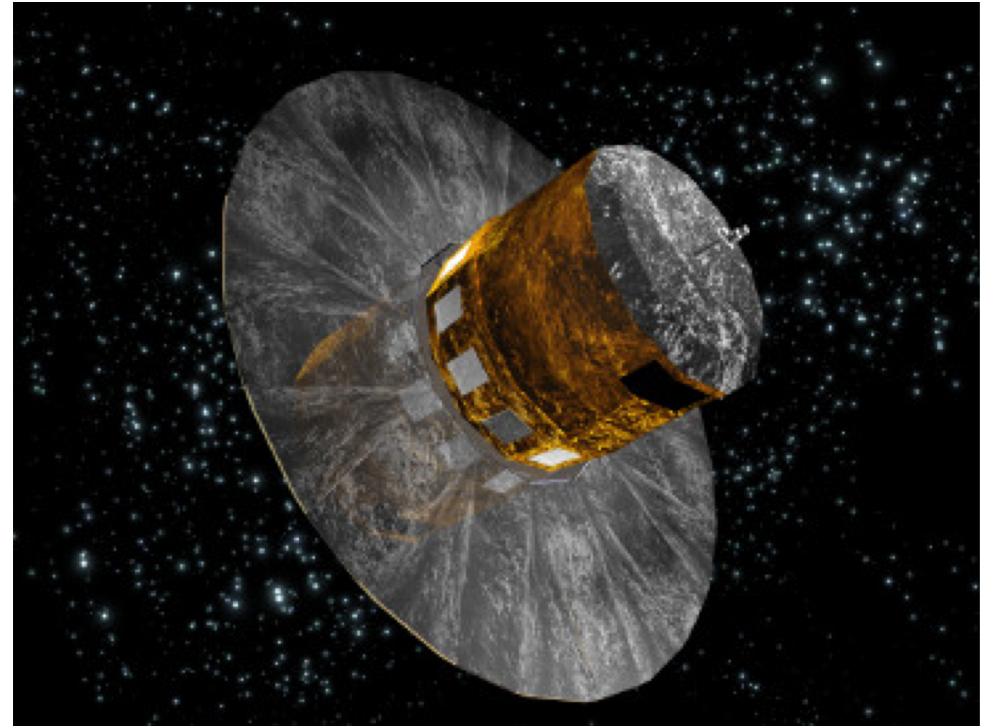
Maximum magnitude ~ 20 (or less ?)

For each star: ~70 measurements
over 5 years

Expected astrometric precisions:

20 μas @ mag 15

200 μas @ mag 20 (?)



Expected harvest: ~1000 long-period massive planets
Strong constraints on the frequency of Jupiter analogs

The timings method

Principle: delay or advance of a periodic signal due to the orbital motion of the source and the finite speed of light (*light travel time*)

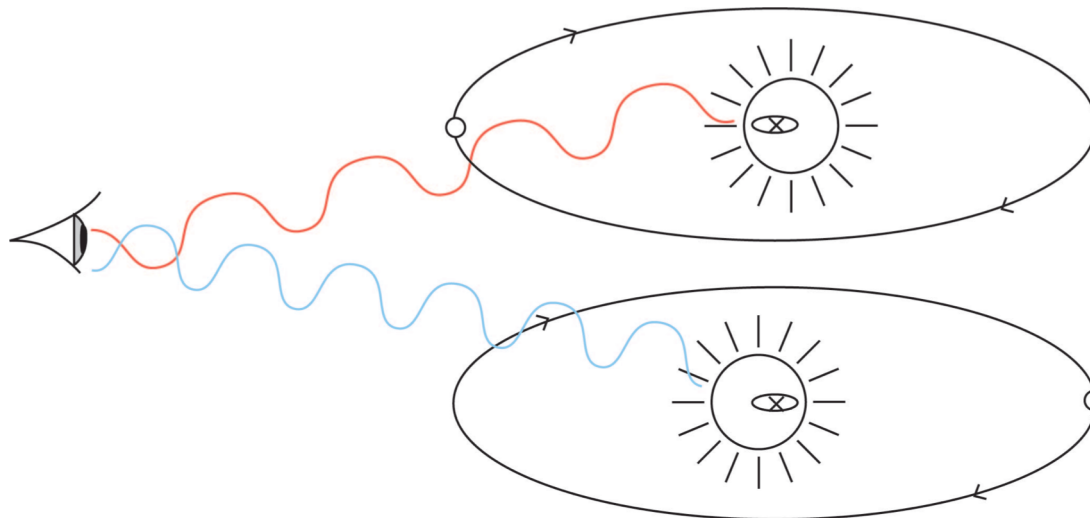
Targets = source with a very stable periodic signal:

pulsars
pulsating stars
eclipsing binaries

Amplitude :

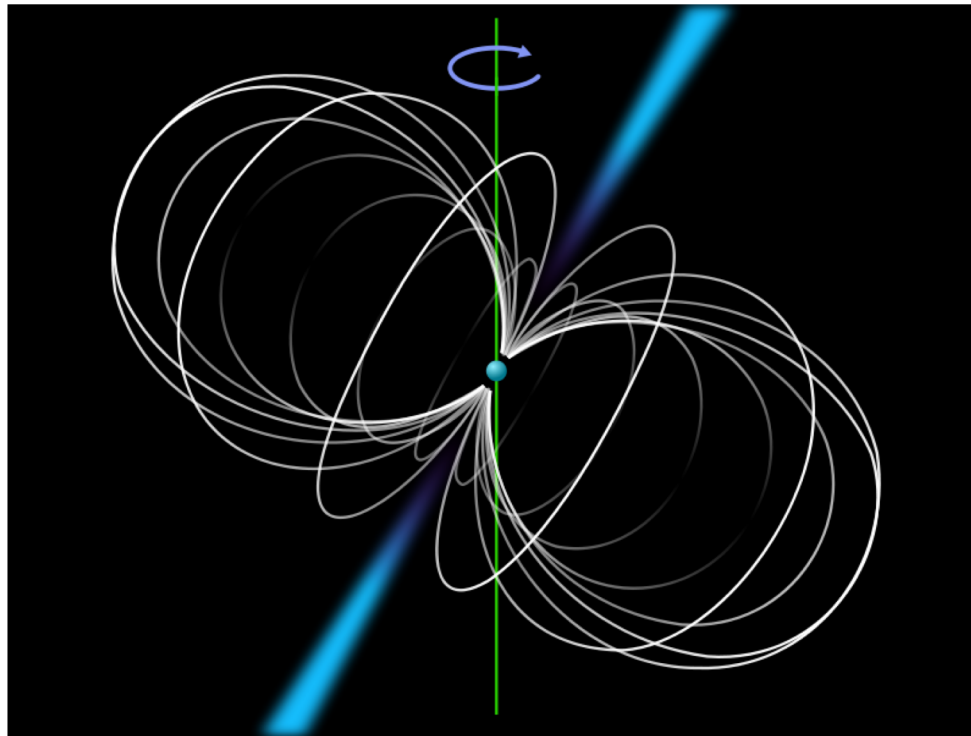
$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{c} \frac{a \times M_p \sin i}{M_*}$$

Earth + Sun = 1.5 ms
Jupiter + Sun = 2.5 s



The timings method: pulsars

Pulsar: neutron star in fast rotation and with its dipolar magnetic axis inclined with respect to its rotation axis. Radio emission beam in the direction of the magnetic axis sweeps Earth once per rotation
~1700 known pulsars



Two classes of pulsars: « regular » with $P \sim 1\text{s}$, and millisecond ($\sim 10\%$).
Millisecond pulsars: hyper-stables, and precision on the period down to μs
Precision high enough to detect a big asteroid!

The timing method: pulsars

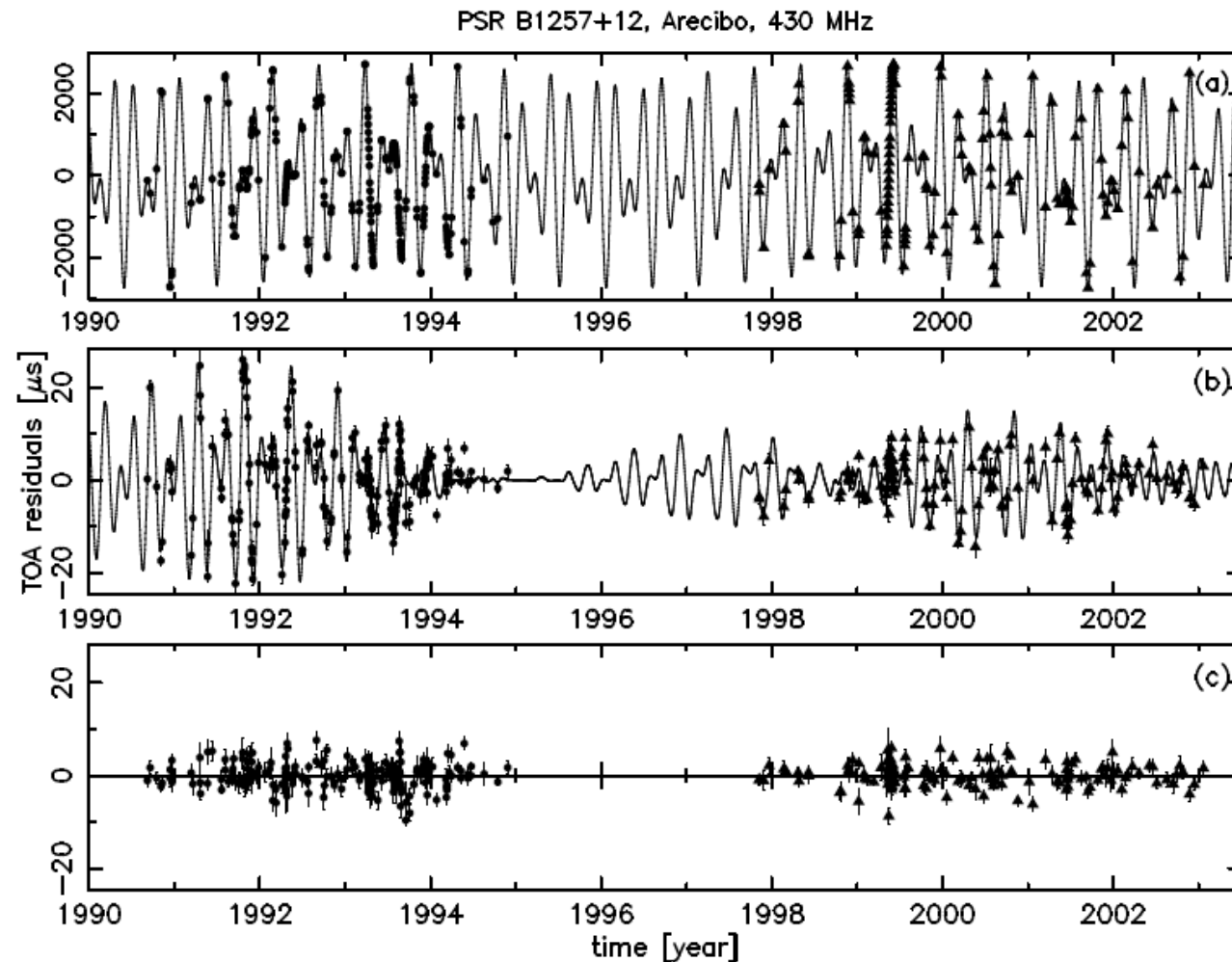
Pulsar PSR B1257+12: $d \sim 300 \text{ pc}$, $P \sim 6.2 \text{ ms}$, $M_* \sim 1.35 M_{\text{Sun}}$

1990 : Arecibo radiotelescope shows periodicity departures

1992 : announcement of 2 planets of a few M_{Earth} (Wolszczan & Frail)

1994 : 3rd planet with $M_p < 2 M_{\text{Moon}}$ (Wolszczan)

| | A | B | C |
|----------------|-------|------|------|
| $M(M_E)$ | 0.020 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| $P(\text{d})$ | 25.3 | 66.5 | 98.2 |
| $a(\text{AU})$ | 0.19 | 0.36 | 0.46 |

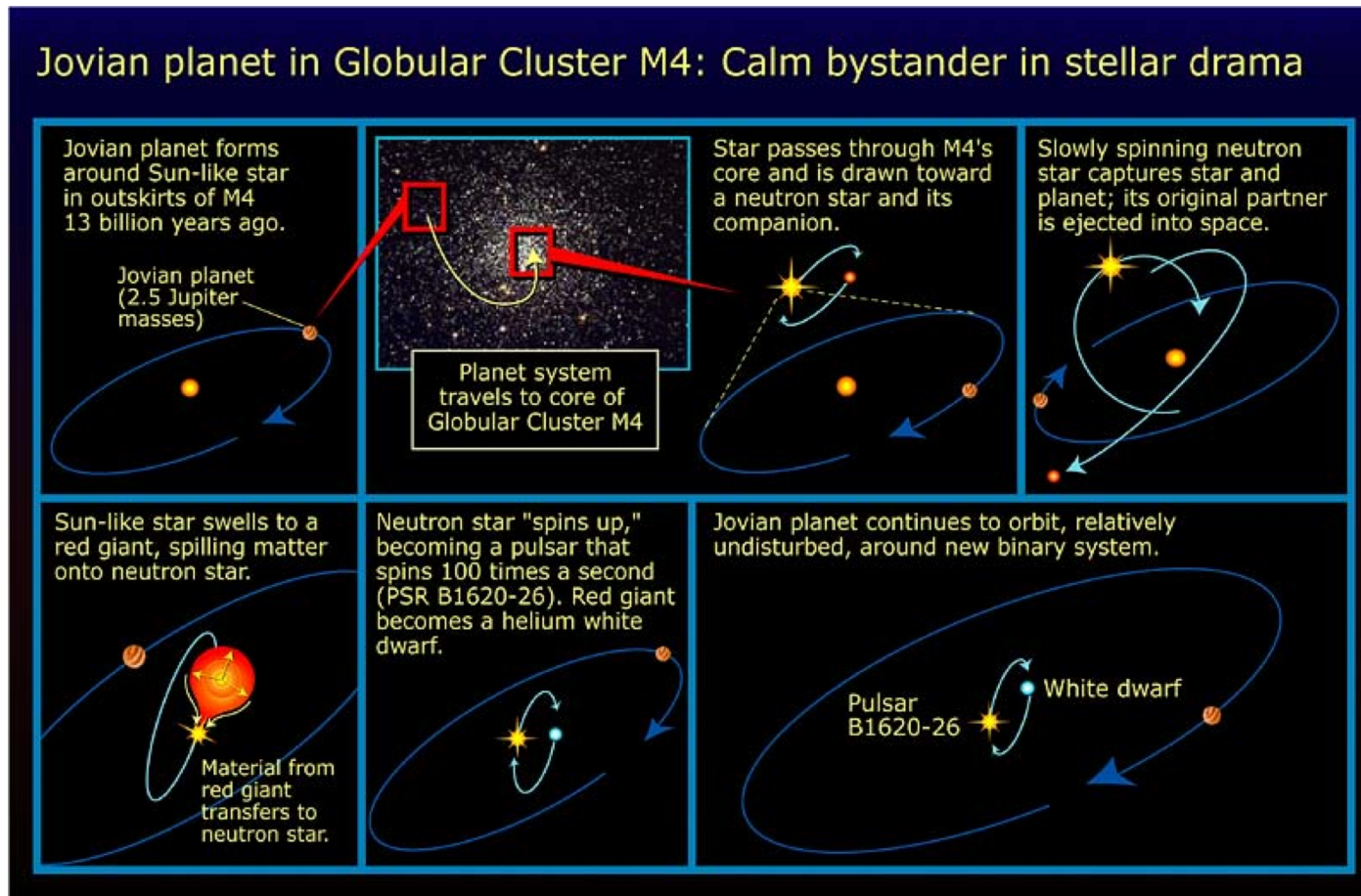


Stable system
Formation ?

The timing method: pulsars

Pulsar PSR B1620-26: $d \sim 380 \text{ pc}$, in the globular cluster M4. Binary system with a pulsar ($\sim 1.35 M_{\text{sun}}$, $P \sim 11 \text{ ms}$) + white dwarf ($0.3 M_{\text{sun}}$), with $P = 191 \text{ d}$.

1993 (confirmed in 2003) : discovery of a circumbinary planet of $2.5 M_{\text{jup}}$ (*Thorsett et al.*) $a \sim 23 \text{ au}$, $P \sim 100 \text{ yrs}$. **Age: up to 13 Gyrs**



The timing method: pulsations

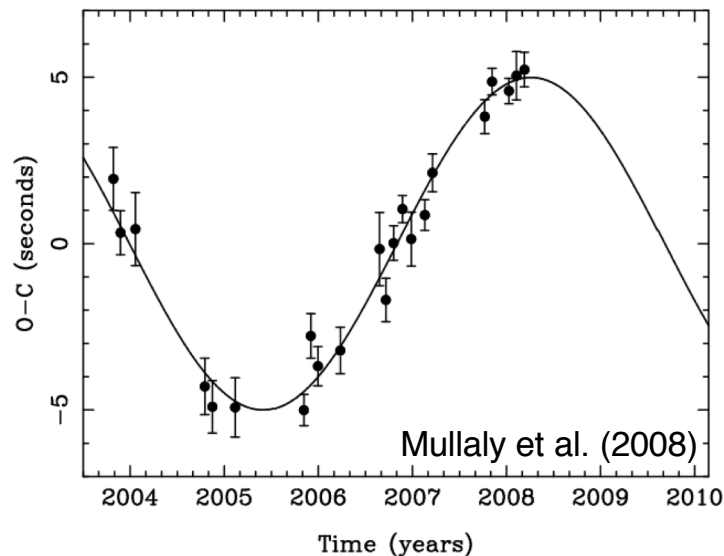
Two type of very stable pulsators:

1/ **White dwarfs** of classes GW Vir, DBV, DAV. g-type pulsations, related to the partial ionization of C/O, He et H. $P=100-1000s$

2/ **Sub-dwarf stars** of type sdB = red giant having lost its hydrogen envelop. p-type pulsations, with P of a few 100s.

V361 Aur

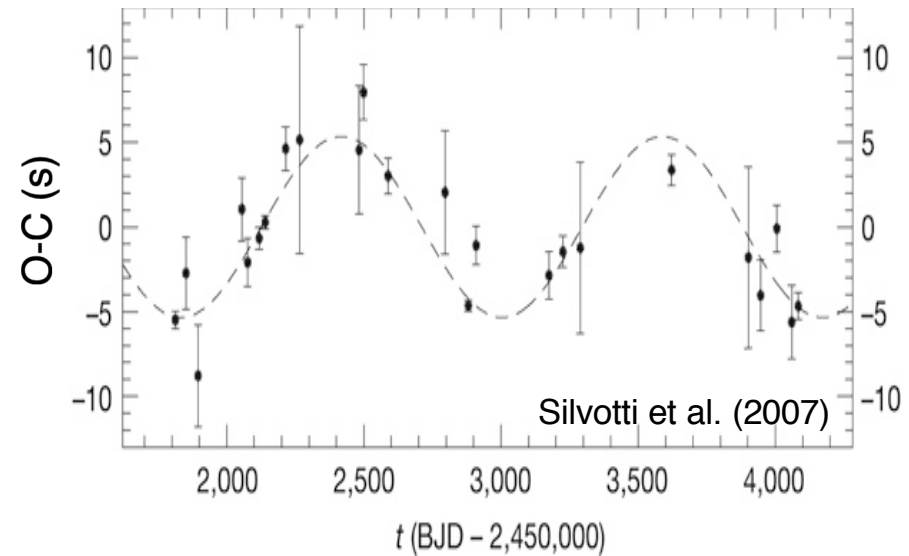
DAV@51 pc
 $0.65 M_{\text{Sun}}, 0.013 R_{\text{Sun}}$
12000K



$M > 2.4 M_{\text{Jup}}, a = 2.8 \text{ au}, P = 5.7 \text{ yr}$

V391 Peg

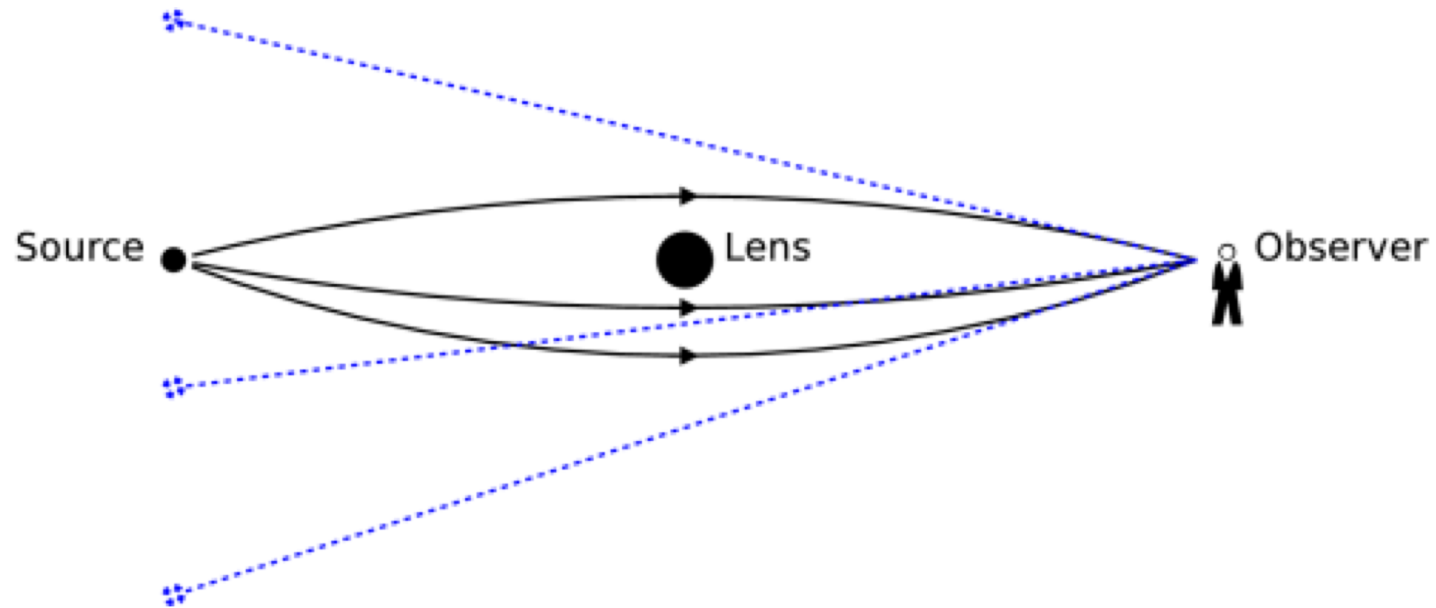
sdB@1400 pc
 $0.5 M_{\text{Sun}}, 0.23 R_{\text{Sun}}$
29000K



$M > 3.2 M_{\text{Jup}}, a = 1.7 \text{ au}, P = 3.2 \text{ yr}$

The gravitational microlensing method

Principle : general relativity predicts that light rays are deflected by matter/energy. The light of a distant **source** grazing a **lens** (e.g. star, planet) can be deflected towards Earth. The source appears then brighter.



The gravitational microlensing method

Macrolensing: the different images of the source can be observed as point sources or arcs.



Galaxy Cluster Abell 2218

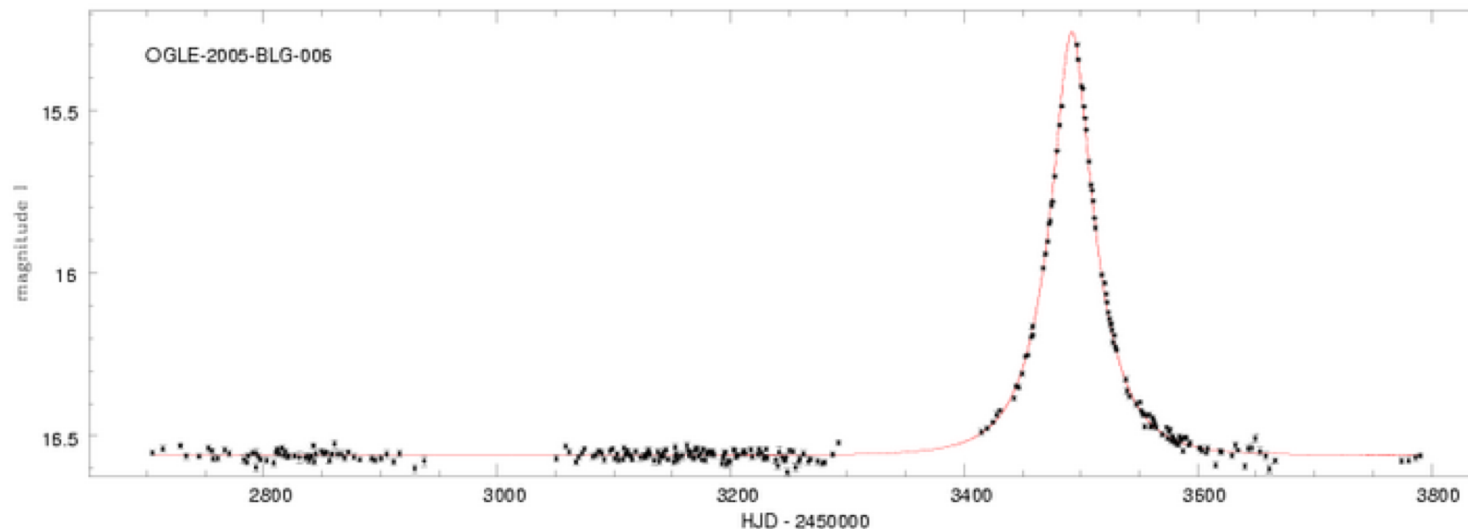
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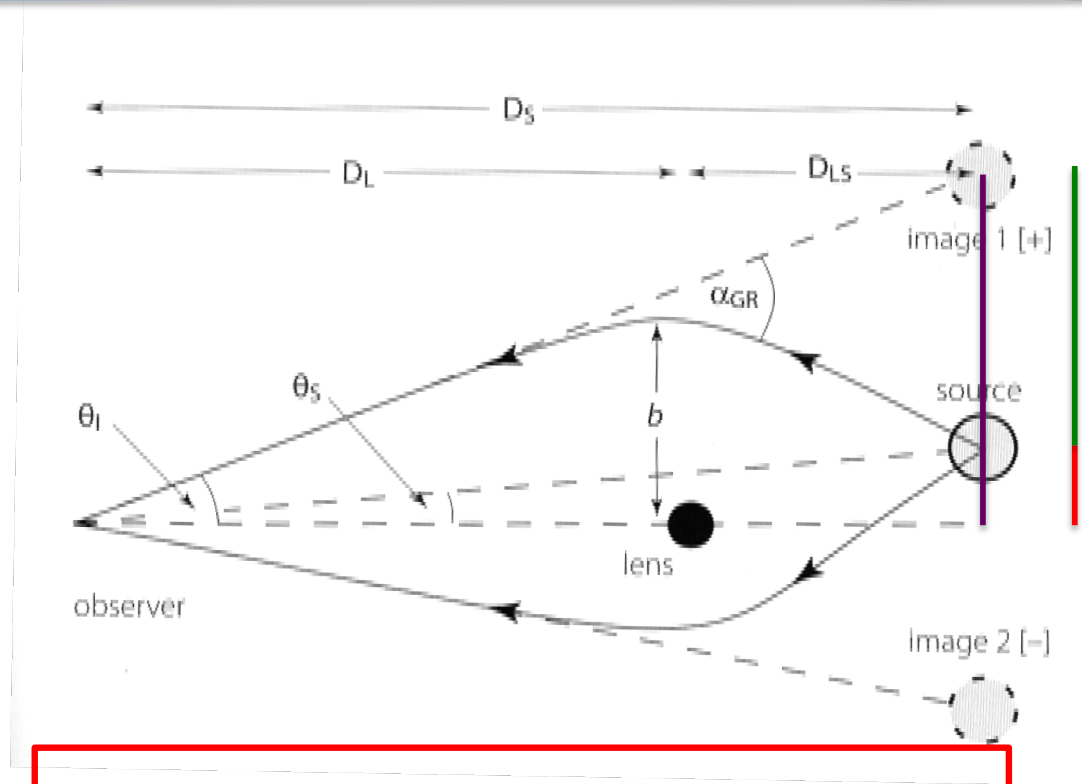
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Microlensing: the different images of the source are not resolved. The most significant effect is photometric.

- **Required alignment** ~ 1 mas \rightarrow very rare. Detection of stellar microlensing makes necessary to observe very dense stellar fields.
- **Typical source:** 1 star of the galactic bulge at ~ 8 kpc
- **Typical lens:** 1 star of the galactic disk ~ 4 kpc
- **Typical duration:** determined by the relative motion of the two stars. Typically a few weeks to a few months.



The gravitational microlensing method



$$\alpha_{GR} = \frac{4GM_L}{c^2 b} = \frac{2R_{Sc,L}}{b} \quad \text{with } b \gg R_{Sc,L}$$

$$\frac{\theta_S D_S}{b} = \frac{\theta_I D_S}{D_L} - \frac{\alpha_{GR} D_{LS}}{D_S} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \theta_S = \theta_I - \frac{2R_{Sc,L}}{b} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S} = \theta_I - 2R_{Sc,L} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S D_L} \frac{1}{\theta_I}$$

Lens equation

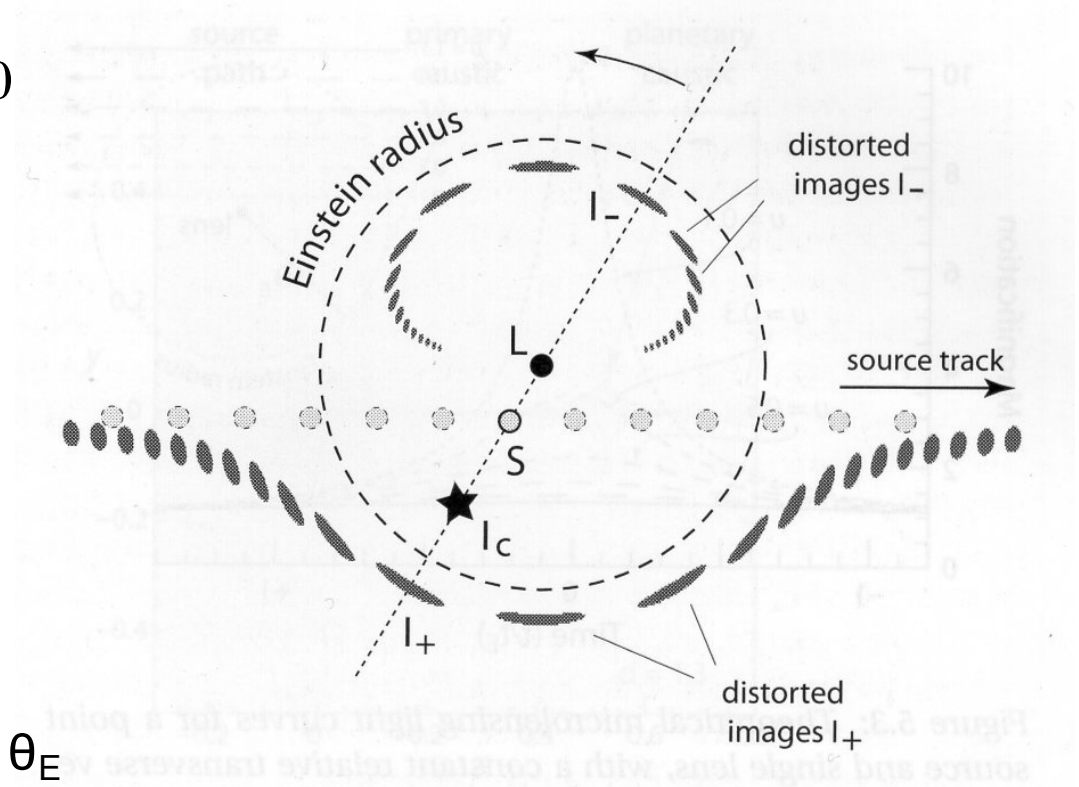
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$$\theta_s = \theta_I - \frac{2R_{Sc,L}}{b} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_L} = \theta_I - 2R_{Sc,L} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S D_L} \frac{1}{\theta_I}$$

Let's define the **Einstein radius** : $\theta_E = \sqrt{2R_{Sc,L} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S D_L}}$ = limit angle for high magnification

Lens equation becomes $\theta_I^2 - \theta_S \theta_I - \theta_E^2 = 0$

$$2 \text{ solutions : } \theta_{+,-} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\theta_S \pm \sqrt{\theta_S^2 + 4\theta_E^2} \right)$$



If perfect alignment ($\theta_S=0$)
images make an **Einstein ring** of radius θ_E

The gravitational microlensing method

In numbers...

$$\theta_E \approx 0.4 \left(\frac{M_L}{0.3 M_{Sun}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{D_L}{2 \text{ kpc}} \right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{D_{LS}}{D_S} \right)^{1/2} \text{ mas},$$

$$R_E = \theta_E D_L \approx 2.2 \left(\frac{M_L}{0.3 M_{Sun}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{D_L}{2 \text{ kpc}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{D_{LS}}{D_S} \right)^{1/2} \text{ au}$$

For a typical stellar lens, the Einstein ring corresponds to the size of a planetary system

Amplification A ? $A = \frac{u^2 + 2}{u\sqrt{u^2 + 4}}, u \equiv \frac{\theta_S}{\theta_E}$

$$A \approx \frac{\theta_E}{\theta_S} \quad \text{if } \theta_S \ll \theta_E$$

$$A \approx 1 \quad \text{if } \theta_S \gg \theta_E$$

Maximum recorded: A=3000 (delta mag = 8.7)

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Duration = Einstein time t_E

$$t_E = \frac{R_E}{v_{\perp}} \approx 21 \left(\frac{M_L}{0.3 M_{Sun}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{D_L}{2 \text{ kpc}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{D_{LS}}{D_S} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{v_{\perp}}{200 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^{-1} \text{ days},$$

If the lens is not visible, *a priori* probability distributions for its **transversal velocity and distance** must generally be taken from a galactic model.

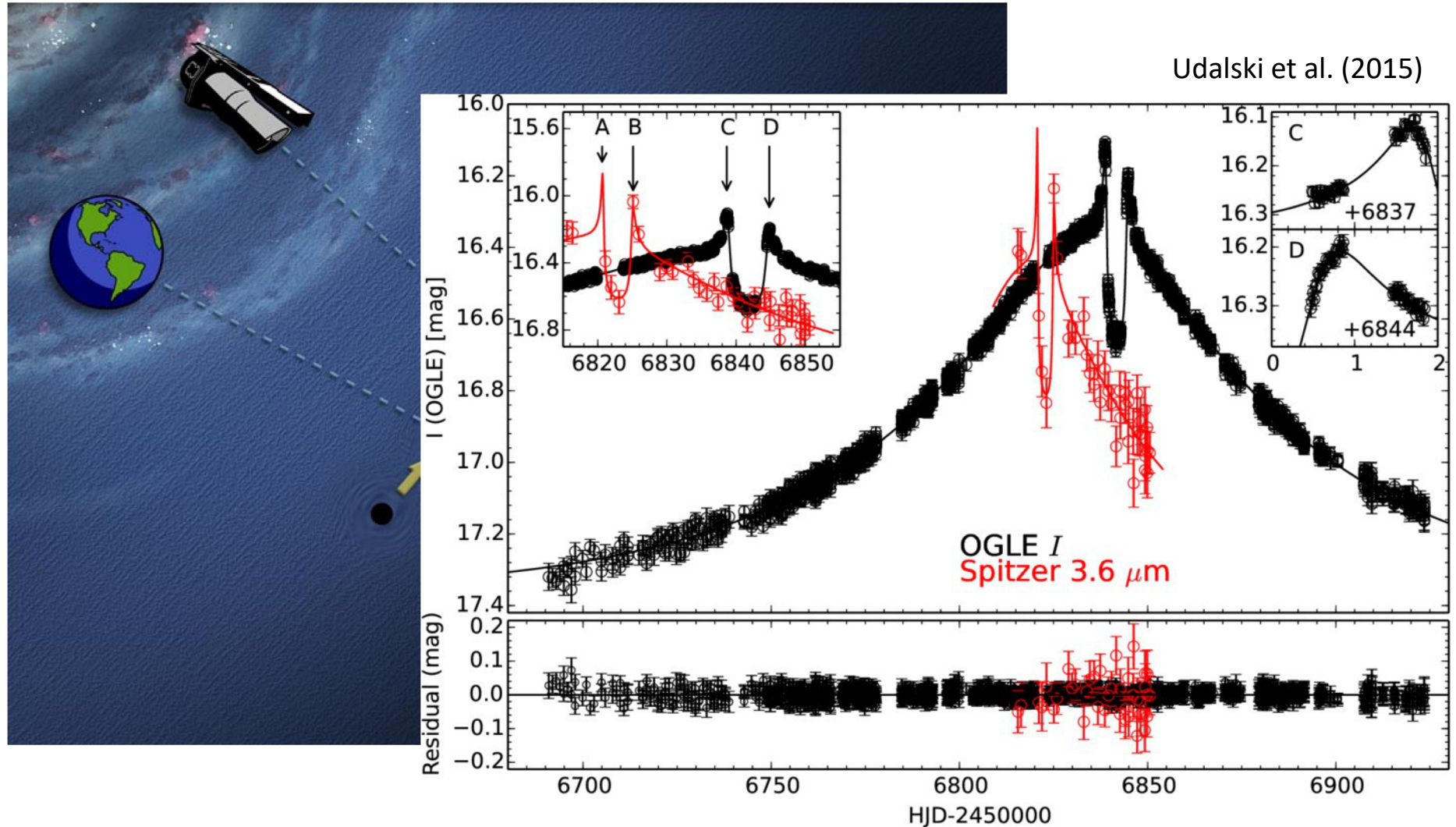
Another option is based on **finite source effects**, that constrain the ratio R_E/R_S , and **the microlens parallax** that constrains the distance to the lens

In angular units

$$t_E = \frac{\theta_E}{\mu_{LS}} \longrightarrow \text{Relative proper motion}$$

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Microlens parallax



+ finite source effects (high amplification): distance and mass of the invisible lens

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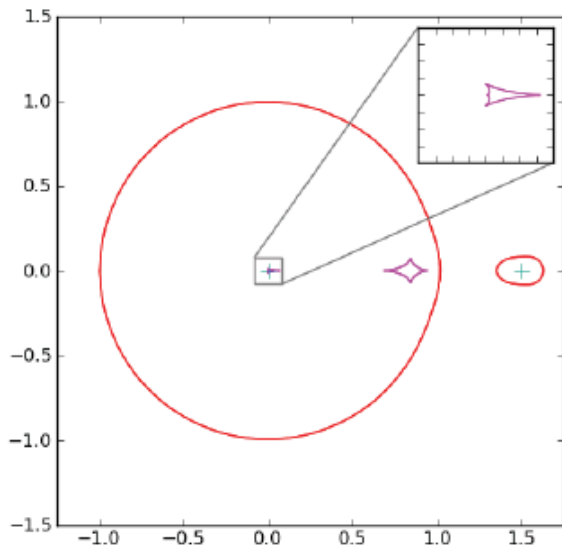
Star + planet?

3 important parameters: $q=M_p/M_*$, $a(R_E)$, angle source-binary α

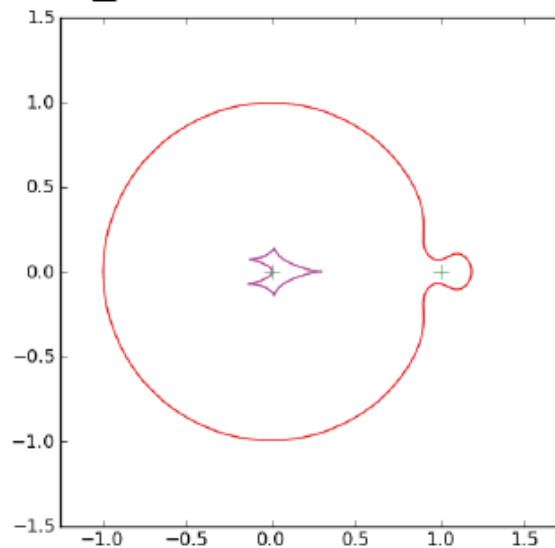
Additional structures of relative duration $\approx q^{0.5}$

Each amplification maximum corresponds in the lens plane to a minimal distance between the source and a **caustic = maximal amplification zone**

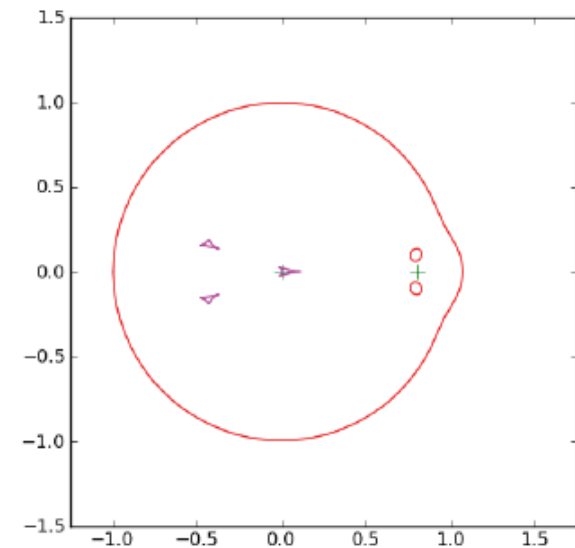
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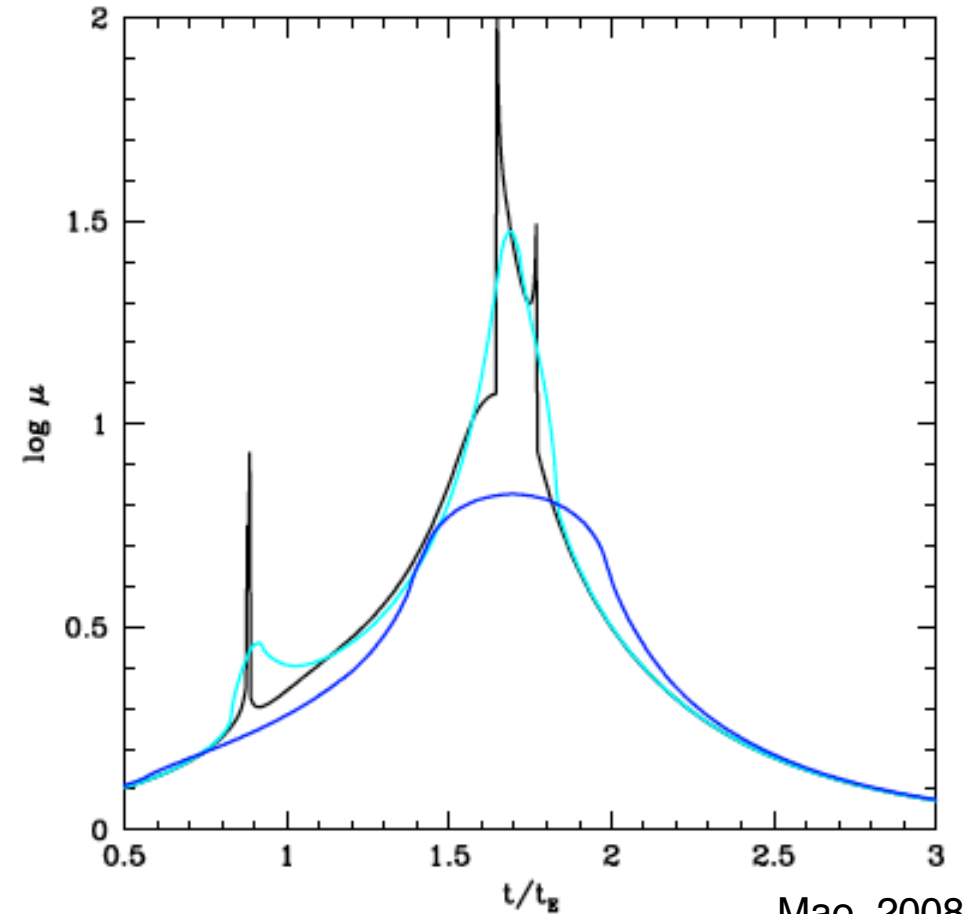
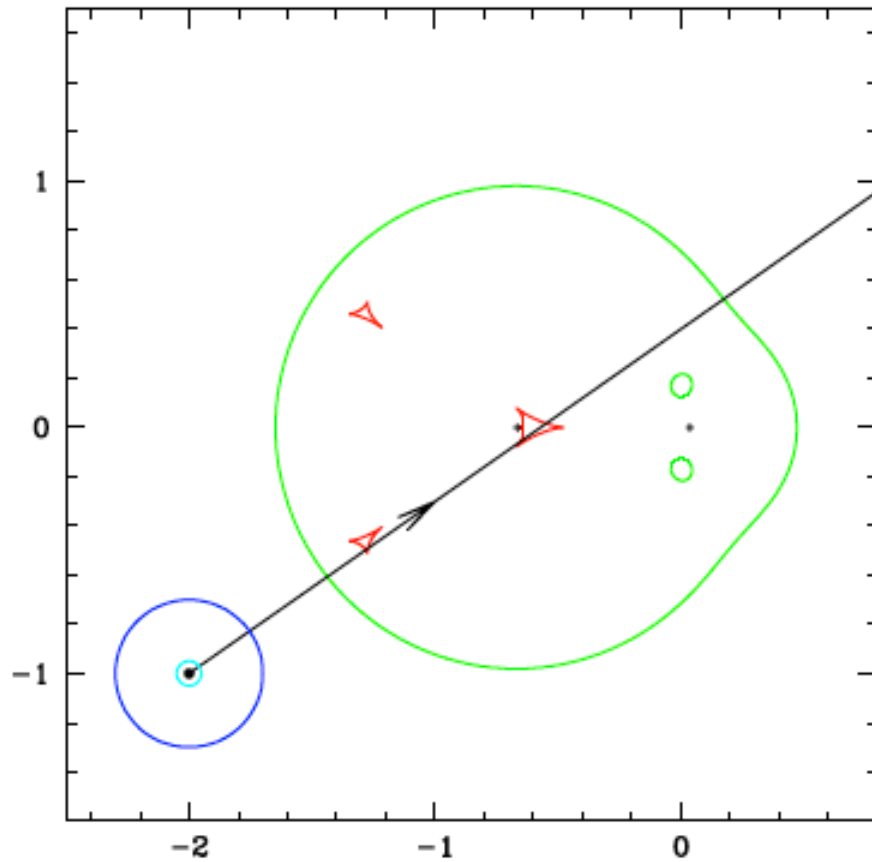
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$q=0.01, a=0.8$



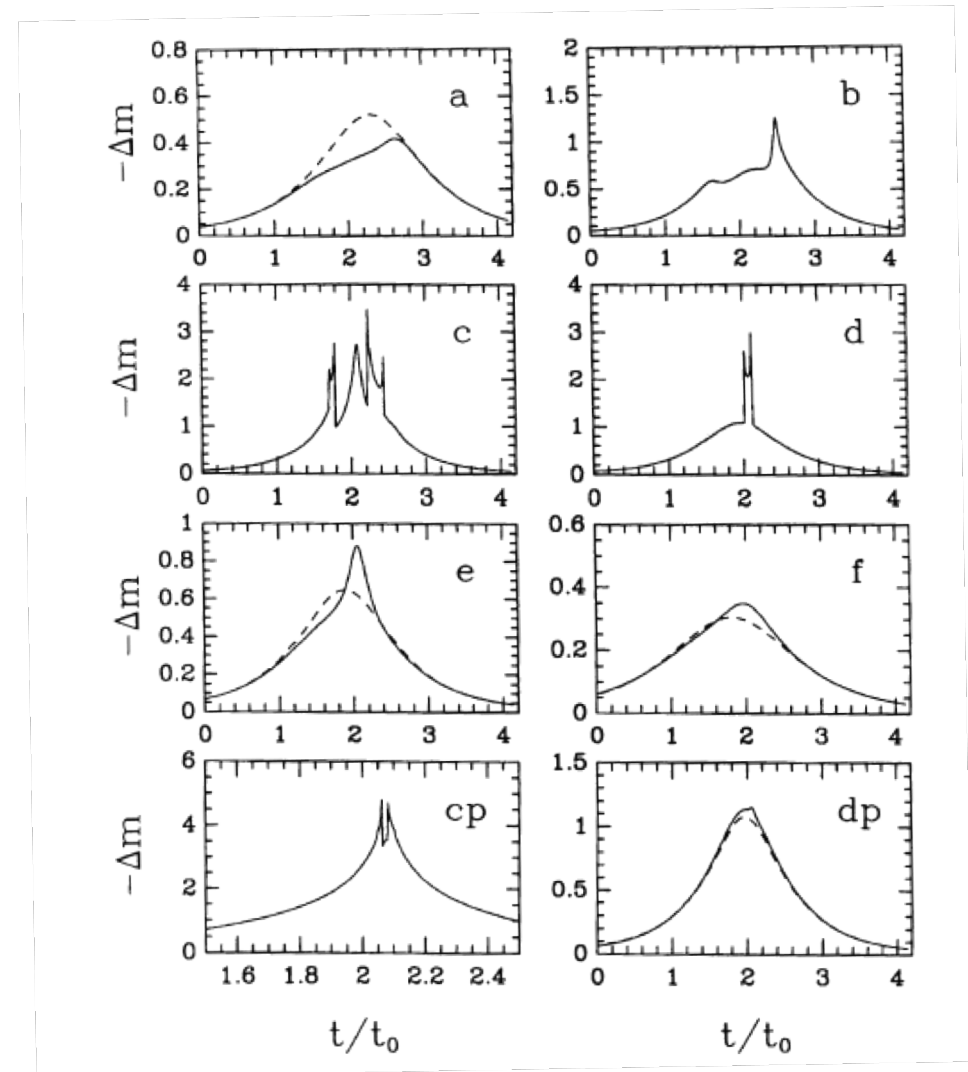
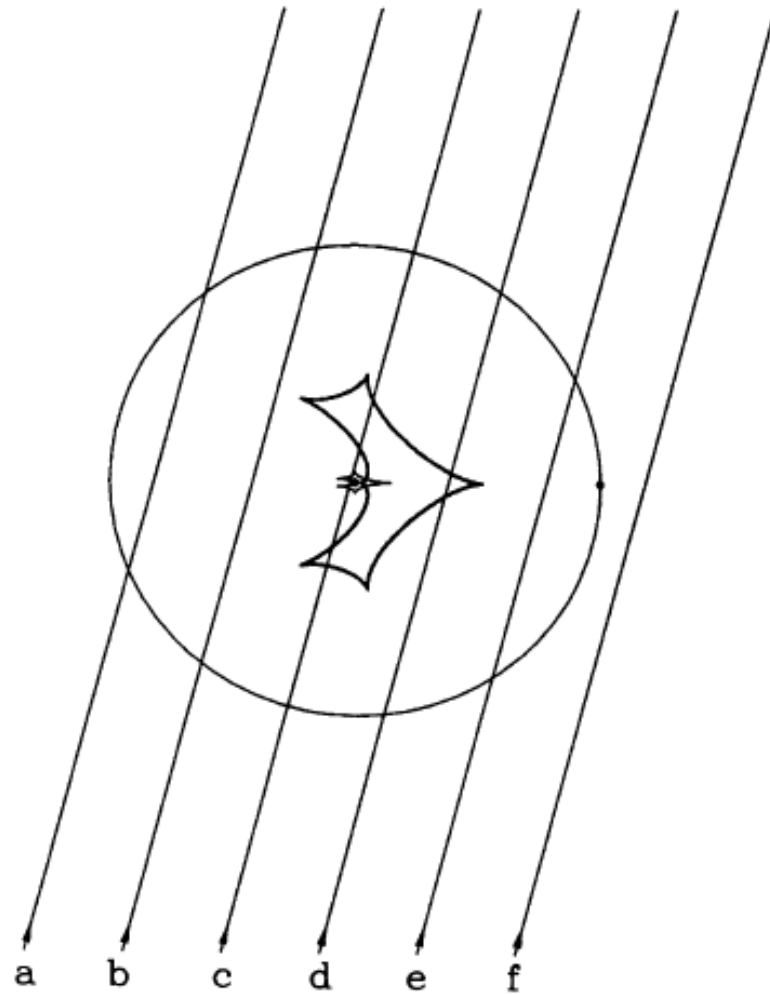
The gravitational microlensing method



Mao, 2008

Anomalies last days for giant planets, hours for terrestrial planets
If the source's path crosses a caustic, the amplification can be high even for terrestrial planets

The gravitational microlensing method



Mao & Paczynski 1991

The gravitational microlensing method

The advantages of the method

- Detection of planets around stars very far away: other area of the Galaxy explored
- Detection of free-floating planets
- Detection of multi-planetary systems
- Sensitive to planets at a few au of their stars, or less (red dwarfs)
- Sensitive to terrestrial planets (if high amplification)
- Permits to determine the mass of the lens and of the planet
- Insensitive to the activity of the host star
- Could in theory detect planets in M31

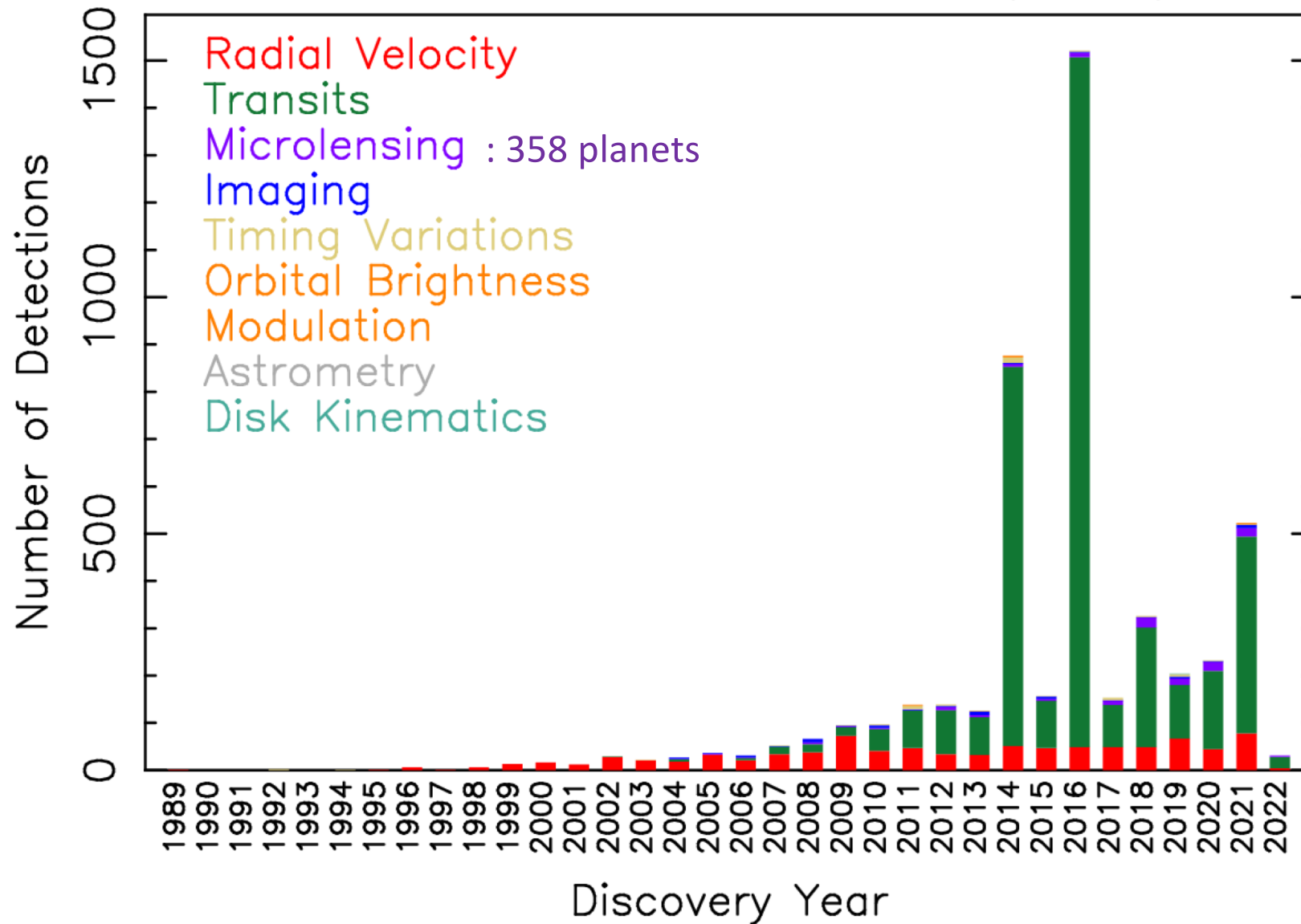
The drawbacks of the method

- Unique detection, no further possibility of confirmation and follow-up
- Distance of the system can be hard to constrain if host star is not visible
- Complex modelling and model degeneracy
- No information on the structure and atmospheric properties of the planet

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Detections Per Year

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Key discoveries

- 2005 : first planet detected by μ lensing (Bond et al.)
OGLE-2003-BLG-235Lb – 5.8kpc – $a \sim 4.3$ au – $M_1 \sim 0.6 M_{\text{Sun}}$ - $M_2 \sim 2.6 M_{\text{Jup}}$
- 2006 : first ‘super-Earth’ detected by μ lensing (Beaulieu et al.)
OGLE-2005-BLG-390Lb – 6.6kpc – $a \sim 2.6$ au – $M_1 \sim 0.22 M_{\text{Sun}}$ - $M_2 \sim 5.5 M_{\text{Earth}}$
- 2008 : First multiple system detected by μ lensing (Gaudi et al.)
OGLE-2005-BLG-109Lb – 1.5kpc – $a \sim 2.3$ au – $M_1 \sim 0.5 M_{\text{Sun}}$ - $M_2 \sim 0.7 M_{\text{Jup}}$
OGLE-2005-BLG-109Lc $a \sim 4.6$ au $M_2 \sim 0.3 M_{\text{Jup}}$
- 2009 : first planet around an ultra-cool dwarf (Bennett et al.)
OGLE-2005-BLG-192Lb – 0.66kpc – $a \sim 0.65$ au – $M_1 \sim 0.085 M_{\text{Sun}}$ - $M_2 \sim 3.2 M_{\text{Earth}}$
- 2011 : First free-floating planets (Sumi et al.)
- 2013 : two compact binary low-mass brown dwarfs (Choi et al.)
OGLE-2009-BLG-151L – 0.4kpc – $a \sim 0.3$ au – $M_1 \sim 19 M_{\text{Jup}}$ - $M_2 \sim 8 M_{\text{Jup}}$
OGLE-2011-BLG-0420L – 2kpc - $a \sim 0.2$ au – $M_1 \sim 26 M_{\text{Jup}}$ - $M_2 \sim 10 M_{\text{Jup}}$
- « planet » around a brown dwarf (Han et al.)
OGLE-2012-BLG-0358Lb – 1.8kpc – $a \sim 0.9$ au – $M_1 \sim 23 M_{\text{Jup}}$ - $M_2 \sim 2 M_{\text{Jup}}$
- 2015 : First microlensing parallax measured at 2.5% precision (Udalski et al.)

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Important statistical results

1. Beyond the ice line, Neptunes and Super-Earths are ~ 7 times more frequent than Jupiters (*Sumi et al. 2010*)
2. Less than 20% of solar-type stars host a planetary system similar to ours (*Gould et al. 2010*)
3. There should be \sim twice more free-floating planets than main-sequence stars in the Milky Way (*Sumi et al. 2011*)
4. $17_{-9}^{+6}\%$ of stars have a Jupiter between 0.5 and 10 au (*Cassan et al. 2012*)
 $52_{-29}^{+22}\%$ Neptune
 $62_{-37}^{+35}\%$ Super-Earth



In average, each star of the Galaxy hosts at least one planet $>5M_{\text{Earth}}$ between 0.5 and 10 au.

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In practice

1/ Detection of lensing anomalies by ground-based surveys OGLE (Chile) et MOA (New Zealand)



2/ Follow-up of anomalies by the multi-longitude networks PLANET/RoboNET, MicroFUN and MiNDSTEp



MicroFUN

MICROLENSING FOLLOW-UP NETWORK

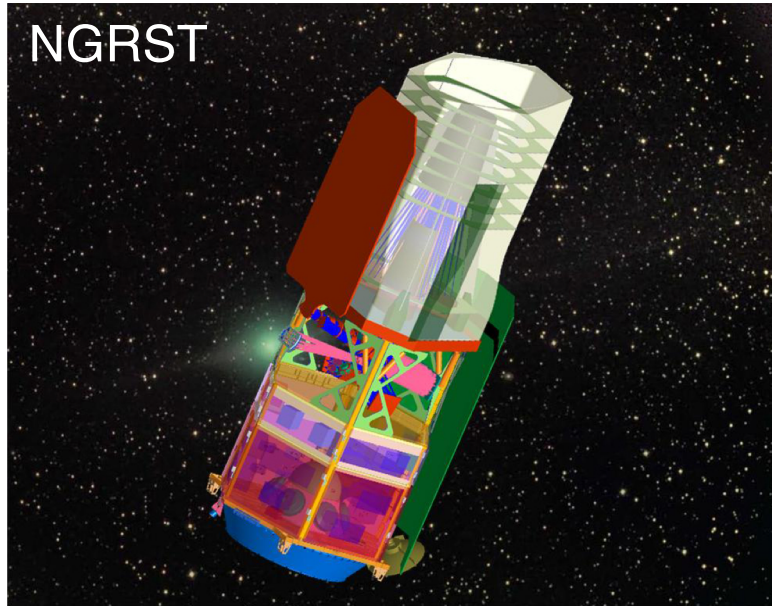


MiNDSTEp

Microlensing Network for the Detection of Small Terrestrial Exoplanets

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The future: space



NASA

Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope

Telescope of 2.4m – IR – 5 yrs

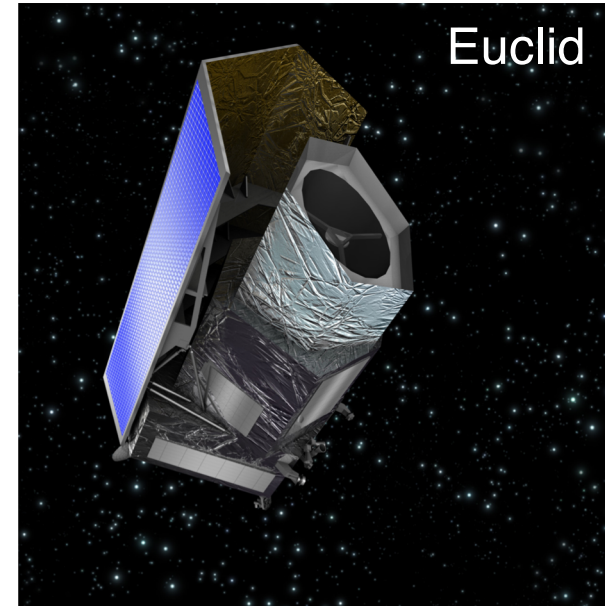
Earth-Sun L2 orbit

Launch in 2027

Expected harvest for NGRST

(Spergel et al. 2013) :

- 3000 planets
- 300 Earths – 40 Mars
- a few dozens of free-floating Earths



ESA

Telescope of 1.2m – Vis + IR – 6 yrs

Earth-Sun L2 orbit

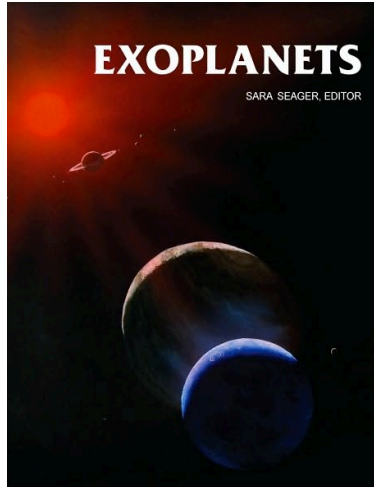
Launch in 2023

Expected harvest for Euclid:

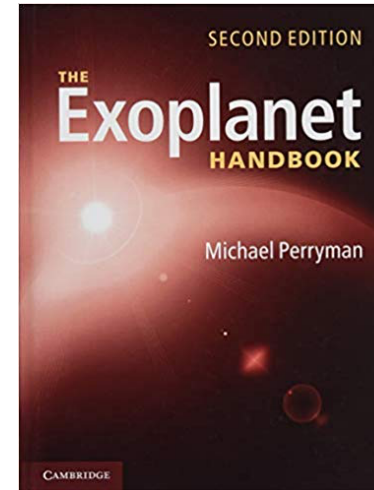
(Penny et al. 2013)

- Several hundreds of planets
- 50 Earths – 5 Mars
- a few free-floating Earths

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