Direct imaging and characterisation of giant exoplanets

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Deep imaging survey of nearby young A stars

Part of the International Deep Planet Search survey

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Motivations

- Previous surveys focused on Solar-type stars (Masciadri et al. 2005; Lafrenière et al. 2007; Kasper et al. 2007; Leconte et al. 2010; Chauvin et al. 2007)
- Very few detections of sub-stellar companions
 → 2M 1207, AB Pic, IRXS 1609, CT Cha, GQ Lup, ...



Chauvin et al. (2004)



Neuhauser et al. (2005)



Lafrenière et al. (2008)



• Recent surveys focused very massive (Janson et al. 2011) or low-mass stars (Delorme et al. 2012)

Main conclusion: planets are rare around FGKM stars

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Motivations

Recent breakthrough discoveries around young A stars

HR 8799 - 30 Myr



Marois et al. (2008, 2010)

β Pictoris - 12 Myr



Lagrange et al. (2010)

Fomalhaut - 100-300 Myr



Kalas et al. (2008)... ... but see also Janson et al. (2012)

- Recent discoveries of RV planets around old A stars
 Lick and Keck subgiant surveys
 (Johnson et al. 2010, 2011; Bowler et al. 2010)
 - → strong correlation between stellar mass and planet mass



Sample selection

• Our sample includes a total of 42 stars:

- a new set of young (median age 100 Myr), nearby (d \leq 85 pc) A-stars (+4 early F)
- A-stars previously observed in planet-search surveys



Sample selection

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- Selection of the new set of targets:
 - initial fit to the Pleiades A-stars (125 Myr)
 - search for published ages in initial selection





Observations

	VLT/NaCo	Gemini/NIRI		
# of targets	19	20		
Filters	Ks	K' + CH4short		
Periods	2009-2012	2007-2010		
Pixel size	~13.20 mas	~21.4 mas		
Field of view	~ 3.5"	~22"		
Mode	saturated imaging angular differential imaging			

- conditions from poor to excellent
- typical field of view rotation = 30°

Speckle noise attenuation



- high-contrast data limited by "speckle noise"
- NOT static.... but definitely not random!
- need to subtract a reference PSF to faint companions

Angular differential imaging







 $B = median(A_i)$















 $C_i = A_i - B$







 $E = median(D_i)$

 A_i

Locally optimised ADI



- image divided in multiple segments (Lafrenière et al. 2007)
- PSF reference constructed and subtracted in each segment
- reference is a linear combination of all usable frames

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Data reduction and analysis

- standard data reduction
- frame registration using Moffat profile fitting
- frame selection based on encircled energy and maximal flux

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- unsaturated PSF used for normalization
- analysis of the data sets with LOCI:
 - $N_{\delta} = 0.75$ FWHM
 - $N_A = 300-500$ PSF footprints



Companion candidates

- candidates identified by eye on images and SNR maps
- ~50 candidates \geq 5 σ around 22 of the targets
- second epoch for candidates with separation $\leq 320 \text{ AU}$
- no new substellar companions



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Detection limits

- noise in annuli of increasing radius $\rightarrow 5\sigma$ detection limits
- normalisation by unsaturated PSF obtained with neutral density (NaCo) or narrow-band filters (NIRI)



Statistical analysis

- What statistical properties can be inferred from the data?
- Previous surveys have used non-detections to:
 - set upper limits on the fraction of stars with planets
 - set constraints on the population of planets at wide separation
- Now that there are detections... what can we say?

Statistical formalism

- Formalism of Carson et al. (2006) and Lafrenière et al. (2007)
- Likelihood of the data given f:

fraction of stars with at least | planet in $[m_{min},m_{max}] \cap [a_{min},a_{max}]$ $\downarrow N$ $L(\{d_j\}|f) = \prod_{j=1}^{N} (1-f_j p_j)^{1-d_j} \cdot (f_j p_j)^{d_j}$

Probability of f given our data (Bayes' theorem):

$$p(f|\{d_j\}) = \frac{L(\{d_j\}|f) \cdot p(f)}{\int_0^1 L(\{d_j\}|f) \cdot p(f)df}$$
prior
distribution
Choice of the prior:
$$\Rightarrow \text{ linear-flat, } p(f) = 1$$
"maximum ignorance"

probability of

detecting a planet

Statistical formalism

• posterior distribution used to determine f_{min} / f_{max} with a confidence level α :

$$\alpha = \int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} p(f|\{d_j\}) df,$$

 Since we have detections, an equal-tail confidence interval is calculated:

$$\frac{1-\alpha}{2} = \int_{f_{\text{max}}}^{1} p(f|\{d_j\})df$$
$$\frac{1-\alpha}{2} = \int_{0}^{f_{\text{min}}} p(f|\{d_j\})df$$

Numerical integration to obtain f_{min} and f_{max}

Monte-Carlo simulations

- MC simulations are used to estimate p_j
- MESS tool (Bonavita et al. 2012) was used

- $L(\{d_j\}|f) = \prod_{j=1}^N (1 f_{p_j})^{1 d_j} \cdot (f_{p_j})^{d_j}$
- generation of 10⁴ planets at each point of a grid in mass/SMA
- other orbital parameters are randomly chosen



→ COND models (Baraffe et al. 2003)

 p_j = fraction of detected planets

Choice of evolutionary models

- current estimation of the masses in agreement with AMES-COND models... but very large error bars
- only COND models go deep enough
- distinct features identified in the spectra → need for updated grid of models



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Wide-orbit planets frequency





 $f \in$ [6.6%,21.3%] at 68% confidence

- $I M_{Jup} \le mass \le I 4 M_{Jup}$
- 5 AU \leq a \leq 320 AU

Constraints on wide-orbit planets population

- Extrapolation of RV survey results
- Solar-type stars \rightarrow Cumming et al. (2008) measure f = 10.5%for 0.3-10 M_{Jup} planets with P < 1826 days $\frac{dN \propto M^{-1.31}dM}{dN \propto a^{-0.61}da}$
- Early-type stars (old stars)
 - → Johnson et al. (2010) measure f = 11 ± 2% for 0.5-14 M_{Jup} in 0.1-3.0 AU
 - → Bowler et al. (2010) bring some constraints on α and β



Constraints on wide-orbit planets population

- simulations with populations drawn from powerlaws
- cutoff on semimajor axis distribution (a_{cutoff})
 - $\rightarrow \alpha$ from -1.5 to 1.5 by steps of 0.1
 - \rightarrow β from -2.5 to 0.5 by steps of 0.1
 - $\rightarrow a_{\text{cutoff}}$ from 10 to 320 AU by steps of 10 AU
- assumed frequency $f = 11 \pm 2\%$ (Johnson et al. 2010) for 0.5-14 M_{Jup} planets in 0.1-3.0 AU
- ∑ fraction of detected planet × normalised frequency
 = number of expected detections

→ inside [3.5,12] M_{Jup} and [8,68] AU

Constraints on wide-orbit planets population



values not in agreement with RV constraints from Bowler et al.
 different planet population at wide orbit?

→ population cannot be described by a single powerlaw?

Conclusions - part l

- survey of 42 A and early-F stars
- Monte Carlo simulations for the statistical analysis
- planet frequency f \in [6.6%,21.3%] @ 68% confidence
 - for I MJup \leq mass \leq I4 MJup
 - for $IOAU \le a \le 320AU$
- constraints on the population show differences with RV studies



High-contrast long slit spectroscopy for exoplanet characterisation

With contributions since 2006 from Claire Moutou (LAM), Maud Langlois (CRAL), Kjetil Dohlen (LAM), Mickaël Bonnefoy (MPIA), Gaël Chauvin (IPAG), Mamadou N'Diaye (LAM), Anthony Boccaletti (LESIA), Marcel Carbillet (Laboratoire Fizeau), Guillaume Montagnier (ESO)

Motivations

- Photometry is degenerate
- High-quality spectra are essential to study physical properties
- Cool atmospheres of young objects are not fully understood
- Few low-mass objects with accurate spectra:
 - high-contrast
 - small angular separation
 - ... very few imaged planets!



Previous techniques

Methods previously used to extract a spectrum:



→ Decent results with current instrumentation

Speckle-dominated data

- quasi-static speckles strongly dominate over halo
- we are looking at objects below the speckle noise



Removing the speckles

- IFS data → spectral diversity (SDI) + angular diversity (ADI)
- "Spectral deconvolution" (Sparks & Ford 2002)
 - uses the chromaticity of the PSF and speckles
 - polynomial fit to the speckles
- SD demonstrated with SINFONI on AB Dor C (Thatte et al. 2007)



(no ADI)

High-contrast LSS in SPHERE/IRDIS

- IRDIS → differential spectro-imager
- LSS + Lyot coronagraph → LSC
- low (R~50) and medium (R~400) resolution
- non-optimal setup of the Lyot stop

slit+opaque

coronagraphic mask



beam

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Spectral deconvolution on LSS data



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On-sky demonstration

- No instrument with AO, LSS and coronagraphy
- Closest match → VLT/NaCo... in a special config.
- Best target?
 - moderate contrast
 - separation of ~I"
 - published spectrum







spatial rescaling+

speckle fitting

Spectral deconvolution on SCR 1845

calibration proposal accepted in P86 → J and H-band spectro



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Extracted spectrum



- use of a fake companion to estimate flux loss
- validated with alt. method results

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Necessity to remove star contribution

Spectrum	Method LS ^a	J-band		H-band	
		T_{eff}	$\log g$	$T_{e\!f\!f}$	$\log g$
SD+compensation	Classic	900	4.0	1100	4.5
SD+compensation	Weigthed	1000	4.0	900	5.5
SD only	Classic	600	3.5	1000	5.0
SD only	Weigthed	600	3.5	800	5.5
No star subtraction	Classic	1200	4.0	1200	5.0
No star subtraction	Weigthed	1200	4.0	1200	5.0
Alt. method	Classic	900	4.0	1100	4.5
Alt. method	Weigthed	1100	4.0	1100	5.0
Kasper et al. (2007)	Classic	1000	4.5	1100	5.0
Kasper et al. (2007)	Weigthed	900	4.5	-900	5.5

• serious bias on T_{eff} and log(g) when star is not subtracted

bias increases at higher contrast → SPHERE, GPI, ...

Limitations

- NaCo data:
 - problem of sampling in J-band
 - over-subtraction of the companion
 - not applicable at very small separation

- non-optimal setup of the coronagraph
- strong diffraction residuals

Need for diffraction suppression!

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What is apodization?

smooth the pupil to attenuate the diffraction

Stop-less Lyot coronagraph

- main constraint → no optimized Lyot stop (IRDIS) or no stop position at all (GTC/Frida)
- grey apodization optimized to concentrate all the energy inside PSF core

0.6

CLC vs. SLLC

10⁰

10⁻¹

10⁻²

10⁻³

10⁻⁴

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10⁻⁷

Optimization for 0.18" mask and $\lambda = 1.6 \ \mu m$

CLC

no mask 0.5 0.0 -0.5 0.0 0.5Distance from star (as)

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LSC vs.ALSC

 5 simulations for both concepts with different instrumental aberrations
 SPHERE/IRDIS overall design

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Speckle noise attenuation

- Simulations without detection noise → limited by speckles
- diffraction residuals are no longer visible
- 2 mag gain at 0.3"
- K-band still limited
 → chromaticity of the PSF

Spectral extraction

- 2 methods:
 - comparison of input/output spectrum
 - comparison of extracted spectrum to libraries of models

Results on spectral extraction

restoration factor:

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{N_{\lambda} \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\lambda}} \left(\frac{I_p}{\sum_{k=1}^{N_{\lambda}} s_k^{\text{atm}} I_k^{\text{ref}}} - \frac{I_p^{\text{ref}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{N_{\lambda}} s_k^{\text{atm}} I_k^{\text{ref}}} \right)^2}$$

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ALSC systematically better below 0.5"

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Limits on T_{eff}

- comparison of output to libraries of models with χ^2 minimization
- comparison of best fit T_{eff} to the input T_{eff}

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Implementation in SPHERE?

- under discussion with SPHERE system engineer
- 2 apodizers already in SPHERE... one very similar to SLLC

Conclusions - part II

- SD is essential for high-contrast spectro data
- validated on-sky with VLT/NaCo data
- extraction of spectra highly biased by the speckles
- significant improvement when diffraction is suppressed by the use of an apodizer

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Spectral slope variations in AO spectroscopy

- slit losses because of varying AO performance with wavelength
- differential flux losses between science target and spectroscopic standard
- SPHERE → IFS and IRDIS
 - measure slope in YJ with IFS
 - correct slope in IRDIS LSS data

β Pic as a test case for IRDIS?

- Best fit of M. Bonnefoy with models BT-SETTLI0:
 - $T_{\rm eff} = 1700 \, {\rm K}$

