

Combining Astrometry and Direct Imaging Targets

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Examples of Directly Imaged (DI) Exoplanets

First Discoveries



Discoveries from HIP 6542 GPI and SPHERE

PDS70bc, Keppler et al. 2018, Haffert et al. 2019

-400-

-400

-200

0

 $\Delta RA(mas)$

200

400

0.2'

IRDIS-H2H3 (Feb 7th, 2017)

HIP 65426b, Chauvin et al. 2017

Right now, we can detect "baby Jupiters":

Masses >3 Jupiter masses

Effective temperatures ~ 600-1400 K

Ages < 100 Myr – close to epoch of formation

Separations from 10s to hundreds of AU

Factor of 10⁴ to 10⁶ contrast with star

Mostly detected in near-IR using 8-m ground-based telescopes + adaptive optics + coronagraphy

Spectroscopy and Photometry reveal primarily red, dusty photospheres for young exoplanets and exoplanet analogs:

Combining techniques enables in-depth characterization and breaks the age-mass degeneracy:

Direct Imaging astrometry is relative to the star and can only determine the total mass of the system

 $a = \left(P^2 M_{tot}\right)^{1/3}$

We need to combine with another technique to find absolute motion of the star

Combine with radial velocity (RV)

Radial velocity semi-amplitude:

$$K = \left(\frac{2\pi G}{P(sec)}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{M_2 \, sin(i)}{(1-e)^2 M_{tot}^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

Or combine with absolute astrometry

A combination of techniques will yield both components' masses

First detections of substellar companions from RV trends

Crepp et al. 2014, see also: Liu et al. 2002, Crepp et al. 2012, 2016

Full orbit determination for brown dwarf GJ 758 B combining DI and RV

Direct Imaging Astrometry

Radial Velocity

Bowler et al. 2018

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Combining with Gaia / Hipparcos astrometry further constrains the orbit

Calissendorff et al. 2018

A note on what we are actually fitting here: • Epoch-by-epoch relative astrometry is fitted

• Epoch-by-epoch RVs are fitted

 However – Gaia epoch astrometry won't be released until DR4, so absolute astrometric constraints are generally incorporated by looking up the epochs of the Hipparcos and Gaia observations, then calculating the measurement of PM that each model orbit would yield with observations at those epochs.

From 2018 on, we saw a bumper crop of dynamical mass determinations for exoplanets combining DI and astrometry

β Pic b – Snellen & Brown 2018, Dupuy et al. 2019, G.M. Brandt et al. 2021a

β Pic c – G.M. Brandt et al. 2021a

HR 8799e – G.M. Brandt et al. 2021b

51 Eri b – Dupuy et al. 2022

β Pic b

Dupuy et al. 2019

Snellen & Brown 2018

51 Eri b – one of the coldest exoplanets imaged to date

Macintosh et al. 2015

51 Eri b – the dynamical mass sets constraints on formation mechanism

What if there are additional companions in the system?

Biller et al. 2022

Can astrometry tell us where to look for directly imaged exoplanets?

Multiple approaches to this problem:

Proper-motion anomaly – Kervella et al. 2019

The $\Delta\mu$ method – Fontanive et al. 2019, Bonavita et al. 2020, 2022

Instantaneous accelerations – Brandt et al. 2018, 2019, 2021

The Proper Motion Anomaly Method

The COPAINS $\Delta \mu$ method

Instantaneous Accelerations by combining RV + Hipparcos/Gaia

$$a_{\alpha\delta} = \frac{GM_{\rm B}}{r_{\rm AB}^2} \cos\phi,$$

$$a_{\rm RV} = \frac{GM_{\rm B}}{r_{\rm AB}^2} \sin\phi, \text{ and } \qquad \blacksquare \qquad M_{\rm B} = \frac{\rho^2 (a_{\alpha\delta}^2 + a_{\rm RV}^2)^{3/2}}{\varpi^2 G a_{\alpha\delta}^2}$$

 $\rho = r_{\rm AB} \varpi \cos \phi,$

Brandt et al. 2019

First direct imaging companion detections with these methods – a white dwarf companion to GJ 4436

First direct imaging companion detections with these methods – a brown dwarf companion to a sun-like star

Currie et al. 2020

Pushing down to lower masses – a 20-30 M_{Jup} brown dwarf companion in the Hyades

Bonavita et al. 2022

Kuzuhara et al. 2022

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The COPAINS survey – $\Delta\mu$ selected survey yields 4 new brown dwarf companions

The FORECAST tool: http://maps.exoplanetsforecast.com

Mass (M_☉)

Bonavita et al. 2022

Can we image the thousands of new planets expected in Gaia DR4?

Currie, Biller et al. 2022, PPVII review

Conclusions

Dynamical masses are vital to fully characterize exoplanets

Direct imaging only measures relative astrometry – must combine with another technique to get individual masses

DI + Hipparcos/Gaia (+ often RV too) have yielded dynamical masses for several exoplanets and brown dwarfs

Hipparcos/Gaia measurements can also pinpoint hidden planets / brown dwarfs – first direct imaging detections with this technique in the last few years