

Exoplanet atmosphere Spectroscopy

present observations and expectations for the ELT

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Challenges for Ground-based Observations

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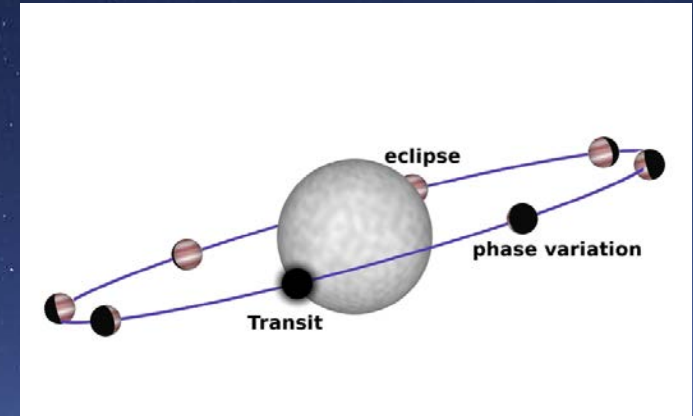
Transits and Secondary Eclipses

Earth Atmosphere:

- Variations in turbulence / seeing
- Variations in absorption & scattering
- Variations in thermal sky emission

Instrumental:

- Variations in gravity vector or field rotation
- Variations in thermal behaviour

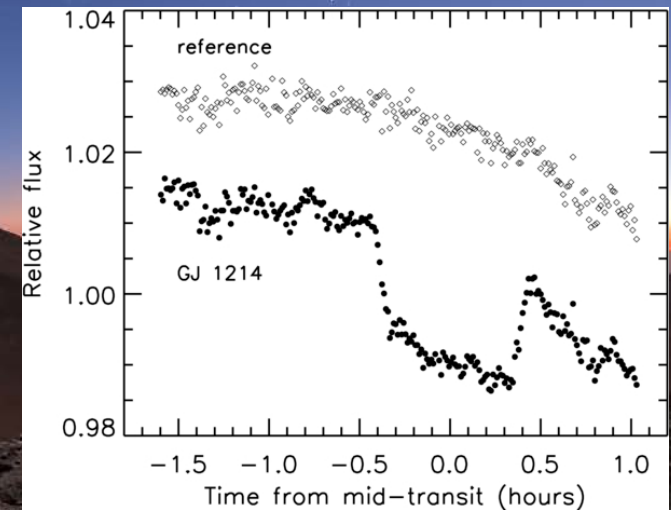
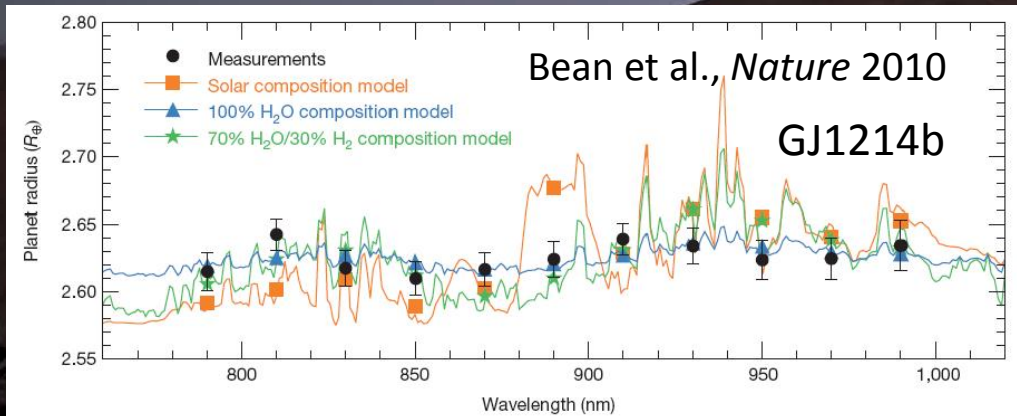


Solutions for Ground-based Observations

Measure $<10^{-3-4}$ variations in flux as function of λ over 1-5 hour time scales
Transits and Secondary Eclipses

Observe target + reference stars simultaneously

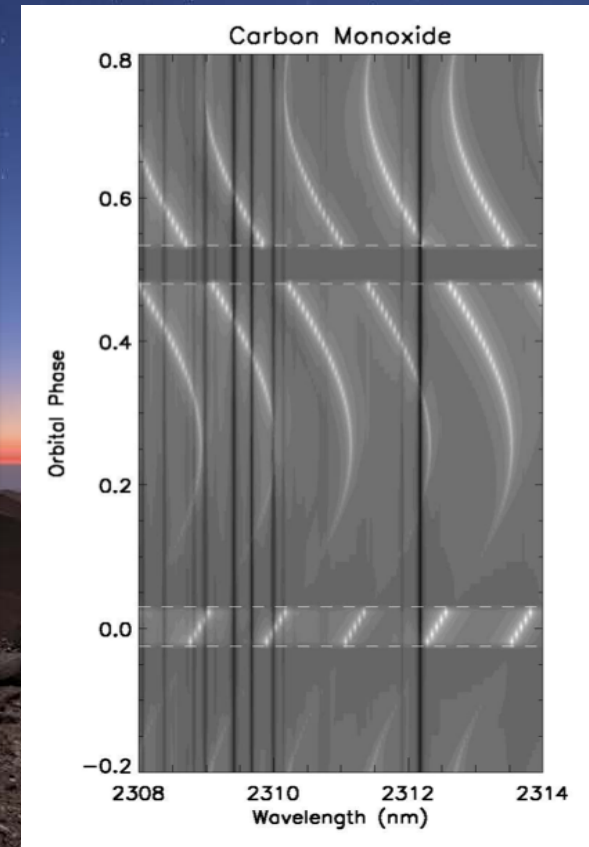
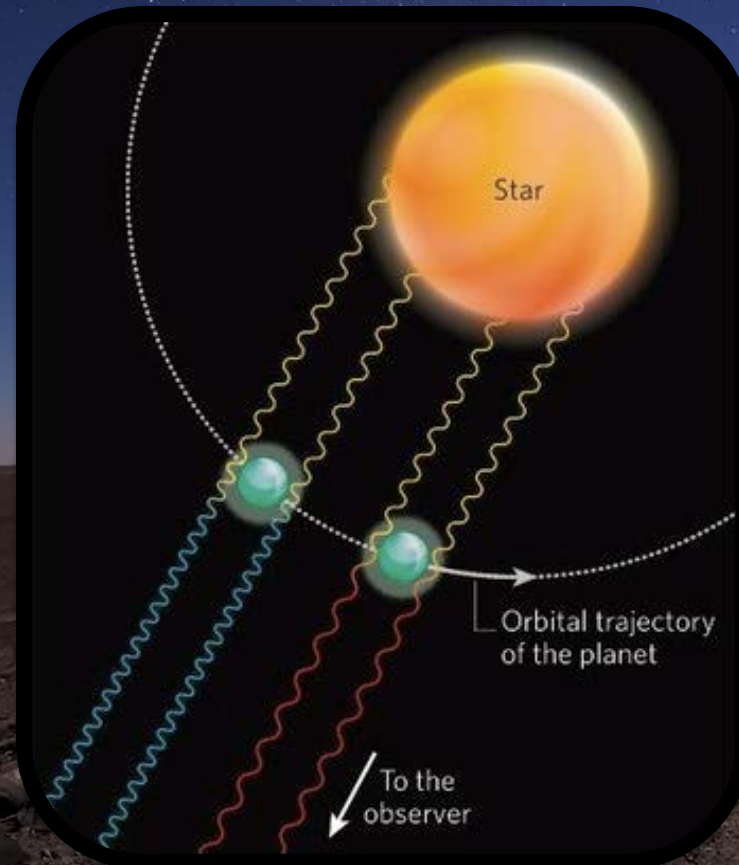
- Atmospheric variations similar for target & refs
- Different optical paths through telescope + instruments



Solutions for Ground-based Observations

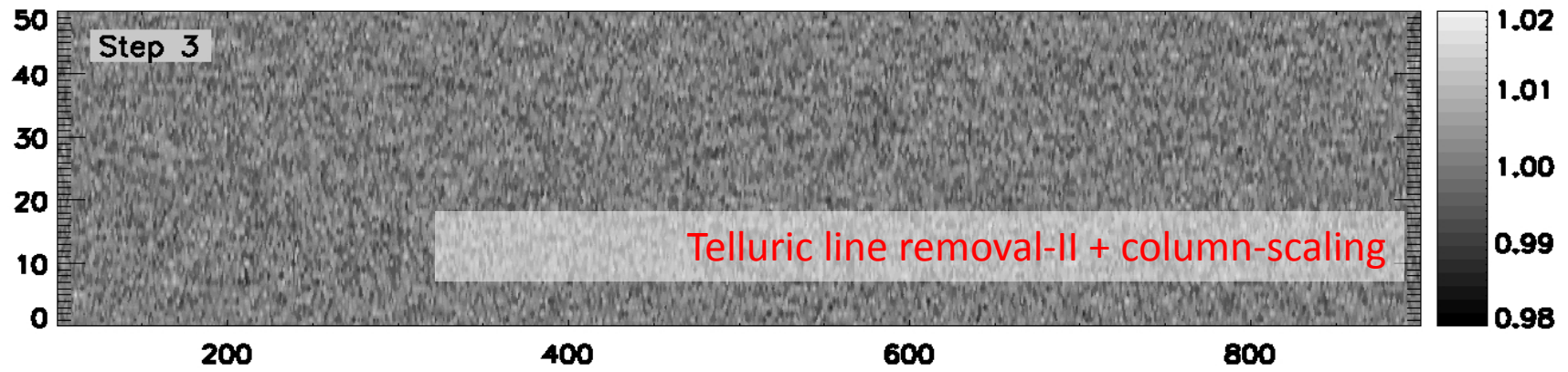
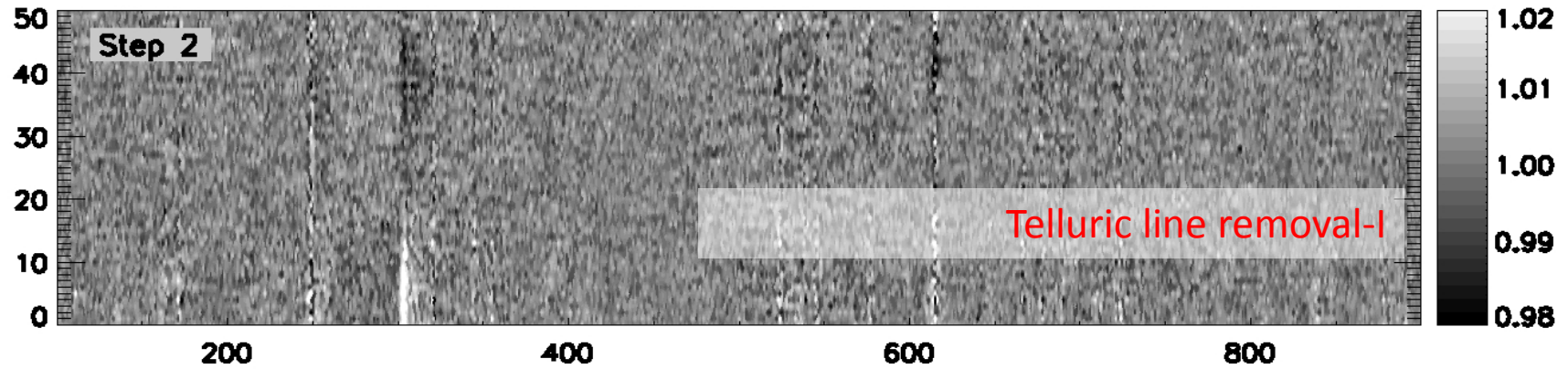
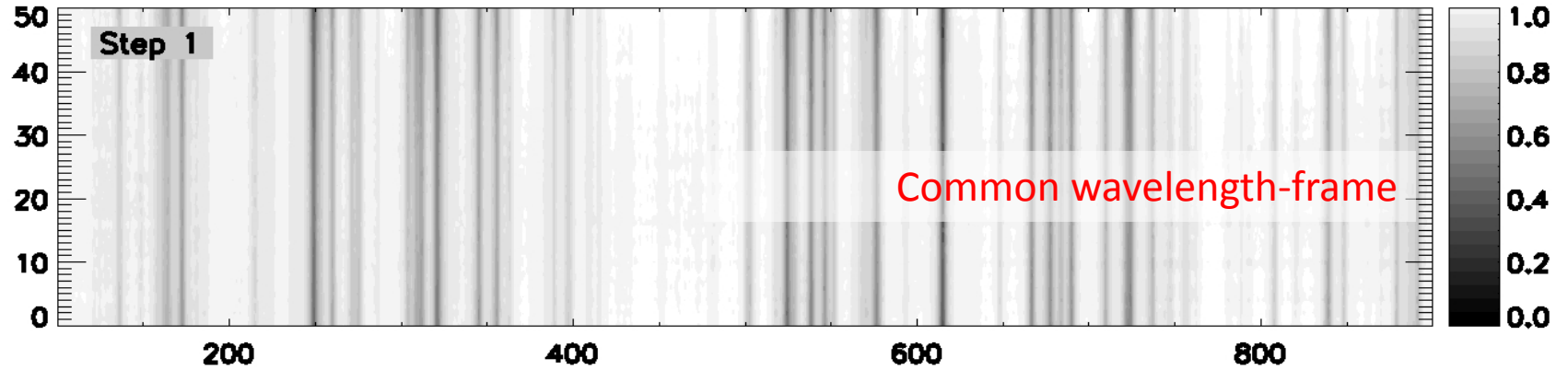
High-Dispersion Spectroscopy ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda=100,000$)

- Molecular Bands are resolved in tens of individual lines
- Strong Doppler effects due to orbital motion of the planet (upto >150 km/sec)
- moving planet lines can be distinguished from stationary telluric & stellar lines



HD209458b in transmission, CO -2.3 um

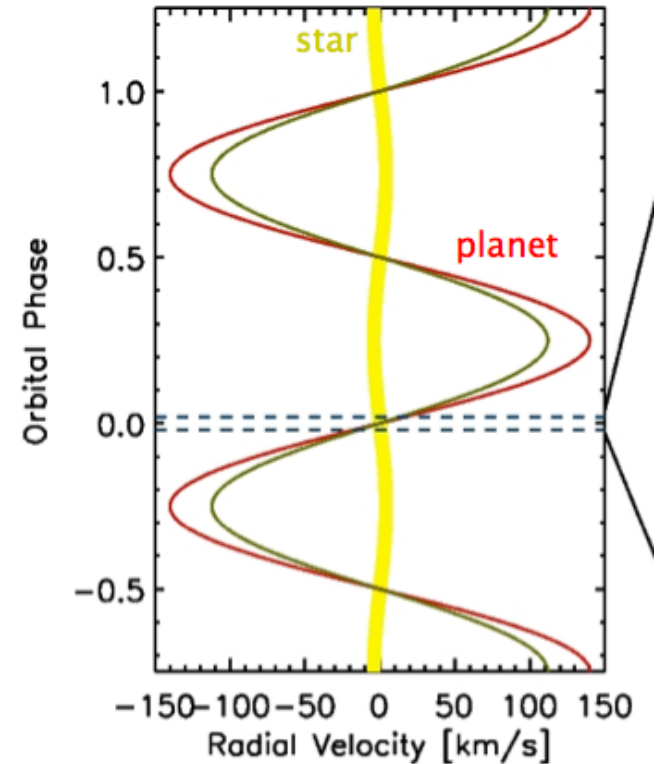
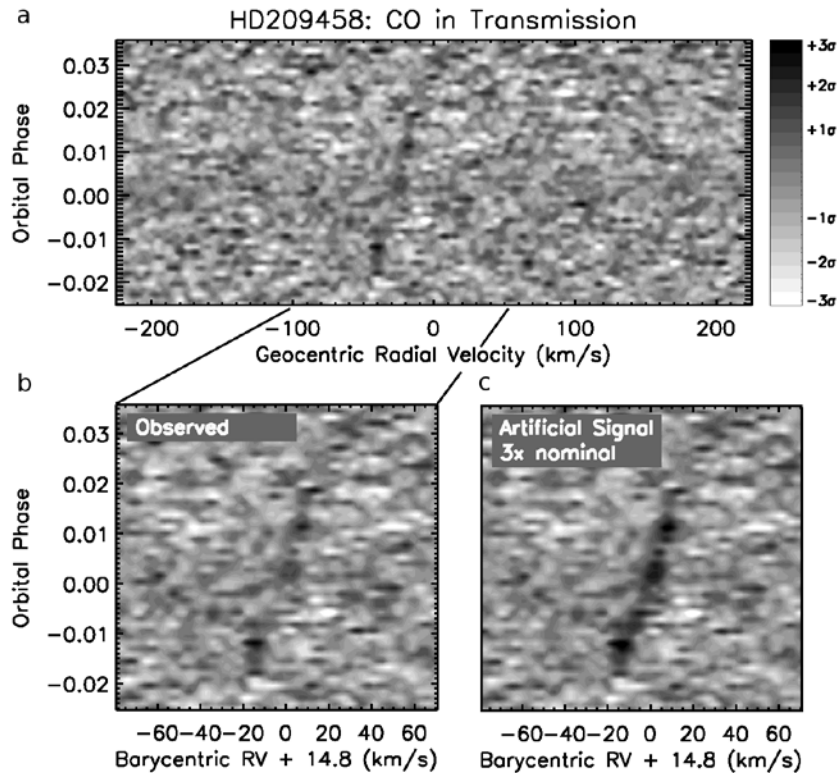
Detector1 - Reduction Process



Spectrum #

CO in transmission in HD209458b (CRIRES@VLT)

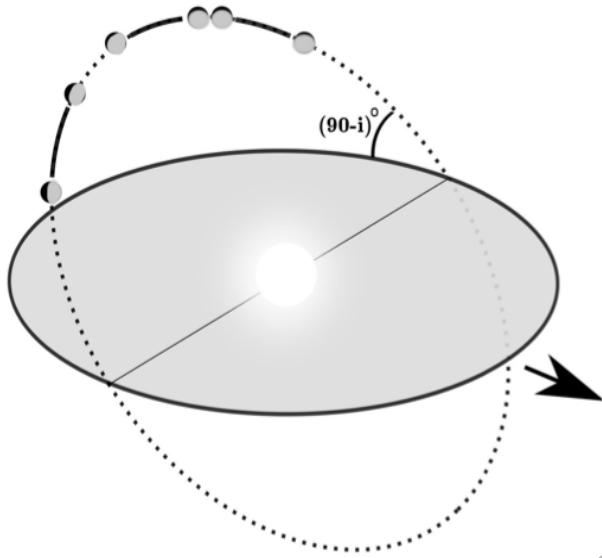
(Snellen et al. *Nature* 2010)



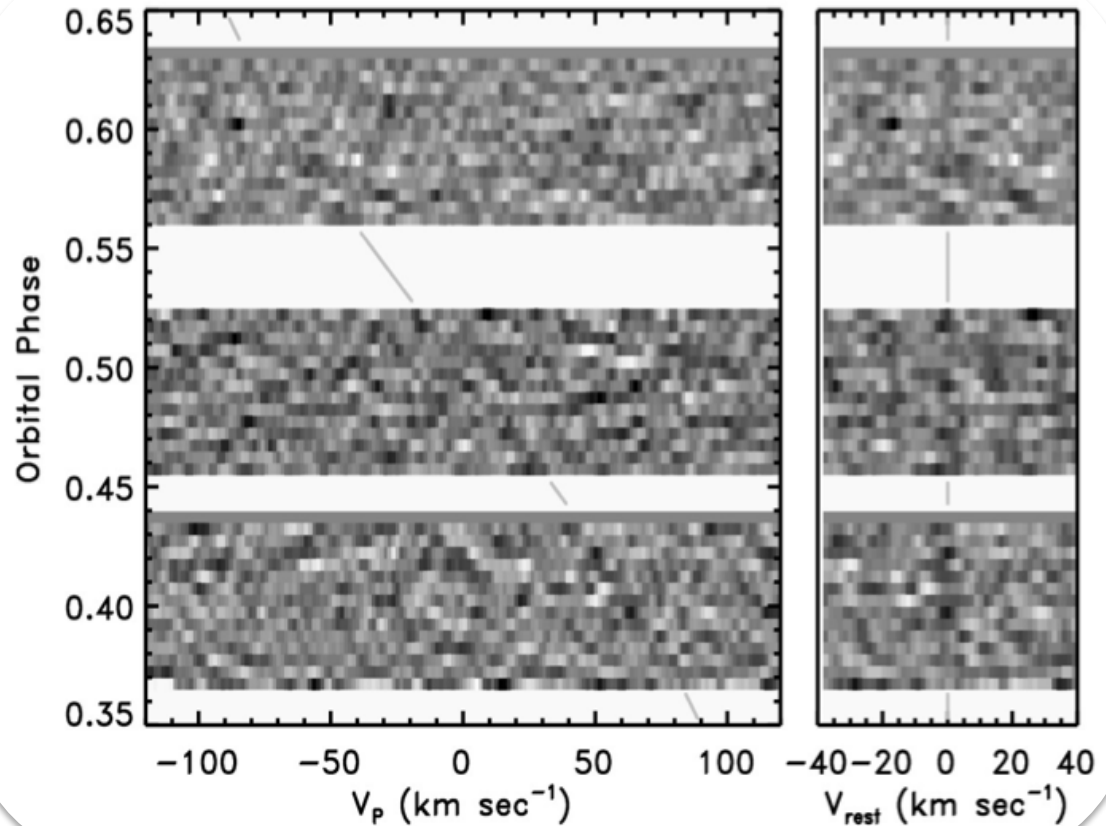
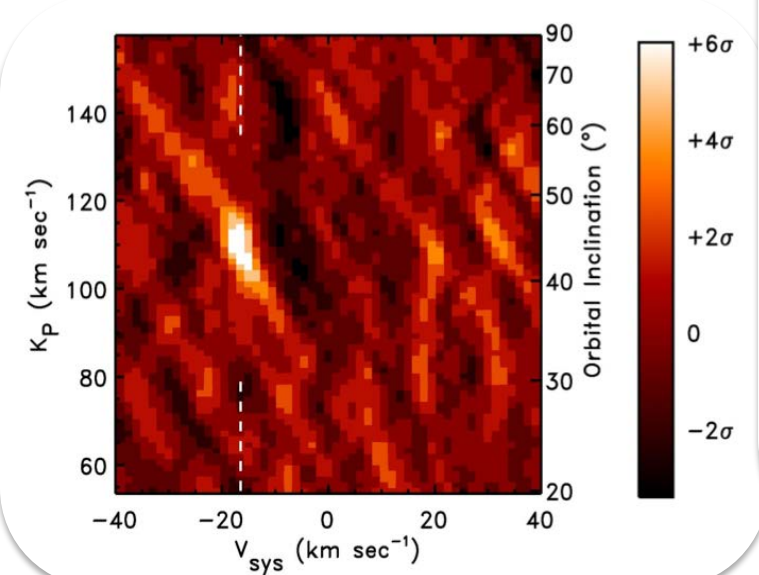
- Reveals planet orbital velocity
- Solves for masses of both planet and star (model independent)
- Evidence for blueshift (high altitude winds?)

CO in dayside spectrum of tau Bootis b (CRIRES@VLT)

(Brogi et al. *Nature* 2012 – see also Rodler et al. 2012)

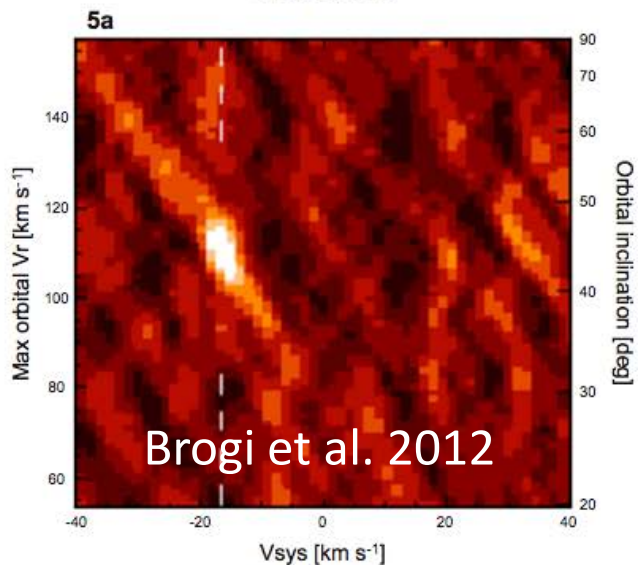


First detection of non-transiting planet \rightarrow inclination, mass

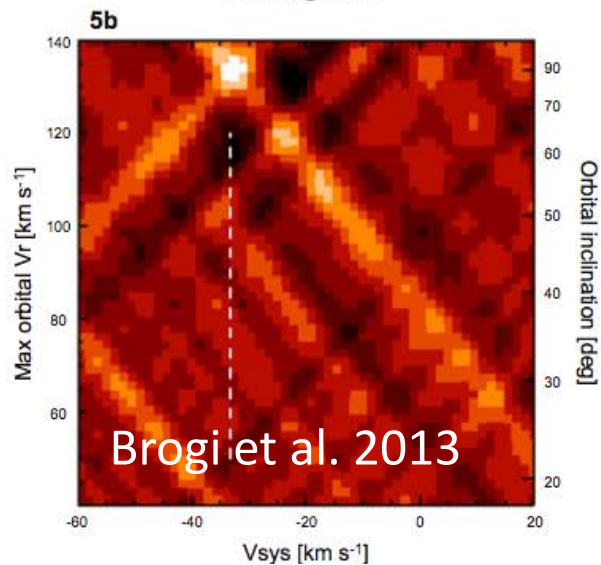


CO in dayside spectra of hot Jupiters

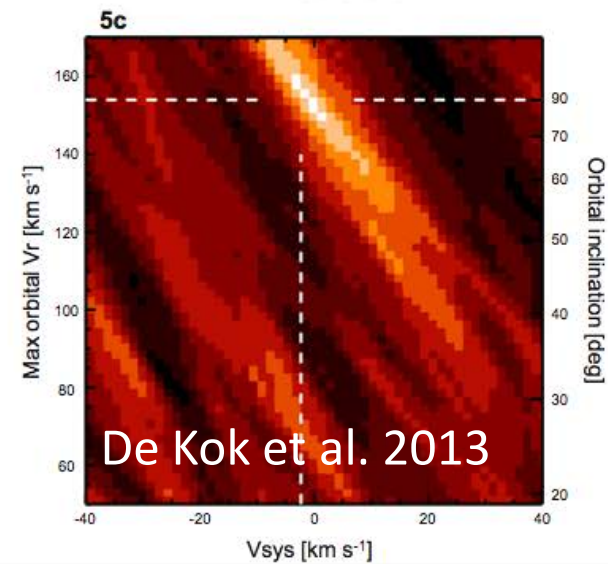
τ Boötis b



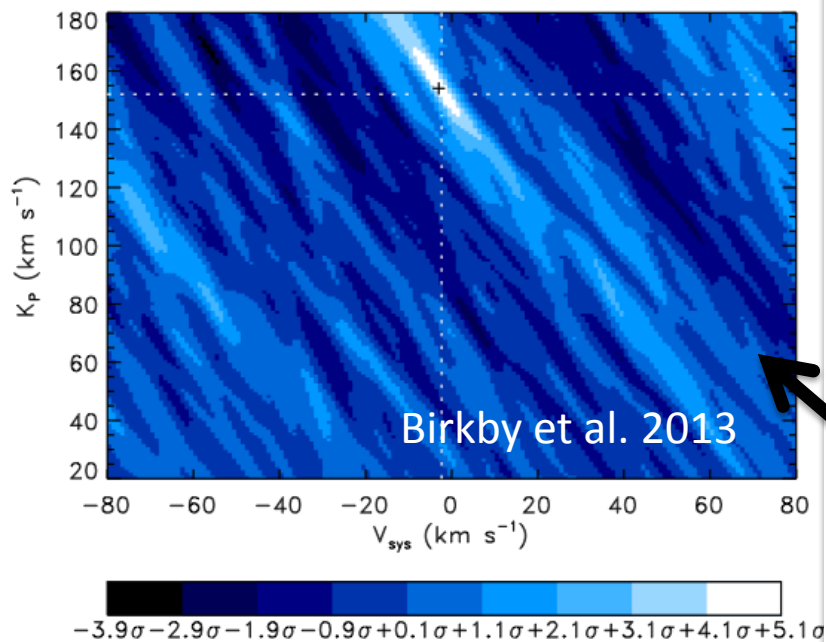
51 Pegasi b



HD 189733 b



HD189733b - Water!



CRIRES@VLT Upgrade (2015) →
6x larger wavelength coverage
CO, H₂O, CH₄, NH₃, H₃⁺,.....

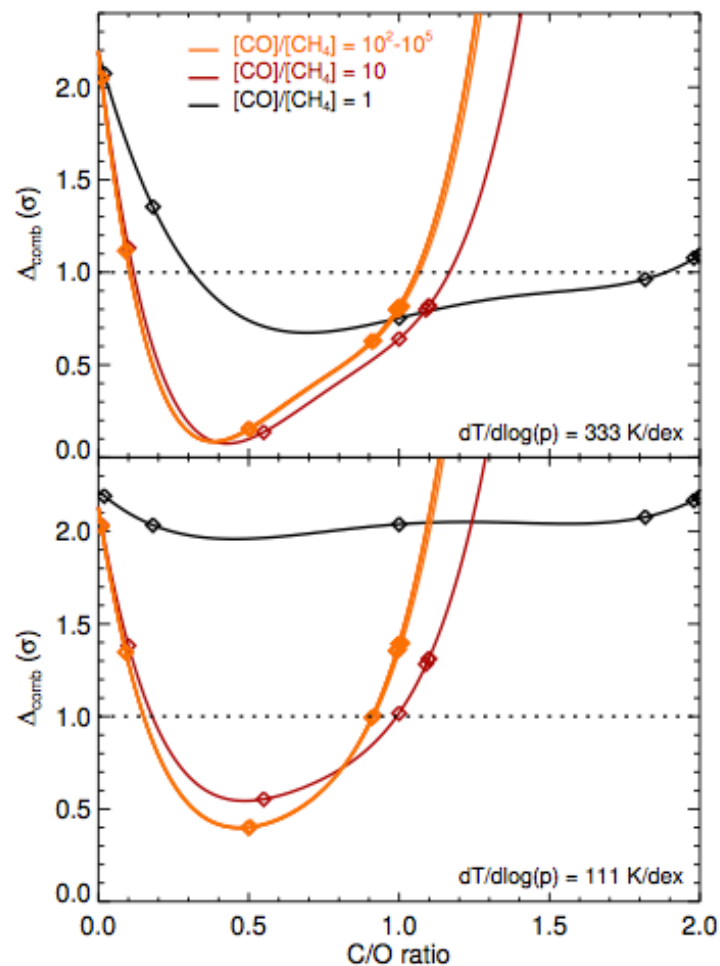
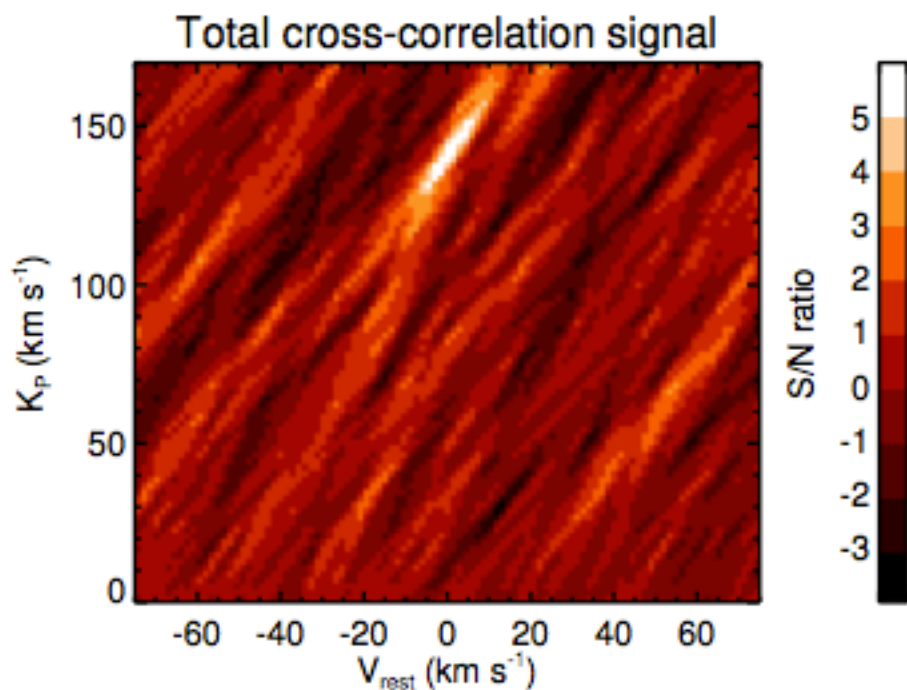
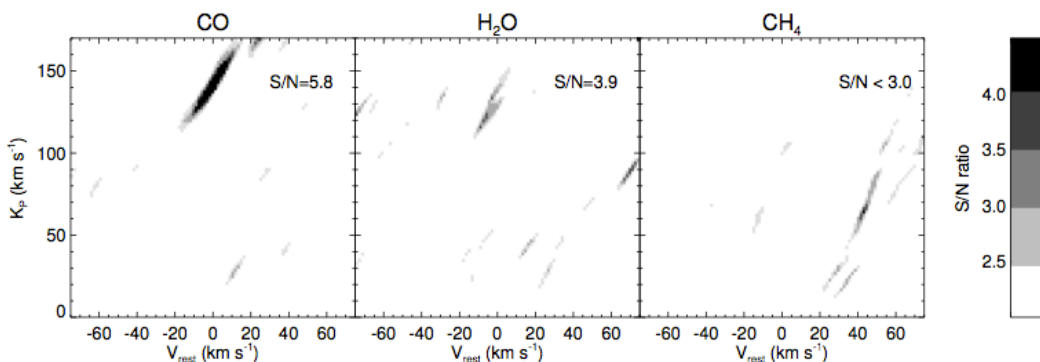
VLT ESPRESSO (Optical → TiO, VO, FeH...)

Now also with Keck!
Lockwood et al. 2014

Stepping-stone
for the ELTs

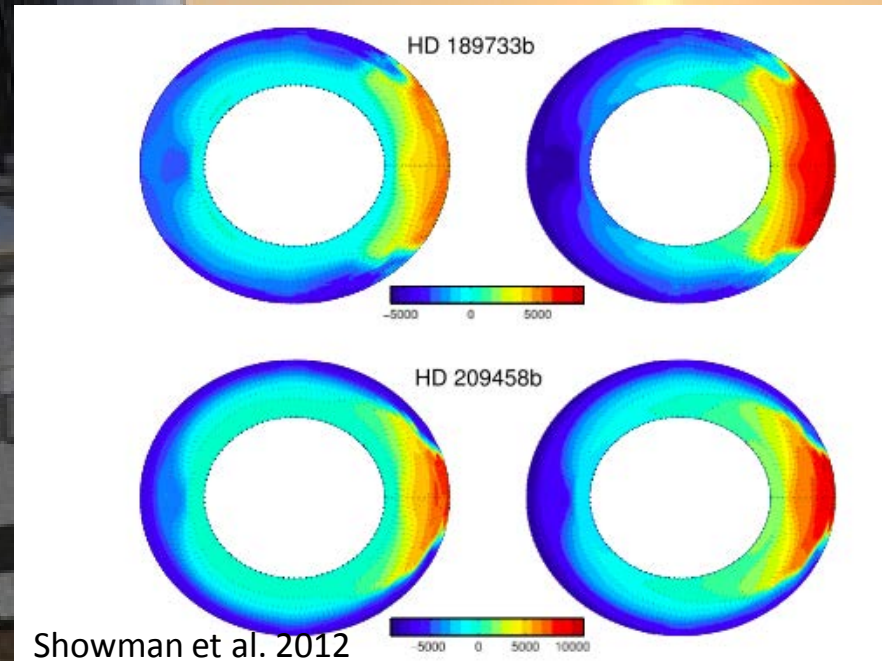
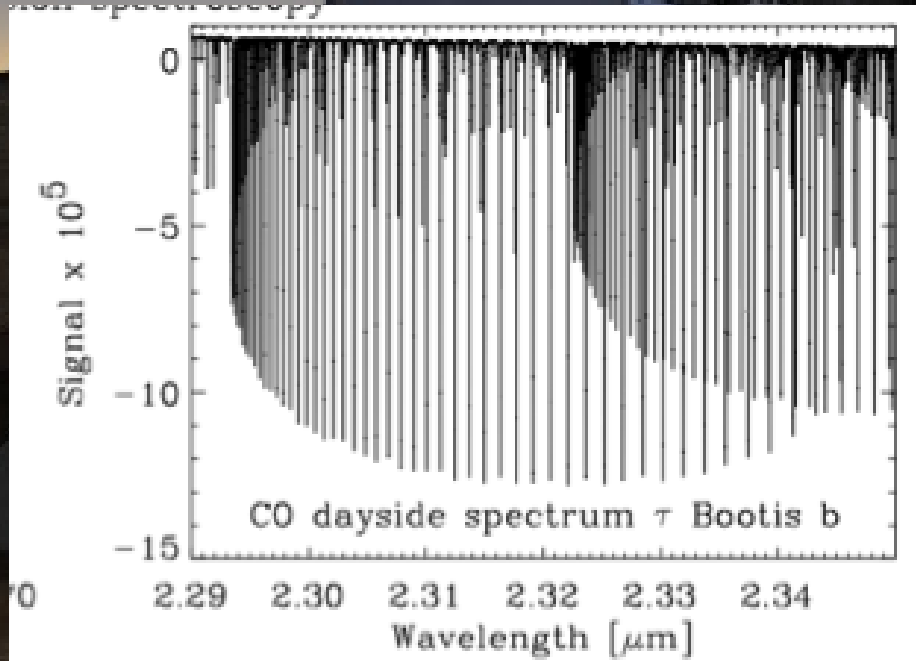
Carbon monoxide and water vapour in the atmosphere of the non-transiting exoplanet HD 179949 b[★]

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Extremely Large Telescopes

- Orbital inclinations and masses of >100 non-transiting planets
- Detection of the individual lines (instead of cross-correlation) → T/P profile; unambiguous detections of inversion layers
- Line broadening → planet rotation and circulation

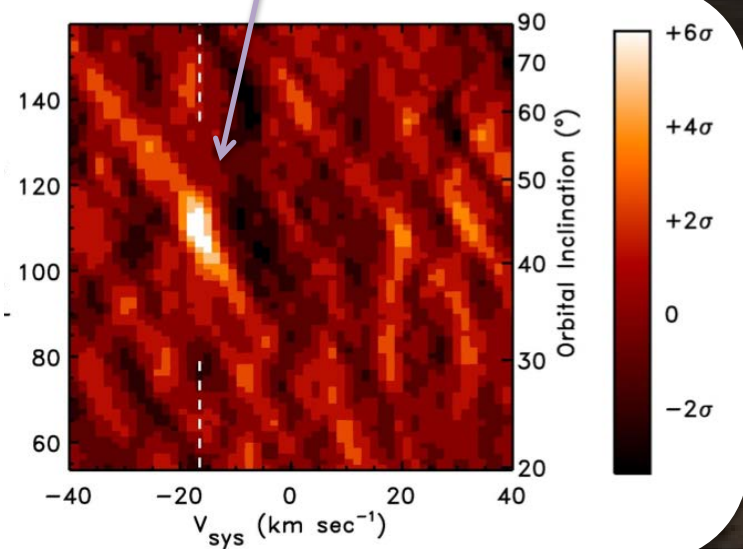
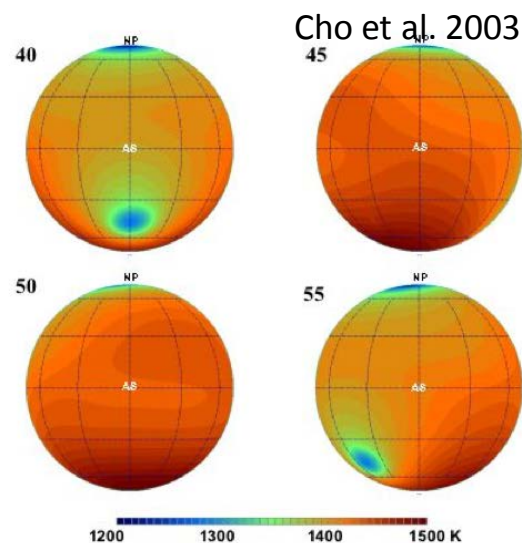
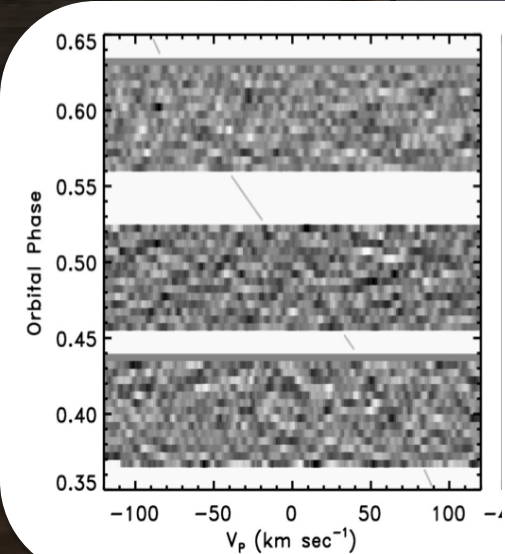


Extremely Large Telescopes

- Molecular spectra (CO, CO₂, H₂O, CH₄) as function of orbital phase
→ photochemistry, T/P versus longitude
- Isotopologues? → evolution of planet atmosphere



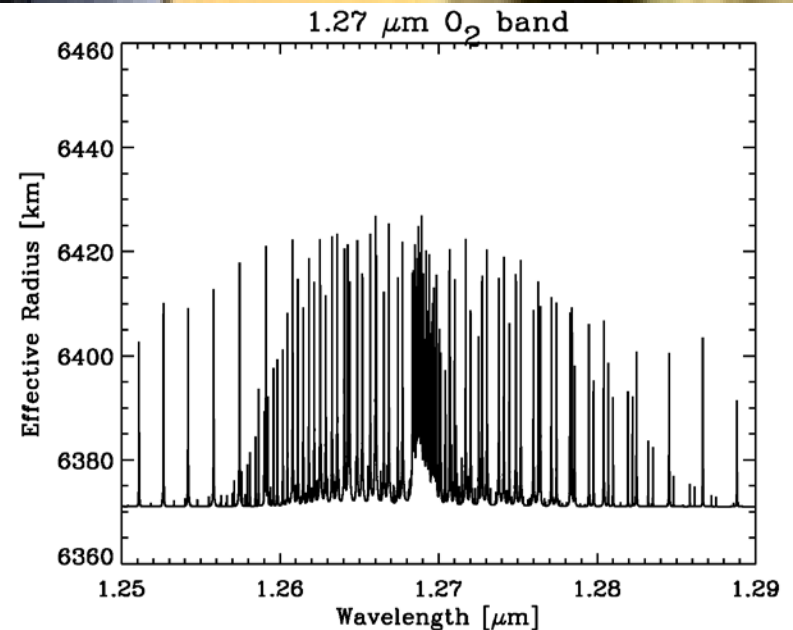
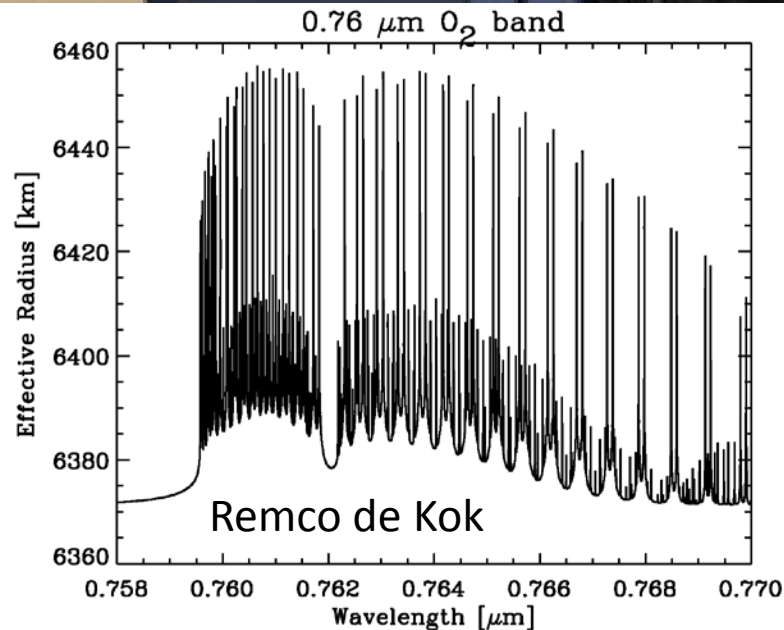
$^{12}\text{C}^{16}\text{O}$



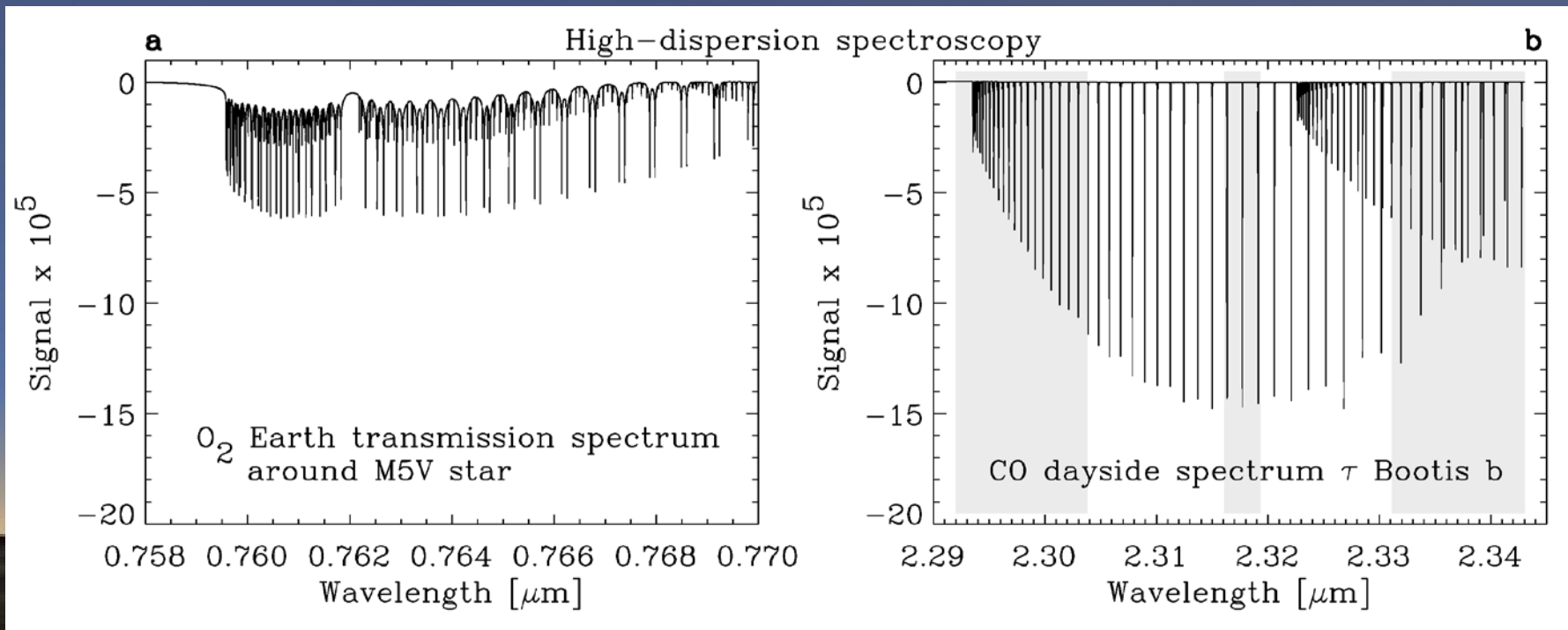
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The Ultimate ELT Science Case: Characterizing twin-Earths

- too high background for 9.6 μm Ozone
- O_2 in transmission is possible!



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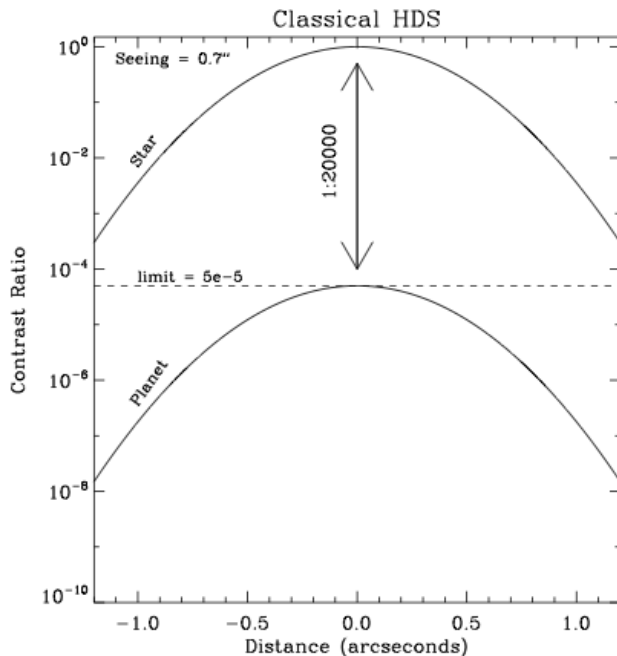


Stellar type	R_* [R_{sun}]	M_* [M_{sun}]	a_{HZ} [au]	Prob [%]	P_{HZ} [days]	Dur. [hrs]	I ($\eta_e=1$) [mag]	Line Contrast	SNR σ	Time (yrs)
G0-G5	1.00	1.00	1.000	0.47	365.3	13	4.4 - 6.1	2×10^{-6}	1.1-2.5	80-400
M0-M2	0.49	0.49	0.203	1.12	47.7	4.1	7.3 - 9.1	8×10^{-6}	0.7-1.5	20-90
M4-M6	0.19	0.19	0.058	1.52	11.8	1.4	10.0-11.8	5×10^{-5}	0.7-1.7	4-20

What about dayside spectroscopy?

Combining High-Dispersion Spectroscopy (HDS) with High Contrast Imaging (HCI)

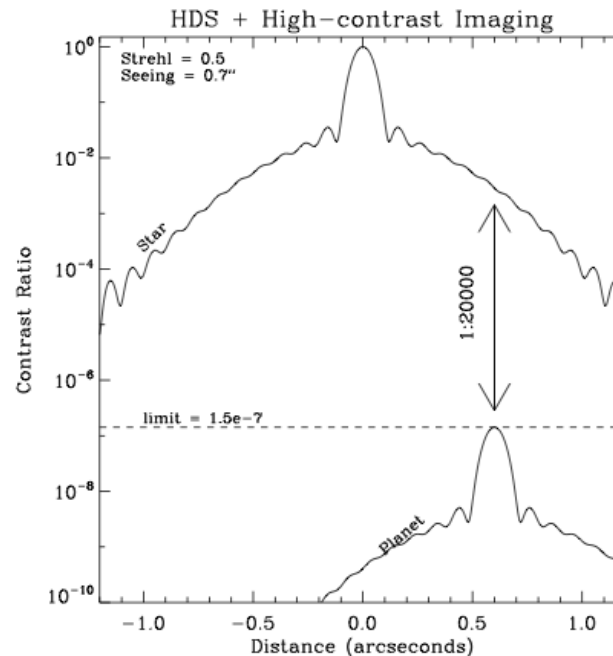
Classical HDS



$$\text{SNR} = \frac{S_{\text{planet}}}{\sqrt{S_{\text{star}} + \sigma_{\text{bg}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{RN}}^2}}$$

Limits: 10^{-5} with VLT

HDS + HCI

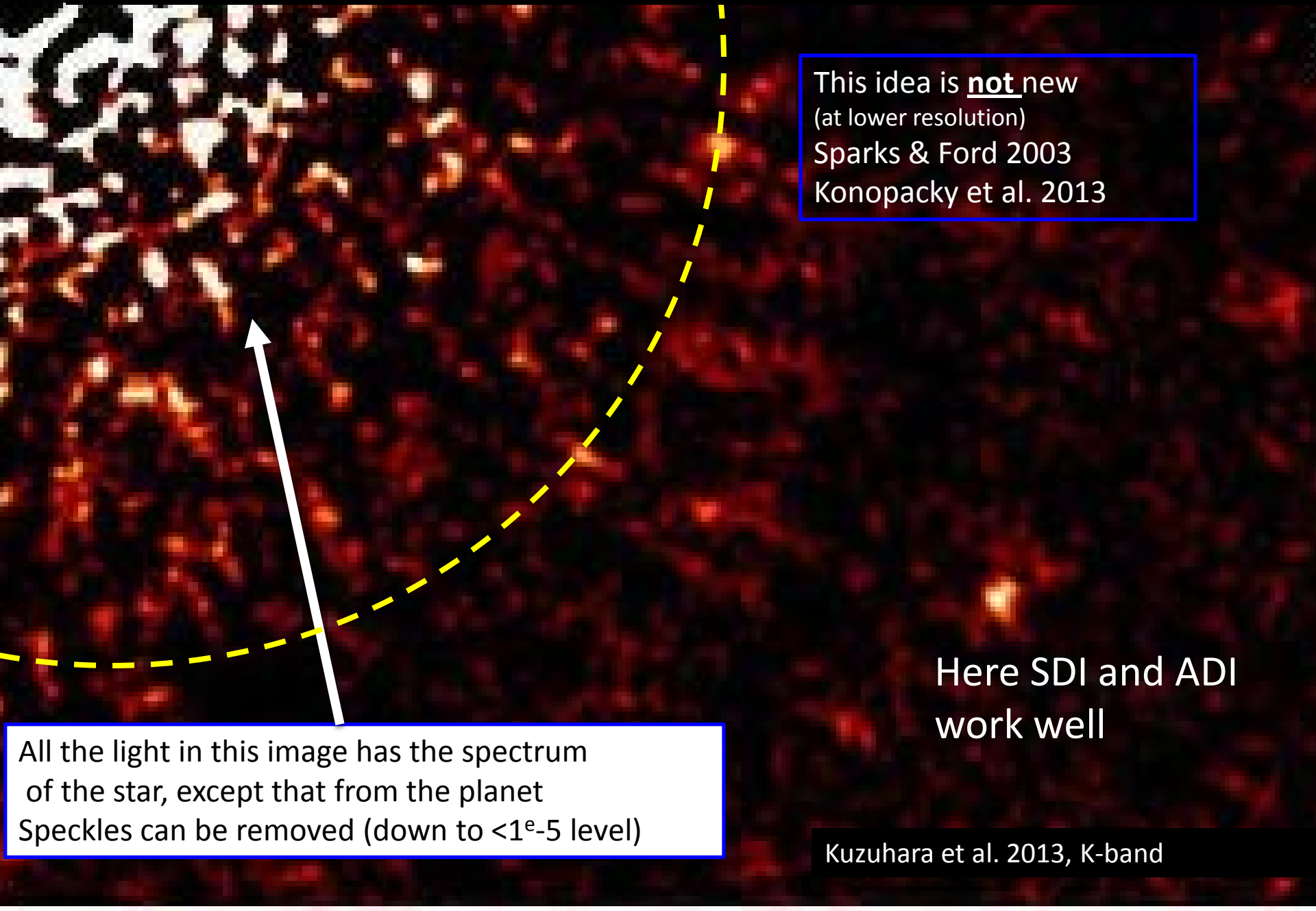


$$\text{SNR} = \frac{S_{\text{planet}}}{\sqrt{S_{\text{star}}/K + \sigma_{\text{bg}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{RN}}^2}}$$

Limits: $10^{-5}/\sqrt{K}$ with VLT

How far can we push this with the ELTs?

Comparison to “classical” high-contrast imaging



This idea is not new
(at lower resolution)
Sparks & Ford 2003
Konopacky et al. 2013

Here SDI and ADI
work well

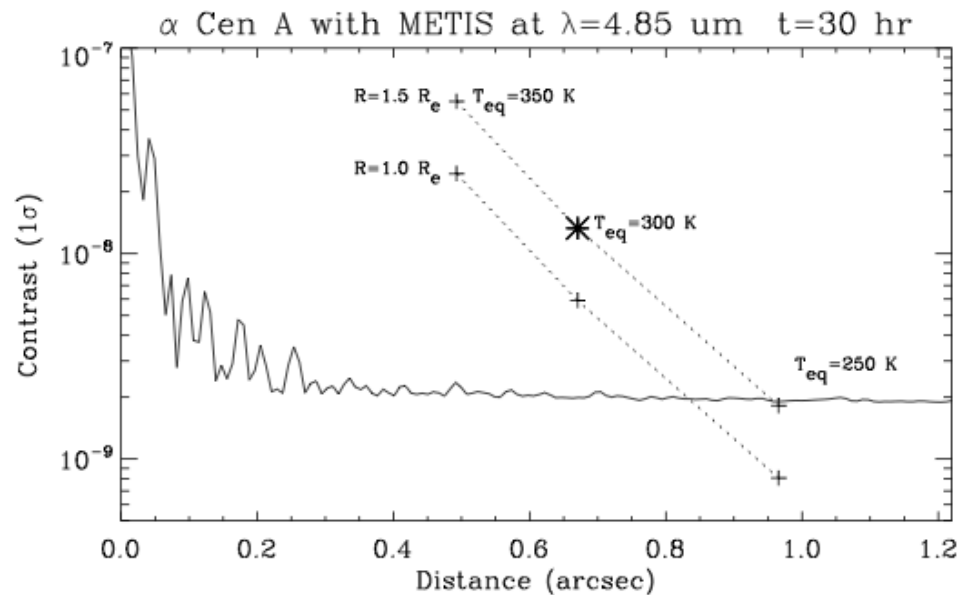
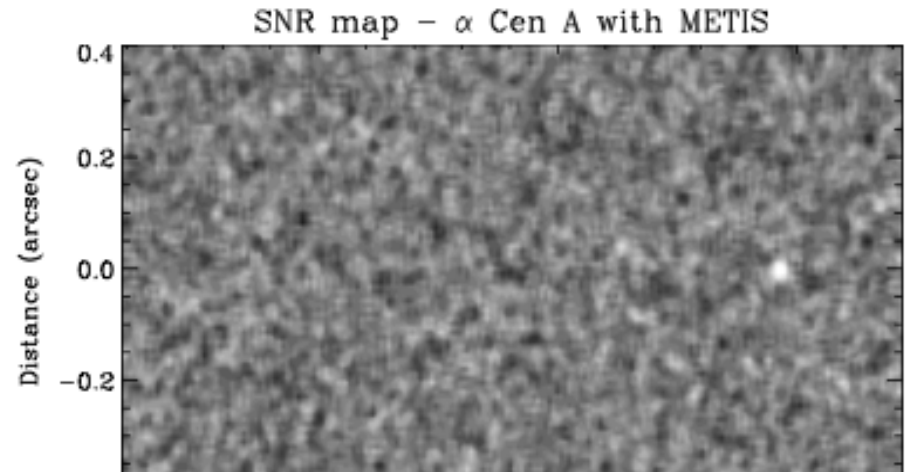
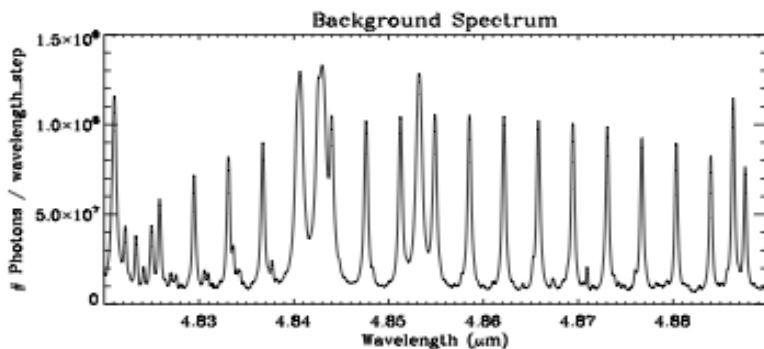
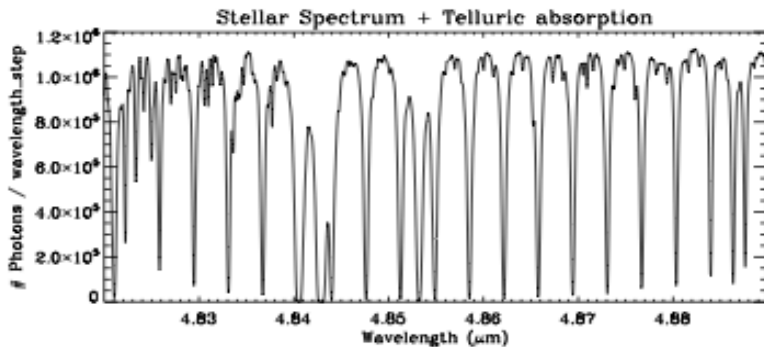
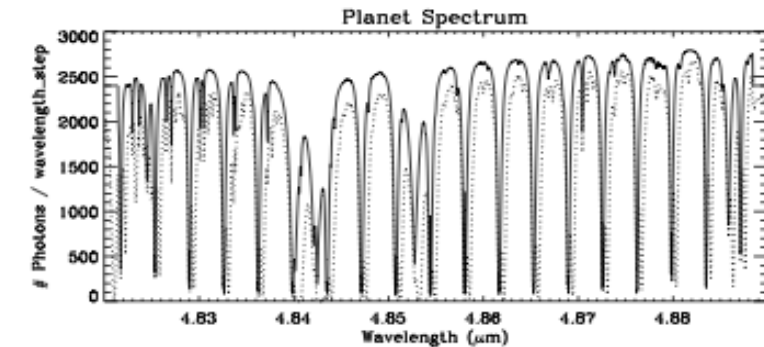
All the light in this image has the spectrum
of the star, except that from the planet
Speckles can be removed (down to $<10^{-5}$ level)

Kuzuhara et al. 2013, K-band

E-ELT simulations - CASE 1

A Super-Earth in the Habitable Zone of Cen A at 4.85 μm

METIS+E-ELT PSF simulation in M-band (Strehl=0.9), baseline METIS set-up. 30 hours Earth-spectrum, $T=300\text{ K}$, $1.5 R_{\text{earth}}$.

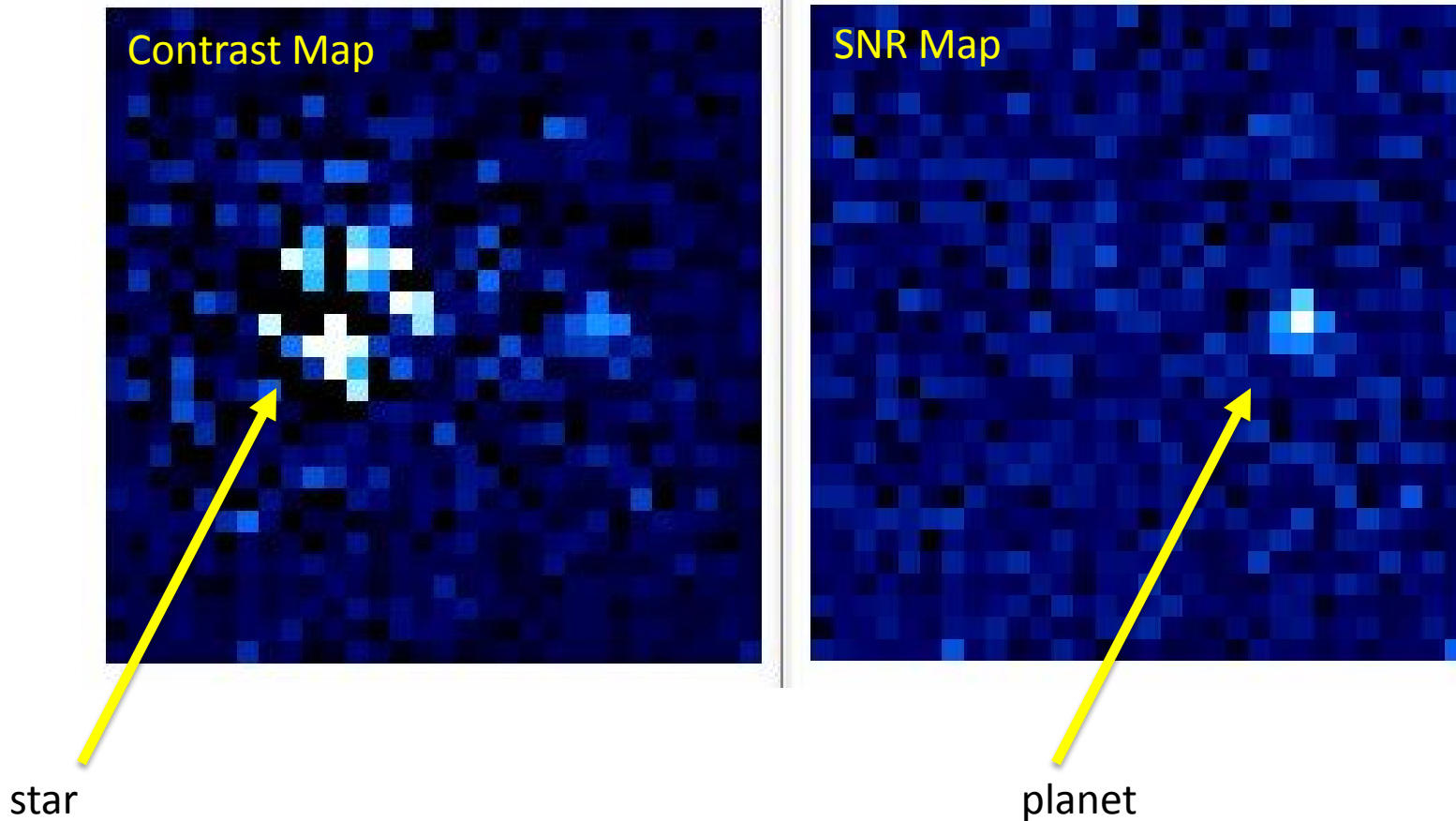


E-ELT simulations - Optical IFU (HIRES/PCS)

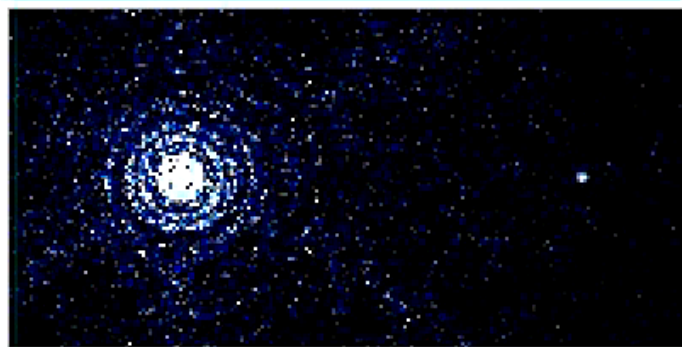
CASE 2: A Super-Earth in the Habitable Zone of Proxima

E-ELT (Strehl=0.5), 10 hours, $R=100,000$, $\Delta\lambda = 600 - 900$ nm
Earth-spectrum, $T=280$ K, $2 R_{\text{earth}}$.

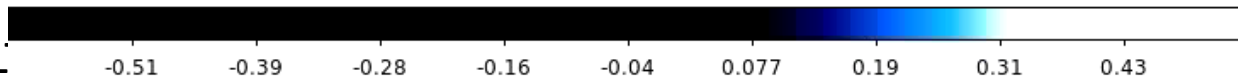
Snellen et al. In prep



Planet spectrum is a copy of that of the star, but velocity shifted



METIS @ E-EL

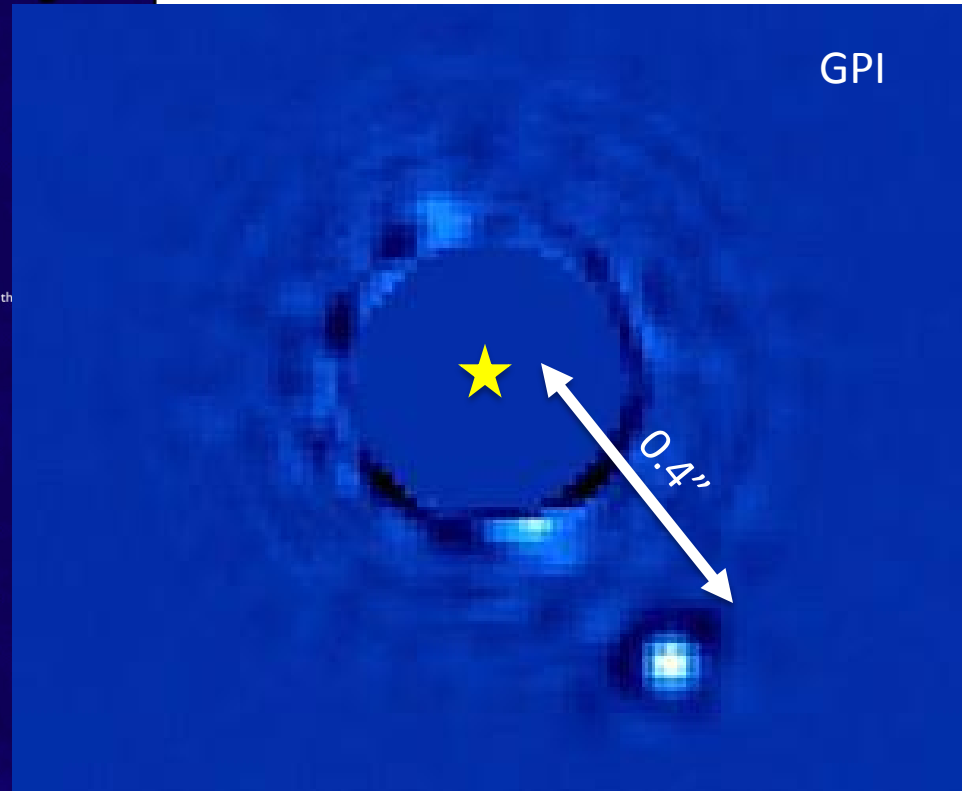
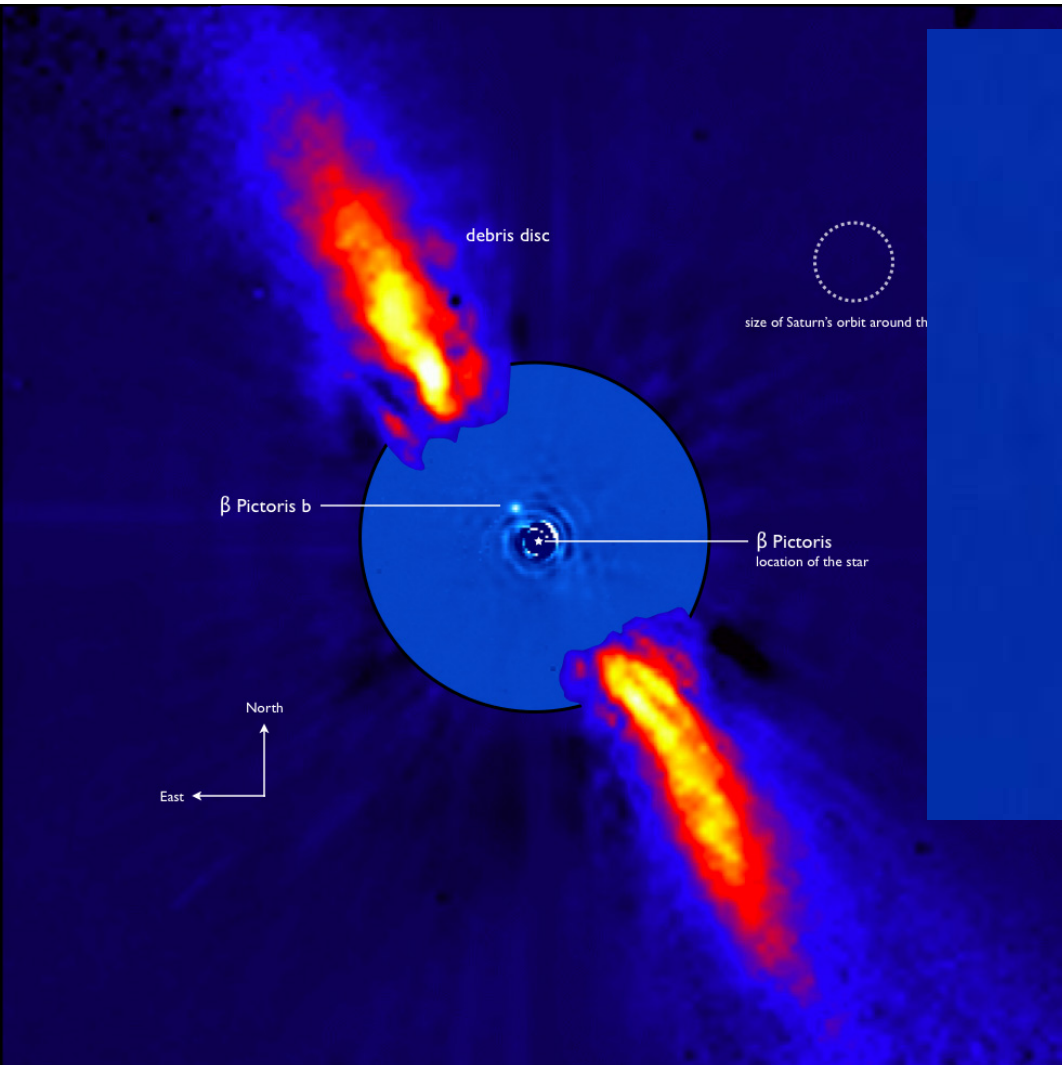


Can we test this with current instrumentation?

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Beta Pictoris b – CRIRES@VLT

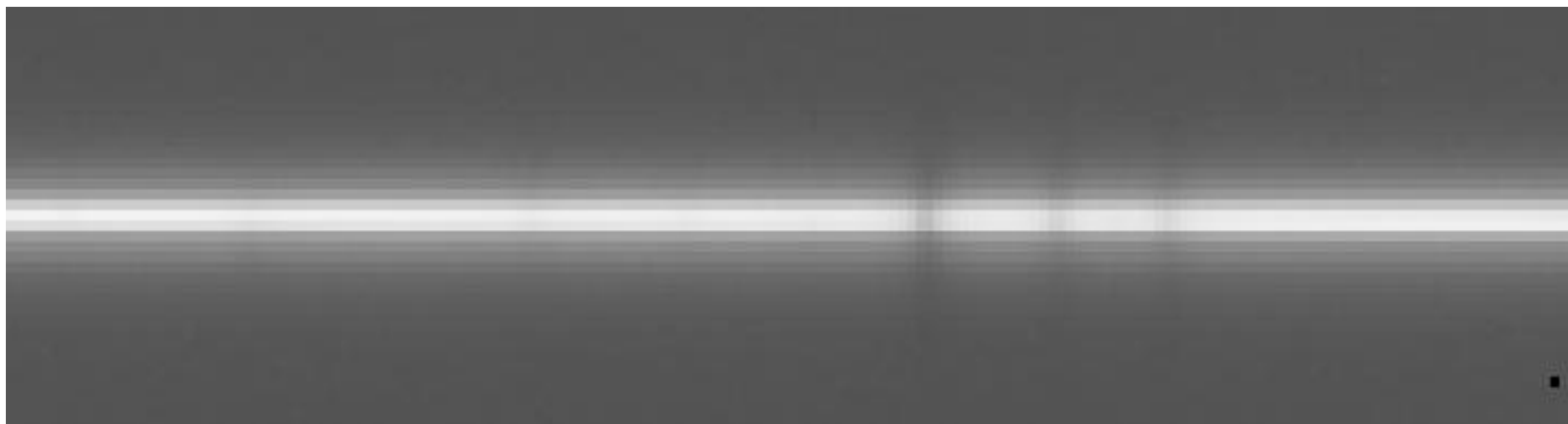


Mass = 11 (+-5) Mjup
Radius \sim 1.65 Rjup
Orbit: 17-20 years

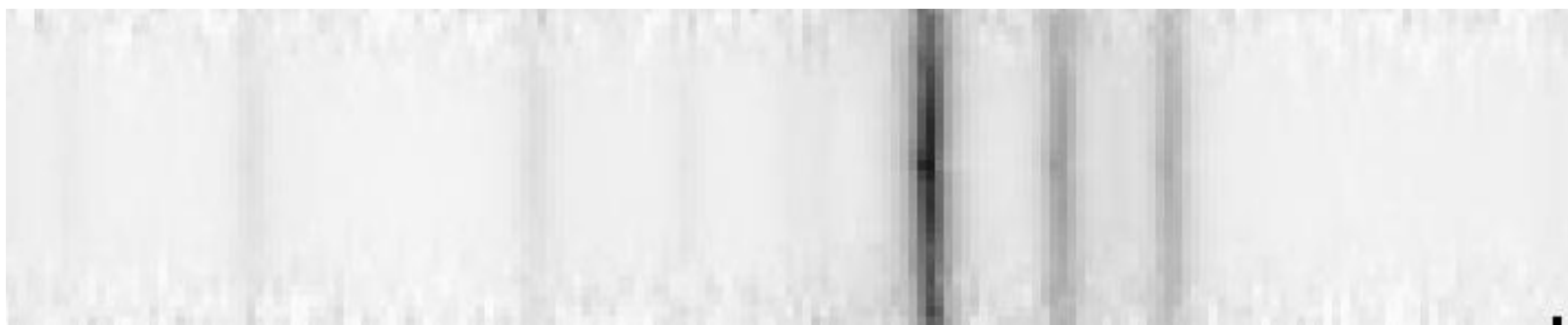
1 hour DDT time (1-1.3" seeing)

22x4x10 seconds

Star →
Planet →

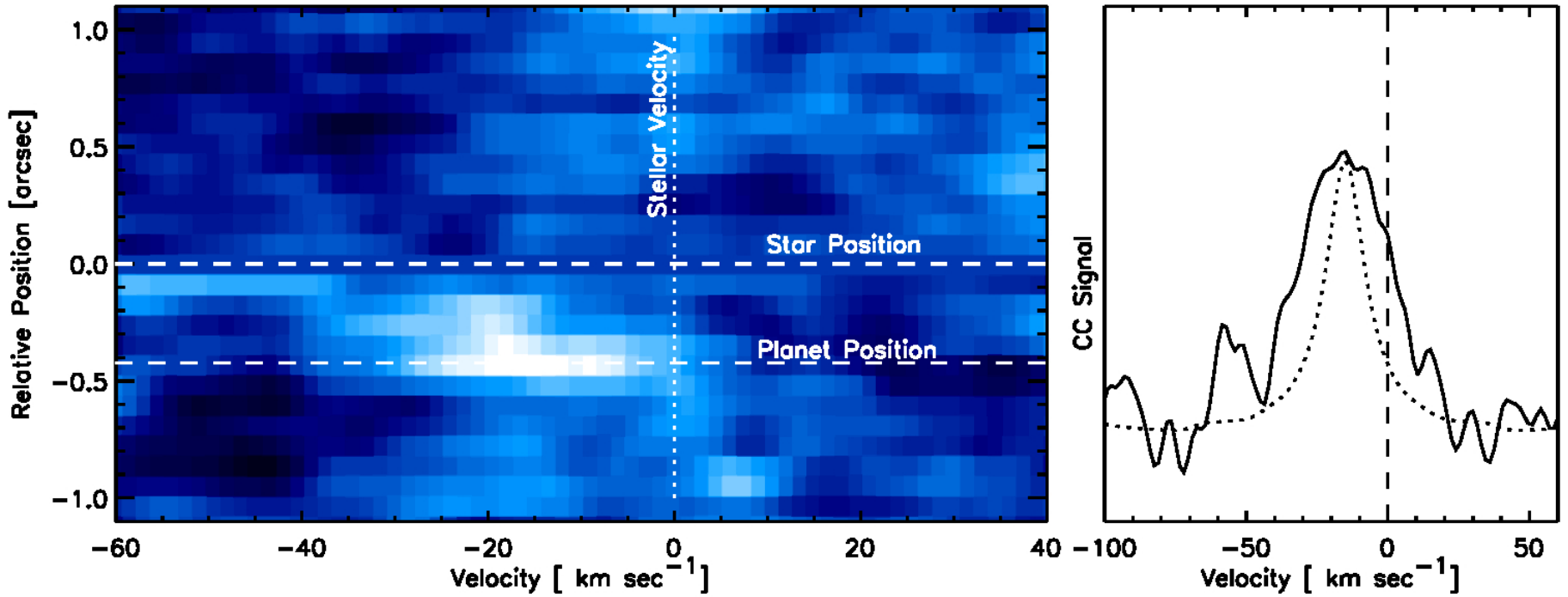


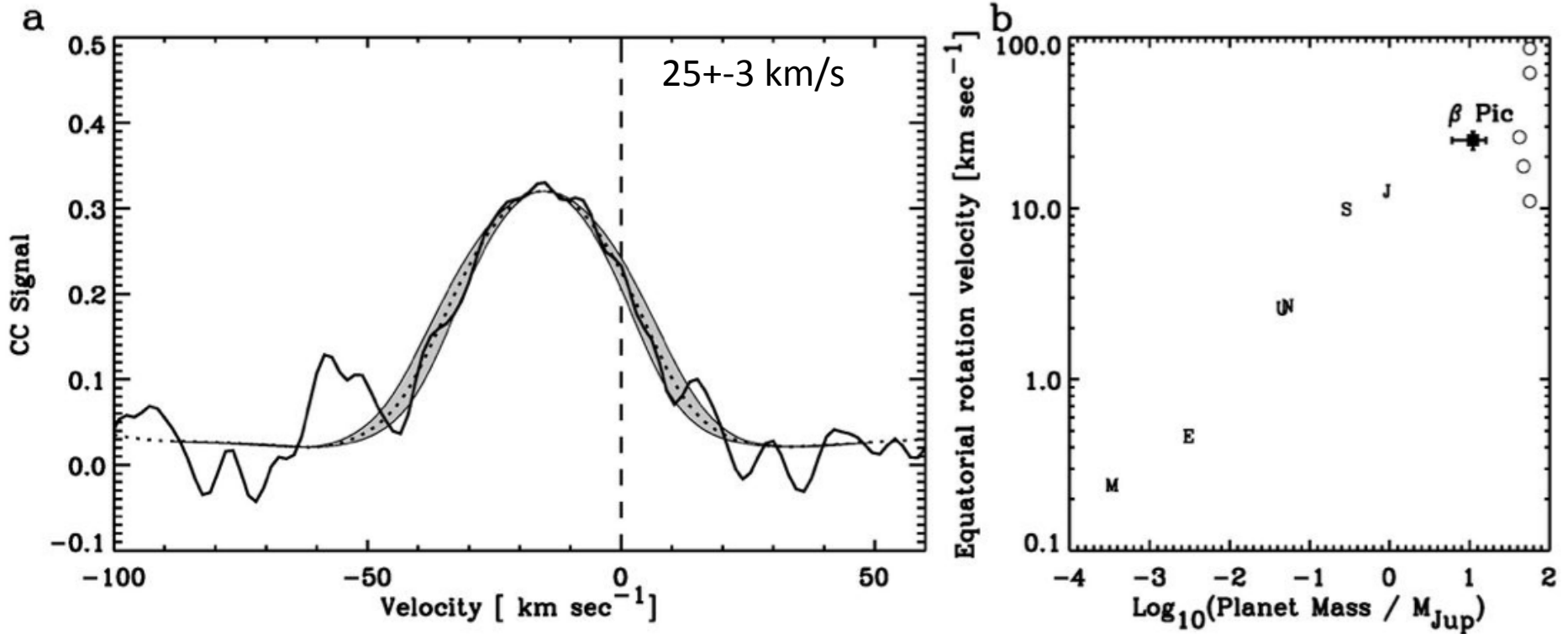
Star →
Planet →



Star →
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Length of Day on Beta Pictoris b = ~8 hours

