

# Exoplanets

Fall/Winter 2023/2024

Lecture 3

20.10.2023

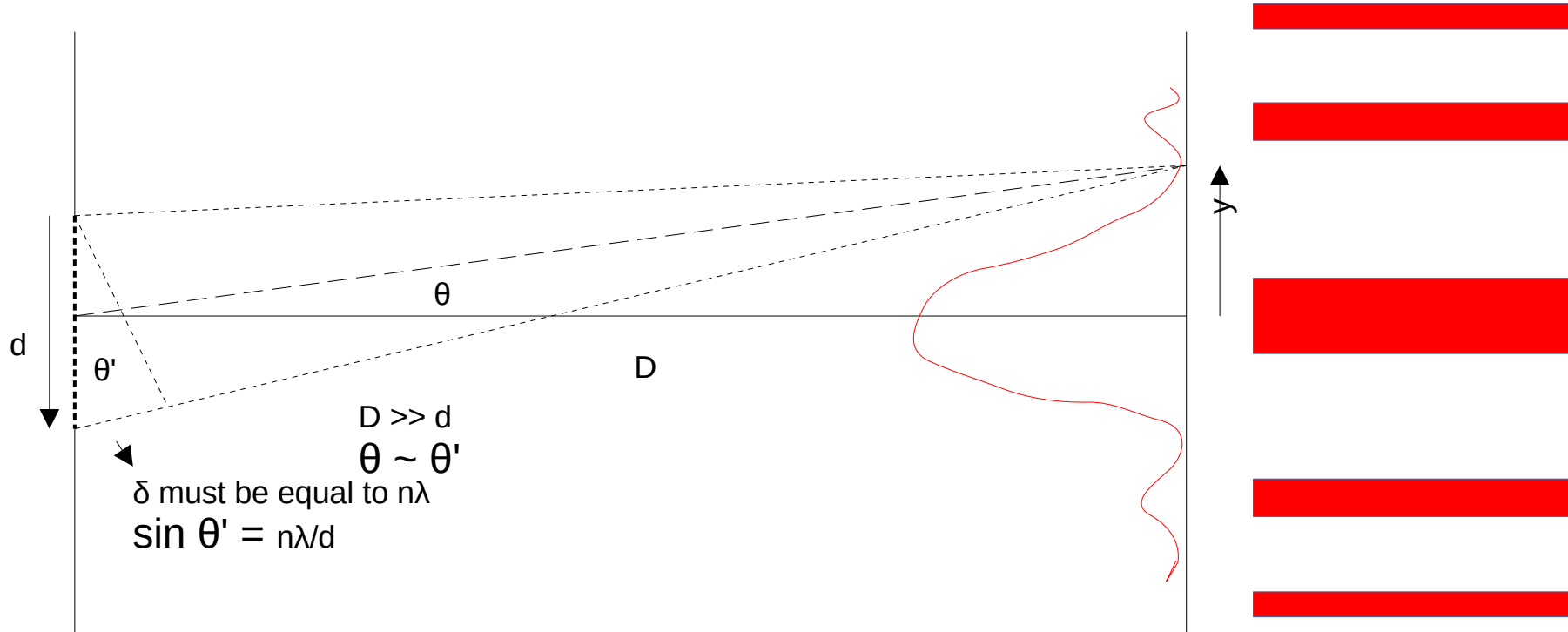
# Outline

- Spectrographs and how do they work?
- CCD/NIR detectors
- Photometry and exoplanets detection
- This will be pain but you will be ready for the exoplanet talk

# Spectrographs, how do they work?

- Components
  - lens
  - fiber/slit
  - prism/grism/grating
  - detector (now CCD)
- Physics behind the spectrograph
  - diffraction equation
$$n\lambda = d \sin \theta$$

# Diffraction on grating



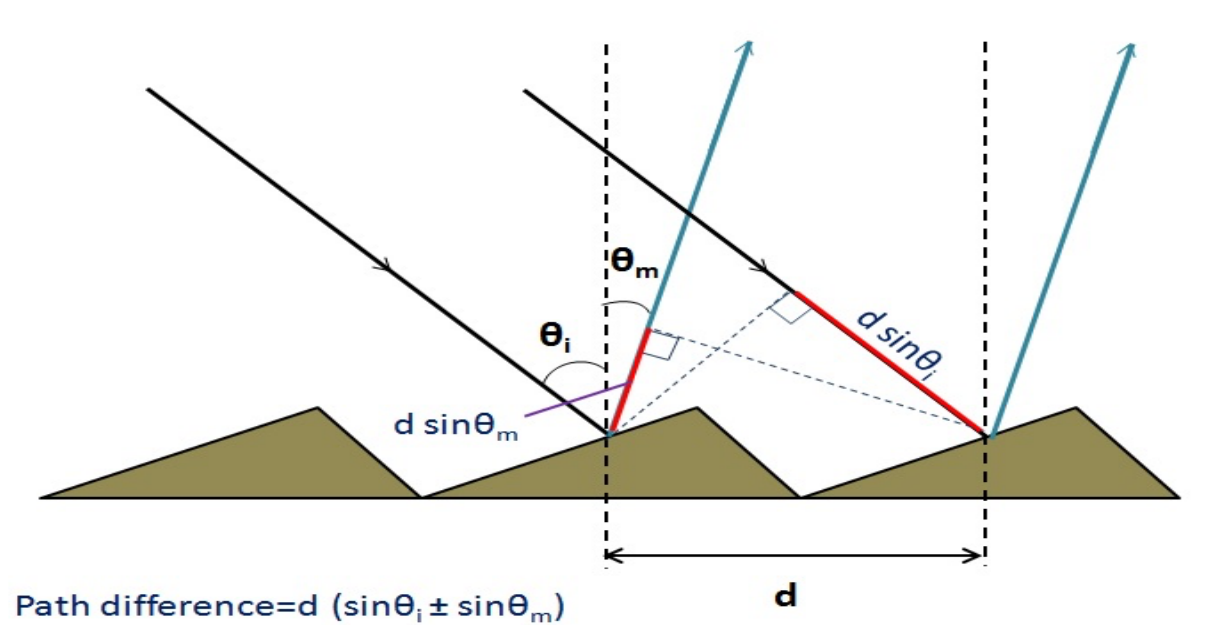
If interested, read more here:

<http://web.mit.edu/8.02t/www/802TEAL3D/visualizations/coursenotes/modules/guide14.pdf>



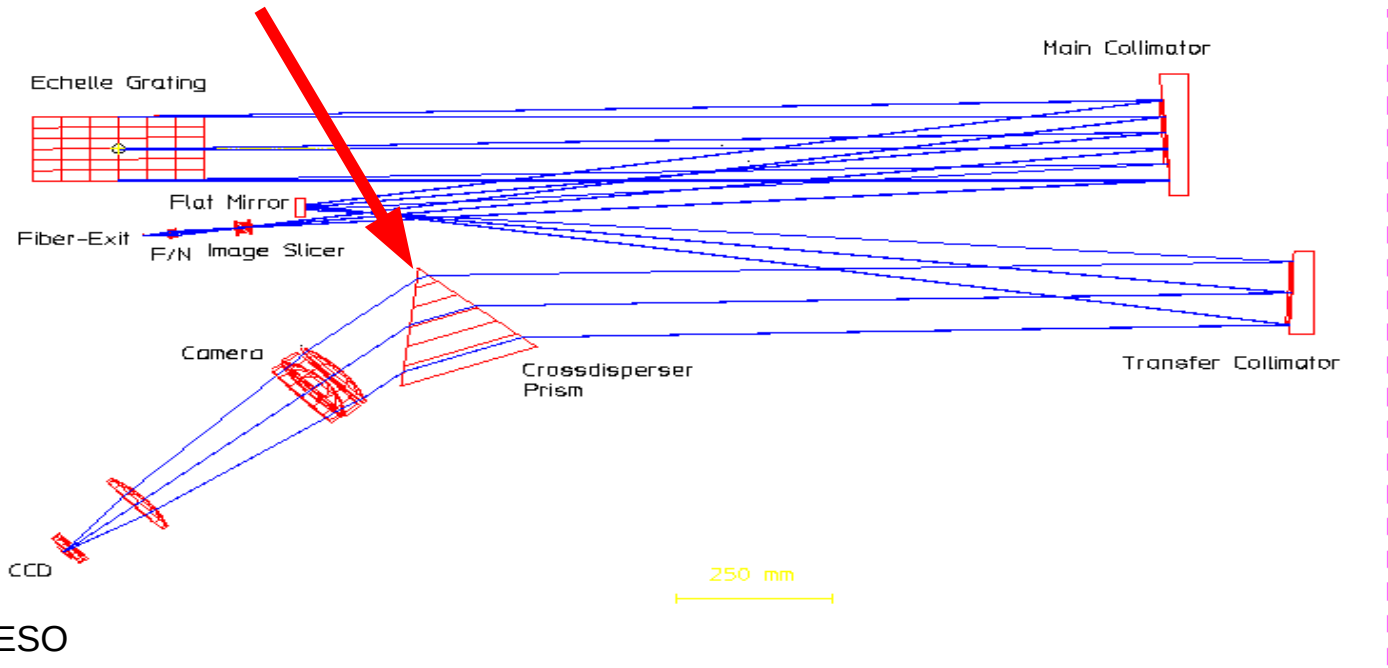
# Echelle Spectrographs

Blazed grating with many grooves



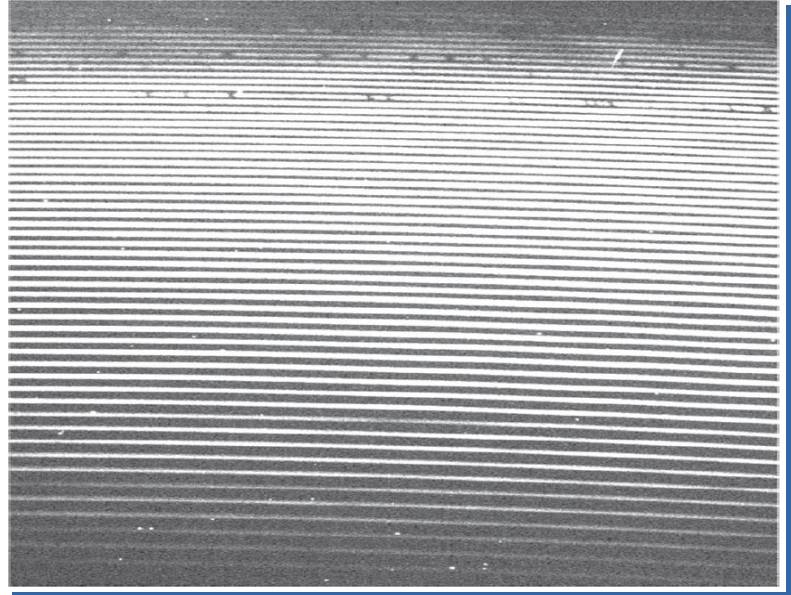
# Crossdispersers

- Orders will overlap
- Crossdisperser prism separates them



# Echellogram

- Blaze function
  - interference along the facet, curving the “orders”

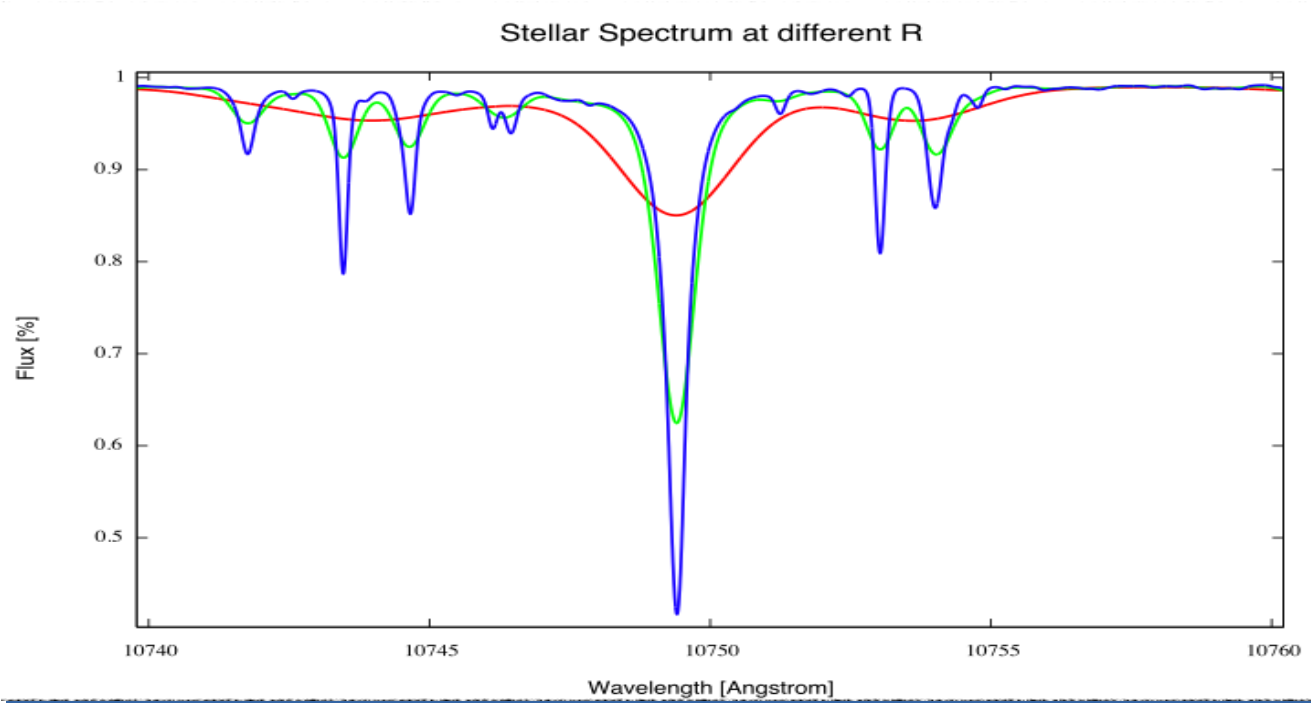


- <http://astronomy.nmsu.edu/cwc/Teaching/ASTR605/Lectures/spectra.pdf>

# Main parameters of the spectrograph

- Fiber or slit size
- Fiber avoids too many optical surfaces
- Resolving power  $R = \lambda / \Delta\lambda = nN$  (N – number of grooves)
  - separation between two spectral lines considered as just resolved
- $R < 1000$  low resolution
- $1000 < R < 10000$  intermediate resolution
- $R > 10000$  high resolution

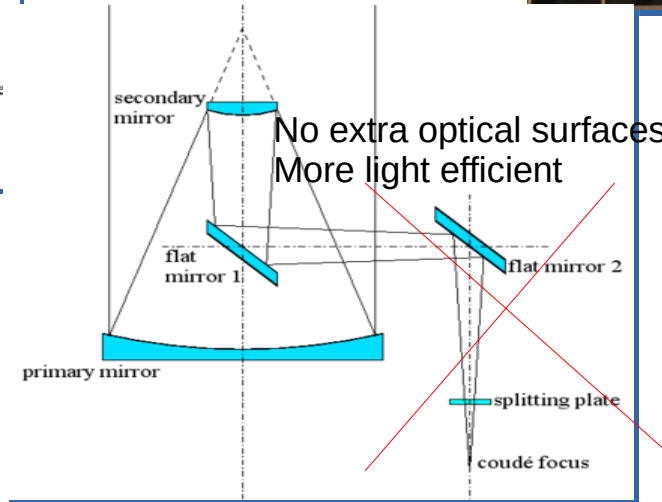
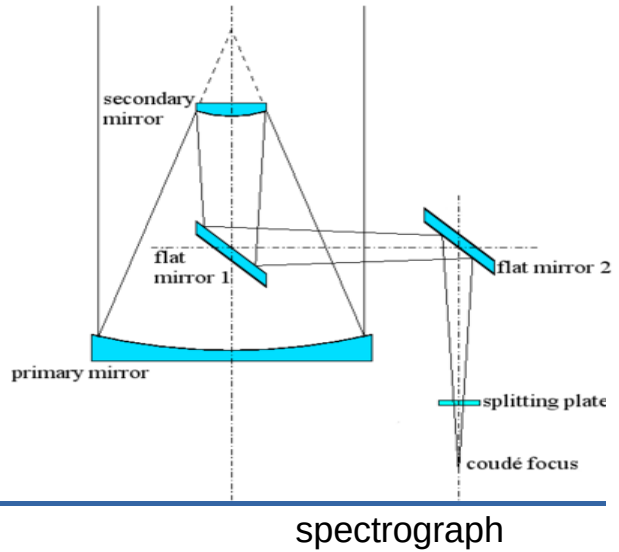
# Effect of the resolving power



Graph by: P. Figueira

# Fiber vs. classical (Perek 2m)

- Classical



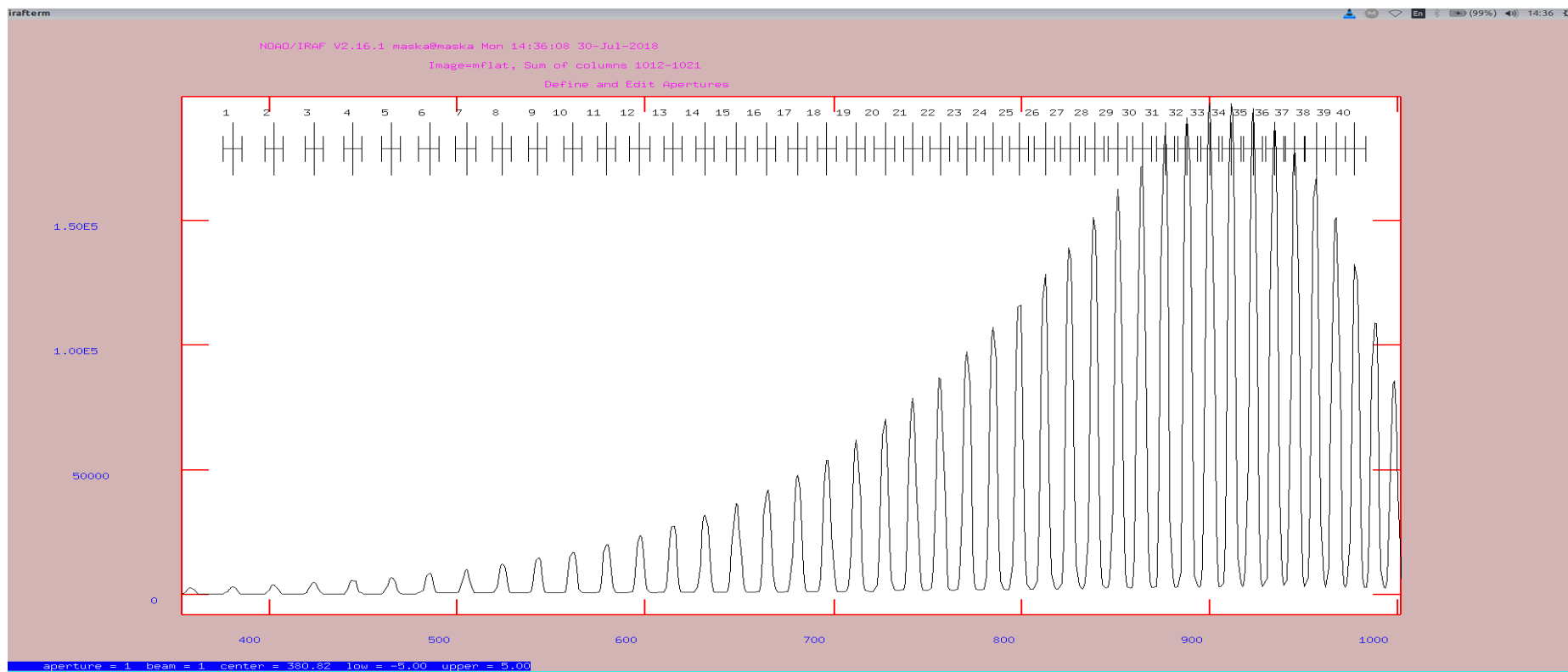
No extra optical surfaces to spectrograph  
More light efficient

spectrograph

# Doppler effect

- $\Delta\lambda/\lambda=v/c$  (non relativistic)
- First we need to perfectly calibrate the wavelength
- Then we can measure the velocities, well shifts in wavelength due to the movement of the object
- Let`s have a look how to calibrate the wavelengths
- Could you find out the link between R and v?

# How to precisely calibrate



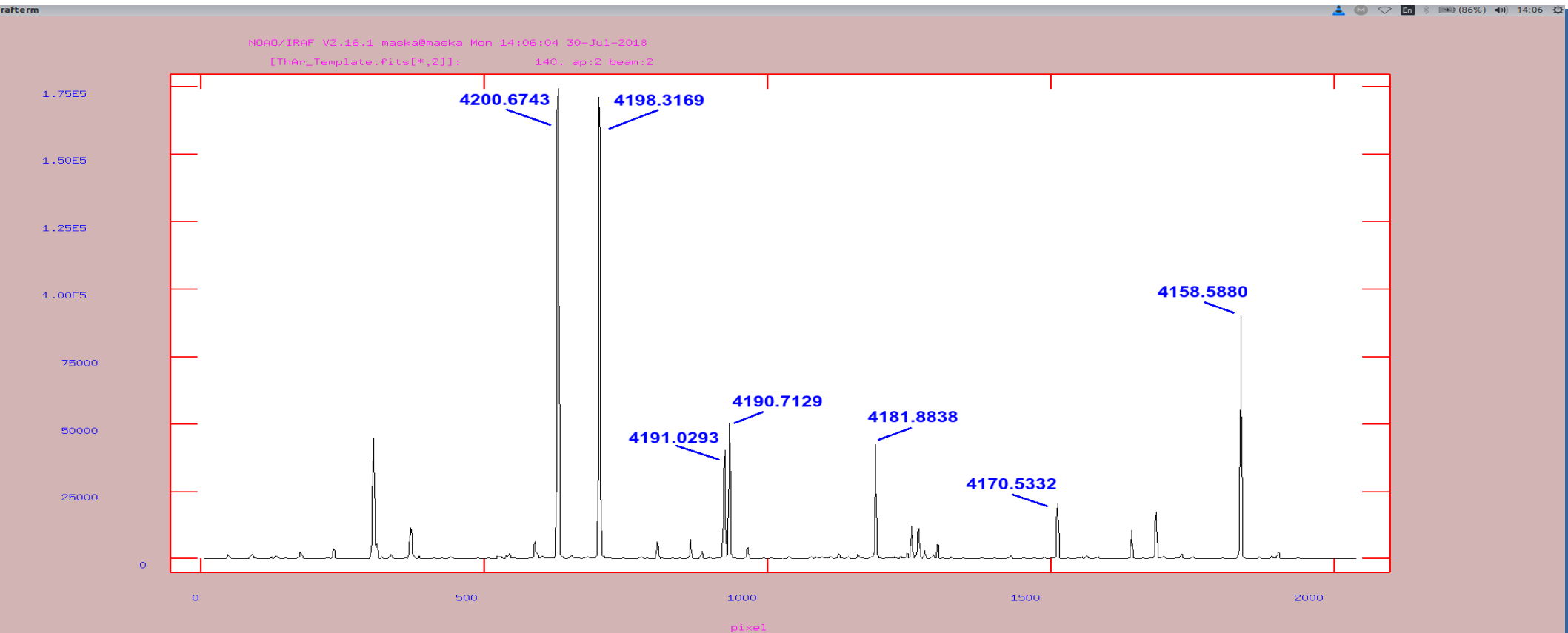


# ThAr lamp

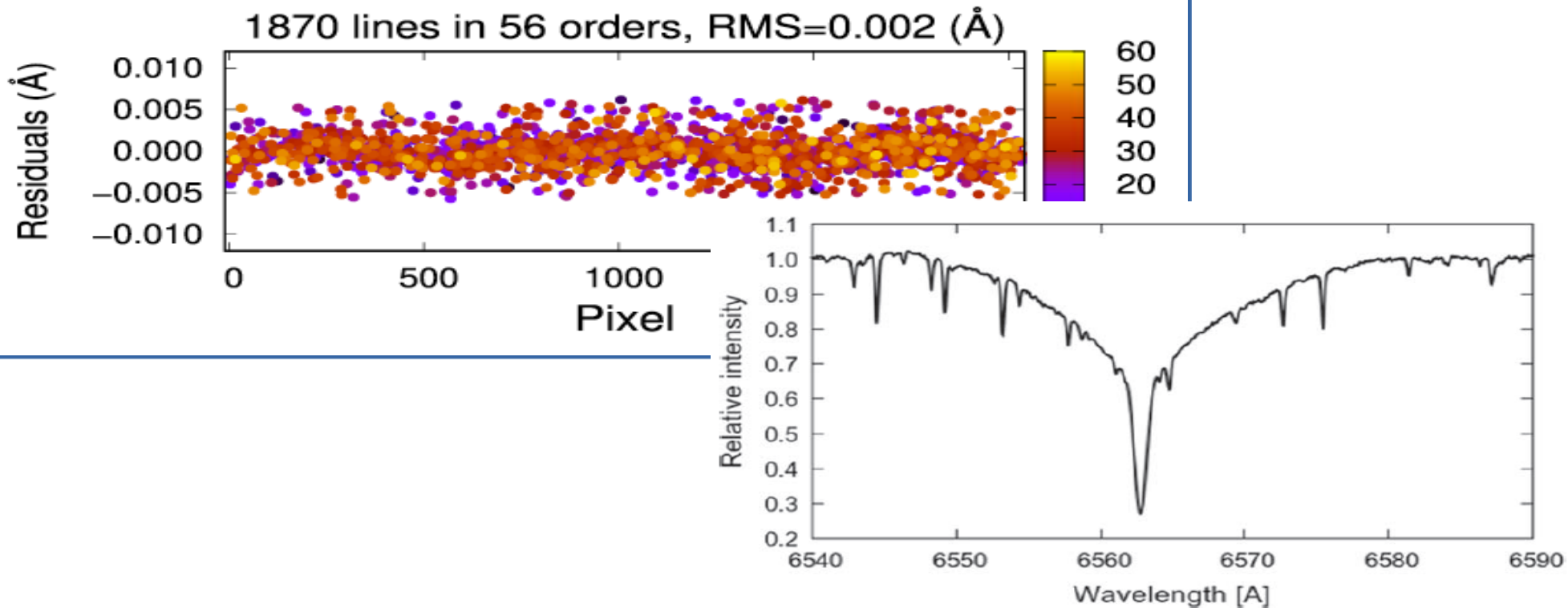
- Th-Ar gas
- Many emission lines
- Precise atlas for the
- Wavelegth calibration
- Calibration taken before/after science or simultaneously (see later fiber fed)



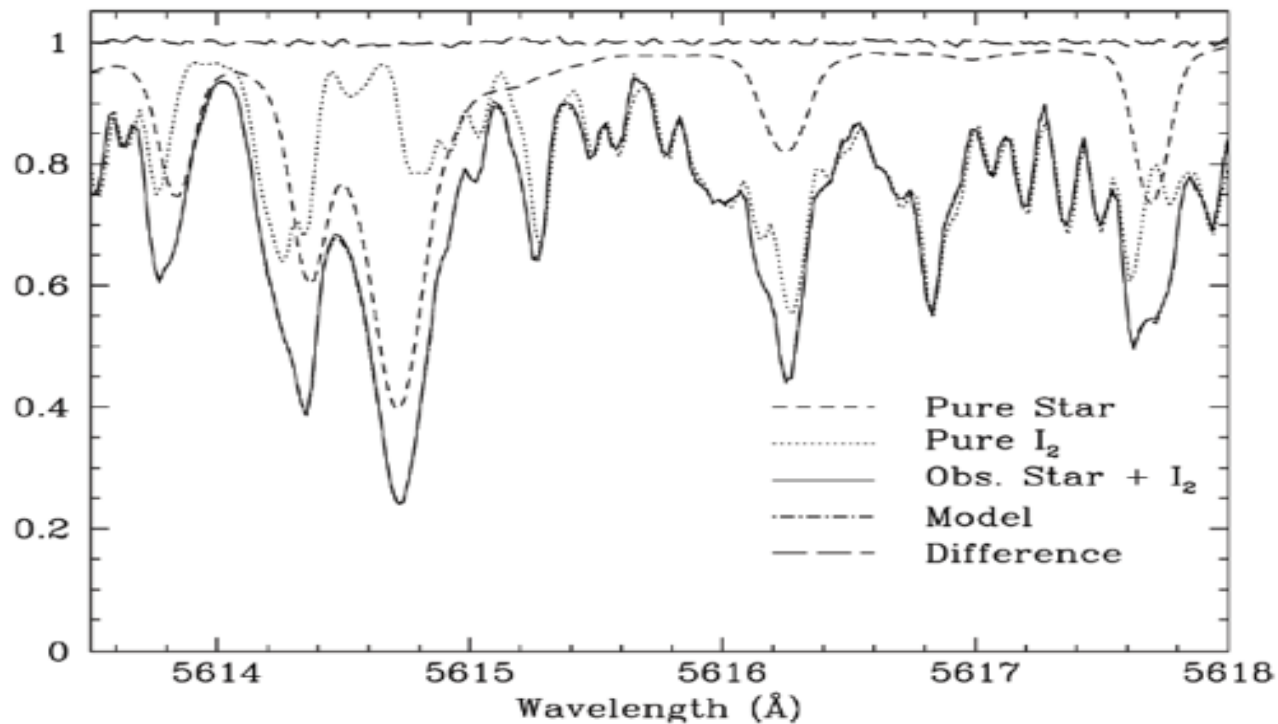
# Reference atlas



# Wavelength solution

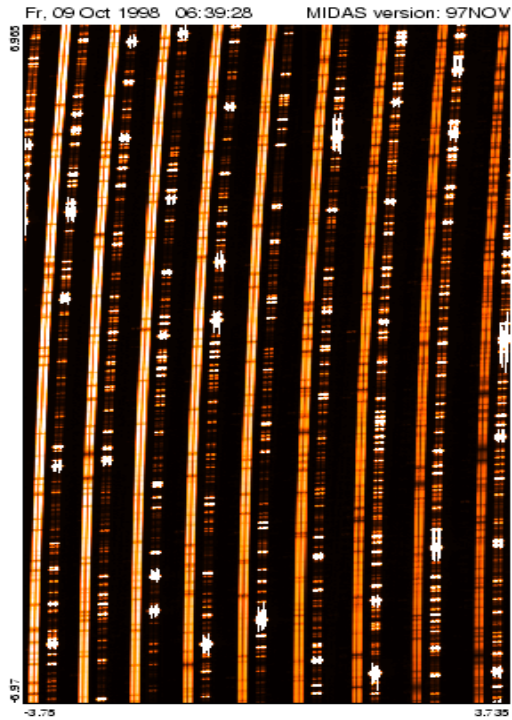


# Iodine



From A. Hatzes:  
The detection of extrasolar planets using precise stellar radial velocities

# Simultaneous ThAr calibration



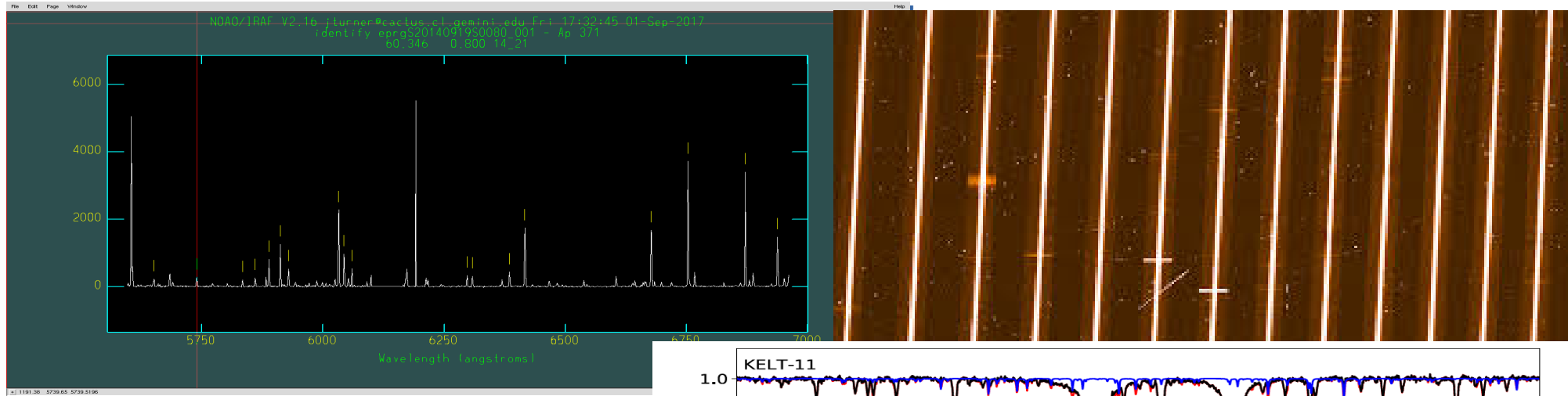
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# Bruce Campbell and Gordon Walker

- First spectroscopic exoplanet survey 1971
- Hydrogen Fluoride cell for calibration
- The goal is to convert pixel scale (detector) into wavelength as accurately as possible
- <http://articles.adsabs.harvard.edu/pdf/1979PASP...91..540C>

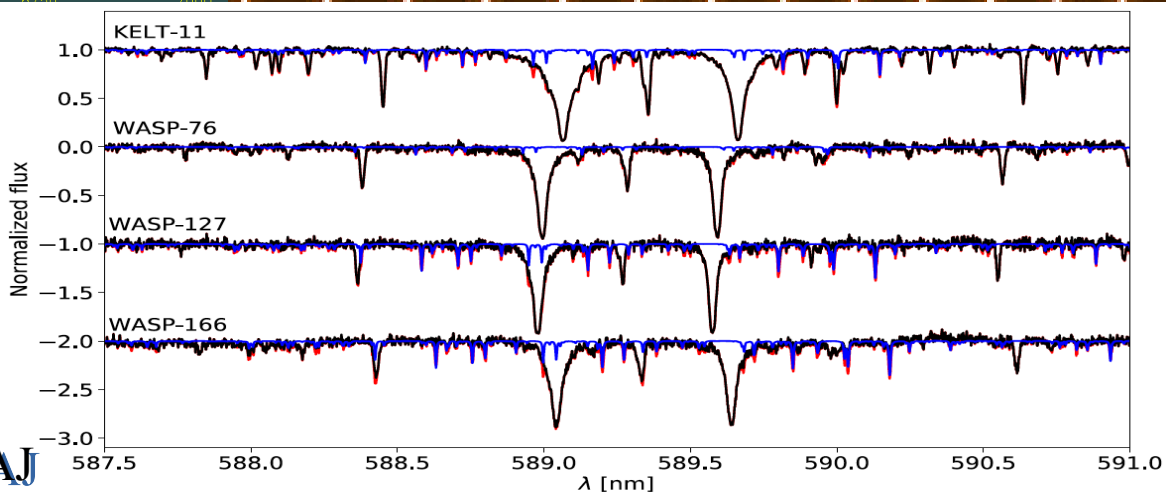


# Importance of the wavelength calibration



GMOS tutorial

Getting from raw spectra to calibrated spectra

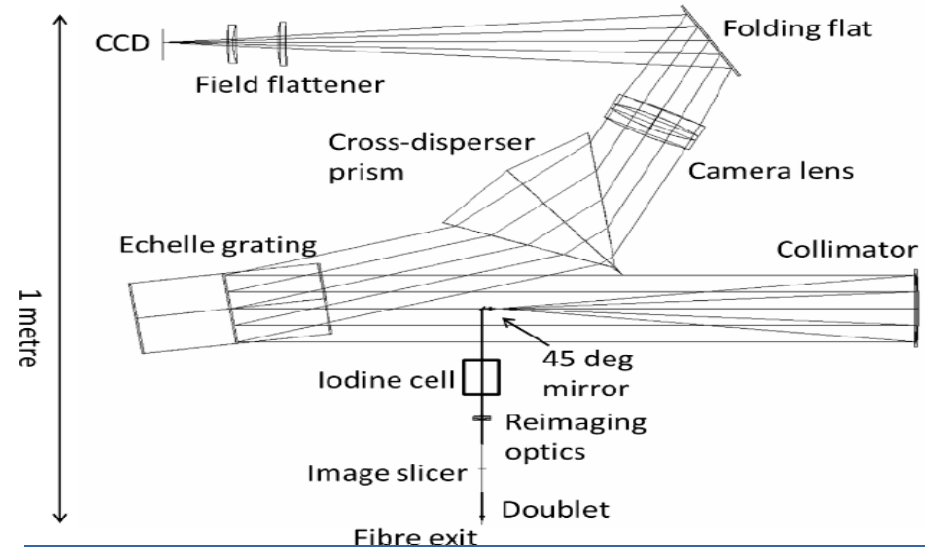


Zak et al. 2020, AJ

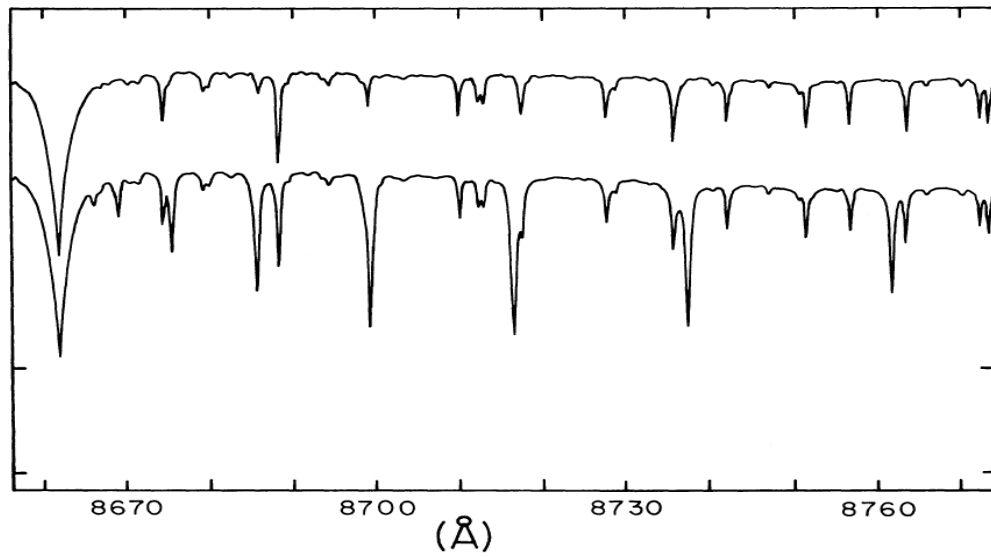
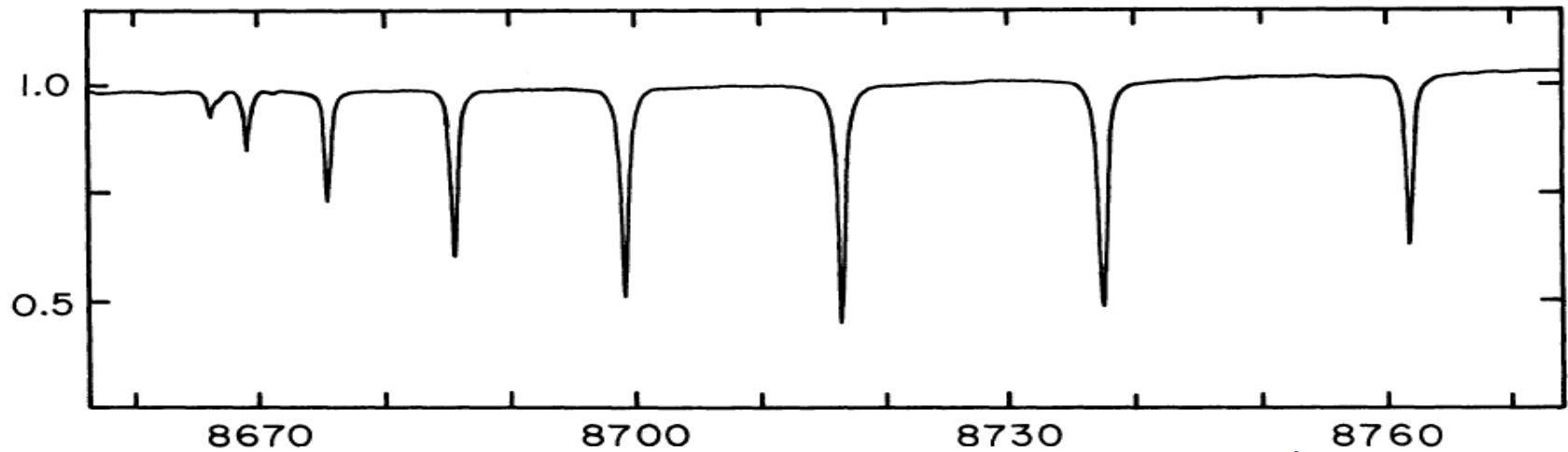
# Why an absorption cell?

- HF lines clearly defined
- Increasing the stability
- Precision down to 15 m/s
- However HF is dangerous!
- Needs to be filled for each night
- Lines cover limited wavelengths
- Iodine was another choice
- Iodine is less dangerous

Chiron design CTIO - Schwab et al. 2010, SPIE

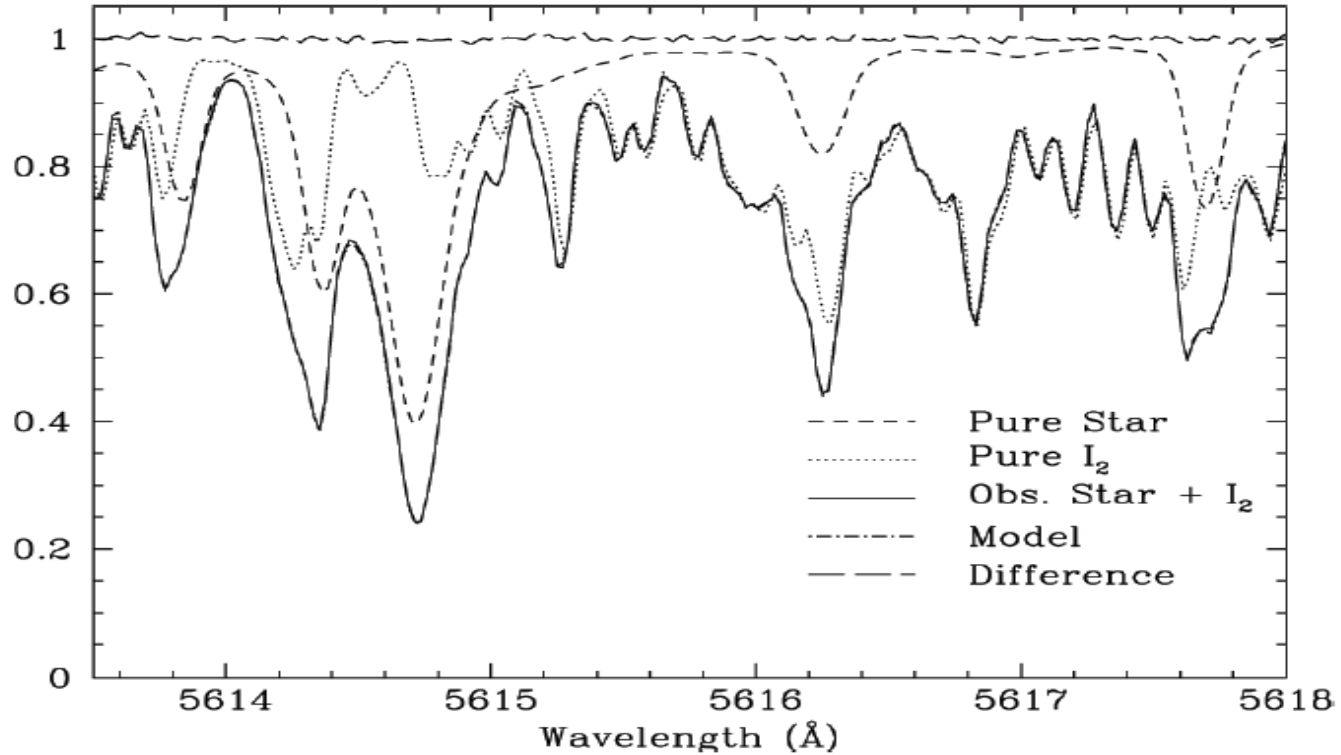






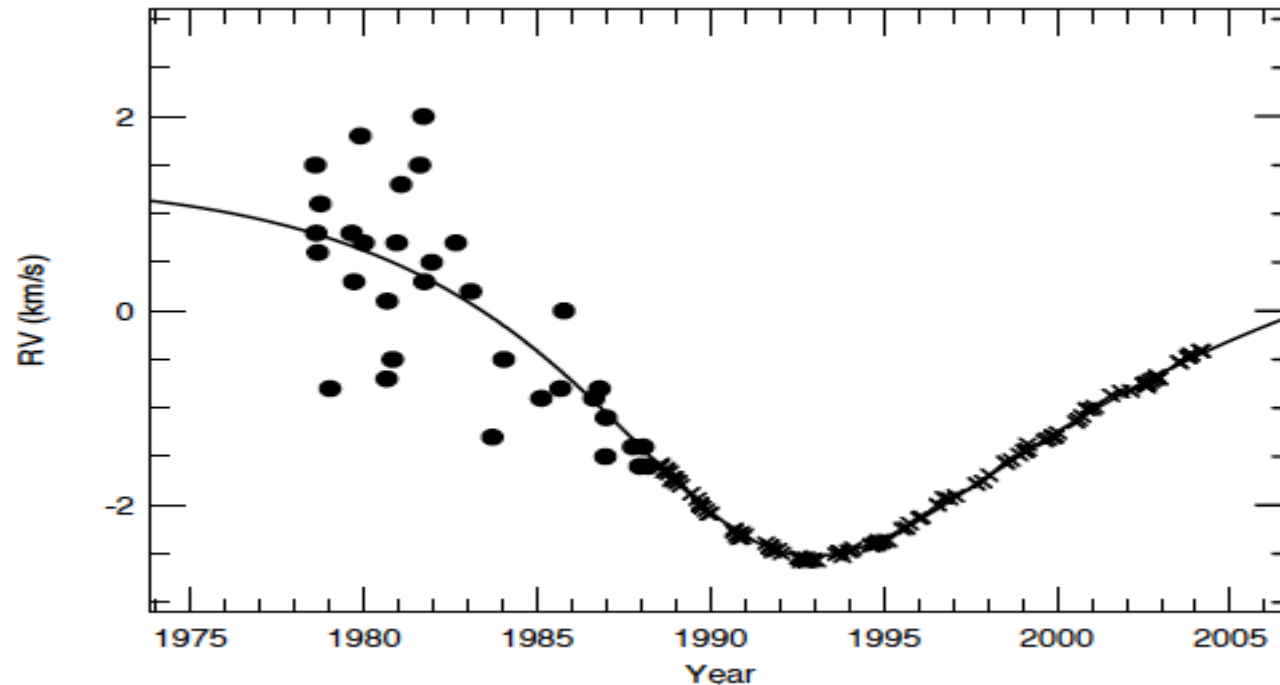
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# Iodine



From Hatzes, Cochran and Endl - The Detection of Extrasolar Planets using Precise Stellar Radial Velocities

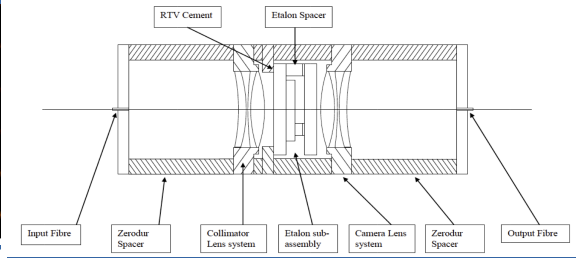
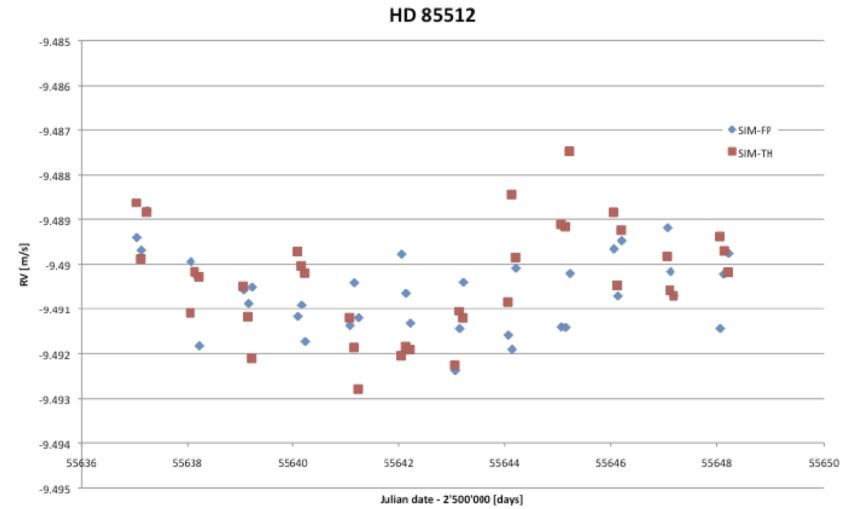
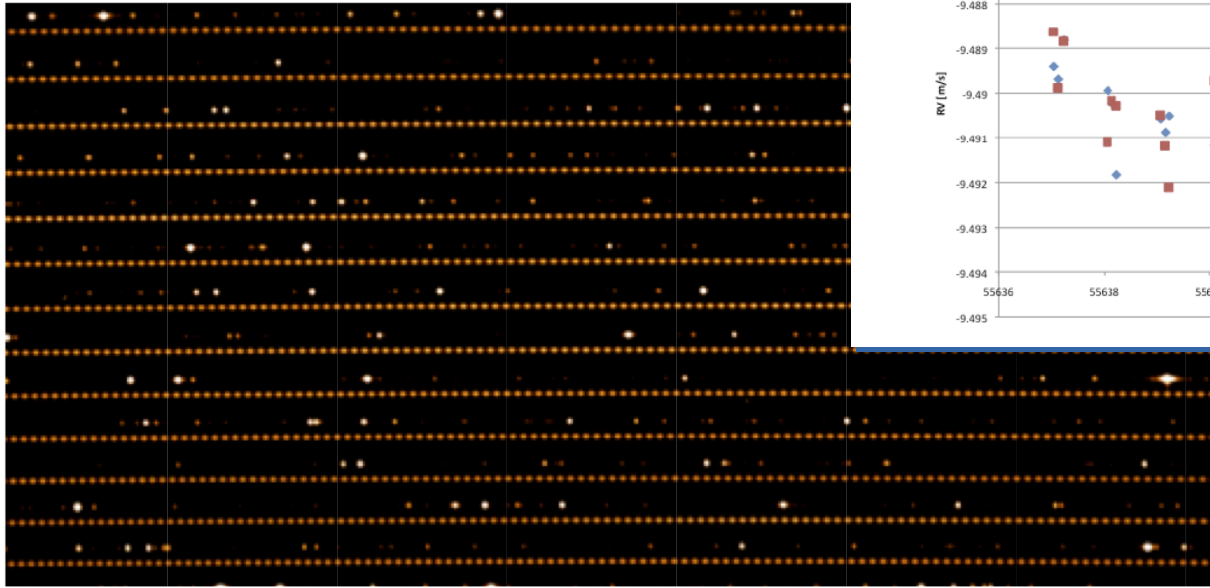
# Iodine and no iodine



Gamma Cep with Iodine and without Iodine cell - figure from Hatzes, Cochran and Endl  
- The Detection of Extrasolar Planets using Precise Stellar Radial Velocities

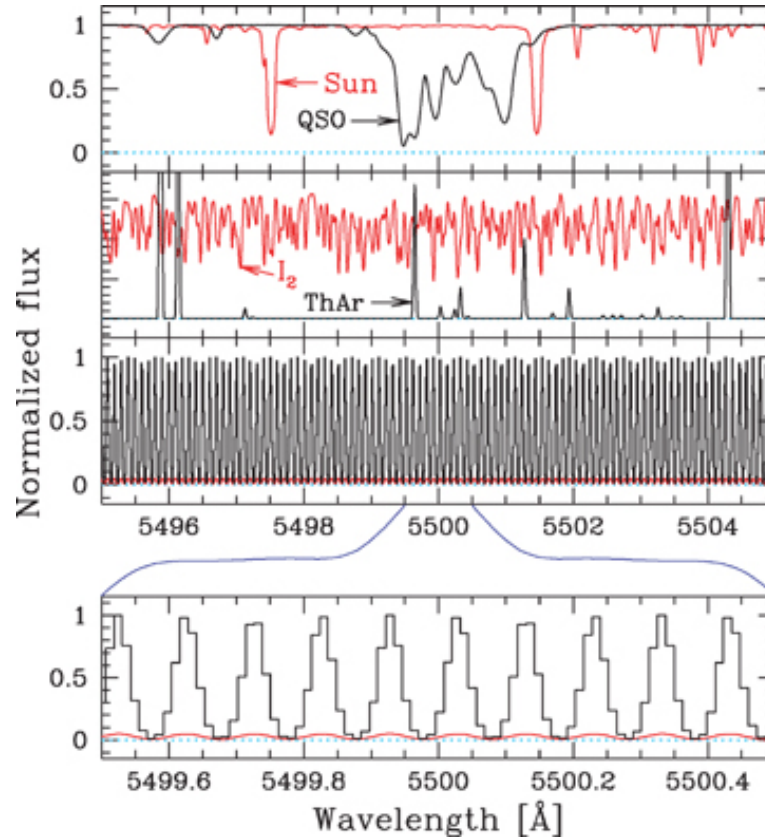
# Fabry perot etalon

- More stable than ThAr  
cm/s level

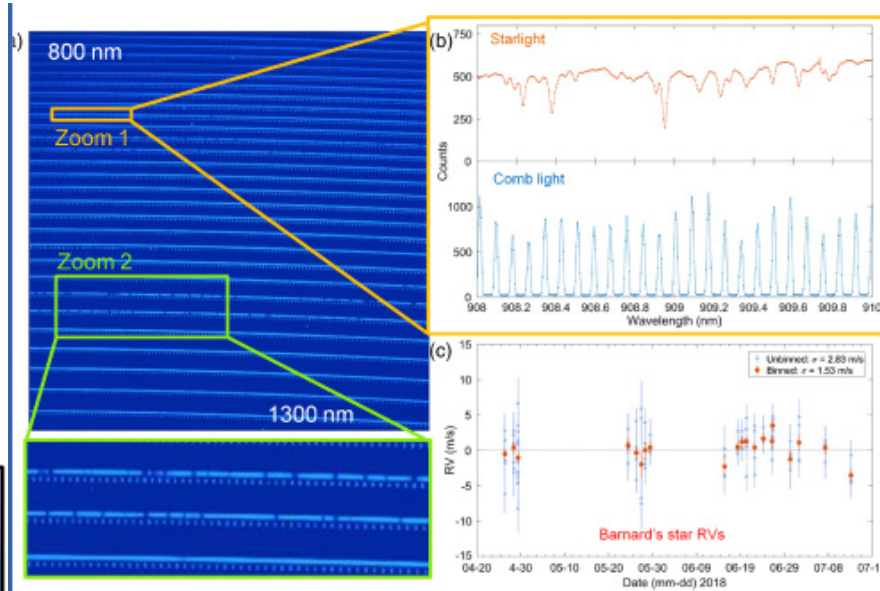
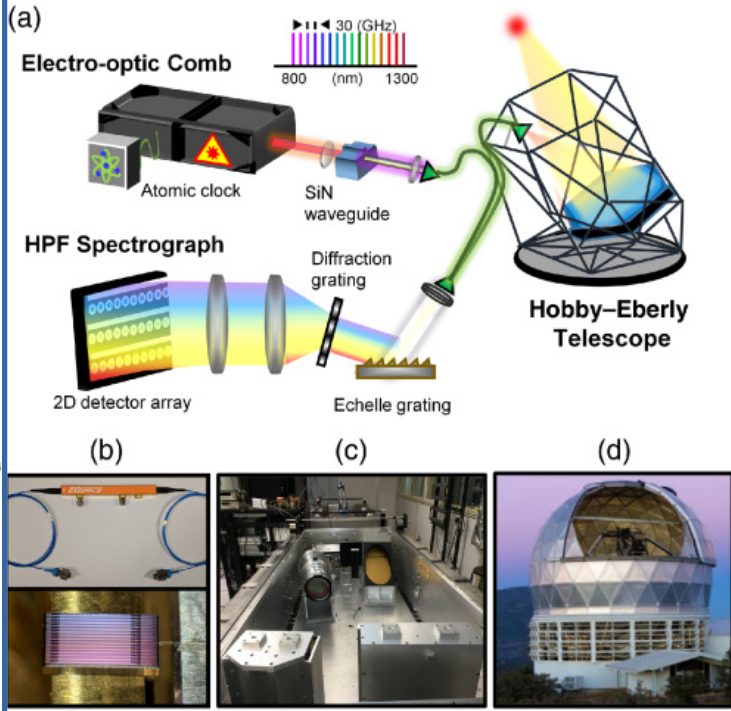
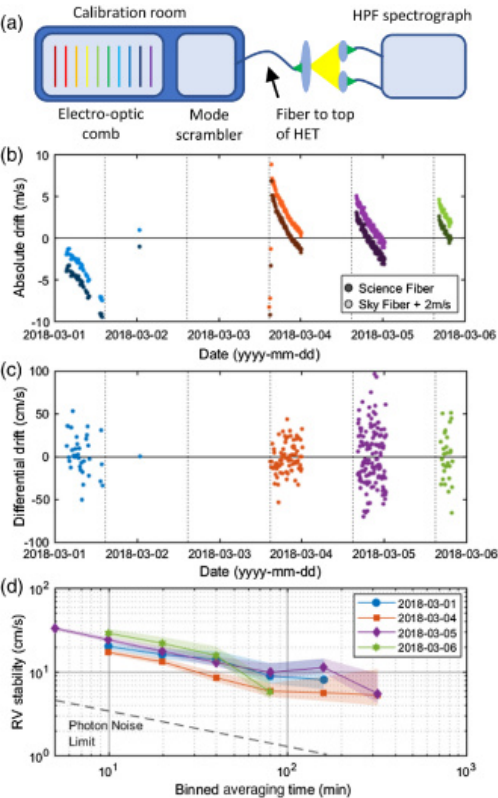


# Laser frequency combs

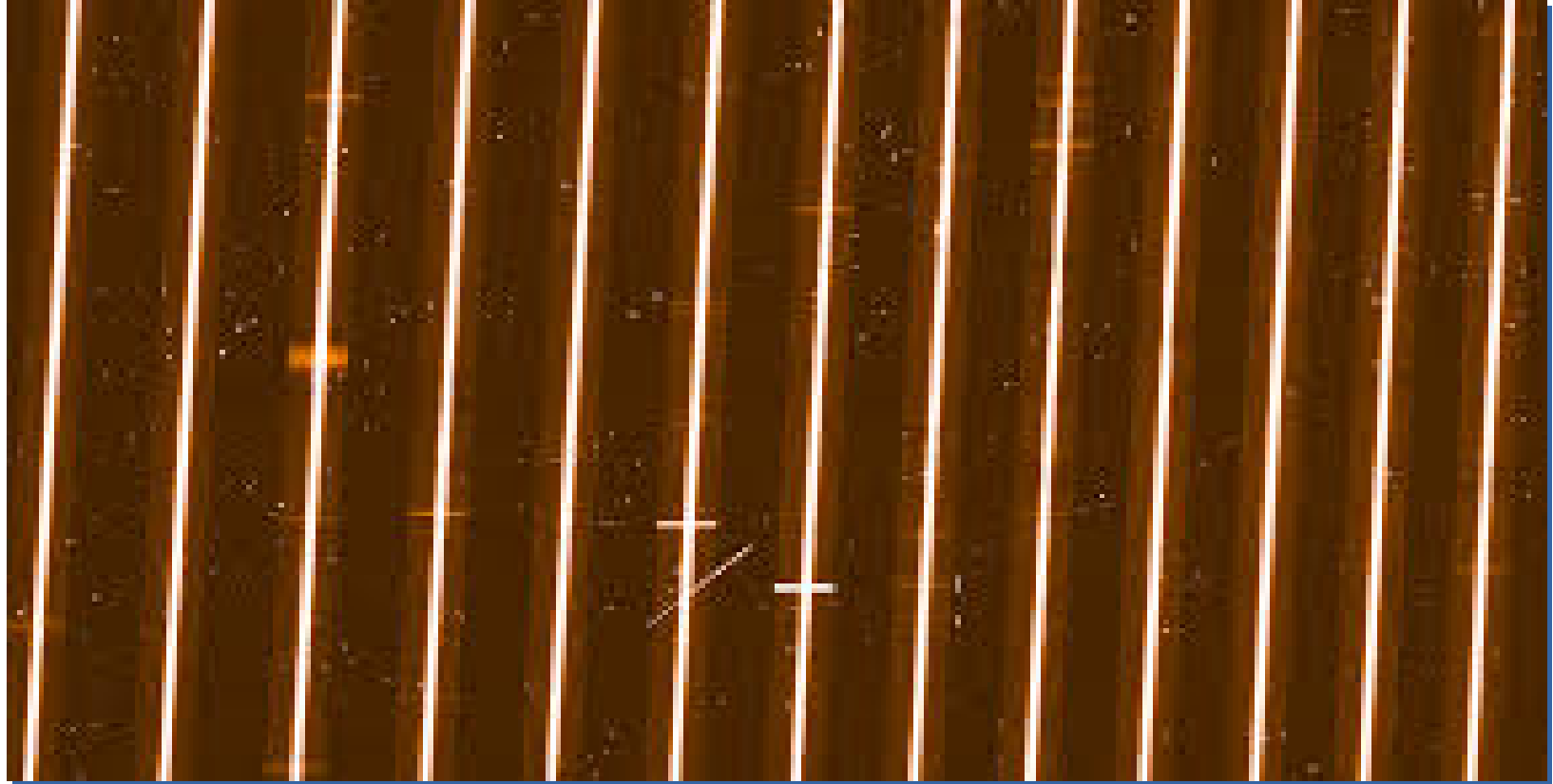
- Femtosecond lasers
- Very precise, laser combs related to atomic clock



# Laser frequency combs nowadays

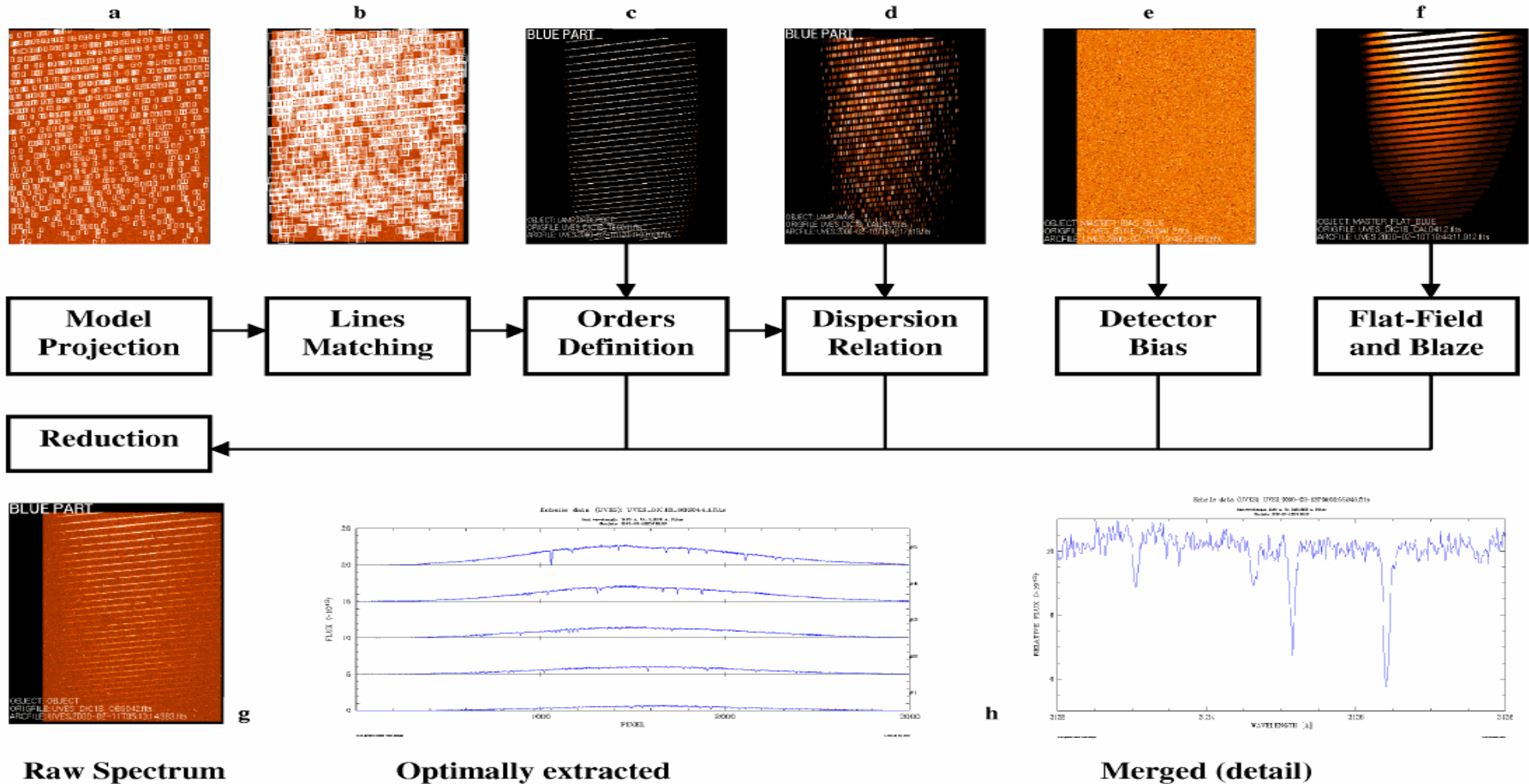


# UVES frame example





# ESO UVES data reduction process



Ballester, et al.

[https://www.eso.org/observing/dfo/quality/pub/Messenger/LIVES\\_Messenger\\_101.html](https://www.eso.org/observing/dfo/quality/pub/Messenger/LIVES_Messenger_101.html)

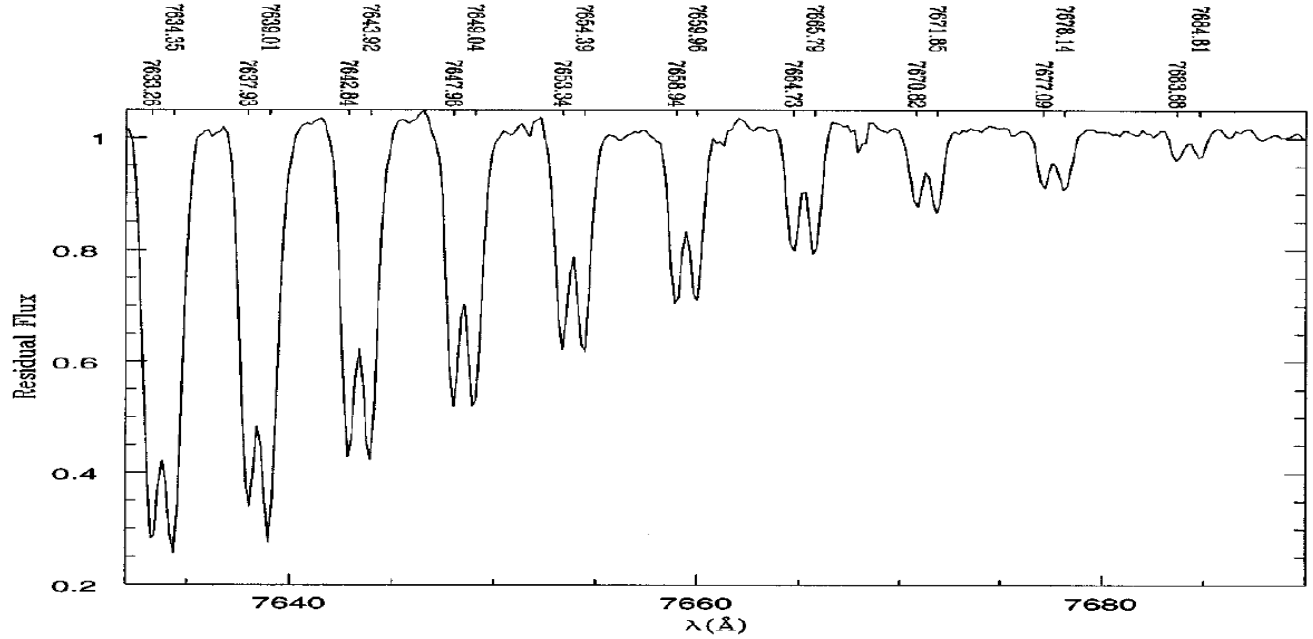


# How can we measure RVs

- Cross correlation method
- One spectrum is the reference
- Other spectra are cross correlated with the reference
- Measuring relative shifts in RVs
- Using additionally Telluric (sky) lines for correction of the instrumental effects

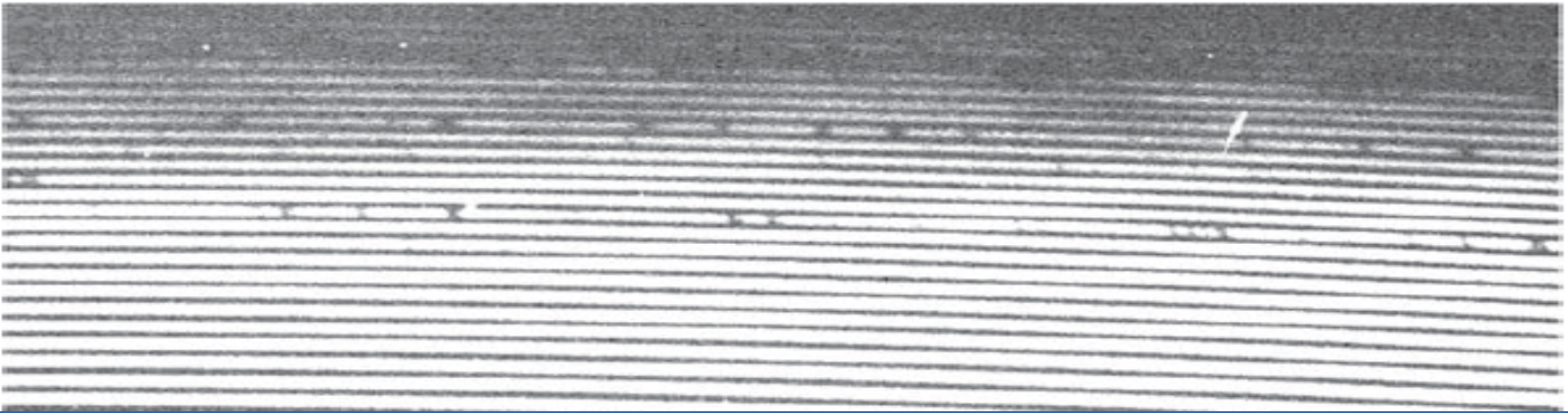
# Telluric lines

- Sky lines
- They do not move because the sky is rotating with the Earth
- They should thus be at same wavelength at every frame
- If not, the shift is due instrumental effects
- Fig. From Catanzaro et al. 1998



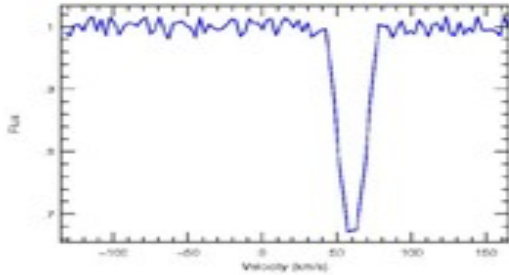
# Telluric lines

- Red part of OES spectrum with telluric lines (black lines at the top in the continuum)

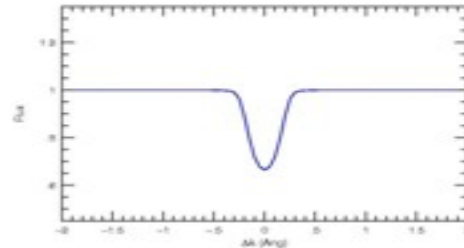


# The Cross Correlation Method

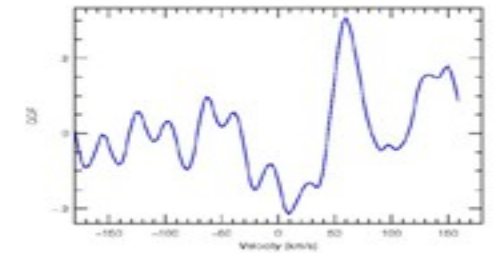
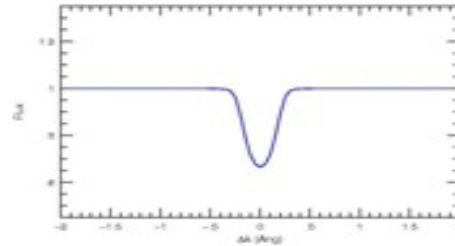
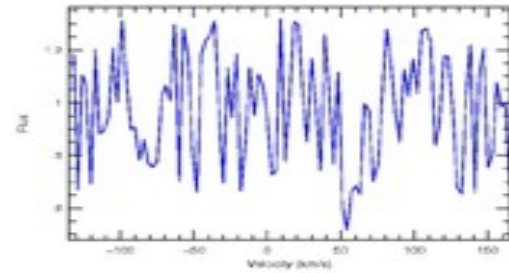
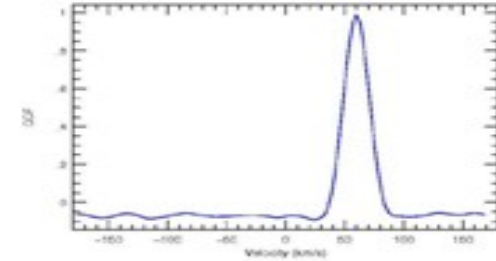
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Template



Cross correlation function

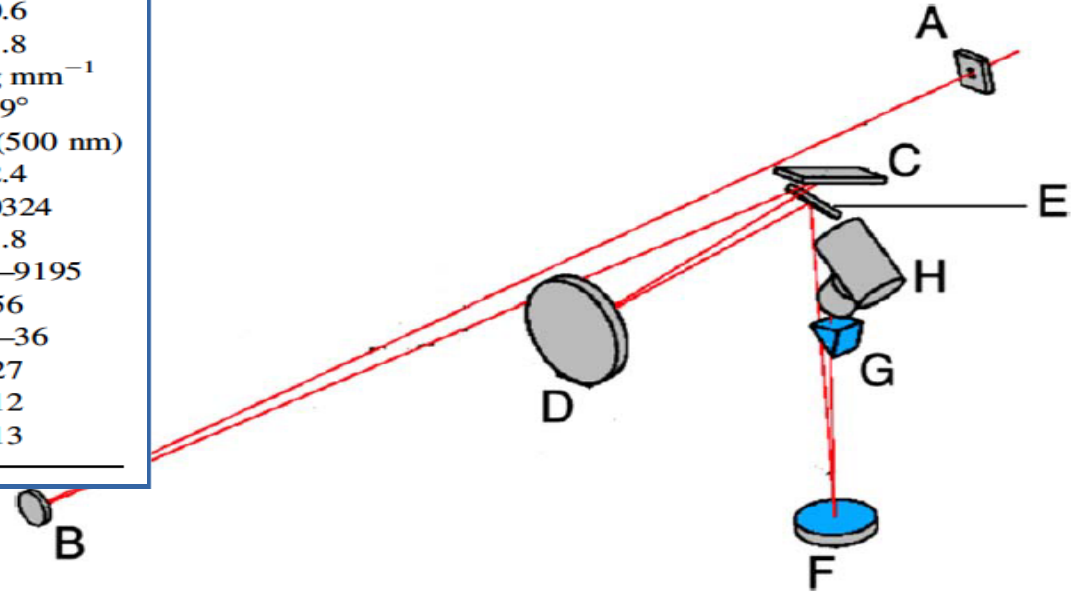


Images: A. Hatzes

# OES at Perek telescope

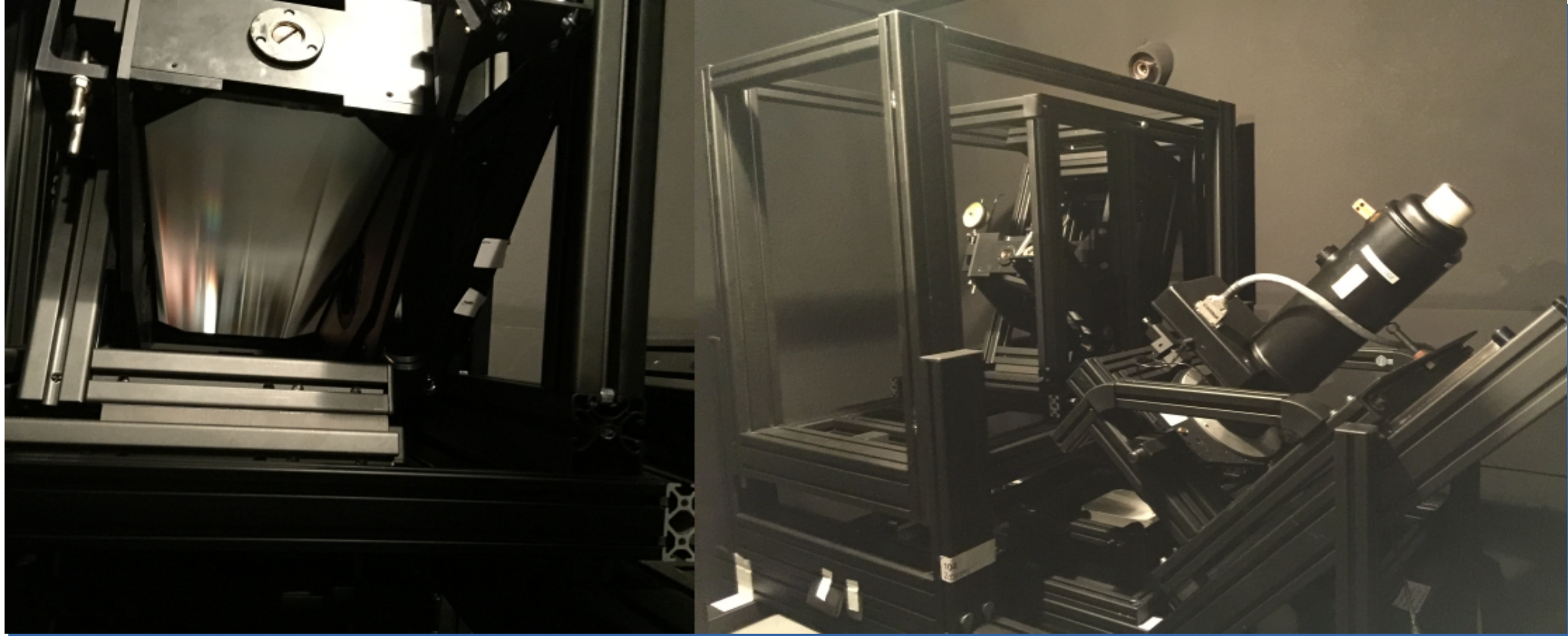
**Table 3**  
Instrumental Characteristics of OES

Parameter	Value
Slit width (mm)	0.6
Slit width (arcsec)	1.8
Echelle (Milton Roy)	54.5 g mm <sup>-1</sup>
Blaze angle ( $\theta$ )	69°
Spectral resolution	51,600 (500 nm)
Linear reciprocal dispersion (Å mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.4
Pixel size Å pix <sup>-1</sup>	0.0324
Pixel size (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	1.8
Spectral range (Å)	3753–9195
Spectral orders	56
Spectral order number range	92–36
Inter order separation (in pix—blue)	27
Inter order separation (in pix—red)	12
Limiting magnitude ( $V_{\text{mag}}$ )	13

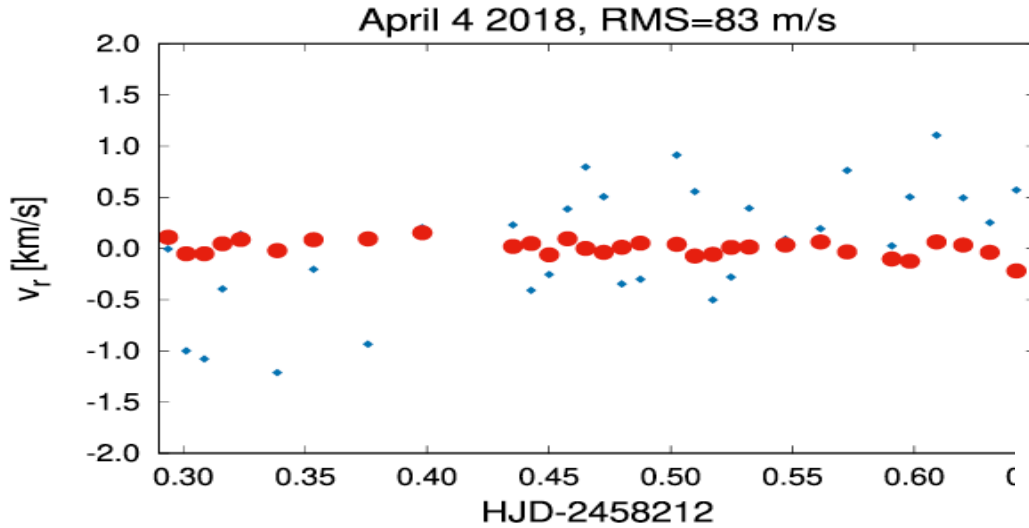


**Figure 2.** OES light comes from the Coudé room through the slit A to collimator B. From the collimator the light beam travels to an échelle grating C and later to a parabolic mirror D and a plane mirror E. Second collimator F is in front of the cross-disperser which is the last element before the CANON lens objective H with a detector. Courtesy of Mirsolav Šlechta. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

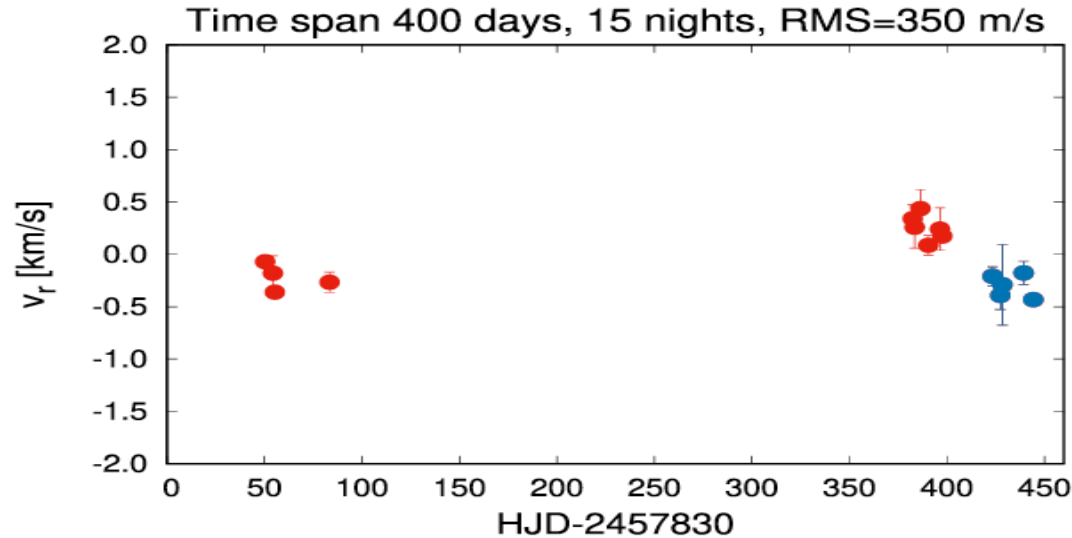
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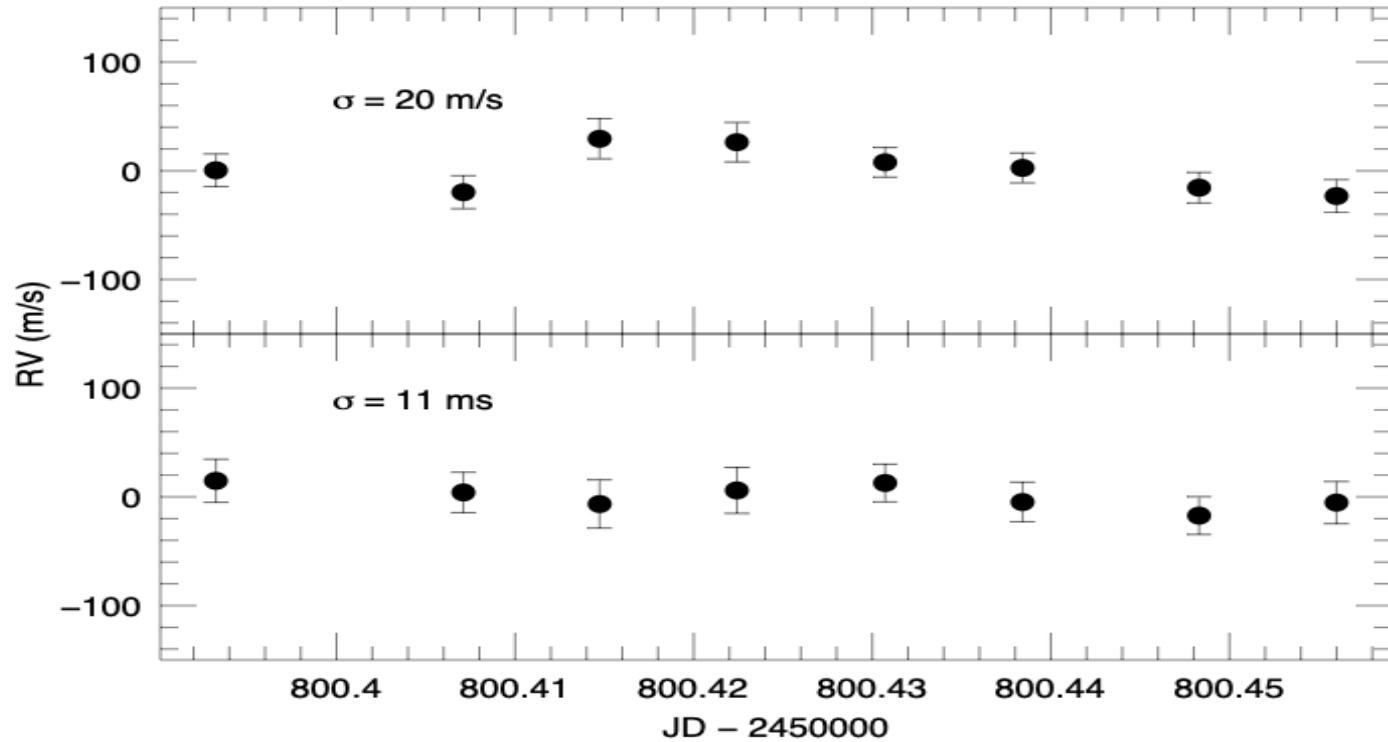
# How good can we measure RVs (OES)



OES RV stability from Kabath et al. 2020

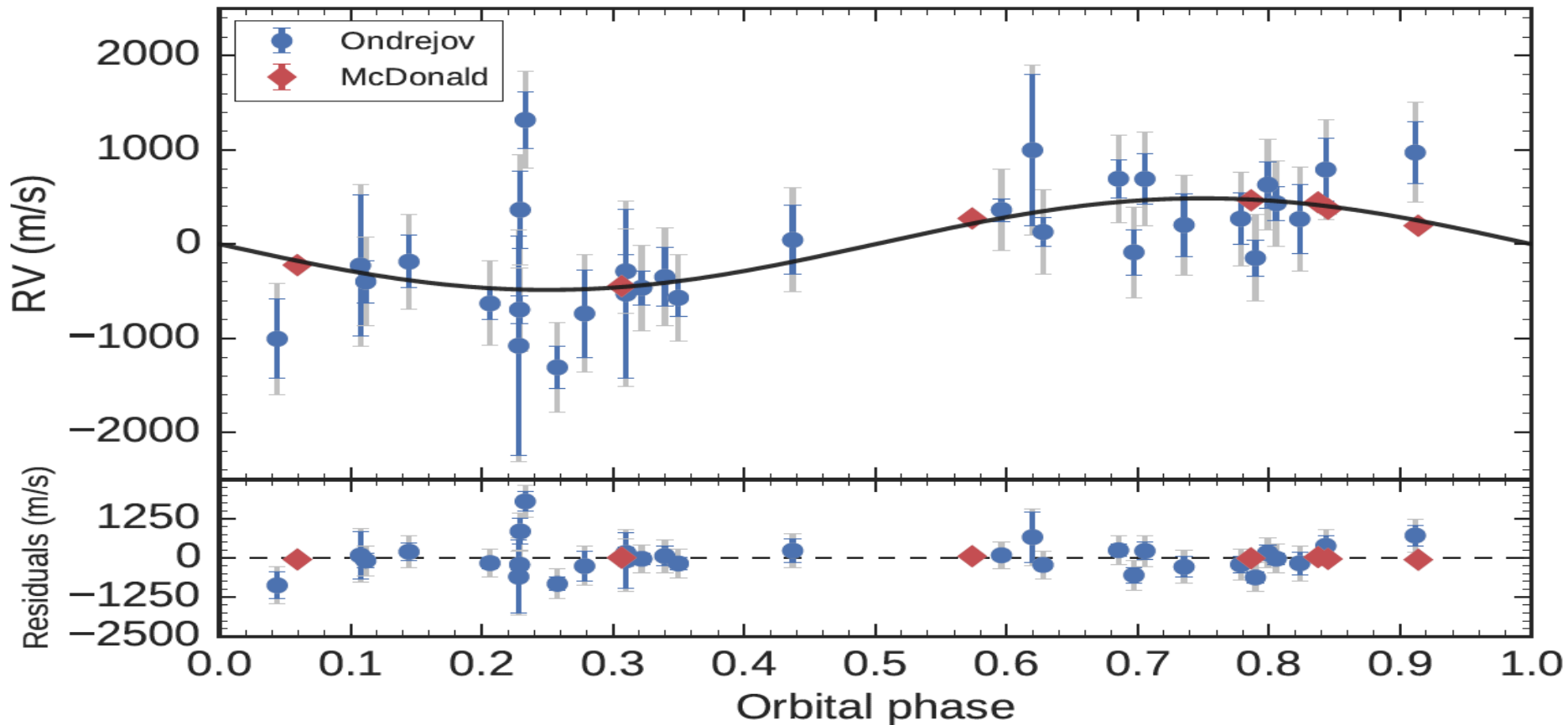


# OES with Iodine





# Hot Jupiter from TESS/OES

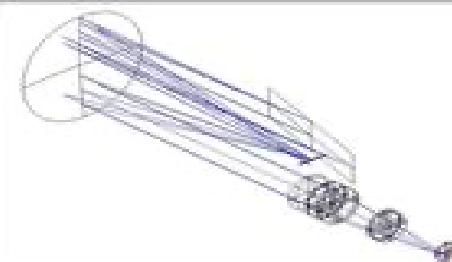
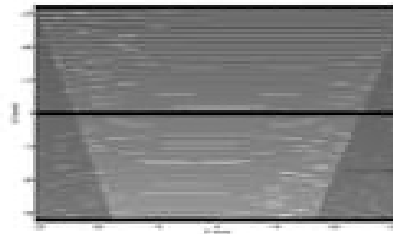
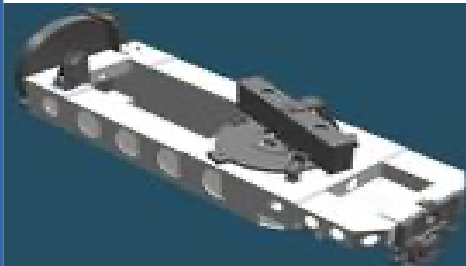
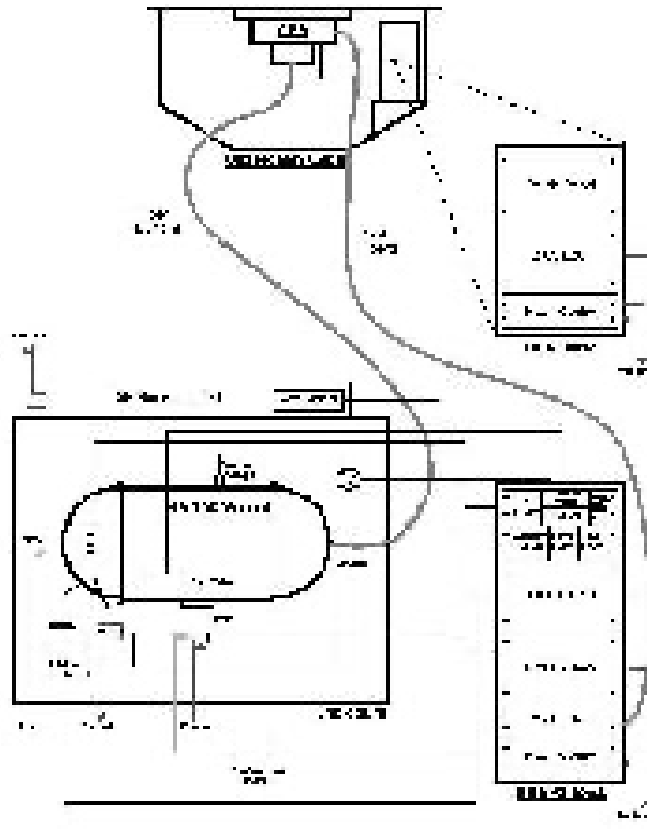


# HARPS at La Silla

Table 1. Main characteristics of the HARPS spectrograph

Telescope	ESO 3.6-m telescope at La Silla observatory
Spectrograph	Cross-dispersed, fiber-fed echelle spectrograph
Wavelength range	380 - 690 nm
Spectral resolution	$R = 90000$
Total efficiency	$T_{tot} = 5\%$ (atmosphere and telescope included)
Mode	Simultaneous ThAr reference

## 4.2. Simultaneous ThAr Reference vs. Iodine Cell



# HARPS planets

- Proxima Cen b
- Earth sized planet (1.3M<sub>earth</sub>)
- M dwarf star
- In the Habitable zone

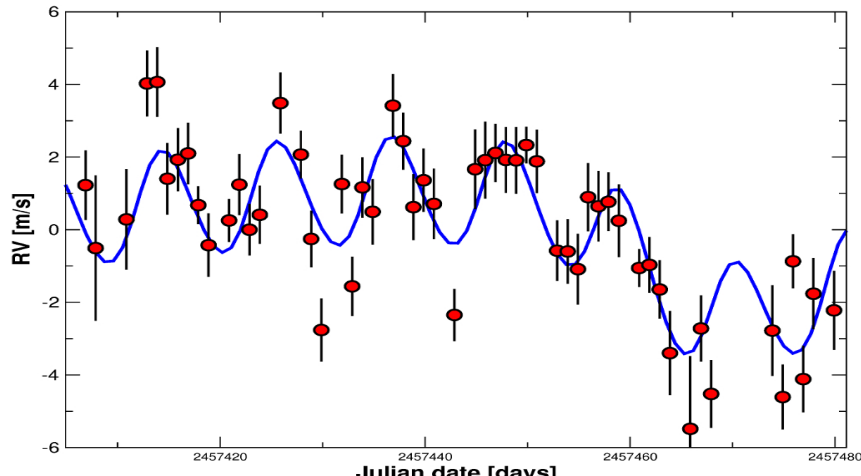


Image from ESO  
Graph from Anglada Escude et al 2016, Nature

# ESPRESSO

- Located at ESO Paranal
- Unprecedented precision – cm/s
- Using up to 4 8-m telescopes together

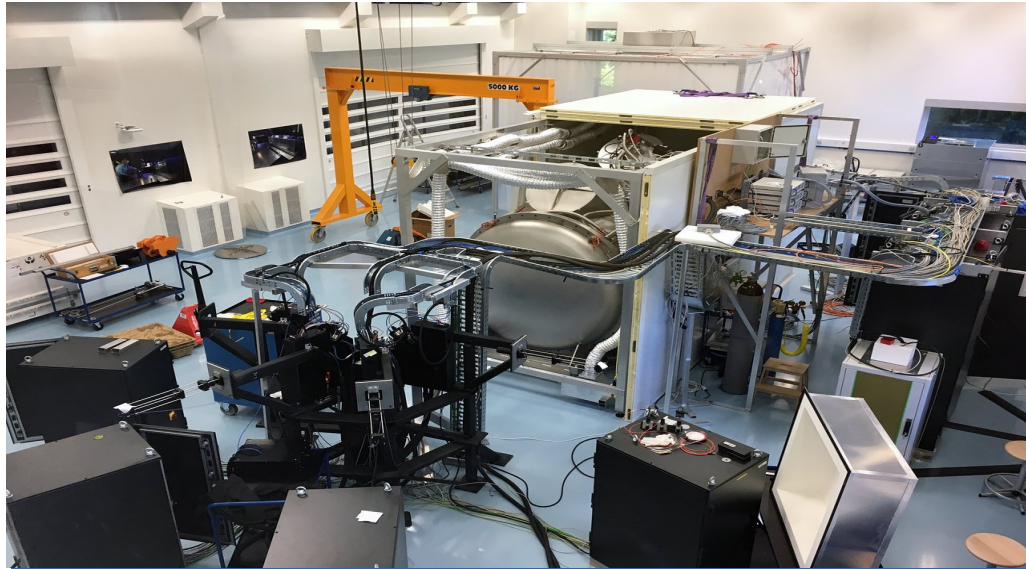


Image ESO

# ESPRESSO parameters

	HR (1-UT)	UHR (1-UT)	MR (4-UT)
Wavelength range	380–788 nm	380–788 nm	380–788 nm
Resolving power (median)	140,000	190,000	70,000
Aperture on sky	1".0	0".5	4x1".0
Total efficiency	11%	5%	11%
RV precision (requirement)	< 10 cm/s	< 5 m/s	< 5 m/s
Limiting V-band magnitude	~17	~16	~20
Binning	1x1, 2x1	1x1	4x2, 8x4
Spectral sampling (average) Image ESO	4.5 px	2.5 px	5.5 px (binned x2)
Spatial sampling per	2.0 (4.5) px	5.0 px	5.5 px (binned x4)

# UTs working together

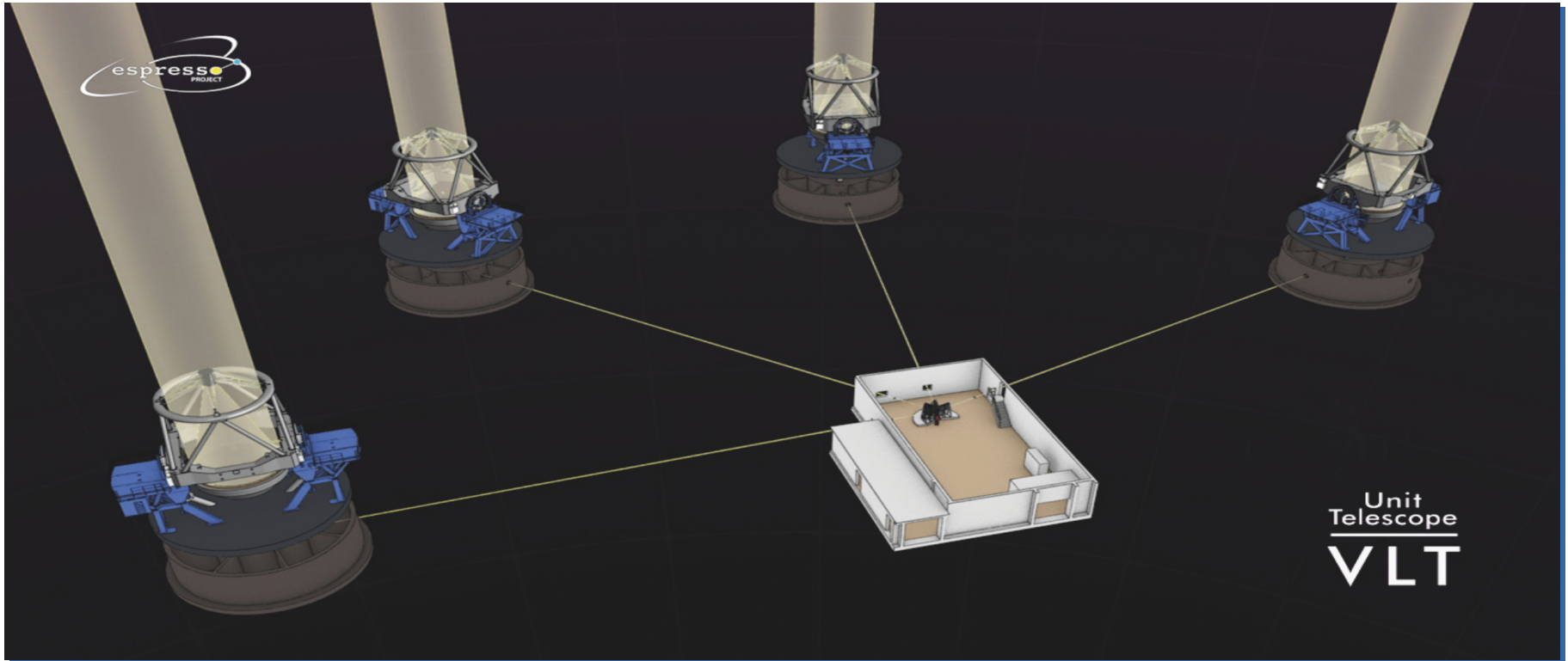
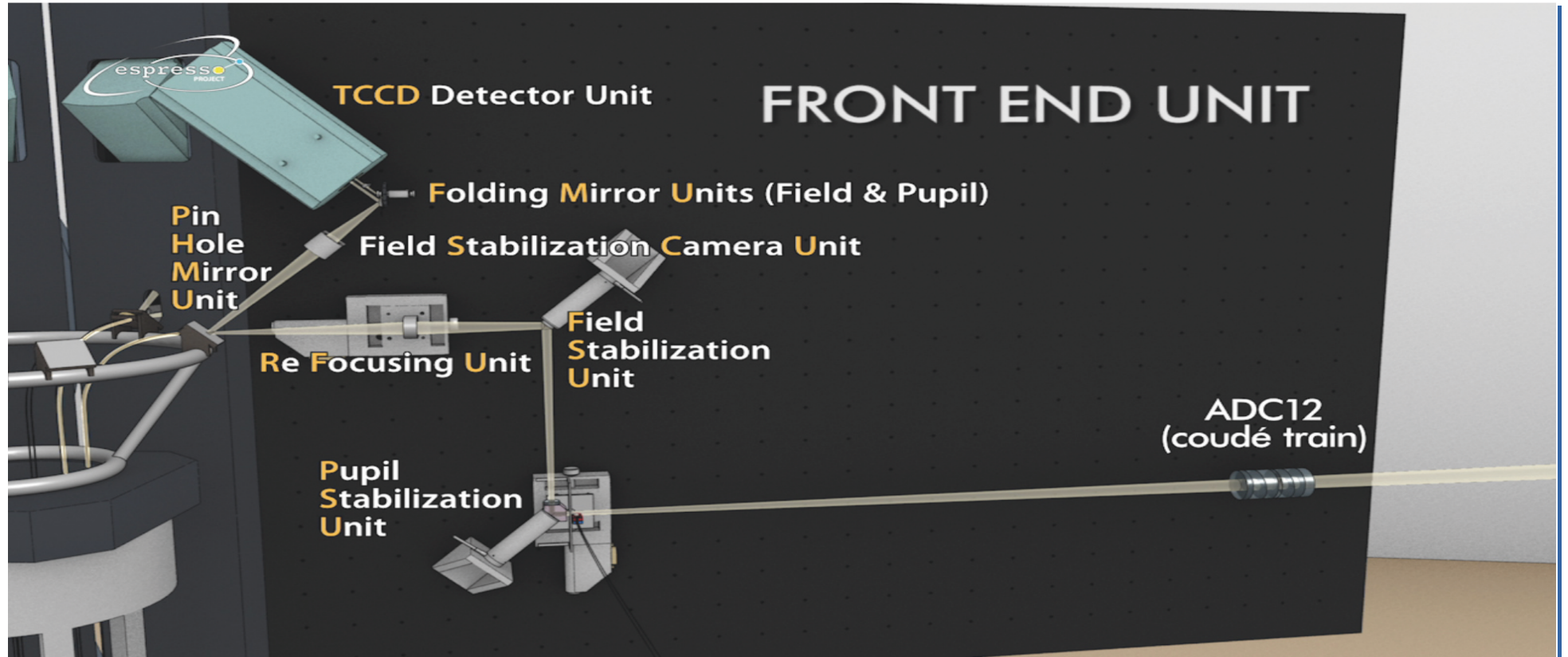


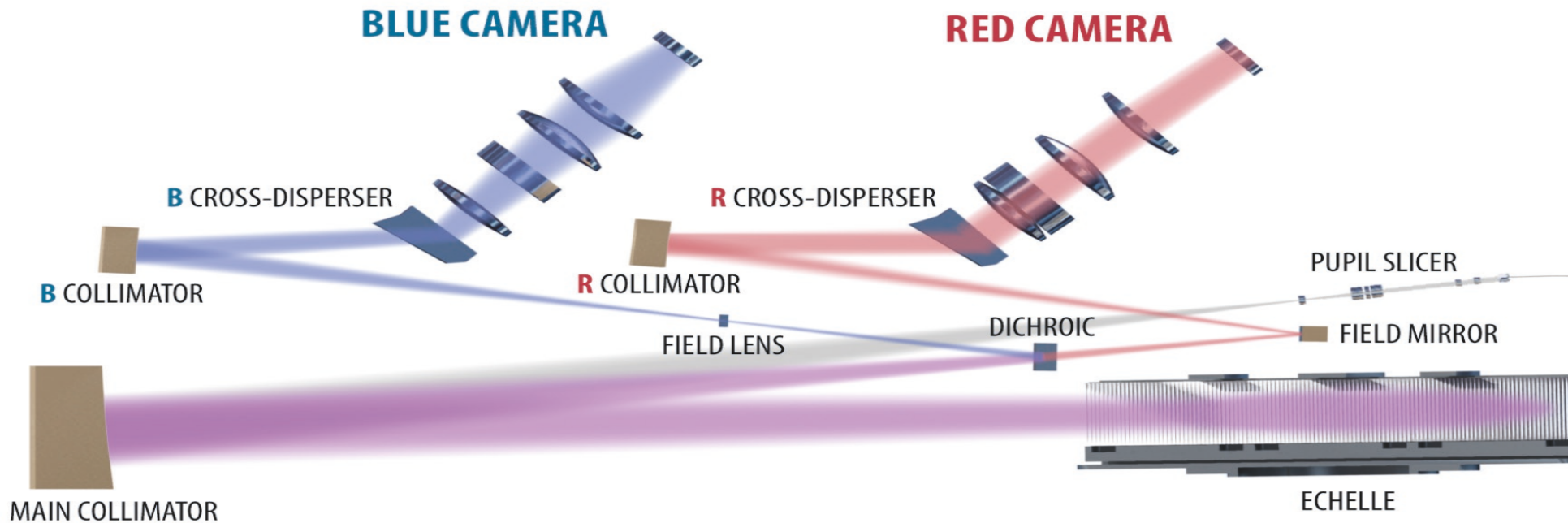
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# Between the telescopes and the spectrograph



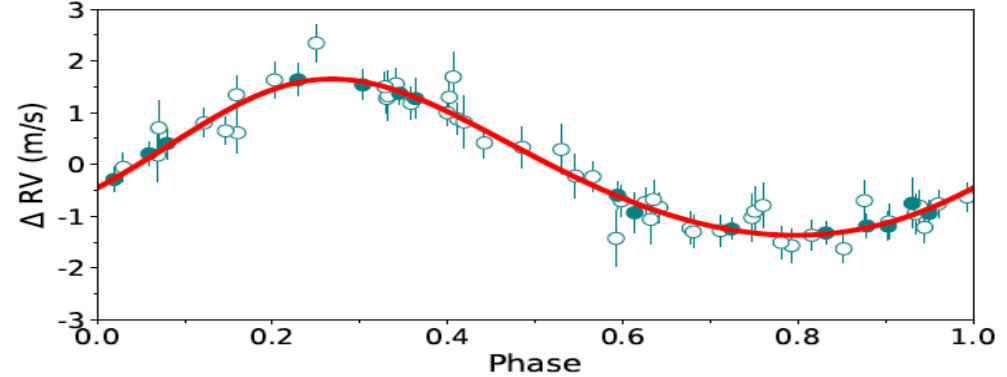
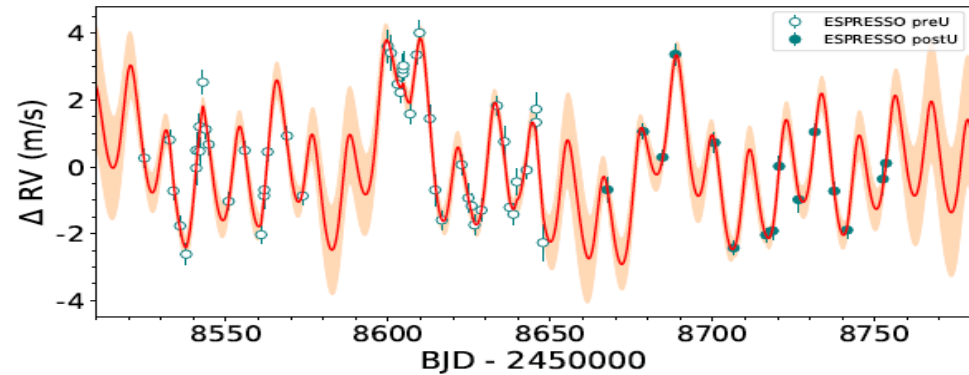
# Spectrograph (ESPRESSO)





# Exciting planets with ESPRESSO

- Alpha Cen b
- Is there another planet with 0.5 M Earth and 5 days period?



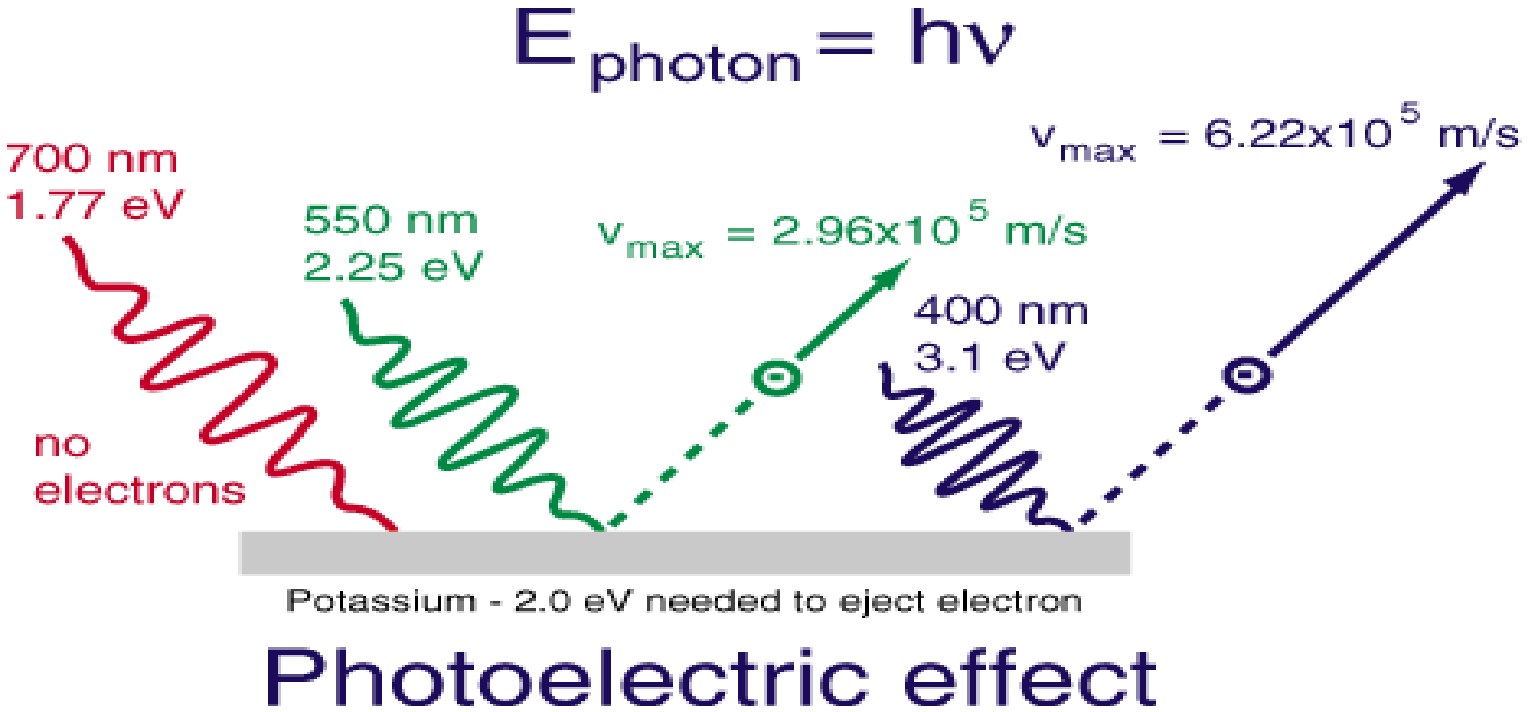
# Accuracy of spectrographs

- Depends on the Signal to noise
- Depends on the stability of the spectrograph (vacuum, temperature control, etc..)
- Accuracy is given by:
  - C is instrument specific constant, R is resolving power,  $\Delta\lambda$  wavelength range of the spectrograph

$$\sigma_{RV} = C \times (S/N)^{-1} \times \Delta\lambda^{-0.5} \times R^{-1.5}$$

# Photometric camera

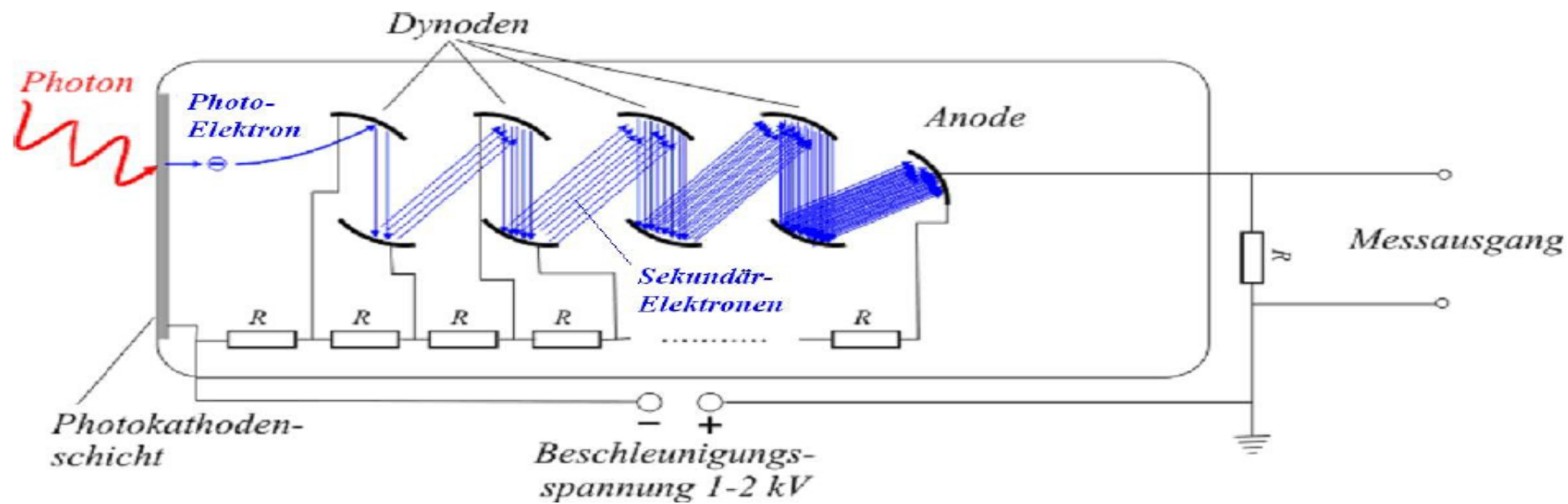
- Photoelectric effect
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# The photomultiplier in astronomy

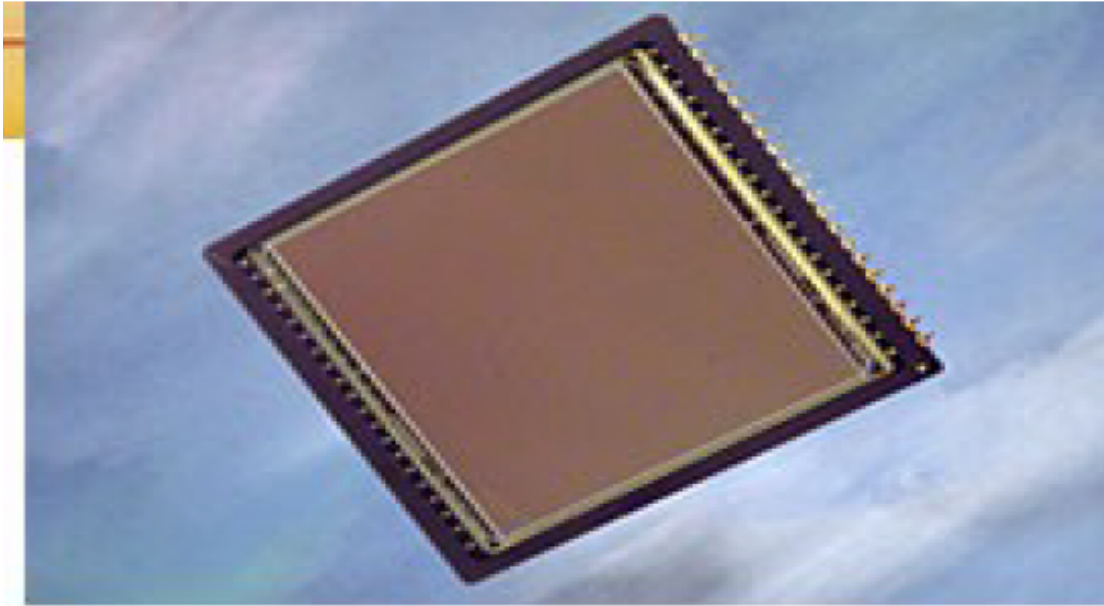


Computer History Museum  
Mountain View, Calif., U.S.



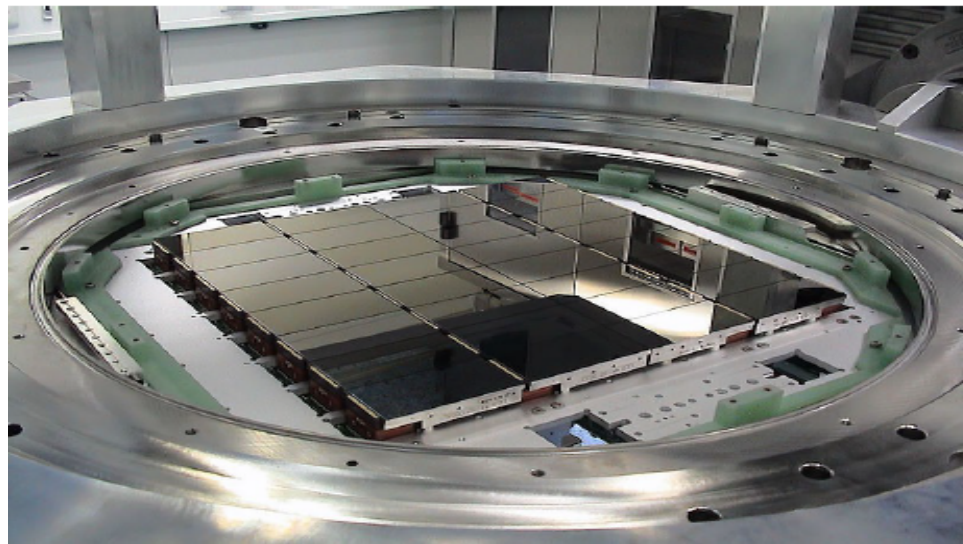
DESY Zeuthen

# The CCD



Kodak

- Developed in 1969 by AT & T's Bell
- silicon substrate
- large chip arrays
- large FoV
- high QE
- linear
- sensitivities in optical till 1.1 micron
- mostly linear in dynamic range



Omegacam at Paranal - ESO

- Detector consists of pixels of microns size
- Photodiodes sit in p-Silicon substrate
- A gate is an electrode controlling the charge transfer in the Si substrate
- Photon creates a pair hole + electron in Silicon substrate
- Electron moved to the surface, hole to the deeper substrate – electrons kept in the potential well
- Voltage applied on the gates to move the charge to the register = readout
- Why is CCD good in optical?
- Si – bandgap about 1.1eV energy < 1.1 micron = OPTICAL
- To release electron in a Si semiconductor an incident photon needs to carry at least 1.1eV energy or higher!

Nice reading:

<http://www.physics.udel.edu/~jlp/classweb/ccd.pdf>



**Integration of  
Photon-Induced  
Charge**

**Raindrops**

**Parallel  
Bucket  
Array**

**Serial  
Bucket  
Array**

**Parallel Register  
Shift (1 Row)**

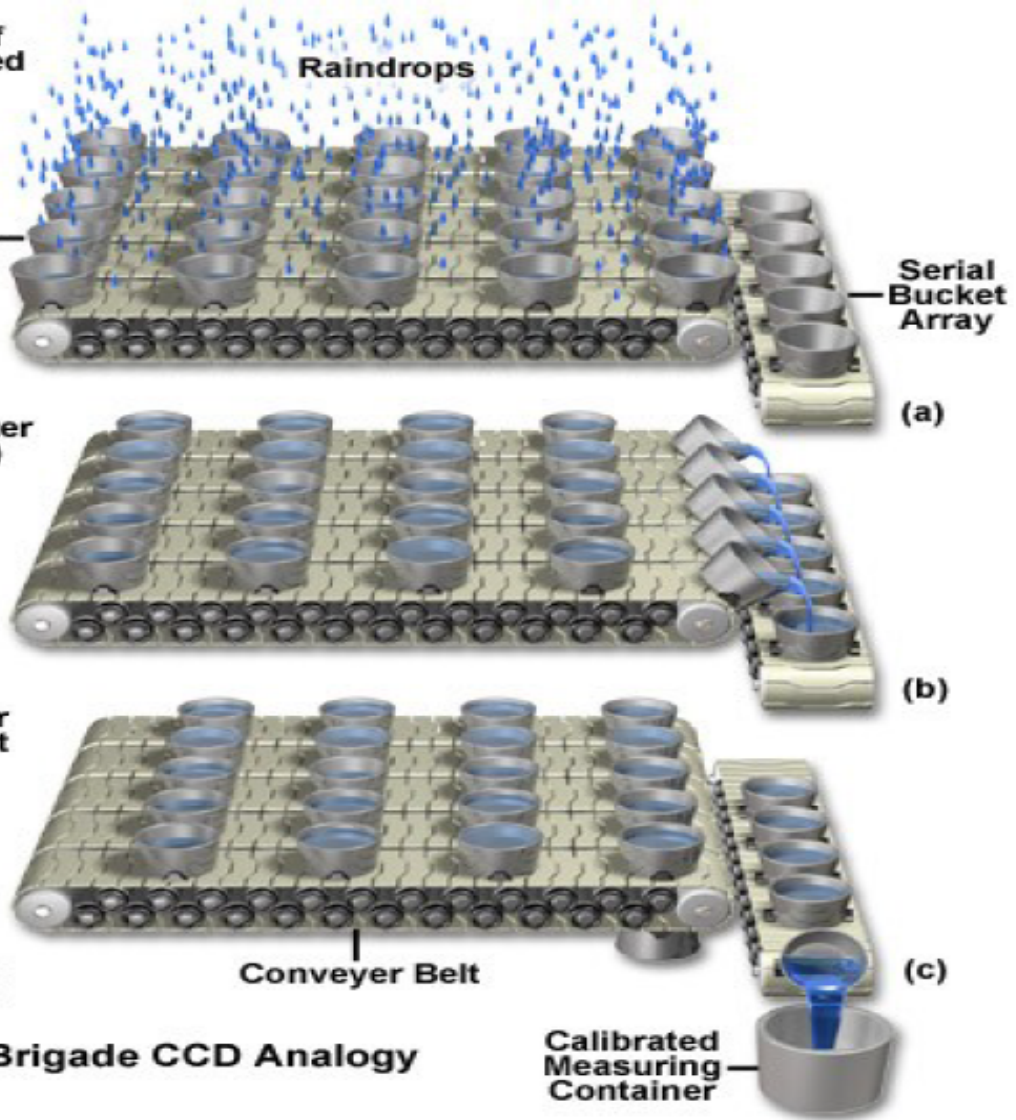
**Serial Register  
Shift to Output**

**Figure 5**

**Bucket Brigade CCD Analogy**

**Conveyer Belt**

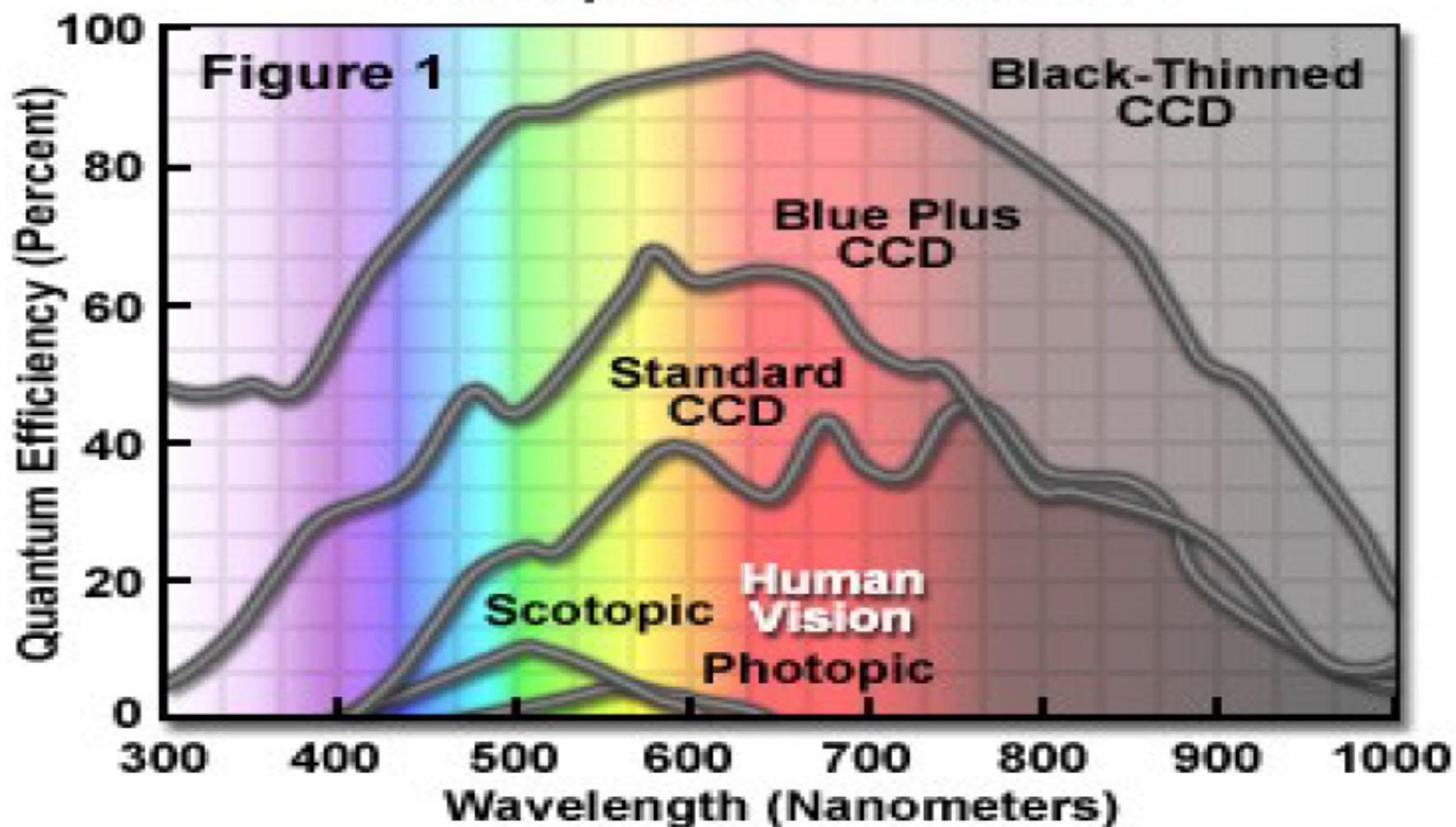
**Calibrated  
Measuring  
Container**





# Quantum efficiency, sensitivity

## CCD Spectral Sensitivities



# IR detectors (1+ microns)

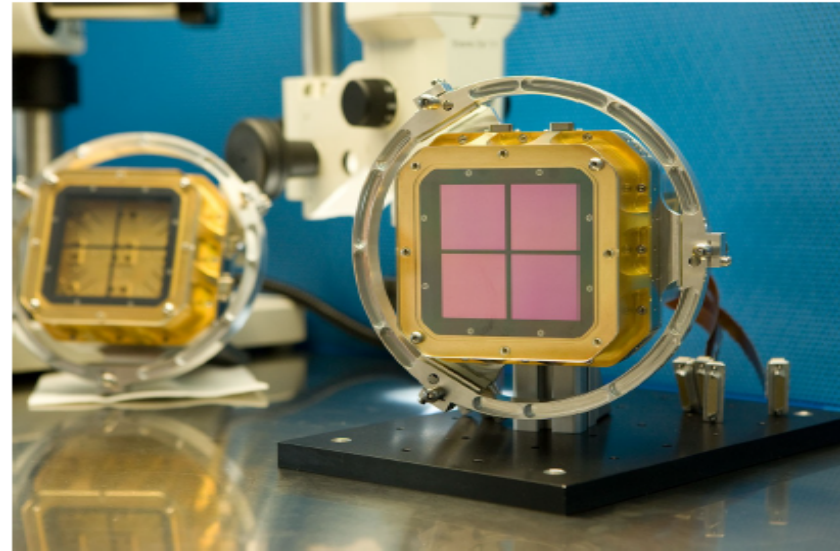
- Extremely important for exoplanets as the planetary radiation is usually peaking in NIR
- Thermal noise contributing significantly to the error budget
- Are useful for detection of exoplanetary atmospheres
- Are useful for monitoring of day night variations

# IR detectors (NO CHARGE TRANSFER)

- no charge transfer
- but photoelectric effect in charge!
- electronic readout
- typically  $\text{InSb}$  and  $\text{HgCdTe}$  due to suitable band gaps
- cooling required

$\text{HgCdTe}$   $0.48 \text{ eV} = 2.55 \mu\text{m}$

$\text{InSb}$   $0.23 \text{ eV} = 5.4 \mu\text{m}$



# IR detectors

Readouts

NON-Destructive

- DCS
- Fowler

DIT vs. NDIT

Temperature sensitive

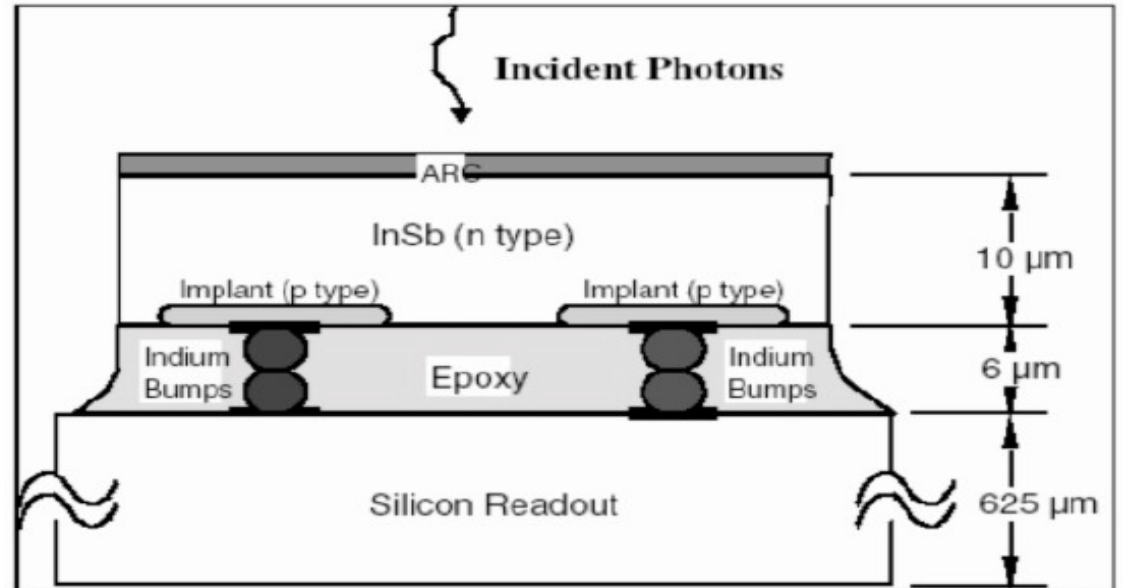
- high sky counts
- instrument/telesc. heat

3+ micron

nodding/chopping =

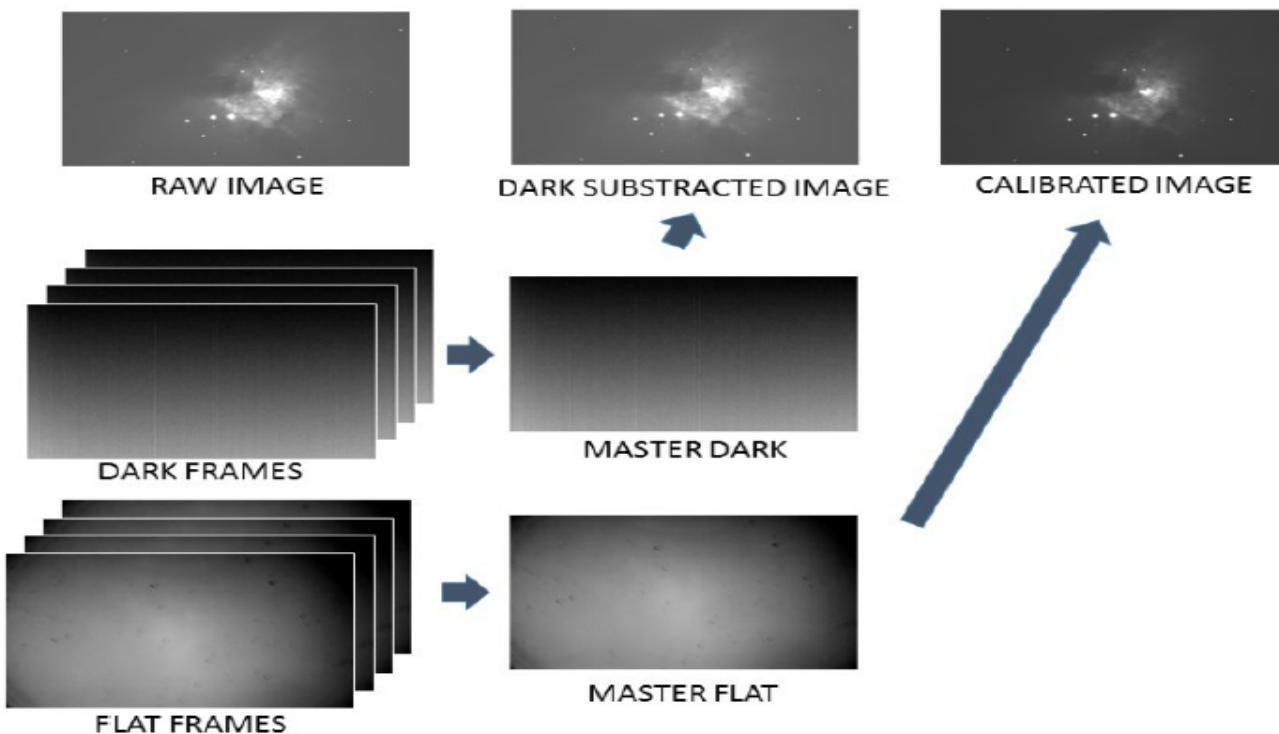
M2/telescope offsets

Cooling + vacuum for NIR detectors is a must!



Joyce, D., NOAO Gemini data workshop 2010

# From photon to the light curve



- Schematic way – photometric data reduction

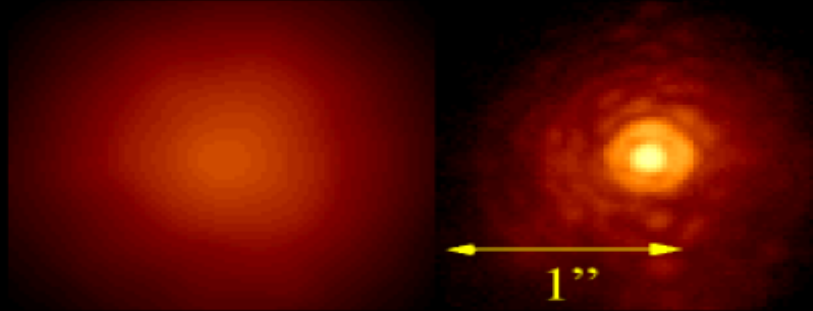
<https://astroblueowl.wordpress.com/2016/03/05/image-processing-in-astrophysics/>

# Image characteristics

- SNR = signal to noise ratio
  - Poisson noise –  $\sqrt{\text{Signal}}$
- PSF – point-spread-function of stars
- Various kinds of noises – shot noise (photon noise), red noise, pink noise, dark noise, bias

# PSF and the seeing/AO

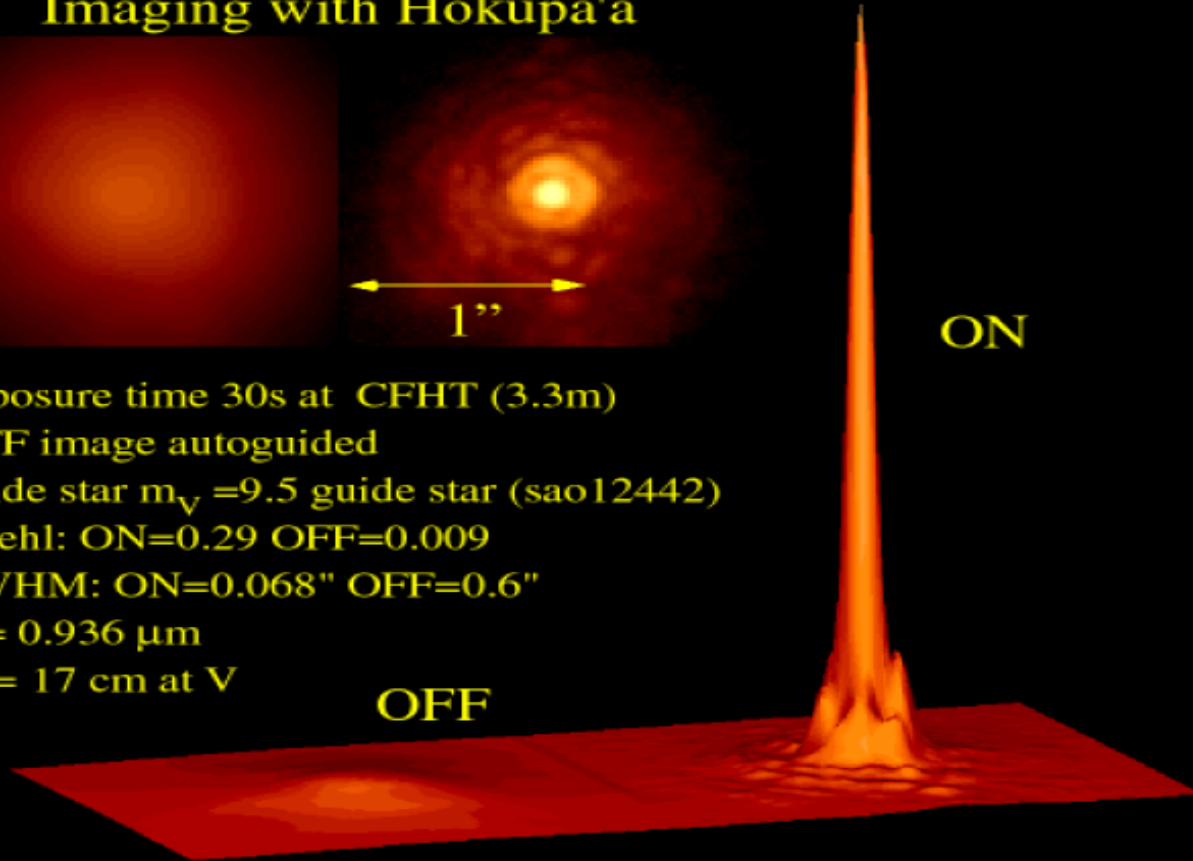
## Imaging with Hokupa'a



exposure time 30s at CFHT (3.3m)  
OFF image autoguided  
guide star  $m_V = 9.5$  guide star (sao12442)  
Strehl: ON=0.29 OFF=0.009  
FWHM: ON=0.068" OFF=0.6"  
 $\lambda = 0.936 \mu\text{m}$   
 $r_0 = 17 \text{ cm at } V$

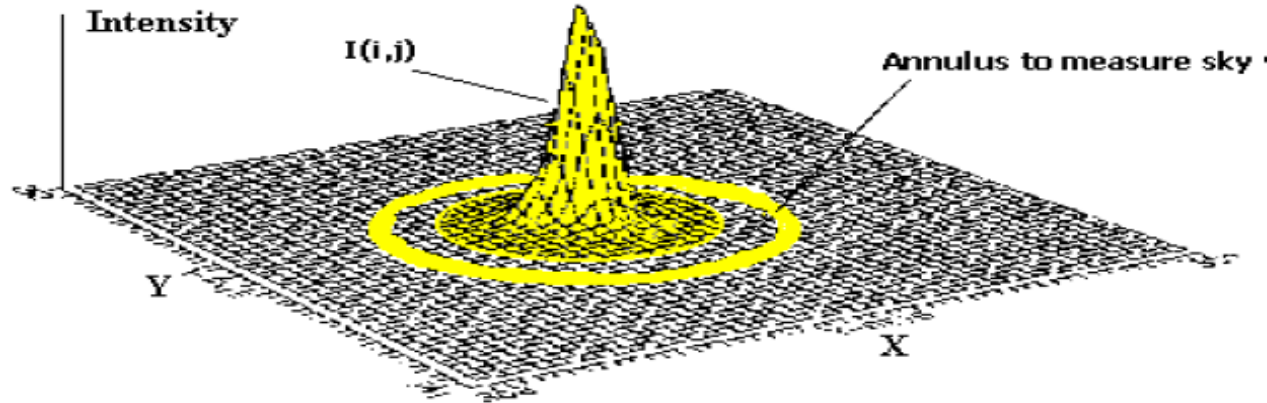
ON

OFF



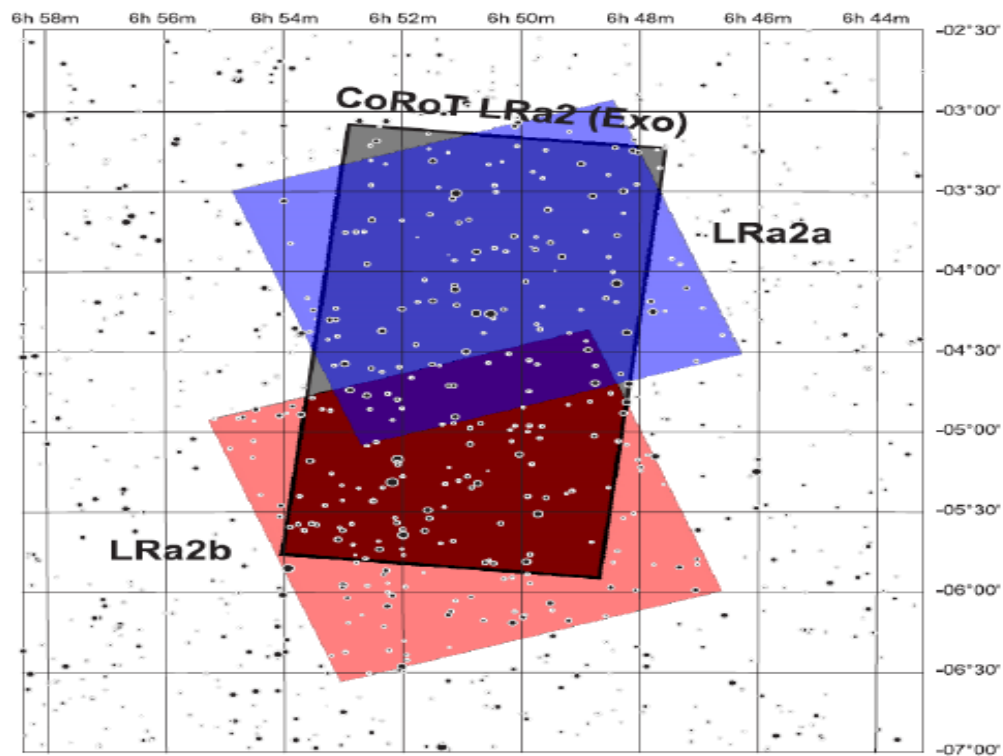
# Aperture photometry

- Measuring the flux in the aperture around stellar SPF
- The flux is sky subtracted

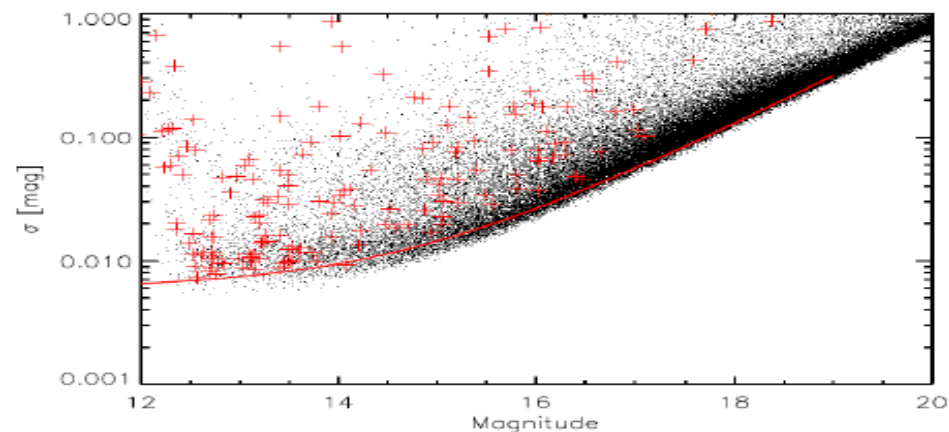
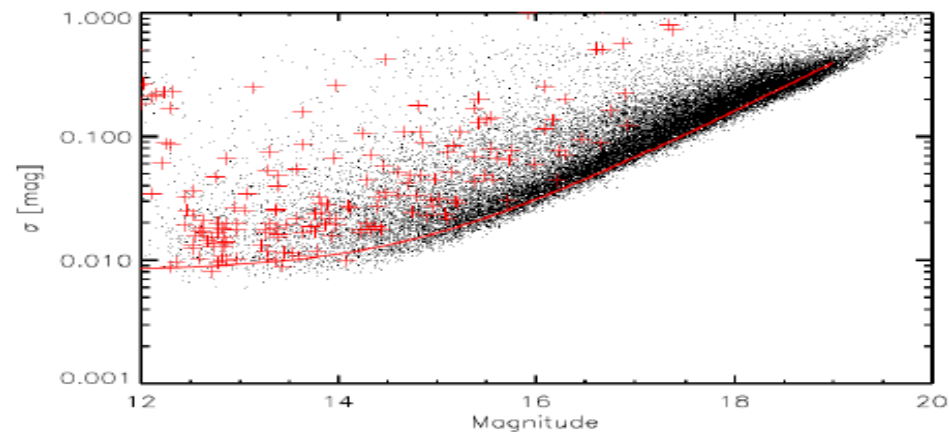




# Illustration of noises



**g. 1.** The orientation of BEST II LRA02 subfields with respect to CoRoT's LRA2b field (coordinates J2000.0).



the field of view (FOV) of the system covers  $1.7^\circ \times 1.7^\circ$  on  
• Kabath et al. 2009

# Flux vs. magnitude

- Flux is linear, you can take flux of two stars and divide etc...
  - Magnitude is logarithmic!! Be sure you either work with flux or with magnitudes
  - $m = -2.5 \times \log(F/F_0)$ !!
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# From image till LC

- Gibson et al. 2014 HAWKI Wasp-19b

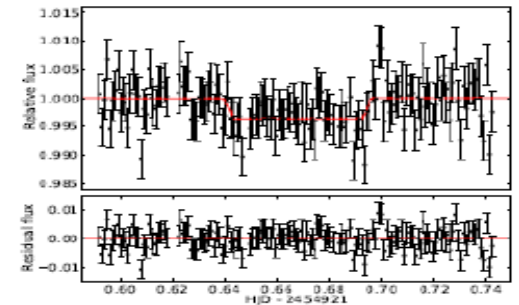
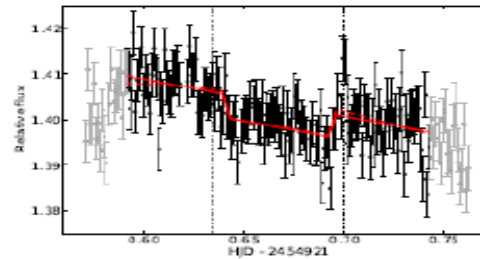
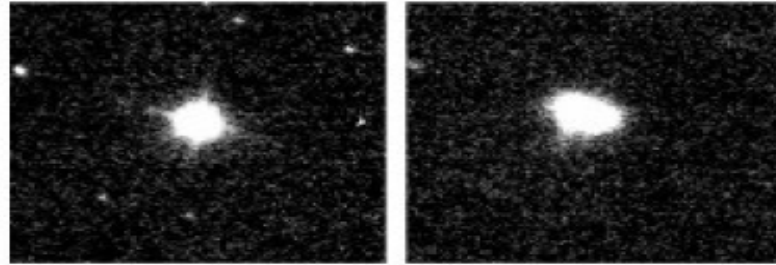
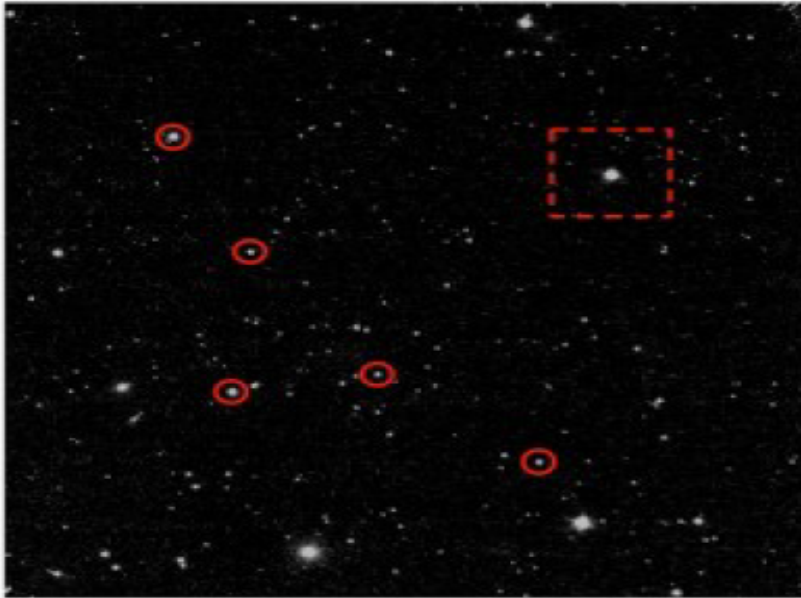


Figure 3. Raw VLT/HAWKI light curve of the secondary transit of WASP-19. The dashed-dotted lines show the expected start and end of transit, assuming the planet is in a circular orbit. A

# LC with Perek telescope differential photometry

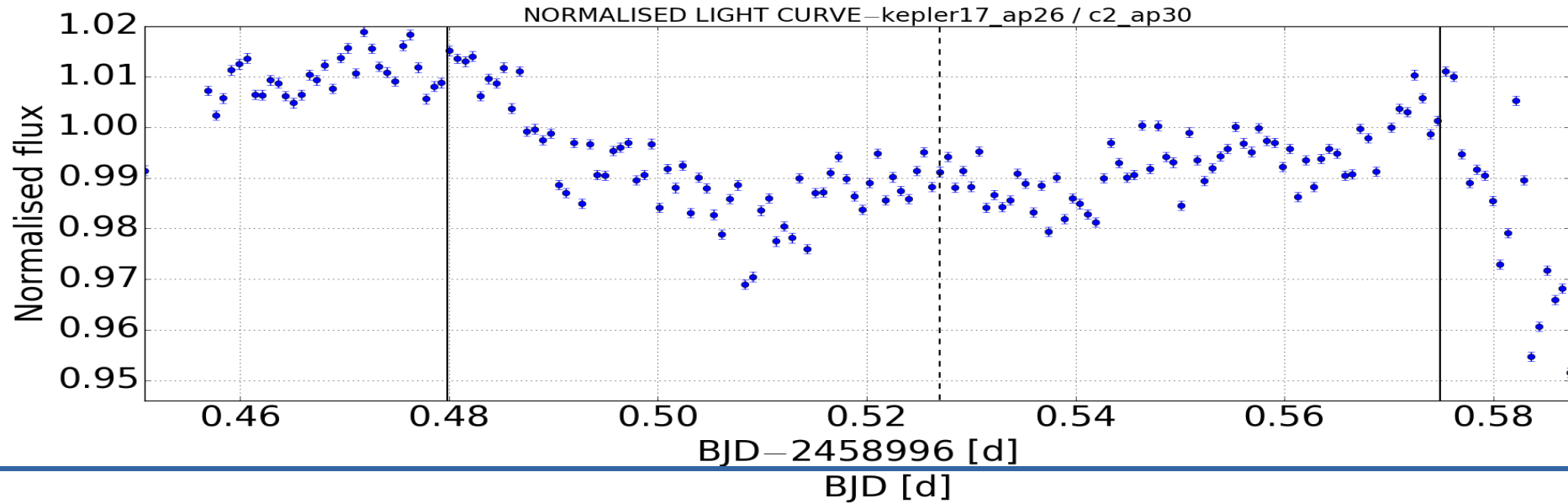
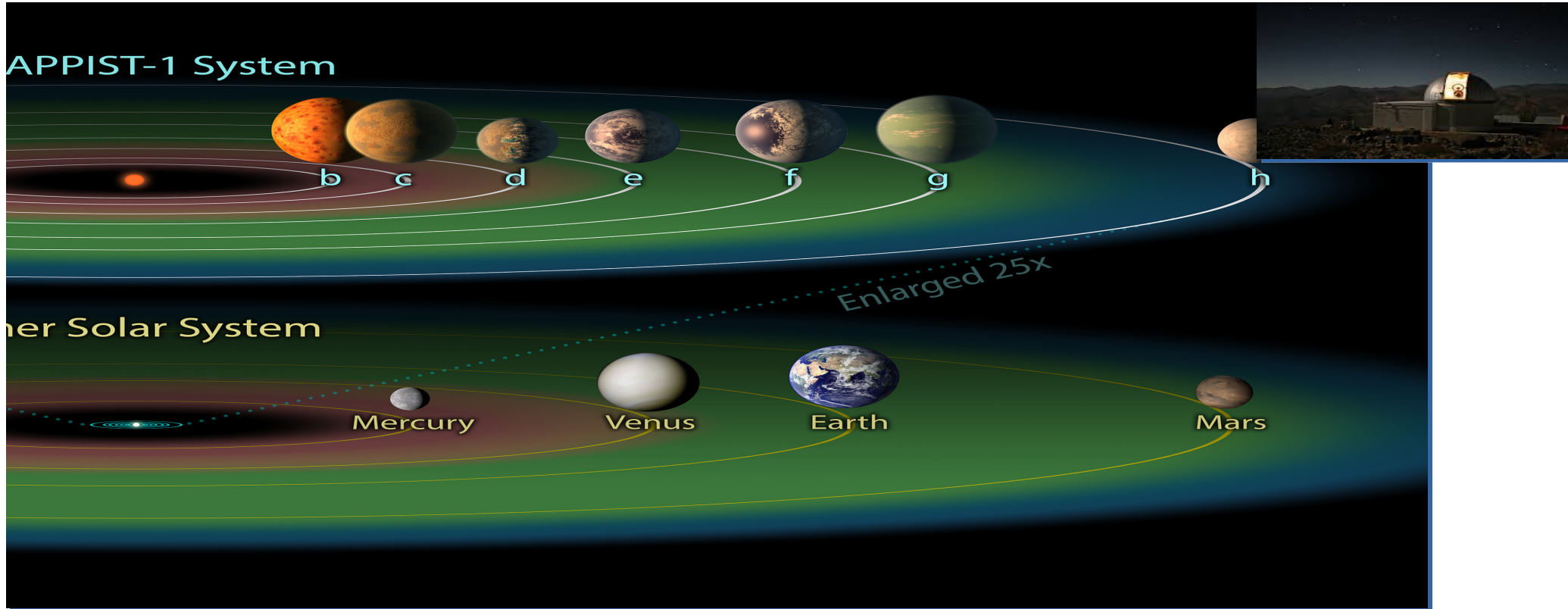


Figure: M. Blazek

# Ground based exciting detections

Trappist-1 – Gillon et al., 2016, Nature, Temperate Earth-sized planets transiting a nearby ultracool dwarf star

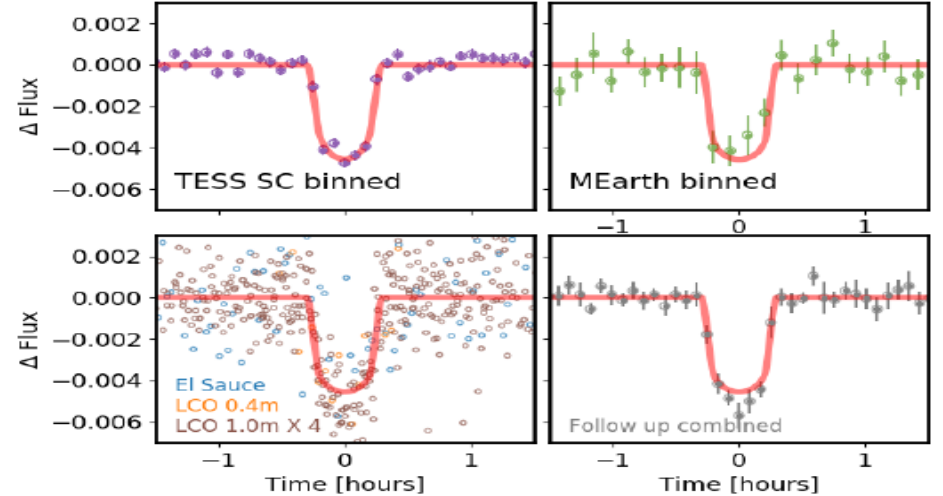
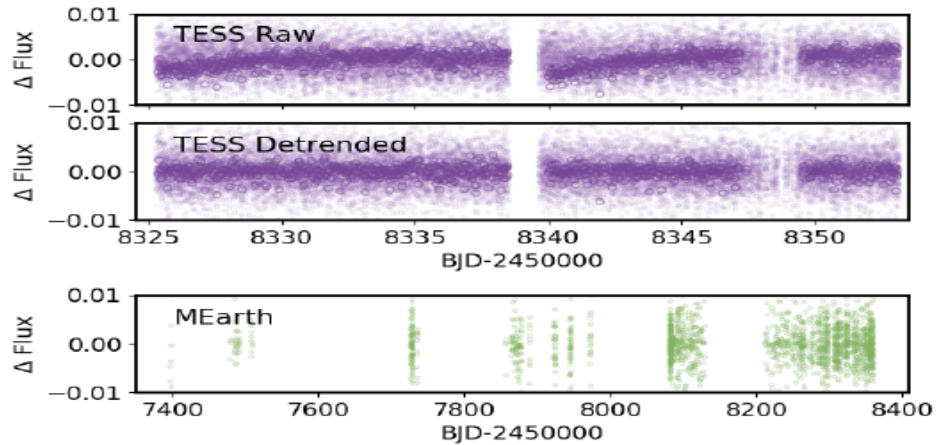


# Space missions

- Advantage of continuous coverage (more or less)
- No atmosphere – no additional noise source
- Unprecedented precision
- Constrained by their orbits, by fuel, by their cost
- CoRoT, KEPLER, TESS

# Space based exciting detections

- Ultra short period planet, TESS – LHS3844 b
- 1.5 Mearth
- Period = 11 hours



# Recap from Lecture 1-2

- For transits detection as many star as possible
  - favoring CCD over photomultiplier
  - more comparison sources on frame, saves time
- High duty cycle needed (many frames in short time)
  - CCD capable of many exposures
- Bright targets needed for ground based follow-up



# Reading

- <http://slittlefair.staff.shef.ac.uk/teaching/phy217/lectures/instruments/L17/index.html>
- <http://astronomy.nmsu.edu/cwc/Teaching/ASTR605/Lectures/spectra.pdf>
- <http://www.iastro.pt/research/conferences/faial2016/files/presentations/CE3.pdf>
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# Next week

- Tour of OES facilities
- Detection process of an exoplanetary candidate
- How to get the space mission data?