Establishing the Epoch of Giant Planet Migration

A Near-Infrared Precision Radial Velocity Survey with the Habitable-Zone Planet Finder (HPF)

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Credit: F. Masset 2002

Three-body Dynamical Interactions



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Spin-orbit geometry

Stellar spin-planet orbit misalignments





Wide distribution of periods and eccentricities



Multiplanet Architectures

Dearth of additional planets in systems with close-in giant planets

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We can observationally distinguish these migration pathways because they operate on distinct timescales:



Disk migration must have taken place prior to ~10 Myr



Dynamical mechanisms occur on the order of $10^7 - 10^{10}$ yr









Why have we not already done this? Young stars have strong non-dynamical astrophysical variations



Star rotates





Age: < 300 million years



650 million years



2 billion years



4.5 billion years (today)







Image Credit: IAU



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Activity Signals ~ 35 – >1000 m s⁻¹

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Metcalf et al. (2019)

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A Near-Infrared Precision Radial Velocity Survey of Young Solar Analogs with HPF





Young Moving Groups provide bright, nearby, and well-characterized targets in this age range

Gagne et al. (2018)

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Summary of Survey Target List



HPF Data



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Precision Radial Velocity Pipeline: On-sky Stability at the sub-2 m/s Level on RV Standard



For more information, check out my paper!



https://arxiv.org/abs/ 2101.11005

Results from the first 14 Months: Observed NIR RV RMS Distribution of Science Targets



The median NIR RMS is reduced by a factor of nearly 2 from the optical RV RMS based on a sample of stars with similar ages (20-200 Myr), rotational velocities (<30 km/s), and spectral types (GK).

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Results from the first 14 Months: Stellar Jitter Decays Logarithmically with Age



RV scatter obeys a logarithmic relationship with stellar age in both NIR and optical. This trend is shallower in the NIR s.t. RV scatter is lower in NIR at younger ages and higher at older.

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Hillenbrand et al. 2015







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