Exoplanet Surveys at Five Microns with Direct and APP Imaging at the MMT Observatory



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Overview

- Why look for hot Jupiters at 5 microns?
- Why use the MMT AO?
- Status of the Direct Imaging Surveys
- Looking closer with an Apodizing Phase Plate

Where Planets Glow



MMTO 6.5m Telescope



Deformable Secondary Mirror Thermal infrared optimized

2mm thick by 640 mm diameter

336 voice coil actuators

Undersized pupil for IR observations (effective D=6.35m)





Sky imaged with Primary and secondary



7% emissivity

Thermal Imaging with Clio PI: Phil Hinz

- 3 to 5 micron imaging camera/coronagraph
- 12 by 15 arcsec FOV



Longer Wavelength Imaging

Band	Wavelength	Strehl
Н	1.65	30%
K	2.00	40%
Ľ	3.8	70%
Μ	4.8	90%



Young Suns - Heinze

- 50 stars in 43 systems surveyed
- 7 to 10 below 5M_{jup} (10 sigma limits)
- Many below 7M_{jup}
- A few below 3M_{jup}
- No planet candidates found

We can see down to M=13-14 L'=16 in one hour

Background star equivalent in brightness to a planet of 5M_{jupiter}



M dwarfs - Apai

- 6 pc survey
- 20 out of 36 systems observed
- L' band limit is 15.3 to 15.8 sky background
- Typically < 5 AU distances

M dwarfs - Apai



A stars - Mamajek

- A stars out to 25pc
- I5 out of 25 stars observed
- I2M_{jup} typical (2M_{jup} for Sirius...)
- 25M_{jup} for Ursa Major group at ~25pc

Diffraction Effects



Why does Image Subtraction not work?

- Two images taken about 20 minutes apart are not identical
- Quasi-static 'speckles' are present in all images
- Small differences amplified by diffraction rings
- Squash the diffraction down with a coronagraph

Apodzing 101

Phase ripple at Pupil Plane...

...this is the result





Apodzing in Closed Loop

Tried it using the Deformable Mirror at MMT





ARIES at H Band - May 2005

(Kenworthy et al. 2006, SPIE 6272)

Apodizing over half the FOV

Apodizing Phase Plate

PSF (log scale)



Codona algorithm - see John's talk later today

- >99% transmission
- NO focal plane mask
- 69% Strehl
- Increase in FWHM <5%
- IWA = 2.2 I/D
- OWA = 9 I/D



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Diamond turned optic



It works!

Real Image with Phase Plate

Modeled Image



April/May 2006

Testing for Incoherence

Suppress diffraction...





... use DM to clear residuals

Companions can't be nulled out with DM





dM=11mag 2.46 arcsec 0.6 hours

Procyon B

Initial data from Jan 2007

dM=11mag 2.46 arcsec 1.5 hours







Conclusions

- Thermal imaging is sensitive enough
- No planets so far...but watch for the A star survey
- APP can be generalised for **ANY** pupil, e.g. JWST and GMT

(one more slide before lunch...)

New APP Algorithm



- <5% increase in FWHM</p>
- See John Codona talk later today

Spare Slides

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