

## PCS: E-ELT Planet finder

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### Italian activity for PCS

- Update of the science case of PCS: assessment of the detection capability of PCS using Monte Carlo simulations
- Development and application of high contrast imaging techniques
  - SPHERE
  - High Contrast imaging surveys
- Combination of high spatial and spectral resolution (D'Orazi talk)
- Further acquisition of competence in the scientific design of High Contrast Imagers (D'Orazi talk)

#### Main topics in exo-planetary science for the next 15 years – my view

#### Planets formation

- How planets form?
- Why planets have different masses and separation from the stars? What is the impact of disk-planet interactions?
- What is the impact of the environment?

#### Early evolution

- What is the evolution of young planets?
- How are their atmospheres made and what are their chemical composition?
- What is the impact of planet-planet interactions?
- Search for habitable planets
  - How common are rocky planets in the habitable zone?
  - What is the structure of small mass planets?
  - What is the composition of their atmospheres?
  - Are we able to detect bio-signatures?

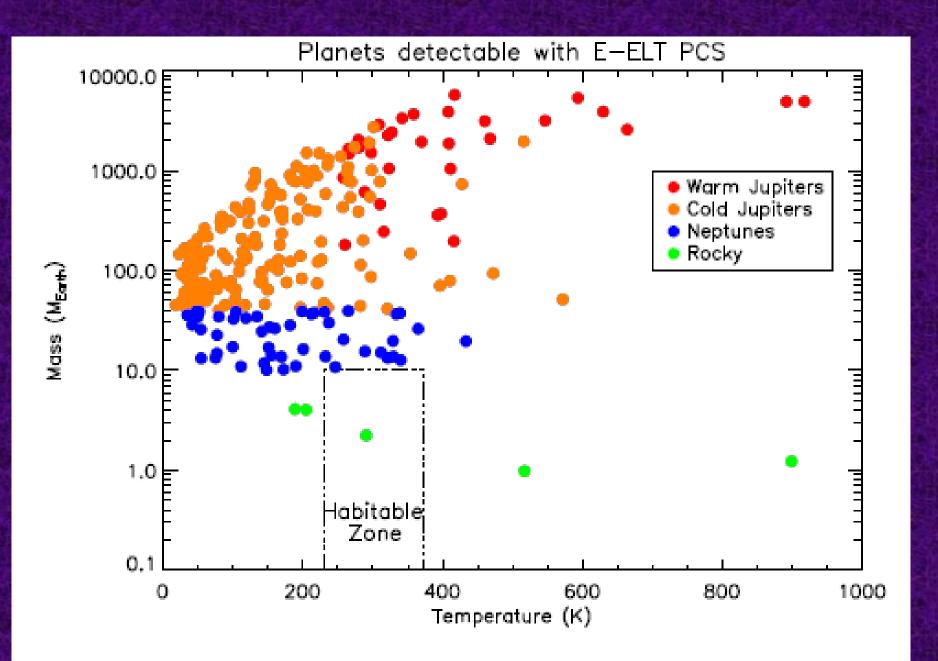
### **Schematic of methods goals**

	Hot planets (P~days)	< snow-line (P~a few years)	> snow-line (P~several years)
Discovery: detection and statistics	Radial Velocities Transits	Radial velocities Space Astrometry (GAIA) Microlenses <b>E-ELT imaging</b>	8m imaging
Dynamical characterization & Structure	Radial Velocities + Transits	Radial velocities Space Astrometry (GAIA) <b>E-ELT imaging</b>	Coupling 8m imaging and GAIA?
AtmosphericTransitsAtmospheric-Durationcharacterization &-Transmissionsearch for-spectroscopybiosignatures-Secondarytransit-spectroscopy		E-ELT imaging	8m imaging (and) JWST ELT MIR

However, situation may differ for specific target groups (M-stars)!

### Detection capability of PCS using MESS

- MESS: Multi-purpose Exoplanet Simulation System - Bonavita et al. 2012
- compares expected properties of a population of exoplanets with detection limits for different instruments, using various techniques (imaging, RV, astrometry, transits)
- Papers at:
  - Exoplanets with the E-ELT (Feb. 2014, Garching)
  - Exoplanets, Biosignatures and Instruments (March 2014 Tucson)



#### Planets expect to be discovered in the next 15 years with foreseen imagers

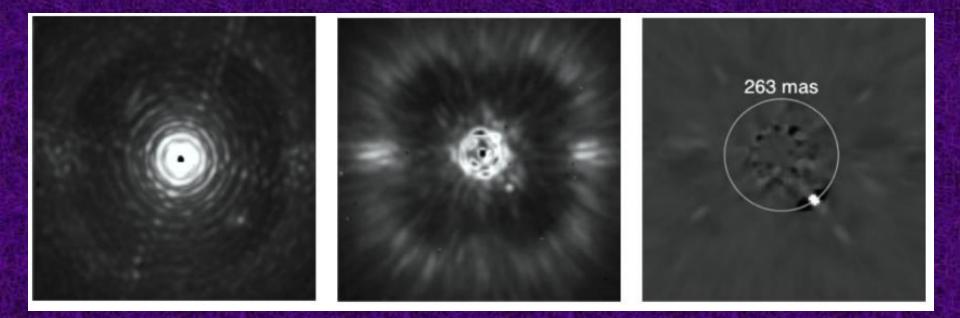
			Reflected light planets			
	Year	Young	Giants	Neptunes	Rocky	Habitable
		Giants				
Ground	2013	tens	few			
Based 8m						
JWST	2018	tens	few			
1.5m Space						
Coronagraphs	?	tens	tens	tens	few	??
ELTs	> 2020	hundreds	hundreds	tens	few	??

Required high contrast performances to see a young giant planet are equivalent to those required to see a moth flying around a street-lamp from a satellite at 500 km height

Those required to discover an habitable rocky planet

are 1000 times better at 5 times further distance!

#### High contrast imaging (e.g. with SPHERE)



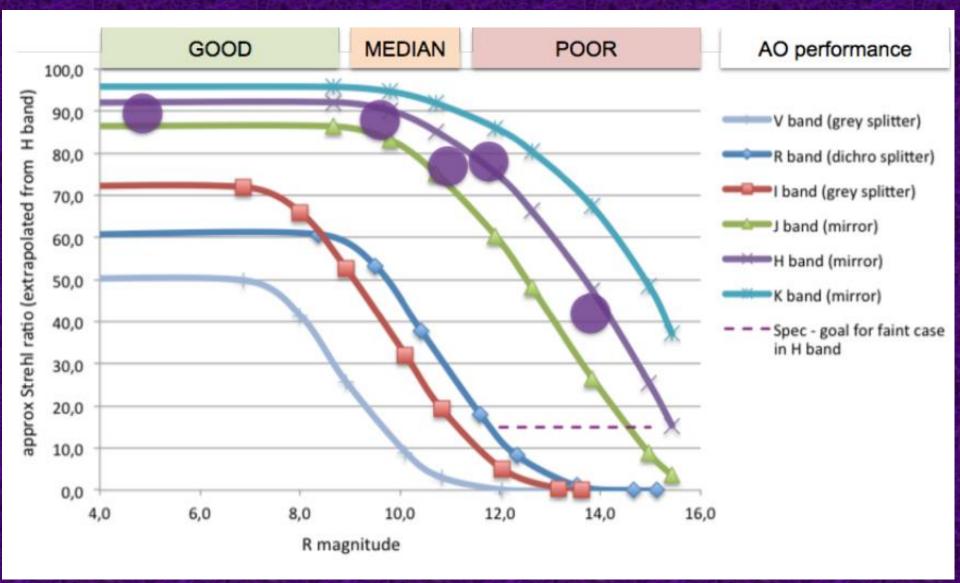
Raw on sky image →XAO VLT~10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>4</sup> E-ELT~10<sup>5</sup> Raw on sky image → Coronagraph VLT~10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>5</sup> E-ELT~10<sup>6</sup>-10<sup>7</sup> After data analysis → ADI VLT~10<sup>6</sup>-10<sup>7</sup> E-ELT~10<sup>8</sup>-10<sup>9</sup>

#### **HIGH CONTRAST IMAGER MAIN PROPERTIES**

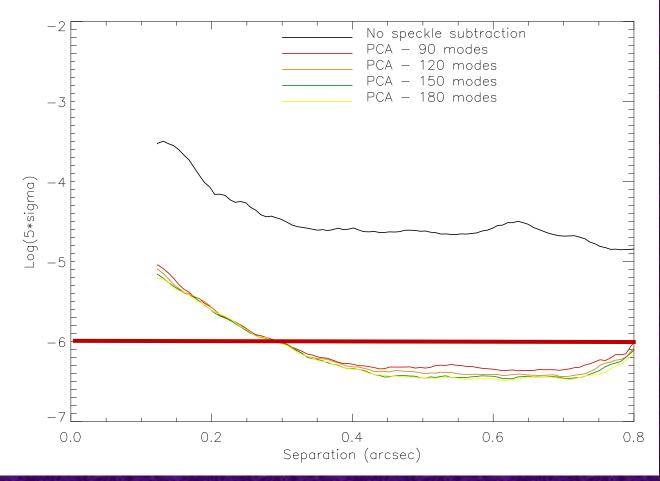
VIS/NIR		GPI/SPHERE	ELT IFU	ELT PCS (XAO)	JWST-NIRI	WFIRST-AFTA
NIR Ground: 0.6-2.5 μm JWST (NIRCam): 0.6-2.5 μm	Contrast	10 <sup>-6</sup> -10 <sup>-7</sup>	10 <sup>-6</sup> -10 <sup>-7</sup>	10 <sup>-8</sup> -10 <sup>-9</sup>	10-6	10 <sup>-9</sup>
	IWA (mas)	100	20	20	270	100-250
	Spec.Res.	50	4000	100	-	70
	Star mag	I<10		I<10		-
	Targets	Young giants	Young giants Reflecting giants	Young Giants Neptunes Reflecting giants, Neptunes, super- Earths?	Young giants Nearby stars	Young Giants, Neptunes Reflecting giants, Neptunes, super- Earths?
MIR		LMIRCAM	ELT MIR		JWST-MIRI	
MIR Ground: 3.4-14 μm JWST (MIRI): 5- 28.3 μm FGS: M- band	Contrast	3 10-5	10-4		10-4	
	IWA (mas)	200	80		350 MIRI 100 FGS	
	Spec. Res.	-	5000 (slit)		-slit	
	Targets	Young giants	Young giants Nearby stars		Young giants Nearby stars	



### SAXO (AO)

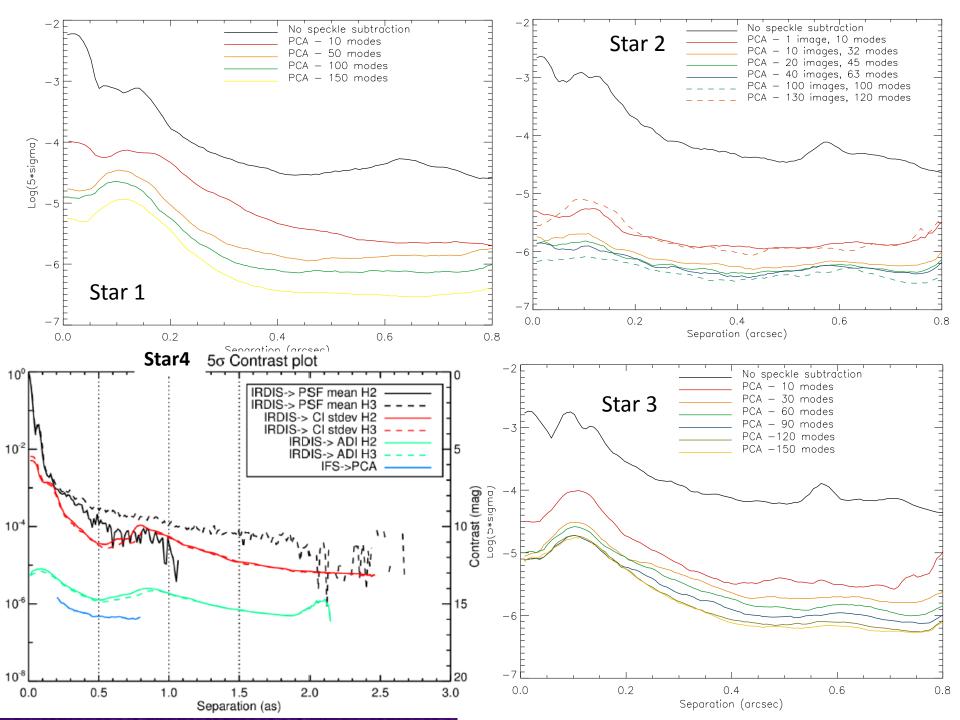


### High contrast imaging

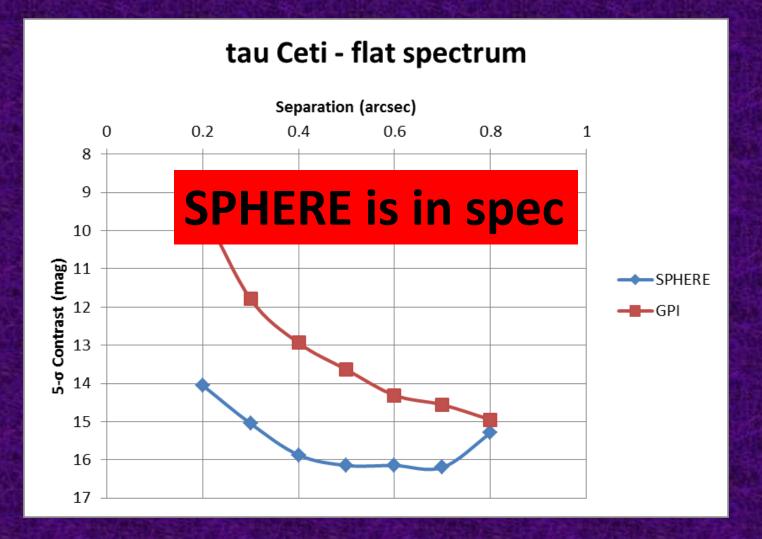


Best contrast obtained until now with SPHERE

No planet found for  $\tau$  Ceti



# These are the deepest images ever at such separation



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