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Detecting Exoplanets Closer to Stars with Moderate Spectral Resolution Integral-field Spectroscopy

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Abstract

While radial velocity surveys have demonstrated that the population of gas giants peaks around 3 au, the most recent high-contrast imaging surveys have only been sensitive to planets beyond ∼10 au. Sensitivity at small angular separations from stars is currently limited by the variability of the point-spread function. We demonstrate how moderate-resolution integral-field spectrographs can detect planets at smaller separations ($\lesssim$ 0.3") by detecting the distinct spectral signature of planets compared to the host star. Using OSIRIS ($R \approx 4000$) at the W.M. Keck Observatory, we present the results of a planet search via this methodology around 20 young targets in the Ophiuchus and Taurus star-forming regions. We show that OSIRIS can outperform high-contrast coronagraphic instruments equipped with extreme adaptive optics and non-redundant masking in the 0.05"–0.3" regime. As a proof of concept, we present the 34σ detection of a high-contrast M dwarf companion at $\approx$0.1" with flux ratio of $\approx$ 0.92% around the field F2 star HD 148352. We developed an open-source Python package, `breads`, for the analysis of moderate-resolution integral-field spectroscopy data in which the planet and the host star signal are jointly modeled. The diffracted starlight continuum is forward-modeled using a spline model, which removes the need for prior high-pass filtering or continuum normalization. The code allows for analytic marginalization of linear hyperparameters, which simplifies the posterior sampling of other parameters (e.g., radial velocity, effective temperature). This technique could prove very powerful when applied to integral-field spectrographs such as NIRSpec on the JWST and other upcoming first-light instruments on the future Extremely Large Telescopes.

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1. Introduction

Using the combination of adaptive optics, coronagraphy, and image processing, large direct-imaging surveys have detected aorund a dozen exoplanets at semimajor axes $\gtrsim$ 10 au (e.g., Bowler 2016; Nielsen et al. 2019; Vigan et al. 2021). These surveys have made use of imagers or low-resolution spectrographs (e.g., Macintosh et al. 2014) combined with various speckle subtraction algorithms (e.g., Cantalloube et al. 2020). The most common observing strategies are angular and/or spectral differential imaging (ADI or SDI; Marois et al. 2000; Liu 2004; Marois et al. 2006), which rely on the different behavior between the speckle noise and the companion signal, such as the chromatic magnification of the point-spread

function or the rotation of the planet signal in pupil tracking mode. Both techniques become less effective at smaller separations where the self-subtraction of the companion signal will dominate. Reference-star differential imaging (RDI) has been shown to perform better at smaller separations (Xuan et al. 2018; Wahhaj et al. 2021), but it often remains speckle-noise limited due to the variability of the point-spread function (PSF) between the science target and the reference stars. This explains why the exoplanet sensitivity of high-contrast instruments increases sharply around 0.2". Additionally, the physical size of a coronagraphic mask can prevent the detection of planets at the smallest inner working angles. As an alternative to coronagraphs, non-redundant aperture masking (e.g., Tuthill et al. 2000; Kraus et al. 2008; Wallace et al. 2020) can detect companions at very small separations but is usually limited to brighter companions.

Direct-imaging surveys are already benefiting from synergies with indirect detection methods, such as long-period radial

velocity (RV; Mawet et al. 2019; Llop-Sayson et al. 2021) and astrometric monitoring from Gaia (De Rosa et al. 2019; Currie et al. 2020). Because indirect methods can place priors on the existence of planets and their location, these synergies will allow us to trade large fields of view (FOV) and low-resolution spectrographs for smaller FOV with higher spectral resolution. Recent results from RV surveys have shown that the population of Jupiters peaks at around 3 au, which explains the relative paucity of directly detected planets (Fernandes et al. 2019; Fulton et al. 2021). Direct-imaging surveys have also shown an increased frequency of planets toward smaller semimajor axis (5–10 au), which highlights the need to improve the sensitivity at smaller projected separations (Nielsen et al. 2019; Vigan et al. 2021).

Moderate to high-resolution spectroscopy has often been used for atmospheric studies of known exoplanets. Some of the pioneering works include Konopacky et al. (2013), who resolved water and carbon monoxide spectral lines for the first time in the atmosphere of HR 8799c with Keck/OSIRIS ($R \approx 4000$), and Snellen et al. (2014), who measured the spin of β Pictoris b using VLT/CRIRES ($R \approx 100, 000$). The advantage of integral-field spectrographs (IFS) is that they can also be used for planet detection using similar techniques. When equipped with moderate-resolution spectroscopy, an IFS can leverage the distinct spectral signatures of exoplanet atmospheres compared to the blended spectra of their host stars. Using cross-correlation techniques, moderate to high-resolution spectroscopy (i.e., $R \gtrsim 3000$) is not sensitive to the continuum variability of the speckle noise (i.e., the diffracted starlight from the host star), which is the limiting factor for high-contrast instruments at small projected separations. This approach promises to be a game changer in the era of new integral-field spectrographs on Extremely Large Telescopes (ELTs; Houllé et al. 2021) and on board the JWST, which is sensitive to cooler and older planets (Llop-Sayson et al. 2021; Patapis et al. 2022). For example, Llop-Sayson et al. (2021) simulated that JWST/NIRSpec ($R \sim 2700$), a moderate-resolution IFS, will allow the first direct detections of true mature cool Jupiters that were previously detected from RV searches. These future facilities, including JWST and first-light instruments on the ELTs, are poised to become the next generation of planet-detection facilities.

As a demonstration, we have been conducting a pathfinder survey of the Ophiuchus and Taurus star-forming regions using Keck/OSIRIS. In this work, we present a midcourse sensitivity analysis of 20 stars to demonstrate the improved performance of moderate spectral resolution IFSs. The planet population analysis is left to be discussed in future work. We also introduce an innovative open-source package (`breads`[16][17]) for moderate to high-resolution spectroscopy building on earlier work (Ruffio et al. 2019, 2021). This package uses a forward-modeling approach to cross-correlation and includes a built-in analytical marginalization of linear parameters.

The observations and prereduction steps are described in Section 2. Then, the data analysis and sensitivity calculation are presented in Section 3 and the results are shown in Section 4. Finally, we discuss the potential of this approach in Section 5.

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[16] https://github.com/jruffio/breads
[17] https://github.com/shubhagrawal30/using-breads

2. Observations

2.1. Target Selection

At distances of 130–140 pc and ages of 1–2 Myr, Taurus (Kenyon & Hartmann 1995) and Ophiuchus (Wilking et al. 2005) are the youngest and closest star-forming regions, making them ideal targets for high-contrast imaging. Indeed, young planets are still hot, and therefore bright in the infrared, before they cool down with time. For example, a $10M_{\rm Jup}$ companion at 10 au would have an apparent magnitude of ∼15 in the K-band and projected separation of ∼70 mas assuming a BT-Settl evolutionary grid (Allard 2013) with an age of 2 Myr at 140 pc. It would therefore be detectable with relatively high flux ratios ($\sim 10^{-3}$) for stars with an apparent K-band magnitude around 8, which is achievable with OSIRIS. In general, we chose the brightest (by $K_{\rm mag}$) targets with a visible magnitude $R_{\rm mag} < 14$ to ensure good adaptive optics correction with a natural guide star. We then selected the more massive stars because they are more likely to host a gas giant planet according to existing direct-imaging surveys (Nielsen et al. 2019). The target selection for Taurus was done as follows. There are 26 stars in Kenyon & Hartmann (1995) that have a visible magnitude $R_{\rm mag} < 14$, and a stellar mass between 0.9 and 3.5 $M_{\rm Sun}$. We then removed stars that are binaries with a projected separation $< 3''$ from this list: seven were identified based on the WDS catalog (Mason et al. 2001) and three were first observed with OSIRIS (HBC407, HBC355, and HBC351), but their observations were stopped upon the discovery of a bright secondary component in the FOV of OSIRIS. Of the remaining 16 stars satisfying these criteria, we present the observations of the first 12 stars that were targeted. For Ophiuchus, there were 28 stars satisfying the same mass and brightness criteria in Wilking et al. (2005). Seven were found to be binaries based on the literature (Barsony et al. 2003; Cheetham et al. 2015). Of the remaining 18 stars, we present the observations of the first 10 stars that were targeted.

Table 1 lists and details the 10 Ophiuchus and 10 Taurus targets, as well as three non-member targets, presented in this work. Table 2 describes our science observations during the first and second Keck observing semesters of 2021. We list the seeing measured by Maunkea-DIMM[18] in Table 3, as a measure of observing conditions for each night. As we use a 20 mas plate scale, the seeing measurements correspond to ∼3 ± 1 IFS spaxels, indicating good and stable weather conditions. However, we experienced unreliable performance of the Keck AO system during some of our observation nights that led to the deteriorated quality of PSFs, even in these good conditions.

Three stars that are not members of Ophiuchus or Taurus were incorrectly included in our survey. HD 148352 is a foreground interloper (Mamajek 2008), as discussed in more detail in Section 3.6. HBC 353 and HBC 354 could have been erroneously classified as Taurus members in Kenyon & Hartmann (1995), and Kraus & Hillenbrand (2009) list plausible criteria for non-membership due to their under-luminosities and large separations from Taurus's central cloud core. The low parallaxes of HBC 353 and HBC 354, as well as the high parallax of HD 148352, similarly raise concerns about non-membership. We list these targets as Non-Member Targets in Tables 1 and 2. While detection maps and sensitivity curves

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[18] http://mkwc.ifa.hawaii.edu/current/seeing/

are presented for these targets, we do not include them in the depth-of-search analysis in Section 4.3 and Figure 11.

2.2. OSIRIS Data

We use the Keck/OSIRIS near-infrared integral-field spectrograph ($R \approx 4000$), with the Keck Adaptive Optics system (Wizinowich et al. 2022) using the bright target itself as the natural guiding star (NGS). We took three to five sequences of exposures per target in the Kn5 narrow band (2.292–2.408 μm). The Kn5 filter includes the carbon monoxide bandhead, which is the region of the spectrum with the most spectral features and therefore signal, due to the presence of CO and H_2O molecules. Choosing a narrow-band filter also doubles the width of the FOV compared to broadband observations. We use the smallest plate scale of 20 mas to better spatially resolve the companion from the host star, resulting in a FOV of 0.64" × 1.28". Between sequences, we dither by two to four pixels in both directions as a way to limit the number of sky observations required. Because a real body would maintain the same relative position to the target star between dithers, this also prevents spatially-dependent instrumental artifacts (e.g., a bad spaxel) to be misidentified as a planetary signal (albeit, this does not prevent a background source from being misidentified as a companion).

For each target, we take a sequence of sky background frames with the same exposure time and adaptive optics system off. We limit possible persistence issues for bright targets by acquiring them in alternating sections of the FOV. After the first observing run aimed at Ophiuchus, we discovered an issue with detector traces from different lenslets bleeding into one another, which rendered part of the FOV on each side of the PSF unusable. This problem is described in more detail in Section 3.3. As a mitigation strategy, we added a 90° rotation of the FOV for roughly half of the sequences in subsequent observing runs.

The OSIRIS Data Reduction Pipeline (OSIRIS DRP) reduces the two-dimensional raw data from the instrument with sky subtraction and bad pixel identification to obtain a three-dimensional datacube, with $N_\lambda = 465$ values along the spectral axis at $n_y \times n_x = 66 \times 51$ spatial locations or spaxels. An example of a single exposure collapsed cube is shown in Figure 1. Notably, all of our science data is taken in the field-stabilized mode unlike surveys using ADI because the high spectral resolution allows us to avoid relying on the angular behavior of speckle noise and planetary signal.

At the start of each observing night, we take one or two long exposure (300 or 600 s) images of the sky in the Kn3 narrow band (2.121–2.229 μm), as listed in Table 3. Following the OSIRIS pipeline user manual[19], we use this to perform a first-order correction of the OSIRIS wavelength solution using telluric emission lines due to the OH^- radical present in the Earth's upper atmosphere, standard values for which are taken from Rousselot et al. (2000). We use the model $\lambda_{standard} = \lambda_{data}(1 + a_1) + a_0$ to ascertain the constant and linear order offsets a_0 and a_1. These constants are determined from the Kn3 narrow-band long exposures and then applied to Kn5 data because the wavelength correction does not depend on the filter. The Kn5 skies acquired for the science observations cannot be used for this correction due to the lack of OH^- lines in this narrow band.

We also collect data from standard A0 stars (which exhibit few spectral features), as listed in Table 4, to perform telluric calibration. We extract the stellar spectrum of these targets by aperture photometry, as described in Section 3.3.2 (without masking a region for a putative planet), and divide by a theoretical A0 spectrum model (PHOENIX synthetic spectra; Husser et al. 2013) to derive the sky transmission for the observations.

3. Data Reduction

3.1. Bad Pixels

We identify and correct for bad pixels at various steps in our data reduction; all masked pixels are ignored in the final forward-modeling fits. After importing the data cubes produced by the OSIRIS DRP, we perform a crude fit to the spectrum at each location in the FOV, using only a forward model consisting only of a simplified starlight component, as described in Section 3.3, particularly Section 3.3.2. We mark any $>3\sigma$ outliers in the residuals as bad pixels. We also mask edge pixels in the spectral and both spatial directions because they often feature artifacts or drops in flux. Despite the dedicated additional terms in the forward model, as described in Section 3.3, we found significantly larger residuals at the core of the deepest telluric lines, which were therefore masked. This is possibly due to the variable line spread function and spectral under-sampling changing the spectrum from spaxel to spaxel.

We also identified a systematic affecting OSIRIS Kn5 filter data for bright targets due to flux between traces on the detector being wrongly assigned because of the tight arrangement of microspectra. Spaxels that are well separated in the sky but horizontally aligned with the star are contaminated by the light coming from the on-axis star. We observe the continuum at these extended regions to be much higher at either end of the spectral axis. Since the contaminating light corresponds to different wavelengths than the contaminated pixels, modeling this effect is complex and we instead mask spaxels where the continuum slope is higher than a set factor. This rendered a significant portion of the FOV to be unusable, as can be seen in Figure 12. As a consequence, we improved the observing strategy for Taurus observations (including HBC 353 and HBC 354) and rotated our FOV by 90° for roughly half of the data for each target.

3.2. The Framework of breads

breads, or the Broad Repository for Exoplanet Analysis, Detection, and Spectroscopy, is a flexible framework that allows forward modeling of data from moderate to high-resolution spectrographs. The philosophy of breads is to have the users choose a data class, a forward model function, and a fitting strategy. Data classes normalize the data format, simplifying reduction across different spectrographs while allowing for specific behaviors of each instrument to also be coded into their own specific class. The forward model (FM) aims to reproduce the data (d) as $d = FM + n$, where n is the noise. The FM is a function not only of relevant astrophysical parameters of the planet and the host star but also some nuisance parameters. For a general FM within breads, nuisance parameters do not contain physical information about the planet but are needed to model the data accurately. For the specific FM used in this work and discussed in Section 3.3, the
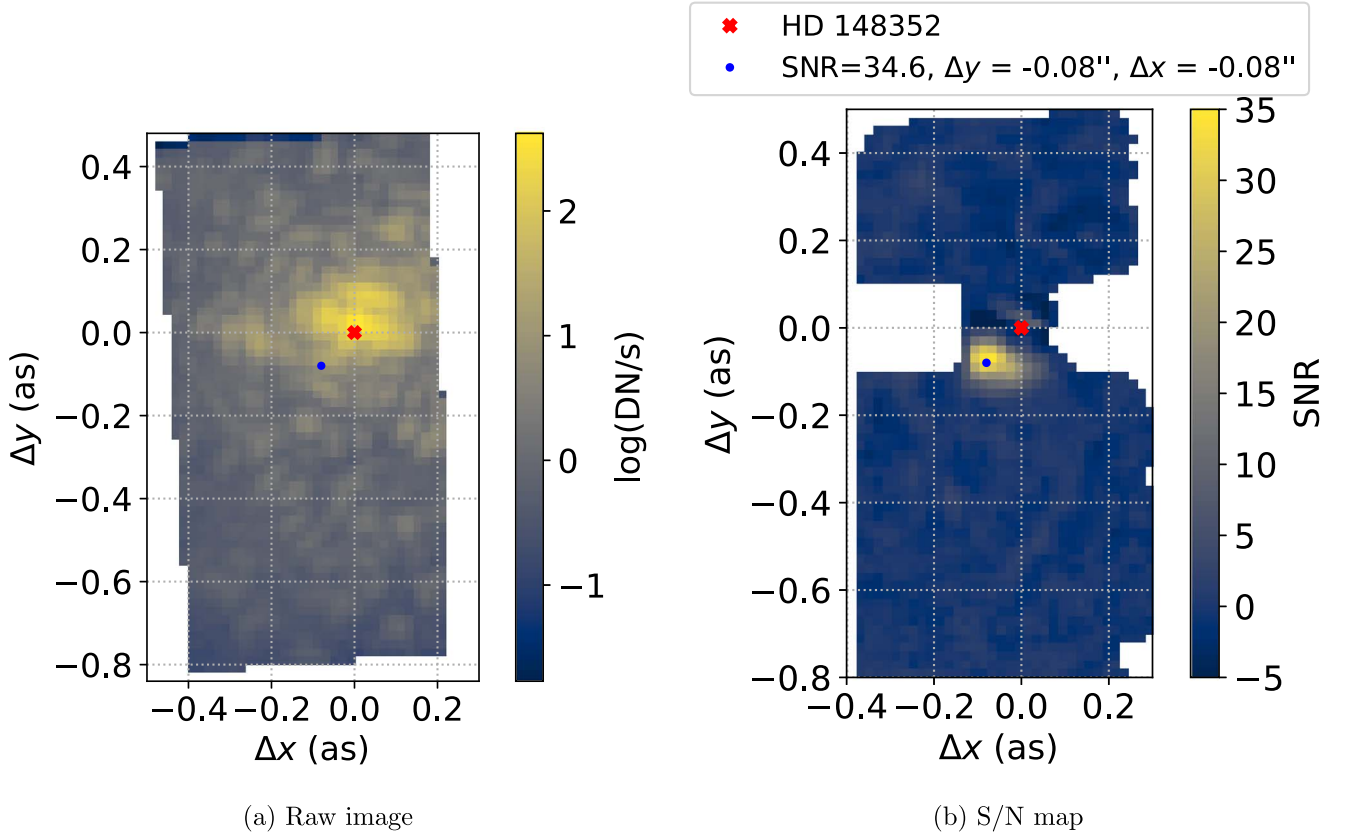

(a) Raw image

(b) S/N map

Figure 1. Detection of a binary companion around HD 148352. (a) The left-hand panel illustrates the point-spread function of the host star (red cross) from a median collapsed spectral cube of a 30 s single exposure reduced by the OSIRIS data reduction pipeline. (b) The right-hand panel shows the combined detection map from ≈30 minutes of OSIRIS-Kn5 observations. The signal of the host star has been modeled out and the signal of the companion is highlighted by the blue dot. The S/N ≈34 detection at $\Delta y = \Delta x = -0\rlap{.}''08$ from the host star is likely to be a previously undetected M dwarf binary companion.

linear parameters that model the spurious contribution of the host star, the contribution from telluric-only component, and the contribution from the residual principal components are all nuisance parameters. Meanwhile, planetary characteristics (which are needed to model its spectrum) such as effective temperature, surface gravity, and radial velocity or its position relative to the star are normal astrophysical parameters and not nuisance parameters.

We distinguish between linear and nonlinear parameters in any forward model function used within the `breads` framework because `breads` performs an analytical marginalization of all of its linear parameters, as described in Ruffio et al. (2019), to improve the tractability of the problem. For the specific FM used in this work, the contribution from each FM component shown in Figure 2 is a linear parameter. Indeed, the posteriors for these linear parameters can be calculated analytically without a sampling algorithm such as Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC), allowing for increased speed, and higher-dimensional or complex models (Ruffio et al. 2019, 2021). The definition of a data structure and a forward model leads to the definition of a likelihood assuming Gaussian white noise, which can then be used to either optimize the parameters through a maximum likelihood or derive their posteriors.

Examples of fitting strategies include a simple grid search optimization, more general optimizers (e.g., Nelder-Mead), or even posterior sampling algorithms such as MCMC. The grid search can, for example, be used to compute detection maps or cross-correlation functions by varying, respectively, the position of the planet or its RV.

3.3. Forward Model and Likelihood

We use the formalism developed in Ruffio et al. (2019, 2021) to build a forward model of the data. In Ruffio et al. (2021), the forward model included three terms: the planet's signal, the starlight, and principal components of the residuals, all of which were high-pass filtered. The main difference in this work is that the continuum of the spectra is included in the forward model and the speckle modulations are modeled with a spline.

The model is defined as $d = M_\psi \phi + n$, with d being a vector with $b \times b \times N_\lambda$ elements and n being a Gaussian random noise vector with zero mean of the same size. The model matrix M_ψ is determined by nonlinear parameters ψ, independent of the linear parameters ϕ. We consider data within a $b \times b$ box around a spatial location, with a side length of $b = 3$ pixels. Before fitting, d is scaled by the standard deviation of the random vector, following $d \rightarrow d/s$ element-wise. This standard deviation vector s is set to the highest of two terms at each pixel: first, the square root of the continuum obtained by taking a moving average in spectral direction, which is roughly proportional to the photon noise; and second, a chromatic background noise floor. The noise floor is calculated in each slice by only considering half of the pixels with the lowest continuum value in the FOV, as a way to not include the central star, and taking their standard deviation after subtracting the
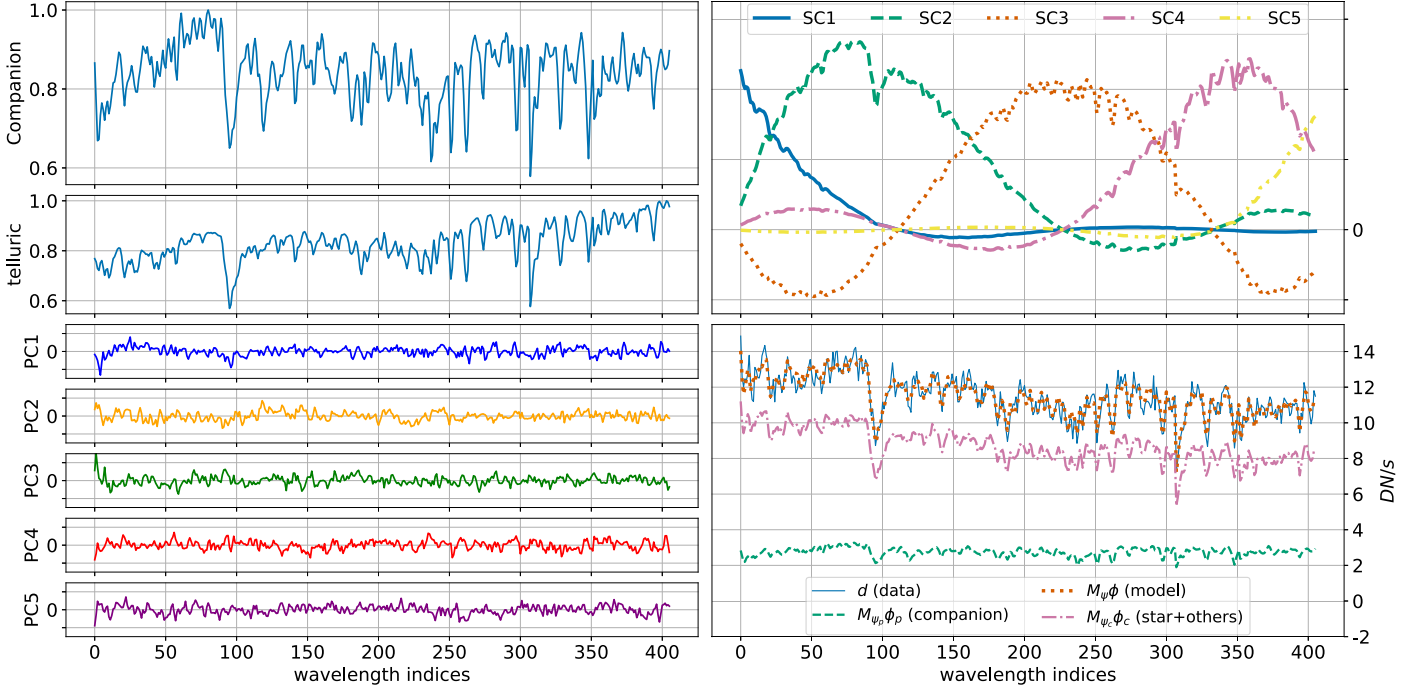
Components of the Forward Model

Figure 2. Schematic of the components of our forward model for a specific spatial location, used in this work and discussed in Section 3.3. Other than in the bottom right-hand panel, each spectrum corresponds to a column of the FM matrix M_ψ. Here, we consider a single exposure of the M dwarf HD 148352 B that was detected in this work (Section 3.6). Top left-hand panel: the planet model (Section 3.3.1), which is not high-pass filtered and consists of the product of a BT-Settl atmospheric model (Allard et al. 2011; Allard 2013) and the telluric spectrum (Section 3.3.3). Top right-hand panel: the starlight model (Section 3.3.2), which is a combination of 10 different spline components to modulate the speckle continuum; we show only five in this schematic for clarity, which are labeled SC1, SC2, ..., SC5 (i.e., in the model that we use, we have 10 components SC1, SC2, ..., SC10). Bottom left-hand panel: the principal components of the residuals (Section 3.3.3) that are obtained from a preliminary fit over a disjoint area. Bottom right-hand panel: a linear combination fits the spectral data at the spaxel.

continuum in each spectrum. The model $M_\psi\phi$ is similarly scaled by the noise s. Noise scaling gives a statistically accurate likelihood assuming uncorrelated Gaussian noise. We analytically marginalize over the linear parameters ϕ (planet or starlight continuum) after computing and optimizing M_ψ over the nonlinear parameters ψ (astrometry, radial velocity, effective temperature).

Within the framework of the forward model used in this work, the noise vector n is assumed to be uncorrelated and Gaussian, which results in a Gaussian distribution of residual signal-to-noise ratio (S/N). Section 4.1 and Figure 8 discuss the non-Gaussian behavior of the noise, which induces non-Gaussianity in the distribution of S/N residuals. We correct this by setting a detection threshold that gives us a false-positive rate that is equivalent to a 5σ threshold for a Gaussian S/N distribution.

The model $M_\psi\phi$ is divided into four components, which are described in more detail in the following sections and shown in Figure 2: a planetary signal M_p (1 parameter ϕ_p; Section 3.3.1), starlight M_{star} ($3 \times 3 \times 10$ parameters ϕ_{star}; Section 3.3.2), a telluric-only model M_{tel} (1 parameter ϕ_{tel}; Section 3.3.3), and residual principal components M_{res} (5 parameters ϕ_{res}; Section 3.3.3) such that:

$$M_\psi\phi = M_p\phi_p + M_{star}\phi_{star} + M_{tel}\phi_{tel} + M_{res}\phi_{res}. \quad (1)$$

Each term composes different columns in M_ψ, with the different rows corresponding to spaxels or wavelengths. Therefore, the ϕ vector contains a total of 97 linear parameters that define the contributions from these different components.

3.3.1. The Planet Model

The first component, shown in the top left-hand panel of Figure 2, models the planetary signal. For each exposure, we independently extract the associated PSF by taking the $b \times b$ spatial region centered at the star, normalizing the chromatic slices of data, and scaling them by a theoretical planetary signal spectrum multiplied by a telluric model. The telluric model is extracted from data of standard A0 stars (Section 2.2) and is the same as the one used in Section 3.3.3. For the theoretical spectrum, we use a BT-Settl-CIFIST2011c atmospheric model (Allard et al. 2011; Allard 2013), which includes one-dimensional cloud models that consider timescales of condensation, coalescence, gravitational settling, and mixing, as well as mixing length theory and non-equilibrium chemistry (Freytag et al. 2010). We start with a spectrum with characteristics for a nominal directly imaged companion, broaden absorption lines to Keck/OSIRIS's resolution, and shift wavelengths by $1 - (\text{RV}-\text{RV}_{bary})/c$, where RV_{bary} is the barycentric RV. We scale the planet model to the total measured flux of the star in each exposure. Thus, the retrieved parameter for the flux of the planet is in units of stellar flux.

If ϕ_p is the coefficient that multiplies the planet component in $M_\psi\phi$, with $\phi = [\phi_p,...]$, then ϕ_p quantifies the estimated amount of planetary signal as a planet-to-star flux ratio. We use the formalism developed in Ruffio et al. (2019) and Ruffio et al. (2021), where if σ_p is the estimated uncertainty of ϕ_p, then ϕ_p/σ_p gives the S/N ratio for a fixed planet effective temperature, surface gravity, position, and radial velocity.

3.3.2. The Speckle Model

The second component, shown in the top right-hand panel of Figure 2, models the starlight, also known as speckles, independently for each spaxel. In existing studies, the speckle noise is often reduced by high-pass filtering the data or by normalizing the continuum. However, high-pass filtering can have undesirable effects due to nonlinearities of the filter and edge effects, such as when using a typical median filter with a sliding window. Not subtracting the continuum can also help to retain more information about the atmosphere of the planet. This is the reason why we propose to fit the continuum of the speckles with a spline jointly with the planetary signal. Spline interpolation is appropriate for modeling the chromatic continuum of data because the point-spread function scales with wavelengths. Specific speckles move outward with wavelength, and therefore modulate the continuum of the starlight at a specific location as they move across it. This is well-modeled by a spline with low-degree polynomials.

Ten nodes are placed along the spectral direction. The density of nodes is set higher where the continuum is steeper. Regions of the spectrum with steep variations have large derivatives; so, the cumulative sum of the absolute values of the derivatives increases more quickly in regions with a steeper continuum. We start with the nodes exactly equispaced in the spectral direction, compute the positions that equally divide the cumulative sum of the absolute value of the gradient of the spectrum at a given spaxel, and drift our nodes 30% toward these positions. We construct a spline interpolation model, with 10 piecewise cubic polynomials modeling the continuum between each pair of nodes. For our narrow-band spectra, 10 is an appropriate choice for the number of pieces because it is high enough to model the modulation due to the chromatic scaling of the PSF but not too high for the continuum model to start fitting planetary absorption features. We multiply these model subcomponents by the stellar spectrum to get the starlight model. This star spectrum is extracted from the same science exposure using aperture photometry by summing the flux within a rectangular aperture around the host star in each chromatic slice after masking a $b \times b$ spaxel region around the putative planet to prevent self-subtraction of any planetary signal and improve sensitivity. In summary, the starlight model is a linear combination of the model's contributions for each node, which is illustrated in Figure 2 (components in the top right-hand panel linearly combine to give the starlight model in the bottom right-hand panel).

3.3.3. Additional Model Components

The third component, shown second from top on the left-hand half of Figure 2, is similar to the planet model but assumes a flat planet spectrum, and therefore only includes the telluric lines, which are extracted from the aperture photometry of standard A0 stars as discussed in Sections 2.2 and 3.3.2. This component is necessary to avoid the planet model from being used to fit the starlight contribution. Indeed, the S/N ratio of the starlight model is generally much lower than the telluric standard used in the planet model. This occasionally leads the fit to incorrectly use the planet model, which includes telluric lines, to preferentially fit the speckles instead of using the starlight model. This happens because the added noise from the starlight spectrum can be worse than the extra residuals from the exoplanet atmospheric lines when no planet is present.

Including a component with telluric lines in the model mitigates this problem.

The final (fourth) component, shown in the bottom left-hand panel of Figure 2, consists of principal components of the residuals of a preliminary fit to account for any other effect that could have been neglected in modeling the starlight. For example, the resolution of the instrument is known to be field-dependent, and therefore it could explain some variability of the spectra between spaxels. We perform a fit for two small portions (10 spaxels × 10 spaxels) of the FOV spatially directly above and below the star, and compute the eigenvectors of the residuals' covariance. We add this orthonormal principal component basis as the fourth forward model component to model the bottom and top (respectively) halves of the full FOV. Using a disjoint portion of the sky to calculate the principal components ensures that the planetary signal is not subtracted away in the subsequent fit.

3.4. Planet Search

In this section, we describe the calculation of combined S/N maps for each target, which are used for planet detection, and the derivation of the companion sensitivity using simulated planet injection and recovery.

We set the values of the nonlinear parameters to $RV = 0 \, km \, s^{-1}$, effective temperature $T_{eff} = 1700$ K, and $\log g = 3.5$. This definition of the model is discussed in Section 3.5. Iterating over different spatial locations in the FOV, we construct the forward model M_ψ as described in Section 3.3. For each exposure, we fit for the linear parameters ϕ over this grid of spatial shifts relative to the host star and barycentric corrected RV values. The values of interest are the estimated flux ratio of the planet ϕ_p and its associated uncertainty σ_p. The S/N is defined as ϕ_p/σ_p and the sensitivity of the observation is related to σ_p. As detailed below, both the S/N and the sensitivity derived from the FM fit need to be calibrated to account for systematics, and then all of the frames are combined to produce a single two-dimensional S/N map. We expect a real astrophysical source to have an RV of under a few tens of $km \, s^{-1}$, which is smaller than the spectral resolution of OSIRIS, so the S/N should peak for models with $RV \approx 0 \, km \, s^{-1}$.

The desired theoretical S/N, derived from the maximum likelihood statistical framework, assumes white Gaussian noise and no algorithmic systematics. However, the S/N calculated by the above methodology is generally overestimated. So, we empirically calibrate the S/N. A correctly calibrated radial velocity cross-correlation function (CCF) is expected to have a zero median and unit standard deviation. We first compute it for 41 RV values from -4000 to $4000 \, km \, s^{-1}$. We subtract the median of the S/N values and normalize them by the standard deviation calculated over the RV direction to ensure a unit standard deviation of the S/N. We then remove outliers in the temporal direction using a 5σ clipping based on the median absolute deviation. The different exposures are combined using a weighted mean such that

$$\phi_p = \Sigma_j \frac{\phi_{p,j}}{\sigma_{p,j}^2} \Big/ \Sigma_j \sigma_{p,j}^{-2} \qquad (2)$$

$$\sigma_{\phi_p} = (\Sigma_j \sigma_{p,j}^{-2})^{-1/2} \qquad (3)$$

where Σ_j represents summing over exposures for a given target. Finally, the S/N map for a null barycentric corrected RV

is once again normalized by its standard deviation. For the Taurus targets, a subset of the individual exposures was first rotated by 90 degrees before combining to account for the FOV rotation. These final S/N maps (Figure 12 in Appendix A) are used for planet detection.

Additionally, as is routine in high-contrast imaging, we calibrate for the algorithmic throughput using injection and recovery tests. For every single frame, we inject a fake exoplanetary signal on integer pixels at varying angular separations from the target star and recover it using our forward model approach. We interpolate the algorithmic throughput between the discrete values of separation in pixels using a piecewise polynomial spline.

An example of companion detection is shown in Section 3.6. The definition of the detection threshold is discussed in Section 4.1. It is a function of the empirical distribution of S/N residuals and is set to $8 \times \sigma_p$ in this work.

3.5. Effect of the Choice of the Model Spectrum

The effective temperature T_{eff}, radial velocity RV, or the specific gravity $\log g$ determine the companion spectral model and are fixed when generating these detection maps or sensitivity curves. In this section, we study the effect of a T_{eff} mismatch between the model spectrum and a real planet using simulated planet injection and recovery, similar to the calculation of the algorithmic throughput that was described previously. The main goal of this section is to select an appropriate standard value for T_{eff} used to generate detection maps, so that our method with this specific T_{eff} is sensitive to planets with a wide range of real T_{eff}s.

At a fixed angular separation of 0.1" from the star, we independently inject several simulated planetary signals in the data with a particular T_{eff} and attempt to recover it using a model built from a range (1000–2000 K) of other effective temperatures. We can therefore plot the S/N of a planet as a function of its true effective temperature and the one used in the model, as shown in Figure 3.

A temperature of 1700 K appears to be adequate to recover a wide range of temperatures, especially at the higher range. A lower temperature would not help because detectable planets and brown dwarfs in Ophiuchus and Taurus would not have had time to cool to cooler atmospheres within a few million years. However, this plot is not specific to the targets presented in this work and can therefore be used for older cooler planets too. For example, if targeting older stars, then the second set of reductions using a lower effective temperature would be necessary to detect planets with $T_{eff} < 1400$ K. The degeneracy between planet signals with $T_{eff} = 1500$, 1700, and 1900 K, resulting in the multi-modal curves, is due to the limited bandwidth of the filter because the spectra at these different temperatures are similar in the narrow spectral range.

For a general case, a similar procedure as above can be used to study mismatches between other parameters that set the planetary spectrum used in the FM; for instance, surface gravity $\log g$ for the FM described in this work. However, for our data set, the choice of $\log g$ predominantly determines the spectral energy distribution (SED) and does not affect the molecular CO lines in our narrow-band Kn5 spectra. Inversely, a broader spectral range (e.g., obtained using the broadband K-band filter) is better for constraining $\log g$. Since our work focuses on detection and not characterization, the narrow-band OSIRIS Kn5 filter is a good choice because it offers a larger FOV. In
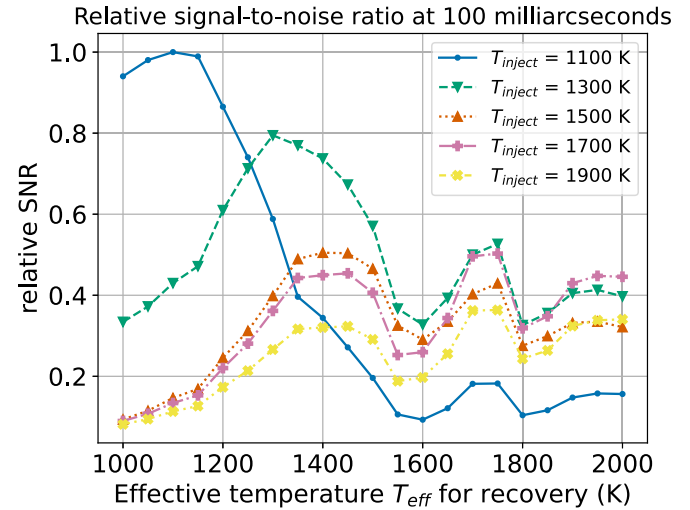

Figure 3. Relative signal-to-noise ratio as a function of the true effective temperature of the simulated planets (colored curves) and the model temperature (x axis) used to recover it. Simulated planets are injected at a separation of 100 mas.

hindsight, detector traces bleeding between different lenslets (in the Keck/OSIRIS Kn5 observing mode) makes the Kn5 filter a poorer option, without a 90° rotation strategy.

We additionally note that for detection, it is not critical for the model to perfectly mimic the expected signal as long as it includes the correct molecular lines. CO and H_2O lines are present in all of our spectral models across this temperature range, and therefore the strength of detection is driven by the depth of the molecular lines in the signal itself.

3.6. Code Demonstration: Detection of a Binary

We describe the detection of a stellar companion with a flux ratio of ≈0.92% around HD 148352 at a separation of ≈110 mas. We use this as a validation of the technique at close separations, as well as a demonstration of the further characterization possible with our approach and `breads`. HD 148352 was listed in Erickson et al. (2011) as a possible young star in the region of Ophiuchus due to X-ray emission, which led us to incorrectly include it in our survey. Proper motion of HD 148352 (values for projected RA and decl. $\mu_{\alpha\cos\delta} \approx -52$ mas yr^{-1}, $\mu_\delta \approx -64$ mas yr^{-1}) is larger than Ophiuchus stars (at ≈140 pc, with $\mu_{\alpha\cos\delta} \approx -10$ mas yr^{-1}, $\mu_\delta \approx -27$ mas yr^{-1}), with values consistent with a foreground F dwarf (Mamajek 2008). Since the target is unrelated to the star-forming cluster and given that F stars have a binary fraction 50% (Fontanive et al. 2018), it is likely a stellar binary companion.

Figures 1 and 4 show the detection map constructed as in Section 3.4 from roughly 30 minutes of data. For the initial planet search, we look for an exoplanetary signal with RV = 0 km s^{-1}, T_{eff} = 1700 K, and $\log g$ = 3.5. We note an elliptical feature of peak S/N ≈34 at the spatial shift of $\Delta y = \Delta x = -4$ spaxels.

Figure 5 shows an RV cross-correlation function (CCF) at this location, where we plot S/N defined in Section 3.4 as a function of the RV used in the forward model, with a peak around zero RV. Notably, to compute this RV CCF, we do not use a high-pass filter or normalization to remove the continuum of the spectrum. Instead, we still forward the model the
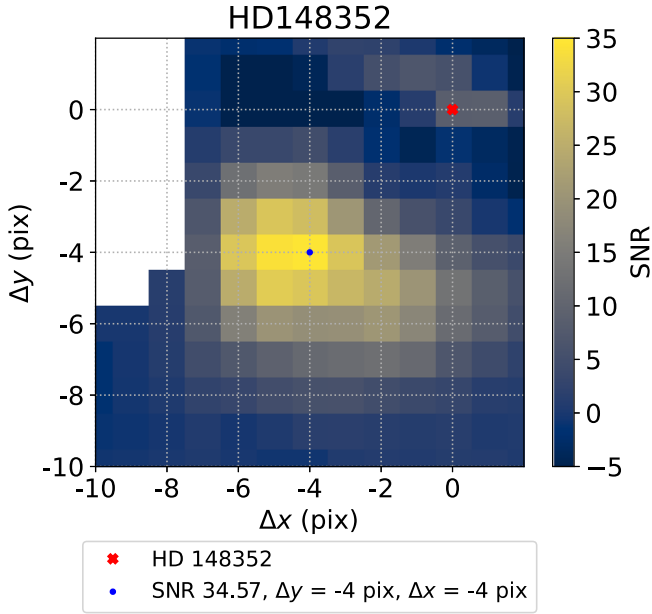
Figure 4. Zoomed-in section of the combined detection map from Figure 1, which is constructed from $\approx$30 minutes of OSIRIS-Kn5 observation around HD 148352. The position with the highest S/N is $\Delta x = \Delta y = 4$ pix away from the star, with a 0.02" plate scale.
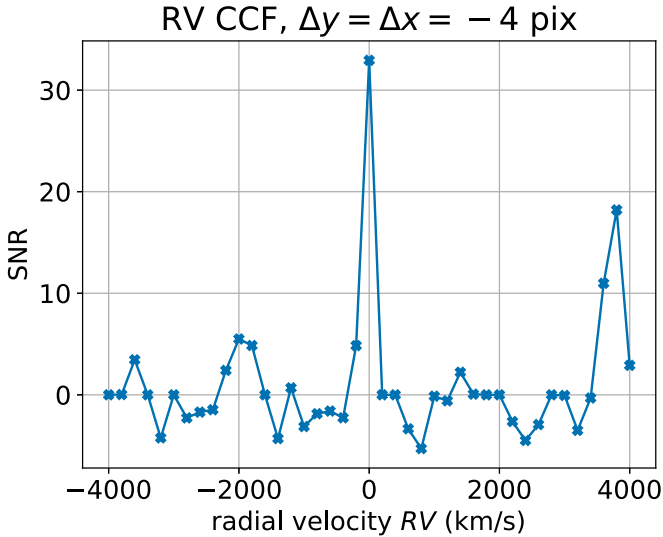

Figure 5. Radial Velocity Cross-Correlation Function for the detected binary, up to a constant scaling factor. We see a peak signal-to-noise at around RV $\sim$0 km s^{-1}, which is expected for a real astrophysical signal. The supplementary peak at $\sim$3700 km s^{-1} corresponds to the wavelength shift between two CO band-heads at 2.294 and 2.323 μm (visible in the bottom right-hand panel of Figure 2).

diffracted starlight and planetary signal together, with a spectral shift in the latter corresponding to each radial velocity value.

To generate detection maps, we set the values of all other nonlinear parameters ψ (RV, $T_{\rm eff}$, log g), and optimized over the spatial coordinates y and x. To further characterize this signal, we fix the spatial shift $\Delta y = \Delta x = -4$ pix for our forward model and vary effective temperature ($T_{\rm eff}$), spin, radial velocity RV, and surface gravity (log g) in ψ. The `BT-Settl-CIFIST2011` includes spectra models for varying $T_{\rm eff}$ and log g, and we broaden or shift the spectral lines appropriately in the wavelength space for given RV and spin of
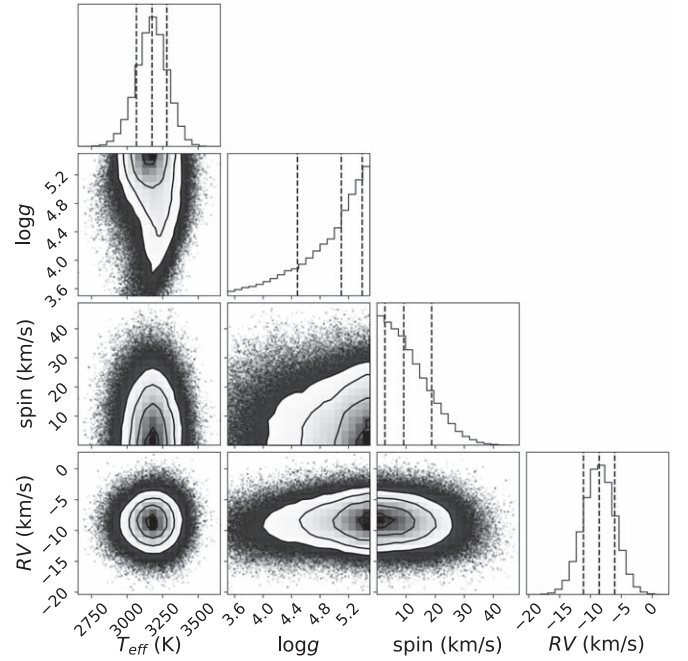

Figure 6. Corner plot showing posteriors for $T_{\rm eff}$, log g, spin, and RV for detected M dwarf companion to HD 148352, from a single 30-second exposure. The best-fit parameters are $T_{\rm eff} = 3200 \pm 100$ K, log(g) > 4, spin < 25 km s^{-1}, and RV = -8.6 ± 2.5 km s^{-1}. The lower and upper limits are given for a 95% probability. We use an `emcee` samplers with 512 walkers, 1000 burn-in, and 1000 real samples. `breadscan` similarly characterize possible exoplanetary detections.
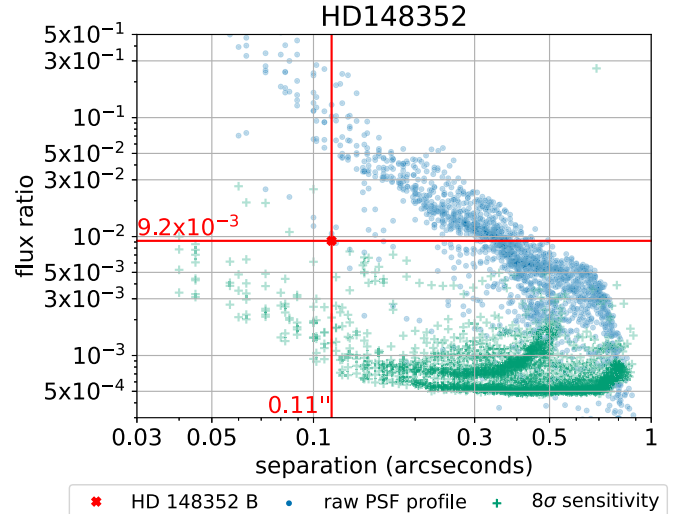

Figure 7. Sensitivity curve (green) at $8 \times \sigma_p$ for HD 148352 as a function of angular separation from the host star, overlaid with the raw point-spread function profile of the host star (blue), which quantifies speckle intensity. Each data point corresponds to an individual spaxel in the combined detection map. As discussed in 4.1, the choice of this detection threshold ($8\sigma_p$) accounts for the non-Gaussianity of the S/N residuals and is equivalent to 5σ assuming Gaussian noise. Based on the best-fit parameters from Figure 6, the model parameters were specifically set for this plot to RV = -8.6 km s^{-1}, $T_{\rm eff} = 3200$ K, and log $g = 5$. The detected M dwarf (red) is about an order of magnitude brighter than our sensitivity limit and 1–1.5 orders of magnitude lower than the speckle noise. The sensitivity curves rise at wider separations because we effectively have fewer images at the edge, due to dithering between sequences of images.

the companion. For this higher-dimensional optimization over ψ, we use an `emcee` Markov Chain Monte Carlo sampler instead of a grid search.
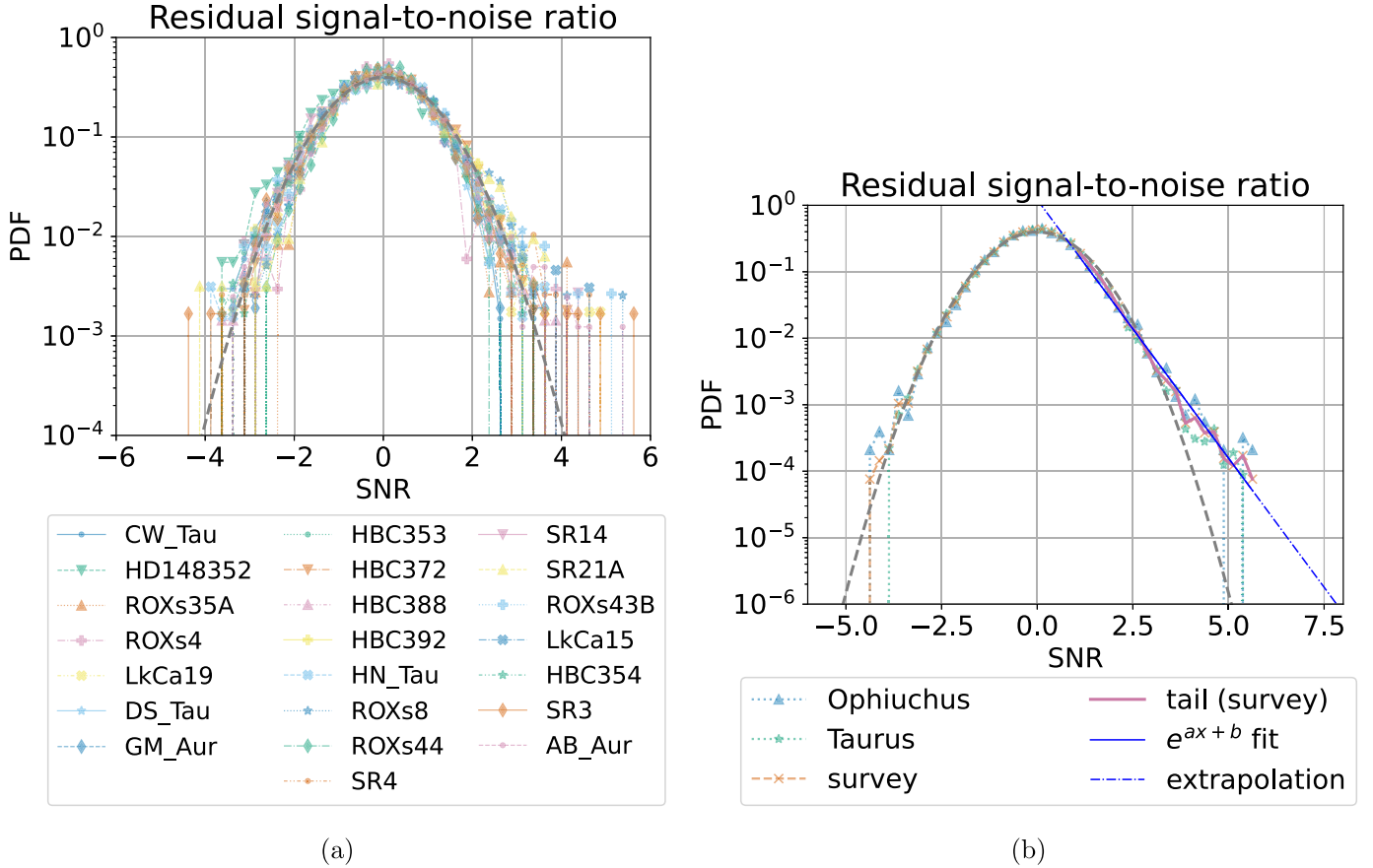
Figure 8. Probability distribution function of residual S/N values (a) for all (but one) of our targets individually, and (b) for Ophiuchus, Taurus, and all targets; (b) also shows the tail (purple) of the survey histogram that was fitted to an exponential decay (blue) to get extrapolated values at under-sampled S/Ns. We do not include the contribution from Em[*] SR 9 because the values are biased by the bright binary companion and mask HD 148352 B. The ideal Gaussian behavior is shown by the black-dashed bell curve.

Figure 6 shows posteriors for these spectral parameters derived from a single frame of data. Based on its $T_{eff} = 3200 \pm 100$ K, we believe that the binary companion is an M dwarf (Morrell & Naylor 2019). Table 5[20] of Pecaut & Mamajek (2013) lists the T_{eff} of M dwarfs; our posterior T_{eff} is closest to the prediction for an M4V dwarf. We perform synthetic photometry with M and L dwarf spectra, from the SpeX Prism Library (Burgasser & Splat Development Team 2017), to compute the (K—Kn5) color for the 2MASS K-band filter. The color term's dependence on spectral type is modeled as a second-order polynomial to get a correction of (K —Kn5) $\sim$0.1 for M4V dwarfs. With HD 148352's distance and absolute K_{mag} as $1/p \sim 76.43$ pc and 6.511, respectively, and a flux ratio of the companion at 0.92%, we get a final corrected apparent and absolute K_{mag} for HD 148352 B as 11.7 and 7.3. This is comparable to the M_{K_s} Pecaut & Mamajek (2013) list (7.36) for an M4V dwarf. Our data from HD 148352 is from a narrow K-band, and more observations with a wider spectral coverage (e.g., using a broadband filter) will make this estimate more reliable.

Using these best-fit parameters of RV ≈ -8.6 km s^{-1}, $T_{eff} \approx 3200$ K, and log $g \approx 5$, we get 35σ characterization S/N for a companion with a flux ratio relative to the host star of $\sim$0.92%. In Figure 7, we plot this flux ratio and sky separation

of the M dwarf, along with a curve mapping the 5σ sensitivity (S/N = $8 \leftrightarrow 8\sigma_p$ level, based on Section 4.1) of our forward model approach at these best-fit parameters, as well as the PSF profile for HD 148352. We detect a <1% companion well below the speckle noise due to the diffracted starlight, i.e., we are sensitive to planets $\sim$100 times fainter than the speckles at $\sim$100 mas.

4. Results

4.1. S/N Maps

Using the method described in Section 3.4, we generated S/N maps for each of the 23 targets. These are presented in Appendix A. Figure 8 plots the histogram of the combined S/N for all of the targets in our survey. The tail of the distribution of the S/N values does not perfectly follow a Gaussian distribution, which needs to be accounted for when defining the detection threshold. We chose a detection threshold that sets the probability of false positives to match that of a 5σ threshold when assuming a Gaussian distribution. To do so, we extrapolate from a least-squares fit the tail of the survey histogram to an exponential PDF = exp($a \times$ S/N + b) and derive an equivalent detection threshold of $8 \times \sigma_p$.

We observe only two features with S/N > 8: the well-studied binary companion of Em[*] SR 9 (Ghez et al. 1993) and the new detection of an M dwarf candidate around HD 148352, as discussed in Section 3.6.

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[20] https://www.pas.rochester.edu/~emamajek/EEM_dwarf_UBVIJHK_colors_Teff.txt
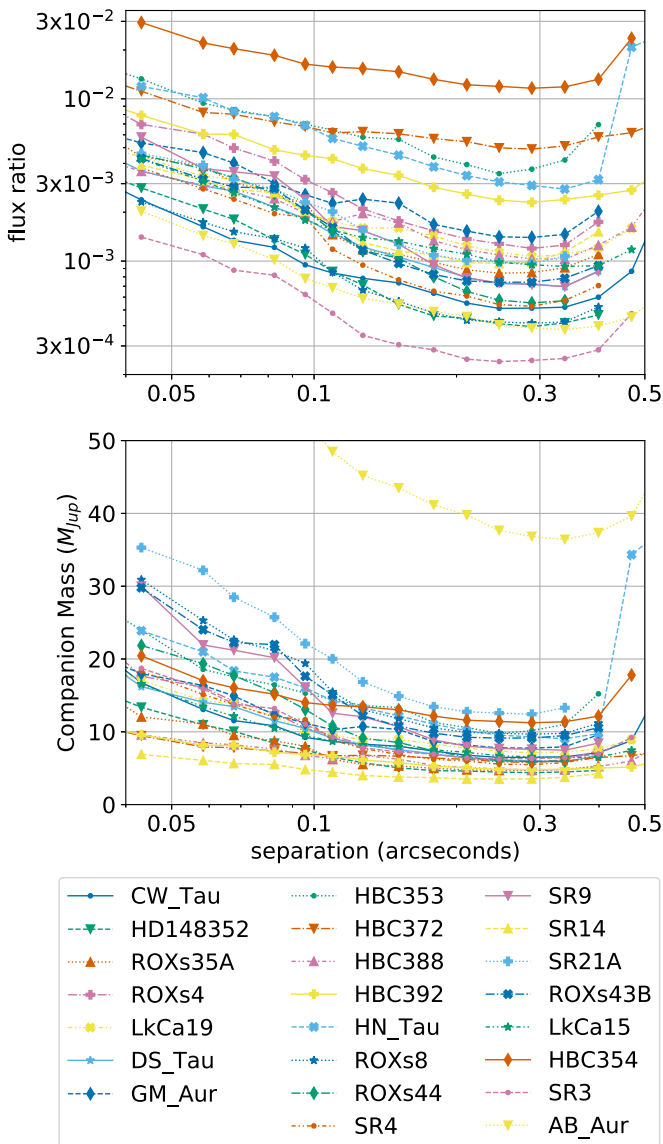
Figure 9. Detection limits for all of the 23 targets of the survey as a function of angular separation from the star. The sensitivity is shown in terms of the planet-to-star flux ratio (Kn5 filter) in the upper panel and in terms of the companion mass in the lower panel. The flux to mass conversion was done using a BT-Settl evolutionary grid (Allard 2013) assuming an age of 2 Myr. The detection threshold was chosen to $8 \times \sigma_p$ accounting for the non-Gaussianity of the S/N residuals. This threshold matches an equivalent false-positive rate of a $5 \times \sigma$ threshold, assuming a Gaussian distribution.

4.2. Contrast Curves

Figure 9 plots the sensitivity achieved around each target in terms of flux ratio and companion mass as a function of angular separation using the $8 \times \sigma_p$ detection threshold derived in Section 4.1. Assuming an age of 2 Myr, OSIRIS is therefore sensitive to companions at the boundary between planets and brown dwarfs at 100 mas in Ophiuchus and Taurus. The final sensitivity varies as a function of stellar magnitude, spectral type, observing conditions, and exposure time.

Figure 10 compares our survey's best and median sensitivities to scaled sensitivities of contemporary direct-imaging surveys in the K-band. These nominal examples include the Gemini Planet Imager (GPI; Macintosh et al. (2014)), which used high-contrast imaging, extreme adaptive optics (XAO),
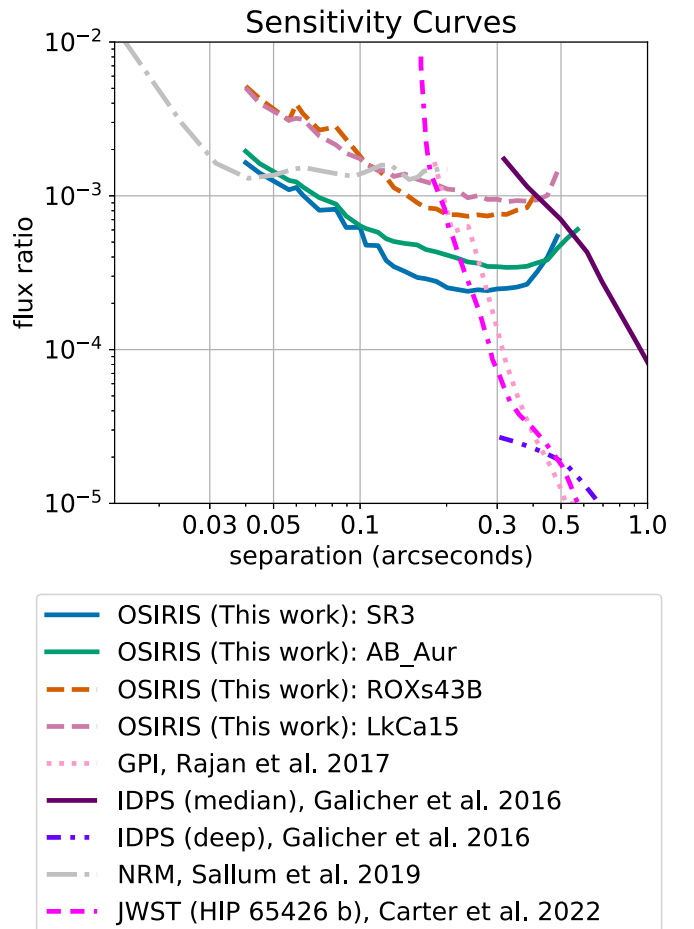

Figure 10. Sensitivity of Keck/OSIRIS at Kn5 (solid/dash) compared with K-band sensitivities of other direct-imaging surveys (dot/dashed–dotted). LkCa 15 (purple) and ROXs 43B (red) illustrate the median sensitivity of the survey, while the best performance was achieved for AB Aurigae (green) and Em* SR 3 (blue).

diffraction control, a coronagraph, and a low-resolution spectrograph ($R \approx 30$–70); we scale GPI sensitivities from Rajan et al. (2017) to those of 30-minute exposures, which is roughly our exposure time for each target. However, this does not account for the reduced sky rotation that comes with a shorter exposure time, which would reduce the GPI sensitivity even more, especially at such small projected separations. We use Sallum & Skemer (2019) for simulated sensitivities for non-redundant masking using a pupil-plane mask. We also plot the deepest sensitivities of the International Deep Planet Survey (IDPS; Galicher et al. 2016) that uses a composite of four different instruments with adaptive optics systems. Similar to Keck/OSIRIS, these instruments do not use XAO. Finally, we include measured sensitivities for JWST/NIRCam (Near-Infrared Camera) from Early Release Science ~40 minute coronagraphic observations of HIP 65426 b (Carter et al. 2022) in their F250M filter (mean wavelength 2.523 μm, bandwidth 0.179 μm). At separations of less than 300 mas, which are closer to the star than allowed by typical coronagraphs, we estimate better sensitivities than these counterparts.

4.3. Midsurvey Depth of Search

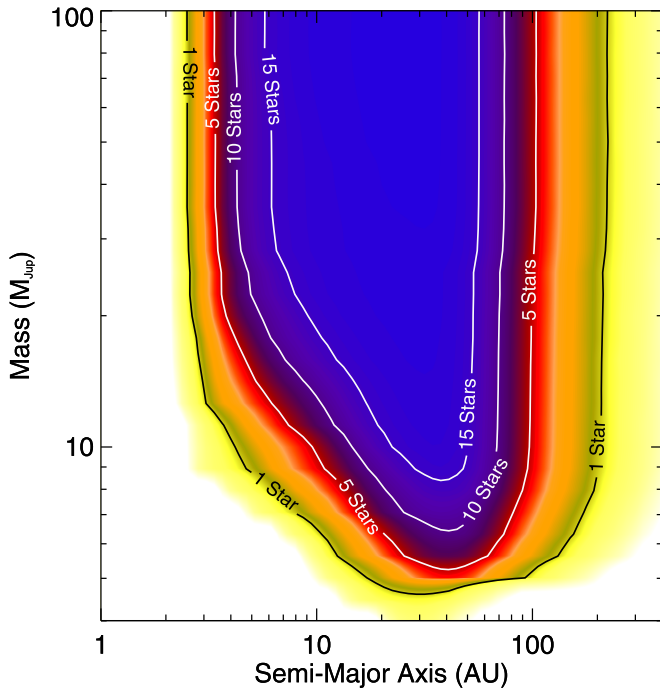We present the depth of search for the 20 stars observed in Ophiuchus and Taurus as part of our Keck/OSIRIS survey in

Figure 11. Depth of search for the 20 stars observed in this Keck/OSIRIS survey. The contours denote the number of stars to which the survey is complete for planets and brown dwarfs as a function of separation (in au) and mass (in Jupiter masses). Our survey probes a similar parameter space as extreme adaptive optics surveys of stars in young moving groups (Nielsen et al. 2019), despite our target stars being about three times further away.

Figure 11. This is calculated using the procedure described in Nielsen et al. (2019): the completeness is determined for each target using the MCMC framework developed in Nielsen et al. (2008), Nielsen & Close (2010), and Nielsen et al. (2013); and summing completeness maps for all targets gives a map that represents the depth of search of our survey until date. We plan to present and discuss the results for the completeness of the full survey in future work.

The parameter space probed by this pilot study is very similar to that reached by the first 300 stars of the GPIES campaign (Nielsen et al. 2019), albeit at a much younger age, with sensitivity to brown dwarfs from ∼5 to 200 au, and giant planets from ∼10 to 100 au. This underscores our sensitivity to small-separation companions: the median distance to the GPIES sample was 45 pc (Nielsen et al. 2019), which is three times closer than the stars in our sample. Given the relatively low occurrence rate of wide-separation companions, Nielsen et al. (2019) report, for 10–100 au, an occurrence rate for 13–80 $M_{\rm Jup}$ brown dwarfs of $0.8^{+0.8}_{-0.3}$ % and 5–13 $M_{\rm Jup}$ giant planets of $8.9^{+5.0}_{-3.6}\%$), which is a larger number of stars than would be required to expect significant detections of these companions if these occurrence rates from ∼100 Myr stars are the same for much younger systems. Thus, our technique represents a unique opportunity to probe brown dwarf and exoplanet demographics as a function of age by probing a similar mass and semimajor axis range in star-forming regions more distant than current surveys of nearby moving groups.

5. Discussion

Our results demonstrate how integral-field spectrographs with moderate to high spectral resolution can be used to search for planets at small angular separations. Typically, high spectral

resolution instruments can only be used for characterization after we have precise values for the location of the companion, e.g., the Keck Planet Imager and Characterizer (Jovanovic et al. 2020; Delorme et al. 2021; Wang et al. 2021) uses fibers and collects data from a single position on the sky. Meanwhile, integral-field spectrographs such as Keck/OSIRIS allow us to use their moderate spectral resolution to search for previously undetected companions over their entire FOV. A caveat of using the information included in molecular lines is that the method will be less sensitive to embedded planets, where spectral features can be muted (Cugno et al. 2021). Our sensitivity will depend on the differing spectral types of the planet and the star, whereas NRM is independent of the stellar spectral type (for example).

Keck/OSIRIS was not specifically designed for high-contrast imaging, but this work shows that it could detect planets at smaller separations than coronagraphic instruments and at higher contrast than aperture masking techniques. This is consistent with similar work studying the prospect of future moderate spectral resolution IFSs such as JWST/MIRI (Patapis et al. 2022), JWST/NIRSpec (Llop-Sayson et al. 2021), ELT/HARMONI (Houllé et al. 2021), or ELT/METIS (Carlomagno et al. 2020). Existing studies have been based on simulations or single targets (e.g., Hoeijmakers et al. 2018), but this work is the first planet search survey. By including a sample of 20 stars, we are able to study the statistics of the final S/N maps down to lower false-positive rates (see Figure 8) and highlight some remaining limitations of the method that are difficult to identify in single data sets. The non-Gaussianity of the tail of the S/N map histograms and the need for additional components to the forward model (e.g., PCA components, telluric-only model) show that further progress in the data modeling is still possible and also needed. It is also possible to model correlated noise with a non-diagonal covariance in the statistical framework used in breads, but this is left for future work. Improvements to the instrument calibration, such as a variable line spread function, and direct forward modeling of the detector images to avoid interpolations in the OSIRIS DRP could be a path toward improving these systematics. Additionally, using OSIRIS's broader K-band filter could allow us to improve our sensitivity because we will cover a larger spectral range with each spaxel's data while compromising to a smaller FOV around the star. This survey is also a pilot program that aims to prepare the future science campaigns of the KAPA adaptive optics upgrades on Keck I (Lu et al. 2020; Wizinowich et al. 2022).

Additionally, the forward modeling of the continuum presented in this work represents an alternative to high-pass filtering and continuum normalization. It can retain more information about the spectrum of the companion and could improve the characterization of planetary atmospheres.

Recent advances with extreme adaptive optics (XAO) instruments have resulted in significant sensitivity improvements at subarcsecond separations. Our technique could prove highly relevant for a future high-resolution integral-field spectrograph with XAO. This type of analysis, which leverages the high-resolution spectral signatures of planetary atmospheres, can also be combined with coronagraphy and other well-established data reduction techniques, such as reference-star differential imaging (RDI; e.g., Xuan et al. 2018; Wahhaj et al. 2021).

6. Conclusion

We have explored the detection of planets at small projected separations from their host stars by searching for their distinct spectral features hidden among diffracted starlight in data from moderate-resolution integral-field spectrographs. We analyzed the data of a 20 star pathfinder survey with Keck/OSIRIS ($R \approx 4000$) of two nearby star-forming regions: Ophiuchus and Taurus. We demonstrate an improved sensitivity under 300 mas when compared to other detection techniques, enabling the detection and study of larger populations of gas giant planets. The prospects include extending the applicability of our forward model approach, through the framework of breads, to the next generation of instruments, such as NIRSpec, the near-infrared integral-field spectrograph on board JWST, as well as similar instruments on the future ELTs.

Facility: Keck I (OSIRIS).

Software: astropy[21] (Astropy Collaboration et al. 2013, 2018, 2022), Matplotlib[22] (Hunter 2007), breads[23][24] (this work; Agrawal (2022)), emcee[25](Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013), corner (Foreman-Mackey 2016).

Appendix A
Combined Detection Maps

As detailed in Section 4.1, we provide our survey signal-to-noise ratio maps for all targets in Figure 12.

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[21] http://www.astropy.org
[22] https://matplotlib.org
[23] https://github.com/jruffio/breads
[24] https://github.com/shubhagrawal30/using-breads
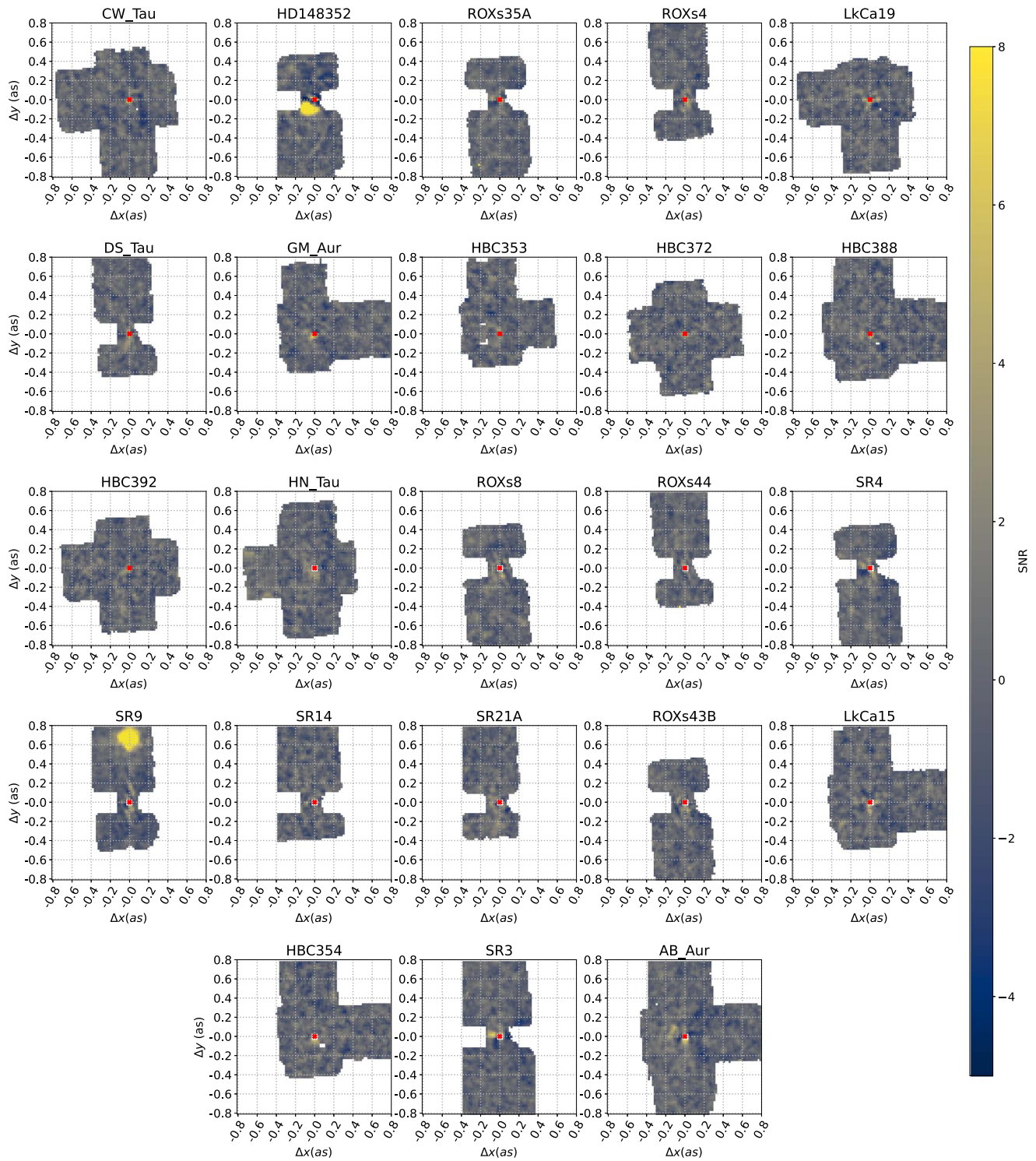[25] https://github.com/dfm/emcee

Figure 12. S/N spatial detection maps for our pathfinder survey with Keck/OSIRIS, obtained after combining all of the data for each target at this midsurvey stage. The plate scale is 0.02" per spaxel.

Appendix B
Table of Observations

As discussed in Section 2.2, Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 describeour data collection using Keck/OSIRIS.

Table 1
Our 23 Targets in Ophiuchus and Taurus Star-forming Regions

Star	R.A.	Decl.	Type	$M/M_\odot$	R_{mag}	K_{mag}	p	Shorthand
				Ophiuchus Target List				
Em* SR 3	16:26:09.31	−24°34′12″1	B6	5.20	10.6	6.504	7.1448	SR3
Em* SR 21A	16:27:10.27	−24°19′12″7	G1	3.69	13.25	6.719	7.3298	SR21A
Em* SR 4	16:25:56.15	−24°20′48″1	K4.5	1.35	12.11	7.518	7.4208	SR4
ROXs 44	16:31:33.46	−24°27′37″3	K3	2.07	12.35	7.61	6.8343	ROXs44
ROXs 8	16:26:03.02	−24°23′36″0	K1	2.95	9.34	6.227	7.3439	ROXs8
ROXs 4	16:25:50.52	−24°39′14″5	K5.5	1.15	13.88	8.33	7.1771	ROXs4
ROXs 35A	16:29:33.97	−24°55′30″3	K3	2.07	12.41	8.531	6.9527	ROXs35A
ROXs 43B	16:31:20.19	−24°30′00″9	K5	1.20	12*	7.089	6.9199	ROXs43B
Em* SR 14	16:29:34.41	−24°52′29″2	G4	3.64	10.04	8.878	8.907	SR14
Em* SR 9	16:27:40.28	−24°22′04″0	K5	1.20	11.87	7.207	7.5792	SR9
				Non-member Targets				
HD 148352	16:28:25.16	−24°45′00″9	F2	1.52	7.3	6.511	13.0833	HD148352
HBC 353	03:54:30.18	+32°03′04″4	G5	3.42	9.862	3.4188	3.958	HBC353
HBC 354	03:54:35.56	+25°37′11″2	K3	1.40	13.79	11.095	3.6716	HBC354
				Taurus Target List				
AB Aurigae	04:55:45.85	+30°33′04″3	A0Ve	4.00	7.05	4.23	6.4127	AB_Aur
CW Tauri	04:14:17.00	+28°10′57″8	K0Ve	1.40	12.36	7.127	7.6017	CW_Tau
DS Tauri	04:47:48.60	+29°25′11″2	K4Ve	0.97	12.3	8.036	6.315	DS_Tau
LkCa 15	04:39:17.79	+22°21′03″4	K5Ve	0.97	12.03	8.163	6.3619	LkCa15
LkCa 19	04:55:36.97	+30°17′55″1	K0Ve	2.42	11.12	8.148	6.3598	LkCa19
HBC 388	04:27:10.57	+17°50′42″7	K1e	2.10	10.22	8.296	8.4115	HBC388
GM Aurigae	04:55:10.98	+30°21′59″4	K3Ve	1.40	13.1	8.283	6.3248	GM_Aur
HN Tauri	04:33:39.36	+17°51′52″3	K5e	0.97	13.4	8.384	7.4391	HN_Tau
HBC 392	04:31:27.18	+17°06′24″8	K5e	0.97	12.1	9.497	7.2018	HBC392
HBC 372	04:18:21.48	+16°58′47″0	K5	0.97	13.26	10.464	5.5266	HBC372

Note. R.A. and decl. list R.A. (in hrs:mins:secs) and decl. in (degrees, arcmins, arcsecs), respectively. Type, $M/M_\odot$, R_{mag}, K_{mag}, and p refer to spectral type, stellar mass in units of solar mass, R-band magnitude (relevant for NGS), K-band magnitude (relevant for observations), and parallax in milli-arcseconds. Shorthand lists the abbreviation used in this work to denote this specific target. Values are from Cheetham et al. (2015) for Ophiuchus and from Kenyon & Hartmann (1995), ESA (1997) for Taurus targets, as well as from CDS/SIMBAD. HD 148352 is not in the Ophiuchus cluster but rather is an interloper, as discussed in Section 3.6. HBC 353 and HBC 354 are plausible non-members, misclassified as Taurus members in Kenyon & Hartmann (1995).

Table 2
Science Observations of the 23 Targets

Star	Date	Dithers	Frames	Exposure Time (s)	Total Time (minutes)
		Ophiuchus Science Observations			
Em* SR 3	2021/26/06	1, 3, 1	11, 21, 6	30	57.67
	2021/26/07	4, 2	6, 4	20	
	2021/26/08	3, 4	3, 3	20	
Em* SR 21A	2021/26/07	2	11	30	11
Em* SR 4	2021/26/07	4	5	90	30
ROXs 44	2021/26/07	4	5	90	30
ROXs 8	2021/26/07	4	11	20	29.33
ROXs 4	2021/26/07	5	4	120	40
ROXs 35A	2021/26/08	5	4	120	40
Em* SR 14	2021/26/08	4	4	120	32
ROXs 43B	2021/26/08	4	5	90	30
Em* SR 9	2021/26/08	4	4	90	24

Table 2
(Continued)

Star	Date	Dithers	Frames	Exposure Time (s)	Total Time (minutes)
		Ophiuchus Science Observations			
		Non-member Targets			
HD 148352	2021/26/06	3	21	30	31.5
HBC 353	2021/10/20	3, 1*	1	300	20
HBC 354	2021/10/20	3, 2*	2	300	50
		Taurus Science Observations			
AB Aurigae	2021/10/18	2, 2*, 3, 4*	10	10, 10, 4, 4	17.33
	2021/10/19	3, 3*, 3*	6	4	
	2021/10/20	3, 3*	6	4	
CW Tauri	2021/10/18	3, 3*	10	30	30
DS Tauri	2021/10/18	3, 2*	7	90	52.5
LkCa 15	2021/10/18	3, 3*	5	90	45
LkCa 19	2021/10/19	3, 3*	4	90	36
HBC 388	2021/10/19	3*, 2	4	90	30
GM Aurigae	2021/10/19	3*, 2	4	90	30
HN Tauri	2021/10/19	3, 1*	4, 2	90	21
HBC 392	2021/10/20	3*, 3	1	300	30
HBC 372	2021/10/20	3*, 3	1	300	30

Note. We include the date, number of dithers per target, frames per dither position, exposure time (in seconds) per frame, and total exposure time (in minutes) over the full survey. For Taurus targets (as well as HBC 353 and HBC 354), the dither positions that are in bold, italicized, and marked with an asterisk (*) were taken after the FOV was rotated by 90 degrees (to counter pixel bleeding as described in Section 3.3). The total observation time (in the right-hand column) is given once per target and represents the aggregate of all of the science observations taken for the target in this survey to generate the results of this paper. Multiple values (separated by commas) in the Dithers column represent multiple independent sequences of images taken with dithering in-between. For these rows, when the Frames column has only one value, the same number of frames were taken for each dither position; in case, different numbers of frames were taken for these dither positions (listed in the same row), the respective values of frames-per-dither are listed in the Frames column.

Table 3
Atmospheric Seeing Measured by Maunakea-DIMM for Each Observing Night, and the Long Exposure Sky Images Taken to Perform Wavelength and Resolution Calibration using OH Emission Lines, as Described in Section 2

Date	DIMM Seeing (″)	Frames	Exposure (s)
	Observing Conditions and Calibration Sky Observations		
2021/26/06	0.59 ± 0.16	2	600
2021/26/07	0.66 ± 0.17	1	600
2021/26/08	0.53 ± 0.10	2	600
2021/10/18	0.54 ± 0.17	2	600
2021/10/19	0.60 ± 0.28	2	600
2021/10/20	0.62 ± 0.13	2	300

Table 4
Observations of A0 Standard Stars (Listed in the Left-hand Column), Taken to Calculate Sky Transmission and Perform Telluric Calibration, as Described in Section 2

Star	Date	Sequences	Frames	Exposure (s)	Targets
		Ophiuchus Calibration Observations			
HIP 73049	2021/26/06	6	1	2	SR3
	2021/26/07	7	1	1.5	SR4
	2021/26/08	7	1	1.5	ROXs35A
Em* SR 3	2021/26/06	1, 3	11, 21	30	HD148352, SR3, SR21A
	2021/26/06	1	6	30	⋯
	2021/26/07	4, 2	6, 4	20	ROXs44, ROXs8

Table 4
(Continued)

		Ophiuchus Calibration Observations			
Star	Date	Sequences	Frames	Exposure (s)	Targets
	2021/26/07	2	4	20	ROXs4
	2021/26/08	3, 4	3, 3	20	SR14, ROXs43B
	2021/26/08	4	3	20	SR9
		Taurus Calibration Observations			
AB Aurigae	2021/10/18	2, 2*	10	10, 10	AB_Aur, CW_Tau
	2021/10/18	3	10	4	DS_Tau
	2021/10/18	4*	10	4	LkCa15
	2021/10/19	3	6	4	LkCa19
	2021/10/19	3*	6	4	HBC388, GM_Aur
	2021/10/19	3*	6	4	HN_Tau
	2021/10/20	3	6	4	HBC354
	2021/10/20	3*	6	4	HBC392, HBC372, HBC353

Note. We also list the targets calibrated using each set of observations in the right-hand column. We include the date of observations, number of sequences, frames for each sequence, and exposure time per frame in seconds. Numbers in bold, italics, and marked with an asterisk (*) represent that the sequence was taken after rotating the FOV by 90 degrees. Several of these observations also serve as the science data for the corresponding A0 star. Multiple values (separated by commas) in the Dithers column represent multiple independent sequences of images taken with dithering in-between. For these rows, when the Frames column has only one value, the same number of frames were taken for each dither position; in case, different numbers of frames were taken for these dither positions (listed in the same row), the respective values of frames-per-dither are listed in the Frames column.

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