

A decade of CARMENES: Unveiling Planetary Systems around M Dwarfs

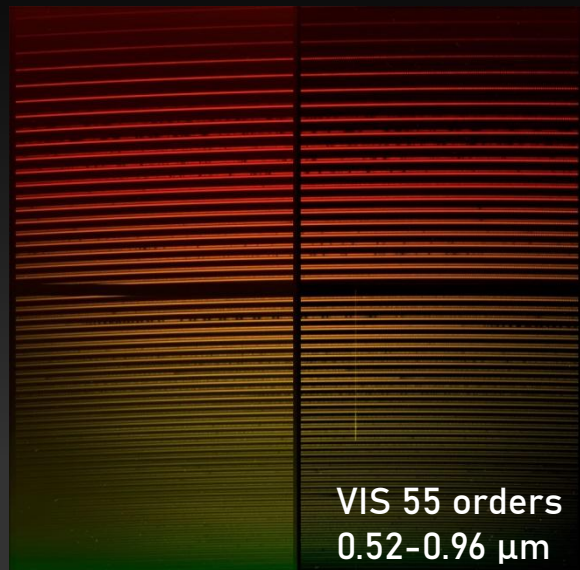
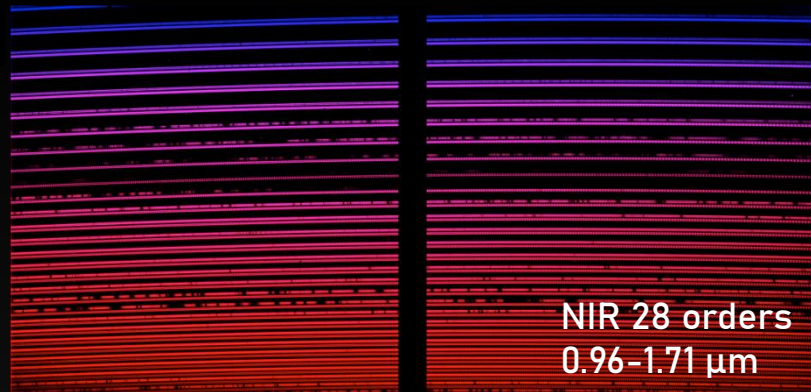


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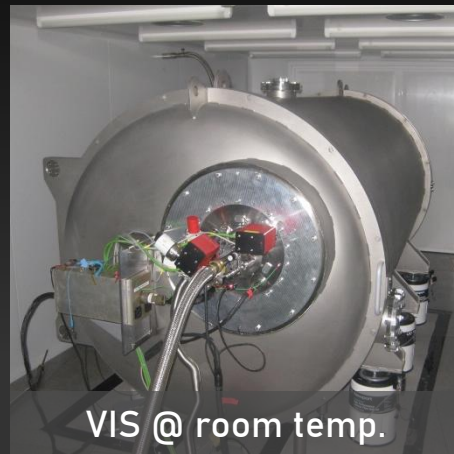
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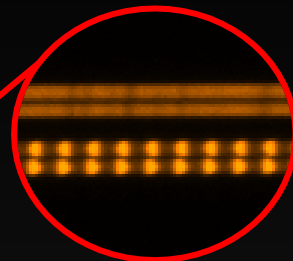
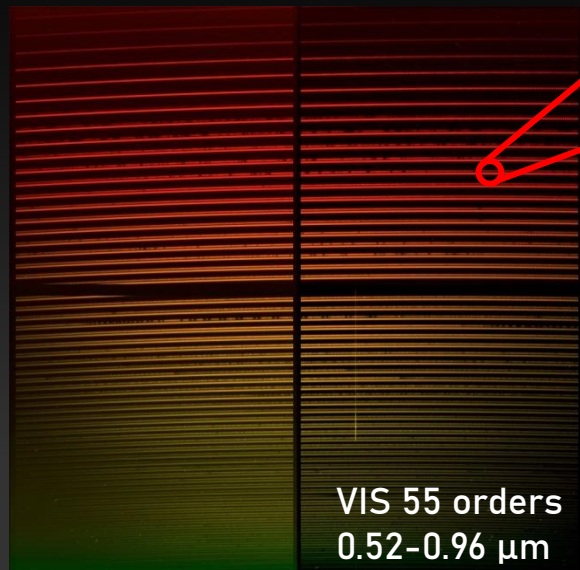
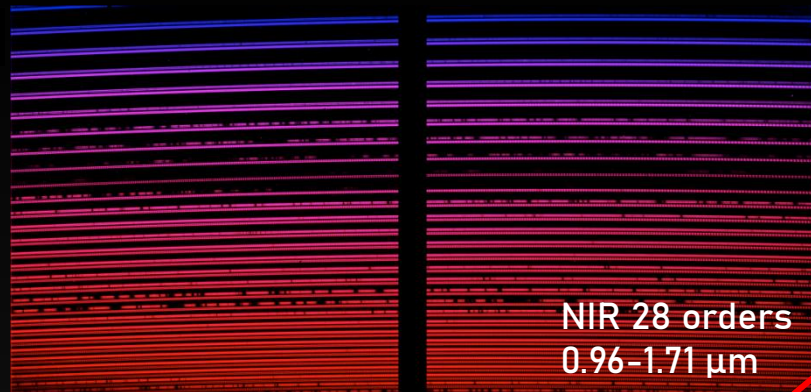


The (two) CARMENES instruments

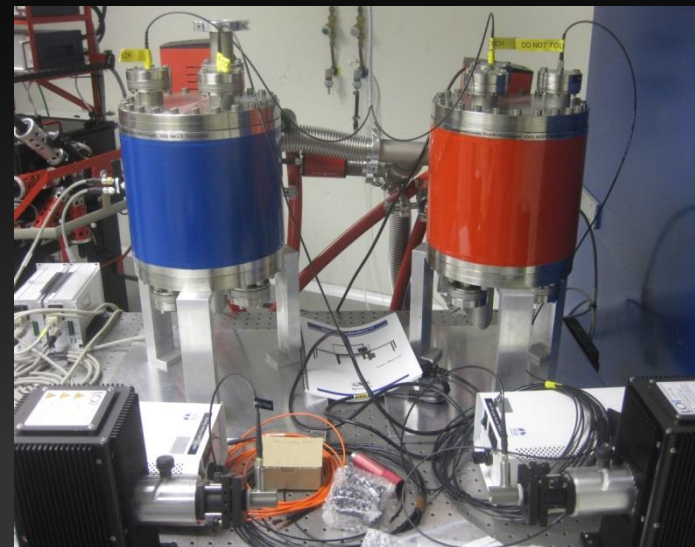


two spectrographs (VIS + NIR)





Fabry-Pérot
Interferometers



Broad wavelength coverage, high resolution, and long time series: Science with CARMENES



Extrasolar Planet Discoveries

>45 planet discoveries

>35 transiting planet mass measurements

including several of the most Earth-like exoplanets known

Stellar Parameters

Atmospheric parameters for 300 stars from VIS and NIR, radii and masses

Planetary Atmospheres

Ground based detections of extended helium atmospheres, water, Ca, and other

Methodology and known planets

Data analysis, spectroscopic indicators, target characterization

radial velocities, photon limits, dynamical characterization

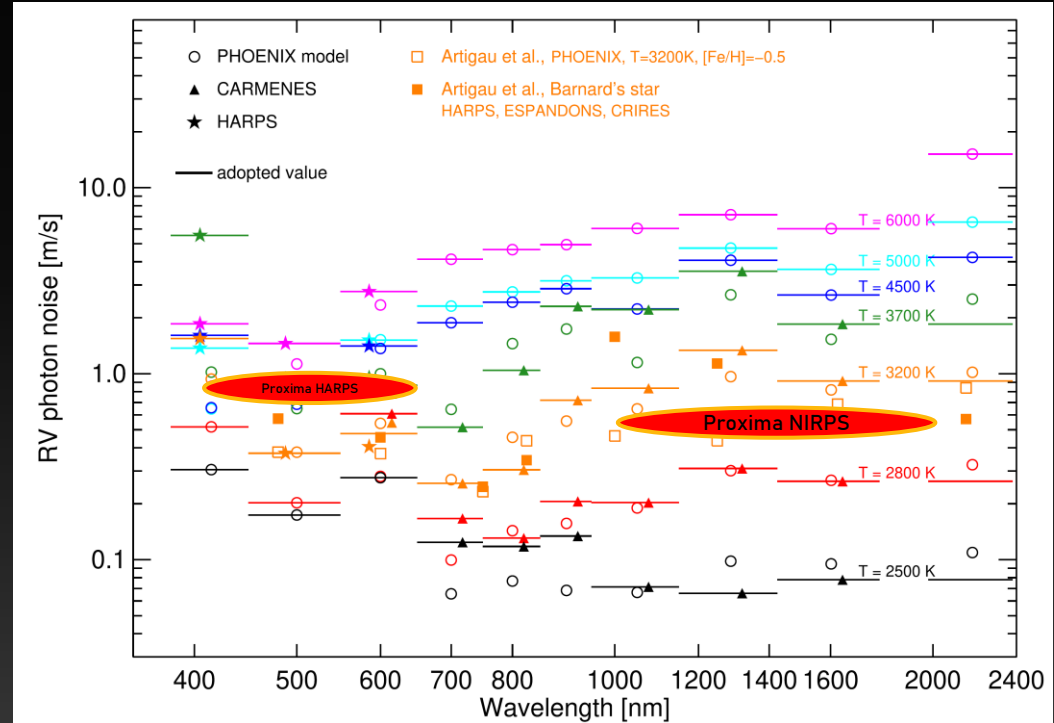
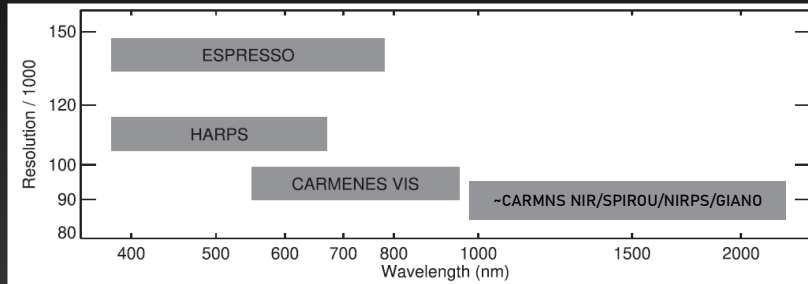
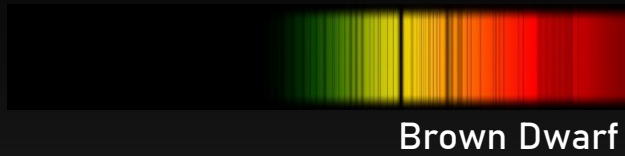
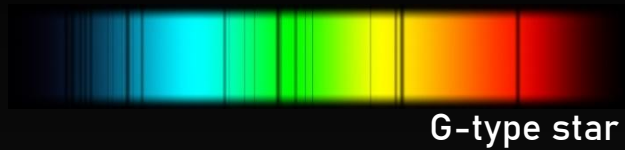
Stellar Activity and Rotation

activity indicators, line profiles, period search

magnetic fields, photometric rotation periods, Hel triplet



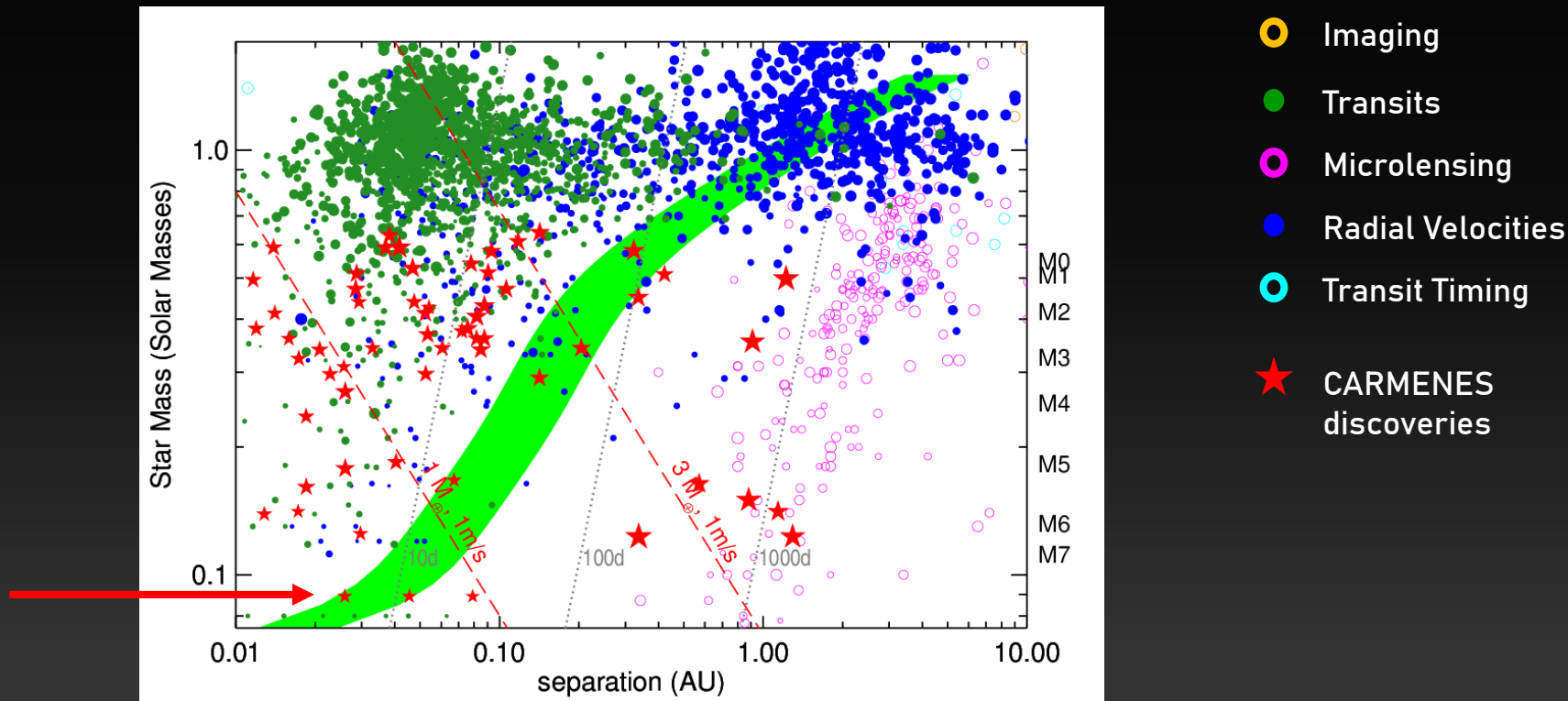
CARMENES and HARPS reveal spectroscopic radial velocity (RV) information content



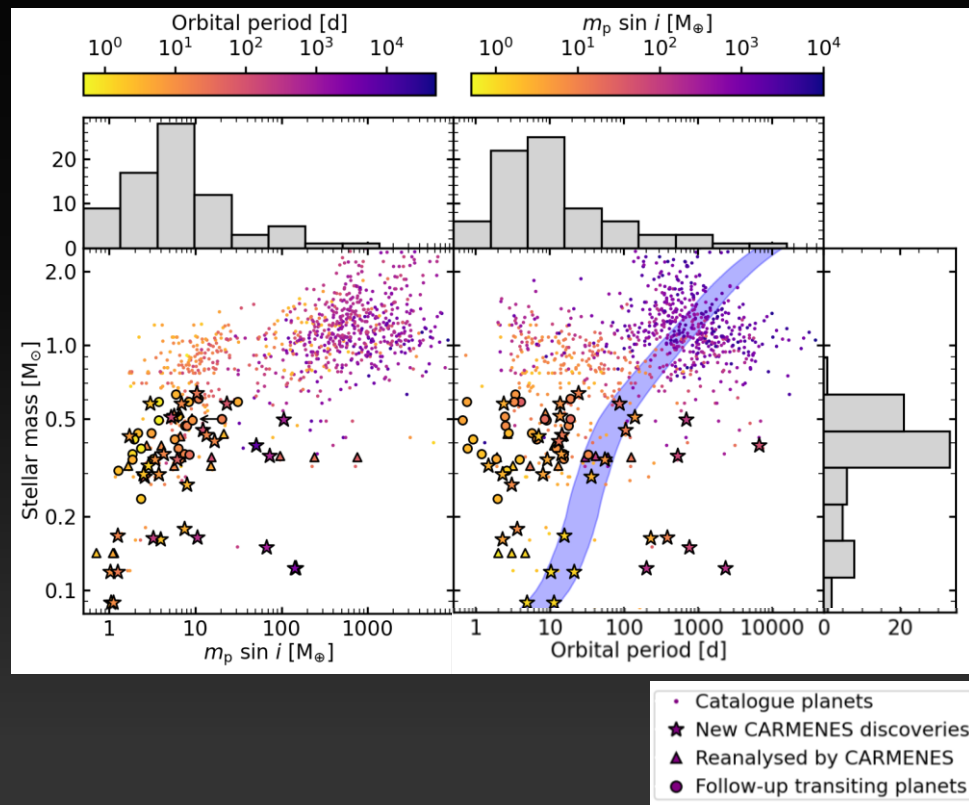
Suarez-Masareno et al., 2025

Reiners & Zechmeister, 2020

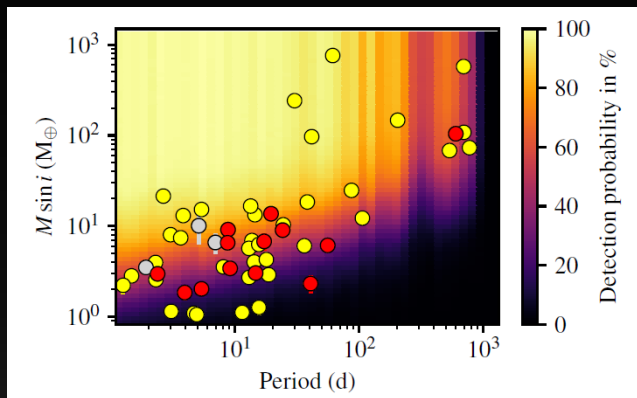
With CARMENES, we discovered 48 new planets and confirmed 37 transit candidates (so far...)



CARMENES discovered planets around very-low-mass stars including several close-in small as well as cold giant planets



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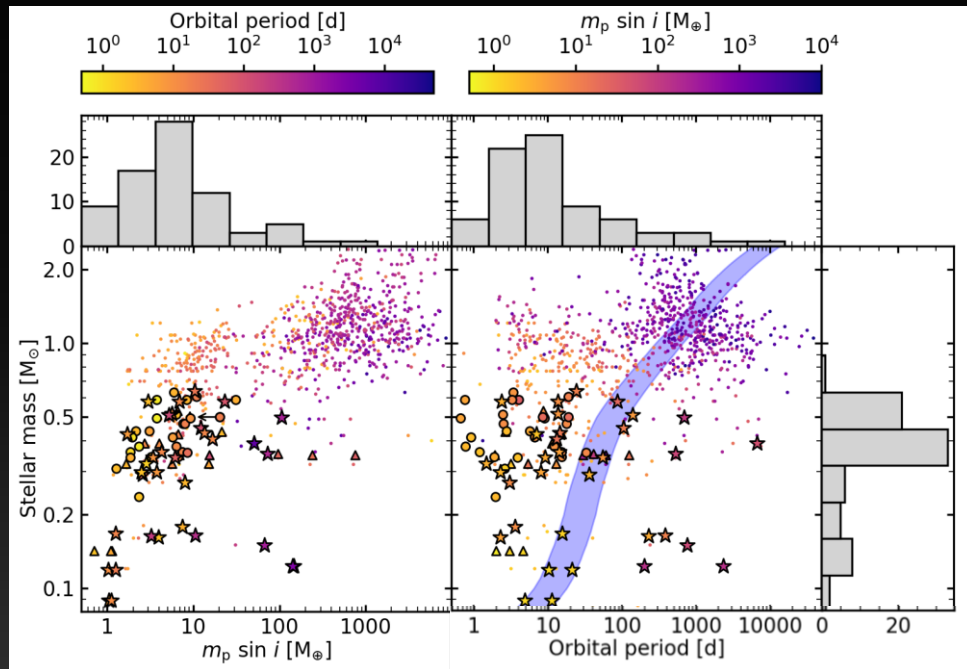
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with masses 1 – 1000 $M_{\oplus}$,

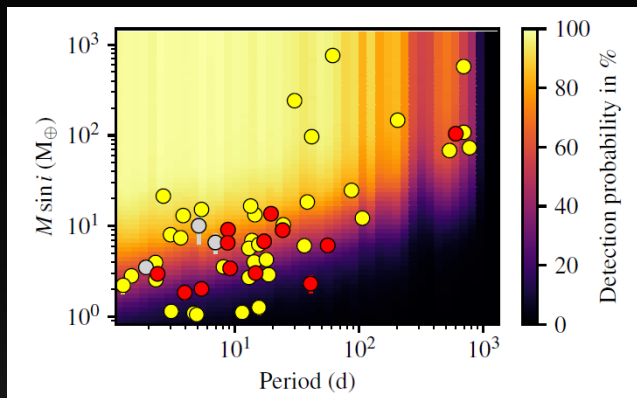
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around stars 0.3–0.5 $M_{\odot}$



- Catalogue planets
- ★ New CARMENES discoveries
- ▲ Reanalysed by CARMENES
- Follow-up transiting planets

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average number of planets

with masses 1 – 1000 $M_{\oplus}$,
periods 1 – 1000 days,
around stars 0.3–0.5 $M_{\odot}$

with

$$\bar{n}_{pl} = 1.37 \pm 0.24$$

average number of planets
with masses 1 – 10 $M_{\oplus}$



$$\bar{n}_{pl} = 0.03^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$$

average number of planets
with masses 100 – 1000 $M_{\oplus}$



compare:

$$\bar{n}_{pl} = 0.23 \pm 0.02$$

planets with masses 30 – 6000 $M_{\oplus}$, beyond 2 AU,
around stars 0.5 – 1.5 $M_{\odot}$
(California Legacy Survey; Fulton et al., 2021)