Algorithms for high contrast imaging

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Why do we build libraries of noise realizations?



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From the ground: AO residuals vary from star to star.



From the ground: there is variance in the cross terms.





PCA, current "industry standard" for removing noise.



Courtesy of J. Wang

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Problem with PCA: kills signal.

Residual noise. Flux preserved.

No residual noise. Flux gone.

Solution 1: - minimize: II PCA(noise + signal - signal_est) II^2





 x_c

 P_a

Bottom et al., 2016



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Comparison with field-brown dwarfs.







Better sensitivity?









Ruffio et al., 2017



"Inverting the model" might help us squeeze out a few more objects.

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NMF for quasar spectral templates.



Advantage of using positive coefficients.















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