



APPLICATION FOR OBSERVING TIME

PERIOD: **96Z**

Important Notice:

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By submitting this proposal, the PI takes full responsibility for the content of the proposal, in particular with regard to the names of CoIs and the agreement to act according to the ESO policy and regulations, should observing time be granted.

1. Title				Category: X-0					
First exoplanet image									
2. Abstract / Total Time Requested									
Total Amount of Time:									
<p>The TW Hydrae association is a group of approximately thirty very young stars located 50 parsecs from Earth that are 5-10 million years old. The best studied members of this stellar association are TW Hydrae (nearest known accreting T Tauri star to the Earth), HR 4796 (an A-type star with resolved dusty debris disk; the most massive known group member), HD 98800 (a quadruple star system with debris disk), and 2M1207 (accreting brown dwarf with remarkable planetary-mass companion 2M1207b). This 25 MJup brown dwarf(2M1207), located 70 pc from Earth, has been recently identified as a member of the TW Hydrae Association (age 8 Myr). Astrometry and photometry in the H, Ks and L' bands and upper limit in J-band reveal a very red object(2M1207b) at a close separation of 780 mas (55 AU) with a spectral type L5-L9.5. Different evolutionary models predict an object within the planetary regime with a mass of $M=5\pm2$ MJup and an effective temperature</p>									
3. Run	Period	Instrument	Time	Month	Moon	Seeing	Sky	Mode	Type
A	96	NACO	1h	any	n	0.8	PHO	s	
4. Number of nights/hours				Telescope(s)		Amount of time			
a) already awarded to this project:				VLT		4h			
b) still required to complete this project:				VLT		3h			
5. Special remarks:									
Take advantage of this box to provide any special remark using up to three lines									
6. Principal Investigator: beevageeva									
6a. Co-investigators:									
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7. Description of the proposed programme

A – Scientific Rationale: We already have a few photometric and astrometric results from Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) in bands: J , H , Ks (The transformations between the two filters Ks and K were found smaller than the measuring errors.) and from Keck telescope in L' band
The parent dwarf appears to be of spectral type M8 with magnitudes: 13.00(J), 12.39(H), 11.95(K), 11.38 (L') and the giant planet candidate: spectral type L5 - L9.5 with magnitudes: ≥ 18.5 (J), 18.09 (K), 16.93(K), 15.28(L')

B – Immediate Objective: It is not established yet the nature of the companion of the brown dwarf that we believe is a giant planet. We need to repeat the photometric measurements using adaptive optics infrared wavefront sensing to acquire sharp images and to obtain spectroscopic results

7. Description of the proposed programme and attachments

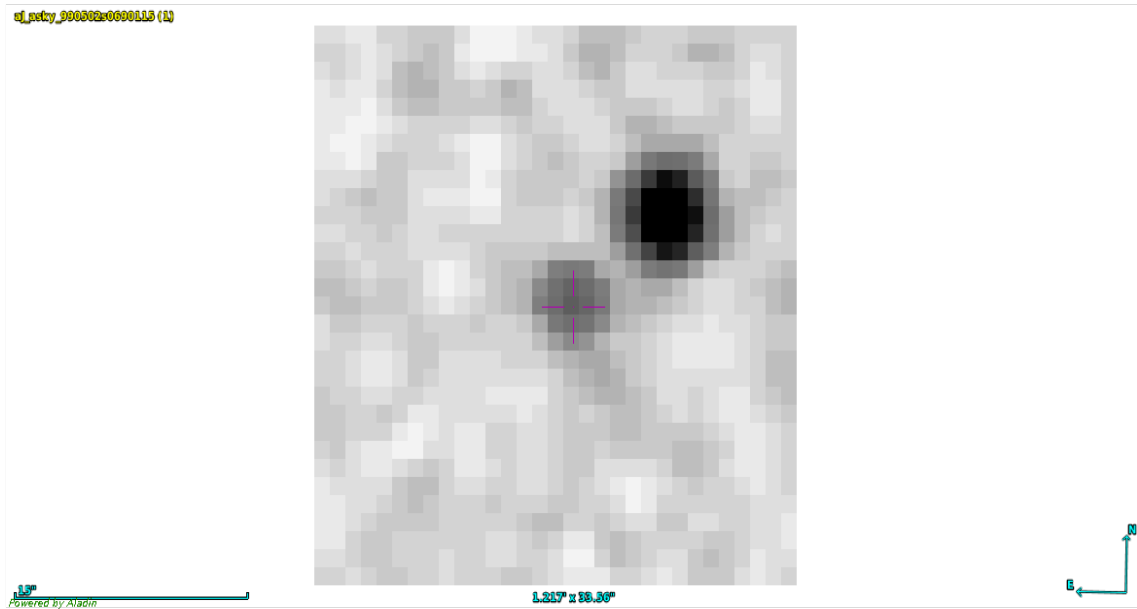


Fig. 1: image obtained from 2 mass centered on the companion of the parent dwarf: RA: 12h:07m:34.01s, dec: -39d:32m:58.9s, 30 arcsec

8. Justification of requested observing time and observing conditions

Lunar Phase Justification: The object we want to observe is very faint

Time Justification: (including seeing overhead) We need images in band J, H, Ks and L' and specter of the object with upper limit estimated magnitude ≈ 20 in band J; ETC gave us $\text{NDIT} = 9$ (J), $\text{NDIT} = 1$ (H, Ks and L') and $\text{NDIT} = 120$ (specter) for $\text{DIT} = 20\text{s}$ making a total time 2640s (we estimated to 1 h with overheads)

8a. Telescope Justification:

VLT is the world's most advanced optical instrument, consisting of four Unit Telescopes with main mirrors of 8.2m diameter and four movable 1.8m diameter Auxiliary Telescopes. We want to use UT1 beacuse we want to use intrument NACO.

NACO = Nasmyth Adaptive Optics System (NAOS) + Near-Infrared Imager and Spectrograph (CONICA)

NACO has been contributing to major discoveries in different fields of astronomy: exoplanets, the Galactic centre of the Milky Way, young stellar objects, Solar System bodies, etc.

8b. DDT Justification:

The only option was for cycle 96z(DDT cycle)

8c. Calibration Request:

Standard Calibration

9. Report on the use of ESO facilities during the last 2 years

September 2003, VLT(UT3) telescope with instrument ISAAC at Nasmyth A focus: Spectroscopic surveys of large numbers of young low-mass stars which are still deeply embedded in their parental clouds. Our infrared spectra show a rich variety of features due to ices and gas-phase molecules, each of which trace different aspects of the physical and chemical state of the objects.

We already published the data: Origin and Evolution of Ices in star-forming regions a VLT-ISAAC 35 μm spectroscopic survey

9a. ESO Archive - Are the data requested by this proposal in the ESO Archive (<http://archive.eso.org>)? If so, explain the need for new data.

No

9b. GTO/Public Survey Duplications:

There are some results from 2 mass survey that our research is based on. We want to repeat the observations in J, H, Ks and L' band using adaptative optics and a bigger integration time and to obtain its specter in order to determine the nature of the companion of the brown dwarf that appears faintly in the images from 2 mass.

10. Applicant's publications related to the subject of this application during the last 2 years

E. F. Van Dishoeck , E. Dartois, K. M. Pontoppidan, W. F. Thi, L. D'Hendecourt, A. C. A. Boogert, H. J. Fraser, W. A. Schutte, A. G. G. M. Tielens: Origin and Evolution of Ices in star-forming regions a VLT-ISAAC 35 μm spectroscopic survey

11. List of targets proposed in this programme

Run	Target/Field	α (J2000)	δ (J2000)	ToT	Mag.	Diam.	Additional info	Reference star
A	2M1207b	12:07:34.01	-39:32:58.9	1	18			2M1207

Target Notes: RA above is given in h:m:s format and declination in d:m:s format. We use as reference star for adaptive optics the parent brown dwarf with coordinates: RA: 12h:07m:33.47s and dec: -39d:32m:54.0s because the Adaptive Optics System (NAOS) is designed to work with natural guide stars.

12. Scheduling requirements

This proposal involves time-critical observations, or observations to be performed at specific time intervals.

13. Instrument configuration

Period	Instrument	Run ID	Parameter	Value or list
96	NACO	A	IMG filters: J, H, Ks	N90C10 dichroic, FowlerN-samp(HighSensitivity) detector mode, detector FOV: 27.6x27.6 arcsec
96	NACO	A	IMG filter: L'	VIS dichroic, Un-corr(HighWellDepth) detector mode, detector FOV: 27.6x27.6 arcsec
96	NACO	A	Spectroscopy	VIS dichroic, S54 4 SJ spectroscopic mode(camera S54), FowlerNsamp(HighSensitivity) detector mode, 86 mas slit width