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A low-mass planet candidate around an old solar twin

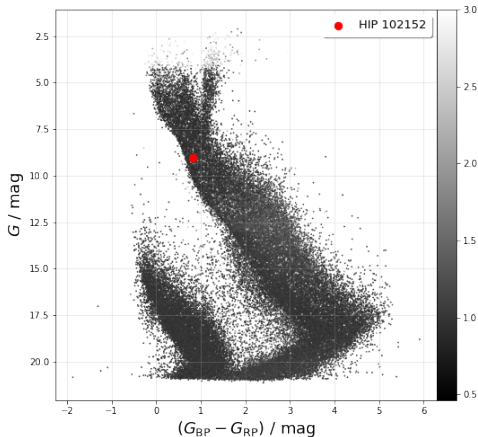
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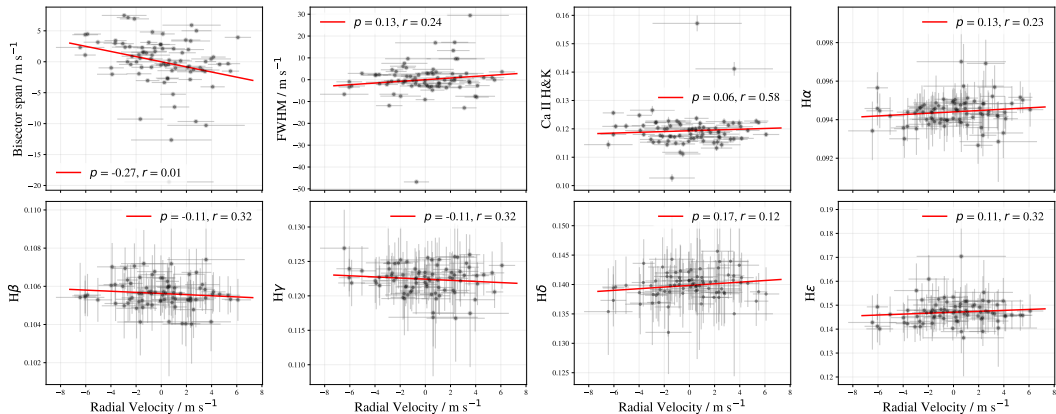
Host star:

- (nearby) **Solar-twin**
($\Delta = 78.23$ pc)
($M = 1.020 M_{\odot}$; $R = 1.083 R_{\odot}$)
($T_{\text{eff}} = 5718$ K, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.016$, $\log g = 4.325$);
- Placed near the end of MS ($t = 8.2$ Gyr), and Severely lithium depleted;
- Rotation period of 35.7 days
(Lorenzo-Oliveira+2020).
- Identified as a **promising planet-hosting system** due to its low activity levels
($\log R'_{\text{HK}} = -5.12$) but high VR RMS.

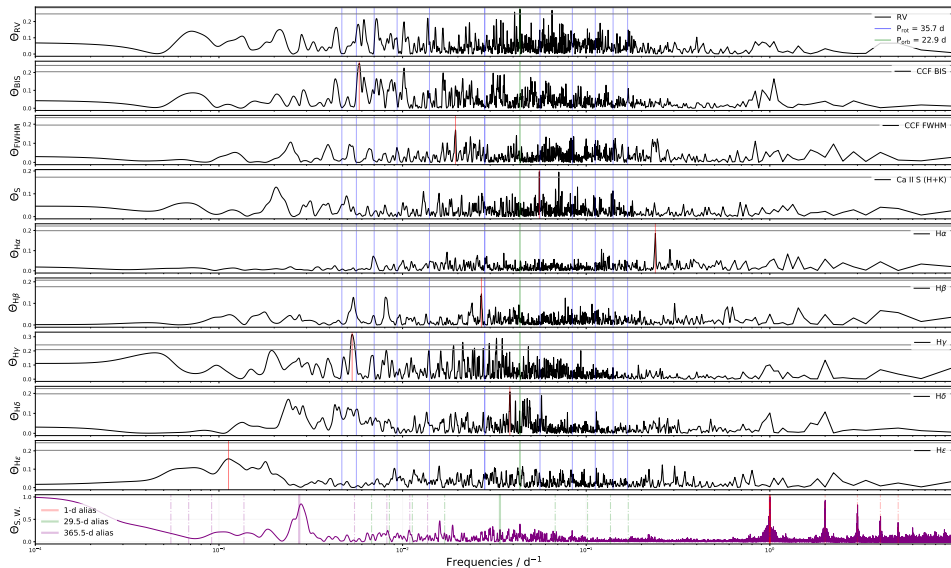


Data analysis:

- Observations with ESO/HARPS between Oct.–2011 and May–2019
- Activity indicators proxies: Bisector span, FWHM, Ca II H&K, and the Balmer lines.



• Generalised Lomb-Scargle (GLS)¹ → Initial period: **~23 days**



¹<https://astrobase.readthedocs.io/>

- **Joint Keplerian + Gaussian Process model**

$$\Sigma_{ij}(t_i, t_j) = \eta_1^2 \exp \left[-\frac{|t_i - t_j|}{2\eta_2^2} - \frac{2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi |t_i - t_j|}{\eta_3} \right)}{\eta_4^2} \right] \quad (1)$$

where

- η_1 = Doppler amplitude of the signal
- η_2 = time-scale for growth and decay of active regions
- η_3 = recurrence time-scale for active regions \sim rotation period
- η_4 = Smoothing parameter (0.1–0.5)

$$V_r = K [\cos(\nu + \omega) + e \cos(\omega)] \longrightarrow \text{RV equation} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Kepler's eq.} \longrightarrow M = E - e \sin E; \quad \nu = 2 \arctan \left(\sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}} \tan \frac{E}{2} \right) \quad (3)$$

The total RV motion of a star:²

$$\mathcal{V}_r = \sum_k^{N_{\text{pl}}} V_r + \gamma + \dot{\gamma} (t - t_0) - \ddot{\gamma} (t - t_0)^2 \quad (4)$$

²Fulton et al, (2018). *RadVel: The Radial Velocity Modeling Toolkit*.

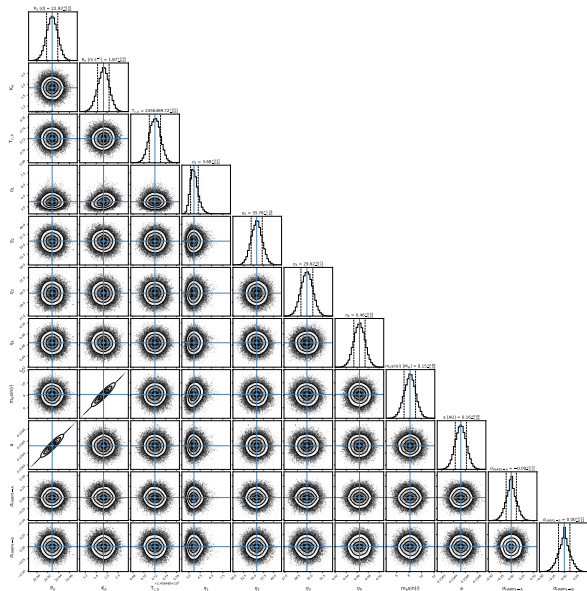
$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\mathcal{V}_r|\Theta) &\propto \mathcal{N}(P|22.9, 0.01) \times \mathcal{N}(K|2, 0.2) \times \mathcal{N}(t_0|x(\max y), 0.01) \\
&\times \mathcal{J}(\eta_1|0.01, 100) \times \mathcal{N}(\eta_2|30, 0.7) \times \mathcal{N}(\eta_3|35.7, 1.4) \times \mathcal{N}(\eta_4|0.46, 0.01) \\
&\times \mathcal{N}(\sigma_{H-B}|0, 0.1) \times \mathcal{N}(\sigma_{H-A}|0, 0.1) \\
&\times \mathcal{F}(\dot{\gamma} | -\infty, \infty) \\
&\times \mathcal{U}(\sqrt{e} \sin(\omega) | -1, 1) \times \mathcal{U}(\sqrt{e} \sin(\omega) | -1, 1)
\end{aligned}$$

Four models comparison: Circular vs. eccentric, with and w/ RV slope

Circular without slope: $\Delta(\text{BIC/AIC}) = -13.4 / -10.0$ over the second-ranked.

Markov sampling...

with 50 walkers, 1000 steps and 4 ensembles, plus requiring a maximum G-R statistic for chains of 1.01 and a burn-in of 1.01.



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Mini-Neptune ($m \sin i = 8 \pm 1 \text{ M}_{\oplus}$) on a circular orbit with $P = 22.9 \pm 0.01$ -d, and no RV slope was observed due to acceleration from an outer massive companion.

