

Early Results from The CASTOFFS Survey



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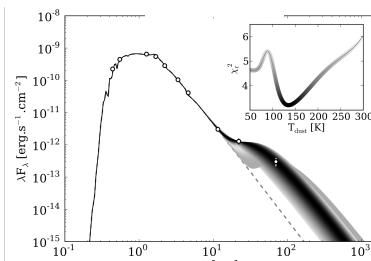
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The Cool Astrometrically Selected Targets Optimal For Follow-up Spectroscopy

(CASTOFFS) survey aims to identify and characterize young, low-mass stars in the Solar neighborhood. We identify candidates of young kinematic groups via proper motion, photometry, and activity. Follow-up spectroscopy provides further kinematic and age constraints to identify true group members and other interesting systems. Here we present two novel systems identified in the framework of the survey and provide a status update.

A Triple with a Disk

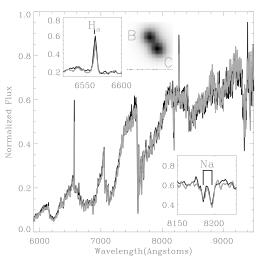
- TYC 5241-986-1ABC is a hierarchical triple at 60-90 pc identified in a common proper motion companion search of the CASTOFFS sample
- 20-120 Myr old from activity, lithium, and gravity sensitive features
- Primary is a rare, late-type star with a debris disk



•Optical to Mid-IR spectral energy distribution of the TYC 5241A.

•WISE 22 μm and *Herschel* 70 μm excesses are best fit by a black body at 120-150 K.

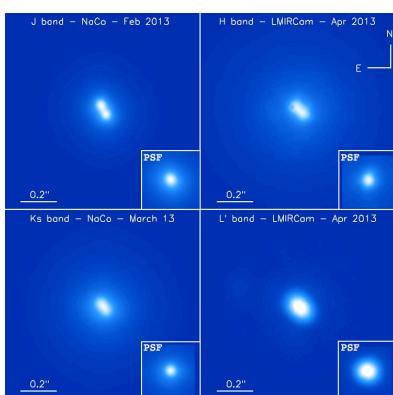
•Debris disks are rarely detected around late-type stars with ages >20 Myr^{1,2}.



•CAHA-CAFOS spectra of TYC 5241B (black) and TYC 5241C (gray).

•Both exhibit strong H α emission and slightly weak Na I doublets.

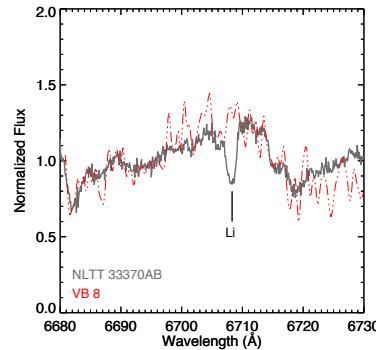
•Inset image shows resolved components in SDSS z-band.



•VLT-NaCo and LBTI-LMIRCam JHK_sL-band images of NLTT 33370 A and B.

•The separation of the components is 76 ± 5 mas (1.24 ± 0.11 AU).

•The position angle changes $\sim 10^\circ$ each month, revealing the rapid orbital motion of the binary.



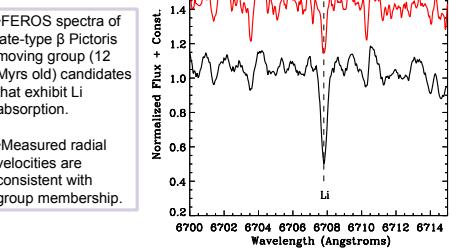
•Magellan-MIKE integrated light optical spectrum of NLTT 33370AB compared to a field M7^{5,6}.

•The lithium 6708 Å line equivalent width is ~ 500 mÅ.

•An age of ~ 100 Myr is inferred from comparison to Li depletion in evolution models^{7,8}.

A Benchmark Binary

- NLTT 33370AB is a nearby (16.4 pc), active, pair of late-M dwarfs^{3,4}
- 30-150 Myr old from lithium and gravity sensitive features
- A young, low-mass, benchmark,



•FEROS spectra of late-type β Pictoris moving group (12 Myrs old) candidates that exhibit Li absorption.

•Measured radial velocities are consistent with group membership.

SURVEY STATUS

•High resolution spectra obtained for nearly half of the CASTOFFS sample (>190 stars).

•Bright ($V \leq 14$), southern subsample complete and analyses are ongoing.