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Current Position:

51 Pegasi b Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas at Austin

Education:

Ph.D., Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of Arizona 2018

Areas of Interest:

- Multi-wavelength observations of exoplanets, brown dwarfs, circumstellar disks
- Adaptive optics and high-contrast imaging
- Giant molecular clouds in spiral galaxies
- Amateur astronomy and public outreach

Honors:

51 Pegasi b Postdoctoral Fellowship in Planetary Astronomy 2018 – 2021
TRIF-Imaging Fellowship, University of Arizona 2016 – 2017
College of Science Award in Teaching, University of Arizona 2016
College of Science Scholarship, University of Arizona 2012 – 2013

Teaching, Service, Outreach Experiences:

Referee for The Astrophysical Journal, Astronomy & Astrophysics, A&A Letters 2018, 2019
Graduate admission committee, Department of Astronomy, Univ. of Arizona 2017
Tucson Initiative for Minority Engagement in Science and Technology Program 2017
Lecturer, Mount Lemmon Adult Astronomy Camp 2015, 2016
Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona 2013, 2014, 2016

Refereed Publications:

Sheehan, P. D., **Wu, Y.-L.**, Eisner, J. A., Tobin, J., “*High Precision Dynamical Masses of Pre-Main Sequence Stars with ALMA and Gaia*”, The Astrophysical Journal, in press

Schindler, J. T., Fan, X., McGreer, I. D.,..., **Wu, Y.-L.**, et al., “*The Extremely Luminous Quasar Survey in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey Footprint. III. The South Galactic Cap Sample and the Quasar Luminosity Function at Cosmic Noon*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 871, 258, 2019

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Wu, Y.-L., Close, L. M., Eisner, J. A., Sheehan, P. D., “*An Explanation of the Very Low Radio Flux of Young Planet-mass Companions*”, The Astronomical Journal, 154, 234, 2017

Wu, Y.-L., Sheehan, P. D., “*An ALMA Dynamical Mass Estimate of the Proposed Planetary-mass Companion FW Tau C*”, The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 846, L26, 2017

Wu, Y.-L., Smith, N., Close, L. M., Males, J. R., Morzinski, K. M., “*Resolving the Ha-emitting Region in the Wind of η Carinae*”, The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 841, L7, 2017

- Wu, Y.-L.**, Sakamoto, K., Pan, H.-A., “*Submillimeter Array $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ Imaging of the NGC 6946 Giant Molecular Clouds*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 839, 6, 2017
- Wu, Y.-L.**, Sheehan, P. D., Males, J. R., et al., “*An ALMA and MagAO Study of the Substellar Companion GQ Lup B*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 836, 223, 2017
- Wu, Y.-L.**, Close, L. M., Bailey, V. P., et al., “*Magellan AO System z’, Ys, and L’ Observations of the Very Wide 650 AU HD 106906 Planetary System*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 823, 24, 2016
- Morzinski, K. M., Males, J. R., Skemer, A. J.,..., and **Wu, Y.-L.**, “*Magellan Adaptive Optics First-light Observations of the Exoplanet β Pic b. II. 3-5 μm Direct Imaging with MagAO+Clio, and the Empirical Bolometric Luminosity of a Self-luminous Giant Planet*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 815, 108, 2015
- Wu, Y.-L.**, Close, L. M., Males, J. R., et al., “*New Extinction and Mass Estimates of the Low-Mass Companion IRXS 1609 B with the Magellan AO System: Evidence of an Inclined Dust Disk*”, The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 807, L13, 2015
- Wu, Y.-L.**, Close, L. M., Males, J. R., et al., “*New Extinction and Mass Estimates from Optical Photometry of the Very Low Mass Brown Dwarf Companion CT Chamaeleontis B with the Magellan AO System*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 801, 4, 2015
- Rodigas, T. J., Stark, C. C., Weinberger A.,..., **Wu, Y.-L.**, et al., “*On the Morphology and Chemical Composition of the HR 4796A Debris Disk*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 798, 96, 2015
- Males, J. R., Close, L. M., Morzinski, K. M.,..., and **Wu, Y.-L.**, “*Magellan Adaptive Optics First-light Observations of the Exoplanet β Pic b. I. Direct Imaging in the Far-red Optical with MagAO+VisAO and in the Near-IR with NICI*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 786, 32, 2014
- Follette, K. B., Close, L. M., Males, J. R., Kopon, D., **Wu, Y.-L.**, et al., “*The First Circumstellar Disk Imaged in Silhouette at Visible Wavelengths with Adaptive Optics: MagAO Imaging of Orion 218-354*”, The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 775, 13, 2013
- Close, L. M., Males, J. R., Morzinski, K. M.,..., **Wu, Y.-L.**, et al., “*Diffraction-limited Visible Light Images of Orion Trapezium Cluster with the Magellan Adaptive Secondary Adaptive Optics System (MagAO)*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 774, 94, 2013
- Wu, Y.-L.**, Close, L. M., Males, J. R., et al., “*High Resolution H α Images of the Binary Low-mass Proplyd LV 1 with the Magellan AO System*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 774, 45, 2013
- Hsieh, P.-Y., Matsushita, S., Liu, G.,..., and **Wu, Y.-L.**, “*Physical Properties of the Circumnuclear Starburst Ring in the Barred Galaxy NGC 1097*”, The Astrophysical Journal, 736, 129, 2011

Conference Proceedings and Non-refereed Publications:

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- Morzinski, K. M., Close, L. M., Males, J. R.,..., and **Wu, Y.-L.**, “*MagAO: Status and Science*”, Proc. SPIE 9909, Adaptive Optics Systems V, 990901, 2016
- Haug-Baltzell, A., Males, J. R., Morzinski, K. M., **Wu, Y.-L.**, et al., “*High-Contrast Imaging in the Cloud with klipReduce and Findr*”, Proc. SPIE 9913, Software and Cyberinfrastructure for Astronomy III, 99130F, 2016

Van Dyk, S. D., Ascenso, J., **Wu, Y.-L.**, et al., “*Possible Identification of the Progenitor of SN 2016adj in NGC 5128 (Centaurus A)*”, The Astronomer’s Telegram, No. 8693, 2016

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