## Curriculum Vitae

## Sylvestre Lacour - Astrophysicist

LESIA, Observatoire de Paris 5, place Jules Janssen 92195 MEUDON – FRANCE

European Organisation for Astronomical Research, Germany

- Unpaid associate: "Exoplanets observed with optical interferometry"

Max-Planck-Institut für extraterrestrische Physik, Germany

September 2017 - August 2019

- Visiting scientist: "GRAVITY and galactic center astrometry"

• Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge University, UK

November 2016 - August 2017

- Visiting researcher: "Single mode interferometry and optical amplification"

• Laboratory of Space Studies and Instrumentation in Astrophysics, France Since October 2008

– Tenured researcher / Chargé de recherche at CNRS

• Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Grenoble, Grenoble, France November 2007 - October 2008

- Postdoct (ANR fellowship): "Design and charecterization of integrated optics devices for VLTI"

• Sydney University, Sydney, Australie February 2007 - October 2007 - Postdoc (Lavoisier fellowship): "Aperture masking and single-mode fiber filtering"

Observatoire de Paris, Meudon, France

— PhD: "Imaging the stellar surface of evolved stars. Pupil rearrangement"

September 2002 - January 2007

The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

November 2000 - August 2002

- Ph.D. classes: "Galactic Structure and Stellar Dynamics" and "ISM and Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics"

• École Normale Supérieure, Cachan, France

September 1996 - August 2000

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- Agrégation of electrical engineering

## - Astronomical research :

• PICSAT / SSO 505 km Laboratoire d'études spatiales et d'instrumentation en astrophysique Photometry from space using single mode fibers In orbit January 2018/ end of mission March 2018

- Principal investigator of the CubeSat satellite dedicated to the photometry of the  $\beta$  Pictoris system
- Launched in January 2018, operational for 3 months
- GRAVITY / VLTI

Long baseline optical interferometry

Max Planck Institut fur Astrophysics First light in June 2015

- Design and realisation of the fringe tracker (including Kalman filter)

- First observation of an exoplanet by optical interferometry. Characterisation of exoplanetary atmosphere

• FIRST - DRAGONFLY / SUBARU Telescope
Pupil re-arrangement with single mode fibers

Observatoin

Observatoire de Paris / Sydney University First light in July 2010

- Simulation and design of an imaging instrument using single mode fibers. Scientific objective: upgrade by a factor a hundred pupil masking's performances (principe published in january 2007)
- First light obtained at the Lick Observatory. Now behind the SCExAO instrument at SUBARU
- SAM / NACO SPHERE ERIS MICADO

Sydney University

Pupil masking

Available to the community since October 2008

- Installation of several pupil mask on instruments NACO and SPHERE at VLT
- Specification and Design of the aperture masking pupil masks for ERIS and MICADO for the ELT
- Detection and study of planet formation signposts around transition disks

## - Awards & Grants:

- ANR Starting Grant "SAM: Sparse Aperture Masking" (2014-2018): ANR-13-JS05-0005
- ERC Starting Grant "LITHIUM: From planetary birth with aperture masking interferometry to nulling with Lithium Niobate technology" (2015-2020): ERC-STG-639248
- MERAC 2015 prize from the European Astronomical Society "Best Early Career Researcher in New Technologies"