Some musings around the first detections of radio emission from extrasolar planets and tracing the space weather of our neighbour stars

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Exoplanet / Exomoon Radio Emission

- Magnetised atmospheres can produce bright radio aurorae
- Earth / Sun and Jupiter / Io interactions
- Coherent electron cyclotron maser emission
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 - Direct tracer of magnetic field strength
 - One of the only ways to probe exoplanetary magnetospheres
- Difficult to distinguish from stellar bursts



VLBI astrometry to the rescue?

- Isolate exoplanet emission from host star
- Astrometric perturbations over the orbit
- Trace bulk plasma motion from CMEs
- Challenges?
 - Extremely time variable emission
 - Interactions are stronger at low orbital separation
 - Emission frequency scales with magnetic field. Large bandwidths / multiple bands required

