THE TRENDS HIGH-CONTRAST IMAGING SURVEY. V. DISCOVERY OF AN OLD AND COLD BENCHMARK T-DWARF ORBITING THE NEARBY G-STAR HD 19467

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ABSTRACT

The nearby Sun-like star HD 19467 shows a subtle radial velocity (RV) acceleration of $-1.37 \pm 0.09 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ over a 16.9 yr time baseline (an RV trend), hinting at the existence of a distant orbiting companion. We have obtained high-contrast images of the star using NIRC2 at Keck Observatory and report the direct detection of the body that causes the acceleration. The companion, HD 19467 B, is $\Delta K_s = 12.57 \pm 0.09 \text{ mag}$ fainter than its parent star (contrast ratio of 9.4×10^{-6}), has blue colors $J - K_s = -0.36 \pm 0.14$ ($J - H = -0.29 \pm 0.15$), and is separated by $\rho = 1''.653 \pm 0''.004$ ($51.1 \pm 1.0 \text{ AU}$). Follow-up astrometric measurements obtained over a 1.1 yr time baseline demonstrate physical association through common parallactic and proper motion. We calculate a firm lower-limit of $m \geq 51.9^{+3.6}_{-4.3} M_J$ for the companion mass from orbital dynamics using a combination of Doppler observations and imaging. We estimate a model-dependent mass of $m = 56.7^{+4.6}_{-7.2} M_{\text{Jup}}$ from a gyrochronological age of $4.3^{+1.0}_{-1.2} \text{ Gyr}$. Isochronal analysis suggests a much older age of $9 \pm 1 \text{ Gyr}$, which corresponds to a mass of $m = 67.4^{+0.9}_{-1.5} M_J$. HD 19467 B's measured colors and absolute magnitude are consistent with a late T dwarf [$\approx \text{T5-T7}$]. We may infer a low metallicity of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.15 \pm 0.04$ for the companion from its G3V parent star. HD 19467 B is the first directly imaged benchmark T dwarf found orbiting a Sun-like star with a measured RV acceleration.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The TRENDS (TaRgeting bENchmark objects with Doppler Spectroscopy) high-contrast imaging survey is a dedicated ground-based program that uses adaptive optics (AO) and related technologies to directly detect and study faint companions orbiting nearby stars (Crepp et al. 2012b). TRENDS differs from other high-contrast campaigns primarily through its selection of targets. Rather than observing nearby young stars, we select older targets that show clear evidence for the existence of a low-mass companion as the result of years of precise radial velocity (RV) measurements. This evidence manifests as an acceleration in the RV time series that we refer to as a Doppler “trend.” The tradeoff between age and a priori knowledge of an orbiting companion results in a higher detection efficiency at the expense of mass sensitivity. However, recent advances in high-contrast imaging hardware and techniques will soon permit the detection of massive planets (super-Jupiters) around stars as old as $\approx 1 \text{ Gyr}$ at infrared wavelengths (Crepp & Johnson 2011; Hinkley et al. 2011; Macintosh et al. 2012; Skemer et al. 2012). Operating primarily from Keck Observatory, the TRENDS program is sensitive to brown dwarf companions of any age for essentially all nearby ($d \lesssim 50 \text{ pc}$) targets (Montet et al. 2013).

TRENDS survey discoveries to date include several benchmark high mass ratio binary stars (HD 53665, HD 67017, HD 71881), a triple star system (HD 8375), and a “Sirius-like” white dwarf companion orbiting HD 114174 (Crepp et al. 2012b, 2013a, 2013b). By connecting the properties of directly imaged

companions to that of their primary star (such as metallicity and age), these objects serve as useful test subjects for theoretical models of cool dwarf atmospheres (Liu et al. 2010). Further, the combination of Doppler observations and high-contrast imaging constrains the companion mass and orbit, essential information that brown dwarfs discovered by seeing-limited instruments in the field or at large projected separations do not provide. In this paper, we report the direct imaging discovery of an old and cold brown dwarf orbiting the nearby G3V star HD 19467 (Table 1). The companion’s subtle gravitational influence on HD 19467 was initially noticed as a Doppler acceleration spanning more than a decade. We show that HD 19467 B is almost certainly a T dwarf, based on its intrinsic brightness and near-infrared colors.

2. OBSERVATIONS

2.1. High-resolution Spectroscopy

2.1.1. Radial Velocity Measurements

We obtained RV data for HD 19467 using HIRES at Keck (Vogt et al. 1994; Marcy & Butler 1992). First epoch RV observations were acquired on 1996 October 09 UT. Several years of measurements revealed that the star exhibits a persistent acceleration and that S_{HK} magnetic activity values do not correlate with the RV drift (Figure 1). Precise Doppler measurements taken over a 16.9 yr time frame are listed in Table 2. A horizontal line denotes the location of an RV offset resulting

Figure 1. Relative RV measurements of HD 19467. We have directly imaged the substellar companion responsible for the long-term Doppler acceleration.

Table 1

(Top) Coordinates, Apparent Magnitudes, Distance, and Proper Motion of HD 19467

HD 19467 Properties	
Right ascension (J2000)	03 07 18.57
Declination (J2000)	−13 45 42.42
<i>B</i>	7.65
<i>V</i>	7.00
<i>J</i>	5.801 ± 0.020
<i>H</i>	5.447 ± 0.036
<i>K_s</i>	5.401 ± 0.026
<i>d</i> (pc)	30.86 ± 0.60
μ_{α} (mas yr ^{−1})	$−7.81 \pm 0.63$
μ_{δ} (mas yr ^{−1})	$−260.77 \pm 0.71$
Mass (<i>M</i> _⊙)	0.95 ± 0.02
Radius (<i>R</i> _⊙)	1.15 ± 0.03
Luminosity (<i>L</i> _⊙)	1.34 ± 0.08
log <i>R</i> _{HK}	$−4.98 \pm 0.01$
Gyro age (Gyr)	$4.3^{+1.0}_{-1.2}$
SME age (Gyr)	9 ± 1
(Fe/H)	$−0.15 \pm 0.02$
log <i>g</i> (cm s ^{−2})	4.40 ± 0.06
<i>T</i> _{eff} (K)	5680 ± 40
Spectral type	G3V
<i>v</i> sin <i>i</i> (km s ^{−1})	1.6 ± 0.5

Notes. Magnitudes are from the Two Micron All-Sky Survey (2MASS) catalog of point sources (Cutri et al. 2003; Skrutskie et al. 2006). The parallax-based distance from *Hipparcos* uses the refined data reduction of van Leeuwen 2007. (Bottom) Host star physical properties are estimated from SME using HIRES template spectra and theoretical isochrones (Valenti & Fischer 2005). We estimate a gyrochronological age based upon empirical relations incorporating *B* − *V* color and *R*_{HK} value (Mamajek & Hillenbrand 2008).

from the Summer 2004 HIRES detector upgrade which we include as a free parameter. A linear fit to the time series yields an acceleration of $−1.37 \pm 0.09$ m s^{−1} yr^{−1}.

The RV time series also shows significant variations in addition to the systemic acceleration. Fourier analysis based on data acquired through the year 2012 had previously identified a periodic signal at ≈ 1.6 yr. However, three more recent observations reveal the ≈ 5 m s^{−1} signal to be spurious. The level of astrophysical noise (jitter) nominally expected from this type of main-sequence star is 2.4 ± 0.4 m s^{−1} given its log *R*_{HK} value and *B* − *V* color (Isaacson & Fischer 2010). Using Monte Carlo techniques that randomly scramble measurements in the Doppler time series, we find that residual RV scatter seen in

Table 2
Doppler RV Measurements for HD 19467

Date (UT)	BJD −2,450,000	RV (m s ^{−1})	Uncertainty (m s ^{−1})
1996 Oct 9	366.013	15.85	1.47
1996 Dec 1	418.938	24.71	2.17
1997 Jan 13	461.838	29.22	1.30
1997 Sep 23	715.098	21.34	4.20
1997 Sep 24	716.106	20.57	4.31
1997 Dec 4	786.842	18.50	2.38
1997 Dec 4	786.855	22.63	1.51
1997 Dec 24	806.901	17.71	1.50
1998 Jan 24	837.743	9.40	1.41
1998 Jan 26	839.742	14.62	1.49
1998 Jul 17	1012.120	23.09	1.40
1998 Jul 18	1013.121	14.95	1.31
1998 Sep 13	1070.112	15.81	4.26
1998 Sep 16	1072.980	24.93	4.36
1998 Dec 24	1171.774	21.27	1.48
1999 Aug 19	1410.126	16.21	1.51
1999 Dec 31	1543.844	13.69	1.60
2000 Jan 8	1551.790	14.98	1.47
2000 Jan 9	1552.841	9.86	1.73
2000 Feb 8	1582.730	20.06	1.70
2000 Dec 4	1882.801	25.05	1.62
2000 Dec 22	1900.779	18.57	1.48
2001 Aug 12	2134.078	15.24	1.58
2001 Nov 29	2242.903	14.71	1.42
2002 Aug 29	2516.019	13.55	1.62
2002 Oct 28	2575.896	5.25	1.72
2003 Jul 14	2835.129	15.17	1.84
2003 Oct 13	2926.084	15.13	4.43
2004 Aug 22	3240.040	6.29	1.24
2005 Feb 26	3427.786	5.72	1.26
2006 Sep 5	3984.035	0.13	1.07
2011 Sep 2	5807.034	−7.30	1.15
2011 Sep 3	5808.104	−2.49	1.46
2011 Sep 4	5809.087	−1.44	1.18
2011 Dec 8	5903.778	3.46	1.43
2012 Aug 12	6152.110	−6.90	1.37
2012 Oct 9	6210.014	−5.92	1.43
2013 Aug 14	6519.084	−8.24	1.19
2013 Aug 25	6530.024	−10.85	1.15
2013 Sep 12	6548.034	−6.20	1.38

Figure 1 (when comparing a linear fit with two-body Keplerian orbital models) results in a false-alarm probability well above the $\approx 1\%$ threshold nominally used for Doppler discoveries (Marcy et al. 2005). We consider the additional signal to be spurious and most likely caused by stellar activity, rather than an exoplanet, although further measurements are warranted.

2.1.2. Star Properties

Stellar template spectra (non-iodine measurements) were analyzed using the LTE spectral synthesis code Spectroscopy Made Easy (SME) described in detail in Valenti & Piskunov (1996) and Valenti & Fischer (2005). The estimated physical properties of HD 19467 derived from spectral fitting are shown in Table 1. HD 19467 is listed in the SIMBAD database as an G1V star from medium resolution spectroscopy (Gray et al. 2006). We find a best-fitting spectral type of G3 using higher resolution ($R \approx 55,000$) spectroscopy and a luminosity class of dwarf (*V*) as we discuss in what follows.

HD 19467 is a nearby field star not obviously associated with any moving group or cluster. To facilitate our characterization

Figure 2. High-contrast image of HD 19467 B taken with NIRC2 AO at Keck Observatory. Stellar speckles have been removed using PSF subtraction. The companion is 100,000 times fainter than its host star in the K band.

of its companion, we estimate its gyrochronological age using the technique of Barnes (2007). The stellar rotation period is found empirically to be $P_r = 24.9 \pm 2.5$ days from the measured $\log R'_{HK}$ and $B - V$ values (Wright et al. 2004), which corresponds to a gyrochronological age of $4.30^{+0.96}_{-1.23}$ Gyr; this result is based upon updated coefficients that correlate the rotation period and $B - V$ color to age as determined by Mamajek & Hillenbrand (2008). Uncertainty in the age is dominated by intrinsic scatter in the empirical relation.

We have also attempted to calculate a system age using the iterative version of SME that self-consistently incorporates results from the LTE spectral analysis with Yonsei–Yale theoretical isochrones (Valenti & Fischer 2005). Unfortunately, our code does not converge properly for HD 19467 A. Upon iterating, the age diverges to the end of the grid at 13.7 Gyr. Using only a single iteration, we find a much older age of 9 ± 1 Gyr compared to the gyrochronology method. G3 dwarfs may still reside on the main-sequence at this age, and the low metallicity ($[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.15 \pm 0.04$) of the host star does not suggest youth, but the unusual behavior of the SME iterative code casts doubt on its reliability for this particular source. As such, values listed in Table 1 (age, mass, radius, luminosity) are tabulated using the non-iterative version of SME. We note that HD 19467 B is too faint to cause any substantive spectral contamination.

Comparing to other Sun-like stars in the solar neighborhood, HD 19467 resides only $\Delta M_V = 0.28$ mag above the median *Hipparcos*-based main-sequence at visible wavelengths (Wright 2005). We thus adopt a luminosity class of V . For subsequent analysis, we also adopt the gyrochronological age, noting however that the subsolar metallicity, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.15 \pm 0.04$, indicates an age older than the Sun (4.6 Gyr). In Section 3.2, we show that the model-dependent mass of HD 19467 B is still within the brown dwarf regime even for ages up to 10 Gyr.

2.2. High-contrast Imaging

First-epoch high-contrast images of HD 19467 were acquired with the K' filter on 2011 August 30 UT using NIRC2 (instrument PI: Keith Matthews) and the Keck II AO system (Wizinowich et al. 2000). The bright ($K_s = 5.401 \pm 0.026$) star

Table 3
Photometric Results and Companion Physical Properties

Imaged Companion: HD 19467 B	
ΔJ	11.81 ± 0.10
ΔH	12.46 ± 0.10
ΔK_s	12.57 ± 0.09
J	17.61 ± 0.11
H	17.90 ± 0.11
K_s	17.97 ± 0.09
M_J	15.16 ± 0.12
M_H	15.45 ± 0.12
M_{K_s}	15.52 ± 0.10
$m_{\text{dyn}} (M_J)$	$> 51.9^{+3.6}_{-4.3}$
$m_{\text{model}} (M_J)$	$56.7^{+4.6}_{-7.2}$

Notes. The mass constraint (lower-limit) from dynamics (m_{dyn}) using RV and imaging measurements is consistent with the model-dependent mass estimate from photometry (m_{model}). The listed model-dependent mass is based upon the gyrochronological age of the primary star.

was placed behind the 300 mas diameter coronagraphic spot. We used angular differential imaging to enable point spread function (PSF) subtraction (Marois et al. 2006). Images were processed using the same techniques applied in previous TRENDS discoveries to determine photometric and astrometric quantities (see Crepp et al. 2013b for details).

We originally noticed HD 19467 B using raw frames viewed by the NIRC2 graphical user interface, which enables basic data operations such as image subtraction. The companion is fainter than the sky background in the K band under median seeing, but sufficiently separated from the star ($\theta = 1''.6$) such that it is detectable by eye using two subtracted exposures having a small amount of (parallactic) angular diversity. Figure 2 shows a fully processed image of the companion taken on 2012 January 7 UT. HD 19467 was observed at three subsequent epochs to acquire photometric information in complementary filters and assess whether the faint source shares a common parallactic and proper motion with the star.

Photometric measurements are summarized in Table 3. HD 19467 B is $\Delta K_s = 12.57 \pm 0.09$ mag fainter than HD 19467 A and has blue colors, $J - K_s = -0.36 \pm 0.34$ mag and $J - H = -0.29 \pm 0.15$ mag. Our astrometric observations consist of four epochs taken over a 1.1 yr baseline (Table 4). The proper motion of HD 19467 is 260.9 ± 0.7 mas yr $^{-1}$. Meanwhile, the size of a NIRC2 pixel is 9.963 ± 0.006 mas as projected onto the sky (Ghez et al. 2008). Comparing our relative astrometry measurements to the expected motion (vector sum of parallax and proper motion) of an unrelated distant background source (i.e., null hypothesis), we find that HD 19467 B is clearly associated with HD 19467 A (Figure 3). HD 19467 B has a projected separation of 51.1 ± 1.0 AU (2012 October 4 UT) and appears to exhibit clockwise orbital motion at a level of 22 ± 6 mas yr $^{-1}$.

3. HD 19467 B PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

3.1. Dynamical Mass

The measured RV acceleration may be combined with the companion projected separation to determine a lower limit to its mass using dynamics (Torres 1999; Liu et al. 2002). The straight-line fit to the RV time series of -1.37 ± 0.09 m s $^{-1}$ yr $^{-1}$ results in a minimum mass of $m \geq 51.9^{+3.6}_{-4.3} M_J$, consistent

Table 4Summary of High-contrast Imaging Observations, Including Integration Time (Δt) and Parallax Angle Rotation ($\Delta\pi$), and Resulting Astrometric Measurements

Date (UT)	JD-2,450,000	Filter	Δt (minutes)	$\Delta\pi$ ($^\circ$)	ρ (mas)	P. A. ($^\circ$)	Proj. Sep. (AU)
2011 Aug 30	5,804.1	K'	20.8	12.3	1662.7 ± 4.9	243.14 ± 0.19	51.4 ± 1.0
2012 Jan 7	5,933.8	J	5.0	3.6	...	...	...
2012 Jan 7	5,933.8	H	7.5	4.4	1665.7 ± 7.0	242.25 ± 0.26	51.4 ± 1.0
2012 Jan 7	5,933.8	K'	7.5	4.6	1657.3 ± 7.2	242.39 ± 0.38	51.2 ± 1.0
2012 Aug 26	6,166.1	K'	8.0	4.5	1661.8 ± 4.4	242.19 ± 0.15	51.3 ± 1.0
2012 Oct 4	6,205.0	K_s	10.0	5.4	1653.1 ± 4.1	242.13 ± 0.14	51.1 ± 1.0

Notes. The primary star was not visible through the coronagraphic mask on 2012 January 7 UT in the J band due to the lower Strehl ratio. Proper motion and parallactic motion analysis uses a weighted average for H , K' astrometry from this epoch.

Figure 3. Relative astrometry results showing angular offset of the companion from the primary star at each epoch. The location of HD 19467 A defines the coordinate system origin. The solid curve shows the path that an infinitely distant background object would traverse from 2011 August 30 UT through 2012 October 4 UT. Dashed curves indicate uncertainty in the system proper motion and parallax. HD 19467 B is associated with its parent star (42σ). We detect systemic orbital motion of 22 ± 6 mas yr^{-1} in a clockwise direction.

(A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

with a non-hydrogen-fusing object for near-edge-on orbits (Table 3). It will be possible to place an upper limit on the companion mass and constrain the six orbital elements when the RV's and astrometry both show curvature.

3.2. Model-dependent Mass Estimate from Photometry

The absolute magnitude of HD 19467 B (Table 3) is found using our measured magnitude difference and precise *Hipparcos* parallax of 32.40 ± 0.62 mas (van Leeuwen 2007). A value of $M_{K_s} = 15.52 \pm 0.10$ corresponds to a mass of $M = 56.7^{+4.6}_{-7.2} M_J$ and effective temperature $T_{\text{eff}} = 1050 \pm 40$ K according to Baraffe et al. (2003; COND) evolutionary models using our derived gyrochronological age. Assuming the host star is instead 9 ± 1 Gyr old, as indicated by an isochronal analysis (see notes from Section 2.1), we find a model-dependent mass still within the brown dwarf regime, $m = 67.4^{+0.9}_{-1.5} M_J$.

Figure 4 shows a plot of the companion measured absolute magnitude and $J - K$ color compared to T dwarfs characterized using spectroscopy from Leggett et al. (2010). HD 19467 B's brightness and spectral energy distribution are consistent with an $\approx T5$ – $T7$ dwarf, affirming the interpretation of a cold substellar object. The $J - H = -0.29 \pm 0.16$ color is also consistent with a T-dwarf classification of $\approx T5$ – $T8$ (Cushing et al. 2011;

Kirkpatrick 2013; Dupuy & Liu 2012). Moderate resolution spectroscopy obtained with an integral field spectrograph will establish a more robust spectral-type designation (e.g., Hinkley et al. 2011).

3.3. Physical Separation and Period Range

We can constrain the system orbital separation and period using the instantaneous RV acceleration and the mass estimate of HD 19467 B from photometry (see Howard et al. 2010). Such analysis indicates that HD 19467 B is presently 72.5 ± 3.3 AU from its host star, (self-consistently) further than the projected separation (51.1 ± 1.0 AU). Assuming the true anomaly is near extreme values, i.e., apastron or periastron, we find that the orbital period lies between 320 and 1900 yr for eccentricities between $0 \leq e \leq 0.5$ using a host star mass of $M_* = 0.95 \pm 0.02 M_\odot$ (Table 1). Using the Vis-viva equation, which relates orbit velocity to the instantaneous separation and semimajor axis, we find that the maximum projected sky motion is 28.0 ± 0.9 mas yr^{-1} for the same eccentricity range, consistent with our observation that the astrometric position of HD 19467 B has changed by 22 ± 6 mas yr^{-1} . Our numerical simulations suggest that a unique solution for the orbit and mass of HD 19467 B may be determined as early as ≈ 15 yr from now with sufficient

Figure 4. HD 19467 B absolute J -band magnitude and $J-K$ color (dashed lines) compared to field T dwarfs (filled circles; Leggett et al. 2010). HD 19467 B appears to be consistent with an $\approx$ T5–T7 dwarf.

observing cadence and continued Doppler and imaging monitoring (Crepp et al. 2012c). Improved astrometric precision can of course facilitate a more rapid (shortened) orbit characterization timescale.

4. SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

We have acquired 40 precise Doppler observations of a nearby ($d = 30.86 \pm 0.60$ pc) G3V star, HD 19467, over a 16.9 yr time baseline. A long-term RV drift of -1.37 ± 0.09 m s $^{-1}$ yr $^{-1}$ indicates a distant companion with substellar minimum mass. Follow-up AO observations acquired with NIRC2 at Keck as part of the TRENDS high-contrast imaging program detect the companion responsible for the Doppler acceleration in four different filters and epochs. Astrometric analysis demonstrates unambiguous association of the source with its parent star over a 1.1 yr time frame. We detect orbital motion in a clockwise direction at 3.7σ .

HD 19467 B is intrinsically faint, with a contrast ratio ($\Delta K_s = 12.57 \pm 0.09$ mag) comparable to the planets orbiting HR 8799 (Marois et al. 2010). Placing the object on an H-R diagram, we find that its absolute magnitude ($M_J = 15.16 \pm 0.12$) and blue colors ($J - K_s = -0.34 \pm 0.14$, $J - H = -0.29 \pm 0.16$) are most consistent with well-characterized field brown dwarfs in the $\approx$ T5–T7 range (Leggett et al. 2010). Theoretical evolutionary models indicate a mass of $m = 56.7^{+4.6}_{-7.2} M_{\text{Jup}}$ using a gyrochronological age of $4.3^{+1.0}_{-1.2}$ Gyr (Baraffe et al. 2003; Mamajek & Hillenbrand 2008). Isochronal analysis suggests a much older age of 9 ± 1 Gyr, resulting in

a mass of $m = 67.4^{+0.9}_{-1.5} M_J$. Both photometric mass estimates are consistent with the $m \geq 51.9^{+3.6}_{-4.3} M_J$ lower limit derived using dynamics. Assuming a common origin between host star and companion, we may infer a low metallicity for HD 19467 B of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.15 \pm 0.04$. Given that the primary star is slightly evolved, residing $\Delta M_V = 0.28$ mag above the median *Hipparcos* main-sequence, a subsolar metallicity implies an age older than that of the Sun (4.6 Gyr).

Substellar benchmark objects for which it is possible to simultaneously constrain the mass, age, and chemical composition are scarce but extremely valuable for calibrating theoretical atmospheric models and theoretical evolutionary models (Potter et al. 2002). Many nearby T(Y) dwarfs have been discovered as field objects by surveys that scan large regions of the sky at (red) optical, near-infrared, and mid-infrared wavelengths (Cushing et al. 2011; Bihain et al. 2013; Liu et al. 2013). A fraction of these objects are members of multiple systems, but their projected physical separations are large, since the bright glare of host stars often precludes the detection of ultracold dwarfs orbiting in close proximity. Thus, the age of field brown dwarfs is generally highly uncertain and their utility for calibrating theoretical models limited. Of the coldest directly imaged T dwarfs orbiting Sun-like stars (see Liu et al. 2011 for a list), HD 19467 B is the first with a measured Doppler acceleration, and so will be among the first to have a dynamically measured mass.

HD 19467 B appears to be a warmer version of GJ 758 B (Thalmann et al. 2009; Janson et al. 2011), except with much bluer colors. Both companions are old T dwarfs orbiting nearby well-characterized, main-sequence G stars with precise parallax measurements. The difference in colors may be indicative of different cloud structures, atmospheric chemistry, or surface gravity (Liu et al. 2013). HD 19467 B also represents a T-dwarf analogue to the directly imaged L4 companion to HR 7672 A (Liu et al. 2002), which likewise has numerous Doppler measurements that have recently yielded a precise dynamical mass and orbit solution (Crepp et al. 2012a). With an apparent magnitude of $J = 17.61 \pm 0.11$ and angular separation of $1''.653 \pm 0''.004$, it should be possible to obtain high resolution, high signal-to-noise ratio near-infrared spectra of HD 19467 B comparable in quality to that obtained for the outer-planets orbiting HR 8799 (Bowler et al. 2010; Konopacky et al. 2013). Thus, HD 19467 B is an important benchmark object that will complement our understanding of low temperature dwarfs by exploring regions of parameter space corresponding to old age and subsolar metallicity as substellar objects evolve across the H–R diagram in time.

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