

# Direct detection and characterization of exoplanets

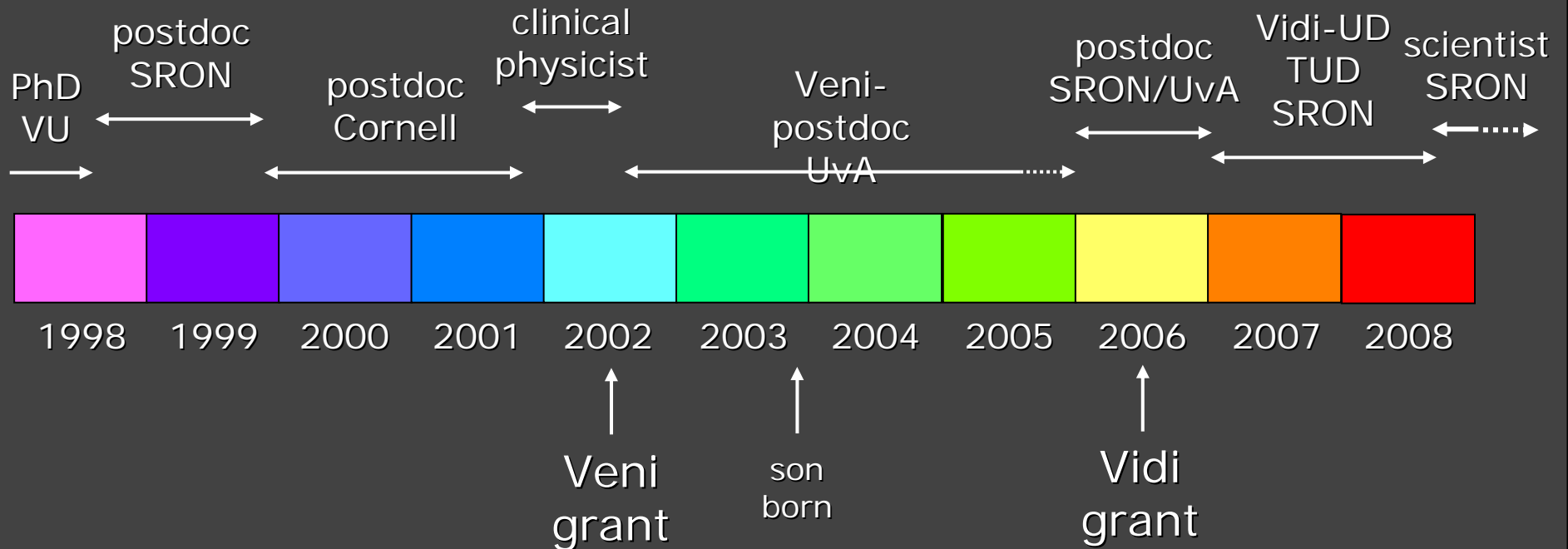
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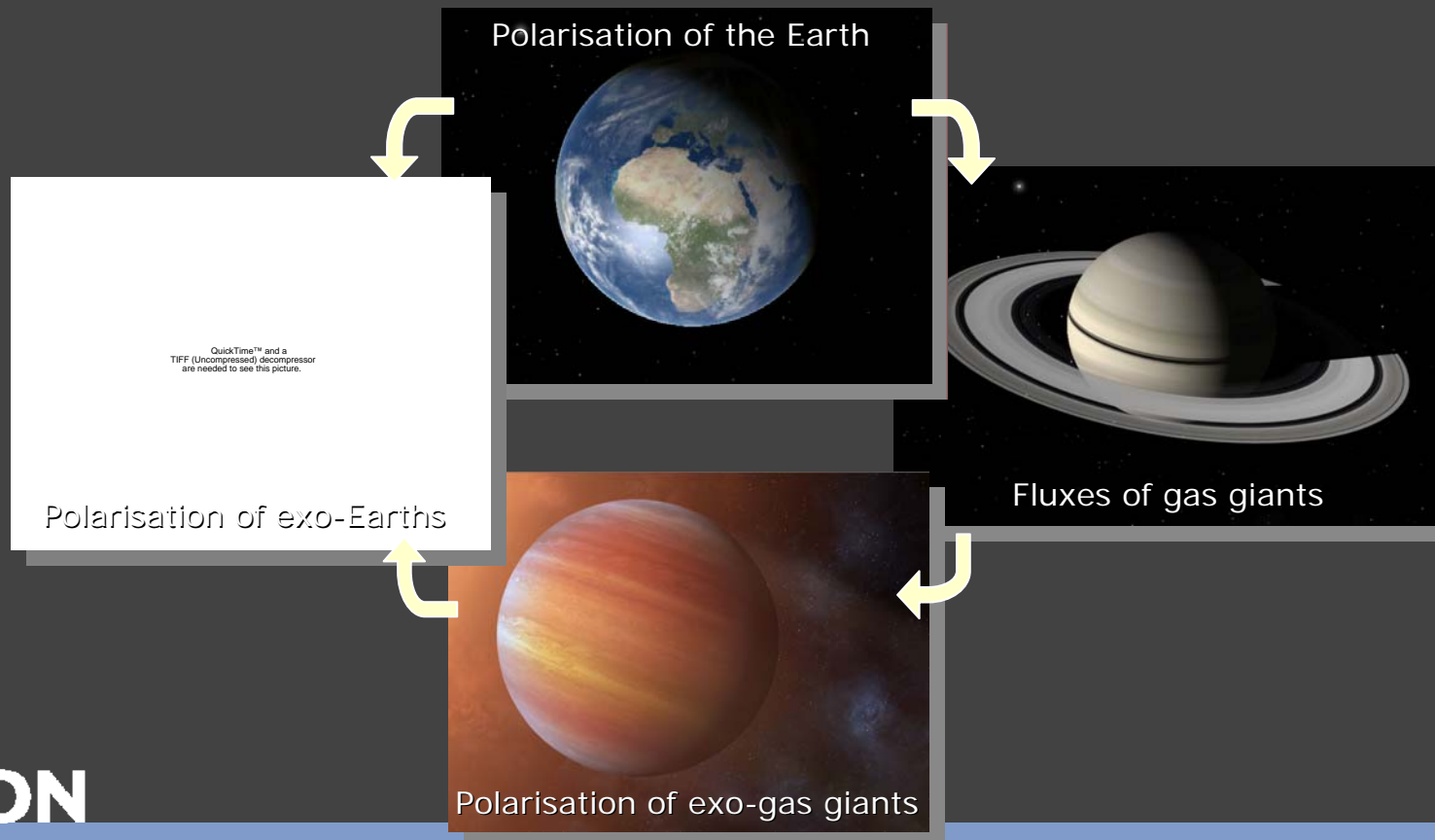
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# Time-line of my last decade ...



# The secret of my survival/success ...

- I apply my 'old' knowledge to an emerging research field
- I started as a specialist in a niche area in this emerging field
- The niche area has the potential to develop into a major area



# Tips for your proposal and presentation

- Describe the big picture:
  - What will your research contribute?
  - Why do you have to do this research?
  - What will the others in your research group do?
  - How should/will the research evolve in the future?
- Have the proposal read by **critical** scientists from your own and other research areas
- Rehearse your presentation (twice) for **critical** scientists from your own and other research areas