
Section I

Exoplanet Research: A History of Discovery

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Tsevi Mazeh is Professor Emeritus at Tel Aviv University, where he has served as researcher and lecturer since 1979. In 1984, Mazeh initiated the first radial-velocity search for extrasolar planets in pursuit of his hypothesis that massive planets could exist close to their parent stars, at that time widely believed to be impossible. The observations, carried out with David Latham (CfA) and in cooperation with Michel Mayor (Geneva), provided the discovery in 1989 of the first known massive candidate for an extrasolar planet – HD114762b. Since then he is devoting his career to the study of binary stars and extrasolar planets.