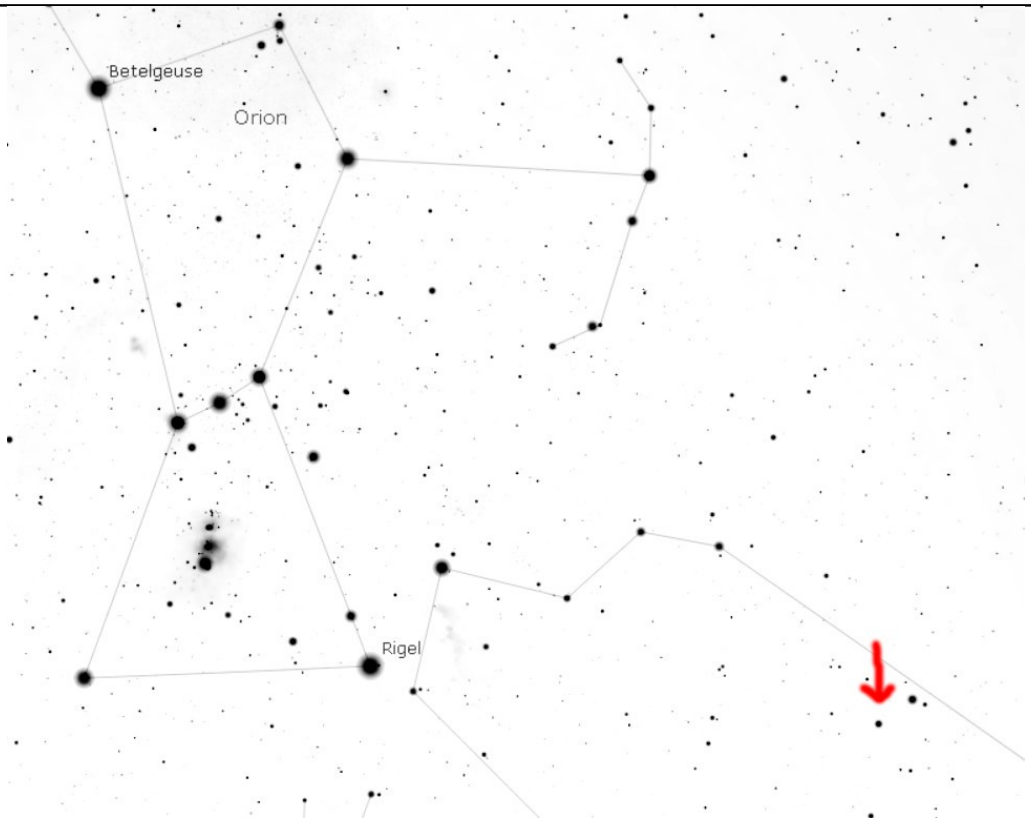
Keid 40 (o^2) Eridani



Quick Facts:

Distance: 16 light-years. Constellation: Eridanus.

A trinary star with a normal main sequence star, a red dwarf and one of the first discovered white dwarfs, the most easily visible white dwarf. The name is Arabic for egg shells, nearby Omicron Eridani taking the name Beid for egg. The system is famous in science fiction as the home of Star Trek's Vulcan Mr. Spock. No exoplanets confirmed (as of 2022). Find it: Look 15 degrees due west of Rigel for a pair of 4th magnitude stars less than 2 degrees apart. Keid is the southernmost. GOTO: NAMED STARS (KEID).

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