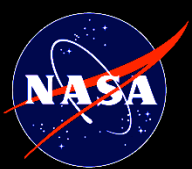


# ExoPAG SAG 13: Exoplanet Occurrence Rates and Distributions

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# Charter

Over 5000 exoplanets and exoplanet candidates have been discovered to date. Many studies have been published and are on-going to determine exoplanet occurrence rates and distributions, particularly for potentially habitable worlds. These studies employ different statistical and debiasing methods, different definitions of terms such as eta\_Earth and habitable zone, different degrees of extrapolation, and present distributions in different units from each other. The primary goal of this SAG is to evaluate what we currently know about planet occurrence rates, and especially eta\_Earth, by consolidating, comparing, and reconciling discrepancies between different studies. A secondary goal is to establish a standard set of occurrence rates accepted by as much of our community as possible to be used for mission yield estimates for missions to be considered by the decadal survey.

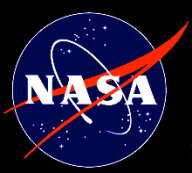
## Key objectives and questions:

- 1. Propose standard nominal conventions, definitions, and units for occurrence rates/distributions to facilitate comparisons between different studies.
- 2. Do occurrence estimates from different teams/methods agree with each other to within statistical uncertainty? If not, why?
- 3. For occurrence rates where extrapolation is still necessary, what values should the community adopt as standard conventions for mission yield estimates?

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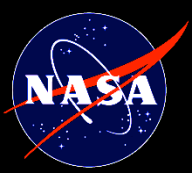
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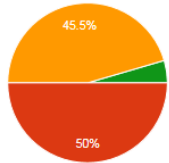
# Status and delivered products

- July 21<sup>st</sup>: SAG approved by APS
- July – Oct: discussions and online poll helped converge to a consensus on standard eta bins
  - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14dBTg7hHmqxvfwonXfsTENQ4afIUtBxfw4WBt3WtR78/viewanalytics>
- Oct: Draft “standard eta bins” document created
  - delivered to Kepler hack week, where selected etas were calculated by 9 participants, all within statistical uncertainty of one another
- Nov: Final v.1 “standard eta bin” approved by SAG13 members
  - <http://exep.jpl.nasa.gov/exopag/>
- Dec – Jan: Computation / crowdsourcing of SAG13 eta tables
  - 5 so far
  - Preliminary comparisons show consistency in some etas as well as disparity in others



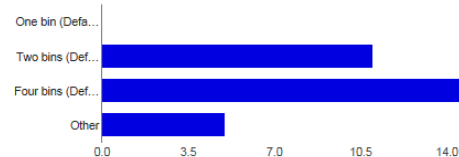
# Completed online poll

Should we work in linear space or log space of period and planet size?



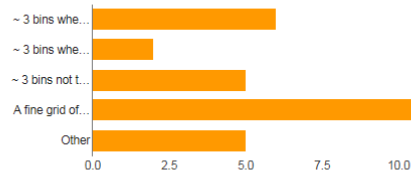
Linear	0	0%
Log	11	50%
linear R, log P	10	45.5%
log R, linear P	1	4.5%
Other	0	0%

When comparing planet occurrence rates, how would we like to see focus group members treat stellar type?



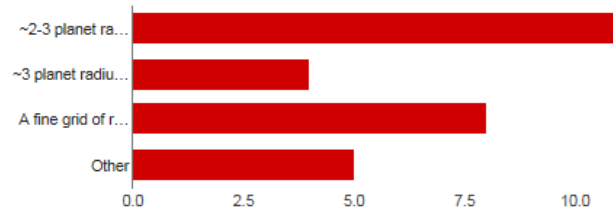
One bin (Default: (F)GKM stars as a single group)	0	0%
Two bins (Default: (F)GK and M)	11	45.8%
Four bins (Default: (F), G, K, and M)	15	62.5%
Other	5	20.8%

When comparing planet occurrence rates, how would we like to see focus group members treat period?



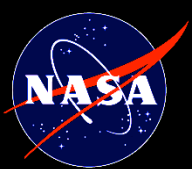
~ 3 bins where one of them is the Solar twin HZ (Default = 65-237; 237-864; 864-3150 days)	6	25%
~ 3 bins where one of them is a K5 star HZ (Default: 20-78; 78-305; 305-1196 days)	2	8.3%
~ 3 bins not tied to any HZ (Default = 10-40; 40-160; 160-700 days)	5	20.8%
A fine grid of bins (Default = $k \cdot 2^n$ days, where $k = 12.5$ ; $n=1,2,3,\dots$ )	11	45.8%
Other	5	20.8%

When comparing planet occurrence rates, how would we like to see focus group members treat planet radius?

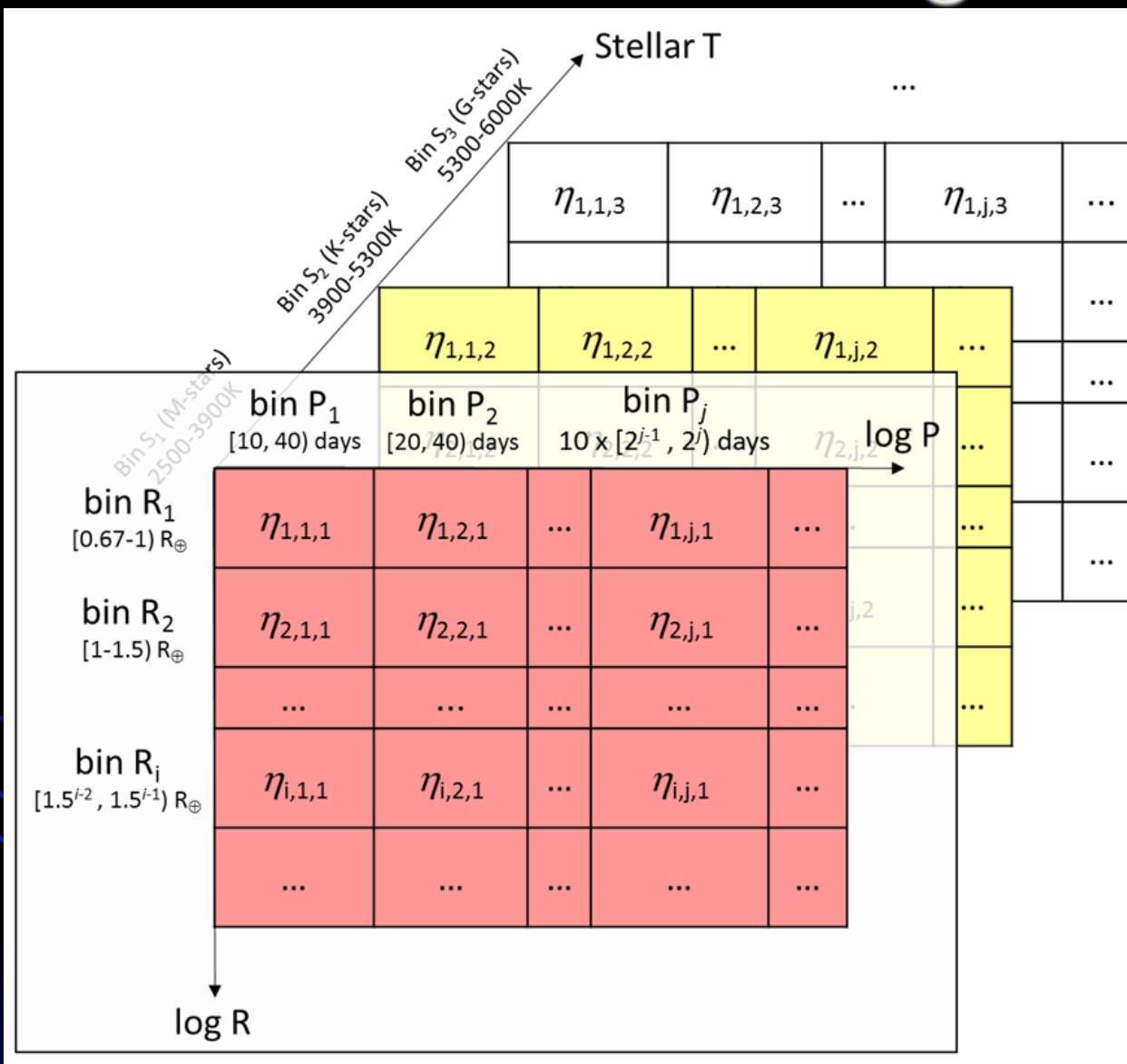


~2-3 planet radius bins where one of them is rocky (Default = 1-1.5 Earth radii, and > 1.5 Earth radii)	11	47.8%
~3 planet radius bins not tied to rocky planets (Default = 1-2; 2-4; 4-8)	4	17.4%
A fine grid of radius bins (Default = $2^n$ Earth radii, where $n=-1,0,1,2,\dots$ )	8	34.8%
Other	5	21.7%

- 24 participants
- Exposed key challenges and concerns
  - Saved for posterity: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14dBTg7hHmqxvfwNXfsTENQ4afIUtBxfw4WBt3WtR78/viewanalytics>
- Facilitated convergence to consensus on standard eta definitions



# Standardized eta grid



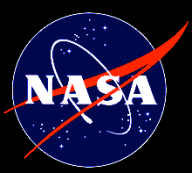


# Selected eta comparisons from Hack Week

$\eta_{3,3,G}$	0.089 +/-0.018	0.100 +0.018 -0.021	0.089 +/-0.017	0.083 +0.021 -0.017	0.086 +/-0.017	0.088 +/-0.07	0.092 +/-0.018	0.091 +0.01 -0.009
$\eta_{2,3,M}$	0.3 +/-0.11	0.26 +/-0.11 -0.08	0.23 +/-0.09	0.23 +0.1 -0.08	0.32 +/-0.1	0.26 +/-0.09	0.25 +/-0.1	0.185 +0.064 -0.052
$\eta_{3,3,K}$		0.12 +0.04 -0.03	0.1 +/-0.027		0.077 +/-0.024	0.1 +/-0.027		0.108 +0.004 -0.013
$\eta_{2,3,K}$		0.06 +0.02 -0.01	0.06 +/-0.014		0.051 +/-0.013	0.06 +/-0.014		

## Cuts:

1.  $e_{\text{cycle}} > 0.33$
2.  $T_{\text{span}} * e_{\text{cycle}} > 365.25 * 2$
3.  $MES \geq 15$
4.  $\text{Log}(g) \geq 4$
5.  $1.5 \leq R_p < 2.3$  (SAG13 j=3)
6.  $20 \leq P < 40$  (SAG13 i = 2);  $40 \leq P < 80$  (SAG13 i = 3)
7.  $2400 \leq T < 3900$ ;  $3900 \leq T < 5300$ ;  $5300 \leq T < 6000$  (SAG13 M, K, G)<sub>7</sub>



# Current activity: crowdsourcing eta values

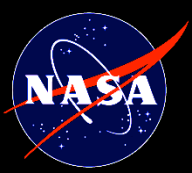
- Focus group members

(i.e. SAG13 members who agreed to perform computations)

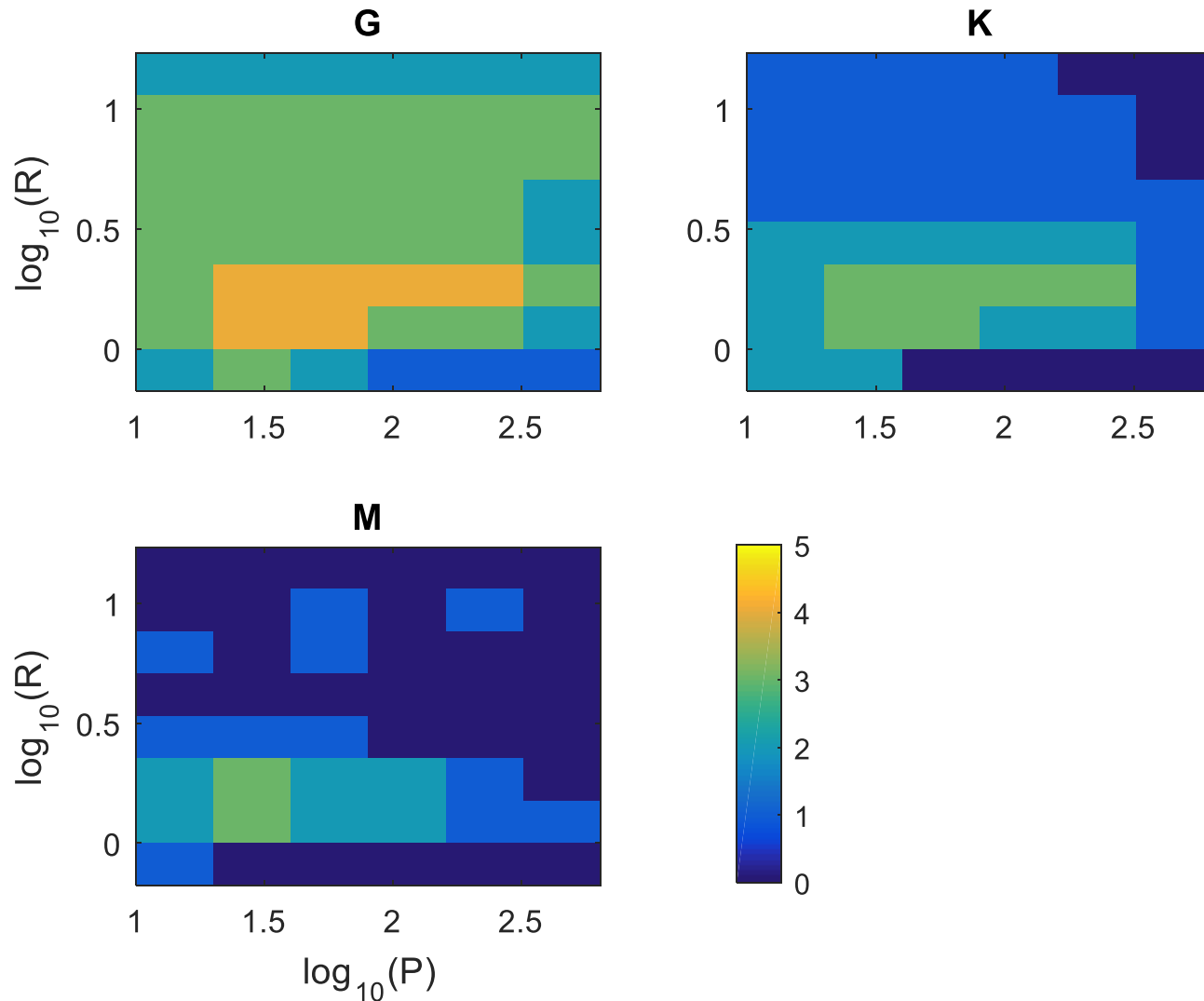
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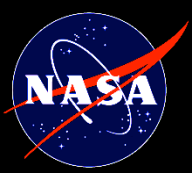
Please contact the SAG if you would like to participate!  
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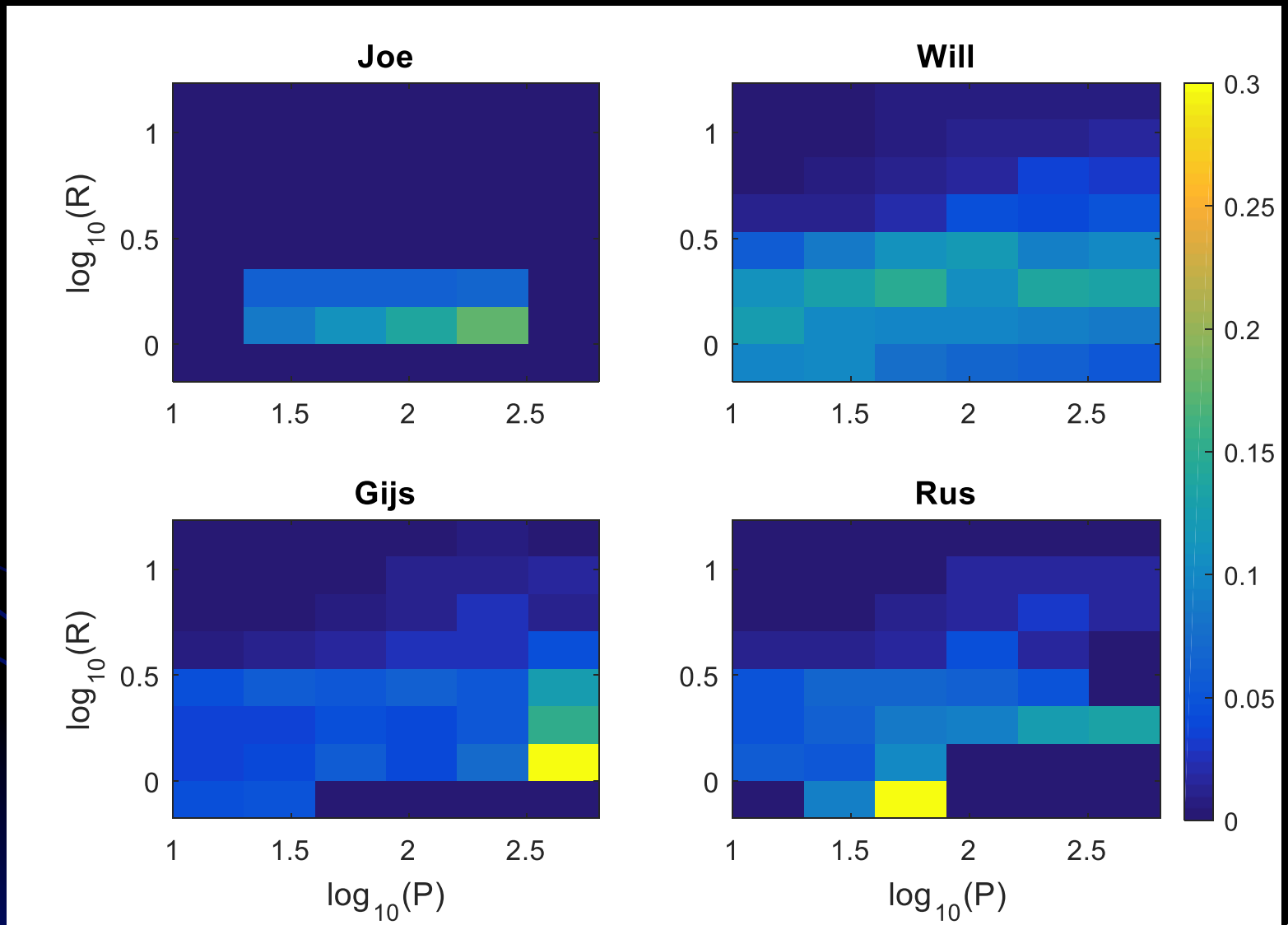
# Number of submissions of *preliminary* eta values so far



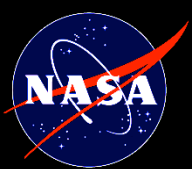
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# Example: eta value submissions for G-stars

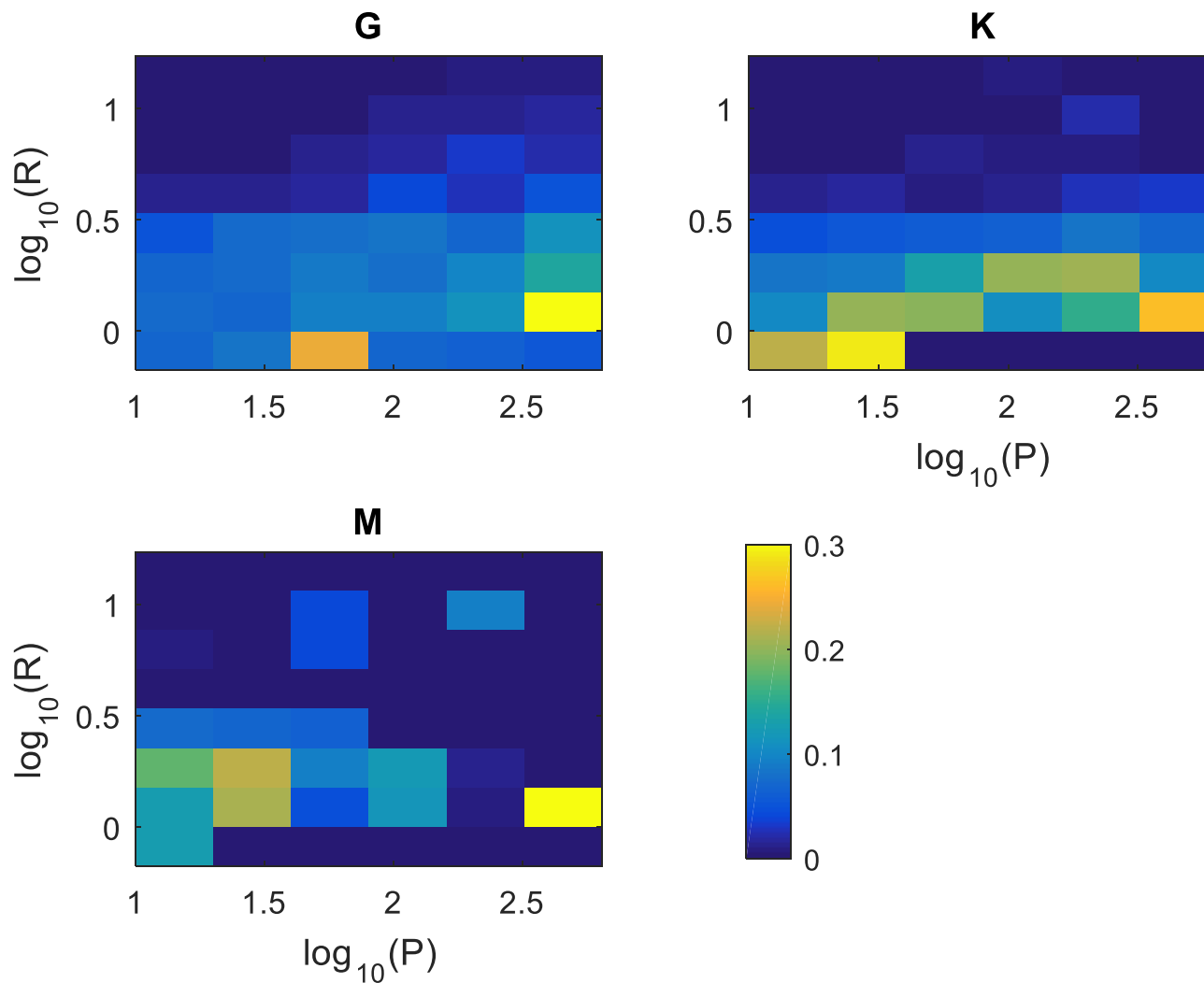


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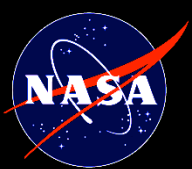


# Means

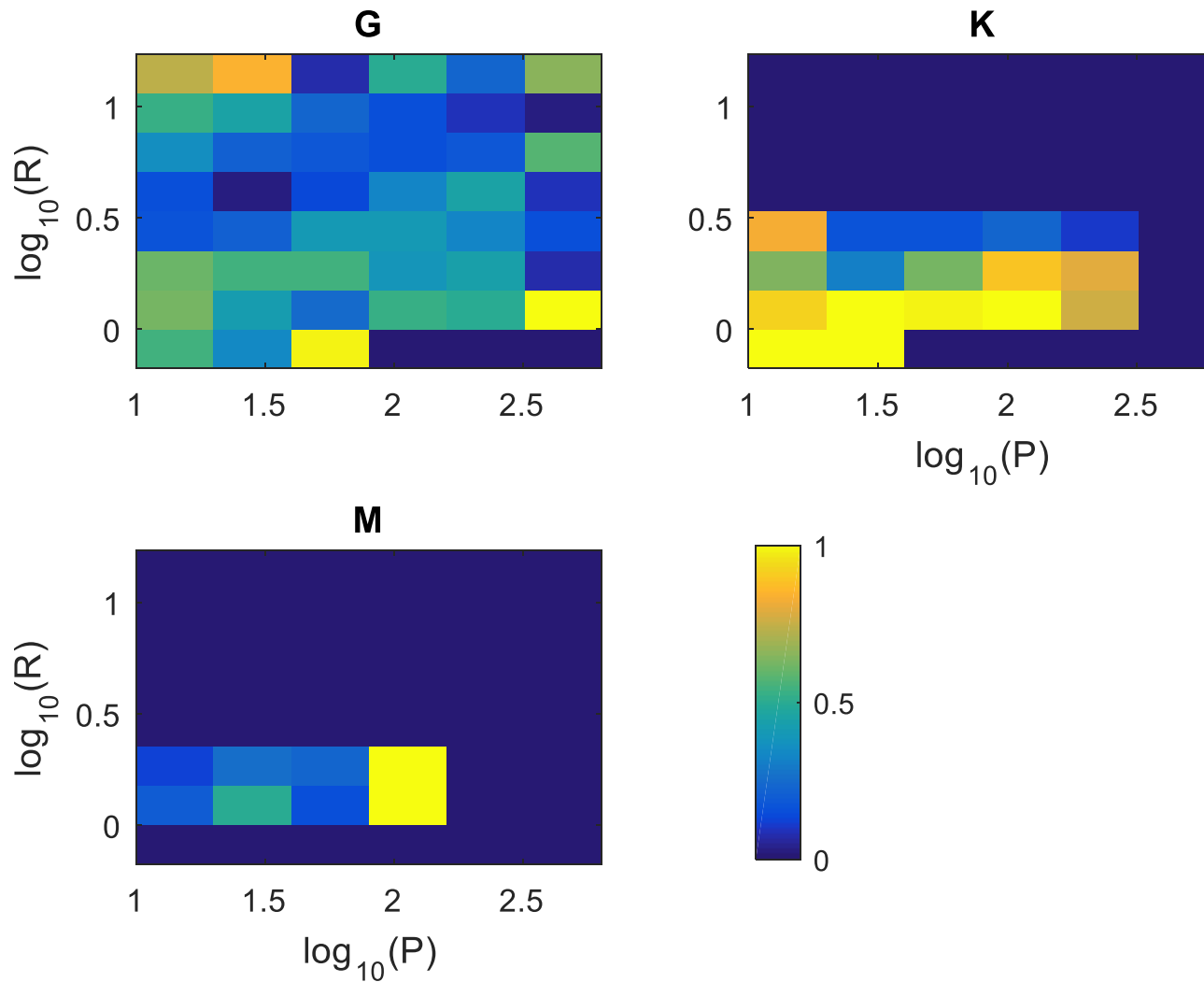
(ignoring NaN values)



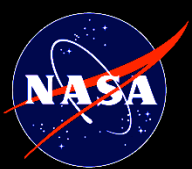
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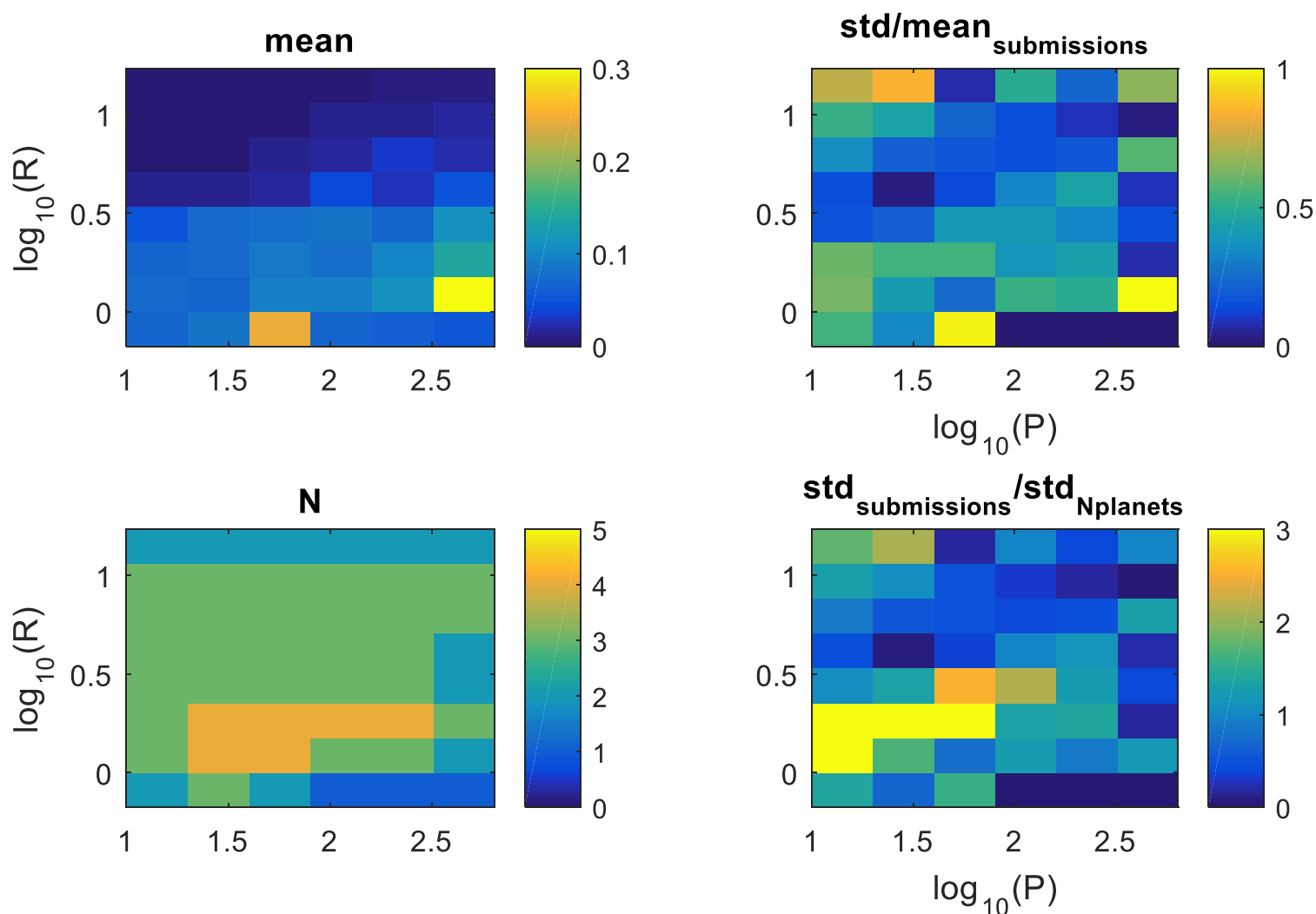
# Standard deviation / mean (ignoring NaN values)

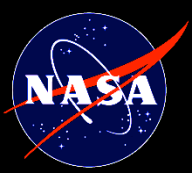


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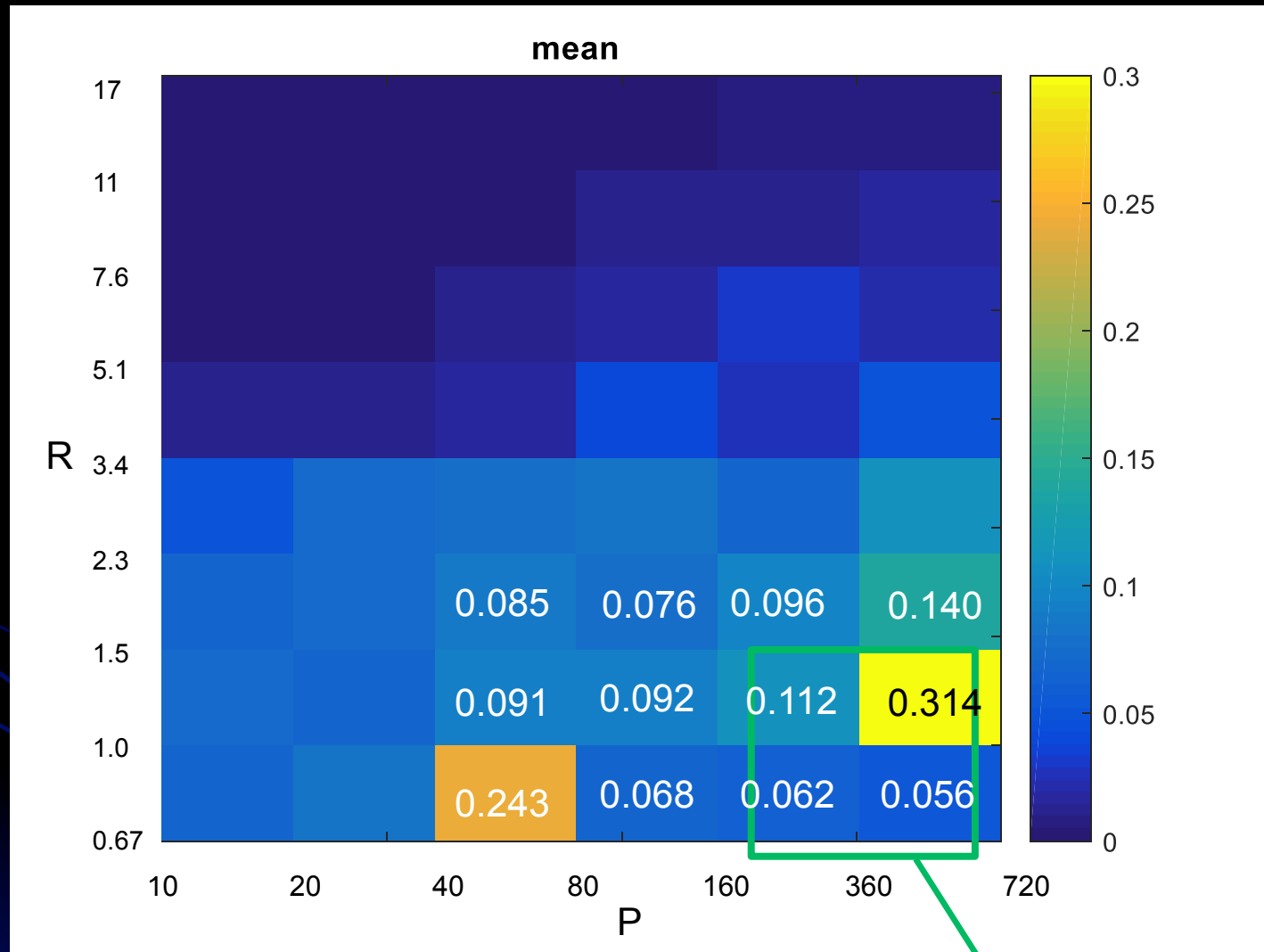


# Statistics for G stars



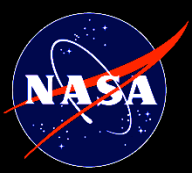


# Preliminary look at potentially habitable regime (G-dwarfs)



~0.5

Caution: green box value is \*very\* preliminary, and with huge uncertainties



# Conclusions

- SAG13 converged on a consensus for “standard eta bins”
  - <http://exep.jpl.nasa.gov/exopag/> (Navigate to SAG13 section)
  - In the process of crowdsourcing and analyzing values
- New members welcome (especially if you can compute occurrence rates)
  - Please email [ruslan.belikov@nasa.gov](mailto:ruslan.belikov@nasa.gov)
  - next meeting / telecon is this Thursday at 4pm