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# Exoplanet Exploration Program (ExEP) Overview

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# NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program

Astrophysics Division, NASA Science Mission Directorate

- Program Office managed for NASA by JPL/Caltech, located in Pasadena, CA
- Extension of HQs to serve the exoplanet community
- Analyzes and recommends to HQs
- Implements

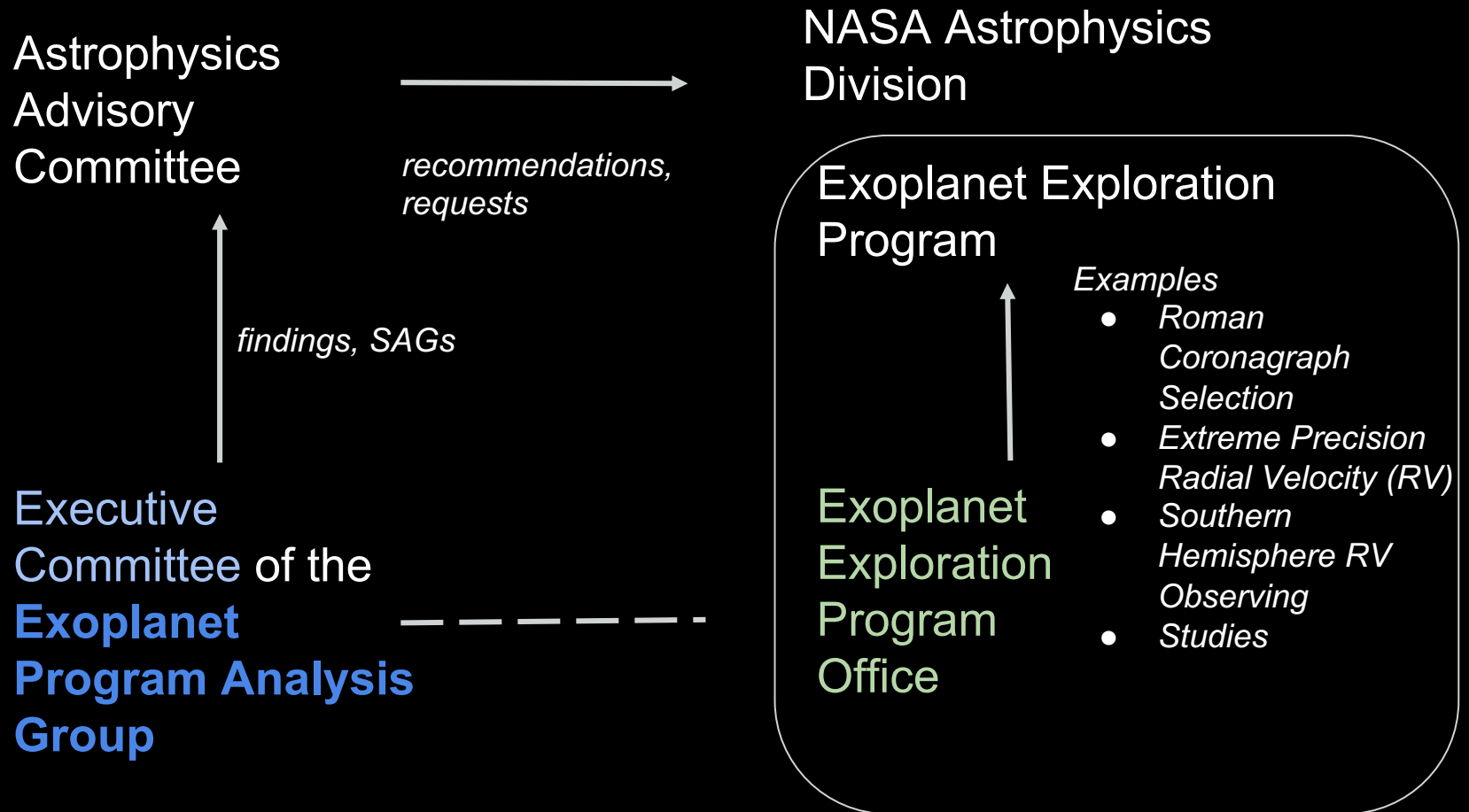


ExEPO serves the Science Community and NASA:

- As a Focal point for exoplanet science and technology
- By Integration of cohesive strategies for future discoveries



# How the ExoPAG can Influence



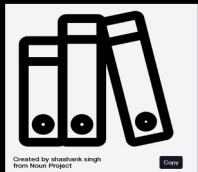
# Looking Back: ExEP Investments Toward Astro2020



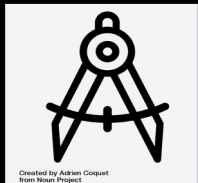
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**Precursor  
Science**



**Exoplanet  
Archives**



**Architecture  
Studies**



**Comms**



**Astro  
2020**

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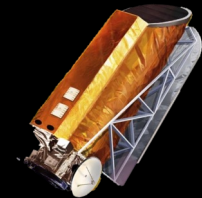
# NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program

## Space Missions and Concept Studies

Kepler K2



Large- and Probe-Scale  
Mission Concepts

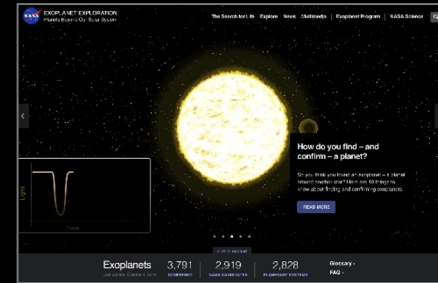


Coronagraph



Starshade

## Exoplanet Communications



## Supporting Research & Technology

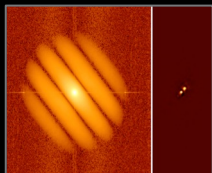
### Key Sustaining Research



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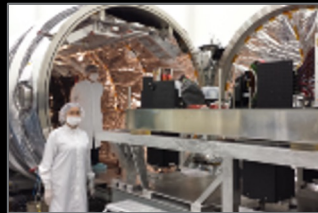
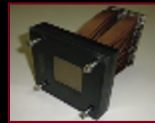


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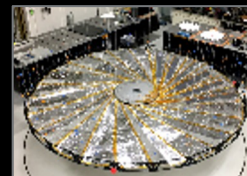
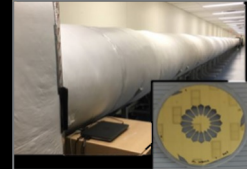


High Resolution  
Imaging

### Technology Development

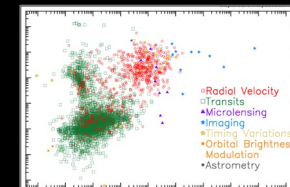


Coronagraph  
Technology  
Development



Starshade  
Technology  
Development (S5)

### NASA Exoplanet Science Institute (NExSci)



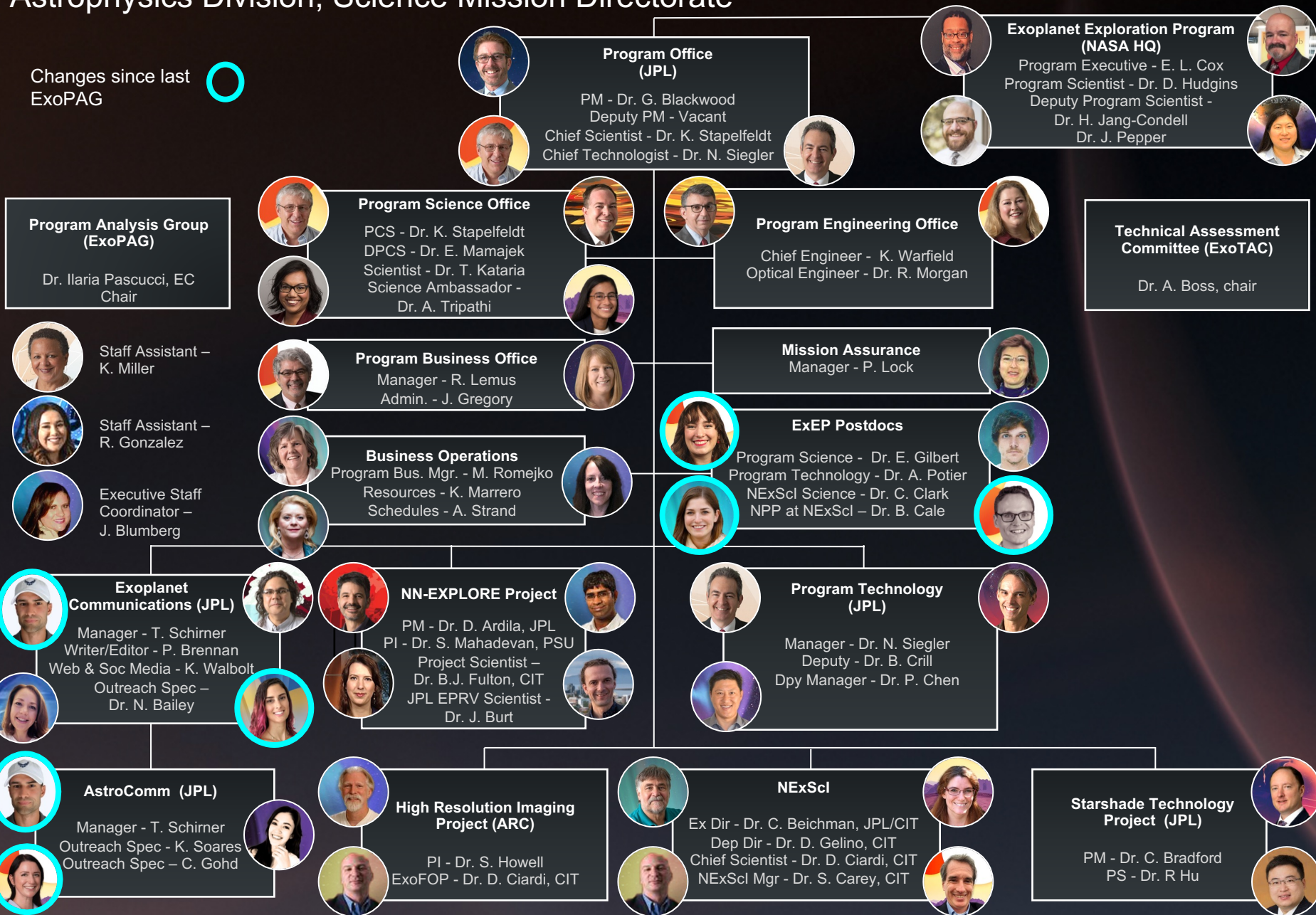
Archives, Tools, Sagan Program,  
Professional Engagement

# NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program

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Changes since last  
ExoPAG





# Looking Forwards: Towards the Habitable Worlds Observatory

## Project Start (Phase A)

### External Review



Created by 16 Data Studio  
from Noun Project

The Exoplanet Exploration Program Office will partner with the Community and NASA HQ and PhysCOS/COR Program Offices to prepare for a successful External Review

Created by Jesper Vestergaard  
from Noun Project

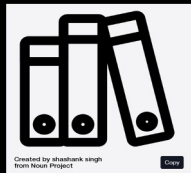
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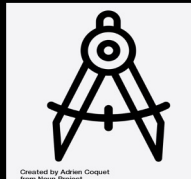
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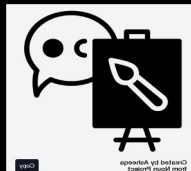
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- High Contrast @ Bandwidth @Dynamic @ Inner and outer working angle @ Throughput
- Stable Telescopes
- Planet Mass (Radial Velocity)
- Eta-Earth Demographics
- Science Metrics
- Archives for Science of 2020s
- Architecture Studies
- Communications

# Towards the Habitable Worlds Observatory

## Announcing Studies and Workshops - Building Blocks



You will hear today from Brendan Crill:

- Deformable Mirror Technology Roadmap
- Coronagraph Architectures Survey
- Segmented Optical Telescope Assembly Simulator Study
- Coronagraph Technology Roadmap
- Starlight Suppression Workshop



You will hear today from Eric Mamajek:

- Exoplanet Science Metrics Working Group

Will announce via Exopagannounce:

- Exoplanet yield tools workshop in June with EXOSIMS hack session





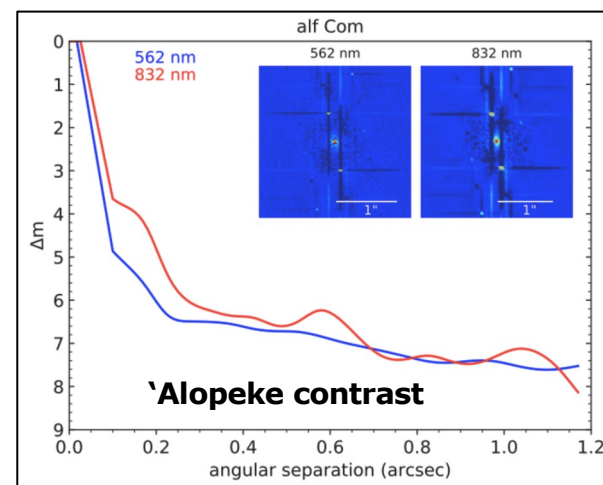
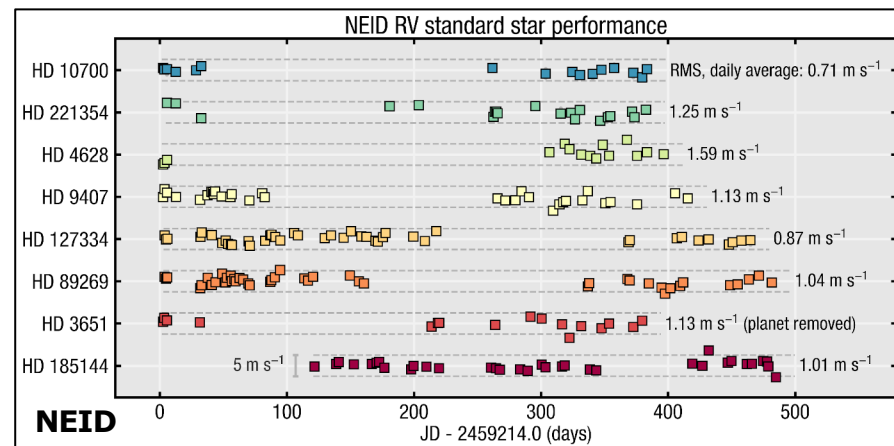
# NN-EXPLORE

Partnership for Exoplanet Discovery and Characterization

NASA - NSF



- Extreme Precision Radial Velocity – Research Coordination Network, ROSES call
- Maintain the **NEID spectrometer** at WIYN, process and archive the data at NExScI.
- Process and archive NEID solar data
- Maintain speckle imagers **NESSI** at WIYN, '**Alopeke** at Gemini North, **Zorro** at Gemini South, and process and archive the data.
- Reserve time for exoplanet characterization, at **WIYN**, **SMARTS/CHIRON**, and **MINERVA-Australis**, for researchers affiliated with US Institutions



## NASA-NSF Ground-based support for Exoplanet Discovery and Characterization

Come hear about:

- NEID at WIYN Telescope / Kitt Peak
- MAROON-X at Gemini North
- EXPRES at the Lowell Discovery Telescope
- KPF at Keck Observatory
- US access to SMARTS/CHIRON
- US access to MINERVA-Australis
- NESSI, Zorro, 'Alopeke
- Foundational Science results for Extreme Precision Radial Velocity

- **EPRV ROSES solicitation on Foundation Science released! Step 1 due Feb. 16, 2023.**
- **Registration is open for the EPRV 5 Conference, to discuss progress since the last conference, 4 years ago**



**March 27 – 30, 2023**  
**Hilton Beachfront Resort**  
**Santa Barbara, CA**

**Monday, January 9th, 2023; 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM PST**  
**Hybrid: Seattle Convention Center - Room 304;**  
**<https://jpl.webex.com/meet/ardila>**



## *“O TRAPPIST-1, How Lovely Are Thy Planets”*

In December 2022, we debuted a short sing-along video which combined our love of the TRAPPIST-1 system and the joyful holiday season.

The video serves as **a forerunner to JWST's observations of the system** and provide an accessible onroad for the families and kids to engage with exoplanet science.



The lyrics increase public awareness of the promise of the TRAPPIST-1 exoplanets (**especially TRAPPIST-1e, -1f, and -1g**) and the concept of a habitable zone.

See more of our public comms work:



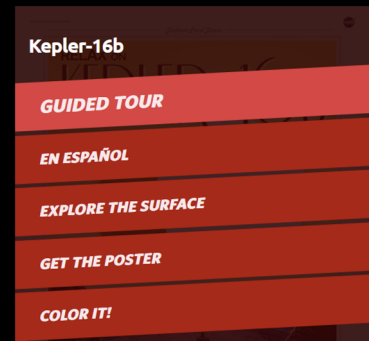


# Other Recent Highlights

- ExoExplorers Science Series: completed 2nd cohort, selected third
- Redesigned Exoplanet Travel Bureau with new functions and new interactive guided tours in English and Spanish.
- Large Binocular Telescope Interferometer: closed Project and donated instrument to the University of Arizona



## *Tour the Galaxy*



# How can You Participate?

- Research
  - Postdoc and Fellowship
  - ExoExplorers
- NExSci
  - Archive, Follow-Up Observing, Sagan Summer workshops
- Science
  - Observing Opportunities
  - Participation
  - Research
- Technology
  - Participation
  - Research



<https://bit.ly/exoopportunities>

## Get Involved through NASA's Exoplanet Exploration Program

NASA's Exoplanet Exploration Program, a program office managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory for the NASA Astrophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate, implements NASA's Space Science vision for exoplanets. Learn how to get involved through the Exoplanet Exploration Program Office in the following ways:

	Activity	How do I get involved?	Links
<b>Technology Development</b>	NASA's Strategic Astrophysics Technology (SAT)	Propose to SAT proposal calls	<a href="https://respon.nasajms.com/">https://respon.nasajms.com/</a> <a href="https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/TEDM-awards/">https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/TEDM-awards/</a> <a href="http://www.astrotech.nasa.gov/">http://www.astrotech.nasa.gov/</a> <a href="https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/">https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/</a>
	ExEP Technology Gap List	Provide input to ExEP Technology Gap List (reviewed and updated biennially)	<a href="https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/gap-list/">https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/gap-list/</a> <a href="https://gap440.gsl.nasa.gov/technology.html">https://gap440.gsl.nasa.gov/technology.html</a>
	ExEP Technology Colloquium Series	Sign up for ExEP tech colloquium announcement list	<a href="https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/tech_colloquium/">https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/tech_colloquium/</a>
	Stargate Science and Industry Partnership (SIP)	Participate in Stargate Science and Industry Partnership (SIP)	<a href="https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/stargate/">https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/stargate/</a>
<b>Science</b>	ExEP Science Gap List	Input to ExEP Science Plan & Gap List (reviewed and updated annually)	<a href="https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/overview/science-overview/">https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/overview/science-overview/</a>
	Exoplanet Exploration Program Analysis Group (ExEPAG)	Apply to join ExEPAG Executive Committee. Attend Biannual ExEPAG Meetings Open to Everyone to give a talk.	<a href="https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/overview/epag/">https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/overview/epag/</a> <a href="https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/overview/epag/student-bowl/">https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/overview/epag/student-bowl/</a>
<b>NASA Exoplanet Science Institute</b>	NASA Exoplanet Archive	Open for use to everyone	<a href="http://exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu">http://exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu</a>
	Exoplanet Follow-Up Observing Program (ExFOP) for Kepler, K2, TESS	Open for use to everyone	<a href="http://exfop.ipac.caltech.edu/">http://exfop.ipac.caltech.edu/</a>
	Sagan Summer Workshops	Register to attend Sagan Workshops	<a href="https://nexus.caltech.edu/conferences/">https://nexus.caltech.edu/conferences/</a>
	NASA Hubble Fellowship Program	Apply for Sagan Fellowships	<a href="https://nexus.caltech.edu/sagan/fellowship.shtml">https://nexus.caltech.edu/sagan/fellowship.shtml</a>
<b>Observing Opportunities</b>	NASA Rack Time	Apply for observing time.	<a href="http://nexus.caltech.edu/mismissions/RGA/">http://nexus.caltech.edu/mismissions/RGA/</a>
	NEO Precision Radial Velocity Spectrograph on WYN 3.5-m	Apply for observing time through NORLab proposal calls	<a href="https://nexus.caltech.edu/science/observing-neo/proposals/call-for-proposals">https://nexus.caltech.edu/science/observing-neo/proposals/call-for-proposals</a>
	High Contrast Imaging (Dual Channel Speckle Imagers on WYN, Gemini A, Gemini S)	Apply for observing time through NORLab proposal calls	<a href="https://nexus.caltech.edu/science/observing-hci/proposals/call-for-proposals">https://nexus.caltech.edu/science/observing-hci/proposals/call-for-proposals</a> Instrument Contact: Steve Howell (Ames) <a href="mailto:stew.h.howell@nasa.gov">stew.h.howell@nasa.gov</a>
	CHIRON on SMARTS 1.5-m (Southern Radial Velocity)	Apply for NW EXPLORE observing time through NORLab proposal calls	<a href="https://nexus.caltech.edu/science/observing-chiron/proposals/call-for-proposals">https://nexus.caltech.edu/science/observing-chiron/proposals/call-for-proposals</a> Instrument contact: Todd Henry (OSU) <a href="mailto:therry@astro.gsu.edu">therry@astro.gsu.edu</a>
	MINERVA-Australis	Apply for NW EXPLORE observing time through NORLab proposal calls	<a href="https://nexus.caltech.edu/science/observing-minerva/proposals/call-for-proposals">https://nexus.caltech.edu/science/observing-minerva/proposals/call-for-proposals</a> Instrument contact: Rob Wittenmyer (OSU) <a href="mailto:Rob.Wittenmyer@osu.edu.au">Rob.Wittenmyer@osu.edu.au</a>

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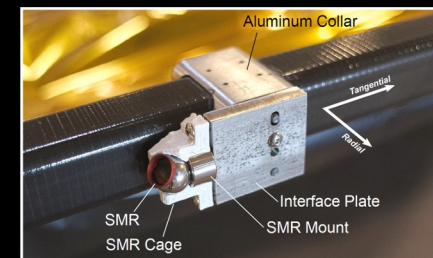
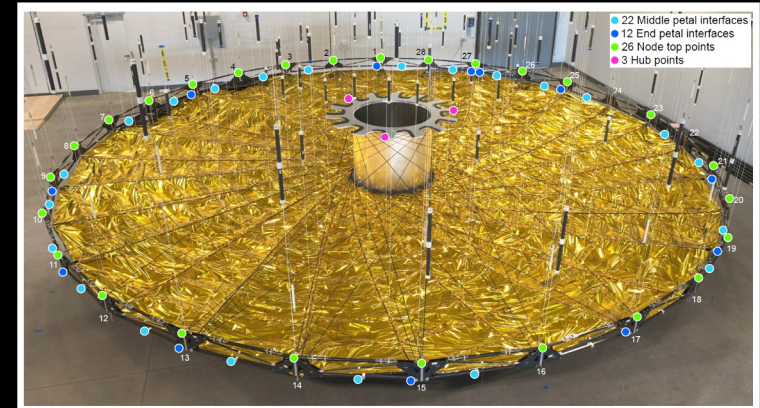
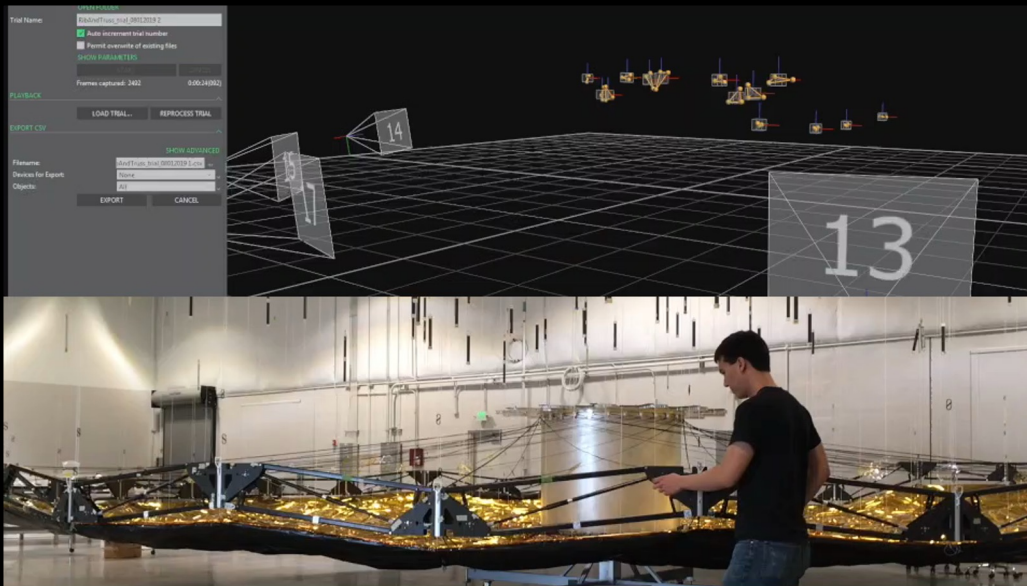
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# Backup



# Starshade Technology



Kenzo Neff, Tendeg (former JPL intern)  
demonstrating motion tracking





# Closing Starshade Technology Gaps

<https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/exep/technology/starshade/>

