

ExoPAG SIG#2: Exoplanet Demographics

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SIG#2's Goals: Building on SAG13

SAG13's Goal:

- **Primary:** Evaluate what we currently know about planet occurrence rates, and especially etaEarth, by consolidating, comparing, and reconciling discrepancies between different studies.
- Secondary: 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 [2010] decadal survey.



SAG13 Final Report

SIG#2 Foundational Goal:

"To extend the SAG#13 work over a wider parameter space, by bringing together groups in the community to discuss their cross-technique and cross-population results, and identify work needed to move forward."

SIG#2 Meta-Studies Report

Enabling Exoplanet Demographics Studies with Standardized Exoplanet Survey Meta-Data



- Report completed April 2023 under the leadership of J. Christiansen and M. Meyer
- The report finds that demographics re-analyses or meta-analyses are stymied by the lack of survey meta-data
- It presents a list of data and products to include when publishing exoplanet survey data that would enable other to better utilize their results

Leadership & Logistical Updates

- June 2023: R. Fernandes and S. Johnson took over from previous co-chairs J. Christiansen and M. Meyer
 - Jennifer Gregory still keeping the ship righted

- January 2024: ExoPAG Executive Committee approved Steering Committee:
 - Natalie Batalha (UCSC)
 - Bertrand Mennesson (JPL)
 - Samuel Quinn (Harvard/CfA)
 - Elisa Quintana (NASA Goddard)

Leadership & Logistical Updates

- Regular meetings on the Second Friday of the Month at 1 pm Eastern time
- Significant recruitment efforts have increased member numbers by 30%
 - Especially focused on recruiting ECRs, which makes up the majority of new members
- Established a short Code of Conduct included in meeting reminder emails focusing on
 - Respectful Communication
 - Active Listening
 - Constructive Critique
 - Harassment-Free Zone
 - Inclusivity
 - Confidentiality
 - Timeliness
 - Tech Etiquette

Current Focus: A Review of etaEarth



- We are curating a review of past efforts to determine eta-Earth, and have a first order discussion of how different approaches/assumptions can affect eta-Earth and its error bars
- We don't have the scope to duplicate SAG13, but want to shed some light on the problem

Are We There Yet? Challenges in Quantifying Earth Analogues in the Habitable Zone

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- First sections dedicated to consolidating definitions and summarizing past efforts to measure frequency of Earth-analogs
 - Identify cause of chronological changes and (attempt) to collate results in an "applesto-apples" comparison
- Latter sections will identify pathways forward
 - Identify sources of systematics that are not fully accounted for
 - E.g., planet multiplicity, stellar multiplicity, stellar metallicity, etc.
 - Future constraints on eta-Earth from different detection techniques
 - How close are each of the detection techniques (current + upcoming missions) to finding Earth and/or placing constraints on eta-Earth

To be submitted May 2025 to AAS Journals

Looking Forward

- White paper highlighting exoplanet demographic opportunities with Roman Space Telescope
- White paper synthesizing exoplanet demographics using multiple detection techniques.

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