Earth Science / Exoplanet Synergies

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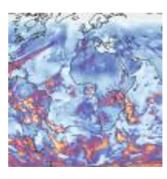
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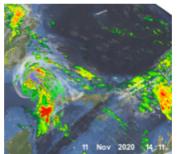


Atmospheric Composition (AC)



 Climate Variability and Change (CVC)



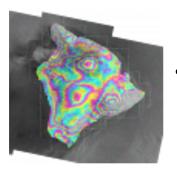


 Weather and Atmospheric **Dynamics**



 Water and **Energy Cycle**





Earth Surface and Interior

Earth Science Sub-Programs & Managers:

Physical Oceanography (CVC) -Nadya Vinogradova-Shiffer

Ocean Biology & Biogeochemistry (CCE) - Laura Lorenzoni

Cryospheric Science (CVC)

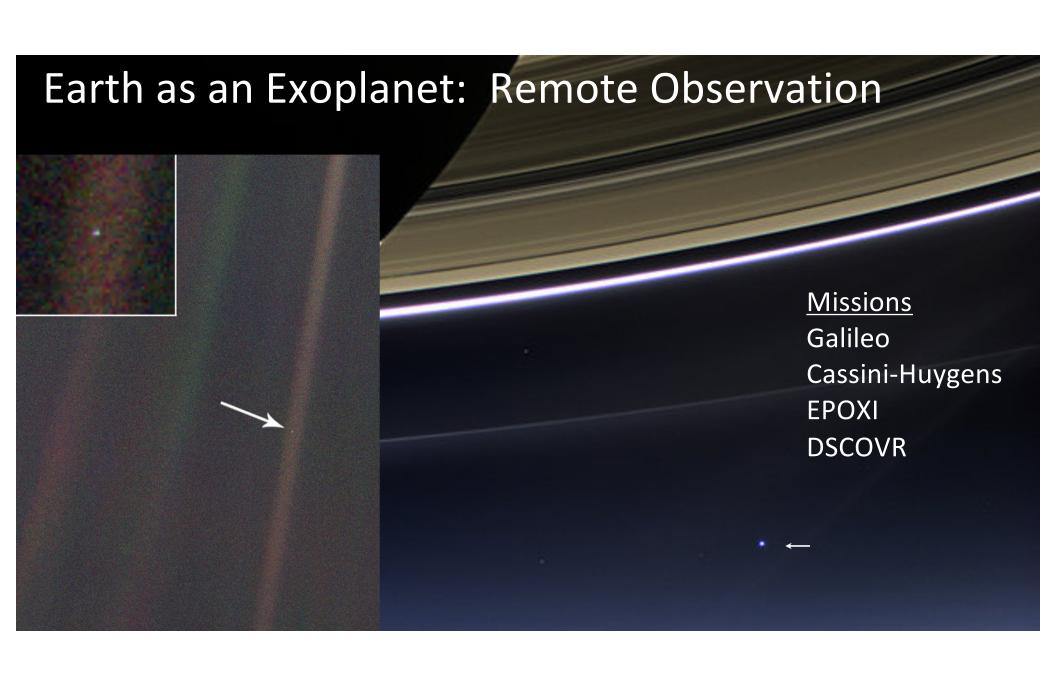
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Atmospheric Composition Modeling & Analysis (AC)

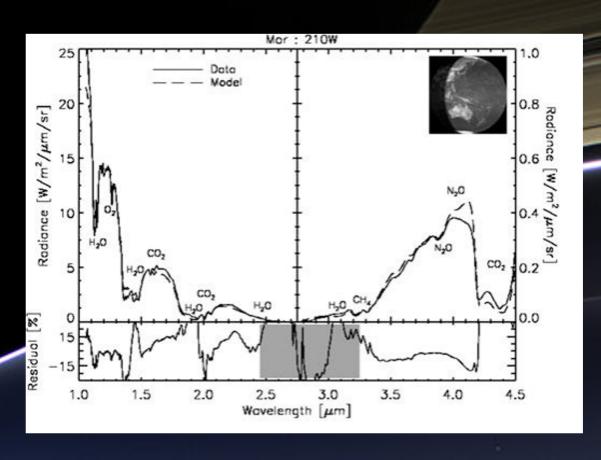
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 Carbon Cycle and Ecosystems (CCE)





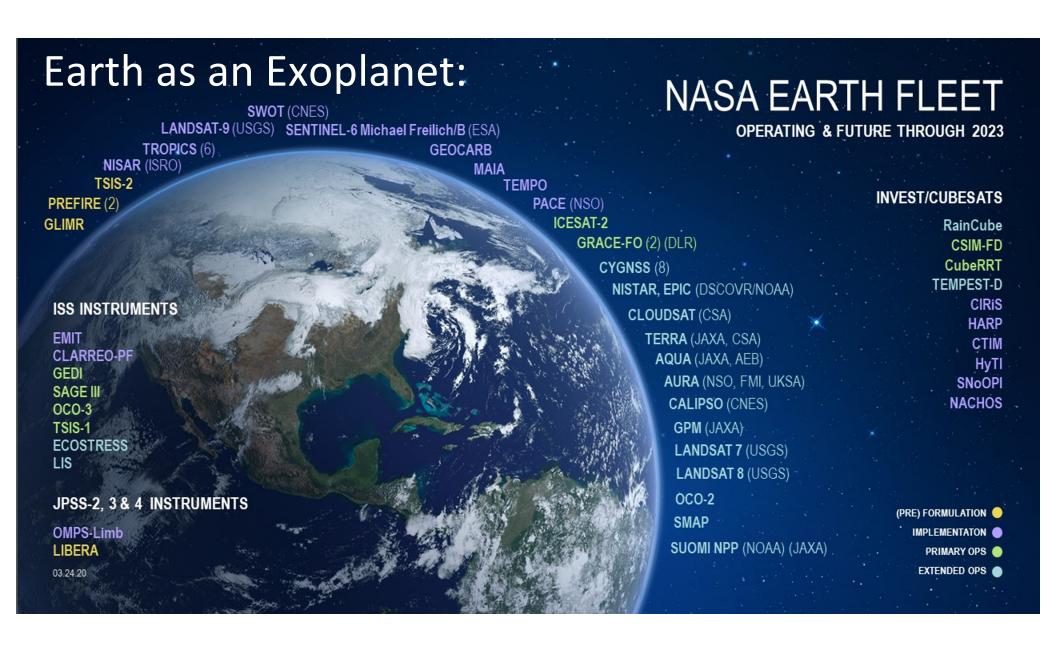
Earth as an Exoplanet: Remote Observation



Missions
Galileo
Cassini-Huygens
EPOXI
DSCOVR

Earthshine from Moon
Ground telescopes

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Geobiology / Geochemistry

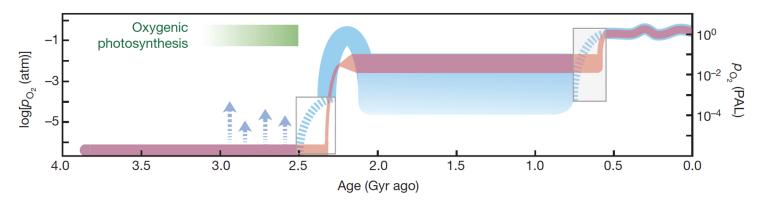
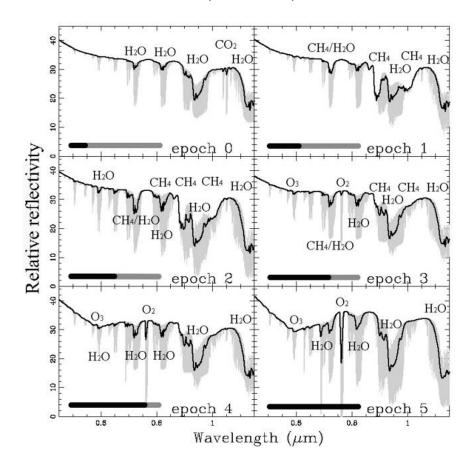


Figure 1 | Evolution of Earth's atmospheric oxygen content through time. The faded red curve shows a 'classical, two-step' view of atmospheric evolution⁹⁵, while the blue curve shows the emerging model (p_{O_2} , atmospheric partial pressure of O_2). Right axis, p_{O_2} relative to the present atmospheric level (PAL); left axis, $\log p_{O_2}$. Arrows denote possible 'whiffs' of O_2 late in the Archaean; their duration and magnitude are poorly understood. An additional

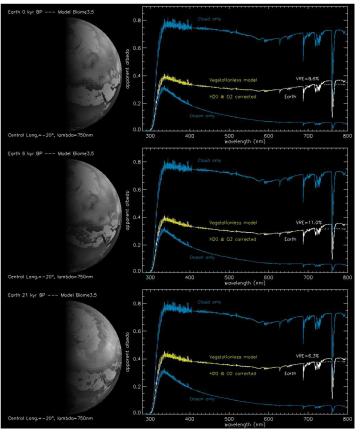
frontier lies in reconstructing the detailed fabric of 'state changes' in atmospheric p_{O_2} , such as occurred at the transitions from the late part of the Archaean to the early Proterozoic and from the late Proterozoic to the early Phanerozoic (blue boxes). Values for the Phanerozoic are taken from refs 96 and 97.

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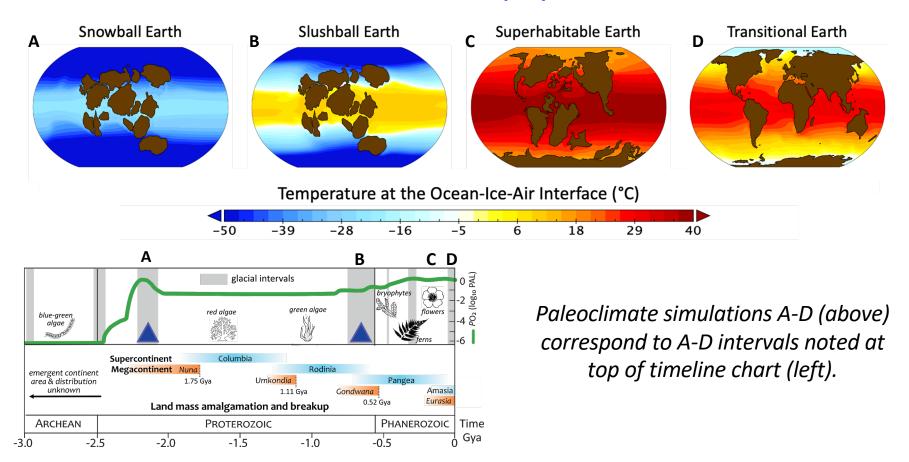
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Paleoclimate in a Planetary Systems Context



Earth Interior in a Planetary Systems Context

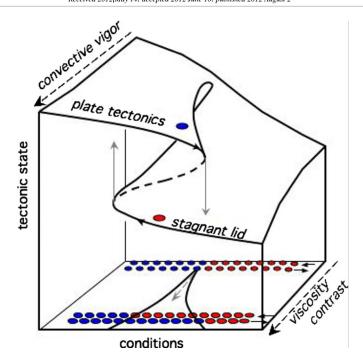
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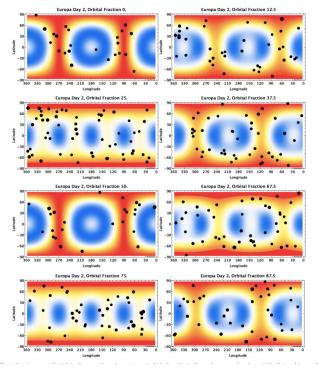
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Seismicity on tidally active solid-surface worlds

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Earth as an Exoplanet: Diversity of Life

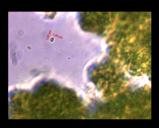


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RADIATION INTERACTIONS



phototrophy (light harvesting)



photoprotection



signaling bioluminescence



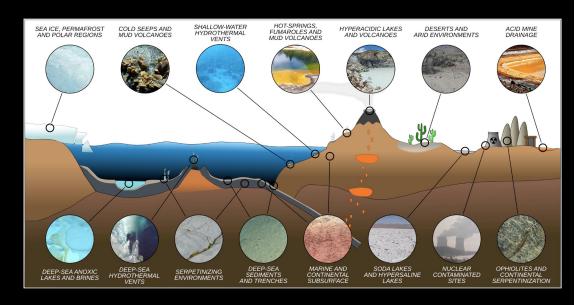
heat balance



antibiotic defense

antioxidant

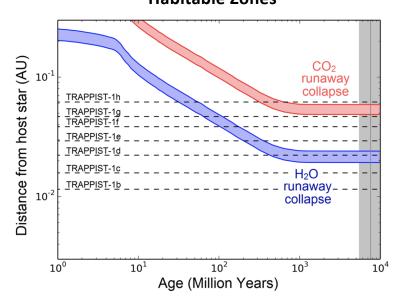
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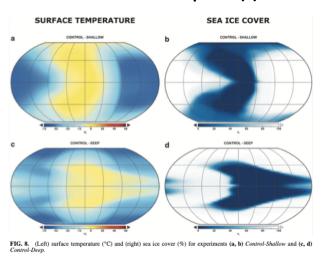
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TRAPPIST-1 Planets Habitable Zones



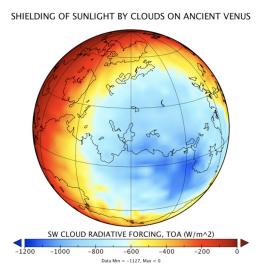
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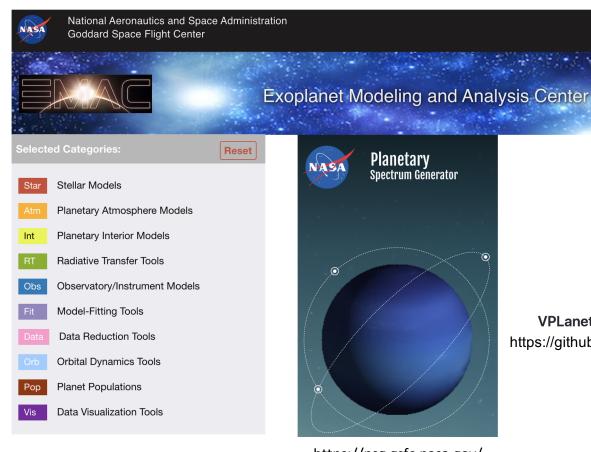
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Early Venus



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Earth as an Exoplanet: Community Modeling Tools





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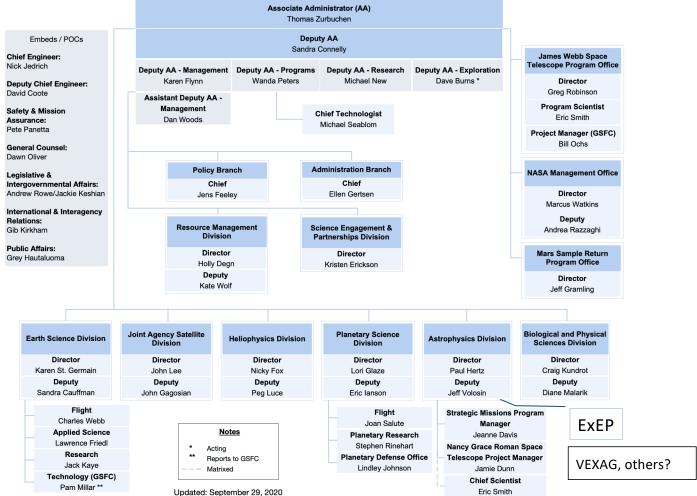


VPLanet: The Virtual Planet Simulator https://github.com/VirtualPlanetaryLaboratory/vplanet



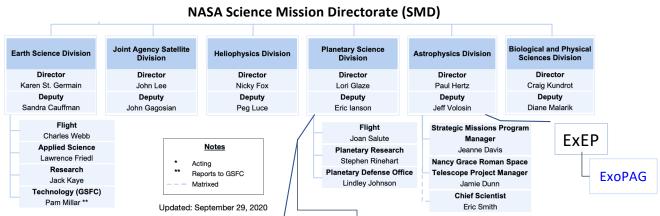
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NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD)





Organizational Support for Earth Science in Exoplanet Science



VEXAG, others?

NASA

Jack Kaye used to support original Astrobiology Institute through Earth Science ~\$500K/yr

NASA Astrobiology Program Research Coordination Networks (RCN) Nexus for Exoplanet System Science (NExSS) Network for Life Detection (NfoLD) Prebiotic Chemistry and Early Earth Environments (PCE3) Network for Ocean Worlds From Early Cells to Multicellularity

NSF Support

- Geobiology & Low
 Temperature Geochemistry
- Origin of Life
- Paleoclimate
- P2C2
- Sedimentary Geology & Paleobiology

USGS?

Private:

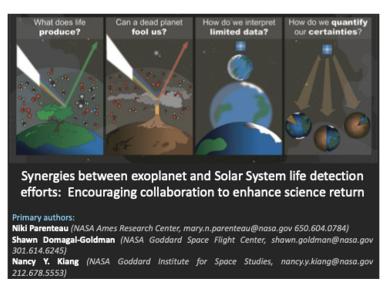
- Breakthrough Initiative
- Simons Foundation

NASA ROSES

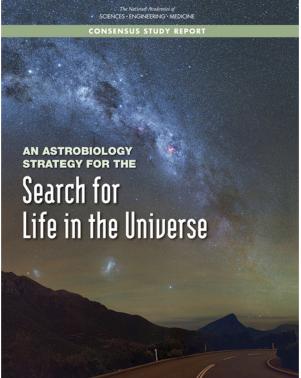
Program	Program Managers	Earth scientist participation
Exoplanet Research Program (XRP)	Astro, Planetary, Helio, Earth	remote sensing, lab kinetics
Habitable Worlds	Planetary, Helio	climate modeling, geophysics
Exobiology	Planetary	lab kinetics, microbiology, biogeosciences, biophysics
Solar Systems Workings (SSW)	Planetary	Moon and Solar System Planets, climate modeling, geology
Living With A Star	Helio	atmospheric chemistry
Lunar Data Analysis	Planetary	Earth history: terrestrial meteorites on the lunar surface
Emerging Worlds	Planetary	geophysics, petrology
Astrobiology ICAR	Planetary	biochemistry, evolutionary biology, microbial ecology, geophysics, petrology, geochemistry, astronomy, planetary science

National Research Council (NRC) Consensus Study Reports Interdisciplinary Decadal White Papers: Planetary, Astrobiology, Exoplanet, Earth Science

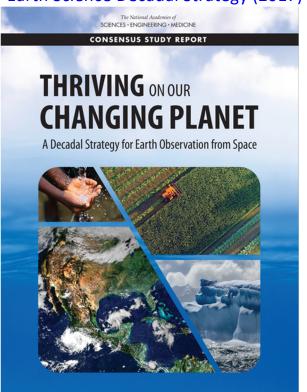
Exoplanet Science Strategy (2018)



Astrobiology Science Strategy (2018)



Earth Science Decadal Strategy (2017)



Earth vs. Exoplanet Conferences/Workshops

December: American Geophysical Union

January: Exoplanet Exploration Program Analysis Group (ExoPAG)

AAS

February: Habitable Worlds

April? June?: AbSciCon

June: ExoPAG

Others: ?

Discussion questions

- What Earth Science can be solicited to support exoplanet science and the search for life? What Earth Science is needed that is not directly observable for exoplanets?
- How can NASA better organize its Divisions and ROSES programs to support Exoplanet/Earth Science collaborations?
- What conferences/meetings/workshops should be targeted to foster exoplanet-Earth Science collaborations?