

The search for life with the Origins Space Telescope

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Space Telescope From the community, by the community, for the community.



Through the Astrophysics Roadmap, the community expressed interest in a "Far-IR Surveyor" mission.



The Origins Science and Technology Definition Team engages with and represents the community and directs the Decadal mission concept study.



Guest Observers would use *Origins* to answer missiondriving science questions and make unexpected, transformative discoveries.





Origins: Spitzer-like minimal deployable design

Wavelength coverage: **2.8-588 µm** Telescope: diameter: 5.9 m area: 25 m² (=JWST area) diffraction-limit: 30 µm temperature: 4.5 K Cooling: long life cryo-coolers Agile Observatory for surveys: 60" per second Launch Vehicle: Large, SLS Block 1, Space-X BFR Mission: 10 year propellant, serviceable

Orbit: Sun-Earth L2





OSS: Origins Survey Spectrometer -25-588 μ m R~300, survey mapping -25-588 μ m R~43,000, spectral surveys -100-200 μ m R~325,000, kinematics





FIP: Far-infrared Imager Polarimeter

- 50 or 250 µm, Large area survey mapping
- 50 or 250 µm, polarimetry

MISC-T: Mid-Infrared Spectrometer Camera Transit

-Ultra-Stable Transit Spectroscopy -2.8-20 µm R~50-295





Detectors: Far-IR:

improved sensitivity: 3x10⁻²⁰ W/Hz^{1/2} state-of-the-art: 10⁻¹⁹ W/Hz^{1/2} increase array size: 104 pixels state-of-the-art: 3000 pixels Kinetic Inductance Detectors (KIDs), Transition Edge Sensor (TES) bolometers

Enabling

Technologies

Mid-IR:

improved relative spectral stability, 5 ppm state-of-the-art: 20-50 ppm HgCdTe, Si:As, TES

Cryocoolers: are in hand -4.5 K: Have already flown on Hitomi (2016), JWST/MIRI (TRL 7, 6 K) -50 mK: NASA development







SHI Hitomi

NGAS JWST/MIRI



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With sensitive and high-resolution far-IR spectroscopy Origins will illuminate the path of water and its abundance to determine the availability of water for habitable planets.



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Origins follows the water trail to much fainter limits



Origins is designed to create a complete census of volatiles (traced by water) from the ISM to exoplanetary atmospheres around all stellar types

TRACING WATER EMISSION IN DISKS



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- Simultaneous wavelength coverage from 3-22 microns
- Spectral resolving power (λ/Δλ) of R=50-300
- MISC will be sensitive to key spectral signatures (H₂O, CO₂, O₃, CH₄, N₂O) for HZ planets with Earth-like atmospheres transiting mid-to-late M dwarfs
- Broad wavelength coverage = context
 - Detection of the unexpected





Origins will use a multi-tiered observing strategy to search for life

Tier 3

Search for biosignatures (O_3+N_2O, O_3+CH_4) with additional <u>transits</u> of temperate worlds

Tier 2Eclipseobservations of clear M-dwarf planets to
determine if they are temperate

Tier 1<u>Transit</u> observations of M- and K-dwarf planets to determine which
planets have tenuous, clear or cloudy atmospheres

Number of planets in a 4000-hr program with *Origins*

Tier	# of Planets	Median observation	Total hrs
1	28	8 transits	896
2	17	15 eclipses	1020
3	10	52 transits	2080

Pre-select terrestrial M-dwarf planets based on M_p , R_p and T_{eq} , relatively rank based on suitability for detailed atmospheric characterization (e.g., Cowan et al. 2015; Zellem et al. 2017; Goyal et al. 2018; Kempton et al. 2018; Morgan et al. 2018).



Synergies between Origins, JWST, ELTs

- **JWST** can determine presence of an atmosphere and constrain abundances of some molecules (e.g., H₂O, CO₂, CH₄, depending on the atmospheric composition)
- ELTs could use very high-resolution spectroscopy (R~100,000+) in optical to search for O₂ in transit (Snellen et al. 2013, Rodler & Lopez-Morales 2014, Serindag & Snellen, 2019)
 - Technique could be extended to detections of CH_4 and H_2O
 - However, thermal background noise limits this ground-based approach to bluer than 5 microns (Snellen et al. 2015)
- HRS observations to date have provided only molecular detections, not abundance determinations, due to loss of continuum information (Brogi & Line 2018)
- Emission from M-star HZ planets within reach for a handful of systems at N-band (10 mm) (Quanz et al., 2014) but will likely come via photometry, rather than spectroscopy
- Therefore, visible or thermal IR observations with JWST, ELTs would be entirely complementary to *Origins* transit and emission spectra



Serindag & Snellen 2019



Ancillary Exoplanet Science with Origins

- Characterizing Jupiter- and Neptune-class atmospheres at closer to solar system temperatures, beyond the reach of JWST
- Jupiter and Saturn analogs through time via coronography (an upscope)
- Thermal phase curves and eclipse mapping of terrestrial HZ planets





Discovery Space of Origins



H2 mapping with Origins vs JWST in near-by galaxies (in 12 hours)

15" scale maps of dust polarization to bridge Planck (2') & ground (1")



Measure sizes to all KBOs > 10 km in a few hundred hour survey



And much more...



Dust in debris disks



Time variability in protostellar accretion (*Time-domain panel*)

Conclusions



- M dwarfs are important targets in the search for life
- Origins will target terrestrial planets in the habitable zone of M dwarfs to detect biosignatures and constrain habitability
- Origins will enable technical advances with detector technology
- Origins will characterize the atmospheres of planets that will have already been discovered by ground- and space-based surveys
- Origins will leverage previous heritage of characterizing transiting exoplanets, extending high-fidelity measurements to the mid-IR

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Additional slides



Origins definitively measures gas mass of planet forming disks





Origins definitively measures D/H (HDO/H $_2$ O) in >200 comets & asteroids



- Water vapor emission tracing gas at temperatures 10K to 1000K in 30-600 microns. 10K-300K gas cannot be studied with SOFIA. HD line emission is a tracer of gas mass in young proto-planetary disks around stars of all masses.
- High spectral resolution R for water and moderate R for deeper sensitive observations for HD in disks.



Accessing Biosignatures and Thermal Properties with Origins

- Origins will assess the habitability of nearby exoplanets and search for signs of life.
 - Transmission and emission (dayside and phase-resolved) exoplanet spectroscopy from 3-22 µm
- Origins Objectives
 - Search for bioindicator gases
 - Measure the temperatures of planet surfaces
 - For the most promising targets, search for biosignature gases, allowing for a unique assessment of a planet's ability to harbor life

Origins will leverage the transit technique to characterize the atmospheres of terrestrial exoplanets

- Precisely determined masses and radii
- Bulk densities for planetary classification before atmospheric characterization
- We can target planets known to be predominantly rocky

Fig. courtesy IPAC, adapted from Grimm et al. 2018

Origins MISC-T: IR wavelengths rich in biologically interesting molecules

M Dwarfs are Compelling Planet-Hosting Stars

- M dwarfs are common
 - 75% of stars within 15 pc are M dwarfs
- Rocky planets are common
 - Expect to detect about a dozen HZ exoplanets transiting mid-to-late M dwarfs within 15 pc
 - Four such planets are already known (TRAPPIST-1d,e,f and LHS-1140b)
- Advantages of small (rocky) planets transiting M dwarf stars
 - Larger transit depths
 - Closer habitable zones (5 100 days)
 - Increased transit probability in HZ

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Expected Yields of Temperate M-Dwarf Planets

- Origins will characterize the atmospheres of terrestrial Mdwarf planets that will have already been discovered by ground- and space-based transit surveys.
- TESS is expected to discover 43±7 temperate, terrestrial exoplanets (Barclay et al. 2018),
- SPECULOOS is expected to identify 14±5 temperate, terrestrial planets orbiting late M to early L dwarfs (Delrez et al., 2018)
- Target stars as faint as K=11.5

Comparing Comparing Origins and JWST

- JWST can determine presence of an atmosphere and constrain abundances of some molecules (e.g., H₂O, CO₂, CH₄, depending on the atmospheric composition)
- Need assessment of noise sources for JWST, a la Krick et al. (2016) for Spitzer
- Origins will be purpose-built with optimal noise-floor and wavelength coverage to spectrally measure the abundances of key molecular gases and detect signs of life

Origins Baseline Concept

- Spitzer-like architecture with minimal deployments
- JWST sized telescope (~25 m², 5.9 m), diffraction limited @ 30 µm
- Wavelength Coverage 2.8-590 μm
- Cold (~4.5 K) telescope and three cold (<=4.5 K) instruments, cooled with long-life cryo-coolers
- Launch 2035 on large rocket (SLS or BF3)
- Detector Technology development on track to reach TRL 5 by 2025
- Mission operations at Sun-Earth L2 orbit
- 5 year lifetime, with consumables for 10 years
- Community selected science programs

Origins Mission Development Timeline

The Power of the Mid-IR

- Access to thermal emission and the temperature structure of atmospheres
- Absorption features for a range of interesting gases
- Broad wavelength coverage for context and the detection of the unexpected

Detecting Biosignatures

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Origins will be sensitive to detecting biosignatures (O_3+N_2O) in TRAPPIST-1e's atmosphere with 15 eclipses + 85 transits (~400 hours over 5 years)