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Exoplanet Exploration Program Update

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Exoplanet Exploration Program Analysis Group Meeting (ExoPAG 15)
Grapevine, TX

NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program

Astrophysics Division, NASA Science Mission Directorate

NASA's search for habitable planets and life beyond our solar system



Program purpose described in 2014 NASA Science Plan

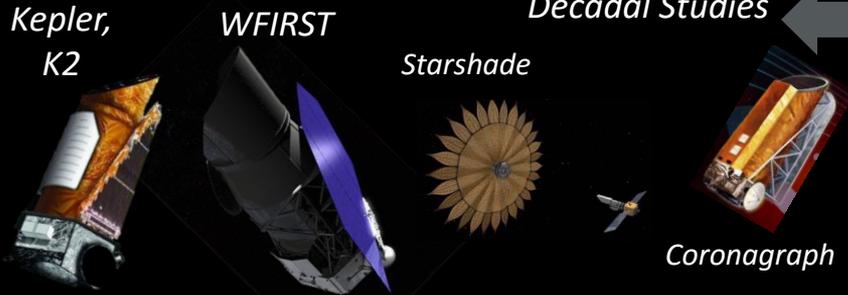
1. Discover planets around other stars
2. Characterize their properties
3. Identify candidates that could harbor life

ExEP serves the science community and NASA by implementing NASA's space science vision for exoplanets

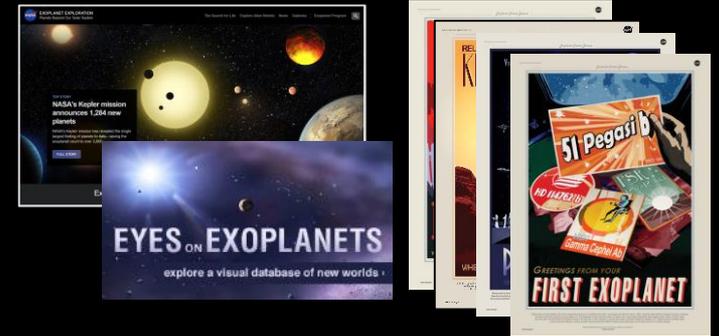
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NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program

Space Missions and Mission Studies



Public Communications



Supporting Research & Technology

Key Sustaining Research



Large Binocular Telescope Interferometer



Keck Single Aperture Imaging and RV



NN-EXPLORE

Technology Development



High-Contrast Imaging



Deployable Starshades

NASA Exoplanet Science Institute



<https://exoplanets.nasa.gov>

New Leadership in ExEP Projects



Dr. Natalie Batalha,
Kepler Project Scientist
(ARC)



Dr. Jessie Dotson,
K2 Project Scientist
(ARC)



Dr. Margaret (Peg)
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WFIRST Coronagraph
Instrument Manager
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Dr. Feng Zhao
WFIRST Deputy Coronagraph
Instrument Manager (JPL)

New Leadership in Exoplanet Program Office



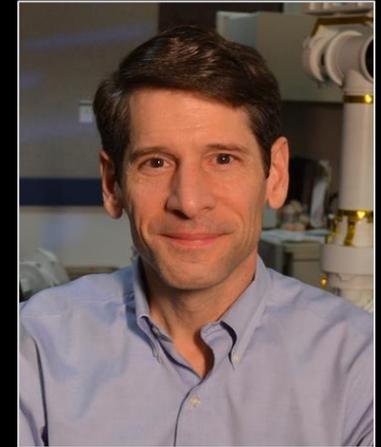
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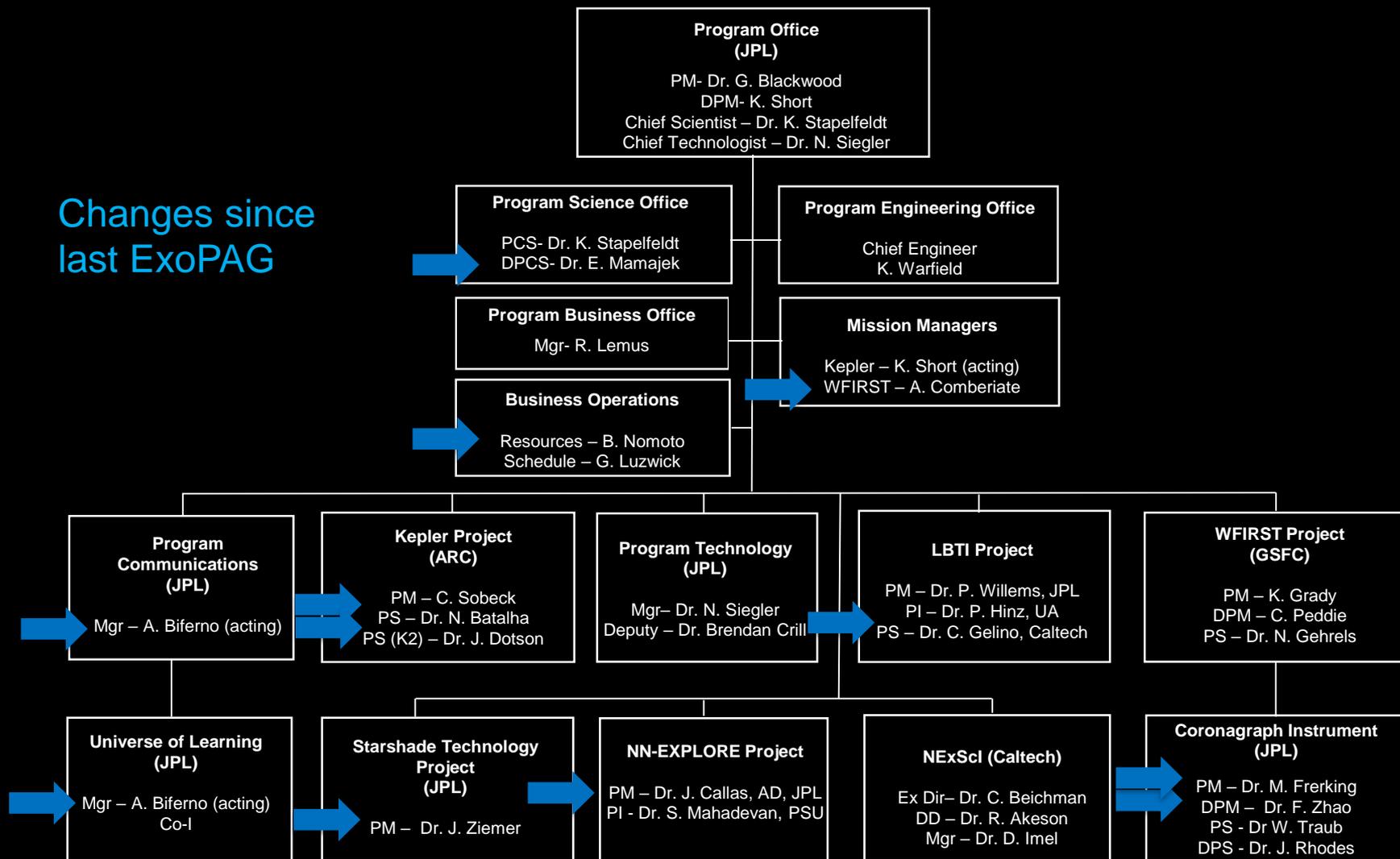


Dr. Brendan Crill,
Deputy Technology
Development Manager (JPL)⁵

NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program

Astrophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate

Changes since last ExoPAG



Astrophysics Division, NASA Science Mission Directorate

Resource Management
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Director
 Paul Hertz
Deputy Director
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Lead Secretary: Kelly Johnson
Secretary: Kyle Nero
Program Support Specialist: Jackie Mackall

Cross Cutting

Technology Lead: Billy Lightsey*
Education POC: Hashima Hasan (Lead Comm Team)
Public Affairs Lead: Kartik Sheth
Information Manager: Lisa Wainio*
Strategic Planning: Rita Sambruna

Astrophysics Research

Program Manager: Linda Sparke
Program Support: Ingrid Farrell*
Astrophysics Data Analysis: Doug Hudgins
Astrophysics Theory: Keith MacGregor*, Theresa Brandt*
Exoplanet Research: Martin Still*
APRA lead: Michael Garcia*
Cosmic Ray, Fund Physics: Thomas Hams*, Vernon Jones, Keith MacGregor*, Rita Sambruna
Gamma Ray/X-ray: Dan Evans, Michael Garcia*, Stefan Immler*, Lou Kaluziński, Rita Sambruna, Wilt Sanders
Optical/Ultraviolet: Michael Garcia*, Hashima Hasan, Mario Perez*, Martin Still*
IR/Submillimeter/Radio: Dominic Benford*, Doug Hudgins, Kartik Sheth, Eric Tollestrup*
Lab Astro: Doug Hudgins
Theory & Comp Astro Net: Keith MacGregor*
Roman Tech Fellows: Billy Lightsey*
Data Archives: Hashima Hasan
Astrophysics Sounding Rockets: Wilt Sanders
Balloons Program: Vernon Jones(PS), Mark Sistilli (PE)

Programs / Missions & Projects

Program Scientist *Program Executive*

Exoplanet Exploration (EXEP)

Program	Program Scientist	Program Executive
Keck	Doug Hudgins	John Gagosian
Kepler/K2	Hashima Hasan	Mario Perez*
LBTI	Mario Perez*	Jeff Hayes
NN-EXPLORE	Doug Hudgins	Mario Perez*
WFIRST	Doug Hudgins	John Gagosian
	Dominic Benford*	John Gagosian

Cosmic Origins (COR)

Program	Program Scientist	Program Executive
Herschel	Mario Perez*	Shahid Habib*
Hubble	Dominic Benford*	Jeff Hayes
James Webb [^]	Michael Garcia*	Jeff Hayes
SOFIA	Hashima Hasan	Ray Taylor [^]
Spitzer	Hashima Hasan	Shahid Habib*
	Kartik Sheth*	Jeff Hayes

Physics of the Cosmos (PCOS)

Program	Program Scientist	Program Executive
Athena	Rita Sambruna	Shahid Habib*
Chandra	Michael Garcia*	Jeanne Davis
Euclid	Stefan Immler*	Jeff Hayes
Fermi	Linda Sparke	Shahid Habib*
Planck	Stefan Immler*	Jeff Hayes
ST-7/LPF	Rita Sambruna	Jeff Hayes
XMM-Newton	Rita Sambruna	Shahid Habib*
	Stefan Immler*	Jeff Hayes

Astrophysics Explorers (APEX)

Program	Program Scientist	Program Executive
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NICER	Lou Kaluziński	Jeanne Davis
NuSTAR	Rita Sambruna	Jeff Hayes
Swift	Lou Kaluziński	Jeff Hayes
TESS	Martin Still*	Jeff Hayes
	Doug Hudgins	Mark Sistilli

+ Member of the Resources Management Division

* Detailee, IPA, or contractor

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Kepler / K2

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What's Coming Up

Kepler Close Out

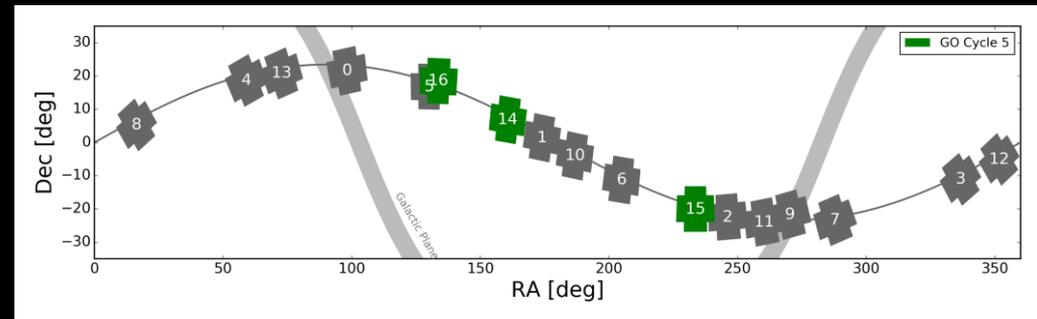
Delivering Kepler's Legacy

- Kepler closeout and final data processing continues steadily within overall schedule margin
 - The final reprocessing of the Kepler Q0-Q17 short cadence light curves has been completed, and the files are online at MAST (8/8/16)
 - Held Successful Documentation Completeness Review (10/26/2016)
 - SOC 9.3 Final Occurrence Rate Products on track (April 2017)



Kepler K2

Extending the Power of
Kepler to the Ecliptic



- Since last ExoPAG:
 - The C3, C4, and C5 short cadence data have been reprocessed and made available through MAST (Aug 16)
 - The Campaign 1 data has been reprocessed and is available on-line (Nov 16)
 - Processed Data released through Campaign 10 (Dec 16)
- Spacecraft remains fully operational, completed downlink of all Campaign 11 data via the DSN and is taking data on Campaign 12 field.
- Changed the position of the field for Campaign 16 - Kepler will observe in the forward-facing direction. Significant fraction of pixels dedicated to supernova science.

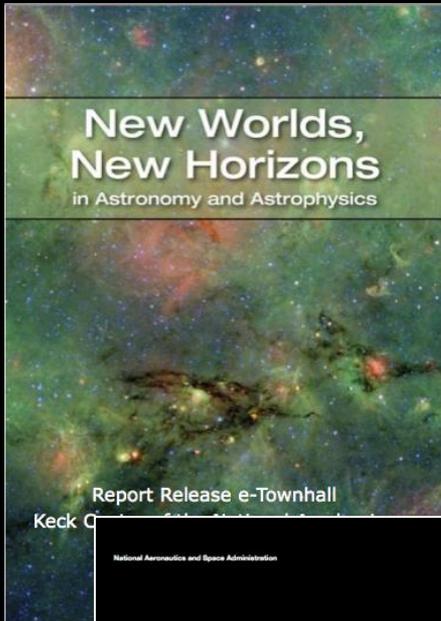
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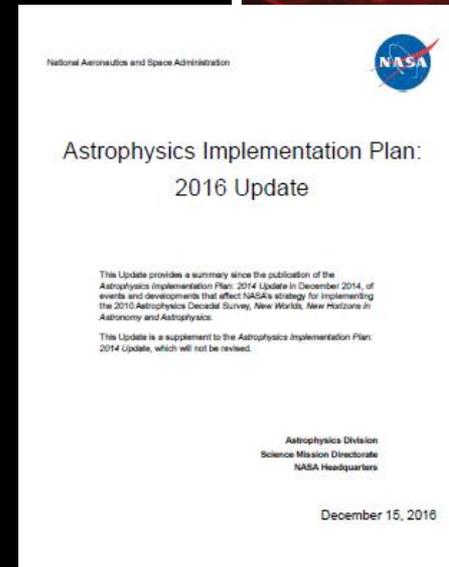
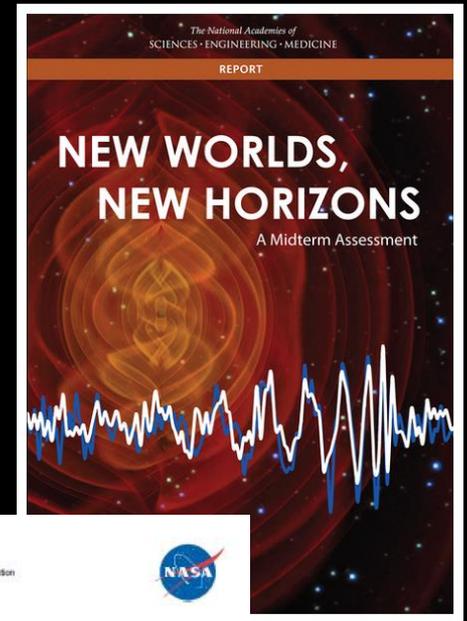
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Astrophysics Division: Driving Documents



Results of NWNH:

- WFIRST is top large-scale recommended activity
- NWNH technology program is top medium-scale recommended activity



<http://science.nasa.gov/astrophysics/documents>

WFIRST

Dark Energy, Alien Worlds, Infrared Astrophysics



- Completed Acquisition Strategy Meeting in August 2016
- Began Wide Field Instrument Industry 6-month Concept Study with Ball Aerospace and Lockheed Martin ATC
- WFIRST Project and the Formulation Science Working Group are finalizing trades and requirements in preparation for SRR/MDR in June 2017
- Preliminary starshade assessment indicates spacecraft accommodation is feasible
- Look ahead: Key Decision Point (KDP)-B in October 2017. Allen Bacskay (MSFC) appointed chair of Standing Review Board.

WFIRST Technology Milestones



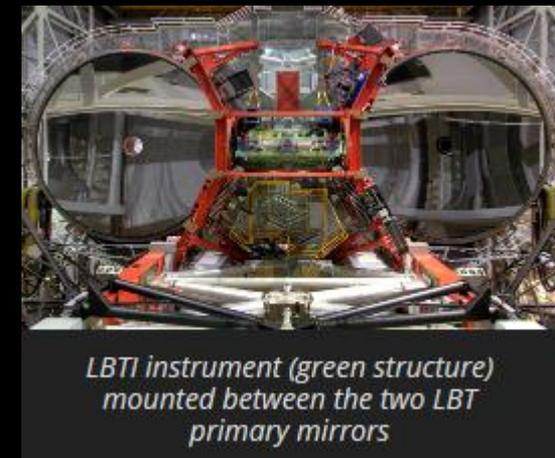
- NIR Detector
 - **Milestone 4:** Completed. Full arrays demonstrate a yield of >20% (and meet derived requirements)
 - **Milestone 5:** Environmental tests of flight-like sensor chip assembly complete, report in preparation
- Coronagraph
 - **Milestone 7:** Completed. Spectrograph dark current <math><0.001\text{ e/pix/s}</math> and read noise <math><1\text{ e/pix/frame}</math>
 - **Milestone 8:** Not met. PIAACMC <math><10^{-8}</math> raw contrast 10% broadband in static environment
 - **Milestone 9:** In progress. OMC <math><10^{-8}</math> raw contrast at 10% broadband in dynamic environment. Now resolving GSE limit (factor of ~ 2) to meet requirement

Large Binocular Telescope Interferometer

Measuring HZ Exozodiacal Dust, Informing Designs of Future Missions

- Termination Review held July 12 after year with only 1 HOSTS star measured. APD decision to continue HOSTS survey subject to binding NASA review at conclusion of 2017A semester: **35-star HOSTS survey delivery planned for September 2018**
- 2016B Progress:
 - Three stars of HOSTS survey measured in November, and partial measurements on two more – bringing the **HOSTS total to ~8 stars**
 - HOSTS Survey prevented in (3 of 6) runs by problems with LBT adaptive secondary mirror, and in (1 of 6) runs by problems with LBTI slow pathlength corrector
- LBT planned to return to binocular operation for final 2016B run (January). ExEP will conduct Project Assessment Review in February 2017 to evaluate progress on HOSTS survey

Phil Hinz, PI





- **Motivation**

- 2010 Decadal Survey calls for precise ground-based radial-velocity spectrometer for exoplanet discovery and characterization
- Follow-up & precursor science for current missions (K2, TESS, JWST, WFIRST)



NN-Explore Exoplanet Investigations with Doppler Spectroscopy



PI: S. Mahadevan

- **Scope:**

- Extreme precision radial velocity spectrometer (<0.5 m/s) for WIYN telescope development is underway
- Instrument planned to be commissioned by Aug 2019
- Ongoing Guest Observer program using NOAO share of telescope time for exoplanet research. Please propose!

- **Status**

- Held Instrument Detailed Design Review, and PDR for port adapter
- Next steps: Disposition of Board recommendations, DDR for port adapter



NOAO 3.5m WIYN Telescope
Kitt Peak National Observatory
Arizona

Strategic Astrophysics Technology - TDEM

Reports for completed and active TDEMs: <https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/technology/>
Reviewed and approved by ExoTAC, Alan Boss (chair)

- TDEMs pending final reports (by year of ROSES call in December):
 - 2010
 - (Bierden) Environmental Testing of MEMs DMs
 - (Helmbrecht) Environmental Testing of MEMs DMs
 - 2012
 - (Kasdin) Optical and Mechanical Verification of External Occulter
 - 2013
 - (Bendek) Enhanced Direct Imaging with Astrometric Mass
 - (Cash) Development of Formation Flying Sensors
 - 2014
 - (Bolcar) Next Generation Visible Nulling
 - (Serabyn) Broadband Vector Vortex Coronagraph
 - 2015
 - (Breckinridge) Polarization in Coronagraphs

ExEP Technology Gap Lists

New Process for 2017 Technology Gap List

- ExEP solicited input from the community, in particular from large mission STDTs
- ExoTAC reviewed selection and prioritization of Technology Gaps

Starshade Technology Gap List

Table A.4 Starshade Technology Gap List

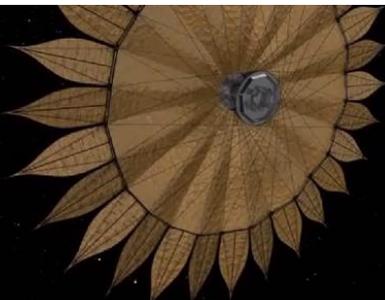
ID	Title	Description	Current	Required
S-1	Control Edge-Scattered Sunlight	Limit edge-scattered sunlight with optical petal edges that also handle stowed bending strain.	Graphite edges meet all specs except sharpness, with edge radius $\geq 10 \mu\text{m}$.	Optical petal edges manufactured of high flexural strength material with edge radius $\leq 1 \mu\text{m}$ and reflectivity $\leq 10\%$.
S-2	Contrast Performance Demonstration at Optical Model Validation	Experimentally validate the equations that predict the contrasts achievable with a starshade.	Experiments have validated optical diffraction models at Fresnel number of ~ 500 to contrasts of 3×10^{-10} at 632 nm.	Experimentally validate models of starlight suppression to $\leq 3 \times 10^{-11}$ at Fresnel numbers ≤ 50 over 510-825 nm bandpass.
S-3	Lateral Formation Flying Sensing Accuracy	Demonstrate lateral formation flying sensing accuracy consistent with keeping telescope in starshade's dark shadow.	Centroid accuracy $\geq 1\%$ is common. Simulations have shown that sensing and GN&C is tractable, though sensing demonstration of lateral control has not yet been performed.	Demonstrate sensing lateral errors $\leq 0.20\text{m}$ at scaled flight separations and estimated centroid positions $\leq 0.3\%$ of optical resolution. Control algorithms demonstrated with lateral control errors $\leq 1\text{m}$.
S-4	Flight-Like Petal Fabrication and Deployment	Demonstrate a high-fidelity, flight-like starshade petal and its unfurling mechanism.	Prototype petal that meets optical edge position tolerances has been demonstrated.	Demonstrate a fully integrated petal, including blankets, edges, and deployment control interfaces. Demonstrate a flight-like unfurling mechanism.
S-5	Inner Disk Deployment	Demonstrate that a starshade can be autonomously deployed to within the budgeted tolerances.	Demonstrated deployment tolerances with 12m heritage Astromesh antenna with four petals, no blankets, no outrigger struts, and no launch restraint.	Demonstrate deployment tolerances with flight-like, minimum half-scale inner disk, with simulated petals, blankets, and interfaces to launch restraint.

Coronagraph Technology Gap List

Table A.3 Coronagraph Technology Gap List.

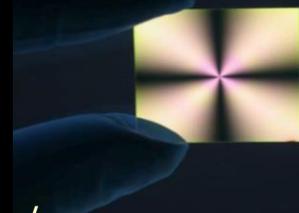
ID	Title	Description	Current	Required
C-1	Specialized Coronagraph Optics	Masks, apodizers, or beam-shaping optics to provide starlight suppression and planet detection capability.	A linear mask design has yielded 3.2×10^{-10} mean raw contrast from 3-16 λ/D with 10% bandwidth using an unobscured pupil in a static lab demonstration.	Circularly symmetric masks achieving $\leq 1 \times 10^{-10}$ contrast with TWA $\leq 3\lambda/D$ and $\geq 10\%$ bandwidth on obscured or segmented pupils.
C-2*	Low-Order Wavefront Sensing & Control	Beam jitter and slowly varying large-scale (low-order) optical aberrations may obscure the detection of an exoplanet.	Tip/tilt errors have been sensed and corrected in a stable vacuum environment with a stability of $10^{-2} \lambda$ rms at sub-Hz frequencies.	Tip/tilt, focus, astigmatism, and coma sensed and corrected simultaneously to $10^{-4} \lambda$ ($\sim 10\%$ of pm) rms to maintain raw contrasts of $\leq 1 \times 10^{-10}$ in a simulated dynamic testing environment.
C-3*	Large-Format Ultra-Low Noise Visible Detectors	Low-noise visible detectors for faint exoplanet characterization with an Integral Field Spectrograph.	Read noise of $< 1 e^-/\text{pixel}$ has been demonstrated with EMCCDs in a $1k \times 1k$ format with standard read-out electronics.	Read noise $< 0.1 e^-/\text{pixel}$ in a $\geq 4k \times 4k$ format validated for a space radiation environment and flight-accepted electronics.
C-4*	Large-Format Deformable Mirrors	Maturation of deformable mirror technology toward flight readiness.	Electrostrictive 64×64 DMs have been demonstrated to meet $\leq 10^{-9}$ contrasts in a vacuum environment and 10% bandwidth.	$\geq 64 \times 64$ DMs with flight-like electronics capable of wavefront correction to $\leq 10^{-10}$ contrasts. Full environmental testing validation.
C-5	Efficient Contrast Convergence	Rate at which wavefront control methods achieve 10^{-10} contrast.	Model and measurement uncertainties limit wavefront control convergence and require many tens to hundreds of iterations to get to 10^{-10} contrast from an arbitrary initial wavefront.	Wavefront control methods that enable convergence to 10^{-10} contrast ratios in fewer iterations (10-20).
C-6*	Post-Data Processing	Techniques are needed to characterize exoplanet spectra from residual speckle noise for typical targets.	Few 100x speckle suppression has been achieved by HST and by ground-based AO telescopes in the NIR and in contrast regimes of 10^5 to 10^6 , dominated by phase errors.	A 10-fold improvement over the raw contrast of $\sim 10^{-9}$ in the visible where amplitude errors are expected to no longer be negligible with respect to phase errors.

*Topic being addressed by directed-technology development for the WFIRST/AFTA coronagraph. Consequently, coronagraph technologies that will be substantially advanced under the WFIRST/AFTA technology development are not eligible for TDM&C.



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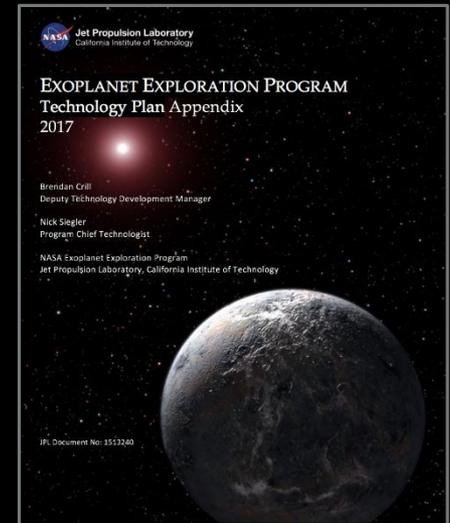
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Strategic Astrophysics Technology - TDEM

Advancing Technology Readiness towards next Decadal Survey

- Tuesday morning talks:
 - 9:00 am: Brendan Crill on how ExEP technology needs are identified and prioritized
 - 9:30 am Brendan Crill and Nick Siegler: discussion of ExEP's technology gap list



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Kepler / K2

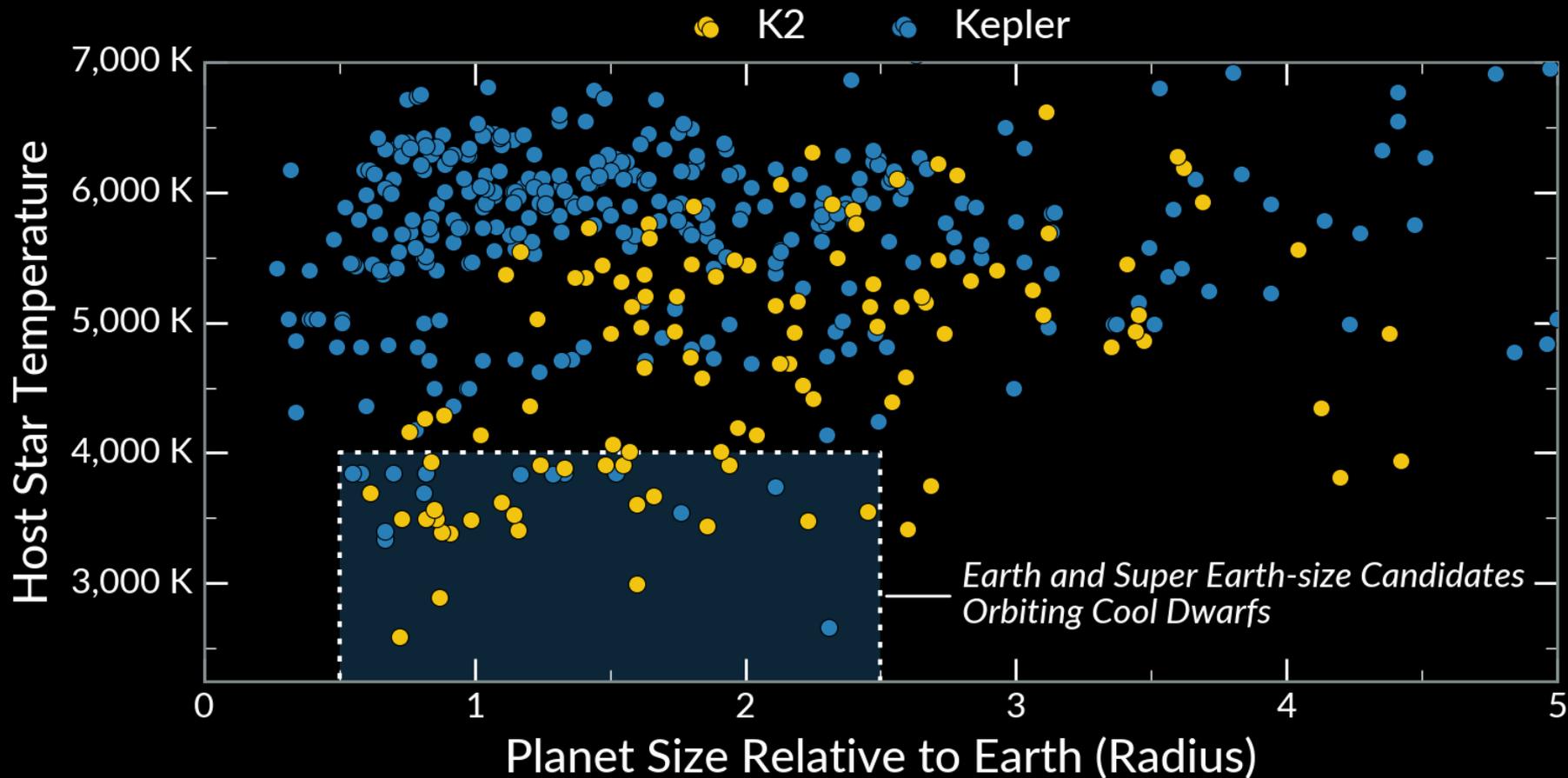
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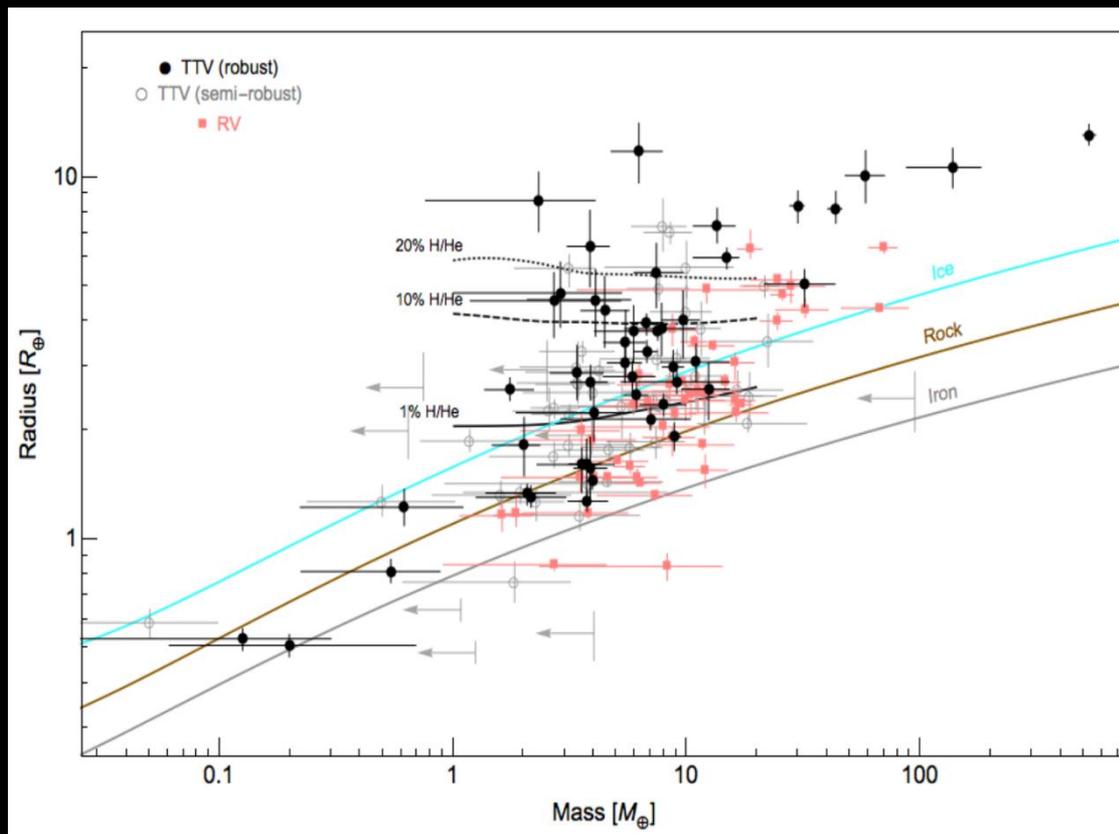
Planet Candidates for Atmospheric Characterization ($K_s < 11$)



Kepler Planet Masses and Eccentricities from Analysis of Latest TTV Catalog

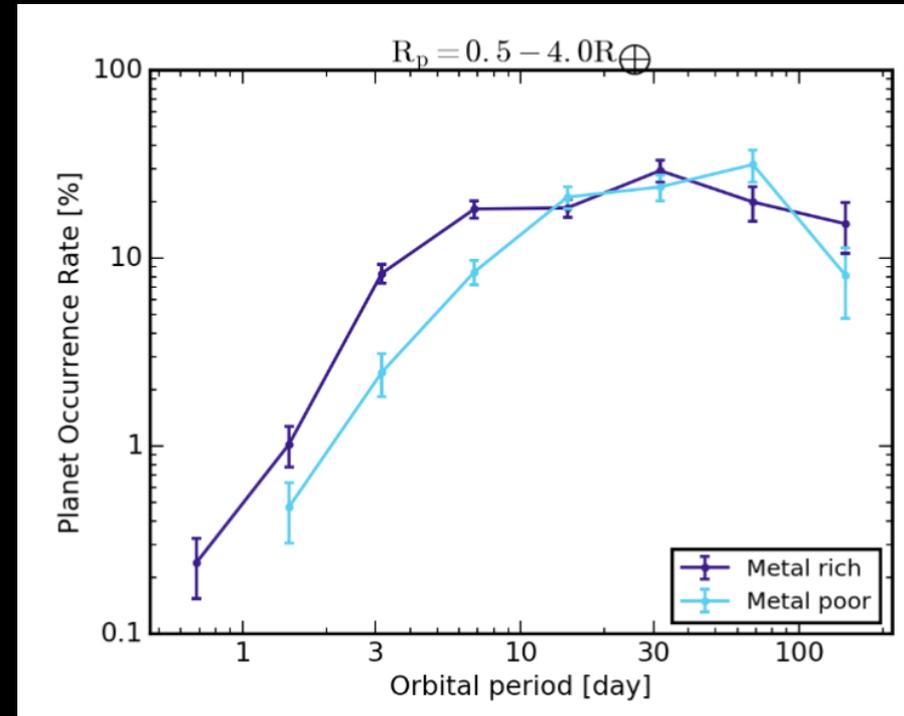
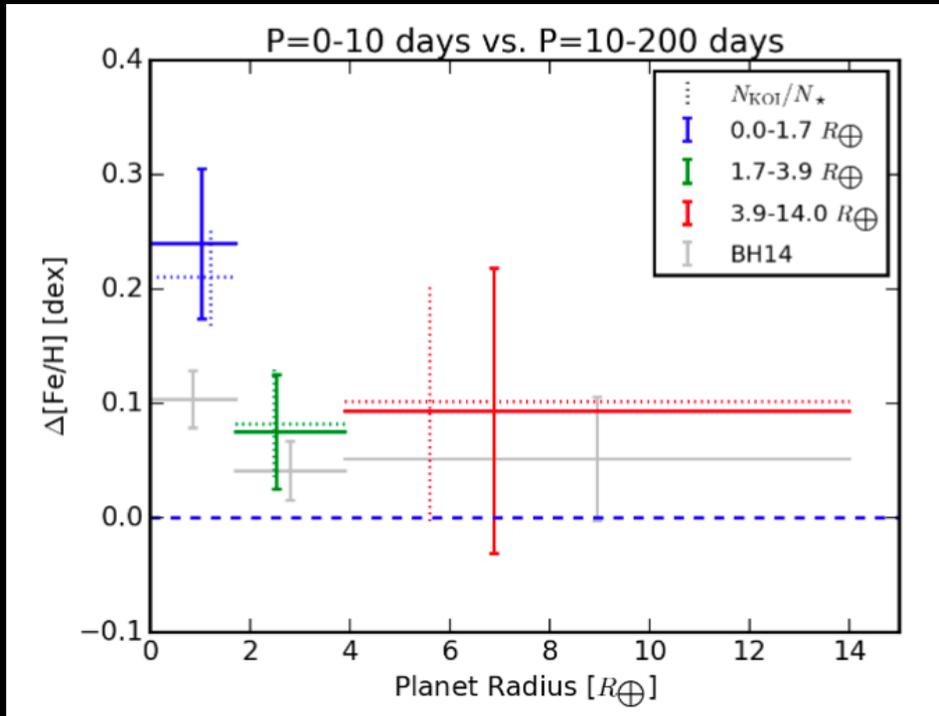
Hadden & Lithwick 2016 arXiv:1611.03516

- 145 mass measurements, 80 of which are new
- 49 masses are robustly constrained, 12 of which are new
- 54 multi-planet systems; periods 10-100 days
- Low eccentricities in general but a few non-zero measured
- Presentation at AAS



A Super-Solar Metallicity for Stars with Rocky Exoplanets

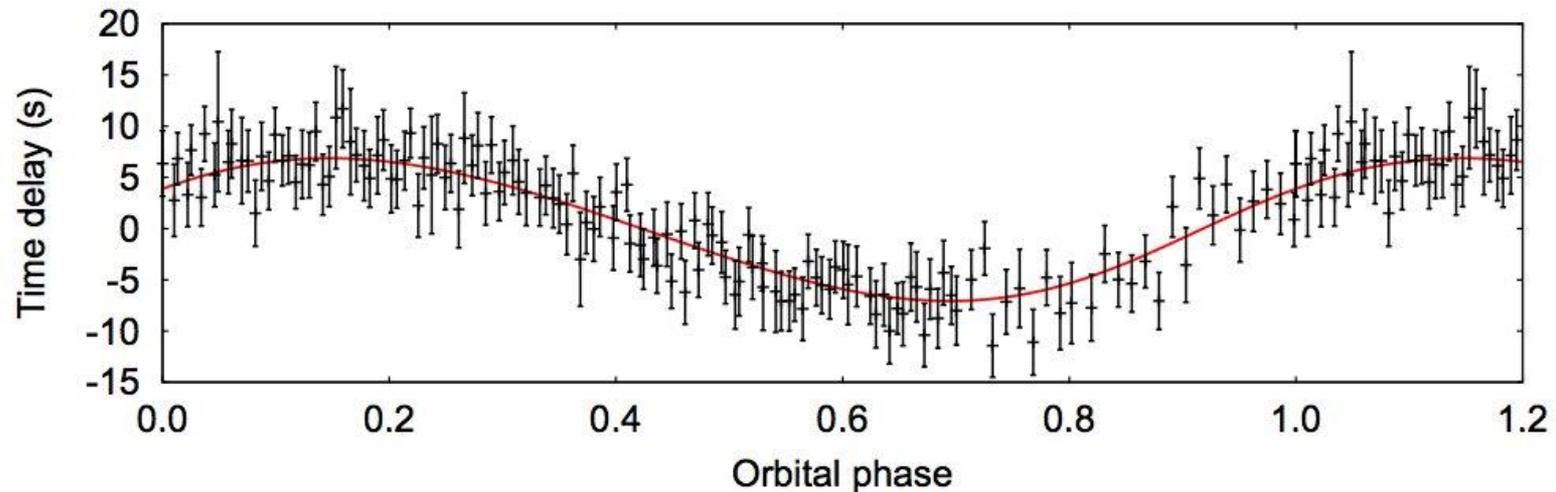
Mulders et al. 2016 AJ 152, 187, arXiv:1609.05898



Host stars of short-period rocky planets ($P < 10$ days, $R < 1.7 R_{\text{Earth}}$) have enhanced metallicity ($\Delta[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.25 \pm 0.07$ dex) compared to mean planet host population (4σ difference in distributions via K-S test). **Metal-rich stars have 3x higher occurrence rate of small planets ($< 4 R_{\text{Earth}}$) in short-period orbits ($P < 10$ days).**

Planet Orbiting A-type Main Sequence Star

Murphy & Bedding 2016 arXiv:1608.02945 (accepted)



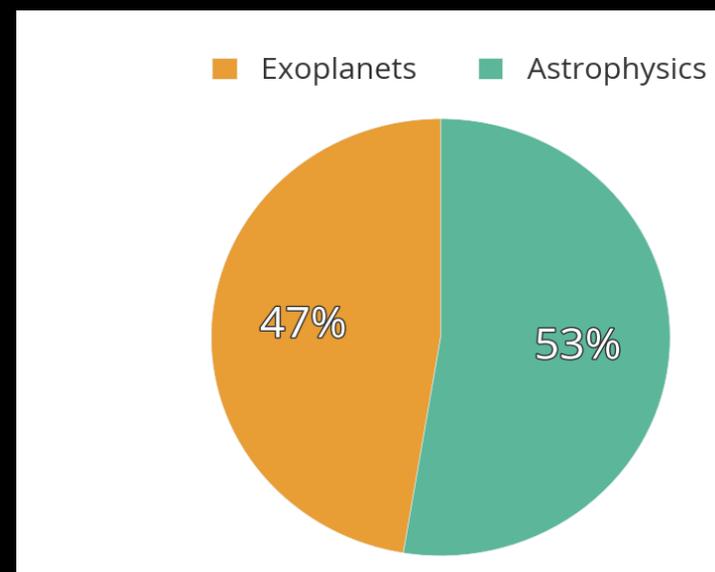
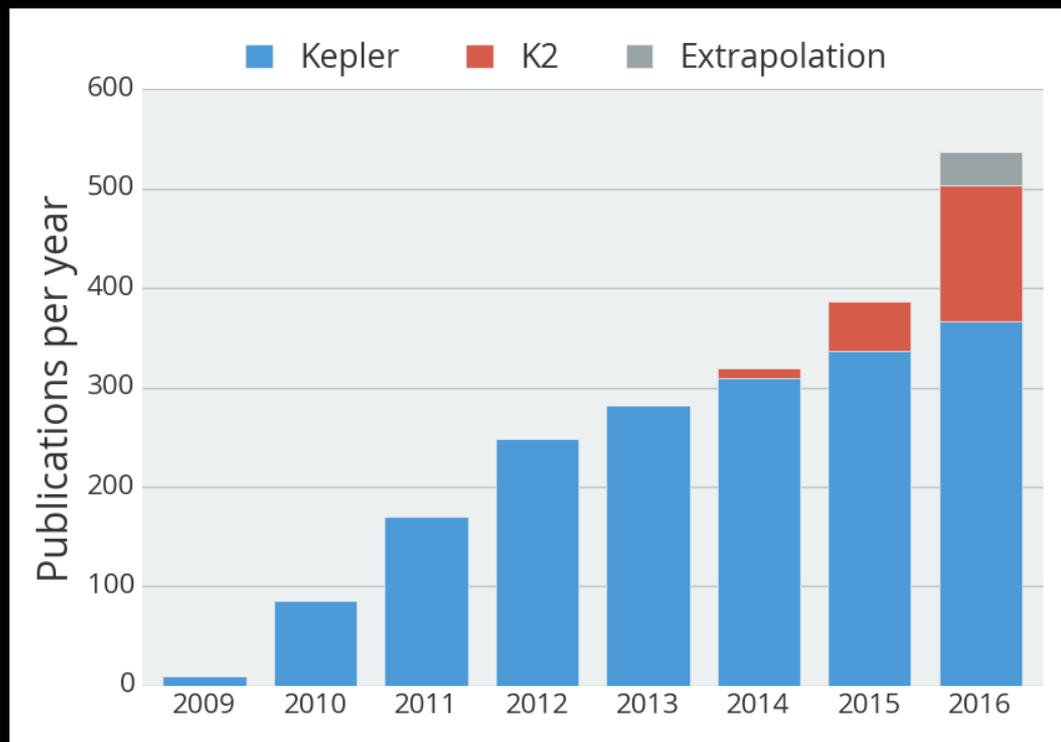
Planets orbiting A stars are hard to find via RV and transits due to rapid rotation, larger stellar radii, and pulsations.

This planet identified via "light travel-time": tiny delays in pulsation arrival times. Only 14 second drift in 2.5yrs!

Kepler/ K2 Publication Statistics

2037 Publications, 1778 Peer-reviewed

as of 12/7/16

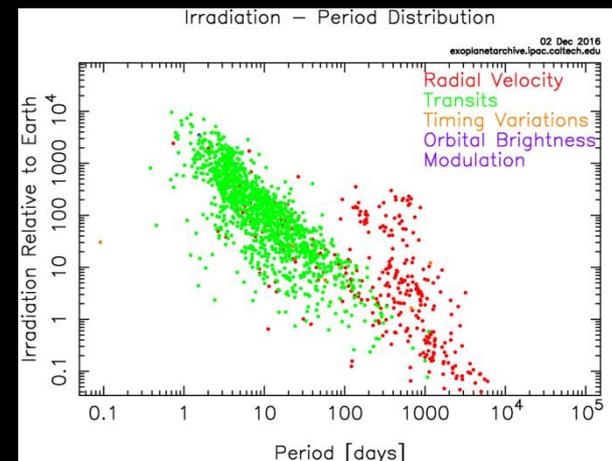


- The publication count for Kepler is 1838, that of K2 is 199
- Of the total, 965 relate to exoplanets (47%), 1071 to other areas of astrophysics (53%)

NASA Exoplanet Science Institute (NExSci) Update



- Sagan Summer School July 2016: “Is there a Planet in my Data?”
- Sagan Summer School August 2017: “Microlensing in the Era of WFIRST”
- NASA/Keck times (90 nights/yr) supports Exoplanets, Cosmic Origins, Physics of the Cosmos and Solar System science
- Exoplanet Archive tracks exoplanet population and Kepler pipeline products
- ExoFOP supports Kepler & K2 sources follow-up



Exoplanet Communications

Data Visualization tools and new thematic exoplanet hub

exoplanets.nasa.gov

Blizzard of icy worlds
A new study shows Neptune-mass outer planets are likely common around other stars.
FULL STORY

Exoplanets 3,439 CONFIRMED 4,696 CANDIDATES 2,569 SOLAR SYSTEMS 348 TERRESTRIAL EXPAND

EXOPLANET EXPLORATION
Planets Beyond Our Solar System

Strange New Worlds MAIN MENU

DISCOVERED SEPTEMBER 2011
TATOOINE

DISCOVERED JANUARY 2006
HOTH

DISCOVERED JULY 2015
CORUSCANT

DISCOVERED FEBRUARY 2012
KAMINO

DISCOVERED OCTOBER 2004
MUSTAFAR

DISCOVERED APRIL 2010
BESPIN

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Exoplanet-thematic content featuring
content across NASA.

3D, interactive planet renderings
Custom planet textures can be created
for press releases.
(contact the Comm team in advance)

The Starshade Readiness Working Group (SSWG)

<https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/exep/studies/sswg/>

- Require a risk reduction plan for technology validation of starshades to enable starshade flight science missions to be considered in 2020 Decadal Survey
- Chartered to answer these questions and deliver recommendation:
 - How to go from TRL 5 to ~TRL6,7?
 - Do we need a tech demo, and if so, what is it?
- Adopted the Exo-S probe “Starshade Rendezvous” as representative motivation of technology requirements
- Broad participation; Chairs: G. Blackwood (ExEP/JPL), S. Seager (MIT)
- Final report delivered to APD Director 11/9/2016
- Among the findings:
 1. A ground-only development strategy exists to enable a starshade science flight mission such as WFIRST Starshade Rendezvous
 2. A prior flight technology demonstration is not required prior to KDP-C of WFIRST Rendezvous

Full briefing at link above, and on Friday Jan 6 starshade splinter session

The Starshade Technology Development Activity

Starshade to TRL 5 (S5)

- Purpose: achieve TRL5 to support future exoplanet missions with significant progress for consideration by the 2020 Decadal Survey
- Currently developing a technology development plan as a recommendation to the Astrophysics Division in late 2017
- Held an all-day public Starshade Technology Workshop in Pasadena, CA on December 1, 2016
 - Broad institutional participation – over 80 local and remote participants from NASA, industry, and academia
 - Discussed the technology development needs and opportunities for future planning and prioritization
- Next steps: three follow-on workshops in late Feb-April for major technical themes and trades identified in the December workshop



Support for Decadal Large Mission Studies

- Charter signed for Exoplanet Standards and Definition Team
 - Completed ExoSIMS science planning and yield tool for large mission studies (Savransky, Morgan)
- Considered inputs from LUVOIR, HabEx, and OST in updated definition of Program Technology Gap list
- Made presentations to all four flagship study STDTs:
 - Keith Warfield (PCE) on lessons learned from prior decadal surveys
 - Gary Blackwood on Architecture trade methods
- High Contrast Imaging technology initiatives:
 - Segmented Coronagraph Design & Analysis: program-funded study to evaluate coronagraph designs suitable to segmented apertures. See Stuart Shaklan's recent online colloquium: https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/exep/technology/tech_colloquium/
 - Planning for Experimental demonstration of 10^{-10} raw broadband contrast in HCIT. Goal of 2019 completion.

Standard Definitions and Evaluation Team Update

- Charter Signed
 - Generalized to include FIRS for direct imaging
 - Does not include transit spectroscopy
 - <https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/exep/resources/documents/>
- EXOSIMS 1.0 is complete and validated (unit & integration tests)
- Inputs:
 - SAG13 Occurrence Rates nearing completion
 - Developing an EXOSIMS module for parameterized distribution
 - Chris Stark leading poll and discussion to select nominal HZ and earth-like radii
 - Avi Mandell leading draft definition of characterization metrics
 - Near Term open issues: albedo, eccentricity

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What's Coming Up

- AAS Sessions of Note:
 - New Methods for Teaching about Exoplanets
Wed. Jan 4, 12:30-2:00 PM in Dallas 1
 - Science Opportunities with K2 & TESS,
Wed. Jan 4, 7:30-9:00 PM in Texas C
 - WFIRST Status and Science Opportunities,
Thurs Jan. 5, 7:30-9:00 PM Grapevine B
 - Starshade Development for Direct Imaging of Exoplanets,
Friday Jan. 6, 2:00-3:30 PM in Appaloosa 1
- Upcoming conferences
 - 21st Microlensing Conference, February 1-3 Pasadena CA
 - 2017 Astrobiology Science Conference, Apr 24-28 Mesa AZ
 - Kepler/K2 SciCon IV, June 18-22 Mountain View CA
 - Astronomy in the 2020s: Synergies with WFIRST, June 26-30 Baltimore MD

Discussion topics : now and 11:30 Tuesday

- Radial velocity provides key precursor and follow-up data. NASA is funding NEID for WIYN. What should be the priorities for additional RV capabilities in support of NASA missions ?
- ExEP will be organizing a workshop in the spring on telescope stability issues for high contrast imaging. We invite your suggestions on topics that should be covered.



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