# Know Thy Star... Know Thy Closing Remarks

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Life used to be simple – One solar system with 9 planets, Stars 100% understood, dark matter meant late M stars and BDs

- Meeting Diversity
   People age challenged to high school
   from all over the world
   Span of science expertise and variety of backgrounds
- Great talks, best in many years
- Open access and collaborations models, codes, data -> better science and more fun
- Happy to see (bright) stars back in vogue & Binaries
- What do we need? (just) spectra, photometry, images

**Some General Observations:** 

- Kepler statistics (e.g., P<100 days), much work will be done on K2, TESS planets
- Binary Stars –Generally thrown out! But need to detect to correct radii distribution, Occ. Rates, understand other consequences...
- Connect direct imaging planets vs. RV planets vs. transiting planets vs. microlens planets, ...
- Larger samples, non-human analysis, statistics
- Planets mean density to interior structures
   Detailed elemental abundances
- Young Stars (clusters), inflated planets

#### **Some General Observations II:**

- "Non-host" star control samples
- Hot Jupiters, Brown Dwarfs, Giant planets, formation
- M Stars Teff, M, R, [M/H], ...
- Stellar "noise" and RV detections/masses of small planets
- Need fundamental stellar properties
- Many new clever techniques
- New "workhorse" instruments for large sample collection
- We have a lot to do
- Most of you are the future don't blow it

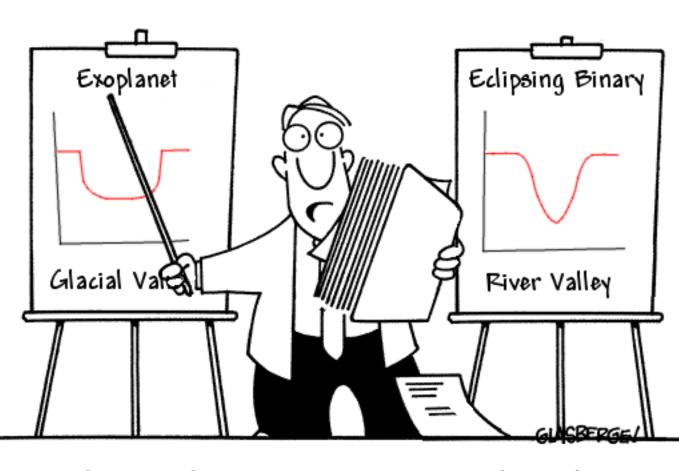
Planet Formation: Location and core growth Binarity Metal Content Atmospheric formation / evolution (flares?) Planet Migration >1 formation pathway

High-Resolution imaging

We see ½ of companions <0.25", ¼ within 0.16" Need for multiple attacks to yield companion parameters, background scene Which star does planet orbit? Mostly the "primary"? How does HZ get effected? Binary star demographics <-> field binaries ? Contamination of RV signals, atm transmission spectra?, ... Planet formation mechanisms

Astroseismology **Learned on Kepler** Some bright Stars and Giants in K2 Will be overwhelmed on TESS, but will have additional parameter checks with interferometry **GAIA** Some help in Exoplanets **Great help in host star parameters** TESS Are we ready? (Lots here) Need to prioritize targets for follow-up Microlensing and Interferometry will play larger role

Write JWST proposals



Teaching Exoplanet astronomy to a geography student.

"Red noise is a problem"

"PYTORCH – The only thing Facebook ever did that was useful to humanity"

"OK, I'll throw up..."

"You can't have a Habitable Zone without having a star"

"That is a known problem but it's definitely not your fault"

"If you do not consider stellar multiplicity, You get everything wrong"

"The sun is not solar-like" -- "Earth-like is not Earth-like"

"The answer is maybe or maybe not!"

"We are fighting observational bias and incompleteness"

"Binary stars are fabulous. Binary stars are a real problem"

"Lambda Boo – Looks like a Disk, Quacks like a disk"

"Stromgren photometry"

"Never underestimate the ability of Nature to screw with you" "Know Thy Binary Stars, Know Thy Planet" "Where's my coffee?"

"The more unbiased you are, the more wasteful you are."

"Stellar parameters is a naughty problem"

"Know Thy Jitter, Find Thy Planets"

"I get really excited when I see this plot"

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Stay tuned for....

#### Revenge of Know Thy Star, Avenge Thy Planet