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"All the News
That's Fit to Print"

The New York Times

LATE CITY EDITION

Weather: Fair, warm today; clear tonight. Sunny, pleasant tomorrow. Temp. range: today 65-85; Sunday 71-86. Temp.-Hum. Index yesterday 64. Complete U.S. reports on P. 35.

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NASA DISCOVERS EVIDENCE OF LIFE ON AN EXOPLANET

Observed gases consistent with life on Earth

Clear signs of biosignatures

EAGLE (the lunar module) Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed.

HOUSTON: Roger, Tranquility, we copy you on the ground. You've got a bunch of guys about to turn blue. We're breathing again. Thanks a lot.

TRANQUILITY BASE: Thank you.

HOUSTON: You're looking good here.

TRANQUILITY BASE: A very successful touchdown.

HOUSTON: Eagle, you are stay for T1. [The first step in the lunar operation.] Over.

TRANQUILITY BASE: Roger, stay for T1.

HOUSTON: Roger and we see you vesting the oc.

TRANQUILITY BASE: Roger.

COLUMBIA (the command and service module) How do you read me?

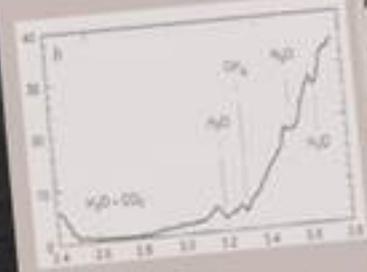
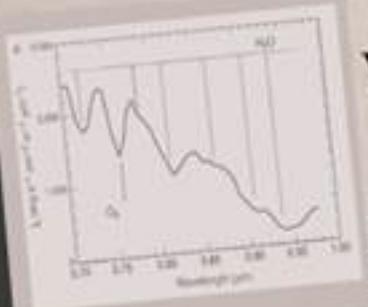
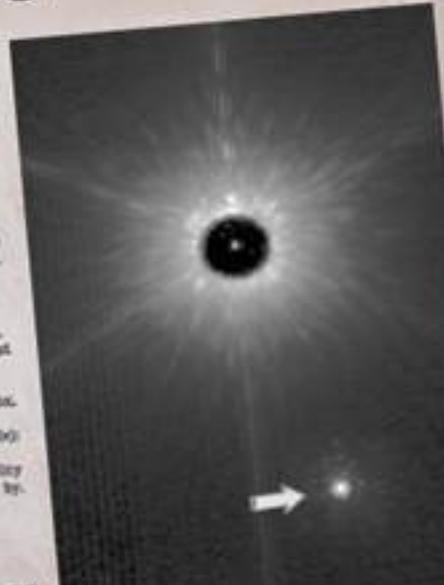
HOUSTON: Columbia, he has landed Tranquility Base. Eagle is at Tranquility. I read you fine by Over.

COLUMBIA: Yes, I heard the whole thing.

HOUSTON: Well, it's a good show.

COLUMBIA: Fantastic.

TRANQUILITY BASE: I'll send that.



We are not alone!

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD
Special to The New York Times

HOUSTON, Monday, July 21—Men have landed and walked on the moon.

Two Americans, astronauts of Apollo 11, stowed their fragile four-legged lunar module safely and smoothly to the historic landing yesterday at 4:17:40 P.M., Eastern daylight time.

Neil A. Armstrong, the 28-year-old civilian commander, returned to earth and the mission control room here.

"Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed," the first man to reach the moon—Mr. Armstrong and his co-pilot, Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., of the Air Force—brought their ship to rest on a level, rock-strewn plain near the southwestern shore of the arid Sea of Tranquility.

About six and a half hours later, Mr. Armstrong opened the landing craft's hatch, stepped slowly down the ladder and declared as he planted the first human footprint on the lunar crust:

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

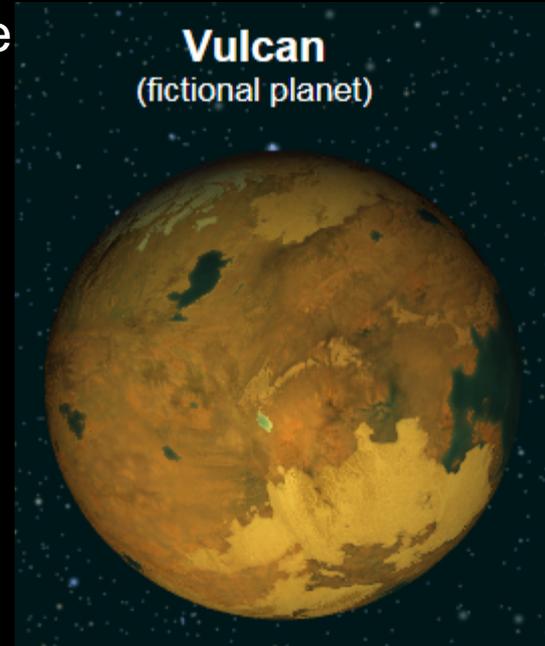
His first step on the moon came at 10:56:23 P.M., as a television camera outside the craft transmitted his every move to an awed and excited audience of hundreds of millions of people on earth.

Tentative Steps Test Soil

The case of 40 Eridani A

Constraining the presence of a habitable planet

- Very nearby K0 dwarf star at 5 pc distance; B and C components orbit each other 80" away
- HZ lies at 0.13" separation. An earth mass planet there:
 - Would induce 12 cm/sec of stellar reflex motion
 - Has a 0.4% probability of ever transiting
 - Would induce 0.5 μ as of stellar astrometric wobble
 - Won't lens background stars (galactic lat. -38°)
- 40 Eri A is the host of Star Trek's fictional planet Vulcan
- There is no medium of instrumentality at our command that can detect at a habitable planet in this system today



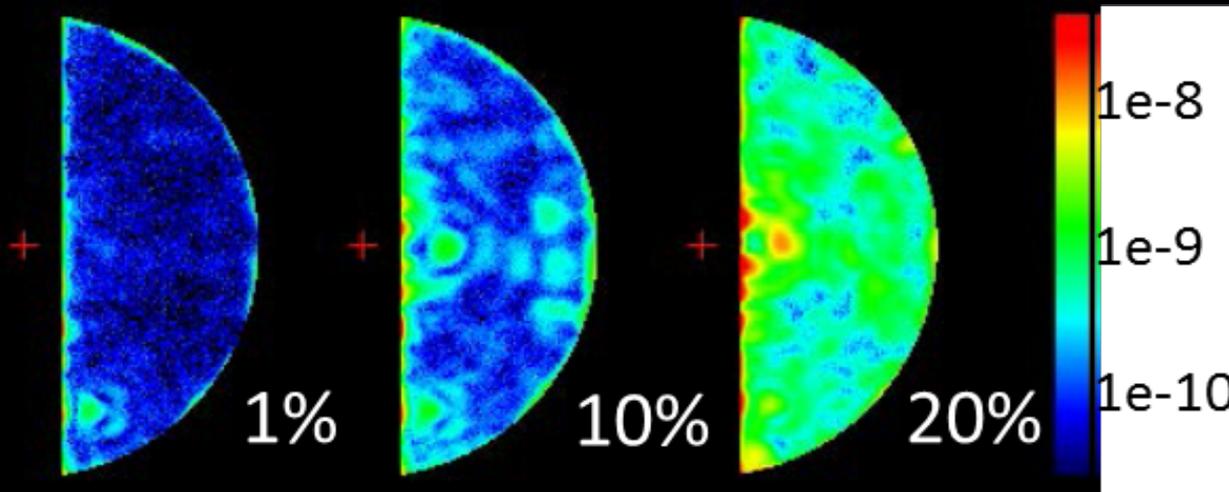
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 - Won't lens background stars (galactic latitude -38°)
- In direct imaging, an Earth analog here would:
 - Appear at R magnitude 27.6, and with contrast to the star of 3×10^{-10}
 - Be separated from the star by 3 resolution elements as seen by a 3 meter telescope observing in V band
 - Provide photons enabling its discovery *and* spectral measurements of its physical/chemical/biological? conditions

Coronagraph technology today

- Development and laboratory contrast demonstrations have been ongoing for 10+ years, supported by NASA technology investments
- Has already demonstrated 10^{-9} visible contrast with 20% bandwidth at an inner working angle (IWA) of $3 \lambda/D$ in the laboratory (Trauger et al. 2012).
- We are within reach of the contrast and bandwidth needed to image a habitable planet around 40 Eri A, if the host telescope is sufficiently stable



Hybrid Lyot coronagraph, lab measurements of contrast versus bandwidth

Progress since this demo:

- Full dark hole created using two deformable mirrors
- Circular masks fabricated
- Mask rebuilt to provide better performance

NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program

Part of the NASA Astrophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate



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

Exoplanet research within other NASA Projects & Programs

(General-purpose activities managed outside of ExEP)

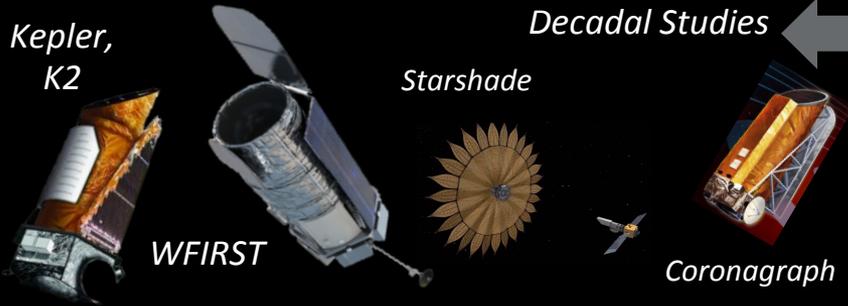
- Hubble Space Telescope general observer (STScI)
- Spitzer Space Telescope general observer (SSC/IPAC)
- Research & Analysis grant programs (NASA HQ)
 - Exoplanet Research (XRP), Habitable Worlds, Emerging Worlds
 - NASA Astrobiology Institute
 - Nexus for Exoplanet System Science (NExSS)
- TESS (NASA Explorer Program; in development for 12/17 launch)
- JWST (NASA HQ & STScI; in development for 10/18 launch)

NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program



ExoPlanet Exploration Program

Space Missions and Mission Studies



Decadal 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



Archives, Tools, Sagan Fellowships, Professional Engagement

<http://exoplanets.nasa.gov>

Kepler Close Out

Delivering Kepler's Legacy

- Kepler closeout and final data processing continues steadily within overall schedule margin.
 - SOC 9.3 Q0-Q17 Short Cadence Light Curves delivered to MAST (June 2016)
 - Final Occurrence Rate Products (April 2017)
- Kepler did much more than exoplanets: shock breakout seen in supernova lightcurve (Garnavich et al. 2016)

NASA PlanetQuest
@PlanetQuest

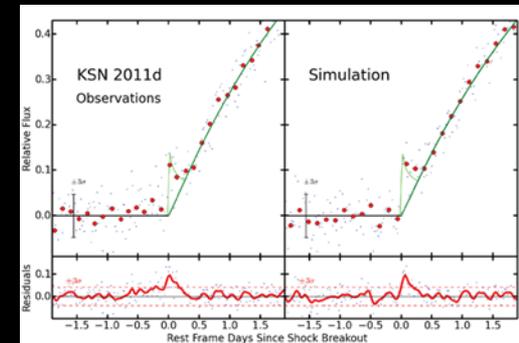
NASA Kepler reveals 1,284 new planets, in the biggest reveal from any mission to date:
go.nasa.gov/1rRqoOy

KEPLER'S BIGGEST CATCH EVER
1,284 planets in one haul

NASA WE'RE OUT THERE

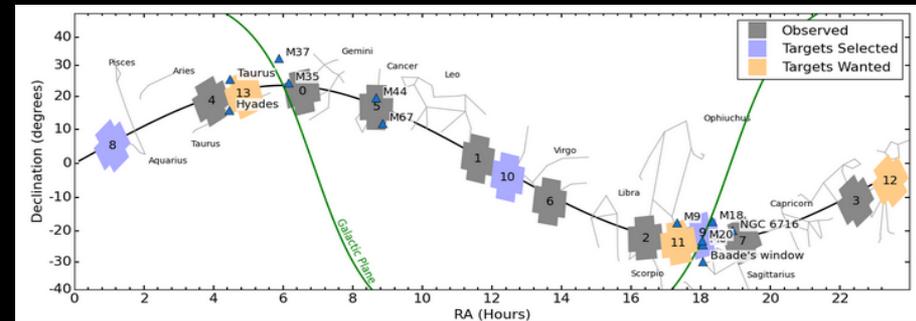
YEARS OF
2
EXPLANETS

RETWEETS 86 LIKES 75



The K2 mission

Extending Kepler to the Ecliptic
Mission extended to 2018



- Data released through Campaign 8 (July 5 2016)
- High-value exoplanets: small, rocky, nearby, orbiting bright stars.
Some highlights:
 - 109 confirmed exoplanets in 79 systems; > 500 additional candidates
 - Already several suitable for atmospheric characterization with HST or JWST
- Spacecraft fully operational after suspension of operations April 8-22 (single event upset requiring resets of onboard systems)
- Campaign 9 (Microlensing) completed in early July. Data release expected in September.

Community Support

NASA Exoplanet Science Institute at Caltech campus

<http://exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu>

Exoplanet Archive

- Planet tables
- Light curves
- Analysis tools
- Regularly updated

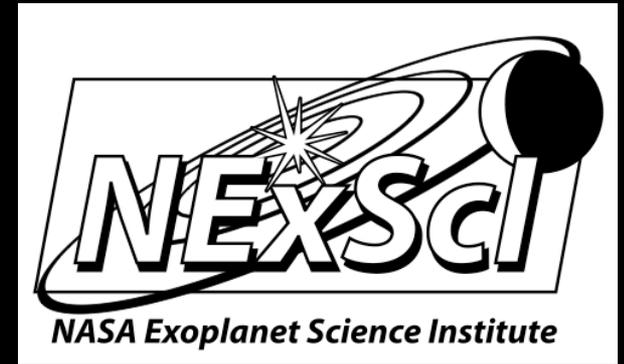
Followup Program

- “ExoFOP” data sharing infrastructure for community followup of Kepler, K2, TESS

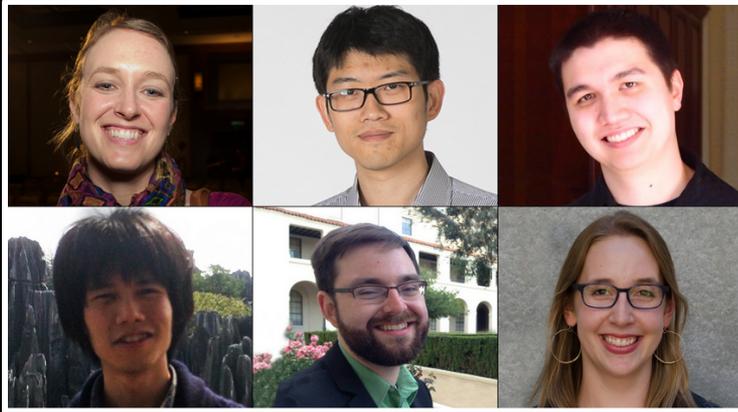
The screenshot displays the NASA Exoplanet Archive website. At the top, it reads "NASA EXOPLANET ARCHIVE" and "A SERVICE OF NASA EXOPLANET SCIENCE INSTITUTE". Navigation tabs include Home, About the Archive, Data, Tools, and User Guides & Help Desk. Key statistics are shown: 3,302 Confirmed Planets (as of 07/07/2016), 560 Multi-Planet Systems (as of 07/07/2016), and 4,696 Kepler Candidates (as of 09/18/2015). A search bar is available with fields for "Name or Coordinates" and "Optional Radius (arcsec)", along with an "Advanced Search" link. A prominent banner for "Download the DR 25 TCE data in Bulk!" is dated "June 23, 2016 - New Data", stating that Kepler DR 25 TCE light curves and transit fits are now available from the bulk download page. Below this, there is a "Transit Surveys" section with 21,830,740 Light Curves, featuring the Kepler logo and a description of the mission. Navigation links for "Light Curves", "Objects of Interest (KOI)", "Threshold-Crossing Events", "Search Stellar Data", "Completeness and Reliability Products", and "Documentation" are provided. A "Tools & Services" section includes "Periodogram", "Predicted Observables for Exoplanets Service", "Transit and Ephemeris Service", and "Build a Query (API)". A "Work with Data" section offers "Confirmed Planets Plotting Tool", "Confirmed Planets Table", "Search K2 Targets", and "Bulk Download Service". The page also features social media icons and a "FOR THE PUBLIC PLANET QUEST" logo.

Sagan Fellowship Program

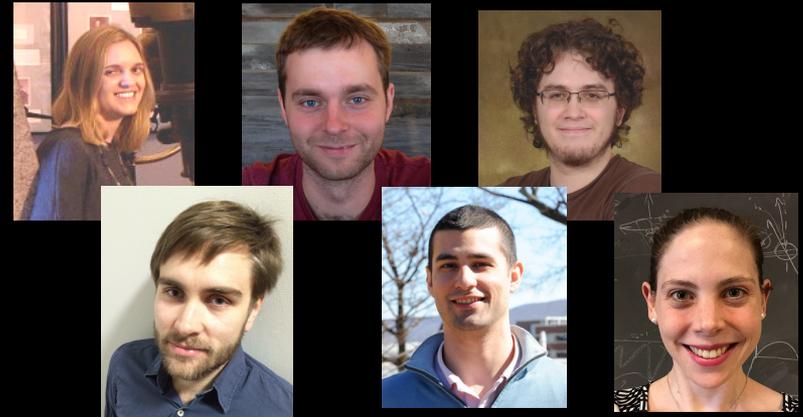
- Six 2016 Sagan Fellows selected



2016



2015



2013



2014





- Motivation

- 2010 Decadal Survey called for precise ground-based spectrometer for exoplanet discovery and characterization
- Follow-up & precursor science for current missions (K2, TESS, JWST, WFIRST)
- Inform design/operation of future missions

- Scope:

- Extreme precision radial velocity spectrometer (<0.5 m/s) with 40% of time on WIYN telescope
 - Penn State NEID proposal selected in March 2016
 - Instrument to be commissioned spring 2019
 - R= 100,000; 380-930 nm wavelength coverage
- Ongoing Guest Observer program using NOAO share of telescope time for exoplanet research



NN-Explore Exoplanet Investigations with Doppler Spectroscopy



PI: S. Mahadevan



3.5m WIYN Telescope
Kitt Peak National Observatory
Arizona

Technical readiness for direct
imaging of habitable exoplanets:

The #1 medium-scale
space mission priority of
U.S. 2010 Decadal Survey

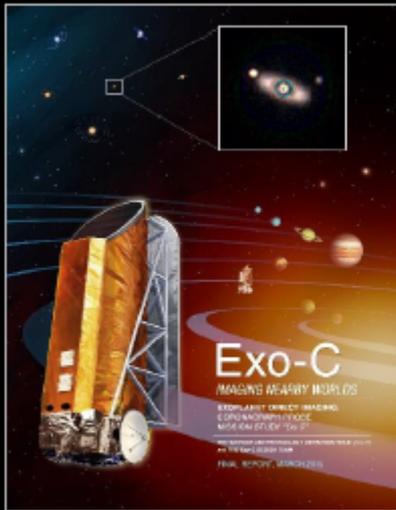
Strategic Astrophysics Technology - TDEM

Technology Development for Exoplanet Missions: <http://exoplanets.nasa.gov/exep/technology/>

- Active Projects Competitively Selected
 - 2010
 - (Bierden, Helmbrecht) Environmental Testing of Deformable Mirrors
 - 2012
 - (Kasdin) Optical and Mechanical Verification of External Occulter
 - 2013
 - (Bendek) Enhanced Direct Imaging with Astrometric Mass Determination
 - (Cash) Development of Starshade Formation Flying Sensors
 - (Bolcar) Segmented Aperture Interferometric Nulling Testbed
 - 2014
 - (Bolcar) Next Generation Visible Nulling Coronagraph
 - (Serabyn) Broadband Vector Vortex Coronagraph
 - 2015 (this year's) selections are pending

Exoplanet direct imaging probe mission studies

Carried out 2013-2015; directed at cost point < \$ 1 B



Exo-C:

Internal Occulter
(Coronagraph)

K. Stapelfeldt,
STDT Chair, GSFC

- 1.4 m unobscured telescope
- Kepler-like mission in Earth-trailing orbit
- RV planets, dust disks, mini-Neptunes, super-Earths ?



Exo-S:

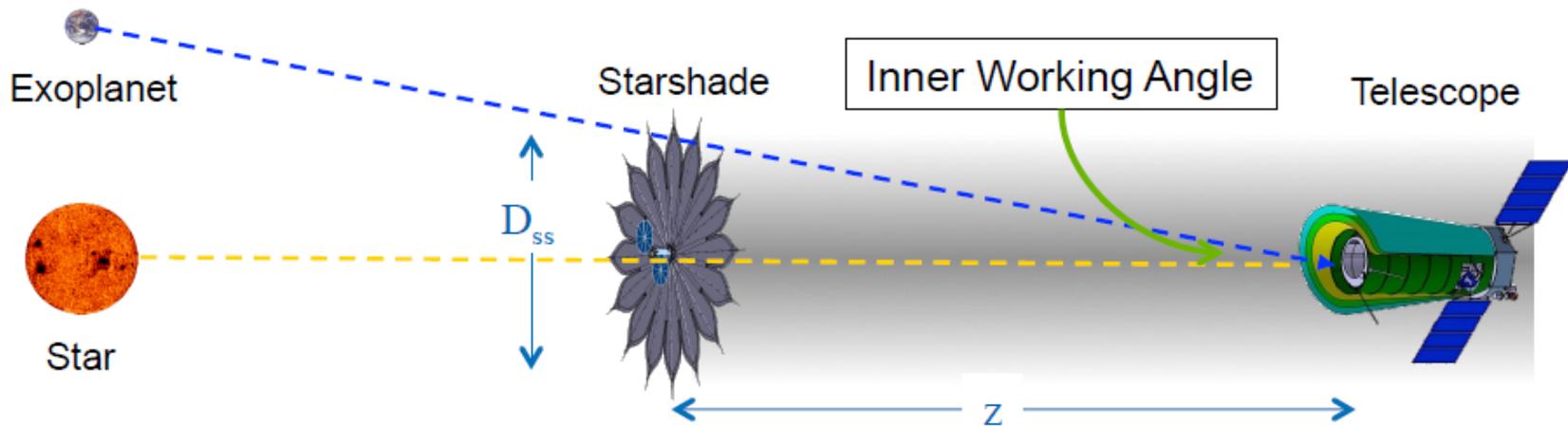
External Occulter
(Starshade)

S. Seager,
STDT Chair, MIT

- Studied 2 spacecraft mission and starshade to rendezvous with WFIRST
- RV planet, dust disks, small planets down to Earth analogs in ~2 systems

STARSHADE

for visible wavelengths; active area of NASA study/investment
Does not require high telescope stability. Needs fuel to reposition.
A deployed structure ≥ 30 m diameter, cannot fully test before flight



- Inner Working Angle is the closest separation of Planet and Star that we can expect to see with a given starshade
- For Hypergaussian starshade, this is approximately equivalent to:

$$IWA = \frac{D_{ss}/2}{z}$$

Figure by Steve Warwick, NGST

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.



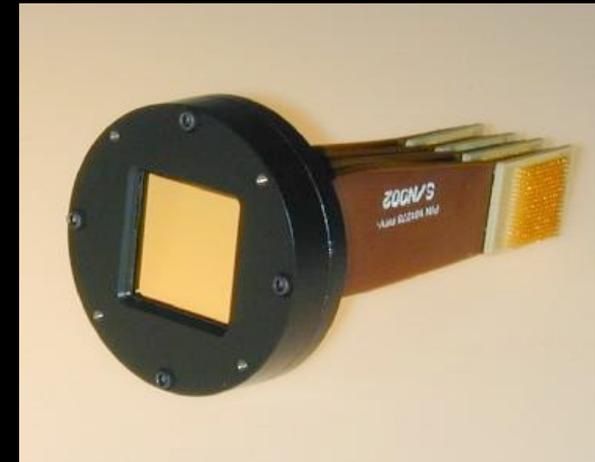
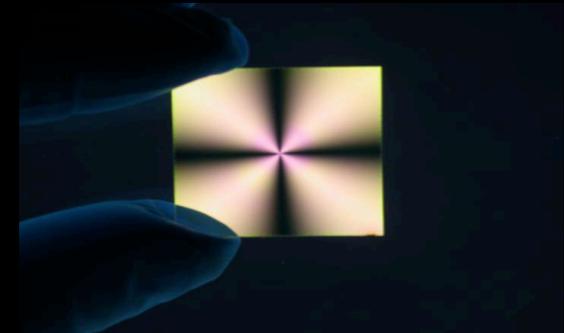
Starshade
Technology
Gaps

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 $3-16 \lambda/D$ with 10% bandwidth using an unobscured pupil in a static lab demonstration.	Circularly symmetric masks achieving $\leq 1 \times 10^{-10}$ contrast with IWA $\leq 3 \lambda/D$ 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 $10^{-3} \lambda$ rms at sub-Hz frequencies.	Tip/tilt, focus, astigmatism, and coma sensed and corrected simultaneously to $10^{-4} \lambda$ (~ 10 's 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 TDEMs.

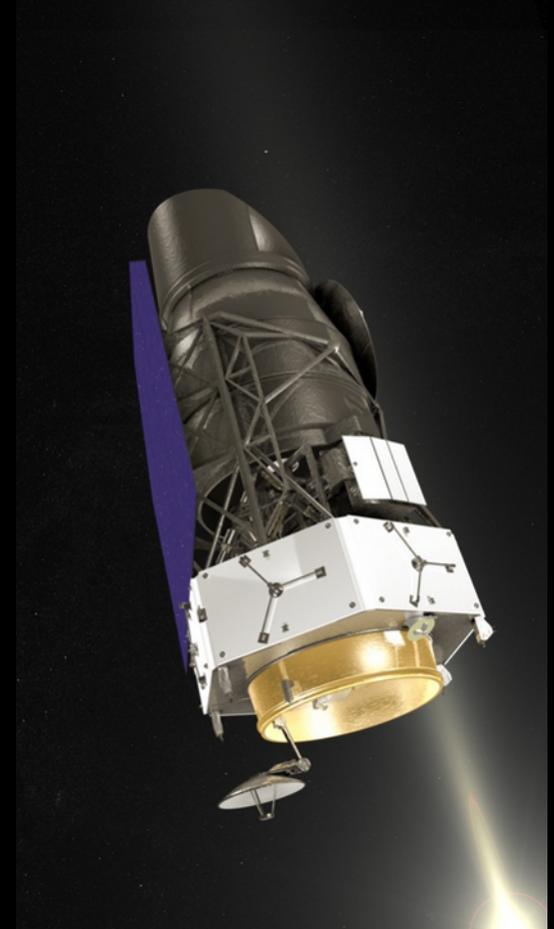


Coronagraph Technology Gaps

WFIRST: Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope

Exoplanets and Dark Energy; #1 recommendation of 2010 Decadal Survey

- WFIRST entered Formulation (Phase A) on February 17 2016, launch ~2025
 - Coronagraph now part of the baseline mission, will accomplish much of what the Exo-C mission would do at less cost
 - Formulation Science Working Group and Science Investigation Teams underway
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- WFIRST has been directed to study starshade compatibility during Phase A – for a NASA HQ decision in Spring 2017 on whether to build-in this compatibility
 - Decision to whether or not to fly a starshade would be made by the 2020 Decadal Survey



*See today's talks
by Scott Gaudi
and Nikole Lewis*

Starshade Readiness Working Group (SSWG)

<http://exoplanets.nasa.gov/sswg>

- Develop a risk reduction strategy for technology validation of starshades to enable starshade flight science missions to be considered in 2020 Decadal Survey
- Will answer these questions and deliver recommendation:
 - How to advance technological readiness of starshade
 - What flight or lab demonstrations would be needed ?
- Adopted the WFIRST “Starshade Rendezvous” as representative motivation of technology requirements
- Chairs: G. Blackwood (ExEP/JPL), S. Seager (MIT)
- Status:
 - Consensus reached on goals: options being developed
 - Kickoff: January 2016, Report to NASA HQ: Fall 2016.

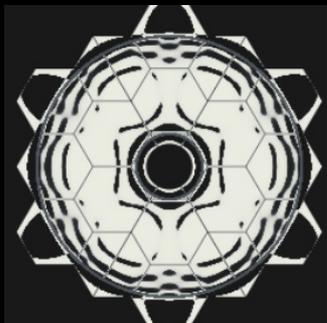
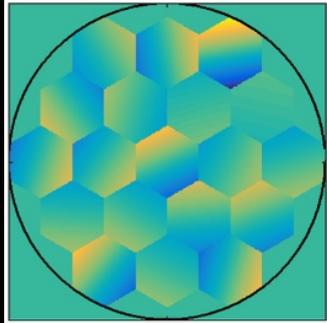
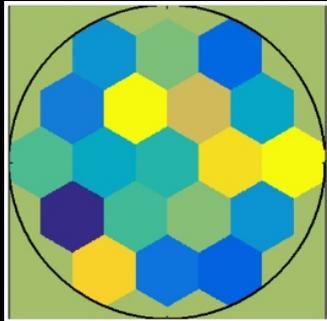
The Starshade Technology Project

- Purpose: Demonstrate technical readiness at the component level by the 2020 U.S. Decadal Survey
- Authorized by NASA HQ this spring. A focusing of community effort to achieve the above goal
- Key issues include
 - Deployment & shape control
 - Control of sunlight scattered off starshade petal edges
 - Precision formation flying to lateral tolerances < 25 cm at $\sim 20,000$ km separation from the telescope
- Intent is broad institutional participation and funding
- Open workshop for work prioritization Sept 7-9 2016

High Contrast Imaging with Segmented Apertures

ExEP-sponsored workshop held at JPL, May 5-6 2016

SOC Chair Olivier Guyon



- Considered challenges posed by obscured & segmented apertures to coronagraphy and wavefront control
- Topics covered included
 - Segmented telescopes in development
 - Options for segmentation
 - Contrast dependence on segment misalignments (top left, Stahl & Stahl)
 - Coronagraph performance as a function of IWA and degree of segmentation (Zimmerman et al., lower left)
- 25 presentations available to review at <https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/hcisa/>

Large Binocular Telescope Interferometer (LBTI)

Measure exozodiacal dust background levels in the HZs of nearby stars

- Inform exoplanet imaging strategy: High exozodi levels would imply that larger apertures would be needed for exoEarth spectroscopy
- Combine beams from two 8.2m telescope shifted by 180° in phase. On-axis starlight nulls out, leaving off-axis dust emission visible in constructive areas of sky null pattern.
- Measurements made at $10 \mu\text{m}$ wavelength
- Demonstrated 15 zodi sensitivity for star at 10 pc, May 2015. Survey made no progress since then due to telescope, instrument, and weather problems.
- Need better telescope reliability, more observing nights if the 32 star survey is to be completed.
- NASA HQ is now deciding whether/how to continue the LBTI exozodi survey

Phil Hinz, PI



Defrere et al. 2015, 2016
Kennedy et al. 2015
Weinberger et al. 2015

Decadal Flagship Mission Studies

Capabilities vs. aperture for future space telescopes doing exoplanet imaging characterization: Spectroscopy targets & integration times

- Results below are for 1 solar radiance Earth analogs observed R= 70 and S/N of 10. Number of doable targets drops by half for R= 250.
- Corresponding starshade numbers should be better in the 4 m case, but depend on TBD engineering limits (fuel, launch packaging, etc.)
- N.B. multiply targets numbers by η_{Earth} to get planet yield estimate !

Source	Count rate (photons/sec)
HZ Earth analog	0.02
Foreground zodi	0.004
One exozodi	0.007
Residual starlight	0.03
Detector dark current	0.03

Aperture	4 m	8 m	12 m
Number of targets accessible to coronagraph	17	76	158
Number of the above with full 0.5-1.0 μm spectra	8	42	106
Median integration time (hrs)	251	116	15

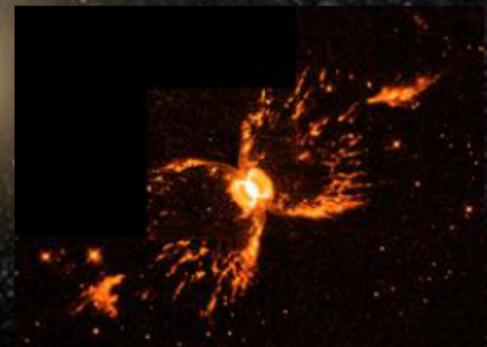
Two studies: Habitable Exoplanet Mission (HabEx) and Large UltraViolet Optical near-IR (LUVOIR) surveyor

- ◎ Both have goal of studying Earthlike planets in reflected light; they differ in levels of ambition
 - HabEx to “search for” signs of habitability and biosignatures
 - LUVOIR to “constrain the frequency of” habitability and biosignatures = larger statistical survey of exoEarths, larger aperture
- ◎ HabEx to focus on exoplanets, “best effort” only on general astrophysics. Perhaps only 2 instruments, like WFIRST. Aperture < ~8 m. Study led by JPL.
- ◎ LUVOIR gives equal priority to exoplanets and general astrophysics. Would be HST-like, expansive vision. Aperture 8-12 m. Study led by NASA Goddard.
- ◎ They are likely to differ in cost and technical readiness
- ◎ Interim reports late 2017; final reports early 2019



HabEx Science Goals and Concept

- **Primary Goal Requires a large ultra-stable space telescope with a unique combination of**
 - Very high spatial resolution (< 30 mas) and dynamic range ($\sim 10^{10}$)
 - High sensitivity / exquisite detectors in the optical (possibly UV and NIR)
- **Such a facility will necessarily also provide exceptional capabilities for**
 - Characterizing *full* planetary systems, including rocky planets, “water worlds”, gas giants, ice giants, inner and outer dust belts
 - Conducting planet formation and evolution studies
 - Star formation and evolution studies
 - Studying the formation and evolution of galaxies
 - Other general Astrophysics applications
- **STDT will direct design team to explore key trades (λ , D, FoV, R)**
 - For the primary science goal *and* for non-exoplanet studies (secondary payload(s))



2015 High-Definition Space Telescope Report

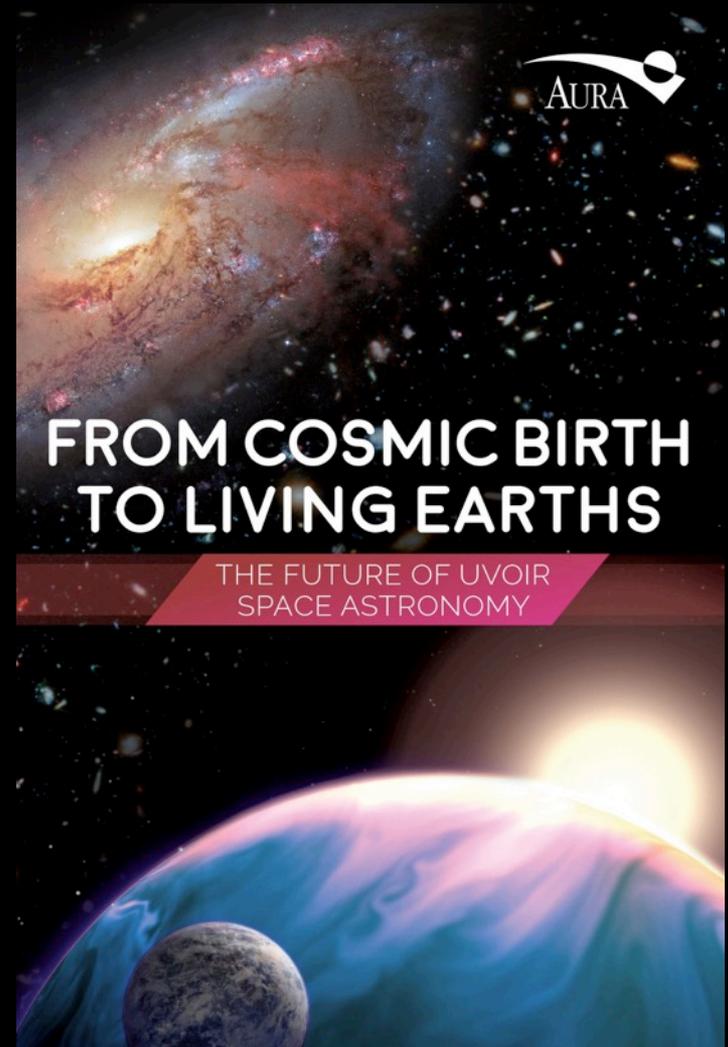
“HDST’s primary goal is to find and characterize dozens of Earth-like exoplanets.”

“Major advances in all areas of astrophysics are possible with HDST.”

◎ Other HDST science goals include ...

- First galaxies, galaxy formation & evolution, star and planet formation in Milky Way, Solar System observations

◎ LUVOIR ≠≠ HDST

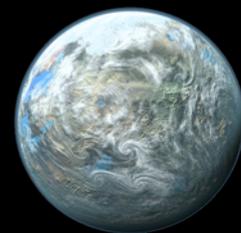


LUVOIR: “Big bang to biosignatures”

◎ **Notional !** – all to be determined by the STDT

◎ Capabilities

- FUV to NIR wavelength sensitivity
- Suite of imagers and spectrographs
- High-contrast capability ($\sim 10^{-10}$)
- Aperture diameter of order 8 – 16 m
- Serviceable (astronaut or robot)
- “Space Observatory for the 21st Century” - decades of science, capability to answer questions we have not yet conceived, instrument upgrades (like *Hubble*)



Important NASA Exoplanet websites and dates

Main Exoplanet Exploration Program website:

<http://exoplanets.nasa.gov>

Exoplanet science archive:

<http://exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu>

WFIRST Project: <http://wfirst.gsfc.nasa.gov>

HabEx mission study: <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/habex>

LUVOIR mission study: <http://asd.gsfc.nasa.gov/luvoir>

ExoPAG 15 meeting at winter AAS: Jan 2-3, Dallas TX

Microlensing conference February 1-3 2017, Caltech

Kepler and K2 Science Conference IV:

June 19-23 2017, NASA Ames Research Center

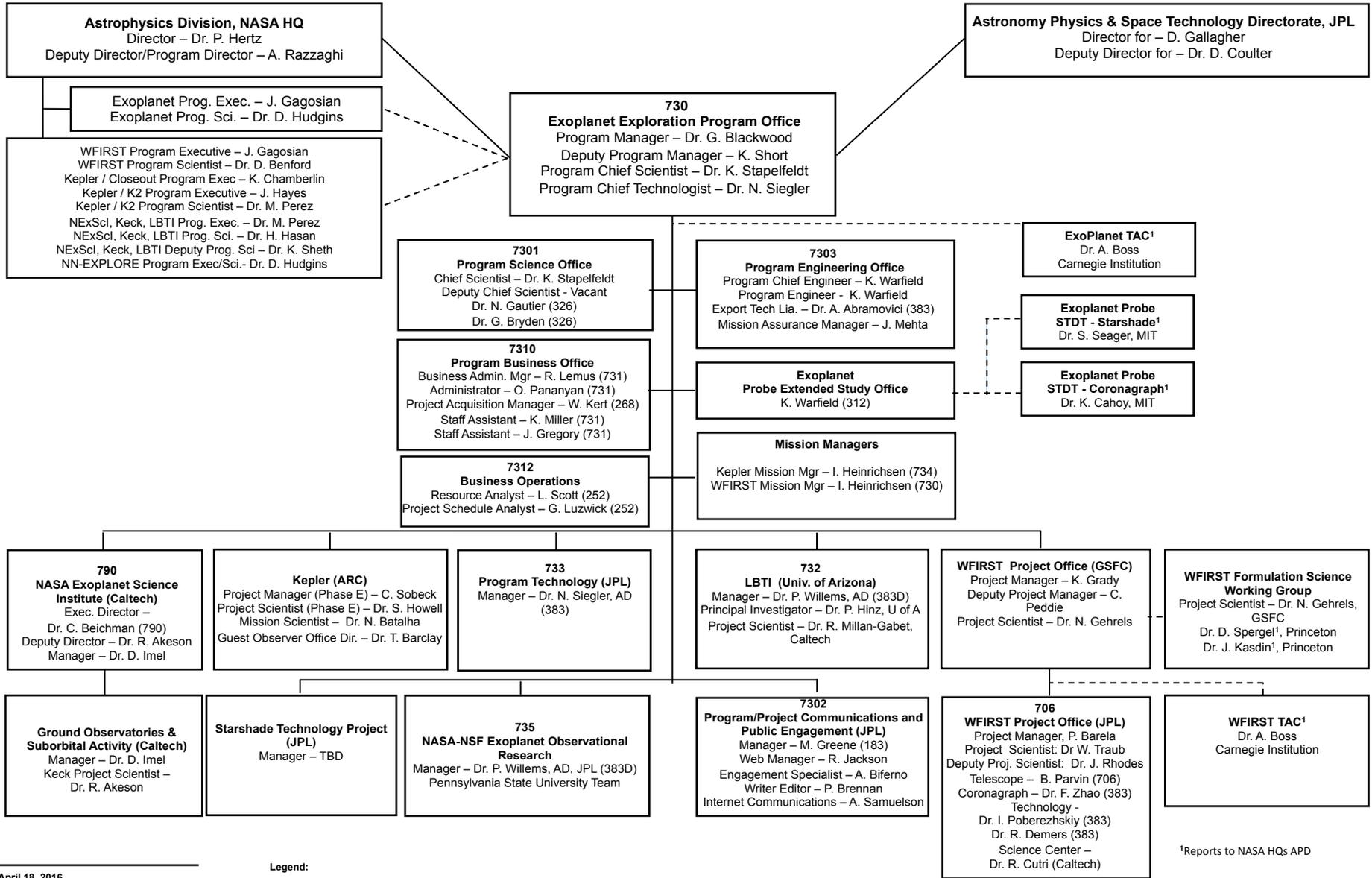
WFIRST Community Science Conference:

June 26-30 2017, Space Telescope Science Institute



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California Institute of Technology

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¹Reports to NASA HQ's APD