

# Introducing EXCALIBUR



Motivated by Population-Level Questions  
Enabled by Uniform Analysis Methods

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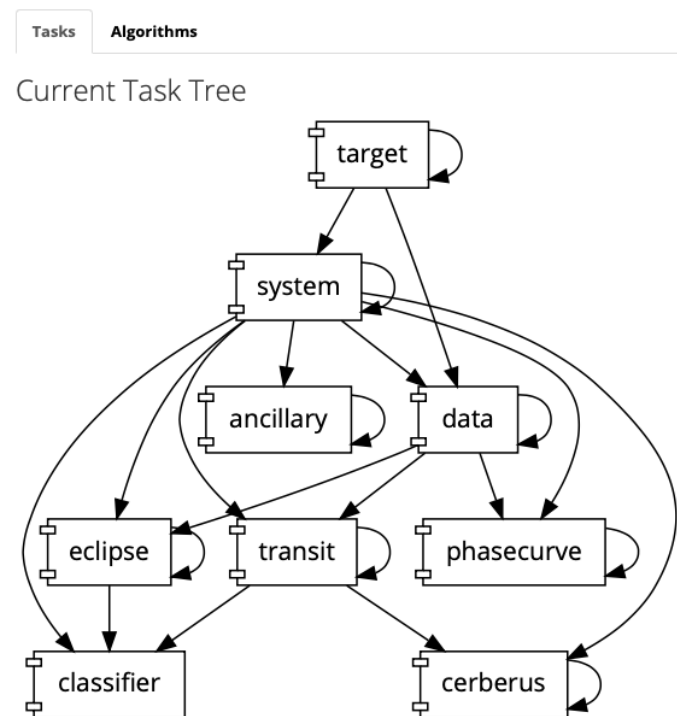
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# EXCALIBUR: a tool for comparative planetology

*EXoplanet CALibration and Bayesian Unified Retrieval*

- Fully algorithmic uniform processing
  - Operates on an input catalog
  - Data extraction/calibration through atmospheric retrieval functions
- Maintains the chain of inference
  - persistent data products with unique ID tied to specific Github change set
  - Data product quality assessment at key steps
- High agility architecture
  - Run-time directed graph determines processing

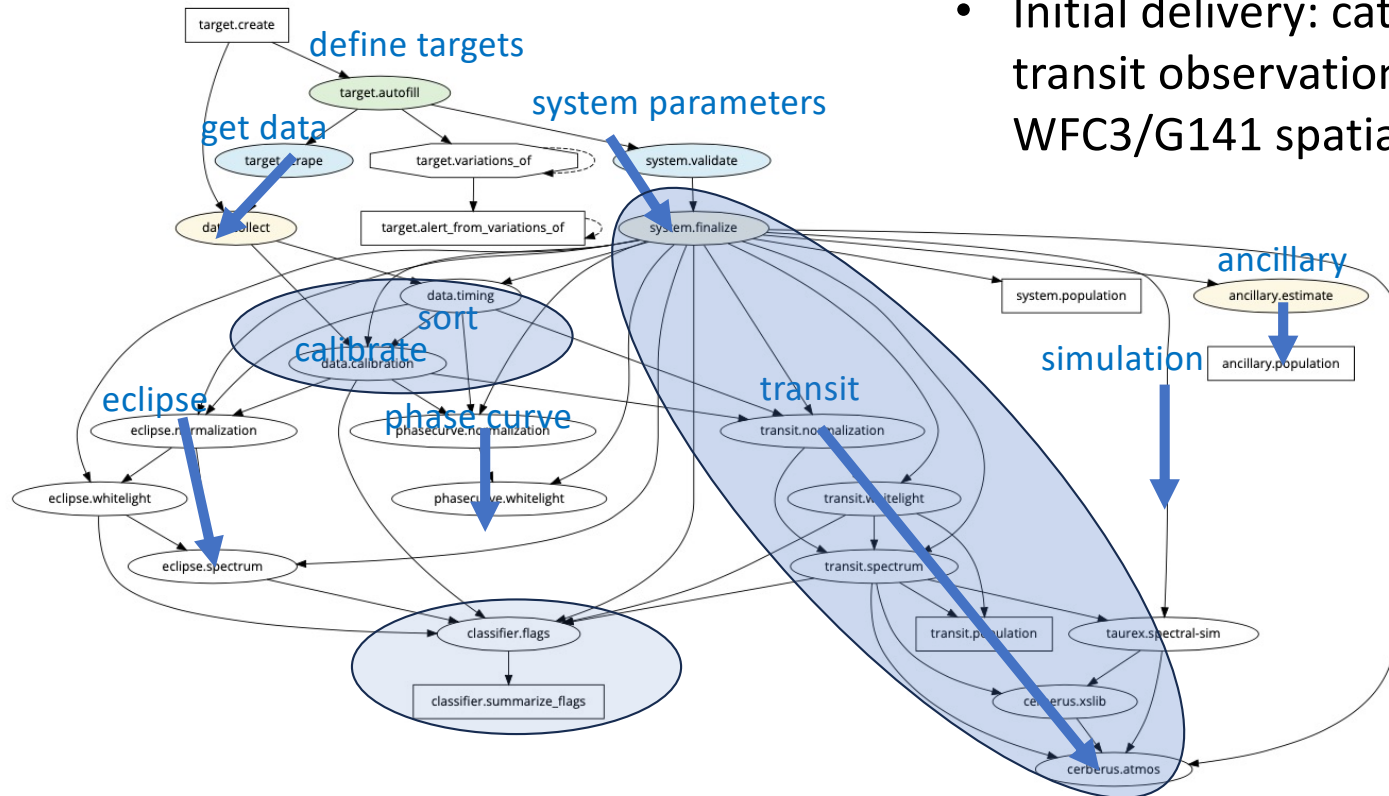
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## Current Algorithm Tree



- Major functional steps shown in blue
- Relevant graph segment indicated with blue arrow

- Initial delivery: catalog of transit observations using WFC3/G141 spatial scan mode

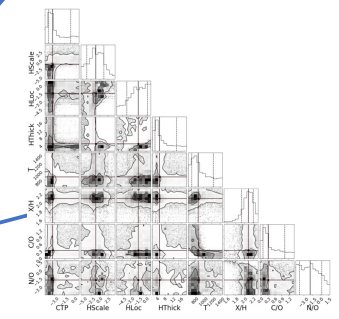
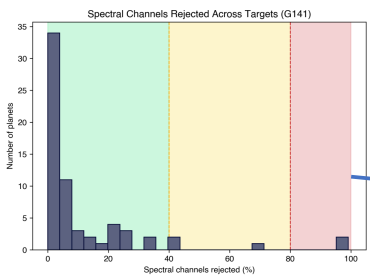
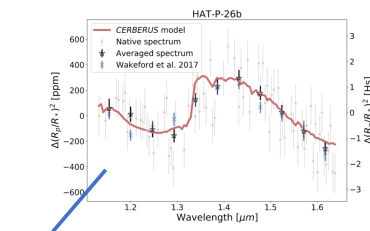
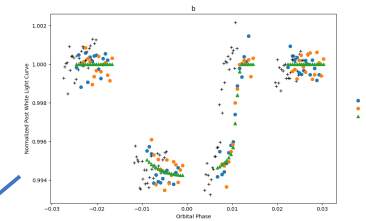
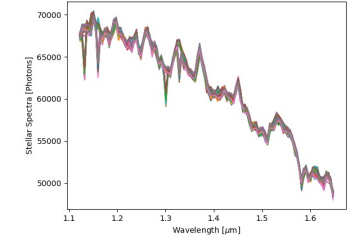
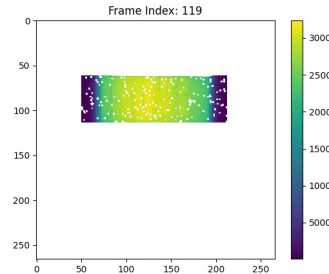
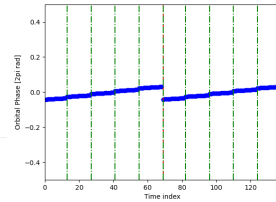
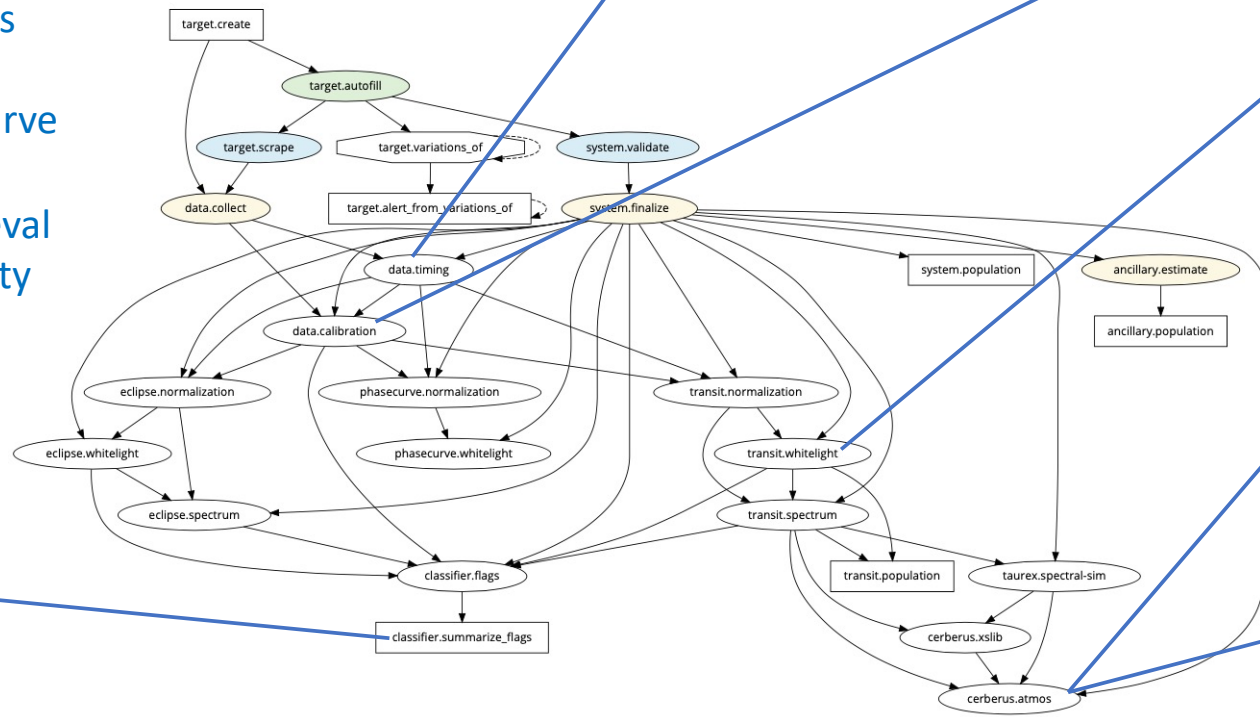
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## Example Data Products

- Time ordered data
- Target observations
- Stellar spectrum
- Broadband light curve
- Transit spectrum
- Atmospheric retrieval
- Data product quality assessment

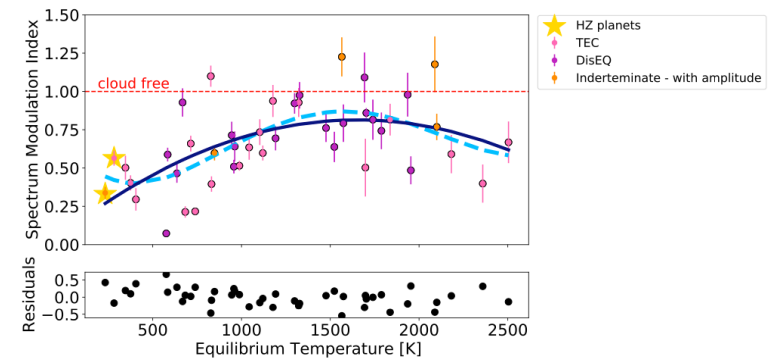
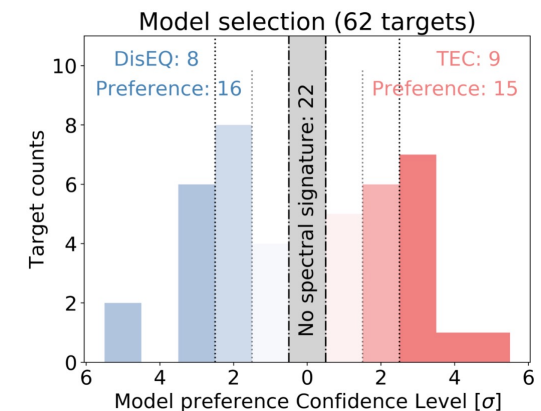
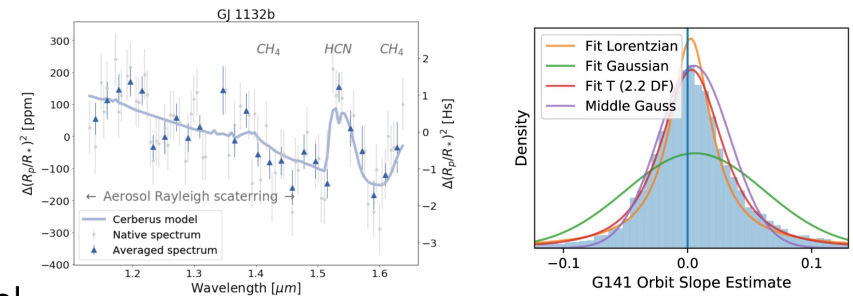
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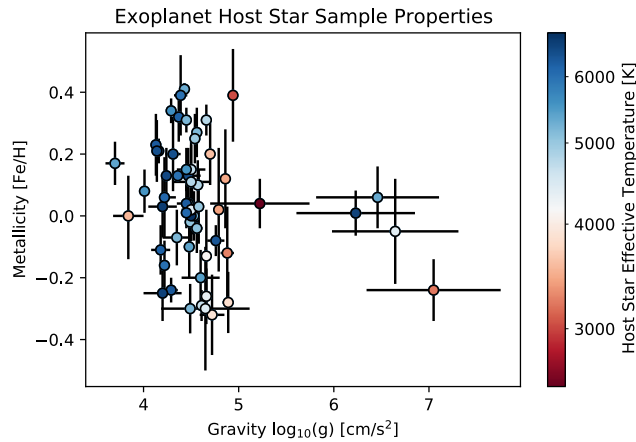
# EXCALIBUR papers to date

## EXCALIBUR methods

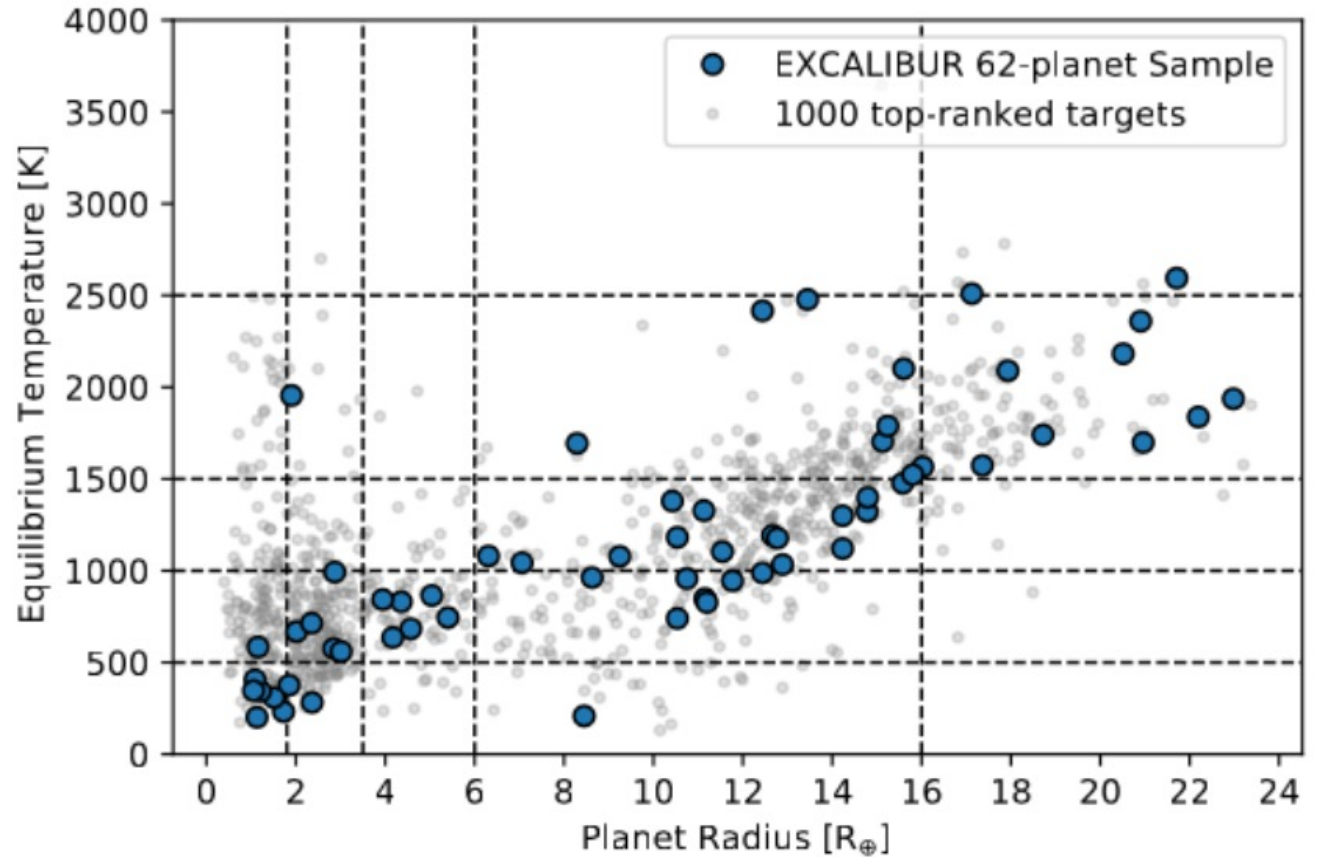
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# Current Release: 62 Planet Catalog observed with WFC3 G141



Catalog covers a broad range of host stars and planets



Part 2

# Working with the EXCALIBUR Team

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- Direct Q&A – best for “one and done” type questions
  - Send email to [excaliburhelp@ipac.caltech.edu](mailto:excaliburhelp@ipac.caltech.edu)
  - Weekly WebEx hosted on Tuesdays 10:30-11:30  
<https://jpl.webex.com/jpl/j.php?MTID=mfc76d303a4fbfa370ea3f27840e8fda7>
  - A good way to express “I want XYZ”
- Collaborator – best for working together towards an objective where multiple questions come up as the project develops
  - Typically more involved projects requiring a period of sustained interaction
  - Invited to participate in weekly EXCALIBUR team meeting
  - Email [mark.r.swain@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:mark.r.swain@jpl.nasa.gov) or [raissa.de.lourdes.freitas.estrela@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:raissa.de.lourdes.freitas.estrela@jpl.nasa.gov)
- Contributor
  - Develops/implements functionality in EXCALIBUR
  - Plan on the JPL remote access account taking some time to set up



# EXCALIBUR catalog is a living document

- Ongoing development in a team environment
- Weekly meetings
- Coded in Python 3
- Future updates to Portal will include more targets, data products, and modes
  - Ancillary state vector example
- Current development includes WFC3 G102, STIS G750 and G430, and Spitzer IRAC 1,2

Search Database

State Vector\* Target Name\*

Search HAT-P-26

State Vector	Run ID (display   download)
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# Key Takeaways

The EXCALIBUR team is very open and supportive of dialog, collaboration, and working together with the broader community.

We hope you find the data products useful.

We solicit your feedback for future releases.