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1 EDITORIAL

1 Editorial

Welcome to edition 112 of the ExoPlanet News!

A big thank you to our contributors for this issue of the newsletter. We are very happy to have a nice compilation of abstracts of scientific papers, job ads, conference announcements, as well as the monthly update from the NASA exoplanet archive and the overview of the articles that appeared on astro-ph in September. In addition there is a call for applications for the Fizeau exchange visitors program - please have a look.

In the unlikely case you missed it, we would like to point out that the Committee on Exoplanet Science Strategy of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine in the U.S. released a comprehensive report in preparation for and as an input to the upcoming decadal surveys. The document can be found here:

http://sites.nationalacademies.org/SSB/CurrentProjects/SSB_180659

If you have any feedback or suggestions concerning the newsletter or its webpage, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would like to ensure that the newsletter remains a useful resource for the community. The Latex template for submitting contributions of any kind, as well as all previous editions of ExoPlanet News, can be found on the ExoPlanet News webpage (http://nccr-planets.ch/exoplanetnews/).

Please send everything to exoplanetnews@nccr-planets.ch. The next issue will appear November 12, 2018.

Thanks for all your support and best regards from Switzerland,

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2 Abstracts of refereed papers

Stellar Surface Magneto-Convection as a Source of Astrophysical Noise II. Center-to-Limb Parameterisation of Absorption Line Profiles and Comparison to Observations

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Manifestations of stellar activity (such as star-spots, plage/faculae, and convective flows) are well known to induce spectroscopic signals often referred to as astrophysical noise by exoplanet hunters. For example, setting an ultimate goal of detecting true Earth-analogs demands reaching radial velocity (RV) precisions of ~ 9 cm s⁻¹. While this is becoming technically feasible with the latest generation of highly stabilised spectrographs, it is astrophysical noise that sets the true fundamental barrier on attainable RV precisions. In this paper we parameterise the impact of solar surface magneto-convection on absorption line profiles, and extend the analysis from the solar disc centre (Paper I) to the solar limb. Off disc-centre, the plasma flows orthogonal to the granule tops begin to lie along the line-of-sight and those parallel to the granule tops are no longer completely aligned with the observer. Moreover, the granulation is corrugated and the granules can block other granules, as well as the intergranular lane components. Overall, the visible plasma flows and geometry of the corrugated surface significantly impact the resultant line profiles and induce centre-to-limb variations in shape and net position. We detail these herein, and compare to various solar observations. We find our granulation parameterisation can recreate realistic line profiles and induced radial velocity shifts, across the stellar disc, indicative of both those found in computationally heavy radiative 3D magnetohydrodynamical simulations and empirical solar observations.

Download/Website: https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/aaddfc or https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.11423

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Figure 1: Comparison of the net convective blueshift across the solar limb from our simulations to empirical solar data; calculated via the mean bisector (left; dot-dashed lines when calculated up to 70% of the continuum) and the first moment (right). HMI observations (right) are separated into the quiet photosphere, facular network, and plage regions, and are relative to the quiet Sun. Thick lines indicate the 200 G simulation that is used for the main analysis in the paper; 'original' indicates data directly from our MHD simulation and 'reconstructed' indicates data reconstructed from our granulation parameterisation.

Atmospheric characterization of directly imaged exoplanets with JWST/MIRI.

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The Astronomical Journal, accepted (arXiv:1810.00894)

The Mid-Infrared instrument (MIRI) on board the *James Webb Space Telescope* will perform the first ever characterization of young giant exoplanets observed by direct imaging in the 5-28 μ m spectral range. This wavelength range is key for both determining the bolometric luminosity of the cool known exoplanets and for accessing the strongest ammonia bands. In conjunction with shorter wavelength observations, MIRI will enable a more accurate characterization of the exoplanetary atmospheric properties.

Here we consider a subsample of the currently known exoplanets detected by direct imaging and we discuss their detectability with MIRI, either using the coronagraphic or the spectroscopic modes. By using the Exo-REM atmosphere model we calculate the mid-infrared emission spectra of fourteen exoplanets, and we simulate MIRI coronagraphic or spectroscopic observations. Specifically we analyze four coronagraphic observational setups, which depend on (i) the target-star and reference-star offset (0, 3, 14 mas), (ii) the wave-front-error (130, 204 nm rms), (iii) the telescope jitter amplitude (1.6, 7 mas). We then determine the signal-to-noise and integration time values for the coronagraphic targets whose planet-to-star contrasts range from 3.9 to 10.1 mag.

We conclude that all the MIRI targets should be observable with different degrees of difficulty, which depends on the final in-flight instrument performances.

Furthermore, we test for detection of ammonia in the atmosphere of the coolest targets. Finally, we present the case of HR 8799 b to discuss what MIRI observations can bring to the knowledge of a planetary atmosphere, either alone or in combination with shorter wavelength observations.

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Figure 2: Zoom-in of the HR 8799 system final scientific image (optimistic case, $k_A left$, and pessimistic case, $k_D right$, equilibrium case, filter F1065C, $t_{int} = 1800$ s) after the reference image subtraction. The color scale unit is electrons, pixel size is 0.11 arcsec.

Revisiting the potassium feature of WASP-31b at high-resolution

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Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, in press (arXiv:1810.03693)

The analysis and interpretation of exoplanet spectra from time-series observations remains a significant challenge to our current understanding of exoplanet atmospheres, due to the complexities in understanding instrumental systematics. Previous observations of the hot Jupiter WASP-31b using transmission spectroscopy at low-resolution have presented conflicting results. Hubble Space Telescope (HST) observations detected a strong potassium feature at high significance (4.2 σ), which subsequent ground-based spectro-photometry with the Very Large Telescope (VLT) failed to reproduce. Here, we present high-resolution observations (R > 80,000) of WASP-31b with the UVES spectrograph, in an effort to resolve this discrepancy. We perform a comprehensive search for potassium using differential transit light curves, and integration over the planet's radial velocity. Our observations do not detect K absorption at the level previously reported with HST, consistent with the VLT observations. We measure a differential light curve depth $\Delta F = 0.00031 \pm 0.00036$ using 40 Å bins centred on the planet's K feature, and set an upper limit on the core line depth of $\Delta F \leq 0.007$ (3 σ) at a few times the resolution limit (≈ 0.24 Å). These results demonstrate that there are still significant limitations to our understanding of instrumental systematics even with our most stable space-based instrumentation, and that care must be taken when extracting narrow band signatures from low-resolution data. Confirming exoplanet features using alternative instruments and methodologies should be a priority, and confronting the limitations of systematics is essential to our future understanding of exoplanet atmospheres.

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Figure 3: UVES differential light curves of WASP-31b centred around the potassium lines using a bin width of 40 Å. Top panel: light curves with airmass trends removed. The top two light curves show the 7699 Å potassium line for the first and second transit, respectively, and the bottom two are for the 7665 Å potassium line. The red line shows the best-fit models, the blue shows a null eclipse, and the green and orange lines show the projected detection with STIS using both the linear-basis and GP models. Bottom panel: Phase folded light curve after removing airmass and systematic trends. The differential K feature detected with STIS is clearly ruled out by the UVES data.

The habitable zone for Earthlike exomoons orbiting Kepler-1625b

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The recent announcement of a Neptune-sized exomoon candidate orbiting the Jupiter-sized object Kepler-1625b has forced us to rethink our assumptions regarding both exomoons and their host exoplanets. In this paper I describe calculations of the habitable zone for Earthlike exomoons in orbit of Kepler-1625b under a variety of assumptions. I find that the candidate exomoon, Kepler-1625b-i, does not currently reside within the exomoon habitable zone, but may have done so when Kepler-1625 occupied the main sequence. If it were to possess its own moon (a "moon-moon") that was Earthlike, this could potentially have been a habitable world. If other exomoons orbit Kepler-1625b, then there are a range of possible semimajor axes/eccentricities that would permit a habitable surface during the main sequence phase, while remaining dynamically stable under the perturbations of Kepler-1625b-i. This is however contingent on effective atmospheric CO_2 regulation.

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2 ABSTRACTS OF REFEREED PAPERS

Three Pathways for Observed Resonant Chains

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The Astronomical Journal, in press (arXiv:1809.06443)

A question driving many studies is whether the thousands of exoplanets known today typically formed where we observe them or formed further out in the disk and migrated in. Early discoveries of giant exoplanets orbiting near their host stars and exoplanets in or near mean motion resonances were interpreted as evidence for migration and its crucial role in the beginnings of planetary systems. long-scale migration has been invoked to explain systems of planets in mean motion resonant chains consisting of three or more planets linked by integer period ratios. However, recent studies have reproduced specific resonant chains in systems via short-scale migration, and eccentricity damping has been shown to capture planets into resonant chains. We investigate whether the observed resonant chains in Kepler-80, Kepler-223, Kepler-60, and TRAPPIST-1 can be established through long-scale migration, short-scale migration, and/or only eccentricity damping by running suites of N-body simulations. We find that, for each system, all three mechanisms are able to reproduce the observed resonant chains. Long-scale migration is not the only plausible explanation for resonant chains in these systems, and resonant chains are potentially compatible with in situ formation.

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The Fate of Formamide in a Fragmenting Protoplanetary Disc

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The Astrophysical Journal, in press (arXiv:1809.09900)

Recent high-sensitivity observations carried out with ALMA have revealed the presence of complex organic molecules (COMs) such as methyl cyanide (CH₃CN) and methanol (CH₃OH) in relatively evolved protoplanetary discs. The behaviour and abundance of COMs in earlier phases of disc evolution remains unclear. Here we combine a smoothed particle hydrodynamics simulation of a fragmenting, gravitationally unstable disc with a gasgrain chemical code. We use this to investigate the evolution of formamide (NH₂CHO), a pre-biotic species, in both the disc and in the fragments that form within it. Our results show that formamide remains frozen onto grains in the majority of the disc where the temperatures are <100 K, with a predicted solid-phase abundance that matches those observed in comets. Formamide is present in the gas-phase in three fragments as a result of the high temperatures (\geq 200 K), but remains in the solid-phase in one colder (\leq 150 K) fragment. The timescale over which this occurs is comparable to the dust sedimentation timescales, suggesting that any rocky core which is formed would inherit their formamide content directly from the protosolar nebula.

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Figure 4: Ice lines of CO, NH₂CHO and H₂O in the fragmenting disc.

A lagrangian model for dust evolution in protoplanetary disks: Formation of wet and dry planetesimals at different stellar masses

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Astronomy & Astrophysics, in press (arXiv:1810.02370)

We introduce a new Lagrangian smooth-particle method to model the growth and drift of pebbles in protoplanetary disks. The Lagrangian nature of the model makes it especially suited to following characteristics of individual (groups of) particles, such as their composition. In this work we focus on the water content of solid particles. Planetesimal formation via streaming instability is taken into account, partly based on previous results on streaming instability outside the water snowline that were presented in a recent publication. We validate our model by reproducing earlier results from the literature and apply our model to steady-state viscous gas disks (with constant gas accretion rate) around stars with different masses. We also present various other models where we explore the effects of pebble accretion, the fragmentation velocity threshold, the global metallicity of the disk, and a time-dependent gas accretion rate.

We find that planetesimals preferentially form in a local annulus outside the water snowline, at early times in the lifetime of the disk ($\leq 10^5$ yr), when the pebble mass fluxes are high enough to trigger the streaming instability. During this first phase in the planet formation process, the snowline location hardly changes due to slow viscous evolution, and we conclude that assuming a constant gas accretion rate is justified in this first stage.

The efficiency of converting the solids reservoir of the disk to planetesimals depends on the location of the water snowline. Cooler disks with a closer-in water snowline are more efficient at producing planetesimals than hotter disks where the water snowline is located further away from the star. Therefore, low-mass stars tend to form planetesimals more efficiently, but any correlation may be overshadowed by the spread in disk properties.

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3 JOBS AND POSITIONS

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Postdoctoral Fellowship in exoplanet observations with CHEOPS.

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Bern, Switzerland, Nov. 2018

The Theoretical Astrophysics and Planetary Science Group (led by Prof. Willy Benz and Yann Alibert) and the SAINT-EX research group (led by Prof. Brice-Olivier Demory) both at the University of Bern, Switzerland, seek qualified candidates for a Postdoctoral position in CHEOPS exoplanet observations.

The Characterising ExoPlanets Satellite (CHEOPS) is a joint mission between ESA and Switzerland to be launched during the first half of 2019. ESA's Science Programme has selected CHEOPS in 2012 as the first small mission (S-mission) in its Programme. The goal of the CHEOPS mission is to characterise the structure of exoplanets with typical sizes ranging from Neptune down to Earth diameters orbiting bright star. This will be achieved by measuring high-precision photometric sequences to detect variation in the stellar brightness induced by a transiting planet. For details about the mission's science goals and technical implementation, see the CHEOPS website at http://cheops.unibe.ch.

The successful applicant will hold a PhD in astrophysics with previous expertise in ground- and/or space-based exoplanet observations (data reduction, analysis and scheduling). The Postdoctoral researcher will be expected to contribute to the search and characterisation of transiting exoplanets using CHEOPS. The successful applicant will also be expected to conduct competitive research programmes in exoplanets. She/he will also have privileged access to CHEOPS GTO data by collaboration with CHEOPS science team members. A high-degree of interaction with the CHEOPS engineering team is also expected. In addition, the successful applicant will benefit from interactions with researchers from the Centre for Space and Habitability (e.g. Prof. Christoph Mordasini and Kevin Heng, see www.csh.unibe.ch) and with members of the NCCR PlanetS (see www.nccr-planets.ch).

This Postdoctoral Fellowship is for 2 years at the University of Bern, with possible extension depending on results and available funding. The annual salary is between 75,000 and 97,000 CHF, depending upon experience (years after Ph.D) and is set by a predetermined matrix from the University and Canton of Bern.

Each prospective candidate will submit a research proposal with a maximum length of 5 pages. The candidate will use a maximum of 3 pages to explain her/his existing research expertise and interests performed either during the PhD or previous postdoctoral position(s). Additional application materials include a 2-page CV, a list of peer-reviewed publications (no page limit) and a cover letter (1 page) listing the names of 3 referees/references.

The entire application should be submitted as a single PDF file to Mrs Janine Jungo (janine.jungo@space.unibe.ch) by the application deadline of 18 November 2018. Applications sent as multiple files will not be processed. Please state \ll Postdoctoral Fellowship in exoplanet observations with CHEOPS \gg as the title of your email.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that three letters of recommendation are sent directly and separately to Mrs Janine Jungo by the letter writers themselves.

The starting date of the position is negotiable, but not later than 31st March 2019.

For inquiries about the job, contact Brice-Olivier Demory (brice.demory@csh.unibe.ch) and Yann Alibert (yann.alibert@space.unibe.ch).

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Trottier Postdoctoral Fellow

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Montréal, Canada, Starting date: May to September 2019

The Institute for Research on Exoplanets (iREx), affiliated with the physics department of the University of Montreal (UdeM), invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in experimental, observational or theoretical astrophysics applied to the study of exoplanets. A number of iREx projects are described below for reference.

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a list of publications, and a statement of research interests (max 2 pages), and should arrange to have three referees send a letter of reference. All application materials including letters of reference must be received electronically at the following address: **irex@astro.umontreal.ca**, by **November 30th, 2018 for full consideration. This position will, however, remain open until filled.**

A PhD in physics, astronomy or related discipline is required at the time when the position starts. Preference will be given to applicants within 3 years of obtaining their PhD.

The iREx consists of a growing team of over 40 people (professors, postdocs, research assistants and students) mostly from UdeM and McGill University all working on various research programs focused on the study of exoplanets and related fields of stellar astrophysics. Members of iREx are actively involved in large international projects related to the detection and characterisation of exoplanets, notably the future James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), the Gemini Planet Imager, SPIRou and NIRPS. In addition, iREx researchers will have access to guaranteed observing time with JWST, SPIRou and NIRPS. More information on iREx research programs can be found here: http://www.exoplanetes.umontreal.ca/research/?lang=en.

The successful applicant is expected to start between **May and September 2019**. The position is for two years, renewable for a third year subject to performance and availability of funds.

Social Benefits:

Postdoctoral researchers at iREx at UdeM enjoy a comprehensive benefits package, see: http://www.fesp.umontreal.ca/fileadmin/Documents/PDF/GuideStagiairePostdoctoral_Eng.pdf

Download/Website: http://www.exoplanets.ca/trottier-postdoctoral-fellowship-at-irex-2019 -in-astrophysics-applied-to-the-study-of-exoplanets/?lang=en

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3rd Advanced School on Exoplanetary Science:

"Demographics of Exoplanetary Systems"

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Vietri sul Mare (Salerno), Italy, from 27 to 31 May, 2019



Rationale:

The Advanced School on Exoplanetary Science – taking place close to the enchanting Amalfi Coast – is aimed at providing a comprehensive, state-of-the-art picture of the rich variety of relevant aspects of the fast-developing, highly interdisciplinary field of exoplanet research (both from an observational and theoretical viewpoint). The School is addressed to graduate students and young post-doctoral researchers, and offers the fascinating possibility to interact with world-class experts engaged in different areas of the astrophysics of planetary systems. The 3^{rd} edition of the School will be focused on the Demographics of Exoplanetary Systems, covering both the theoretical and observational perspectives.

Organizing Committee:

K. Biazzo (INAF - Catania Astrophysical Observatory), V. Bozza (University of Salerno), L. Mancini (University of Rome 2, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Heidelberg), A. Sozzetti (INAF - Turin Astrophysical Observatory)

Confirmed School Lecturers:

Planet formation : Prof. A. Morbidelli, Observatoire de la Cote d'Azur, Nice, France Dynamical evolution: Prof. Sean N. Raymond, Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Bordeaux, France Wide-separation Exoplanets: Prof. Scott Gaudi, Ohio State University, USA Close-in Exoplanets: Prof. Andrew W. Howard, California Institute of Technology, USA Star–Planet interactions: Prof. Antonino F. Lanza, INAF – Catania Astrophysical Observatory

Lecture Notes: The Lecture Notes of the 3rd Advanced School on Exoplanetary Science will be published by Springer in its Astrophysics and Space Science Library series. A copy of the book will be given to each

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participant. The first two books of the series are available on www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319274560 and www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319897004, respectively.

Fee:

The registration fee is 350 Euro, and includes a copy of the Lecture Notes, conference kit, coffee breaks and social dinner. A limited number of grants, covering the registration fee, will be available for selected participants. Justified requests for economic support (addressed via email to the Organizing Committee) will have to be accompanied by the submission of a Curriculum Vitae (deadline: February 1, 2019).

Registration, abstract submission:

Registration will open on November 1, 2018 and close on 1 March, 2019.

There is a limited number of time slots for brief seminars of participants to present their own research. Title/Abstract submission is possible at any later moment after registration by sending an email to the Organizing Committee (deadline: April 1, 2019). All participants are allowed and encouraged to bring a poster.

Important Dates:

1st November 2018: First Announcement, Registration opens

15th January 2019: Second and Final Announcement

1st February 2019: Accommodation Subsidy Deadline

1st March 2019: Registration Deadline

1st April 2019: Oral contribution Deadline

1st May 2019: Final School programme

 $27^{\text{th}} - 31^{\text{st}}$ May 2019: The School

Download/Website: http://www.mpia.de/ases3

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National Astronomy Meeting (NAM) 2019

SOC: Chair: Sarah Badman (Lancaster), Silvia Dalla (Central Lancashire), Steve Longmore (Liverpool John Moores), Ian McCrea (Rutherford Appleton Laboratory), Victoria Scowcroft (Bath), Adrianne Slyz (Oxford), John Stott (Lancaster), John Veitch (Glasgow), Dimitri Veras (Warwick), Anthony Yeates (Durham)

Lancaster University, 30 June 2019 - 4 July 2019

The SOC for the 2019 UK National Astronomy Meeting (NAM) is now accepting proposals for parallel sessions, and we invite you to apply; a submission form along with basic logistical information about the conference is located at the associated website. Note in particular that the deadline for submission for a parallel session is Monday 7th Jan 2019 at 17:30 UTC.

With about 600 attendees per year, the UK NAM includes astrophysics, solar system science and space physics, and is open to attendees from around the world.

The SOC aims to ensure that the conference is representative of the community's diversity and scientific breadth (and so that includes exoplanetary science!).

Download/Website: https://nam2019.org/science/call-for-parallel-sessions

Contact: nam2019soc@lancaster.ac.uk.

5 EXOPLANET ARCHIVE UPDATES

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September Updates at the NASA Exoplanet Archive

The NASA Exoplanet Archive team

Caltech/IPAC-NASA Exoplanet Science Institute, MC 100-22 Pasadena CA 91125

Pasadena CA USA, October 15, 2018

September 27, 2018

KOI DR25 Supplemental Data: The Kepler mission has released a supplemental KOI DR25 data set with updated dispositions for 9,564 planet candidates and false positives. Where the DR25 dispositions were automatically generated, and should continue to be used for statistical analyses of the data set, the supplemental dispositions have been manually updated to reflect the project's latest information on a given candidate, and should therefore be used to assess the validity of a given planet candidate.

The release also includes a small set of "orphaned" KOIs that were excluded from the initial Q1—Q17 DR25 release because they were not found by that version of the pipeline. For details, see the KOI delivery documentation (http://bit.ly/2R4wHw0). For the data, consult the Q1—Q17 DR25 KOI Supplemental interactive table (http://bit.ly/2NMeSDK), or download the data using our API. Use the table name q1_q17_dr25_sup_koi in your queries. Here is a pre-built query to get you started: https://exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu/cgi-bin/nstedAPI/nph-nstedAPI? /cgi-bin/nstedAPI/nph-nstedAPI?table=q1_q17_dr25_sup_koi

Note: In the Kepler Objects of Interest (KOI) DR 25 Supplemental release, seven confirmed planets were dispositioned as false positives by the Kepler False Positive Working Group. In the absence of a peer-reviewed, published refutation, the objects remain listed as confirmed planets in the Exoplanet Archive. The planets are: Kepler-468 b, Kepler-469 b, Kepler-470 b, Kepler-628 b, Kepler-840 b, Kepler-854 b, and Kepler-1415 b.

Twelve New Planets, 47 New Parameter Sets: We've added 12 new planets to the archive, including nine radial velocity planets and 47 additional sets of parameters found by the N2K project and published in Ment et al. 2018. The new planets are: K2-263 b, K2-264 b & c, HD 55696 b, HD 98736 b, HD 148164 b & c, HD 203473 b, HD 211810 b, HD 148284 b, HD 217850 b, and HD 75784 c. View the planets' data in the Confirmed Planets, Composite Planet Data, and Extended Planet Data tables.

September 20, 2018

We've updated various stellar parameters for 2,705 confirmed planet host stars with data from Gaia's second data release (DR2). The updated parameters include: parallax, distance, proper motion, stellar effective temperature, stellar radius, stellar luminosity, systemic radial velocity, and photometry.

Specific Gaia data columns are included in the Confirmed Planets interactive table for photometry (G-band), proper motion, parallax, and distance; in the Composite Planet Data table, updated values have "Gaia DR2" references. The values can also be found on the objects' Planet Host and Confirmed Planet Overview pages.

September 6, 2018

Mind the Fulton Gap: We've added data for Wolf 503 b, which is the new close-in planet that gives us

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new opportunities to learn more about why there is a significant drop in planets within the 1-4 Earth radii range (a.k.a. the Fulton gap). See its star or planet overview pages, or find it in the Confirmed Planets and Composite Planet Data tables.

An Influx of Insolation Fluxes: We've added data from Berger et al. 2018 for 2,123 Kepler planets and 1,519 Kepler stellar hosts to the Extended Planet Data table. If you use the Composite Planet Data table, you'll notice these updates increase the number of insolation fluxes by almost 600%!

44 New Microlensing Parameter Sets: We've also added new parameter sets for 44 microlensing planets in the Microlensing table (http://bit.ly/2JQr180).

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6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Fizeau exchange visitors program in optical interferometry - call for applications

European Interferometry Initiative

www.european-interferometry.eu, application deadline: Nov. 15

The Fizeau exchange visitors program in optical interferometry funds (travel and accommodation) visits of researchers to an institute of his/her choice (within the European Community) to perform collaborative work and training on one of the active topics of the European Interferometry Initiative. The visits will typically last for one month, and strengthen the network of astronomers engaged in technical, scientific and training work on optical/infrared interferometry. The program is open for all levels of astronomers (Ph.D. students to tenured staff), with priority given to PhD students and young postdocs. Non-EU based missions will only be funded if considered essential by the Fizeau Committee. Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek also partial support from their home or host institutions.

The deadline for applications is November 15. Fellowships can be awarded for missions to be carried out between mid January 2019 and July 2019!

Note: the next call will be issued in May 2019! Further informations and application forms can be found at: www.european-interferometry.eu The program is funded by OPTICON/H2020.

Please distribute this message also to potentially interested colleagues outside of your community!

Looking forward to your applications, Josef Hron & Péter Ábrahám (for the European Interferometry Initiative) *Download/Website:* http://www.european-interferometry.eu *Contact:* fizeau@european-interferometry.eu

7 As seen on astro-ph

The following list contains all the entries relating to exoplanets that we spotted on astro-ph during September 2018.

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- astro-ph/1809.00572: A Hexagon in Saturn's Northern Stratosphere Surrounding the Emerging Summertime Polar Vortex by L.N. Fletcher et al.
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