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1 Editorial

Welcome to Edition 196 of ExoPlanet News!

This month, as usual, we bring you abstracts of scientific papers, job ads, conference announcements, and an overview of exoplanet-related articles on astro-ph. Thanks a lot to all of you who contributed to this issue of the newsletter!

For next month, we look forward to continuing receiving your submissions of paper abstracts, job ads, or meeting announcements. Special announcements are also welcome. As always, we would also be happy to receive feedback concerning the newsletter. The L^AT_EX template (v2.0) for submitting contributions, as well as all previous editions of ExoPlanet News, can be found on the ExoPlanet News webpage (<https://nccr-planets.ch/exoplanetnews/>).

The next issue will appear on Tuesday, November 11th (with a submission deadline ending on Sun November 9th, 2025 CEST).

Thanks again for your support, and best wishes from the editorial team.

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2 Abstracts of refereed papers

The New Generation Planetary Population Synthesis (NGPPS). VII. Statistical comparison with the HARPS/Coralie survey

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Context. Planetary population synthesis is a tool that is used to better understand the key processes of planet formation at the statistical level.

Aims. We seek to quantify the fidelity with which modern population syntheses reproduce observations in view of their use as predictive tools.

Methods. We compared synthetic populations from the Generation 3 Bern Model of Planet Formation and Evolution (core accretion, solar-type host stars) and the HARPS/Coralie radial velocity sample. We biased the synthetic planet population according to the completeness of the observed data. We then performed quantitative statistical comparisons and systematically identified agreements and differences.

Results. Our nominal population reproduces many of the main features of the HARPS planets, such as two main groups of planets in the mass-distance diagram (close-in sub-Neptunes and distant giants), a bimodal mass function with a less populated ‘desert’, an observed mean multiplicity of about 1.6, and several key correlations regarding the stellar metallicity dependency, the period ratio distribution, and the eccentricity distribution. Considering that the model was not optimised beforehand to reproduce any particular survey, this indicates that some of the important physical processes governing planetary formation could be captured. The remaining discrepancies that can be quantified thanks to the population synthesis approach point to areas that are not fully captured in the model. For instance, we find that the synthetic population has 1) in absolute terms too many planets by 70 %, 2) a ‘desert’ that is too deep by 60 %, 3) a relative excess of giant planets by 40 %, 4) planet eccentricities that are on average too low by a factor of about two (median of 0.07 versus 0.15), and 5) a metallicity effect that is too weak. Finally, the synthetic planets are overall too close to the star compared to the HARPS sample. The differences allowed us to find model parameters that better reproduce the observed planet masses, for which we computed additional synthetic populations. We find that decreasing the planet formation efficiency by increasing the planetesimal size re-balances the number of sub-Neptunes versus giant planets. Changing the efficiency of gas-driven migration also affects the sub-Neptune to giant planet ratio, with lower migration rates resulting in more giant planets and fewer sub-Neptunes.

Conclusion. However, only modifying the model parameters seems to be insufficient for the model to fully reproduce both the observed mass and distance distributions at the same time. Instead, physical processes appear to be missing. Planets may originate on wider orbits than our model predicts. Mechanisms leading to higher eccentricities and slower disc-limited gas accretion also seem necessary. We also advocate that theoretical models should make a quantitative, rather than merely a qualitative, comparison between the many current and future large surveys and theoretical results to better understand the origins of planetary systems.

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Methanol emission tracing ice chemistry and dust evolution in the TW Hya protoplanetary disk

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Methanol (CH₃OH) ice is abundant in space and is a key feedstock for seeding chemical complexity in interstellar and circumstellar environments. Despite its ubiquity, gas-phase methanol has only been detected in one disk around a Solar-type star to date, TW Hya. Here we present new high sensitivity (~ 1 mJy/beam) observations of TW Hya with ALMA that detect four individual transitions of gas-phase methanol spanning upper level energies from 17 to 38 K. We confirm the presence of gas-phase methanol in the luke-warm molecular layer of the disk ($35.9^{+25.9}_{-10.6}$ K) and with a disk-integrated column density of $1.8^{+1.3}_{-0.5} \times 10^{12}$ cm⁻². A radially-resolved analysis suggests that the gas-phase methanol is centrally compact, peaking within the spatial extent of the mm-sized dust grains (<80 au). Static gas-grain chemical disk models confirm photodesorption as an important mechanism releasing methanol into the gas phase, with the column density further boosted by the inclusion of grain-surface chemistry, reactive desorption, and an increase in dust-grain surface area assuming fractal grains. However, no model can fully reproduce the observed column density nor the radial distribution, and we suggest that the inclusion of dynamic processes such as vertical mixing and radial drift would be required to do so. Our results demonstrate that the abundance and distribution of the precursors for complex chemistry in the planet-forming regions around Solar-type stars is ultimately controlled by the interplay of grain surface chemistry coupled with the evolution of dust in their disks.

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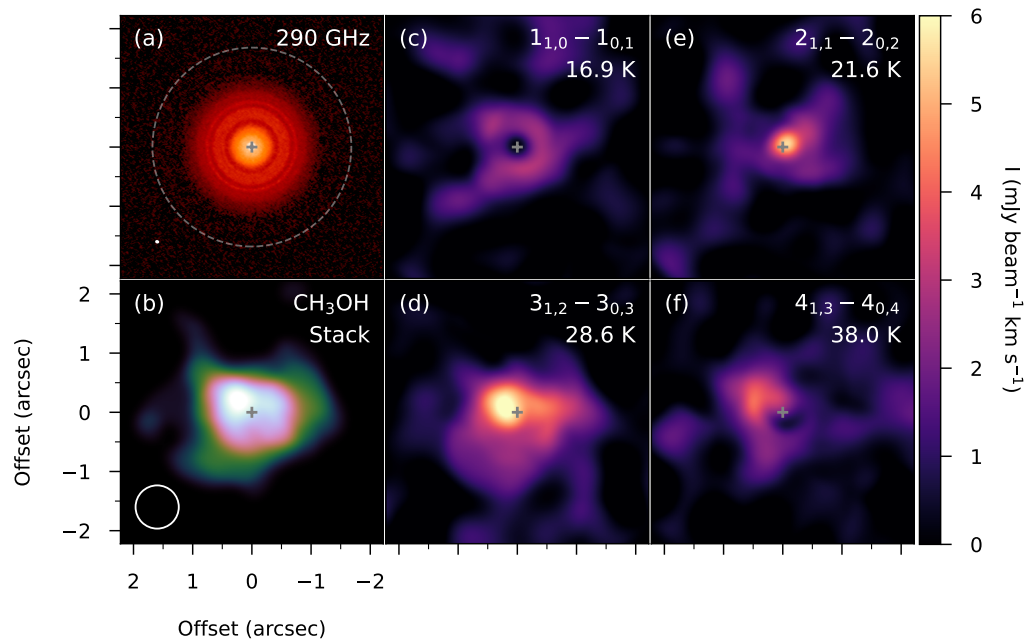


Figure 1: Methanol transitions observed in the TW Hya protoplanetary disk.

Low-mass companions to nine stars

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We present an independent spectroscopic and radial velocity analysis for nine stars from the Pennsylvania-Toruń Planet Search. For BD+24 4697, we present an updated true companion's mass ($0.16 \pm 0.02 M_{\odot}$), as well as evidence of stellar activity. For BD+54 1640 and BD+65 1241 we present true masses of companions, $m = 0.15 \pm 0.04 M_{\odot}$ and $m = 0.091 \pm 0.005 M_{\odot}$, respectively. For BD+63 974 and BD+69 935 we find low mass companions with $m \sin i = 0.046 \pm 0.001 M_{\odot}$ and $m \sin i = 0.090 \pm 0.005 M_{\odot}$. For BD+52 1281, BD+54 1382, TYC 2704-2680-1, and TYC 3525-02043-1 we present evidence of low-mass companions with $m \sin i$ of $0.115 \pm 0.006 M_{\odot}$, $0.083 \pm 0.007 M_{\odot}$, $0.279 \pm 0.009 M_{\odot}$, and $0.064 \pm 0.006 M_{\odot}$, respectively. Consequently, BD+54 1382, BD+63 974, BD+65 1241, BD+69 935 and TYC 3525-02043-1 appear to be Brown Dwarf host candidates.

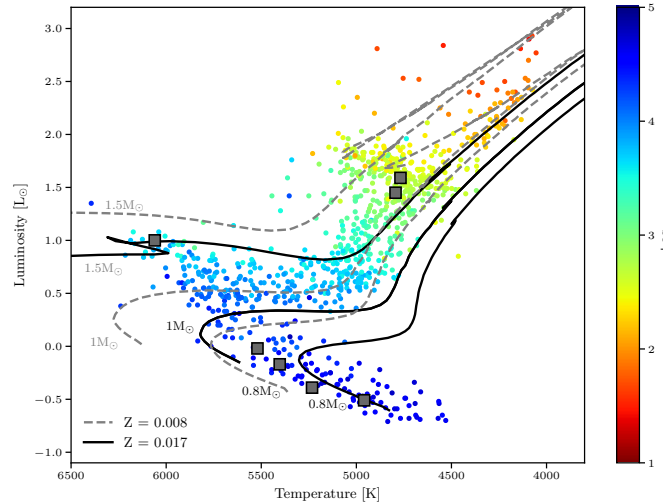


Figure 2: Hertzsprung-Russell diagram for all 9 stars on top of the complete PTPS sample, and evolutionary tracks from Bertelli et al. (2008) for a star with 0.8, 1.0 and 1.5 M_{\odot} and metallicities $Z = 0.008$ and $Z = 0.017$ (see the legend in the bottom left corner of the plot).

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Granulation on a quiet K dwarf: HD 166620

I. Spectral signatures as a function of line-formation temperature

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As radial velocity (RV) spectrographs reach unprecedented precision and stability below 1 m s^{-1} , the challenge of granulation in the context of exoplanet detection has intensified. Despite promising advancements in post-processing tools, granulation remains a significant concern for the EPRV community. We present a pilot study to detect and characterise granulation using the High-Accuracy Radial-velocity Planet Searcher for the Northern hemisphere (HARPS-N) spectrograph. We observed HD 166620, a K2 star in the Maunder Minimum phase, intensely for two successive nights, expecting granulation to be the dominant nightly noise source in the absence of strong magnetic activity. After correcting for a newly identified instrumental signature, originating from CCD illumination variations under optimal seeing conditions, we detected the granulation signal using structure-function (SF) analysis and a single-component Gaussian Process (GP) model. The granulation signal has a characteristic timescale of $43.65^{+16.9}_{-14.7}$ minutes, within one σ , and a standard deviation of $22.9^{+0.83}_{-0.72} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$, within three σ of the predicted value. By examining spectra and RVs as a function of line formation temperature, we investigated the sensitivity of granulation-induced RV variations across different photospheric layers. We extracted RVs from various photospheric depths using both the line-by-line (LBL) and cross-correlation function (CCF) methods to mitigate any extraction method biases. Our findings indicate that granulation variability is detectable in both temperature bins, with the cooler bins, corresponding to the shallower layers of the photosphere, aligning more closely with predicted values.

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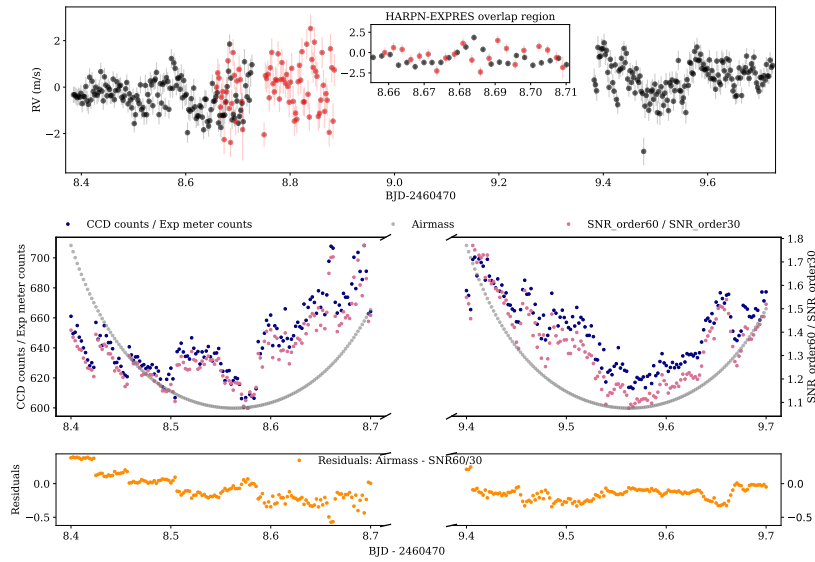


Figure 3: **Top:** The contemporaneously acquired HARP-N (black) and EXPRES (red) radial-velocity observations of HD 166620. **Middle:** Diagnostic ratios CCD counts/exposure-meter counts (dark blue) and SN60/SN30 (dark pink), plotted against Julian date of the HARP-N observations. Both metrics display a striking resemblance, with measured correlation coefficients of 0.99 and 0.98 for nights 1 and 2, respectively. The airmass is shown in grey. **Bottom:** The residuals after subtracting the airmass from the ratios, revealing distinct structures.

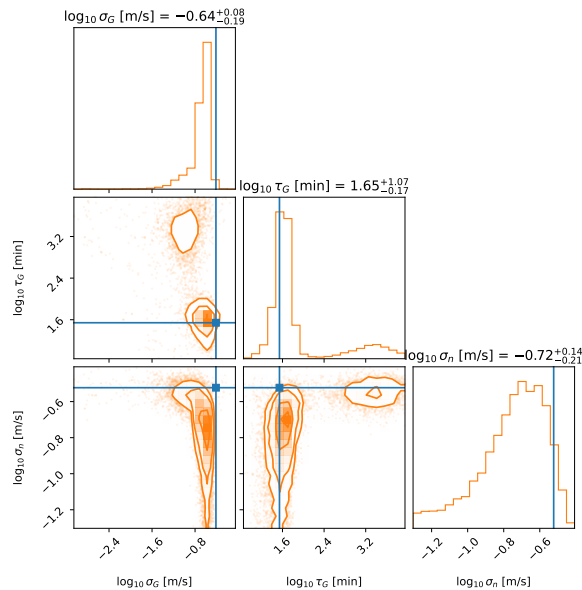


Figure 4: MCMC posterior distribution plots for the one-periodic GP model of the de-trended HARP-N DRS RVs. The parameters shown are the granulation standard deviation, $\log_{10} \sigma_G$, the granulation timescale, $\log_{10} \tau_G$, and the white noise, $\log_{10} \sigma_n$. The predicted values are indicated by the blue lines. The smaller peak in the distributions likely comes from the window function.

GPI+SPHERE detection of a $6.1M_{\text{Jup}}$ circumbinary planet around HD 143811

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Owing to its sensitivity to wide-orbit giant exoplanets, direct imaging is uniquely positioned to shed light on the interplay between protoplanetary disks and stellar hosts. In addition to constraining formation models, new detections are natural benchmarks for an atmospheric characterization. The COBREX project performed an extensive reanalysis of archival observations from SPHERE and GPI using advanced post-processing techniques, that enhanced the detection sensitivity at close separation. Newly found companion candidates are being followed up to confirm new planets. Following the detection of a companion candidate around the young (~ 15 Myr) binary star HD 143811, we collected a new observation with SPHERE@VLT ($0.95\text{--}1.67\ \mu\text{m}$) to confirm the presence of the source and to assess its physical bond to the target. We report the discovery of a new exoplanet orbiting HD 143811 at a projected separation of $0.43'' \pm 60$ au. Based on a 9-year-long baseline, we derive a mostly face-on and low-eccentricity orbit with a period of 320^{+250}_{-90} years. The luminosity of the planet, constrained through the H-band spectrum from GPI, H-band photometry from SPHERE/IRDIS and YJ upper limits from SPHERE/IFS, allows us to place strong constraints on the intrinsic temperature of the planet ($T_{\text{int}} = 1000 \pm 30$ K), which corresponds to a mass of $6.1^{+0.7}_{-0.9} M_{\text{Jup}}$. HD 143811(AB)b is the second planet ever discovered by GPI. It joins the small cohort of circumbinary planets discovered through imaging and becomes a prime target for follow-up formation, dynamical, and characterization studies.

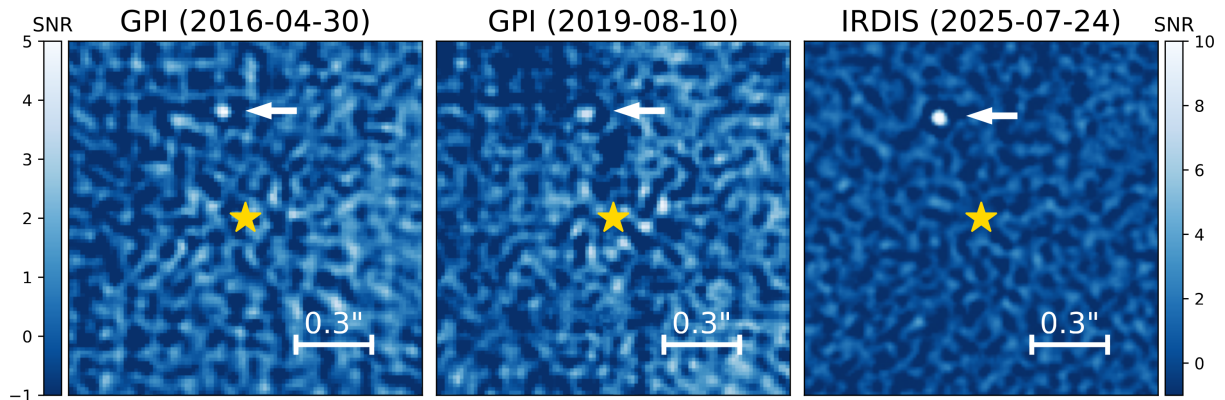


Figure 5: S/N maps for the three observations. The new planet HD 143811 b is indicated by white arrows. The image scale is shown in the lower right corner; the left color bar refers to the two GPI maps.

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Laboratory study of amino acids on amorphous Mg-silicate using infrared spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction - implications for the survival and delivery of interstellar organics to the solar nebula and early Earth

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Organic molecules formed within interstellar dust grain ice mantles may have contributed to the pre-biogenic organic inventory of the early Earth. Their ability to remain on the grain following mantle sublimation is likely to have been an important factor. Glycine, alanine, glutamic acid and aspartic acid were deposited on hydrogenated and dehydrogenated amorphous MgSiO₃ particles and characterised by infrared spectroscopy and synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction. In situ synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction was subsequently used to monitor the loss of the amino acids from the silicates as a function of temperature. Only glycine and alanine were found to deposit on the amorphous silicate particles, evidenced by characteristic infrared bands and diffraction features. Glycine deposited as mixed phases, while D- and L-alanine deposited as single phases. A number of peptide and other phases of astronomical and astrobiological interest were also observed. Glycine was lost from the silicate at temperatures below the melting/degradation temperature of pure glycine, with 15 °C difference between the hydrogenated and dehydrogenated silicates. Alanine survived to temperatures well above its melting point, but with clear temperature differences between L- and D- forms. Not all amino acids that potentially form under interstellar conditions appear able to transfer to bare silicate surfaces during ice mantle loss under warm early solar nebula/disk conditions. This could point to a possible astromineralogical selection mechanism that may have influenced the specific species, their relative proportion and therefore the contributions that pre-solar organics delivered by pre-solar dust may have made to the Earth's original organic inventory.

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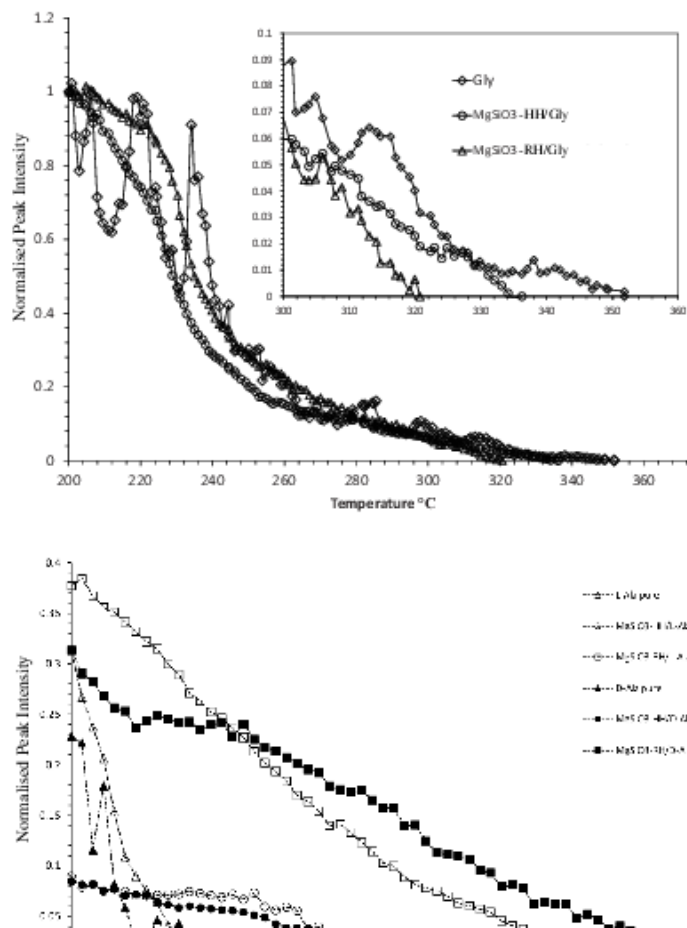


Figure 6: Loss of glycine and alanine from hydrogenated (HH) and reduced-hydrogenation (RH) amorphous MgSiO_3 silicate particles with increasing temperature. The figures plot the reduction in normalised peak intensity for characteristic X-ray diffraction features for each phase, measured in situ during thermal processing, and show clear differences between HH and RH silicates for both glycine and alanine, and between L- and D-forms of alanine for each silicate.

3 Exoplanet Archives

September 2025 Updates at the NASA Exoplanet Archive

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Pasadena CA USA, October 14, 2025

Note: Unless otherwise noted, all planetary and stellar data mentioned in the news are in the Planetary Systems Table, which provides a single location for all self-consistent planetary solutions, and its companion table the Planetary Systems Composite Parameters, which offers a more complete table of parameters combined from multiple references and calculations. Links to other tables and System Overview pages are embedded in the news text.

September 25, 2025

Six New Planets and Five Spectra

This week's new planets are four super-Jupiters and two non-transiting sub-Neptunes. They are TOI-2141 c & d, TOI-4773 b, TOI-5261 b, TOI-5350 b, and TOI-6420 b. There are also new parameters for 51 Eri b, bet Pic b & c, HAT-P-54 b, HD 4113 b, pi Men c, TOI-2141 b, TOI-4138 b, VHS J125601.92-125723.9 b, and WASP-4 b.

New spectra from NASA's JWST and Hubble space telescopes have also been added to the Atmospheric Spectroscopy Table for HD 3167 c, KELT-7 b, and WASP-127 b.

September 17, 2025

The NASA Exoplanet Archive Hits 6,000 Planets!

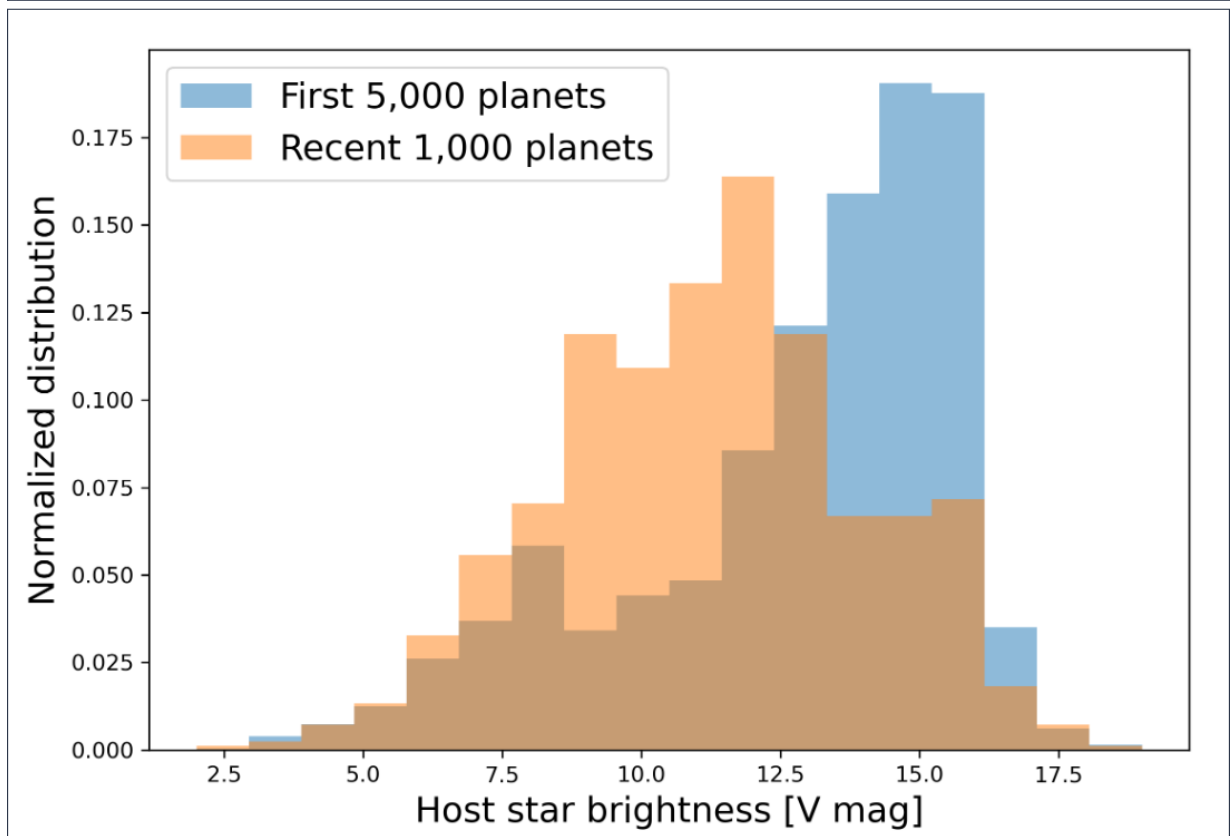
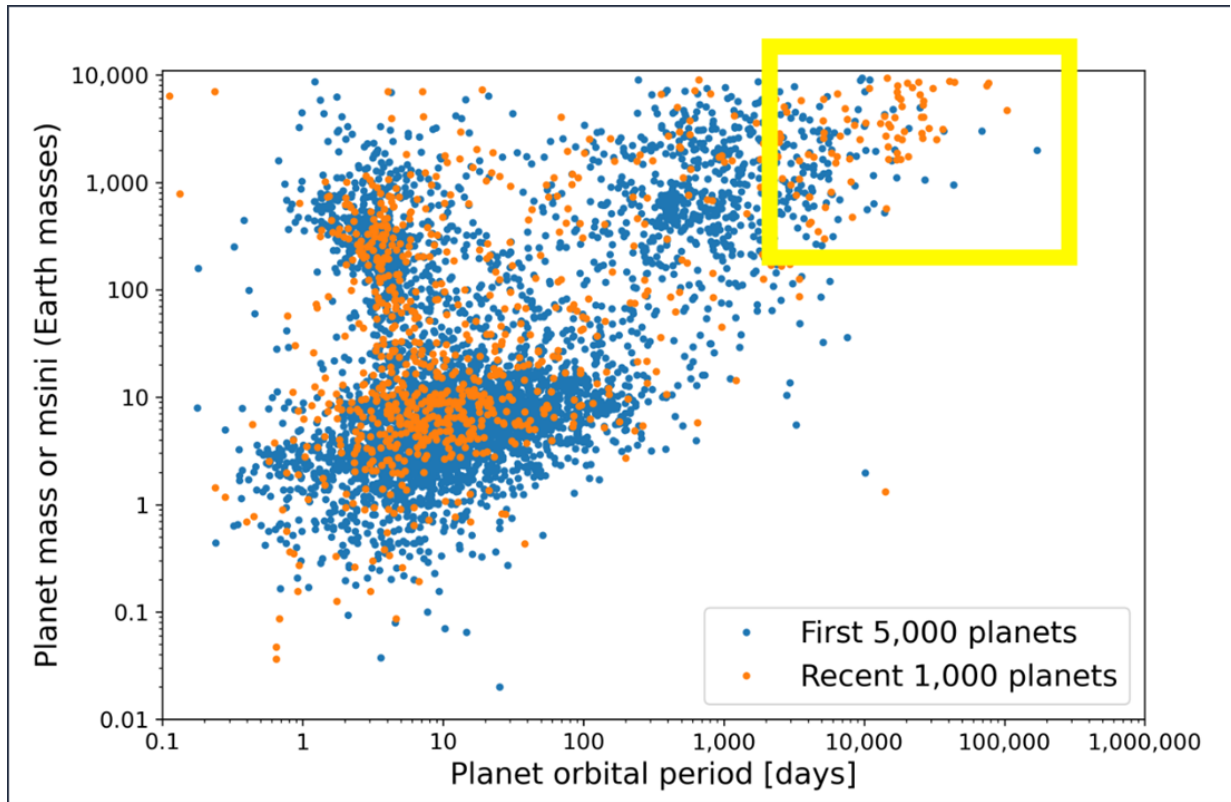
From sub-Earth-sized planets to hot Jupiters and everything in between, today's milestone highlights the rapid growth of exoplanet discoveries and their importance to understanding worlds beyond our own.

Since our 5,000-exoplanet milestone was reached in March 2022, the newest 1,000 planets have helped us expand the parameter space of known planets, and dramatically increase the number of planets we can characterize in detail.

To illustrate the former point, this plot shows the distribution of planets in their mass (or minimum mass) and their orbital period. The yellow box highlights one area where the most recent 1,000 planets build on our previous discoveries—cool, giant planets that are analogs to Jupiter and Saturn in our solar system. These planets have largely been discovered by the radial velocity technique, as the increasing baseline of long, ongoing surveys reaches sensitivity to these distant planets, as well as the direct imaging technique as new instruments come online and search algorithms are refined.

In the figure below, a scatter plot (top) of all confirmed exoplanets in the NASA Exoplanet Archive, with the x-axis representing the planet mass/ m_{Jup} in Earth masses from .01 to 10,000 and the y-axis representing planet orbital periods in days, from .1 to 1,000,000. Blue/gray points indicate confirmed planets added to the NASA Exoplanet Archive before March 2022; orange points indicate planets added to the archive since March 2022.

To illustrate the latter point, the bottom plot in the figure shows the brightness distribution (in V magnitudes) of the first 5,000 planets, dominated by fainter Kepler and K2 targets, compared to the most recent 1,000 planets. The newest planets are typically orbiting stars that are eight times brighter than the older planets, largely due to the fact



that nearly half (490) of the 1,000 new planets were discovered by NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS). The TESS mission is performing an all-sky survey and therefore observes many more bright stars than NASA's Kepler/K2 mission, which concentrated on smaller footprints on the sky. Planets orbiting brighter stars are more easily followed up with other techniques like radial velocity, to measure their masses precisely, and their atmospheres are more readily observed with telescopes like NASA's Hubble and Webb space telescopes.

This Week's New Data

This week's new planets that tipped our counter to 6,007 include three exoplanets— WISPIT 1 b & c and WISPIT 2 b)—that were directly imaged orbiting young, Sun-like stars. The WISPIT 2 system is particularly intriguing because of the clear detection of planet b, which has cleared a gap in a protoplanetary disk. (Go, baby planet!)

Learn more about WISPIT 2 b in this University of Leiden release and the two coordinated discovery papers; van Capelleveen et al. (2025) and Close et al. (2025). The circumbinary WISPIT 1 system is described in another paper by van Capelleveen et al. (2025).

The new planets are GJ 536 c, HD 224018 b, c, & d, HD 28471 b, c, & d, HIP 41378 g, K2-73 c, TOI-1438 b & c, TOI-2322 b & c, TOI-6303 b, TOI-6330 b, WISPIT 1 b & c, and WISPIT 2 b.

There are also 10 new spectra, including four from TRAPPIST-1 e taken by JWST, added to the Atmospheric Spectroscopy Table.

Exoplanet Science For Everyone

Today's announcement kicks off NASA's observance of 30 years of exoplanet science, with a press release and video. More stories, resources, and activities will be posted to the NASA Exoplanets website in the coming months.

While the search for Earth 2.0 continues, planets outside our solar system continue to spark widespread interest and imagination. The following video series help tell the stories of the search for new worlds—and the researchers who study them:

The Explore Exoplanets: The Discoverers video interview series dives into the minds of the scientists who have discovered planets. They share both their eureka moments and their favorite fictional planets, which host and NExScI Chief Scientist Jessie Christiansen match to the closest real-world counterparts in the Exoplanet Archive. (Check out the highlight reel!)

The Astrophysics Variety Hour is an irreverent (and informative) multimedia program about where planets and people came from and how astronomers find exoplanets. Hosted by Felicia Day, this lighthearted series was produced by NASA's Universe of Learning collaboration.

The Habitable Zone, also by Universe of Learning, is a fictional story with stars (the celebrity kind) from the television show *The Expanse*, and illustrates the challenges of finding an exoplanet that can support human life.

Exoplanets are still too far to visit in person, but they're only a scroll away at the Exoplanet Travel Bureau.

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4 Jobs and Positions

ESA Archival Research Visitor Programme

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ESAC (Spain) and ESTEC (Netherlands), Spring 2026 to Autumn 2026

To increase the scientific return from its space science missions, the European Space Agency (ESA) welcomes applications from scientists interested in pursuing research projects based on data publicly available in the ESA Space Science Archives.

The ESA Archival Research Visitor Programme is open to scientists, at all career levels, who are affiliated with institutes in ESA Member States and Cooperating States. All visits must comply with the ESA security directives, which may necessitate additional checks. Early-career scientists and PhD students are particularly encouraged to apply. We encourage applications from women and minorities. The peer-review evaluation process is anonymised to ensure equal opportunities for all applicants.

During their stay, visiting scientists will have access to archives and mission specialists for help with the retrieval, calibration, and analysis of archival data. In principle, all areas of space research covered by ESA science missions can be supported.

Residence lasts typically between one and three months, also distributed over multiple visits. Research projects can be carried out at ESAC (Madrid, Spain) and at ESTEC (Noordwijk, Netherlands). To offset the expenses incurred by visitors, ESA covers travel costs from and to the home institution and provides support for lodging expenses and meals.

Applications received by 10 November 2025 will be considered for visits in spring and summer 2026.

For further details, including areas of research and contact information, please refer to the website and email address indicated below.

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2026 Trotter Postdoctoral Fellowship in Exoplanetary Science

Prof. René Doyon

Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada, Starting date: May to September 2026

The Trotter Institute for Research on Exoplanets (IREx), affiliated with the Dept. of Physics of the Université de Montréal, invites applications for the **Trotter Postdoctoral Fellowship**, which enables cutting-edge independent research in experimental, observational, or theoretical astrophysics applied to the study of exoplanets and related fields of astrophysics and astronomical instrumentation.

A PhD in physics, astronomy or related discipline is required when the position starts. Preference will be given to applicants who have obtained their Ph.D. within the last 3 years. Applicants with career interruptions due, for example, to parental, medical, or family leaves are invited to mention this in their cover letter if desired. The position start date is between **May and September 2026**, and is for two years, renewable for a third year subject to performance and availability of funds.

Applicants should submit a cover letter (optional, max. 1 page), a statement of research interests (max. 2 pages), and a CV incl. a list of publications through the dedicated form <https://forms.gle/nbDkwRPerbp2h4aT9>. They should also arrange to have three referees send a letter of reference to **irex-applications@umontreal.ca** by **December 4, 2025**, for full consideration. However, this position will remain open until filled.

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Postdoctoral Position in Planetary Astronomy and Public Outreach at Boise State University

Brian Jackson

Boise, Idaho USA, Fall 2025

The Department of Physics at Boise State University invites applicants for a postdoc in Brian Jackson's group. Expertise in exoplanet transit photometry or martian atmospheric science desired. The postdoc will also participate in outreach efforts and student advising. Intended start date is fall 2025 but can be negotiated. Compensation includes about \$55k in salary plus benefits, as well as conference travel, publication charges, and moving expenses. The appointment is for one year with a likely renewal for a second year subject to performance and funding availability. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in physics, astronomy, planetary science, or a related field at appointment. Boise State University is located in downtown Boise, which is rapidly growing and frequently ranked among the best cities in which to live and work in the US. Please submit a CV, a 3-page research statement, 1-page outreach statement, & contact information for professional references to <https://jobs.boisestate.edu/en-us/job/499279/post-doctoral-research-fellow>. Application review expected to begin first week of Nov with offer by end of Nov. Direct questions to Prof. Brian Jackson - bjackson@boisestate.edu.

Download/Website: <https://aas.org/jobregistrator/ad/f84b84dd>

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5 Conferences and Workshops

PLATO Theory Meeting 2026

SOC: Richard Nelson¹, Ravit Helled², Farzana Meru³, Christoph Mordasini⁴

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Queen Mary University of London, 12th - 14th January 2026

The PLATO Theory Meeting 2026 will be held at Queen Mary University of London between 12-14 January 2026. The webpage for the meeting, where you will find more information and be able to register and submit a title and abstract for a presentation, can be found here:

The meeting will be primarily focussed on the formation, internal structure and dynamical evolution of planets and planetary systems, and hence will be organised around the following PLATO work packages:

WP116100 - Composition & Formation of Gas and Ice Giants

WP116 200 - Mass-radius Terrestrial Planets

WP116 300 - Planetary Formation and Orbital Evolution

WP116 310 - Protoplanetary Disc Models

WP116 320 - Disc-Planet Interactions

WP116 330 - The Assembly of Planetary Systems

WP116 340 - The Post-Formation Long-term Dynamical Evolution of Planetary Systems

WP116 350 - Planet Formation and Evolution in Binary Systems

WP116 360 - The Influence of Birth Environment on the Formation and Evolution of Planetary Systems

WP116 370 - Post-Main Sequence Evolution of Planetary Systems

WP116 380 - Statistical Comparison Between Theory and PLATO Data

WP116 400 - Atmospheres of PLATO Terrestrial Planets

WP116 600 - Dynamical Interactions in Multiplanet Systems

WP116 610 - Long-term Dynamical Evolution of Planetary Systems

WP116 620 - Stability and Resonances in Multi-Planet Systems

WP116 630 - Tidal Dissipation and Evolution in Multi-Planet Systems

WP116 640 - Rotational Evolution of Planets in Multiple Systems

For more information about the PLATO work packages please click on the following link:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/physics/research/astro/plato-science/research/researchareas/exoplanets/>

The meeting is open to everyone who is interested in contributing to PLATO science, not just existing members of the work packages, so please forward this message to anyone who may be interested in attending.

We look forward to seeing you in London in January 2026!

The SOC: Richard Nelson, Ravit Helled, Farzana Meru, Christoph Mordasini

Download/Website: <https://rpn1966.github.io/platototheory2026/>

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6 As seen on astro-ph

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Disclaimer: The hyperlinks to the astro-ph articles are provided for the convenience of the reader, but the ExoPlanet News cannot be responsible for their accuracy and perpetuity.

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- astro-ph/2509.00762: **Improved characterization of the TOI-2141 system: a dense sub-Neptune with non-transiting inner and outer companions** by *R. Luque et al.*
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- astro-ph/2509.01697: **Detecting water ice and vapor disks originating from icy planetary bodies around white dwarfs with future PRIMA observations** by *Ayaka Okuya, Hideko Nomura*
- astro-ph/2509.02745: **The Influence of Cold Jupiters in the Formation of Close-in planets. II. Collisional Growth of Planetesimals** by *Marcela Best et al.*
- astro-ph/2509.02825: **High Resolution ALMA Data of the Fomalhaut Debris Disk Confirms Apsidal Width Variation** by *Jay S. Chittidi et al.*
- astro-ph/2509.02884: **ALMA Reveals an Eccentricity Gradient in the Fomalhaut Debris Disk** by *Joshua B. Lovell et al.*
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- astro-ph/2509.02665: **Multi-band Spectral and Astrometric Characterization of the HIP 99770 b Planet with SCExAO/CHARIS and Gaia** by *Danielle Bovie et al.*
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- astro-ph/2509.02657: **On the synergetic use of Ariel and JWST for exoplanet atmospheric science** by *Quentin Changeat et al.*
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