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KITP Conference: Physics of Exoplanets: From Earth-sized to Mini-Neptunes

Feb 23-27, 2015 Main Seminar Room, Kohn Hall, UCSB

Coordinators: Eric Ford, Louise Kellogg, Geoff Marcy, Burkhard Militzer

# Monday, February 23, 2015

## Overview on Kepler Observations and IR Observations of Planets, Chair: Geoff Marcy (UCB)

8:45am Lars Bildsten (KITP Director) Welcome 8:50am Introduction

9:00am Natalie Batalha (NASA Ames) The Kepler Legacy: Warm Exoplanet Populations

9:45am Andrew Howard (Univ. Hawaii) Demographics and Properties of Earths and Super-Earth

10:30am Morning Break

11:00am David Charbonneau (Harvard) Results from the HARPS-N Campaign to Characterize the

Transition from Terrestrial Exoplanets to Neptune-like Worlds

11:45am Leslie Rogers (Caltech) Glimpsing the Transition Between Rocky and Gaseous Planet

Populations

12:30pm Lunch Break

#### High pressure physics, Chair: Burkhard Militzer (UC Berkeley)

2:00pm Jon Eggert (LLNL) Structure of Crystalline Matter under Super-Earth Conditions
2:45pm Sarah Stewart (UC Davis) Growing Planets by Giant Impacts: A Diversity of Outcomes

3:30pm Afternoon Break

4:00pm Agnes Dewaele (CEA, France) New Chemistry of the Constituents of the Earth above 1

Megabar

4:45pm Razvan Caracas (CNRS, Lyon) Magmas in Terrestrial Planets

5:30pm SHUTTLE TO BWSCI

#### Tuesday, February 24, 2015

#### Observational Constraints on Theory, Chair: Eric Ford (Penn State)

9:00am Heather Knutson (Caltech) Exoplanet Atmospheres in the Super-Earth Era

9:45am Eric Gaidos (Univ. Hawaii) What are Little Worlds Made Of? The Compositions of Earth- to

Neptune-size Planets

10:30am Morning Break

### Observational Constraints on Theory, Chair: Jack Lissauer (NASA Ames)

11:00am Adam Burrows (Princeton) Evolutionary Models for Super-Earths and Mini-Neptunes

11:45am Michael Jura (UCLA) Extrasolar Cosmochemistry

12:30pm Lunch Break

# High Pressure Physics and Interiors, Chair: Sarah Stewart (UC Davis)

2:00pm Dario Alfe (UCL) Transport Properties of Iron Mixtures at Planetary Core

Conditions

2:45pm Sebastien Hamel (LLNL) First-Principles Calculations of the High-Pressure Melt Line of

Silicon Dioxide and Strength of Superionic Water

3:30pm Afternoon Break

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4:00pm Gilbert Collins (LLNL) Melting, Transport, and Chemistry Data for Deep Exoplanet

Conditions

4:45pm Jonathan Fortney (UC Davis) Modeling the Thermal Evolution and Atmospheres of

Sub-Neptunes in the "Data Era"

5:30pm **RECEPTION & POSTER SESSION** 

6:00pm SPECIAL EVENTS DINNER

8:00pm SHUTTLE TO BWSCI

#### Wednesday, February 25, 2015

#### Atmospheres and volatiles, Chair: Sean Raymond (Bordeaux)

9:00am Oded Aharonson (Weizmann) Forming Planetary Moons by Multiple Impacts

9:45am Renyu Hu (Caltech) Equilibrium and Disequilibrium Chemistry in Evolved Exoplanet

**Atmospheres** 

10:30am Morning Break

11:00am Edwin Kite (Univ. Chicago) Surface-Interior Exchange on Rocky and Icy Planets

11:45am Sushil Atreya (Univ. Michigan) The Atmospheres of the Terrestrial Worlds: Earth, Venus,

Mars, and Titan

12:30pm Lunch Break

2:00pm FREE AFTERNOON -- SHUTTLE AVAILABLE TO BWSCI

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### Thursday, February 26, 2015

#### Characterizing Small Planets via TTVs, Chair: Hilke Schlichting (MIT)

9:00am Daniel Fabrycky (Chicago) Small-Planet Densities and System Architectures through

Photodynamic Variations

9:45am Eric Agol (Univ. Washington) Measuring Planet Masses with Synodic Chopping

10:30am Morning Break

11:00am Rebekah Dawson (UCB) TTV Planets: Farm to Table

11:45am Sourav Chatterjee (NWU) Inside-Out Planet Formation and Its Implications

12:30pm Lunch Break

#### Planetary remote sensing and interiors: Lessons from Earth, Chair: Louise Kellogg (UC Davis)

2:00pm Scott King (Virginia Tech) Mercury, Venus, Mars, Oh My!

2:45pm Anne Davaille (U Paris-Sud) Convective Patterns in "Soft" Planets: from Plumes to Plate

Tectonics

3:30pm Afternoon Break

4:00pm Barbara Romanowicz (UCB) Plumes in the Earth's Deep Mantle: Insights from Seismic

Waveform Tomography

4:45pm Isabelle Panet (IPGP) Satellite Gravity: a Probe on Earth's System Dynamics

5:30pm RECEPTION & POSTER SESSION

6:00pm SPECIAL EVENTS DINNER

8:00pm SHUTTLE TO BWSCI

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#### Friday, February 27, 2015

#### Planet Formation Theory, Chair: Daniel Fabrycky (Chicago)

9:00am Sean Raymond (Bordeaux) Formation of the Observed Systems of Hot Super-Earths and

Mini-Neptunes

9:45am Hilke Schlichting (MIT) Terrestrial Planet Formation: A Blueprint for the Formation of

Close-in Super-Earths and Mini-Neptunes?

10:30am Morning Break

11:00am Ruth Murray-Clay (UCSB) Predictions for the Compositions of Small Planets as a Function

of System Architecture

11:45am Eugene Chiang (UC Berkeley) How Super-Earths Acquire Their Atmospheres

12:30pm Lunch Break

#### Planetary dynamos and Outlook, Chair: Eugene Chiang (UC Berkeley)

2:00pm Gary Glatzmaier (UCSC) Exoplanet Dynamo Simulations

2:45pm Bruce Buffett (UC Berkeley) Magnetic Fields as a Probe of the Internal Dynamics of

Terrestrial Planets

3:30pm Afternoon Break

4:00pm Jonathan Aurnou (UCLA) Laboratory Insights Into Planetary Core Flows & Dynamo

Action

4:45pm Dave Stevenson (Caltech) The Way Forward

5:30pm SHUTTLE TO BWSCI \*ALSO AVAILABLE TO SB AIRPORT AND SB AIRBUS, GOLETA LOCATION. (SEE REGISTRATION DESK TO SIGN UP)

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