



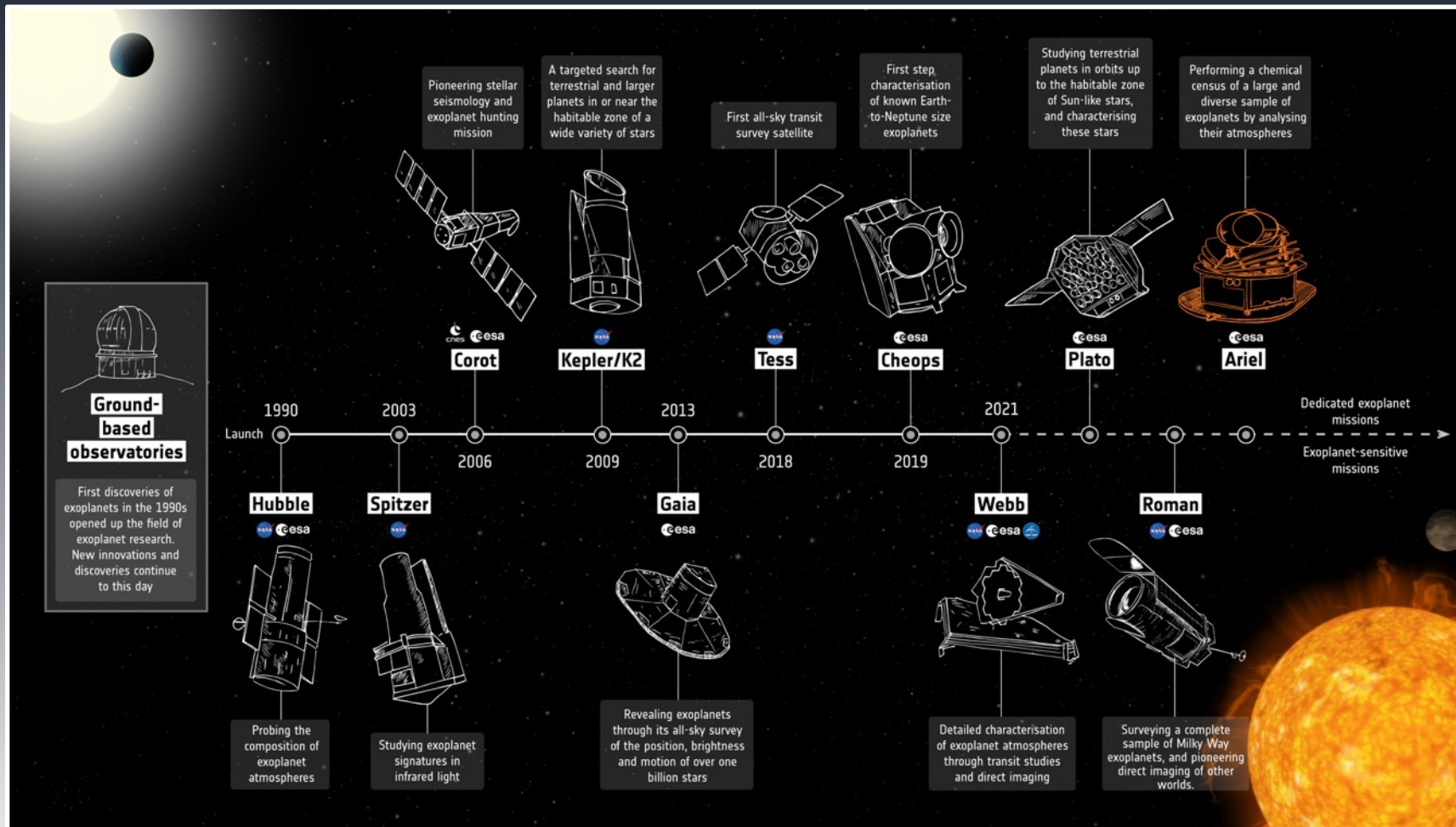
# ARIEL + CASE

SCIENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

GIOVANNA TINETTI (UCL) AND THE ARIEL TEAM



# Exoplanet facilities – next decade

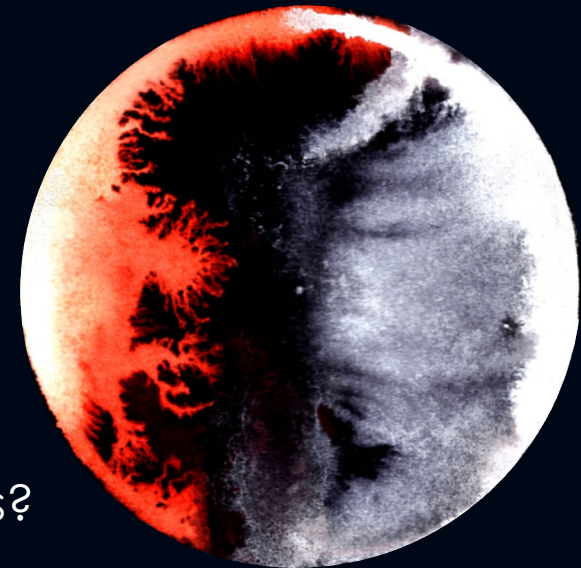


# Ariel science objectives



UNCHANGED FROM ORIGINAL M4 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO ESA IN 2015

- What are exoplanets made of?
- How do planets and planetary systems form and evolve?
- What are the physical processes shaping planet atmospheres?



Ariel Definition Study Report – Tinetti et al. 2021, arXiv:2104.04824

Image credit: Léa Changeat

# Ariel



- Adopted as ESA M4 in Nov. 2020
- PDR passed in May 2023
- Launch 2029 in L2 with CI
  
- 1m-class telescope
- Simultaneous coverage 0.5-7.8  $\mu\text{m}$
  
- ~1000 exoplanets observed
  - Rocky + gaseous; 300-3000K; stars A-M



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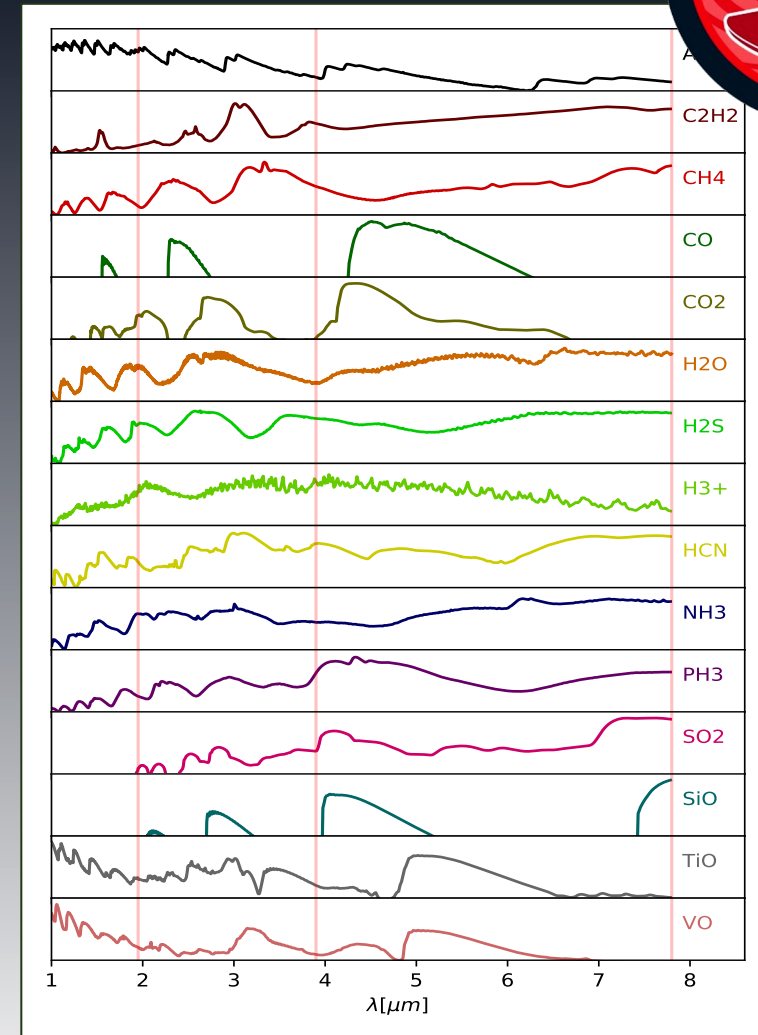
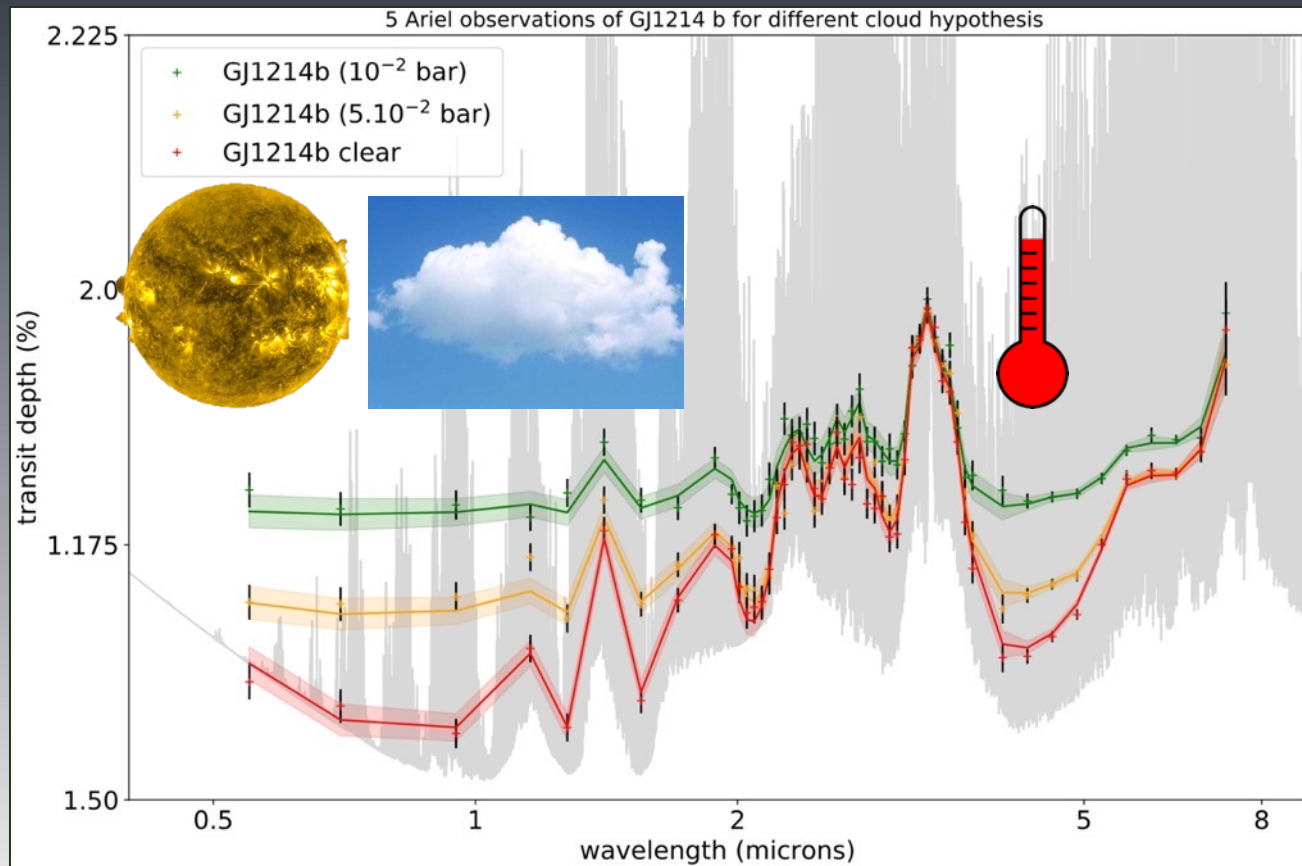






# Ariel – Spectral range/resolution

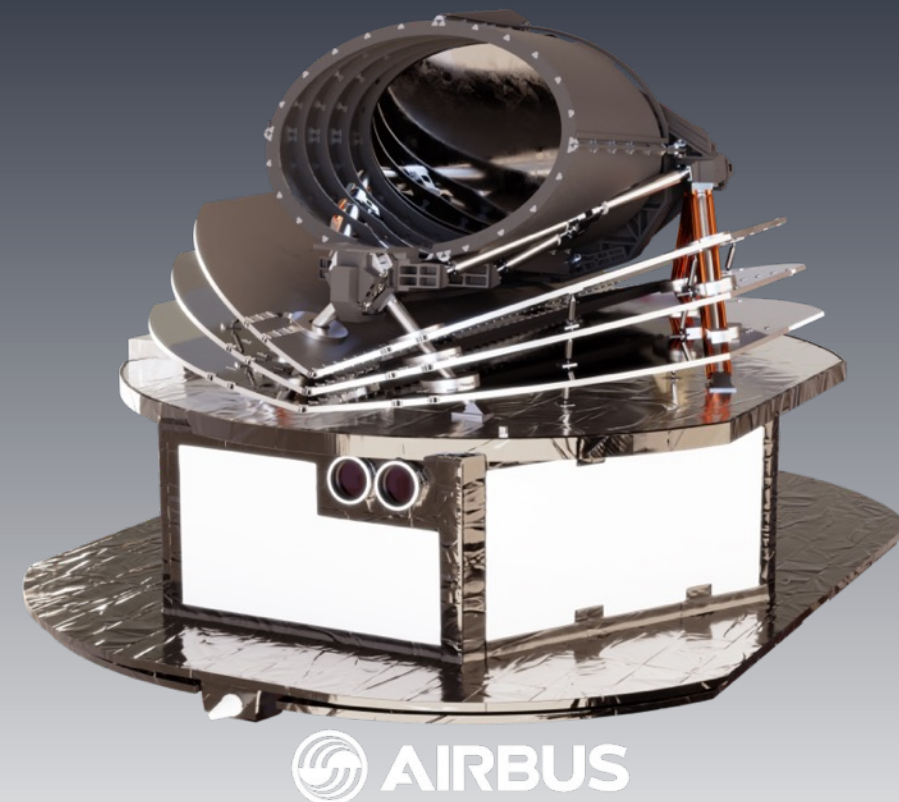
SIMULTANEOUS COVERAGE 0.5-7.8 MICRON



# Ariel spacecraft & payload



PAYLOAD INTEGRATED AT RAL IN DIDCOT. SPACECRAFT FROM AIRBUS





# Ariel payload consortium



600+ SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS FROM 16 ESA COUNTRIES + NASA, JAXA, AND CSA PARTICIPATION



*A mission is more than flying hardware...  
There is the human factor 😊*

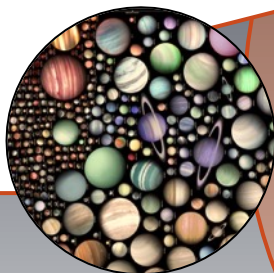


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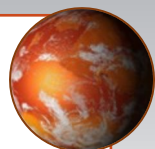


## INDIVIDUAL PLANETS & POPULATION ANALYSIS

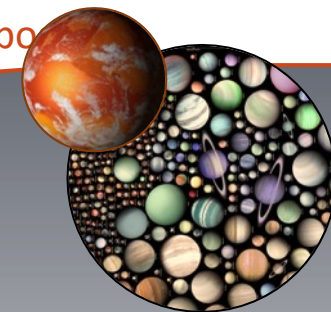
- What fraction of planets have clouds?
- Have small planets still retained H/He?
- Colour-colour diagrams
- Refinement of orbital/planet parameters in IR



- Phase-curves
- Tailored observations



- Main atmospheric composition
- Trace gases
- Thermal structure
- Cloud characterization
- Elemental composition



- Atmospheric circulation
- Spatial & temporal variability





# Ariel Consortium Science WGs



22 WGs WORKING ON DIFFERENT SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

## Ariel WG Atmospheric Chemistry

- Coordinators : Yamila Miguel ([ymiguel@strw.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:ymiguel@strw.leidenuniv.nl)) & Olivia Venot ([olivia.venot@cea.fr](mailto:olivia.venot@cea.fr))
- 78 members
- Understanding chemistry of exoplanet atmosphere
- Ariel observations
- We explore...

## Ariel WG Mass measurements

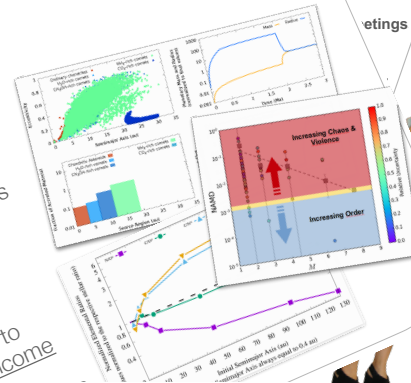
Coordinators: Lars Buchhave ([lars.buchhave@ruc.dk](mailto:lars.buchhave@ruc.dk))  
32 members  
Based on work done in previous Ariel WGs (al. in prep.)

- Determine which targets require mass measurements
- Monitor the literature for new mass measurements
- Monitor, as far as possible, which targets are suitable for velocity measurements campaign

Organization: we will prepare a poll to select targets for specific classes of targets (TBC), and...

## Ariel WG: Planet Formation

Coordinator: Diego Turrini ([diego.turrini@inaf.it](mailto:diego.turrini@inaf.it))  
Goals: Identify metrics and methods to connect exoplanet atmospheric composition to the history of planetary systems



## Ariel WG "Synergies with Solar System Planets' Atmosphere"

Coordinators: Gabriella Gilli ([ggilli@oal.ul.pt](mailto:ggilli@oal.ul.pt)), Pedro Machado ([machado@oal.ul.pt](mailto:machado@oal.ul.pt))  
Members: ~40 researchers working in both Solar System planets and exoplanet science



**Main goal:**  
Foster synergies between SS and exoplanet scientific communities and take advantage of our knowledge of SS atmospheres for exoplanet studies (both observational and modeling)

**Organization:** Meetings every ~ 6 weeks, with *topics of discussion:*

- "Observability of temperate exoplanets with ARIEL"
- "Non-LTE emission in the near-IR spectrum of (exo)planets"
- "Disentangling the CH4 abundance in Jupiter's upper atmosphere with ISO/SWS non-LTE emission measurements"
- "Exoplanets atmospheric characterization: exploring the transition from Super-Earth to Sub-Neptune"
- "3D cloud-resolving model of temperate tidally-locked exoplanets"
- "Transit of (exo)Venus (models and observations)"

## Ariel WG Interiors

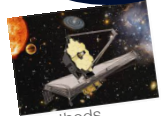
- Coordinators: Ravit Helled ([rhelled@physik.uzh.ch](mailto:rhelled@physik.uzh.ch)) / Stephanie Werner ([Stephanie.Werner@io.uio.no](mailto:Stephanie.Werner@io.uio.no))
- 51 Members



between the bulk composition, evolution, and internal structure of planets

## Ariel WG: Synergy with JWST

Coordinators: Pierre-Olivier Lagage ([pierre-olivier.lagage@cea.fr](mailto:pierre-olivier.lagage@cea.fr)) and Sergey Yurchenko ([s.yurchenko@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s.yurchenko@ucl.ac.uk))  
Co-planets observed by JWST: data reduction and retrieval methods



## Ariel WG Spectroscopic databases

Coordinators: Clara Sousa-Silva ([clara.sousa-silva@cfa.harvard.edu](mailto:clara.sousa-silva@cfa.harvard.edu)) and Sergey Yurchenko ([s.yurchenko@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s.yurchenko@ucl.ac.uk))  
30 members



## Ariel WG Stellar Characterisation

- Coordinator : Camilla Danielski ([cdanielski@iaa.es](mailto:cdanielski@iaa.es))
- **Who?** 63 members
- Goal: **homogeneous** and **self-consistent** parameters determination of the host-stars in the Ariel Reference Sample (ARES) - Tier 1
- **What?** Atmospheric parameters, abundances, activity indexes, mass, radii, ages
- **When?** A meaningful choice of the final targets requires an accurate knowledge of the stellar properties, that need to be obtained well before the launch.
- **Why?** to allow for robust statistical studies, correlation studies and comparison of 1000 planetary systems
- **How?** Both model dependent & empirical approaches.
- Synergy with : Plan. Formation, Stellar activity, Plan. interior, Catalogue, Synergy with TESS WGs
- **Where?** Dedicated splinter Wed 16th 10:25 AM CEST.



# Ariel Dry Run 2025

GETTING READY FOR 2029!

- Target selection, observational strategies, scheduling will be done *as if* Ariel were launched in 2025
- A great opportunity to prepare for the real launch in 2029! We will learn from mistakes about how to improve our approach
- Input from community encouraged through web tools, [Ariel open conference 2025](#)



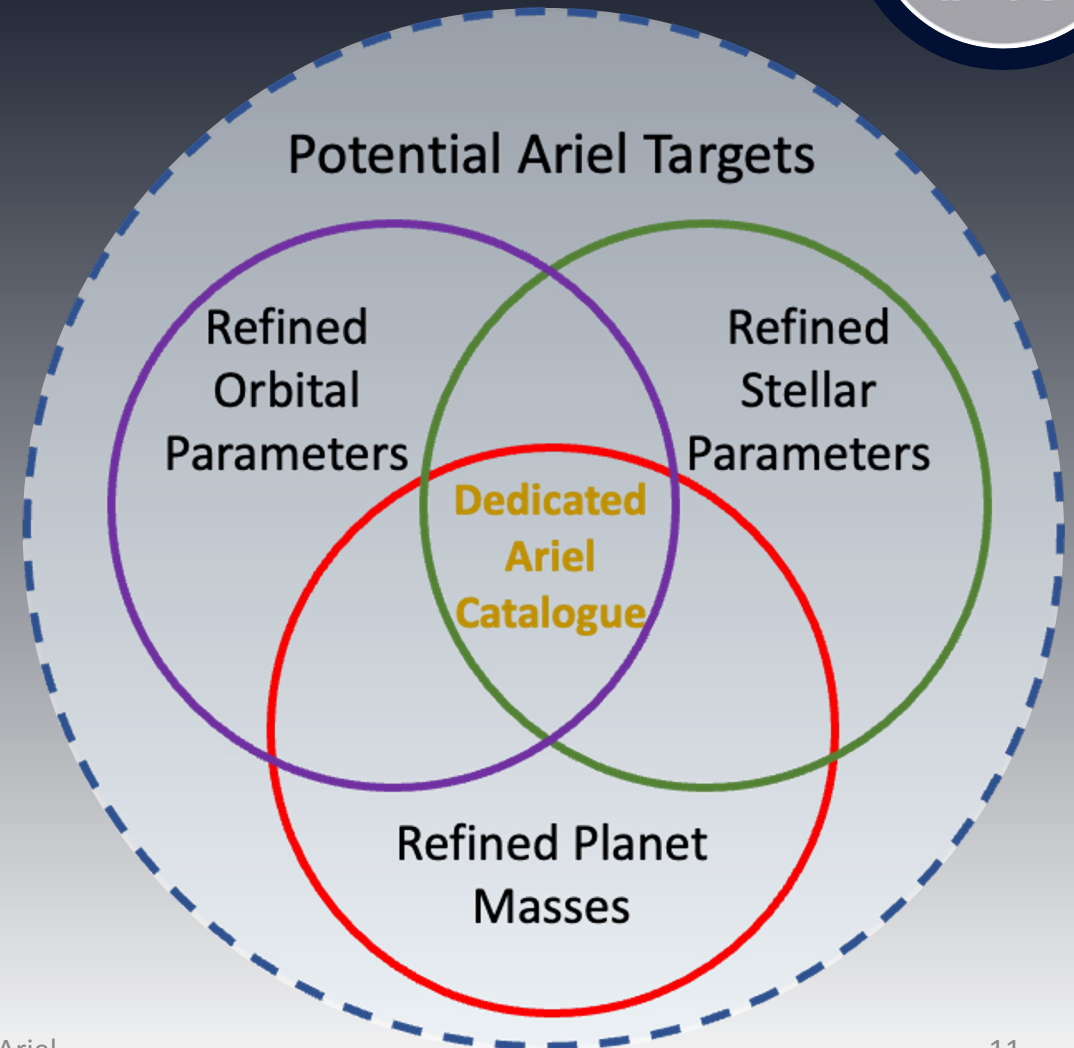


# Towards an Ariel catalogue



GETTING READY FOR 2029!

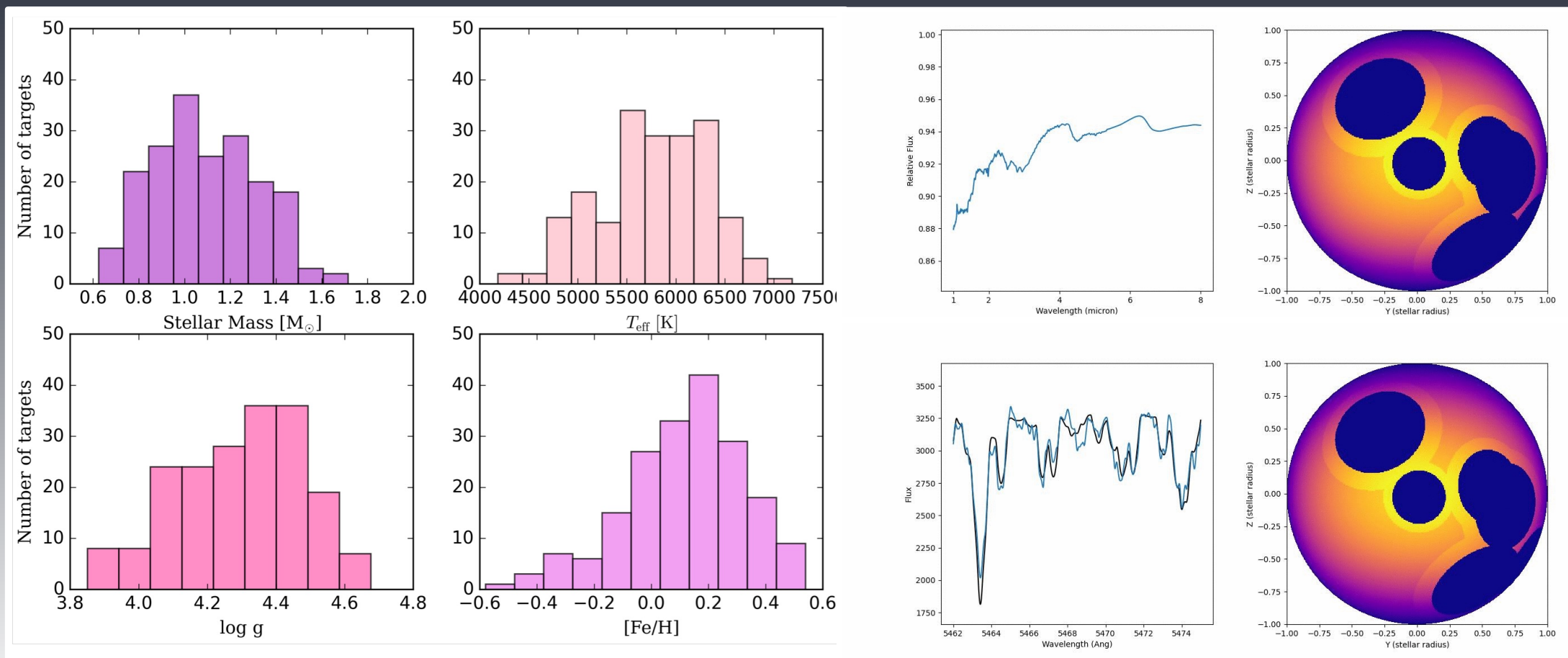
- 🪐 Homogeneous characterisation of the basic parameters of all\* potential Ariel targets and their host stars
- 🪐 All is connected and contributes to the precision/accuracy of the data and models and the efficiency of the observations



# Ariel target candidates



STELLAR PARAMETERS REFINED BY STELLAR CHARACTERISATION WG; MORE WORK BY STELLAR ACTIVITY WG



Magrini et al. 2022; Thompson et al, 2023; Petralia et al. in prep; sagan 2023 – Ariel



# ExoClock: target ephemerides+







900+ PARTICIPANTS FROM 50 COUNTRIES (77% AMATEURS) 😊

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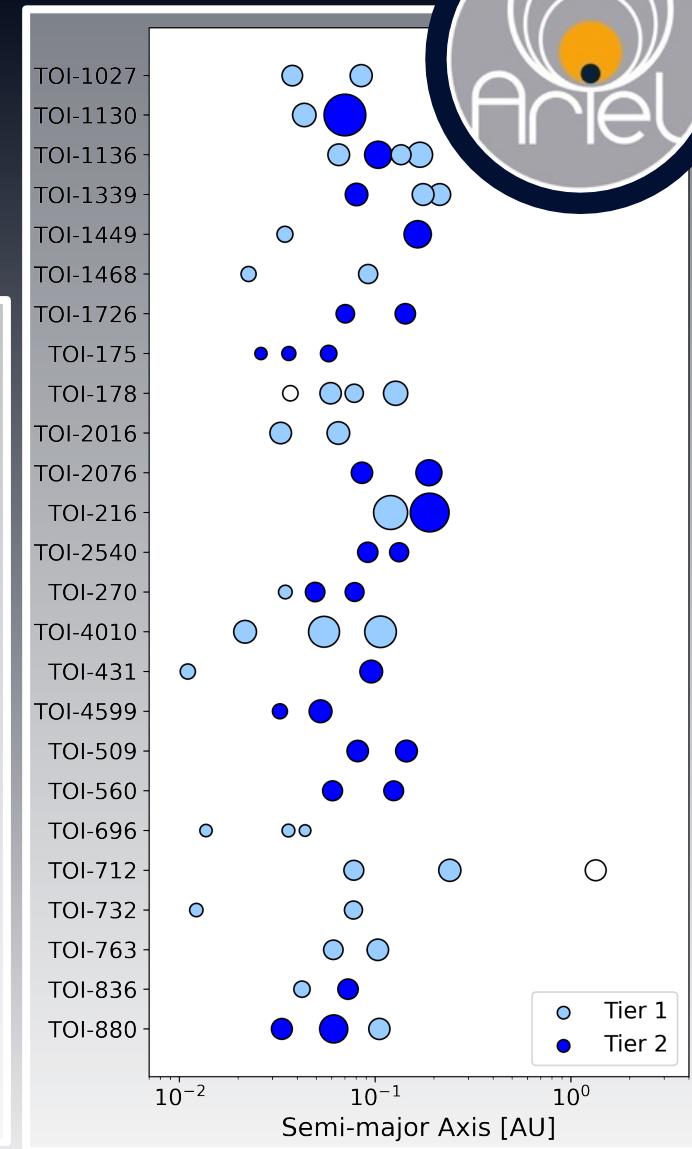
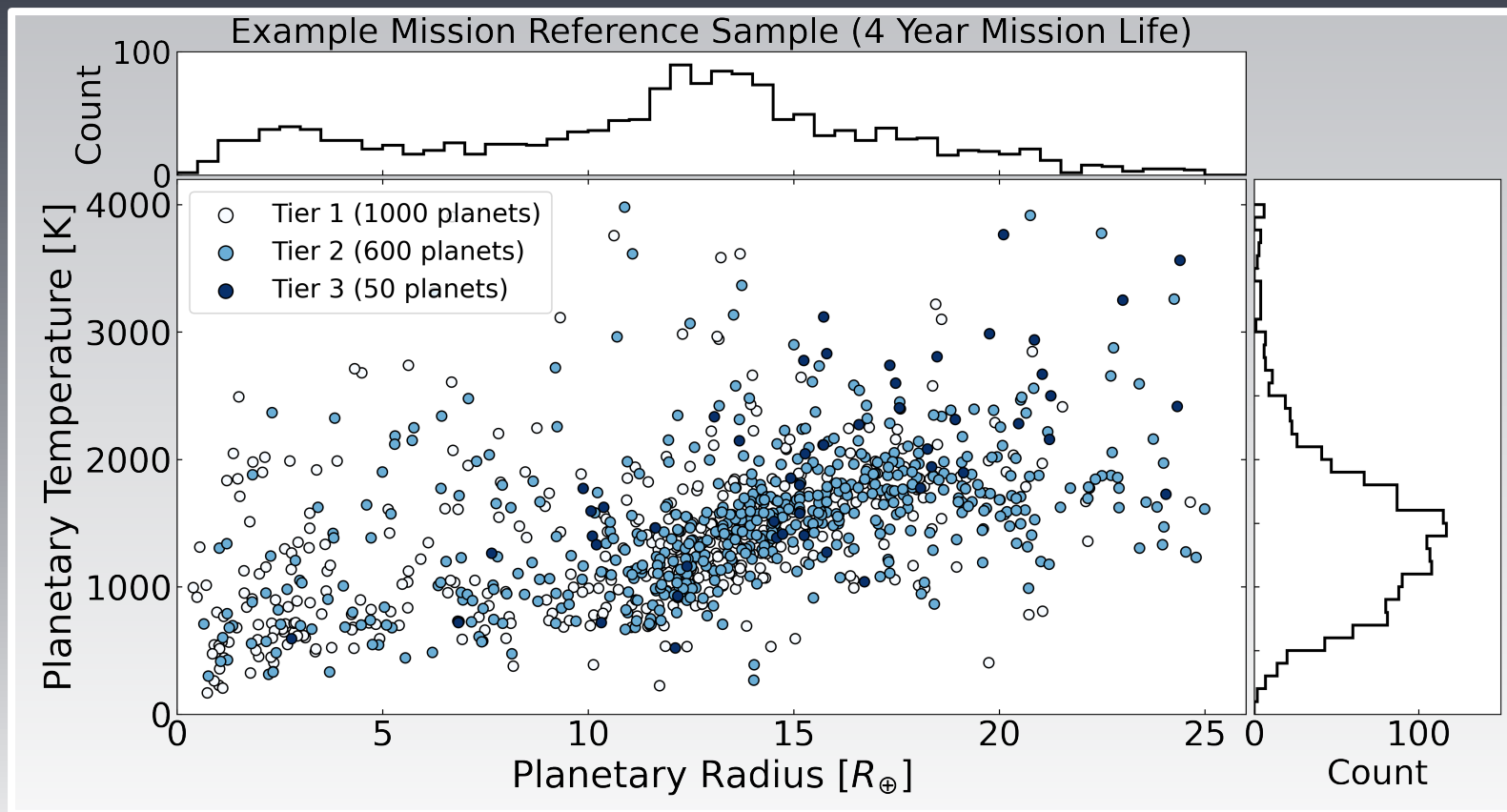
   

	vs ExoClock II (180 planets)	vs initial (450 planets)
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Drifting	1.1%	12.7%
Improved	29.4%	40.9%
No change	65.5%	10.4%
TTVs	3.9%	4.2%

<https://www.exoclock.space>

# Ariel target candidates

TARGET UPDATES FROM TESS AND TARGET SELECTION OPTIMISATION

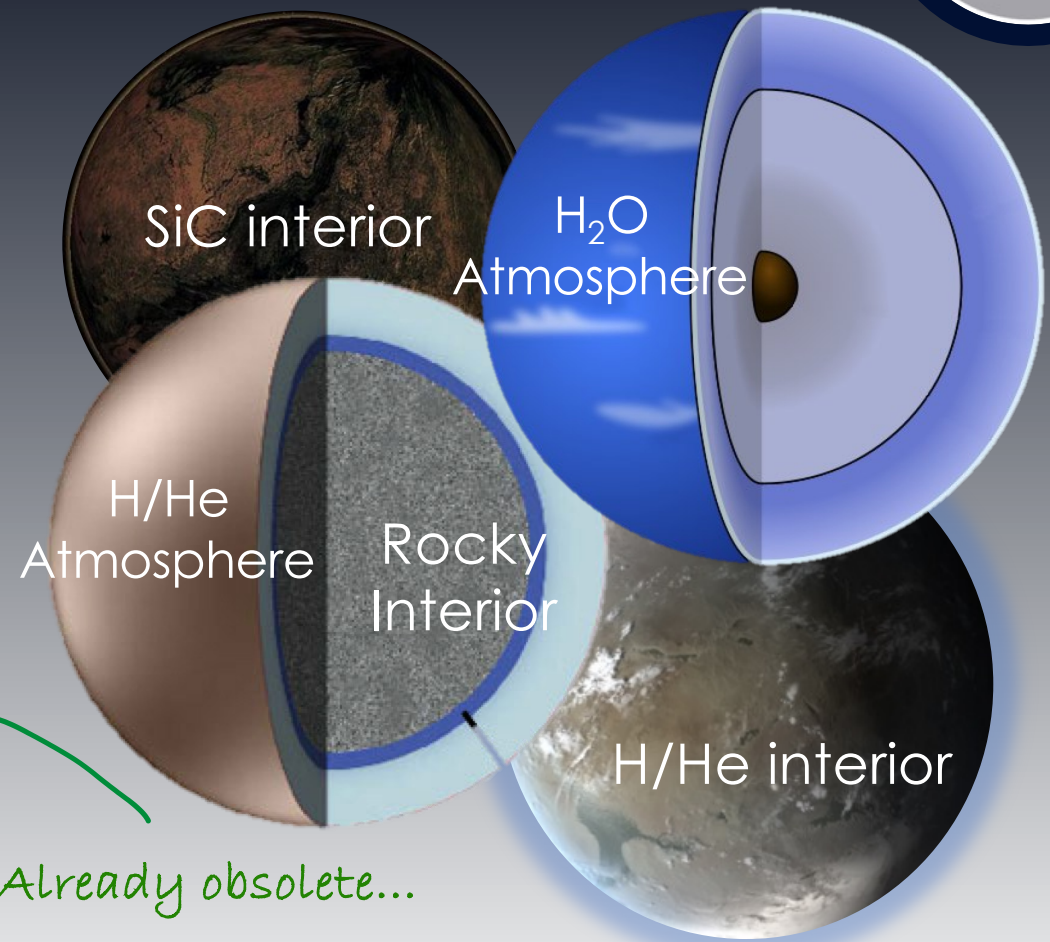
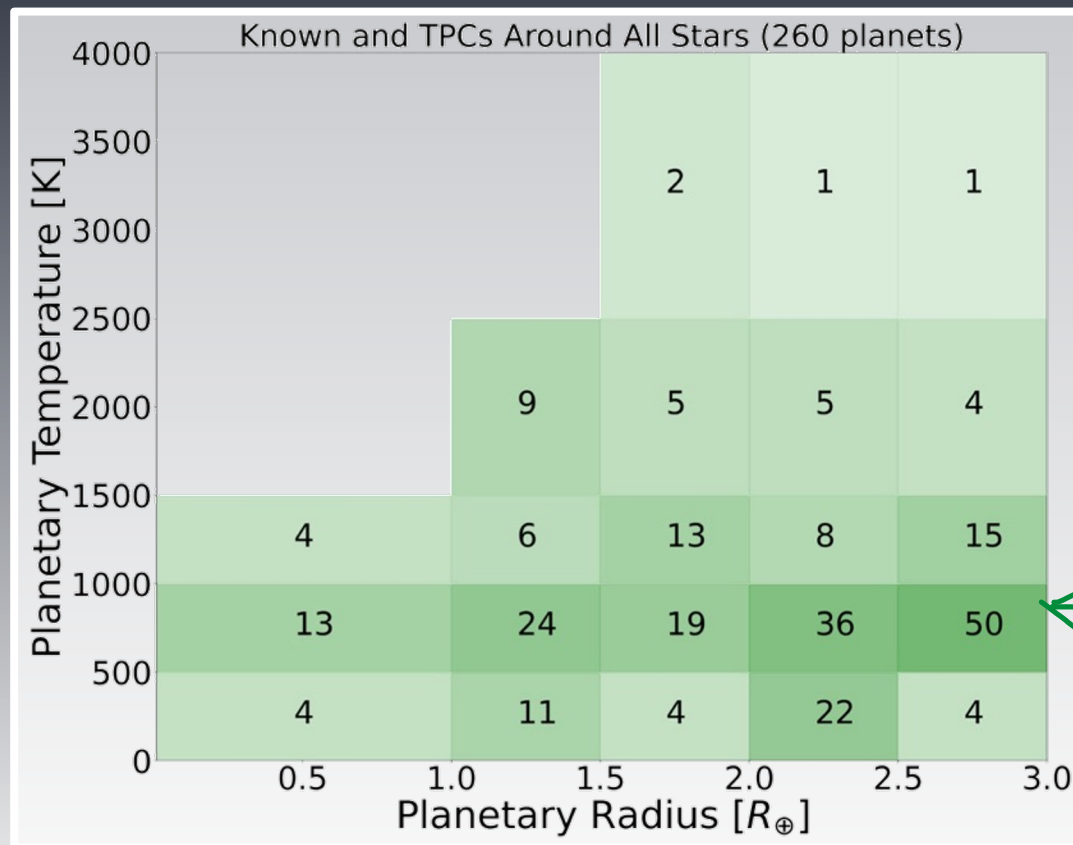




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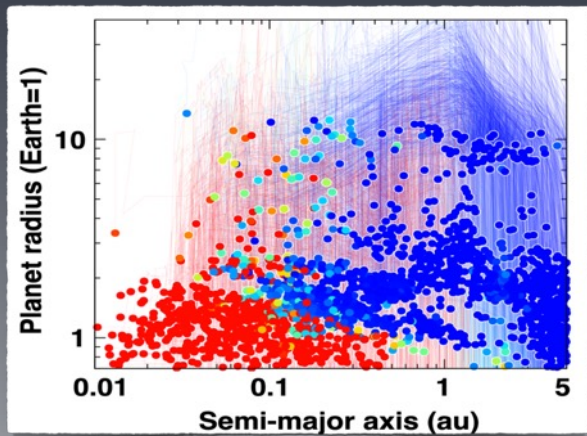
MORE SMALL PLANETS DISCOVERED BY TESS FOR ARIEL!



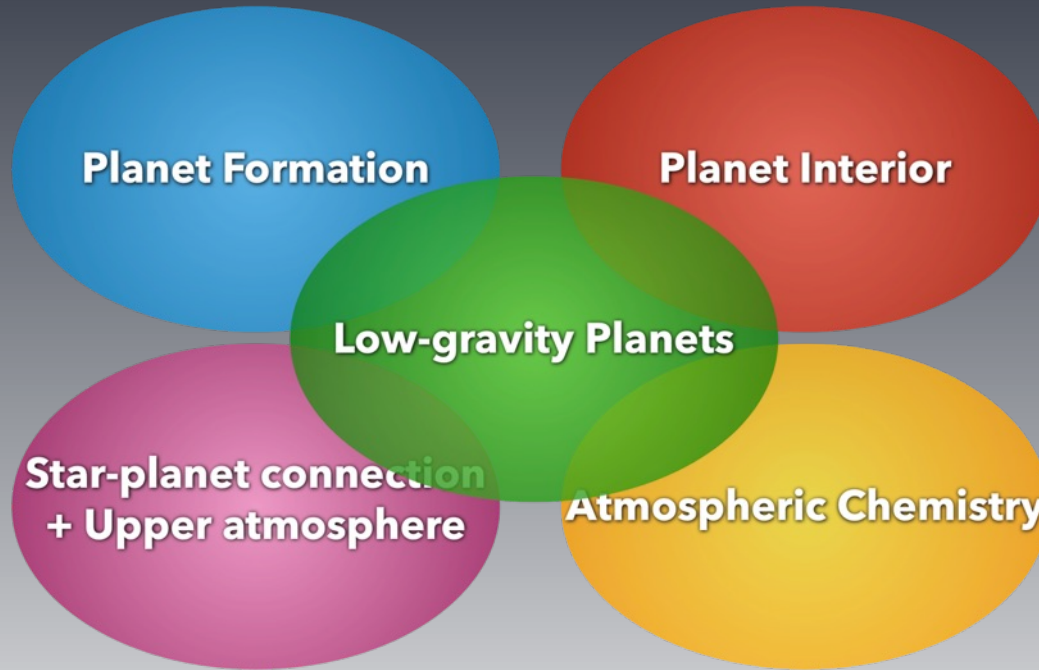
# Small planets



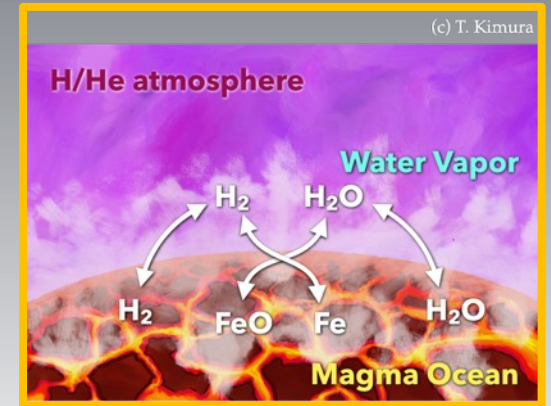
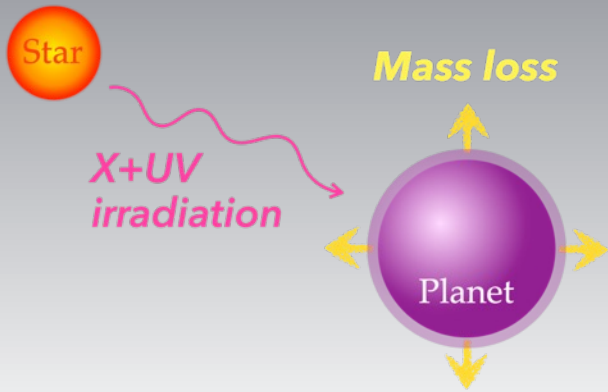
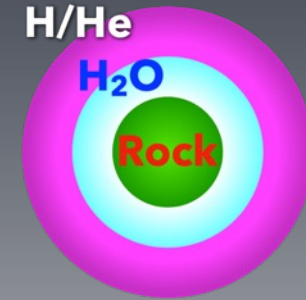
THEY ARE THE MOST NUMEROUS TARGETS, THEY ARE COMPLEX & INTERESTING



Kimura & MI (2022, Nat. Astron.)



*Ikoma*



Strong synergy among many WGs!



# Mass determination of Ariel targets



NEW GLOBAL PLAN TO COORDINATE RV MEASUREMENTS

1. Establish mass precision needed for Ariel science (Changeat+20; Di Maio+22,23)
2. Identified targets which should be prioritized for Ariel
3. Coordination of community and Ariel team efforts for mass determination of Ariel targets

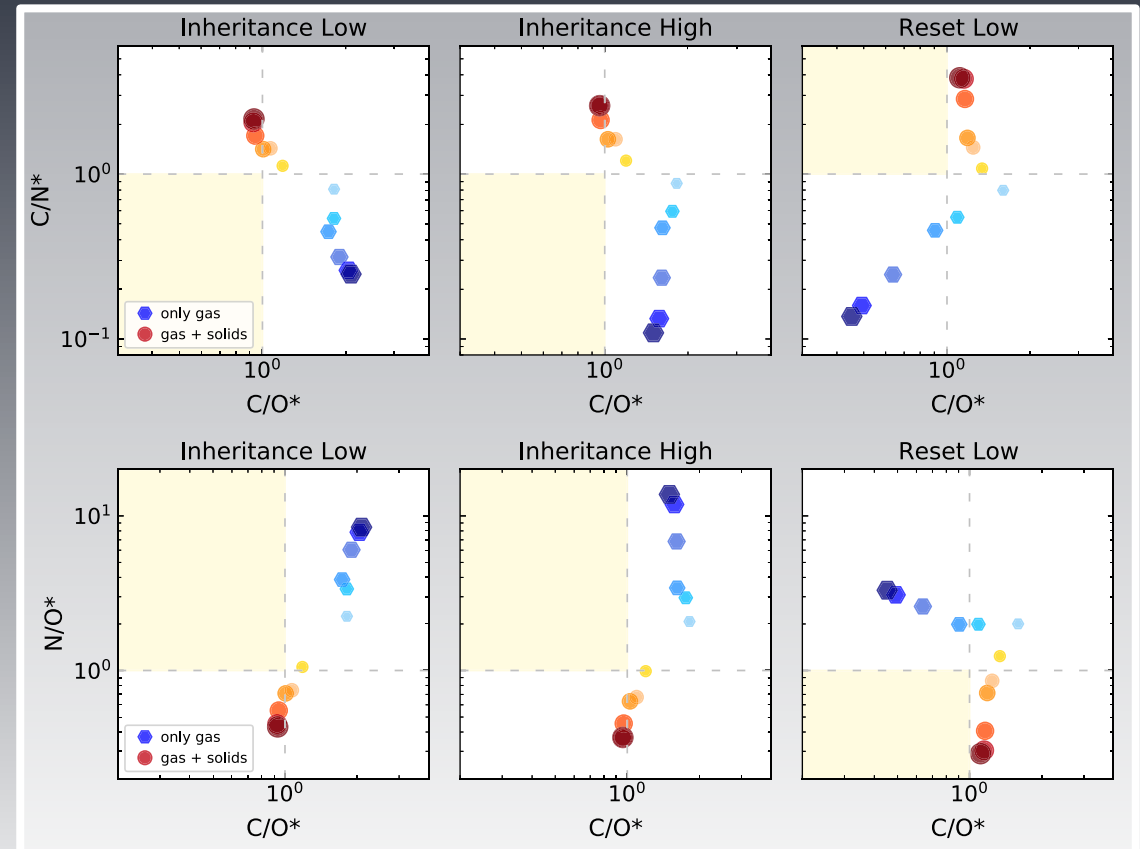
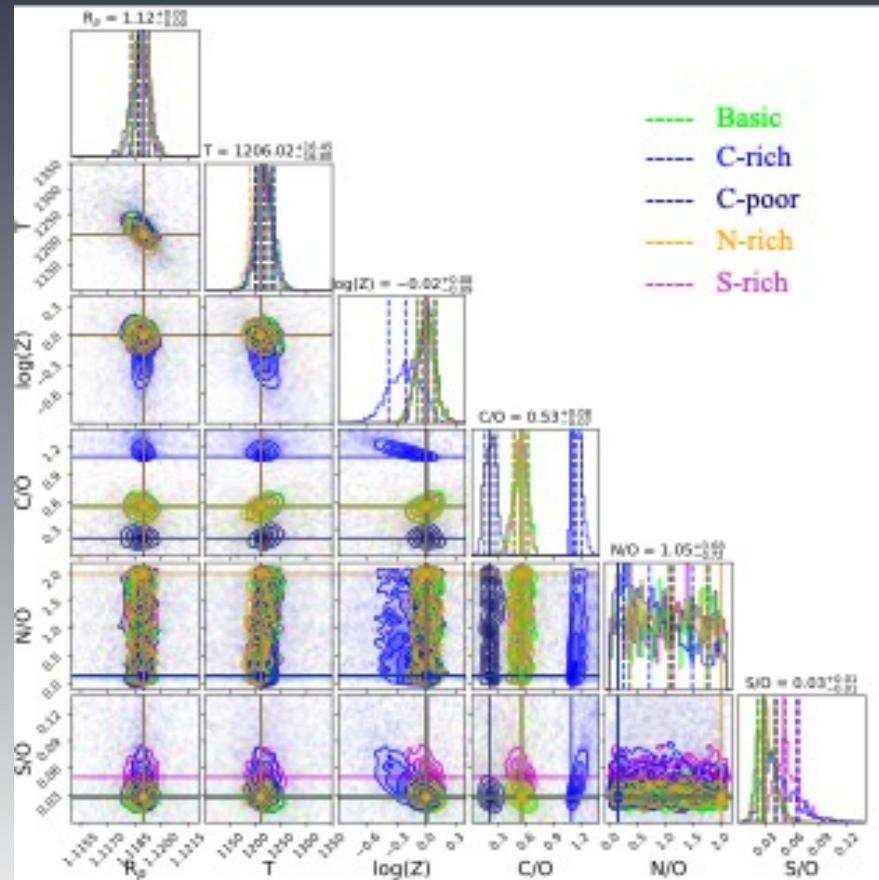


Mass-characterisation WG

# Link to planet formation



ARIEL ABILITY TO DETECT ELEMENTAL RATIOS IN GIANT PLANETS' ATMOSPHERES: BEYOND C/O



Fang et al. 2023  
Sagan 2023 – Ariel

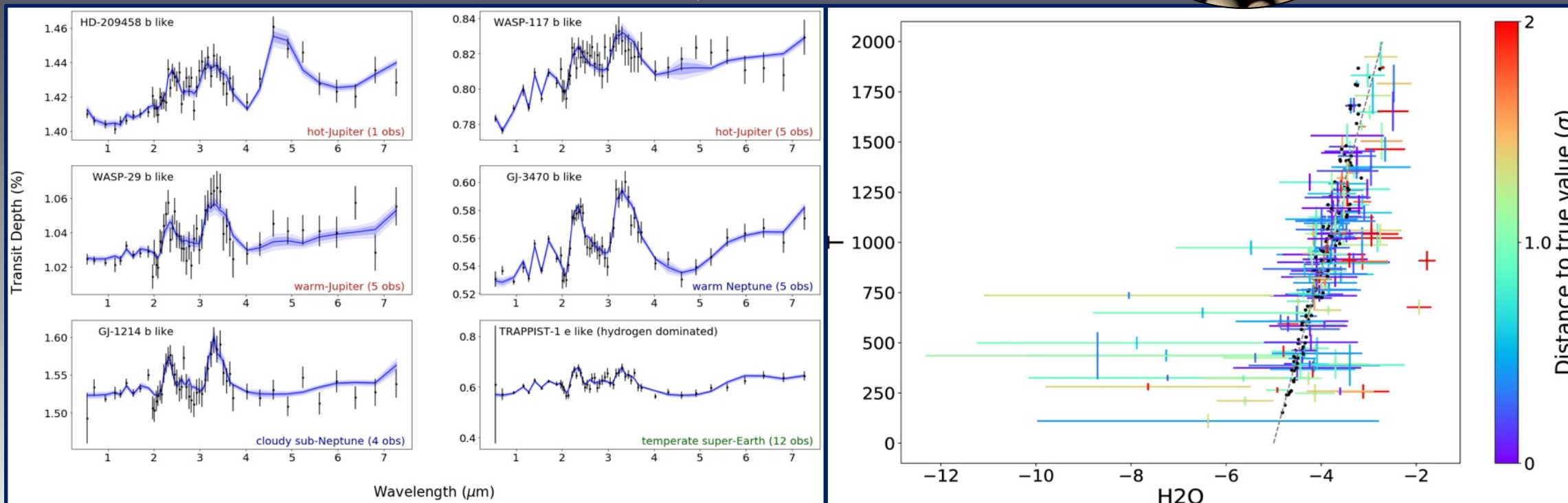
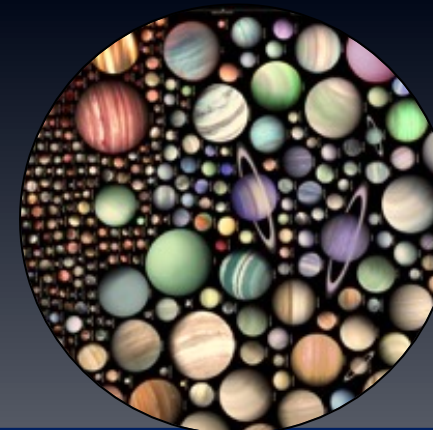
Pacetti et al 2022; Turrini et al. 2021



# Chemical trends?

SEARCHING FOR CHEMICAL AND CLOUD TRANSITIONS

*Large scale simulations program*



[https://github.com/ucl-exoplanets/TauREx3\\_public](https://github.com/ucl-exoplanets/TauREx3_public)

Changeat et al. 2020; see also Mugnai et al 2022, Bocchieri et al., Ma et al.

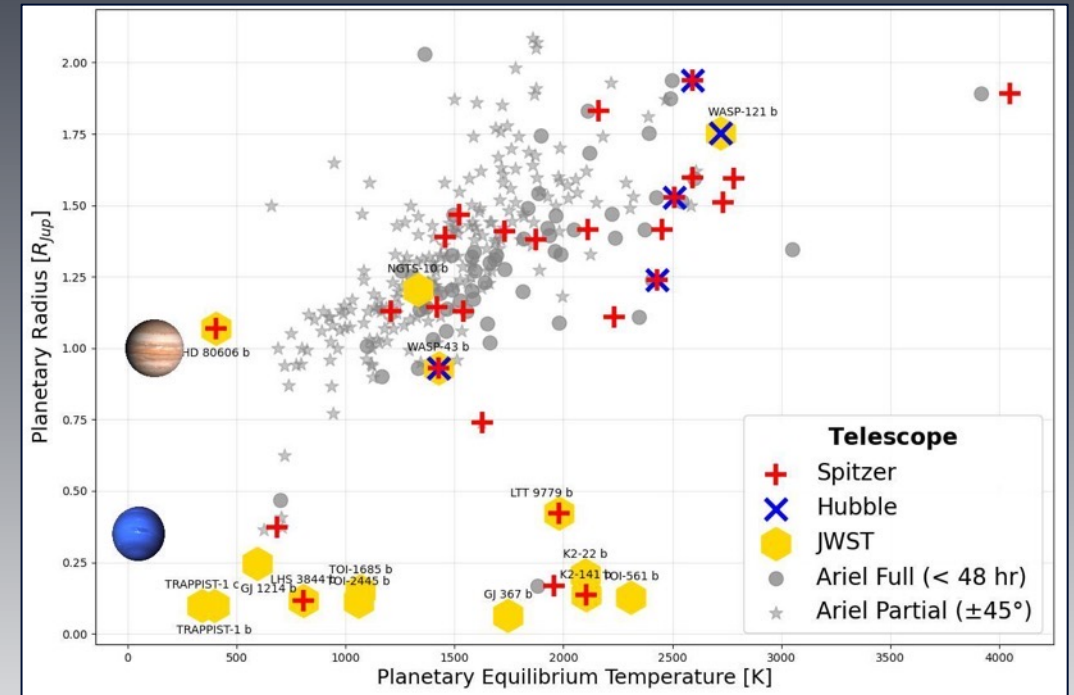
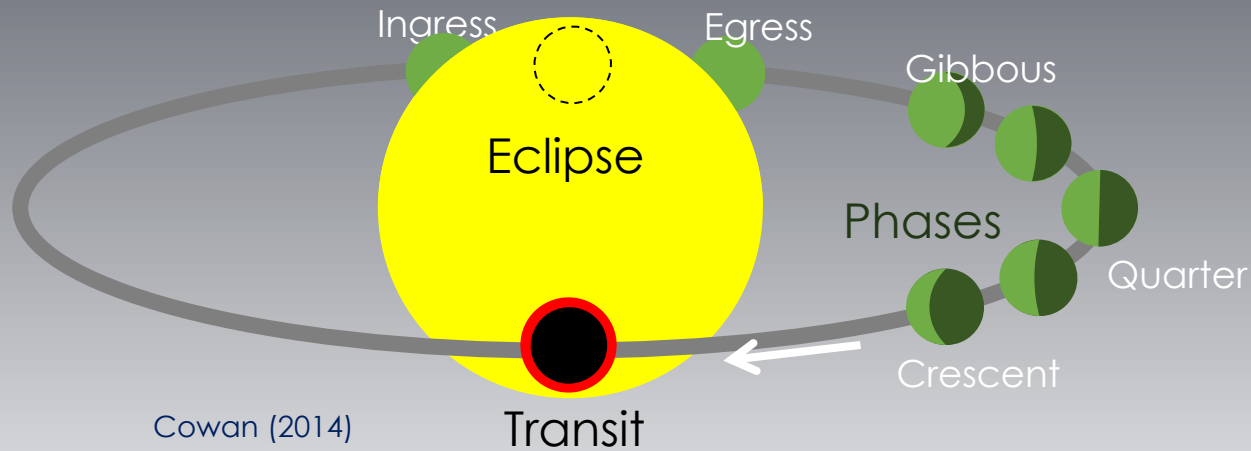
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# Phase-resolved spectroscopy



MORE PHASE-RESOLVED OBSERVATIONS!!!

*Planets are 3D objects...*

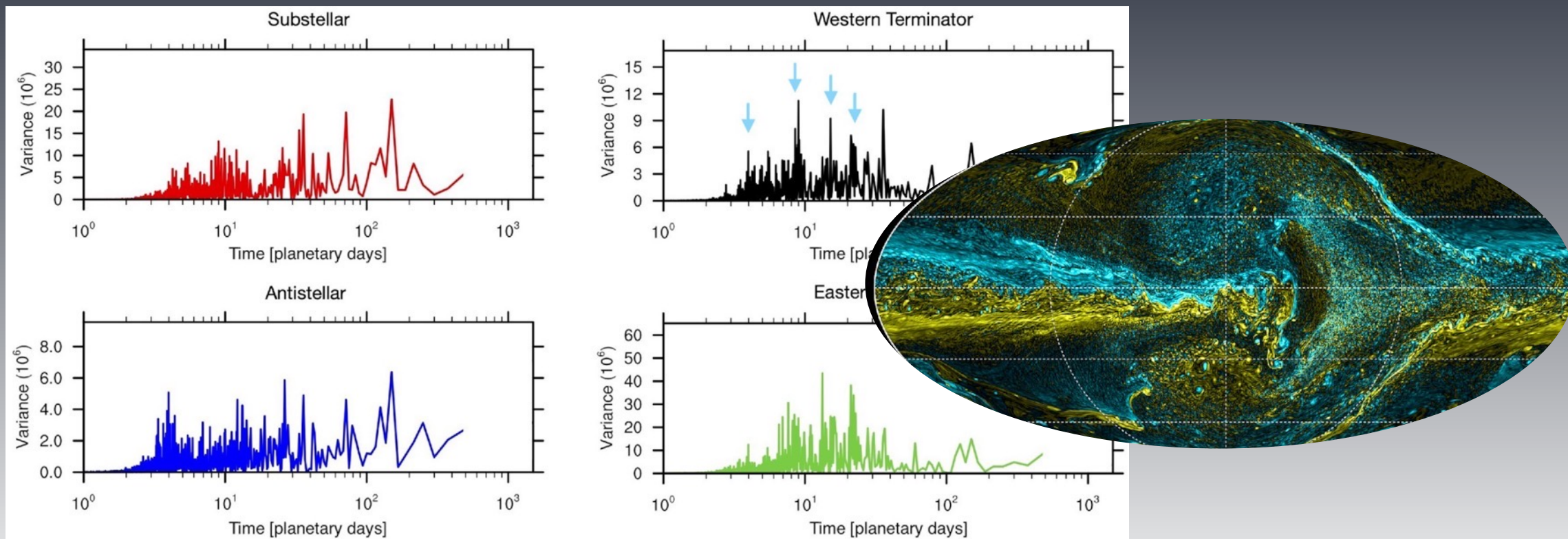


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# Atmospheric variability



OBSERVING THE VARIABILITY IN SPACE AND TIME: MORE REPETITIONS



Skinner & Cho, 2022

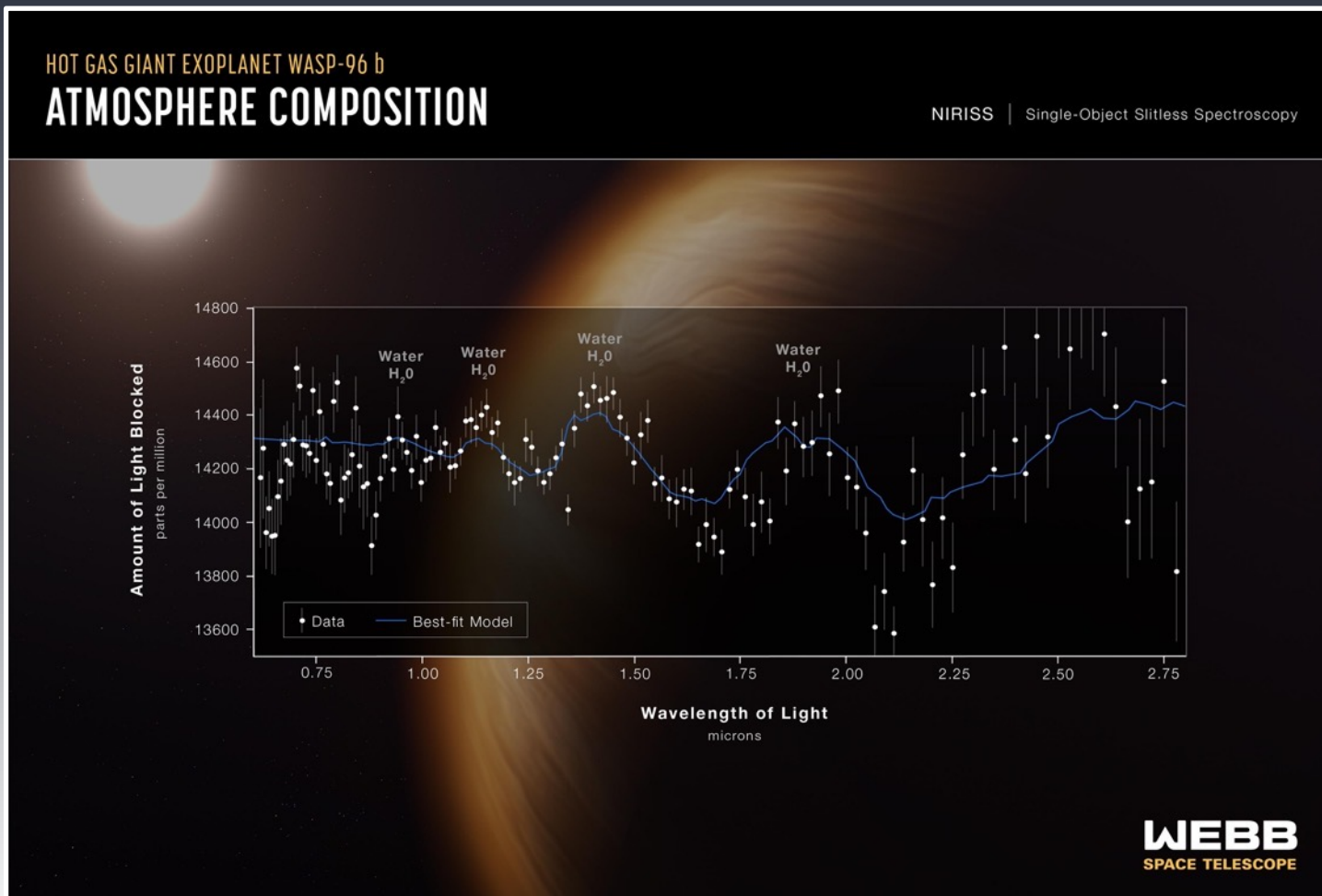
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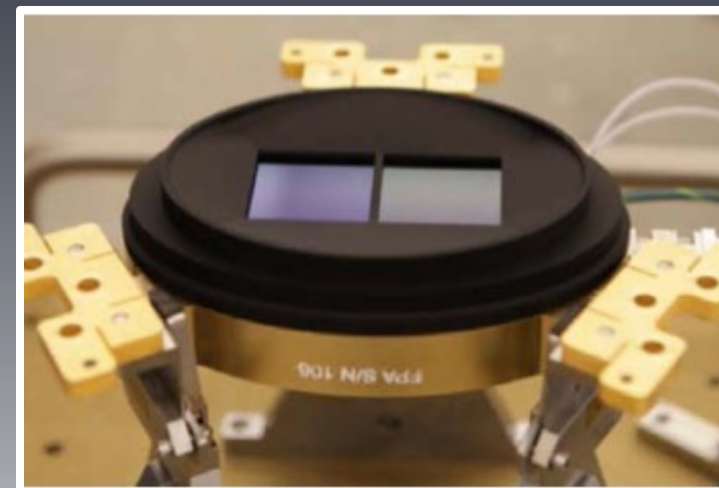
# Synergies with JWST



UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SCIENCE BUT ALSO CALIBRATION STRATEGY, DETECTOR PERFORMANCE



Lessons learned



# Ariel target candidates



CATALOGUE AVAILABLE SOON THROUGH A NEW INTERACTIVE, WELL MAINTAINED WEBSITE



## Ariel Target Candidate List

A screenshot of a web application interface for the Ariel Target Candidate List. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search targets...". Below the search bar are three dropdown menus labeled "Tier", "Radius", and "Temperature". The main content area displays a grid of six target candidate cards. Each card features a stylized planet illustration with a color gradient from yellow to orange to red, and a small blue sphere representing a moon. The cards are arranged in two rows of three. The first row contains HAT-P-19 b (Hot Jupiter), HAT-P-68 b (Hot Jupiter), and HAT-P-40 b (Very Hot Massive Jupiter). The second row contains HAT-P-18 b, HAT-P-26 b, and HATS-18 b. Each card includes a search icon, a thumbs-up icon, and a right-pointing arrow. A small number in a black box is visible in the top right corner of each planet illustration. At the bottom left of the screenshot, the URL "localhost:3000/ariel/targets" is visible in the browser's address bar.

# Ariel target candidates



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HD 209458 b  

### Stellar Properties

Mass (Msun)	Radius (Rsun)
1.15	1.16

Distance from Earth (pc)


48.3016

Temperature (K)

6117

### Planet Properties

Radius (Rjup)	Mass (Mjup)
1.38	0.714
Temperature (K)	Semi Major Axis (AU)
1459	0.04747
Albedo	Transit Duration (hour)
0.1	3.072

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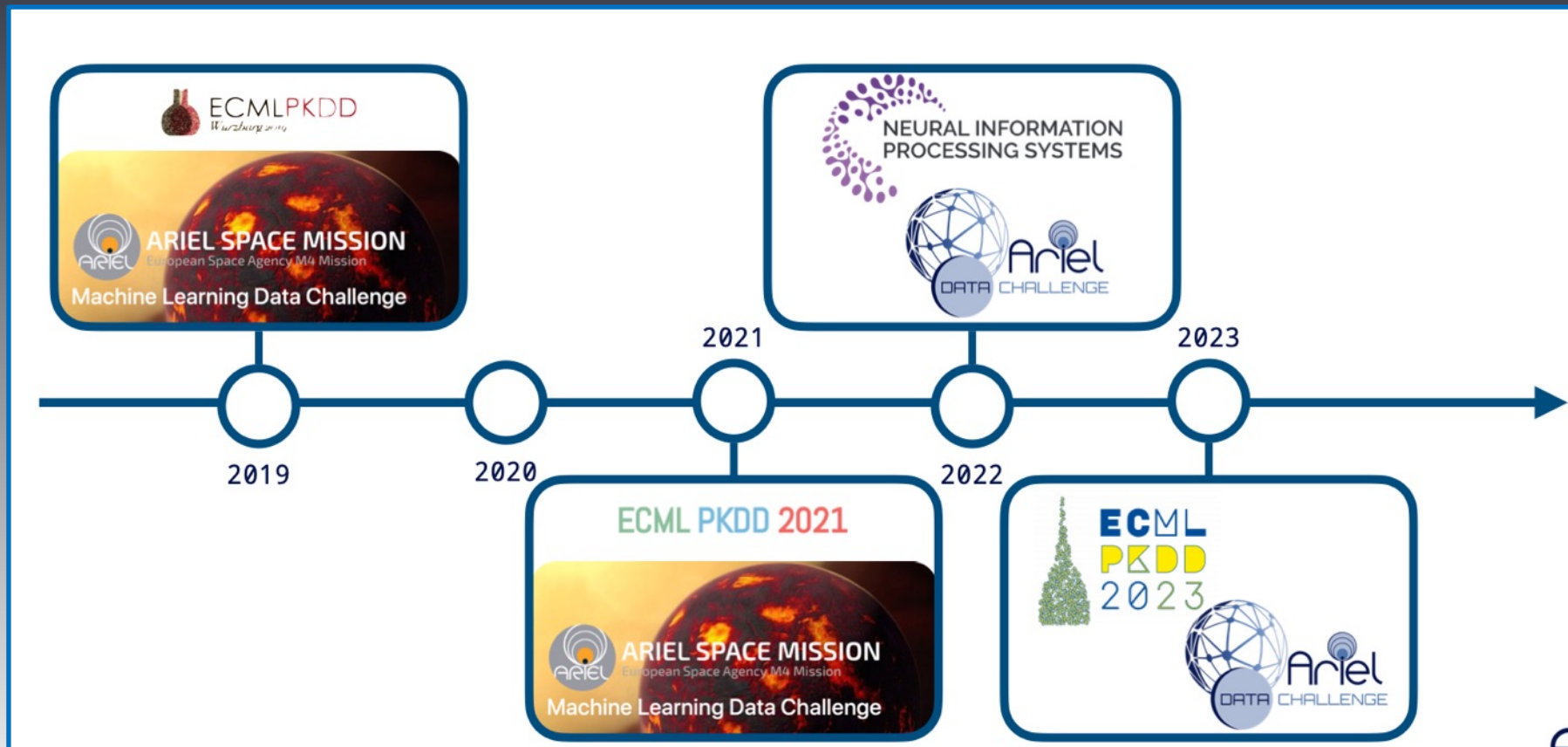
Mugnai et al, 2022



# Ariel Data Challenges



A HUGE GLOBAL SUCCESS. ADCs YEARLY PLANNED TO SUPPORT GROUND SEGMENT ACTIVITIES



*A mission is more than flying hardware....*

*There is AI 😊*



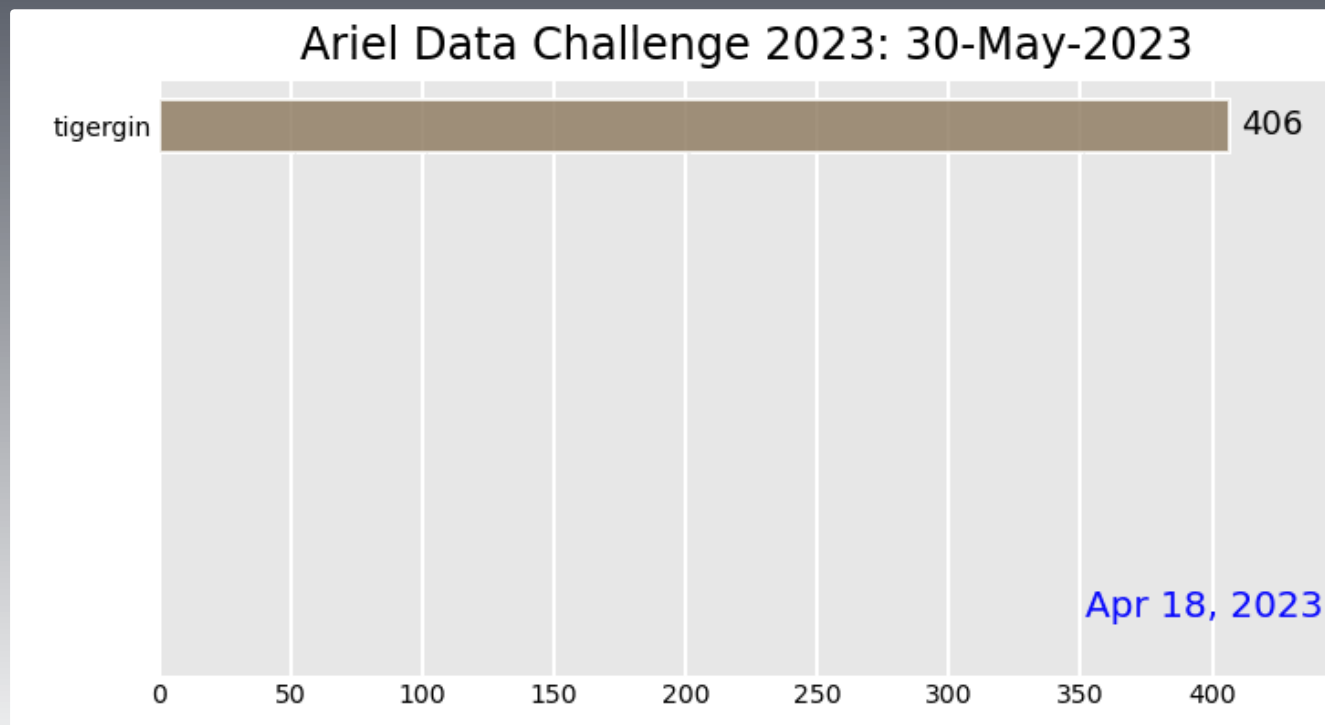
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ADC 2023: THE RACE IS OVER...



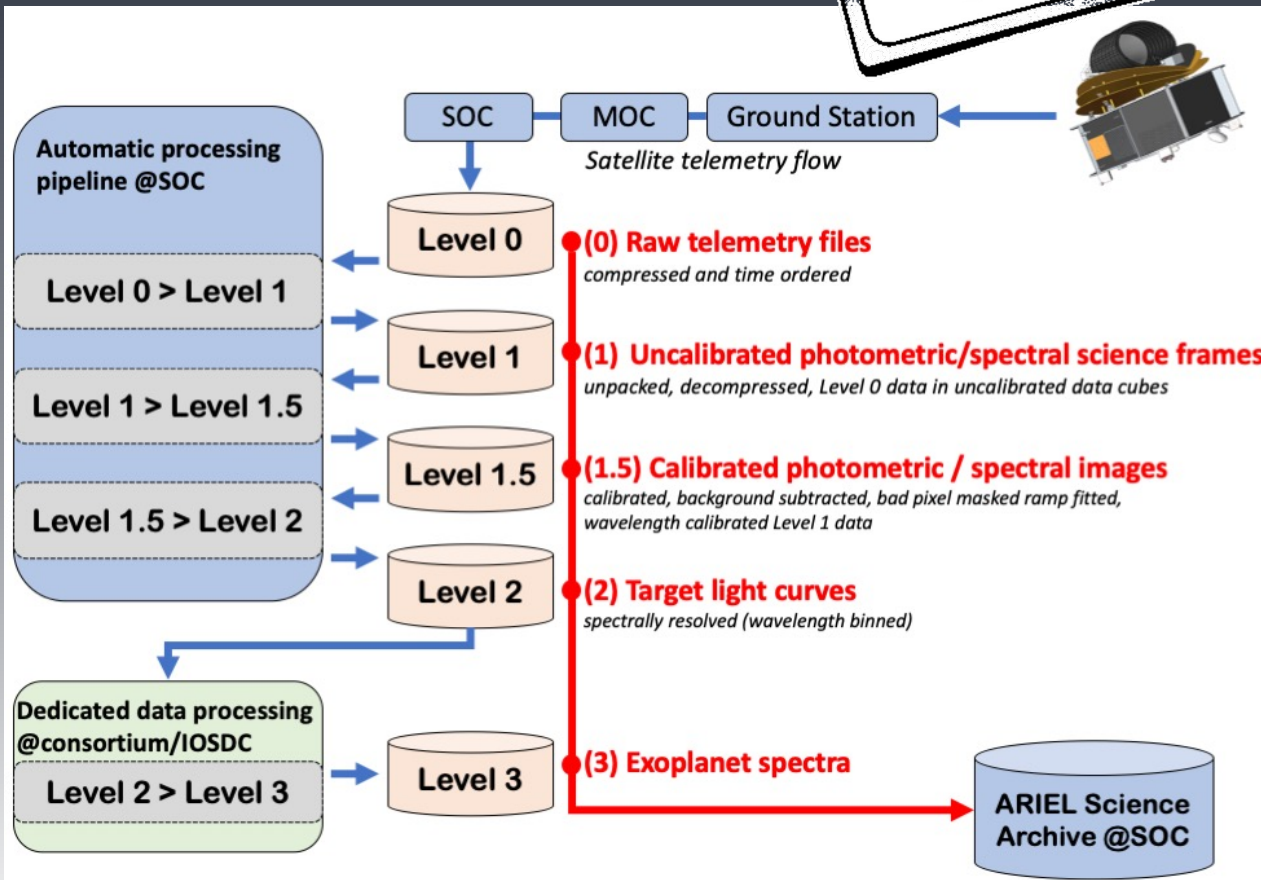
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# Data release



A VERY OPEN APPROACH



## Science Demonstration Phase

Data will be released immediately after processing, consolidation and quality control up to Level 2 products.

## Nominal Science Operations Phase

- Tier 1 data public immediately after quality control is completed;
- Tier 2, 3 data public 6 months after quality control is completed;
- Tier 4 data public 1 year after quality control is completed.

## Complementary Science data

- 5%-10% time available for other science, allocated through ESA calls
- Proprietary to the proposers for 6 months



# Conclusions

- Exoplanets appear to be ubiquitous in our Galaxy
- The number of discovered exoplanets is increasing exponentially, but we still know very little about them
- Ariel has been conceived to deliver the first chemical survey of ~ 1000 exoplanets, probing uniformly the gamut of planet and stellar parameters
- Input from the community is encouraged through open data policy, regular open workshops, information about target candidates available through interactive websites, Ariel exposure time calculators and open-source tools.







Interested in Ariel?  
Let's talk at lunch 😊