

Science Strategy of NAOJ

国立天文台の科学戦略

Planetary systems and life in the Universe

惑星系と宇宙における生命 (§2.6, §3.1.6)

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▶ Ultimate Goal of the Field

To elucidate the diversity of planets and planetary systems as well as their origins, and to determine the prevalence of environments in the Universe that are capable of supporting life.

▶ Goals in the Field

- Understanding of the statistical distributions and correlations of stars and planets
- Systematic understanding of planetary properties and diversity
- Elucidation of the formation histories of diverse planetary systems and the Solar System
- Elucidation of the conditions for the emergence of habitable environments
- Identification and verification of biosignatures

▶ 当該分野の究極的な目的

惑星および惑星系の多様さとその起源を理解し、生命が存在しうる環境が宇宙においてどの程度の頻度で存在し得るのかを明らかにする。

▶ 当該分野の目標

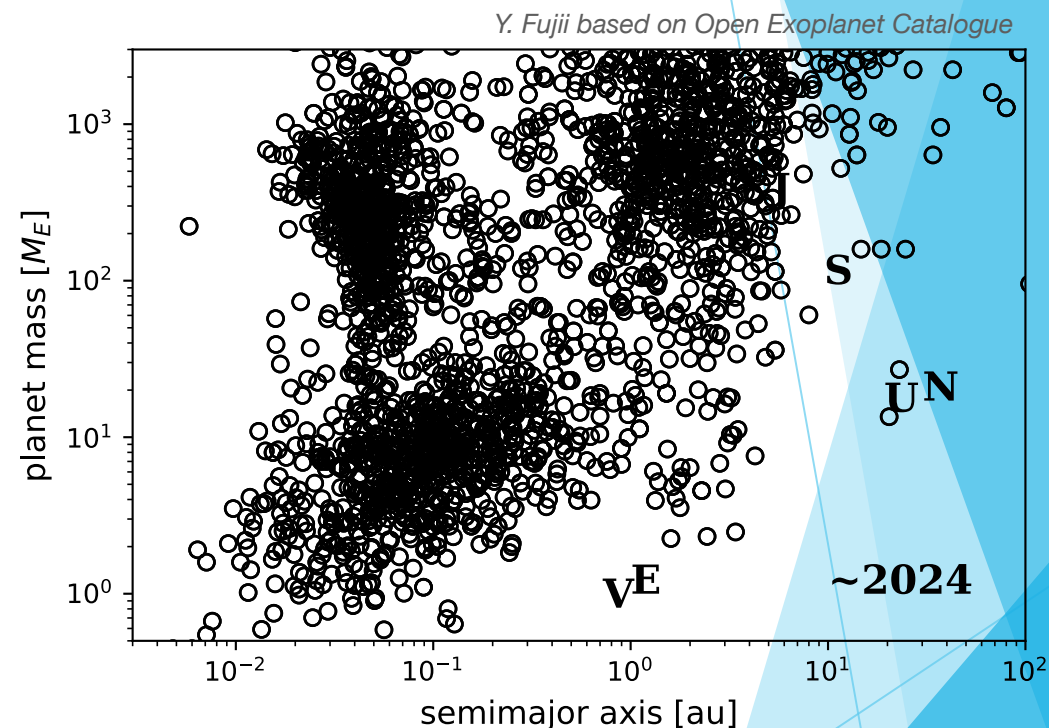
- 星惑星系の統計的分布と相関の解明
- 惑星の性質と多様性の体系的理解
- 多様な惑星系および太陽系の形成史の解明
- ハビタブル環境の成立条件の解明
- 生命兆候の特定と観測的検証

Toward “Understanding of the Statistical Distributions and Correlations of Stars and Planets”

星惑星系の統計的分布と相関の解明

Where we are

- ▶ Occurrence rate of various types of planets
- ▶ Dependence on stellar properties; e.g.
 - Rarer Jupiter-like planets around low-metallicity stars
 - Rarer Jupiter-like planets around M-type stars
- ▶ Sub-structures in demographics of close-in orbits; e.g.
 - Deficit of Neptune-sized planets in the proximity of host star (“Neptunian Desert”)
 - Deficit of planets in 1.5-2 Earth (“Radius Valley”)

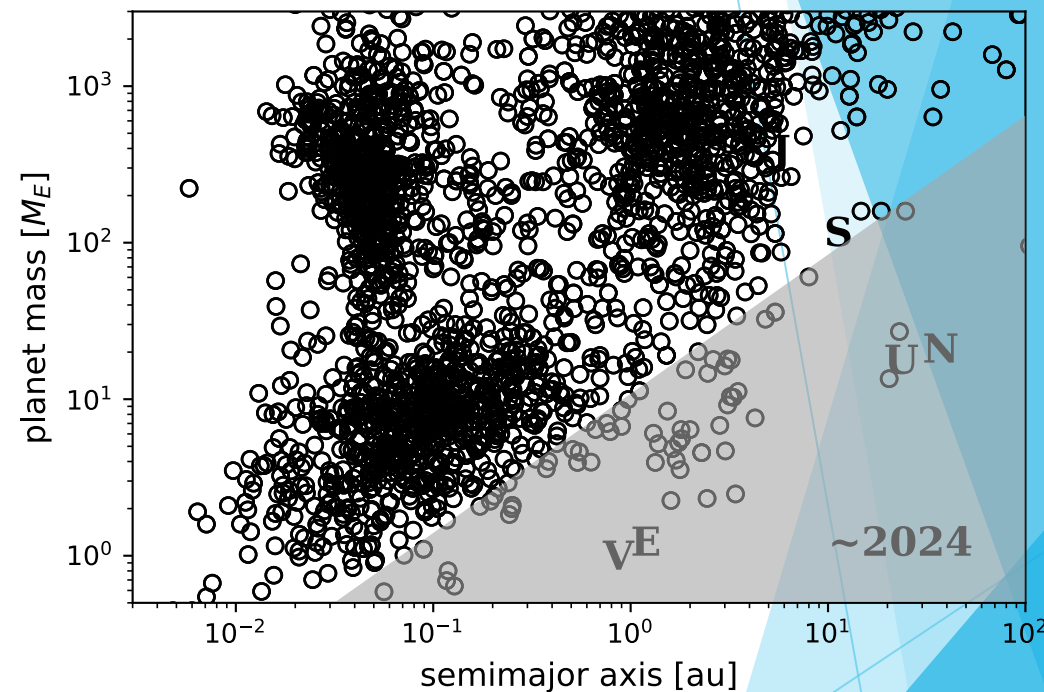


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PLATO (ESA)
Roman Space Telescope (NASA)

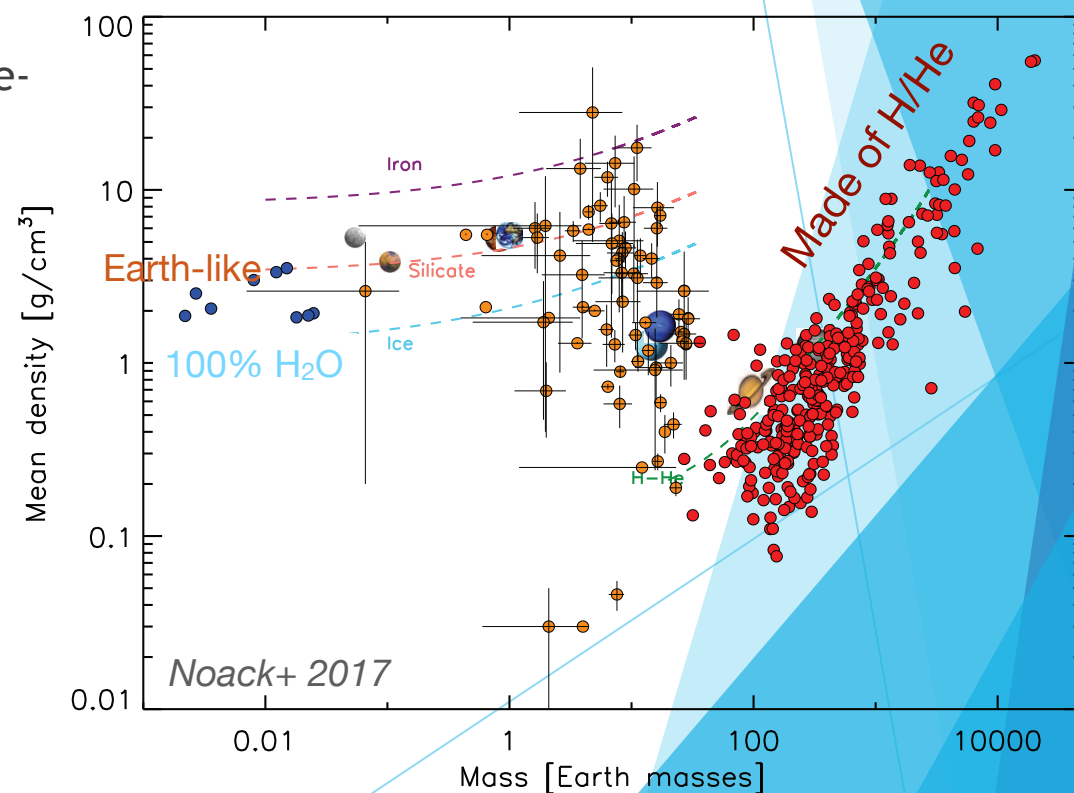


Toward “Systematic understanding of planetary properties and diversity”

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 - Jupiter-sized planets with thick H₂-rich envelope / Earth-sized rocky planets / volatile-rich intermediate-sized planets

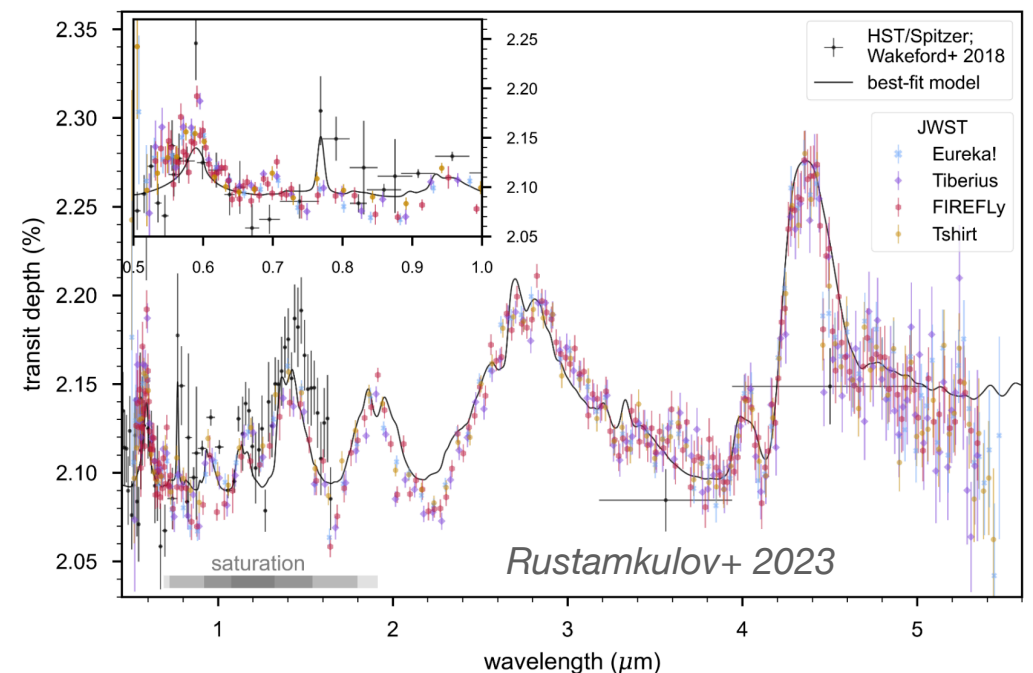


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 - O/H, C/O, N/H...
 - Some emerging trends, e.g. mass-metallicity relation
- ▶ Evidence of atmospheric processes of these planets
 - Photochemistry, aerosols/clouds, atmospheric dynamics
 - Atmospheric escape

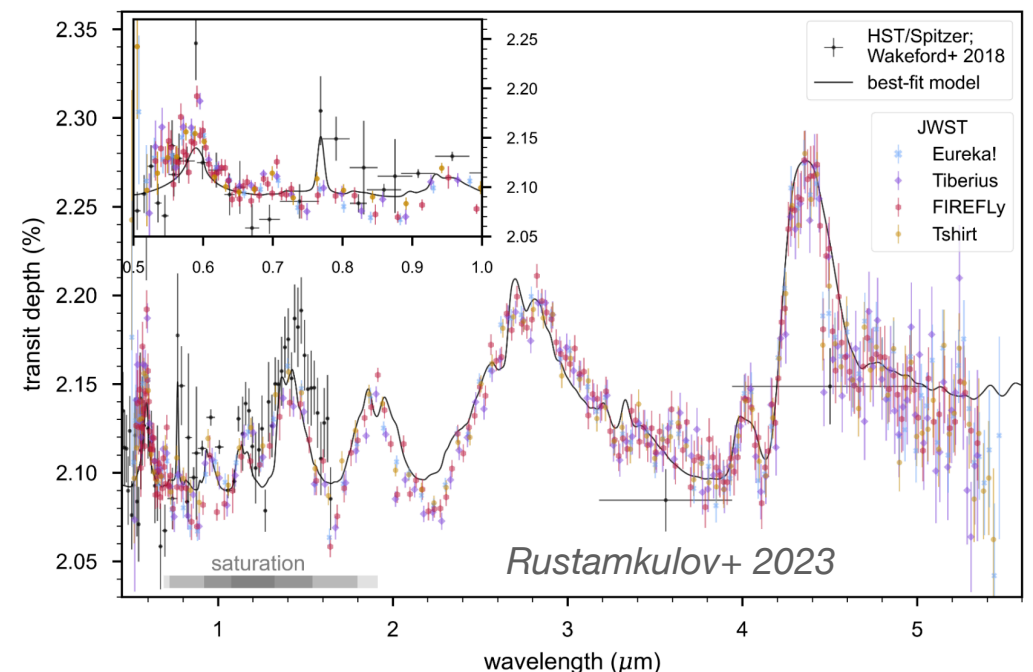


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- ▶ Development of analysis methods/ pipelines of atmospheric data
- ▶ Development of atmospheric models
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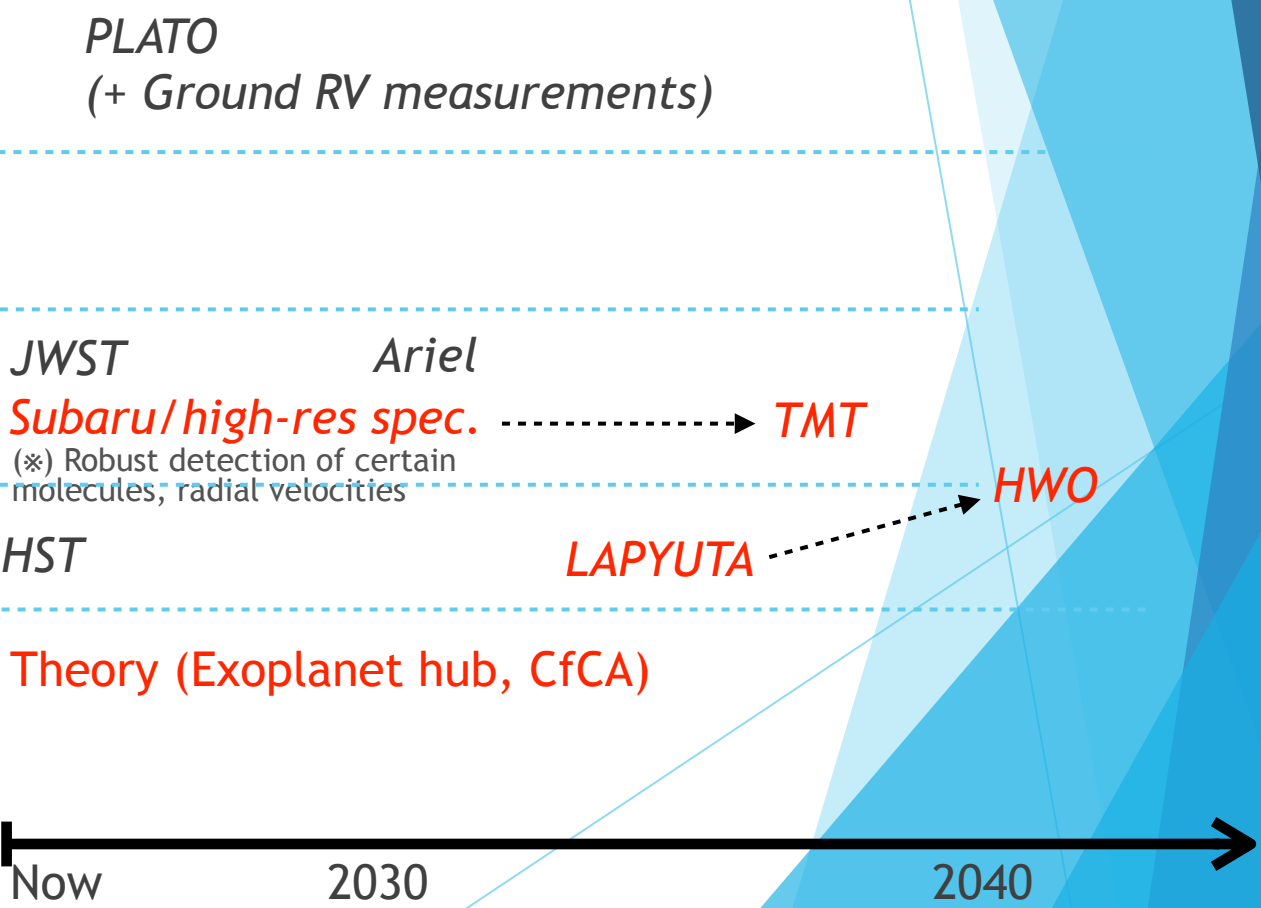
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- ▶ Trends in bulk properties of wide-orbit planets
- ▶ Diversity and trend in atmospheric properties
 - Atmosphere near photosphere (NIR/MIR)
 - Exosphere
- ▶ Atmospheric models to interpret atmospheres of a wide diversity

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Toward “Elucidation of the formation histories of diverse planetary systems and the Solar System”

多様な惑星系および太陽系の形成史の解明

Where we are

- ▶ Exotic exoplanet demographics have made us revisit and revise classical planet formation theories (“Kyoto model”)
 - Orbital migration models to explain hot Jupiters
 - Atmospheric loss scenarios to explain “sub-Neptunian desert” and “radius valley”
 - Reconsidered in the framework of the emerging paradigm of pebble accretion
- ▶ Development of statistical planet formation models to compare with observed exoplanet demographics
- ▶ Quite a few models but no satisfactory consensus yet on major pathways that shaped planetary properties

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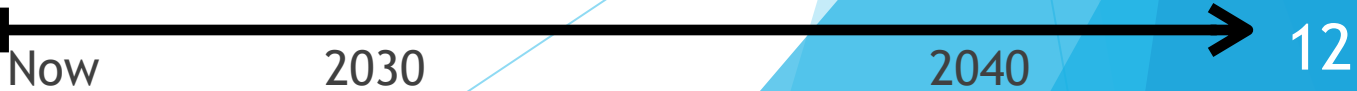
- ▶ New observational data to test elemental processes of planet formation/evolution
 - Exoplanet properties at birth
 - The case of Solar System
- ▶ Development of unified theory of planet formation to explain the observed diversity of planetary systems

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Subaru/SCEXAO, high-res → *TMT/PSI-Blue*
High-contrast
JWST

MMX, Hayabusa#2
Geodetic on the origin of Martian Satellites and primordial asteroid

Theory (e.g. Exoplanet hub, CfCA)



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Where we are

(Observation)

- ▶ Partial constraints on occurrence rate of potentially habitable planets
- ▶ Attempt at atmospheric spectroscopy of potentially habitable planets / Attempts at SETI
- ▶ (Controversial hint at “biosignatures” on sub-Neptunes)

(Theory)

- ▶ Development of climate and evolution models for habitable planets around different spectral types of stars (in particular around M-type stars, which are likely most abundant)
 - Atmospheric circulation of tidally-locked planets
 - Effects of varying irradiation spectra on temperature structure, photochemistry, atmospheric escape
 - Possibility of habitable condition under H₂-rich atmosphere
- ▶ Exploration and organization of various types of “biosignatures”

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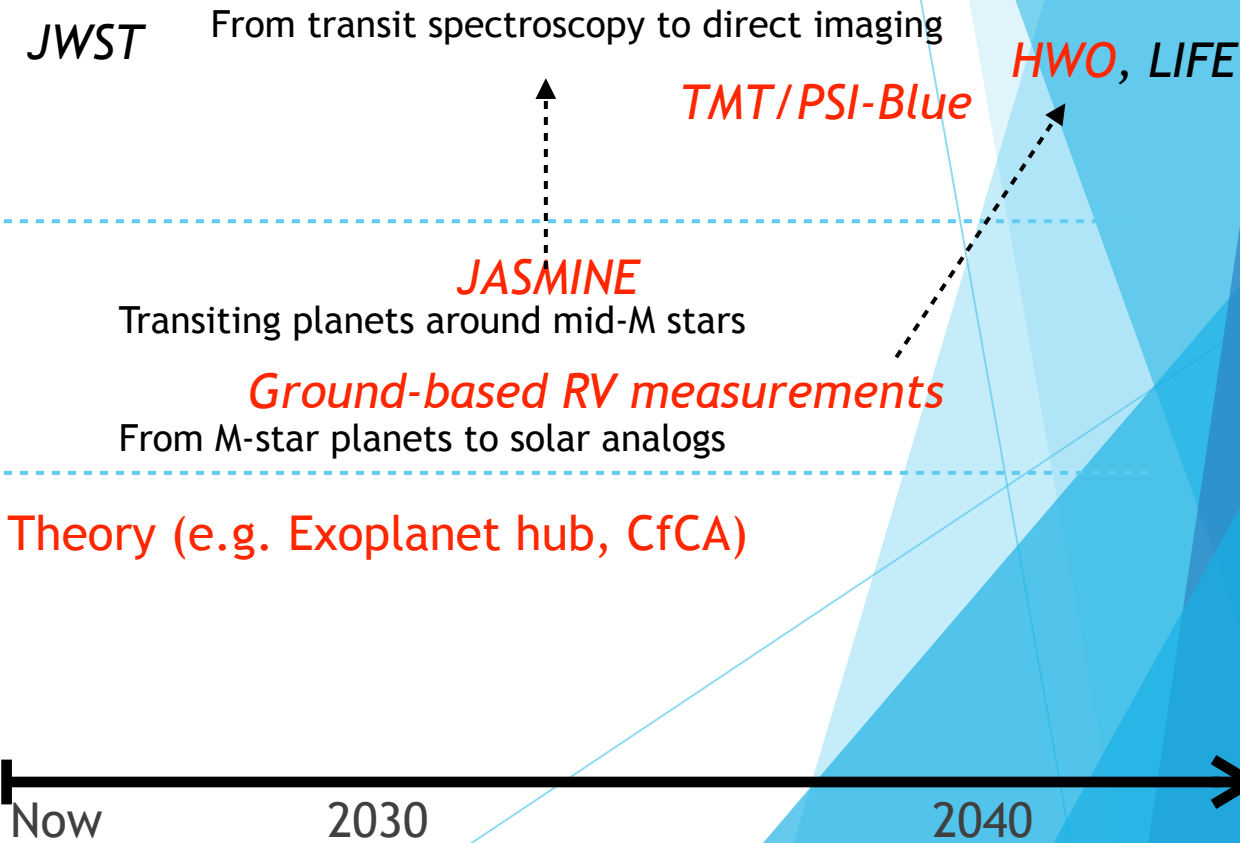
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Directions

- ▶ Photometric/spectroscopic data of potentially habitable planets
- ▶ Discovering potentially habitable planets around different types of stars
- ▶ Constraining their surface environment
Atmosphere? Ocean? Signs of life?

Approach

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Summary

- ▶ The upcoming years will emphasize multi-facet characterization of diverse exoplanet atmospheres (*JWST*/*Ariel*/*Subaru*/*LAPYUTA*).
- ▶ Elucidation of planet diversity and their origins requires data-model iterations.
- ▶ Developing high-contrast (*SCEXAO*) and/or *high-spectral-resolution* observations with *Subaru* is a crucial pathway to the *TMT* era.
- ▶ Detecting potentially habitable planets around mid-M stars (*JASMINE*) and solar-type stars (*Subaru*) can also be a unique contribution of NAOJ to the era of characterizing potentially habitable planets.