# Possible Future Mission Design 



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## Barnard b



A planet around Barnard's star. Ribas et al. a low-mass planet orbits a Barnard's star. The discovered planet is on a relatively wide orbit. The sizes of all the objects are approximately to scale. Barnard's star is only 1.8 parsecs (less than 6 light years) away from the Sun. In their analysis, the authors had to be particularly careful in accounting for stellar activity. the next generation of ground-based instrumentation, also coming into operation in the 2020s The potential planet is likely very cold, with an estimated surface temperature of about minus 275 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 170 degrees Celsius), study team members said.

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## Fermi: "Where is everyone?"



Within a few thousand light years there are 10 's of millions of stars

In cosmic terms, the Sun is neither particularly old, nor young.... So, If civilization, once it formed survived in the MW, why isn't there evidence of it?
It's a timescale problem, 13Gyr vs. 100,000 yrs

## BREAKTHROUGH WATCH



-Thermal imaging: Existing $10-\mathrm{m}$ class telescope have the sensitivity to catch thermal emission from an Earth-like planet orbiting Alpha Cen A or B.
-Astrometry: A habitable planet in orbit around Alpha Cen A or B would pull its host star by about 1 micro-arcsecond. This tiny periodic motion could be detected with a small space telescope measuring accurately the angular separation between binary systems.
-Reflected light imaging: A small space telescopes equipped with a highperformance coronagraph masking starlight, can catch the visible starlight reflected by a habitable planet in orbit around nearby stars.

Together, thermal imaging, and astrometry could measure the planet mass, orbit, radius, and temperature

## Imaging habitable planets with large ground-based telescopes

3 Extremely Large Telescopes ( 25 to 39m diameter) will be deployed in the mid to late 2020's

With angular resolution to image reflected light from habitable planets around nearby M-type stars (typically $1 \%$ as bright as Sun)

Kepler data suggests Habitual planet within 12 light years.


Breakthrough Watch enables imaging and characterization of multiple habitable planets

Stars within 5pc (16.3 light years):


| 10 "Sun-like" stars (types A,F,G,K) | targets for <br> habitable planet <br> search |
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| 46 red dwarfs | Likely too faint |
| 14 brown dwarfs $\longrightarrow$Challenging for <br> life |  |

## Toliman Program

- Toliboy
- Technology development of Double Diffraction Telescope
- 9 cm F20 telescope, LEO mission
- Mission length one year
- Launch within a year of go ahead, 2019 to 2020
- Target size Neptune planet around Alpha Centuri and 61 Cygni
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- 30 to 40 cm F20 telescope, LEO or GEO mission
- Mission length 3 years
- Launch 2022
- Target Earth size planets in habitable zone Alpha Centuri, 61 Cygni, 70 Ophiuchi, 36 Ophiuchi, p Eridani, Xi Ursae Majoris
- Tolicolossal
- 100 cm class chronograph space telescope
- Catalogue nearby planets
- Launch 2026



## - Watch Long Term Goals

- Find habitable exoplanets within 5 pc (16 light years) of earth, which will be targeted for future interstellar travel (Breakthrough Star Shot initiative).
- Extensively characterize (orbit, mass, temperature, atmospheric composition, exolife signatures) those planets that are found within 5 pc of earth that have an opportunity for life


## - Near Term Goals 2018 to 2025

- Detect earth-like planets in the HZ around our nearest nieghbors.
- Extensively characterize (orbit, mass, radius and surface temperature) planets found.


Where are we searching

Groombridge 34 :
Struve 2398 \%


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## Stars within 10 pc of the Sun



Image Credit: A. Riedel, T. Henry, and RECONS .


## Most Likely Planet Size (Super Earth)



- Analyzing the overall radius distribution of 5000+ Kepler planet candidates, Log normal distribution indicative of growth process, as planets are formed by growing from small bits and pieces.
- PLANET SIZE DISTRIBUTION FROM THE KEPLER MISSION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR PLANET FORMATION. Li Zeng, Stein B. Jacobsen1, Eugenia Hyung, Andrew Vanderburg, David W. Latham et al

| ID Name | Proper <br> Name | Type | D(ly) | Teff(K) | Known <br> Planets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sol | Sun | G2V | 0.00 | 5778 | 8 |
| Gl 551 | Proxima Centauri | M5.5 | 4.22 |  |  |
| Gl 559 A | Alpha Centauri A | G2V | 4.39 | 5770 |  |
| Gl 559 B | Alpha Centauri B | K1V | 4.39 | 5180 |  |
| Gl 411 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lalande } \\ & 21185 \end{aligned}$ | M2 | 8.31 | 3730 |  |
| Gl 244 A | Sirius A | A0A1Va | 8.58 | 9530 |  |
| Gl 244 B | Sirius B | DA2 | 8.58 |  |  |
| Gl 65 A | BL Ceti | M5.5e | 8.72 |  |  |
| Gl 65 B | UV Ceti | M5.5e | 8.72 |  |  |
| Gl 144 | Epsilon Eridani | K2V | 10.49 | 5090 | 1 |
| Gl 866 A | EZ <br> Aquarii A | M5VJ | 11.08 |  |  |
| Gl 866 B | EZ <br> Aquarii B | M | 11.08 |  |  |
| Gl 866 C | EZ <br> Aquarii C | M | 11.08 |  |  |
| Gl 820 A | 61 Cygni A | K5V | 11.35 | 4300 |  |
| Gl 820 B | 61 Cygni B | K7V | 11.39 | 4000 |  |
| Gl 280 A | Procyon A | F5IV-V | 11.40 | 6630 |  |
| Gl 280 B | Procyon B | DA | 11.40 |  |  |
| GI 725 A |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { M3 } \\ & 11.63 \end{aligned}$ | 11.5 | 3430 |  |
| Gl 725 B |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M3.5 } \\ & 11.46 \end{aligned}$ | 11.5 | 3300 |  |

## Targets ?

| ID Name | Proper <br> Name | Type | D(ly) | Teff(K) | Known Planets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gl 15 A | GX <br> Andromeda | M1 | 11.63 | 3650 |  |
| GI 15 B | GQ <br> Andromeda | M6Ve | 11.63 |  |  |
| Gl 845 A | Epsilon Indi A | K4/5V | 11.81 | 4730 |  |
| Gl 845 B | Epsilon Indi B | T1V | 11.81 |  |  |
| Gl 845 C | Epsilon Indi C | T6V | 11.81 |  |  |
| Gl 71 | Tau Ceti | G8V | 11.89 | 5500 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { SCR 1845- } \\ & 6357 \text { A } \end{aligned}$ |  | M8.5V | 12.56 |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { SCR } \\ & 1845- \\ & 6357 \text { B } \end{aligned}$ |  | T6V | 12.56 |  |  |
| Gl 860 A |  | M2V | 13.14 |  |  |
| Gl 860 B |  | M6V | 13.14 |  |  |
| Gl 234 A | Ross 614 A | M4.5 | 13.42 | 3050 |  |
| Gl 234 B | Ross 614 B | M | 13.42 |  |  |
| Gl 473 A | Wolf 424 A | M5.5eJ | 14.30 |  |  |
| Gl 473 B | Wolf 424 B | M7 | 14.30 |  |  |
| GJ 1245 A | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G 208-044 } \\ & \text { A } \end{aligned}$ | M5.5Ve | 14.80 |  |  |
| GJ 1245 B | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G 208-044 } \\ & \text { B } \end{aligned}$ | M | 14.80 |  |  |

# Notional Space Segment Requirements 



| Spacecraft Mass | Up to 250 kg |
| :--- | :--- |
| Solar Arrays | 200 W |
| Data Downlink | up to 10 GB per Day |
| Pointing Accuracy | $\pm 0.002^{\circ}$ (1-sigma), 3 axes |
| Orbit Altitude / Orbit Lifetime | GEO / 5 Years |
| Temperture Stability (Interface) | $+/-0.5$ Deg, -10 C, less than 5 W heat flow |
| Data Storage | $5,000 \mathrm{MB}$ |
| Spacecraft First Mode at least | 60 hz |
| Gross Point Control performed by <br> spacecraft | 10 arc min |
| Jitter less than | 0.1 arc sec per sec |
| Sun avoidance angle | 40 deg |
| Earth avoidance angle | 20 deg |

Toliman Payload

| Payload Volume | $45 \times 45 \times 80 \mathrm{~cm}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Power to Payload | below 100 W |
| Payload Mass | below 125 kg |
| Telescope Stiffness <br> first mode above | 40 Hz |
| Jitter less than | 0.05 arc sec per sec |
| Super Fine Pointing Control | $+l-0.1$ arc sec input driven by payload |
| Temperature stability | $+/-0.5$ Deg, -10 C, less than 5 W heat flow |
|  | 0.1 sec |
|  | Exposure time |
| Command Interface | Camera Link, LVDS |
| Data Interface |  |

## Toliman Pointing Control Loop

- Several spacecraft control modes
- Acquisition of the target while maintaining earth $\left(20^{\circ}\right)$ and $\operatorname{sun}\left(40^{\circ}\right)$ exclusion zones
- Gross pointing control to keep the target within the field of view of the telescope on the order 10' arc min
- Super fine pointing control target centered on focal plane 1 to 0.1 "
- Fast steering mirror or piezo control
- Spacecraft control with Payload input


## Wheel Jitter Performance

- Blue Canyon wheels have extremely low jitter
- Low wheel disturbances result in low payload line-of-sight motion
- Plot is characteristic of all BCT wheel sizes

Extremely quiet


## Rideshare to LEO Sun Sync

- Payload and cost to 700 km sun sync
- Rocket Lab 135 kg at $\$ 7 \mathrm{~m}$
- PSLV $1,100 \mathrm{~kg}$ at $\$ 31 \mathrm{~m}$
- Vega C $1,500 \mathrm{~kg}$ at $\$ 37 \mathrm{~m}$
- Falcon 9 7,400 kg at $\$ 60 \mathrm{~m}$



## Toliman Challenges

- Temperature Stability of Focal Plane and Optical Path less than $0.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
- Pointing Stability, Keeping Target Star within Field of View, 10’
- Jitter Attenuation 0.5 " per sec
- Low Cost
- Data Processing Tools
- Launch Costs
- Major Trade
- Do we need to go GEO


The Nearby Stellar Systems


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Notional. To be pulled apart.


## 61 Cygni

- 61 Cygni is a binary star system in the constellation Cygnus, consisting of a pair of K-type dwarf stars that orbit each other in a period of about 659 years. Of apparent magnitude 5.20 and 6.05, respectively, they can be seen with binoculars in city skies or with the naked eye in rural areas without light pollution.
- Distance to Earth: 11.41 light years



## Epsilon Eridani b

- Distance to Earth: 10.47 light years
- Apparent magnitude (B): 4.61
- Spectral type: K2V


Artist's illustration of the Epsilon Eridani system. In the right foreground, the Jupiter-mass planet Epsilon Eridani $b$ is shown orbiting its star at the outside edge of an asteroid belt. In the background can be seen another narrow asteroid or comet belt plus an outermost belt similar in size to our Solar System's Kuiper Belt. The similarity of the structure of the Epsilon Eridani system to our Solar System is remarkable, although Epsilon Eridani is much younger than our Sun. Image credit: NASA / SOFIA / Lvnette Cook.


Based on Spitzer observations of the inner and outer parts of the Epsilon Eridani

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## 10um Ground Based Imaging

Phase 1 (Alpha Cen, VLT/Gemini) effort will enable Phase 2 (ELTs) imaging and characterization of habitable planets around a dozen nearby stars

Thermal IR imaging/spectroscopy detects habitable exoplanets, measures radius and temperature + some chemical species (CO2, H2O, O3)
Overlap with space missions targets (reflected visible light) $\rightarrow$ Direct measurement of greenhouse effect and detailed characterization of atmospheres.


Tab. 2 Apparent magnitude and required time for detection at 10-13 microns of various types of exo-Earth at $\mathbf{1 . 3 2 5 p c}$ (Alpha Centauri system)

|  | Radius <br> (Earth) | Temp. <br> (K) | App. Mag. <br> 10 microns | Time on 8m <br> 3.0 sig. det.(h) | Time on 30m <br> 5 sig. det.(h) | Charact <br> $?$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Earth | 1 | 288 | 15.2 | 188 | 0.75 | $\mathrm{Y}(30 \mathrm{~m})$ |
| Super-Earth <br> (Kepler 22b) | 2 | 288 | 13.7 | 19 | 0.05 | Y |
| Warm Earth <br> (Dune planet) | 1 | 320 | 14.8 | 93 | 0.4 | Y |

Tab. 3 Apparent magnitude and required time at 10-13 microns of exo-Earth planets at 5 pc

|  | Radius <br> (Earth) | Temperature (K) | App. Mag. <br> 10 microns | Time on 30m <br> 5 sig. det. (h) | Charact <br> $?$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Earth | 1 | 288 | 18.1 | 157 | $\sim \mathrm{Y}$ |
| Super-Earth <br> (Kepler 22b) | 2 | 288 | 16.6 | 10 | Y |
| Warm Earth <br> (Dune planet) | 1 | 320 | 17.7 | 75 | Y |

