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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b>	<b>Caltech</b> Planetary Science <u>Thesis advisor:</u> Michael E. Brown	2013-2018
<b>B.A.</b>	<b>Princeton University</b> Independent concentration ( <i>Linguistics; Major GPA: 4.00</i> ) Graduated <i>magna cum laude</i> ( <i>GPA: 3.98</i> )	2008-2012

## RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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**NASA Postdoctoral Program Fellow** August 2021-present  
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

**51 Pegasi b Postdoctoral Fellow** June 2018-July 2021  
Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, MIT

### Research adviser

- Shiqi Chen: <i>Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program</i> , MIT	2020-present
- Prajwal Niraula: <i>Graduate Generals Project</i> , MIT	2019-present
- Aakash Mishra: <i>Research in Science &amp; Engineering</i> , Boston University	Summer 2018
- Angelica Zhou: <i>Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship</i> , Caltech	Summer 2017
- Yixiao Yan: <i>Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship</i> , Caltech	Summer 2015

**Member of Scientific Organizing Committee**, 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual DPS Conference 2020

**Referee**, AJ, PSJ, A&A, Icarus 2016-present

**Graduate research assistant**, Caltech 2013-2018

**Teaching assistant**, Caltech 2014-2018

- Ge 103: Introduction to the Solar System
- Ge 108: Applications of Physics to the Earth Sciences

**Work intern** Fall 2012

- *Advanced Propulsion Laboratory*, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center

### Research intern

- *Undergraduate Student Research Program*, Princeton University Summer 2012
- *Program in Plasma Science and Technology*, PPPL Summers 2010 & 2011

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *First- and second-author papers (25)*

1. Wong I, Benneke B, Gao P, et al. “HST+Spitzer transmission spectra of two cool exoplanets: WASP-29b and WASP-80b”. AJ in prep (2022).
2. Wong I, Shporer A, Vissapragada S, et al. “TESS revisits WASP-12: Updated orbital decay rate and constraints on atmospheric variability”. AJ submitted (2022). arXiv:2201.0837
3. Wong I, Shporer A, Zhou G, et al. “TOI-2109: An ultrahot gas giant on a 16 hr orbit”. AJ 162 256 (2021).
4. Wong I, Kitzmann D, Shporer A, et al. “Visible-light phase curves from the second year of the TESS primary mission”. AJ 162 127 (2021).
5. Beatty T G, Wong I, Fetherolf T, et al. “The TESS phase curve of KELT-1b suggests a high dayside albedo”. AJ 160 211 (2020).
6. Wong I, Shporer A, Daylan T, et al. “Systematic phase curve study of known transiting exoplanet systems from Year 1 of the TESS Mission”. AJ 160 155 (2020).
7. Wong I, Shporer A, Kitzmann D, et al. “Exploring the atmospheric dynamics of the extreme ultrahot Jupiter KELT-9b using TESS photometry”. AJ 160 88 (2020).
8. Wong I, Benneke B, Gao P, et al. “Optical to near-infrared transmission spectrum of the warm sub-Saturn HAT-P-12b”. ApJ 159 234 (2020).
9. Wong I, Benneke B, Shporer A, et al. “TESS phase curve of the ultra-hot Jupiter WASP-19b”. AJ 159 104 (2020).
10. Wong I, Shporer A, Becker J C, et al. “The full *Kepler* phase curve of the eclipsing hot white dwarf binary system KOI-964” ApJ 159 29 (2020).
11. Benneke B, Wong I, Piaulet C, et al. “Water vapor and clouds on the habitable-zone sub-Neptune exoplanet K2-18b”. ApJL 887 L14 (2019).
12. Wong I, Mishra A, & Brown M E “Photometry of active Centaurs: Colors of dormant active Centaur nuclei” AJ 157 225 (2019).
13. Wong I & Brown M E. “Multiband observations of a Patroclus-Menoetius mutual event: Constraints on surface inhomogeneity”. AJ 157 203 (2019).
14. Shporer A, Wong I, Huang C X, et al. “TESS full orbital phase curve of the WASP-18b system” AJ 157 178 (2019).
15. Wong I, Brown M E, Blacksborg J, Ehlmann B L, & Mahjoub A. “Hubble ultraviolet spectroscopy of Jupiter Trojans”. AJ 157 161 (2019).
16. Wong I, Brown M E, & Emery J P. “0.7-2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  spectra of Hilda asteroids”. AJ 154 104 (2017).
17. Wong I & Brown M E. “The bimodal color distribution of small Kuiper Belt objects”. AJ 153 145 (2017).
18. Wong I & Brown M E. “The color-magnitude distribution of Hilda asteroids: Comparison with Jupiter Trojans”. AJ 153 69 (2017).
19. Wong I & Brown M E. “A hypothesis for the color bimodality of Jupiter Trojans”. AJ 152 90 (2016).
20. Wong I, Knutson H A, Kataria T, et al. “3.6 and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  *Spitzer* phase curves of the highly irradiated hot Jupiters WASP-19b and HAT-P-7b”. ApJ 823 122 (2016).
21. Wong I & Brown M E. “The color-magnitude distribution of small Jupiter Trojans”. AJ 150 174 (2015).
22. Wong I, Knutson H A, Lewis, N K, et al. “3.6 and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  phase curves of the highly irradiated eccentric hot Jupiter WASP-14b”. ApJ 811 122 (2015).
23. Wong I, Brown M E, & Emery J P. “The differing magnitude distributions of the two Jupiter Trojan color populations”. AJ 148 112 (2014).

24. Wong I, Knutson H A, Cowan N B, et al. “Constraints on the atmospheric circulation and variability of the eccentric hot Jupiter XO-3b”. *ApJ* 794 134 (2014).
25. Wong I, Grigoriu A, Roslund J, Ho T S, & Rabitz H. "Laser-driven direct quantum control of nuclear excitations". *Phys. Rev. A* 84 053429 (2011).

***Other co-author papers (20)***

1. Addison B C, Knudstrup E, Wong I, et al. “TOI-1431b/MASCARA-5b: A highly irradiated ultra-hot Jupiter orbiting one of the hottest & brightest known exoplanet host stars”. *AJ* accepted (2021).
2. Cabot S H C, Bello-Arufe A, Mendoça J M, et al. “TOI-1518b: A misaligned ultra-hot Jupiter with iron in its atmosphere”. *AJ* 162 218 (2021).
3. Levison H F, Olkin C B, Noll, K S, et al. “Lucy Mission to the Trojan asteroids: Science goals”. *PSJ* 2 171 (2021).
4. Guerrero N M, Seager S, Huang C X, et al. “The TESS Objects of Interest catalog from the TESS Prime Mission”. *ApJS* 254 39 (2021).
5. Daylan T, Günther M N, Mikal-Evans T, et al. “TESS observations of the WASP-121b phase curve”. *AJ* 161 131 (2021).
6. Crossfield I J M, Dragomir D, Cowan N B, et al. “Phase curves of hot Neptune LTT 9779b suggest a high-metallicity atmosphere with nonzero albedo”. *ApJL* 903 L7 (2020).
7. Dragomir D, Crossfield I J M, Benneke B, et al. “Spitzer reveals evidence of molecular absorption in the atmosphere of the hot Neptune LT9779b”. *ApJL* 903 L6 (2020).
8. Chachan Y, Jontof-Hutter D, Knutson H A, et al. "A featureless infrared transmission spectrum for the super-puff planet Kepler-79d". *AJ* 160 201 (2020).
9. Teske J, Días M R, Luque R, et al. "TESS reveals a short-period sub-Neptune sibling (HD 86226c) to a known long-period giant planet". *AJ* 160 96 (2020).
10. Huang C X, Quinn S N, Vanderburg A, et al. “*TESS* spots a hot Jupiter with an inner transiting Neptune”. *ApJL* 892 L7 (2020).
11. Mansfield M, Bean J L, Stevenson K B, et al. “Evidence for H<sub>2</sub> dissociation and recombination heat transport in the atmosphere of KELT-9b”. *ApJL* 888 L15 (2020).
12. Chachan Y, Knutson H A, Gao P, et al. “A *Hubble* PanCET study of HAT-P-11b: A cloudy Neptune with a low atmospheric metallicity” *AJ* 158 244 (2019).
13. Zhou G, Huang C X, Bakos G Á, et al. “Two new HATNet hot Jupiters around A stars, and the first glimpse at the occurrence rate of hot Jupiters from *TESS*” *AJ* 158 141 (2019).
14. Benneke B, Knutson H A, Lothringer J, et al. “A Sub-Neptune atmosphere with solar water abundance, strong methane depletion, and Mie-scattering aerosols”. *Nature Astronomy* 3 813 (2019).
15. Rodriguez J E, Quinn S N, Huang C X, et al. “An eccentric massive Jupiter orbiting a sub-giant on a 9.5 day period discovered in the *Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite* Full Frame Images”. *ApJ* 157 191 (2019).
16. Poston M J, Mahjoub A, Ehlmann B L, et al. “Visible near-infrared spectral evolution of irradiated mixed ices and application to Kuiper Belt objects and Jupiter Trojans”. *ApJ* 856 124 (2018).
17. Ingalls J G, Krick J E, Carey S J, et al. “Repeatability and accuracy of exoplanet eclipse depths measured with post-cryogenic *Spitzer*”. *AJ* 152 44 (2016).
18. Krick J E, Ingalls J, Carey S, et al. “*Spitzer* IRAC sparsely sampled phase curve of the exoplanet WASP-14b”. *ApJ* 824 27 (2016).
19. Beichman, C, Livingston, J, Werner W, et al. “*Spitzer* observations of exoplanets discovered with the *Kepler* K2 mission”. *ApJ* 822 39 (2016).
20. Buhler, P B, Knutson H A, Batygin, K, et al. “Dynamical constraints on the core mass of hot Jupiter HAT-P-13b”. *ApJ* 821 26 (2016).

## **OBSERVING EXPERIENCE**

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(PI programs, unless otherwise indicated)

### **Magellan Observatory**

- 2019A+2019B+2020A+2021A (2.5 nights, IMACS/LDSS-3)  
“Colors of active Centaurs: A window into KBO formation and composition”
- 2020A+2021A (1 night, IMACS)  
“Probing the purported Ennomos collisional family in the Jupiter Trojans”
- 2019B+2020B (3 nights, PFS)  
“Exploring the desert: Precise radial velocity confirmation of TESS sub-Saturn candidates”

### **Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO)**

- 2022A (10 hours, CHIRON)  
“Radial velocity characterization of the massive outer companions in the TOI-618 and TOI-2488 systems”
- 2021B (10 hours, CHIRON)  
“Long-term RV monitoring of the benchmark multiplanet system TOI-618”
- 2019A+2019B+2020A (80 hours, CHIRON)  
“Exploring the desert: Precise radial velocity confirmation of TESS sub-Saturn candidates”

### **NASA Infrared Telescope Facility (IRTF)**

- 2020B+2021B (4 nights; SpeX)  
“Constraining the composition and origin of Hilda asteroids: Exploring the 3-micron feature”
- 2016A & 2016B (7 nights; SpeX)  
“Near-infrared spectra of bright Hilda asteroids: Probing the Hilda-Trojan connection”

### **Hubble Space Telescope (HST)**

- Cycle 25 GO-15249 (7 orbits; STIS)  
“An observational test of the dynamical instability hypothesis in the Solar System”

### **Palomar 200-inch Hale Telescope**

- 2017A & 2017B (4 nights; LFC)  
“Colors and activity of Centaurs”
- 2018A (2 nights; WASP)  
“Photometric observations of mutual events of the Trojan binary Patroclus-Menoetius”

*Co-I programs and other observing experience:*

4 nights at Palomar 200-inch Hale Telescope (LFC), 3 nights at Subaru Telescope (SuprimeCam, Hyper SuprimeCam), 5 nights at Keck Observatory (NIRSPEC)

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR TALKS

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1. “TOI-2109b: The shortest period gas giant yet discovered”, *CHAMPS Early Career Highlight Seminar*, 2022, *online conference*.
2. “Observational confirmation and characterization of the Ennomos collisional family”, *53<sup>rd</sup> DPS Meeting*, 2021, *online conference*.
3. “TOI-2109b: The shortest period gas giant yet discovered”, *TESS Science Conference 2*, 2021, *online conference*.
4. “Ultra-hot Jupiters in the era of TESS”, *JPL Exoplanet Journal Club*, 2021. [invited talk]
5. “Exoplanet phase curves from TESS: Results from the Primary Mission and future prospects”, *AAS Meeting #237*, 2021, *online conference*.
6. “Exoplanet phase curves from TESS: Results from the Primary Mission and future prospects”, *52<sup>nd</sup> DPS Meeting*, 2020, *online conference*.
7. “Icy bodies in the middle and outer Solar System: Tracers of planetary migration”, *Star and Planet Formation Colloquium*, October 2020, *University of Michigan*. [invited talk]
8. “Systematic phase curve study of known transiting systems from the TESS Primary Mission”, *Exoplanet III*, 2020, *online conference*.
9. “Phase curve studies of known transiting systems with TESS”, *TESS Science Conference 1*, 2019, *Cambridge, Massachusetts*.
10. “UV spectroscopy of Jupiter Trojans”, *50<sup>th</sup> DPS Meeting*, 2018, *Knoxville, Tennessee*.
11. “The Trojan-Hilda-KBO connection: An observational test of solar system evolution models”, *The Transneptunian Solar System*, 2018, *Coimbra, Portugal*. [invited talk]
12. “The Trojan-Hilda-KBO connection: An observational test of solar system evolution models”, *AGU Fall Meeting*, 2017, *New Orleans, Louisiana*.
13. “The Trojan-Hilda-KBO connection: An observational test of solar system evolution models”, *49<sup>th</sup> DPS Meeting*, 2017, *Provo, Utah*.
14. “Near-infrared transmission spectra of three cool giant gas exoplanets”, *ExSoCal 2016*, *Pasadena, California*.
15. “Multiband *Spitzer* phase curves of three highly-irradiated hot Jupiters”, *AAS Meeting #227*, 2016, *Kissimmee, Florida*. [invited talk]
16. “The color-magnitude distribution of small Kuiper Belt objects”, *47<sup>th</sup> DPS Meeting*, 2015, *National Harbor, Maryland*.
17. “Multiband *Spitzer* phase curves of three highly-irradiated hot Jupiters”, *11<sup>th</sup> Rencontres du Vietnam, Planetary Systems: A Synergistic View*, 2015, *Quy Nhon, Vietnam*.
18. “Sub-populations among the Jupiter Trojans”, *Asteroids, Comets, and Meteors*, 2014, *Helsinki, Finland*.

## CONFERENCE POSTERS

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1. “Exoplanet phase curves from TESS: Results from the Primary Mission and future prospects”, *TESS Science Conference 2*, 2021, *online conference*.
2. “TESS in the Solar System: Refining asteroid light curves with long-baseline photometry”, *EPSC-DPS Joint Meeting*, 2019, *Geneva, Switzerland*.
3. “Phase curve studies of known transiting systems with TESS”, *Extreme Solar Systems IV*, 2019, *Reykjavik, Iceland*.
4. “A comparison of Hildas and Jupiter Trojans using photometry, spectroscopy, and size distributions”, *48<sup>th</sup> DPS Meeting*, 2016, *Pasadena, California*.
5. “Near-infrared transmission spectra of three cool giant gas exoplanets”, *ExoClimes 2016*, *Squamish, Canada*.
6. “The color-magnitude distribution of small Jupiter Trojans”, *46<sup>th</sup> DPS Meeting*, 2014, *Tucson, Arizona*.

## **PUBLIC TALKS**

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1. “Opening a new chapter of exoplanet science with JWST”, *Edelman Planetarium, Rowan University, 2021.*
2. “Opening a new chapter of exoplanet science with JWST”, *Brown Planetarium, Ball State University, 2021.*

## **COMPUTER AND OTHER SKILLS**

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**Programming:** Python, IDL, MATLAB, FORTRAN

**Applications:** GitHub, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, ArcGIS, LabVIEW

**Laboratory skills:** basic machine shop skills, laboratory electronics, lasers

## **REFERENCES**

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*Relationship: Graduate research adviser and collaborator on exoplanet characterization*

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*Relationship: TESS Science Team member and collaborator on exoplanet phase curve research*

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*Relationship: NASA Lucy Mission Science Team member and former postdoctoral fellowship supervisor*

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*Relationship: Current NPP supervisor*