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EDUCATION

PhD	Caltech Planetary Science <u>Thesis</u> : “Probing the Trojan-Hilda-KBO Connection: An Empirical Test of Dynamical Instability Models of Solar System Evolution” <u>Advisor</u> : Michael E. Brown	2013-2018
B.A.	Princeton University 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

NASA Postdoctoral Program Fellow NASA Goddard Space Flight Center	August 2021-present
51 Pegasi b Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, MIT	June 2018-July 2021
Member, JWST Solar System GTO team	2021-present
Reviewer/panelist on various NSF, NOIRLab, NASA, HST proposal cycles	2021-present
Referee, AJ, PSJ, A&A, Icarus	2016-present
Research adviser	
- Shiqi Chen: <i>Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program</i> , MIT	2020-2021
- Prajwal Niraula: <i>Graduate Generals Project</i> , MIT	2019-2021
- Aakash Mishra: <i>Research in Science & 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, 52nd Annual DPS Conference	2020
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
- <i>Advanced Propulsion Laboratory</i> , NASA Marshall Space Flight Center	
Research intern	
- <i>Undergraduate Student Research Program</i> , Princeton University	Summer 2012
- <i>Program in Plasma Science and Technology</i> , PPPL	Summers 2010 & 2011

First- and second-author papers (26)

1. Wong I & Brown M E. “Photometric validation and characterization of the Ennomos collisional family in the Jupiter Trojans”. AJ 165 15 (2023).
2. Wong I, Chachan Y, Knutson H A, et al. “The Hubble PanCET program: A featureless transmission spectrum for WASP-29b and evidence of enhanced atmospheric metallicity on WASP-80b”. AJ 164 30 (2022).
3. Wong I, Shporer A, Vissapragada S, et al. “TESS revisits WASP-12: Updated orbital decay rate and constraints on atmospheric variability”. AJ 163 175 (2022).
4. Wong I, Shporer A, Zhou G, et al. “TOI-2109: An ultrahot gas giant on a 16 hr orbit”. AJ 162 256 (2021).
5. 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).
6. 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).
7. 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).
8. 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).
9. 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).
10. Wong I, Benneke B, Shporer A, et al. “TESS phase curve of the ultra-hot Jupiter WASP-19b”. AJ 159 104 (2020).
11. 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).
12. 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).
13. Wong I, Mishra A, & Brown M E “Photometry of active Centaurs: Colors of dormant active Centaur nuclei” AJ 157 225 (2019).
14. Wong I & Brown M E. “Multiband observations of a Patroclus-Menoetius mutual event: Constraints on surface inhomogeneity”. AJ 157 203 (2019).
15. Shporer A, Wong I, Huang C X, et al. “TESS full orbital phase curve of the WASP-18b system” AJ 157 178 (2019).
16. Wong I, Brown M E, Blacksborg J, Ehlmann B L, & Mahjoub A. “Hubble ultraviolet spectroscopy of Jupiter Trojans”. AJ 157 161 (2019).
17. Wong I, Brown M E, & Emery J P. “0.7-2.5 μm spectra of Hilda asteroids”. AJ 154 104 (2017).
18. Wong I & Brown M E. “The bimodal color distribution of small Kuiper Belt objects”. AJ 153 145 (2017).
19. Wong I & Brown M E. “The color-magnitude distribution of Hilda asteroids: Comparison with Jupiter Trojans”. AJ 153 69 (2017).
20. Wong I & Brown M E. “A hypothesis for the color bimodality of Jupiter Trojans”. AJ 152 90 (2016).
21. Wong I, Knutson H A, Kataria T, et al. “3.6 and 4.5 μm *Spitzer* phase curves of the highly irradiated hot Jupiters WASP-19b and HAT-P-7b”. ApJ 823 122 (2016).
22. Wong I & Brown M E. “The color-magnitude distribution of small Jupiter Trojans”. AJ 150 174 (2015).
23. Wong I, Knutson H A, Lewis, N K, et al. “3.6 and 4.5 μm phase curves of the highly irradiated eccentric hot Jupiter WASP-14b”. ApJ 811 122 (2015).
24. Wong I, Brown M E, & Emery J P. “The differing magnitude distributions of the two Jupiter Trojan color populations”. AJ 148 112 (2014).

25. 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).
26. 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 (24)

1. Coulombe J-P, Benneke B, Challener R, et al. “A broadband thermal emission spectrum of the ultra-hot Jupiter WASP-18b”. *Nature Astronomy*, under review (2023).
2. Piaulet C, Benneke B, Almenara J M, et al. “Evidence for the volatile-rich composition of a 1.5-Earth-radius planet”. *Nature Astronomy* (2022).
3. Marschall R, Nesvorný D, Deienno R, et al. “Implications for the collisional strength of Jupiter Trojans from the Eurybates family”. *AJ* 164 167 (2022).
4. Niraula P, Shporer A, Wong I, & de Wit J. “Revisiting Kepler transiting systems: Unvetting planets and constraining relationships among harmonics in phase curves”. *AJ* 163 172 (2022).
5. 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* 162 292 (2021).
6. Cabot S H C, Bello-Arufe A, Mendonça J M, et al. “TOI-1518b: A misaligned ultra-hot Jupiter with iron in its atmosphere”. *AJ* 162 218 (2021).
7. Levison H F, Olkin C B, Noll, K S, et al. “Lucy Mission to the Trojan asteroids: Science goals”. *PSJ* 2 171 (2021).
8. 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).
9. Daylan T, Günther M N, Mikal-Evans T, et al. “TESS observations of the WASP-121b phase curve”. *AJ* 161 131 (2021).
10. 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).
11. 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).
12. 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).
13. 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).
14. Huang C X, Quinn S N, Vanderburg A, et al. “*TESS* spots a hot Jupiter with an inner transiting Neptune”. *ApJL* 892 L7 (2020).
15. Mansfield M, Bean J L, Stevenson K B, et al. “Evidence for H₂ dissociation and recombination heat transport in the atmosphere of KELT-9b”. *ApJL* 888 L15 (2020).
16. 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).
17. 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).
18. 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).
19. 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).
20. 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).
21. 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).

22. Krick J E, Ingalls J, Carey S, et al. “*Spitzer* IRAC sparsely sampled phase curve of the exoplanet WASP-14b”. *ApJ* 824 27 (2016).
23. Beichman, C, Livingston, J, Werner W, et al. “*Spitzer* observations of exoplanets discovered with the *Kepler* K2 mission”. *ApJ* 822 39 (2016).
24. 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).

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR TALKS

1. “Transiting Exoplanet Science with JWST” *AAS Meeting #241, 2023, Seattle, Washington*. **[invited talk]**
2. “Kuiper Belt Science with JWST”, *JWST First Science Results Conference, 2022, Baltimore, Maryland*.
3. “TESS in the Extended Mission: A powerful tool for time-domain exoplanet science”, *TESS Science Team Meeting #29, 2022, Cambridge, Massachusetts*.
4. “Observational confirmation and characterization of the Ennomos collisional family”, *54th DPS Meeting, 2022, London, Canada*.
5. “TOI-2109b: The shortest period gas giant yet discovered”, *CHAMPS Early Career Highlight Seminar, 2022, online conference*.
6. “Observational confirmation and characterization of the Ennomos collisional family”, *53rd DPS Meeting, 2021, online conference*.
7. “TOI-2109b: The shortest period gas giant yet discovered”, *TESS Science Conference 2, 2021, online conference*.
8. “Ultra-hot Jupiters in the era of TESS”, *JPL Exoplanet Journal Club, 2021*. **[invited talk]**
9. “Exoplanet phase curves from TESS: Results from the Primary Mission and future prospects”, *AAS Meeting #237, 2021, online conference*.
10. “Exoplanet phase curves from TESS: Results from the Primary Mission and future prospects”, *52nd DPS Meeting, 2020, online conference*.
11. “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]**
12. “Systematic phase curve study of known transiting systems from the TESS Primary Mission”, *Exoplanets III, 2020, online conference*.

13. “Phase curve studies of known transiting systems with TESS”, *TESS Science Conference 1, 2019, Cambridge, Massachusetts.*
14. “UV spectroscopy of Jupiter Trojans”, *50th DPS Meeting, 2018, Knoxville, Tennessee.*
15. “The Trojan-Hilda-KBO connection: An observational test of solar system evolution models”, *The Transneptunian Solar System, 2018, Coimbra, Portugal. [invited talk]*
16. “The Trojan-Hilda-KBO connection: An observational test of solar system evolution models”, *AGU Fall Meeting, 2017, New Orleans, Louisiana.*
17. “The Trojan-Hilda-KBO connection: An observational test of solar system evolution models”, *49th DPS Meeting, 2017, Provo, Utah.*
18. “Near-infrared transmission spectra of three cool giant gas exoplanets”, *ExSoCal 2016, Pasadena, California.*
19. “Multiband *Spitzer* phase curves of three highly-irradiated hot Jupiters”, *AAS Meeting #227, 2016, Kissimmee, Florida. [invited talk]*
20. “The color-magnitude distribution of small Kuiper Belt objects”, *47th DPS Meeting, 2015, National Harbor, Maryland.*
21. “Multiband *Spitzer* phase curves of three highly-irradiated hot Jupiters”, *11th Rencontres du Vietnam, Planetary Systems: A Synergistic View, 2015, Quy Nhon, Vietnam.*
22. “Sub-populations among the Jupiter Trojans”, *Asteroids, Comets, and Meteors, 2014, Helsinki, Finland.*

PUBLIC TALKS

1. “Opening a new chapter of exoplanet science with JWST”, *Astronomy Club, Penn State Berks, 2022.*
2. “Opening a new chapter of exoplanet science with JWST”, *Edelman Planetarium, Rowan University, 2021.*
3. “Opening a new chapter of exoplanet science with JWST”, *Brown Planetarium, Ball State University, 2021.*

CONFERENCE POSTERS

1. “TOI 618: A benchmark multi-planet system discovered using TESS photometry and long-term RV monitoring”, *AAS Meeting #241, 2023, Seattle, Washington.*
2. “TESS in the Extended Mission: A powerful tool for time-domain exoplanet science”, *Exoplanets IV, 2022, Las Vegas, Nevada.*
3. “Exoplanet phase curves from TESS: Results from the Primary Mission and future prospects”, *TESS Science Conference 2, 2021, online conference.*
4. “TESS in the Solar System: Refining asteroid light curves with long-baseline photometry”, *EPSC-DPS Joint Meeting, 2019, Geneva, Switzerland.*
5. “Phase curve studies of known transiting systems with TESS”, *Extreme Solar Systems IV, 2019, Reykjavik, Iceland.*
6. “A comparison of Hildas and Jupiter Trojans using photometry, spectroscopy, and size distributions”, *48th DPS Meeting, 2016, Pasadena, California.*
7. “Near-infrared transmission spectra of three cool giant gas exoplanets”, *ExoClimes 2016, Squamish, Canada.*
8. “The color-magnitude distribution of small Jupiter Trojans”, *46th DPS Meeting, 2014, Tucson, Arizona.*

COMPUTER AND OTHER SKILLS

Programming: Python, IDL, MATLAB, FORTRAN

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

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

OBSERVING EXPERIENCE

(PI programs, unless otherwise indicated)

Hubble Space Telescope (HST)

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

Gemini South

- 2023A (1.5 hours)
“Proving surface inhomogeneities on Patroclus-Menoetius through hemispherically-resolved spectroscopy”

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+2022B (20 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”

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:

25.5 hours on JWST (NIRSpec, MIRI), 4 nights at Palomar 200-inch Hale Telescope (LFC), 3 nights at Subaru Telescope (SuprimeCam, Hyper SuprimeCam), 5 nights at Keck Observatory (NIRSPEC)

REFERENCES

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Relationship: TESS Science Team member and collaborator on exoplanet 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, JWST Deputy Project Scientist for Planetary Science, and lead coordinator of JWST Solar System GTO programs