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Research Interests

Characterization of exoplanets; formation and evolution of planetary systems in multiple star systems; large adaptive optics surveys; detection of long-period transiting planets

Positions

September 2020 - current **Stephen F. Austin State University**, Nacogdoches, TX
 Assistant Professor of Astronomy
 Director of SFA Observatory
 August 2018 - July 2020 **University of Toronto**, Toronto, ON
 Dunlap Postdoctoral Fellow
 PI: SOAR TESS survey (speckle imaging survey)
 PI: One Hit Wonders (TESS single-transit planet survey)

Education

May 2018 **University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill, NC
 PhD, Physics and Astronomy
 Thesis: "Characterization of Exoplanets and Stellar Systems with New Robots"
 Advisor: Prof. Nicholas Law
 August 2013 **Southern Illinois University**, Carbondale, IL
 M.S., Physics
 Thesis: "Adsorption of Neon on Open Carbon Nanohorn Aggregates"
 Advisor: Prof. Aldo Migone
 May 2009 **William Jewell College**, Liberty, MO
 B.A., Physics and Mathematics
 Research: variable stars, globular clusters
 Advisor: Prof. Maggie Sherer

First or Second Author Publications

8. *SOAR TESS Survey. II: The planetary desert in close binary systems*
 C. Ziegler, et al., *In prep.*
7. *SOAR TESS Survey. I: Sculpting of TESS planetary systems by stellar companions*
 C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2020 **159** 19
6. *Measuring the Recoverability of Close Binaries in Gaia DR2 with the Robo-AO Kepler Survey*
 C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2018 **156** 259
5. *Robo-AO Kepler Planetary Candidate Survey V: The effect of physically associated stellar companions on planetary systems*
 C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2018 **156** 83

First or Second Author Publications – Continued

4. *Robo-AO Kepler Planetary Candidate Survey IV: The effect of nearby stars on 3857 planetary candidate systems*
C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2018 **155** 161
3. *Robo-AO Kepler Planetary Candidate Survey III: Adaptive Optics Imaging of 1629 Kepler Exoplanet Candidate Host Stars*
C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2017 **153** 66
2. *Robo-AO Kepler Planetary Candidate Survey II: Adaptive Optics Imaging of 969 Kepler Exoplanet Candidate Host Stars*
C. Baranec, C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2016 **152** 18
1. *Multiplicity of the Galactic Senior Citizens: A High-resolution Search for Cool Subdwarf Companions*
C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2015 **804** 30

Other Refereed Publications

44. *Two young planetary systems around field stars with ages between 20 – 220 Myr from TESS*
G. Zhou, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*
43. *TOI 694b and TIC220568520b: Two low-mass companions near the hydrogen burning mass limit orbiting sun-like stars*
I. Mireles, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*
42. *TOI 540 b: A Terrestrial Planet Smaller than Earth Orbiting a Nearby Rapidly Rotating Low-mass Star*
K. Ment, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*
41. *The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs. Two planets on the opposite sides of the radius gap transiting the nearby M dwarf LP 729-54*
G. Nowak, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*, arXiv:2003.01140
40. *Three Short Period Jupiters from TESS*
L. Neilsen, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Accepted to A&A*, arXiv:2003.05932
39. *TESS reveals a short-period sub-Neptune sibling (HD 86226 c) to a known long-period giant planet*
J. Teske, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Accepted to AJ*
38. *KELT-25b and KELT-26b: A Hot Jupiter and a Substellar Companion Transiting Young A-stars Observed by TESS*
R. Rodriguez, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Accepted to AJ*, arXiv:1912.01017
37. *TESS discovery of a super-Earth and three sub-Neptunes hosted by the bright, Sun-like star HD 108236*
T. Daylan, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*, arXiv:2004.11314
36. *TOI-257b (HD 19916b): A Warm sub-Saturn on a Moderately Eccentric Orbit Around an Evolved F-type Star*
B. Addison, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*, arXiv:2001.07345
35. *Two intermediate-mass transiting brown dwarfs from the TESS mission*
T. Carmichael, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Accepted to AJ*, arXiv:2002.01943
34. *A pair of TESS planets spanning the radius valley around the nearby mid-M dwarf LTT 3780*
R. Cloutier, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, **160** 3
33. *TESS Hunt for Young and Maturing Exoplanets (THYME) II: A 17 Myr Old Transiting Hot Jupiter in the Sco-Cen Association*
A. Rizzuto, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*, arXiv:2005.00013
32. *The First Habitable Zone Earth-sized Planet from TESS. I: Validation of the TOI-700 System*
E. Gilbert, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*, arXiv:2001.00952

Other Publications - Continued

31. *TOI-954 b and EPIC 246193072 b: Short-Period Saturn-Mass Planets that Test Whether Irradiation Leads to Inflation*
L. Shao, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*
30. *TIC 278956474: Two close binaries in one system, identified by TESS*
P. Rowden, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Accepted to Astronomical Journal*, arXiv:2006.08979
29. *LHS 1815b: The First Thick-Disk Planet Detected By TESS*
T. Gan, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2020 **159** 160
28. *A hot terrestrial planet orbiting the bright M dwarf L 168-9 unveiled by TESS*
N. Astudillo-Defru, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2020 **636** 58
27. *TOI-677 b: A Warm Jupiter ($P=11.2d$) on an eccentric orbit around a late F-type star*
A. Jordán, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2020 **159** 145
26. *TIC 260128333: TESS' First Transiting Circumbinary Planet*
V. Kostov, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2020 **159** 253
25. *TOI-222: a single-transit event TESS candidate revealed to be a 34-day eclipsing binary with CORALIE, EulerCam and NGTS*
M. Lendl, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *MNRAS*, 2020 **492** 1761
24. *TESS discovers a remnant planetary core in the hot Neptunian desert*
D. Armstrong, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Accepted to Nature*, arXiv:2003.10314
23. *TOI-132 b: A short-period desert Neptune orbiting a $V\sim 11$ G star delivered by TESS*
M. Diaz, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *MNRAS*, 2020 **493** 973
22. *TOI 564 b and TOI 905 b: Grazing and Fully Transiting Hot Jupiters Discovered by TESS*
A. Davis, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *In submission*, arXiv:1912.10186
21. *An Ultra-Hot Neptune in the Neptune desert*
J. Jenkins, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Accepted to Nature Astronomy*
20. *Planet Hunters TESS I: TOI 813, a subgiant hosting a transiting Saturn-sized planet on an 84-day orbit*
N. Eisner, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *MNRAS*, 2020 **494** 750
19. *Robo-AO M dwarf Multiplicity Survey: Catalog*
C. Lamman, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2020 **159** 139
18. *Investigating the origin of the spectral line profiles of the Hot Wolf-Rayet Star WR2*
A.-N. Chené, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *MNRAS*, 2019 **5834** 484
17. *TESS Spots a Compact System of Super-Earths around the Naked-Eye Star HR 858*
A. Vanderburg, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *ApJL*, 2019 **881** 19
16. *HD 213885b: A transiting 1-day-period super-Earth with an Earth-like composition around a bright ($V=7.9$) star unveiled by TESS*
N. Espinoza, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *MNRAS*, 2020 **491** 2
15. *An Eccentric Massive Jupiter Orbiting a Sub-Giant on a 9.5 Day Period Discovered in the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite Full Frame Images*
J. E. Rodriguez, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2019 **157** 5
14. *Near-resonance in a system of sub-Neptunes from TESS*
S. N. Quinn, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Astronomical Journal*, 2019 **158** 5

Other Publications - Continued

13. *HD2685 b: A Hot-Jupiter orbiting an early F-type star detected by TESS*
M I. Jones, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2019 **625** 16
12. *The Elusive Majority of Young Moving Groups*
B. Bowler, S. Hinkley, C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2019, **877** 60
11. *Full Sky Coverage Laser-only Adaptive Optics Achieves Significant Image Quality Gains Compared to Seeing-limited Observations*
W. Howard, N. Law, C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2018 **155** 59
10. *Robo-AO Discovery and Basic Characterization of Wide Multiple Star Systems in the Pleiades, Praesepe, and NGC 2264 Clusters*
L. Hillenbrand, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2018 **155** 51
9. *Robo-AO Kepler Asteroseismic Survey. I. Adaptive optics imaging of 99 asteroseismic Kepler dwarfs and subgiants*
J. Schonhut-Stasik, C. Baranec, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *Astrophysical Journal*, 2017 **847** 97
8. *Ultra Short Period Planets in K2 with companions: a double transiting system for EPIC 220674823*
E. R. Adams, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2017 **153** 82
7. *197 Candidates and 104 Validated Planets in K2's First Five Fields*
I. Crossfield, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement*, 2016 **226** 7
6. *Probability of physical association of 104 blended companions to Kepler objects of interest using visible and near-infrared adaptive optics photometry*
D. Atkinson, C. Baranec, C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 2017 **153** 25
5. *Two Small Temperate Planets Transiting Nearby M Dwarfs in K2 Campaigns 0 and 1*
J. Schlieder, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2016 **818** 87
4. *HII 2407: An Eclipsing Binary Revealed By K2 Observations of the Pleiades*
T. David, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2015 **814** 62
3. *KELT-8b: A Highly Inflated Transiting Hot Jupiter and a New Technique for Extracting High-precision Radial Velocities from Noisy Spectra*
B. Fulton, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2015 **810** 30
2. *Robotic Laser Adaptive Optics Imaging of 715 Kepler Exoplanet Candidates with Robo-AO*
N. Law, ..., C. Ziegler, et al., *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2014 **791** 35
1. *Neon and CO₂ Adsorption on Open Carbon Nanohorns*
V. Krungleviciute, C. Ziegler, et al., *Langmuir*, 2013 **29** (30), 9388–9397

SPIE Instrumentation Papers

3. *SRAO: the southern robotic speckle + adaptive optics system*
N. Law, C. Ziegler, A. Tokovinin, *Proc. SPIE 9907, Optical and Infrared Interferometry and Imaging V*, 99070K, 2016
2. *SRAO: optical design and the dual-knife-edge WFS*
C. Ziegler, et al., *Proc. SPIE 9909, Adaptive Optics Systems V*, 99093Z, 2016
1. *The Robo-AO KOI survey: laser adaptive optics imaging of every Kepler exoplanet candidate*
C. Ziegler, et al., *Proc. SPIE 9909, Adaptive Optics Systems V*, 99095U, 2016

Talks

Conference Talks

- *SOAR TESS survey: The sculpting of planetary systems by stellar companions*
AAS 235, January 5-9, Honolulu, HI (2020)
- *One Hit Wonders: Hunting the longest-period TESS planets*
TESS Sci Con I, July 29-Aug 2, Cambridge, MA (2019)
- *One Hit Wonders: Hunting the longest-period TESS planets*
CASCA 2019, June 17-20, Montreal, QC (2019)
- *Death Stars? Understanding how tight binaries impact TESS planets with SOAR speckle imaging*
AAS 233, January 6-10, Seattle, WA (2019)
- *Robo-AO KOI Survey: LGS-AO imaging of every Kepler planetary candidate host star*
AAS 231, January 9-12, National Harbor, MD (2018)
- *High resolution imaging of 4000 Kepler planetary candidate host stars*
Know Thy Star, Know Thy Planet, October 11, Pasadena, CA (2017)
- *Robo-AO KOI Survey: LGS-AO imaging of every Kepler planetary candidate host star*
Transiting Exoplanets, July 17, Keele, UK (2017)
- *Adaptive Optics Imaging of Kepler Planetary Candidates*
North Carolina Astronomers Meeting, September 24, Jamestown, NC (2016)
- *The Robo-AO KOI Survey: Laser Adaptive Optics Imaging of Every Kepler Exoplanet Candidate*
AAS 227, January 4-8, Kissimmee, FL (2016)
- *Study of Carbon Dioxide adsorption on Purified HiPco Nanotubes*
American Physical Society Meeting, March 18–22, Baltimore, MD (2013)

Invited Talks

- *The Robo-AO KOI survey and the development of a Southern robotic AO system*
Institute for Astronomy, September 14, Hilo, Hawaii (2016)

Conference Posters

- *One Hit Wonders: recovering the longest period TESS planets*
C. Ziegler, et al., Extreme Solar Systems IV, Reykjavik, Iceland (2019)
- *Sculpting of TESS Planetary Systems by Binary Stars*
C. Ziegler, et al., Tess SciCon I, Cambridge, MA (2019)
- *Robo-AO KOI Survey: Robotic LGS-AO Imaging of Every Kepler Planetary Candidate*
C. Ziegler, et al., Kepler SciCon IV, NASA Ames (2017)
- *SRAO: the first southern robotic AO system*
C. Ziegler, et al., SPIE Astronomical Telescopes + Instrumentation, Edinburgh, UK (2016)
- *The Robo-AO KOI survey: laser adaptive optics imaging of every Kepler exoplanet candidate*
C. Ziegler, et al., SPIE Astronomical Telescopes + Instrumentation, Edinburgh, UK (2016)
- *Multiplicity of the Galactic Senior Citizens: A high-resolution search for cool subdwarf companions*
C. Ziegler & N. Law, AAS 225, Seattle, WA (2015)

Teaching Experience

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| Fall 2019 | University of Toronto , Toronto, ON
<i>Exoplanet mini-course, AST 221</i>
Taught 8-week course on detection of exoplanets and exoplanet demographics to Astronomy majors. Mix of lectures and in-class group projects. |
| Summer 2019 | University of Toronto , Toronto, ON
<i>AO Lab Lead, Dunlap Summer School</i>
Led both undergraduates and graduate students in a lecture introducing adaptive optics and a lab to build a Shack-Hartmann wavefront sensor. |
| Summer 2019 | University of Toronto , Toronto, ON
<i>Summer Undergraduate Mentor</i>
Advised summer undergraduate student in testing and implementing robotic telescope control and on-the-fly data reduction pipeline. |
| Spring 2017 | University of North Carolina , Chapel Hill, NC
<i>Undergraduate Research Mentor</i>
Advised capstone course for UNC undergraduate to build novel methods to reduce adaptive optics images of bright stars |
| Summer 2015 | University of North Carolina , Chapel Hill, NC
<i>Summer Research Mentor</i>
Advised high school student with <i>Kepler</i> host star multiplicity research |

Teaching Experience - Continued

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| Fall 2013-
Spring 2014 | University of North Carolina , Chapel Hill, NC
<i>Astronomy 101L Lab Teaching Assistant</i>
Led five lab sections using robotic "Skynet" telescopes |
| Fall 2010-
Spring 2013 | Southern Illinois University , Carbondale, IL
<i>Astronomy 101 Lab Teaching Assistant</i>
Taught twenty lab sections in astronomy |
| Spring 2012-
Fall 2012 | Southern Illinois University , Carbondale, IL
<i>Physics Lab Instructor</i>
Taught three calculus-based physics lab courses |

Professional Service and Public Outreach

- Referee for MNRAS, ApJ, AJ, PASP, and A&A
- Assisted monthly public observing nights for Chapel Hill Astronomical and Observational Society
- Two public talks for Raleigh Astronomy Club
- Organized and led astronomy booth for UNC Science Expo

Software Skills

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| Computer Programming: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Python (primary language for astronomical data analysis) - C++ (control software for Andor EMCCD camera, WFS reconstruction) - TheSkyX (automated telescope and observatory control) - MaximDL (camera control and reduction) - Mathematica (hydrodynamical simulations for graduate ISM class) - HTML (designed project sites, roboaokepler.org and onehitwonders.space) - LabVIEW (wrote control GUI for gas adsorption instrumentation) - Mathematica (hydrodynamical simulations for graduate ISM class) |
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Instrumentation

- Instrumentation - Zemax (optical design for Robo-SOAR)
- Design: - SolidWorks (modeling for fabrication of custom mounts and packaging used in Robo-SOAR)
- Robo-SOAR - built optical testbed of NGS-AO system
- construction: - designed and constructed prototype of reflective pyramid WFS

References

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