

Planetary Radius Valley Investigation

ASTR 581 APO Proposal

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1. SCIENCE JUSTIFICATION

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2. PROPOSED OBSERVATIONS

We propose to observe two transits of K2-138 on 2022-09-18 and 2022-09-19 by K2-138c and K2-138b respectively using ARCTIC in order to better characterise the

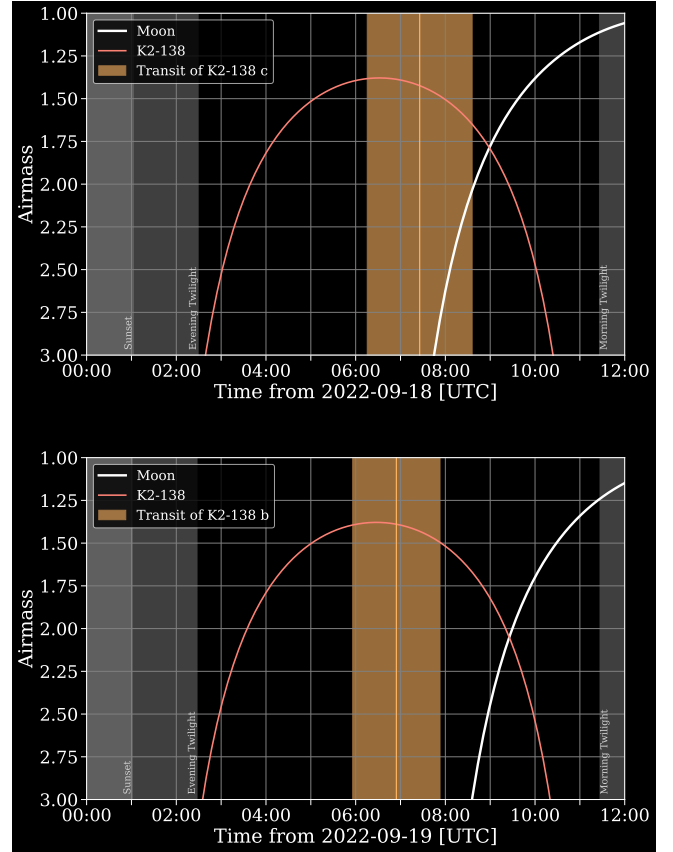


Figure 1. Proposed transit observation for K2-138. Airmass over time for two separate observing nights. Grey shaded regions indicate sunset and twilight times. Orange shaded region indicates transit period and orange line represents the time of mid-transit.

lightcurve. In particular, we aim to focus on the ingress and egress of the transit. The transit durations are 1.95 and 2.34 hours respectively and we need to observe the flux for 30 minutes prior to and after the transit. We therefore request two half-nights that include the transits (see Table 2).

We intend to use a narrow-band H- α filter in order to prevent saturation that can occur when using broadband filters with a star of this magnitude¹. We will observe with a cadence of 2 minutes and an exposure time of 3-5 seconds, using the default medium readout time of 25 seconds². Since one of the main purposes of these observations is to better characterise the lightcurve and transit timing variations, we will increase the cadence to 30 seconds for 20 minutes around the ingress and egress of the transits, using the fast readout time of 11 seconds (see Table 3).

Property	Value
Right Ascension	23h15m47.77s
Declination	$-10^{\circ} 50' 59.06''$
V-band Magnitude	12.25
Stellar Type	K1V

Table 1. Properties of the proposed target star KS-138

Planet	Transit Date	Ingress	Mid-Transit	Egress
KS-138c	2022-09-18	05:56	06:54	07:53
KS-138b	2022-09-19	06:27	07:26	08:24

Table 2. Transit information for planets around KS-138 in UTC

Setting	Value	
	Regular	Ingress/Egress
Exposure Time	3-5 seconds	3-5 seconds
Filter	H- α	H- α
Readout time	25 seconds	11 seconds
Cadence	2 minutes	30 seconds

Table 3. ARCTIC Settings for observations. We increase use the ARCTIC fast readout time and increase the cadence for 20 minutes around transit ingress and egress in order to better characterise transit timing variations.

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¹<https://www.apo.nmsu.edu/arc35m/Instruments/ARCTIC/#3p6>

²<https://www.apo.nmsu.edu/arc35m/Instruments/ARCTIC/#3p1>