

# INFERENCE OF DYNAMIC GEOPHYSICAL CONDITIONS AND PROBABILITY OF ADVANCED LIFE IN POTENTIALLY HABITABLE ROCKY EXO PLANETS

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**Abstract:** Using a simple model for internal heat evolution and mass-internal heat relations found for rocky exo planetary objects in the inner solar system we have inferred the phases of volcanism at earth ( EA) or host star ages (SA) in 52 potentially habitable rocky exo planets. We have also calculated the internal tidal heat contributions and magnetic moments of these exo planets. Based on these results we have inferred the probability of existence of life favouring geophysical conditions in the above exo planets at EA and SA. In M star associated exo planets, occurrences of super flares and long night periods may pose problems for the development of advanced life .

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## INTRODUCTION

Our scientific quest for finding life outside our solar system has already passed through three distinct phases. The first phase began in late sixties with the launch of SETI project (Tarter, 2001) aiming to detect alien communication signals through radio astronomy. The second phase began with the discovery of the first extrasolar planet in 1995 (Mayor and Queloz, 1995) . The third phase is related to our recent attempts to map the extrasolar planet atmospheres using space telescopes ( Yip et al, 2022). However Earth remains still as the lone planet with confirmed advanced life in the Universe (Spiegel and Turner, 2011). More than 5200 exoplanets have been identified till date (NASA, 2023) and only 63 ( 1.2 %) of them are considered to be potentially habitable (University of Porto Rico, 2023) . Different criteria (Meadows and Barnes, 2018 ; Kopparapu et al, 2019) has been evolved for identifying potentially habitable extrasolar planets ( PHESP ). The important habitability criteria for exo planets are summarized in Table 1 in which we have also included the criteria mentioned in the PHESP website maintained by University of Porto Rico in Arecibo.

Ideas of cessation of major volcanism in rocky planetary bodies in the solar system discussed in published literature is shown in Table 2. Varnana et al (2018) using a simple thermal evolution model for the rocky planetary objects in the solar system found that a critical internal heat flux compared to that of current Earth is required to sustain very intense and widespread volcanism (major volcanism) in these objects. In this study it is shown that cessation of major volcanism happened in the geological past in Moon, Mars, Mercury and Venus when their surface heat flux decreased below the current average surface heat flux of Earth. Some regularities in the time evolution of volcanism in the inner solar system is also found in our previous studies ( Varnana et al, 2020; 2021a;2021b;2023 ).

**Table 1.** Summary of habitability criteria for exo planets.

Parameters	Habitability Criteria/Related Phenomena	Remarks
1 Exo planet Mass	Upper Limits: 5-10 Earth masses	
2 Exo planet Radius	Upper Limits: 1.5-2.5 Earth radii	
3 Exo planet density	3-8 gm/cm <sup>3</sup>	
4 Exo planet Magnetic fields	Planetary mass and rotation	Thermal dynamo
5 Exo planet Atmosphere	O <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub>	
6 Internal Heat and Geology of Exo planet	Volcanism in Exo planet	Crust and atmosphere creation
7 Liquid water In Exo planet	Exo planet in habitable zone	Geodynamics
8 Host star Spectral class	G, K and M stars	Main sequence Life time
9 Active phenomena in host star	Super flares	Shielding by planetary magnetic fields and atmospheres

**Table 2.** Volcanic cessation models of rocky planets reported in literature.

Reference	Model Description	Results/Remarks
Solomon(1978)	Volcanic Cessation model for stagnant lid planets	Inferred volcanic cessation ages of Mercury, Moon and Mars
Reese et al. (2007)	Volcanic cessation model for Venus	No exact period of cessation of volcanism in Venus reported
Oorth et al. (2008)	Volcanic cessation model for Venus	No exact period of cessation of volcanism in Venus reported
Kite et al.( 2009)	Volcanic cessation models for planets with plate tectonics/stagnant lid conditions and different masses	Inferred volcanic cessation age of Venus
Lenardic et al. ( 2004)	Model for cessation of ancient plate tectonics in Mars	Implications of the model on the geological evolution of earth is reported
Varnana et al ( 2018)	Model for cessation of volcanism for rocky planets in the solar system	Prediction for cessation of major volcaism in Earth in the near Geological future
Byrne ( 2019)	Evolution of volcanism in the inner solar system planetary bodies	Reported volcanic cessation ages of Moon,Mars,Venus and Mercury
Cheng( 2018)	Model for the geological time evolution of plate tectonics in Earth	Inferred that plate tectonics in Earth will end by 1.45 Gyrs from now.

Based on our results on previous studies on the time evolution of volcanism in the inner solar system, we have tried to infer dynamical geophysical conditions in 53 potentially habitable extrasolar planets listed in the University of Puerto Rico (2023) Catalogue. Using solar system rocky planet analogy we have inferred the phases of volcanism if any in these extrasolar planets at earth and host star ages. We have then calculated the magnitude of tidal heating and magnetic moment of these PHESP using procedure available in published literature (Hector Javier Durand-Manterola, 2009; Driscoll and Barnes, 2015). Based on these inferences and calculations we have inferred the probability of finding life

favouring geophysical conditions such as water, oxygen, ozone and magnetic field shielding at earth and host star ages for these PHESP.

2. OUR RESULTS ON THE TIME EVOLUTION VOLCANISM IN THE INNER SOLAR SYSTEM ROCKY PLANETARY OBJECTS

We will now describe the results obtained from our previous studies on the time evolution in the inner solar system planetary bodies (Earth, Moon, Mars, Venus and Mercury).

2.1 A simple model for the geological time evolution of internal heat flux in rocky planetary objects in the solar system

The surface heat flux of all rocky planetary objects in the inner solar system in our model (Varnana et al., 2018) is assumed to evolve with time as

$$S(t) = S_0 \exp(-\lambda t)$$
 (1)

Here

$S_0$  is the surface heat flux at time of formation of the planetary body  $S(t)$  is the surface heat flux at time  $t$  reckoned in Gyrs

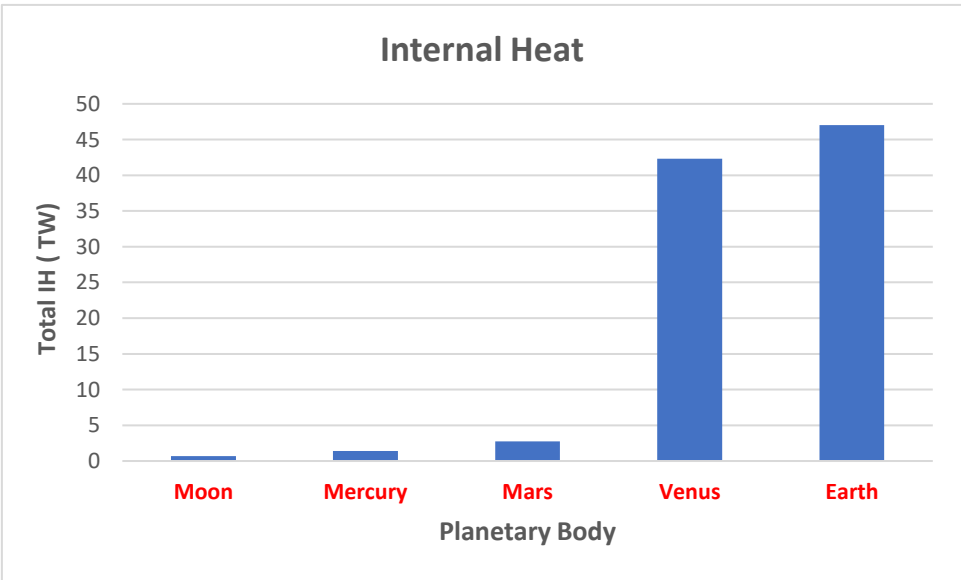
$\lambda$  is the decay constant ( $1.5 \times 10^{-17} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) for chondrite composition (Turcotte and Schubert, 1982, Grott and Breuer, 2008)

Assuming best available  $S$  values (Varnana et al, 2018) ) for the current time ( $t = 4.5$  Gyrs) for solar system rocky planetary bodies we can find  $S_0$  and time evolution of internal heat flux in these bodies using (1).

We could find a linear regression relation between mass ( $M_p$ ) and surface heat flux (Varnana et al, 2020) of rocky planetary bodies in the solar system. See also a Fig 1. The regression equation is

$$S = 0.084 M_p + 0.014$$
 (1 )

Here  $M_p$  is expressed in Earth mass units.



**Figure 1.** The current ( age: 4.5 Giga Years since formation) total internal heat (IH) inferred for different rocky planetary objects in the inner solar system based on best available observations. It is interesting observe that the quantity of IH is ordered by the Planetary body mass.

## 2.2. Phases in the volcanic activity evolution and critical internal heat values inferred for solar system rocky planetary objects in the solar system

### 1. Earth :

The peak age of volcanism is inferred (0.5-1 Gyr) to be coinciding with the remarkable geophysical events in our Earth: Snow Ball Earth Ice age and inner core formation (Gernon et al., 2016; Stephane Labrosse and Melina Macouin, 2013). The mean value of internal heat  $S$  inferred from our model during the peak age is  $0.133 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ .

### 2. Moon :

The peak age of volcanism is inferred (3.6-3.9 Gyr) to be coinciding with intense Mare volcanism on the Moon and also associated with strong global lunar magnetic fields possibly existing at that time (Doris Breuer et al., 2010; Sonia et al., 2014; James Green et al., 2020). The mean  $S$  inferred during the peak age from our model is  $0.1062 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ . The cessation age of major volcanism on the Moon (inferred in our model as 3.3 Gyrs) almost coincides with the period of disappearance or significant decline in the intensity of lunar magnetic fields (James Green et al., 2020). The mean  $S$  during the cessation age is inferred to be  $0.085 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ .

### 3 Mars :

The peak age of volcanism in Mars (inferred in our model between 3.7-4.1 Gyrs) coincides with the period of possible existence large water bodies and strong global magnetic fields in the planet (Eric Chassefière et al., 2013). The mean  $S$  inferred using our model during the peak age is  $0.12 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ . The cessation age of major volcanism in Mars (inferred in our model as 3.5 Gyr) coincides with the disappearance of water bodies and strong magnetic fields on this planet. This is also accompanied by major atmospheric changes (Eric Chassefière et al., 2013; Shi., 2016).

### 4. Venus :

The peak age of volcanism in Mars (inferred in our model between 0.5-1 Gyr) witnessed very intense and widespread magmatic phenomena in the geological history of this planet (Romeo and Turcotte, 2009). The inferred mean  $S$  from our model during peak age is  $0.125 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ . During the cessation age of major volcanism in Venus (inferred by us as 0.0025 Gyrs) there is a significant decline in volcanic activity. Only spatially restricted and low intensity volcanism observed during and after the cessation of major volcanism in this planet (Smrekar et al., 2010). The mean  $S$  during cessation age is inferred to be  $0.091 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ .

### 5. Mercury:

The peak age of volcanism in Mercury (inferred in our model between 3.55-4.1 Gyrs) coincides with the period of beginning of magnetic field generation in this planet (Catherine et al., 2015). The mean  $S$  value during the peak age is inferred to be  $0.11 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ . The period of cessation of major volcanism in this planet (3.5 Gyrs) is associated with global contraction (Chrane Kelsey and Christian Klimczak, 2017) in Mercury. The value of  $S$  during the cessation period is inferred to be  $0.094 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ .

The average of mean  $S$  values (Peak phases)  $S_p = 0.12 \pm 0.0109 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$

The average of mean  $S$  values (Cessation phases)  $S_c = 0.0922 \pm 0.0045 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$

It is interesting to find that RMS or scatter in  $S_p$  is found to be 9 % and for  $S_c$  it is found to be only 4.9 %. This suggests that  $S_p$  can be considered as the critical value of internal heat flux reached during the peak phase of volcanism in all solar system rocky planetary objects including Earth. Similarly  $S_c$  can be considered as the critical internal heat flux reached during cessation phase of major volcanism in all solar system rocky planetary objects (excluding Earth).

### 3. FINDING VOLCANIC PHASES OF THE EXO PLANETS USING SOLAR SYSTEM ANALOGY AT EARTH AND HOST STAR AGES.

Different steps in the inference of the phase of the volcanic activity if any in the given exo planet with inferred rocky composition using solar system analogy is described below

*Step 1 : Calculation of surface heat flux of exo planet at earth age*

$$Se = So \text{ Exp } ( -\lambda t) \quad (1)$$

Here  $Se$  is the surface heat flux at earth age of the exo planet

The equation ( 2) is assumed to be valid for all rocky exo planets so that

$$Se \text{ ( Wm-2)} = 0.084 \text{ Me } + 0.014 \quad (2)$$

Here  $Me$  is the mass of the exo planet in earth units.

From (2) we can calculate the value of  $Se$

*Step 2 : Calculation of the surface heat flux of exo planet at host star age*

From (1) we can write an expression for finding the constant  $So$

$$So = Se / [ \text{Exp } ( -\lambda t) ] \quad (3)$$

Here  $t = 4.5 \times 10^9$  years ,  $\lambda =$

After finding  $So$  we can use (1) to calculate the value of surface heat flux of exo planet at

star age (  $Sa$  )

$$Sa = So \text{ exp } ( -\lambda t) \quad (4)$$

Substituting the values of  $So$  from (3) and star age  $t$  in (4) we can find  $Sa$ .

*Step 3: Finding the volcanic phase of the exo planet using solar system results*

Here it is assumed that the critical values of  $S$  at peak and cessation phases of volcanism if any in the exo planet is same as found for the inner solar system given by equations . The rules for indentifying the volcanic phases of the rocky exo planet are :

( i ) If  $Se$  or  $Sa$  is  $< Sp$  then the exo planet volcanism is in the **Ascending phase**. As a sub-classification if  $Se$  or  $Sa < Sp/2$  then the volcanic phase is assigned as **Early Ascending** and if  $Se$  or  $Sa > Sp/2$  then the volcanic phase is assigned as **Late Ascending**

(ii) If  $Se$  or  $Sa = Sp$  then the exo planet is in the **Peak phase**

(iii) If  $Se$  or  $Sa$  values is between  $Sp$  and  $Sc$  then the exoplanet is in the **Declining phase**

(iv) If  $Se$  or  $Sa = Sc$  then the exo planet is in the **Cessation phase**

(v) If  $Se$  or  $Sa > Sc$  then the exo planet is in the **Post-cessation phase**

Using the best available values for the masses of PHESP we have determined the phases of the volcanism if any in different rocky extrasolar planets at both earth and host star ages ( if star age is known) using the above procedure. The results are given in Table 3. Here we have avoided calculations for rocky exo planets whose inferred mass exceeds eight earth masses.

**Table 3.** Inference of volcanic phases of selected exo planets at earth age and host star ages [SC-host: Spectral class of host star, EU: earth units, EA: earth age, SA: star age].

Exoplanet	SC-host	Mp (EU)	Age (Gyr)	Peak age (Gyr)	Cessation age (Gyr)	Volcanic phase (EA)	Volcanic phase (SA)
1. Teegarden Star-b	M	1.05	8	4.16	4.72	Declining	Post cessation
2. TOI-700-d	M	2.25	1.5	5.61	6.17	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
3. K2-72-e	M	2.21		5.58	6.13	Late Ascending	
4. Trappist-1d	M	0.4131	7.6	2.59	3.15	Post Cessation	Post Cessation
5. Kepler-1649-c	M	1.2	---	4.41	4.96	Descending	

6.	Prox Cent-b	M	1.27	4.85	4.51	5.07	Peak	Descending
7.	GJ 1061 d	M	1.6	---	4.95	5.51	Late Ascending	
8.	GJ 1061 c	M	1.7	---	5.07	5.62	Late Ascending	
9.	Ross128-b	M	1.4	9.48	4.70	5.25	Late Ascending	Post Cessation
10.	GJ273-b	M	2.89	---	6.11	6.66	Late Ascending	
11.	Trappist-1e	M	0.692	0.50	3.42	3.98	Post Cessation	Early Ascending
12.	GJ667C-c	M	3.8	2.00	6.6	7.22	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
13.	GJ667C-f	M	2.7	2.00	5.97	6.53	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
14.	Kepler 442-b	K	2.7	2.90	5.97	6.53	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
15.	Wolf 1061 -c	M	3.41	---	6.44	7.00	Late Ascending	
16.	Trappist 1f	M	1.039	7.6	4.14	4.68	Declining	Post Cessation
17.	LHS 1140 -b	M	6.38	5.00	7.72	8.27	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
18.	Kapteyn-b	M	4.8	8.00	7.13	7.69	Late Ascending	Post Cessation
19.	Kepler 186 -f	M	1.71	4.00	5.08	5.63	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
20.	Teegarden Star-c	M	1.11	8.00	4.26	4.82	Descending	Post Cessation
21.	Kepler 186f	M	1.71	4.00	5.08	5.63	Late Ascending	Late Ascending

Table 3. (contd).

	Exoplanet	SC-host	Mp (EU)	Age (Gyr)	Peak age (Gyr)	Cessation age (Gyr)	Volcanic phase (EA)	Volcanic phase (SA)
22.	GJ667C-e	M	2.7	2.00	5.97	6.53	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
23.	Tau cet-f	G	3.93		6.73	7.28	Late Ascending	
24.	Trappist-1g	M	1.34	7.60	4.61	5.17	Declining	Post Cessation
25.	GJ 682-b	M	4.4	6.4	6.96	7.51	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
26.	Kepler 452b	G	3.29	6.0	6.37	6.92	Late Ascending	Near Peak
27.	Kepler 62 e	K	36	7.00	1.13	1.19		
28.	Kepler-1652b	M	3.19		6.31	6.86	Late Ascending	
29.	Kepler 1544b	K	3.82		6.67	7.23	Late Ascending	
30.	Kepler-296e	M	2.96	4.20	6.16	6.71	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
31.	Kepler 283-c	K	3.97		6.75	7.30	Late Ascending	
32.	K2-296-b	M	3.22	-	6.32	6.88	Late Ascending	
33.	Kepler 1410b	K	3.82	4.07	6.67	7.23	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
34.	K2-3 d	M	2.80	1.0	6.04	6.60	Late	Early



							Ascending	Ascending
35.	Kepler-1638b	G	4.16	4.37	6.84	7.40	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
36.	Kepler-296f	M	3.89	---	6.71	7.26	Late Ascending	
37.	Kepler-440b	K	4.12	1.3	6.82	7.38	Late Ascending	Very early Ascending
38.	Kepler-705b	M	5.1	3.89	7.26	7.81	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
39.	Kepler-1653 b	K	5.35	7.7	7.36	7.91	Late Ascending	Declining
40.	GJ 832 -c	M	5.4	9.24	7.37	7.93	Late Ascending	Post Cessation
41.	Kepler-1606b	G	4.94	4.27	7.19	7.75	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
42.	Kepler-1090b	G	5.69	4.37	7.48	8.04	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
43.	Kepler-61b	K	5.27	1.0	7.32	7.88	Late Ascending	Very early Ascending

Table 3. (contd).

	Exoplanet	SC-host	Mp (EU)	Age (Gyr)	Peak age (Gyr)	Cessation age (Gyr)	Volcanic phase (EA)	Volcanic phase (SA)
44	K2 18- b	M	8.9 b2	--	8.41	8.97	--	--
45	Kepler 443-b	K	6.04	3.2	7.6	8.46	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
46	Kepler 1701-b	K	5.57	--	7.44	7.99	Late Ascending	--
47	Kepler 22-b	G	36	--	--		--	--
48	LHS 1140-b	M	6.38	5	7.72	8.27	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
49	Kepler 1552-b	K	3.64	3.31	6.57	7.83	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
50	K2-9b	M	5.69	1	7.48	8.04	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
51	Kepler 1540-b	K	6.76	2,51	6.57	7.03	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
52	GJ 180-c	M	6.4	5	7.72	8.28	Late Ascending	Late Ascending
53	Kepler 1632-b	F	6.6	3.09	7.79	8.34	Late Ascending	Early Ascending
54	Kepler 298-d	K	6.8	--	7.85	8.41	Late Ascending	--
55	GJ 163-c	M	6.8	3	7.85	8.41	Late Ascending	Early Ascending

4. INFERENCE OF MAGNETIC MOMENTS OF PHESP

The magnetic moment of extrasolar planets (Mg)can be calculated from mass and rotation periods of these planets. We can make use of the following expression (Hector Javier Durand-Manterola, 2009 ) or our calculations.

Mg = 1 X 10 <sup>-5</sup> [ (m<sub>p</sub> σ)/P ] <sup>1.1106</sup> (1)

Here M is in units of A/m<sup>2</sup>

m<sub>p</sub> is the mass of the exo planet in kg

σ is the internal electrical conductivity of the planet. For rocky planets we can assume

σ = 1.2 X 10<sup>5</sup> S/m (2)

P is the rotation period of the planet in seconds.

For extrasolar planets near M stars the rotation period will be identical to orbital period due to tidal locking. For extrasolar planets near K or G stars we can assume that their rotation period is similar to that of Earth.

Using this procedure we have calculated the magnetic moment of potentially habitable extrasolar planets for which relevant data is available. The results are shown in Table 4.

**Table 4.** Magnetic moment calculations for exo planets ( $M_e=8,22 \times 10^{22} \text{ A/m}^2$ ).

	Exoplanet	Rotation period (days)	Magnetic moment (A/m <sup>2</sup> )	Ratio with that of Earth (Me) *
01.	Teegarden's Star b	4.91	$6.6 \times 10^{21}$	0.0825
02.	TOI-700 d (N)	37	$1.1 \times 10^{21}$	0.0137
03.	K2-72 e	24.15	$2.58 \times 10^{21}$	0.0312
04.	TRAPPIST-1 d	4.04	$2.66 \times 10^{21}$	0.0325
05.	Kepler-1649 c	19.53	$1.66 \times 10^{21}$	0.0200
06.	Proxima Cen b	11.18	$3.15 \times 10^{21}$	0.0400
07.	GJ 1061 d	12.43	$3.87 \times 10^{21}$	0.0475
08.	GJ 1061 c	6.68	$8.20 \times 10^{20}$	0.0523
09.	Ross 128 b	9.86	$4.19 \times 10^{21}$	0.0523
10.	GJ 273 b	18.64	$4.62 \times 10^{21}$	0.0577
11.	TRAPPIST-1 e	6.1	$3.26 \times 10^{21}$	0.0407
12.	Kepler-442 b	1	$9.39 \times 10^{22}$	1.1737
13.	Wolf 1061 c	17.87	$5.82 \times 10^{21}$	0.0727
14.	GJ 667 C c	28.14	$3.98 \times 10^{21}$	0.0497
15.	GJ 667 C f	39.02	$1.89 \times 10^{21}$	0.0236
16.	Kepler-1229 b	86.82	$3.02 \times 10^{21}$	0.0377
17.	TRAPPIST-1 f	9.2	$3.26 \times 10^{21}$	0.0407
18.	Kepler-62 f	1	$1.85 \times 10^{24}$	23.12
19.	Teegarden's Star c	11.4	$2.76 \times 10^{21}$	0.0345
20.	Kepler-186 f	129	$3.04 \times 10^{20}$	0.0038
21.	GJ 667 C e	62.24	$1.13 \times 10^{21}$	0.0141
22.	tau Cet f	1	$1.65 \times 10^{23}$	2.025
23.	TRAPPIST-1 g	12	$3.16 \times 10^{21}$	0.038
24.	GJ 682 b	17.48	$7.9 \times 10^{21}$	0.0987
25.	Kepler-452 b	1	$1.36 \times 10^{23}$	1.7
26.	Kepler-62 e	1	$1.91 \times 10^{24}$	23
27.	Kepler-1652 b	38	$2.34 \times 10^{21}$	0.029
28.	Kepler-1544 b	1	$1.6 \times 10^{23}$	2
29.	Kepler-296 e	34	$2.44 \times 10^{21}$	0.0305
30.	Kepler-283 c	1	$1.67 \times 10^{23}$	2.08
31.	K2-296 b	28	$3.32 \times 10^{21}$	0.0415
32.	Kepler-1410 b	1	$11.62 \times 10^{23}$	0.02025

**Table 4.** (contd).

	Exoplanet	Rotation period (days)	Magnetic moment (A/m <sup>2</sup> )	Ratio with that of Earth
33.	K2-3 d	44	$1.73 \times 10^{21}$	0.0216
34.	Kepler-1638 b	1	$1.76 \times 10^{23}$	2.2
35.	Kepler-296 f	63	$1.67 \times 10^{21}$	0.0208



36.	Kepler-440 b	1	1.74x10 <sup>23</sup>	2.17
37.	Kepler-705 b	56	2.57x10 <sup>21</sup>	0.032
38.	Kepler-1653 b	1	2.32x10 <sup>23</sup>	0.029
39.	GJ 832 c	35	4.6x10 <sup>21</sup>	0.057
40.	Kepler-1606 b	1	2.13x10 <sup>23</sup>	2.66
41.	Kepler-1090 b	1	2.62x10 <sup>23</sup>	3.27
42.	Kepler-61 b	1	--	--
43.	K2-18 b	32	8.84x10 <sup>21</sup>	0.1105
44.	Kepler-443 b	1	2.65x10 <sup>23</sup>	3.31
45.	Kepler-1701 b	1	2.43x10 <sup>23</sup>	3.03
46.	Kepler-22 b	1	1.91x10 <sup>24</sup>	2.38
47.	LHS 1140 b	24	8.39x10 <sup>21</sup>	0.1048
48.	Kepler-1552 b	1	1.52x10 <sup>23</sup>	1.9
49.	K2-9 b	10	1.95x10 <sup>22</sup>	0.2437
50.	Kepler-1540 b	1	3.01x10 <sup>23</sup>	3.76
51.	GJ 180 c	24	8.42x10 <sup>21</sup>	0.105
52.	Kepler-1632 b	1	2.93x10 <sup>23</sup>	3.66
53.	Kepler-298 d	1	3.03x10 <sup>23</sup>	3.78
54.	Kapteyn-b	49	2.78x10 <sup>21</sup>	0.034
55.	GJ 163 c	25	8.6x10 <sup>21</sup>	0.1075

## 5. TIDAL HEAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXTRASOLAR PLANETS

The tidal heating rate of the extrasolar planets due to the influence of its host star are calculated by using the relation obtained by Driscoll and Barnes (2015). The relation is as follows

$$H = \frac{63(GM_s)^{\frac{3}{2}} M_s R_p^5}{4Q_p'} a^{-\frac{15}{2}} e^2$$

The tidal heating rate per unit area (Wm<sup>-2</sup>) is given by

$$T_H = \frac{63(GM_s)^{\frac{3}{2}} M_s R_p^3}{16\pi Q_p'} a^{-\frac{15}{2}} e^2$$

where

$M_s$  is the Mass of the host star in solar mass units

$M_p$  is the Mass of the extrasolar planet

$R_p$  is the Radius of the planet which is obtained from the mass- radius relationship (Sotin et al., 2007)

$a$  is the Semimajor axis of the extrasolar planet

$e$  is the Eccentricity of the orbit

$Q_p'$  is the tidal dissipation factor function

$$Q_p' = \frac{3Q_p}{2k} \quad (4-4)$$

where  $Q_p$  is the tidal dissipation parameter

$k$  is the Love number

The value of  $Q_p' = 500$  for the Love number 0.3 (Mardling and Lin, 2004; Dickey et al., 1994) which may varies with the composition and structure. The internal tidal heat contributions of different PHESP are given in Table 5 and is generally found to be very small.

**Table 5.** Tidal Heat calculations for PHESP.

	Hoststar	Spectral Class	Ms (SU)	Age of the Host star (Gyr)	Rp (ER units)	a (AU)	e	Tidal Heat (Wm <sup>-2</sup> )
1.	<a href="#">Teegarden's Star -b</a>	M	0.089	8	1.02	0.0252	0.1	0.018x10 <sup>-5</sup>
2.	<a href="#">TOI 700 -d</a>	M	1.72	1.5	1.19	0.163	0.110	2.53X10 <sup>-11</sup>
3.	K2 72- e	M	0.27	--	1.29	0.106	0.11	5.05x10 <sup>-11</sup>
4.	TRAPPIST-1d	M	0.080	7.6	0.388	0.0222	0.0083	1.56x10 <sup>-10</sup>
5.	Kepler-1649-e	M	0.1977	---	1.06	0.0649	---	---
6.	Pro Cent- b	M	0.120	4.85	1.08	0.048	0.350	3.38x10 <sup>-8</sup>
7.	<a href="#">GJ 1061-d</a>	M	0.230	---	5.51	0.054	0.53	1.13x10 <sup>-5</sup>
8.	GJ 1061 -c	M	0.120	---	1.18	0.035	0.290	3.24x10 <sup>-7</sup>
9.	Ross 128-b	M	0.168	9.48	1.11	0.049	0.116	5.73x10 <sup>-9</sup>
10.	GJ 273-b	M	0.290	---	1.51	0.091	0.100	2.34x10 <sup>-10</sup>
11.	Trappist -1e	M	0.080	0.50	0.92	0.028	0.007	2.59x10 <sup>-10</sup>
12.	GJ 667C-c	M	0.330	2.00	1.77	0.125	0.020	1.69x10 <sup>-12</sup>
13.	GJ667C-f	M	0.330	2.00	1.45	0.156	0.030	3.97x10 <sup>-13</sup>
14.	Kepler-442b	K	0.609	2.90	1.34	0.409	0.040	1.01x10 <sup>-15</sup>
15.	Wolf -1061c	M	0.250	---	1.66	0.089	0.110	3.5x10 <sup>-10</sup>
16.	Kepler -1229 b	M	0.43	3.72	1.40	0.3006	0.0	----
17.	Trappist -1f	M	0.080	0.50	1.405	0.037	0.011	2.82x10 <sup>-10</sup>
18.	Kepler-62f	K	0.690	7.00	1.41	0.718	---	---
19.	LHS 1140-b	M	0.146	5.00	1.635	0.087	0.290	1.25x10 <sup>-19</sup>
20.	Kapteyn-b	M	0.281	8.00	1.6	0.168	0.210	8.23x10 <sup>-10</sup>
21.	Kepler -186f	M	0.480	4.00	1.17	0.356	0.040	1.18x10 <sup>-11</sup>
22.	Tee-garden'Star-c	M	0.089	8.00	1.04	0.043	0.0	---

Table 5. (contd).

	Hoststar	Spectral Class	Ms (SU)	Age of the Host star (Gyr)	Rp (ER units)	a (AU)	e	Tidal Heat (Wm <sup>-2</sup> )
23.	Kepler 186-f	M	0.544	4.00	1.17	0.432	0.04	3.78x10 <sup>-16</sup>
24.	GJ667C-e	M	---	2.00	1.45	0.213	0.020	---
25.	Tau cet-f	G	0.783	5.8	1.81	1.334	0.16	2.66x10 <sup>-10</sup>
26.	Trappsit 1-g	M	0.080	7.60	1.129	0.045	0.003	7.5x10 <sup>-10</sup>
27.	GJ 682-b	M	0.273	6.4	1.93	0.08	0.08	8.74x10 <sup>-18</sup>
28.	Kepler 452-b	G	1.04	6.0	1.63	1.046	0.035	2.72x10 <sup>-18</sup>
29.	Kepler 62-e	K	0.690	7.00	1.61	0.427	---	---
30.	Kepler 1652-b	M	0.40	3.20	1.6	0.165	---	---
31.	Kepler 1544-b	K	0.81	2.34	1.78	---	---	---
32.	Kepler 296-e	M	0.800	4.20	1.53	0.174	0.330	7.09x10 <sup>-10</sup>
33.	Kepler-283c	K	0.596	---	1.82	0.341	0	---
34.	K2 296-b	M	---	---	1.61	0.079	0.33	3.65x10 <sup>-7</sup>
35.	Kepler 1410-b	K	0.63	4.07	1.74	---	----	---
36.	K2-3d	M	0.6	1.0	1.48	0.2086	0	---

37.	Kepler 1638-b	G	0.97	4.37	1.87	0.745	0	---
38.	Kepler 296-f	M	0.5	---	1.77	0.255	0.33	9.72x10 <sup>-11</sup>
39.	Kepler 440-b	K	0.57	1.3	1.86	0.34	0.242	3.59x10 <sup>-13</sup>
40.	Kepler 705-b	M	0.53	3.89	2.06	0.230	---	---
41.	Kepler 1653-b	K	0.72	7.7	2.13	0.4706	---	---
42.	GJ 832-c	M	0.45	9.24	--	0.163	0.18	---
43.	Kepler 1606-b	G	0.9	4.27	2.03	---	----	---

Table 5. (contd).

	Hoststar	Spectral Class	M <sub>S</sub> (SU)	Age of the Host star (Gyr)	R <sub>p</sub> (ER units)	a (AU)	e	Tidal Heat (Wm <sup>-2</sup> )
44.	Kepler-61-b	K	0.64	1.0	2.11	0.27	0.25	3.75x10 <sup>-12</sup>
45.	K2-18b	M	0.36	---	2.306	0.142	0.2	7.8x10 <sup>-9</sup>
46.	Kepler 443-b	K	0.74	3.2	2.30	0.495	0.11	2.3x10 <sup>-14</sup>
47	Kepler 1701-b	K	---	---	2.22	---	---	---
48.	Kepler 22-b	G	0.97	7.08	2.33	0.849	0	---
49	LHS 1140-b	M	0.179	5	1.64	0.0957	0.096	
50	Kepler 1552-b	K	0.85	3.31	2.41	---	---	---
51	K2-9b	M	0.3	1.0	---	0.091	---	---
52	Kepler 1540-b	K	0.74	2.51	2.41	---	---	---
53.	GJ 180-c	M	0.43	5	---	0.129	0.09	---
54.	Kepler 1632-b		1.12	3.09	2.41	0.305	---	---
55	Kepler 298-d		0.65	---	2.45	0.305	---	---
56	GJ 163-c	M	0.40	3.0	2.43	0.124	0.03	1.39x10 <sup>-11</sup>

6. DYNAMIC GEOPHYSICAL CONDITIONS FAVORING LIFE IN POTENTIALLY HABITABLE EXO PLANETS

Major geophysical events in rocky planets can be linked to their thermal history in general and evolution of volcanism in particular. The geological history of inner solar system (especially for planets Earth and Mars) suggest that this can be linked to volcanic phases ( Varnana et al, 2021a) The emergence of widespread water bodies can be expected in a rocky planet during peak phase of volcanism using Mars analogy. The possibility that these water bodies can disappear during the cessation and post cessation phases of volcanism cannot be ruled out. Major changes in atmospheric composition can be expected as an outcome of intense volcanic activity in these planets ( Unterborn et al, 2022) reference) So most likely the emergence of oxygen can be expected during the peak phases of volcanism. Emergence of ozone requires more time and hence it is likely to emerge during the declining phases of volcanism in the rocky planets. Magnetic shielding of harmful particle radiation from the host stars is possible in extrasolar planets if its magnetic

moment is at least comparable to that of Earth. In planets like Mars and Moon global magnetic fields existed during the peak and declining phases of volcanism in their geological history (Breuer et al, 2010).

We will now try to infer the probability of existence of life favoring geophysical conditions in potentially habitable extrasolar planets from our knowledge of internal heat evolution and volcanic activity phases. This will be done for both earth age and host star ages. The probability of life favoring geophysical conditions depending on the phase of volcanism in extra solar planets is given in Table 6. Based on this Table and from volcanic phases (in Table 3) we have found the probability of life favoring geophysical conditions in PHESP for both earth and host star ages. The results are given in Table 7.

**Table 6.** Dynamic probability of finding some life favoring geophysical conditions in PHESP (L: low, M: moderate, H: high) during different volcanic phases in these planets.

Phase of Volcanism	Water	Oxygen	Ozone	Mag field shielding (Dynamic)
Early Ascending	L	L	L	L
Late Ascending	L	M	L	L
Peak	H	H	L	H
Declining	H	H	H	H
Cessation	M	M	M	L
Post Cessation	L	M	M	L

**Table 7.** Inference of probability of biogenic elements and shielding magnetic fields in selected exoplanets based on our dynamic geophysical model. [1: earth age (EA), 2: star age (SA), Probability values: H (high), M (moderate) and L (low)] Habitability score is the sum of H values found for each planet.

Exoplanet	water	O <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub> or equivalent	Mag Shielding (static)	Mag Shielding (dynamic)	Habitability Score
1. Teegarden Star-b	1 H 2 L	1 H 2 M	1 H 2 M	1 L 2 L	1 H 2 L	EA: 4 SA: 0
2. TOI-700 -d	1 H 2 L	1 H 2 M	1 H 2 M	1 L 2 L	1 H 2 L	EA: 4 SA: 0
3. K2-72-e	1 M	1 M	1 M	1 L	1 M	EA: 0
4. Trappist -1d	1 L 2 L	1 M 2 M	1 M 2 M	1 L 2 L	1 L 2 L	EA: 0 SA: 0
5. Kepler-1649-c	1 H	1 H	1 H	1 L	1 H	EA : 4
6. Prox Cent-b	1 H 2 H	1 H 2 H	1 M 2 H	1 L 2 L	1 H 2 H	EA: 3 SA: 4
7. GJ 1061 d	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
8. GJ 1061 c	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
9. Ross128-b	1L 2L	1M 2M	1L 2M	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
10. GJ273-b	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
11. Trappist-1e	1L 2L	1M 2L	1M 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
12. GJ667C-c	1L 2L	1M 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
13. GJ667C-f	1L 2L	1M 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
14. Kepler 442-b	1L 2L	1M 2L	1L 2L	1H 2H	1L 2L	EA:1 SA:1
15. Wolf 1061 -c	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
16. Kepler 1229-b						

17.	Trappist 1f	1H 2L	1H 2M	1H 2M	1L 2L	1H 2L	EA:4 SA:0
18.	Kepler 62-f						
19.	LHS 1140 -b	1L 1L	1M 1M	1L 1L	1L 1L	1L 1L	EA:0 SA:0
20.	Kapteyn-b	1L 2L	1M 2M	1L 2M	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0

Table 7. (contd).

	Exoplanet	water	O <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub> or equivalent	Mag Shielding (static)	Mag Shielding (dynamic)	Habitability Score
21.	Kepler 186 -f	1L 2L	1M 2M	1L 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
22.	Teegarden Star-c	1H 2L	1H 2M	1H 2M	1L 2L	1H 2L	EA:4 SA:0
23.	Kepler 186f	1L 2L	1M 2M	1L 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
24.	GJ667C-e	1L 2L	1M 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
25.	Tau cet-f	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
26.	Trappist-1g	1H 2L	1H 2M	1H 2M	1L 2L	1H 2L	EA:4 SA:0
27.	GJ 682-b	1L 1L	1M 1M	1L 1L	1L 1L	1L 1L	EA:0 EA:0
28.	Kepler 452b	1L 2H	1M 2H	1L 2L	1H 2H	1L 2H	EA:0 SA:4
	Kepler 62 e						
30.	Kepler-1652b	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
31.	Kepler 1544b	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
32.	Kepler-296e	1L 2L	1M 2M	1L 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
33.	Kepler 283-c	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
34.	K2-296-b	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
35.	Kepler 1410b	1L 2L	1M 2M	1L 2L	1H 2H	1L 2L	EA:1 SA:1
36.	K2-3 d	1L 2L	1M 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
37.	Kepler-1638b	1L 2L	1M 2M	1L 2L	1H 2H	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
38.	. Kepler-296f	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
39.	Kepler-440b	1L 2L	1M 2L	1L 2L	1H 2H	1L 2L	EA:1 SA:1
40.	Kepler-705b	1L 2L	1M 2M	1L 2L	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0
41.	Kepler-1653 b	1L 2H	1M 2H	1L 2H	1H 2H	1L 2H	EA:1 SA:5

Table 7. (contd).

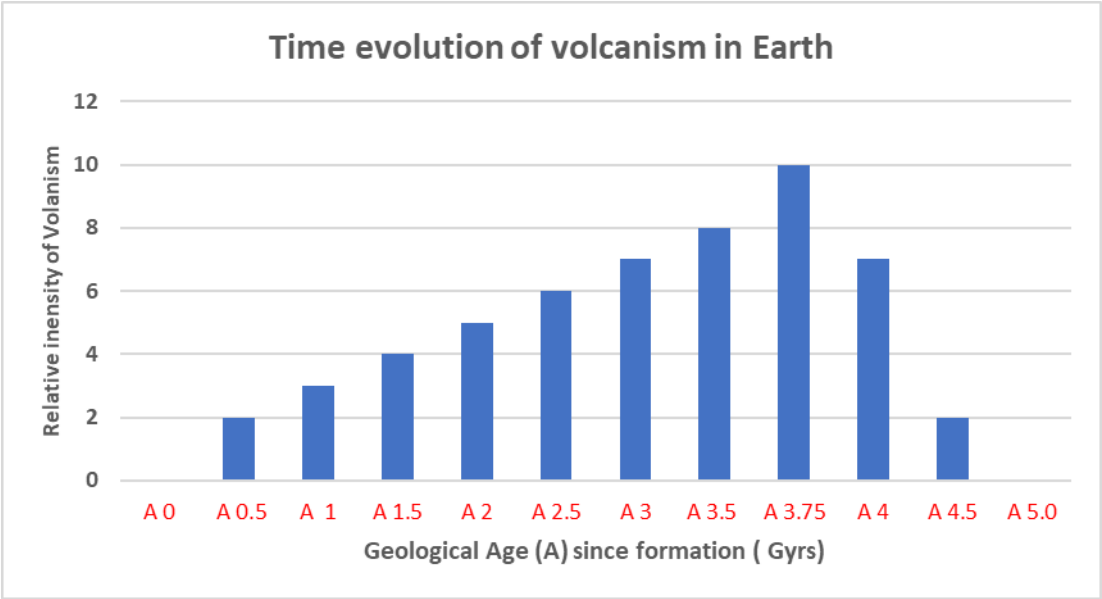
	Exoplanet	water	O <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub> or equivalent	Mag Shielding (static)	Mag Shielding (dynamic)	Habitability Score
42.	GJ 832 -c	1L 2L	1M 2M	1L 2M	1L 2L	1L 2L	EA:0 SA:0

43.	Kepler-1606b	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
	-	2L	2M	2L	2H	2L	SA:1
44.	Kepler-1090b	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
		2L	2M	2L	2H	2L	SA:1
45.	Kepler-61b	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
	-	2L	2L	2L	2L	2L	SA:0
46.	. K2-18-b						
47.	Kepler-443 b	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
		2L	2L	2L	2H	2L	SA:1
48.	Kepler-1701-b	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
49.	Kepler 22b						
50.	Kepler 1552b	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
		2L	2L	2L	2H	2L	SA:1
51.	K2-9b	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
		2L	2L	2L	2L	2L	SA:0
52.	Kepler-1540 b	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
		2L	2L	2L	2H	2L	SA:1
53.	GJ180c	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
		2L	2M	2L	2L	2L	SA:0
54.	Kepler 1632b	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
		2L	2L	2L	2H	2L	SA:1
55.	Kepler 298d	1L	1M	1L	1H	1L	EA:1
56.	GJ 163 c	1L	1M	1L	1L	1L	EA:0
		2L	2M	2L	2L	2L	SA:0

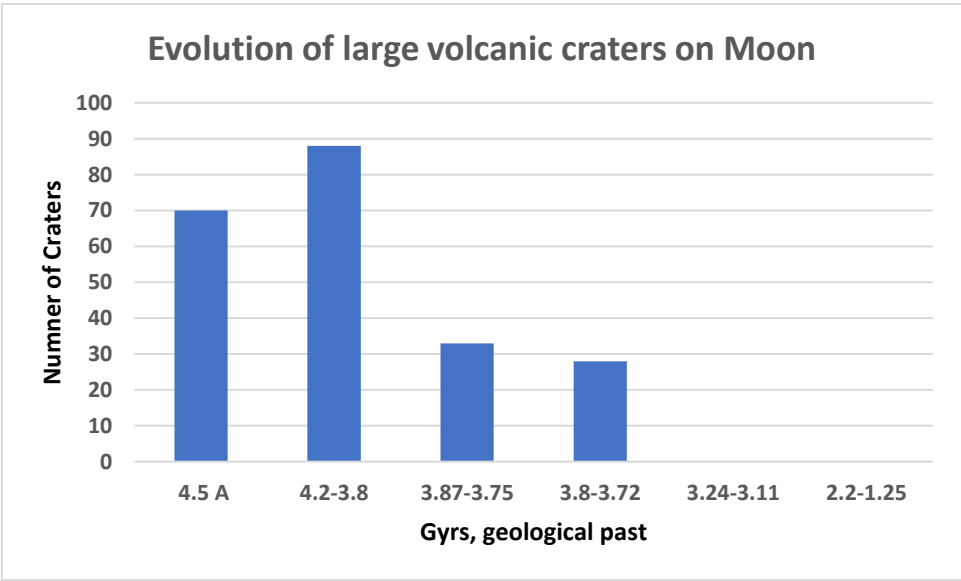
7. DISCUSSION

Geological time evolution of volcanism in the inner solar system planetary bodies is found to show some distinct patterns like the existence of peak and cessation phases. Further these phases are found to be associated with distinct geophysical changes or transitions in these bodies and they occur when their internal heat flux values is close to certain critical values as described earlier. The later result suggest that rocky planetary volcanism is some kind of a self-organised physical phenomena. Large volcanic craters in a rocky planet is a manifestation of very intense and widespread volcanism or part of major volcanic activity.

In Fig 2 and Fig 3 we have plotted the variations in the number of occurrences of largest volcanic craters in Mars and Moon respectively as a function of geological time ( data for the above plots are from Table 15.1and Table 15.2 in Hiesinger and Tanaka, 2020) During peak phases of volcanism in these planetary objects we could find maximum number of such craters. During cessation phases of major volcanism, the number of such craters simply disappear. This provides an independent evidence to the existence peak and cessation phases of major volcanism in these planets. The dating of large volcanic craters on Venus showed that they occurred during the peak phase ( resurfacing phase) of volcanism. The recent surface heat flux measurements suggest that the current average surface heat flux of Venus is about 90 % of the current average surface heat flux value for Earth [Smrekar et al, 2023] This supports our inference that cessation of major volcanism happened in this planet in the very recent geological past. All the shield volcanoes which occurred in the geological history of Mercury occurred during the inferred peak phase of major volcanism. The phenomenon of global contraction in this planet (Klimczak, 2017) can be associated with the cessation phase of major volcanism.Recent studies support the occurrence of coldest ice age on Earth ( Crayogenian period, 630-720 Gyrs) and the emergence of inner core ( 0.5-0.7 Gyrs) in association with the peak phase of volcanism in our planet (Gernon et al,2016; Zhang et al, 2020). The inferred volcanic activity evolution in a Earth like rocky extrasolar planet is shown in Fig 4.

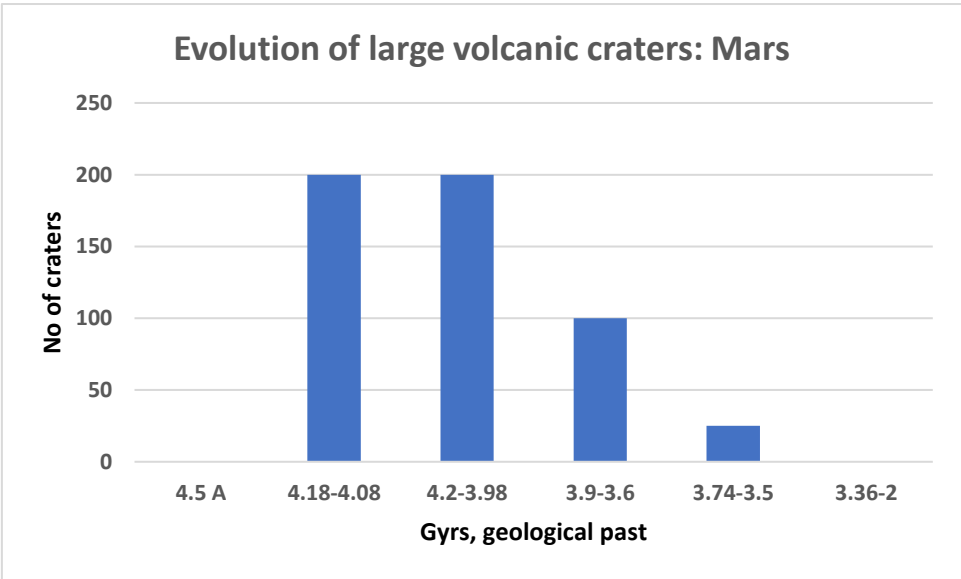


**Figure 2.** Inferred time evolution of volcanism in Earth based on best available observations. This is also true for an Earth like rocky exo planet.



**Figure 3.** Geological time evolution of the observed number of large volcanic craters on the Moon.

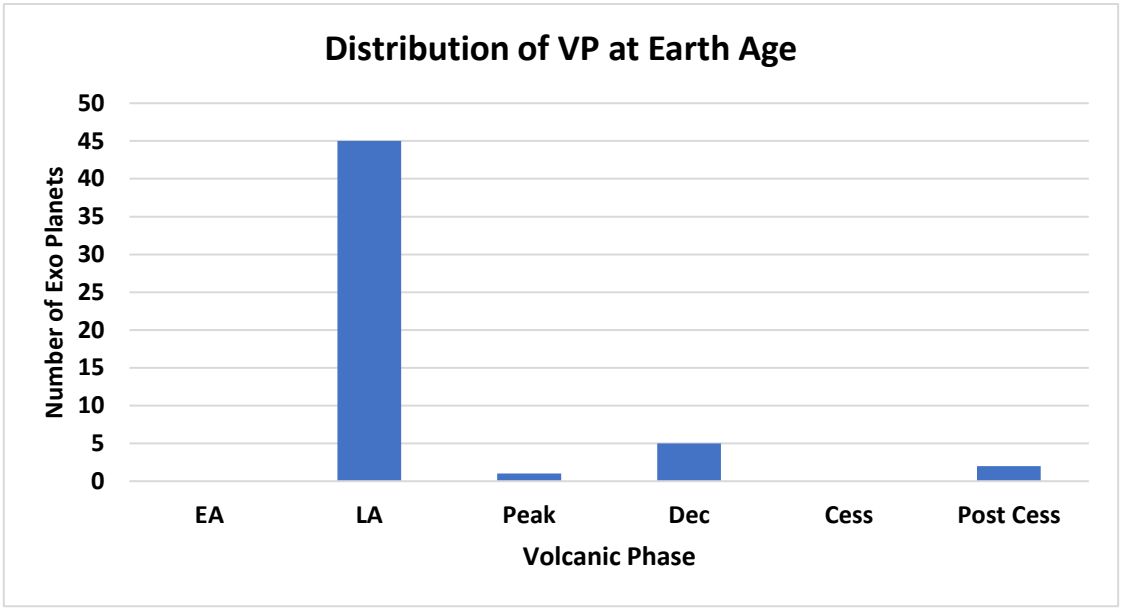




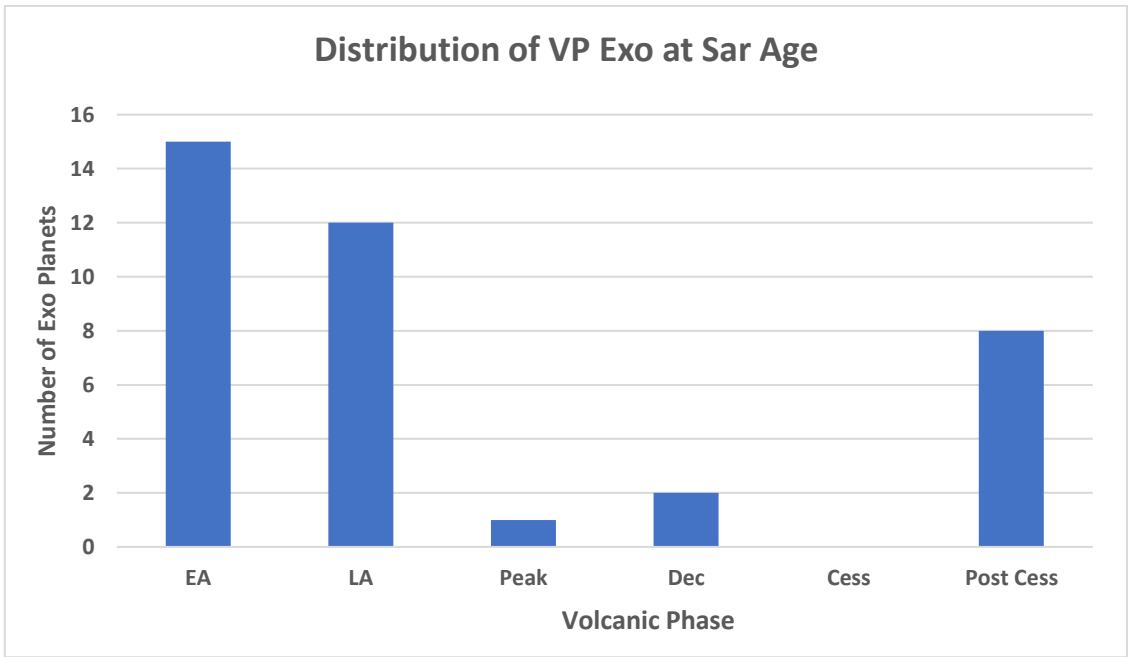
**Figure 4.** Geological time evolution of the observed number of large volcanic craters on Mars.

In our earlier studies we could find some patterns and self-organised behaviour in the geological time evolution of planetary volcanism in the inner solar system. The results of these studies are now extended to rocky extrasolar planets to infer the volcanic phases at earth and host star ages of these planets. The probability of finding water, oxygen , ozone and magnetic field shielding in 52 potentially habitable extrasolar planets is also determined. The mass and age of extrasolar planets will decide the dynamic habitable conditions in these planets. According to our calculations life favouring geophysical conditions can be found with high probability in extrasolar planets with an age greater than 3.75 Gyrs if their mass is comparable to Earth. The same is most probable in extrasolar planets at an age greater than 5 Gyrs if their mass is twice that of our Earth.

The distribution of the inferred volcanic phases of 52 potentially habitable exo planets at Earth and Star ages is shown in Fig 5 and Fig 6 respectively. From Table 6 we can understand that dynamic life favouring geophysical conditions is relatively more probable for Peak and Decmining phases . However number of PHESP in these volcanic phases is observed to be relatively small. At the current age or host star age number of PHESP with high habitability score ( 4 or more) is found to be only three out 52 exo planets . From Table.7 we identify these planets as Prox Cent b, Kepler 452 b and Kepler 1653 b. So out of 5200 exo planets confirmed so far only a very small percentage is likely to have geophysical conditions favourable for the development of advanced life.



**Figure 5.** Frequency distribution of Volcanic Phases of PHESP at Earth age ( EA: Earlt Ascending, LA: Late Asending, Dec: Declining, Cess: Cessation, Post Cess: Post Cessation ).



**Figure 6.** Frequency distribution of Volcanic Phases of PHESP at host star age ( EA: Early Ascending, LA: Late Ascending, Dec: Declining, Cess: Cessation, Post Cess: Post Cessation).

We know that M stars and associated extra solar planets are more frequent in our galaxy. Hence we look forward to find habitable extra solar planets near M dwarfs like our nearest star Proxima Centauri. Incidentally we could infer high habitability score for Proxima Centauri from our calculations in this paper. Two conditions possess challenges to the development of advanced life in extrasolar planets near M stars. They are (i) hazardous space weather conditions due to super flares near M stars. (Herbst et al , 2019; Lincom and Loeb, 2017; Airapetian et al, 2020) (ii) Long night periods of M star extrasolar planets due to their inferred slow rotation periods . The second condition will prohibit emergence of Earth like plant life in these planets (Leman and Chmanaeva, 1977) .Experimental detection of plant life in extra solar planets will become necessary in this context ( Girish and

Sony, 2008, Covone and Lenco, 2021). The possibility of development of alien plant life with slow circadian rhythms can not be also ruled out (Sony et al, under preparation).

## RESULTS

1. Based on the results related to time evolution volcanism in rocky planetary bodies in the solar system we have found a methodology to infer dynamical geophysical conditions in 56 potentially habitable extra solar planets (PHESP) listed by University of Porto Rico
2. The geophysical conditions in a rocky planet is suggested to evolve with phases of volcanism in these planets. So we have inferred volcanic phases in PHESP at both earth (EA) and host star ages (SA) based on the mass and age data of these exoplanets.
3. The probability of finding life favoring geophysical conditions (water, oxygen, ozone and intensity of magnetic fields) in rocky PHESP is then inferred at EA and SA based on solar system analogy.
4. Exoplanets with high probability of having advanced life is inferred to be rare in our investigations due to the diverse and complex habitability criteria. In this context the low probability of emergence of plant life in exoplanets around M stars is also pointed out due to its very long night periods.

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