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**SOLAR SYSTEM-EXOPLANET SCIENTIFIC SYNERGIES IN THE CONTEXT  
OF HORIZON 2061 SCIENCE QUESTIONS ABOUT PLANETARY SYSTEMS  
AND OF THE PROGRAMMATIC LANDSCAPE**

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Until the detection of extrasolar planets around solar-like stars, the solar system was our only example where to gain detailed insights into the formation and subsequent evolution of a planetary system, study its working processes and search for the emergence of life. Today, thousands of extrasolar planets and hundreds of multiple-planets systems are known, which surprise us by their large diversity. Yet, a planetary system similar to our own, including planets which harbor life, remains to be detected. A mandatory consequence of this extreme diversity is that, to properly address the six key science questions about planetary systems identified in the Horizon 2061 foresight exercise, one needs to study both the solar system and extrasolar planetary systems in a synergistic way.

This talk will first describe how, by combining the detailed knowledge we have about the solar system with the statistical information we gain on extrasolar planets, we can gain access to a much wider parameter range in terms of planetary and stellar parameters to address these key science questions. It will then provide an overview of upcoming space missions for solar system and exoplanet research and show how they are going to provide a unique base to address these key questions.

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