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MAST will provide the archive user interface for Kepler data, primarily light curves and target pixel data.

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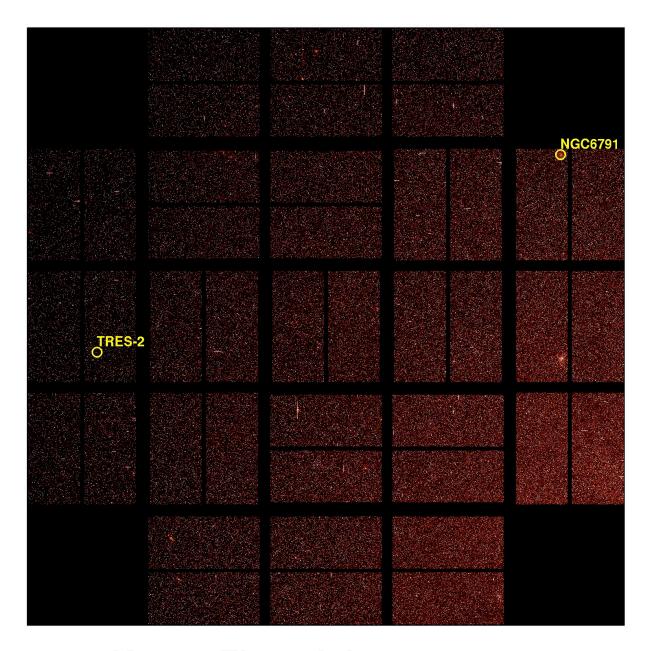
Kepler Update

- ·Launch was March 6, 2009.
- Dust cover ejection was April 8, 2009.
- Commissioning ended May 12, 2009.
- •During last 10 days of commissioning, ~53k stars brighter than Kepler_mag 13.5 were observed as part of engineering checkout.
- •During the 35 days from the end of commissioning to the first quarterly roll, ~145k stars were observed. (Quarter 1)
- •These data were downlinked on June 16, 2009; transfer to the SOC was complete on June 23, 2009.



General Background

- •The Key Project for Kepler is discovery and characterization of Earth-like planets around solar-type stars. The product is light curves.
- •The data are dumped from Kepler on a monthly basis. The data flow is from Kepler to the Deep Space Network to the Mission Operations Center (LASP), to the Data Management Center (DMC at STScI), to the Science Operations Center (Ames), then back to the DMC for archiving. This last transfer occurs quarterly.
- Access to data in the Kepler archive is through MAST.



Kepler First Light Image

Documentation - Manuals

- •Kepler Archive Manual Project deliverable prepared by the DMC. Draft version with release planned for mid-July 2009.
- •Kepler Instrument Handbook Kepler Project has contracted with Jeff van Cleve to write this document. Draft version with release planned for mid-July 2009.
- •Kepler Data Handbook Kepler Project has contracted with Jeff van Cleve to write this document. Release planned in late 2009.

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MAST Interface Pages

MAST anticipates 2 general types of users

- > Proposers for Kepler time
- > Archive users who wish to retrieve Kepler data

The needs of the groups are different. Proposers are searching for targets to observe and archive users are searching for existing data.

MAST developed the Target Search page for proposers and the Data Search and Retrieval page for archive users.

Target Search Page

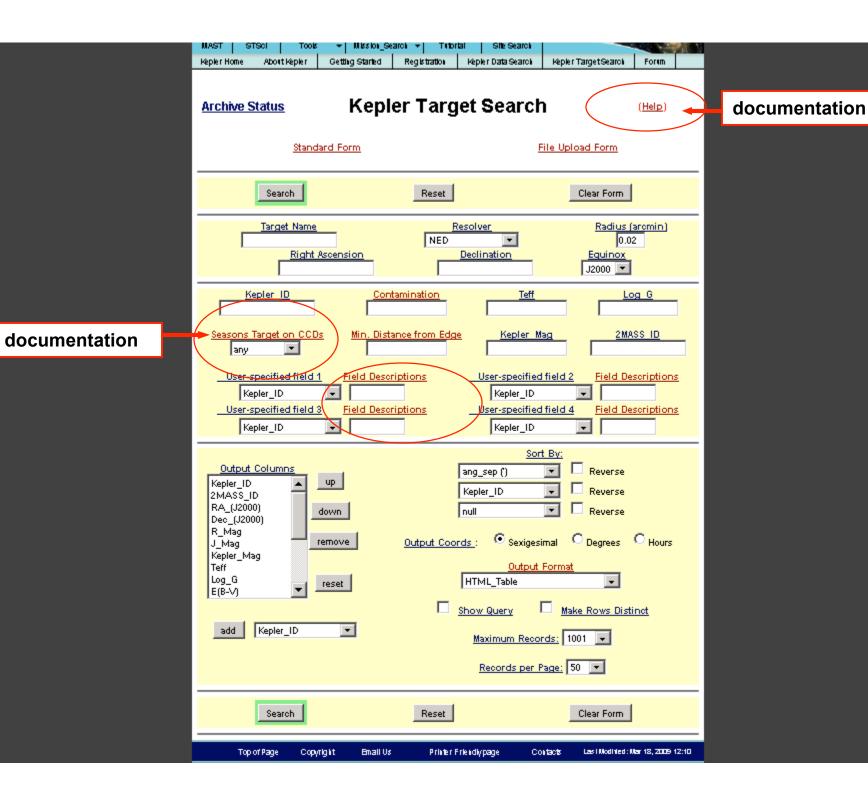
Search objects the Kepler Input Catalog (KIC) and the characteristics table (CT) have in common – These objects fall on the detectors.

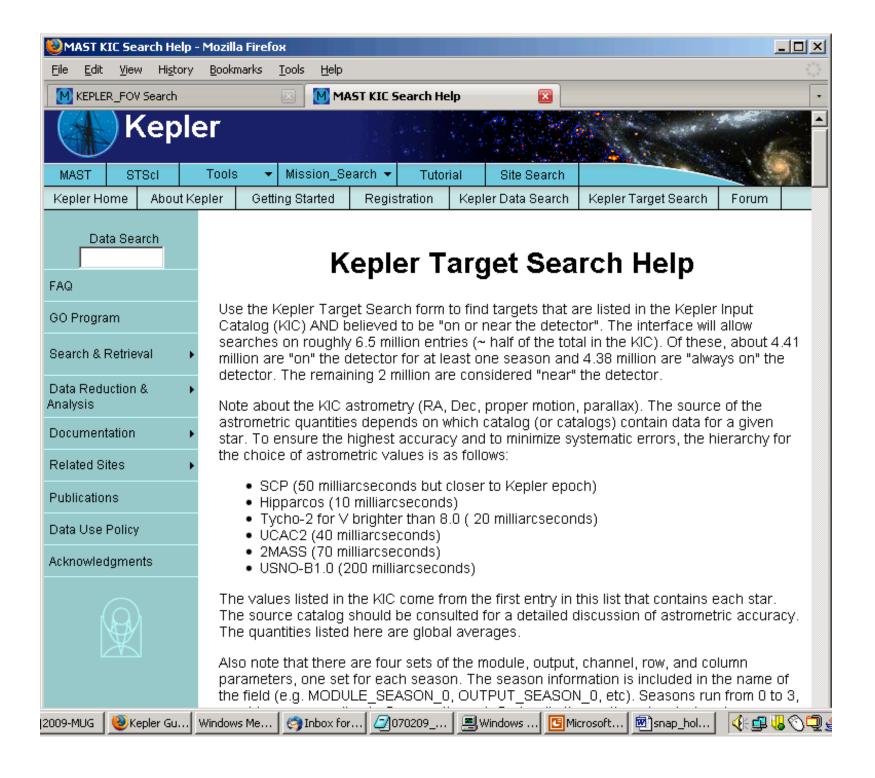
Search fields include astrophysical quantities

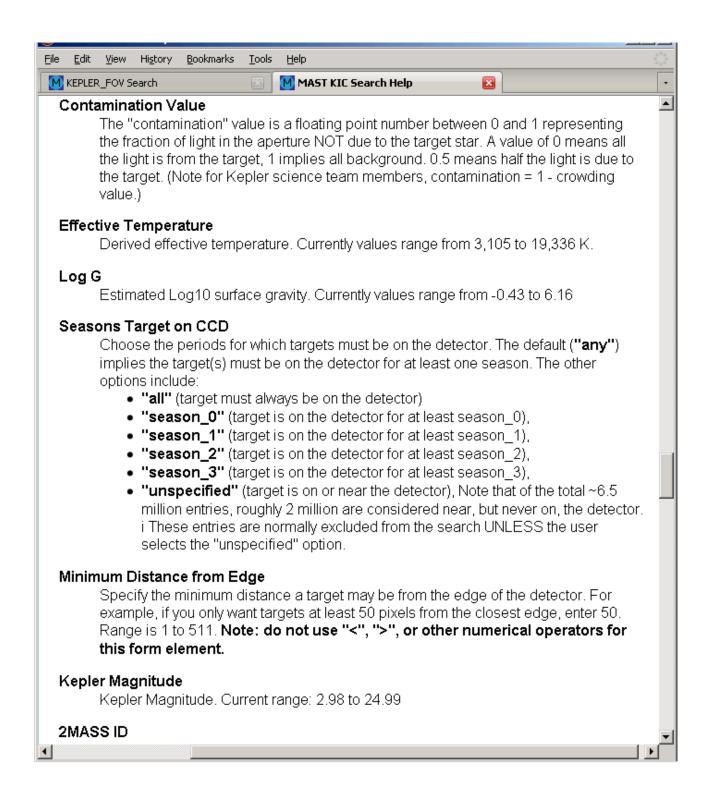
Modified and/or additional fields – seasons on CCD, minimum distance from edge, contamination

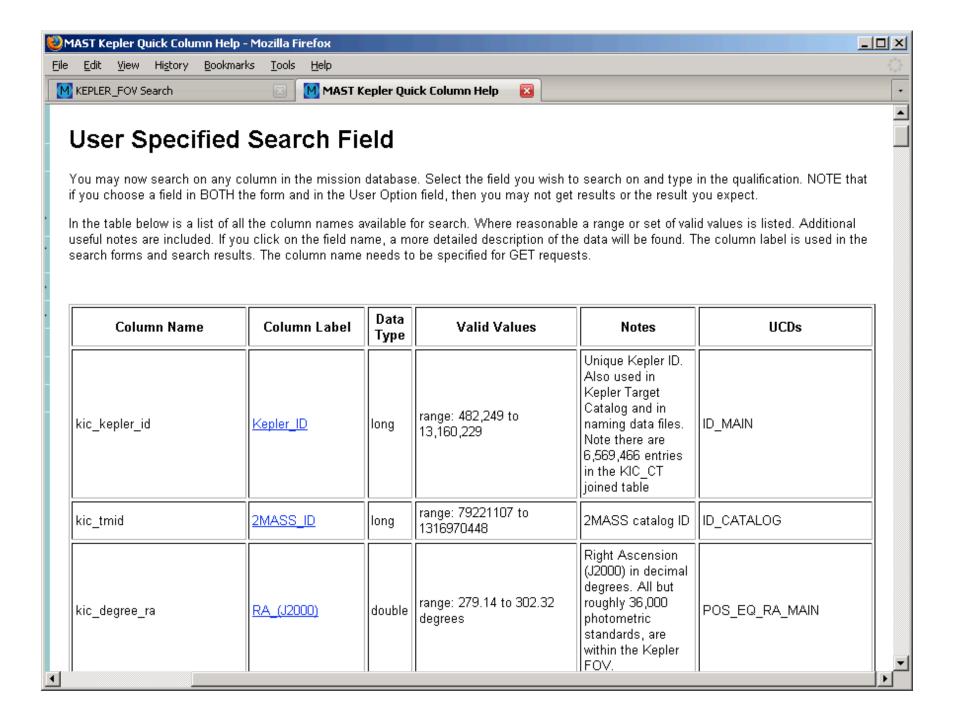
Reserved target flag (planned) – These objects are Key Project targets and may not be proposed.

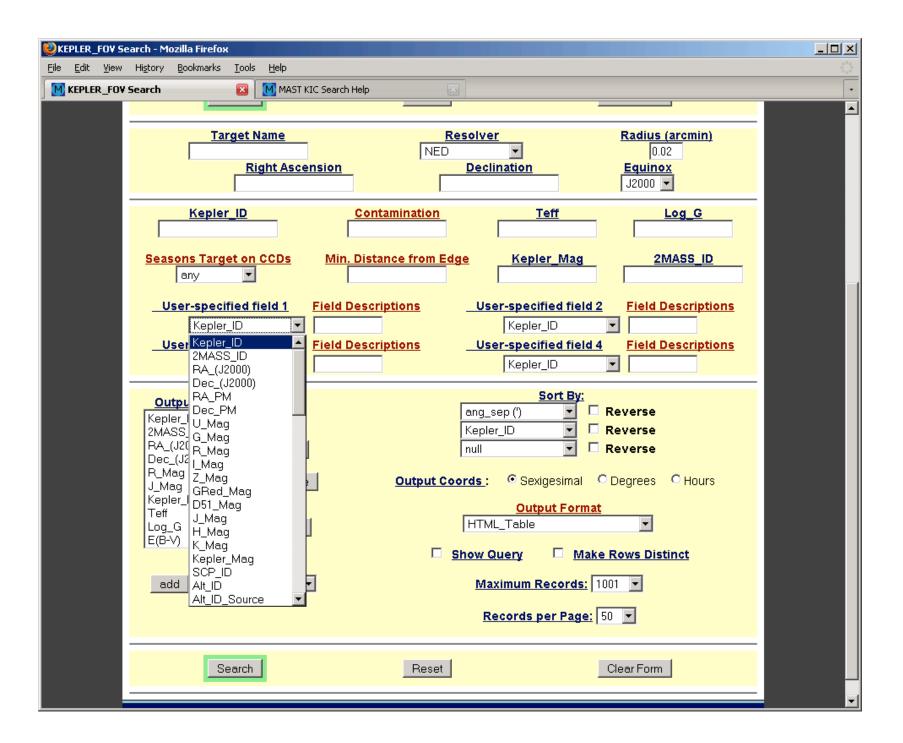
Currently password protected (i.e., not public)

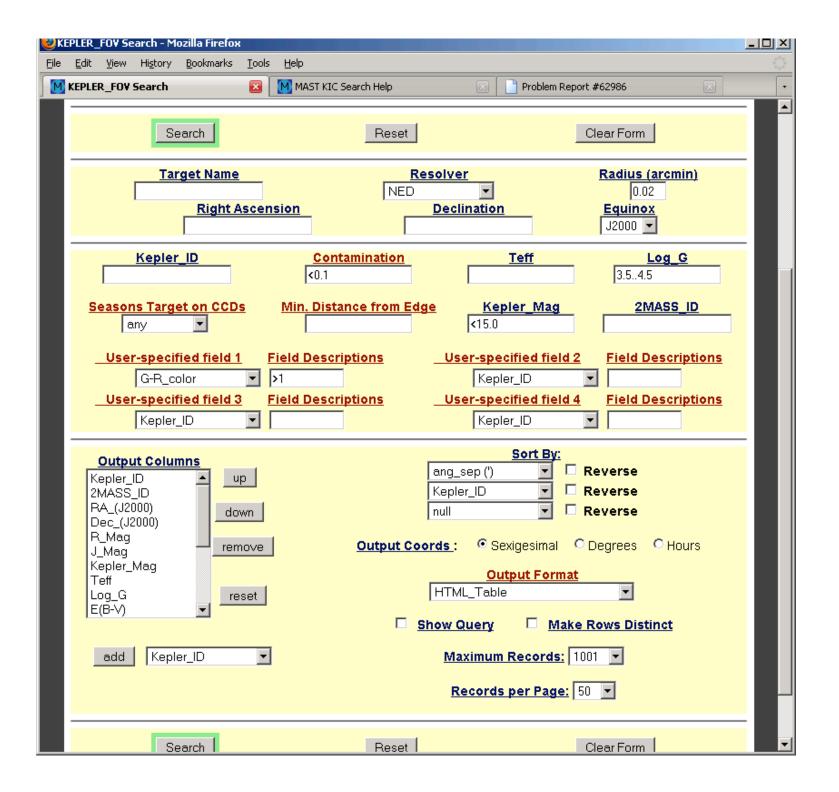


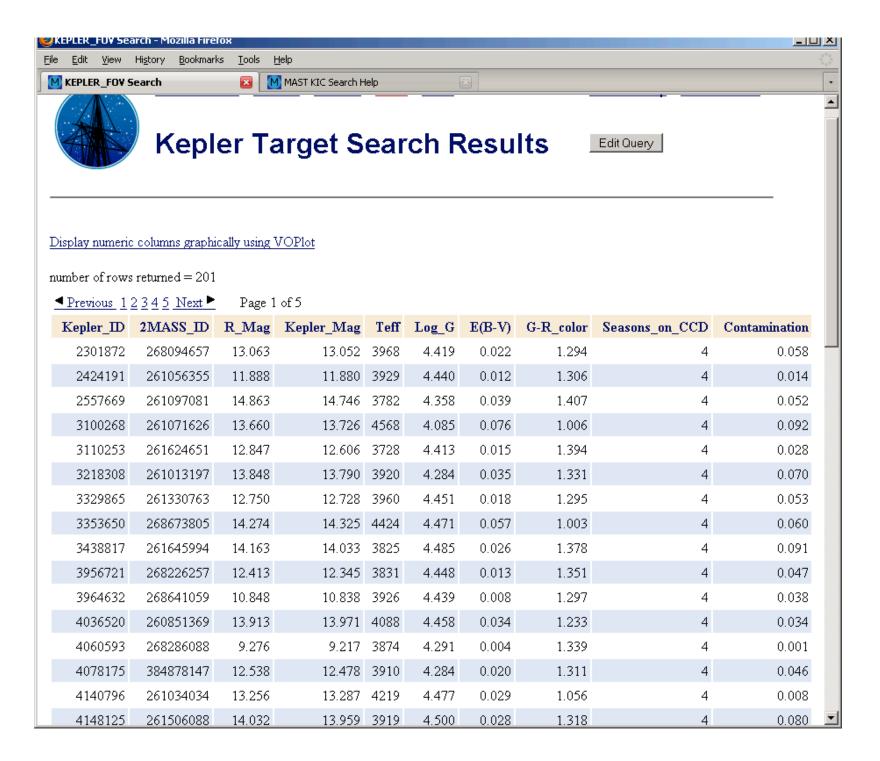












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Data Search and Retrieval Page

Searches the Kepler Target Catalog (KTC), the archive database and the KIC

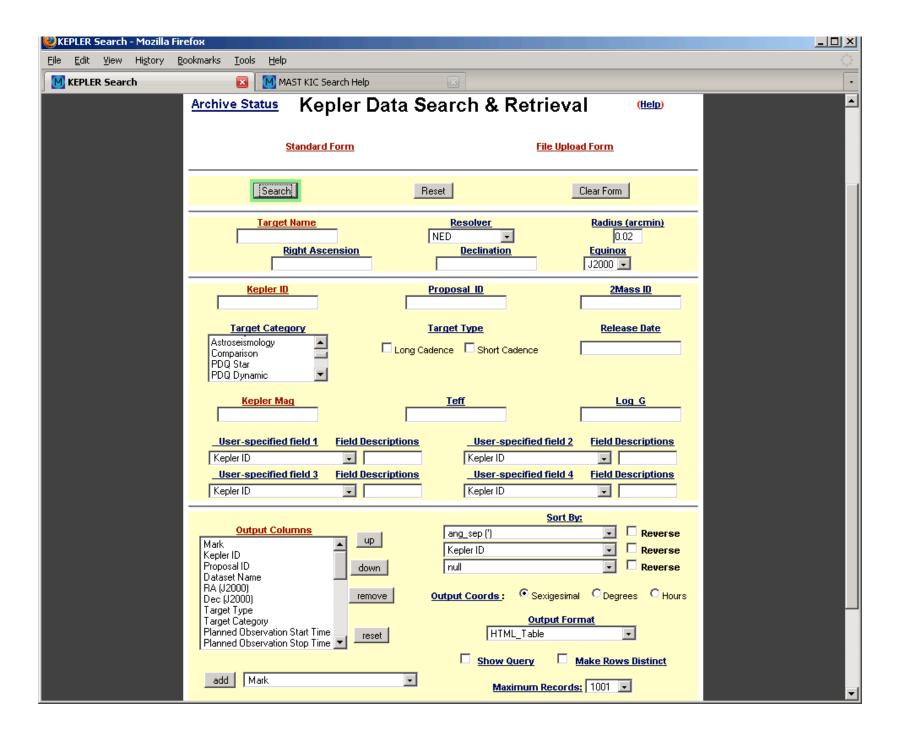
> still under development, password protected

Features similar to the Target Search page.

Note the Release Date – can qualify to search to return information only for data that are public

KIC astrophysical values available through userspecified fields.

Lack of a current KTC and archive has limited testing.



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Non-Target Data

- •Full Frame Image (FFI) pre/post-roll image of Kepler field of view
- Cadence 1min/30min sum of pixel values for all targets

Don't expect to have much demand for these data, but still need an interface.

Design is in progress.

Times in Kepler Data Headers

Several FITS keywords in the Kepler data headers relate to time.

Rule of thumb:

- primary header keywords are UTC (geocentric)
- extension keywords are TDB (barycentric)

Light curve headers may be different.

• The DMC is working with SOC developers on the light curve headers.

Barycentric Dynamic Time (TDB)

By definition, TDB contains a relativistic correction.

>These corrections amount to as much as about 1.6 millisecs and are periodic with an average of zero.

The times in the Kepler data headers do *not* contain this relativistic correction.