

Jim,

Well, I'm not really surprised that PUP doesn't have the graphics you need. What til you get to the marketing stage! But as we book authors like to say, "no need to roll up your britches til you reach the creek."

Anyway, of course you have my permission to use our HR diagrams. But not the ones you sent me. Pls use the attached figures--they are cleaner, higher-res, and actually more accurate (Sirius B, eg, has moved quite a bit...). These derive from the bigger of our two texts, Astronomy Today, Chaisson/McMillan, 6th ed, 2008; one is for the nearest stars, the other for the brightest stars, both are labeled.

BTW, you may be amused that my wife is actually the one who drew these and all other of the 19 coordinated, integrated HRs we use throughout our texts--and collectively they are one of the principal reasons that many of our colleagues have adopted our book. But she was under contract to Pearson to plot them, all based on actual data culled from the Harvard Plate Stacks, so the copyright is held by them; hence the reason I have copied this note to our editor-in-chief, Nancy Whilton.

I look forward to seeing your new book.

-- Eric

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Jim Kasting wrote:

Hi again, Eric,

A couple of months ago, you kindly sent me a diagram of solar interior structure for my upcoming Princeton University Press book, "How to Build a Habitable Planet." I'm very grateful for your help.

I am now in the process of trying to track down a suitable H-R diagram. I thought that PUP would have lots of these in hand, but they don't seem to have them, or else I'm just not talking to the right people.

We actually use one of your H-R diagrams in our other book, The Earth System (Kump, Kasting, and Crane--Pearson/Prentice-Hall). Would you be willing to give permission to use this in my new book, as well? I've attached a scanned copy of the figure. The caption says that it is from Chaisson and McMillan, Astronomy: A Beginner's Guide to the Universe, 2/e, 1998. I think that Pearson will let me use it if you grant permission, so I should be able to get a high-resolution copy from them.

Thanks,

Jim

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Dear Dr. Kasting:

Thank you very much for selecting the images from Eric Chaisson and Steve McMillan's textbook Astronomy Today. It will be no problem to arrange permission for you to use them in your new text, which by the way, sounds very interesting. As a courtesy, we will be happy to arrange it at no charge for you.

With this email I am forwarding your formal request form to our Director of Rights and Permissions, Robert Ravas. He will be able to complete the formal permission and provide you with the appropriate credit line.

We are very proud of the Chaisson and McMillan textbooks and pleased to be of assistance to you in this way. Best of luck with your new publication.

Best,  
Nancy

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From: Jim Kasting [mailto:kasting@geosc.psu.edu]  
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To: Whilton, Nancy  
Subject: Permissions request

Hi again, Nancy,

Attached is a permissions request for two figures from Chaisson and McMillan, Astronomy Today, 6th ed. Eric Chaisson kindly sent copies of these figures to me yesterday evening. I hope that Pearson will grant permission to use these figures in my new book "How to Find a Habitable Planet", to be published by Princeton Univ. Press (PUP). This book will not compete with Chaisson and McMillan's book.

Please note that PUP is non-profit. Also, please note that I'm currently working with Pearson/Prentice-Hall on the 3rd ed. of our textbook, The Earth System, by Kump, Kasting, and Crane.

Thank you for your attention.

Jim Kasting

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