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1 Editorial

Welcome to Edition 176 of the ExoPlanet News!

As usual, we bring you abstracts of scientific papers, job ads, conference announcements, and an overview of exoplanet-related articles on astro-ph. Thanks a lot to all of you who contributed to this issue of the newsletter!

For the next month we look forward to your paper abstracts, job ads or meeting announcements. Also, special announcements are welcome. As always, we would also be happy to receive feedback concerning the newsletter. The Latex template (v2.0) for submitting contributions, as well as all previous editions of ExoPlanet News, can be found on the ExoPlanet News webpage (<http://nccr-planets.ch/exoplanetnews/>).

The next issue will appear on March 12, 2024.

Thanks again for your support, and best regards from the editorial team,

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2 Abstracts of refereed papers

Modeling Atmospheric Lines By the Exoplanet Community (MALBEC) version 1.0: A CUISINES radiative transfer intercomparison project

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Radiative transfer (RT) models are critical in the interpretation of exoplanetary spectra, in simulating exoplanet climates and when designing the specifications of future flagship observatories. However, most models differ in methodologies and input data, which can lead to significantly different spectra. In this paper, we present the experimental protocol of the MALBEC (Modeling Atmospheric Lines By the Exoplanet Community) project. MALBEC is an exoplanet model intercomparison project (exoMIP) that belongs to the CUISINES (Climates Using Interactive Suites of Intercomparisons Nested for Exoplanet Studies) framework which aims to provide the exoplanet community with a large and diverse set of comparison and validation of models. The proposed protocol tests include a large set of initial participating RT models, a broad range of atmospheres (from Hot Jupiters to temperate terrestrials) and several observation geometries, which would allow us to quantify and compare the differences between different RT models used by the exoplanetary community. Two types of tests are proposed: transit spectroscopy and direct imaging modeling, with results from the proposed tests to be published in dedicated follow-up papers. To encourage the community to join this comparison effort and as an example, we present simulation results for one specific transit case (GJ-1214 b), in which we find notable differences in how the various codes handle the discretization of the atmospheres (e.g., sub-layering), the treatment of molecular opacities (e.g., correlated-k, line-by-line) and the default spectroscopic repositories generally used by each model (e.g., HITRAN, HITEMP, ExoMol).

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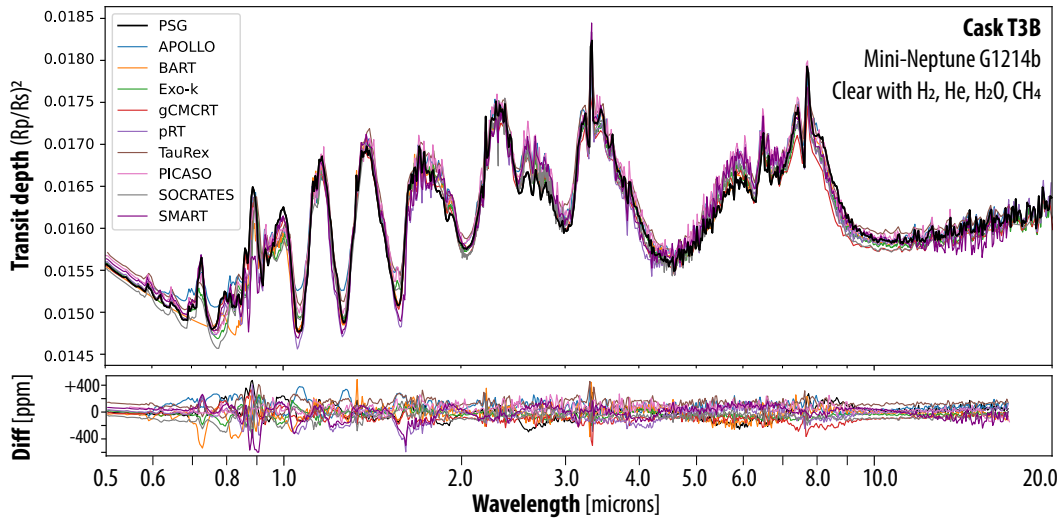


Figure 1: Comparison of preliminary simulation results for test cask T3B. The RT models were run using their typical and core functionalities (e.g., linelists, ray tracing, CIAs) with minimum adaption for this experiment, and were configured to take into account the MALBEC input parameters as close as possible. There is general agreement among the models, with the valleys/peaks in most cases being reproduced by all the models. However, there are specific features in the UV/Optical and at certain wavelengths where the models disagree, which is probably related to the employed linelists and the available CIAs for each RT model. Further revised results with improved parameterizations for each RT model will be reported in a subsequent investigation. The differences between the models as shown in the lower panel are relative to the mean of all the presented spectra.

Methane Throughout the Atmosphere of the Warm Exoplanet WASP-80b

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The abundances of major carbon and oxygen bearing gases in the atmospheres of giant exoplanets provide insights into atmospheric chemistry and planet formation processes. Thermochemistry suggests that methane should be the dominant carbon-bearing species below ~ 1000 K over a range of plausible atmospheric compositions; this is the case for the Solar System planets and has been confirmed in the atmospheres of brown dwarfs and self-luminous directly imaged exoplanets. However, methane has not yet been definitively detected with space-based spectroscopy in the atmosphere of a transiting exoplanet, but a few detections have been made with ground-based, high-resolution transit spectroscopy including a tentative detection for WASP-80b. Here we report transmission and emission spectra spanning 2.4–4.0 micrometers of the 825 K warm Jupiter WASP-80b taken with JWST's NIRCам instrument, both of which show strong evidence for methane at greater than 6-sigma significance. The derived methane abundances from both viewing geometries are consistent with each other and with solar to sub-solar C/O and $\sim 5\times$ solar metallicity, which is consistent with theoretical predictions.

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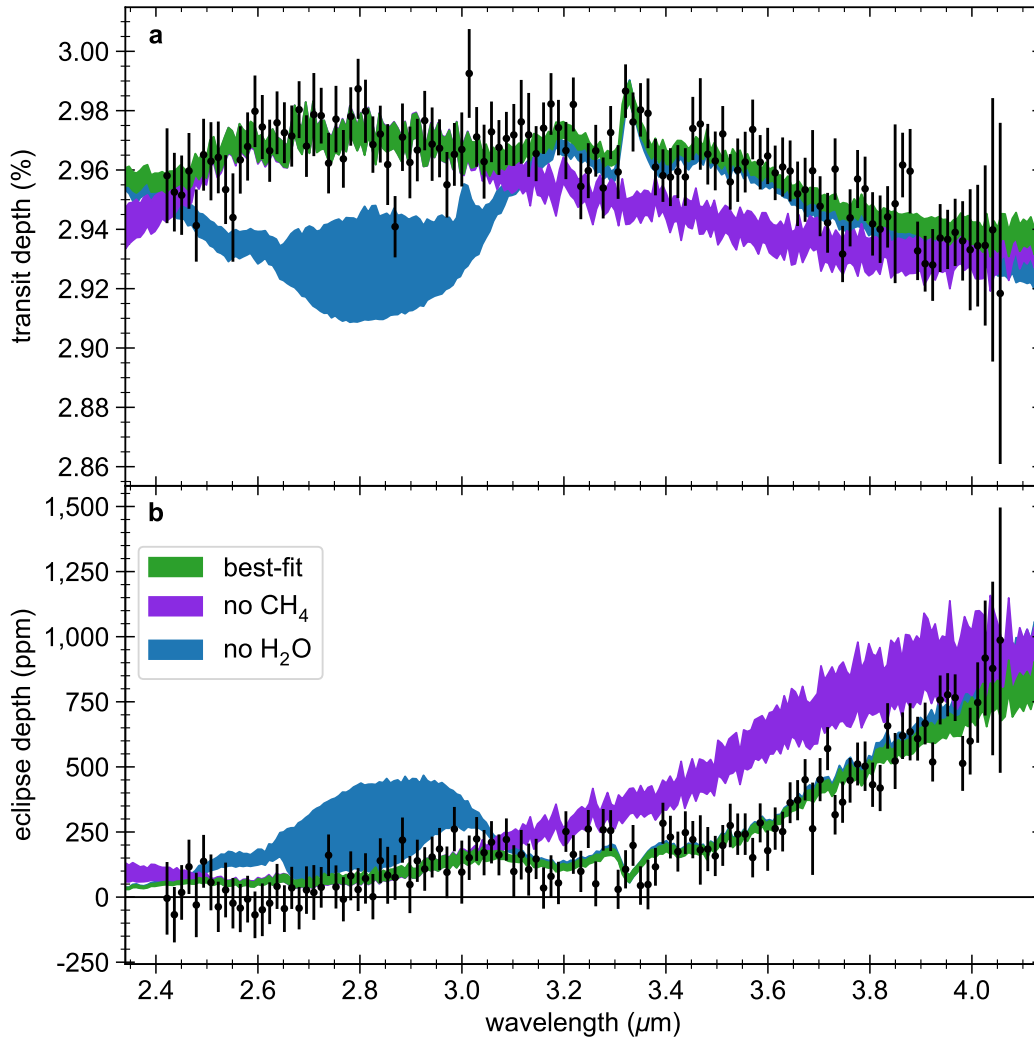


Figure 2: The observed transmission (a) and emission (b) spectrum of WASP-80b (with 1σ error bars) are compared to the best-fit free retrieval model. Coloured regions demonstrate the contribution of different molecules, demonstrated with 68% confidence intervals for the “best-Fit” free retrieval (green), with “no CH_4 ” opacity (purple), and with “no H_2O ” opacity (blue). Both the transmission and emission spectra are strongly shaped by CH_4 and H_2O .

Revisiting the Helium and Hydrogen Accretion Indicators at TWA 27B: Weak Mass Flow at Near-Freefall Velocity

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TWA 27B (2M1207b) is the first directly-imaged planetary-mass ($M_p \approx 5 M_J$) companion (Chauvin et al. 2004) and was observed at 0.9–5.3 μm with JWST/NIRSpec (Luhman et al. 2023). To understand the accretion properties of TWA 27B, we search for continuum-subtracted near-infrared helium and hydrogen emission lines and measure their widths and luminosities. We detect the He I triplet at 4.3σ and all Paschen-series lines covered by NIRSpec (Pa α , Pa β , Pa γ , Pa δ) at $4\text{--}5\sigma$. The three brightest Brackett-series lines (Br α , Br β , Br γ) as well as Pf γ and Pf δ are tentative detections at $2\text{--}3\sigma$. We provide upper limits on the other hydrogen lines, including on H α through Hubble Space Telescope archival data. Three lines can be reliably deconvolved to reveal an intrinsic width $\Delta v_{\text{intrsc}} = (67 \pm 9) \text{ km s}^{-1}$, which is 60% of the surface freefall velocity. The line luminosities seem significantly too high to be due to chromospheric activity. Converting line luminosities to an accretion rate yields $\dot{M} \approx 5 \times 10^{-9} M_J \text{ yr}^{-1}$ when using scalings relationships for planetary masses, and $\dot{M} \approx 0.1 \times 10^{-9} M_J \text{ yr}^{-1}$ with extrapolated stellar scalings. Several of these lines represent first detections at an accretor of such low mass. The weak accretion rate implies that formation is likely over. This analysis shows that JWST can be used to measure low line-emitting mass accretion rates onto planetary-mass objects, motivates deeper searches for the mass reservoir feeding TWA 27B, and hints that other young directly-imaged objects might–hitherto unbeknownst–also be accreting.

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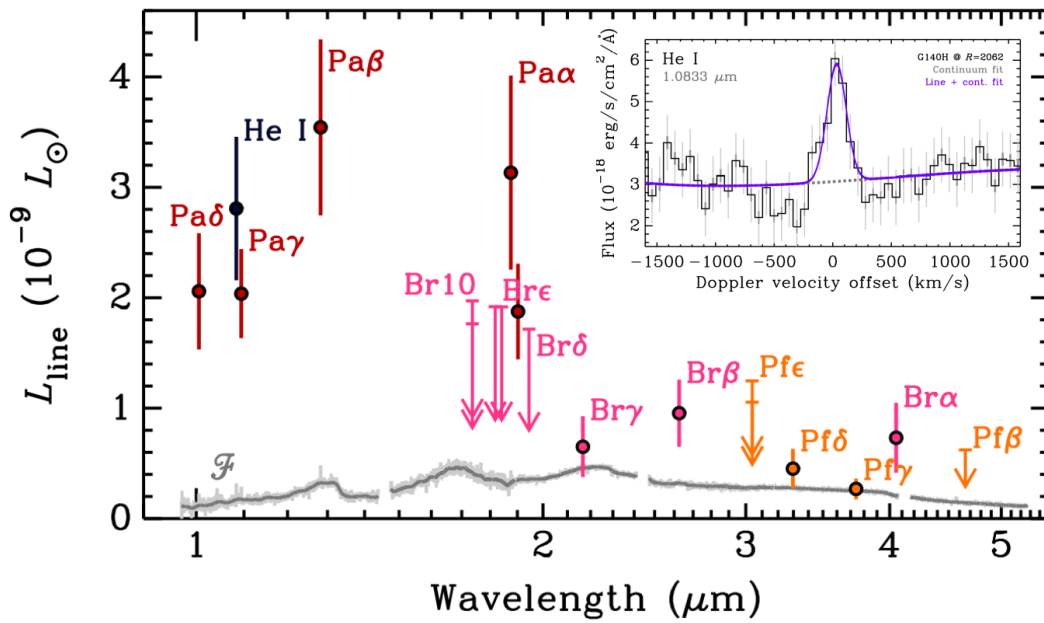


Figure 3: Summary of the line excess luminosities at TWA 27B with JWST/NIRSpec, coloured by series (*black*: He I; *red*: Paschen, *pink*: Brackett, *orange*: Pfund). Thick errorbars are for clear or tentative detections, and thin arrows for 3σ upper limits. A few lines are covered by two filters ($\text{Pa } \alpha$, $\text{Br } \epsilon$, and $\text{Br } 10$: G140H and G235H; $\text{Pf } \epsilon$: G235H and G390H), with some shifted for clarity. The 3σ upper limit on $\text{H } \alpha$ from HST, $L_{\text{line}} < 6.4 \times 10^{-9} L_{\odot}$, is not shown. The spectral density \mathcal{F} (Luhman et al. 2023) at full resolution (*pale grey*) and smoothed (*dark grey*) is shown against an arbitrary linear flux scale.

Inset: Profile of He I with fitted line (*blue*) and continuum (*grey dashed*).

3 Jobs and Positions

PostDoc Position in Exoplanet atmospheres links to observations

Prof. Christiane Helling

Space Research Institute (IWF) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), as early as June 01st, 2024

The Space Research Institute (IWF) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), Austria's leading non-university research and science institution, is offering a

POSTDOC POSITION (F/M/X)
Exoplanet atmospheres links to observations
(full-time, 40h per week)

The successful candidate will be part of Prof Christiane Helling's research group *Exoplanets: Weather & Climate* at the IWF which is part of the OeAW's effort to expand the theme of exoplanet research at the Space Research Institute (IWF) Graz.

Your tasks

- Link complex modelling results (e.g., 3D atmospheres, cloud modelling) to observations
- Scientific data interpretation (e.g., CHEOPS, JWST) and preparation for PLATO, Ariel, and other future missions
- Publication and proposal writing activities

Your profile

- PhD in the relevant fields of astrophysics
- Experiences in interpreting ground based and space instrumentation data
- Experiences in 3D retrieval, polarimetry, and/or gas-cloud radiative transfer modelling
- Experiences in scientific programming and publishing

The appointment begins as early as June 01st, 2024 and will be for 2+1 years initially.

Applications must include a cover letter in addition to (1) curriculum vitae, (2) list of publications, (3) statement of the applicant's research experience (max 2 pages) and a research plan (max 1 page), (4) certificates for full academic record, and (5) two references letters. Please send the application in one PDF file, mentioning JOB-ID: IWF153PD123 to cosima.muck@oeaw.ac.at by **April 15th, 2024**. Inquiries about the position should be directed to Prof Dr Christiane Helling.

Download/Website: <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/fileadmin/Institute/iwf/pdf/jobs/IWF153PD123.pdf>

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Research Associate in Pulsating Binary Stars

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We have an open position for a postdoctoral research associate to work with Dr John Southworth at Keele University on pulsations in eclipsing binary systems.

Job title:	Research Associate in Pulsating Binary Stars
Salary:	Grade 7 Starting salary £37,099 (with incremental progression)
Duration:	Fixed term for 36 months
Basis:	Full time
Job reference:	KU00003876
Closing Date:	18 February 2024
Interviews:	5 March 2024
Start date:	1 April 2024 (later dates possible)

The Opportunity:

We are looking for an ambitious individual to join a team of staff in Keele University's Astrophysics Research Centre in the Faculty of Natural Sciences. The successful candidate will work with Dr John Southworth and colleagues within the Astrophysics Research Centre at Keele University, as part of an STFC-funded project to use pulsating stars in eclipsing binary systems to improve our understanding of the physical processes that govern the evolution of stars.

The Research Associate will lead the determination of the physical properties of a sample of detached eclipsing binary systems, and the asteroseismic characterisation of the component stars. The pulsation types involved include γ Doradus, δ Scuti, slowly-pulsating B-stars and β Cephei variables. The analysis will involve the modelling of light curves from the *Kepler* and TESS space missions, ground-based spectroscopy, and observations from the Gaia satellite. The PDRA will also contribute to other components of the project and be encouraged to develop their own research program and leadership skills. An opportunity exists to work on a public outreach and impact project based on the main project.

Applicants should either have (or expect to obtain) a PhD in astrophysics or related subject and have demonstrated an aptitude for research. A strong publication record (commensurate with career stage), excellent communication skills, and an experience of binary stars, asteroseismology, and/or extrasolar planets will be important.

The Benefits:

The University recognises that its success depends upon the contribution and dedication of its talented staff. In return, we have a competitive benefits package available, including: competitive rate of pay with annual increments within the grade (Keele Spine); generous annual leave entitlement with opportunities to purchase additional leave; excellent staff pension scheme; access to continued personal, professional and career development; on-site 'out-standing' nursery; discounted health and fitness facilities on site; and a cycle to work scheme (subject to eligibility).

Download/Website: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/about/jobvacancies/>

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BiSON Research Fellow

Annelies Mortier & Guy Davies

University of Birmingham, UK

Birmingham, UK, 1st April 2024

Applications are invited to join the Sun, Stars and Exoplanets Research Group in the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Birmingham, as part of a growing and dynamic team working in stellar astrophysics, using asteroseismology and helioseismology, and exoplanets.

We are seeking to appoint an STFC-funded Research Fellow to use the four decades of Birmingham Solar Oscillations Network (BiSON) data to investigate stellar variability phenomena across a magnetic cycle on timescales from minutes to months. The successful applicant should have expertise in the use of astronomical data and high-level statistical techniques. They will work with Dr Annelies Mortier and Dr Guy Davies.

More information on the role and the application process can be found in the included link. Deadline to apply is 3rd March 2024.

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PhD Position on Debris Disks

Alexander Krivov

Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, start date: May 2024 or later

The Astrophysical Institute and University Observatory (AIU) of the Friedrich Schiller University (FSU), Jena, Germany, is seeking a PhD student to join the "Disks and Planets" group of Prof. Alexander Krivov at the AIU. The main research interest of the group is to study debris disks in planetary systems, including their relation to exoplanets and planet formation. The group collaborates closely with other groups in Germany and is involved in a number of projects at the international level. The PhD student is expected to work on one of the numerous aspects of debris disks. These include dynamical, collisional, thermal emission, and scattered light modeling of debris disks, their interaction with planets, as well as their observations with various facilities and data analysis. The successful applicant will also have a light load of teaching duties (2 hours per week, e.g. by leading exercise classes).

The position is available for three years starting from May 1, 2024 or later. Prolongation for one more year is possible. The salary is standard for PhD positions in Germany (1/2 TV-L E-13 of the federal public service scale) and includes a number of social and family-related benefits.

The applicants should hold a Master's degree or equivalent in physics or astronomy. Previous experience with astronomical research, preferably with disk and/or exoplanet studies, would be an advantage.

Queries should be directed to Alexander Krivov (alexander.krivov@uni-jena.de). Applications must be submitted online via the FSU application system (<https://www.uni-jena.de/en/job-market>, ad 021/2024, or use the direct link below). Please make sure to include a CV, a brief research and motivation statement, and two names of referees to be contacted if shortlisted. The application deadline is March 15, 2024.

The FSU is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate applicants due to nationality, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

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Postdoctoral Position in Exoplanets and/or Substellar Objects

Prof. Ray Jayawardhana

Baltimore, Maryland, between July-December 2024

Applications are invited for a Postdoctoral Fellow position at the Center for Astrophysical Sciences of Johns Hopkins University. The successful candidate will work with Professor Ray Jayawardhana and his collaborators on observational studies of extra-solar planets and/or sub-stellar objects. Candidates with expertise and interests in ground-based high-resolution exoplanet spectroscopy and/or low-resolution spectroscopy of exoplanets and planetary-mass brown dwarfs with the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) are particularly encouraged to apply.

Group members lead the on-going ExoGemS Large Program at the Gemini Observatory targeting 30+ planets that span a wide range of properties. Prof. Jayawardhana is also a member of the JWST/NIRISS science team, with 200 hours of GTO dedicated to exoplanet characterization. In addition, with Drs. Aleks Scholz and Koraljka Muzic, he co-leads a 20-hour JWST/NIRISS GTO program focused on the lowest-mass free-floating sub-stellar objects. Group members also use data from TESS, Kepler, CHEOPS, Subaru, Keck, VLT, CFHT, and other major observatories.

The position is for two years, with extension to a third year possible, and comes with a competitive salary and funds for research expenses. Start date is flexible, ideally between July-December 2024. The JHU Center for Astrophysical Sciences and the adjacent Space Telescope Science Institute form a large and lively astrophysical community.

Applicants should send their curriculum vitae, a description of research interests and plans and a list of publications, and should arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent electronically to <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/27145>. Applications are accepted until the position is filled, and those received before March 1, 2024 will receive full consideration. Early expressions of interest and inquiries are encouraged, and should be made to rayjay@jhu.edu

Download/Website: <https://physics-astronomy.jhu.edu/>

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4 Conferences and Workshops

2024 Sagan Summer Hybrid Workshop Advances in Direct Imaging: From Young Jupiters to Habitable Earths

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NASA Exoplanet Science Institute, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA

Hybrid Workshop, July 22-26, 2024

Direct imaging and spectroscopy has become a standard tool for studying the atmospheres and orbits of young, self-luminous giant planets in wide orbits. Advances in starlight suppression and spectroscopy technologies and techniques have gradually improved sensitivity to lower-mass and closer-in young planets. Going forward, ground- and space-based observatories will have complementary roles to play in the study of mature planetary systems, whether the search for biosignatures on Earth-like planets or the characterization of the variety of planetary system architectures.

Please see the preliminary agenda and confirmed speakers posted on the workshop website. This workshop will cover the scientific questions in exoplanets motivating direct imaging. Sessions will explore basic optical principles of high-contrast imaging and the fundamentals of coronagraph and wavefront sensing technologies and high-contrast instrument design. Presentations and group exercises will cover approaches to starlight/PSF subtraction and to planet and disk recovery, determination of orbits from imaging observations, and other topics. The workshop will conclude with a look toward future facilities.

We plan to hold the 2024 workshop as a hybrid with both in-person and on-line attendance.

The Sagan Summer Workshops are aimed at advanced undergraduates, grad students, and postdocs, however all are welcome to attend. Attendees will also participate in hands-on tutorials and have the chance to meet in smaller groups with our speakers.

There is no registration fee for this workshop. Registration and the application for financial assistance to attend in person will open by mid-February. Note that we are only able to support the local costs (hotel and per diem) of successful applicants; we are not able to provide any support for airfare. Please contact us with any questions or to be added to the email list.

Download/Website: <http://nexsci.caltech.edu/workshop/2024>

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COSPAR-2024-B1.2: Unveiling planet formation and how it connects small bodies, planets, circumstellar disks, and stars

Diego Turrini & Maria Drozdovskaya

Busan, Republic of Korea, 13-21 July, 2024

The path of planet formation starts from the interstellar medium and leads to the great diversity of planetary bodies that we observe in the Solar System and among exoplanets. Stars and their circumstellar disks inherit their composition from the interstellar medium and set the chemical and physical stage for the birth of planetary bodies. The interactions between the different component of forming planetary systems and their surrounding environment shape the direction of planet formation. Dust grains grow within the disks and their interaction with the disk gas allows planetesimals to form. Planets are born from planetesimals and dust and their interaction with the gas shape their orbital evolution and their growth into giant planets. Interactions between the planets and the planetesimals create the interstellar objects like those that in recent years crossed our Solar System. The composition of the bodies populating the planetary systems, including the host stars, preserves a record of all these process and their genetic link to the interstellar gas and dust from which they started. This interdisciplinary COSPAR event is open to experts on the Solar System, its small and large bodies, exoplanets, protoplanetary disks and stars, from their formation to their post-main sequence life, to share and integrate the unique perspectives from their different fields of study. The event is organized in coordination with Commissions B1, E4 and F3, and welcomes the discussion of results from theoretical and experimental studies as well as from observations from ground and space observatories and the space missions exploring our Solar System.

Deadlines and Information

Abstract submission deadline: 9 February 2024

More information about scientific event B1.2 can be found at:

https://www.cospar-assembly.org/admin/session_cospar.php?session=1188

More information about COSPAR 2024 and its many other events can be found at:

<https://www.cospar2024.org/>

<https://www.cospar-assembly.org/admin/congress.php?congress=10>

Are We a Unique Species on a Unique Planet? – or are we just the ordinary Galactic standard?

Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 30 to August 2, 2024

Homo sapiens may be the only species in the entire Galaxy with an intelligence advanced enough to understand how it all arose and evolved. But we may also be so dumb that we just don't understand that the universe is already teeming with life everywhere, similar or very different from ourselves. Each of the scenarios would be equally fascinating, and the sign of a road towards a meaningful answer has never been closer than it is today. We are lucky to have convinced world-leading experts to come to Copenhagen to discuss the issue with us during four intense conference days, about how we came from the formation of protoplanetary disks and planets, to prebiological molecules and life and further to intelligence and what might come after – is it unique for Earth, or is it standard throughout the Galaxy?

Subjects and list of invited speakers:

Exoplanets:

Anne-Marie Lagrange: Exoplanet discovery and evolution.

Nikku Madhusudhan: Chemical diversity of temperate exoplanets and implications for life.

Helmut Lammer: The evolution of Earth-like habitats.

Alessandro Morbidelli: Volatility transport in planetary systems (tbc).

Disk evolution and pre-biology:

Paola Caselli: Chemistry from ISM to disks to pre-biology to planets.

Bengt Gustafsson: Is the Sun an oddball and if so why? Interpretations and implications.

Pascale Ehrenfreund: Prebiotic reservoirs available to the early Earth and Mars.

Lena Noack: Planetary interior and habitability.

Terrestrial contra alien biology:

Katarzyna Adamala: Synthetic life.

Dirk Schulze-Makuch: Expectations about alien lifeforms.

David Catling: The rise of oxygen and its importance for complex life.

Kai Finster: The interaction between micro-organisms and cloud formation.

Donald Canfield: The evolution of Eukaryote ecosystems.

The future of life and humanity:

Paul Davies: Second genesis or alien life forms; are they already here? (tbc)

Steven Dick: Transforming our worldviews in a biological (or post-biological) Universe

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EAS Annual Meeting, Special Session 25: “Formation of giant exoplanets: models and observations”

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Padova (Italia), Centro Congressi, Special Session: Wednesday, 3 July 2024

Aims and scope

Direct imaging stands as the most effective method for studying gas giant exoplanets with orbits beyond 5 au. These massive planets wield considerable influence over the evolution of planetary systems. Therefore, delving into their formation mechanisms and initial orbital distribution is of paramount importance. This endeavour not only refines our planet formation models but also advances our understanding of migration processes, ultimately shedding light on the resulting architectural intricacies of planetary systems.

Advanced extreme Adaptive Optics (xAO)-enabled instruments now provide us the capability to directly observe giant planets in their formative stages, nestled within their birthplace protoplanetary disks during the T Tauri phase, aged less than 5–10 Myr. These observations are possible not just by detecting their thermal emissions in the near- and mid-infrared spectrum (1–5 μm) but also via H I emission lines. These lines are powerful indicators of gas accretion, granting us a direct window into the mechanism of gaseous planet formation.

In the last few years several groups worldwide have been working both on the theoretical and observational side of the planetary gas accretion process, as well as on the development of new instrumentation and techniques optimised for detecting emission from actively accreting protoplanets.

We organise a special session to foster fruitful discussions between researchers involved in this fast-developing field with the ultimate goal of stimulating collaboration and proposing new ideas, both technological and observational. This session should draw a state-of-the-art picture of gas planet accretion physics in terms of both theory and observations and identify the best research strategies for the community to improve our understanding.

Programme

We expect contributions for the following aspects of the science case:

- *Theoretical framework:* Giant planet formation models, hydrodynamical simulations, models of accretion tracer (e.g., H I) emission
- *Observations:* Extreme-AO observations of H I emission in the visible/NIR to probe accretion: e.g., with VLT (SPHERE, ERIS, MUSE), LBT (SHARKs), Magellan (MagAOx), Subaru (SCExAO+CHARIS), HST, KECK (NIRC2, KPIC), JWST (NIRSpec); evidence for circumplanetary disks in the sub-mm regime, e.g., with ALMA
- *New instruments and methods:* Recent and future facilities/techniques for pushing angular resolution and sensitivity of xAO observations at visible–IR wavelengths (e.g., VIS-X, RISTRETTO)

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Important deadlines

- Very early registration: 26 February • Abstract submission: 4 March
- Early bird registration: 29 April • Regular registration: 30 June

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5 Others

2024B NASA Keck Call for Proposals

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The NASA Exoplanet Science Institute is soliciting proposals to use NASA's portion of time on the two 10m Keck Telescopes for the 2024B observing semester (August 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025).

The opportunity to propose as a Principal Investigator for NASA time on the Keck Telescopes is open to all U.S.-based astronomers (a U.S.-based astronomer has their principal affiliation at a U.S. institution). *Investigators from institutions outside of the U.S. may participate as Co-Investigators on proposals for NASA Keck time.*

NASA intends the use of the Keck telescopes to be highly strategic in support of on-going space missions and/or high priority, long-term science goals. Proposals are sought in the following discipline areas: (1) investigations in support of EXOPLANET EXPLORATION science goals and missions; (2) investigations of our own SOLAR SYSTEM; (3) investigations in support of COSMIC ORIGINS science goals and missions; and (4) investigations in support of PHYSICS OF THE COSMOS science goals and missions. Direct mission support proposals in any of these scientific areas are also encouraged.

The 2024B NASA Keck Call for Proposals will be available on February 14 and all proposals are due by March 14 at 4 pm PDT.

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