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## A chemical survey of Planets in our Galaxy

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### PLANETS ARE UBIQUITOUS.

OUR GALAXY IS MADE OF GAS, STARS & PLANETS

There are at least as many planets as stars

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### EXOPLANETS TODAY: HUGE DIVERSITY

3800+ PLANETS, 2700 PLANETARY SYSTEMS KNOWN IN OUR GALAXY



### HUGE DIVERSITY: WHY?

FORMATION & EVOLUTION PROCESSES? MIGRATION? INTERACTION WITH STAR?



### STAR & PLANET FORMATION/EVOLUTION

What we know: constraints from observations – Herschel, Alma, Solar System



### **KEY EXOPLANET QUESTIONS**

• How diverse are exoplanets chemically?

- Does chemical diversity correlate with other parameters?
  - How do planets form?
  - How do planets evolve?



### THE SUN'S PLANETS ARE COLD

### Some key O, C, N, S molecules are **not** in GAS form





### WARM/HOT EXOPLANETS

O, C, N, S (TI, VO, SI) MOLECULES ARE IN GAS FORM



























30 WFC3 SPECTRA ANALYSED AND INTERPRETED: CORRELATION MASS/ATMOSPHERE









30 WFC3 SPECTRA ANALYSED AND INTERPRETED: CORRELATION RADIUS/ATMOSPHERE



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30 WFC3 SPECTRA ANALYSED AND INTERPRETED: CORRELATION T-IRRADIATION/ATMOSPHERE



### 2 SHADES OF SUPER-EARTHS



55 CNC E & GJ1214B



### **ISSUES WITH CURRENT DATA**

- WE ARE DEALING WITH LOW SNR & R OBSERVATIONS
- DATA ARE SPARSE, NOT ENOUGH WAVELENGTH COVERAGE
- Broad wavelength coverage is not simultaneous
- Absolute Calibration at the level of 10-4 is not guaranteed!
- INSTRUMENT SYSTEMATICS ARE DIFFICULT TO DISENTANGLE FROM THE SIGNAL
- Stellar activity is the largest source of astrophysical noise
- WE NEED OBSERVATIONS ON A POPULATION OF OBJECTS TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS

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### EXOLIGHTS + EXOAI



OBSERVATIONS & MODELLING OF EXO-ATMOSPHERES, BIG-DATA & SPACE MISSIONS



- Exoplanet atmospheres observations & data analysis
- Spectral modelling & interpretation
- New space mission concepts
- Infrastructure to analyse "big-data"

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Neural network data Bayesian inverse atmospheric modelling correction using big data 1.55 1.50 (% 1.40 1.35 1.30 0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 Wavelength (μm)





7.0

10.0

15.0 20.0



## Big data & exoplanets



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### MACHINE LEARNING & DATA ANALYSIS

erc

Several techniques tested on hubble, spitzer, ground-based instruments



#### Machine Learning Noise model

Waldmann, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015; Morello et al., 2014, 2015a, b, 2016; Tsiaras and Varley, 2016; Tsiaras et al., 2016; 2018; Damiano et al., 2017

### TAU-REX



Spectral retrieval & inverse models

- Fully Bayesian Retrieval
  - MCMC
  - Nested Sampling
- Custom made opacity line-lists from the ExoMol project
- Prior composition selection through pattern recognition software
- Full parallelisation for cluster computing



### TAU-REX



12C-1602 ×10



Waldmann et al., 2015

# erc Deep Neural Network & exoplanets



Waldmann, 2016

### ARIEL – ESA M4 mission

- 1-m telescope, spectroscopy from VIS to IR
- Satellite in orbit around L2
- ~1000 exoplanets observed (rocky + gaseous)
- Simultaneous coverage 0.5-7.8 micron
- Payload consortium: 15 ESA countries + NASA under study







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Aiming at 10 PPM stellar flux at multiple wavelengths



Through stable instrument, external calibration & proven postprocessing analysis







COLOUR-MAGNITUDE DIAGRAMS, PRELIMINARY CLOUD-CHARACTERISATION

 Colour-colour diagrams and colour-magnitude diagrams in the IR and VIS will allow to identify **families of planets**



Triaud 2015;



### INSTANT & SHORT-TERM VARIABILITY



(NON)-EQUILIBRIUM CHEMISTRY? ATMOSPHERIC CIRCULATION? CLOUD PATTERN?



Snap-shots of an animation available at: <a href="http://bit.ly/2kGL4Wz">http://bit.ly/2kGL4Wz</a>

ARIEL – ESA M4 Paris presentation







CORRELATION WITH ANY OTHER KEY PARAMETERS?







ARIEL WILL CLARIFY CORRELATION WITH THE DENSITY



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### ERRESTRIAL-SUBNEPTUNES TRANSITION



ARE SUPER-EARTHS BIG TERRESTRIAL PLANETS, SMALL NEPTUNES? IS H/HE STILL THERE?

#### Formation scenarios for small planets

#### **ARIEL** observations for small planets





### IS ELEMENTAL COMPOSITION CORRELATED ...



#### ... TO EXOPLANET PROVENANCE OR STELLAR METALLICITY?



### LARGE POPULATION OF WARM/HOT PLANETS





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### CONCLUSIONS

- Exoplanets appear to be ubiquitous in our Galaxy
- Current sample of discovered exoplanets is very diverse in terms of basic planetary/orbital parameters.
- Molecular & elemental composition can help to understand the nature and history of exoplanets
- Hubble, Spitzer, ground-based instruments have delivered pioneering observations of exoplanet atmospheres
- We need more accurate observations over a broader wavelength range (JWST) for a statistically large sample of planets (ARIEL) to understand the chemical diversity.
- ARIEL has been conceived to deliver the first chemical survey of ~ 1000 exoplanets, probing
  uniformly the gamut of planet and stellar parameters