Irradiation and impact of stellar variability on exoplanetary atmospheres

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About me









- Bachelor in Physics and Master in Astronomy and Astrophysics at La Sapienza University, Rome
- Master thesis UAB
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Scientific interests

- Exoplanetary atmospheres
- Stellar activity and influence on exoplanetary spectra
- Hot Jupiters modelling

Previous work

- Lab project: 'Prediction of the targets's observability and noise for measures of exoplanets's phase curves at Dome C observatory in Antarctica, with telescope ASTEP 400'
- Master thesis : 'Study of stellar activity impact on spectroscopic measurements of transiting exoplanets with ARIEL', supervisors E. Pascale and I. Ribas

Master thesis: modelling impact of spots on the transit depth

- Transmission spectra given by the modulation of the transit depth at different wavelength
- Spots on the star make it appear 'colder' on average



kick-off CELS meeting

Time [days]

Relative flux

Master thesis: modelling impact of spots on the transit depth

- Modelling typical M dwarfs activity
- Using ARIEL space mission photometric filters to compute the Transit Depth Variation induced by the presence of spots



PhD project

- Modelling Hot Jupiters atmospheres and transmission spectra
- Investigate the influence of the host star irradiation on the chemical and thermodynamical equilibrium
- Study the impact of stellar activity on said structure

How does the irradiation from the host star influence the atmospheric structure of exoplanets?



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Methods

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- MARCS code (Gustaffson et al. 2008) + GGchem(Woitke et al 2018)
- Compute the transmission spectrum from the PT structure.



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