

Dr. Julia Victoria Seidel

Scientific expertise

- ESO Research Fellow -

ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS
Dynamics and wind patterns
Hydrostatic and hydrodynamic modelling

ADVANCED DATA ANALYSIS
Bayesian statistics
Multinested-sampling retrieval
Photometric/spectroscopic data analysis

OBSERVATIONAL ASTROPHYSICS
Development of observational strategies
Exoplanet transmission spectroscopy

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10/2021 - now

ESO Research Fellow, *European Southern Observatory, Chile*

50% Research (Exoplanet atmospheric characterisation), 40% Observation, 10% ESO community service

WORK EXPERIENCE

06-09/2021

PostDoctoral Researcher, *University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland (4 months)*

PostDoc position with Prof. Dr. Ehrenreich

05/2017 - 05/2021

Teaching Assistant, *Observatory of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland*

Outreach and teaching activities aside from PhD research (15%)

02-09/2015

Technical Student, *CERN, Geneva, Switzerland (7 months)*

Programmer in the Level-1 ATLAS Trigger working group

04-09/2014

Summer Student, *CERN, Geneva, Switzerland (6 months)*

GUI interface development for the Level-1 ATLAS Trigger

01-06/2013

Undergraduate Researcher, *École Normale Supérieure & LPNHE, Paris, France (6 months)*

Automatic error propagation for Higgs-boson decay channel

EDUCATION

05/2017 - 05/2021

Ph.D. Astronomy and Astrophysics (Doctorat ès Science), *supervised by Prof. Dr. David Ehrenreich and Dr. Vincent Bourrier, University of Geneva, Switzerland*

Title: Modelling Atmospheric Dynamics from high-resolution spectroscopy observations

Grade: très bien (highest possible awarded, defended 21st May 2021)

10/2015 - 05/2017

Master of Science in Physics with Extended Research, *Imperial College London, UK*

Thesis: Influence of charge on atmospheric particle propagation after dust explosions

Grade: with Distinction (A+)

- RESEARCH PROJECT (1 year): Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá D.C., Colombia

09/2011 - 01/2015

Bachelor of Science in Physics, *Technische Universität Darmstadt, Darmstadt, Germany*

Thesis: Uncertainties in the Higgs-bb decay (CERN)

Grade: 1.0 (A+)

- EXCHANGE with scholarship (1 year): Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS), Paris, France

FUNDING GRANTS, SUCCESSFUL TIME REQUESTS & PRIZES

2024	MERAC Prize of the EAS , plenary talk at EAS meeting in Padova, Italy - 25'000 EUR
2022	Edith Alice Müller Award, SSAA , Best PhD thesis in Switzerland - 1'000 CHF
	ExoExplorers cohort, NASA , most promising early career researchers in Exoplanet sciences - 1'000 USD
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2023	SSDF grant , 5'500 EUR, to fund Master student
	Office for Science funding, ESO , 3'000 EUR, to fund 3 months Master internship
2021	ESO Research Fellowship , 3+1 years, 3 years at ESO, 1 year transferable funding
2018 - 2020	Travel Grants , approx. 4'000 EUR <ul style="list-style-type: none">- PlanetS EQUAL Grant- MERAC Travel Grant- SSAA Travel Grant
2011 - 2017	Universal Scholarship of the German People , Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes Full stipend Bachelor and Master, study abroad stipend, and short-term research stipend, ~160'000 EUR
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2024	delegated Principal investigator, Prog. 113.26KY (PI: Roccetti and Seidel), ESO , 16 hours, FORS2: "Proof of Concept for the Characterization of Exoplanet Atmospheres by Polarimetry"
2023	Principal investigator, Prog. 111.24J8, ESO , 25 hours, ESPRESSO: "The winds of WASP-121b seen with ESPRESSO's 4UT mode" (data successfully acquired, 09/23)
2022	Principal investigator, Prog. 108.21X7, ESO , 8 hours, ESPRESSO: "The warm Jupiter HD39474b: a rare window into planet migration" (rain on Paranal)
2020	Principal investigator, Prog. 106.20ZN, ESO , 18 hours, ESPRESSO: "The ultra Hot Jupiters KELT-17b and WASP-76b, fraternal or identical twins? - a search for sodium and heavy metals" (instrument issues - under investigation)

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

◆ 44 peer-reviewed articles, among which:

10 first-author articles, 7 major contributions, 25 minor contributions, 2 reviews, 1282 citations (H-index=20)

The full list of peer-reviewed publications can be found in the section [Publications](#), a sortable list of all publications, including proceedings, is available on [ADS](#)

◆ 40 oral presentations, among which:

10 invited talks, 15 contributed talks, 15 seminars, and additionally 6 posters, most notably a plenary lecture for the MERAC prize at the EAS meeting and two invited review talks

The full list of conferences and seminars can be found in the section [Communications](#)

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

2020 - now	ESPRESSO consortium <ul style="list-style-type: none">- member of science committee
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	- member of WG2: exoplanet atmospheres - ESPRESSO instrument fellow at ESO
2018 - 2020	NIRPS consortium - deputy chair and member of WG3: exoplanet atmospheres
2017 - 2021	PlanetS member , member of the Swiss network of exoplanet scientists Member of project ERC “FOUR ACES” , atmospheric characterization of hot Jupiters, PI: Prof. Dr. D. Ehrenreich
2023 - 2025	ESPRESSO large survey: Obliquity census of Close-in Neptunes , 330 hours, 112.25BG, PI: Bourrier, ESO-VLT/ESPRESSO, co-I, co-chair of observing strategy, ongoing adjustments to observations
2023	NIRPS survey: Atmospheric mass-loss in the Neptune desert , 12 hours, 112.25KU, PI: Lillo-Box, ESO-3.6m/NIRPS, co-I, proposal writing and target selection ESPRESSO survey: Atmospheric mass-loss in the Neptune desert , 12 hours, 112.25KY, PI: Lillo-Box, ESO-VLT/ESPRESSO, co-I, proposal writing and target selection
2021	ESPRESSO survey: Atmospheric chemistry of an ultra-hot Neptune , 9 hours, 108.22FQ, PI: Ramirez Reyes, ESO-VLT/ESPRESSO, co-I, data analysis
2020	NIRSPEC survey of Young Sub-Jovian Planets , 10 hours, N165, PI: Alam, KeckII-NIRSPEC, co-I, consulted on the study of atmospheric dynamics in low-resolution and target selection
2019	ESPRESSO survey: A spectroscopic inquiry of close-in exoplanets below the Desert , 25 hours, 105.202T, PI: Bourrier, ESO-VLT/ESPRESSO, co-I, target selection, data analysis
2017 - 2021	Swiss Telescope Observational Campaign , long-term observations at la Silla Observatory with Coralie and EulerCam at the Swiss 1.2m telescope to establish baselines of wide-orbit planets and obtain parallel photometry of ESPRESSO transits, support astronomer 20 nights a year

SUPERVISION

2023 - 2024	Ph.D. supervisor of S. Royle , with E. Sedaghati
2023 - 2024	Ph.D. supervisor of B. Prinoth , with E. Sedaghati and H.J. Hoeijmakers
2023	Master thesis of Y. Damasceno , ESO, Santiago de Chile, University of Porto, Portugal
2022	Master thesis of Z. Fowler , International University of Valencia, remote
2020	Master thesis of M. Steiner , Observatory of Geneva - now PhD student at University of Geneva
2019 - 2020	Supervisor 1st year Master Laboratory work , University of Geneva, Astrophysics Lab I + II
2020	Bachelor thesis of L. Grandjean , University of Geneva
2019	Bachelor thesis of T. Moretti , University of Geneva
2018	Bachelor thesis of J. Haefelin , University of Geneva

TEACHING

2022	Guest lecturer , University of Antofagasta, Chile, Master level, “High-dispersion transmission spectroscopy and instrumentation” ESO astronomy lectures , Santiago, Chile, PhD level, “Exoplanet atmosphere transmission spectroscopy”
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2021	Atmo2021 workshop , online, Master level, “High-dispersion transmission spectroscopy for exoplanet resolved spectral line studies”
2020	Guest lecturer , online, University of Cape Town, South Africa, undergraduate level, “Earth seen as an exoplanet and its implications for climate change” Guest lecturer , online, University Sergio Arboleda, Colombia, undergraduate and public level, “Earth as an exoplanet: a perspective on climate change” (in Spanish)
2017 - 2021	Public lectures , University of Geneva, Switzerland, public lectures from elementary school to undergraduate levels for visitors
2019 - 2021	Teaching assistant , University of Geneva, Master level course on “Exoplanet atmospheres”, helped elaborate the accompanying exercises during the first year the Master course was offered

ORGANISATION

2023 onwards	IAU junior member , Division F
2022	IAU VLTI-HOW workshop , member of the steering committee and LOC chair
2021	Exoplanets III conference , online, conference moderator
2020	EPSC/DPS annual conference , Geneva, Switzerland, conference assistant
2019	JURA II conference , Beatenberg, Switzerland, LOC and SOC member, PlanetS young scientists conference

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2021 -now	Referee , Nature, MNRAS, A&A, PASJ, Frontiers ESO’s student selection committee , member Support Astronomer UT1 and UT2 Paranal observatory , total of 250 nights
2023	Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Cycle 31 , Time Allocation Committee, external reviewer Gemini Telescope , Time Allocation Committee, external expert reviewer
2022	ESO’s Hypatia colloquium committee , selection committee, and session chair ESO’s visiting senior astronomer committee , member ESO Period 110 , Time Allocation Committee, Scientific Assistant
2021	Gemini Telescope , Time Allocation Committee, external expert reviewer
2017 - 2021	Swiss Telescope Observational Campaign , la Silla Observatory with Coralie and EulerCam at the Swiss 1.2m telescope, support astronomer total of 70 nights
2012 - 2013	Student representation , technische Universität Darmstadt, students’ women representative and student panel member on local scholarship selection panel

DEIA

2022 - now	Mentor at the Supernova Foundation , supporting women* students ESO student mentor , mentoring historically excluded PhD students Women in Science Day , ESO, events on the day and blog post
2019 - 2021	DEIA committee , Observatory of Geneva, creator and member
2019	IAU358 symposium , Diversity in Astronomy, Tokyo, Japan
2017 - 2019	Diversity in Science lunches , Observatory of Geneva, co-organiser
2019 - 2021	Sustainability Committee , funding member, Observatory of Geneva, Switzerland

OUTREACH

2019 - now

Salomé project, Switzerland/Chile, middle school level, comic book outreach project to schools Swiss-wide with virtual classes to children by astronomers, currently expanding to Chile under my co-leadership

2023

ESO's the Messenger, contribution about my life as a research fellow at ESO ([link](#))

ESO open day, visit of public figures in Chile, e.g. ambassadors and mayors (in Spanish)

Astronomy round table, Municipality of Cerro Navias, Chile, National week of astronomy (in Spanish)

German Astronomy Day, Live event from Paranal observatory for the German Ministry of Research (in German) 2022

Channel 4, UK television, opinion piece from Paranal observatory regarding the search for exoplanets for the COP biodiversity conference

Public seminar, Sociedad Astronómica Queretana, Mexico, National day of astronomy celebration (in Spanish)

Podcast, Radio France, France culture, [un été dans les étoiles](#) (in French)

Skype a Scientist, local school in Valparaiso, Chile (in Spanish)

2021

Panel discussion, Arts & Science: an intersection, Pretoria, South Africa (online)

Faszination Online, Haus der Astronomie, Germany (in German, online)

2020

Public seminar, Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogota, Colombia (in Spanish, online)

Panel discussion, Jupiteres calientes, Planetarium of Bogota, Colombia (in Spanish, online)

Twitter takeover, one week content creation each: @astrotweeps, @people_of_space, @realSci_DE

2017 - COVID

Public tours and observations, University of Geneva, guided tours of the observatory with night time observations (in French)

2019

Cité des métiers (canton-wide job fair), Geneva, Switzerland, highlighting the different possible career paths at observatories (in French)

CHEOPS days, Geneva, Switzerland, one week event on main city square on the Swiss CHEOPS observational satellite (in French)

CODES and TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS

MERC, 'Multinested ETA Retrieval Code', the first 3D atmospheric dynamics retrieval code on narrow-band observations of exoplanets developed based on the ETA (Ehrenreich et al. 2006) and the PyETa (Pino et al. 2018) Codes. Documented in Seidel et al. 2020a, Seidel et al. 2021, Seidel et al. 2023a.

SCUBA, ESO, development team of the ESPRESSO instrument scientific quality app in use at Paranal Observatory

StarRotator, open source package to model the Rossiter-McLaughlin effect for exoplanet transits, co-developer, link: <https://github.com/Hoeijmakers/StarRotator>

p-winds, open source package to model the hydrodynamic regime of upper atmospheres, co-developer, link: <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2022A%26A...659A..62D/abstract>

OTHER SKILLS

Programming	Python (formal education, Advanced Academic Python Programming Summer School), C++, C, Julia
Group Management	IBM course: Machine Learning with Python - a practical introduction (with certificate) Project management for success in research (2-day workshop) Unconscious bias training Crucial conversations training Disability in the workplace session
Languages	German: Native, English: Fluent, Spanish: Fluent, French: Fluent, Italian: A2

PUBLICATIONS

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1242 citations (H-index=19)

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PEER-REVIEWED, FIRST AUTHOR

10. On the impact of ENSO and Climate Change on ESO telescope sites

Atmosphere: The Impacts of Climate on Astronomical Observations, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.14734>

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Seidel, J. V., Otarola, A., and Théron, V. (2023b)

Summary: We provide a comprehensive analysis of the historic atmospheric conditions at various ESO observatories in northern Chile, especially PWV, ambient temperature, and seeing and show clear correlations with the ENSO cycle. We additionally confirm the impact of climate change on current and future observational sites. This paper provides a powerful tool for long-term predictions of observing conditions in the ELT era. Additionally, we highlight the use of astronomical sites to establish long-term baselines for climate studies of remote areas of the world - an important new intersection between Earth science and astronomy.

9. Atmospheric composition and dynamics of the bloated hot Jupiter WASP-172b with ESPRESSO

Accepted for publication in A&A, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.13622>

cited: -

Seidel, J. V.* and Prinoth, B.*, et al. (2023)

*both authors contributed equally to this work

Summary: Joint lead author with my PhD student: We report the detections of Fe, Na, and H-alpha for the bloated hot Jupiter WASP-172b and discuss its atmospheric dynamics in the context of bloated hot exoplanets, as well as its strong potential as a JWST target. This target will most likely be one of the most studied bloated planets in the near future.

8. Detection of a high-velocity sodium feature on the ultra-hot Jupiter WASP-121 b

A&A, 673, A125, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.09376>

cited: 6

Seidel, J. V., et al. (2023a)

Summary: I explore the observed blueshifted feature next to the sodium doublet of the ultra-hot Jupiter WASP-121b, using a partial transit obtained with the 4-UT mode of ESPRESSO - the largest photon collecting power in the world. Its atmospheric dynamics are made visible across the terminator by splitting the data into mid-transit and egress. With my retrieval framework, I determine that the blueshifted high-velocity absorption component is generated only during the egress part of the transit when a larger fraction of the day side of the planet is visible. The equatorial day-to-night side wind over the evening terminator is due to a localised jet between the substellar point and up to 10 deg to the terminator in longitude, with an opening angle of the jet of at most 60 deg in latitude and a lower boundary in altitude between [1.08,1.15] planetary radii. This paper marks the first foray of narrow-band transmission spectroscopy into resolving atmospheric dynamics in time and is the cornerstone of my future research proposal.

7. The hot Neptune WASP-166 b with ESPRESSO II: confirmation of atmospheric sodium

MNRAS, 513, L15, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.04494>

cited: 12

Seidel, J. V., et al. (2022)

Summary: This work is part of a three-part series on the hot Neptune WASP-166b as a follow-up to my work in 2020. The ESPRESSO observations confirmed the sodium feature in its atmosphere, in the ramp-up to its observations with JWST next year. Once the resolved line shape is recovered, the sodium feature will be used to study the atmospheric dynamics of a planet within the elusive Neptune desert for the first time. WASP-166b has quickly become one of the most intriguing exoplanet targets to date with follow-up observations scheduled both from the ground and space to understand why this world has been able to keep its atmosphere, despite its location within the Neptune desert.

6. Into the storm: diving into the winds of the ultra-hot Jupiter WASP-76 b with HARPS and ESPRESSO

A&A, 653, A73, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.09530>

cited: 37

Seidel, J. V., et al. (2021)

Summary: As a follow-up work to Ehrenreich et al. (2020), Nature, on the ultra-hot Jupiter WASP-76 b, I combined the available HARPS and ESPRESSO datasets on this target. The increased signal-to-noise ratio allowed to resolve the line shape of the sodium doublet from the absorption well (probing the top of the atmosphere) all the way into the line wings (probing the lower layers of the atmosphere). I upgraded the atmospheric retrieval code MERC from Seidel et al. (2020) to include planetary rotation. With this addition, MERC constructs a 3D atmospheric structure and is able to recover both the atmospheric wind patterns and additionally also to precisely recover the wind speeds, instead of upper limits. I was able to retrieve the same wind pattern and wind speed as proposed by the 'toy model' from Ehrenreich et al. (2020), Nature, ruling out competing atmospheric structures as explanations. This work has been a key input to various other studies on magnetic fields, atmospheric dynamics, and atmospheric chemistry since WASP-76b with its easily accessible atmosphere and cloudless skies has become a benchmark system for testing new data analysis techniques and theoretical models.

5. Hot Exoplanet Atmospheres Resolved with Transit Spectroscopy (HEARTS) VI. Non-detection of sodium with HARPS on the bloated super-Neptune WASP-127b

A&A, 643, A45, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.13386>

cited: 18

Seidel, J. V., et al. (2020c)

Summary: WASP-127b is one of the puffiest exoplanets found to date, with a mass of only 3.4 Neptune masses, but a radius larger than Jupiter. It is also located at the border of the Neptune desert, which describes the lack of highly irradiated Neptune-sized planets and remains poorly understood. I present combined EulerCam and TESS light curves to recalculate the system's parameters. Additionally, I conducted an in-depth search for sodium in four transit observations previously analysed by another team. Said work claims a detection of sodium incompatible with previous studies of data from both ground and space. I showed that this large sodium detection is actually due to contamination from telluric sodium emissions and the low S/N in the core of the deep stellar sodium lines. These effects will become more crucial in our push towards smaller and cooler planets. My results and the subsequent absorption depth of sodium in this atmosphere were later confirmed independently with the ESPRESSO spectrograph at higher resolution in Allart et al. (2021).

4. Hot Exoplanet Atmospheres Resolved with Transit Spectroscopy (HEARTS) V. Detection of sodium on the bloated super-Neptune WASP-166b

A&A, 641, L7, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.01783>

cited: 23

Seidel, J. V., et al. (2020b)

Summary: I present the HARPS transmission spectrum of the bloated super-Neptune WASP-166b, located at the outer rim of the Neptune desert. The sodium detection, amongst the first at the edge of the Neptune desert, shows a tentative

indication of line broadening, which could be caused by winds blowing sodium farther into space, a possible manifestation of the bloated character of these highly irradiated worlds. I put this detection into context with previous work, claiming a non-detection of sodium in the same observations and showing that the high noise in the trace of the discarded stellar sodium lines was responsible for the non-detection. This work together with the publication 5. above is seminal in the study of the impact of this low signal-to-noise remnant on detections for exoplanets similar to WASP-166b.

3. Wind of change: retrieving exoplanet atmospheric winds from high-resolution spectroscopy A&A, 633, A86, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.02787>

cited: 51

Seidel, J. V., et al. (2020a)

Summary: This paper is the first introduction of the atmospheric retrieval MERC code, where I use the highly studied hot Jupiter HD189733b as a benchmark case to show that it is possible to infer wind patterns from their Doppler-shift impact on the resolved spectral line shape. I streamlined 1D atmospheric models of exoplanet atmospheres for performance, added the different wind patterns as symmetrical 2D models and was able to combine this sophisticated 2D atmosphere with a Bayesian nested sampling retrieval package due to the superior performance of the code. This allowed for the first time to distinguish the best fit of different wind patterns instead of providing simple fit probabilities for each model separately from each other. As a result we found that the so far observationally unprobed region between the lower zonal winds as modeled with GCMs and the expanding exosphere probed by He and Lyman-alpha lines are connected with a radially outwards pushing wind region. This paper marks one of the most sophisticated observational methods to understand atmospheric winds and has been mentioned in various review papers since then.

2. Hot Exoplanet Atmospheres Resolved with Transit Spectroscopy (HEARTS). II. A broadened sodium feature on the ultra-hot giant WASP-76b

A&A, 623, A166, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.00001>

cited: 92

Seidel, J. V., et al. (2019b)

Summary: I present the sodium doublet detection in the atmosphere of WASP-76b with the HARPS spectrograph. This marks the first detection of sodium in the atmosphere of an ultra-hot Jupiter and established WASP-76b as one of the benchmark ultra-hot Jupiter targets with dozens of follow-up publications. To establish the signal without a doubt, I also generated the relative absorption light curves which demonstrate that the sodium signal coincides with the exoplanet transit for all three transits - the confirmation that the sodium signature is planetary. Additionally, I studied the line broadening which is significantly broadened compared to the instrument resolution. This result, combined with the same observation for HD189733b in Wyttenbach et al. 2015 led to the creation of the MERC code to study resolved spectral line shapes.

1. Relative permittivity estimation of wheat starch: A critical property for understanding electrostatic hazards

Journal of Hazardous Materials, 368, 228-233, <https://www.sciencedirect.com>

cited: 8

Seidel, J. V., et al. (2019a)

Summary: Outcome of my Master thesis on "Influence of charge on atmospheric particle propagation after dust explosions" from 2017. The main components of dust explosions both in illegal mining or industrial settings behave similarly to wheat starch. How is a normally insulating grain charged and how is its ability to be polarized affected by environmental conditions? Here we investigate the dependence of temperature, humidity, and low frequency on the relative permittivity of wheat starch. The results show high values of permittivity (80) at the microscale (single starch grains) compared to low values (10–20) at the macroscale (20 mg of wheat starch). The differences are attributed to the

Maxwell–Wagner–Sillars interfacial polarization process on individual grains and potential charge exchange between grains.

POPULAR REVIEW ARTICLES

2. News and Views: JWST opens a window on exoplanet skies

Nature, vol. 614, iss. 7949, p.632-633, <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-00394-6>

Seidel, J. V.*, Sarkar, S.*, and Nielsen, L. D. (2023)

*both authors contributed equally to this work

Summary: Invited article to introduce the special Nature issue on the JWST early release science results on exoplanet atmospheres.

1. Keeping Exoplanet Science Caffeinated with ESPRESSO

the Messenger, ESO, vol. 187, p. 8-11, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.04323>

Nielsen, L.* and **Seidel, J. V.*** (2022)

*both authors contributed equally to this work

Summary: Review article about the first years of results from the next-generation spectrograph ESPRESSO at ESO's VLT telescope with an outlook on future avenues.

PEER REVIEWED, MAIN CO-AUTHOR

8. An atlas of resolved spectral features in the transmission spectrum of WASP-189 b with MAROON-X

Accepted in A&A, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.08863>

cited: -

Prinoth, B., [...], **Seidel, J. V.** et al. (2024)

Summary: This work is a follow-up to the Nature Astronomy publication on WASP-189 b and presents the most detailed catalogue of resolved species in an exoplanet atmosphere to date. It is meant as a benchmark for all theoretical models regarding line depth and position in ultra hot Jupiters in the future.

7. HEARTS VIII. Non-detection of sodium in the atmosphere of the aligned planet KELT-10b

A&A, 672, A134, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.05857>

cited: -

Steiner, M., [...], **Seidel, J. V.** et al. (2023)

Summary: This is the main outcome of M. Steiner's Master thesis and subsequent start of PhD work, where I supervised the analysis of the transmission spectroscopy data as presented in this work. We analysed the aligned planet KELT-10b and found a curiously featureless spectrum.

6. The hot Neptune WASP-166 b with ESPRESSO - III. A blue-shifted tentative water signal constrains the presence of clouds

MNRAS, 521, 1233-1252, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.04794>

cited: 5

Lafarga, M., [...], **Seidel, J. V.**, et al. (2023)

Summary: This is the follow-up paper to the sodium detection on the same planet where I am the lead author (see above in section main author papers). Here, we explore the presence of other elements, most importantly water and put the detections in context with our current knowledge regarding this planet: the first fully studied exoplanet at the edge of the Neptune desert that retained its atmosphere and future JWST target.

5. Hot Exoplanet Atmospheres Resolved with Transit Spectroscopy (HEARTS) VII. Detection of sodium on the long-transiting inflated sub-Saturn KELT-11 b

A&A, 668, A1, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.00597>

cited: 12

Mounzer, D., Lovis, C., **Seidel, J. V.**, [...] et al. (2022)

Summary: KELT-11b is one of the first studied long transit planets, which means the data analysis requires a new approach with the baseline obtained on separate nights. In this work, I provided the atmospheric retrieval and interpretation of the results. Curiously, the sodium doublet for this sub-Saturn indicates no significant atmospheric movement, in contrast to hot Jupiters. The theoretical exploration of that observation is ongoing.

4. Titanium oxide and chemical inhomogeneity in the atmosphere of the exoplanet WASP-189 b

Nature Astronomy, 6, 449, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.12732>

cited: 42

Prinoth, B., Hoeijmakers, H. J., Kitzmann, D., Sandvik, E., **Seidel, J. V.** et al. (2022)

Summary: This work pushes the boundaries of the cross-correlation technique and shows that, at first order, global zonal winds also have an impact on the Kp-vs- v_{sys} diagram. For this work, I provided the interpretation of the results in terms of atmospheric circulation and the resolved spectral lines, detecting sodium for WASP-189b.

3. TESS Reveals a Short-period Sub-Neptune Sibling (HD 86226c) to a Known Long-period Giant Planet

AJ, 160, 2, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.13927>

cited: 26

Teske, J., Díaz, M. R., Luque, R., Močnik, T., **Seidel, J. V.**, et al. (2020)

Summary: In this detection paper, I provided the outlook for atmospheric characterisation with the current space and ground-based facilities of the target.

2. Hot Exoplanet Atmospheres Resolved with Transit Spectroscopy (HEARTS) IV. A spectral inventory of atoms and molecules in the high-resolution transmission spectrum of WASP-121 b

A&A, 641, A123, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.11308>

cited: 99

Hoeijmakers, H. J., **Seidel, J. V.**, et al. (2020)

Summary: We explore the atmosphere of the WASP-76b twin: WASP-121b, an ultra-hot Jupiter with a dataset obtained with the HARPS spectrograph. I provided the sodium transmission spectrum from which we spearheaded a study of possible interpretations of the signal. We show that the signal is best explained by an optically thin sodium torus, originating from a planetary companion, like a debris field accreting on the planet. Additionally, I was instrumental in the development of a new bootstrapping method for the cross-correlation technique, making future detections more robust against false positives.

1. A spectral survey of an ultra-hot Jupiter. Detection of metals in the transmission spectrum of KELT-9 b

A&A, 627, A165, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.02096>

cited: 156

Hoeijmakers, H. J., [...], **Seidel, J. V.**, et al. (2019)

Summary: KELT-9b is the archetype of ultra-hot Jupiters and a class of its own as the hottest known exoplanet by far. This work explores the different atomic and molecular species in its atmosphere via the cross-correlation technique and provides a first full catalog which was then used for a wide range of follow-up work on this unique target. I spearheaded the analysis of the resolved spectral lines, providing resolved profiles for a wide range of elements not resolved in cooler atmospheres, e.g. iron and magnesium.

REVIEW ARTICLES, OTHER AUTHOR

1. Effects of the Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai Volcanic Eruption on Observations at Paranal Observatory

the Messenger, ESO, vol. 190, p. 58-61, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.08620>

De Rosa, R. J., [...], **Seidel, J. V.** (2023)

Summary: The Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai volcano erupted on 15 January 2022 with an energy equivalent to around 61 megatons of TNT. We present the results of a preliminary study of the effects of the explosion on observations taken at Paranal Observatory using a range of instruments. These effects were not immediately transitory, and a year later stunning sunsets are still being seen at Paranal.

PEER REVIEWED, OTHER AUTHOR

24. An ESPRESSO view of HD 189733 system. Broadband transmission spectrum, differential rotation, and system architecture

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SUBMITTED FOR PEER-REVIEW

1. Atmospheric detections of various elements with ESPRESSO for WASP-178b

Submitted to A&A, available upon request

Damasceno, Y., **Seidel, J. V.** et al. (2024)

Summary: This paper is led by my Master student Y. Damasceno. In this work, we employ both narrow-band and cross-correlation searches and detect FeI, FeII, MgI, H-alpha, and Na confidently. Our findings conflict with the results of Lothringer et al. 2022, Nature, claiming that the absence of MgI and FeII suggests the presence of SiO cloud precursors.

2. Highly eccentric warm Jupiters accessible with ANDES/ELT via high-resolution spectroscopy

Submitted to A&A, available upon request

Prinoth, B., Sedaghati, E., **Seidel, J. V.** et al. (2024)

Summary: This paper sheds light on an understudied population of exoplanets: warm Jupiters on eccentric orbits. Here, we study the impact of these wide orbits and simulate the detection potential for these worlds with the ELT ANDES spectrograph. Furthermore, we provide guidelines on how to best observe these objects in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 (upcoming) 10. MERAC prize, EAS annual assembly, Padova, Italy
- 2023 9. Invited Seminar, University of Bern, Switzerland
8. Invited Seminar, ISTA, Vienna, Austria
- 2022 7. Disks and Planets across ESO facilities, review talk, Munich, Germany
6. Invited Seminar, API, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
5. Swiss Society for Astronomy and Astrophysics, PhD Prize talk, Bern, Switzerland
4. ThinkShop, Potsdam, Germany, review talk
- 2021 3. NASA's ExoExplorers seminar series, online
2. Atmo2021 workshop, online, review talk
1. ESO's Hypathia colloquium, online

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

- 2024 (upcoming) 15. Exoplanets 5, Plenary, Leiden, the Netherlands
14. MIAPdP workshop on Habitability, Munich, Germany
13. Extreme Solar Systems V, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2023 12. Exoclimates VI, Exeter, UK
- 2022 11. EAS annual conference, Valencia, Spain
10. Exoplanets IV, Las Vegas, USA - retracted talk due to COVID infection
- 2021 9. EAS annual conference, online
- 2020 8. Physikerinnentagung, Hamburg, Germany, online
7. Eclipsing Exoplanets, canceled - COVID
6. Towards other Earths, canceled - COVID
5. EPSC annual conference, online
- 2019 4. RESCEU symposium, Okinawa, Japan
3. EPSC/DPS joint annual conference, Geneva, Switzerland
2. ExoJC conference, Bordeaux, France
1. PlanetS general assembly, Beatenberg, Switzerland

SEMINARS

- 2024 16. Seminar, LMU, Munich, Germany
- 2023 15. Seminar, University Andres Bello, Santiago, Chile
14. Visiting Scholar Seminar, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal
13. Visiting Scholar Seminar, Astronomy Laboratory Marseille (LAM), Marseille, France
12. Seminar, ESO Headquarters, Garching by Munich, Germany
11. Seminar, University Adolfo Ibañez, Santiago, Chile
- 2022 10. Visiting Scholar Seminar, INAF Arcetri, Florence, Italy
9. International Commission on Planetary Atmospheres and their Evolution (ICPAE) - online

- 2021
 - 8. Visiting Scholar Seminar, JPL/Caltech, USA
 - 7. Seminar, University of Concepcion, Chile - online
 - 6. ESO exoplanet seminar, Santiago, Chile
 - 2020
 - 5. Seminar, University of Lisbon, Portugal - online
 - 4. Seminar, Observatorio do Valongo, Brazil - online
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POSTERS

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 - 6. Towards other Earths III, Porto, Portugal
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 - 4. Extreme Solar Systems IV, Reykjavik, Iceland
 - 3. Exoclimates V, Oxford, UK
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 - 2. Exoplanets II, Cambridge, UK
 - 1. Recontres du Vietnam II on exoplanetary science, Vietnam