

# Saburo Howard | Curriculum Vitae

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## Education and research experience

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- Nov 2023 – present* **Postdoctoral researcher.** Institut für Astrophysik, Universität Zürich, Switzerland. Supervisor: Ravit Helled
- Oct 2020 – 2023* **PhD student.** Université Côte d’Azur, Institut Lagrange, Nice, France  
Supervisor: Tristan Guillot
- 2019 – 2020* **Master in Astrophysics,** Université de Strasbourg, France
- 2018 – 2019* **Mechanical engineer,** Dassault Aviation, Saint-Cloud, France
- 2015 – 2018* **ISAE-ENSMA,** École Nationale Supérieure de Mécanique et d’Aérotechnique, Poitiers
- 2013 – 2015* **PCSI/PC – Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Écoles,** Lycée Saint-Louis, Paris

## Teaching experience

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- 2025 – present* **Teaching assistant,** Universität Zürich  
Led exercise classes for the course "The Sun and Planets", targeting 1st- to 3rd-year undergraduate students.
- 2025* Lecture about planetary interiors at an **ARIEL summer school**  
(<https://www.ariel-mission.fr/ares-iv-2025/>)
- 2021 – 2023* **Teaching assistant,** Université Côte d’Azur  
Conducted exercise classes in Optics and supervised laboratory sessions in Thermodynamics and Waves, for 1st- and 2nd-year undergraduate students.

## Supervision of students

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- 2024 – 2025* Lorenzo Peerani – 2nd-year master student, UZH, Zürich (6 months)
- 2024* Niels Faucher – 1st-year master student, Université de Besançon (3 months)  
Jonas Schlör – 1st-year master student, ETH, Zürich (6 months)

## Community tasks

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- Since 2024* Organizer of the « Astrophysics seminars », Universität Zürich  
(<https://www.astro.uzh.ch/en/Information---Events/seminars.html>)
- 2021 – 2023* Representative of the PhD students at the lab Council, Institut Lagrange, Nice
- Since 2022* Referee for *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, *Icarus* and *Nature Communications*

## Involvement in international collaborations

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- Since 2023* Member of the NCCR **PlanetS** consortium.
- Since 2020* Member of the Interior Working Group (IWG) of the **Juno** mission. Involved in the regular meetings of the prime (2016-2021) and extended (2021-2025) missions. Involved in the writing of the proposal to NASA for the extended-extended mission.
- Since 2020* Member of the **PLATO** Work Package « Gas & Ice Giant Composition ».

## Contribution to the community

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Equation of state table for interactions between hydrogen and helium  
(available at <https://zenodo.org/records/7346181>)

## Close collaborators

T. Guillot (Institut Lagrange, Nice), R. Helled, S. Müller, G. Mazzola (University of Zurich), Y. Miguel, V. Ramirez (University of Leiden), M. Bazot (University of Heidelberg), N. Nettelmann, R. Redmer, A. Bergermann (University of Rostock), D. J. Stevenson (Caltech, USA), W. B. Hubbard (LPL, Arizona), S. Markham (New Mexico State University), E. Galanti, Y. Kaspi, M. Ziv (Weizmann Institute, Israel)

## References

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## Publications

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- 5 **first author** (« corresponding author ») publications:

1. **Howard S.**, Helled R., Müller S., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2025  
*Giant exoplanet composition: The impact of the hydrogen-helium equation of state and interior structure*
2. **Howard S.**, Müller S., Helled R., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2024  
*Evolution of Jupiter and Saturn with helium rain*
3. **Howard S.**, Guillot T., Markham S., Helled R., Müller S., et al., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2023  
*Exploring the hypothesis of an inverted Z gradient inside Jupiter*
4. **Howard S.**, Guillot T., Bazot M., Miguel Y., Stevenson D.J., et al., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2023  
*Jupiter's interior from Juno: equation of state uncertainties and dilute core extent*
5. **Howard S.** & Guillot T., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2023  
*Accounting for non-ideal mixing effects in the hydrogen-helium equation of state*

- 11 **co-author** publications:

6. Ziv M., Galanti E., **Howard S.**, Guillot T., Kaspi Y., et al., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2024  
*Characterizing Jupiter's interior using machine learning reveals four key structures*
7. Ziv M., Galanti E., Sheffer A., **Howard S.**, Guillot T., et al., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2024  
*NeuralCMS: A deep learning approach to study Jupiter's interior*
8. Schmider F. X., et al. (**Howard S.**), *The Planetary Science Journal*, 2024  
*Three-dimensional Atmospheric Dynamics of Jupiter from Ground-based Doppler Imaging Spectroscopy in the Visible*
9. Hobson M., et al. (**Howard S.**), *The Astronomical Journal*, 2023  
*TOI-199b: A well-characterized 100 day transiting warm giant planet with TTVs seen from Antarctica*
10. Sha L., et al. (**Howard S.**), *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 2023  
*TESS spots a mini-neptune interior to a hot saturn in the TOI-2000 system*
11. Bloot S., Miguel Y., Bazot M., **Howard S.**, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 2023  
*Exoplanet interior retrievals: core masses and metallicities from atmospheric abundances*
12. Korth J., Gandolfi D., Subjak J., **Howard S.**, et al., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2023  
*TOI-1130: A photodynamical analysis of a hot Jupiter in resonance with an inner low-mass planet*
13. Psaridi A., et al. (**Howard S.**), *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2023  
*Three Saturn-mass planets transiting F-type stars revealed with TESS and HARPS. TOI-615b, TOI-622b, and TOI-2641b*
14. Vowell N., et al. (**Howard S.**), *The Astronomical Journal*, 2023  
*HIP 33609b: An eccentric brown dwarf transiting a  $V = 7.3$  rapidly rotating B star*
15. Trifonov T., et al. (**Howard S.**), *The Astronomical Journal*, 2022  
*TOI-2525b and c: A pair of massive warm giant planets with strong transit timing variations revealed by TESS*
16. Miguel Y., Bazot M., Guillot T., **Howard S.**, et al., *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2022  
*Jupiter's inhomogeneous envelope*

- Review chapters :

17. Helled R. & **Howard S.**, Chapter for the '*Encyclopedia of Astrophysics*' to be published by Elsevier  
*Giant planet interiors and atmospheres*
18. Guillot T. & **Howard S.**, Article for the '*Encyclopedia Universalis*' (French encyclopedia) about the results of the Juno mission.  
*Juno*

- Submitted papers:

19. **Howard S.**, Helled R., Bergermann A., Redmer R., (submitted to *Astronomy & Astrophysics*)  
*The Possibility of Hydrogen-Water Demixing in Uranus, Neptune, K2-18b and TOI-270d*
20. Ramirez V., Miguel Y., **Howard S.**, (submitted to *Nature Astronomy*, in review)  
*A paradigm shift in planetary composition: Evidence for a rock-dominated envelope in Neptune*
21. Xie H., **Howard S.**, Mazzola G., (submitted to *Physical Review Letters*, in review)  
*Accurate and thermodynamically consistent hydrogen equation of state for planetary modeling with flow matching*
22. Cozza C., Nakano K., **Howard S.**, Xie H., Helled R., Mazzola G., (submitted to *Physical Review X*, in review)  
*Quantum Monte Carlo benchmarked hydrogen equation of state at planetary conditions*

- PhD thesis:

*Intérieurs des planètes géantes : de Juno à Plato*

## Conferences

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Sept 2024	EPSC (European Planetary Science Congress), Berlin, Germany Evolution of Jupiter and Saturn with helium rain ( <i>talk</i> )
June 2024	Exoplanets 5, Leiden, The Netherlands Interior of Jupiter and new equations of state: what consequences for exoplanets? ( <i>poster</i> )
Dec 2023	AGU (American Geophysical Union), San Francisco, USA From Jupiter to giant exoplanets: the importance of equations of state and high-pressure modelling ( <i>invited talk</i> )
Sept 2023	HP4 (High Pressure, Planetary and Plasma Physics), Rostock, Germany Jupiter's interior: the importance of equations of state ( <i>invited talk</i> )
March 2023	Planet-ESLAB, Noordwijk, The Netherlands Interior of Jupiter and new equations of state: what consequences for exoplanets? ( <i>talk</i> )
Jan 2023	Exosystèmes III, Marseille, France Interior of Jupiter and new equations of state: what consequences for exoplanets? ( <i>talk</i> )
Dec 2022	AGU (American Geophysical Union), Chicago, USA How extended is Jupiter's dilute core? ( <i>talk</i> )
July 2022	COSPAR, Athenes, Greece Robustness of Jupiter interior model solutions: importance of the hydrogen-helium equation of state ( <i>talk</i> )

Dec 2021	Exosystèmes II, Toulouse, France Jupiter's interior and the consequences on exoplanets ( <i>talk</i> )
Oct 2021	DPS (Division of Planetary Science), online Exploration of the structure of giant planets with fast calculations and a Bayesian approach ( <i>talk</i> )
Sept 2021	EPSC (European Planetary Science Congress), online Exploration of the structure of giant planets with fast calculations and a Bayesian approach ( <i>talk</i> )

## Seminars and workshops

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Nov 2025	Workshop on « Planet formation from the Atmosphere-Interior Perspective », Tel Aviv, Israel <b>Invited</b> by Allona Vazan
Oct 2025	ISSI workshop on « Unsolved mysteries of the Uranian system », Bern, Switzerland <b>Invited</b> by Ian Cohen
July 2025	Visit at Caltech, Pasadena, USA <b>Invited</b> by Dave Stevenson
July 2025	Seminar at JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory), Pasadena, USA <b>Invited</b> by Yasuhiro Hasegawa
June 2025	SF2A (Société Française d'Astronomie et d'Astrophysique), Toulouse, France
Dec 2024	Visit at IAS (Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale), Saclay <b>Invited</b> by Mathieu Vincendon
Oct 2024	PLATO workshop, Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur, Nice, France <b>Invited</b> by Tristan Guillot
May 2024	Seminar at the University of Zurich, Switzerland
April 2024	General Assembly of the PlanetS consortium, Engelberg, Switzerland
July 2023	Juno science team meeting, Rome, Italy
May 2023	Seminar at the Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel <b>Invited</b> by Eli Galanti and Yohai Kaspi
April 2023	Seminar at the University of Zurich, Switzerland <b>Invited</b> by Ravit Helled
Dec 2022	Seminar at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA <b>Invited</b> by Cheng Li
June 2022	Juno science team meeting on the prime mission, Pasadena, USA
June 2022	SF2A (Société Française d'Astronomie et d'Astrophysique), Besançon, France