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Submission of a new article to the MNRAS journal

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are submitting a manuscript, titled "The influence of surface CO_2 condensation on the evolution of warm and cold rocky planets orbiting Sun-like stars", by Bonati and Ramirez for your consideration to be published as a main journal paper in MNRAS.

This work presents new calculations investigating the role of CO_2 ice condensation on the climatic evolution of planets orbiting Sun-like (FGK) stars, and on the width of their habitable zones. The permanent collapse of atmospheric CO_2 on a planetary surface can become extremely important for bodies having high enough atmospheric CO_2 pressures and that are located at large orbital distances. Nevertheless, to our knowledge, the role of this process remains obscure and has been actively addressed by only one study so far, albeit using initial conditions that might not reflect the state of most planets during the course of their evolution.

Here, we employ an advanced energy balance model to explore the evolution of cold ($T_{\rm surf} = 230 \text{ K}$) and warm ($T_{\rm surf} = 280 \text{ K}$) planets with different atmospheric CO_2 pressures orbiting different types of stars, and determine the threshold at which CO_2 condensation becomes important. The main finding of our study is that CO_2 surface condensation more strongly affects the evolution of planets that are initially fully glaciated, compared to bodies that start out at clement surface conditions. Due to the...we believe that this article is well suited for publication in your journal.

We are available to answer any questions about this submission. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest regards,

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