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## EDUCATION

### **2019 - 2023** **PhD in Astronomy**

University of Liège  
Belgium

Towards the detailed atmospheric characterization of temperate rocky exoplanets

*Supervisor: Michaël Gillon (SPECULOOS & TRAPPIST teams)*

### **2016 - 2017** **MSc in Computer Science**

University of Bordeaux  
France

High performance computing and Image processing

### **2014 - 2017** **MSc in Optical Instrumentation**

Institut d'Optique  
France

Photonics and optical Instrumentation

### **2012 - 2014** **BS in Physics**

University of Paris-Sud  
France

Applied Physics

## POSITIONS

### **2019 - 2021** **Teaching assistant**

University of Liège  
Belgium

Supervision of tutorial sessions at undergraduate and graduate levels  
*150h/year – combined with half-time research*

### **2018 (1 year)** **Young Graduate Trainee**

ESA-ESTEC  
Netherlands

Development of novel strategies to build better spacecraft precursor models

### **2017 (6 months)** **Technical Student**

CERN  
Switzerland

Characterization and prototyping of next-generation Beam Wire Scanners for the LHC injectors upgrade

### **2016 (3 months)** **Trainee**

ESA-ESTEC  
Netherlands

Development and validation of a CCD cosmic ray impact simulator against Gaia in-orbit data

## TEACHING

### University of Liège

2019 - 2021

#### **Mechanics 101** Tutorials - Undergraduate

From Newtonian mechanics to the study of solids' motion

*Professor: Pierre Dauby*

#### **Mathematical modeling for the environment** Tutorials - Graduate

Dynamical modeling of populations and their environments

*Professor: Marilaure Grégoire*

#### **Astronomical observations** Tutorials and Lectures - Graduate

Telescope observations and applications to astrophysics (including practical sessions at the Oukaimeden observatory, Morocco)

*Professor: Emmanuel Jehin*

## SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENTS

### **prose**

Image Processing

Python, LaTeX

A Python package to build image processing pipelines. Developed for Astronomy to enable transparent research and reproducible products.

### **nuance**

Signal Processing

Python, JAX

A Python package to detect exoplanetary transits in the presence of stellar variability and instrumental noises.

### **SPECULOOS - portal**

Web application  
HTML-CSS-JS (VueJS)

A web-based portal to monitor the SPECULOOS transit survey nightly observations (interactive schedule, data visualization, comments and flagging system, diagnostics, and more)

### **SPECULOOS - workflows**

Data analysis  
Python, snakemake

Development of data analysis workflows for the automatic analysis and reporting of SPECULOOS observations (manager of the related working group).

### **TRAPPIST - ESO public release**

Data analysis  
Python, snakemake, prose

Reduction and first release of the TRAPPIST telescope photometric products (beginning 2023 with ESO).

**Related skills:** Python C++ C Julia JS - HTML - CSS LaTeX git

## COMMUNICATIONS

★ denotes invited

- July 2022 **HST/WFC3 transmission spectroscopy of the cold rocky planet TRAPPIST-1h**  
Talk [Garcia L. J.](#), Moran S., Rackham B. V. et al. *NAM 2022 (Warwick, UK)*
- July 2022 **The bright future of PSF photometry using convolutional neural networks**  
Poster [Garcia L. J.](#), *NAM 2022 (Warwick, UK)*
- May 2022 **Transmission spectroscopy of the cold rocky planet TRAPPIST-1h**  
Poster [Garcia L. J.](#), Moran S., Rackham B. V. et al. *Exoplanet IV (Las Vegas, USA)*
- May 2022 **TRAPPIST-1h transmission spectrum: Knowing the star**  
Talk [Garcia L. J.](#), Moran S., Rackham B. V. et al. *SAG21 symposium (online)*
- Jun. 2019 ★ **specphot: a suite for SPECULOOS data analysis**  
Poster [Garcia L. J.](#) & the SPECULOOS team *TRAPPIST-1 conference (Liège, Belgium)*

## PUBLICATIONS

First-authored

- 2022 **Spectroscopic anatomy of a polar spot on an M4-type star**  
[Garcia L. J.](#) et al. *in prep.*
- 2022 **nuance: Transit detection in the presence of stellar variability and correlated noise**  
[Garcia L. J.](#), Foreman-Mackey, D. *in prep. for A&A*
- 2022 **HST/WFC3 transmission spectroscopy of the cold rocky planet TRAPPIST-1h**  
[Garcia L. J.](#), Moran, S. E., Rackham, B. V., et al. *A&A*, 665, A19
- 2022 **prose: a Python framework for modular astronomical images processing**  
[Garcia L. J.](#), Timmermans, Mathilde, Pozuelos, Francisco J. et al. *MNRAS* 509 4817-4828
- 2018 **Validation of a CCD cosmic ray event simulator against Gaia in-orbit data**  
[Garcia L.](#), Prod'homme T., Lucsanyi D. et al. *Proc. SPIE* 10709

+18 other collaborations

## MISCELLANEOUS

Ultra running - Illustration

$$\sqrt{81} = 8 + 1$$