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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**EMPLOYMENT**

2023-     Scientist V, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
2019-23   Scientist IV, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
2015-19   Scientist III, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
2013-15   Hubble Fellow, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

**EDUCATION**

2013     Ph.D., Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
          *"Atmospheric Photochemistry, Surface Features, and Potential Biosignature Gases of Terrestrial Exoplanets," Advisor: Sara Seager*  
2009     M.S., Astrophysics, Tsinghua University  
2009     Diplôme d'Ingénieur (French Engineer's Degree), École Centrale Paris  
2007     B.S., Mathematics and Physics, Tsinghua University

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Characterization of atmospheres, surfaces, and geologic histories of rocky exoplanets.  
Characterization of low-temperature exoplanets from Earth-sized to Jupiter-sized.  
Atmospheric physics and chemistry in a wide range of planetary environments.  
Atmospheric evolution of Mars and other rocky planets and exoplanets. Search for potentially habitable planets and biosignatures. Gas and aqueous phase chemical kinetics.  
Starshade and advanced space instrumentation.

**SELECTED AWARDS**

2024     JPL Team Award for significant contributions to the Habitable Worlds Observatory  
2023     Scialog Fellow, Research Corporation for Science Advancement  
2021     JPL Edward Stone Award for outstanding research publication  
2020     NASA Early Career Public Achievement Medal  
2019     NASA Group Achievement Award for astrophysics large mission studies  
2017     JPL Voyager Award for individual achievement  
2013-15   NASA Hubble Fellowship  
2011-13   NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship  
2012     Barrett Prize, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
2009     Presidential Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
2009     Best Master Dissertation, Tsinghua University  
2009     Wu You-Xun Prize, Tsinghua University

## SPACE MISSION & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2024- **Co-founder**, NASA Study Analysis Group (SAG26) on exoplanet reflectance spectroscopy for the Habitable Worlds Observatory (HWO)
- Initiate and lead the community study to compare and converge on the practices of the simulation and retrieval of the exoplanet reflectance spectra, with a focus on terrestrial exoplanets relevant to HWO
- 2024- **Exoplanet Theme Lead**, NASA HWO Project Science Team
- Lead the definition of the measurement requirements related to exoplanet search and characterization
  - Serve as the project Point of Contact for science community working groups
- 2023- **Member**, NASA Science, Technology, Architecture Review Team (START) for HWO
- Chartered to quantify the science objectives and inform the technology maturation program of HWO
  - **Co-chair** of the “Characterizing Exoplanets” working group (>300 participating scientists, lead the steering committee, oversee the development of 7 key science cases on characterizing exoplanets)
  - **Steering Committee** of the “Exoplanet Science Yield” working group
- 2022- **Principal Investigator**, JPL Strategic Initiative for scientific optimization of missions
- Lead a team of 7 staff scientists and additional postdocs and students to optimize the spectroscopic measurements for HWO
- 2024 **Group Supervisor**, JPL Exoplanet Discovery and Science Group
- Organized and coordinated the science activities of 16 staff scientists and 6 postdocs. Provided personnel management
- 2018-24 **Starshade Scientist**, NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program
- Provided project science leadership to the Starshade Technology Development to TRL-5 (S5) project and managed a national-level and community-facing science and industry partnership program
  - Led a team of 6 JPL scientists and engineers to develop and conduct the Starshade Exoplanet Data Challenge, and managed the acquisition of two external participating teams through a proposal process
- 2022- **Collaborator**, Ultraviolet Explorer (UVEX), a Medium-Class Explorer (MIDEX) mission in Phase B
- 2022-23 **Exoplanet Science Lead**, JPL Uranus flagship mission concept team
- **Co-chair** of the exoplanet working group (>10 external subject matter experts, oversee the development of two key science cases at the intersection between the explorations of Uranus and exoplanets)
- 2017-21 **Atmospheric Science Lead**, Starshade Rendezvous Probe concept study and Roman Space Telescope starshade accommodation study
- 2021-23 **Member**, Venus in-situ aerobot mission concept team

- Outlined the atmospheric chemistry, cloud physics, and astrobiology investigations enabled by a maneuverable balloon that would operate at the cloudy layers of the Venusian atmosphere
- 2018-22 **Member**, TESS Atmospheric Characterization Working Group
- 2016-21 **Member**, WFIRST (Roman) Coronagraph Science Investigation Teams
- 2016-17 **Member**, NASA Study Analysis Group (SAG16) on exoplanet biosignatures
- 2016-17 **Member**, NASA Study Analysis Group (SAG15) on science questions for direct imaging exoplanet missions
- 2014 **Principal Investigator** for science return of direct-imaging exoplanet missions, NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2024 **Member**, JPL Palomar Review Board
- 2024 **Panel Reviewer**, NSF Astronomy and Astrophysics Research Grants
- 2023 **External Reviewer**, James Webb Space Telescope Time Allocation Committee
- 2022 **Chair**, Astrophysics Return to Lab Working Group, Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- 2021- **Chair**, Astrophysics Colloquium Committee, Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- 2020 **Panel Reviewer**, Hubble Space Telescope Time Allocation Committee
- 2016- **Founder**, Exoplanet Lunch Seminar Series, Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- 2013- **Referee** for Science, Nature, Nature Geoscience, Nature Astronomy, PNAS, ApJ, ApJS, MNRAS, A&A, Astrobiology, Icarus, EPSL, JGR, and GRL
- 2012- **Panel Reviewer** for NASA's Planetary Atmospheres Program, Mars Data Analysis Program, Mars2020 Participating Scientists Program, Exoplanets Research Program, Exobiology Program, Astrophysics Research and Analysis Program, and Earth and Space Science Fellowship
- 2018 **Panel Reviewer**, Hubble Space Telescope Time Allocation Committee
- 2018 **Member**, Organizing Committee of the workshop "Combining high-resolution spectroscopy and high-contrast imaging for exoplanet characterization"
- 2018 **Member**, Selection Committee of NASA Hubble Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2017 **Member**, Selection Committee of NSF Astronomy and Astrophysics Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2015 **Panel Reviewer**, Hubble Space Telescope Time Allocation Committee

## POSTDOC ADVISING EXPERIENCE

- 2025- Mantas Zilinskas, JPL Postdoc Fellow
- 2023- Armen Tokadjian, JPL Postdoc Fellow
- 2022- Apurva V. Oza, JPL Postdoc Fellow (co-advise with Rosaly Lopes)
- 2022- Jeehyun Yang, JPL Postdoc Fellow
- 2022- Aaron Bello-Arufe, JPL Postdoc Fellow
- 2021-23 Markus Scheucher, JPL Postdoc Fellow (now JPL employee)
- 2018-22 Mario Damiano, JPL Postdoc Fellow (now JPL employee)

## GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING EXPERIENCE

- 2022- Kimberly Paragas (Caltech, co-advise with Heather Knutson)  
2021-23 Danica Adams (Caltech, co-advise with Yuk Yung). Now prize postdoc at Harvard  
2015 Peter Gao (Caltech, co-advise with Yuk Yung). Now staff scientist at the Carnegie Institution for Science

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Claire Mao (MIT)  
2024 Evann Kurzawa (Ecole des Mines de Saint-Étienne)  
2023-25 Zachary Burr (Delft University of Technology). Now graduate student at ETH Zurich  
2023 Aidan Robinson (UCLA)  
2022-23 Audrey DeVault (Caltech). Now graduate student at MIT  
2022 Naylynn Tañón Reyes (Smith College). Now working in the healthcare industry  
2020-21 Lexy LeMar (Caltech). Now graduate student at MIT  
2018-23 Trent Thomas (UCLA). Now graduate student at U. Washington  
2018-19 Héctor Delgado Diaz (Cal State LA). Now graduate student at U. Washington  
2018 Luke Peterson (Northwestern University). Now graduate student at CU Boulder  
2017-18 Tre'Shunda James (Occidental College). Now postdoc at NASA Goddard  
2017 Isabel Angelo (UC Berkeley). Now graduate student at UCLA  
2017 George Filippatos (Penn State). Now postdoc at U. Chicago

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015- **Guest Lecturer**, California Institute of Technology, Class Ge/Ay 159: Astrobiology (Planetary Evolution and Habitability)  
2015 **Co-Instructor**, California Institute of Technology, Class Ge 194: Isotopic Tracers of Mars Atmosphere-Surface Interactions  
2014 **Professional Development Program**, Institute for Scientist and Engineer Educators, UC Santa Cruz  
2012 **Teaching Certificate Program**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
2010 **Teaching Assistant**, Tsinghua University, Class: Quantum Mechanics

## EXTERNAL GRANTS & COMPETITIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAMS

- **Awarded \$4.5M since 2015, of which \$3.6M as PI or Co-PI**
- **NASA ROSES:** 3 programs as PI, 5 programs as Co-I
- **JWST Observations:** 7 programs (165 hours) as PI and Co-PI, 8 programs (231 hours) as Co-I
- **HST Observations:** 1 program (6 orbits) as PI, 3 programs (241 orbits) as Co-I
- **Spitzer Observations:** 2 programs (176 hours) as Co-I

**PI, NASA Astrophysics Decadal Survey Precursor Science Program**, Retiring the risk of misidentifying planet types from reflected light spectra, 2025-2028, \$622K

**PI, JWST Cycle 3**, Efficient and Detailed Characterization of a Temperate Water World Candidate, 2024-2026, \$190K (17 observing hours)

**PI, JWST Cycle 3**, Detailed Atmospheric Characterization of a Unique Low-Temperature Exo-Saturn, 2024-2026, \$247K (25 observing hours)

**Co-PI, JWST Cycle 2**, Probing the volcanic outgassing activity of a warm sub-Earth planet, 2023-2025, \$227K (PI: Mario Damiano, 13 observing hours)

**PI, JWST Cycle 1**, Deep Characterization of the Atmosphere of a Temperate Sub-Neptune, 2022-2025, \$394K (68 observing hours)

**PI, JWST Cycle 1**, Determining the Atmospheric Composition of the Super-Earth 55 Cancri e, 2022-2024, \$236K (16 observing hours)

**Co-PI, JWST Cycle 1**, Exploring the nature of a temperate exoplanet in the Fulton gap, 2022-2024, \$227K (PI: Mario Damiano, 14 observing hours)

**Co-PI, JWST Cycle 1**, A Search for Signatures of Volcanism and Geodynamics on the Hot Rocky Exoplanet LHS 3844b, 2022-2024 \$176K (PI: Laura Kreidberg, 12 observing hours)

**PI, NASA Exoplanets Research Program**, Thermal Structure, Chemistry, and Observational Signatures of Cold Exoplanet Atmospheres, 2018-2022, \$459K

**PI, NASA Habitable Worlds**, Constraining Early Mars's Atmosphere and Habitability with Isotopic Measurements, 2017-2022, \$808K

**PI, HST Cycle 24**, First Transmission Spectrum of a Cold, Water-Cloud Gas Giant Planet, 2017-2020, \$75K (6 observing orbits)

**Co-I, JWST Cycle 2**, Mapping the atmosphere or surface of a hot ultra-short-period super Earth, 2023-2024, \$91K (PI: Michael Zhang, 17 observing hours)

**Co-I, JWST Cycle 2**, The search for regolith on the airless exoplanet LHS 3844 b, 2023-2024, \$64K (PI: Sebastian Zieba, 19 observing hours)

**Co-I, HST Cycle 30**, The SPACE Program: A Sub-Neptune Planetary Atmosphere Characterization Experiment, 2022-2025, \$64K (PI: Laura Kreidberg, 205 observing orbits)

**Co-I, JWST Cycle 1**, Is it raining lava in the evening on 55 Cancri e? 2022-2024, \$98K (PI: Alexis Brandeker, 25 observing hours)

**Co-I, JWST Cycle 1**, Searching Our Closest Stellar Neighbor for Planets and Zodiacal Emission, 2022-2025, \$15K (PI: Charles Beichman, 25 observing hours)

**Co-I, JWST Cycle 1**, Unveiling the Atmospheric Composition and Haze Formation Rates in the Young, Cool, Super-Puff Kepler-51d, 2022-2024, \$40K (PI: Jessica Libby-Roberts, 21 observing hours)

**Co-I, JWST Cycle 1**, Hot Take on a Cool World: Does Trappist-1c Have an Atmosphere, 2022-2023, \$19K (PI: Laura Kreidberg, 18 observing hours)

**Co-I, JWST Cycle 1**, The First and Only Multi-wavelength Map of an Ultra-short-period sub-Earth, 2022-2023, \$18K (PI: Michael Zhang, 13 observing hours)

**Co-I, JWST Cycle 1**, The first near-infrared spectroscopic phase-curve of a super-Earth, 2022-2023, \$16K (PI: Nestor Espinoza, 15 observing hours)

**Co-I, JWST Early Release Science**, The Transiting Exoplanet Community Early Release Science Program, 2017-2023 (PI: Natalie Batalha, 78 observing hours)

**Co-I, NASA Exoplanets Research Program**, The Imitation Game: Construction of a Habitable Exoplanet Detection Machine, 2020-2023, \$22K (PI: Jonathan Jiang)

**Co-I, HST Cycle 28**, Confirming a Tentative Detection of an Atmosphere around a Potentially Rocky Planet, 2021-2023, \$30K (PI: Thomas Barclay, 8 observing orbits)

**Co-I, HST Cycle 27**, Searching for Secondary Atmospheres in a System of Benchmark Worlds, 2021-2022, \$64K (PI: Thomas Barclay, 28 observing orbits)

**Co-I, NASA WFIRST Science Investigation Teams and Adjutant Scientists**, Optimizing WFIRST Coronagraph Science, 2016-2021, \$114K (PI: Bruce Macintosh)

**Co-I, HST Cycle 25**, Model Atmospheres and Spectral Irradiance Library of the Exoplanet Host Stars Observed in the MUSCLES Survey, 2018-2020, \$86K (PI: Jeffrey Linsky)

**Co-I, NASA Planetary Data Archiving, Restoration, and Tools**, Restoring and Archiving Voyager 1 Cruise Images of Uranus and Neptune, 2018-2020, \$17K (PI: Daniel Wenkert)

**Co-I, NASA TESS General Investigator**, Characterizing the Super-Earth 55 Cnc e: The TESS Opportunity, 2019 (PI: Diana Dragomir)

**Co-I, NASA WFIRST Preparatory Science**, Detecting and Characterizing Exoplanets with the WFIRST Coronagraph: Colors of Planets in Standard and Designer Bandpasses, 2015-2018, \$74K (PI: Margaret Turnbull)

**Co-I, Spitzer Cycle 14**, A Test for the Existence of An Atmosphere on a Terrestrial Exoplanet Orbiting a Small Star, 2018 (PI: Laura Kreidberg, 101 observing hours)

**Co-I, Spitzer Cycle 9**, The First Orbital Phase Curve of a Rocky Exoplanet, 2012 (PI: Brice-Olivier Demory, 75 observing hours)

**Science PI, NASA Hubble Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Chemical Fingerprints of Alien Worlds – Towards an Evolutionary View of Mars and Terrestrial Exoplanet Atmospheres, 2013-2015, \$317K

**Science PI, NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship**, Photochemistry of Super Earth Exoplanet Atmospheres, 2011-2013, \$60K

## INVITED TALKS

### Seminars and Colloquia

2025	Caltech, Geological and Planetary Sciences Division Seminar
2025	UT Austin, Center for Planetary Systems Habitability Seminar
2025	Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Joint Astrophysics Colloquium
2025	Penn State University, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics Colloquium
2024	Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Exocoffee
2024	Rocky Worlds Discussion
2024	UC Riverside, Astrobiology Seminar

2023 Tokyo Institute of Technology, Earth-Life Science Institute Seminar  
 2023 UCLA, Planetary Science Seminar  
 2023 Caltech, DIX Planetary Science Seminar  
 2021 University of Arizona, Lunar and Planetary Laboratory Colloquium  
 2021 NASA Nexus for Exoplanet System Science, CLEVER Planets Seminar  
 2021 Institute of Planetary Research, German Aerospace Center, Seminar  
 2021 Northwestern University, Astrophysics Seminar  
 2021 National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, Seminar  
 2019 California State University, Los Angeles, Physics and Astronomy Seminar  
 2019 Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Origins of Life Seminar  
 2019 Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, Department Seminar  
 2018 Geneva Observatory, Seminar  
 2018 UCLA, Planetary Science Seminar  
 2018 University of Florida, Astronomy Seminar  
 2017 CNRS Orléans, Space Science Seminar  
 2017 Caltech, Geological and Planetary Sciences Seminar  
 2017 Academia Sinica, Astronomy Colloquium  
 2016 California State University, Northridge, Physics and Astronomy Seminar  
 2016 ETH Zurich, Astrophysics Seminar  
 2016 University of Bern, Space Research Seminar  
 2016 Geneva Observatory, Seminar  
 2016 Arizona State University, Astrobiology Seminar  
 2014 Caltech, Kiegel Lectures in Planetary Sciences  
 2014 UCLA, Planetary Seminar  
 2013 UCLA, iPLEX Lunch Seminar  
 2013 Caltech, Yuk Lunch Seminar  
 2012 Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, SSP Seminar  
 2012 Institute for Advanced Study, Seminar

#### **Invited Conference Talks**

2025 MIT Knight Science Journalism Workshop on Breaking News of Life Beyond, Tucson, Arizona  
 2024 Lorentz Center Workshop on Neutral and Ion Photochemistry in Planetary Atmospheres, Leiden, Netherlands  
 2024 COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Panel on Habitable Worlds Observatory, Busan, South Korea  
 2024 ISSI Workshop on the Geoscience of (Exo)planets, Bern, Switzerland  
 2024 Ringberg Castle Workshop on Small Exoplanets, Germany  
 2023 Scialog Conference on Signatures of Life in the Universe, Tuscon, AZ  
 2022 Exoplanets in Our Backyard 2, Albuquerque, NM  
 2022 Chianti International Workshop on Atmospheres, Florence, Italy  
 2021 Planetary Science and Astrobiology Decadal Survey, Mars Panel

- 2019 234<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, St Louis, MO
- 2019 EGU General Assembly, Vienna, Austria
- 2018 Defining the Landscape for Precision Radial Velocity (PRV) Science in the 2018-2028 Time Frame, Pasadena, CA
- 2018 Technology for Direct Detection and Characterization of Exoplanets, Pasadena, CA
- 2017 Asia Oceania Geosciences Society 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Singapore
- 2016 NASA Starshade Technology Workshop, Pasadena, CA
- 2016 Community Astrophysics with WFIRST, Guest Observer and Archival Science, Pasadena, CA
- 2016 227<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Kissimmee, FL
- 2015 Exoplanetary Atmospheres and Habitability, Nice, France
- 2015 IAU XXIX General Assembly, Honolulu, HI
- 2015 Planetary Systems: a Synergistic View, Quy Nhon, Vietnam
- 2015 Physics of Exoplanets: From Earth-sized to Mini Neptunes, Santa Barbara, CA

#### **MEDIA REPORTS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH**

- 2025 Nearby Habitable-Zone Exoplanet May Be a World of Fire and Ice, by Scientific American
- 2024 Featured speaker for SETI Live
- 2024 *A Magma Ocean Fuels This Exoplanet's Atmosphere*, by AGU Eos
- 2024 *Milestone discovery as JWST confirms atmosphere on an Earth-like exoplanet*, by Nature News
- 2024 *NASA's Webb Hints at Possible Atmosphere Surrounding Rocky Exoplanet*, NASA press release and media coverage by AP, Reuters, ABC, Scientific American, Space.com, Gizmodo, Astronomy, etc.
- 2024 *NASA's James Webb Space Telescope could help solve these 5 exoplanet puzzles*, by Science News
- 2022 *JWST Science Feature Volcanic Worlds*, NASA/STScI press release
- 2021 *How to Find Hidden Oceans on Distant Worlds? Use Chemistry*, NASA press release
- 2021 *Where are the water worlds? New tool to find out*, by EarthSky
- 2021 *The Water on Mars Vanished – This Might Be Where It Went*, by NY Times, National Geographic, and multiple media outlets
- 2019 *A Rare Look at the Surface of a Rocky Exoplanet*, NASA press release
- 2018 Science advisor for “Signs of Life”, an award-winning planetarium show at the Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles (premiered in May 2022)
- 2017 *Lava or Not, Exoplanet 55 Cancri e Likely to Have Atmosphere*, by National Geographic
- 2017 *Our Living Planet Shapes the Search for Life Beyond Earth*, by NASA News
- 2017 Panel Discussion on the movie “Arrival” at the Los Angeles Public Library



- 2017     *Signs of Alien Air Herald a New Era of Exoplanet Discoveries*, by Scientific American
- 2016     *Testing for Methane on Mars*, by Airspacemag.com
- 2015     *Mystery on Mars: Does Methane Really Indicate Life?* by Space.com
- 2015     *Mars' Ancient Atmosphere Wasn't Very Thick After All*, by Discovery Channel
- 2015     *Helium-Filled Exoplanets Likely Float Throughout the Galaxy*, by Discovery Channel and Space.com
- 2013     *Investigating Exoplanet Surfaces*, by Astrobiology Magazine
- 2012     *Mars Snowflakes Are as Tiny as Red Blood Cells*, by CBS, Nature, Discovery Channel, National Geographic, and Space.com
- 2011     *How Astronomers May Hunt for Life on Alien Planets*, by Astrobiology Magazine

## PUBLICATIONS

105 refereed publications, 25 first-author papers, h-index = 40 (using NASA ADS)

\*student advisee, #postdoc advisee and research group member, ^equal contribution

ADS Library: <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/public-libraries/im9iiqF6Se268wGNIdielA>

Copies of the papers are available at: <https://renyuplanet.github.io/publication.html>

### Papers under Review

- Michael Greklek-McKeon, Heather A. Knutson, Garrett Levine, **Renyu Hu**, Morgan Saidel, Jonathan Barrientos, Konstantin Batygin, and Björn Benneke (2025), *Updated Mass, Eccentricity, and Tidal Heating Constraints for the Earth-sized Planet LP 791-18 d*, **AAS Journals**, under review
- #Mantas Zilinskas, Christiaan van Buchem, Sebastian Zieba, Yamila Miguel, Emily Sandford, **Renyu Hu**, Leoni Janssen, Jayshil A. Patel, #Aaron Bello-Arufe, Diana Dragomir, Shang-Min Tsai, and Michael Zhang (2025), *Characterizing the Atmosphere of 55 Cancri e – 1D Forward Model Grid for Current and Future JWST Observations*, **A&A**, under review
- Apurva V. Oza, ... **Renyu Hu**, et al. (2025), *Volcanic Satellites Tidally Venting Na, K, SO<sub>2</sub> in Optical & Infrared Light*, **MNRAS**, under review
- Collin Cherubim, Robin Wordsworth, Danica Adams, Dan J. Bower, Paolo A. Sossi, and **Renyu Hu** (2025), *An Oxidation Gradient Straddling the Small Planet Radius Valley*, **AAS Journals**, under review
- Brandon Park Coy, ... **Renyu Hu**, et al. (2025), *Population-level Hypothesis Testing with Rocky Planet Emission Data: A Tentative Trend in the Brightness Temperatures of M-Earths*, **AAS Journals**, under review
- \*Zachary Burr, Vincent Kofman, **Renyu Hu**, #Mario Damiano, and Geronimo L. Villanueva (2025), *Effects of Heterogeneous Surfaces and Atmospheric Dynamics on Reflectance Spectroscopy of Earth-like Exoplanets*, **AAS Journals**, under review
- Michael Greklek-McKeon, ... **Renyu Hu**, et al. (2025), *Tidally Heated Sub-Neptunes, Refined Planetary Compositions, and Confirmation of a Third Planet in the TOI-1266 System*, **AAS Journals**, under review
- Elsa Ducrot, ... **Renyu Hu**, et al. (2025), *No thick atmosphere around TRAPPIST-1 b and c*, **Nature Astronomy**, under review
- Björn Benneke, ... **Renyu Hu**, et al. (2025), *JWST Reveals CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>O in a Metal-rich Miscible Atmosphere on a Two-Earth-Radius Exoplanet*, **AAS Journals**, under review (arXiv: 2403.03325)
- Christopher D. Parkinson, Stephen W. Bougher, Franklin P. Mills, **Renyu Hu**, Guillaume Gronoff, Jiazheng Li, Amanda Brecht, and Yuk L. Yung (2025), *Venus as an Exoplanet: I. An*

*Initial Exploration of the 3-D Energy Balance for a CO<sub>2</sub> Exoplanetary Atmosphere Around an M-Dwarf Star*, **J. Geophys. Res. Planets**, under review (arXiv: 2205.10958)

## Refereed Publications – Major Contributions

### 2025

[M61] \*Kimberly Paragas, Heather A. Knutson, **Renyu Hu**, Bethany L. Ehlmann, Giulia Alemanno, Jörn Helbert, Alessandro Maturilli, Michael Zhang, and George Rossman (2025), *A New Spectral Library for Modeling the Surfaces of Hot, Rocky Exoplanets*, **ApJ**, in press (arXiv:2502.04433)

[M60] #Aaron Bello-Arufe, #Mario Damiano, Katherine Bennett, **Renyu Hu**, Luis Welbanks, Ryan MacDonald, Darryl Seligman, David Sing, #Armen Tokadjian, #Apurva Oza, and #Jeehyun Yang (2025), *Evidence for A volcanic atmosphere on the sub-Earth L 98-59 b*, **ApJ Letters**, 980, L26

[M59] #Mario Damiano, \*Zachary Burr, **Renyu Hu**, Vanessa Bailey, Jennifer Burt, Tiffany Kataria, and Bertrand Mennesson (2025), *Effects of planetary mass uncertainties on the interpretation of the reflectance spectra of Earth-like exoplanets*, **AJ**, 169, 97

[M58] \*Danica Adams, #Markus Scheucher, **Renyu Hu**, Bethany Ehlmann, \*Trent B. Thomas, Robin Wordsworth, Eva L. Scheller, Rob Lillis, Kayla Smith, Heike Rauer, and Yuk L. Yung (2025), *Episodic Warm Climates on Early Mars Primed by Crustal Hydration*, **Nature Geoscience**, 18, 133

### 2024

[M57] #Armen Tokadjian, **Renyu Hu**, and #Mario Damiano (2024), *The Detectability of CH<sub>4</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub>/CO and N<sub>2</sub>O Biosignatures through Reflection Spectroscopy of Terrestrial Exoplanets*, **AJ**, 168, 292

[M56] #Mario Damiano, Stuart Shaklan, **Renyu Hu**, et al. (2024), *Starshade Exoplanet Data Challenge: What We Learned*, **Journal of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems**, 10, 048001

[M55] #Jeehyun Yang and **Renyu Hu** (2024), *Chemical Mapping of Temperate Sub-Neptune Atmospheres: Constraining the Deep Interior H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub> Ratio from the Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> Ratio*, **ApJ Letters**, 971, L48

[M54] **Renyu Hu**, #Aaron Bello-Arufe, Micheal Zhang, et al. (2024), *A Secondary Atmosphere on the Rocky Exoplanet 55 Cancri e*, **Nature**, 630, 609

[M53] #Mario Damiano, #Aaron Bello-Arufe, #Jeehyun Yang, and **Renyu Hu** (2024), *LHS 1140 b is a potentially habitable water world*, **ApJ Letters**, 968, L22

[M52] Collin Cherubim, Robin Wordsworth, **Renyu Hu**, and Evgenya Shkolnik (2024), *Strong fractionation of deuterium and helium in sub-Neptune atmospheres along the radius valley*, **ApJ**, 967, 139

[M51] #Jeehyun Yang and **Renyu Hu** (2024), *Automated chemical reaction network generation and its application to exoplanet atmospheres*, **ApJ**, 966, 189

[M50] Michael Zhang, **Renyu Hu**, Julie Inglis, et al. (2024), *GJ 367b is a dark, hot, airless sub-Earth*, **ApJ Letters**, 961, L44

## 2023

[M49] #Mario Damiano, **Renyu Hu**, and Bertrand Mennesson (2023), *Reflected Spectroscopy of Small Exoplanets. III. Probing the UV Band to Measure Biosignature Gases*, **AJ**, 166, 157

[M48] **Renyu Hu**, Fabrice Gaillard, and Edwin Kite (2023), *Narrow loophole for H<sub>2</sub>-dominated atmospheres on habitable rocky planets around M dwarfs*, **ApJ Letters**, 948, L20

[M47] \*Trent Thomas, **Renyu Hu**, and Daniel Y. Lo (2023), *Constraints on the size and composition of the ancient Martian atmosphere from coupled CO<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>-Ar isotopic evolution models*, **PSJ**, 4, 41

## 2022

[M46] Steffen Buessecker, Hiroshi Imanaka, Tucker Ely, **Renyu Hu**, Stephen J. Romaniello, and Hinsby Cadillo-Quiroz (2022), *Marine mineral-catalyzed NO and N<sub>2</sub>O formation on the anoxic early Earth*, **Nature Geoscience**, 15, 1056

[M45] Robert A. West, Philip Dumont, **Renyu Hu**, Vijay Natraj, James Breckinridge, and Pin Chen (2022), *Spectropolarimetry as a Means to Address Cloud Composition and Habitability for a Cloudy Exoplanetary Atmosphere in the Habitable Zone*, **ApJ**, 940, 183

[M44] #Mario Damiano, **Renyu Hu**, et al. (2022), *A transmission spectrum of the sub-Earth planet L98-59 b in 1.1 – 1.7  $\mu$ m*, **AJ**, 164, 225

[M43] #Mario Damiano and **Renyu Hu** (2022), *Reflected spectroscopy of small planets II: characterization of terrestrial exoplanets*, **AJ**, 163, 299

[M42] **Renyu Hu** and \*Trent Thomas (2022), *A nitrogen-rich atmosphere on ancient Mars consistent with isotopic evolution models*, **Nature Geoscience**, 15, 106

## 2021

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