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NATIONALITY German

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Characterisation of giant planet atmospheres.
Modelling of planetary atmospheres, with focus on terrestrial- and giant planet atmospheres.
Habitability and detectability of biosignature gases in exoplanet atmospheres.
Geophysical fluid dynamics. Atmospheric chemistry.

EDUCATION

2013-2017 **DPhil Physics**
Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics, Trinity College, University of Oxford
Thesis: “Dynamical circulation regimes of planetary (and exo-planetary) atmospheres”
2011-2013 **M.Sc. Physics** (1.6, on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is best)
Technische Universität Berlin
Thesis: “Modelling the influence of cosmic rays on the atmospheric chemistry of Earth-like exoplanets”
2007-2011 **B.Sc. Physics** (2.0, same scale as above)
Technische Universität Berlin
Thesis: “Effects of cosmic rays on trace gases in Earth-like atmospheres”
2007 **Abitur** (German higher education entrance qualification)
John F. Kennedy School, Berlin
2006 **High School Diploma**
John F. Kennedy School, Berlin

EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

SINCE 2017 **NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology**
Postdoctoral Research Scholar
Characterization of circumpolar cyclones in Jupiter’s polar region including velocity measurements, analysis of velocity spectra and simple models explaining their stability.
Coordination of Earth-based, supporting observations for the Juno spacecraft.
2013-2017 **Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics, Dept. of Physics, University of Oxford**
DPhil Student
Parameter study of diurnal effects on slowly-rotating planets, spectral fluxes of kinetic and potential energy using simple general circulation model (PUMA).
Lorenz energy budget of Mars from reanalysis of observation data to compare w/ atmospheric energetics of Earth and parameter study runs.

EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

- 2012-2013 **Institute of Planetary Research, German Aerospace Center (DLR) and Department for Astronomy and Astrophysics, TU Berlin**
1-year M.Sc. thesis project
Radiative and photochemical effects of stellar and galactic cosmic ray fluxes under M dwarf conditions and their effect on planetary transmission and emission spectra using a 1-dimensional radiative-convective model with coupled photochemistry.
- 2011-2013 **Leibniz-Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP)**
Student Research Assistant
Development of parallelised C routines to improve data reduction time, a stellar flatfielding GUI, and other improvements for p3d, an IDL-based integral field spectrometry data reduction tool. Development of Python script to initiate p3d on multiple processors.
- 2010 **Department for Astronomy and Astrophysics, TU Berlin**
3-month B.Sc. thesis project
Calculation of dissociation rates of atmospheric trace gases due to secondary cosmic ray flux.

COMPUTING SKILLS

- PROGRAMMING Bash, Python, Fortran, C, Matlab, IDL, Mathematica
- SCIENTIFIC MODELS/TOOLS - PUMA simple global circulation model with dry, semi-gray radiation
- MITgcm global circulation model used for Jupiter simulations
- Panoply visualisation software for atmospheric data
- 1D radiative Earth-like atmosphere model with coupled photochemistry
- p3d integral field spectrometer data reduction tool
- GENERAL PURPOSE LaTeX, Beamer, Linux, Windows, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, Photoshop

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2016 **College Invigilator, Trinity College, University of Oxford**
Supervision of students during exam.
- 2014-2016 **Demonstrator, Physics Teaching Laboratories, University of Oxford**
Supervision and marking for a programming course in Matlab for physics students. (3-6 hours per week during term)

PRIZES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- SINCE 2014 Member of the European Geosciences Union (EGU)
- 2013-2016 festo Bildungsfond scholarship award
- 2013-2016 STFC studentship award
- SINCE 2011 Member of Mensa
- SINCE 2008 Member of the German Physical Society (DPG)
- 2006 President's Educational Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

LANGUAGES

- German (native), English (fluent), French (basic knowledge)

FACHREDDIN TABATABA-VAKILI: PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, T. Momary, G.S. Orton, et al. “Long-term location tracking of polar cyclones in Jupiter’s atmosphere” in prep.
- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, P.L. Read. “Effects of diurnal and seasonal forcing in slow-rotating terrestrial atmospheres” in prep.
- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, Y. Wang, P.L. Read, R.M.B. Young. “Comparative terrestrial atmospheric circulation regimes in simplified global circulation models: III. Orbital obliquity and greenhouse effect.” in prep.
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- A. Sanchez-Lavega, R. Hueso, G. Eichstädt, G. Orton, J. Rogers, C.J. Hansen, T. Momary, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, S. Bolton. “The rich dynamics of Jupiter’s Great Red Spot from JunoCam images.” *Nature Astronomy*. submitted.
- D. Grassi, A. Adriani, M.L. Moriconi, A. Mura, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, A. Ingersoll, G. Orton, C. Hansen, F. Altieri, G. Filacchione, G. Sindoni, B.M. Dinelli, F. Fabiano, S. J Bolton, J.E.P. Connerney, S. Levin, S.K. Atreya, J.I. Lunine, T. Momary, F. Tosi, A. Migliorini, G. Piccioni, R. Noschese, A. Cicchetti, C. Plainaki, A. Olivieri, D. Turrini, S. Stefani, R. Sordini, M. Amoroso. “First estimate of wind fields in the Jupiter polar regions from JIRAM-Juno images.” *Journal of Geophysical Research - Planets*. submitted.
- P. L. Read, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, A. Vaeleanu, Y.Wang, R.M.B. Young, P. Augier, E. Lindborg “Comparative terrestrial atmospheric circulation regimes in simplified global circulation models: II. energy budgets and spectral transfers.” *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society*. submitted.
- Y. Wang, P.L. Read, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, R.M.B. Young. “Comparative terrestrial atmospheric circulation regimes in simplified global circulation models: I. From cyclostrophic superrotation to geostrophic turbulence.” *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society*. submitted.
- S. Brown, M. Janssen, V. Adumitroaie, S. Atreya, S. Bolton, S. Gulkis, A. Ingersoll, S. Levin, C. Li, L. Li, J. Lunine, S. Misra, G. Orton, P. Steffes, and **F. Tabataba-Vakili**. “The Global Distribution of Lightning and Convection on Jupiter Revealed by the Juno Microwave Radiometer” *Nature*. in press.
- A.A. Simon, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, R. Costentino, R.F. Beebe, M.H. Wong, G.S. Orton. “Historical and Contemporary Trends in the Size, Drift, and Color of Jupiter’s Great Red Spot” *Astronomical Journal* 155-4 (2018): 151. doi: 10.3847/1538-3881/aaae01
- A. Adriani, A. Mura, G. Orton, C. Hansen, F. Altieri, M.L. Moriconi, J. Rogers, G. Eichstdt, T. Momary, A.P. Ingersoll, G. Filacchione, G. Sindoni, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, B.M. Dinelli, F. Fabiano, S.J. Bolton, J.E.P Connerney, S.K. Atreya, J.I. Lunine, F. Tosi, A. Migliorini, D. Grassi, G. Piccioni, R. Noschese, A. Cicchetti, C. Plainaki, A. Olivieri, D. Turrini, S. Stefani, R. Sordini and M. Amoroso “Clusters of cyclones encircling Jupiter’s poles” *Nature* 555, no. 7695 (2018): 216. doi: 10.1038/nature25491
- J.-M. Grießmeier, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, A. Stadelmann, J. L. Grenfell, and D. Atri. “Galactic cosmic rays on extrasolar Earth-like planets-II. Atmospheric implications.” *Astronomy & Astrophysics* 587 (2016): A159. doi: 10.1051/0004-6361/201425452

- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, J. L. Grenfell, J.-M. Grießmeier, and H. Rauer. “Atmospheric effects of stellar cosmic rays on Earth-like exoplanets orbiting M-dwarfs.” *Astronomy & Astrophysics* 585 (2016): A96. doi: 10.1051/0004-6361/201425602
- J.-M. Grießmeier, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, A. Stadelmann, J. L. Grenfell, and D. Atri. “Galactic cosmic rays on extrasolar Earth-like planets-I. Cosmic ray flux.” *Astronomy & Astrophysics* 581 (2015): A44. doi: 10.1051/0004-6361/201425451
- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, P. L. Read, S. R. Lewis, L. Montabone, T. Ruan, Y. Wang, A. Vaeleanu, and R.M.B. Young. “A Lorenz/Boer energy budget for the atmosphere of Mars from a” re-analysis” of spacecraft observations.” *Geophysical Research Letters* 42 (2015): 8320-8327. doi: 10.1002/2015GL065659.
- C. Sandin , P. Weibacher, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, S. Kamann, and O. Streicher. “Automated and generalized integral-field spectroscopy data reduction using p3d.” *SPIE Astronomical Telescopes+ Instrumentation*, pp. 84510F-84510F. International Society for Optics and Photonics, 2012. doi: 10.1117/12.926092

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, G.S. Orton, C. Li, R.M.B. Young, P.L. Read, A.P. Ingersoll, “GCM Studies of Jovian Polar Dynamics.” presented at 2017 Fall Meeting, AGU, New Orleans, LA, 11-15 Dec. (poster)
- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, G. S. Orton, A. Adriani, G. Eichstaedt, D. Grassi, A. P. Ingersoll, C. Li et al. “Dynamical analysis of Jovian polar observations by Juno” (oral), *AAS/Division for Planetary Sciences Meeting*, Provo, Utah. October 2017.
- C. Li, **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, and A. P. Ingersoll. “Shallow water modeling of Jovian polar cyclone and vortice” (oral), *AAS/Division for Planetary Sciences Meeting*, Provo, Utah. October 2017.
- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, P. L. Read. “Slowly rotating planets with diurnal cycle: A parameter study of the atmospheric dynamics using a simple GCM” (poster), *International Venus Conference 2016*, Oxford, UK. 4-8 April 2016.
- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, P. L. Read. “Effects of diurnal cycles on planetary circulation regimes of terrestrial atmospheres using simple GCMs” (oral), *Comparative Climates of Terrestrial Planets II*, NASA Ames Research Center, USA. 8-11 September 2015.
- A. Vaeleanu, P.L. Read, Y. Wang, S.R. Lewis, L. Montabone, and **F. Tabataba-Vakili**. “Mars Energy Spectrum studies from Assimilated MCS data using the UK MGCM” (oral). *EGU General Assembly Conference 2015*, Vienna, Austria. 12-17 April 2015.
- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, P.L. Read, S.R. Lewis, L. Montabone, T. Ruan, A. Vaeleanu, Y. Wang, R.M.B. Young. “Seasonal variation of the atmospheric energy budget on Mars” (poster). *European Planetary Science Congress 2014*, Cascais, Portugal. 7-12 September 2014.
- **F. Tabataba-Vakili**, J.L. Grenfell, J.-M. Grießmeier, and H. Rauer (oral). “Modelling the Influence of Cosmic Rays on the Atmospheric Chemistry of Earth-like Exoplanets”. 527. *Wilhelm und Else Heraeus-Seminar: Plasma and Radiation Environment in Astrospheres and Implications for the Habitability of Extrasolar Planets*, Bad Honnef, Germany. 10-15 March 2013.