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I am a PhD student at Department of Astronomy at Stockholm University in Sweden. I mainly work on characterizing exoplanets and their atmospheres using various state of the art telescopes such as the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), the CHaracterizing ExOPlanet Satellite (CHEOPS) and the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS).

ACADEMICS

- 2021- **Stockholm University, Sweden**
Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy
Advisor : Dr. Alexis Brandeker, Co-Advisor : Dr. Markus Janson
- 2020-2021 **Université de Genève, Switzerland**
Completed 65.5 ECTS (out of 120) towards Master's in Astrophysics.
- 2014-2019 **Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT), Surat-7, Gujarat, India**
Master of Science in Physics (*First Class with Distinction*)
Thesis Advisor : Dr. Néstor Espinoza (then at **Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie, Heidelberg, Germany**)
Thesis title : "Study of the limb darkening effect using exoplanet transit light curves from TESS data"

OBSERVING TIME AS PI

- April 2023 to Present | **CHEOPS Guaranteed Time Observations**
 - > Title : *Terminators* — Constraining morning and evening terminators of exoplanets
 - > Telescope : CHaracterizing ExOPlanet Satellite (CHEOPS)
 - > Total Observing Time : 214.3 orbits (~ 353 hours).
- June 2022 to Present | **CHEOPS THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY (AO-3) GUEST OBSERVERS PROGRAMME**
 - > Title : *Constraining the morning and evening limbs of the hot jupiters WASP-79b and WASP-101b*
 - > Telescope : CHaracterizing ExOPlanet Satellite (CHEOPS)
 - > Total observing time : 159 orbits (~ 261 hours).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- GUSTAF AND ELLEN KOBBS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION TRAVEL GRANT** JUNE 2023
I have been awarded 15000 SEK to attend *Extreme Solar Systems V* in Christchurch, New Zealand during March 2024.
- C. F. LILJEVALCH JR. TRAVEL GRANT** APRIL 2023
I have been awarded 12000 SEK to attend *Extreme Solar Systems V* in Christchurch, New Zealand during March 2024.
- ALVA AND LENNART DAHLMARK RESEARCH GRANTS** OCTOBER 2022
I have been awarded 15000 SEK to attend symposium on *Planetary Systems and the Origins of Life in the Era of JWST* at the Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, USA during May 2023.
- INDIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SUMMER FELLOWSHIP** JUNE 2018
I received Focus Area Science Technology Summer Fellowship (FAST-SF) from the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru to attend summer school and internship at Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Begaluru, India.

SOFTWARE PACKAGES

- STARK** FEBRUARY 2023
co-Lead Developer | Link : github.com/Jayshil/stark
stark (Spectral exTRaction And Reduction Kit) is a general purpose tool to reduce and extract spectrum from raw data, with a special focus on JWST data. The original concept and implementation was developed by Alexis Brandeker and updated by me.

Contributing Developer | Link : juliet.readthedocs.io

Juliet is a versatile tool for modelling transiting and non-transiting exoplanetary systems. I contributed to this package to enhance its capabilities to analyse occultations and spectroscopic lightcurves.

PYCDATA

NOVEMBER 2021

Lead Developer | Link : github.com/Jayshil/pycdata

A companion package of **pycheops** (a specialized tool to analyse CHEOPS data), useful in ingesting TESS, Kepler/K2 and PSF photometry from CHEOPS data in **pycheops**.

PHOENIX PIPELINE

OCTOBER 2020

Lead Developer | Link : github.com/Jayshil/Phoenix_pipeline

A semi-automatic data reduction and spectral extraction pipeline for Phoenix spectrograph at the Gemini Observatory.

PUBLICATIONS *(All items contain clickable links to ADS)*

First & Second Author Publications *(in reverse chronological order)*

1. **Patel, J. A.**, Egger, J. A., Wilson, T. G., et al., “CHEOPS and TESS View of the ultra-short period super-Earth TOI-561 b”, 2023, *A&A*, 679, A92.
2. Janson, M., **Patel, J. A.**, Ringqvist, S. C., et al., “Imaging of exocomets with infrared interferometry”, 2023, *A&A*, 671, A114.
3. **Patel, J. A.**, & Espinoza, N., “Empirical limb-darkening coefficients & transit parameters of known exoplanets from TESS”, 2022, *AJ*, 163, 228.

Other Contributions *(in reverse chronological order)*

1. Hu, R., Bello-Arufe, A., Zhang, M. et al (including **Patel, J. A.**), “A secondary atmosphere on the rocky Exoplanet 55 Cancri e”, 2024, *Nature*.
2. Krenn, A. F., Kubyshkina, D., Fossati, L., et al. (including **Patel, J. A.**), “Characterisation of the TOI-421 planetary system using CHEOPS, TESS, and archival radial velocity data”, 2024, *(Accepted for publication in A&A)*, arXiv :2404.11074.
3. Singh, V., Scandariato, G., Smith, A. M. S., et al. (including **Patel, J. A.**), “CHEOPS observations of KELT-20 b/MASCARA-2 b : an aligned orbit and signs of variability from a reflective dayside”, 2024, *A&A*, 683, A1.
4. Tuson, A., Queloz, D., Osborn, H. P., et al. (including **Patel, J. A.**), “TESS and CHEOPS Discover Two Warm Sub-Neptunes Transiting the Bright K-dwarf HD 15906”, 2023, *MNRAS*, 523, 3090.
5. Krenn, A. F., Lendl, M., **Patel, J. A.**, et al., “The geometric albedo of the hot Jupiter HD 189733 b measured with CHEOPS”, 2023, *A&A*, 672, A24.
6. Demory, B. -O., Sulis, S., Meier Valdes, E., et al. (including **Patel, J. A.**), “55 Cancri e’s occultation captured with CHEOPS”, 2023, *A&A*, 669, A64.
7. Zakhochay, O., Launhardt, R., Mueller, A., et al. (including **Patel, J. A.**), “RVSPY – Radial Velocity Survey for Planets around Young Stars. Target characterization and high-cadence survey”, 2022, *A&A*, 667, A63.
8. Zakhochay, O., Launhardt, R., Trifonov, T., et al. (including **Patel, J. A.**), “RVSPY - Radial Velocity Survey for Planets around Young Stars. A warm Super-Jovian companion around HD 114082, a young star with a debris disk”, 2022, *A&A*, 667, A14.
9. Brandeker, A., Heng, K., Lendl, M., et al. (including **Patel, J. A.**), “CHEOPS geometric albedo of the hot Jupiter HD 209458 b”, 2022, *A&A*, 659, L4.

POSITIONS AND SERVICES

- August 2023** Coordinator of the monthly departmental meetings of Stars, Planets & Astrobiology Group at Stockholm University.
- January 2023** Program manager for a CHEOPS GTO program, *Terminators*.
- December 2022** Member of Local Organising Committee for CHEOPS Science Team Meeting - 27 in Kiruna, Sweden.
- December 2021** Collaborator to the CHEOPS Science Team since December 2021.

TALKS & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- March 2024** Poster presentation in *Extreme Solar System V* in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- August 2023** Contributed talk in *Exoplanets by the Lake* mini-conference in Munich, Germany.
- May 2023** Poster presentation in *STScI Spring Symposium* in Baltimore, USA (Virtual Attendance).
- June 2022** Talk given at *Annual PhD Conference* at Department of Astronomy, Stockholm University, Sweden.

OUTREACH

PUBLIC TALK

FEBRUARY 2024

I gave an online public talk on the subject of “Exploring Exoplanets with JWST” on the occasion of National Science Day celebrated in India.

SCIENCE COLUMNIST

JANUARY 2020

Before the pandemic, I served as a science columnist at the ‘Science City’ magazine (a popular science magazine in my native language) for a brief period; currently, I write popular science articles on my blog.

PROJECT DISHA

JUNE 2017

The word ‘Disha’ means ‘direction’ in Sanskrit. Along with my colleagues, we started this project to help high school students with their careers; and to direct them in proper career paths according to their skills.

REFERENCES

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