Hands-on Session: Detection and Spectroscopic Characterization of Transiting Exoplanets with the James Webb Space Telescope

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Why Transiting Extrasolar Planets?



Currently more than 3000 confirmed transiting extrasolar planets!



Probes Pressures 100-1 mbar Near Planetary Limb



In the Era of Webb....



Greene et al. (2016)

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The Near Infrared Imager and Slitless Spectrograph Single Object Slitless Spectroscopy mode: NIRISS SOSS





Beichman et al. (2015)



The participants in this hands-on exercise will complete a three-step process to detect and characterize the planet in their JWST NIRISS SOSS data

- 1. Work with high-level data products from the JWST pipeline to find the planetary transit as a function of wavelength.
- Use MCMC-based fitting tools to measure changes in the planetary radius with wavelength to find the planetary spectrum from 0.6 to 2.5 microns.
- 3. Determine the atmospheric composition of the planet using spectroscopic retrieval tools.





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se-free light curve.

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batman: BAsic Transit Model cAlculatioN in Python

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Goals of Transit Hands-on Session

- Get participants familiar with the types of data products that will be produced by JWST pipeline and delivered to MAST archive.
- Help participants understand the basics of transit data and how to extract a planetary spectrum given spectroscopic time-series observations.
- Guide participants through a robust process for determining exoplanet atmospheric composition.
- Introduce participants to python, which will be the language in which all JWST pipeline modules, tools, etc. will be built.

Questions?



