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ARIEL: Decoding the Secrets of Planetary Formation

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Planetary Formation in a Nutshell





Planetary Formation in the Age of ALMA



The dust distribution of observed **circumstellar disks older than about 1 Myr** shows the presence of gaps, rings, spirals indicative of the presence of **giant planets** (e.g. Andrews et al, 2018).

Dust morphology in the circumstellar disks observed by the ALMA Large Program DSHARP (Andrews et al. 2018)

Planetary Migration as ARIEL's Best Ally







ARIEL and the Birthplace of Hot Jupiters

Where do hot Jupiters come from?

Did they form almost locally, in the inner regions of their disks?



Did they form in the outer regions of disks as revealed by ALMA?

Or anywhere in between?





C/O Ratio as our Window into the Past?



In more detailed scenarios, <u>additional snow lines</u> (e.g. CH_4 and CH_3OH) and <u>rocks and</u> <u>refractory organics</u> contribute in incorporating C and O.

<u>C/O contrasts</u> between regions are <u>more limited</u> and migration can dilute them even more.





Looking at Wide & Hot Circumstellar Disks

Observed disks have more mass in the outer regions (*right*) than the theoretical Minimum Mass Solar Nebula (MMSN, Weidenschilling 1977).

As a consequence, their **planet-forming regions extend outward** (*right*) and are characterized by **different compositions** w.r.t. the MMSN.





The **gas temperature profile** in the disk midplane (left) appear **similar** between real disks and the MMSN.

Species	T_{cond} [K]
H_2O	130 - 150
HCN	100 - 120
CH_3OH	95 - 110
$\rm NH_3$	75 - 85
$\rm CO_2$	60 - 70
H_2S	45 - 50
CH_4	26 - 32
CO	22 - 28
N_2	12 - 15





ARIEL's Planetary Compositional Model



Combining it with the temperature profiles of our template disk, we built a <u>compositional model</u> of the different disk compositional regions, cross-calibrated on <u>solar & extrasolar materials.</u>

We built a **reference compositional framework for planetary materials** combining information from:

- meteorites
- comets
- solar elemental abundances
- astrochemical models
- astronomical observations





Different Tracks, Different Mixtures, All Non-Solar





C/O – Gas-dominated vs Solid-Dominated



solar-one.

0.5 0.4 Initial Semimajor Axis (au) (Final Semimajor Axis always equal to 0.4 au)



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ARIEL – Elements & Tracers

The *Planetary Formation* WG is working to expand the list of <u>compositional tracers</u> (Turrini+2018) and increase ARIEL's cosmochemical coverage among <u>refractory and</u> <u>moderately volatile elements</u>. Their proper use as tracers requires the knowledge of the <u>stellar abundances</u> (synergy with the *Stellar Characterization* WG, see talk by *C. Danielski*).





SiO*, AlO, CaO, TiO*, VO*, MgH, TiH

Moderately & Highly Volatile elements:

HF, H₂S, SO, SO₂*, NaH, HCI, HBr, KCI, PH₃*

Atmophile elements:

H₂O*, CO*, CO₂*, CH₄*, NH₃*, HCN*, C₂H₂*, C₂H₄*, C₂H₆*

* indicates elements from the ARIEL M4 proposal (Tinetti et al. 2015)



ARIEL – From Super-Earths to Giants



Terrestrial Planets vs. Giant Planets

We currently don't have direct observational constraints on where and how the <u>transition between giant planets and</u> <u>terrestrial planets</u> occurs in the mass spectrum.

ARIEL will be able to assess the <u>mean molecular weight</u> of exoplanetary atmospheres for planetary masses between super-Earths and Neptune-like planets to constrain their abundance of H and He (Turrini+2018; Edwards+2019).





ARIEL – Water and Super-Earths

Water: Rare or Abundant?

Planetary formation scenarios for the Solar System favour a central role of **giant planets** in shaping the delivery of **water to the Earth**. Yet, giant planets are not as abundant as super-Earths among exoplanets (e.g. Fressin+2013).

ARIEL will be capable of <u>searching for the atmospheric</u> presence of water in exoplanetary systems with <u>different architectures</u> and both with and without giant planets (Turrini+2018).









Small Planets and Molecular Weight

Number of Planets	Observation Requirement	Required Science Time (hr)
1000	Achieve Tier 1 resolutions	~10,600
400	Increase resolution from Tier 1 to Tier 2	~3100
500		~ 6000
600		~10,500
200	Achieve Tier 1 resolutions in the second method	~1400
300		~ 2500
400		$\sim \!\! 4200$
50	Tier 3 (five repeated observations \sim 1700 per planet)	
	Tier 4 (additional science time)	~2300

Mixture 50/50 of Earth atmosphere and H_2 has m.w. ~15

Mixture 60/40 of Venus atmosphere and H_2 has m.w. ~28

Science time over 4 yr of mission is quantified in <u>24800</u> hr (Edwards+2019).

Tier 1 on 1000 planets + Tier 2 on 500 planets + Tier 3 on 50 planets + Tier 4: 20600 hr (Edwards+2019).

Atmospheric Mean Molecular Weight	Number of Planets	Required Science Time (hr)
2.3	All	$\sim 1000 (t_0)$
5	50 All	$t_0 + \sim 360 \\ t_0 + \sim 3000$
8	50 All	$t_0 + \sim 1100 \\ t_0 + \sim 9200$
10	50	$t_0 + \sim 1900$
15	50	$t_0 + \sim 4400$
18	25 50	$t_0 + \sim 1700 \\ t_0 + \sim 6400$
28	25 50	$t_0 + \sim 4300$ $t_0 + \sim 15,600$

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Exploring a Small Planets Tier



The feasibility of a **dedicated Tier** for **small planets** with intermediate resolution between Tier 1 and 2, is under investigation (see also talk by *L. Mugnai*).

The Tier would combine the measure of the <u>atmospheric molecular weight</u> with the detection of the <u>main heavy molecules</u>, for more insight on the nature of these planets.





Additional Activities

The outcomes of the planetary formation modelling activities are being used to further improve the assessment of ARIEL's retrieval capabilities in collaboration with the *Spectral Retrieval* and *Atmospheric Chemistry* Working Groups.

A collaboration with the *Stellar Characterization* Working Group is ongoing to further assess the impact of the uncertainties and variability in the stellar composition on the elemental ratios and abundances retrieved by ARIEL.

Future efforts will also focus on understanding how the star formation and galactic environments affect the initial conditions and compositional setup of the planetary formation process and how this reflect on the final planetary composition.







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