
Magma oceans on volatile rich exoplanets: from ultra hot super-earth to temperate sub-neptunes

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Résumé

Constraining the interior of exoplanets is a very degenerated problem with many solutions. An very promising possibility is the spectroscopic study of planets for which the atmosphere is chemically exchange with the molten planet's mantle : these are planets with a magma ocean. Rocky exoplanets with a magma ocean at their surface are those with equilibrium temperature $> 1400\text{K}$. They are a new category of planets that still need to be characterized and the unambiguous detection of a magma ocean is still elusive. I will discuss about the the atmosphere of magma ocean exoplanets, and in particular the effect of Hydrogen and volatiles (water, CO_2) and show spectral signatures when a magma ocean is in contact with the atmosphere. I will extend the discussion to sub-neptunes, with equilibrium temperatures $< 1000\text{K}$, and show that they can have a magma ocean hidden under a thick atmospheric layer that may be an explanation to the high metallicities observed in some of sub-neptunes. I will discuss possibilities to constrains magma-oceans compositis on sub-neptunes.

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