

SIRIO: a public Python code to predict radio emission from (sub-Alfvénic) SPI

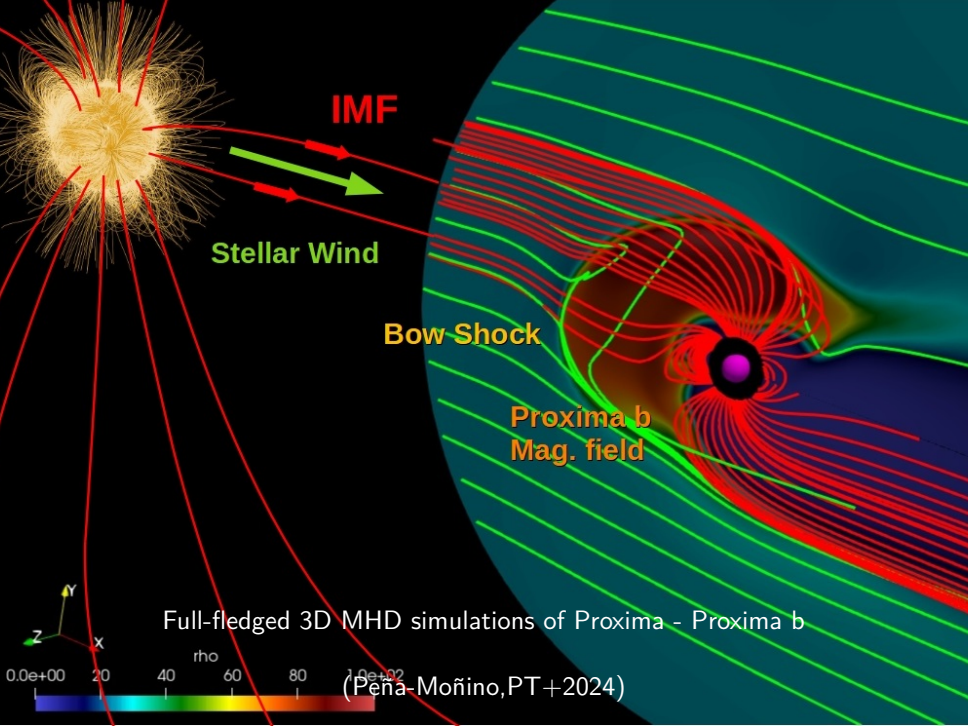
Luis Peña-Moñino & Miguel Pérez-Torres

(lpm@iaa.es, torres@iaa.es)

Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía (IAA-CSIC), Granada.

PREX, 11-13 June 2025, Palais du Pharo, Marseille





Using a sledgehammer to crack a nut? (Tirer au canon sur une mouche)

Full-fledged 3D MHD simulations

- Provide very detailed, precise information
- Very computationally expensive



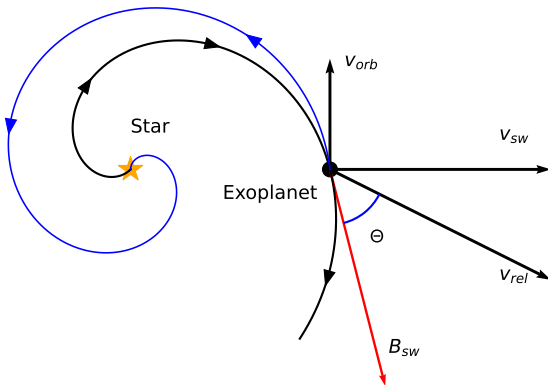
"I'm not doubting that it does the job well. All I'm saying is that it might be a little more than is actually necessary."

SIRIO

- Provides less detailed info
- Extremely cheap, computationally-wise

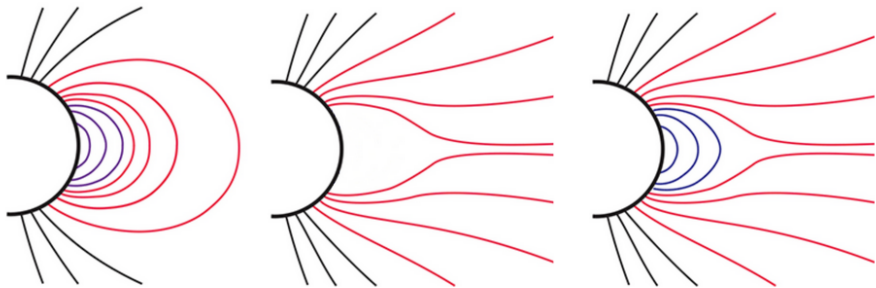


Sub-Alfvénic star-planet interaction



- $M_A = v_{rel}/v_A < 1$
- $\vec{v}_{rel} = \vec{v}_w - \vec{v}_{orb}$
- $v_A = B_{sw}/(4\pi\rho_w)^{1/2}$

Stellar wind magnetic field geometry



(Owens+2020)

Radio power from star-planet interaction

Alfvén wing model (e.g., Zarka 2007, Saur 2013)

- $$S_{\text{Alf}} = 2 \pi R_{\text{eff}}^2 \frac{(\bar{\alpha} M_A B_{\text{sw}} \sin \Theta)^2}{\mu_0} v_A$$

Reconnection model (Lanza 2009)

- $$S_{\text{rec}} = \frac{\gamma \pi}{\epsilon \mu_0} B_{\text{sw}}^2 R_{\text{mp}}^2 v_{\text{rel}}$$

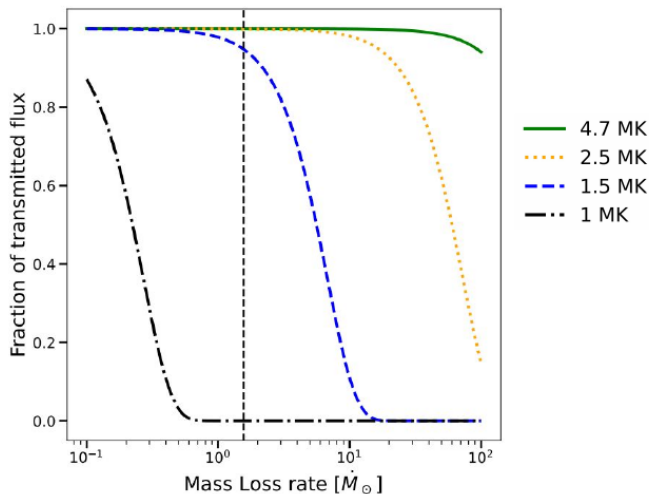
Poynting flux ratio

- $$\frac{S_{\text{rec}}}{S_{\text{Alf}}} = \frac{\gamma}{2 \epsilon \bar{\alpha}^2 M_A \sin^2 \Theta}$$

Observed radio flux density

- $$F_R = \frac{P_R}{\Omega D^2 \Delta \nu}$$

Free-free absorption from the stellar wind



- $\tau_\nu = \int_{R_\star}^{\infty} \kappa_\nu dz$

- $\kappa_\nu = 3.692 \times 10^8 (1 - e^{-h\nu/k_B T}) Z^2 g T^{-1/2} \nu^{-3} n_e n_p$

Effective radius and exoplanetary magnetic field

Effective radius of exoplanet

- $$R_{\text{mp}} = k_{\text{mp}}^{1/3} \left[\frac{(B_{\text{p}}/2)^2/8\pi}{\rho_{\text{sw}} v_{\text{rel}}^2 + n_{\text{sw}} k_B T_e + B_{\text{sw}}^2/8\pi} \right]^{1/6} R_{\text{pl}}.$$

Exoplanetary magnetic field

- $B_{\text{pl}} = \mathfrak{M}/R_{\text{pl}}^3$
- $\mathfrak{M} \propto \Omega_{\text{pl}}^{1/2} \rho_{\text{core}}^{1/2} r_{\text{core}}^{7/2}$ (Sano 1993)

SIRIO - (Paper submitted to MNRAS a month ago)

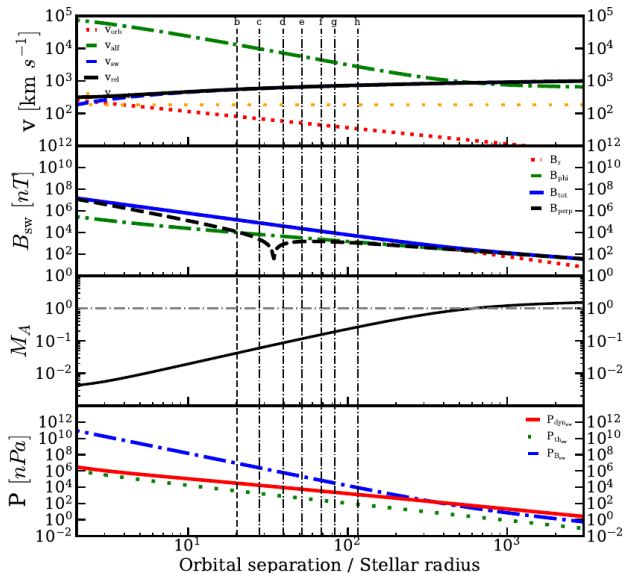
Code input/assumptions/approximations:

- Sub-Alfvénic star-planet interaction
- Isothermal stellar wind
- Three stellar wind magnetic field geometries: Open, closed, hybrid
- Radio emission: Alfvén wing and reconnection models
- Free-free absorption from the stellar wind
- Exoplanetary magnetic field and effective radius
- Input stellar data: $M_{\star}, R_{\star}, P_{\text{rot}}, B_{\star}, T_{\text{wind}}, \dot{M}_{\star}$
- Input planetary data: $M_{\text{pl}}, R_{\text{pl}}, P_{\text{orb}}, B_{\text{pl}}$ (computed using Sano's law).

Code output:

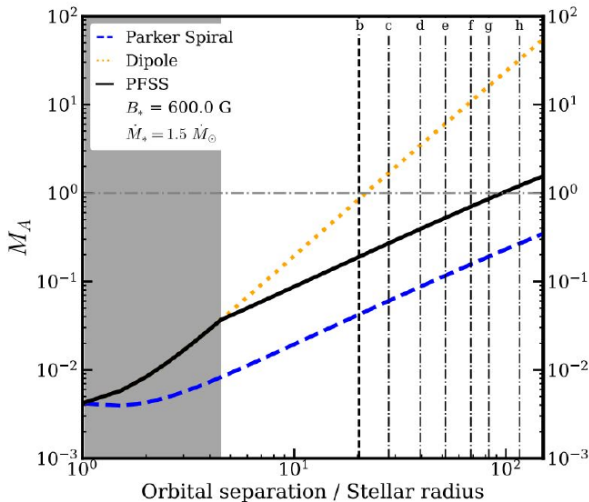
- Predicted flux density as a function of orbital separation $\Rightarrow$ Useful for both confirmed and unconfirmed planets
- Predicted flux density as function of $\dot{M}_{\star}$ and B_{pl} $\Rightarrow$ Constraints on $\dot{M}_{\star}$ and B_{pl}

TRAPPIST-1 - Diagnostic plots



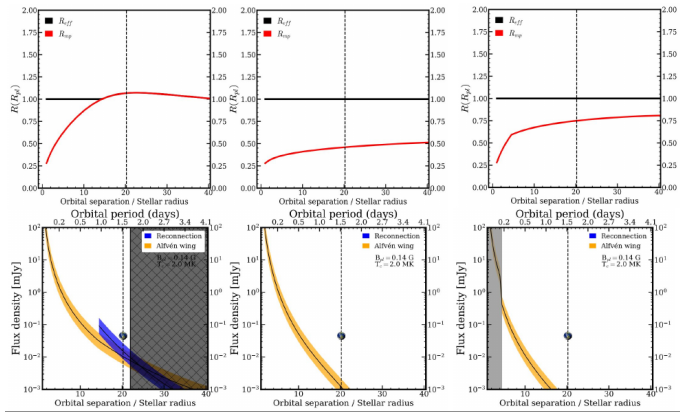
- Benchmark - // Turnpenney+2018
- Diagnostic plots
- Open Parker spiral
- Fiducial values:
 $B_{\star} = 600 \text{ G};$
 $B_{\text{pl}} = 0.14 \text{ G};$
 $\dot{M}_{\star} = 1.5 \dot{M}_{\odot}.$

TRAPPIST-1 - Alfvén Mach number



- Dipole $\Rightarrow$ All planets outside Alfvén surface
- Open $\Rightarrow$ All planets within Alfvén surface
- Hybrid $\Rightarrow$ Several planets within Alfvén surface

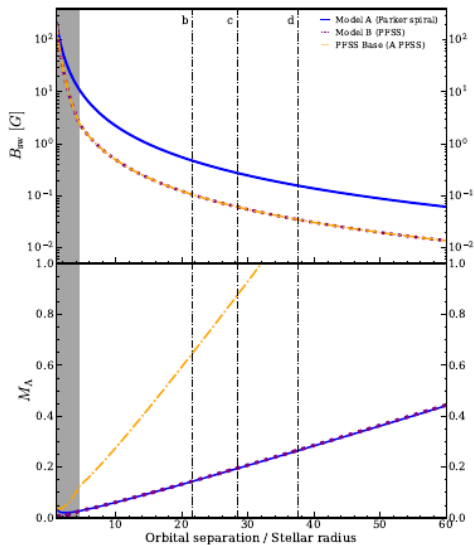
TRAPPIST-1 - Effective radius



Effective radius of exoplanet

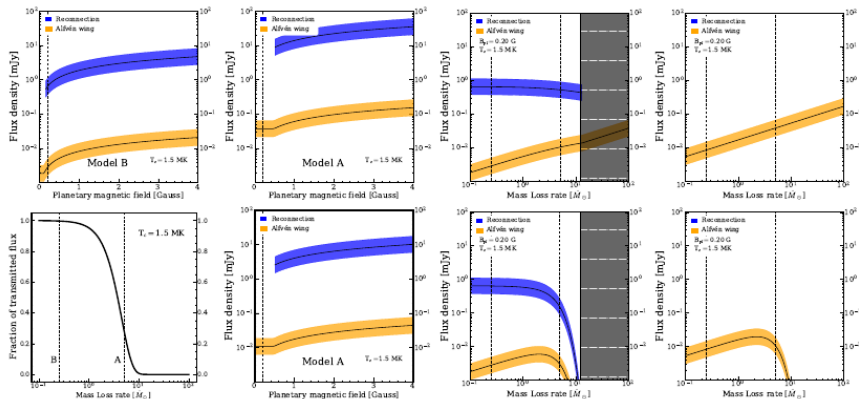
- Alfvén wing: $R_{\text{eff}} = \max(R_{\text{mp}}, R_{\text{pl}})$
- Reconnection model: $R_{\text{eff}} = R_{\text{mp}}$ (if $R_{\text{mp}} \geq R_{\text{pl}}$); otherwise, $R_{\text{eff}} = 0$.

YZ Ceti - M_A and B_{sw}



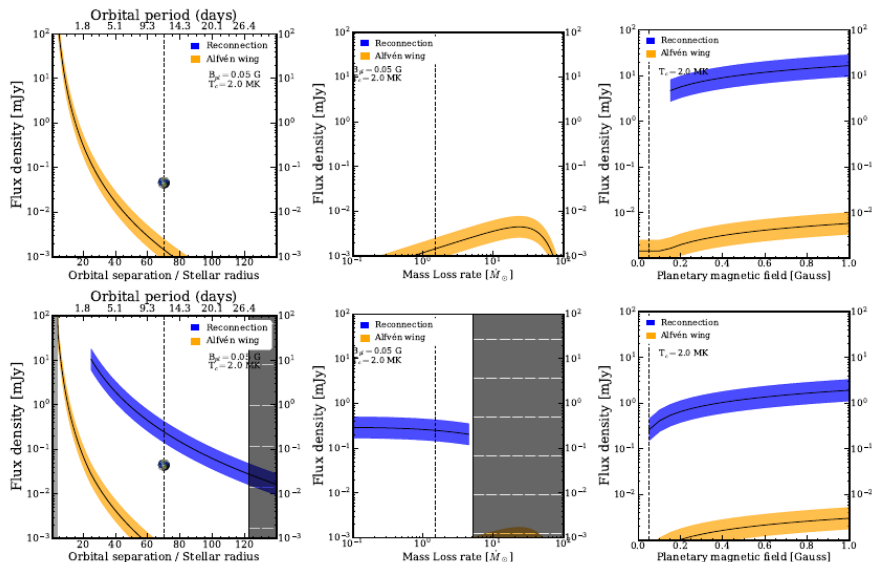
- Benchmark - Pineda & Villadsen (2023)
- Two models (high mass-loss and low mass-loss rate)
- Hybrid magnetic field geometry for the stellar wind

YZ Ceti - Flux density vs $\dot{M}_\star$ and B_{pl}



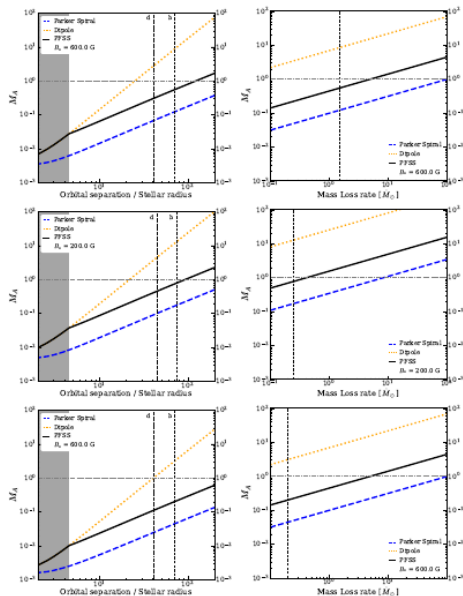
- Fiducial values $B_\star = 220$ G; $B_{\text{pl}} = 0.20$ G
- Model A: $\dot{M}_\star = 5.0 \dot{M}_\odot$; Model B: $\dot{M}_\star = 0.25 \dot{M}_\odot$
- Reconnection model predicts much higher flux densities
- Free-free absorption effects

Proxima - Proxima b: Flux density vs. $\dot{M}_\star$ and B_{pl}



• Fiducial values: $B_\star = 600$ G; $B_{\text{pl}} = 0.05$ G; $\dot{M}_\star = 1.5 \dot{M}_\odot$.

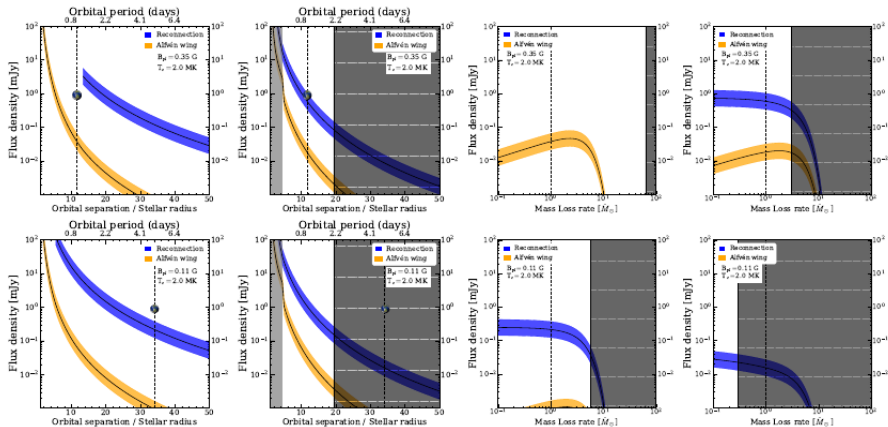
Proxima - Proxima b: Alfvén Mach number vs orbital separation



Comparison of different models proposed for Proxima

- Top: Turnpenney+2018
($B_\star = 600$ G; $B_{pl} = 0.05$ G;
 $\dot{M}_\star = 1.5 \dot{M}_\odot$)
- Middle: Kavanagh+2021
($B_\star = 200$ G; $B_{pl} = 0.05$ G;
 $\dot{M}_\star = 0.25 \dot{M}_\odot$)
- Bottom:
Réville+2024 ($B_\star = 600$ G;
 $B_{pl} = 0.05$ G;
 $\dot{M}_\star = 0.20 \dot{M}_\odot$)

GJ 1151 - GJ 1151b: Flux density vs. $\dot{M}_\star$ and B_{pl}



- Top panels: $B_\star = 50$ G; $B_{\text{pl}} = 0.35$ G ($M_{\text{pl}} = 0.73 M_\odot$)
- Bottom panels: $B_\star = 50$ G; $B_{\text{pl}} = 0.11$ G ($M_{\text{pl}} = 1.25 M_\odot$)
- Predictions of reconnection model compatible with LOFAR radio detection. They favour the closest planet scenario.

Summary

Paper submitted to MNRAS. Reviewer's report was due yesterday...

SIRIO code

- Public Python code to model radio emission from SPI
- Sub-Alfvénic SPI
- Isothermal stellar wind
- Different stellar wind geometries
- Free-free absorption

Case studies

- TRAPPIST-1
- YZ Ceti
- Proxima Cen
- GJ 1151

SIRIO - less accurate than 3D MHD simulations, but very efficient to run on many sources, in preparation for proposals