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# Curriculum Vitae

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I was born on May 12, 1983 in Grosseto, Italy, where I spent the first 19 years of my life and completed my pre-university education. In 1989 I started primary school, and in 1994 middle school. In the meanwhile, I began to be fascinated by the night sky and astronomy in general, so I decided to attend a science-oriented lyceum, from which I graduated in 2002 with the highest grade.

I subsequently moved to Pisa and enrolled in the Science Faculty for the Bachelor courses (laurea triennale) in General Physics. At that time, I was already determined to eventually study Astrophysics. In 2006, under the guidance of Prof. Paolo Paolicchi, I got my Bachelor Degree with the highest grade, presenting a research project on the analytical formalism for predicting the effects of secular resonances in dynamical evolution of celestial bodies.

After obtaining my Bachelor Degree, I started the Master courses in Astrophysics. Approximately one year thereafter, I decided to base my Master Thesis on the dynamical stability of the Habitable Zones of known exoplanets, in collaboration with Prof. Paolo Paolicchi and Prof. Francesco Marzari. A spin-off project of this work resulted in a publication in *Astronomy & Astrophysics* (Brogi et al. 2009). At the end of the project, I graduated Cum Laude and started to look for a PhD project.

In the Fall of 2009, I won a PhD position in Pisa, although not in Astrophysics. I decided to resign and search for a project in exoplanet science, intrigued by the subject in general, but in particular by observations of exoplanet atmospheres and the quest for an Earth-twin. As a result, I started my research as a PhD at Leiden Observatory, in the Netherlands, under the guidance of Prof. Ignas Snellen. As a main project, I developed a novel observational technique to probe the atmospheres of exoplanets, and I was the first to apply it to non-transiting planets, obtaining their masses and orbital inclinations (Brogi et al. 2012b, 2013, 2014). In addition, I analyzed data from the *Kepler* spacecraft in collaboration with Prof. Christoph Keller, which led to the first quantitative evidence for the evaporation of one of the *Kepler* planet candidates (Brogi et al., 2012b).

In early 2014 I have been awarded with a NASA Hubble Fellowship, which I will take at University of Colorado, Boulder, starting from September 2014. In the context of the Fellowship, I will work in collaboration with Jean-Michel Désert on the ideas presented in the final chapter of this thesis.



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I shared memorable moments, the heights and the lowest points of my university years with a very special group of friends: Ale (and by that I mean il Bocco, il Cilla and DJ pacco), Ali, Damiano, il Mancio, il Leo, il Petro, Rosa, Vera. We are now all scattered across Italy and Europe, but certainly my life today partly depends on the good times that we had together, on our mutual support during troublesome times, and even on our many arguments.

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