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## EMPLOYMENT

- 2018 – Present **School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, USA**  
- Position : Postdoctoral researcher  
- Role : Lead Data Scientist for SPARCS (Star-Planet Activity Research CubeSat) – Development of the onboard science payload software, the data reduction pipeline, and the spacecraft maneuver & observation planning software for SPARCS
- 2012 – 2017 **Département de Physique, Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada.**  
- Position : Teaching Assistant (Physics of waves and vibrations, electromagnetism, classical mechanics)
- March – August 2012 **Infrared Processing and Analysis Center (IPAC) – NASA Exoplanet Science Institute (NExSci), Caltech, Pasadena, California, USA.**  
- Position : Research Assistant  
- Research subjects :  
1. Astrometric properties of cool brown dwarfs discovered by *WISE*  
2. Development of Python modules for the analyses of *Kepler* light curves  
- Advisors : Dr. Beichman C. A. and Dr. Plavchan P.
- June – August 2011 **Gemini Observatory - Southern Operations, La Serena, Chile.**  
- Position : Engineering Intern  
- Subject : Analyses and implementation of new remote controllable optical components on the Gemini South Multi-Conjugate Adaptive Optics 50W laser bench  
- Supervisors : Dr. Fesquet V. and Dr. Boccas M.
- July 2010 **Institute of Physics and Chemistry of Materials of Strasbourg (IPCMS), Strasbourg, France.**  
- Position : Research Intern  
- Research subject : Investigating the interactions between proteins and semiconductor nanoparticles using luminescence spectroscopy  
- Supervisor : Dr. Haake S.

## EDUCATION

- 2012 – 2018 **Ph.D., Astrophysics, Université de Montréal, Canada.**  
- Thesis : Probing the photospheric origins of wind structures in hot luminous stars through high-precision time-resolved space photometry  
- Advisor : Pr. Moffat A. F. J.
- 2011 – 2012 **M.Sc., Astrophysics, Université de Strasbourg/Observatoire de Strasbourg, France.**  
- Thesis : Astrometric properties of cool brown dwarfs discovered by the *Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE)*  
- Advisor : Dr. Beichman C. A.
- 2009 – 2012 **M.Sc.Eng., Télécom Physique Strasbourg (TPS), France.**

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## SEMINARS AND TALKS

### Invited Seminars

- February 2017 **Département de Physique, Université de Montréal, Québec, Canada.**  
La quête des origines photosphériques des structures à grande et à petite échelle dans les vents des étoiles chaudes et très lumineuses
- October 2014 **Observatoire de Meudon, Meudon/Paris, France.**  
Variabilités intrinsèques des étoiles O par photométrie avec le microsatellite *MOST*

### Invited Talks

- October 2021 **Arizona State University AST422 Guest Talk, Tempe, Arizona USA.**  
The Intriguing Optical Light Variability Of An O-Type Star –  $\zeta$  Puppis
- January 2020 **235th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Honolulu, Hawai'i USA.**  
The diverse nature of massive star photometric variability uncovered by the BRITE nanosatellites
- September 2019 **Arizona State University AST531 Guest Lecture, Tempe, Arizona USA.**  
Massive stars
- April 2019 **CubeSat Astronomy Workshop, San Luis Obispo, California USA.**  
SPARCS : Star-Planet Activity Research CubeSat
- August 2017 **3rd BRITE-Constellation Science Conference, Québec, Canada.**  
On the photospheric sources of wind structures in hot luminous O-type stars

### Contributed Talks

- June 2022 **240th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Pasadena, CA, USA.**  
The Star-Planet Activity Research CubeSat (SPARCS)
- August 2021 **SmallSat Conference 2021, Virtual.**  
Dynamically Controlling Image Integration Onboard The Star-Planet Activity Research CubeSat (SPARCS)
- July 2021 **BRITE and BRITE-Related Science Meeting, Virtual.**  
How BRITE Has Revolutionized What We Know About A Key O-Star
- June 2021 **XMM-Newton Workshop 2021, A High-Energy View of Exoplanets and their Environments, Virtual.**  
Time-Resolved Photometry Of The High-Energy Radiation Of M Dwarfs With The Star-Planet Activity Research CubeSat
- May 2021 **Stars and Planets in the Ultraviolet, Virtual.**  
Photometric Monitoring Of M Dwarf UV Flaring With The Star-Planet Activity Research CubeSat (SPARCS)
- January 2021 **237th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Virtual.**  
An Automated Onboard Image Integration Control for the Star-Planet Activity Research CubeSat
- January 2020 **235th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA.**  
M dwarf activity and flaring in the ultraviolet domain with the Star-Planet Activity Research CubeSat (SPARCS)
- May 2017 **Annual meeting of the Centre de Recherche en Astrophysique du Québec, Québec, Canada.**  
The spotted surface of HAT-P-11
- August 2016 **2nd BRITE-Constellation Science Conference "small satellites - big science", Innsbruck, Austria.**  
A BRITE view on the hot early-O-type supergiant  $\zeta$  Puppis : Probing the photospheric drivers of its large-scale wind structures

- April 2016 **Annual meeting of the Centre de Recherche en Astrophysique du Québec, Québec, Canada.**  
 $\zeta$  Puppis [O4I(n)fp] : Probing the photospheric drivers of its large-scale wind structures
- October 2015 **BRITE Spectropolarimetric Survey workshop, Meudon/Paris, France.**  
 $\zeta$  Puppis [O4I(n)fp] : Unravelling the link between its CIRs and their photospheric origin
- September 2015 **Science with BRITE-Constellation : Initial Results, Gdansk, Poland.**  
 BRITE photometry of OB supergiants/giants
- May 2015 **Annual meeting of the Centre de Recherche en Astrophysique du Québec, Québec, Canada.**  
 BRITE photometry of  $\zeta$  Orionis
- September 2014 **Magnetism and Variability of O Stars, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.**  
 Intrinsic variability of O stars through high-precision photometry
- May 2014 **Annual meeting of the Centre de Recherche en Astrophysique du Québec, Québec, Canada.**  
 Intrinsic variability of O stars through space photometry
- May 2013 **Annual meeting of the Centre de Recherche en Astrophysique du Québec, Québec, Canada.**  
 Detection of corotating hot spots on an O star : The case of  $\xi$  Persei [O7.5III(n)((f))]

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## TELESCOPE TIME AS PI

OBSERVATORY	TELESCOPE	INSTRUMENT	ALLOCATION
SAAO [South-Africa]	1.9 m	GIRAFFE	14 nights
CTIO [Chile]	SMARTS 1.5 m	Chiron	4 nights
CTIO [Chile]	SMARTS 1.5 m	Chiron	2.7 nights
MOST [Canada (space)]	15 cm	Photometer	36 days
OMM [Canada]	1.6 m	Long-slit spectrograph	9 nights

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## GRANTS

- 2020 **AAS FAMOUS Travel Grant (USD 0.5K)**, American Astronomical Society, USA.
- 2012–2015 **Doctoral Scholarship – Flights and Fieldwork for the Advancement of Science and Technology (FAST ; CAD 60K)**, Canadian Space Agency, Canada.
- 2009–2010 **The Blanc-Mesnil Foundation Scholarship (EUR 20K)**, French Academy of Science, France.
- 2007–2009 **The Odon Vallet Foundation Scholarship (EUR 25K)**, France.

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## COMPUTER SKILLS

OS Mac OS X, Linux, Windows      Programming Python, C/C++, IDL, Matlab

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## LANGUAGES

English Fluent      Malagasy Native  
 French Fluent      German Basic user

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## OTHER INTERESTS

- Guitar, Flamenco
- Watercolor painting
- Soccer, Cycling, Hiking

## ■ REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

***h*-index : 13 ; *i10*-index : 18**

[23] **Ramiaramanantsoa, T.** and Moffat, Anthony F. J., **2022, Universe, 8(10), 514–526**  
*Massive Stars as the Radiant Queens of the Universe — The Case of  $\zeta$  Puppis*

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*Constraining the Physical Properties of Stellar Coronal Mass Ejections with Coronal Dimming : Application to Far-ultraviolet Data of  $\epsilon$  Eridani*

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*Time-resolved photometry of the high-energy radiation of M dwarfs with the Star-Planet Activity Research Cubesat*

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*Space Photometry with BRITe-Constellation*

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*Correlated X-ray and optical variability in the O-type supergiant  $\zeta$  Puppis*

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*The chaotic wind of WR 40 as probed by BRITe*

[16] **Ramiaramanantsoa, T.**; Ratnasingam, R.; Shenar, T.; Moffat, A. F. J.; Rogers, T. M.; Popowicz, A.; Kuschnig, R.; Pigulski, A.; Handler, G.; Wade, G. A.; Zwintz, K.; Weiss, W. W., **2018, MNRAS, 480, 972–986**  
*A BRITe view on the massive O-type supergiant V973 Scorpii : hints towards internal gravity waves or sub-surface convection zones*

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*A detailed X-ray investigation of  $\zeta$  Puppis IV. Further characterization of the variability*

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*The variability of the BRITe-est Wolf-Rayet binary,  $\gamma^2$  Velorum-I. Photometric and spectroscopic evidence for colliding winds*

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*BRITe-Constellation : Data processing and photometry*

[11] Buyschaert, B.; Neiner, C.; Richardson, N. D.; **Ramiaramanantsoa, T.**; David-Uraz, A.; Pablo, H.; Oksala, M. E.; Moffat, A. F. J.; Mennickent, R. E.; Legeza, S.; Aerts, C.; Kuschnig, R.; Whittaker, G. N.; Popowicz, A.; Handler, G.; Wade, G. A.; Weiss, W. W., **2017, A&A, 602A, 91**

*Studying the photometric and spectroscopic variability of the magnetic hot supergiant  $\zeta$  Ori Aa*

[10] Munoz, M.; Moffat, A. F. J.; Hill, G. M.; Shenar, T.; Richardson, N. D.; Pablo, H.; St-Louis, N.; **Ramiaramanantsoa, T.**, **2017, MNRAS, 467, 3105–3121**

*WR 148 : identifying the companion of an extreme runaway massive binary*

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*The most massive heartbeat : an in-depth analysis of  $\iota$  Orionis*

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*Combining BRITe and ground-based photometry for the  $\beta$  Cephei star  $\nu$  Eridani : impact on photometric pulsation mode identification and detection of several g modes*

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*The BRITE Constellation Nanosatellite Mission : Testing, Commissioning, and Operations*

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*The CHARA Array resolves the long-period Wolf-Rayet binaries WR 137 and WR 138*

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