Record Nr. UNINA9910154296603321 Autore Heng Kevin **Titolo** Exoplanetary Atmospheres: Theoretical Concepts and Foundations // Kevin Heng Princeton, NJ:,: Princeton University Press,, [2017] Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2017 **ISBN** 0-691-16698-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (291 pages): illustrations (some color) Collana Princeton Series in Astrophysics;; 30 Classificazione **US 7400** Disciplina 523.8/3 Soggetti Extrasolar planets Extrasolar planets - Atmospheres Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Foreword by Sara Seager -- Preface -- 1. Observations of Exoplanetary Atmospheres: A Theorist's Review of Techniques in Astronomy -- 2. Introduction to Radiative Transfer -- 3. The Two-Stream Approximation of Radiative Transfer -- 4. Temperature-Pressure Profiles -- 5. Atmospheric Opacities: How to Use a Line List -- 6. Introduction to Atmospheric Chemistry -- 7. A Hierarchy of Atmospheric Chemistries -- 8. Introduction to Fluid Dynamics -- 9. Deriving the Governing Equations of Fluid Dynamics --10. The Shallow Water System: A Fluid Dynamics Lab on Paper -- 11. The de Laval Nozzle and Shocks -- 12. Convection, Turbulence and Fluid Instabilities -- 13. Atmospheric Escape -- 14. Outstanding Problems of Exoplanetary Atmospheres -- Appendix A: Summary of Standard Notation -- Appendix B: Essential Formulae of Vector Calculus -- Appendix C: Essential Formulae of Thermodynamics -- Appendix D: Gibbs Free Energies of Various Molecules and Reactions -- Appendix E: Python Scripts for Generating Figures -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto The study of exoplanetary atmospheres-that is, of planets orbiting stars beyond our solar system-may be our best hope for discovering life elsewhere in the universe. This dynamic, interdisciplinary field requires practitioners to apply knowledge from atmospheric and

climate science, astronomy and astrophysics, chemistry, geology and

geophysics, planetary science, and even biology. Exoplanetary

Atmospheres provides an essential introduction to the theoretical foundations of this cutting-edge new science. Exoplanetary Atmospheres covers the physics of radiation, fluid dynamics, atmospheric chemistry, and atmospheric escape. It draws on simple analytical models to aid learning, and features a wealth of problem sets, some of which are open-ended. This authoritative and accessible graduate textbook uses a coherent and self-consistent set of notation and definitions throughout, and also includes appendixes containing useful formulae in thermodynamics and vector calculus as well as selected Python scripts. Exoplanetary Atmospheres prepares PhD students for research careers in the field, and is ideal for self-study as well as for use in a course setting. The first graduate textbook on the theory of exoplanetary atmospheresUnifies knowledge from atmospheric and climate science, astronomy and astrophysics. chemistry, planetary science, and moreCovers radiative transfer, fluid dynamics, atmospheric chemistry, and atmospheric escapeProvides simple analytical models and a wealth of problem setsIncludes appendixes on thermodynamics, vector calculus, tabulated Gibbs free energies, and Python scriptsSolutions manual (available only to professors)