"Spectra and Photometry: Windows into Exoplanet Atmospheres"

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The Kepler Orrery II t[BJD] = 2455879 D. Fabrycky 2012









Kasting and Harman 2013









Transiting Planets

Secondary Eclipse

See thermal radiation and reflected light from planet disappear and reappear

Transit See stellar flux decrease (function of wavelength)

Orbital Phase Variations

See cyclical variations in brightness of planet

figure taken from H. Knutson



With upperatmosphere optical absorber

Transit chord

Graphics by D. Spiegel

P = 0.02 mbar, 5.7 mbar, 0.14 bar, 3.6 barCentral Longitude: -90





Transit Spectra

- At terminator couples aspects of day and night
- Chemistry at transition?
- Day/night temperatures
- Ingress/Egress asymmetry

Fractional Atmosphere vs. Wavelength



Burrows, Rauscher, Spiegel, & Menou 2010





GJ 1214b: Transit Radius vs. Wavelength



Howe & Burrows 2012, in press





Haze on HD 189733b



Using Burrows, Rauscher, Spiegel, & Menou 2010

Also, re tau Boo B

Atmospheric Clouds/Hazes

- Opacities
- Physical extent
- More important for transit spectra than secondary eclipse or light curve spectra, but ...
- HD 189733b (e.g., Pont et al.)





Secondary Eclipse - Emission Spectra, Hot Upper Atmospheres, and Inversions

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Indices of Upper-Atmosphere Heating and Inversion:

Inversion: IRAC 2/IRAC1 - High "Bump" at IRAC3 (water in emission?) - "other" emission features

Hot Upper Atmosphere: "High" planet-star flux ratios in IRAC 2, IRAC 3, and IRAC 4 bands (and at 24 microns?)

Hot Spot advection??

What is absorbing in the optical at altitude?

Light Curves

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Planet/Star Flux Ratio vs. Wavelength and Phase



Burrows, Rauscher, Spiegel, & Menou 2010

Methane Map: w/o Upper Atmos. heating



J-band HD 209458b Map (model a03)

Burrows et al. 2010



HD 209458b: Integrated Phase Light Curves: With inversion/hot upper atmosphere



HD 209458b: Integrated Phase Light Curves: No upper atmosphere absorber



New Ups And b Phase Curve at 24 µm



Future: Kepler, warm Spitzer, JWST

Harrington et al. 2010

First Longitudinal Temperature Profile for an Exoplanet: HD 189733b's Warm Night Side



Spitzer 8 µm observations of HD 189733b (Knutson et al. 2007b, *Nature* 447, 183).



Large gradients: u And b* (Harrington et al. 2007) HD 179949* (Cowan et al. 2008) HAT-P-7 (Borucki et al. 2009)

^{*} non-transiting planet, brightness/temperature gradient degenerate with unknown orbital inclination and planet radius Intermediate gradients: HD 149026 (Knutson e al. 2009)

Small gradients:

HD 189733b (Knutson et al. 2007) HD 209458 (Knutson et al., in prep.)

Radius-Mass Relationship for Irradiated EGPs ("Hot Jupiters")

(dependence on age, star, semi-major axis distance, planet mass, "core mass," atmospheric opacities)

Giant Planet Radius Depends Upon Atmosphere

- Radius depends upon core entropy and mass
- Atmosphere regulates core heat loss
- Extra heating in atmosphere (e.g., Joule heating?) affects T/P profile and internal flux
- Day and Night sides cool differently
- Night side is colder, but may allow more core heat loss (T_n^{eff} vs. T_d^{eff})
- $T_n^{eff}(S,g)$; $T_d^{eff}(S,g) ---> T_{eff}(S,g)$
- Opacities
- Metallicities
- Magnetic Torques and Joule Heating?
- Clouds
- **3D Effects** (irradiation, rotation ...)

... Hundreds of Planets Are Known to be Transiting. WASP-12 WASP-17-TrES-4 Some planets appear to 1.5 Radius of Planet (R_{Jup}) XO-3 1.0 HAT-P-12 . Jupiter HAT-P-2 Saturn HD 149026 0.5 GJ 436 🔶 HAT-P-11 [♦] Neptune COROT-Exo-7 0.0 0.01 0.10 10.00 1.00 Mass of Planet (M_{Jup})

Planet diversity





Core Entropy vs. Radius for Transiting Giant Planets



Spiegel & Burrows 2012

Approximate "Core" Mass vs. Stellar Metallicity



Note measurement of HAT-P-1b

See also Guillot et al. 2006



Spiegel & Burrows 2012

Spectroscopic and Photometric Discriminants of Giant Planet Formation Scenarios

D. Spiegel and A. Burrows 2011

Initial BD/EGP Models are Quite Uncertain

- Initial Radius, entropies determine flux evolution for quite some time
- Hot-start/cold-start/warm-start Signatures of mode of formation











High-Contrast Imaging







Madhusudhan, Burrows, & Currie 2011

See also Barman et al.

WFIRST-2.4 Exoplanet Imaging Sensitivity



Figure 2-21: This figure is a snapshot in time of contrast and separation for model planets, ranging in size from Mars-like to several times the radius of Jupiter, for about 200 of the nearest stars within 30 pc. Color indicates planet mass while size indicates planet radius. Crosses represent known radial velocity planets. Solid black lines mark the baseline technical goal of 1 ppb contrast and 0.2 arcsec IWA, while the dotted lines show the more aggressive goals of 0.1 ppb and 0.1 arcsec IWA.

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Exoplanet Science: Current Measurement and Interpretative Limitations

Systematic Uncertainties/Ambiguities in Spectral Models

- Planets are not Stars They have "character," added complexity
- Opacities (line profiles ...?)
- Abundances
- NLTE
- NCE
- Clouds
- Photochemistry
- **3D Effects** (irradiation, rotation ...)
- χ² is of dubious real use when models systematics-dominated (models not merely a matter of physical parameters - but can have errors of unknown magnitude and kind)
- Retrieval (forward and inverse) techniques have been primitive multiple degeneracies, systematic limitations
- Stellar Atmospheres took ~100 years to evolve as a discipline molecular/exoplanetary atmospheres are more complicated

Systematic Uncertainties in Data

- Limited SNR, bandwidths, resolution
- Star spots
- Absolute Calibration
- Earth's atmosphere (H₂O, OH, ...)
- Spitzer "Ramps"
- Spitzer not designed for better than 10^{-2} pushed to ~ 10^{-3}
- Planet/Star flux ratios have varied by factors of ~2 from epoch to epoch
- Measured Transit depths at the same wavelengths vary by factors of ~2

Parameters > Number of Data Points

- Model fits are often under-constrained
- Frequently, just two points fit (e.g., F_p / F_*)!
- . In the context of systematic data uncertainties,
- CO₂, abundances, thermal inversions, C/O ratios?

One-D models for 3D objects?

- Many adjustable parameters (f, ϵ , α , κ_a , P_n, "A," abundances, T_{eff}, T/P profiles, "TiO"....)
- Advection of composition and heat?
- Latitudinal and longitudinal dependence of emissions/spectra antenna gain?
- Solar ratios of elements?
- Metallicity dependence (weak for emission (secondary eclipse); strong for transit (primary eclipse)?)
- Mixing-length convection?
- Eddy mixing?
- Transit spectra are for terminator region transition region, ingress/egress
 asymmetry

Limitations of 3D GC Modeling

- 3D models have Mach ~ 1, but use "primitive" equations that assume M << 1
- Filter sound waves (one exception)
- Can't handle shock waves
- Based on Earth GCMs and parametrizations
- Use Rayleigh drag, even for close-in EGPs ("hot Jupiters")
- Super-rotational speeds depend on ad hoc parameters
- Non-ideal MHD?
- Don't match to core convective regions consistently
- Don't incorporate 3D multi-frequency radiative transfer
- Importantly, GCMs were configured to look at winds/pressure, not spectral emissions there is a mismatch between the traditional goals of Planetary and Earth scientists and Exoplanet Astronomers

Need high-quality, uniform, calibrated data over a large spectral bandwidth

Need much more physical models, with realistic (multi-D) radiative transfer

Training Set

- Many (most?) conclusions will be overturned
- The past 15 years has been but a training exercise educating a community
- Community has been practicing for the future winnowing of ideas, techniques
- With 2nd- and 3rd-generation data and much better and more comprehensive models, we may start truly to learn about exoplanet atmospheres and spectra
- Need mature ground-based and space-based initiatives and a credible, reliable international plan/Roadmap for exoplanet exploration in the next ~20 years
- Are we ready?





Theoretical Questions

- What limits super-rotational atmospheric flows?
- Day/Night Contrasts?
- What is the "extra absorber" in many hot-EGP atmospheres?
- Why are some "Hot Jupiters" so large (R_p vs. M_p)?
- Is there a dynamical, structural, and/or thermal role for B-fields?
- What condensates reside in planetary atmospheres?
- Winds and Evaporation?
- Tidal Effects?
- Atmospheric, Envelope, and Core compositions?
- Mode(s) of Formation (and Signatures!)?