Exoplanet Atmospheres by Transmission Emission & Phase Curves



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Outline

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- Atmospheres of Transiting Planets
 Transmission
 Emission
 Phase curve
- What's been discovered
- What physical information and quality are possible









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Exoplanet Atmosphere Characterisation by Spectra



Transits

Direct Imaging

Close-In PlanetsWide-Separations $M_{pl}, R_{pl}(\lambda), i, P, a, Flux_{pl}(\lambda, \Phi)$ $asin(i), Flux_{pl}(\lambda)$ Atmo. CompositionAtmo. CompositionClouds/HazesClouds/HazesThermal profileTemperaturesStratospheresThermospheresExospheresExospheres

Escape Dynamics, Winds Photochemistry

Dynamics Chemistry







Planet Bulk Composition





Transiting Planets







Transiting Planets





Transiting Planets

































Exoplanet Spectroscopy What Observatories have been used?



		UV	Optical	nIR	IR
Transit	S G	HST -	HST 6 - 10m	HST 8 - 10m	Spitzer -
2 nd Eclipse	S G	-	Kepler, CoRoT 6 - 10m	HST 4 - 10m	Spitzer -
Phase Curves	Տ Մ	-	Kepler, CoRoT	-	Spitzer -

- Field Traditionally Space-based
- Increasing activity from the ground







Transiting Planets What can the observations tell us?

Different methods are Very Highly Complementary

- Transit Transmission Spectra (mbar and lower)
 Composition
 Escape
 Temperatures
 Pressures & Abundances
 Winds
- Secondary Eclipse Emission Spectra (bar to mbar) Temperatures (or albedo)
 Thermal Structure
 Composition & Pressures & Abundances
- Phase Curves (bar to mbar) Non-transiting too Global Temperature Map Winds

Want All methods at All wavelengths for the Strongest Constraints





Transmission Spectra

Composition



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Examples

- First Exoplanet Atmospheric Detection
 '209 Na (Charbonneau et al. 2002; Snellen et al. 2008; Sing et al. 2008)
- '189 Na (Redfield et al. 2008; Huitson et al. submitted)
- '189 Rayleigh scattering (Pont et al. 2008; Lecavelier et al 2008; Sing et al. 2011) silicate haze?







Transmission spectrum

Composition





Can identify Rayleigh scattering (haze) Alkali Metal Na





Transmission spectrum

Composition





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60+ orbits HST 100+ hrs Spitzer see poster Husnoo

Overview Identified Atmospheric Constituents







Na CII H_2O , H_1 , H_2 , TiO/VOCO H I, O I, Si III H_2O HD189733b Na Rayleigh-haze H_2O CO_2, HI Wasp-12b Mg II, Metals Molecules Wasp-17b: Na <u>XO-2b:</u> Κ <u>G||2|4</u>: metal-rich/haze <u>G|436</u>: Molecules

HD209458b

confirmed: HST & Subaru confirmed: HST initial: HST initial: VLT initial: HST initial: Spitzer confirmed: HET & HST confirmed: HST confirmed: Spitzer initial: Spitzer; HST initial: HST initial: VLT, CFHT, Spitzer initial: VLT initial: GTC likely: VLT, HST, CFHT, Spitzer initial: Spitzer

Transmission Spectra





Atmospheric Escape

- UV is sensitive to atomic transitions (H, C, Si, O)
- Hot-Jupiters loose mass due to intense stellar irradiation
- Very large Transit depts

HD209458b

Vidal-Madjar et al. (2003, 2004) Linskey et al. (2010) HDI89733b Lecavelier et al. (2010) Wasp-I2 Fossati et al. (2010)







Emission spectrum

Composition Temperatures





Can identify H₂O, CO₂

Grillmair et al. (2008) ~100 hrs Spitzer





Emission spectrum

Temperatures & Albedo



- Thermal Emission flux from planet probes temperature
- Hot-Js ~1000 to 3000 K
- Albedo (optical) & Re-circulation
- Hot-Js often have low albedos (but not always)





Seager & Deming (2010) Cowan & Agol (2011)



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Phase curves

Temperature map Winds





8 µm

- Hot-spot eastward of sub-stellar point
- Eastward jets



Knutson et al. (2007; 2009) 3 & 4.5 μm curves too





Emission & Transmission

Thermal Structure



Huitson et al. submitted 4000 Binned to Depth (km) 2 pixels 3000 Relative Absorption 2000 1000 E 5895 5905 5910 5880 5885 5890 5900 Wavelength (Å)

Transmission

Temp. via scale height Press. via altitude Na: $T_{z=2000 \ km} = 2800 \ K$ Rayleigh: $T_{z=0 \ km} = 1340 \ K$ EVENTMENTITY OF Lee et al. (2011)



Emission

Press. via contribution function Degeneracy Temp. & Abundances

Emission + Transmission + Phase

Thermal Structure



Limb T-P





'189 NO Stratosphere

Dayside T-P



'209 YES Stratosphere

'189 YES Thermosphere '209 YES Thermosphere

Huitson et al. (submitted) Vidal-Madjar et al. (2011a,b)

Charbonneau et al. (2008) Madhusudhan & Seager (2009) Lee et al. (2011) Burrows et al. (2007) Knutson et al. (2008)





Transmission+Emission+Phase Wasp-12b: Hottest of the Hot Jupiters







Lopez-Morales et al. (2010)

Croll et al. (2011)

Campo et al. (2011) Cowan et al. (2011)

Phase Curve



- Large Day/Night Contrast 3000 K Days 1000 K Nights
- Solar or high C/O?

Madhusudhan et al. (2011) Crossfield et al. (2012) David K. Sing



Era of hot-Jupiter Atmo Surveys

Ground

- emission (nIR; e.g. Croll; Snellen)
- transmission
 Optical (e.g Jensen et al. 2011; Sing et al. 2011)

Space

- Spitzer emission+phase (PI Harrington;Knutson;Krick)
- HSTWFC3 transmission+emission (PI Deming)
- HST STIS transmission (PI Sing)

see poster Swain



Beginning Era of hot-Neptunes & super-Earths



GJ1214b

Flat-ish spectra

Small Signals

- small scale heights
- clouds/hazes covering signatures



Future

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M-dwarfs & Very Bright Transits

GJ436

- enhanced CO, reduced CH₄
- issues with stellar variability

Berta et al. (2011) Knutson et al. (2011) Stevenson et al. (2010) Madhusudhan & Seager (2011)

Conclusions

- Now have increasingly "good" constraints for a couple hot-Jupiter atmos
- Era of comparative exoplanets has started with hot Jupiters
- Beginning era for super-Earth & hot-Neptune atmosphere studies



Postdoctoral position on Large HST program





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- Height +2000 km +1500 km +500 km 0 -500 km 0 2 μ μμ
- 124 Orbits
- 8 hot-Jupiters (1000 to 3000 K)
- Full high quality optical+nIR spectra from 3000 Å to 1.6μm

500 nr

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