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# Atmospheres of exoplanets

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1761 transit of Venus (N. Ypey)



Mikhaïl Lomonosov (1711–1765)

observed the 1761 transit of Venus & proved that Venus has an atmosphere



8 June 2004 transit of Venus w/ *TRACE* satellite Courtesy: G. Schneider http://nicmosis.as.arizona.edu:8000/ECLIPSE WEB/TRANSIT\_04/TRACE/TOV\_TRACE.html





#### Earth & Venus have similar **masses** & **sizes**, hence **densities**

If Venus has an **atmosphere**, surely it must be even more Earth-like? (albeit a tad warmer)

#### Planet Comics #51 (1947)





### Planets with measured density



Atmospheres are our unique window to observe physical & chemical properties of (exo)planets

...at least above the clouds

### Spatially unresolved techniques

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spectrophotometry

Emission spectrum

### Course outline

1. Transit spectroscopy

1.1 Basics: method, radiative transfer, atmospheric structure

1.2 Amplitude of the expected signal

1.3 Best targets

2. Cases of study

2.1 Sodium sky of a hot Jupiter

2.2 Hydrogen evaporating from a warm Neptune

2.3 Water vapour in some cloudy planets

## 1. Transit spectroscopy



### Primary transit



### Primary transit



 $\delta = (R_p/R_s)^2$ 



 $\delta(\lambda) = [R(\lambda)/R_s]^2$ 

Transmission spectroscopy through the limb



See Fortney (2005)







# Solution of radiative transfert equation $\frac{F_{\rm in}(\lambda) = F_{\rm out}(\lambda) e^{-\tau}}{F_{\rm in}(\lambda)/F_{\rm out}(\lambda)-1} = e^{-\tau}-1$



Solution of radiative transfert equation  $F_{\rm in}(\lambda) = F_{\rm out}(\lambda) {\rm e}^{- au}$   $\delta(\lambda) = -[R(\lambda)/R_s]^2 = {\rm e}^{- au} - 1$  $\delta(\lambda) = \exp[-n\sigma\sqrt{(2\pi R_p H)}] - 1$ 







Wavelength (nm)

- Composition: What does extinguish light?
- Atmospheric structure: In what quantity?
- Order of magnitude of transit spectroscopy signal

### Extinction cross sections

- Photo-absorption by atoms & molecules
- Scattering of light by atoms & molecules
- Scattering of light by larger particles (dust, droplets in hazes or clouds)

### Extinction cross sections

#### Relevant for the atmosphere of Venus

Ehrenreich et al. (2012)



### Extinction cross sections



### Atmospheric structure
















 $cube of gas \ dm, \ dV \!\!=\! dz^3 \ arrho = dm/dV$ 



$$dp = - arrho \ g \ dz$$

$$\underline{dp} = -\varrho \, g \ \overline{dz}$$

### Hydrostatic equilibrium $dp = dp [g \text{ cm}^3] = -\rho g$ dz oravity accel

#### gravity acceleration [cm s<sup>-2</sup>]

# Hydrostatic equilibrium $\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$

of what?

#### Equation of state

# number density [cm<sup>-3</sup>] $p = n k_B T_{\text{temperature}}$

pressure [dyn cm<sup>-2</sup>], also "barye" [ba] 1 ba = 0.1 Pa

dpho gdz

[K]

#### mass vs. number density number density [cm<sup>-3</sup>] $\rho = n\mu$ mass density [g cm<sup>-3</sup>] $p = n\mu$ mean molecular mass [g molecule<sup>-1</sup>] not [g mol<sup>-1</sup>]

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$$

### $p = n k_{\rm B} T$

$$\rho = n\mu$$
  $\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$ 

## $p = \varrho/\mu \, \mathrm{k_B} T$

 $\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$ 

# $p=-dp/dz\,\left|{ m k_B}\,T/\mu g ight|$ Atmospheric scale height [cm]

# $p=-dp/dz\;{ m k_B}T/\mu g$

#### Who has the largest H?

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1.1 Basics: scale height

p		dp/c	dz k <sub>E</sub>	$_{s}T/\mu g$
	(K) 300	<b>9</b> (m s <sup>-2</sup> ) 10	μ (g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) 29	H (km) 8–9
	740	9	44	16
	110	25	2.2	16!
	90	1.4	29	20
	1,100	25	2.2	160

p = -dp/dz H

 $\frac{dp}{p} = -\frac{dz}{H}$ 

 $\int^z dz'$ rp dp'p'H $Jp_0$  $z_0$ J

 $\int^z dz'$ dp'**f** p p H  $Jp_0$  $z_0$ J

 $-z_0$  $\mathcal{P}$  $\mathcal{Z}$  $p_0$ 



only **true** if *H* is constant with *z*, (=isothermal profile), otherwise:

$$p(z) = p_0 \exp\left(-\int_{z_0}^z \frac{dz'}{H(z)}\right)$$

#### Signal amplitude



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 $\delta_{H} = \left[\left(R_{p} {+} H
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ight]^{2}$  -  $\left(R_{p}/R_{s}
ight)^{2}$  $\delta_{H}=[(R_{p}{+}H)/R_{s}]^{2}$  -  $(R_{p}/R_{s})^{2}$  $\delta_{H} = [(R_{p} \!+\! H)^{2} \!-\! R_{p}^{2}]/R_{s}^{2}$  $\delta_{H} = [R_{p}^{2} + H^{2} + 2R_{p}H - R_{p}^{2}]/R_{s}^{2}$  $\delta_{H} = \left[H^2 {+} 2R_p H
ight]/R_s^2$  $\delta_{H} = [(H/R_{p})^{2} + 2H/R_{p}]R_{p}^{2}/R_{s}^{2}$  $H \ll R_p, \ (H/R_p)^2 lpha 0$  $\delta_{H} = \,(2H/R_{p}\,)R_{p}^{2}/R_{s}^{2}$  $\delta_{H} = (2H/R_{p}\,)\delta_{p}$ 

# $\delta_H \approx 2 \left(\frac{R_p}{R_s}\right)^2 \frac{H}{R_p}$

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$R_{p}$	$H_{(km)}$	8	$\delta_H$			
1	8–9	80 ppm	0.2 ppm			
1	16	80 ppm	0.4 ppm			
11	16	1%	5 ppm			
0.4	20	14 ppm	0.2 ppm			
17	160	2.5%	70 ppm			

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$$\rho = \frac{M_p}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_p^3}$$

$$\delta_H \approx 2 \left(\frac{R_p}{R_s}\right)^2 \frac{k_B}{\frac{4}{3}\pi G} \frac{T}{\mu \rho R_p^2}$$

#### Signal amplitude

#### $\delta_H \propto (R_s)^{-2} (\rho)^{-1} (\mu)^{-1} (T)^{+1}$

small stars hosting
low-density planets
with light & hot atmospheres

= great targets for atmospheric characterisation!

#### Signal-to-noise



## To study exoplanetary atmospheres more planets around bright stars





#### 2. Case studies











Sodium detection in HD 189733b

Huitson et al. (2012)







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 $z_{
m eq}(\lambda)$ 

$$T = \frac{\mu g}{\mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{B}}} \frac{\partial z(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial \ln \sigma(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda}\right)^{-1}$$

Lecavelier des Etangs et al. (2008)


### Sodium detection in HD 189733b w/ HST

Huitson et al. (2012)



$$T = \frac{\mu g}{\mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{B}}} \frac{\partial z(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial \ln \sigma(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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Sodium detection in HD 189733b w/ HST

Huitson et al. (2012)

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Wyttenbach et al. (2015)

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### net blue shifts of ~1–10 km/s

![](_page_78_Figure_1.jpeg)

## New atmospheric surveys at high spectral resolution

### $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \approx 115,000$

### HARPS@ESO 3.6, La Silla (Chile)

![](_page_79_Picture_3.jpeg)

### HARPS-N@TNG, La Palma (Canary Is.)

![](_page_79_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_79_Picture_6.jpeg)

Optical Characterisation

Hubble Space Telescope HIRES/E-ELT? VLT/ESPRESSO ESO 3.6m/HARPS CAHA/CARMENES TNG/**HARPS-N** 

### What happens at high altitude if T & wind ???

Courtesy A. Lecavelier des Etangs

Ultraviolet hydrogen

![](_page_82_Picture_1.jpeg)

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## **Evaporation?**

- Tremendous amounts of XUV energy deposited in atmospheres of close-in planets
- Leads to expansion & hydrodynamical thermal escape of exospheres
- Escaping atoms (hydrogen) repelled & ionised, sculpting large envelopes

![](_page_83_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_84_Picture_0.jpeg)

## Previously...

- Hydrogen envelopes detected for several hot gas giants
- Transit observation in the stellar Ly $\alpha$  line (1215 Å)
- Only reachable with the Hubble Space Telescope (HST)

![](_page_84_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_84_Figure_6.jpeg)

Vidal-Madjar et al. (2003, 2004) Ehrenreich et al. (2008, 2012) Lecavelier des Etangs et al. (2010, 2012) Bourrier et al. (2013, 2014)

## Lost population of planets?

optical

![](_page_85_Figure_1.jpeg)

UV

NIR

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GJ 436 in the optical

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In the next slides, we will attempt to reduce transit spectroscopy data

with your naked eyes

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### GJ 436 in the optical

Lyman-α GJ 436

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Ehrenreich et al. (2015) Bourrier et al. (2016)

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Ehrenreich et al. (2015) Bourrier et al. (2016) optical

### NIR

# Ultraviolet characterisation

Hubble Space Telescope

UV

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Losing hydrogen is no problem for giants, neptunes... What about lower-mass objects? Where the hydrogen would come from?

## Infrared water

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# Near IR transit spectra

NIR

optical

![](_page_103_Figure_1.jpeg)

UV

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## LETTER

# Clouds in the atmosphere of the super-Earth exoplanet GJ1214b

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![](_page_105_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### doi:10.1038/nature12887

## LETTER

# A featureless transmission spectrum for the Neptune-mass exoplanet GJ 436b

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![](_page_106_Figure_4.jpeg)

## LETTER

doi:10.1038/nature13785

# Water vapour absorption in the clear atmosphere of a Neptune-sized exoplanet

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![](_page_107_Figure_4.jpeg)
### HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE NEAR-IR TRANSMISSION SPECTROSCOPY OF THE SUPER-EARTH HD 97658B



## LETTER

# A combined transmission spectrum of the Earth-sized exoplanets TRAPPIST-1 b and c

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## Near-infrared transmission spectrum of the warm-Uranus GJ 3470b with the Wide Field Camera-3 on the *Hubble* Space Telescope\*

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## HST/WFC3 data ("stare mode")

y (pixel)	300 280		$(\cdot)$			
	260 240 220	G141 0 <sup>th</sup> order	F130N direct ima	N age	G141 1 <sup>st</sup> order	
	0	100	200	300	400	500
	x (pixel)					

## HST/WFC3 "white" light curve



## HST/WFC3 "white" light curve















optical

UV

## Near IR transit spectra

NIR









of a 20–30 m instrument. A 30–40 m telescope would be required to probe Earth-like atmospheres around Earth-like planets (model A1). These numbers suppose that Earth-size planets are frequent and are efficiently detected by surveys.

Ehrenreich et al. (2006)

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A hyper-HARPS on the E-ELT? "HIRES" ~ 2028





# Supplementary material on thermal emission



#### NIR

### Spatially unresolved techniques

UV

Infrared phase curve photometry, spectroscopy, spectrophotometry Emitted light map



## Thermal emission









### Emission+transmission spectroscopy

HST/WFC3 emitted spectrum of Wasp-43b (Kreidberg+2014)



HST/WFC3 transmission spectrum of Wasp-43b (Kreidberg+2014)

## Inhomogeneities



- Temperature maps
- Geometrical albedos





## Emergent light photometry

HST/WFC3 NIR phase curve of Wasp-43b (Stevenson+2014)







## Reflected light photometry

Kepler visible light curve of Kepler-7b (Demory+2013)

