# Sniffing Alien Atmospheres

Exoplanet Spectrophotometry from Ground-, Airborneand Space-based Observatories











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## My journey



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## Exoplanets: A very old question

#### Epicurus (341-270 BC):

"...there are infinite worlds both like and unlike this world of ours."

#### Giordano Bruno (1584):

"...there are countless suns and countless earths all rotating around their suns."

**Isaac Newton (1713):** "And if the fixed stars are the centers of similar systems, they will all be constructed according to a similar design ..."







## Exoplanets: A very old guestion

#### Move over, Tatooine! Amateurs discover planet with four suns

By Ed Payne, CNN updated 6:10 PM EDT, Tue October 16, 2012

'Saturn on Steroids': 1st Ringed Planet Beyond Solar System Possibly Found January 12, 2012 07:47am ET

#### by Charles Q. Choi, Space.com Contributor Is the Nearest Alien Planet Proxima b Habitable? 'It's Complicated'

By Jesse Emspak, Space.com Contributor | August 31, 2016 01:27pm ET

**Population of Known Alien Planets Nearly** Doubles as NASA Discovers 715 New Worlds By Mike Wall, Senior Writer | February 26, 2014 01:01pm ET







## Why is it so difficult?



Stars are larger brighter than planets

>>> indirect methods or methods that cancel out the stellar contribution

#### **Differential photometry**



Differences between observations in and out of occultation reveal information about the planet



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<b>Table 5</b> Derived brightness temperatures $(\mathcal{T}_{+})$ geometric and hand albedos $(\mathcal{A}_{+}, \mathcal{A}_{+})$						
equilibrium temperatures $T_{eq}$ for $f = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{2}{2}$ and night-side temperature						
$T_{night}$						
KOI	T	<i>A</i> .	4.	$T^{eq}$	$T^{eq}$	<i>T</i>
ROI	16	лg	110	$^{1}1/4$	12/3	<sup>1</sup> night
1	$1901 \frac{+27}{-31}$	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$0.08 \pm 0.02$	1363	1742	1885.00
2	$2897^{+3}_{-4}$	$0.27 \ 0\pm \ 0. \ 0$	$0.4\pm 0.0$	1892	2418	2235.00
3	$1382_{-0}^{+0}$	$0.01\pm$ 0. 0	$0.01\pm$ 0. 0	825	1054	0. 0
7	$1713^{+562}_{-1614}$	$0.01 \pm 0.11$	$0.01 \pm 0.16$	1624	2075	0.0
10	$2241 \frac{+61}{-77}$	$0.11 \ 0 \pm \ 0.03$	$0.16 ~ 0 \pm ~ 0.04$	1536	1963	1859.00
17	$2060 \frac{+70}{-95}$	$0.07 \pm 0.03$	$0.11 \ 0 \pm \ 0.04$	1413	1806	1719.00
18	$2305^{+46}_{-52}$	$0.16 ~ 0 \pm ~ 0.03$	$0.25~0\pm~0.05$	1429	1826	2169.00
20	$2121 \frac{+54}{-67}$	$0.09 \pm 0.02$	$0.14 ~ 0 \pm ~ 0.04$	1422	1817	1711.00
97	$2547 \frac{+26}{-28}$	$0.32 \ 0 \pm \ 0.03$	$0.48 ~ 0 \pm ~ 0.04$	1364	1743	0.0
98	$2146_{-148}^{+96}$	$0.06 \pm 0.03$	$0.09 \pm 0.04$	1634	2089	2139.00
128	$1861^{+177}_{-1762}$	$0.05 \pm 0.07$	$0.07 \pm 0.11$	1234	1577	1857.00
135	$2296^{+73}_{-95}$	$0.06 \pm 0.02$	$0.09 \pm 0.03$	1930	2467	0.0
137	$1948 \frac{+831}{-1849}$	$0.24 \ 0\pm 5.$	$0.35~0\pm~7.5$	854	1092	1938.00
196	$2395 \pm 50 \\ 58$	$0.18 \ 0 \pm \ 0.03$	$0.27~0\pm~0.05$	1513	1933	0.0
203	$2247 \frac{+35}{-40}$	$0.08 \pm 0.01$	$0.13~0\pm~0.02$	1660	2121	2229.00
204	$2348^{+149}_{-279}$	$0.28 \ 0 \pm \ 0.19$	$0.42 \ 0 \pm \ 0.29$	1217	1555	2347.00
428	$2331_{-626}^{+193}$	$0.09 \pm\ 0.08$	$0.13 ~ 0 \pm ~ 0.13$	1774	2267	2327.00

(Angerhausen, DeLarme & Morse, PASP, 2015)





-collaboration with SUNY Albany (Ben Placek, now: WIT)

#### -bayesian phase curve modelling & retrieval code EXONEST

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#### EXONEST: BAYESIAN MODEL SELECTION APPLIED TO THE DETECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF EXOPLANETS VIA PHOTOMETRIC VARIATIONS

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### EXONEST



#### Kepler-91b; Placek, Knuth & Angerhausen, ApJ, 2015b



TESS + Kepler; Placek, Knuth & Angerhausen, ApJ, 2016

'Beachball' mapping; Chontos, Angerhausen & Placek, in prep



#### Exo-moons; Heller et al., A&A, 2016



#### Statistical evidence for 'Exo-Trojans'



Hippke & Angerhausen, ApJ, 2015

#### Kepler sees hints of asteroids pursuing planets near other stars



#### -First evidence for "Exo-Trojans" (Hippke & Angerhausen, ApJ, 2015)



#### A STATISTICAL SEARCH FOR A POPULATION OF EXO-TROJANS IN THE KEPLER DATASET

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## (NIR-) Spectrophotometry



(Knutson 2008)



#### **Primary transit:**

Probing terminator Broadband depth: ~ 1 % Spectral features: ~ 10<sup>-4</sup>



#### Secondary eclipse:

Probing dayside Broadband depth: ~ 0.1 % Spectral features: ~ 10<sup>-4</sup>

## Hot Jupiters











#### **Hot Jupiters**





K. B. Stevenson (2014)

Phase-resolved emission spectrum of WASP-43b 61 orbits with HST-WFC3

## Super Earth vs Mini Neptun



## **Future: Biomarkers**





Most promising: Oxygen and methane

#### ....like gradstudents and pizza

(credit: Shawn DG)





## **Future: Biomarkers**



Title: Exoplanet Biosignatures: Observational Prospects Short title: Observational Prospects for Biosignatures

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White paper for the National Academies of Science (NAS) Astrobiology Science Strategy for the Search for Life in the Universe

## Life Beyond the Solar System: Remotely Detectable Biosignatures

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#### **Ground-Based**







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~2006 - first generation IFU: SINFONI @ VLT OSIRIS @ Keck



Since 2015 - New MOS: KMOS @ VLT MOSFIRE @ Keck

#### Airborne-based: SOFIA



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH... I'VE HAD IT WITH THESE Ground based observations

#### Advantages for transit-observations:

- -wavelength regime
- -mobility
- -less atmosphere
- -dedicated instrumentation
- (Angerhausen et al. 2011, McElwain et al. 2013)

OBSERVATOR

## SOFIA – first transit



-First exoplanet observation: 1 October 2013 with FLIPO (FLITECAM & HIPO)

#### -transit of HD189733b

-"space based" quality



## **Decorrelation via PCA**

#### observational Parameters (PSF, "weather", telemetry etc.)

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#### $\rightarrow$ principle components

![](_page_23_Figure_4.jpeg)

Advantages: solves degeneracies between parameters, reduces number of fitting parameters Disadvantage: loss of physical insight

#### SOFIA – comparison

![](_page_24_Figure_1.jpeg)

(~ 1.5 photon noise; 185/160 ppm: Angerhausen et al. JATIS, 2015)

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## SOFIA – GJ 1214b

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

Transit spectrophotometry of GJ1214b (2.7 Re) in Paschen alpha With FLITECAM Paschen alpha, red/blue with HIPO, I band with FPI+ (Angerhausen et al. 2017, A&A)

## SOFIA – challenges

![](_page_26_Picture_1.jpeg)

Sept 2015: transit of GJ3740b ('warm Uranus") in Paschen alpha with FLITECAM imager and I band with FPI

SOFIA observation in practice: -flight planning constrains -instruments not very well suited -competition with MIR/FIR -HIPO & FLITECAM n/a

## NIMBUS

![](_page_27_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### The Near-Infrared Multi-Band Ultraprecise Spectroimager for SOFIA

![](_page_27_Figure_3.jpeg)

LW band images on detector array

## NIMBUS

#### The Near-Infrared Multi-Band Ultraprecise Spectroimager for SOFIA

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![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

## Future: What about a balloon?

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## **Future: CHEOPS/TESS/JWST**

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# From TESS/CHEOPS to JWST

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### You Tube 'Exoplanet observations with SOFIA' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-W3xoOu0NE

![](_page_33_Picture_1.jpeg)

## **Backup Slides**

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## Kepler: Trojans

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

FIG. 2.— The initial superstack shows no significant dips at the Lagrangian points.

upper limit to the average Trojan transiting Area (per planet) corresponding to one body of radius < 460km Sub sample selection: If "dip" at L4 take second half of lightcurve and vice versa

![](_page_35_Figure_5.jpeg)

FIG. 4.— Cross-check of sub-sample selection artifacts. In each line, we select those data that have a dip on one side of phase space, and plot their flux only for the other half of phase space.

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## Kepler: Trojans

#### Kepler sees hints of asteroids pursuing planets near other stars

![](_page_36_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### -First evidence for "Exo-Trojans" (Hippke & Angerhausen, ApJ, 2015)

![](_page_36_Figure_4.jpeg)

-sub-sample exhibits a clear dip at both L4 and L5, with a maximum depth of 2ppm (970km radius equivalent) -weak distance correlation

#### CHEOPS/TESS/JWST connection

#### WEATHER ON HOT JUPITERS

1000+ TESS-provided sample

- Compare hot (~0.05AU) and cooler (0.1-0.2AU) systems
- Determine radiation time scales
- Measure temperature with altitude

#### FORMATION AND MIGRATION OF NEPTUNES

700+ TESS-provided sample

- Evaluate gas fraction vs. remnant core
- Differentiate atmospheric composition based on migration models

#### WET SUPER EARTHS

100+ TESS-provided sample

- Compare hot Super Earth's around the late type K stars and cooler Super Earths around mid-late M stars
- Investigate signs of habitability

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## (NIR-) Spectrophotometry

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-every lightcurve represents the spectral value at its particular wavelength, putting them together reveals the spectrum

- "comparison" with models show molecule abundances and T-P profile of the planet