

Developing an integrated approach to exoplanetary spectroscopy

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Exoplanetary spectroscopy is thriving ...



# What we can learn: Interpreting the atmosphere



# ..., but we not always agree...





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- Coherent analysis of multiple data sets
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- Self-consistent vs data quality
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# Non-parametric data analysis

What if we will never know the instrument response of most generic instruments and don't know how to calibrate it?

Can we still do something with the data?

- Cleaning the data e.g. wavelet decomposition
- De-trending the data using statistics
  - Supervised machine learning
  - Unsupervised machine learning



# Example: Spitzer - IRAC

The issue of persistence and inter and intra pixel variations

Spitzer/IRAC, GJ436b





# UNSUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING: THE COCKTAIL PARTY PROBLEM

We deconvolve a mixture of signals only assuming that the signals are statistically independent of each other

### **Demixed signals**



Person 3

Deconvolution using multiple observations

# Using information entropy to de-correlate data



Waldmann 2012

# Unsupervised learning: De-trending Spitzer/IRAC

De-trending Spitzer **photometry** without prior assumptions gives (for the first time) consistent results across data sets





# XO1b spectroscopy observed by Hubble/NICMOS



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# Models: The TauREx retrieval framework

- A signal-processing approach
- New custom built high temp. line-lists
- Advances in Bayesian sampling
- Advances in Pattern recognition
- Advances in large scale automation

### current retrievals

Fletcher et al. 2007 Terrile et al. 2008 Madhusudhan & Seager 2009 Lee et al. 2011 Line et al. 2012 Benneke & Seager 2012 Griffith 2014



Waldmann et al. 2015a,b; Rocchetto et al. in prep

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# Tau-REx - Next Gen atmospheric retrieval

- Fully Bayesian Retrieval
  - MCMC
  - Nested Sampling
- Custom made opacity line-lists
  from the ExoMol project
- Prior composition selection through pattern recognition software
- Full parallelisation for cluster computing





Waldmann et al. 2015a,b; Rocchetto et al. in prep

# Custom built line lists

High temperature ExoMol line-lists

Line-by-line forward model

Non-linearly sampled for optimal computation

Exact line broadening

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# The Marple Module

- Constrain prior space by finding most likely absorbers.
- Custom built pattern recognition
- Based on 'eigenface' facial recognition

Waldmann et al. 2015a,b; Rocchetto et al. in prep

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# Emission Spectroscopy: The issue with TP profiles...

- In emission spectroscopy we must solve for the atmospheric opacities as well as the atmospheric temperature-pressure profile.
- The Temperature-Pressure profiles are degenerate and notoriously hard to constrain.

### **Parametric TP-profiles**

- + Easy to implement
- + Few (<10) free parameters
- + Good convergence in low S/N regimes
- Can only fit TP-profile within predetermined functional form
- Potentially unrealistic assumptions

### Layer-by-layer TP-profiles

+ Very objective -> No assumptions on atmosphere.

- Many (>30) free parameters
- Poor convergence properties in low S/N regimes

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# Emission Spectroscopy: The issue with TP profiles...

- Compute parametric solution
- Obtain temperature-pressure covariance
- Relax parametric solution to layer-by-layer TP-profile, using the covariance as convergence aid
- Achieves a 'fine-tuning' of the parametric solution.

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# Coherently mapping the correlated parameter spaces

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- Working towards an integrated approach
- From raw data -> final molecular abundances in one coherent retrieval.
- Unified likelihood space correctly propagates all errors and correlations
- Using MCMC and Nested Sampling
- Fully map the likelihood space
- Global model selection (Bayesian Evidence)
- Nested model selection (Savage Dickey Ratio)

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# Building the infrastructure

Data de-trending + retrieval models unified in objective Python & C++

Full MPI and OpenMP support for cluster computing

Intelligent de-bugging algorithms and failsafes

Providing the infra-structure for future missions, e.g.: JWST, ARIEL, etc

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# Conclusion

- Both data analysis and models need to move towards a less heuristic footing
- In data analysis, Independent Component Analysis, Gaussian Processes and Wavelet approaches become established now
- In atmospheric retrieval models, the synergy between machine learning and fully Bayesian approaches are key
- Both data analysis and models need to work together to fully constrain error bars and map potential biases
- Important infrastructure for JWST and ARIEL

Thank you

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# Additional stuff

# Not all parameters behave the same way

- Ability to retrieve molecular abundance depends on the nature of the molecule
- Absorbers across a broad wavelength range are less prone to low resolution data
- Temperature retrieval is almost solely dependent on Signal-to-Noise

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Error-bar on H<sub>2</sub>O abundance

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Error-bar on CO abundance

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# The Marple Module - Constraining the prior space

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arXiv:1409.2312

# Constraining the prior space - the Marple module

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# **Bayesian Model Selection**

Testing for over-complete and under-complete models

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