Probing the atmospheres of non-transiting planets

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Exoplanets at high-spectral resolution ($R=10^5$)



Extraction of the planet signal



...and cross-correlated with each observed spectrum

The planet RV curve

Cross-correlation signal $\rightarrow f(RV, time)$ Portion of the planet RV curve

Orbital inclination: I - High 2 - Intermediate 3 - Low

5hrs data 20x planet signal

Planet radial velocity

The cross-correlation signal is summed in time

CCFs shifted to the planet rest frame Unknown inclination → various planet **orbital velocities** (slopes)

The atmosphere of HD179949b unveiled

(Brogi et al. submitted)



STELLAR & PLANET RVs ARE BOTH KNOWN





Atmospheric properties

Cross correlation with a grid of models (T, p, abundances)

- Molecular composition \Rightarrow CO, H₂O (no CH₄)
- Vertical structure \Rightarrow No inversion (only absorption)
- Degeneracies ⇒ No absolute molecular abundances
- Relative molecular abundances \Rightarrow C/O ratio



C/O ratio from relative abundances



Results from our survey



68.0°

≥ 79.6°

44.5°

Inclination

-70 -55 -40 -25 -10 5 20 35 50 V_{sys} (km s⁻¹)

+0.9σ

+2.9σ

+4.9

 -1.1σ

 -3.1σ

 -5.1σ

Current and future sample (non-transiting)

This method need bright systems and close-in planets



V_{mag} of host star

Current and future sample (all planets)

This method need bright and close-in planets [K ≥ 8 mag] [P ≤ 10 days] $\Rightarrow \sim 20$ planets

- Deeper surveys
- Instrument design
 - Increase throughput
 - Wider spectral range

Planets around bright stars!







Phase curves with an E-ELT

Broad-band phase curve **≠** CCF phase curve



T/p profiles on the night-side can be steeper than on the day-side

- Broad-band ⇒ Energy redistribution, day/night contrast
- Hi-res \Rightarrow Changes in T/p profile vertical structure

Atmospheric circulation patterns

Transiting hot-Jupiters observed in transmission spectroscopy



Strong day- to night-side flow ⇒ Blue-shifted CC peak



Atmospheric (super-)rotation ⇒ Broadened CC peak

See e.g. Showman et al. (2013)

Conclusions

PROBING THE ATMOSPHERES OF NON-TRANSITING PLANETS Ground-based, high-resolution spectroscopy

- Robust molecular detections
- Mass, inclination
- Bulk atmospheric thermal structure
- Atmospheric circulation, phase curves, C/O ratios.
- No absolute abundances
- Need to improve relative abundances (multiple wavelengths)
- Need for bright targets and bigger telescopes!