# Extra Solar Planets Modeling.



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Atmospheres II.

Hot Jupiters' intense irradiation sets up a strong radiative forcing regime.

Radiative transfer drives temperatures toward radiative equilibrium.

Thermal contrasts produce horizontal winds, drives the atmosphere **away** from radiative equilibrium.

The radiative heating/cooling rate is nonzero, that feedbacks the dynamics.

Understanding of the redistribution of energy require **radiative transfer** and **atmospheric circulation** models.

#### **Radiative Transference:**

Radiative transfer + Hydrostatic equilibrium + Energy Conservation

Temperature (*T*), Pressure (*p*), and Radiation Field (*F*) as a function of altitude and wavelength.

A common form of the radiative transfer equation:

$$\cos\theta \frac{\mathrm{d} I(\tau,\lambda,\mu,t)}{\mathrm{d} \tau} + I(\tau,\lambda,\mu,t) = B(\tau,\lambda,t)$$

The physics of radiative transference lays behind the **opacities** and **chemical abundances**.

#### **Atmospheric circulation:**

- The large-scale movement of gas in a planetary atmosphere.
- Distributes the energy.
- Very important in planets with strong external radiative forcing.

Models are based on the fluid dynamic equations: Conservation of mass, momentum, energy, and equation of state.

Approximations  $\Rightarrow$  Primitive equations.

- the vertical momentum  $\Rightarrow$  local hydrostatic balance
- drop vertical acceleration, advection, coriolis ... such energy is still conserved.

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$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\nabla\Phi - f\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{v}}$$
Horizontal momentum  
$$\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial p} = -\frac{1}{\rho}$$
Vertical momentum  
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial p} = 0$$
Continuity  
$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{Q}{c_p} + \frac{\omega}{\rho c_p} + \mathcal{D}_T$$
Energy

# **3-D Transmission Spectrum models:**

#### Fortney et al. 2010.

Three dimensional code to compute the transmission spectrum.

- Star-planet-Earth oriented
   Latitude/Longitude coordinates.
- "Two streams" approximation radiative-transfer code.
- Fed by MITgcm circulation model to obtain *T*(*p*) and calculate vertical flux.



# **3-D Transmission Spectrum models:**

#### Fortney et al. 2010.

- Opacities first calculated Line-by-line.
- Voigh profile broadened.
- Wavelength binned spectrum.
- Gas depletion via condensation.
- Cloud/hazes opacities neglected.
- Rayleigh scattering accounted.



# **Opacities:**

Freedman et al. 2008.

- Accounts for cloud depletion.
- Neglects clouds opacity.
- Chemistry determines the source of opacity.
- Main molecules: H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>4</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, CO, H<sub>2</sub>S, PH<sub>3</sub>, TiO, VO, FeH, CrH.
- Voight profile.
- Alkali Atoms: Cs, Rb, Li, and particularly Na and K.
- Collision Induced Absorption due to H<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>-He, and H<sub>2</sub>-H.
- Bound-free absorption by H and H<sup>-</sup>
- Free-free absorption by H,  $H_2$ ,  $H_2^-$  and  $H^-$ .

• Rayleigh scattering from H2 and Thompson scattering are also included.

### Chemical Equilibrium:

#### Lodders and Fegley 2002.

CONDOR code computes chemical equilibrium:

- Depends on abundances, temperatures and pressures.
- Metallicity: solar abundance uniformly enhanced or depleted.
- Condensates "rain out", and deplete atmosphere above.
- Few components found to be important opacity sources.

# Parametric P-T atmospheric profile:

#### Madhusudhan and Seager 2009.

1D parametric pressure-temperature profile.

- Line-by-line radiative transfer.
  Assumes LTE.
- Does not include scattering.
- Does not include photochemistry.
- Does not include clouds.

• Finds parametric prescriptions for molecule abundances, chemistry, cloud opacity.



# MIT global circulation model:

Showman et al. 2009.

State-of-the-art atmospheric and oceanic circulation model to solve the global primitive equations.

Energy equation solved as function of the potential temperature:

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{\theta}{T}\frac{q}{c_p} + \mathcal{D}_{\theta}$$

Adopt "cubed sphere" grid:

- Allows near uniform coverage.
- Longer time-steps.
- No polar singularities.



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Price:

- Non orthogonal grid.
- Eight "corners".

Variables spatially staggered using the Arakawa C-grid.

Coupled to Radiative Transference model

#### $\Rightarrow$

No newtonian relaxation scheme.

Menou and Rauscher 2009.

Pseudospectral solver of meteorological equations.

- Earth-like and hot Jupiter planets
- Does not address radiative or chemical structure.
- Latitude/ Longitude scheme.
- The horizontal momentum equations are solved for vorticity and divergence:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} &= -\nabla\Phi - f\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{v}} \implies \\ \frac{\partial\zeta}{\partial t} &= \frac{1}{1 - \mu^2} \frac{\partial\mathcal{F}_V}{\partial\lambda} - \frac{\partial\mathcal{F}_U}{\partial\mu} + Q_{\text{vor}} + Q_{\text{vor}}^{\text{hyp}} \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} &= \frac{1}{1 - \mu^2} \frac{\partial\mathcal{F}_U}{\partial\lambda} + \frac{\partial\mathcal{F}_V}{\partial\mu} - \nabla^2 \left[ \frac{U^2 + V^2}{2(1 - \mu^2)} + \Phi + T_{\text{ref}} \ln p_{\text{surf}} \right] + Q_{\text{div}} + Q_{\text{div}}^{\text{hyp}} \end{aligned}$$

#### Menou and Rauscher 2009.

Pseudospectral solver of meteorological equations.

The model assumes Newtonian relaxation to  $T_{eq}$ , and linear drag on vorticity and divergence:

$$Q_T = \frac{T_{eq} - T}{\tau_{rad}}$$
  $Q_{vor} = -\frac{\zeta - 2\mu}{\tau_{fric}}, \quad Q_{div} = -\frac{D}{\tau_{fric}}$ 

Equilibrium temperature used has a troposphere, where temperature decreases with height at a fixed rate, and a isothermal stratosphere.

$$T_{\rm eq}^{\rm vert}(z) = T_{\rm surf} - \Gamma_{\rm trop}(z_{\rm stra} + \frac{z - z_{\rm stra}}{2}) + \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{\rm trop}[z - z_{\rm stra}]\right)^2 + \delta T_{\rm stra}^2}$$

Menou and Rauscher 2009.



Differential profile is forced in the troposphere:

 $T_{\rm eq}(\sigma,\lambda,\phi) = T_{\rm eq}^{\rm vert}(\sigma) + \beta_{\rm trop}(\sigma)\Delta T_{\theta}(\lambda,\phi)$ 





Menou and Rauscher 2009.

Differential irradiation forcing:

$$T_{\rm eq}(\sigma,\lambda,\phi) = T_{\rm eq}^{\rm vert}(\sigma) + \beta_{\rm trop}(\sigma)\Delta T_{\theta}(\lambda,\phi)$$

 $\Delta T_{\theta}(\lambda,\phi) = \Delta T_{\theta}(\phi) = \left(\frac{1}{3} - \sin^2 \phi\right) \times \Delta T_{\text{EP}}$ 

 $\Delta T_{\theta}(\lambda,\phi) = \cos\lambda\cos\phi \times \Delta T_{\rm EP}$ 



# **Global Circulation Models:**

To wrap up:

*Showman et al. 2009* uses a coupled radiative transference and global circulation model.

Most other authors include a radiative forcing that drives the temperature to an assume  $T_{eq}(\lambda, \phi)$ , e.g.:

Cho et al. 2008. Langton and Laighlin 2008. Menou and Rauscher 2009.

