Extracting Faint Eclipse Signals: Spitzer Observations of TrES-1

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Transiting Exoplanets Observations:

- IR observations measure the planet's thermal emission.



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-0.1

0.0

0.1

0.2

1.01

1.00

0.99

0.98

0.97

Relative Flux

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Spitzer occultations at: - 3.6, 4.5, 5.8, 8.0, and 16 µm.



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- Light-curve modeling.
- MCMC, now with Differential Evolution

Braak (2006), Cubillos et al. (2013b, in prep)



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Prayer beads: Bouchy et al. (2005)
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Calculate new best fit: p_i
Shift again and refit

parameter uncertainty = $std({p_i})$





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> Doesn't correctly account for the lack of accuracy

Take-home message:



- Assessing correlated noise is important to get appropriate S/N
- Be careful before when using these statistical estimators
- Get to know their limitations

0.2

red noise

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Observations:

- Cold & Warm Spitzer Space Telescope

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Atmospheric Modeling:

(Madhusudhan & Seager 2009, 2010)

- No thermal inversion
- But, no model can fit all data points well.

Conclusions (I):

 The eclipse depths cannot be explained by current models.

Possible explanations:

 Eccentricity might give an answer: Atmosphere shows differential response in time and in strength.

Kataria et al. (2012)

2.- Given the equilibrium temperature (~ 930 K), photochemical processes might alter the planet spectrum.

White noise only

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Methods x Apertures (4) (7)

(4) x (\sim 7) = \sim 30 light curves.

Spitzer Systematics:

1.- Position dependent flux variations ("Intra-pixel effect").

2.- Time-dependent pixel sensitivity ("Ramp"). Agol et al. (2010)

Light-curve model: $F(x,y,t) = F_s E(t) M(x,y) R(t)$

Charbonneau et al. (2005)

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