

Let  $s(\theta)$  be the lens hood suppression as a function of angle  $\theta$  from the camera boresight to a given point-source on the sky. By definition,

$$s(\theta) \equiv \frac{F_{\text{obs}}}{F_{\text{ns}}}, \quad (1)$$

for  $F_{\text{obs}}$  the observed flux of the source (that which reaches the CCD), and  $F_{\text{ns}}$  the flux that would be observed with no suppression. The observed flux of the source can then be written as a function of  $\theta$

$$F_{\text{obs}}(\theta) = s(\theta)F_{\text{ns}} \quad (2)$$

$$= s(\theta)F_0 10^{-0.4(m_{\text{ns}} - m_0)}, \quad (3)$$

for  $F_0$  the (non-suppressed) flux corresponding to a source with zero-point apparent magnitude  $m_0$ , and  $m_{\text{ns}}$  the apparent magnitude of the source with no suppression. Winn 2013 tabulates  $F_0 = 1.6 \times 10^6$  ph/s/cm<sup>2</sup> for an  $I = 0$ , G2V star. Thus

$$F_{\text{obs}}(\theta) = (1.6 \times 10^6)s(\theta)10^{-0.4m_{\text{ns}}} \quad [\text{ph/s/cm}^2]. \quad (4)$$

We can then write the following expression for  $\mu \equiv F_{\text{obs}}A\eta/N$ , the mean incident flux on the camera of interest:

$$\mu = (1.6 \times 10^6)s(\theta)10^{-0.4m_{\text{ns}}} \frac{A\eta}{N} \quad [\text{ct/px/s}], \quad (5)$$

for  $A$  the effective observing area in cm<sup>2</sup>,  $N$  the number of pixels per camera, and  $\eta$  the quantum efficiency. For TESS,  $A = 69.1$  cm<sup>2</sup>,  $N = 4096^2$ , and  $\eta \approx 1$ . Plugging in these numbers gives

$$\mu = 6.59s(\theta)10^{-0.4m_{\text{ns}}} \quad [\text{ct/px/s}]. \quad (6)$$

Note that the above expression assumes that the scattered flux from the source is uniformly spread across the CCD. The reality may be quite different. In addition, the zero-point we used relied on an  $I$  magnitude calibration – for accuracy, separate zero-points based on different bandpasses should be computed. Assuming a Poisson arrival rate, the standard deviation in the number of counts per pixel per 2 second readout is then

$$\sigma \approx \mu^{1/2} = [13.2s(\theta)10^{-0.4m_{\text{ns}}}]^{1/2} \quad [\text{ct/px RMS per 2 sec image}]. \quad (7)$$

To compute the net effect on TESS's noise budget, add  $\sigma$  from Eq. 7 in quadrature with Eq. BLAH.