

Exoplanets

Vybrané kapitoly z astrofyziky

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Outline

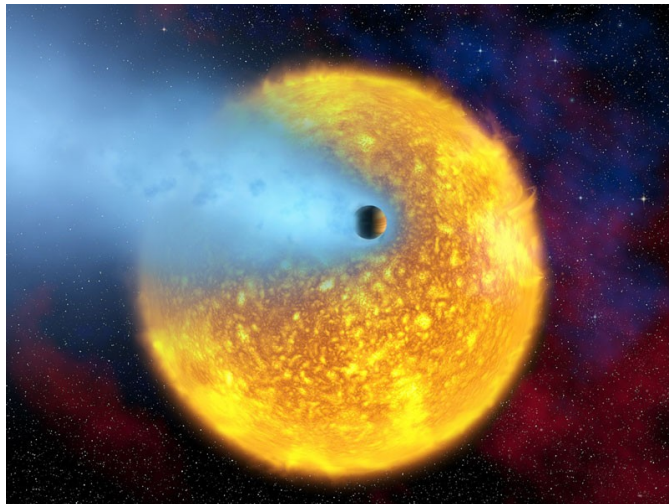
- Which type of planets do we know?
- Characterizing exoplanets
- Exo-atmospheres

Types of exoplanets

Types of planets (2006)

Giant planets (hot Jupiters)

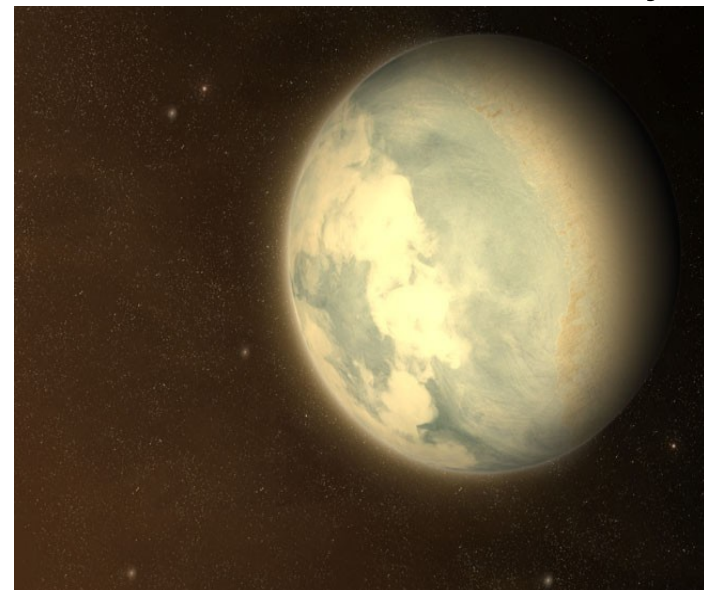
- close-in orbits
- short orbital periods (a few days)
- Jupiter-sized
- In transit with intensity decrease of a few %
- 1995 first detection 51 Peg (Mayor & Queloz 1995)

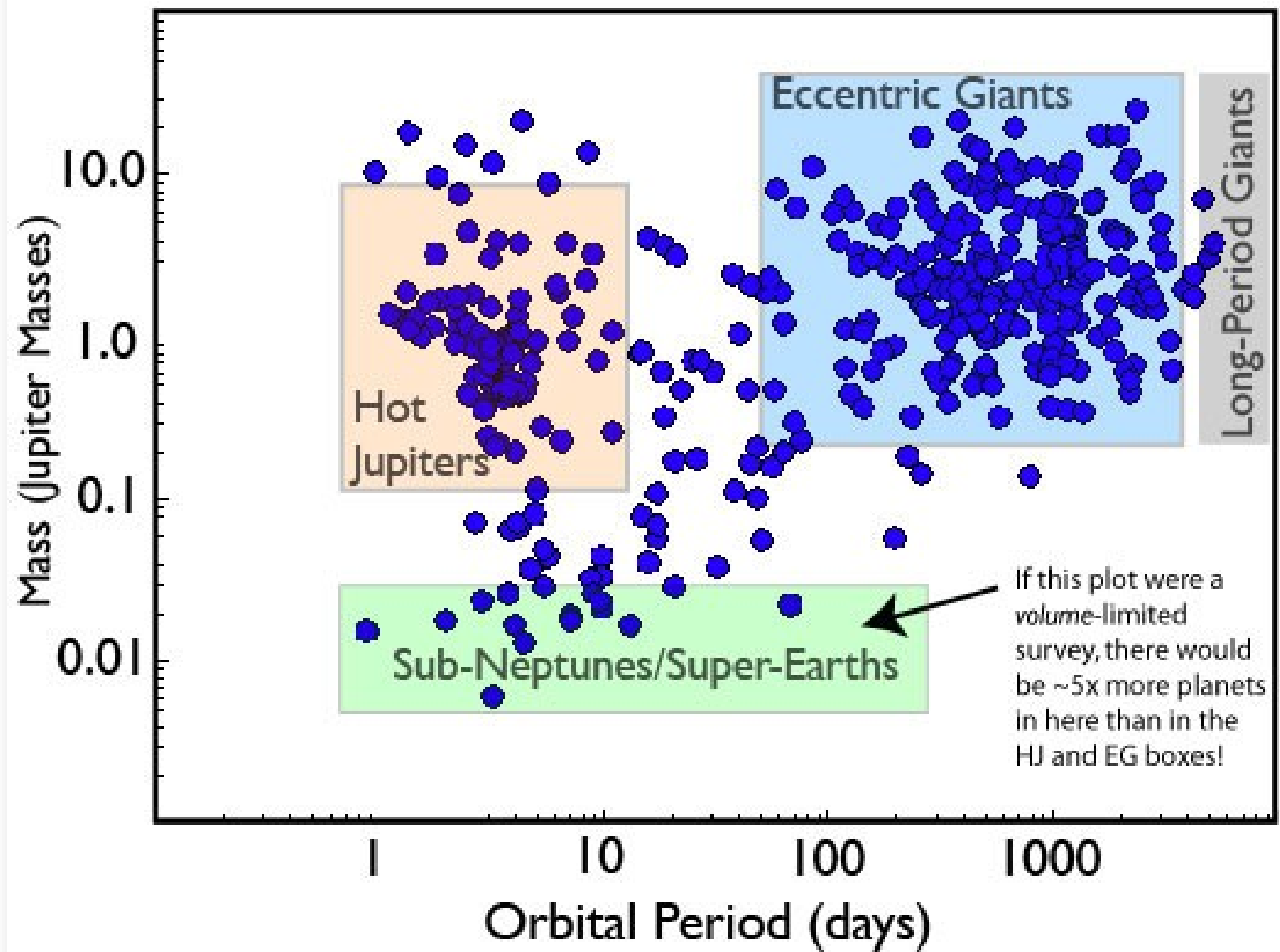


Vidal-Madjar et al. (2004)

Super Earths

- masses up to $10 M_{\text{Earth}}$ (Valencia 2007)
- constraint on radius: $10 M_{\text{Earth}}$ – max $1.9 R_{\text{Earth}}$ (Valencia 2007)
- consist of rocks and iron & planetary ice (Fortney 2007)
- Gliese 581 system (Mayor, Udry 2009)





Then came mini-Neptunes

GJ1214b

- Super-Earth-sized planet detected in 2010
Charbonneau et al. 2010, Nature

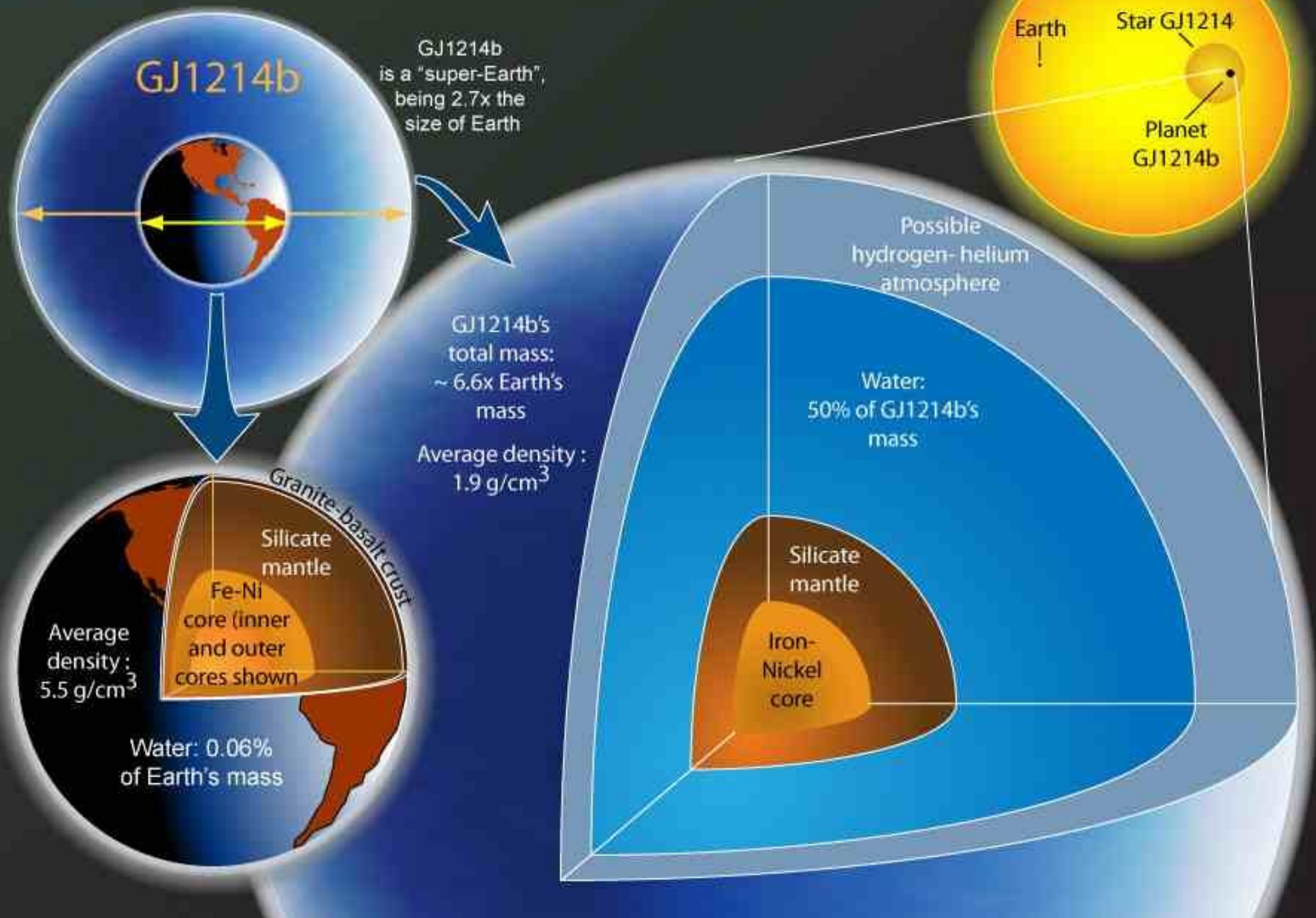
PARAMETERS

- Orbiting M dwarf star ($V=14.71$ mag) in 1.58 days
- Only 14pc distance
- $M=0.02M_j$
- $R=0.245R_j$
- Mysterious atmosphere?

Water World: Exoplanet GJ 1214b

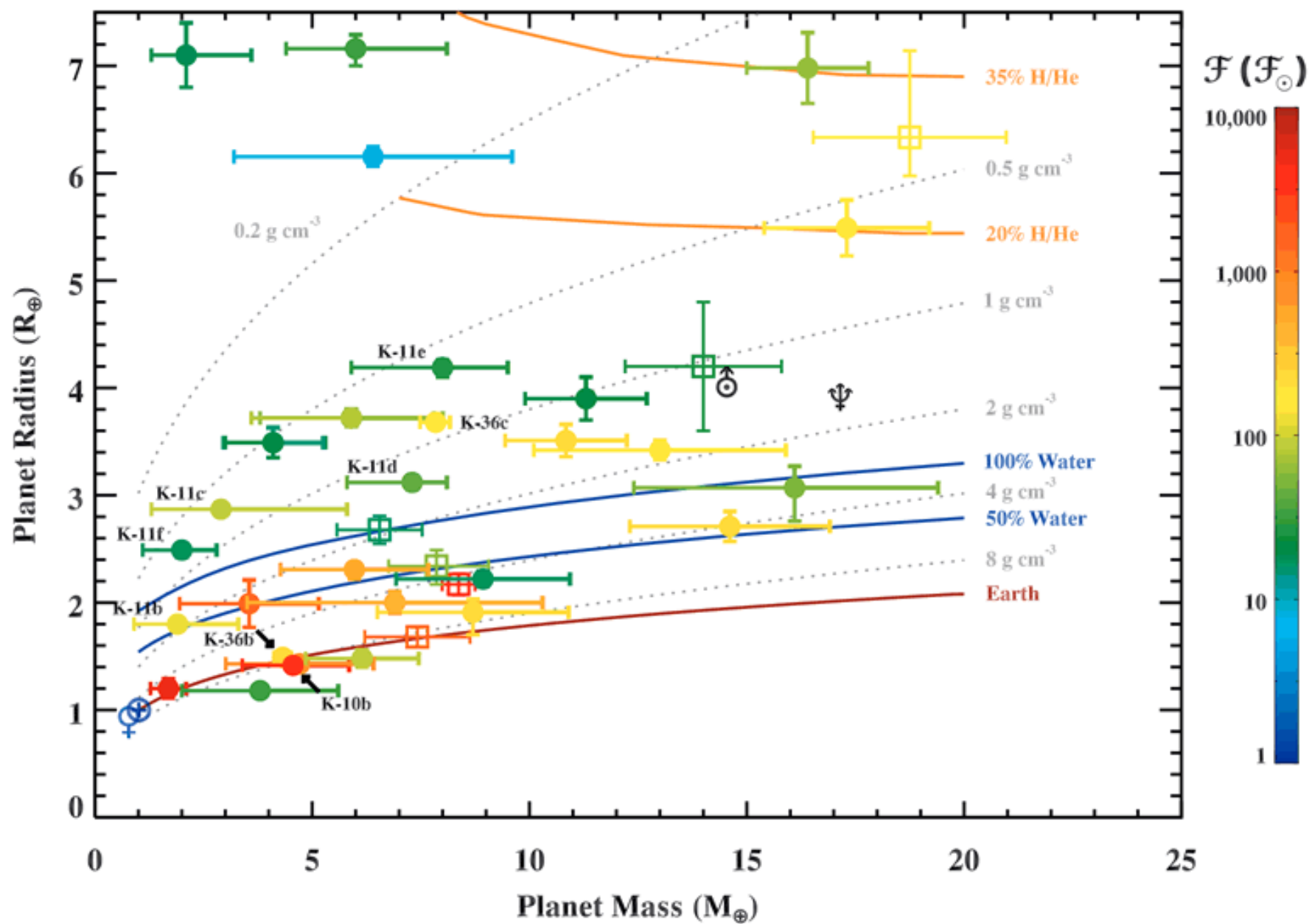
From Nature 17 Dec. 2009; Review by Marcy; Letter by Charbonneau et al.

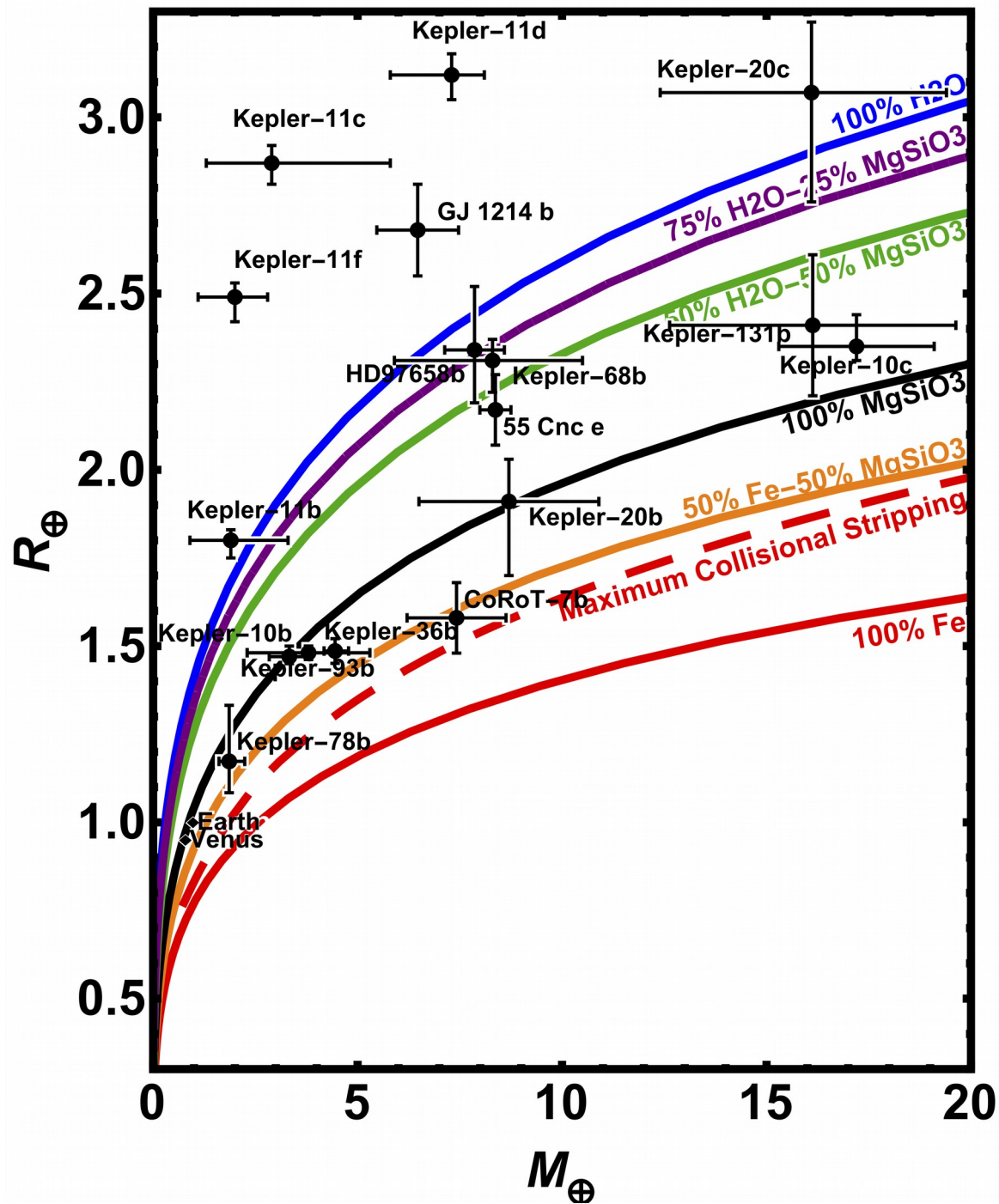
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Rocky planets

- Planets with a solid surface
- Sub-group of SuperEarths
- They can have an atmosphere or not
- Kepler discovered the most of them

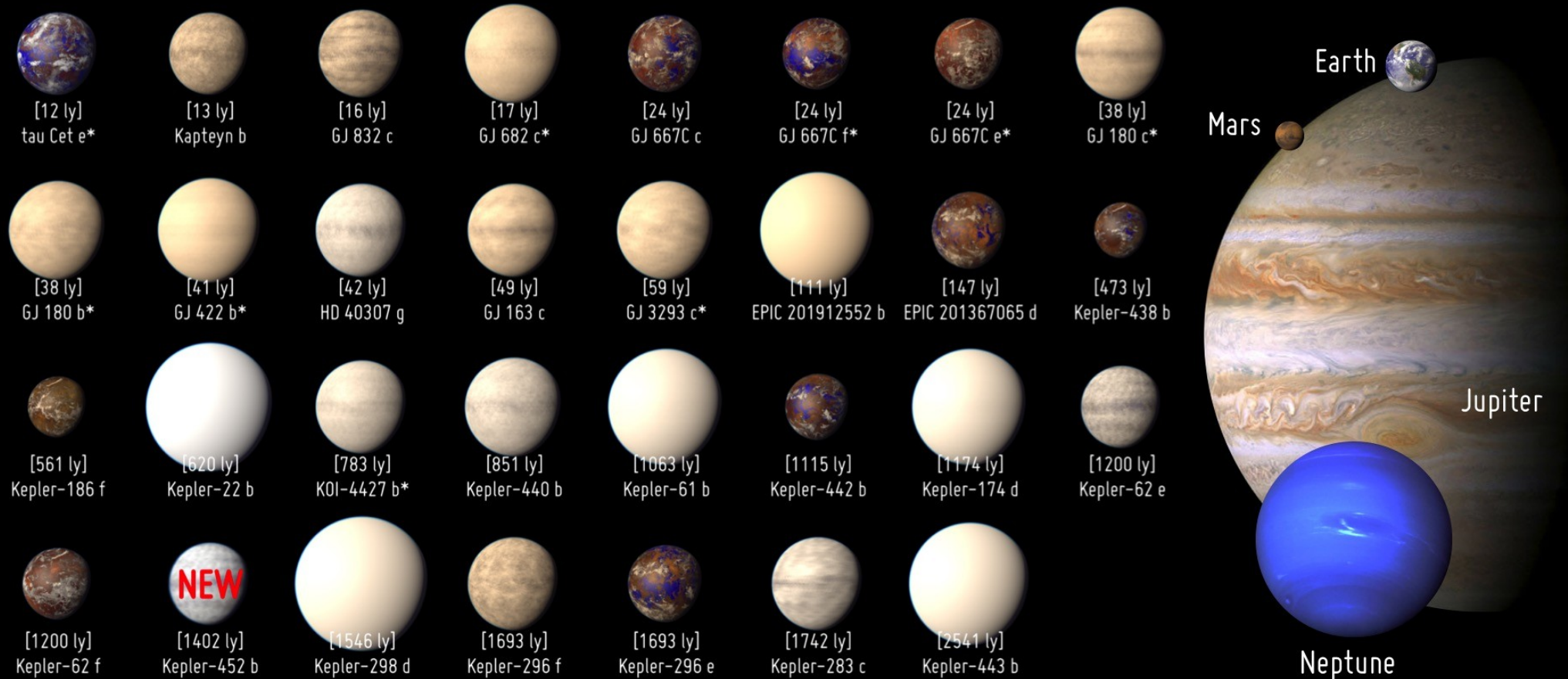




And a sample

Potentially Habitable Exoplanets

Ranked by Distance from Earth (light years)



Artistic representations. Earth, Mars, Jupiter, and Neptune for scale. Distance is between brackets. Planet candidates indicated with asterisks.

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Scale height

$$H = \frac{kT}{Mg}$$

k – Boltzmann constant

M – mean molecular weight

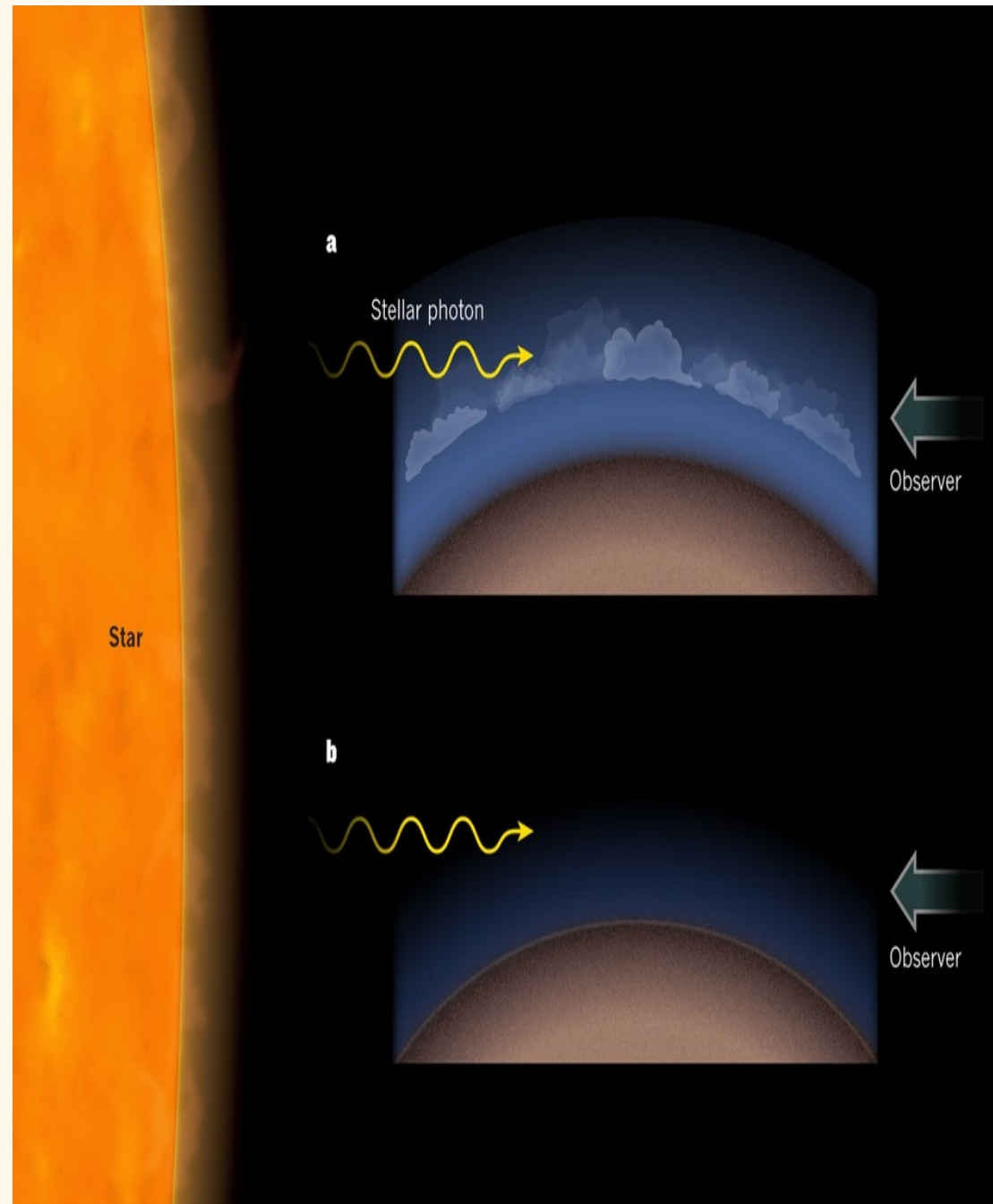
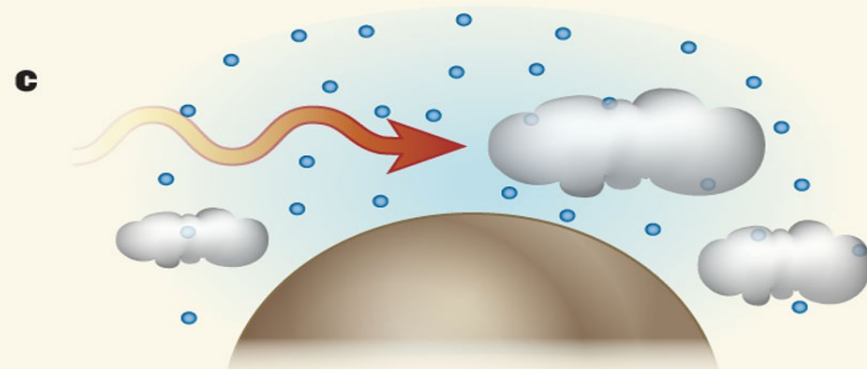
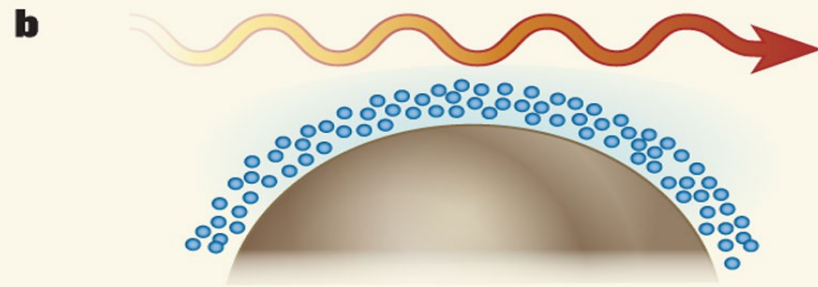
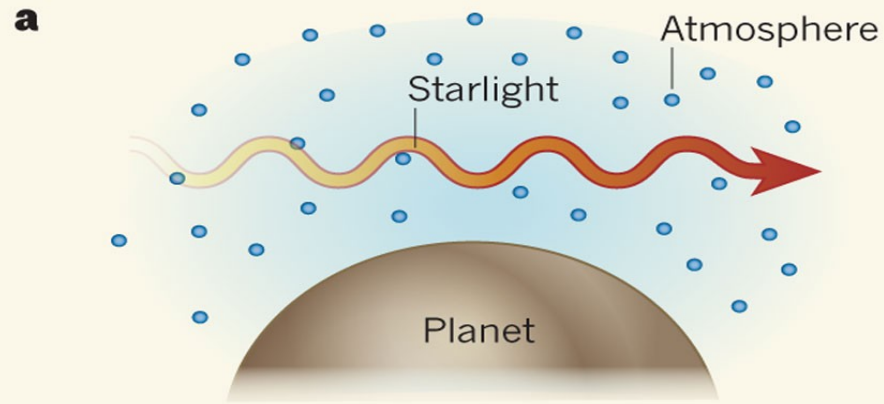
g – gravitational constant

T – mean atmospheric temperature

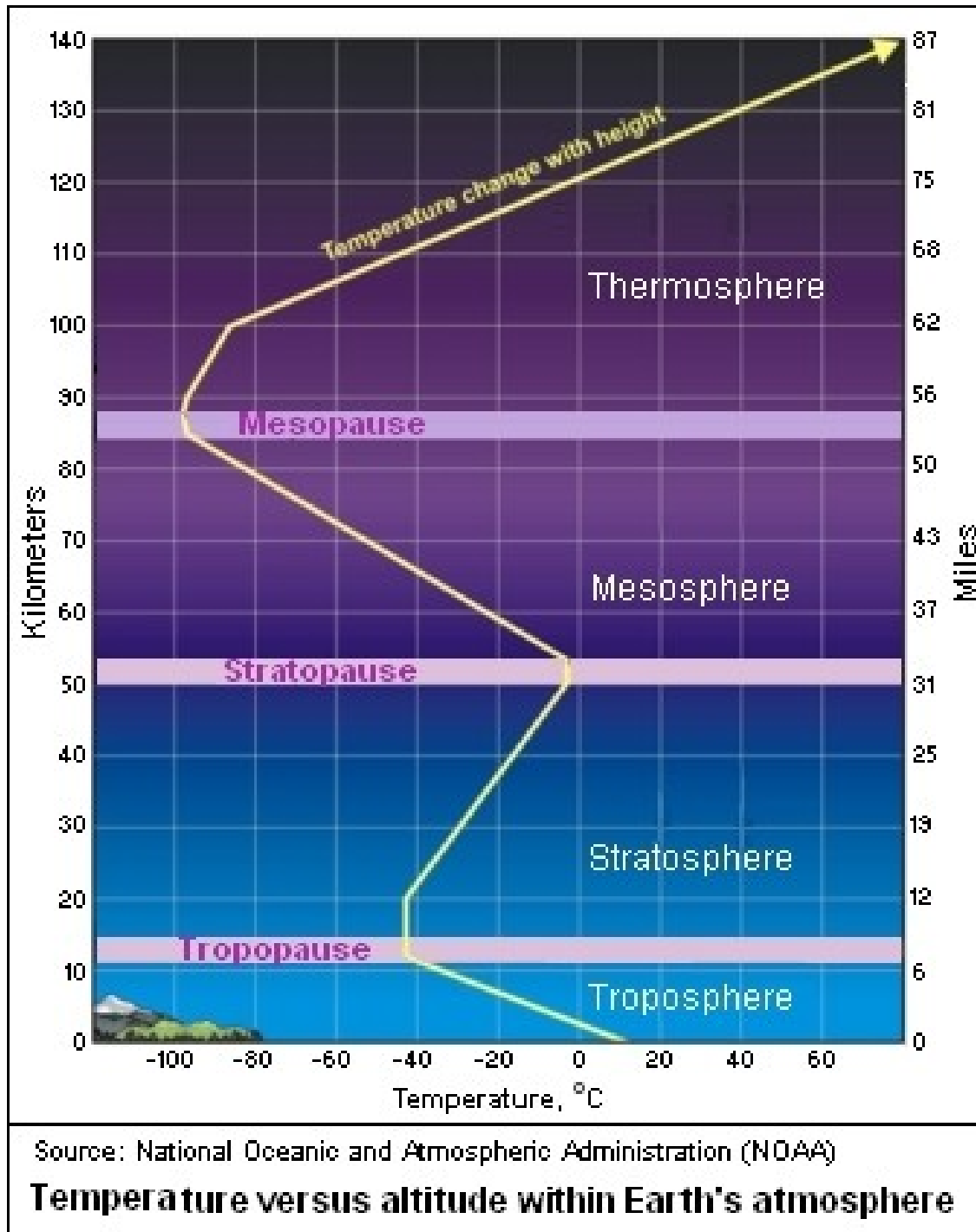
EARTH – about 8 km

TITAN - about 40 km

Different types of atmospheres



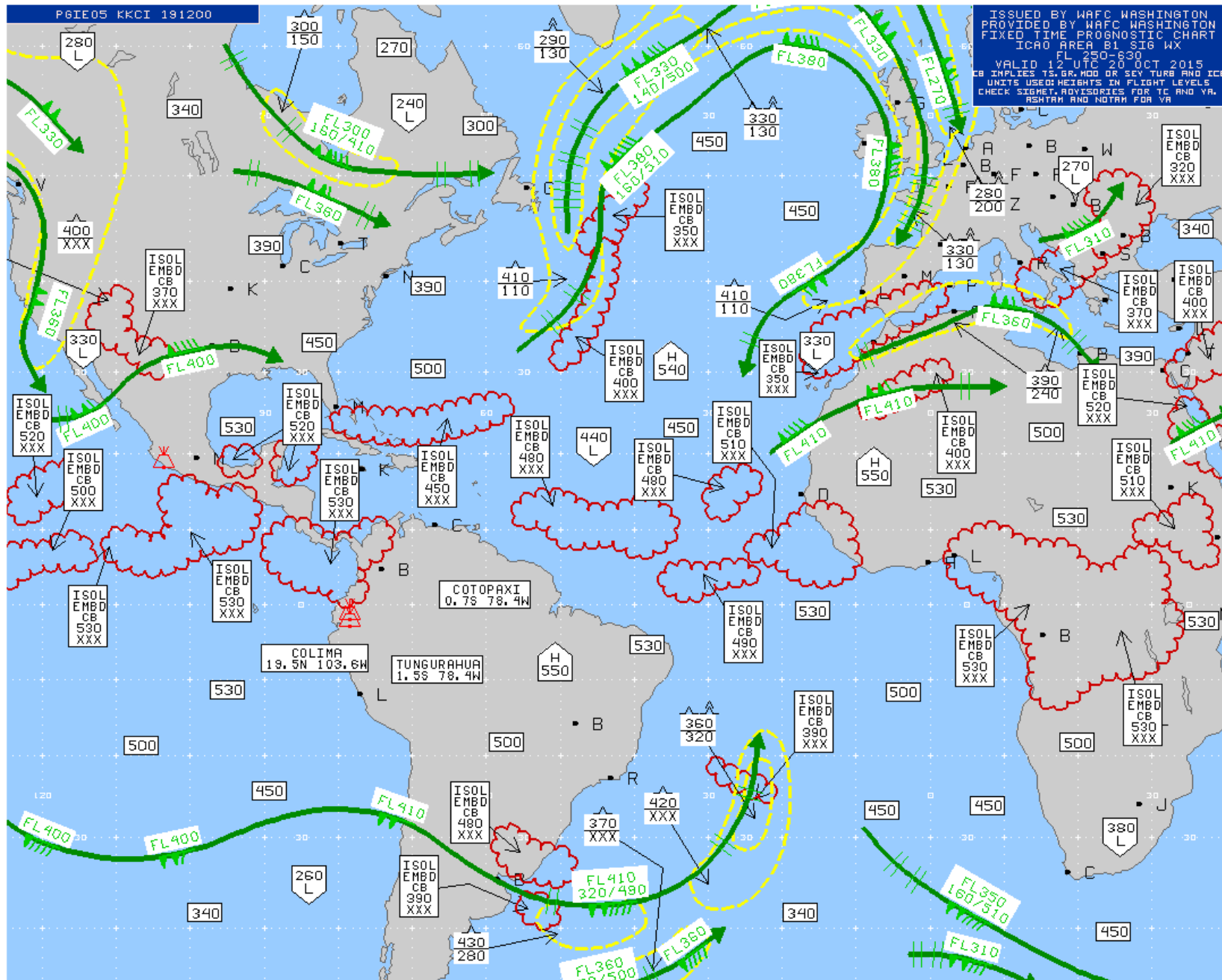
Earth's atmosphere



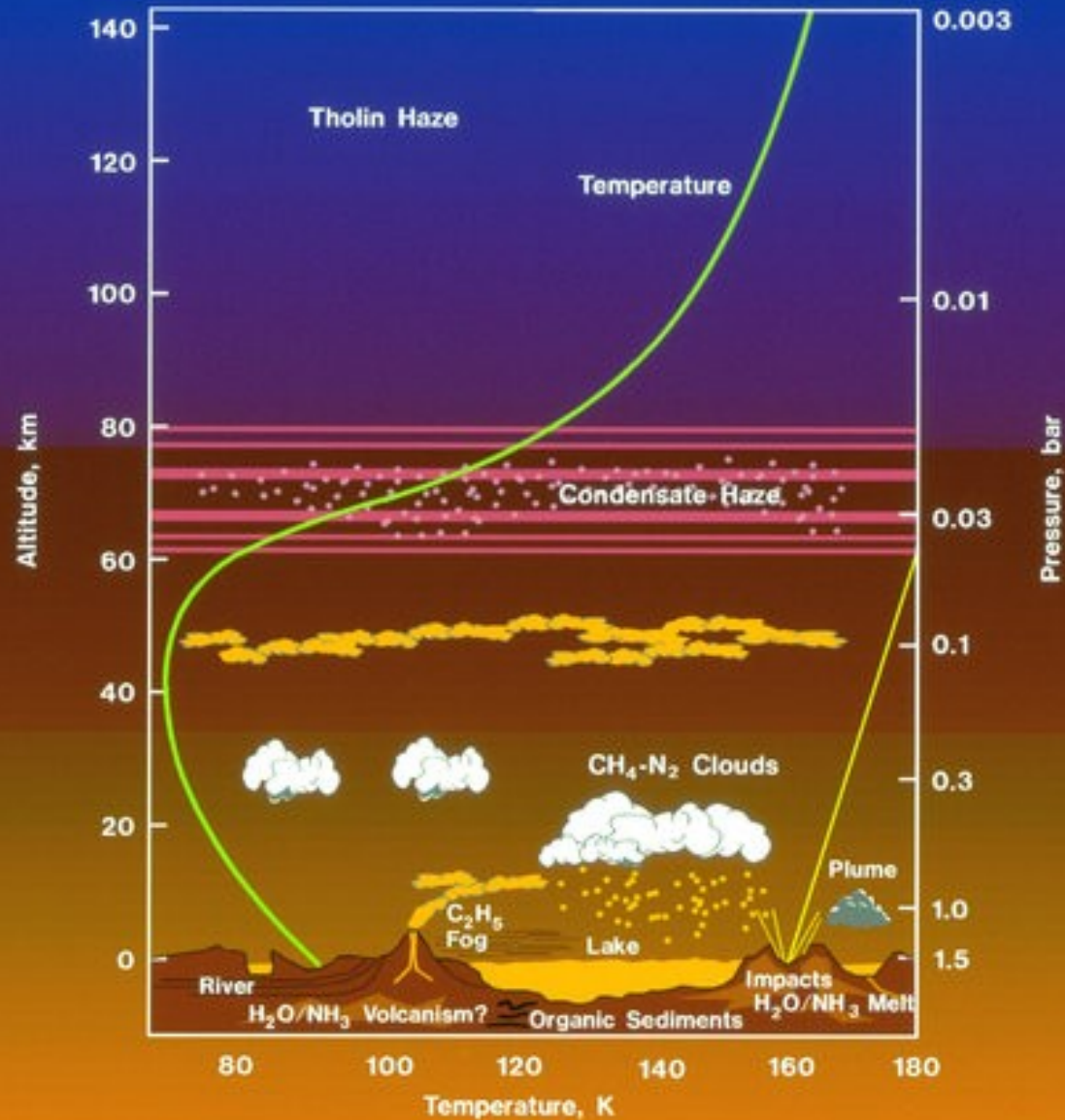
Weather



Jet streams

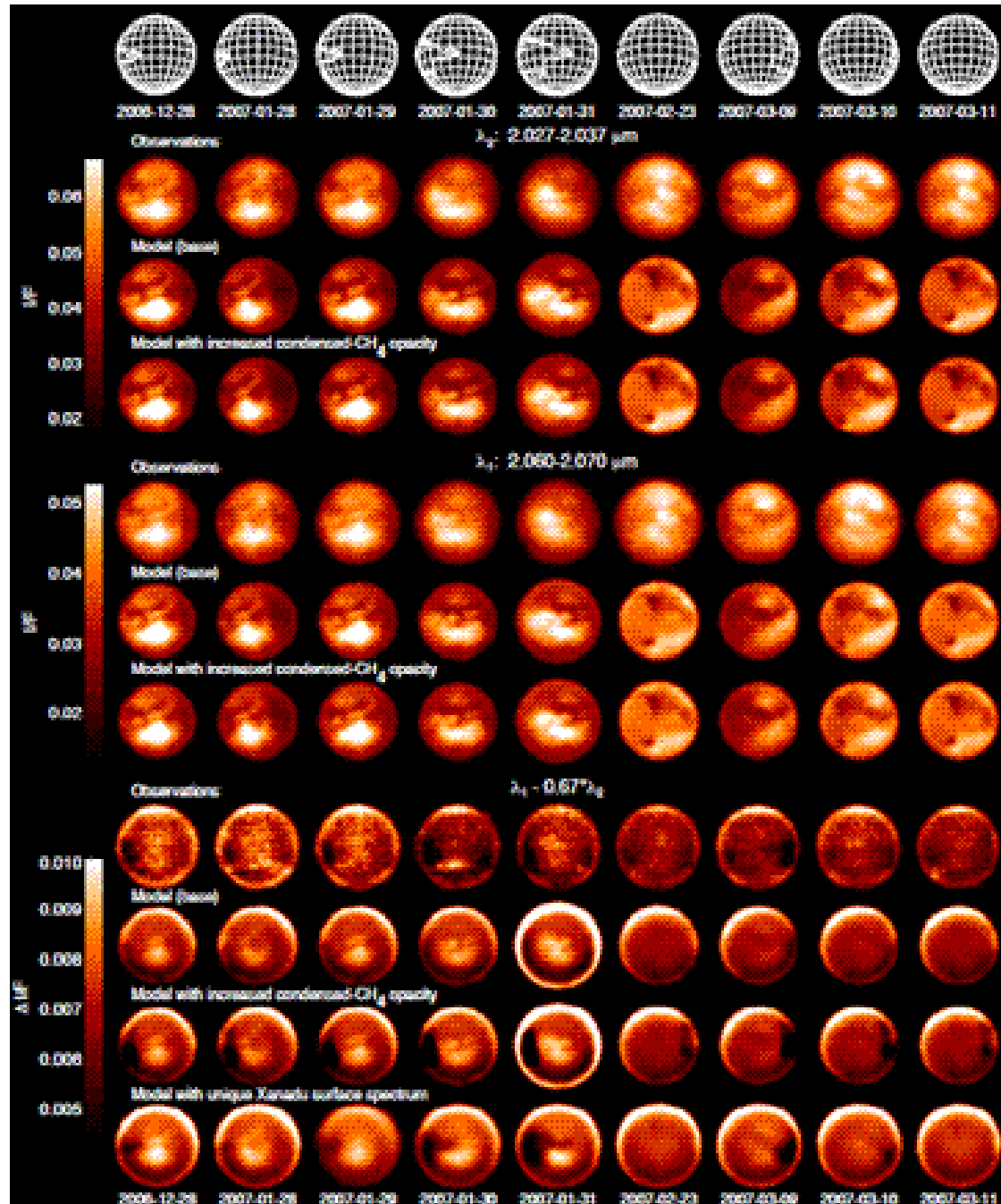


Titan's atmosphere

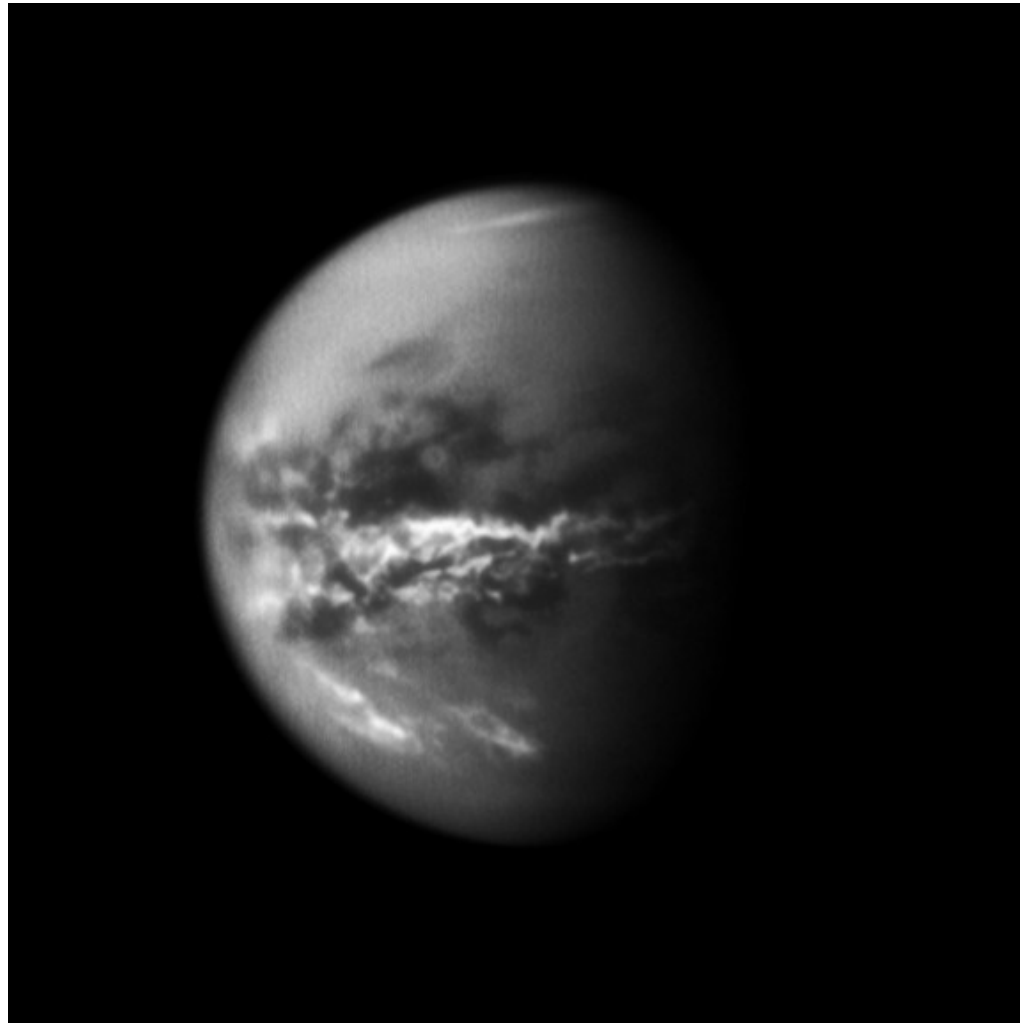


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Weather



Methane rain on Titan

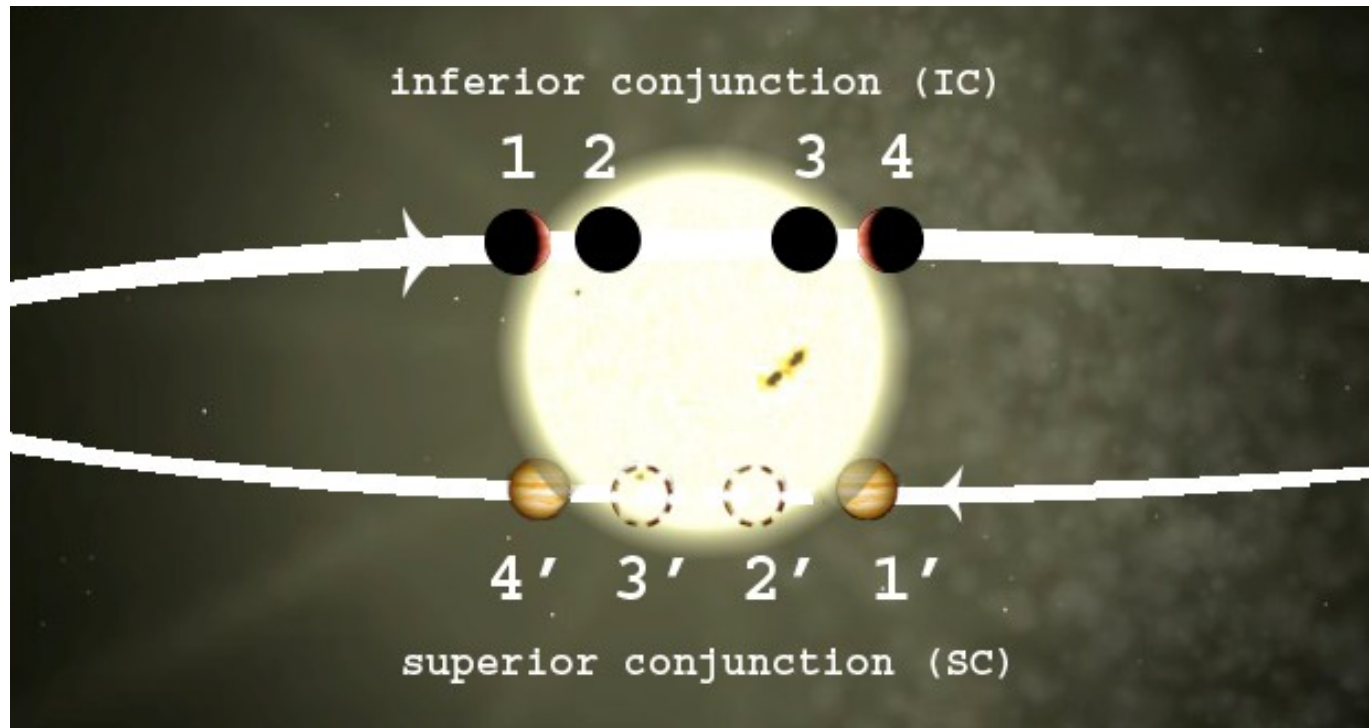


Credit: NASA

And how to detect the atmospheres?

- After new detections of exoplanets, also characterization attempts start in 2002
- Main goals are:
 - detection of atmosphere
 - physical conditions on the surface/in the atmosphere of the exoplanet
- Photometric and spectroscopic methods

Transits and eclipses of exoplanets

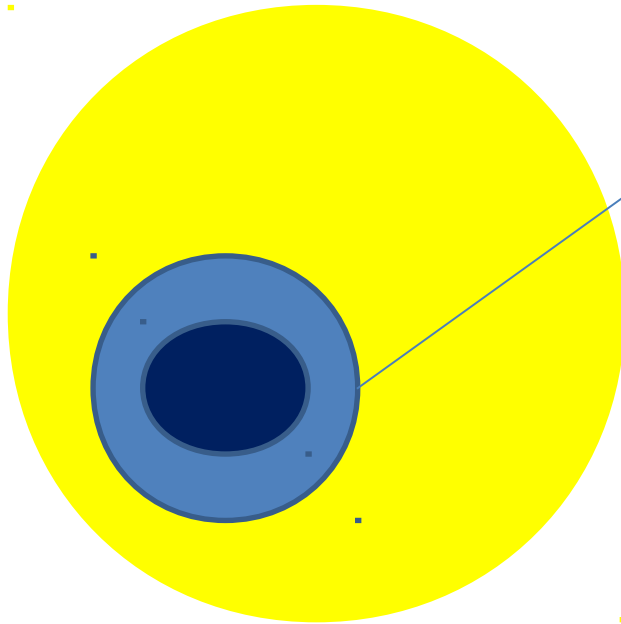


From Angerhausen et al. 2008

Transit spectroscopy, the principle

Transit spectroscopy = transmission spectroscopy

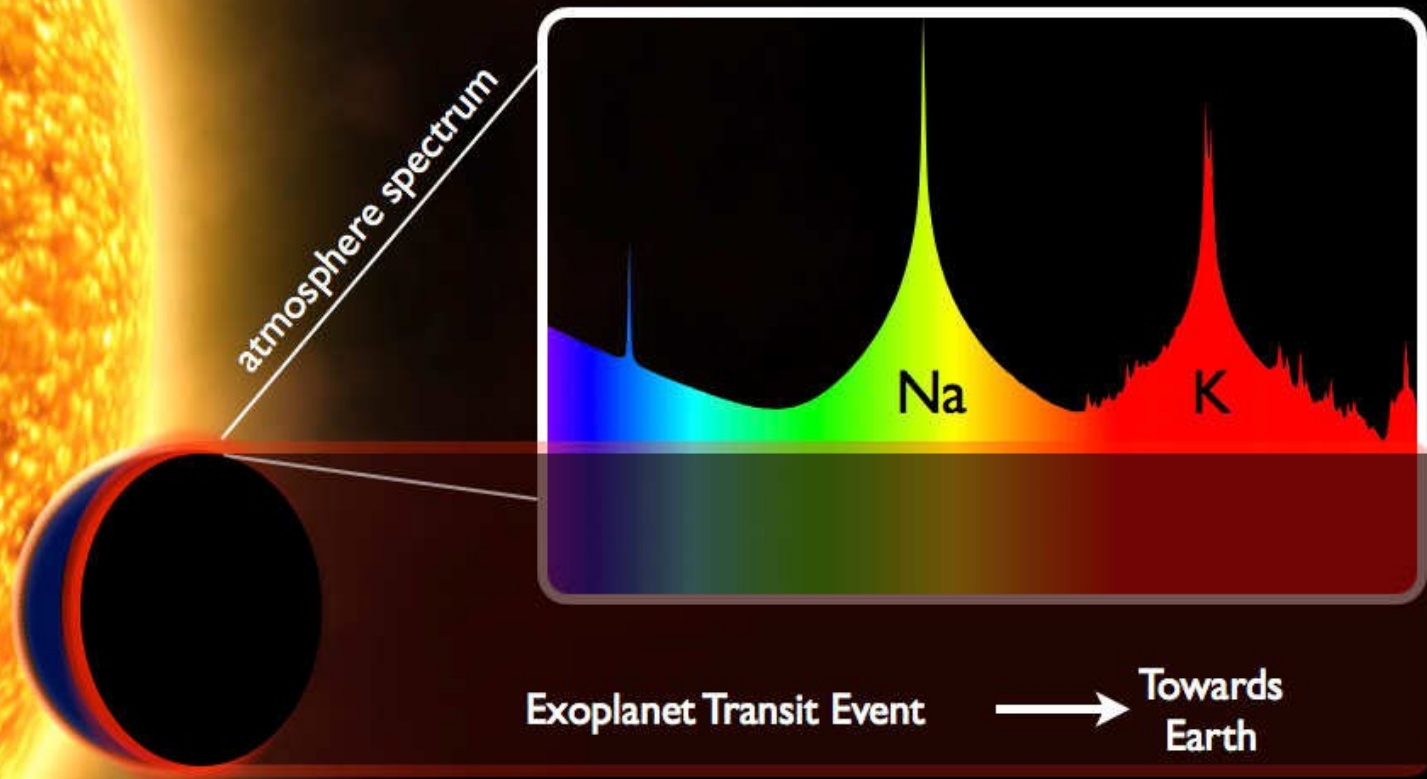
$$\text{Signal} = \text{Annulus} / R_{\text{star}}^2$$



Typical Signal of the planetary spectral lines $< 10^{-4}$

Smaller star & larger planet = better chance to see something

Transmission spectroscopy high spectral resolution



What can we see?

- Absorption in stellar lines due to planetary atmosphere by atoms – high. resolution spectroscopy (Na, K)
- Absorption in stellar lines due to planetary atmosphere by molecules – low. resolution spectroscopy (H₂O, CO₂, TiO, CH₄)
- First observations performed in 2002 with HST
 - HD209458b

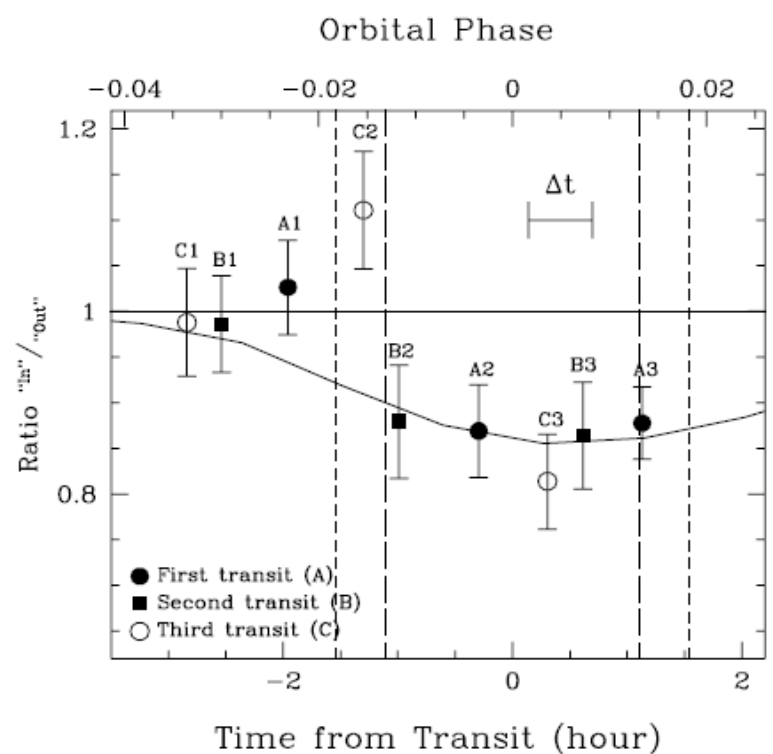
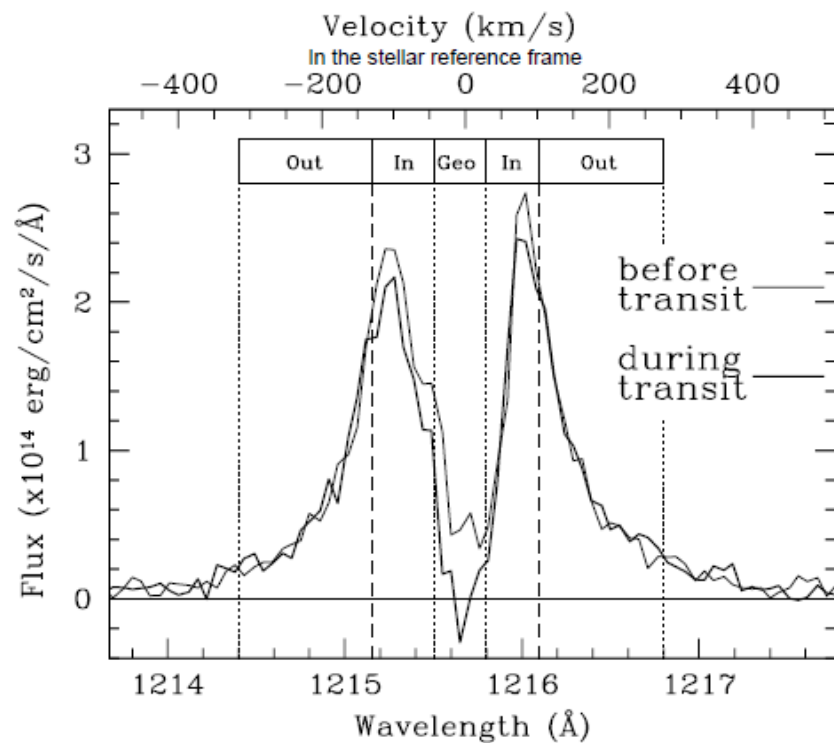
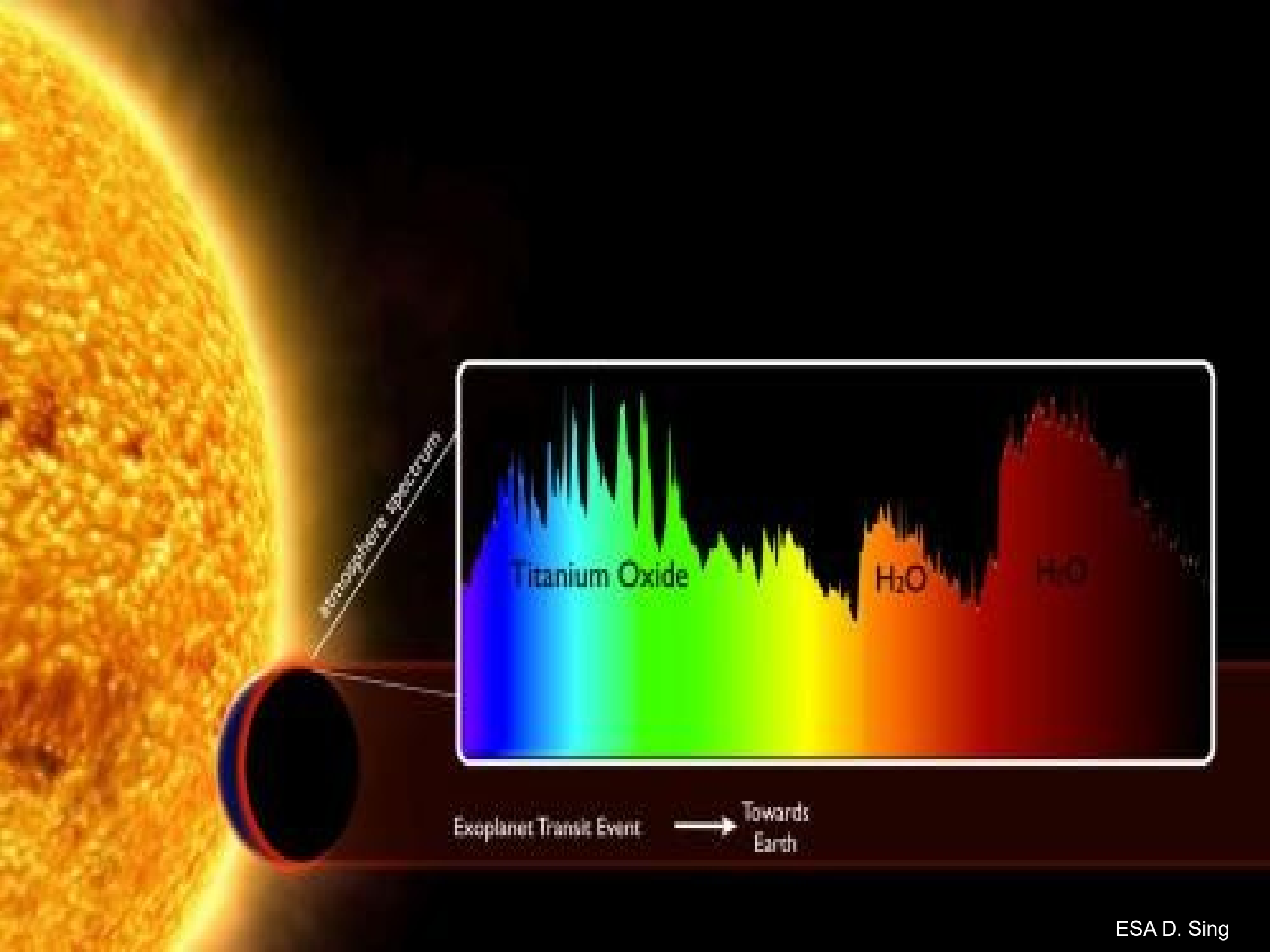


Figure 1. **Left:** The Lyman α stellar line as observed by Vidal-Madjar et al. (2003). The averaged profile observed during transit (thick line) presents a reduced flux when compared to the pre-transit profile (thin line). The region named “Geo” corresponds to the region where the geocoronal Lyman α correction was too important. In the “In” region absorption is observed while the “Out” region serves as a flux reference. **Right:** The averaged “In”/“Out” flux ratio in the individual exposures of the three observed transits (see text). Exposures A1, B1, and C1 were performed before and A2, B3, and C3 entirely during transits. Error bars are $\pm 1\sigma$. The “In”/“Out” ratio decreases by $\sim 15\%$ during the transit. The thick line represents the absorption ratio modeled through a particle simulation (see Fig. 3).

Spectrophotometry

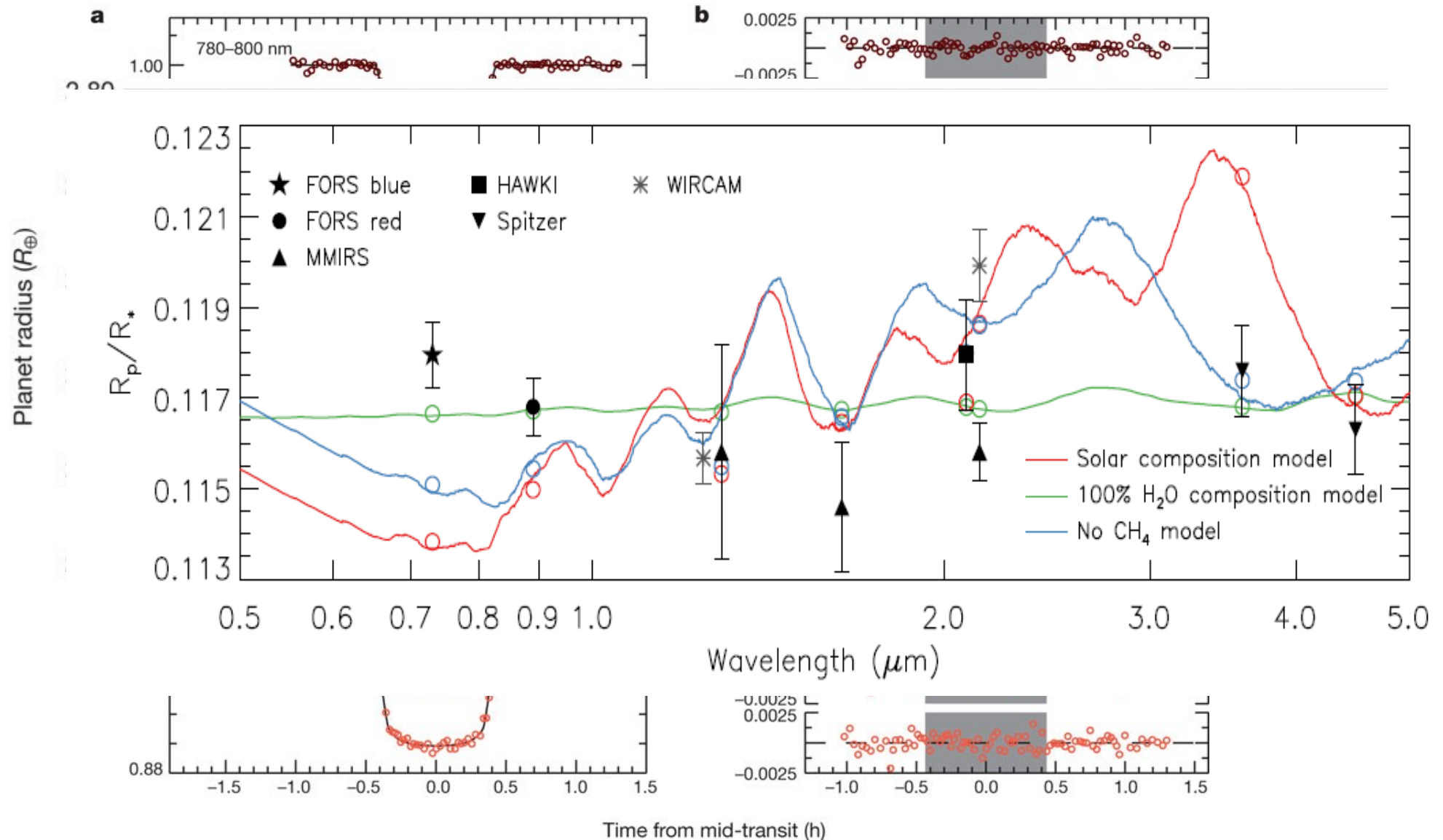
- Spectroscopy during the transit/eclipse
- Usually, low spectral resolution
- Spectral bins are selected to obtain spectrophotometric light curve (by integrating of the flux)
- Resulting light curve is fitted and transit parameters are obtained
- Depth of transit varies with wavelength
= TRANSMISSION SPECTRUM



Brilliant illustration of the principle

Thanks to T. Jeřabková for the animation

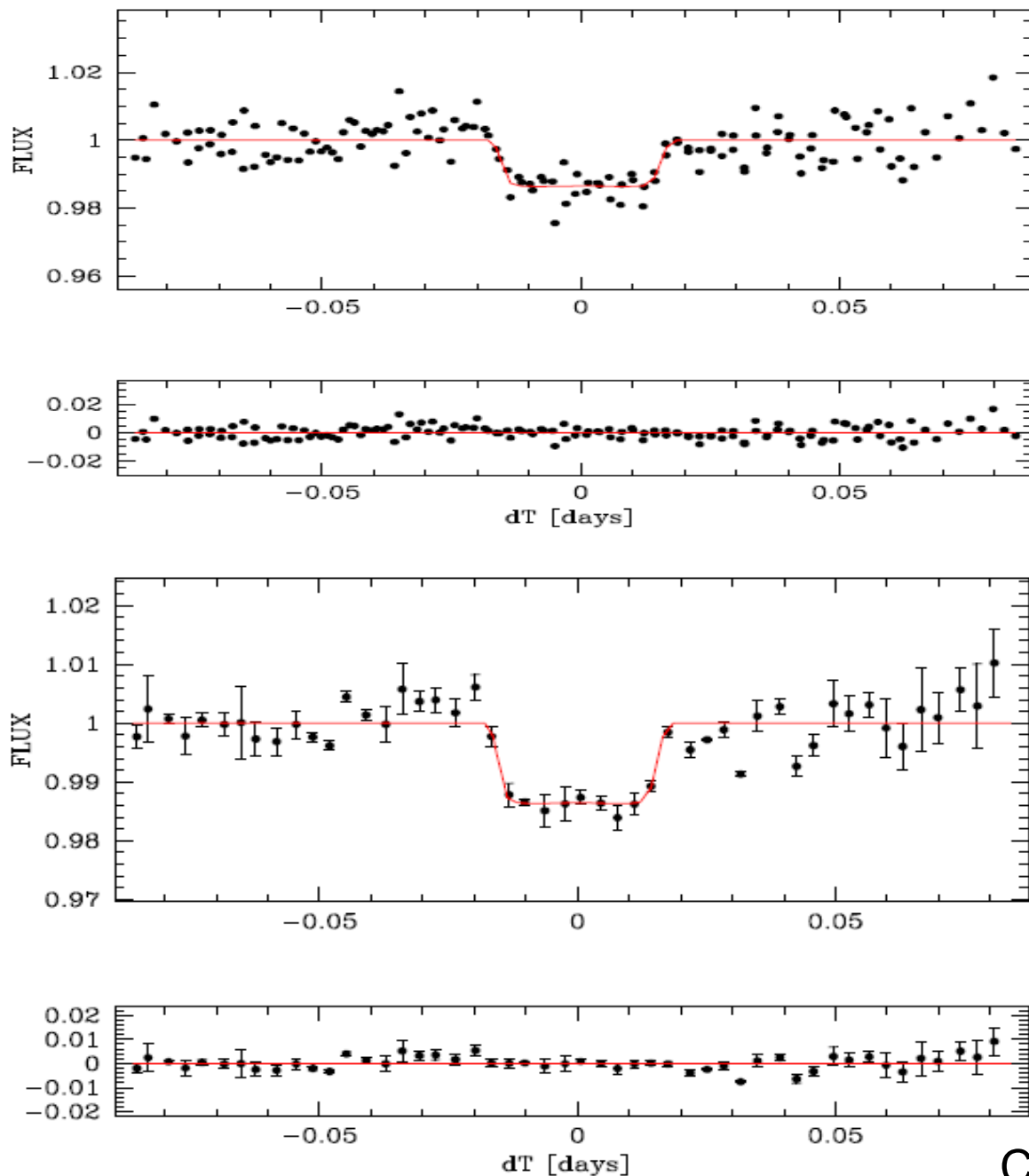
FORS2 2010, 2011



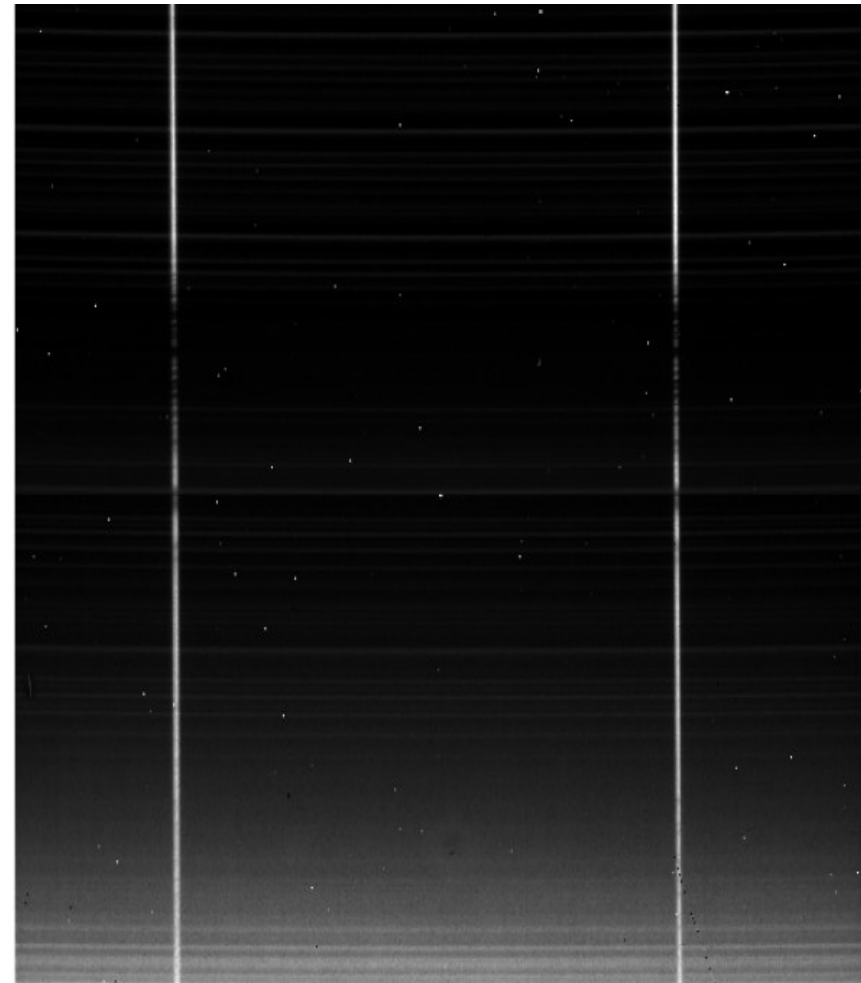
Bean et al. 2010, Nature

Bean, Desert, Kabath et al. 2011, AandA

SOFI NIR transmission spectroscopy



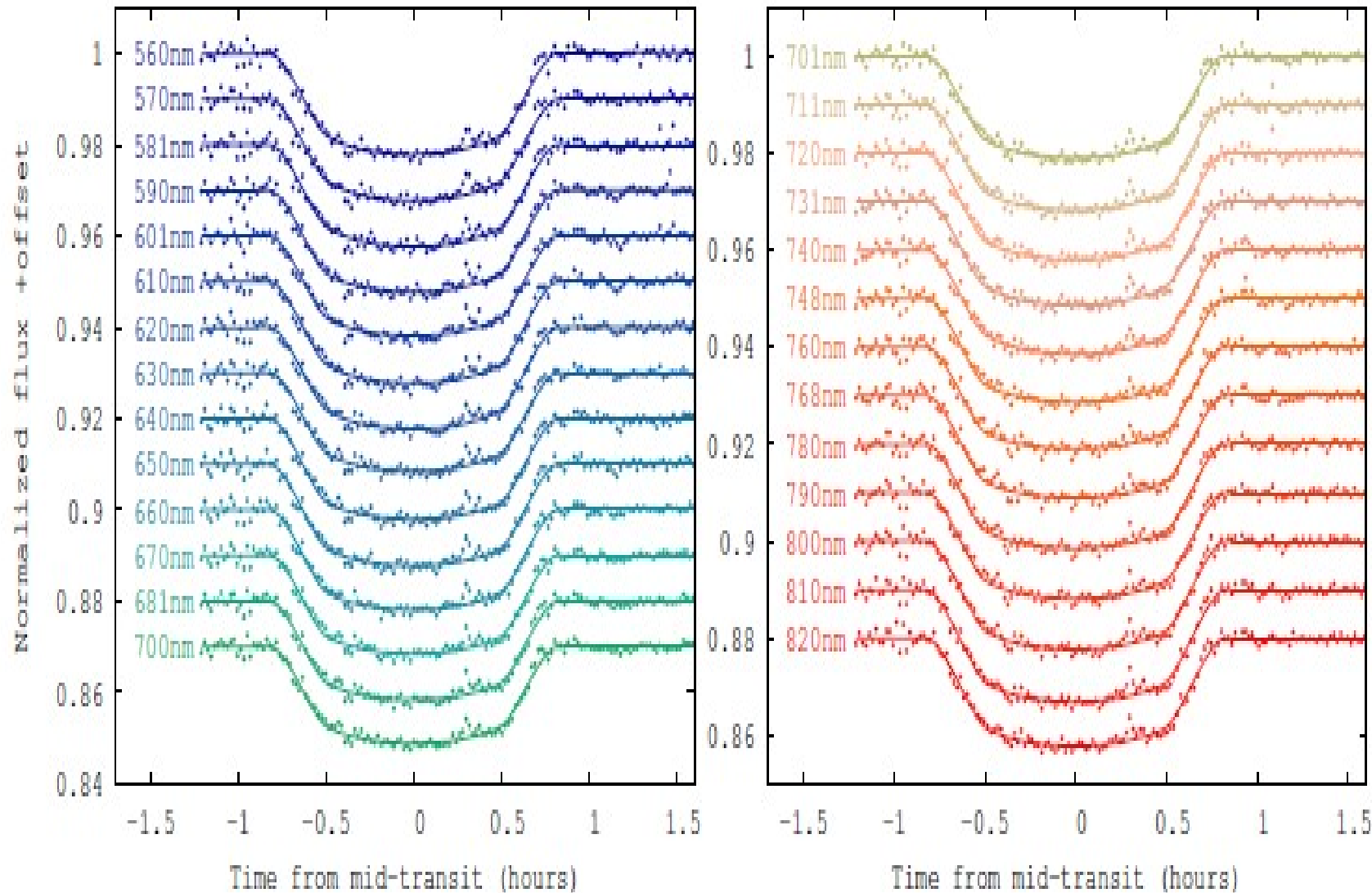
1.5 – 2.3 micron low res.
3 nights in 2011

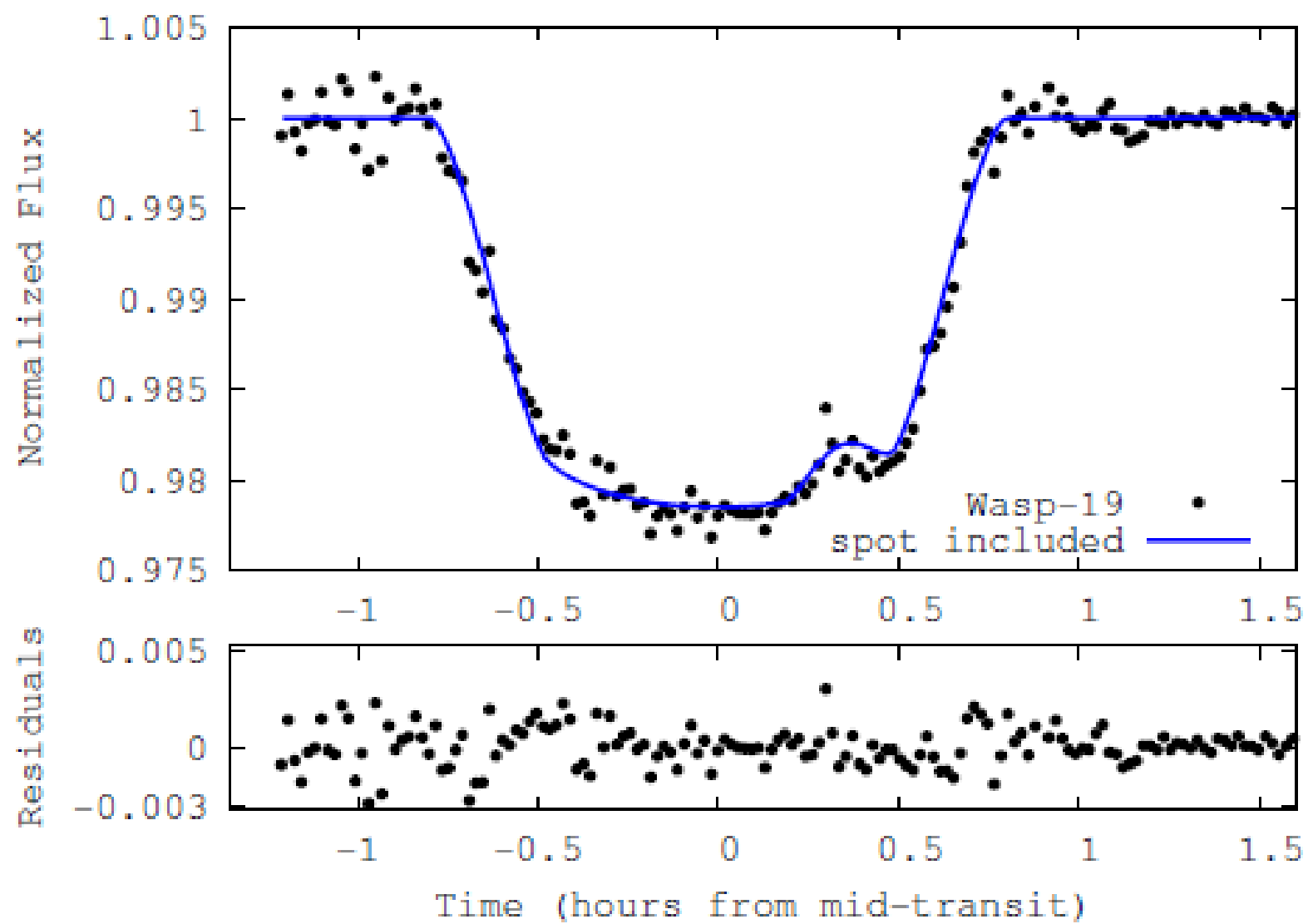


Caceres, Kabath et al., 2014, A and A

WASP-19b – better resolution

- Sedaghati et al. 2015, A&A





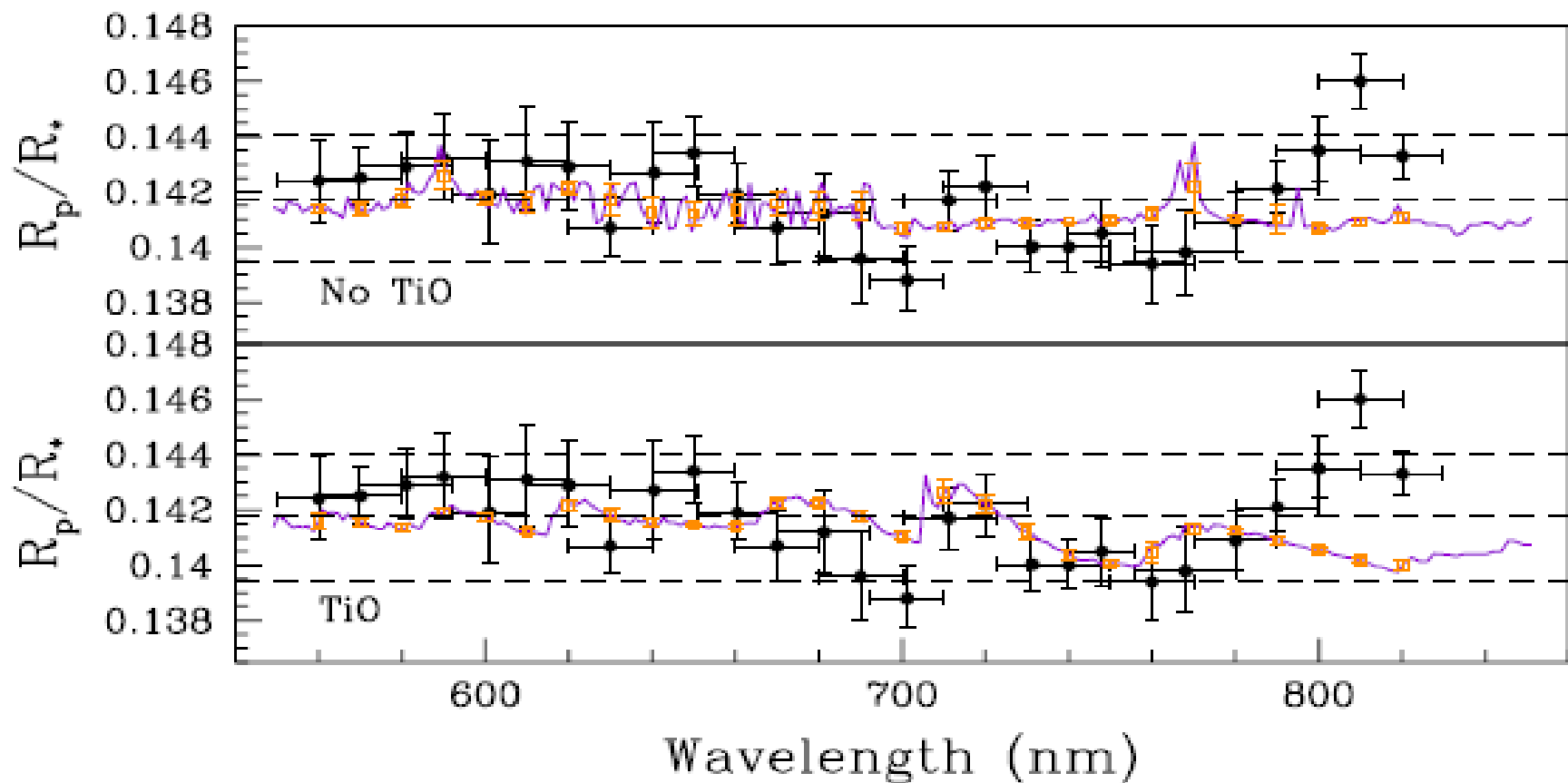
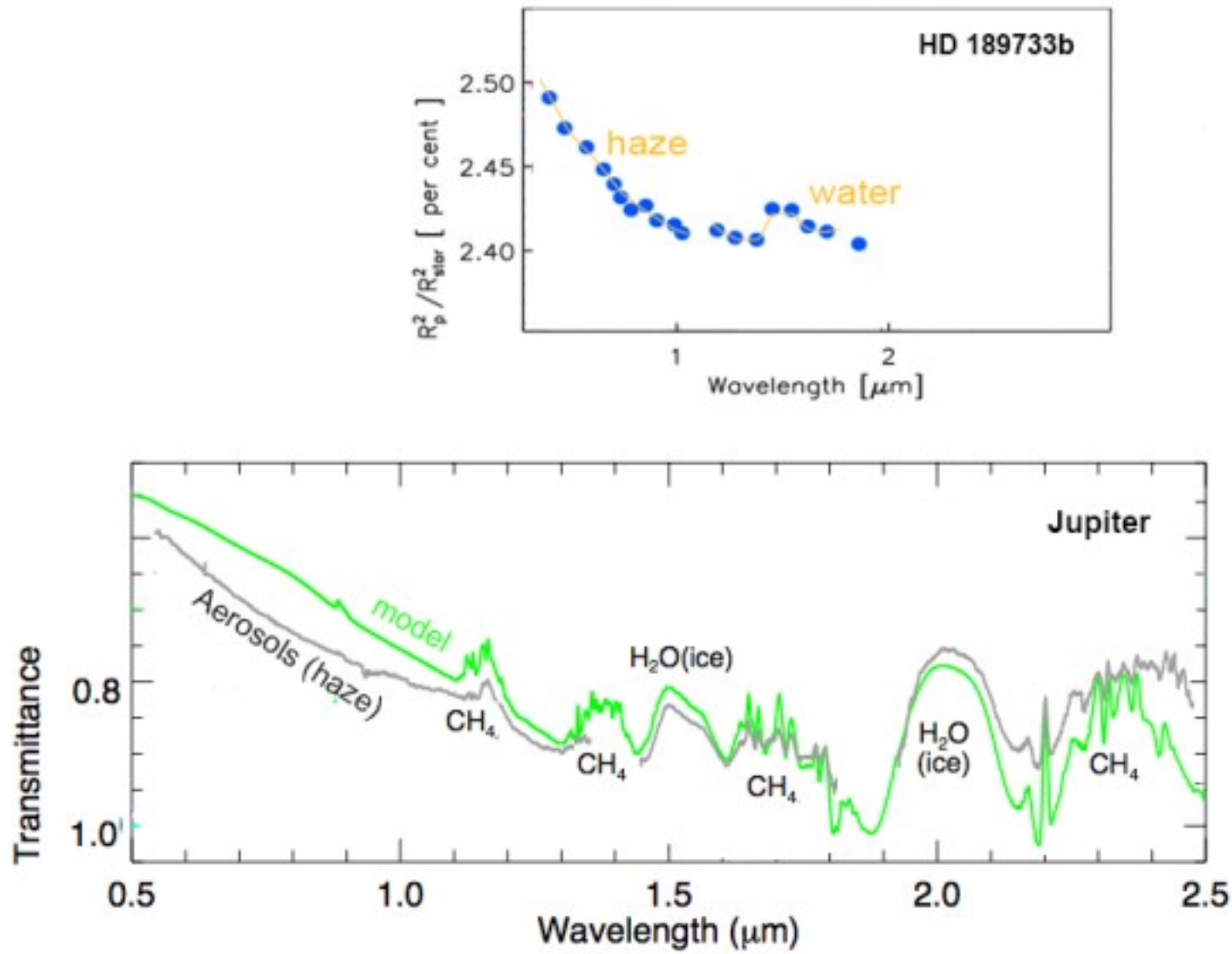


Fig. 2. Transmission spectrum of WASP-19b as measured with FORS2 (black dots, with error bars) compared to two models of planetary atmospheres, one with no TiO (top panel) and one with a solar abundance of TiO (bottom panel), from Burrows et al. (2010) and Howe & Burrows (2012). We have also estimated the mean value of the models in bin sizes of 20 nm (orange open squares). The dashed lines represent the weighted mean and plus or minus three scale heights.

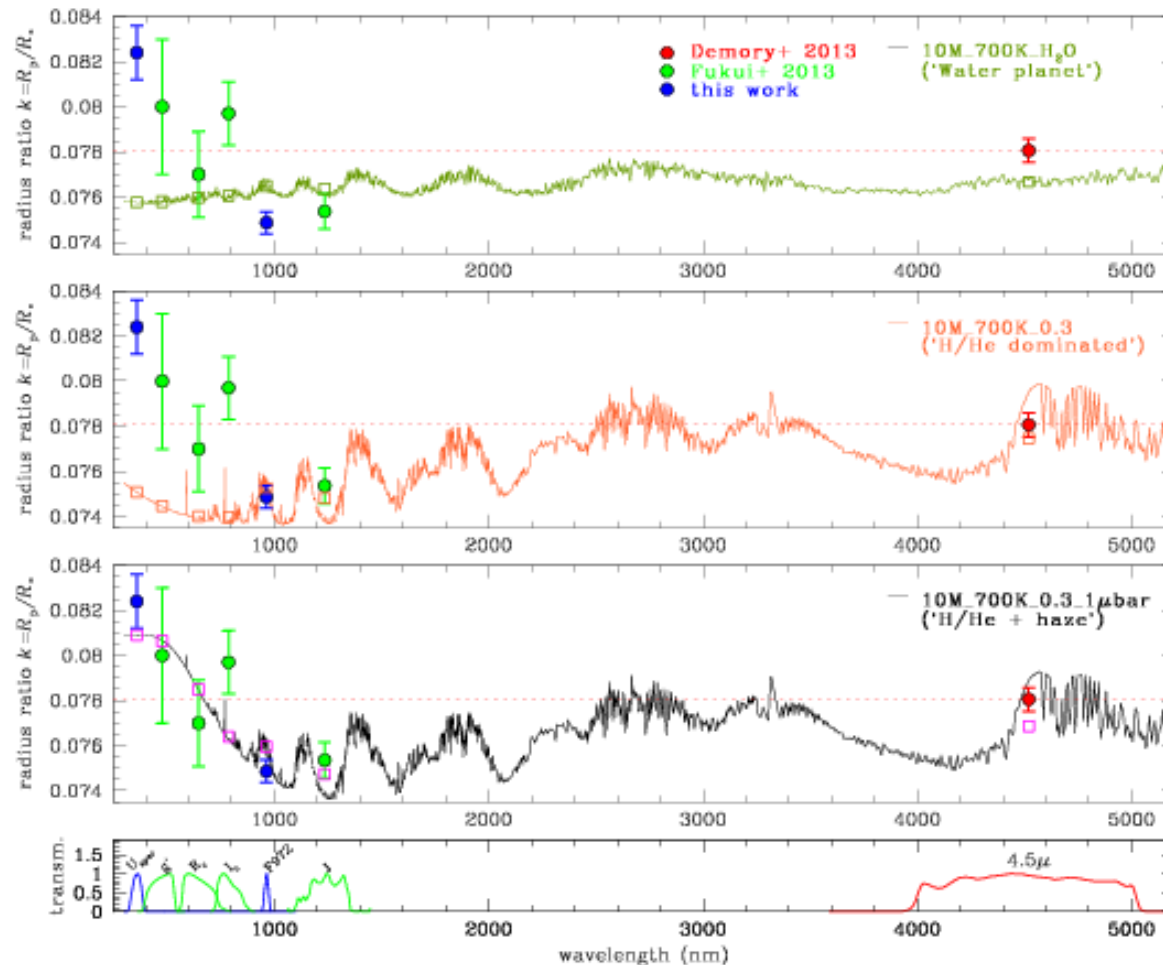
Spectrum with features

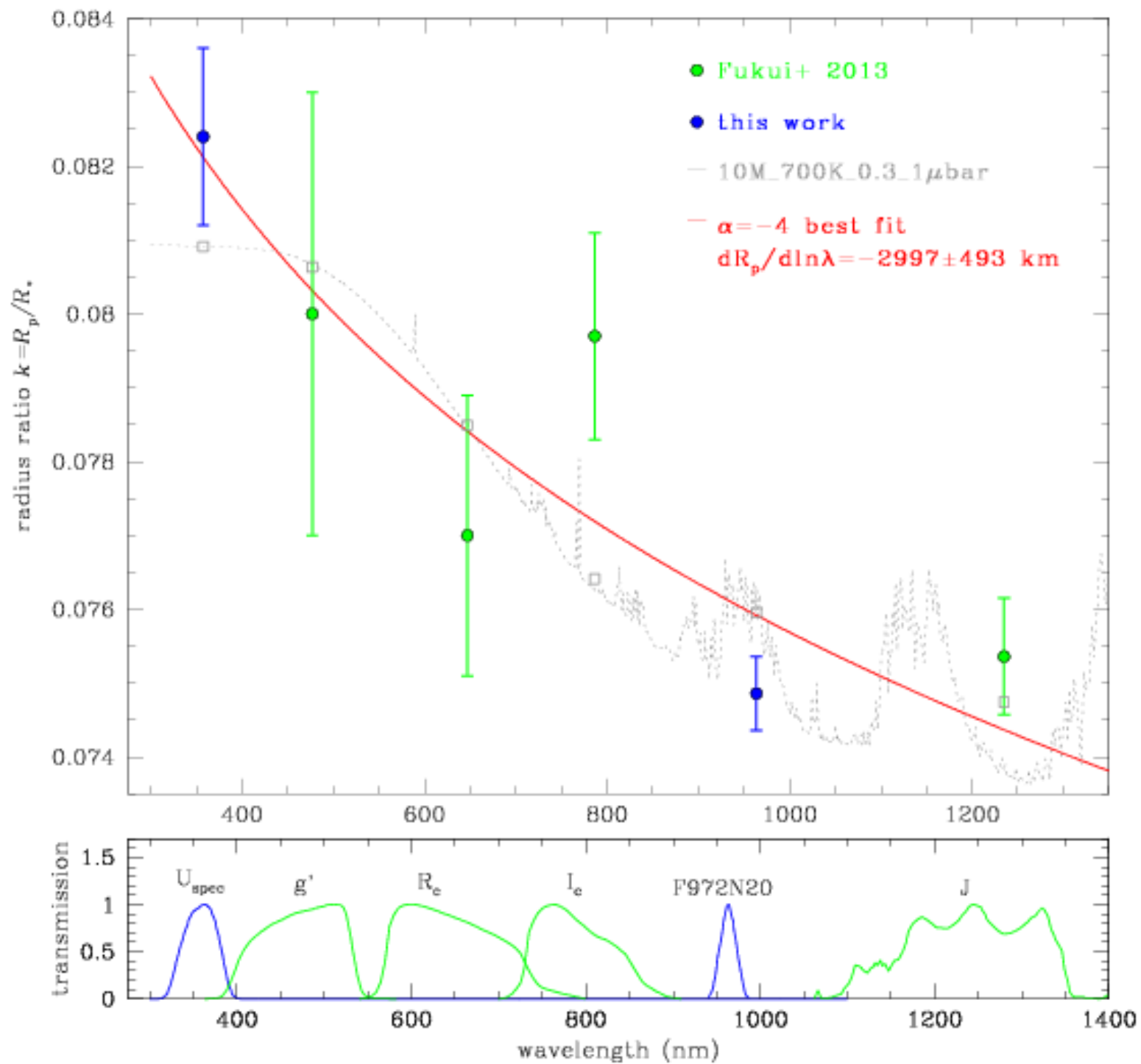


Monta es-Rodr guez et al. 2015, "Jupiter as an exoplanet: UV to NIR transmission spectrum reveals hazes, a Na layer and possibly stratospheric H₂O-ice clouds", Astrophysical Journal Letters

Can we determine the colour of skies on exoplanets?

- Rayleigh scattering - GJ3470b?





Very accurate photometry

Our observations with 4m class

- SOFI @ NTT – La Silla 3 nights
- OSIRIS @ SOAR - Cerro Pachon 1 night
- SOI @ SOAR - Cerro Pachon 1 night

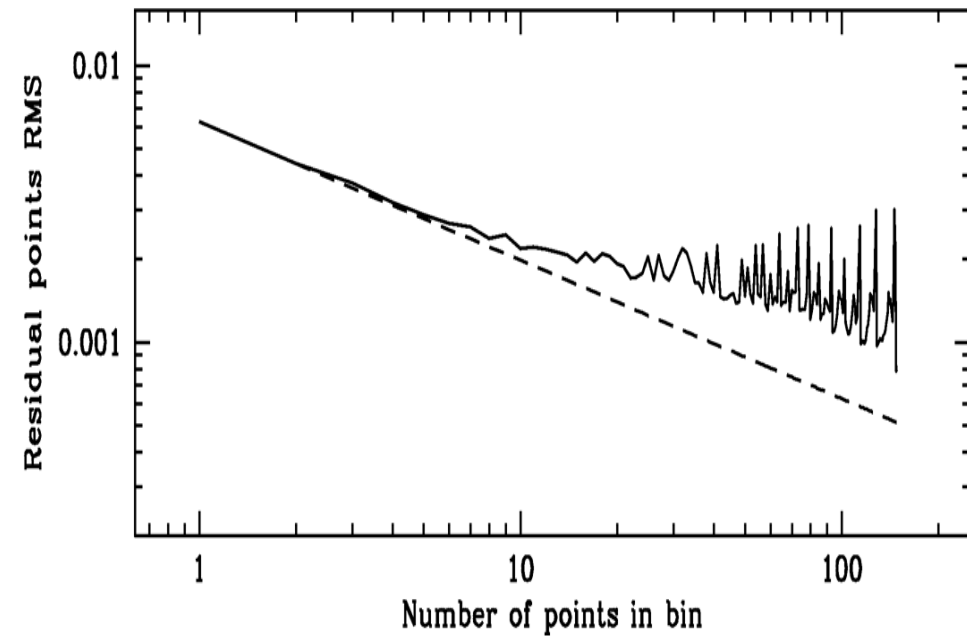
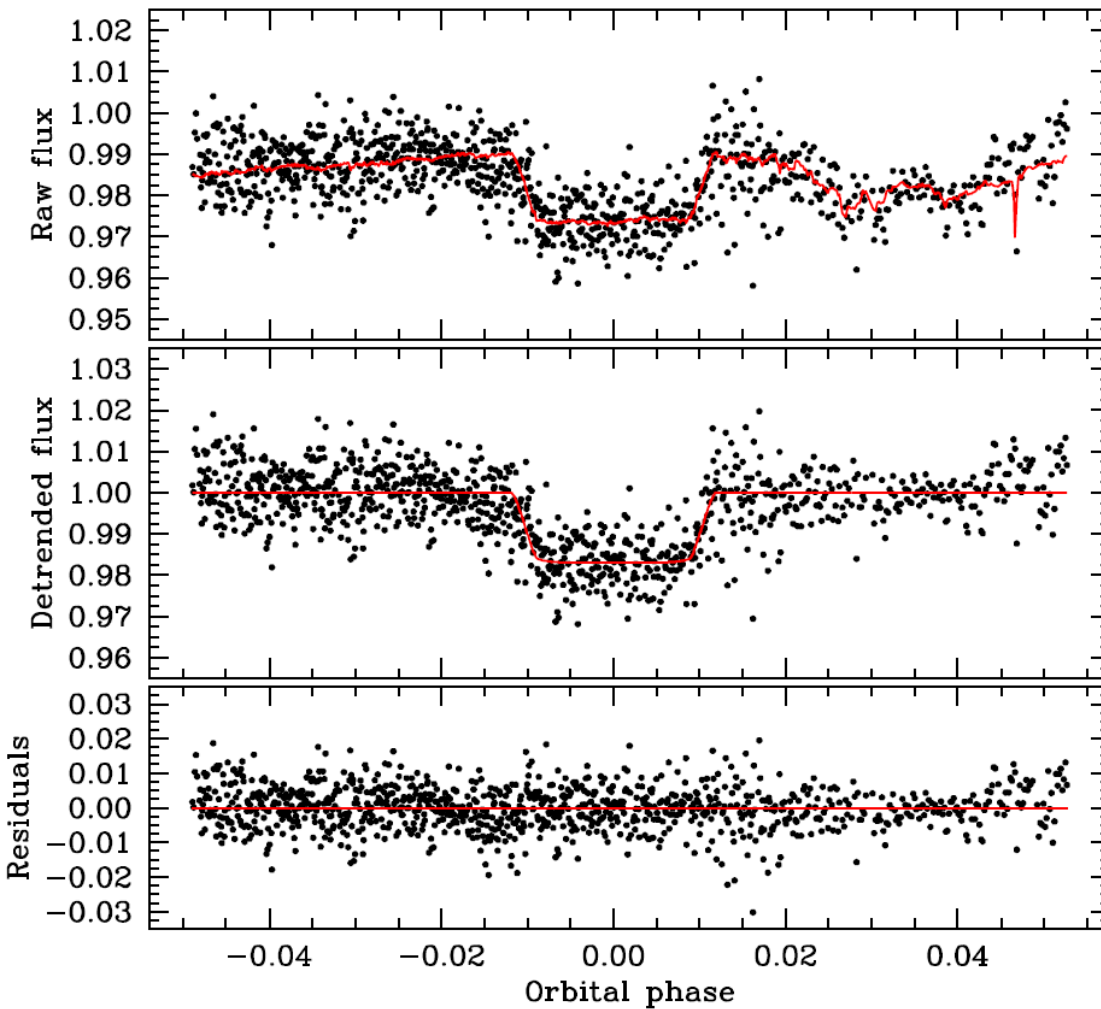
Both telescopes are 4-m class!!!

ESO



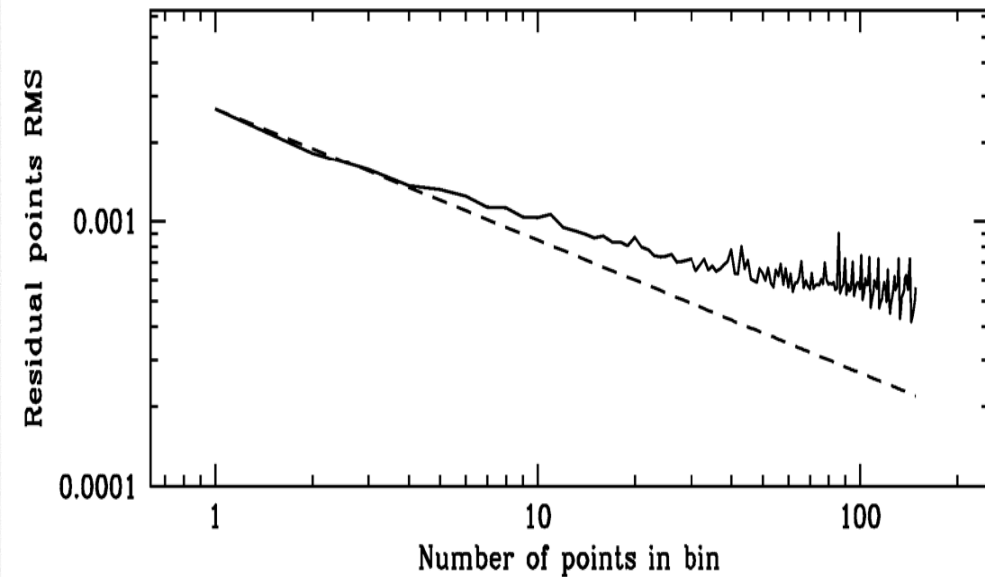
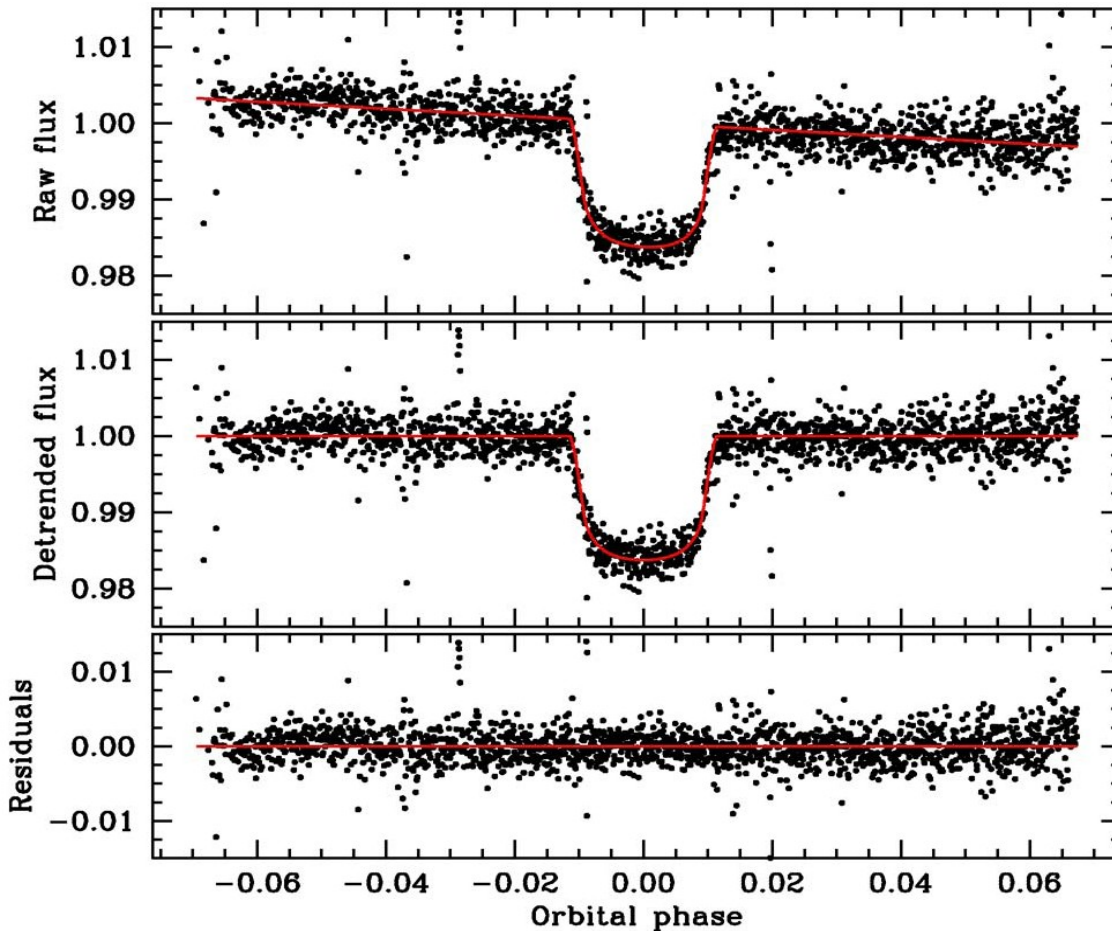
SOAR

Our measurements - OSIRIS



$$R_p/R_s = 0.118101 (-)0.002766(+)0.002562$$

Our measurements - SOI

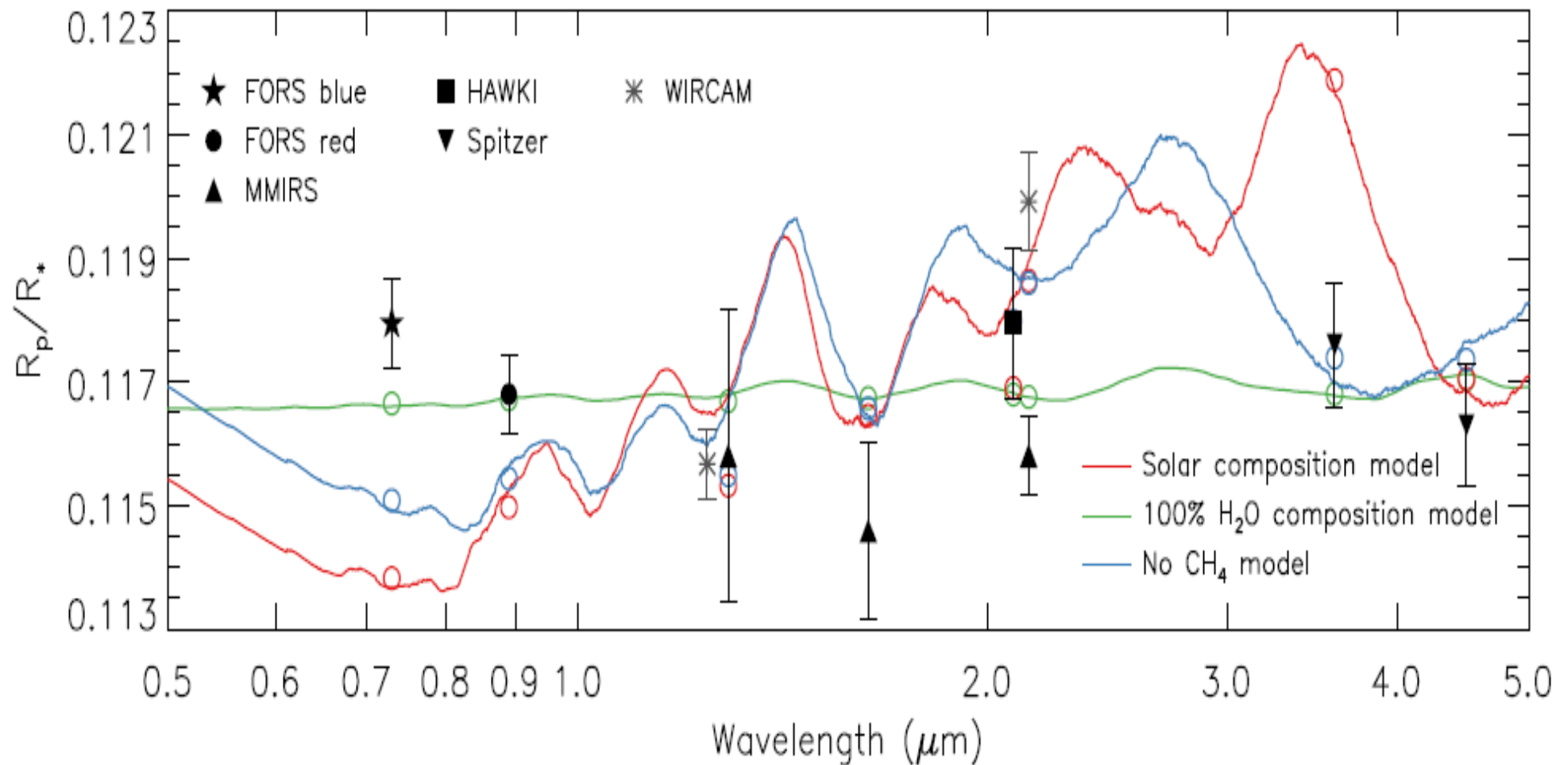


SOAR I-BESSEL:

$$R_p/R_s = 0.117151 \text{ } (-)0.001173 \\ (+)0.001182$$

Observations performed by S. Hoyer

4-m class telescopes good?



Our results compared (photometry)

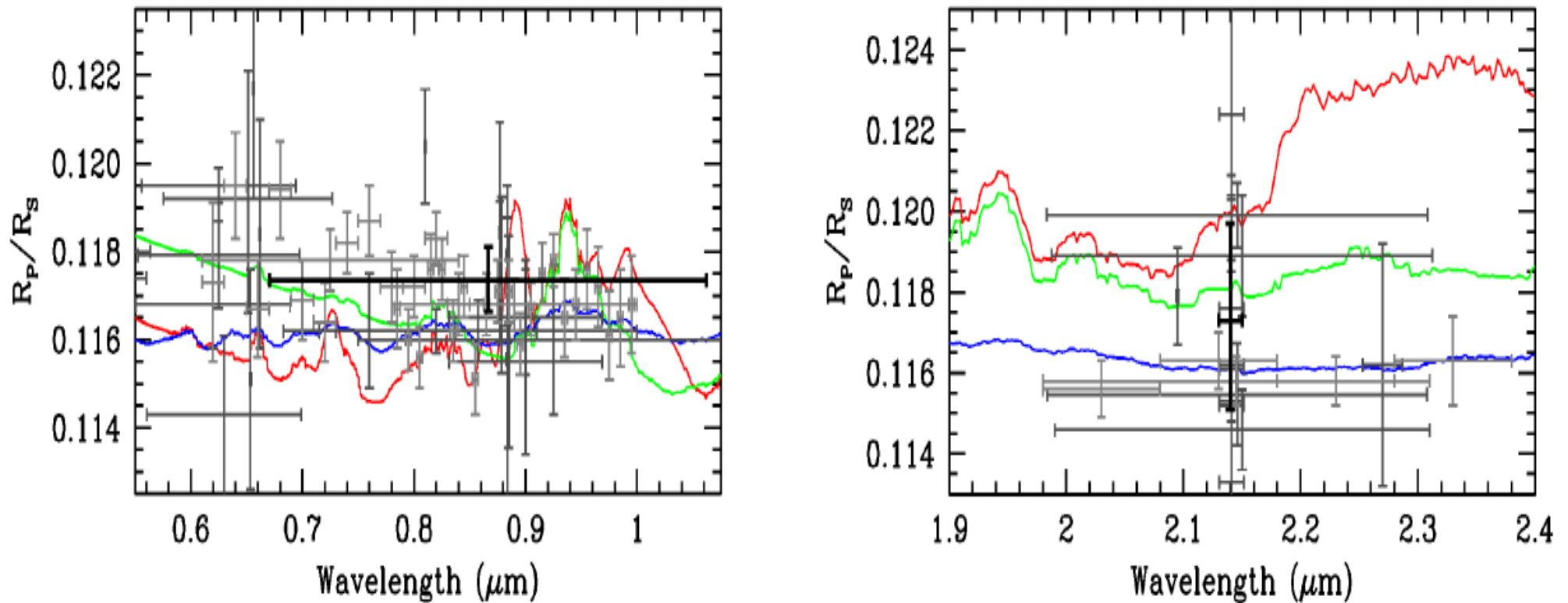
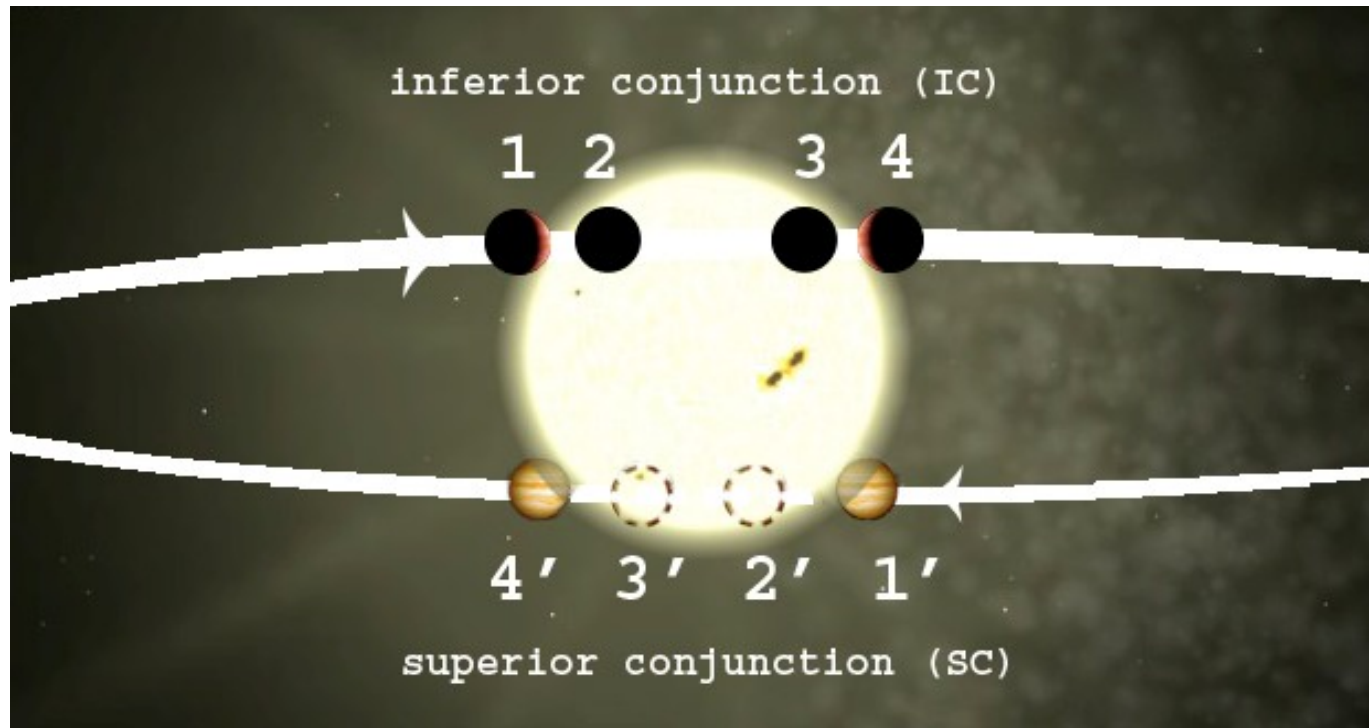


Fig. 11. *Left:* A zoom-in from Fig. 10 for the optical region around our *I*-Bessel measurements. *Right:* The *K*-band region of spectra around our $2.14\mu\text{m}$ observation. Our measurement points are represented by dark circles, while gray points follow the description in Fig. 10. A color version of this plot can be found in the electronic version of the paper.

Transits and eclipses of exoplanets



From Angerhausen et al. 2008

Emission from the planet

- Thermal radiation from the planet in IR

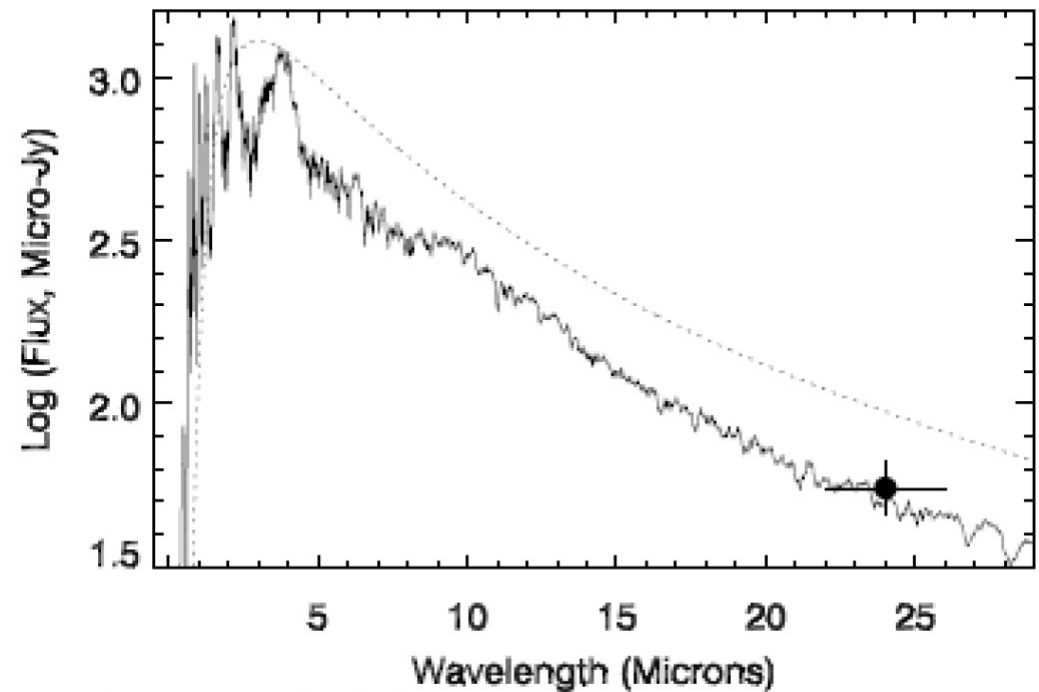
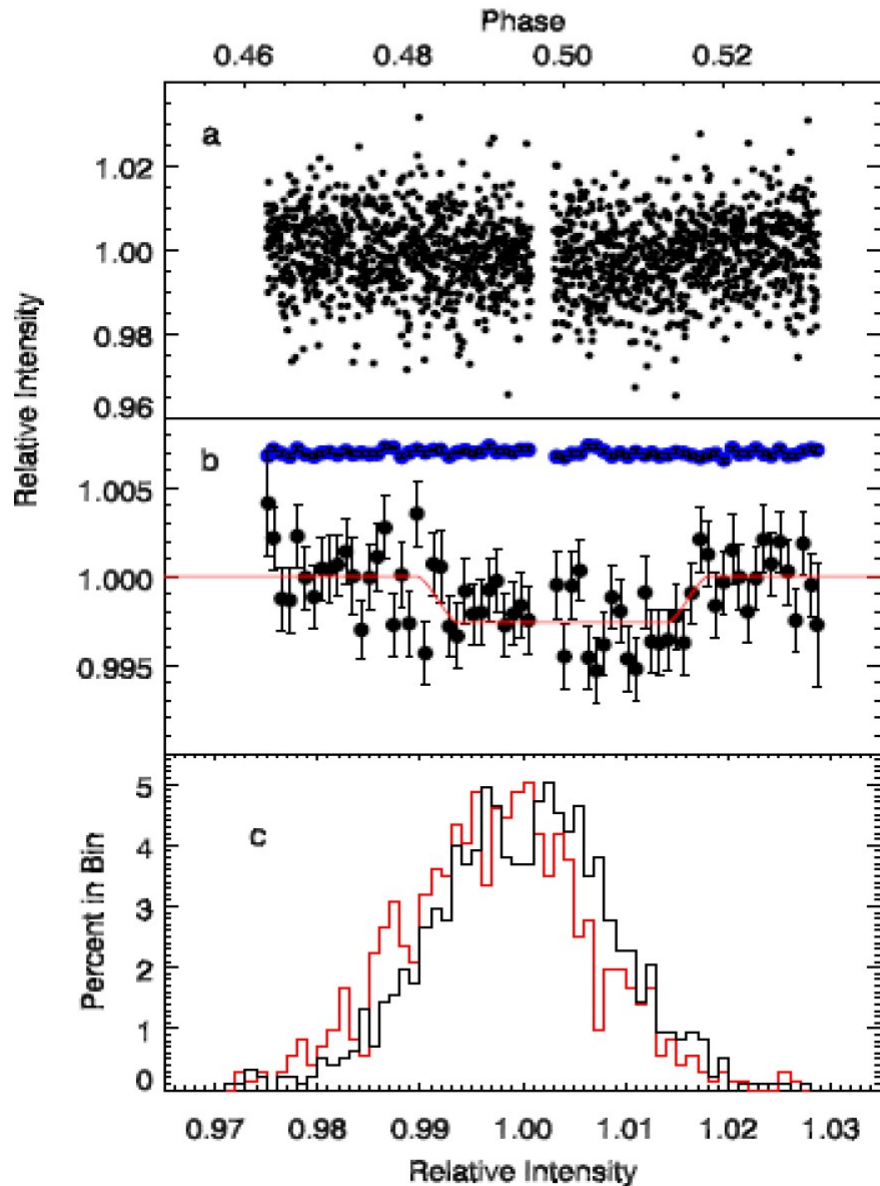
$$\text{Signal} = T_{\text{planet}}/T_{\text{star}}(R_{\text{planet}}/R_{\text{star}})^2$$

- Very shallow signals – few mmags
- Measuring directly the (missing) emission of the reflected light from the planet
- Result is an emission spectrum
- Due to geometry, not all planets hide behind the host star

Secondary eclipse photometry HD209458b

Měření: Spitzer 24 μ m

T_{pl} : ca 1130K



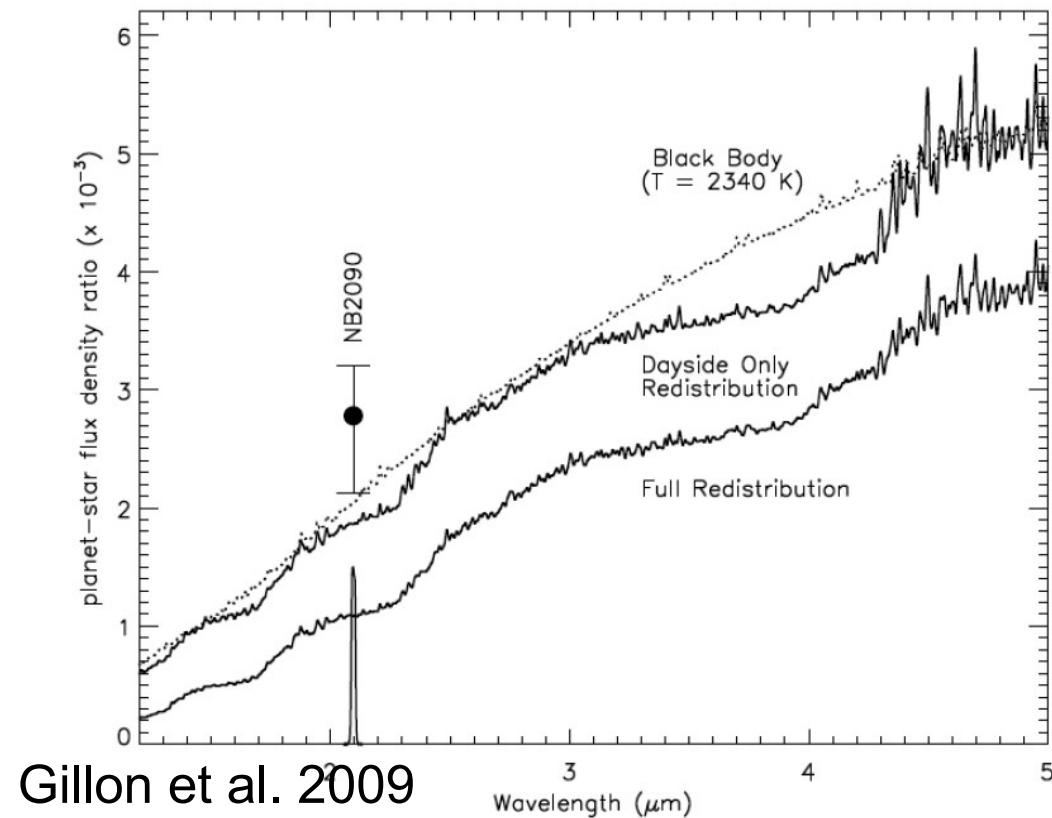
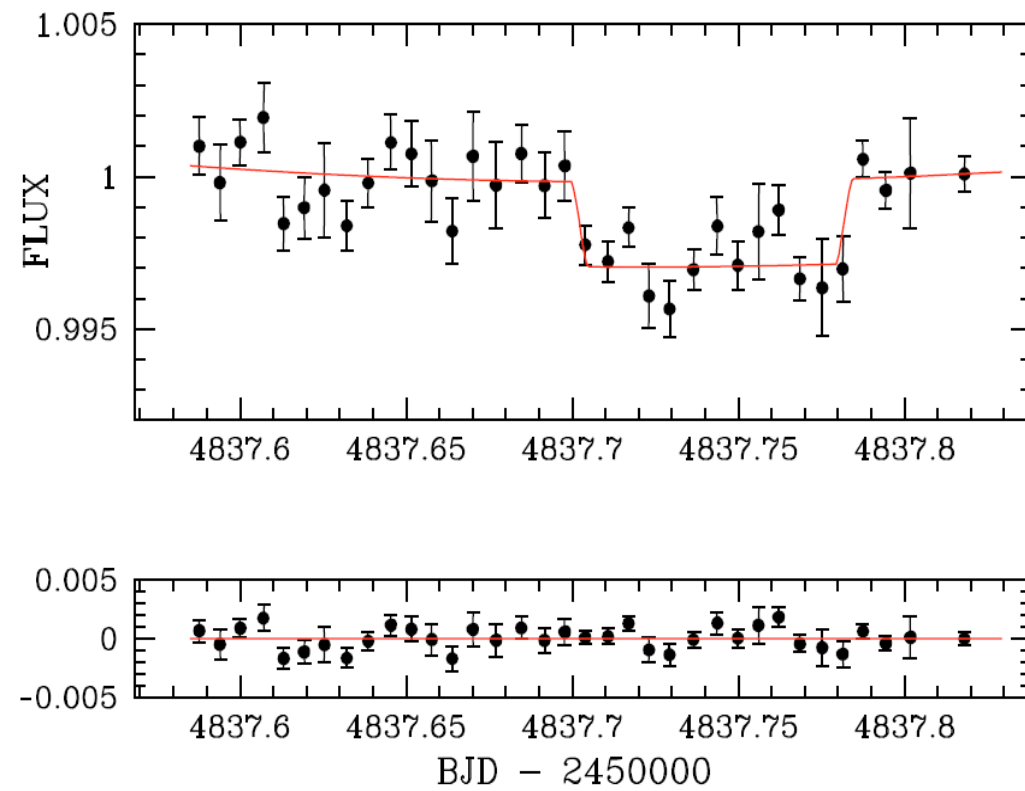
Deming et al. 2005 Nature

Secondary eclipse photometry from the ground

- Thermal radiation from the planet in IR

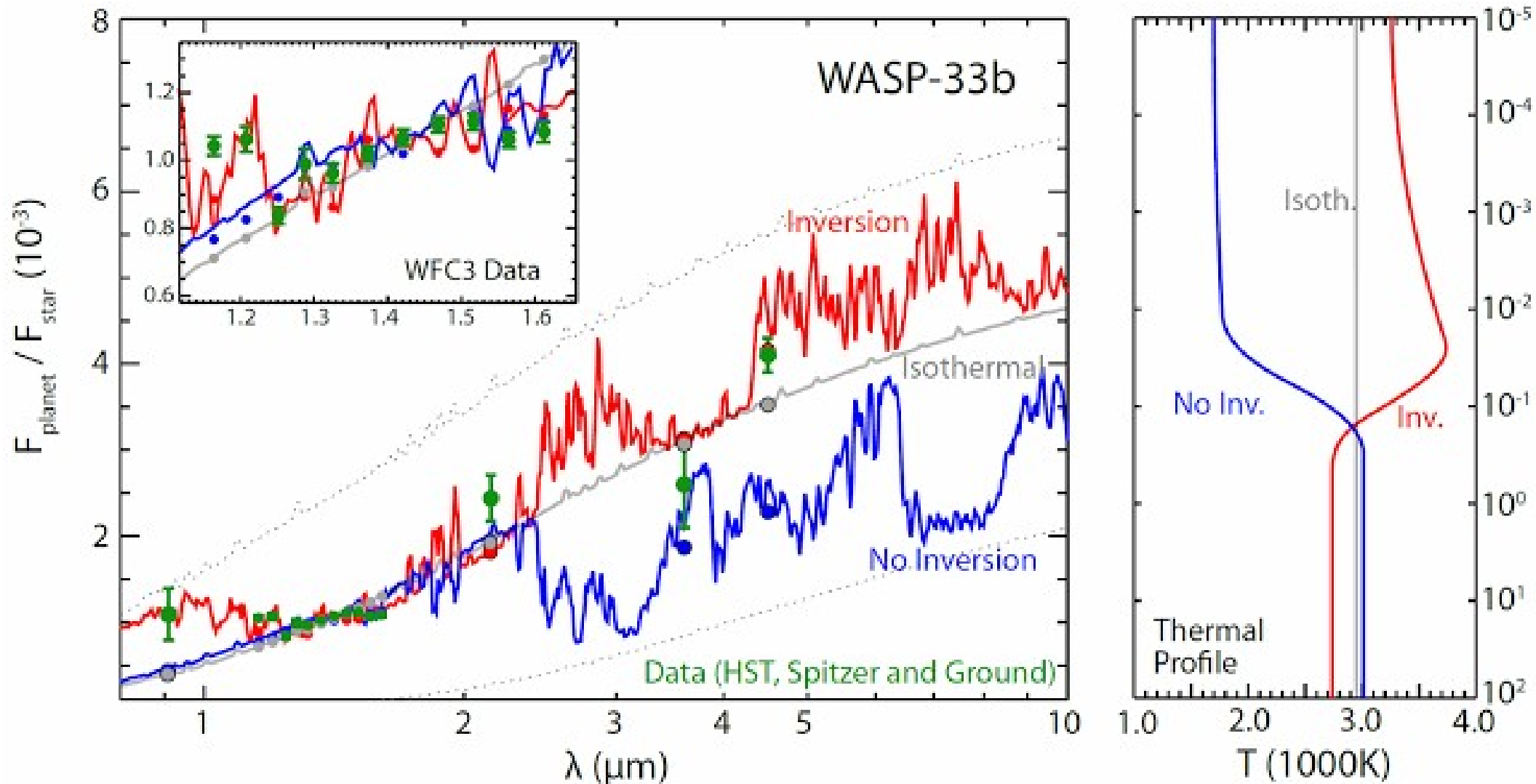
$$\text{Signal} = T_{\text{planet}}/T_{\text{star}}(R_{\text{planet}}/R_{\text{star}})^2$$

Typically few mmags for hot Jupiters



Gillon et al. 2009

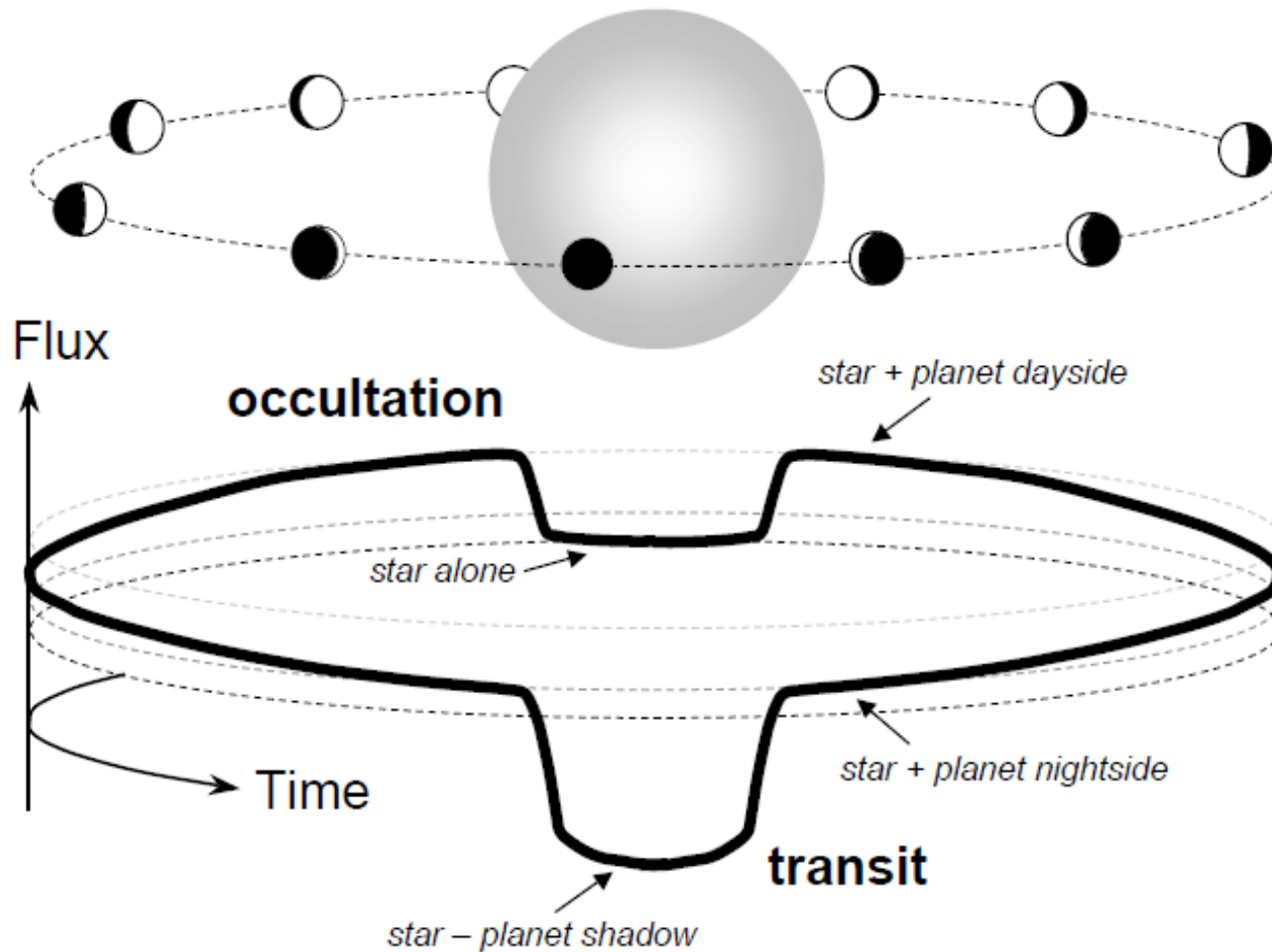
TiO species absorbing the stellar heat?



Mandell et al. (2015), "Spectroscopic Evidence for a Temperature Inversion in the Dayside Atmosphere of the Hot Jupiter WASP-33b", arXiv:1505.01490

Weather on exoplanets

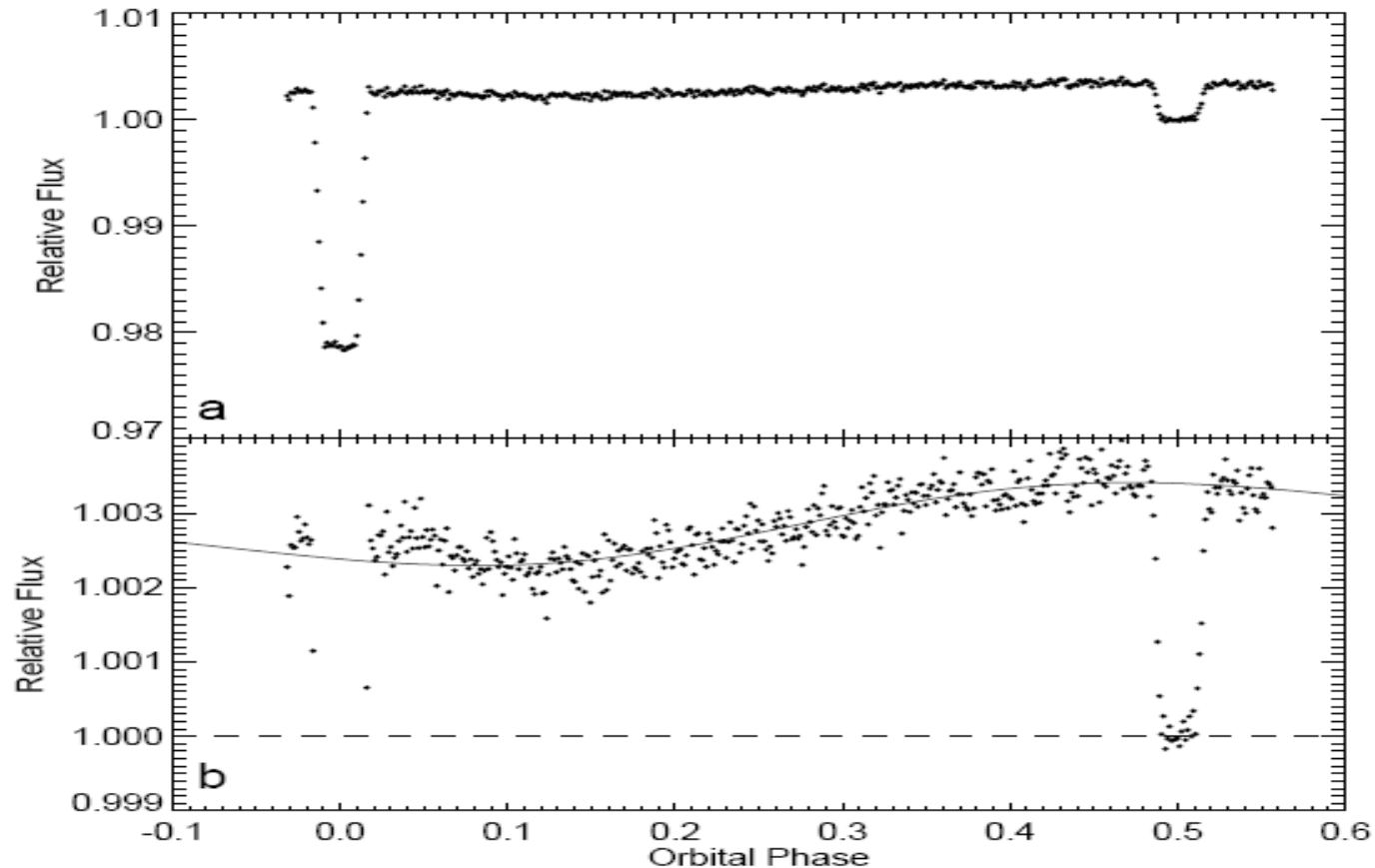
Eclipses/transits

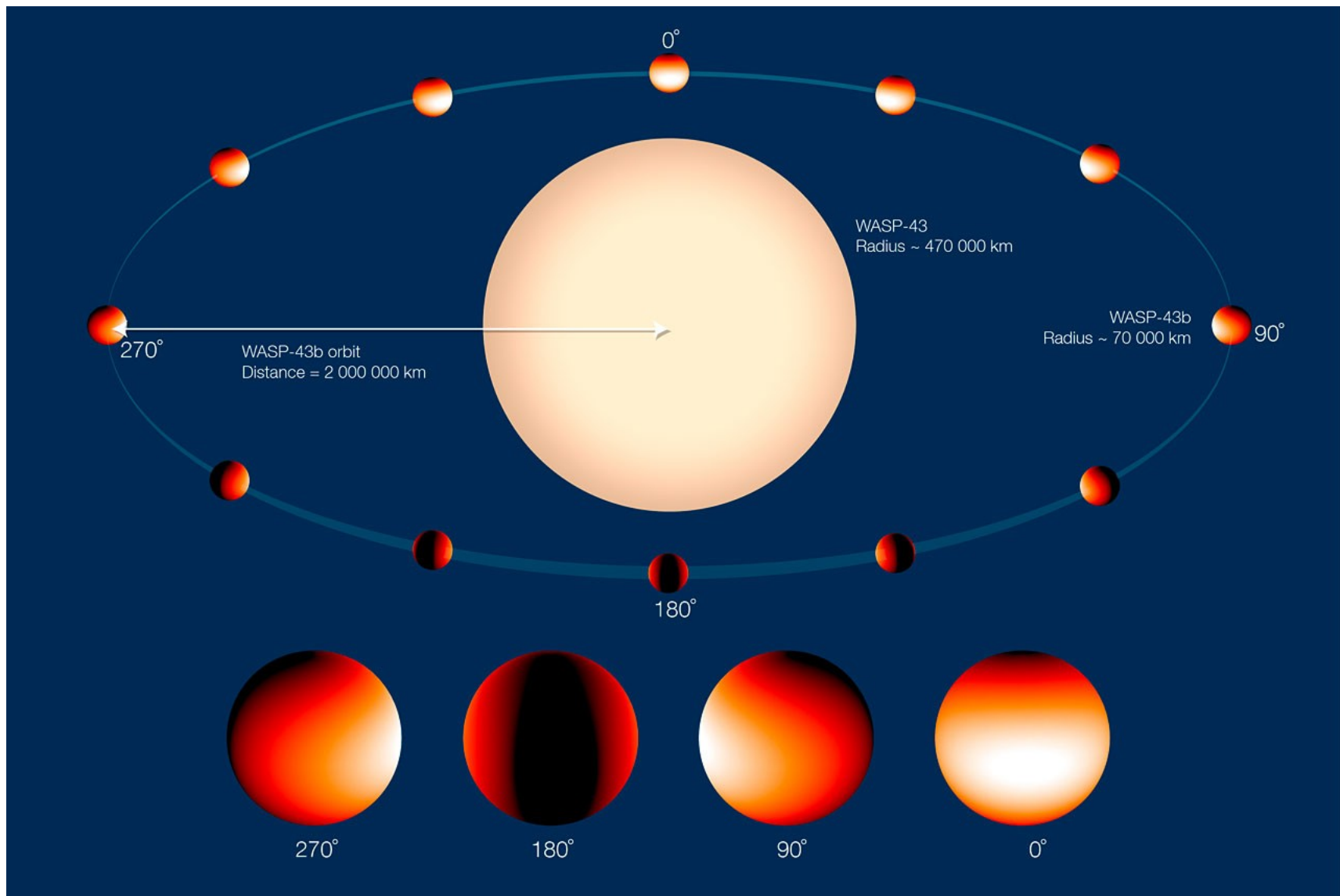


From Winn, 2010, <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1001.2010v5.pdf>

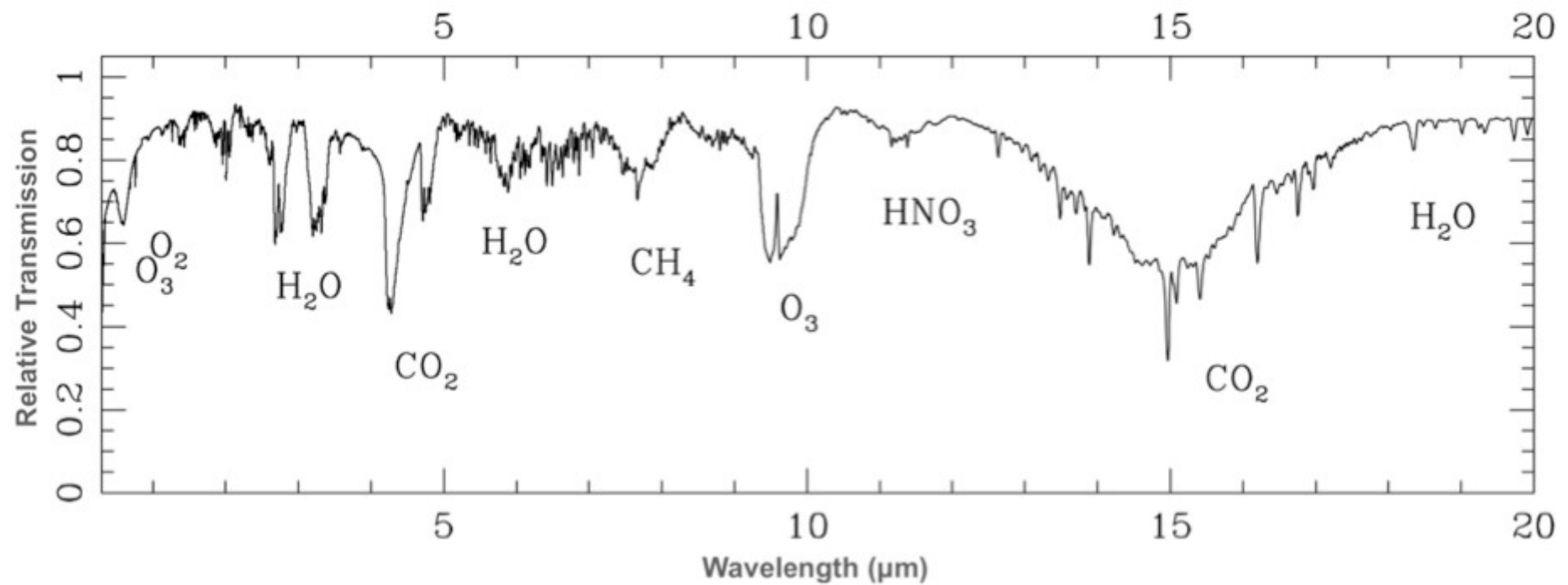
Variation due to day/night cycle

- Near to mid IR with SPITZER (now no more possible)

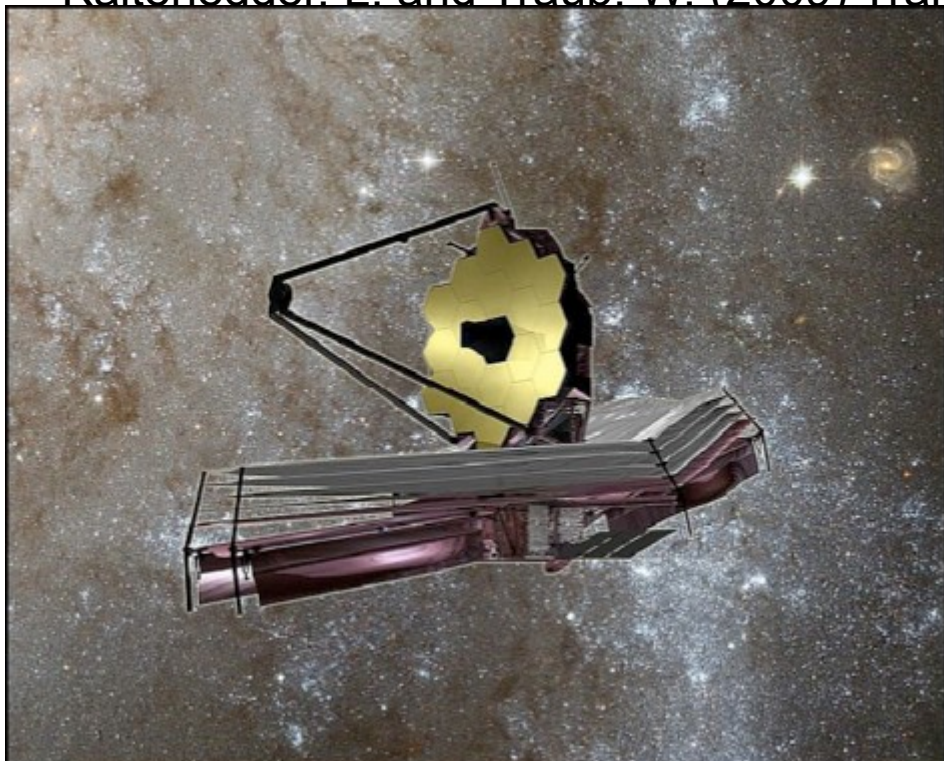




Next week - Life in the universe



Kaltenegger, L. and Traub, W. (2009) Transits of Earth-Like Planets. *Astrophysical Journal*



JWST

Launch 2018

Ideal for characterization of small
planets in infrared

Image NASA

Next lecture

- Life in the universe
- Biomarkers
- Touch of sci-fi
- Summary

Thank you