



Exoplanet Characterization Observatory



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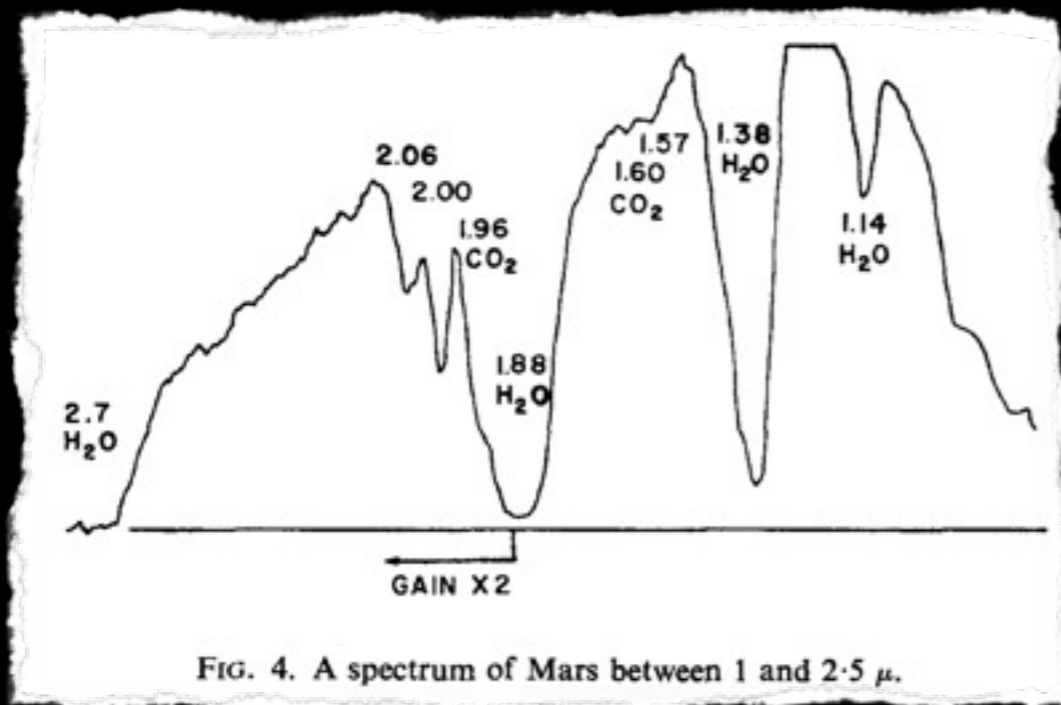
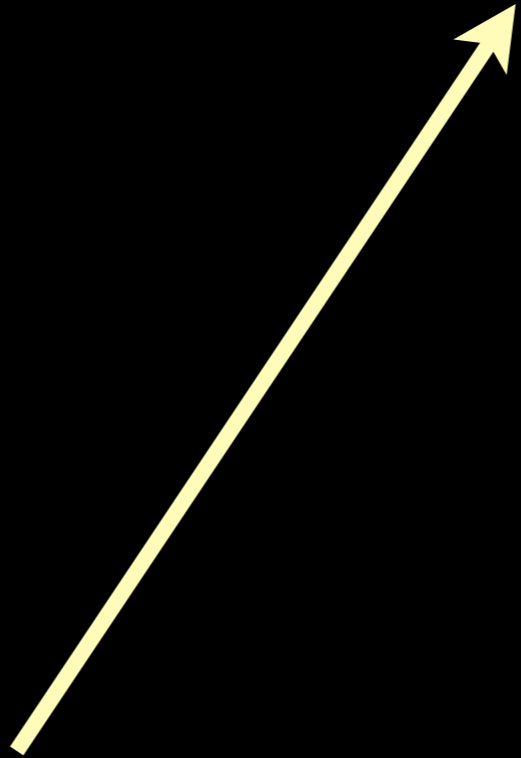


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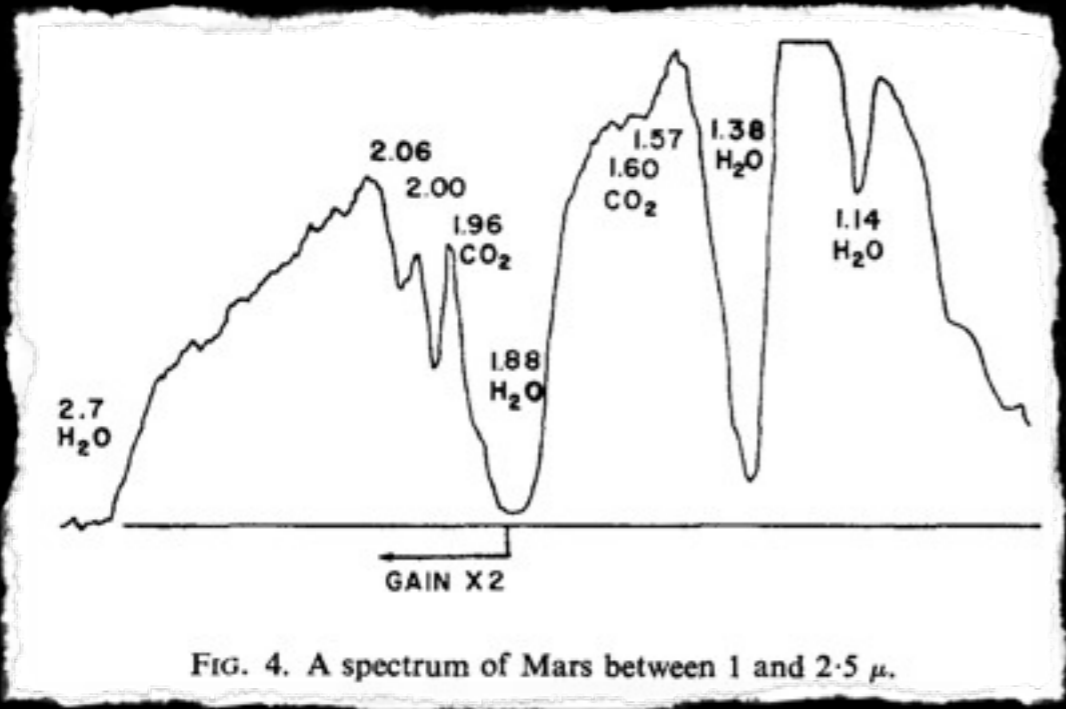
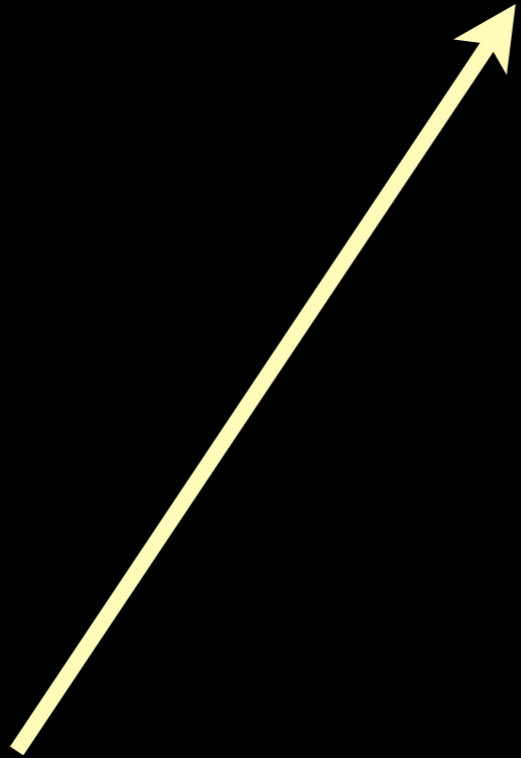
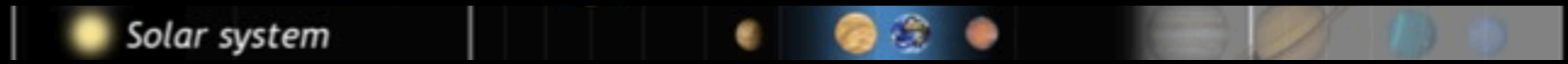


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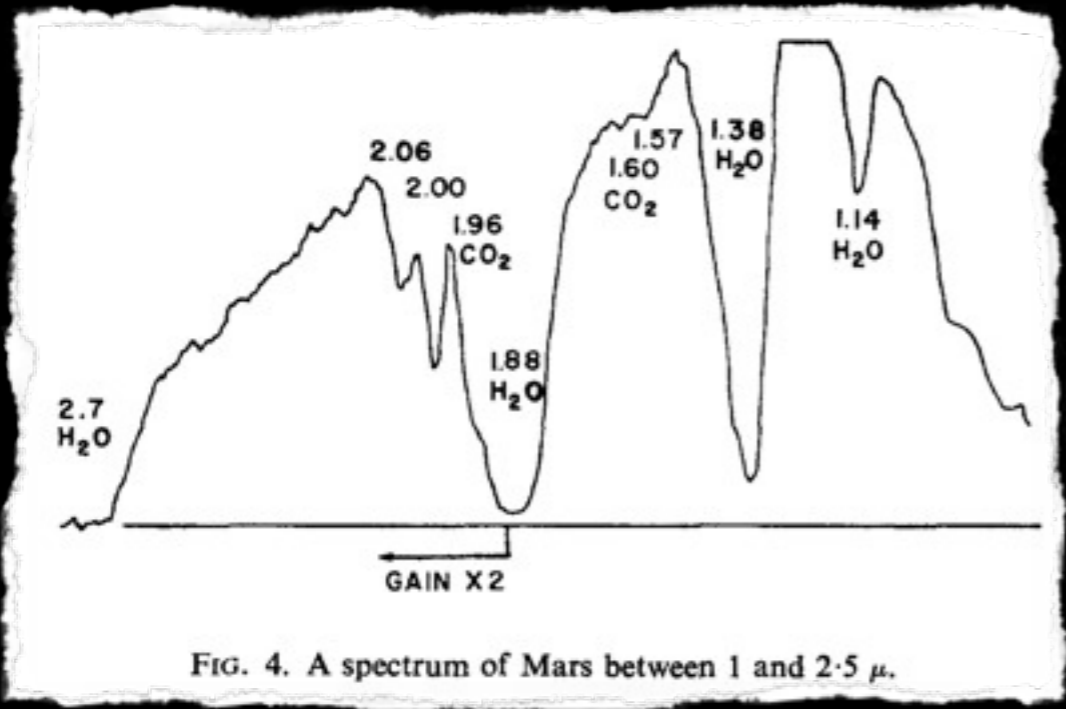
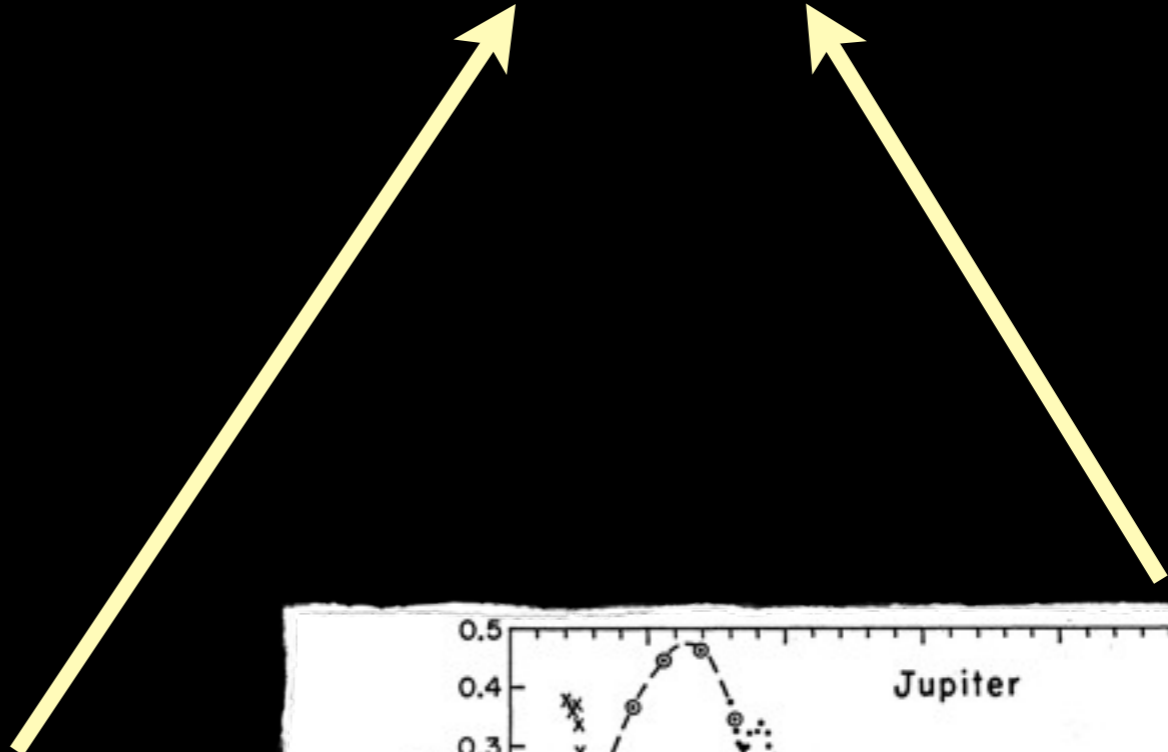


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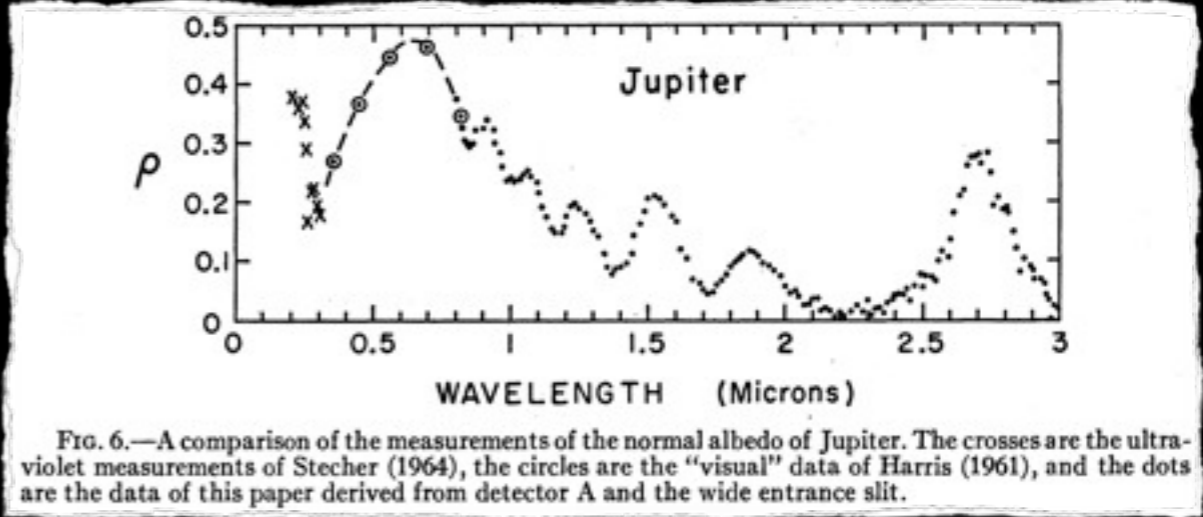
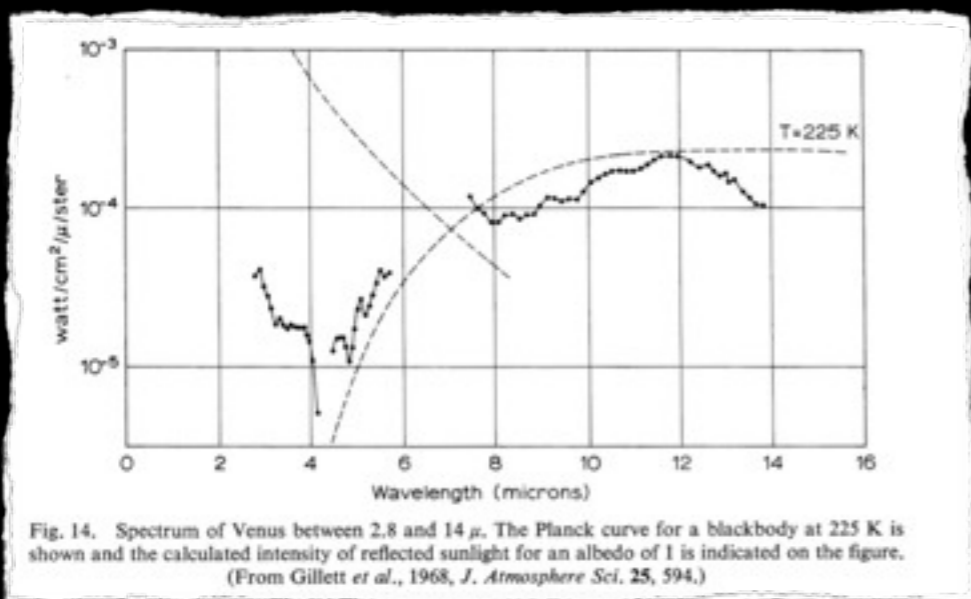
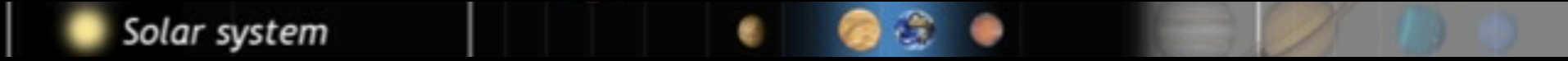


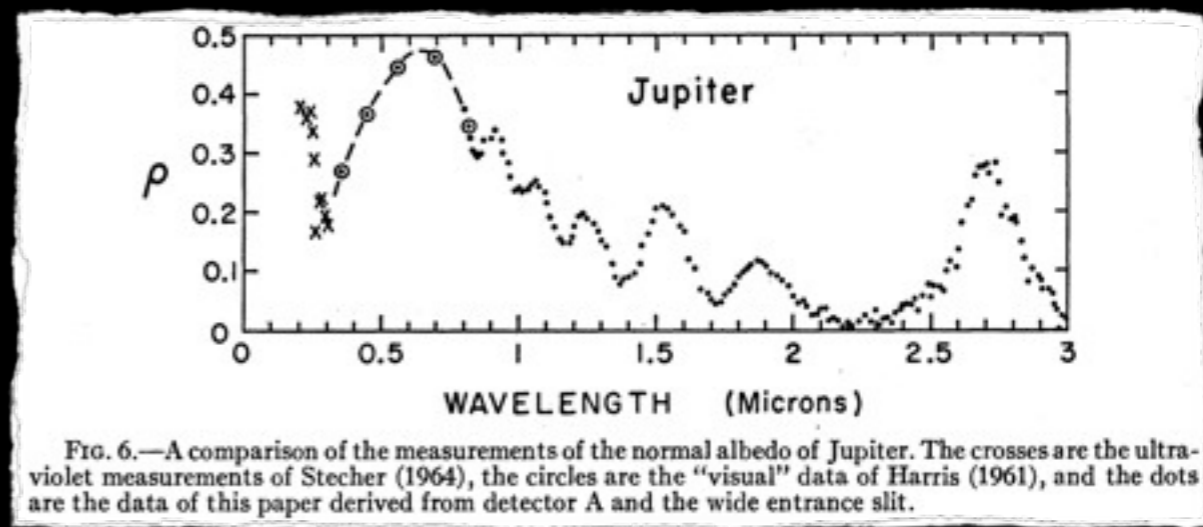
FIG. 6.—A comparison of the measurements of the normal albedo of Jupiter. The crosses are the ultra-violet measurements of Stecher (1964), the circles are the "visual" data of Harris (1961), and the dots are the data of this paper derived from detector A and the wide entrance slit.

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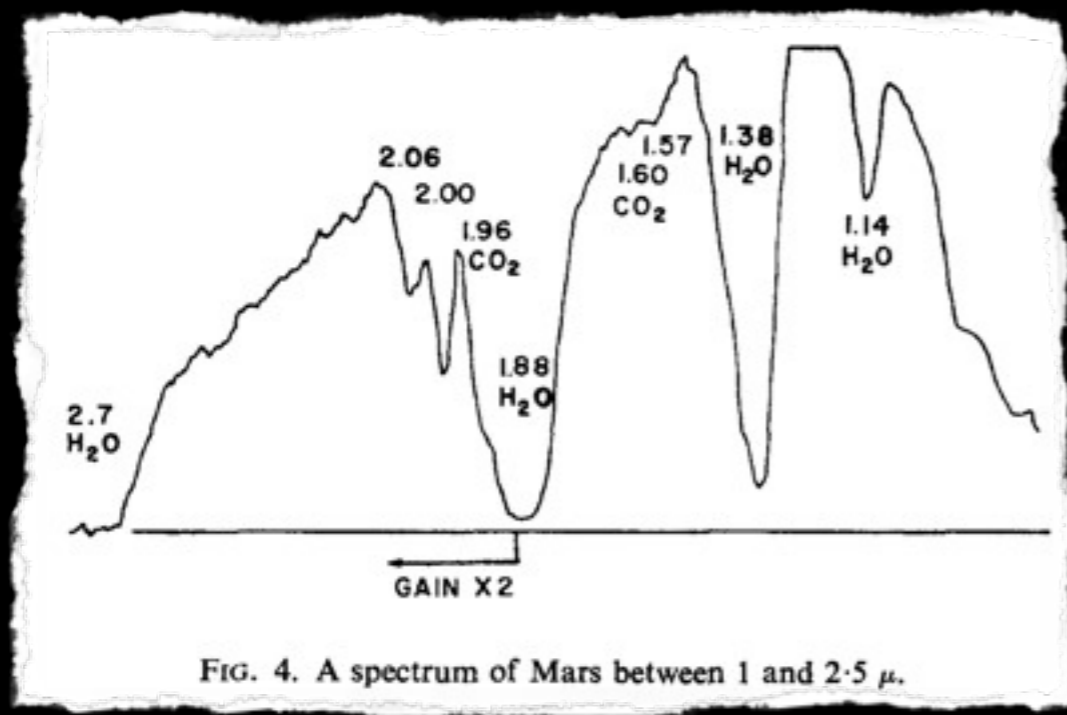
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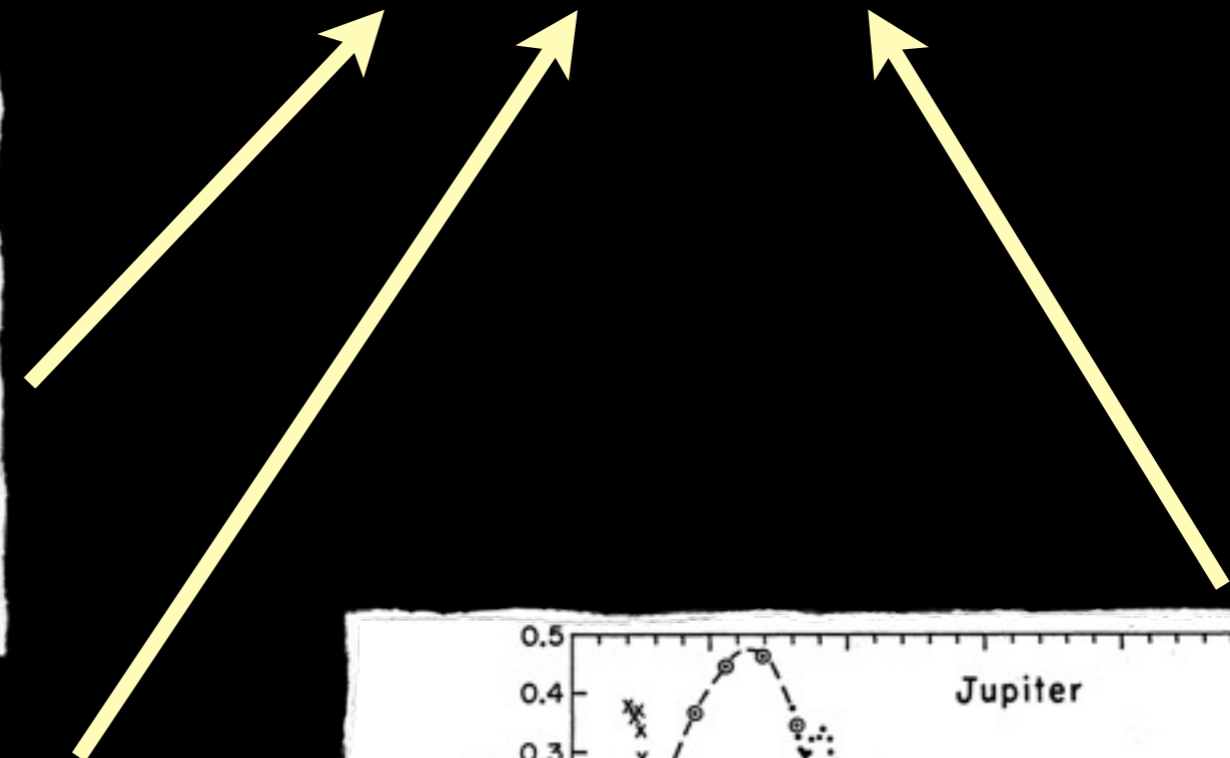


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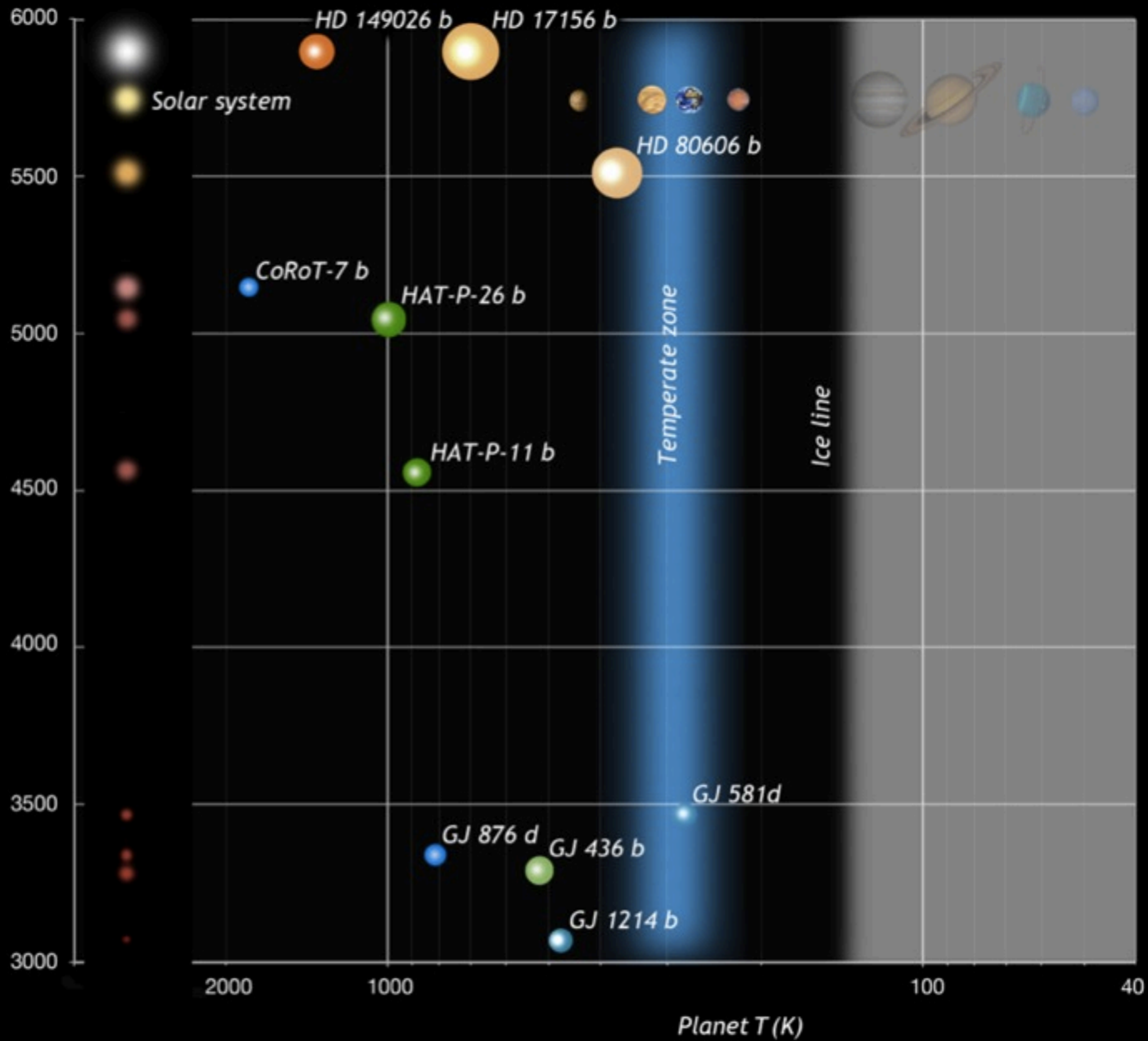


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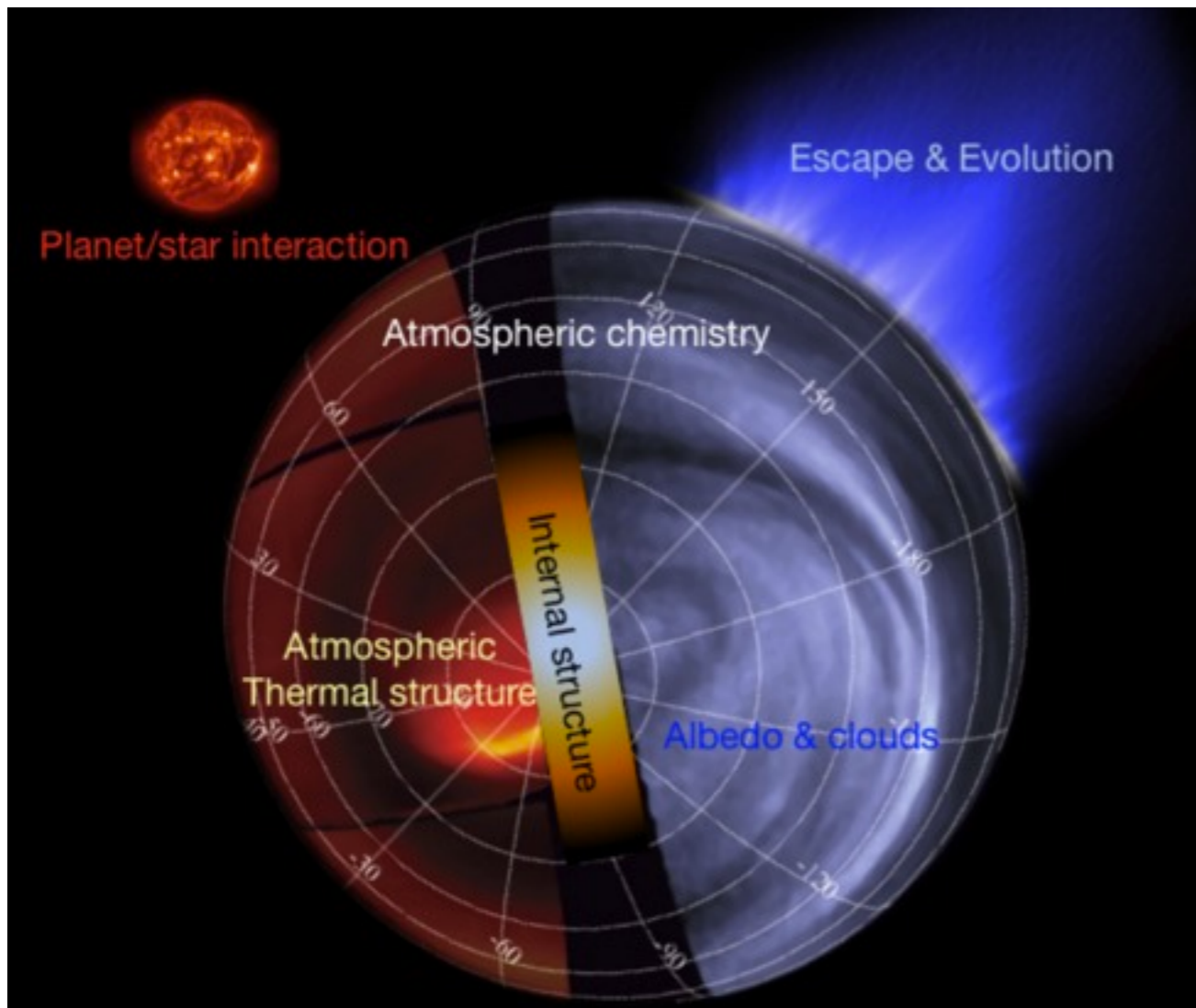
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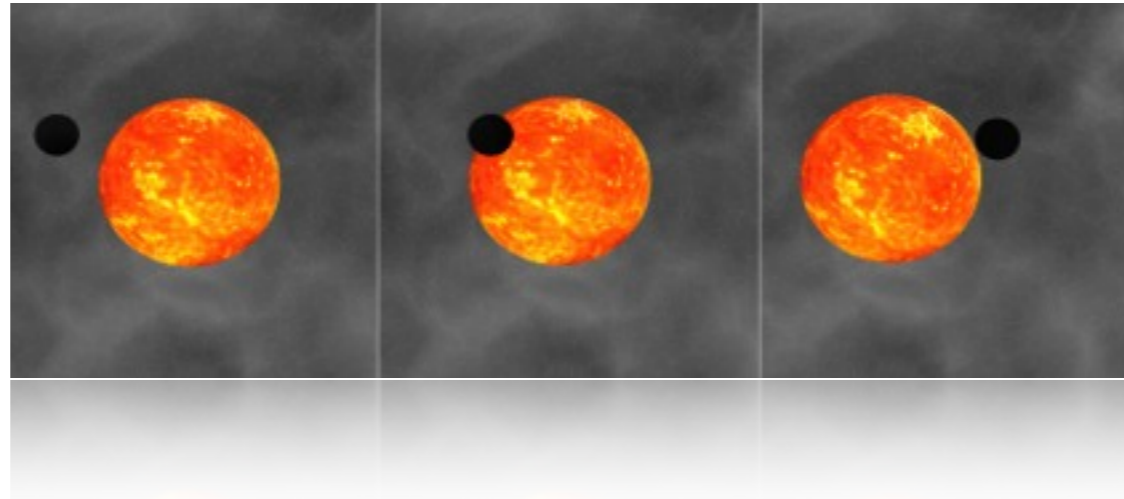


EChO's objectives

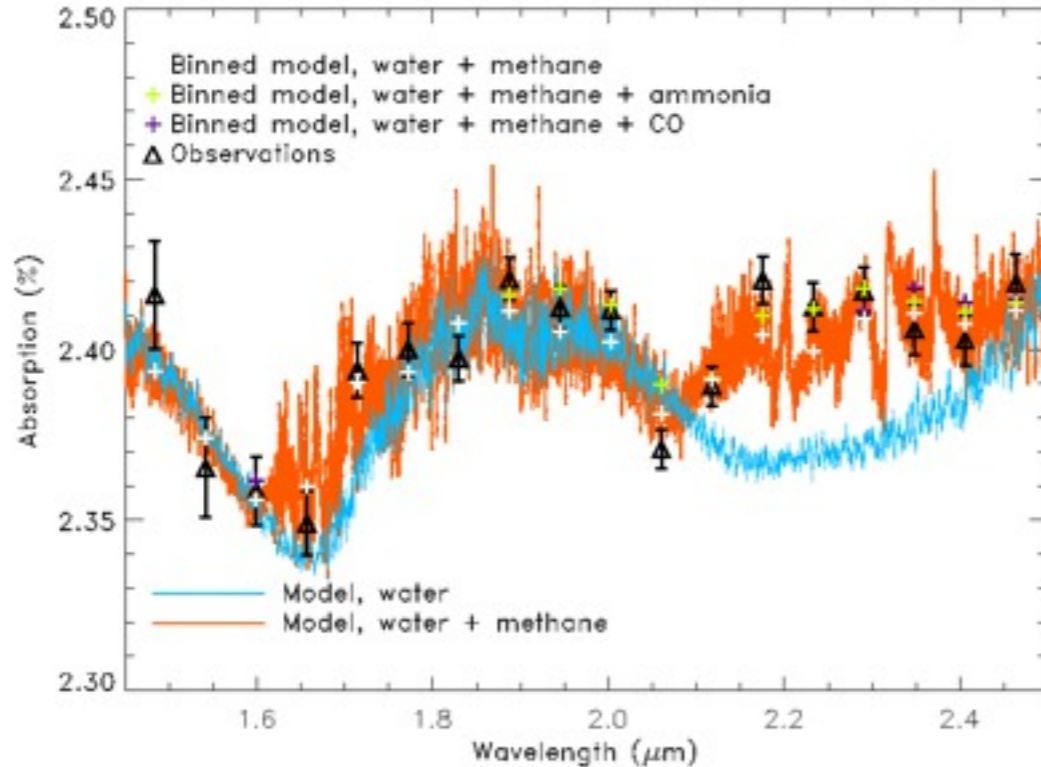


- Study the physics and chemistry of the atmospheres of a *representative sample* of *known exoplanetary systems* found around *nearby stars* :
 - Statistically significant (~100 planets)
 - From hot Jupiters to planets closest in mass and temperature to Earth
 - With temporal and spatial resolution in the best cases

Primary transit



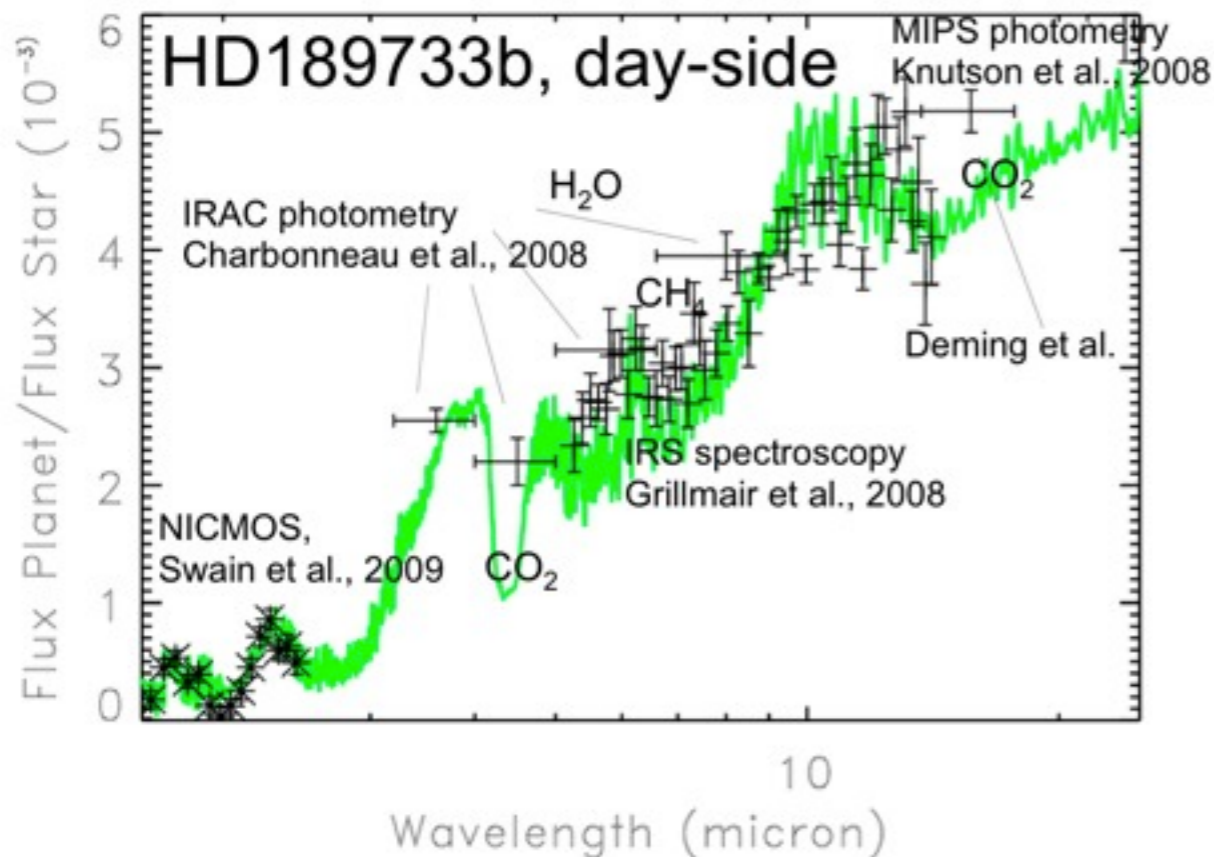
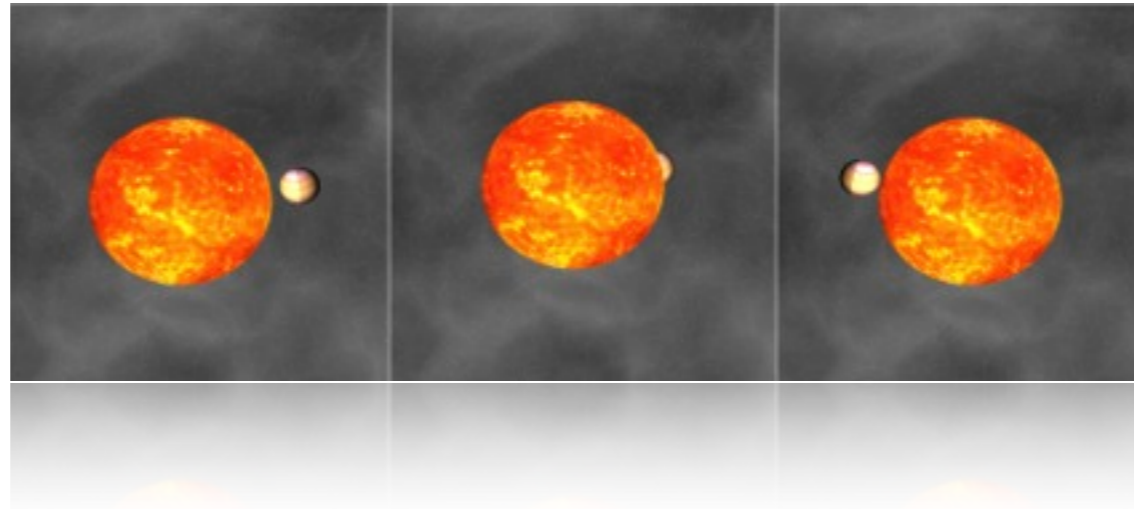
HD189733b, terminator



Swain, Vasisht, Tinetti, *Nature*, 2008

- Transmission spectroscopy
- Probes the high altitude atmosphere at the terminator
- Signal proportional to the scale height (T and molecular weight dependent)

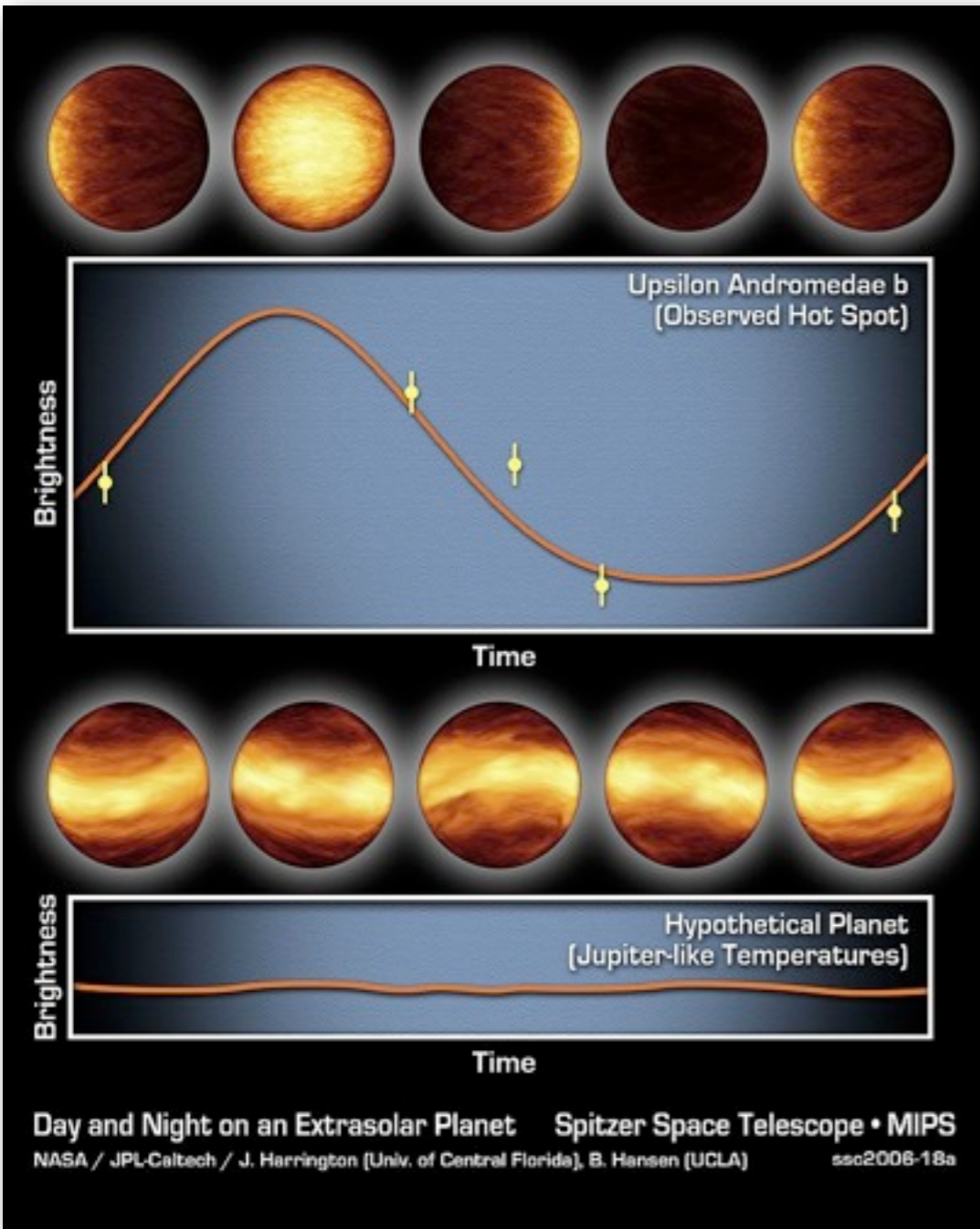
Secondary transit



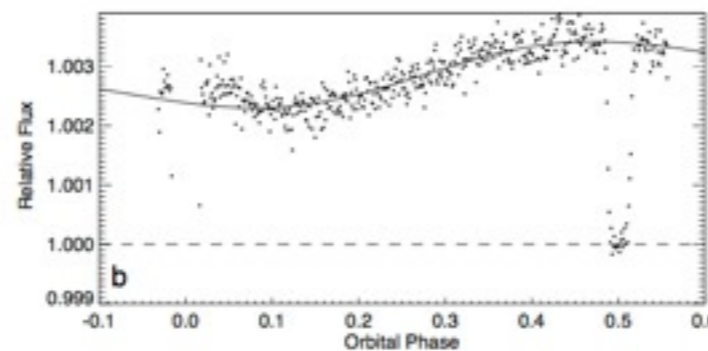
- Day side spectrum
- Thermal emission (modulated by molecular features) in the IR:
 - Depends on vertical T gradient
 - Probes higher P levels
- Reflected light in VIS dominated by scattering, clouds

Phase variations

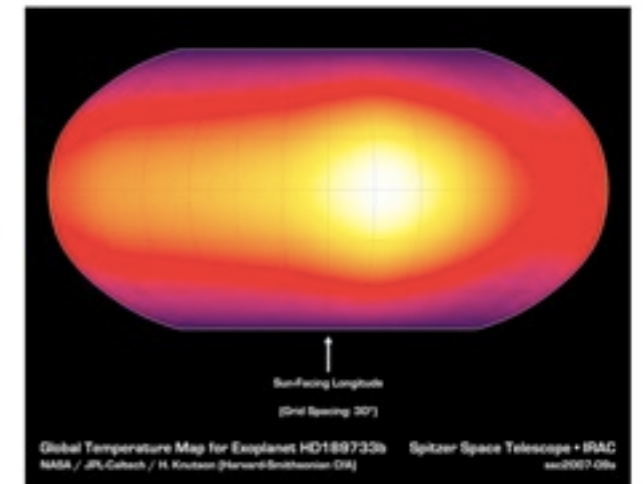
- Can be performed on non-transiting planets
- Needs long-term stability : can be done only from space
- Provides info on day/night redistribution of absorbed stellar energy and atmosphere dynamics



Ups And
(Harrington et al. 2006)



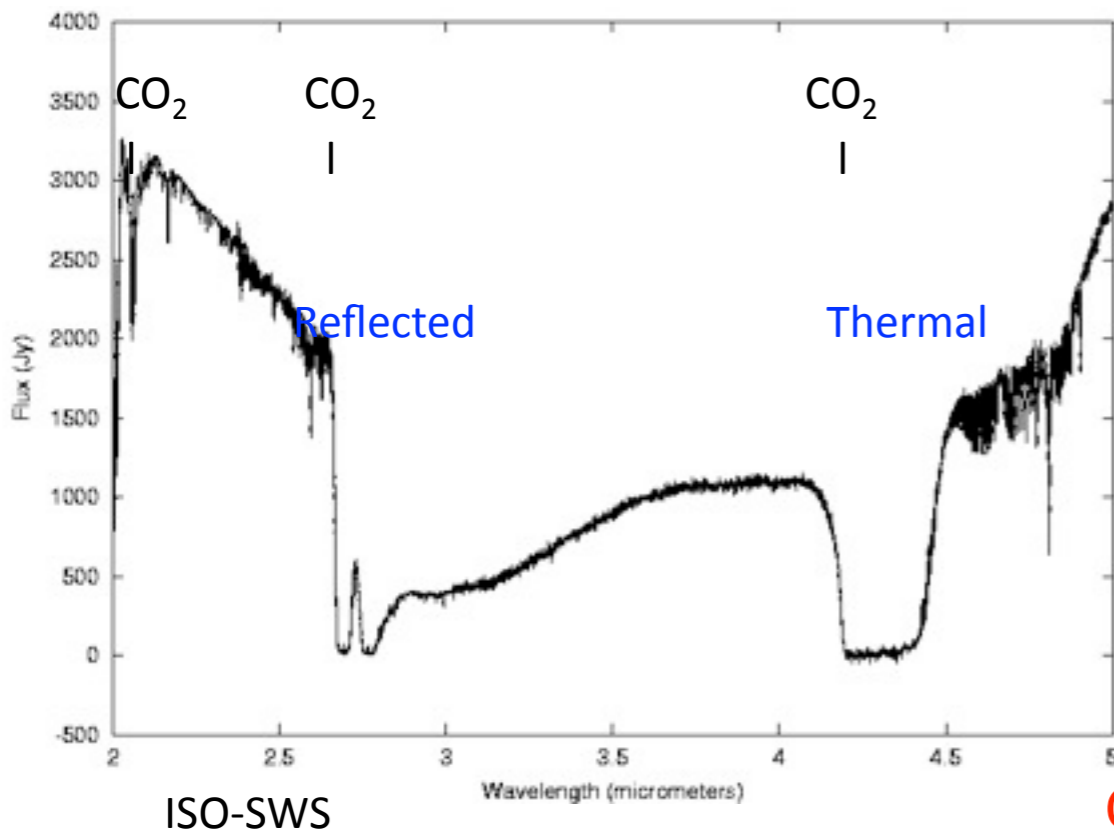
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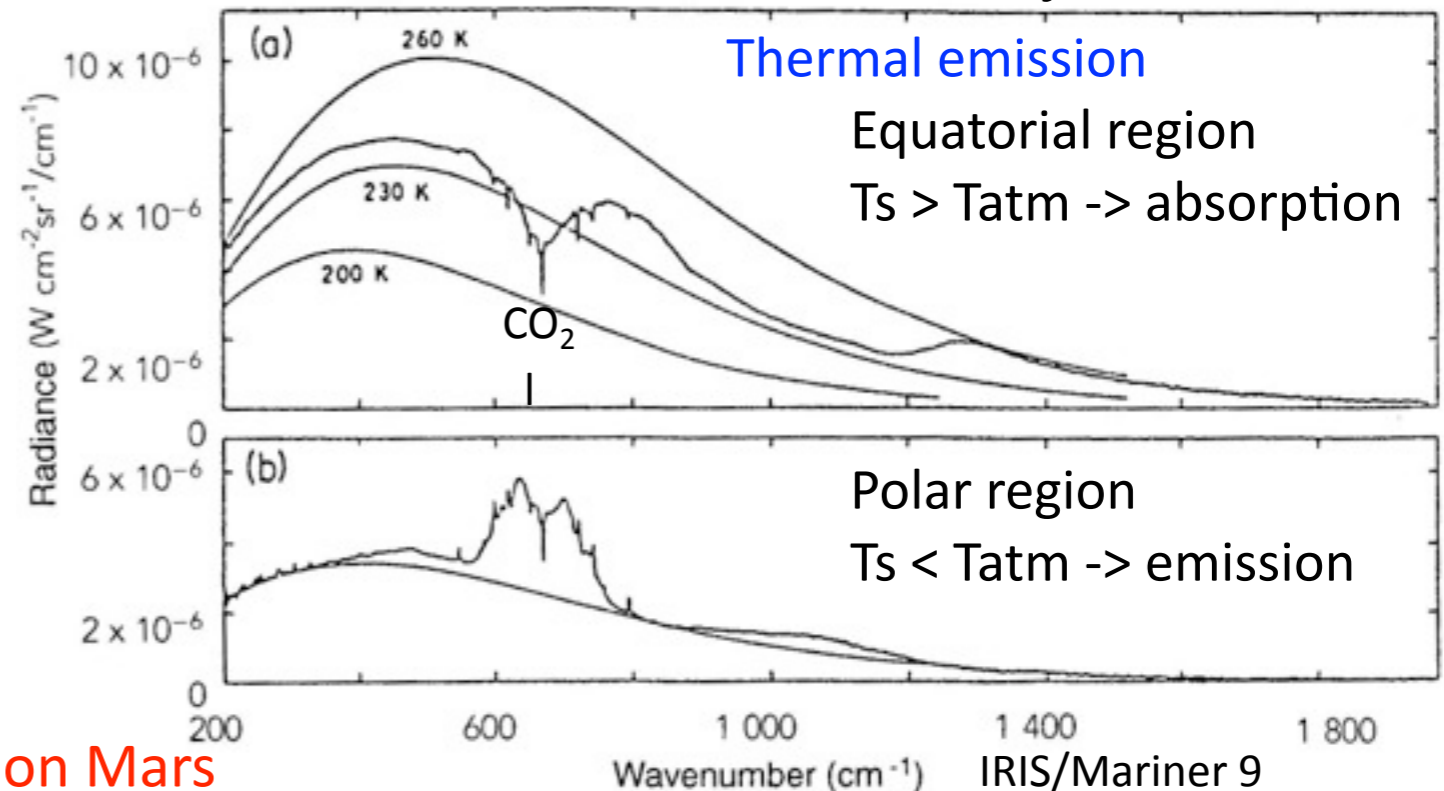
Spectral coverage needed

- Simultaneous visible to thermal IR spectrum essential to :
 - Monitor stellar magnetic activity during observation
 - Resolve the temperature / composition ambiguity in emission spectrum (by using bands of different intensities for a given molecule)

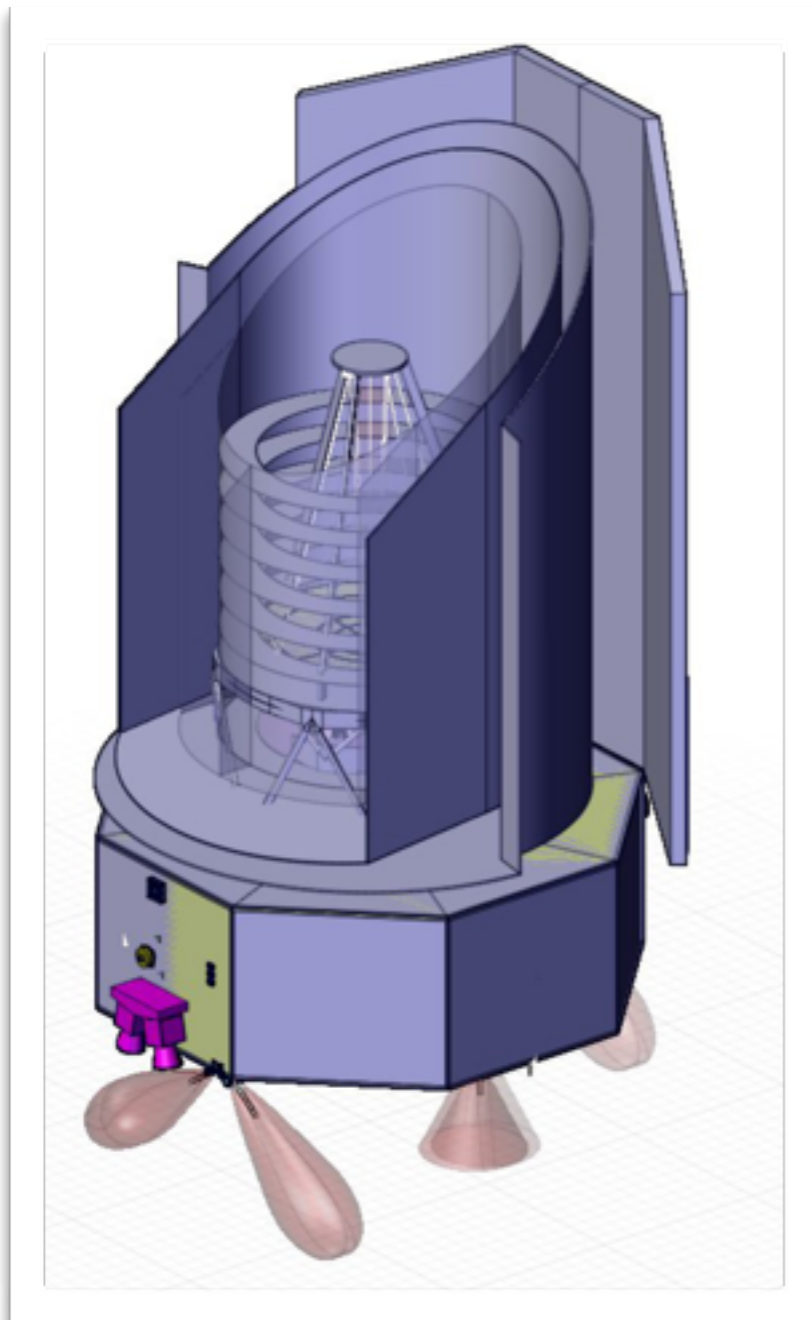
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CO₂ on Mars

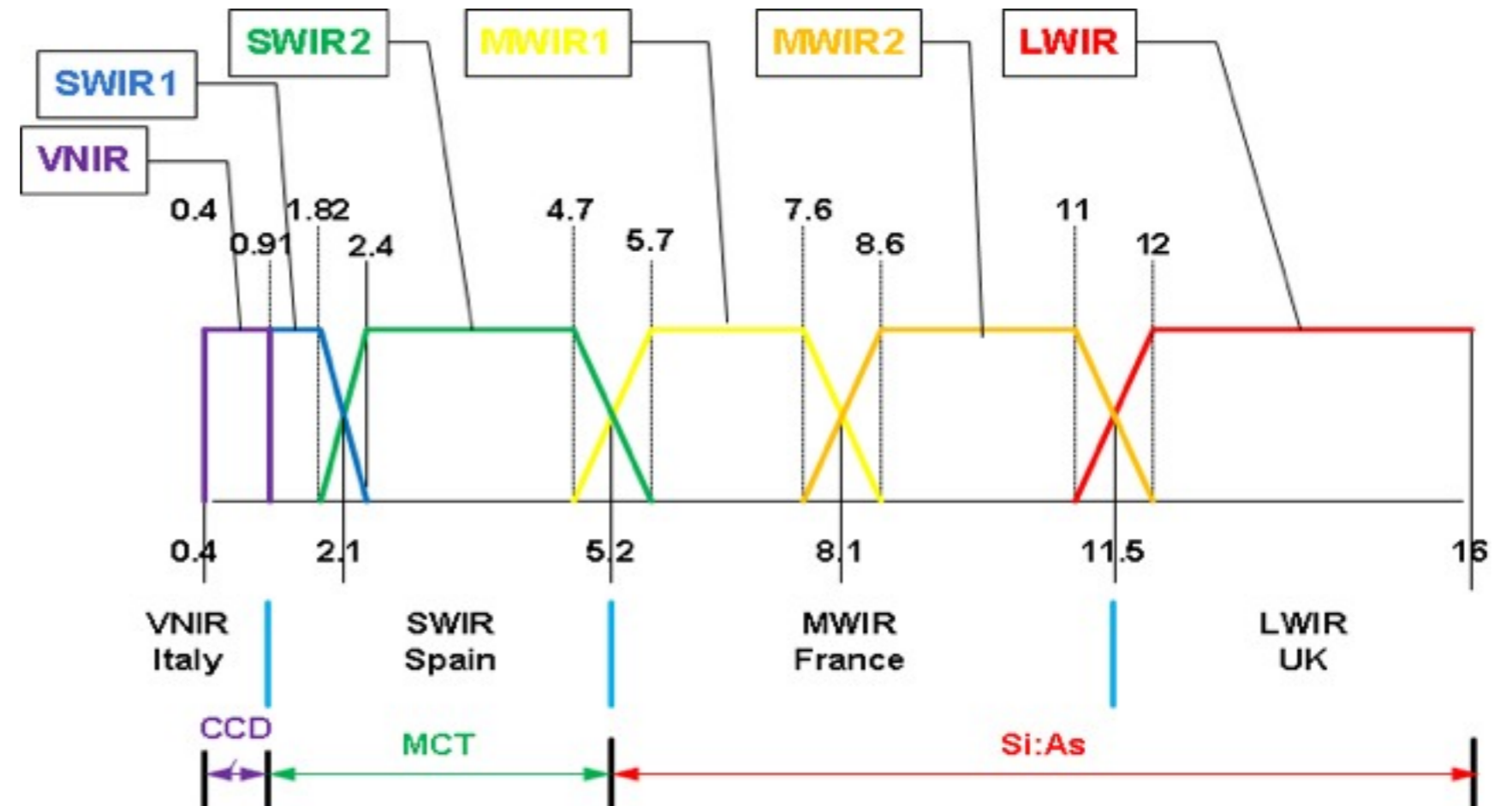
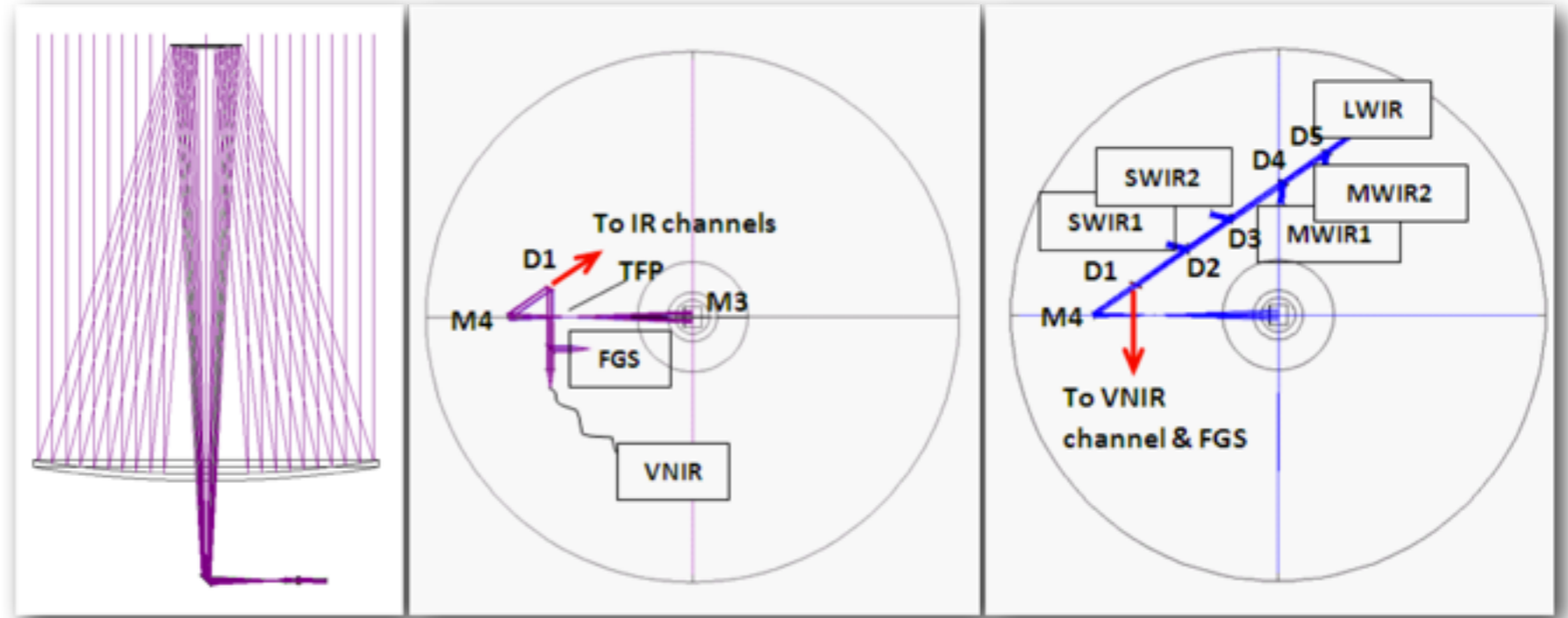
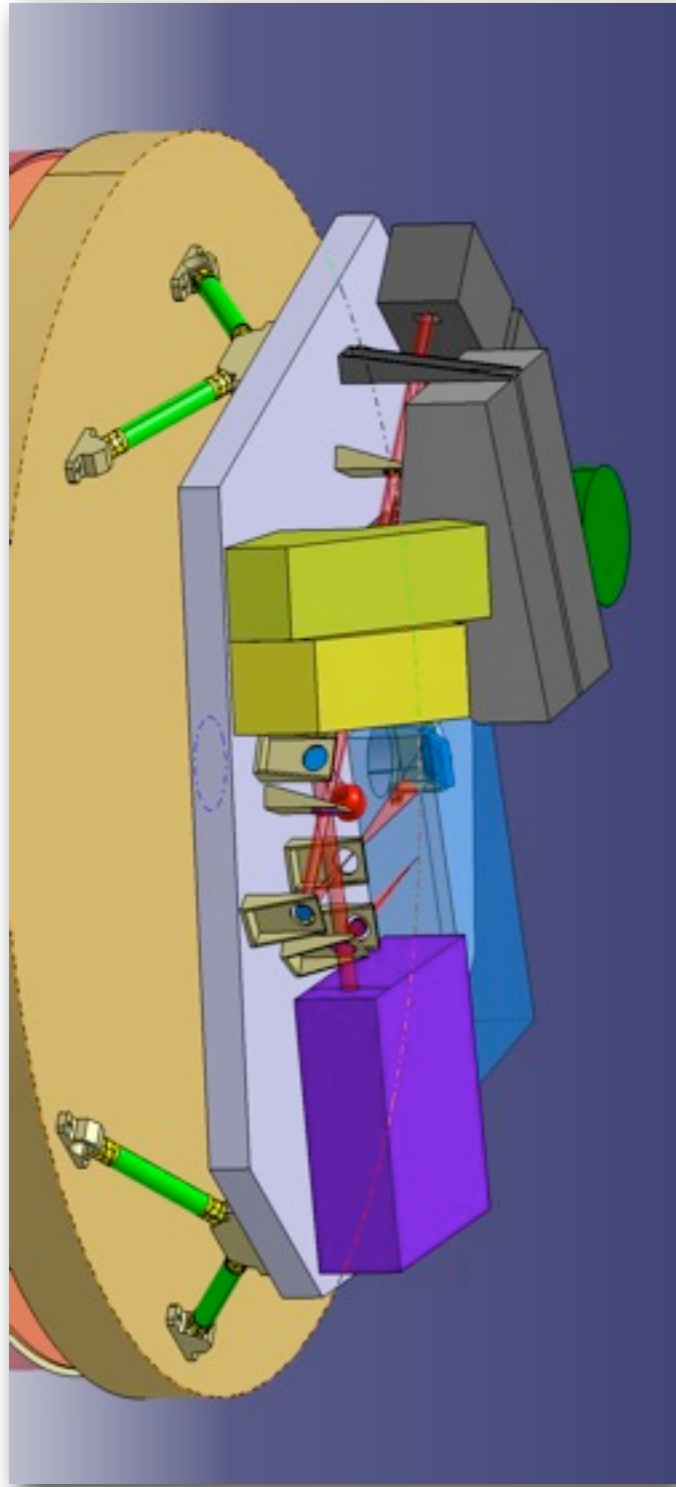


Mission concept

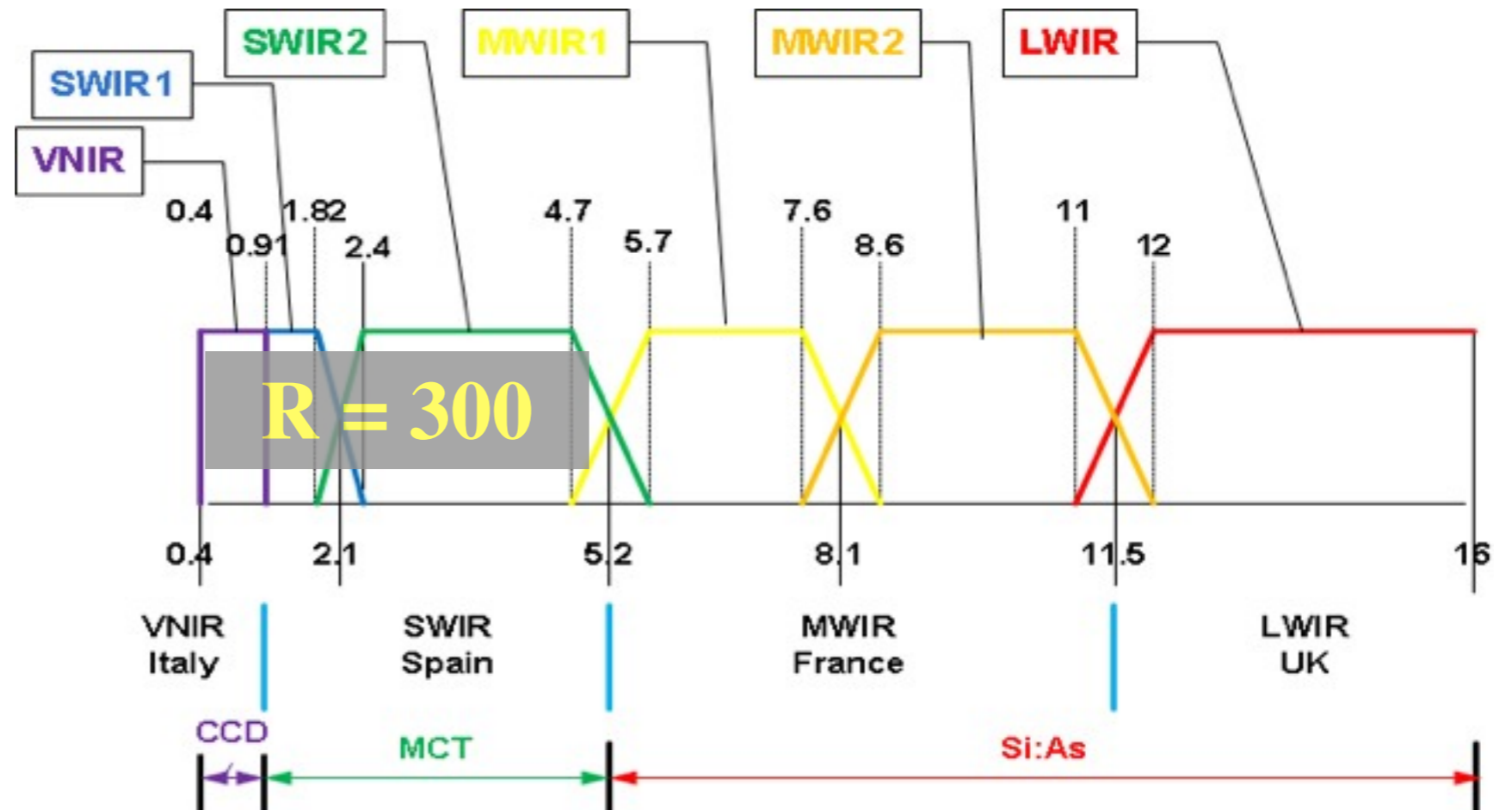
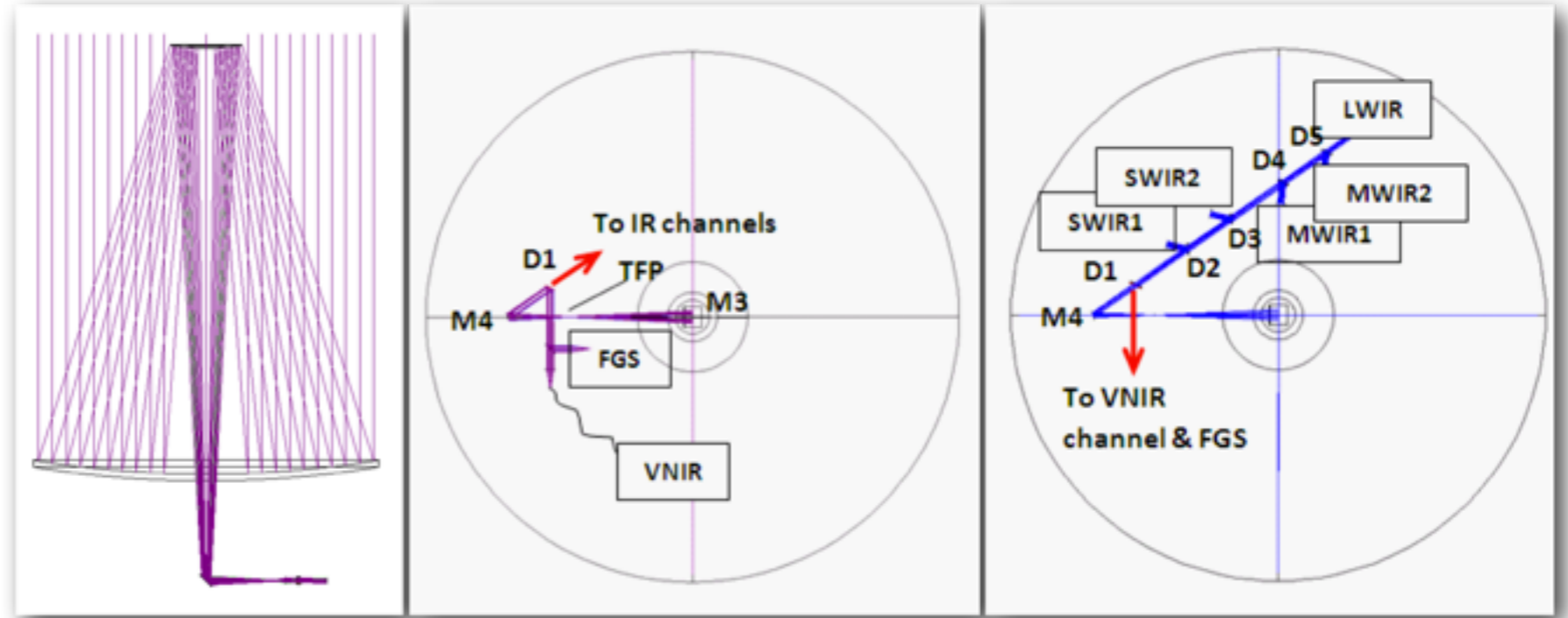
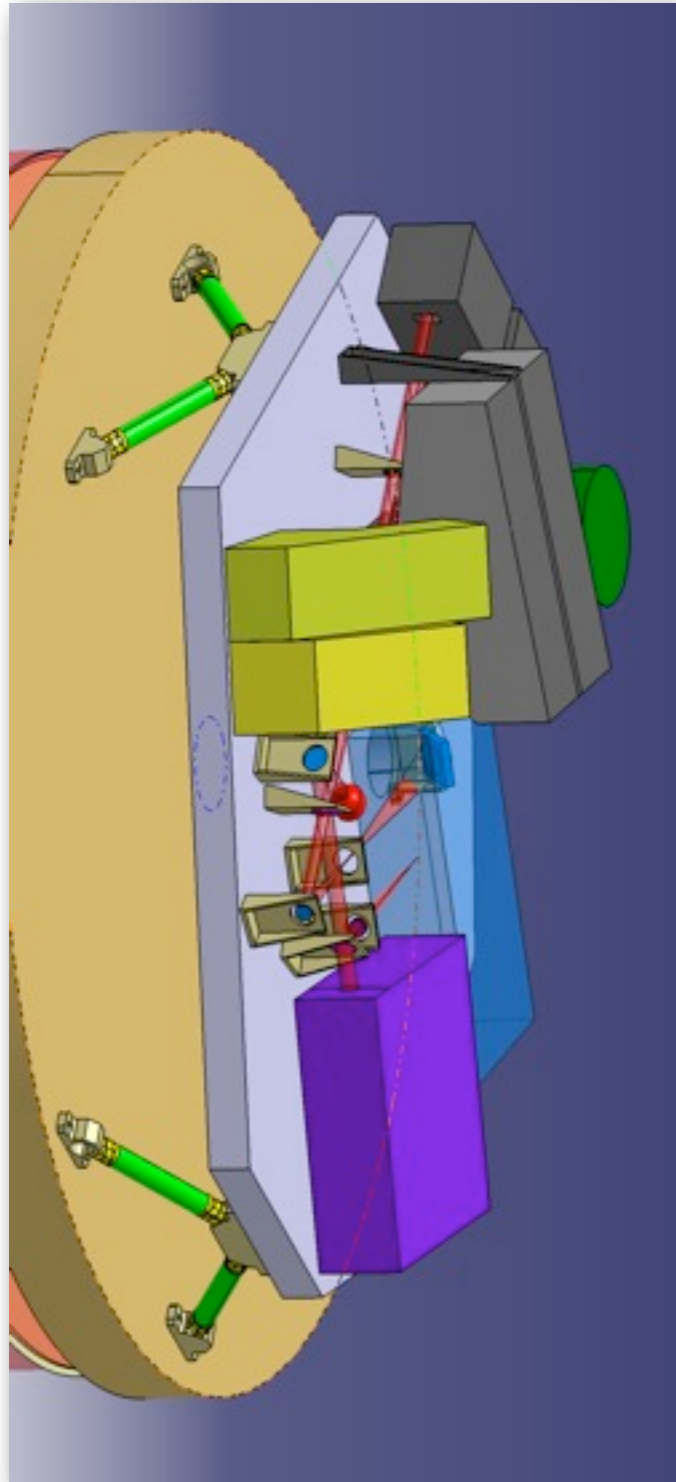


- 1.26m telescope, passively cooled to 38K
- Optimized for photometric stability at the level of $\sim 10^{-4}$ or better over several hours
- A single science instrument:
 - 0.4 to 16 μ m spectrometer
- Soyouz launch from Kourou
- Grand halo orbit around Lagrange point L2
- Mission nominal duration 5 years

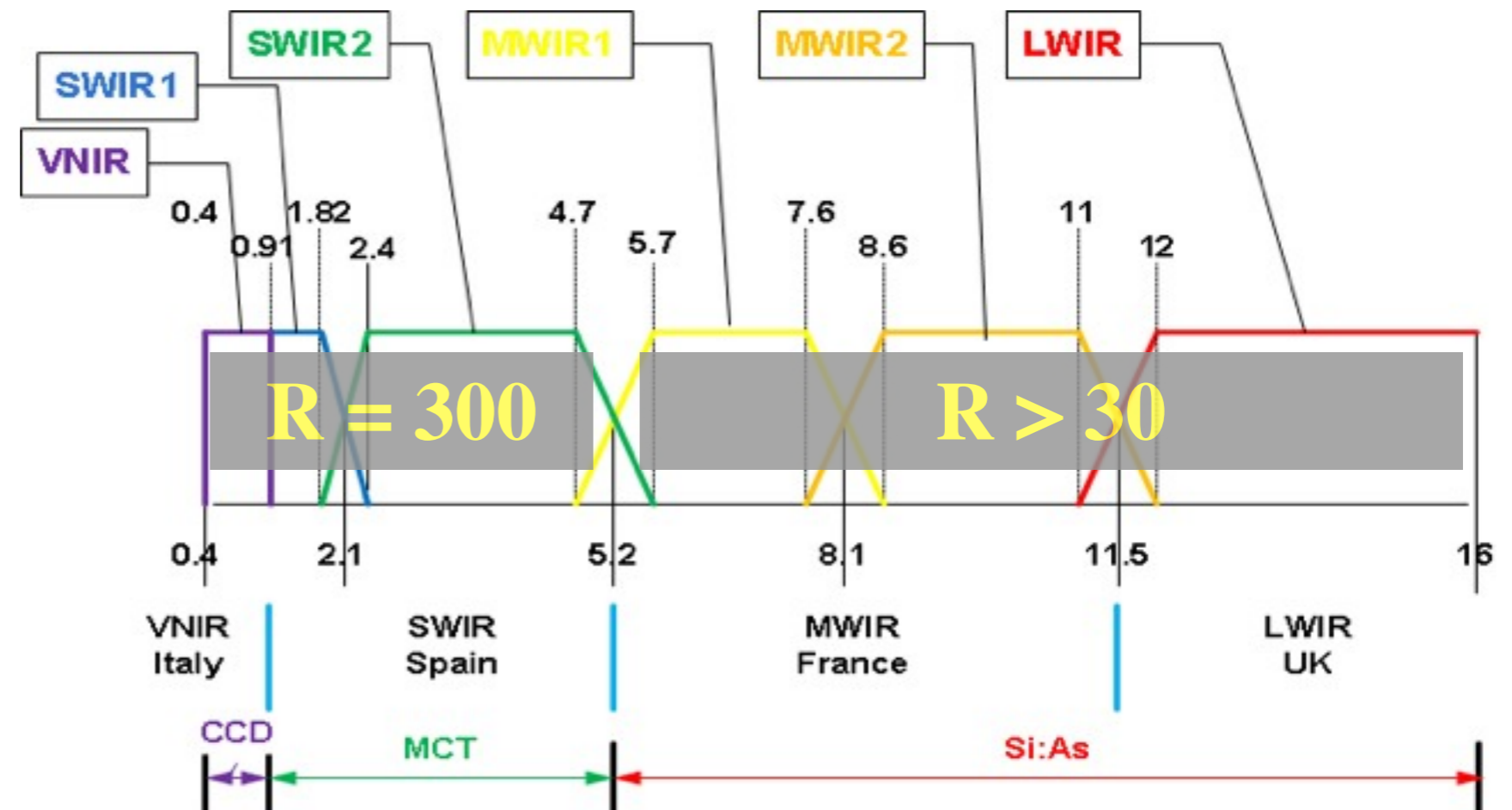
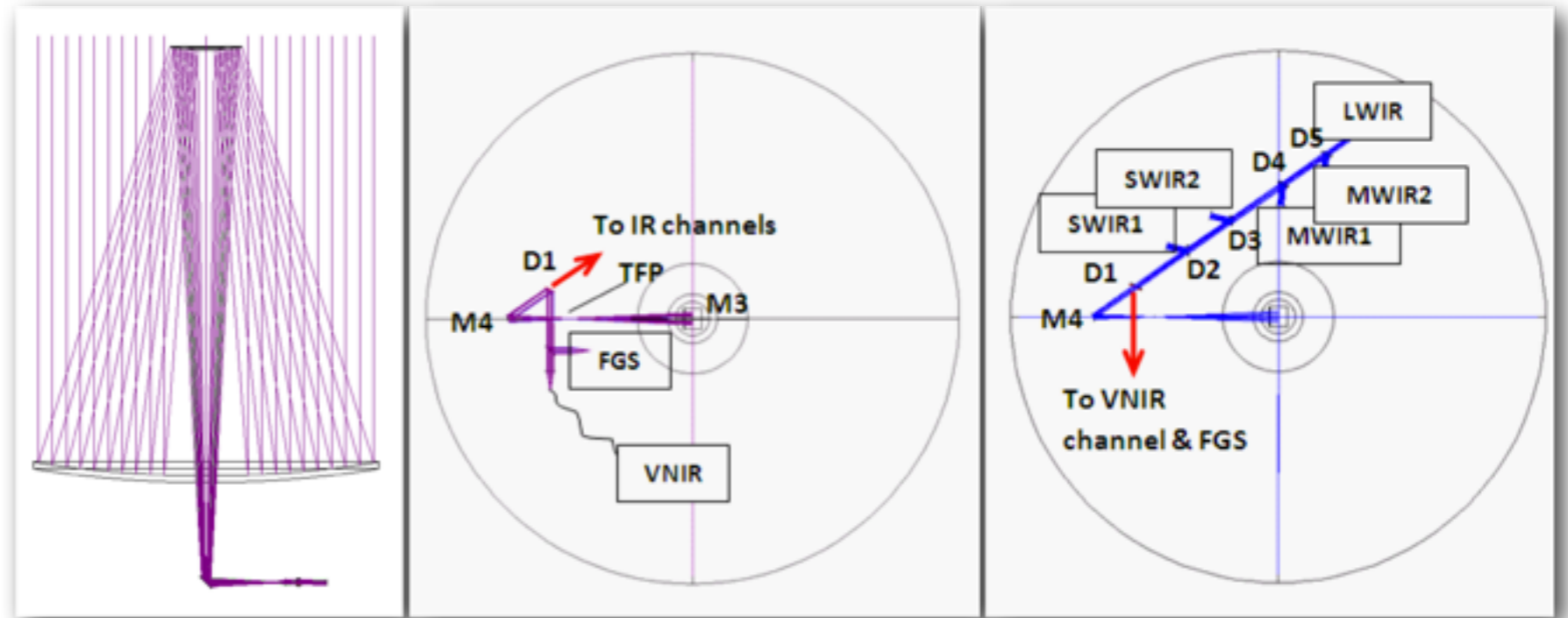
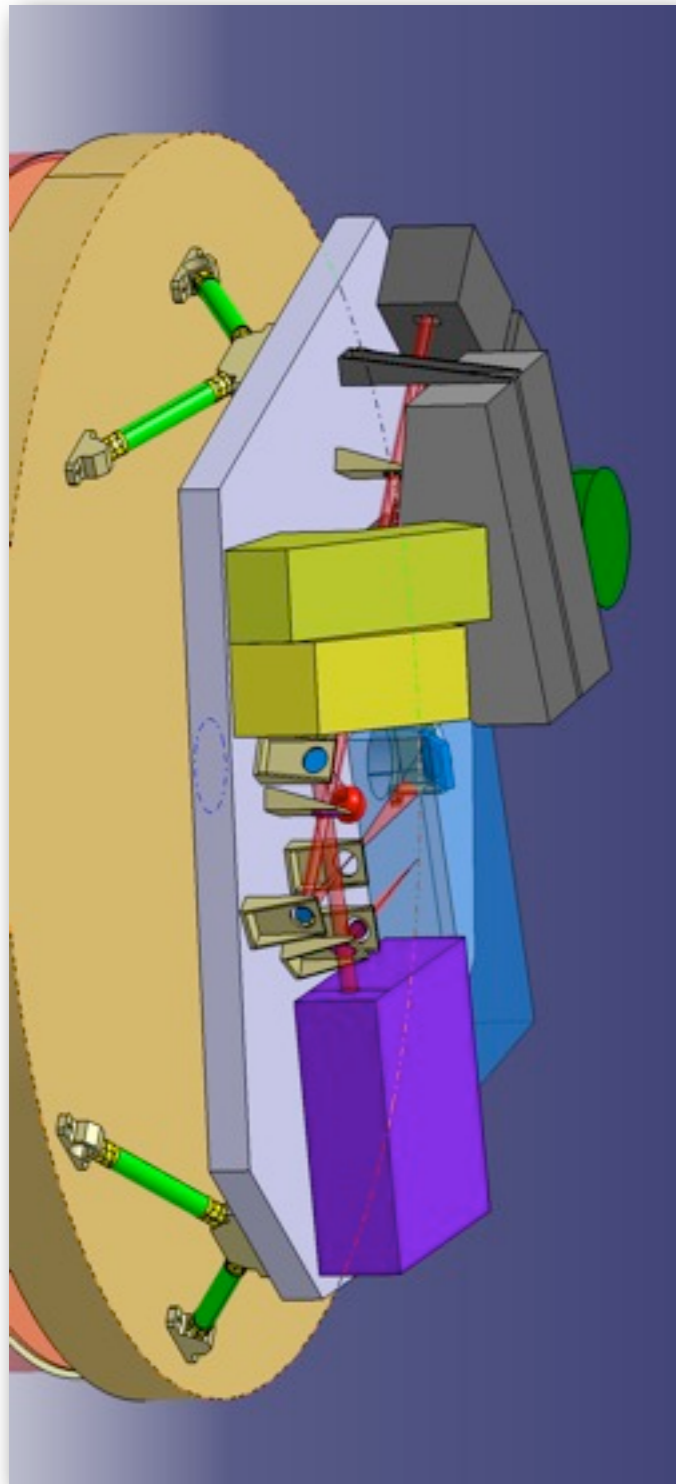
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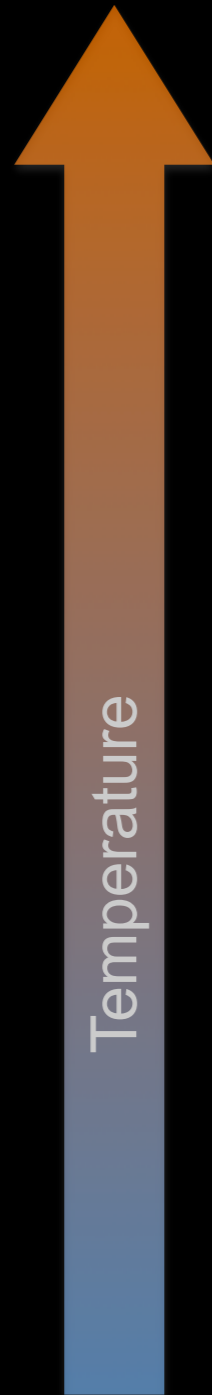
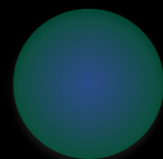
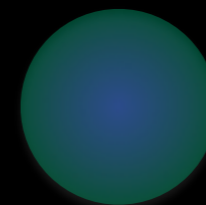
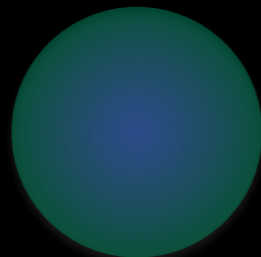
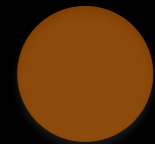
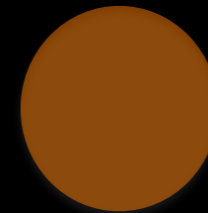
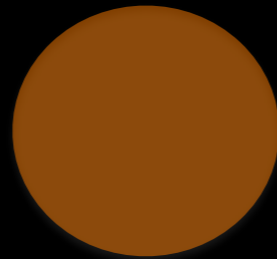
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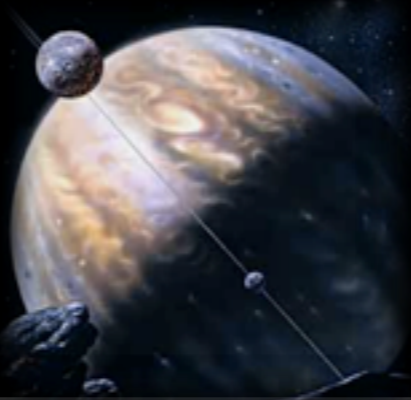
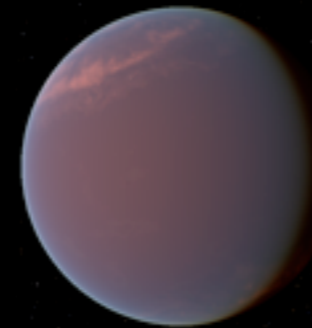
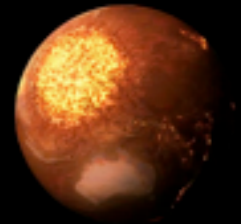
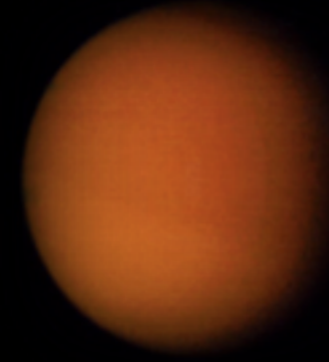
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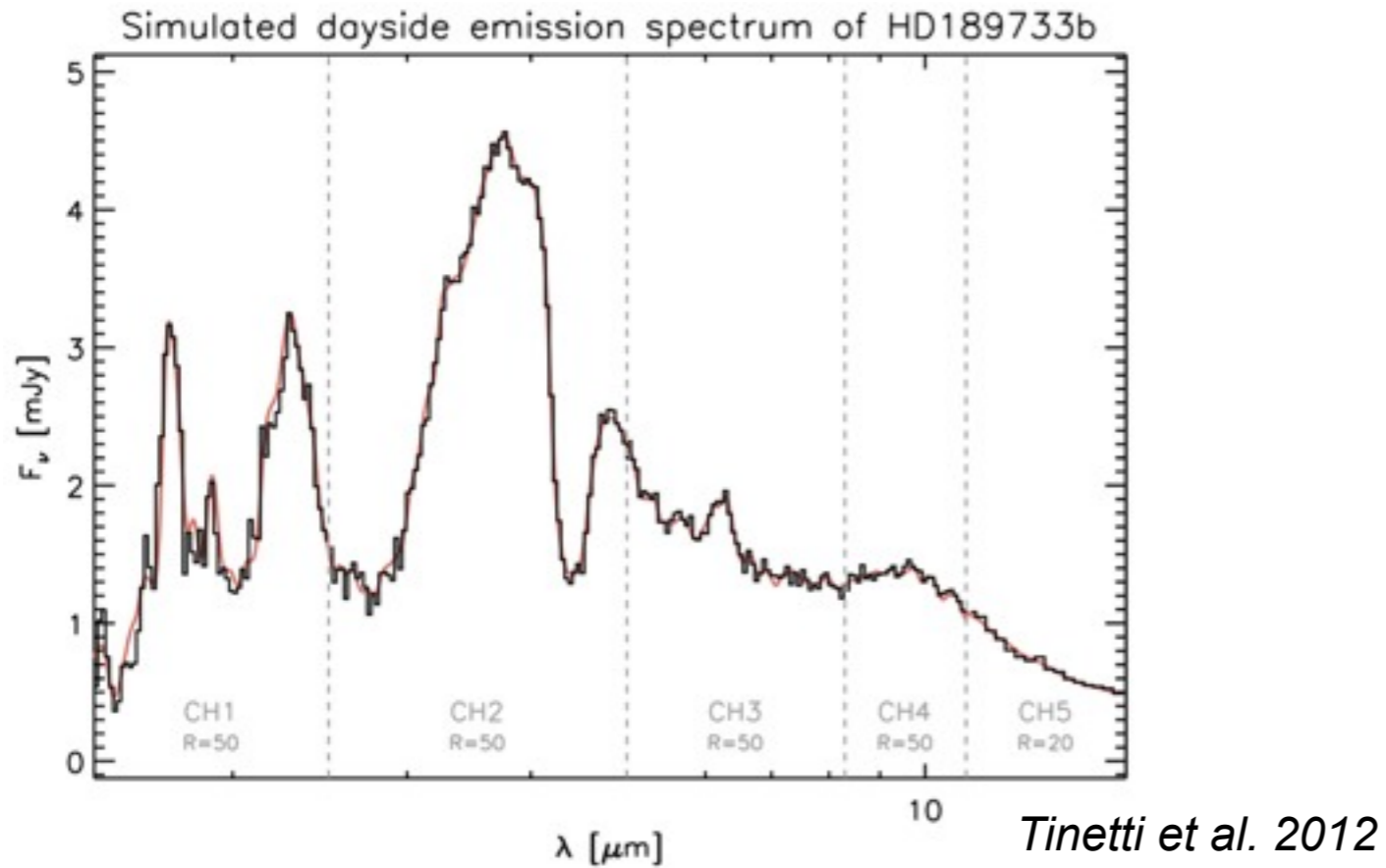
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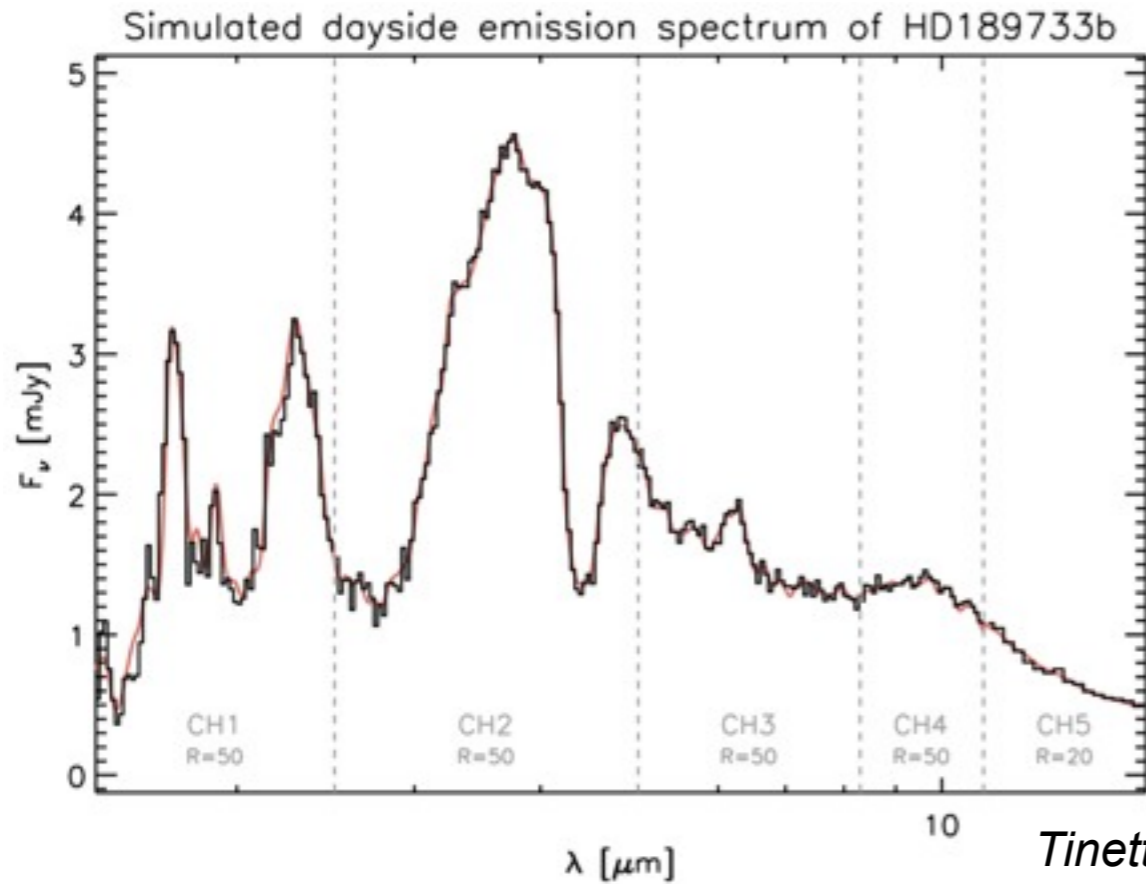


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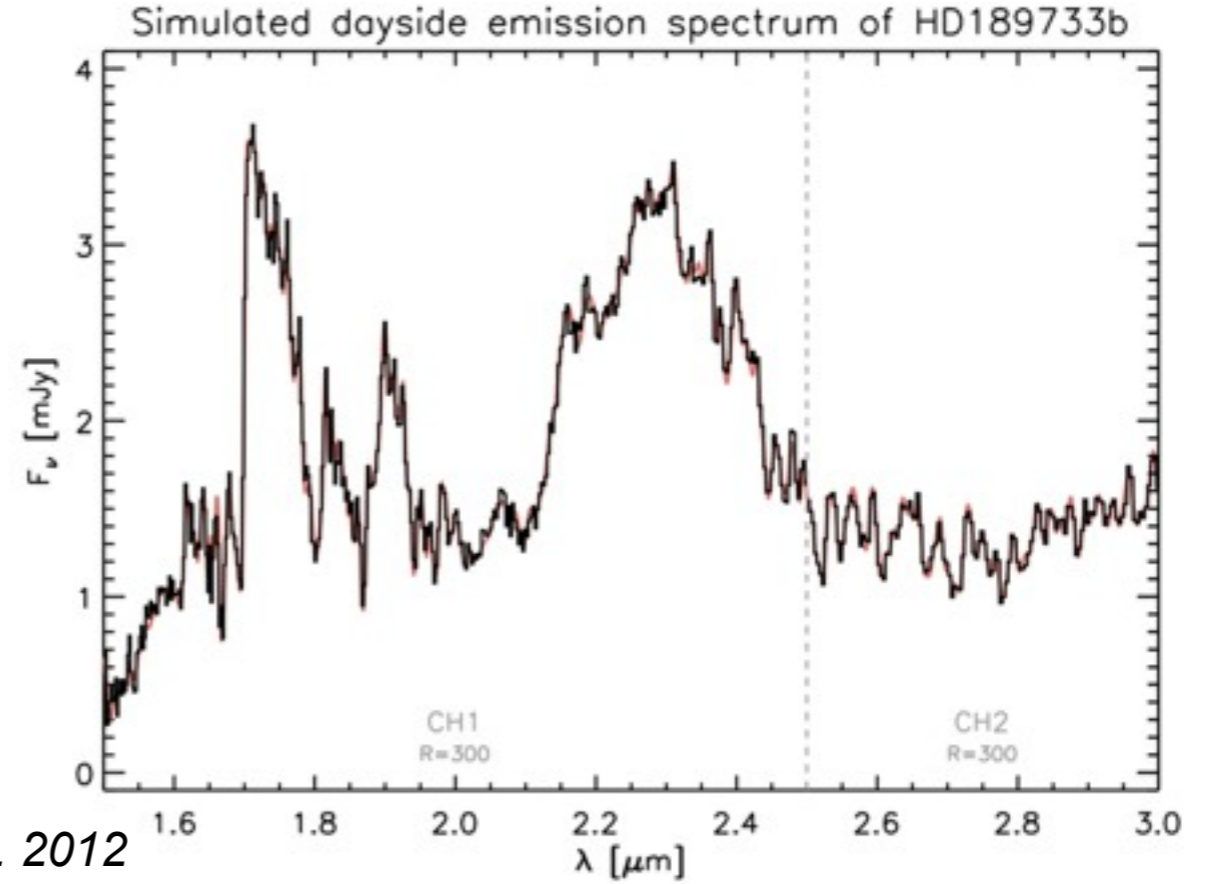
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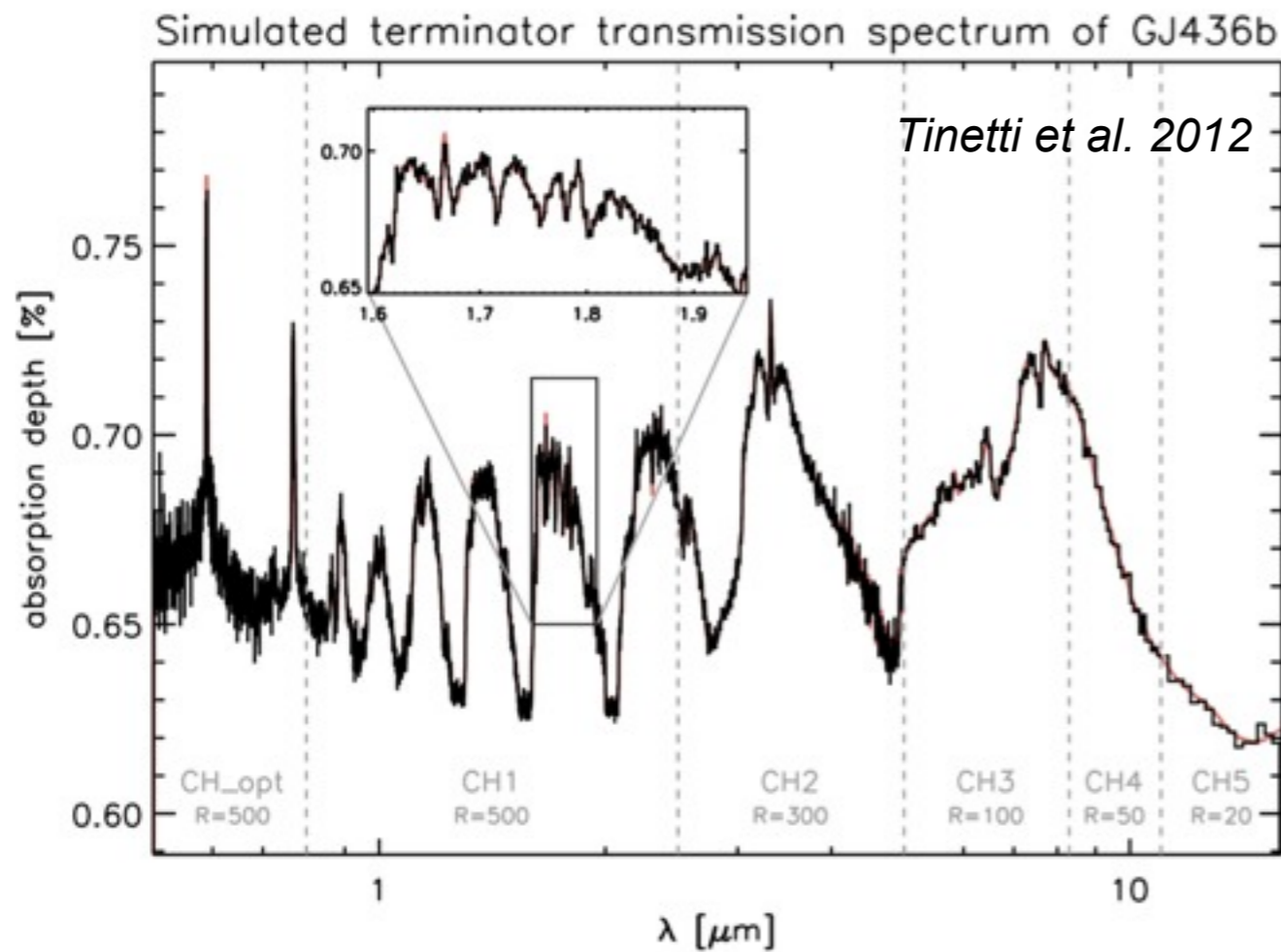
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NIR zoom of dayside emission at R=300, averaged over 50 eclipses. Total observing time 192h, can be done over 3.5 months

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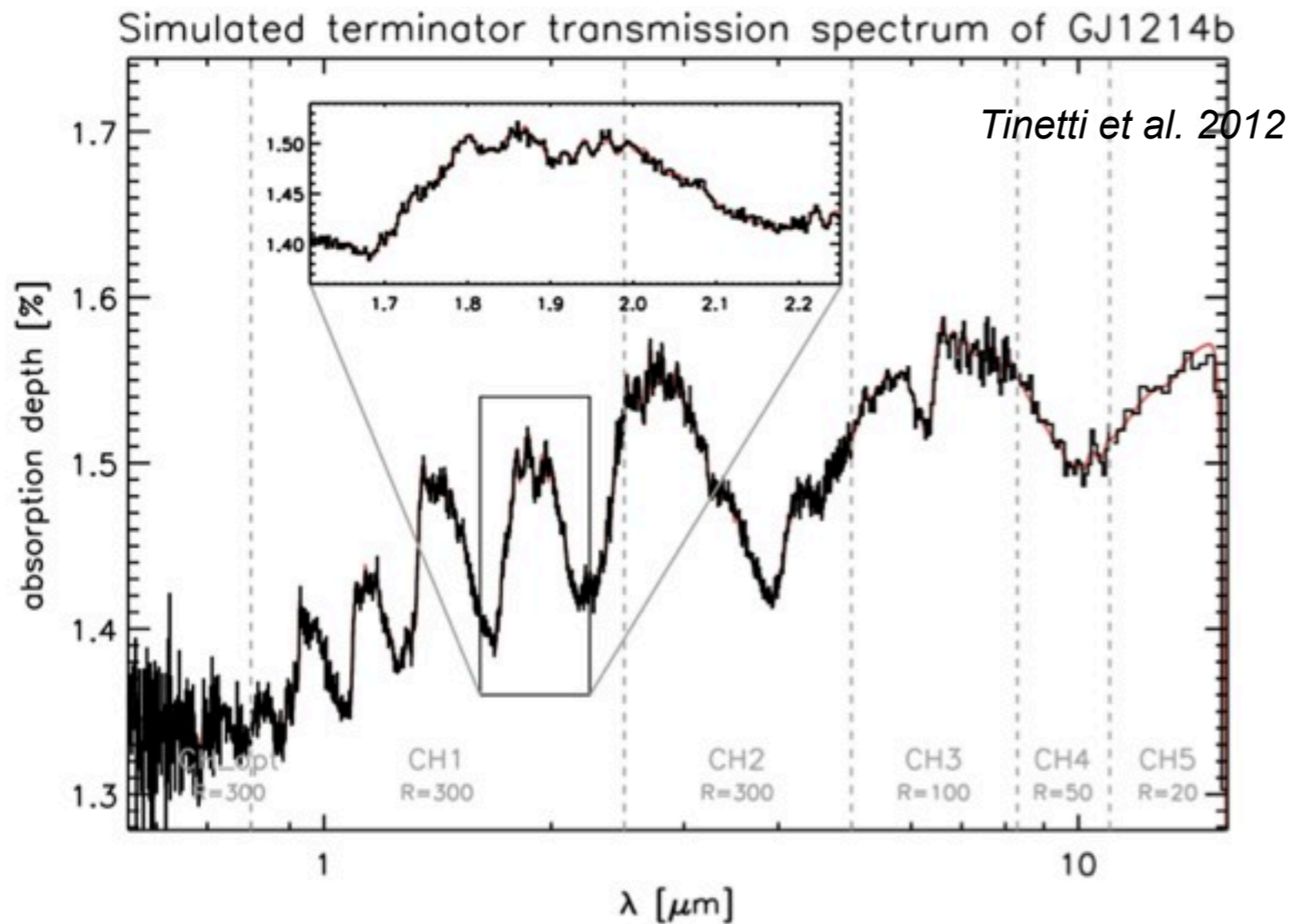
Hot Neptune, primary transit



Transmission spectrum at R=300, averaged over 50 transits. Total observing time 144h, can be done over 4 months.

GJ1436b

Warm super-Earth, primary transit



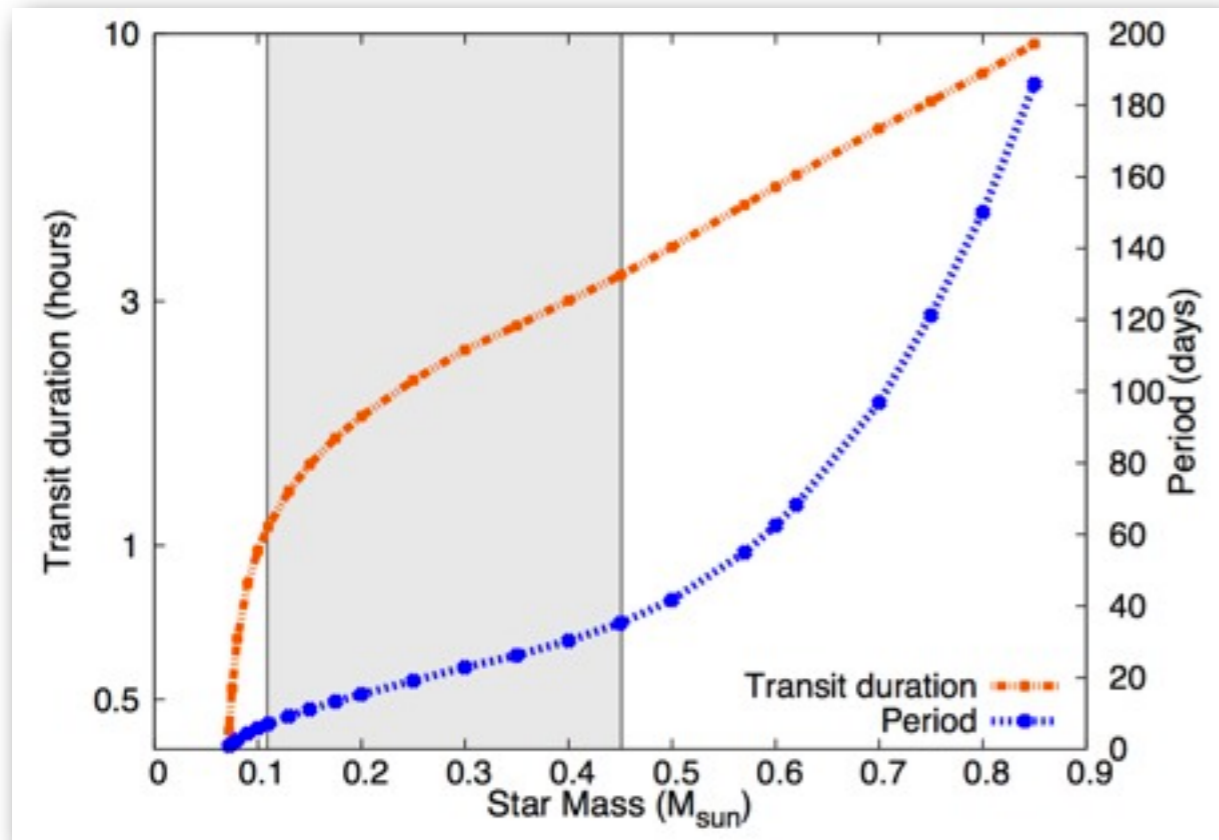
High resolution transmission spectrum of warm Super-Earth GJ1214b, averaged over 300 transits. Total observing time 504h, can be done over 1.3 years.

GJ1214b



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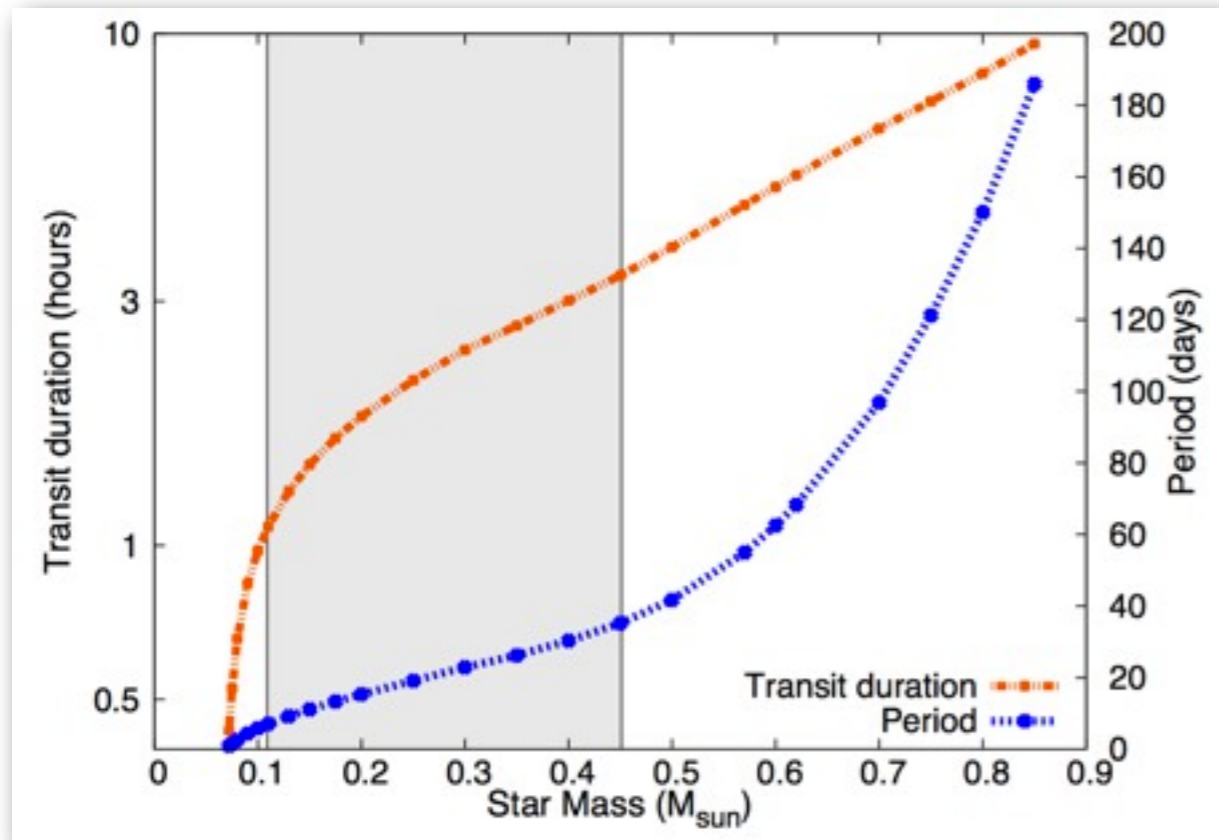
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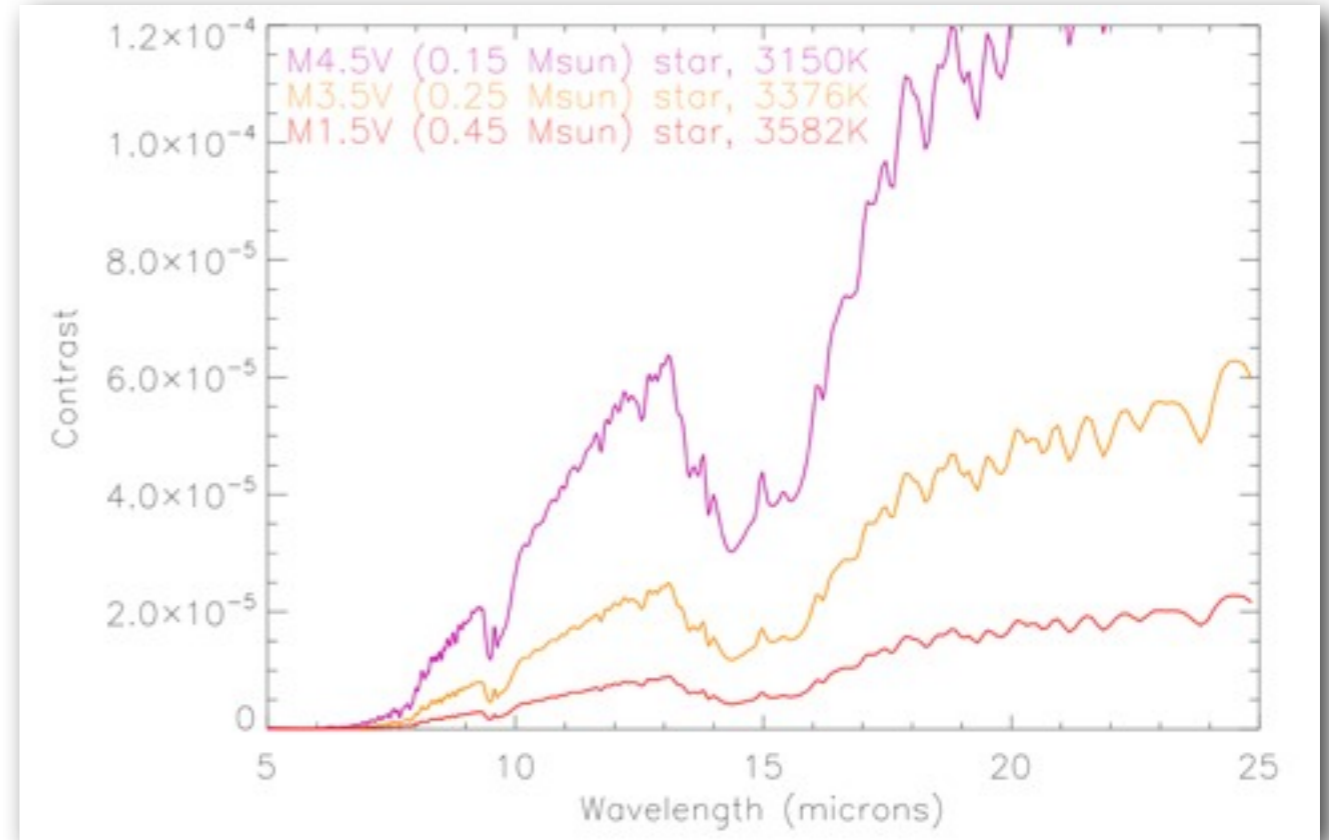
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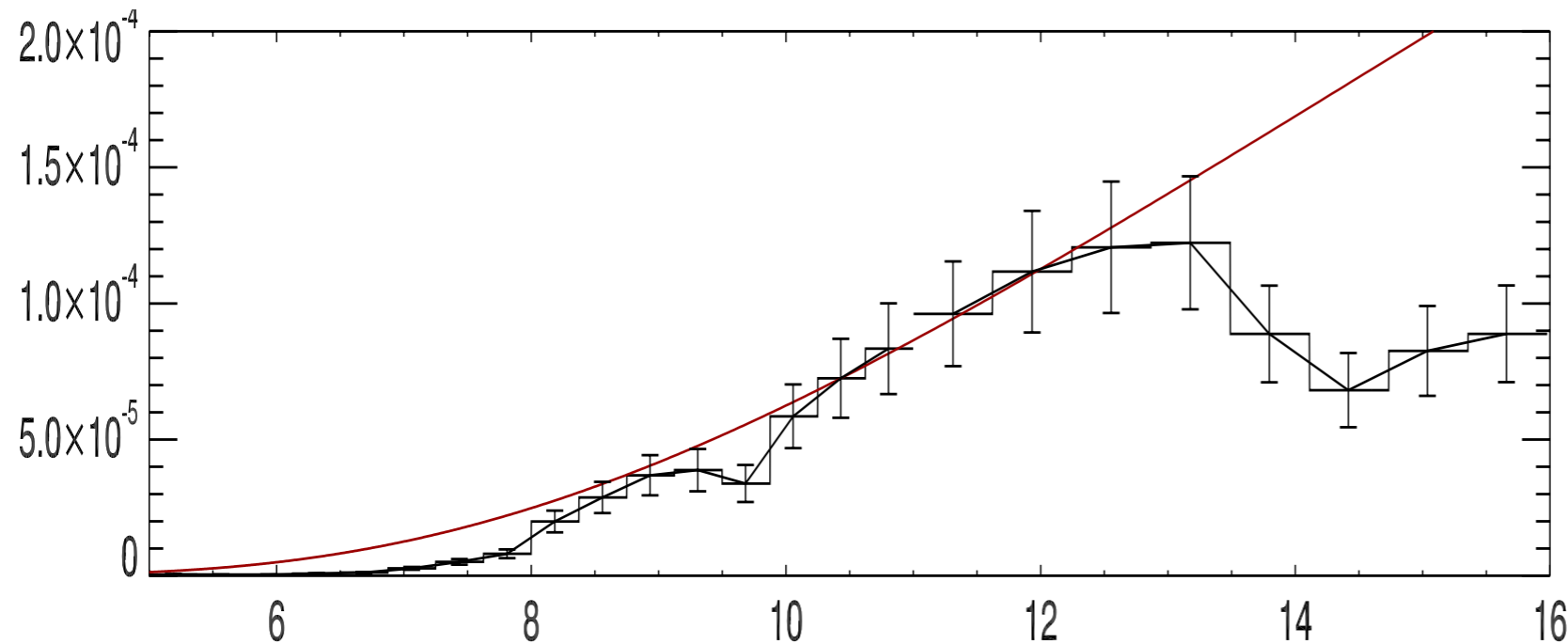
Planet/star flux contrast for a super-Earth orbiting different M-type stars (M1.5V, M3.5V and M4.5V). In this example the super-Earth is assumed to have an Earth-like atmosphere.



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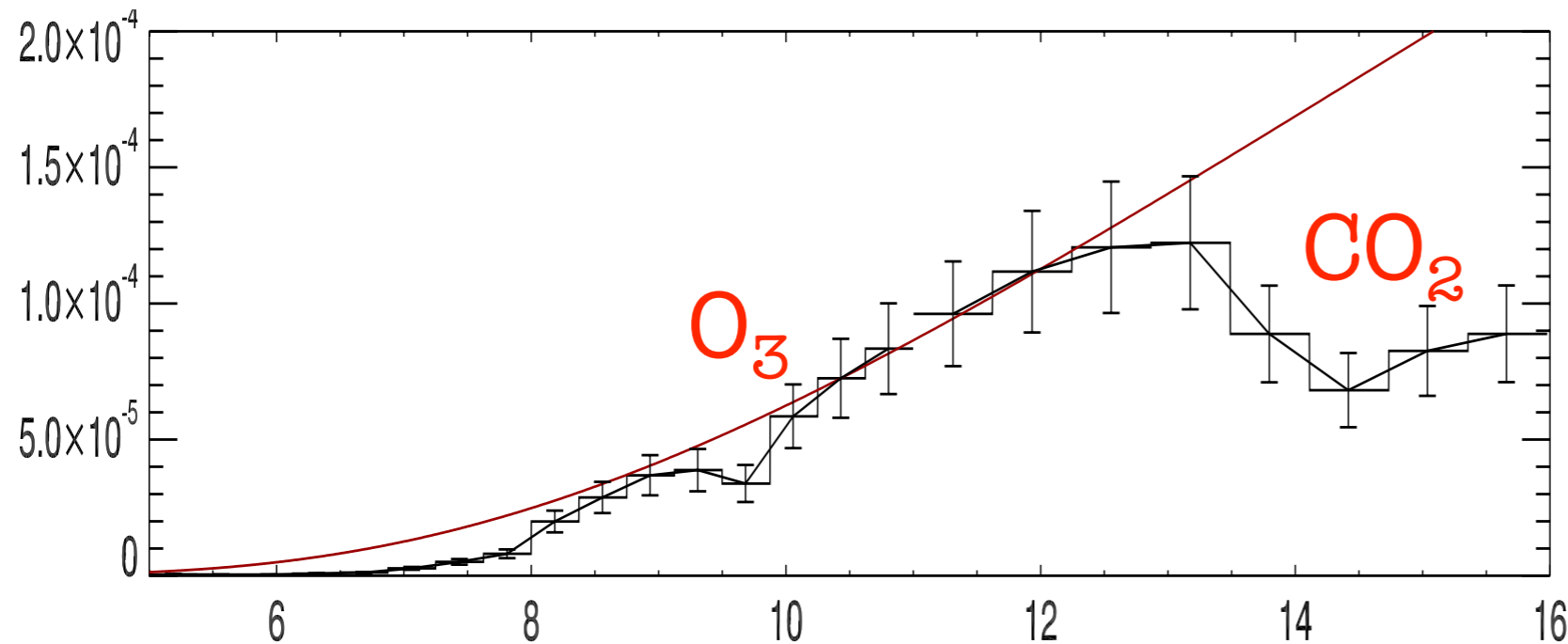
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With Resolution 10, SNR 5, 5-16 μm

Tinetti et al. 2012

Star type	T (K)	R (R_{\odot})	Period (days)	contrast (10^{-5})	Magnitudes in K				
					5	6	7	8	9
M2V	3522	0.38	30.6	0.9	72				
	3475	0.34	26.6	1.2	45	113			
M3V	3436	0.30	23	1.5	32	81			
	3380	0.25	19.3	2	20	52	132		
M4V	3230	0.19	12.7	4		18	46	117	
	3150	0.17	10.7	5.2		12	32	80	208
M5V	3055	0.15	8.7	6.9			19	49	128
	2920	0.13	6.7	9.8			12	29	76

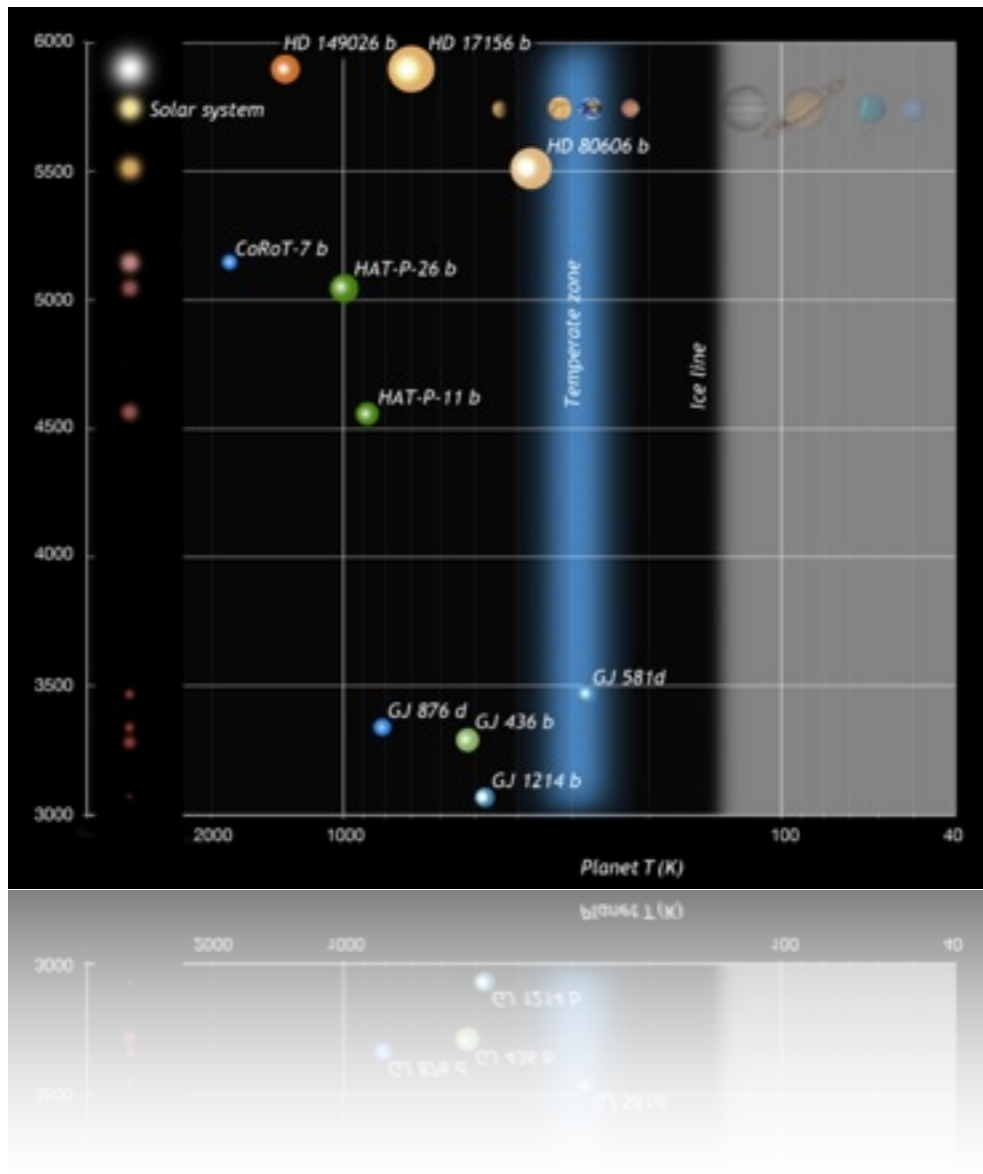
Table 5: Integration times (number of transits) for a habitable-zone (320 K) Super-Earth ($1.6 R_{\odot}$) in secondary transit



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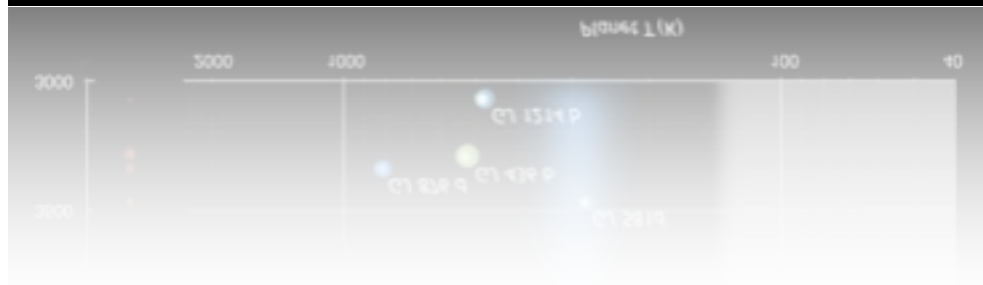
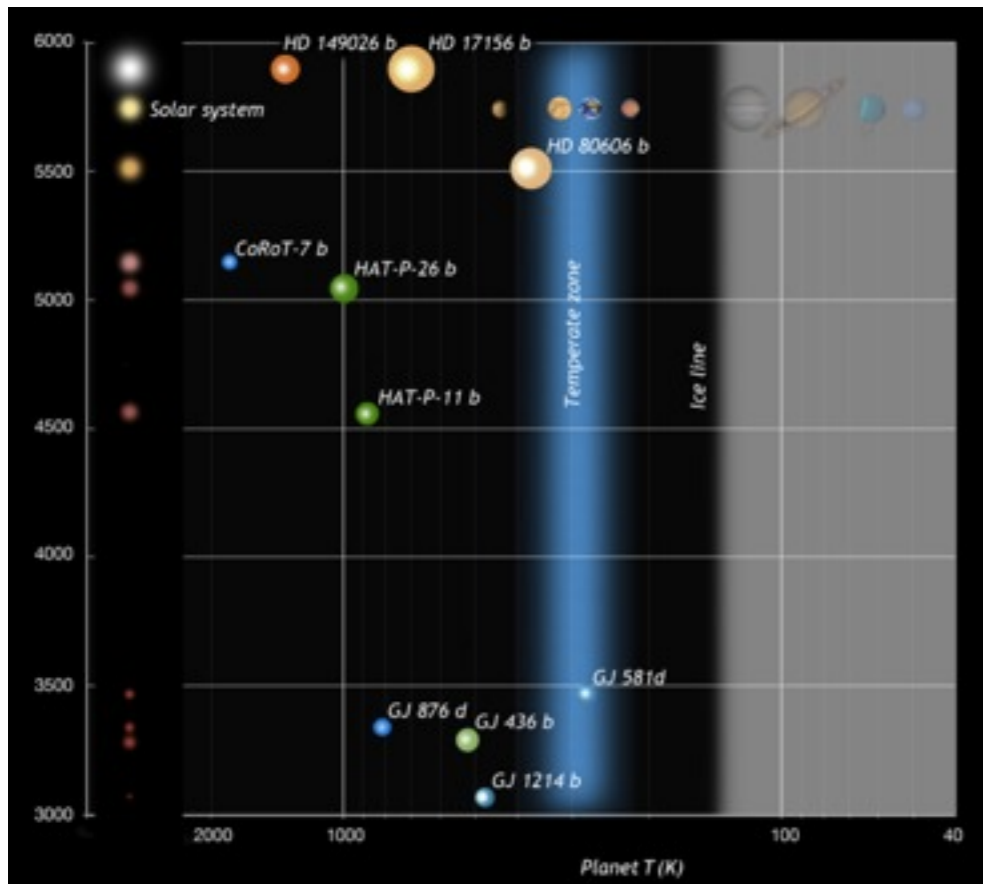
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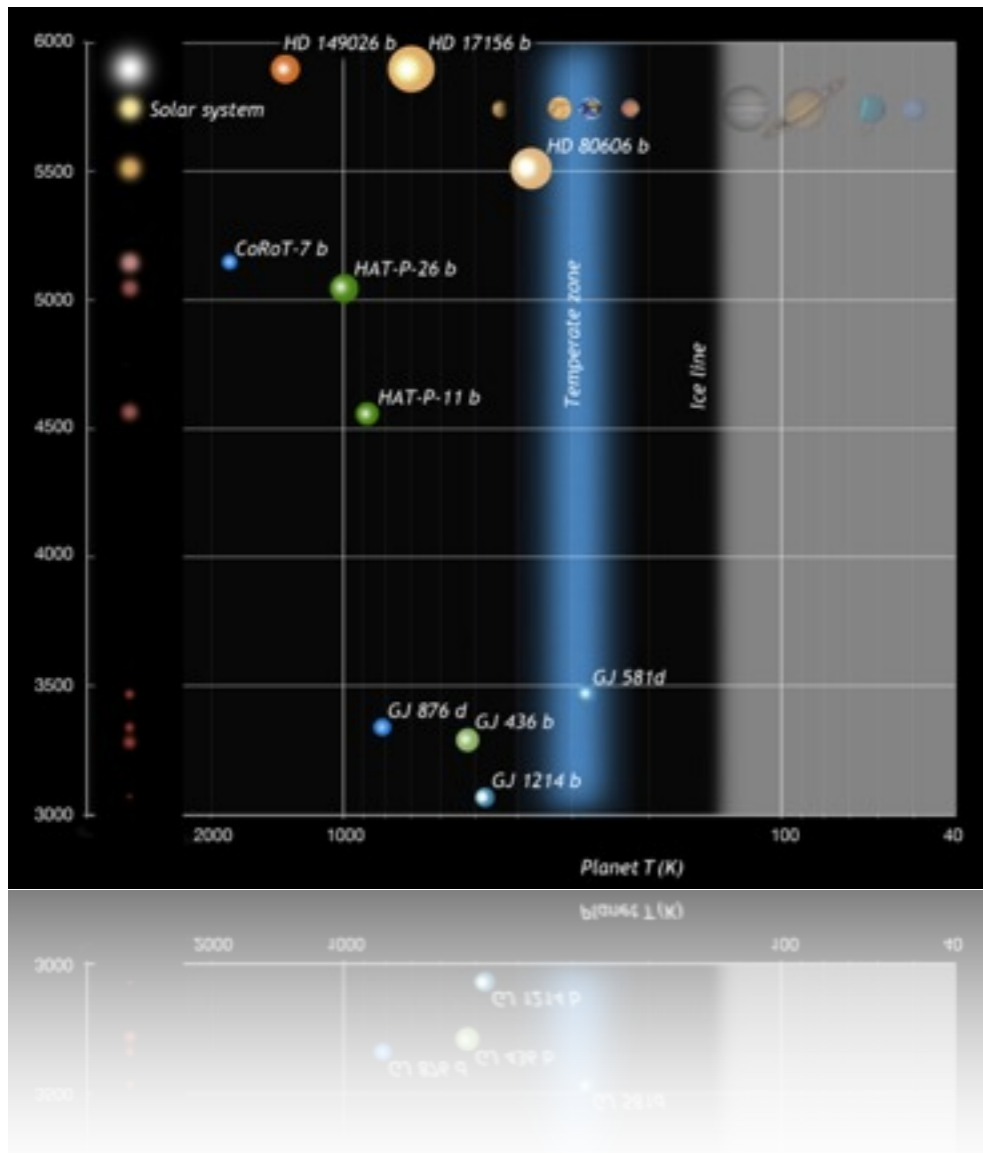
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- PLATO : 20 % of sky, VIS, submitted to ESA, 2018 (early M)
- TESS : all sky, I band, submitted to NASA, 2016 (earlier than M2)



Target statistics

Ribas and Lovis, in prep.

○ Super-Earths ($< 10 M_{\oplus}$):

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6x K7-M1@K<7	2x K7-M1@K<7	3x K7-M1@K<7	1x K7-M1@K<7
4x K0-K5@K<6	4x K0-K5@K<6	-	-
3x G0-G8@K<5	3x G0-G8@K<5	-	-

○ Neptunes ($10 < M < 30$):

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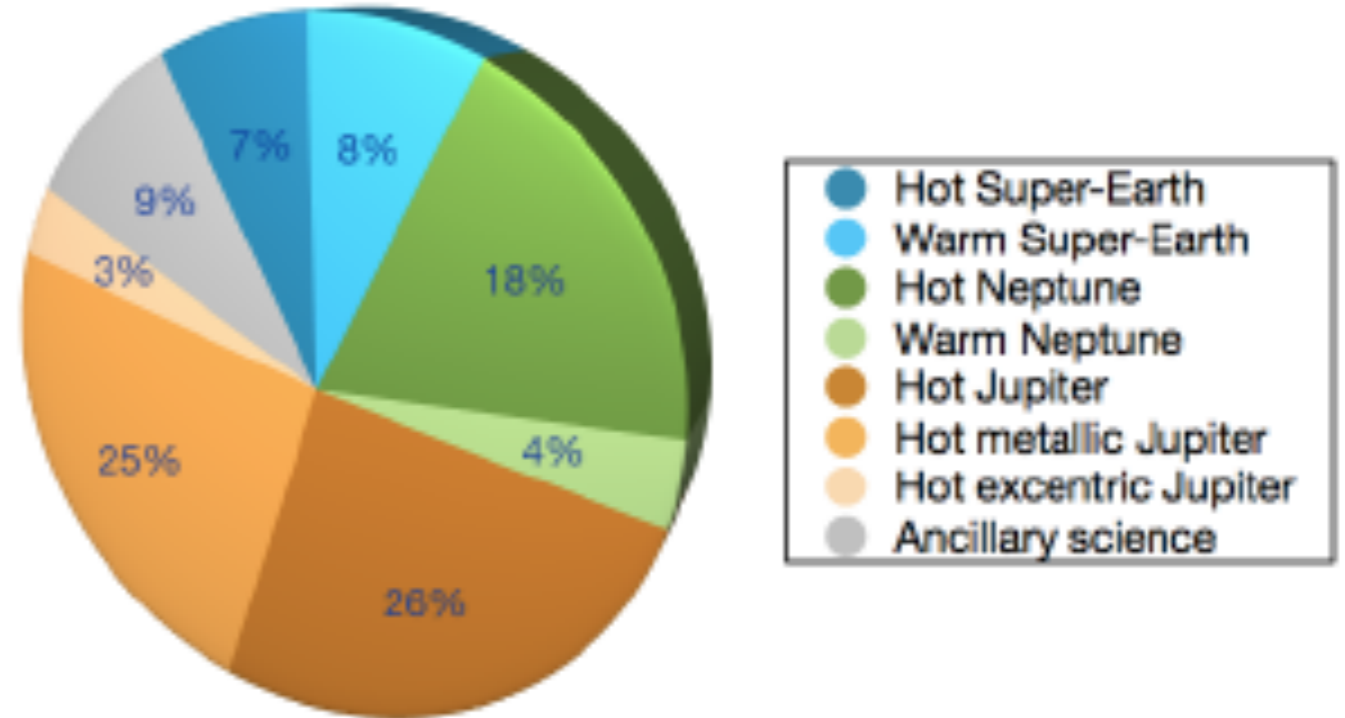
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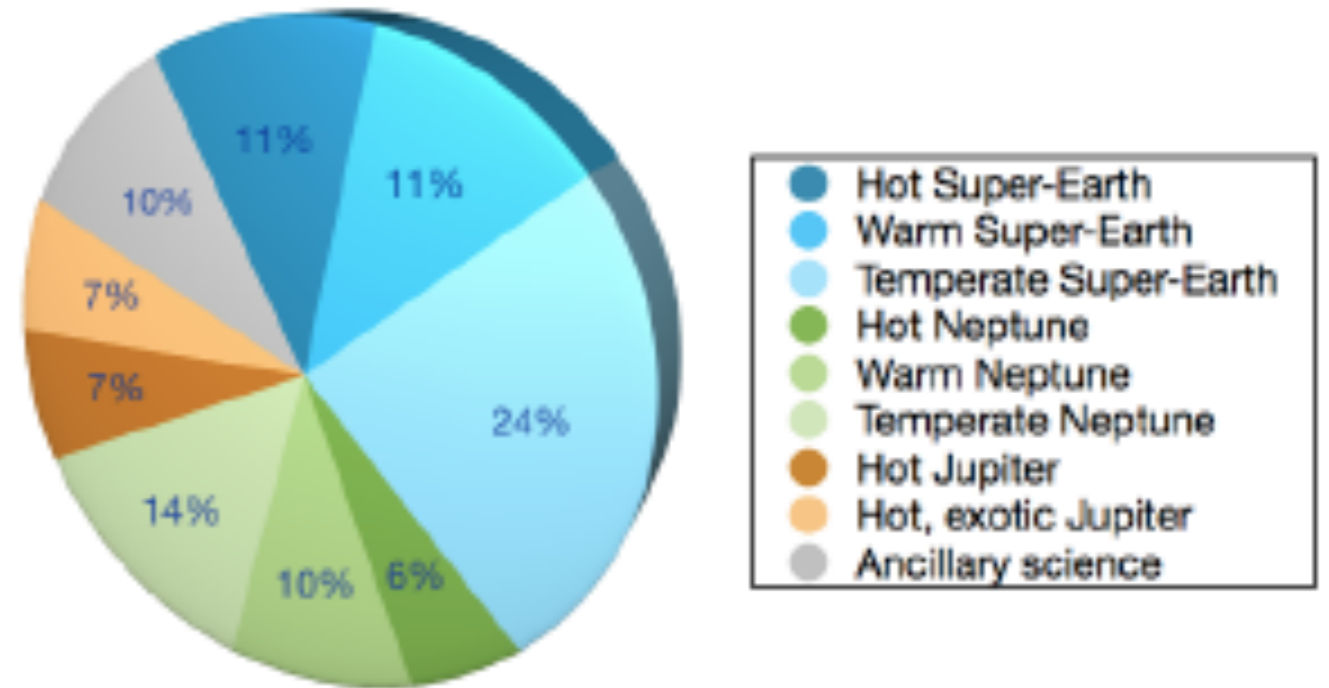
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14x F5-F9@K<8

Typical mission profile

Partition of observing time on available sources for EChO if it were launched today (with known sources).



Partition of observing time for EChO in 2020 (with sources known by then)



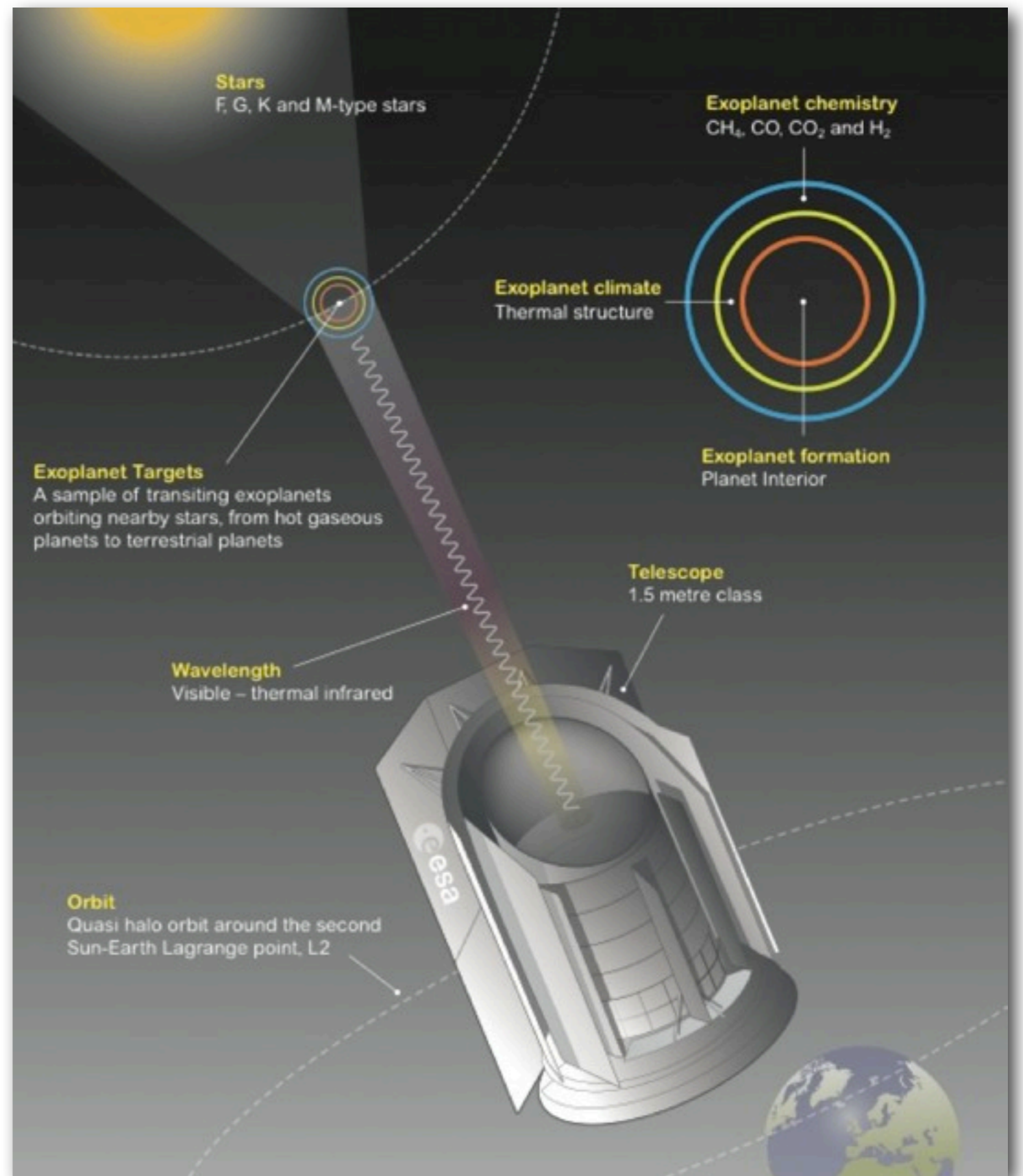
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