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Transmission spectroscopy of HAT-P-19 b

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Transmission spectroscopy as the search for chromatic radius variations

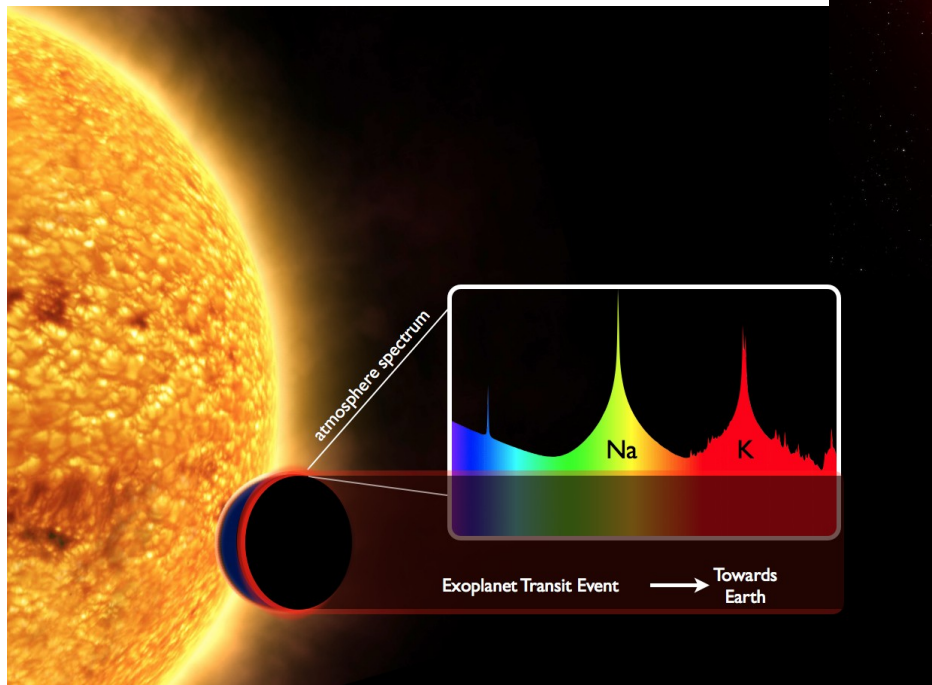


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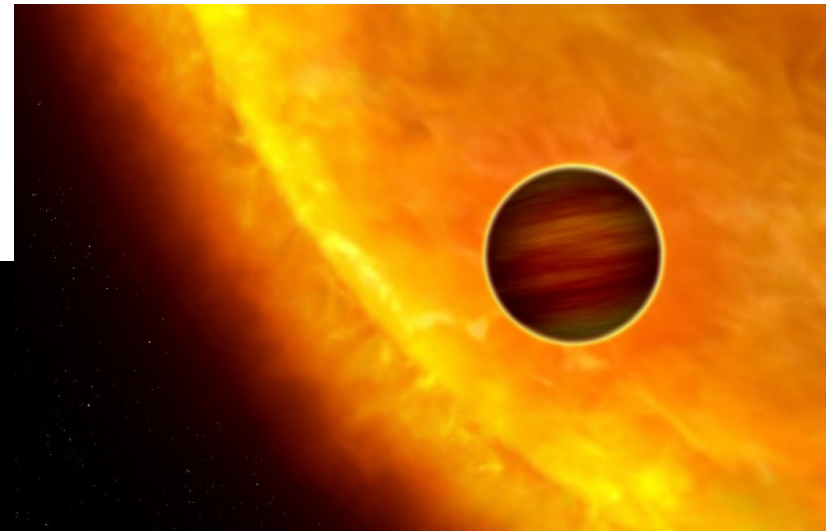


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Opacity over wavelength of the atmospheric ring can be revealed by the transit depth over wavelength

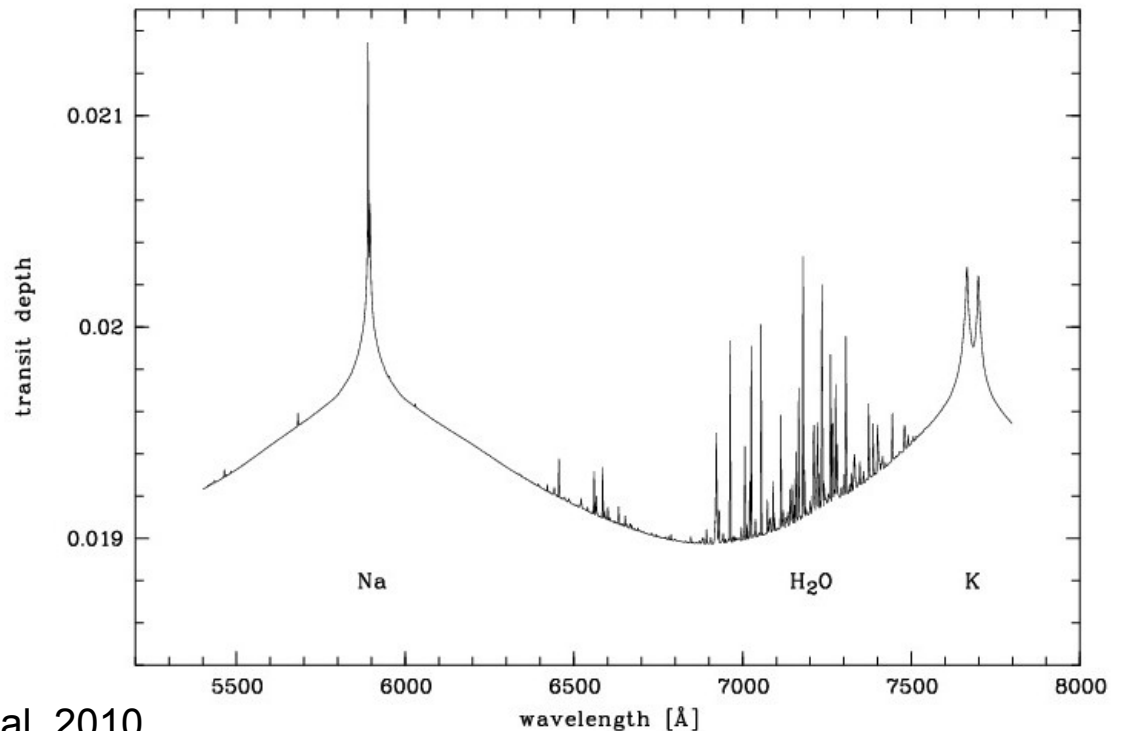
Our target: the Hot Jupiter HAT-P-19 b

A Jupiter-sized planet lighter than Saturn (Hartman et al. 2011)

Transit depth $\sim 2\%$

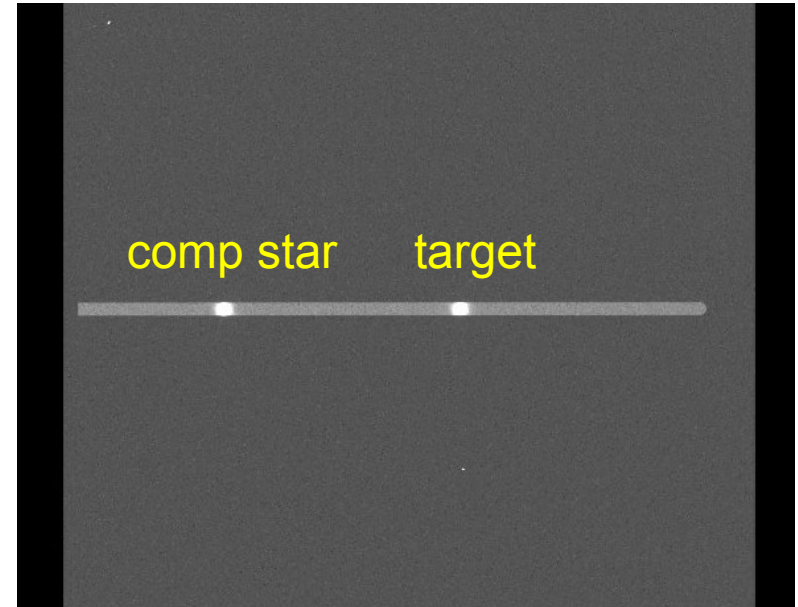
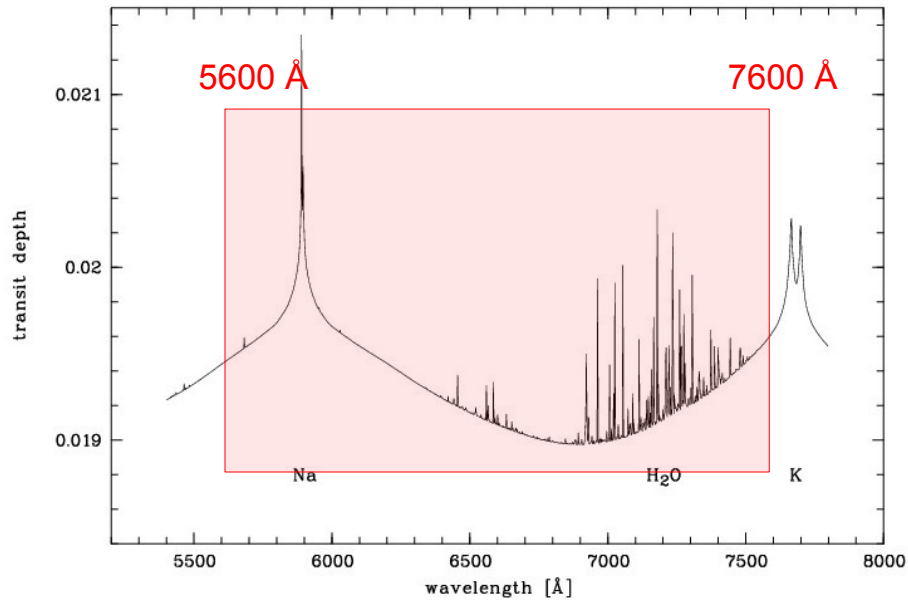
$g \sim 6 \text{ m/s}^2$

T equilibrium $\sim 1000 \text{ K}$

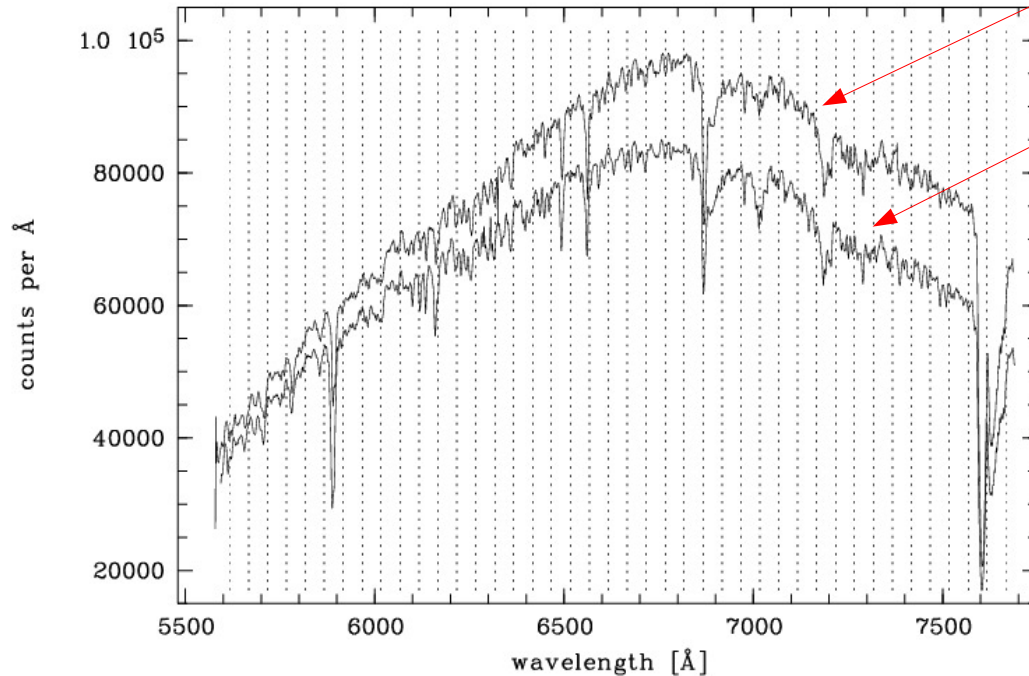
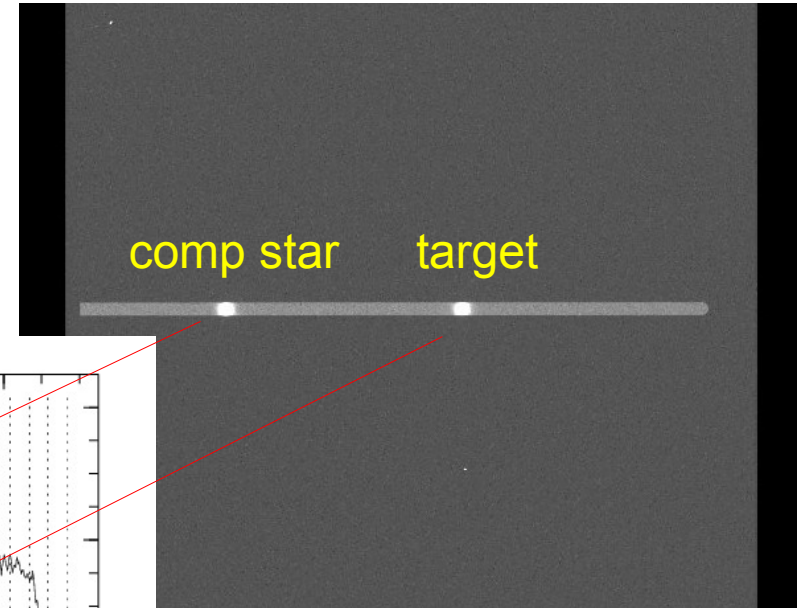
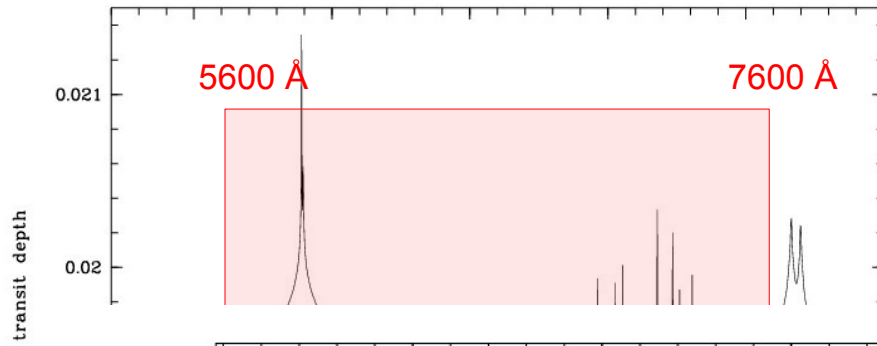


model by Fortney et al. 2010,
calculated for HAT-P-19 b

The observation of one transit event with OSIRIS@GTC



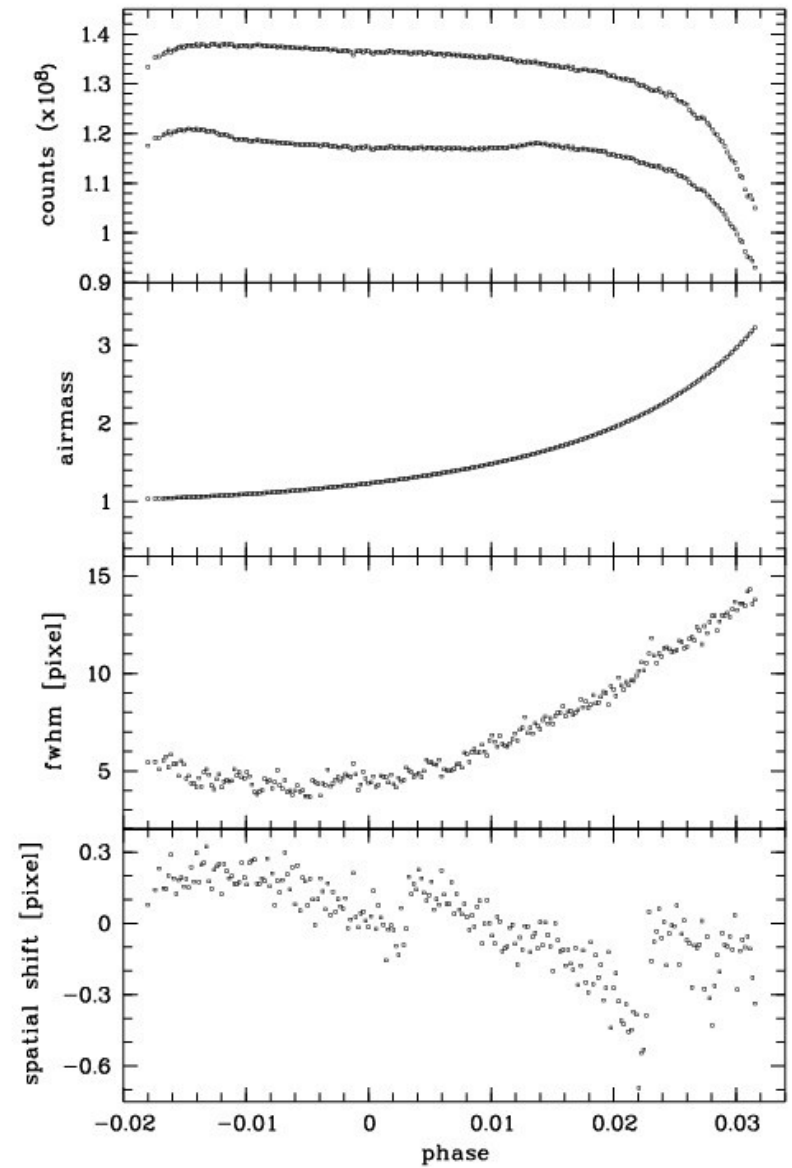
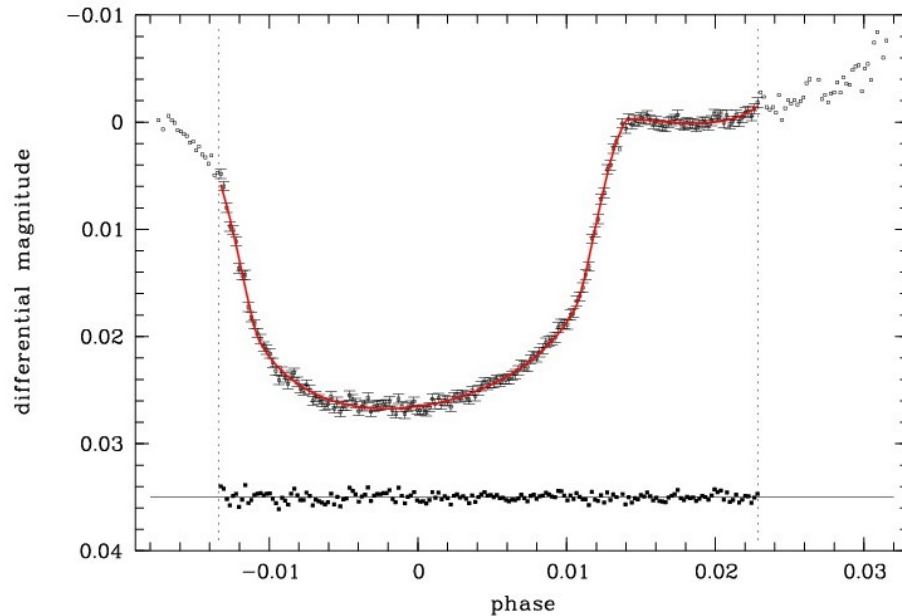
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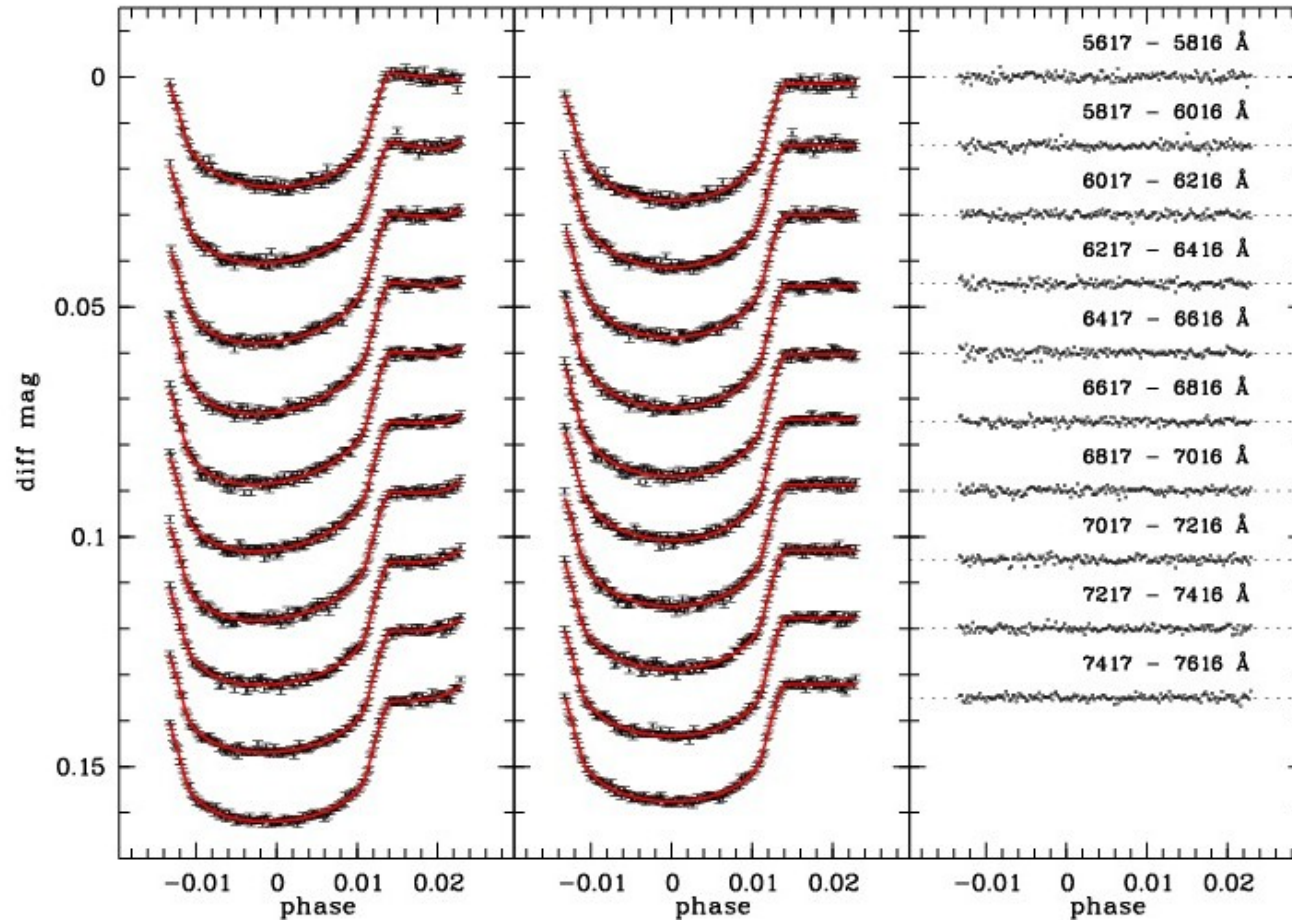
The observing conditions

Non-perfect conditions:

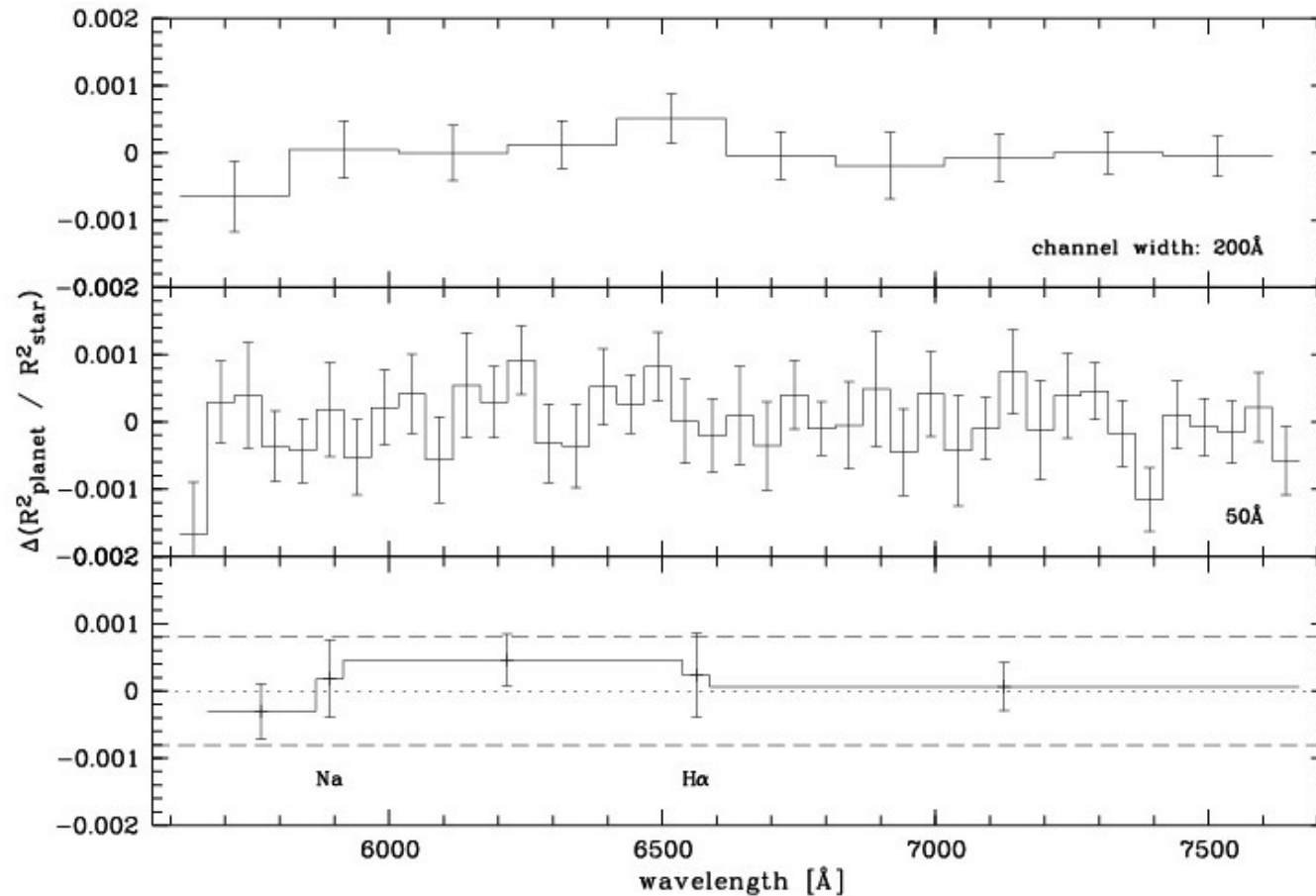
Dome vignetting and
strong increase in FWHM



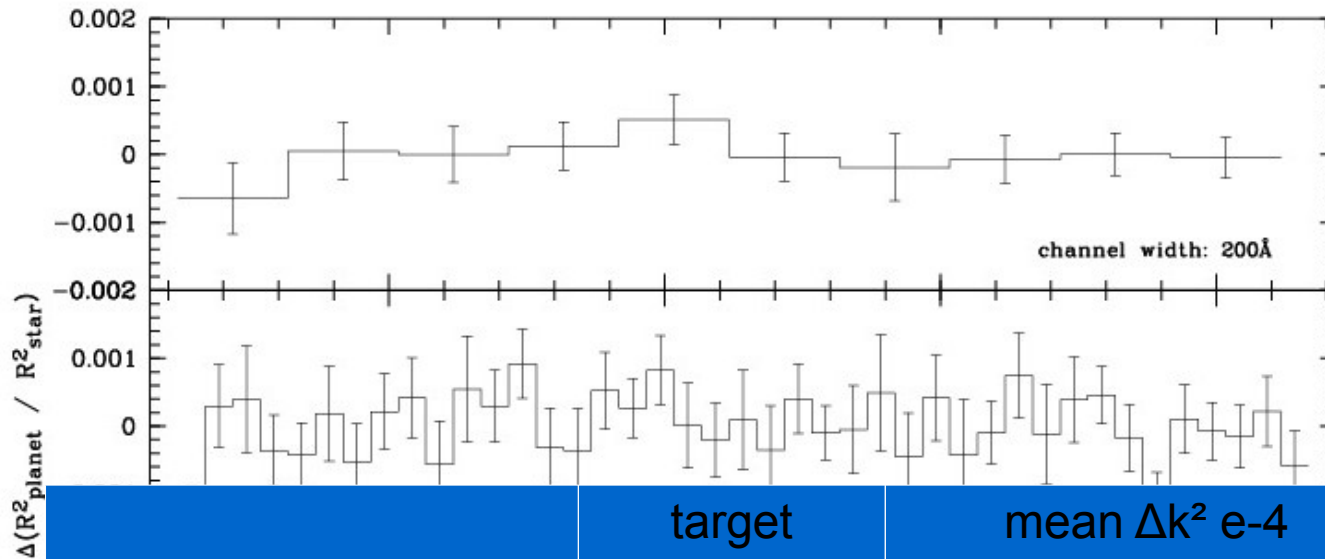
Flux binning in wavelength channels



Transit depth over wavelength

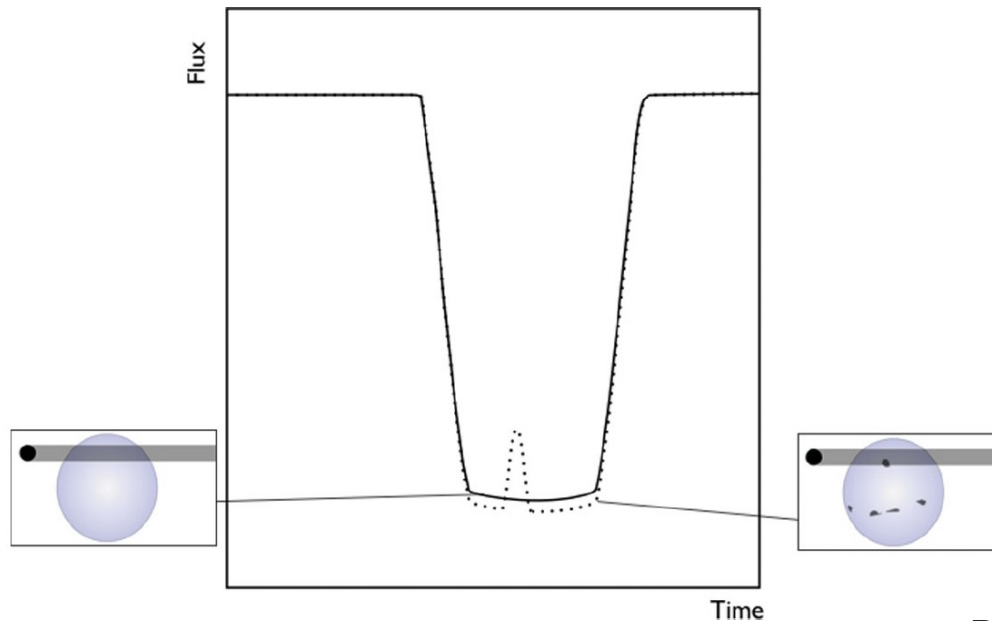


Transit depth over wavelength



| | target | mean Δk^2 e-4 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Sing et al. 2012 | XO-2b | 0.8 |
| Gibson et al. 2013a | WASP-29b | 3.4 |
| Gibson et al. 2013b | HAT-P-32b | 2.0 |
| Jordan et al. 2013 | WASP-6b | 2.5 |
| Murgas et al. 2014 | WASP-43b | 1.8 |
| this work | HAT-P-19b | 3.8 |

Long term variability of the host star – star spot correction



Pont et al. 2013

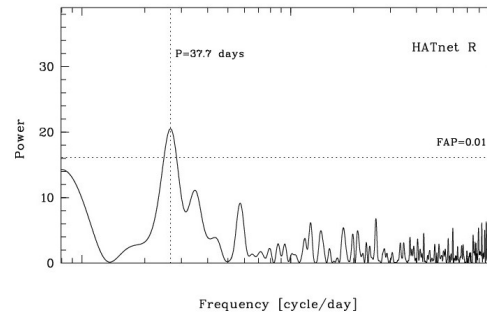
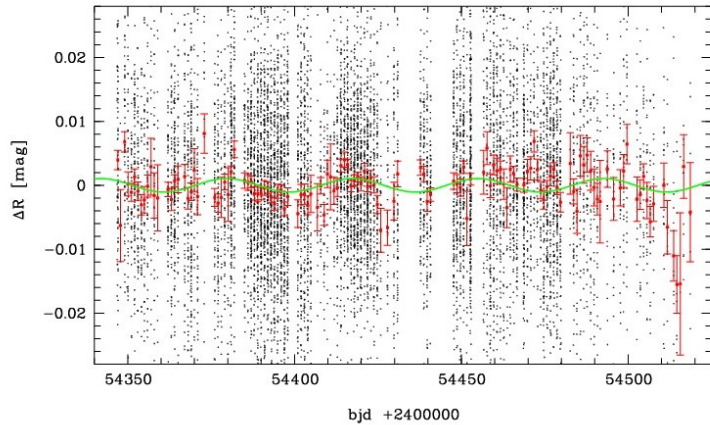
Unocculted star spots influence the measured transit depth k^2 by:

$$\frac{k_{meas}^2 - k_{true}^2}{k_{true}^2} = \alpha \Delta f, \quad \Delta f = \frac{f_{meas} - f_{quiet}}{f_{quiet}}$$

Désert et al. 2011

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HATnet photometry from Hartman et al. 2011

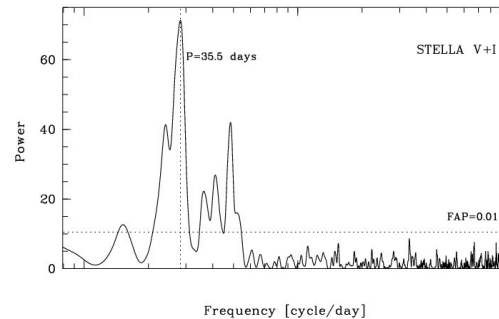
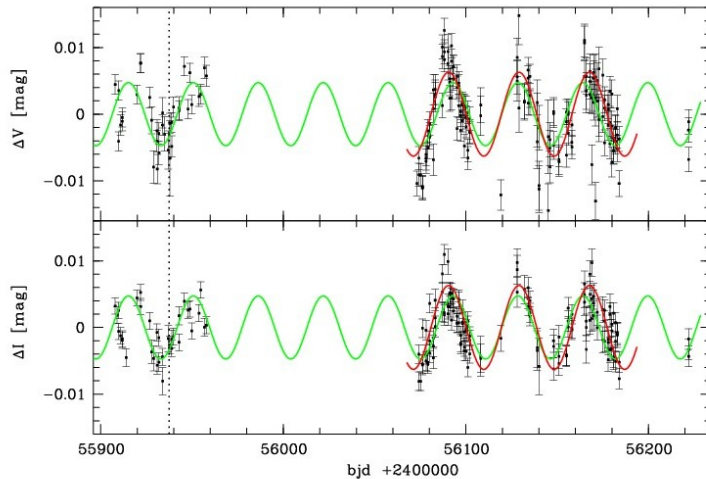


Observed: 2007/2008

$P \sim 38$ days

Amplitude: 1 mmag

Own monitoring program with the STELLA telescope



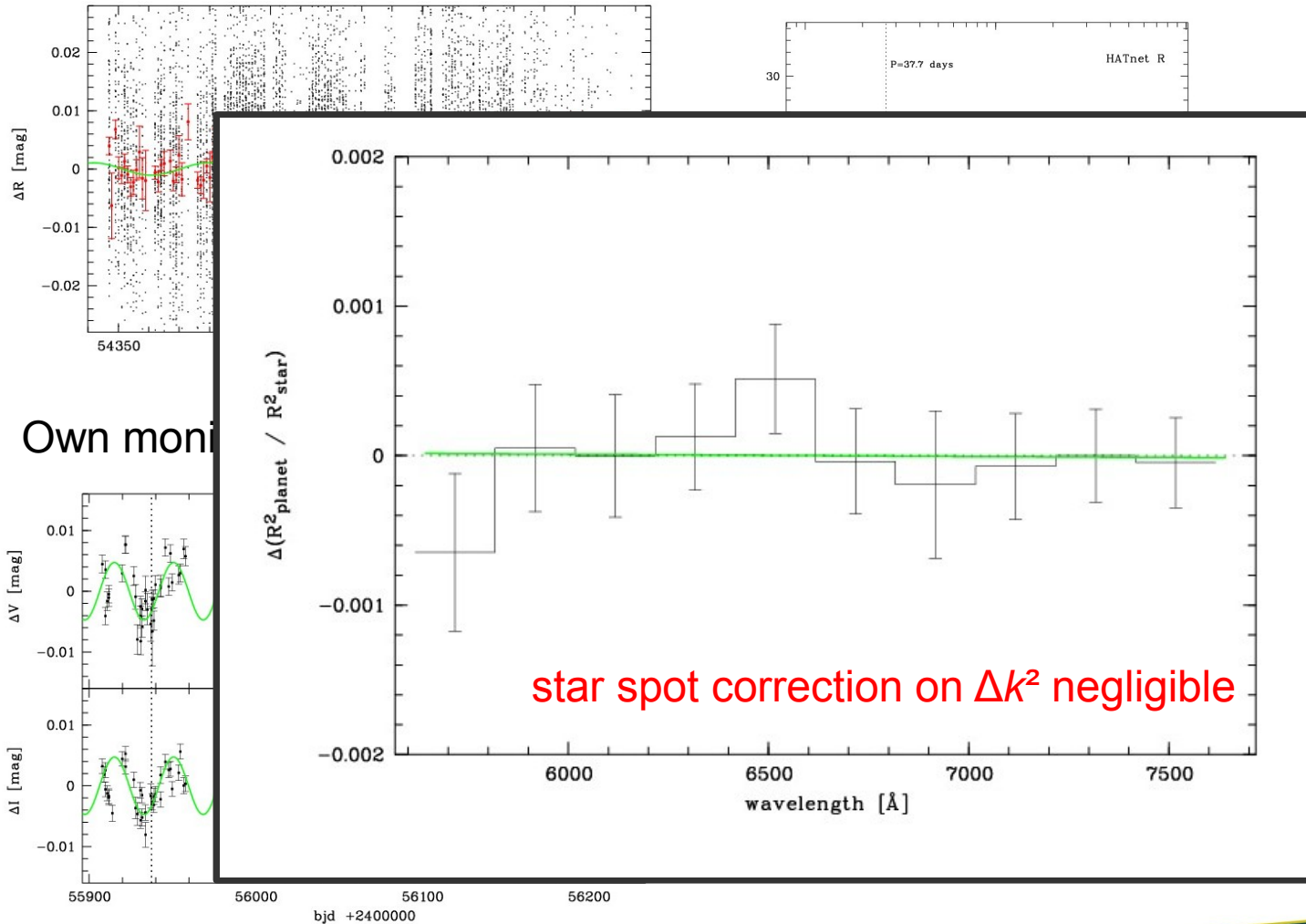
Observed:
2011 + 2012

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Amplitude: 5 mmag

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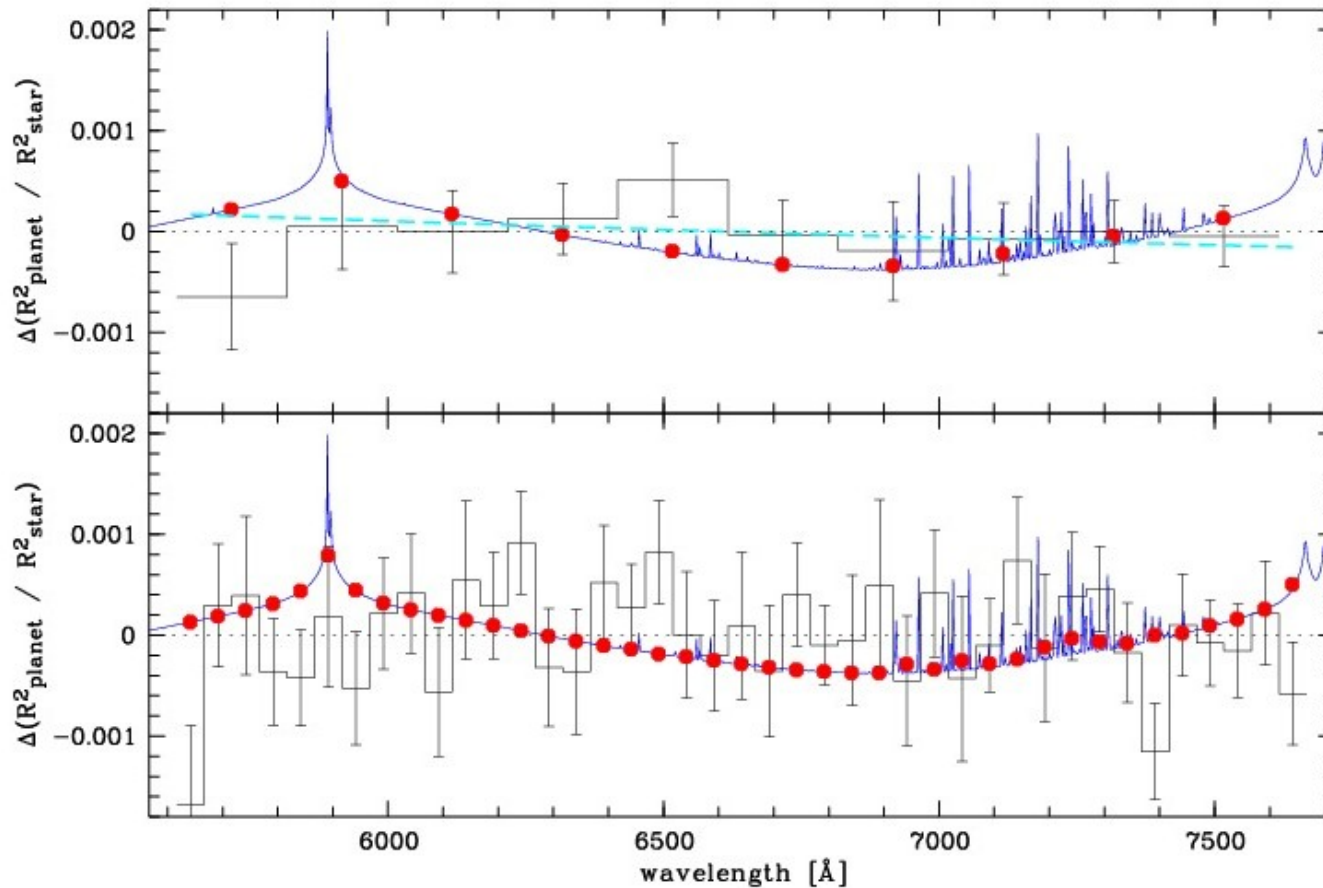
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star 2007/2008
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Comparison with a theoretical spectrum



| | |
|-----------|------------------|
| | χ^2 reduced |
| flat line | 0.4 |
| Fortney | 1.0 |
| Rayleigh | 0.5 |

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|-----------|-----|
| flat line | 0.7 |
| Fortney | 1.2 |

Conclusion

- For HAT-P-19b a flat transmission spectrum is favored, but a broad sodium absorption feature is not ruled out
- Partial transit are worth analyzing
- For transmission spectroscopy reaching far in the blue, for exceptional accuracy or for host stars with known strong activity a star spot correction is advisable, for all the rest it is probably negligible
- For all the rest, transit observations from different epoches can be compared or combined without prior star spot correction
- For favorable targets (transit depth, scale height) the HD189733b-like Rayleigh-slope is larger than the spot-introduced slope