Modelling the spectra of brown dwarfs [and how data drove most updates]

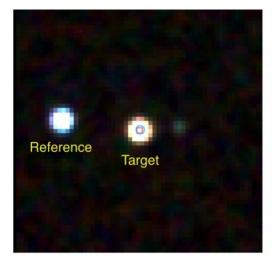
An outlook for exoplanets in the JWST + ELTs era.....

Dr. Theodora Karalidi University of Central Florida Atmospheres, Atmospheres! Do I look like I care about atmospheres? 08/27/2021

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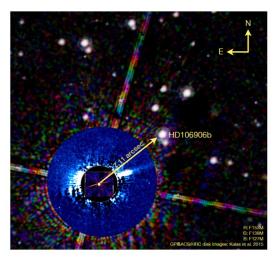
NASA / JPL / Gemini Observatory / AURA / NSF Luhman 2013



Schlawin+ 2017

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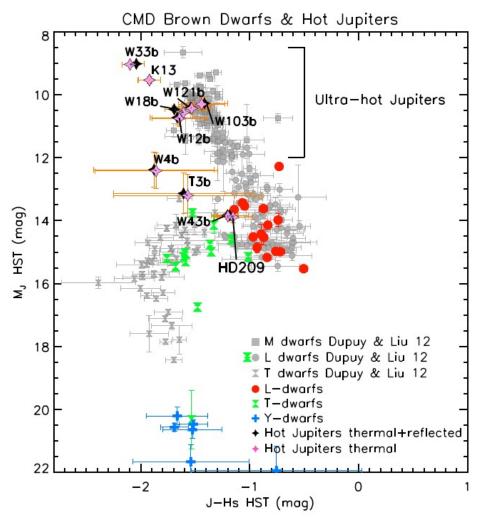
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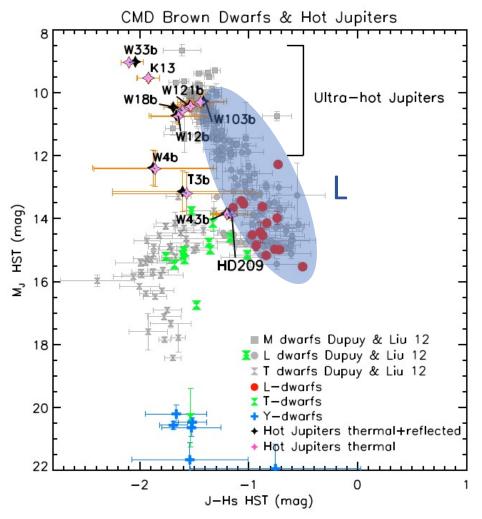
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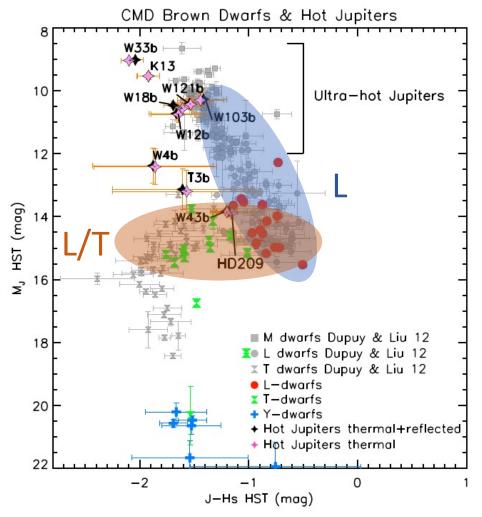
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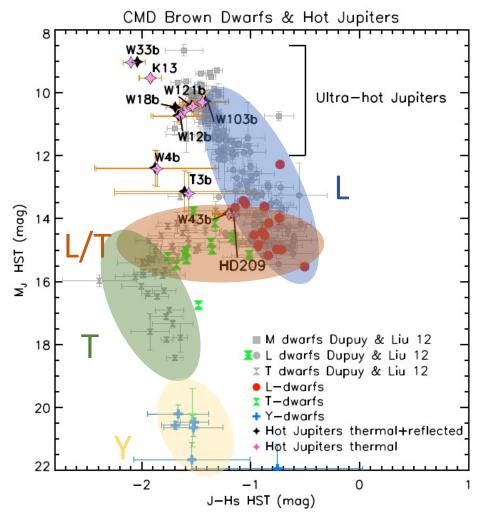
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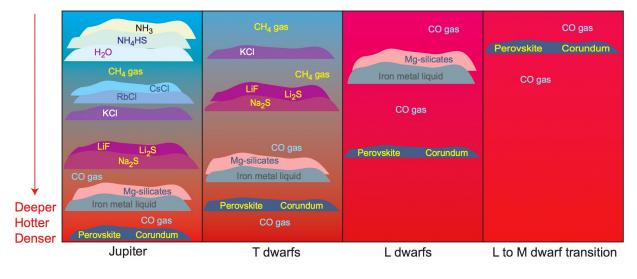
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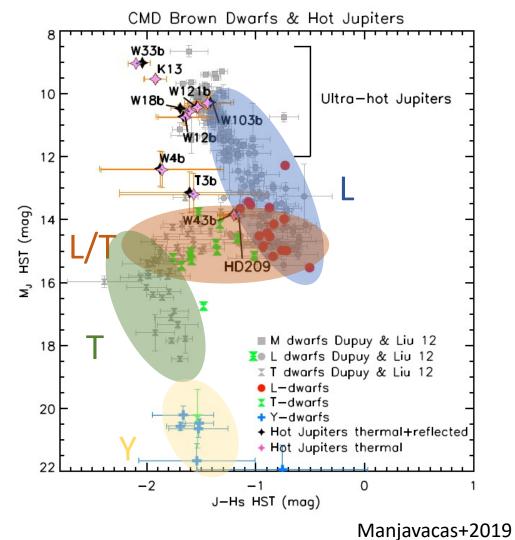
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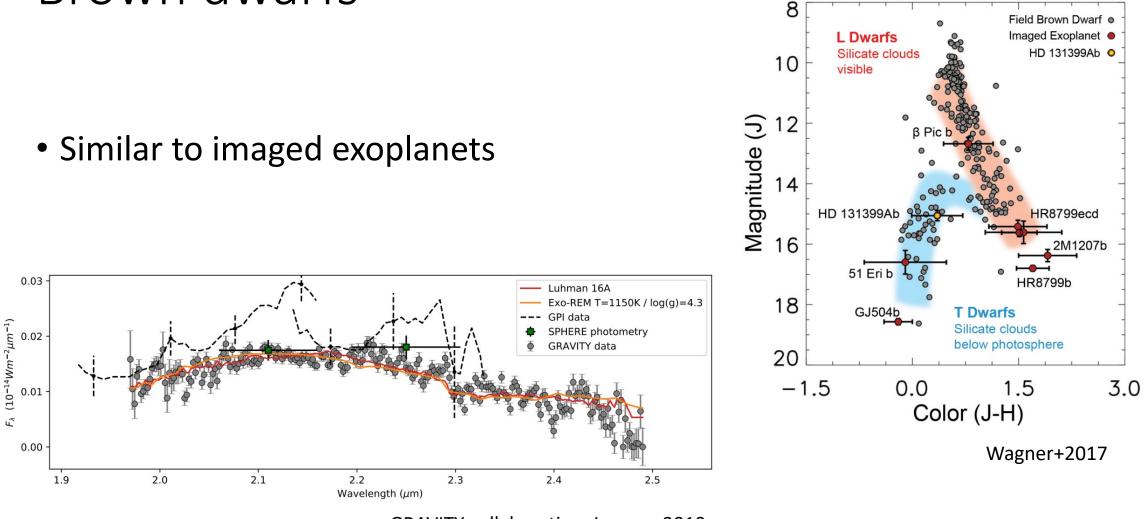
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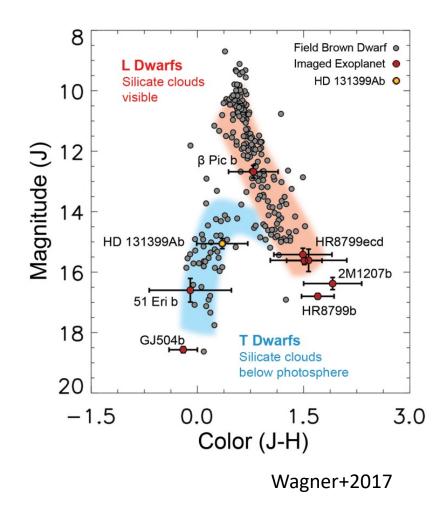


Lodders & Fegley 2006



GRAVITY collaboration: Lacour+2019

- Constrain atmospheric properties is crucial for:
 - constrain formation (see next talk -Paulina Palma-Bifani)
 - understanding atmospheres (see Callie Hoods's talk)
 - constrain evolution with time
- Need good RT and retrieval algorithms
 - But RT and retrievals are as good as our data are...see next slides



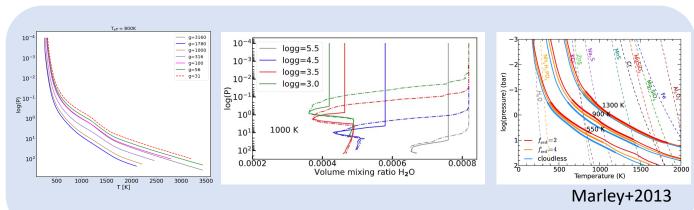
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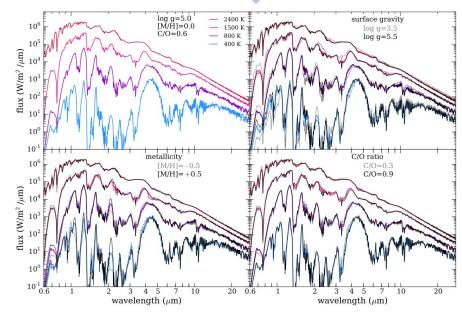
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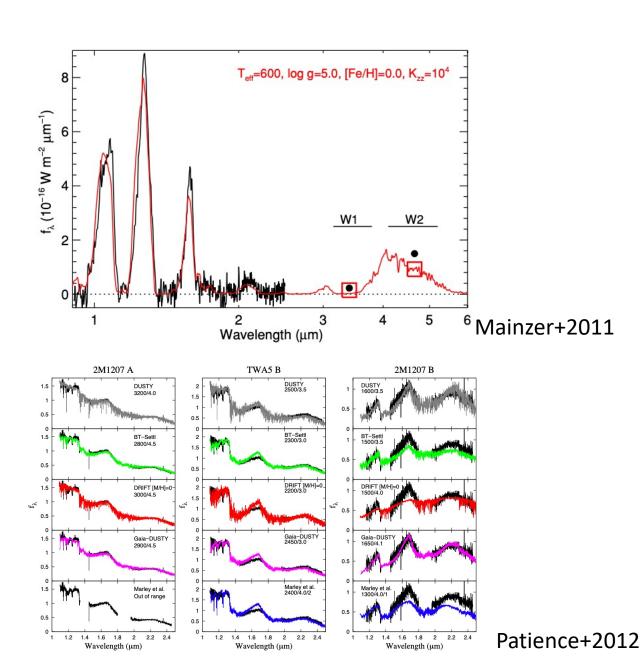
Sonora Bobcat; Marley+2021

Radiative Transfer

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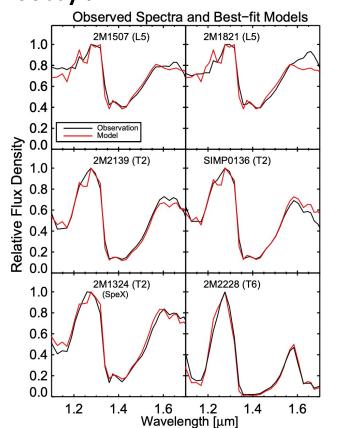
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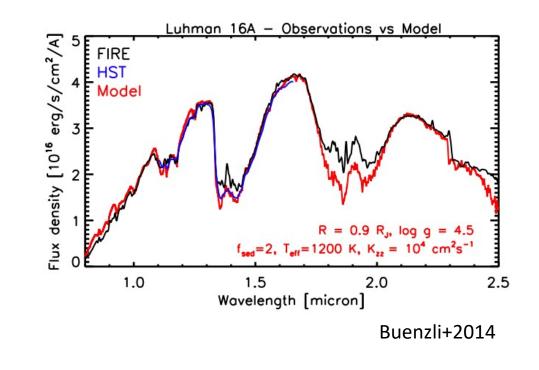
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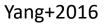


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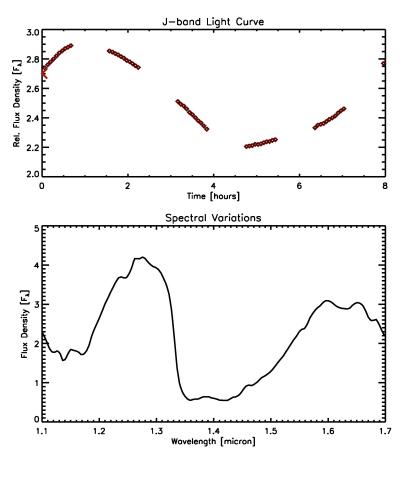
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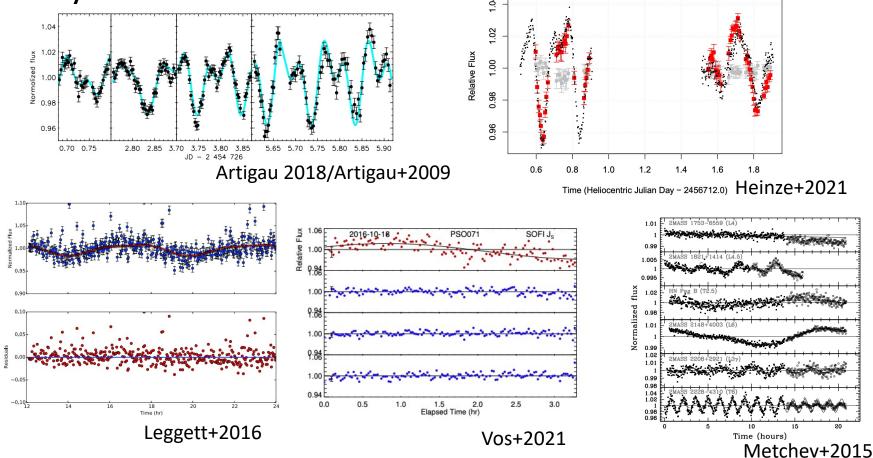
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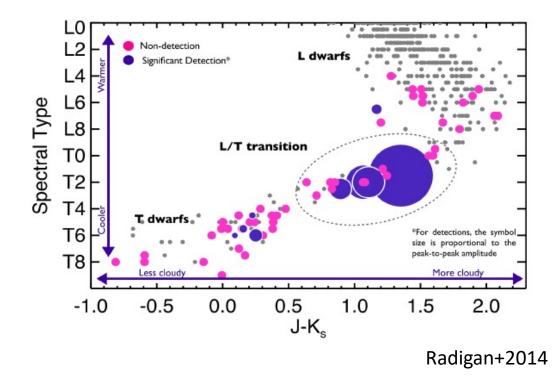
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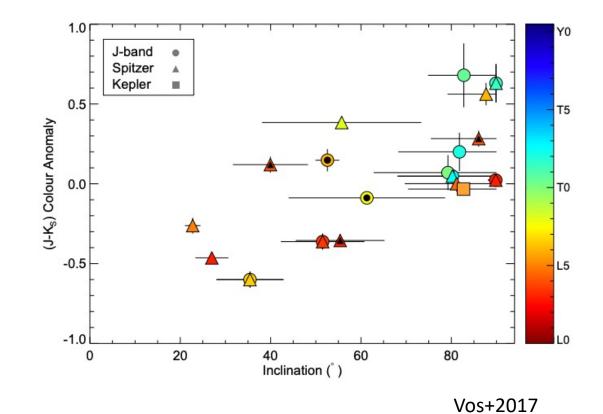
Apai+2013

• Some atmospheres vary with time....



• ALL atmospheres are variable

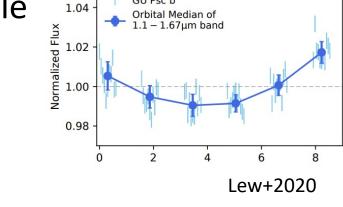




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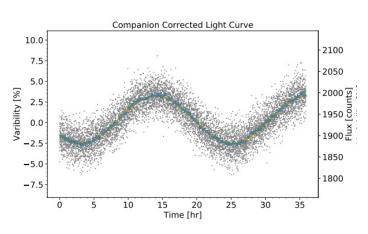
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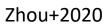
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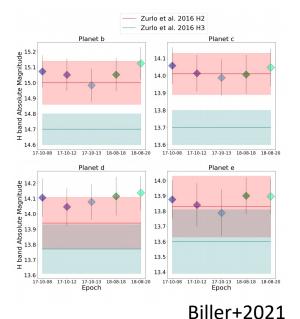


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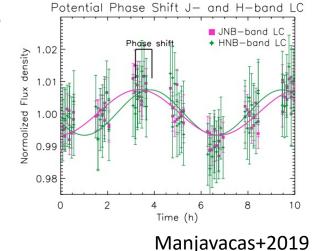
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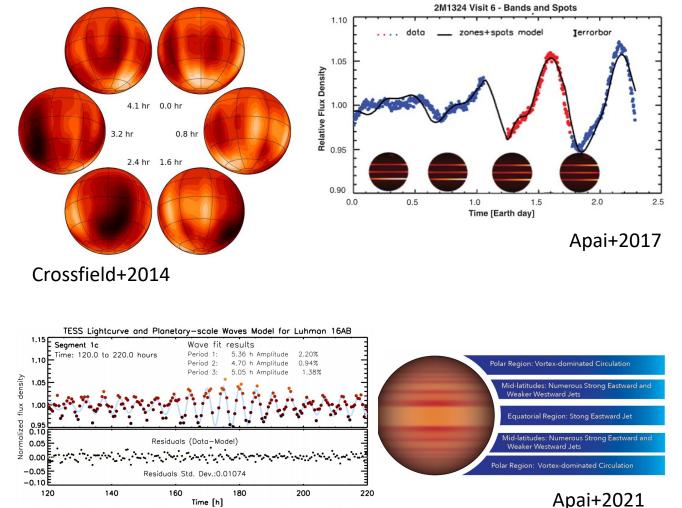




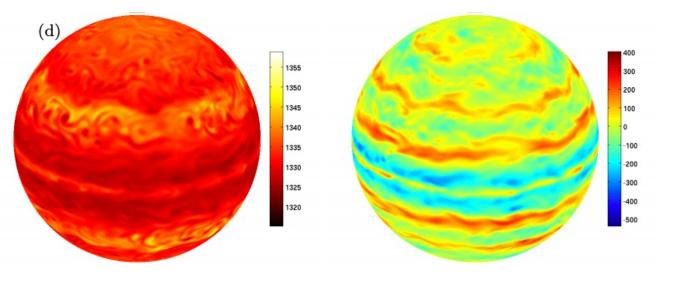
• Imaged exoplanets/ planetary mass companions also variable



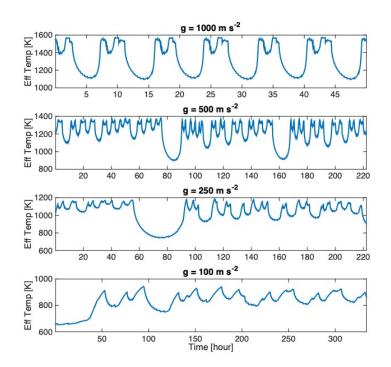
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Observational constraints on GCMS

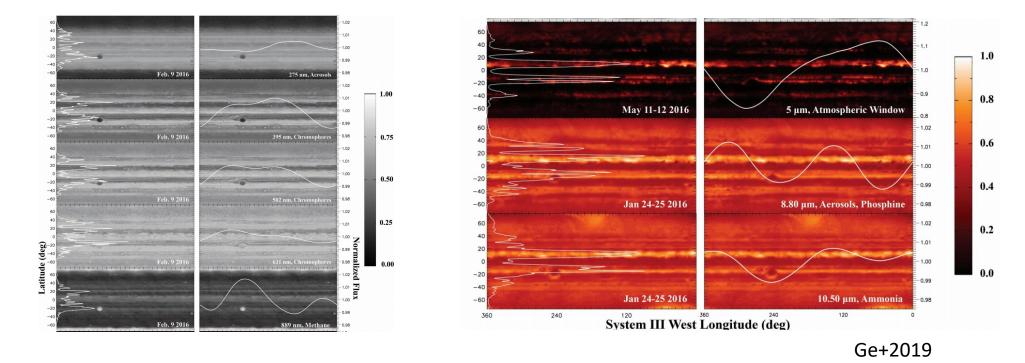


Showman+2019



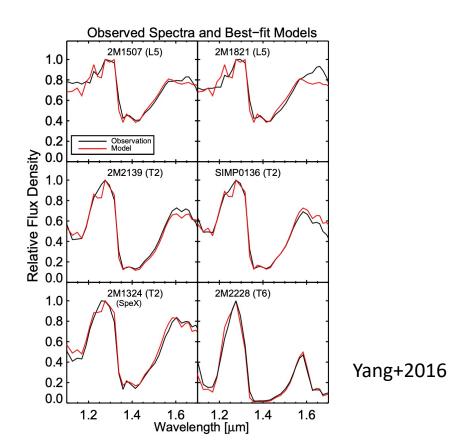
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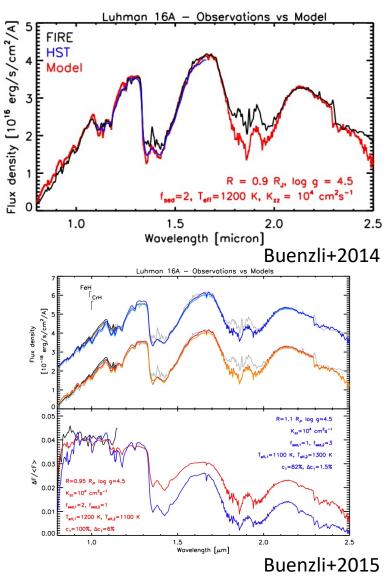
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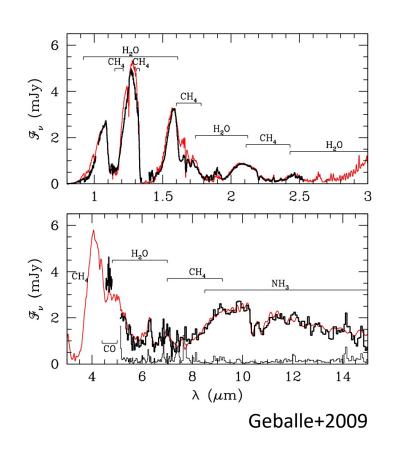
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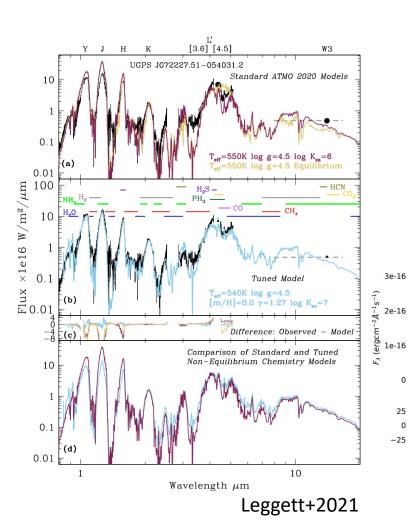
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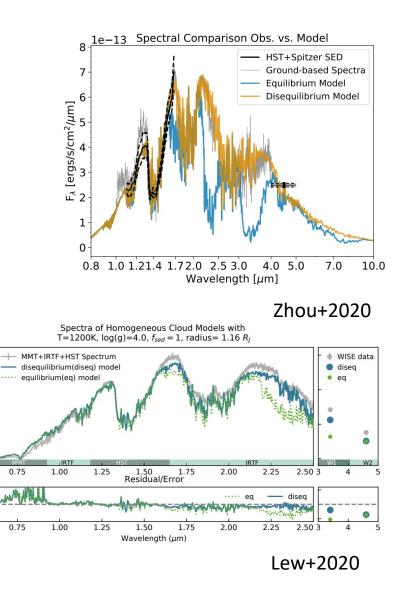
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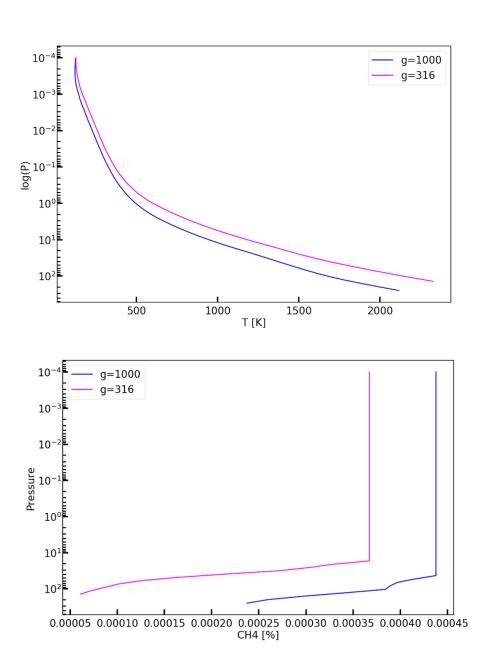
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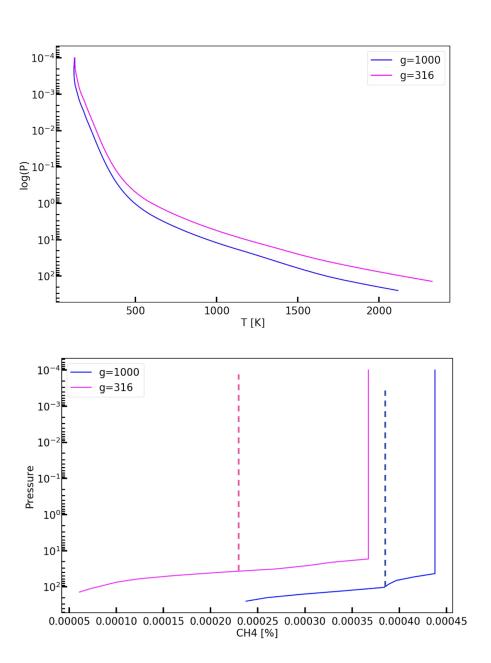




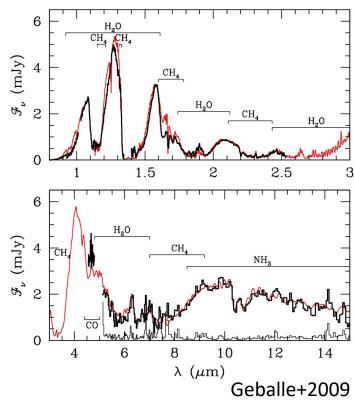
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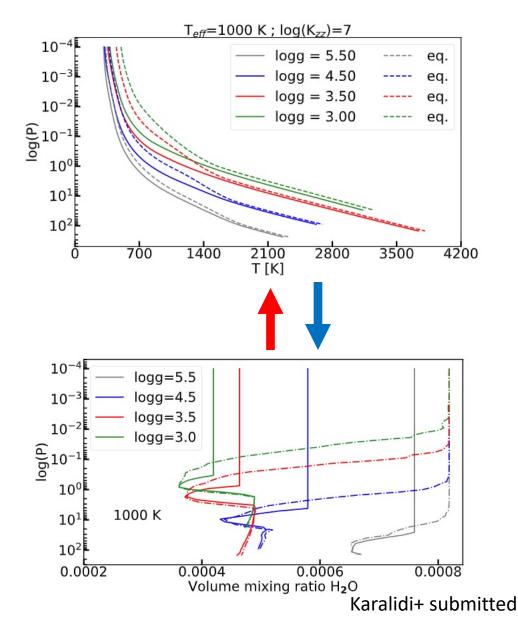


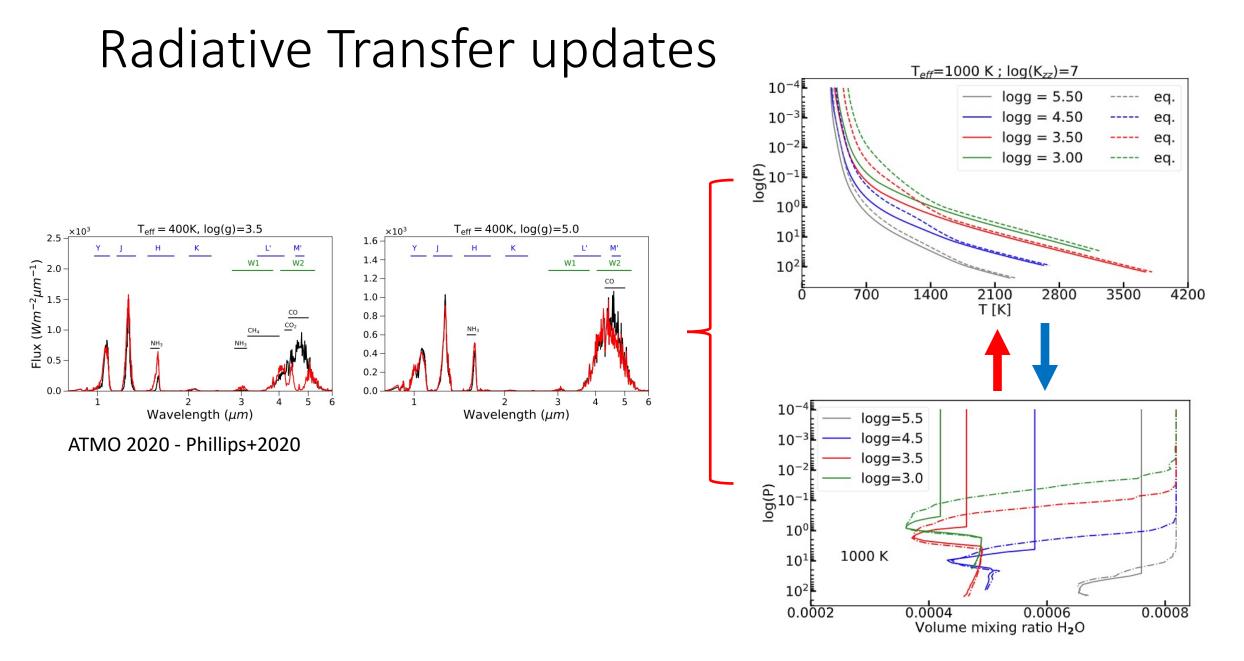
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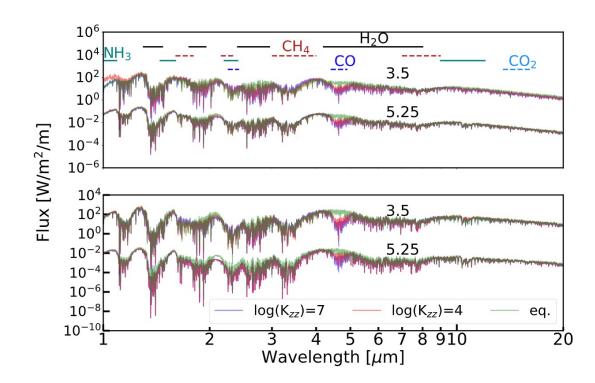


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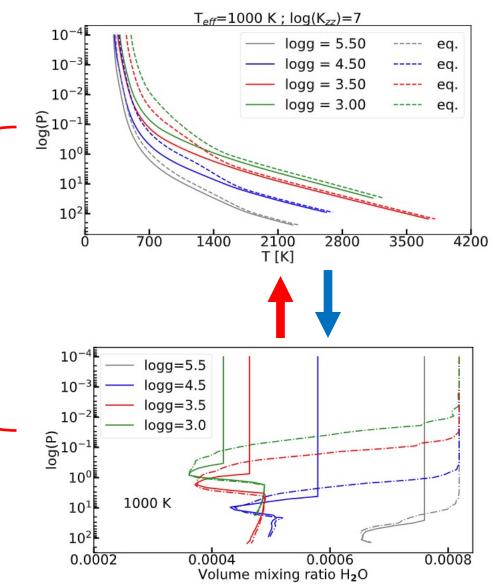


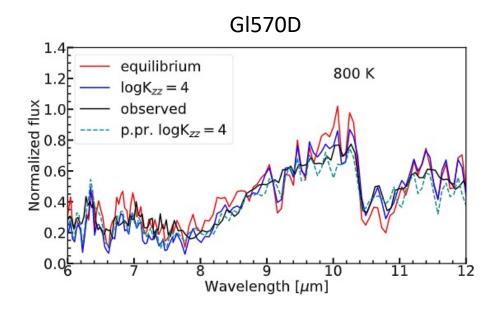




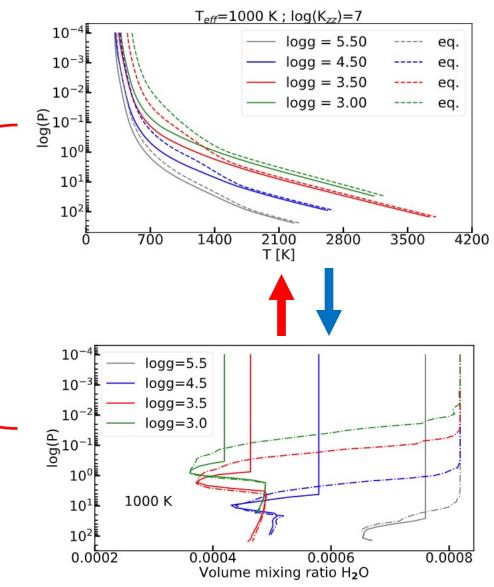


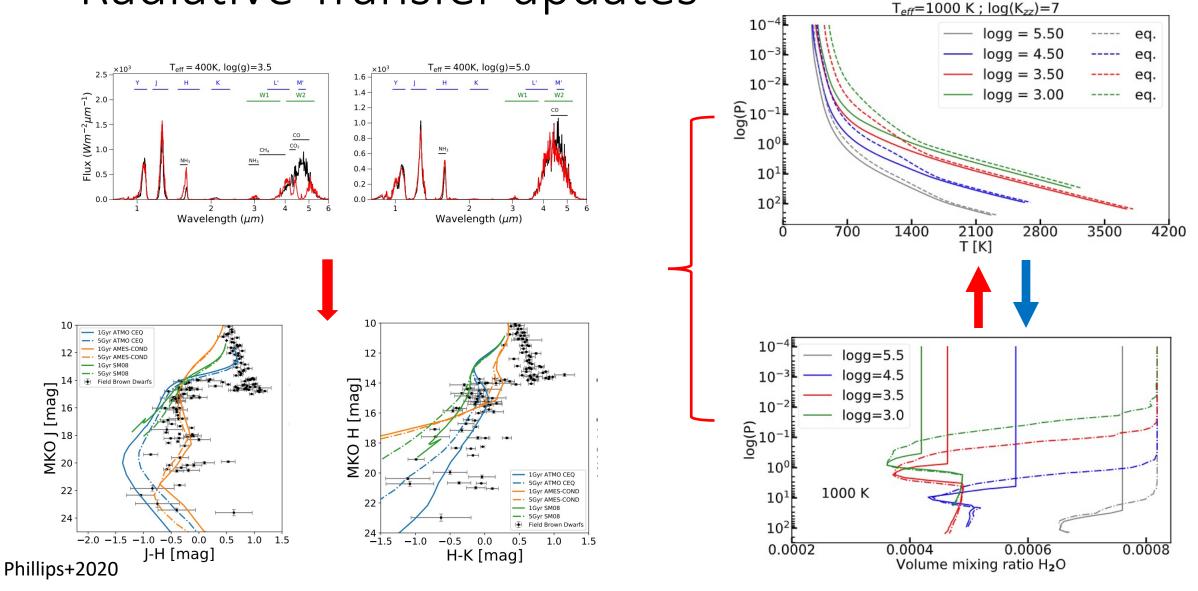
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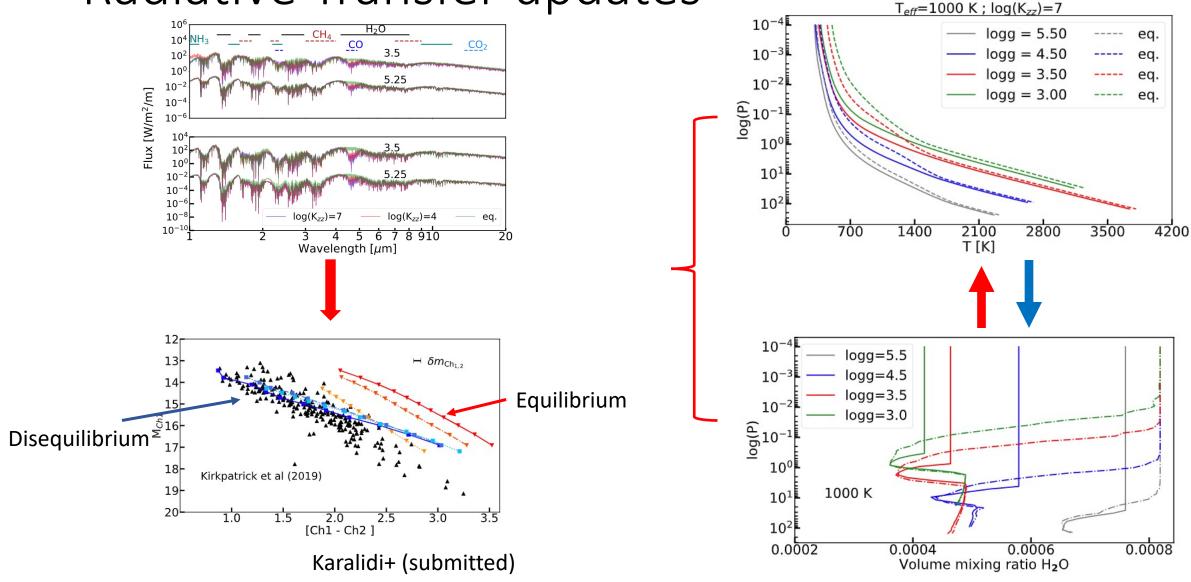




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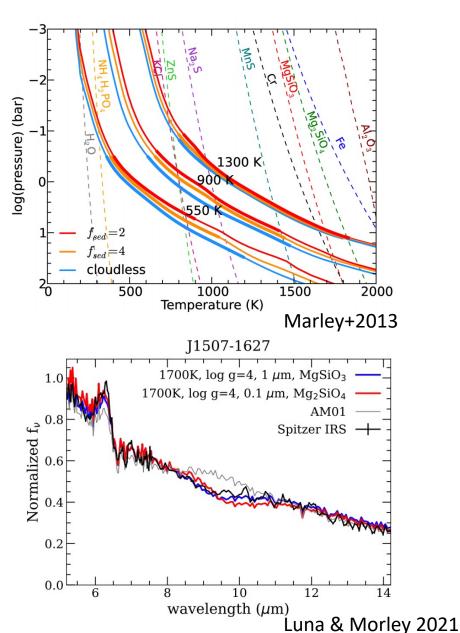




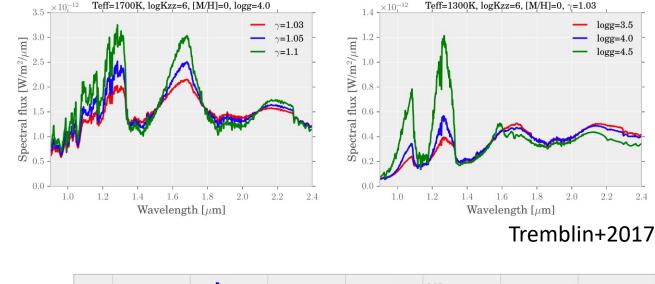


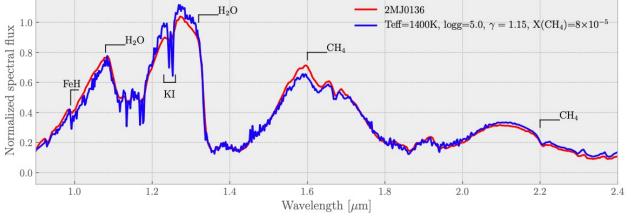
Introduction RT ingredients

- Clouds crucial for atmospheres
- Mismatch spectra
- Need more complex clouds (variable f_{sed} , variable profile with altitude)



- Complex chemistry due to convection can reproduce variability
- No need for clouds in L/T?

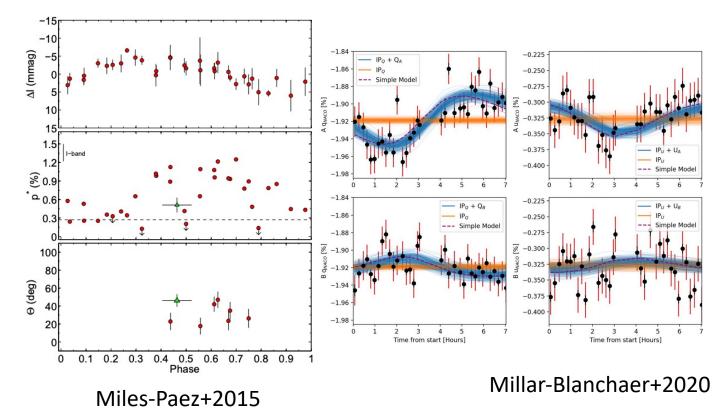




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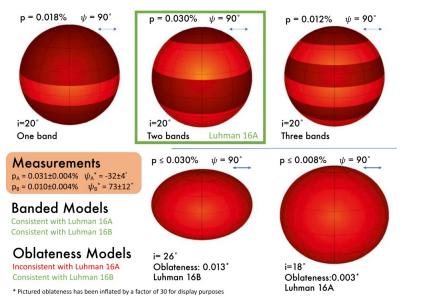
Polarimetry

- Already accessible from ground
- Sensitive to atmosphere (micro)physical properties
- Can break degeneracies (maps, clouds vs chemical changes)

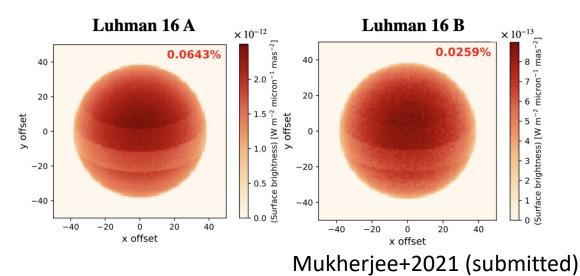


Polarimetry

- Comparison of observations against RT models help detect bands
- Models sensitive to atmosphere maps; need to update our modeling techniques

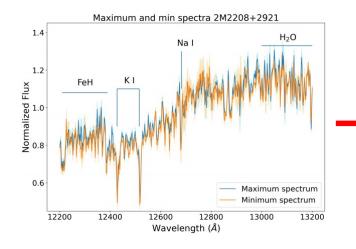


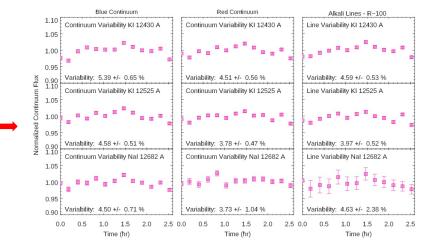
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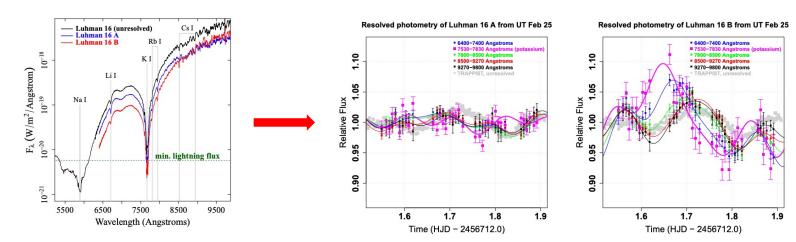


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 Observations show that variability varies between continuum and alkali lines



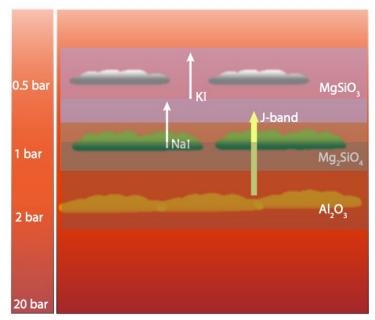




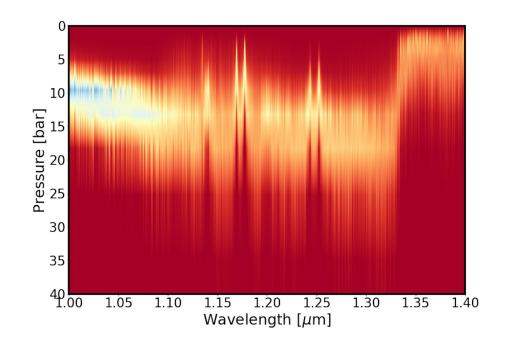
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 Probing 3D structure of the atmosphere

RT ingredients



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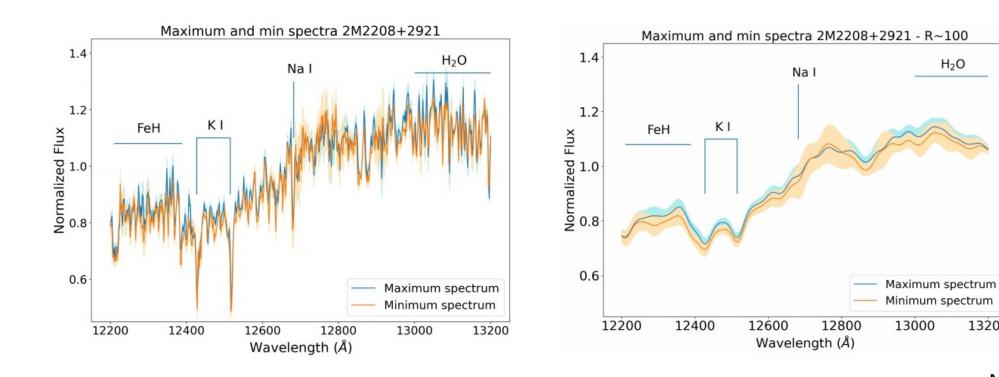
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Future outlook

- JWST + VLTs+ ELTs will give us more, better data; expect to be surprised
 - It's not the data, it's your model!
- Updates in RT codes far from done



