



Coronagraphic Imaging with WFIRST

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WFIRST Science

BARYON ACOUSTIC OSCILLATIONS

GRAVITATIONAL LENSING

SUPERNOVAE

LEGACY SCIENCE WITH SURVEYS

The central graphic is a large rectangle with a background image of a galaxy cluster. It contains four text boxes: "BARYON ACOUSTIC OSCILLATIONS" (top left), "GRAVITATIONAL LENSING" (top right), "SUPERNOVAE" (bottom left), and "LEGACY SCIENCE WITH SURVEYS" (vertical text on the right side).

MICROLENSING CENSUS

The "Microensing Census" graphic is a square with a background image of a star field. It contains the text "MICROLENSING CENSUS" in the center.

exoplanet
beta pictoris b

beta pictoris

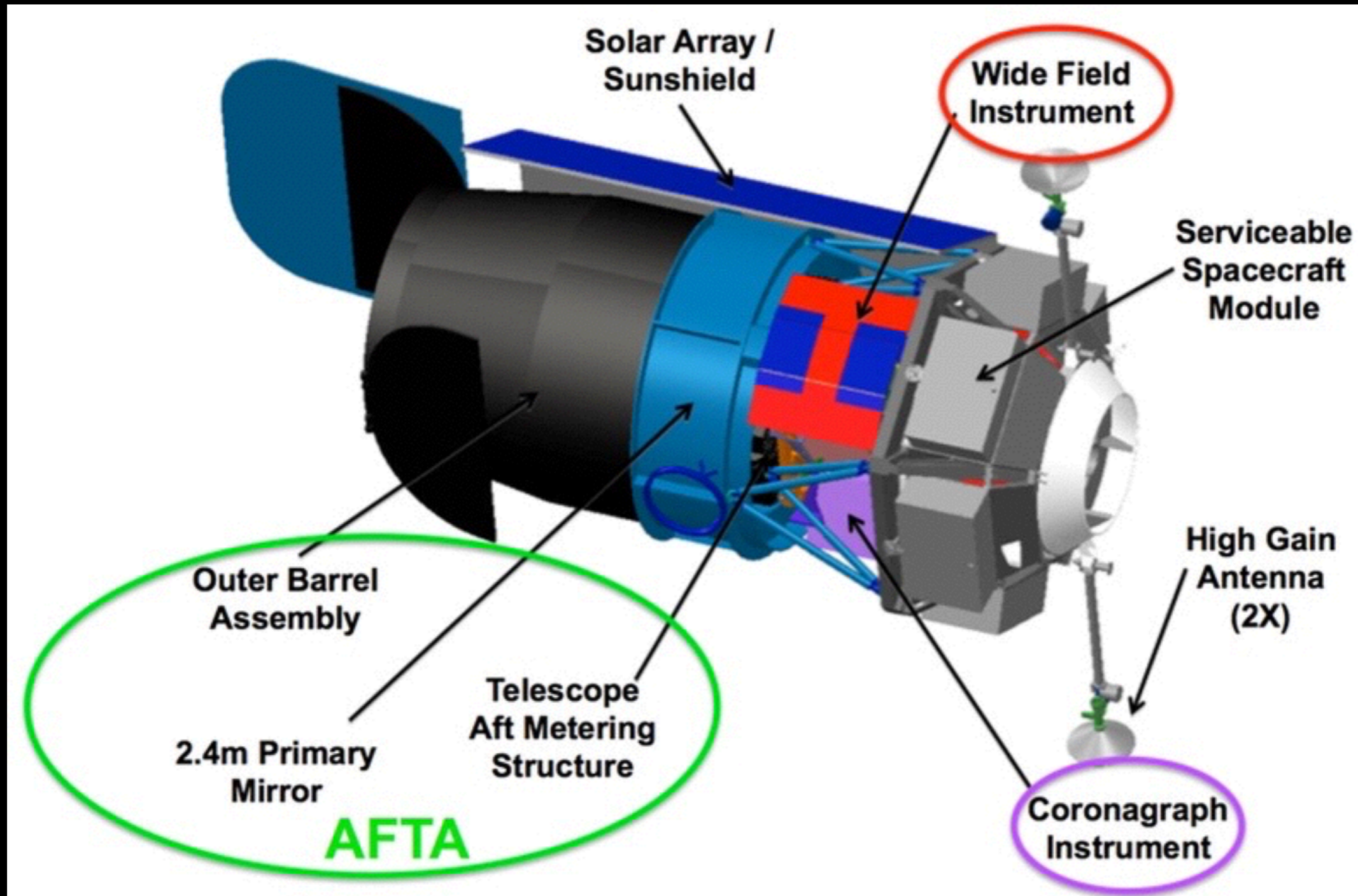
CORONAGRAPHY

6 AU

The "Coronagraphy" graphic is a square with a blue background image of a star and planet. It contains the text "exoplanet beta pictoris b", "beta pictoris", "CORONAGRAPHY", and "6 AU" with a scale bar.

GUEST OBSERVER PROGRAM

The "Guest Observer Program" graphic is a square with a background image of a satellite. It contains the text "GUEST OBSERVER PROGRAM" in the center.





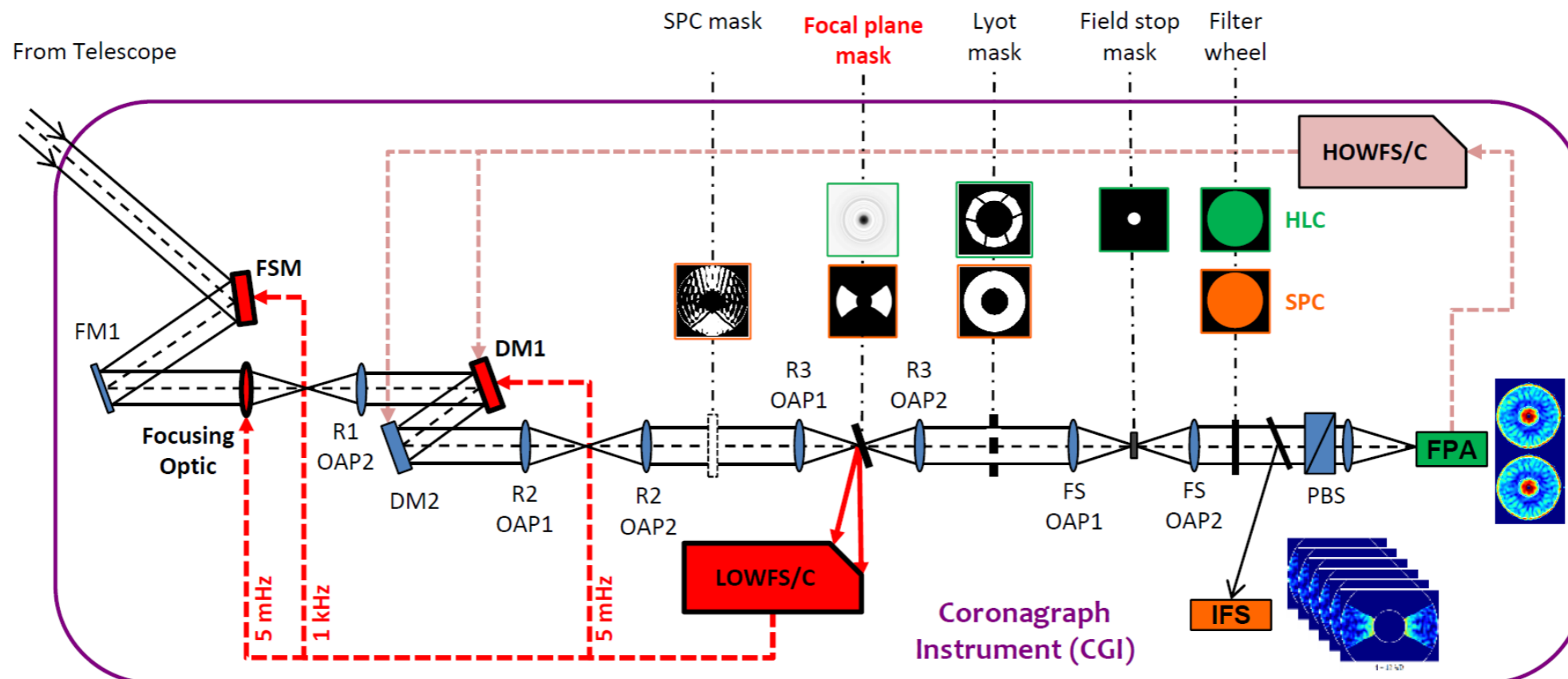
Internal Coronagraph Basics



WFIRST CGI



- Brown lines in upper right: Speckle Control via deformable mirrors
- Red lines in lower left: Low Order WaveFront Sensor (LOWFS) and control of tip-tilt, focus, astigmatism, and coma
- Select combinations of masks to make an SPC or HLC coronagraph for various wavelength bands

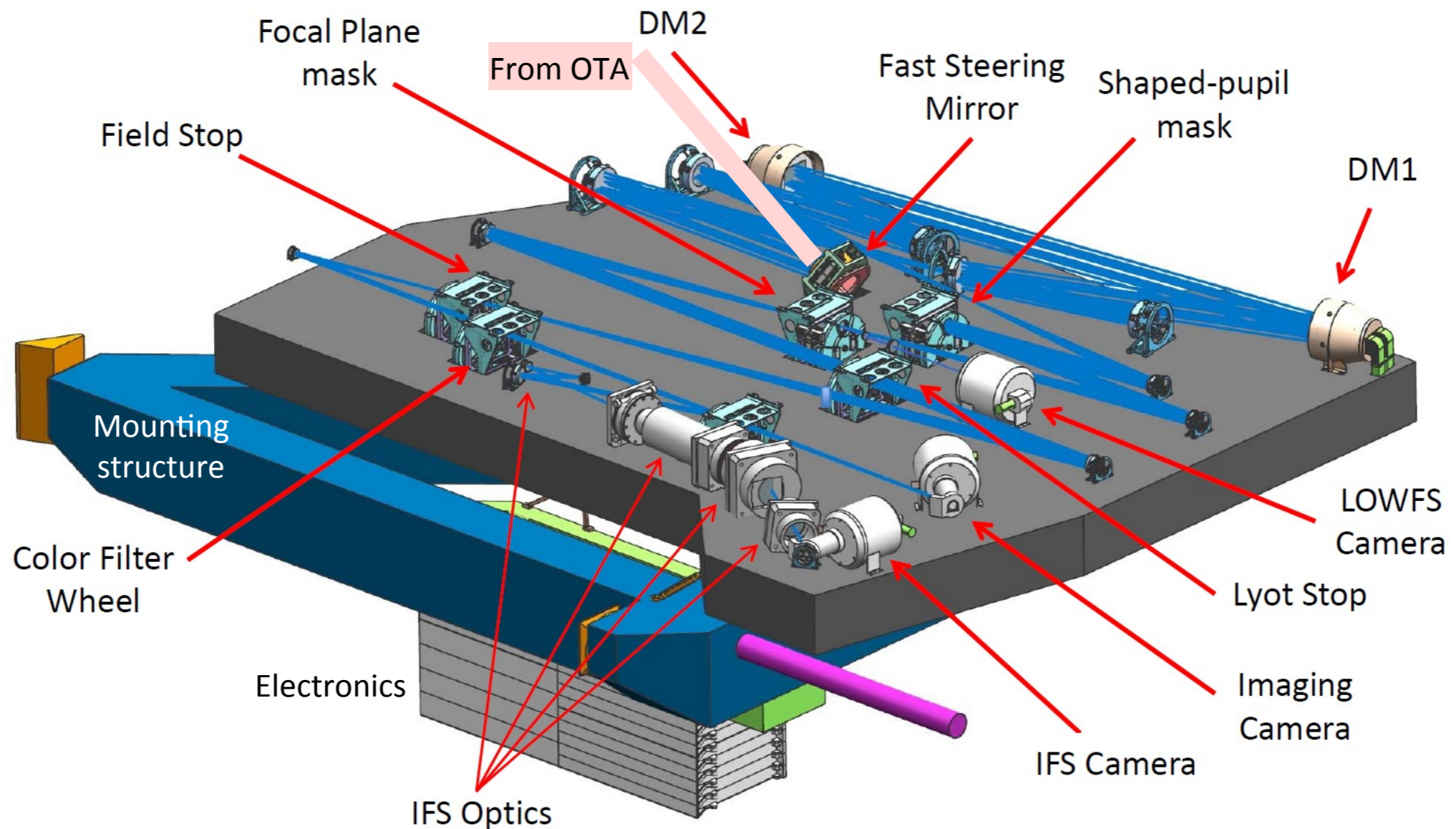




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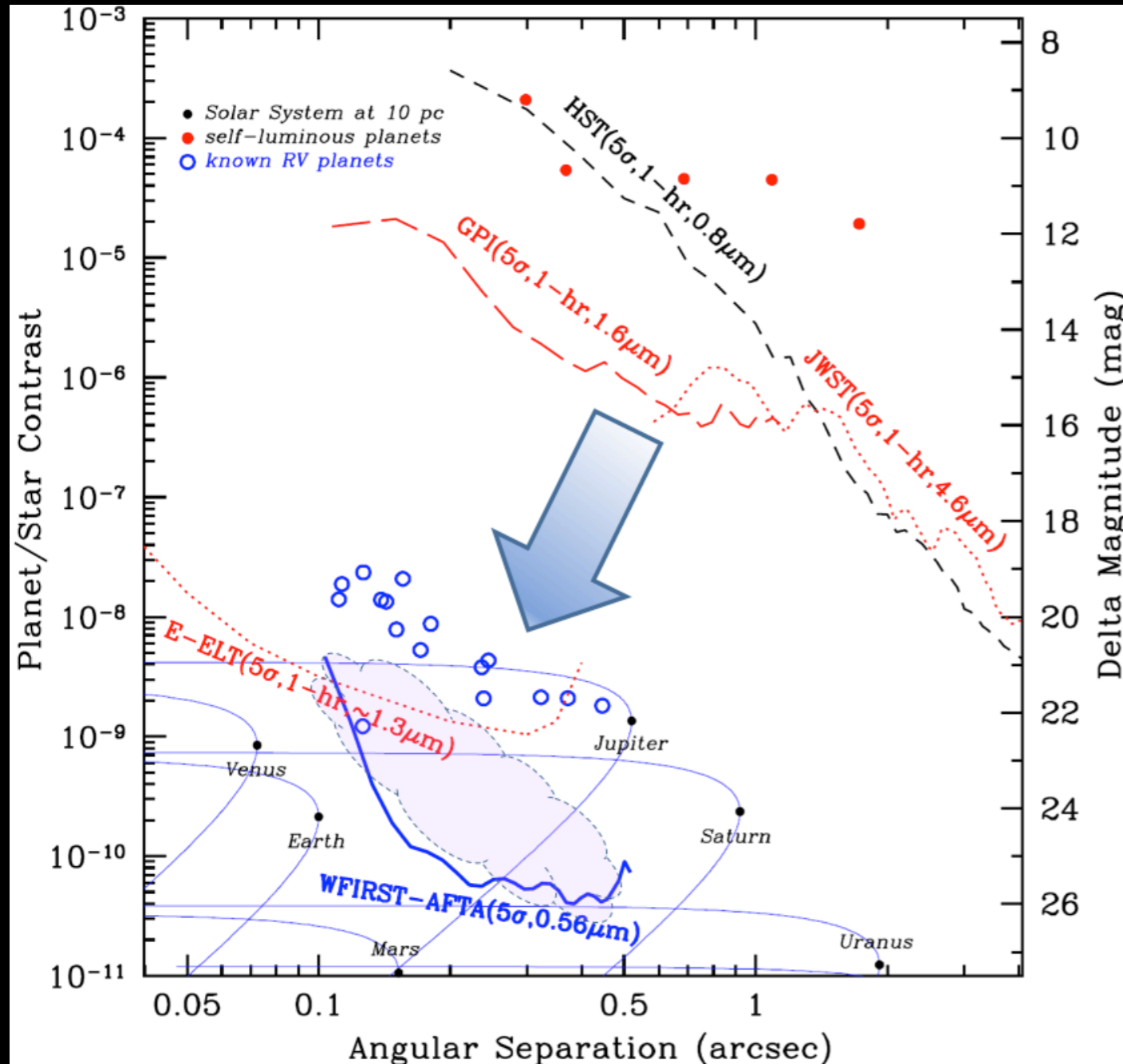
- Drawing of the coronagraph optical bench layout
 - Beam from telescope enters in the middle of the table



Credit: JPL WFIRST CGI Team



CGI Performance



- Technology Demonstration
- Broadband Imaging (430-970 nm)
- $R \sim 70$ spectroscopy (600-970 nm)
- Polarimetric Capabilities



High-Level Science Goals: Planets

- Detect planets spanning a range of physical properties, probing populations beyond the limits of current surveys
- Use photometry to provide initial discriminators for the nature of the planet and explore planetary diversity
- Use spectroscopy to explore mass-metallicity relationship and cloud/haze formation



High-Level Science Goals: Disks

- Directly image and resolve scattered light from exo-zodi
- Measure optical properties of disk/zodi to put constraints on grain properties
- Determine spatial disk structure and link to planet formation
- Understand diversity of disk/zodi systems through multi-band photometry

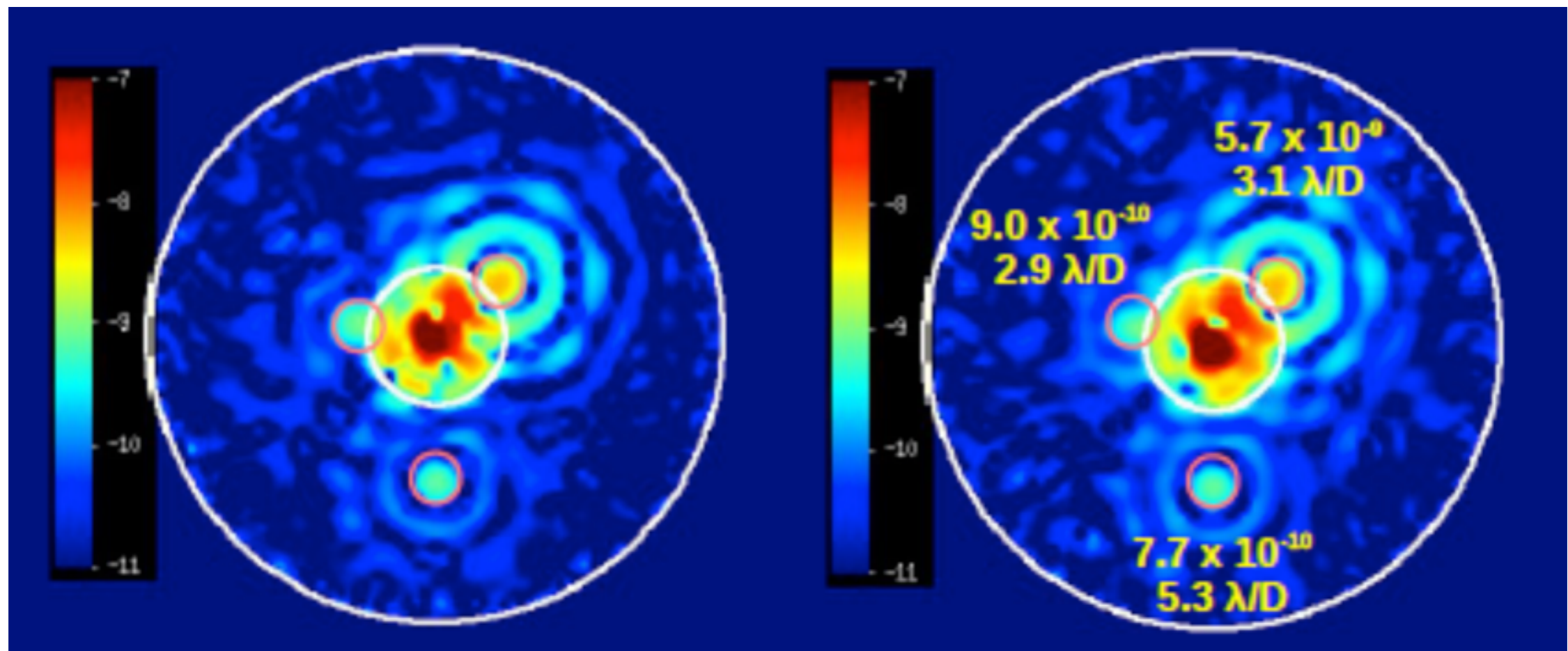


Planet Detection: Is There a Planet in My Data?



Planet Search Mode

Hybrid Lyot Mode





Post Processing

RDI

ADI

Without LOWFC

Without LOWFC

Noiseless

Noisy

Noiseless

Noisy

With LOWFC

With LOWFC

Noiseless

Noisy

Noiseless

Noisy

8×10^{-10}

6×10^{-10}

4×10^{-10}

2×10^{-10}

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Techniques and Lessons Learned From Ground and Space

- See Talk by Mawet:

http://nexsci.caltech.edu/workshop/2016/Sagan2016_mawet_v2.pdf

- See Talk by Pueyo:

<http://nexsci.caltech.edu/workshop/2016/Sagan2016Pueyo2.pdf>



Planet Characterization: What Kind of Planet is in My Data?



WFIRST CGI Exoplanet Yields

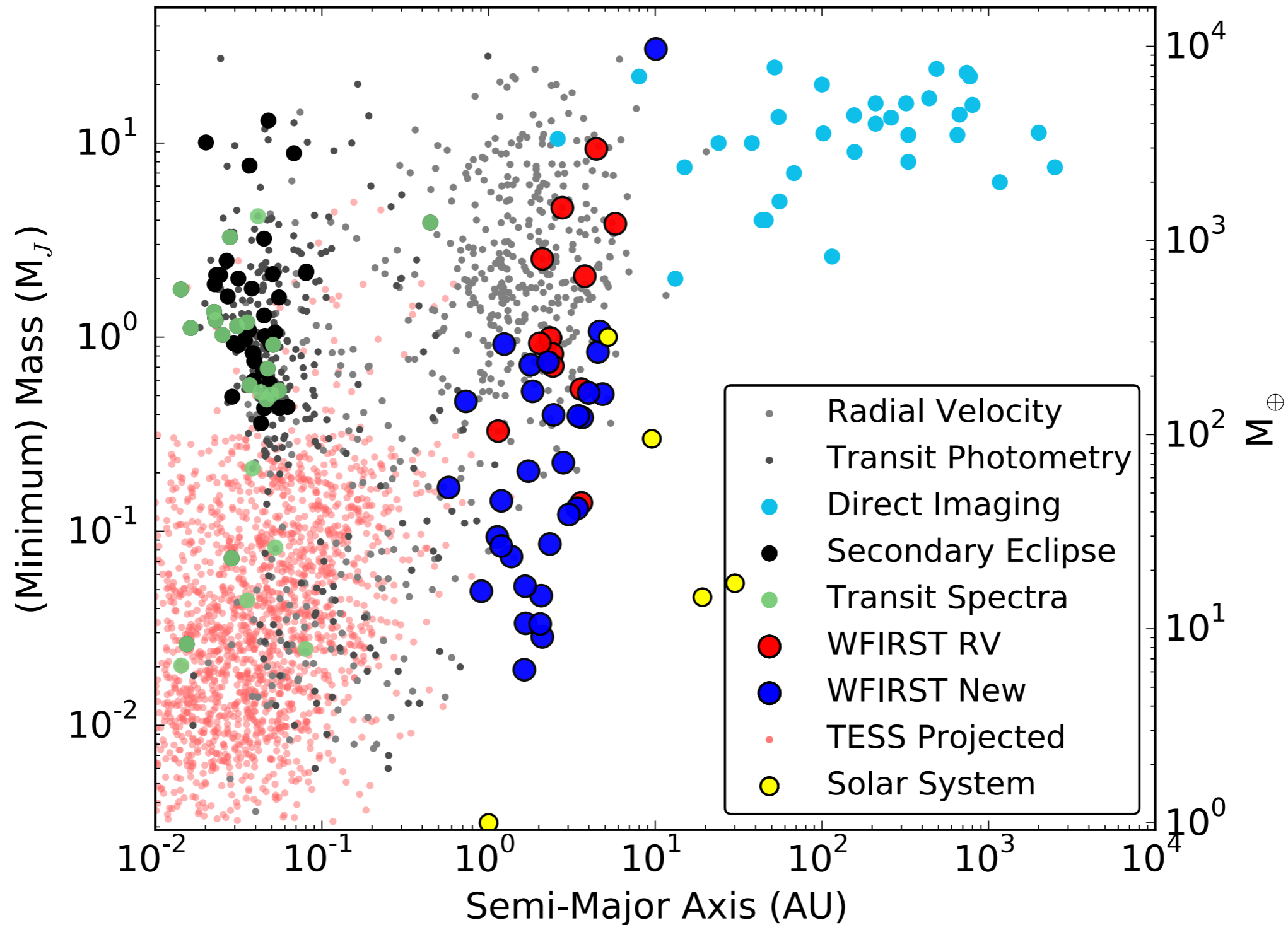


Figure Credit: D. Savransky/Eric Neilsen

Planets Around Other Targets: WFIRST Bands

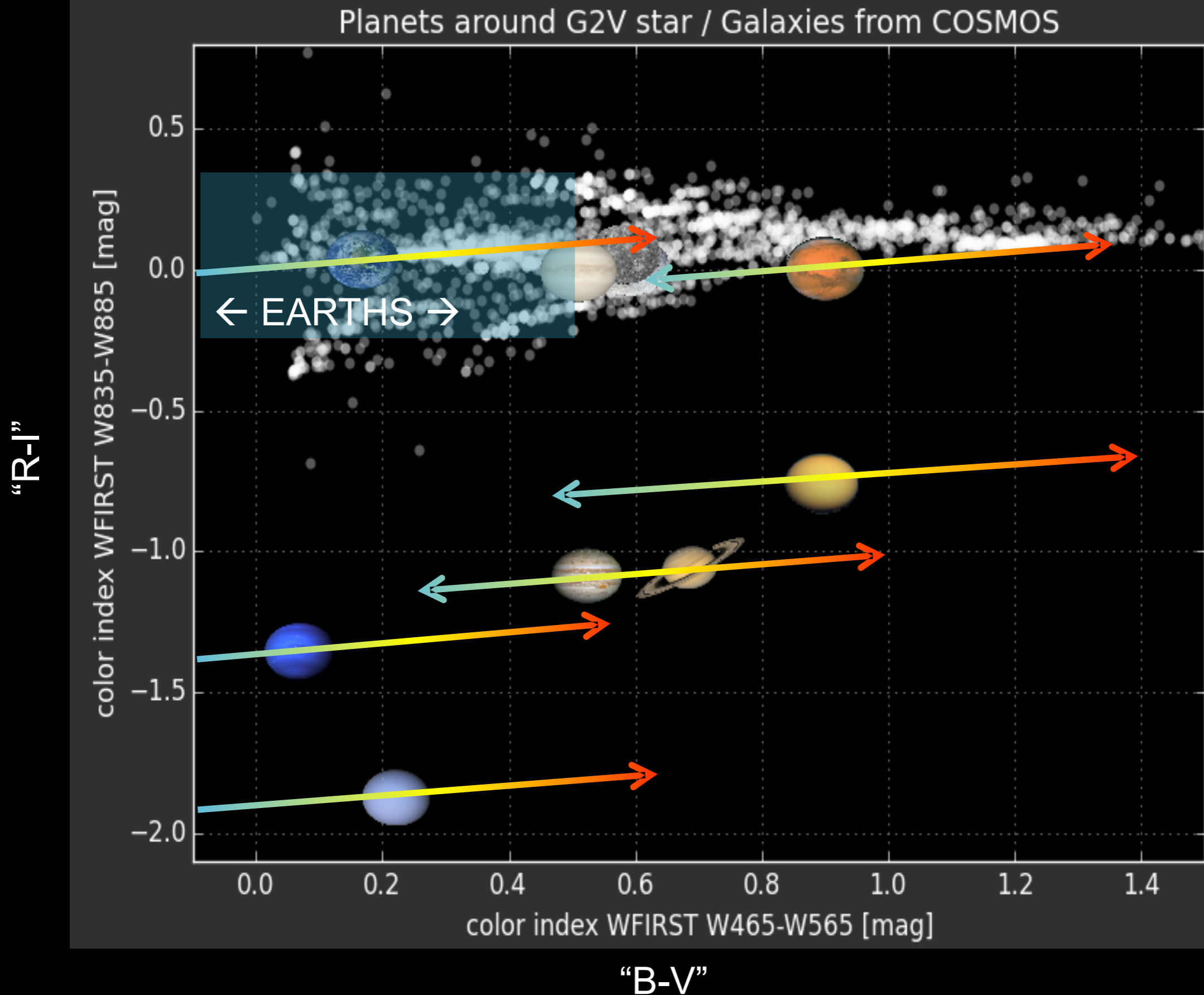
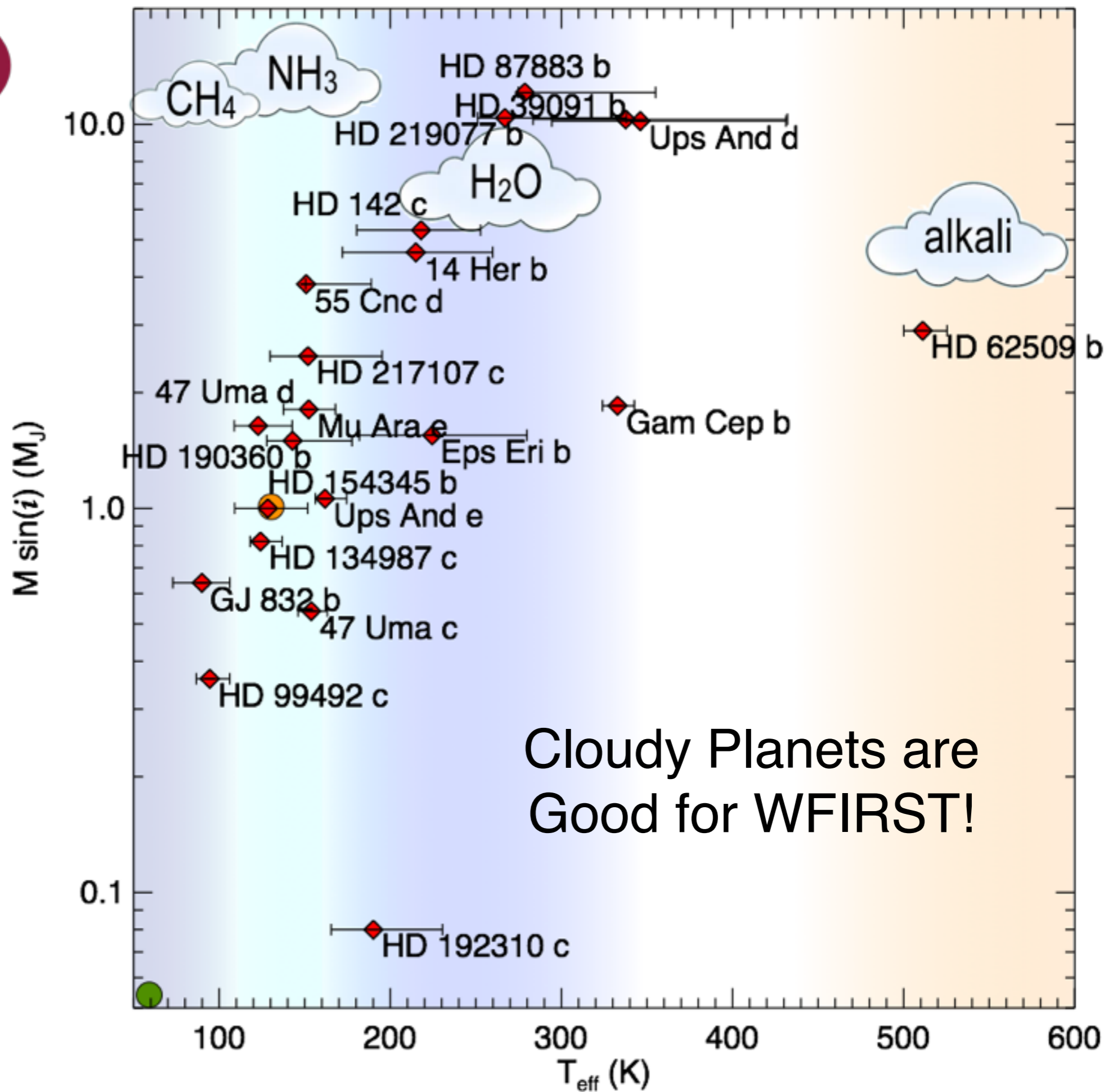
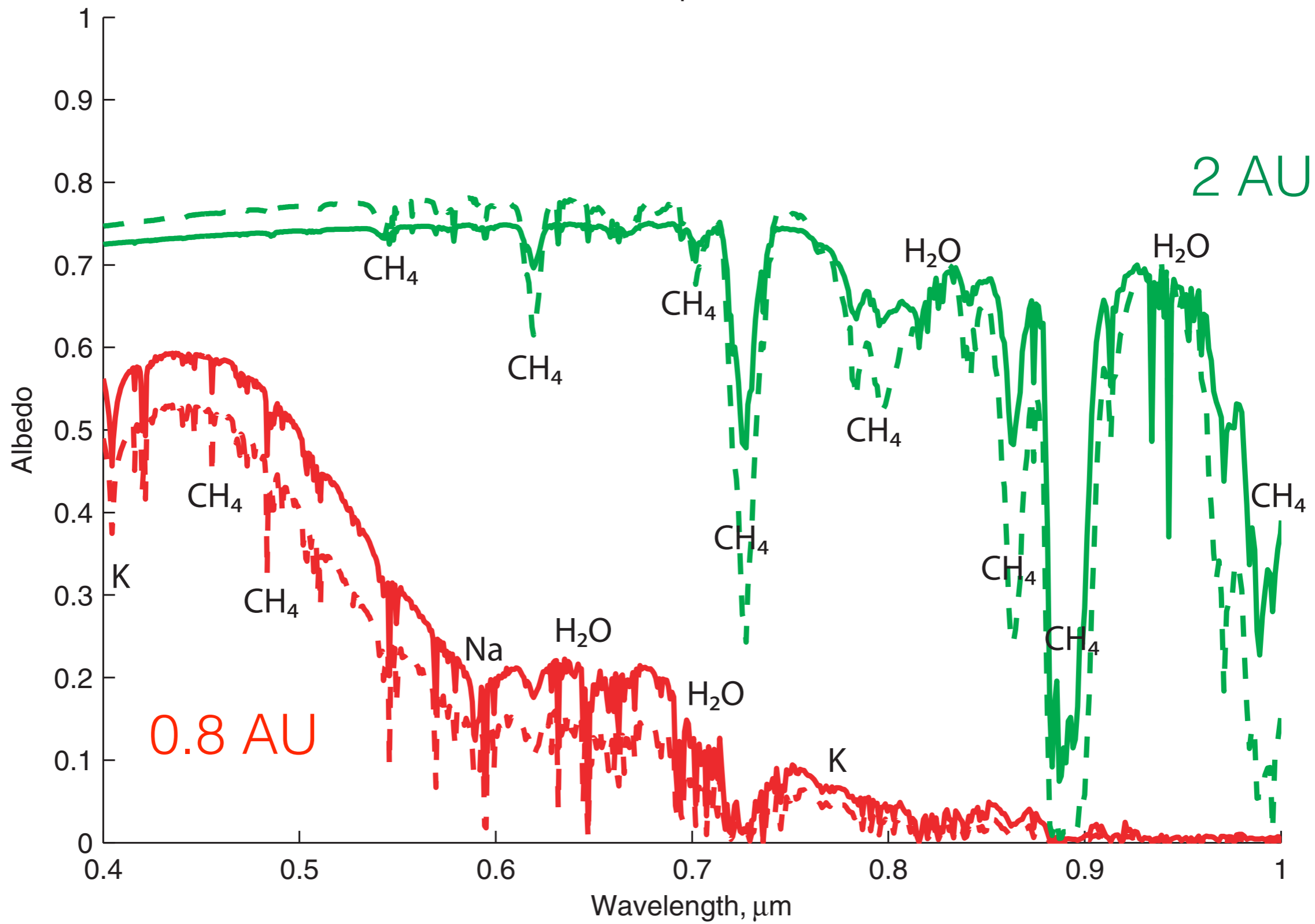


Figure by M. Turnbull

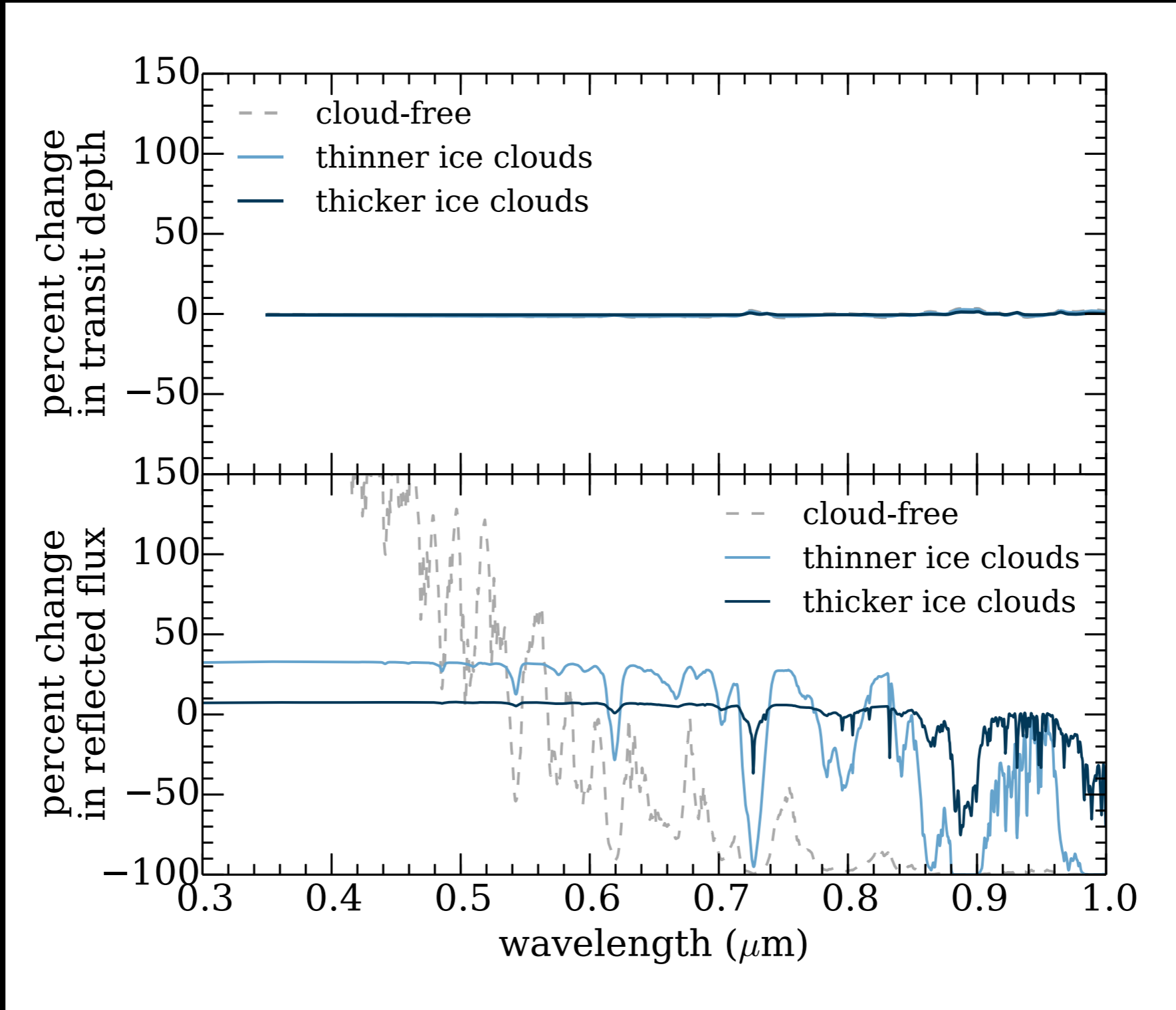


Jupiter





Super-Earths in Reflected Light

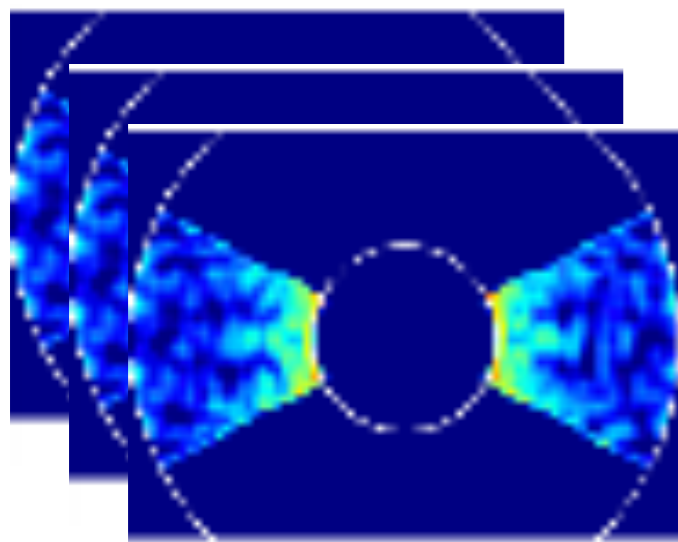




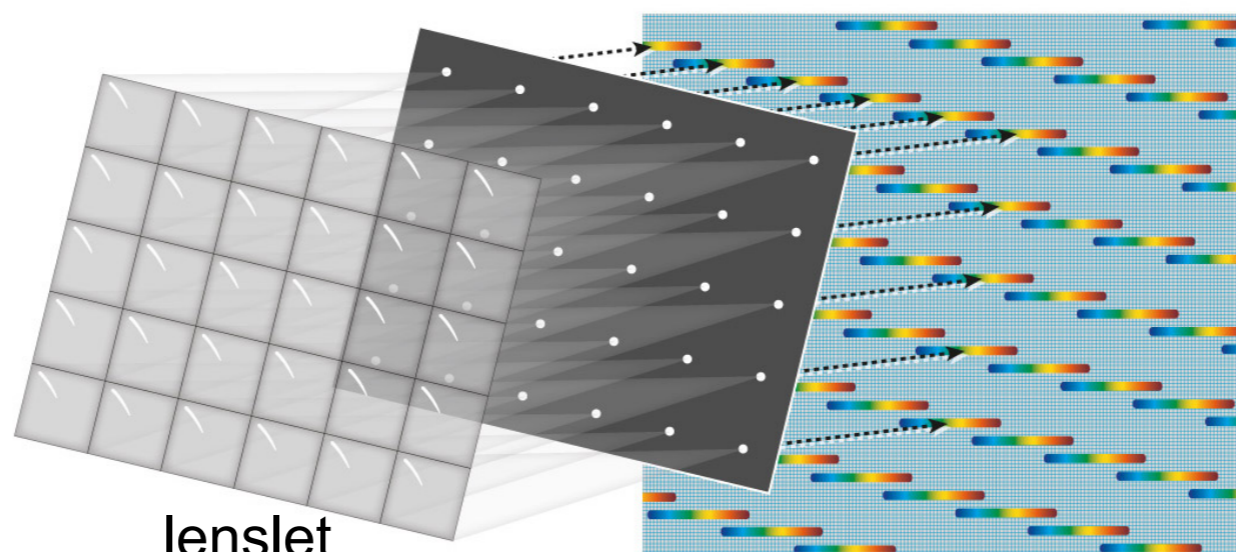
Planet Spectroscopy Mode

Shaped Pupil Spectroscopy Mode

The IFS uses 3 18% bands to produce an R=70 spectra from 600 to 970 nm



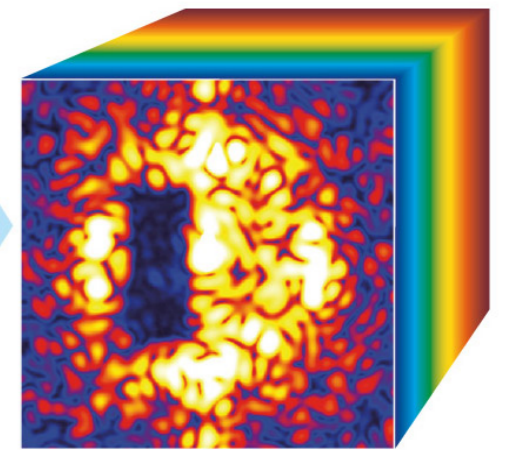
SPC images in 3 18% bands



lenslet array

pinhole mask

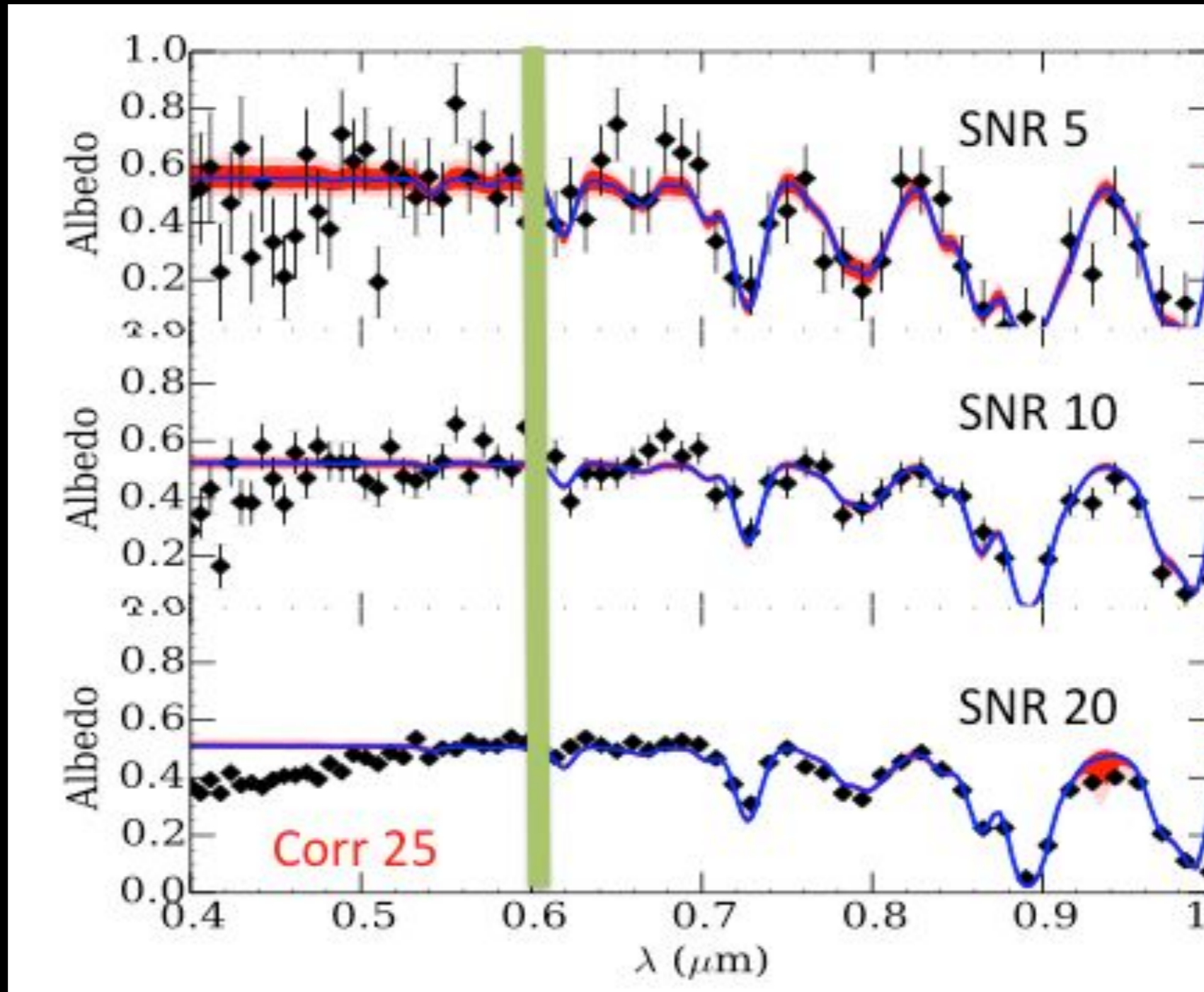
dispersed lenslet images



extracted data cube

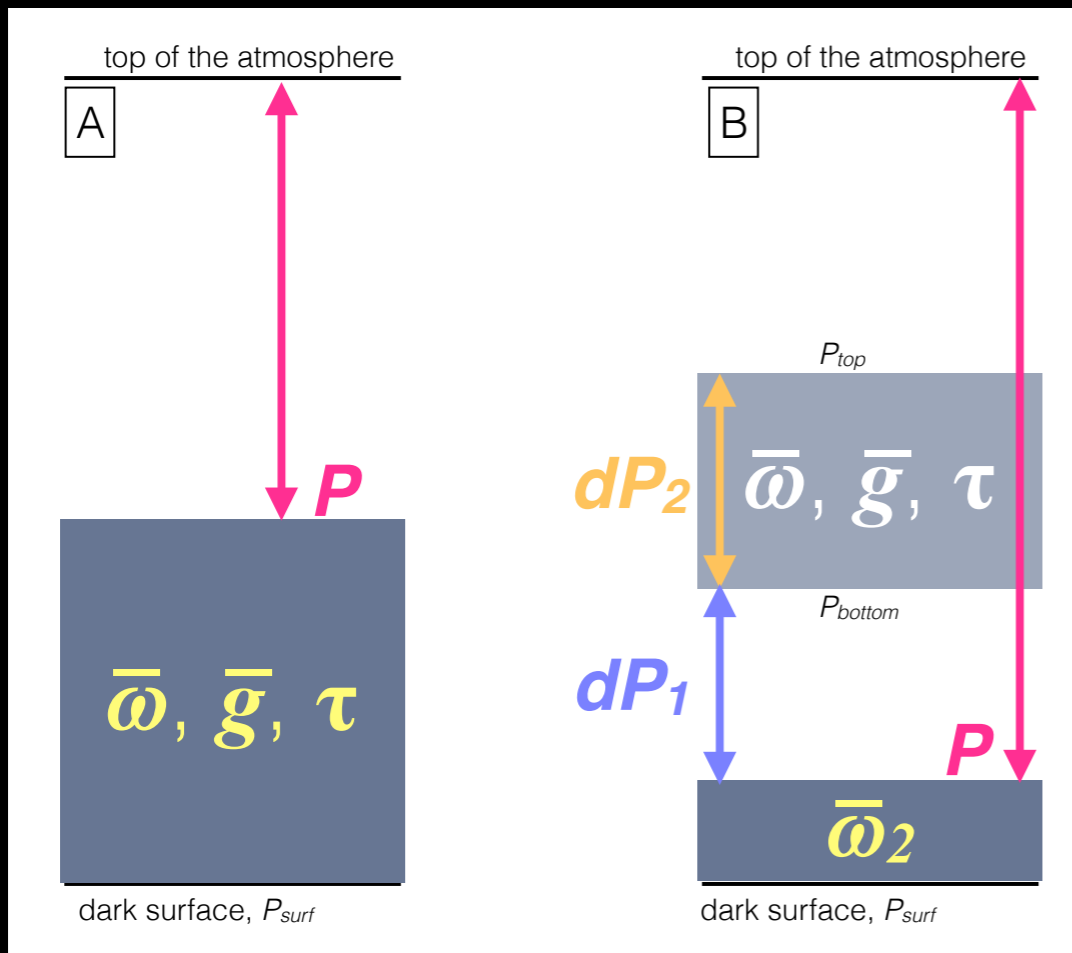


WFIRST CGI Spectra

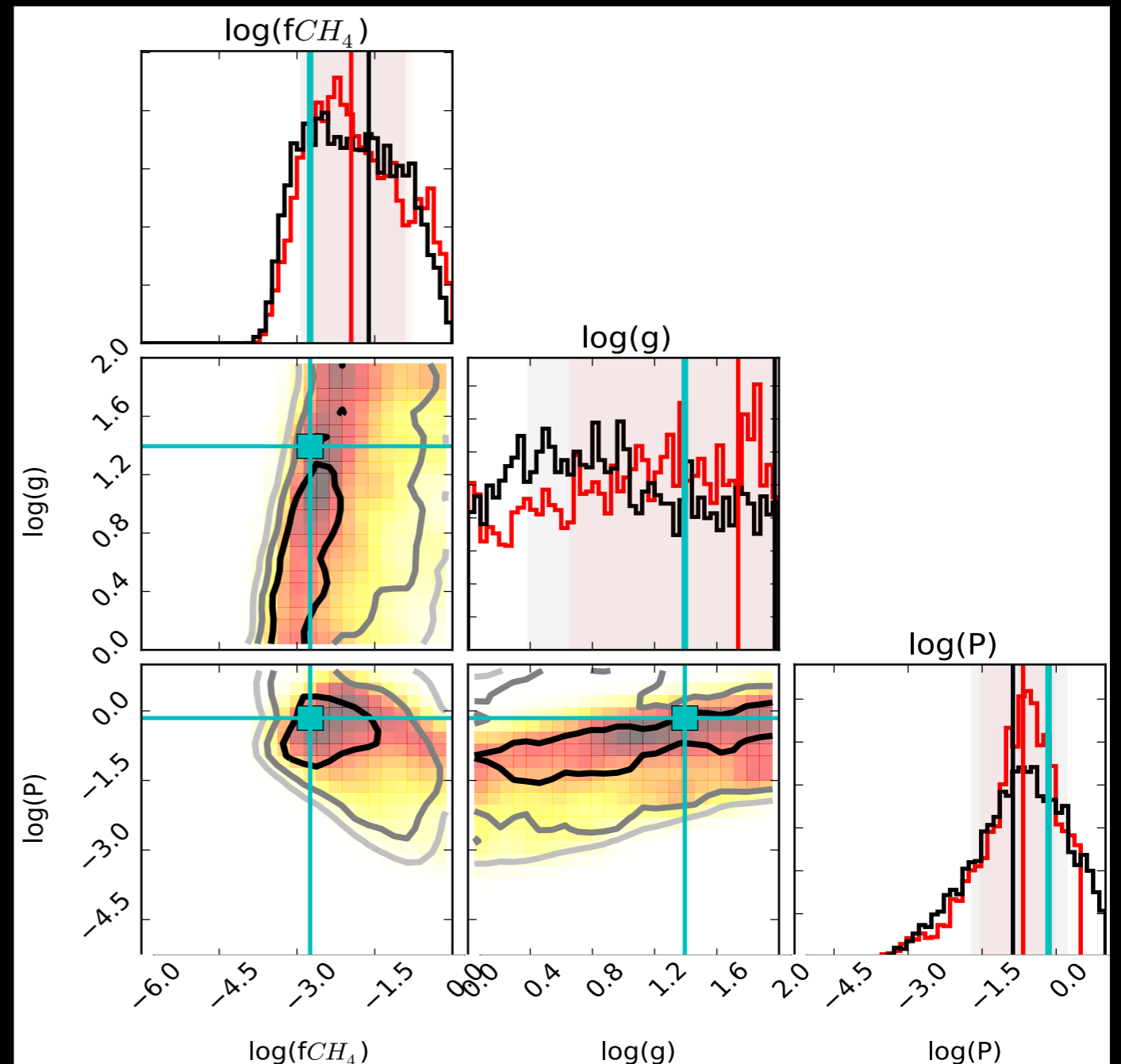


Lupu et al. (2016)

Atmospheric Retrieval Studies



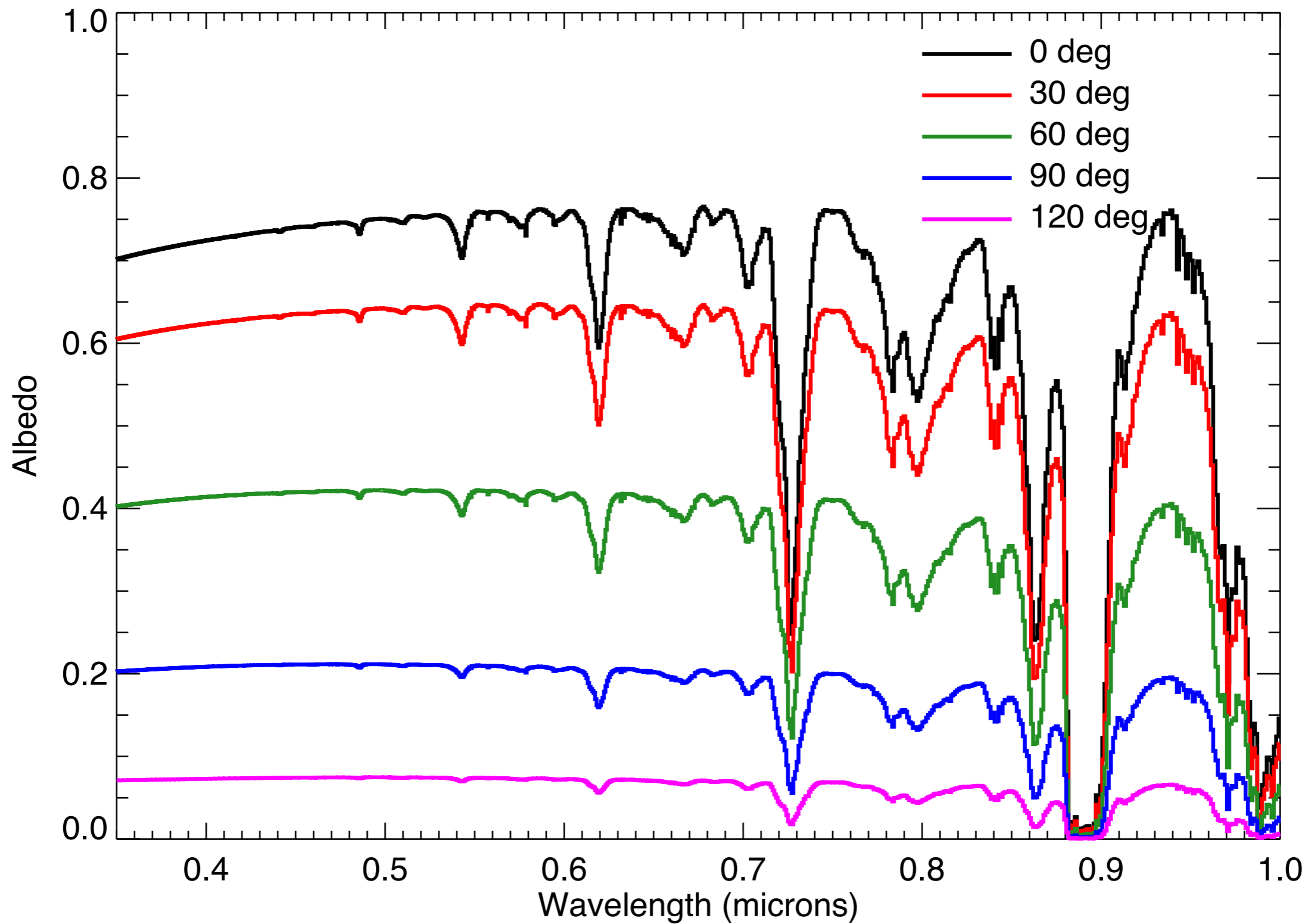
- Methane Abundance
- Surface Gravity
- Cloud/Haze Properties





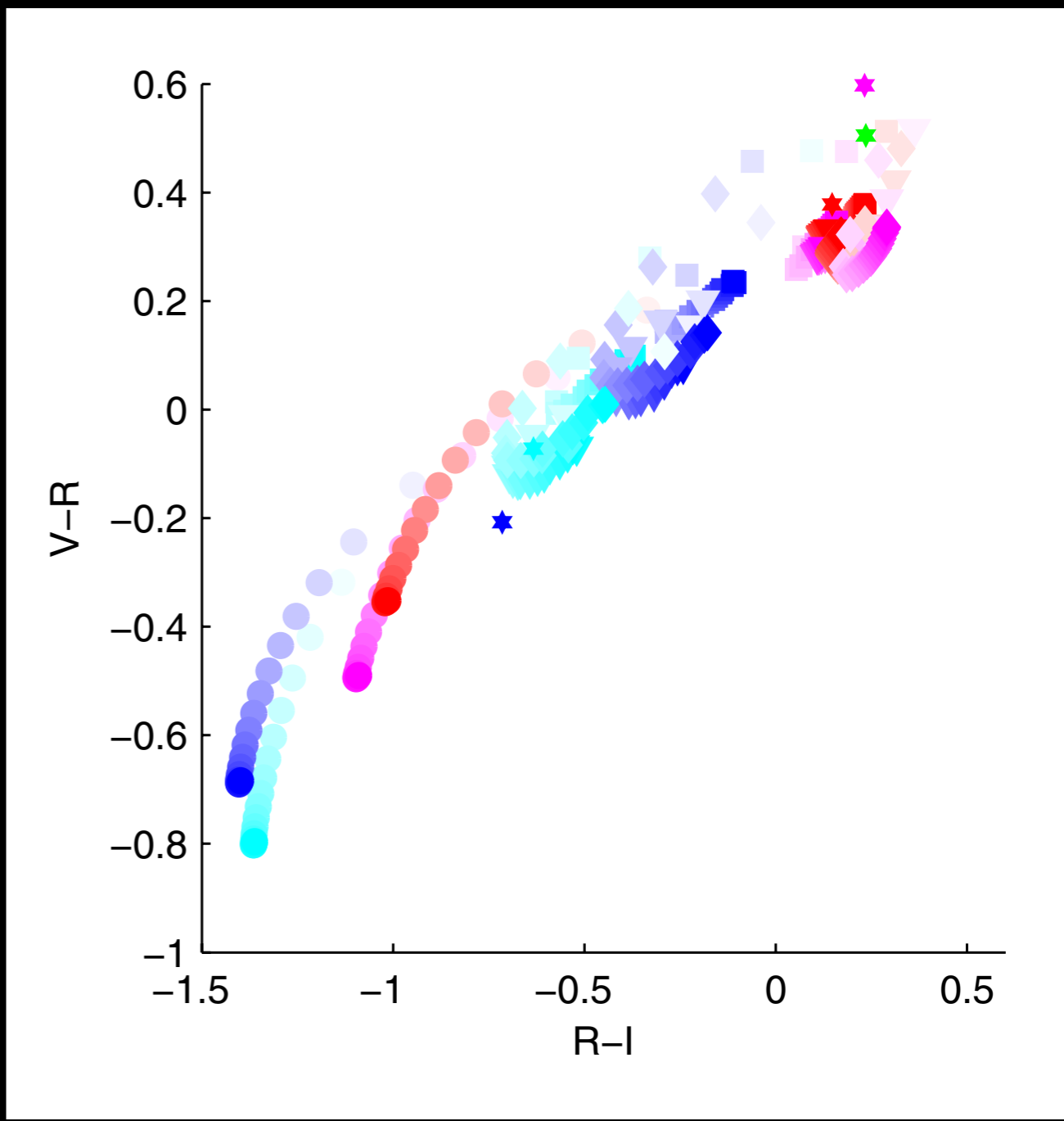
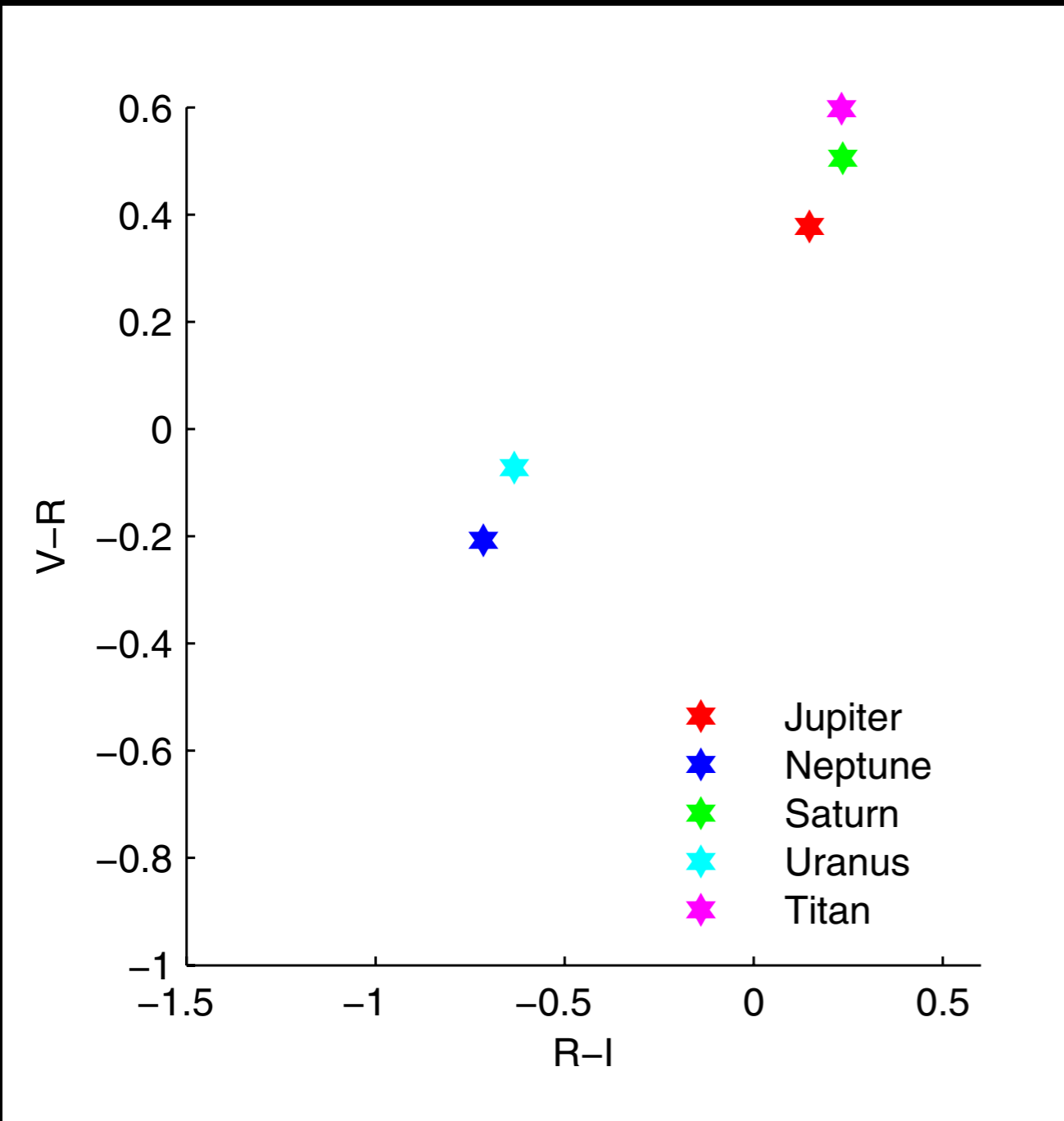
Orbital Phase Matters!!!







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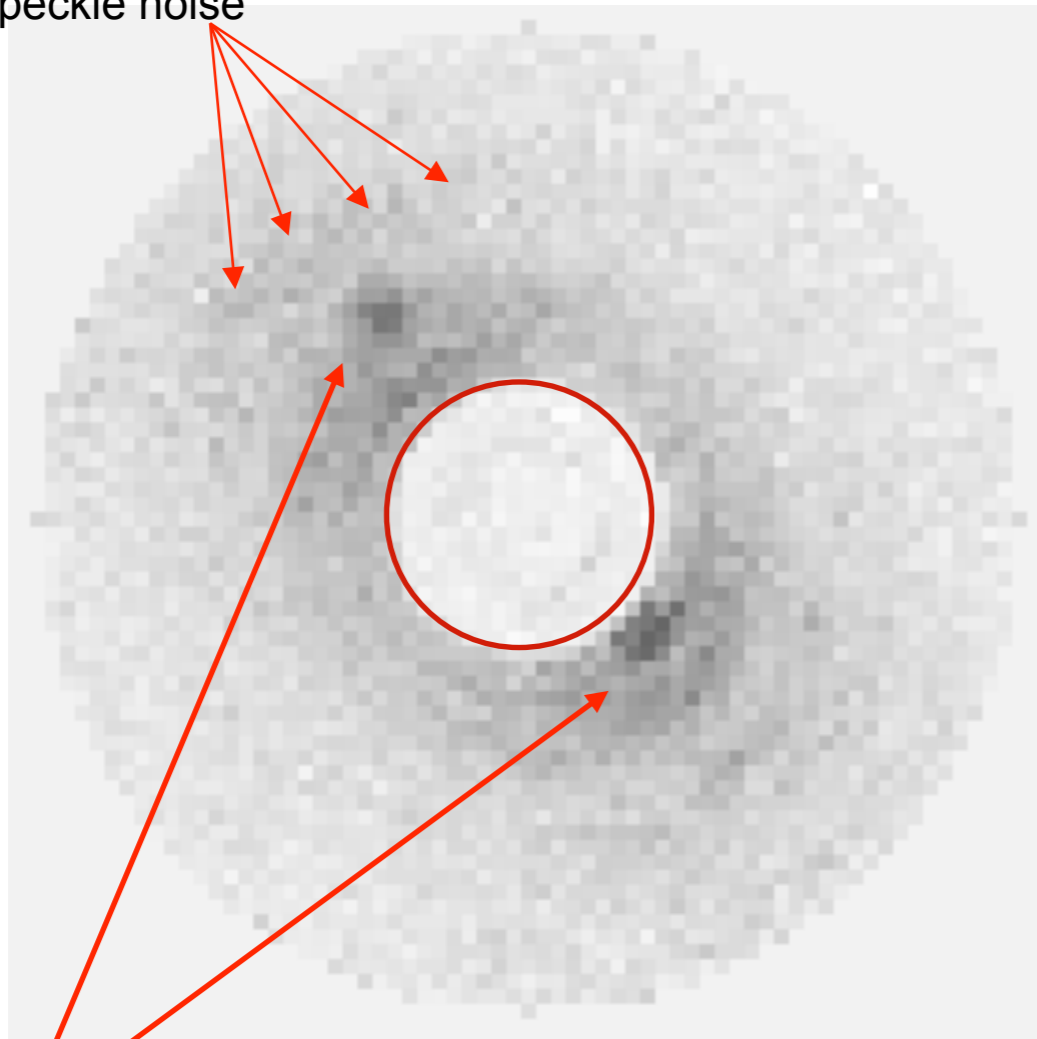


Disk Detection and Characterization

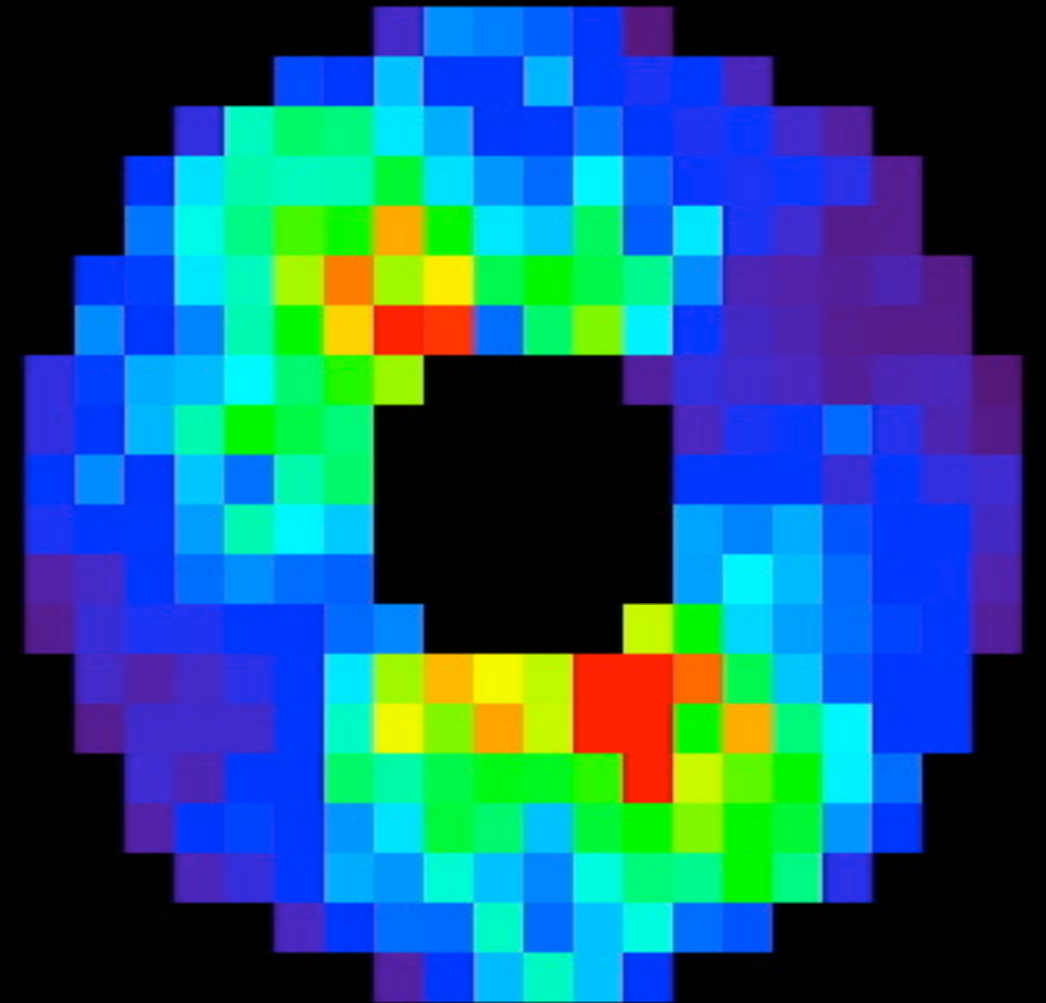


Exozodi

Residual speckle noise



Disk is detected at low SNR in multiple resolution elements,
Planets b (2.1 AU) and c (3.6 AU) are easily seen

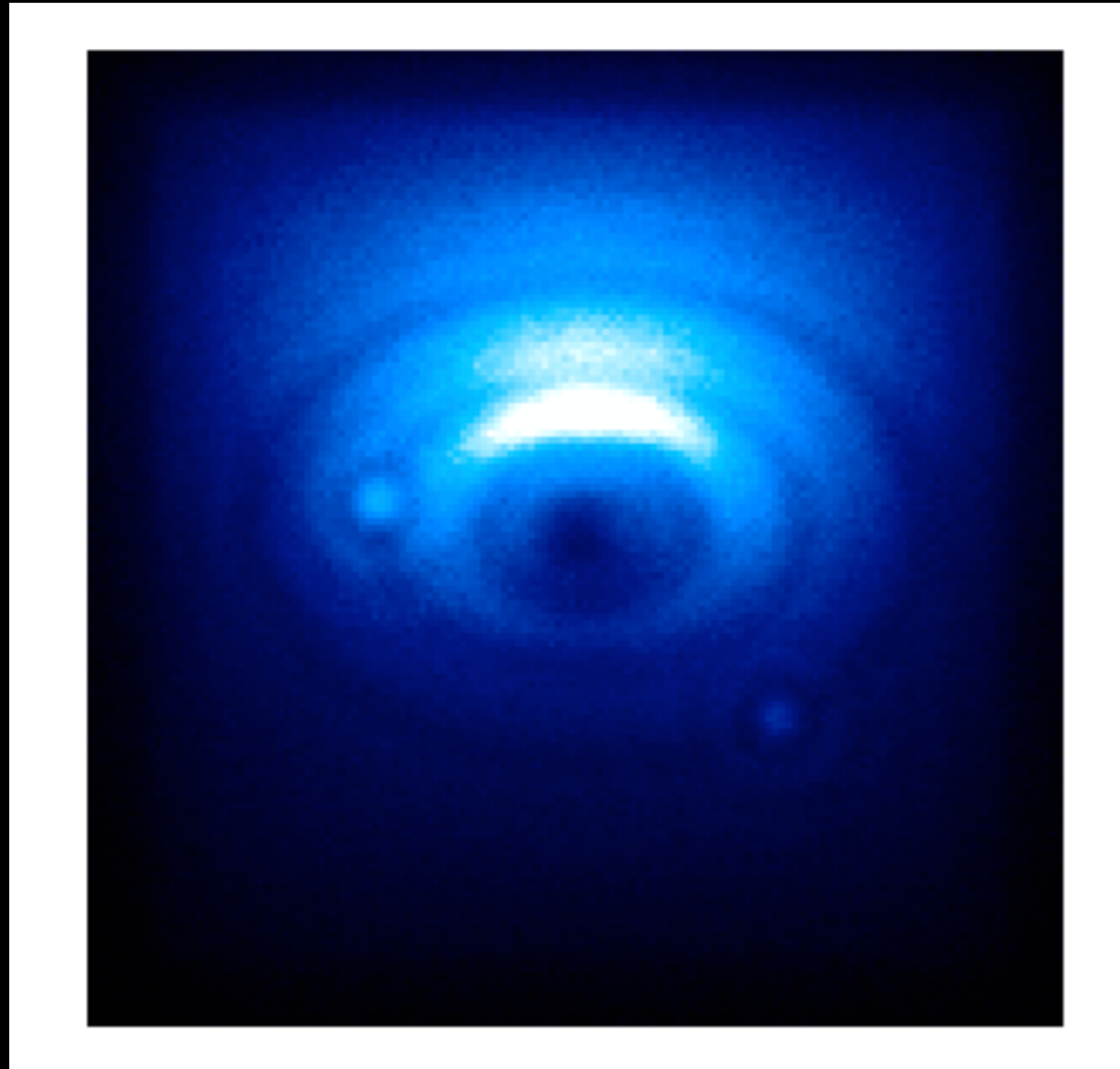


Binned SNR map
(peak SNR=15)

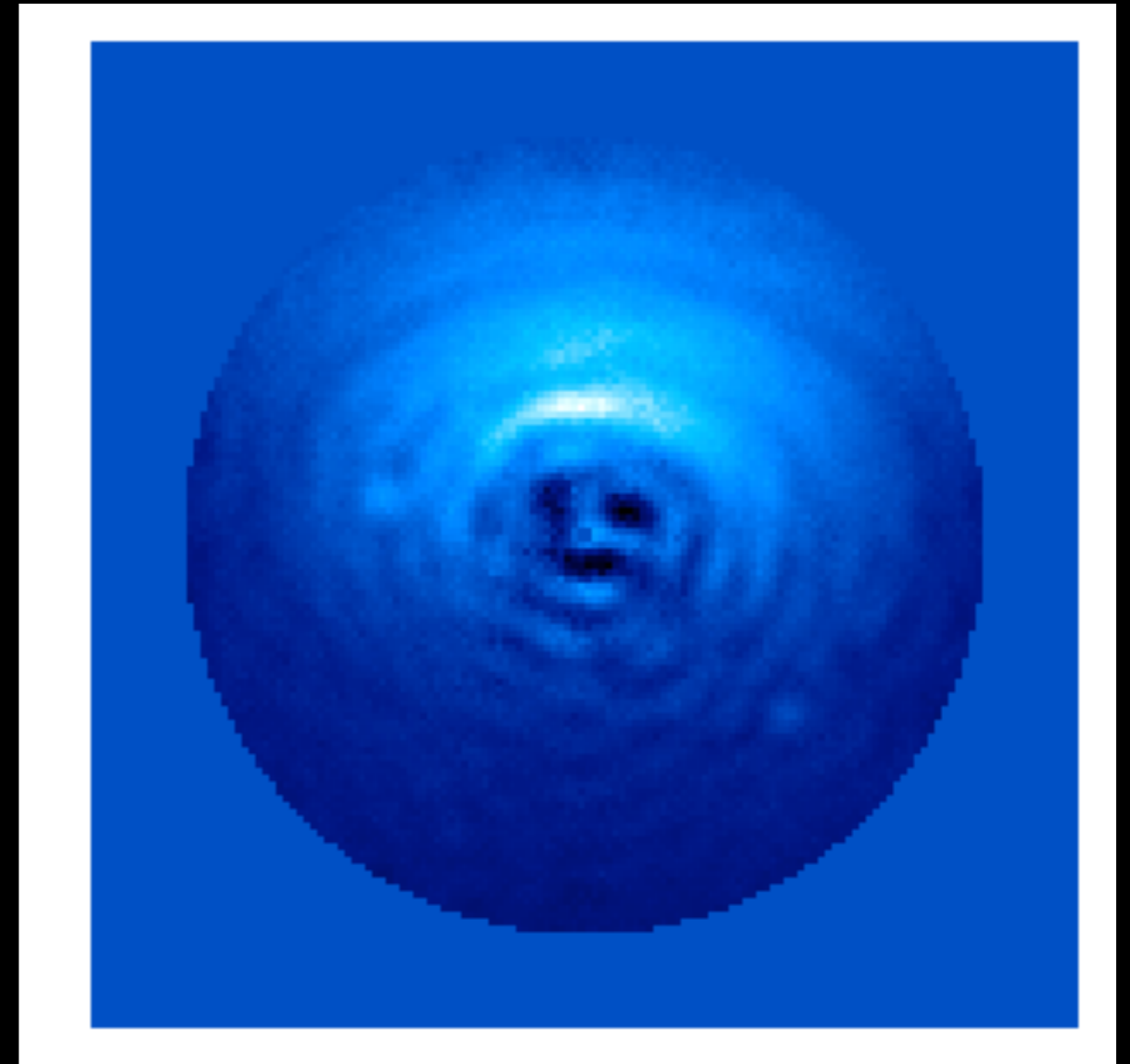
47 UMa + 30 zodi



Gaps in Disks



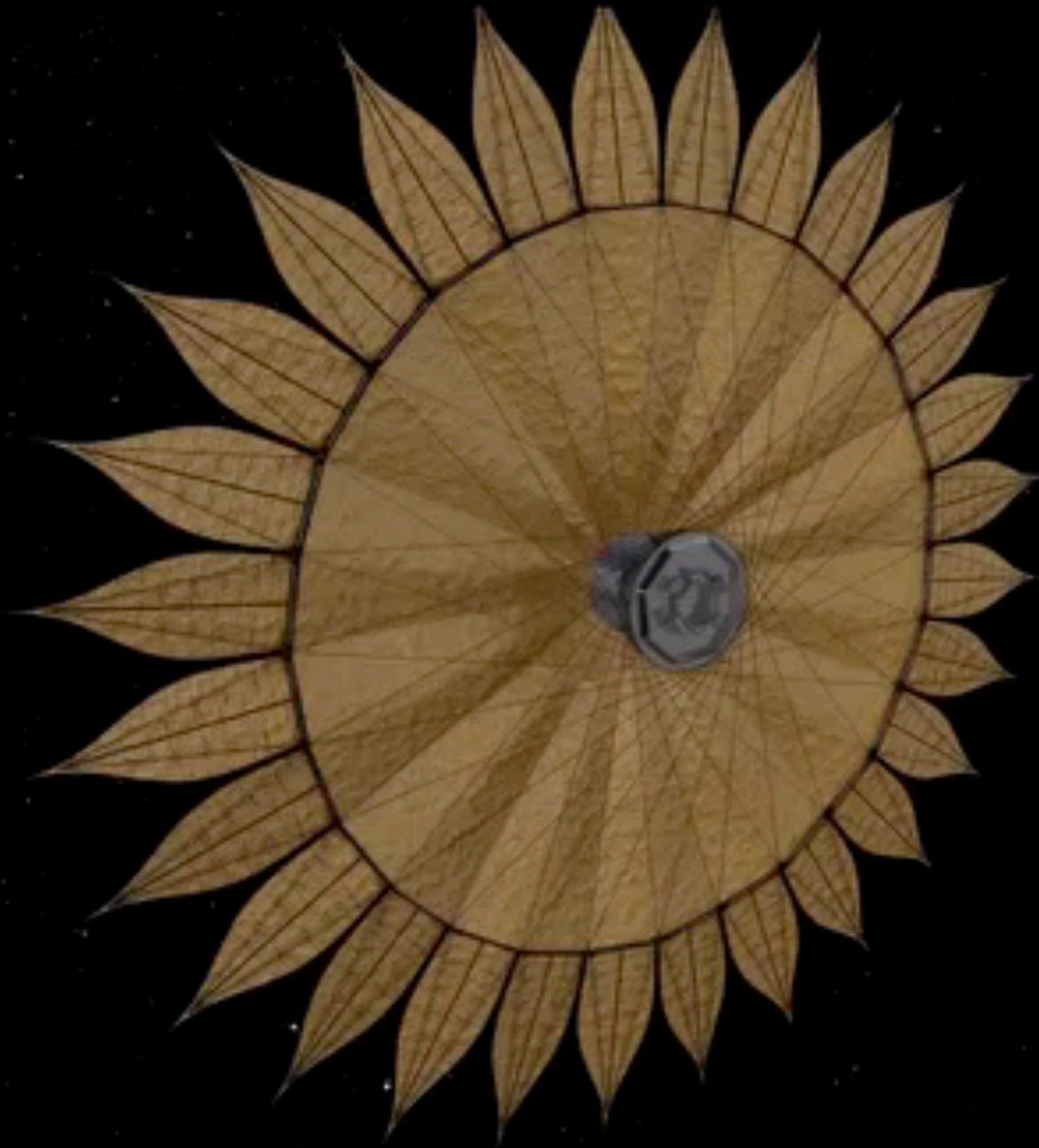
Original Scene



Original Scene as Viewed
with WFIRST CGI



WFIRST + Starshade



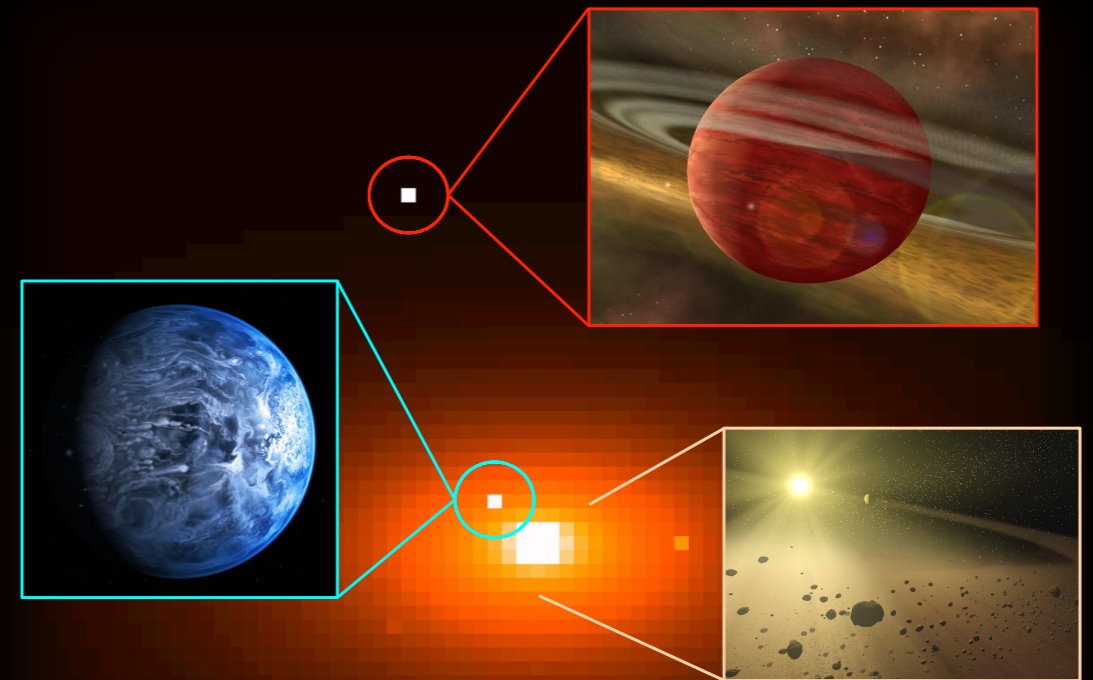
Studying
Other Worlds
with the Help of a
Starshade





Opportunities

Turnbull SIT Data Challenges



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WFIRST Exoplanet Data Challenge 2016

Goal is to Conduct “Blind” Spectral Retrieval Studies, including In-House and Community Data Challenges.

- use assembled spectra and cubes for “blind” studies
- test extraction algorithms to find everything
- test modelers’ ability to retrieve own models
- test inter-team differences
- include placebos and non-planets
- map science yield vs spectral resolution and SNR
- start with noisy spectra and add complexity gradually
- **FIRST DATA CHALLENGE:
AUGUST 2016**





First Spectral Retrieval Challenge

1. Opening/Closing Dates: August 15 – November 15, 2016

Informational Telecons:

Monday July 25, at 3PM EDT = 2pm CDT = 1pm MDT = 12pm PDT

and

Thursday July 28, at 2PM EDT = 1PM CDT = 12pm MDT = 11am PDT

2. Distribute several planet spectra with range of possible planet parameters (temperature, clouds, H₂O, CH₄, NH₄) – both for known RV systems and discovery planets (Hu, Cahoy, Lewis)
3. Include appropriate stellar spectra for division
4. Add instrumental noise
5. Explore SNR at 5-20, R from 25 - 70
6. Distribute via IPAC
7. Interpret findings in terms of parameters relevant to the SRD



Online Resources

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