



# EVAPORATING EXOPLANETS FOR EVERYONE

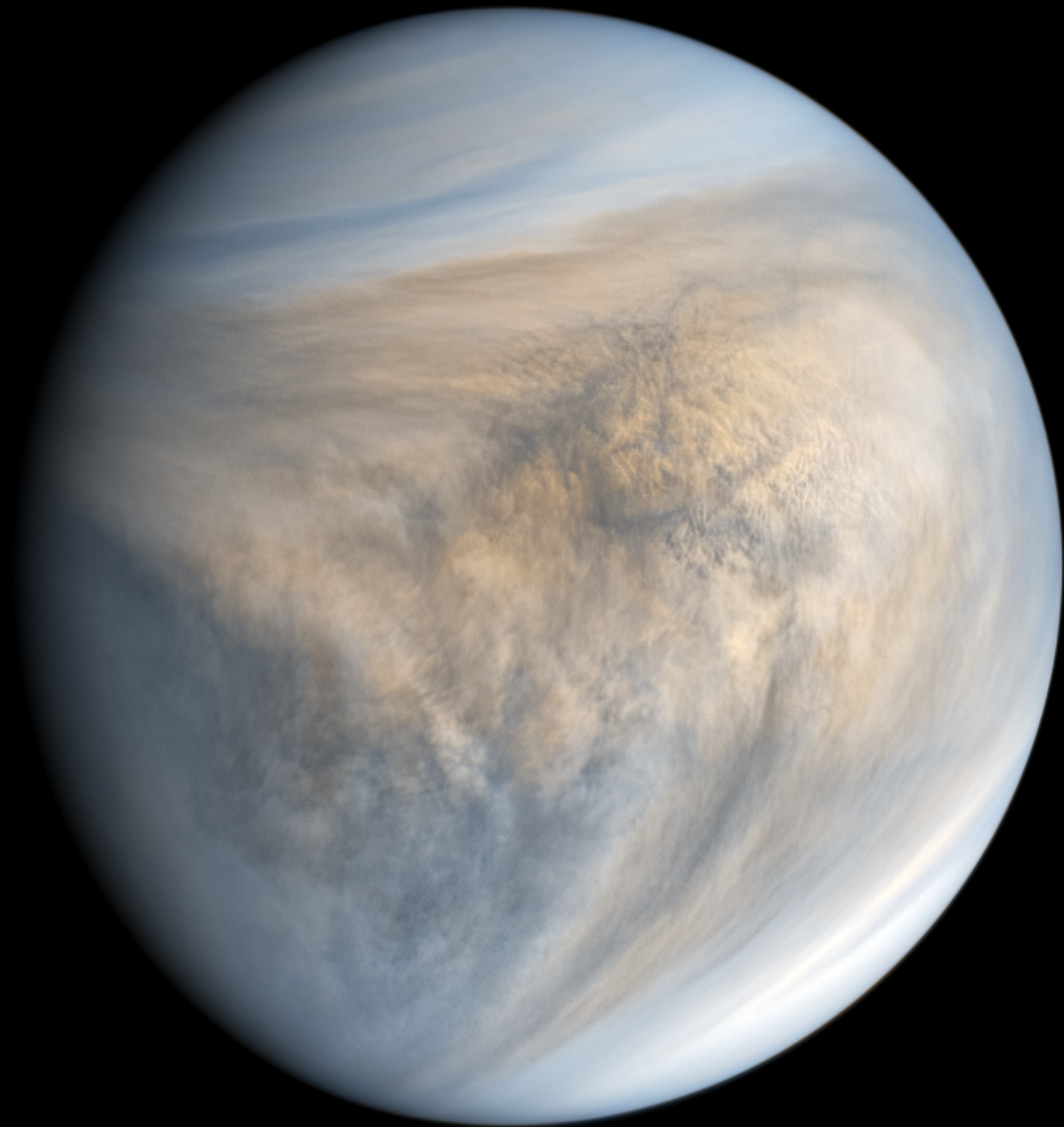
AN OPEN-SOURCE FRAMEWORK TO PLAN AND INTERPRET OBSERVATIONS OF ATMOSPHERIC ESCAPE IN EXOPLANETS

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Cloud structure in the atmosphere of Venus. Credit: JAXA/ISAS/DARTS/Kevin M. Gill



Artist's impression of iron rain in WASP-76b. Credit: ESO/M. Kornmesser (see Ehrenreich et al. 2020, Nature 580)

## **'Hot Jupiters' Leave Theorists in the Cold**

CAPRI, ITALY—It has been just 10 months since a pair of Swiss astronomers first identified a planet orbiting a sunlike star other than our own, but the tally of so-called “exoplanets” has now passed the total of nine familiar planets of our solar system. That mark came earlier this month at the Fifth International Conference on Bioastronomy on this island off the southern Italian coast, where astronomers reported several new sightings, including the first evidence of another multiplanet system around a sunlike star. And with the total steadily growing, researchers are beginning to identify tentative groupings of planet types, one of which, says Geoff Marcy of San Francisco State University, is “a class of planets that is completely unlike the planets in our solar system.”

Within the group of less massive companions in circular orbits, astronomers have been surprised to find a completely new class of planets, which they dubbed “hot Jupiters.” These giant planets are termed hot because their orbits are between 10 and 20 times closer to their parent stars than the Earth is to the sun, and their orbital periods—or “years”—are only a few days long. The original exoplanet, around 51 Pegasi, belongs to this class, and three more have since been discovered orbiting 55 Cancri, Tau Bootis, and Upsilon Andromedae, Marcy and Butler’s most recent find. “55 Cancri and Tau Bootis are close cousins of 51 Pegasi, while Upsilon Andromedae is a real twin,” says Marcy. Within a couple of months Mayor expects to announce four new members of this class, based on observations

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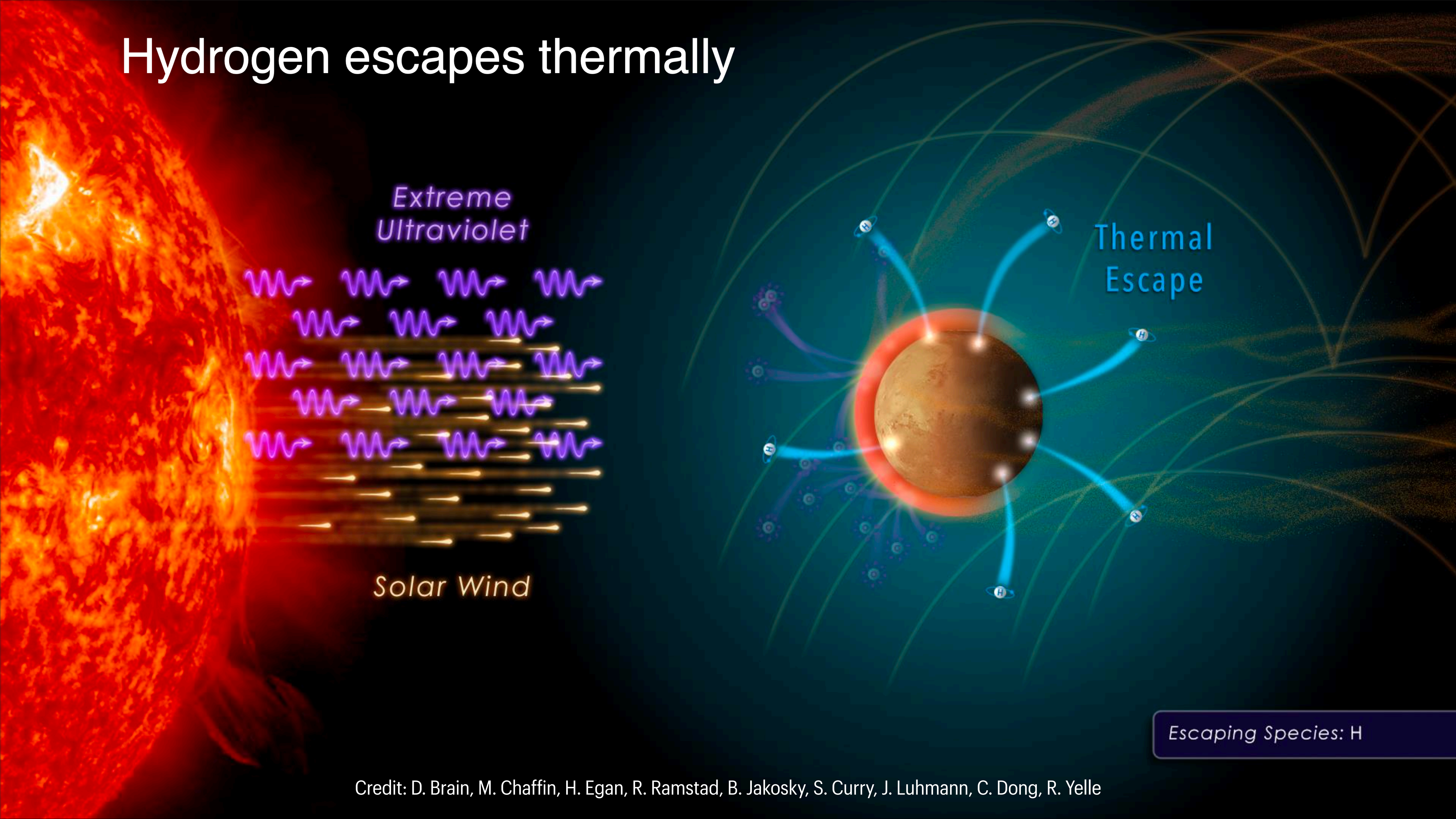
PLANETS DISCOVERED AROUND OTHER SUNLIKE STARS				
Star	Distance to star (Earth-Sun = 1)	Orbital period	Lower limit on mass (Jupiter = 1)	Notes
51 Pegasi	0.05	4.3 days	0.5	First exoplanet, "hot Jupiter"
47 Ursae Majoris	2.1	1103 days	2.4	
70 Virginis	ecc. orbit	116.7 days	6.6	Possible brown dwarf
55 Cancri	0.11	14.76 days	0.8	"Hot Jupiter"
55 Cancri	>5	unknown	>5	
HD 114762	ecc. orbit	84.01 days	10	Possible brown dwarf
Tau Bootis	0.0047	3.31 days	3.7	"Hot Jupiter"
Upsilon Andromedae	0.054	4.61 days	0.6	"Hot Jupiter"
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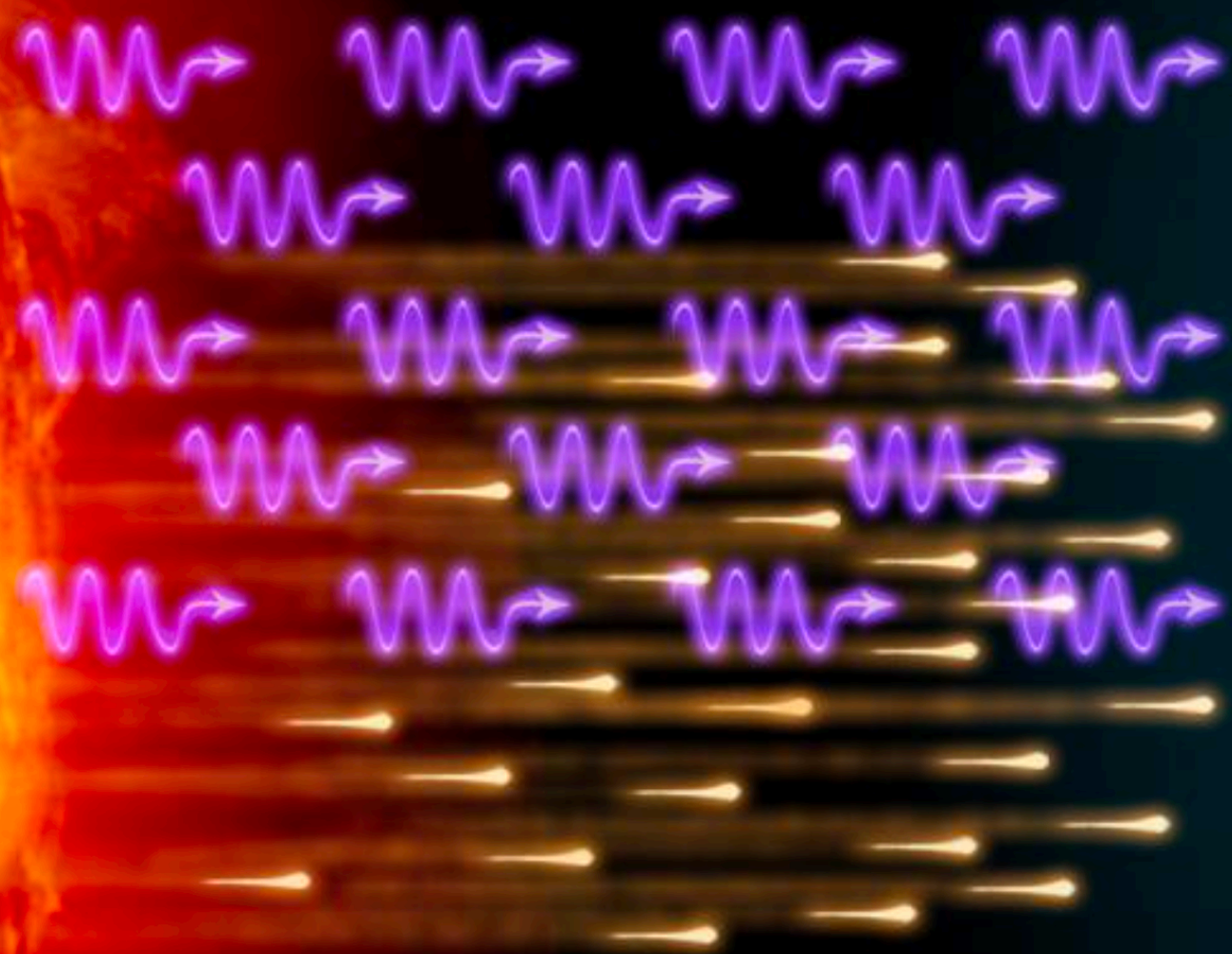
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# Hydrogen escapes thermally



Extreme  
Ultraviolet

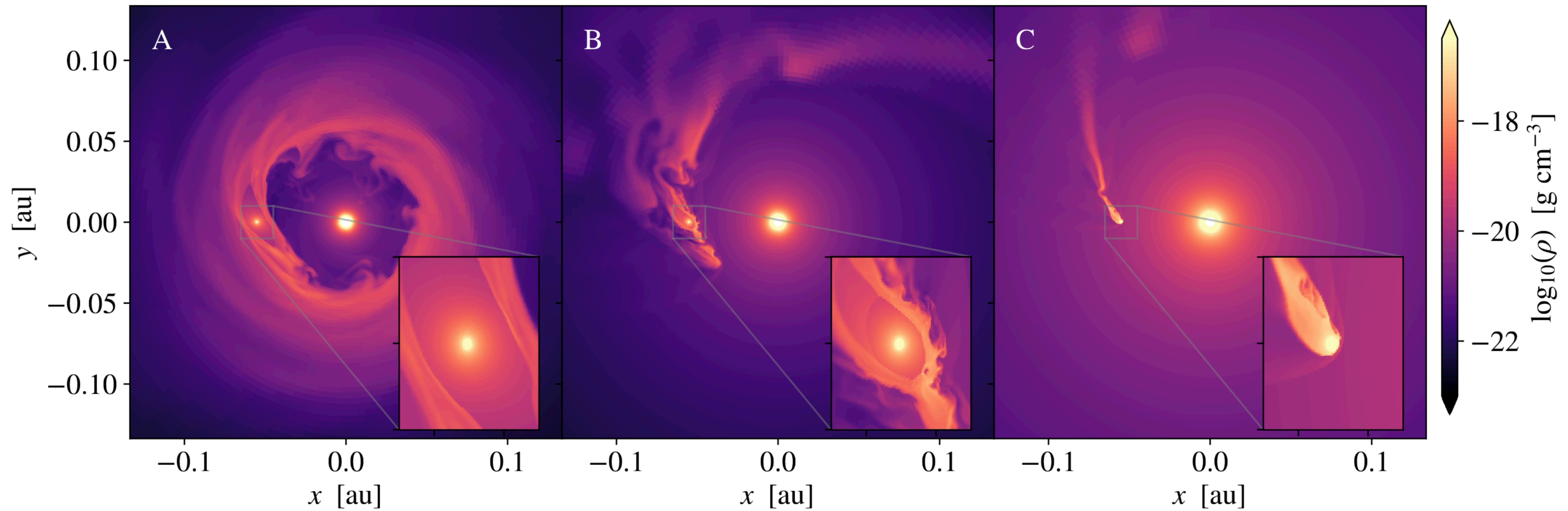


Solar Wind

Thermal  
Escape

Escaping Species: H

# Simulations of an escaping atmosphere in the hot Jupiter WASP-107b



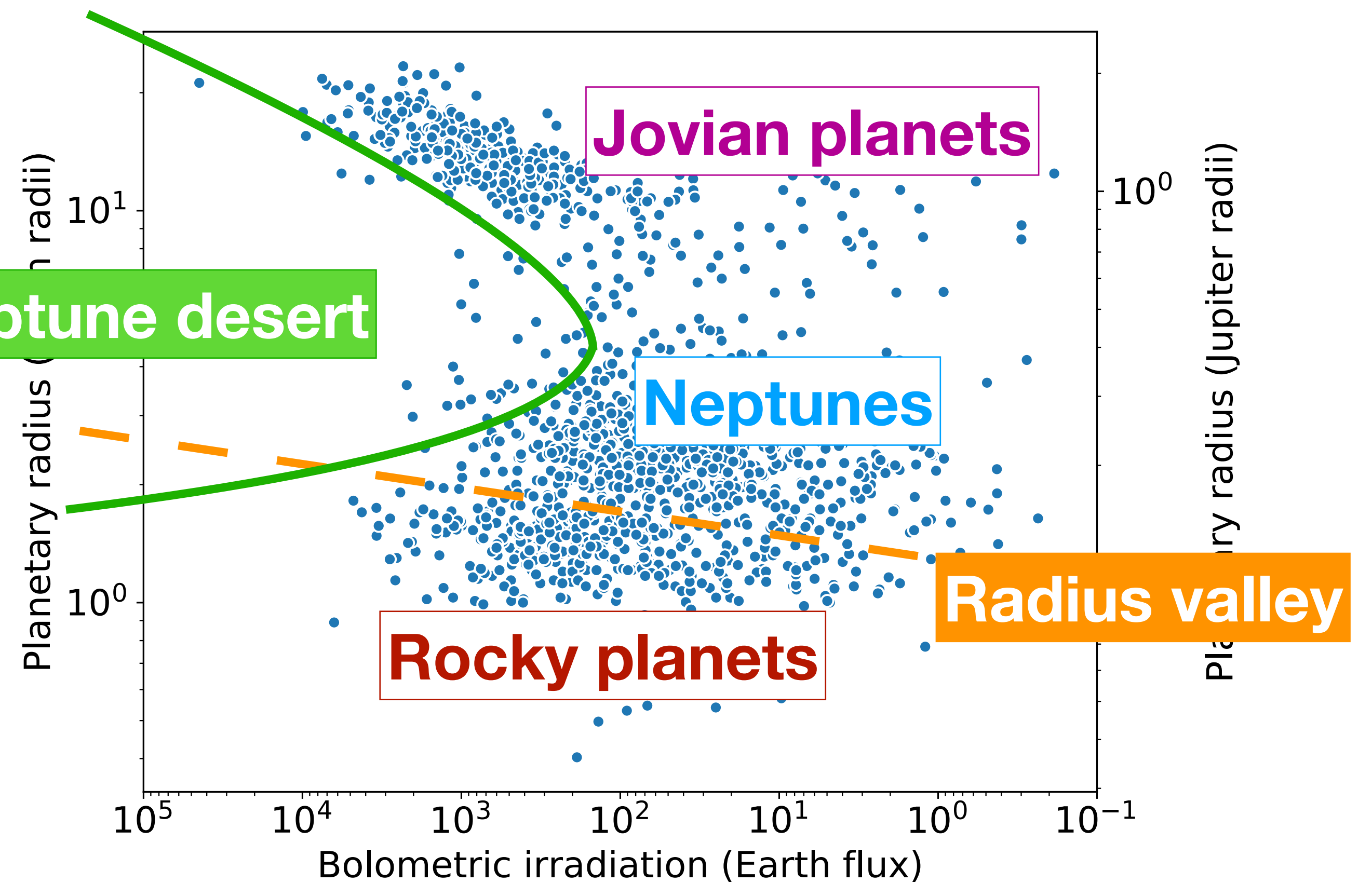
# HOT (SUB-)NEPTUNES, BEWARE

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Direction of  
radius evolution



Hot Neptune desert



More irradiated

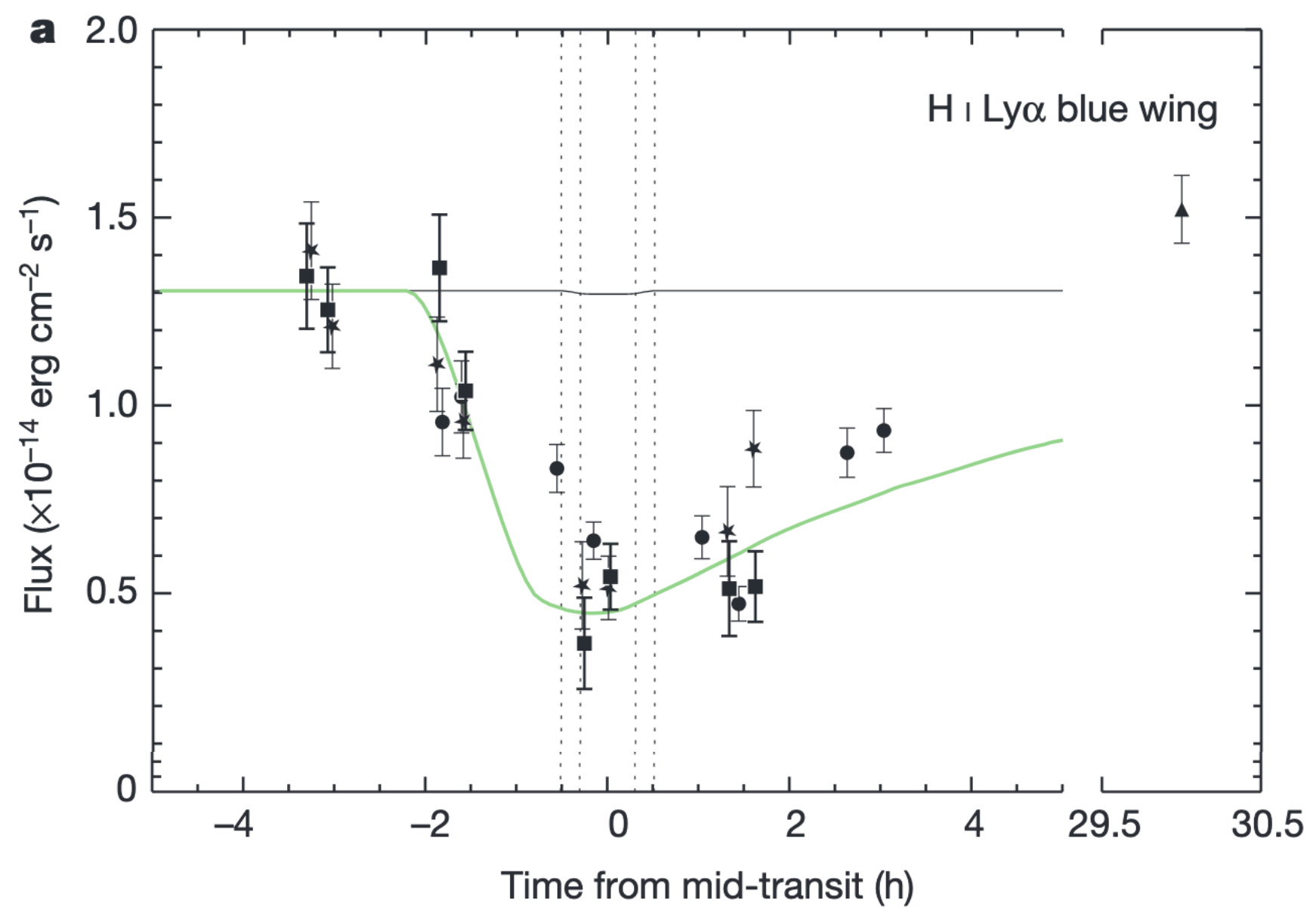
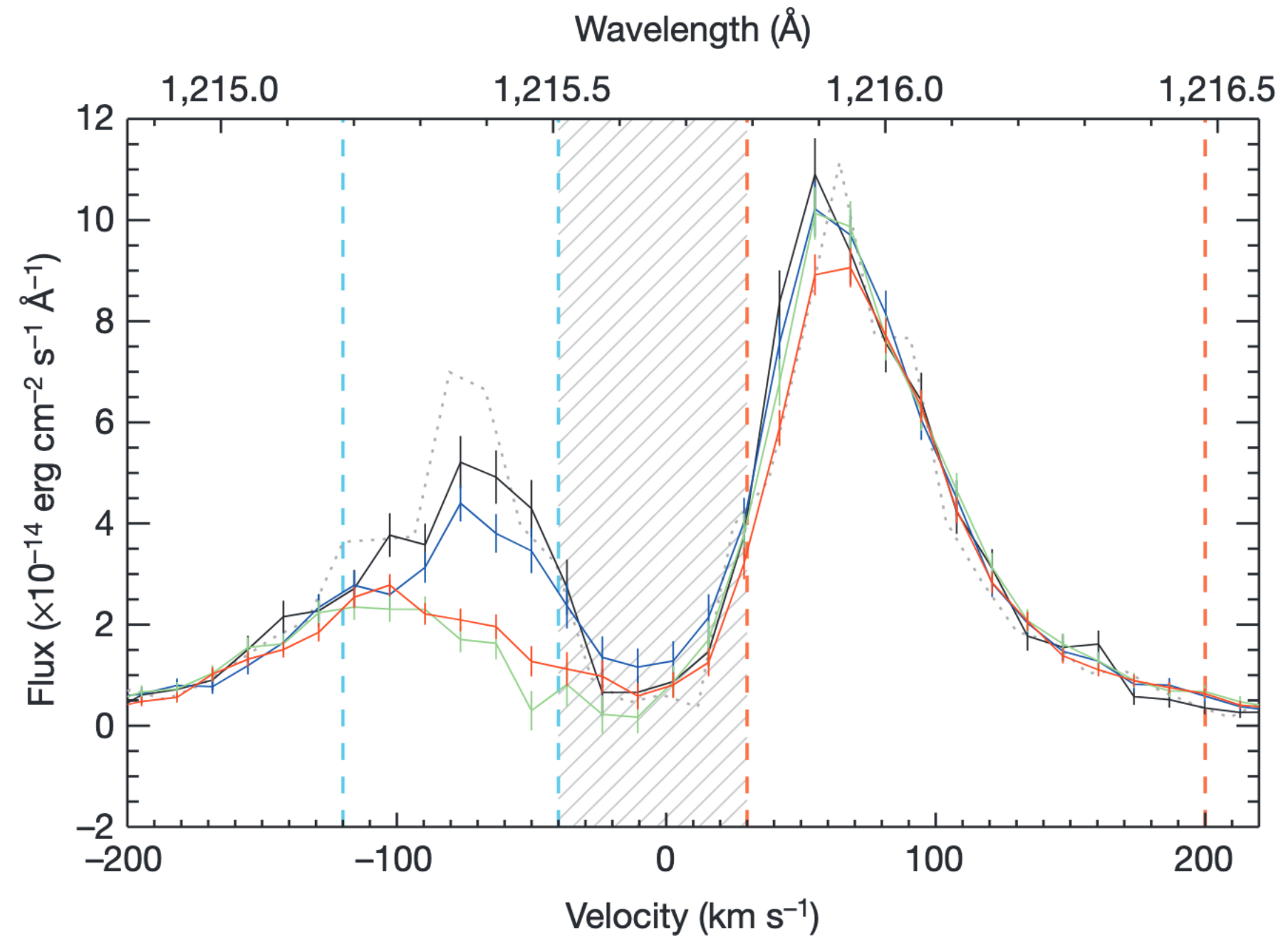
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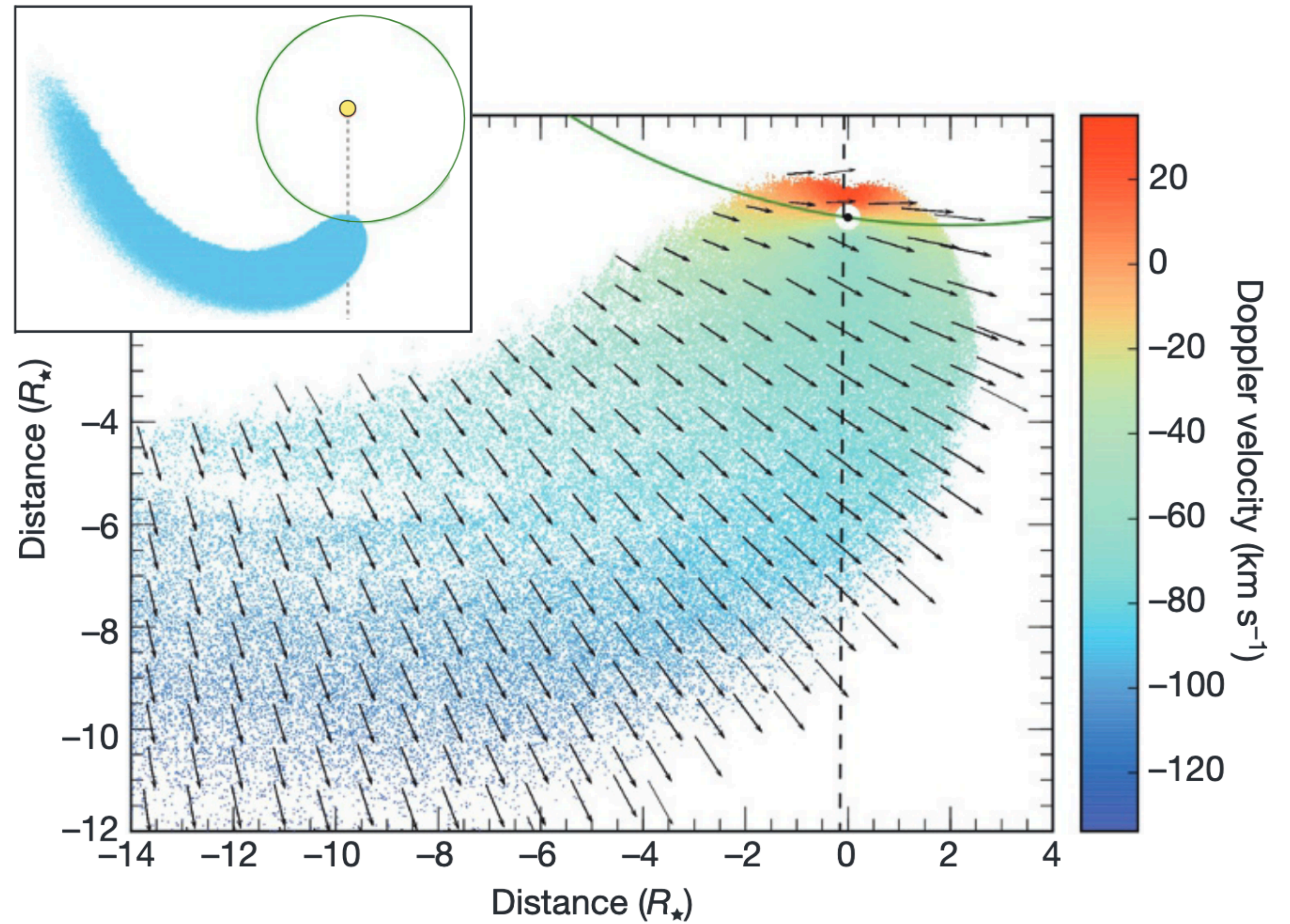
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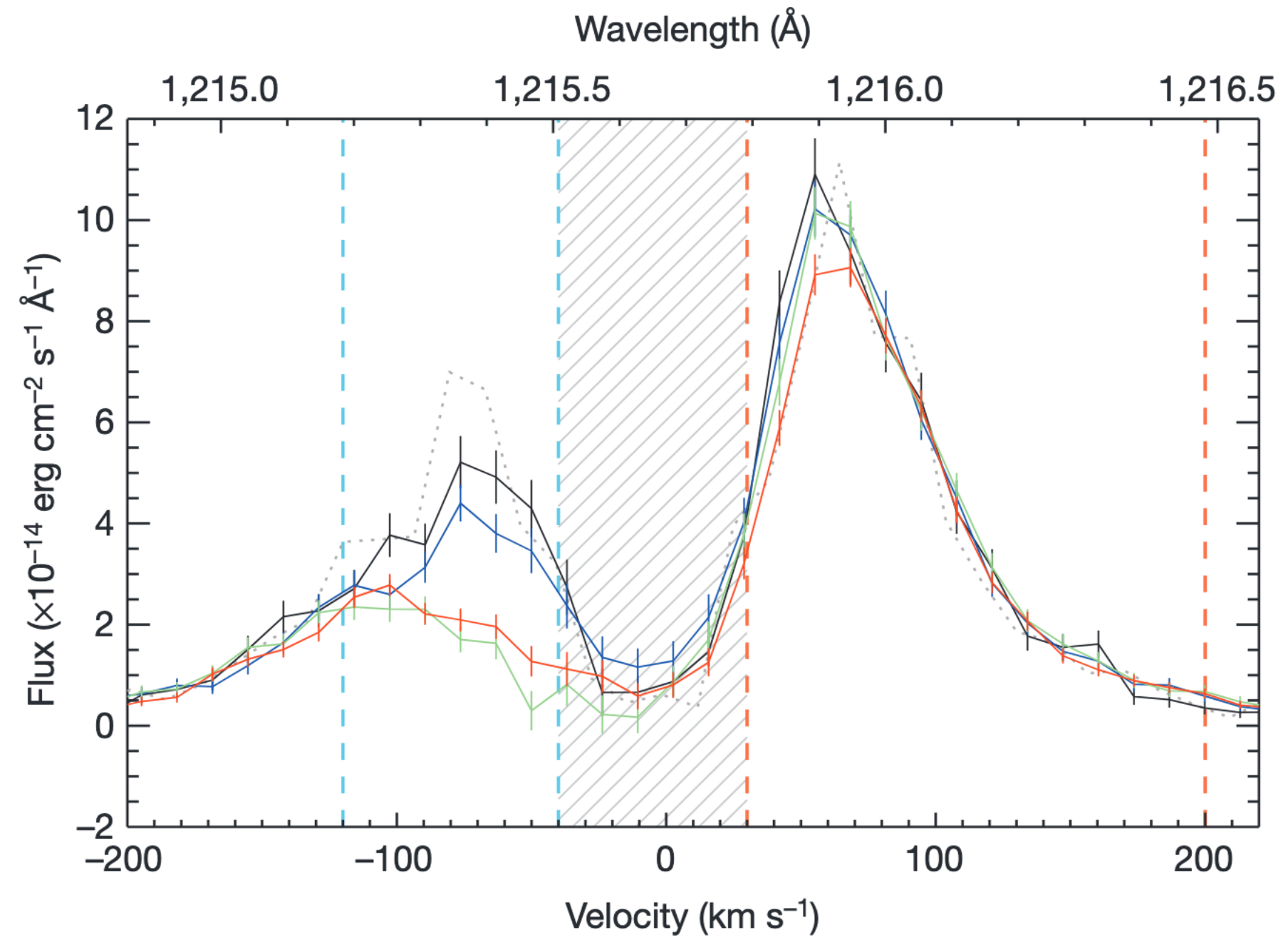
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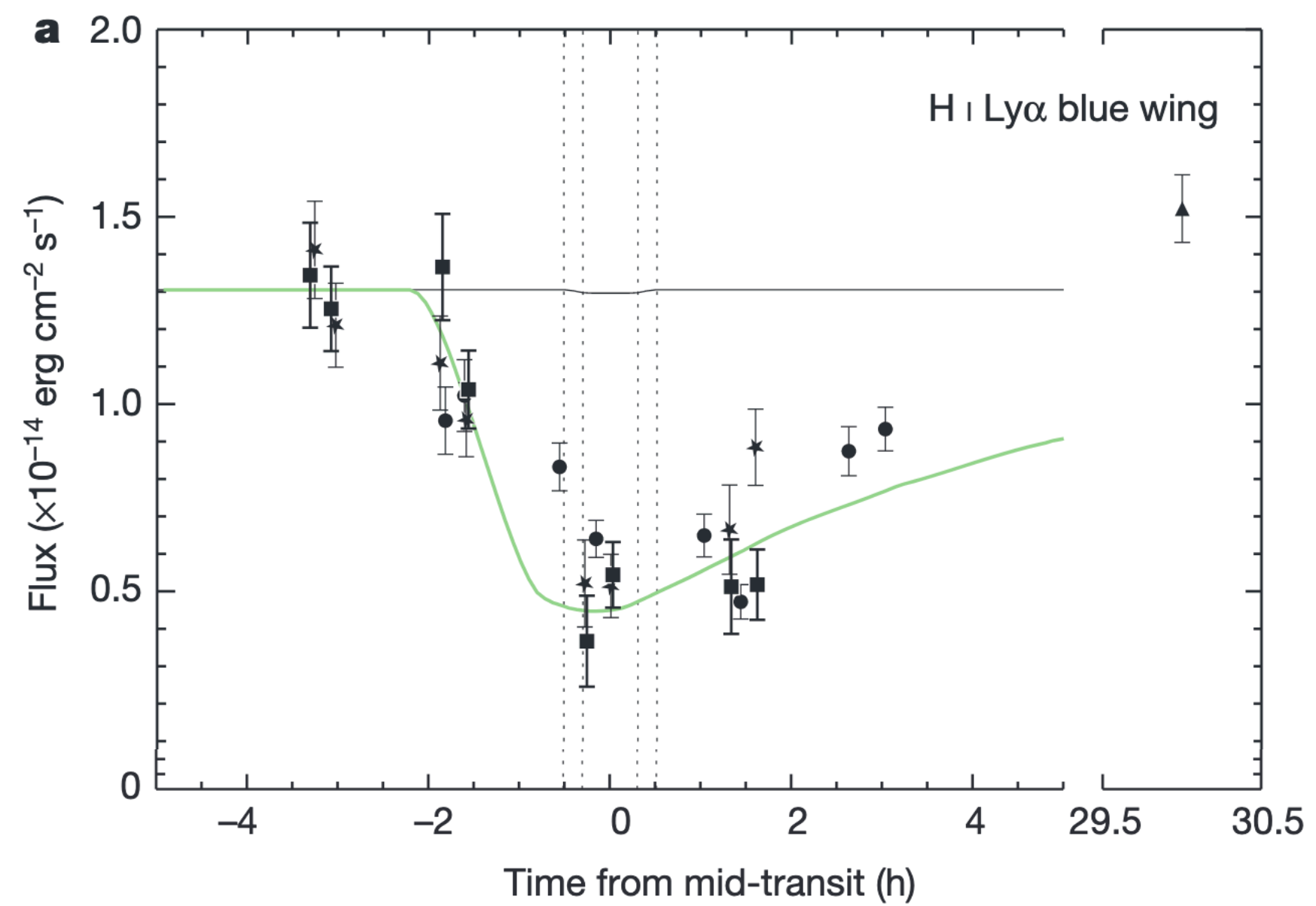


Ehrenreich et al. (2015, Nature 522)



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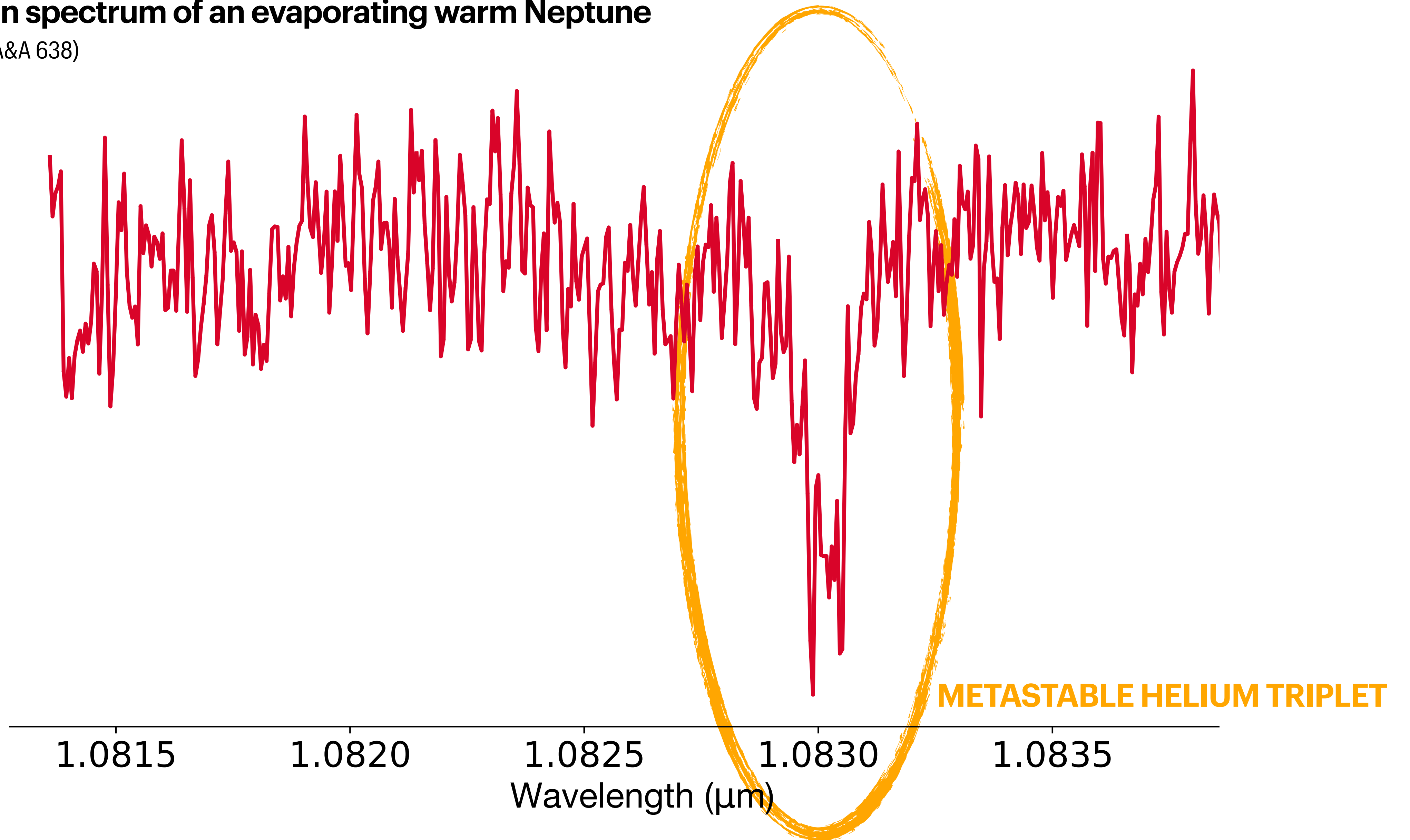
- Only the *Hubble* can observe
- Low-mass stars are faint in UV
- Interstellar medium attenuation



Ehrenreich et al. (2015, Nature 522)

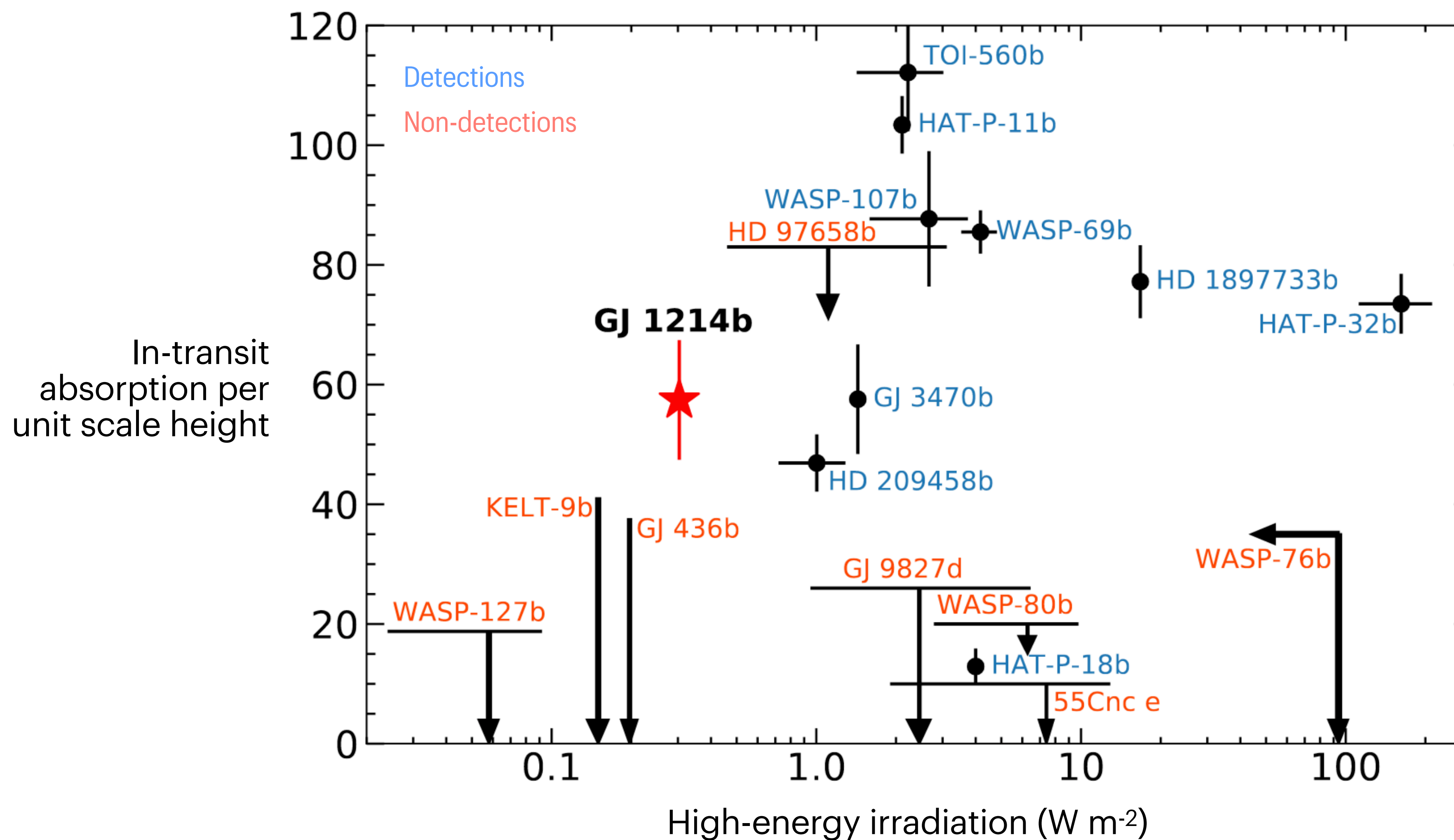
# Transmission spectrum of an evaporating warm Neptune

Pallé et al. (2020, A&A 638)



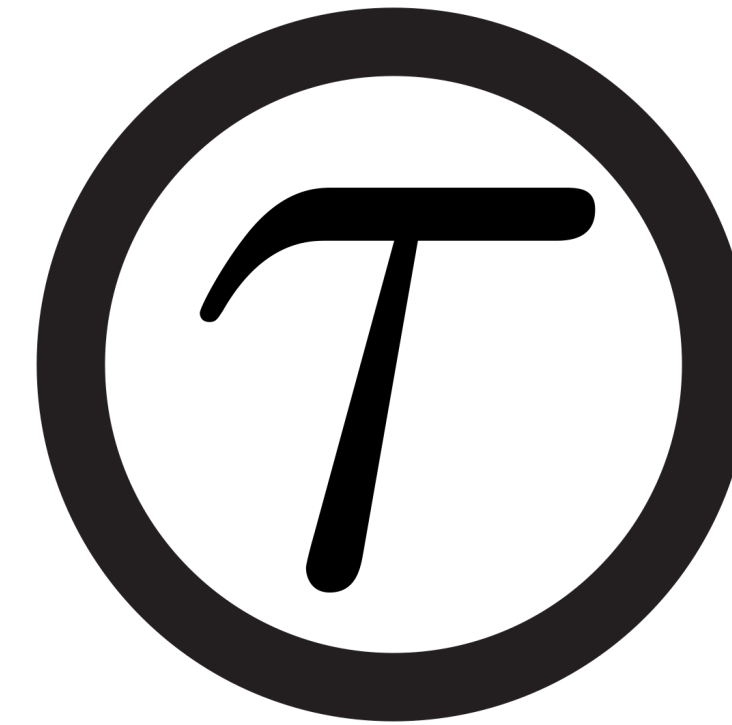
# Metastable He spectroscopy has become very productive and popular!

Orell-Miquel et al. (2022, A&A in press)



# OPEN-POLICY TOOLS

(OPEN-SOURCE, OPEN-DATA, ETC.)

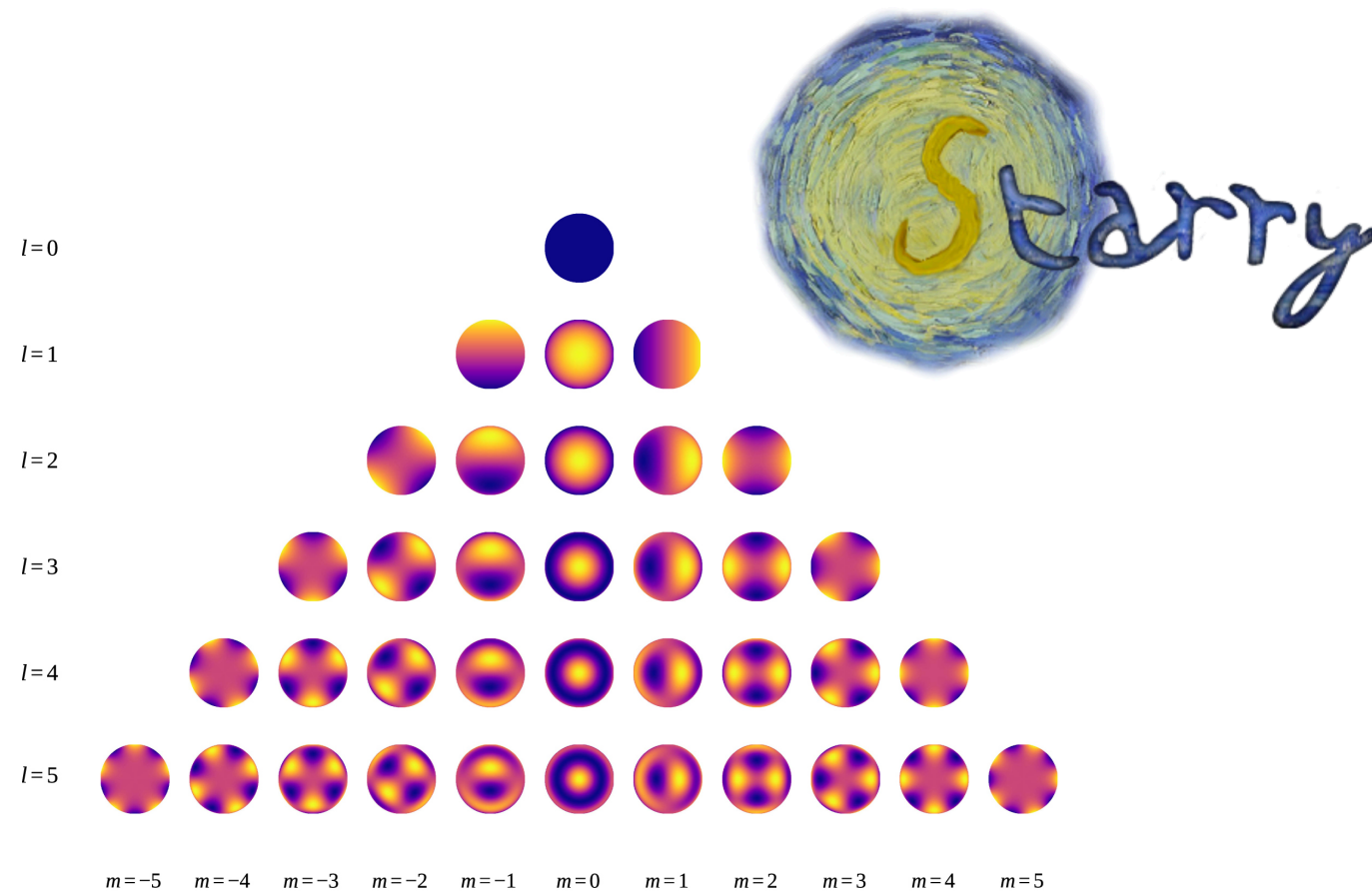
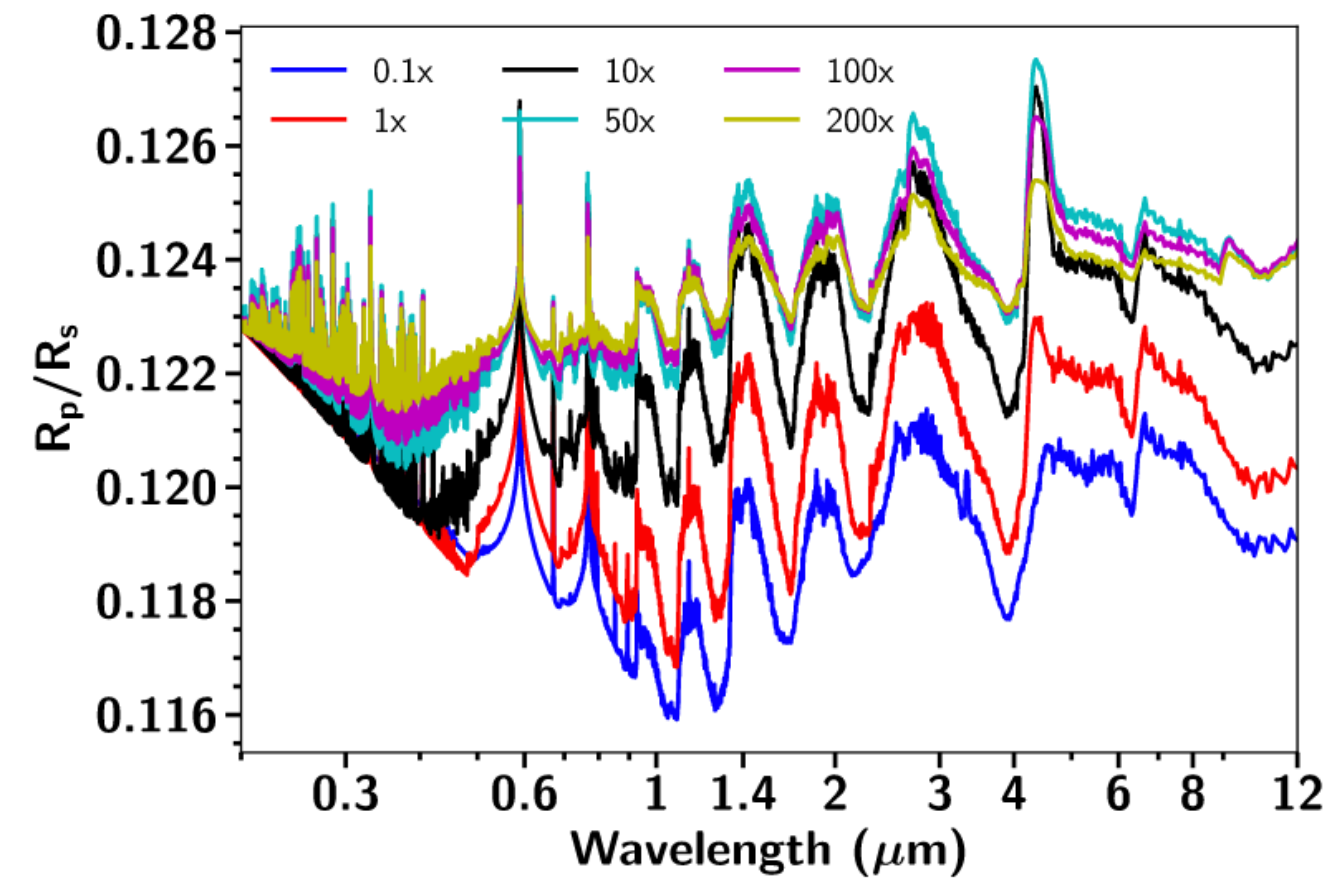


And many others!



## batman: Bad-Ass Transit Model cAlculationN

Welcome to the documentation for batman, a Python pack  
exoplanet transit light curves. The package supports calcu



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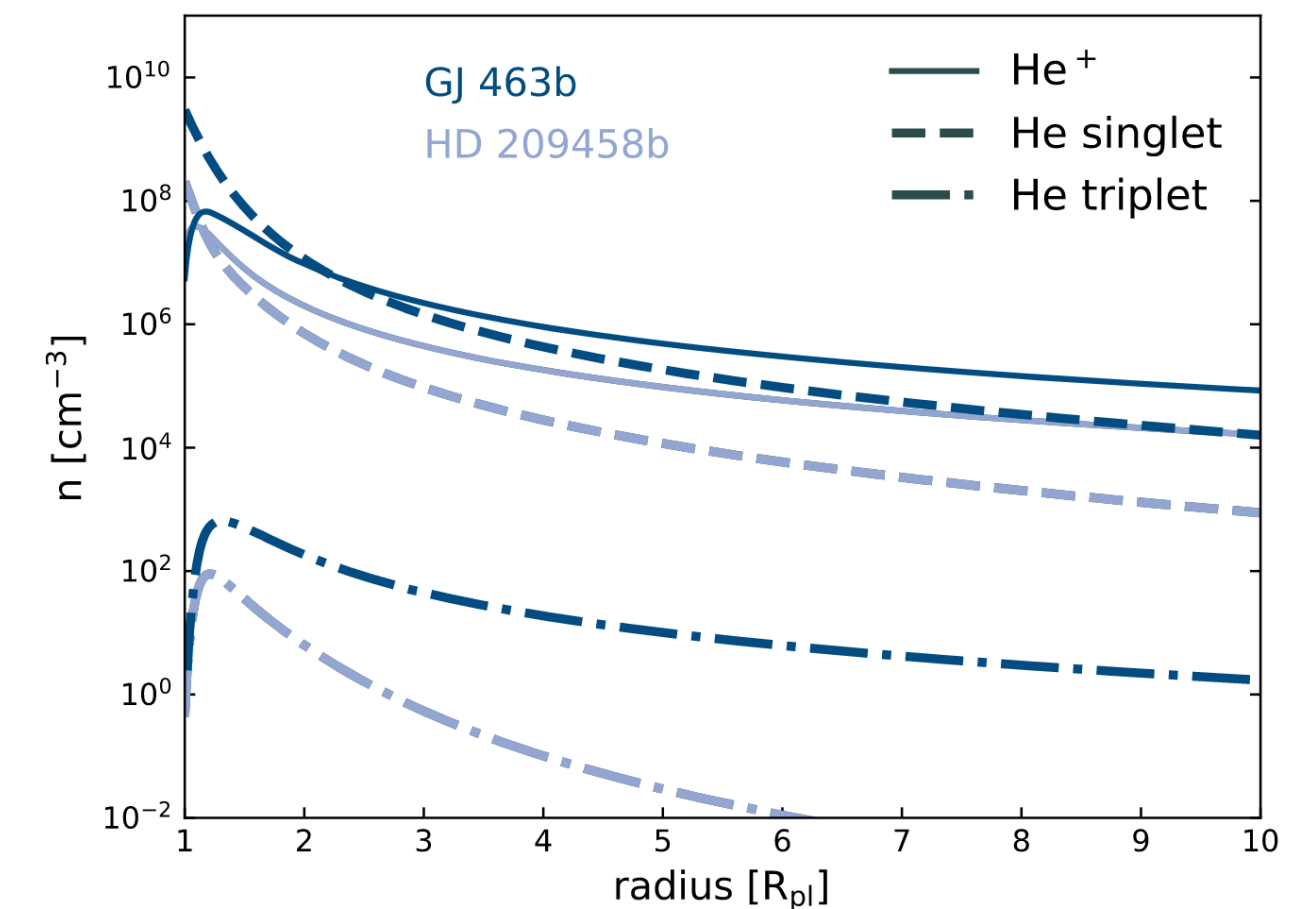
## FOR ATMOSPHERIC ESCAPE

### p-winds

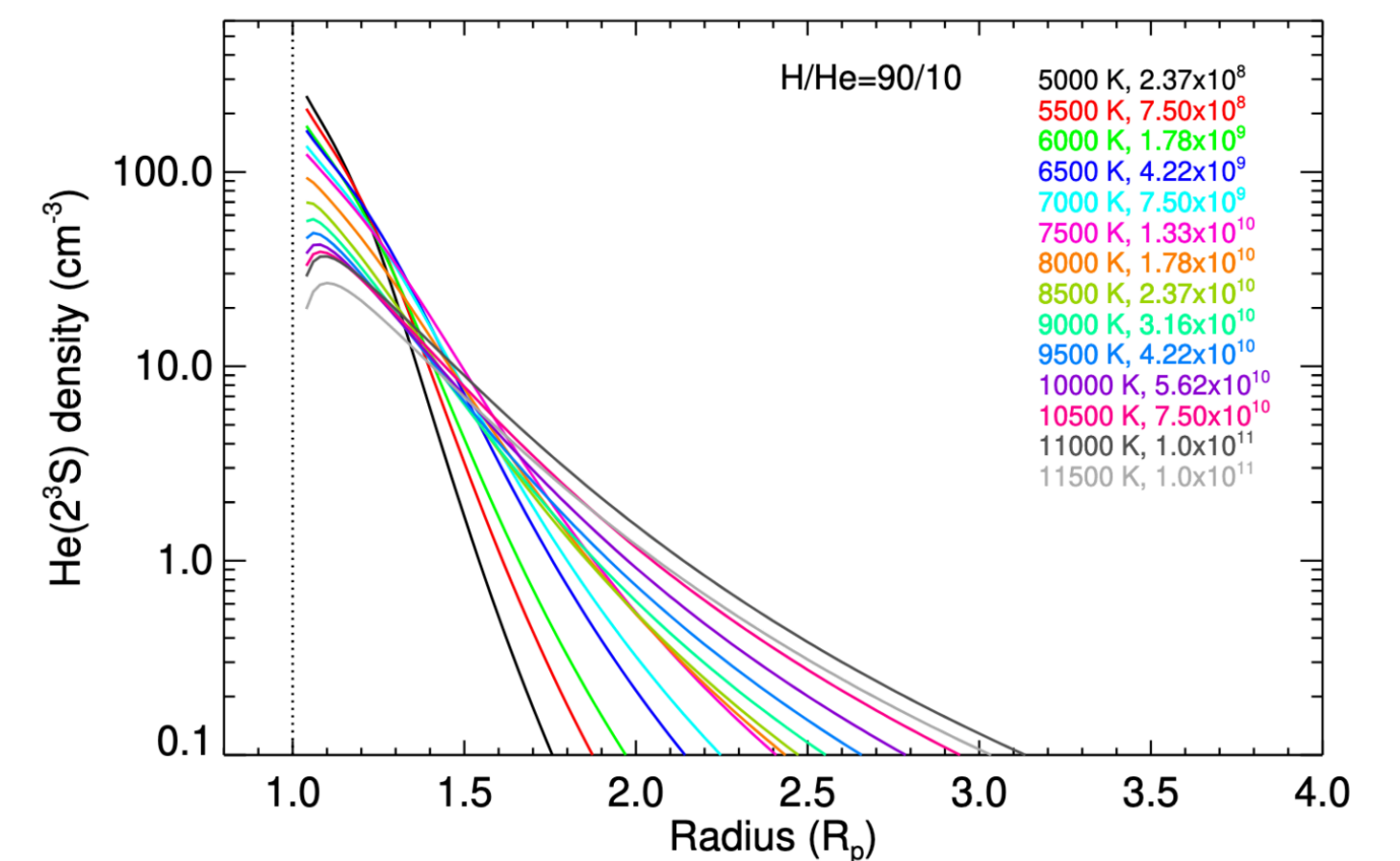
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Python implementation of Parker wind models for planetary atmospheres. **So many p's!** (Hence the name for the code.)

The main objective of this code is to produce simplified, 1-D models of the upper atmosphere of a planet, and perform radiative transfer to calculate observable spectral signatures.



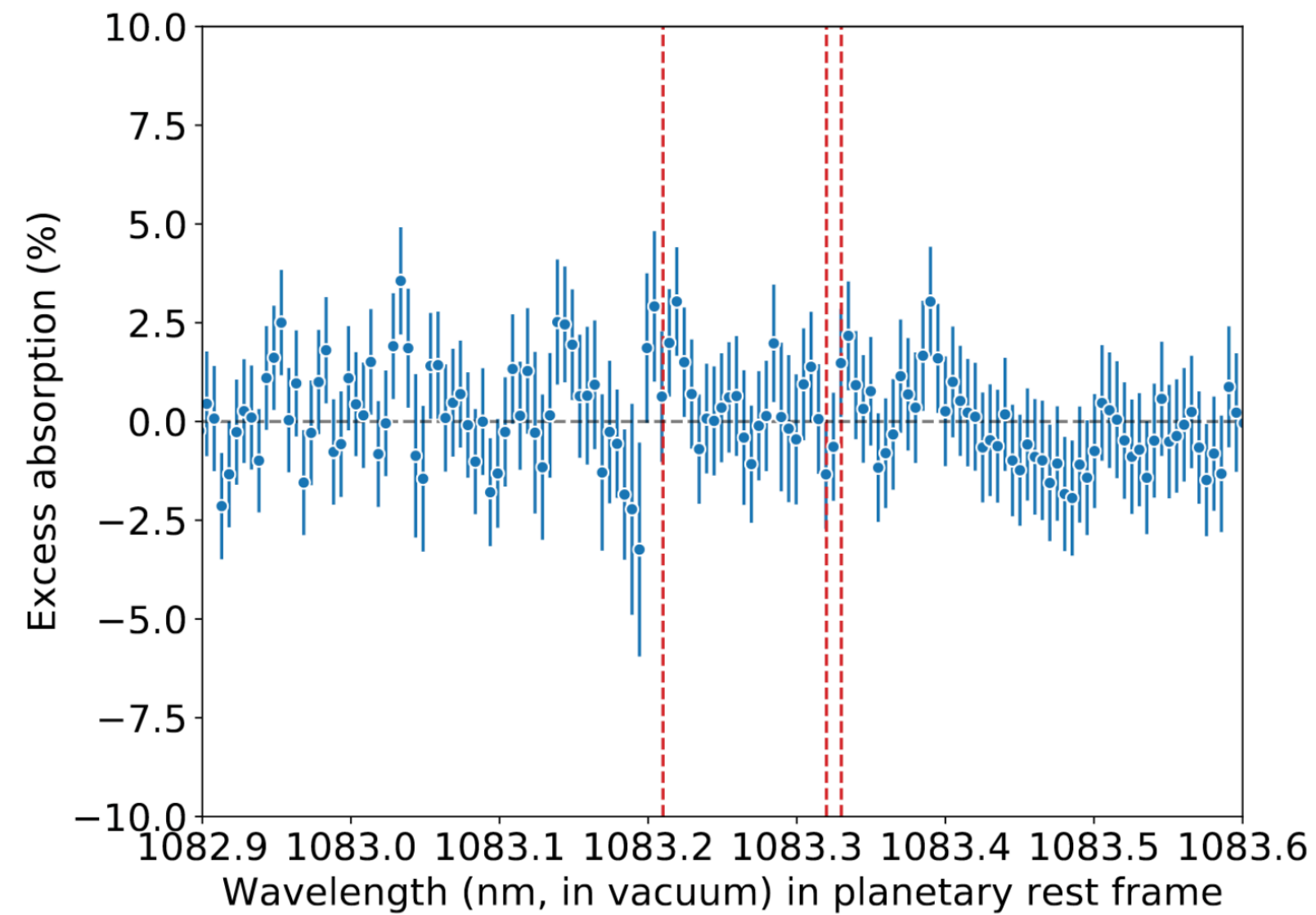
Oklopčić & Hirata (2018, ApJL 855)



Lampón et al. (2020, A&A 636)

## Search for helium in the upper atmosphere of the hot Jupiter WASP-127 b using Gemini/Phoenix

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 Monika Lendl<sup>1</sup>, Christophe Lovis<sup>1</sup>, Steve Margheim<sup>4</sup>, Jorge Meléndez<sup>5</sup>, Julia V. Seidel<sup>1</sup>, and Sérgio G. Sousa<sup>6</sup>



**Fig. 4.** Transmission spectrum of WASP-127 b around the He triplet. Absorption is positive.

$$\frac{\partial f_{\text{ion}}}{\partial r} = \frac{1 - f_{\text{ion}}}{v} \Phi e^{-\tau_0} - \frac{0.9\rho}{1.3m_{\text{H}}v} f_{\text{ion}}^2 \alpha_{\text{rec}}$$

$$v \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial r} = (1 - f_1 - f_3) n_e \alpha_1 + f_3 A_{31} - f_1 \Phi_1 e^{-\tau_1} - f_1 n_e q_{13a} + f_3 n_e q_{31a} + f_3 n_e q_{31b} + f_3 n_{\text{H}^0} Q_{31},$$

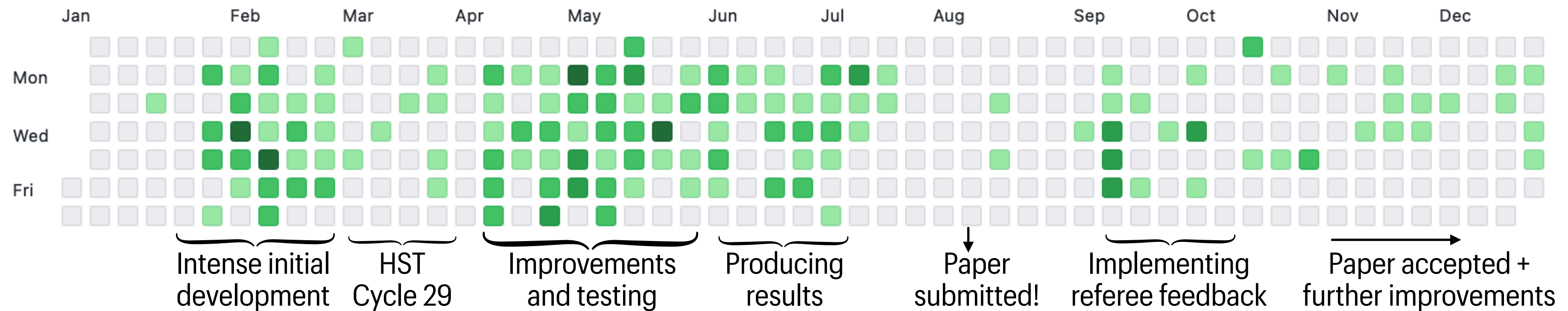
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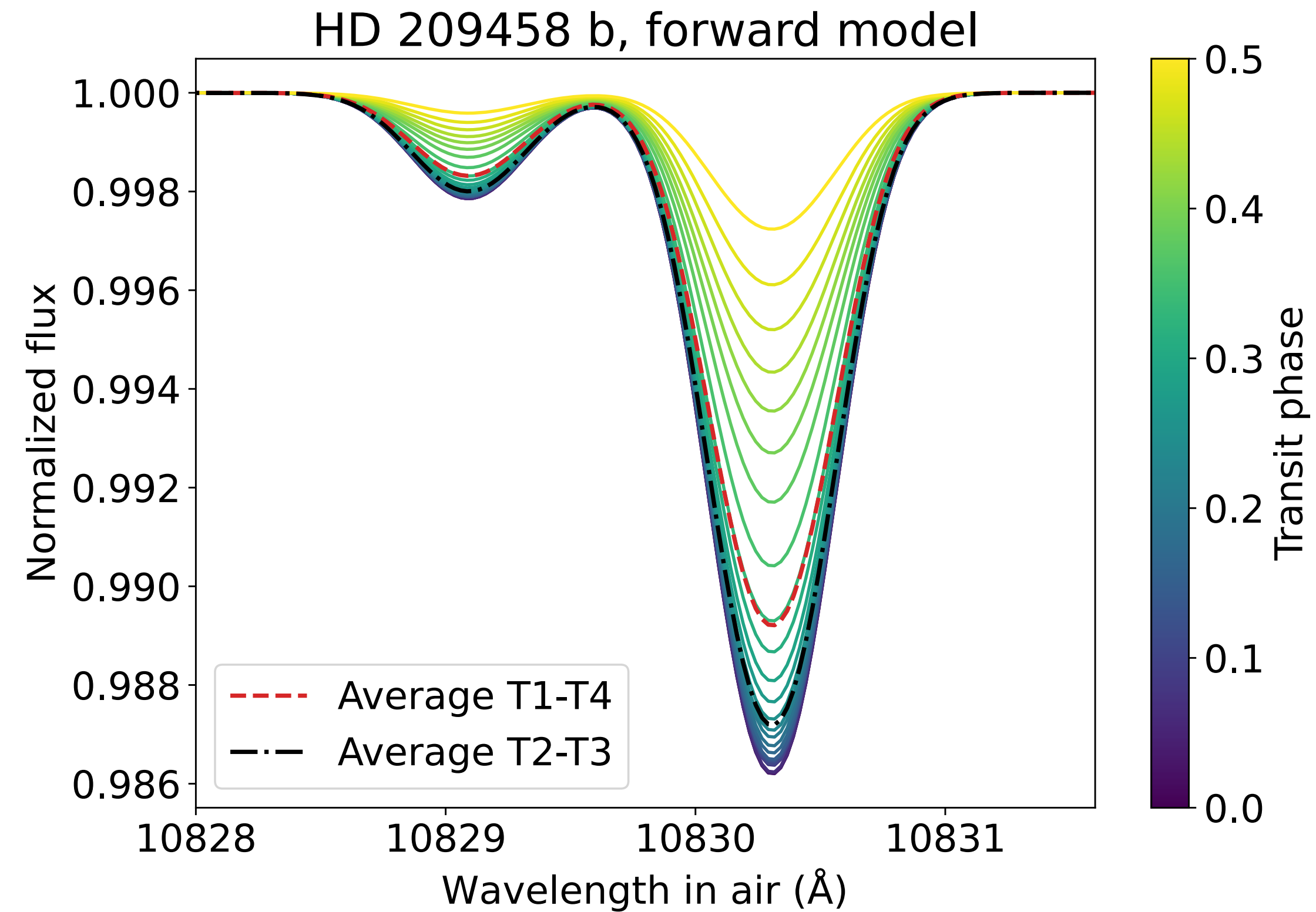
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AN OPEN-SOURCE CODE TO MODEL 1D EXOPLANET OUTFLOWS



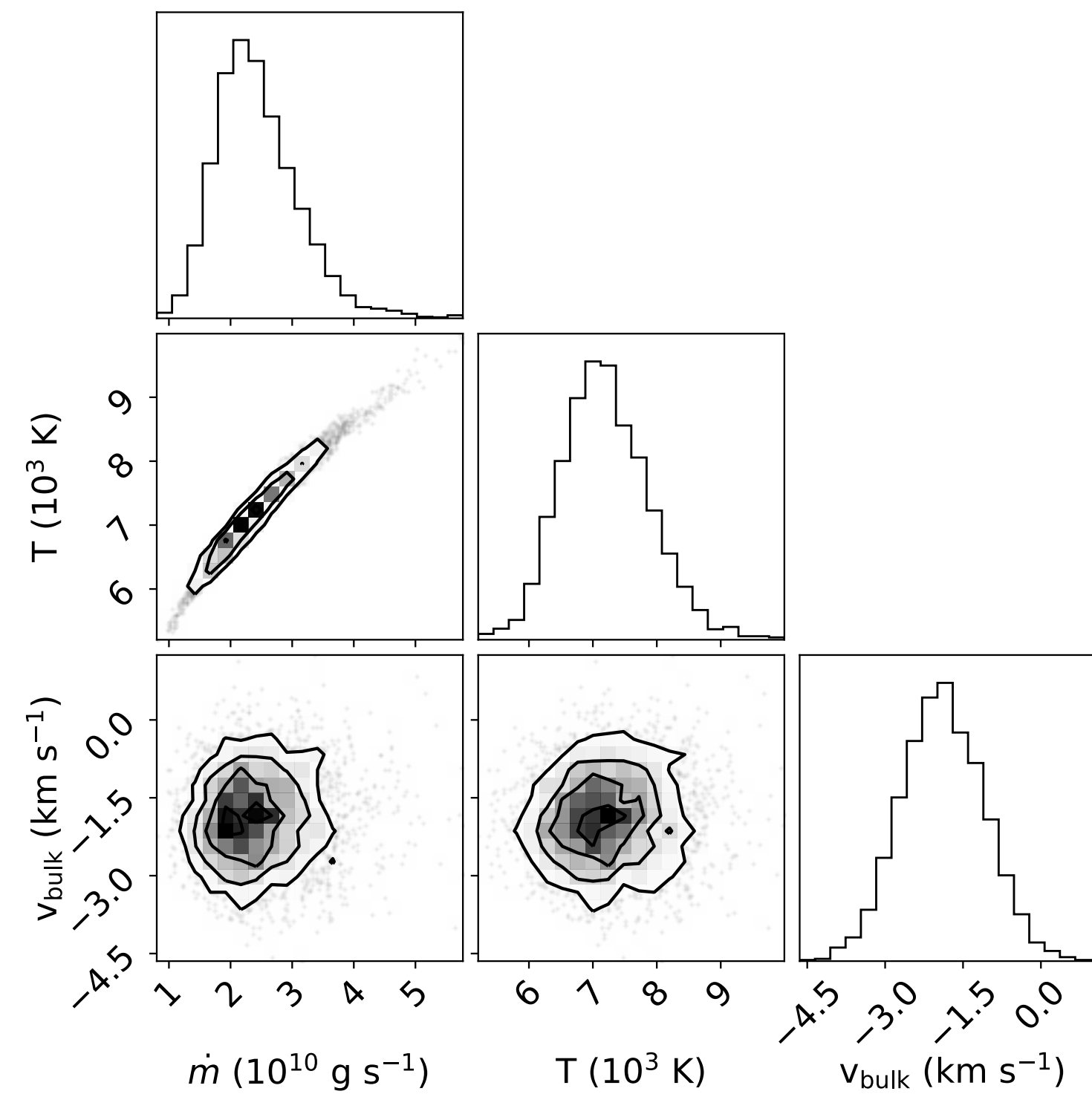
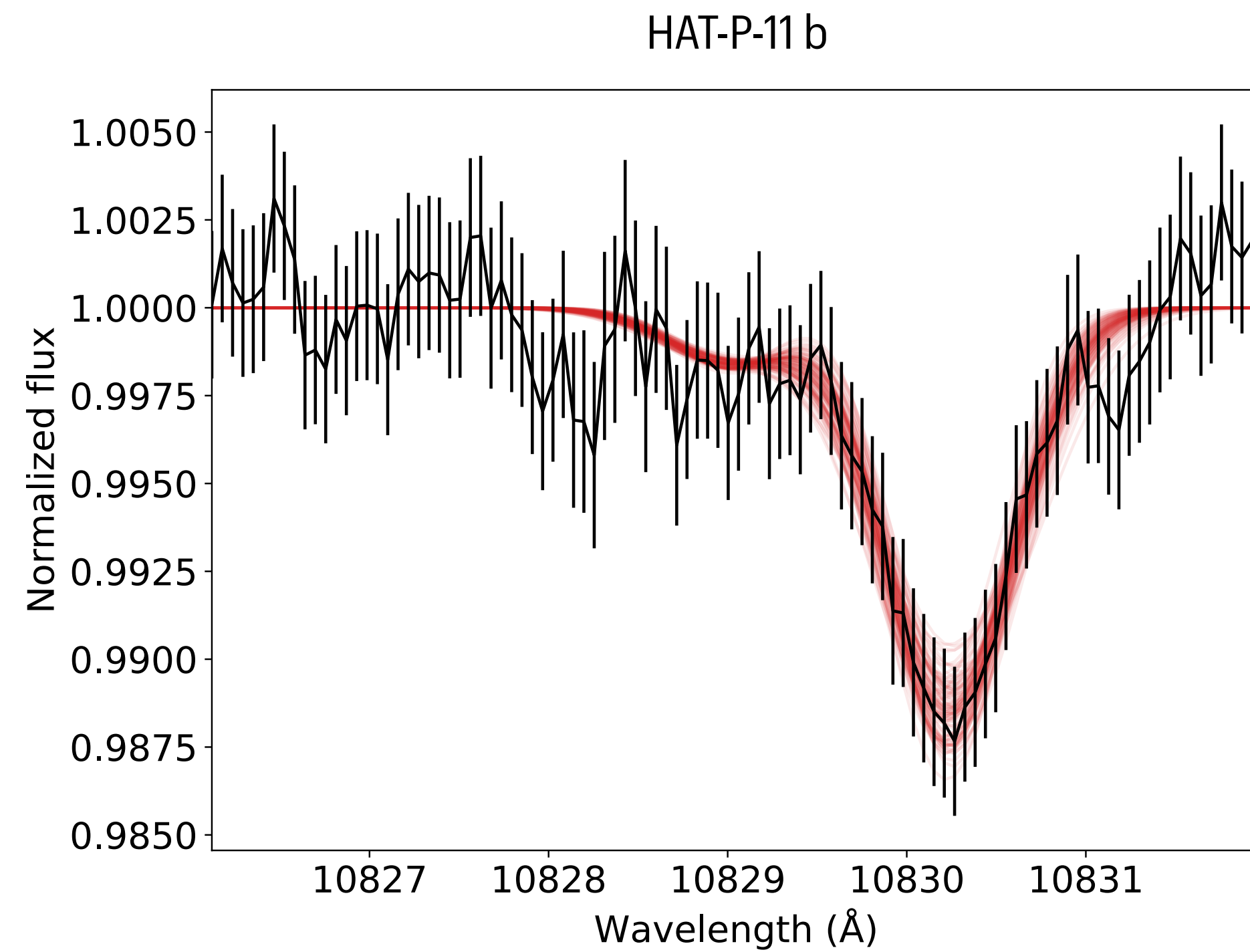
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## FORWARD MODELLING: ABSORPTION IN FUNCTION OF TRANSIT PHASE



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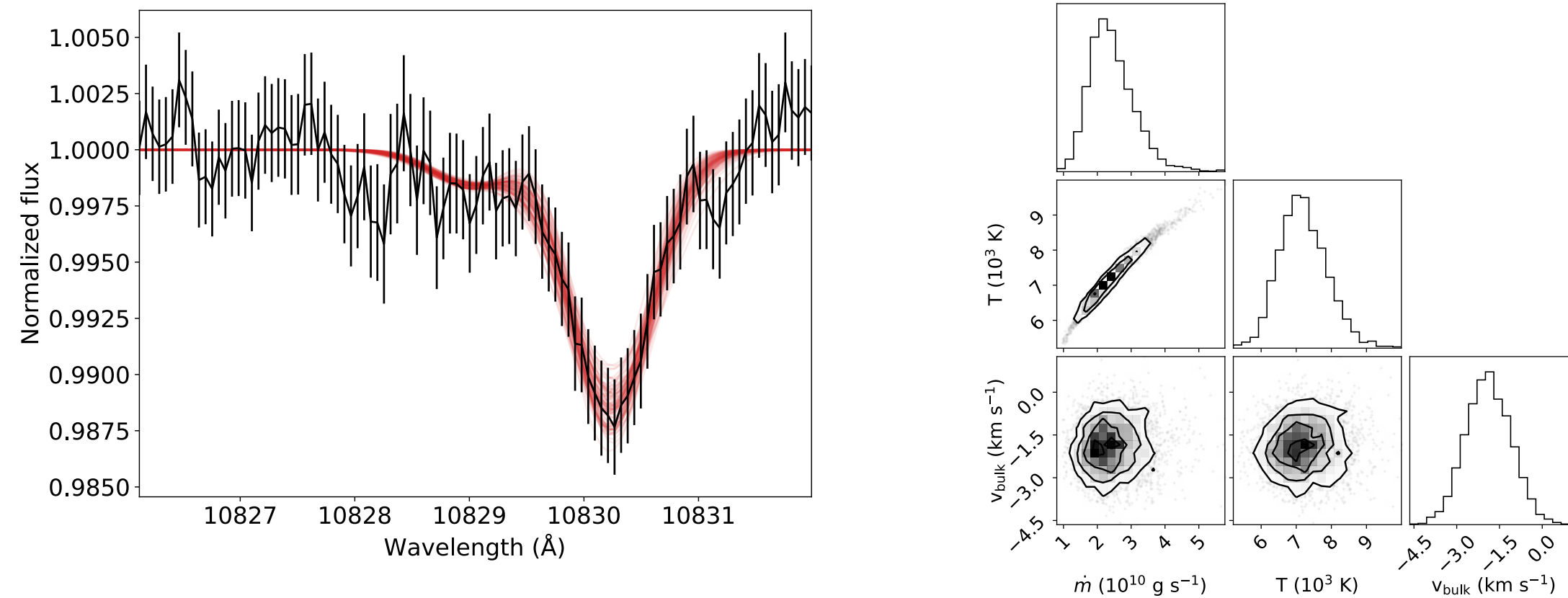
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$$\dot{m} = 0.14^{+0.08}_{-0.04} M_{\oplus} \text{ Gyr}^{-1} \approx 0.5\%^{+0.3\%}_{-0.1\%} \text{ Gyr}^{-1}$$

HAT-P-11 b is, likely, stable against evaporation

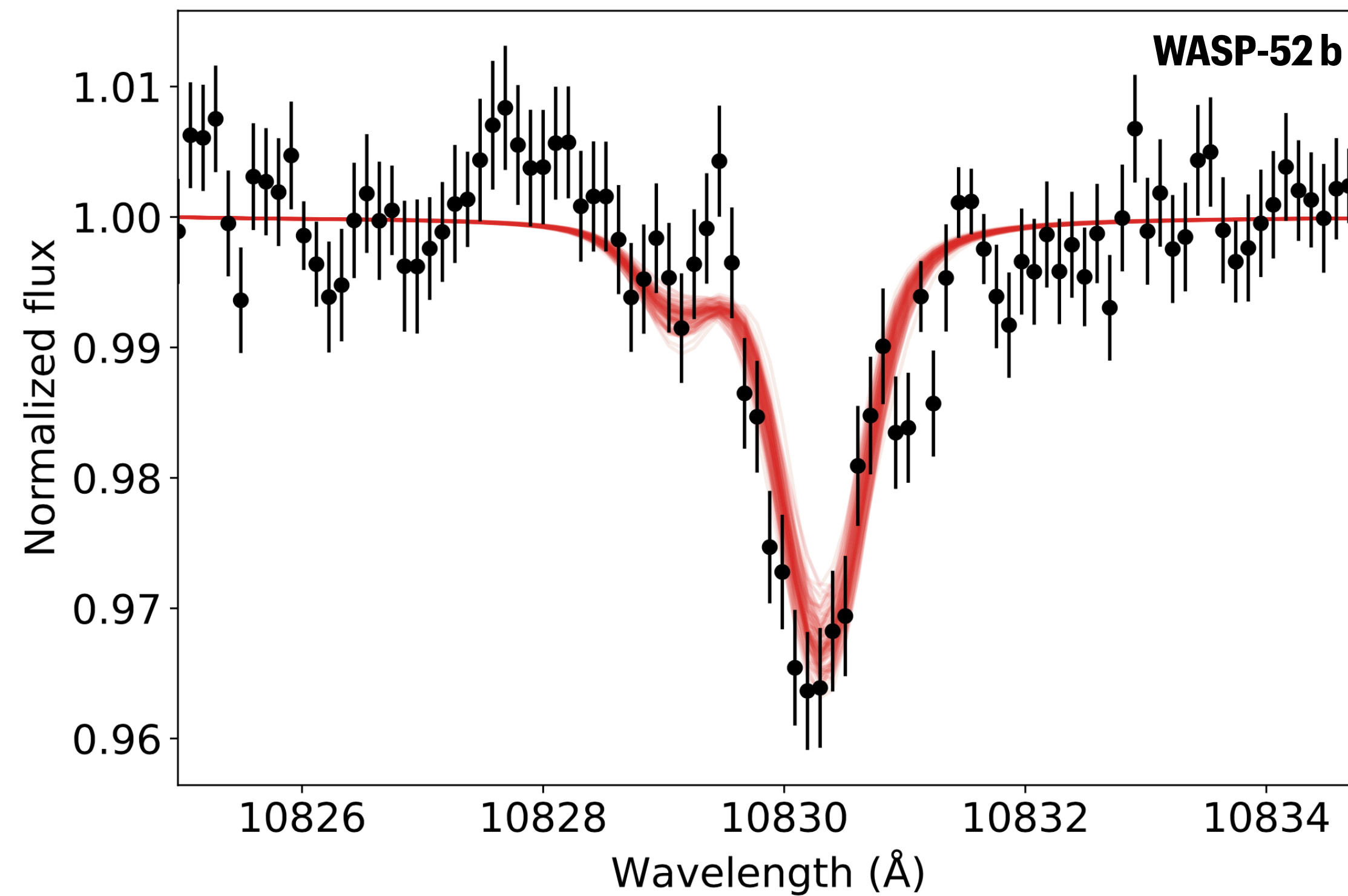
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**WARNING: PRELIMINARY RESULTS!**

**CARMENES data is a kind courtesy of M. López-Puertas and M. Lampón  
Keck/NIRSPEC result is under review (Kirk, Dos Santos et al. 2022)**

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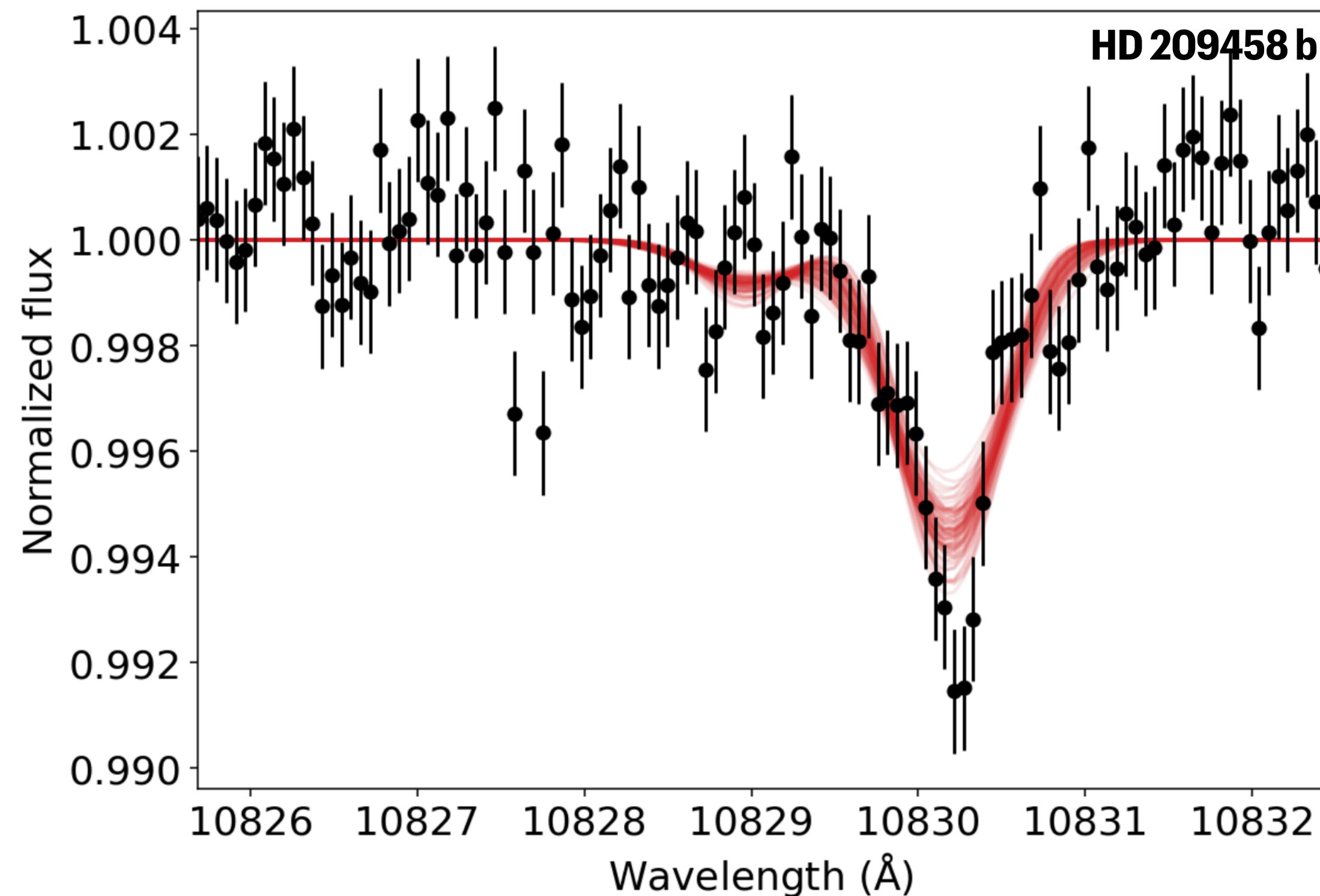
**WASP-52 b, observed with  
Keck/NIRSPEC  
Hot Jupiter**

$$\dot{m} = 0.63^{+0.26}_{-0.21} M_{\oplus} \text{Gyr}^{-1}$$

$$\text{or } \dot{m} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ g s}^{-1}$$

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**HD 209458 b, observed  
with CARMENES  
Hot Jupiter**

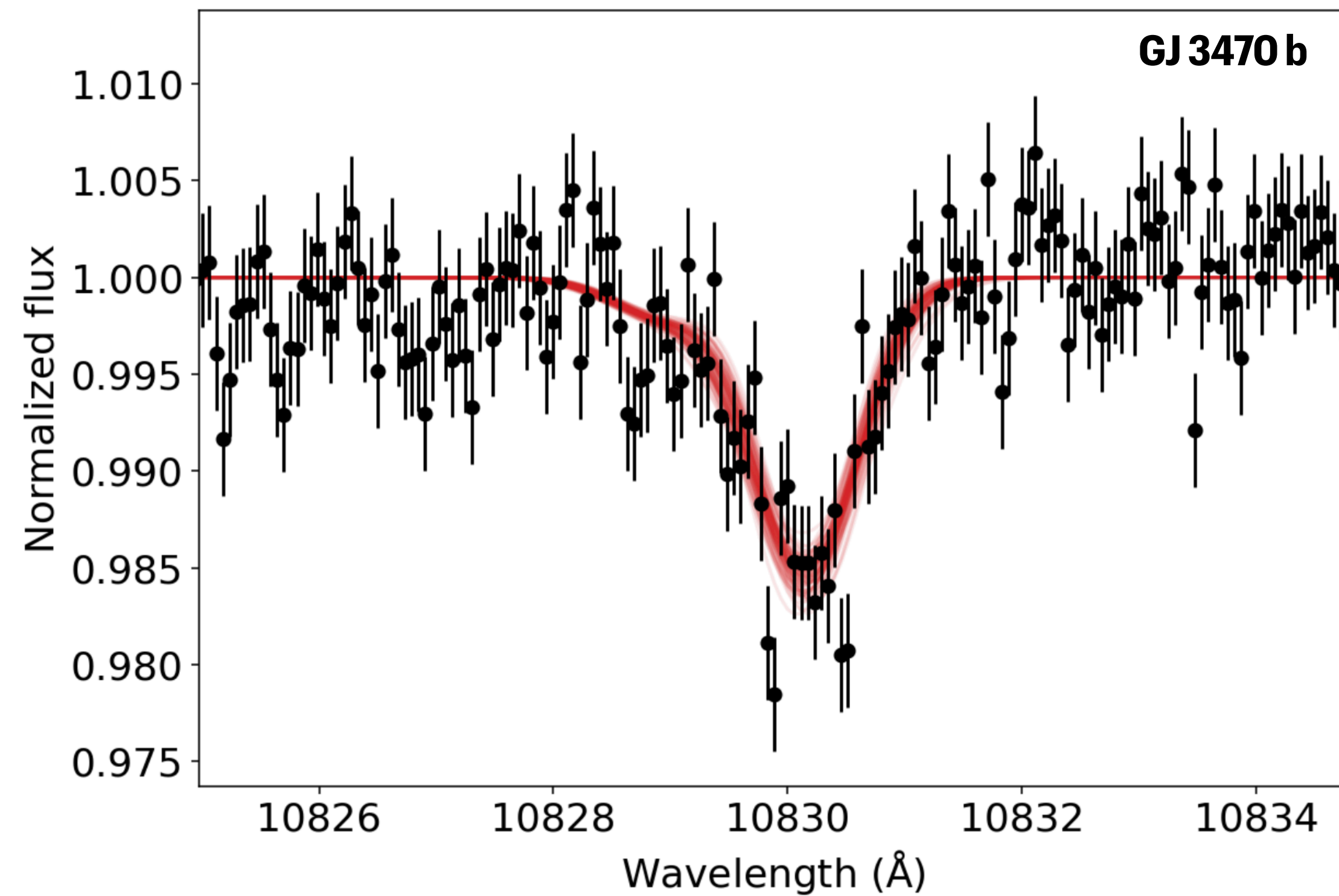
$$\dot{m} = 0.08^{+0.12}_{-0.06} M_{\oplus} \text{ Gyr}^{-1}$$

$$\text{or } \dot{m} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ g s}^{-1}$$



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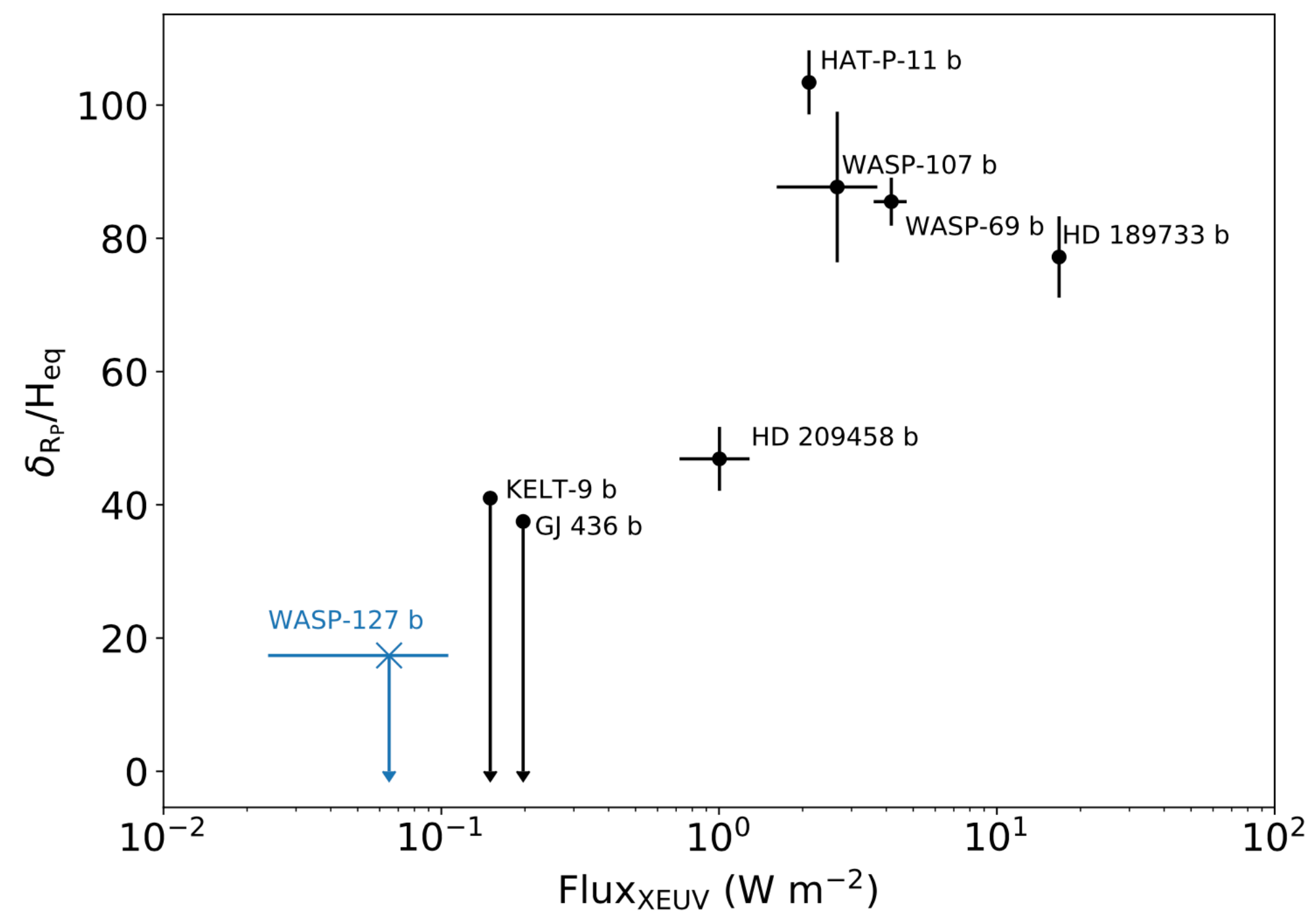
**GJ 3470 b, observed with  
CARMENES  
Warm Neptune**

$$\dot{m} = 0.30^{+0.08}_{-0.06} M_{\oplus} \text{Gyr}^{-1}$$

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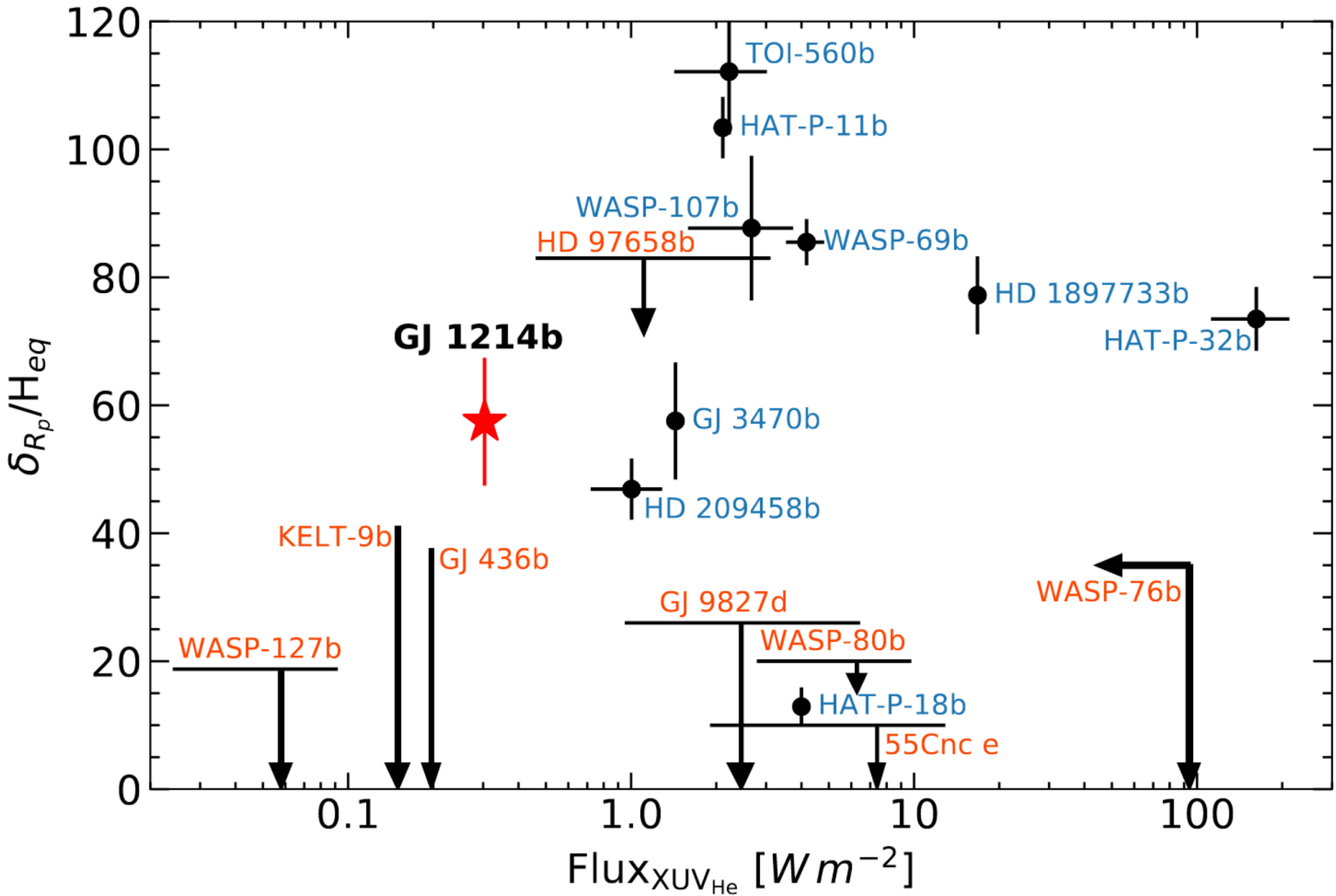
$$\dot{m} \approx 5.7 \times 10^{10} \text{g s}^{-1}$$
$$\dot{m} \approx 2\% \text{Gyr}^{-1}$$

# SAMPLE-LEVEL TRENDS



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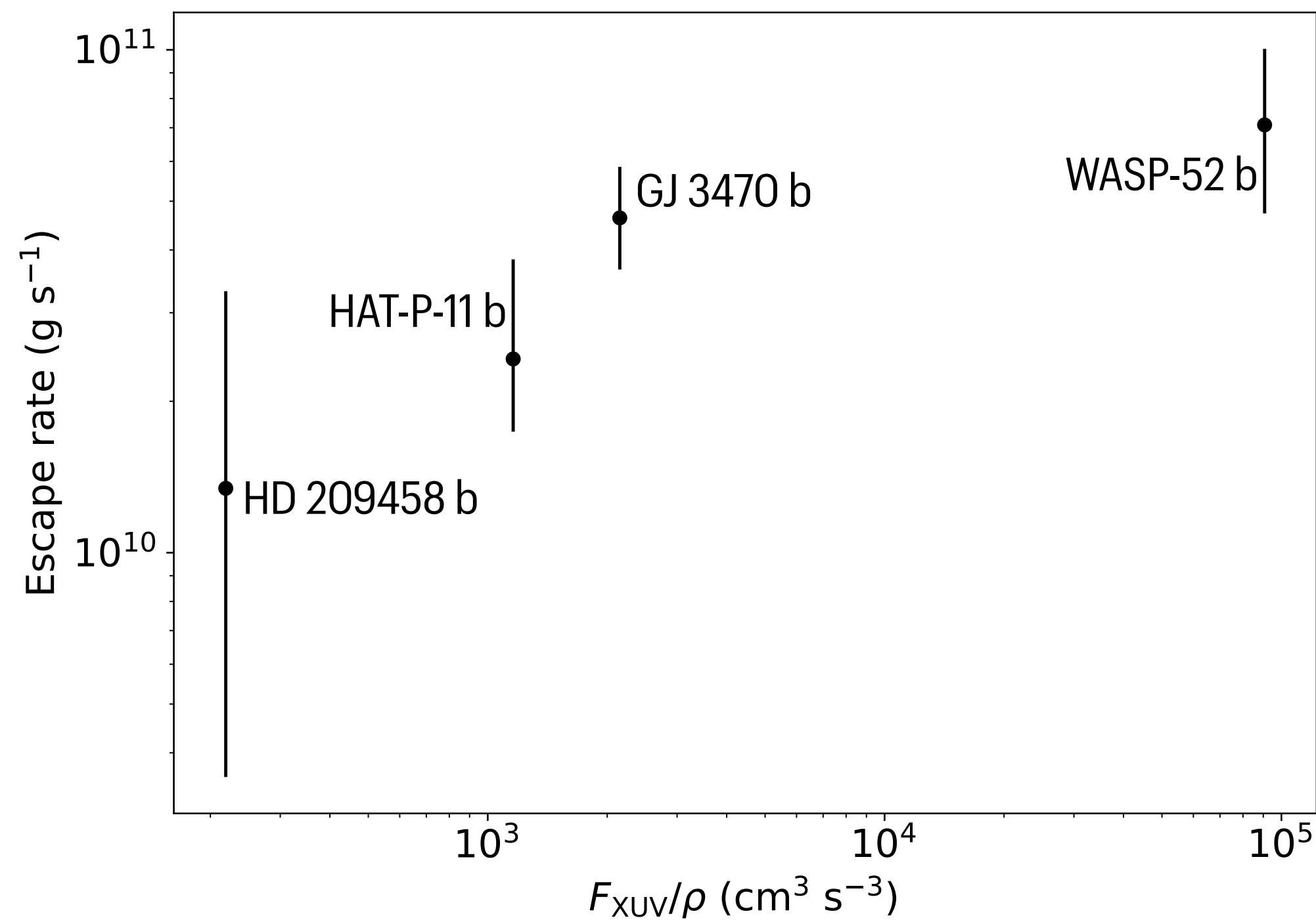


Orell-Miquel et al. (2022, A&A in press)

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## Sample-level trends:

- **F<sub>XUV</sub> vs. He absorption**
- **F<sub>XUV</sub>/ρ vs. mass loss rate**

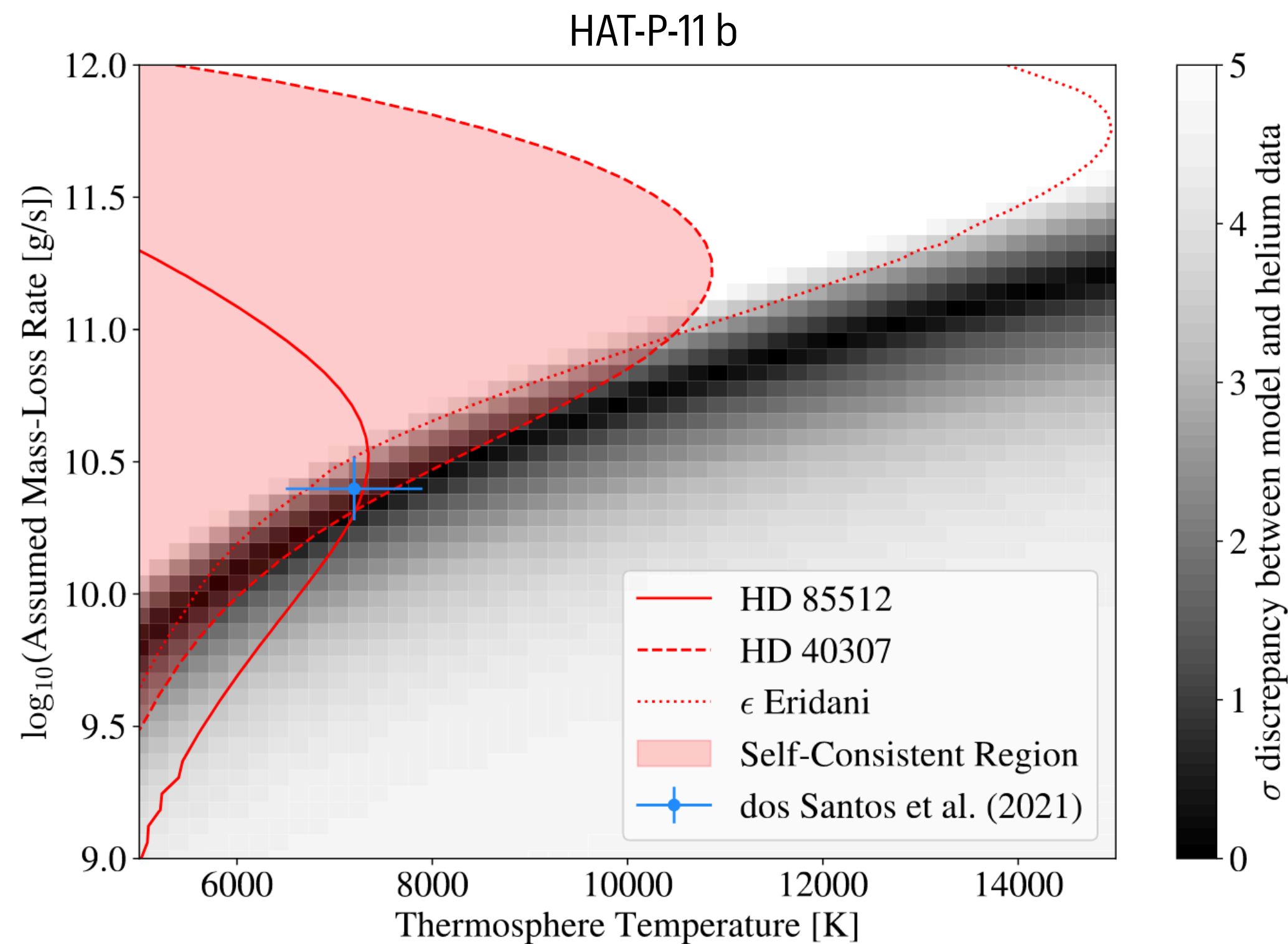
$$\dot{m} \propto \eta \frac{F_{XUV}}{\rho_{\text{bulk}}}$$

Energy-limited mass loss formulation

pesky heating efficiency factor

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**PUBLISHED RESULT!**



**He narrow-band photometry  
yield a subset of self-consistent  
models (Vissapragada et al.  
2022, ApJ in press)**

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**MORE RESULTS AND PROJECTS ARE IN THE PIPELINE!**

# MORE OPEN-SOURCE CODES

## FOR ATMOSPHERIC ESCAPE STUDIES

### PLATYPOS - PLAneTarY PhOtoevaporation Simulator

Tool to estimate the atmospheric mass loss of planets induced by stellar X-ray and extreme UV irradiation.



Ketzer & Poppenhaeger (2022, proceedings of the XMM-Newton Workshop 2021)

### The ATES code

The ATES code has been created to perform hydrodynamical simulations of the atmospheric mass loss from irradiated exoplanets. For a detailed description of the code, we refer to [1] In the following we describe the code organization and how to run.

#### Requirements

The code can be compiled with both `gfortran` (tested successfully in version 9.3.0) and `ifort` (tested on the 2021.2.0 20210228 version). For the compiler choice, see below. A basic installation of `python3` is required. The following libraries are used: `numpy,tkinter,os,shutil,matplotlib,sys,time`.

#### Installation

The code doesn't require any special installation, and can be directly downloaded from the Github page or, in alternative, the repository can be cloned via

```
git clone https://github.com/AndreaCaldirola/ATES-Code
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Caldirola et al. (2021, A&A 655)

# TAKE-HOME POINTS

- Hot Jupiters and (sub-)Neptunes are a laboratory to study atmospheric escape in exoplanets
- The whole community benefits from open-policy initiatives
- We need to analyze the sample of evaporating exoplanets with a common framework



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