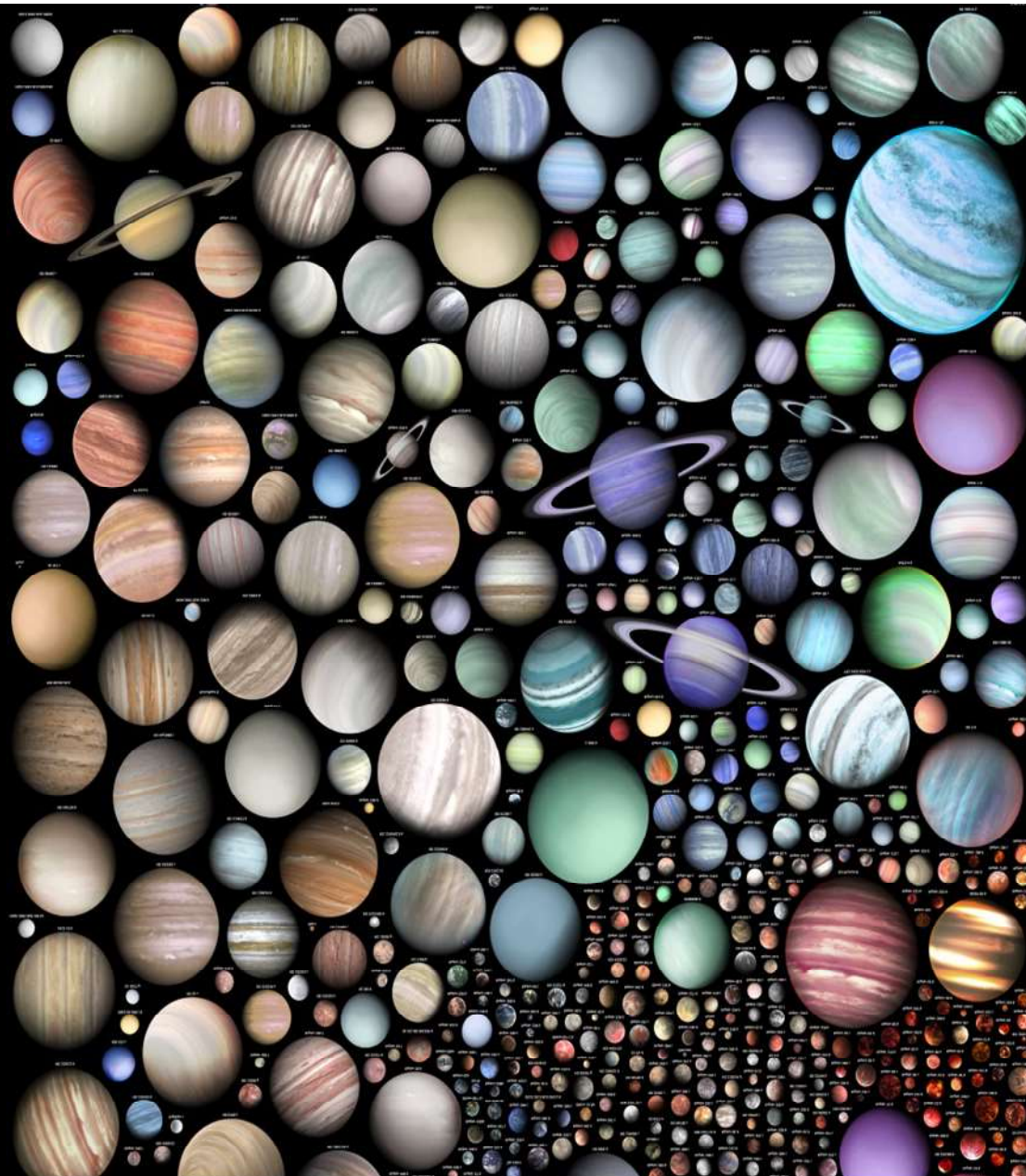
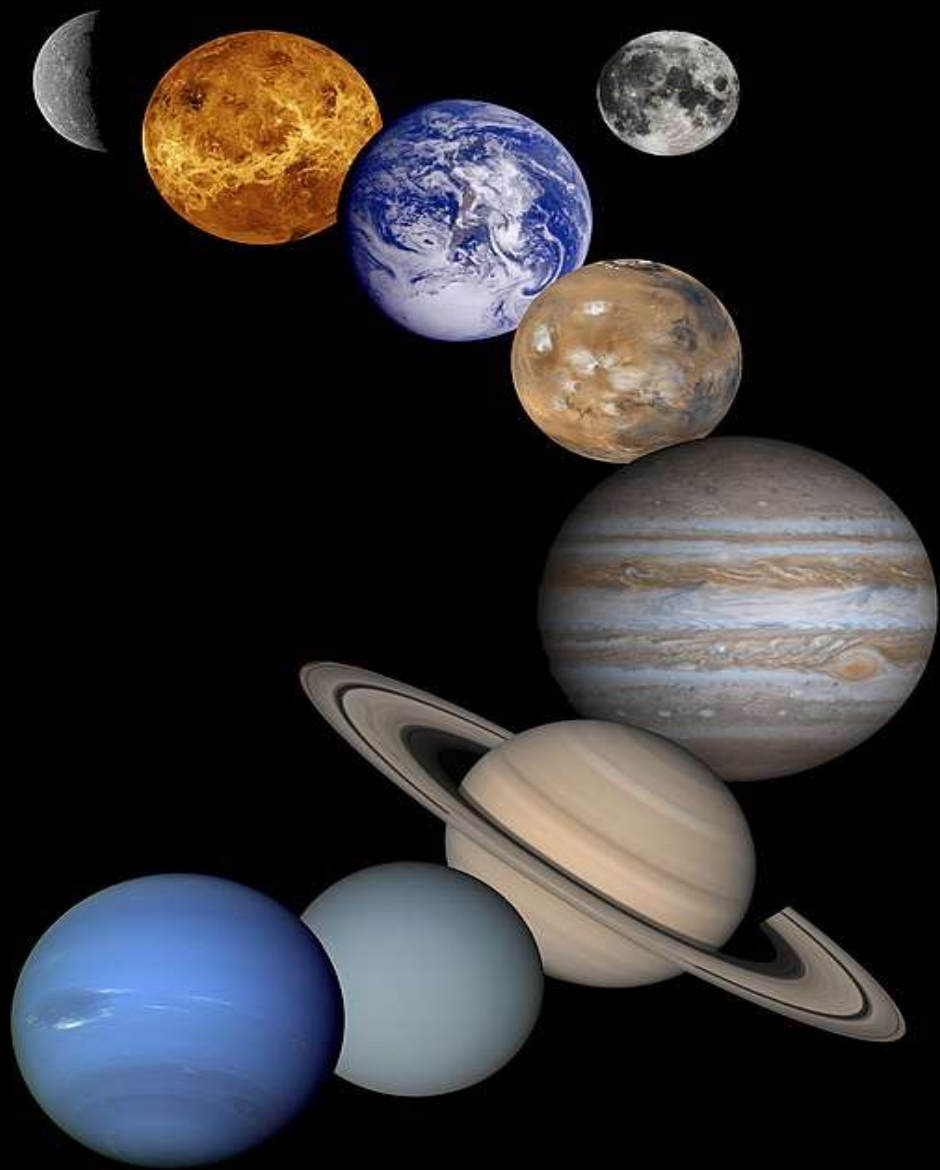




USING A VARIETY OF MOLECULES IN EXOPLANET ATMOSPHERE RETRIEVALS

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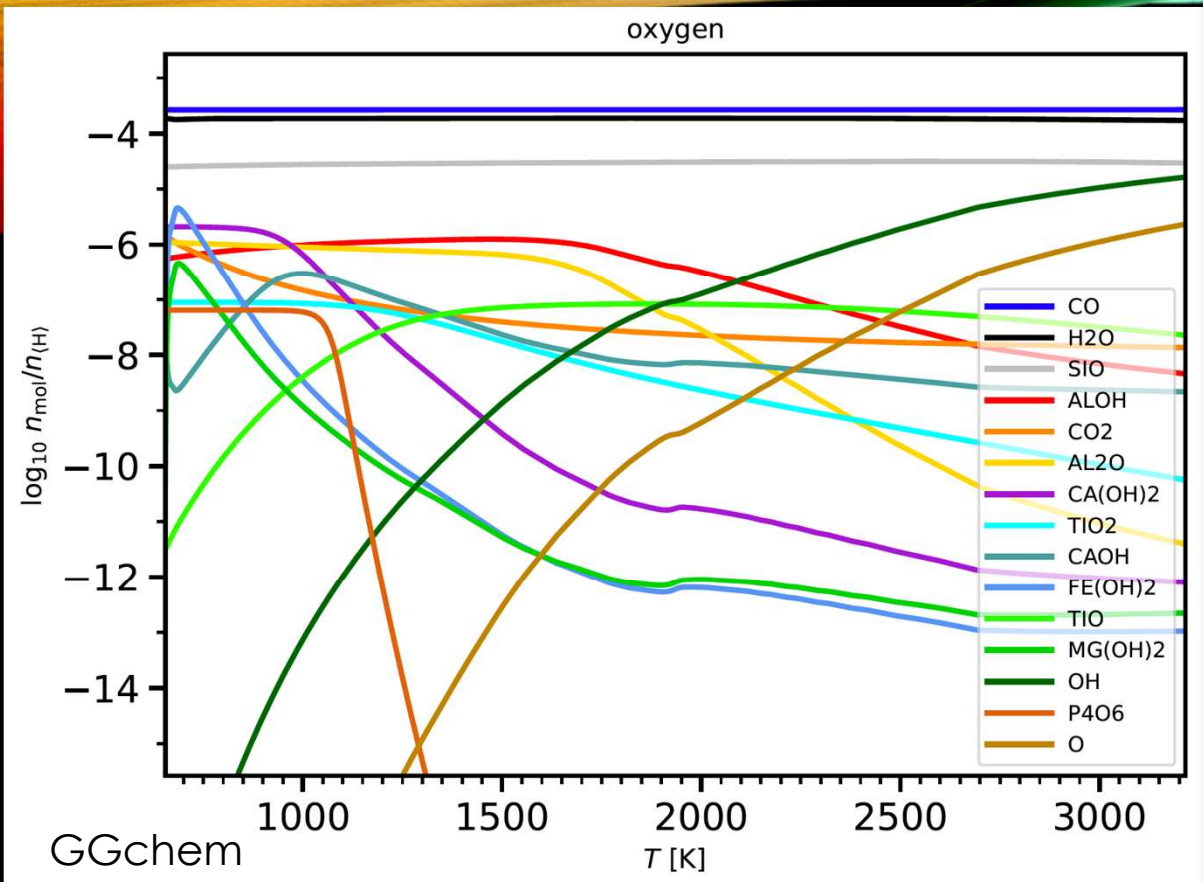
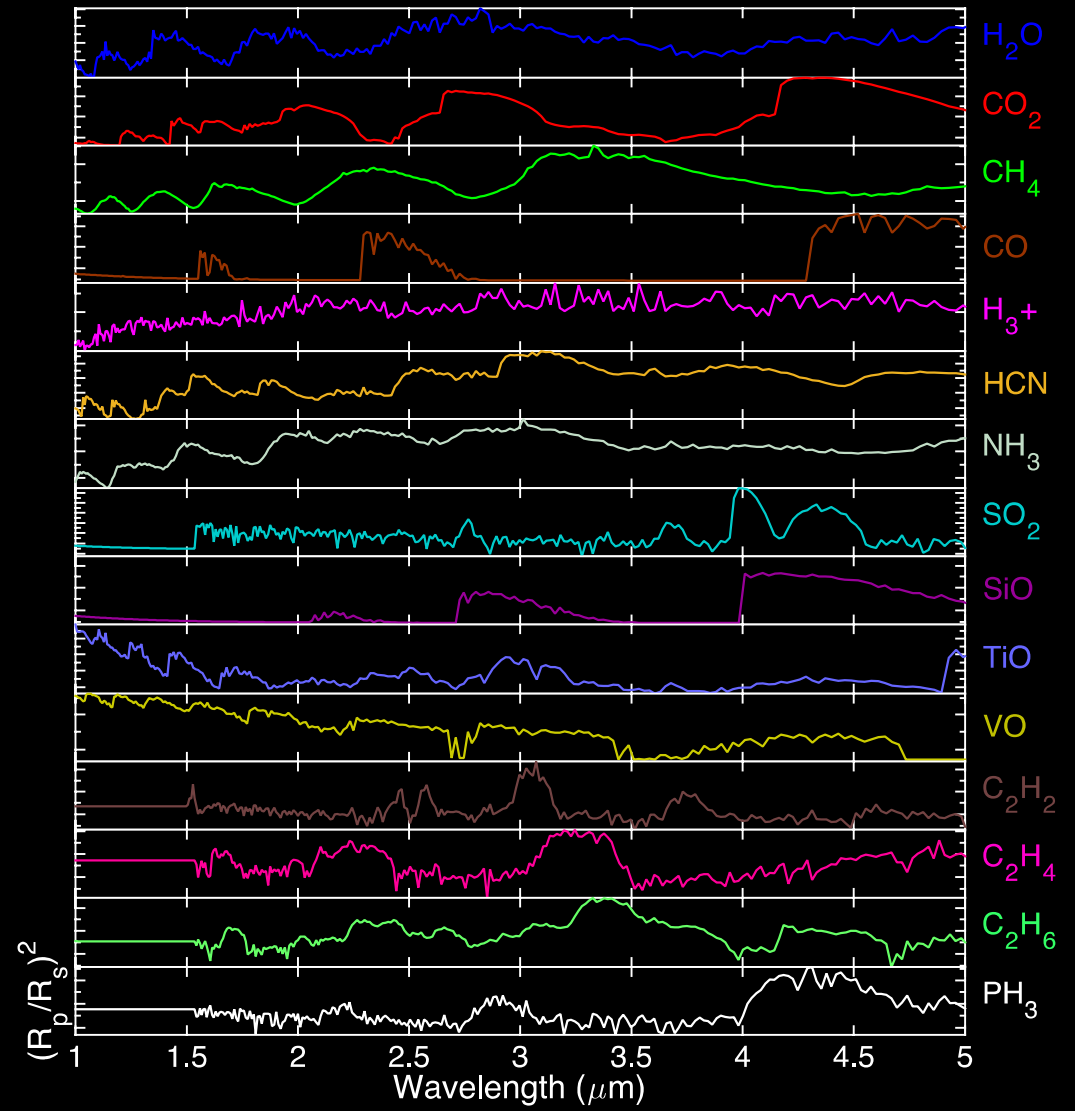



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- How do we know what these molecular spectra look like?
 - What are some of the challenges associated with finding out?
 - How do we use these in our exoplanet retrieval models
 - Differences between data for low and high resolution observations

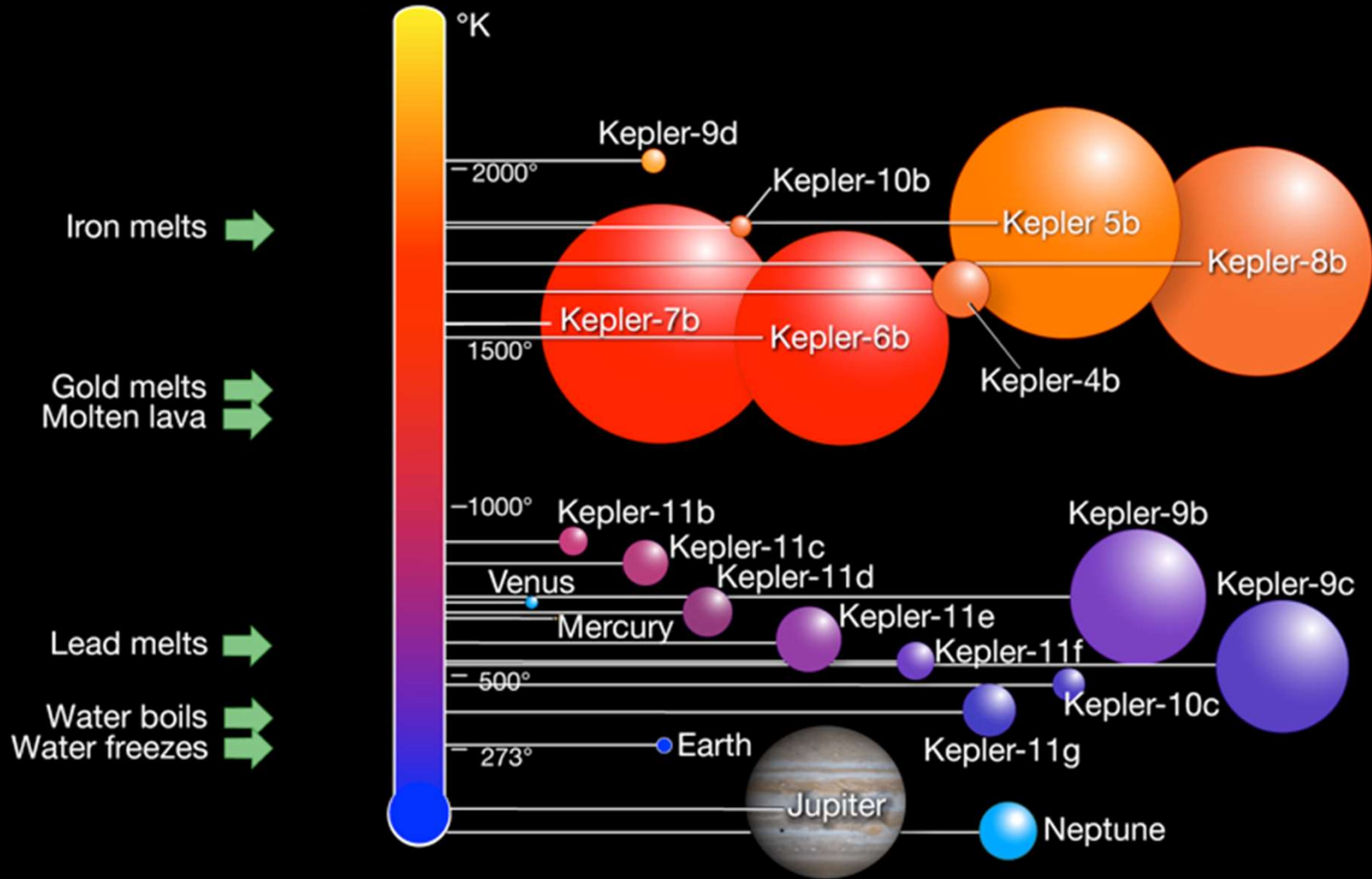
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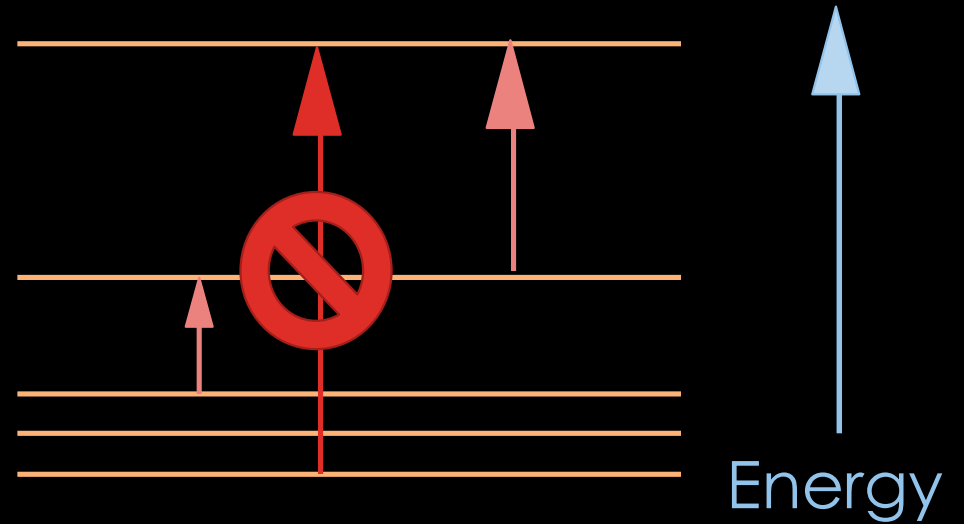


Planet Temperature & Size



Courtesy of Kepler's team

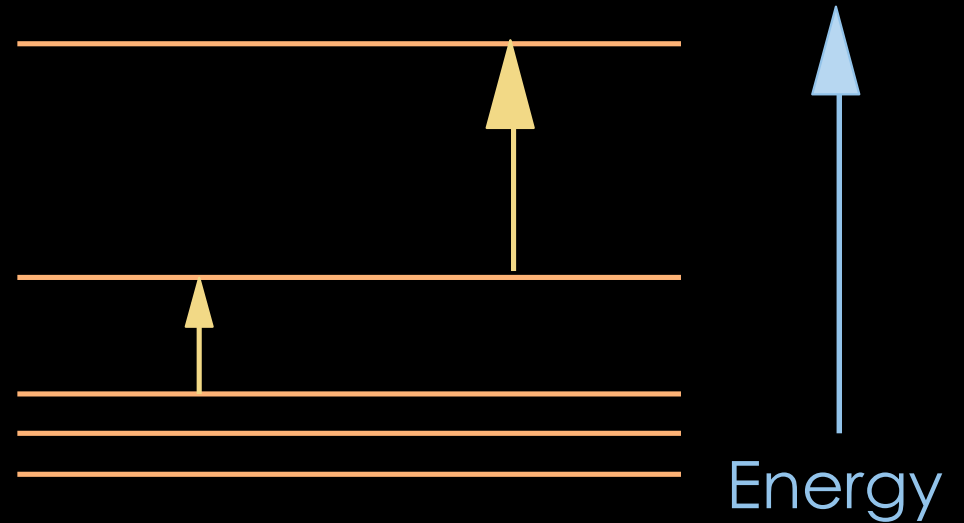
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Energy levels (typically millions)

Allowed transitions (millions – billions)

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Einstein-A coeffs (Probability of transitions)

THEORETICAL DATA: VALID UP TO HIGH TEMPERATURES



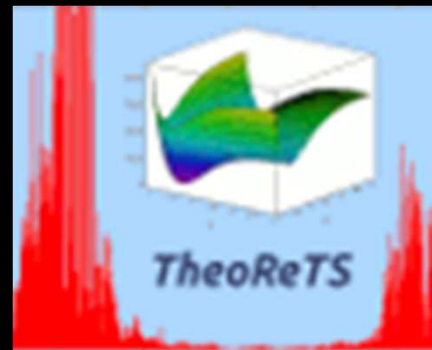
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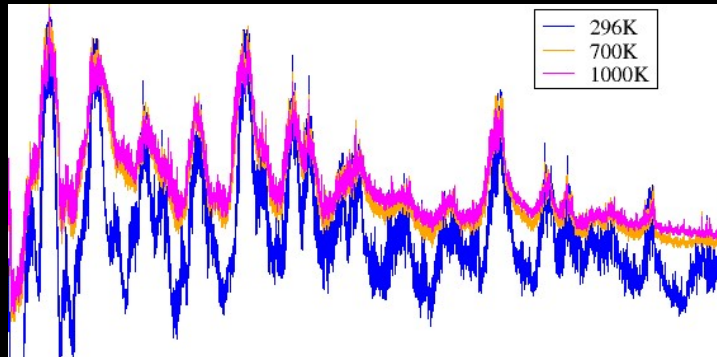
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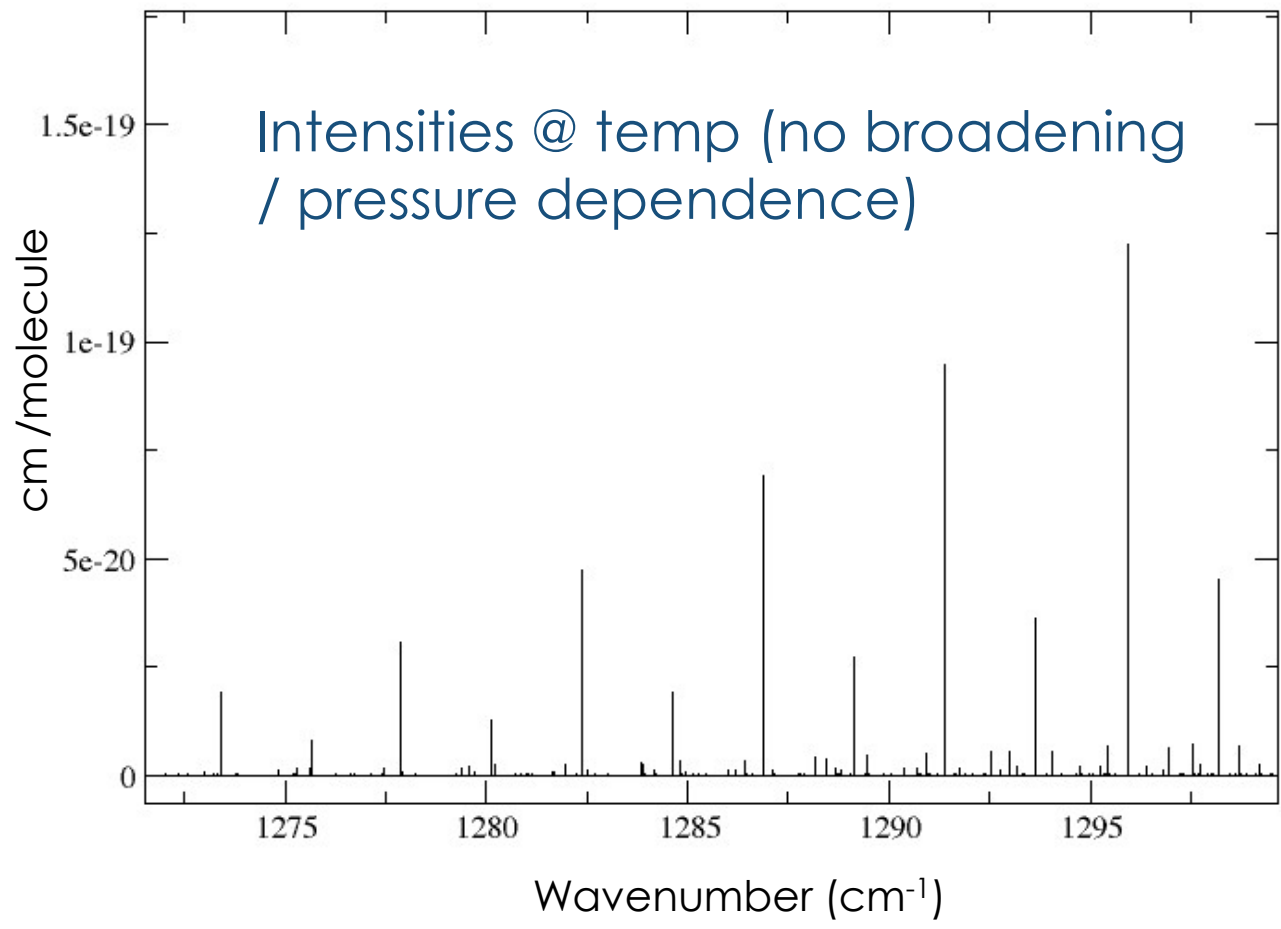
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List of energy levels, transitions, A-coeffs

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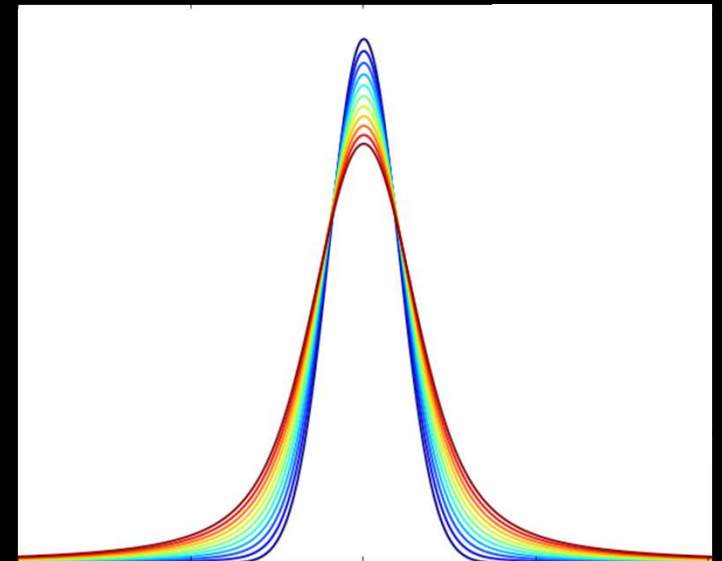


Pressure and temperature dependent spectra
(line positions from energy level transitions + line strengths from A-coeffs)



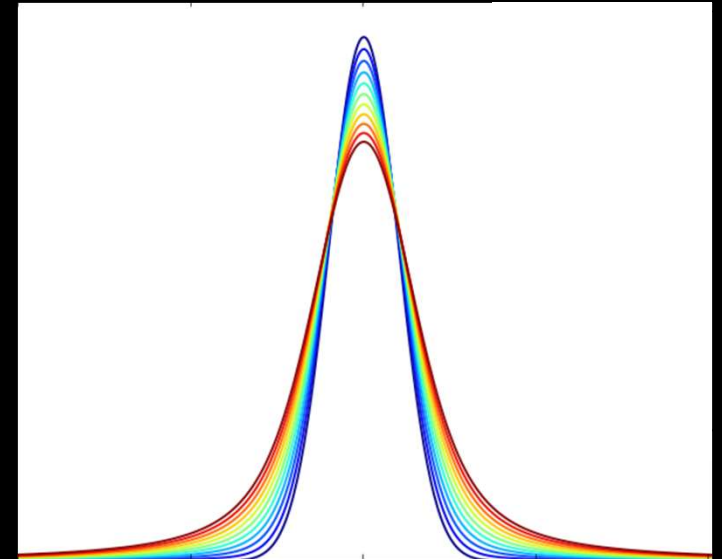
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- Pressure broadening (due to other atoms and molecules colliding with the molecule as it absorbs)



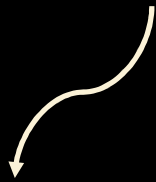
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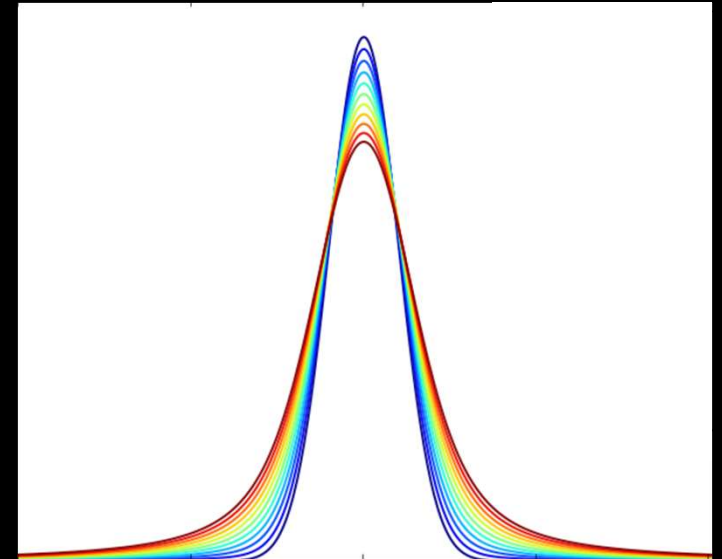


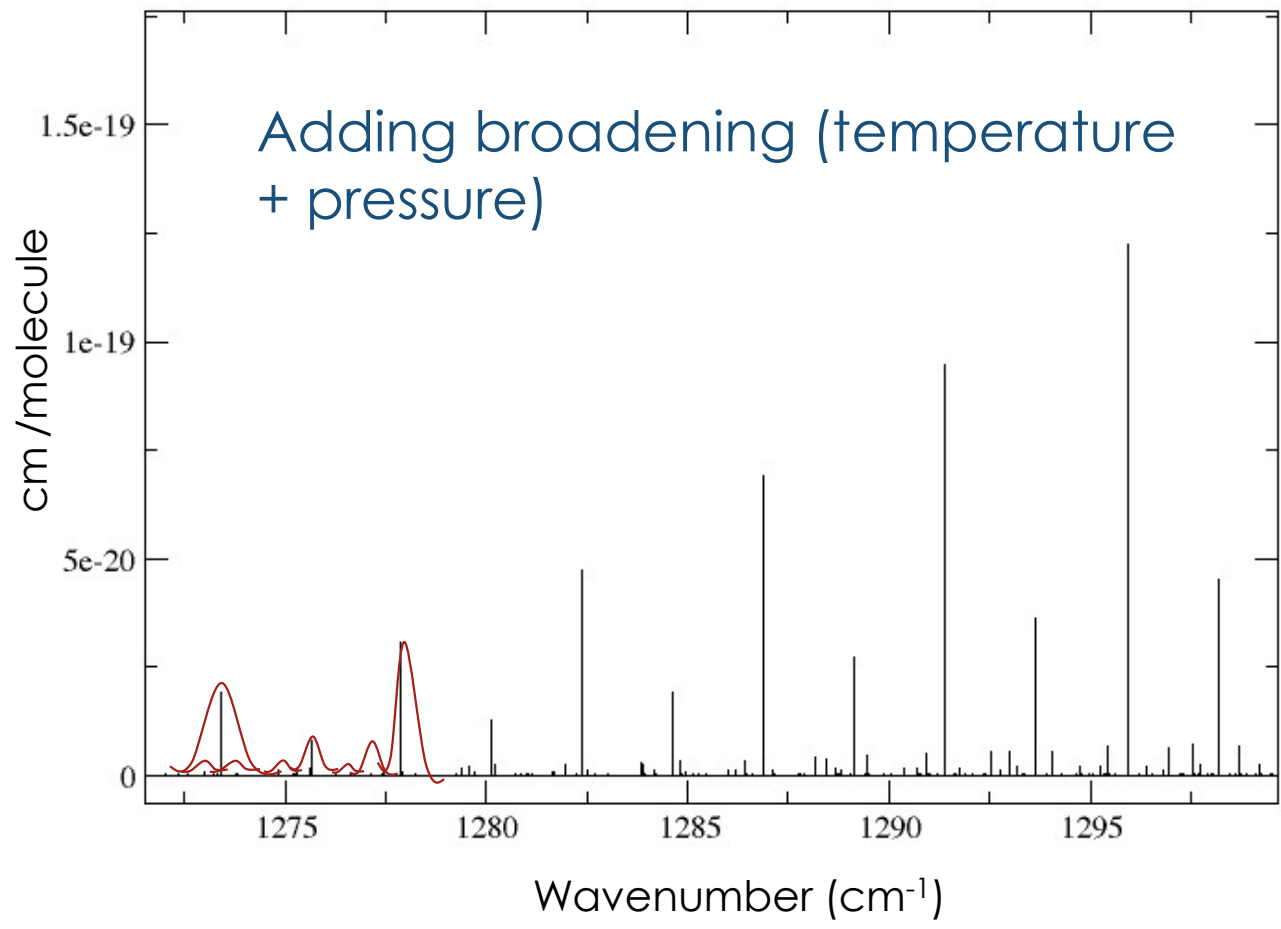
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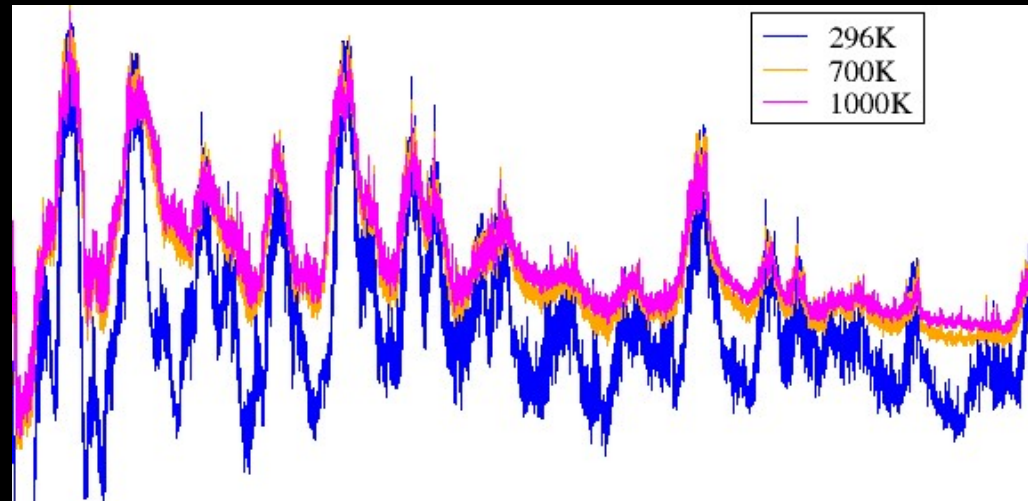
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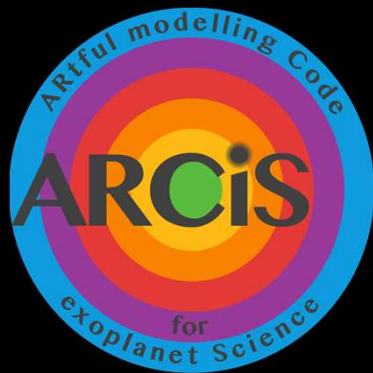
Software to compute spectra (@ particular temp/pressure) from linelist (temp/pressure independent)



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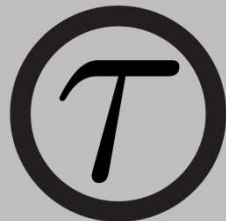
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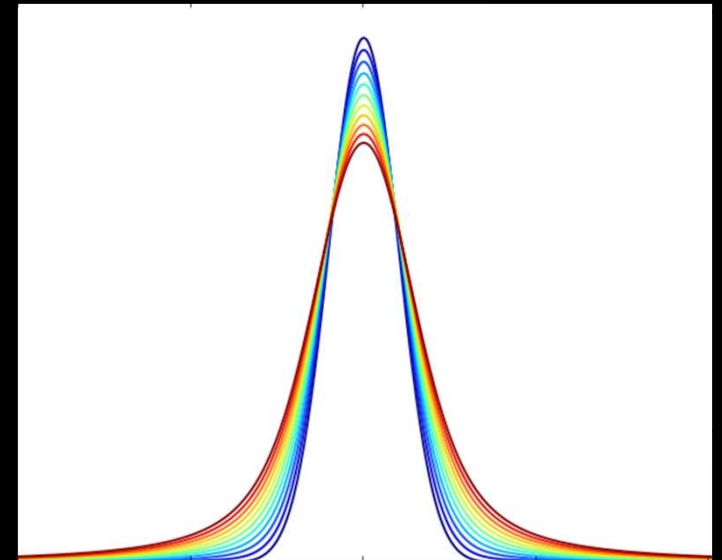
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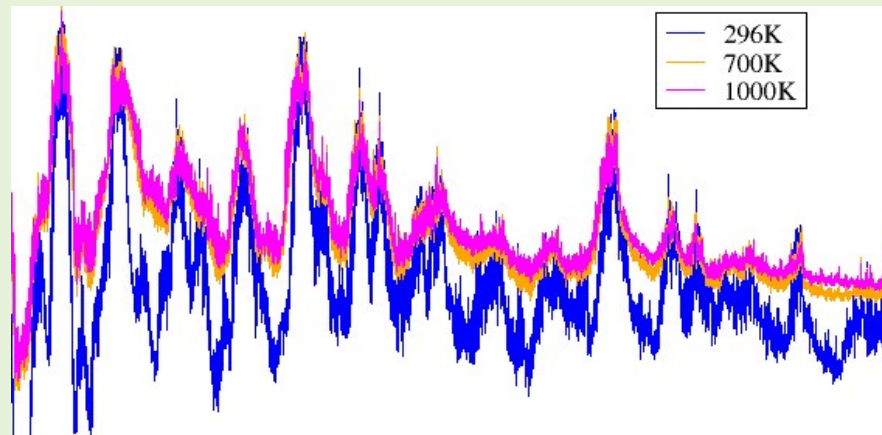
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PRESSURE TEMPERATURE GRID

22 pressures

27 temperatures

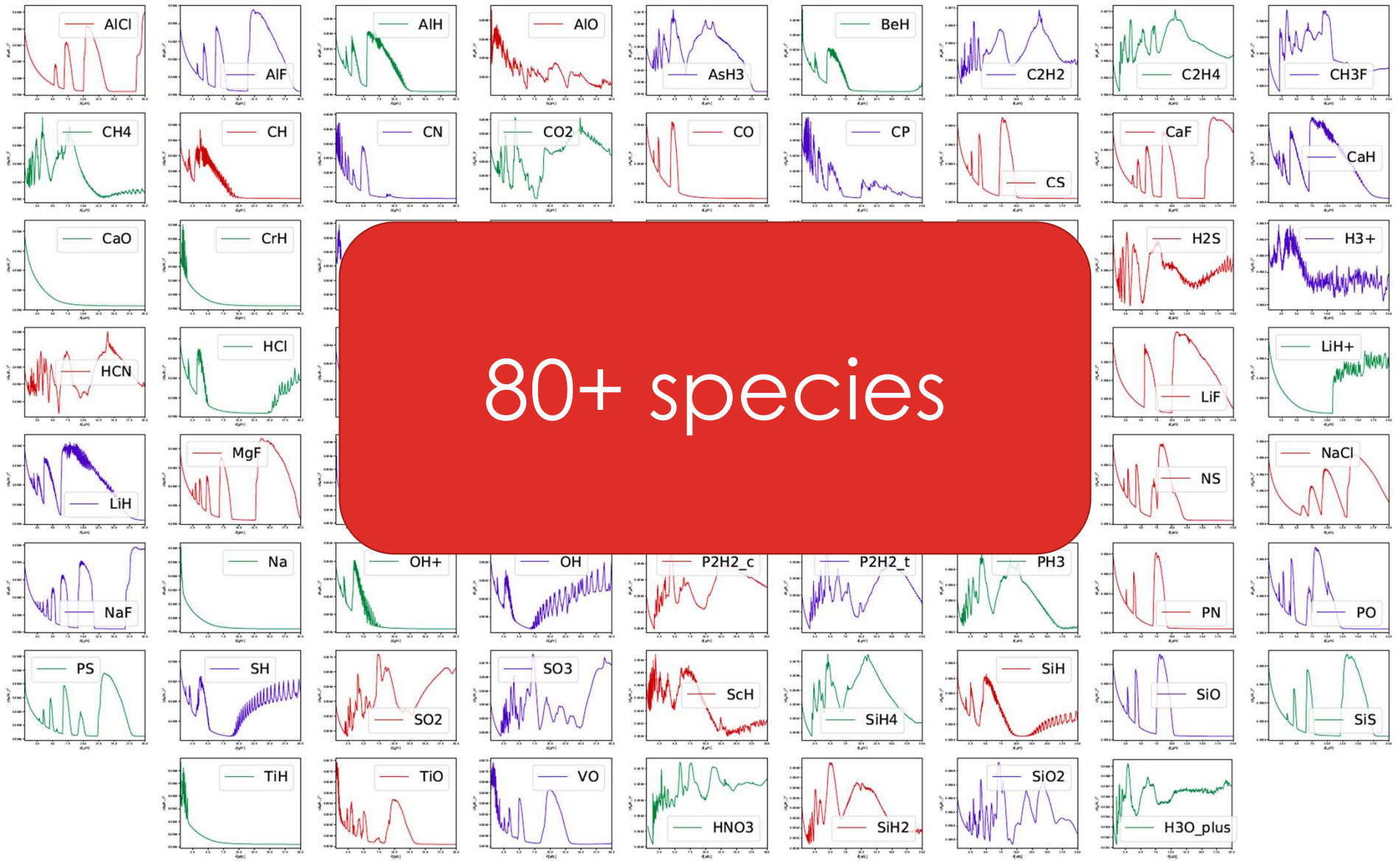


594 T/P points / species

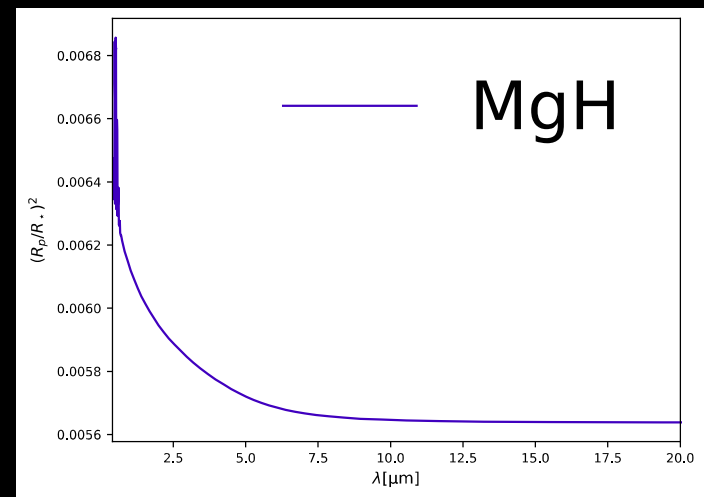
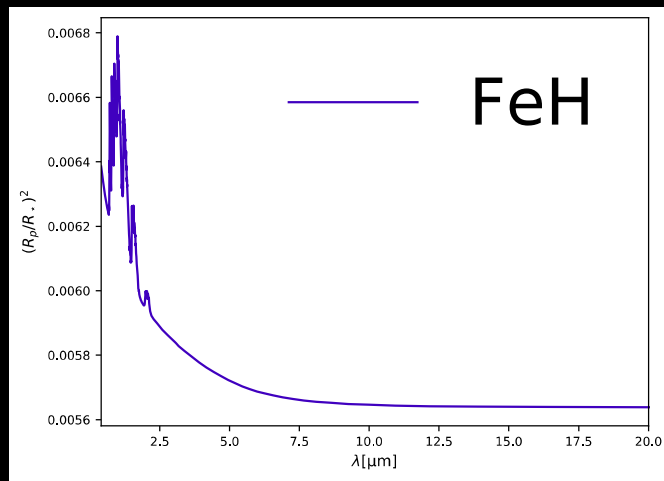
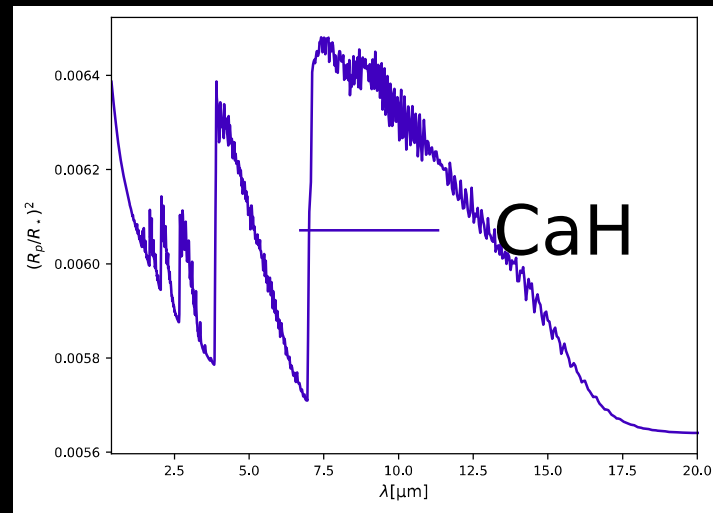
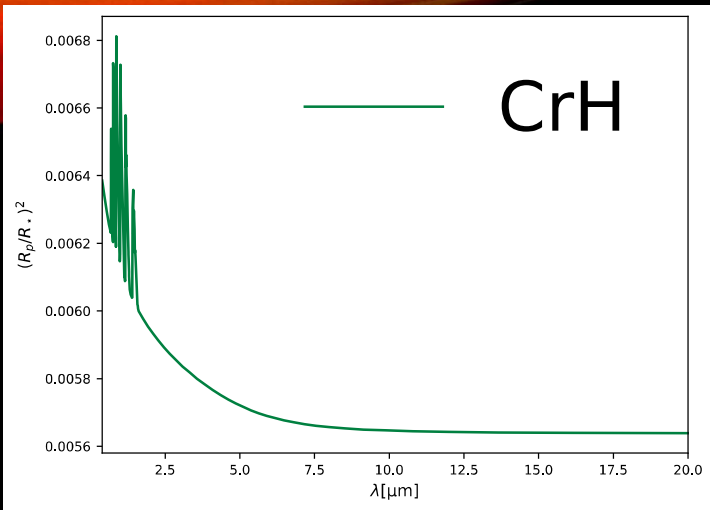
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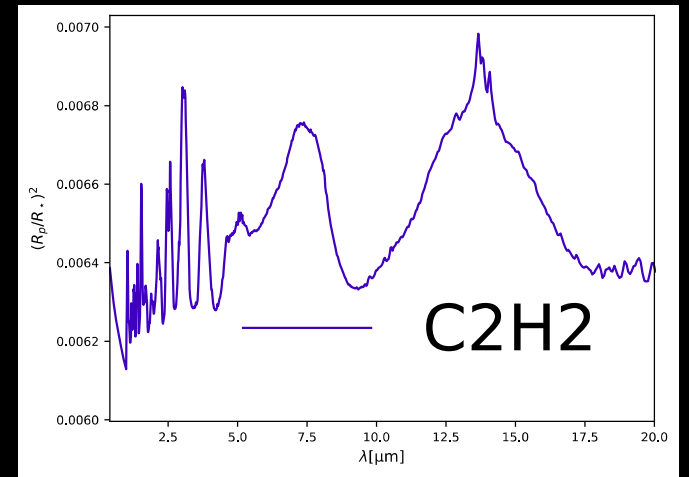
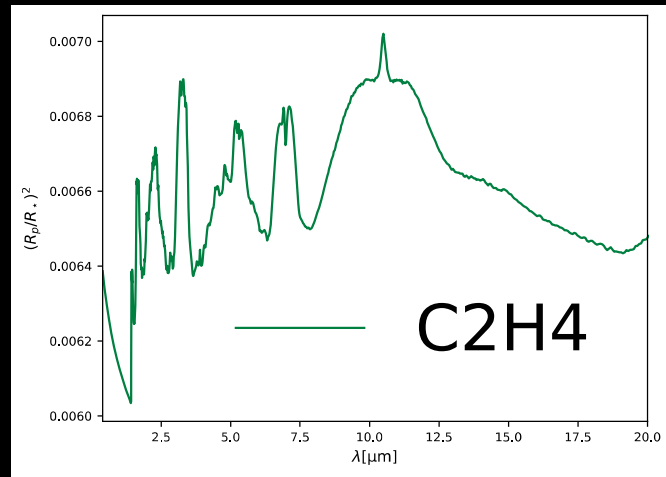
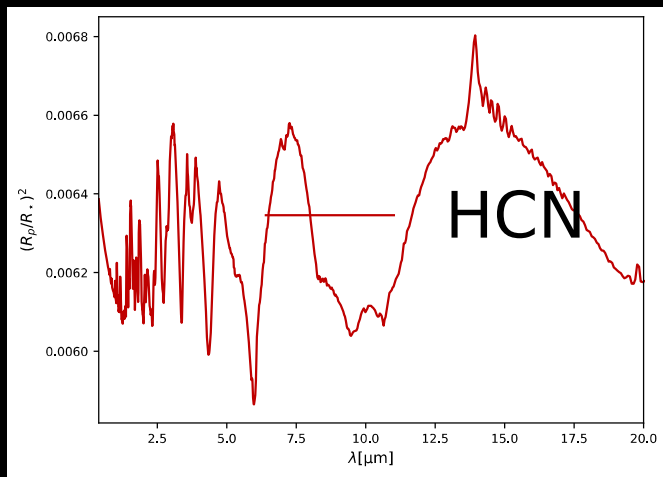
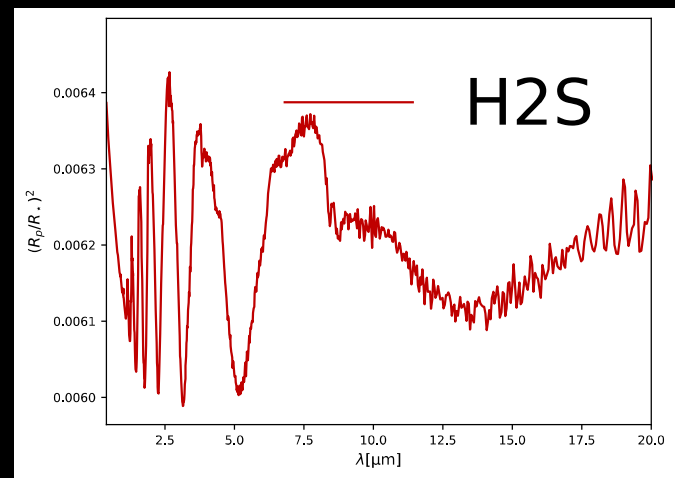
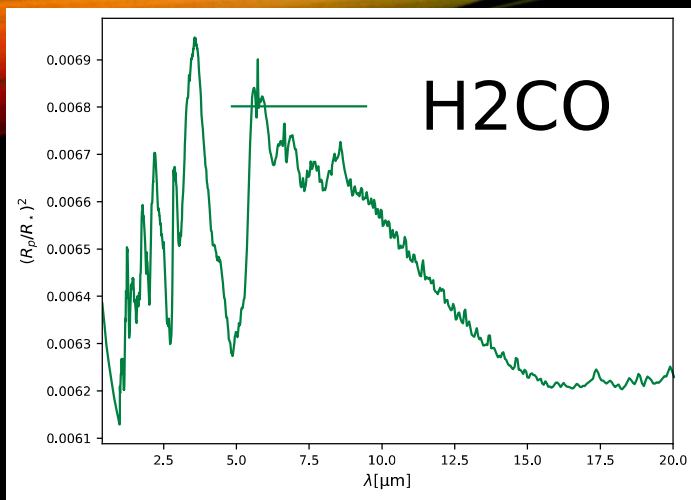
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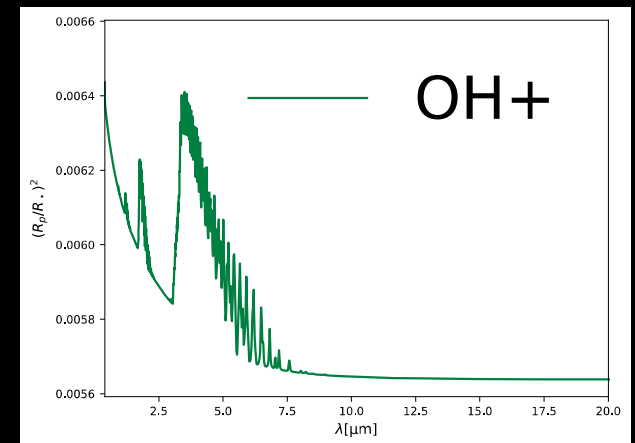
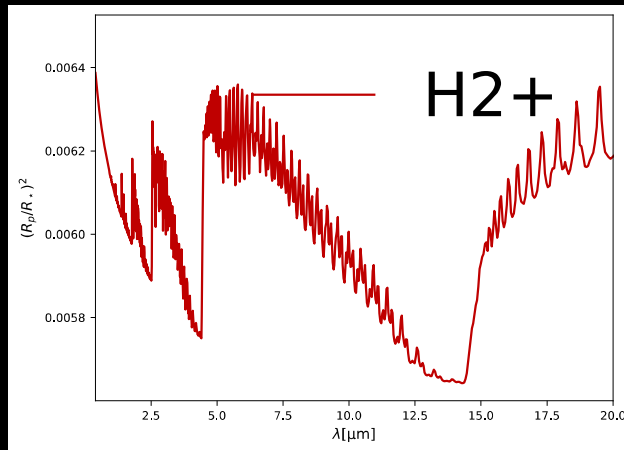
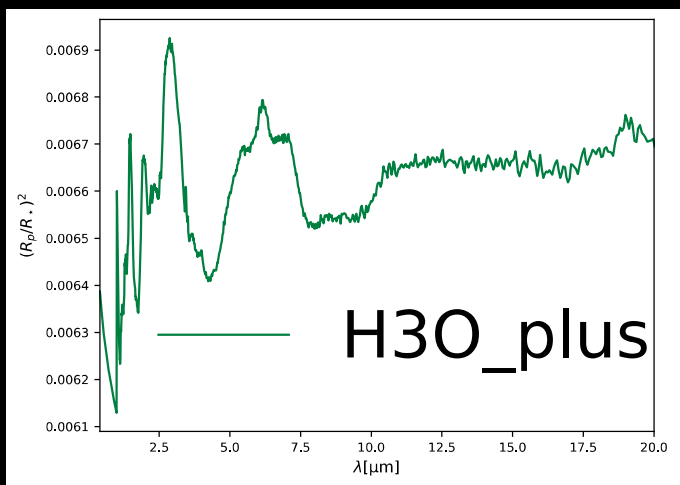
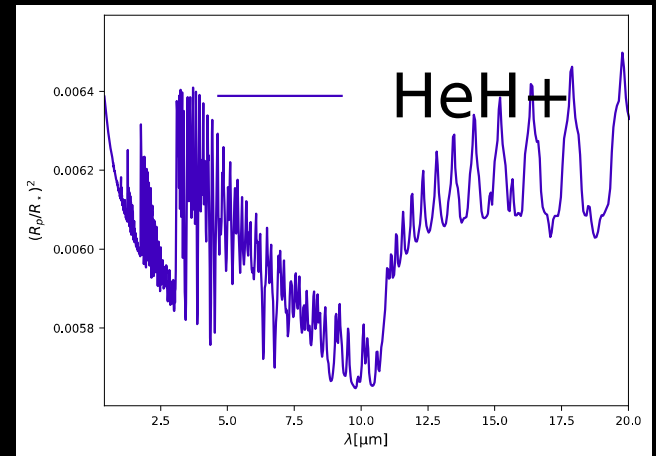
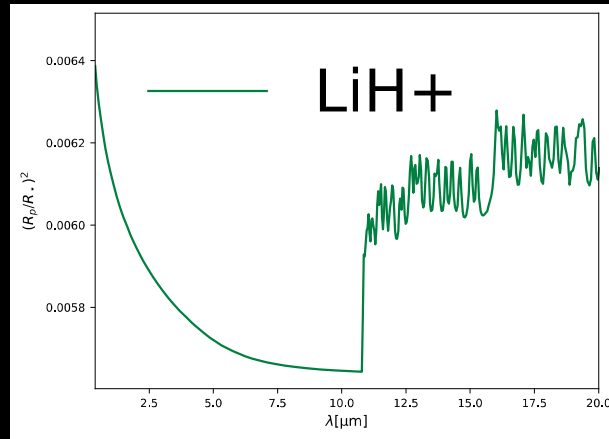
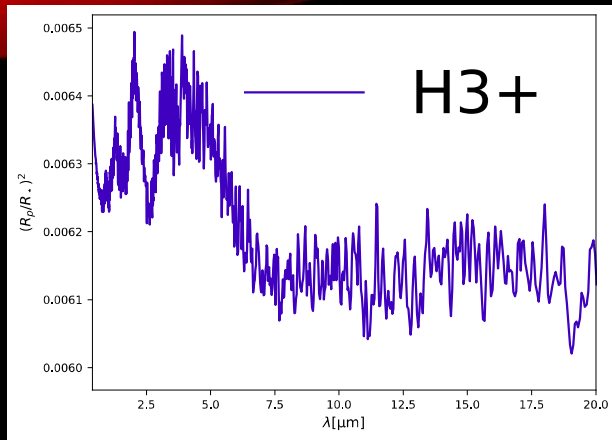
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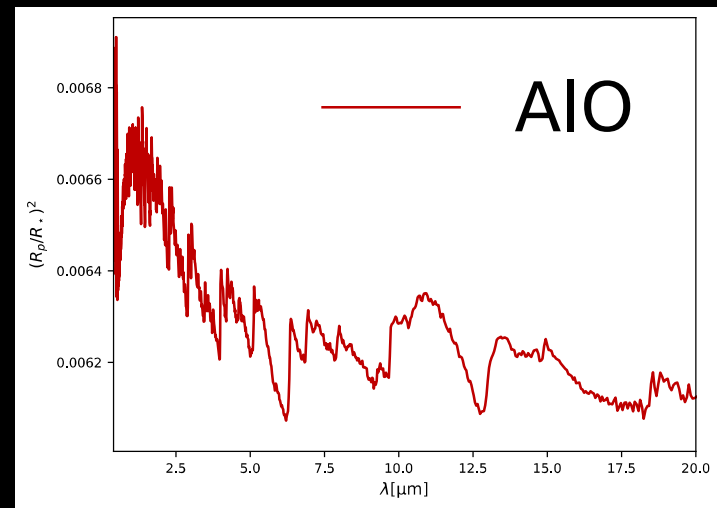
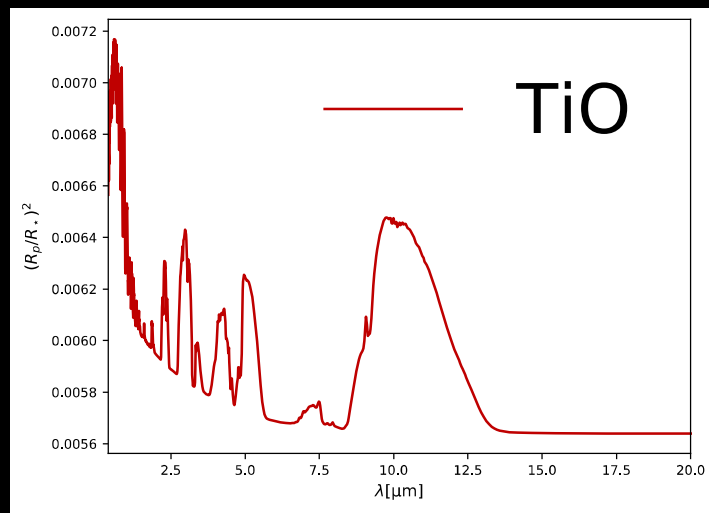
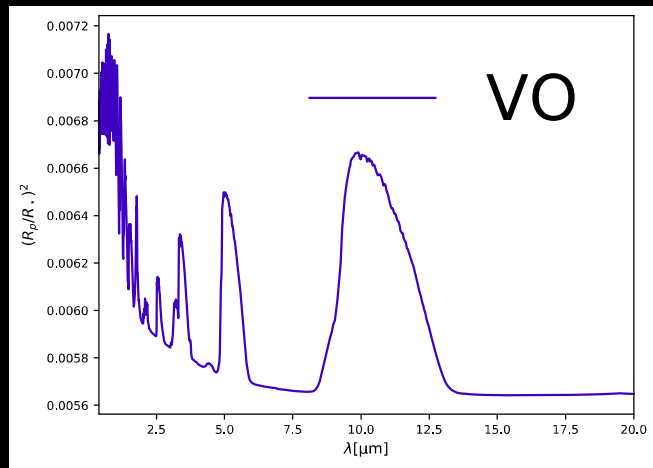


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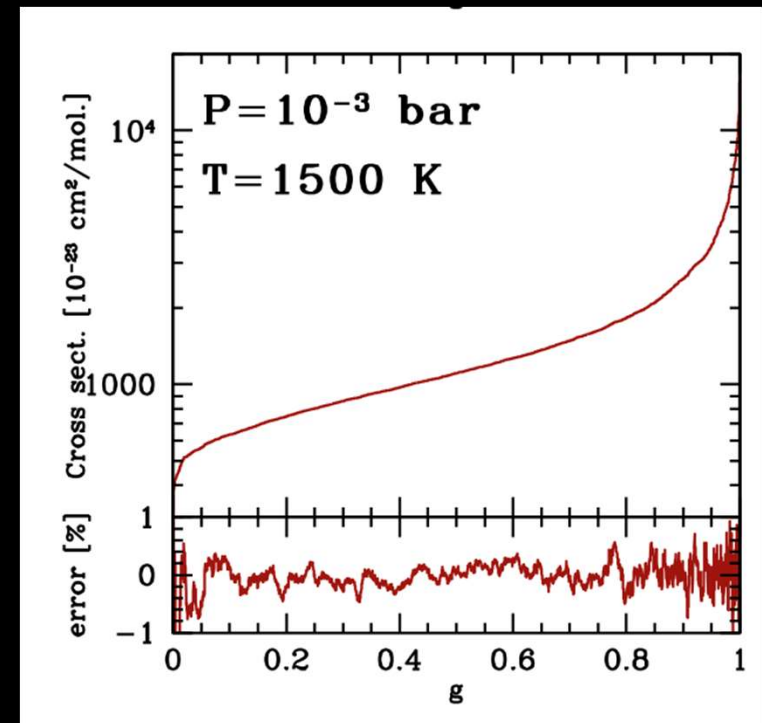






CORRELATED-K TABLES

- Cumulative opacity function
- Lower resolution required than for sampled cross-sections



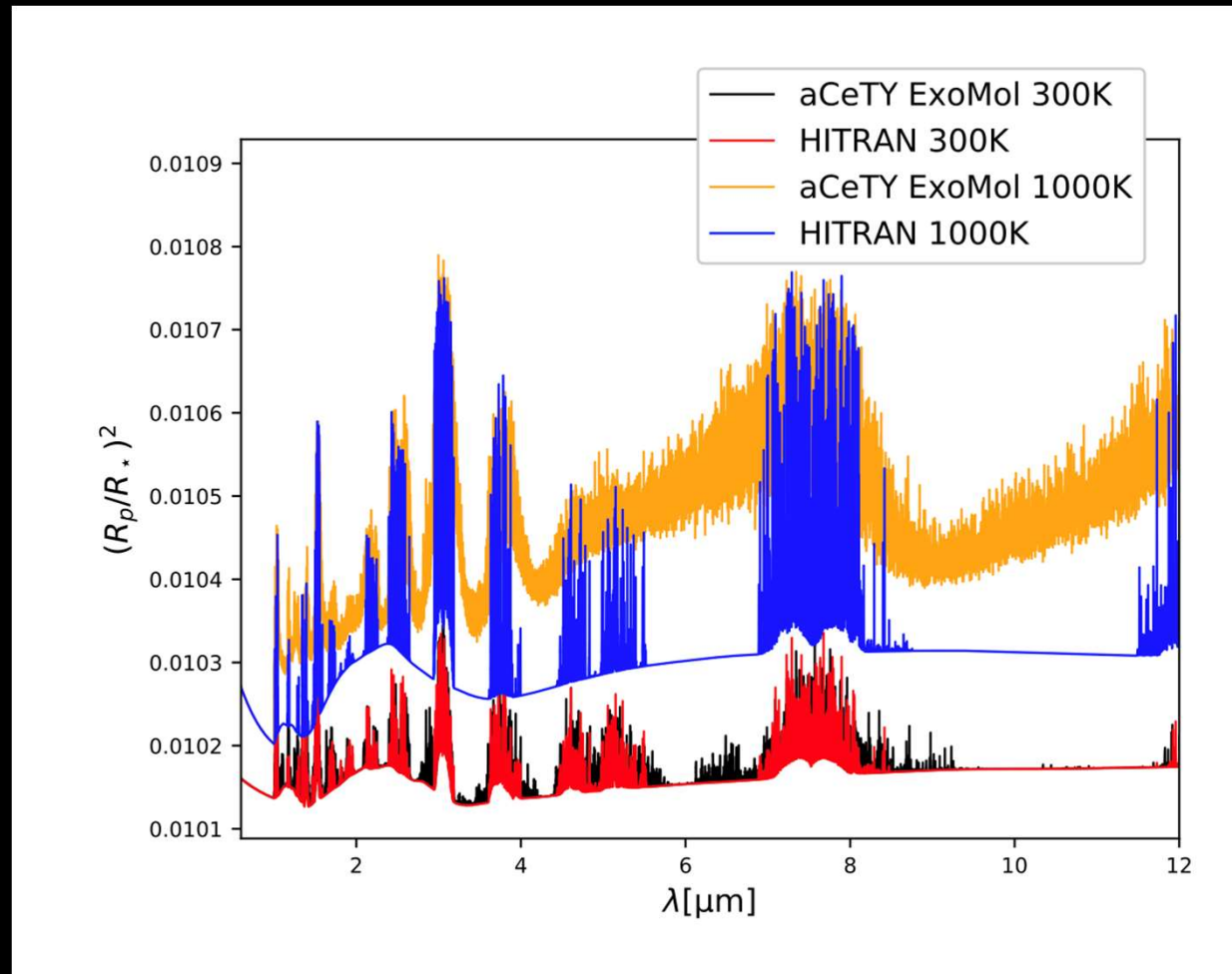
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C₂H₂ AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES

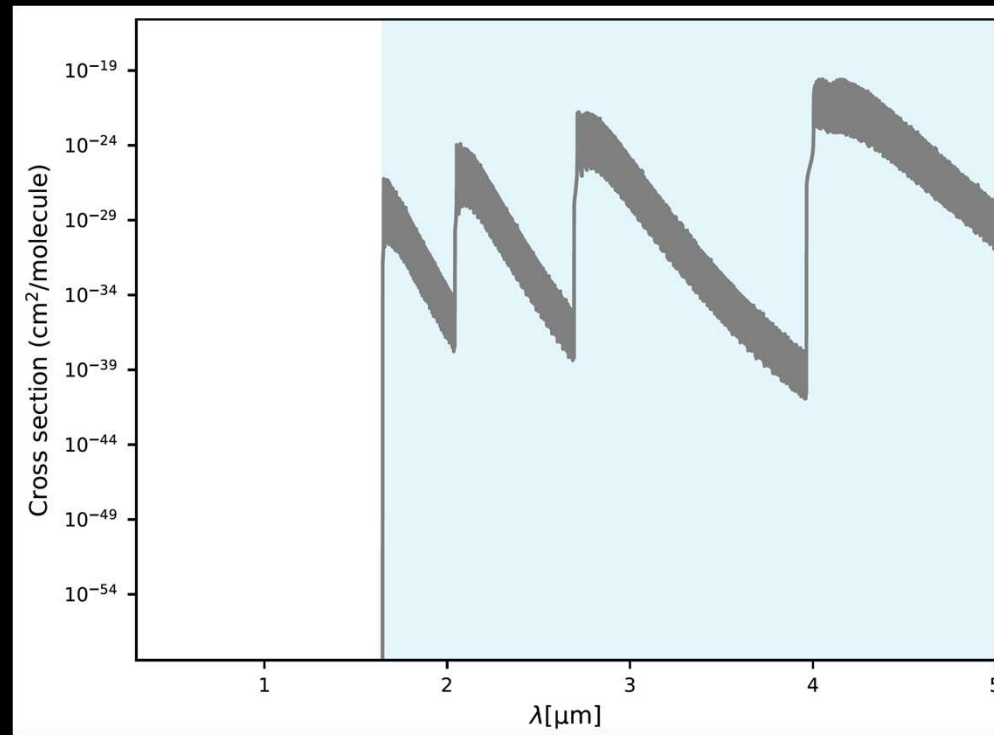
aCeTY ExoMol =
theory

HITRAN = room-
temp laboratory
data



WARNING: WAVELENGTH

Species	Line list	Ref	E_l (cm^{-1})	E_u (cm^{-1})	λ_l (μm)	λ_u (μm)
SiO	ExoMol EBJT	Barton et al. (2013)	100	6049	1.65	100





Laboratory data:
largely room-temp

ExoMol

Theoretical data: typically valid
up to high temps (check each
species)

EXOMOLOP: DOWNLOAD FROM WWW.EXOMOL.COM

www.exomol.com/data/data-types/opacity/

ExoMol: Molecules with Opacity: Temperature and pressure dependent opacities generated for different radiative transfer codes in their native formats.

Search molecules:

other oxides

CO

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LiH

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CoYuTe: opacity

Hot Temperature line list for (14N)(1H)3, 0-20000 cm-1.

[14N-1H3_CoYuTe.R1000_0.3-50mu.ktable.NEMESIS.kta](#)

NEMESIS k-tables at R= 1000 (0.3-50mu) in NEMESIS-kta format: CoYuTe (14N)(1H)3 line list.

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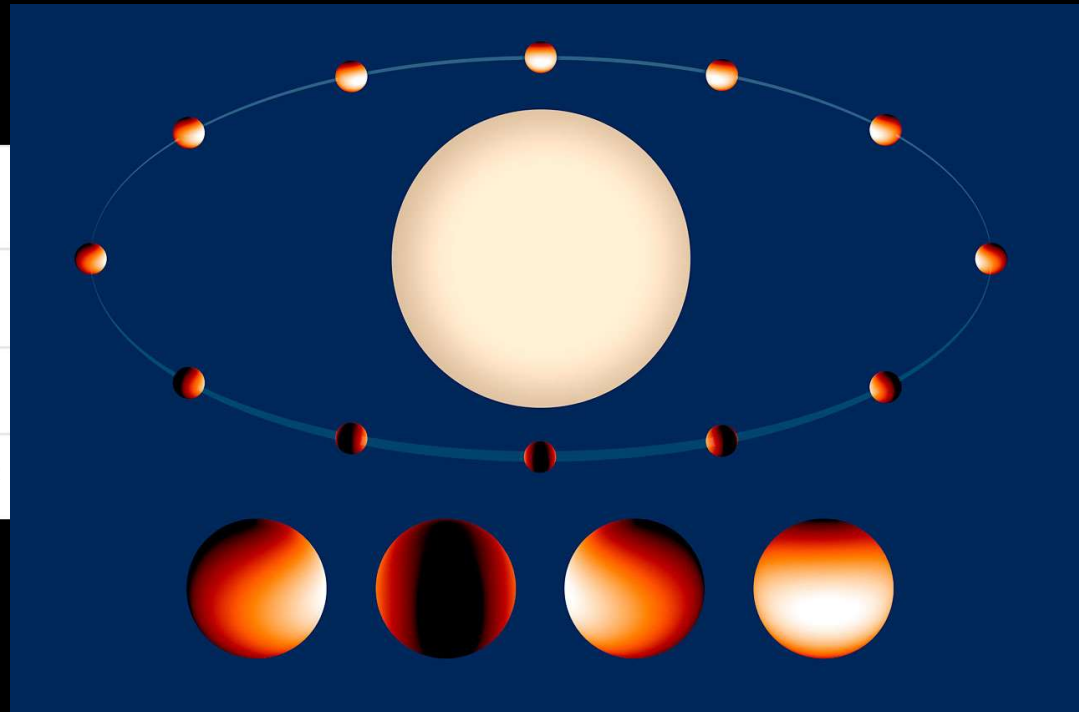
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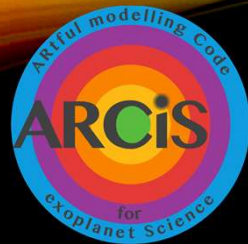
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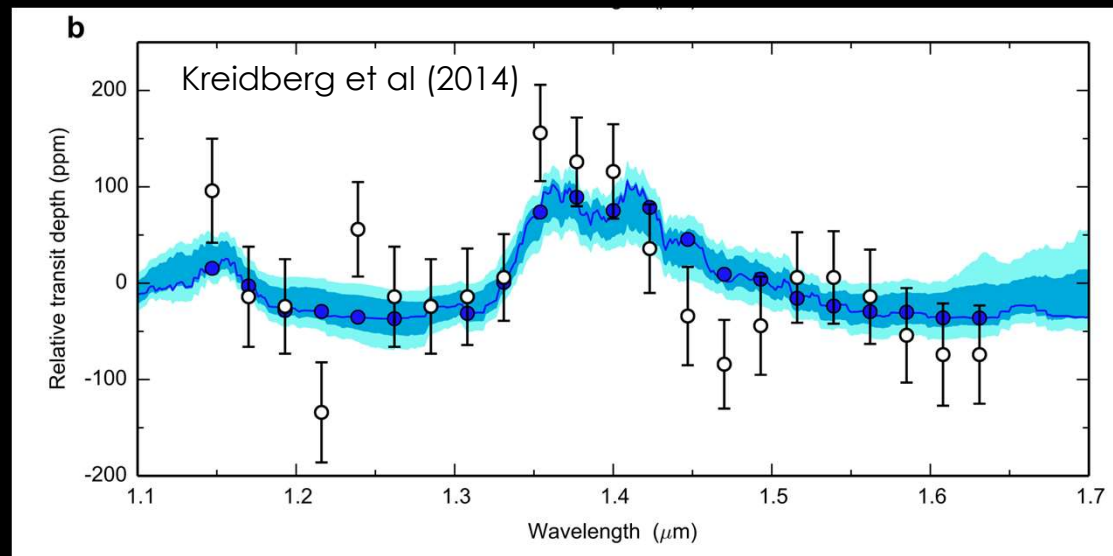
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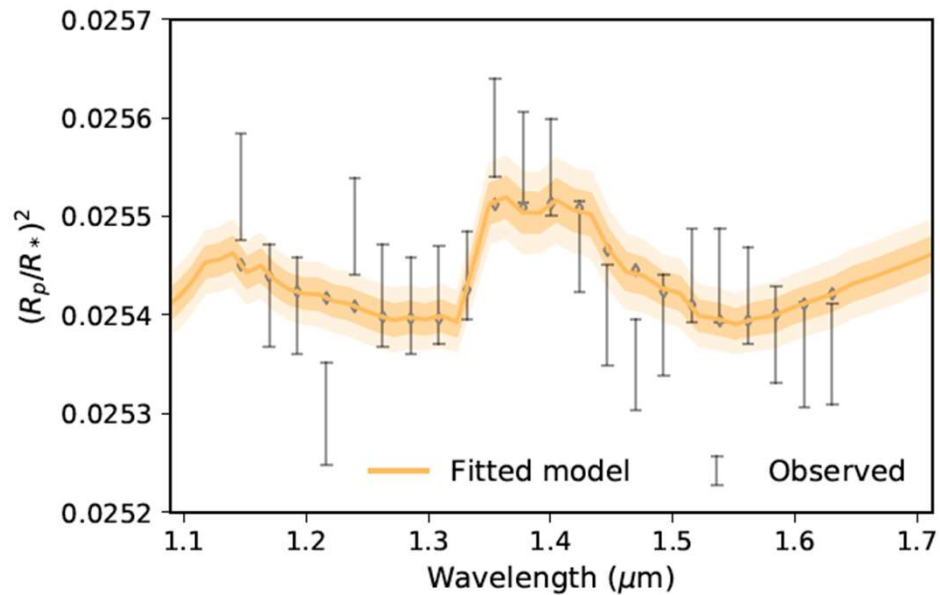


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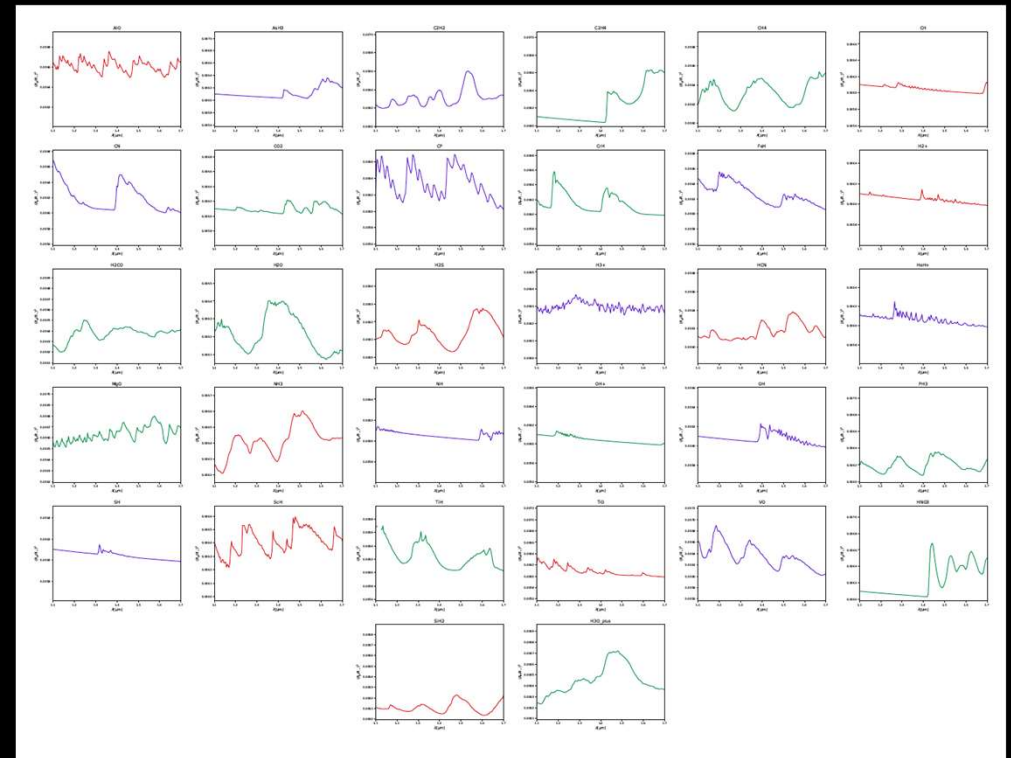




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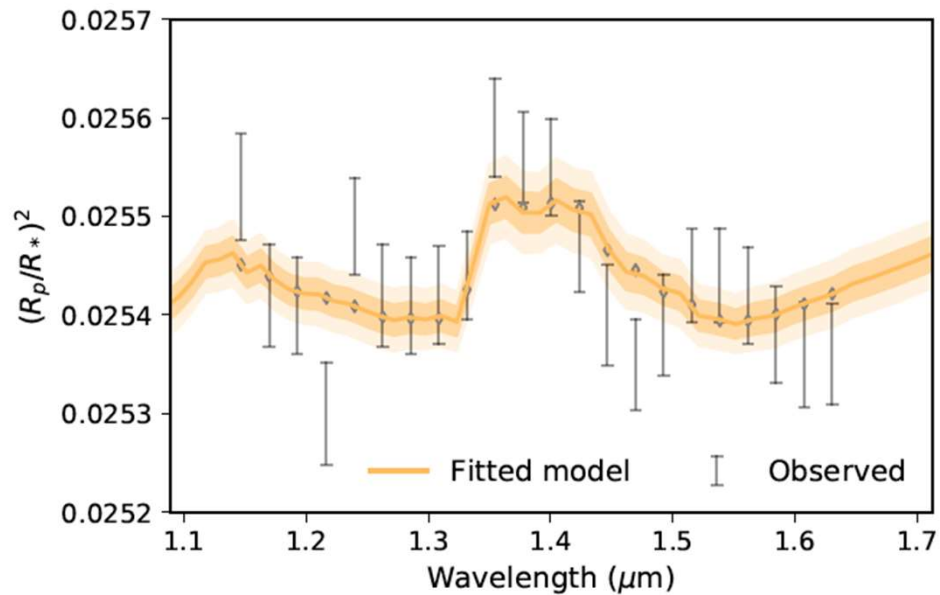


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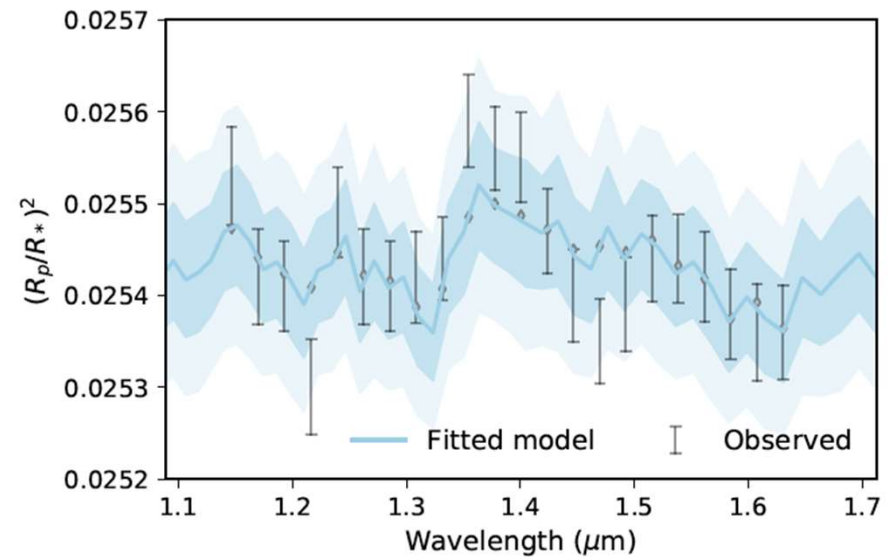




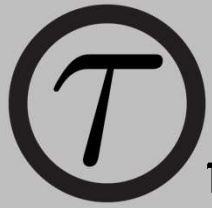
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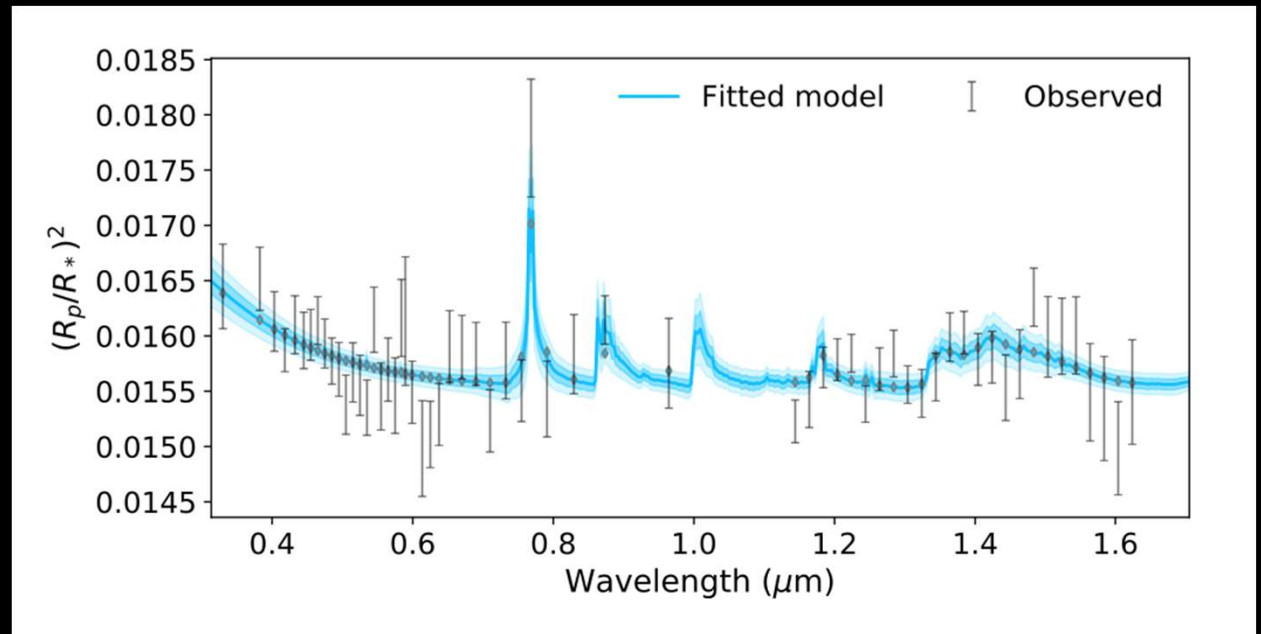
AlO + H₂O



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EVIDENCE FOR CrH IN WASP31 b

Molecule	Wavelength range
AlH	0.37–100 μm
AlO	0.29–100 μm
C ₂ H ₂	1.00–100 μm
C ₂ H ₄	1.41–100 μm
CaH	0.45–100 μm
CH ₄	0.83–100 μm
CN	0.23–100 μm
CO	0.45–100 μm
CO ₂	1.04–100 μm
CP	0.67–100 μm
CrH	0.67–100 μm
FeH	0.67–100 μm
H ₂ CO	0.99–100 μm
H ₂ O	0.24–100 μm
HCN	0.56–100 μm
K	0.29–100 μm
MgH	0.34–100 μm
MgO	0.27–100 μm
Na	0.24–100 μm
NH ₃	0.43–100 μm
OH	0.23–100 μm
ScH	0.63–100 μm
TiH	0.42–100 μm
TiO	0.33–100 μm
VO	0.29–100 μm



High resolution spectroscopy

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Requires very accurate
spectral data

HIGHER ACCURACY



EXPERIMENT
(room-temp)

ExoMol

THEORY
(high temp)



MARVEL

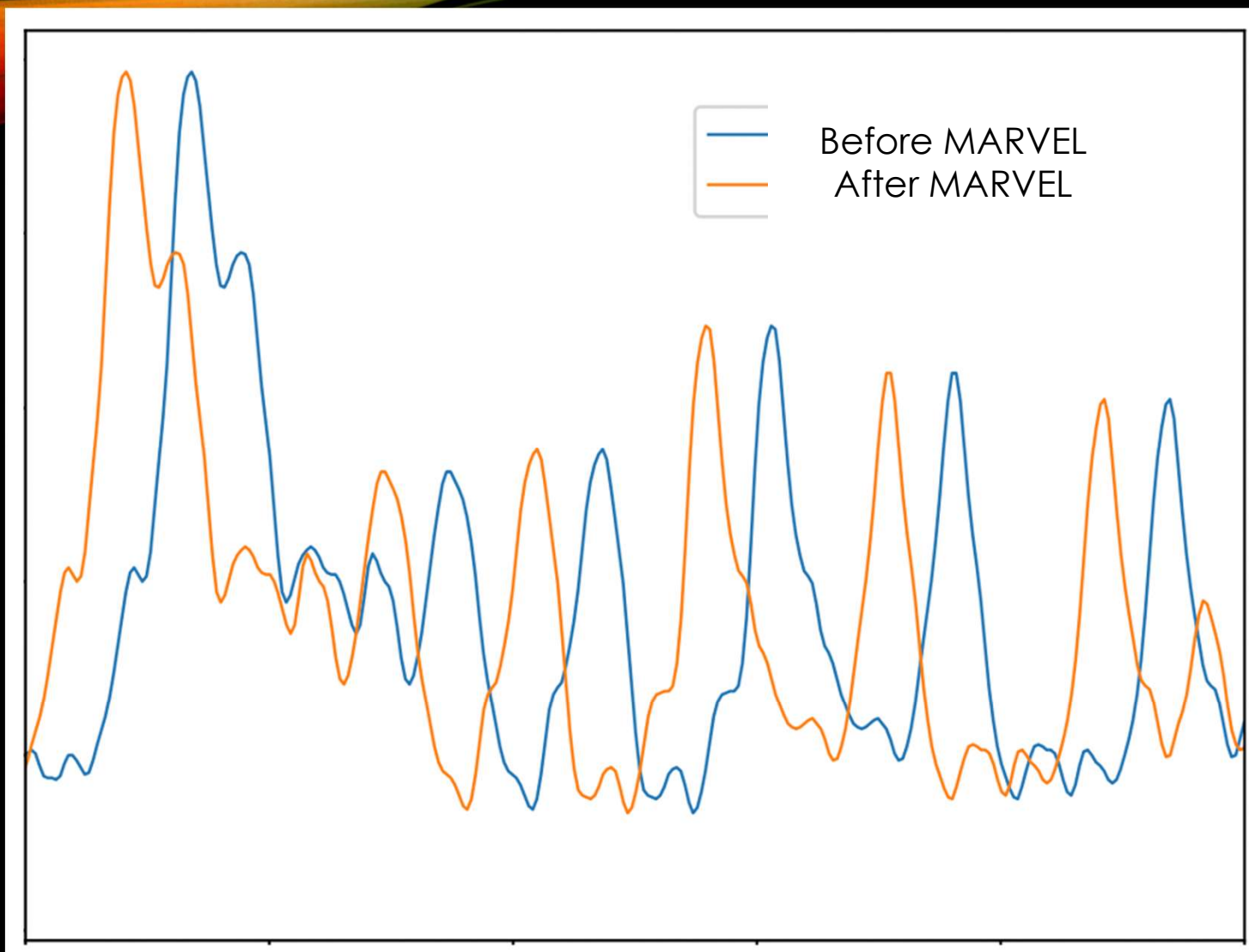
(Measured Active Rotational-Vibrational Energy Levels)



37,813 experimental
transitions

61 publications

11,213 energy
levels





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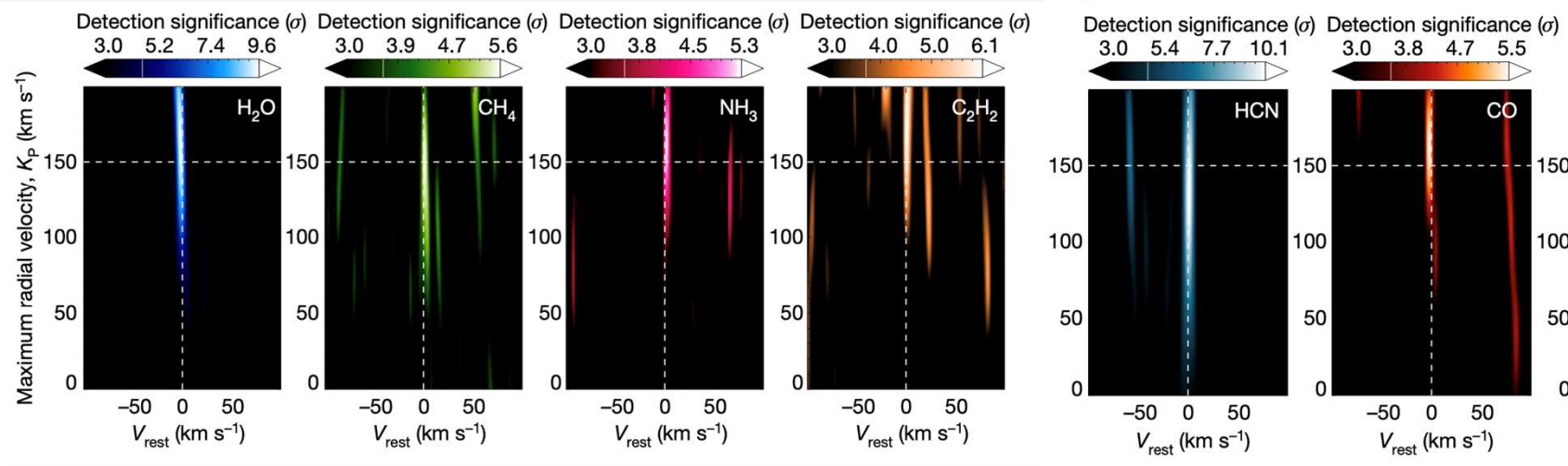
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SUMMARY

- How do we know what these molecular spectra look like?

Combination of laboratory experiments and theoretical quantum methods

- What are some of the challenges associated with finding out?

Both lab and theory is challenging at high temps. Computing a line list for one species can take years, particularly for molecules with more atoms/electrons

- How do we use these in our exoplanet retrieval models

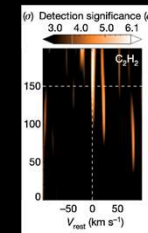
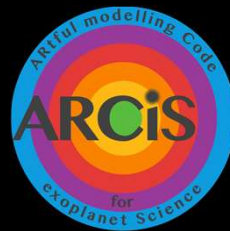
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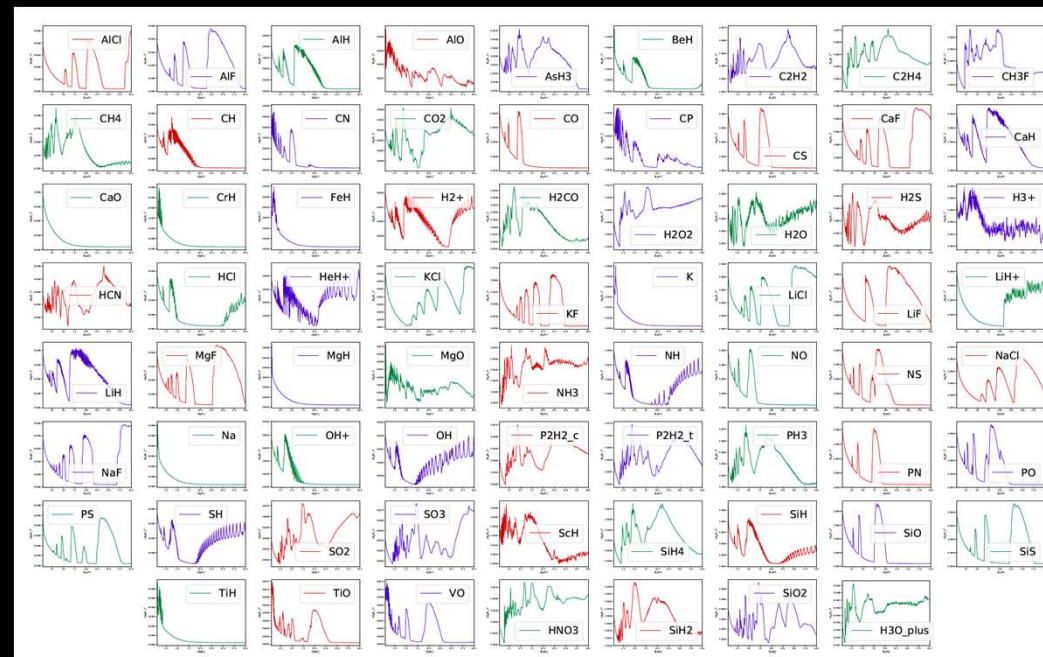
- Differences between low and high resolution data

Completeness most important for low-res but accuracy most important for high-res
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