

# ULTRAVIOLET ASTRONOMY IN THE XXI CENTURY



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# UV-SCOPE

Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Characterization Of Planets  
and their Environments

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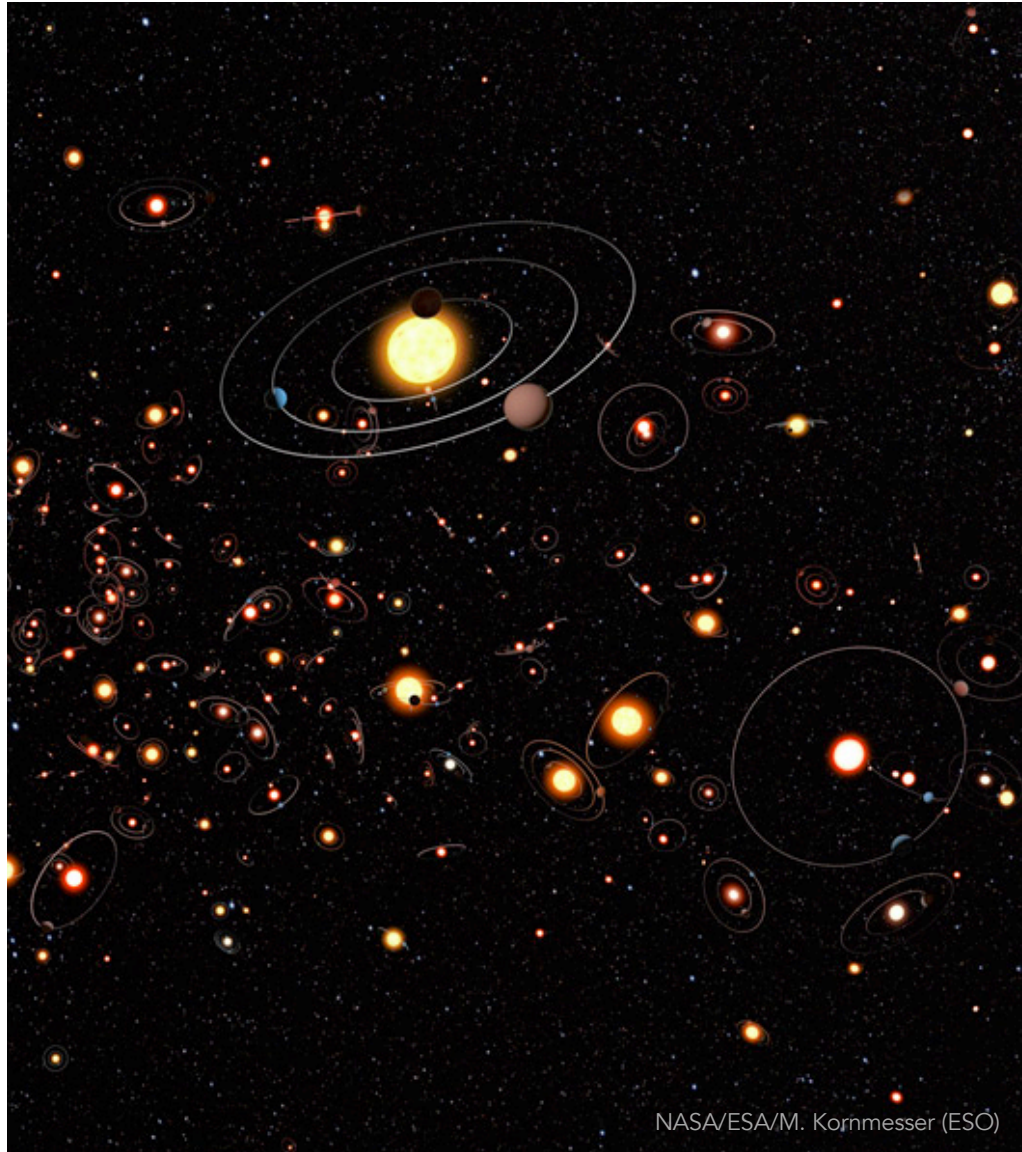
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Today,  
the Biggest Questions in  
Exoplanet Science are:

How do planets form?  
How do planets evolve?  
What are they made of?  
Are we alone?

UV-SCOPE will provide  
critical information needed  
to answer all these  
questions, studying the  
cause and effect of the UV.



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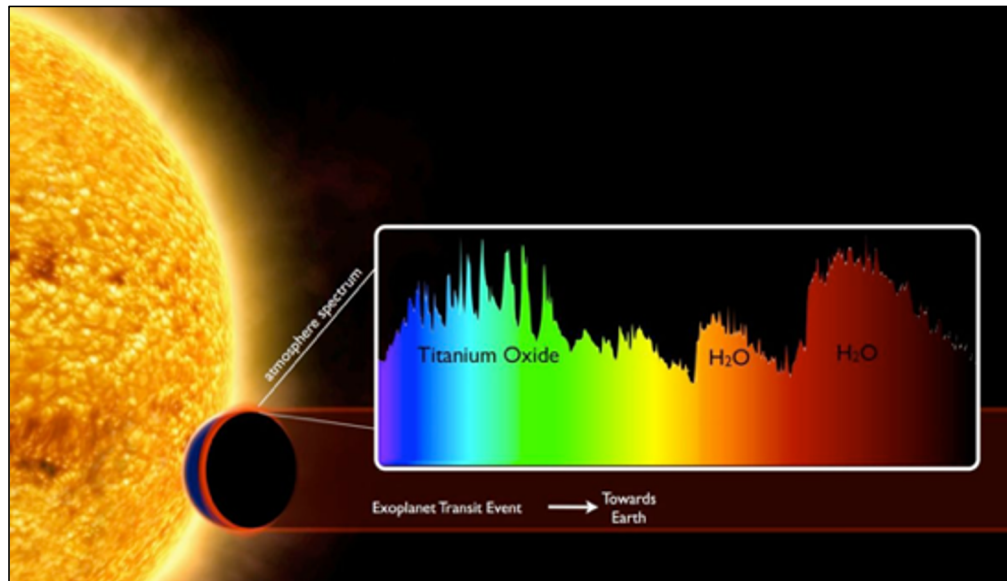


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## Directly probing planet atmospheres

Known transiting and new TESS planets will be UV-SCOPE targets; both small and large planets around AFGKM.

Transmission spectroscopy of transiting planets is the leading way to study the conditions and chemistry of exoplanet atmospheres.



## Radiation Environment

Stellar emission incident on planet atmosphere characterized by NUV, FUV, EUV

Exosphere  $\lesssim 1$  nbar

Ionization, composition and mass-loss rate of exosphere probed by NUV + FUV transits of escaping hydrogen and metals

Upper Atmosphere 1 mbar - 1 nbar

Atmospheric thermosphere and vertical dynamics probed by NUV + FUV transits

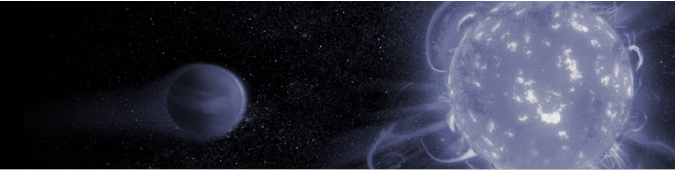
Lower Atmosphere  $\gtrsim 1$  mbar

UV photochemistry probed by OIR

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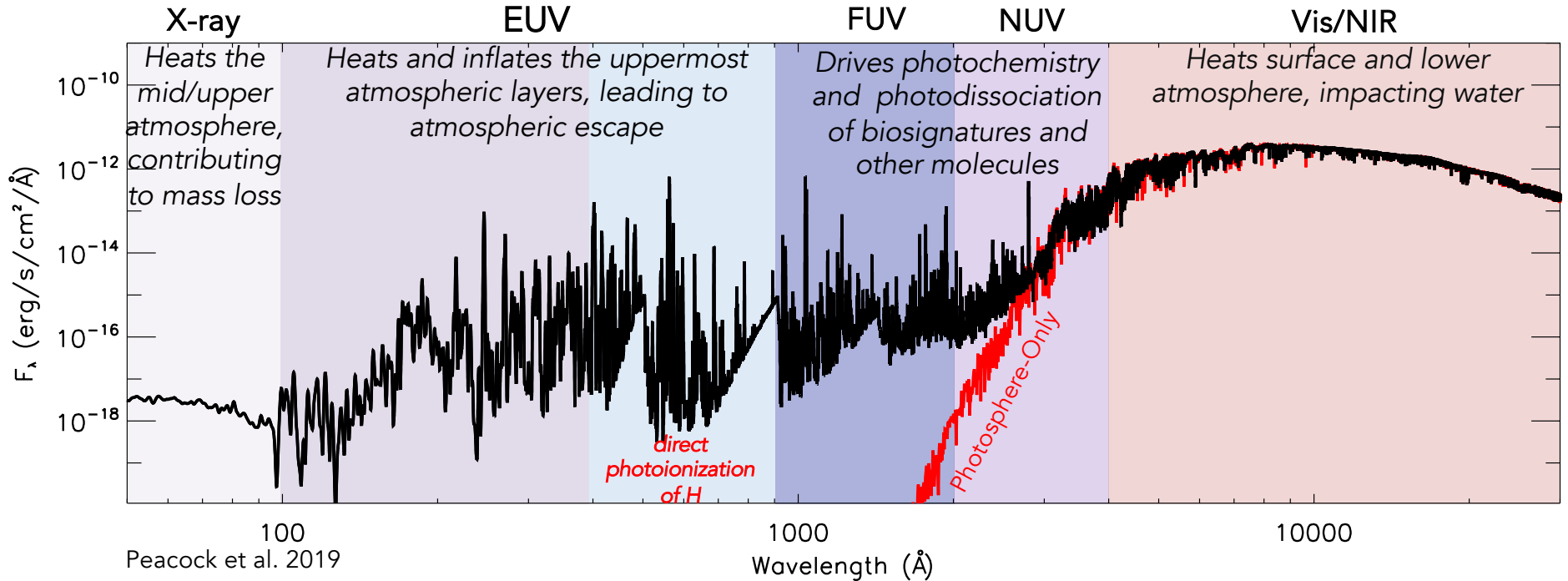
FUV [100-200nm]

NUV [200-400nm]



# Predicting the EUV for all targets for escape

Model spectra of M dwarf planet host GJ 832



Peacock et al. 2019  
<http://archive.stsci.edu/hlsp/hazmat>

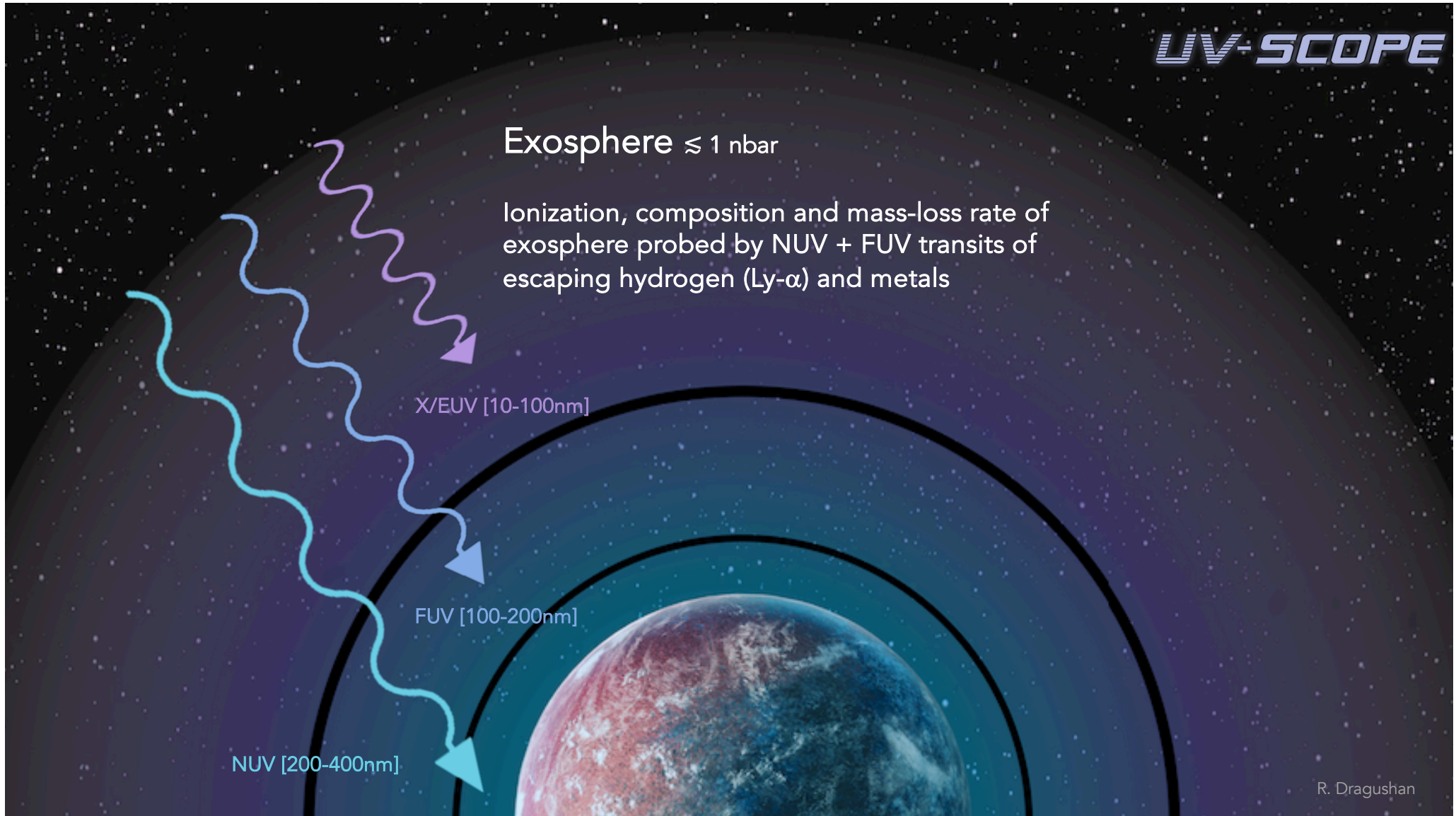
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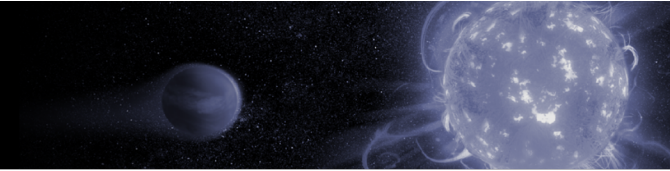
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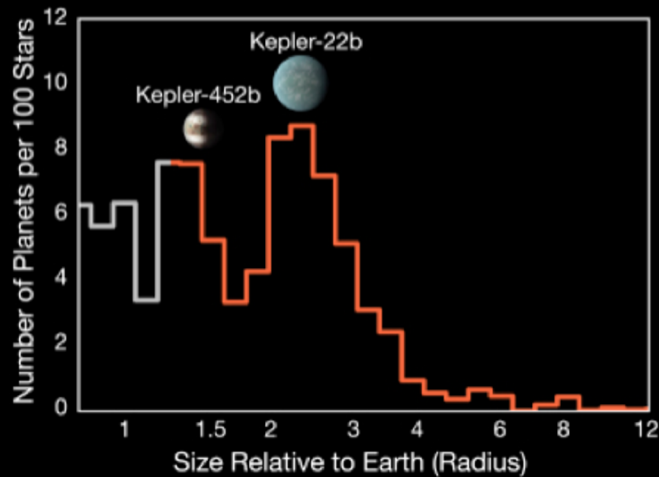
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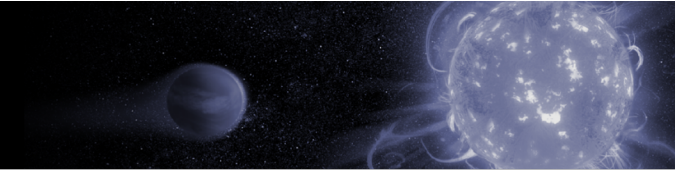
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What is the range in mass loss rates and atomic fractionation across the diverse planet population?

### Small Planets Come in Two Sizes



Owen & Wu, 2017  
 Fulton et al. 2017, 2018

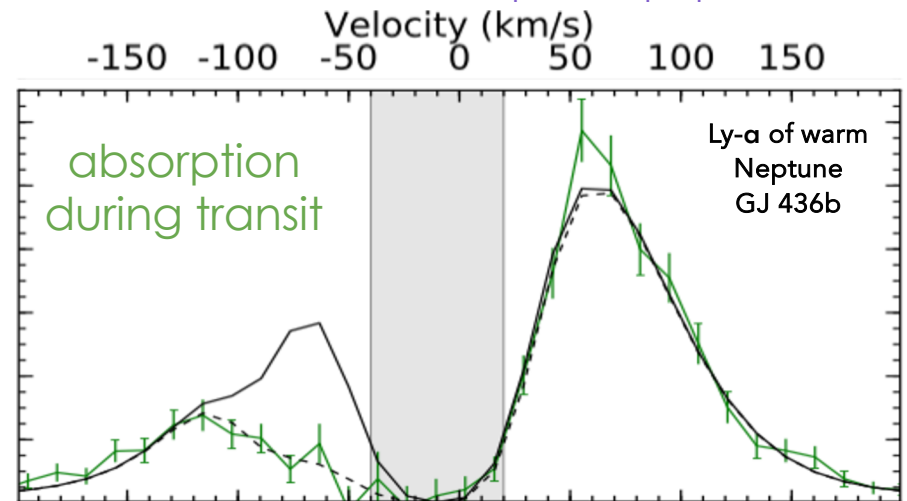
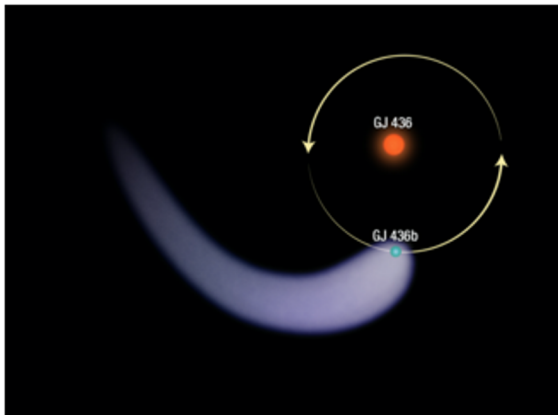


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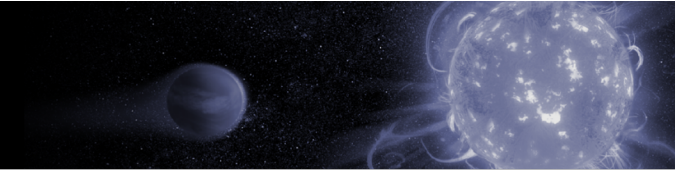
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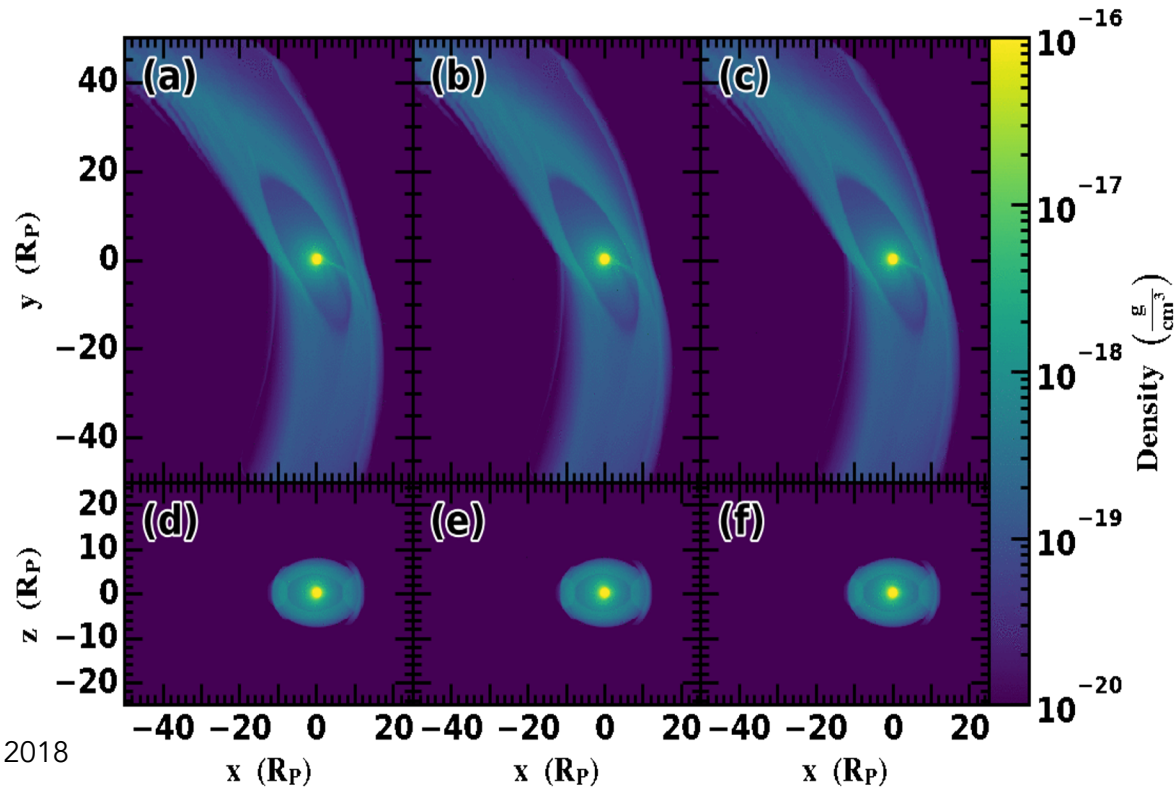


Bourrier et al. 2016



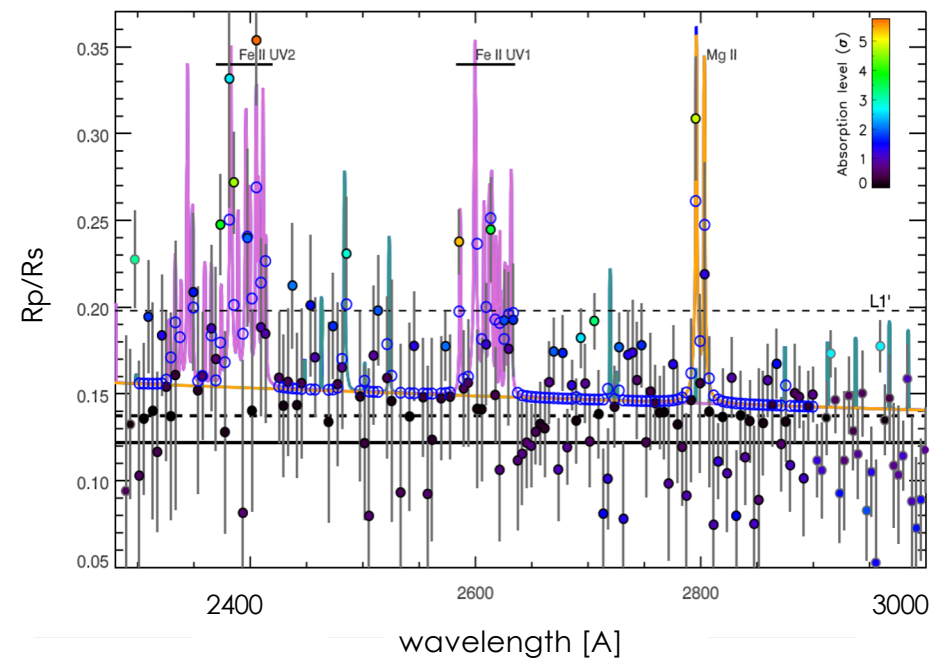
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Evaporating gas can be sculpted into a tail by stellar radiation pressure and/or the stellar wind.

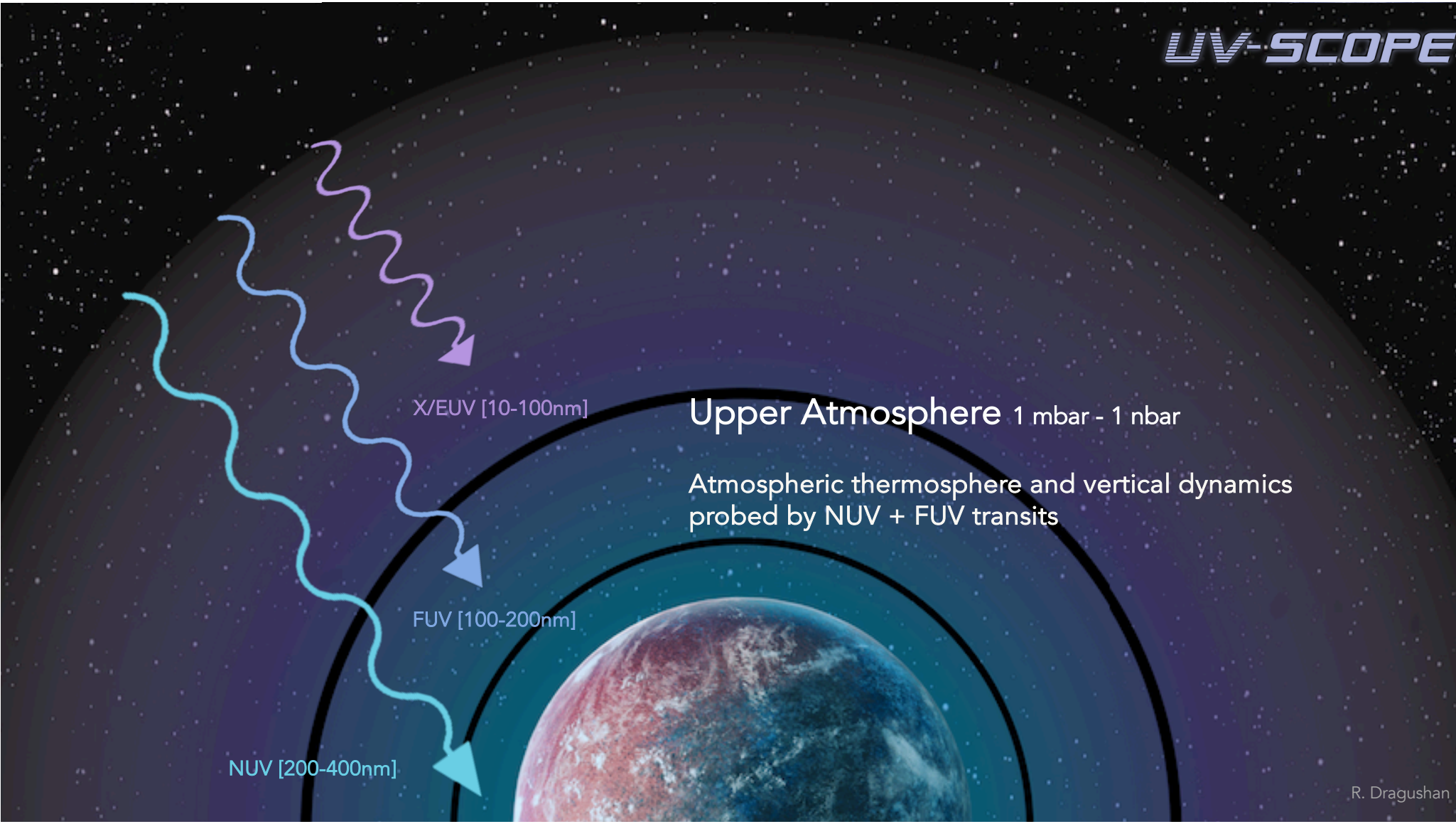


## Metals can be present in escaping gas

- Broad wavelength (FUV+NUV) coverage useful in constraining continuum level features (Wakeford+2020)
- Deeper atmosphere can influence composition of upper atmosphere (Sing+2020)



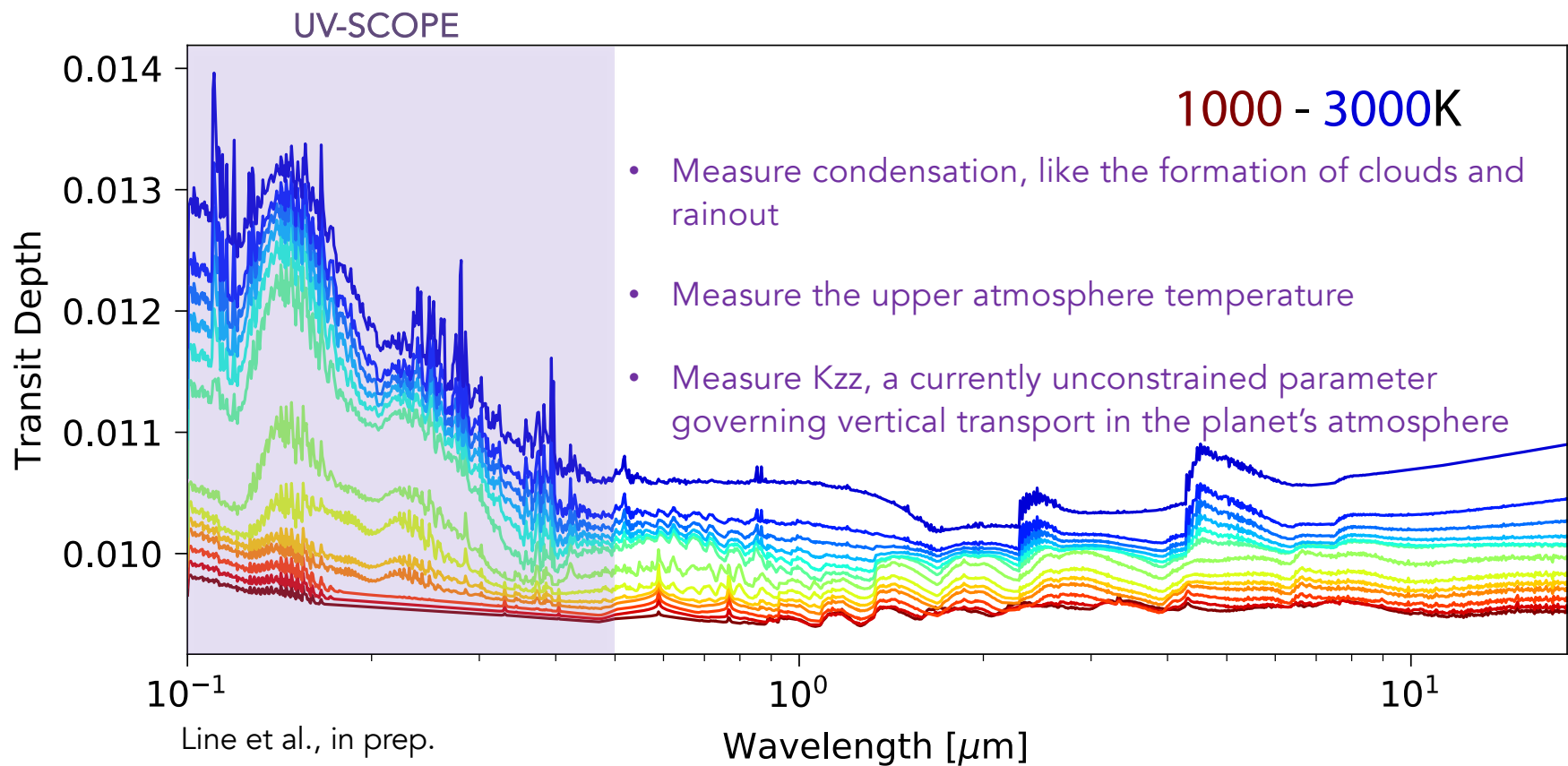
HST exoplanet transit of WAST 121b by Sing et al. 2019



**Upper Atmosphere 1 mbar - 1 nbar**

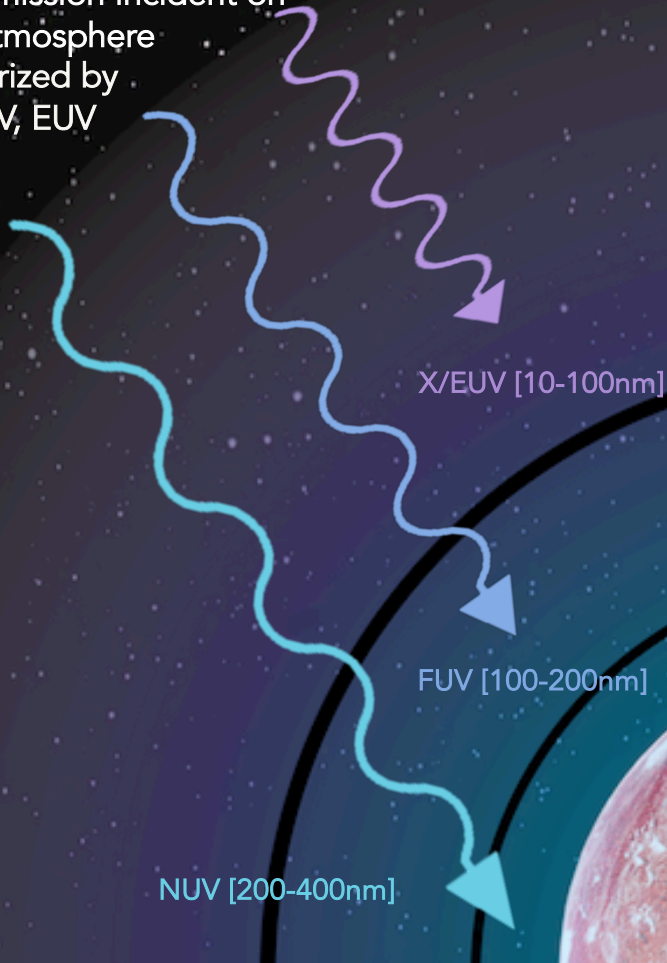
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## UV transmission spectra of hot Jupiters



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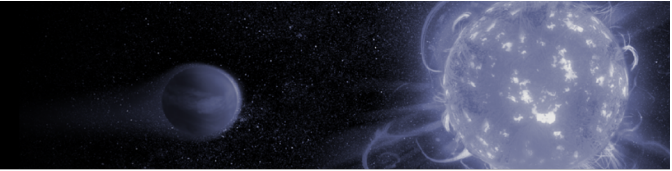
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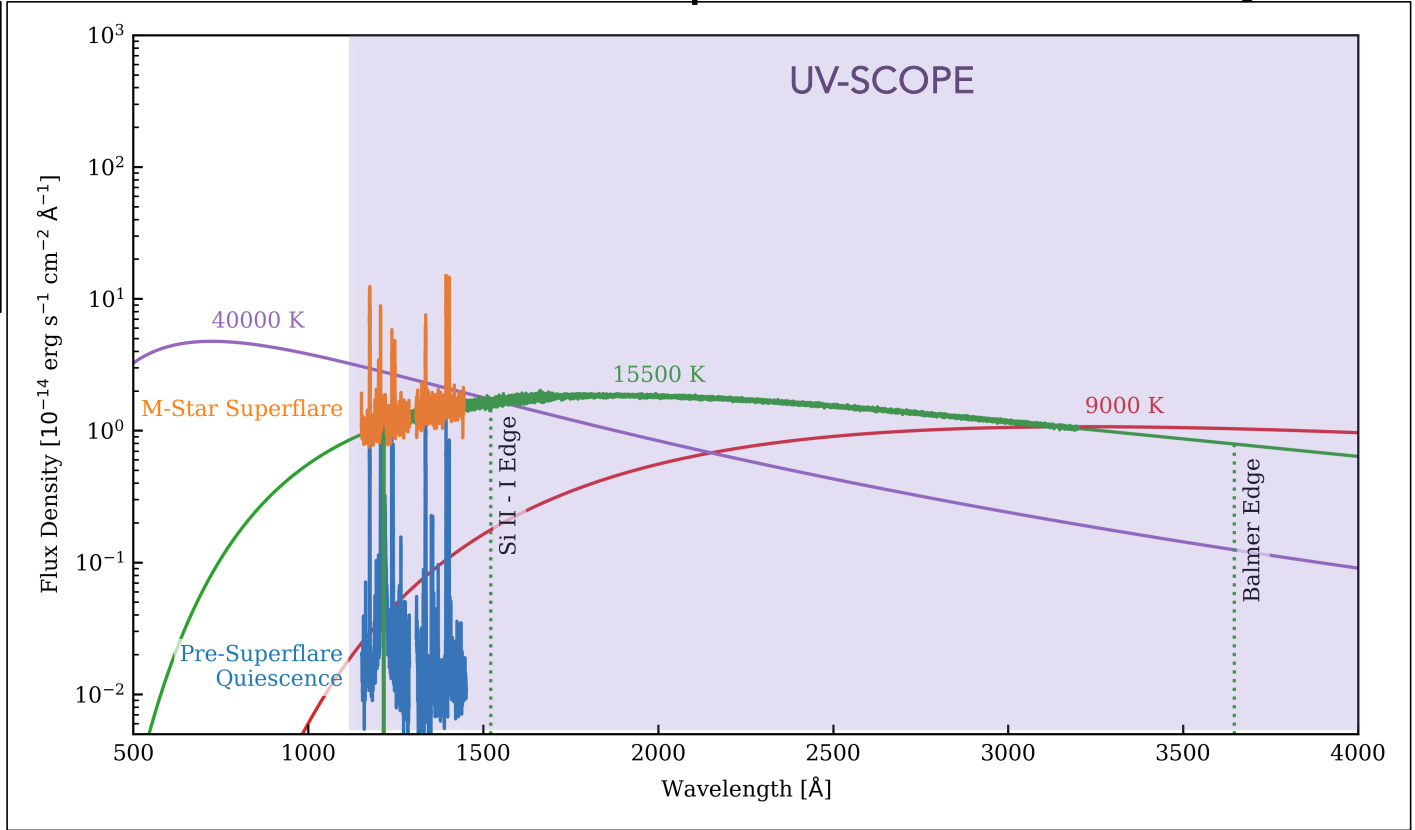
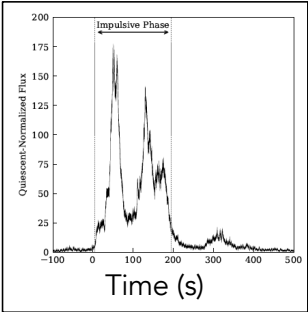
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# How much UV is emitted? Superflares + blackbody emission



Kowalski et al. 2013  
 Froning et al. 2019



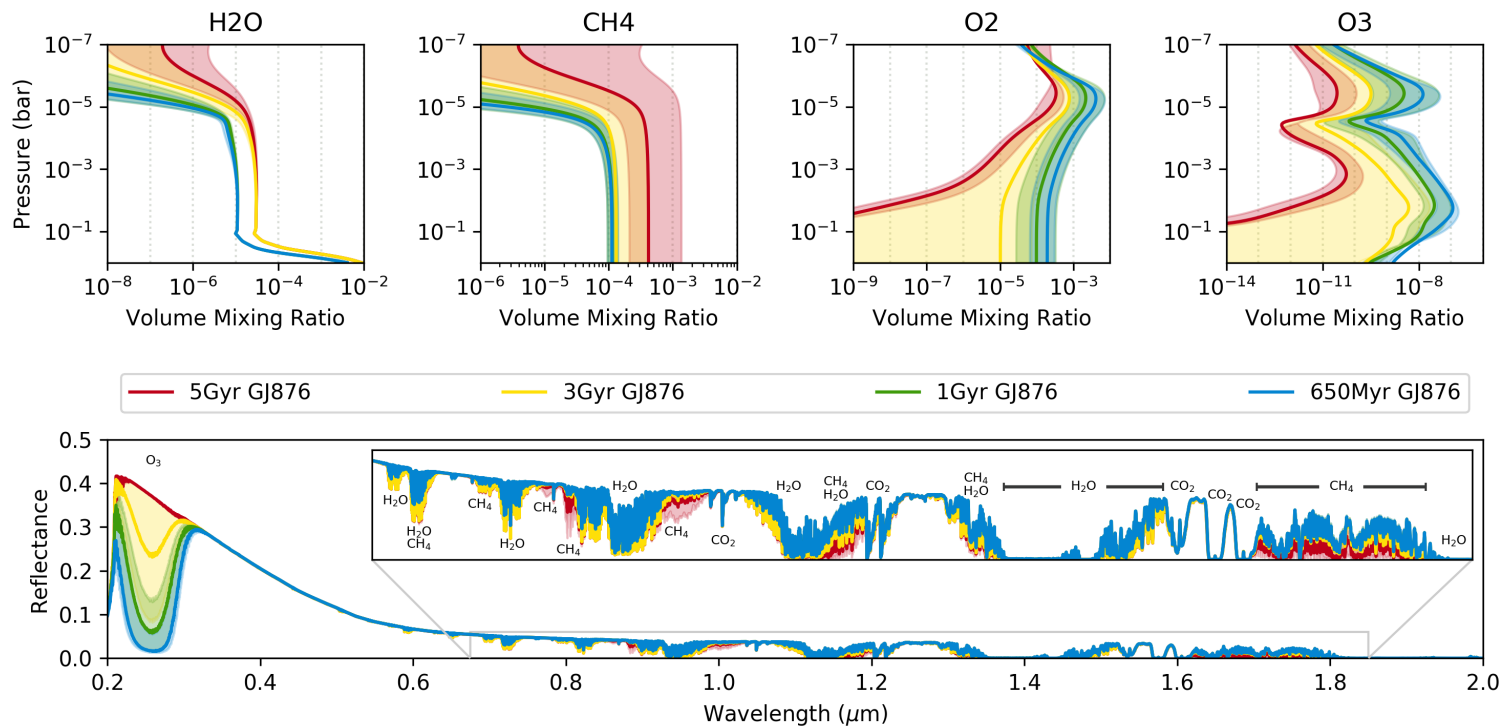
# Star-Planet Activity Research CubeSat



Scowen et al. 2018  
Jewell et al. 2018  
Ardila et al. 2018



## Example: Photochemical impacts on Earth-like atmospheres



The Virtual Planetary Laboratory will apply *UV-Scope* time-series to their continually improving planetary atmospheric modeling suite to assess the effects of stellar variability and the robustness of abiotic biosignature production.

Davis et al., in prep.

- Simultaneous FUV (R=6000) & NUV (R=100) time-domain spectra
  - A capability sorely needed for all sorts of science!
- A large sample of AFGKM stars, *all with transiting planets*
- UV transmission spectroscopy of exoplanets super-Earths to hot Jupiters
- Stellar host characterization, e.g. UV emission, variability and flares

By observing both the star and its planet, UV-SCOPE will be able to simultaneously study the “**cause and effect**” of UV radiation in exoplanet systems.