Colour-Magnitude Diagrams of Exoplanets

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Image credit: http://www.astronomynotes.com/starprop/s13.htm

Talk Structure

- 1. How we build a Colour-Magnitude Diagram
- 2. Sales Pitch: Why Colour-Magnitude Diagrams + Why make them with our tools
- 3. Conclusion











 $L \propto R^2 T^4$

Planets on their own don't tell us much

We adjust the planet magnitudes to match the Dwarfs, i.e. ~0.9RJ

Sales Pitch

- 1. Identifying Outliers for follow-up (select for Tier 2)
- 2. Identifying molecules
- 3. Constraining C/O ratio & sub-populations

1. Identify Outliers

ARIEL will produce beautiful spectra; we want to cut it up and make photometry.

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- It is caused by irradiation (Casewell, 2015)
- Hypothesis: Brown Dwarfs have an additional absorber in the 4.5 micron band which is absent in irradiated objects.

Image credit: Madhusudan & Seager, 2011

Phosphine?

- Phosphine (PH₃) is the most likely Phosphorus bearing molecule for Brown Dwarfs in the temperature range 1000-1400K (Visscher et al. 2006)
- Phosphine gets photolysed by strong irradiation (Sousa-Silva et al. 2019)
- Phosphine might explain low 4.5 micron flux on the nightside of HD-189733b (Steinrueck et al. 2019)

We will be able to use the ARIEL IR Spectrograph to look for Phosphine in less irradiated exoplanets.

3. Constrain C/O Ratio

W-band is a synthetic band centred on 1.4 microns

Another Comparison Sample

 We made synthetic photometry from Molliere's model exoplanet spectra (Molliere et al. 2015)

ARIEL Simulation for NIRSpec

- We were able to find constraints on R, Teq, SpT, stellar FeH for 210 targets on the published list (Edwards et. al. 2019).
- Closest Molliere model spectrum was selected for each to make [W-H] vs W plot.
- NIRSpec covers the necessary wavelengths to make synthetic photometry in the W and H bands

To Sum Up

- A Colour-Magnitude Diagram will never replace a full spectrum, but it can give valuable constraints to select interesting targets for Tier 2 & Tier 3, or any follow-up.
- A Colour-Magnitude diagram can identify molecules, such as lack of Phosphine in exoplanetary atmospheres.
- A Colour-Magnitude Diagram can be used to constrain the C/O of planets.

ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE DONE WITH OUR TOOLS.

Thanks + Questions?