

Mind the Gap Overlap: Young Brown Dwarfs as Exoplanet Analogs

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Brown dwarfs cool, fade, and shrink with time

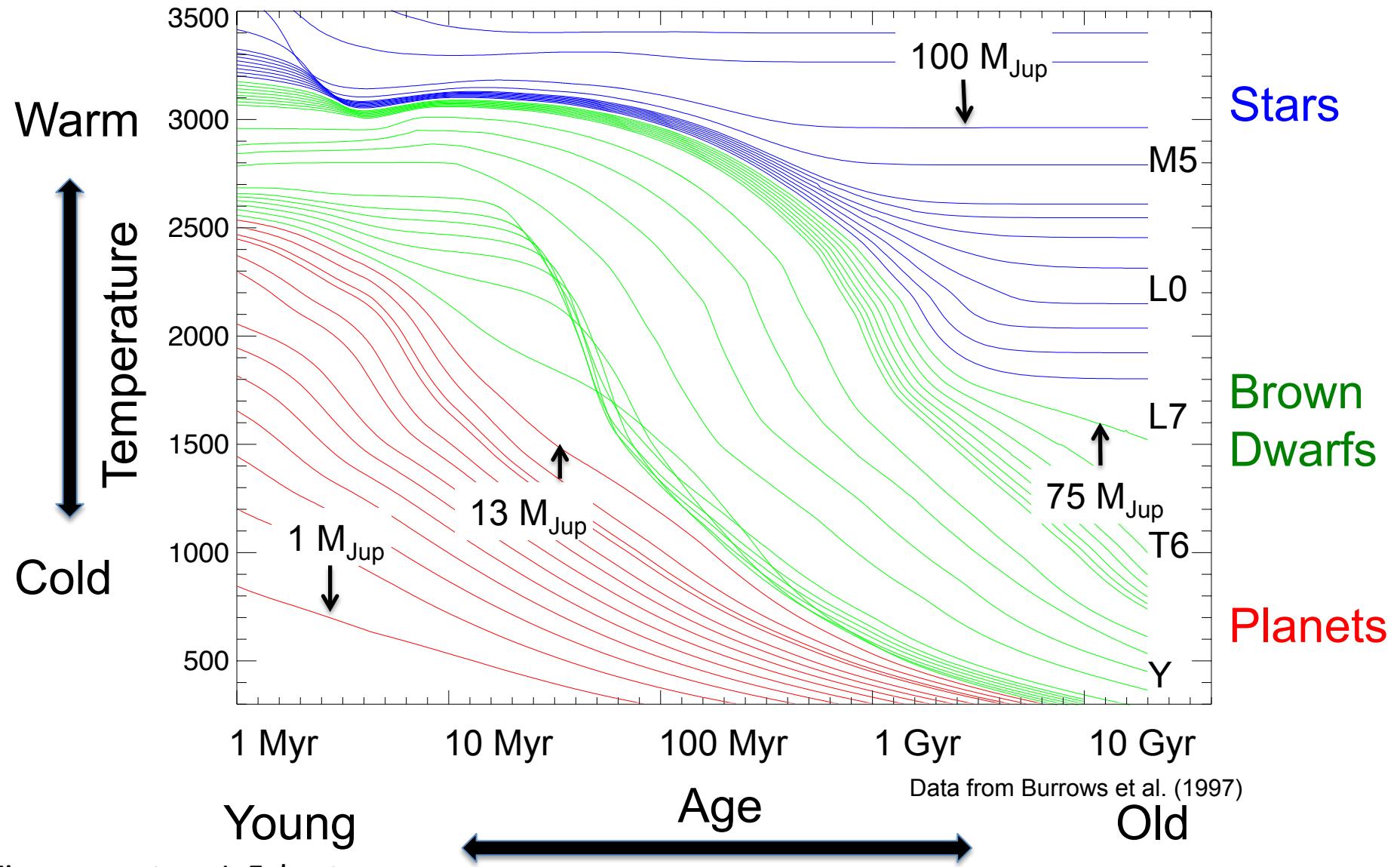


Figure courtesy J. Faherty

BDs & planets overlap in T_{eff} & $\log(g)$ at different ages

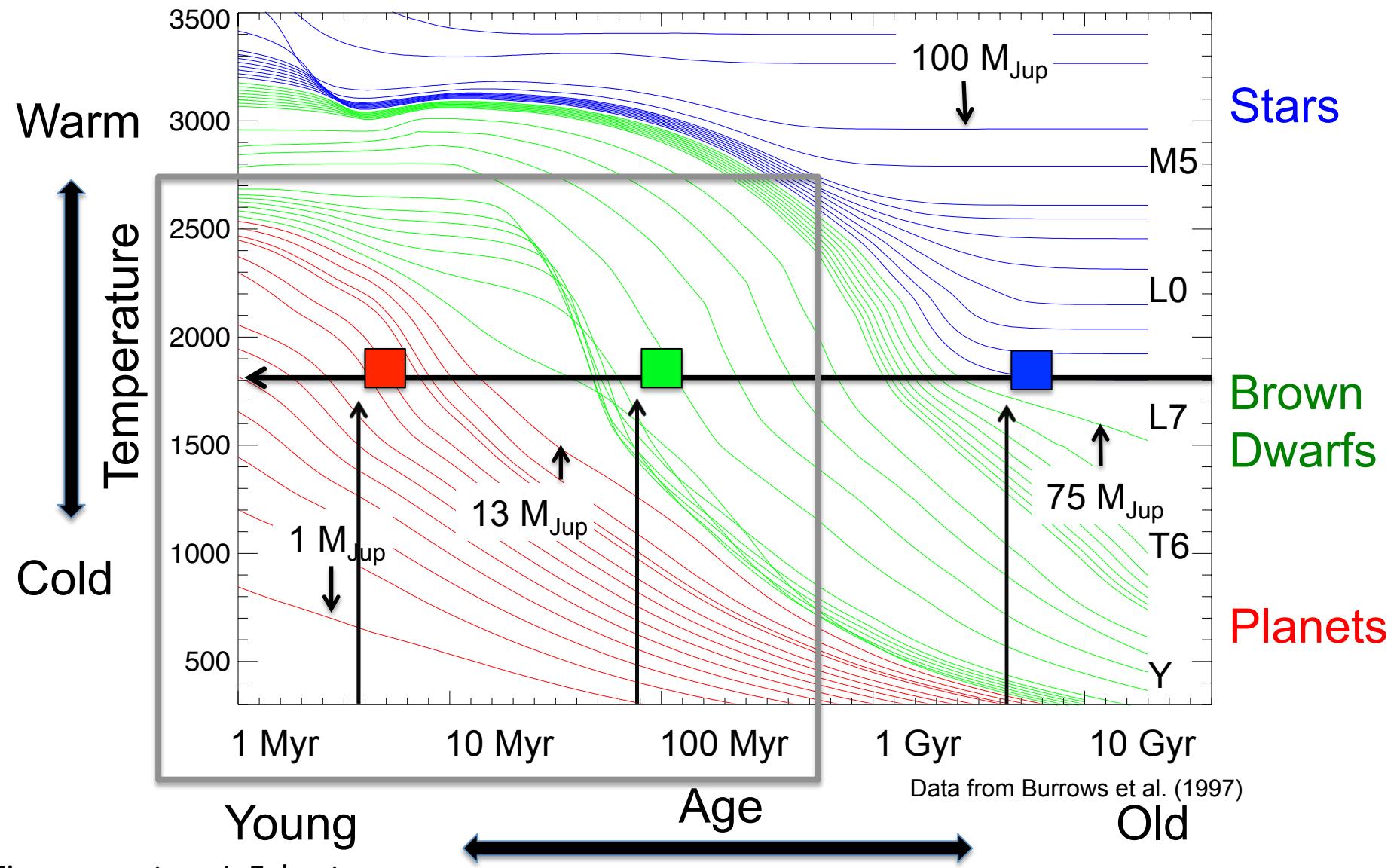
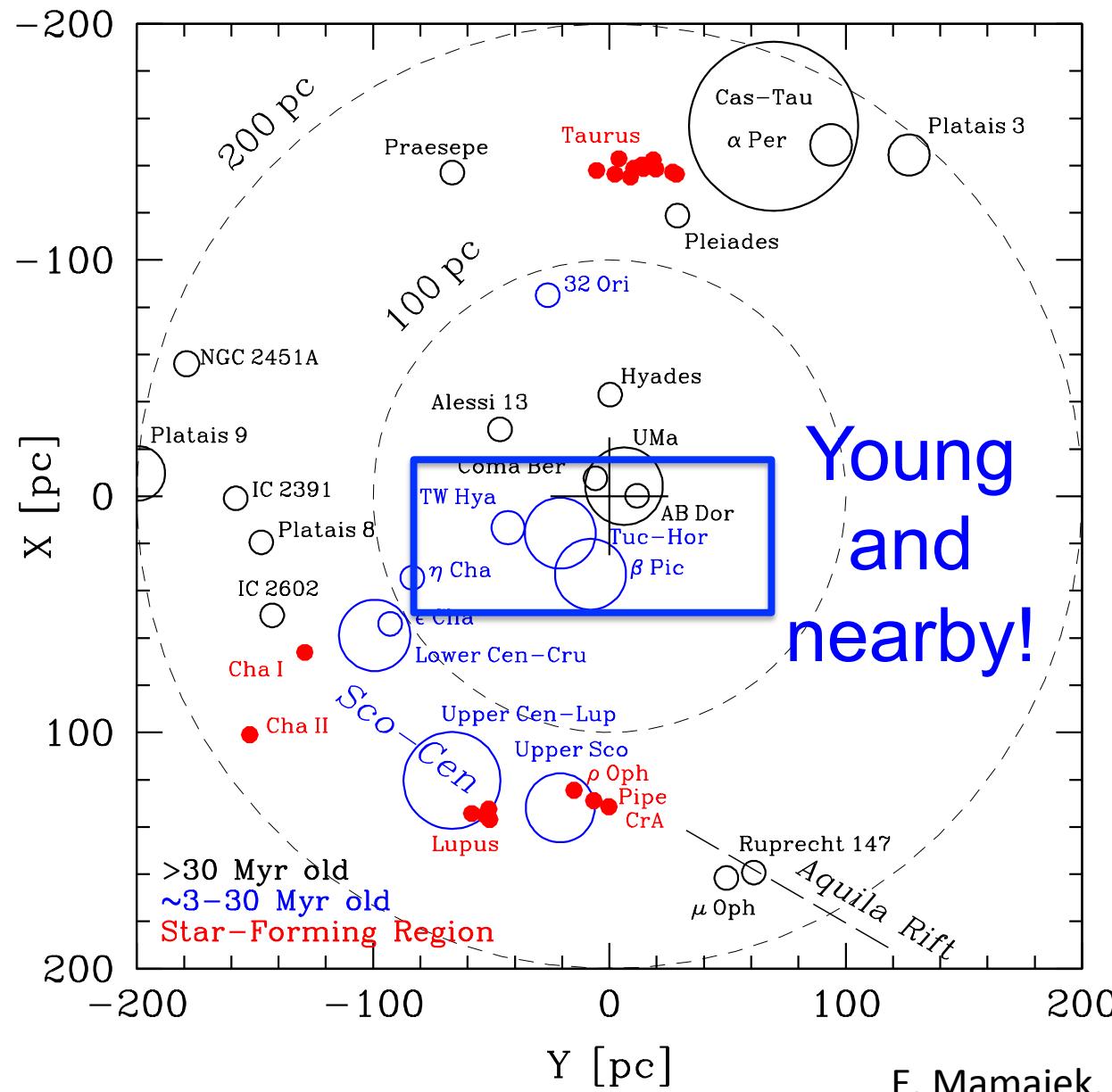


Figure courtesy J. Faherty

Where do we look for young brown dwarfs?

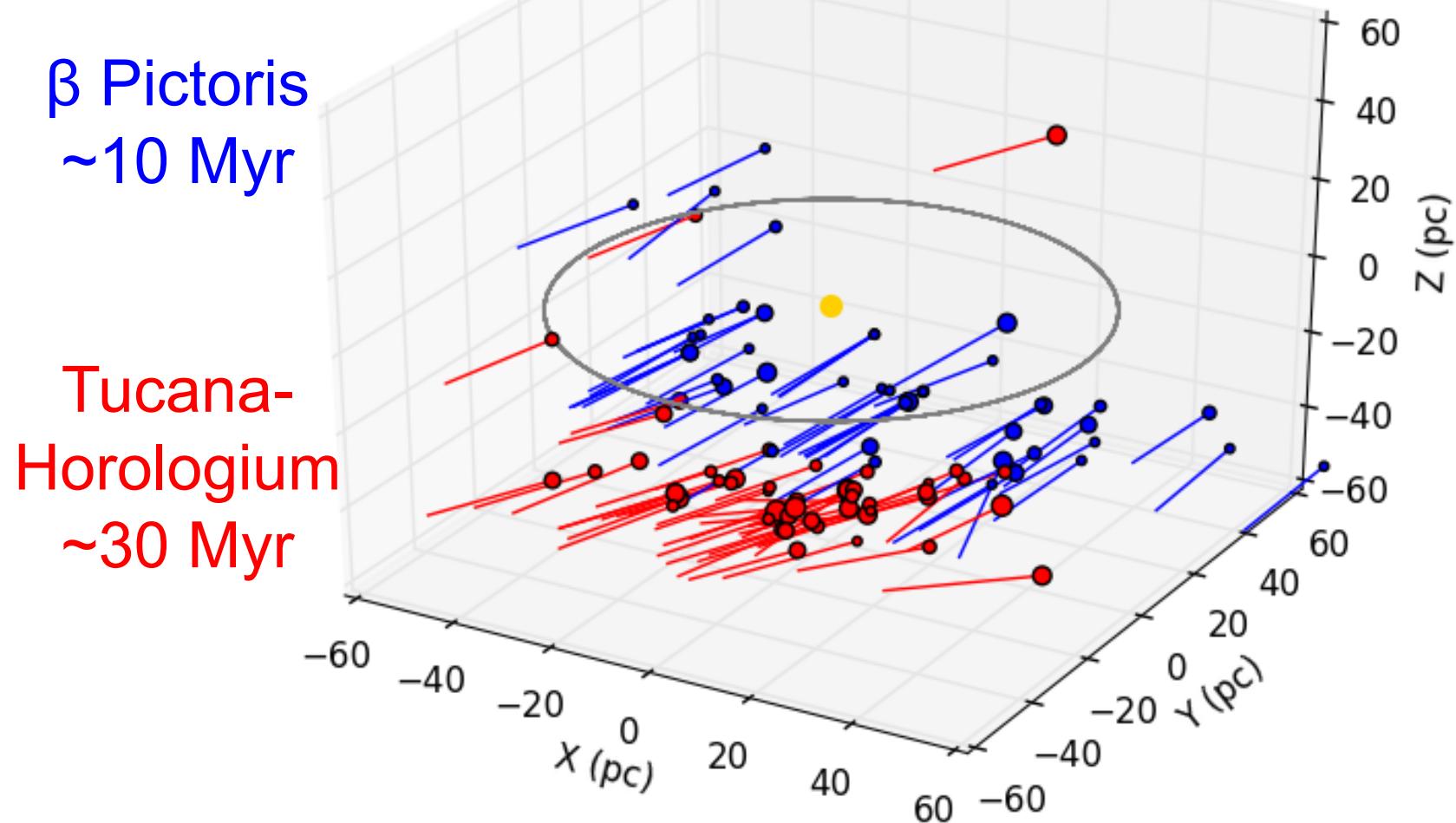


Too old for
significant
youth
signatures

Young
and
nearby!

Too distant
&
embedded

Nearby young moving groups (NYMGs) are identified spatially & kinematically



Riedel et al. 2013, submitted & Faherty, Riedel et al. in prep.

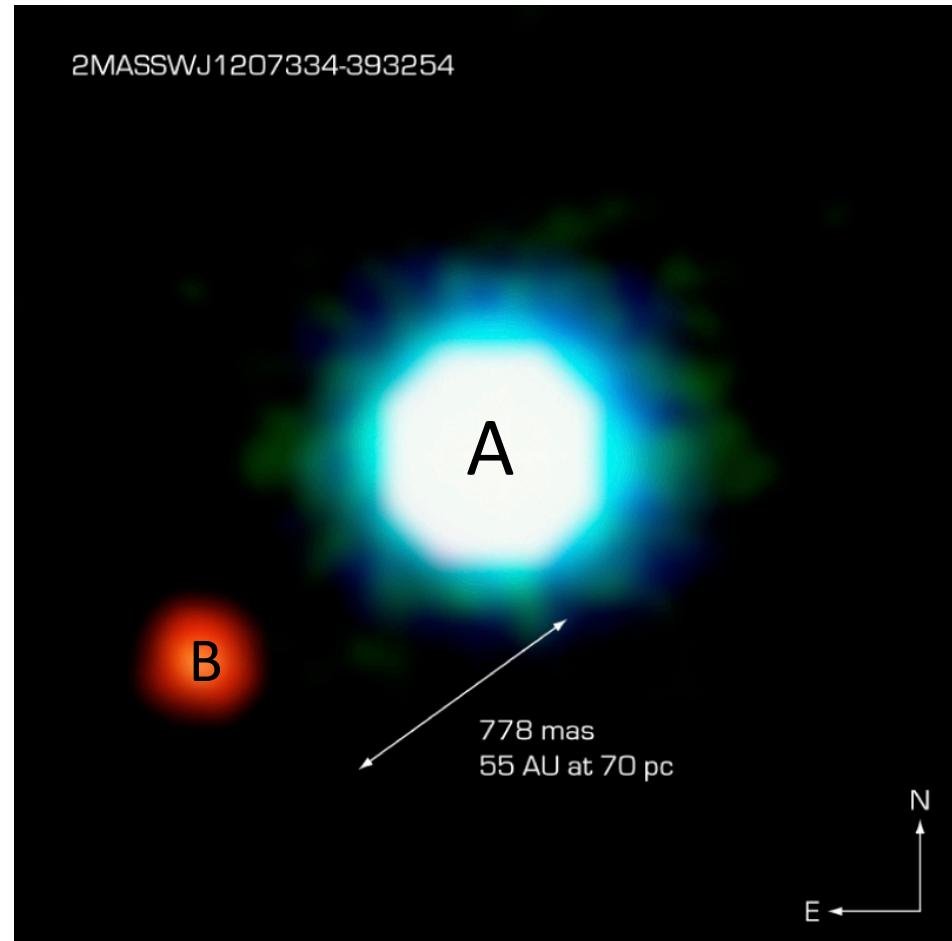
NYMGs provide objects with known ages

2MASS 1207-39
member of ~10 Myr old
TW Hydrae moving group

A: $\sim 25 M_{Jup}$

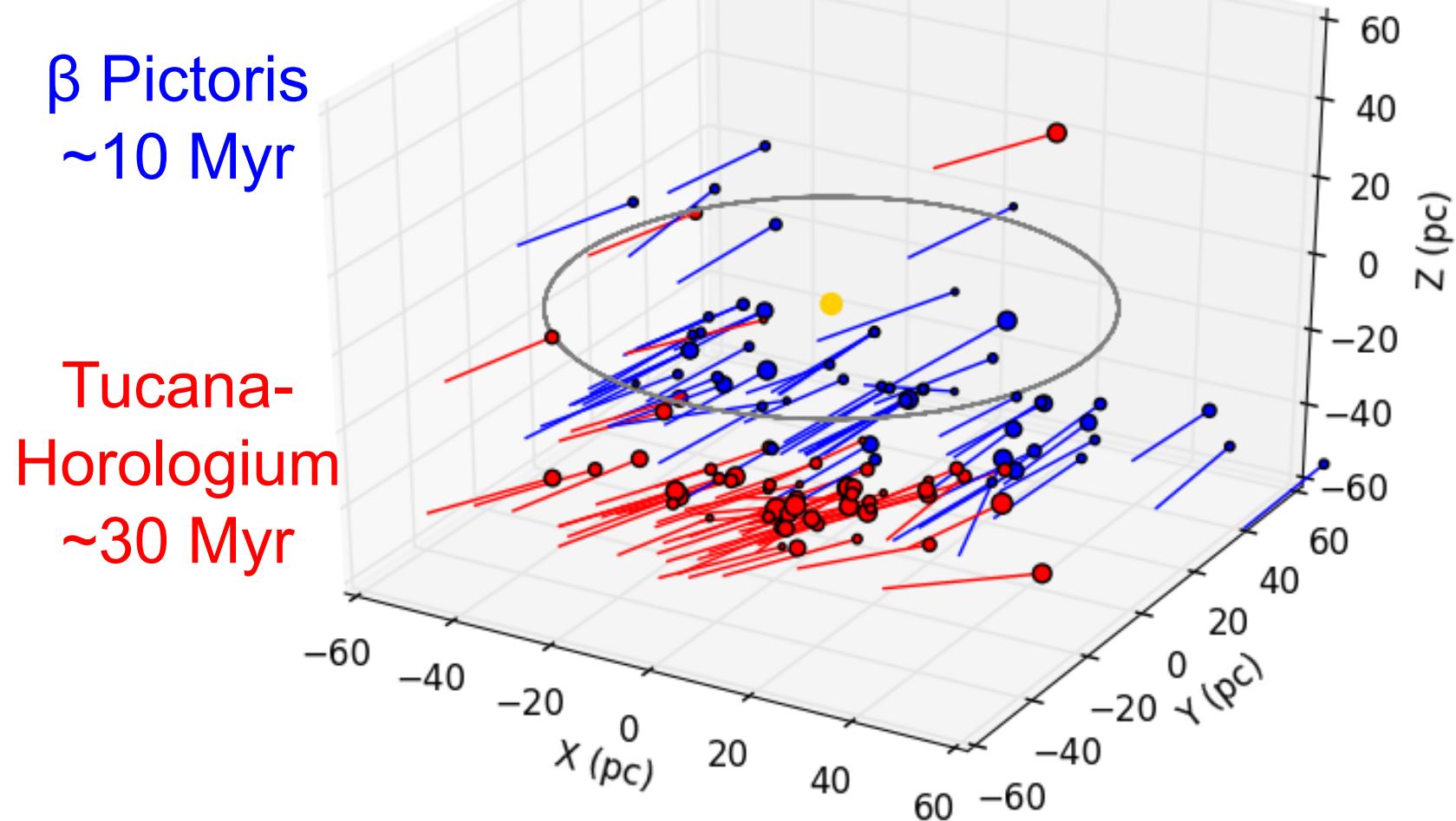
B: $\sim 5 M_{Jup}$

Gizis 2002
Chauvin et al. 2004



*More in Young Brown Dwarfs session
Wednesday at 11 am!*

New young objects confirmed via kinematics

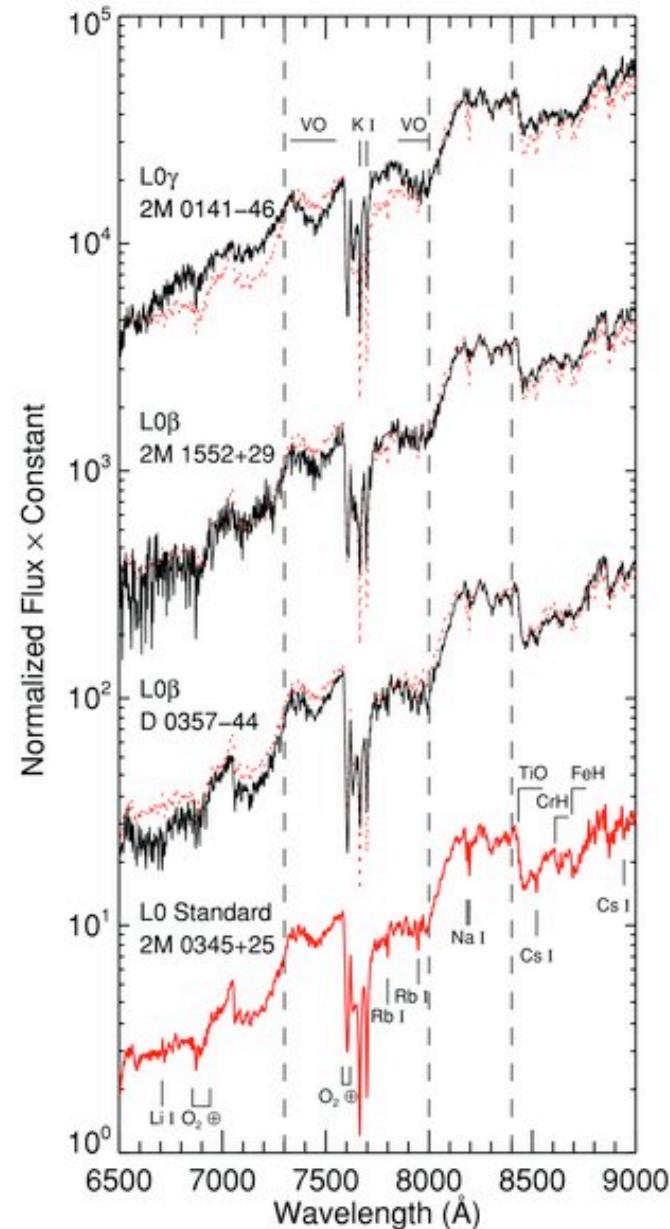


J. Faherty's talk on Wednesday in 11 am session

Spectral youth indicators for M & L dwarfs

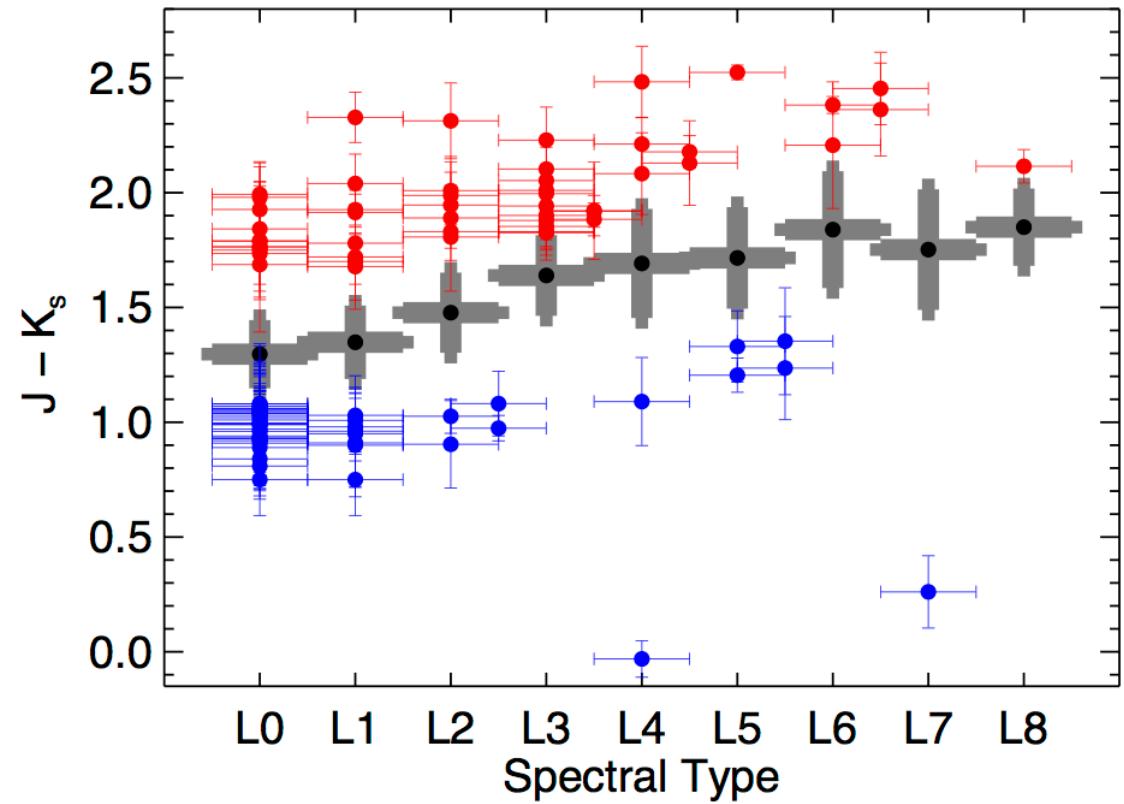
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Cruz et al. 2009



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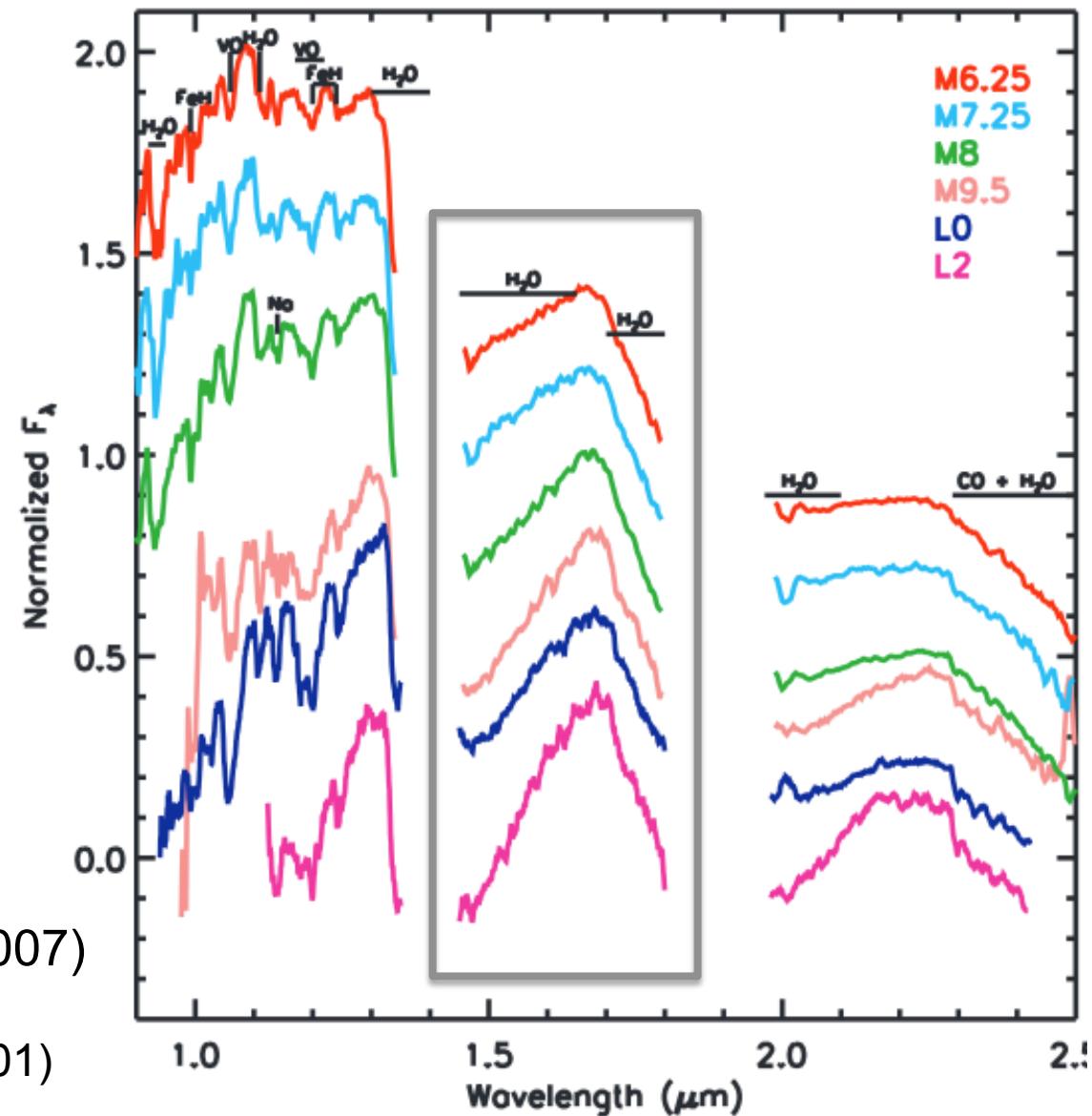
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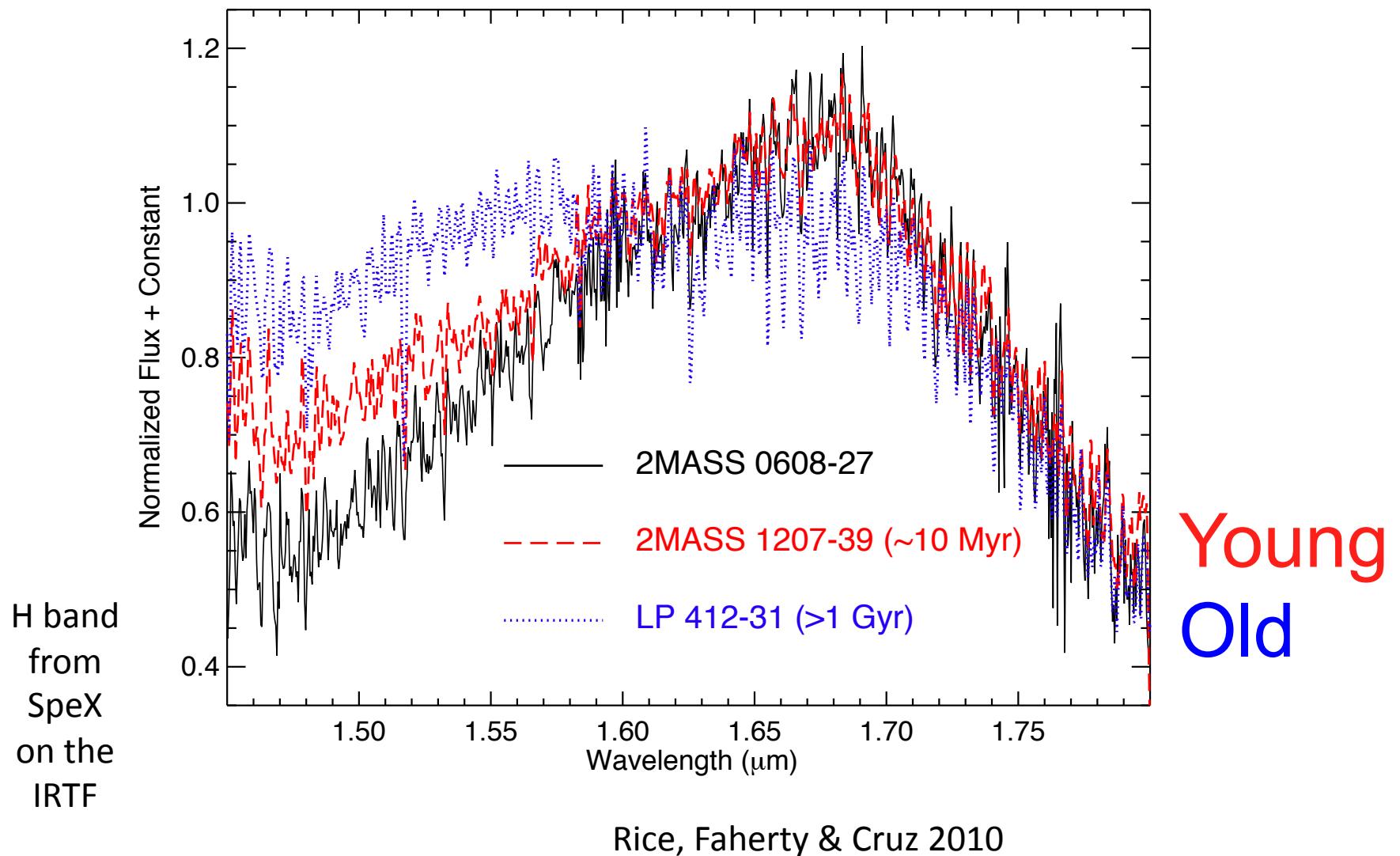
Faherty et al. 2012

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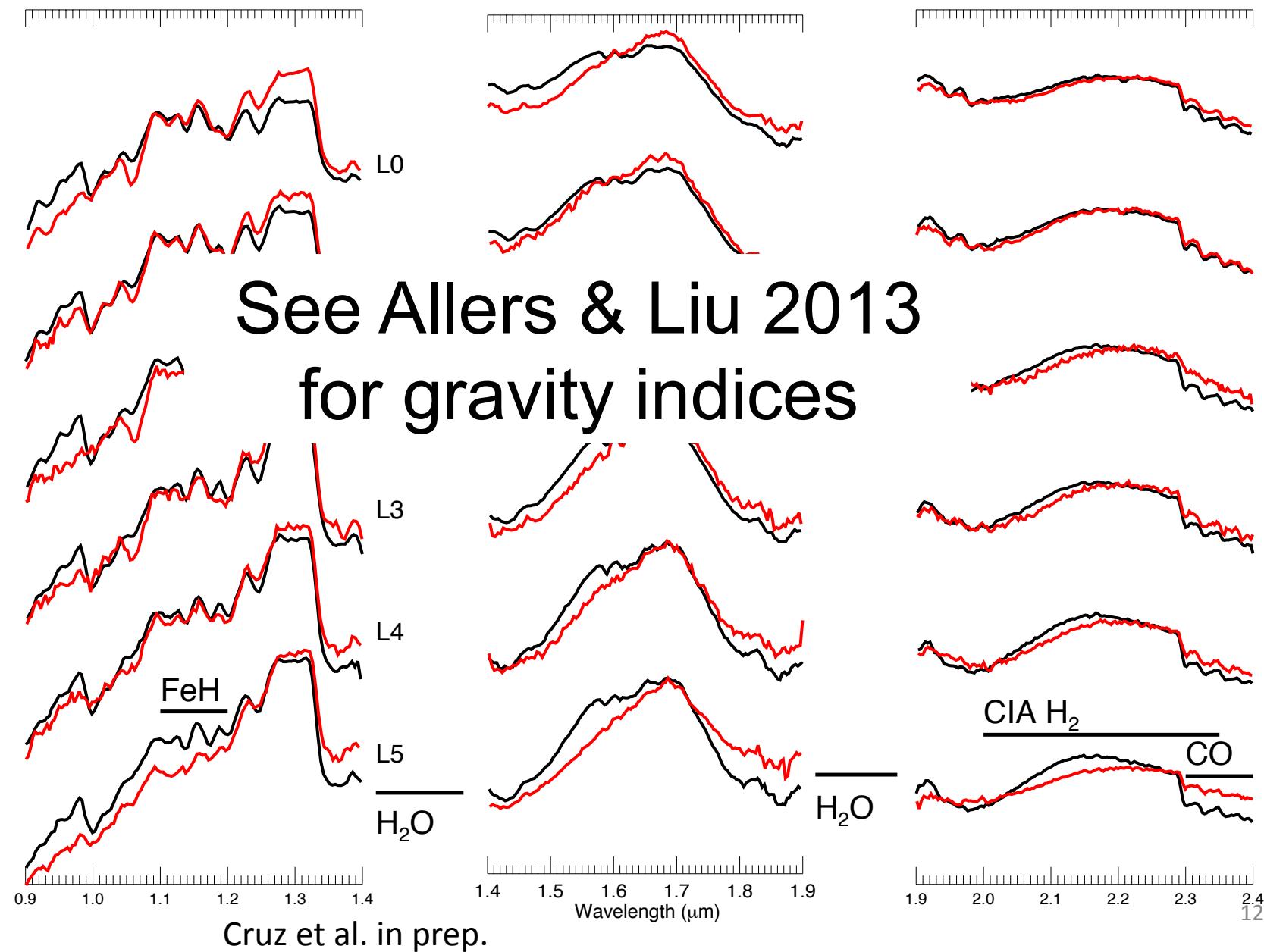
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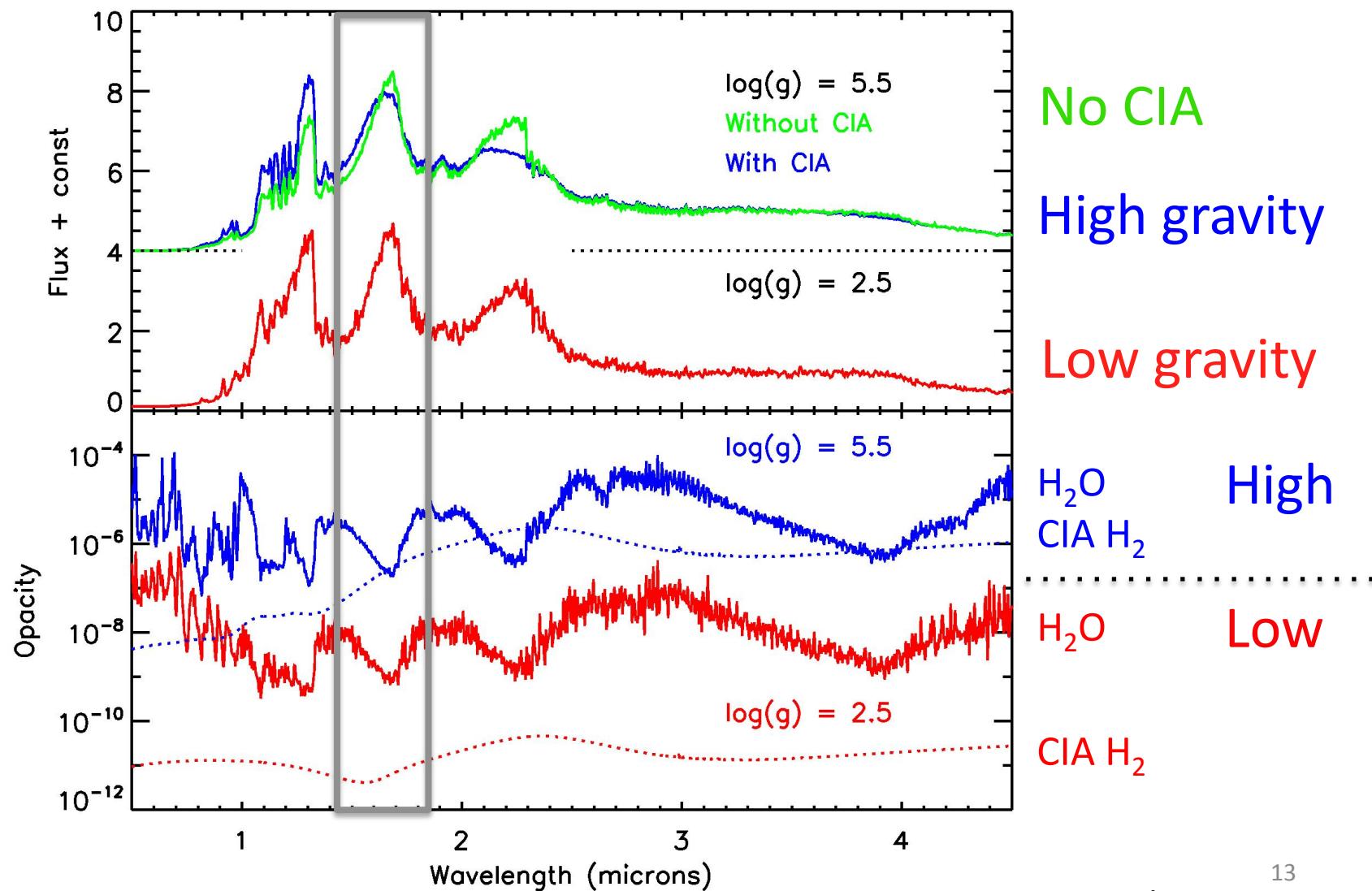
Young M8.5 objects in H band



Triangular H-band diagnostic of young L dwarfs



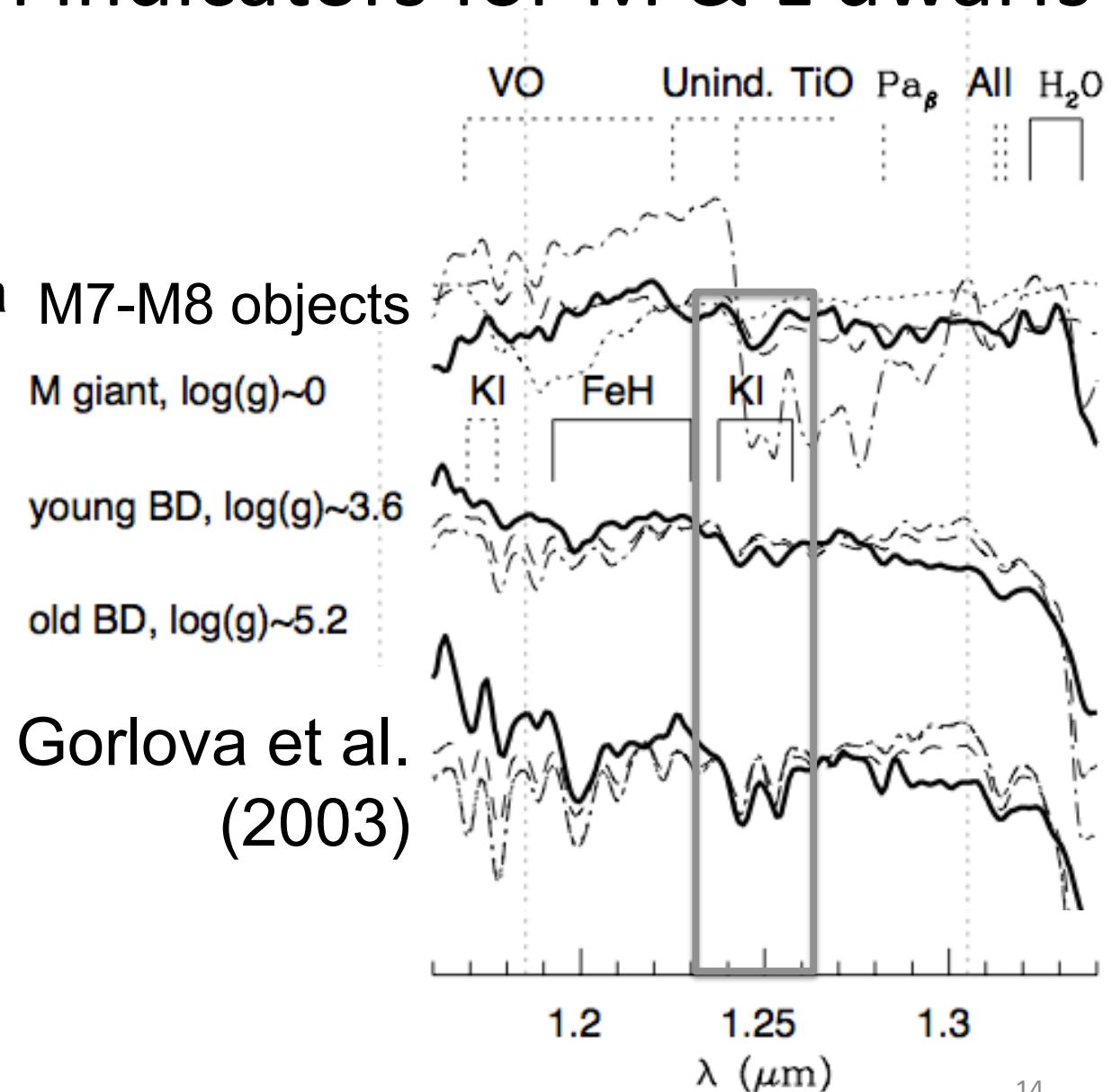
Relative strengths of H₂ CIA and H₂O opacity are gravity-sensitive



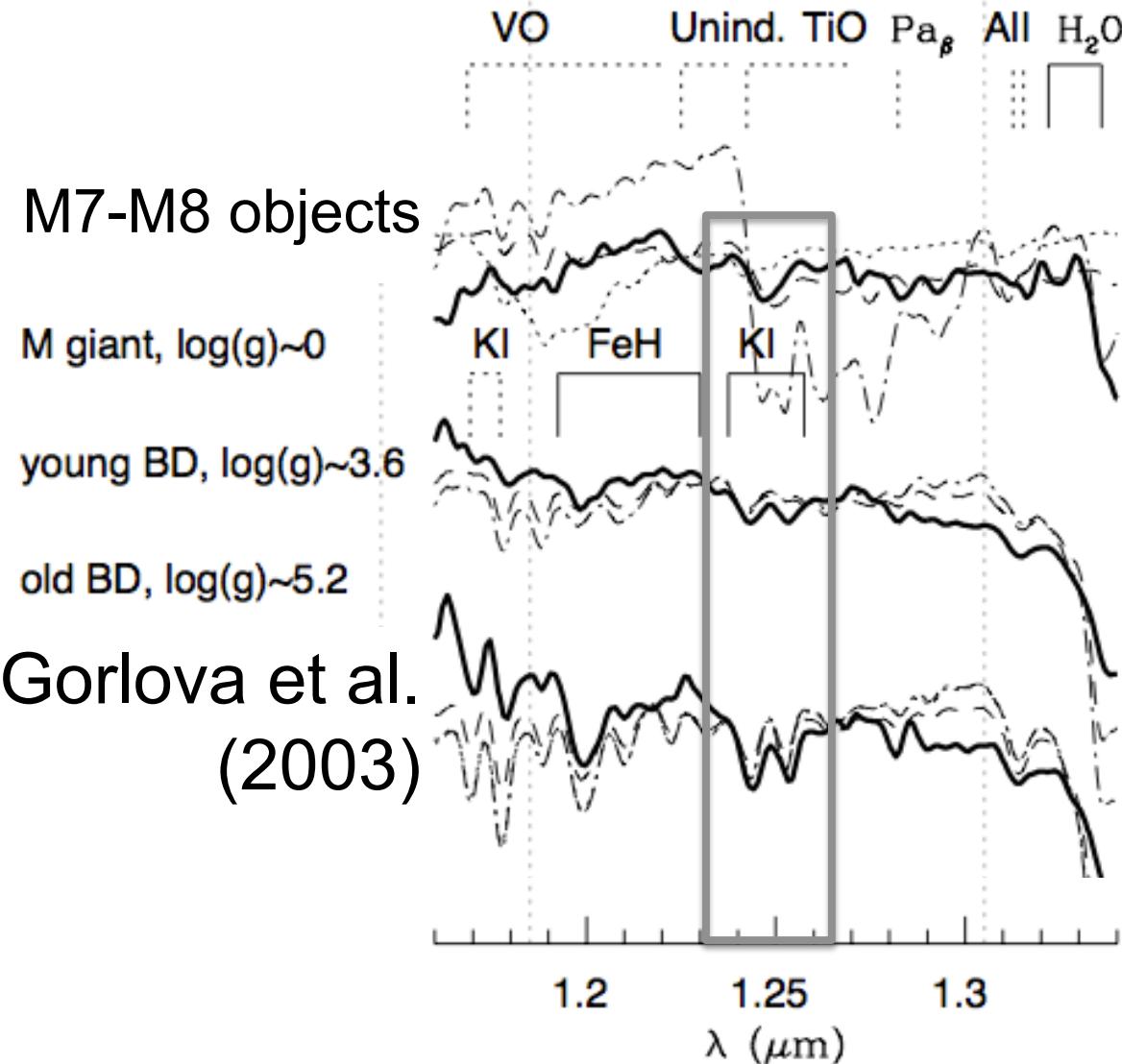
T. Barman, in Rice et al. 2011

Spectral youth indicators for M & L dwarfs

- Stronger VO and weaker TiO & K in red-optical spectra M7-M8 objects
- Red NIR colors
- Triangular H-band
- Weak K & FeH in NIR spectra



Gravity-sensitive atomic & molecular in optical & near-IR first identified relative to M giants



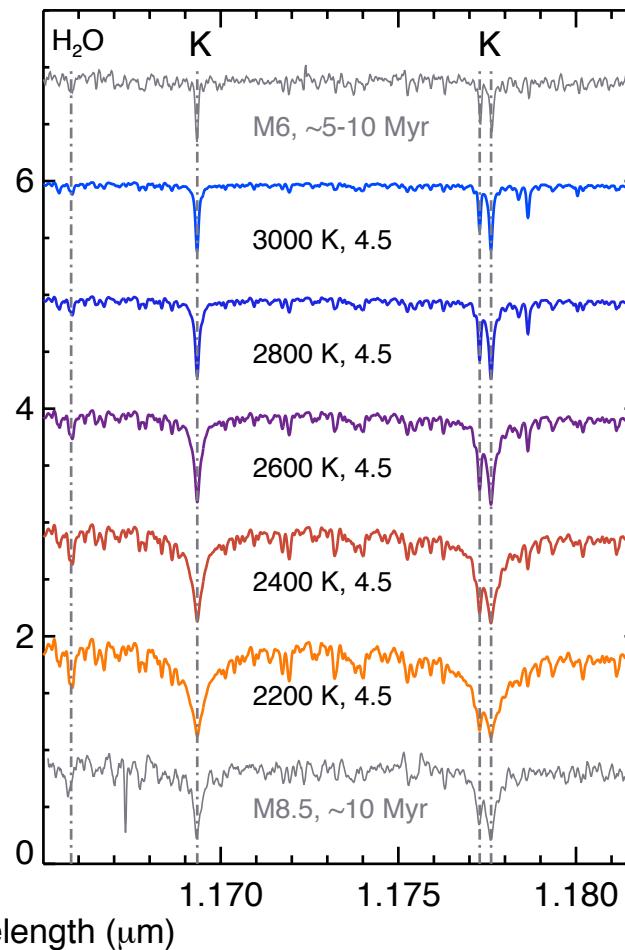
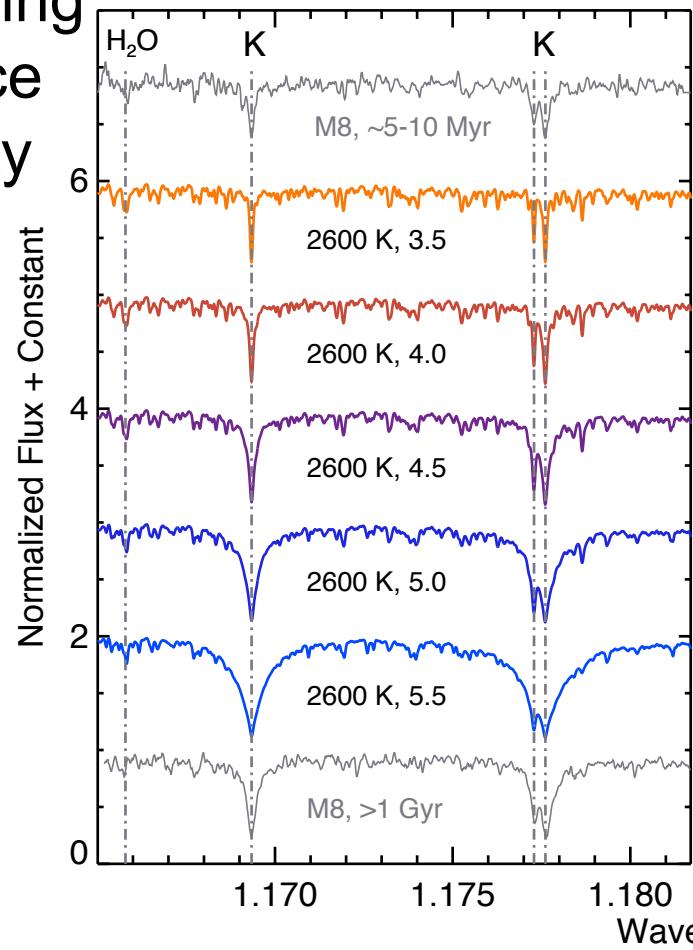
- No analog giants for L dwarfs!
- Beware degeneracies...

See also:

Martín et al. (1996)
Luhman et al. (1997)
McGovern et al. (2004)
Kirkpatrick et al. (2006, 2008)
Cruz et al. (2009)

K lines change with temperature and gravity

Increasing
surface
gravity

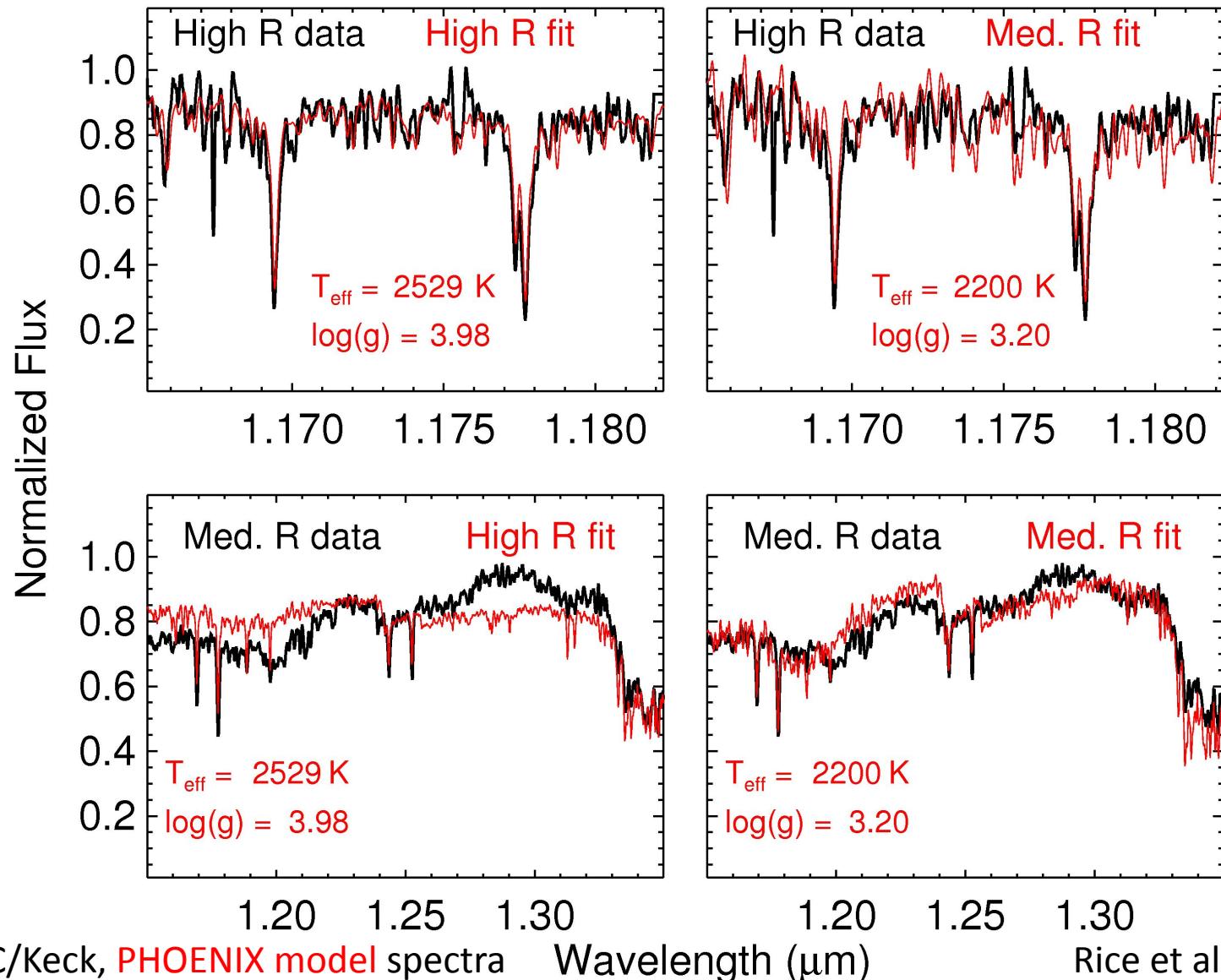


Increasing
temperature

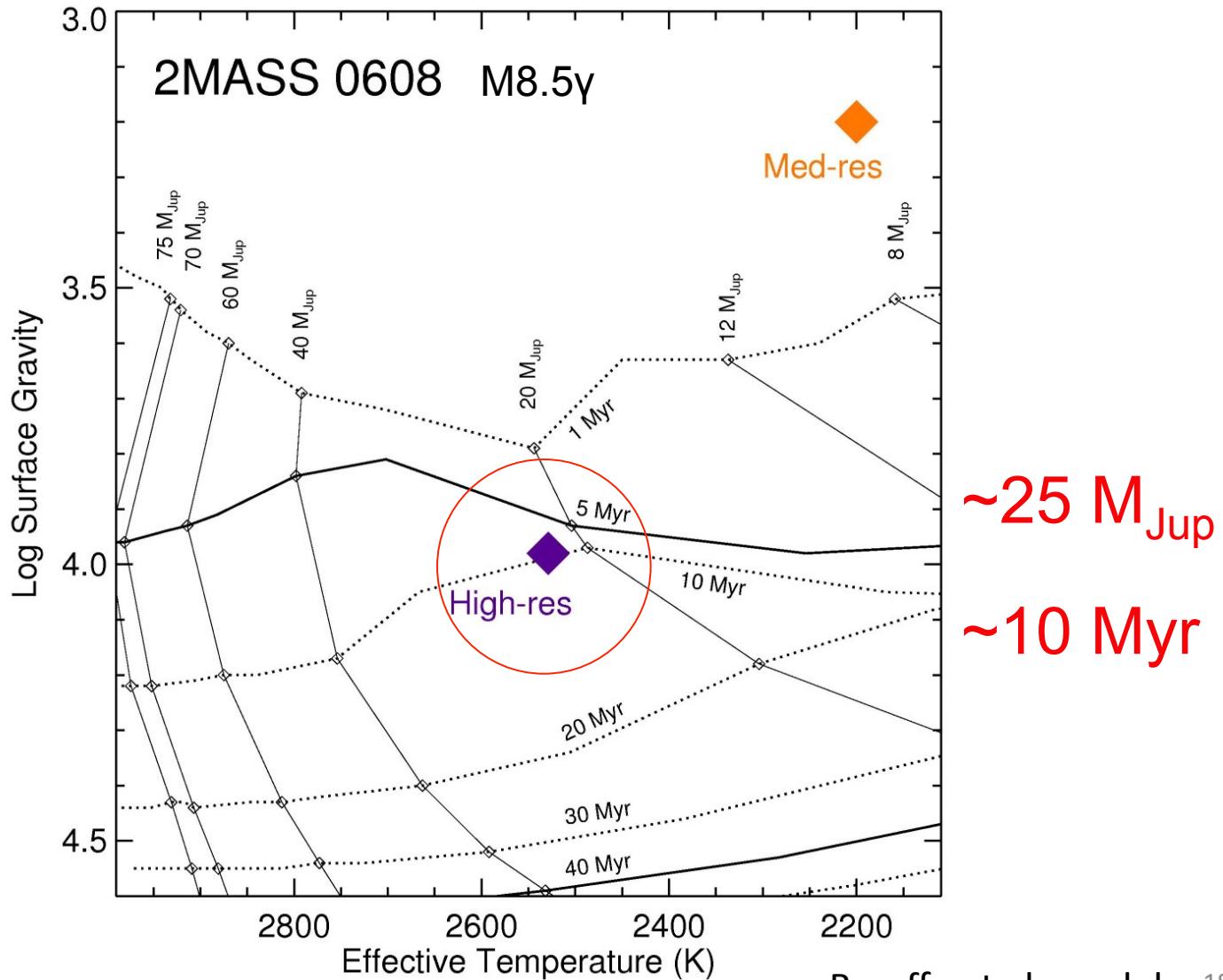


Rice et al. 2010

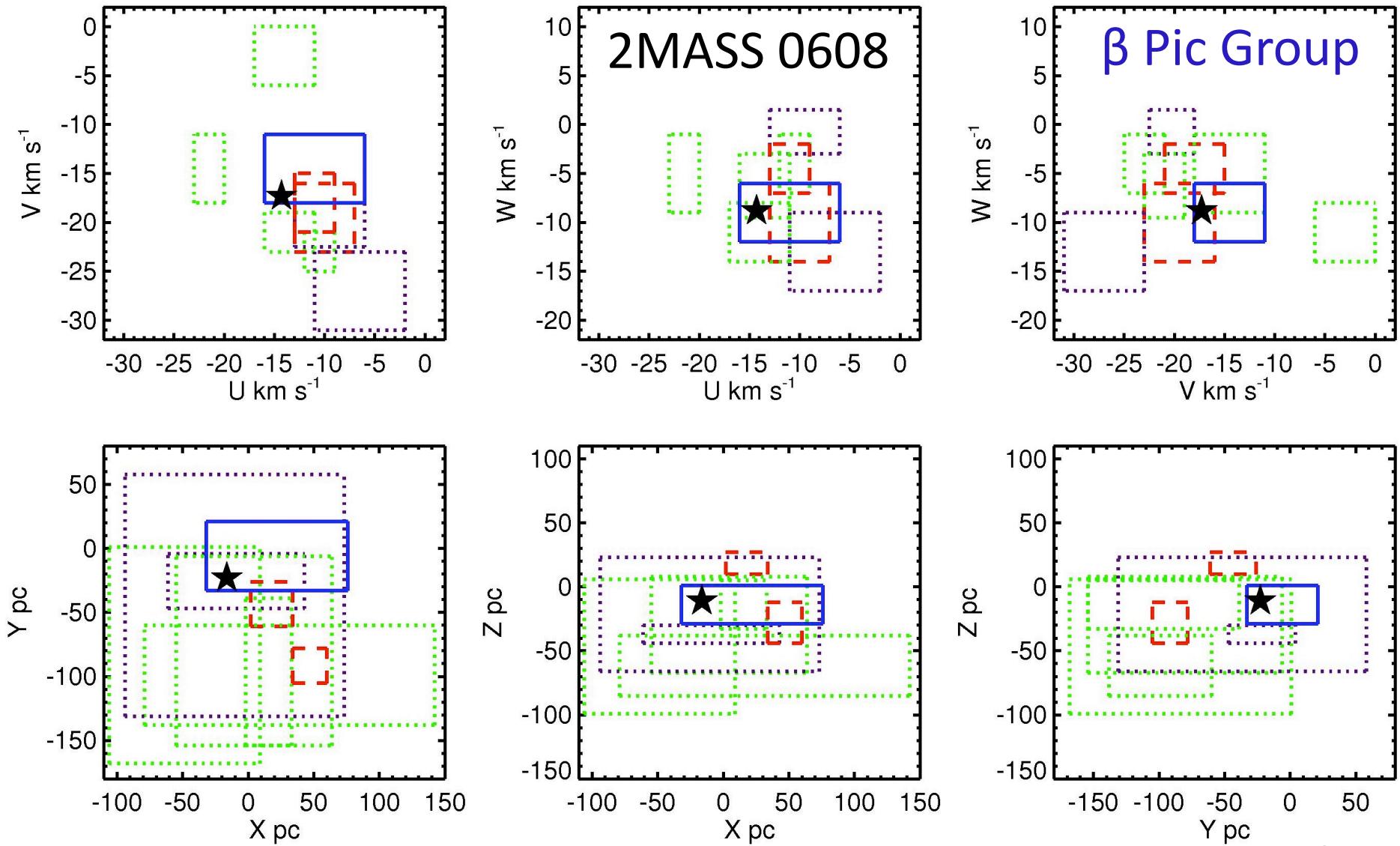
Model fits for late-type objects can be ambiguous



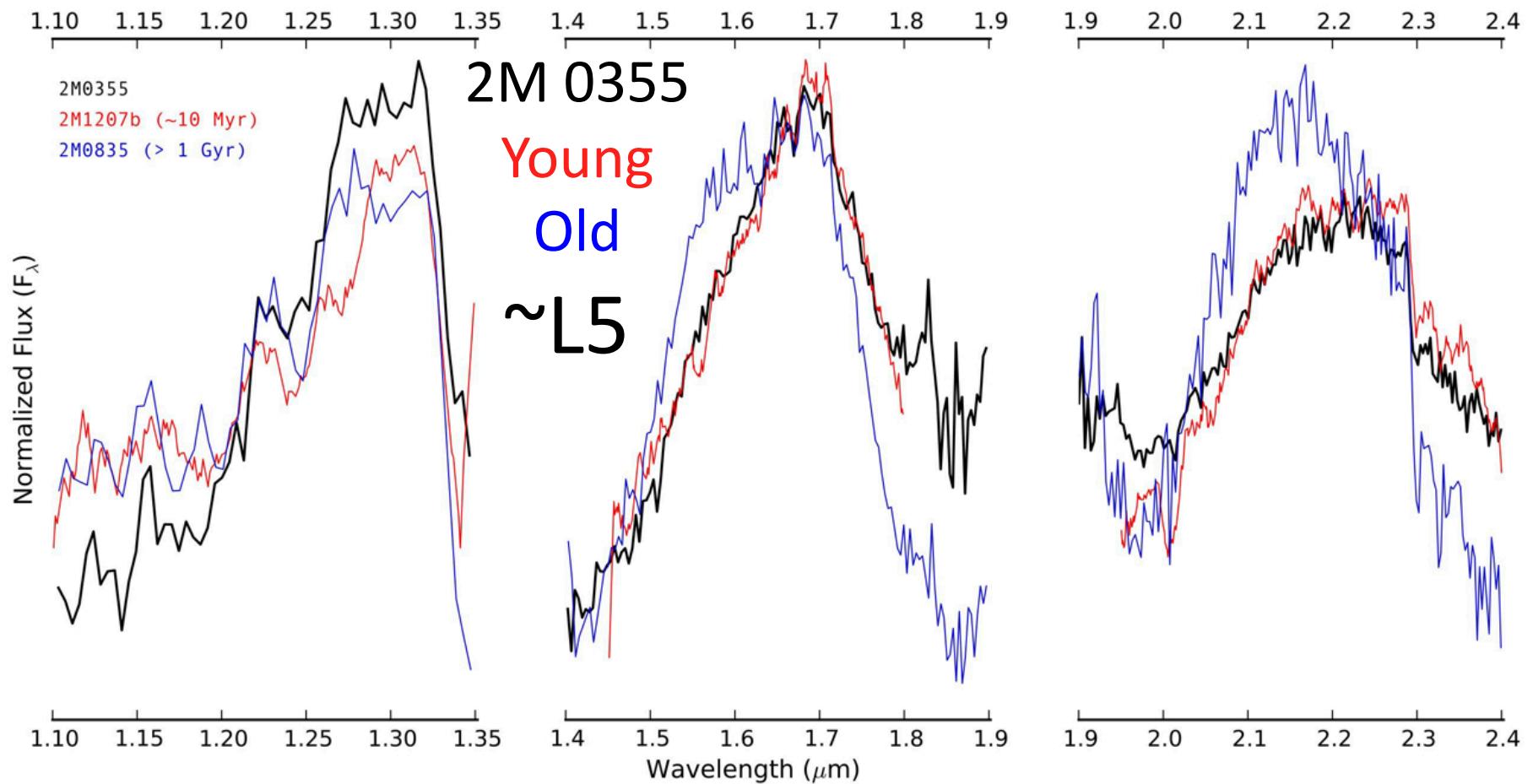
Implications from evolution models help evaluate the spectrum fits



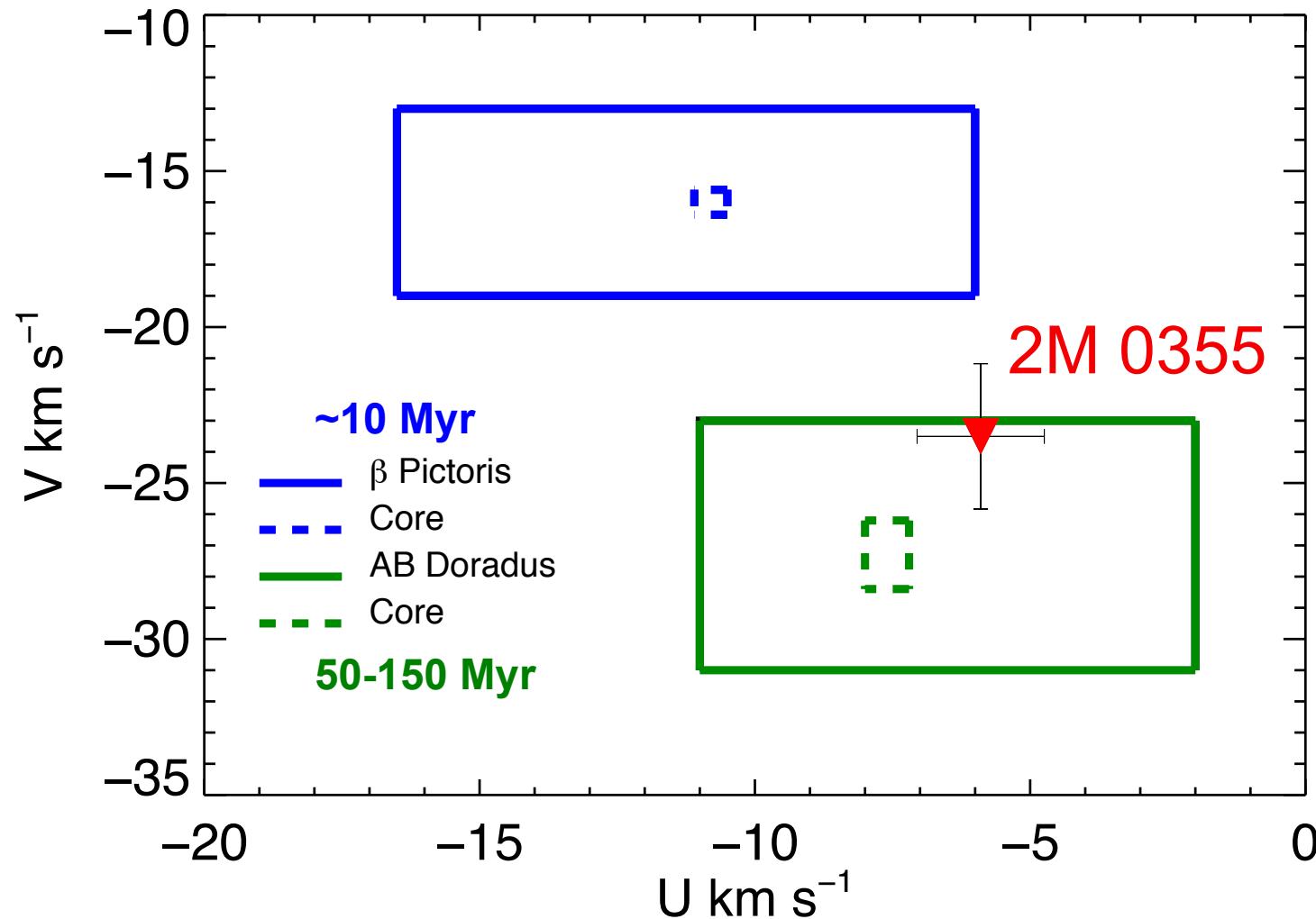
Kinematics confirm spectral youth indicators



Later type objects become more ambiguous...

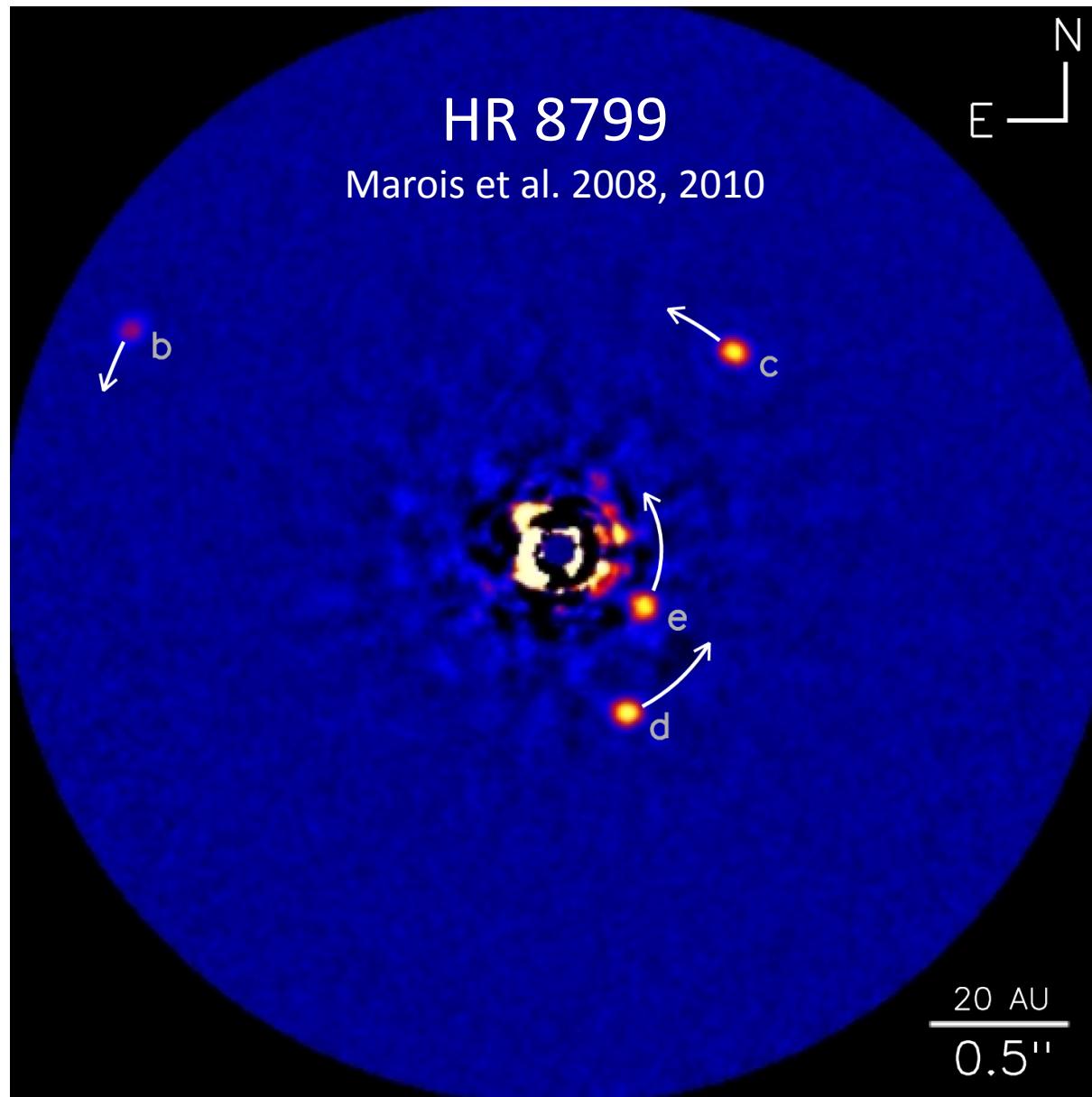


Why do L5 dwarfs look so similar at very different ages?

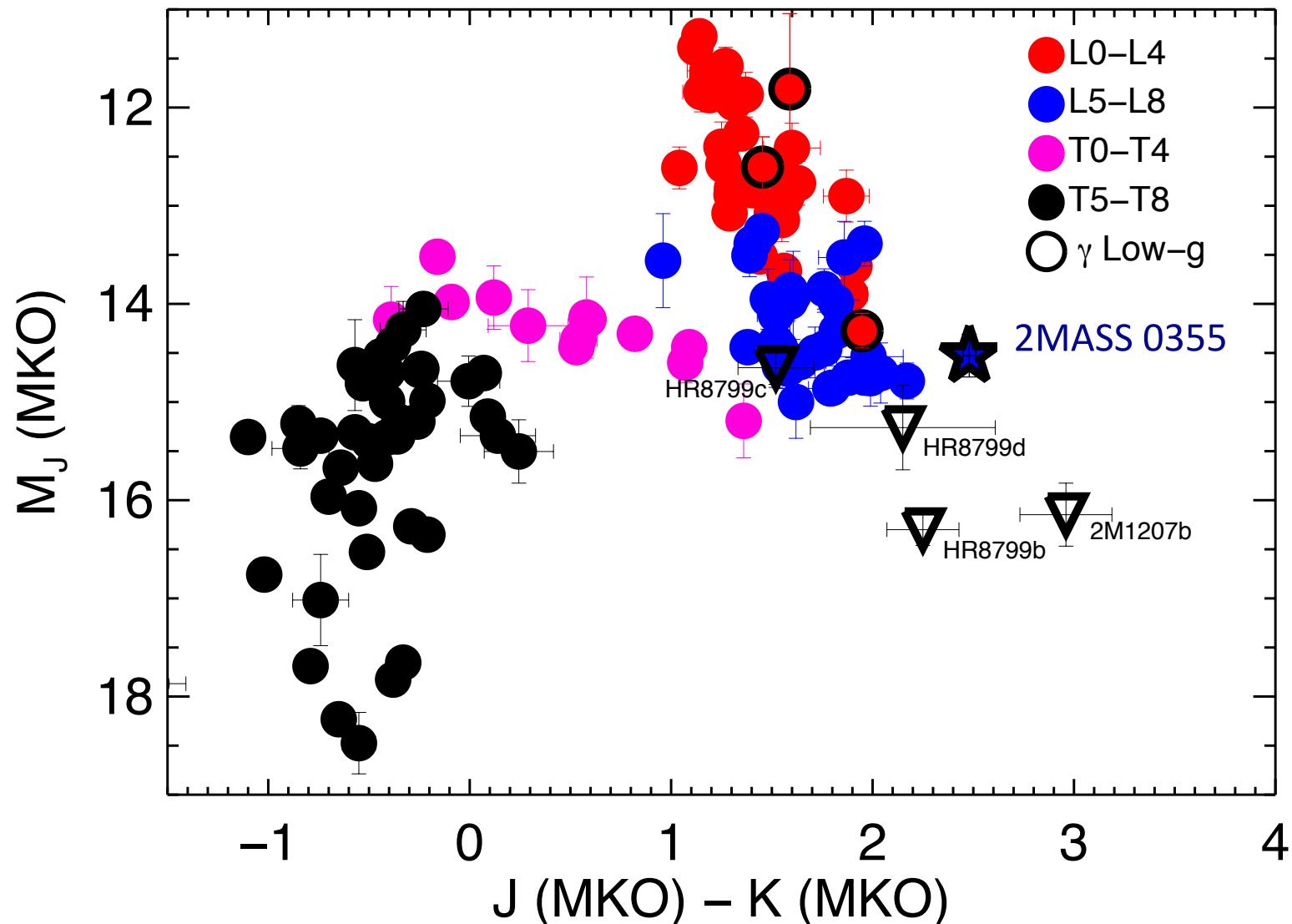


Faherty, Rice, Cruz, Mamajek & Nuñez 2013, see also Liu 2013, CS17

Directly imaged exoplanets are massive & young

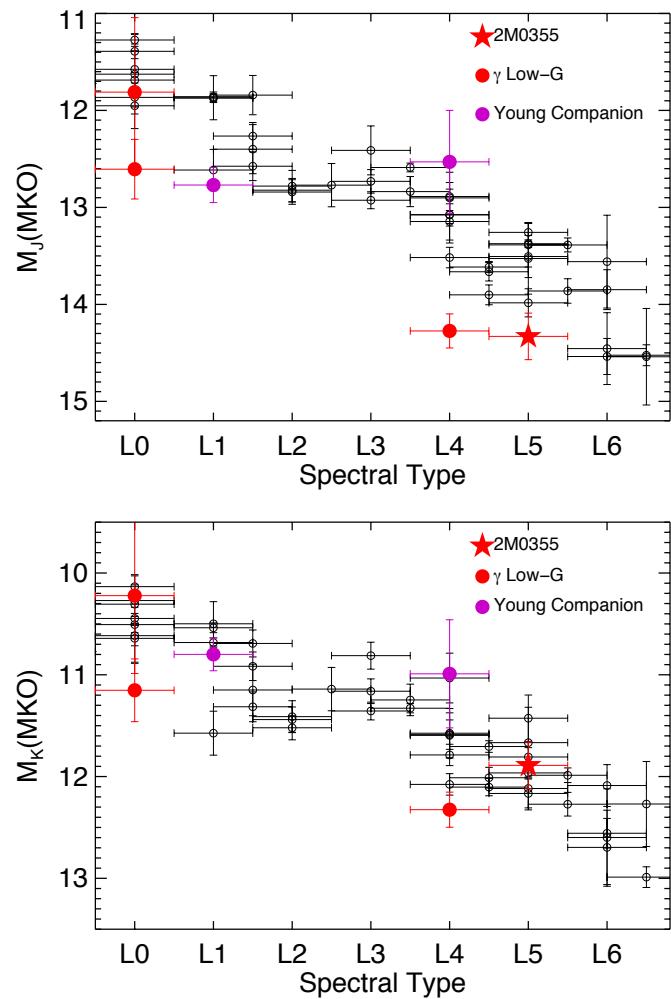


Young brown dwarfs occupy new color-magnitude space with directly images exoplanets

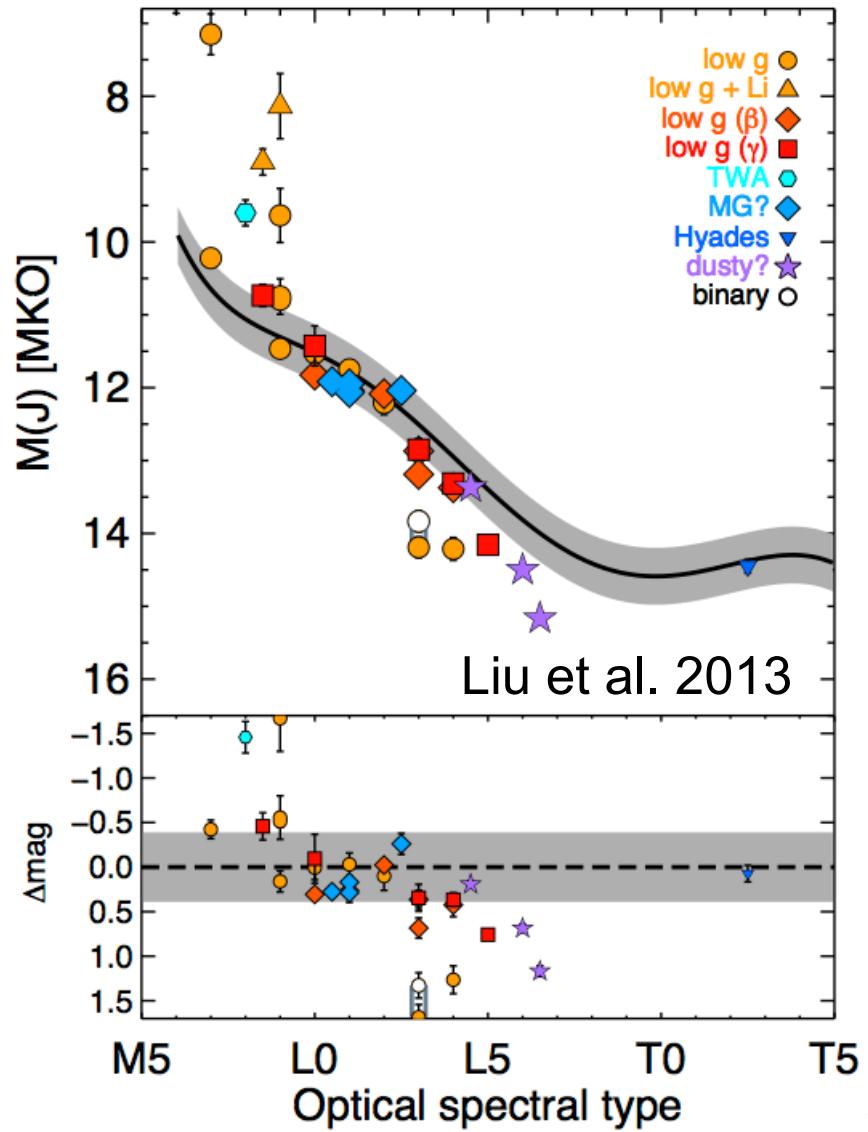


Faherty, Rice, Cruz, Mamajek & Nuñez 2013 ²³

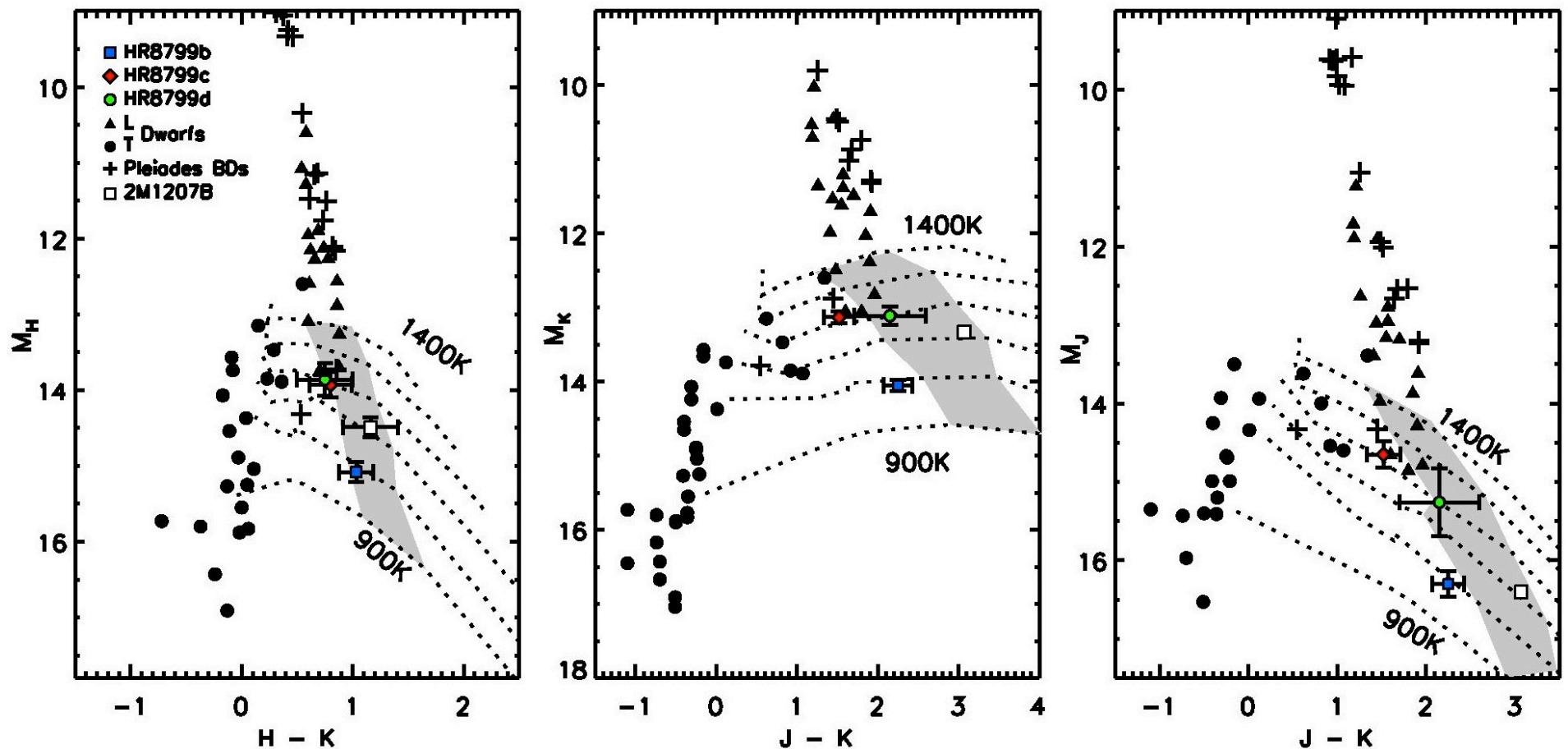
Young M dwarfs are overluminous, young L dwarfs are underluminous in NIR



Faherty et al. 2012 & 2013



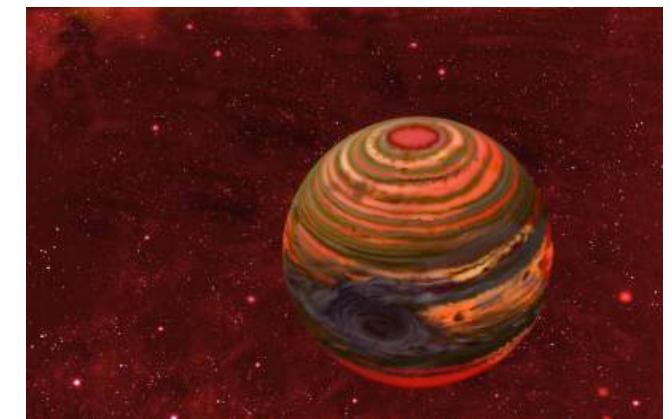
New model atmospheres produce fainter, redder tracks at low gravity



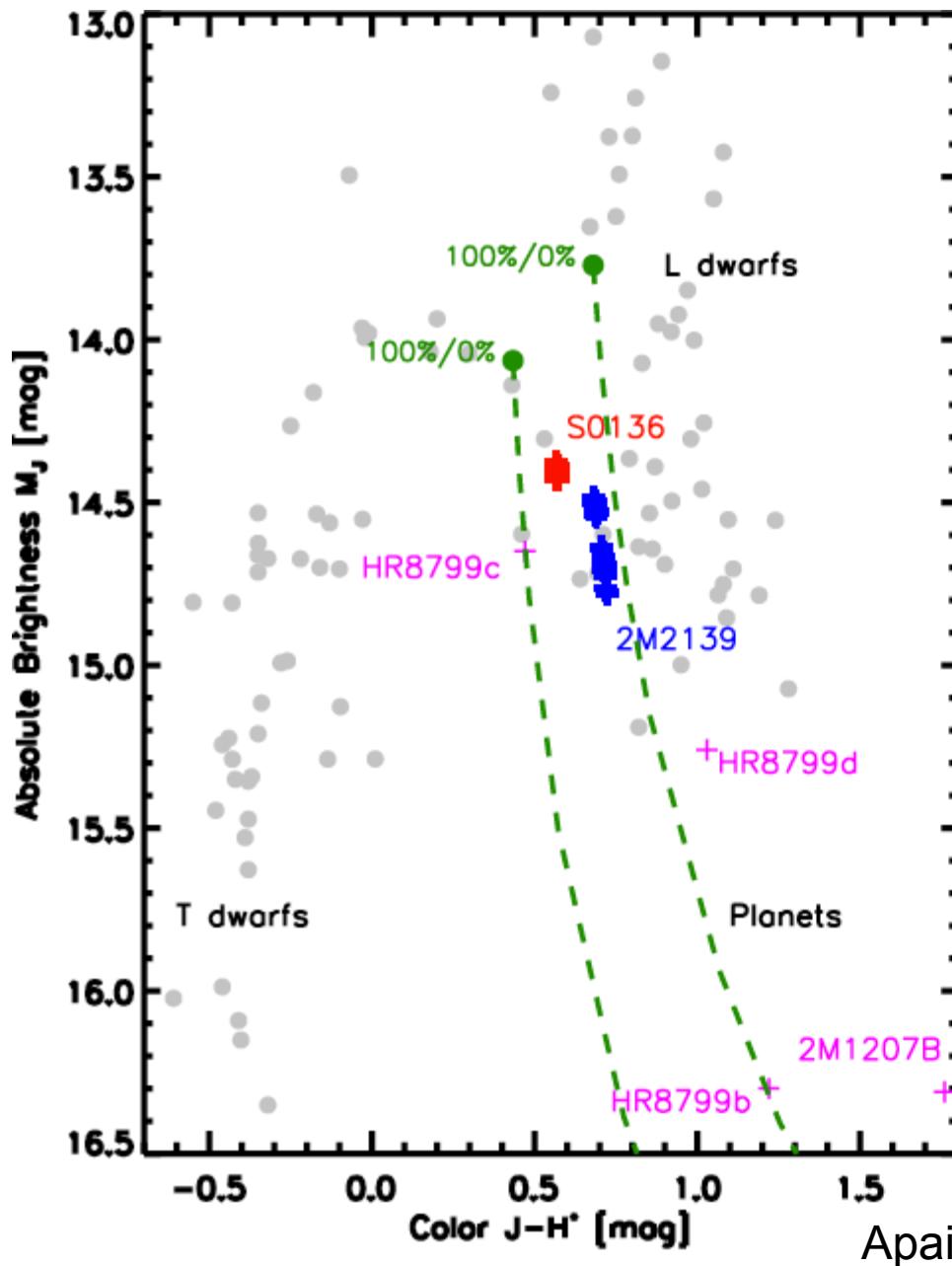
Barman et al. 2011

Cloud variations
move brown dwarfs
toward directly-
imaged planets

T2.5 SIMP 0136
T1.5 2MASS 2139

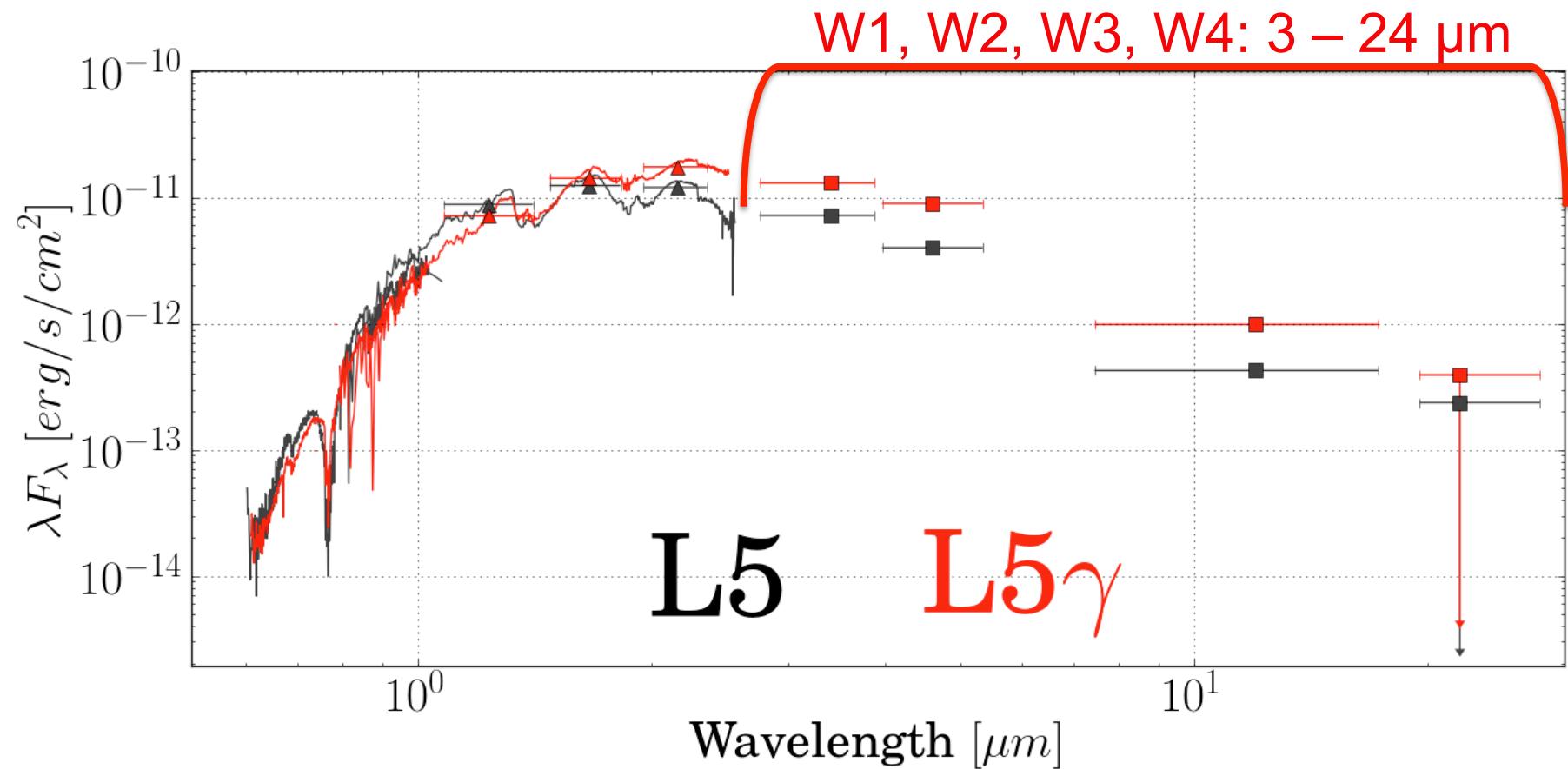


Art by Jon Lomberg

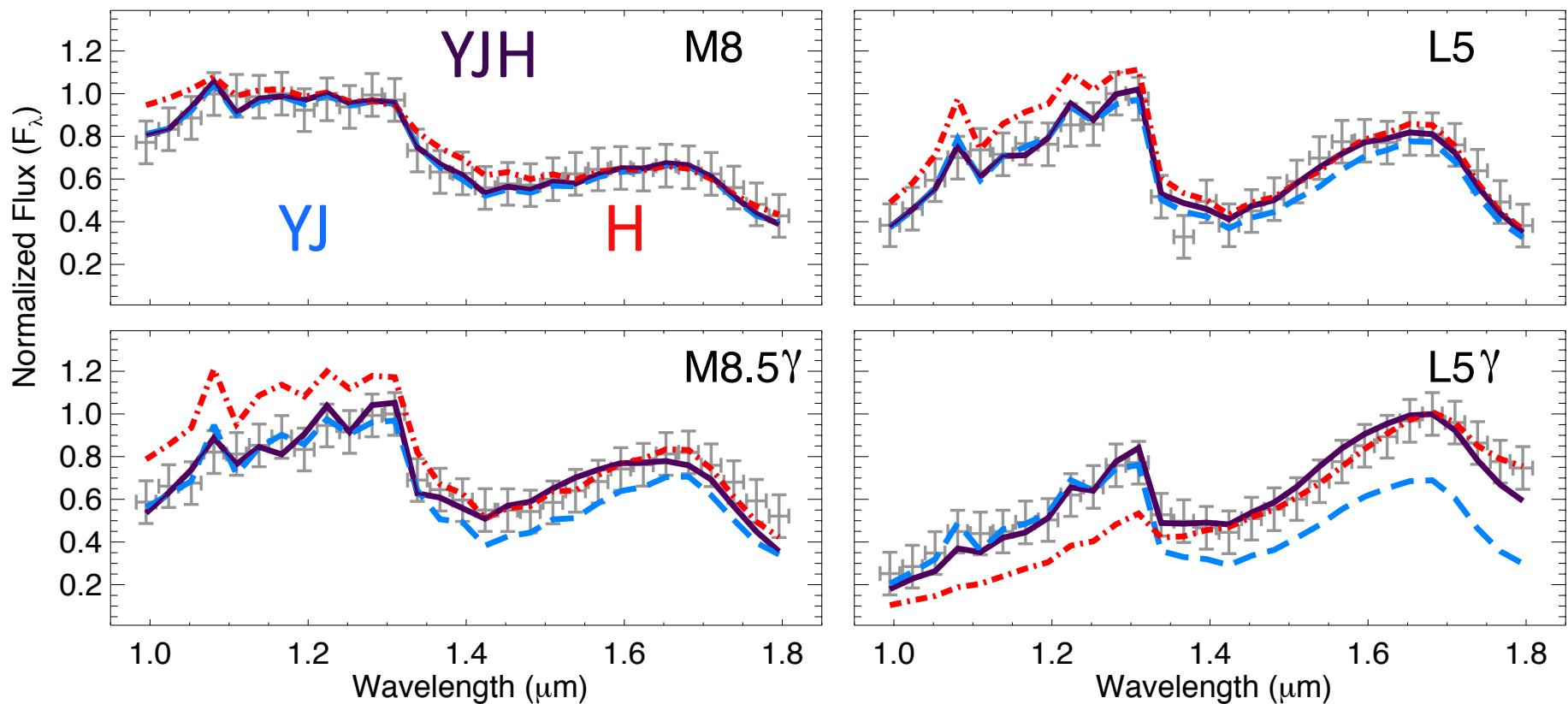


Apai et al. 2013, via A. Heinze

Parallax, photometry, and spectra provide calibrated comparison of luminosity & SEDs

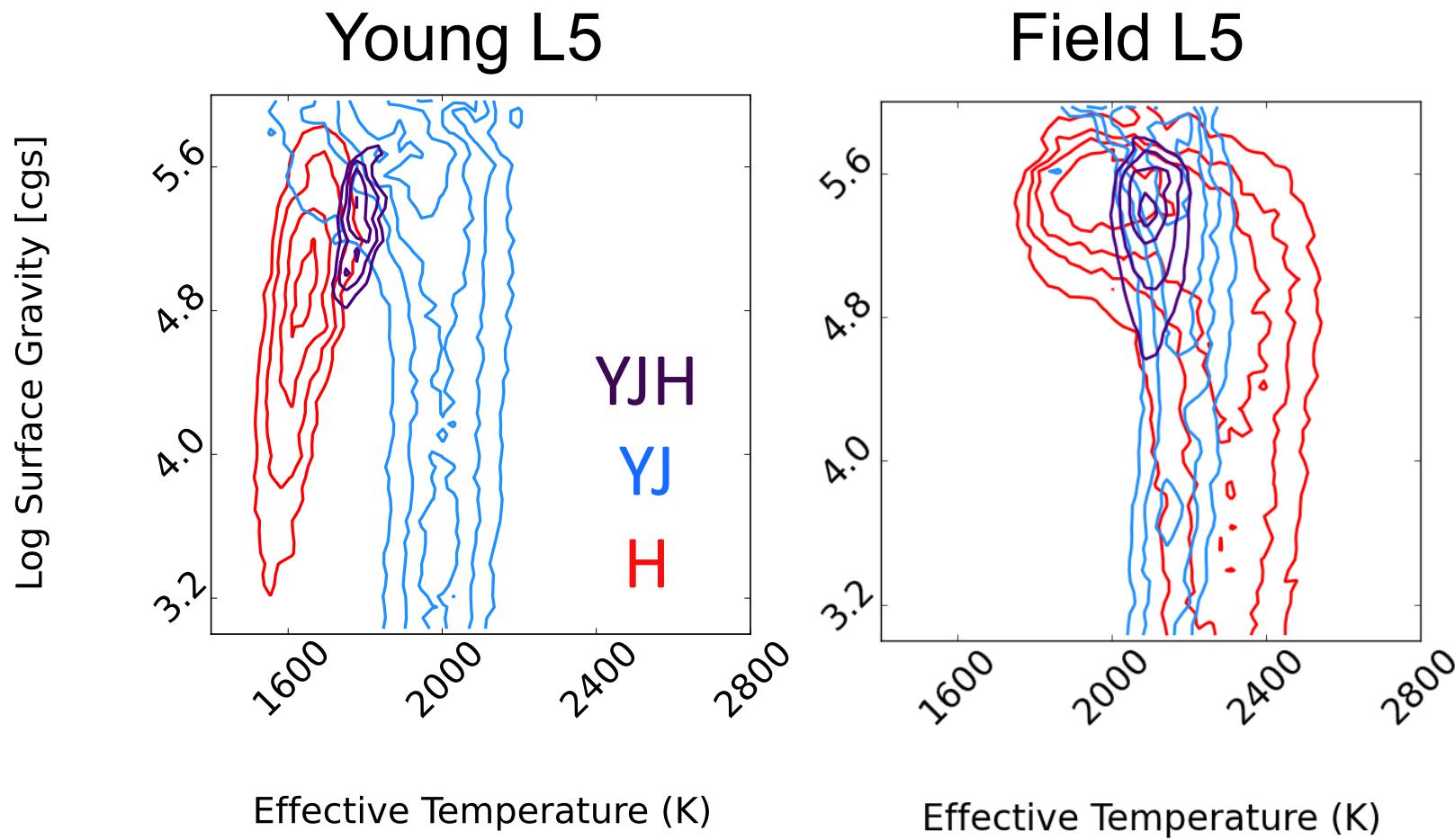


Exoplanets will be characterized in NIR at low resolution by Project 1640, GPI, & SPHERE



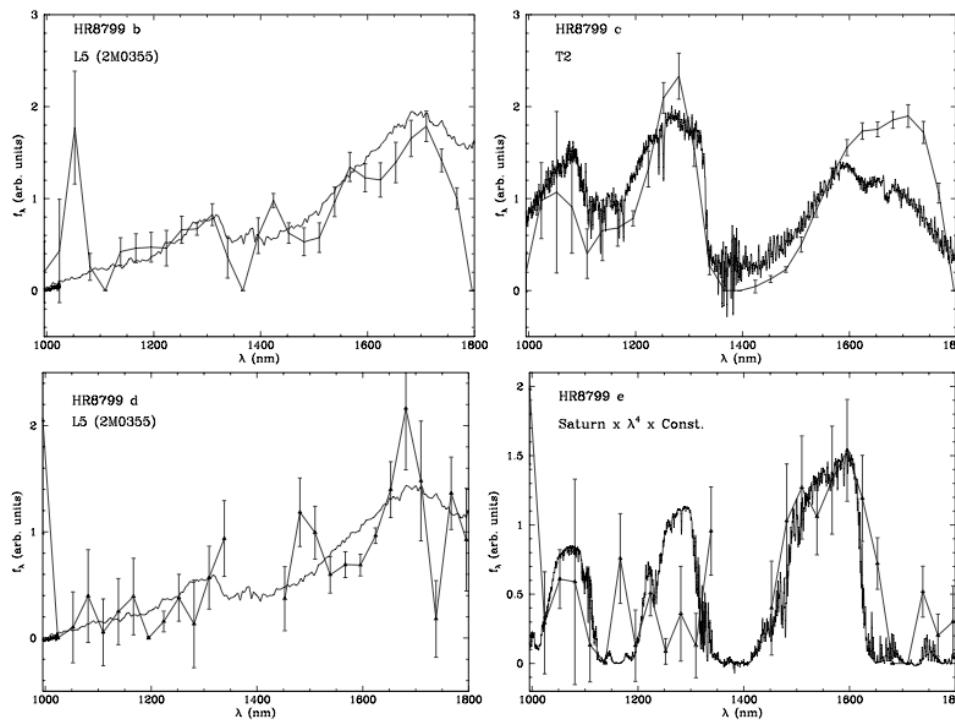
Rice et al. in prep.

Temperature & gravity are degenerate in NIR

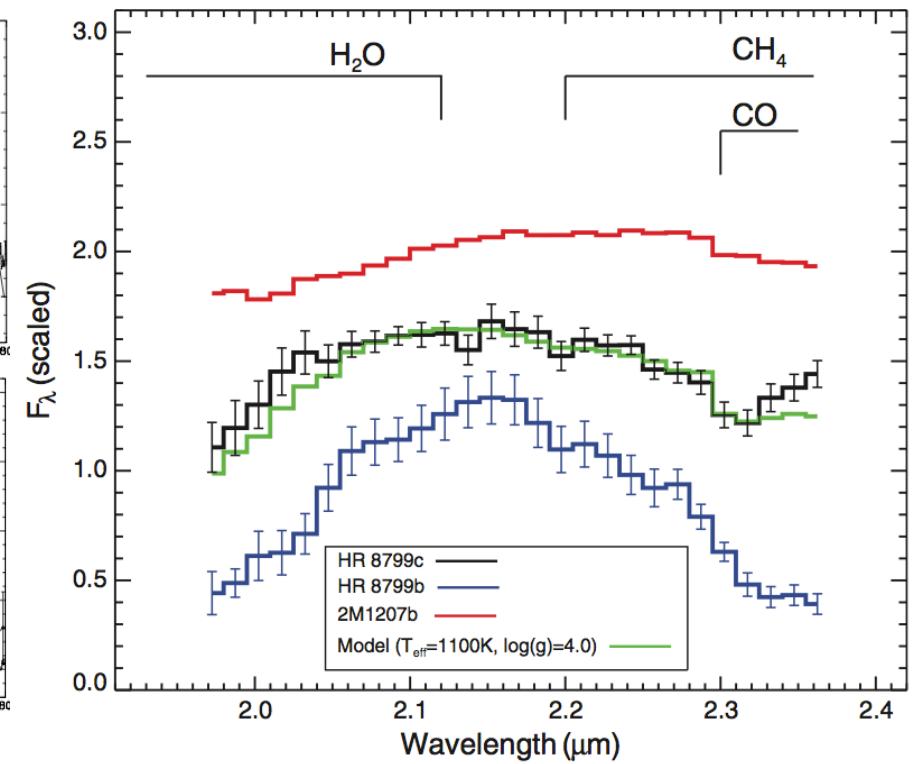


Exoplanet spectra indicate diversity of atmospheric properties

HR 8799 b,c,d,e from Project 1640

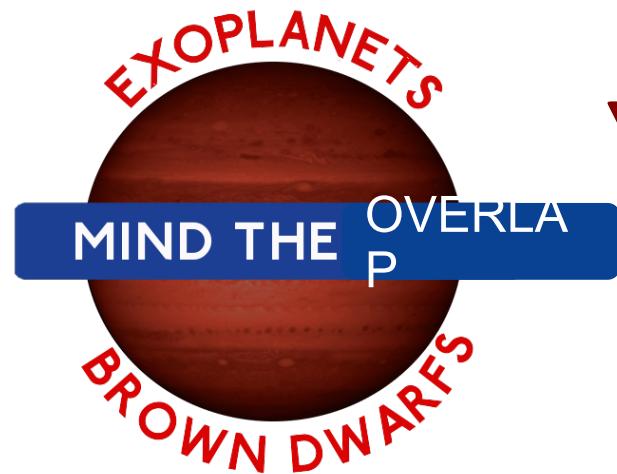


HR 8799 b,c from OSIRIS on Keck II



Oppenheimer et al. 2013

Konopacky et al. 2013,
Barman et al. 2011



Young Brown Dwarfs are Exoplanet Analogs

- Confirm BD youth with photometry, spectroscopy, & kinematics
- Use young BDs to relate observed & physical properties and to calibrate atmosphere & evolution models
- Improve spectroscopic analysis & cool, low gravity atmosphere models for directly-imaged exoplanets

