

# Two Classes of Exoplanets: Hot and Hotter

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# Atmospheres and Astrophysics

- Exoplanets combine planetary science and astrophysics observation
- For astrophysics, exoplanet data are awesome!
- For planetary science, quality is **terrible!**
- More data in *one* Cassini image than all detected exoplanet photons combined
- Must interpret data or it's not science
- What can models do with so few points?
- When should we believe them?
- What can we do without them?

# Spitzer Secondary Eclipses

- Emission by planets in bands 1-few  $\mu\text{m}$  wide
- 3.6, 4.5, 5.7, 8.0, 16, 24  $\mu\text{m}$
- Many dozen planets accessible
- Access some planets  $< 1000\text{K}$
- No comparable sensitivity at these wavelengths
  - Complements obs. at other wavelengths
- Eclipses can absolutely calibrate spectra
- Demonstrates need for FINESSE! (next talk, Swain)
  - Purpose-built for stability on exoplanet spectra

# UCF's Spitzer Exoplanet Program

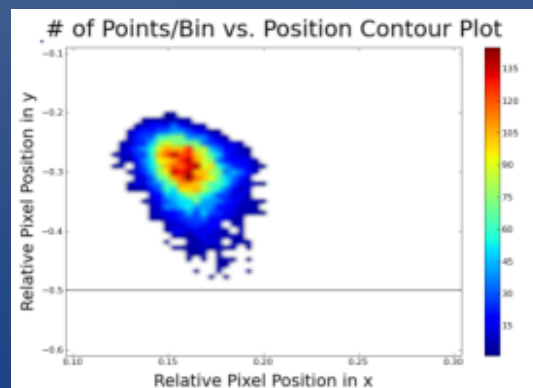
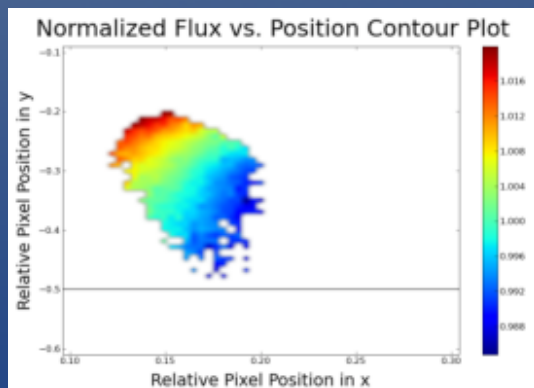
- Dozens of Spitzer secondary eclipses
- POET: Photometry of Orbits, Eclipses, Transits
  - Interpolated aperture photometry
  - Try dozens of systematics models
  - Statistical rigor: BIC selects/eliminates models
  - BLISS intrapixel mapper (Stevenson talk Wed.)
  - TIDe wavelet-based noise filtering (Blecic poster)
  - Tests: convergence, red noise, monomodality,...
  - Detailed methods descriptions in papers
- *Reliability slows things down and costs more*
- ~6 papers / yr, lead ~2+ / yr, ~1 Nature / yr

# Why So Careful?

- Reanalyses: problems with simple analyses
- Events often weak,  $<4\sigma$ , upper limits
- Most analyses have right eclipse depths
  - A few non-monomodal ones might change
- BUT, many error bars are likely wrong
  - Too low: bad, eliminate valid theory
  - Too high: also bad, accept invalid theory
- Reviewers (*US!*) should be pickier!
  - Many models, show posterior dist., show tests
  - Our papers discuss what to look for & why

# WASP-43b – Jasmina Blecic

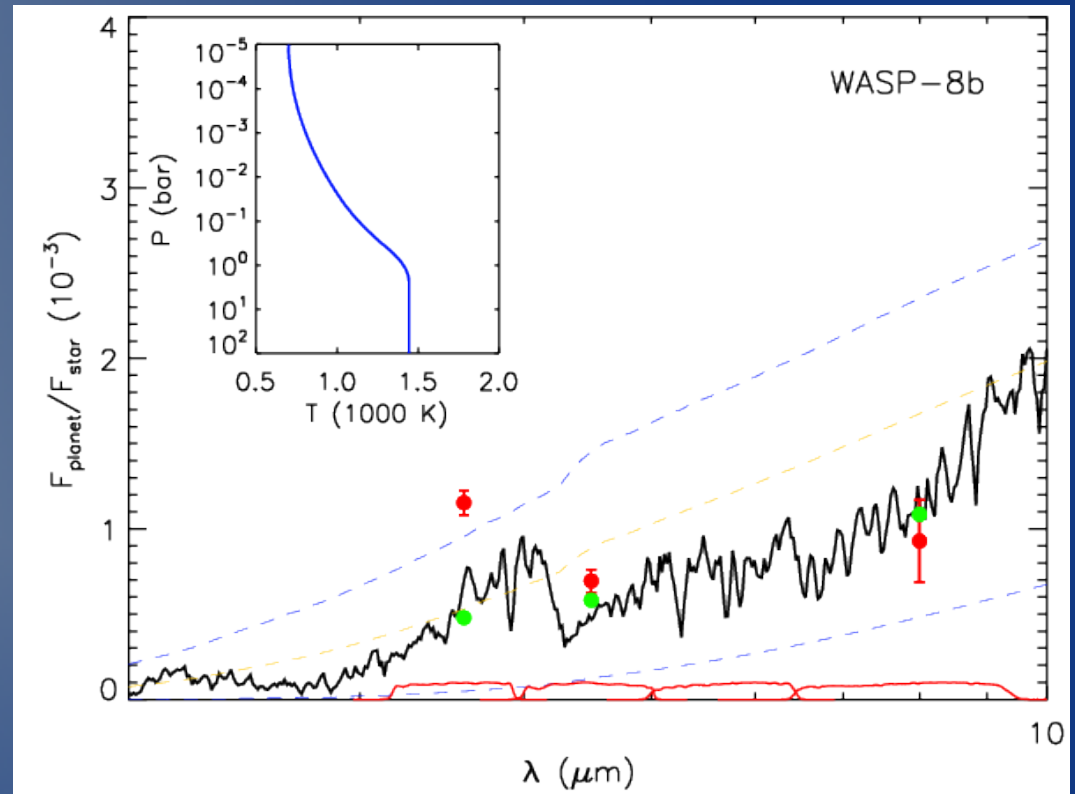
- Poster Pitch!
- IRAC 3.6, 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$
- High S/N
- No inversion
- Yet, similarly irradiated to HD 209458b...
- BLISS, TIDe, MCMC orthogonalization



BLISS pixel mapping method  
Stevenson et al. (2010),  
submitted to *ApJ*

# WASP-8b – Patricio Cubillos

- Poster Pitch!
- $T_{eq} = 940\text{K}$ ,  $e = 0.31$
- IRAC 3.6, 3×4.5, 8  $\mu\text{m}$
- Temp. near maximum  $T_{eq}$  on orbit
- No inversion, high  $T_b$  possible if  $T_{rad} < 100$  hrs



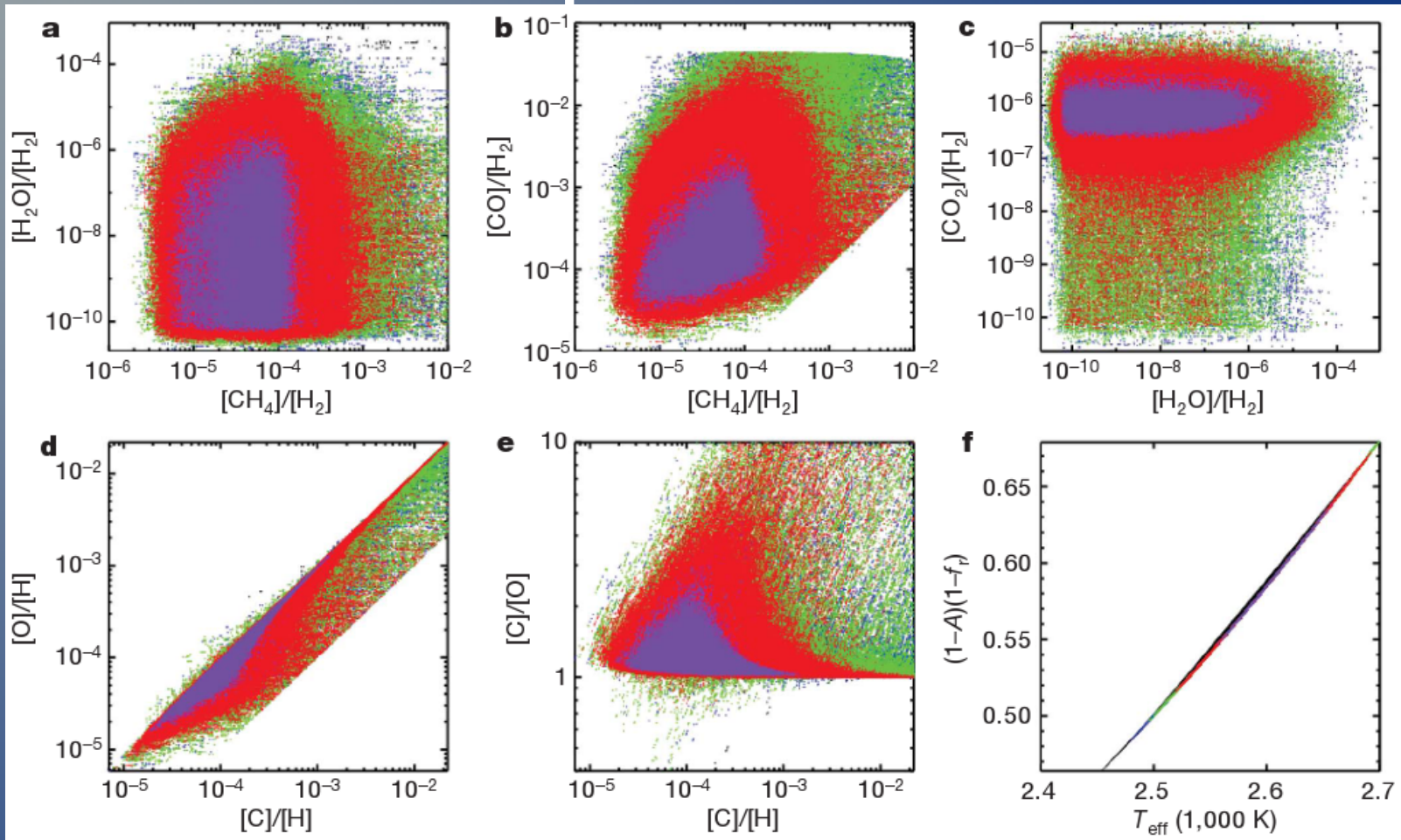


# Dataset Utility Per Planet

- Want to characterize planet
- But, low resolution, small number of points
- Cannot justify 2D or 3D models
- Cannot definitively identify unique composition
  - Good way to justify spectroscopy!
- CAN identify interesting effects
  - Disequilibrium chemistry (Stevenson et al 2010)
  - C/O > 1 (Madhusudhan et al 2011)
  - Inversions and rough thermal structure



# Atmospheric Constraints



Poster Pitch: Mike Line developing optimal inverse Bayesian approach, much less computation, better intuition. Talk this morning by Lee.

- MCMC tells what questions data can answer
- For WASP-12b,  $\text{C}/\text{O} > 1$  jumps out
- J. Blecic to make an open-source version

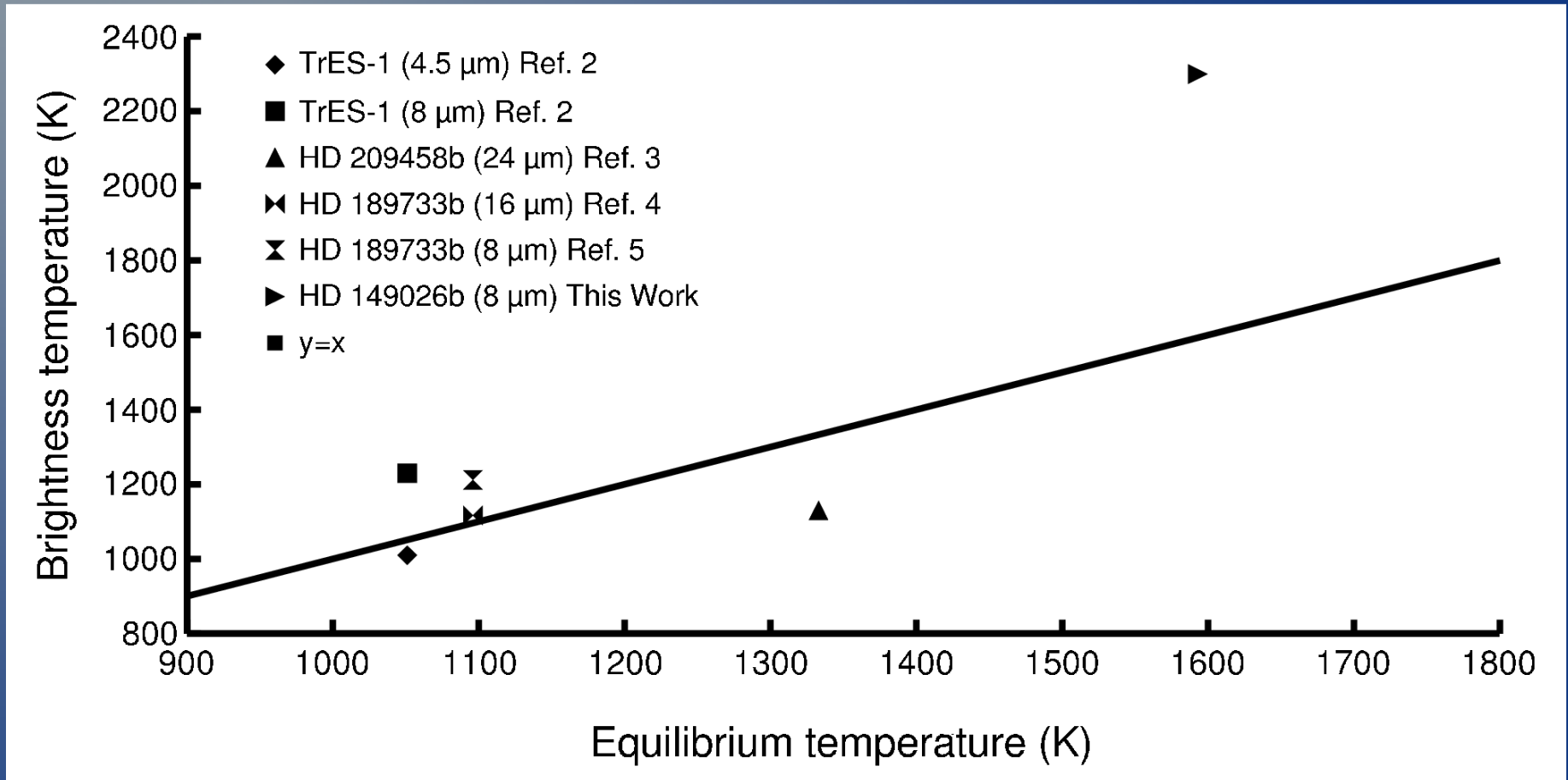
# Datasets' Utility In Ensemble

- “When the going gets tough, the tough... do statistics?”
- Plot aggregate information
  - 1D trends, behavior types
  - Motivate theoretical work
- Model-based comparisons
  - Who has an inversion (at depths probed)?
  - When does disequilibrium chemistry happen?
- Good to do, but depends on 1D models based on too few points

# Model-Independent Comparison

- Want model-independent atmospheric statistic
- Compare planetary output to input fluxes
- Compare output fluxes to each other
  - Same or different planet
- Stellar fluxes differ for each planet, not intuitive
- Want intuitive units wrt chemistry, clouds
- Temperature is usual energy parameter in atm.
- Try brightness ( $T_b$ ) vs. equilibrium ( $T_{eq}$ ) temps

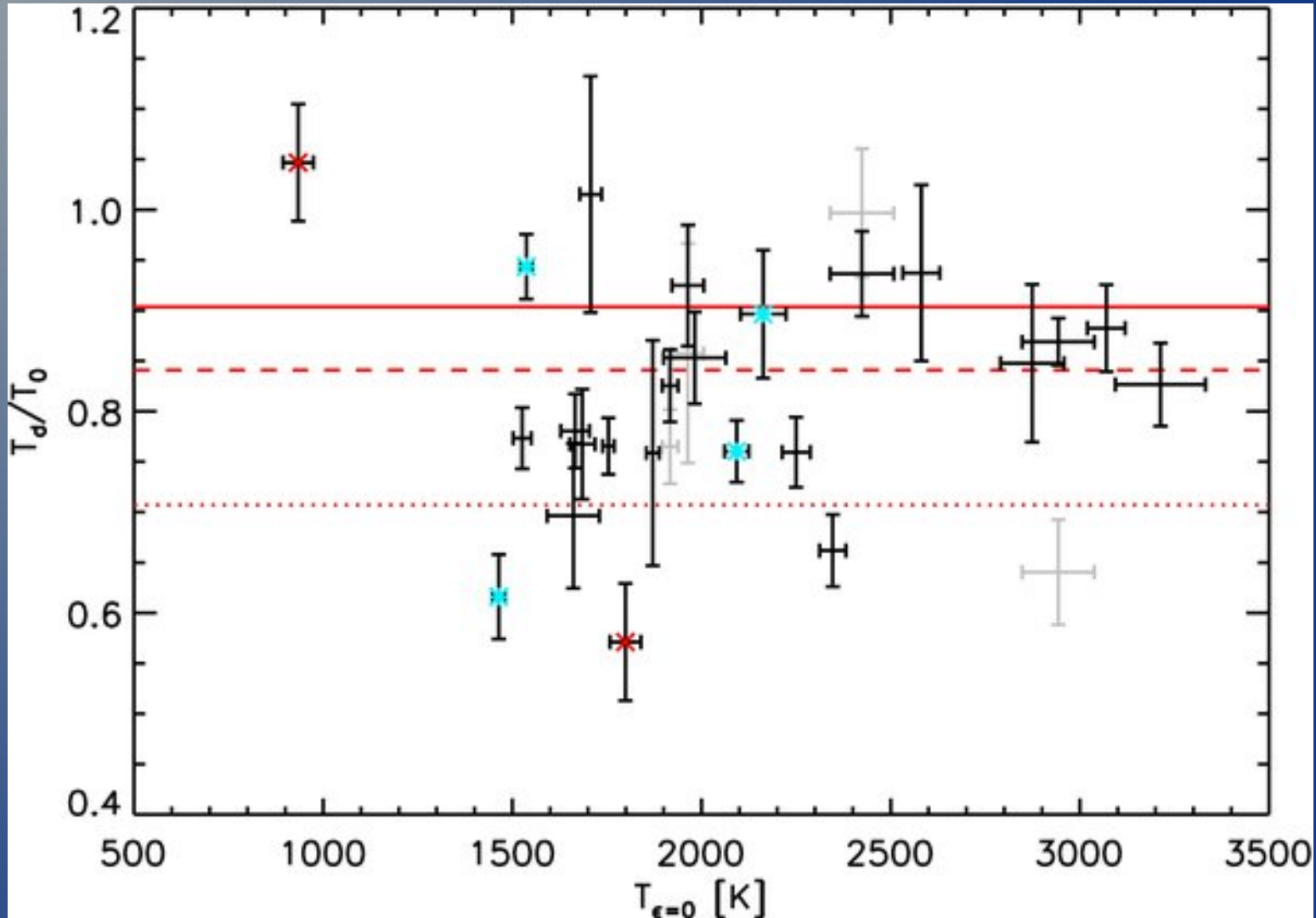
# $T_b$ vs. $T_{eq}$ : 2007



Just 6 measurements on 4 planets!

Harrington et al. (2007), *Nature*  
Assumes  $A=0.3$ , uniform emission

# $T_b$ vs. $T_{eq}$ : 2011

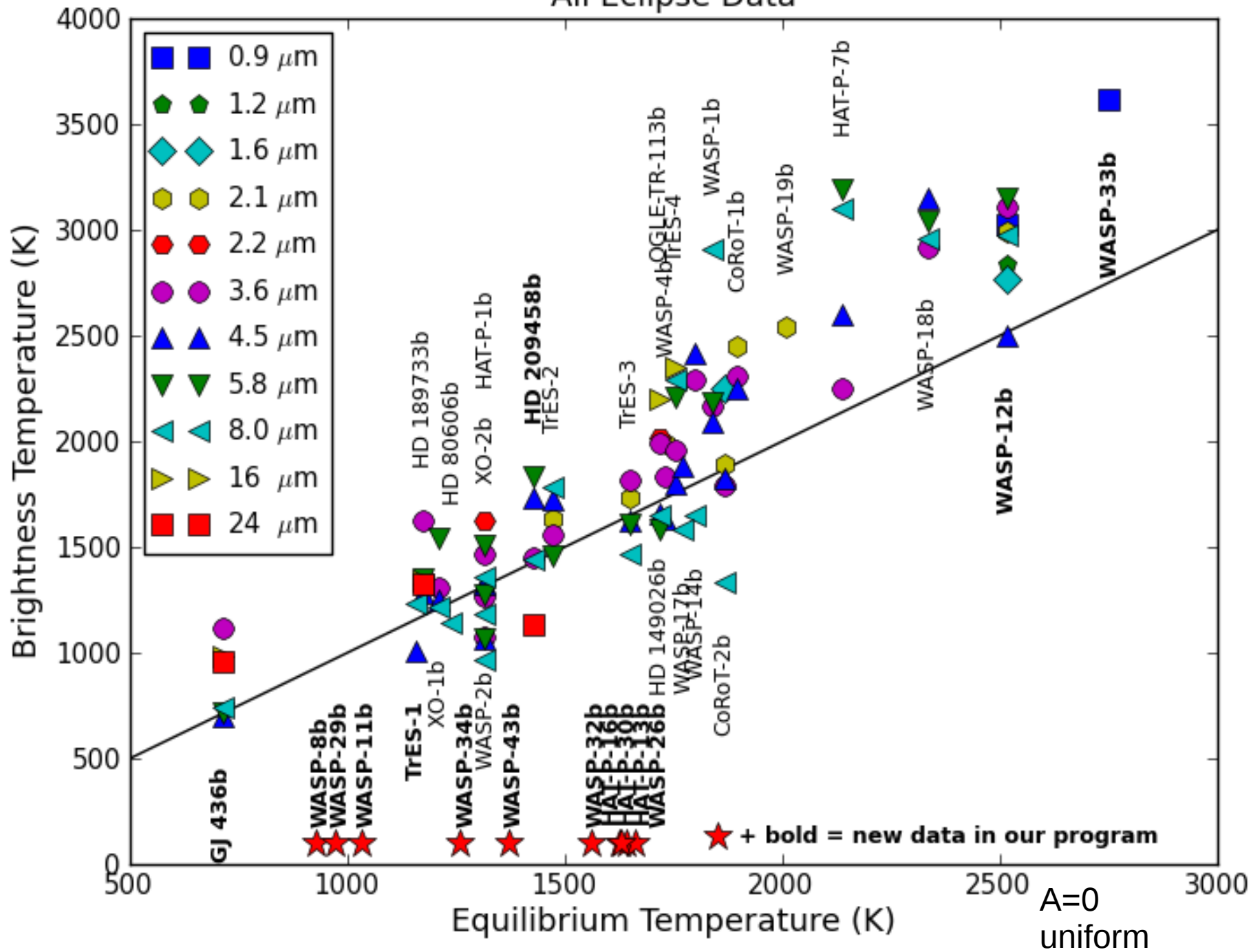


High temp more consistent than low.

Cowan and Agol (2011), *ApJ*  
Assumes  $A=0$ , substellar



# All Eclipse Data



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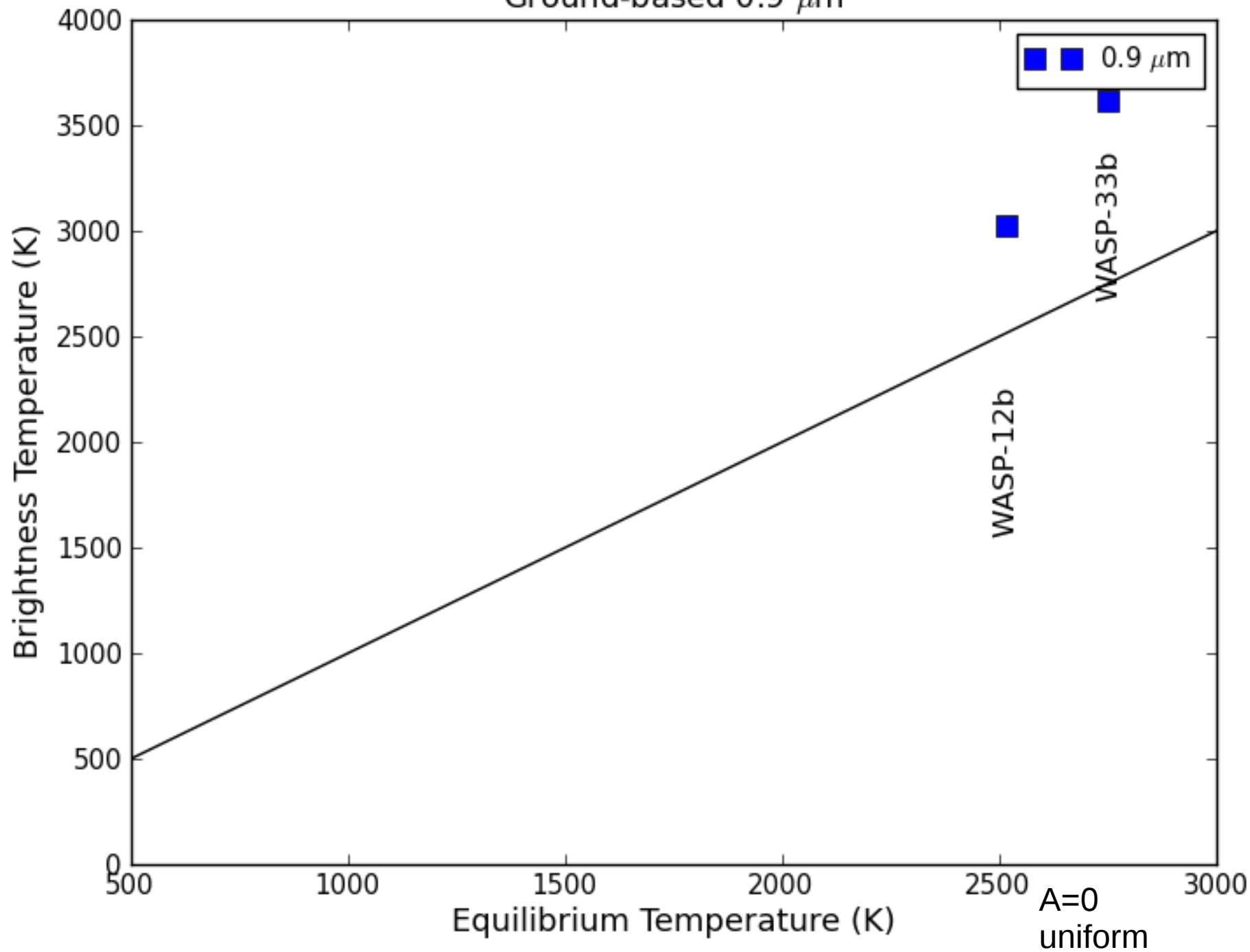
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- Lack of TiO cold trap
- Mechanical ( $K_{zz}$ ) greenhouse
- Ohmic heating
- High opacity of ions from ohmic heating?
- Onset seems sharp
- Need to fill in gaps & get points ~1800-2000K

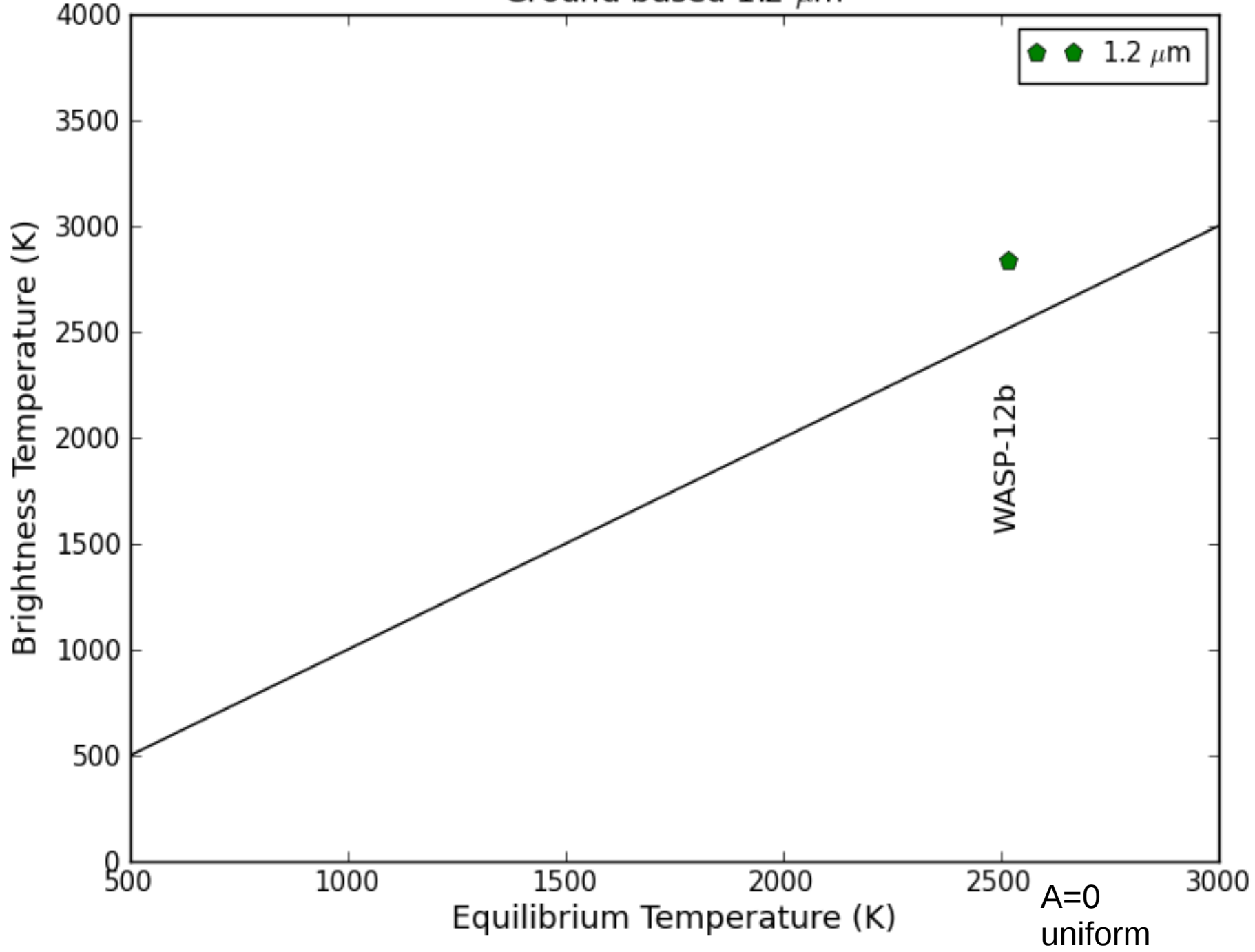
# Conclusions

- Spitzer is an atmosphere measuring machine!
  - Even SOFIA can't reach longer Spitzer  $\lambda$ s
- Model-independent  $T_b$  vs.  $T_{eq}$  plot shows
  - Clear difference between  $T_{eq} \langle \rangle \sim 2000$  K
  - Numerous possible mechanisms (go theorists!)
  - Need more  $T_{eq} < 1200$  K obs (hard!)
  - $T_{eq} > 2000$  K possible from ground!
- Rigor in analyses critical, often missing
  - Want to fit models to  $T_b$  vs.  $T_{eq}$  plot
  - But, errors problematic,  $\chi^2$  unreliable

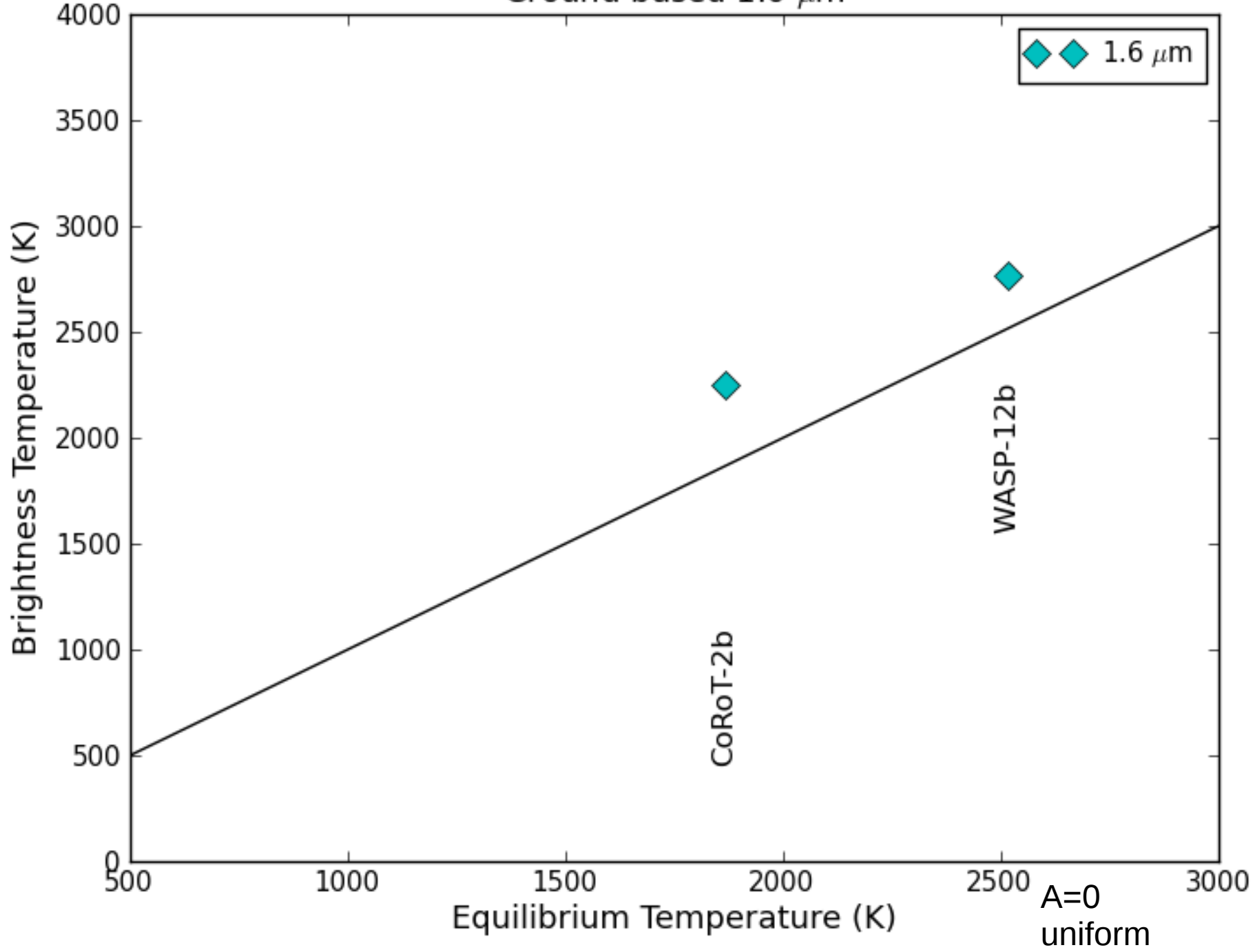
Ground-based 0.9  $\mu\text{m}$



Ground-based 1.2  $\mu\text{m}$

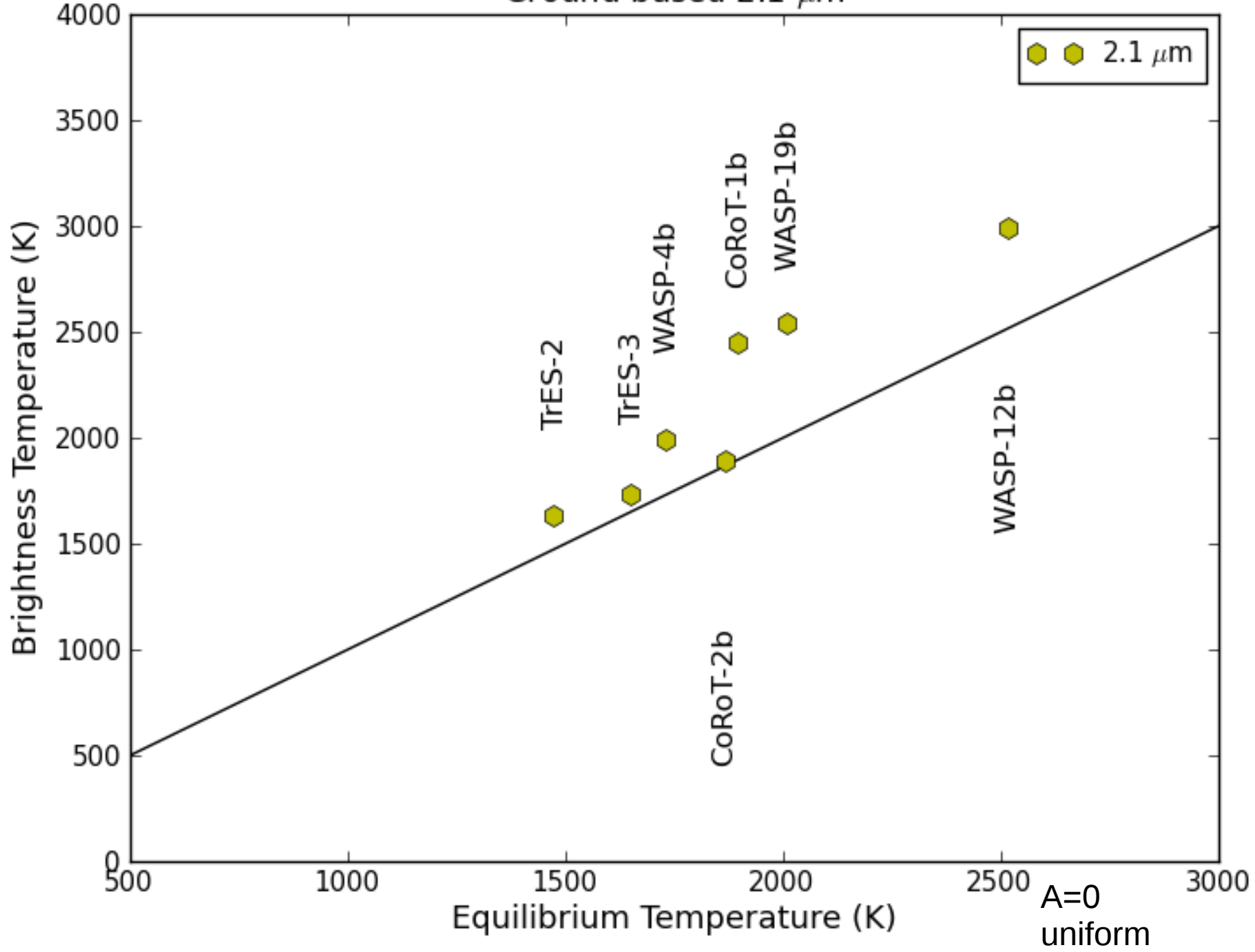


# Ground-based 1.6 $\mu\text{m}$

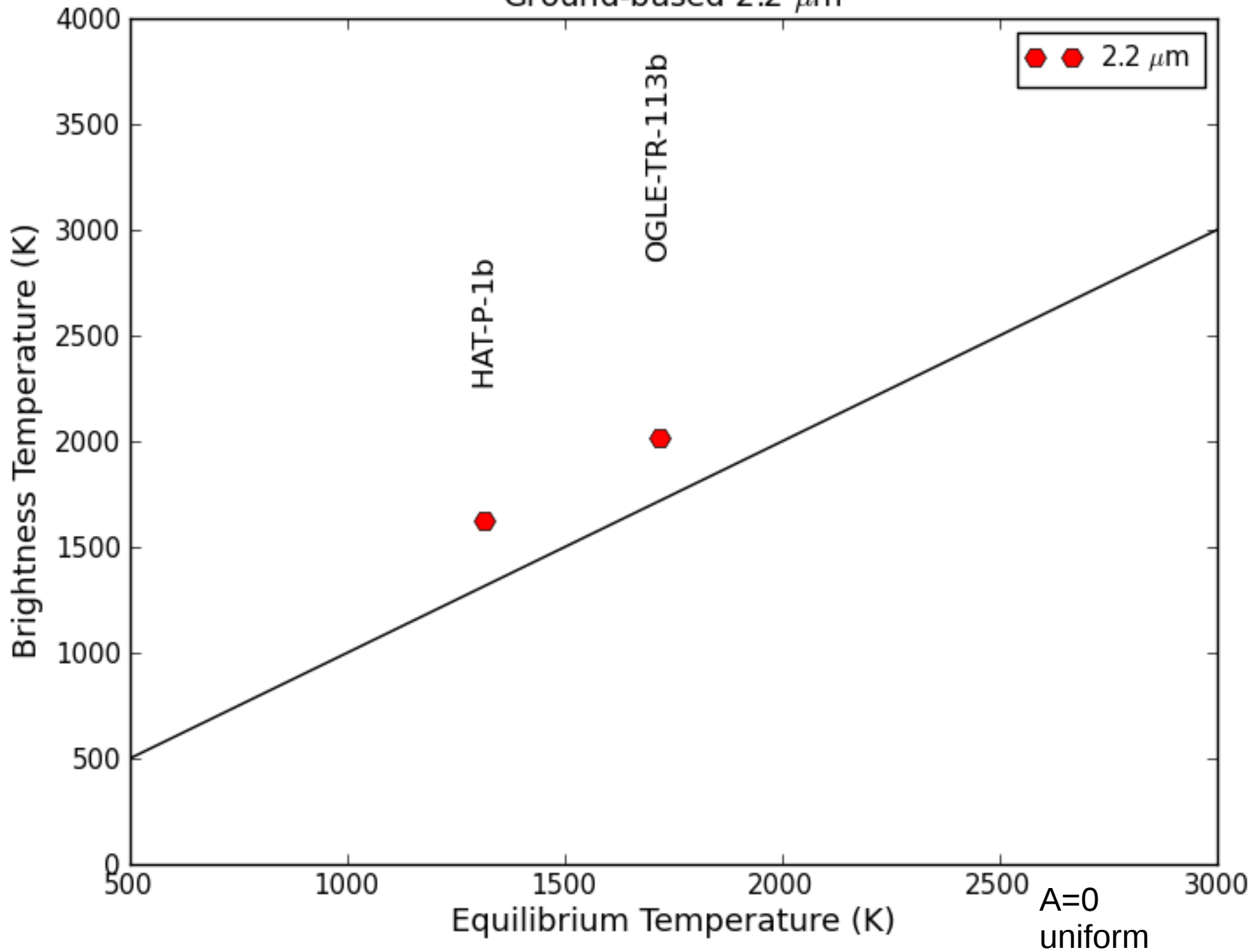




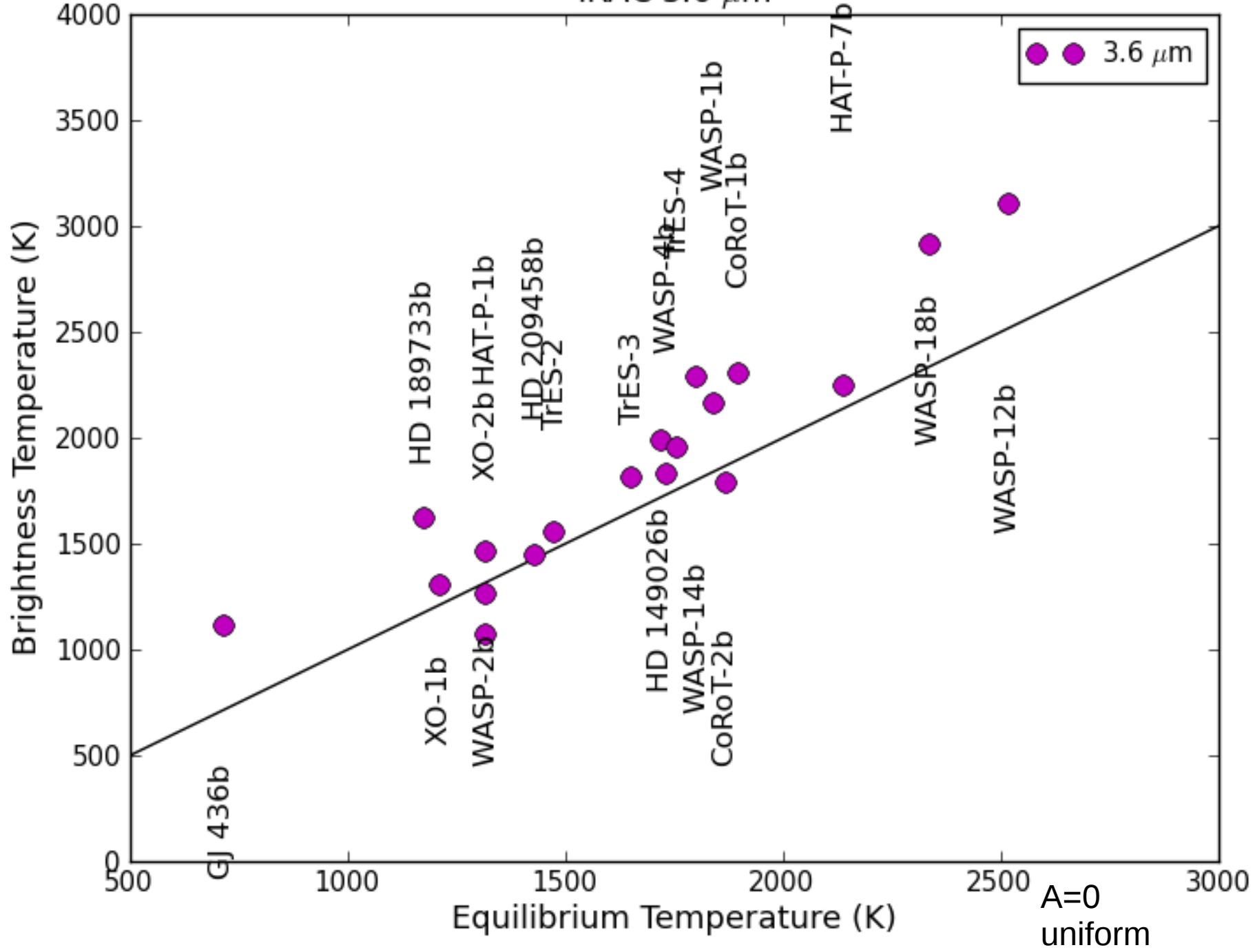
Ground-based 2.1  $\mu\text{m}$



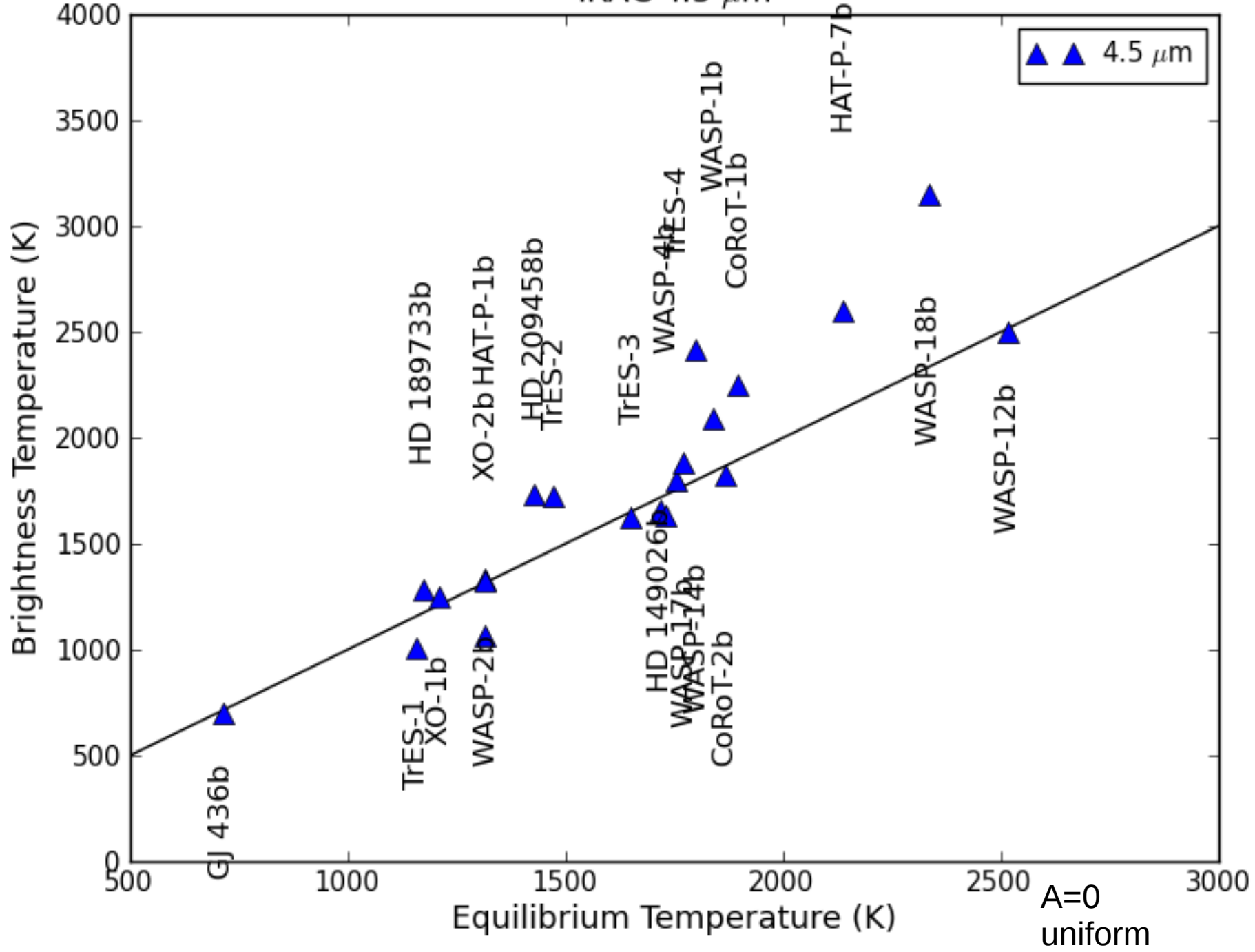
Ground-based 2.2  $\mu\text{m}$



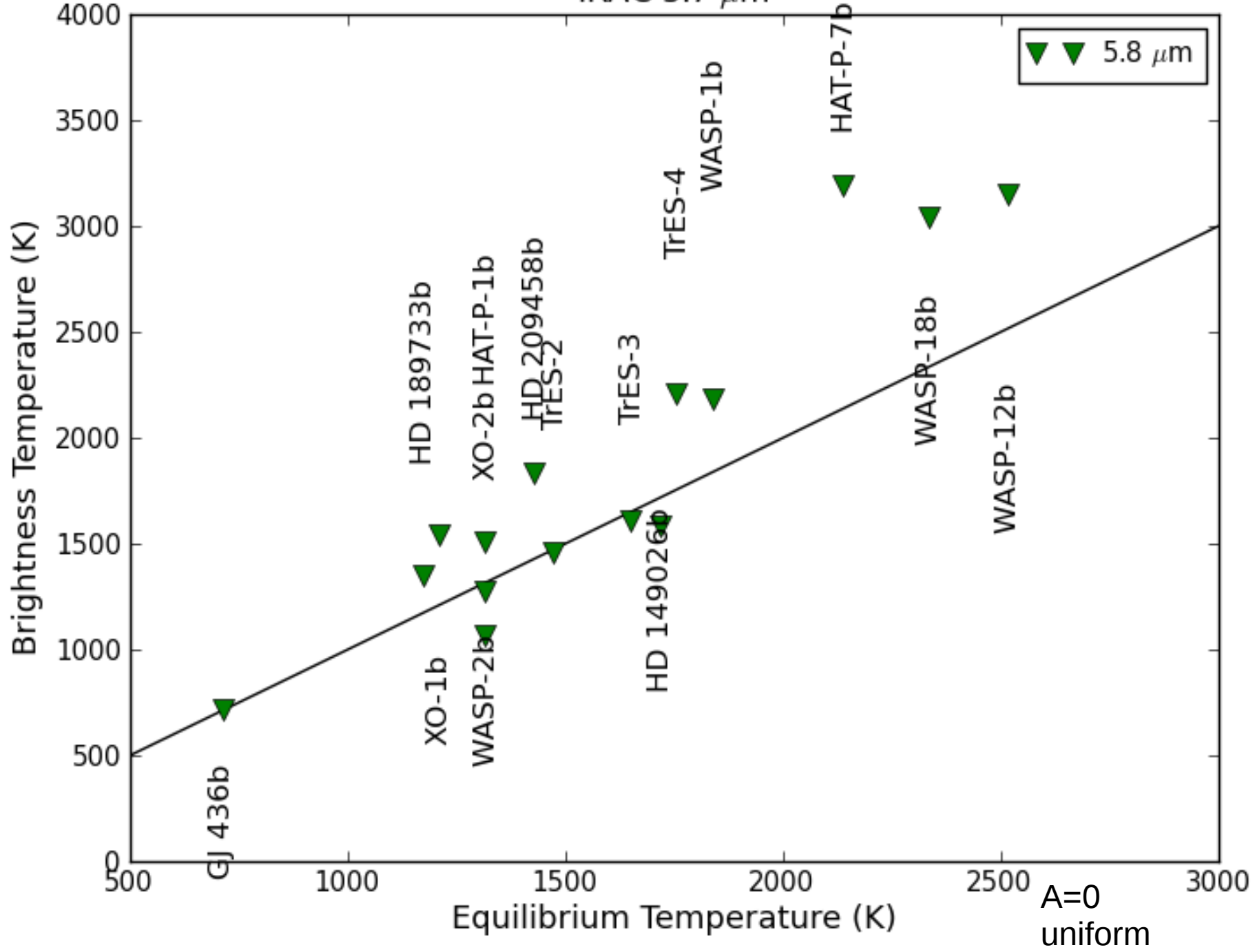
IRAC 3.6  $\mu\text{m}$

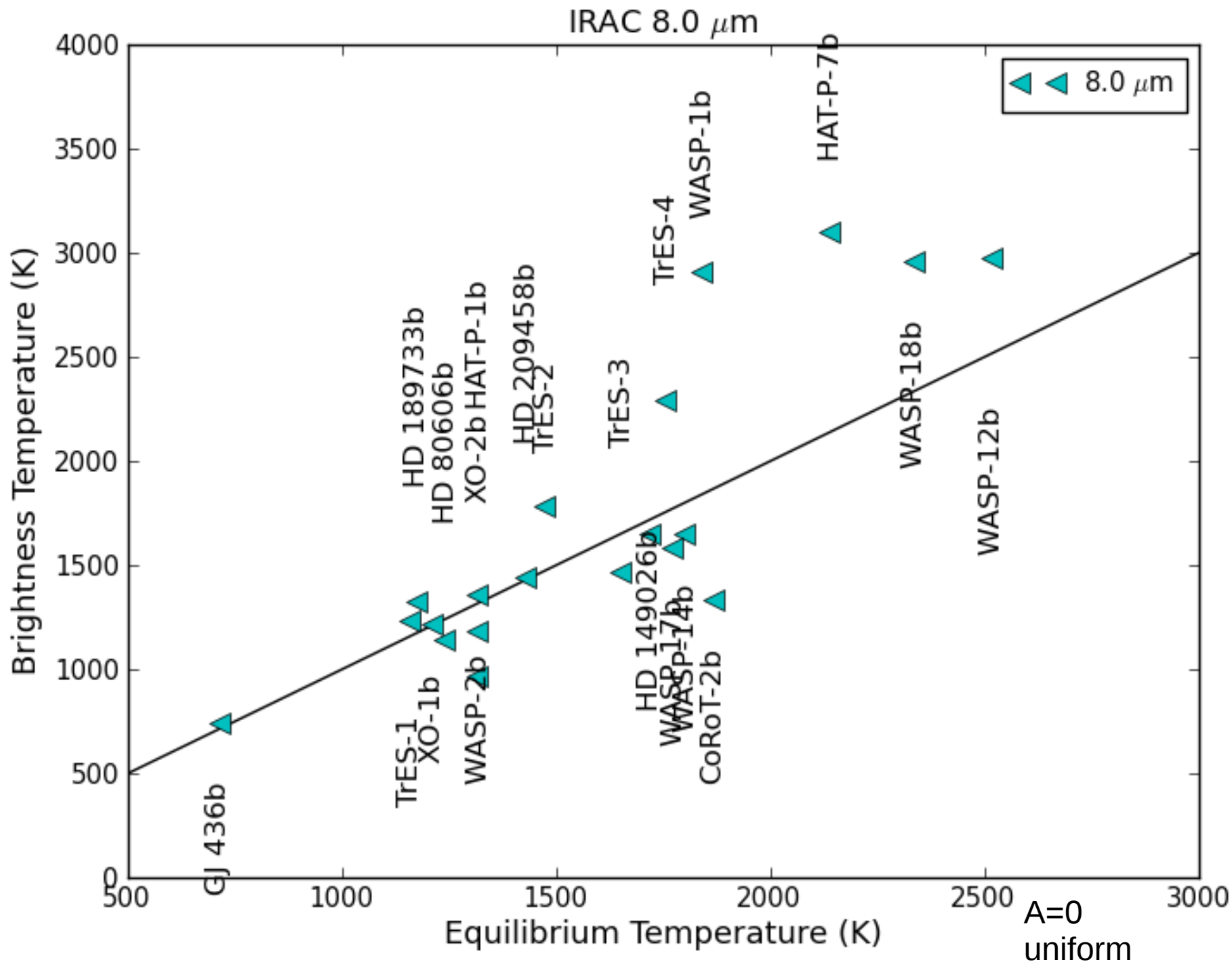


IRAC 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$

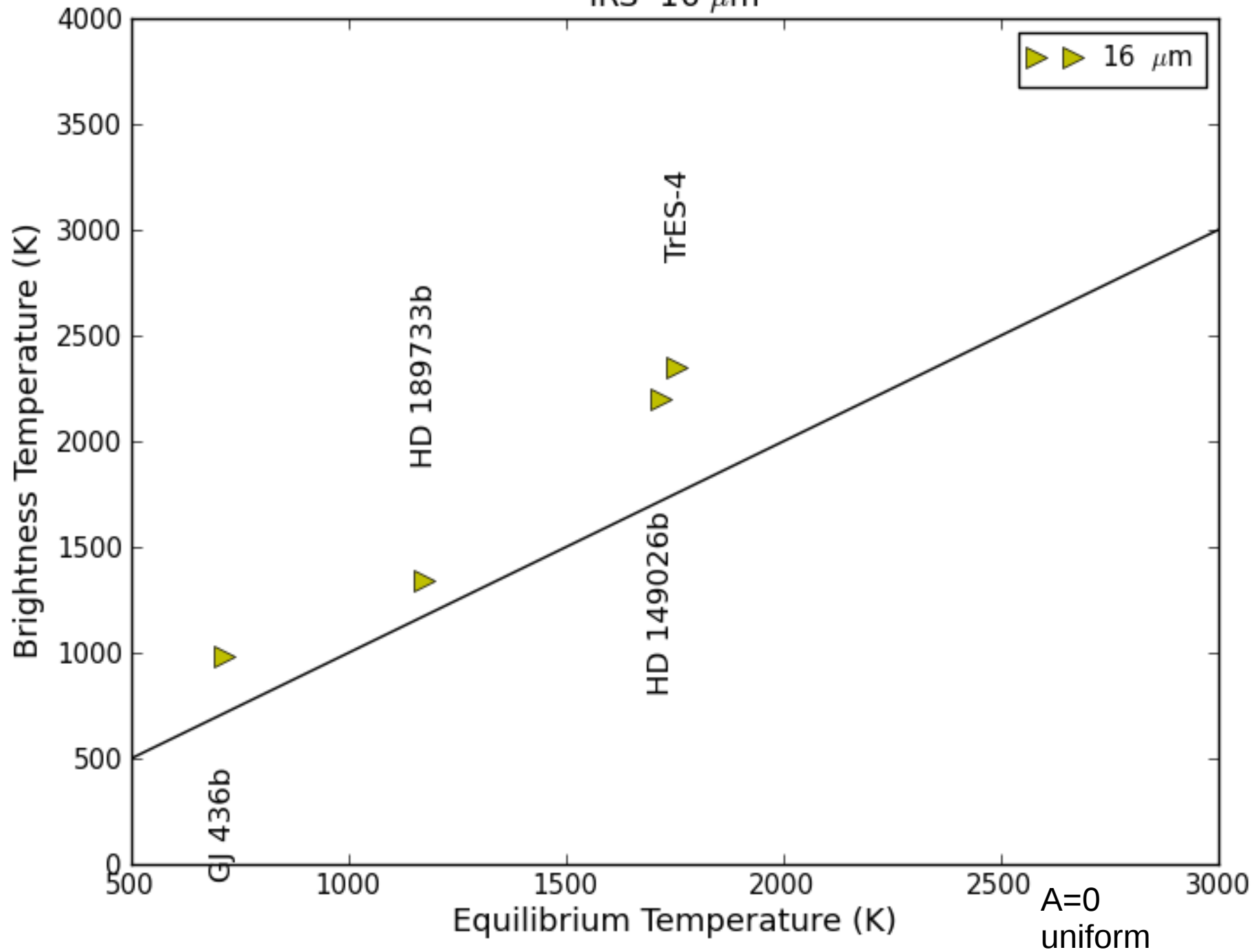


IRAC 5.7  $\mu\text{m}$



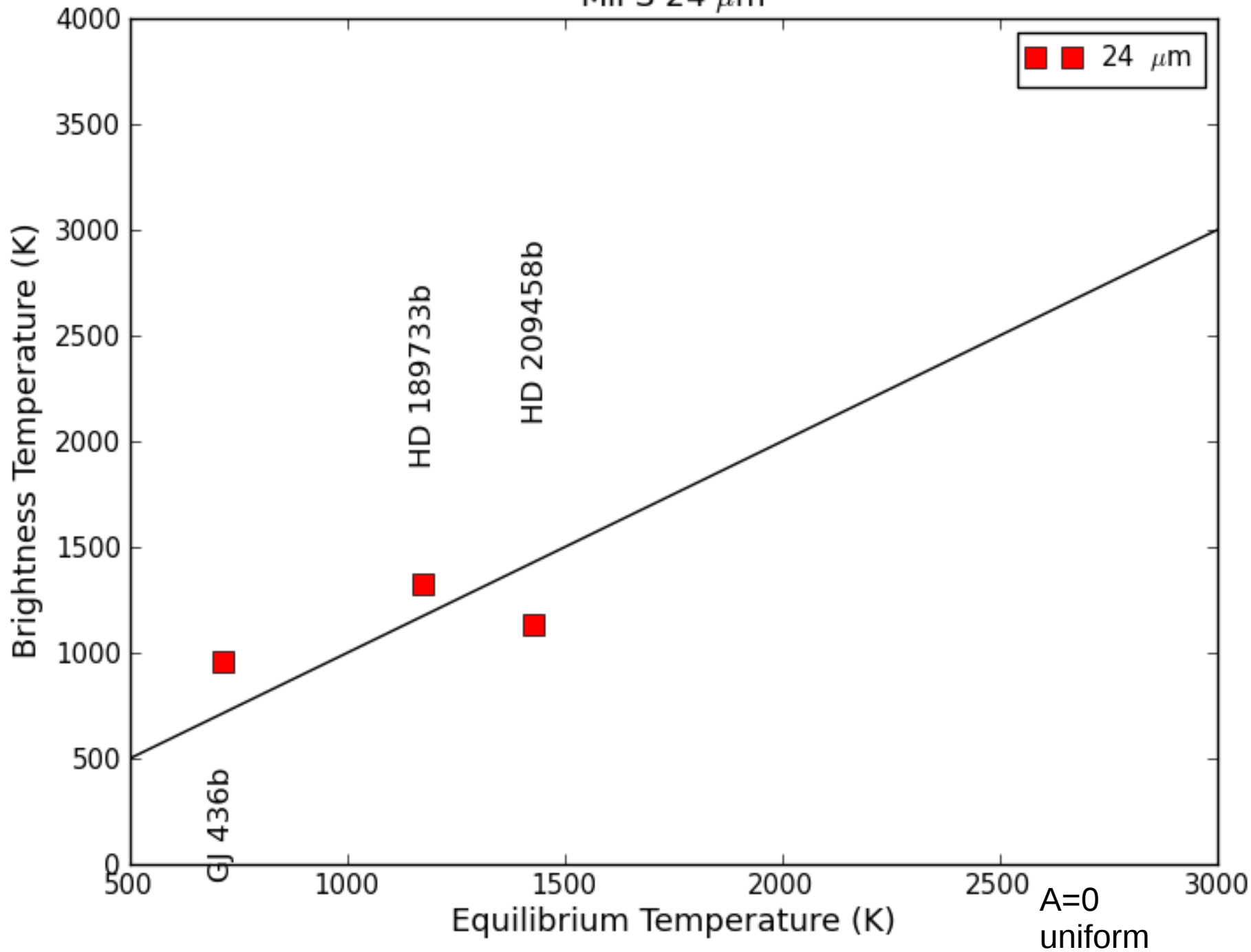


IRS 16  $\mu\text{m}$





# MIPS 24 $\mu\text{m}$



# Spitzer Analysis Checklist

- Just because model fits does not mean it's right
- Eclipses require  $10^{-4}$  accuracy!
- Worry about 2<sup>nd</sup>- & 3<sup>rd</sup>-order effects
- Observe 3 hours before, 2 after
- Try many apertures, centering methods
- Use subpixel photometry
- Try many intrapixel and ramp functions
- Run variations in all reasonable combinations
- Use SDNR, BIC, AIC to choose best, report ties
- Atmos: Report  $T(p)$  and contribution functions

# MCMC Checklist

- Find the minimum with a minimizer
  - Rescale errors after 1<sup>st</sup> good fit, Spitzer's high
  - Test RMS error vs. bin size (red noise)
  - DO NOT report peak/median of each parameter distribution as best joint solution!
  - If MCMC *ever* finds better  $\chi^2$ , reminimize from there and restart MCMC
- Assess errors & correlations with MCMC
- Gelman-Rubin test for MCMC convergence
- Inspect histograms and correlation plots
- Ensure monomodality or include all maxima

# Boring but Important: BS vs. MCMC

- MCMC: How likely is theory **given the data**?
- BS: Compared to the best fit, where does the truth lie, **given the model**? truth:data as data:BS
- BS is subtle!
- There are several BSs (using the right one?)
- Short section in Press et al. inadequate
  - Does not discuss assumptions, limitations, interpretation (many adjustments needed)
- Read Efron & Tibshirani (1993 book) to do right
- Or just do MCMC, which is what you want