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Jupiter's Equatorial Plumes and Hot Spots:  
Spectral Mapping from Gemini/TEXES and  
Juno/MWR

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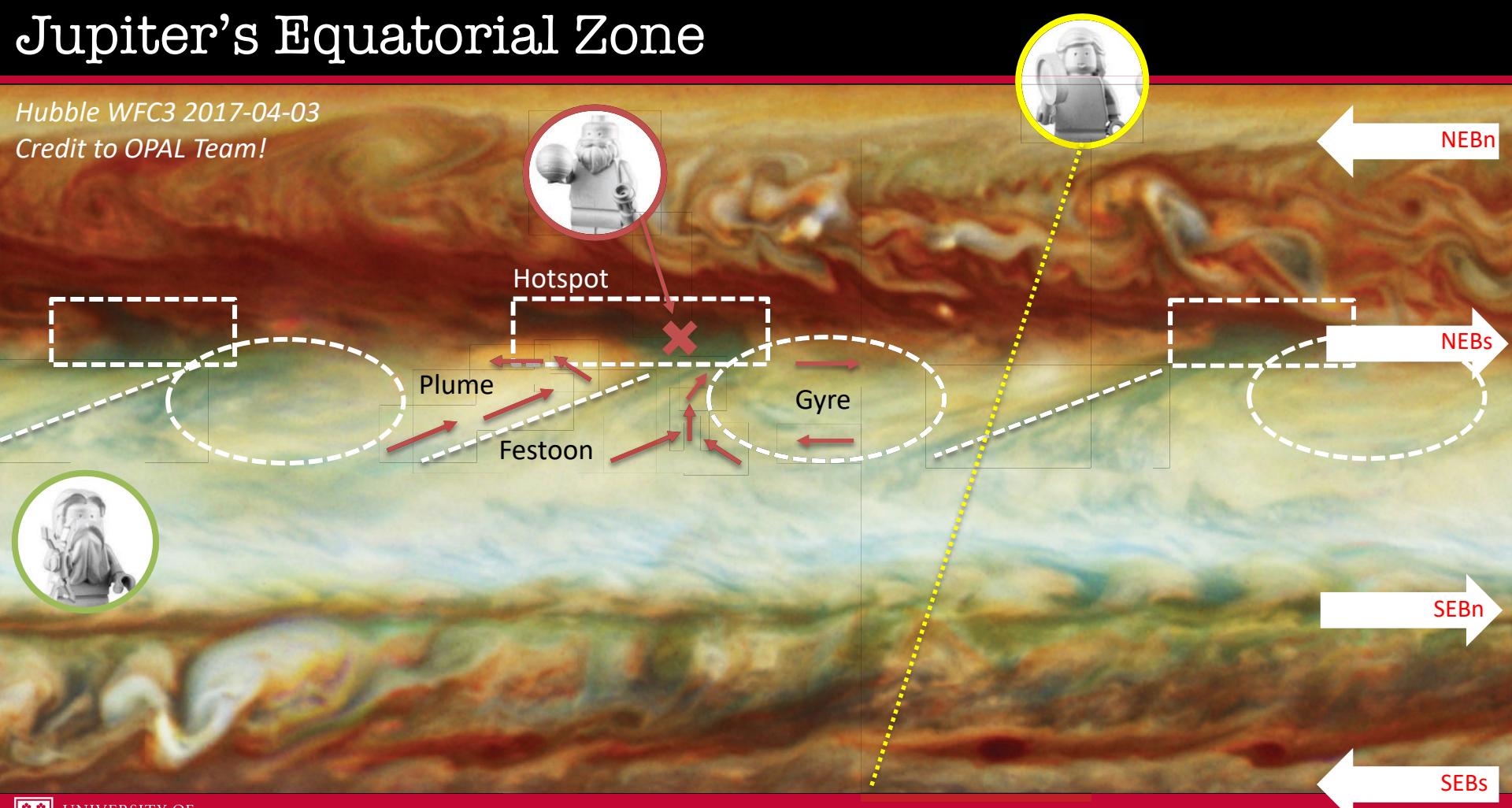


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# Jupiter's Equatorial Zone

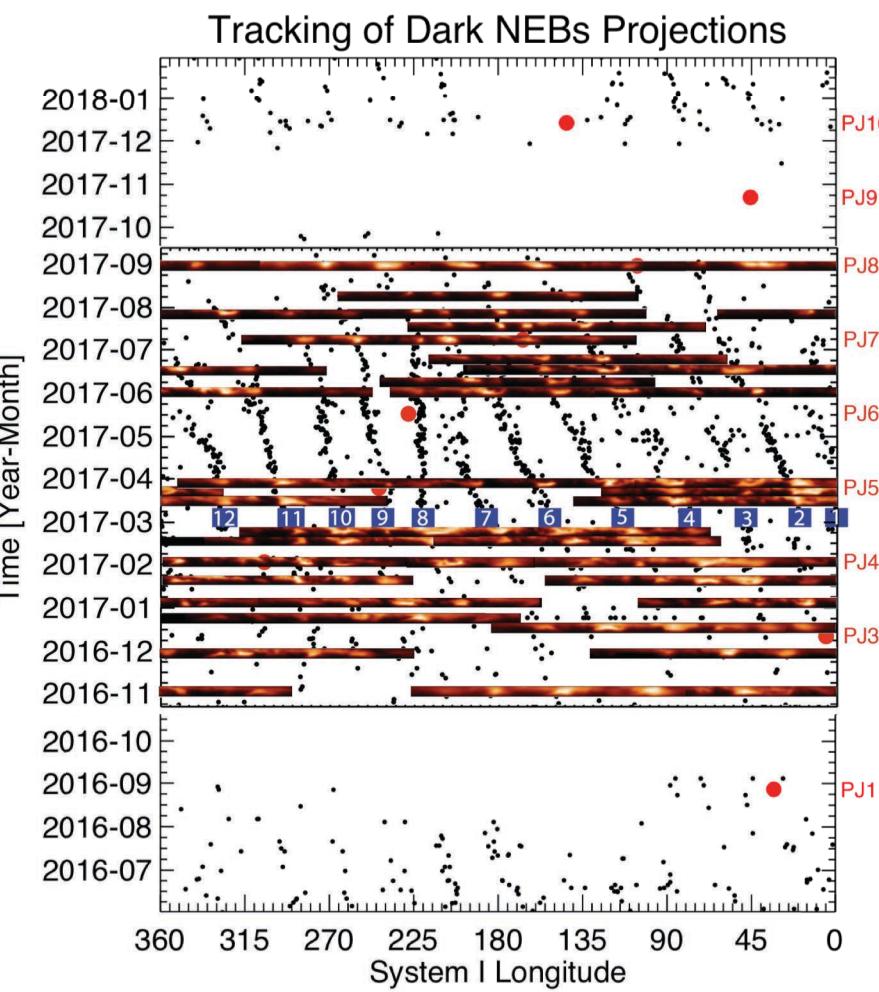
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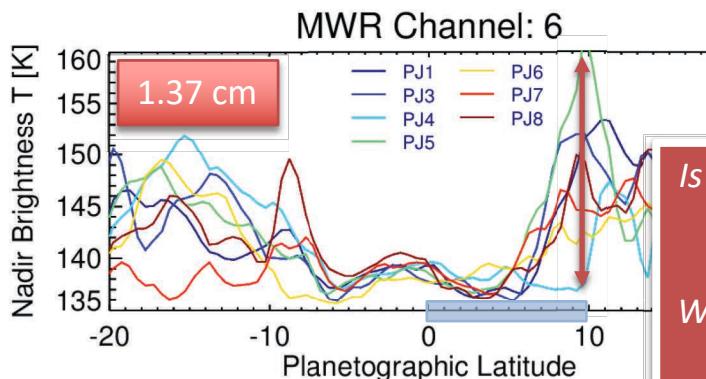
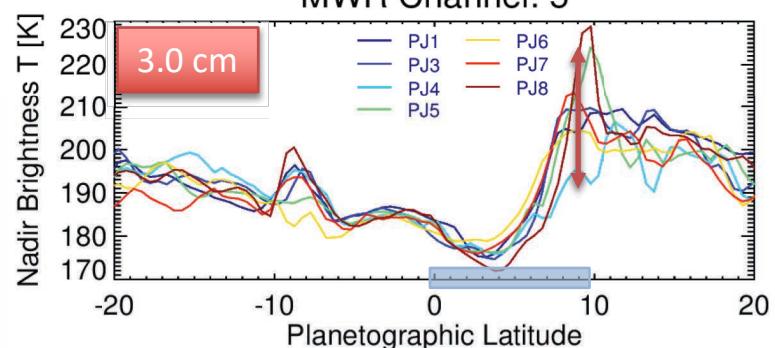
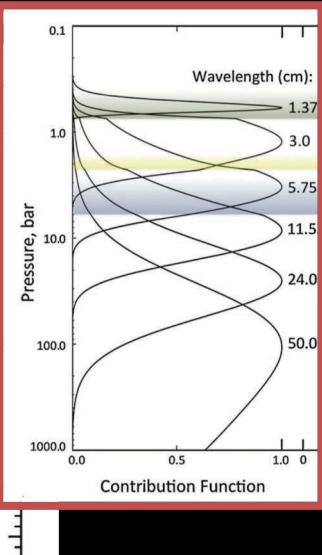
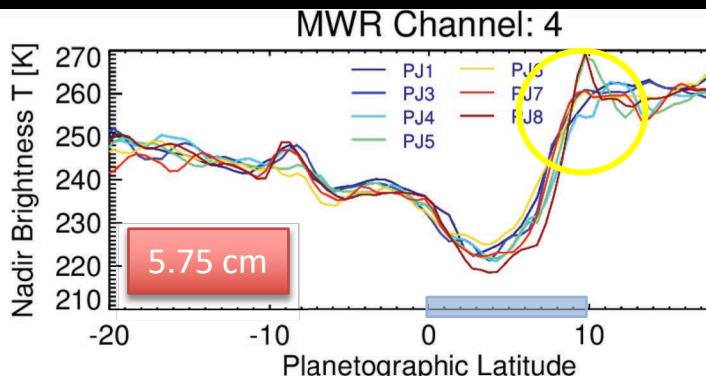
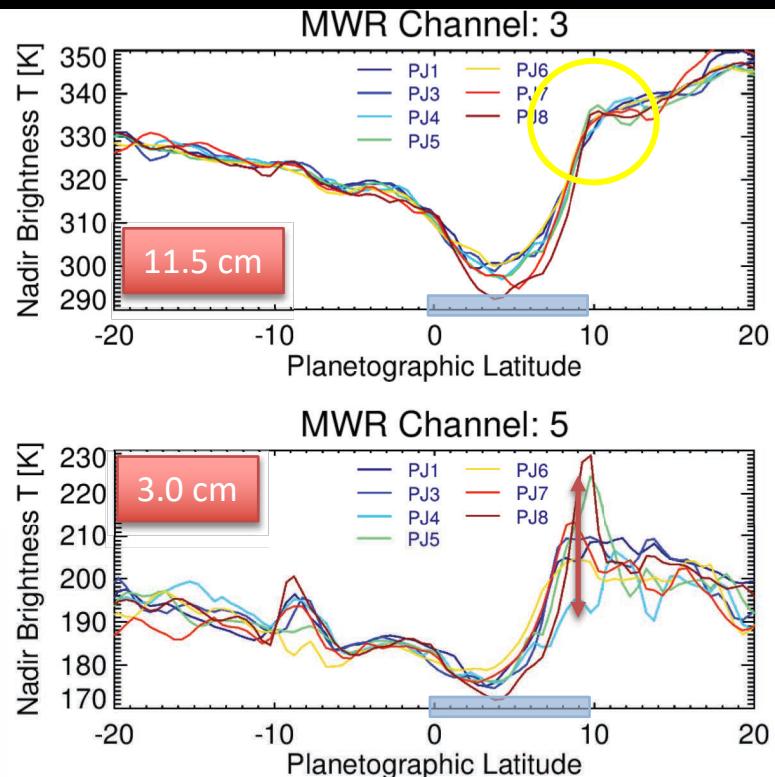


# Tracking Hotspots & Gyres

- NEBs features move  $\sim 113.9$  m/s (10,000 km/day).
- Longitude “System I” used for features  $\pm 7^\circ$  of equator.
- WinJupos ([jupos.org](http://jupos.org)) used to trace hotspot locations, but not precise enough.
- 5- $\mu$ m brightness confirmed by Orton et al. SpeX programme.



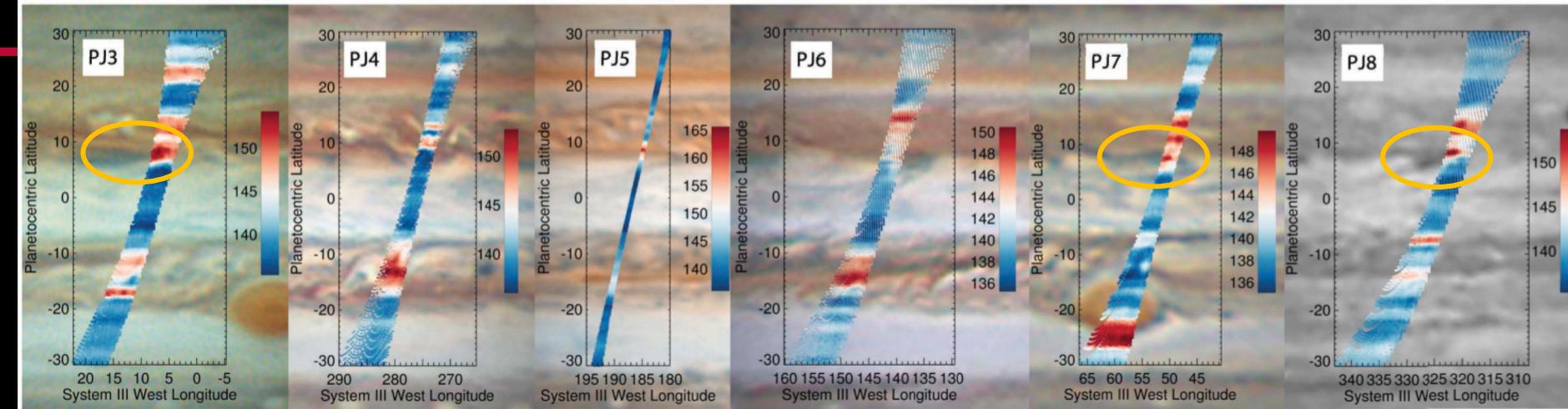
# Significant Variability Observed by Juno/MWR



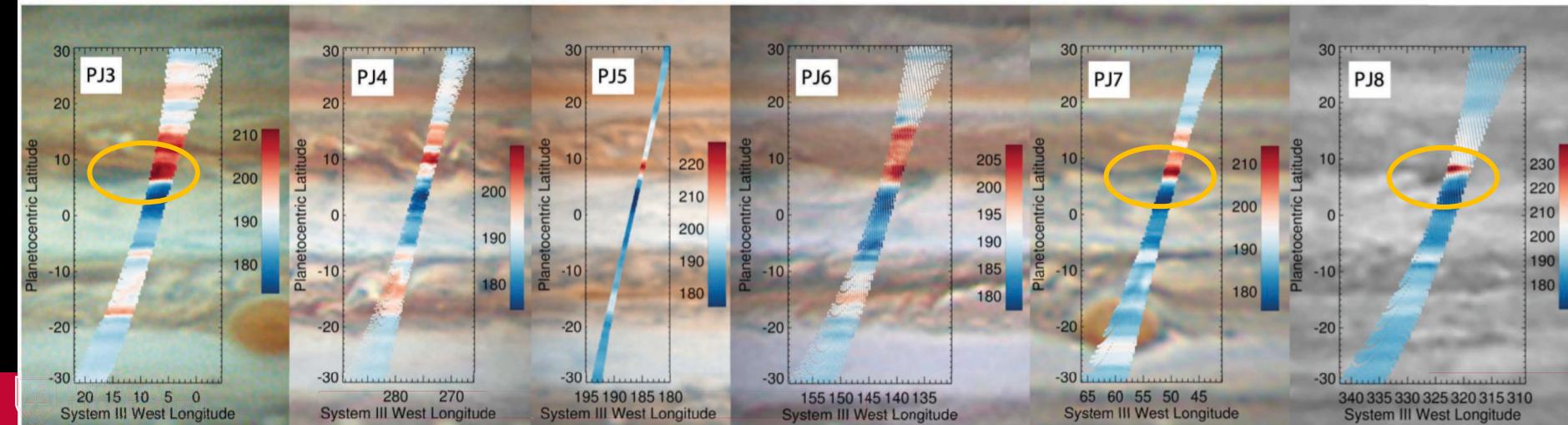
Is this variability due to ammonia?  
Temperature?  
What are we looking at here?

- Nadir brightness temperatures along PJ passes – variability in Ch4-6 ( $p < 5-8$  bar).

Channel 6 – 1.37 cm ~ 0.7 bar

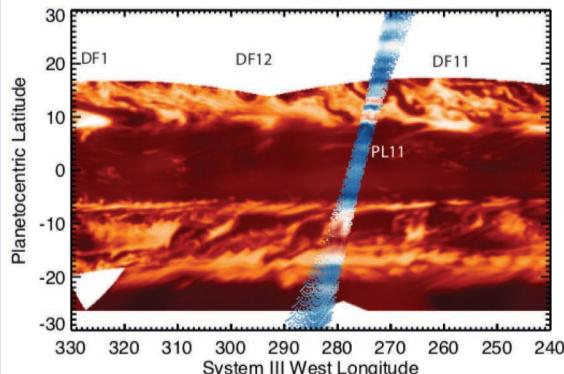


Channel 5 – 3.5 cm ~ 1.5 bar

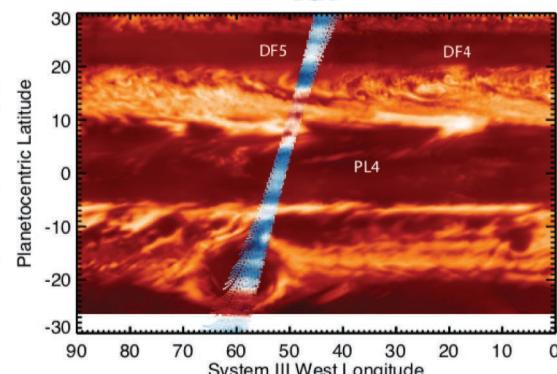


# Cross-Comparison with JIRAM

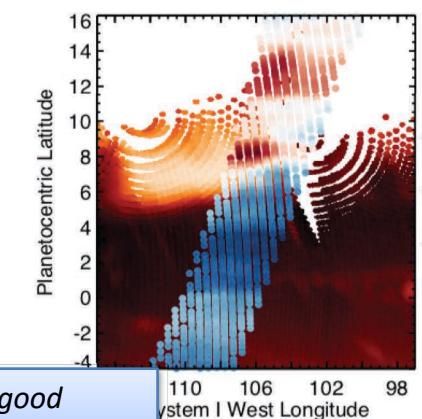
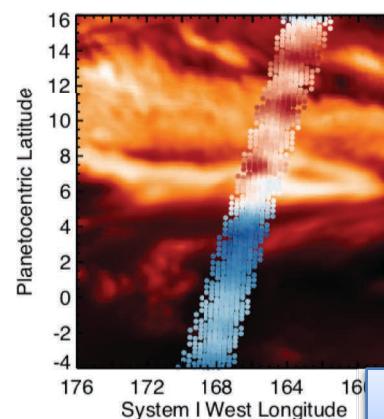
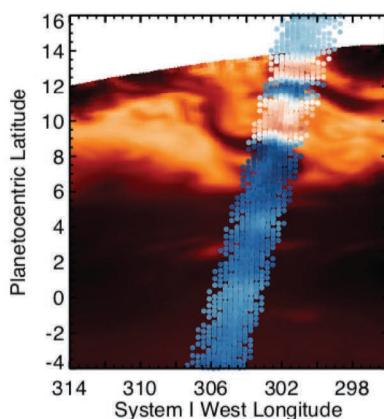
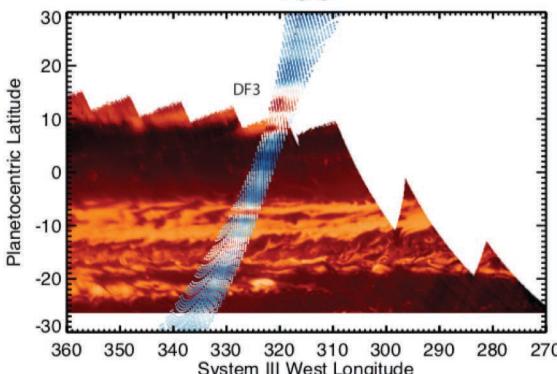
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PJ7



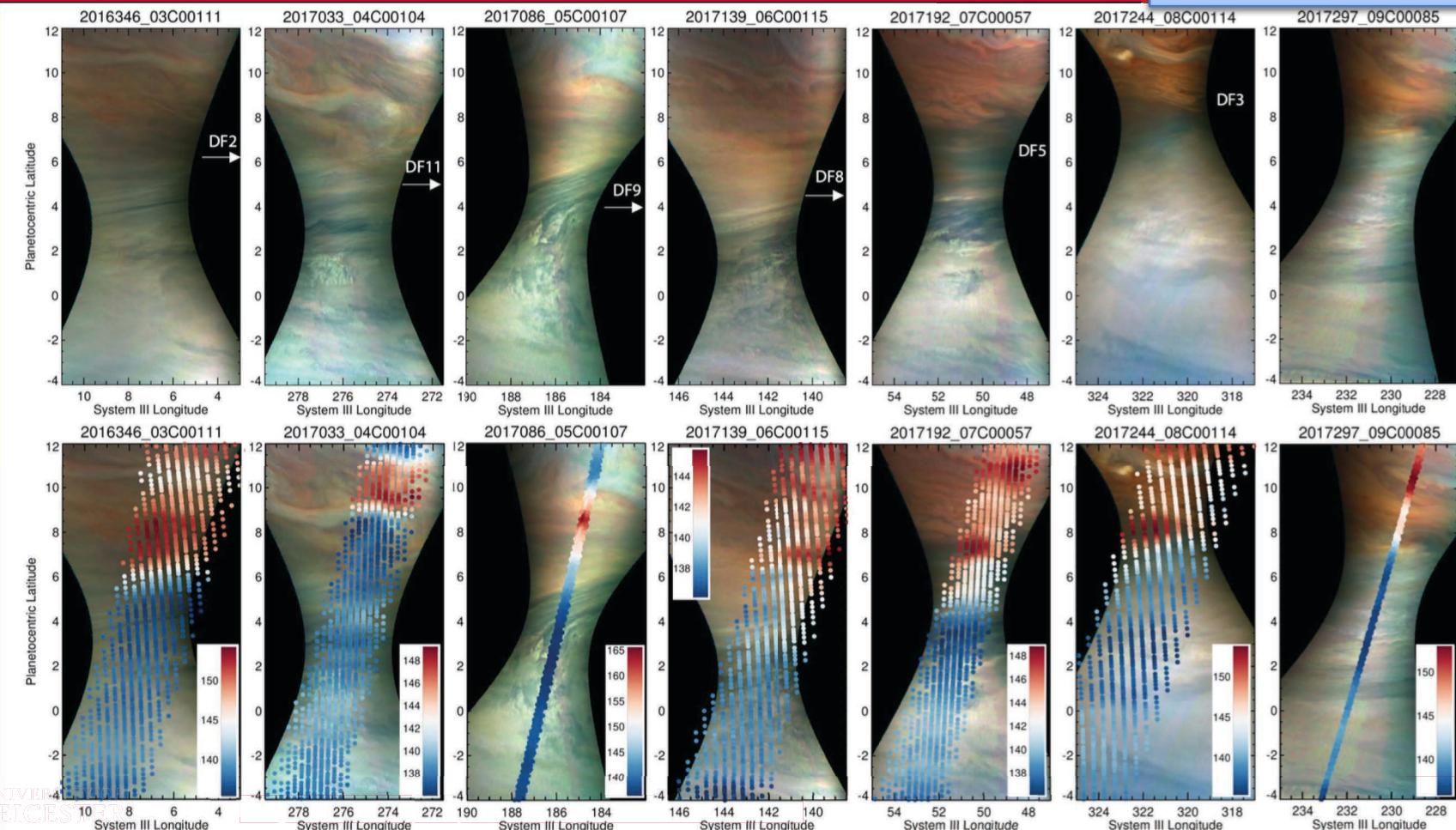
PJ8



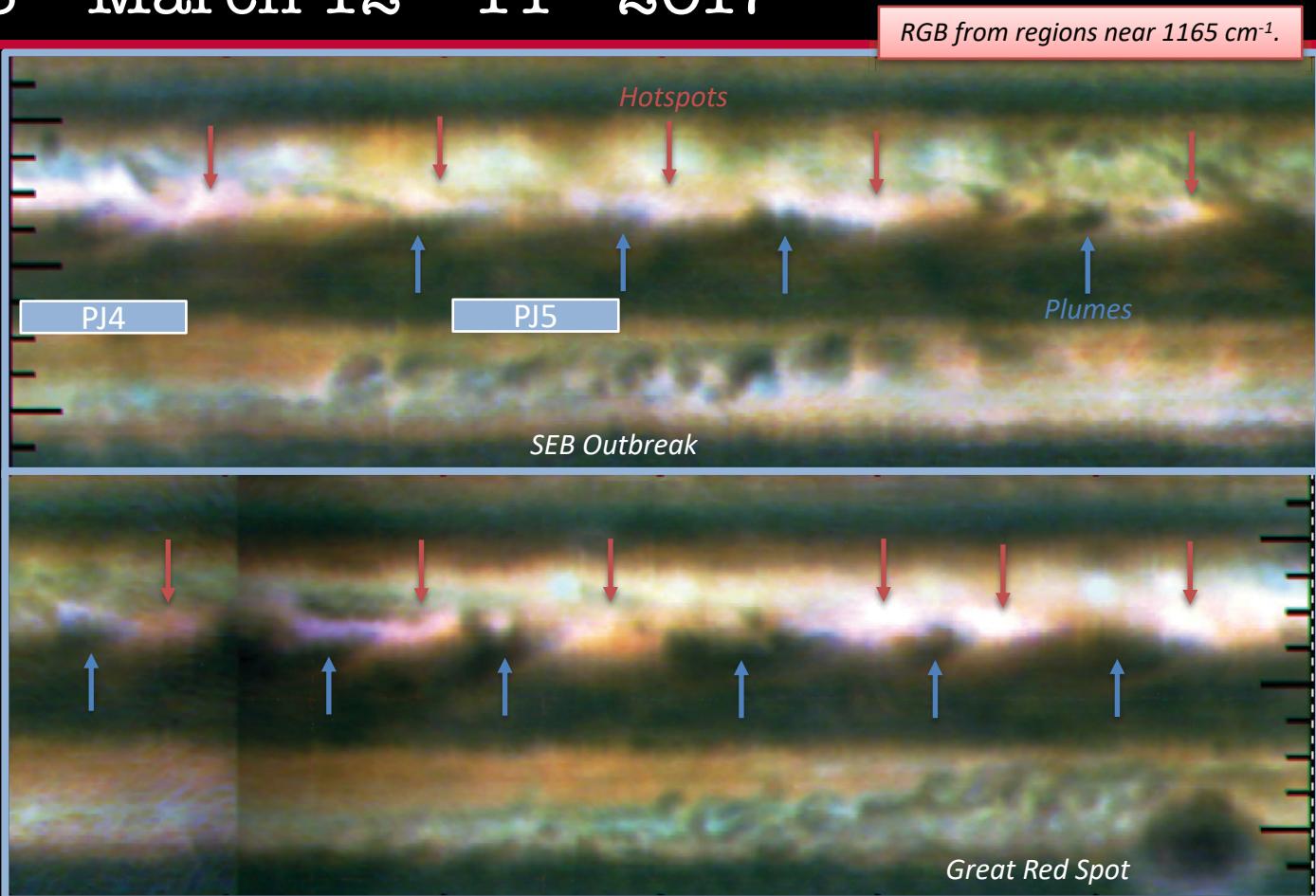
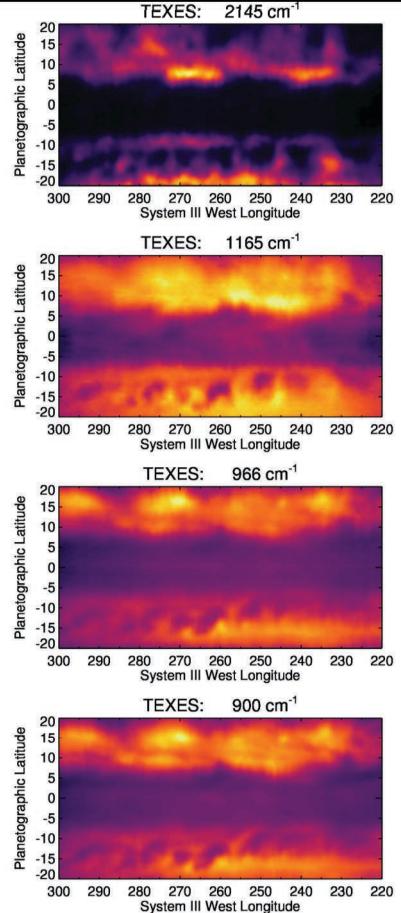
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# Cross-Comparison with JunoCam

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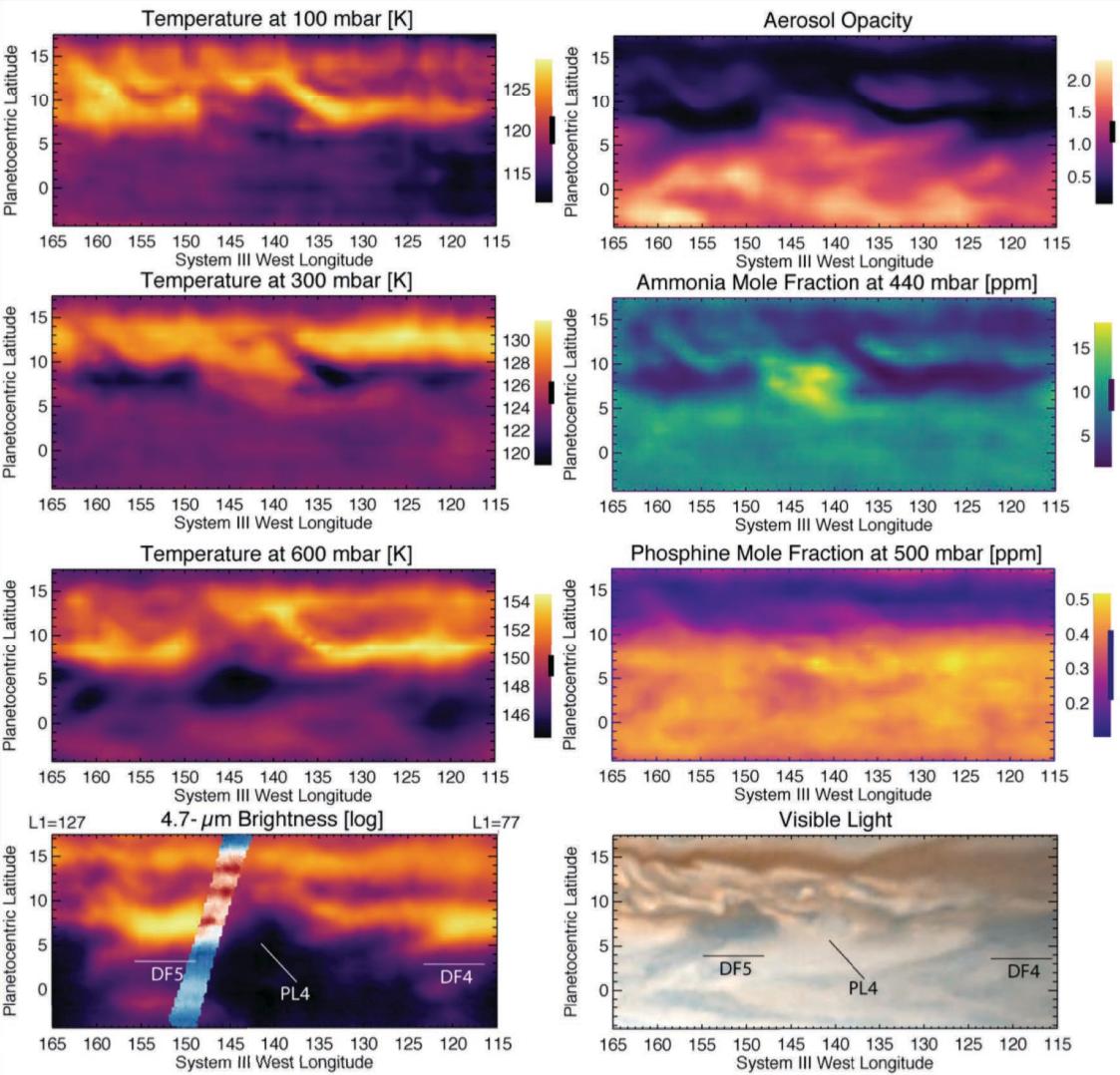
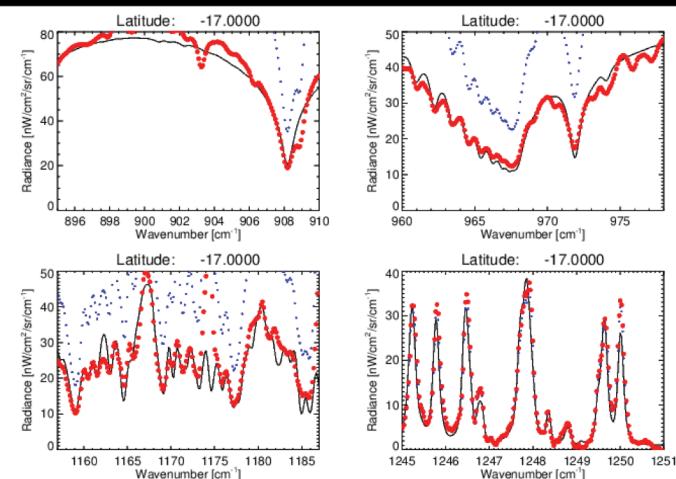


# Gemini/TEXES - March 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2017



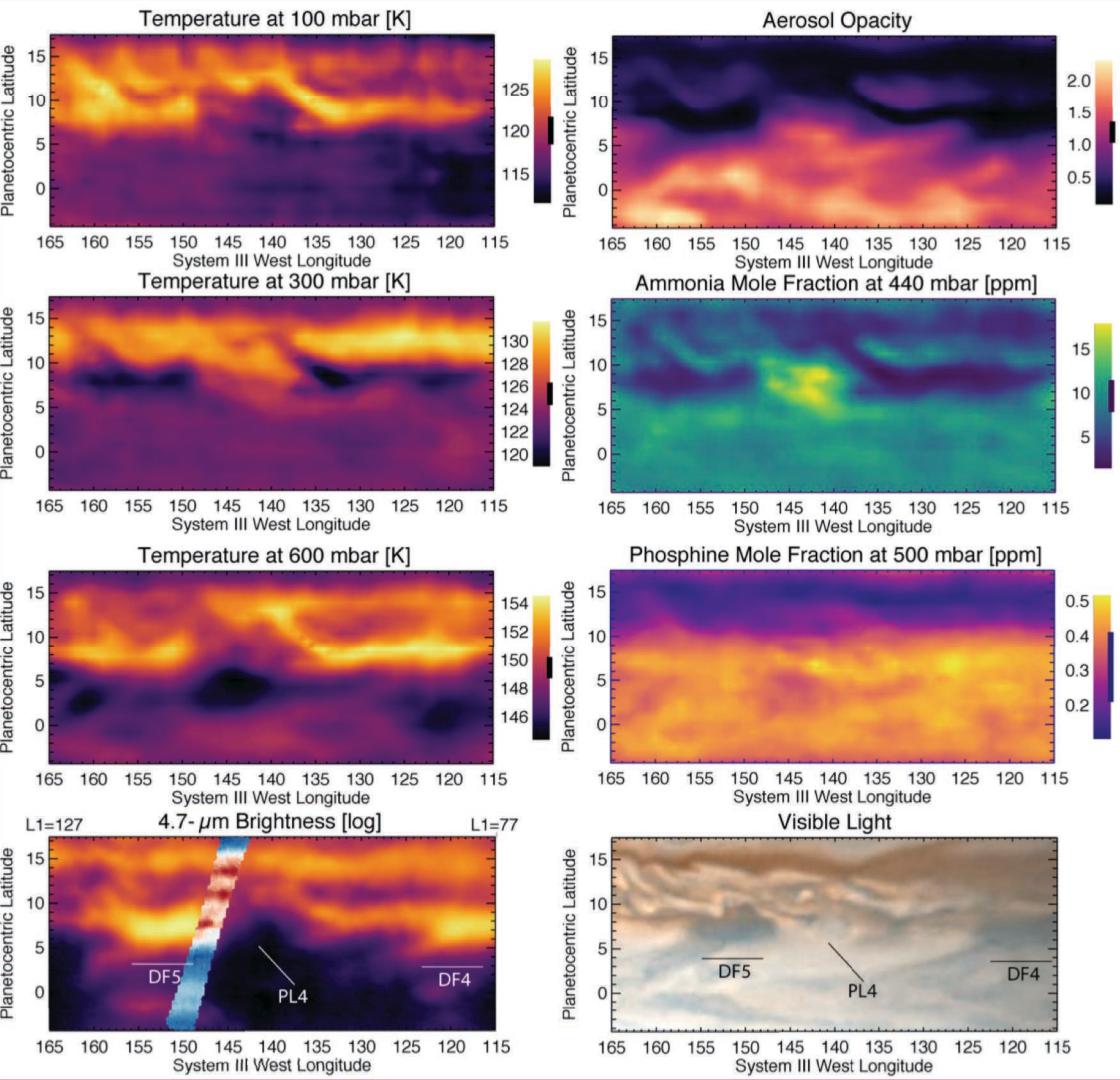
# TEXES Inversions

- Spectral mapping 7-20  $\mu\text{m}$  from TEXES
  - NEMESIS retrieval: temperature (1-10 and 80-700 mbar), gases ( $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{PH}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ ),  $\sim$ 600-mbar aerosols (arXiv:1606.05498)
- Seven groups covers whole 25N-25S region, all longitudes.
- All examples in arXiv:2004.00072

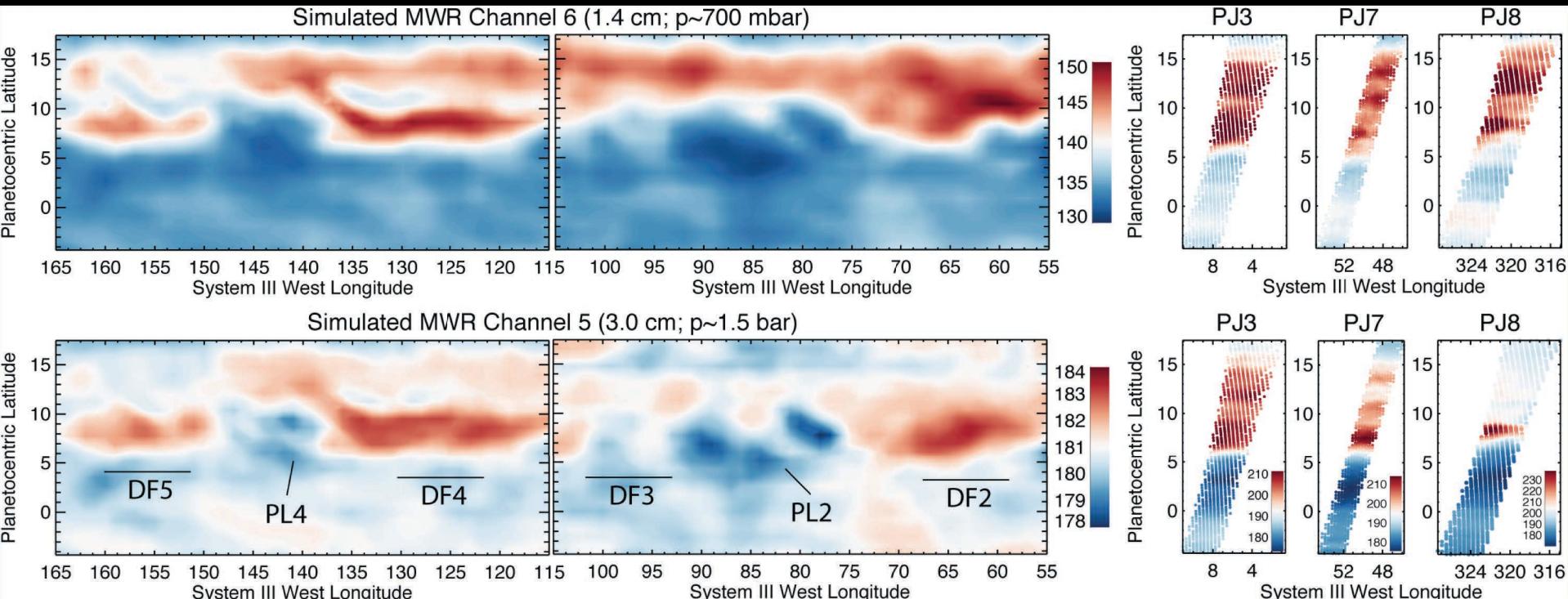


# Conclusions

- **No two hotspots are equal**
  - NH<sub>3</sub> depletion and T(p) often indistinguishable from rest of NEB at 200-800 mbar.
  - Aerosol opacity is primary distinguishing variable and not a good proxy for NH<sub>3</sub>/T.
    - *Don't expect MWR to look like JIRAM/JunoCam*
  - No PH<sub>3</sub> variation - shallow?
  - T/NH<sub>3</sub> varies *within a hotspot*.
- **Plumes are cold, cloudy, NH<sub>3</sub>-rich:**
  - Conditions vary from plume to plume
  - Sign of plume "freshness"?
- **MWR passed 3 hotspots in 2017 (one centre, two edges)**
  - Similar TB to NEB in Ch6.
  - Indistinguishable from NEB in Ch3.
  - Hotspots/plumes shallow (p<8-10 bar)
- **Relevant to MWR – both NH<sub>3</sub> and T are varying at p<800 mbar (Ch6)**



# Use TEXES to Simulate MWR



- TEXES-MWR consistent for Ch6, not for Ch5 (there's more  $\text{NH}_3$  depletion or warmer T below level of TEXES sensitivity)

# Next Steps

- **Hotspot 2017 study complete, but needs extending 2018-20.**
  - Additional TEXES coverage of GRS and mid-SEB outbreak (2017).
- **Joint MWR-thermal inversion:**
  - JAMRT Installation (done)
  - NH<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O opacities from Steffes et al. -> NEMESIS (underway)
  - Cross-comparison of lapse rate calculations (to do)
  - Forward model intercomparison (to do)
  - Joint MWR-thermal inversion for consistent NH<sub>3</sub>/T (goal)
- **Proposed joint MWR and JWST/MIRI (5-11 μm) study in ~2022.**

