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**Characterizing exoplanets and brown dwarfs**

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In the 25 years since the discovery of the first exoplanet and brown dwarf, our atmospheric models have developed considerably. We are in the era where developments in atmospheric models are data driven. In this talk, I will discuss how high signal-to-noise-ratio observations of brown dwarfs have informed our models in the last decade and why these model updates are crucial for our understanding of imaged atmospheres. I will discuss how the knowledge we get from brown dwarfs today, can be used in the coming era when JWST and the large ground-based telescopes will get comparable quality data for imaged exoplanets to what we already get for brown dwarfs. Finally, I will discuss how high-resolution observations will help us constrain the 3D structure of brown dwarf and exoplanet atmospheres.