

# Exoplanets!

# Homework: due now!

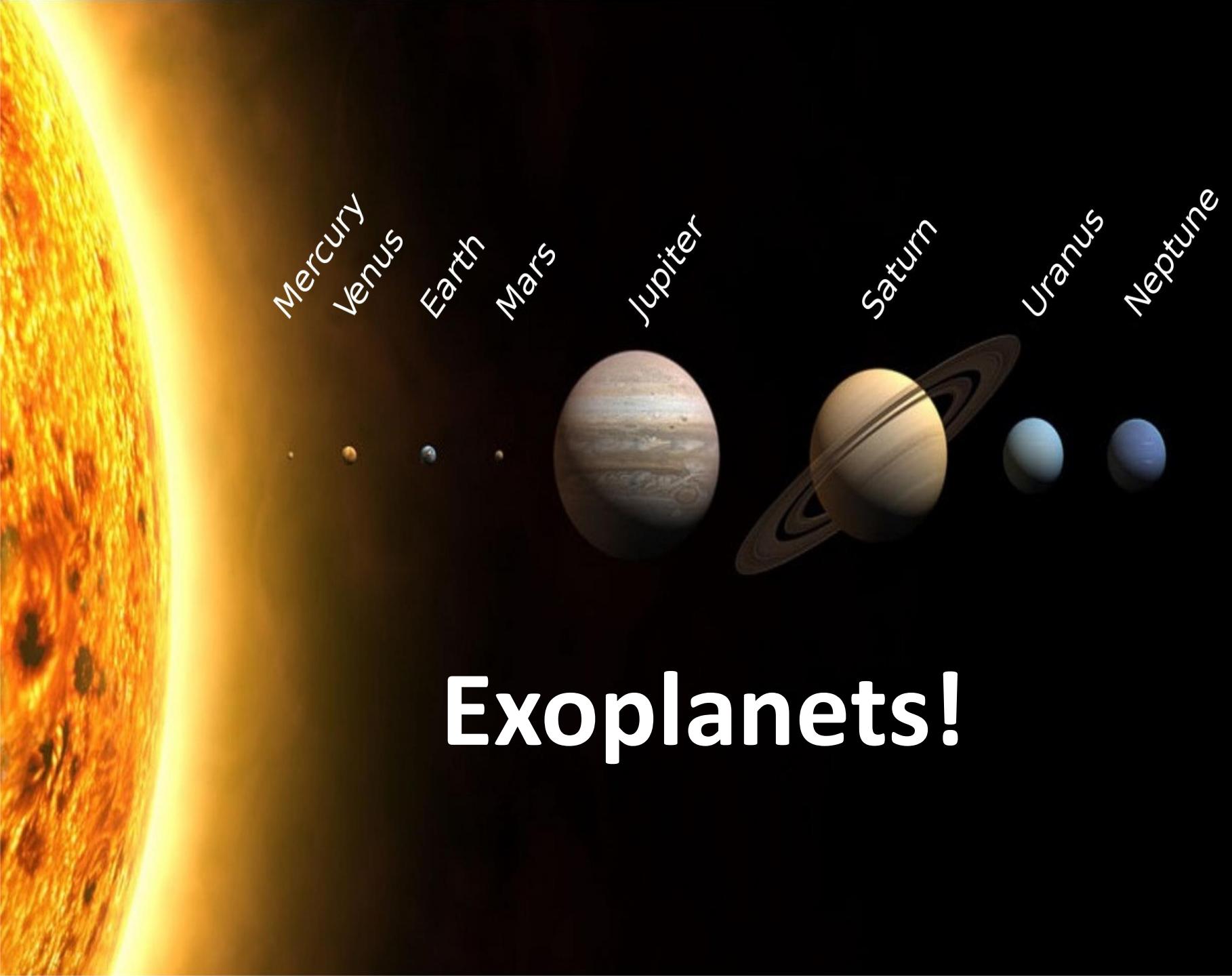
Probably a 2-week turnaround for grades

## Project 1: due on 10.24

- Due before class on October 24
- Oral report
  - 5 min (don't go over)
  - Max 7 slides (including intro slide)
- Choose any astronomy-related topic
- Make it interesting!
- Upload video to PKU server

# The Origin of the Solar System Elements

1 H	big bang fusion 					cosmic ray fission 					2 He
3 Li	4 Be	merging neutron stars? 					exploding massive stars 				
11 Na	12 Mg	dying low mass stars 					exploding white dwarfs 				
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd
55 Cs	56 Ba	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl
87 Fr	88 Ra	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy
		89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	Very radioactive isotopes; nothing left from stars			



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5,766 confirmed exoplanets!

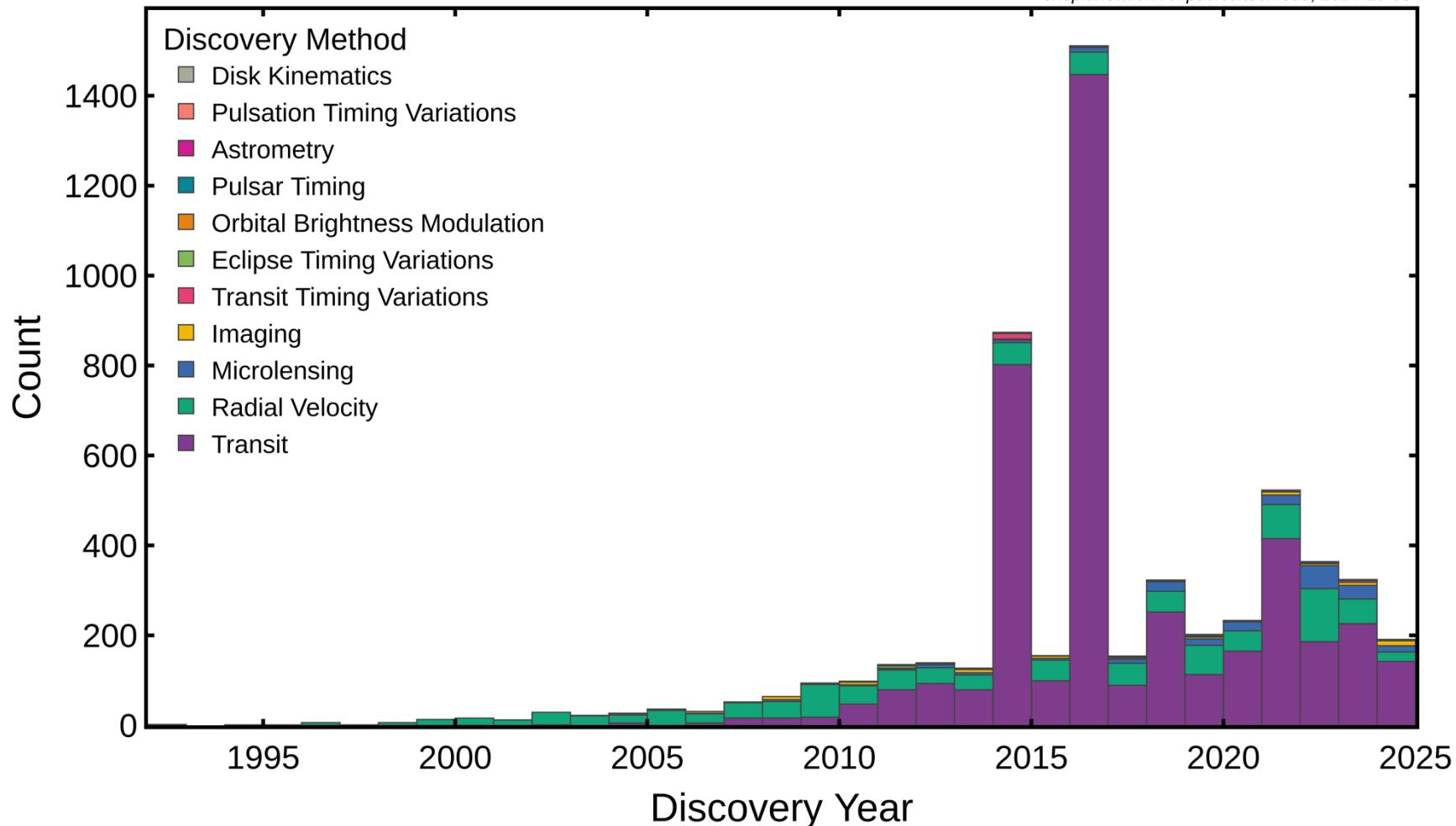
first detection around normal star: 1995

~8,000 more likely planets

This is amazing!

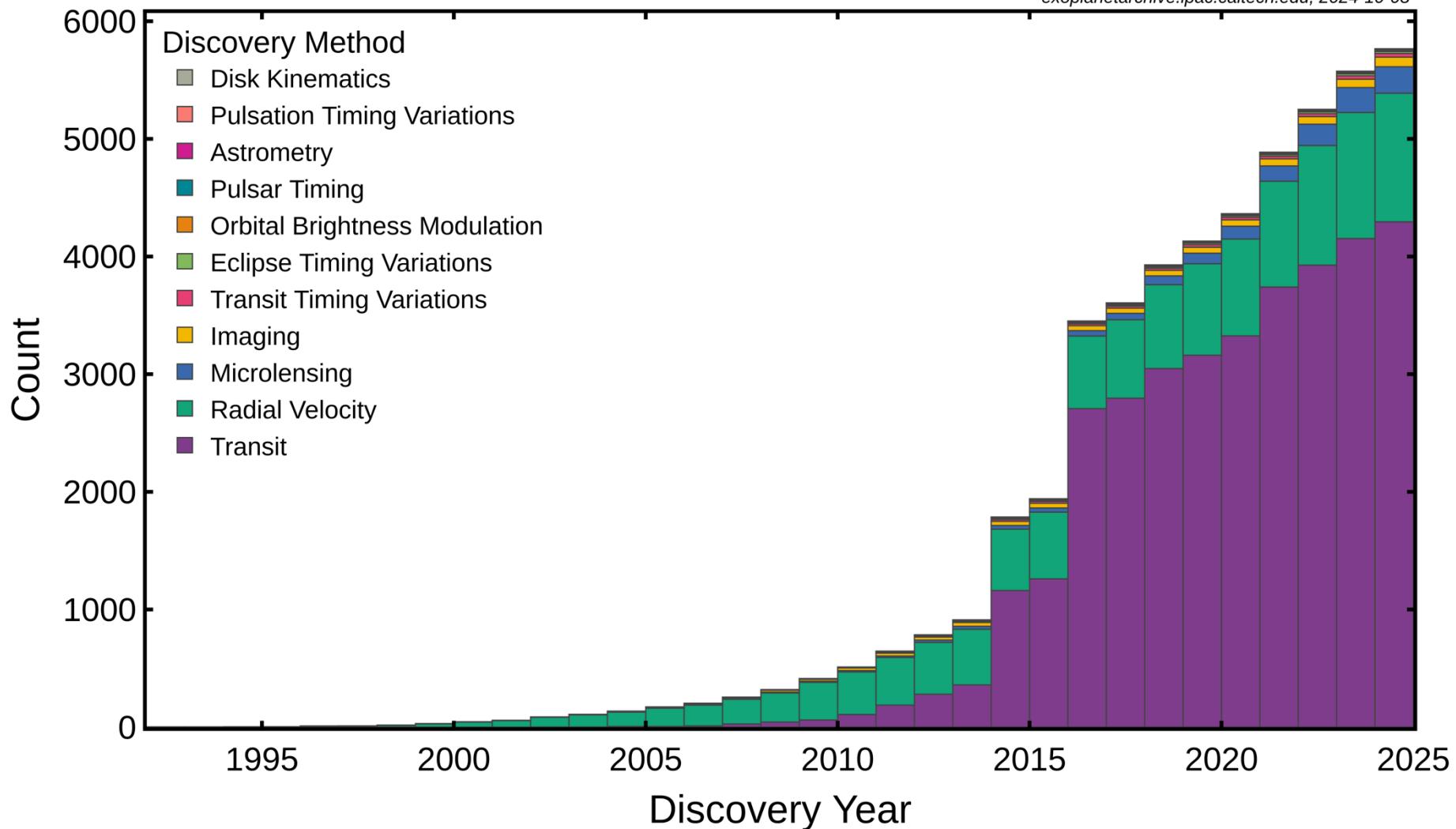
## Counts vs Discovery Year

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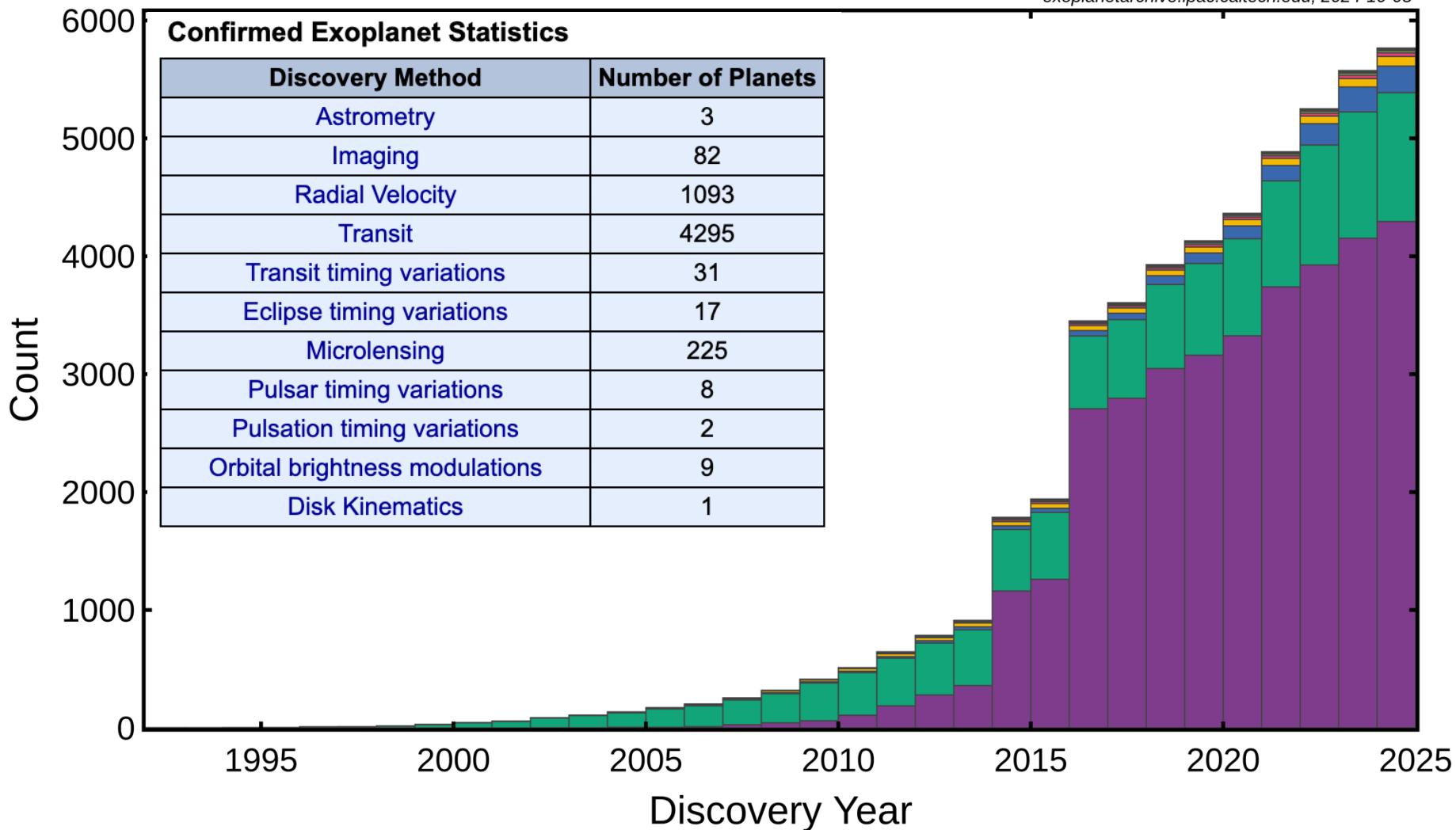
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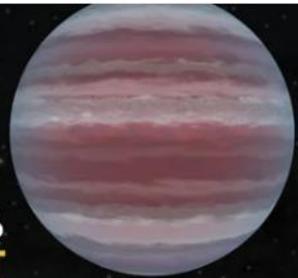
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### 30% **GAS GIANT**

The size of Saturn or Jupiter (the largest planet in our solar system), or many times bigger. They can be hotter than some stars!



### 31% **SUPER-EARTH**

Planets in this size range between Earth and Neptune don't exist in our solar system. Super-Earths, a reference to larger size, might be rocky worlds like Earth, while mini-Neptunes are likely shrouded in puffy atmospheres.



### 4% **TERRESTRIAL**

Small, rocky planets. Around the size of our home planet, or a little smaller.

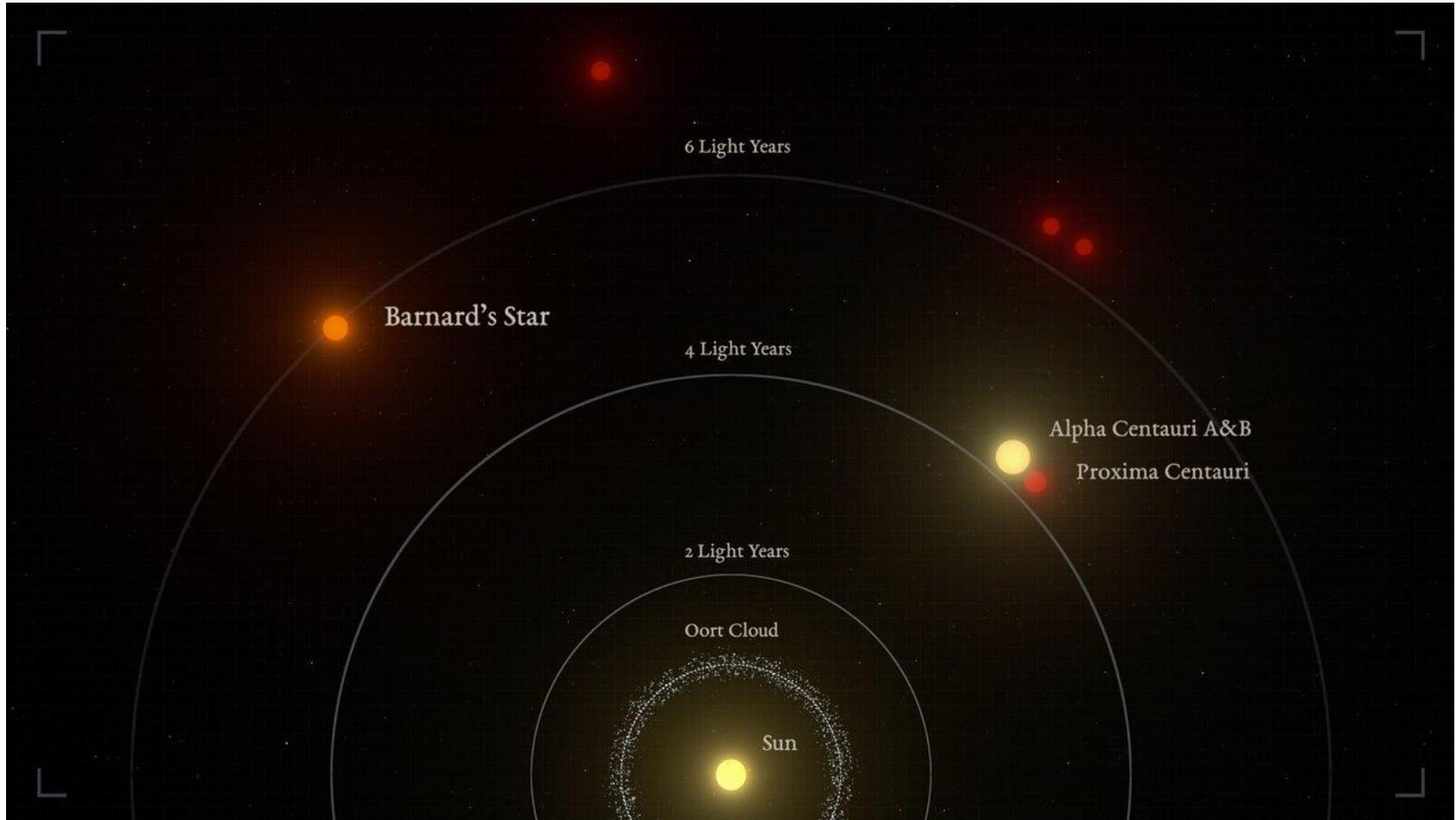


### 35% **NEPTUNE-LIKE**

Similar in size to Neptune and Uranus. They can be ice giants, or much warmer. "Warm" Neptunes are more rare.

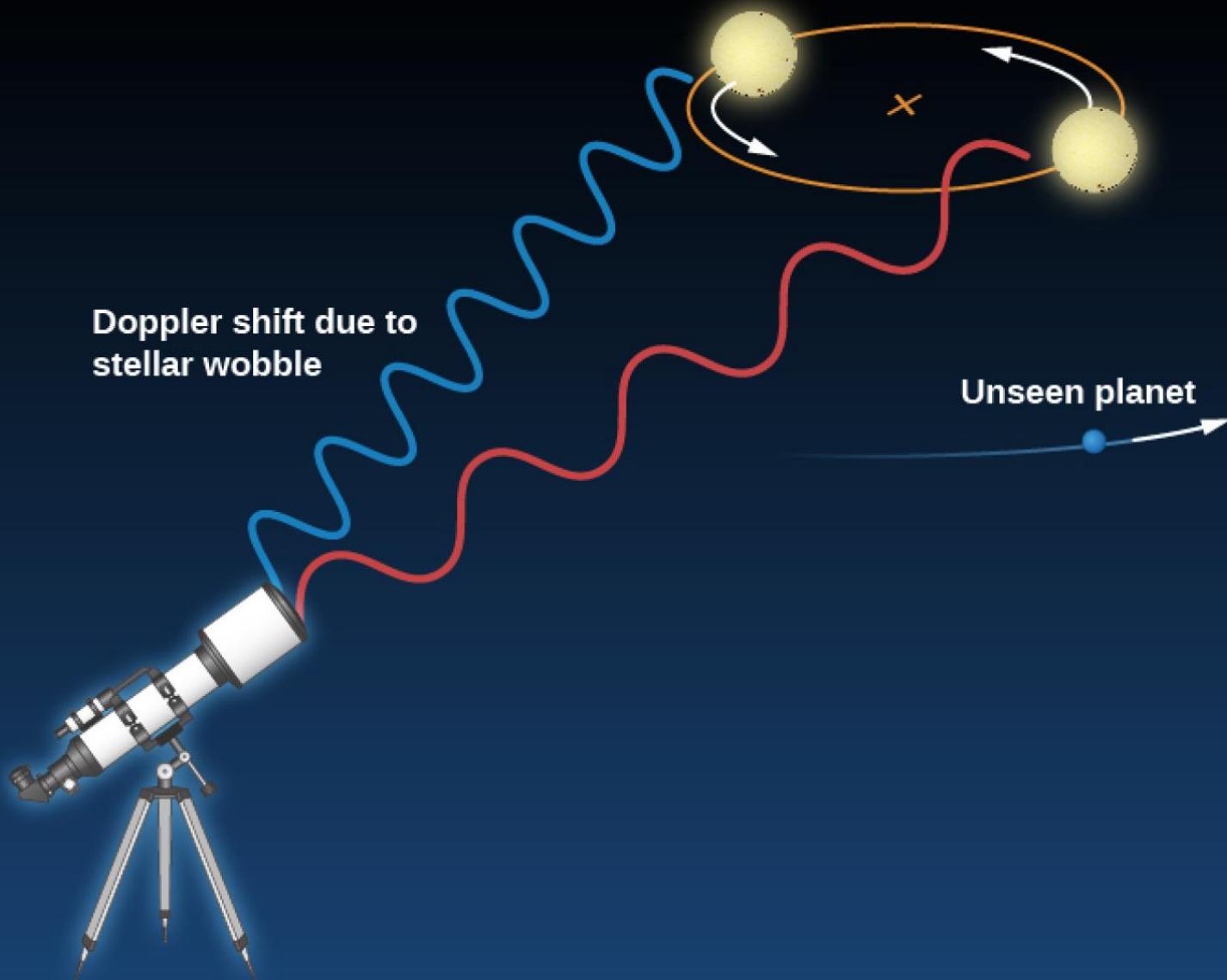
**5000+  
PLANETS FOUND**

Last week:  $0.37 M_{\text{earth}}$  planet around Barnard's star  
(one of the closest systems to us)

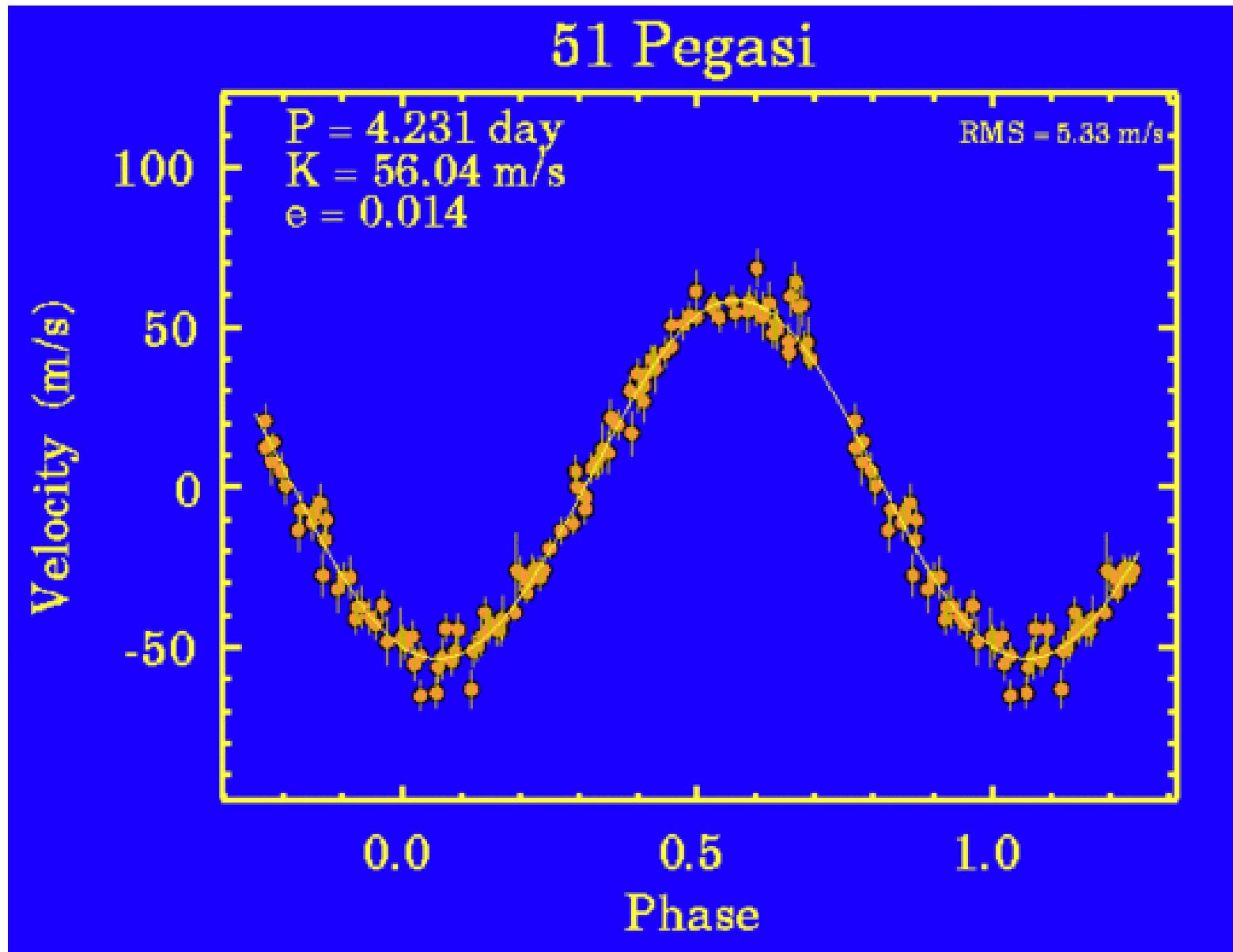


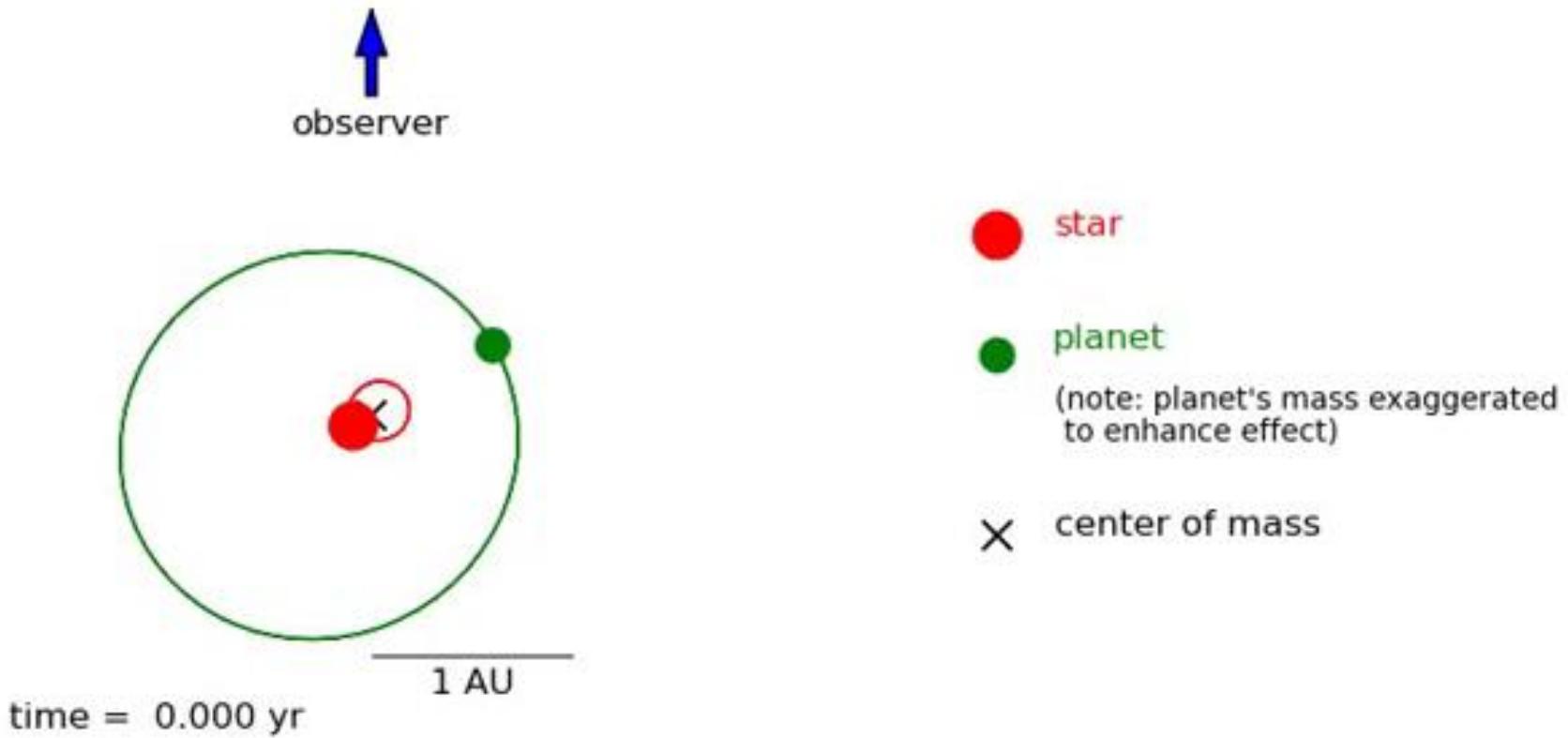
# Keywords for Lecture 4

- Exoplanet: a planet around a different star
- Detection techniques: how exoplanets are detected?
  - Radial Velocity
  - Transits
  - Direct Imaging
- Atmospheres
- Protoplanetary disks
- Habitability
- Biases



# The first planet: a hot Jupiter



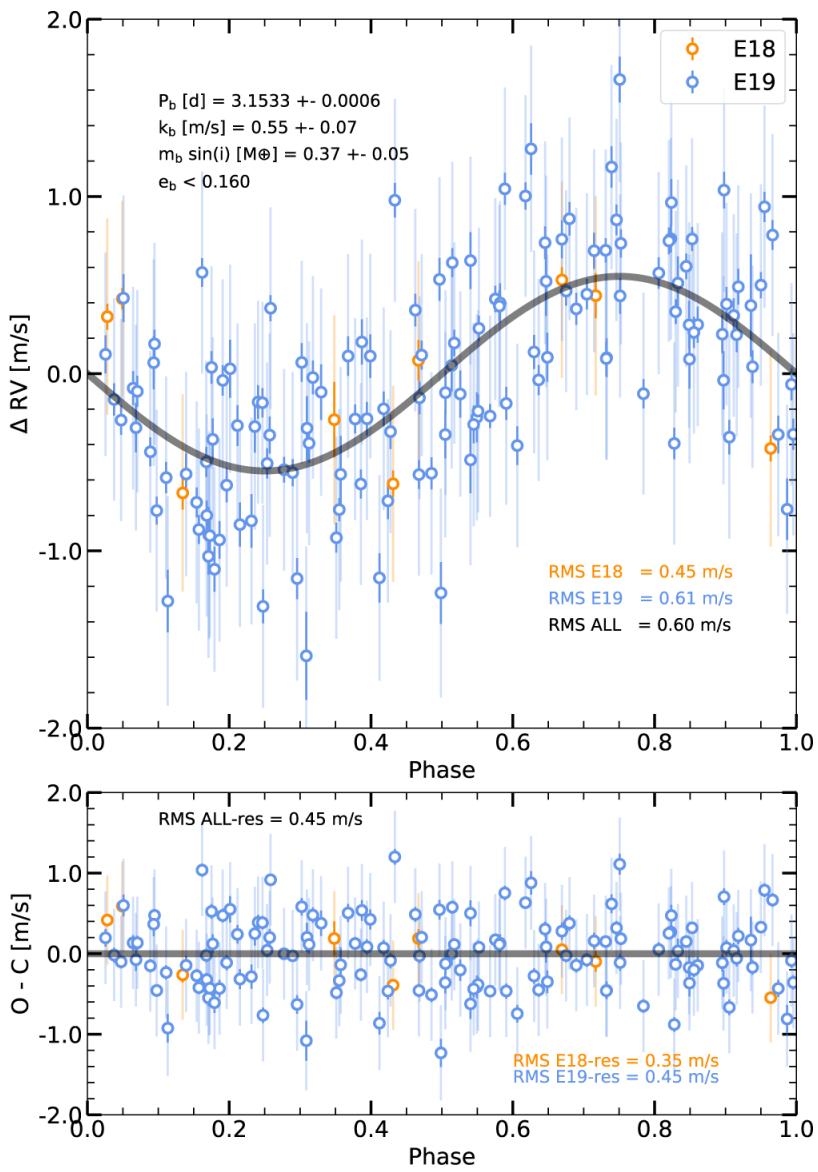


# Bias of radial velocity

- What kinds of planets are easiest to detect?
  - Higher mass
  - Closer to the star
- Motion of star

$$v_{\text{obs}} = 28.4 \frac{M_P \sin i}{P_{\text{orb}}^{1/3} M_*^{2/3}}$$

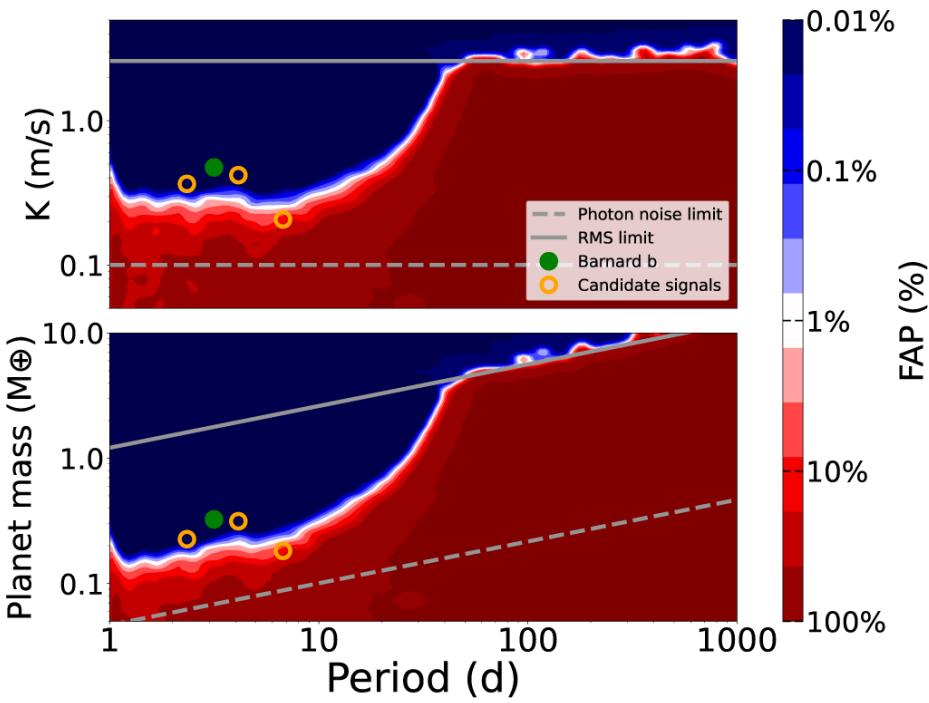
- $M_P$  in Jupiter masses
- $P_{\text{orb}}$  in years
- $M_*$  in solar masses



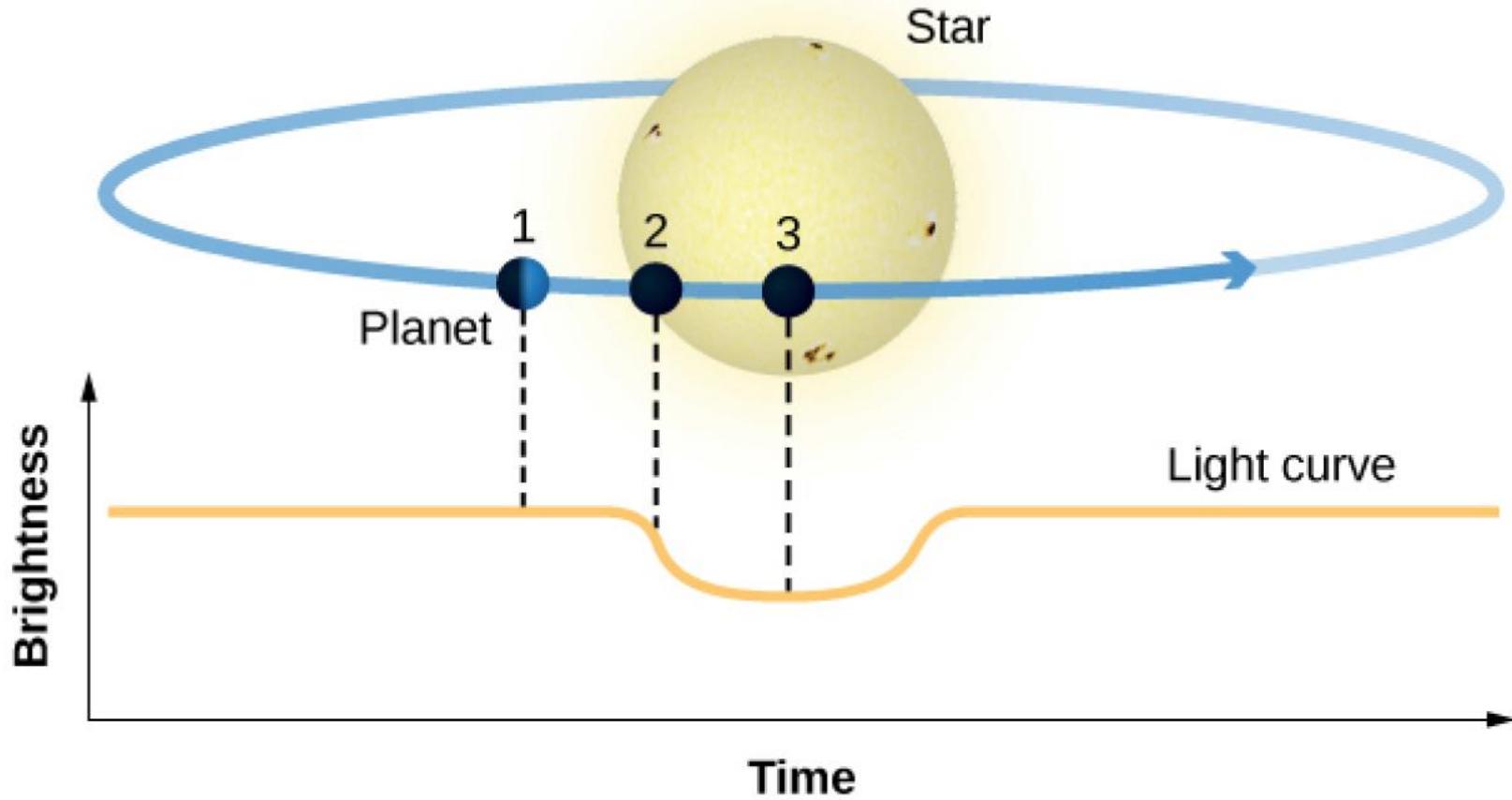
Radial velocity signal+residual

# Barnard star planet:

- 3-day period
- $0.37 M_\text{earth}$

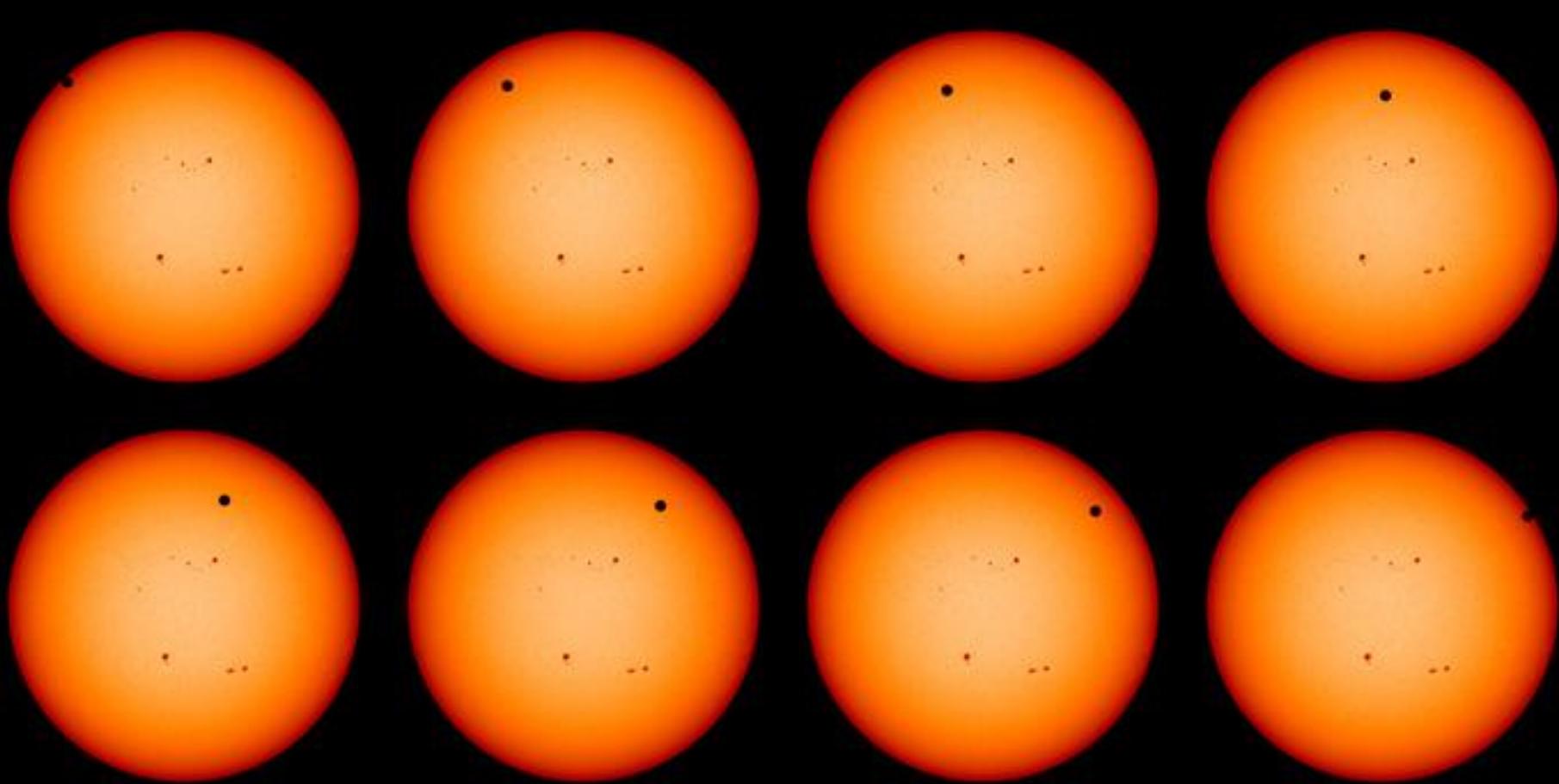


Bias: sensitivity to planet mass/radius



# Venus transit

Every 112 years: (two times, separated by 8 years)  
last time in 2004/2012

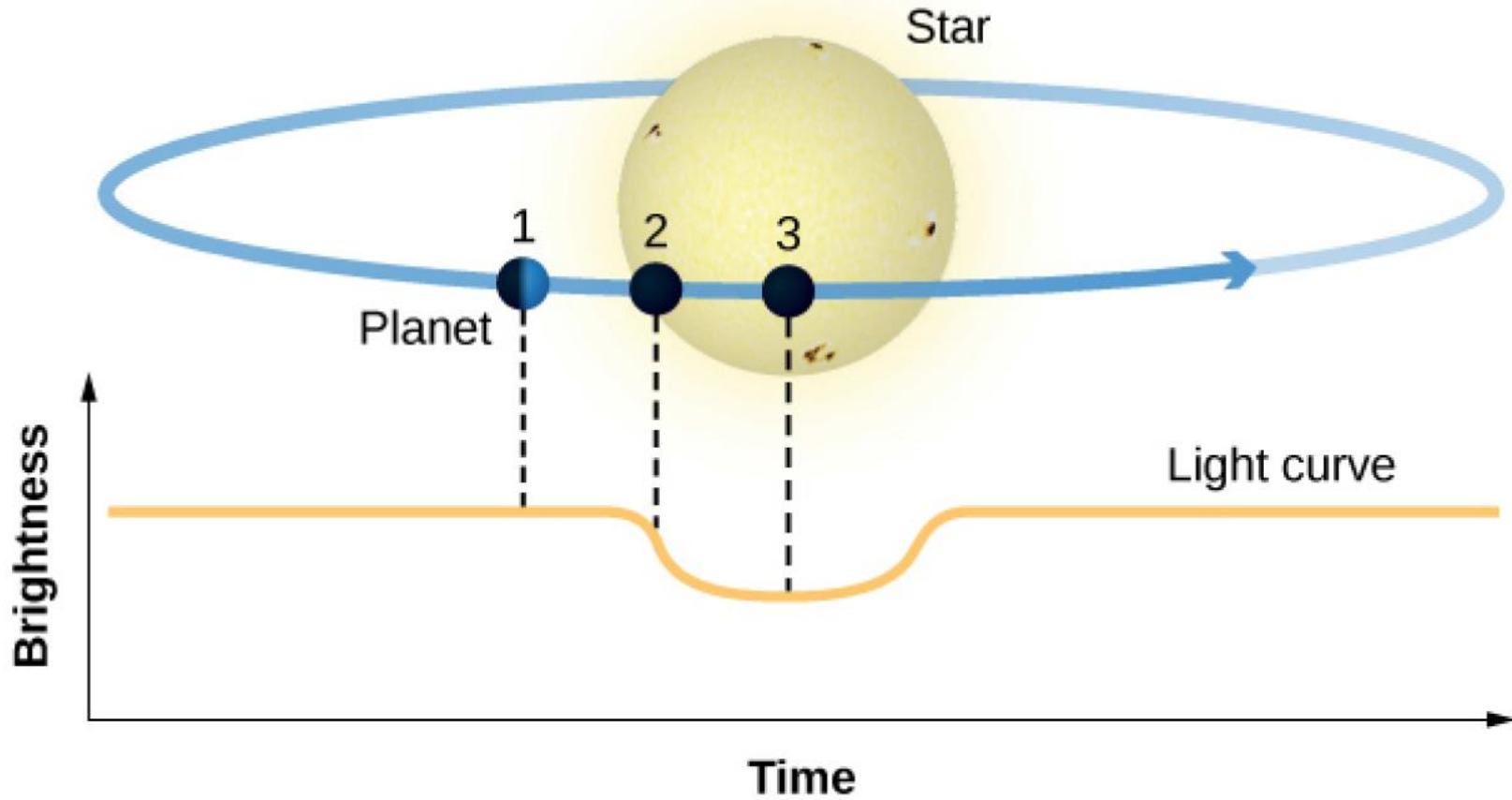


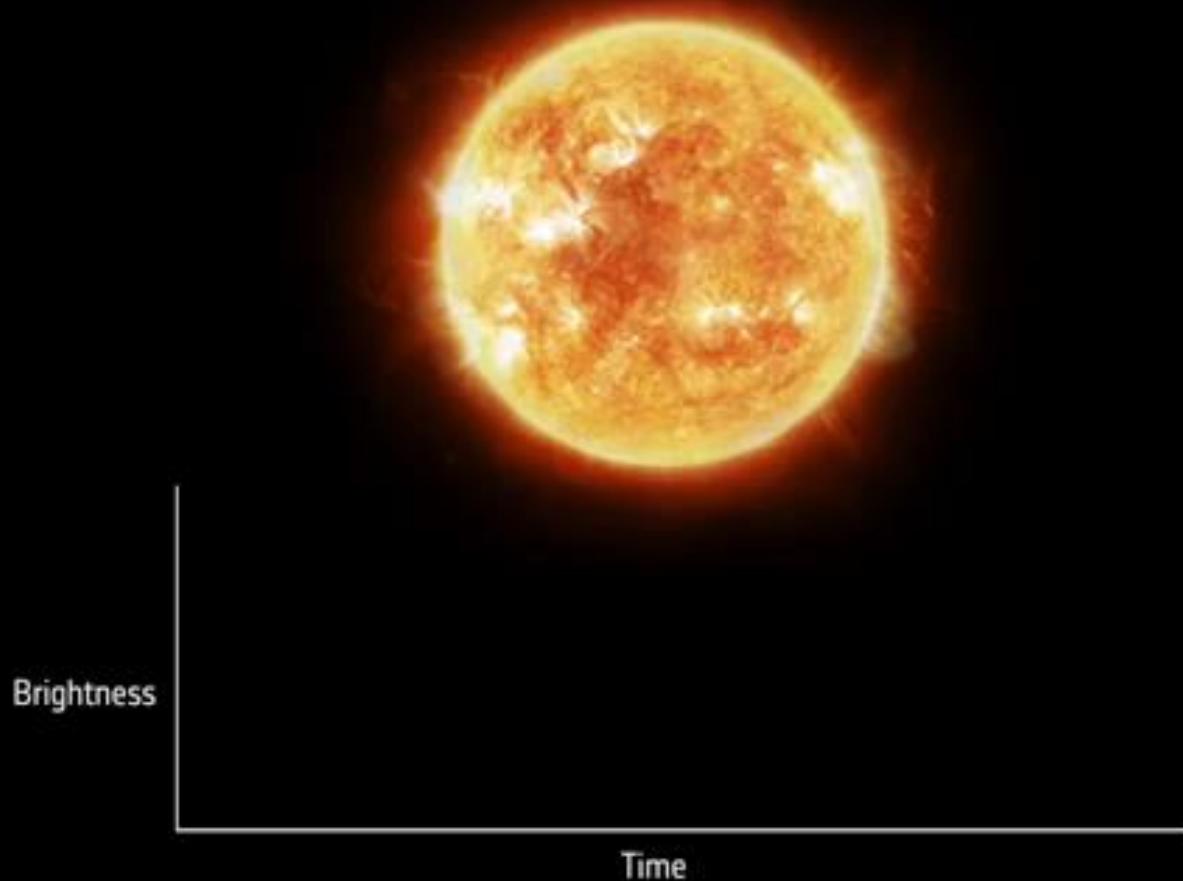
# Venus transit

Guillaume Le Gentil: the unluckiest astronomer

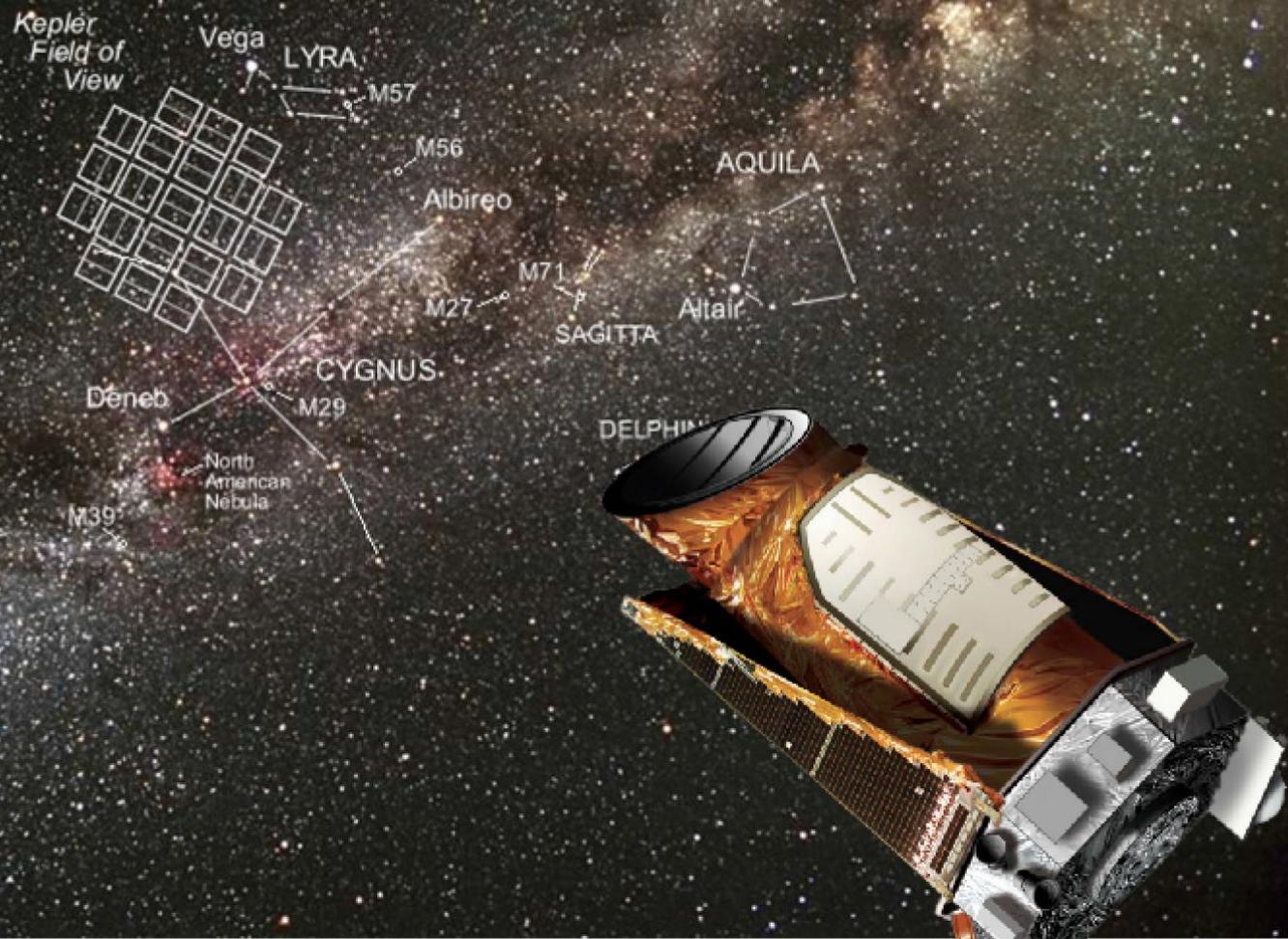
1761/1769 transits from India?



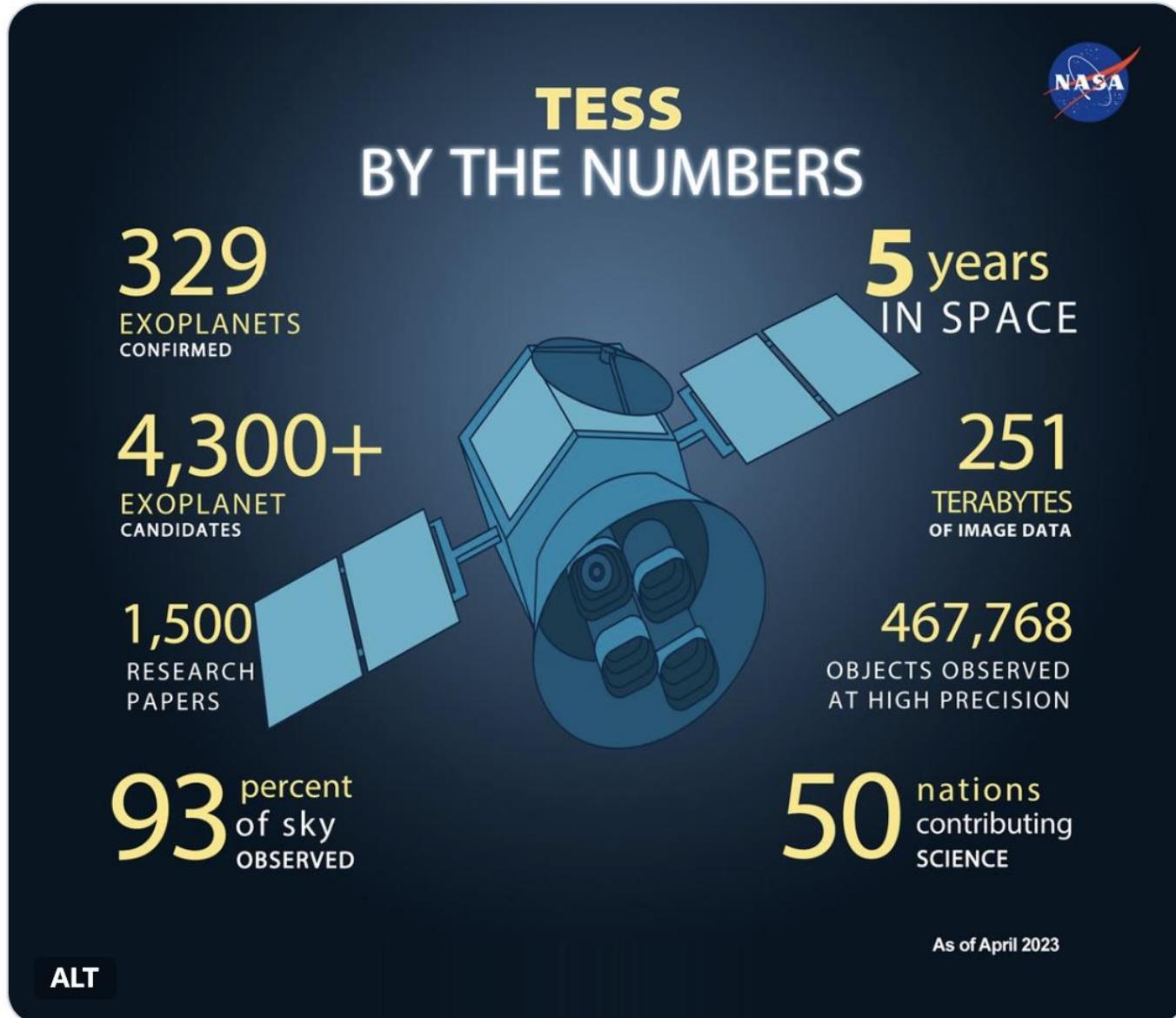


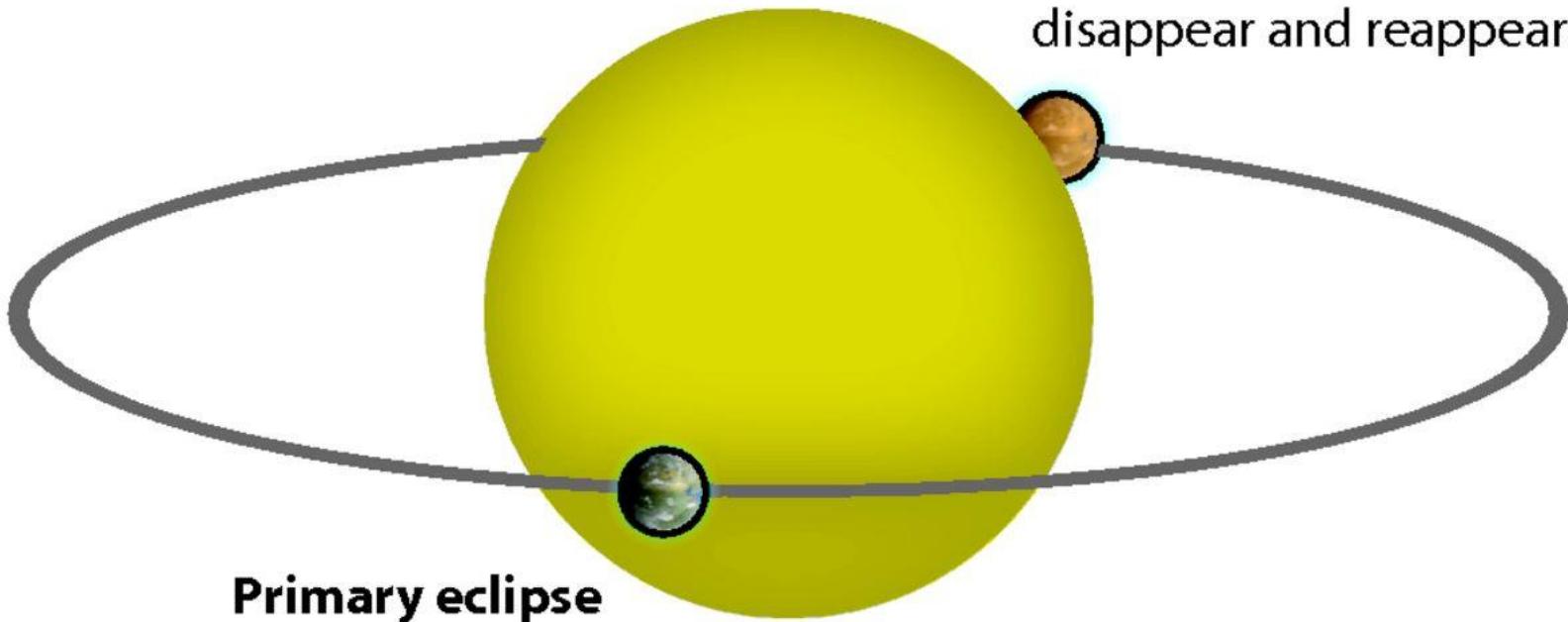


# Kepler Observatory: thousands of planets



# TESS Observatory: all-sky, bright stars



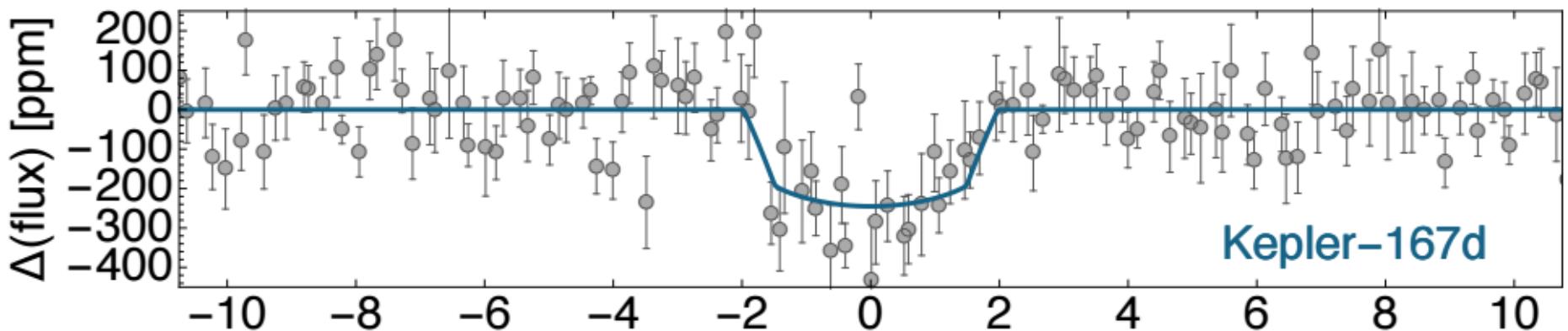


### **Primary eclipse**

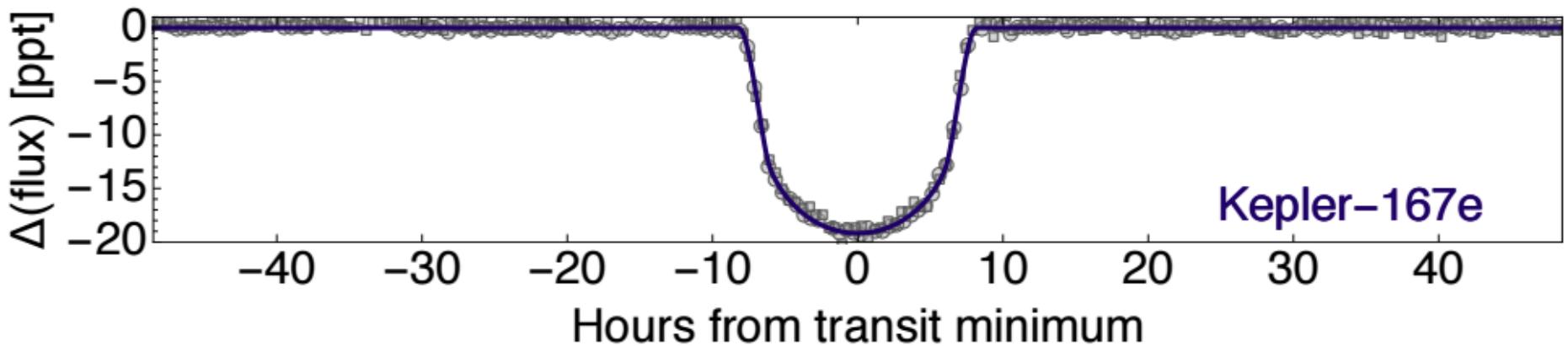
Exoplanet's size relative to star  
See star's radiation transmitted  
through the planet's atmosphere

### **Secondary eclipse**

Observe exoplanet's  
thermal radiation  
disappear and reappear



Kepler-167d



Kepler-167e

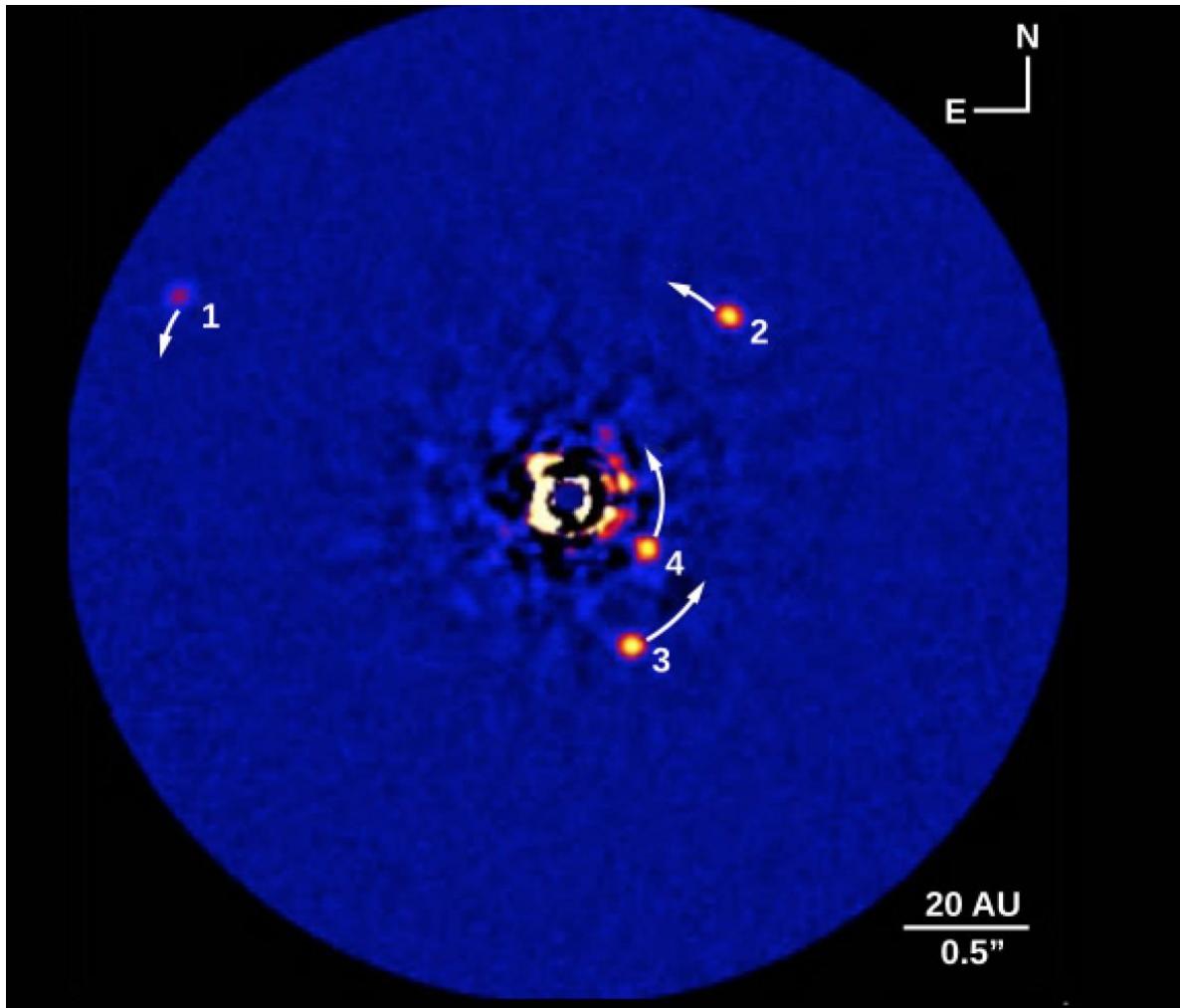
Hours from transit minimum

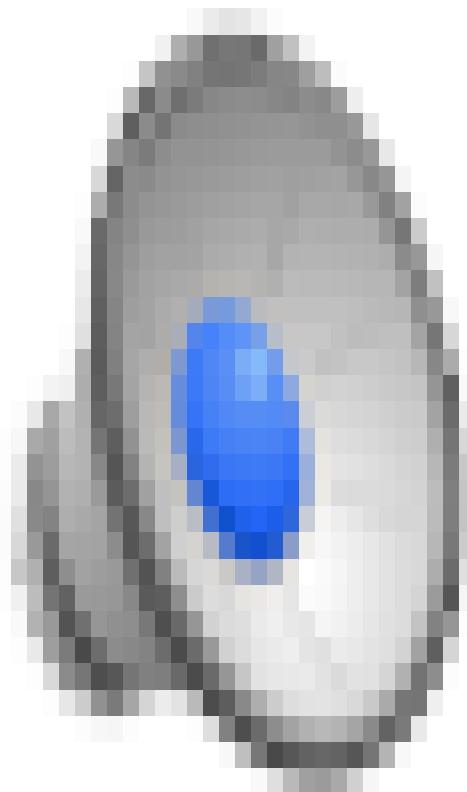
# Bias of transits

- What kinds of planets are easiest to detect?
- Close to star
- Large radius

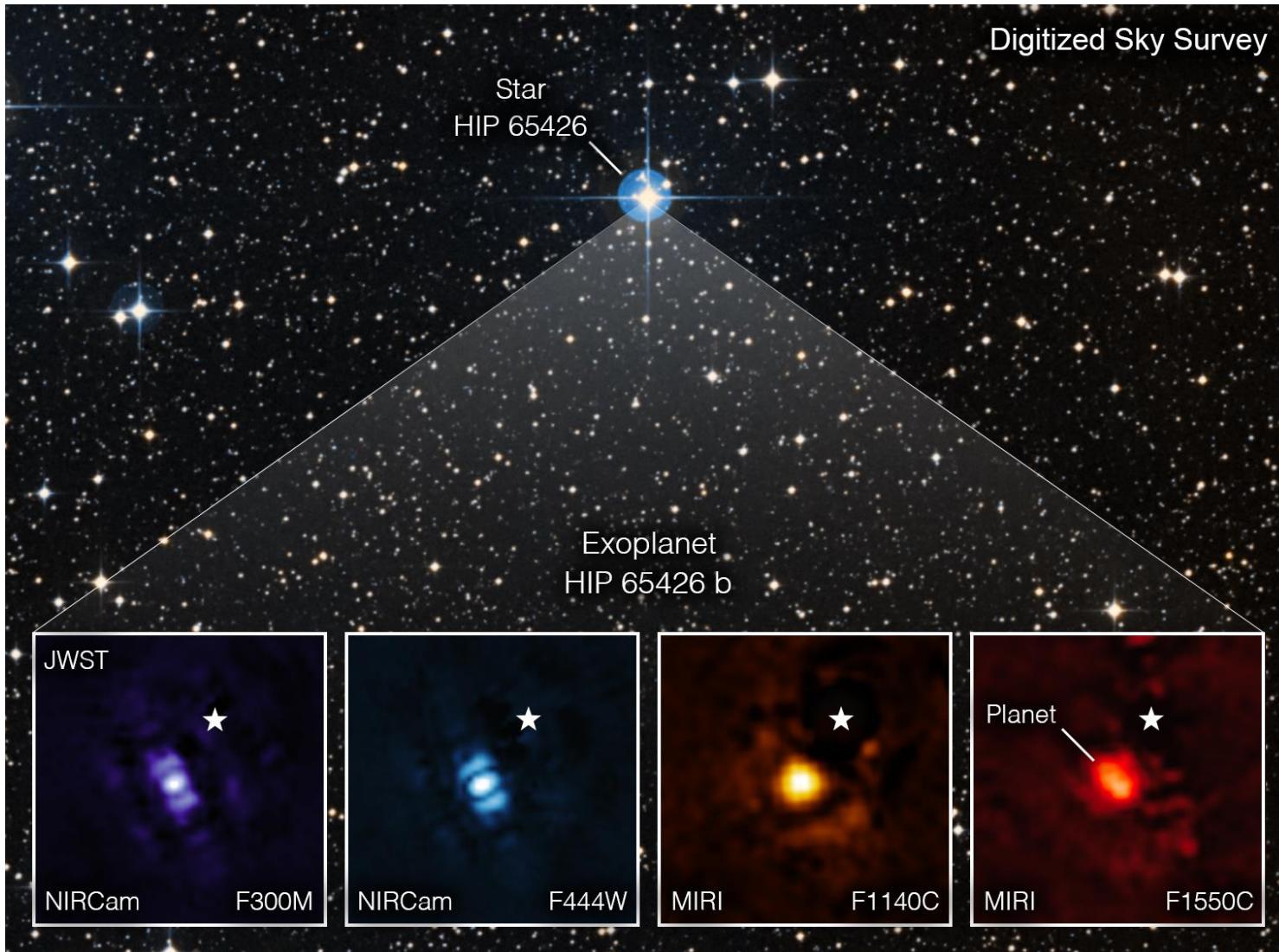
$$R_p = R_\star \sqrt{\text{Depth}}$$

Direct Imaging: requires coronagraph to block out the star (similar to eclipse)





# First JWST image of a planet



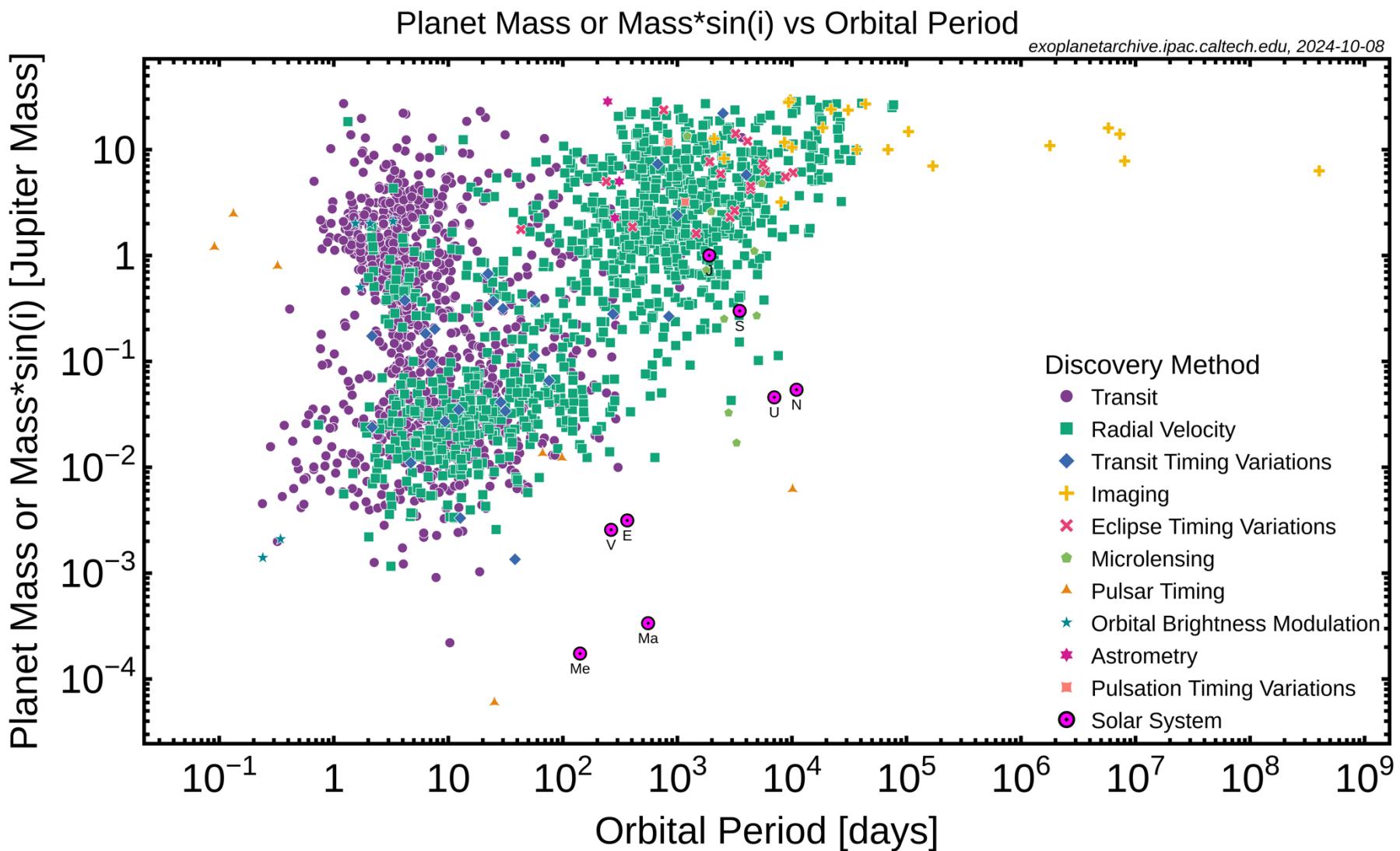
JWST:  
Powerful new  
infrared  
telescope

# Bias of direct imaging

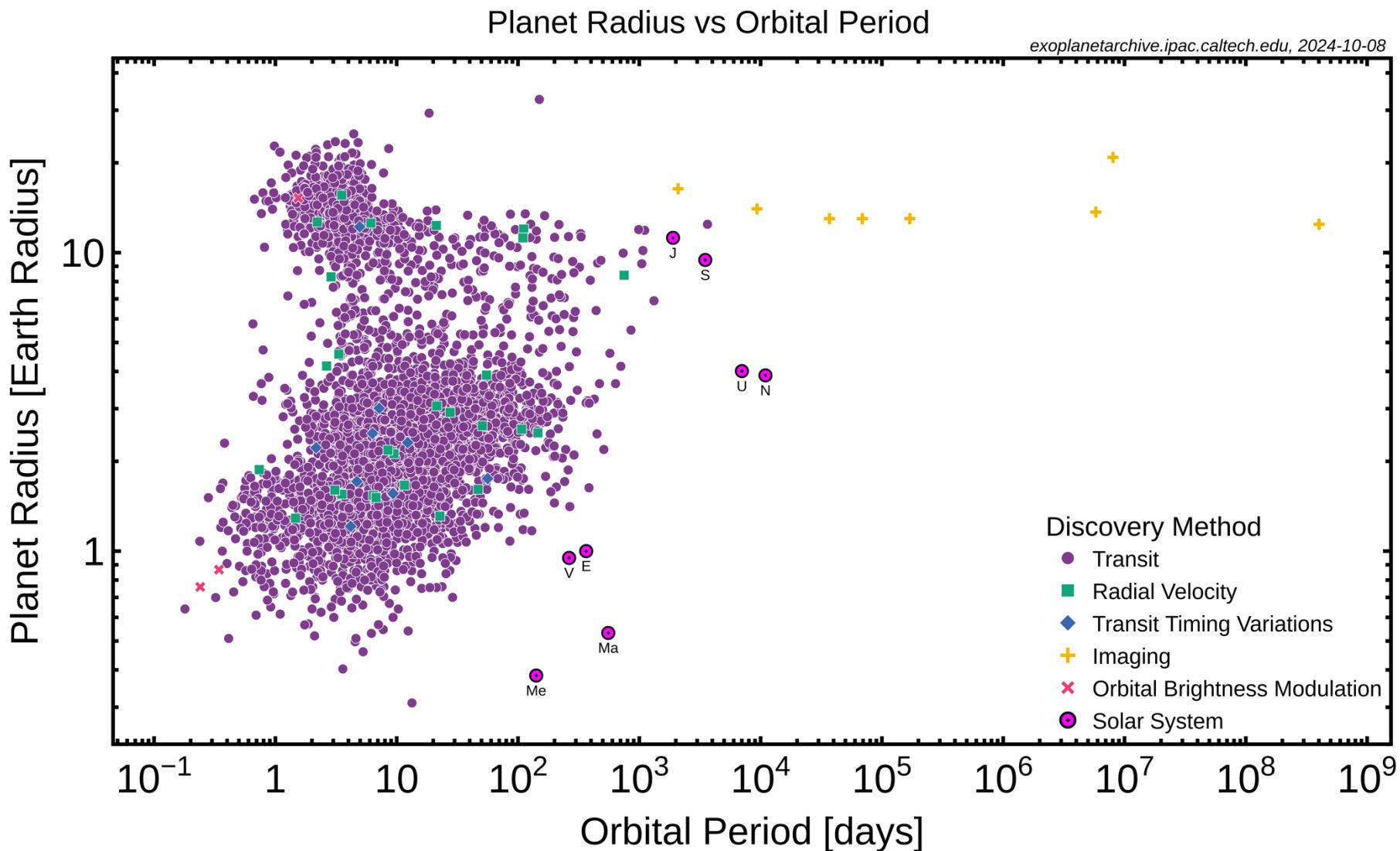
- What kinds of planets are easiest to detect?
- Very bright (higher mass)
- Far from the star!

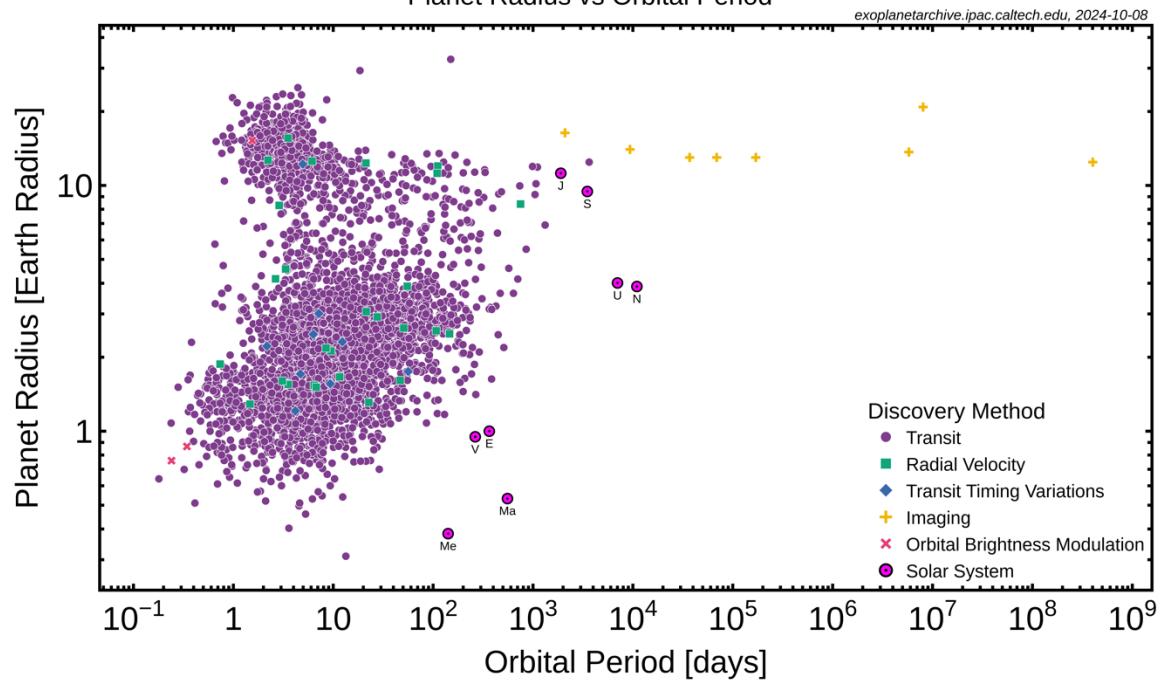
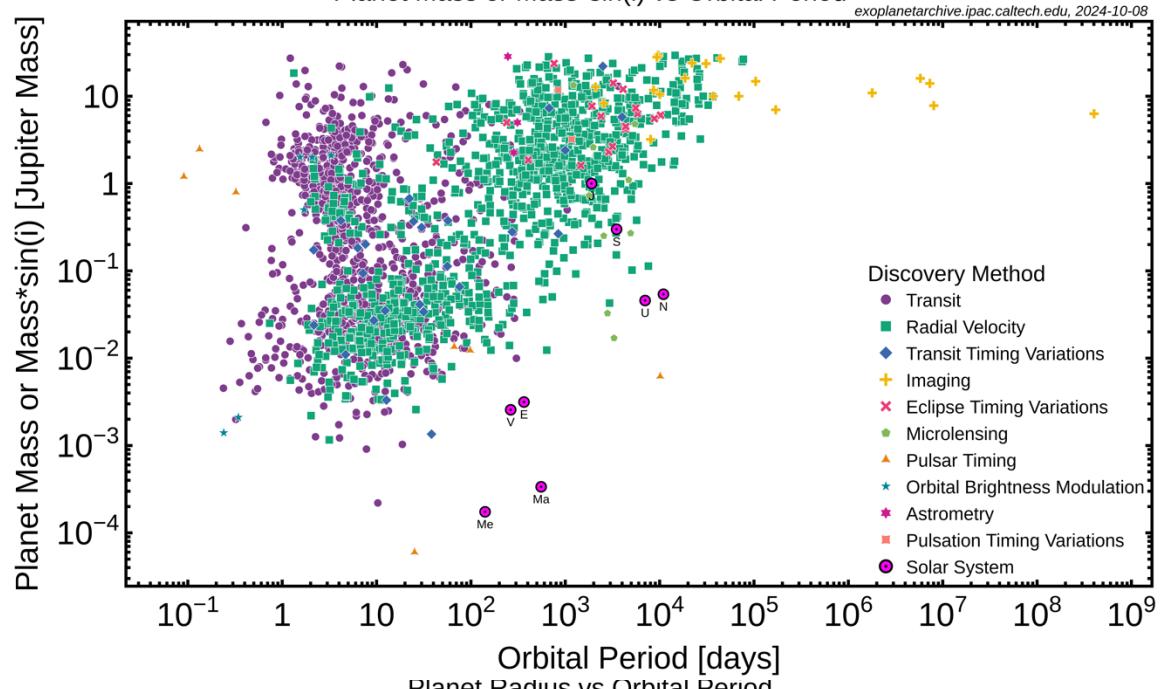
[also this is very hard]

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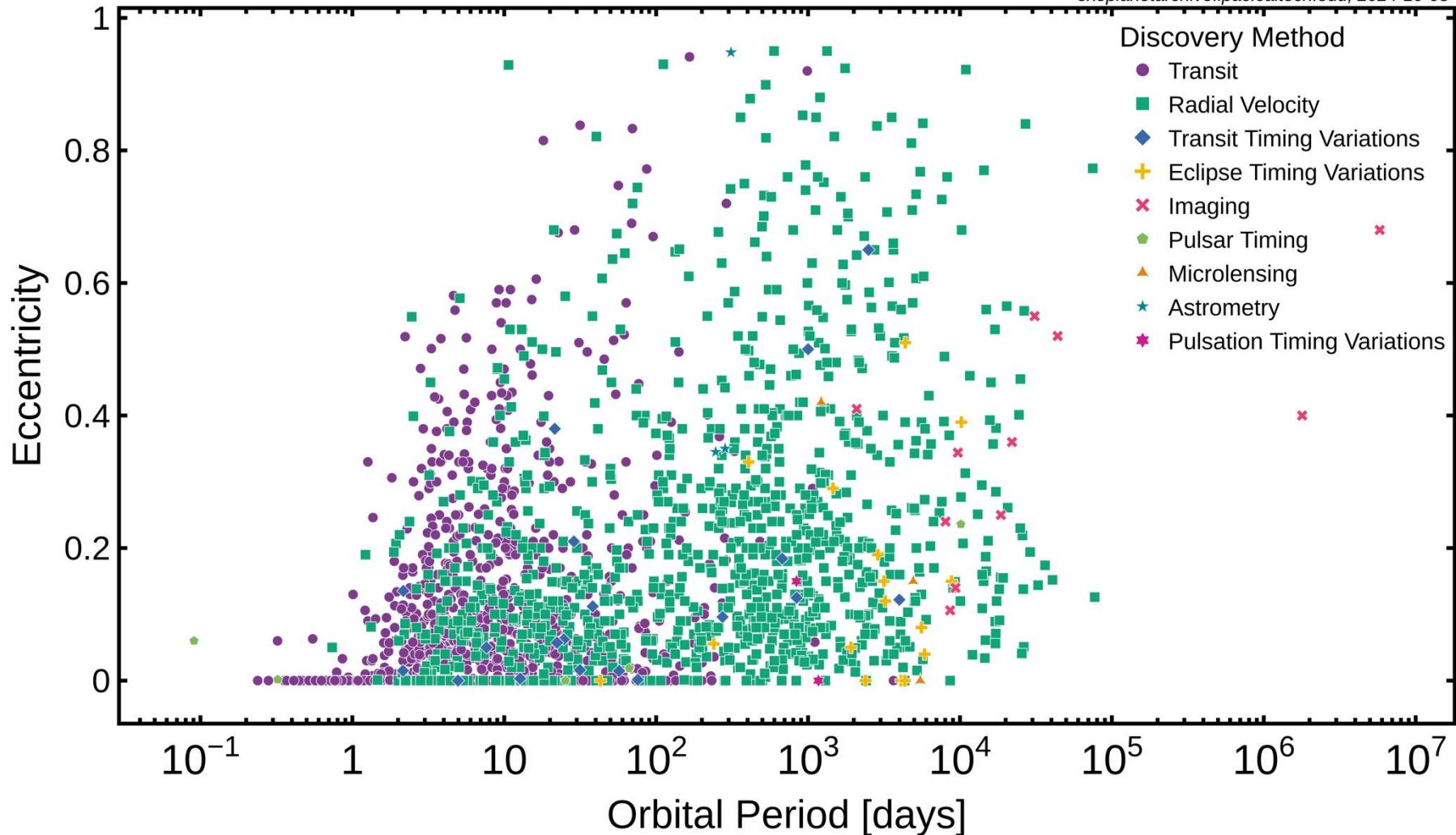


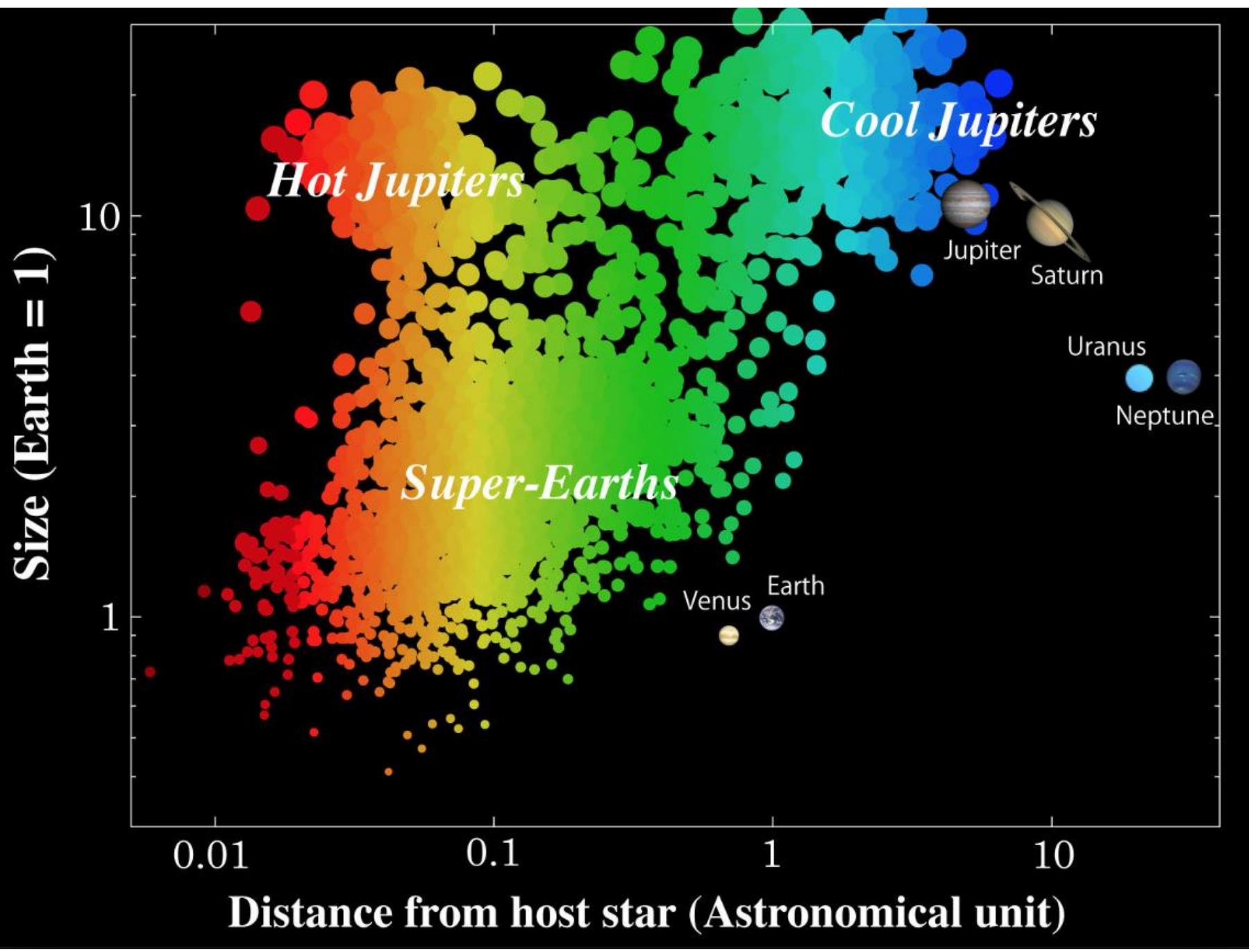
Differences in methods:  
measuring mass or radius?  
(ideally both)

# Most orbits are circular (but some eccentric)

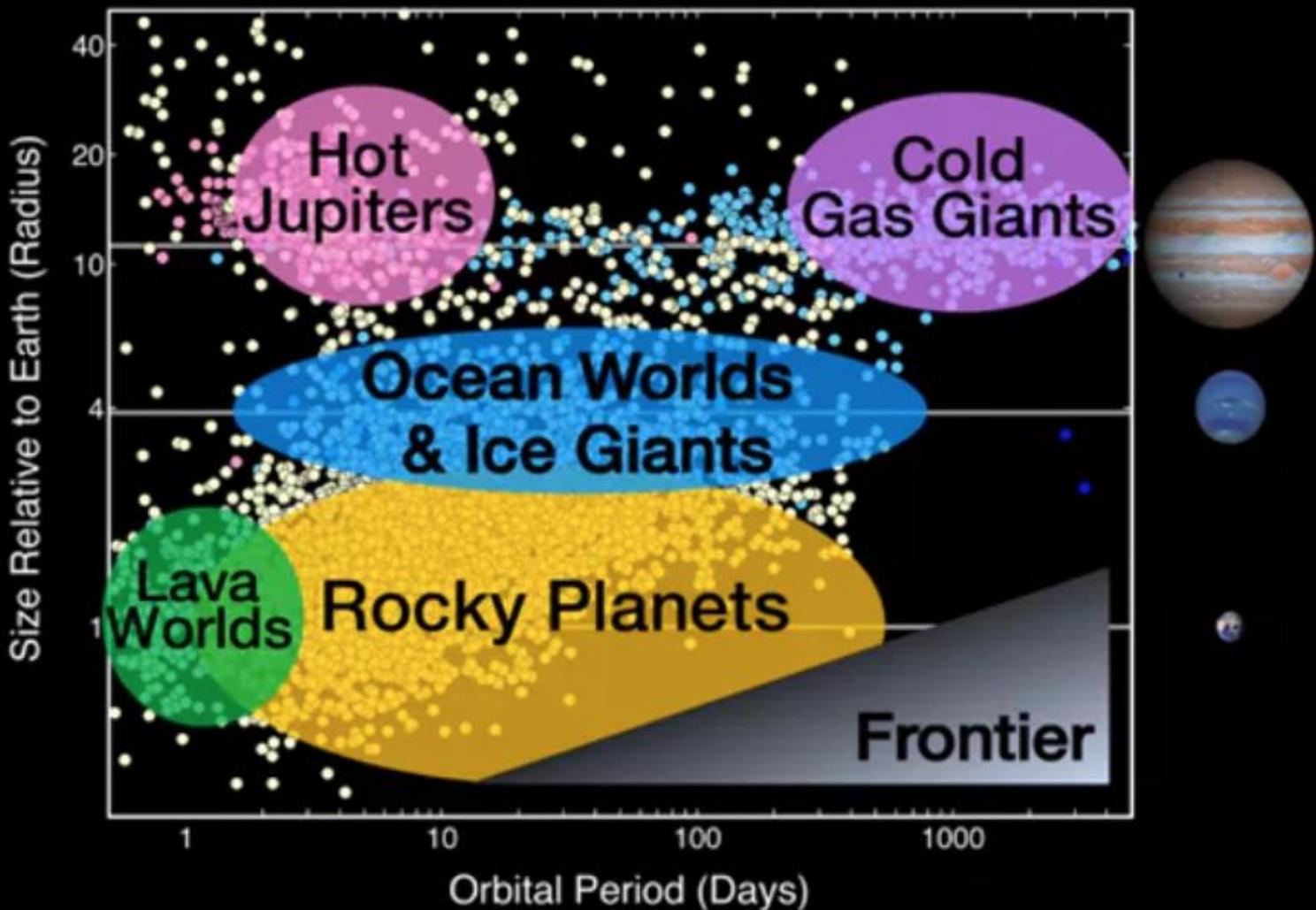
Eccentricity vs Orbital Period

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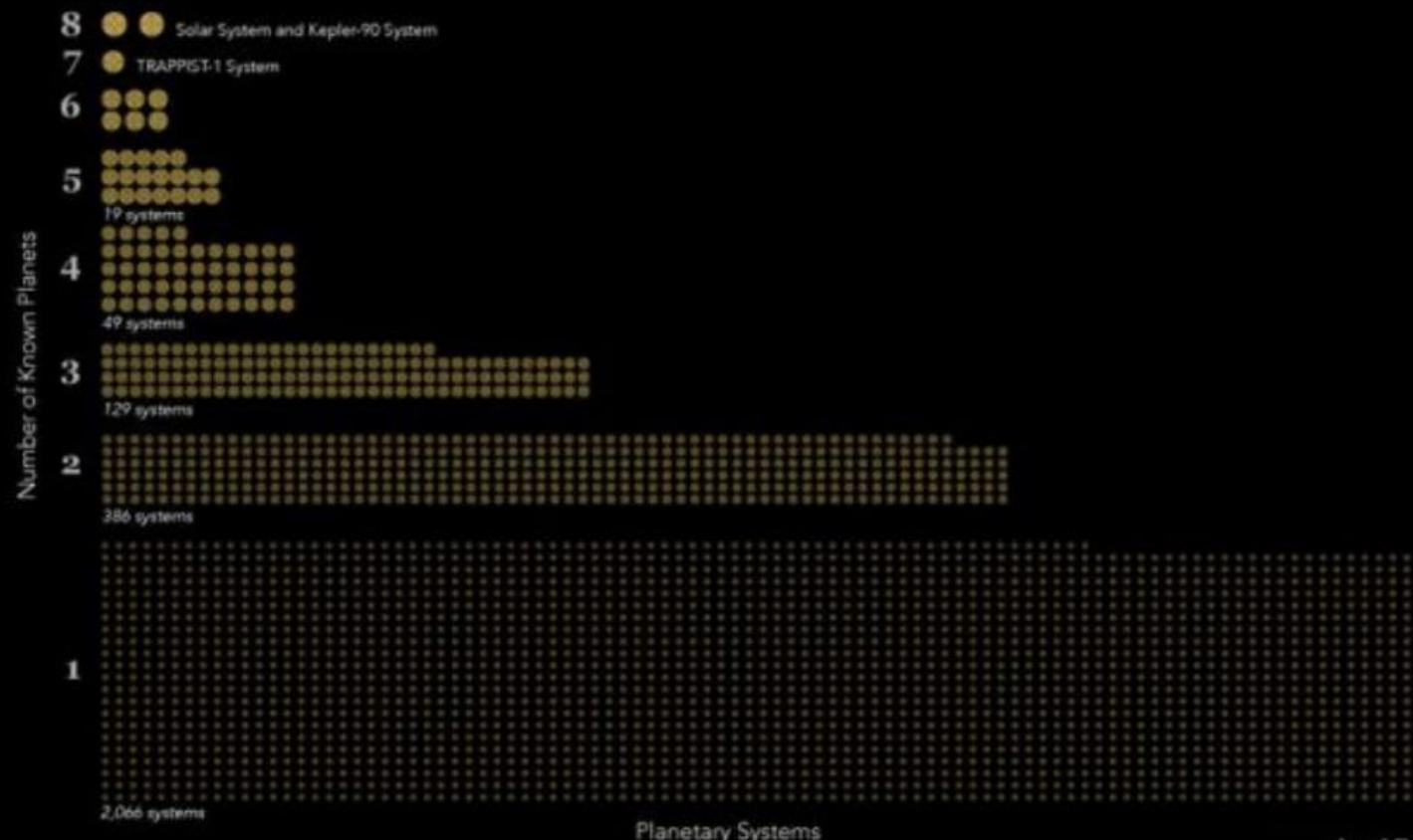




# Exoplanet Populations

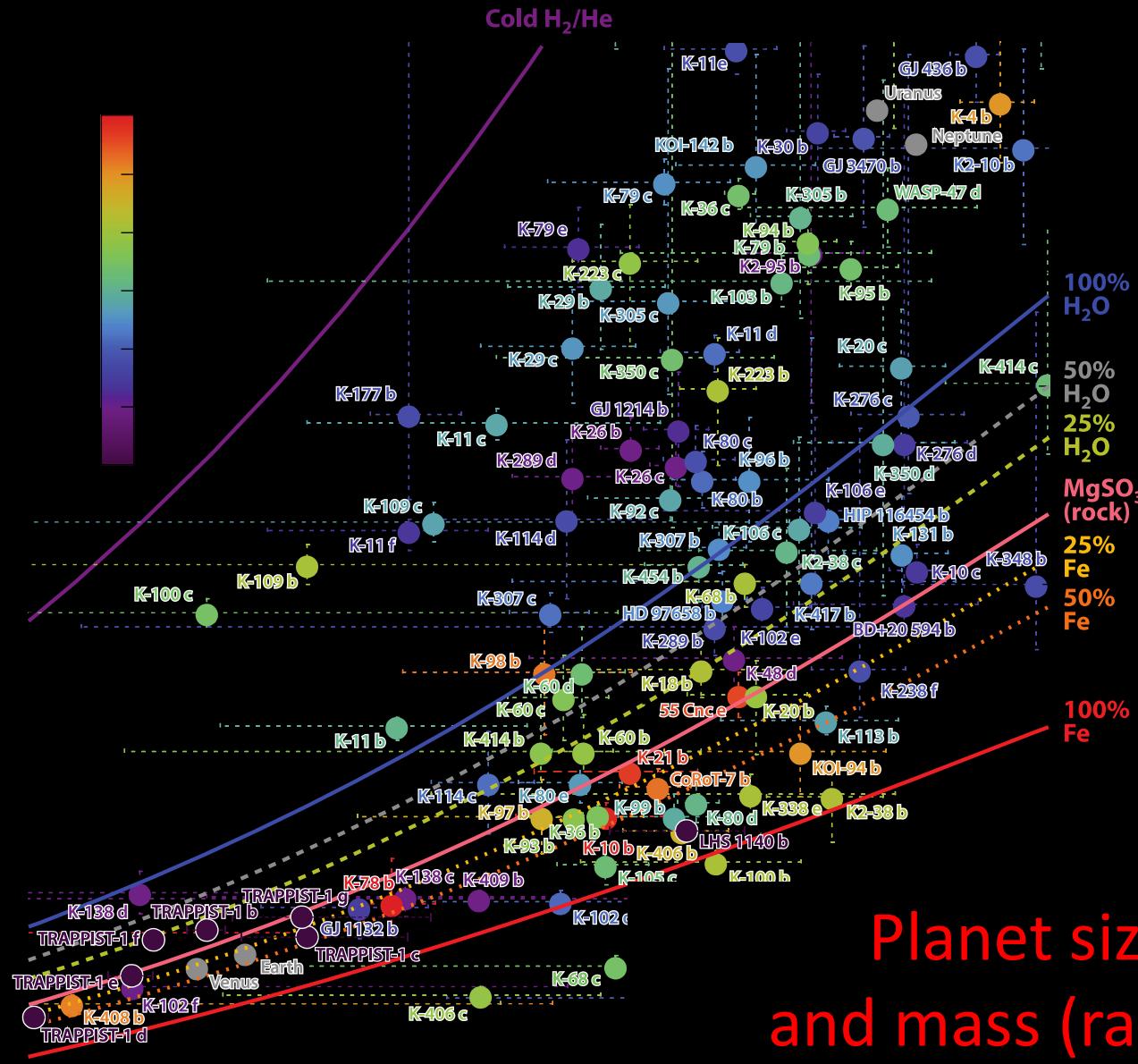


# Planetary Systems by Number of Known Planets



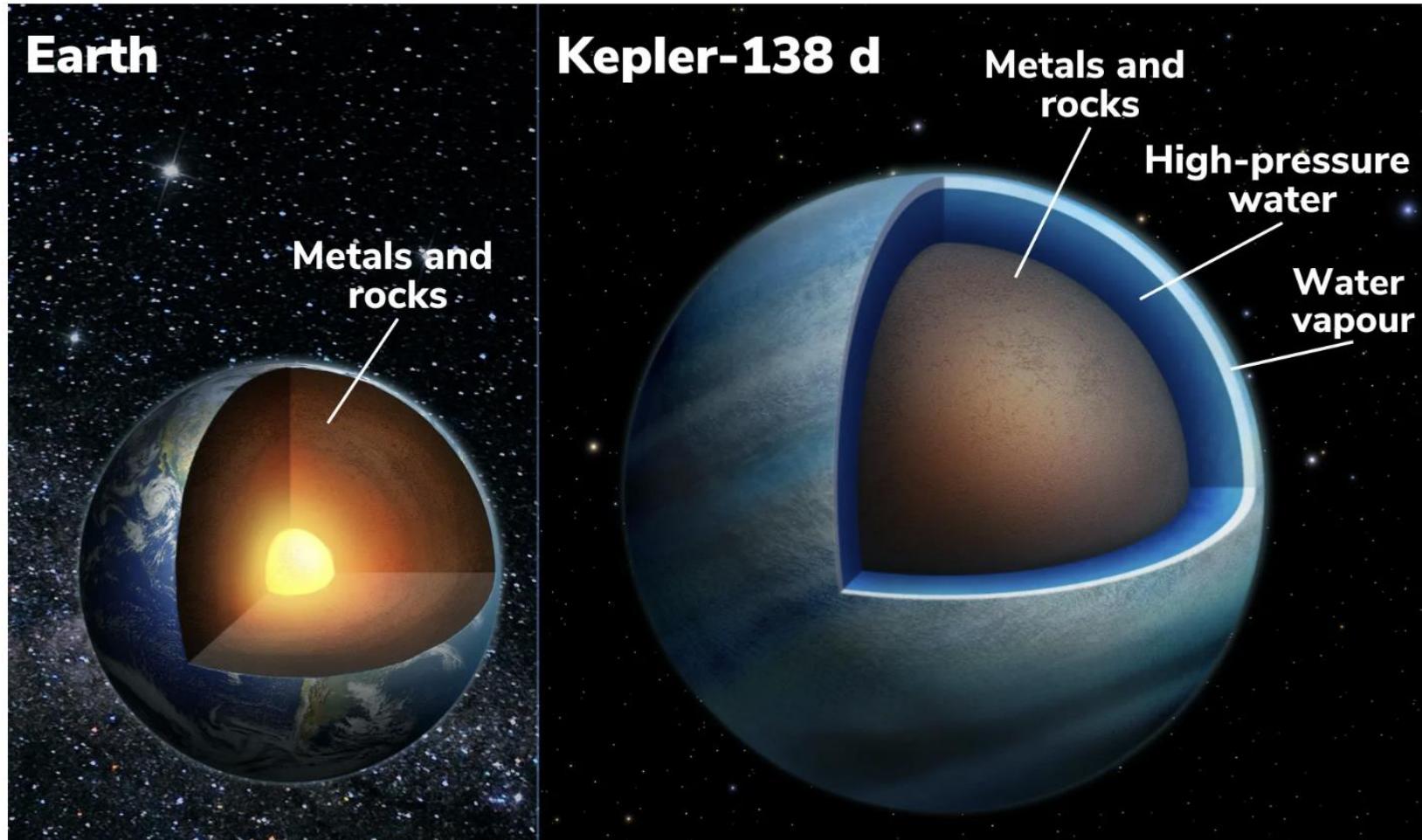
Planetary Systems

As of December 14, 2017

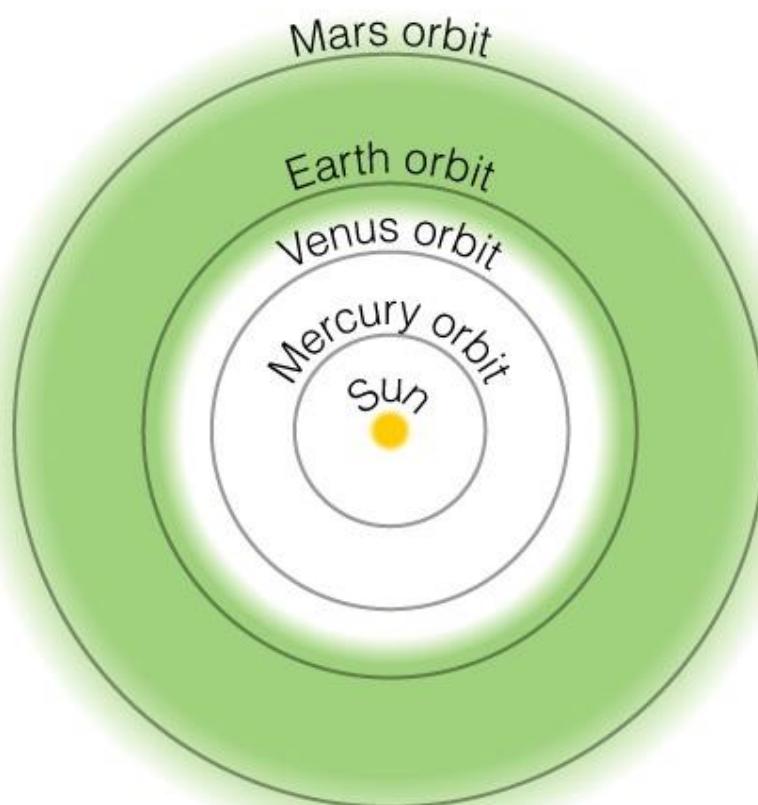


**Planet size (transit)  
and mass (radial velocity):  
density/composition**

# Water worlds? Perhaps common for “super-earths”

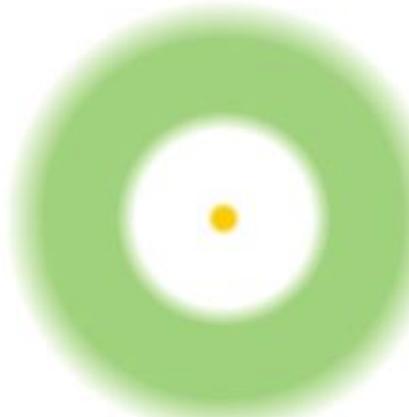


# Are habitable planets likely?



Solar System

Planet temperature:  
stellar irradiation, atmosphere



Star with  
mass  $\frac{1}{10} M_{\text{Sun}}$

Star with  
mass  $\frac{1}{2} M_{\text{Sun}}$



Habitable: liquid water

# HABITABLE ZONE

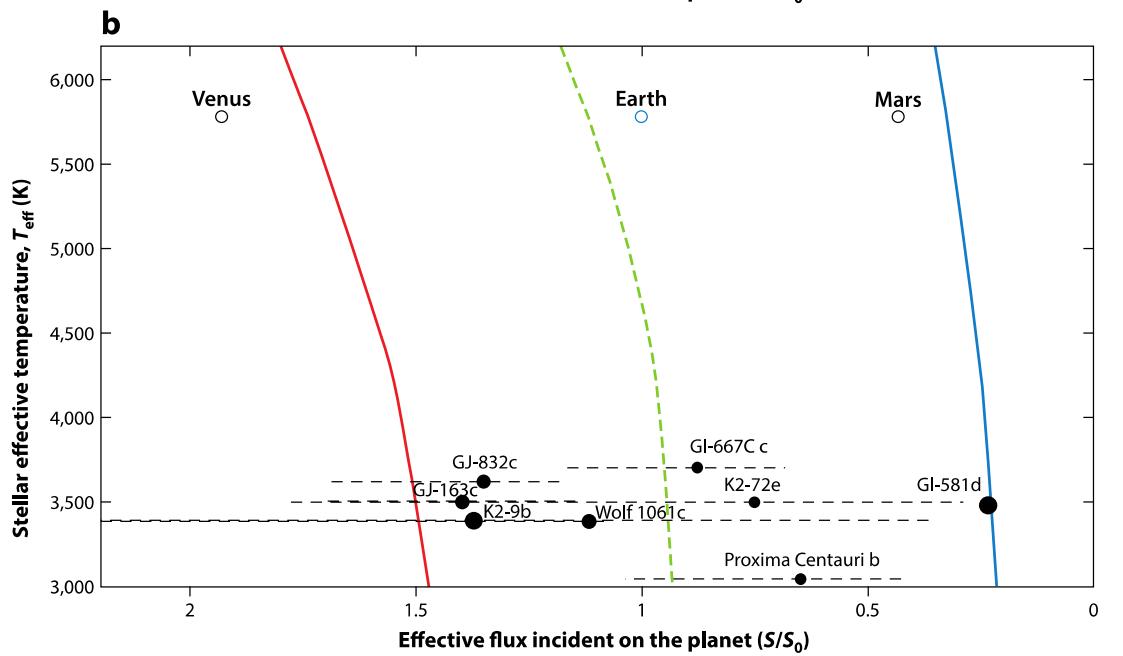
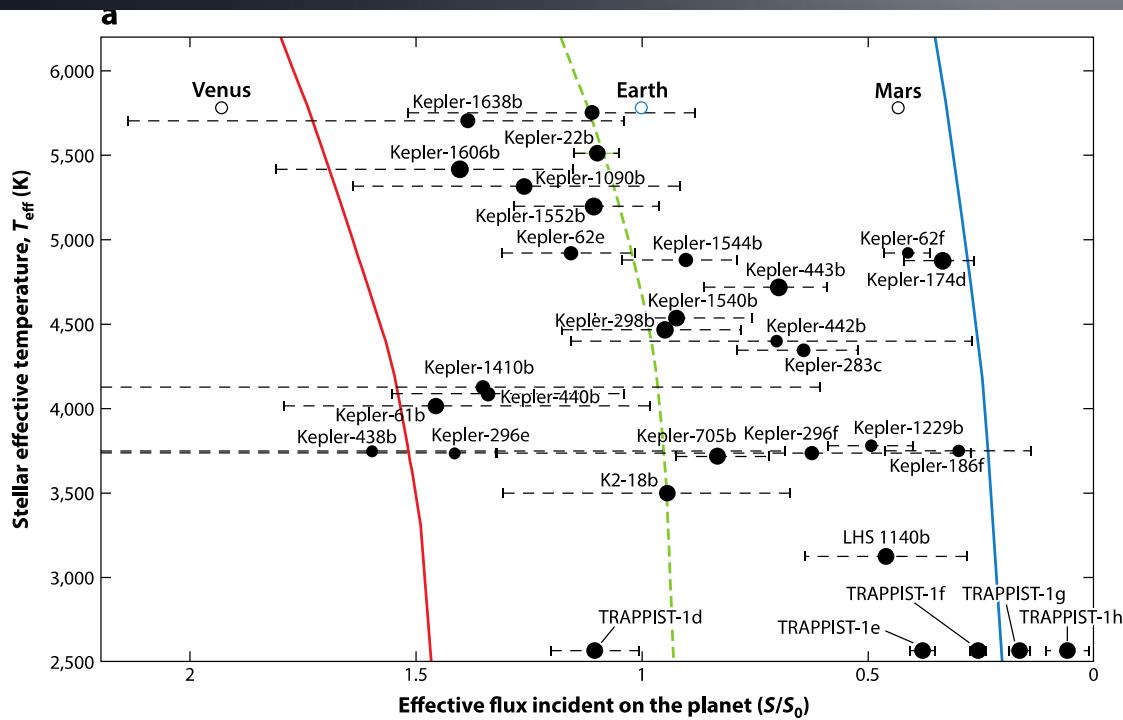
Too Hot

Just Right

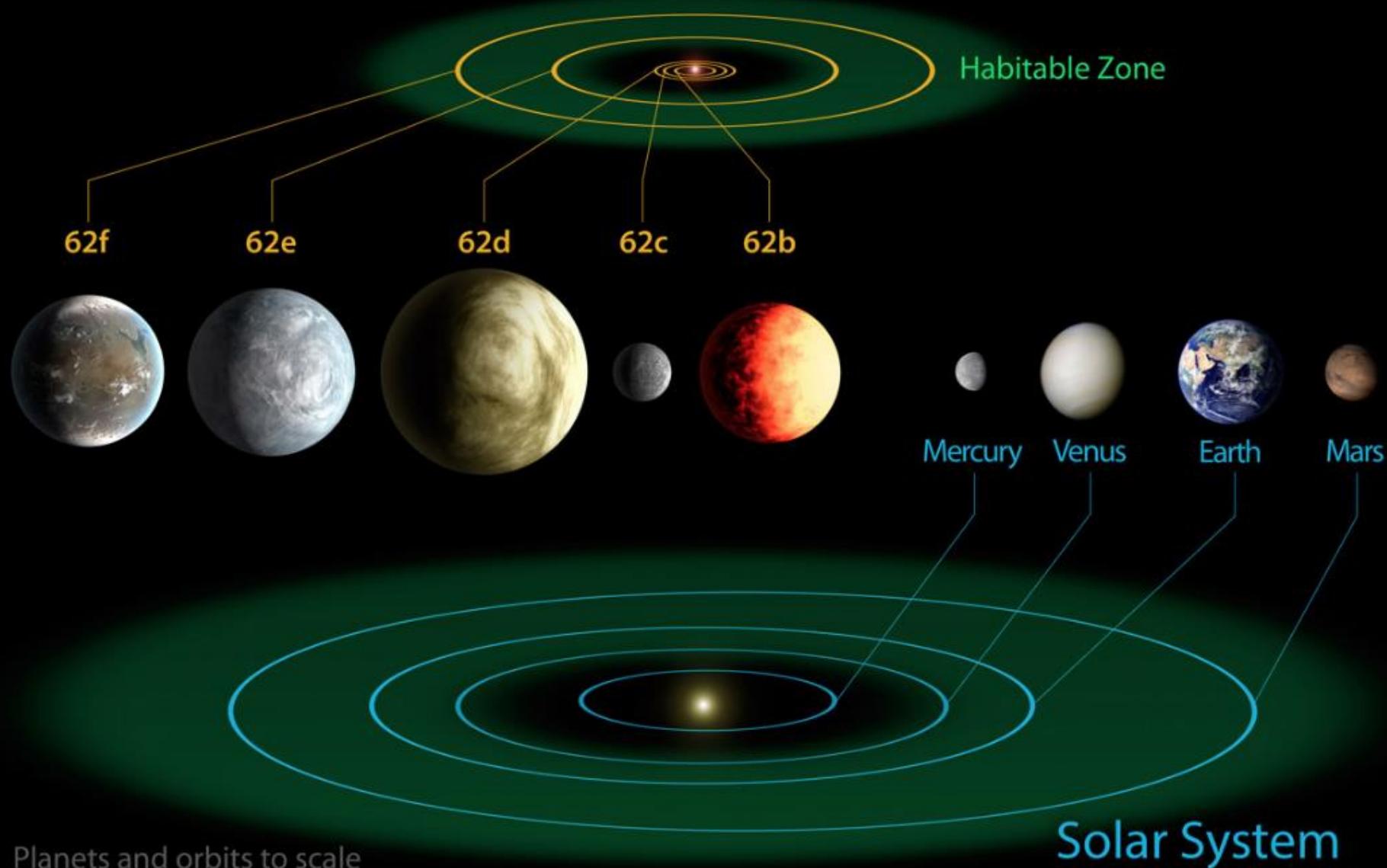
Too Cold

Planet size: 1-2x Earth

# Exoplanets in habitable zone

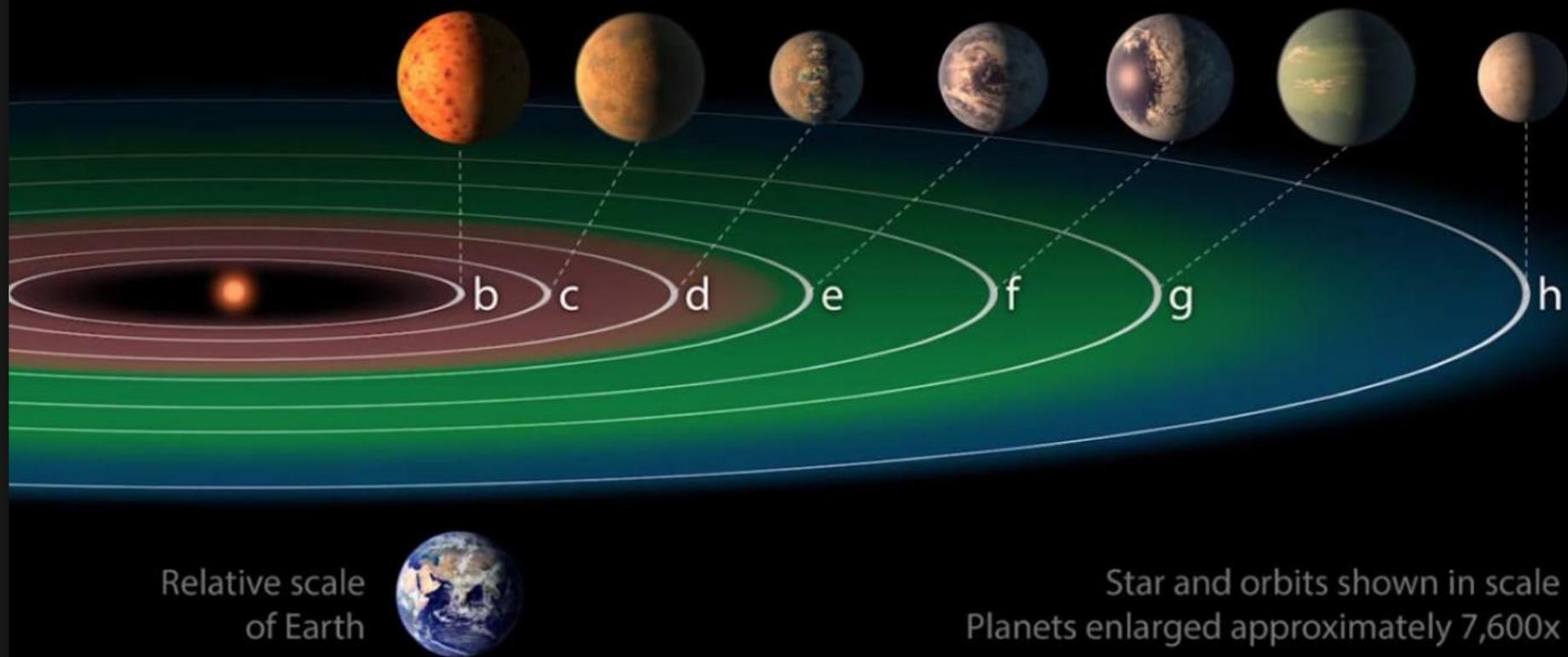


# Kepler-62 System



# TRAPPIST-1 System

Illustrations



# Current Potentially Habitable Exoplanets

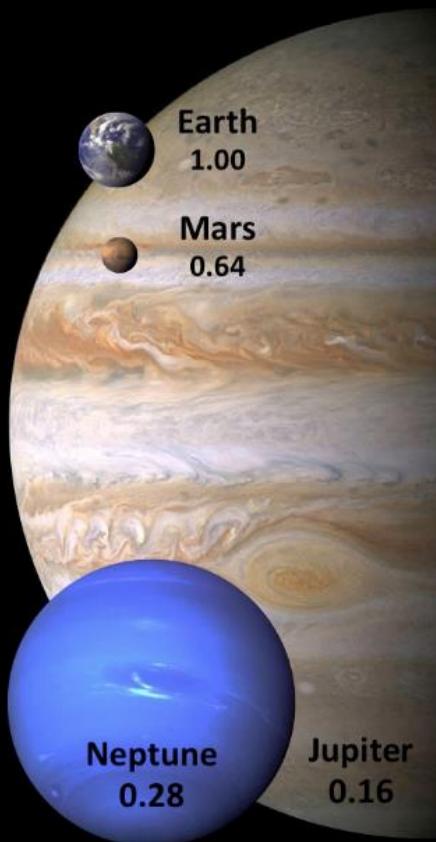
Ranked in Order of Similarity to Earth

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Gliese 667C c 0.83	Kepler-62 e 0.83	Tau Ceti e* 0.77	Gliese 581 g* 0.76	Gliese 667C f 0.76	HD 40307 g 0.73
#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
Kepler-61 b 0.73	Gliese 163 c 0.73	Kepler-22 b 0.71	Kepler-62 f 0.67	Gliese 667C e 0.60	Gliese 581 d 0.53

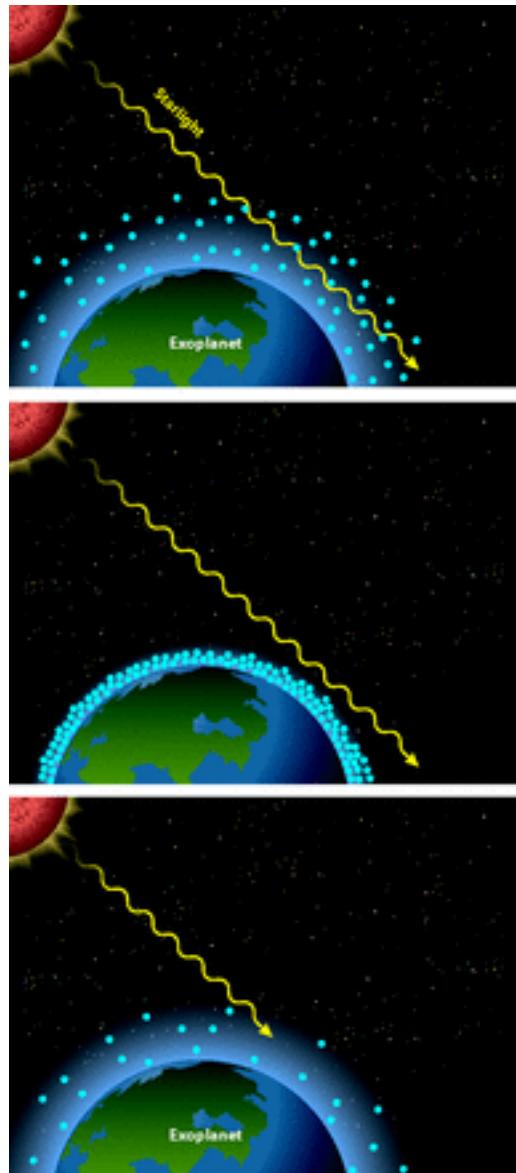
\*planet candidates

Number below the names is the Earth Similarity Index (ESI)

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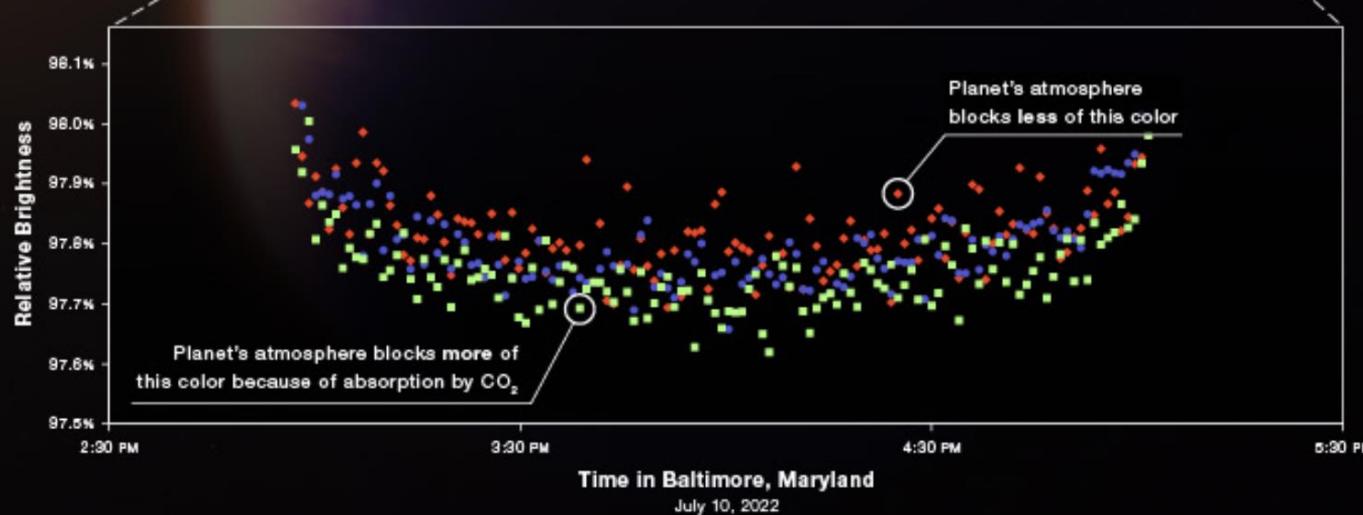
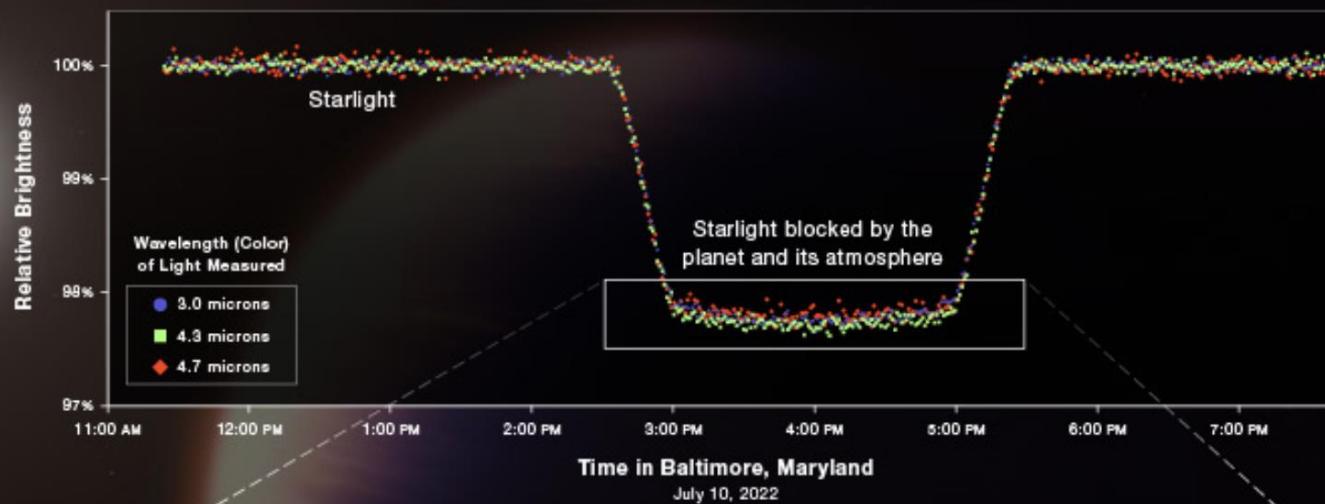
# Exoplanet atmospheres!



$E^{\circ}$	Oxidizing half-reaction	Reducing half-reaction
-0.535	$\text{CO} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$	$\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}$
-0.482	$\text{CH}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$	$\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_2\text{O}$
-0.431	$\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}^+$	$2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2$
-0.375	$2\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{N}_2$	$\text{N}_2 \rightarrow \text{NH}_3$
-0.280	$\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{S}$	$\text{S} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{S}$
-0.263	$\text{CH}_4 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$	$\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_4$
-0.234	$\text{HS}^- \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-} \rightarrow \text{HS}^-$
-0.213	$\text{CH}_4 \rightarrow \text{CH}_2\text{O}$	$\text{CH}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CH}_4$
0.285	$\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-$	$\text{NO}_2^- \rightarrow \text{NH}_3$
0.3725	$\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{organic}) \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$	$\text{Fe}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{organic})$
0.433	$\text{NO}_2^- \rightarrow \text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-$
0.717	$\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{NH}_3$
0.748	$\text{N}_2 \rightarrow \text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{N}_2$
0.771	$\text{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$	$\text{Fe}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$
0.775	$\text{N}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-$	$\text{NO}_2^- \rightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O}$
0.815	$\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{O}_2$	$\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$

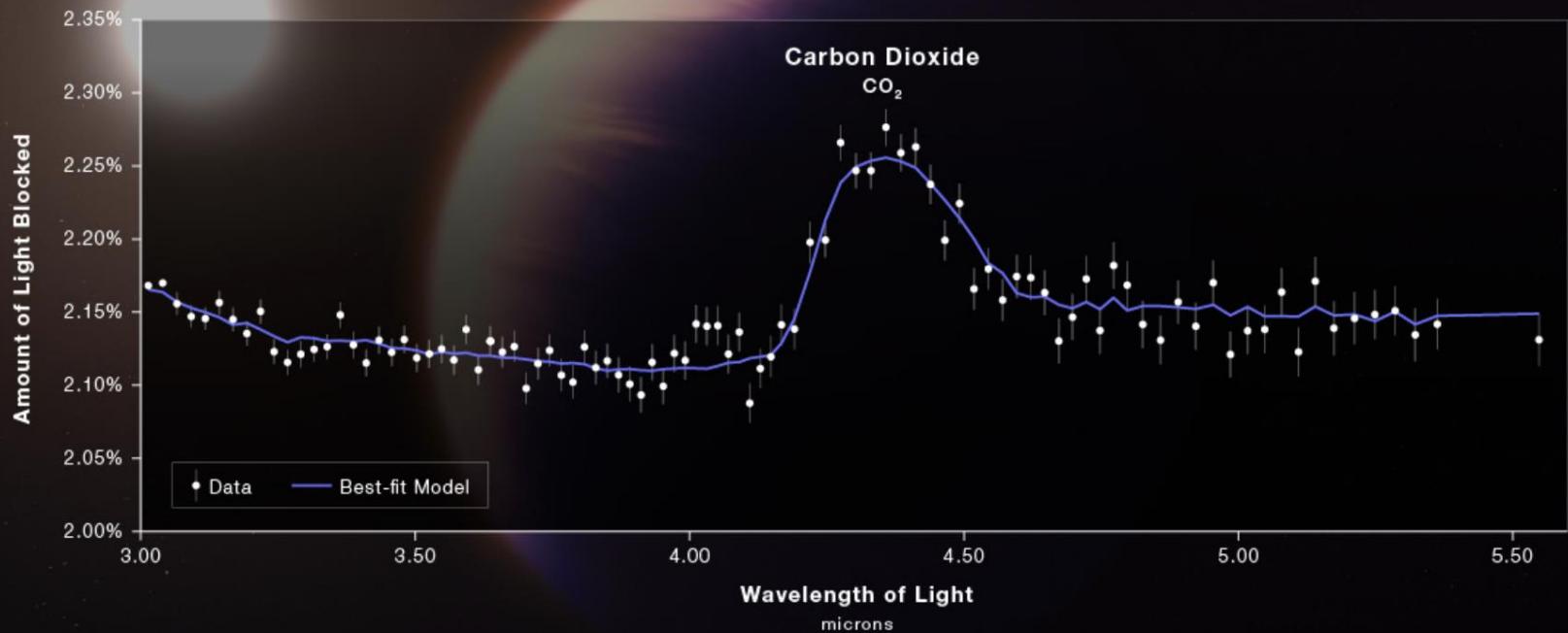
# HOT GAS GIANT EXOPLANET WASP-39 b TRANSIT LIGHT CURVE

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# HOT GAS GIANT EXOPLANET WASP-39 b ATMOSPHERE COMPOSITION

NIRSpec | Bright Object Time-Series Spectroscopy



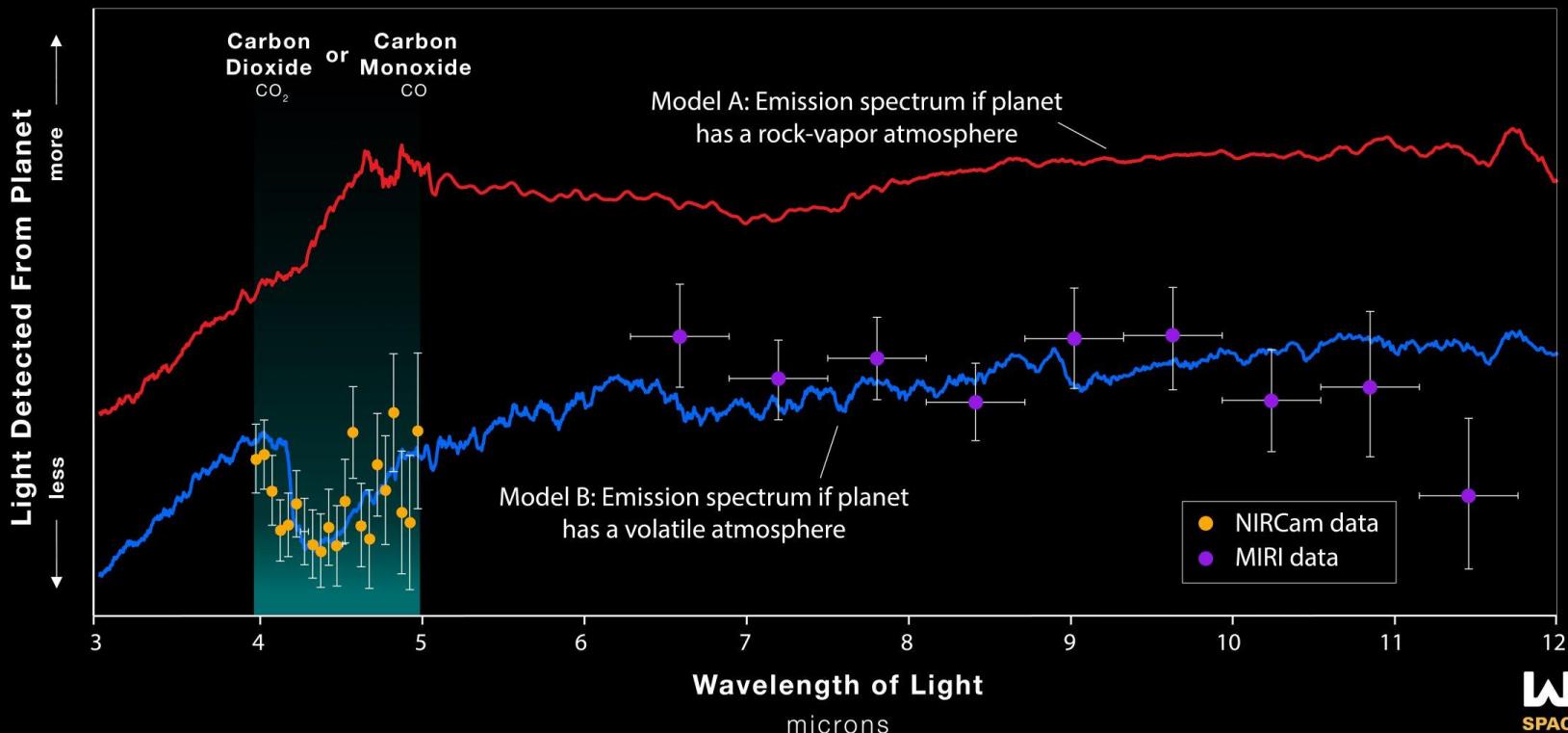
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SPACE TELESCOPE

# First atmosphere around a terrestrial exoplanet

SUPER-EARTH EXOPLANET 55 CANCRI e

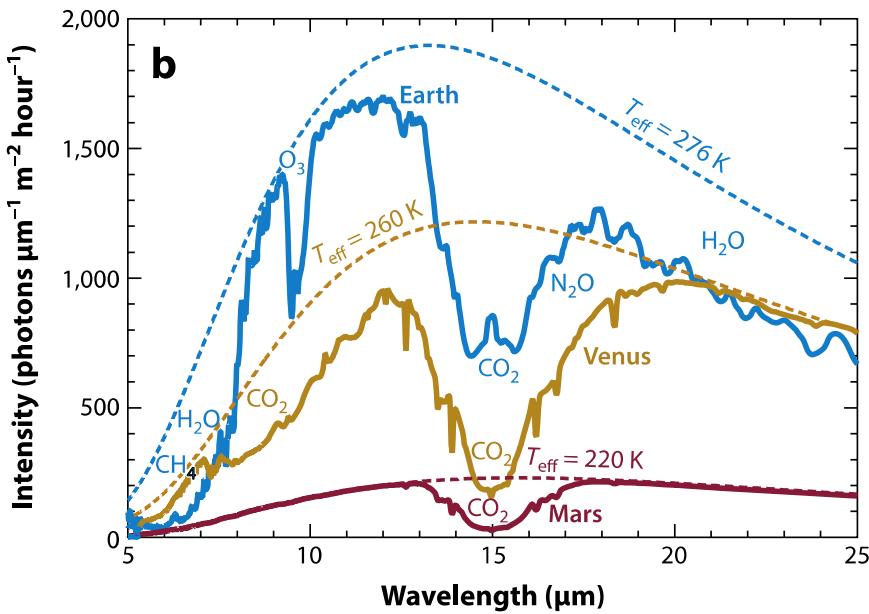
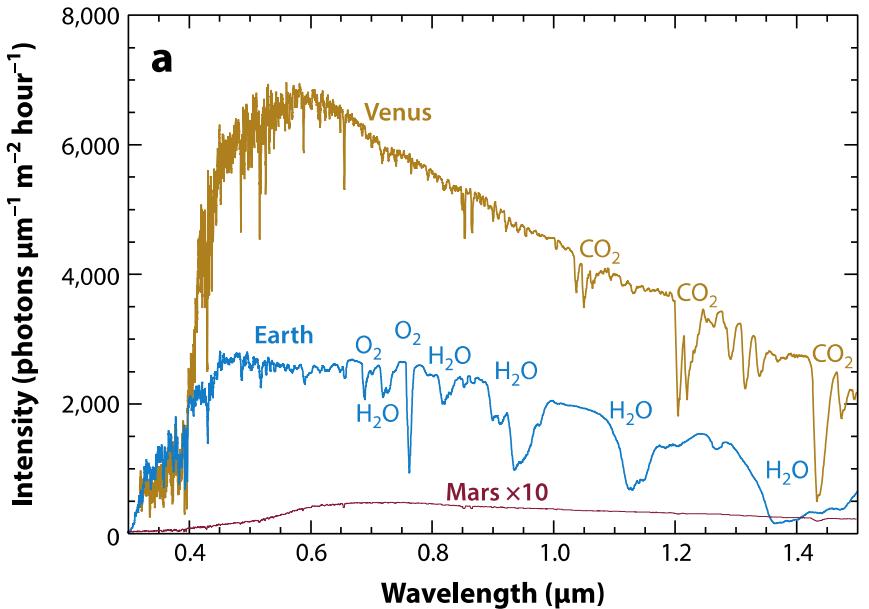
## VOLATILE ATMOSPHERE

NIRCam | GRISM Spectroscopy (F444W)  
MIRI | Low-Resolution Spectroscopy

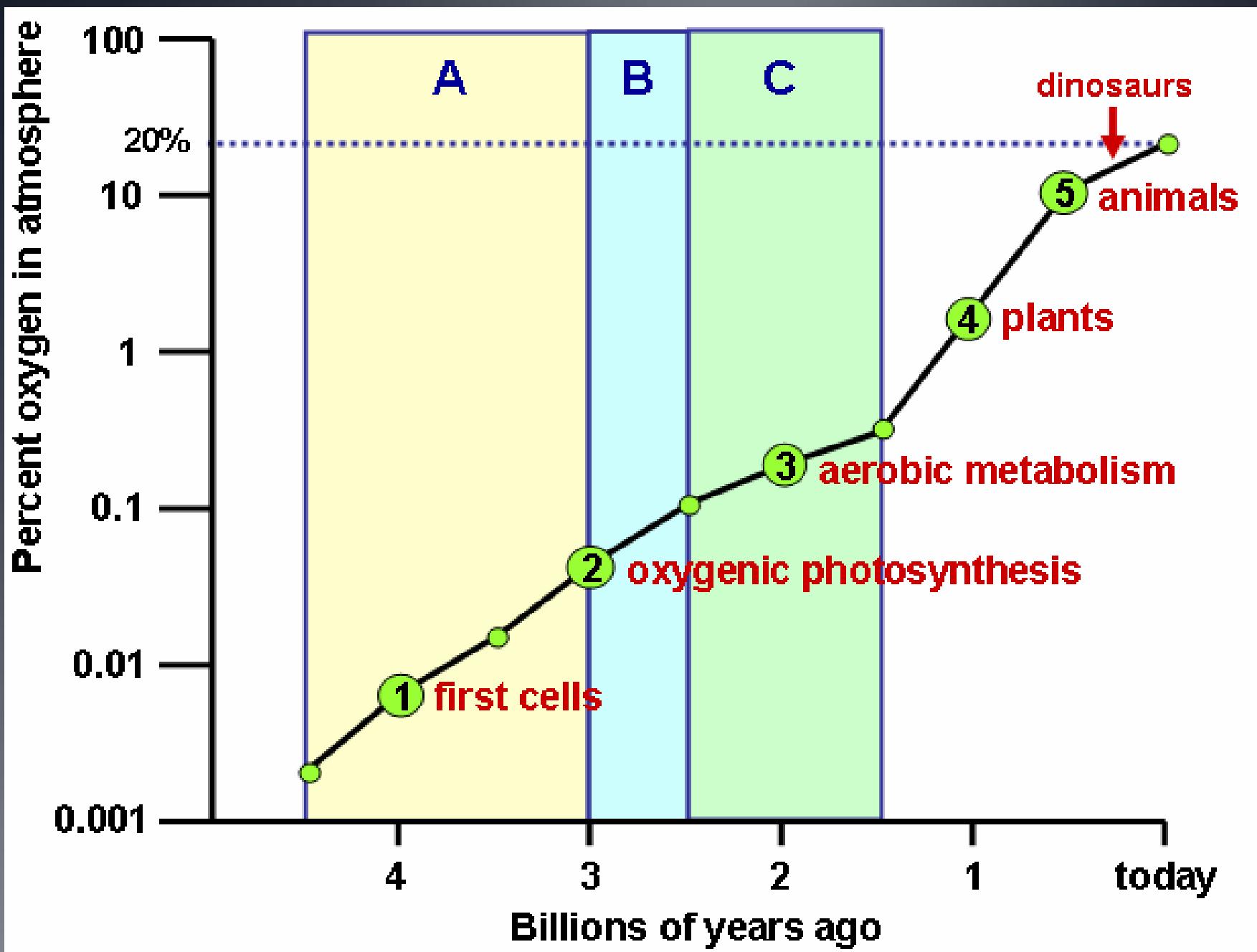


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# Life changes its environment

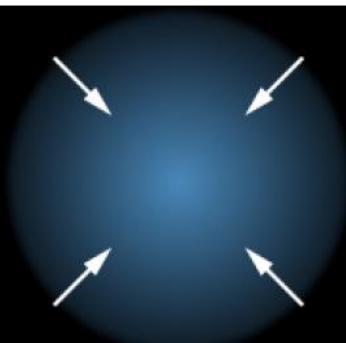


- Life needs a suitable environment to flourish.
- Feedback on environment and atmosphere
- Changes: biosignature, a sign of the presence of life
- Oxygen: a biosignature of life. Looking from afar, we cannot see plants and bacteria directly, but we can infer the presence of photosynthetic life if there is atmospheric oxygen.



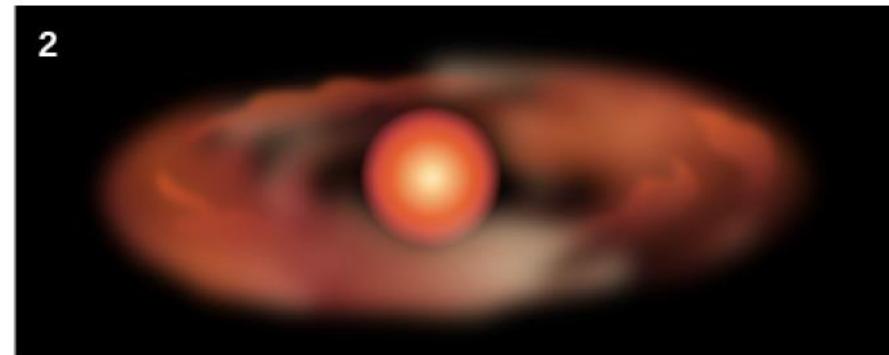
# Planet Formation

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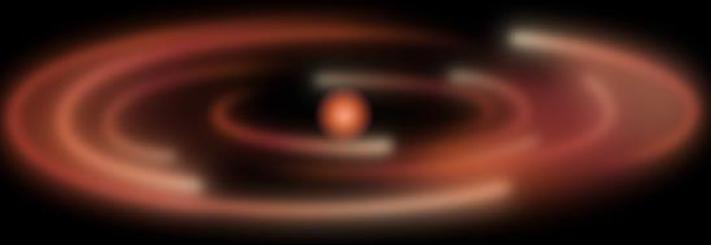
The solar nebula contracts.

2



As the nebula shrinks, its motion causes it to flatten.

3



The nebula is a disk of matter with a concentration near the center.

4



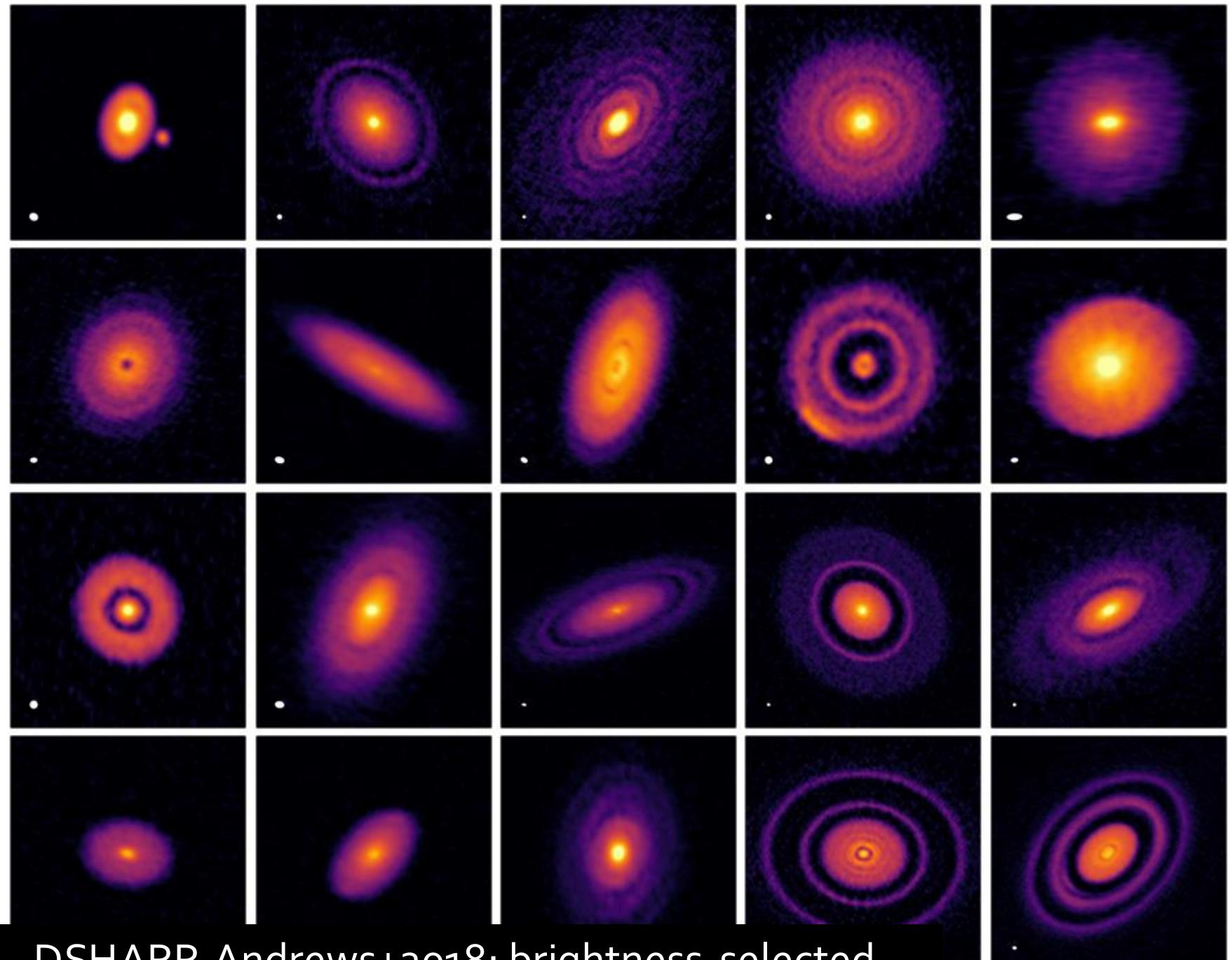
Formation of the protosun. Solid particles condense as the nebula cools, giving rise to the planetesimals, which are the building blocks of the planets.

Planets should form in disk and  
carve a gap



Image of a  
protoplanetary disk



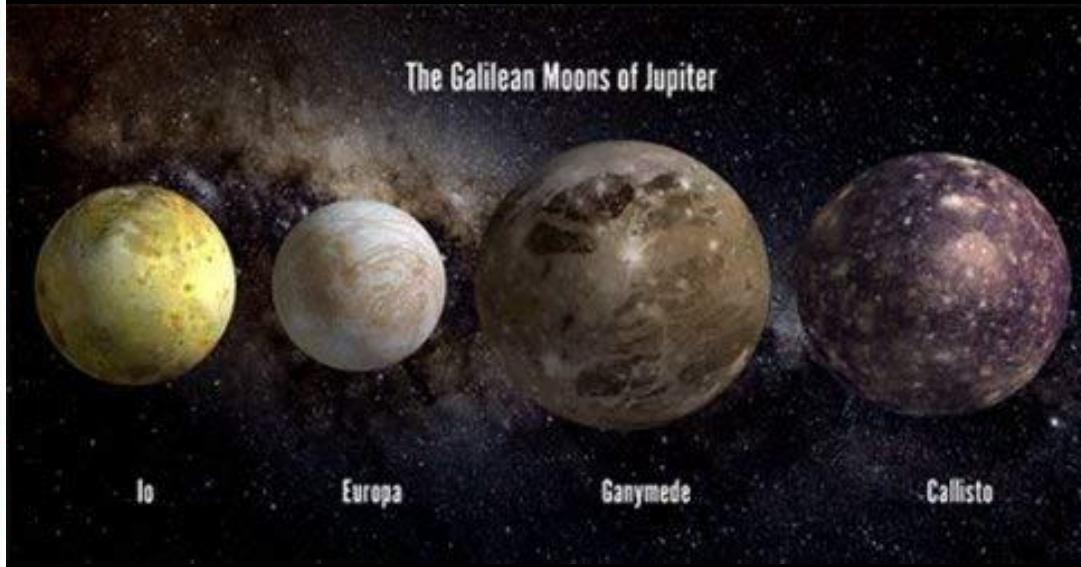
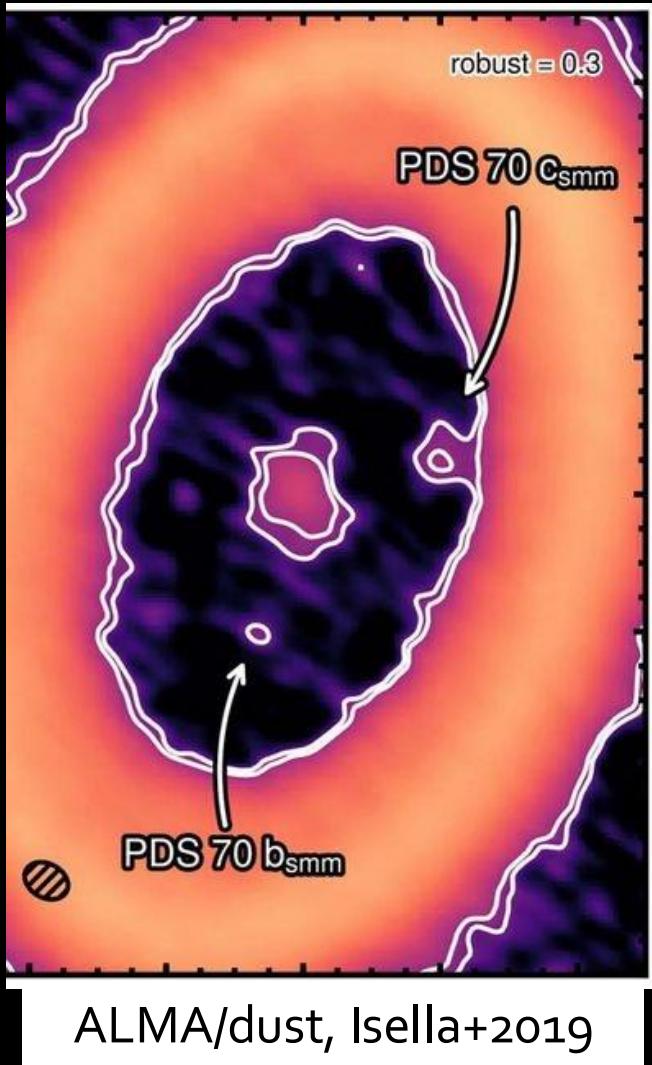


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Planet in a  
protoplanetary disk!

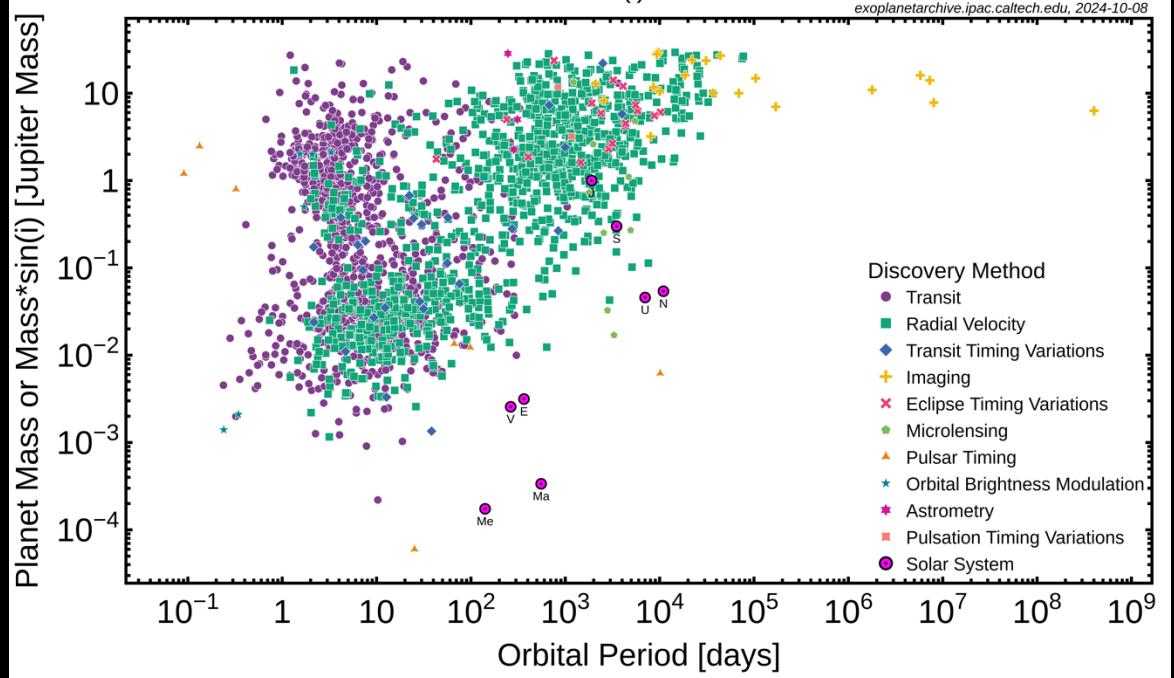


# Proto-lunar disks around PDS 70bc?

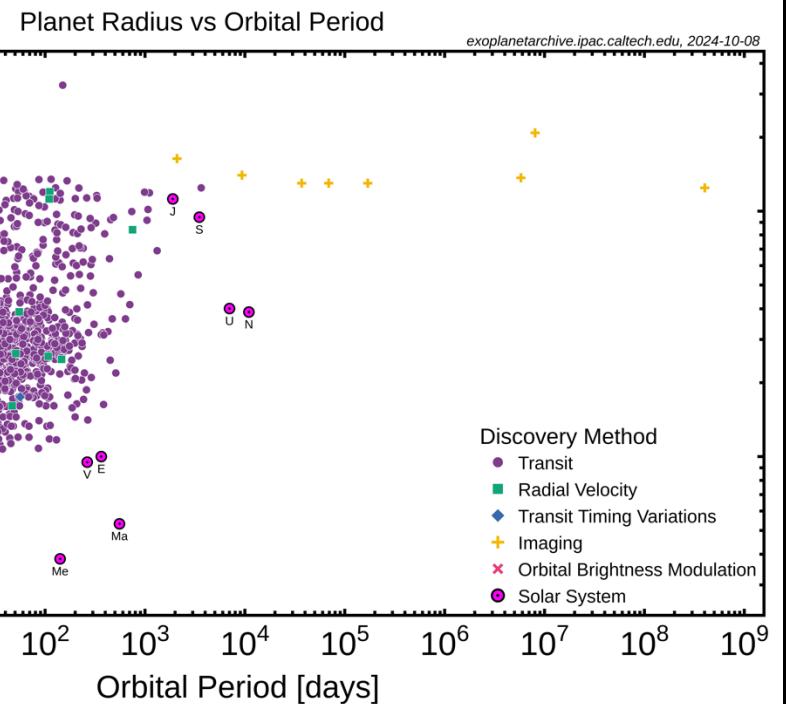


# Planets are everywhere!

- Many different detection techniques
  - Most common planet: “Super Earth”
  - Earths still challenging
  - Atmospheres very challenging
  - Many biases to larger planets, closer objects
- Planet Formation
  - Observational evidence for unseen planets
  - Challenge: Microscopic interactions on tiny scales lead to planets
  - Requires simulations+observations



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# Next lecture: the Milky Way!

