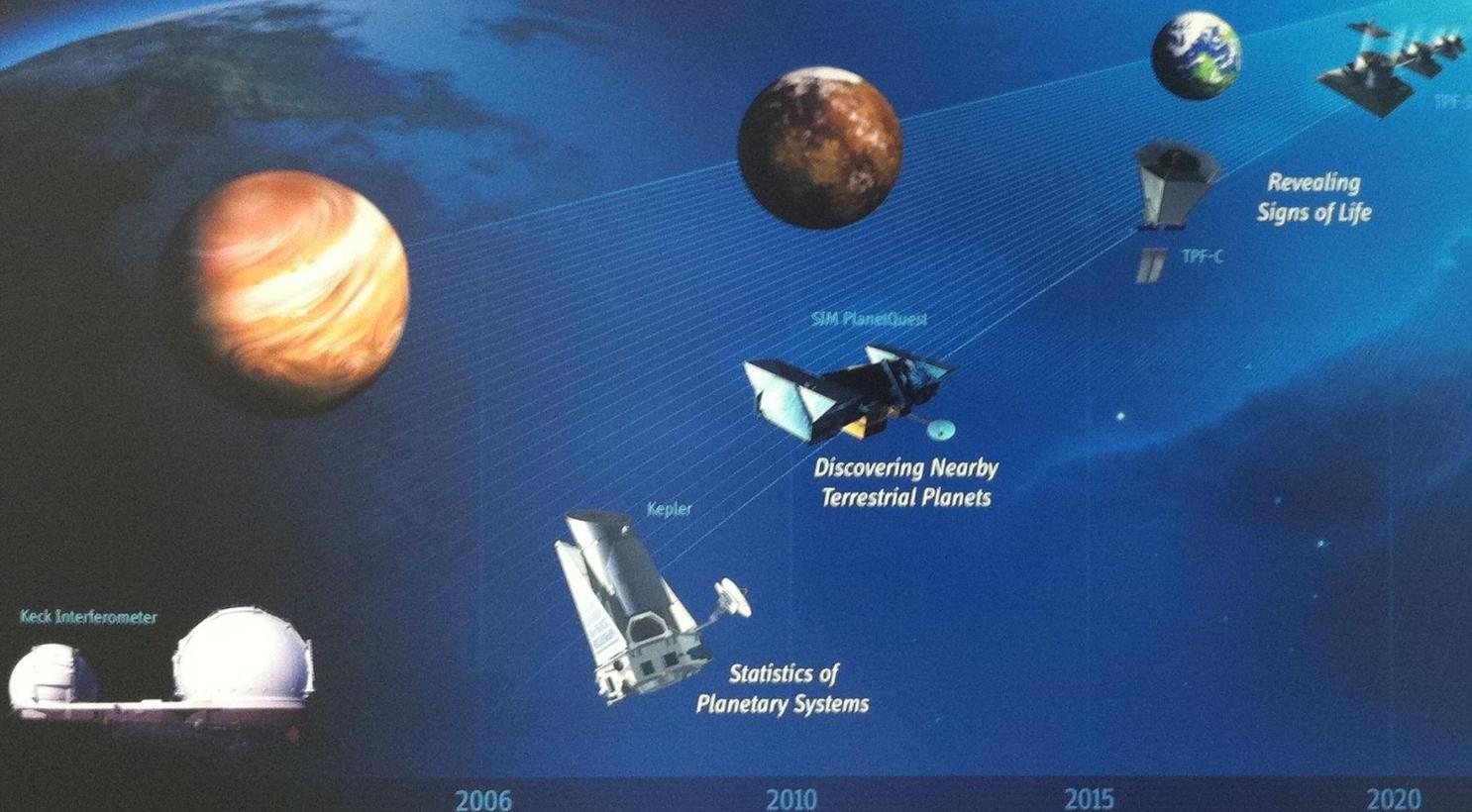
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## Design Requirements for Precision Radial Velocimetry

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(on behalf of John Johnson)

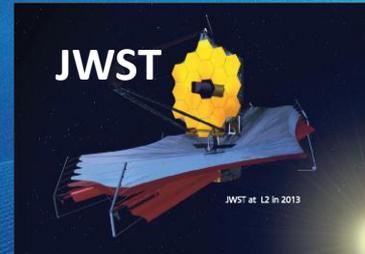
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Keck Interferometer



**Radial  
Velocities  
10 cm/s**

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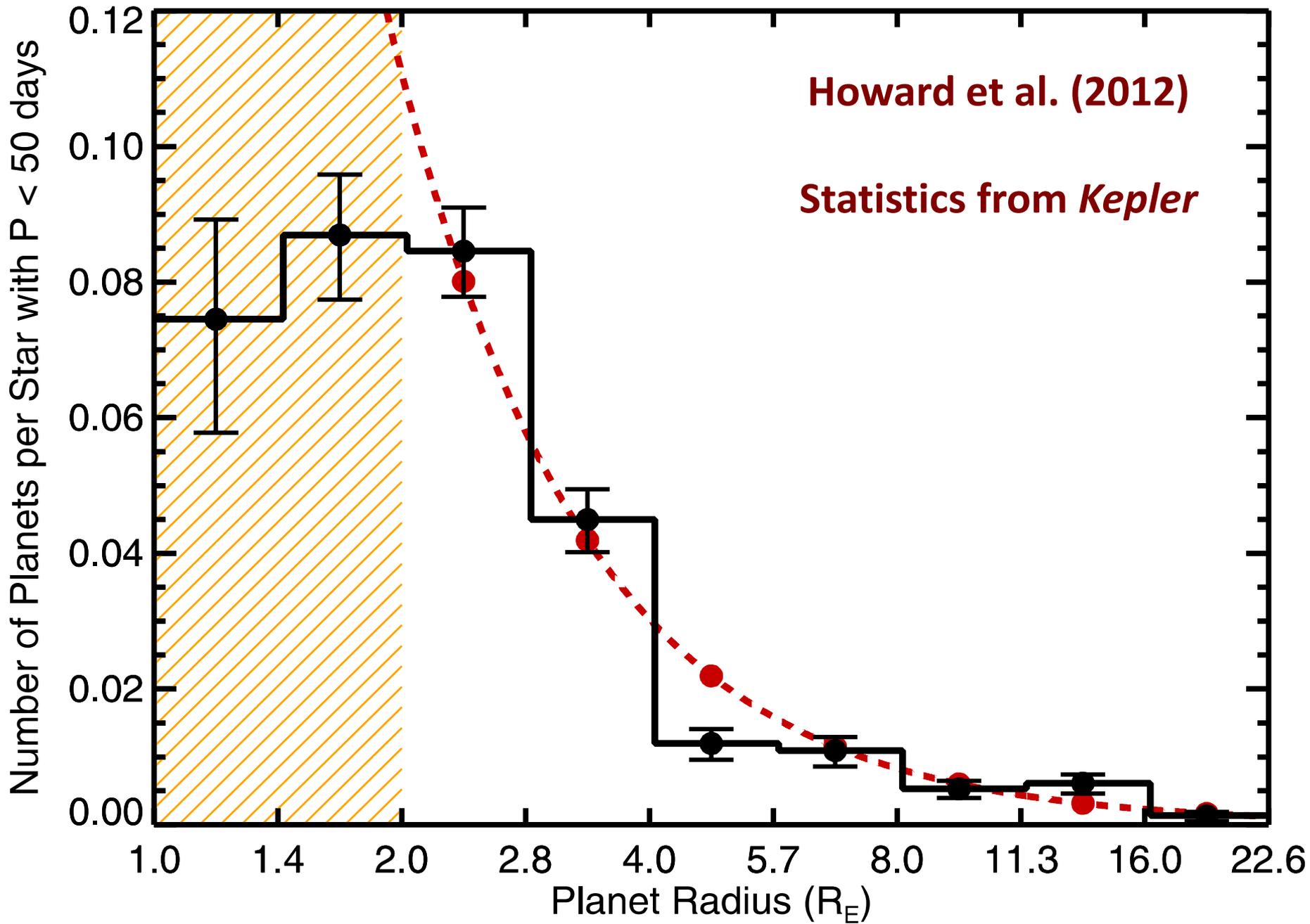
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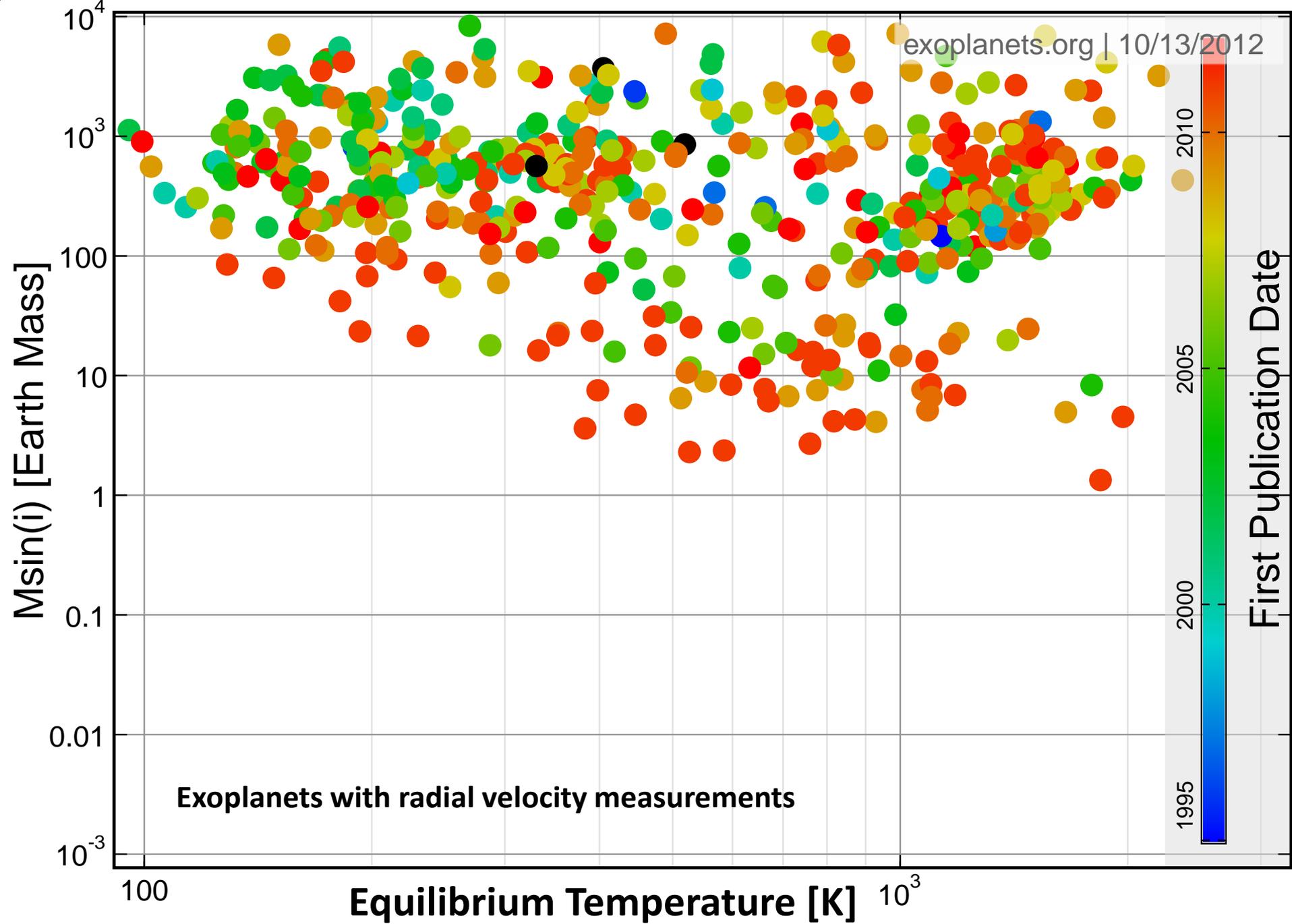
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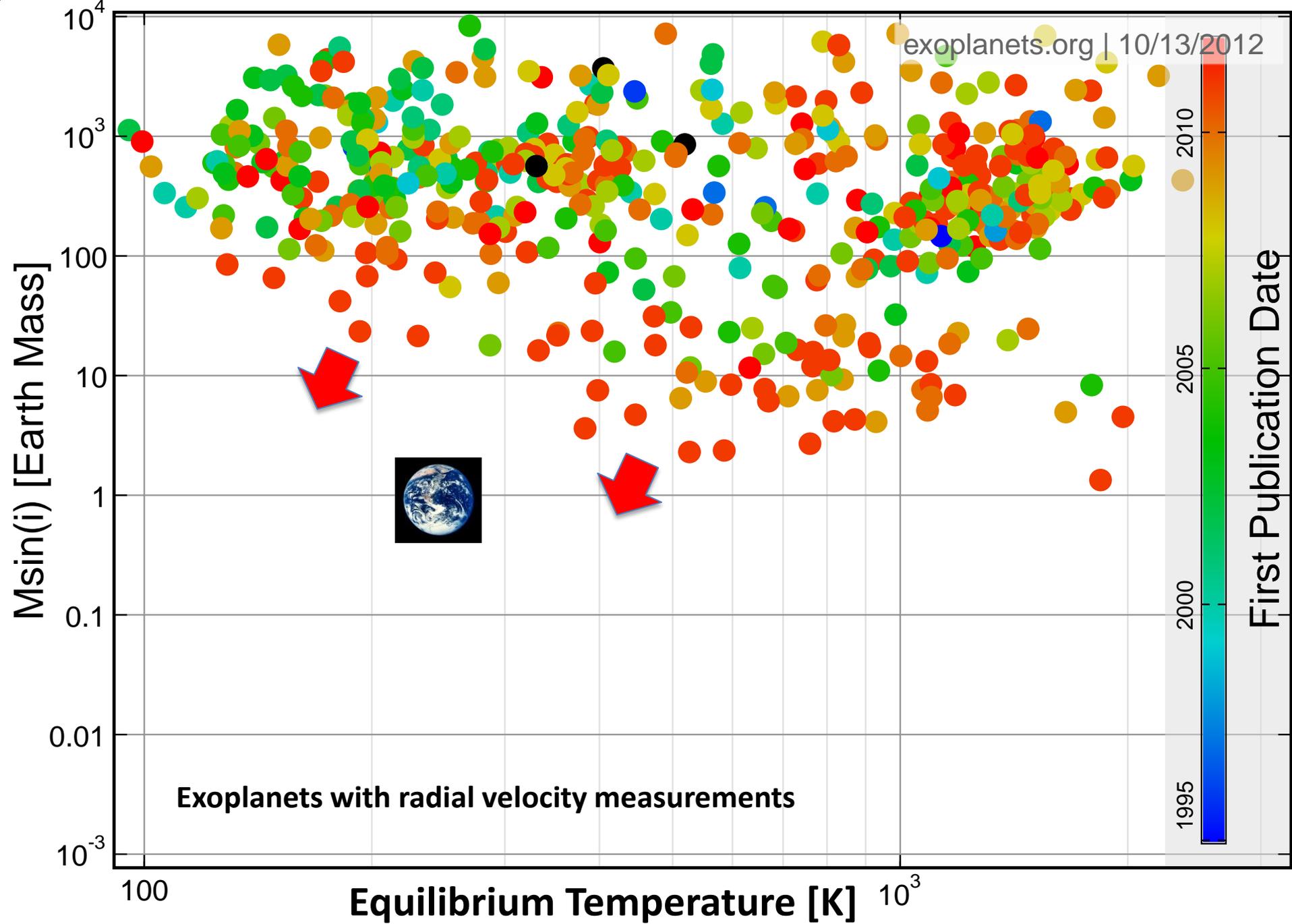
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**Optimize by  
CALCULATION**

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**Optimize by  
SIMULATION and  
EXPERIMENT**

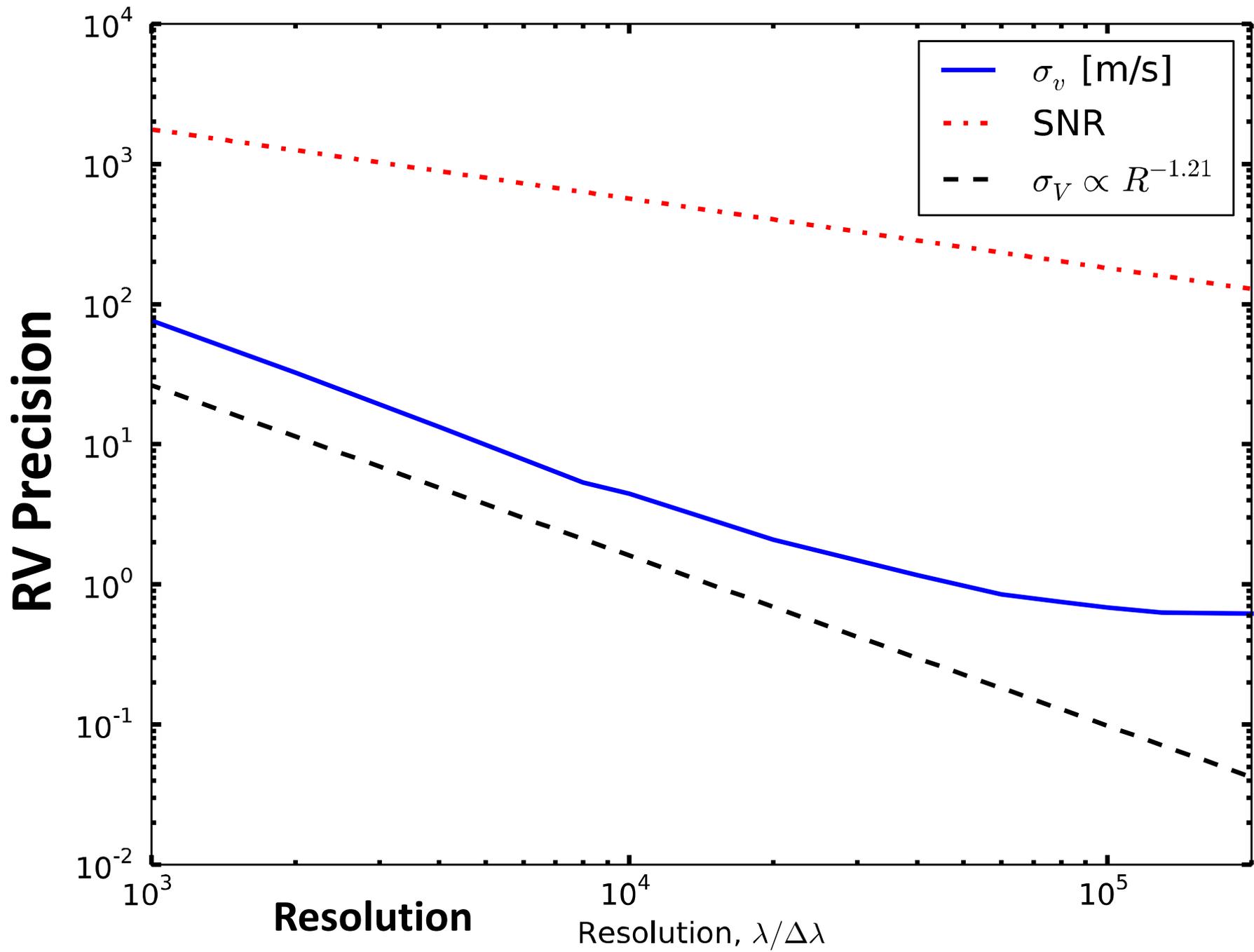


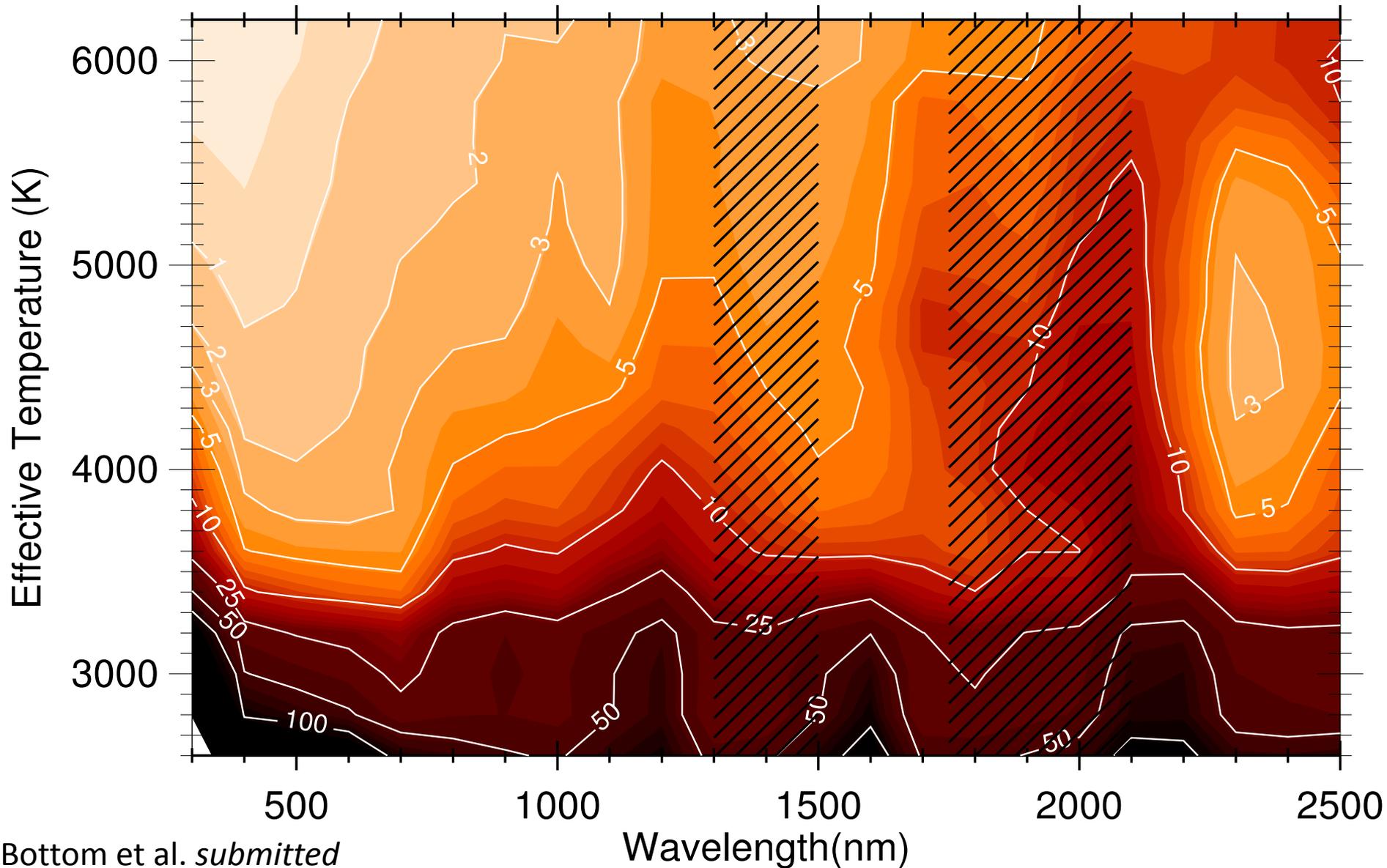
Michael Bottom

Bottom, Muirhead, Johnson,  
Blake *submitted to PASP*

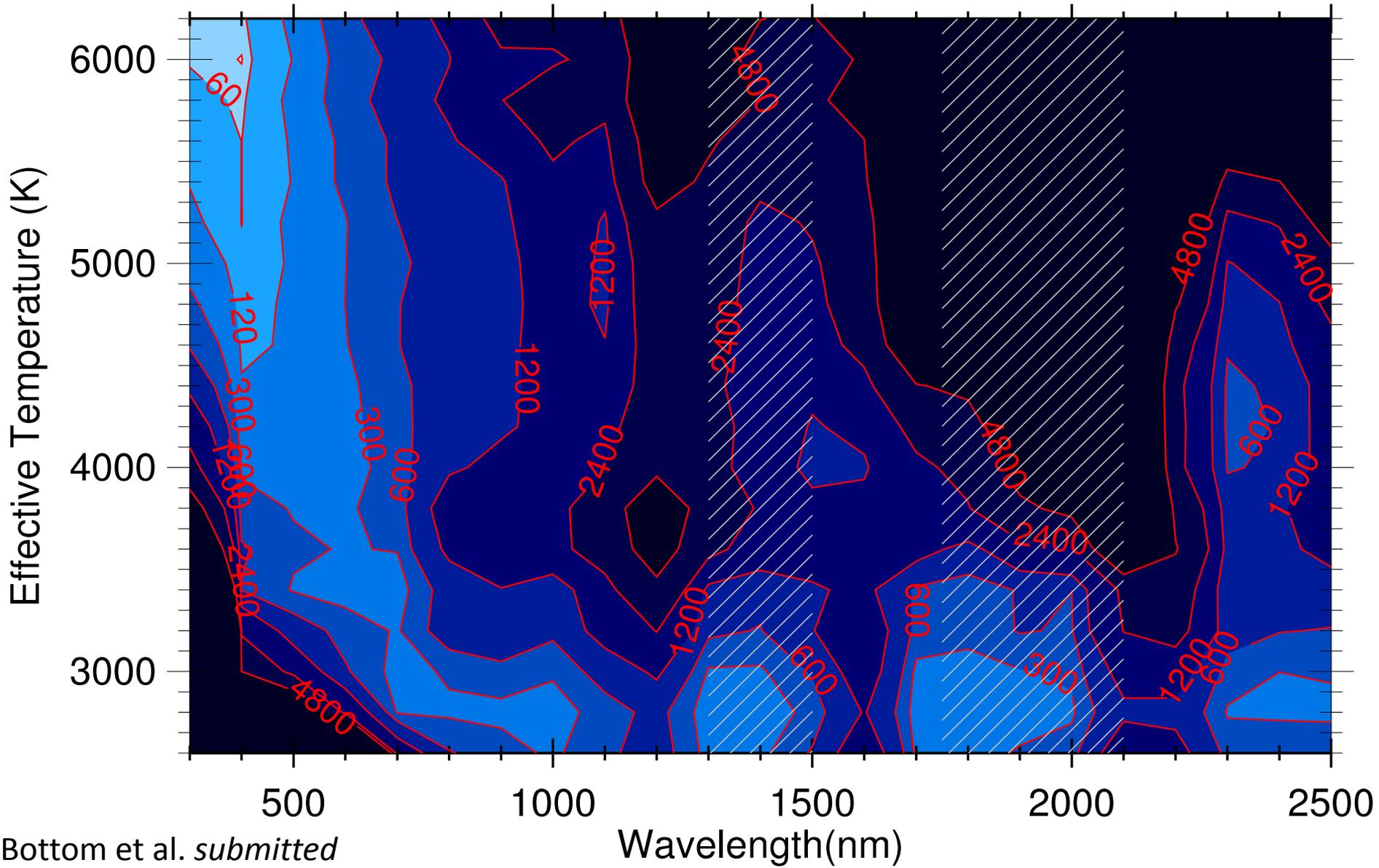
- Quantitatively assess **survey yield** as a function of Doppler spectrometer specifications:
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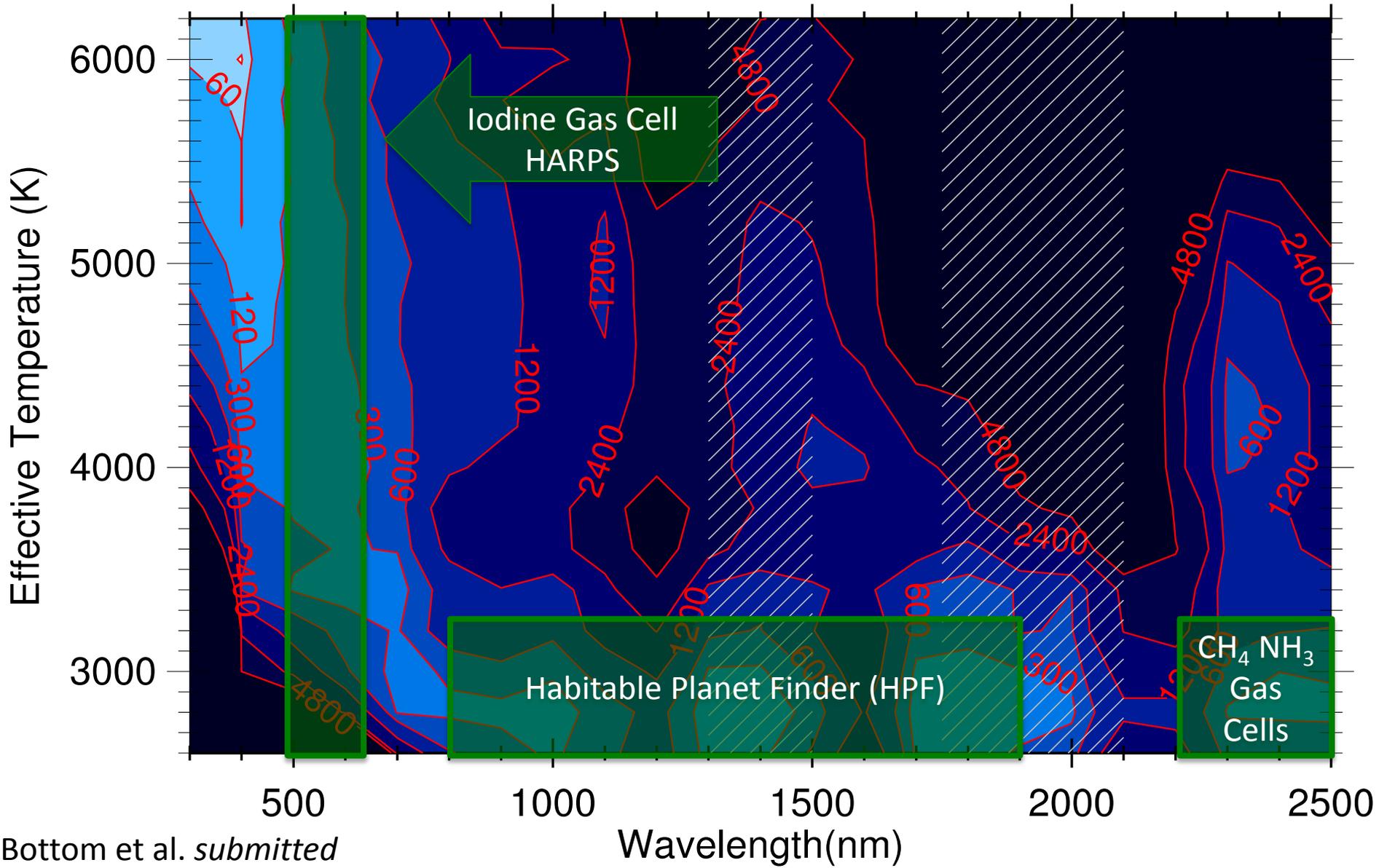




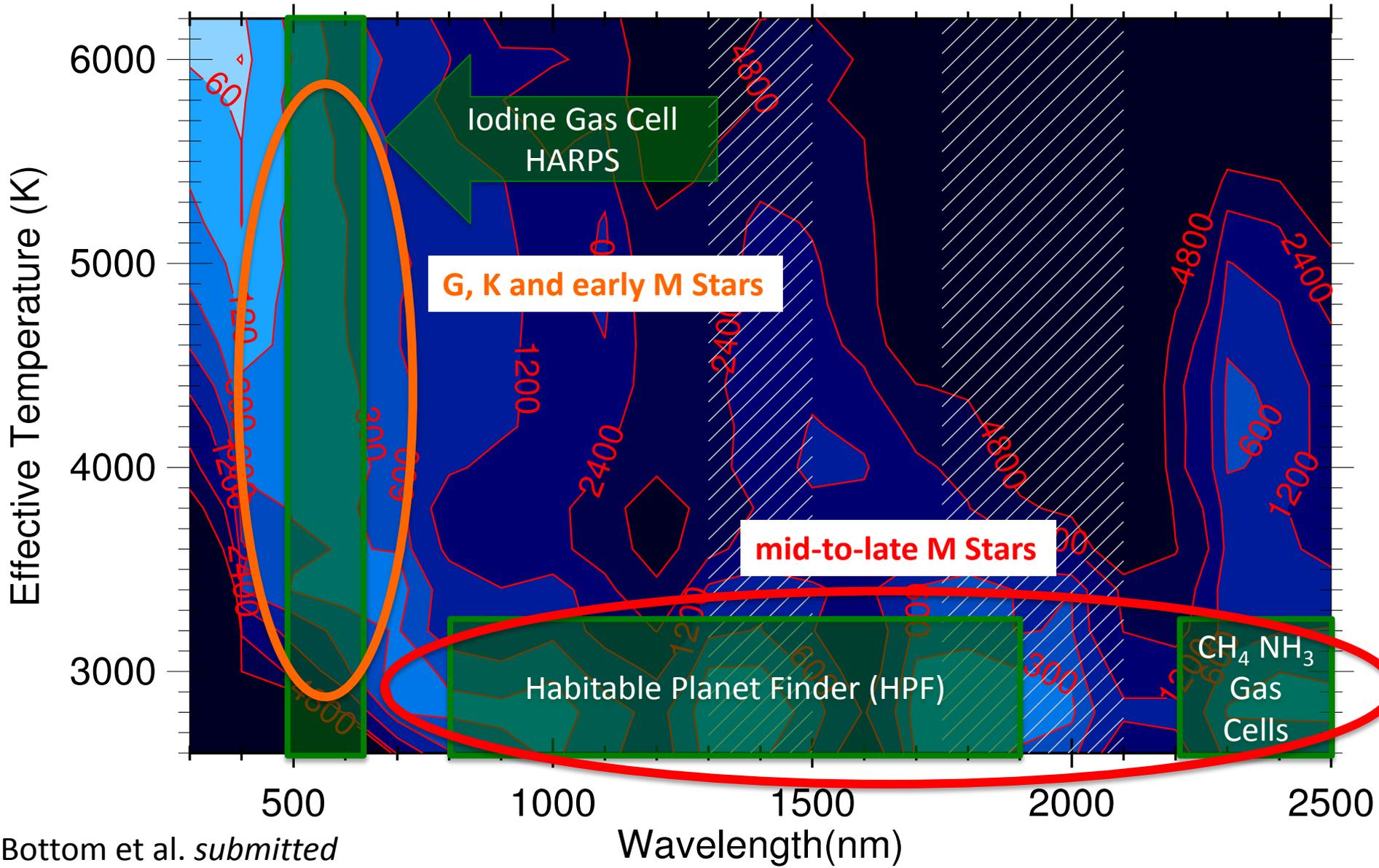
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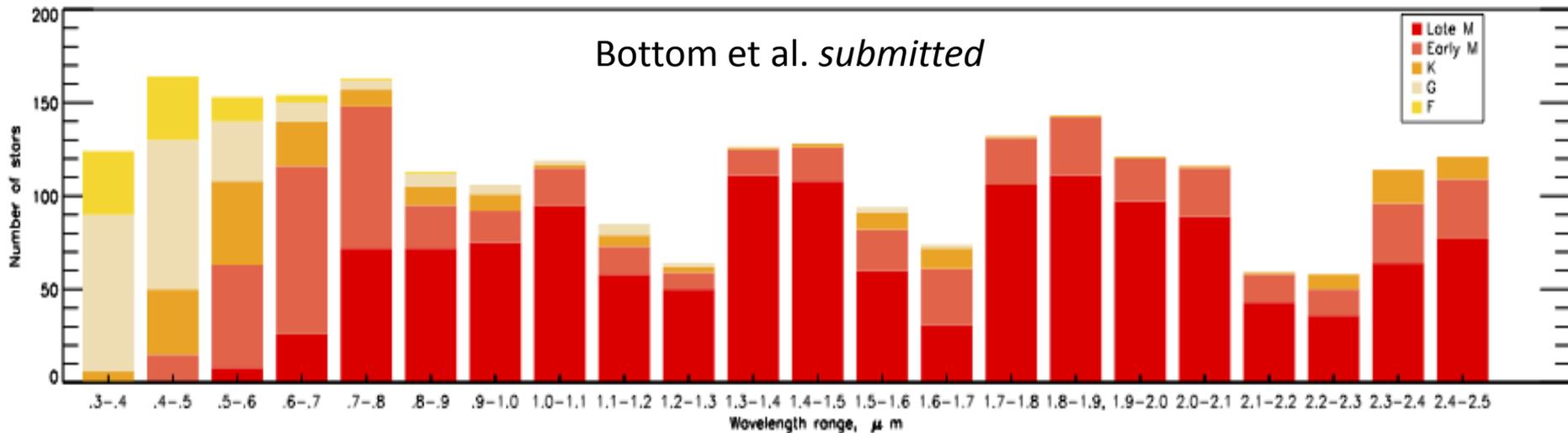


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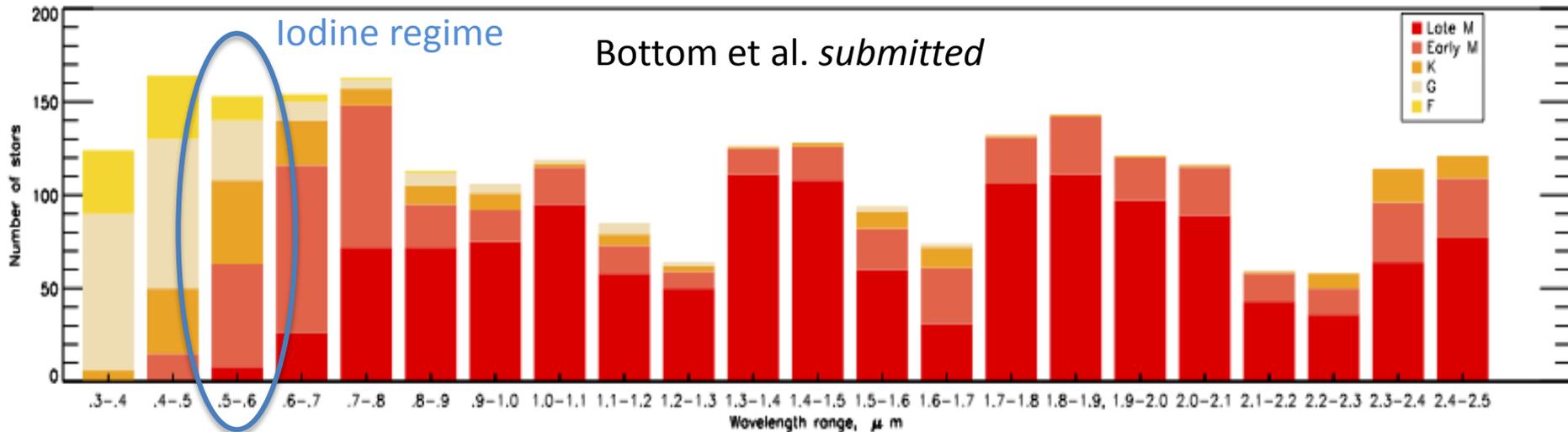
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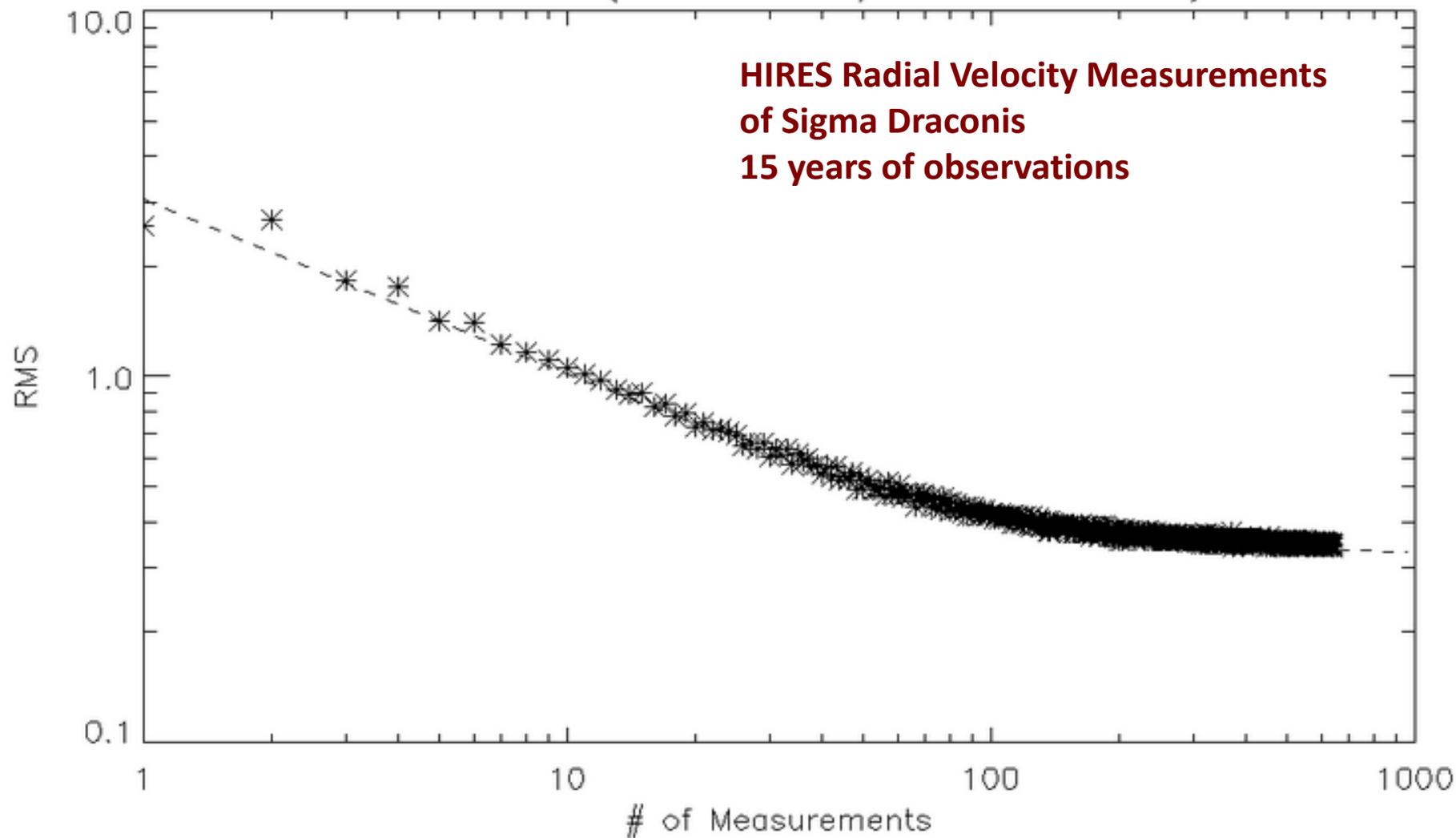
# Iodine-Calibrated Regime

- 500 to 620 nm best place to search for habitable-zone planets around nearby G,K & early-M dwarfs via the Doppler method.
- But so far we have only considered *photon noise*

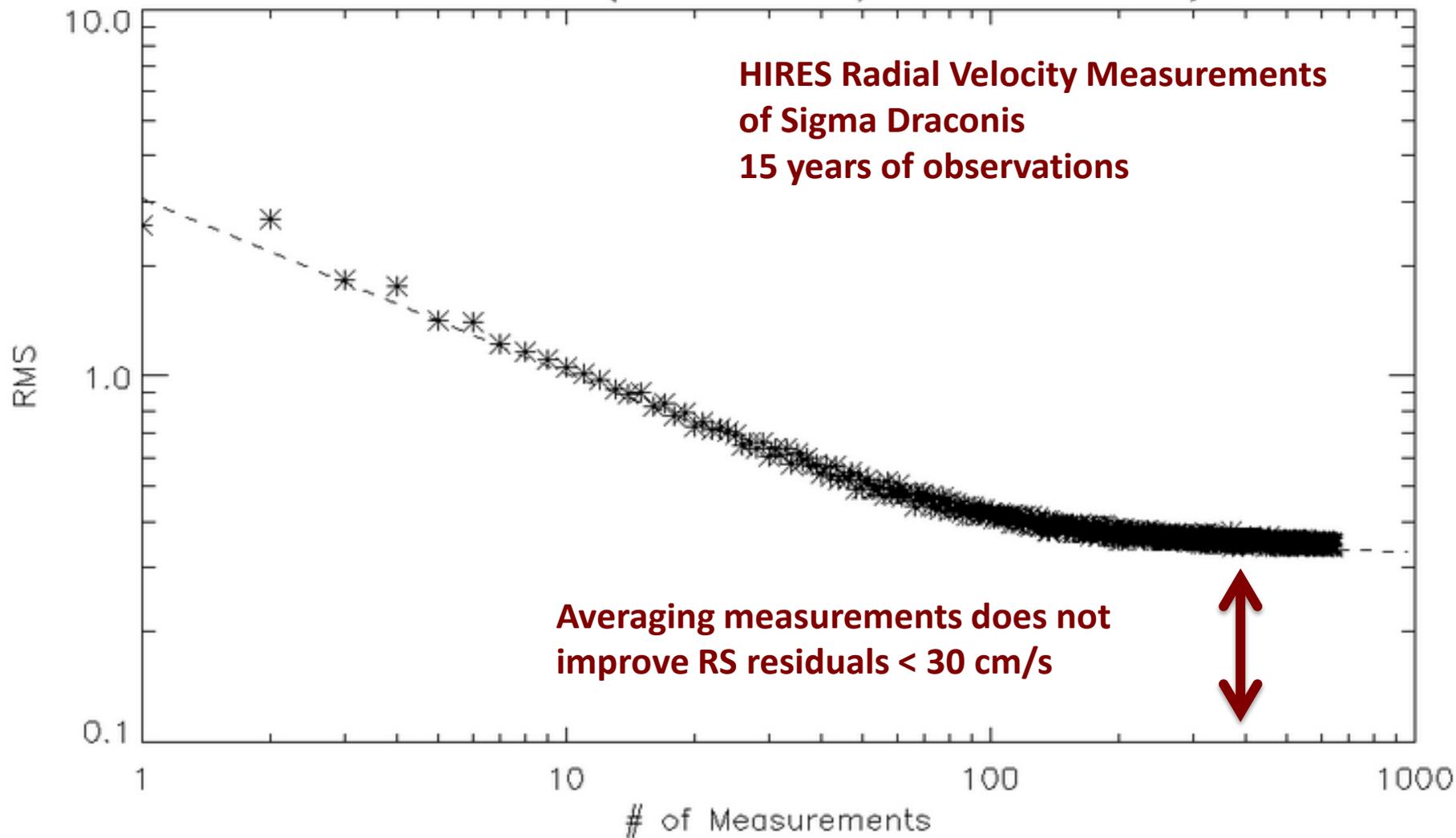
# Systematic Noise

(defined as a noise source we cannot isolate)

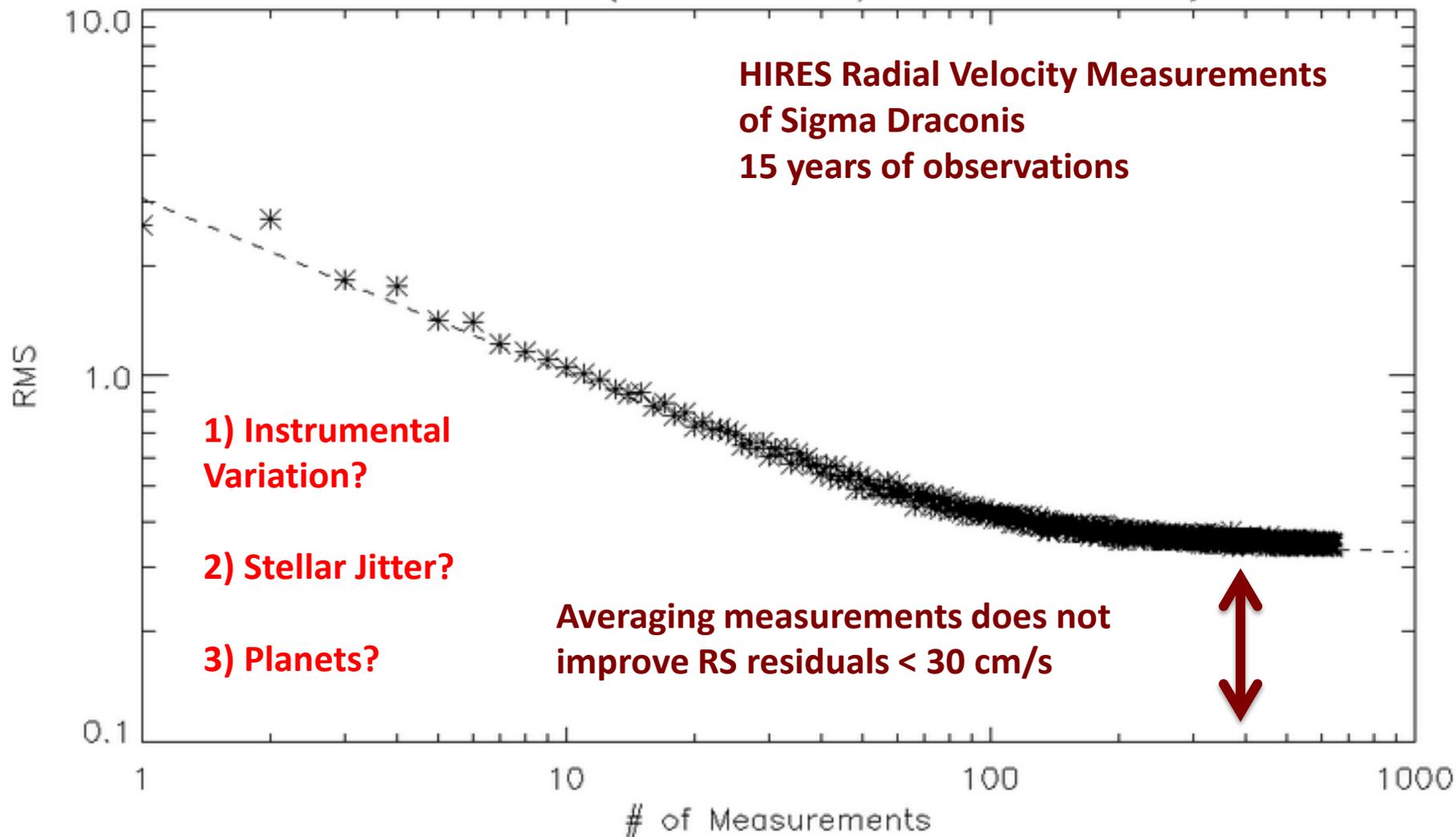
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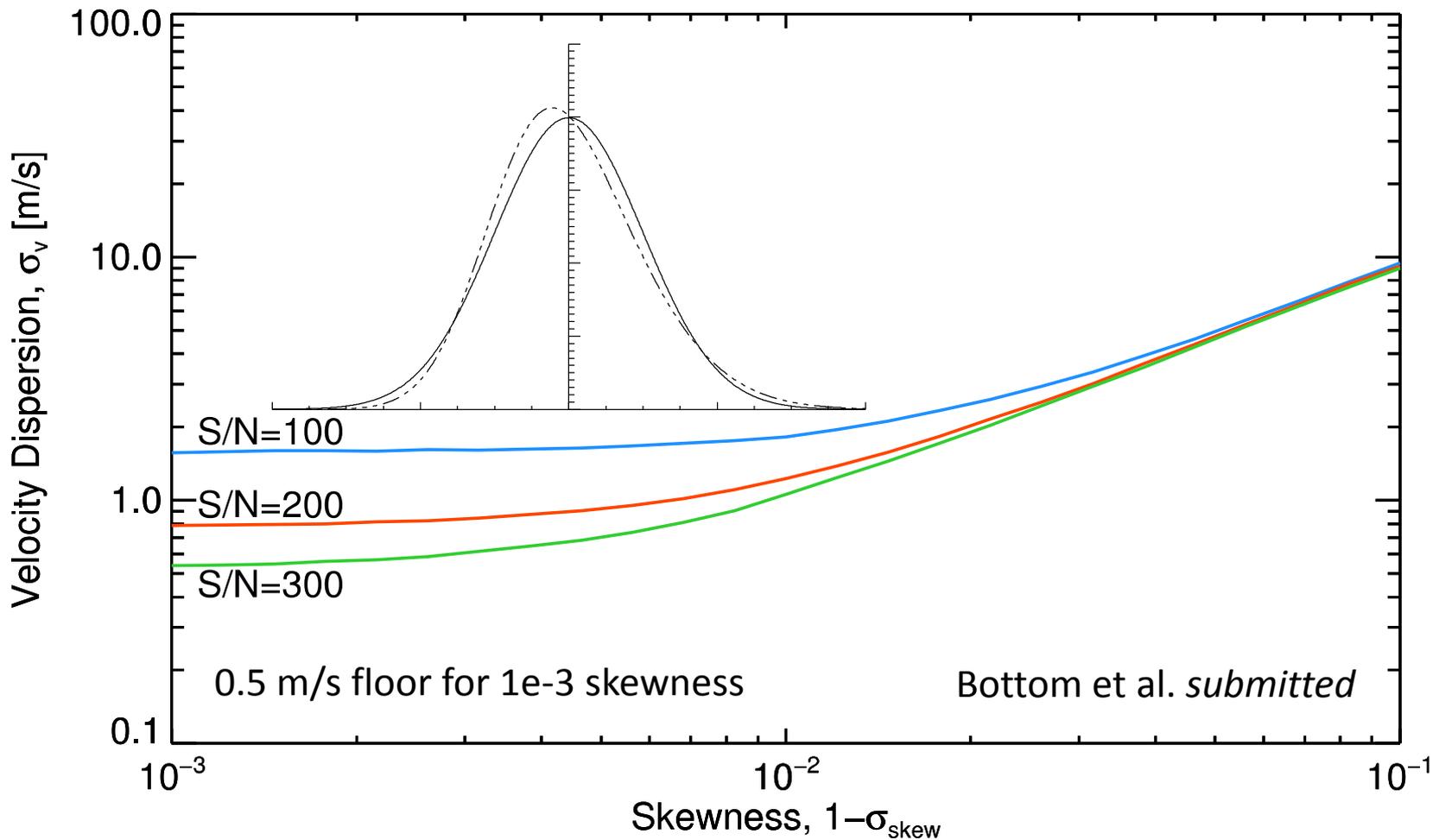
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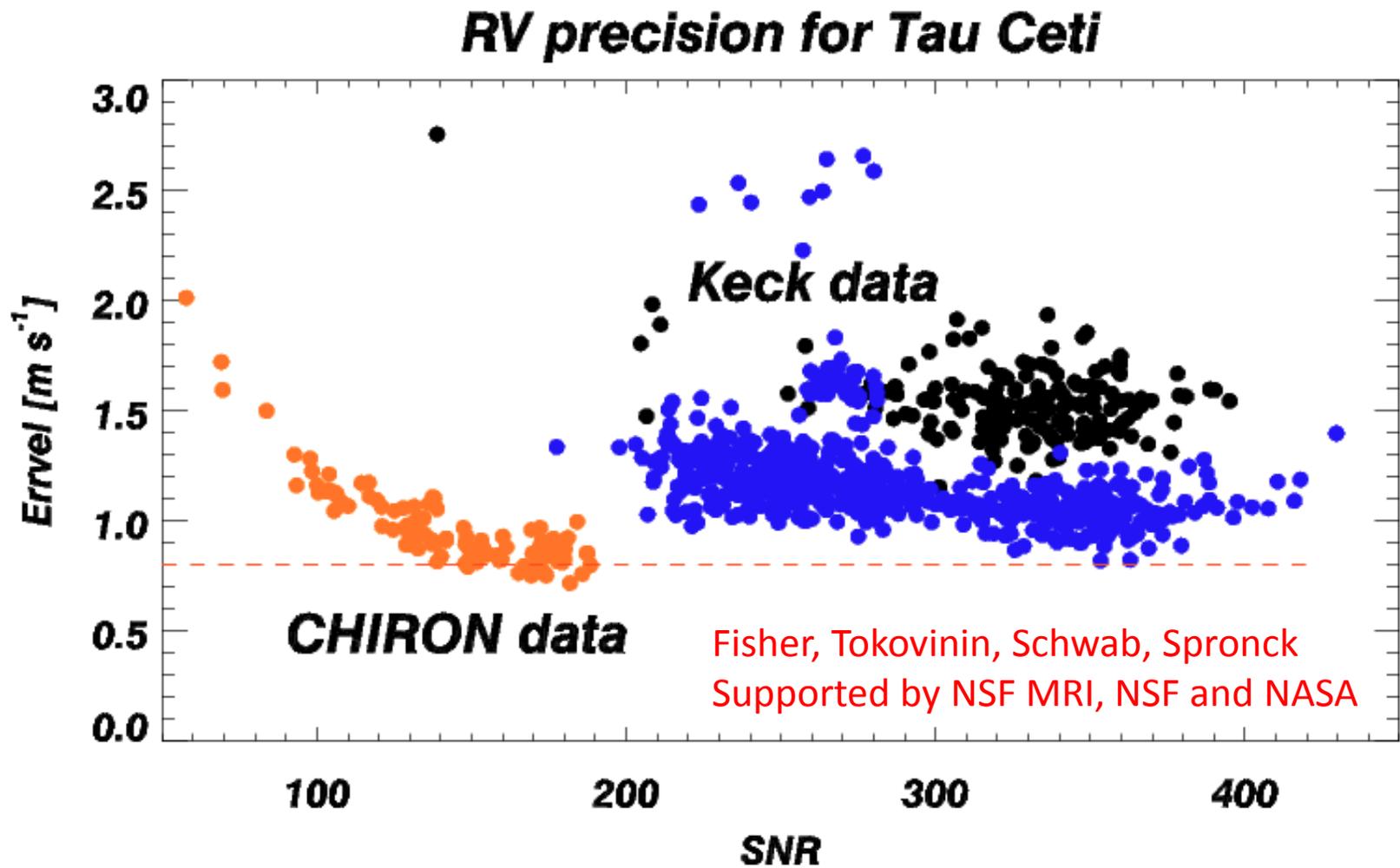
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# Instrumental Profile Stability: Dominant Effect

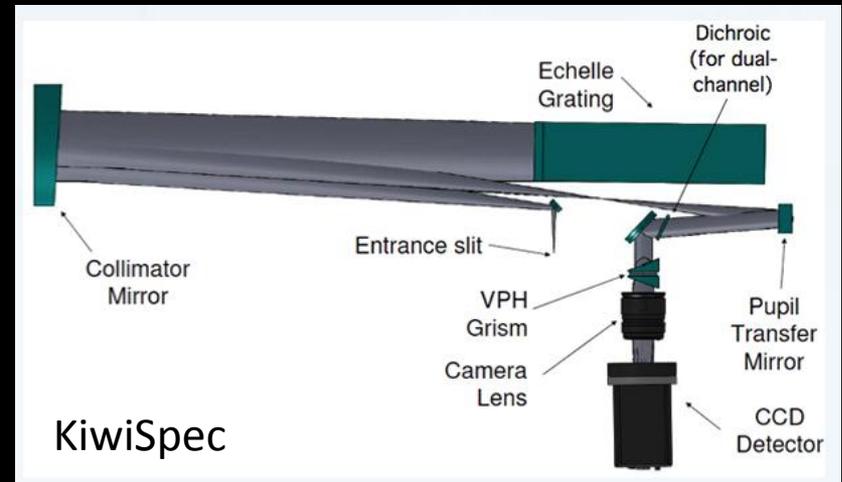


# Instrumental Profile Stability: Stabilize with Fiber Scrambling



# That Leaves **Jitter** and **Short-period Planets**

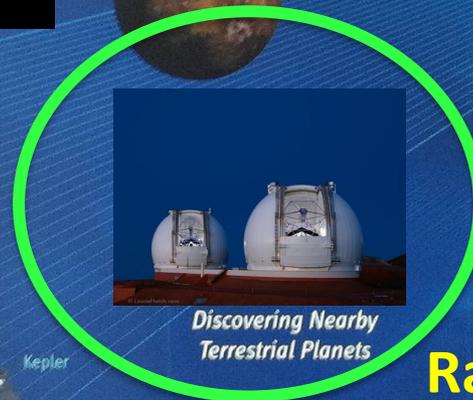
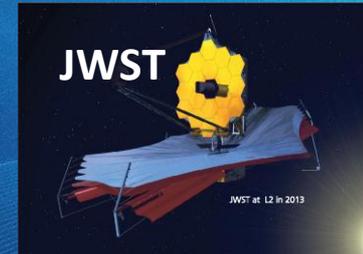
- Both can be overcome with *high-cadence* observations.
- An RV measurement *every night*.
- Project *Minerva*



Johnson, Wright, McCrady, Swift, Muirhead, Bottom, Hogstrom

# PLANETQUEST

- **IP Stability**
  - Iodine + Fiber
- **High Cadence**
  - Dedicated instrument and telescope



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# Future of Radial Velocities

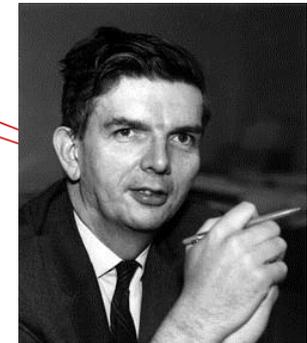
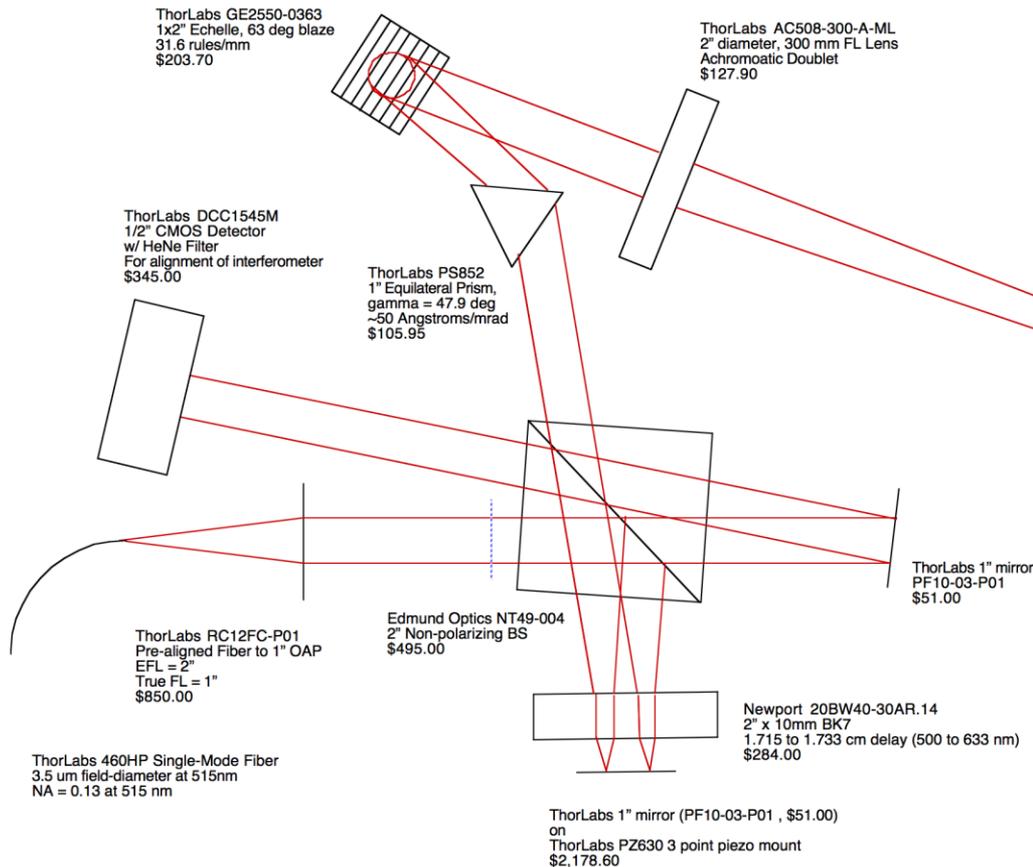
- High TRL barge is headed towards big dedicated spectrographs, big telescopes, laser combs...



- ...but low TRL speed boats are fun



# New Low TRL Project: LAEDI



Robert H. Dicke

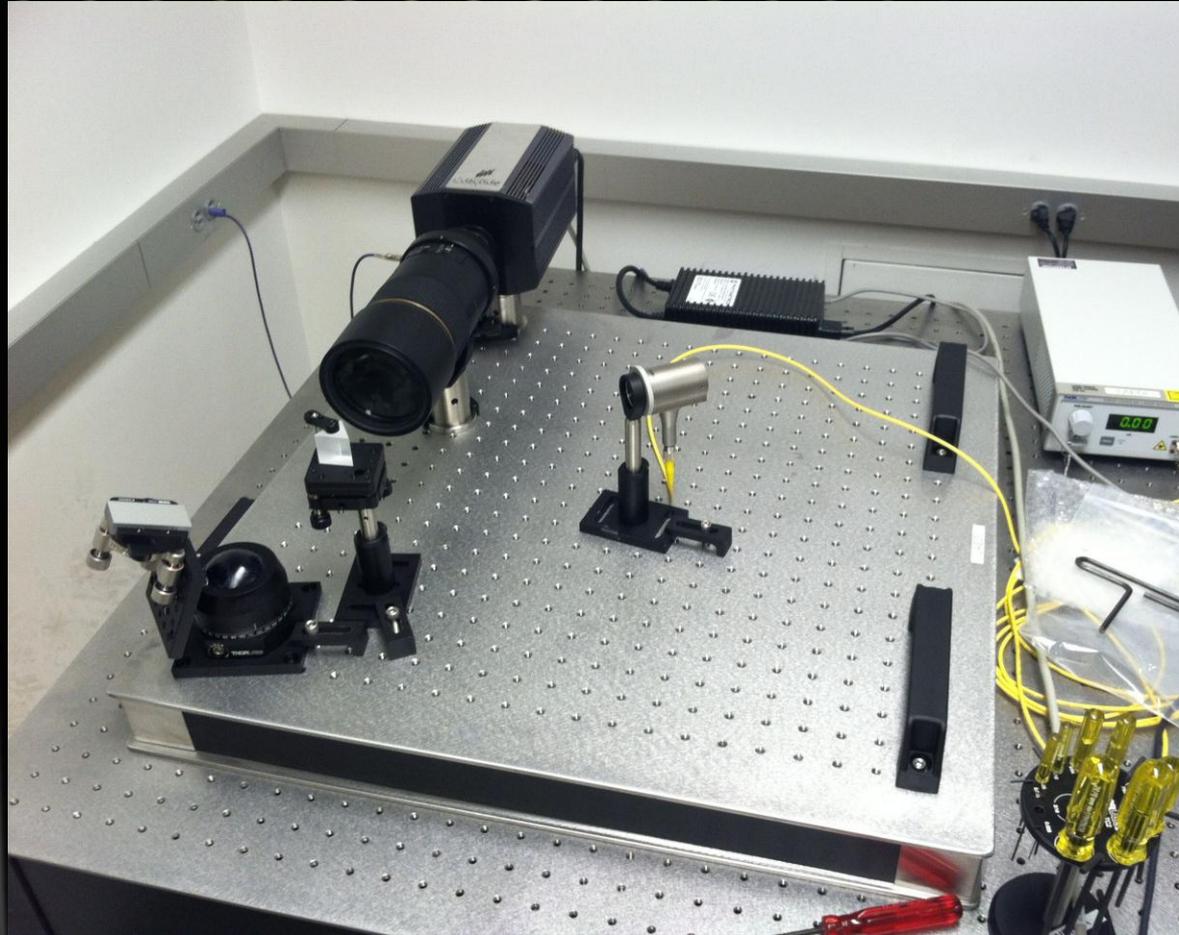
- **Lock-in Amplified Externally Dispersed Interferometer**
- **2012 JPL DRDF award winner!**
- **P. Muirhead, G. Vasisht (Co-Pis), K. Wallace, R. Jensen-Clem, M. Bottom, J. Johnson**

# New Project: LAEDI

Uses a zero-readnoise detector

Single-mode fiber feed for high coherence

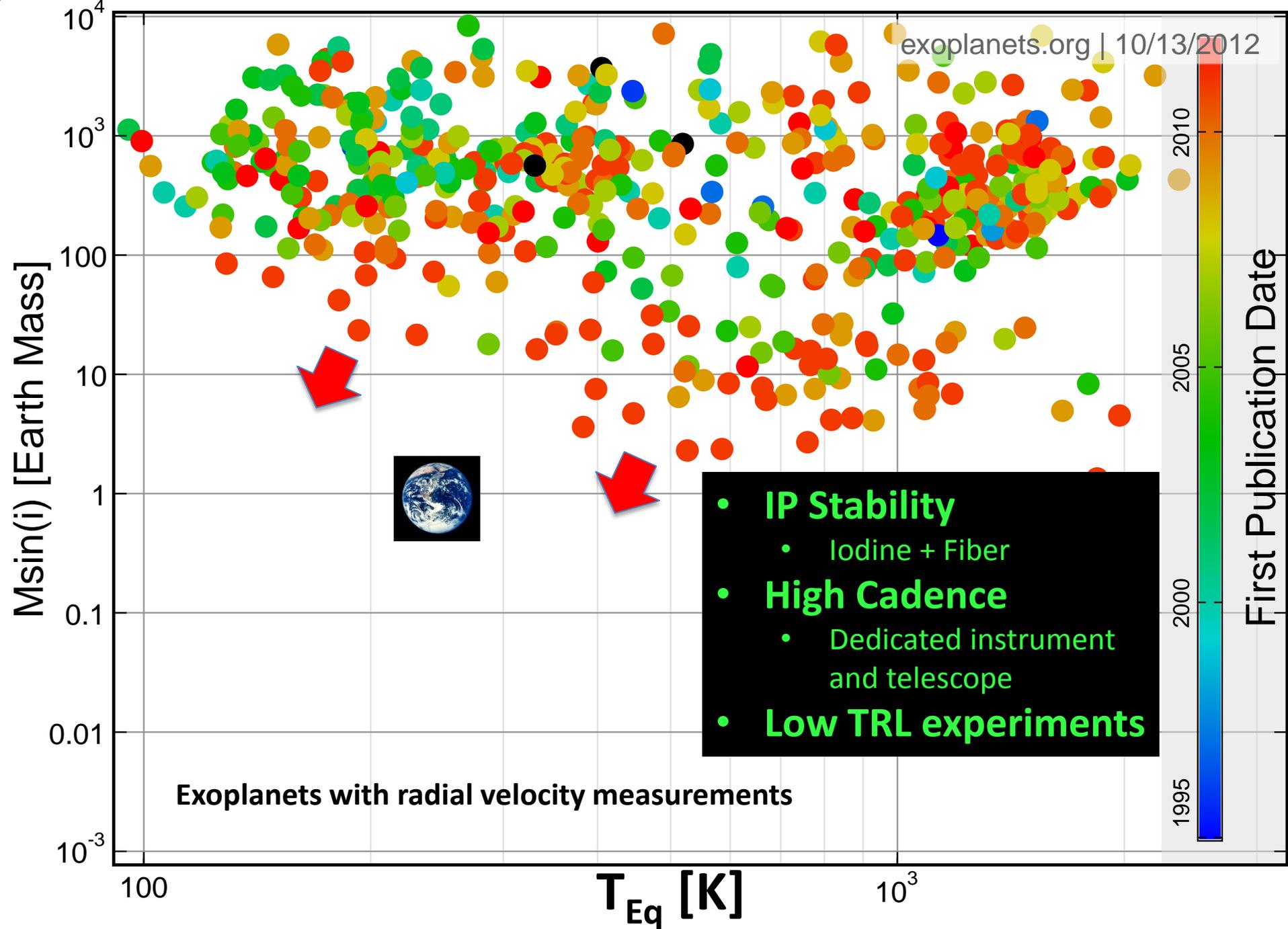
Frequency locked-laser for mm/s OPD calibration.



# **New Project: LAEDI**

**Spectrograph first light on FRIDAY!**

**Thanks to students Rebecca Jensen-Clem and Michael Botto**



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