

Science Enabled by The *Roman* Galactic Exoplanet Survey

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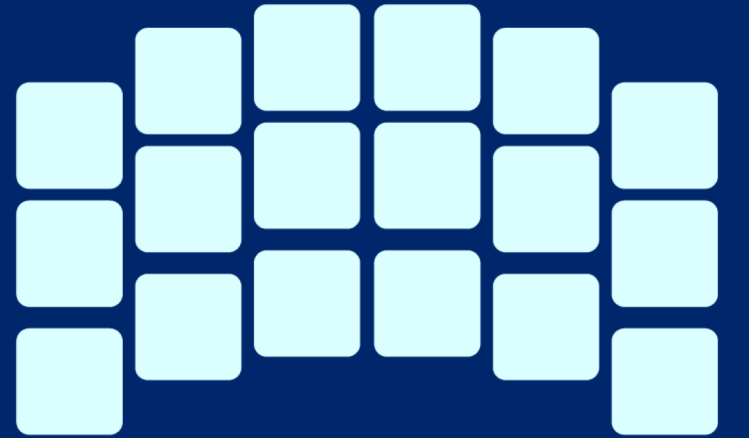
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Nancy Grace Roman – first NASA Chief of Astronomy

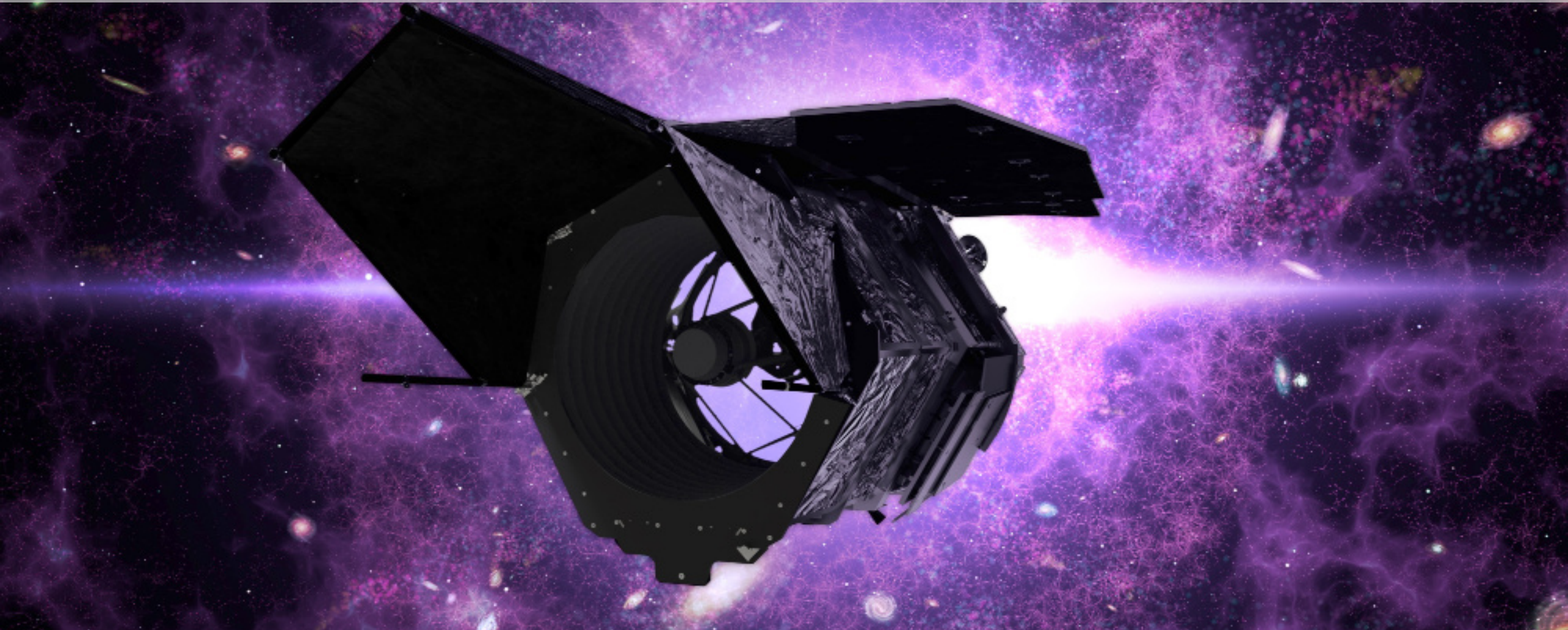


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SPACE TELESCOPE

The *Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope (Roman)*



- Mission in Phase C (Final Design and Fabrication) as of 03/2020
- Passing Design Reviews, 2/3 flight detectors, on track to launch late 2026
- Cosmology, exoplanets (microlensing/coronagraphy), general observing

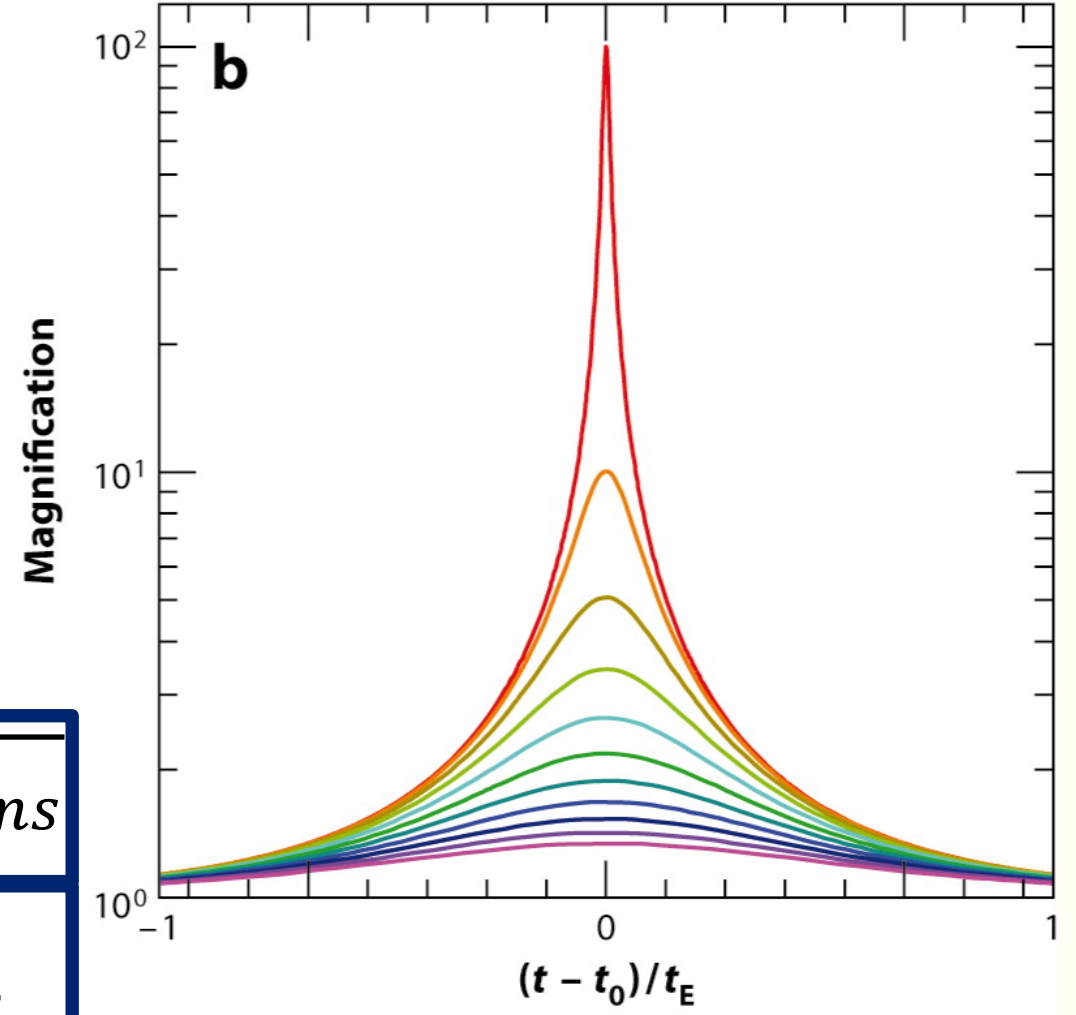
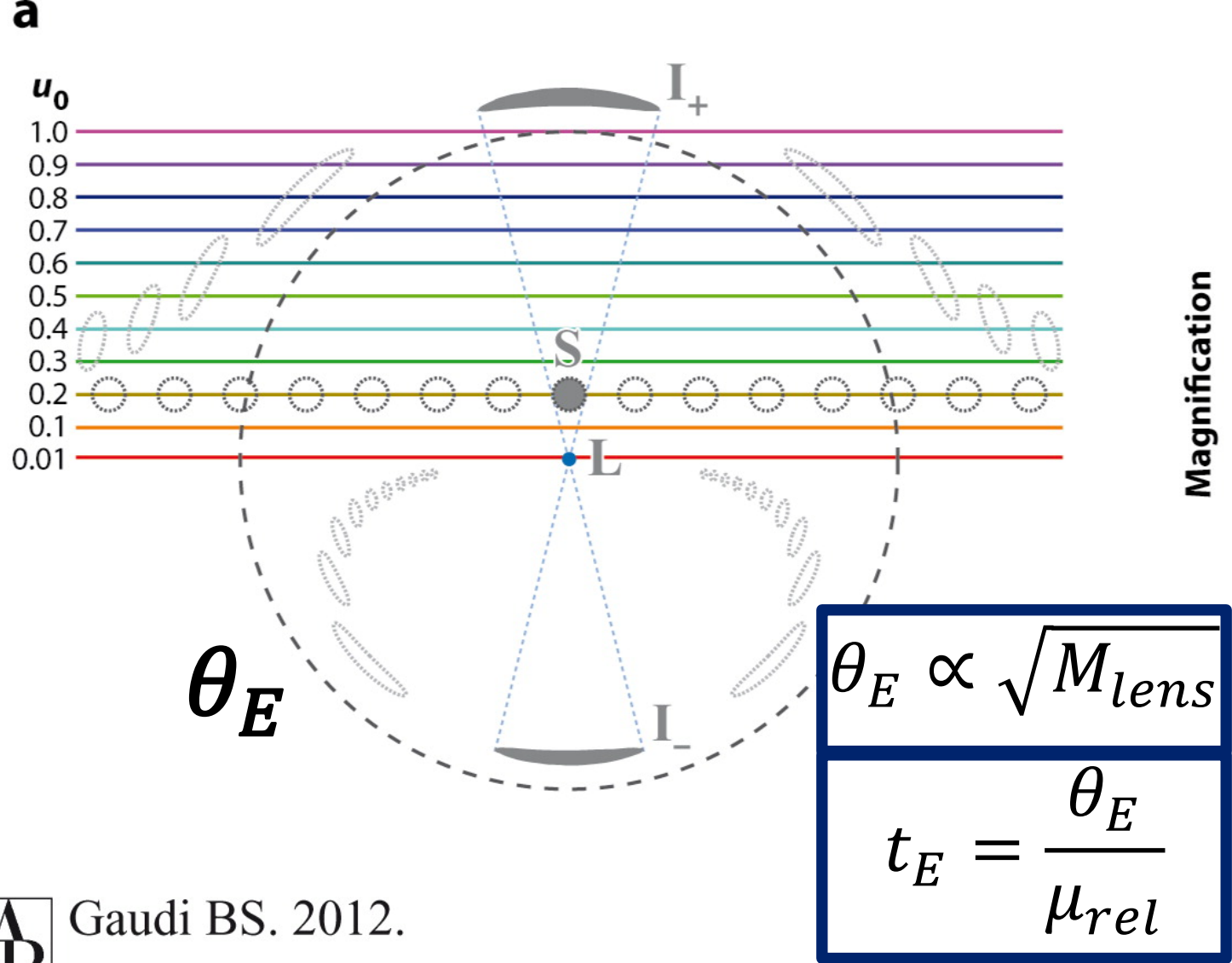
The *Roman* Galactic Exoplanet Survey

The first space-based microlensing survey of the Galactic Bulge

“The exoplanet mission that nobody asked for.”—overheard from a senior NASA scientist



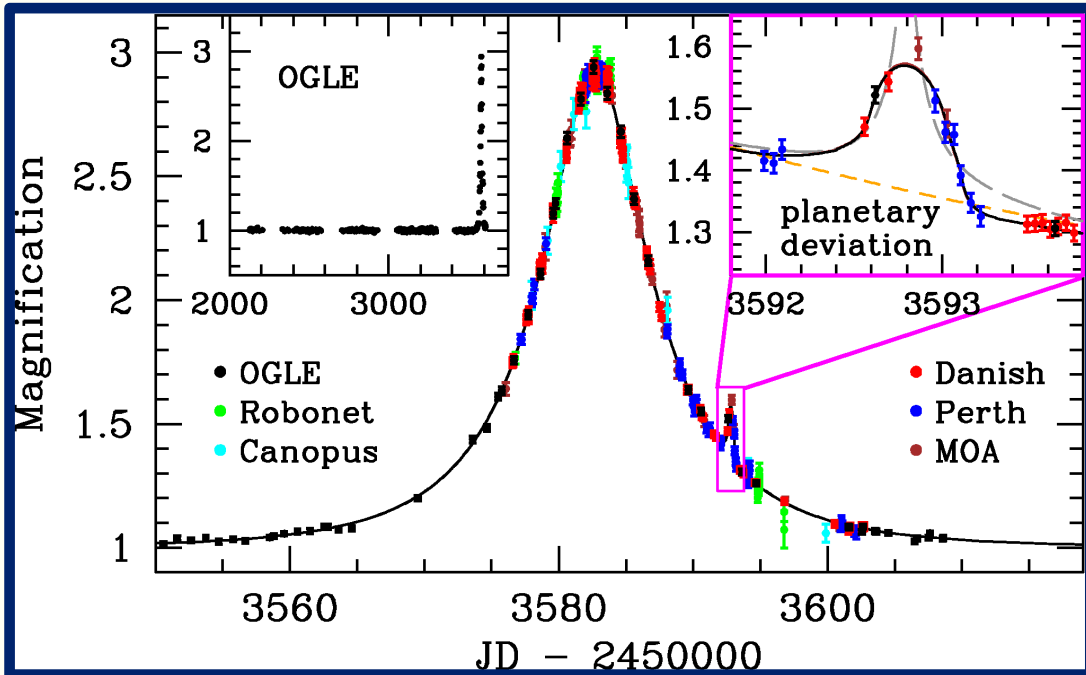




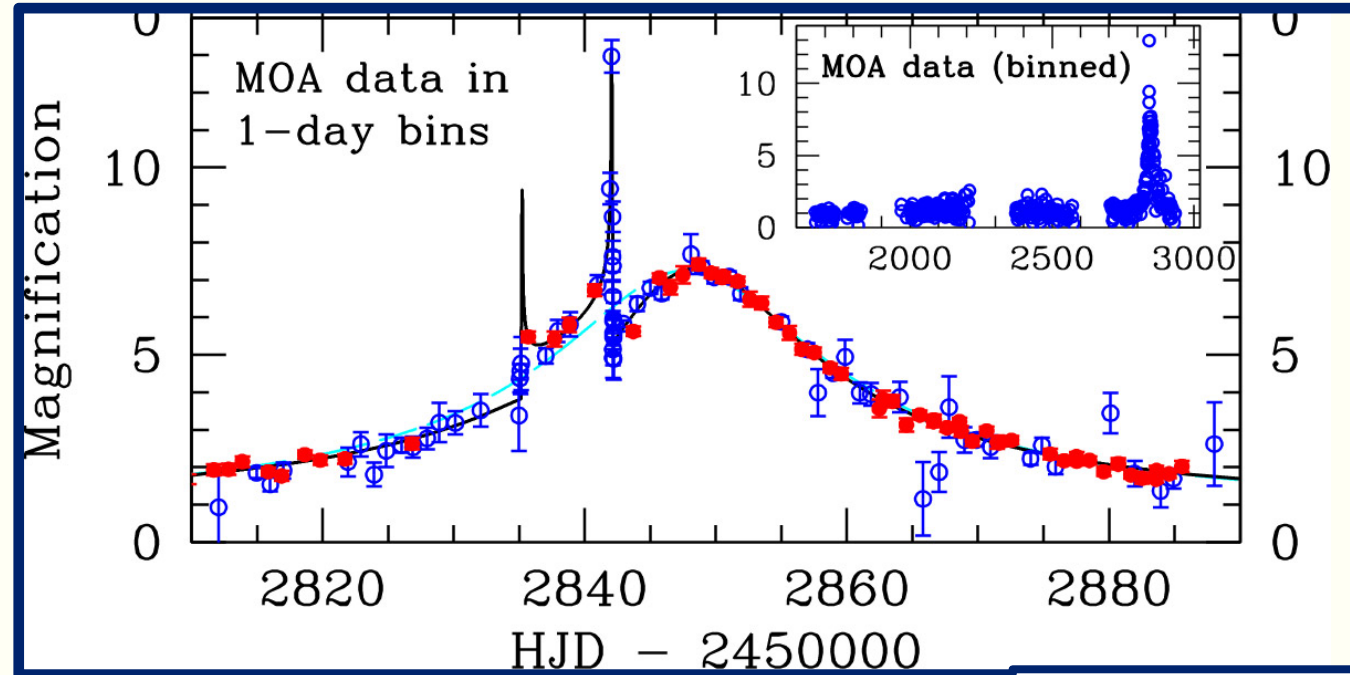
Gaudi BS. 2012.

Annu. Rev. Astron. Astrophys. 50:411–53

Example microlensing events



Bond et al., 2004



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Perceived weaknesses of microlensing

- Microlensing events are transient signals, do not repeat
- Microlensing planets can't be followed up or characterized
- Microlensing is hard to understand/steep learning curve

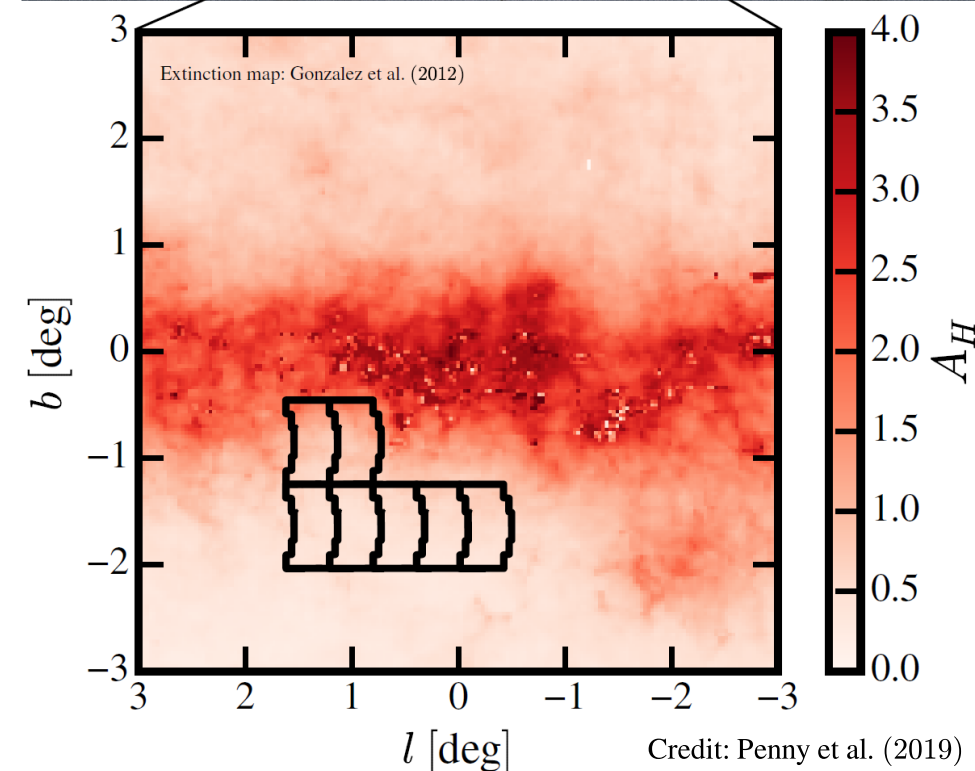
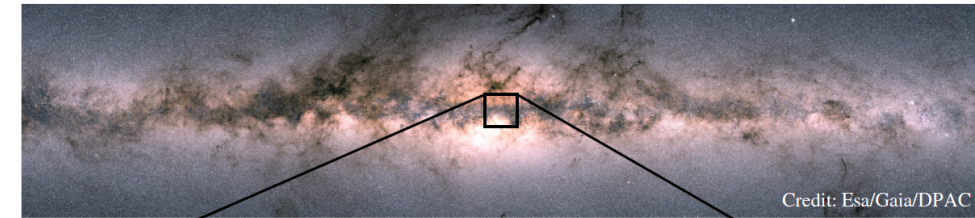
Strengths of microlensing

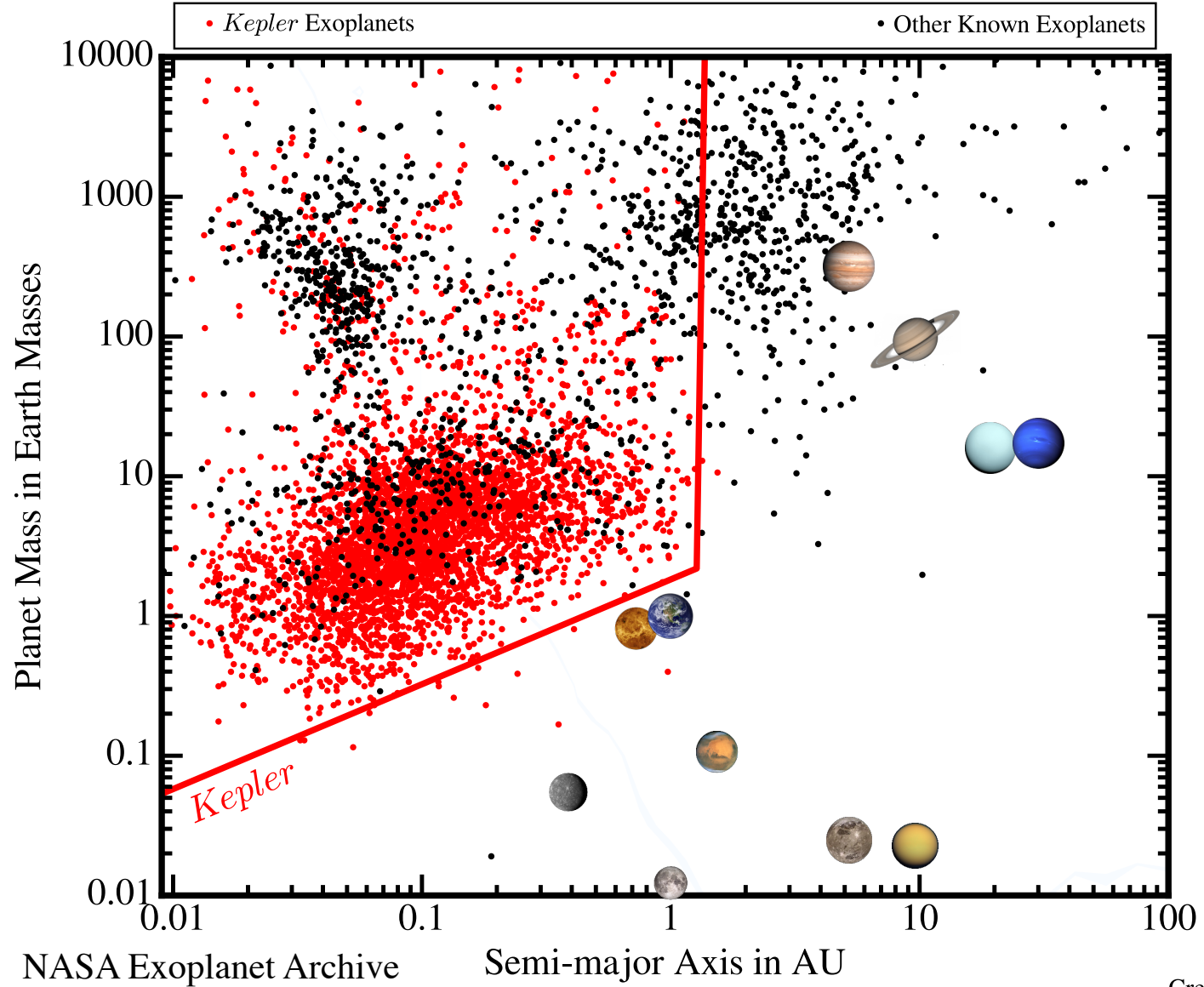
- Microlensing is sensitive to planets with large orbits
- Microlensing can detect planets throughout the Galaxy
- Microlensing surveys produce robust statistics

CURRENT *Roman* survey parameters

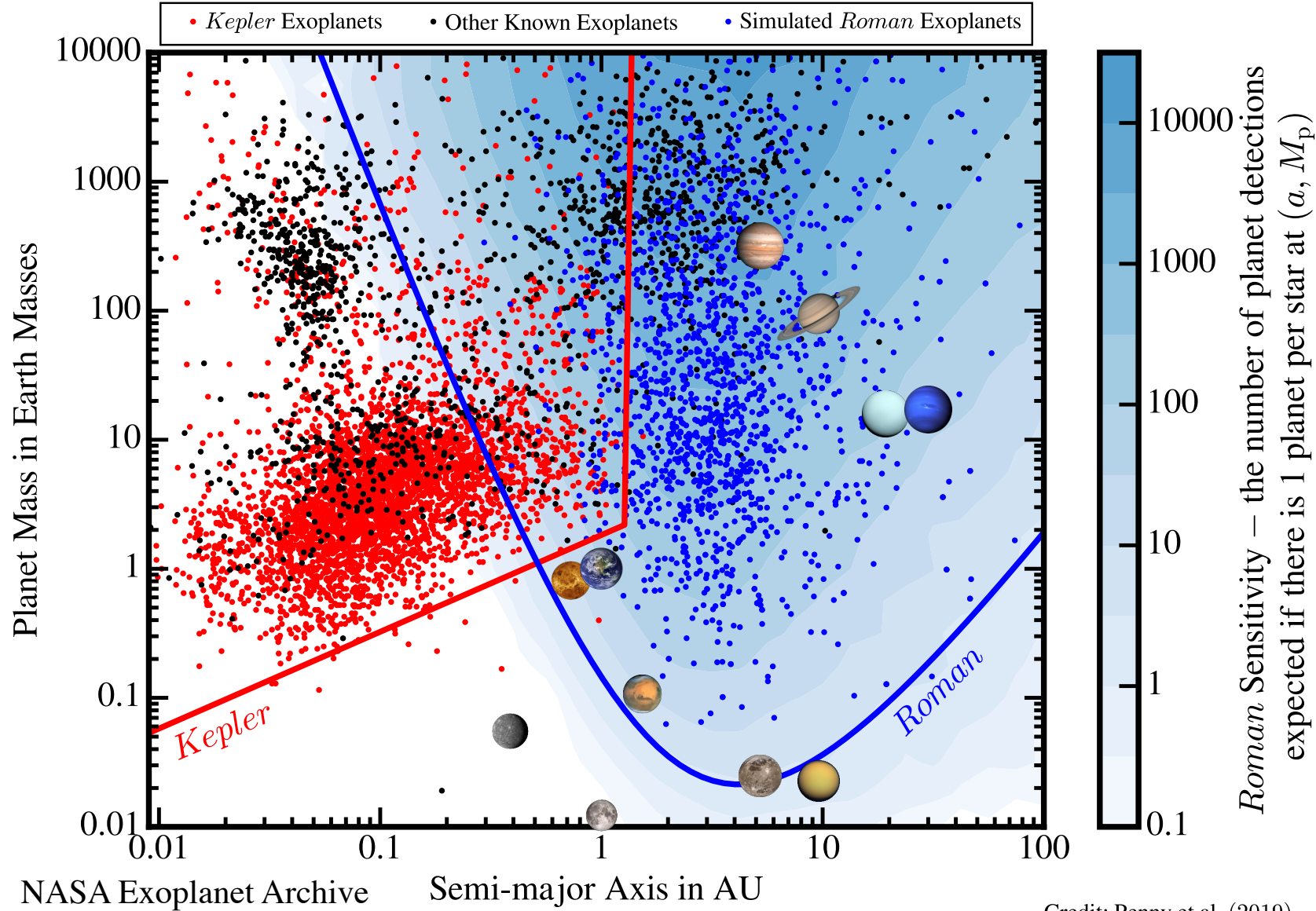
Survey details

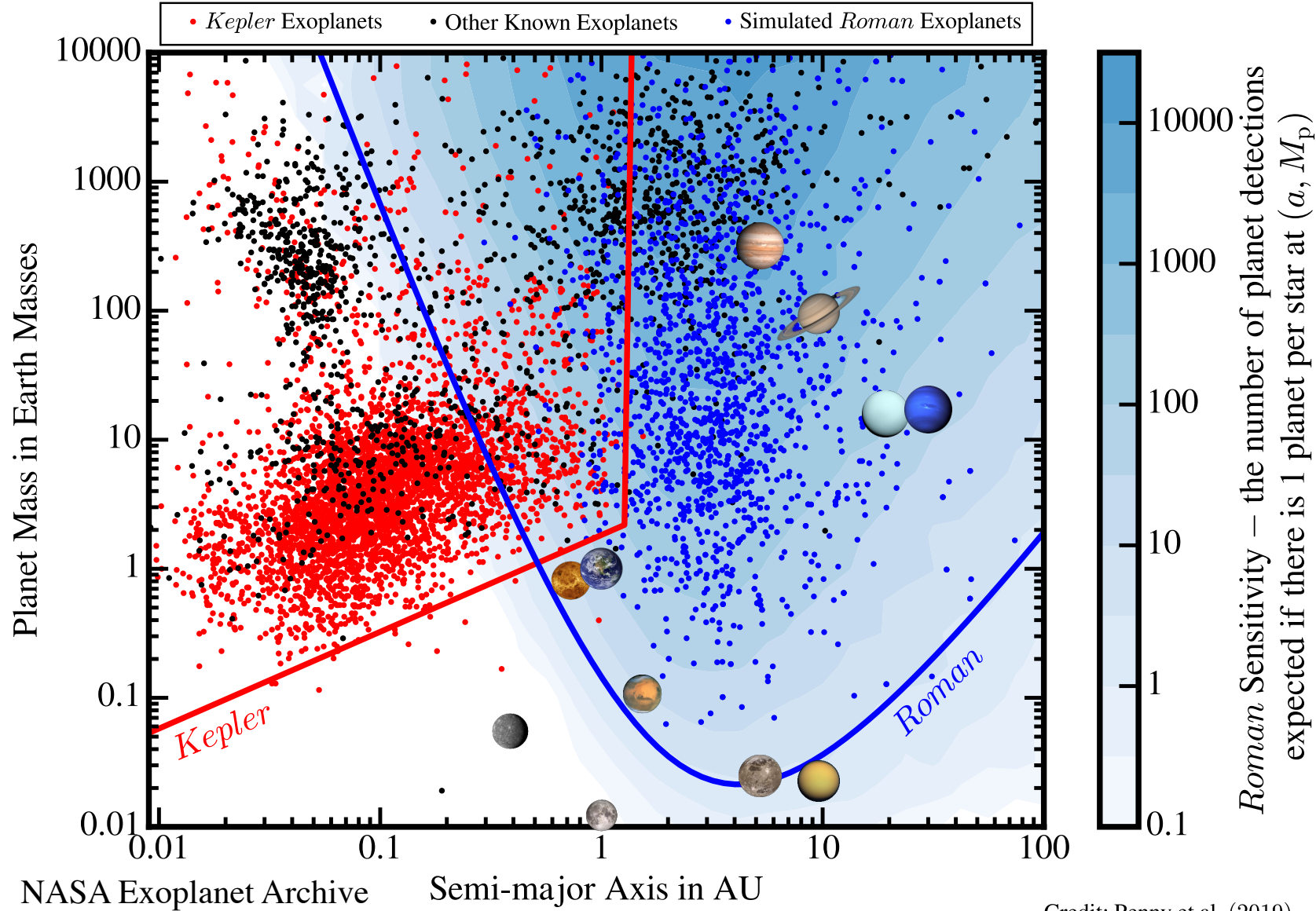
- 0.28 deg^2 FOV, 7 fields $\rightarrow \sim 2 \text{ deg}^2$ total
- Six 72-day seasons
 - ~ 5 – year baseline
- 15 min cadence in wide infrared bandpass
 - ≤ 12 hr cadence in bluer bandpass
- 10^8 stars, $>30,000$ microlensing events





Credit: Penny et al. (2019)



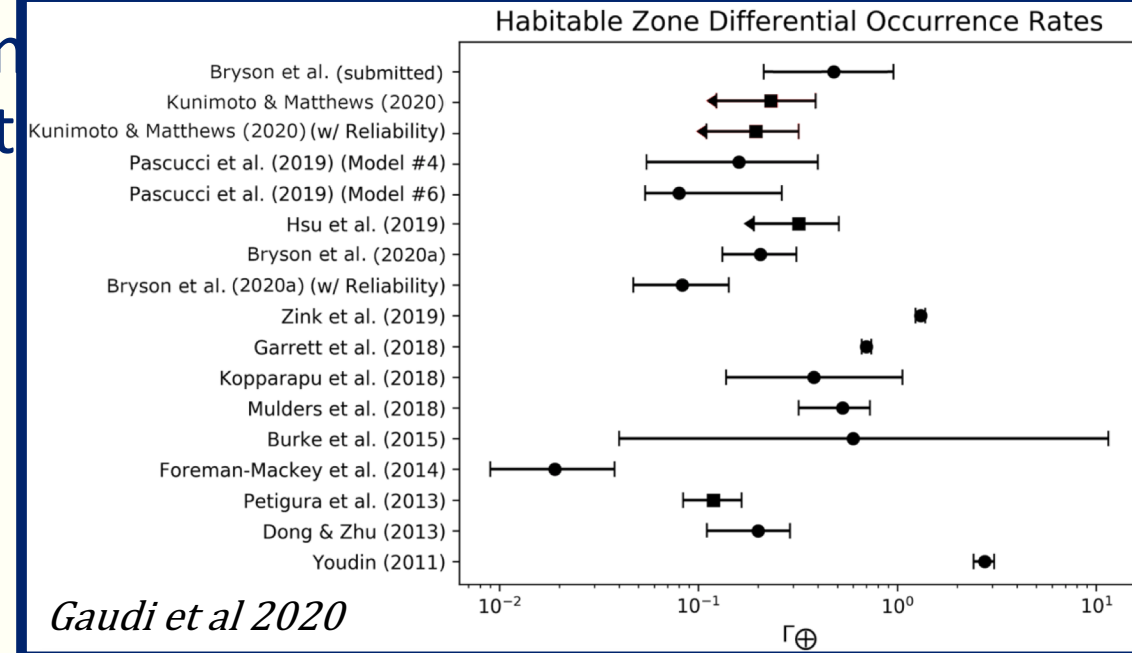


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The Frequency of Earth-Analogs

- Important input for designing future direct imaging missions that can detect and characterize potentially habitable planets.
- Currently best estimate(s) are from *Kepler*
 - Earth-analogs on edge of *Kepler* sensitivity function
 - Relies on extrapolation from shorter-period/larger-radii planets



HZ and microlensing

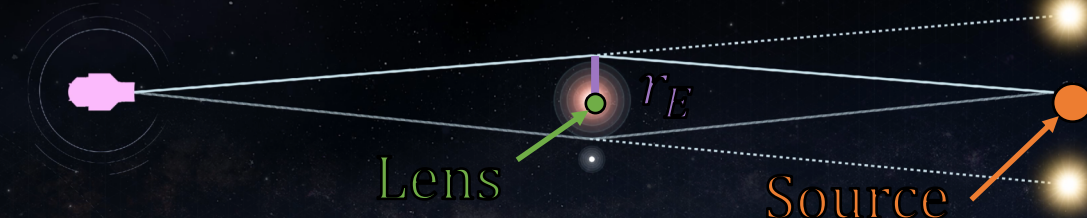
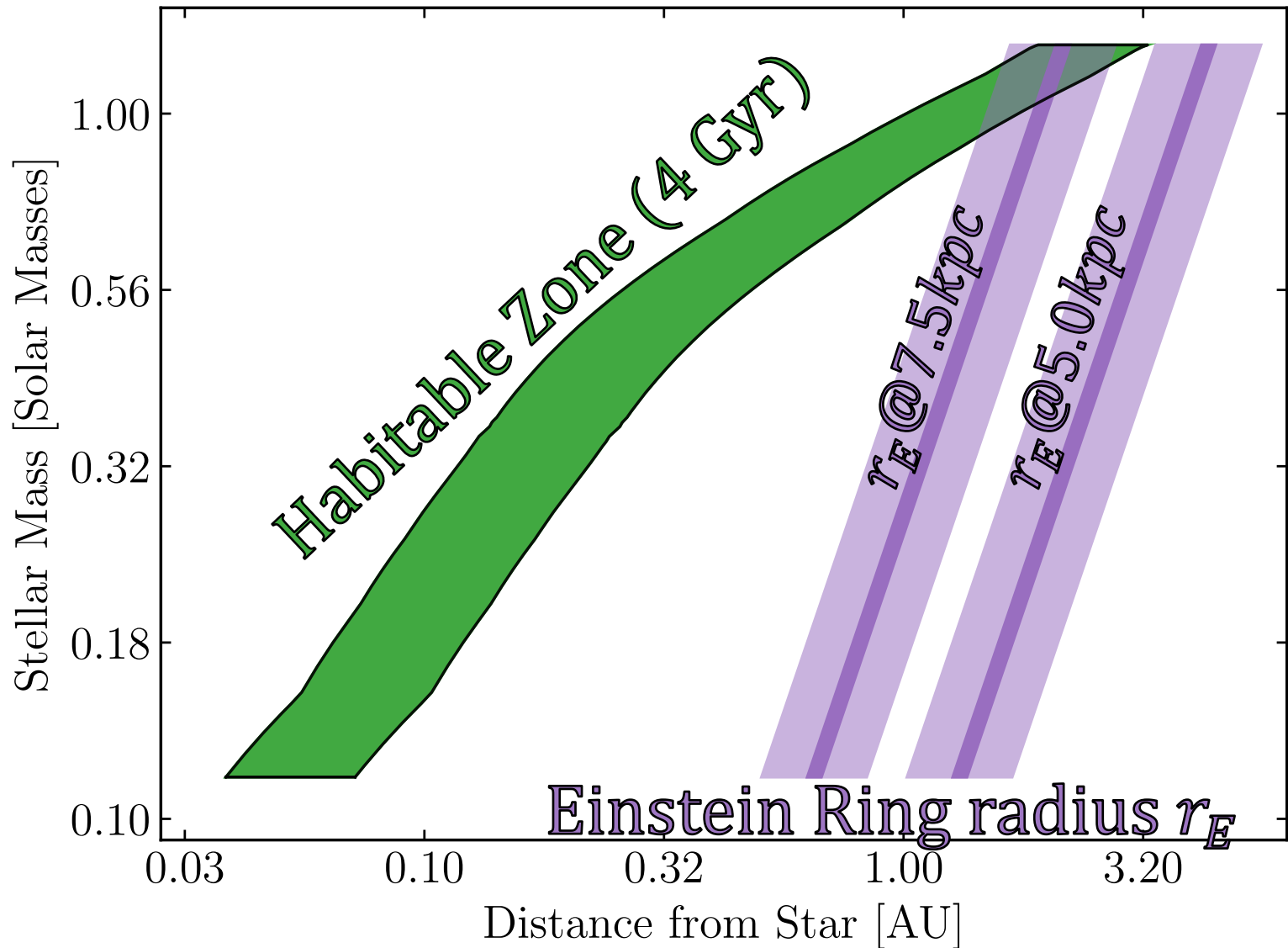
Habitable Zone (Kopparapu+ 2013)

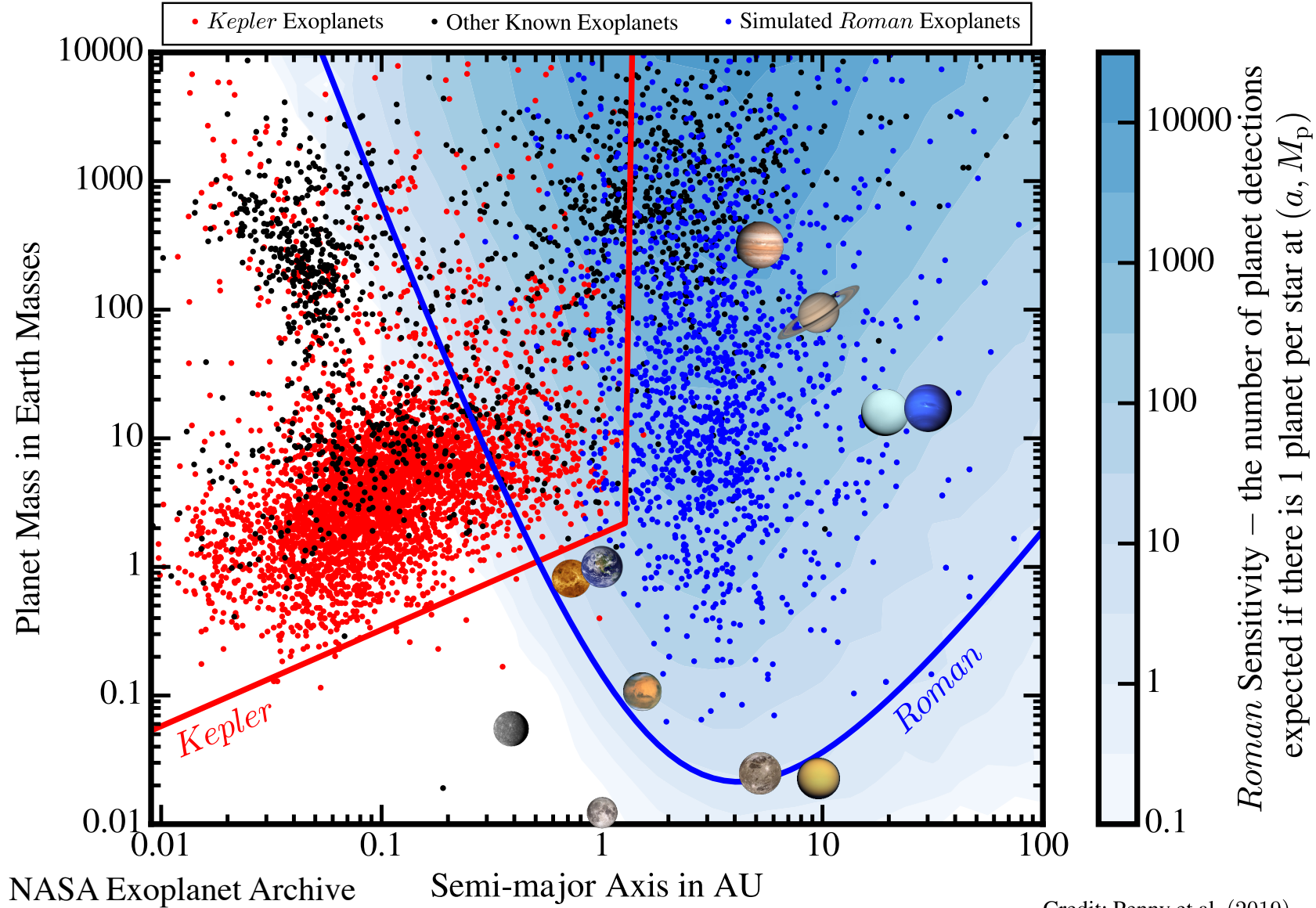
- Function of host mass, age, etc.

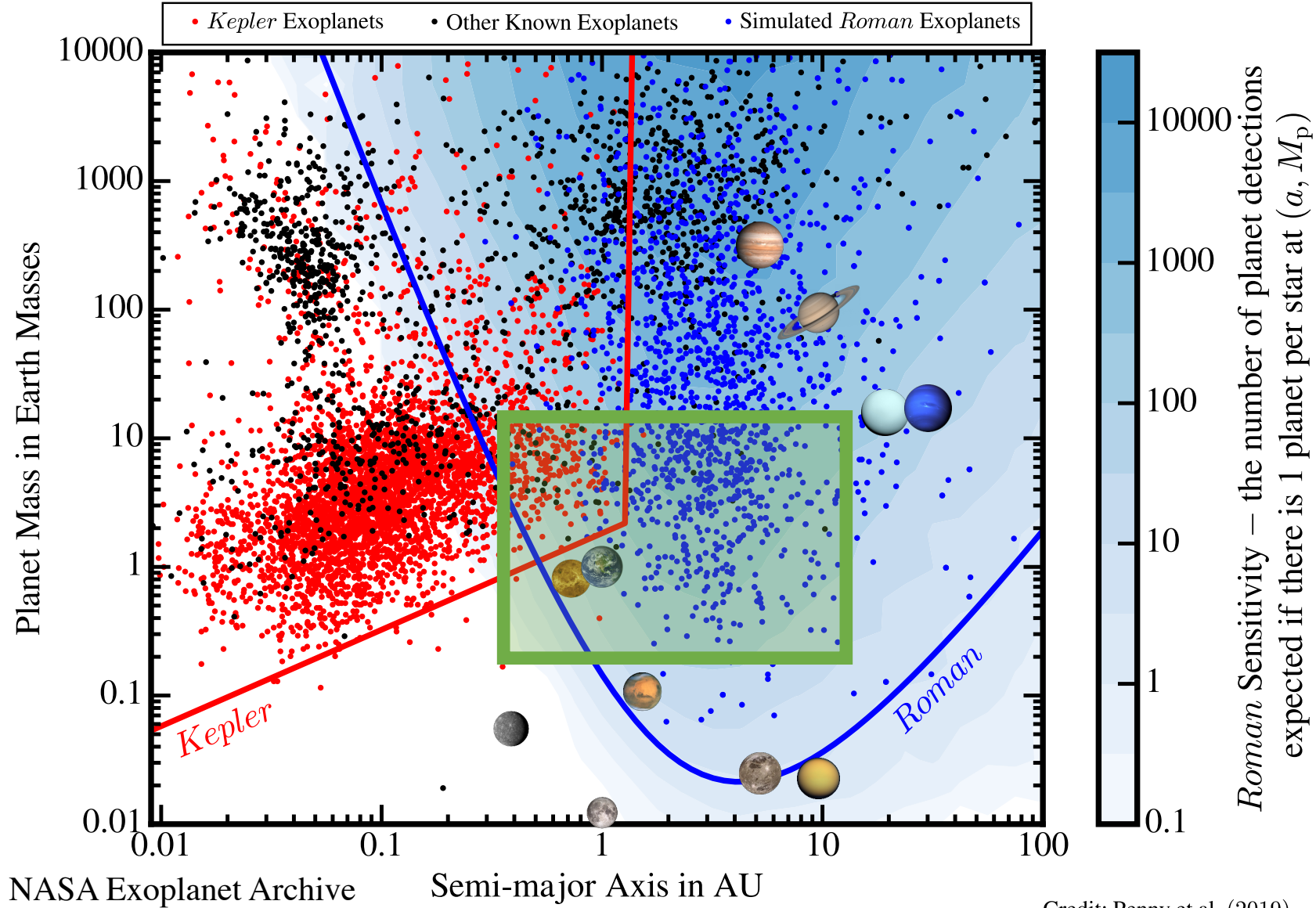
Einstein Ring Radius

- Peak sensitivity to planets
- Depends on host (lens) star mass
- Function of lens/source distance

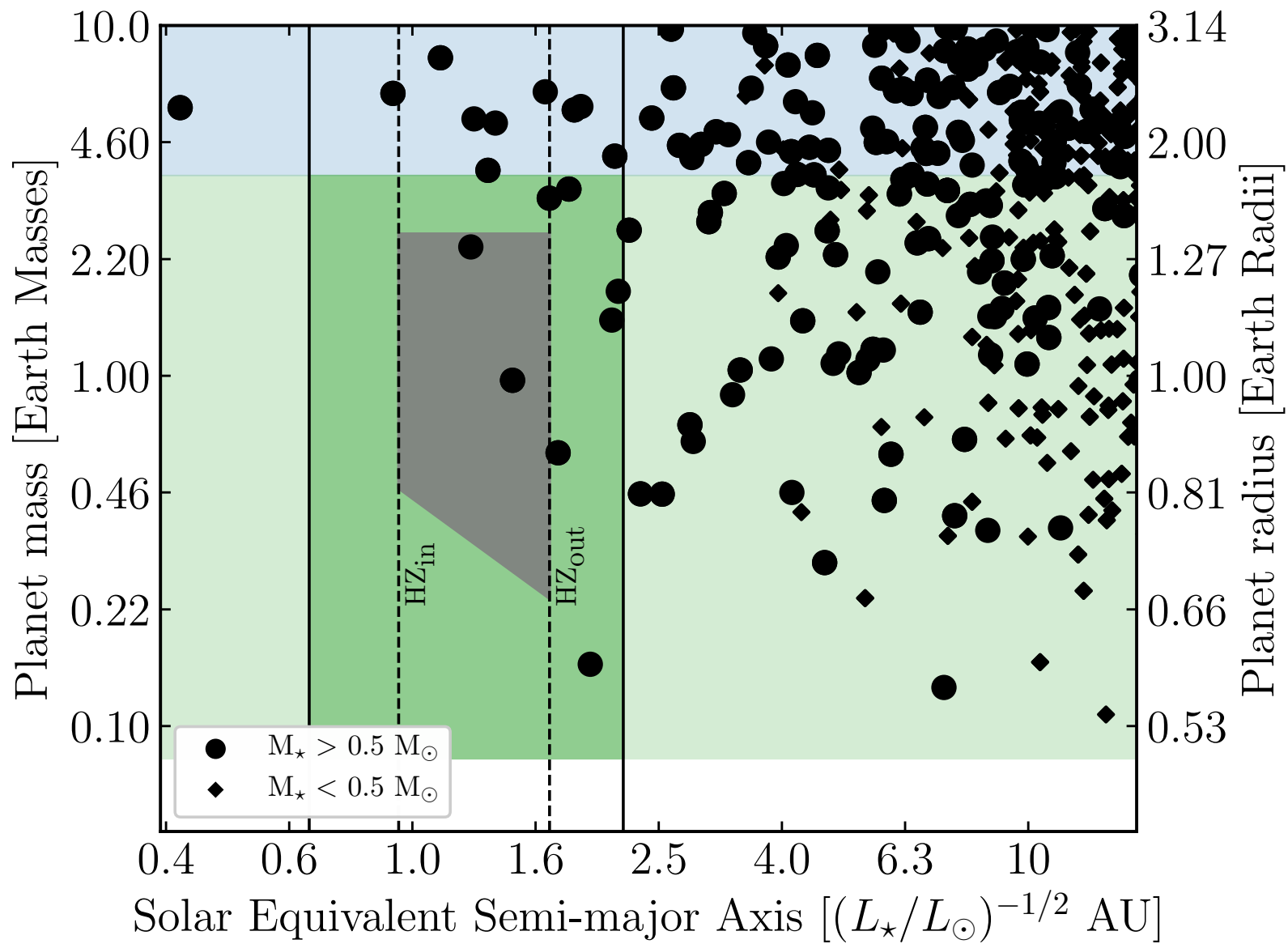
$$r_E \propto \sqrt{M_*}$$







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- *M-R relationship from Chen & Kipping (2016)*
 - *See HabEx Final Report figure 3.3-9*

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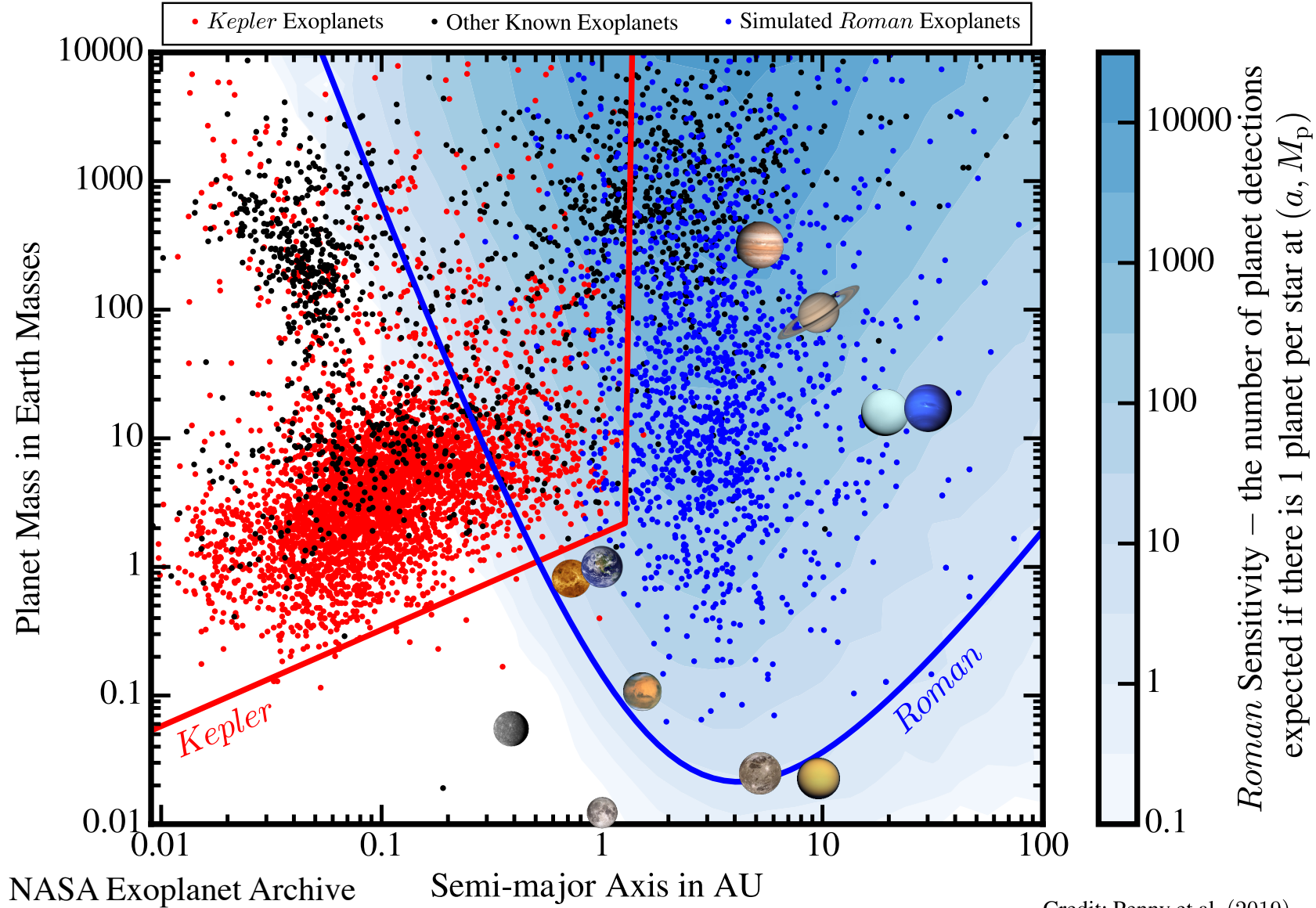
Free-floating planetary mass objects (FFPs)

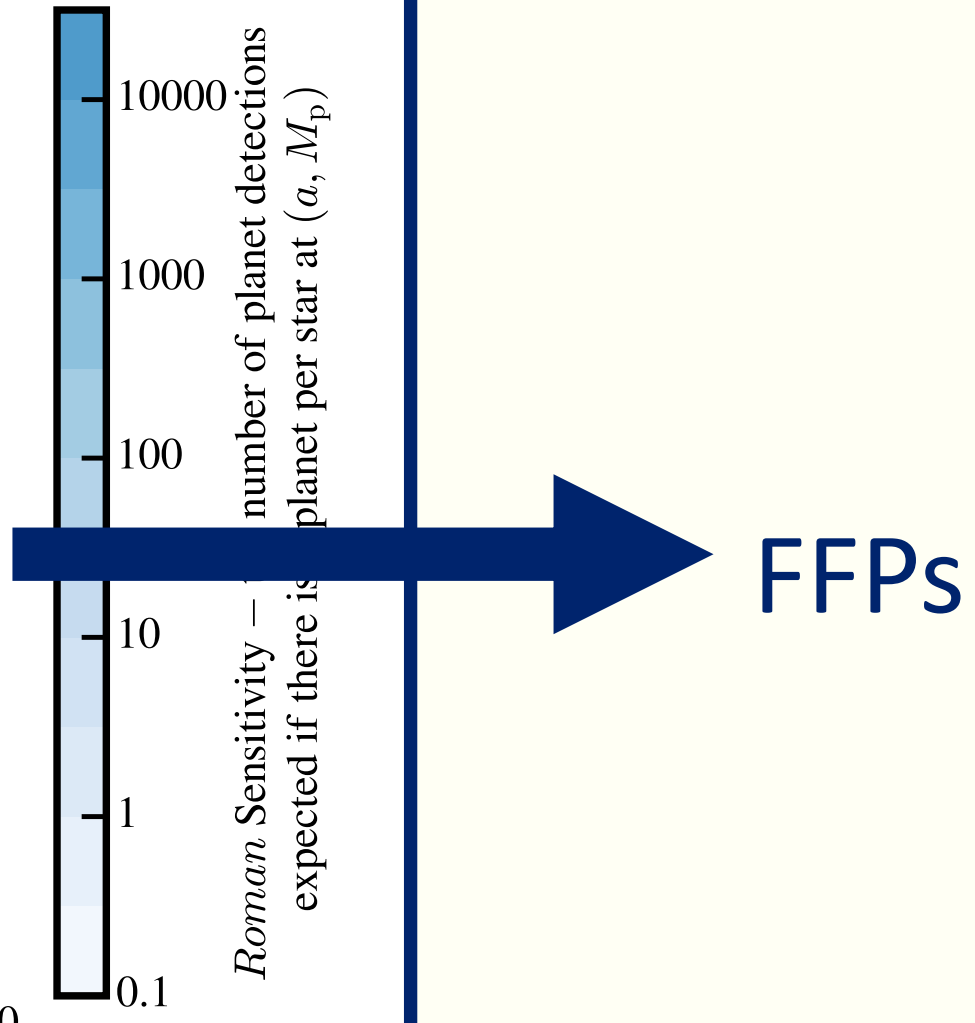
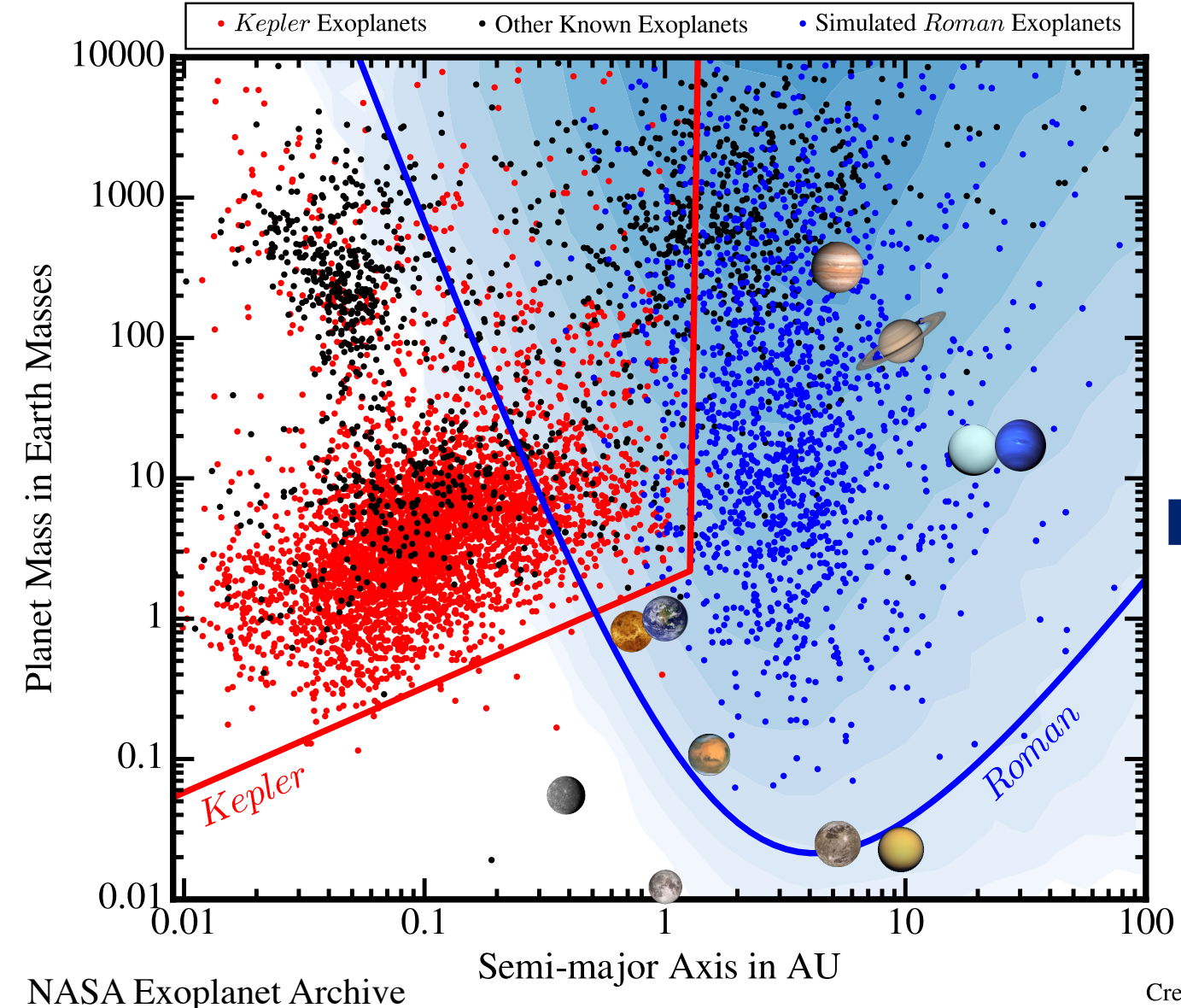
could be lowest mass stars
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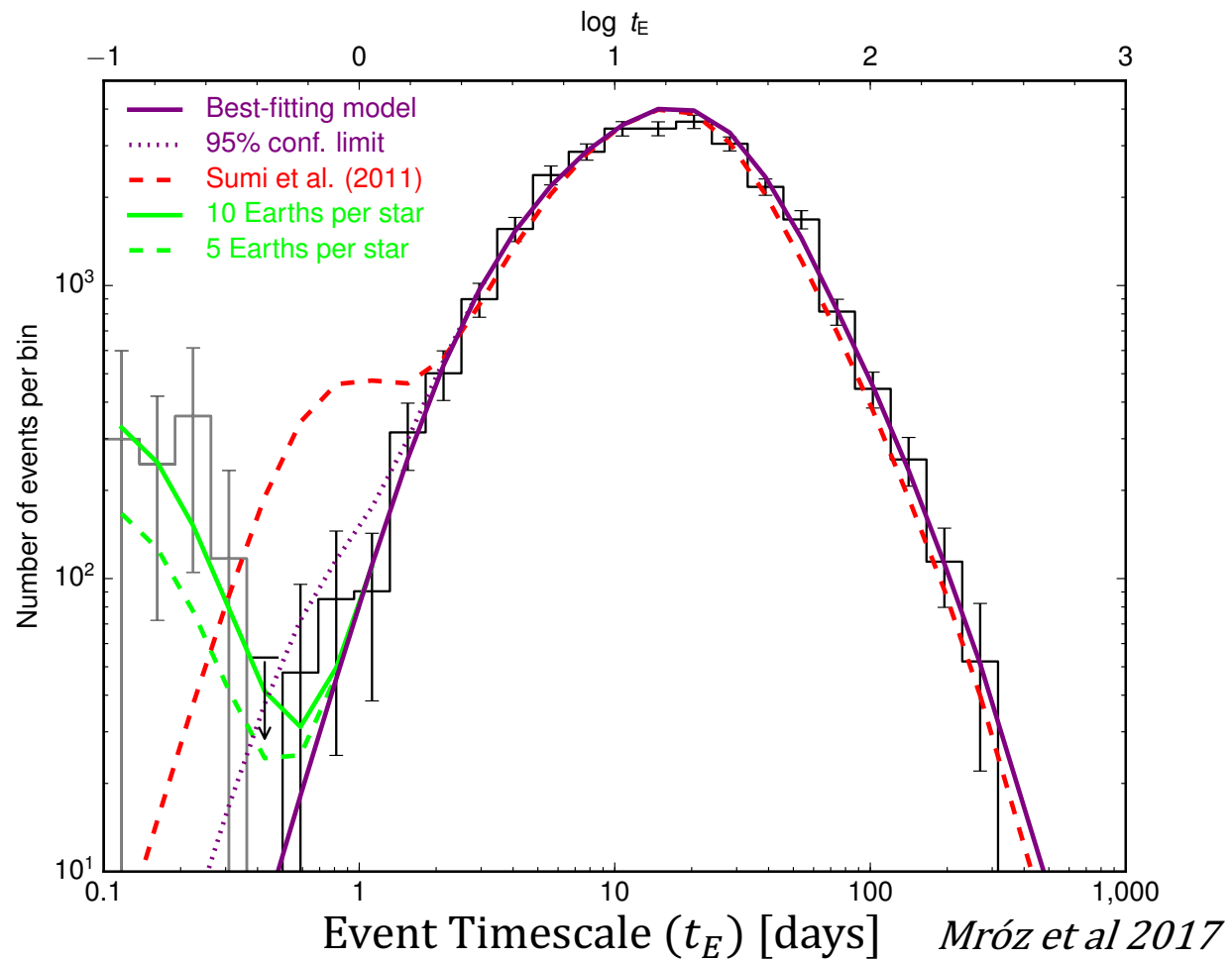
could be formed in disks
and later be ejected



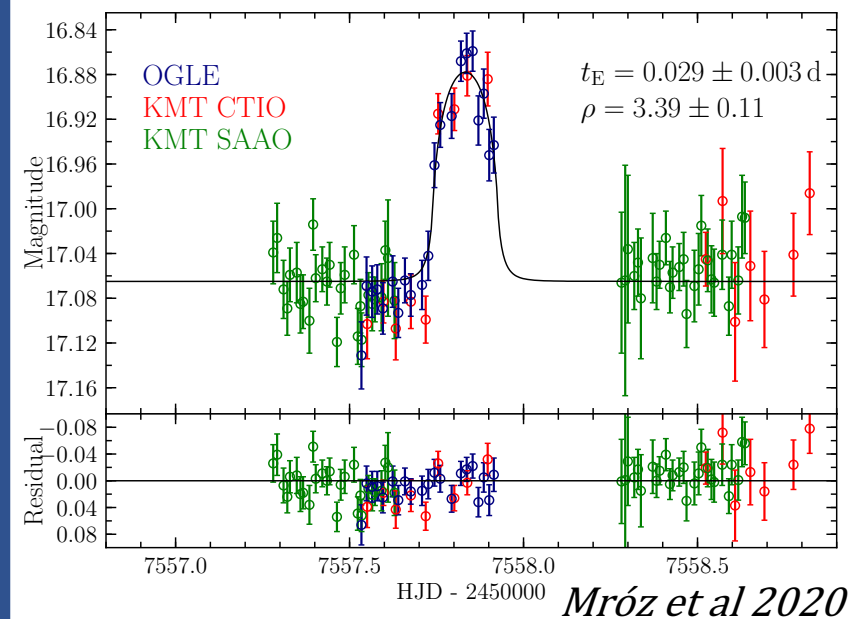




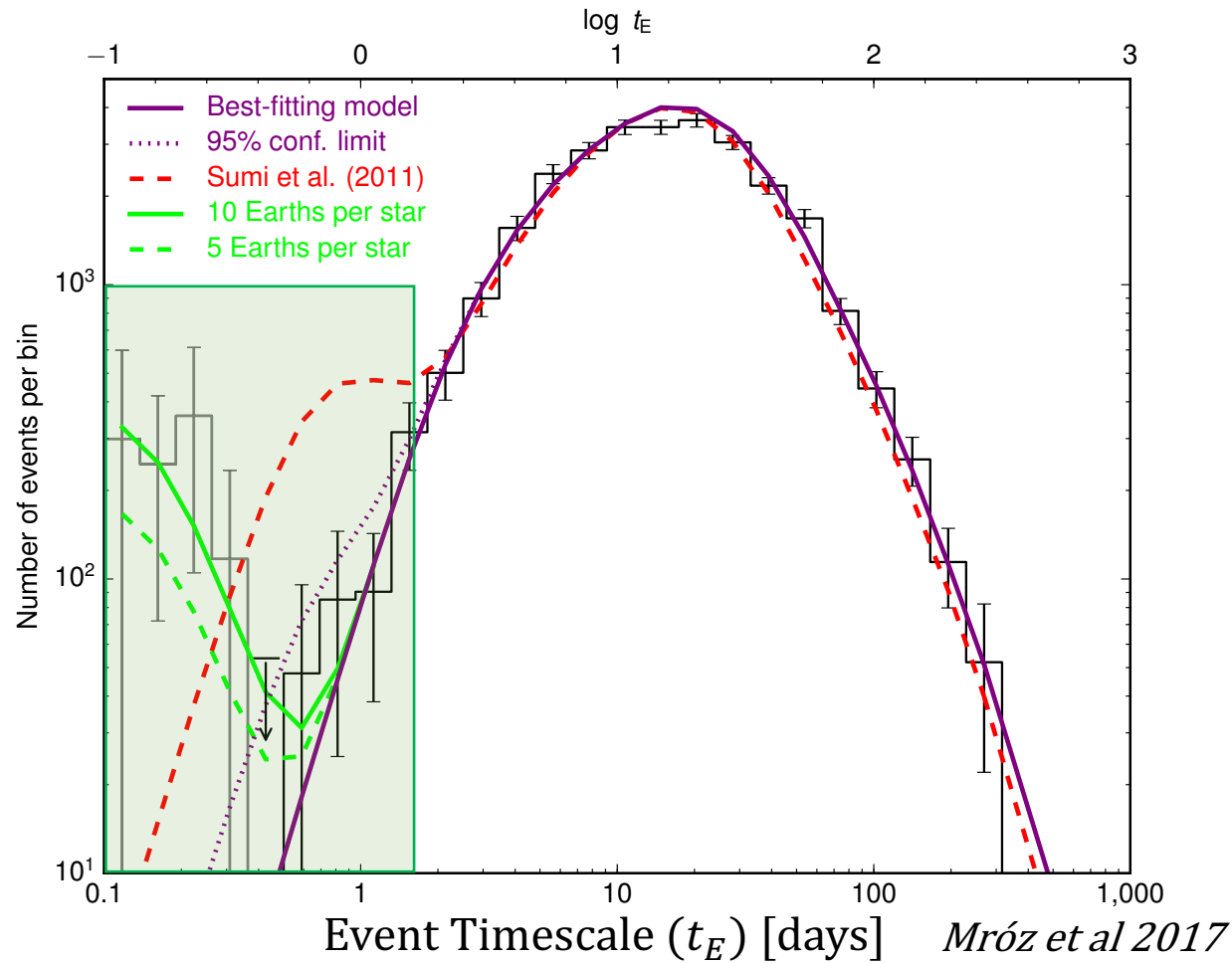
Evidence for free floating planets



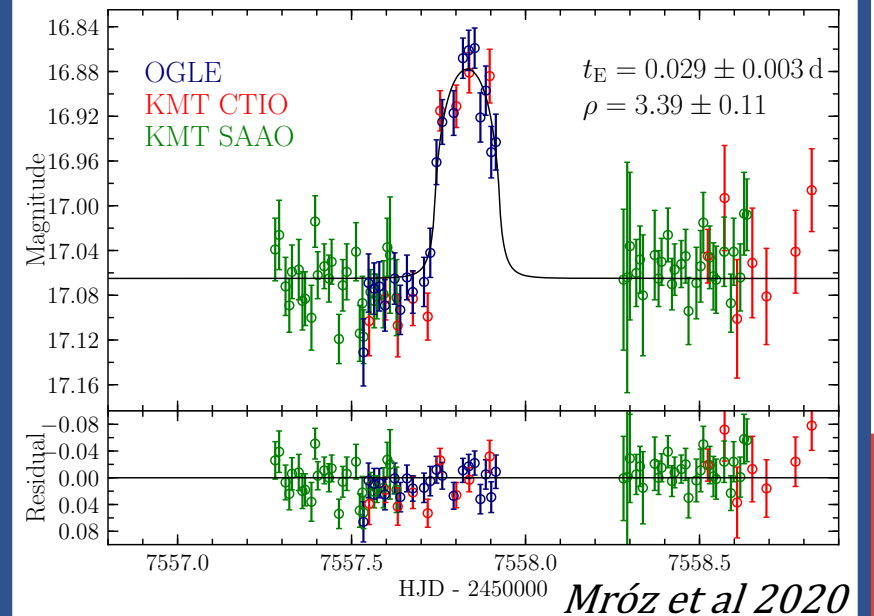
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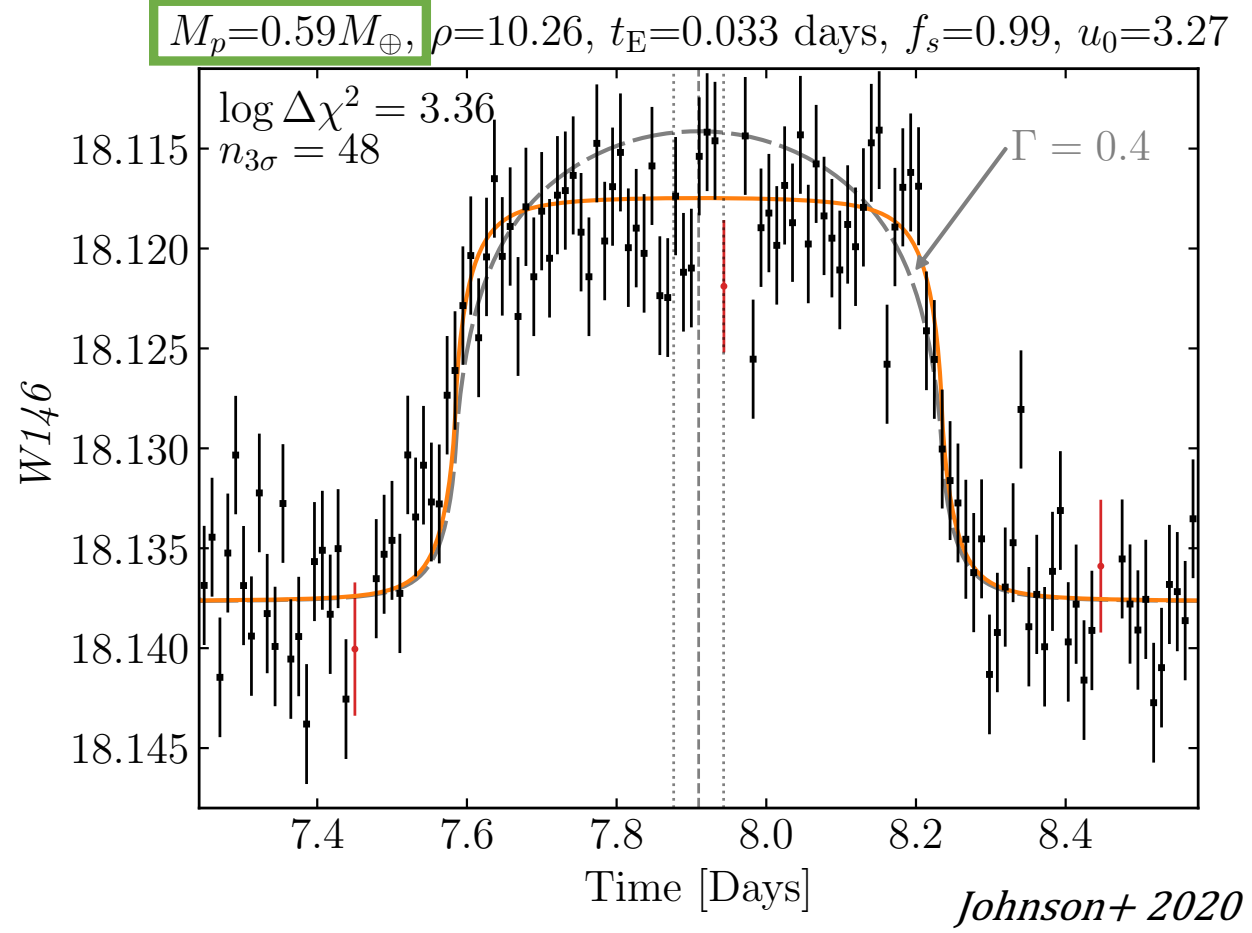
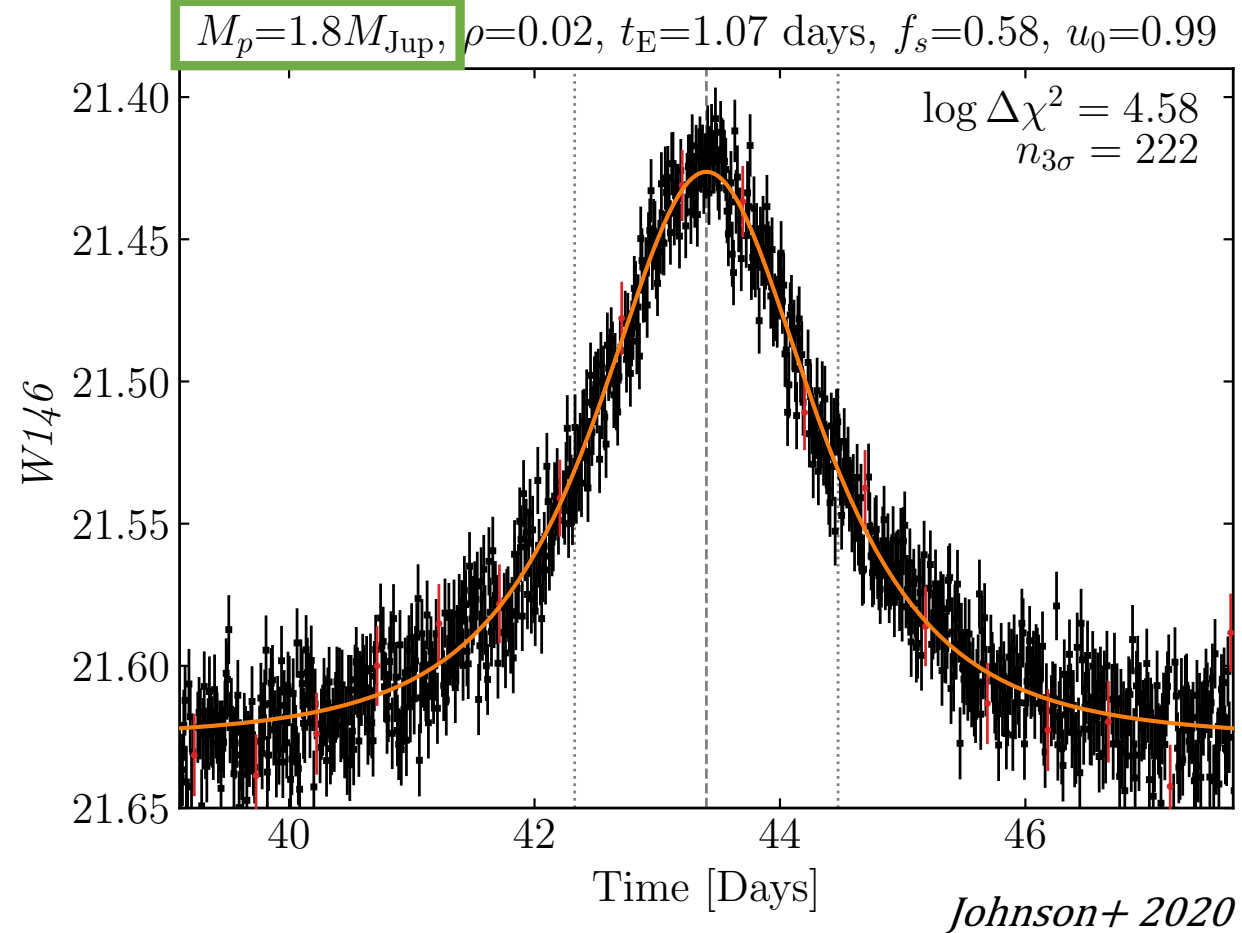
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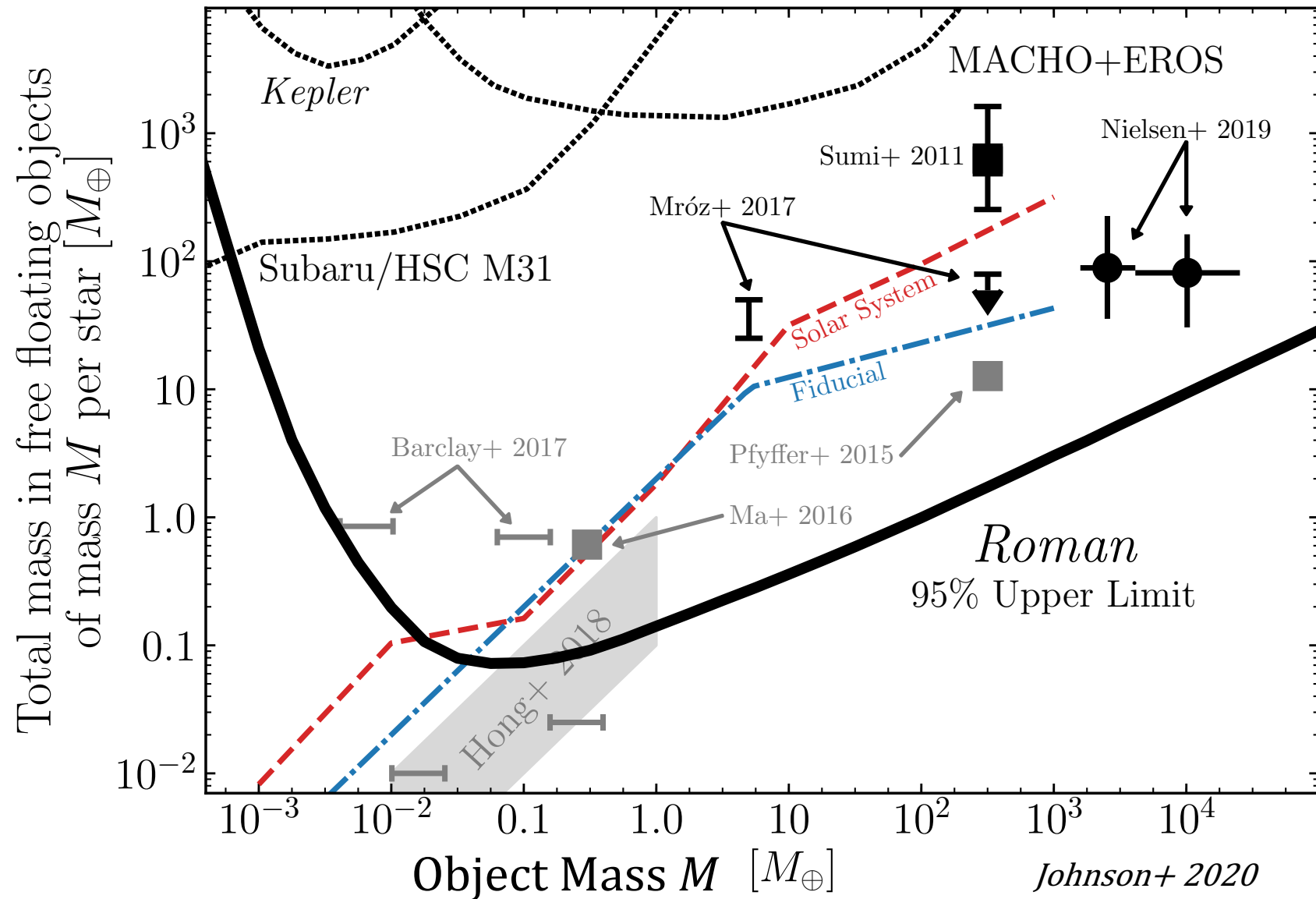


What will FFPs look like to *Roman*?



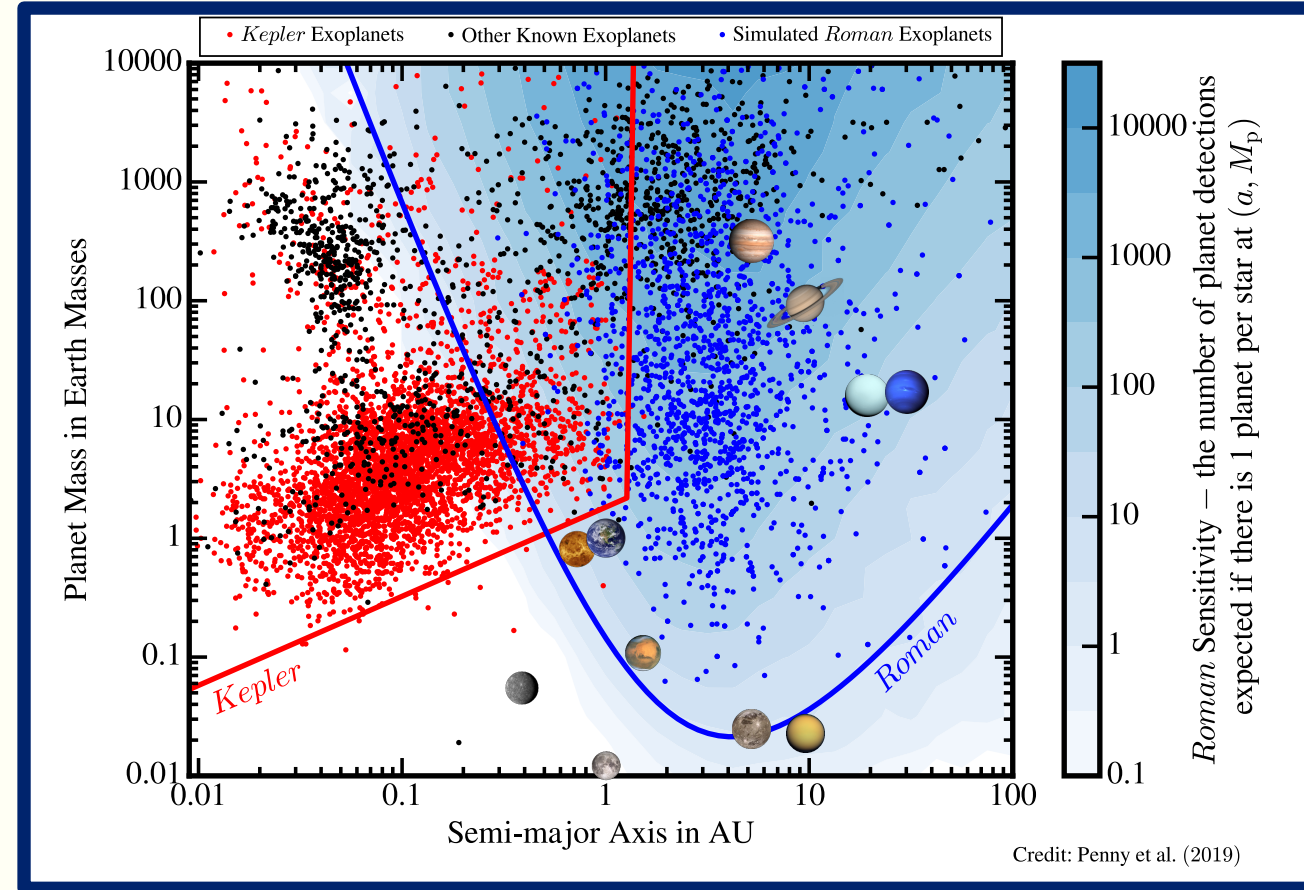
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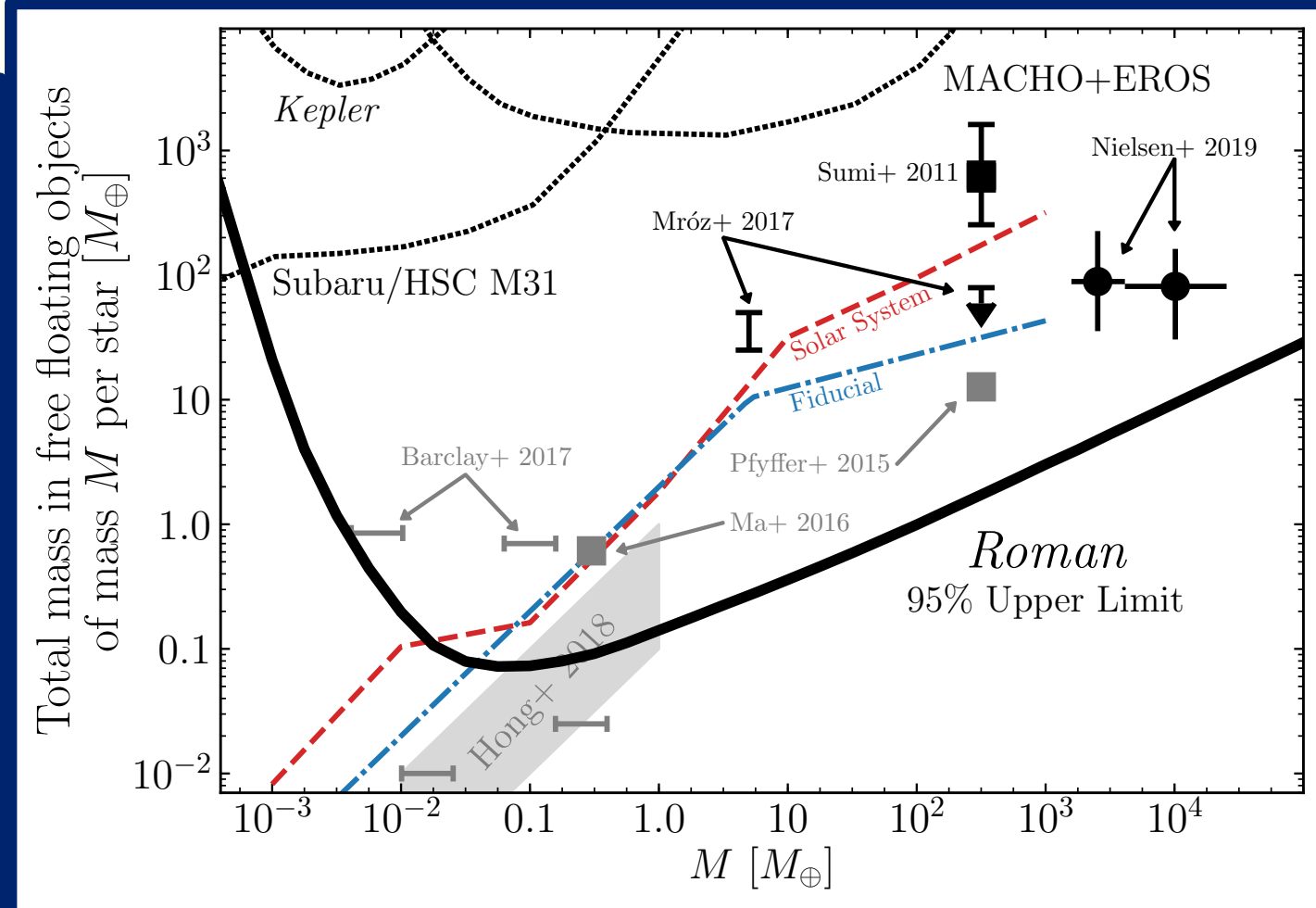
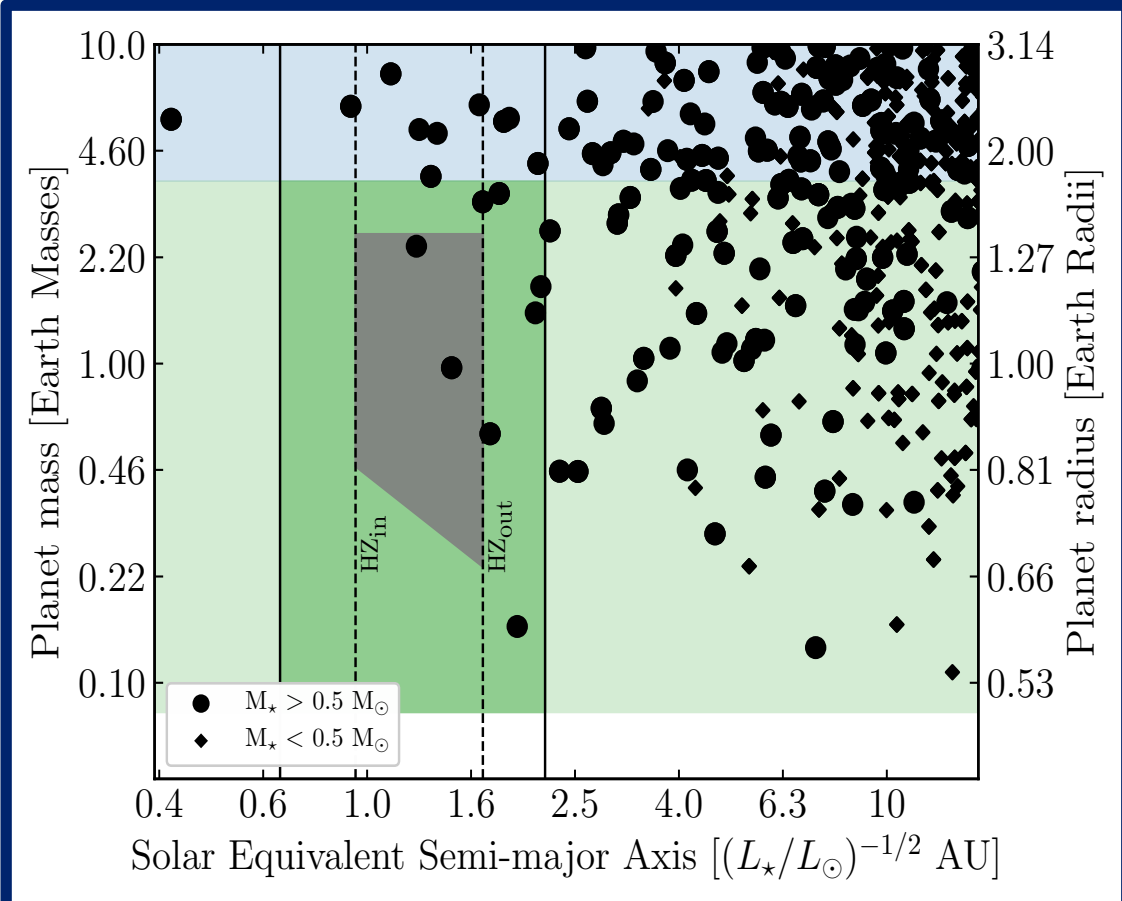


Key Takeaways

- *Roman* will conduct the first space-based microlensing survey
- Survey will provide exoplanet demographics statistics otherwise unattainable
- Will complement our current picture of planets in the Galaxy

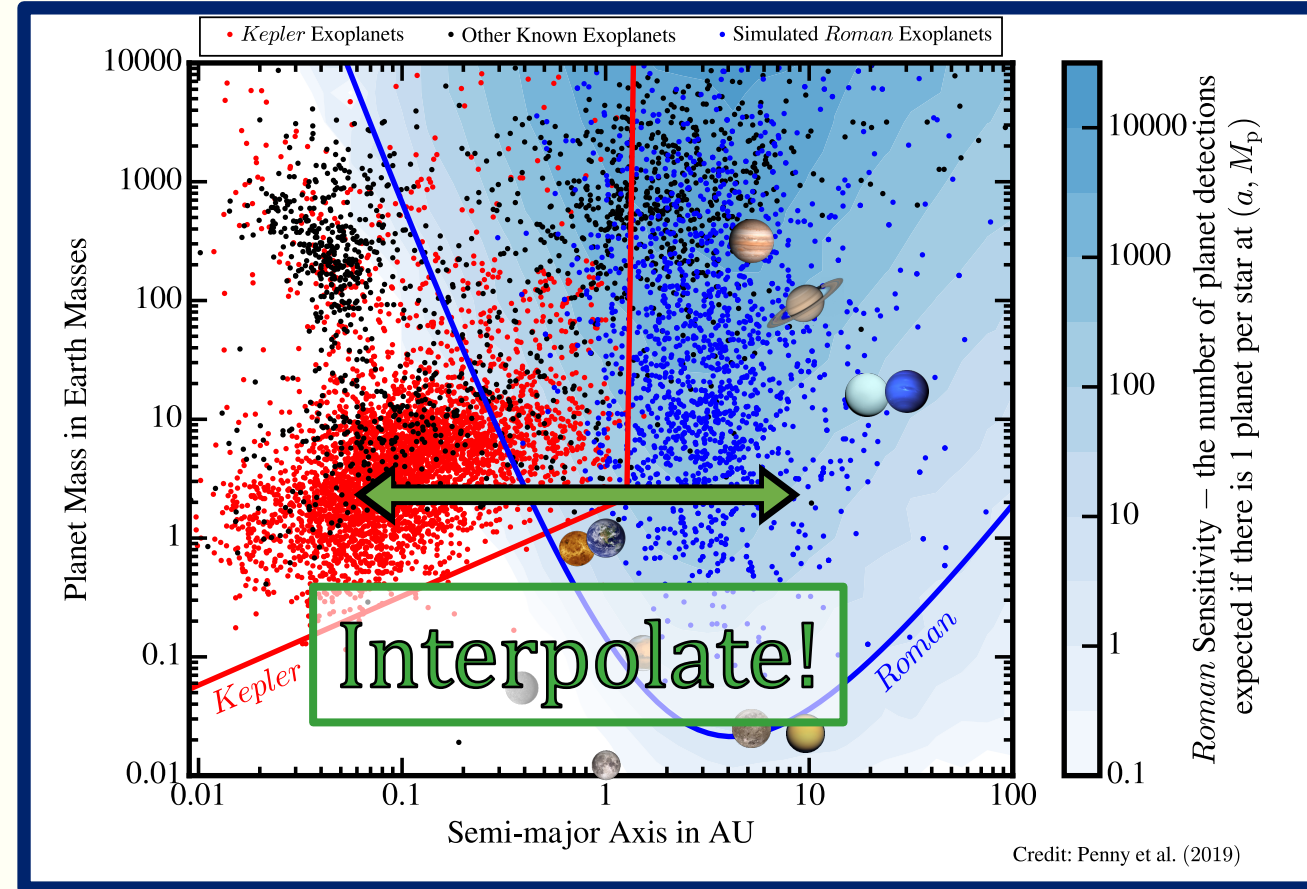


Thank you!



Further prospects

- Combining *Roman* with *Kepler*
 - Interpolation, not extrapolation for Earth-analog frequency
 - Complex sensitivity function
 - different host-star populations
 - different planet populations?
 - Mass-radius relationship important
- Ultimately, we want to combine as much information as possible in exoplanet demographics



Other Considerations

Understanding *Roman's* sensitivity function

- Changes in galactic model (e.g. bar angle) will impact lens distributions
- Developing in-house Galactic Population Synthesis model
 - A. Aronica (OSU), M. Huston (Penn State), M. Penny (LSU)

Microlensing event rates uncertain in a subset of likely *Roman* fields due to dust

- Being mapped by precursor near-infrared microlensing surveys (e.g, Schvartzvald+2016, PRIME)

Survey design not finalized

- Input sought from the general community on all Core Community Surveys
- Survey design hinges on mission design (e.g., slew and settle times changed again)



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OSU Senior

More likely to measure the true mass of Earth-analog systems

Microlensing is sensitive to the mass ratio between the planet and the host star

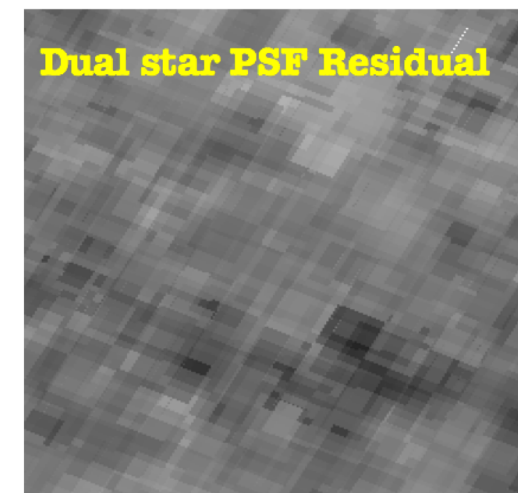
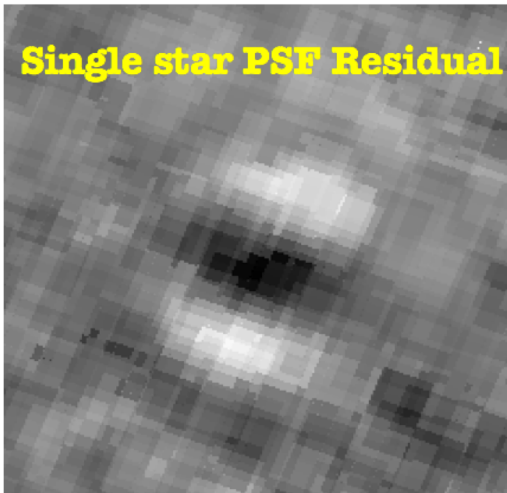
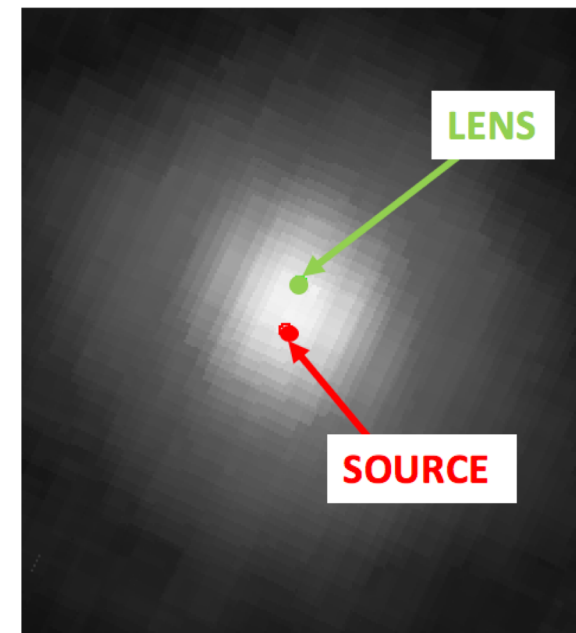
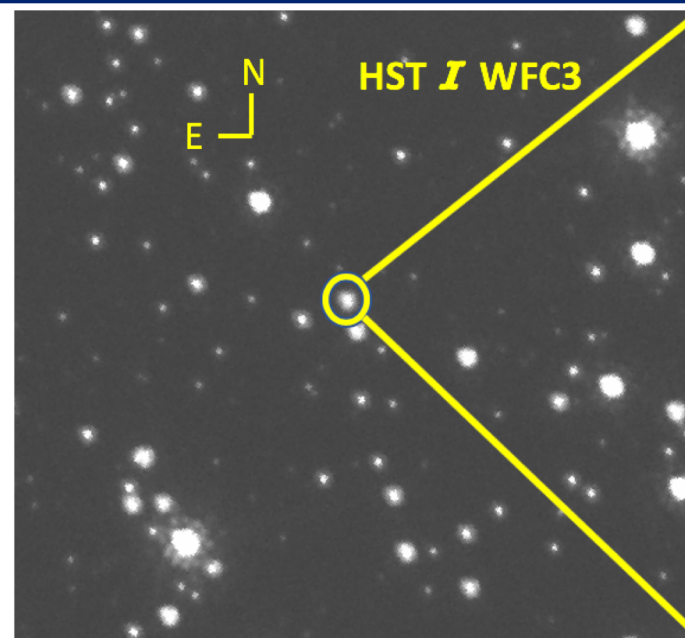
$$\theta_E \propto \sqrt{M_*}$$

Model of the event

$$t_E = \frac{\theta_E}{\mu_{rel}}$$

Use 4.5-year survey-baseline to measure lens-source separation (μ_{rel})

Planets with higher mass (brighter) host stars more likely to have μ_{rel} measured



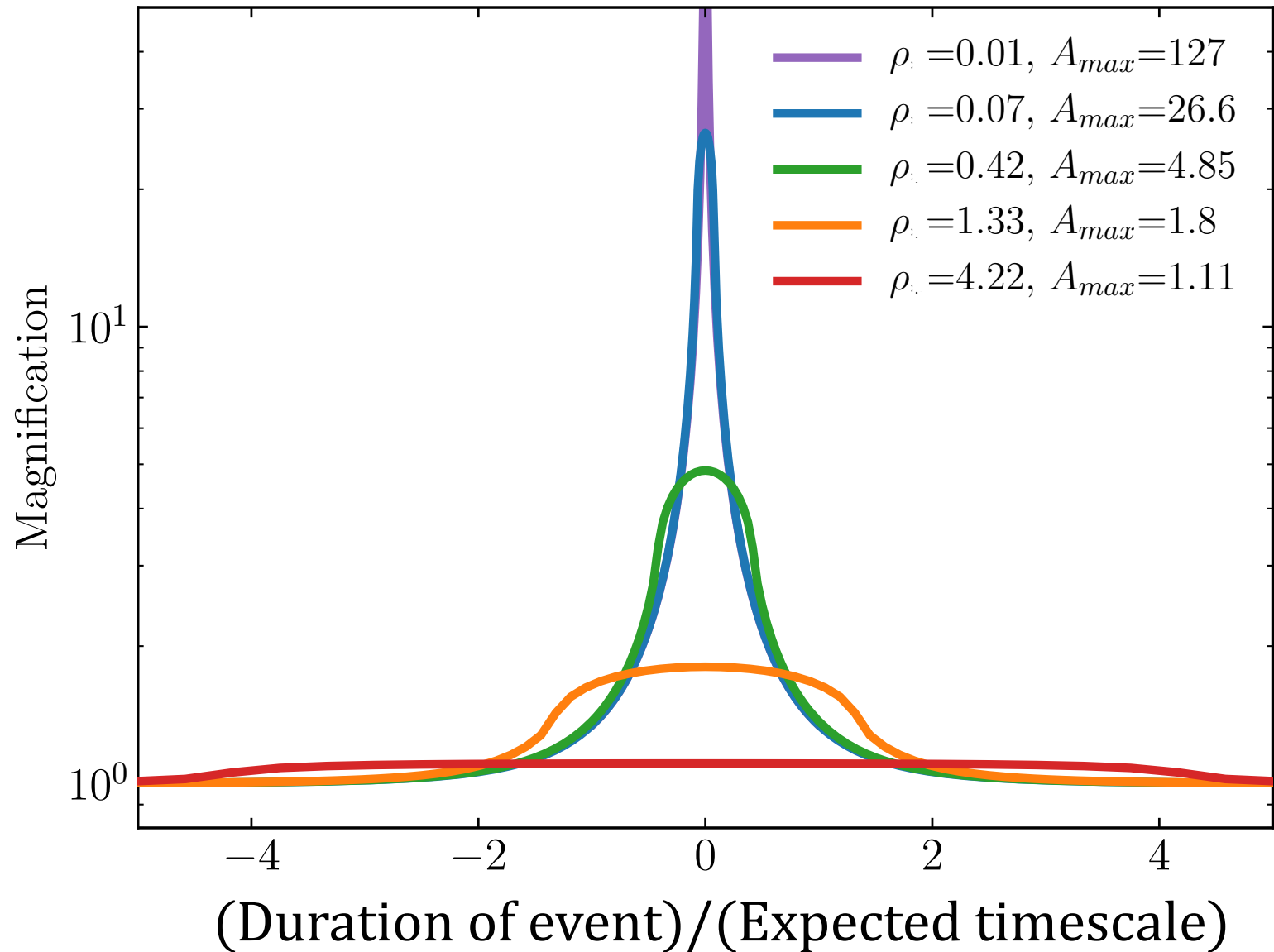
Bhattacharya et al., 2018

Finite Source Effects in a nutshell

$$\theta_E \propto \sqrt{M_{lens}}$$

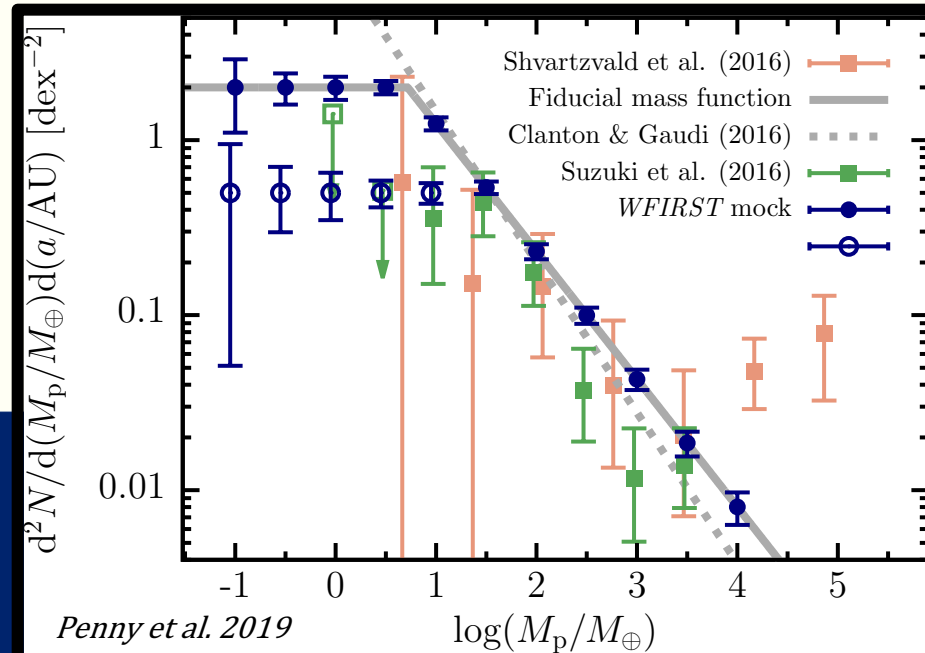
Source
size, θ_*

$$\frac{\theta_*}{\theta_E} = \rho$$



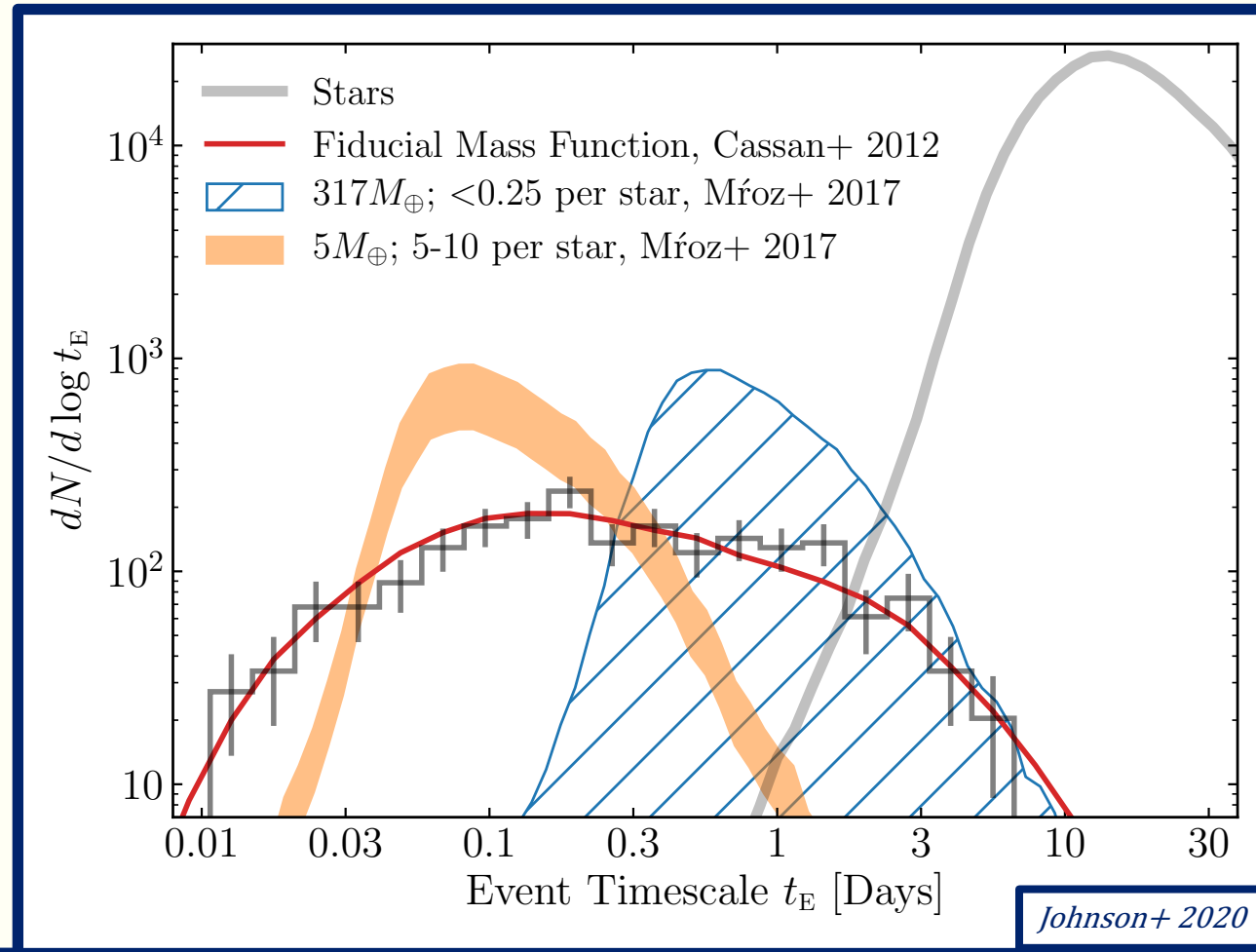
Fiducial mass function adapted from *Cassan et al. 2012*

$$\frac{d^2 N}{d \log m_p d \log a} = \begin{cases} \frac{0.24}{\text{dex}^2} \left(\frac{m_p}{95 M_{\oplus}} \right)^{-0.74} & \text{for } M_p > 5 M_{\oplus} \\ 2 & \text{for } M_p < 5 M_{\oplus} \end{cases}$$



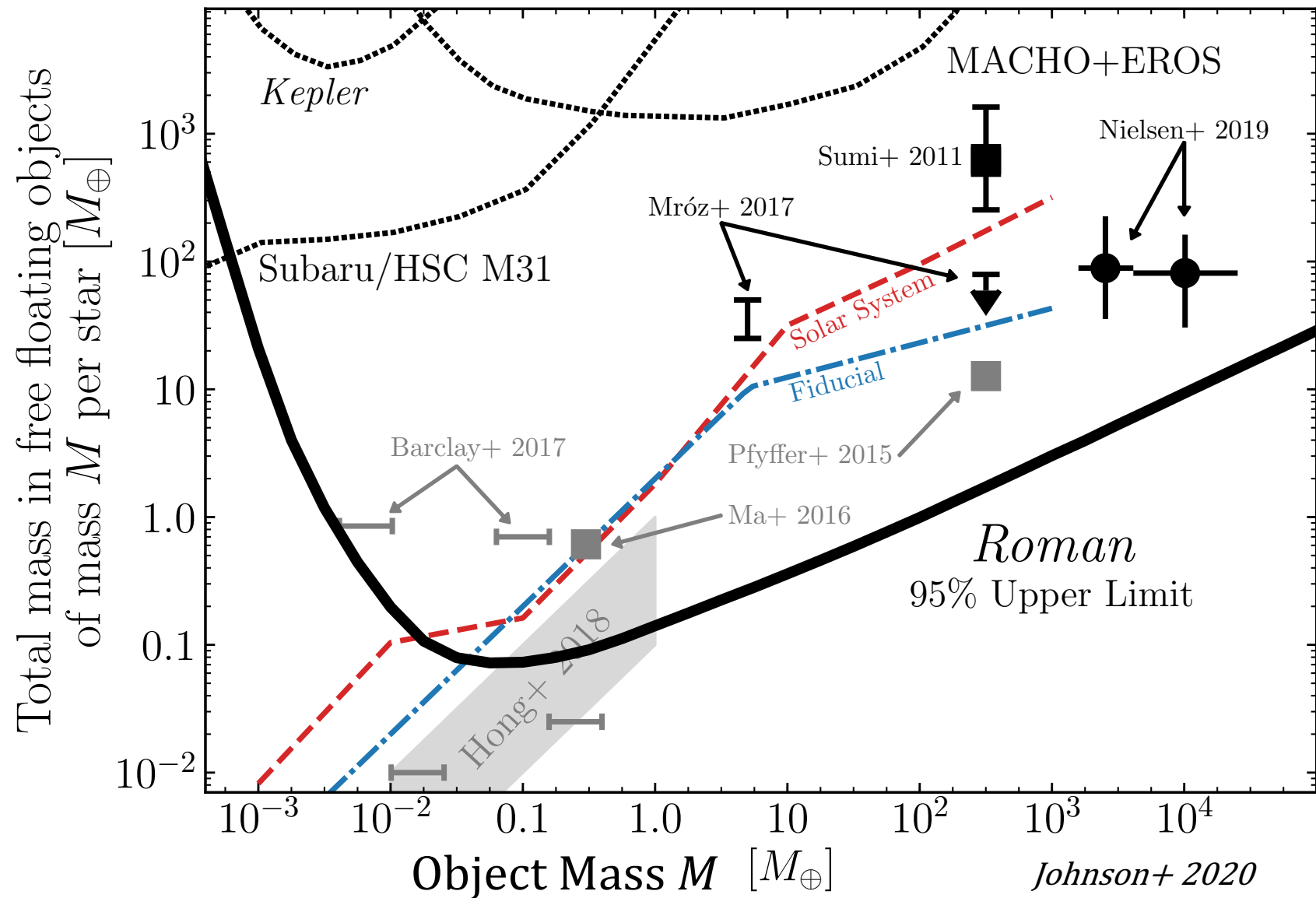
Not just bound planets, but free-floating ones too!

$$t_E \propto M_{lens}^{1/2}$$



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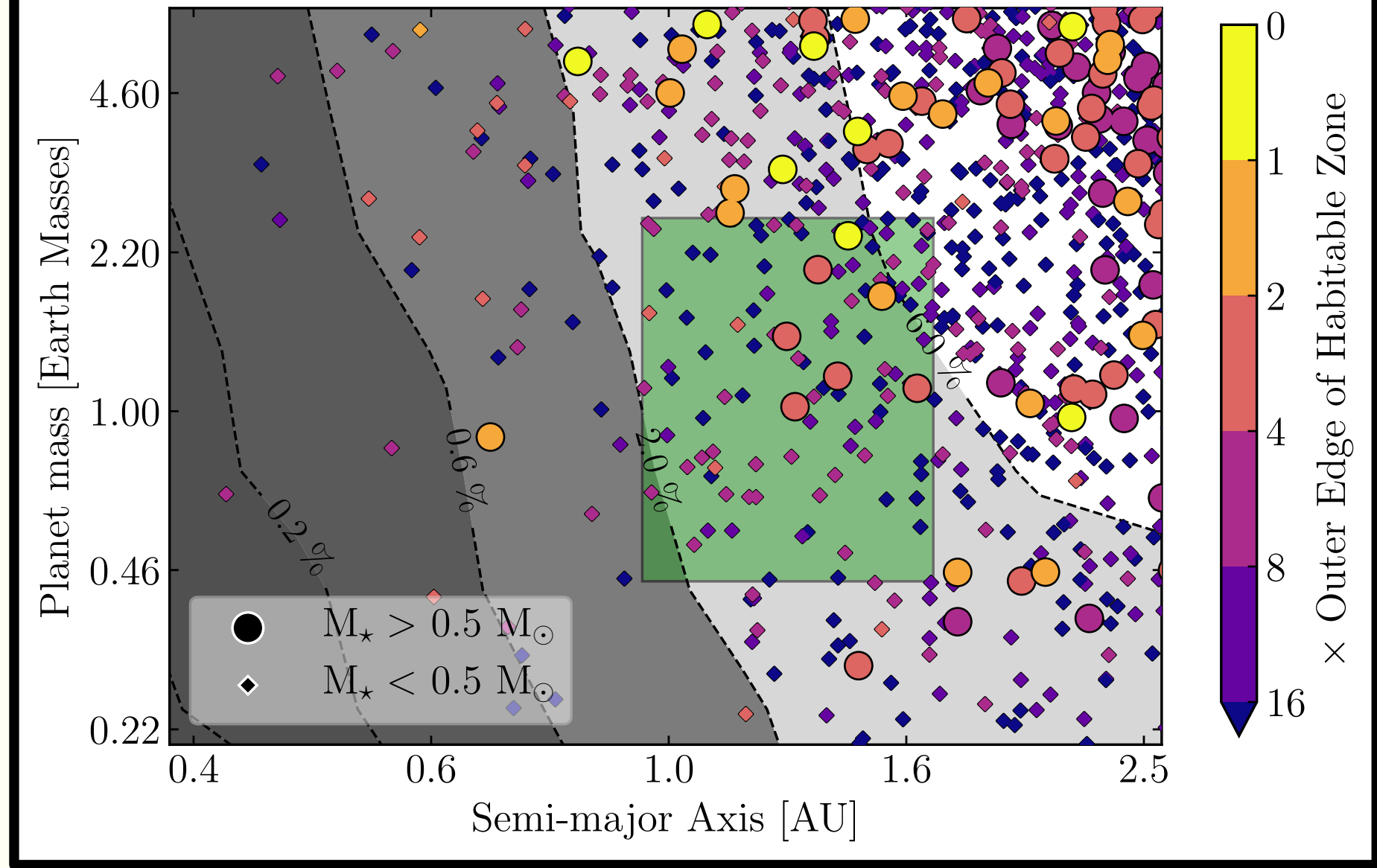
Scaling θ_E and t_E

$$\theta_E \approx 700\mu\text{as} \left(\frac{M}{0.5M_\odot}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 30\mu\text{as} \left(\frac{M}{M_J}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 2\mu\text{as} \left(\frac{M}{M_\oplus}\right)^{1/2}$$

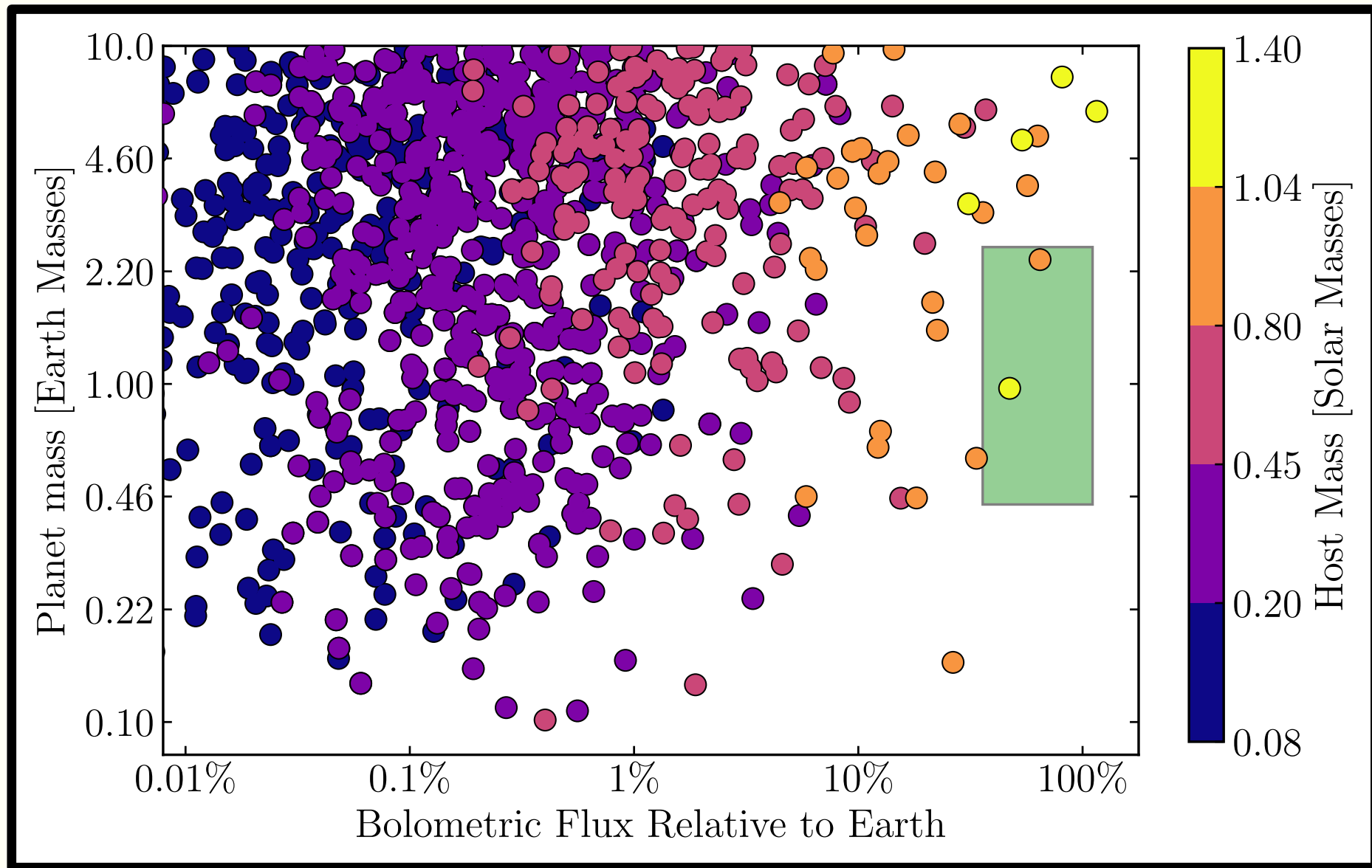
$$t_E \approx 25\text{days} \left(\frac{M}{0.5M_\odot}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1\text{day} \left(\frac{M}{M_J}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1.5\text{hours} \left(\frac{M}{M_\oplus}\right)^{1/2}$$

Mission design changes

	IDRM	DRM1	DRM2	AFTA	<i>WFIRST</i> Cycle 7
Reference	Green et al. (2011)	Green et al. (2012)	Green et al. (2012)	Spergel et al. (2015)	— ^{1,2}
Mirror diameter (m)	1.3	1.3	1.1	2.36	2.36
Obscured fraction (area, %)	0	0	0	13.9	13.9
Detectors	7×4 H2RG-10	9×4 H2RG-10	7×2 H4RG-10	6×3 H4RG-10	6×3 H4RG-10
Plate scale (″/pix)	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.11	0.11
Field of view (deg ²)	0.294	0.377	0.587	0.282	0.282
Fields	7	7	6	10	7
Survey area (deg ^s)	2.06	2.64	3.52	2.82	1.97
Avg. slew and settle Time (s)	38	38	38	38	83.1
Orbit	L2	L2	L2	Geosynchronous	L2
Total Survey length (d)	432	432	266	411**	432
Season length (d)	72	72	72	72	72
Seasons	6	6	3.7	6	6
Baseline mission duration (yr)	5	5	3	6	5
Primary bandpass (μm)	1.0–2.0 (W149)	1.0–2.4 (W169)	1.0–2.4 (W169)	0.93–2.00 (W149)	0.93–2.00 (W149)
Secondary bandpass (μm)	0.74–1.0 (Z087)	0.74–1.0 (Z087)	0.74–1.0 (Z087)	0.76–0.98 (Z087)	0.76–0.98 (Z087)



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Event rate weighting

$$w_i = 0.25 \text{ deg}^2 f_{1106WFIRST} \Gamma_{\text{deg}^2} T_{\text{sim}} u_{0,\text{max}} \frac{2\mu_{\text{rel},i} \theta_{E,i}}{W}$$

$$W = \sum_i 2\mu_{\text{rel},i} \theta_{E,i}$$

