

# pterodactyls: A Uniform Search for Young Transiting Planets in TESS Primary Mission FFIs

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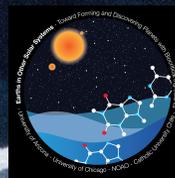
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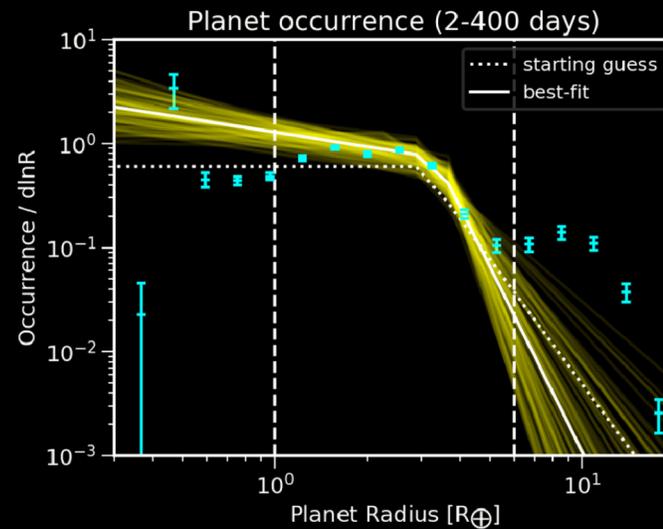
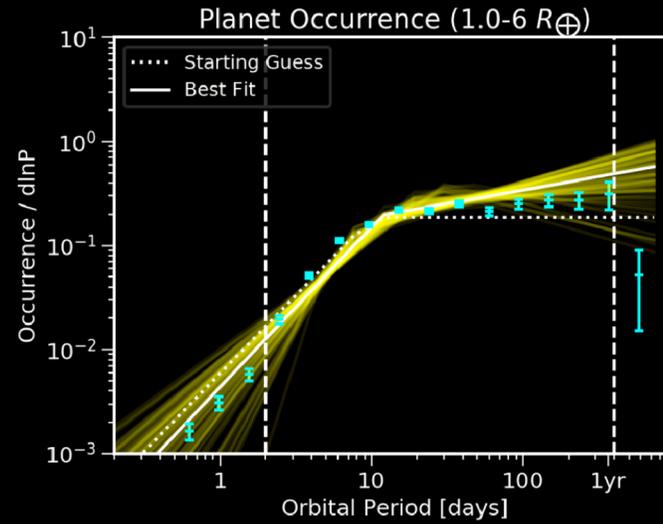
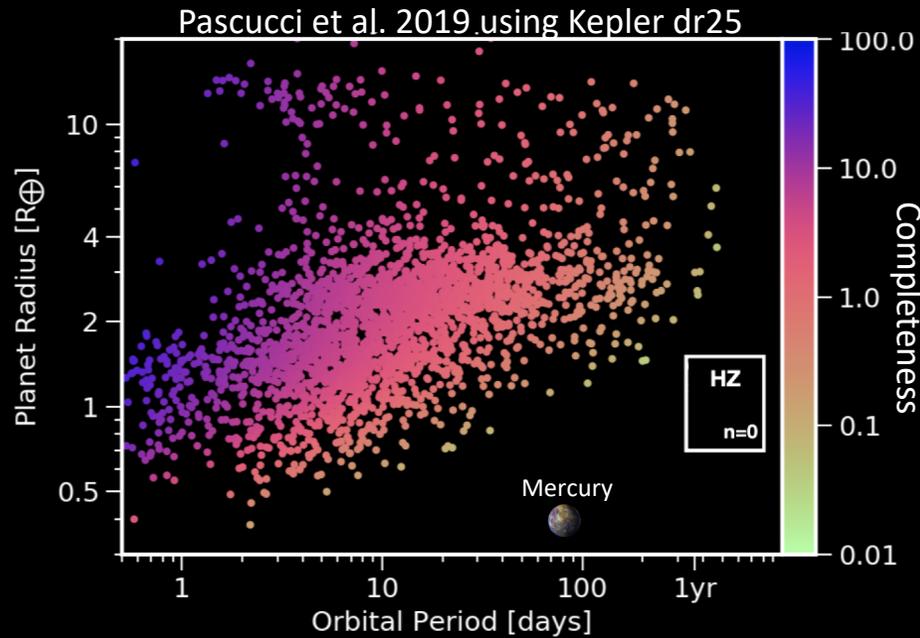


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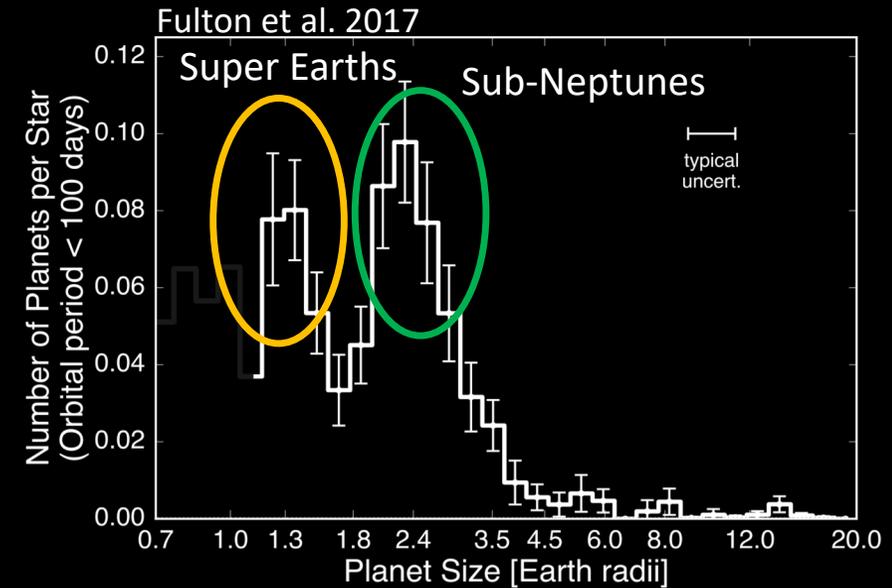
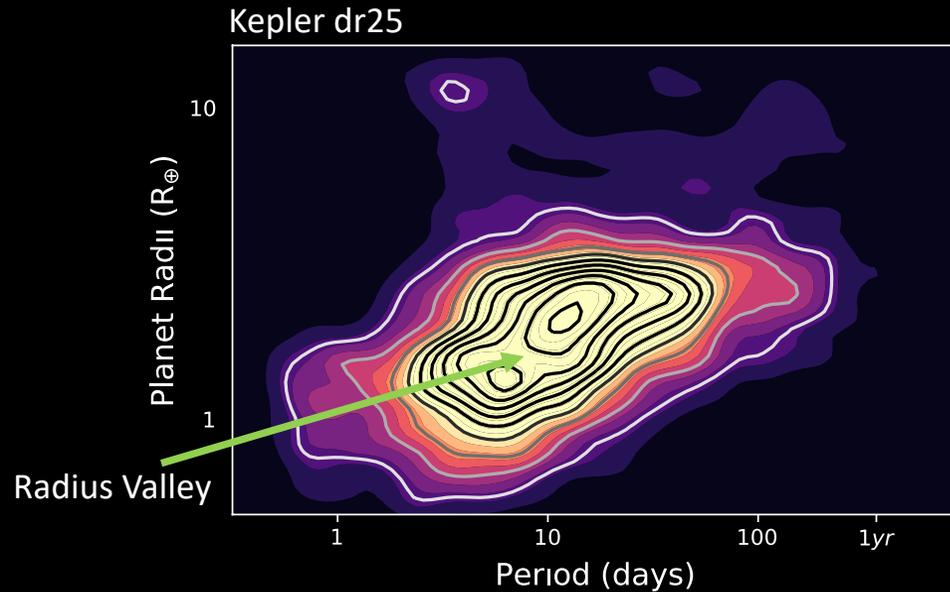
# The $\eta_{\oplus}$ Problem

$\eta_{\oplus}$  : the frequency of Earth-sized planets in the Habitable Zone ( $0.9 - 2.2 P_{\oplus}$ ;  $0.7 - 1.5 R_{\oplus}$ ) of a Sun-like star



$\eta_{\oplus}$  : 36% (epos; Mulders+ 2018)

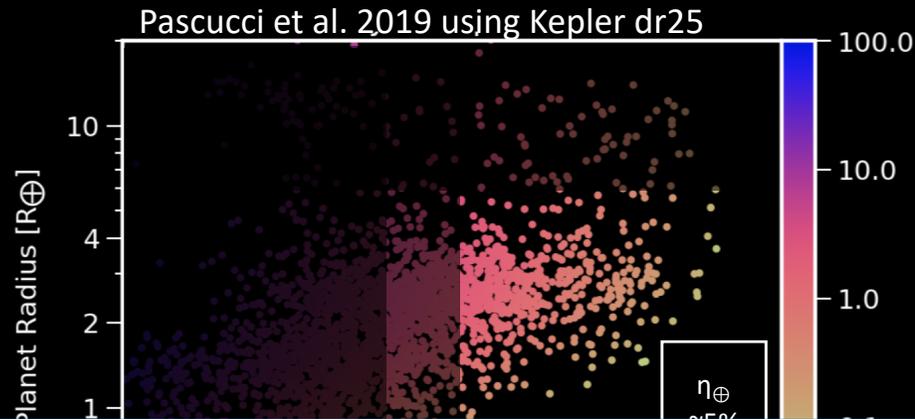
# The Population of Small, Short-period Planets



Possible explanations:

- XUV Photoevaporation (Owen+Wu 2013, 2017)
- Core-powered Mass Loss (Gupta+Schlichting 2019, 2020)

# Impact of Stripped Cores on $\eta_{\oplus}$

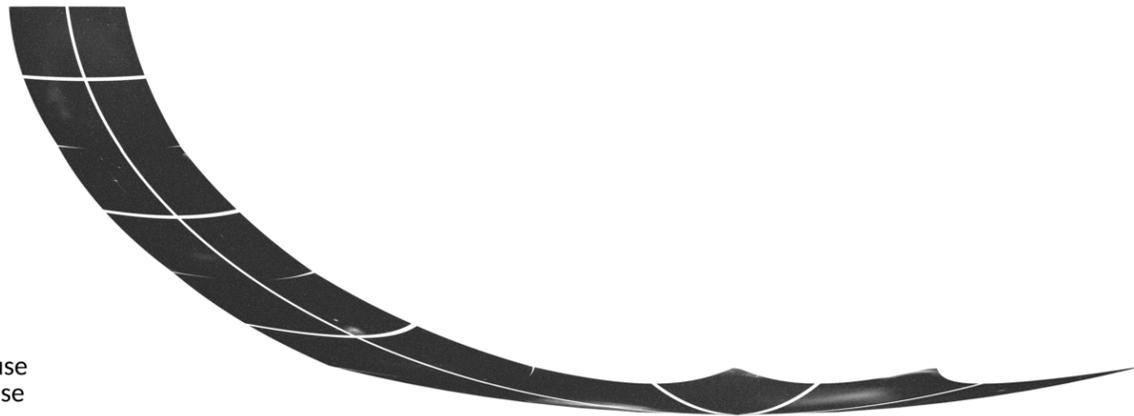


How do we quantify this contamination by the stripped cores of once sub-Neptunes?

The population of short-period small ( $<1.8 R_{\oplus}$ ) planets maybe contaminated by the stripped cores of once sub-Neptunes and hence is not representative of planets that formed like Earth

# The Transiting Exoplanet Sky Satellite (TESS) Mission

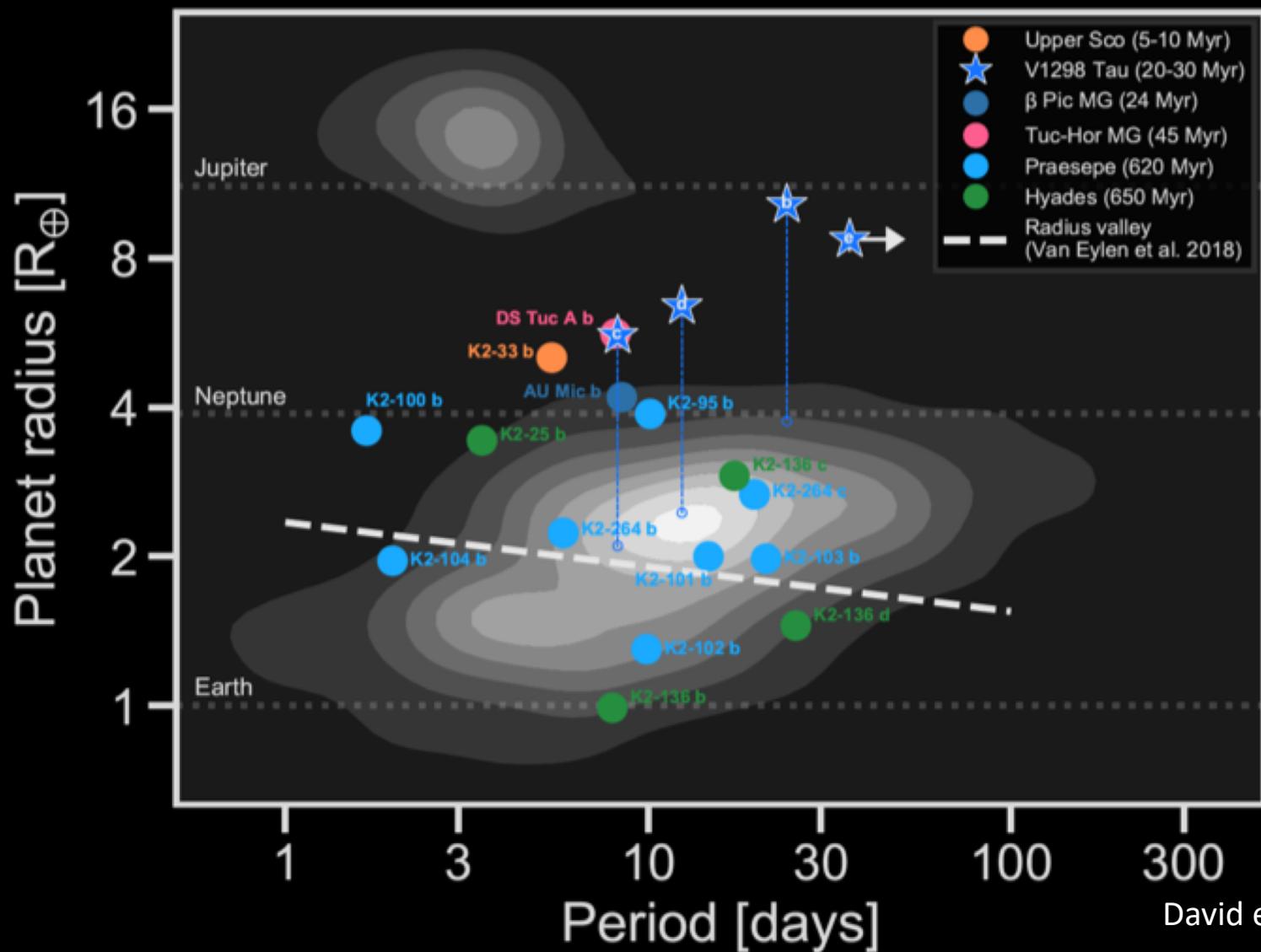
NASA TESS's View  
of the Sky



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# Detections of young planets with K2+TESS

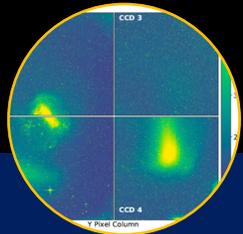


David et al. 2019

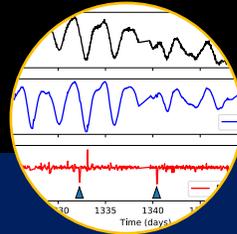
# Finding Planet Candidates

## pterodactyls

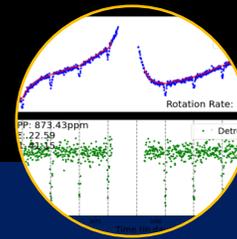
Python Tool for Exoplanets: Really Outstanding Detection and Assessment of Close-in Transits around Young Local Stars



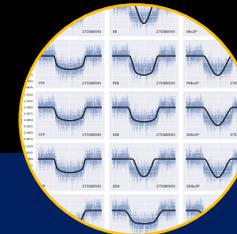
Extract Light Curves from Full Frame Images using eleanor (Feinstein+ 2019)



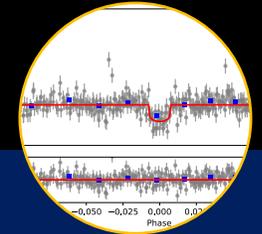
Detrend Light Curves using Wotan (Hippke+ 2019)



Search for Planets using TLS (Hippke+Heller 2019)



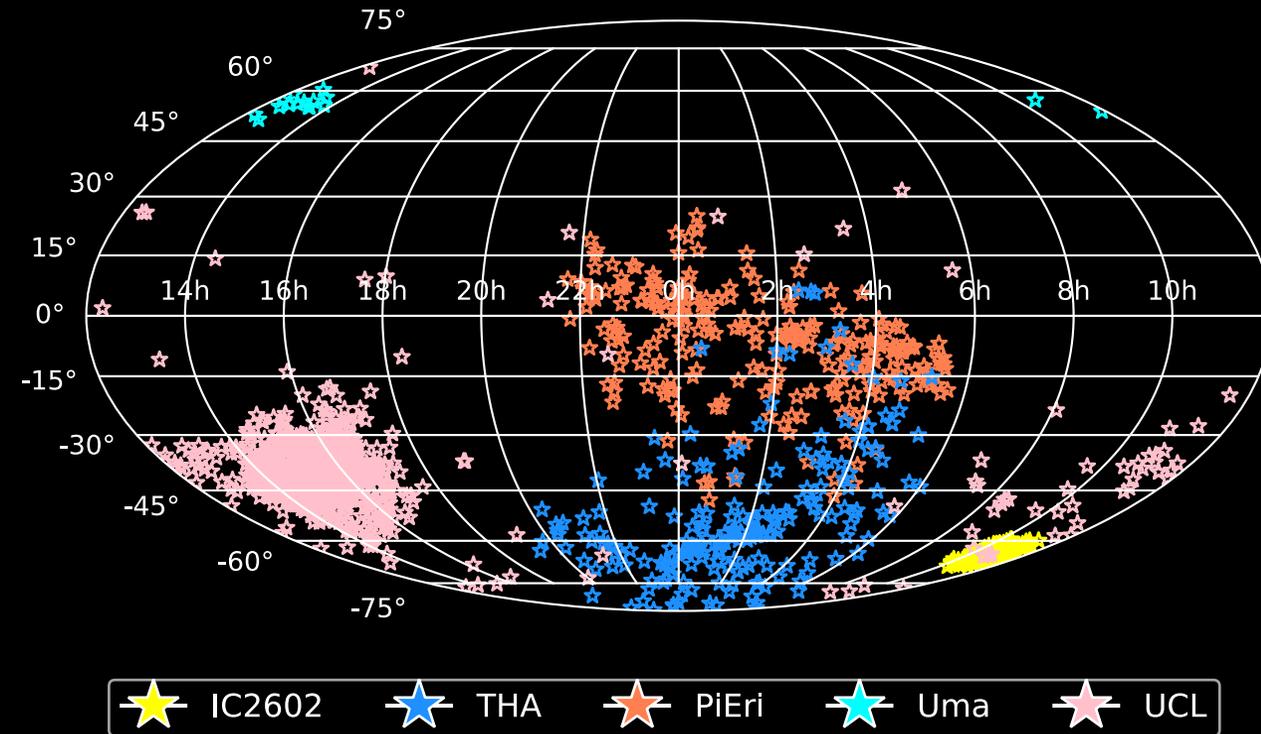
Vet exoplanet candidates using EDI-Vetter and triceratops (Zink et al.; Giacalone et al. 2020)



Fit phase-folded light curve using EXOTIC (Zellem et al. 2020)

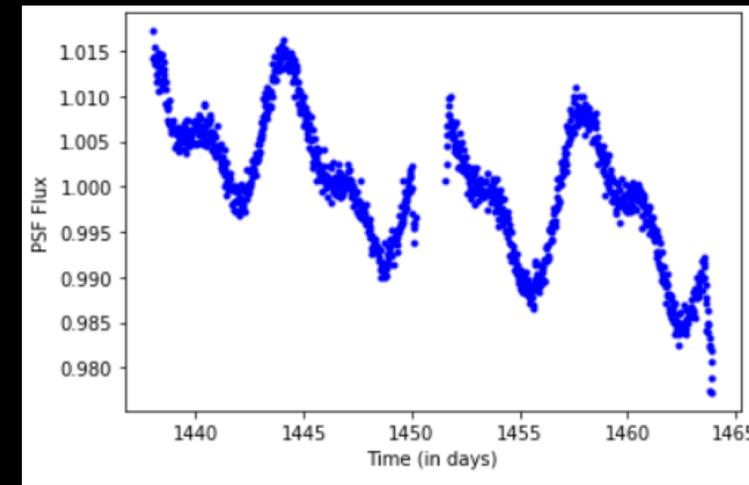
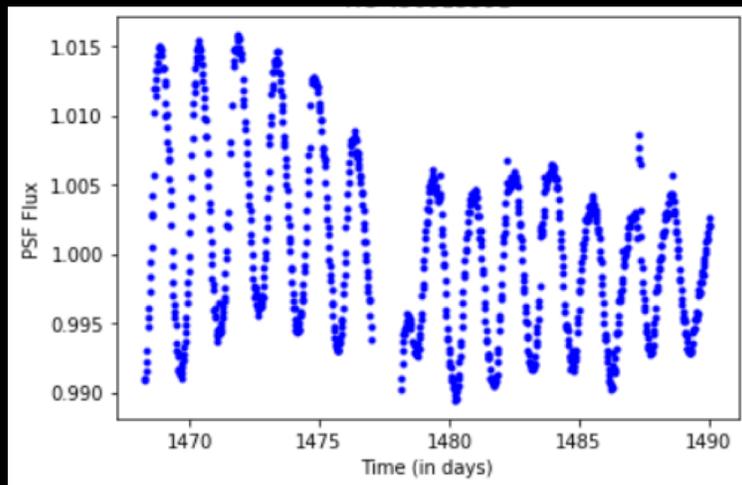
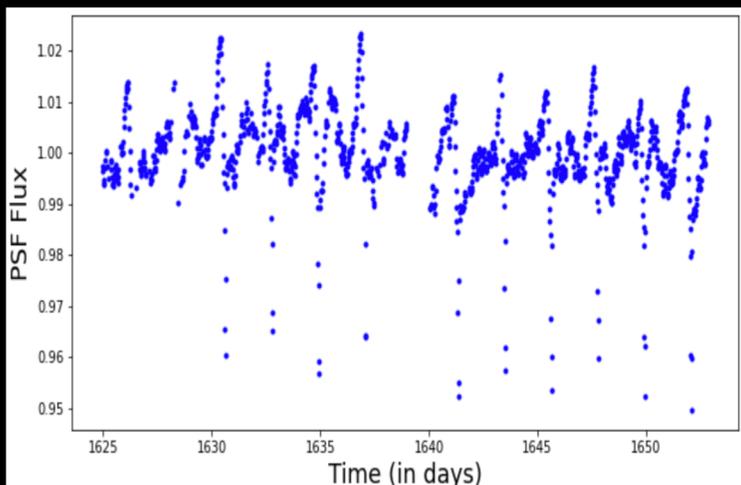
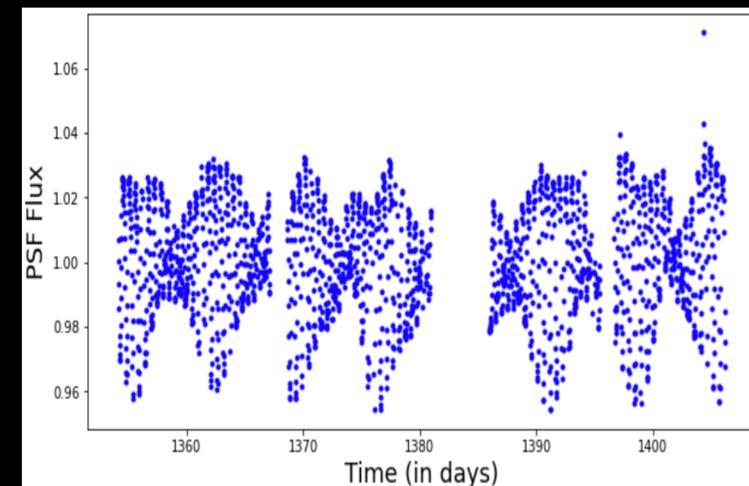
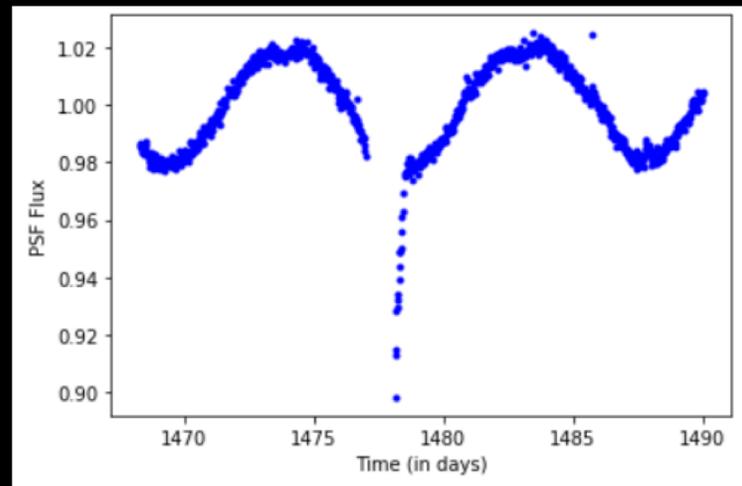
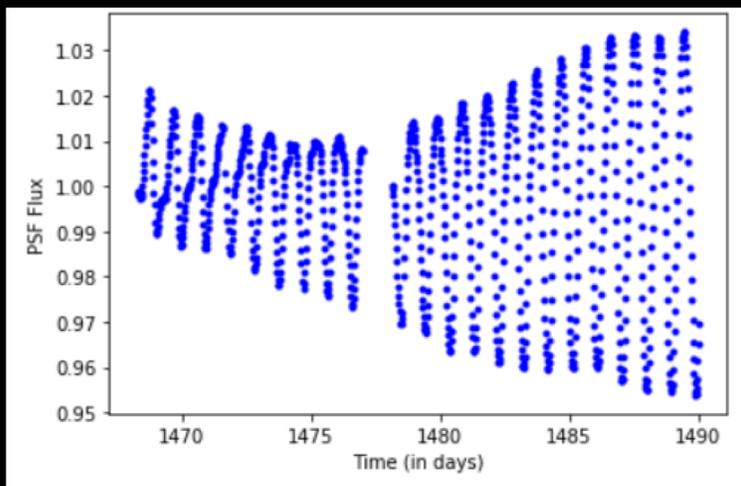
# Our (Current) Sample of Young Stellar Clusters

Cluster/Moving Group	Dist (pc)	Age (Myr)	Obs/Total
THA	$46^{+8}_{-6}$	$45 \pm 4$	201/214
IC 2602	$146 \pm 5$	$46^{+6}_{-5}$	502/504
UCL	$130 \pm 20$	$16 \pm 2$	719/937
UMa	$\sim 25$	$414 \pm 23$	16/17
PiEri	80–226	120	153/254

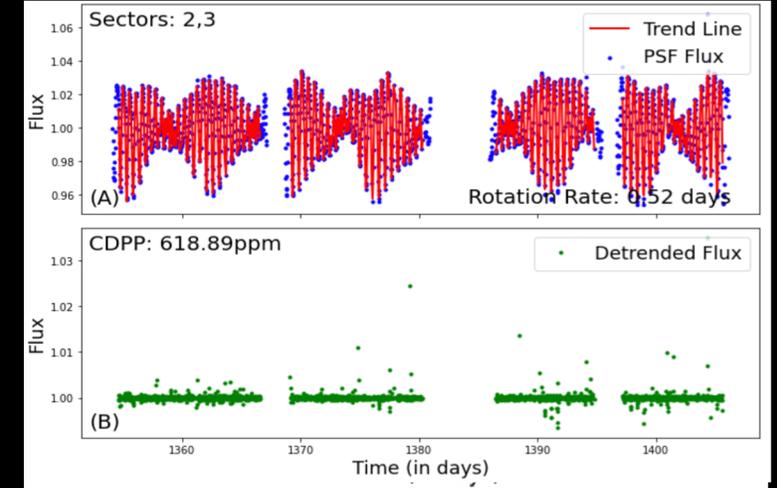
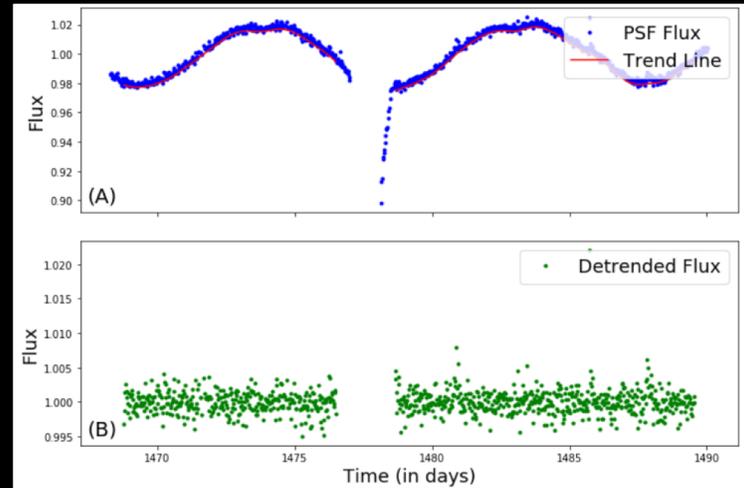
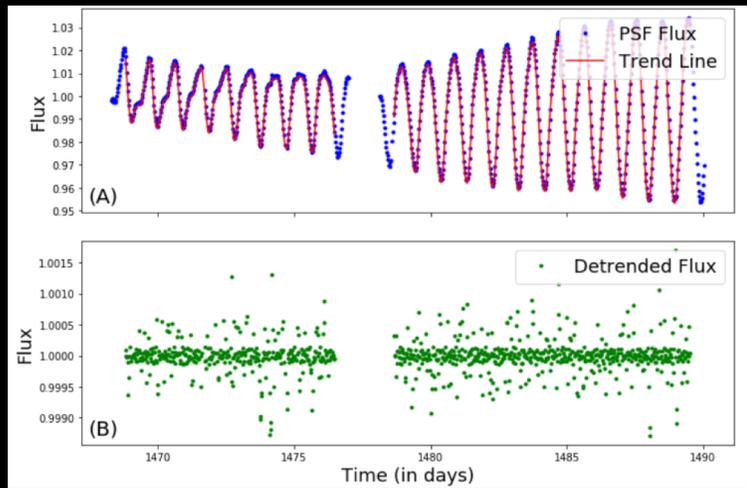


Distance, age, and membership are from  
Gagné et al. (2018) and Babusiaux et al. (2018)

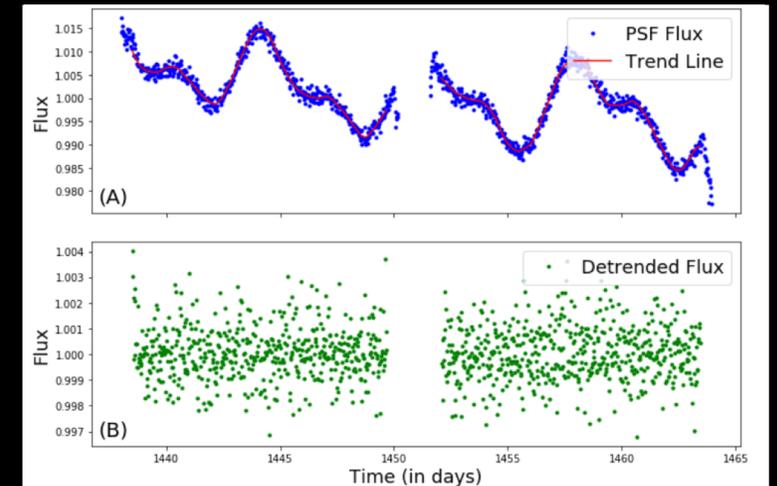
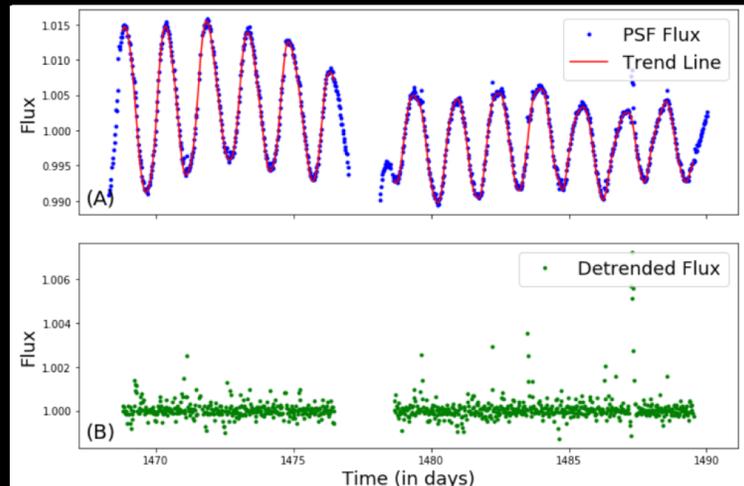
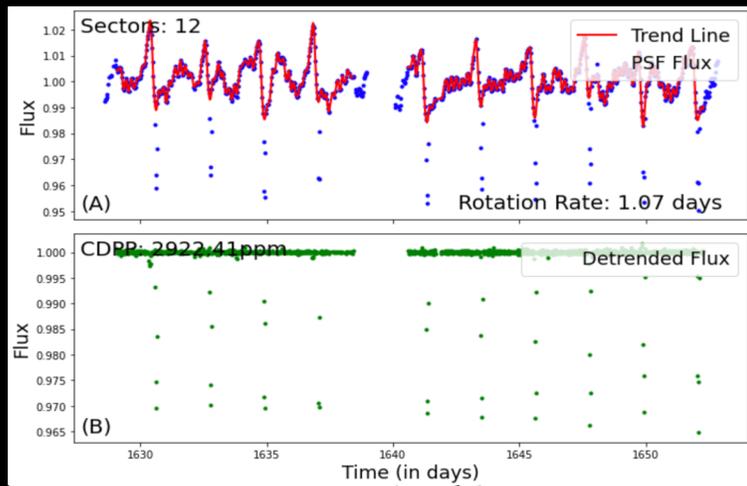
# Step 1: Extraction with eLearner



# Step 2: Detrending with Wotan



## Penalized Spline With Knot Optimization Based on Stellar Rotation Rates



# Step 3: Search and Vet Planet Candidates

- Search:  $SDE > 7$ ;  $snr > 7$  with transitleastsquares (TLS)
- Vetting:

Orbital Period  $\neq$  stellar rotation rate

At least 2 transits with data

$T_{dur} (obs) \sim T_{dur} (exp)$

Consistency in individual transit depths

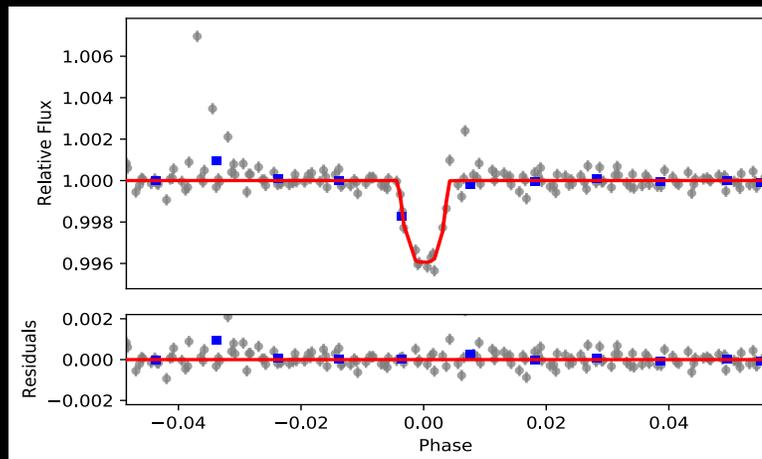
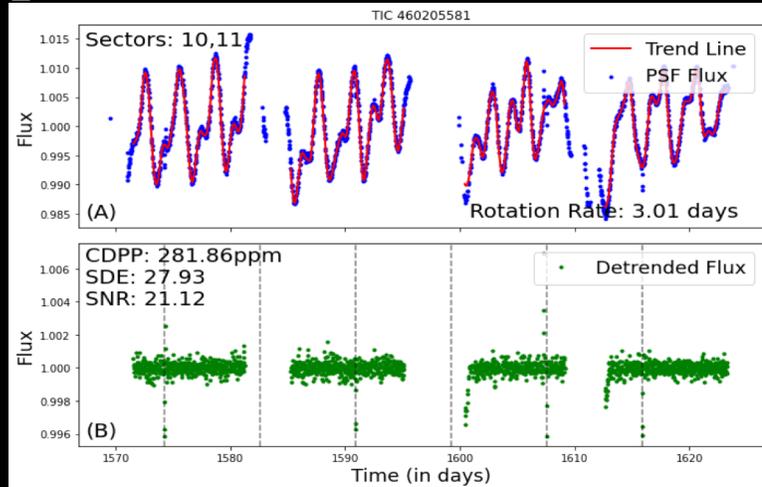
Individual Transits  $> 7$  SDE

No secondary transit events at half times the detected period

# Result 1: Recovery of Known Planets

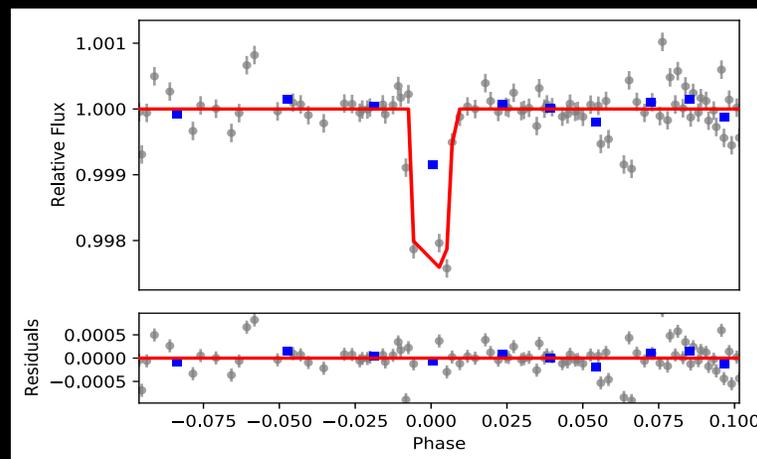
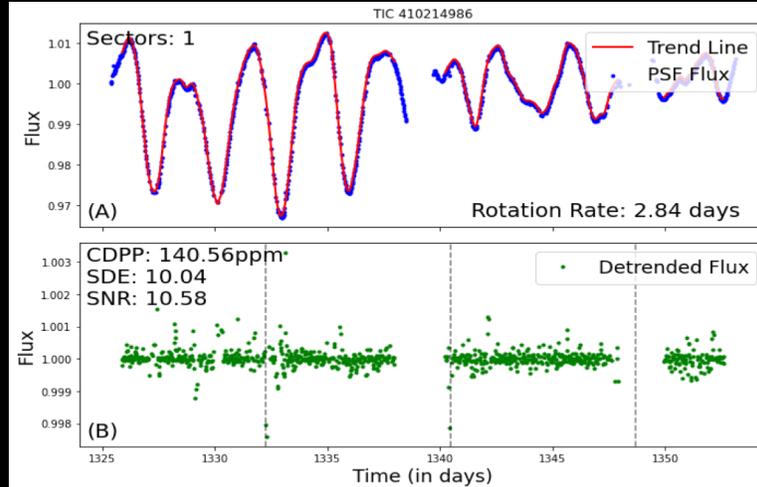
Nardiello et al. 2020

Cluster: IC 2602  
Radius:  $7.2 R_{\oplus}$   
Period: 8.3 days



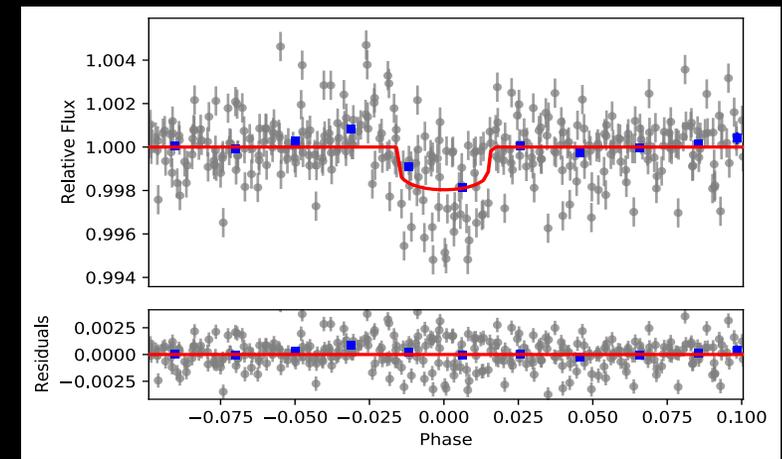
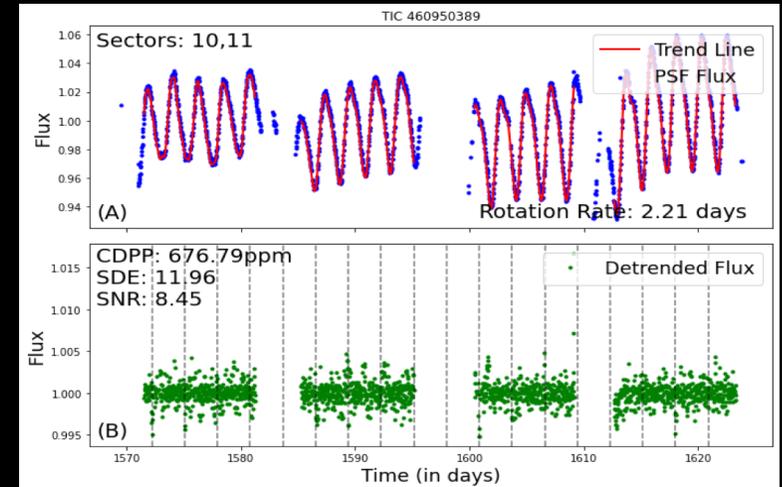
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Cluster: THA  
Radius:  $5 R_{\oplus}$   
Period: 8.2 days



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Cluster: IC 2602  
Radius:  $3.5 R_{\oplus}$   
Period: 2.8 days

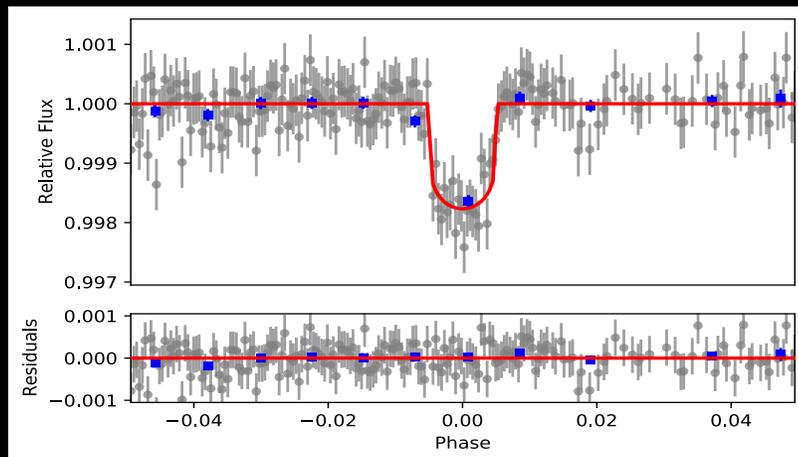
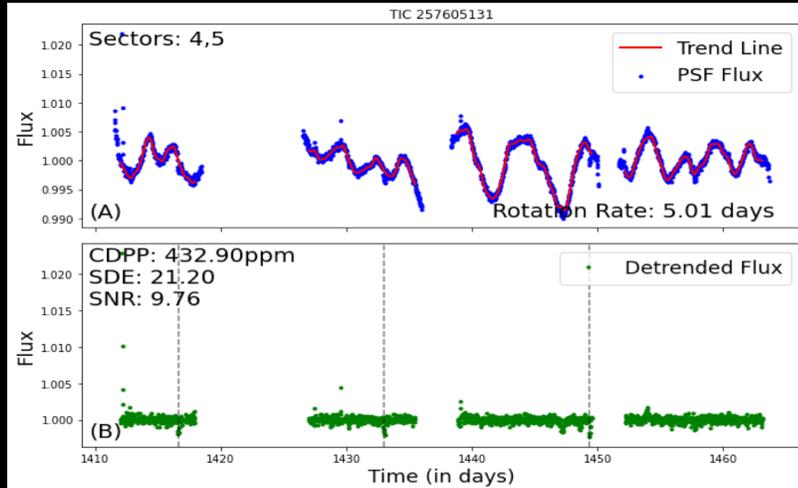


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# Result 1b: Recovery of Multi-Planet Systems

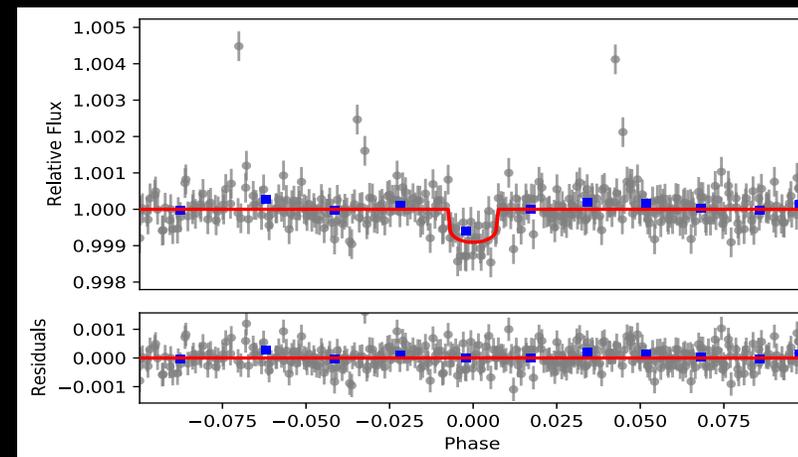
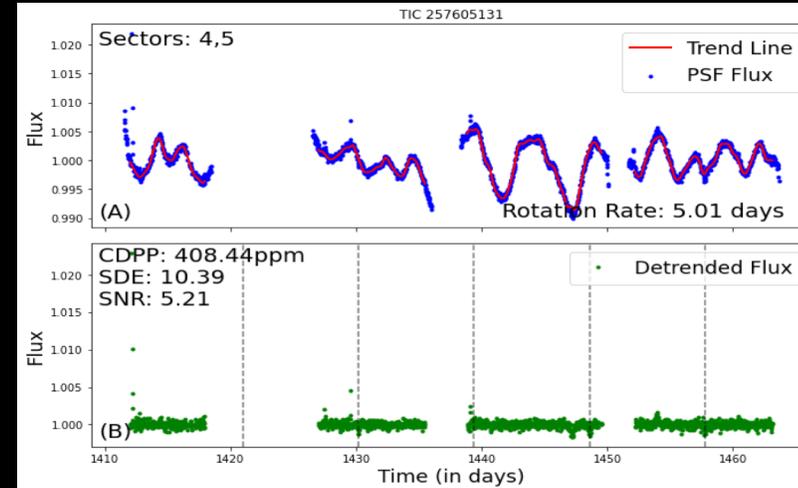
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Cluster: Pisces-Eridani  
Radius:  $3.6 R_{\oplus}$   
Period: 16.4 days



Newton et al. 2021

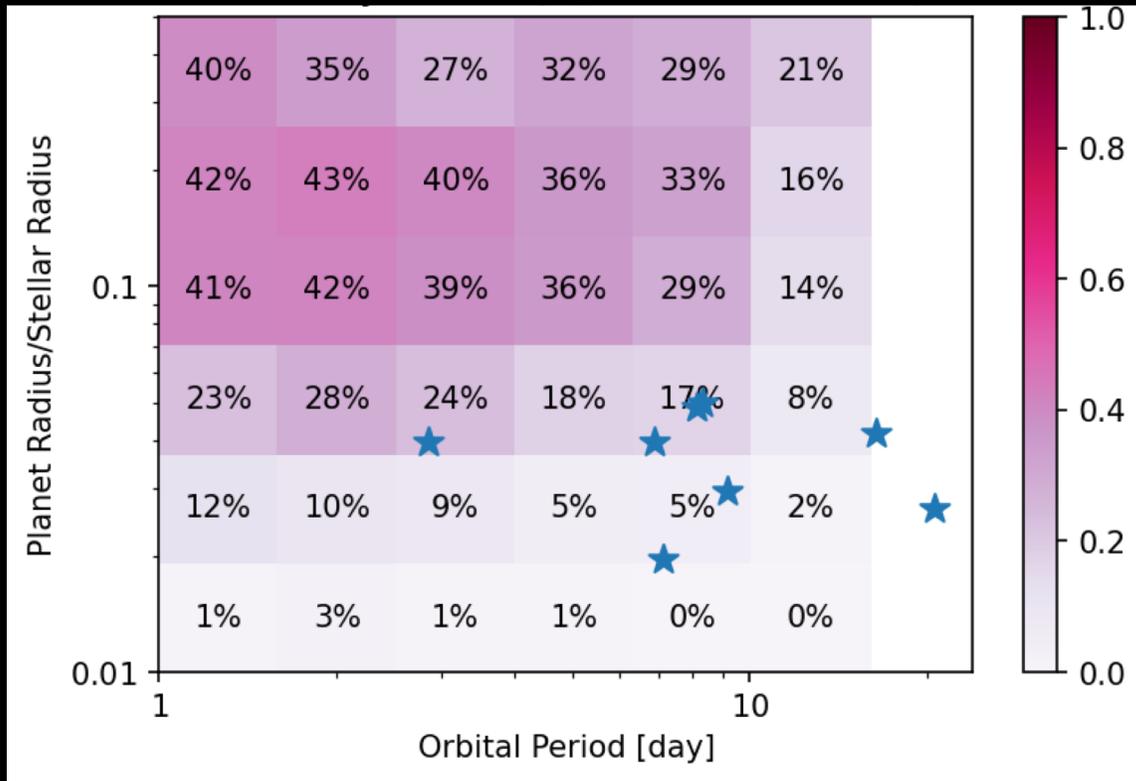
Cluster: Pisces-Eridani  
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Period: 9.2 days



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# Result 2: Detection Efficiency

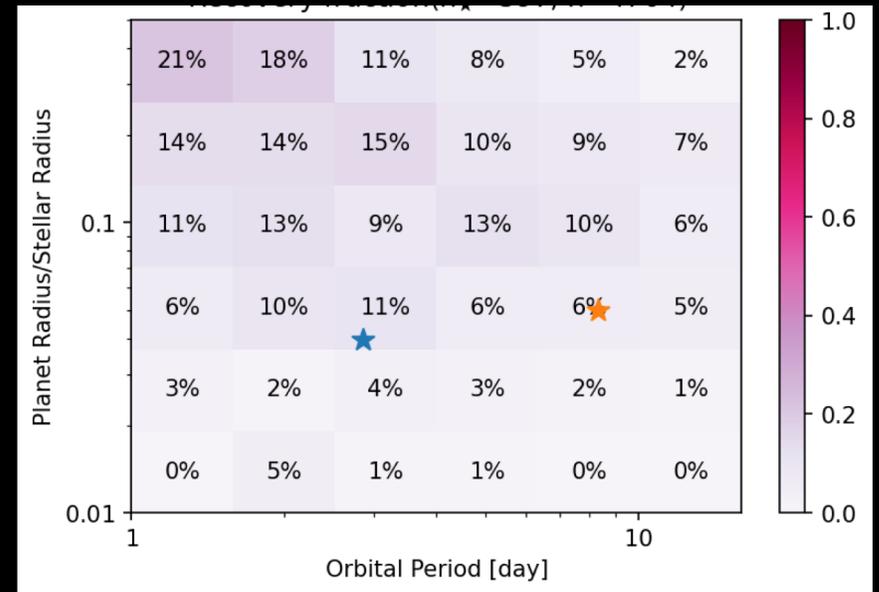
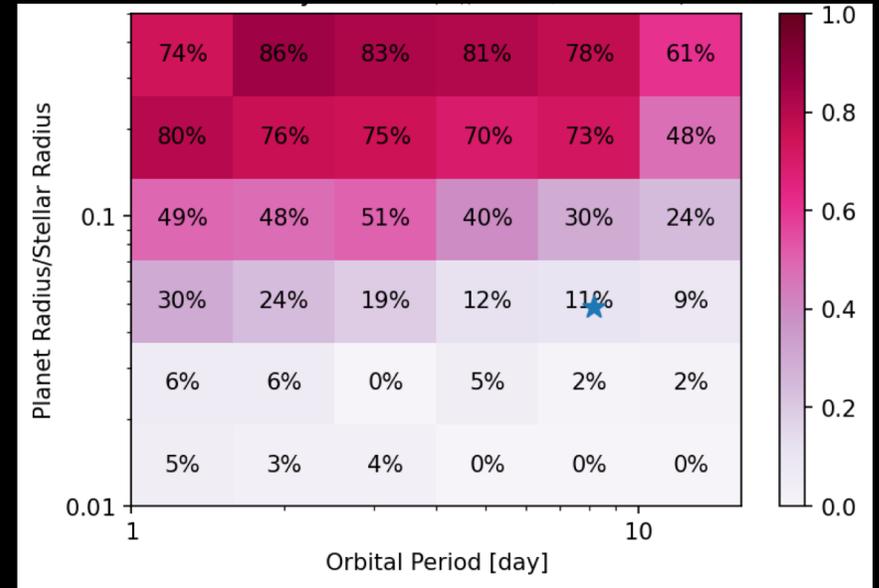
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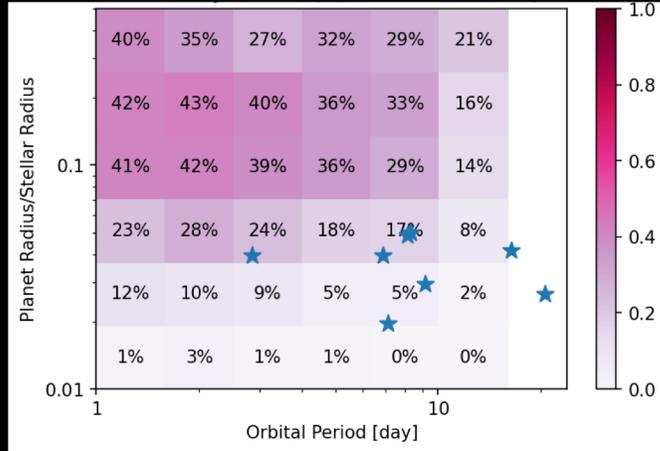
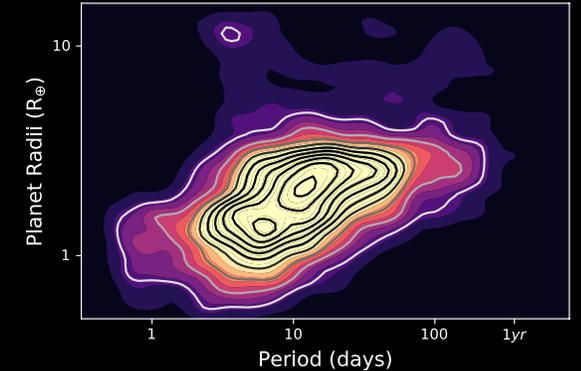
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IC2602



# Summary & Future Work

A closer look at Kepler's Gyr short-period exoplanet population revealed the radius valley i.e. a much lower frequency of planets with  $\sim 1.8R_E$  rather than  $\sim 1.3R_E$  (super-Earths) or  $\sim 2.4R_E$  (sub-Neptunes). Since this feature is thought to be evolutionary, it suggests that the primordial population could be very different than Kepler's Gyr population.



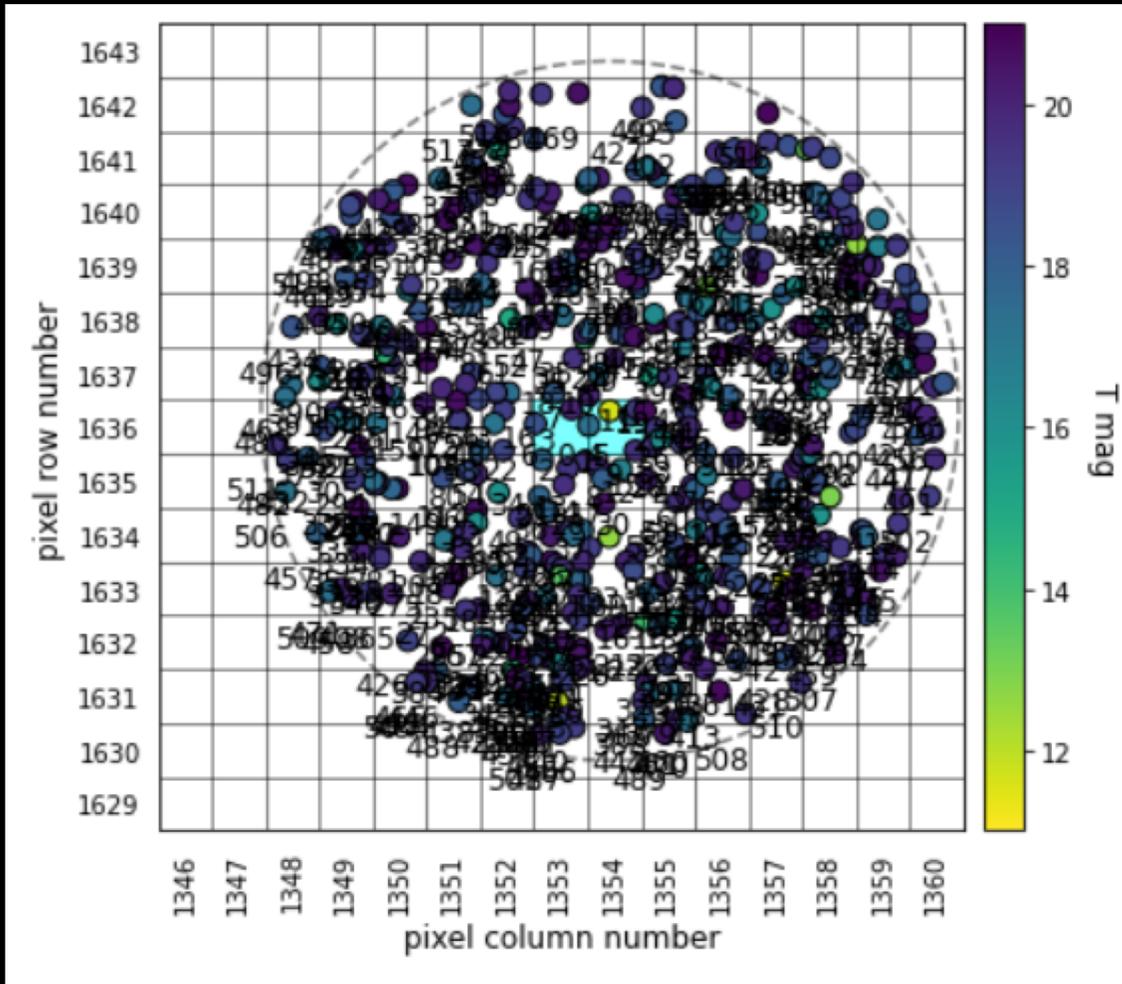
Therefore, in order to understand what the primordial population of short-period planets looked like, we need to detect planets in young stellar clusters. My pipeline, `pterodactyls`, has been optimized to be able to detrend young light curves from TESS FFIs.

## Next steps:

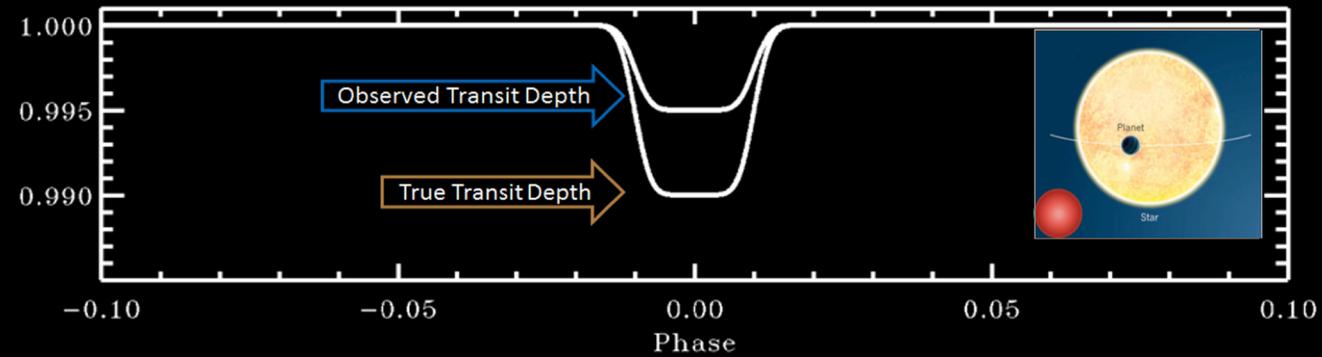
- Search and vet planet candidates in nearby clusters and moving groups + Community Follow-up of planet candidates
- Uniform characterization of stars in young clusters
- Occurrence of short period planets in young stellar clusters

# Backup Slides

# Step 4a: Flux Contamination



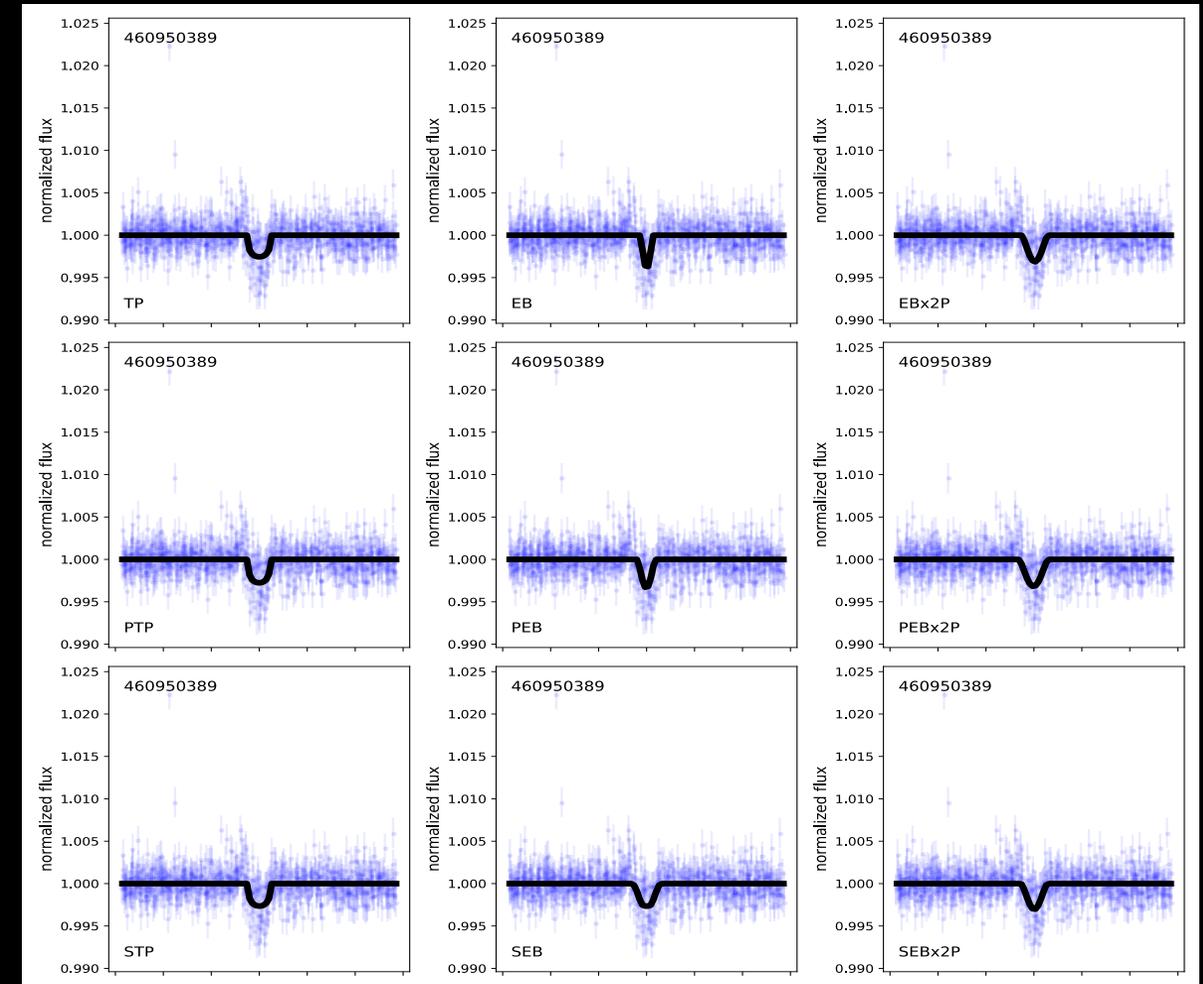
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- Planet Radius -> Transit Depth
- Transit Depth Dilution
  - Crowded fields
  - Inaccurate planetary radii
- triceratops -> flux contamination
  - Queries Gaia DR2 for nearby sources
  - TESS Pixel Response Function

# Step 4b: Vetting the Phase-folded Light Curve

- Transiting Planet or Eclipsing Binary around
  - Target star
  - Nearby star
  - Background star
  - Unresolved Bound Companion
    - Primary star
    - Secondary star
  - Unresolved Background star



# Comparison of Planetary Parameters

