

# Revealing the Demographics of Exoplanets in Binary Star Systems

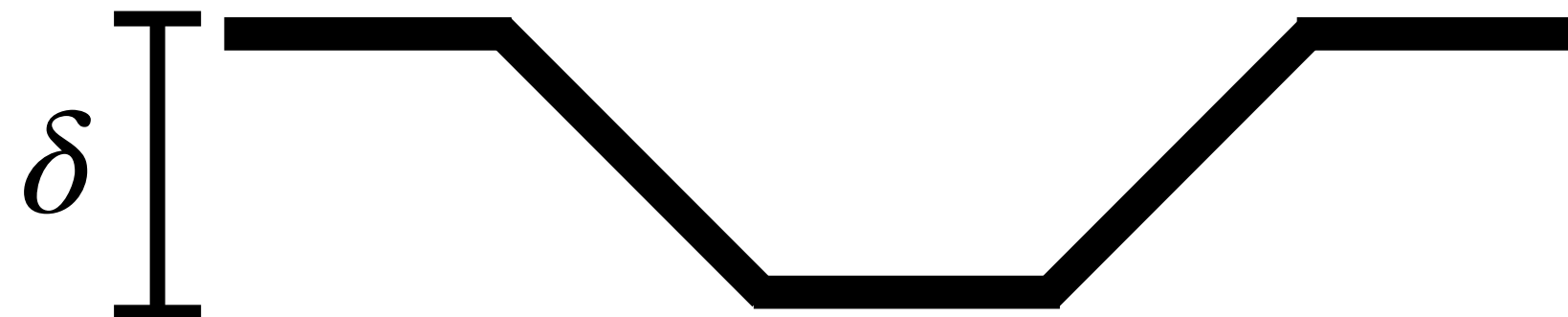
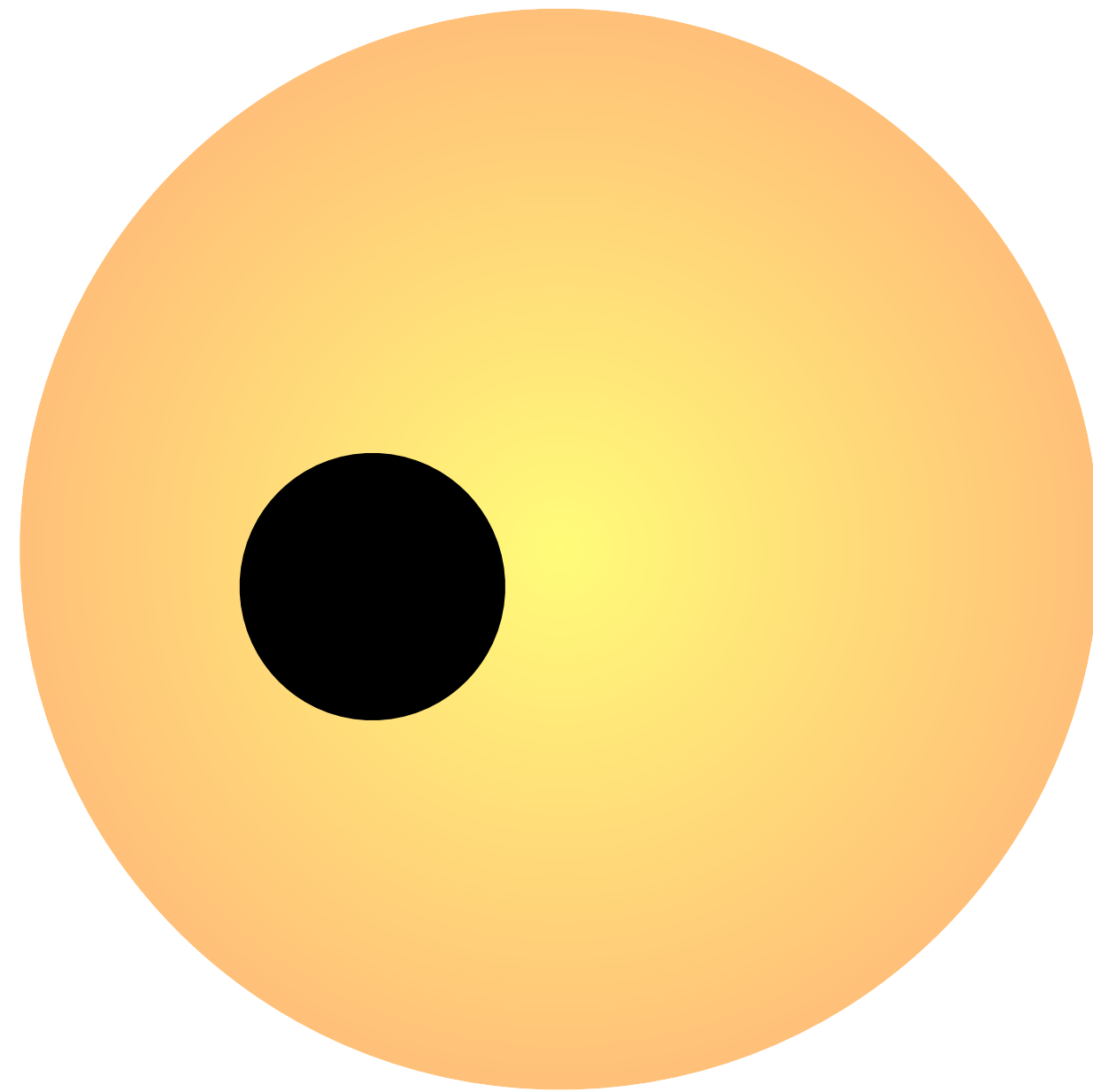
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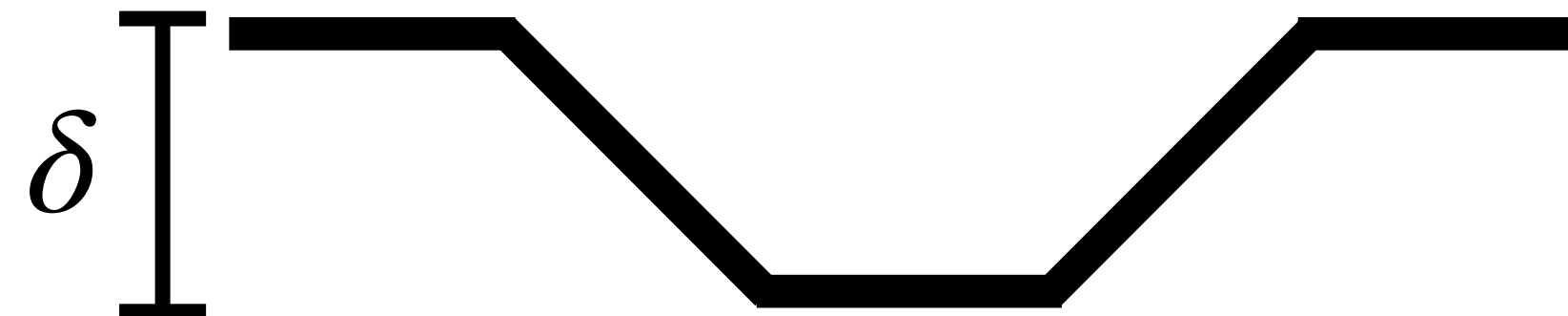
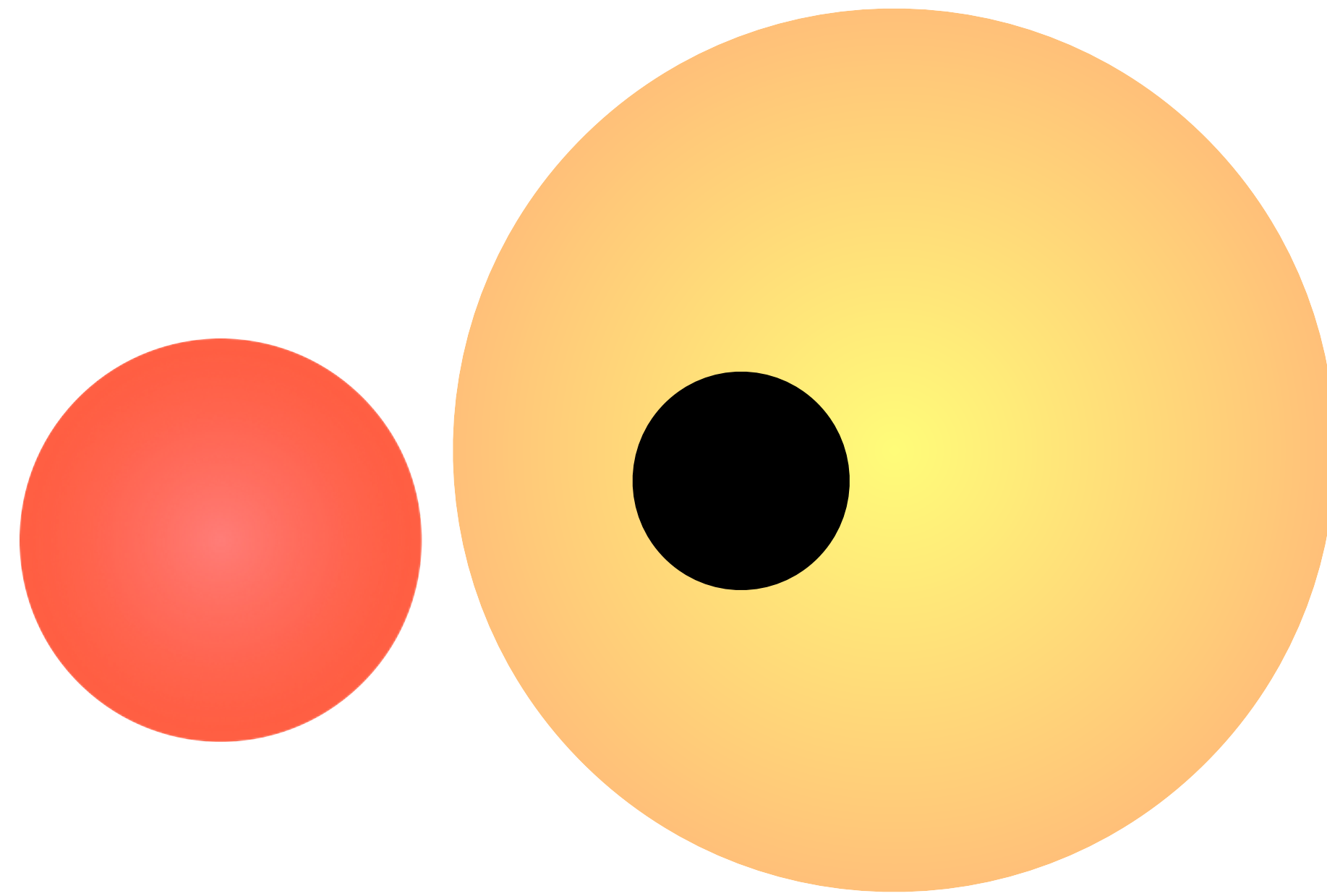
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**Biases introduced by stellar multiplicity limit  
our ability to explore exoplanet  
demographics**

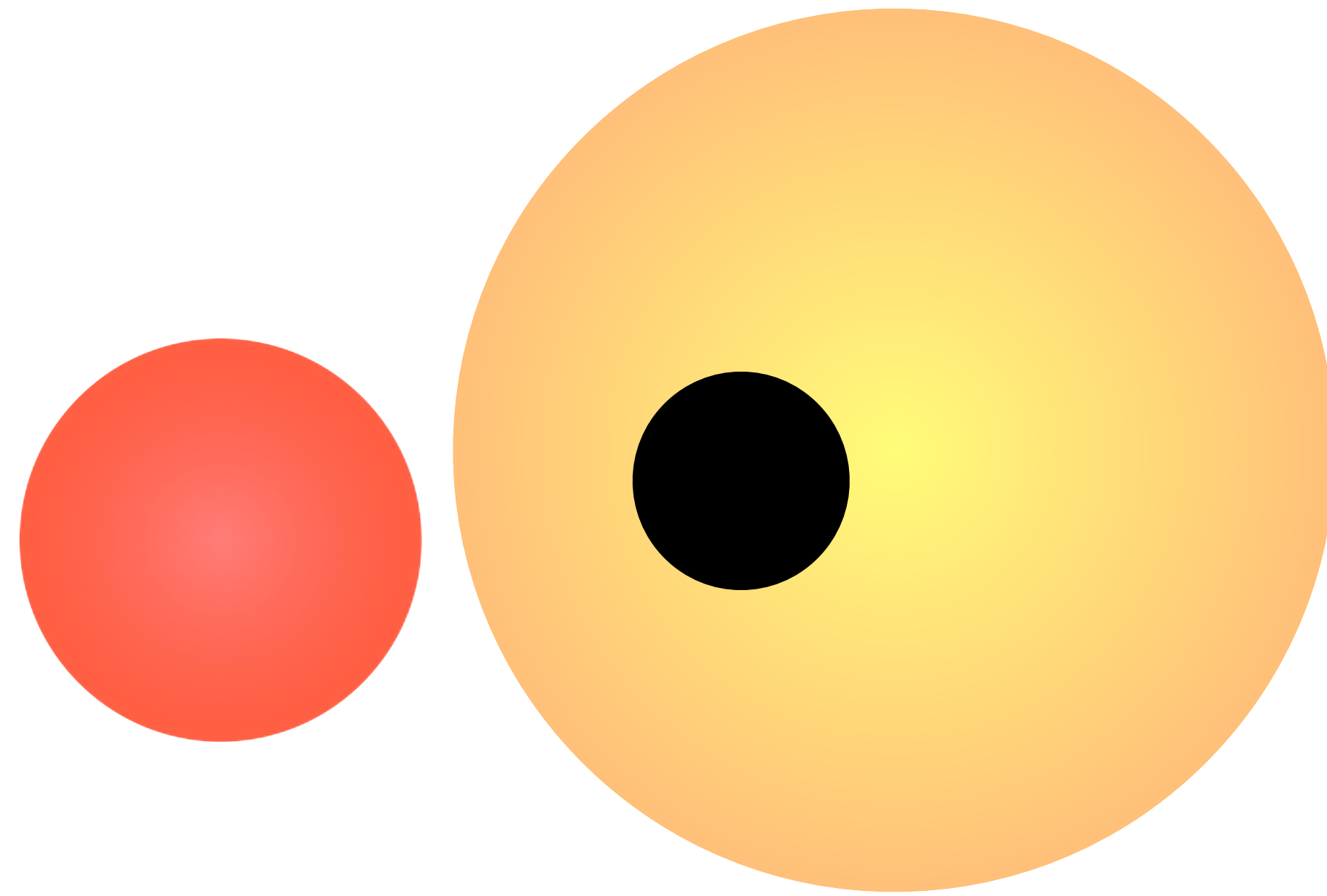
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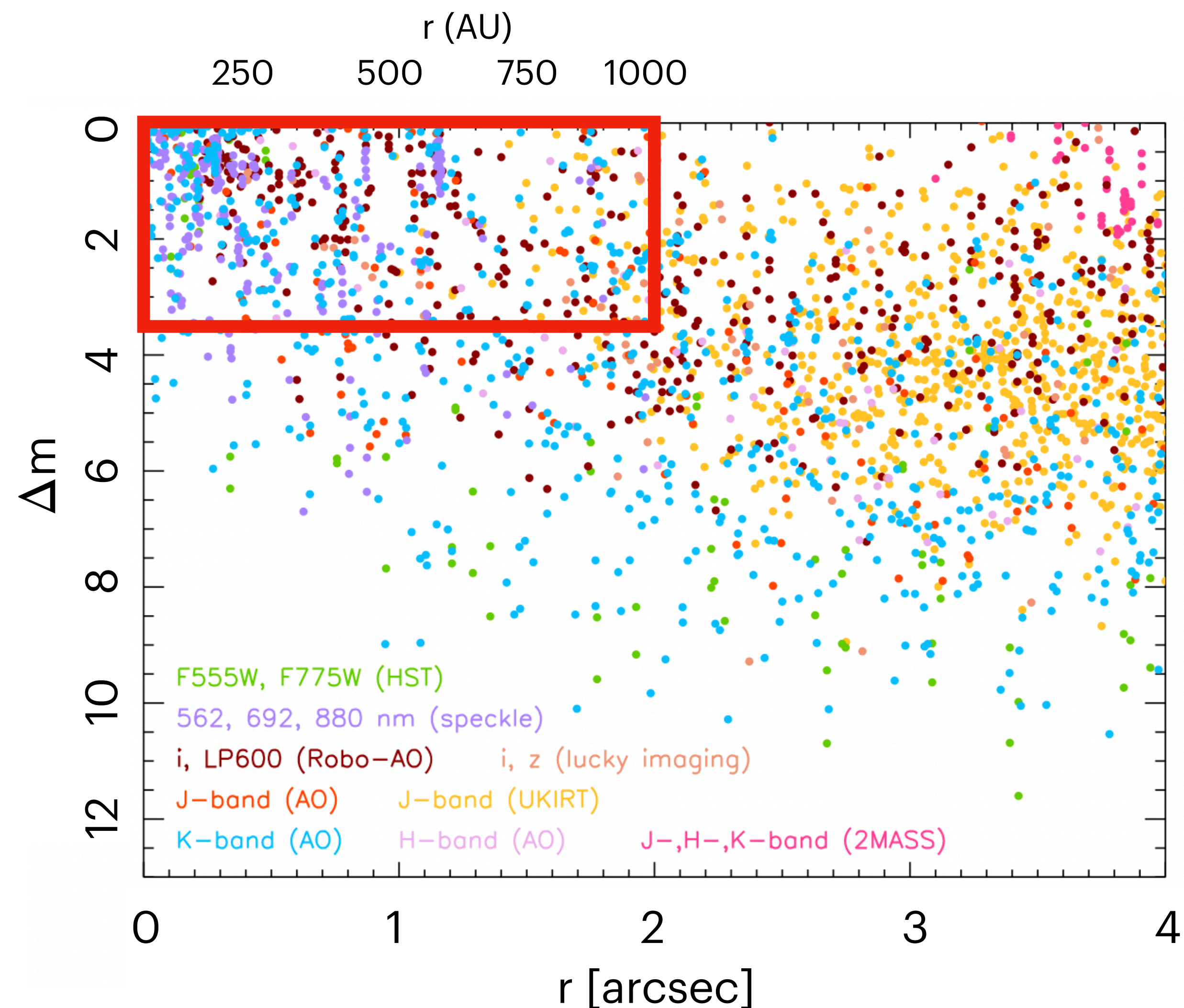
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A black line graph showing a transit signal. The line starts at a high level, drops to a lower level, stays there for a short duration, and then rises back to the original high level. This represents a dip in brightness during a transit.



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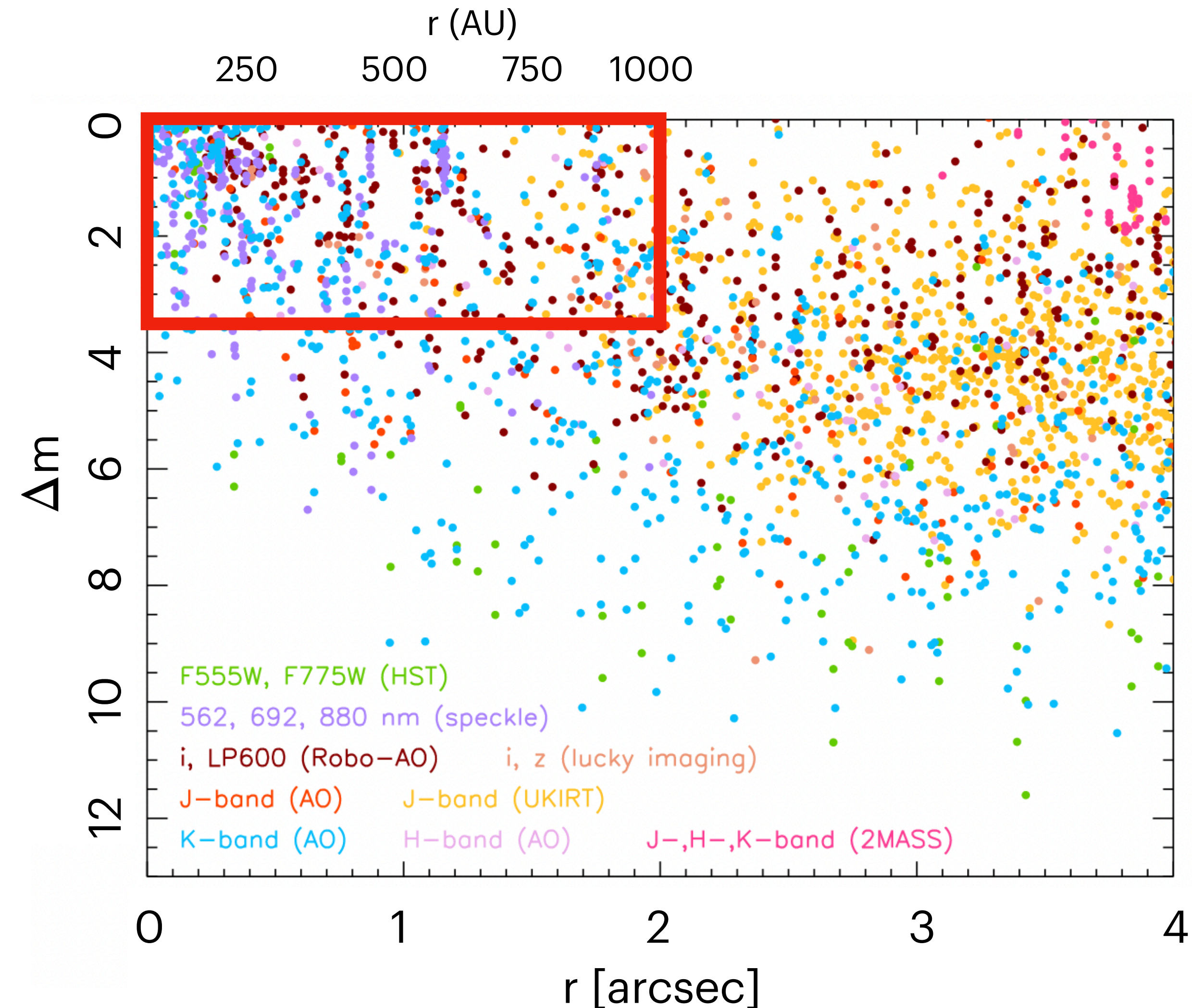




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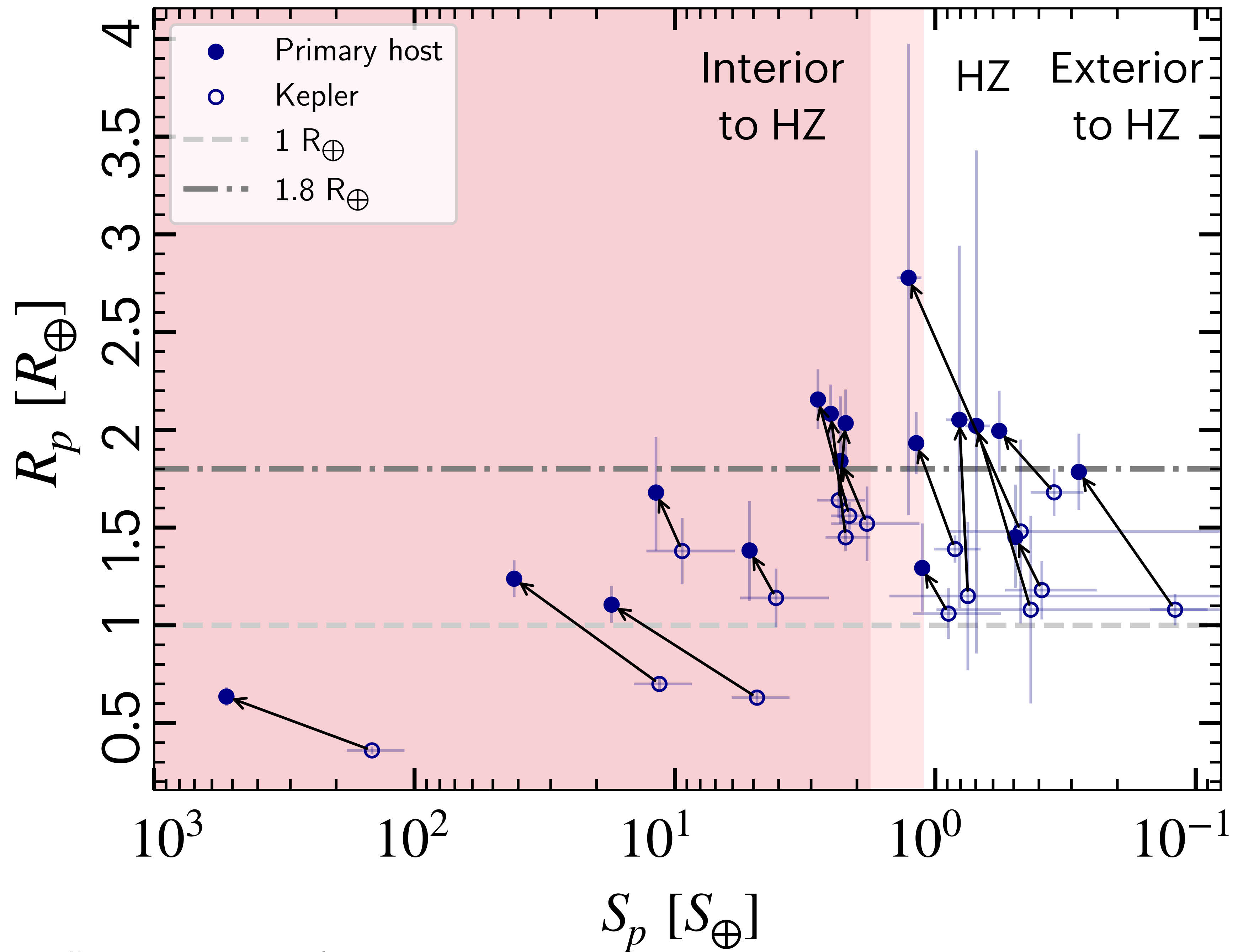
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Working to survey previously identified binaries (mostly from Furlan et al. 2017) with separations  $\rho < 2''$  and at least one contrast  $\Delta m_{[\lambda]} < 3.5$  mag



**What is the impact of binaries on single-star  
planet demographics?**

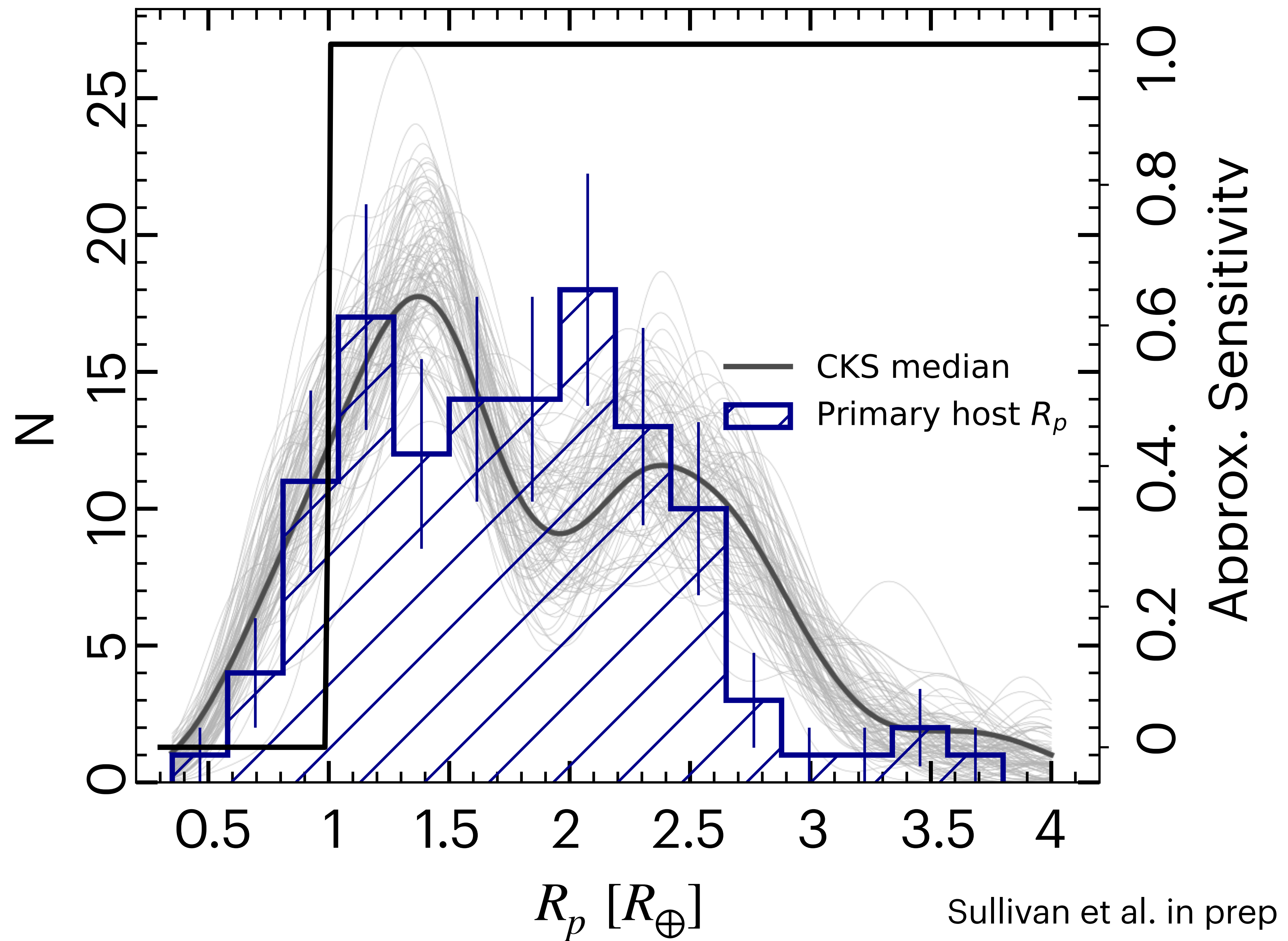




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**Do planets in binaries have different demographics than those in single stars?**

The binary star  
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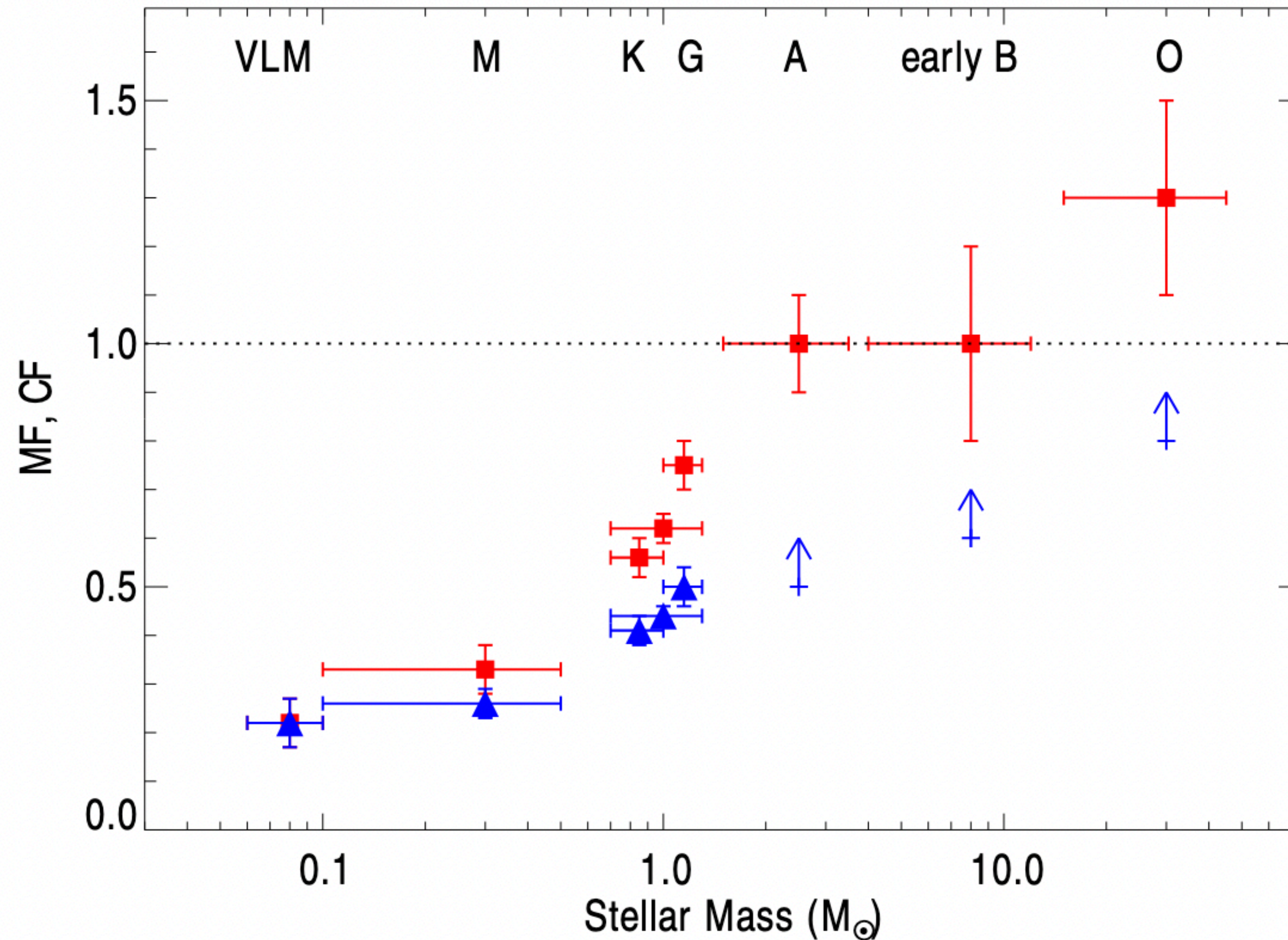
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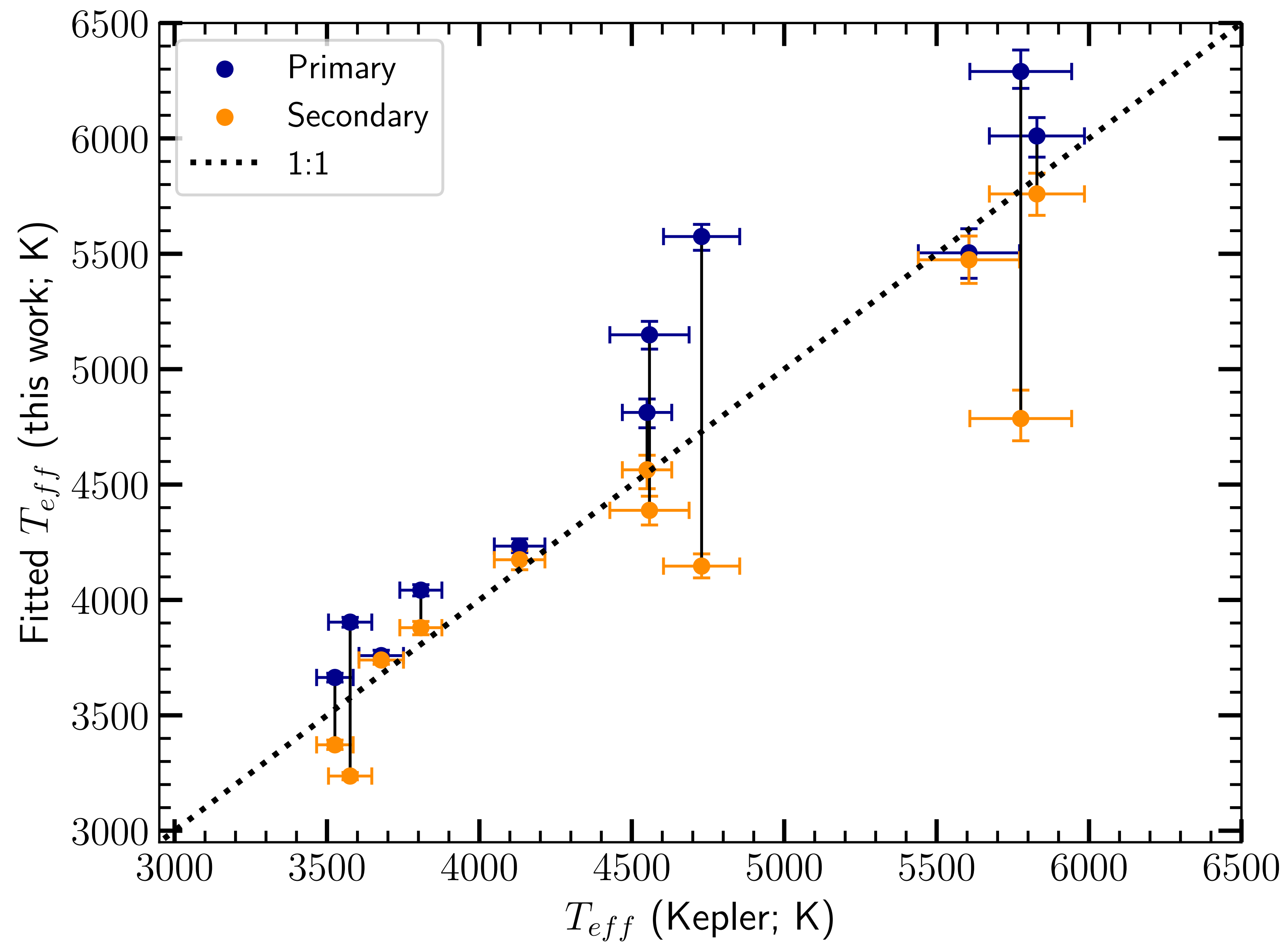
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- Revision of planet properties reveals differences between planet populations in binary and single stars
  - The binary star planet radius distribution is inconsistent with single-star observations

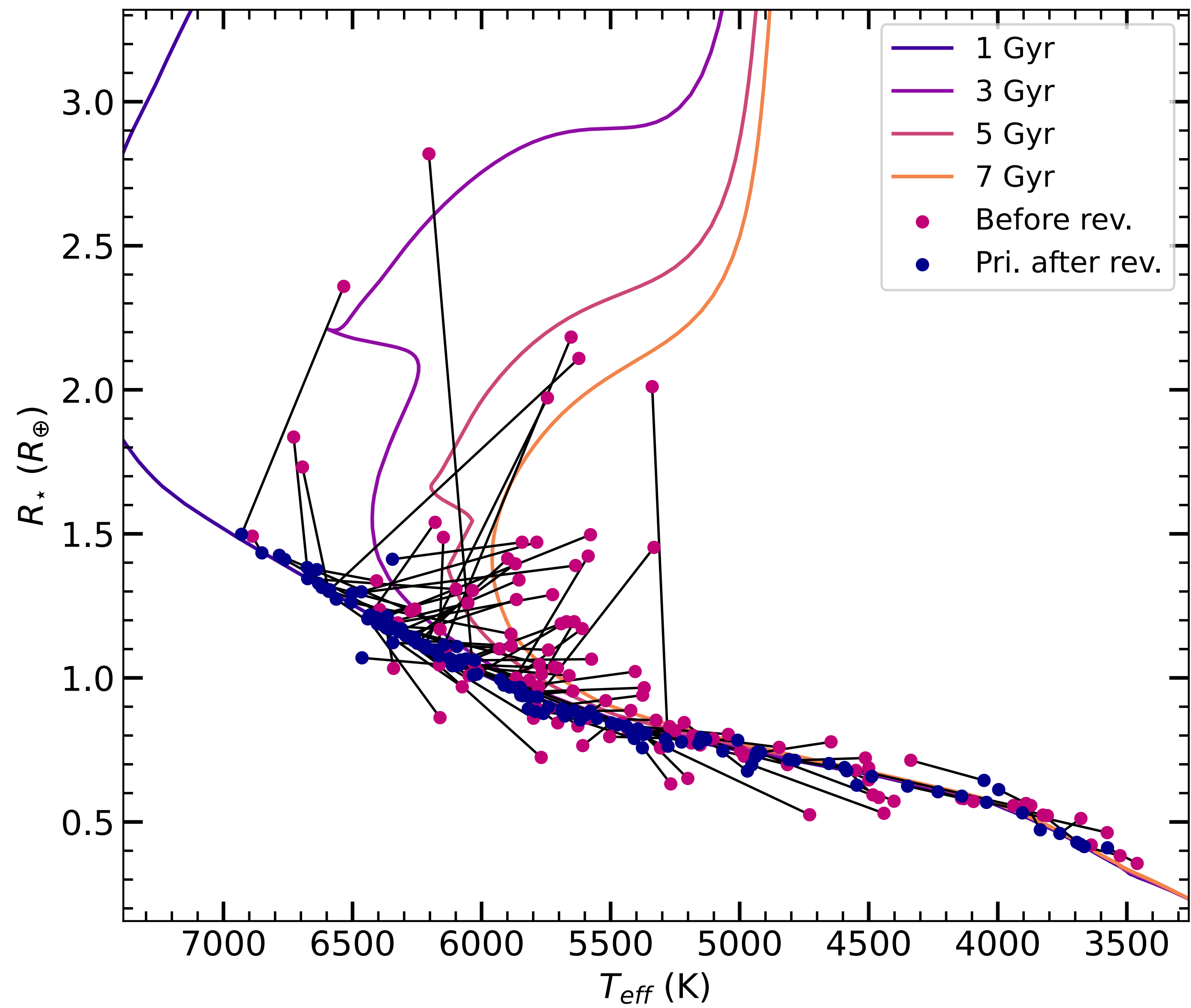
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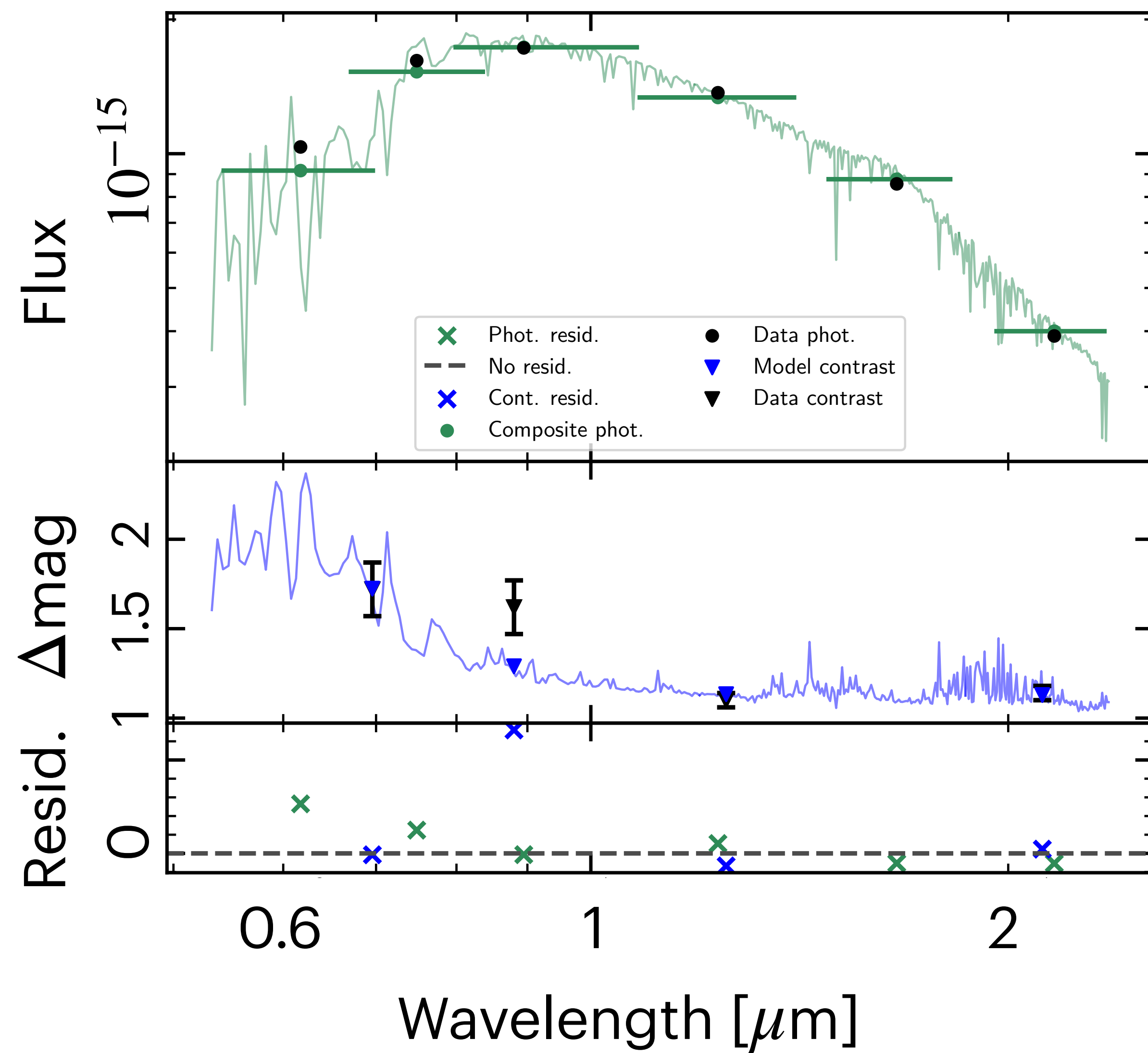
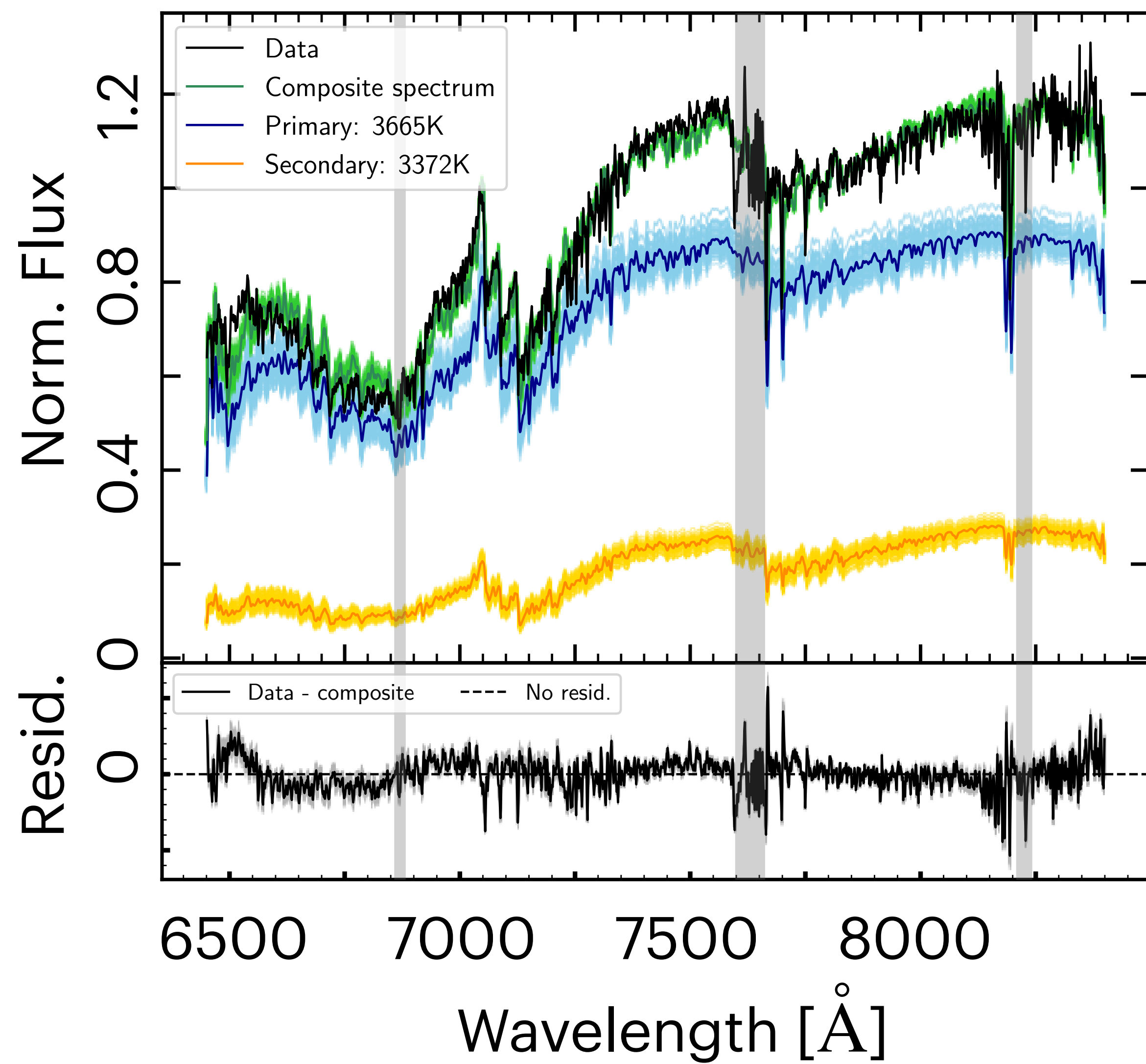
# Stellar multiplicity is ubiquitous





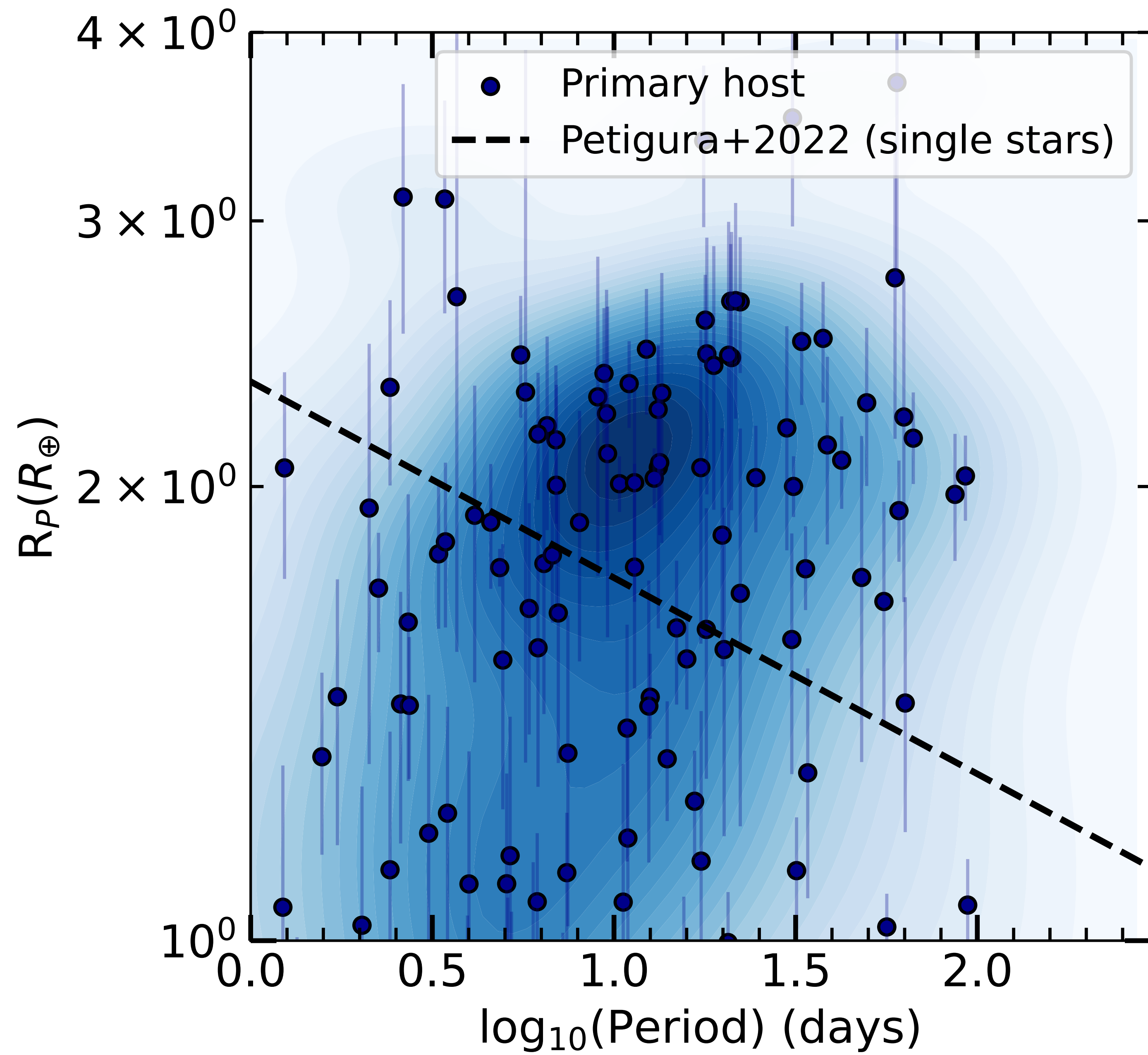






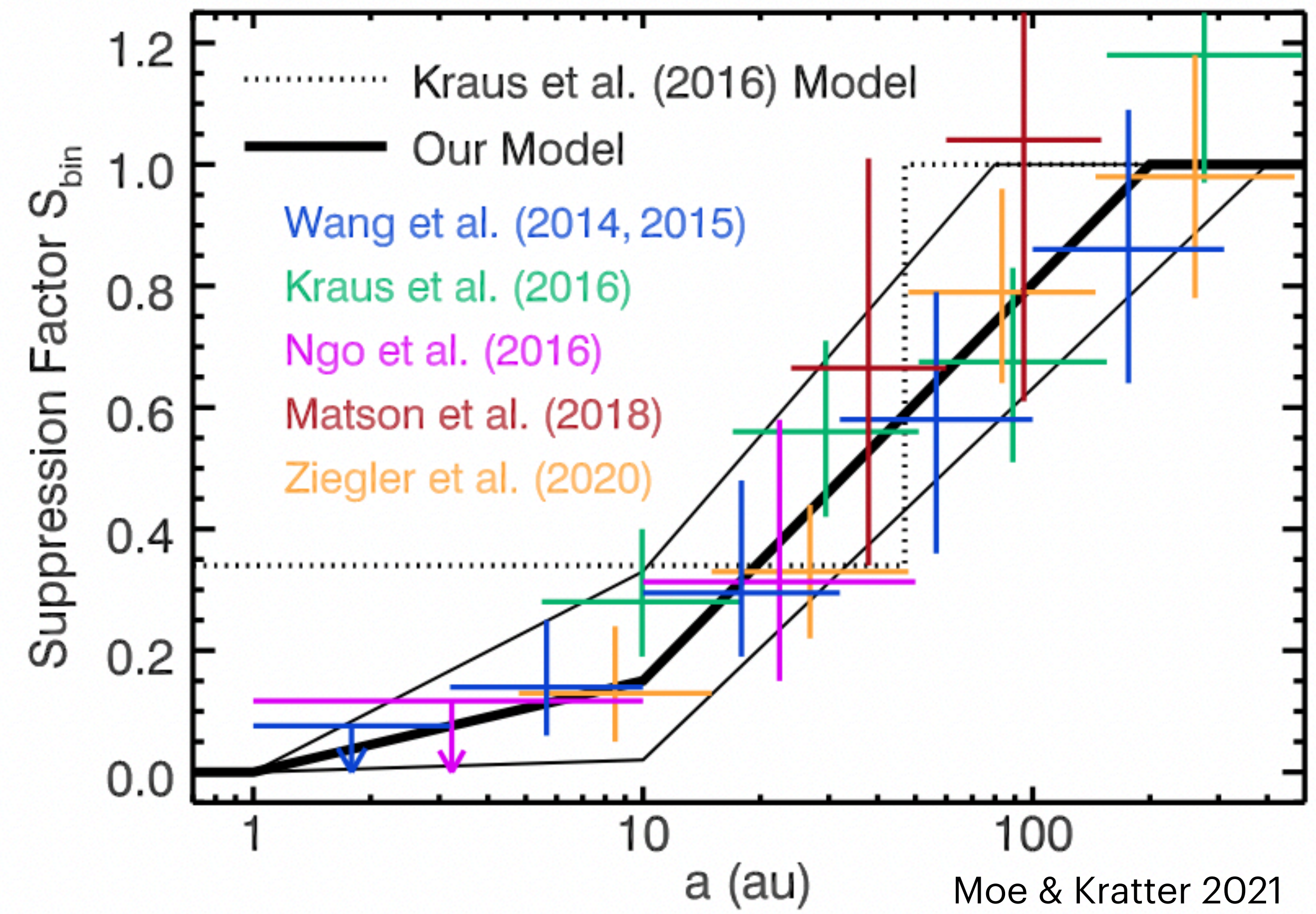
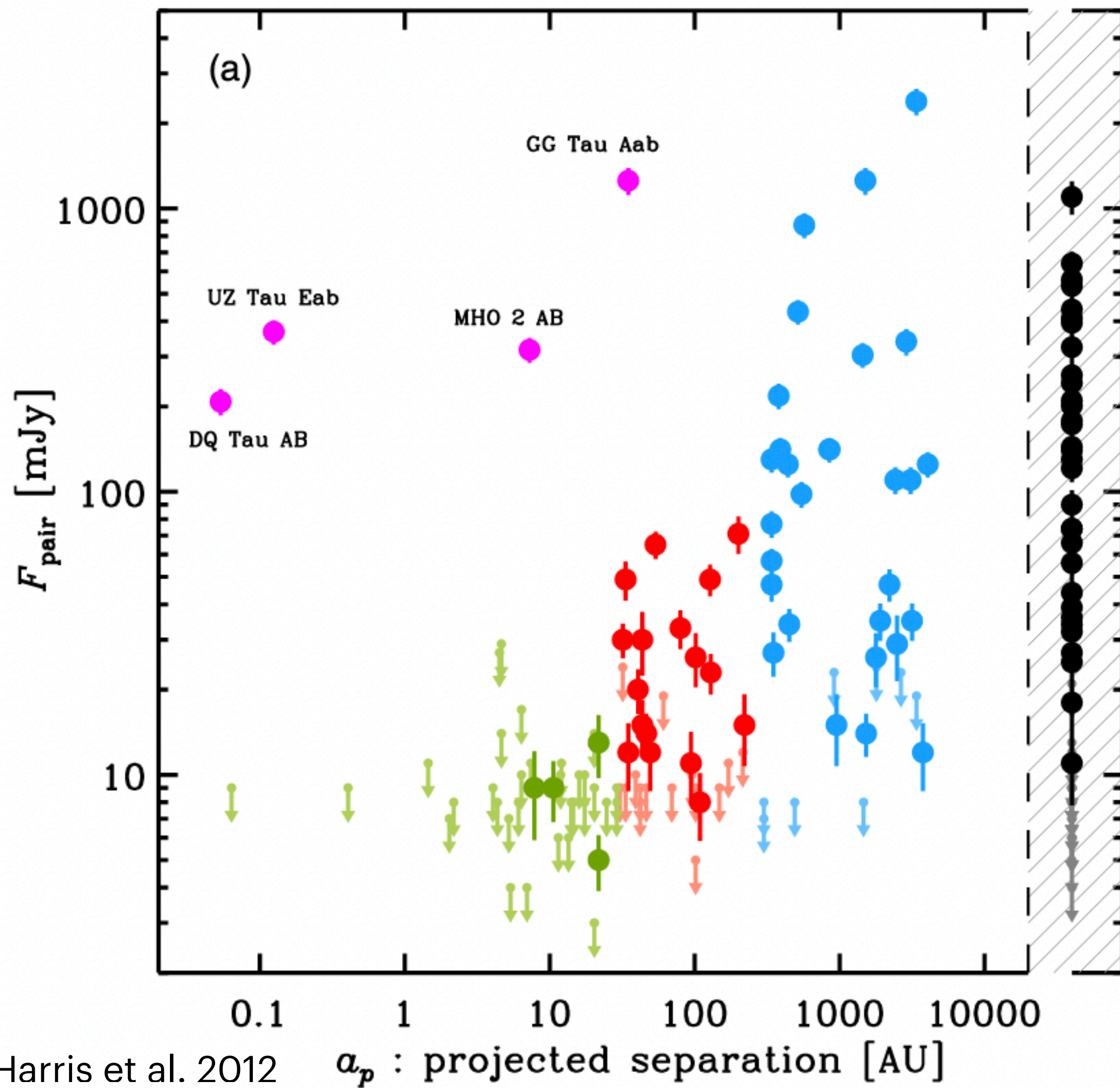








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