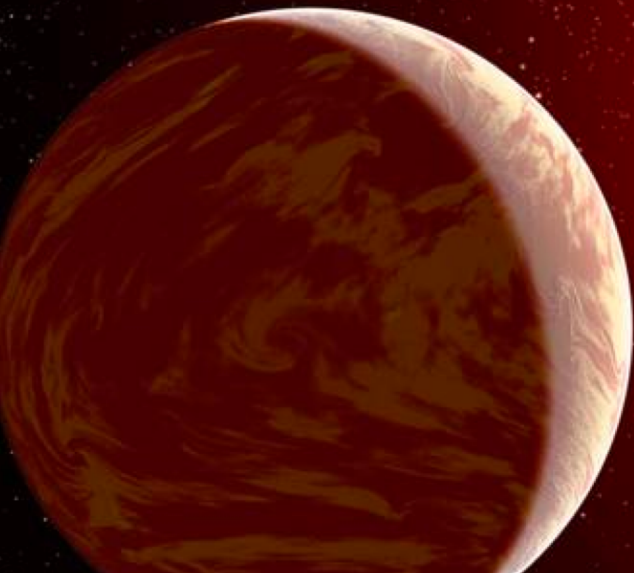


# Exoplanet Distributions for Cool Stars



**Courtney Dressing**

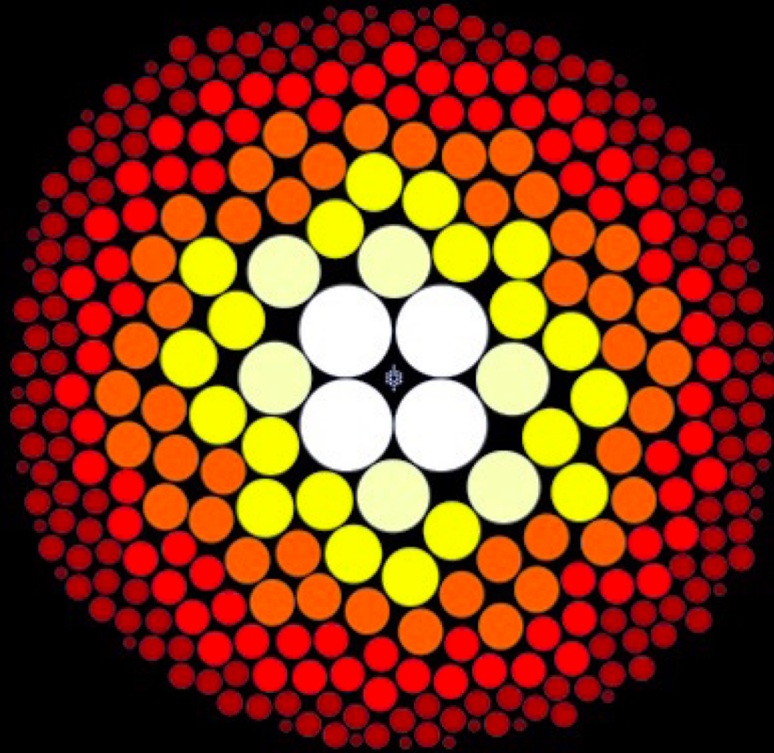
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# Advantage 1: M Dwarfs are Prevalent



**75% of stars are M dwarfs**

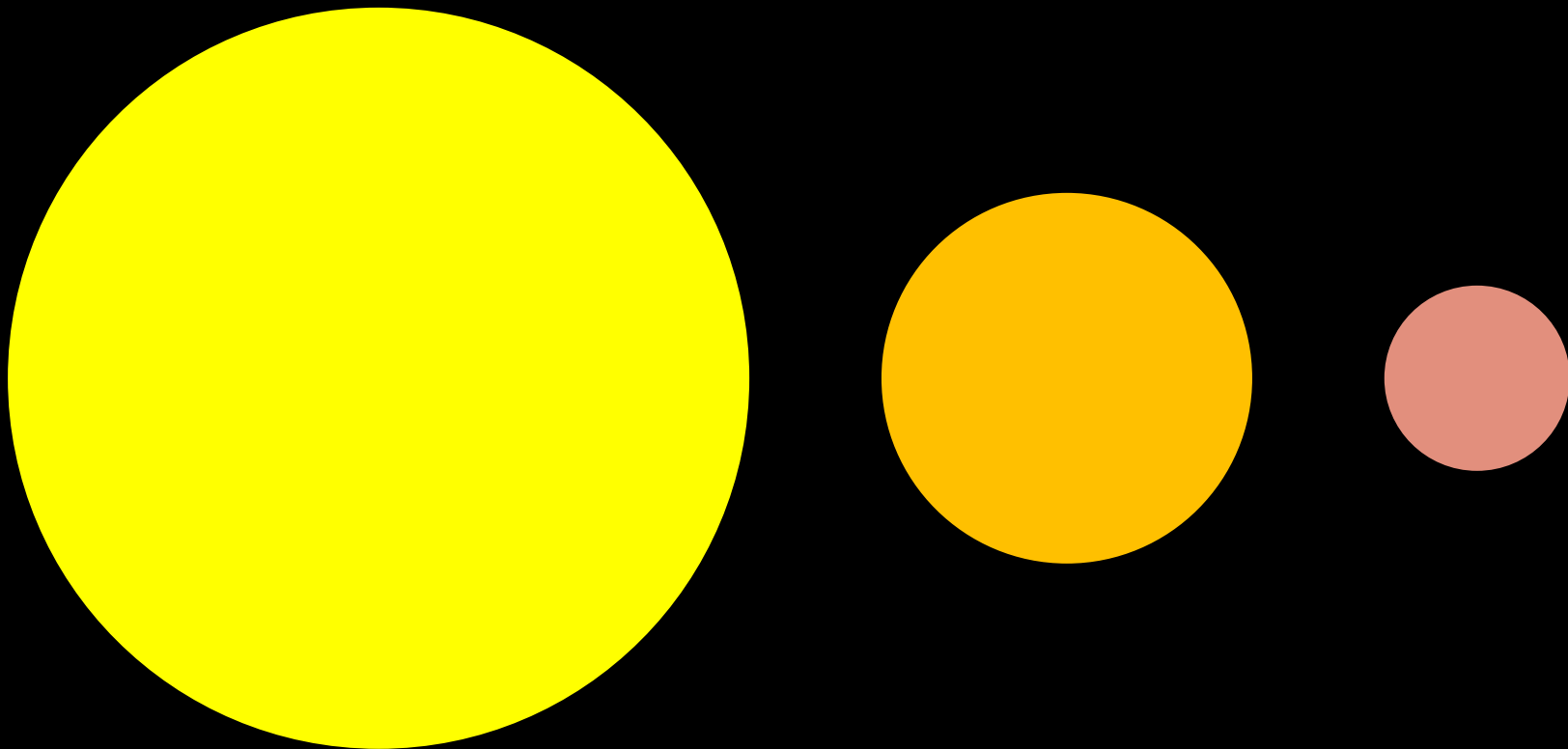
(Winters+2015, Henry+2006)

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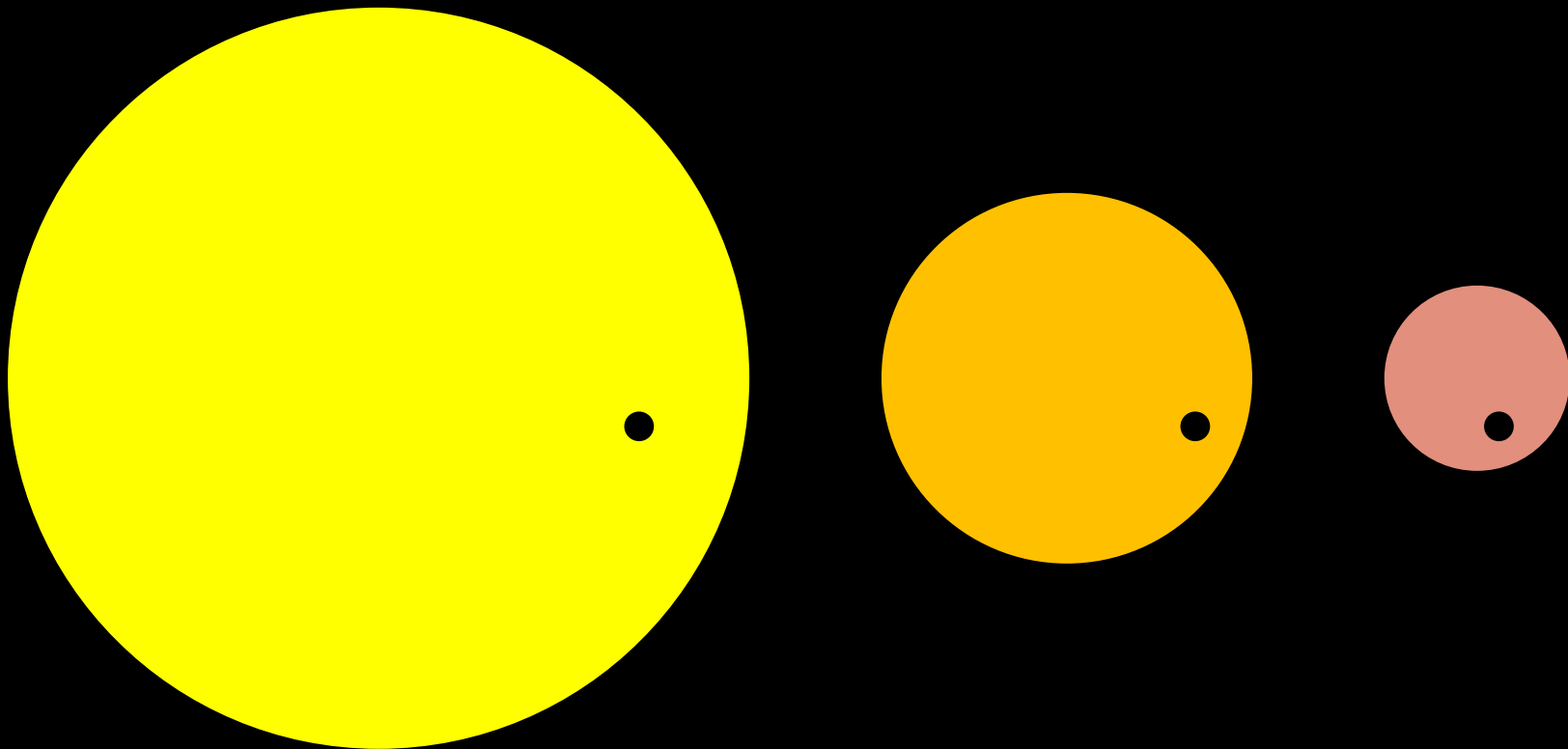
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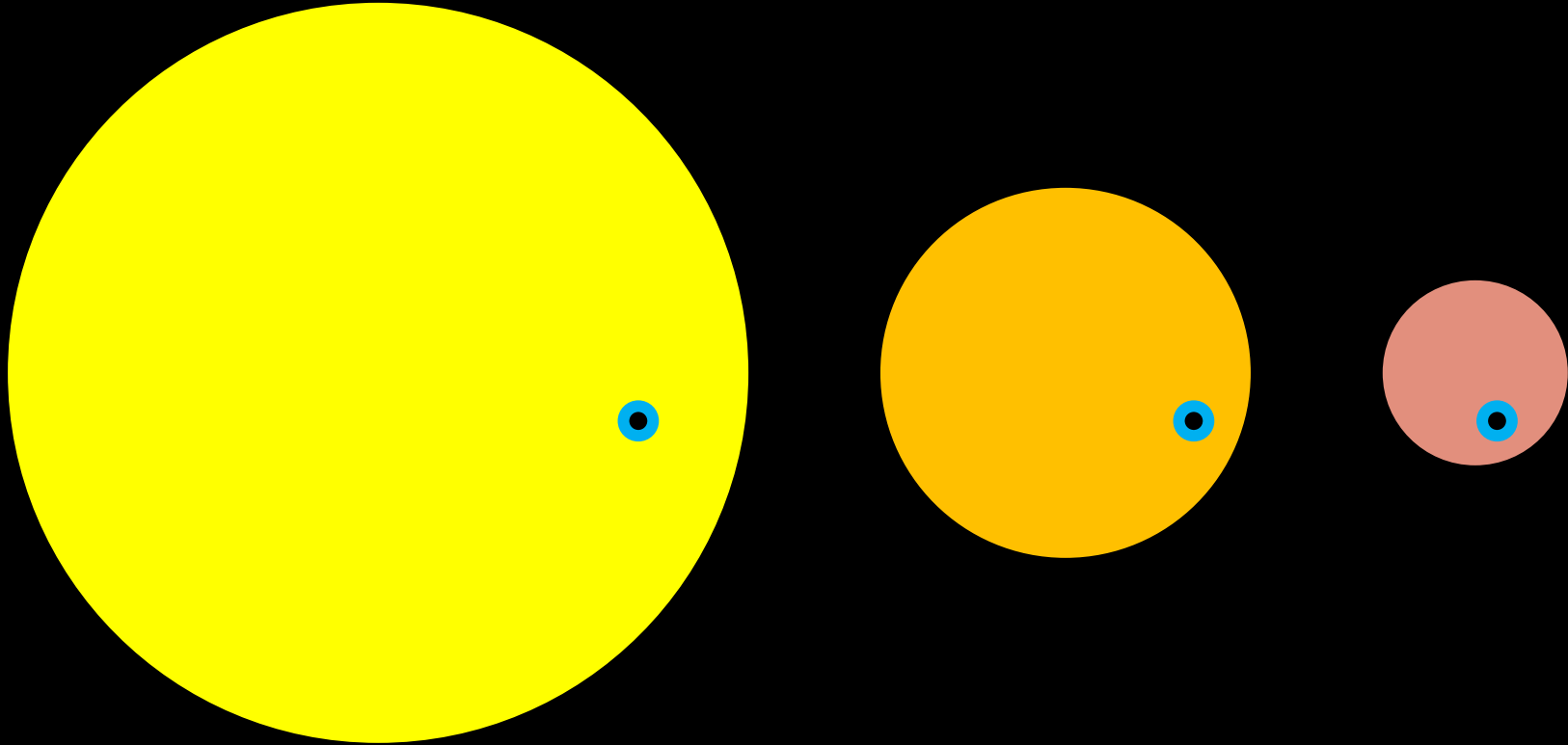
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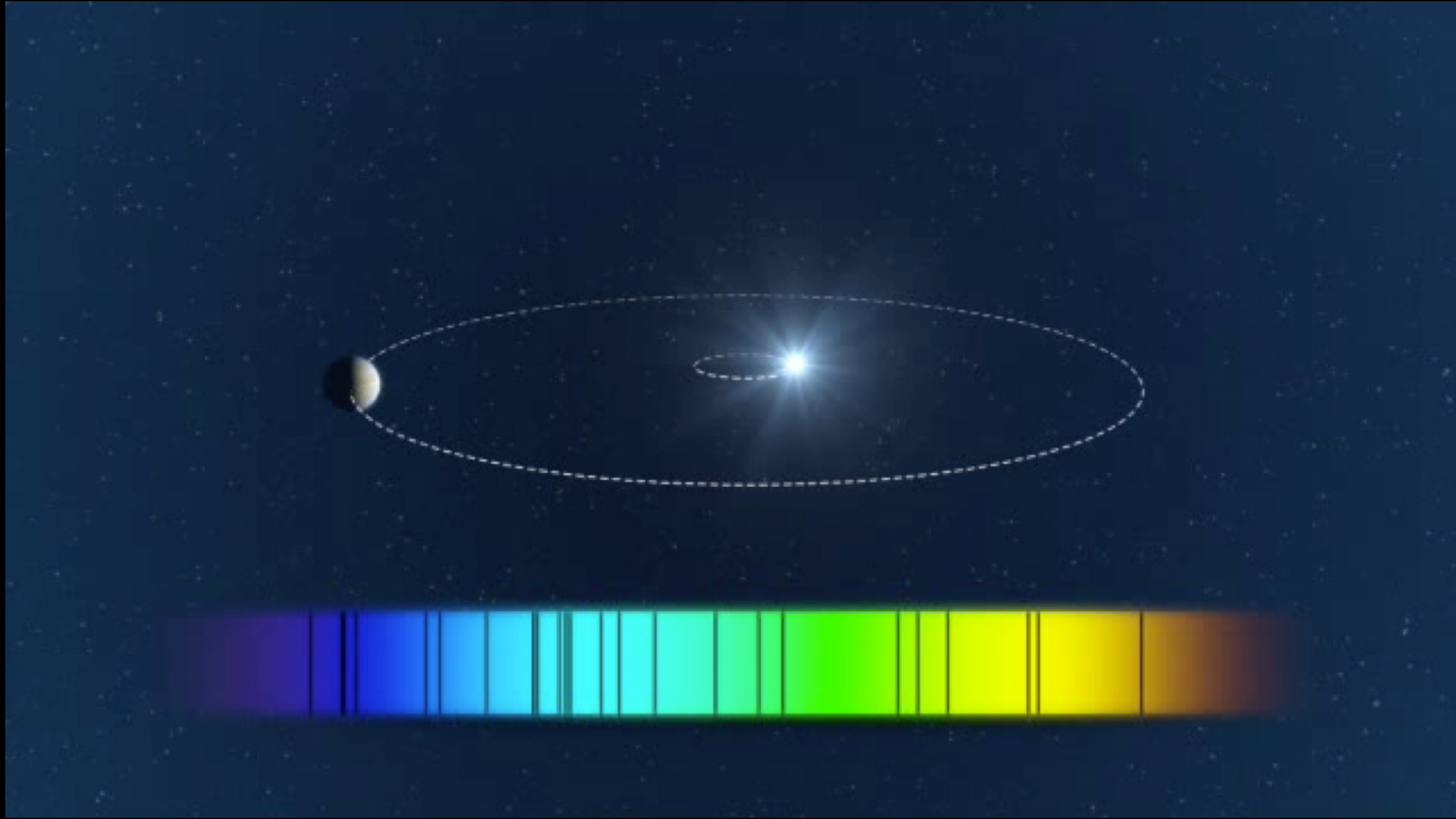


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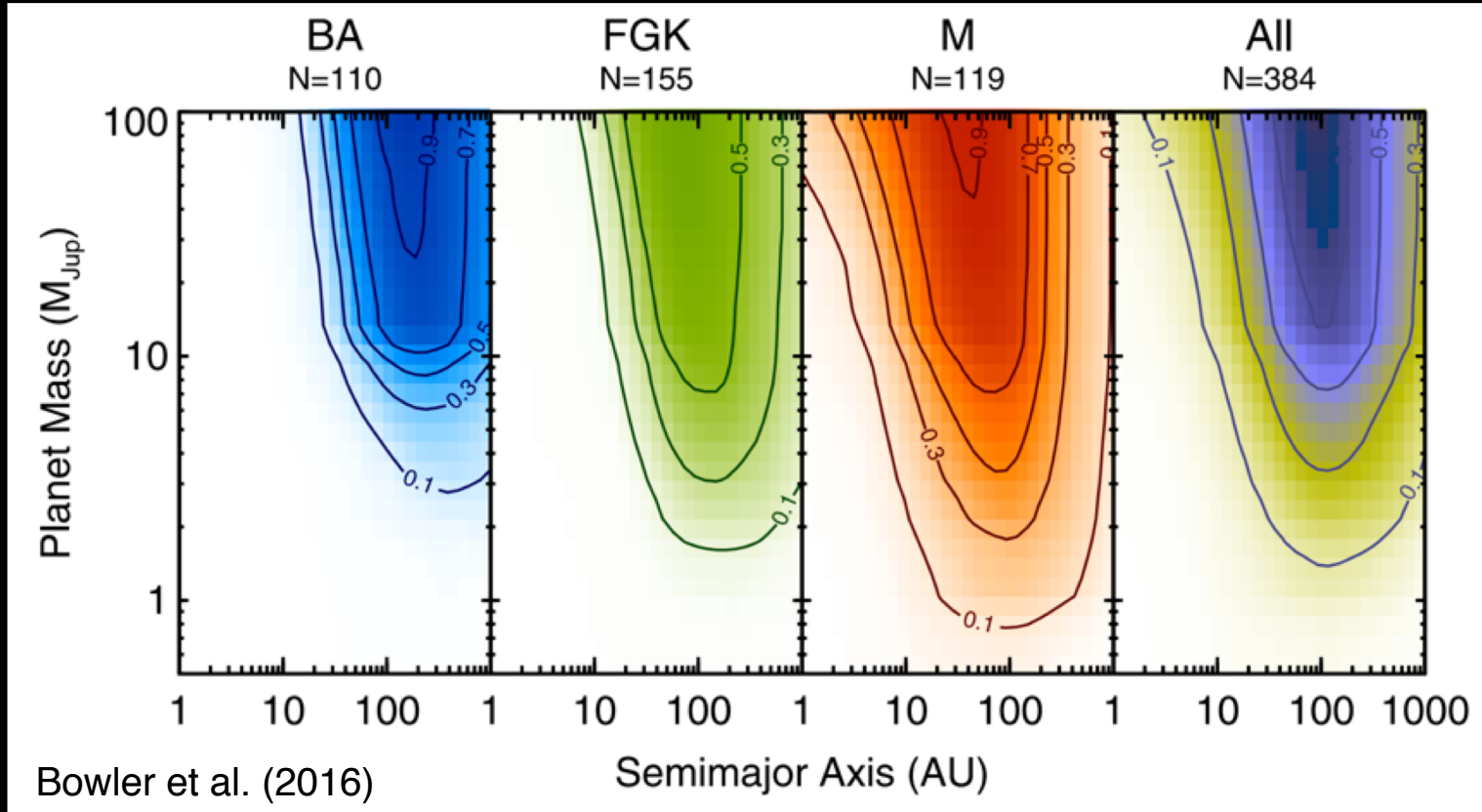


Credit: ESO

**Radial velocity signals are larger**



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**Planet/star contrast ratios are more favorable**

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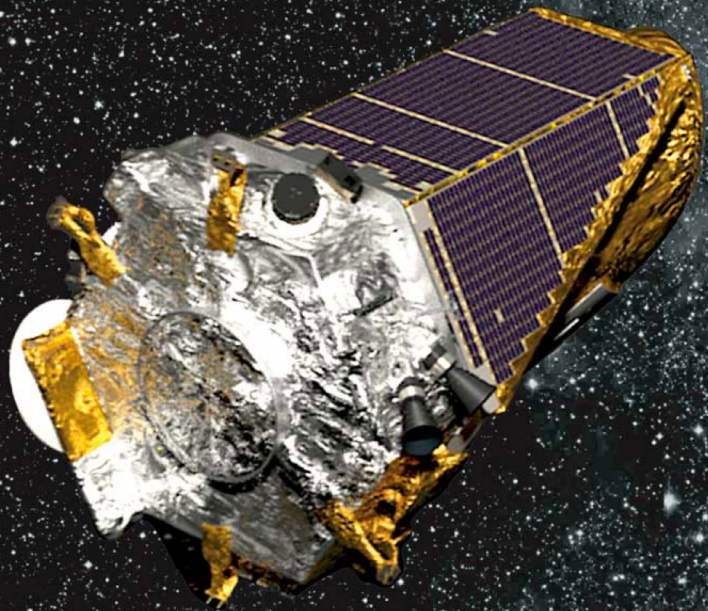
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Planets Orbiting M Dwarfs are Common



**The NASA *Kepler* Mission**  
2009 - 2013

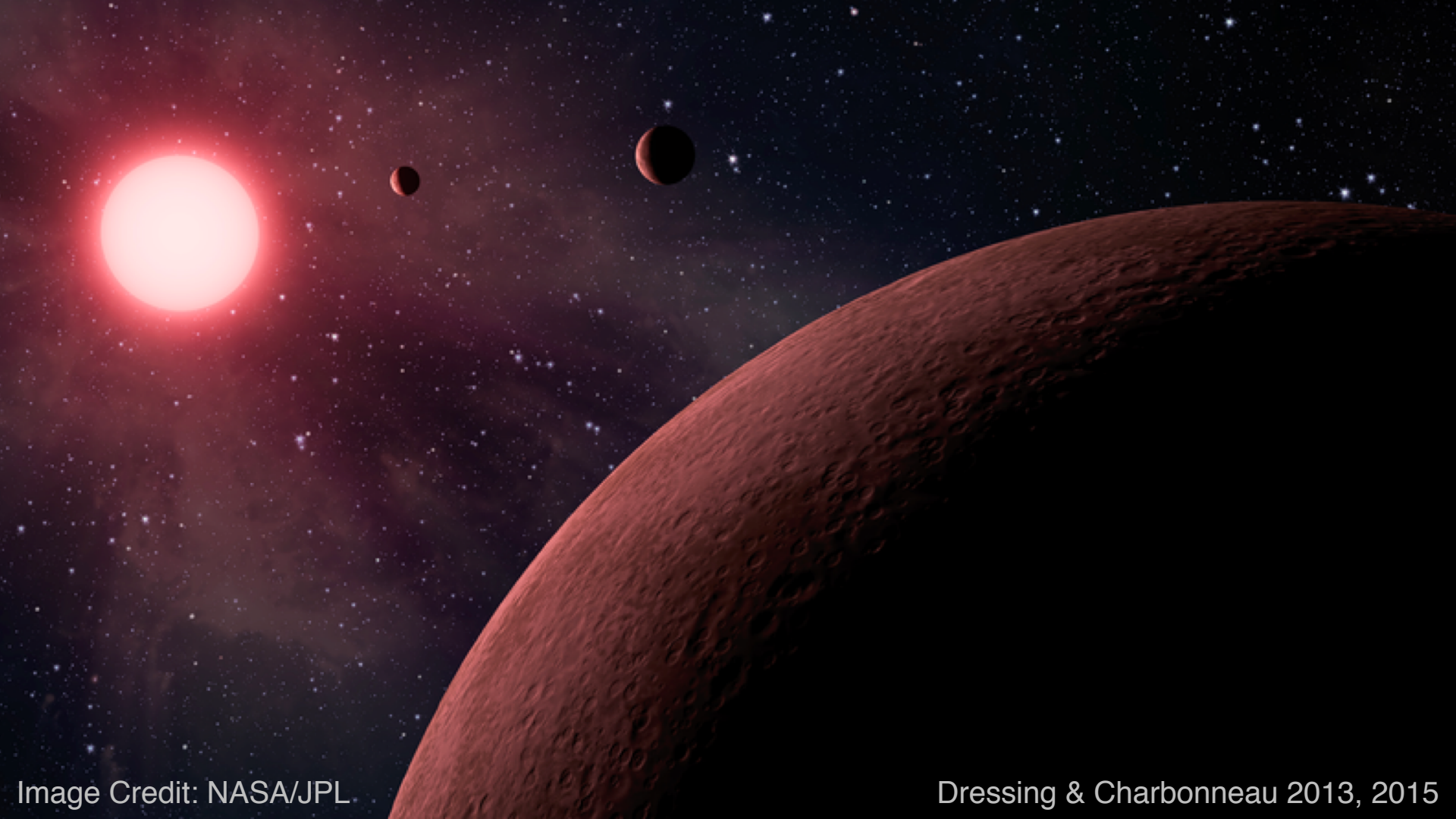


Image Credit: NASA/JPL

Dressing & Charbonneau 2013, 2015

A digital illustration of a star system. On the left, a bright red star glows. To its right, two smaller planets are visible in the distance. In the foreground on the right, a large, reddish-brown planet with a heavily cratered surface curves across the frame. The background is a dark space filled with numerous small white stars.

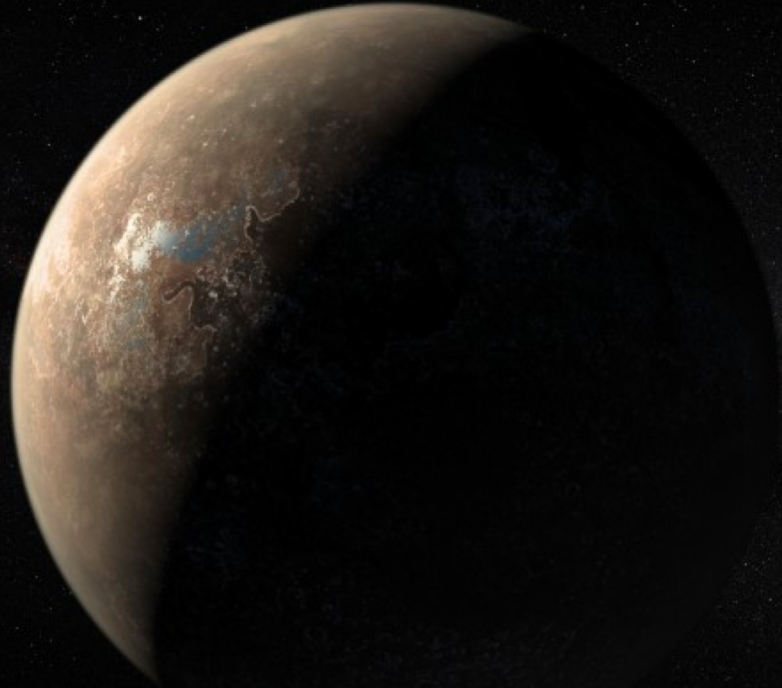
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**One in four small stars hosts a small, cool planet**



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Star Mass = 12%  $M_{\text{Sun}}$   
1.3 pc away

Planet Mass  $\geq 1.27 M_{\text{earth}}$   
Period = 11.186 days

*Habitable Zone periods: 9-25 days*

# TRAPPIST-1 hosts 7 planets!

Planet b

1.5d

1.1 $R_{\text{Earth}}$

Planet c

2.4d

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Planet d

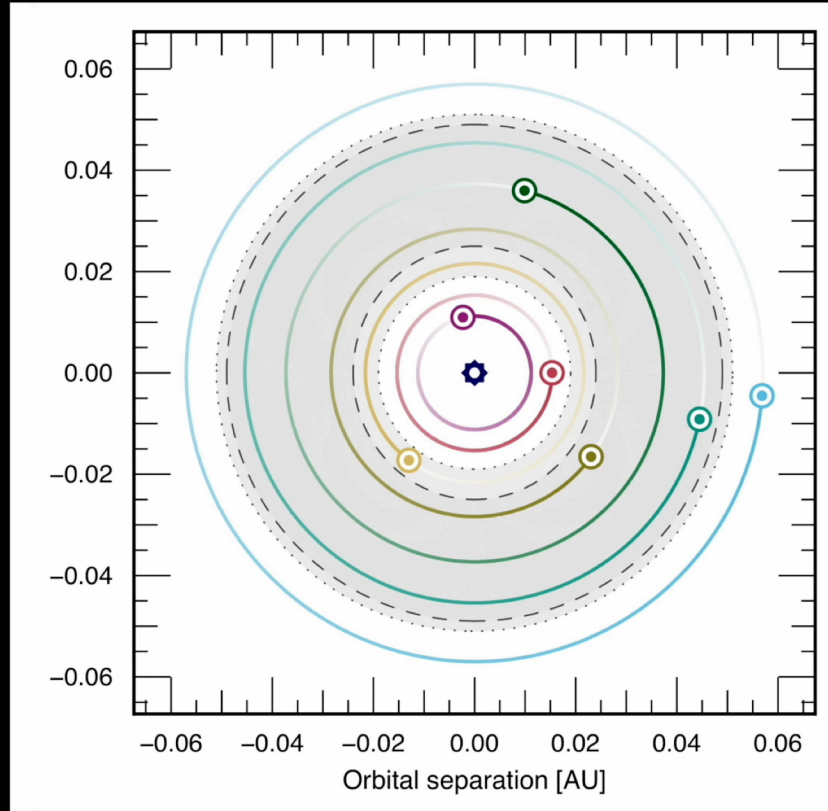
4.0d

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Planet f

9.2d

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Planet g

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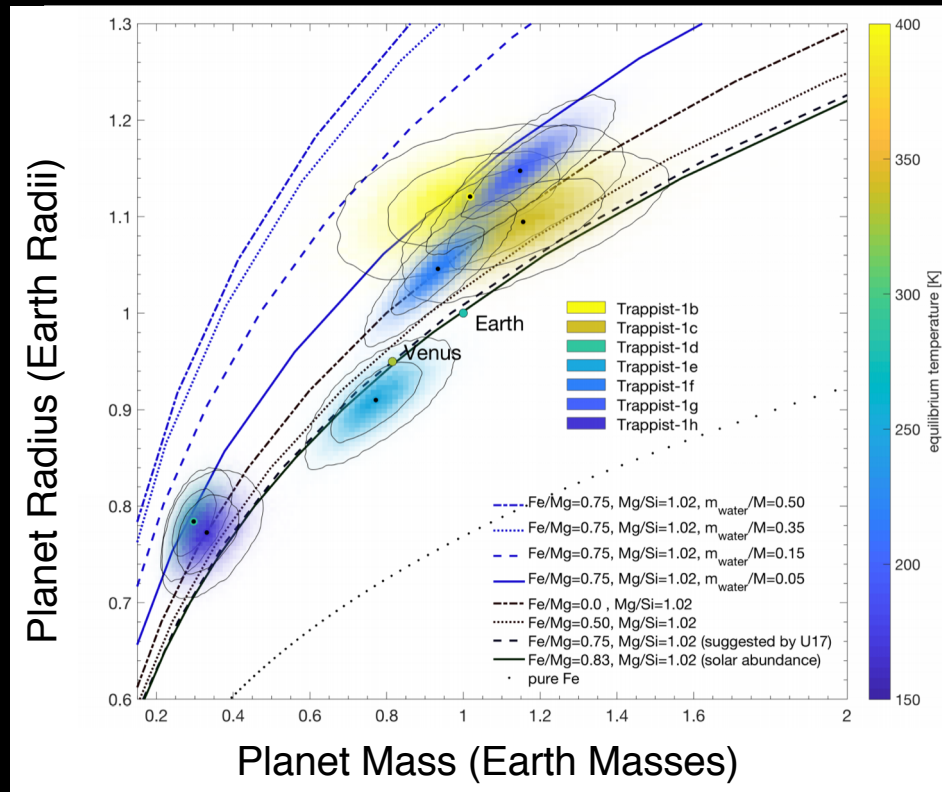
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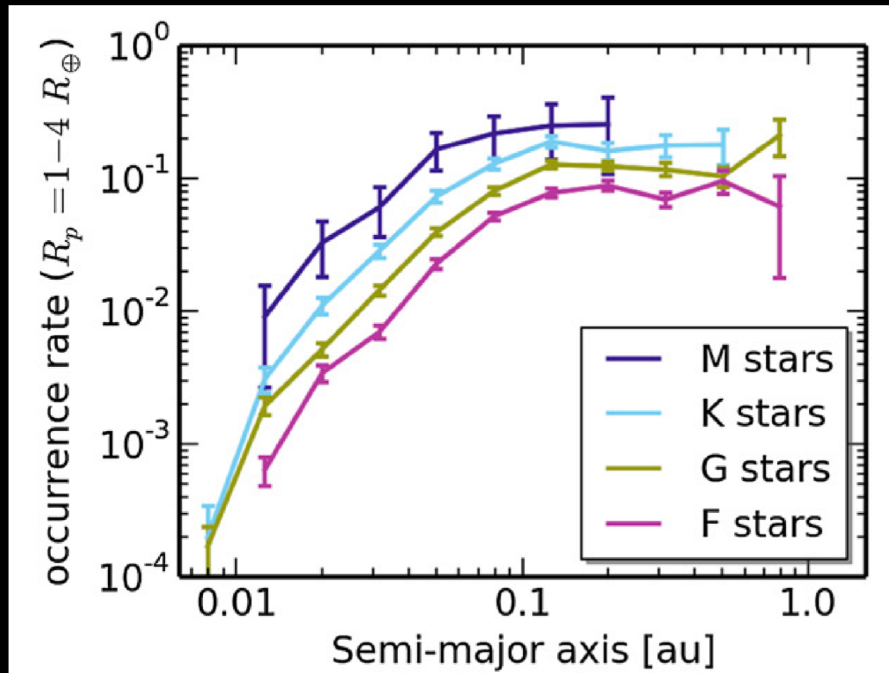
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*Do the tiniest stars have  
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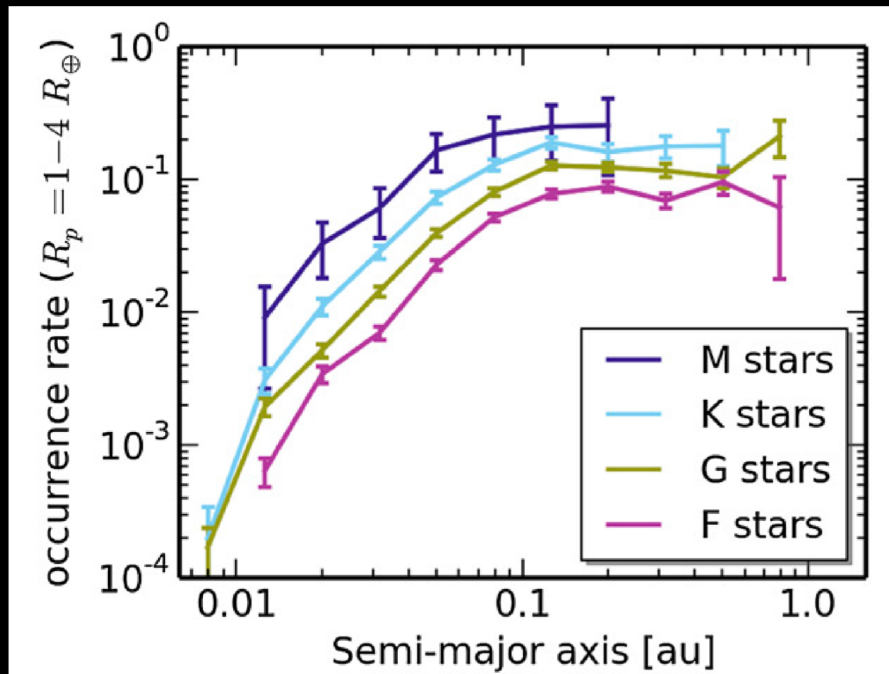
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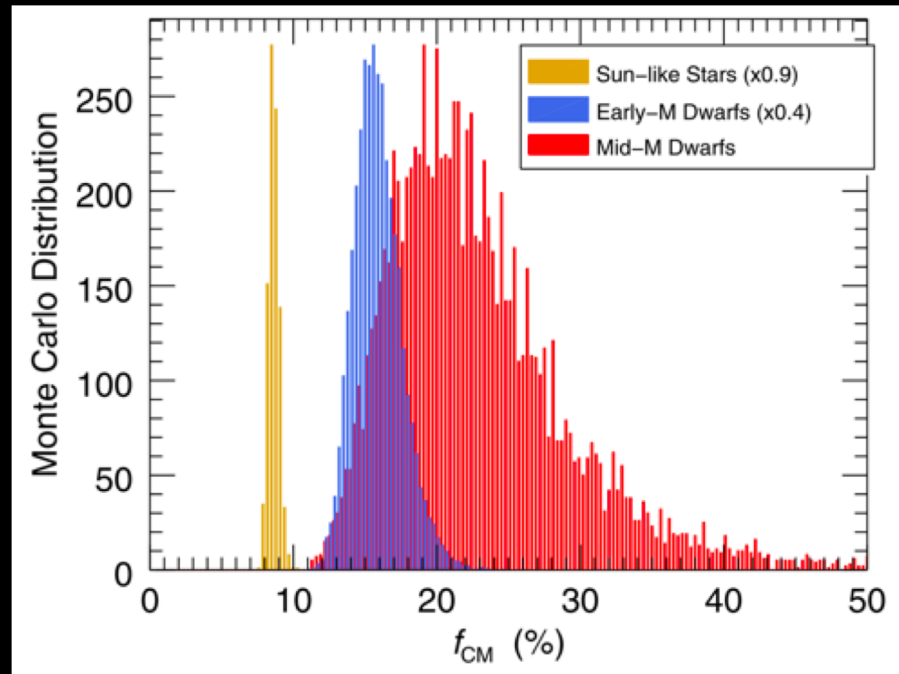


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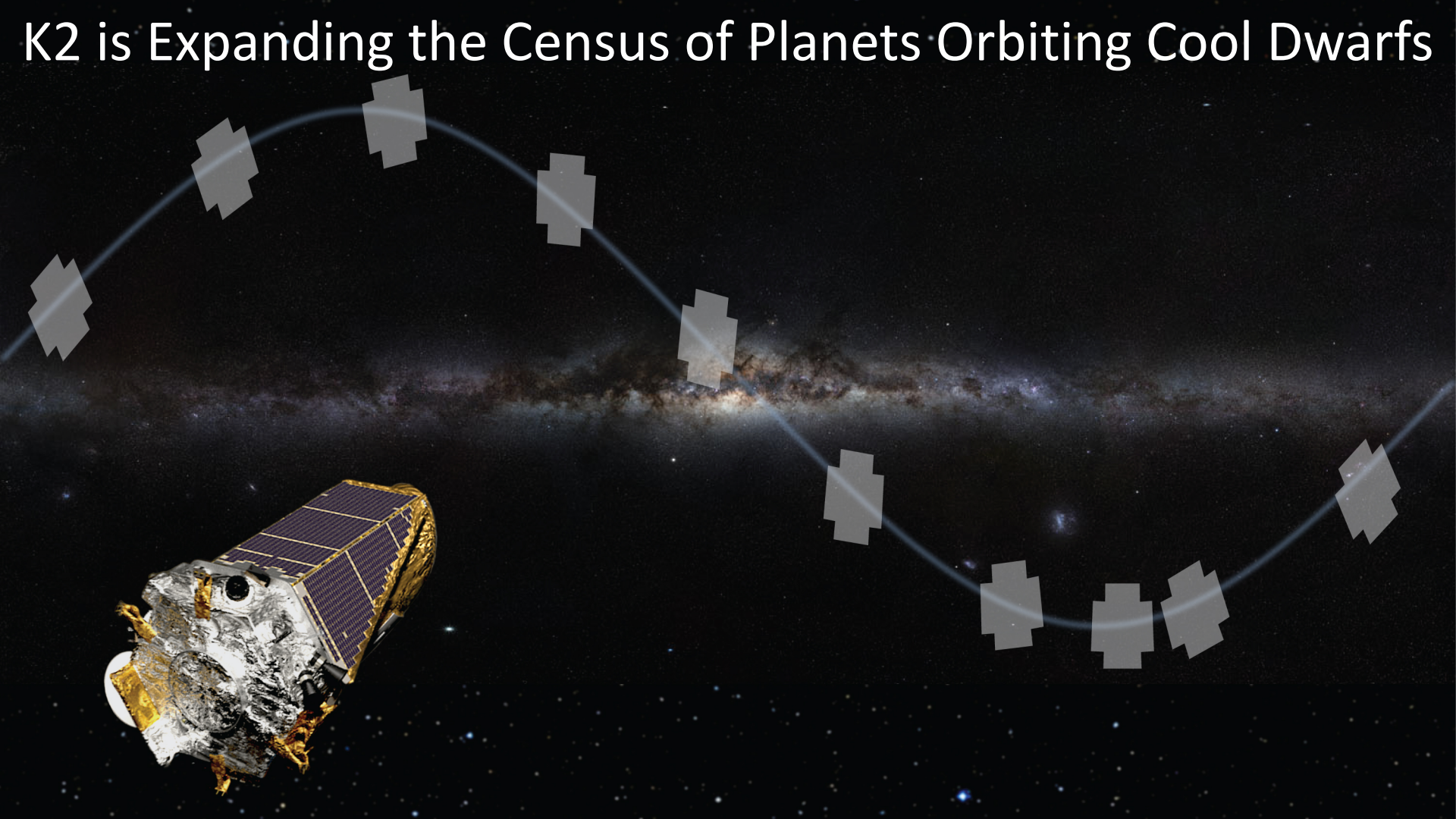
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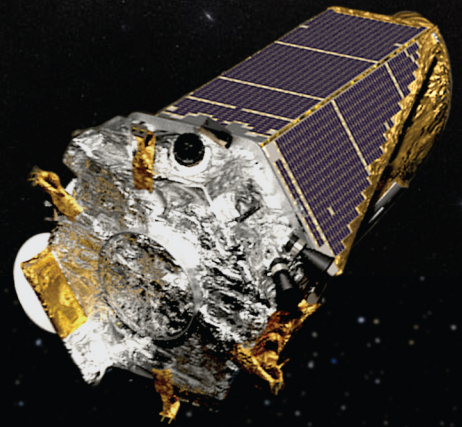


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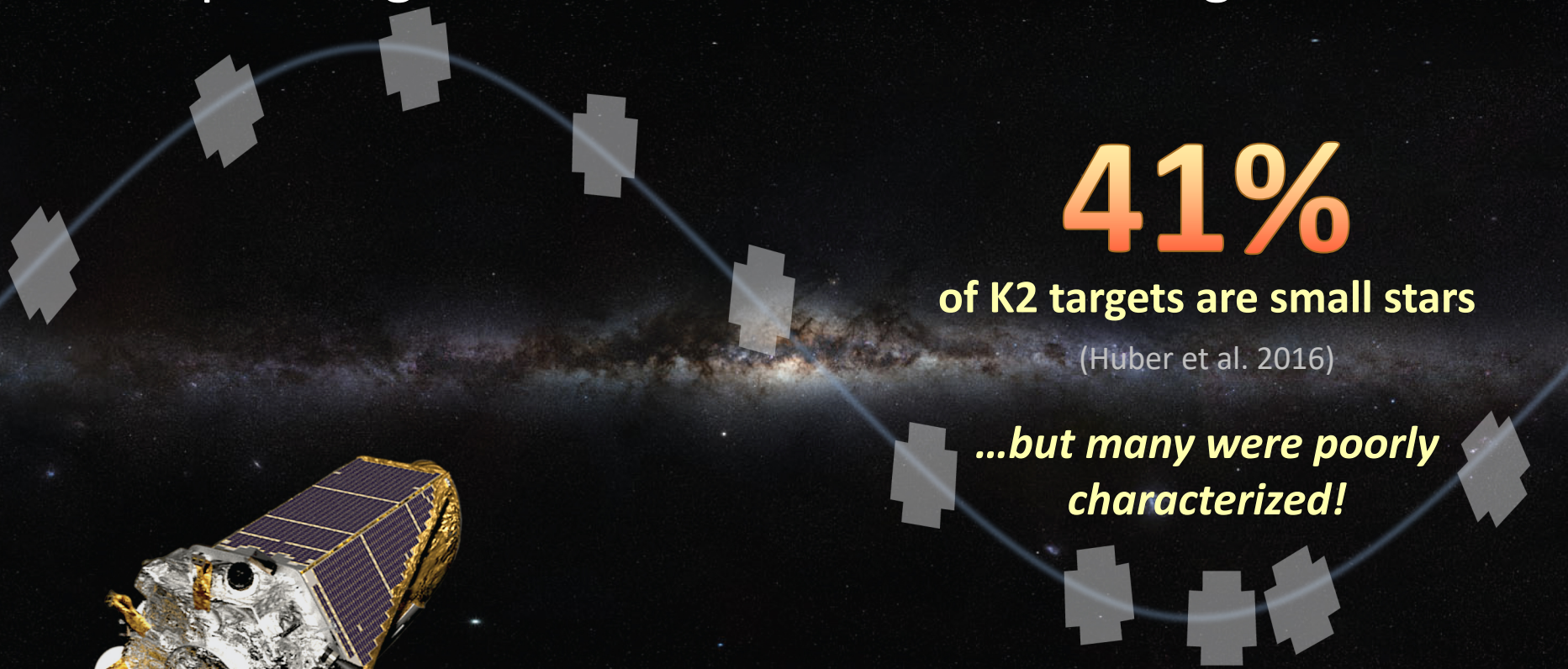
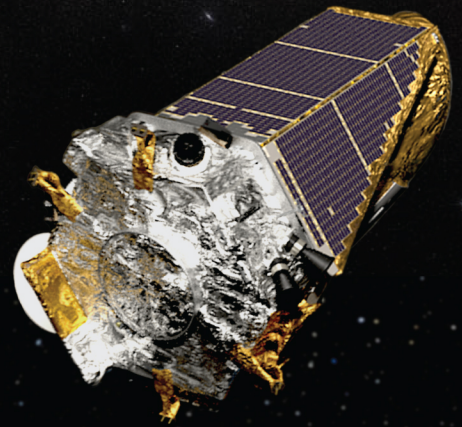
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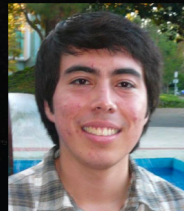
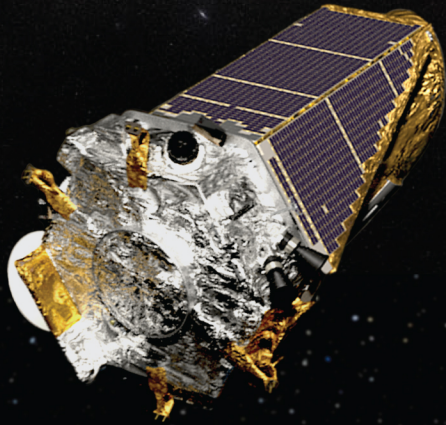
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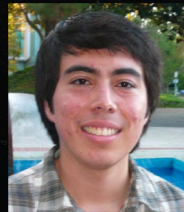
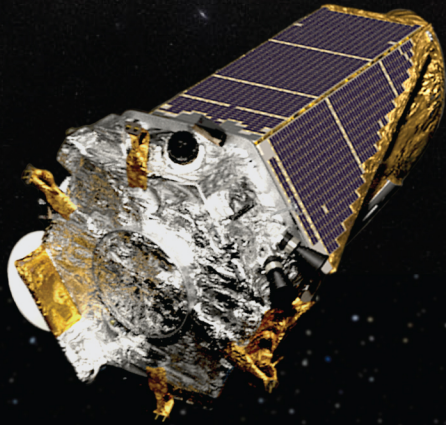
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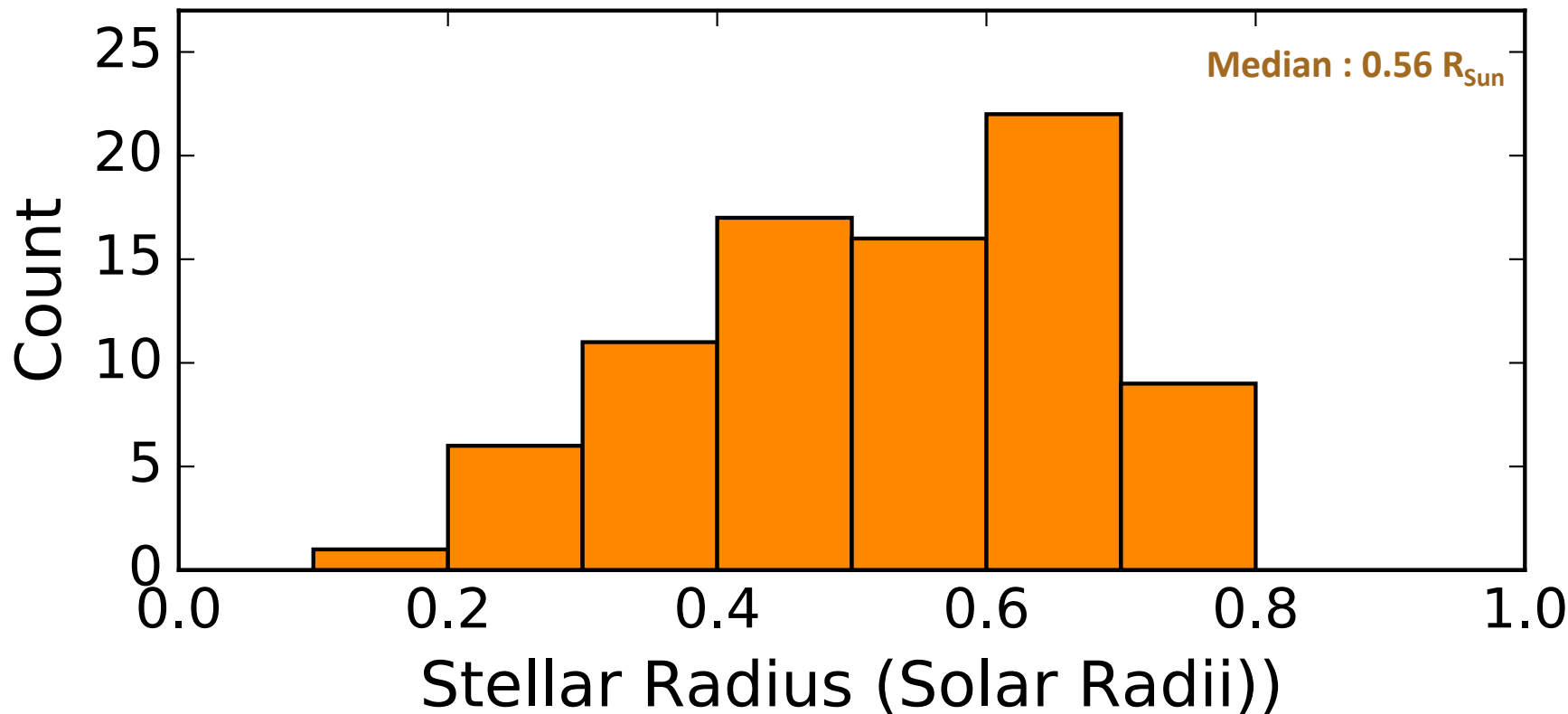


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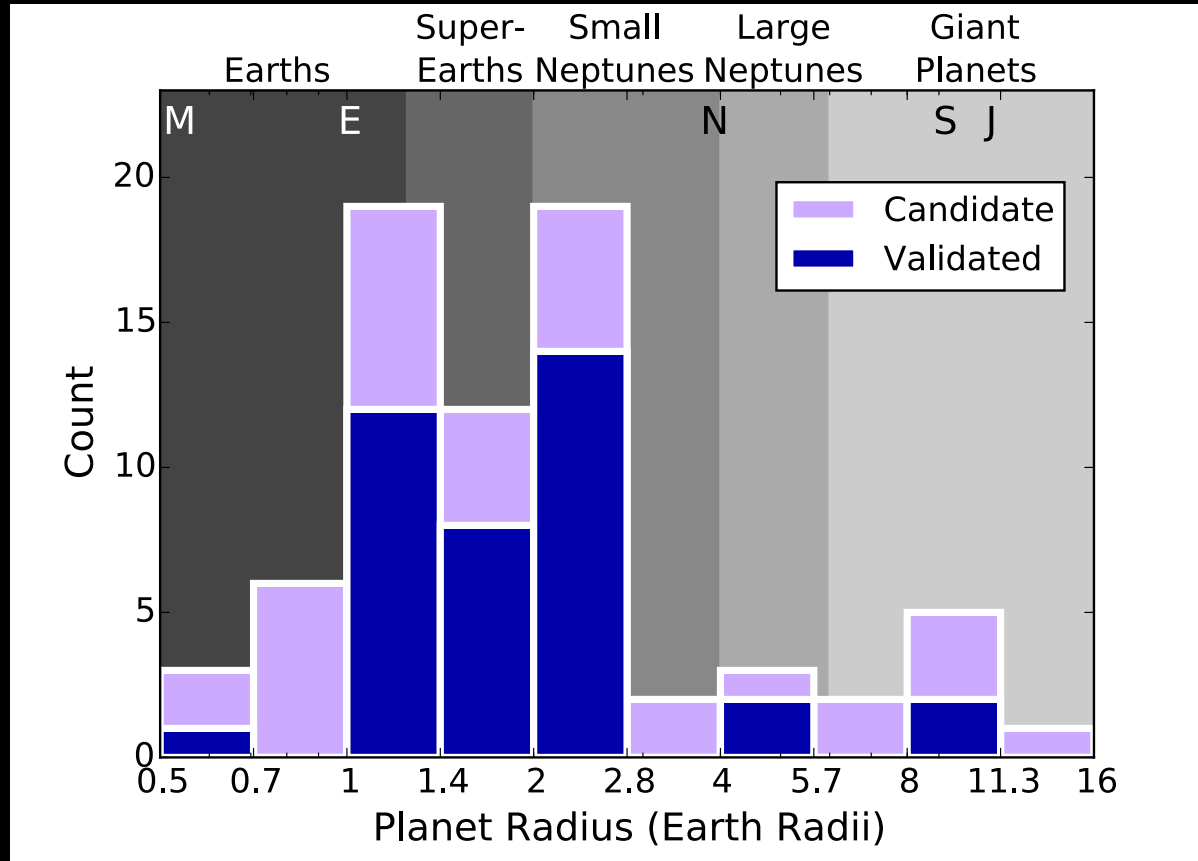


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# Our Typical Targets are Roughly Half the Size of the Sun



# 85% of the Planets & Candidates are Smaller than Neptune



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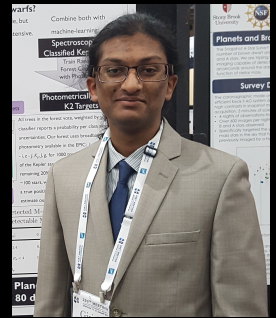
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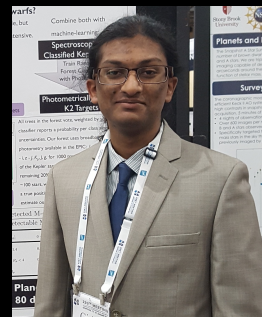


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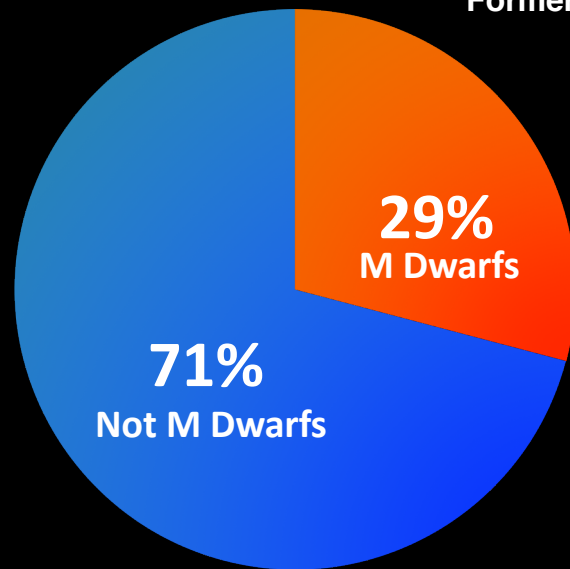
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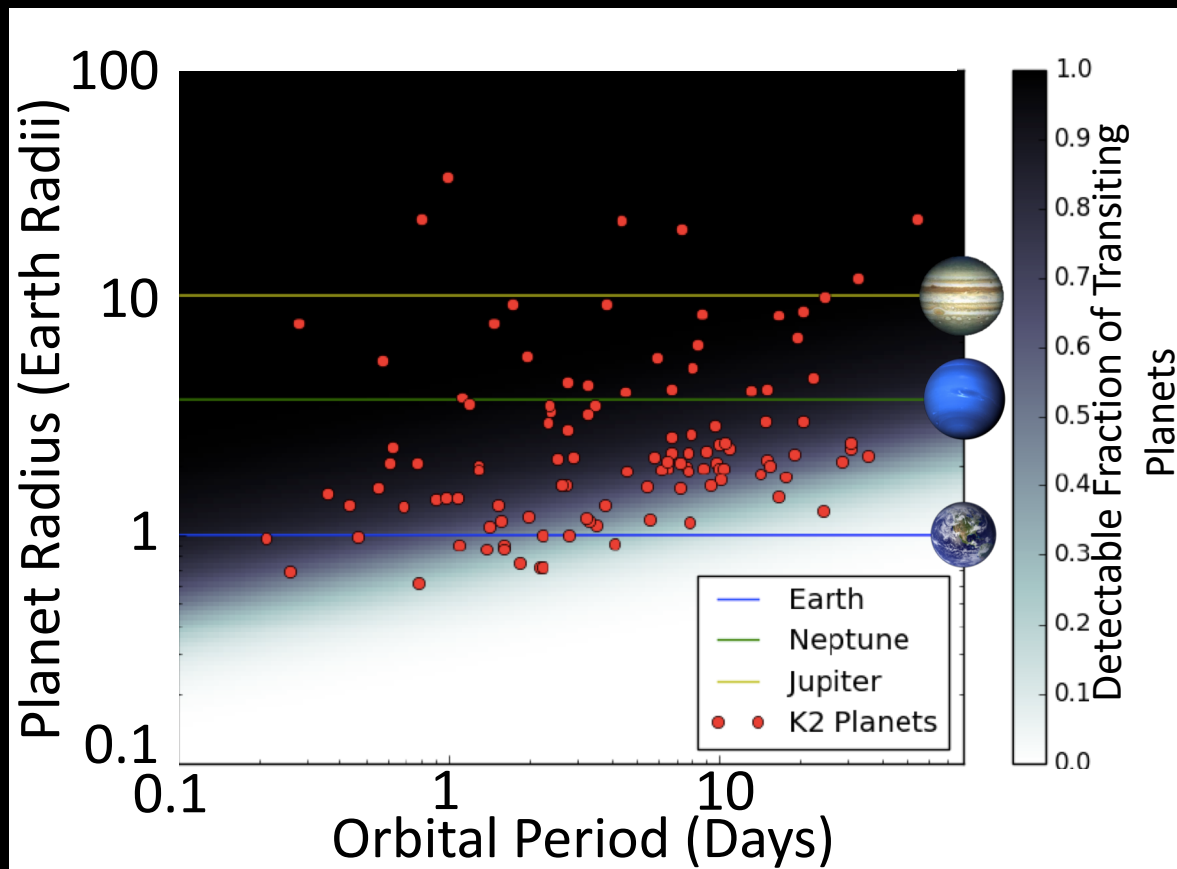
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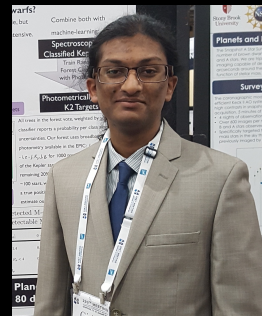


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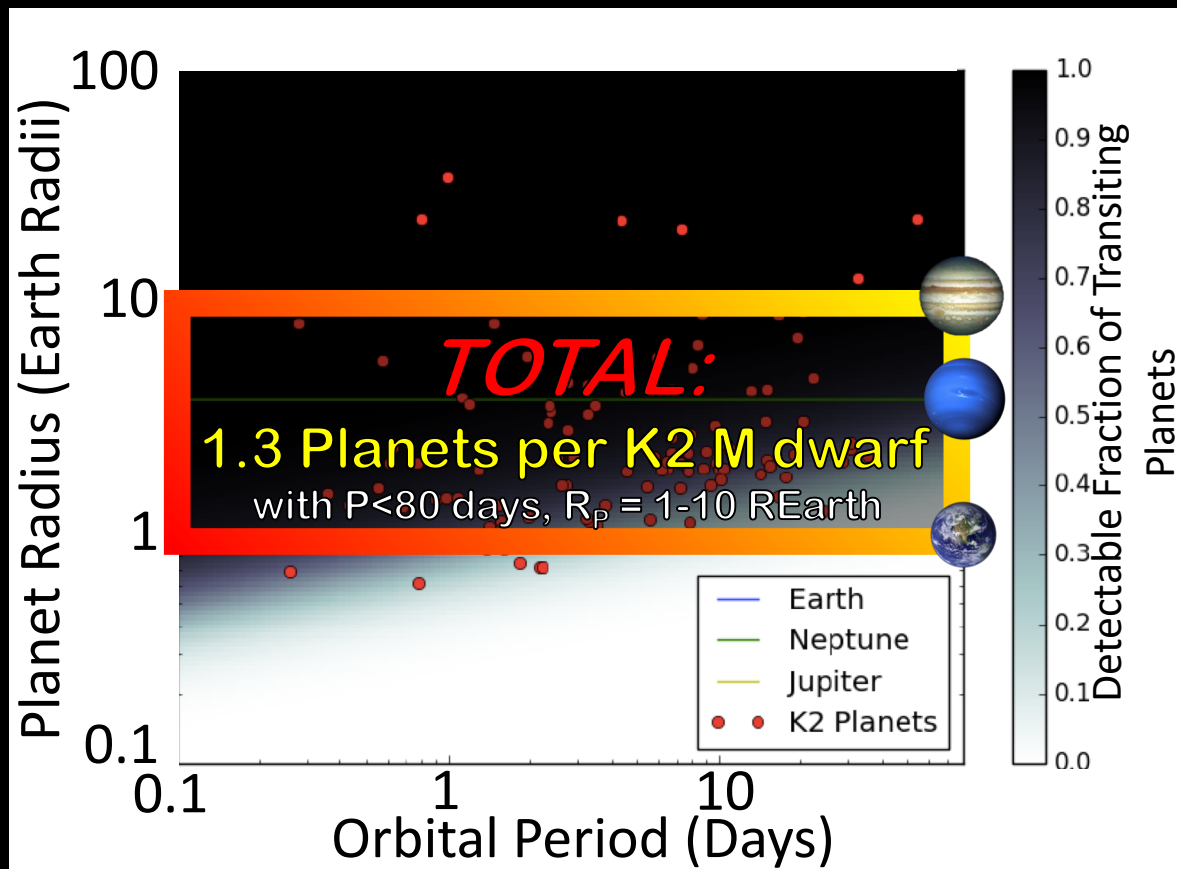


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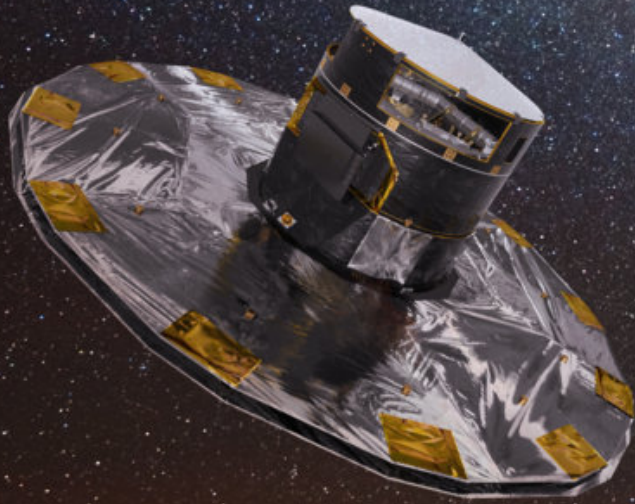
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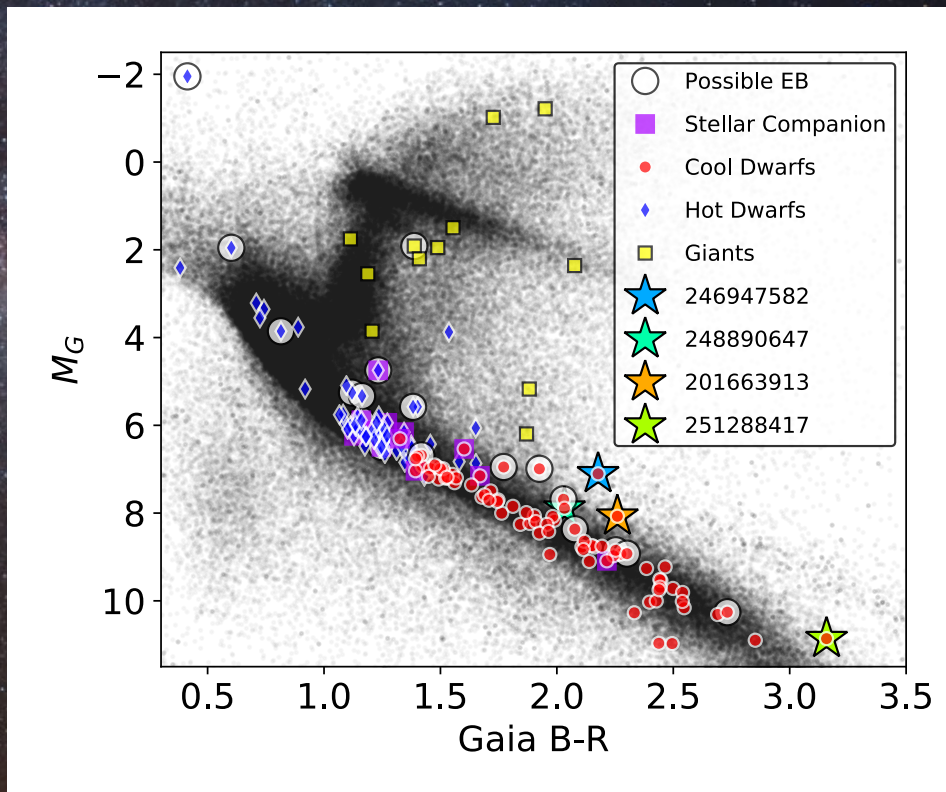
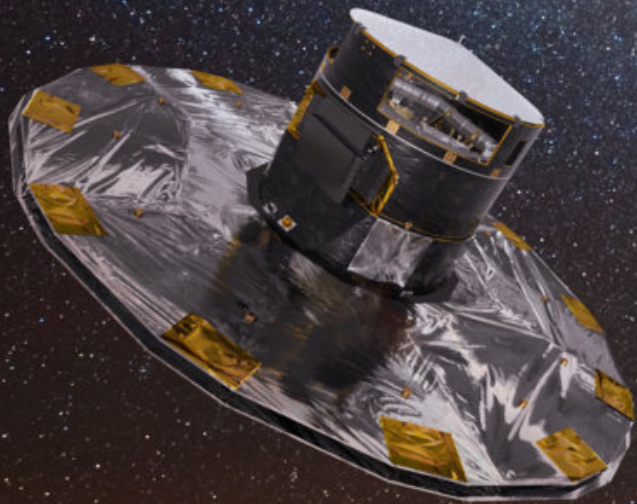
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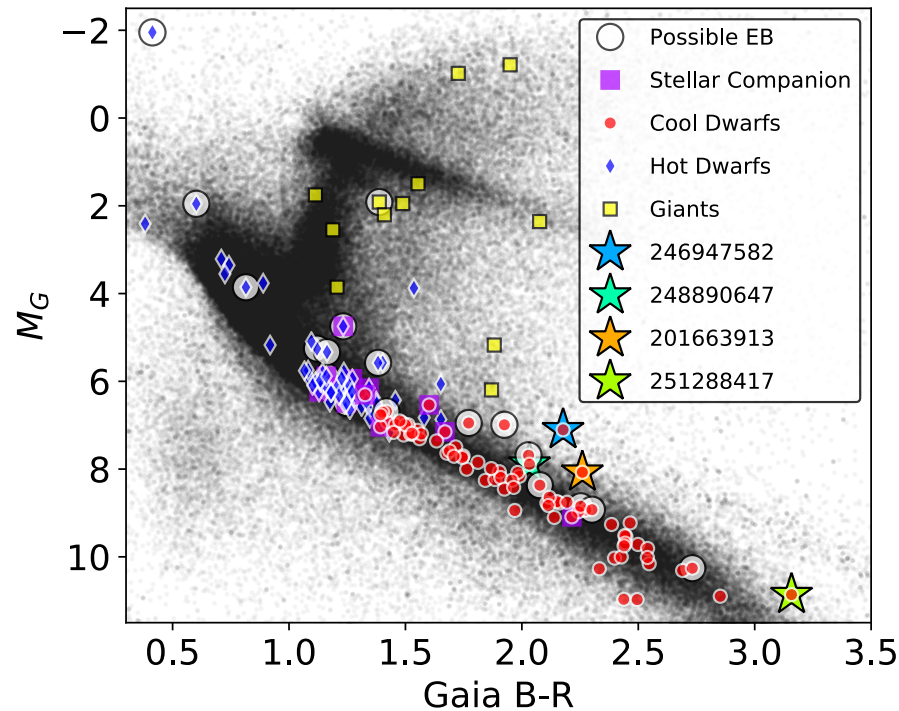
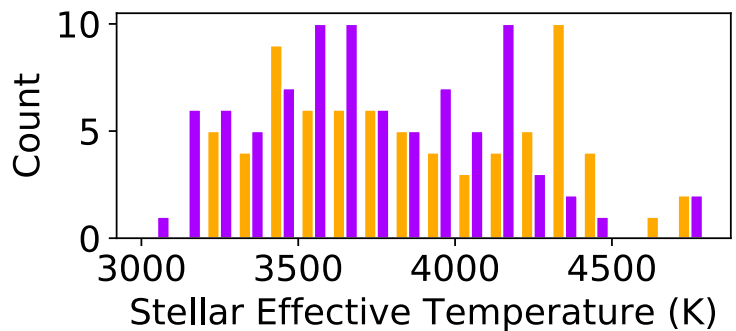
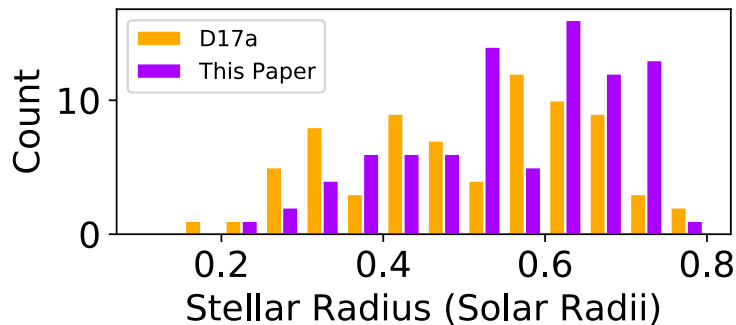
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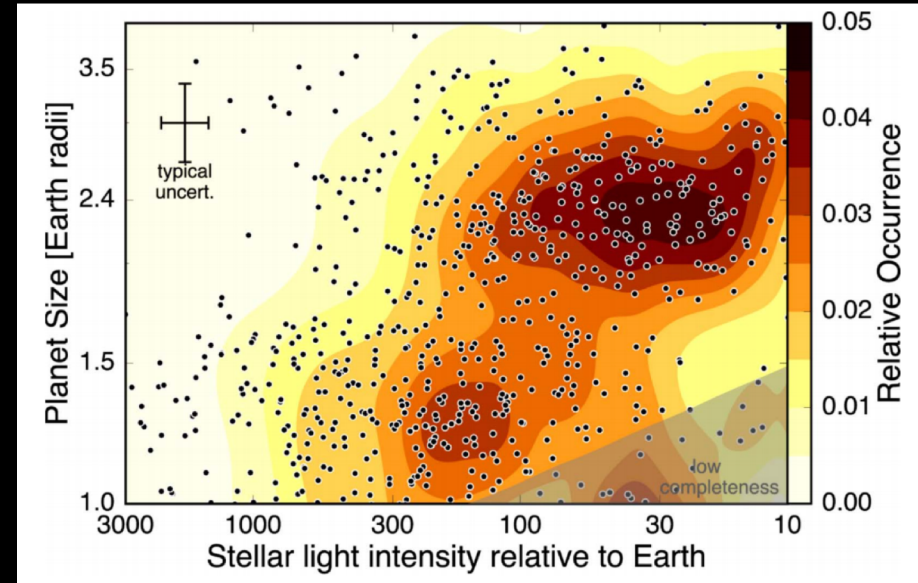
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*How do planets orbiting M dwarfs  
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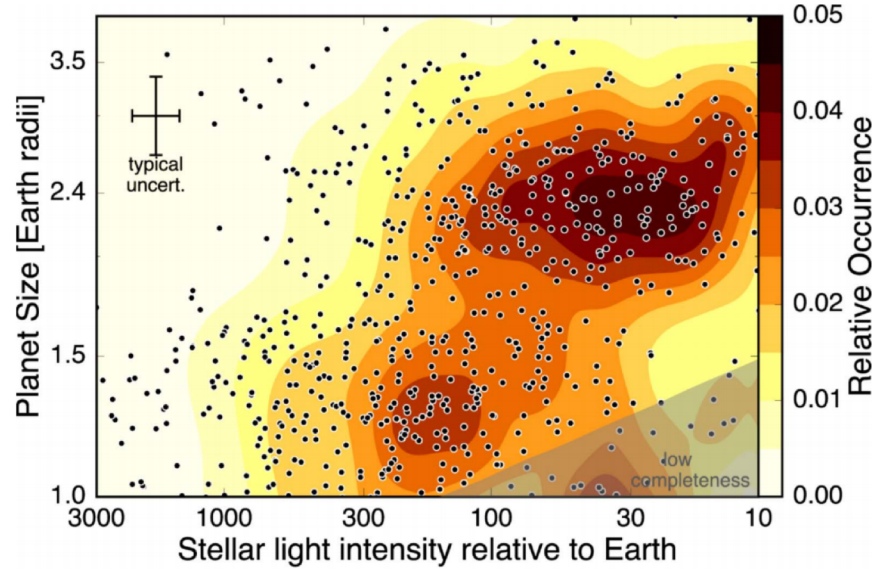
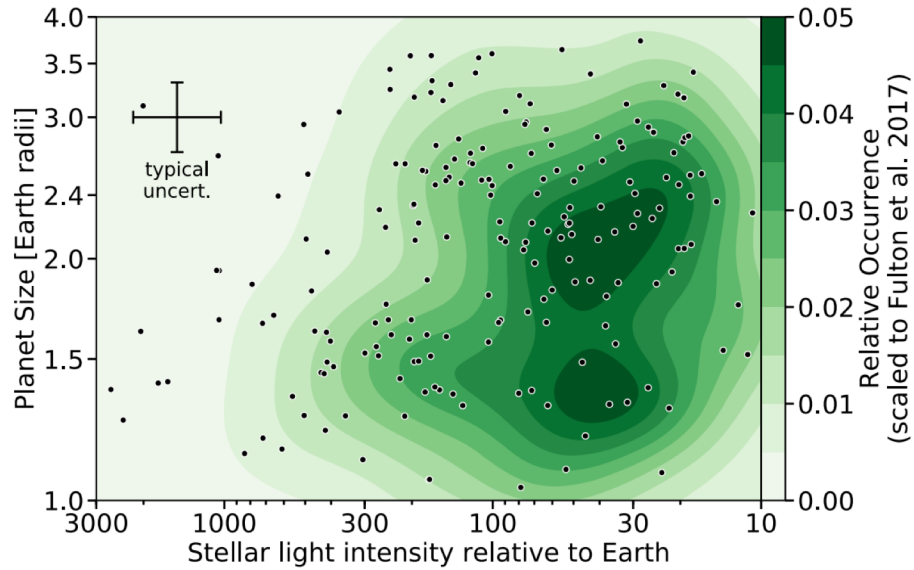


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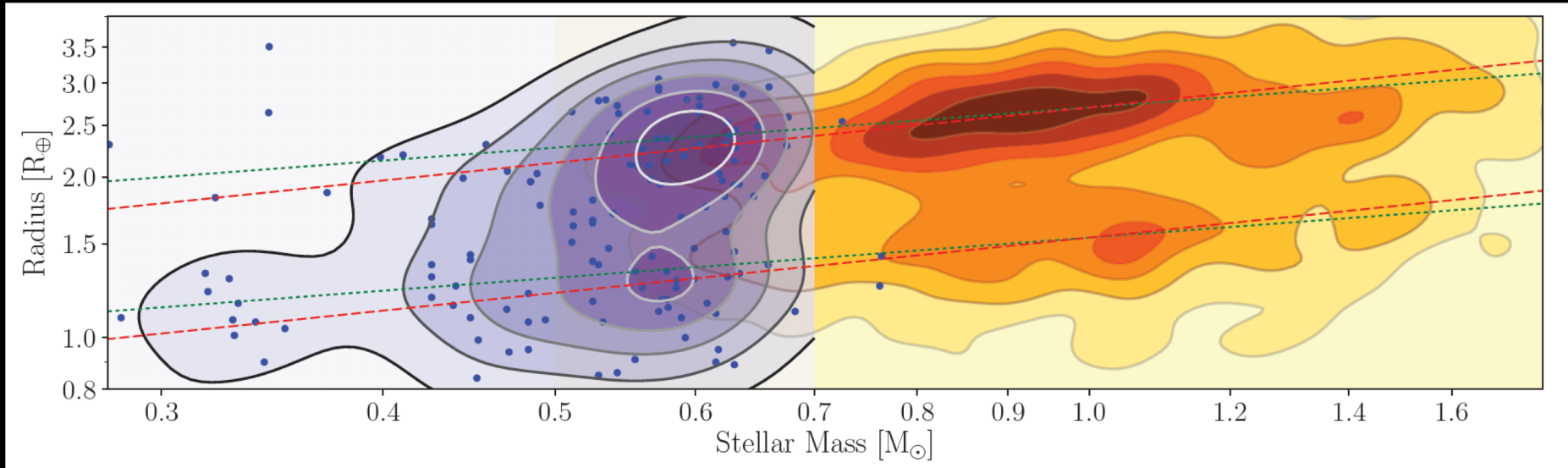


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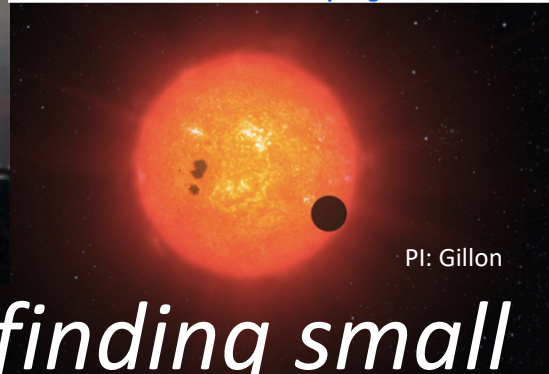
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*Small telescopes are finding small planets orbiting small stars!*



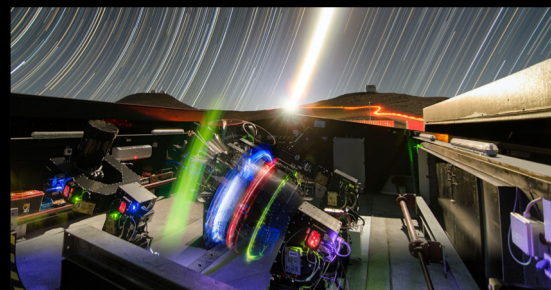
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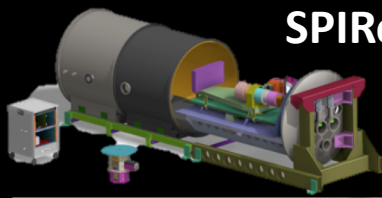
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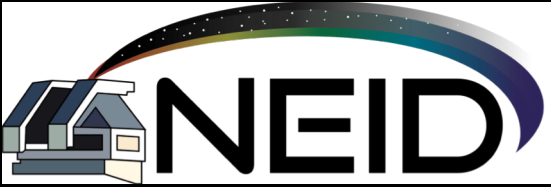
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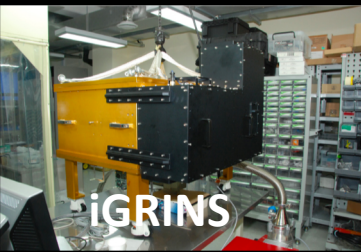
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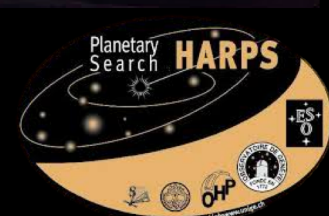
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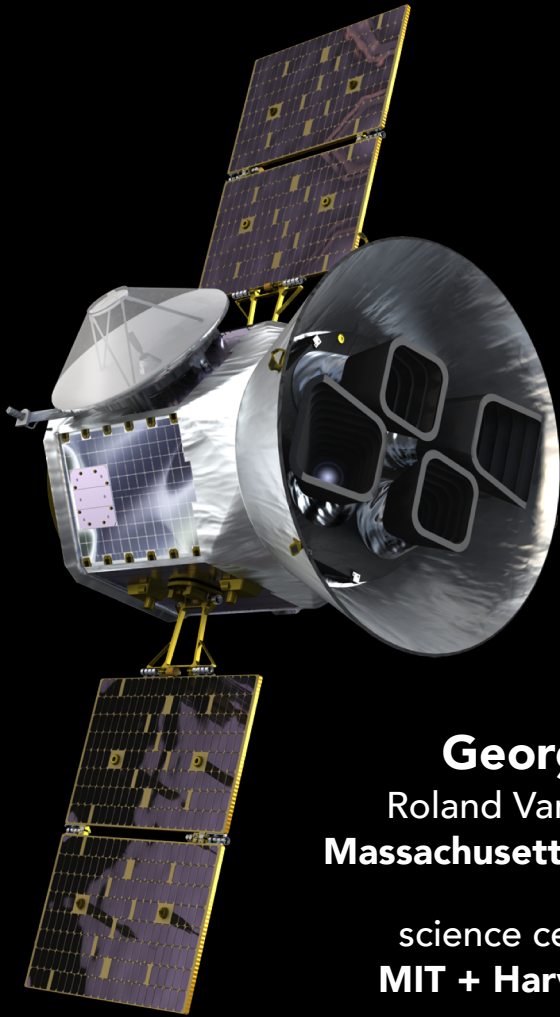
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# TESS



Explorer  
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Roland Vanderspek (Deputy P. I.)  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

science center shared between  
**MIT + Harvard/Smithsonian CfA**

Ricker et al., *JATIS*, (2014)

# TESS

*launched in April  
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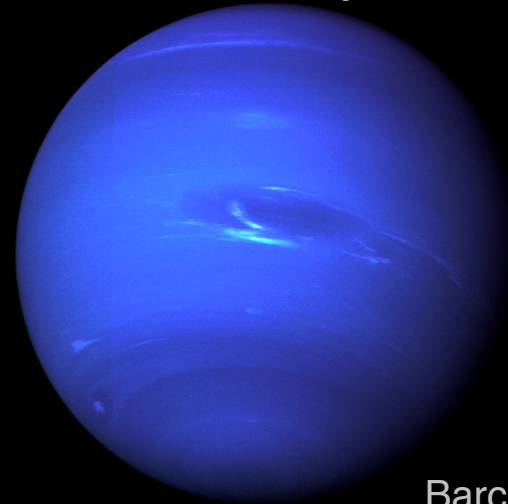


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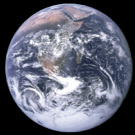


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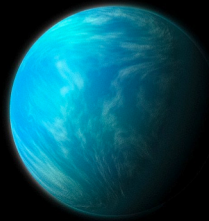
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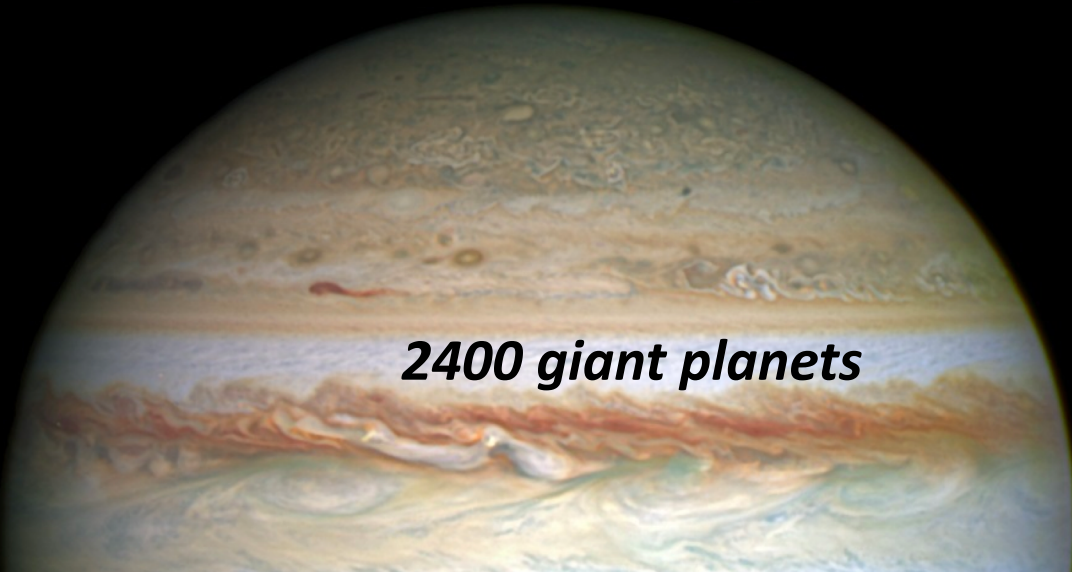


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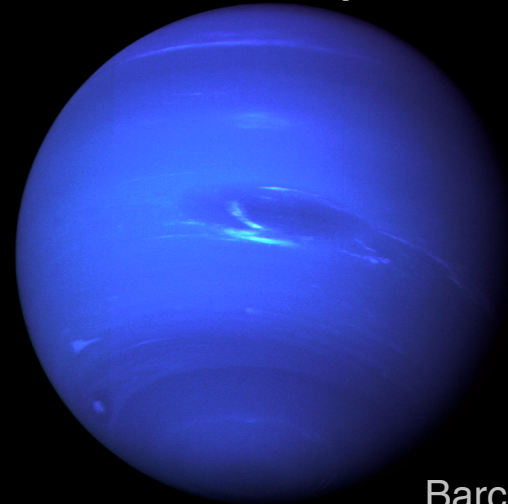


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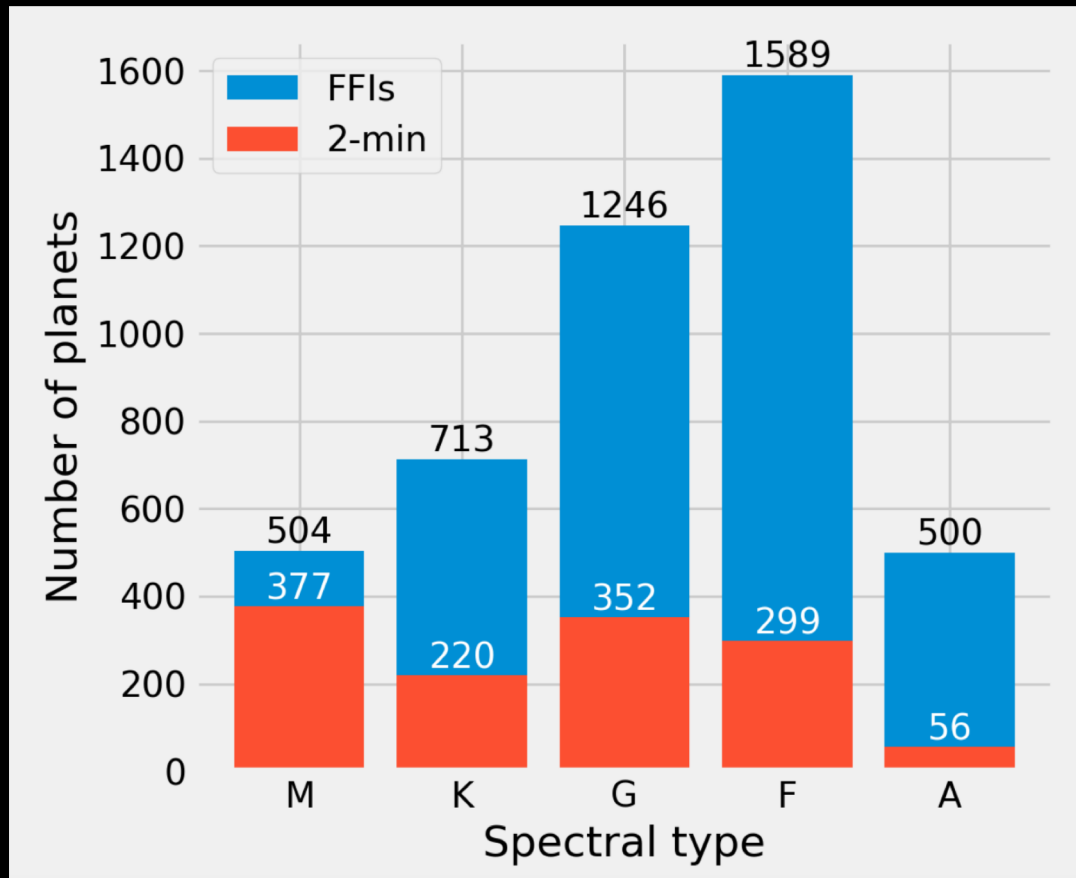
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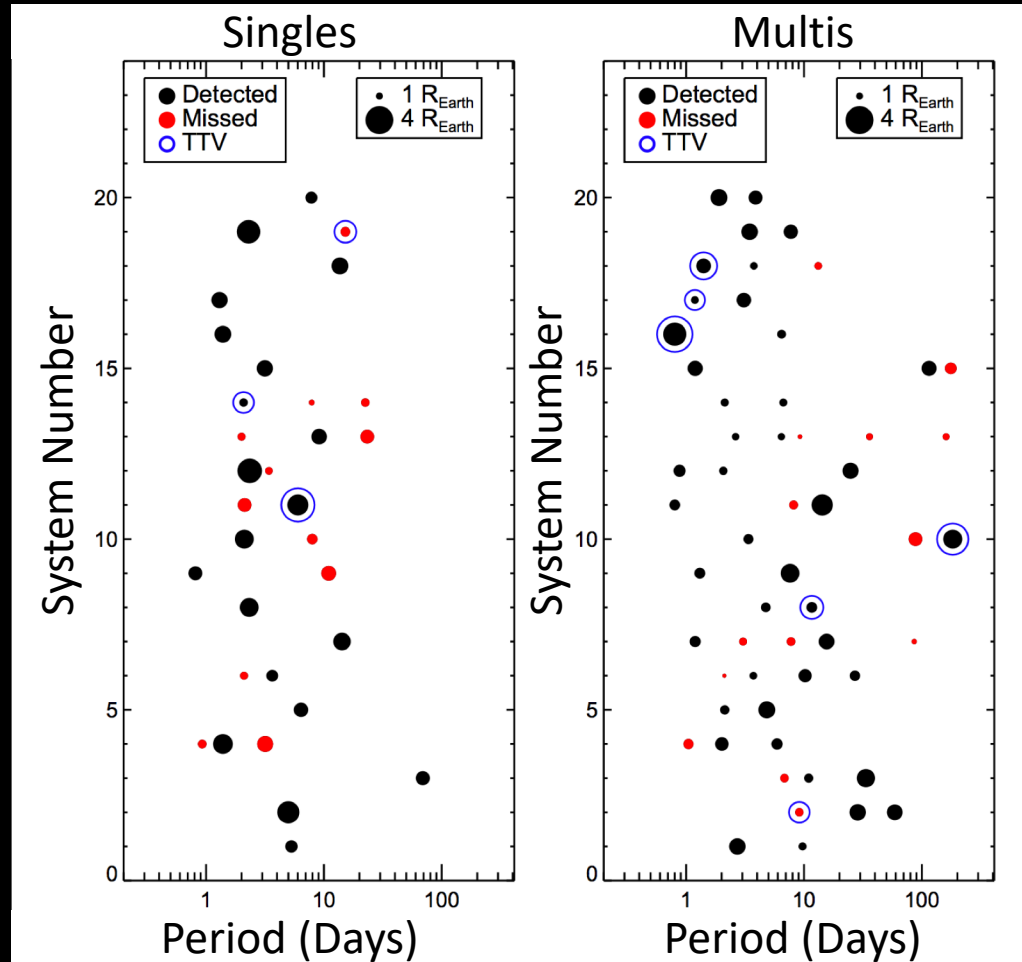
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# TESS will Find Planets Orbiting a Wide Variety of Stars

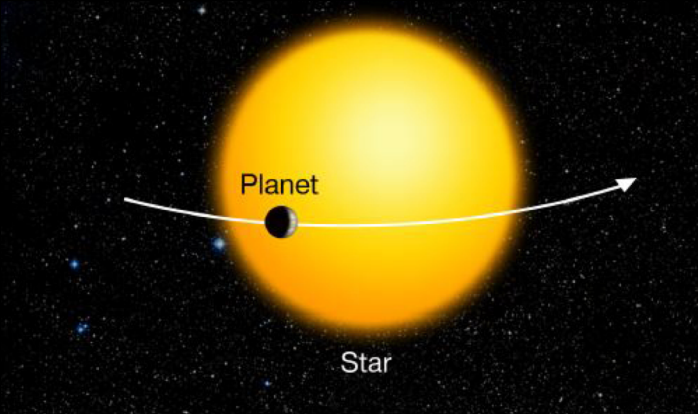


# TESS M Dwarfs are Likely to Host Additional Planets



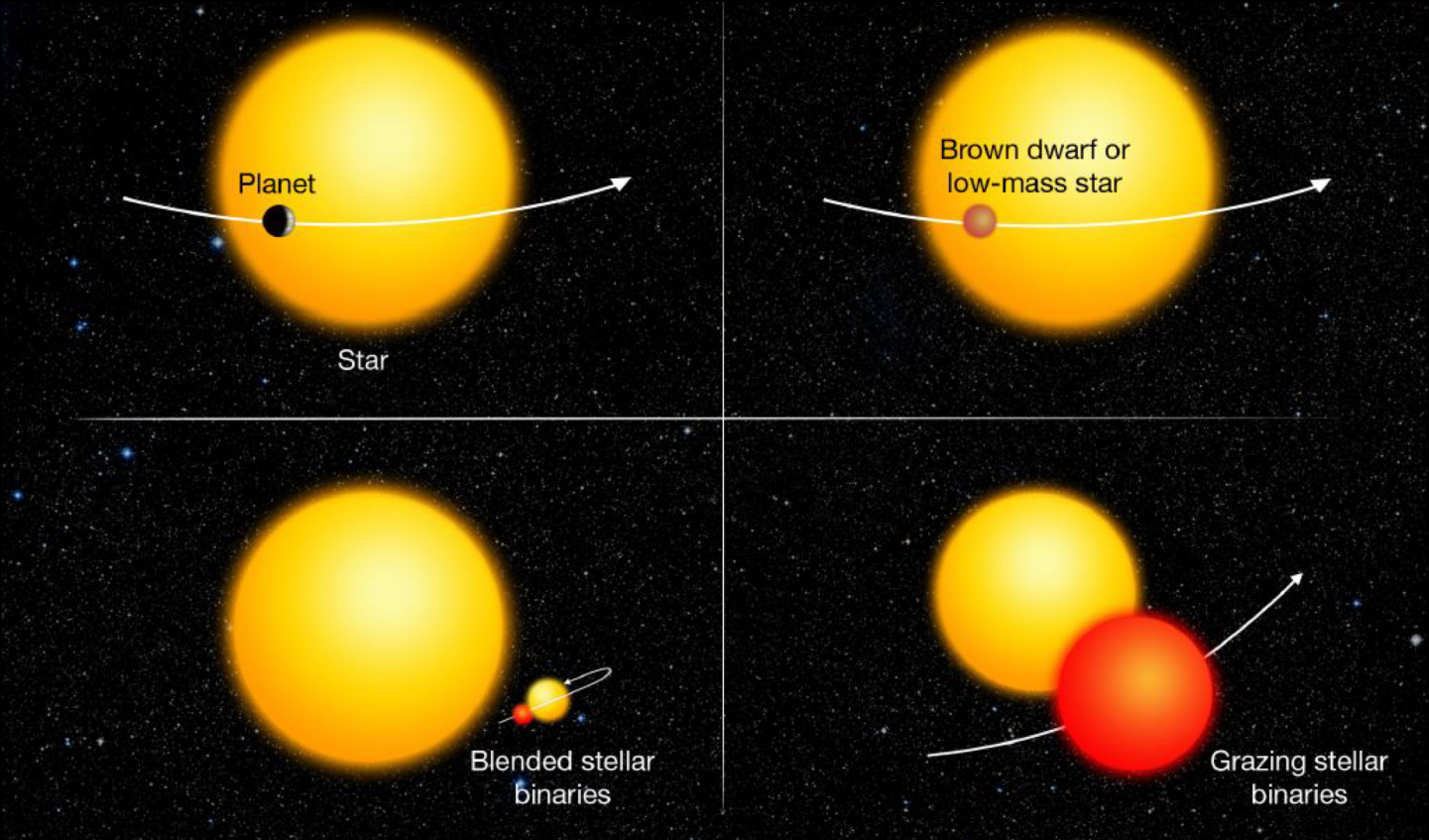
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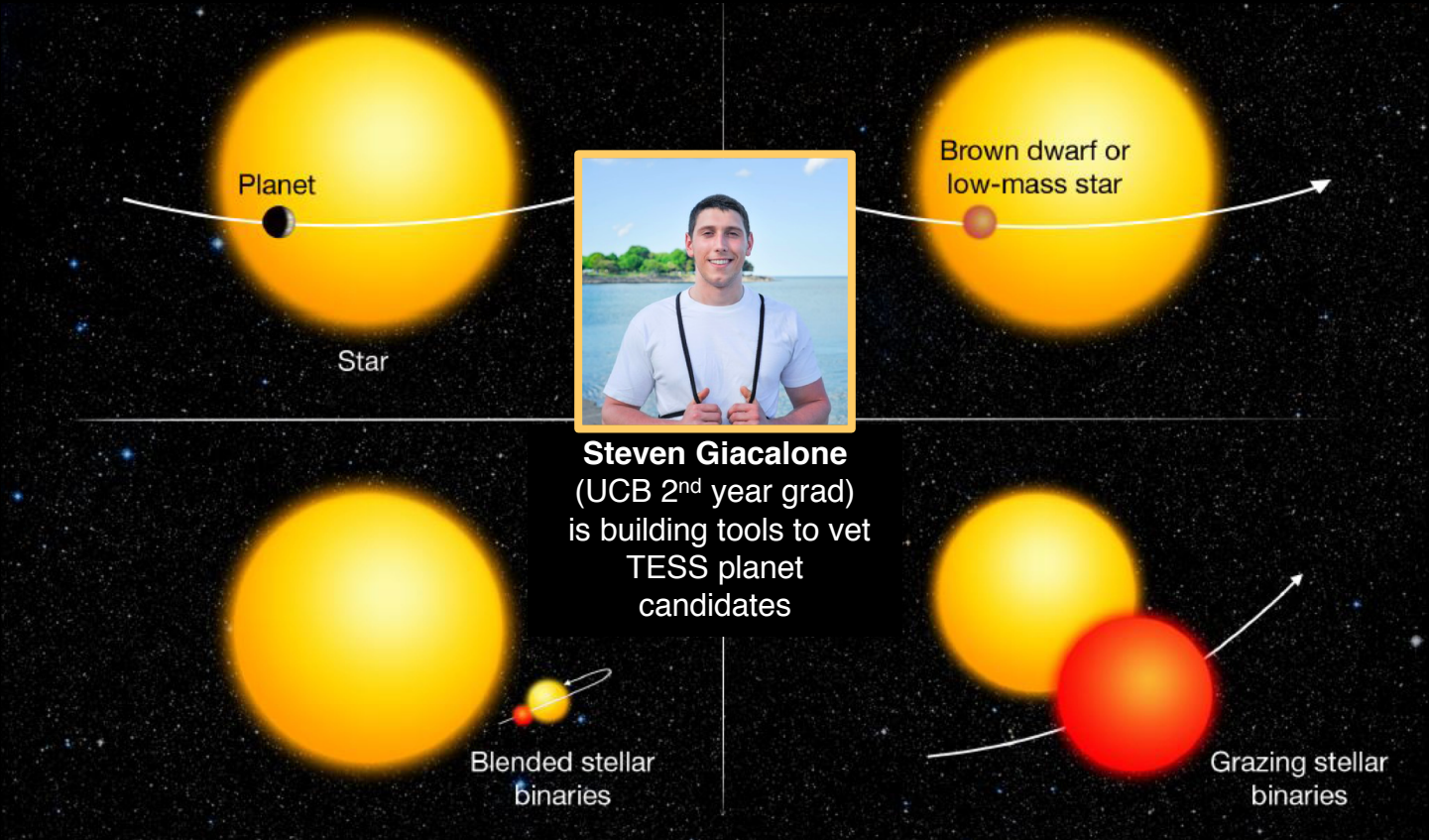




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**Jordan Fleming**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> year UCB grad)  
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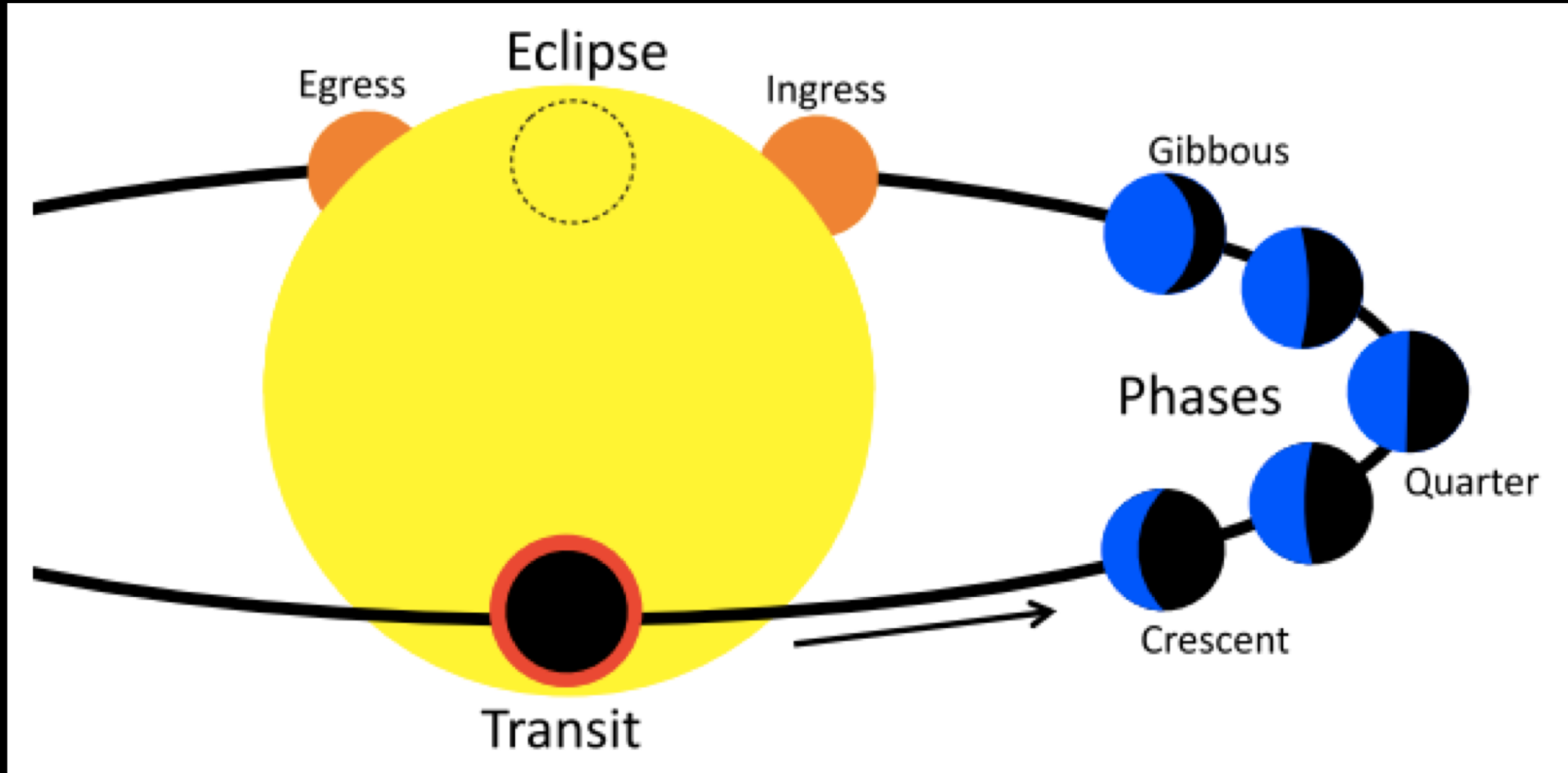
**Andy Mayo**

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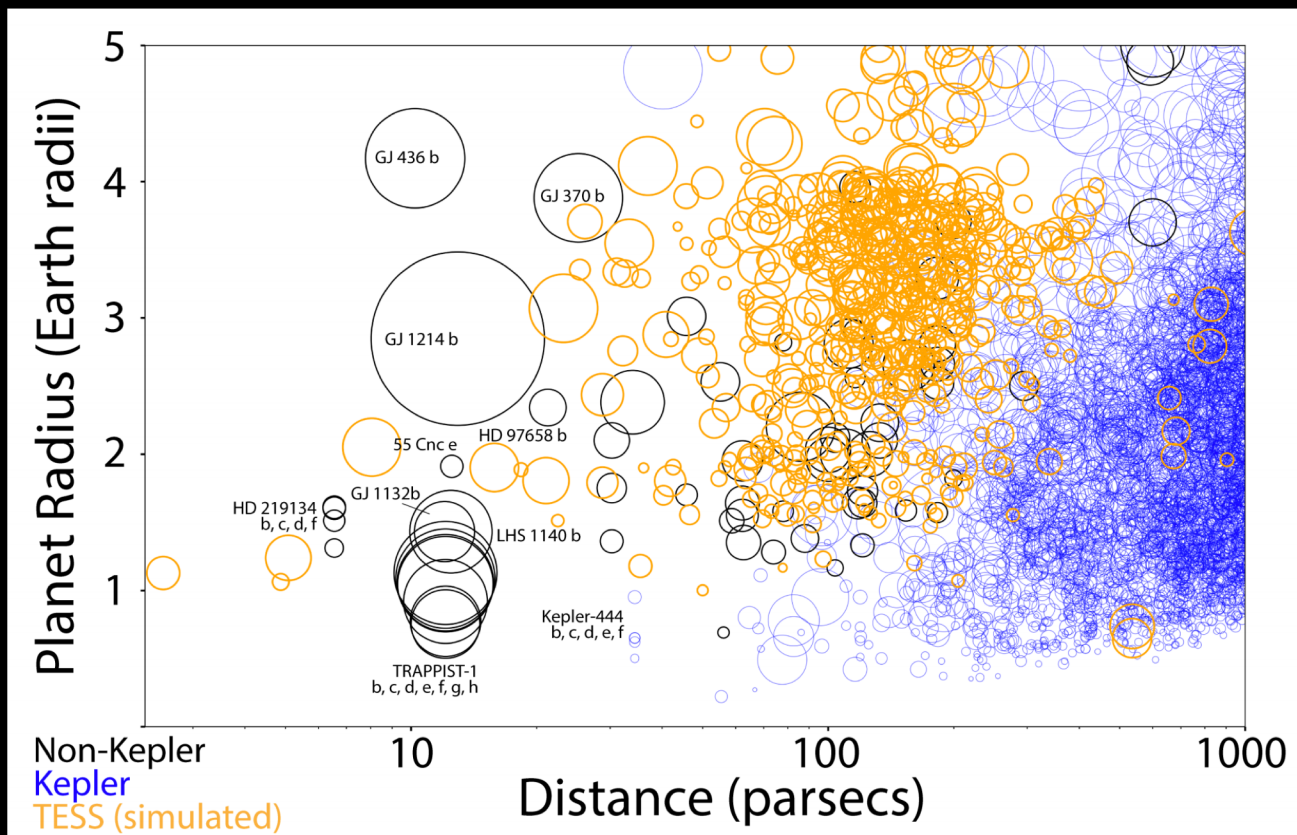


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# Transits, Eclipses, and Phase Curves of Exoplanets Reveal Atmospheric Properties



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Based on a figure created by Zach Berta-Thompson

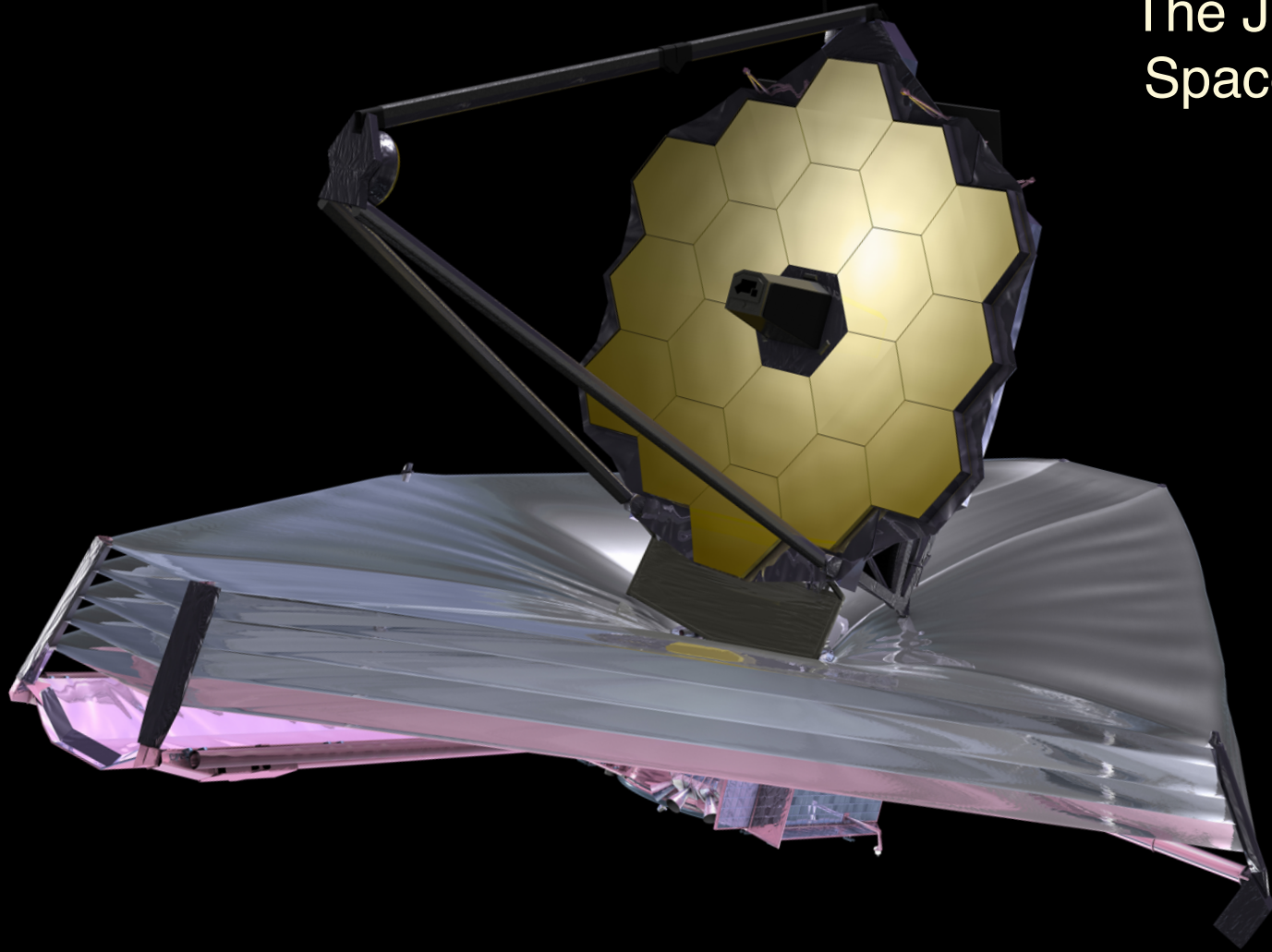
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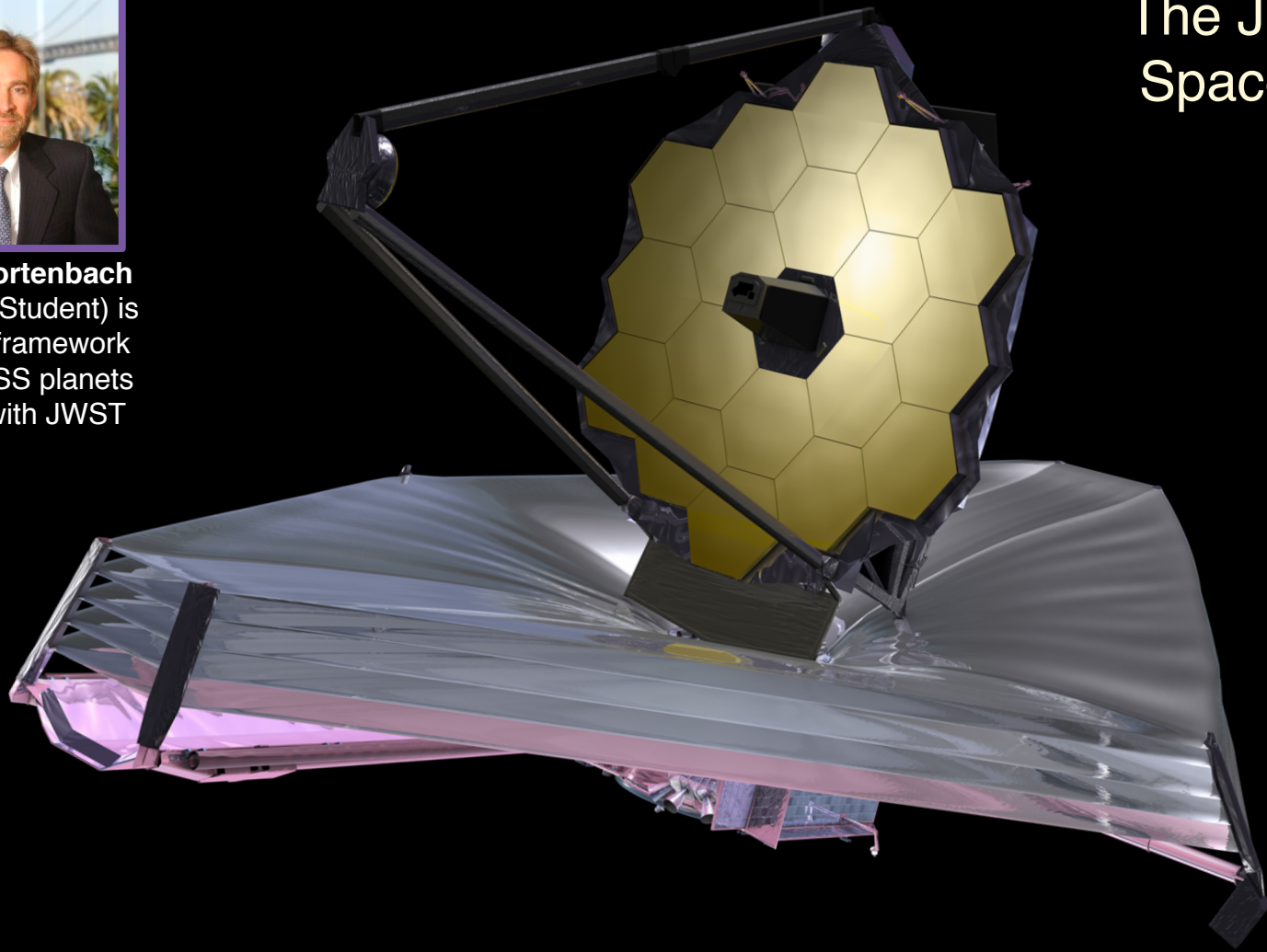
# The James Webb Space Telescope





**Charles Fortenbach**  
(SFSU MA Student) is  
building a framework  
to rank TESS planets  
for study with JWST

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Space-based observations will  
complement ground-based observations

# Giant Magellan Telescope

An aerial photograph of the Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT) under construction on a mountain peak. The telescope's primary mirror is visible inside the enclosure. The surrounding landscape is a vast, arid, reddish-brown desert with rolling hills under a clear blue sky. A road and a small building are visible near the telescope's base.

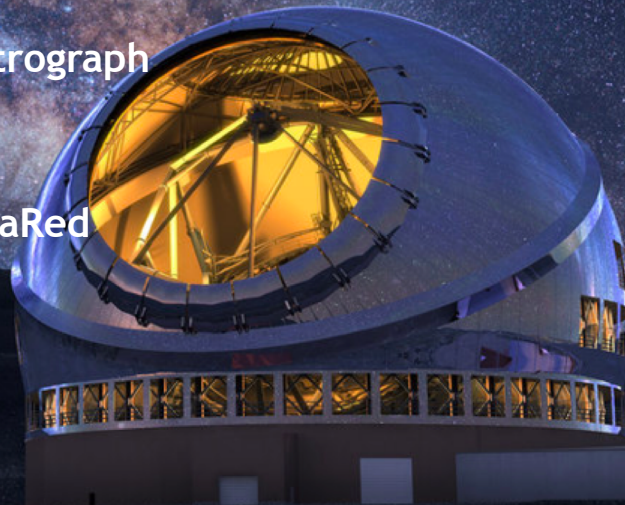
- Commissioning in 2023
- 24.5-m diameter
- First-light instruments
  - G-CLEF: visible echelle spectrograph
  - GMACS: Visible Multi-Object Spectrograph
- Future instruments
  - GMTIFS: Near-IR IFU & Adaptive Optics Imager
  - GMTNIRS: IR Echelle Spectrograph
  - MANIFEST: Facility Fiber Optics Positioner
  - ComCam: Commissioning Camera

# European Extremely Large Telescope

- Operations beginning in 2024
- 39-m diameter
- First-light instruments
  - MICADO (ELT-CAM): diffraction-limited NIR imager
  - HARMONI (ELT-IFU): single-field near-infrared wide-band integral field spectrograph
  - MAORY (MCAO): multi-conjugate adaptive optics system
- Future instruments
  - METIS (ELT-MIDIR): Mid-IR imager & spectrometer
  - ELT-HIRES: high-resolution spectrometer
  - ELT-MOS: multi-object spectrometer

# Thirty Meter Telescope

- First Light 2026
- 30-m Diameter
- First-light Instruments
  - WFOS: Wide-field Optical Spectrometer
  - IRIS: Infrared Imaging Spectrograph
  - IRMS: Infrared Multi-object Spectrometer
  - NFIRAOS: Narrow Field InfraRed Adaptive Optics System



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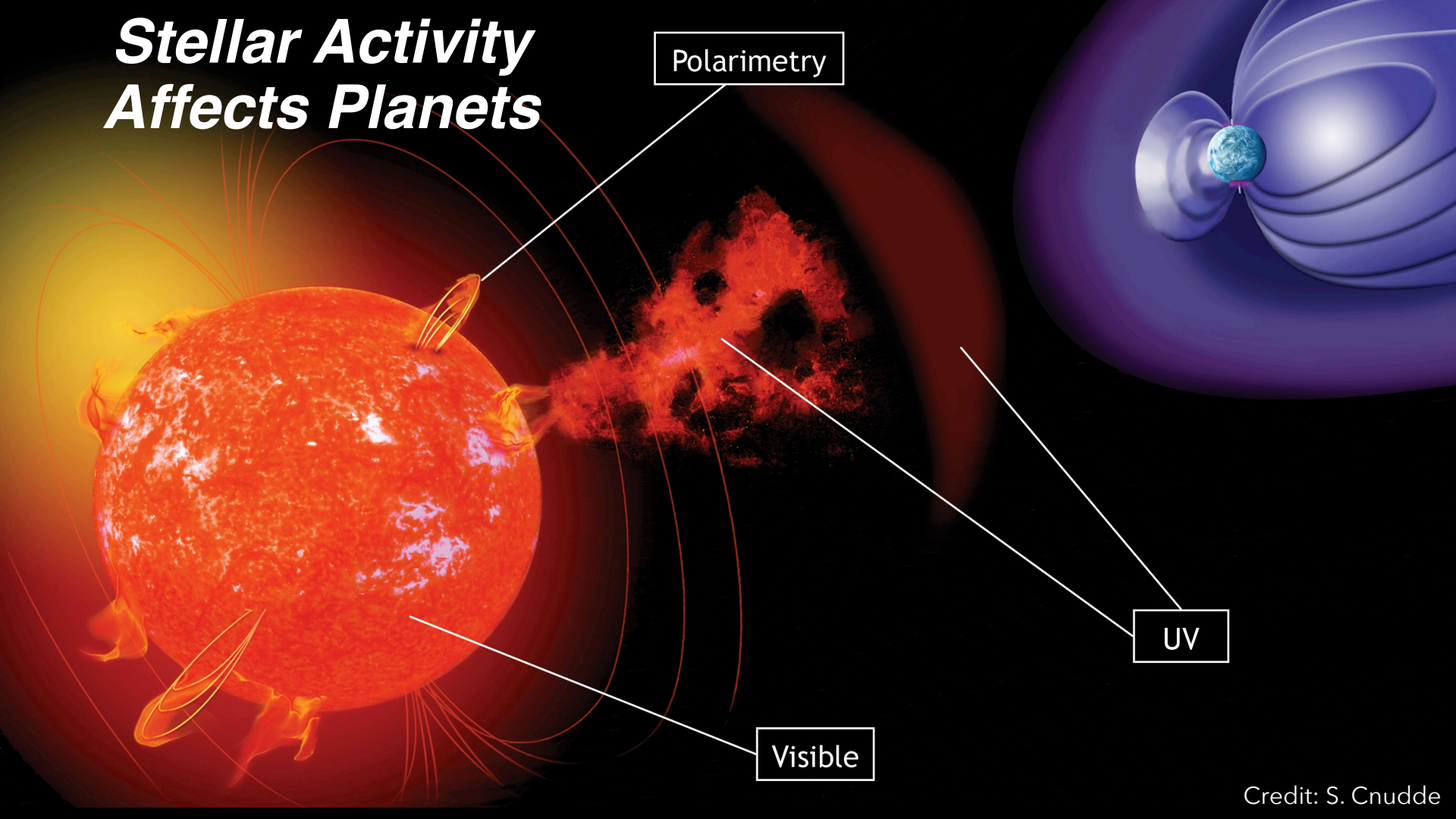
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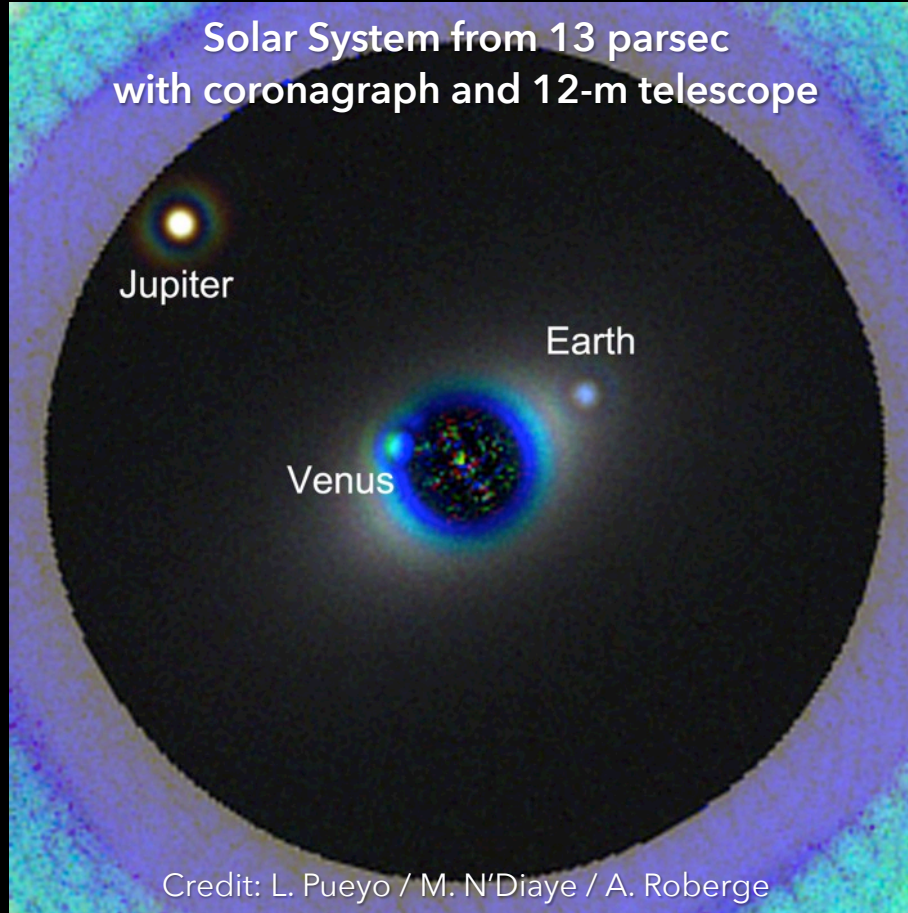
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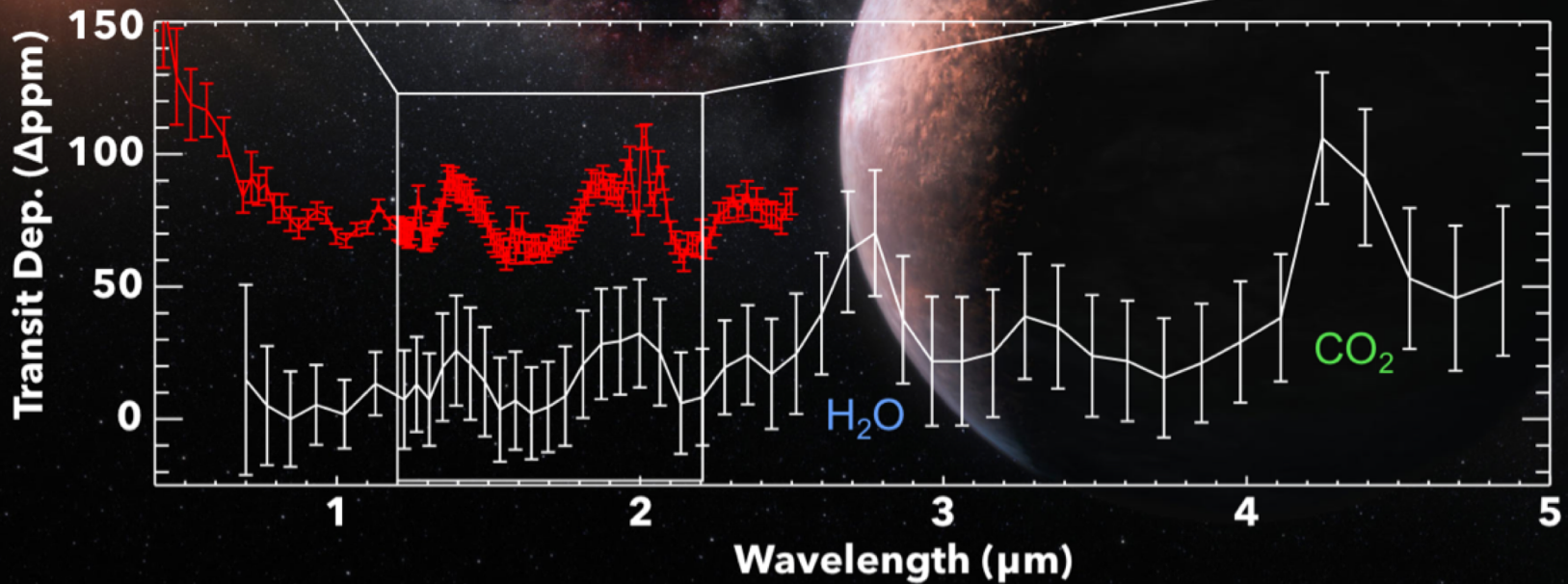
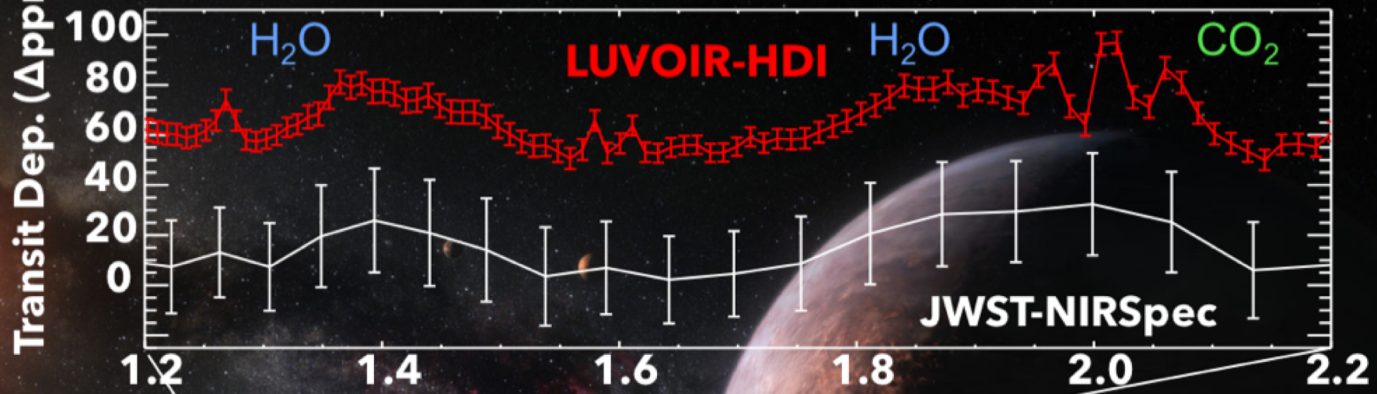
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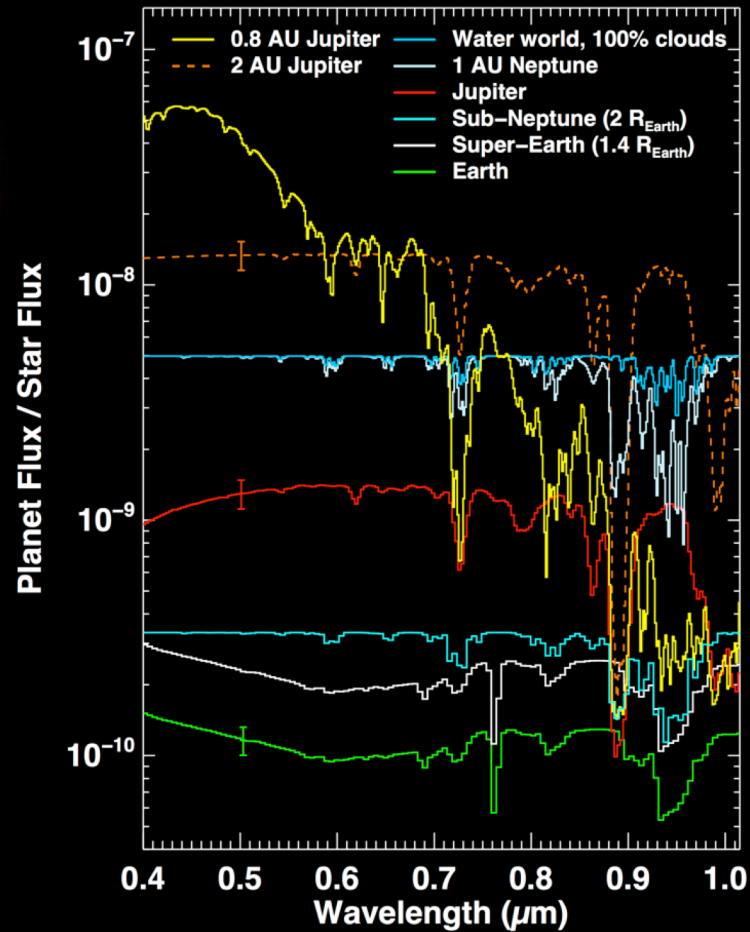
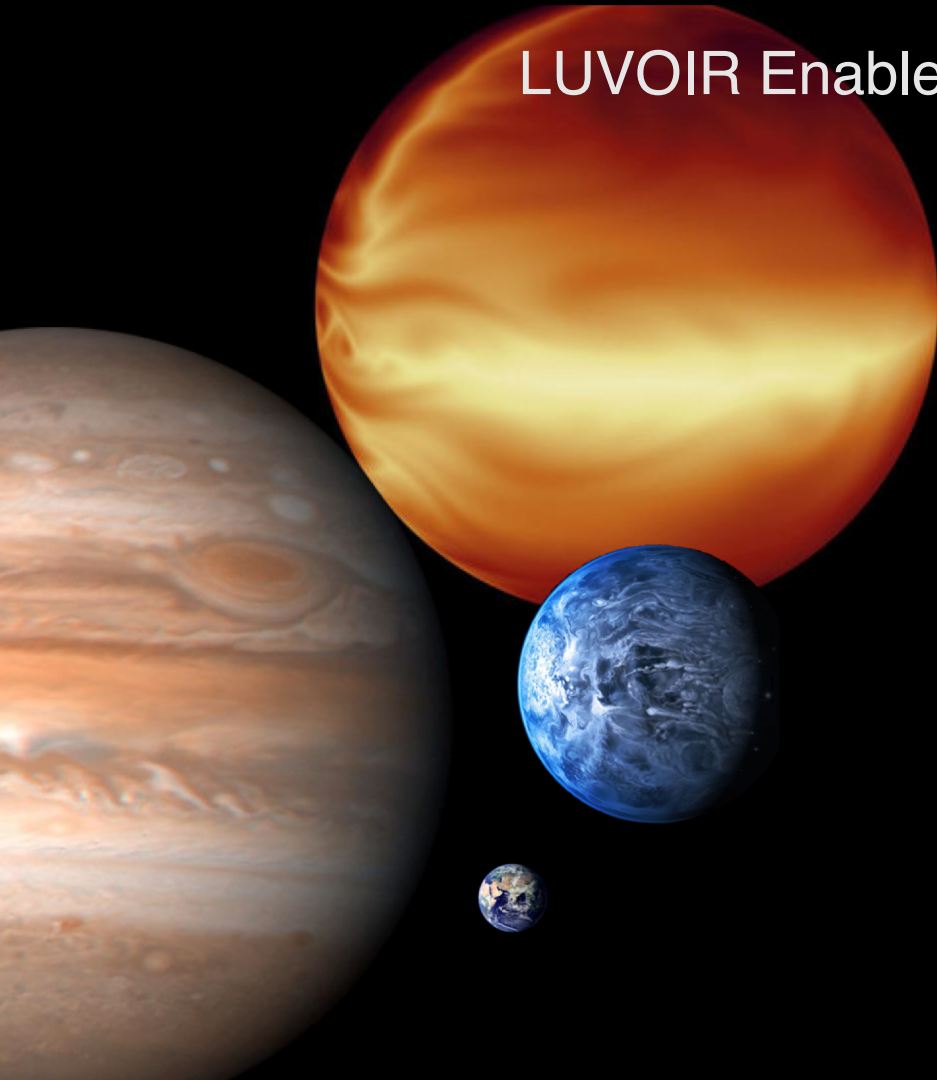
# Imaging Earthlike Planets



# TRAPPIST-1e, 50 transits

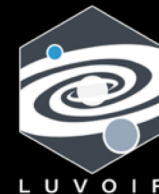


# LUVOIR Enables Exoplanetology



# Design Your Own Observations Using Our Online Tools

<http://asd.gsfc.nasa.gov/luvoir/tools/>



## LUVOIR

Large UV/Optical/IR Surveyor

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### Tools

This page links to performance simulation and visualization tools for the LUVOIR mission, a future ultraviolet / optical / near-infrared observatory concept.

These widgets are experimental. If they are not working, email [Jason Tumlinson](#) (STScI). For the Planetary Spectrum Generator, email [Geronimo Villanueva](#) (GSFC).

#### Coronagraphic Spectra of Exoplanets

Simulate optical/near-IR reflection spectra of various exoplanets with realistic noise.

#### Multiplanet Yield Tool

Tool for visualizing yields of observed exoplanets (of various types) as function of basic mission parameters.

#### Planetary Spectrum Generator

Advanced tool for simulating spectra of Solar System bodies (with LUVOIR and other telescopes).

#### HDI Photometric ETC

Basic exposure time calculator for optical photometry in multi-band images.

#### LUMOS Spectroscopic ETC

Simple exposure time calculator for UV spectroscopy.

#### UV MOS Visualizer

See the impact of UV multi-object spectroscopy on the study of stellar clusters and their feedback.

#### High-Resolution Imaging

Examples of astronomical objects viewed with different sized telescopes.



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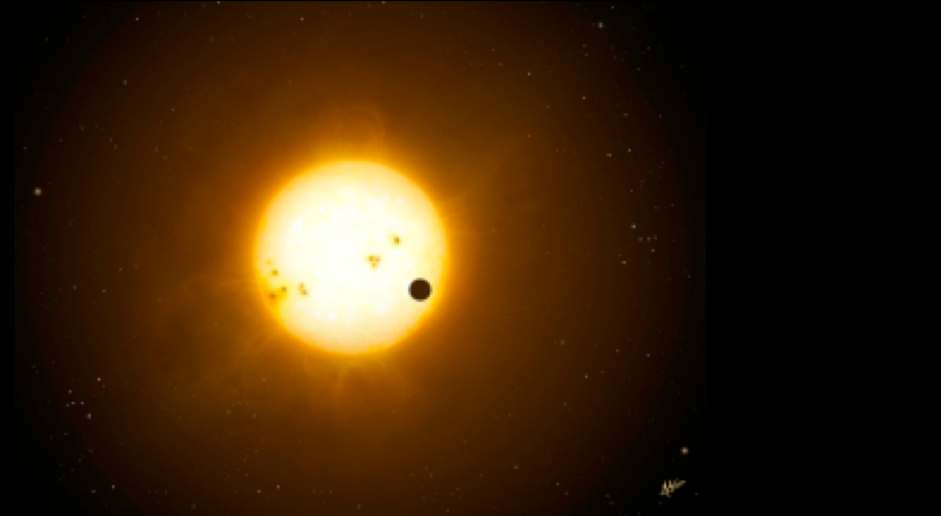
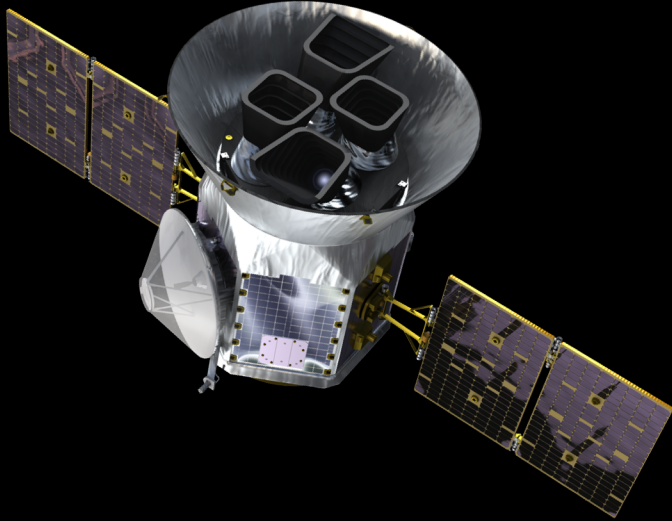
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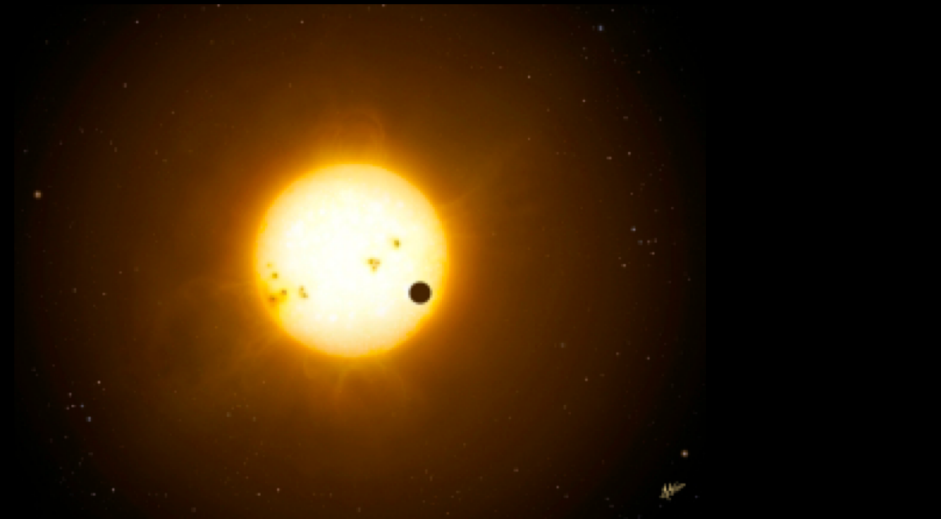
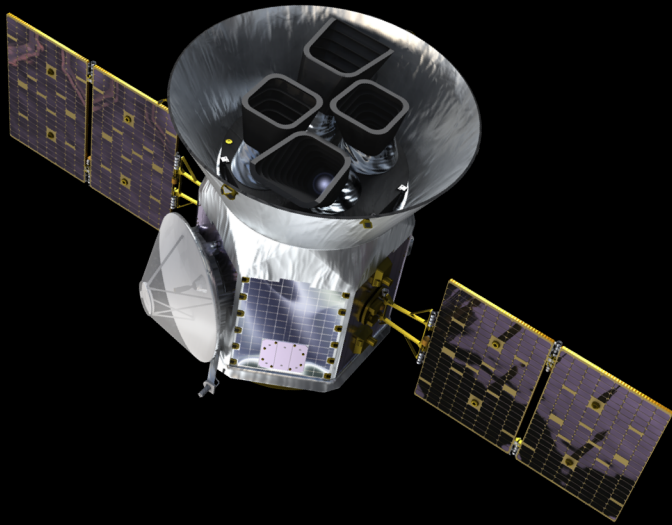
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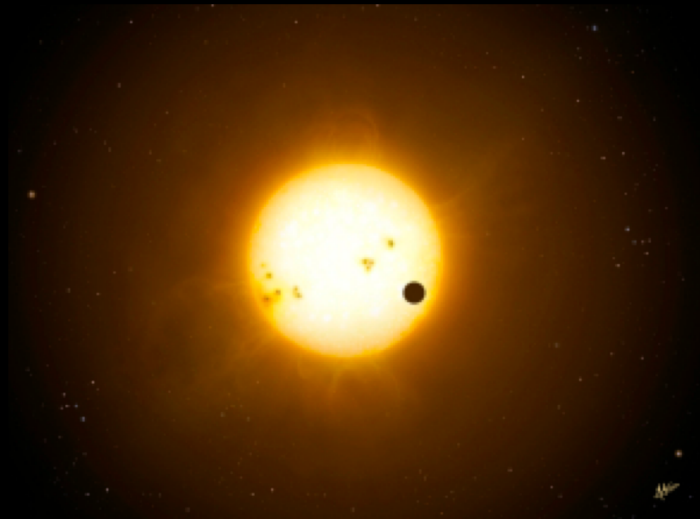
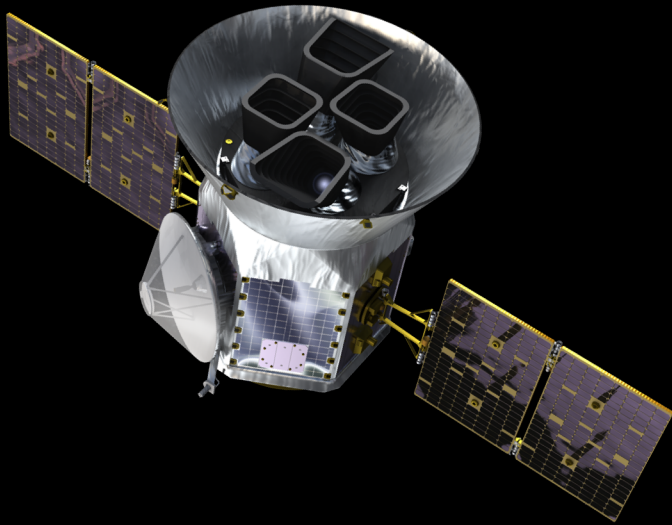
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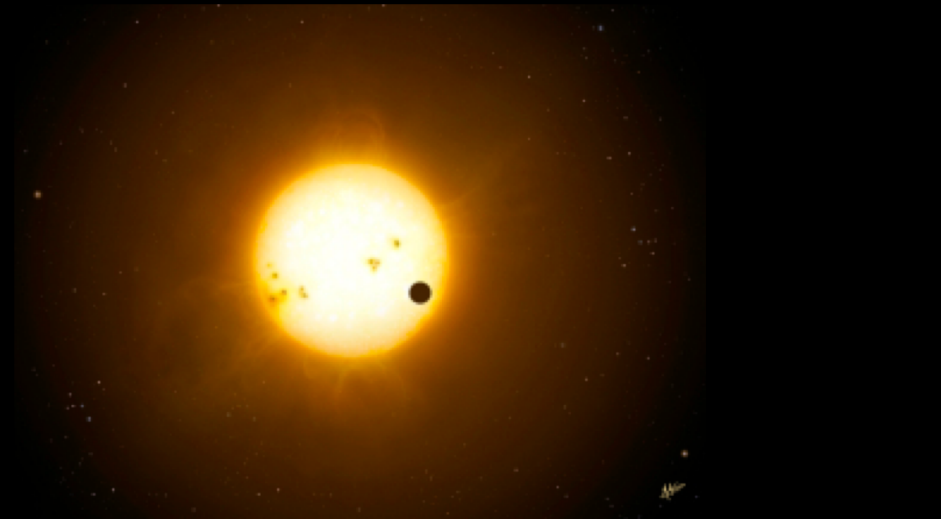
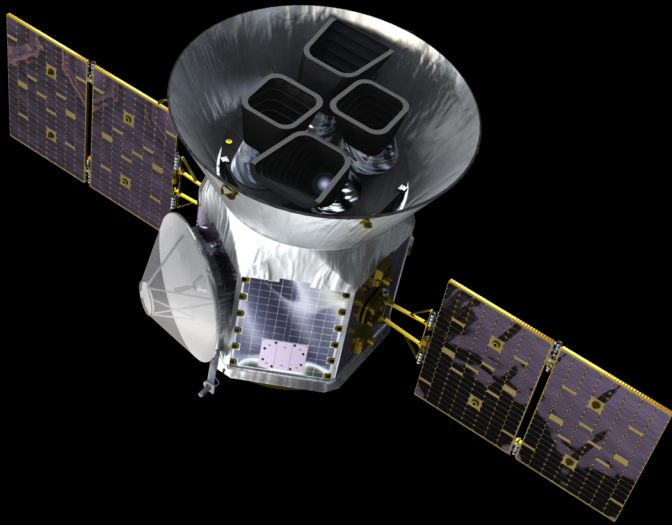
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- Future flagships like LUVOIR will **search for habitable & inhabited worlds**

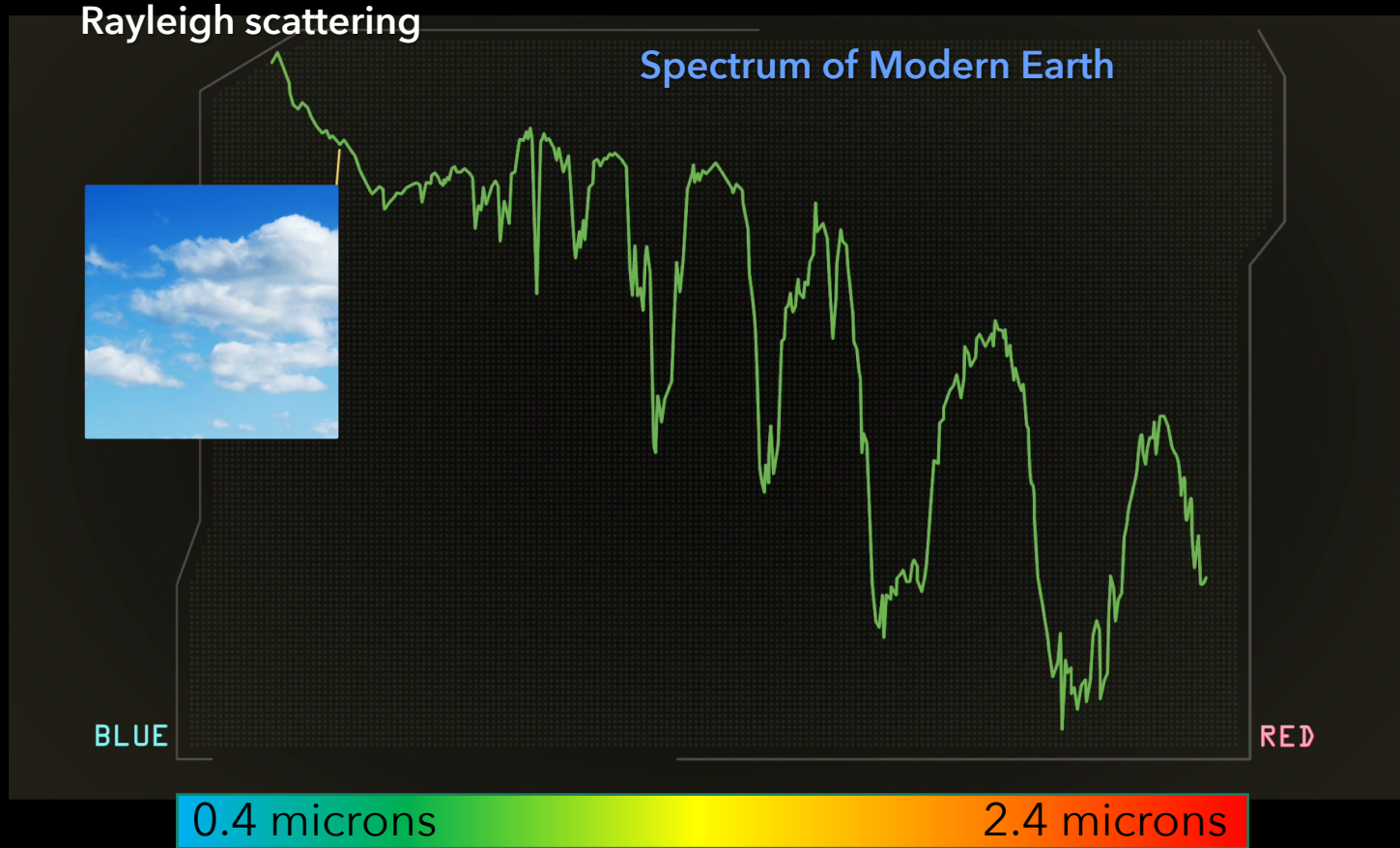


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# Searching for Life



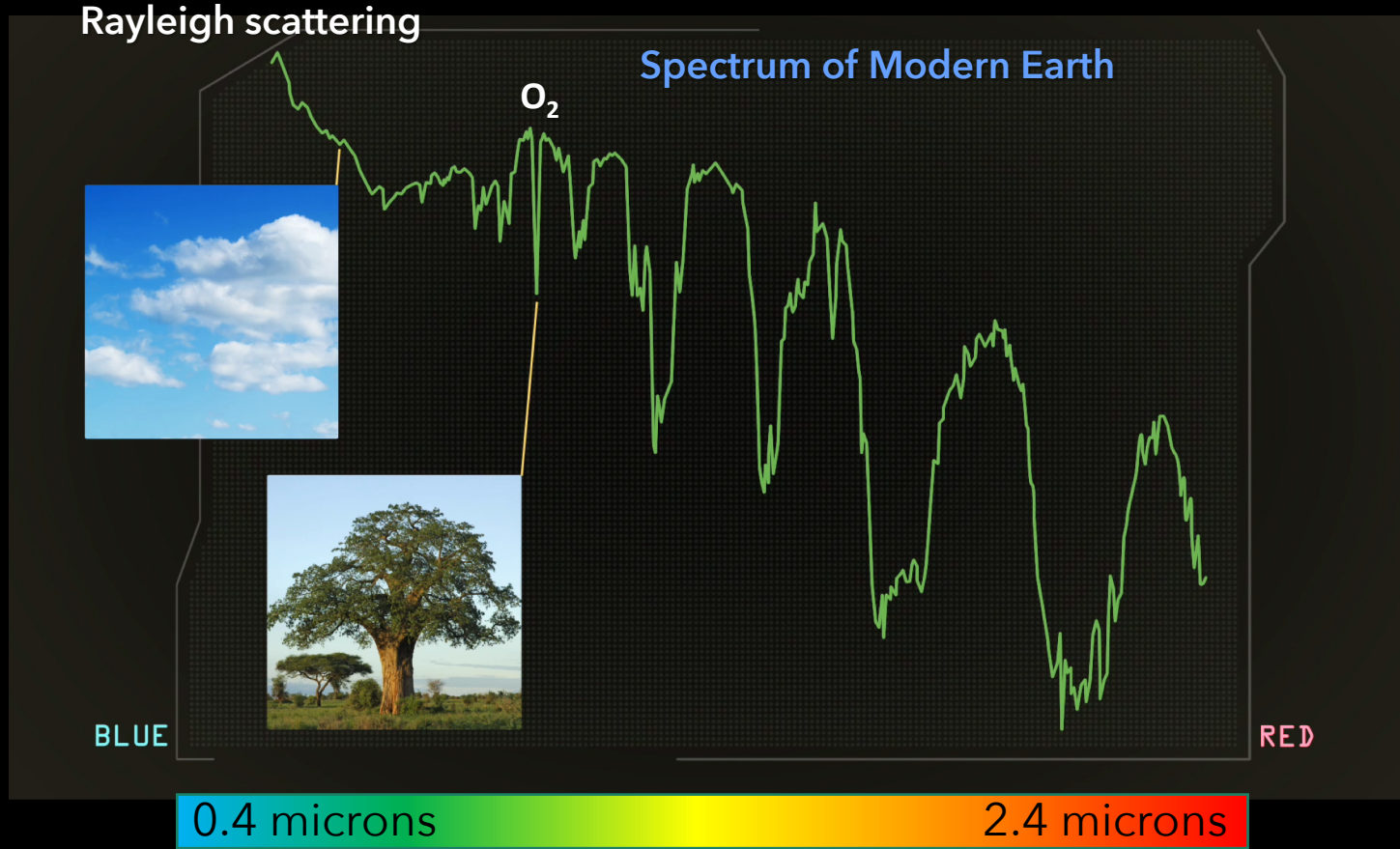
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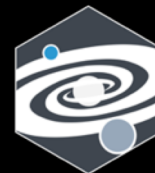
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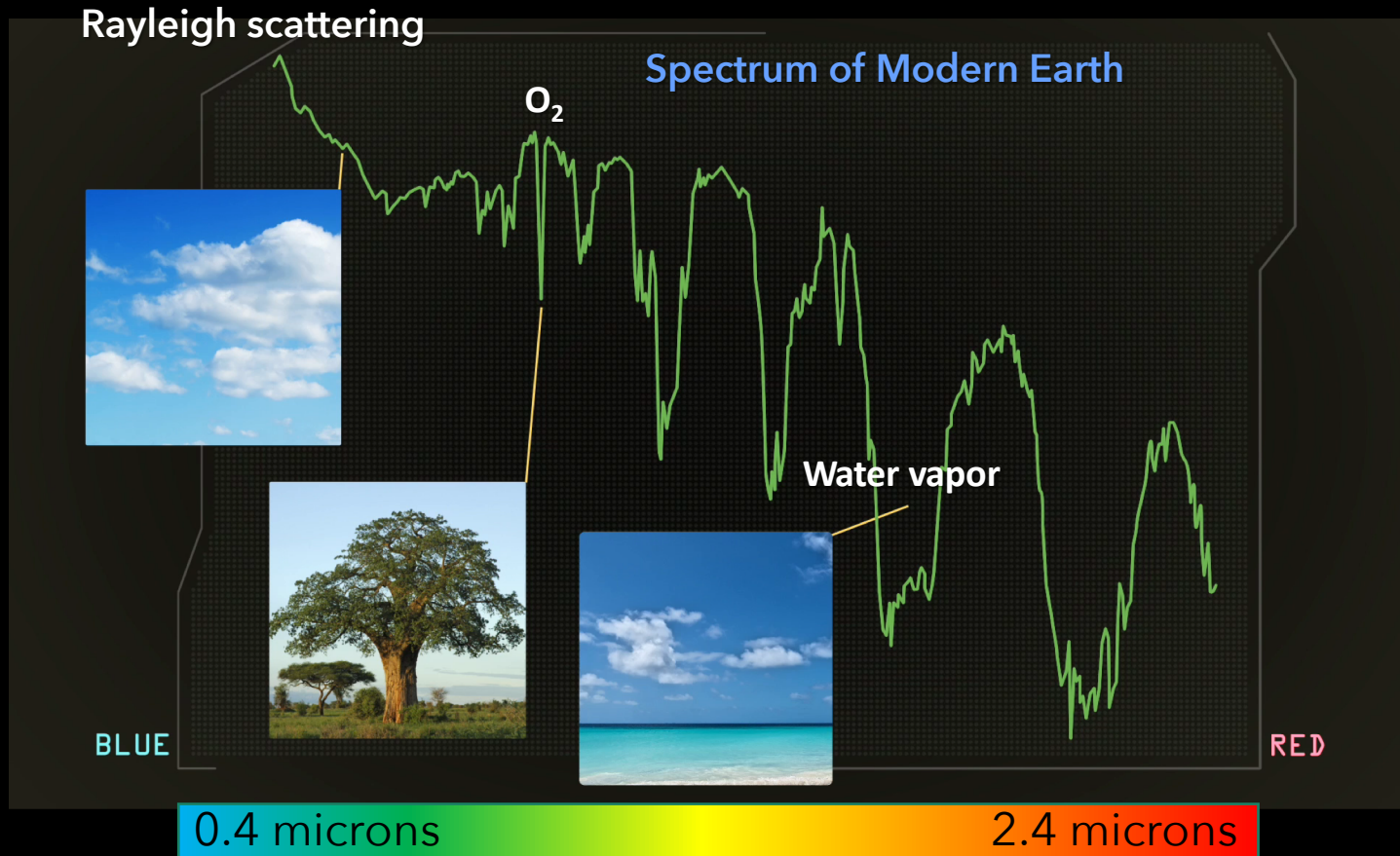
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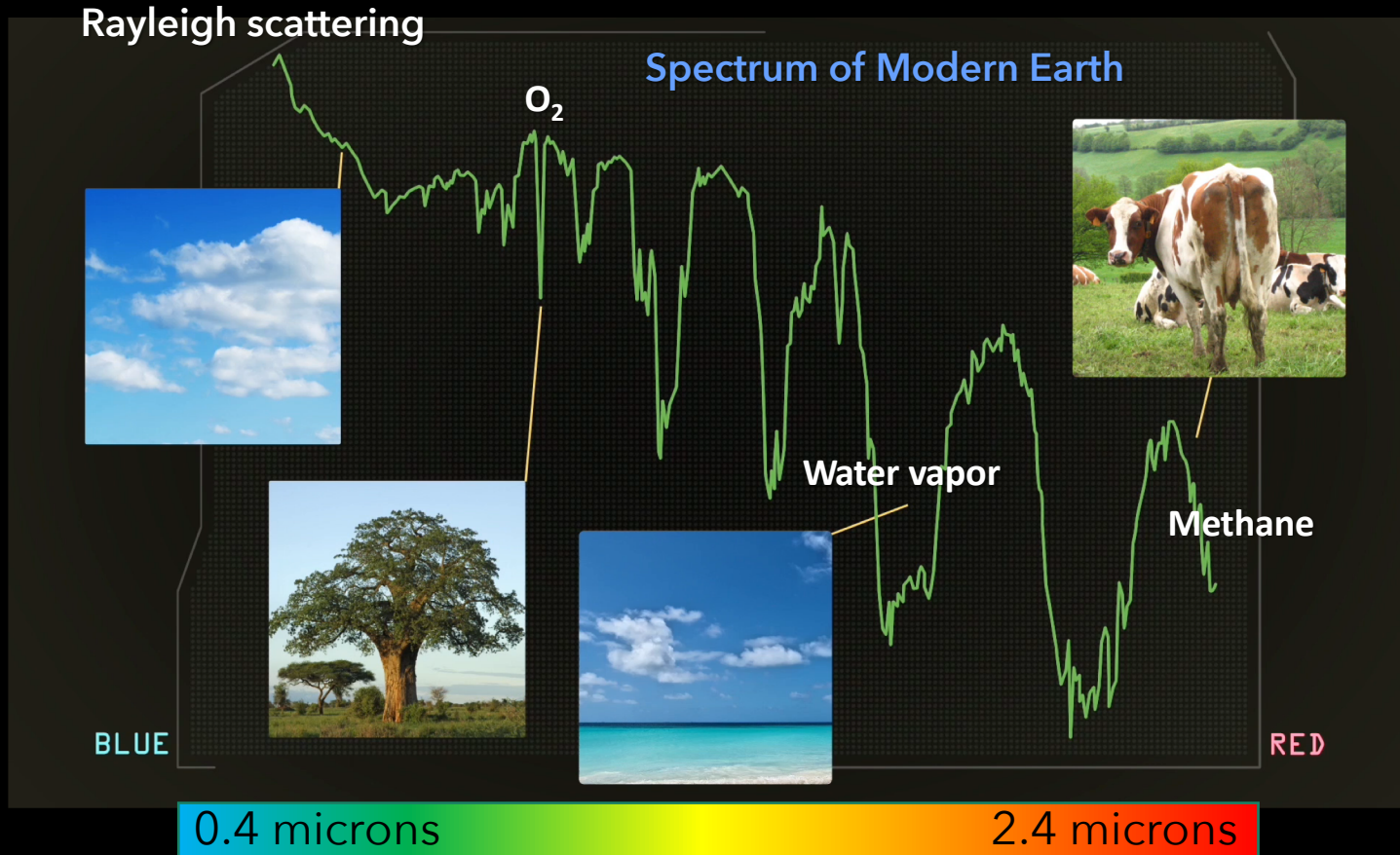
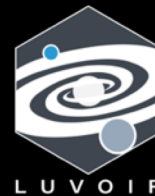
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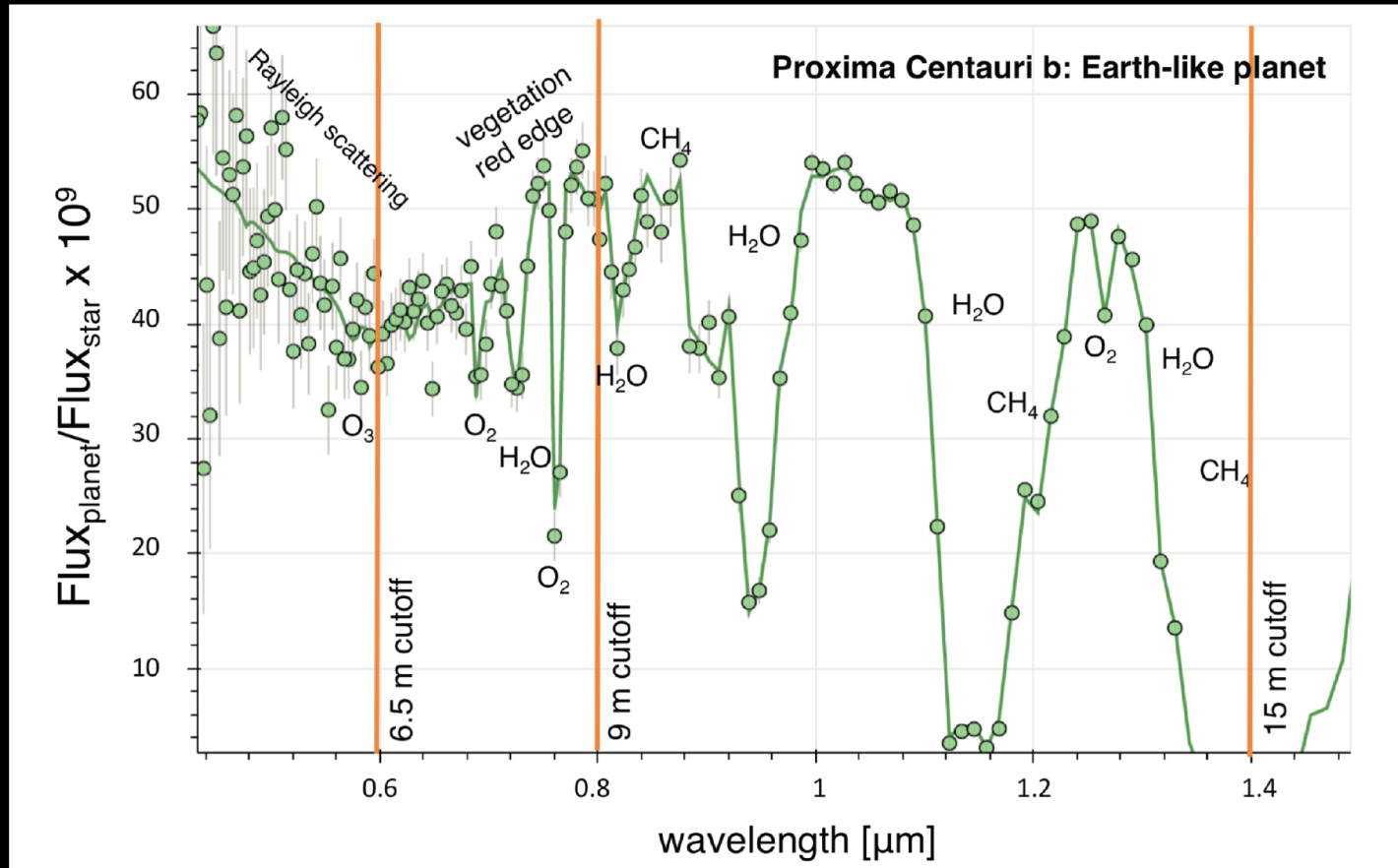


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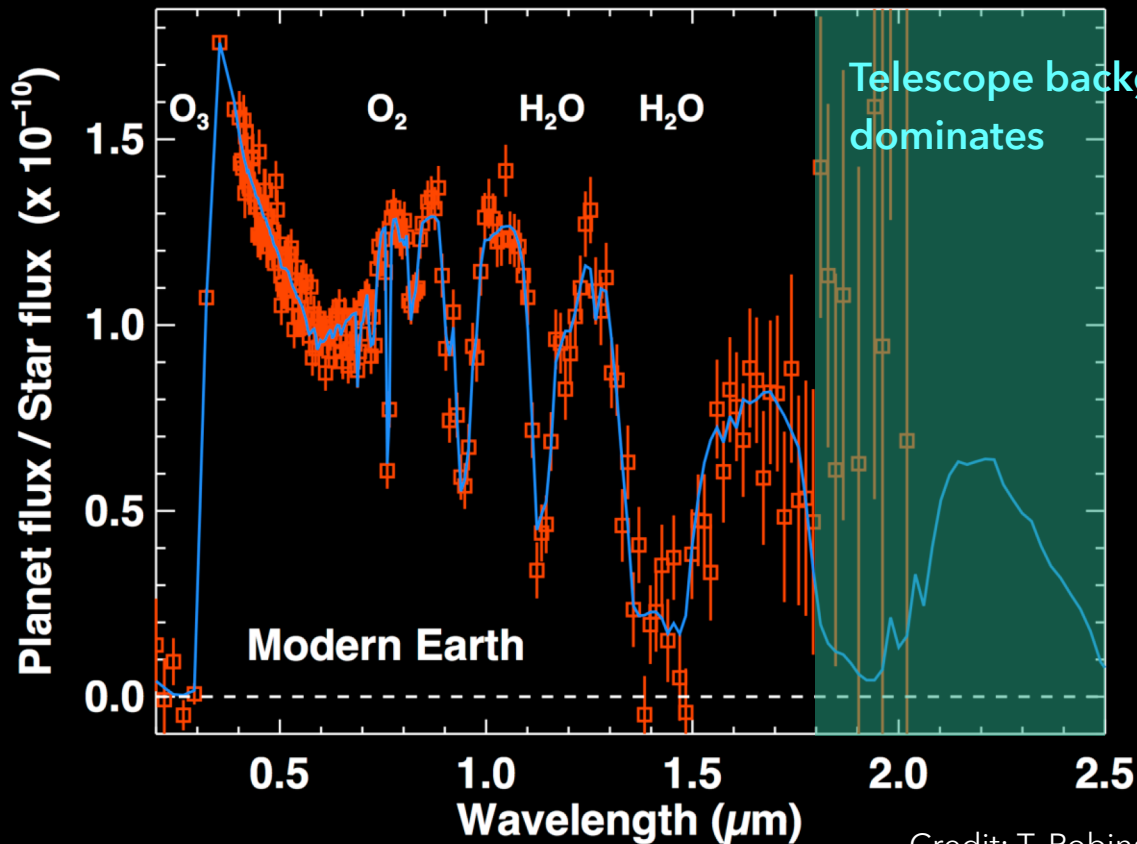
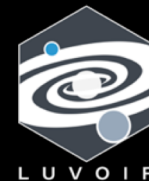


# Sample Observation: LUVOIR Spectrum of Proxima Centauri b



Credit: LUVOIR Tools

# Simulated LUVOIR Observation

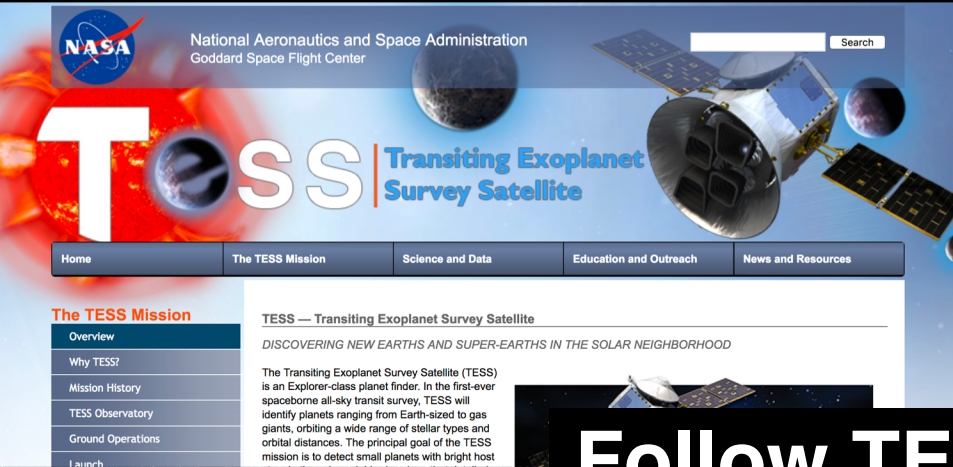


Distance = 10 pc  
 $D_{\text{telescope}} = 15\text{-m}$   
 $T_{\text{telescope}} = 270\text{ K}$   
 $R = 150$   
Time = 96 hrs per band

Credit: T. Robinson / G. Arney

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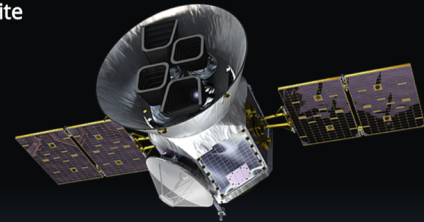
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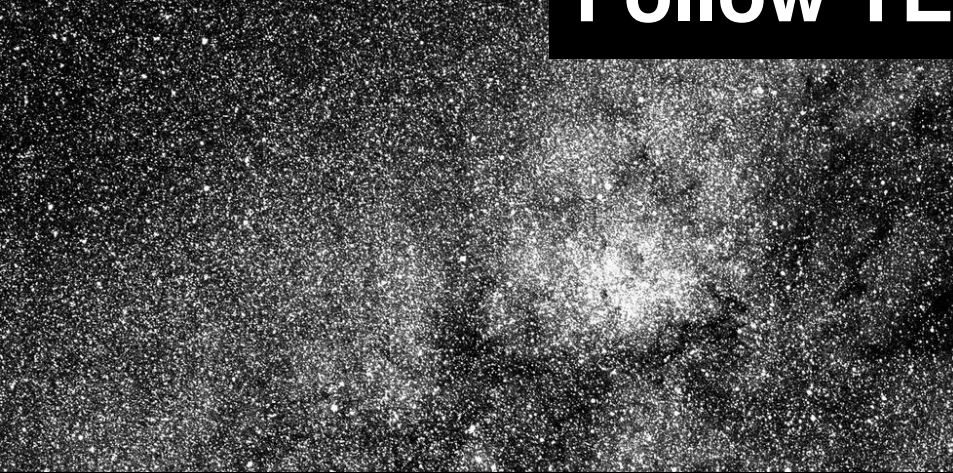
TESS, the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite is an MIT-led NASA mission to spend two years discovering transiting exoplanets by an all-sky survey. The TESS Science Office is run by MIT and the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

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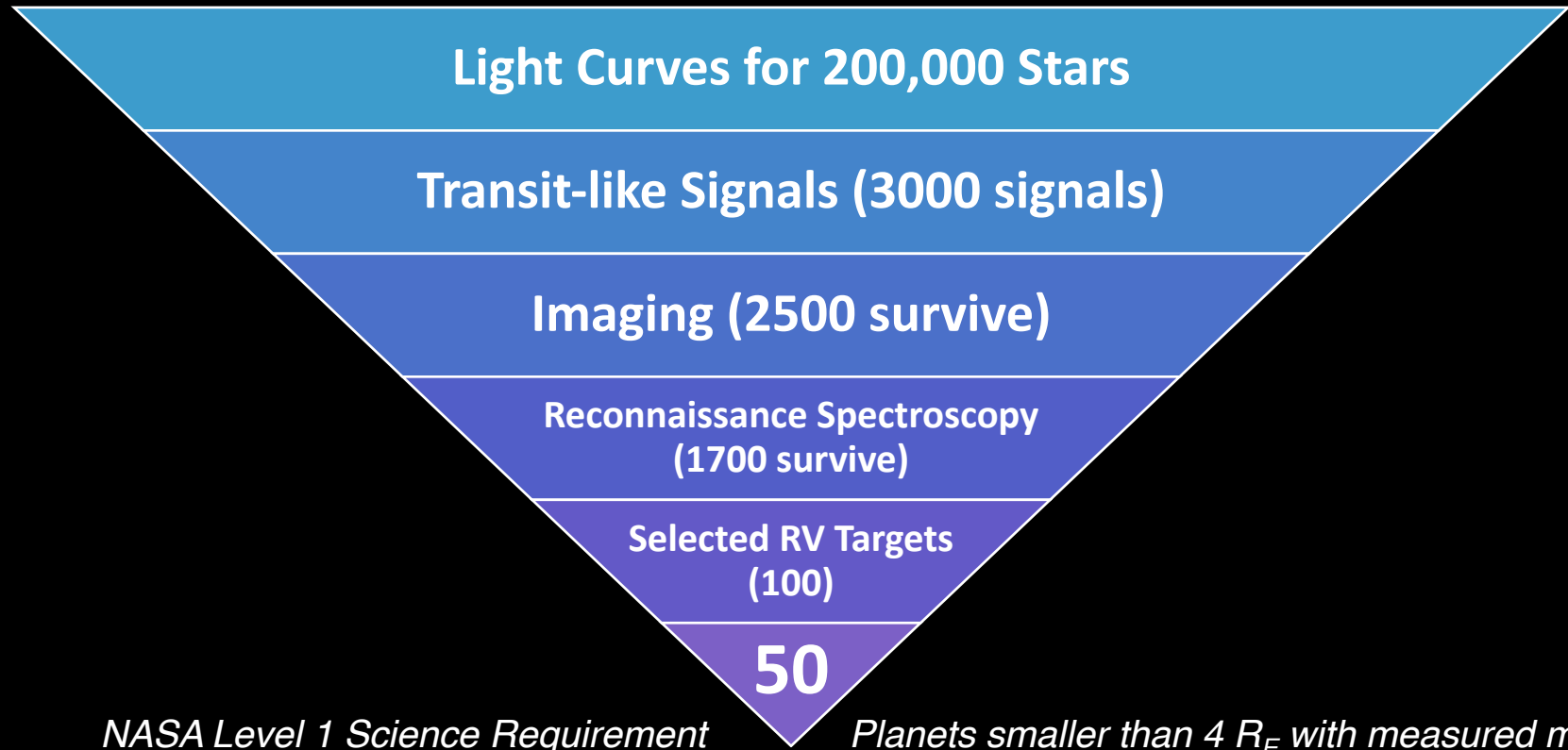
# Follow TESS online!




TESS Test Image (Credit: NASA/MIT/TESS)

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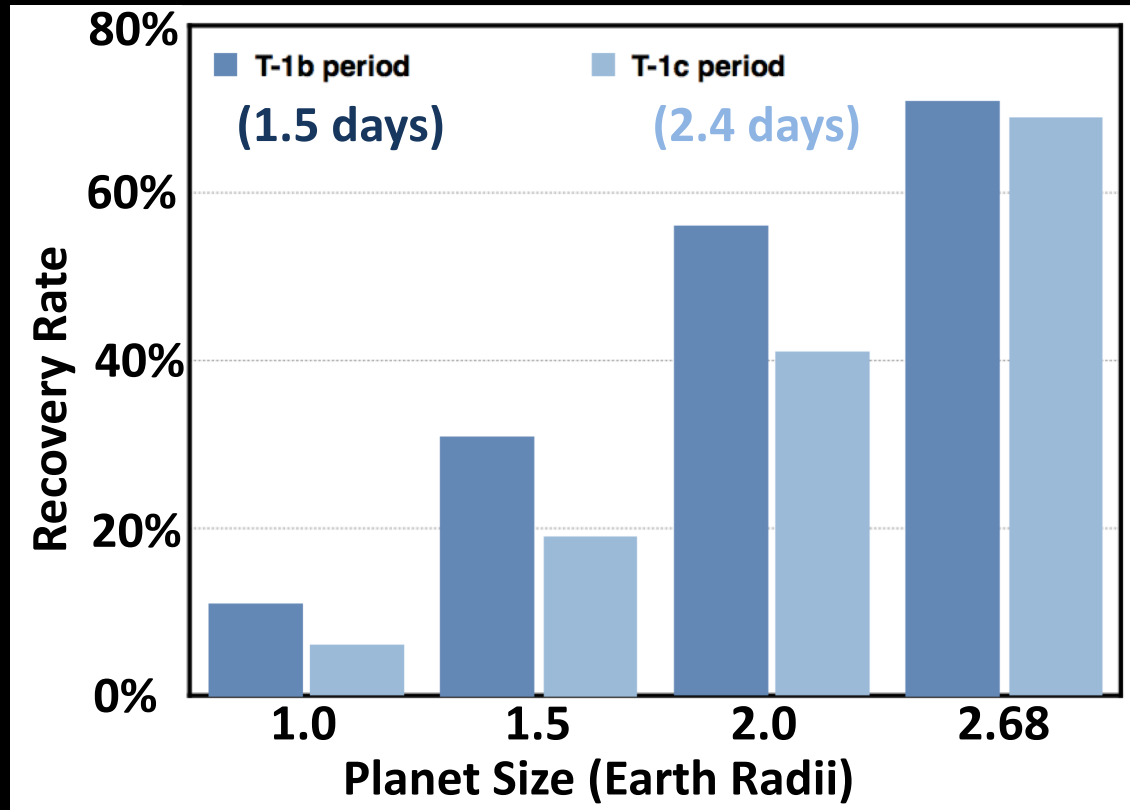
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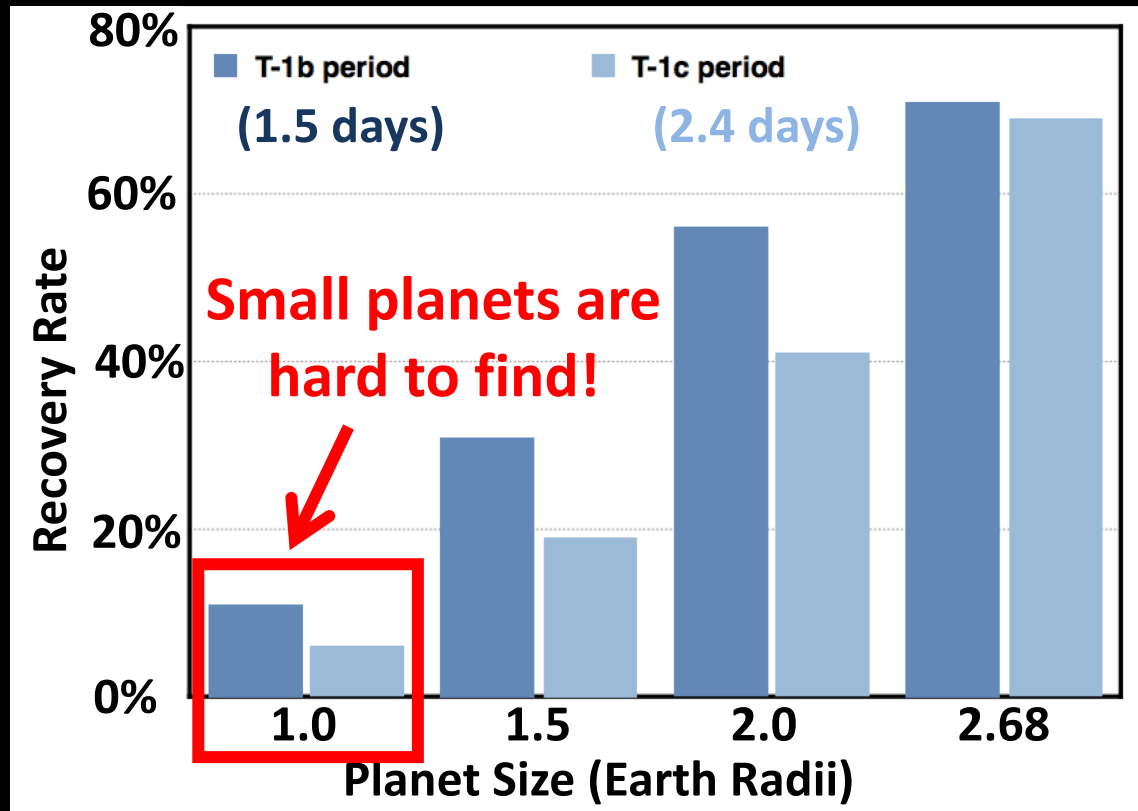
*NASA Level 1 Science Requirement*

*Planets smaller than  $4 R_E$  with measured masses*

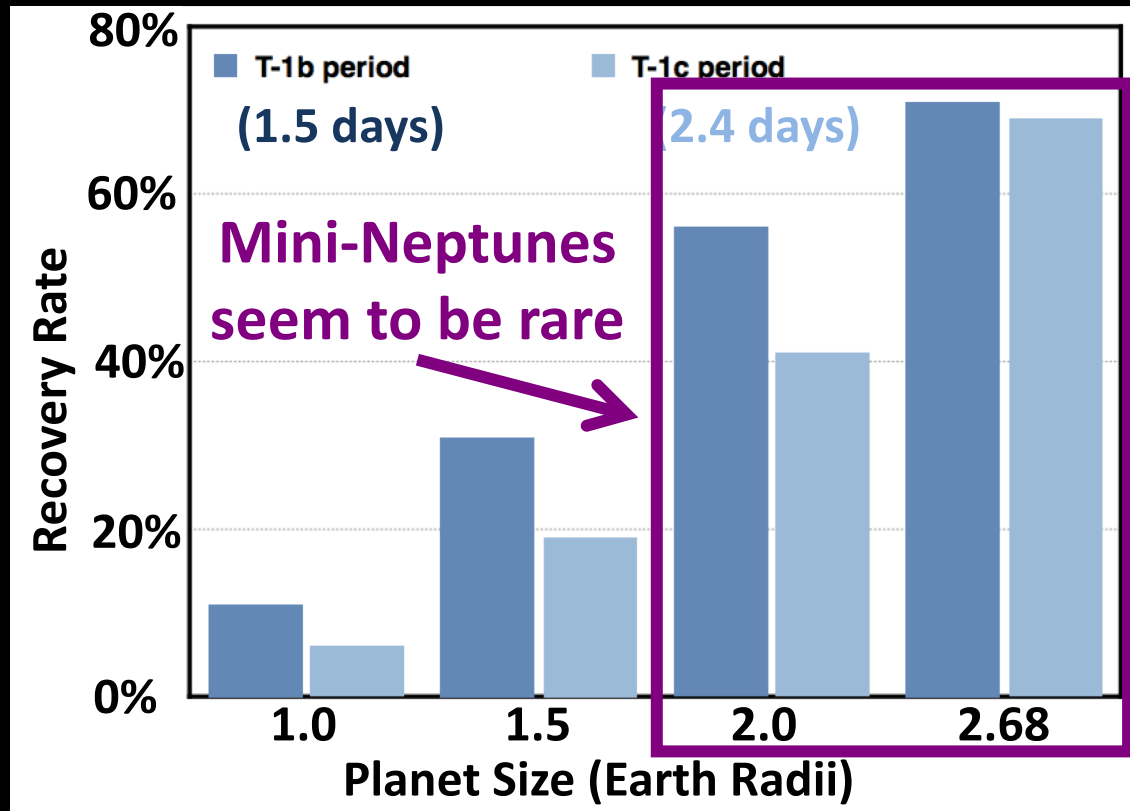
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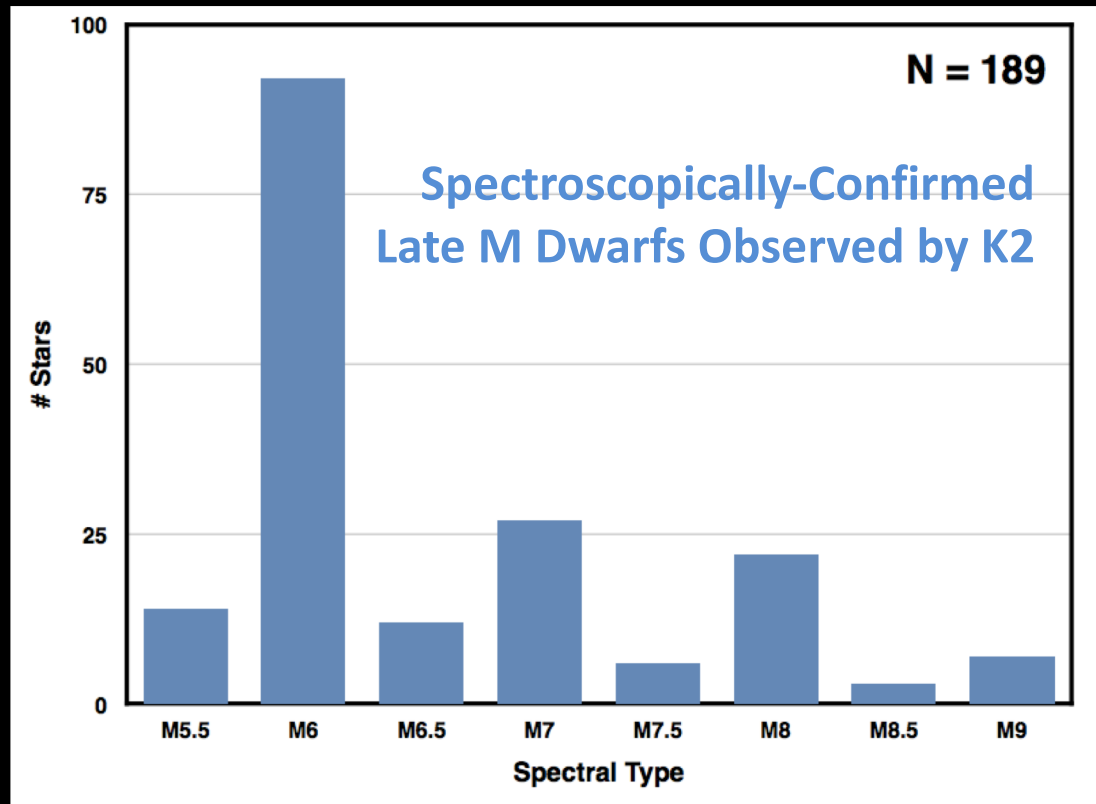


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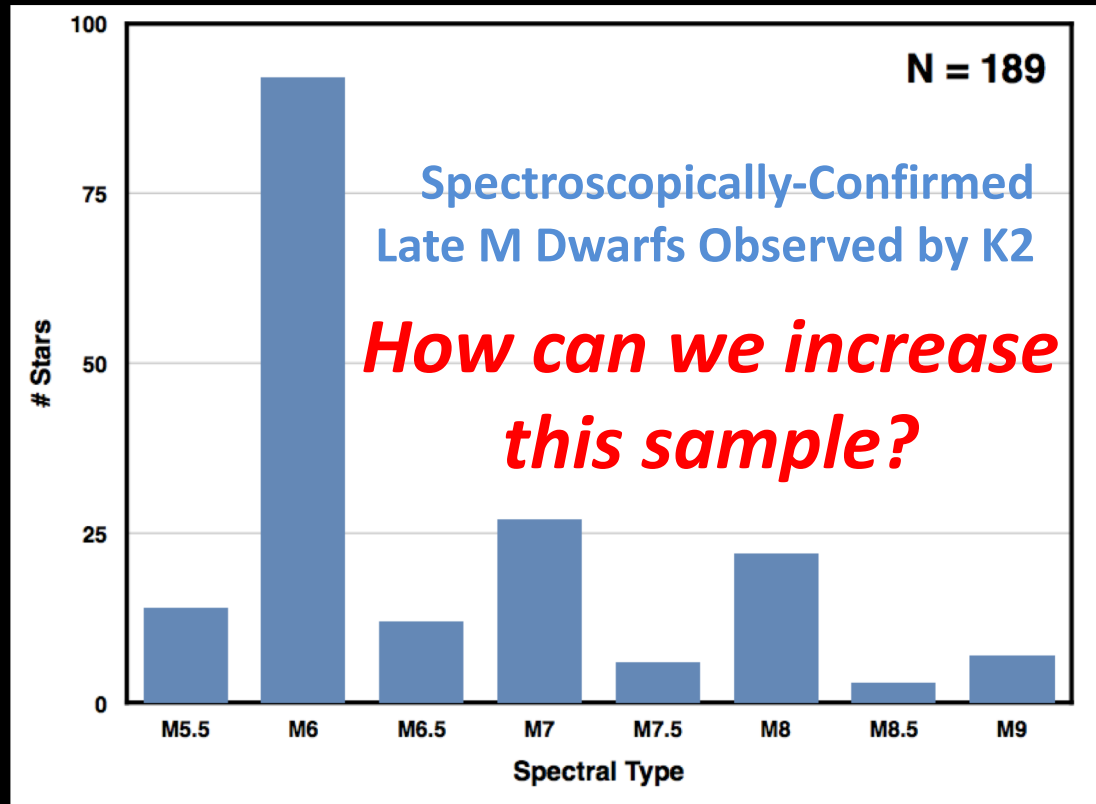
Consistent with Berta-Thompson+ 2013;  
Dressing + Charbonneau 2013, 2015

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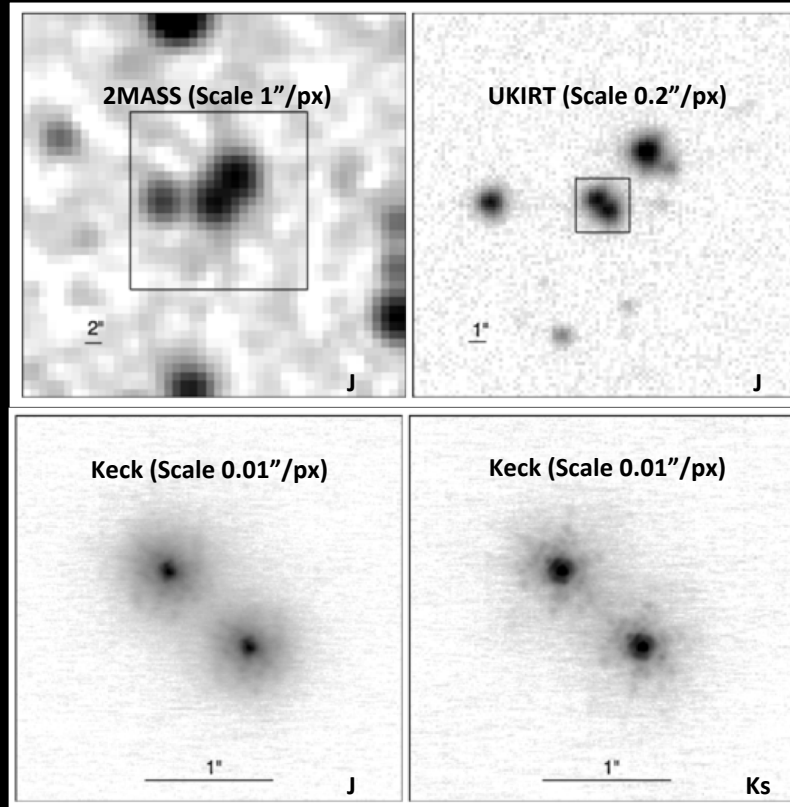




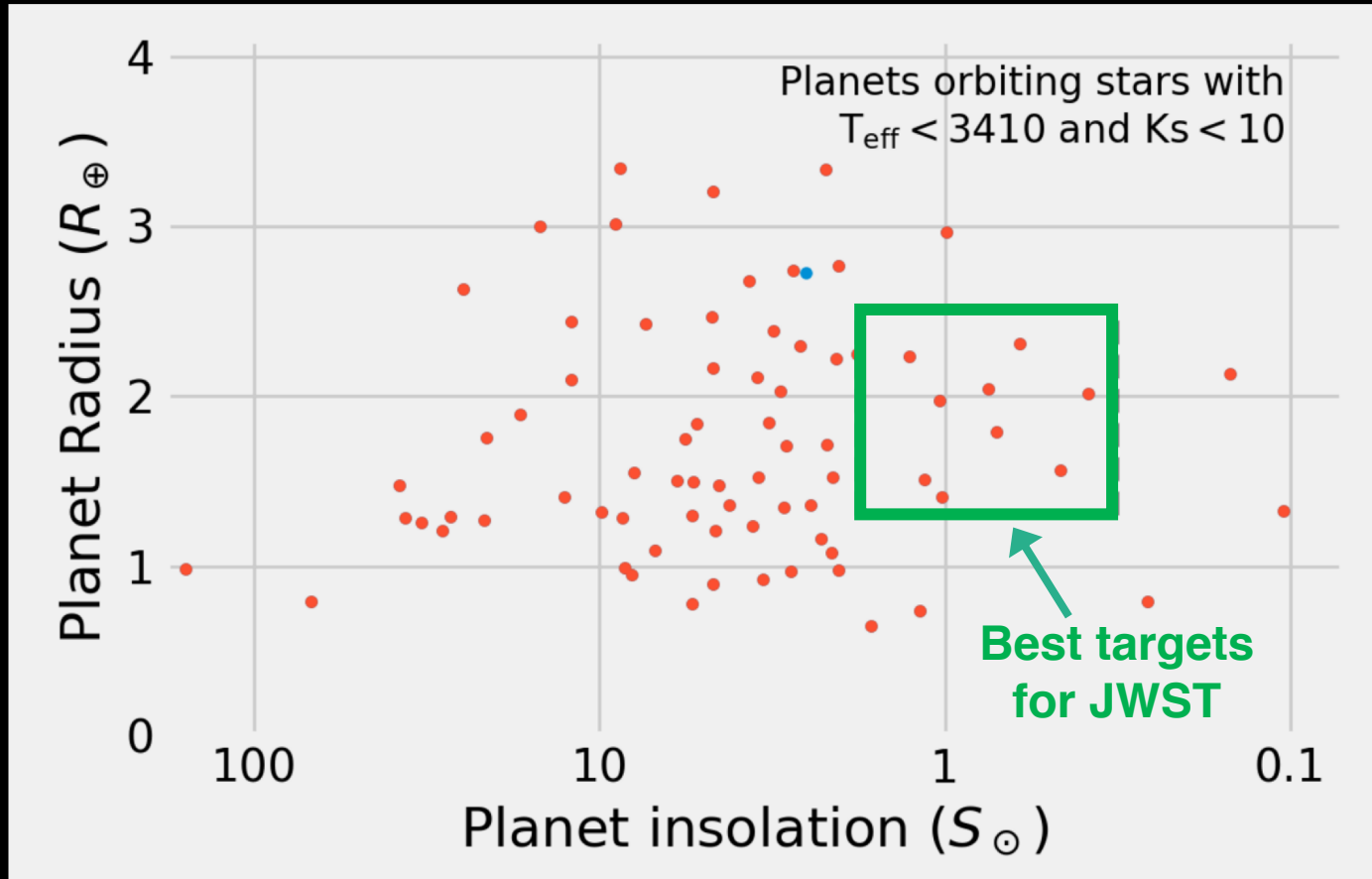
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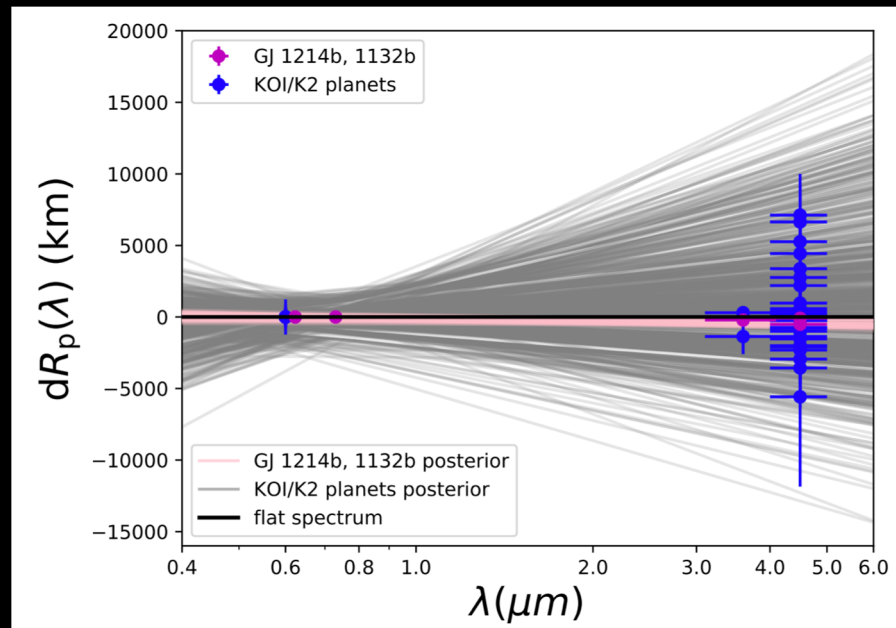
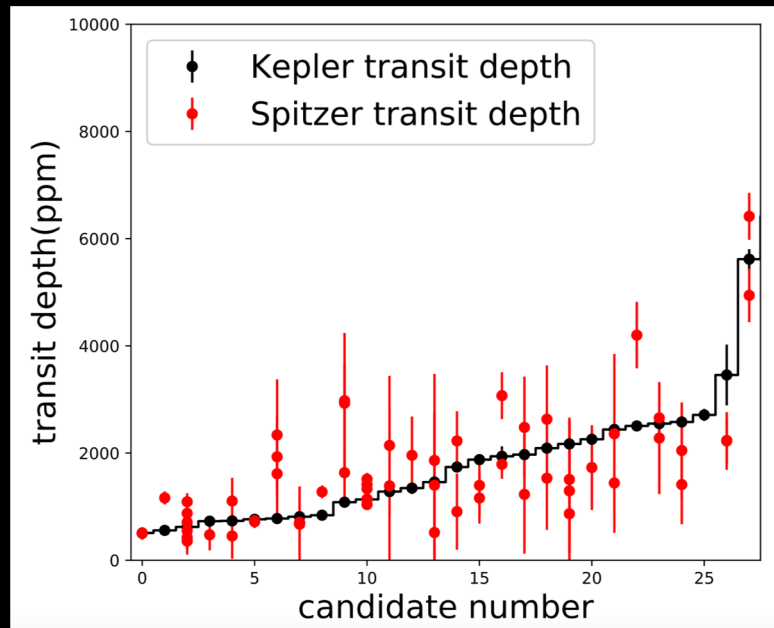
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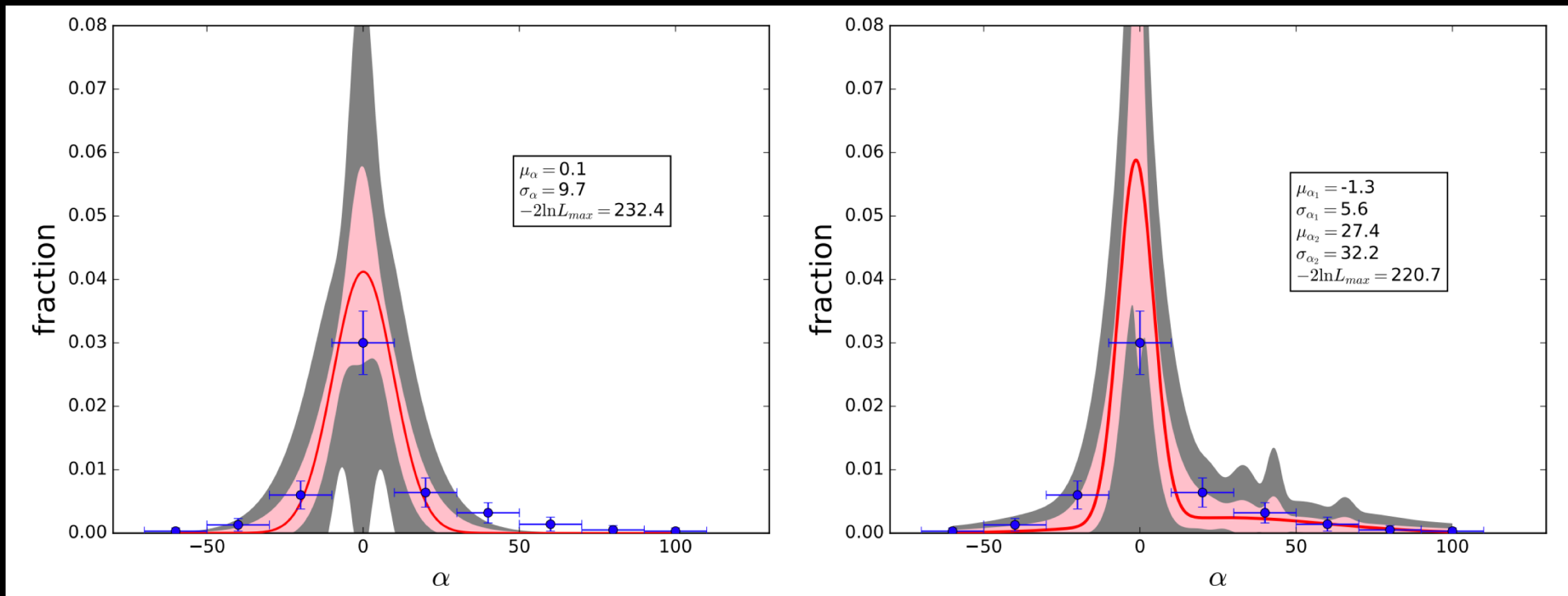
# The Coolest TESS Planets will Orbit M Dwarfs



# Ensemble Studies of Multiple Planets Can Reveal Population Properties



# The Data are Best Explained by a Mixture Model Containing Two Types of Atmospheres



# The LUVOIR Architectures



## Architecture A

- 15-m diameter telescope
- Fits in 8.4-m fairing
  - *Space Launch System Block 2*
- Bulk of work completed
- Refinements in progress

### Instruments

ECLIPS A

LUMOS A

High-Definition Imager

POLLUX

## Architecture B

- 8-m diameter telescope
- Fits in 5-m fairing
  - *e.g., Delta IV Heavy, Falcon Heavy*
- Work began in September 2017

### Instruments

ECLIPS B

LUMOS B

HDI B

# Transit Timing Variations Probe the Compositions of the TRAPPIST-1 Planets

