

# The Crowded Universe: The Search for Living Planets

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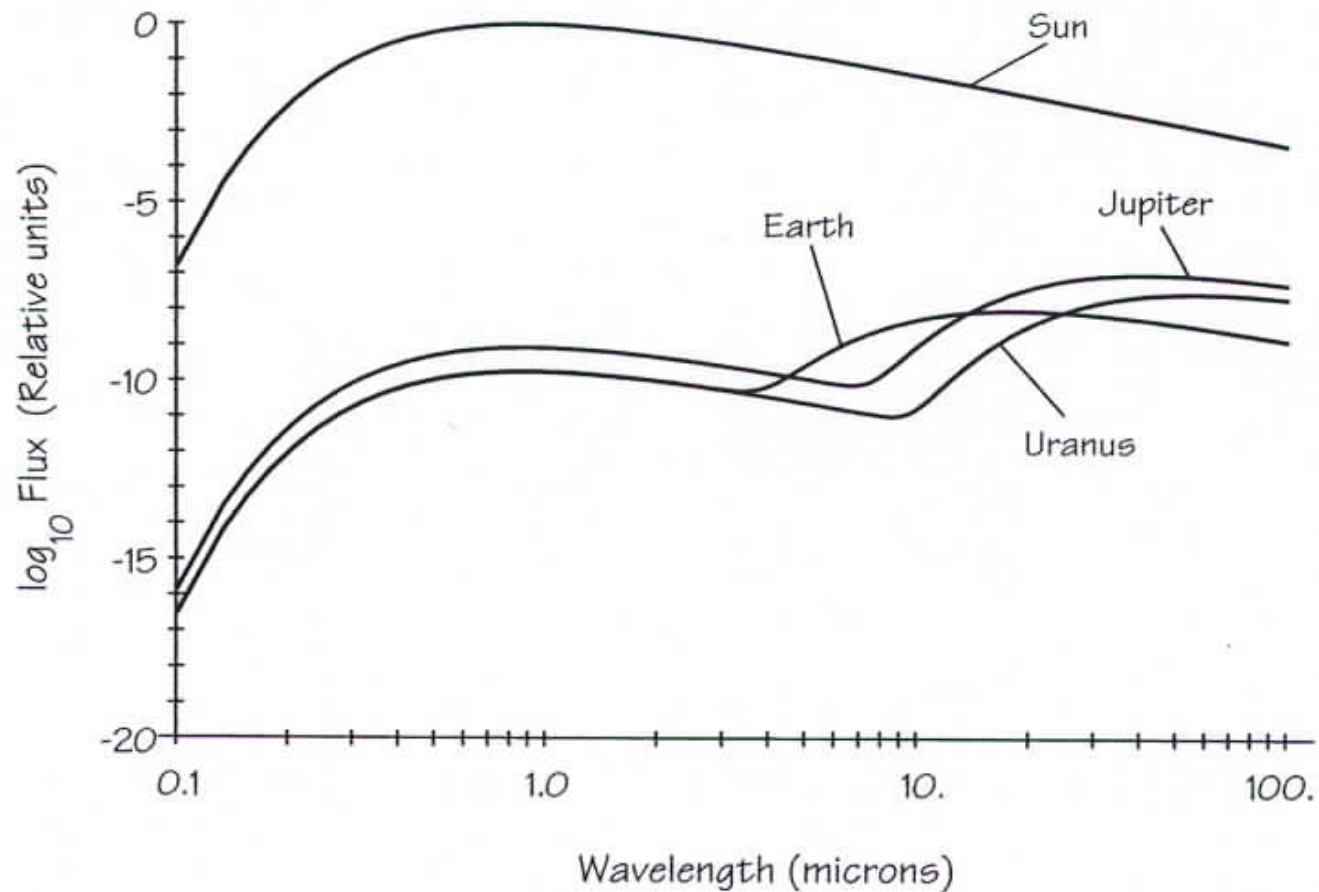
**Dole Drops,  
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# TIME

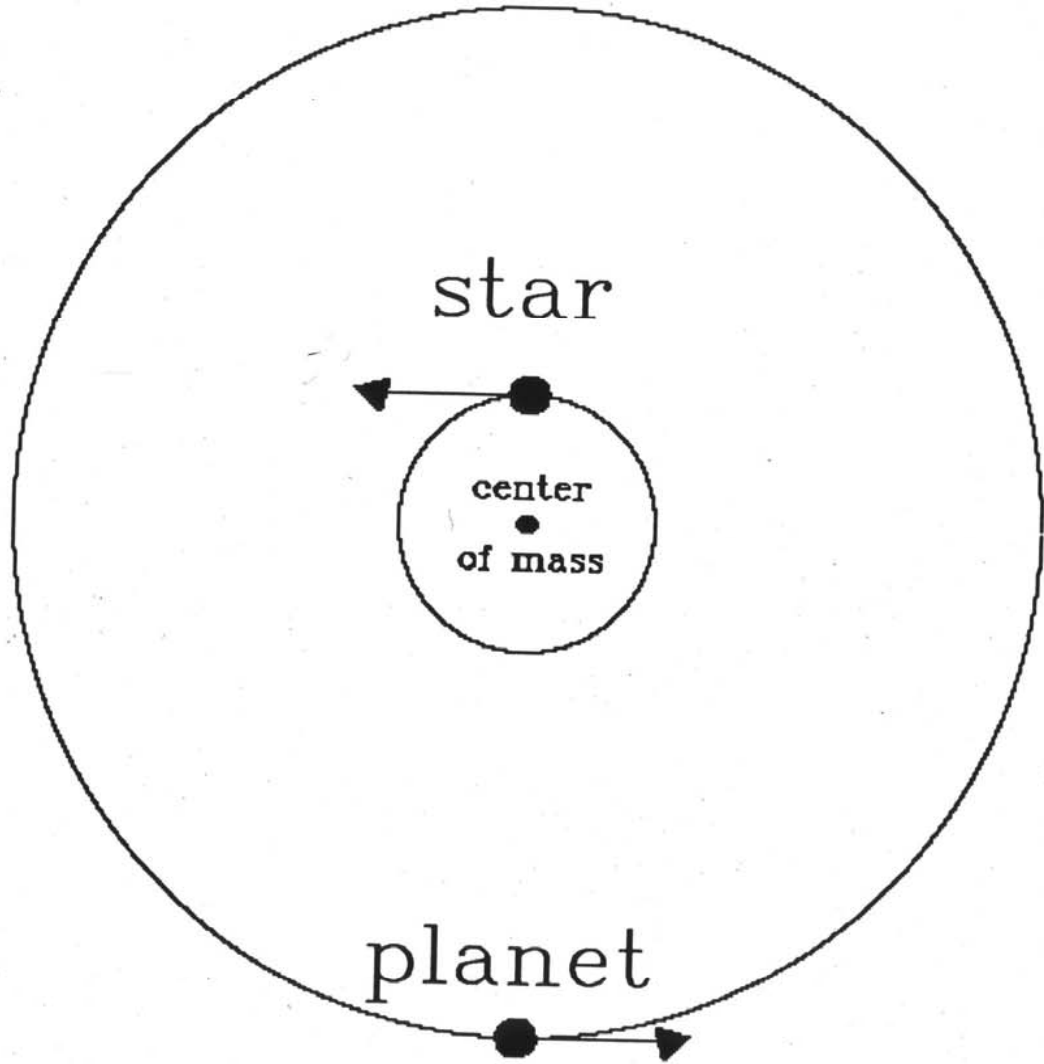
## IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?

**How the discovery of two planets  
brings us closer to solving the  
most profound mystery in the cosmos**





*Figure 4-1. The spectral energy distributions of the Sun, Jupiter, Earth, and Uranus as they would appear at 5 pc, averaged over a 10% spectral bandpass. Note the decreased ratio of solar to planetary flux in the thermal infrared, compared to visible wavelengths.*





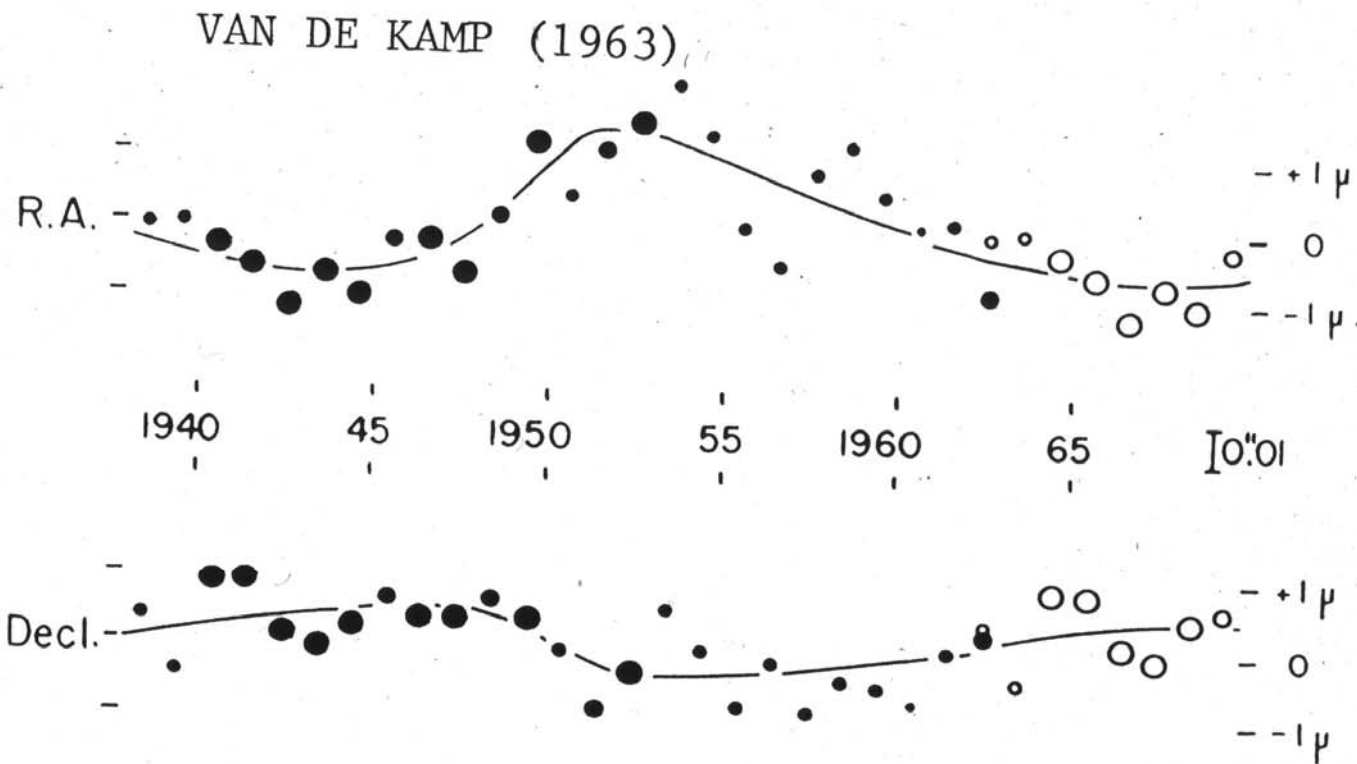


FIG. 5. Barnard's star—yearly means, averaging 96 plates and weight 64. Time displacement curves for  $P=24$  yr,  $e=0.6$ ,  $T=1950$ . Circles are early means transferred 24 yr forward. The scale of the displacements is shown both in terms of  $0''.01$  and of  $1\mu$  (.001 mm) on the Sproul plates.



GATEWOOD & EICHHORN (1973)

# BARNARD'S STAR

## NORMAL POINTS

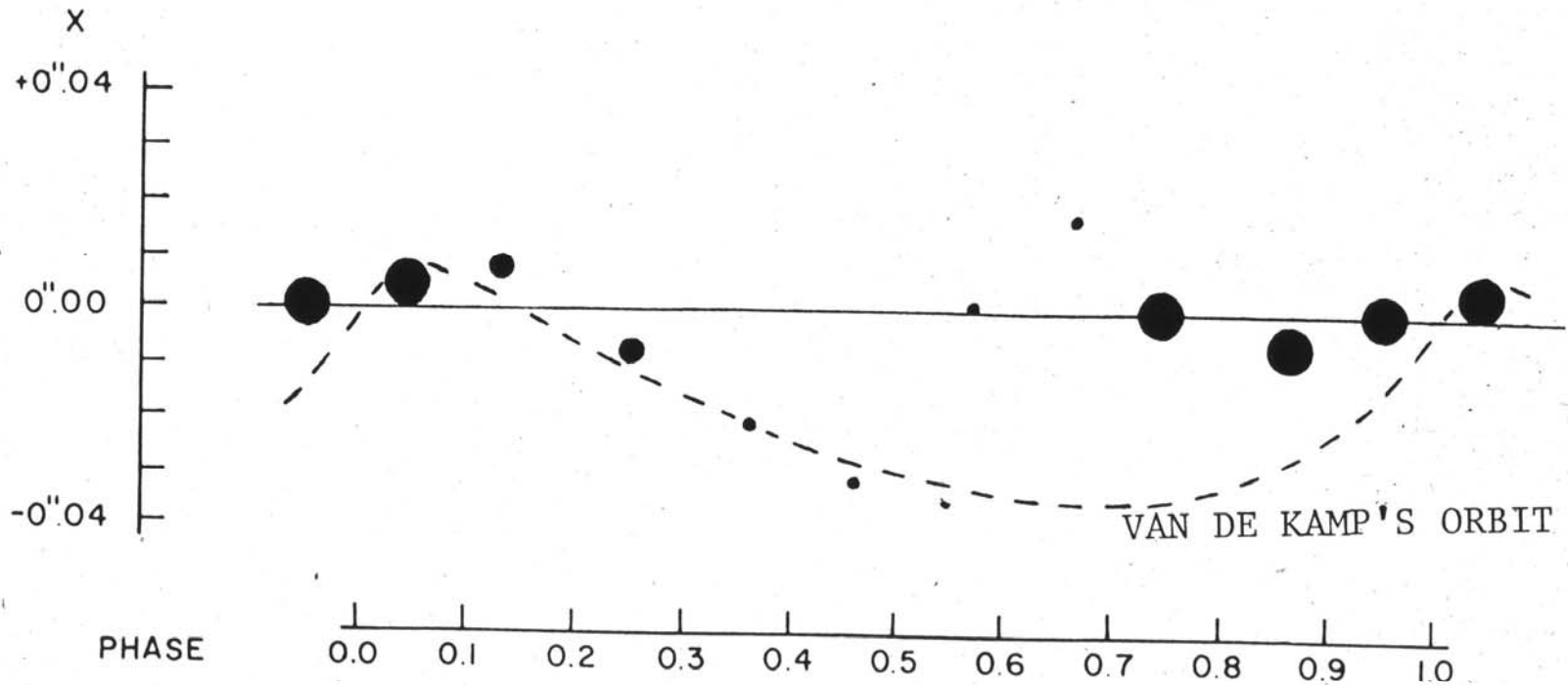
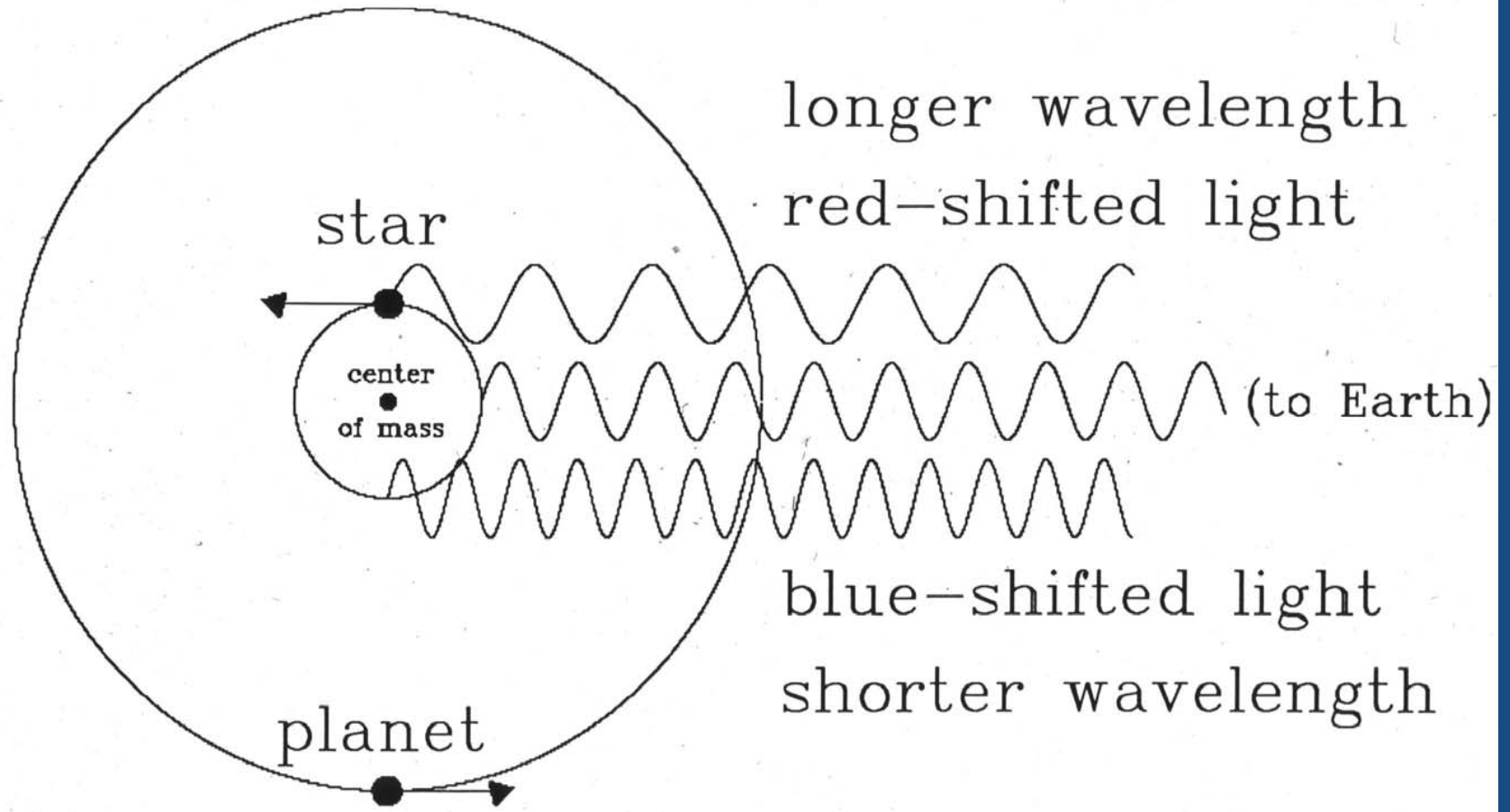
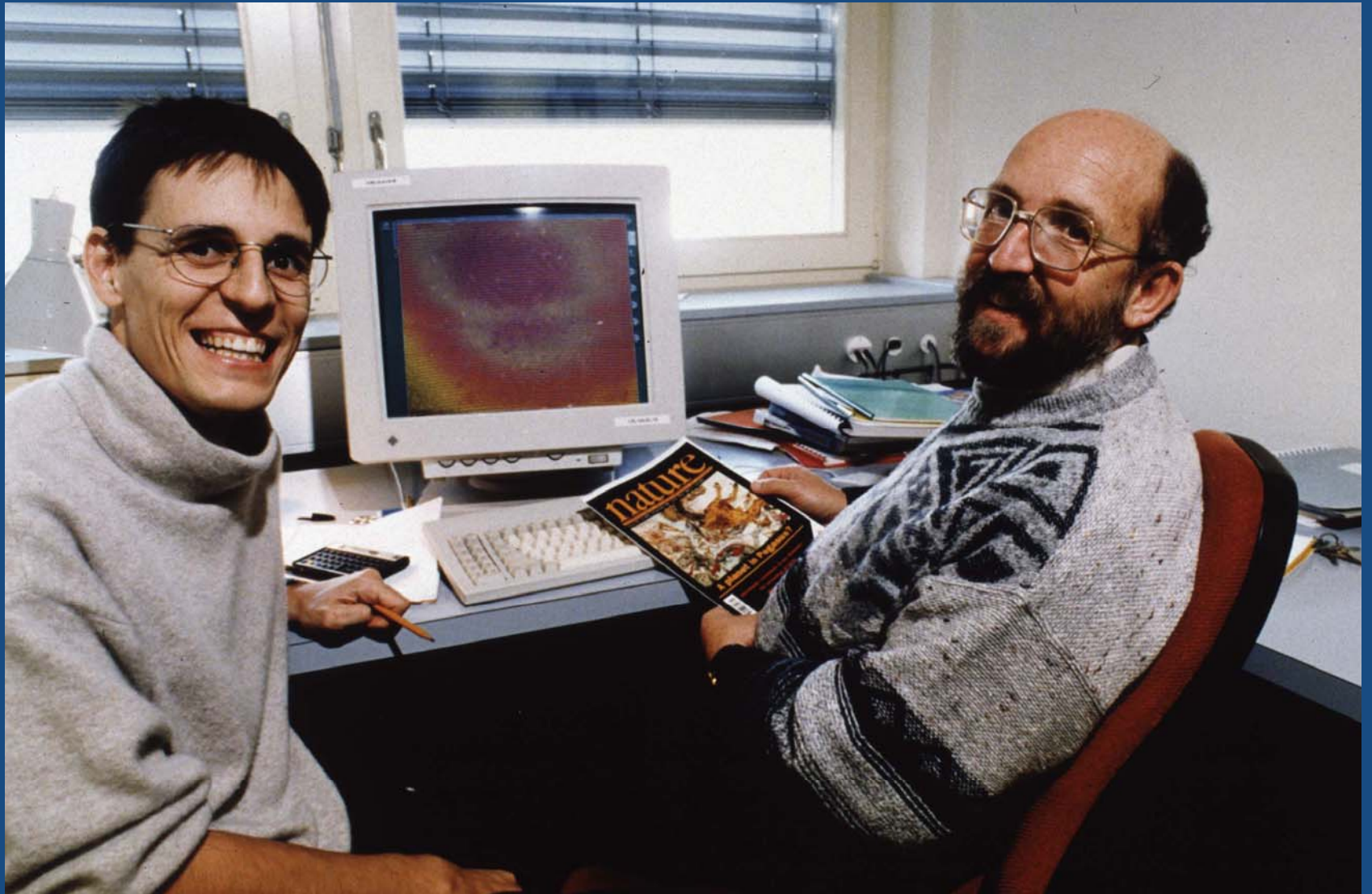


FIG. 1. Normal points.







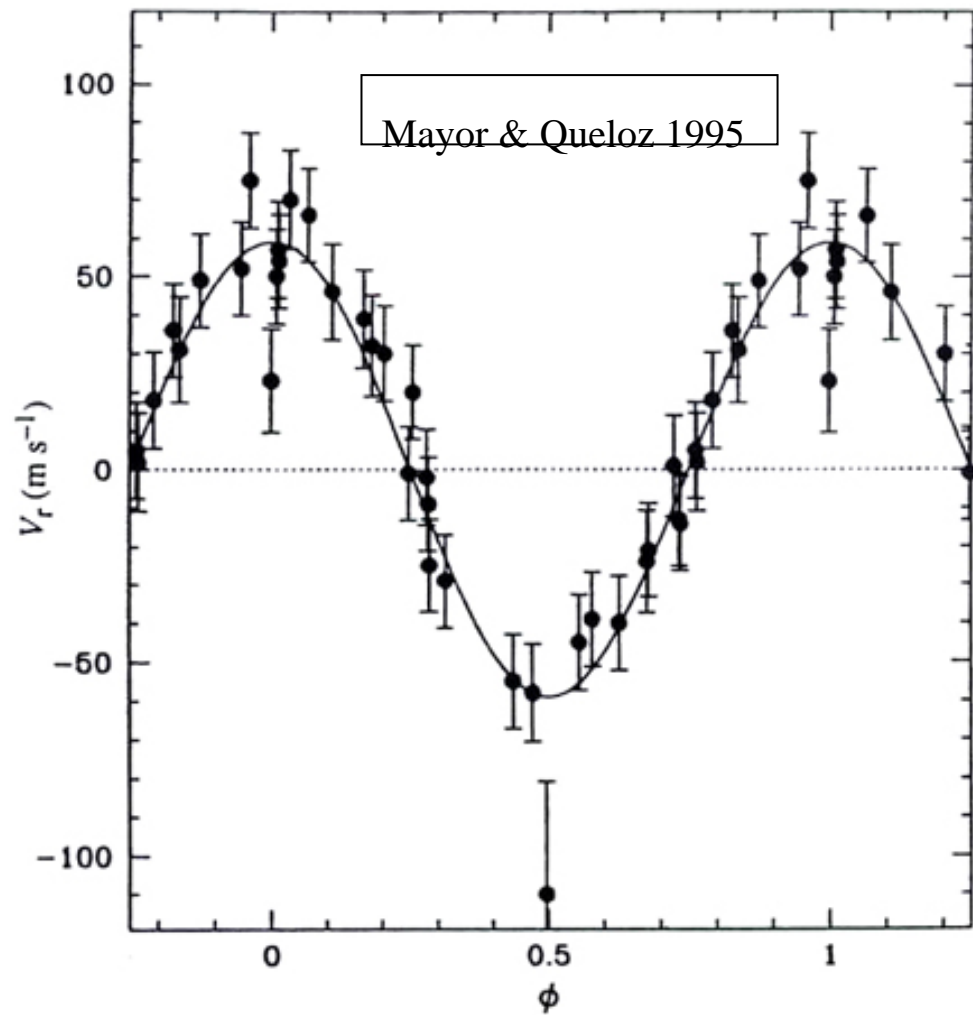
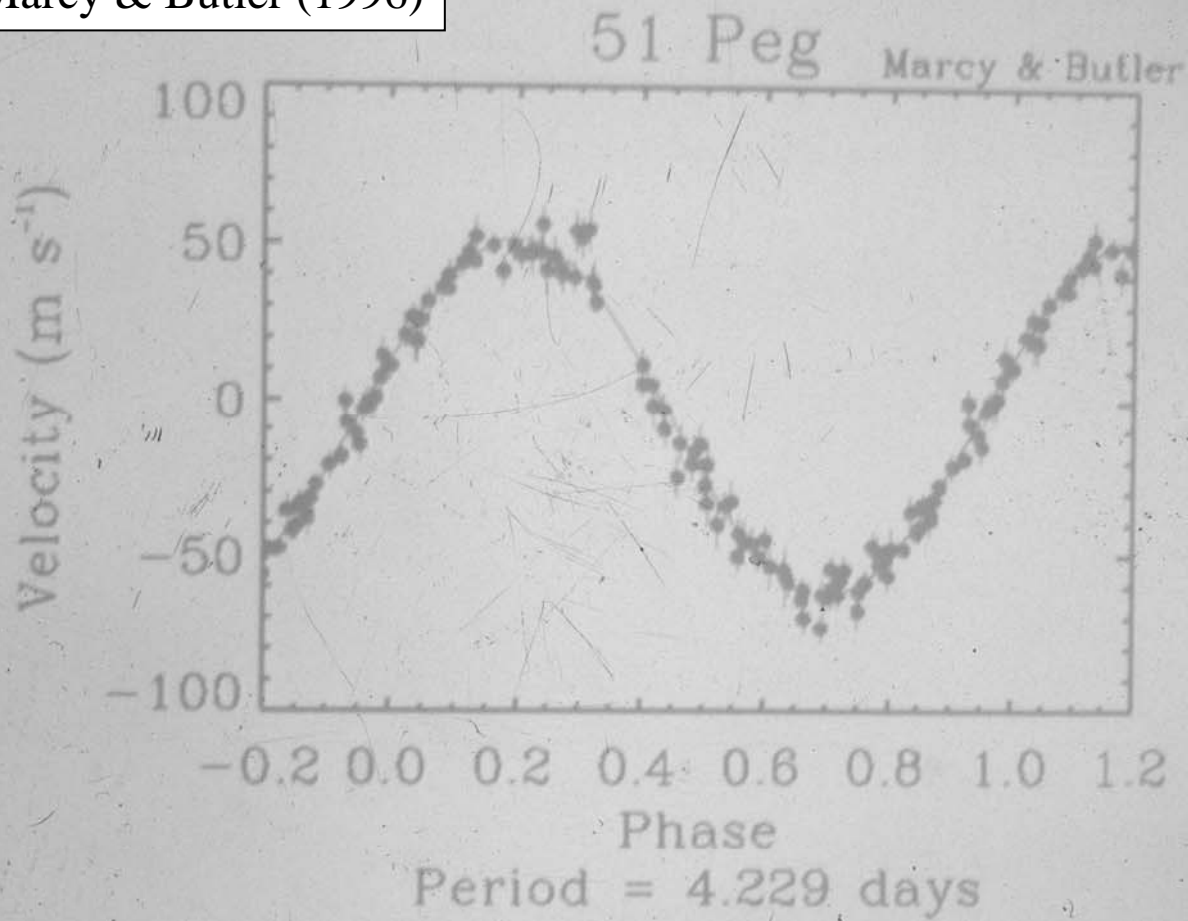


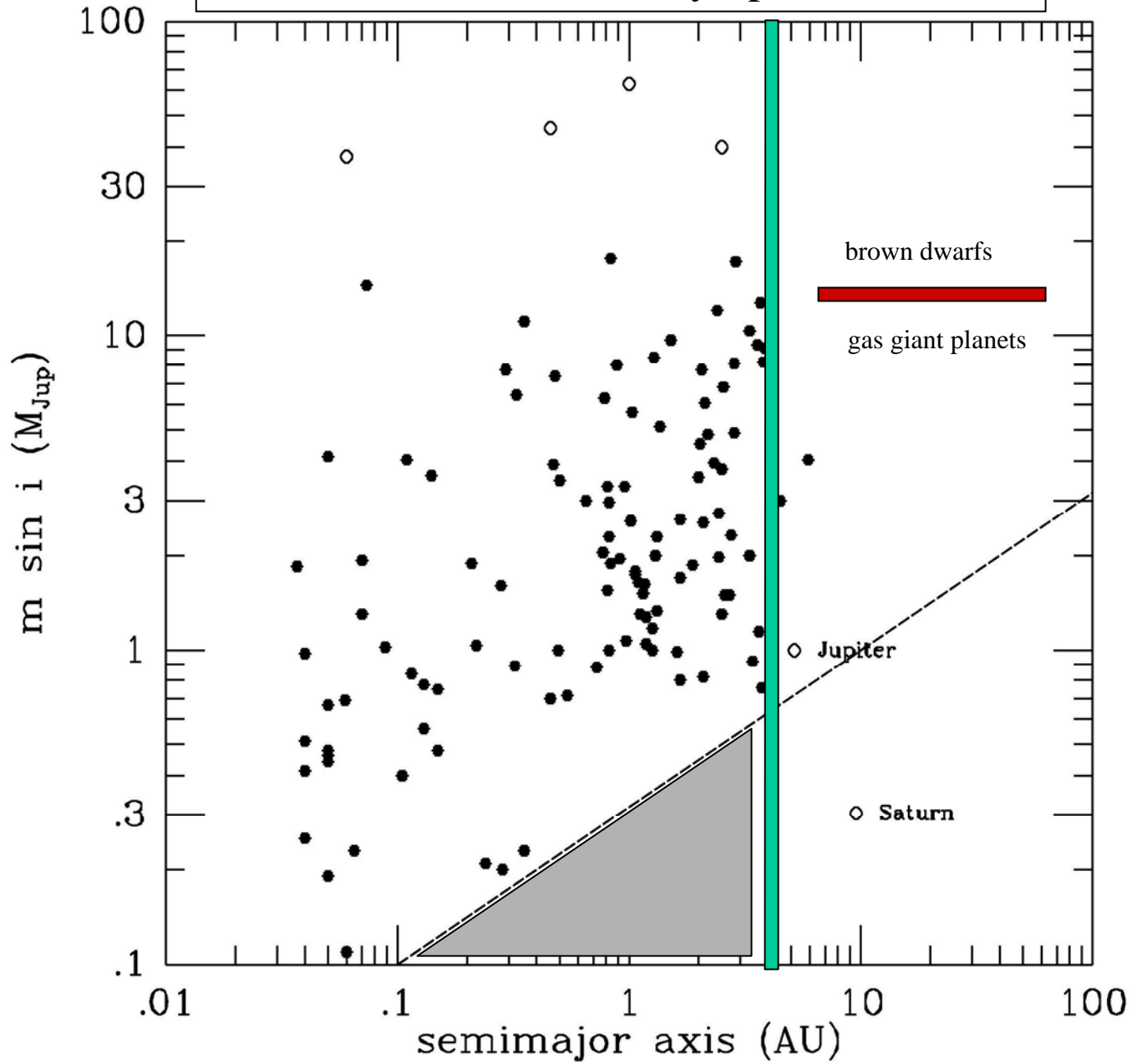
FIG. 4 Orbital motion of 51 Peg corrected from the long-term variation of the  $\gamma$ -velocity. The solid line represents the orbital motion computed from the parameters of Table 1.

Marcy & Butler (1996)

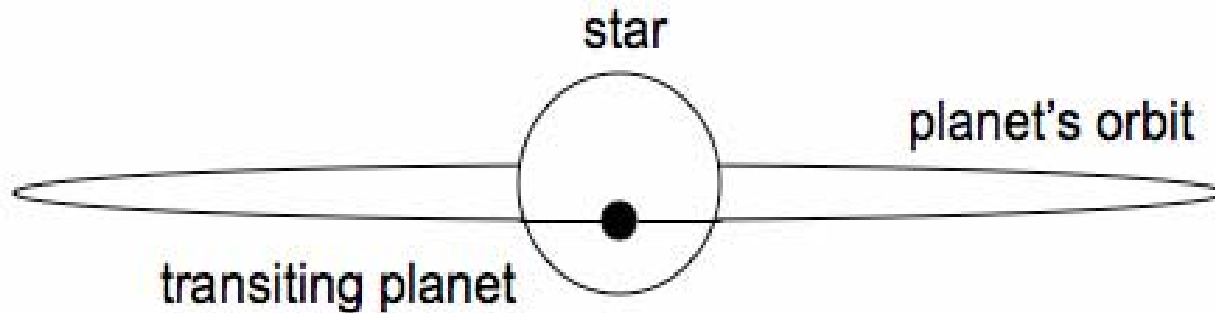




# Extrasolar Planet Discovery Space circa 2004



# Planetary transits



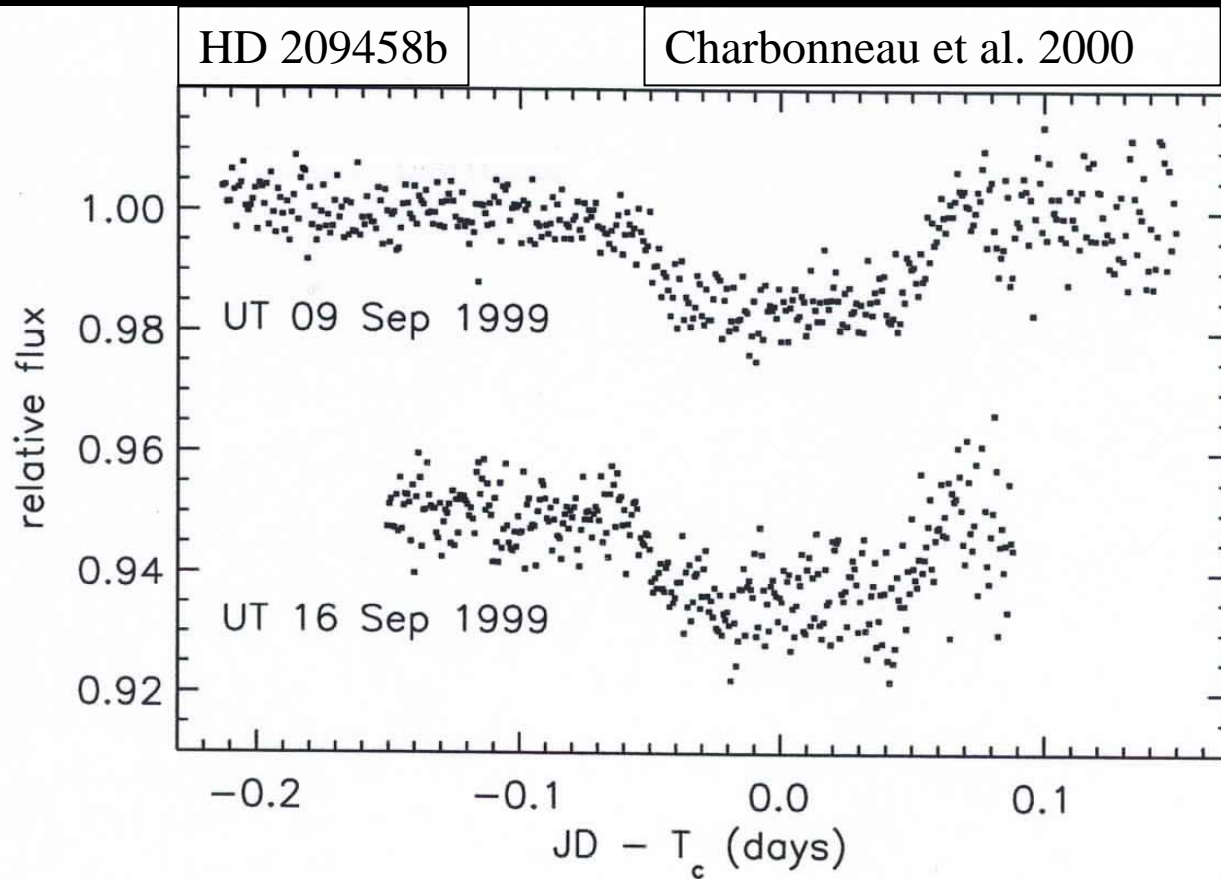
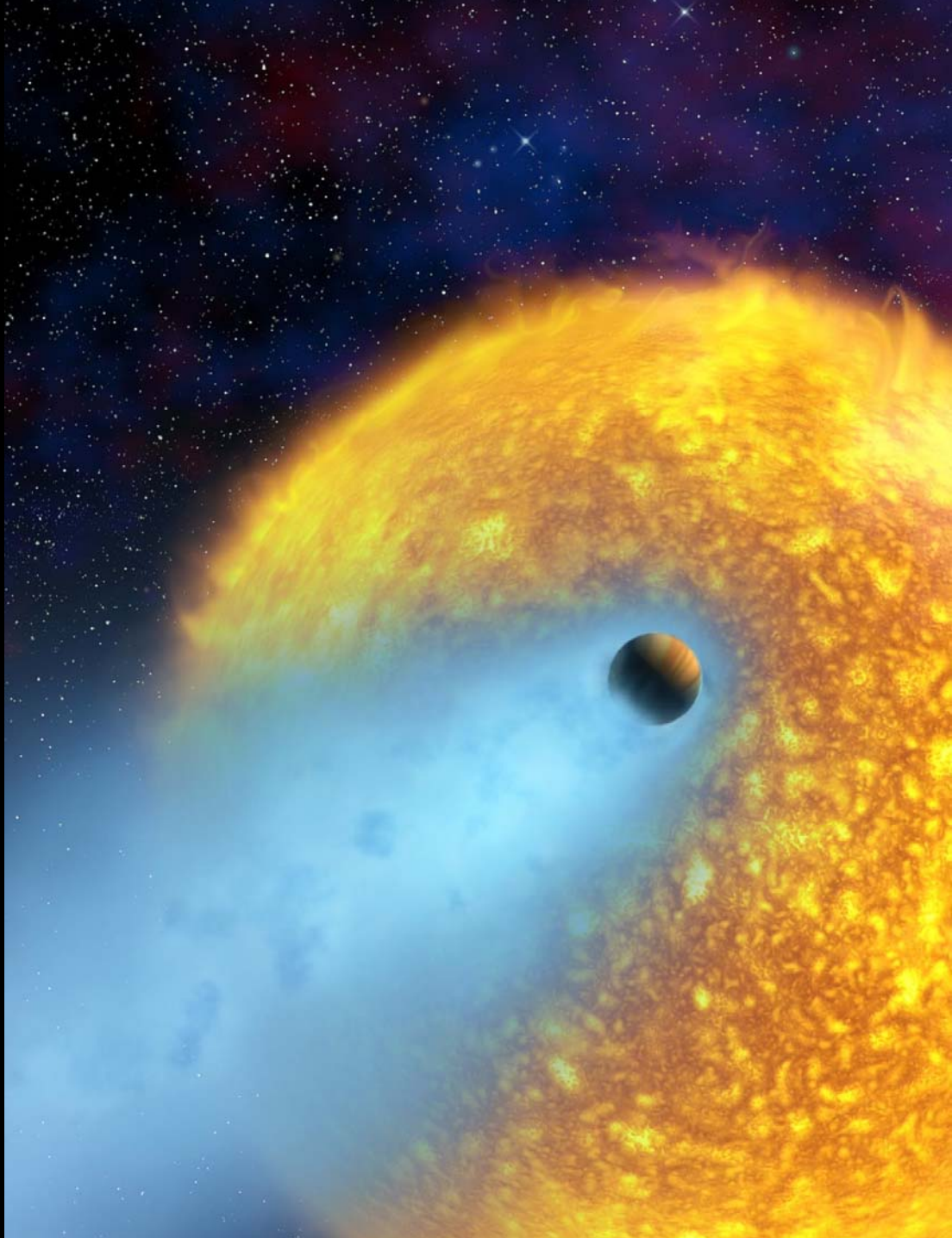
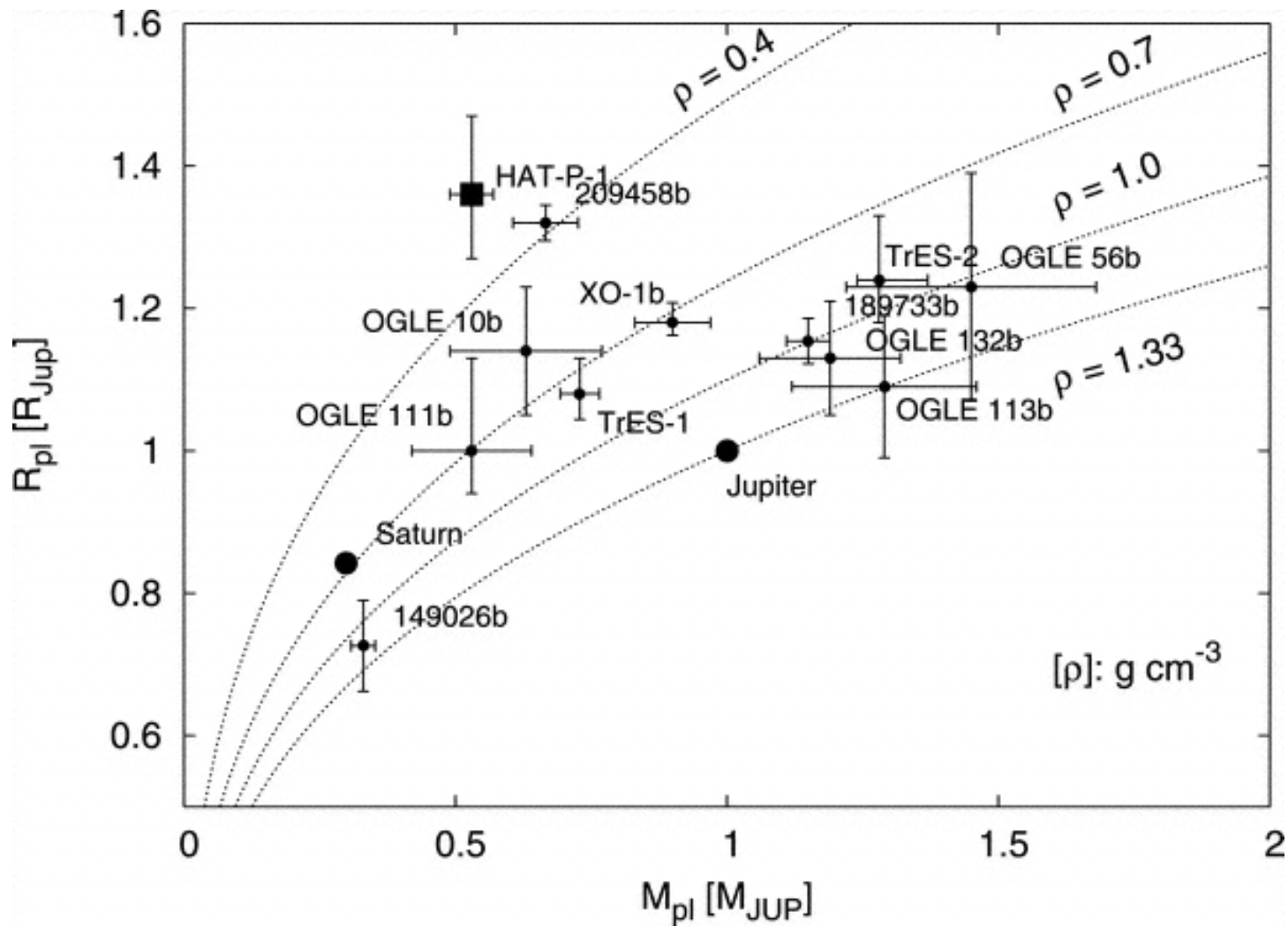
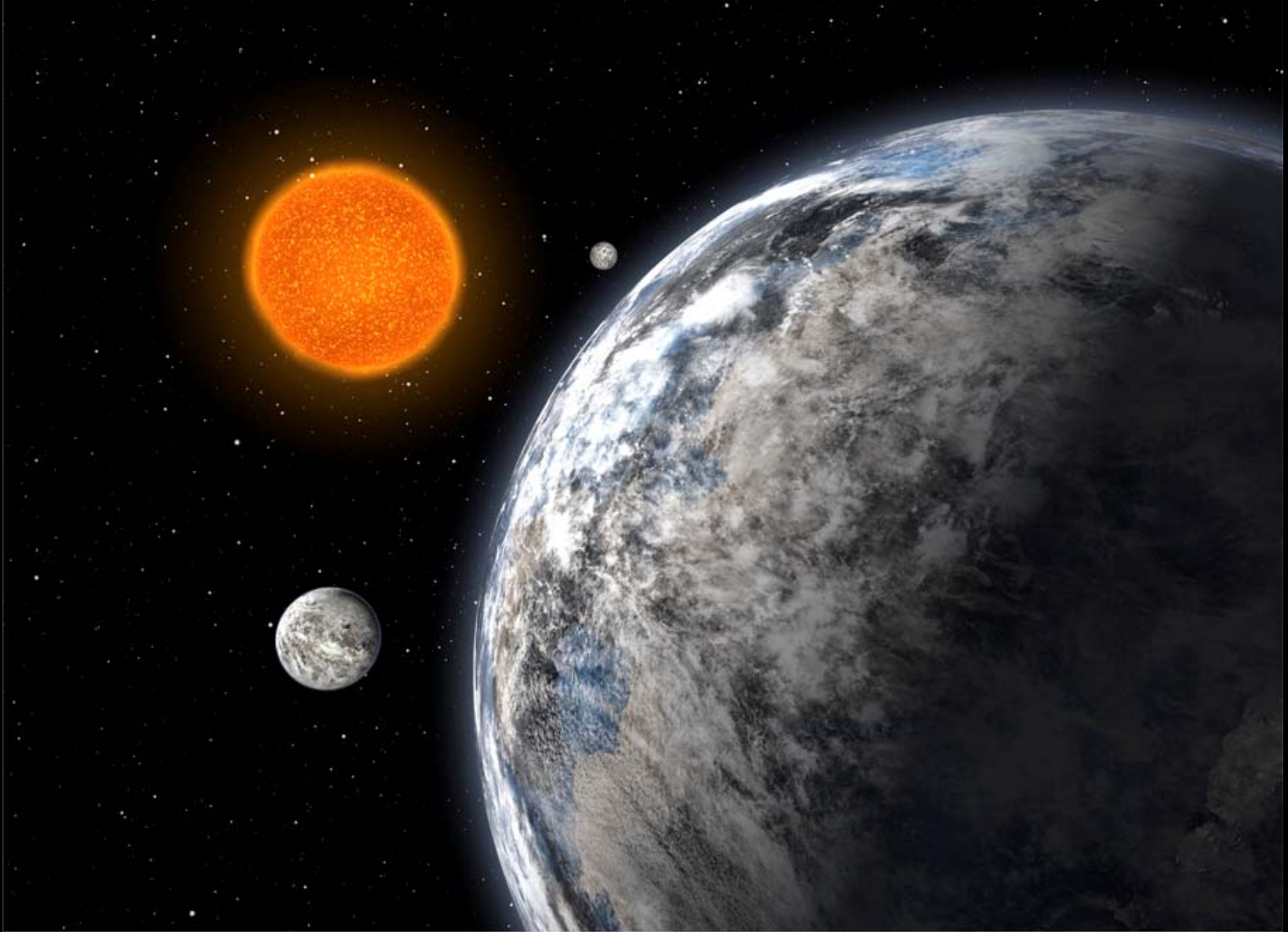


Fig. 1.— Shown are the photometric time series, corrected for gray and color-dependent extinction, for 9 & 16 Sep 1999, plotted as a function of time from  $T_c$ . The RMS of the time series at the beginning of the night on 9 Sep is roughly 4 mmag. The increased scatter in the 16 Sep data relative to the 9 Sep data is due to the shorter exposure times. The data from 16 Sep are offset by -0.05 relative to those from 9 Sep.









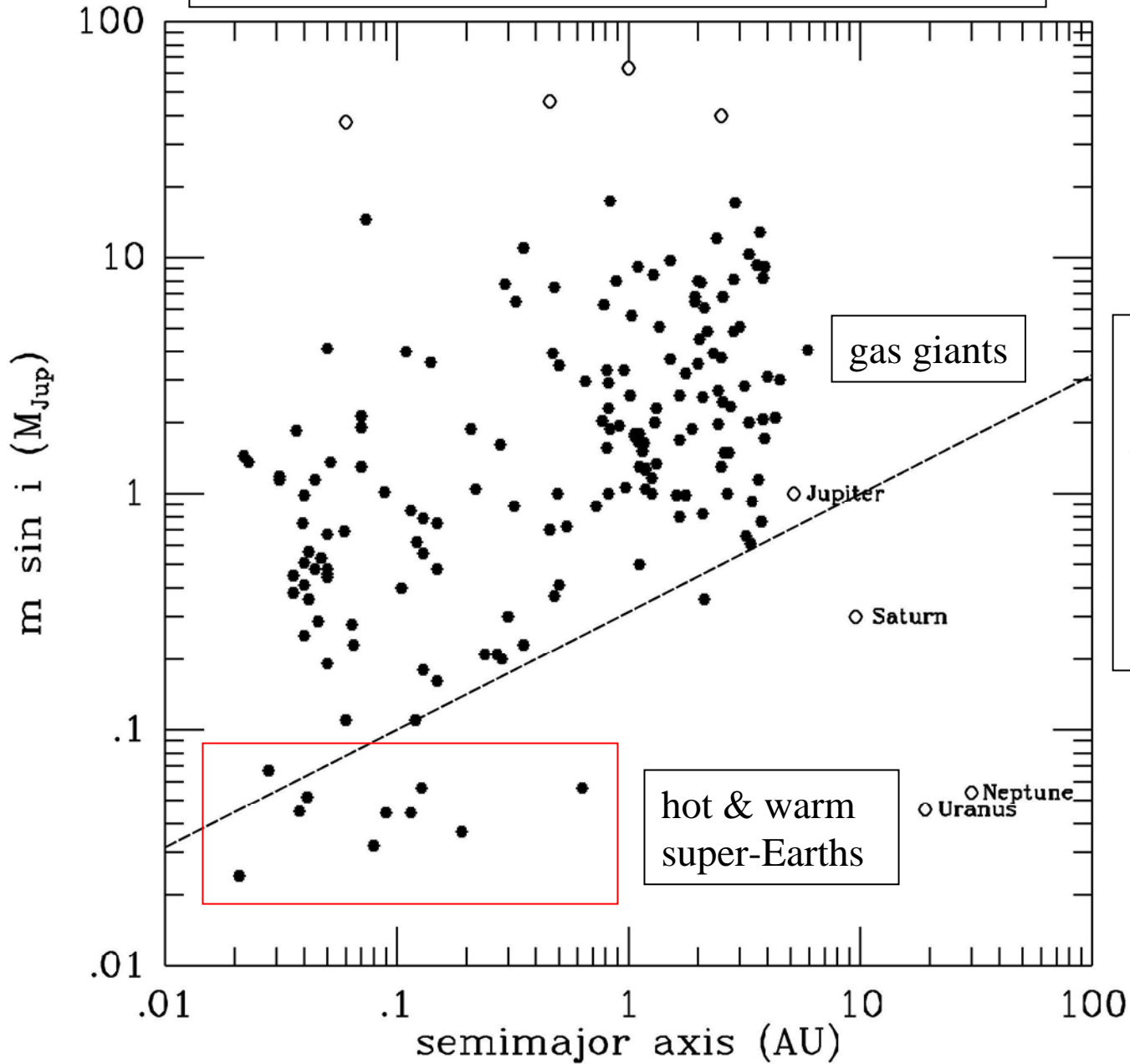
## A Trio of Super-Earths (Artist's Impression)

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Discovery space with hot and warm super-Earths



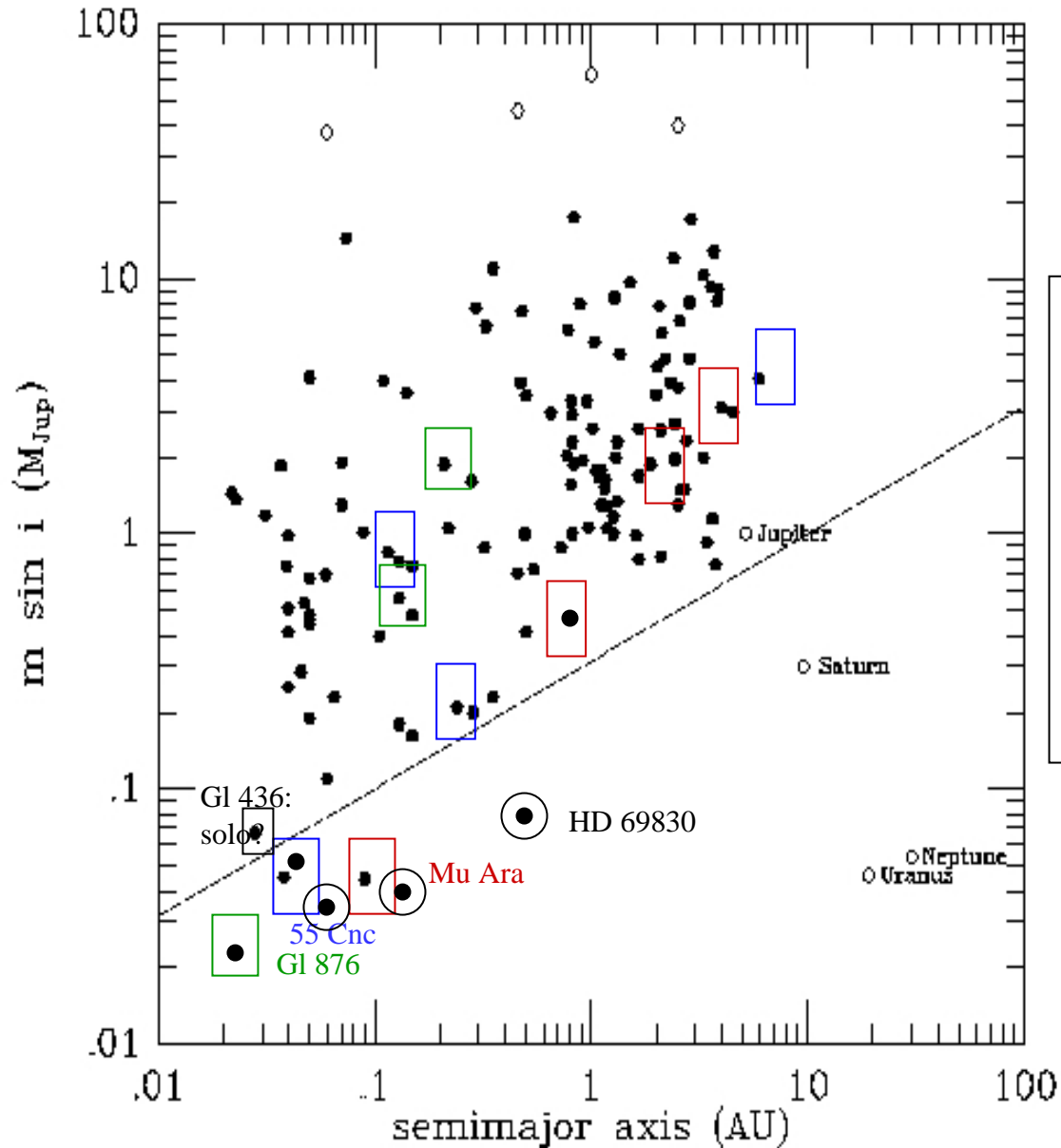
HD 40307: 3 hot super-Earths with 4.2, 6.9, and 9.2 Earth-masses and a longer-period companion (Mayor et al. 2008)

Gliese 436 b - first transiting hot super-Earth (Gillon et al. 2007)



# Discovery space with hot and warm super-Earths and their gas giant planet

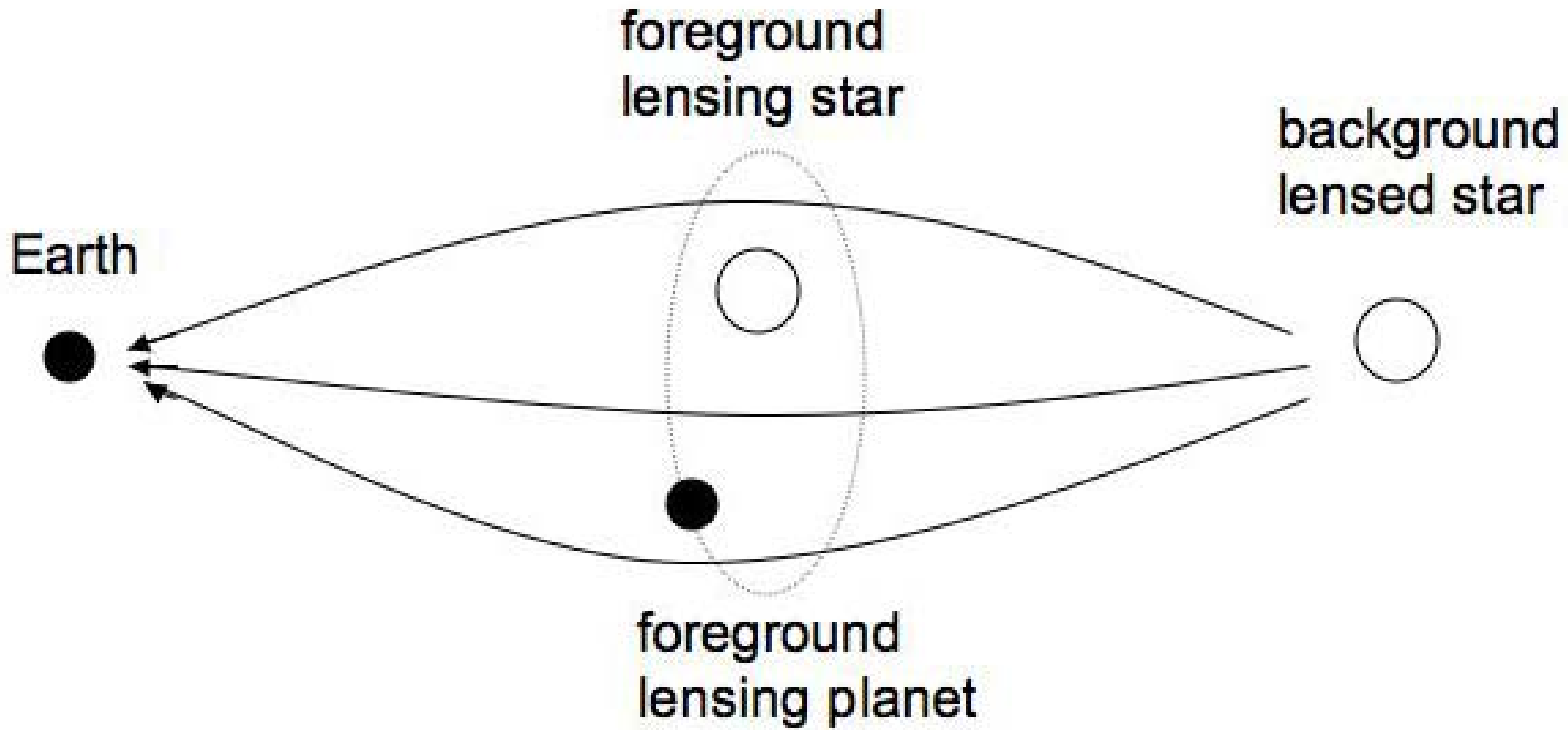
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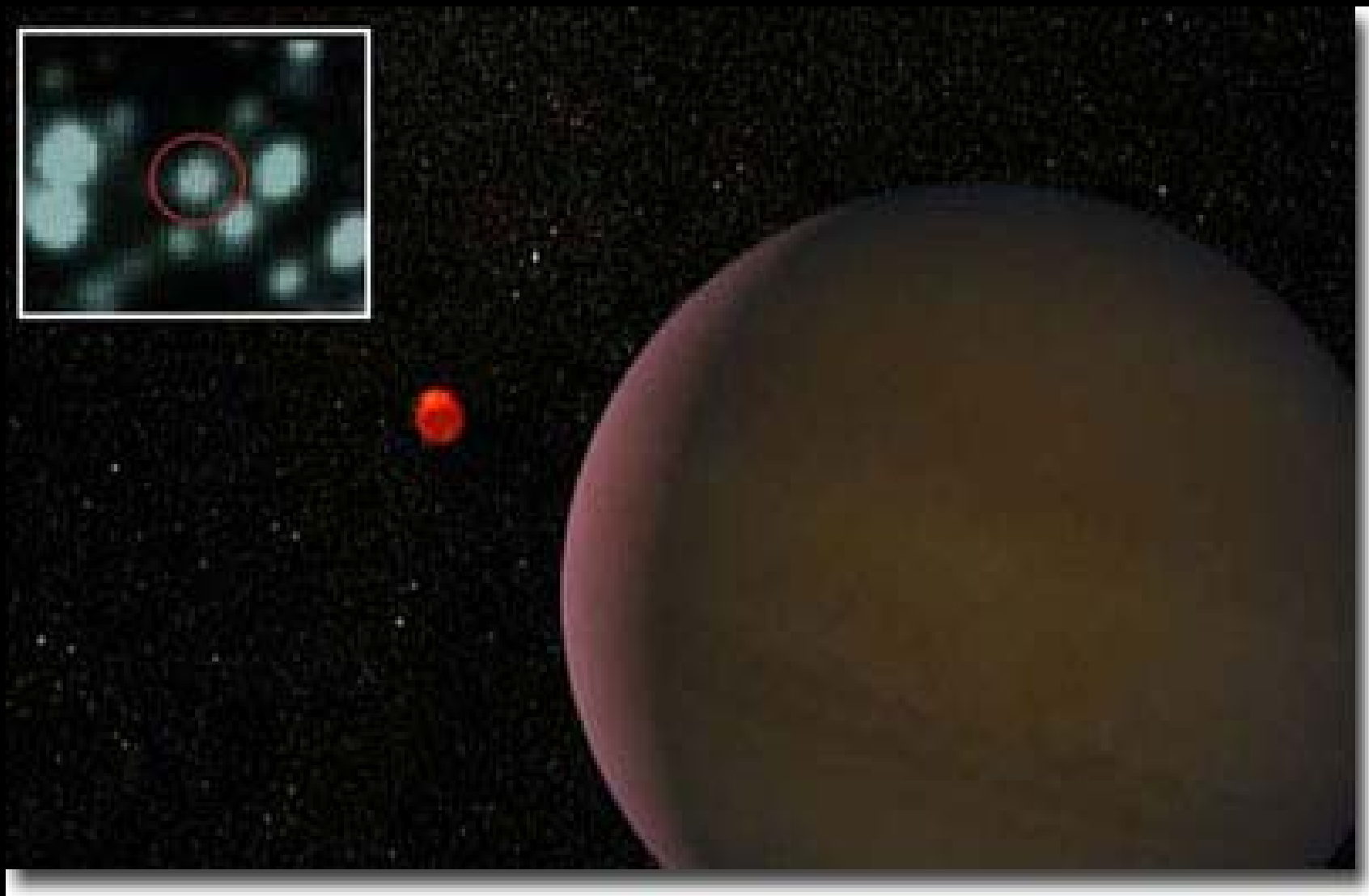
HD 181433: inner 7.5 Earth-mass and two outer Jupiters (Bouchy et al. 2009)

HD 47186: inner 22 Earth-mass and outer Saturn (Bouchy et al. 2009)

# Gravitational microlensing

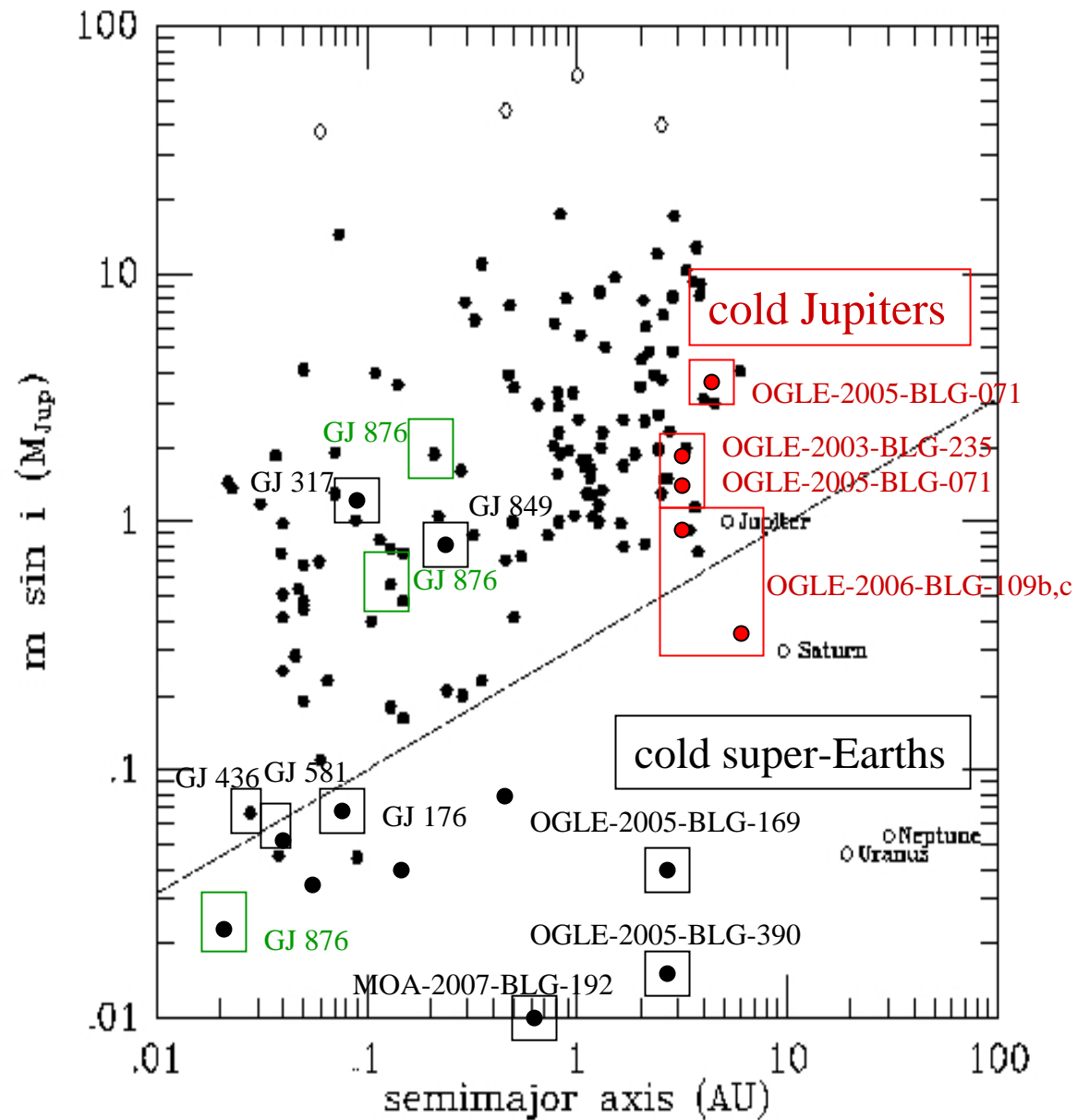


Microensing detection with Warsaw 1.3m telescope, Las Campanas - 2004



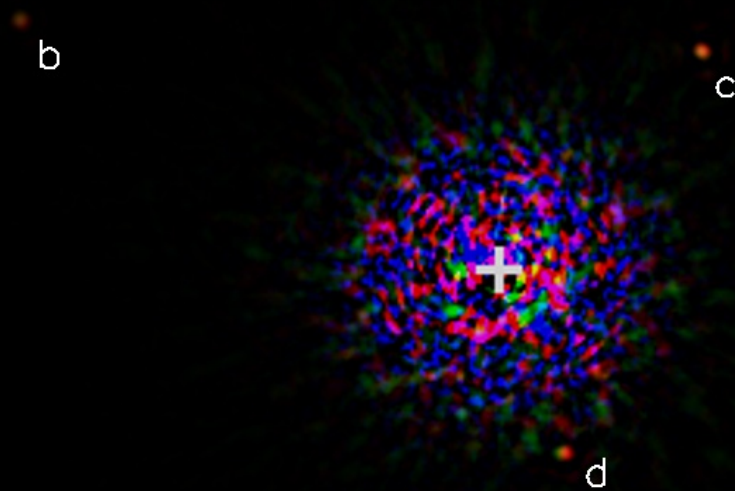


# Discovery space with planets around M dwarf stars highlighted



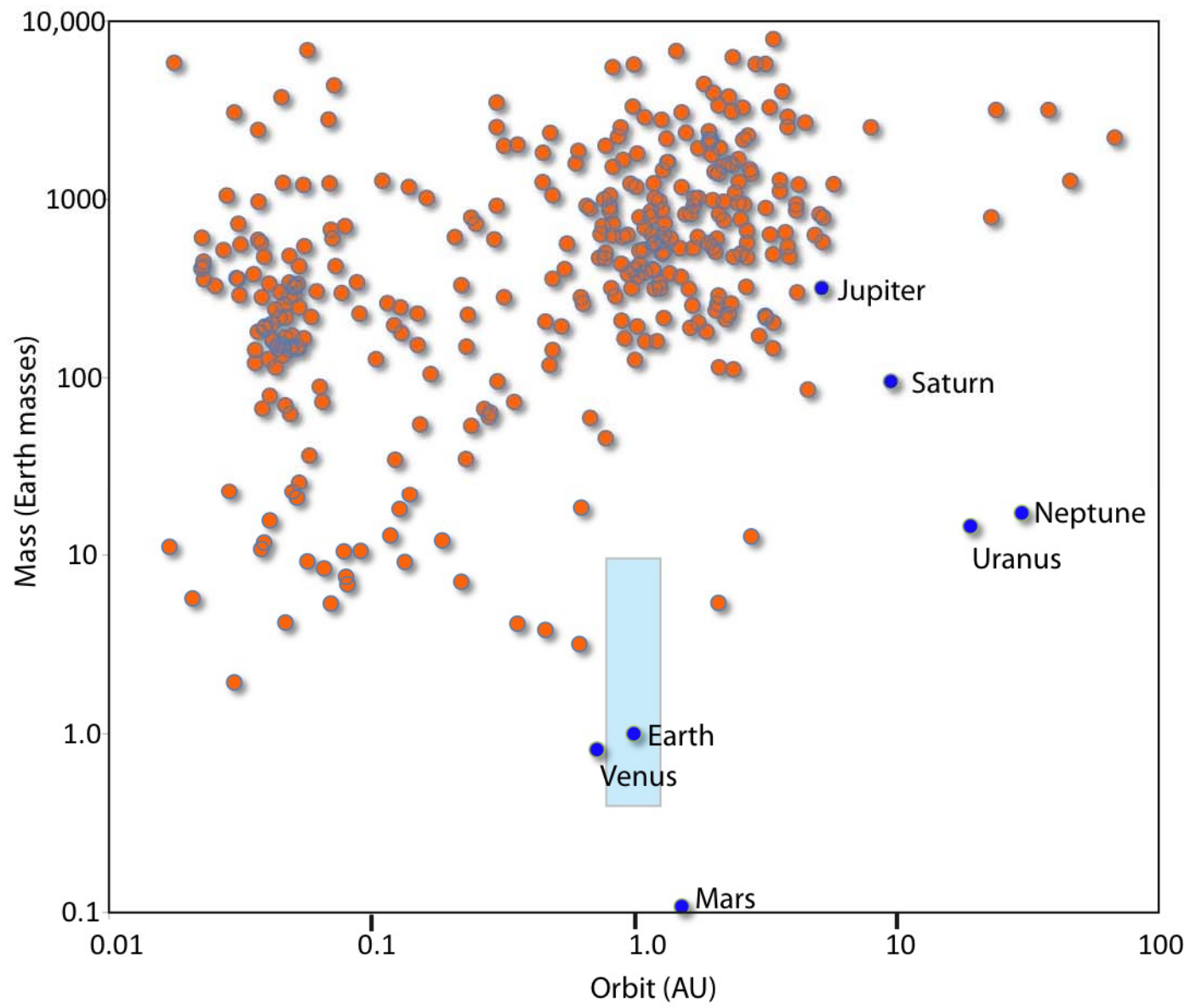
# HR 8799 Planetary System

A5 star,  $1.5 M_{\text{Sun}}$

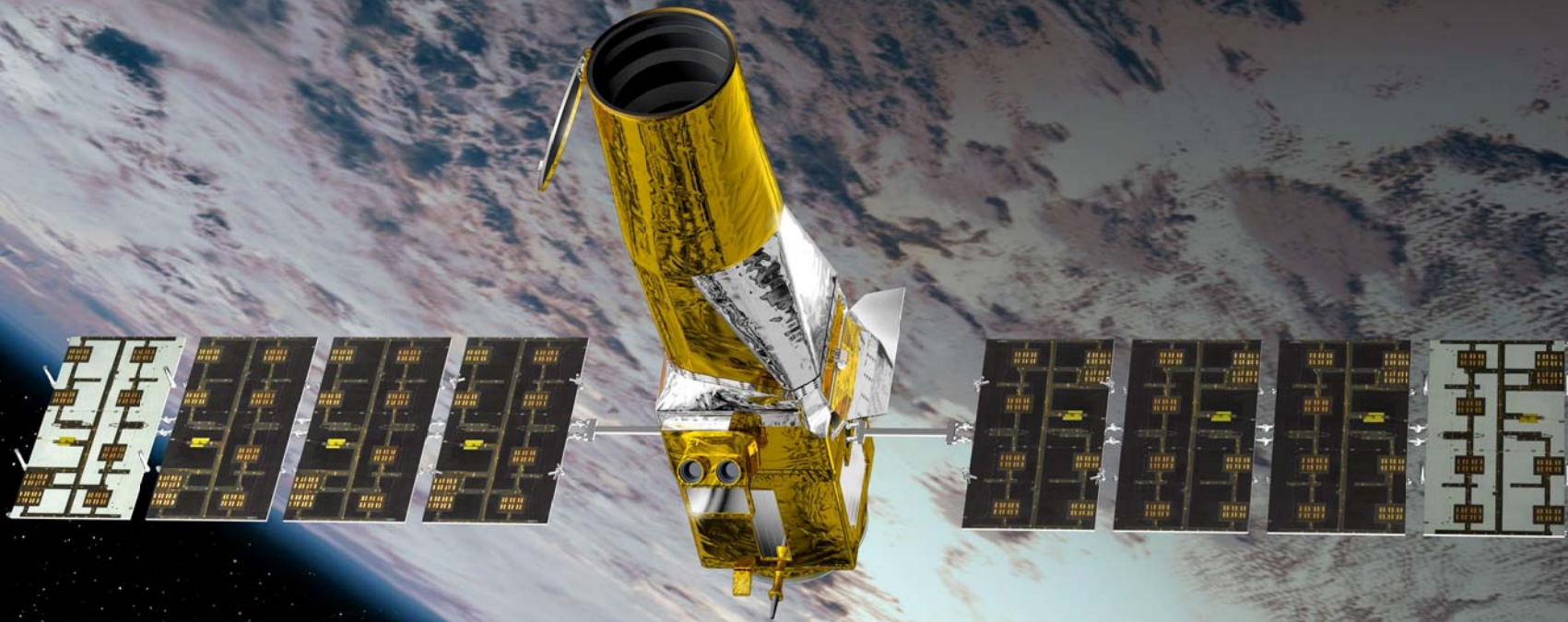


Marois et al. 2008:  $b \sim 7 M_{\text{Jup}}$ ,  $c, d \sim 10 M_{\text{Jup}}$

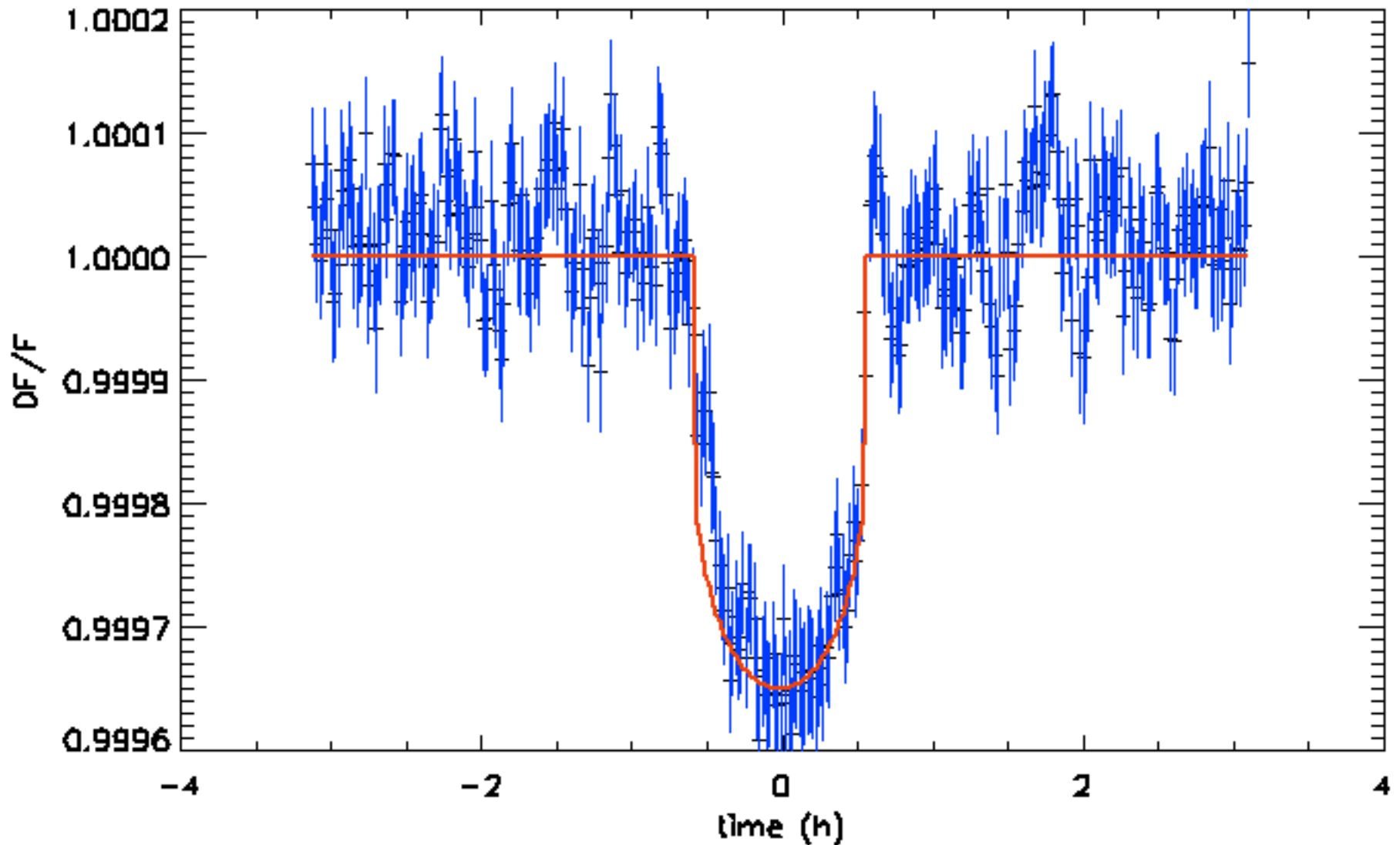
$\frac{19\text{AU}}{0.5''}$



# CNES/ESA's CoRoT Mission



CoRoT- Exo-7 b, the smallest radius transiting planet found to date: radius = 1.68 Earth-radii, mass = 4.8 Earth-masses, and a density = 5.6 g/cc, close to that of Earth (5.5 g/cc)



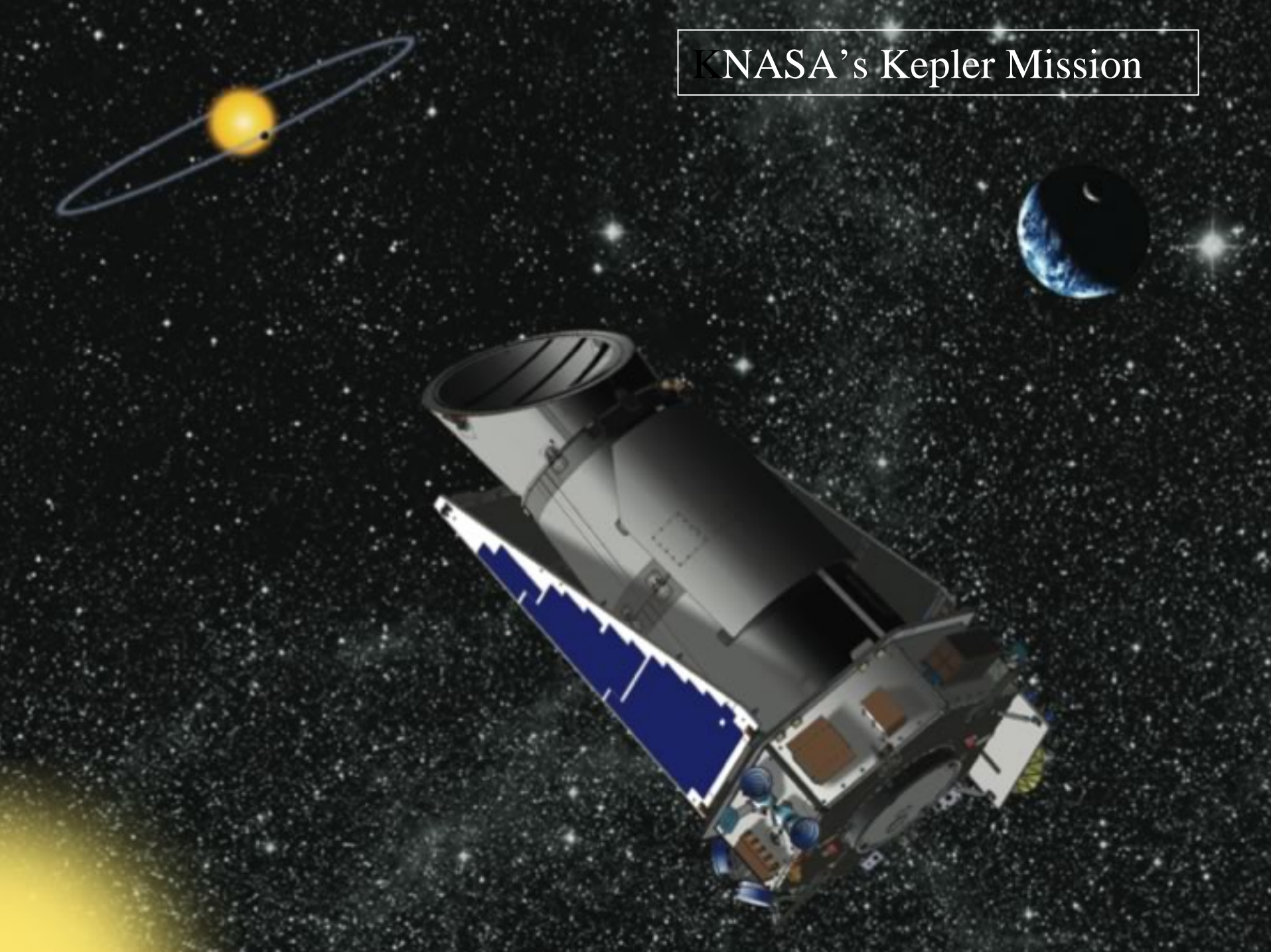
# Kepler Mission launch - March 6, 2009



Venus transiting the Sun on June 8, 2004 (Robert Traube image)



# KNASA's Kepler Mission







Kepler  
Field of  
View

Deneb

Vega

LYRA

CYGNUS

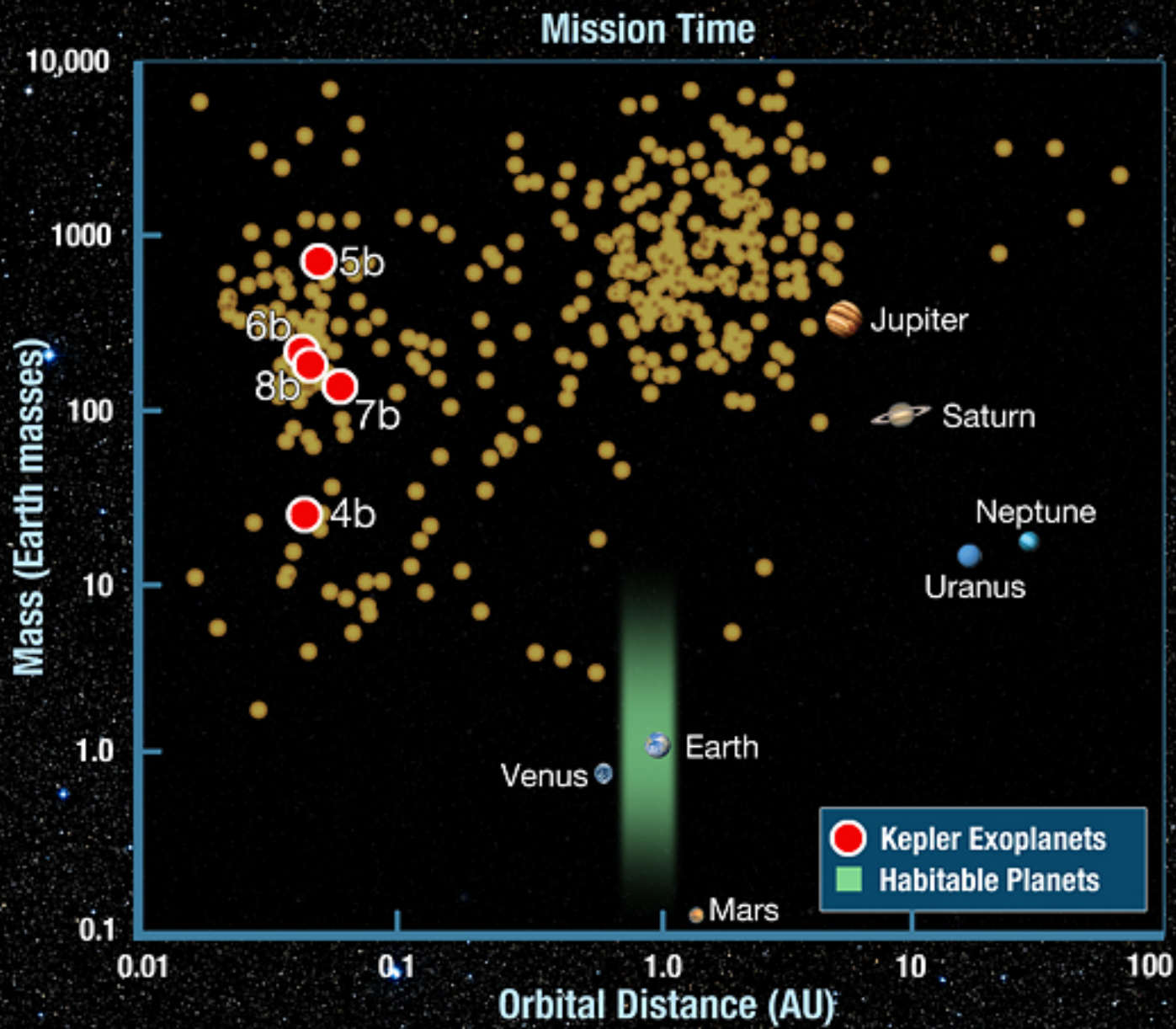
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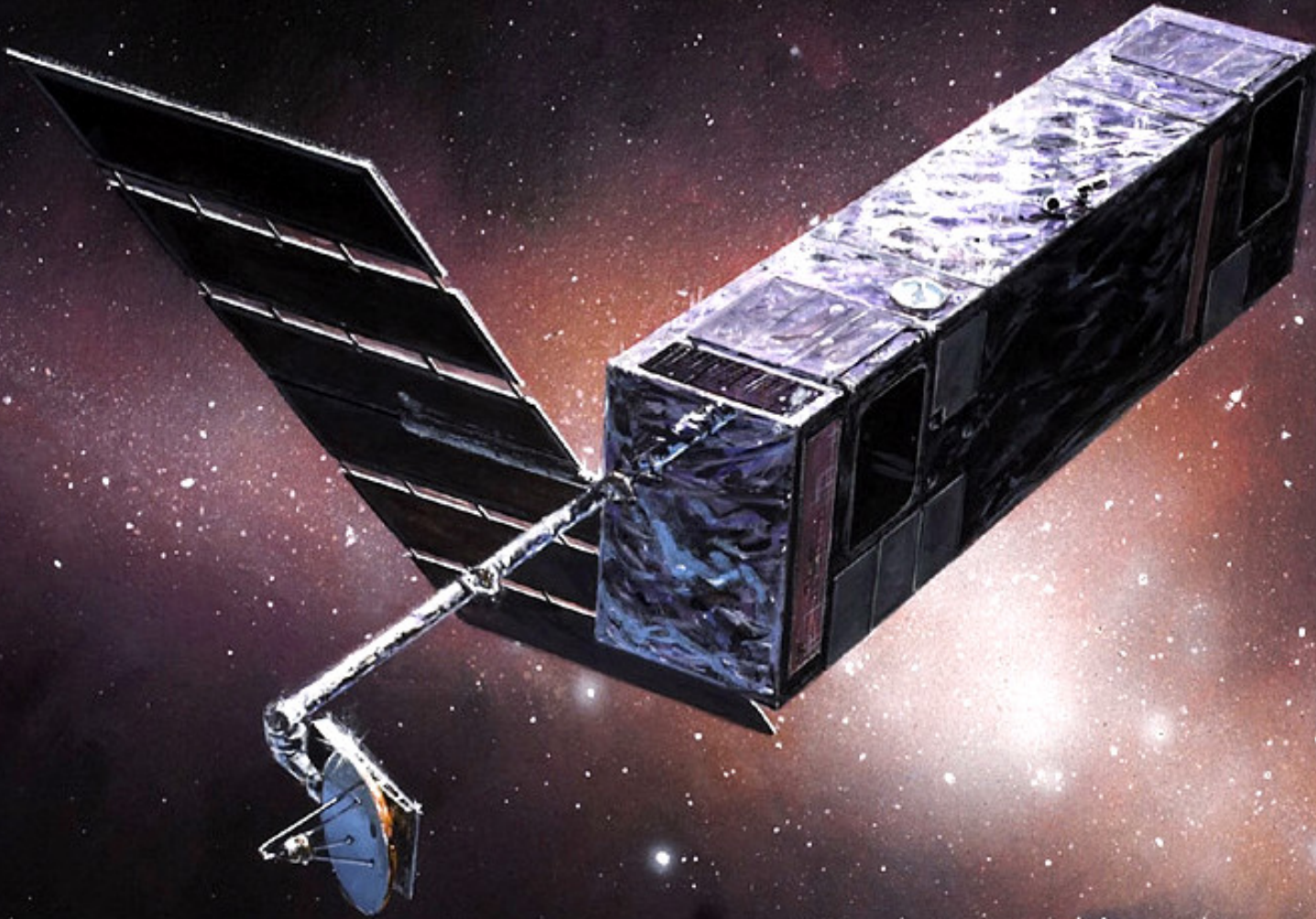
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# First Five Planet Discoveries

Made with First 43 Days of Data



# NASA's Space Interferometry Mission



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Fat Calories 0.0	Carbohydrate	0%	Ammonia	100%
Serving size based on a 99% chance of a successful Origin of Life.	Fiber	0%	Methane	100%
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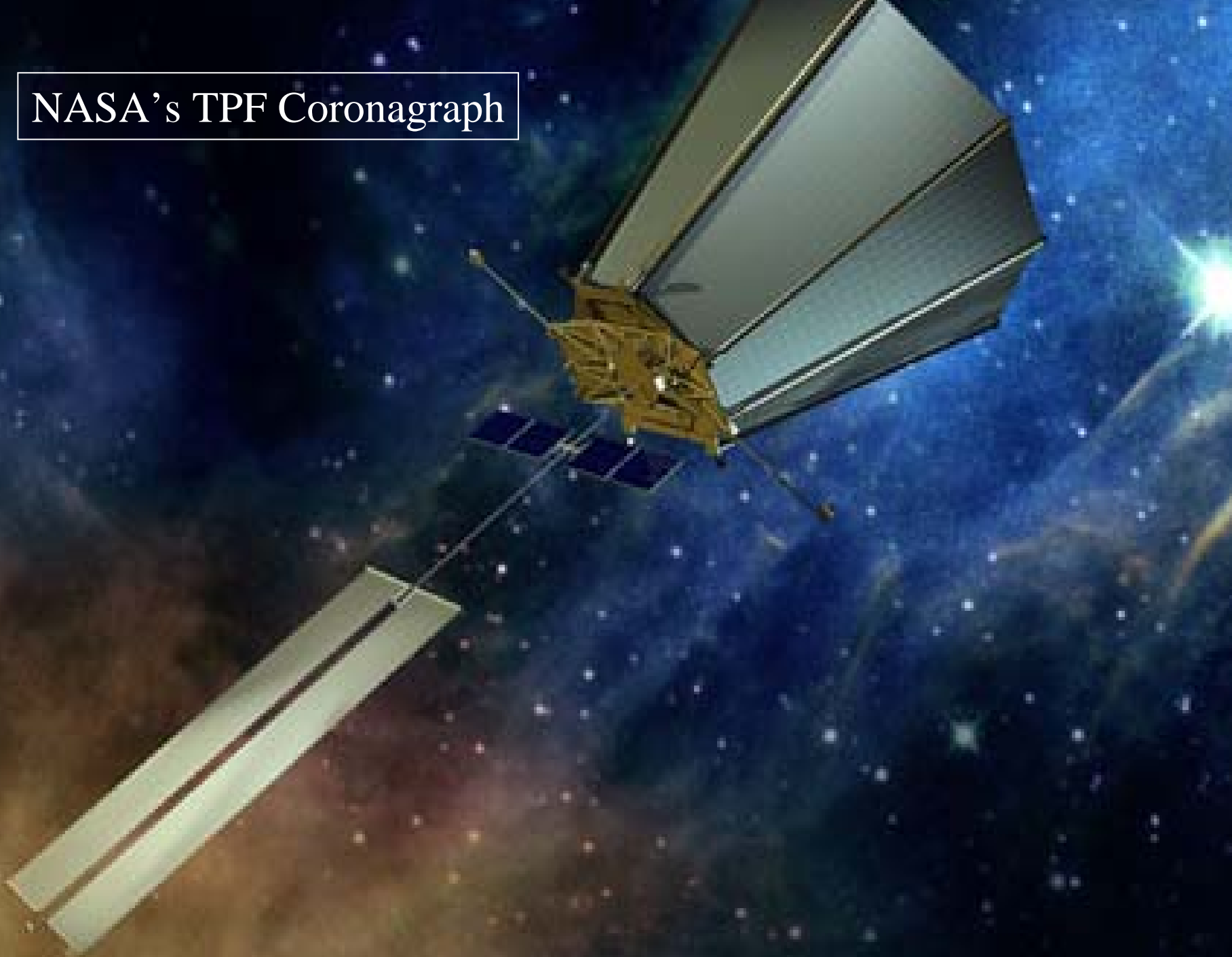


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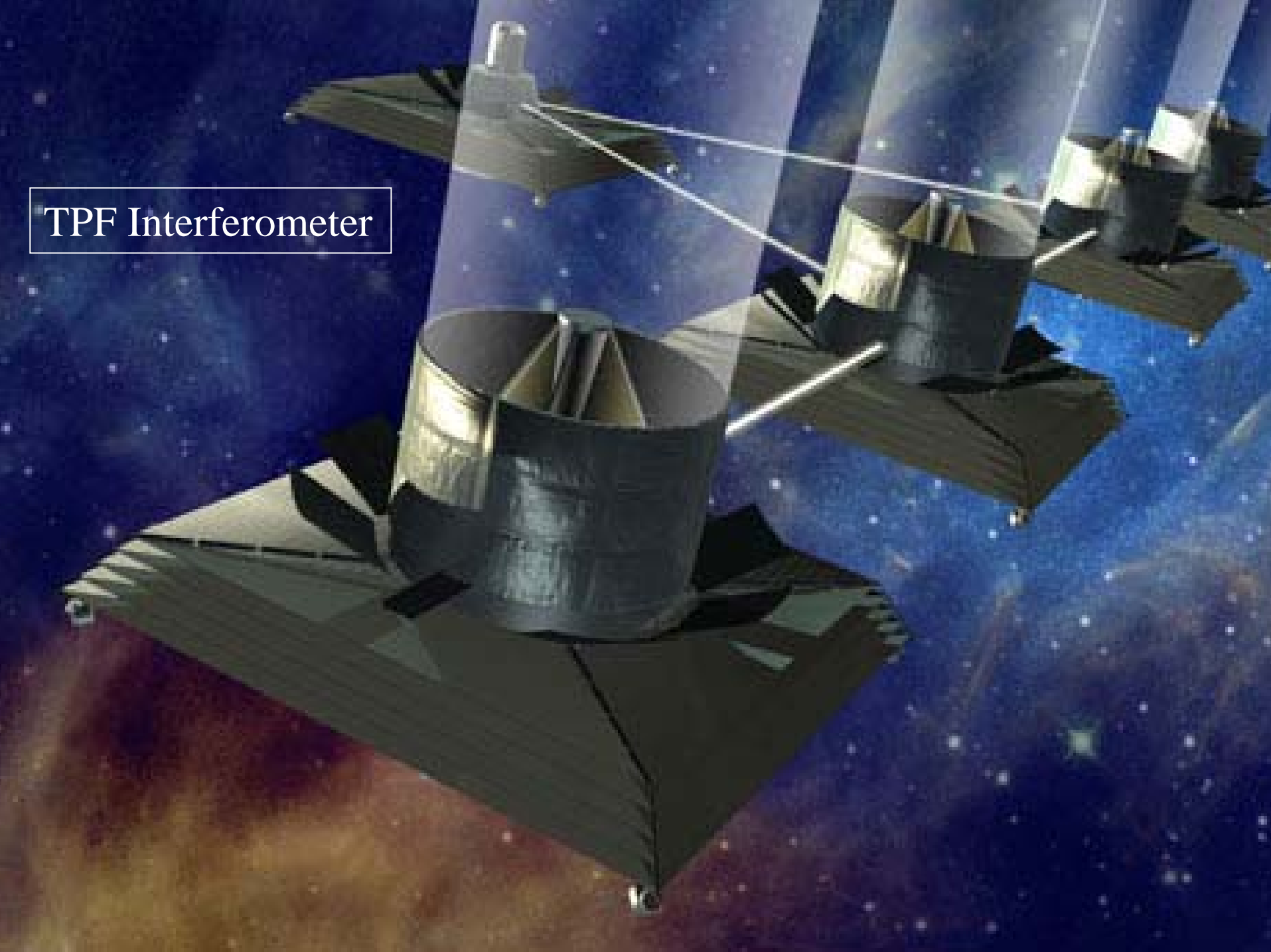


WHERE ENZYMES AVAILABLE

# NASA's TPF Coronagraph



TPF Interferometer



# ESA's Emma Darwin x-array



# Swain et al. (2008) - HD 189733 b with HST Nicmos

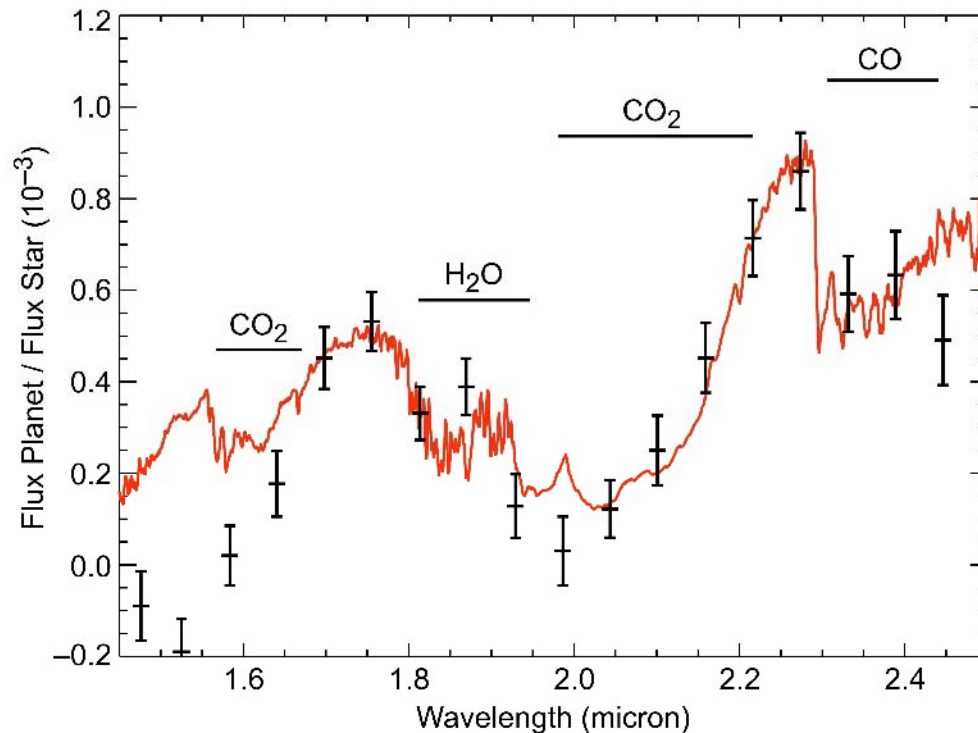

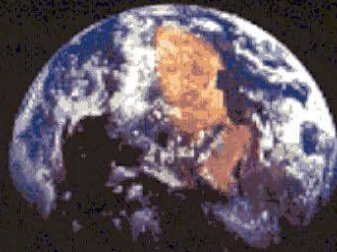
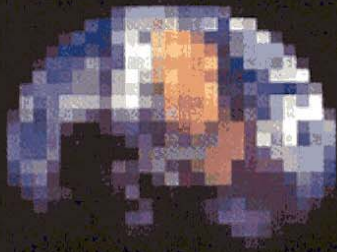
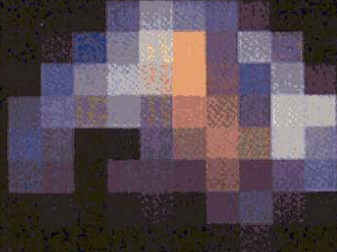


Fig. 3.— The near-IR dayside emergent spectrum used in our analysis with  $\pm 1 - \sigma$  errors shown (black), together with a model spectrum (orange) containing the molecules  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ , which are responsible for the absorption features (the strongest of which are identified above). The fit residuals suggest that one or more additional molecular species may be present. Although the fit is improved slightly by including  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ , or  $\text{NH}_3$ , additional data is required to make a strong case for the presence of additional molecular species.



Pixel / Diameter	Pixel size @ planet (km)	Image	Interferometer Requirements		
				Collecting Area	Baseline
400	32		IR Visible	144 km <sup>2</sup>	100,000 km
				1,296 km <sup>2</sup>	5,000 km
100	128		IR Visible	0.64 km <sup>2</sup>	24,000 km
				5.76 km <sup>2</sup>	1,200 km

## Terrestrial Planet Imager?

Pixel / Diameter	Pixel size @ planet (km)	Image	Interferometer Requirements		
				Collecting Area	Baseline
25	510		IR Visible	1,024 m <sup>2</sup>	6,000 km
				9,216 m <sup>2</sup>	303 km
10	1276		IR Visible	64 m <sup>2</sup>	2,4km
				576 m <sup>2</sup>	120 km



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