



# Next Generation Transit Light Curves

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# Present status



Present status:

# Number of known exoplanets

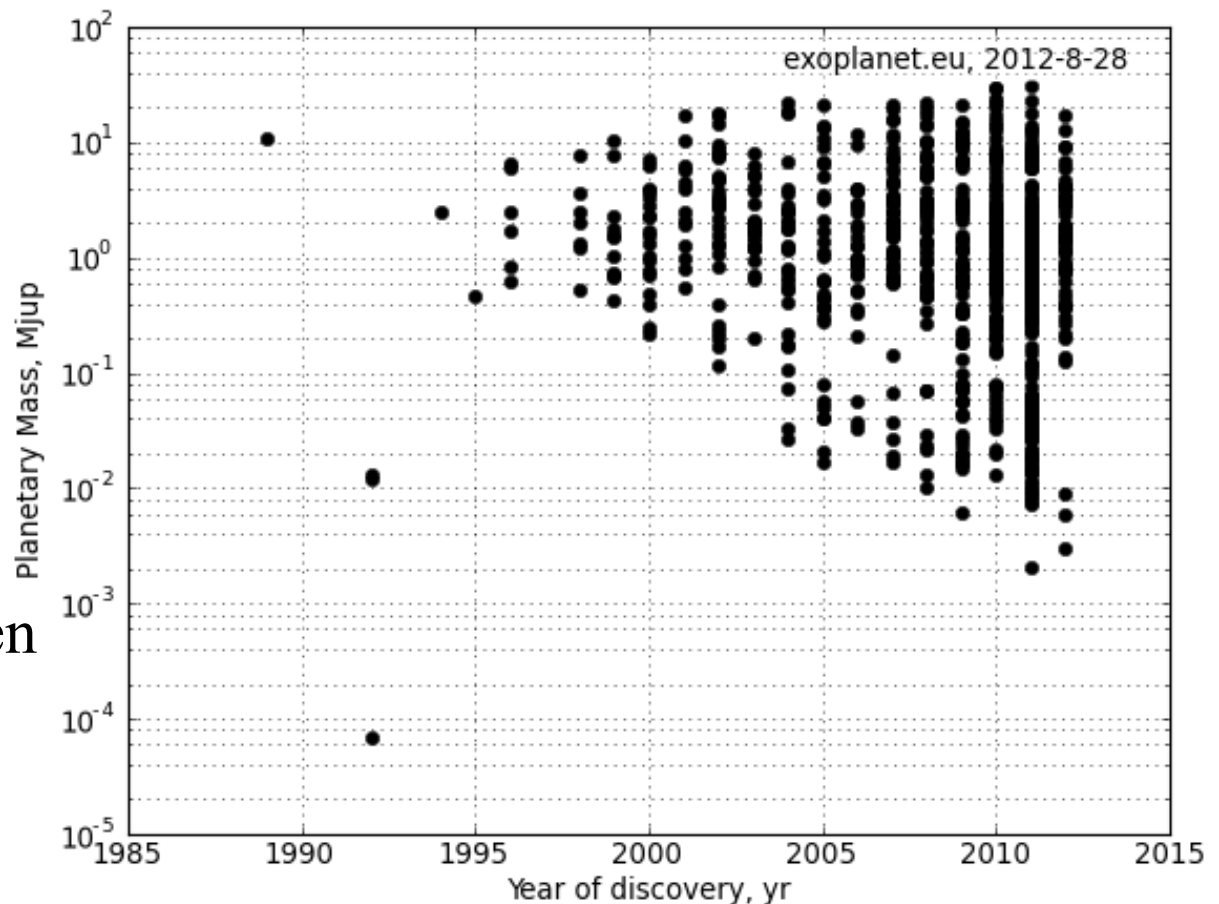
778 planets

> 3500 candidates

Planets around single and binary stars.

Planets down to size of Mars.

>100 systems, between 2-8 planets





# CoRoT status report

22 runs

~156 000 stars observed

3870 planetary candidates  
detected

645 were followed-up

210 cases solved

(binaries, hot stars etc)

120 candidates are in  
the loop

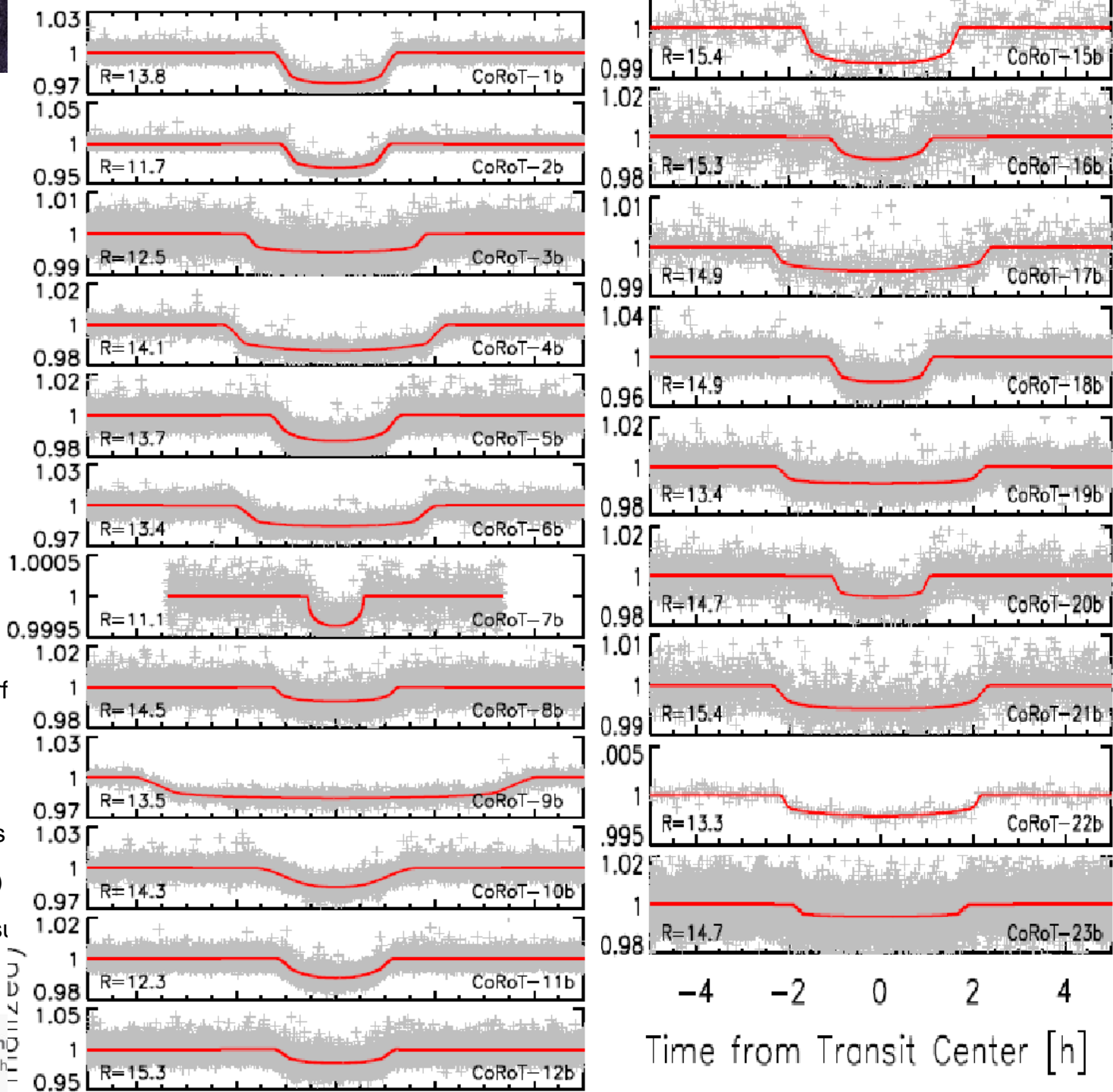
~30 planets + 1 brown dwarf

1 multiple transits (C-24bc)

C-7bcd with multiple planets

One very long period (C-9b)

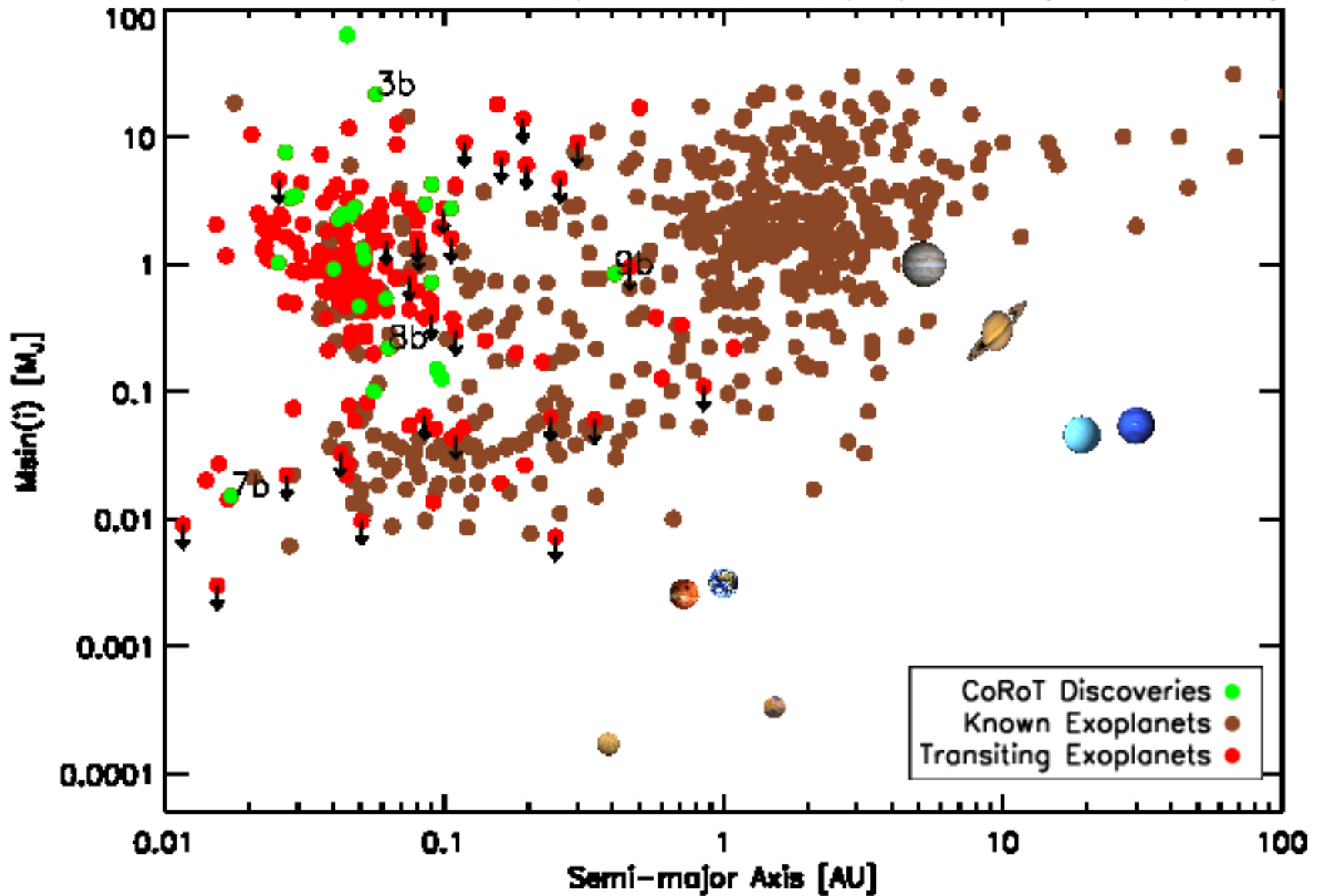
First rocky planet with meas  
radius (C-7b)

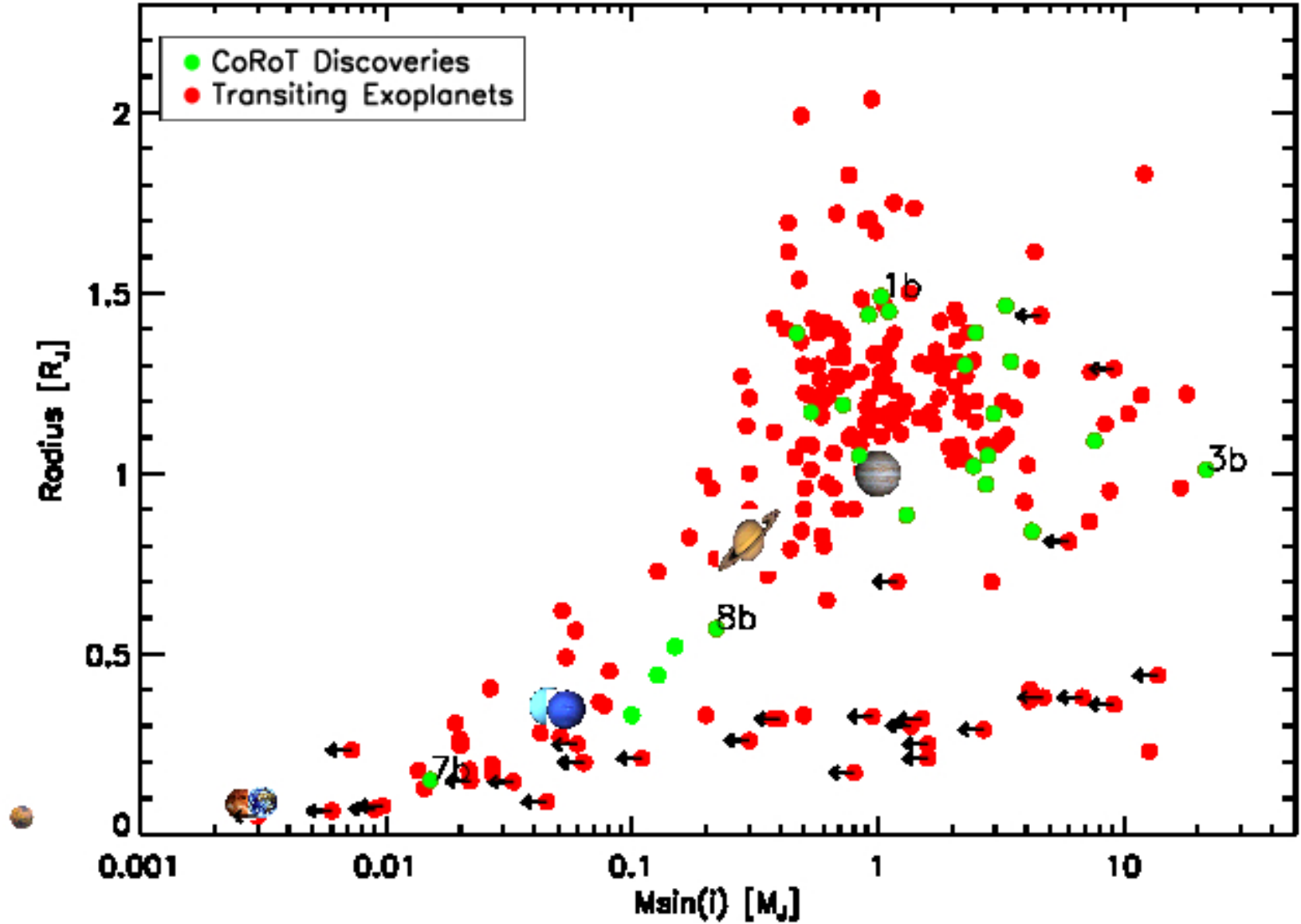


/figures: Csizmadia et al. 2012a, to be submitted/



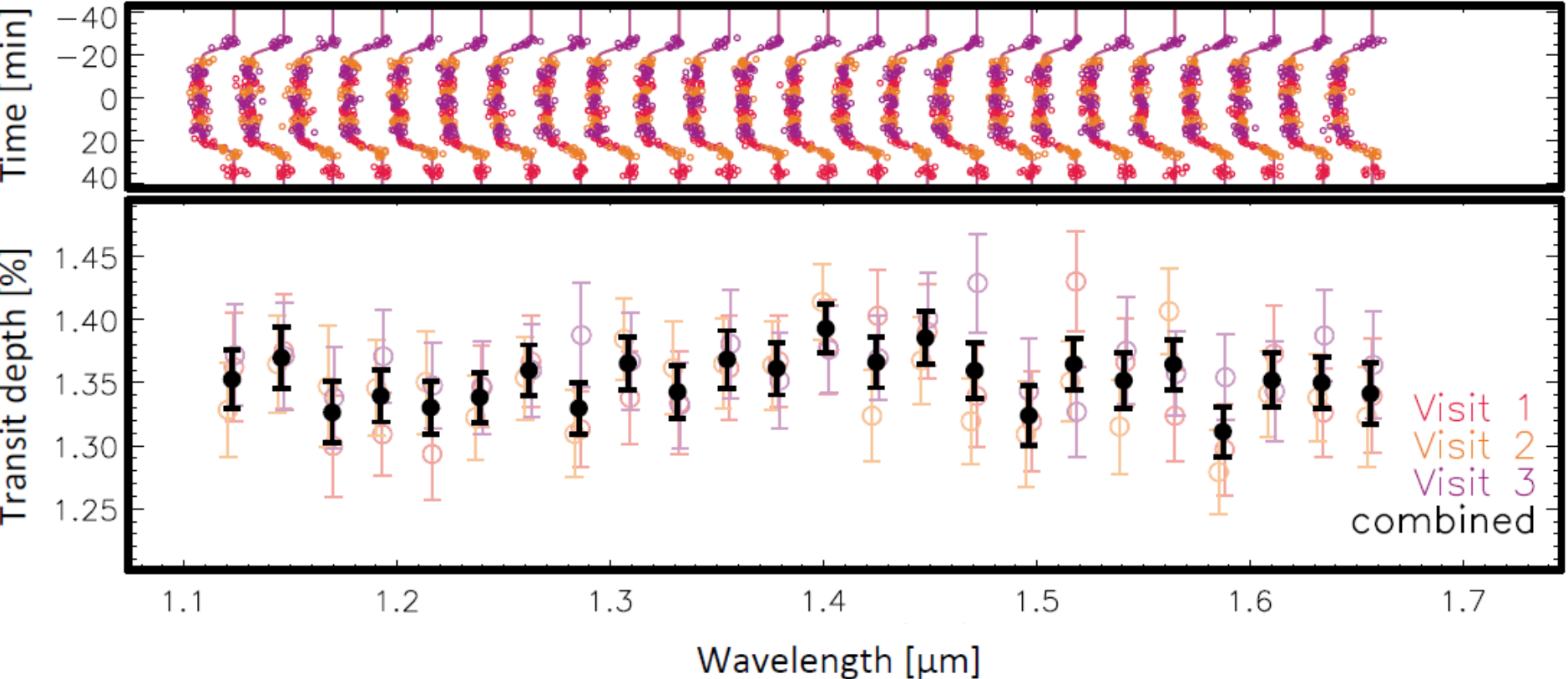
H. Rauer, T. Posternocki & S. Kirske, DLR, 2012-8-28 (based on exoplanet.eu)







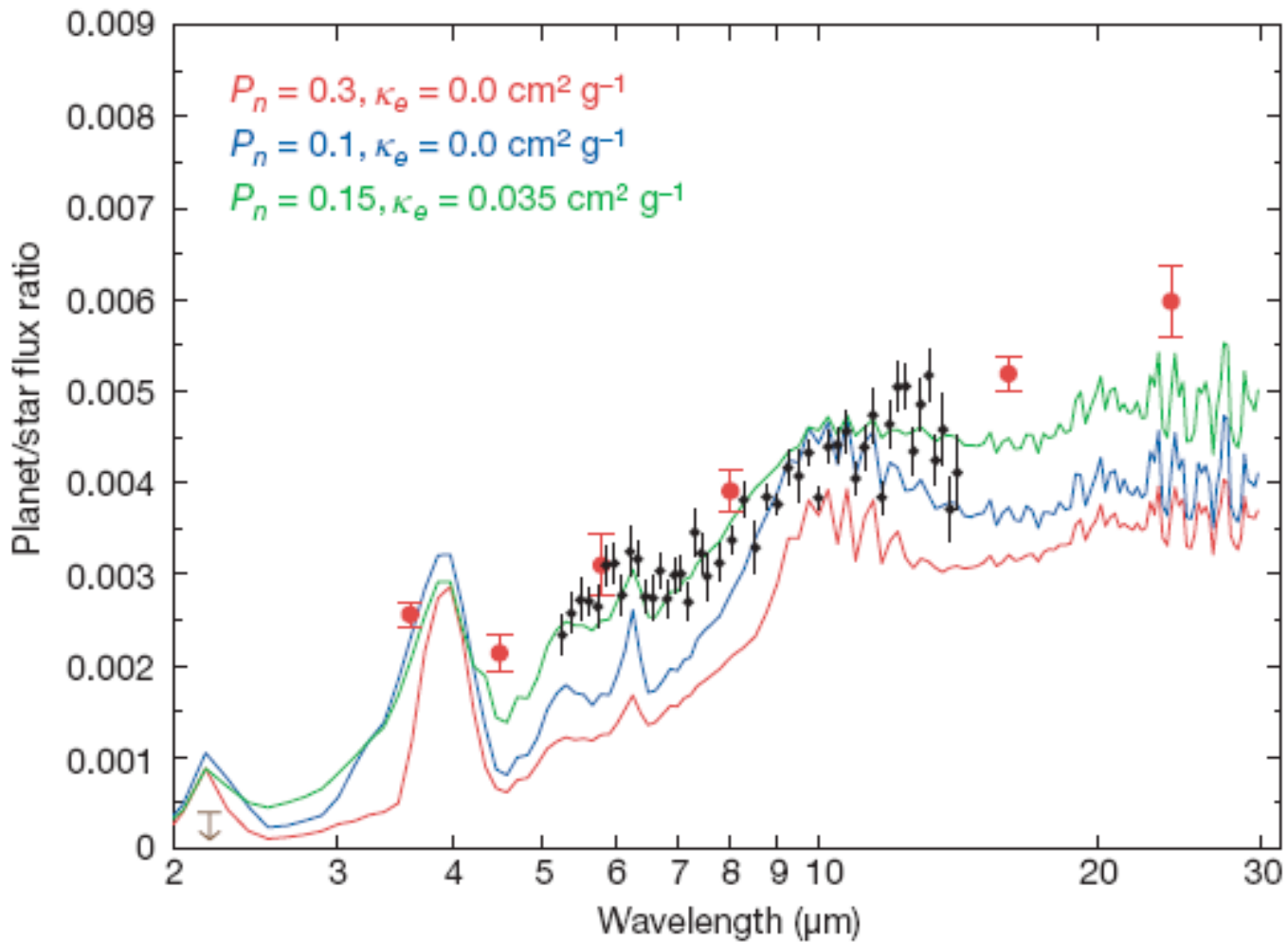
# Transmission spectroscopy



Needs  $\sim 0.1\%$  precision in  $R_{\text{eff}}$ .

Berta et al. (2012)



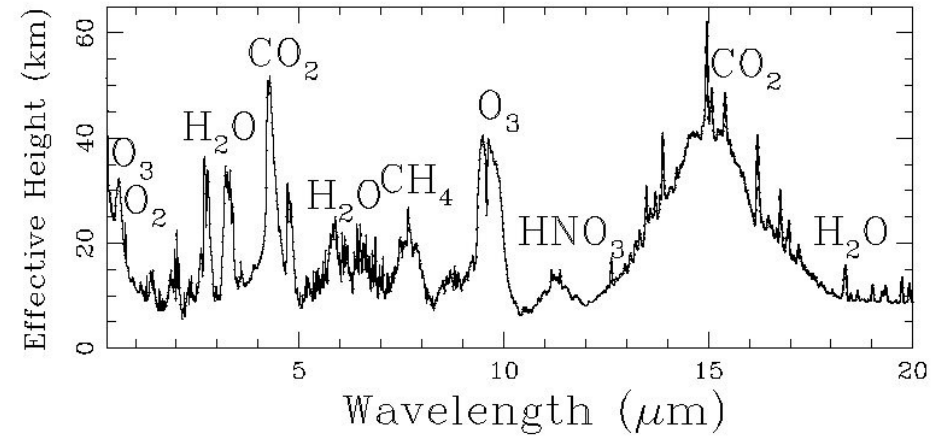
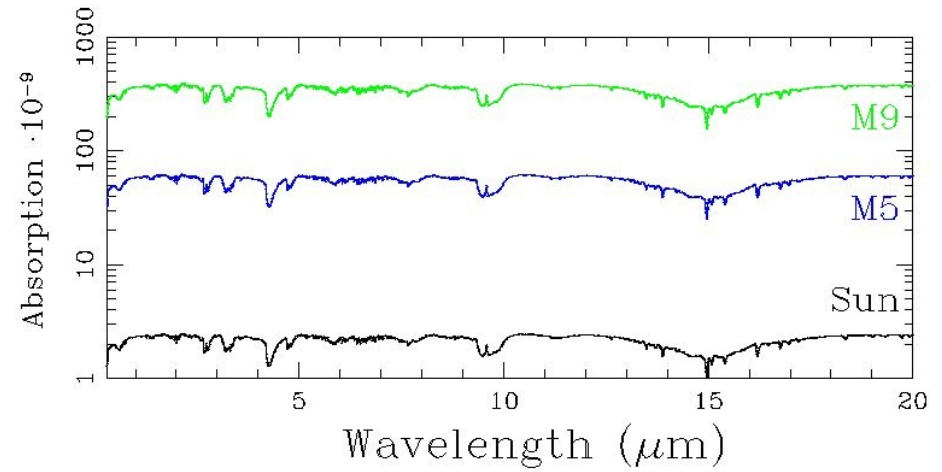
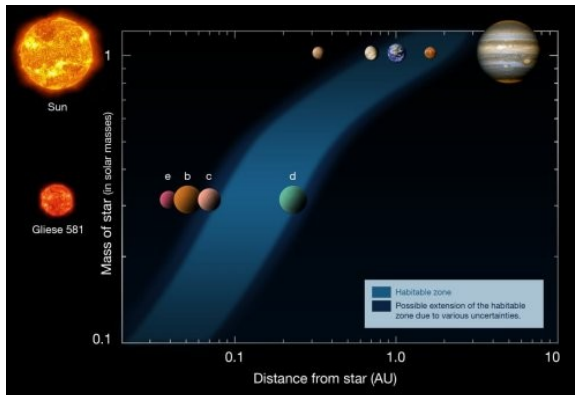
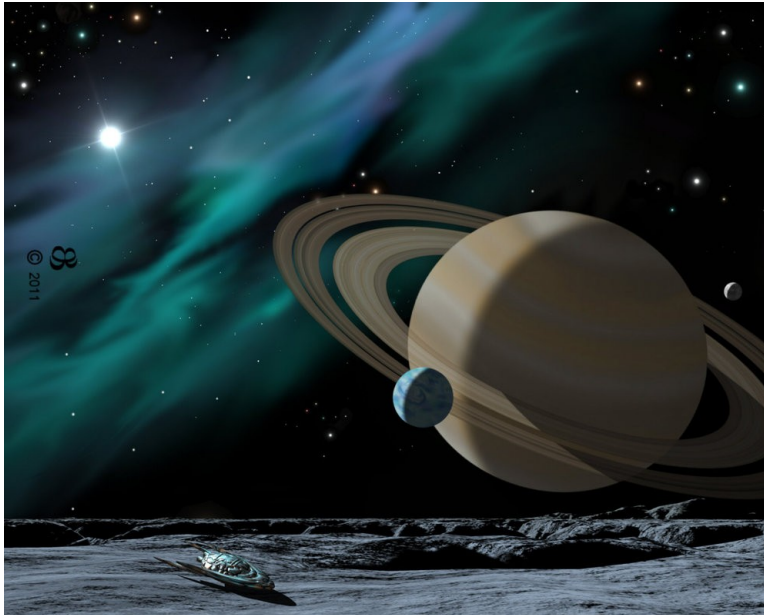


## Grillmair et al. 2008



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# Still waiting for



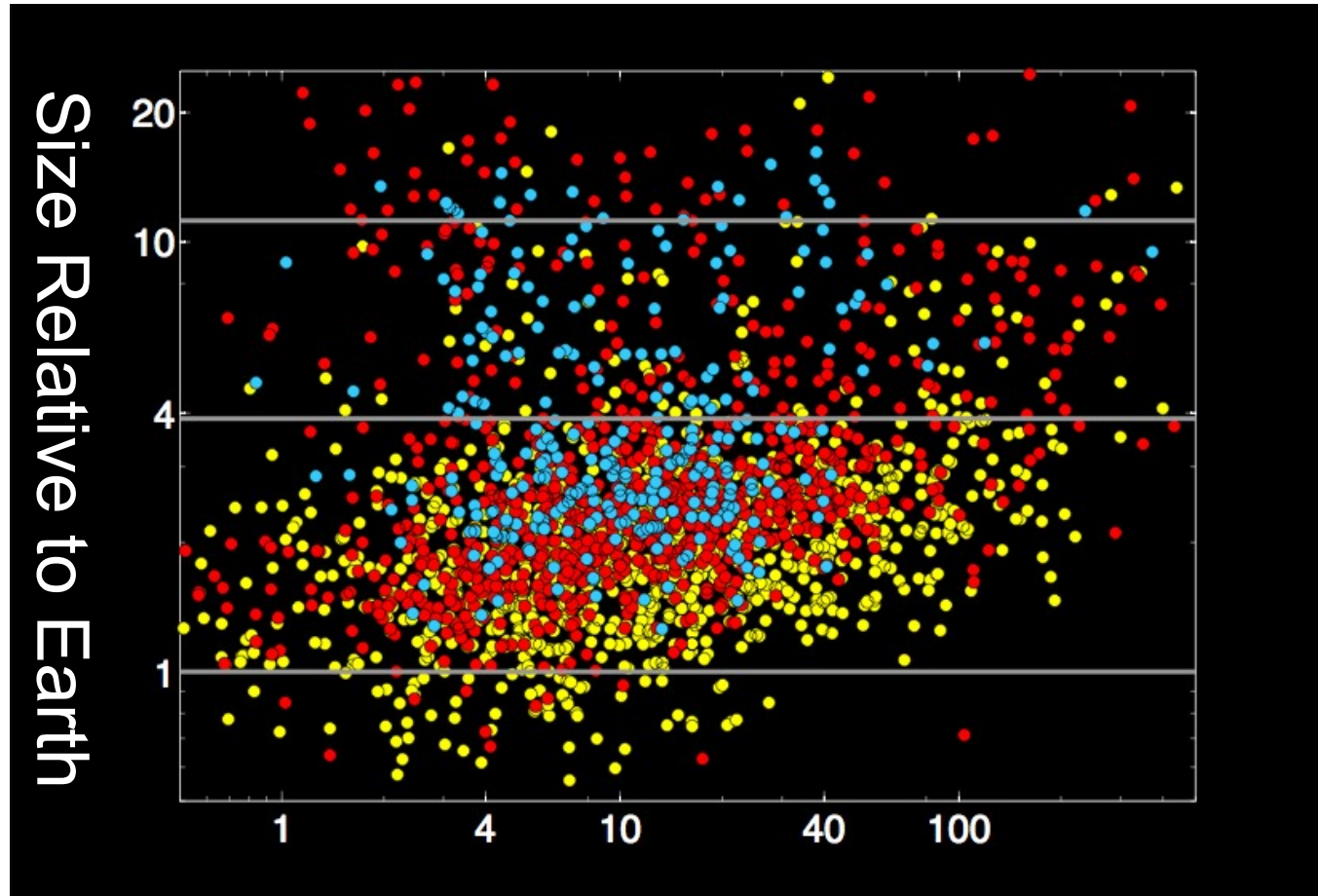
# When does future come?

*Note:*

*Kepler (CoRoT) targets are faint for transmission /occultation spectroscopy.*

*(Sometimes RV is problematic, too!)*

*We need brighter targets.*



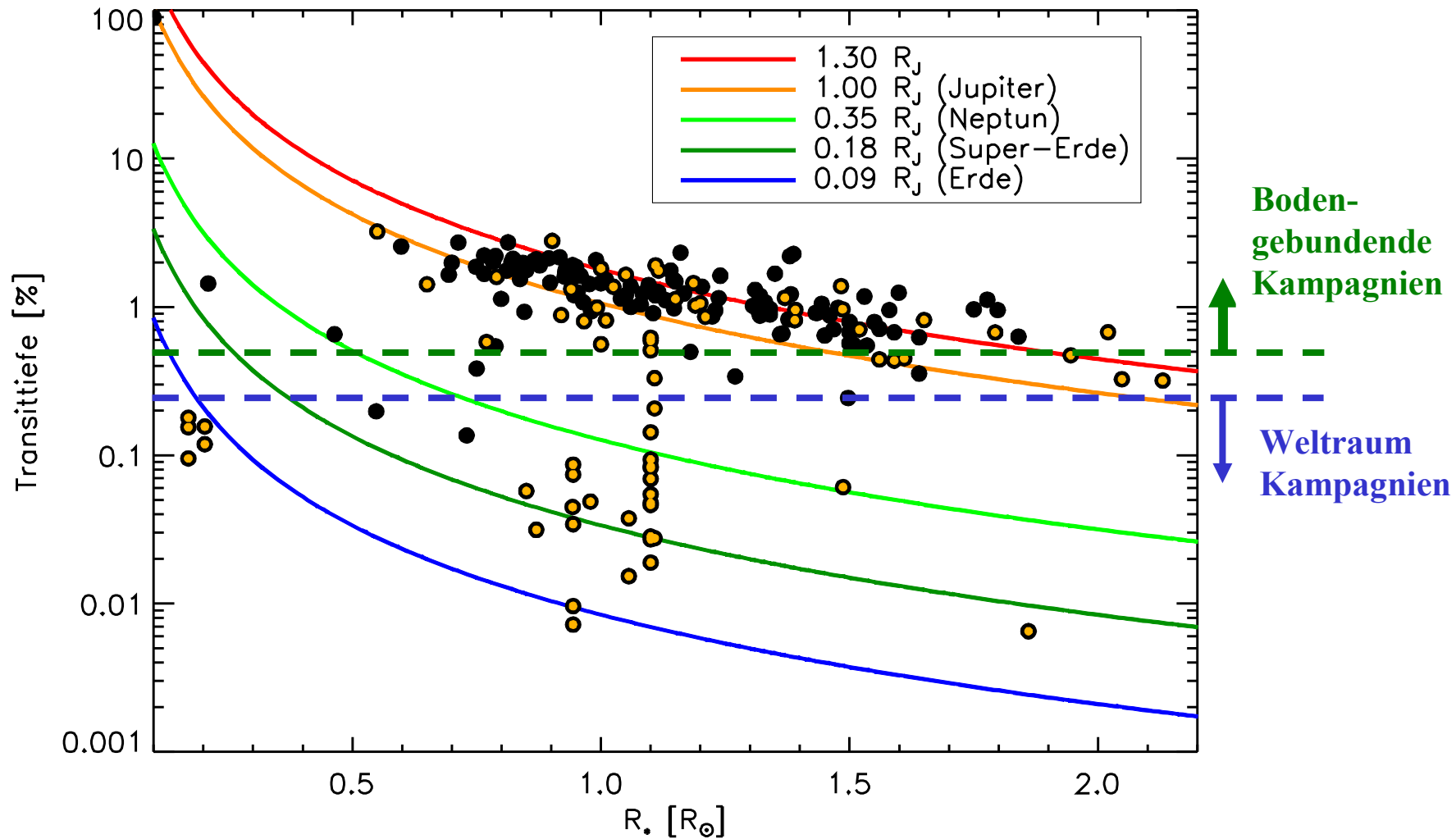


# Future requirements



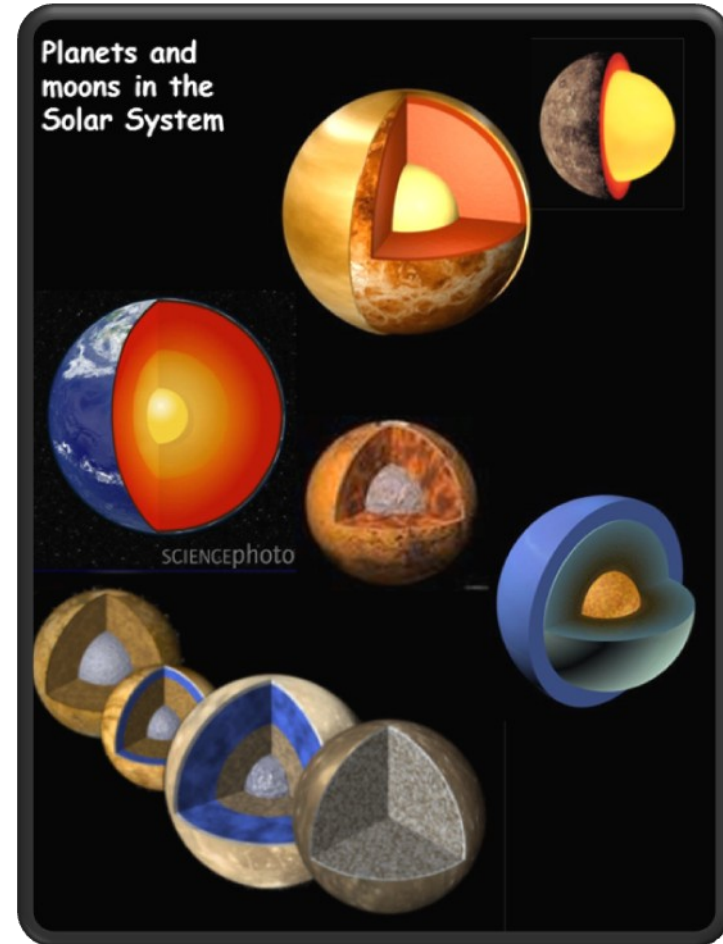
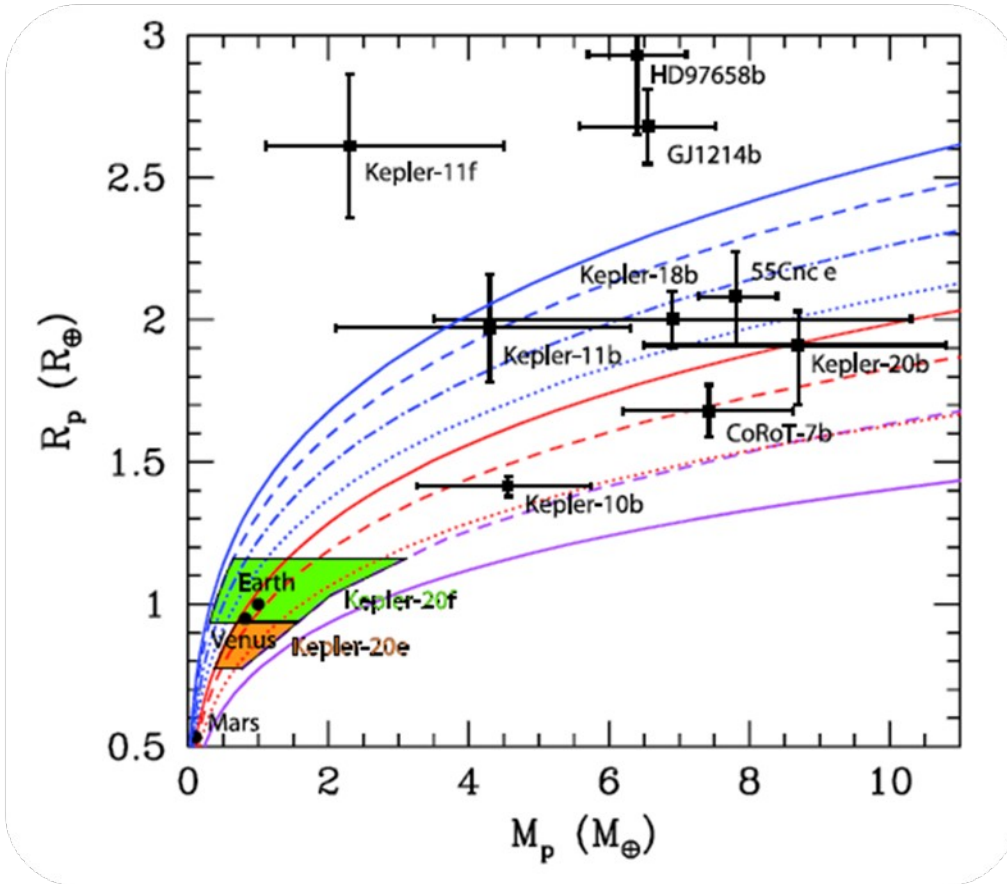
# Precision requirements

T. Pasternacki, DLR – 25.1.2012

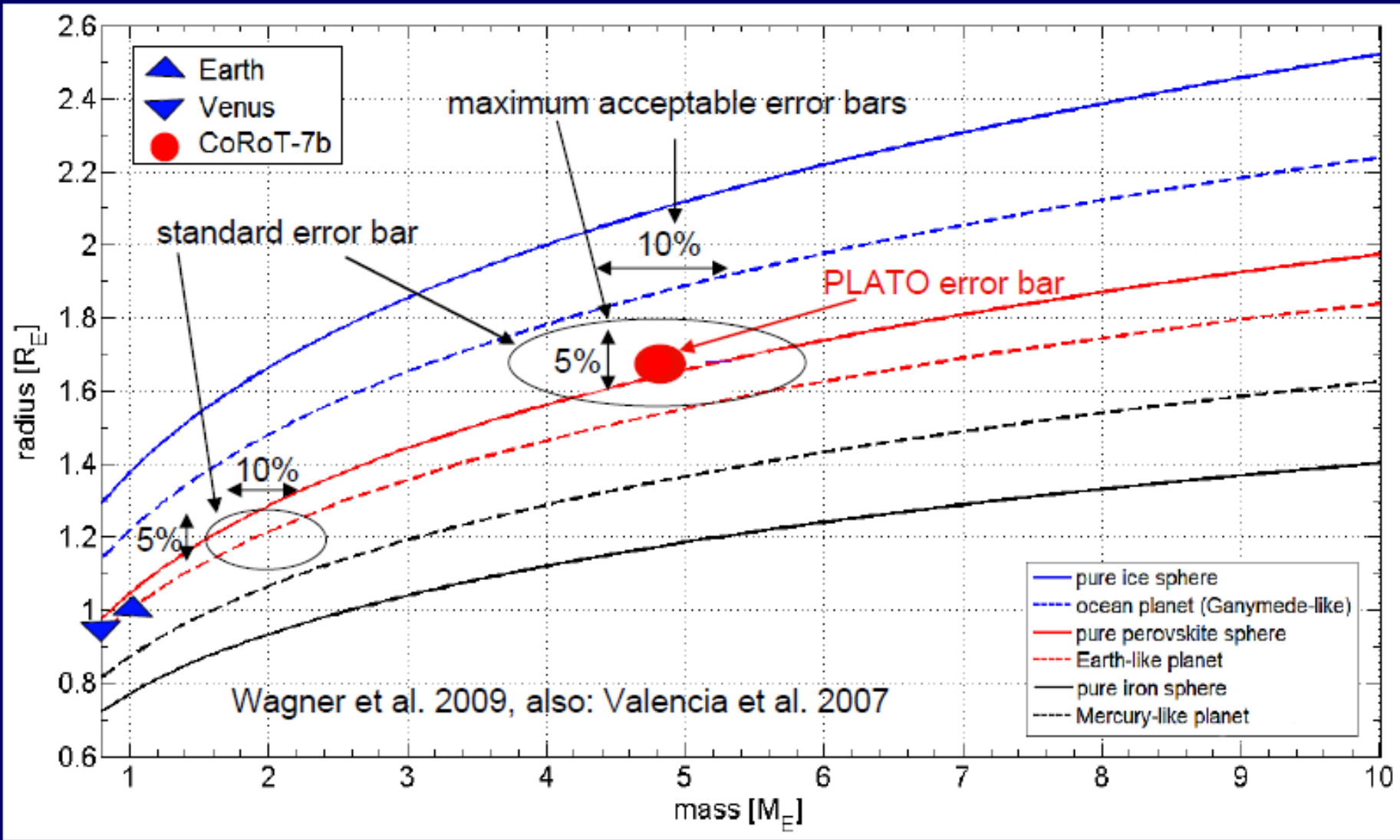




- ice sphere
- perovskite sphere
- iron sphere
- - - Ocean planet
- - - Earth-like planet
- - - Mercury-like planet



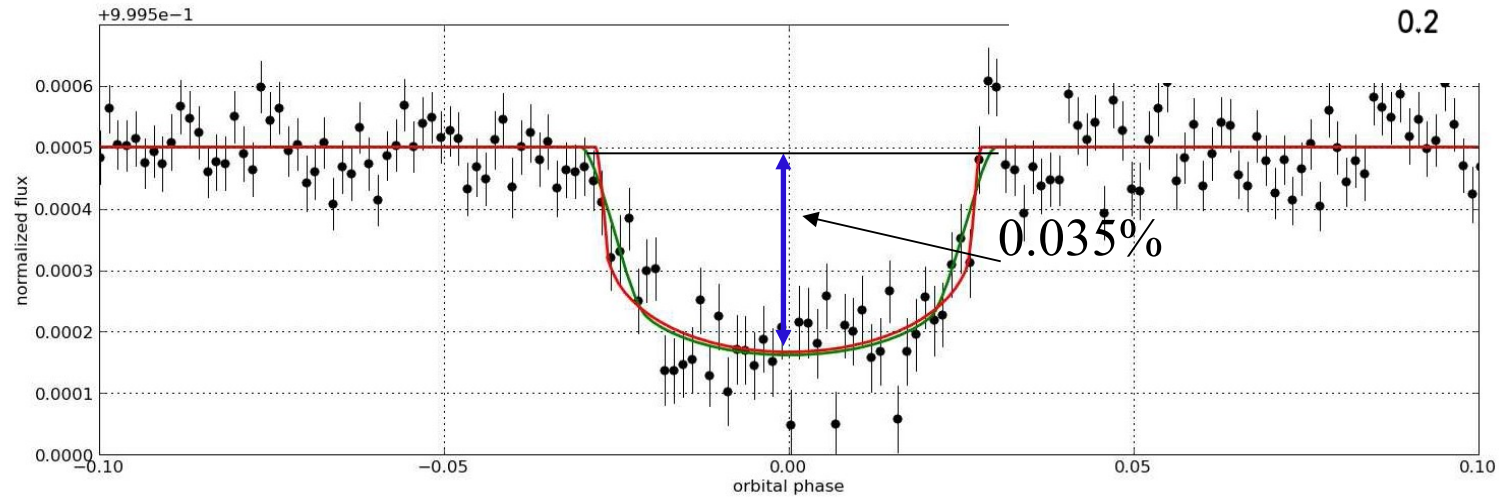
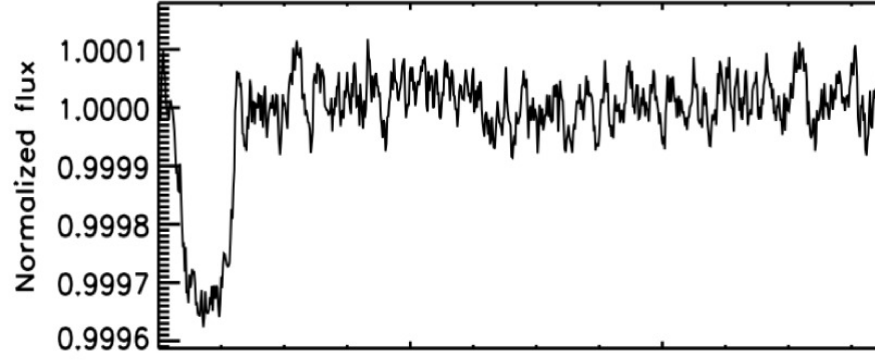
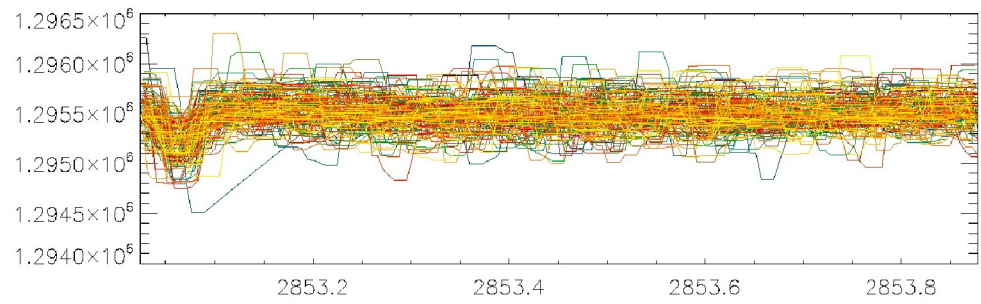
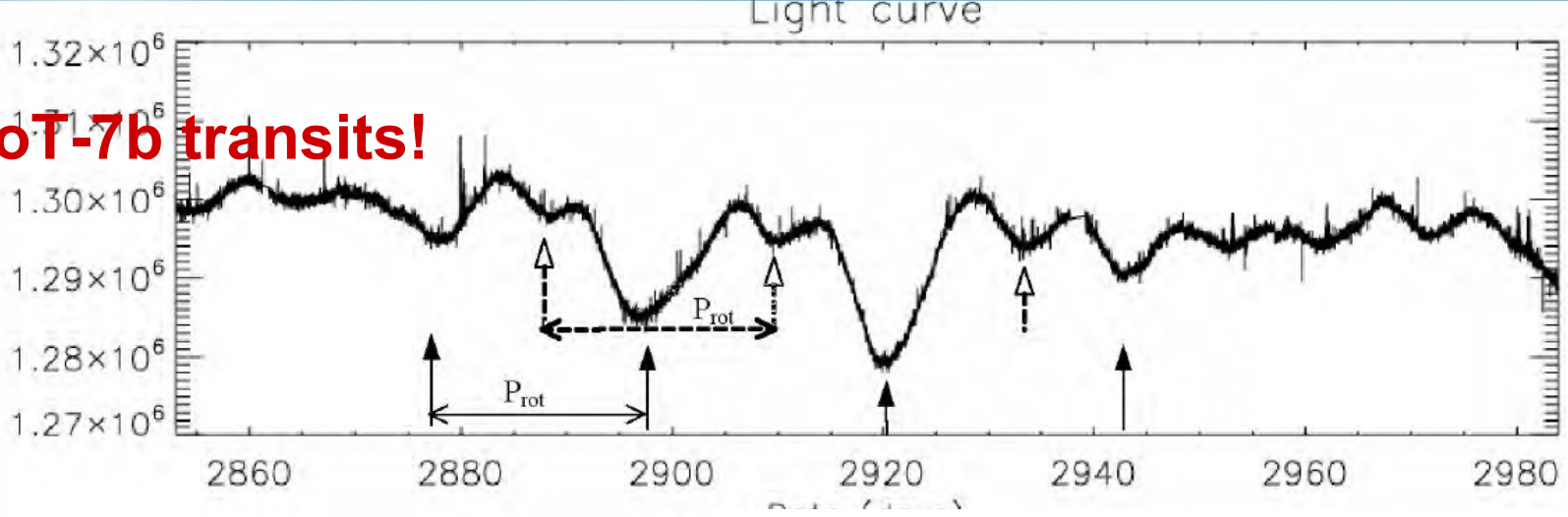


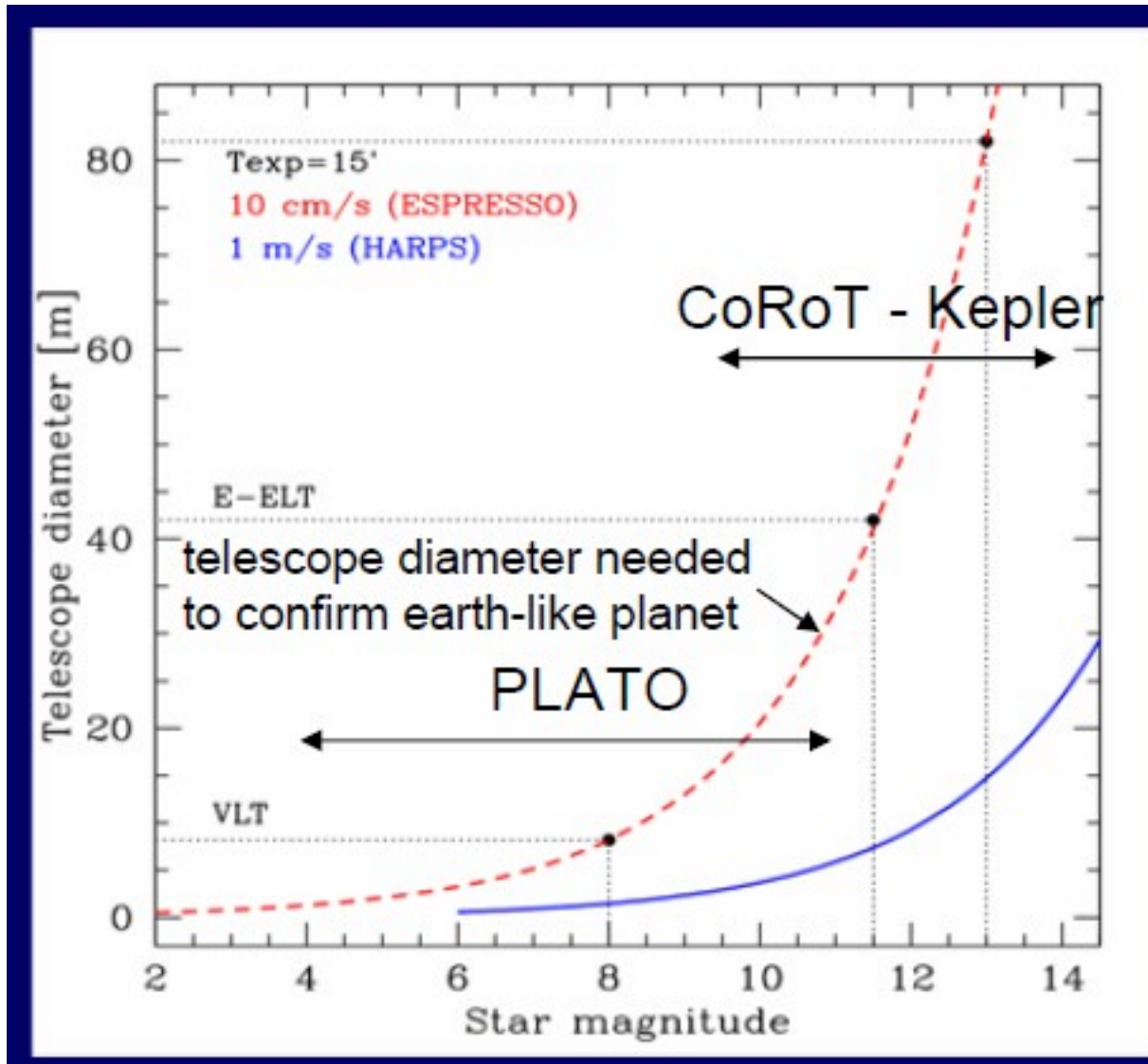


- constraints on planet interiors
- radii and masses  $\rightarrow$  atmospheres
- diversity



# Find CoRoT-7b transits!







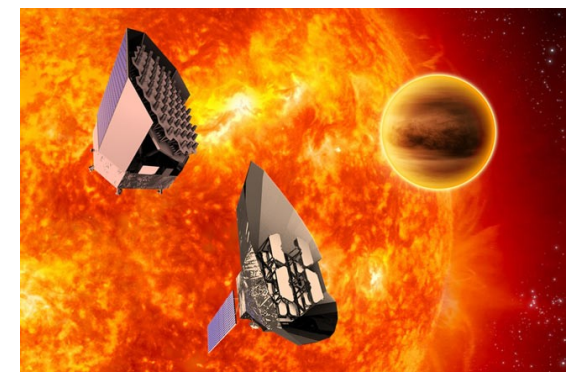
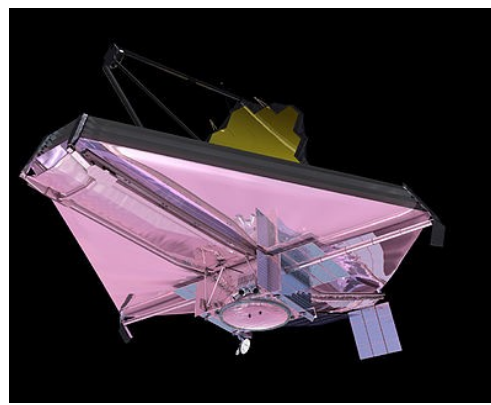
# Present and planned instruments

(far from a full list)





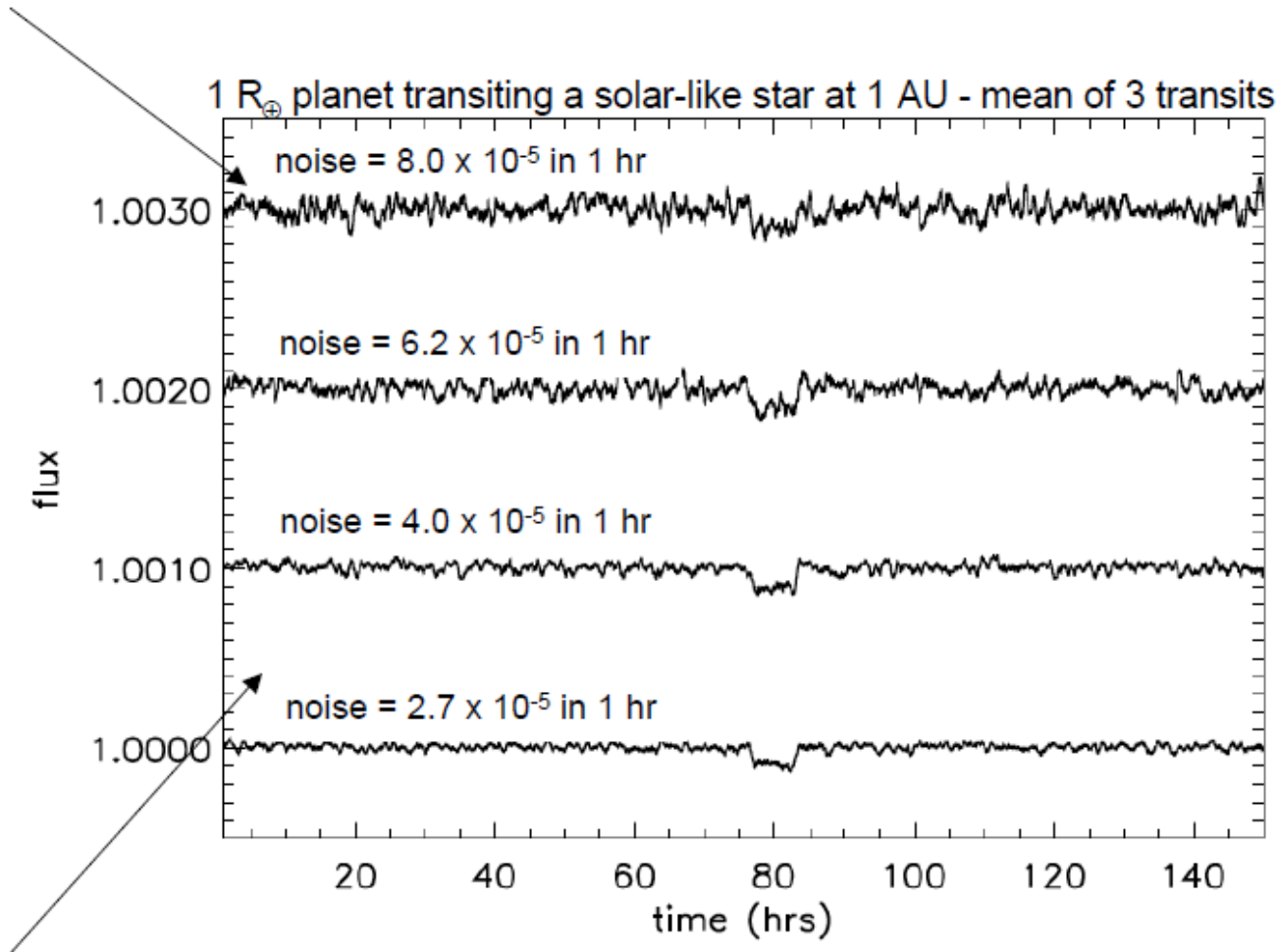
(a) Photometric precision/bright stars,  
 (b) RV-precision and spectra's SNR/R  
 (c) analyzing tools



Goals: 50% of the sky down to  $V=11$  with  $10^{-5}$  mag (PLATO); 10 cm/sec on these stars (ESPRESSO); Atmosphere studies on E/SE/HJ from space (ECHO, JWST)

# Noise level requirements for PLATO

$8.0 \times 10^{-5}$  in 1 hr for marginal transit detection (faint targets)

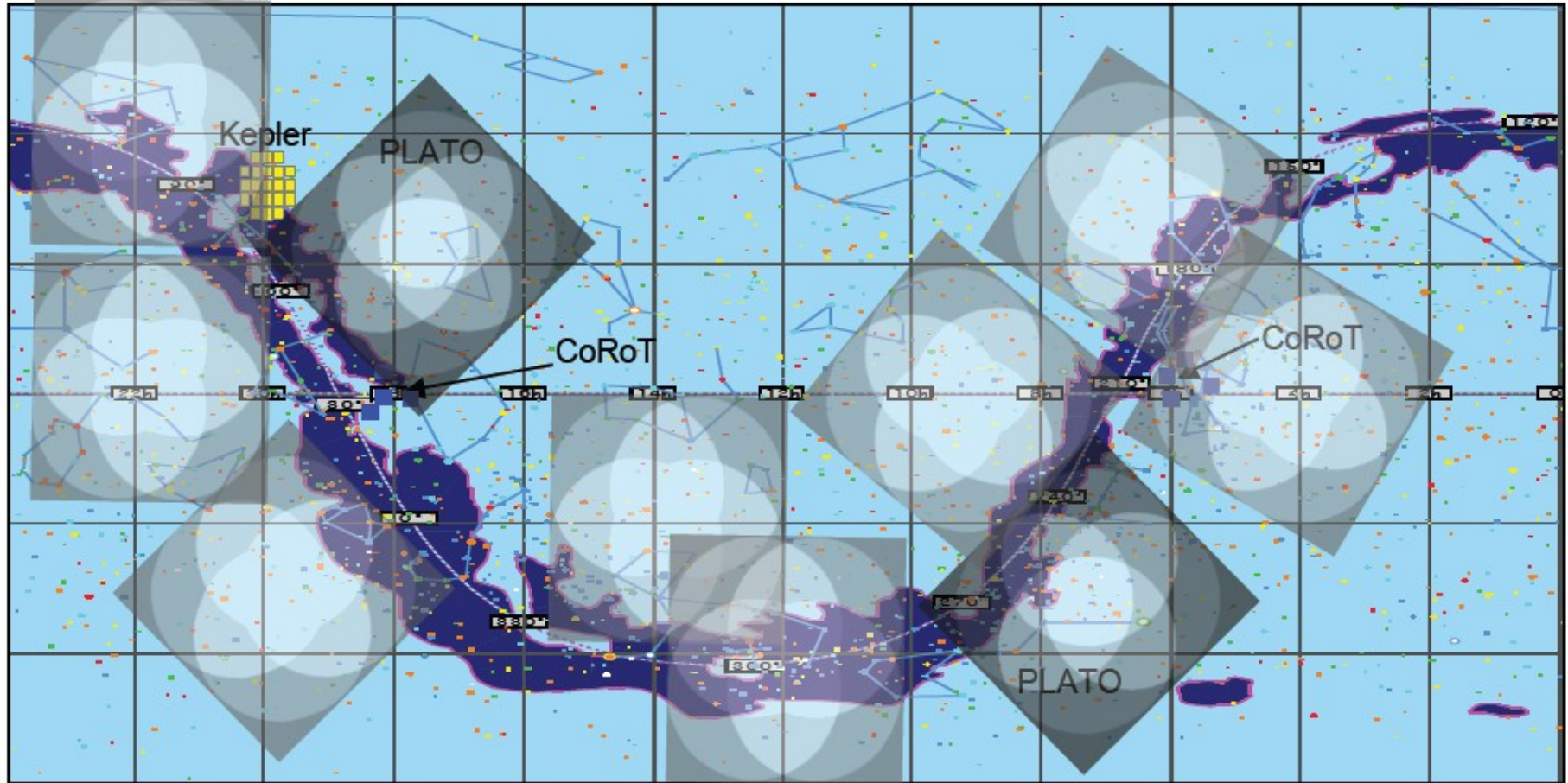


$3.4 \times 10^{-5}$  in 1 hr for high S/N transit measurement: also required for seismic analysis



# Observation strategy and sky coverage

1. two long pointings : 3 years or 2 years
2. « step&stare » phase (1 or 2 years) :  $N$  fields 2-5 months each



**~ 50% of the sky !**

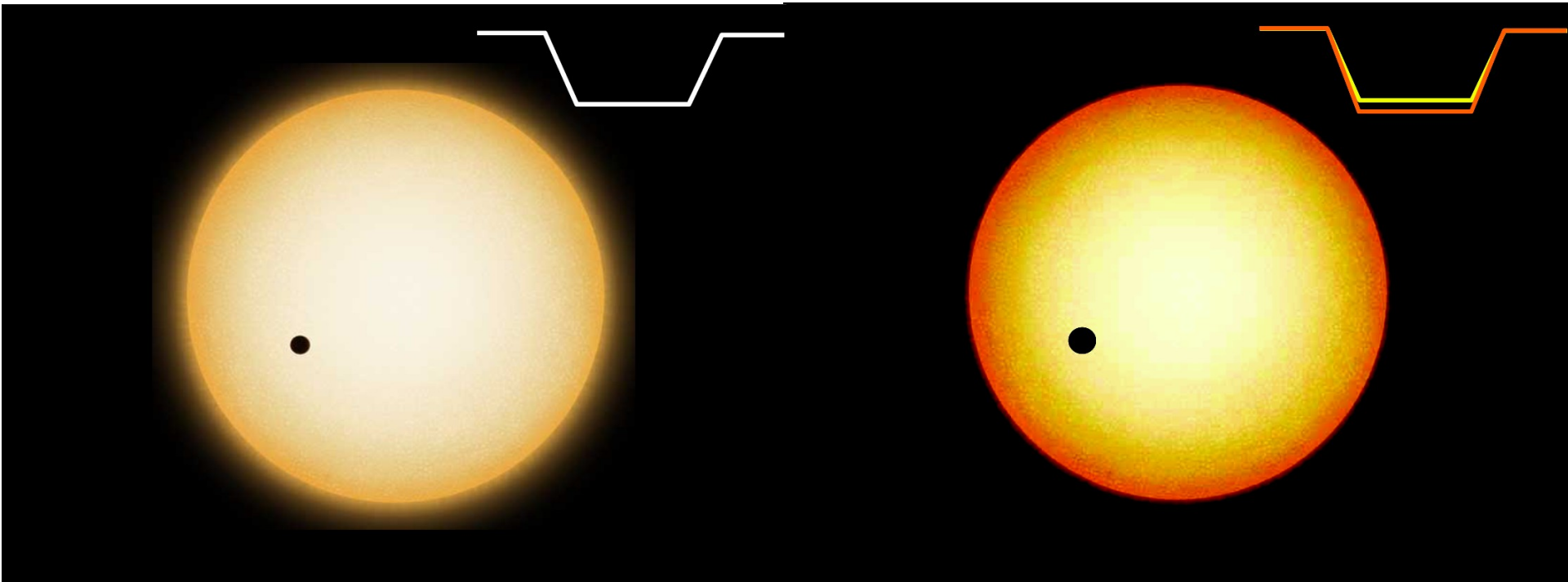




# Transit light curves and stellar atmospheres



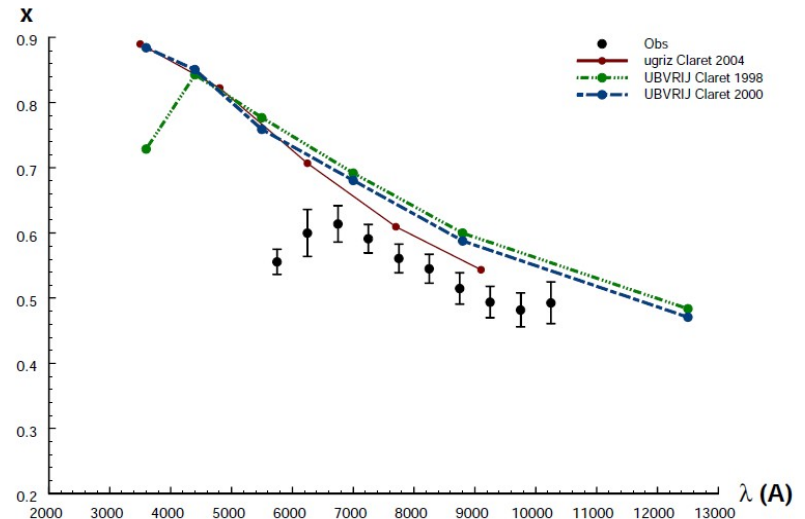
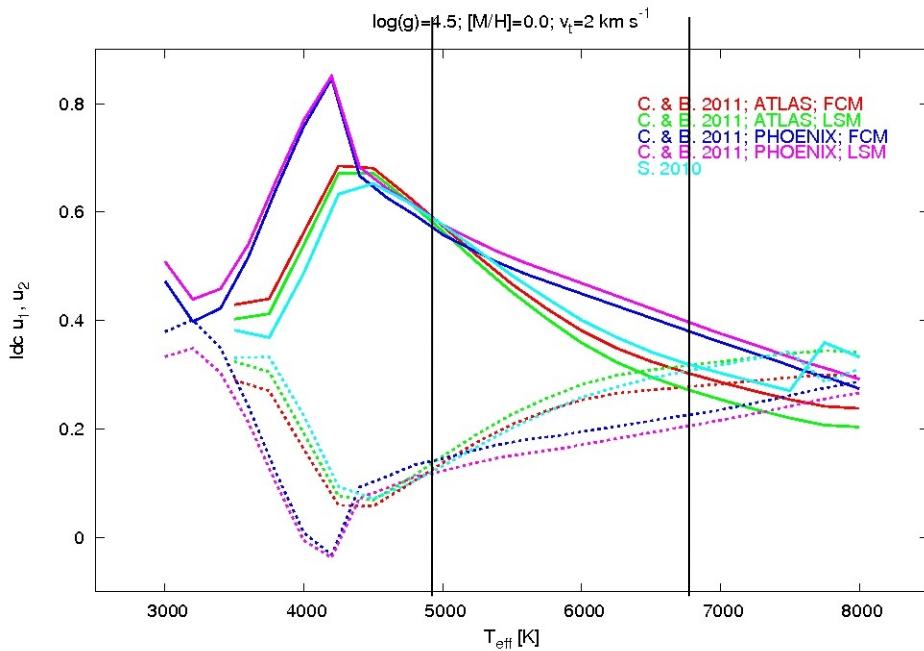
# Transits with and without Limb-Darkening



Limb darkening is a function of:

- effective surface temperature
- wavelength
- metalicity, surface gravity,
- microturbulence





Right: inverse limb darkening in HD 189733

(Abuhakeerov et al. 2012 arXiv)

Left: comparison of Sing (A&A 510, A21, 2010)

and Claret & Bloemen (A&A 529, A75, 2011)

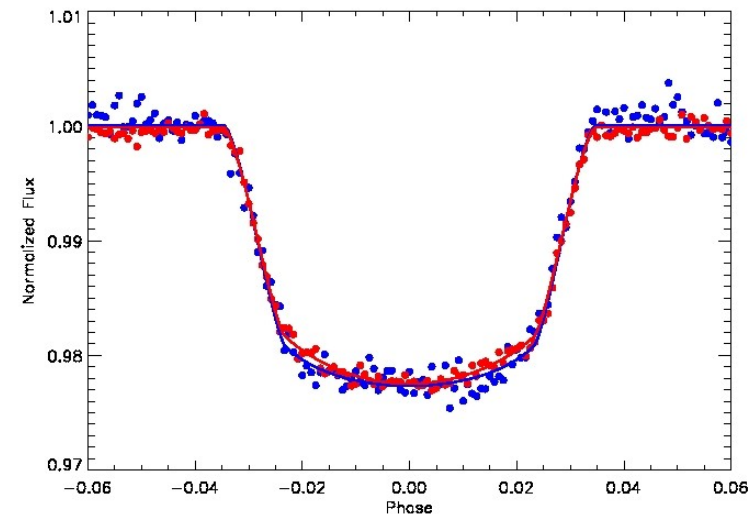
**CoRoT host stars (Csizmadia et al. 2012a):**

24 systems, 25 transiting planets

14 coloured+white Lcs:

8 has normal behaviour (57%)

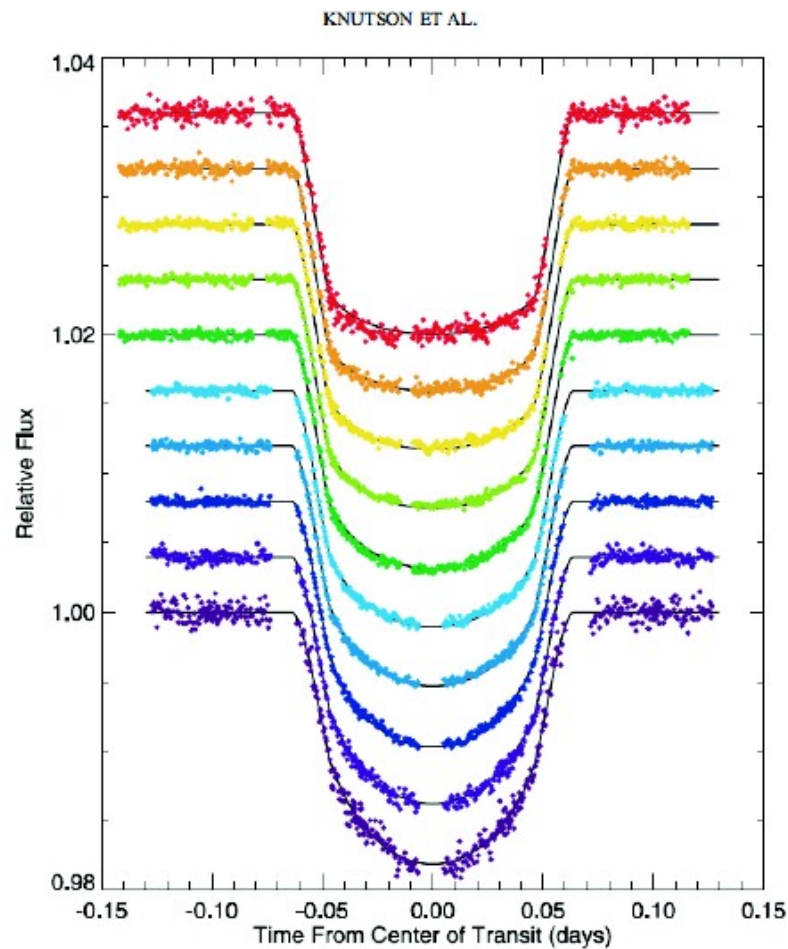
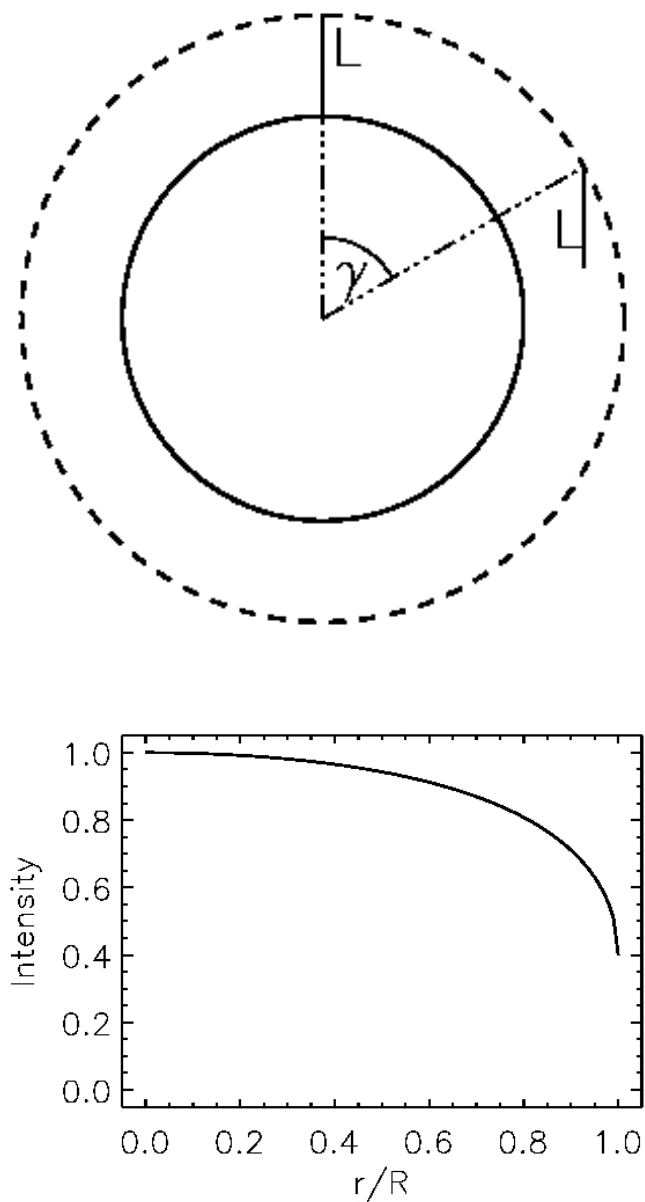
6 has inverse behaviour (43%)



# How does it work?

$$\delta = 1 - \cos \gamma$$

$$I(r) = I(0) (1 - u_1 \delta - u_2 \delta^2 - \dots)$$



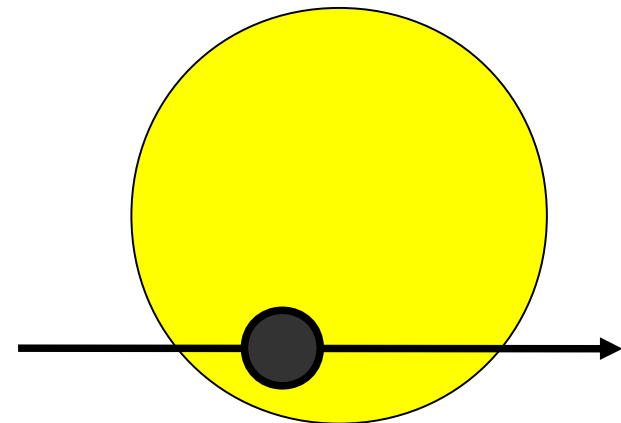
# How to measure planet-to-stellar radius ratio?

$$F_{star} = \oint I(r) \cos \gamma dA_{star}$$

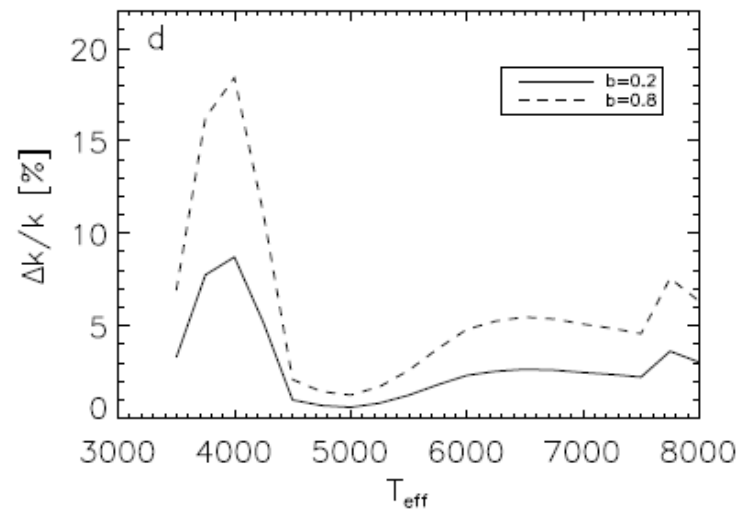
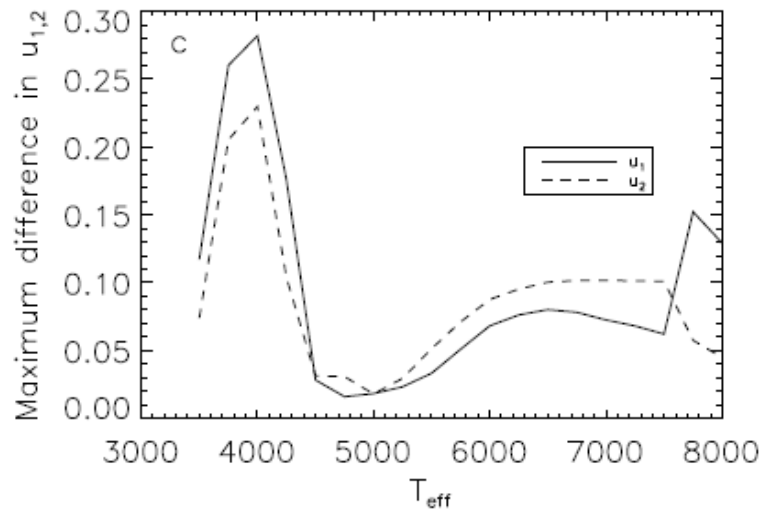
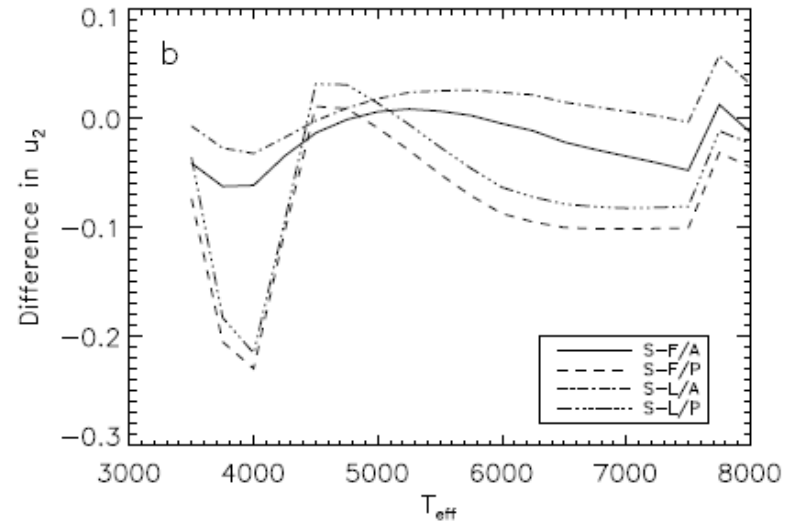
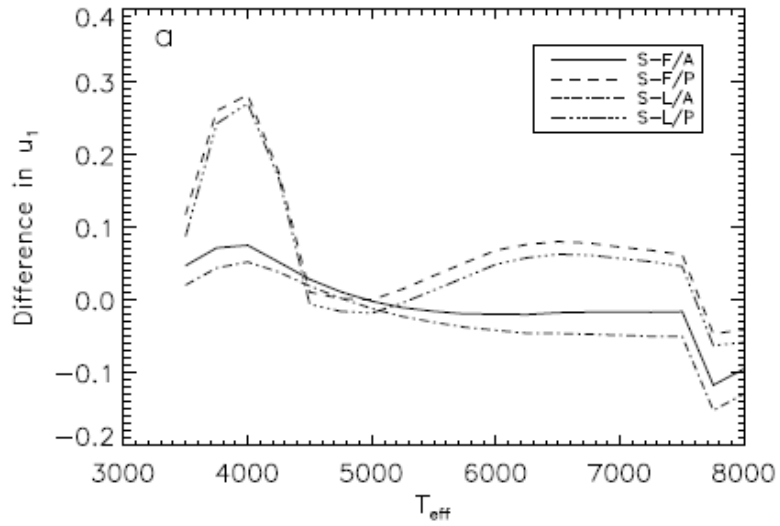
$$F_{star} = \pi R_{star}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{u_1}{3} - \frac{u_2}{6} - \dots \right) \times f_{distance} \times f_{absorption} \times f_{extinction}$$

$$\Delta F_{blocked} \approx \pi R_{planet}^2 \left( 1 - u_1 \delta - u_2 \delta^2 - \dots \right) \times f_{distance} \times f_{absorption} \times f_{extinction}$$

$$\frac{\Delta F_{blocked}}{F_{star}} = \left( \frac{R_{planet}}{R_{star}} \right)^2 \frac{1 - u_1 \delta - u_2 \delta^2 - \dots}{1 - \frac{u_1}{3} - \frac{u_2}{6} - \dots}$$









# Reasons for misunderstanding limb darkening coefficients (Csizmadia et al. 2012b, A&A submitted)

## **Theory of limb darkening predictions:**

- (1) different numerical methods for the calculation.
- (2) Plane parallel vs spherical symmetry.
- (3) 1D vs 3D model differences.
- (4) Convection in stellar atmospheres.

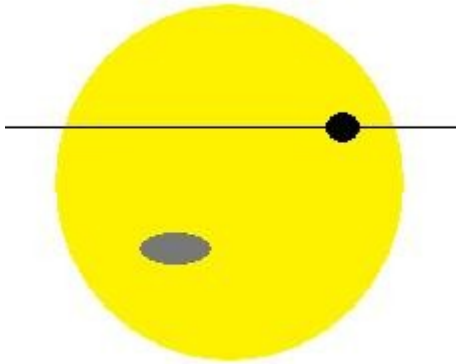
## **Factors not under consideration in theory:**

- (5) Uncertainties in the input stellar parameters ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$ , FeH).
- (6) Systematic underestimation of the errors of the input stellar parameters.
- (7) Systematic errors in the stellar structure models due to neglect of spots
- (8) Systematic errors in the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  determination due to spots
- (9) Inhomogeneities of the stellar surface: we observe a mixture but models calculate for homogeneous stellar surfaces
- (10) Interactions with ellipsoidal shape, reflection effects etc.



### Type I

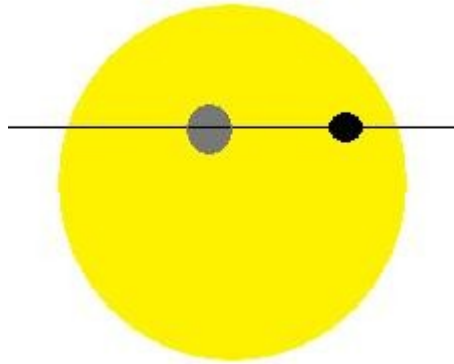
Temporary,  
not occulted



Can be removed by  
baseline-fitting

### Type II

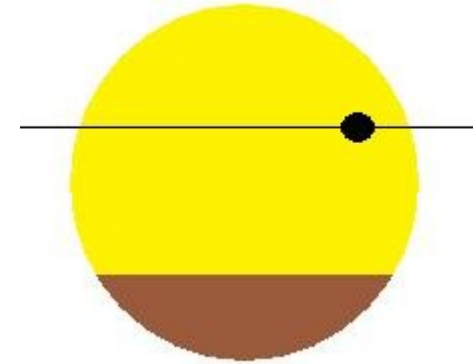
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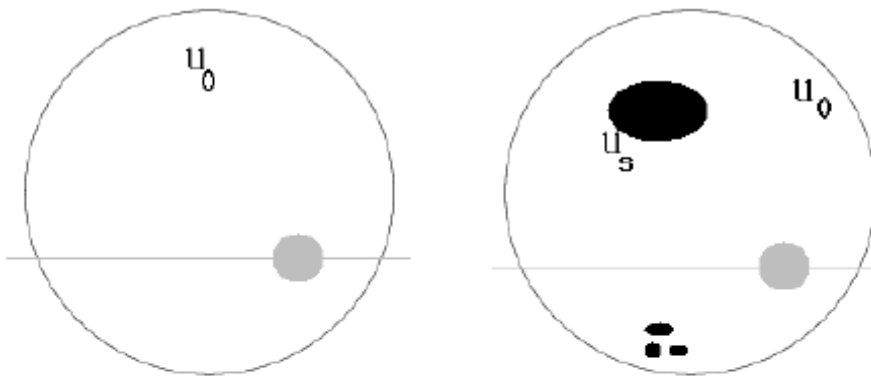
### Type III

Long life-time,  
inclination/slow rotation

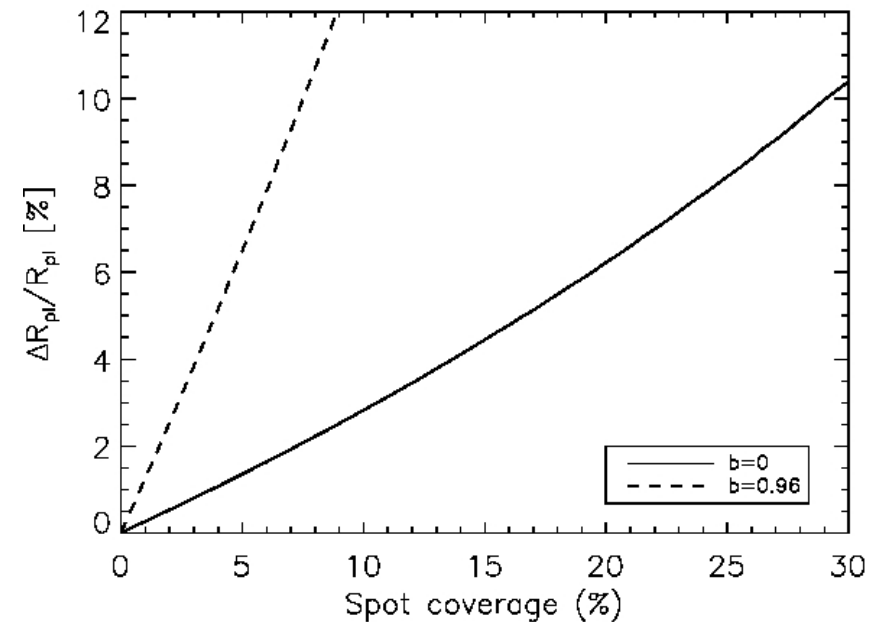


No LC modulation or  
sudden change

# Effect of spots on limb darkening coefficients



**Fig. 4.** Illustration of the effect of Type I spots. Left: the planet crosses an unmaculated star which is characterised with some limb darkening coefficient  $u_0$ . Right: the planet crosses the apparent stellar disc of a spotted star, where the spots and the planet have different impact parameters as well as the stellar photosphere and the spots have different limb darkening coefficients ( $u_0$ ,  $u_s$ ). Gray area is the planet, black ellipses are representing the spots.

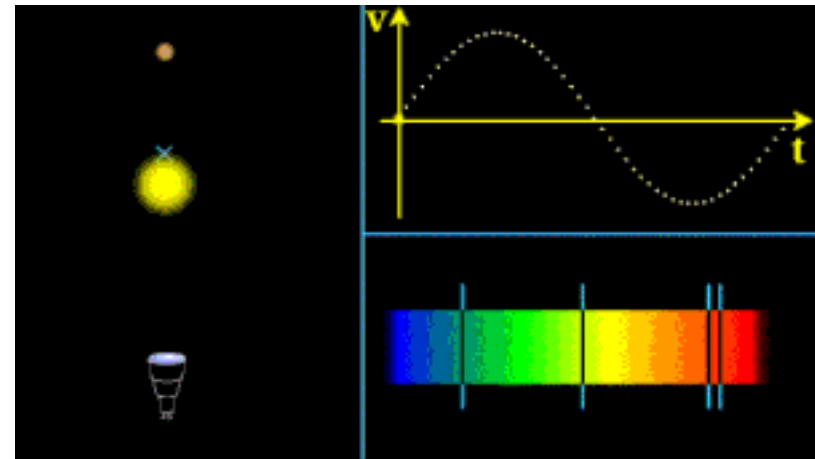


# How precisely do we know the planet parameters at all?

$$R_p = k R_s$$

$$M_p \sin i \approx M_s^{2/3} K \sqrt{1 - e^2} \left( \frac{P}{2\pi G} \right)^{1/3}$$

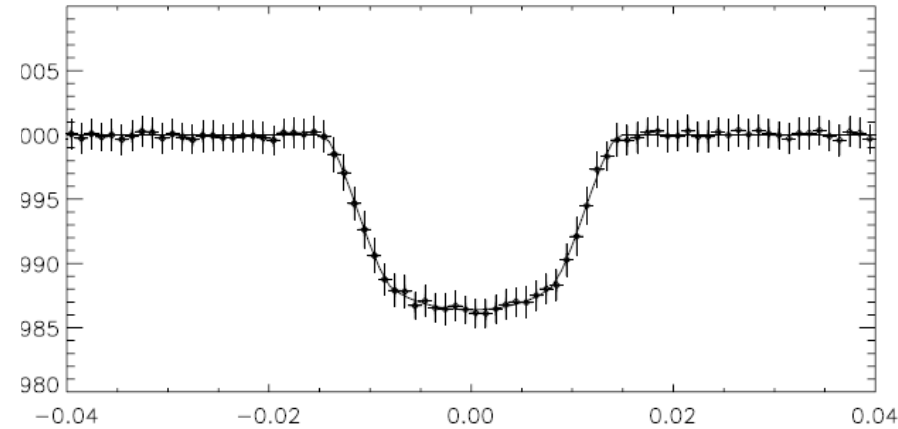
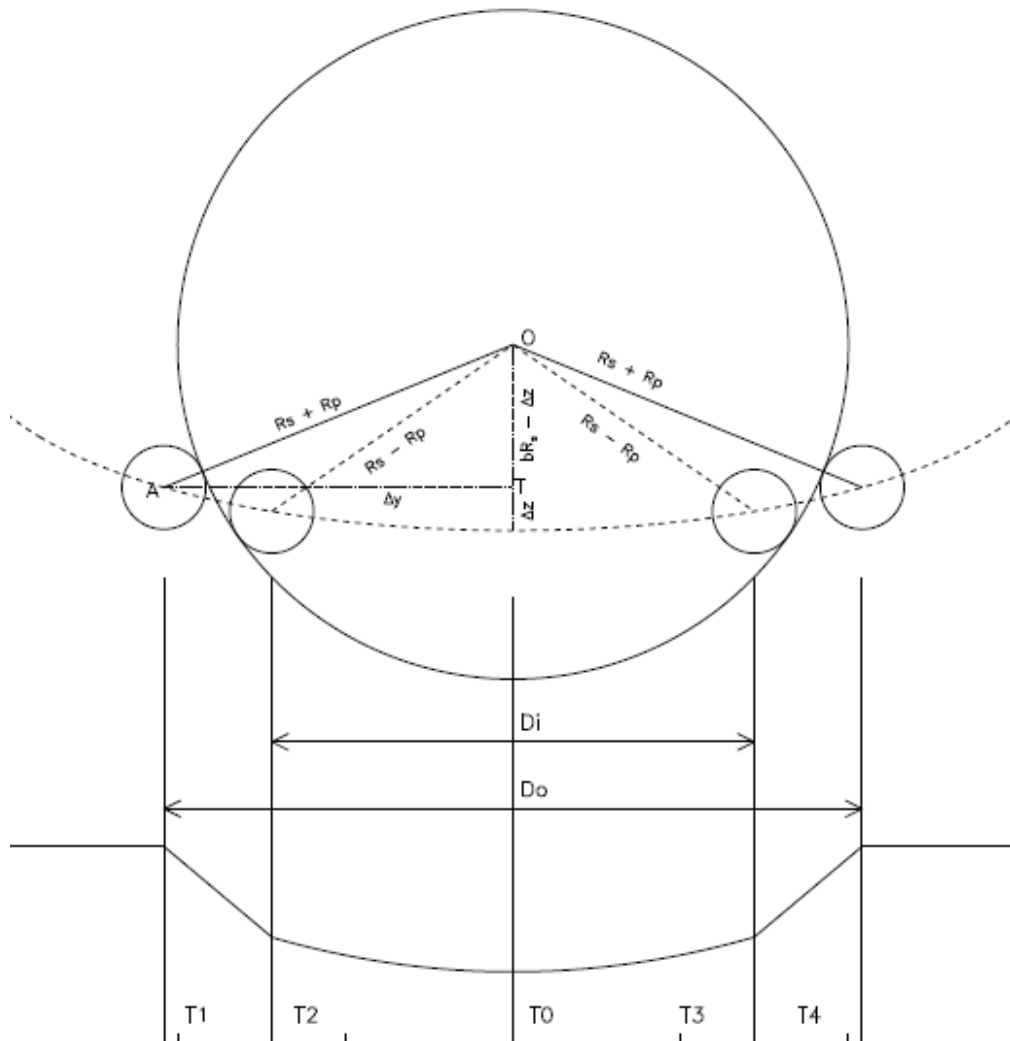
Precision in radius/mass:



- quoted errors are sometimes below 5%
- LD not good: k up to 40%
- stellar masses from isochrone-fit (future: asteroseismology)
- Clausen et al (2009): evolutionary calculated radii of <1 Msun stars are not supported by observations
- Torres et al.:  $R_s$ ,  $M_s$  can be different by 20% due to spots. (logg : up to 100%)
- very low mass stars (dM): role of magnetic field
- very likely many error bars are underestimated and many planet parameters are necessary to revise



# Limb darkening free way for radius ratio



CoRot-5b, Rauer et al.

$$V_y \times T_{10} = (R_s + R_p) \times f_{inclination}$$

$$V_y \times T_{20} = (R_s - R_p) \times f_{inclination}$$

For details see Csizmadia  
2012c, A&A



# New and planned projects to solve old problems and to open way of new science

- (a) **Ultraprecise photometry**: better radius, mass; exorings, exomoons; smaller planets.
- (b) **Longer observational windows**: long-period planets ( $P_{\text{Earth}} = 1 \text{ yr}$ ); mass-determination improvements; TTVs (Love-numbers,  $J_2$ , internal structure properties via tidal interaction between star/planet and planet/moon). Hot Jupiters are lonely?
- (c) Formation of moons?
- (e) Stellar masses, radius, **age of the system via asteroseismology** (SNR, run length). How systems evolve (dynamically) and how planets vary in time? (E.g. Earth changed a lot during Gyrs.)
- (f) Bright stars (SNR): detection of bioindicators, temperature distribution in atmospheres (life, stability, content).
- (g) Volcanism on planets; detection of artificial objects.



# Summary

- (1) Highlights of exoplanetary researches.
- (2) The necessity of very precise planet parameters (1% in R, 2% in M).
- (3) The necessity of additional constrains (like J2 etc.)
- (4) Discussing some related effects which have impact on parameter determination. Deeper understanding and improvements are also presented.
- (5) Arguing for new, long-term, ultraprecise photometry from space.