



# Extrasolar Planets

Homework due next time (last class)  
- will count best 5 of 6

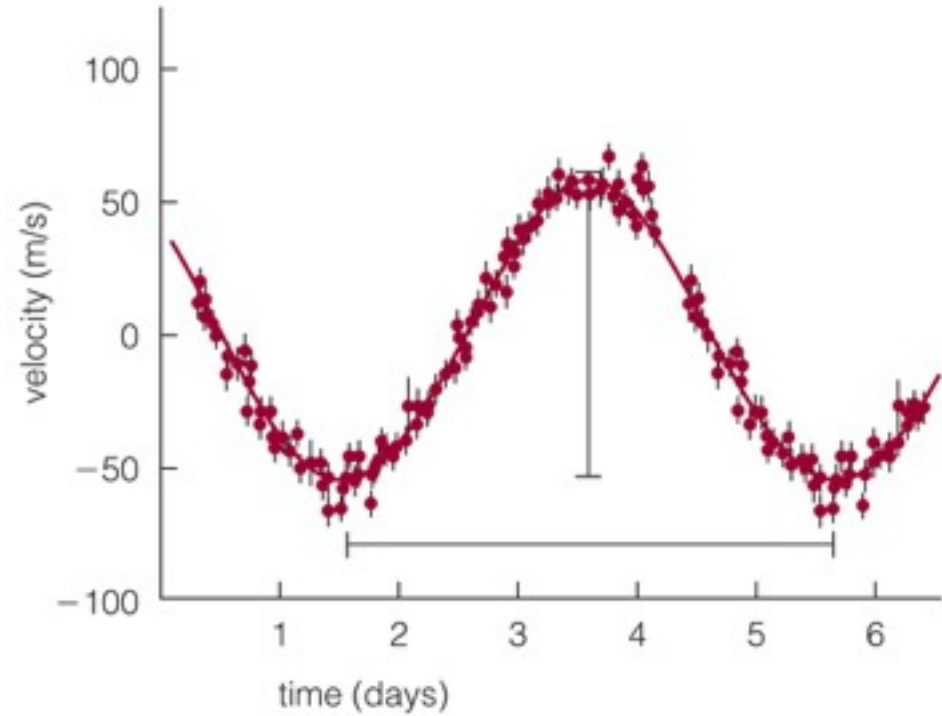
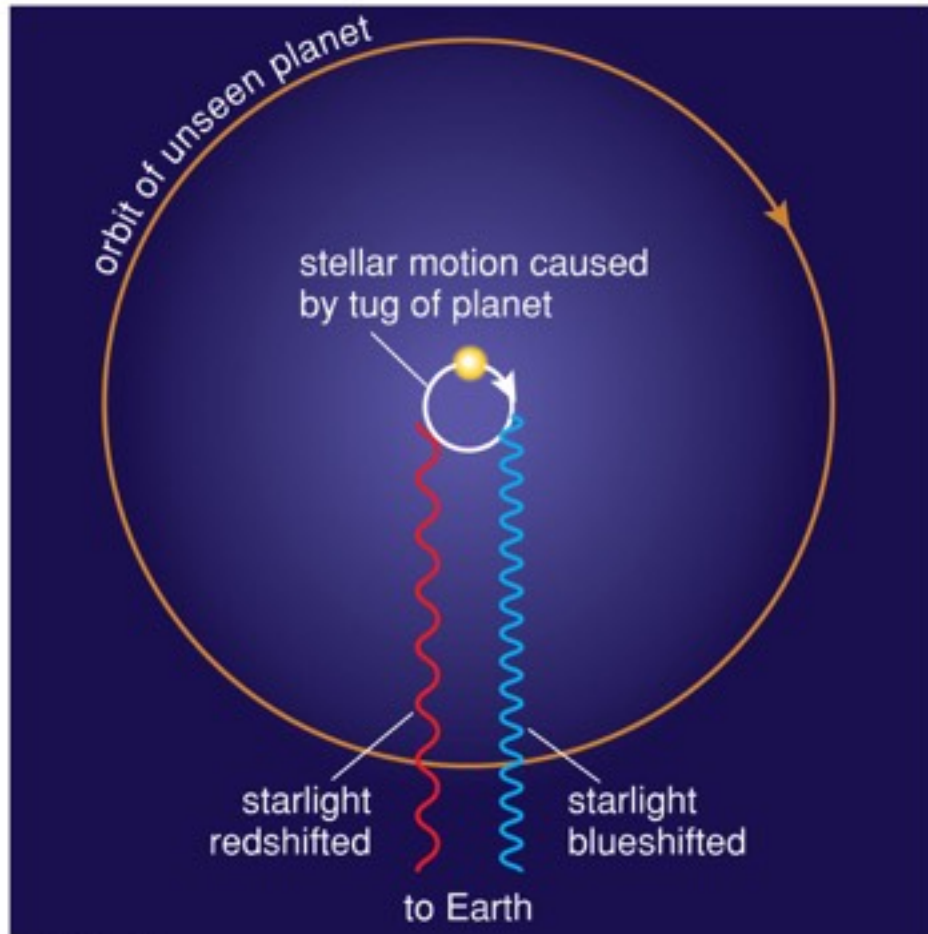
Final exam Dec. 20 @ 12:00 noon - here

# Planet Detection

- Direct: pictures or spectra of the planets themselves
- Indirect: measurements of stellar properties revealing the effects of orbiting planets
  - Astrometric method (face-on)
  - Doppler method (edge-on)
  - Transit method (edge-on)
  - Gravitational lensing



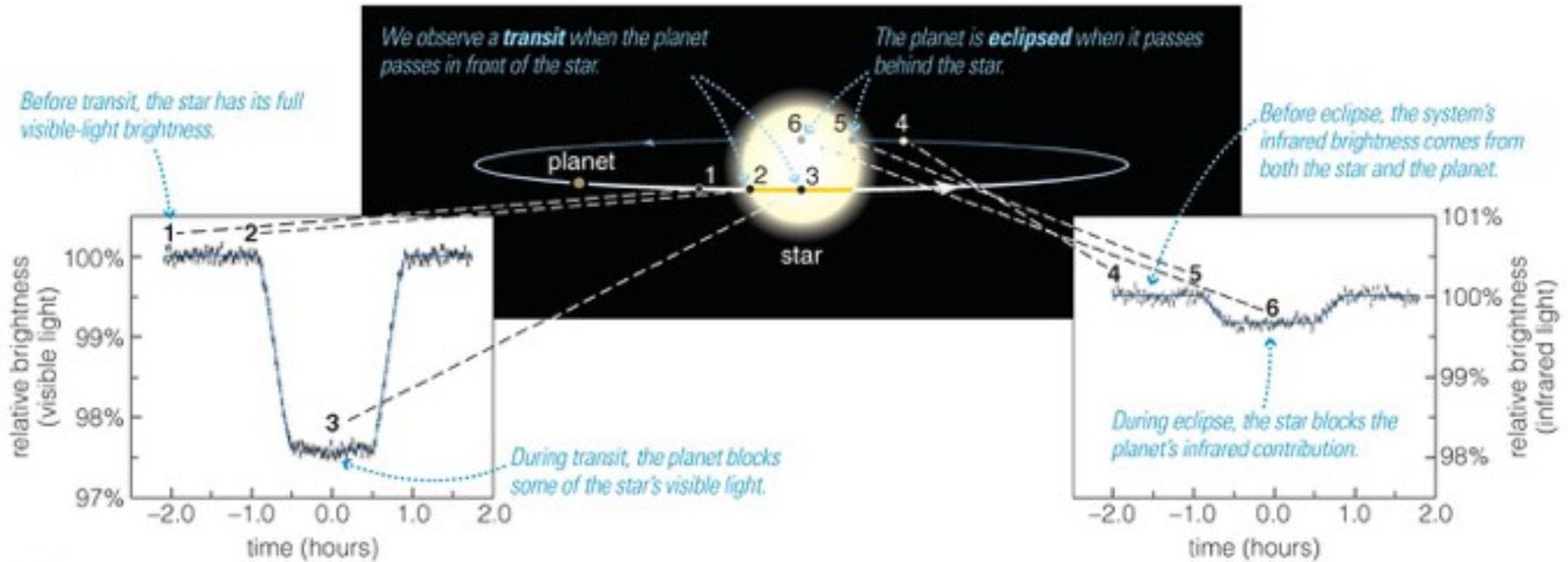
# Doppler Technique



a A periodic Doppler shift in the spectrum of the star 51 Pegasi shows the presence of a large planet with an orbital period of about 4 days. Dots are actual data points; bars through dots represent measurement uncertainty.

- Best seen edge-on

# Transit Technique



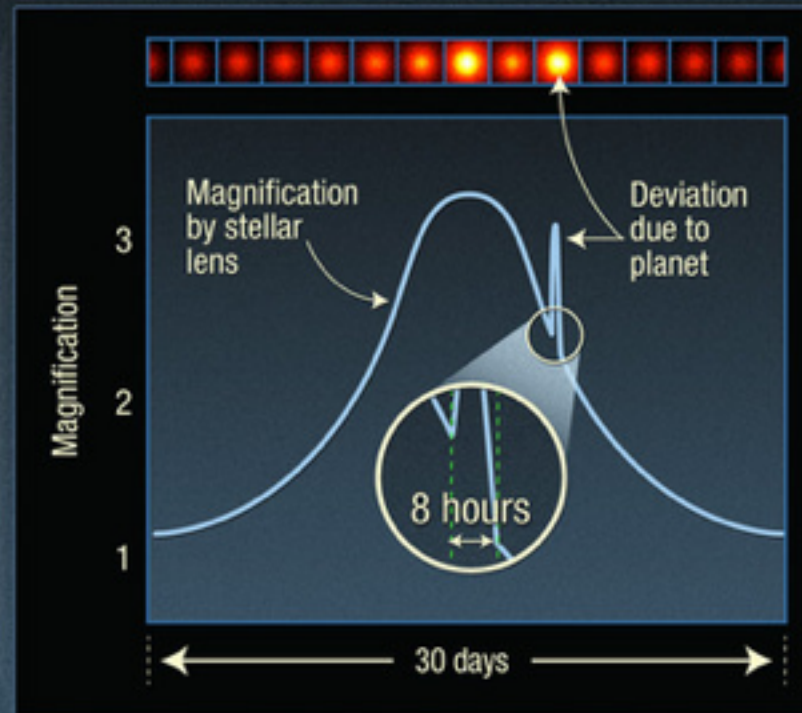
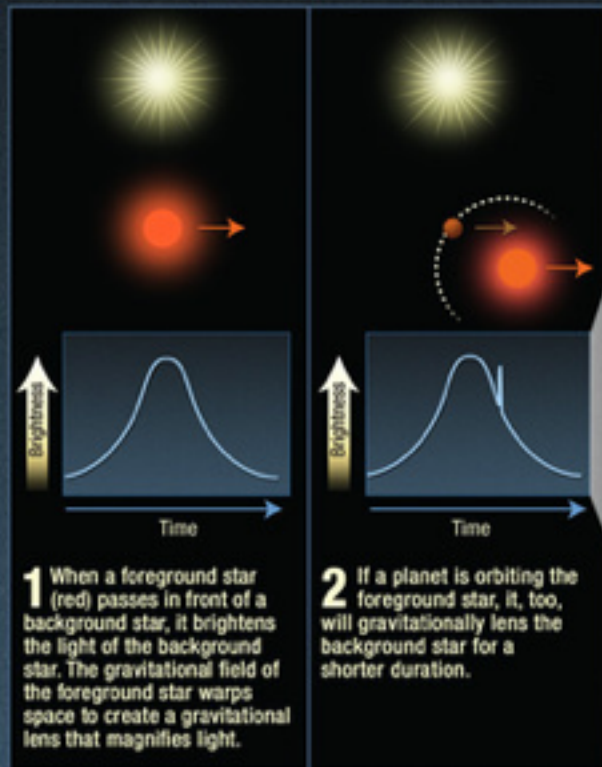
- A transit is when a planet crosses in front of a star.
- The resulting eclipse reduces the star's apparent brightness and tells us planet's radius.
  - best seen edge-on

# Gravitational lensing Technique

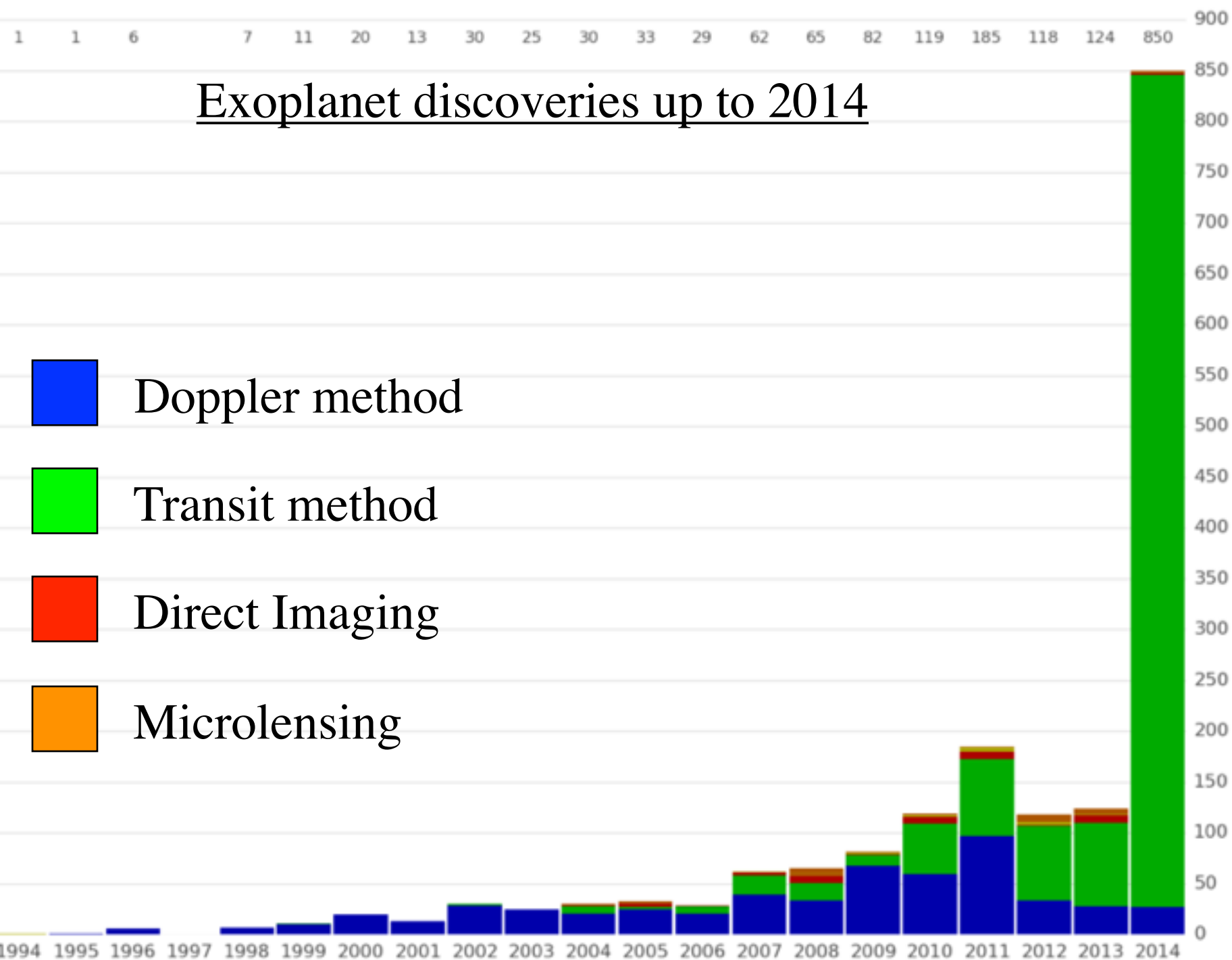
## Gravitation Microlensing



### Extrasolar planet detected by gravitational microlensing

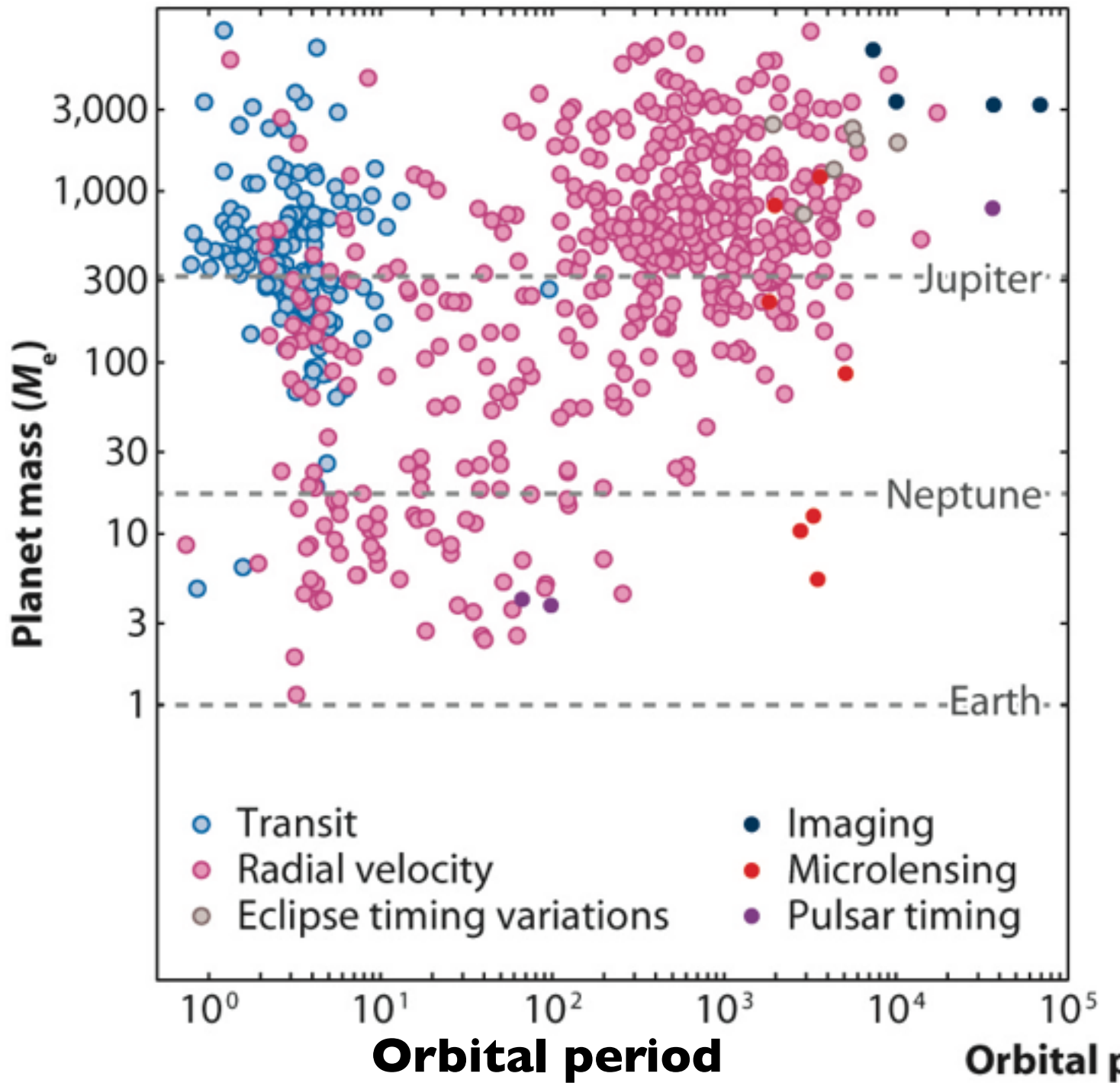


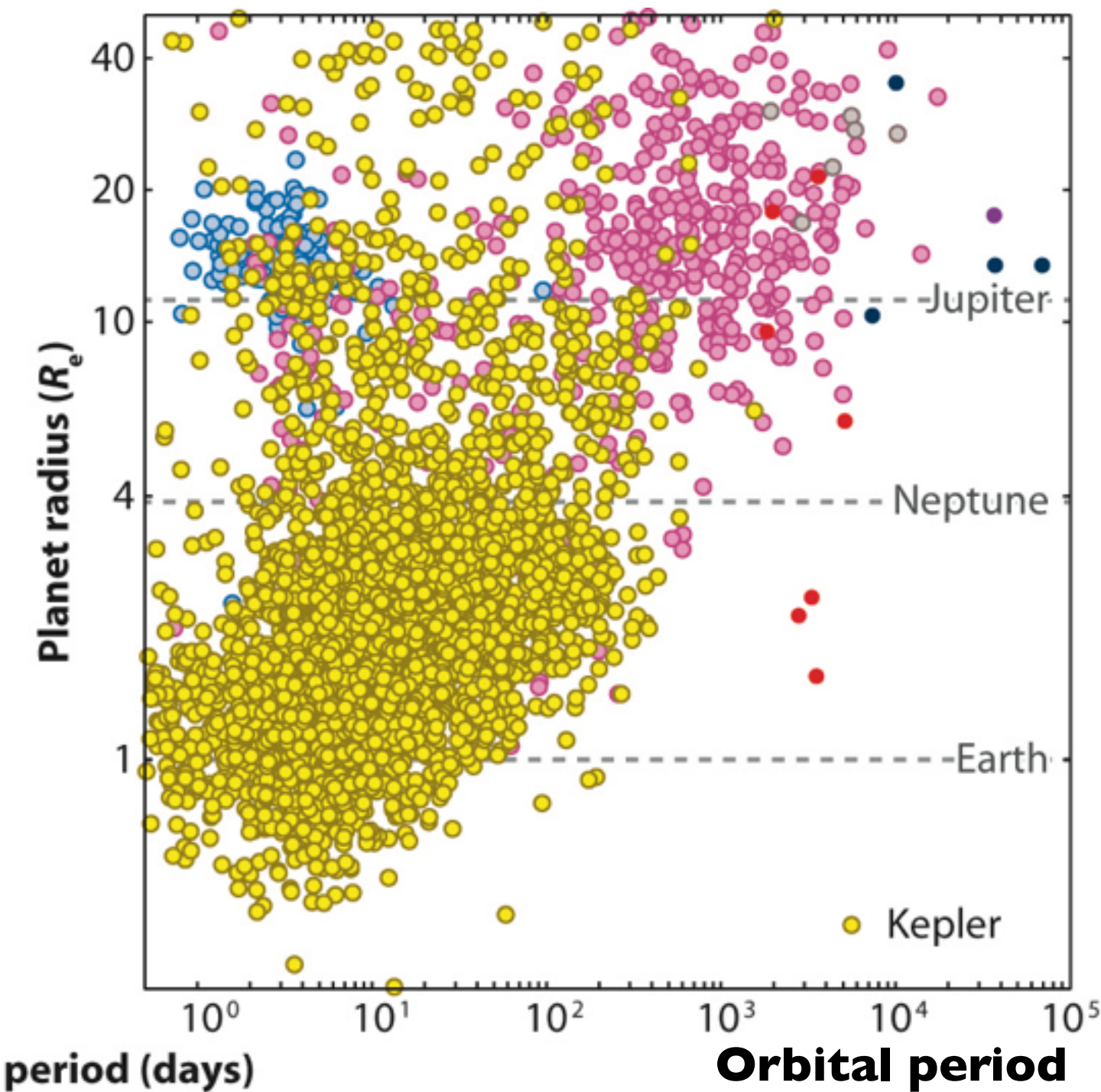
# Exoplanet discoveries up to 2014





All methods have strong selection effects

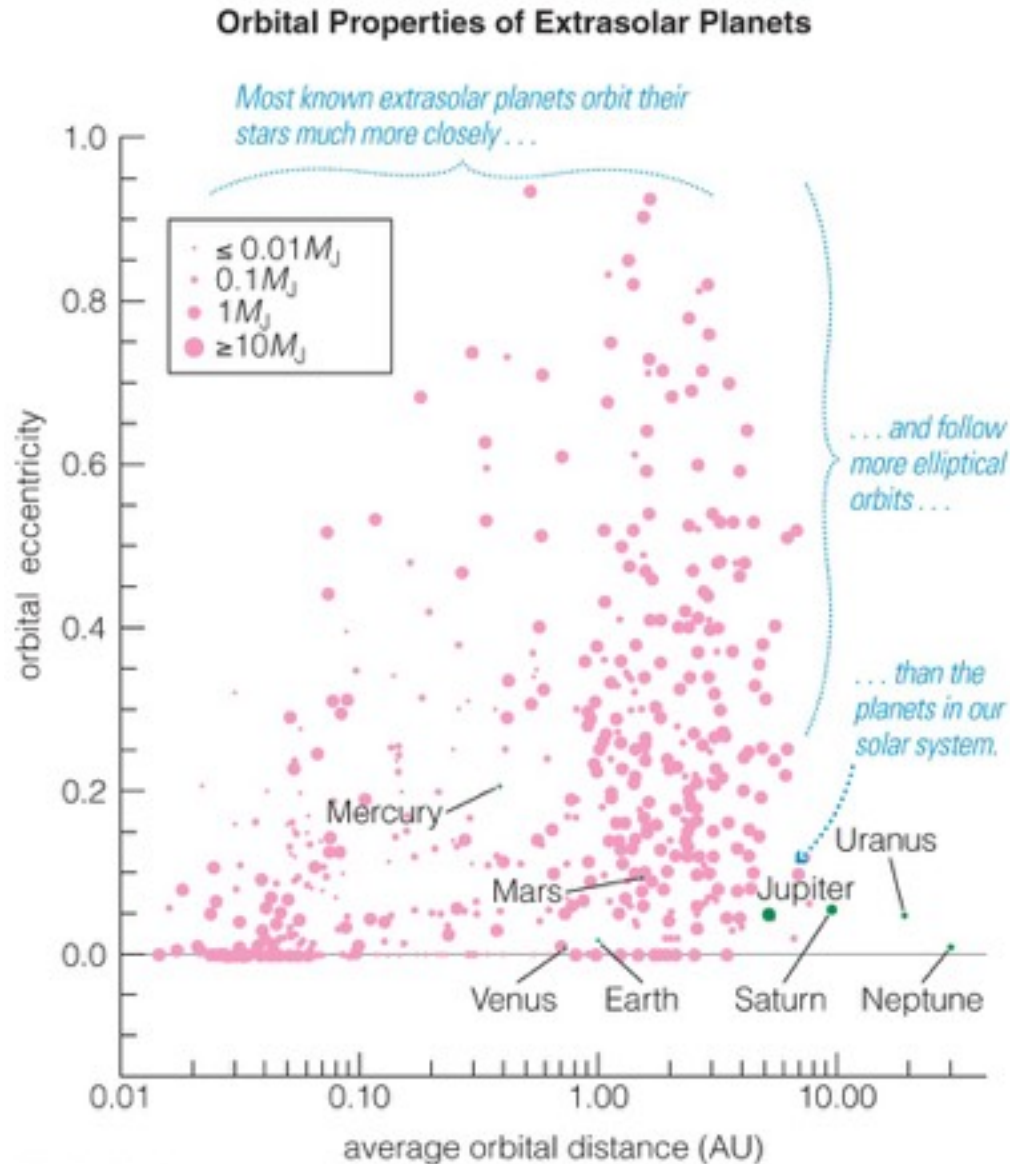




...and are good at measuring different things

Kepler is excellent at measuring radius; not necessarily mass.

# What properties of extrasolar planets can we measure?



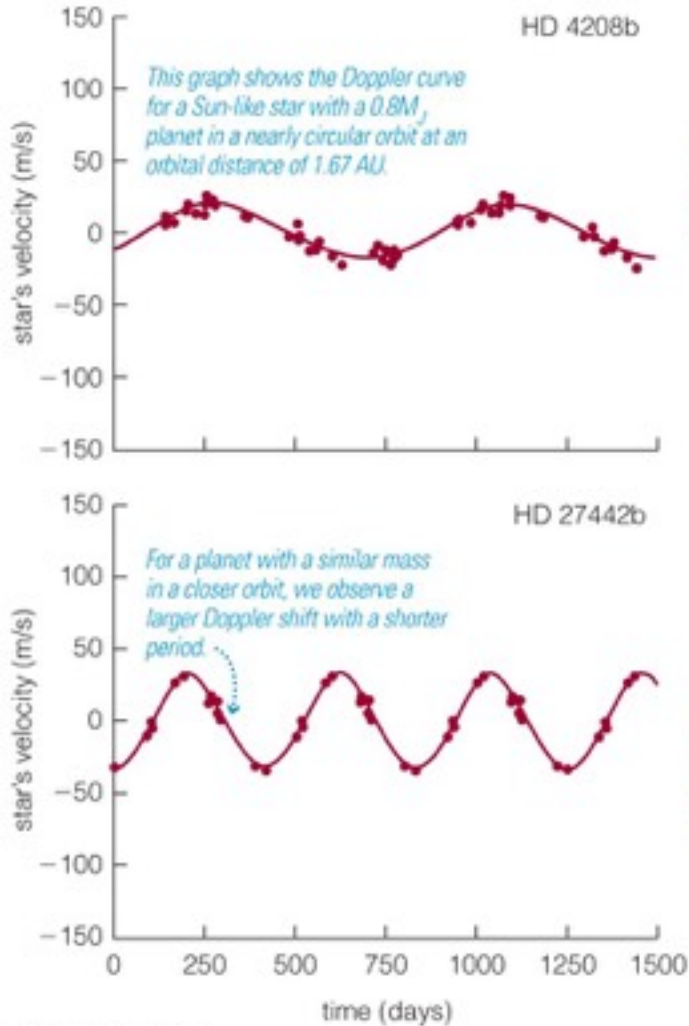
# Measurable Properties

- Orbital period, distance, and shape (eccentricity)
- Planet mass, size, and density
- Atmospheric properties (sometimes)

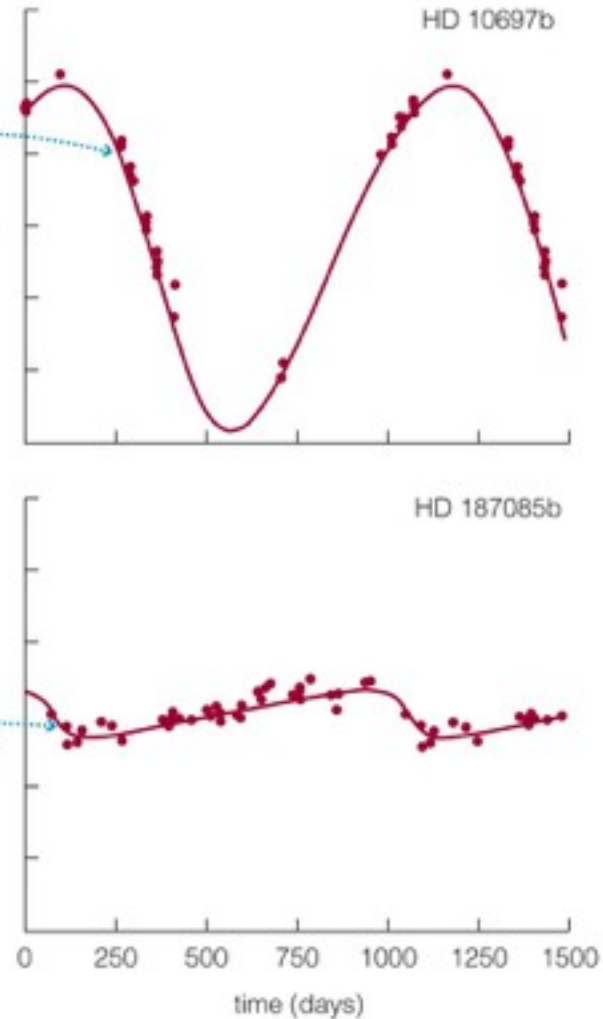
*Exoplanet app  
gives you scientific data  
for thousands of exoplanets*



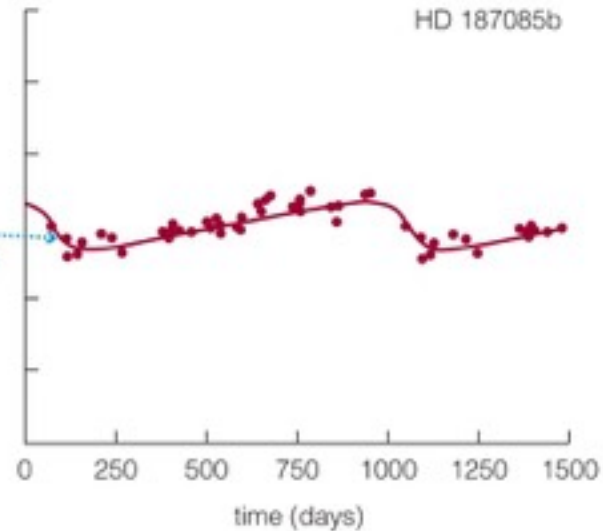
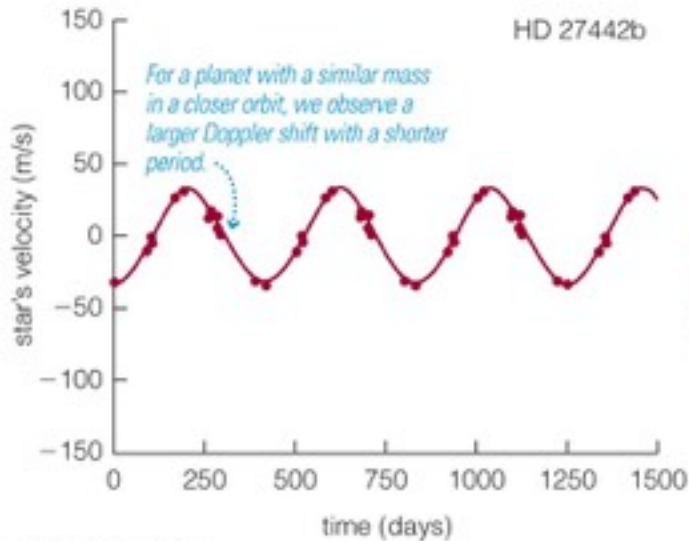
# What can Doppler shifts tell us?



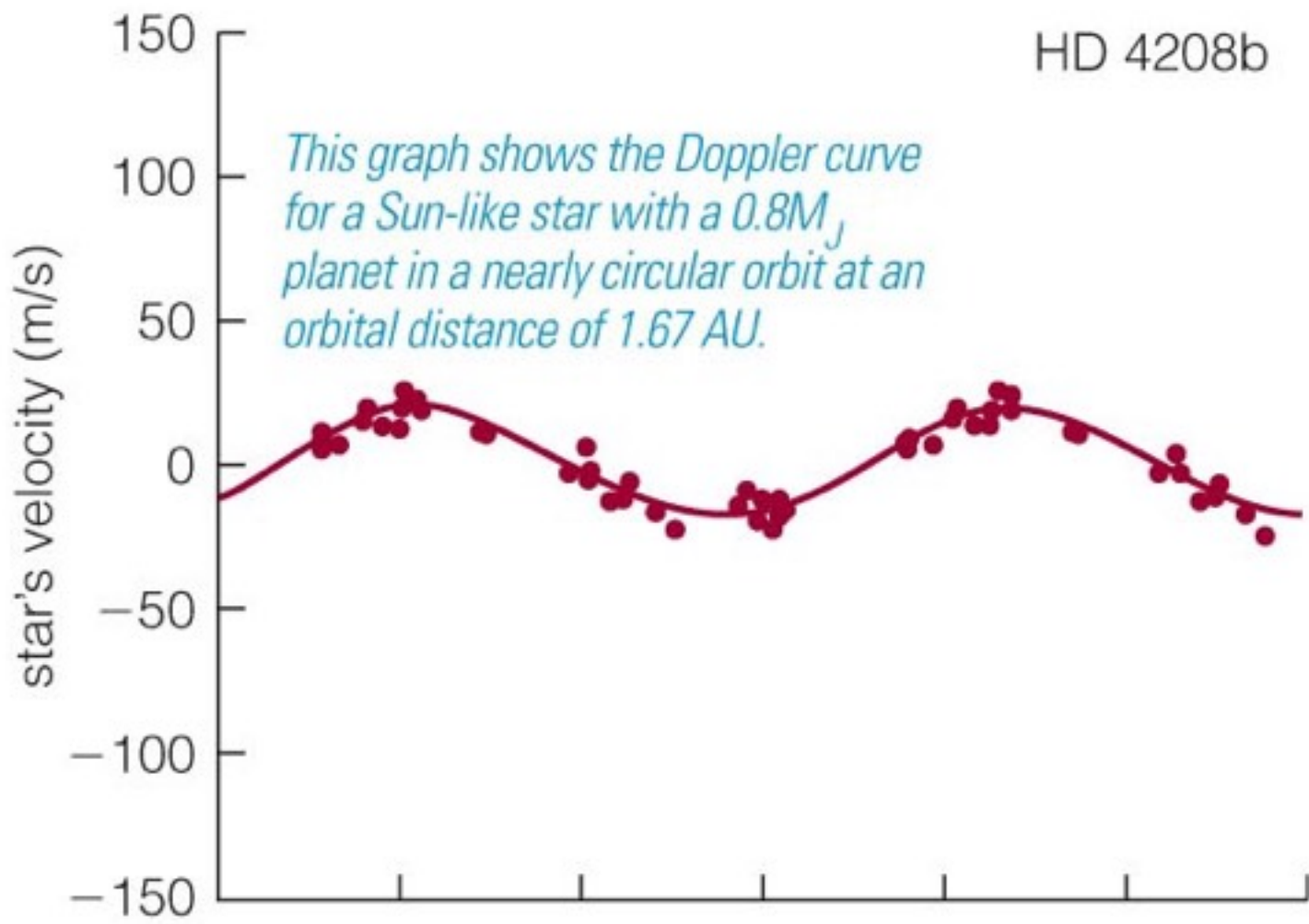
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For a planet in a more eccentric orbit, we observe an asymmetric Doppler curve.



- Doppler shift data tell us about a planet's mass and the shape of its orbit.

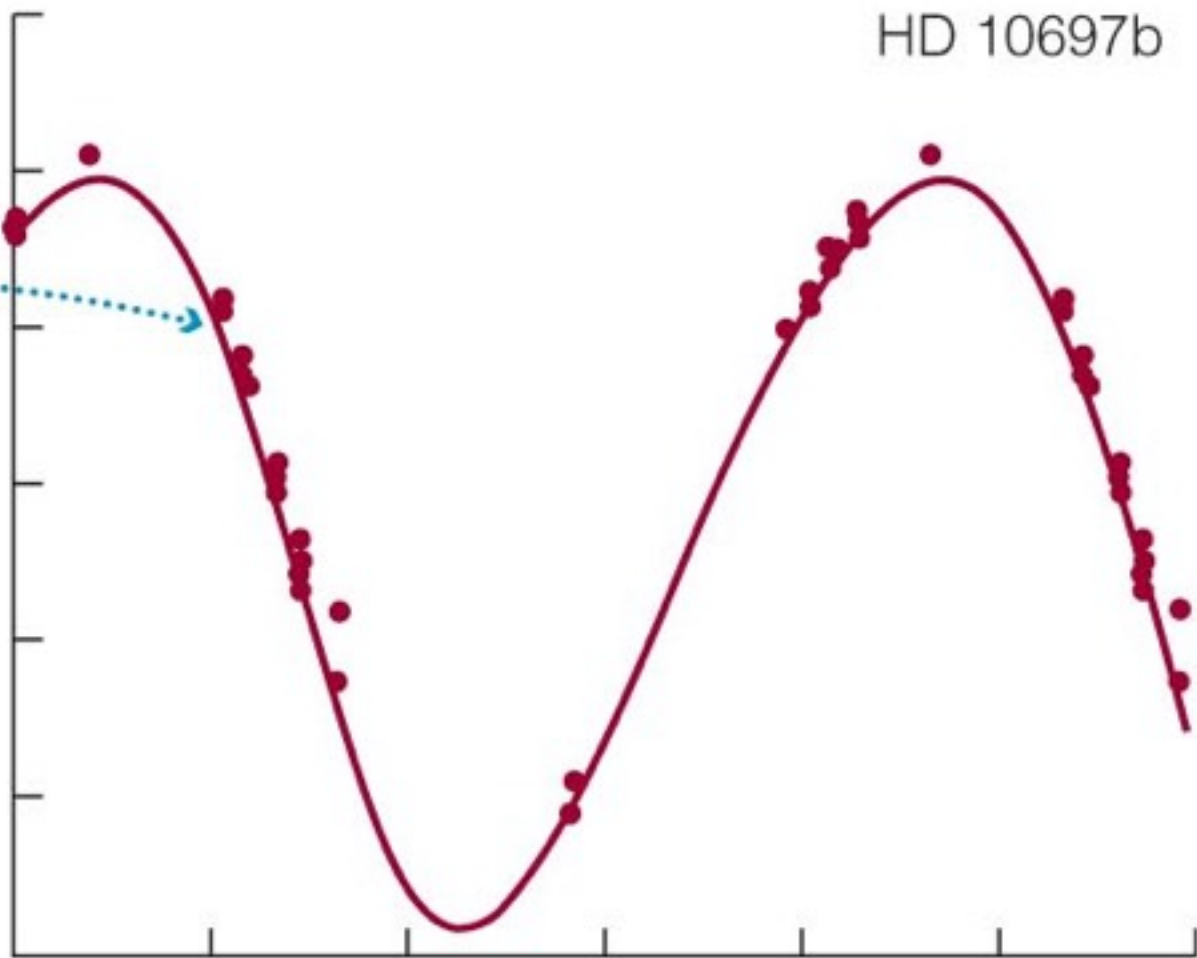


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HD 10697b

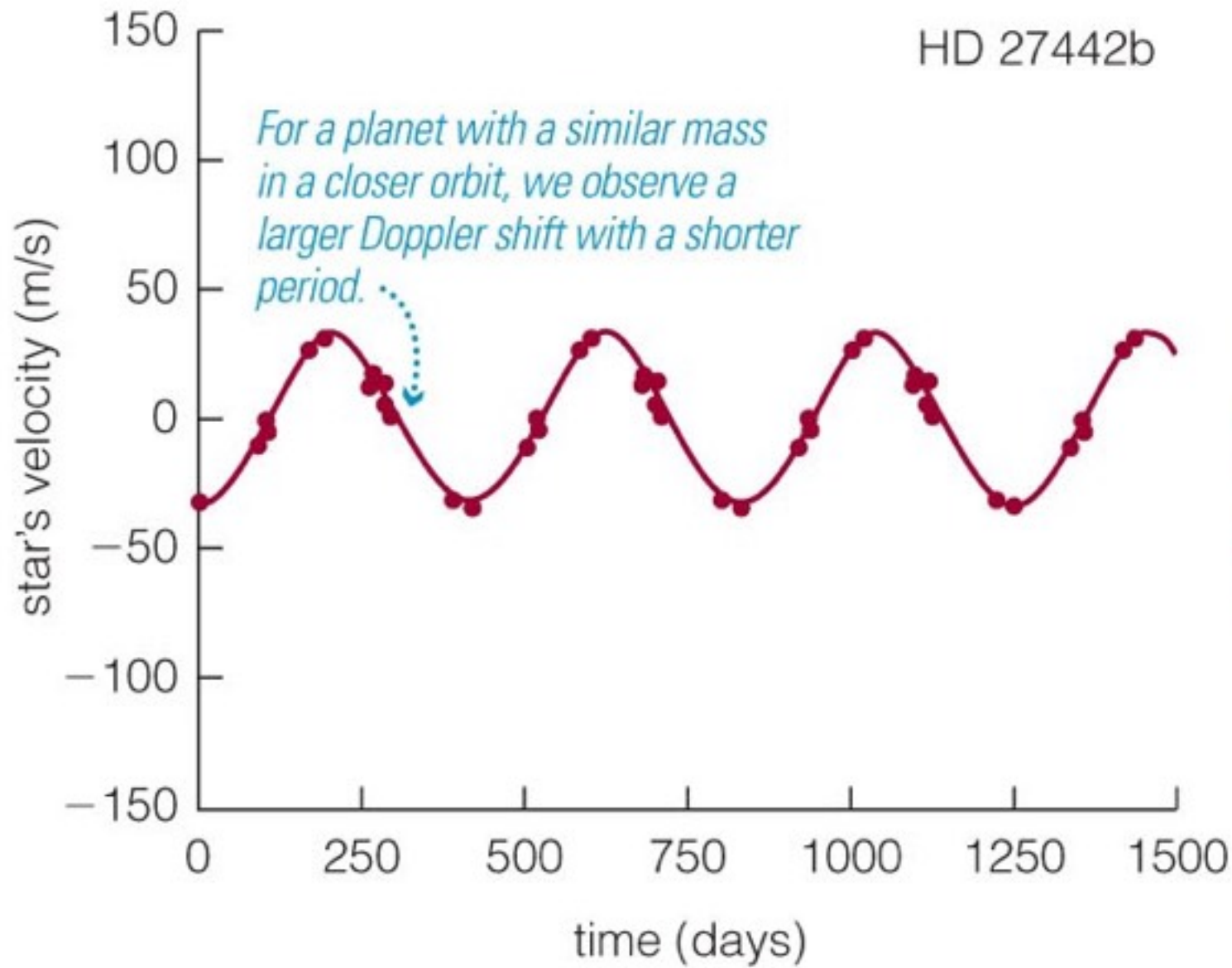
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HD 187085b



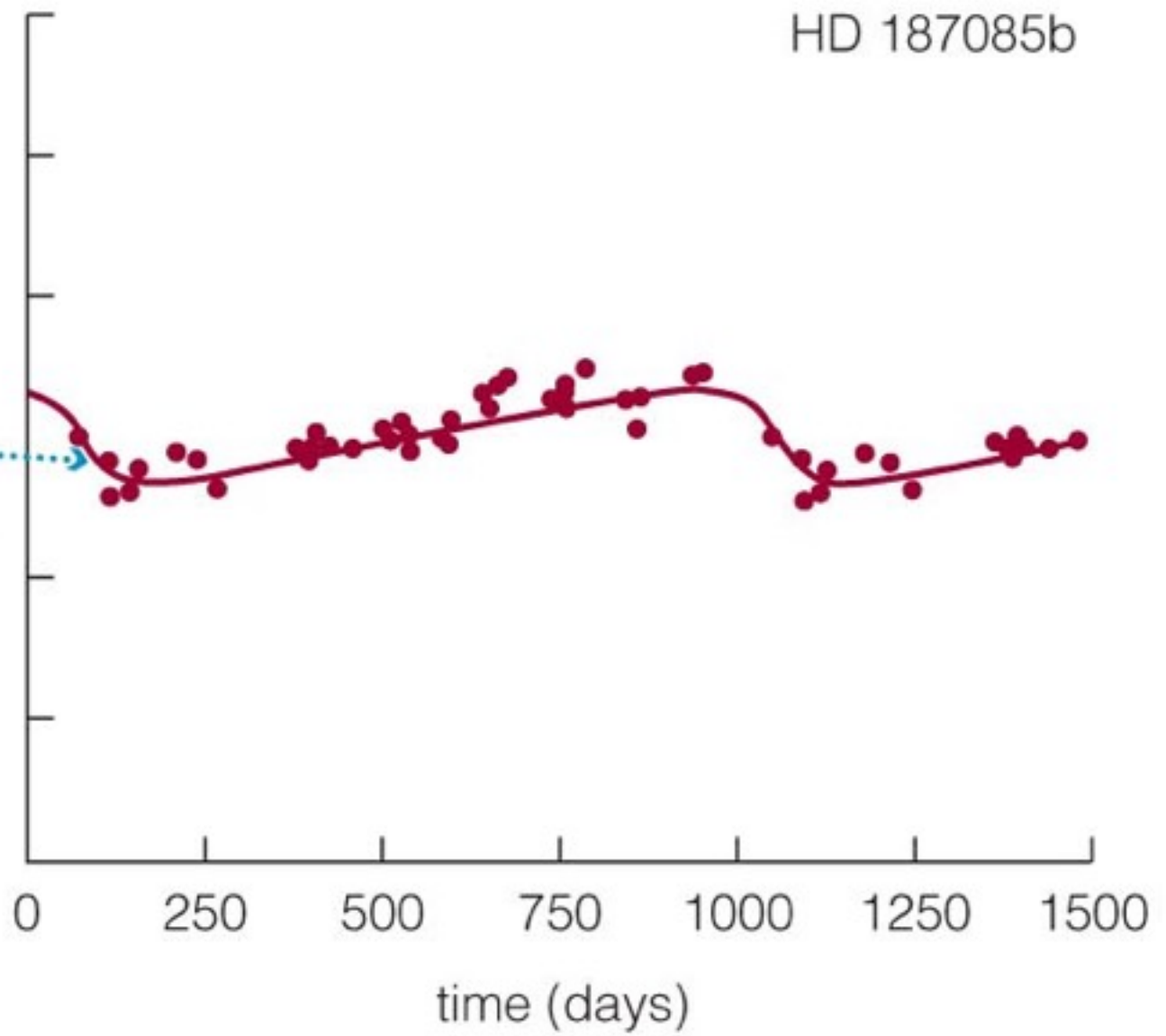
HD 27442b



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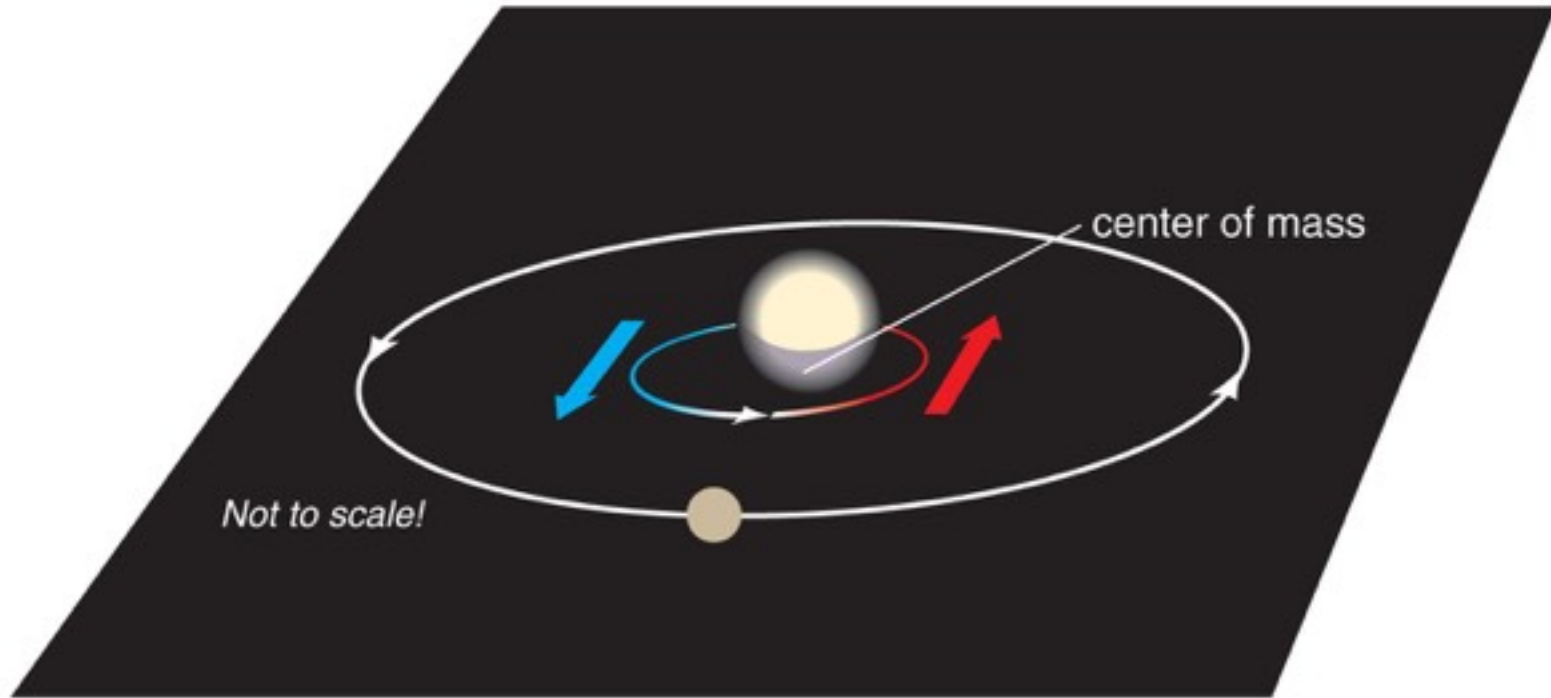


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# Planet Mass and Orbit Tilt

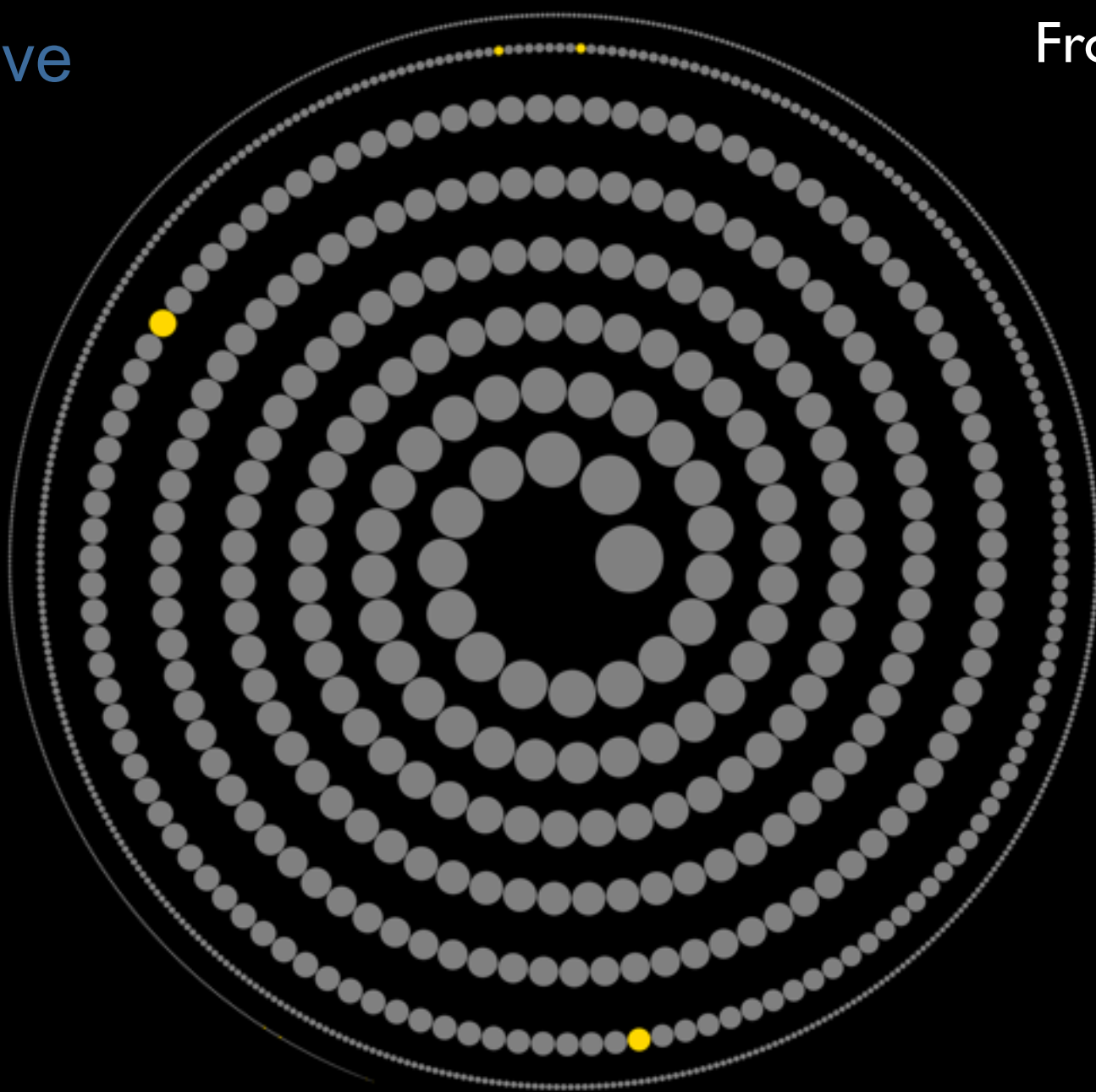


**b** We can detect a Doppler shift only if some part of the orbital velocity is directed toward or away from us. The more an orbit is tilted toward edge-on, the greater the shift we observe.

- We cannot measure an exact mass for a planet without knowing the tilt of its orbit, because Doppler shift tells us only the velocity toward or away from us.
- Doppler data give us lower limits on masses,  $M \sin(i)$

Relative  
Radii

From transits



*The Relative Sizes of  
Known Exoplanets and **Solar System Planets***

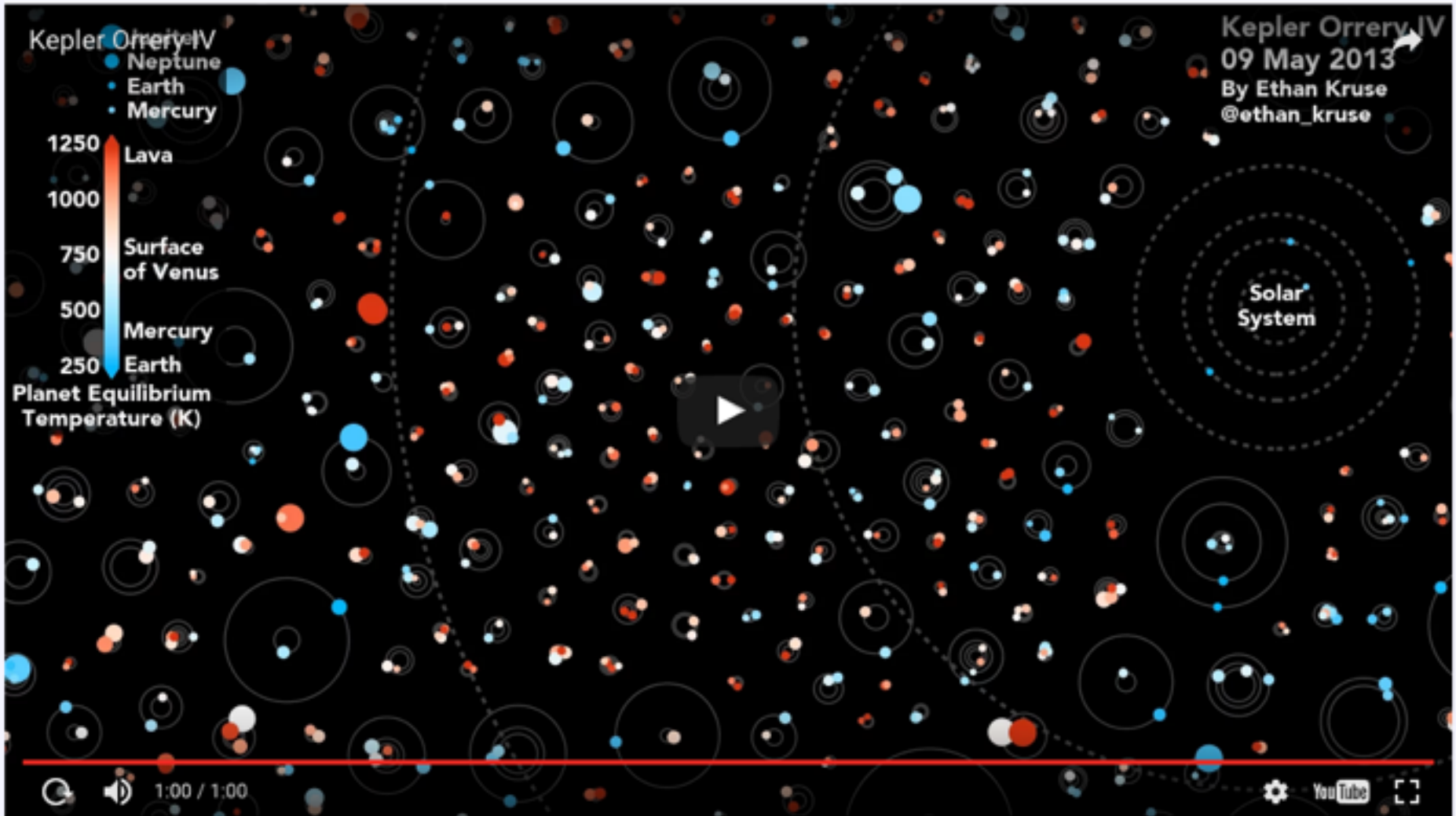
Alex H. Parker / @Alex\_Parker  
Data from <http://exoplanet.eu/>

# Astronomy Picture of the Day

[over the cosmos!](#) Each day a different image or photograph of our fascinating universe is featured, along with a brief explanation written by a professional astronomer.

<https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap151205.html>

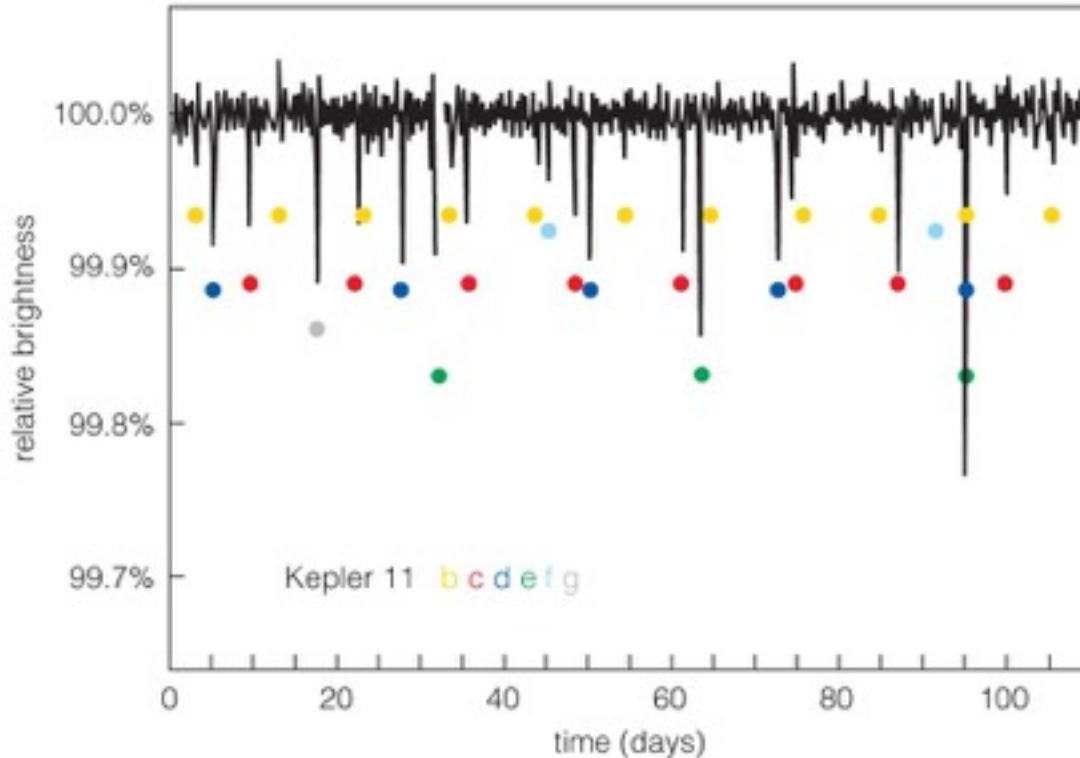
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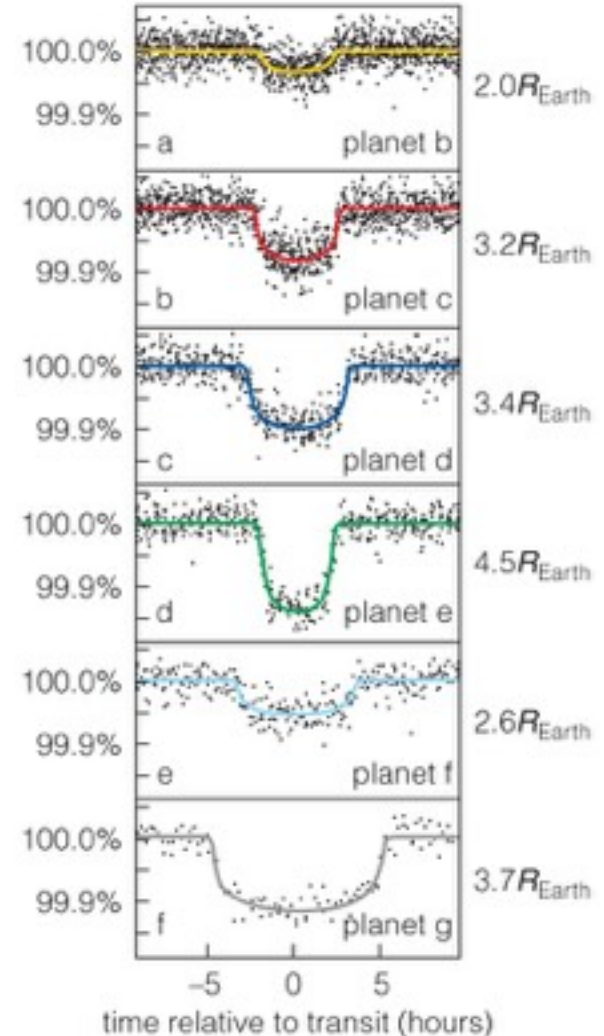
Kepler Orrery IV



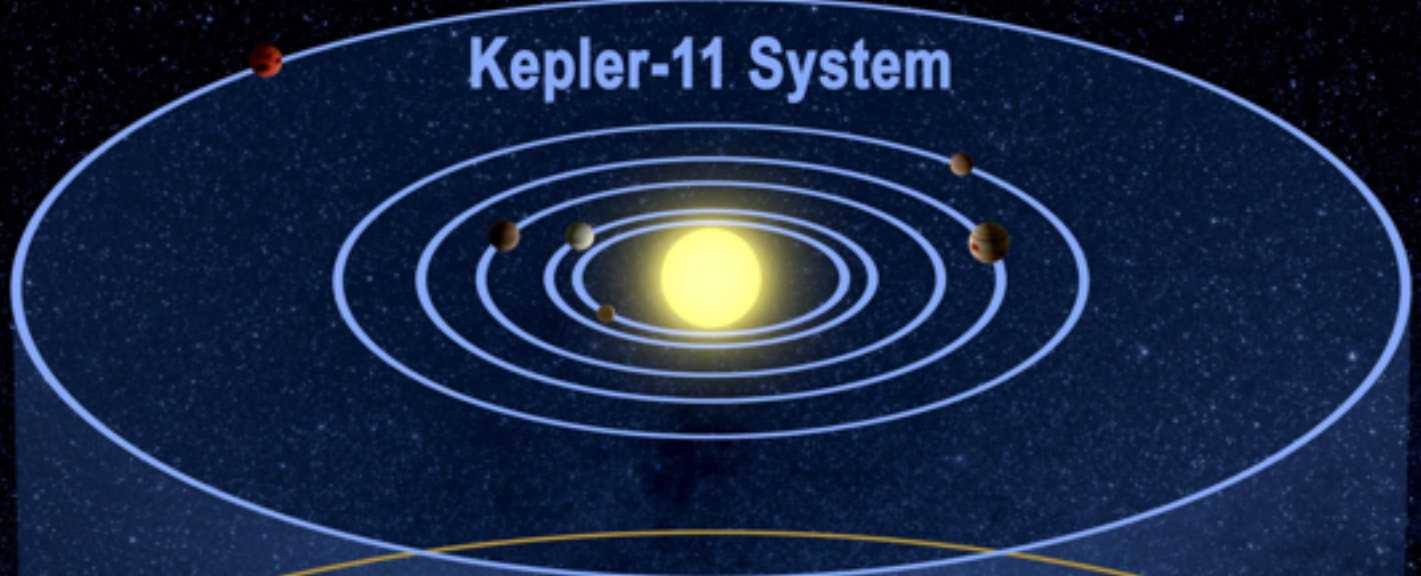
# The Kepler 11 system



- The periods and sizes of Kepler 11's 6 known planets can be determined using transit data.
- These periods are short
  - longest Kepler g at 118 days



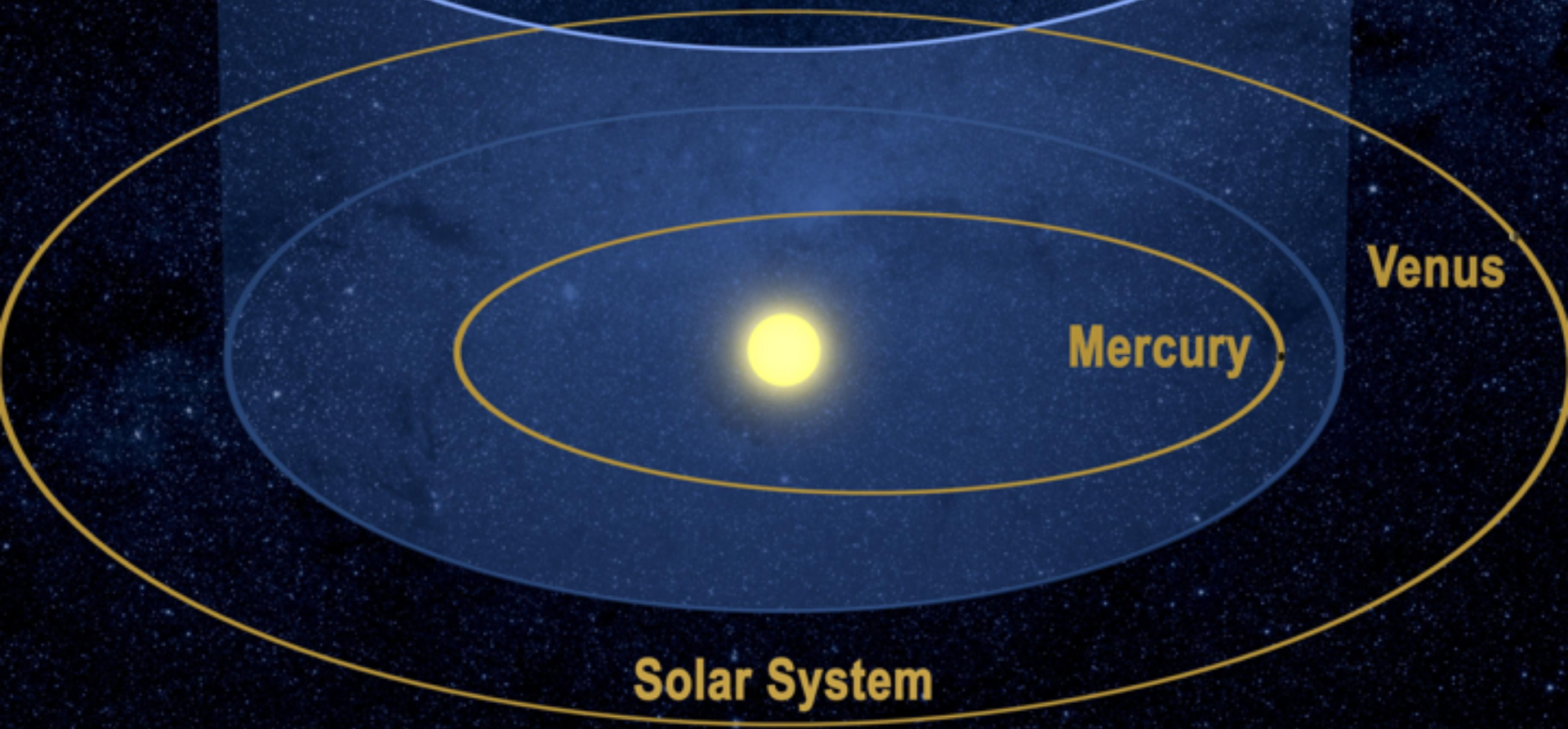
# Kepler-11 System



Venus

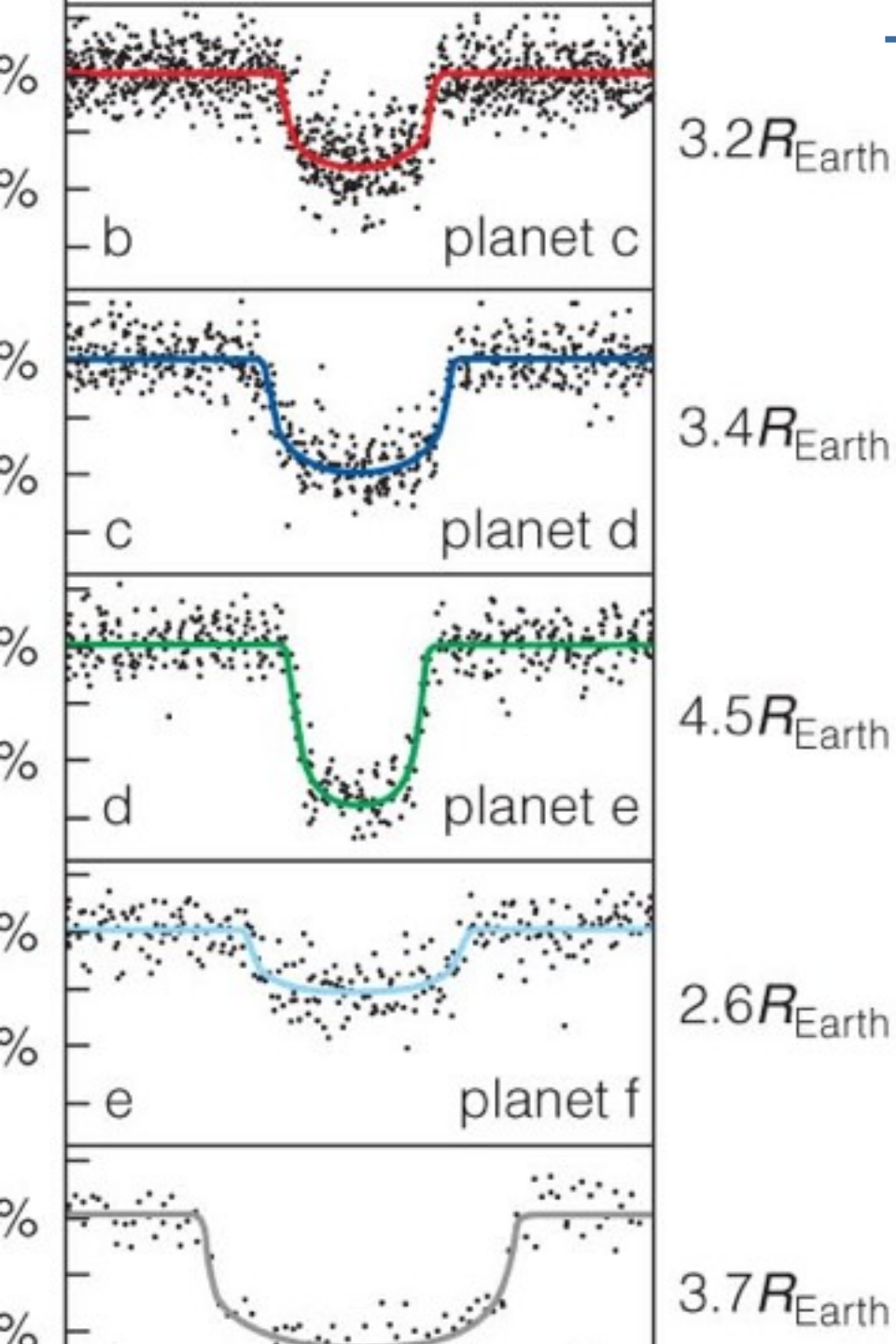
Mercury

# Solar System





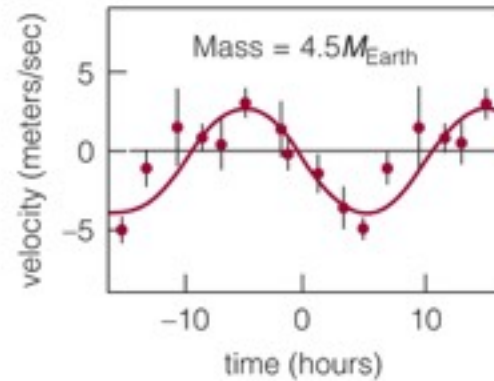
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- Note sizes - all planets in this system a few times the size of the Earth!
- Uranus is  $4 R_{\text{E}}$ ;
- Neptune  $3.8 R_{\text{E}}$

# Calculating density

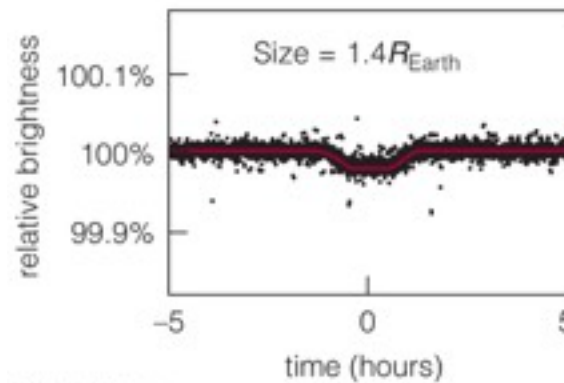
- Using mass, determined using the Doppler technique, and size, determined using the transit technique, density can be calculated.



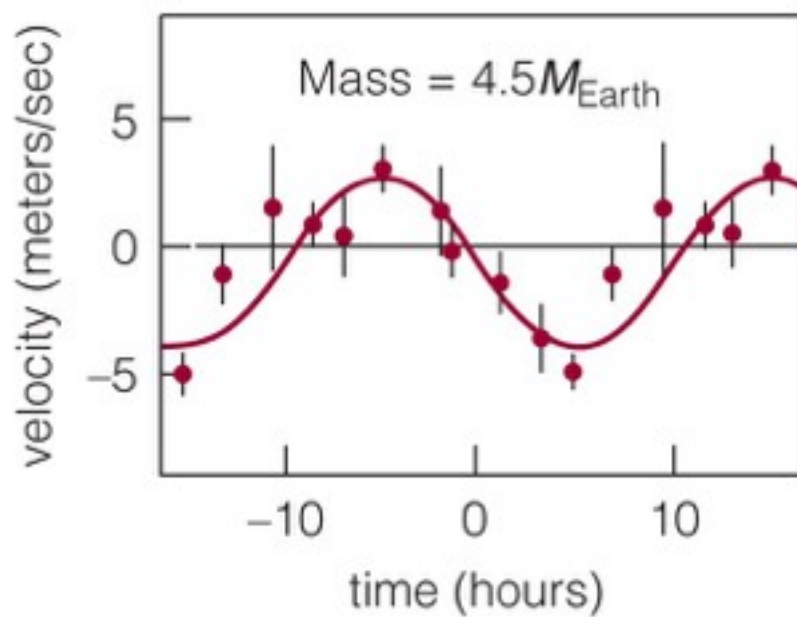
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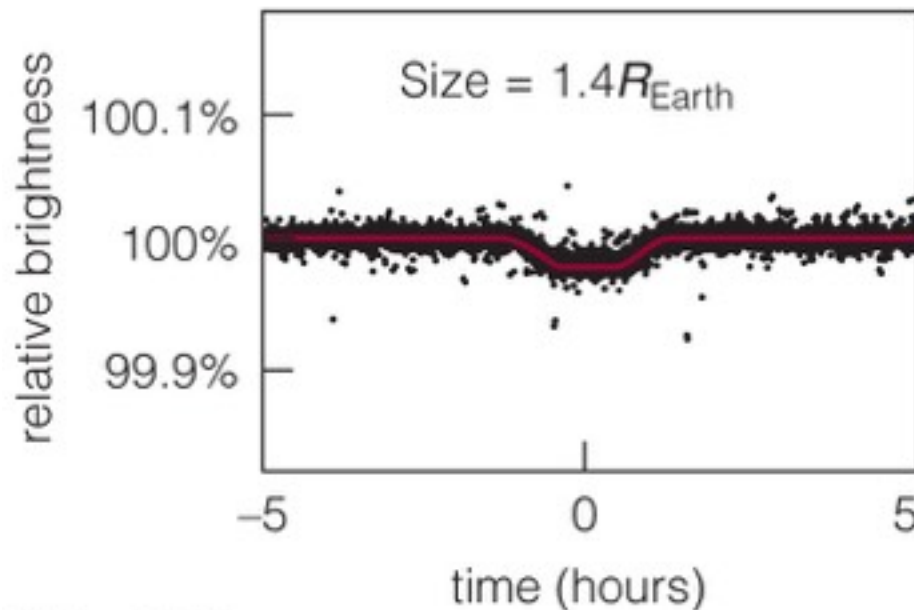
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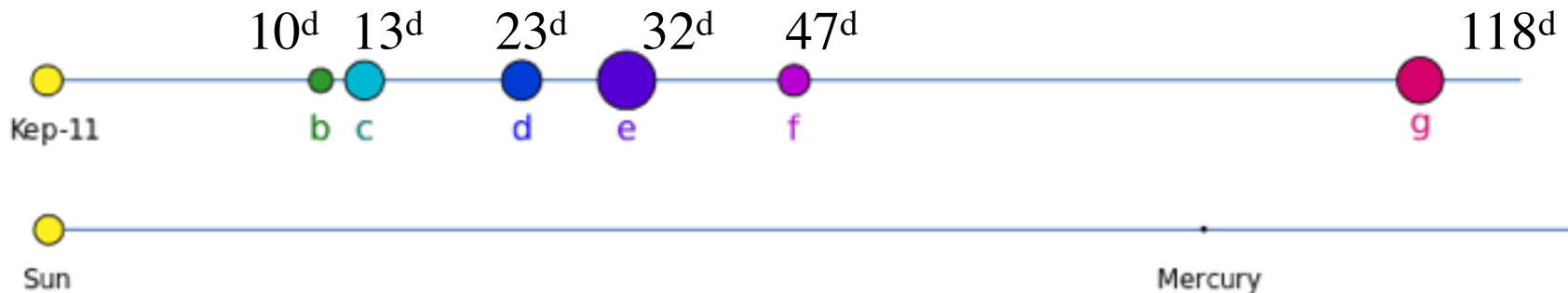


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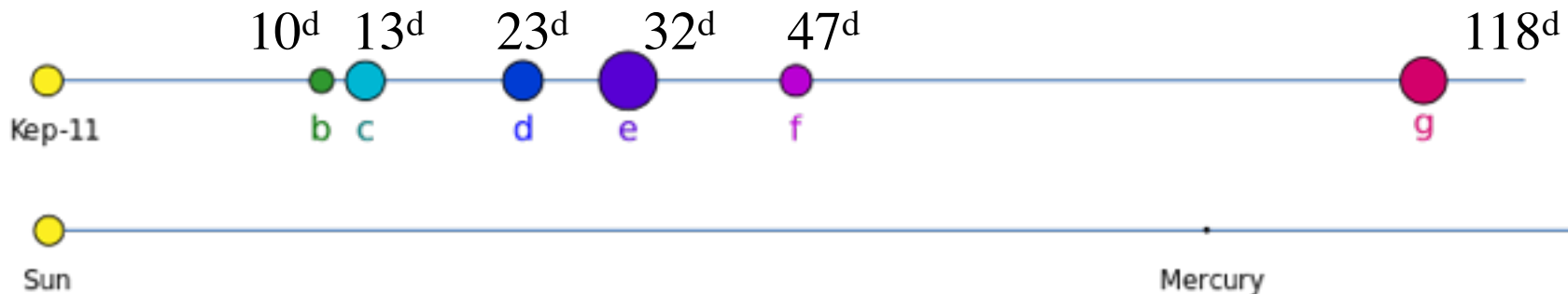
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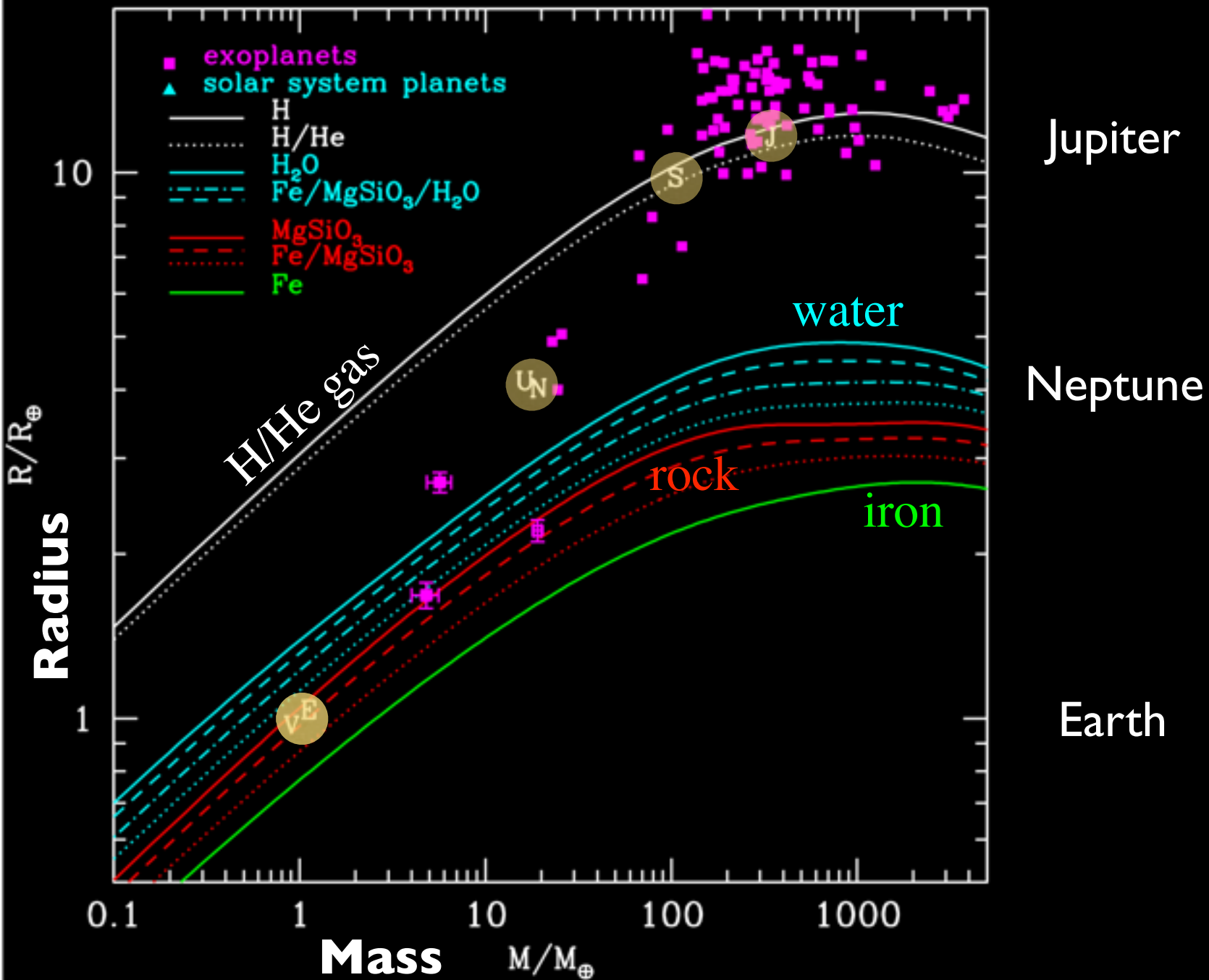
- The densities of all these planets are low
  - 0.6 - 1.7 g/cc (Typical of Jovian planets)
- What does this imply about the solar nebula hypothesis?



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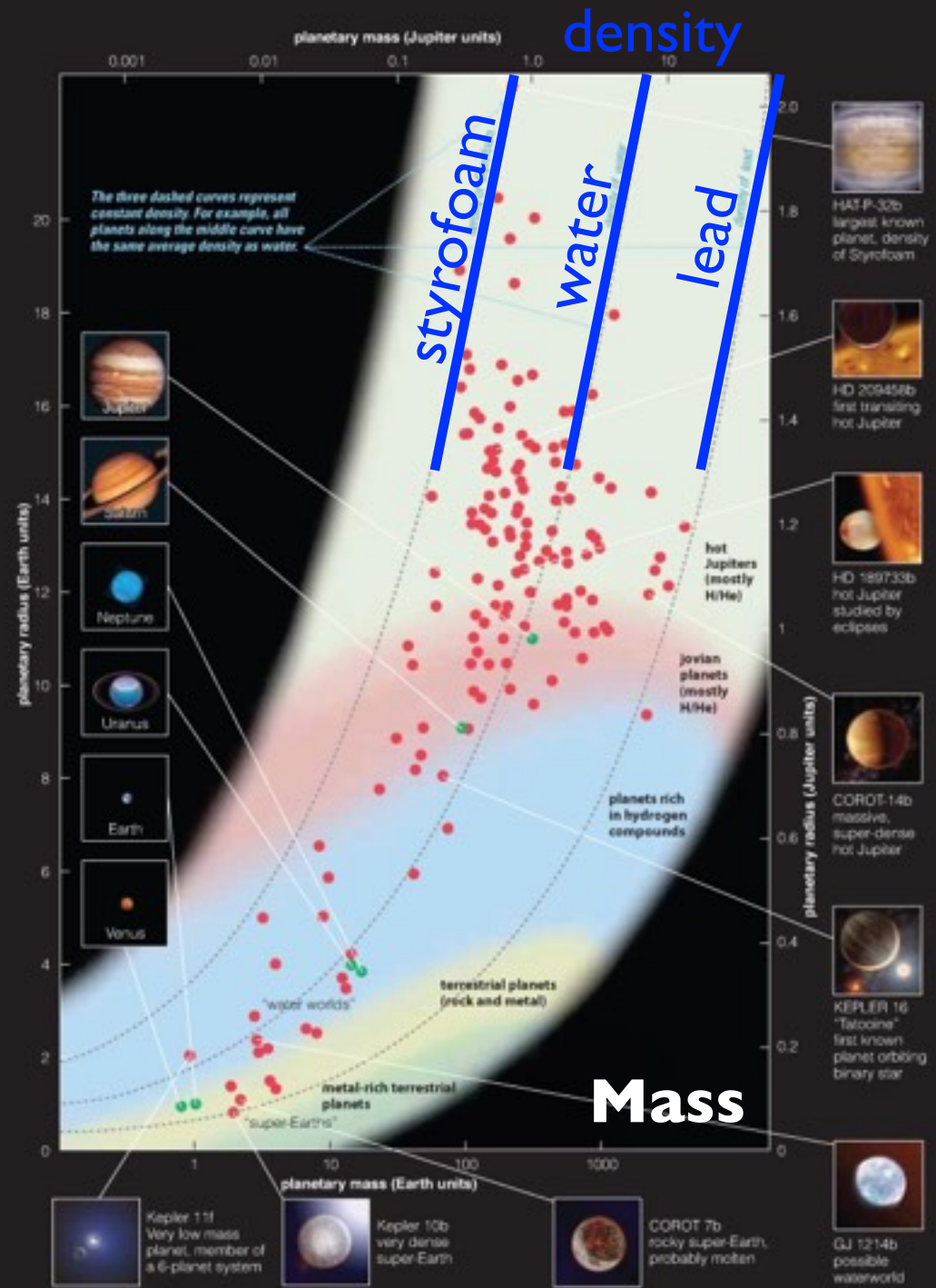
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- Star is
  - 0.96 mass of sun
  - 1.07 radius of sun
  - 8.5 Gyr old (sun is 4.5 Gyr)
- Tightly packed system that is nevertheless stable
  - despite lack of orbital resonances





# Exoplanet properties in general: size vs. mass

## Radius



planetary mass (Jupiter units)

0.001

0.01

0.1

1.0

10

20

18

16

14

12

10

planetary radius (Earth units)

The three dashed curves represent constant density. For example, all planets along the middle curve have the same average density as water.

density of Styrofoam

density of water

density of lead



Jupiter



Saturn



Neptune



Uranus

2.0

1.8

1.6

1.4

1.2

1.0

0.8

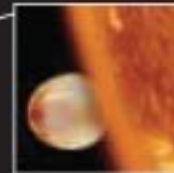
planetary mass (Jupiter units)



HAT-P-32b  
largest known planet, density of Styrofoam



HD 209458b  
first transiting hot Jupiter



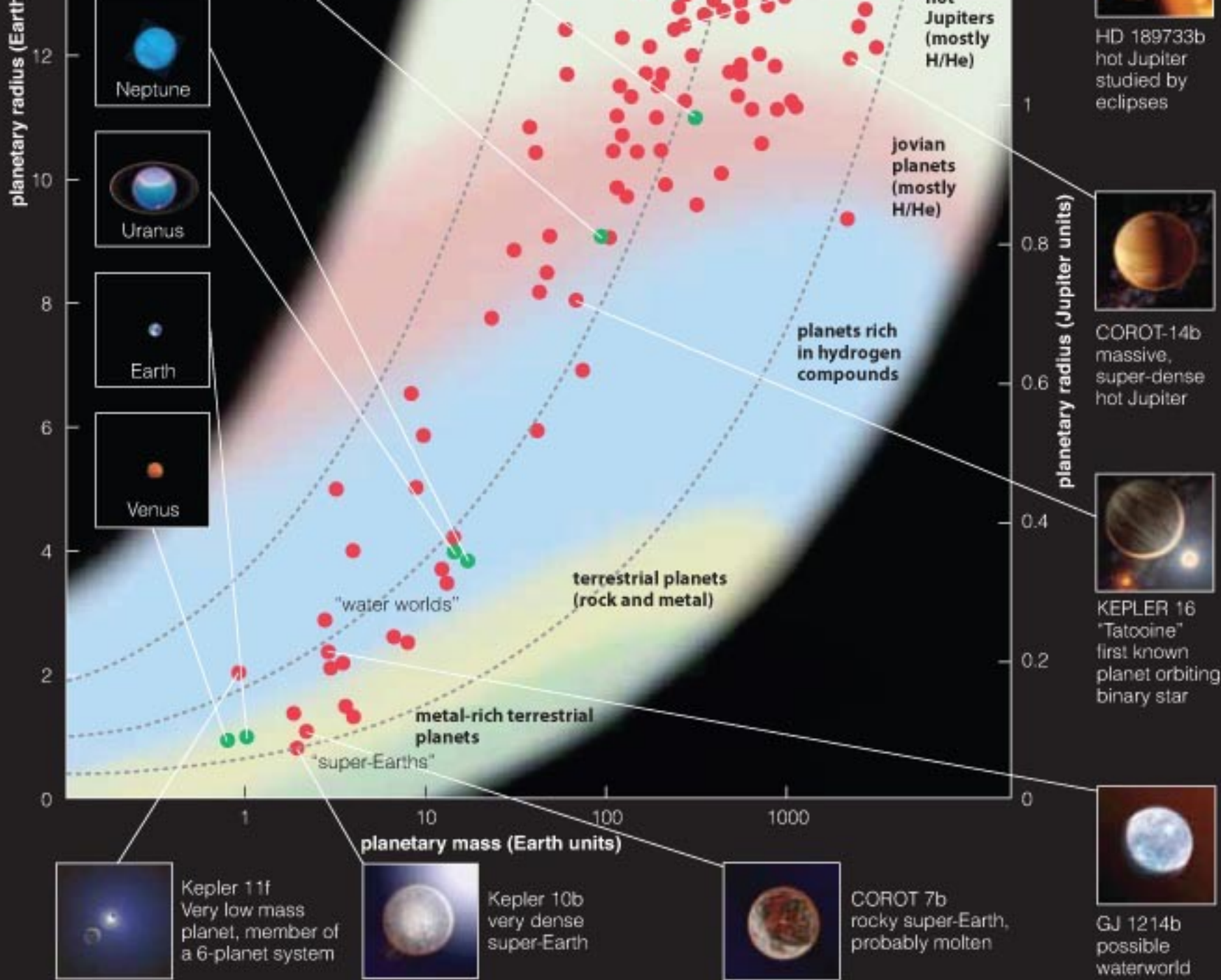
HD 189733b  
hot Jupiter studied by eclipses



hot Jupiters (mostly H/He)

jovian planets (mostly H/He)





RELAX ON

# KEPLER-16b



THE LAND OF TWO SUNS

WHERE YOUR SHADOW ALWAYS HAS COMPANY

Like Luke Skywalker's planet "Tatooine" in *Star Wars*, Kepler-16b orbits a pair of stars. Depicted here as a terrestrial planet, Kepler-16b might also be a gas giant like Saturn. Prospects for life on this unusual world aren't good, as it has a temperature similar to that of dry ice. But the discovery indicates that the movie's iconic double-sunset is anything but science fiction.

NASA's Exoplanet Exploration Program, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena CA

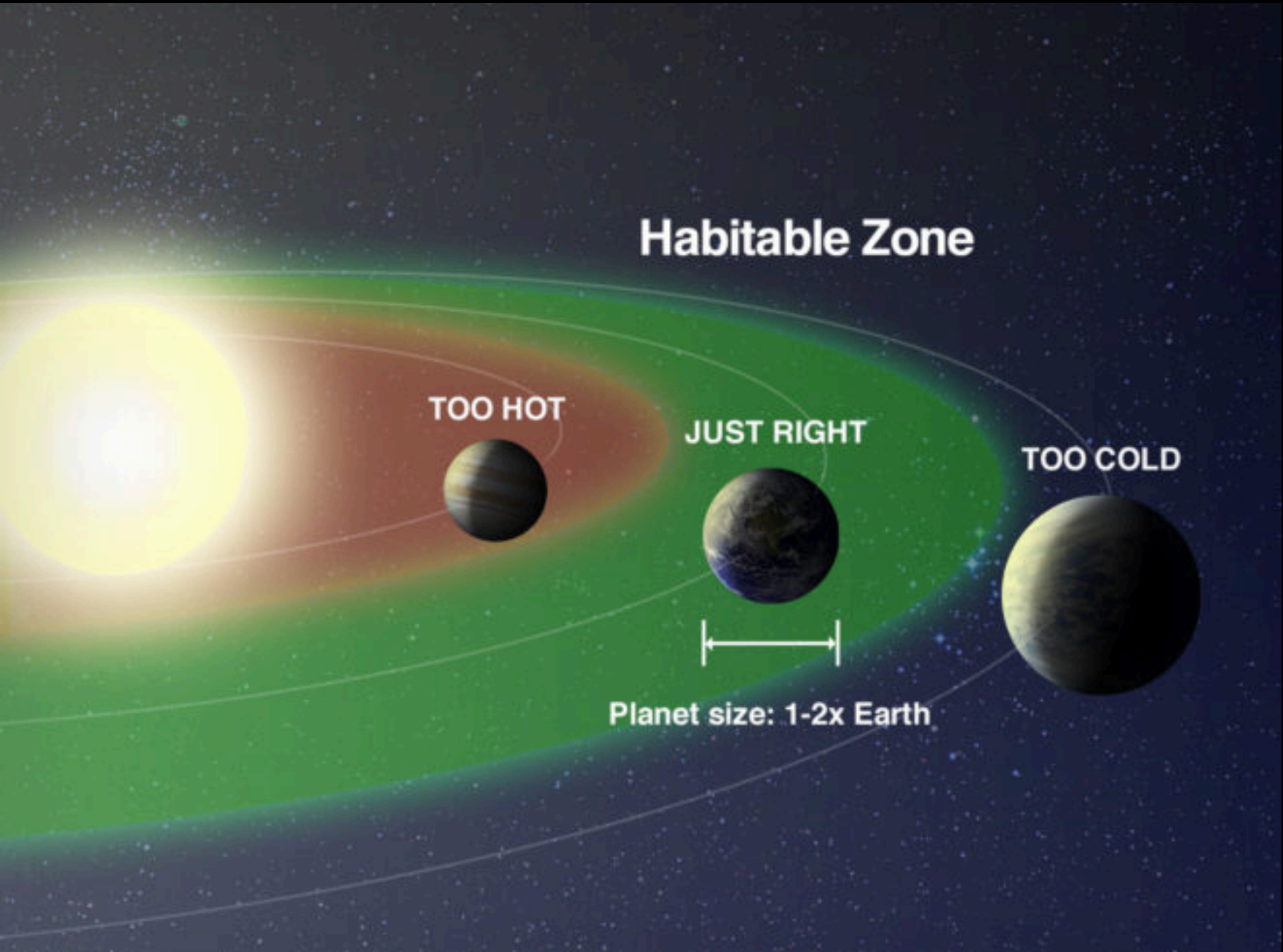


EXPERIENCE THE GRAVITY OF  
**HD 40307g** A SUPER  
EARTH

Twice as big in volume as the Earth, HD 40307g straddles the line between "Super-Earth" and "mini-Neptune" and scientists aren't sure if it has a rocky surface or one that's buried beneath thick layers of gas and ice. One thing is certain, though: at eight times the Earth's mass, its gravitational pull is much, much stronger.



# Might exoplanets be home to life?

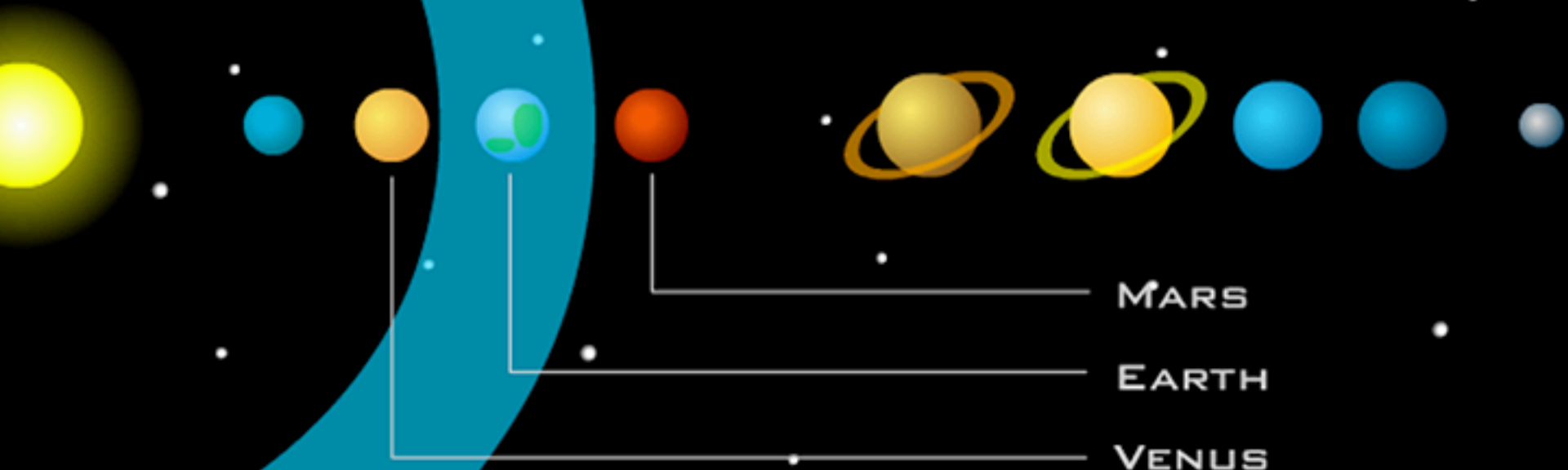


# Habitable Zone

*for terrestrial life*

- Depends on
  - Brightness of star
    - also the spectrum of star - too much UV? too little?
  - Distance of planet from star
  - Nature of planet
    - surface gravity
    - atmosphere
      - greenhouse gases
      - water
  - other... some argue the moon is a necessary shield against too many major impacts

THE HABITABLE ZONE AROUND A STAR IS ESSENTIALLY THE REGION IN WHICH LIQUID WATER CAN BE PRESENT ON A PLANET'S SURFACE. WITHIN THIS ZONE, LIFE CAN GROW



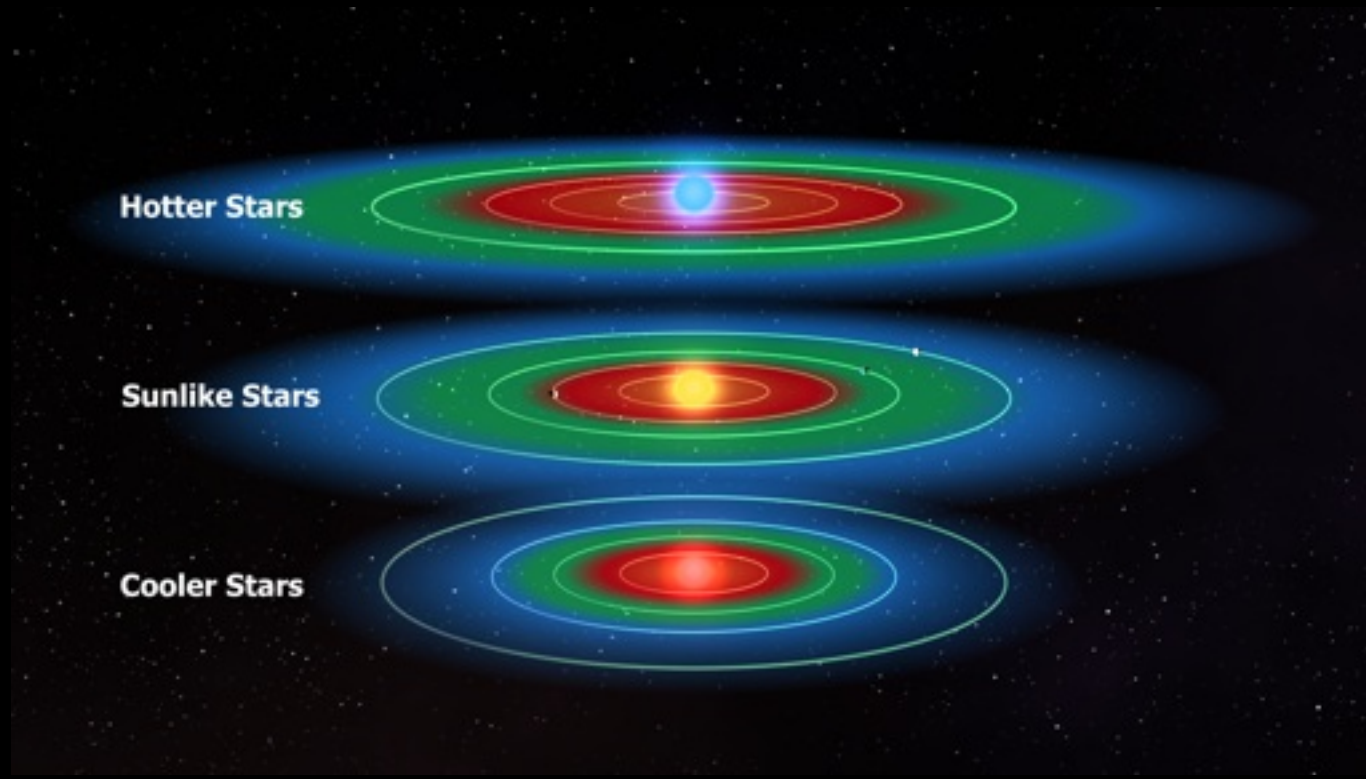
MARS

EARTH

VENUS



Presumably, the habitable zone is farther out from hot, bright stars and closer in to faint, cool ones.

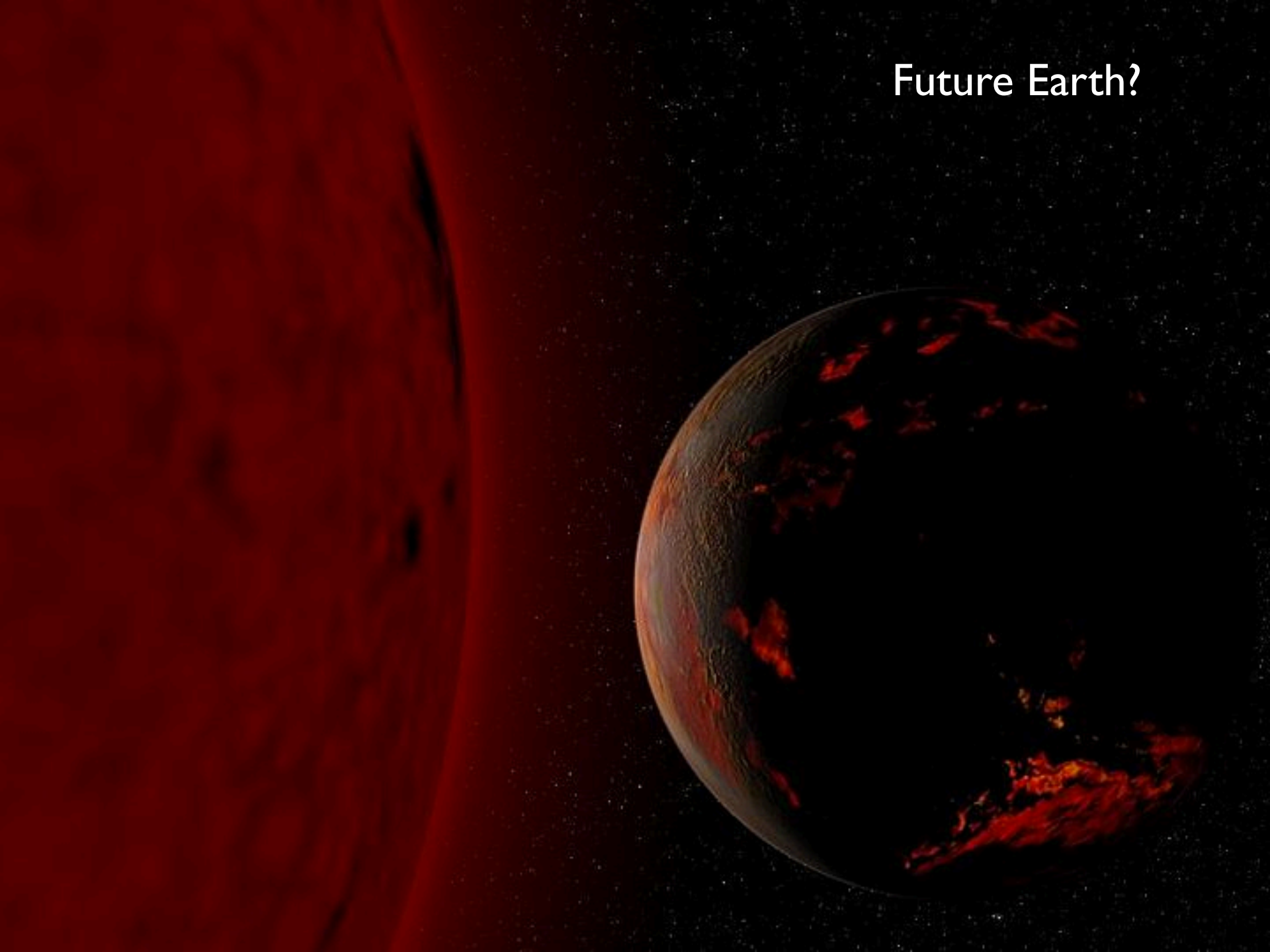


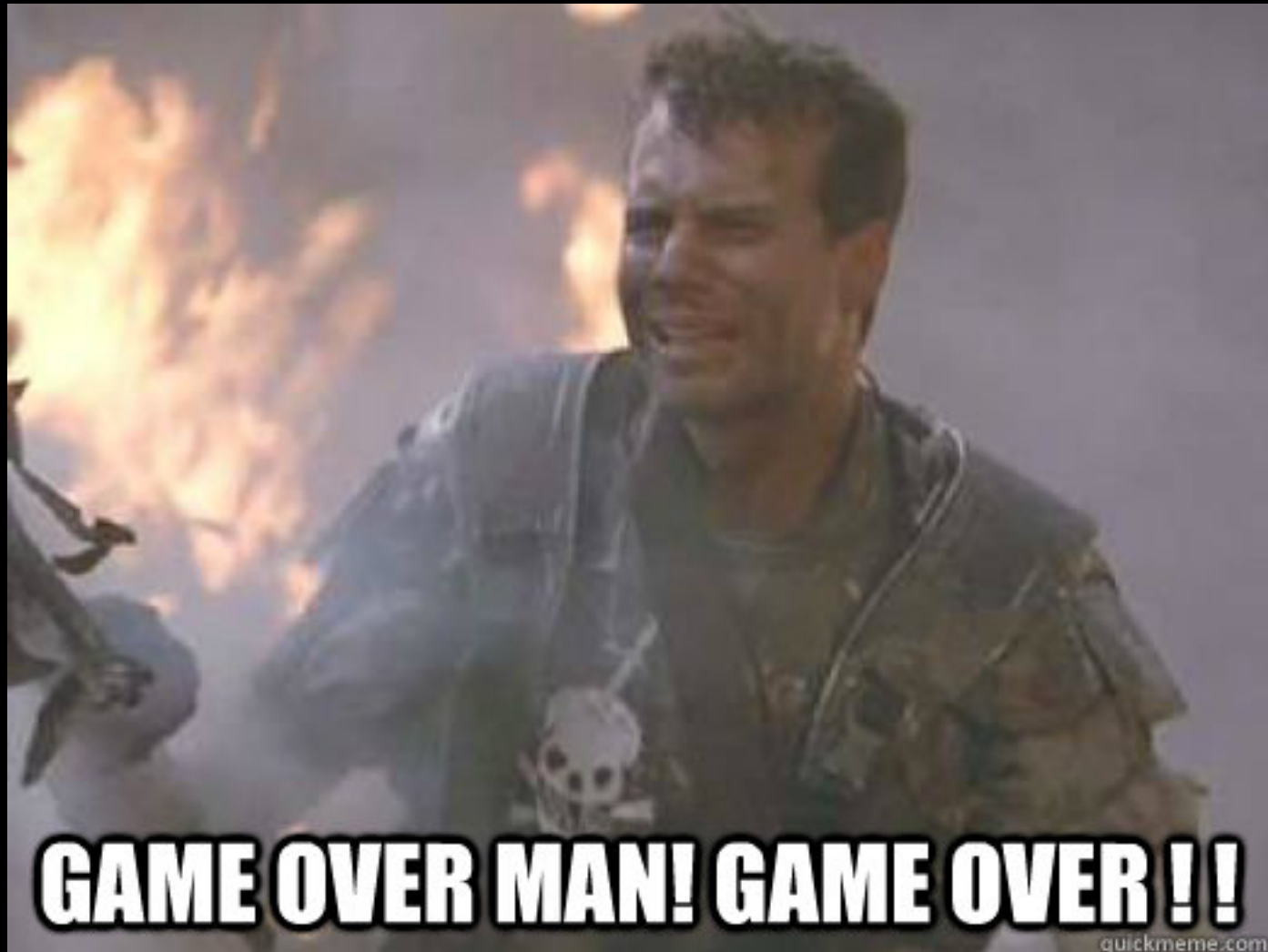
Stars evolve over billions of years, gradually becoming brighter  
- planets may slip out of the habitable zone as a result

# For the Earth, expect

- The sun increases slowly in brightness
- in 600 million years, the Carbon cycle may have progressed to the point that the atmosphere may lack sufficient CO<sub>2</sub> to sustain plant life
- In ~ 1 billion years, solar luminosity will have increased ~10%, evaporating the oceans (“wet greenhouse”)
- In ~6 billion years, the sun will expand into a red giant, potentially swelling far enough to encompass the orbit of the Earth

Future Earth?





**GAME OVER MAN! GAME OVER !!**