

# from gas giants to super-Earths

## EChO

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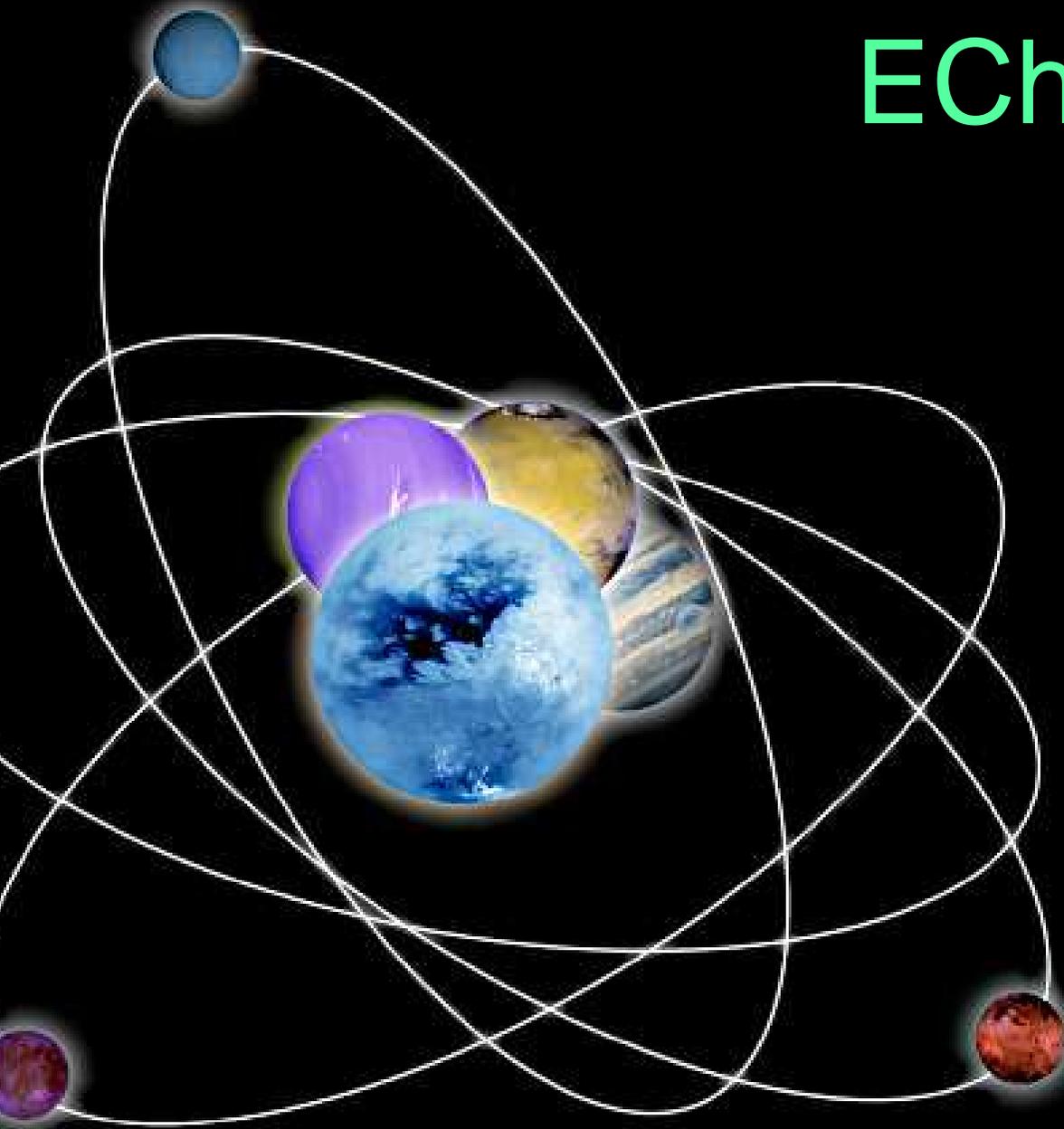
### Outline

EChO = Exoplanet Characterization Obs

Scientific objectives

Summary of current knowledge on "exop

Current status of EChO



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scientific objectives (all related to giants, Neptune-like and hot super-Earth planets):

atmospheric composition, temperature, albedo

atmospheric structure (thermochemical equilibrium, photochemistry, dynamics)

planet-star interaction

internal structure

planet formation

exomoons

potential biosignatures

Launch in 2022 following the launch of the first L mission of the Cosmic Vision program.  
Launch could be brought forward to 2020 if the L mission slip in time.

The M-mission should address the science goals and questions of the Cosmic Vision plan.

The total ceiling cost covered by ESA is 470 M€, which includes the spacecraft, launch services, and mission and science operations.

Payload must be covered by the ESA member states.

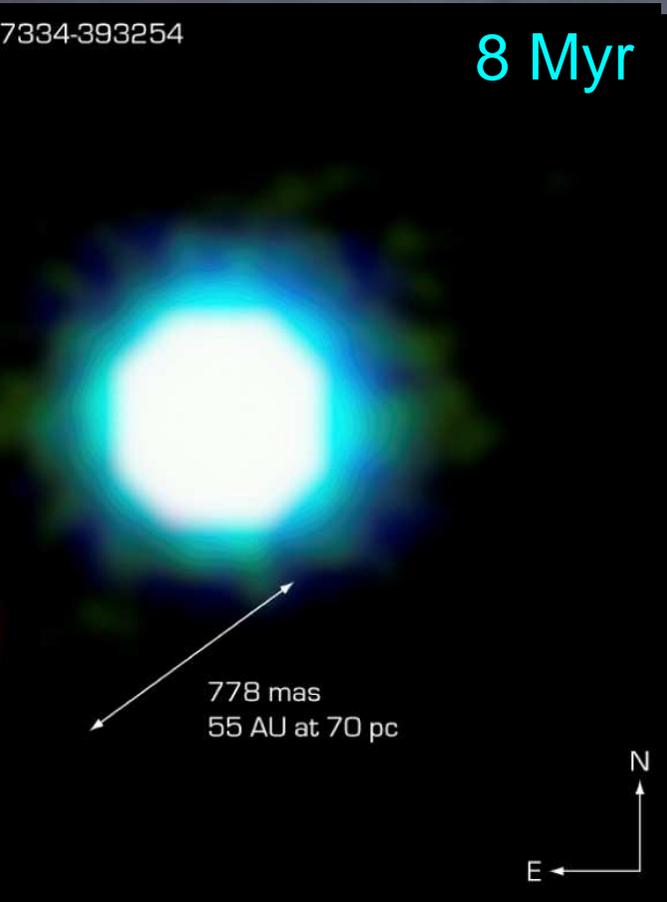
The M- (or smaller) mission has to address original and self-standing scientific goals and should not limit itself to technology demonstration, i.e., it must rely on available technology that will be at TRL5 by the end of the Definition Phase prior to the mission being adopted for Implementation.

Deadline for proposal submission: 2010 December 3. Resolution: Jan 2011.

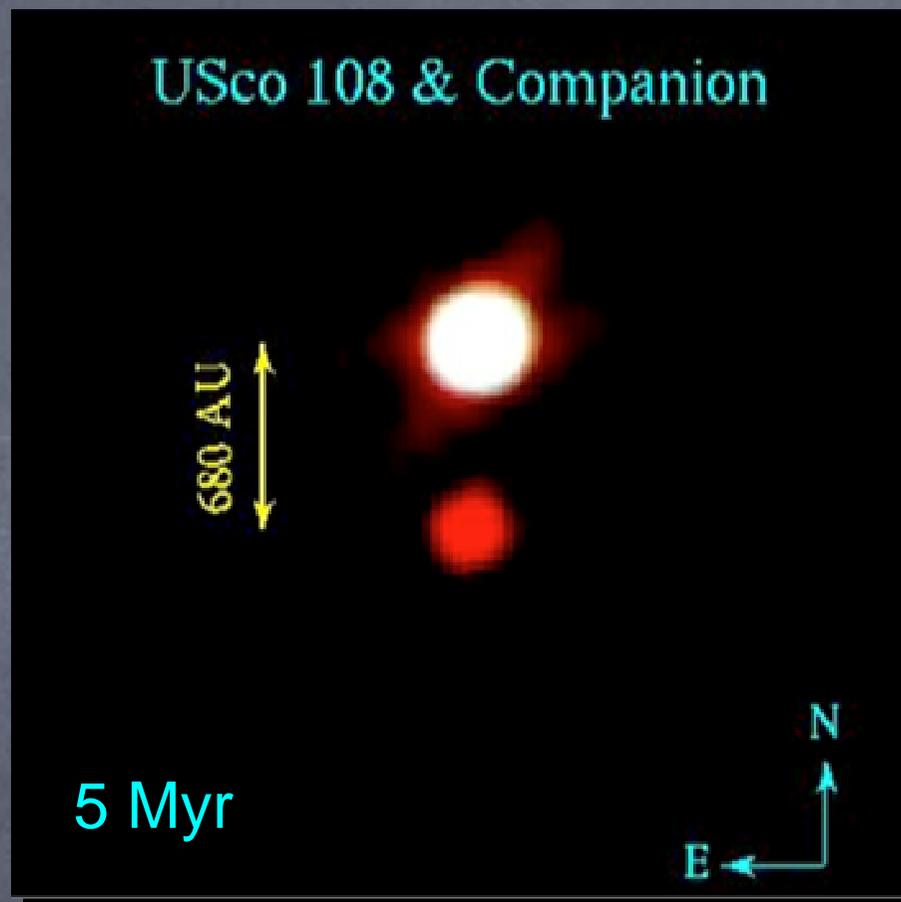
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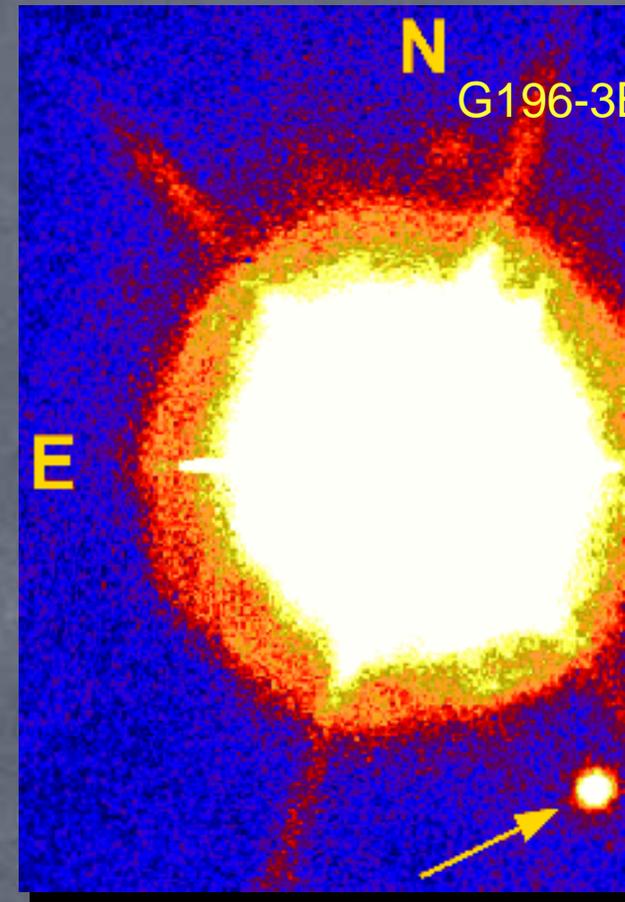
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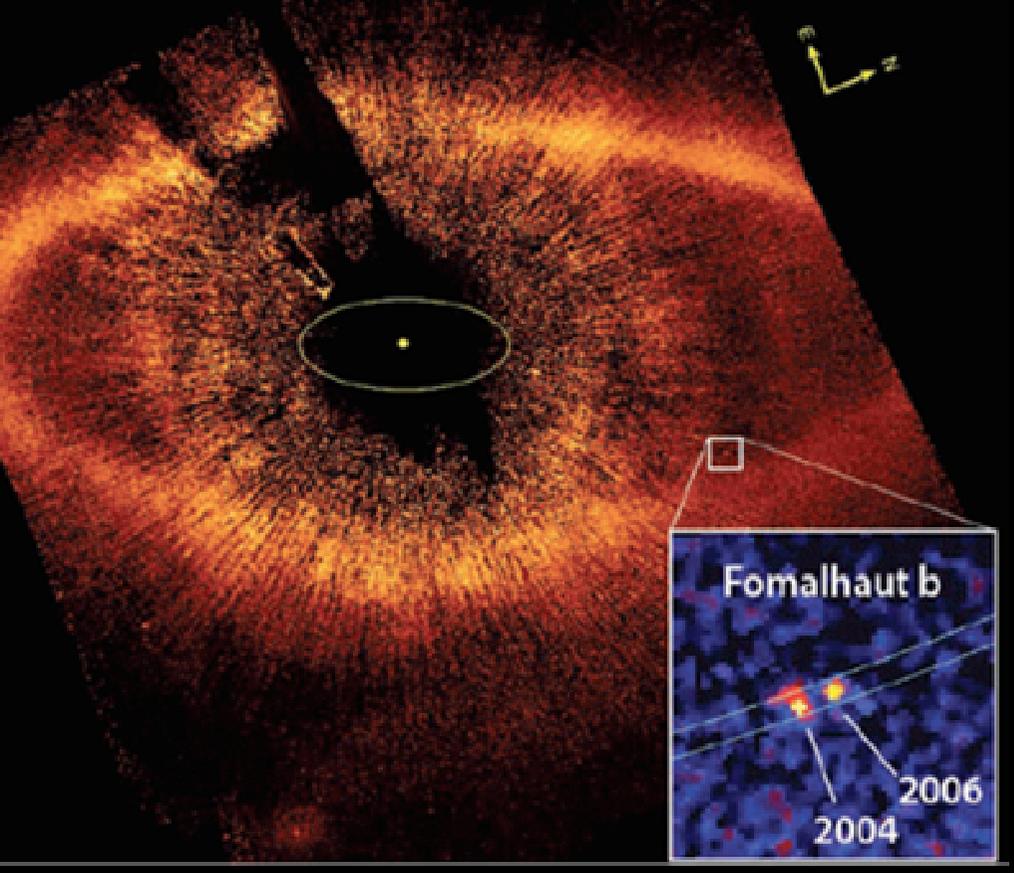
Planet (5  $M_{\text{jup}}$ ) around a brown dwarf (25  $M_{\text{jup}}$ ) in the TW Hydra association (Chauvin et al. 2004).



Planet (13  $M_{\text{jup}}$ ) around a brown dwarf (50  $M_{\text{jup}}$ ) in the Upper Sco association (Béjar, Zapatero Osorio, et al. 2008).



Brown dwarf (10-25  $M_{\text{jup}}$ ) around a low-mass star (0.4  $M_{\text{sun}}$ ) in the Upper Sco field, orbital separation 100 AU (Rebolo, Zapatero Osorio et al. 1998).



A planet (Fomalhaut b) orbiting at 115 AU from the A3V-type star Fomalhaut, which has an age of 100 Myr. The orbital motion of the planet was detected by comparing the 2004 and 2006 epochs shown in the inset (Kalas et al. 2008). The estimated mass of the planet is below  $10 M_{\text{jup}}$ .

The debris disk of the star is seen through the scattered light in visible wavelengths.

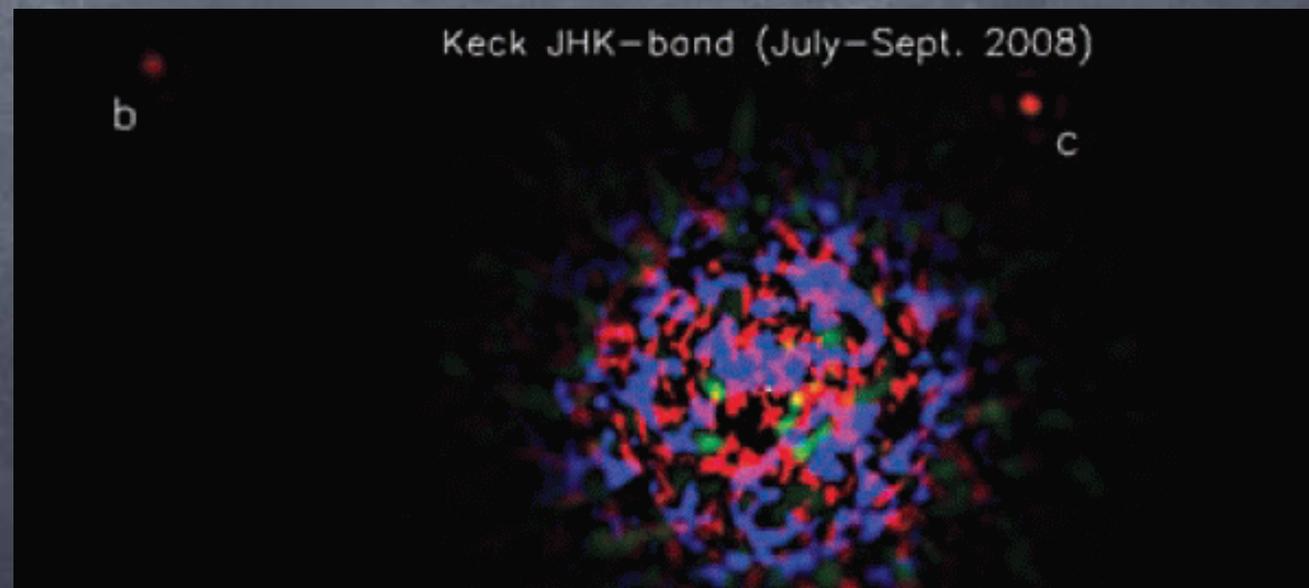
Three planets (HR 8799 b,c,d) around the  $1 M_{\text{sol}}$  star HR 8799, which has an age of 125-160 Myr in counter clockwise orbits

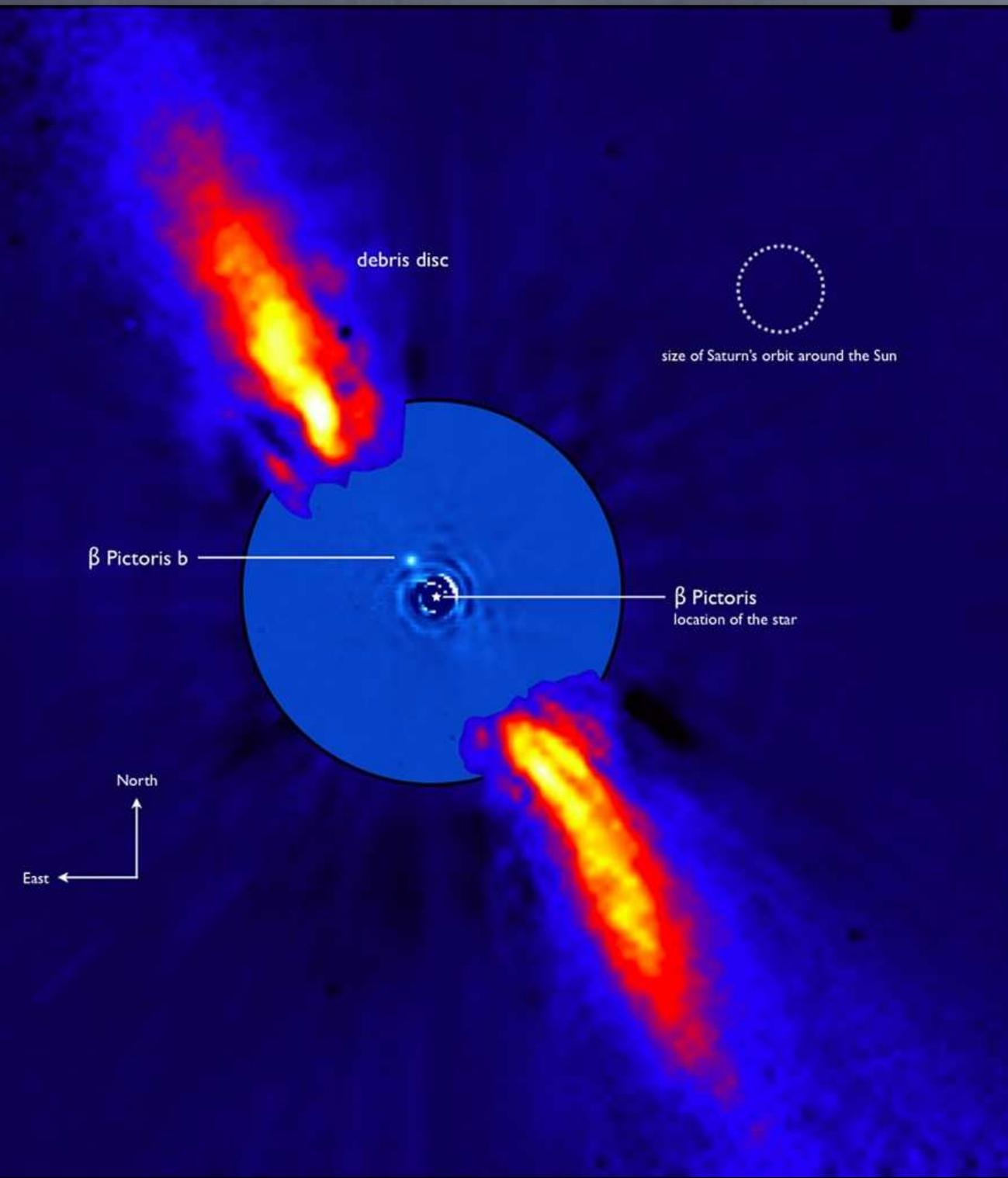
(Marois et al. 2008):

b =  $7 M_{\text{jup}}$ , 68 AU

c =  $10 M_{\text{jup}}$ , 38 AU

d =  $10 M_{\text{jup}}$ , 24 AU

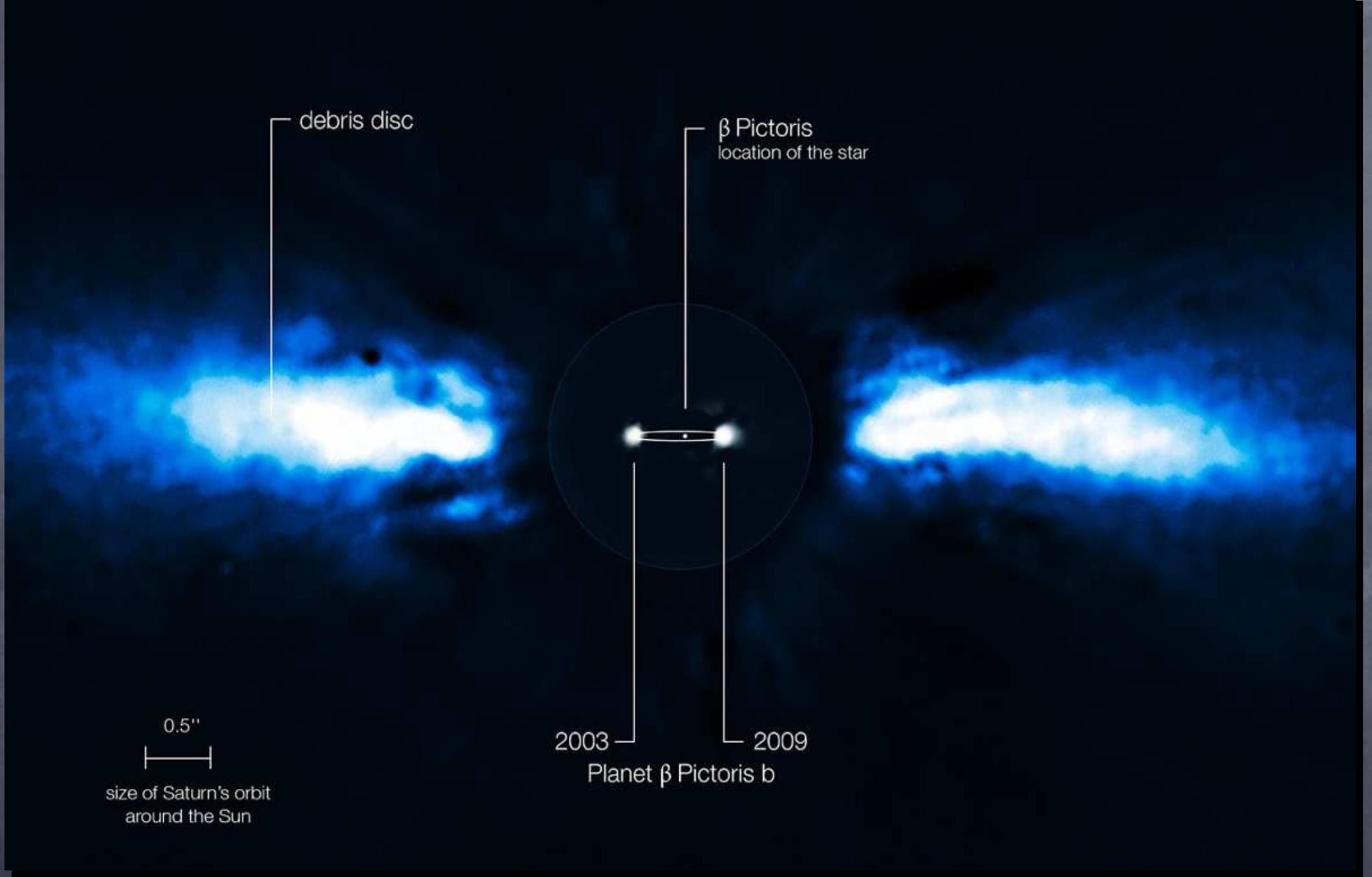




Planet  $\beta$  Pictoris b orbiting the 1.75- $M_{\odot}$   $\beta$  Pictoris, which has an age of 12 Myr, is one of the largest debris disks ever discovered (1100 AU).

The planet has an estimated mass of  $4.5 M_{\text{Jup}}$  and it is located at about 10 AU from its parent star.

The young age of this planetary system (12 Myr) proves that giant gas planets can form in a few Myr.



Since discovery,  $\beta$  Pictoris b was reobserved twice in the last few years. The planet has moved from the left side of the star in 2003 to the other side in 2009 (Lagrange et al. 2010), suggesting that  $\beta$  Pictoris b is on a highly eccentric orbit.

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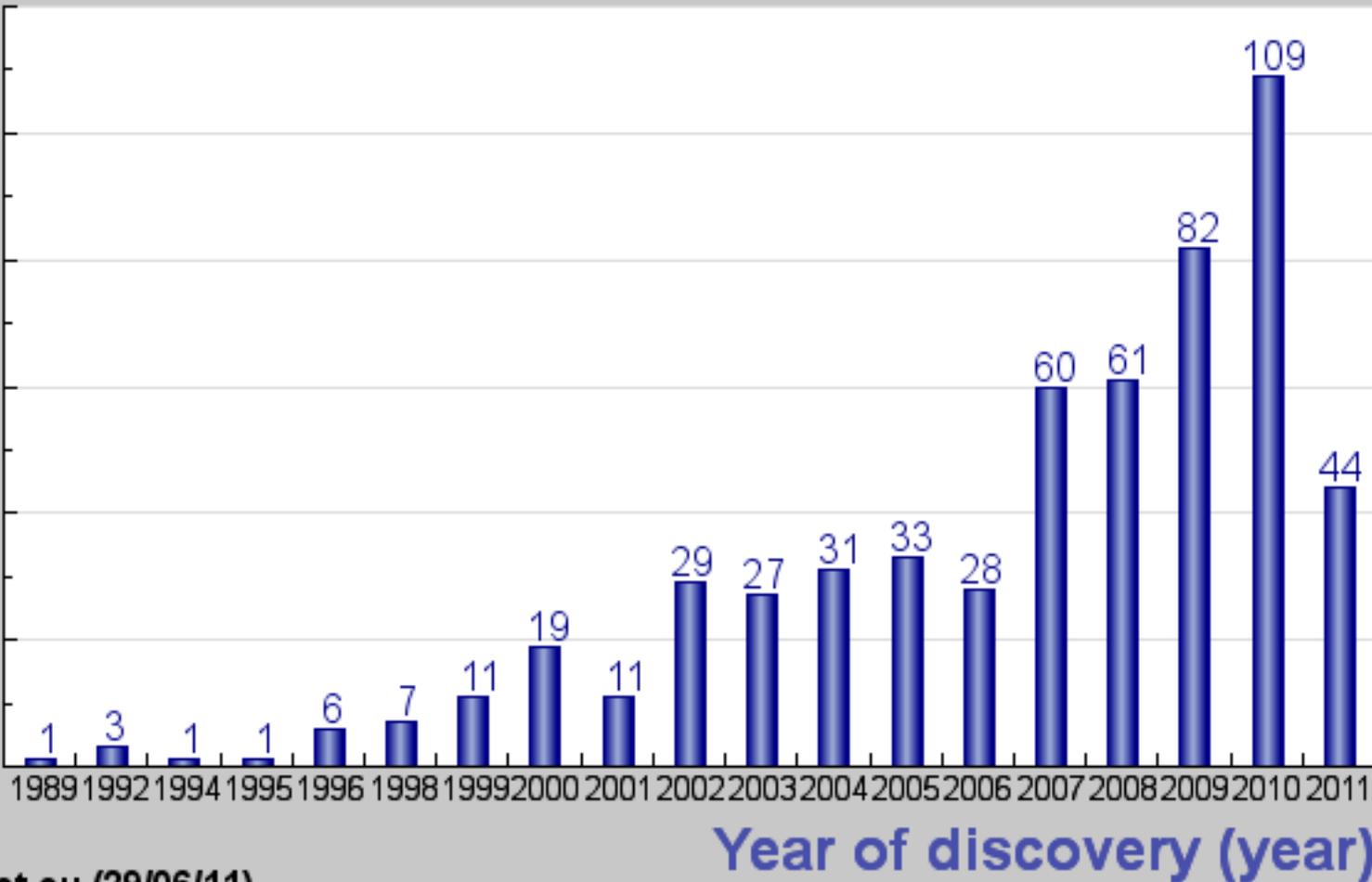
h planet and star move around the center of  
gravity of the system (cross symbol). We cannot  
close-in planets directly, but we can measure  
velocity and/or positional displacement induced  
n the star by the presence of the planets.

e “radial velocity” spectroscopic technique is  
y efficient detecting giant planets in close-in  
s. This technique requires very high spectral  
ution, high precision, and stable instruments.

In addition to the “radial velocity” technique  
“transit” photometric method is also quite  
successful. It is based on the observation  
star’s small drop in brightness that occurs when  
orbit of one of the star’s planets passes (“tra  
in front of the star.

The combination of “radial velocity” and “tra  
observations for a particular planet allows  
determination of the planet absolute mass and

Number of planets by year of discovery



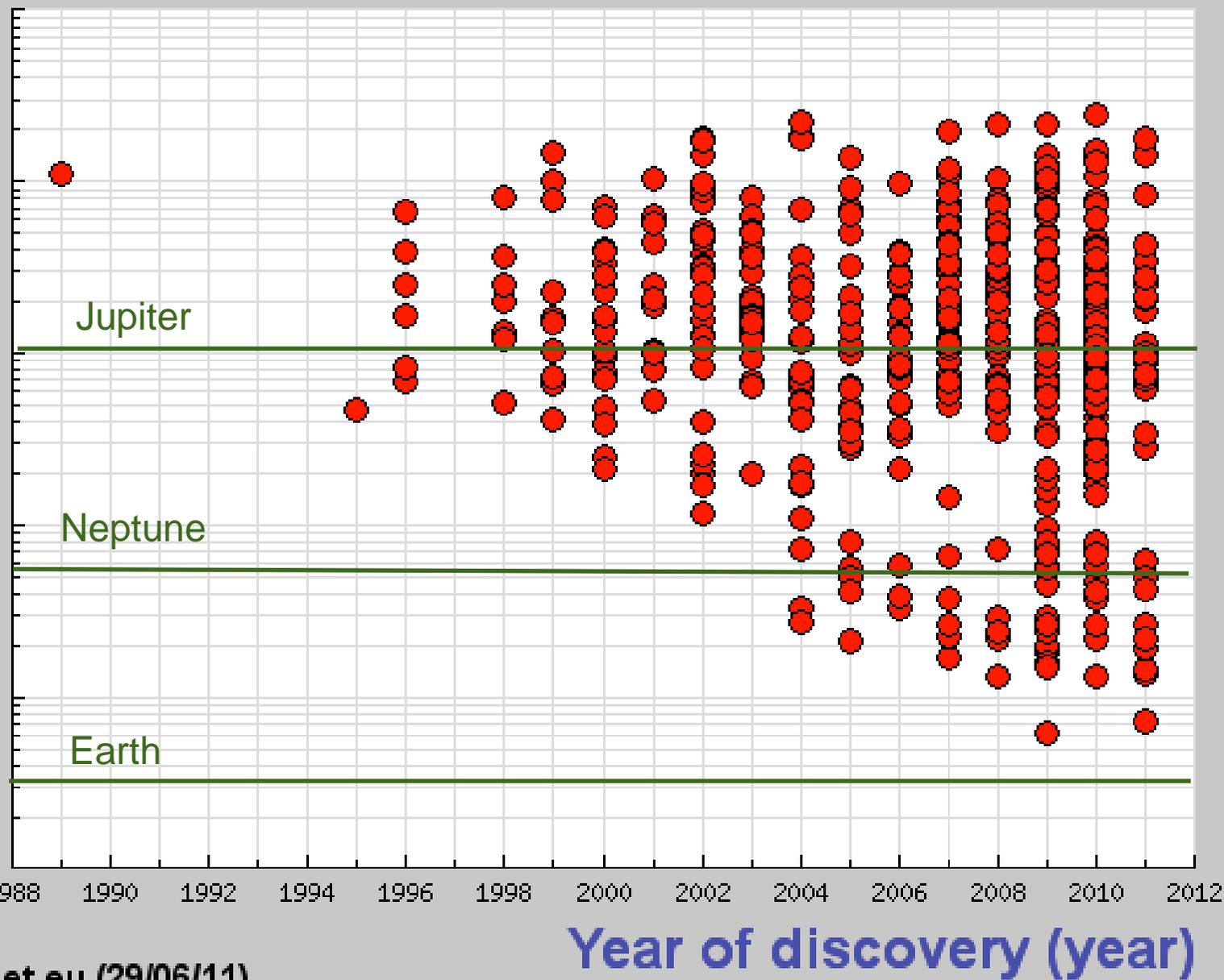
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~ 560 planets of stars found  
planetary systems.

~130 transiting planets

Radial velocity and transiting  
explorations account for 95%  
discoveries.

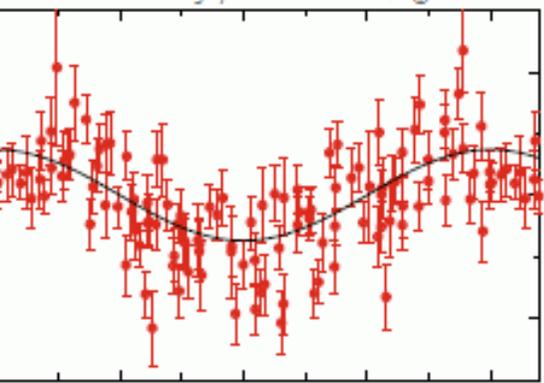
# "Year of discovery" vs "Planet Mass" (513)



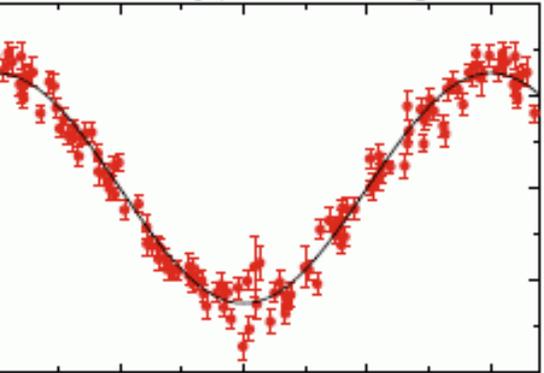
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The “easiest” planets to detect are the massive ones (“super-Jupiters”) in close-in (e.g., less than 0.1 AU) orbits.

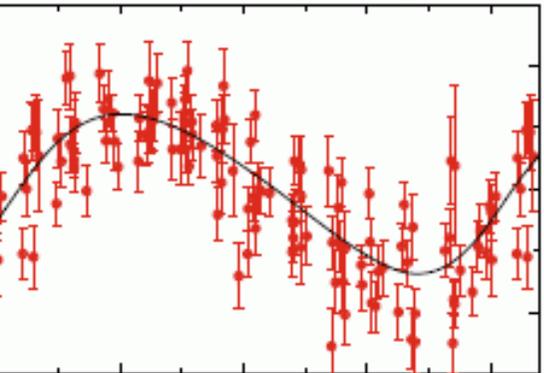
The combination of the photometric transit method and the spectroscopic radial velocity method has allowed the discovery of the first “super-Earths” (1-10 Earth masses) around main-sequence stars.



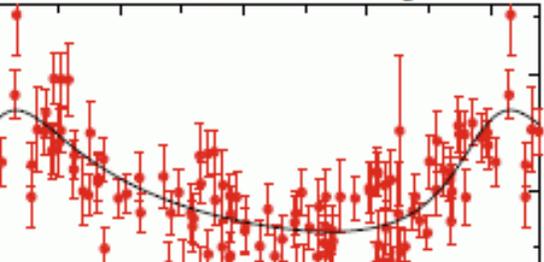
$P = 5.37 \text{ day} ; m \sin i = 15.7 M_{\oplus}$



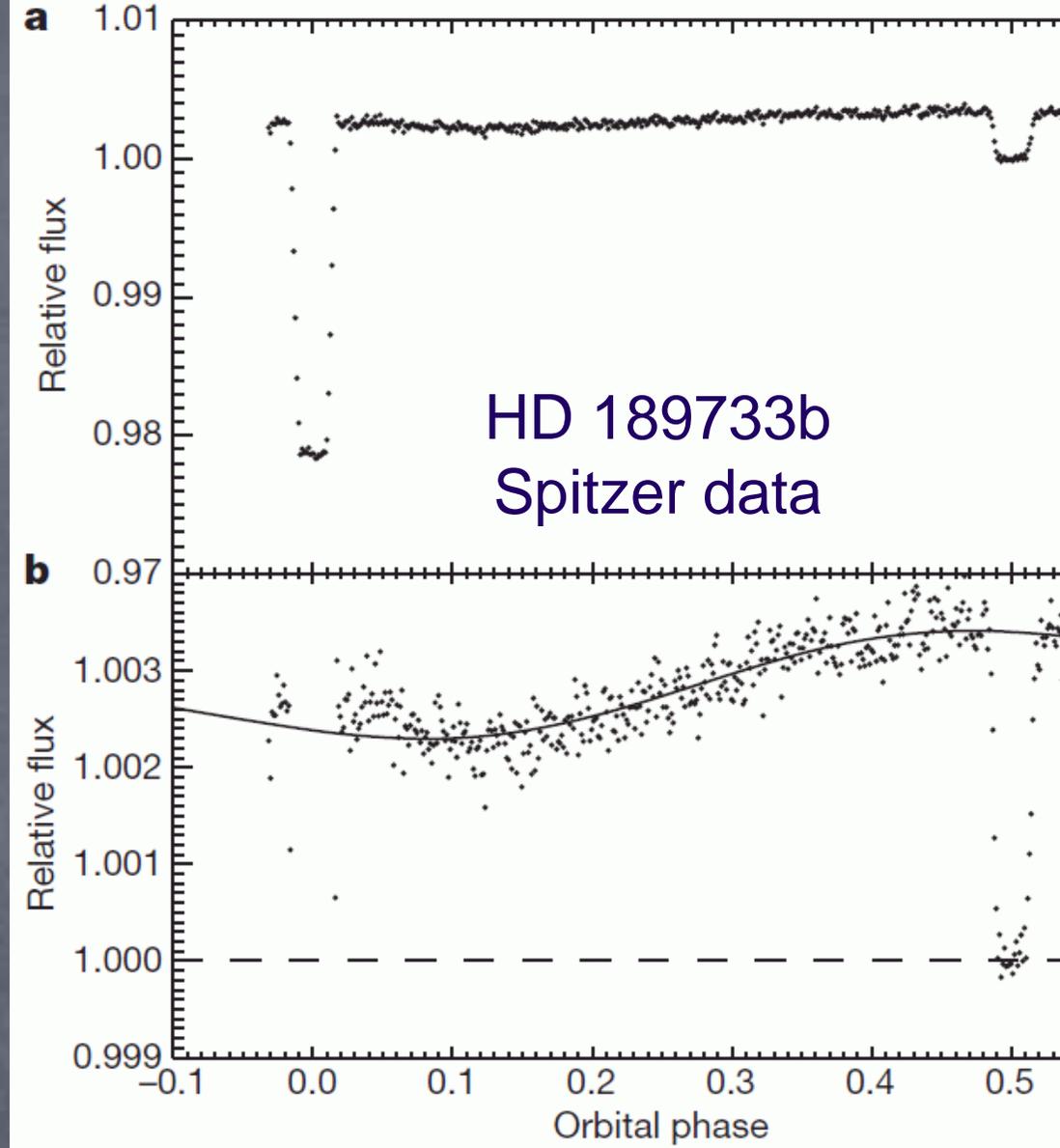
$P = 12.9 \text{ day} ; m \sin i = 5.4 M_{\oplus}$



$P = 66.8 \text{ day} ; m \sin i = 7.1 M_{\oplus}$



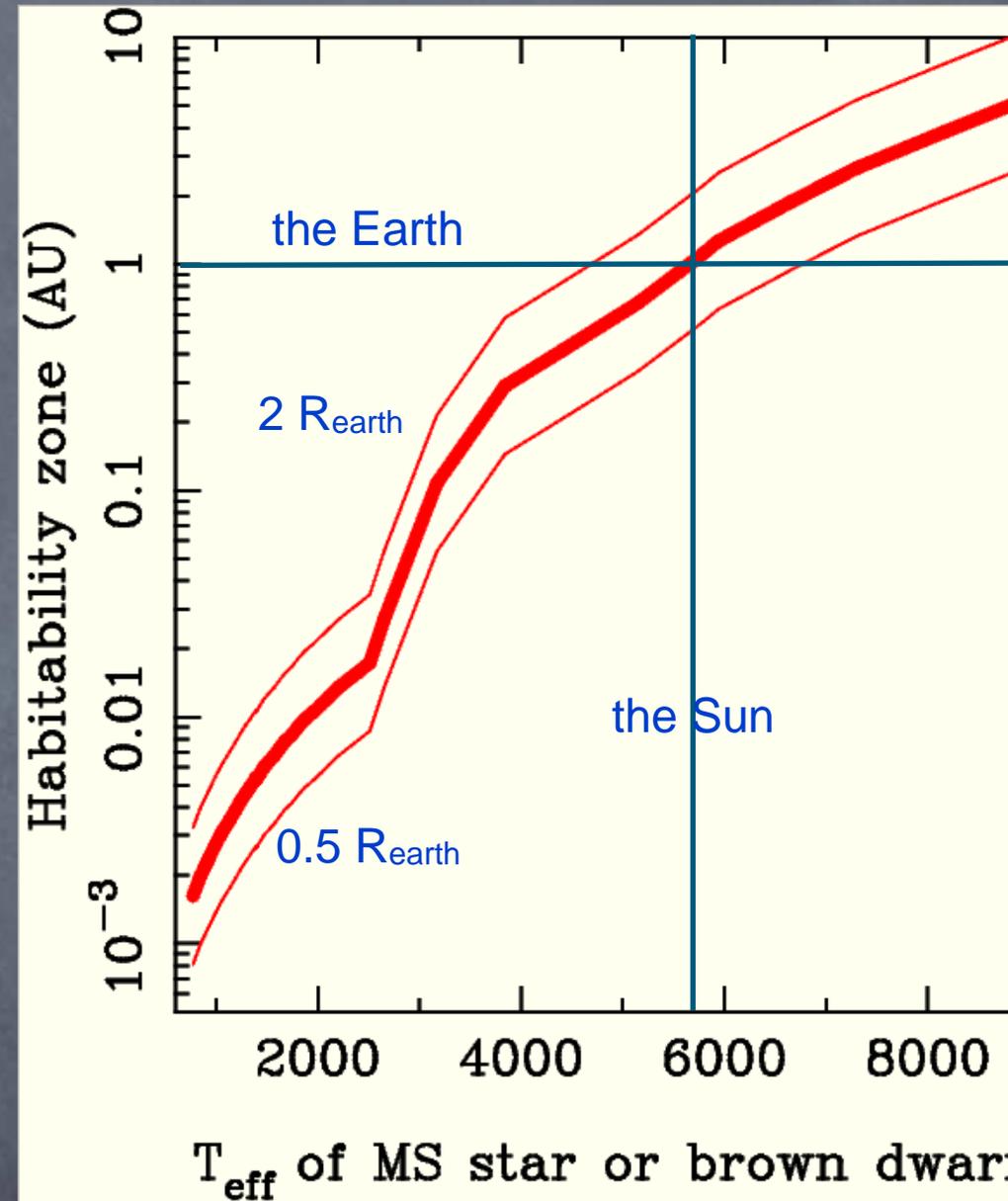
Four planets around the M3-type star GJ 581 in rather close-in orbits. The minimum mass of the smallest planet is 1.94 times that of Earth!

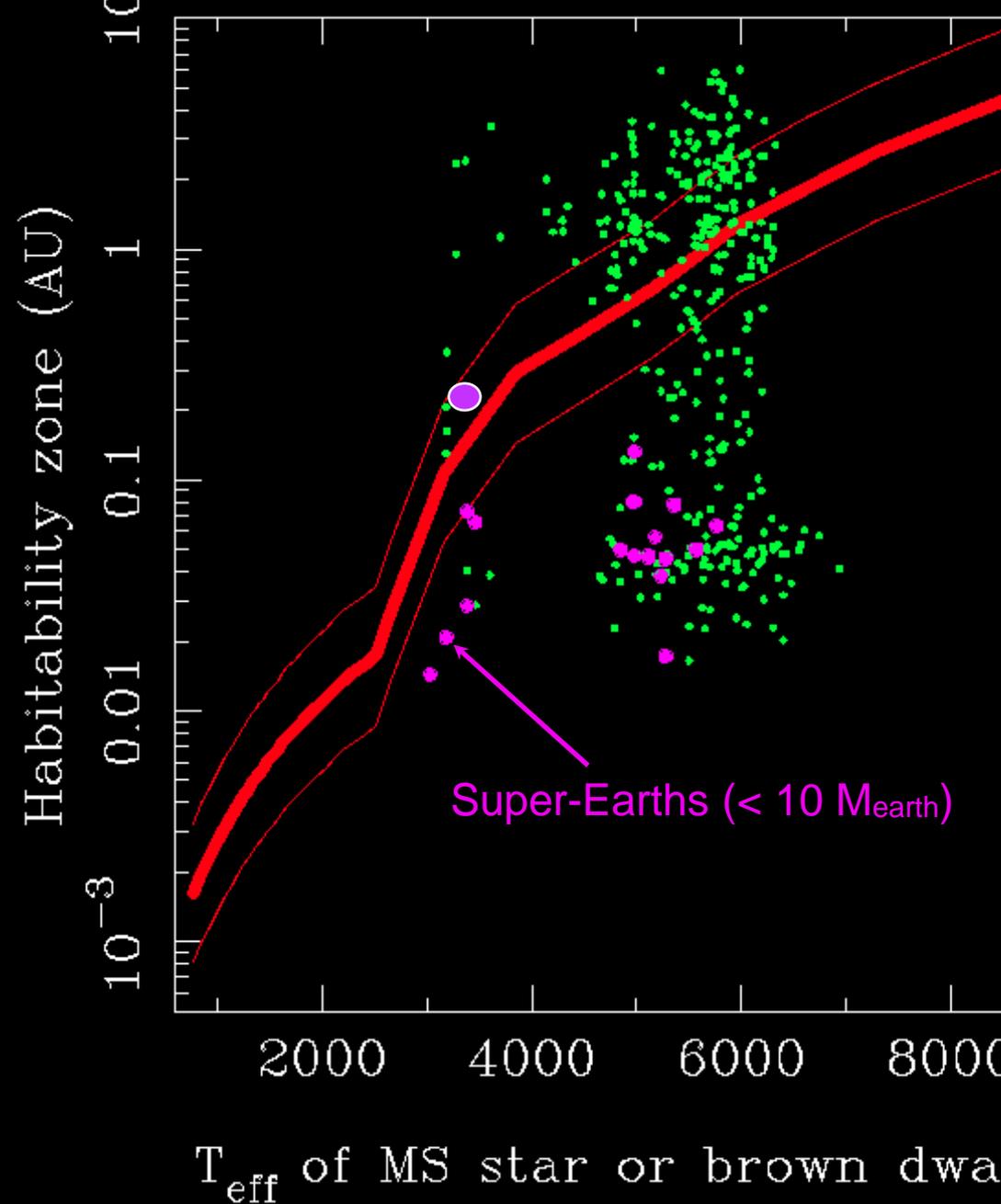
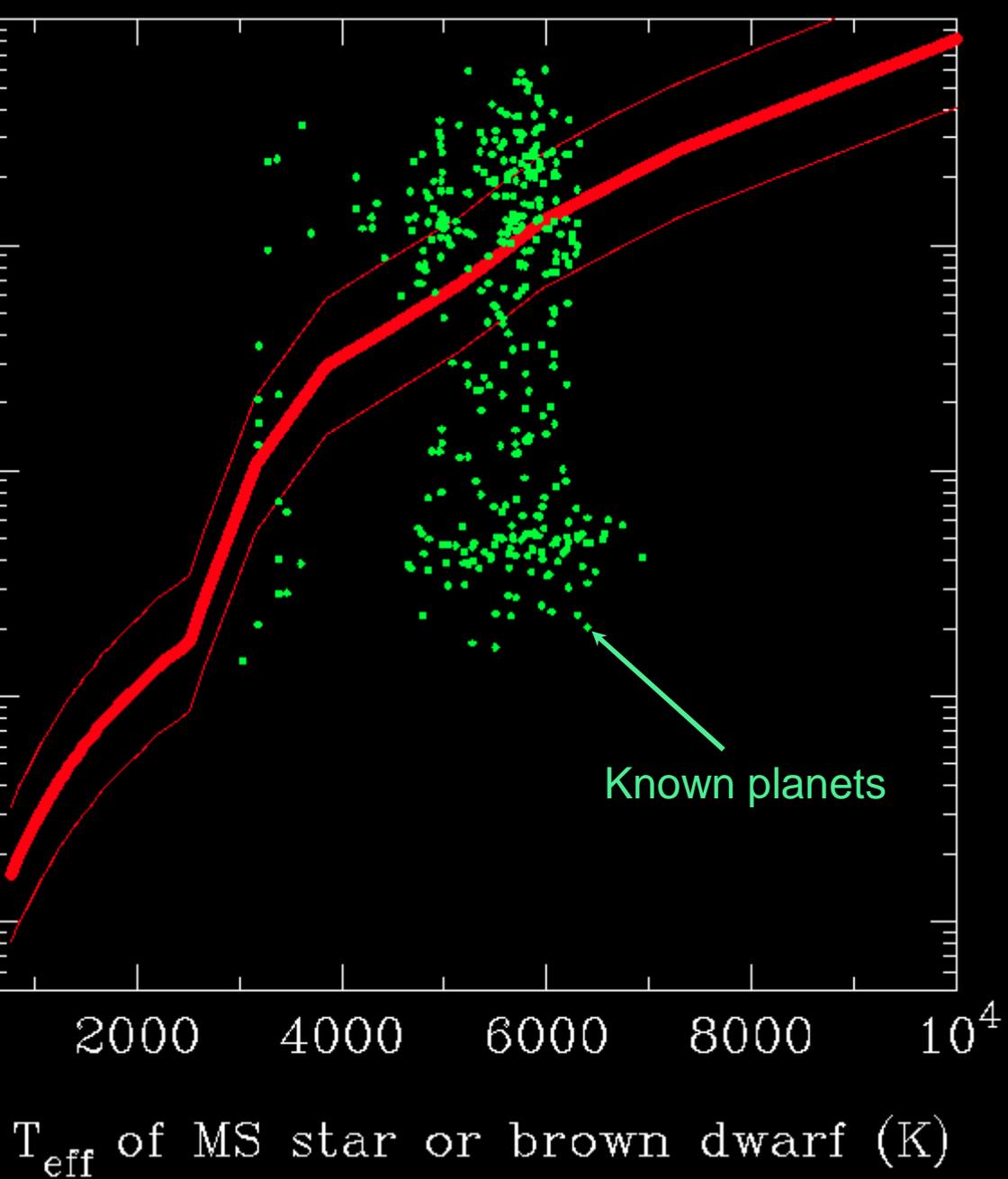


Primary and secondary transit of a warm (~1000 K), gas giant (1.13 Earth radii) planet in a close-in orbit (0.03 AU) around the solar-type star HD 189733 (Knutson et al. 2007)

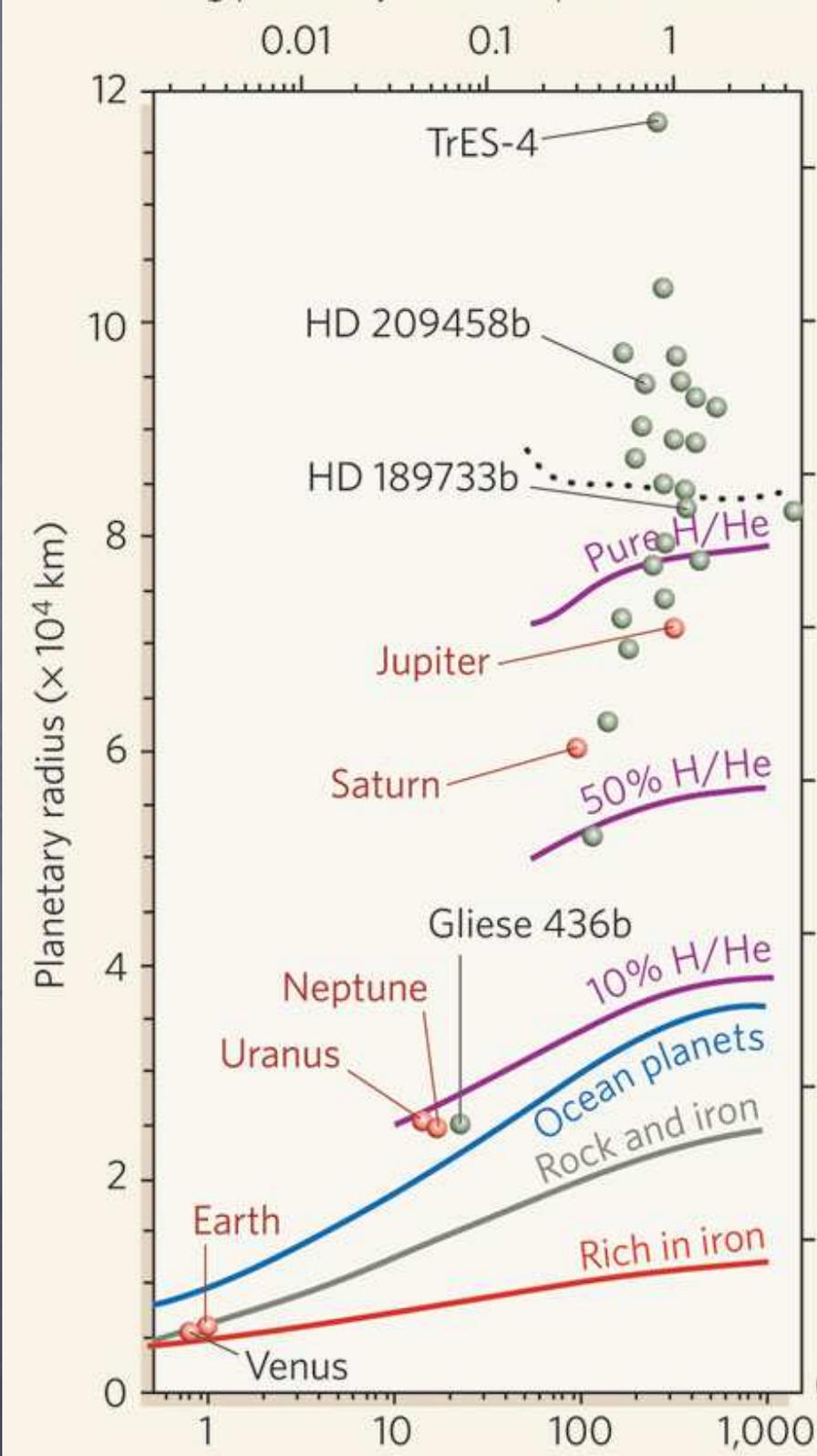
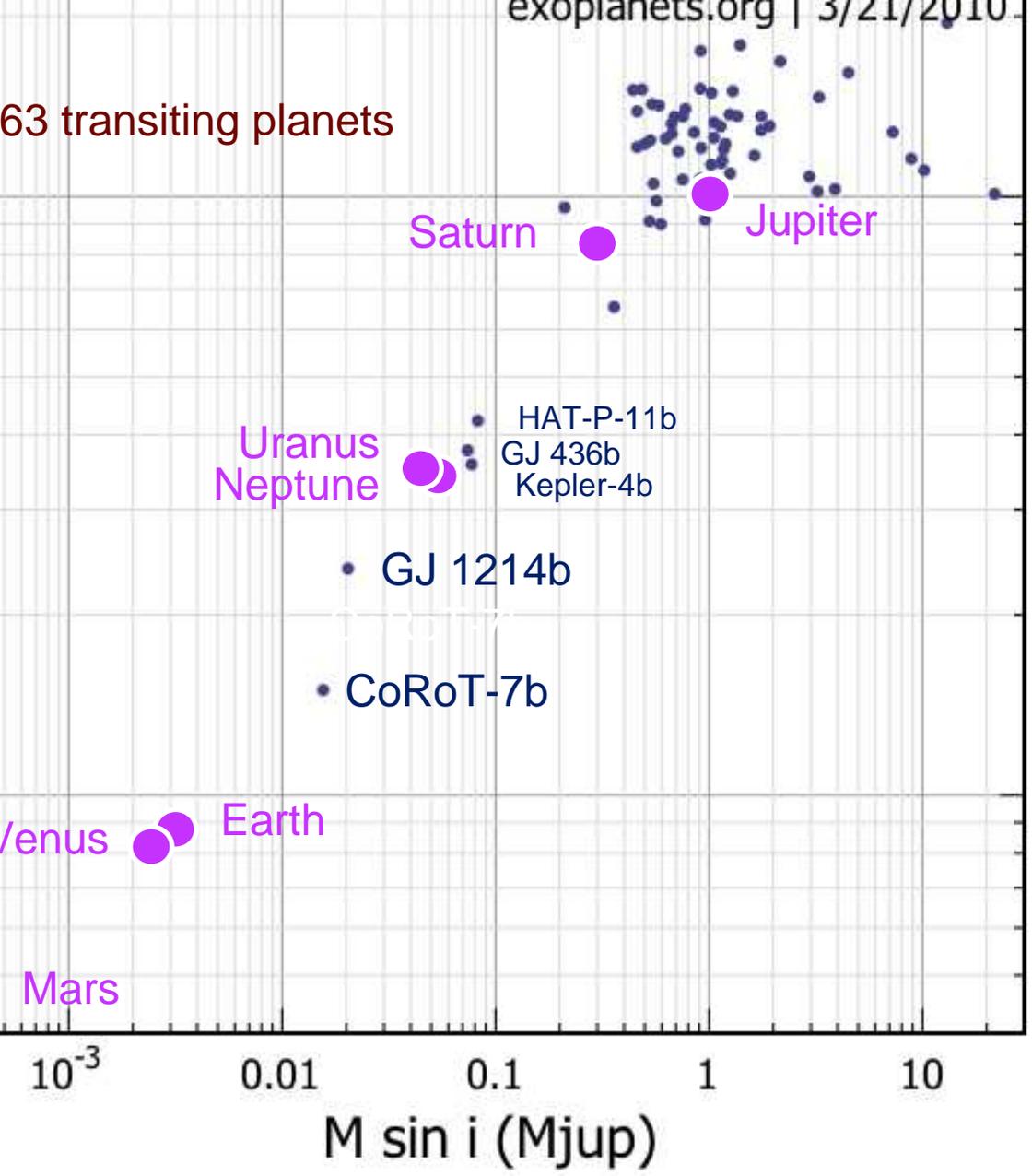
astrophysical considerations, working definition of habitability zone (HZ) of stars: orbits where Earth-twin planets can maintain liquid water on its surface and Earth-twin life.

implies a stellar light insolation identical to that received by the Earth from the Sun. HZs are proportional to the size of the rocky or liquid planets and to the square root of the star luminosities.



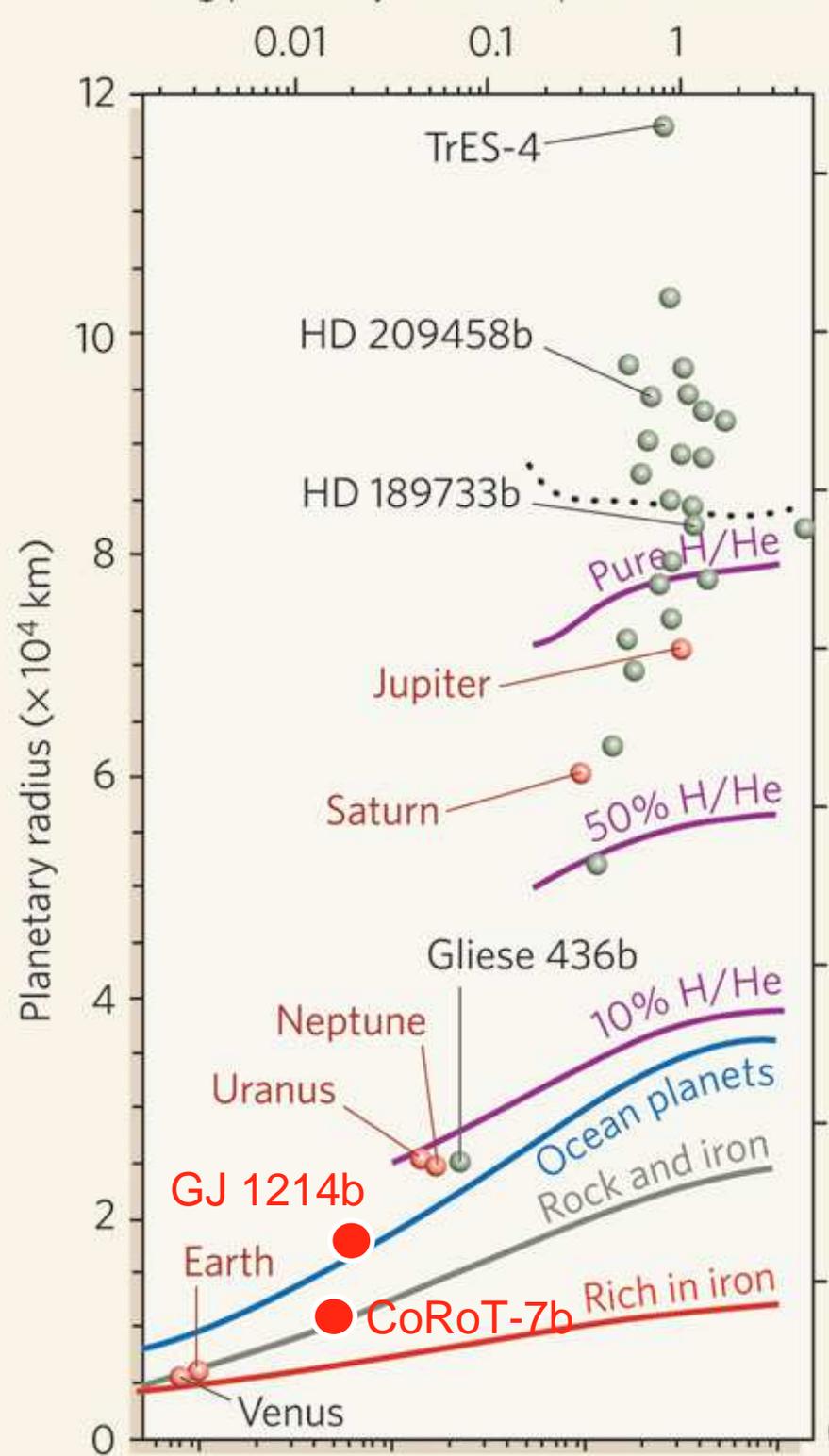
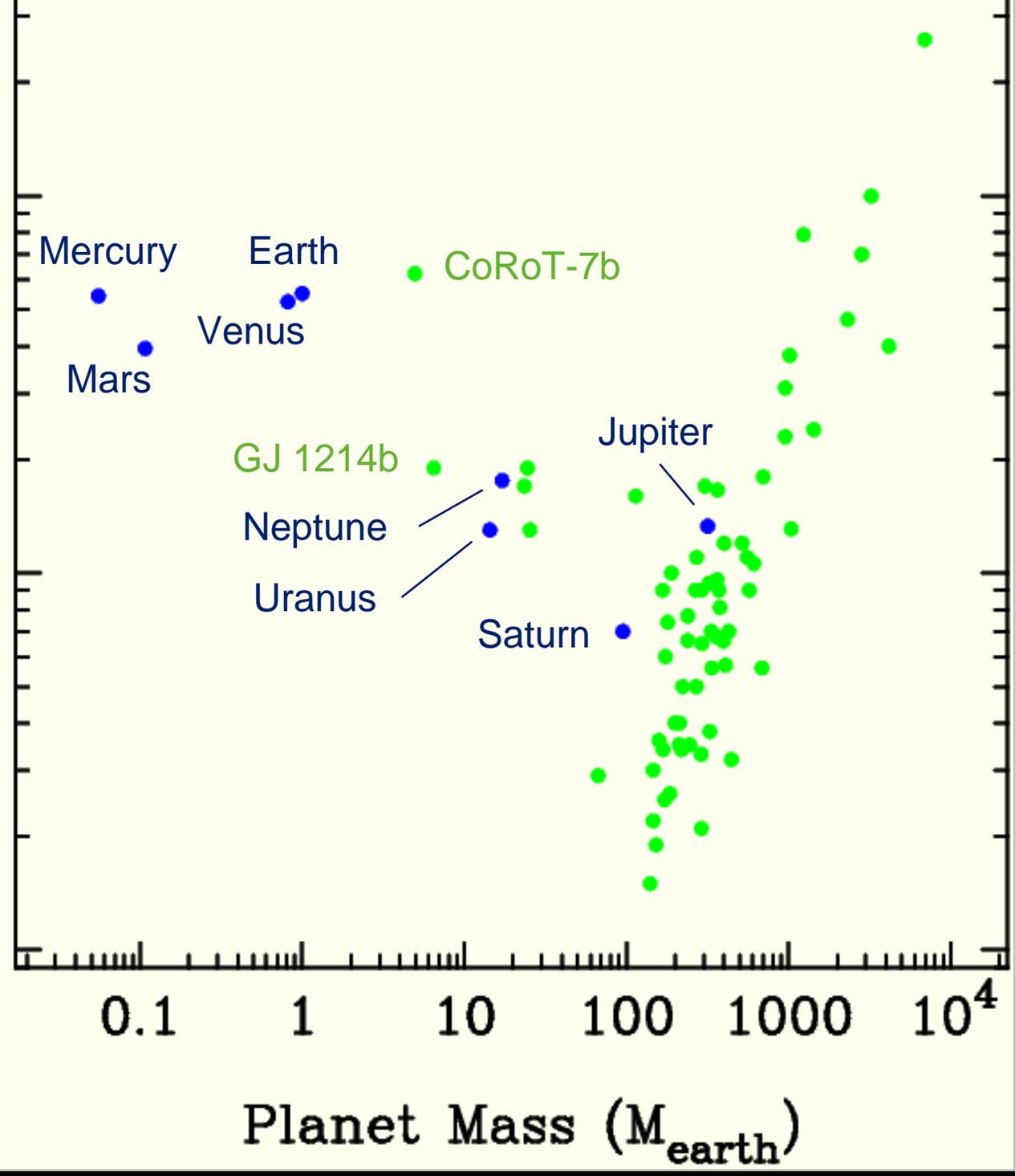


of the super-Earth planets lie in the habitable zone of their parent stars, with the possible exception of GJ 581 d. The mass of this planet is still uncertain, and its radius (size) is unknown.

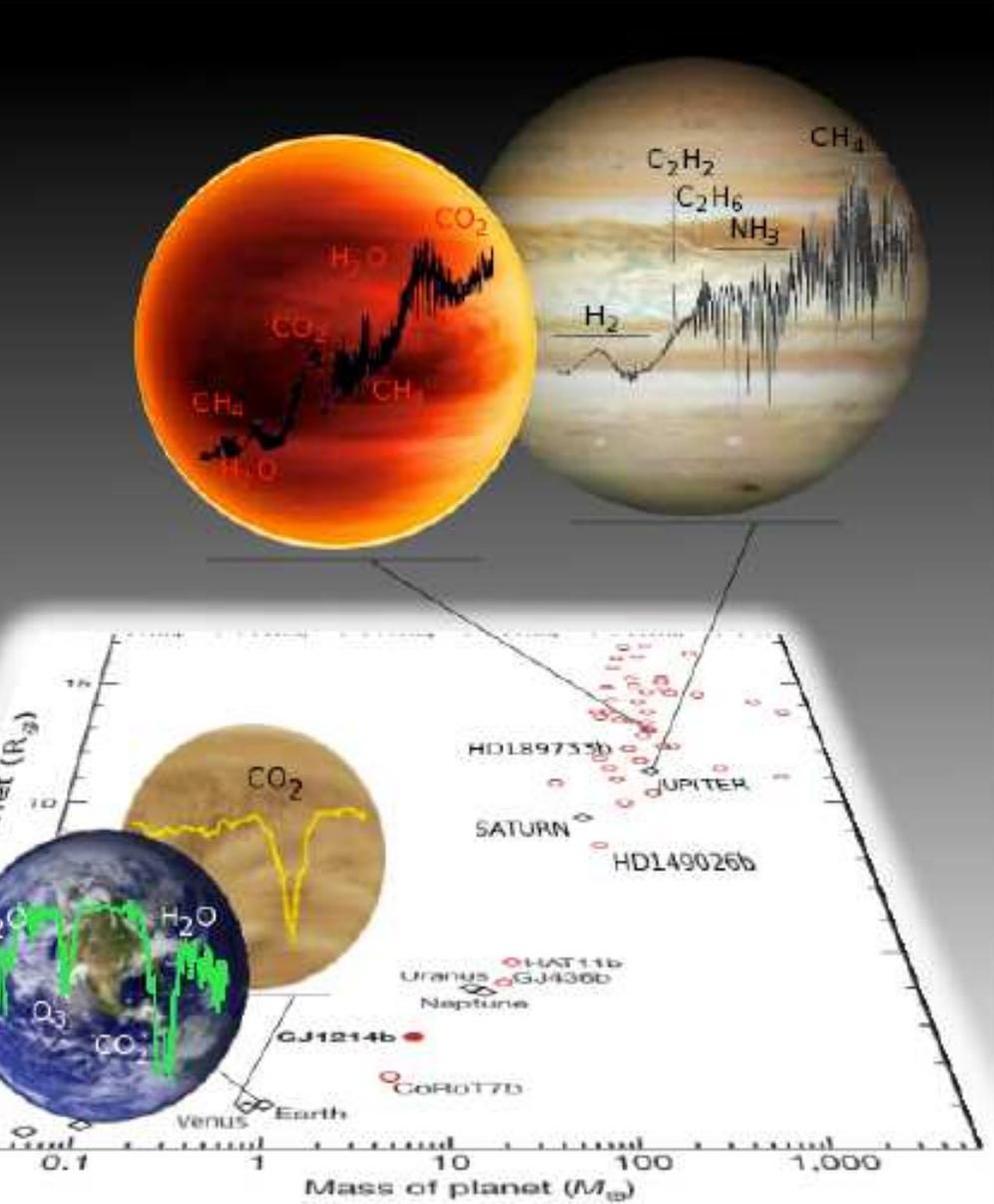


stars appear to show a similar mass-radius relation than solar system planets.

"Jupiter"-like planets, dispersion is large likely due to different amounts of stellar light insolation and metallic composition.

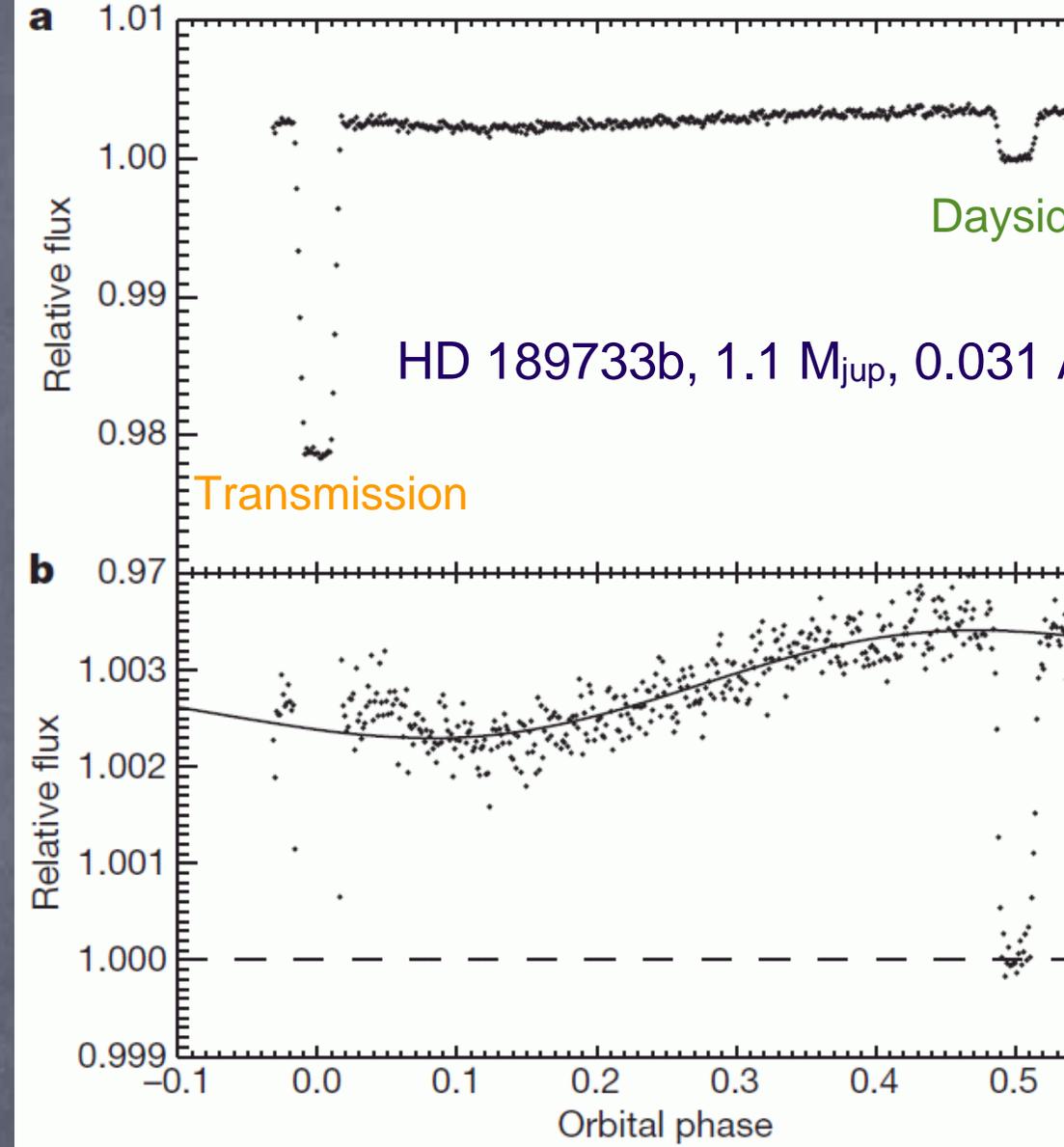
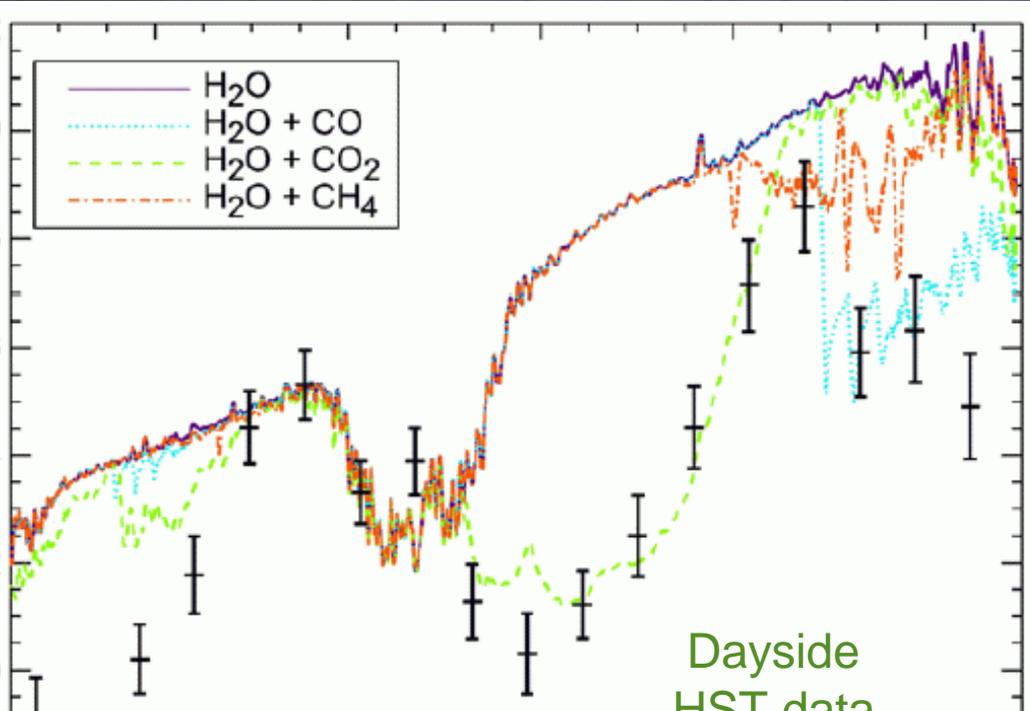
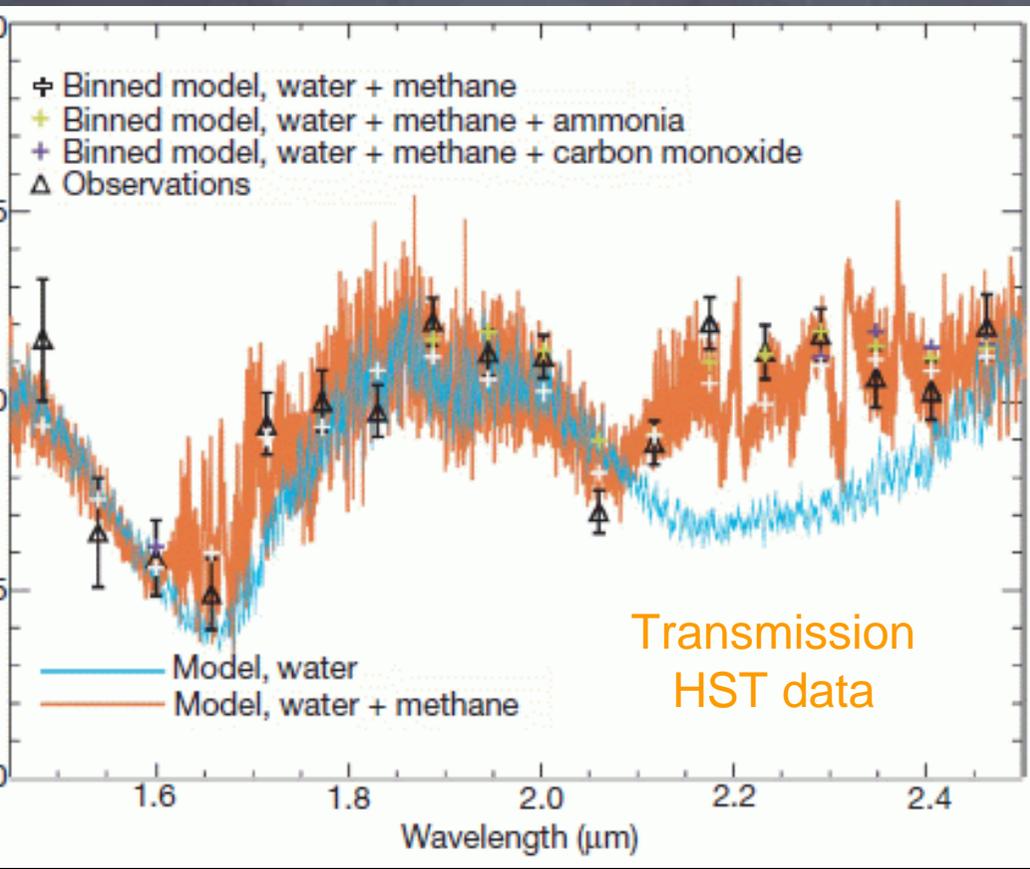


NOT in the habitable zones of their parent stars, CoRoT-7b (5



Planets can be very similar in mass and radius and yet different worlds, as demonstrated by these two pairs of exoplanets. A spectroscopic analysis of the atmospheres is needed to determine their physical and chemical identities.

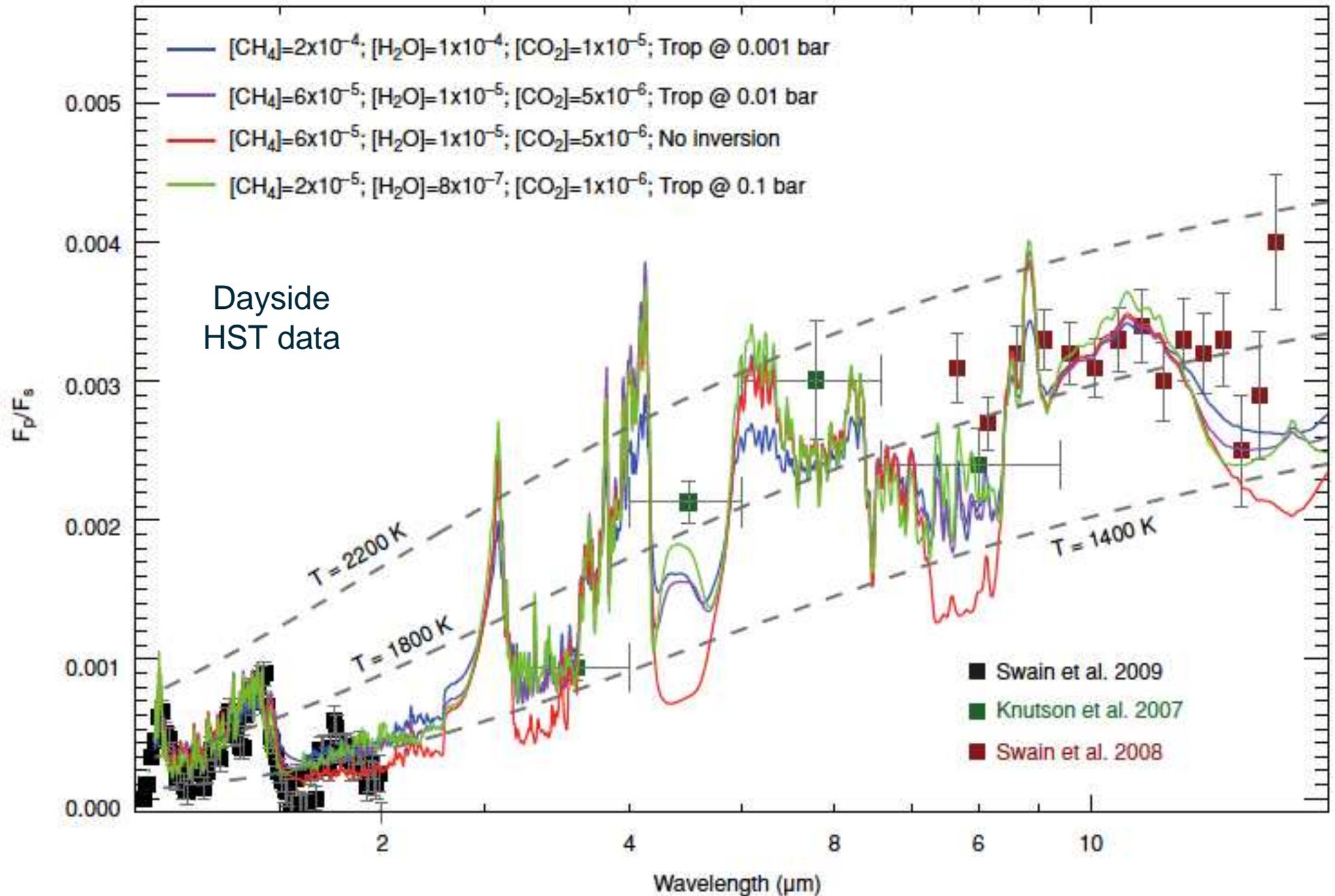
*H <sub>2</sub> O	0.51, 0.57, 0.65, 0.72, 0.82, 0.94	1.13, 1.38, 1.9, 2.69	6.2
*CO <sub>2</sub>	-	1.21, 1.57, 1.6, 2.03, 4.25	-
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	-	1.52, 3.0	7.53
HCN	-	3.0	-
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	-	3.4	-
O <sub>3</sub>	0.45-0.75 (the Chappuis band)	4.7	9.1, 9.6
HDO	-	2.7, 3.67	7.13
*CO	-	1.57, 2.35, 4.7	-
O <sub>2</sub>	0.58, 0.69, 0.76, 1.27	-	-
NH <sub>3</sub>	0.55, 0.65, 0.93	1.5, 2, 2.25, 2.9, 3.0	6.1, 10.5
PH <sub>3</sub>	-	4.3	8.9, 10.1
*CH <sub>4</sub>	0.48, 0.57, 0.6, 0.7, 0.79, 0.86,	1.65, 2.2, 2.31, 2.37, 3.3	6.5, 7.7
CH <sub>3</sub> D	?	3.34, 4.5	6.8, 7.7, 8.6
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	-	3.22, 3.34	6.9, 10.5
H <sub>2</sub> S	-	2.5, 3.8 ...	7
SO <sub>2</sub>	-	4	7.3, 8.8
N <sub>2</sub> O	-	2.8, 3.9, 4.5	7.7, 8.5
NO <sub>2</sub>	-	3.4	6.2, 7.7
H <sub>2</sub>	-	2.12	-
H <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-	2.0, 3-4.5	-
He	-	1.083	-
*Na	0.589	1.2	-
*K	0.76	-	-
TiO	0.4-1	1-3.5	-
VO	0.4-1	1-2.5	-
FeH	0.6-1	1-2	-
TiH	0.4-1	1-1.6	-
Rayleigh	0.4-1	-	-
Cloud/haze	yes	possible	silicates, etc



Transmission spectrum of HD 189733b explained by the presence of water vapor methane (Swain et al. 2008).

Dayside spectrum is explained by the pres

# HD 209458b, 0.69 $M_{\text{jup}}$ , 0.047 AU



Water vapor, carbon dioxide, and methane present in the dayside spectrum of planet

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**Aim of assessment study:**

to define the mission to a level at which scientific value and feasibility (technical/programmatic) can be assessed.

**Output:**

Assessment study report includes science objectives, SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS, payload, mission design and operations (ground segment + science operations), mission management (+ procurement approach)

# Exoplanet Characterization Observatory

The ECHO mission will be able to characterize the atmospheres of exoplanets down to Super-Earth size in the habitable zone of late-type stars, using VIS+NIR+MIR transit/occultation spectroscopy.

Current scientific requirements and other details:

1.2-m telescope with passive cooling.

Soyuz launcher from Kourou to L2 orbit (1293 kg injected mass).

5 yr mission lifetime.

Continuous spectroscopy from 0.6 to 11 (16 goal)  $\mu\text{m}$ . Three channels (VIS, NIR, MIR) with wavelength overlap.

Photometric stability of better than  $10^4$  across the observing band during 2 days.

Spectral resolution:  $\sim 1000$  (VIS),  $>300$  (NIR),  $>30$  (MIR).

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## Proposed Spanish contribution:

Mid-infrared channel(s): optical and optomechanical design, optics procurement, validation testing (CAB, INTA).

On-board and ground-segment data processing and calibration software (ICE, possible contribution of CAB-INTA).

Electronics, including signal processing and data processing units, instrument control unit, and power supply unit (IAC, ICE).

# Exoplanet Characterization Observatory

## Schedule

Start of EChO assessment study - May 2011

Completion of 1st phase study (internal) - Sep 2011

Start of industrial studies - beginning of 2012

End of industrial studies - end of 2012

Completion of assessment study - end of 2012

Yellow Book - end of 2012 or early 2013

Internal independent ESA review - early 2013

Down-selection of candidate missions (2) for definition phase - mid-2013

# Summary of the LORV short study (2010 March 26)

Mission feasible within requirements and constraints: mass OK, power OK, telemetry OK, ...

Ample heritage from other missions.

## Risk areas:

AOCS (altitude and orbit control system, pointing stability) technical development.

5-16  $\mu\text{m}$  channel challenging: cryogenics. Detector development.

Insufficient number of science targets.

Kepler, CoRoT

Gaia

HAT

Espresso, Carmenes

Sphere

Radial Velocity Surveys (HARPS, Keck, UVES, ...)

Transit Surveys (WAPS & SuperWAPS, ...)

JWST, Plato

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