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Survey of Transit Photometry: Technique and Results

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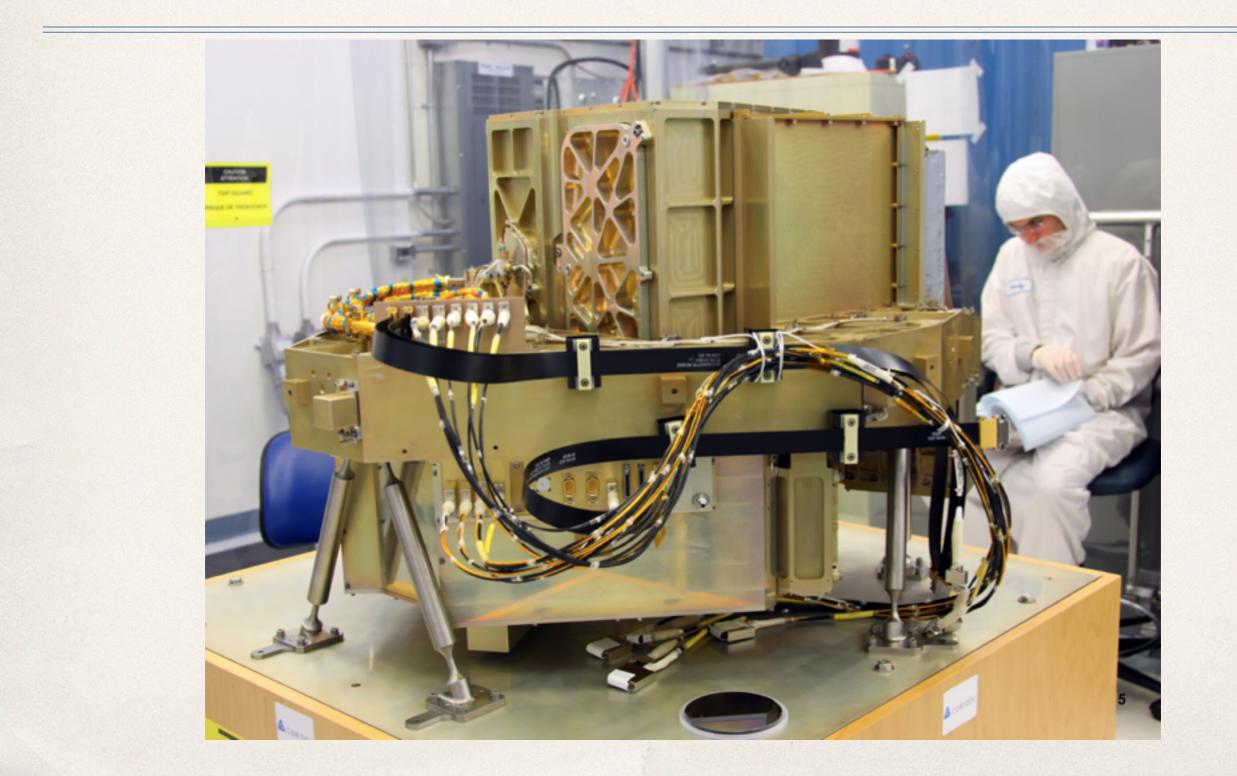
"A time will come when [people] will stretch out their eyes. They should see planets like our Earth."

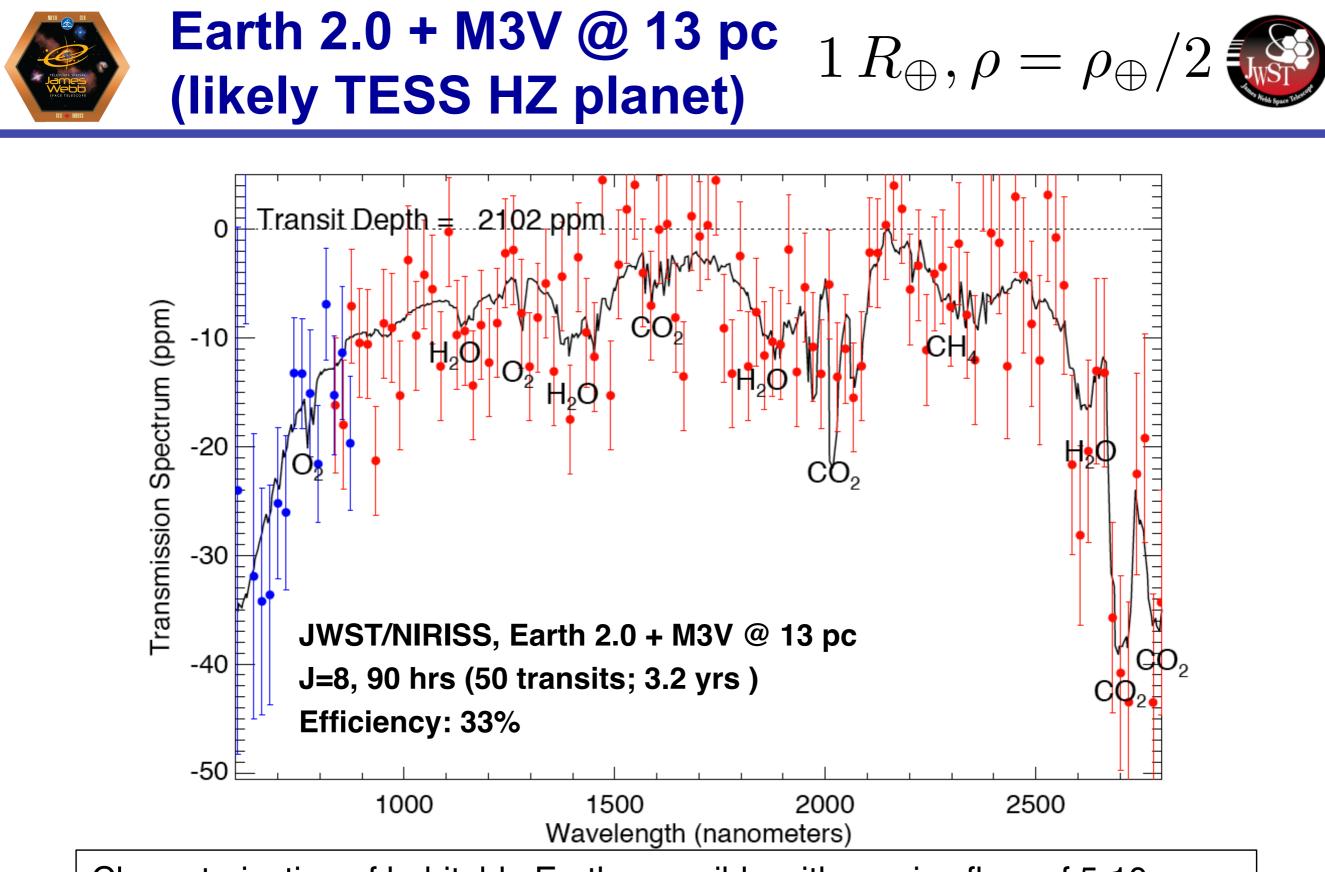
Christopher Wren

Canadian Astronomy 2010 LRP



NIRISS - Slitless Spectrometer





Characterization of habitable Earths possible with a noise floor of 5-10 ppm.

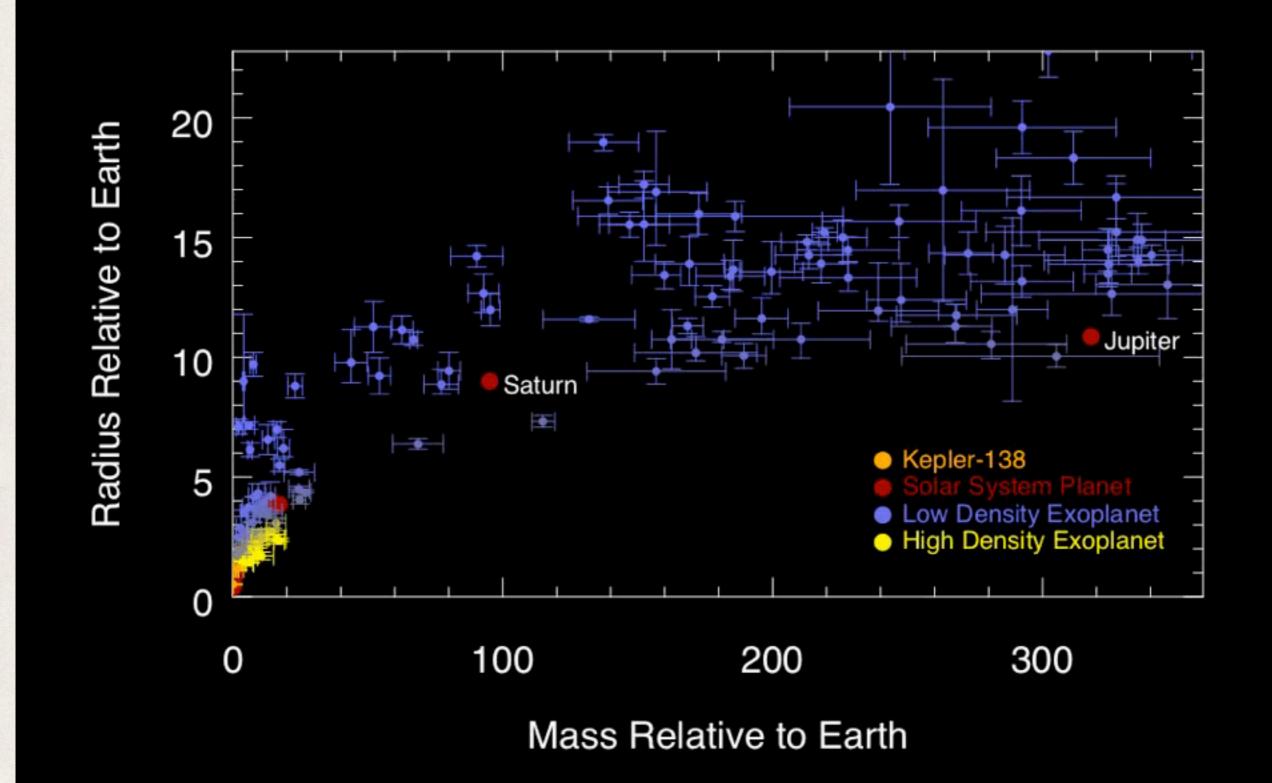
JPL Transit Workshop 12 March 2014



Current Status

- Exoplanets has gone from a field focused on discoveries to characterization
 - mass, radius, bulk density, albedo, brightness temperature, atmosphere composition
 - Driven by transiting exoplanets

Mass-Radius Relation



1980s... Gamma Cephei Ab



Lost world: How Canada missed its moment of glory

JACOB BERKOWITZ



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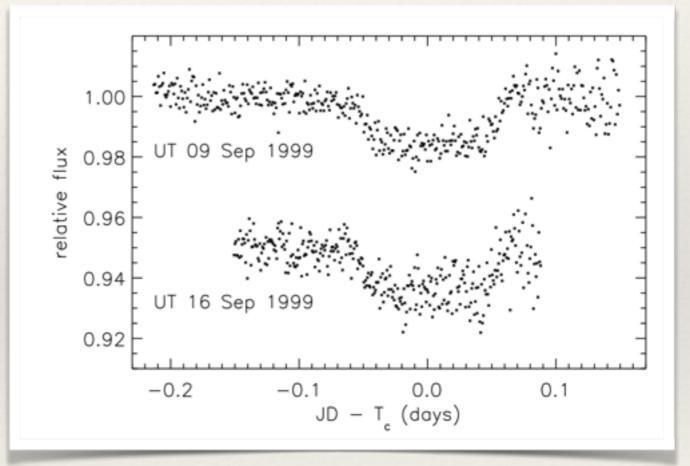


In June, 2007, the Nobel Foundation sponsored a special symposium in Stockholm, inviting top researchers to discuss the physics of "exoplanets" planets that orbit stars other than the sun.

The quest for far-off worlds, once dismissed as sheer fantasy, is now considered the "other space race." Such planets may help humanity realize its ancient dream of finding extraterrestrial life, and finding the very first of them has gone down as one of the great accomplishments of 20th-century astrophysics.

HD209458b

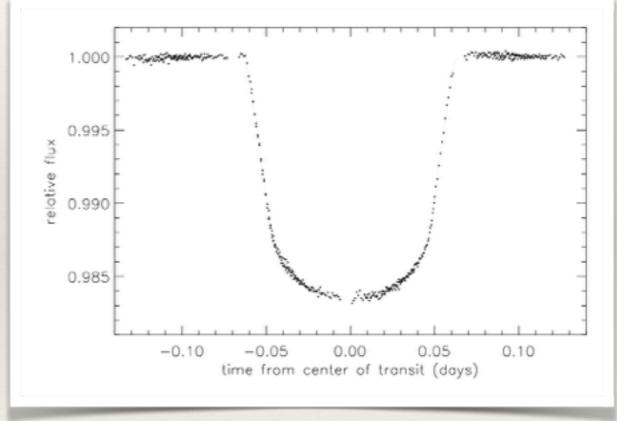
- First transiting extrasolar planet
 - no doubt that the companion was planetary
 - RV + transit
 - first atmospheric detection
 - * Spitzer



Charbonneau, D. et al. 2000

Hubble Space Telescope

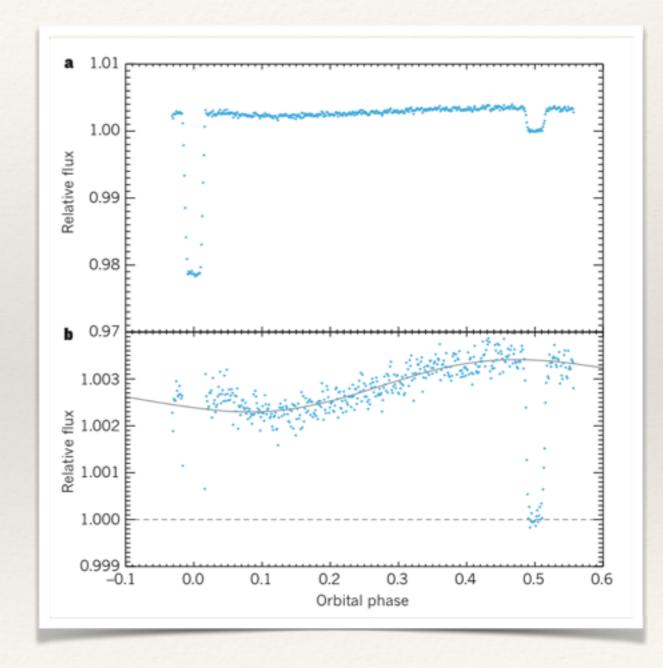
- * STIS observations of HD209458
- Detection of sodium, hydrogen, magnesium
 - * transit spectroscopy



Brown, T. et al. 2001

Spitzer Space Telescope

- Occultation of HD209458b
- * Phase curve of HD189733
- numerous brightness temperature measurements
- dealing with intrapixel variations

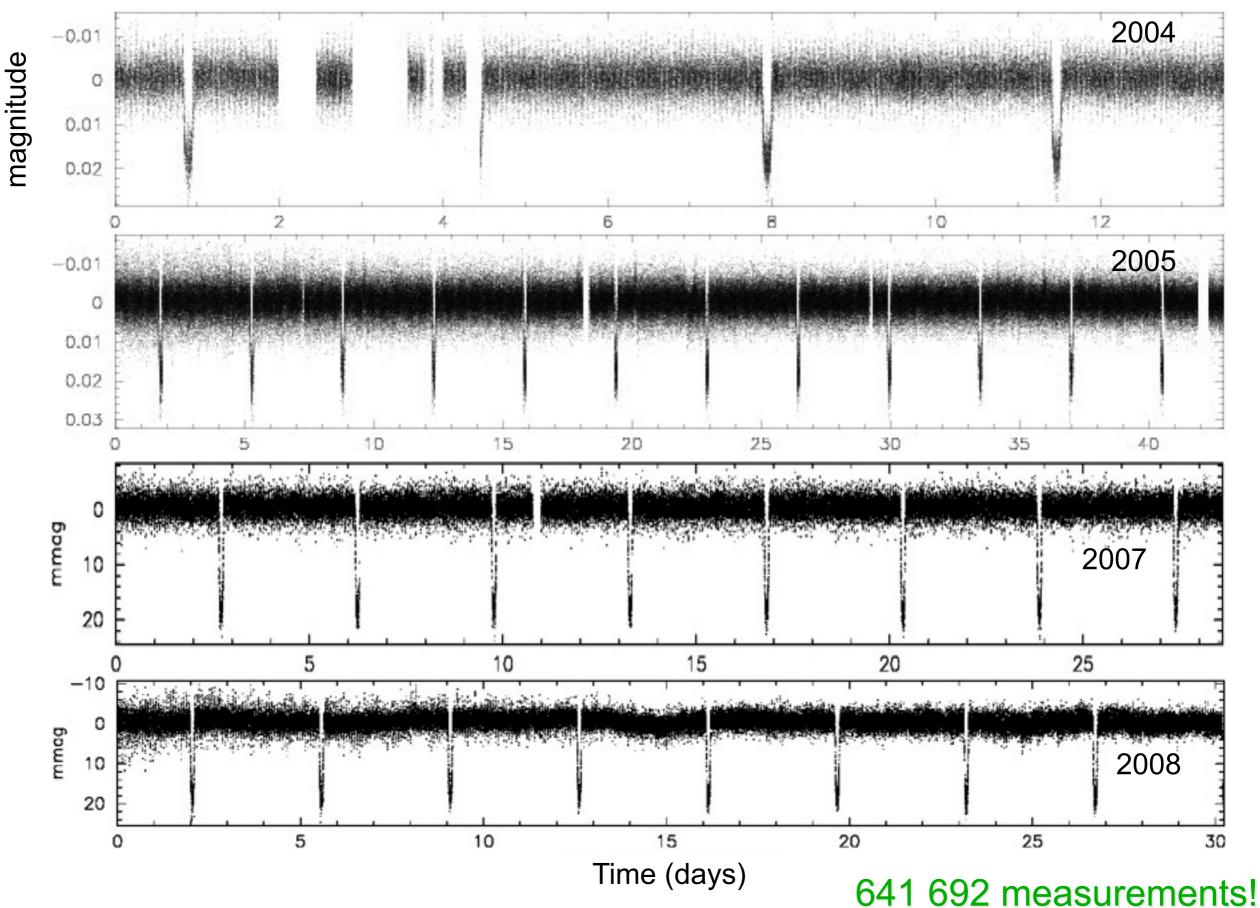


MOST Mission

- * launched June 30, 2003
 - * 800 km polar orbit
 - 15 cm broadband, optical telescope
- low albedo of HD209458
- transit of 55 Cnc e



MOST Observations



CoRoT Mission

- launched December 2006
 - * 27 cm broadband, optical telescope
- * CoRoT-2b : planet around an active star
- CoRoT-9b : first moderate temperature giant
- * CoRoT-7b : one of the first rocky super-Earths
- * Data has been reprocessed and released!
 - http://idoc-corot.ias.u-psud.fr
 - * ~160 000 stars



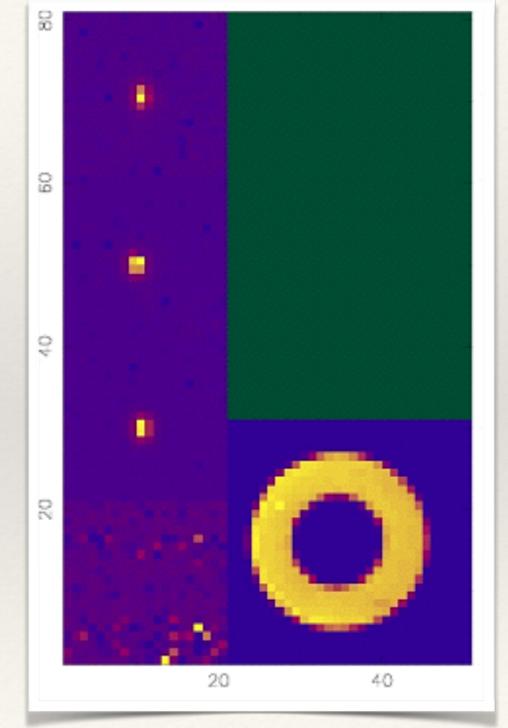
Kepler Mission

- * Kepler-9b TTVs
- Kepler-10b rocky planet
- Kepler-11 6 planet system
- Kepler-16b cEB planet
- * Kepler-20e smaller than the earth
- Kepler-37b moon sized
- Kepler-78b mass/radius of an Earth-sized planet
- Kepler-138b mass and radius less than the Earth
- Kepler-62f HZ planet that may be rocky
- Kepler-296f Earth-sized HZ planet



MOST-CoRoT-Kepler

- MOST team provided CoRoT early access to images to test on-board photometry
- CoRoT team provided Kepler early access to photometry to understand impact of stellar variability

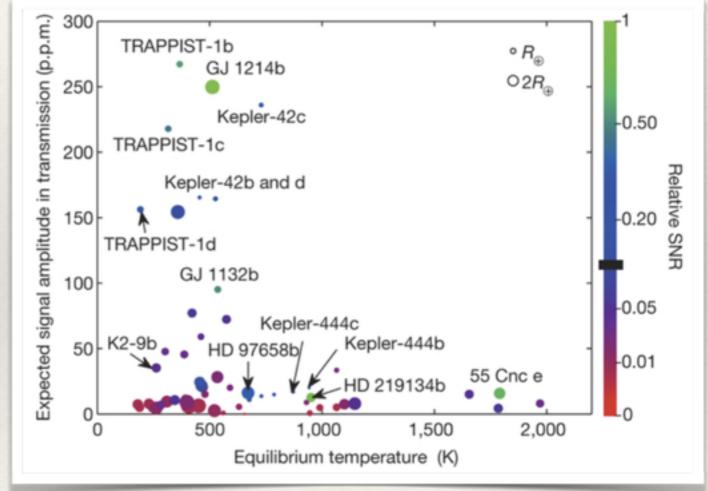


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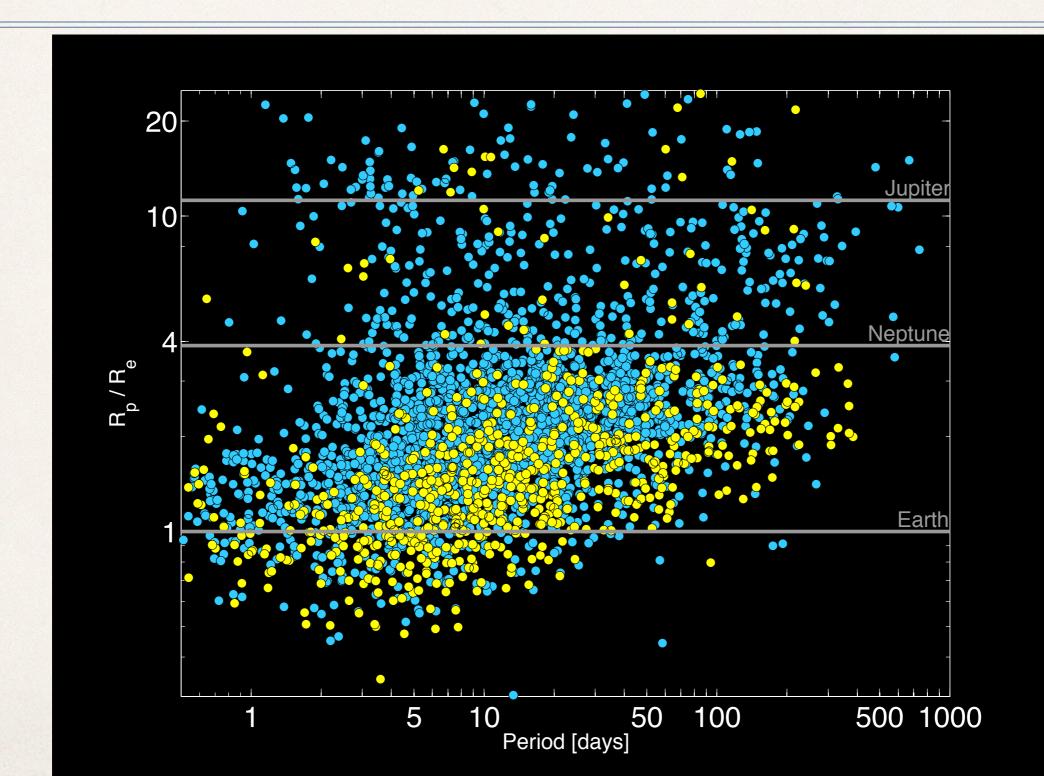
Transit Surveys

Gillon 2016

- * K2 through GO proposals
- WASP, HATNet, TrES, MEarth, TRAPPIST...
 - * TRAPPIST-1:
 - * 2500 K, 0.08 Msun
 - * 3 Earth-sized planets



Planet Candidates - diversity



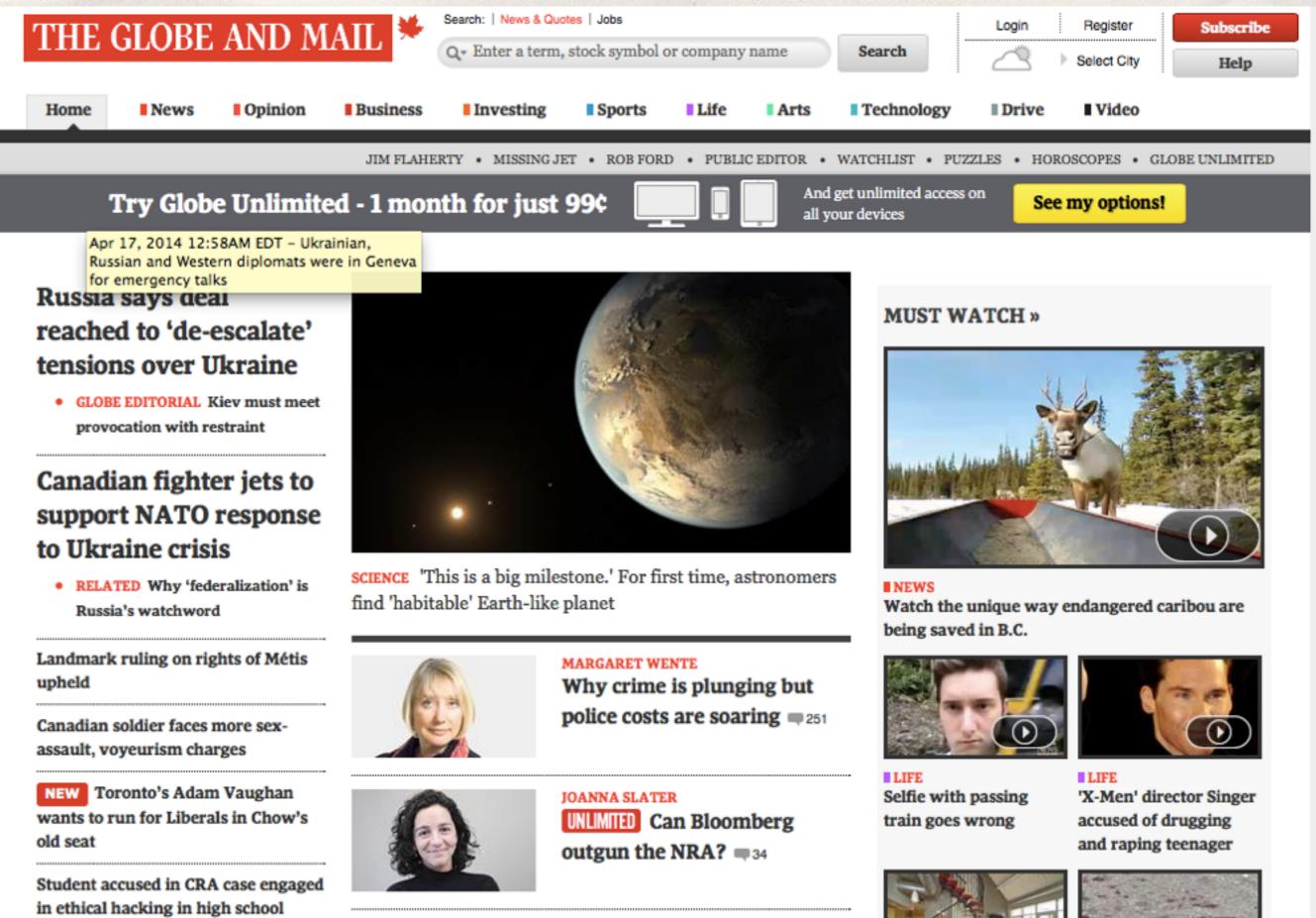






The first validated Earth-size planet in the habitable zone of another star

Artist's concept





UNLIMIED Nine election changes



CATHAL KELLY Raptors have a real shot at





Transit Photometry: Techniques and Results

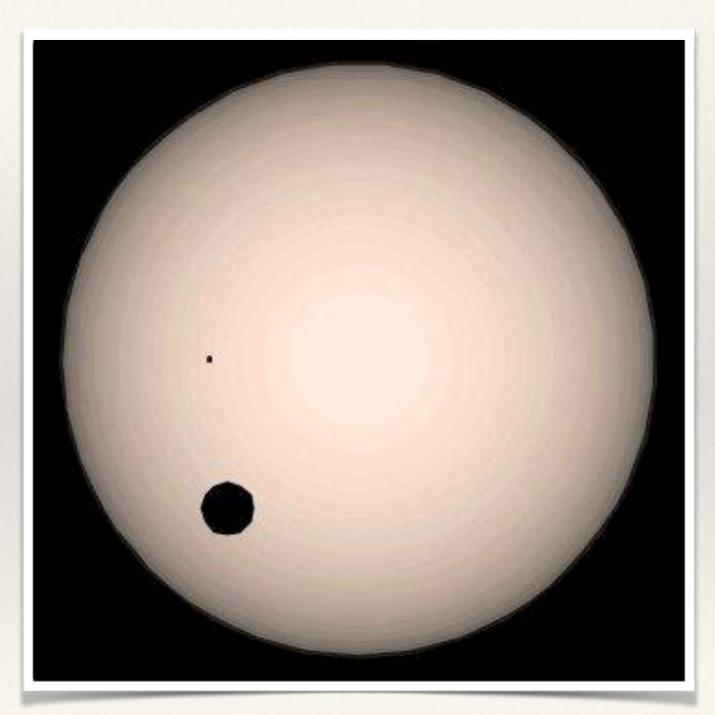
Kepler Mission

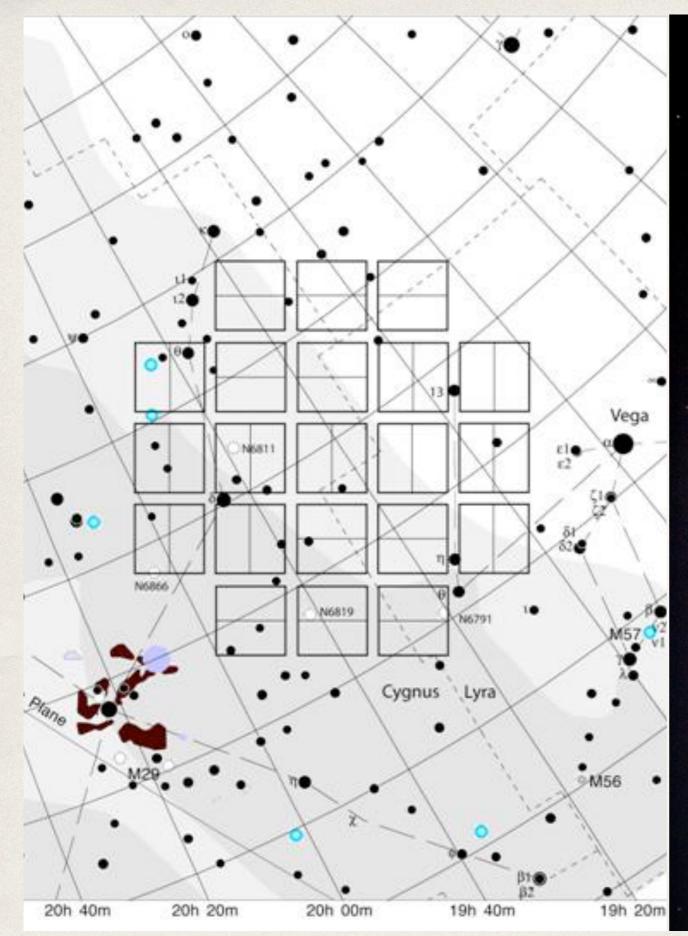
- Optimized to find habitable planets around solar-like stars
- continuously & simultaneously monitor over 160 000 stars
- one meter Schmidt telescope
 - * > 100 deg² FOV
 - * 42* CCDs
- 4 year primary mission



Alook back...

- From pixel to planet
 - searching for planets
 - cataloging planets
 - characterizing planets
- * All my source codes and documentation are public
- https://github.com/jasonfrowe/Kepler

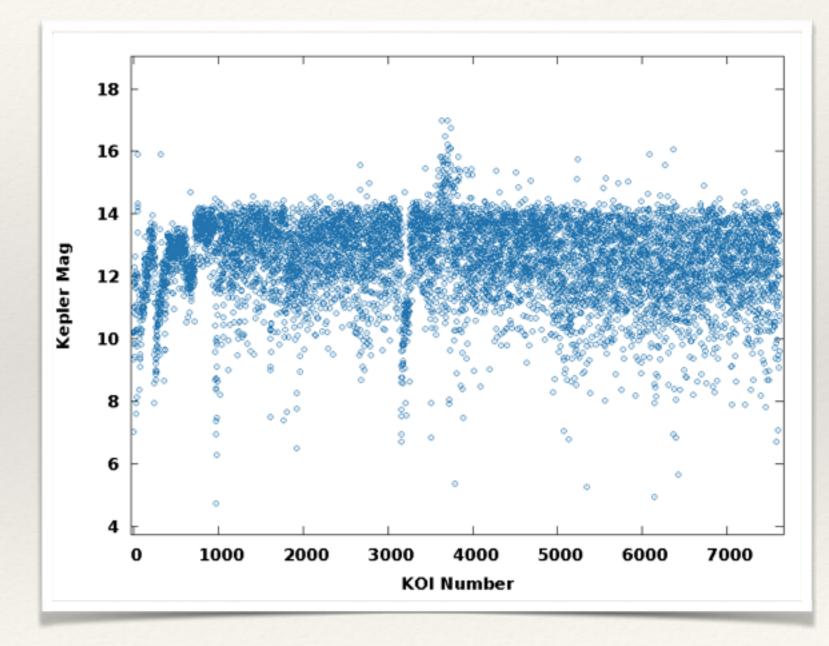






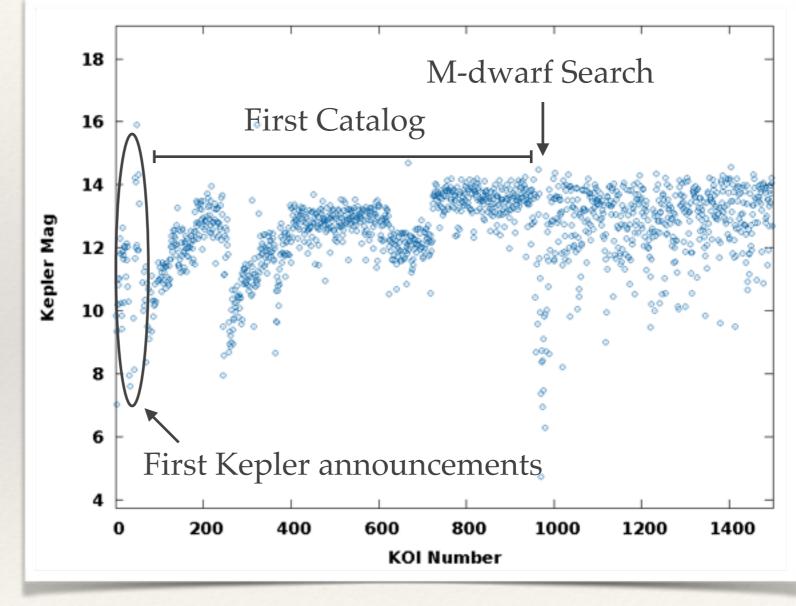
KOIs tell a story

- * KOI : Kepler-Object-of-Interest
 - a number invented to track potential planet discoveries
- First KOIs where discovered by eye
 - printing Q0/Q1
 lightcurves on paper



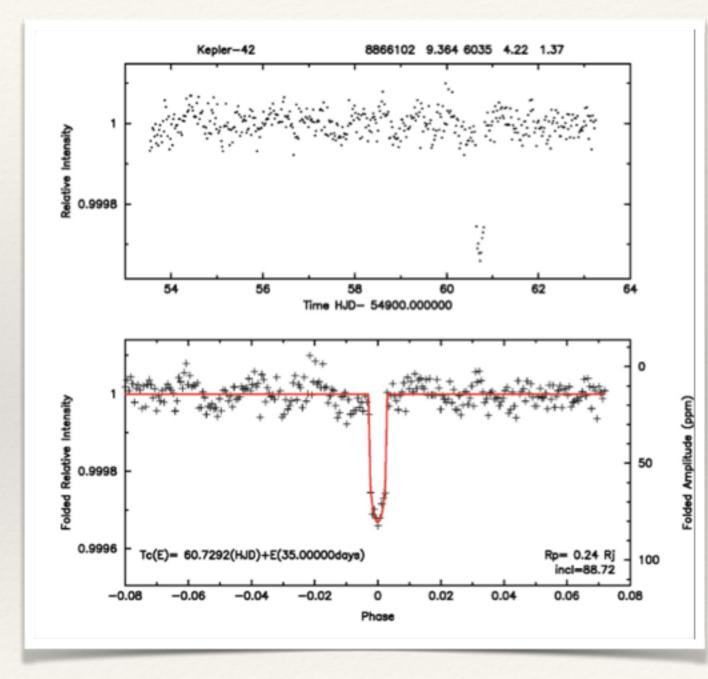
KOIs Searches

- priority was to find planets around bright stars to support ground based followup
 - Imaging + RV
- Candidates were primarily found using median detrending and BLS



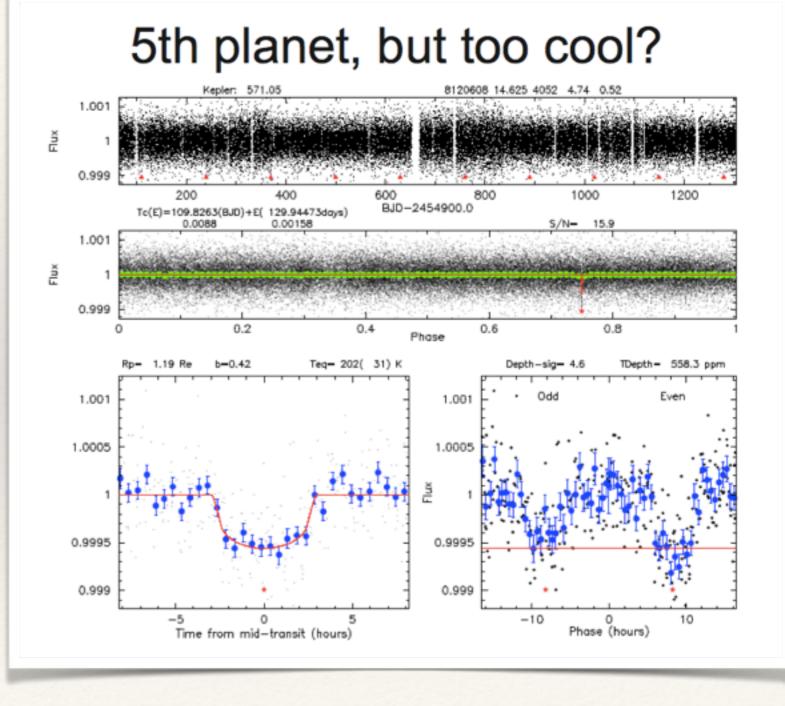
Finding Planets

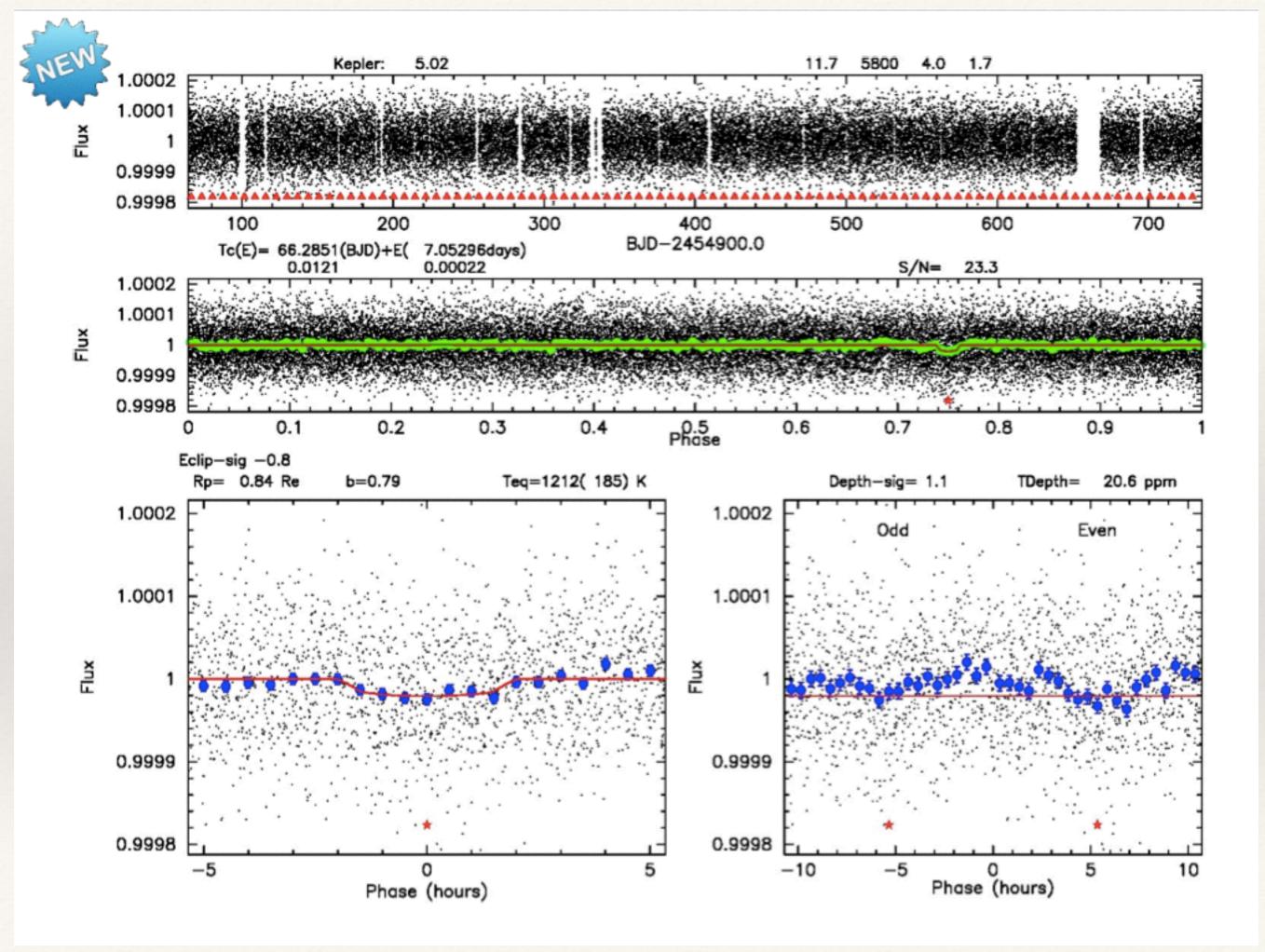
- The best period/epoch was returned from a transit search
 - no multiple passes
- plots would be generated to show the lightcurve and folded lightcurve
 - chi-by-eye detections
- Diagnostic reports modeled from initial development by Ron Gilliland



Finding Planets

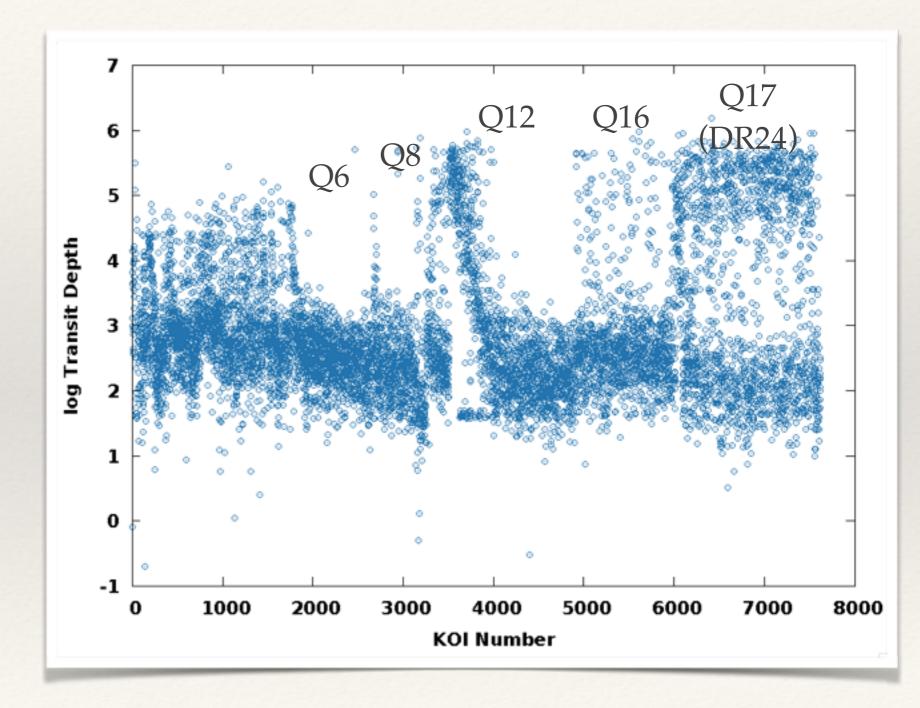
- Discovery plot for
 Kepler-296f from a
 Kepler TCERT meeting
- but for a while, the rule for KOIs was S/N > 7 and validation by visual inspection





KOI History

- Q6 pipeline method used for single pass detection
 - * multi's from BLS
- Q8 multiple-pass
 wavelet
- Q12 community dispositions
- Q16 automating dispositions
- Q17 robovetting + deep EBs



Transit Detection Reliability

* False-alarms

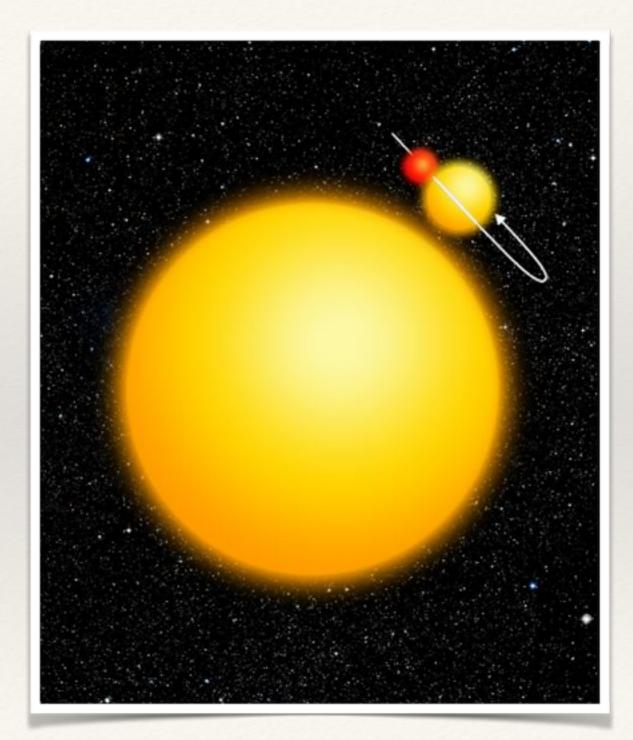
- Transit Injection
 - insert signals into you data and go find them.
- Transit Inversion
 - mirror the light curves about zero.
 - estimate your false detection
 rate



Ford Transit Fuel Pump

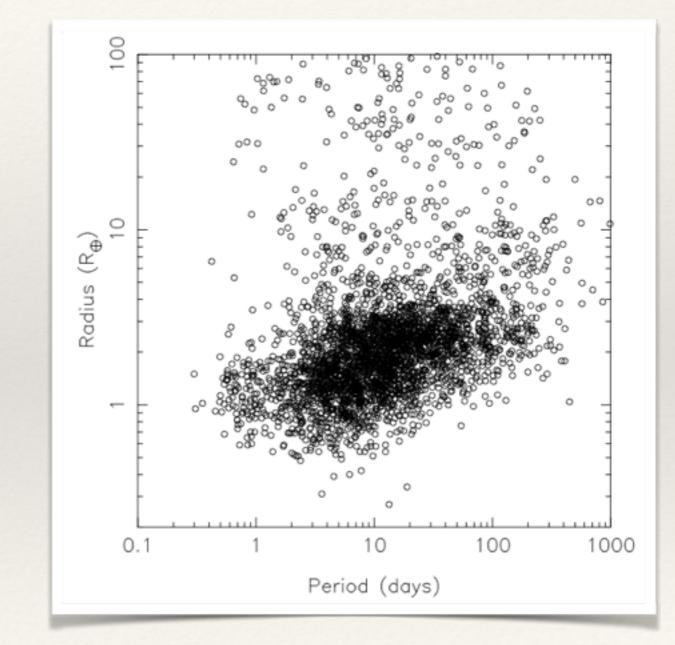
False-positives

- False-alarms and falsepositives are two different classes
 - currently merged.
- False-positive tests
 - odd-even, uniqueness test,
 S/N, centroids
 - important efforts towards automating and assigning a false-positive probability



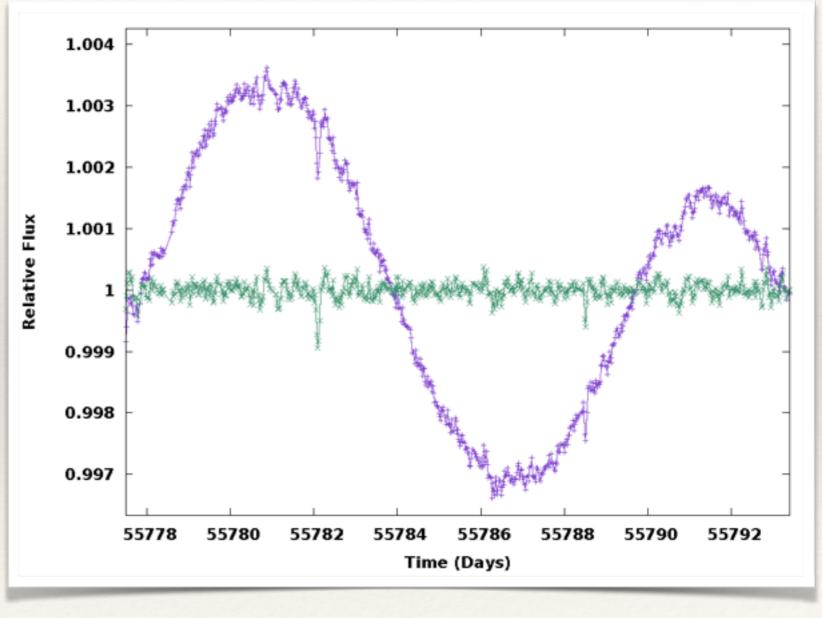
Planet Characterization

- lightcurve model
 - * detrending/GPs
- stellar parameters
- * transit-model
 - * Mandel+Agol
- * limb-darkening
- * TTVs
- posterior distributions



Detrending

- polynomial (cubic)filter
 - * 2, 5 or 10 days
 - dependent on transit duration
 - transits are masked
- Better method is to fit transits and filter simultaneously



Papers and Resources

- * Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning
 - * Rasmussen & Williams MIT Press, 2006
 - http://www.gaussianprocess.org/gpml/chapters/
- George : Python library for Gaussian Process Regression
 - * Dan Foreman-Mackey
 - http://dan.iel.fm/george/current/

Inverting a Matrix

 calculating likelihoods requires inverting the covariance matrix

$$\log p(y|x,\sigma,\theta) = -\frac{1}{2}r^{T}K^{-1}r - \frac{1}{2}\log \det K - \frac{N}{2}\log 2\pi$$

- * we have a Hermitian, positive-definite matrix
 - common to use Cholesky decomposition

$$K = LL^{\mathrm{T}}$$

 decomposes K into a product of a lower triangular matrix L and its transpose

LAPACK – Linear Algebra PACKage

- the hidden magic in most online Gaussian Process
 Packages
- dpotrf -> decomposes your matrix, A, and returns
 Cholesky factor L
- * dpotrs -> solves A x = b; $x = A^{-1}b$
 - dpotrf slow, dpotrs fast
 - If Kernel is constant, only need to call dpotrs when calculating likelihoods.

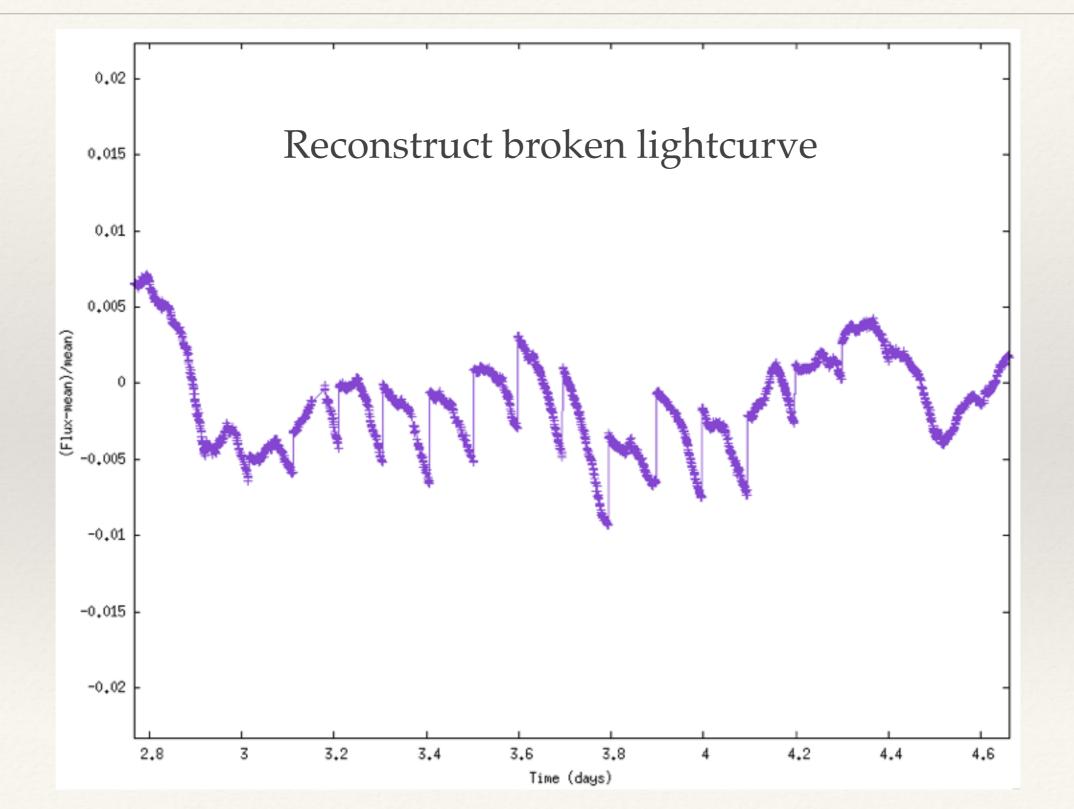
Bestfit Model Parameters

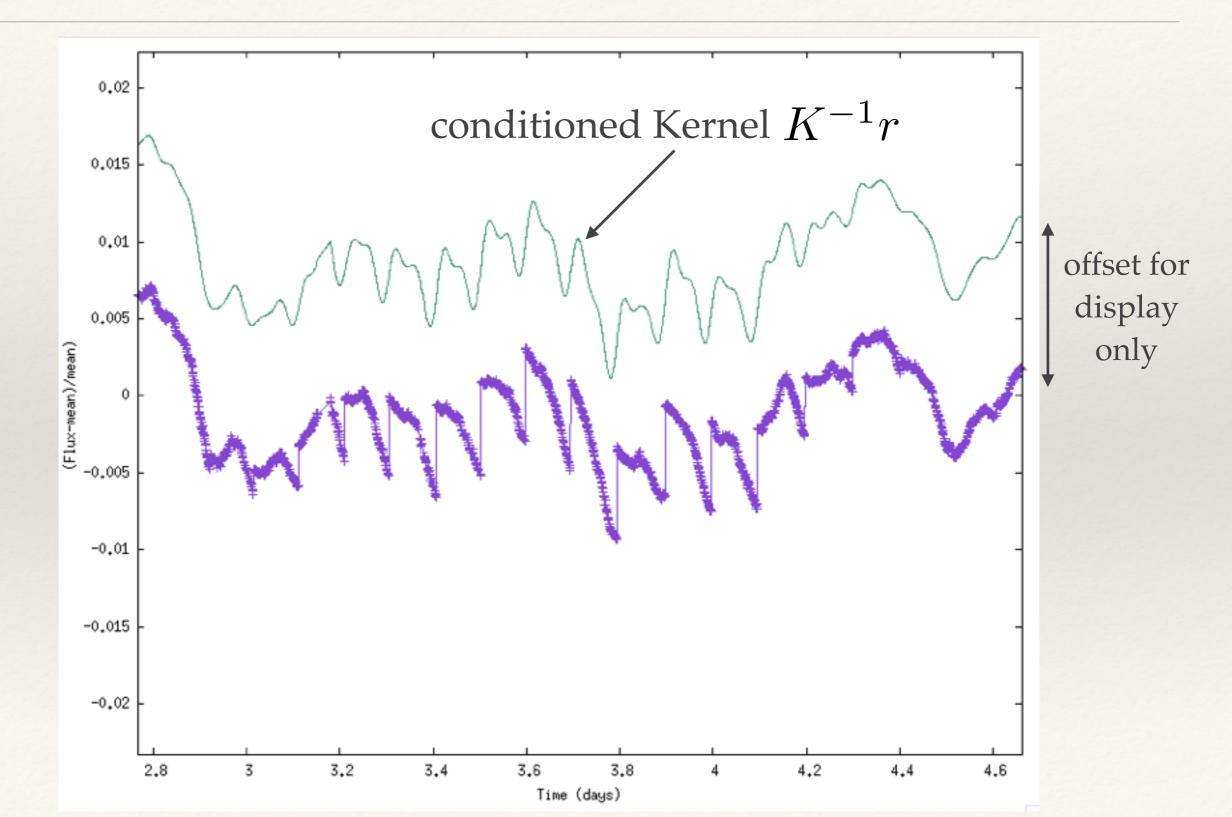
* maximize

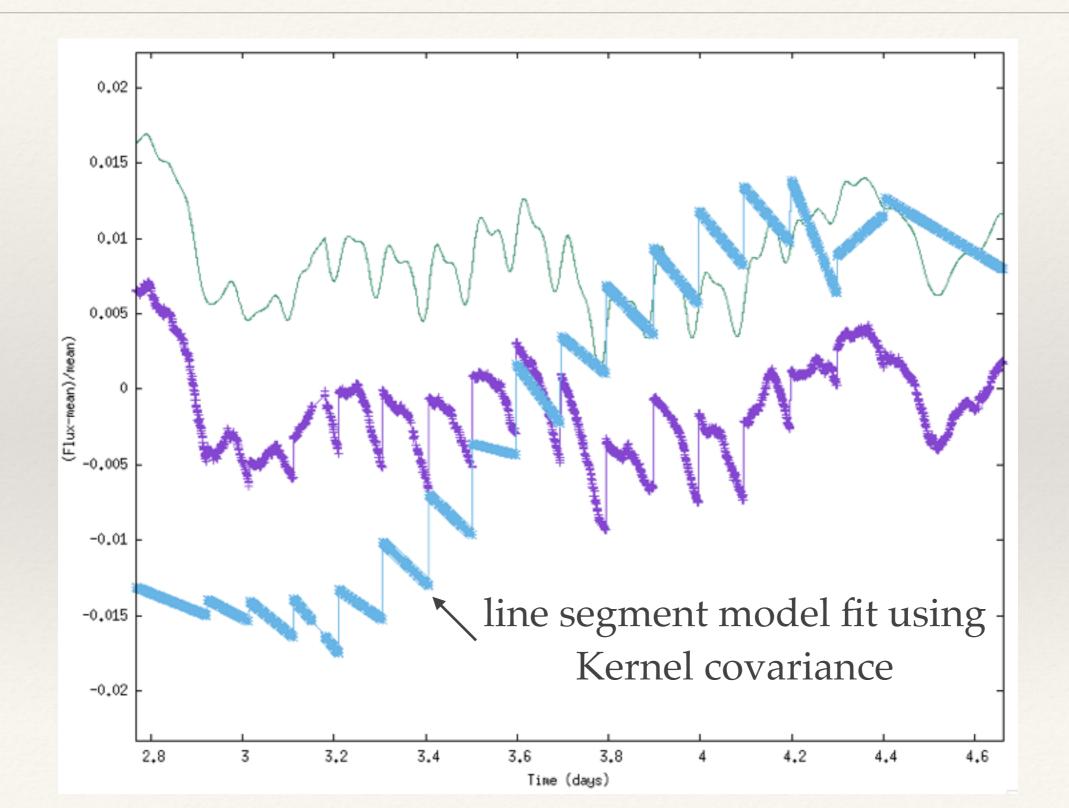
$$log \ p(y|x,\sigma,\theta) = -\frac{1}{2}r^T K^{-1}r - \frac{1}{2}log \ det \ K - \frac{N}{2}log 2\pi$$

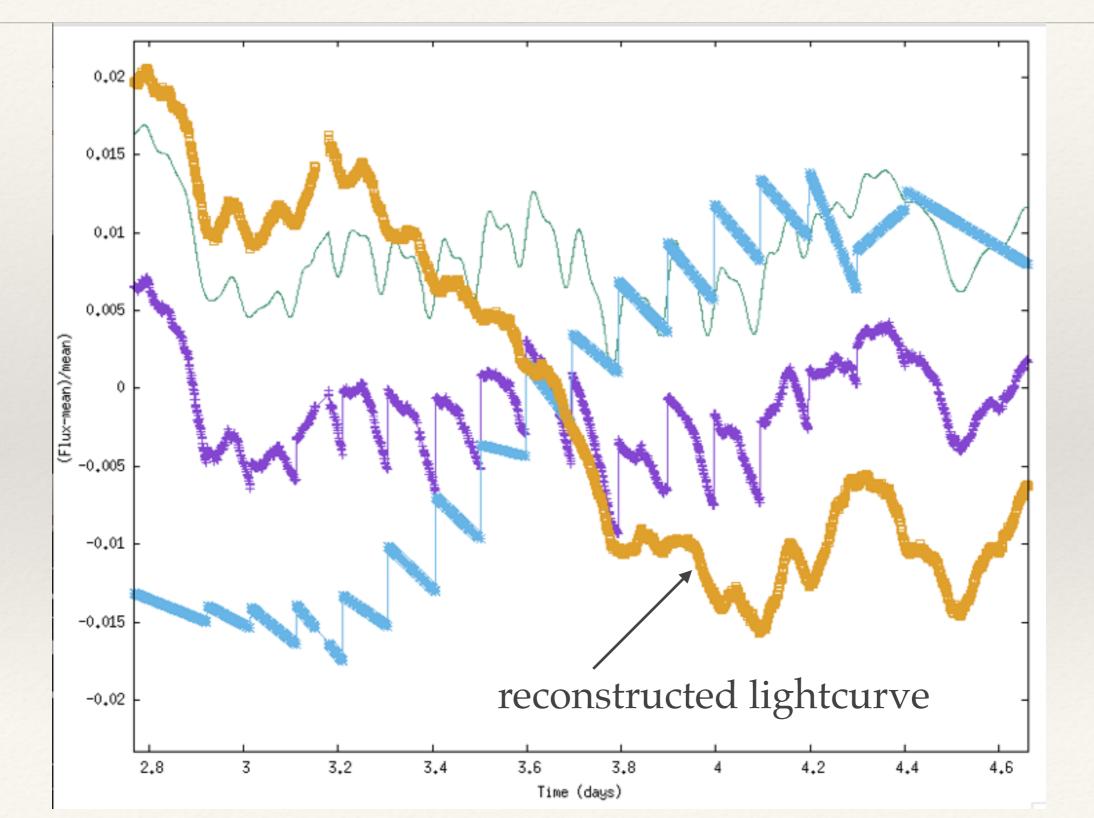
* (don't forget your priors)

- * my favourite is Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno algorithm
 - * python, IDL, C/C++, Matlab, Octave, FORTRAN,...
 - you can fit both model parameters and Kernel hyperparameters



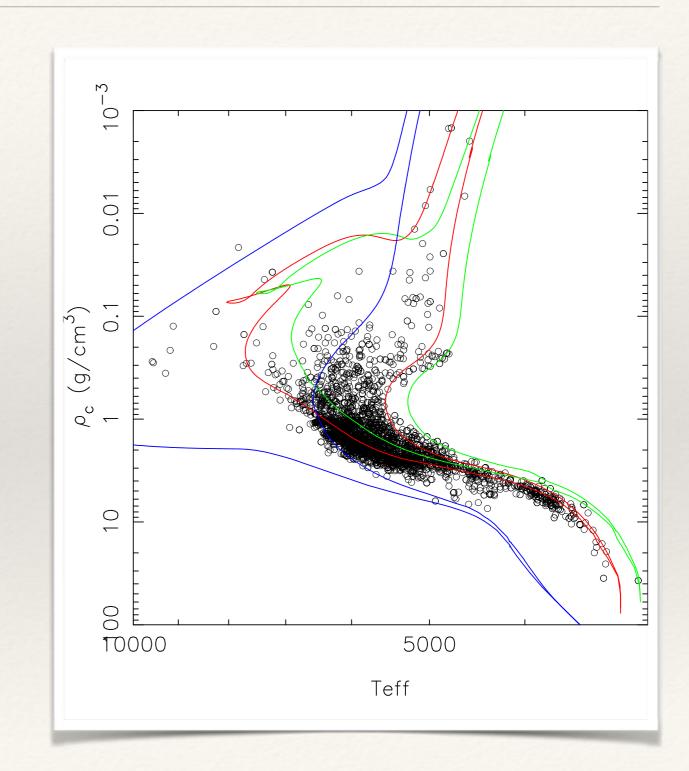






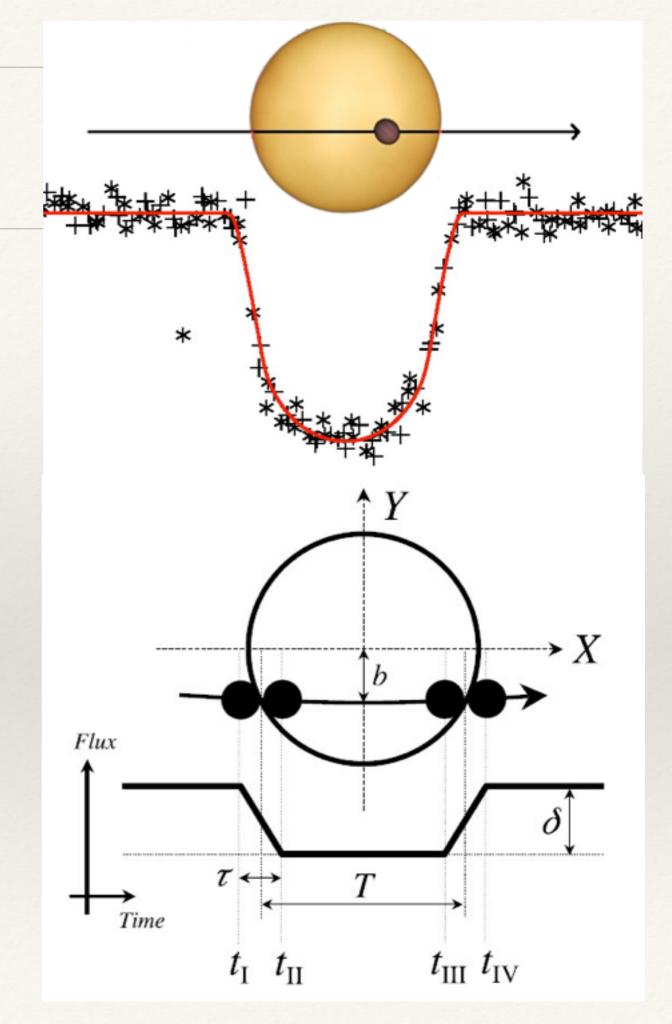
Stellar Parameters

- Kepler Input Catalog
 - broadband photometry
 - * log(g) was hard
 - [Fe/H] was a product of the prior
- * Spectroscopy
 - * Teff, log(g), [Fe/H]
- asteroseismology
 - scaling relations (numax, dnu)
- matched to stellar evolution models
 - * Yale-Yonsei, Dartmouth, Baraffe

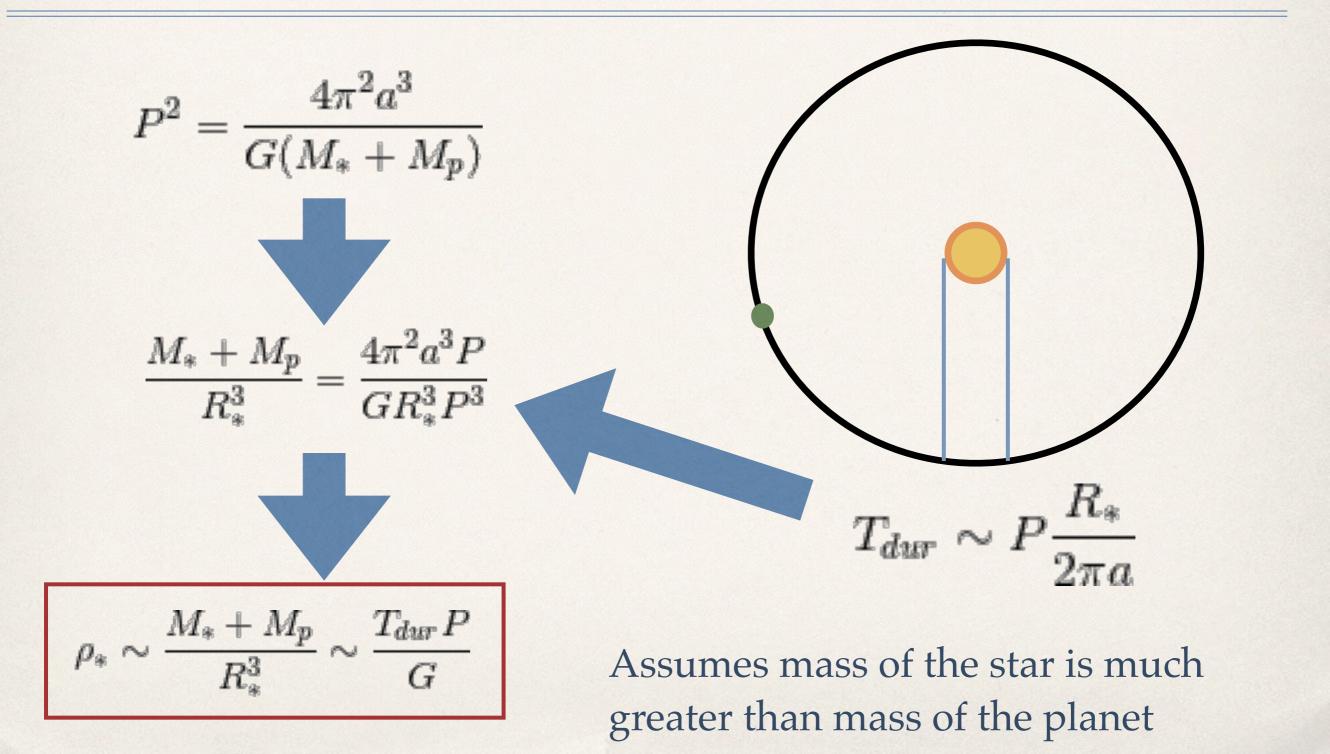


Transit Model

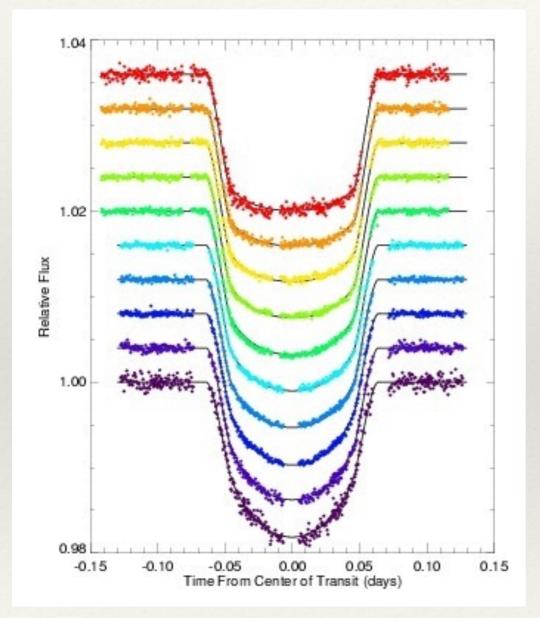
- parameters: rhostar, T0, P, b, r/R*, esinw, ecosw, secondary eclipse
 - choice of rhostar allows for multiple transiting planets
 - assume all planets transit the same star.
- lightcurve models: Doppler, ellipsoidal, planet phases, occultation, gravity darkening



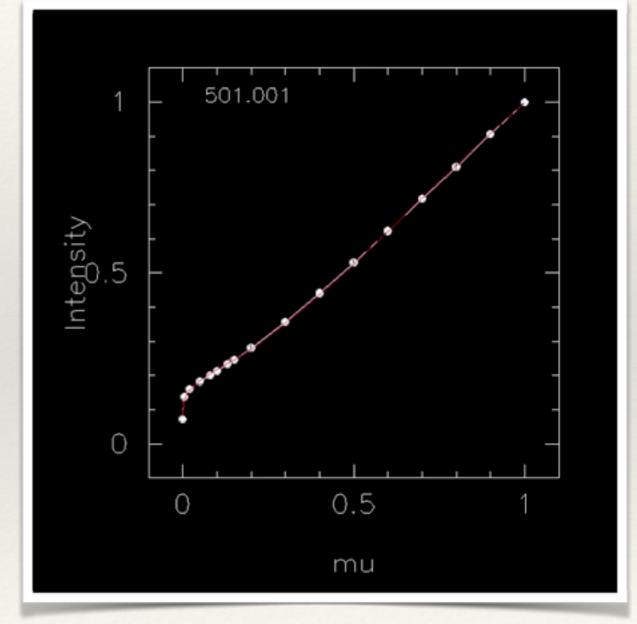
Kepler's 3rd Law



Limb-darkening

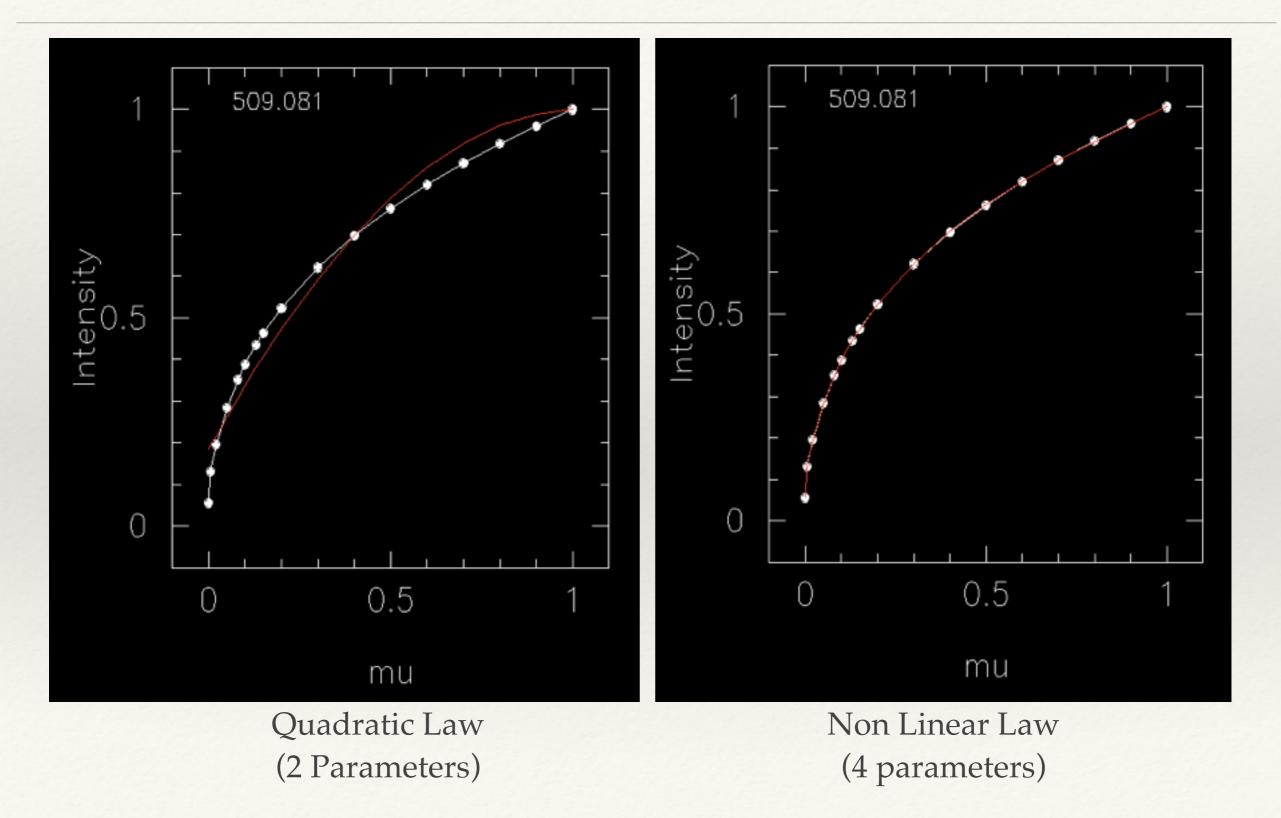


Knutson, H. 2007



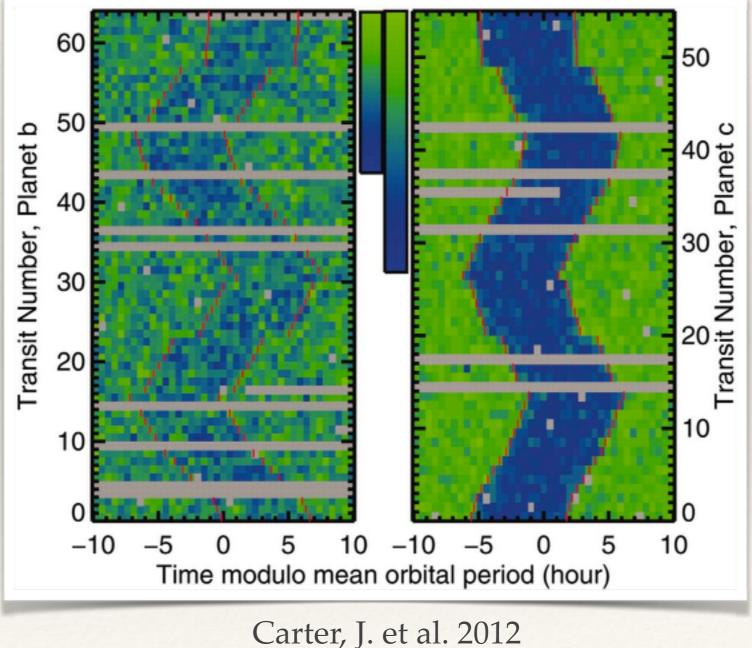
* 3500 K, log(g)=5, [m/H]=0

Limb Darkening



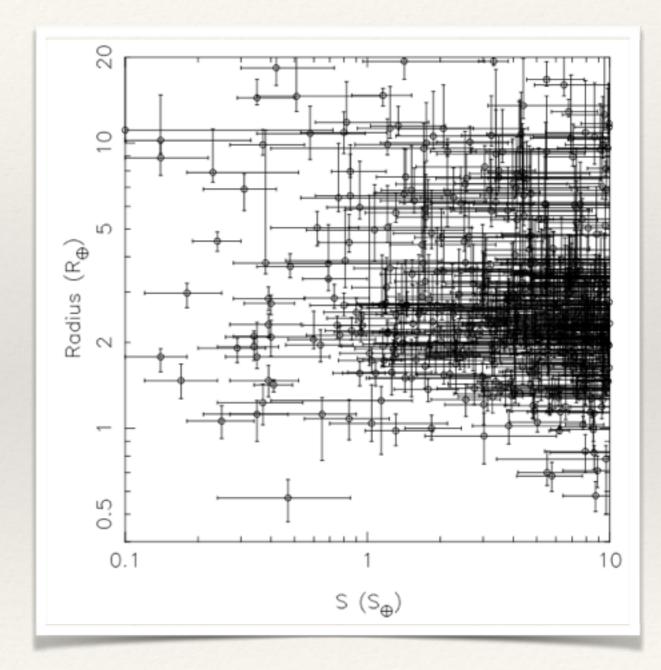
Transiting Timing Variations

- gravitational interactions between planets
- Transits will not phase up with strictly periodic ephemeris
- measure shift in center of transit time using a transittemplate
- * "de-TTV" lightcurve
 - * resampling/interpolation
- photodynamics for in-depth studies



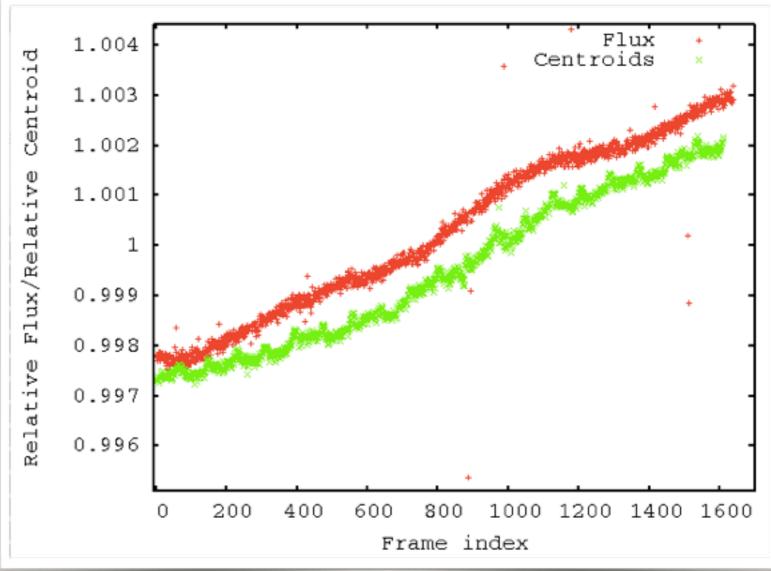
Posterior Distributions

- initially the bootstrap method was used
 - data resampling with replacement
 - * can be very slow
- switched to MCMC
 - deMCMC implemented to handle heavily correlated variables
- chains are available through NExScI



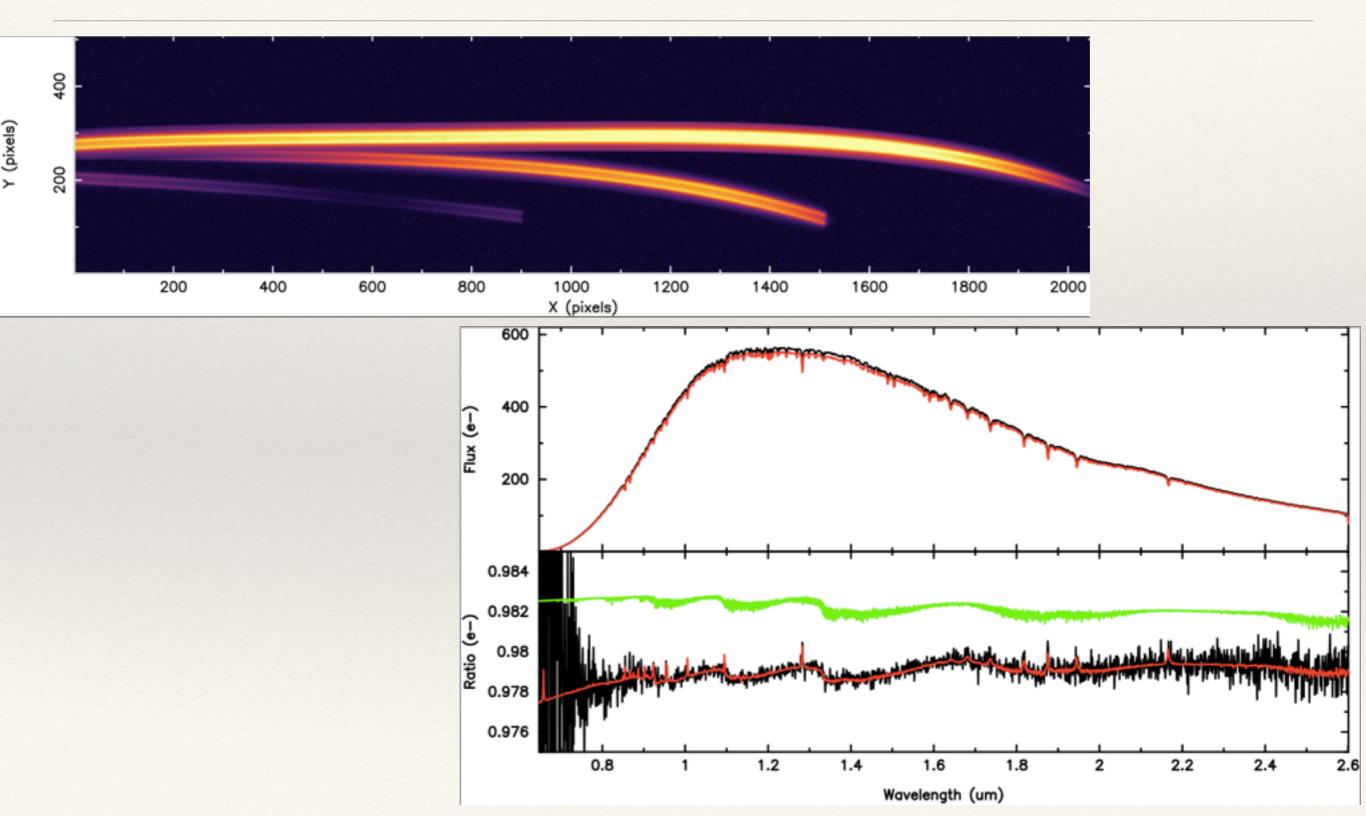
What's next..

- Understanding data systematics
 - seems to be related to centroids and intrapixel variations
 - drastically improve long-time scale astrophysical variability





Transit Spectroscopy



Summary

- The field of transiting exoplanet has drastically changed.
 - * first discovery: 1999
 - now planets are in the thousands
- TESS/JWST/WFIRST/Plato/ Cheops/BRITE



The smell-o-scope