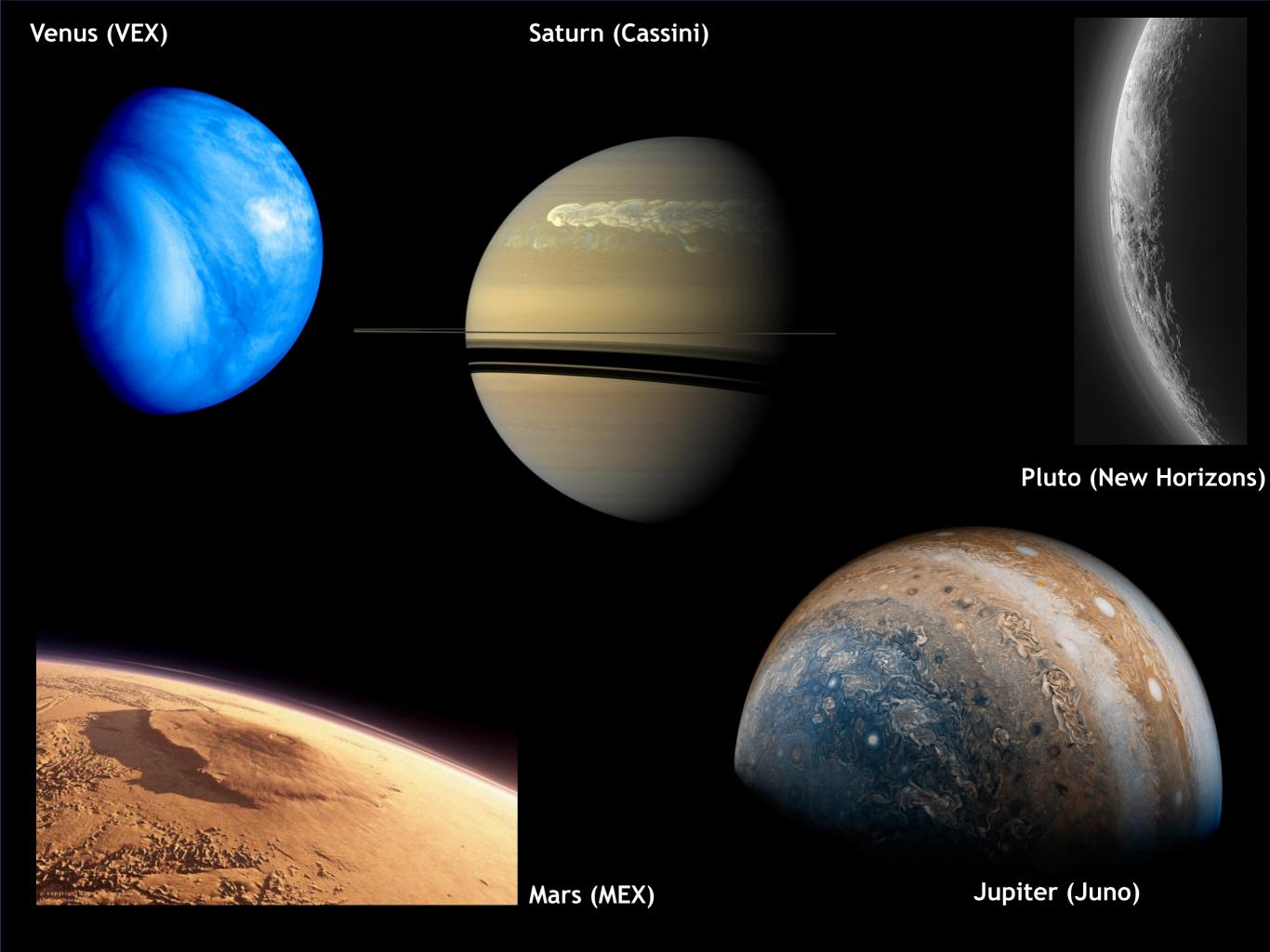
Exoplanet science in the age of CHEOPS

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Venus (VEX)

Saturn (Cassini)

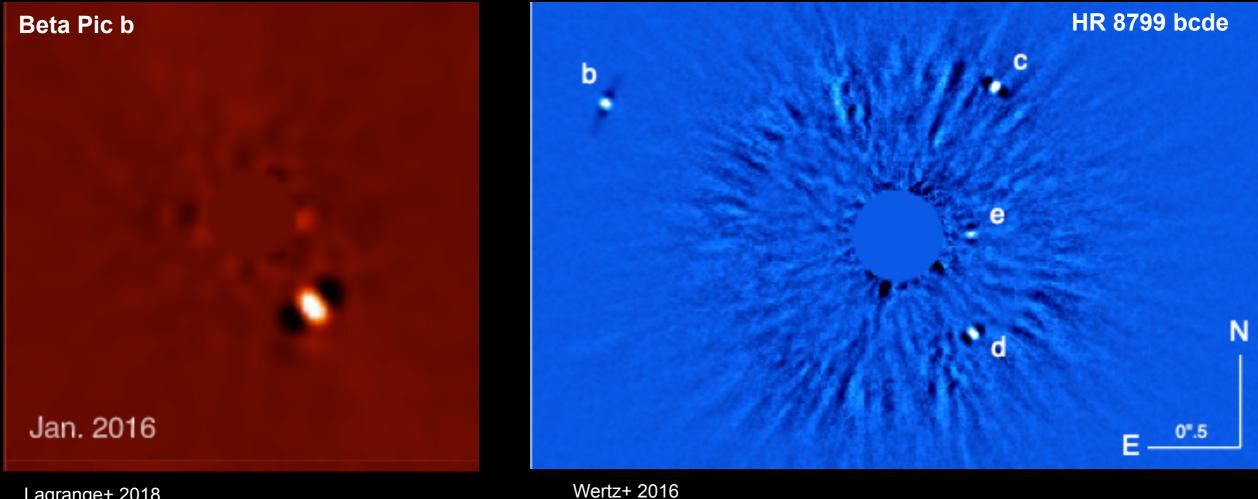
What about exoplanets?

Pluto (N Hor)

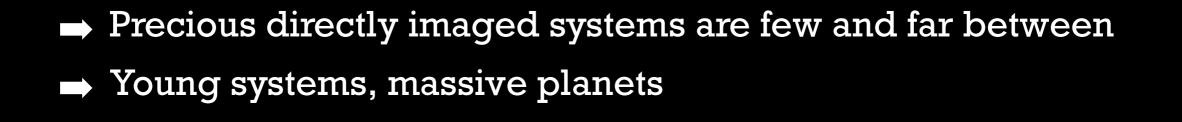
Jupiter (Juno)

Mars (MEX)

What about exoplanets?



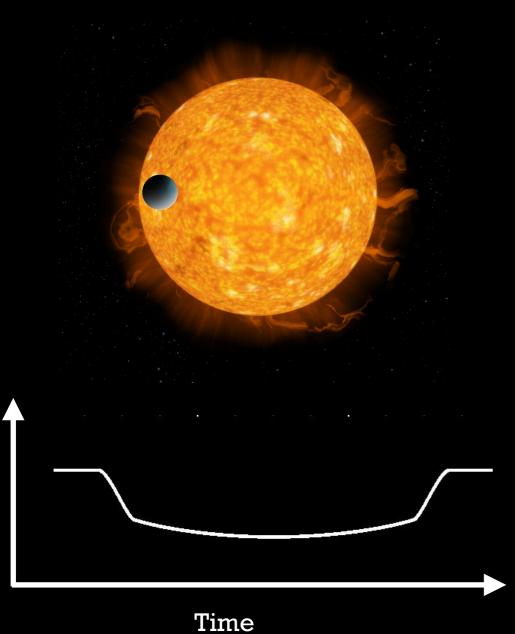
Lagrange+ 2018



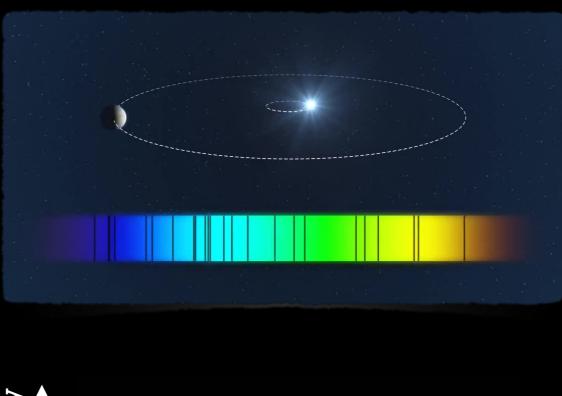
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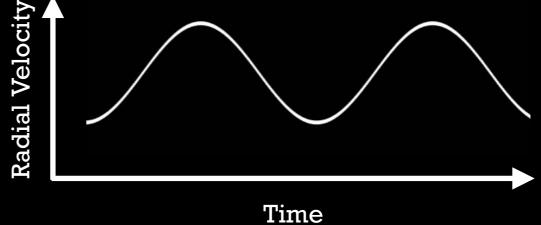
Transits

Brightness



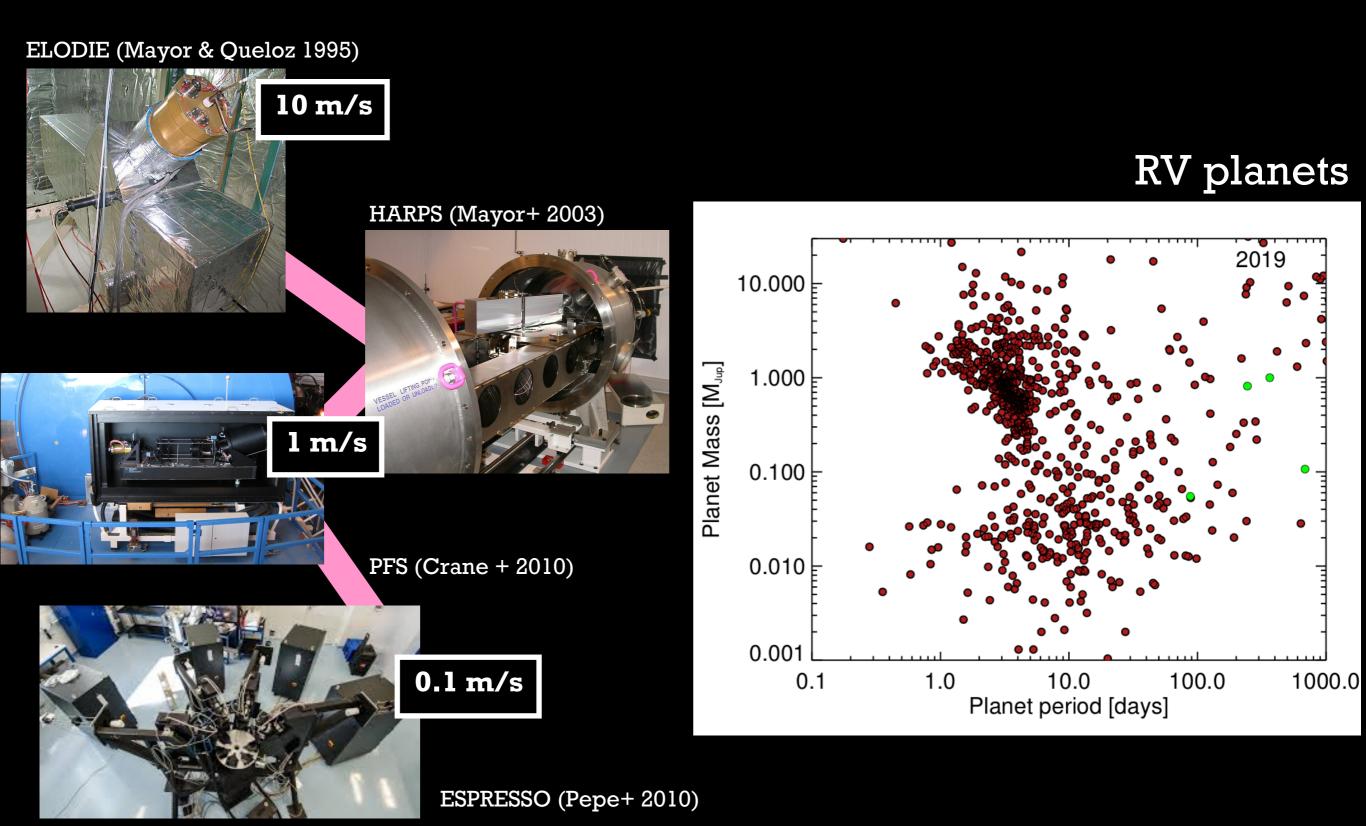
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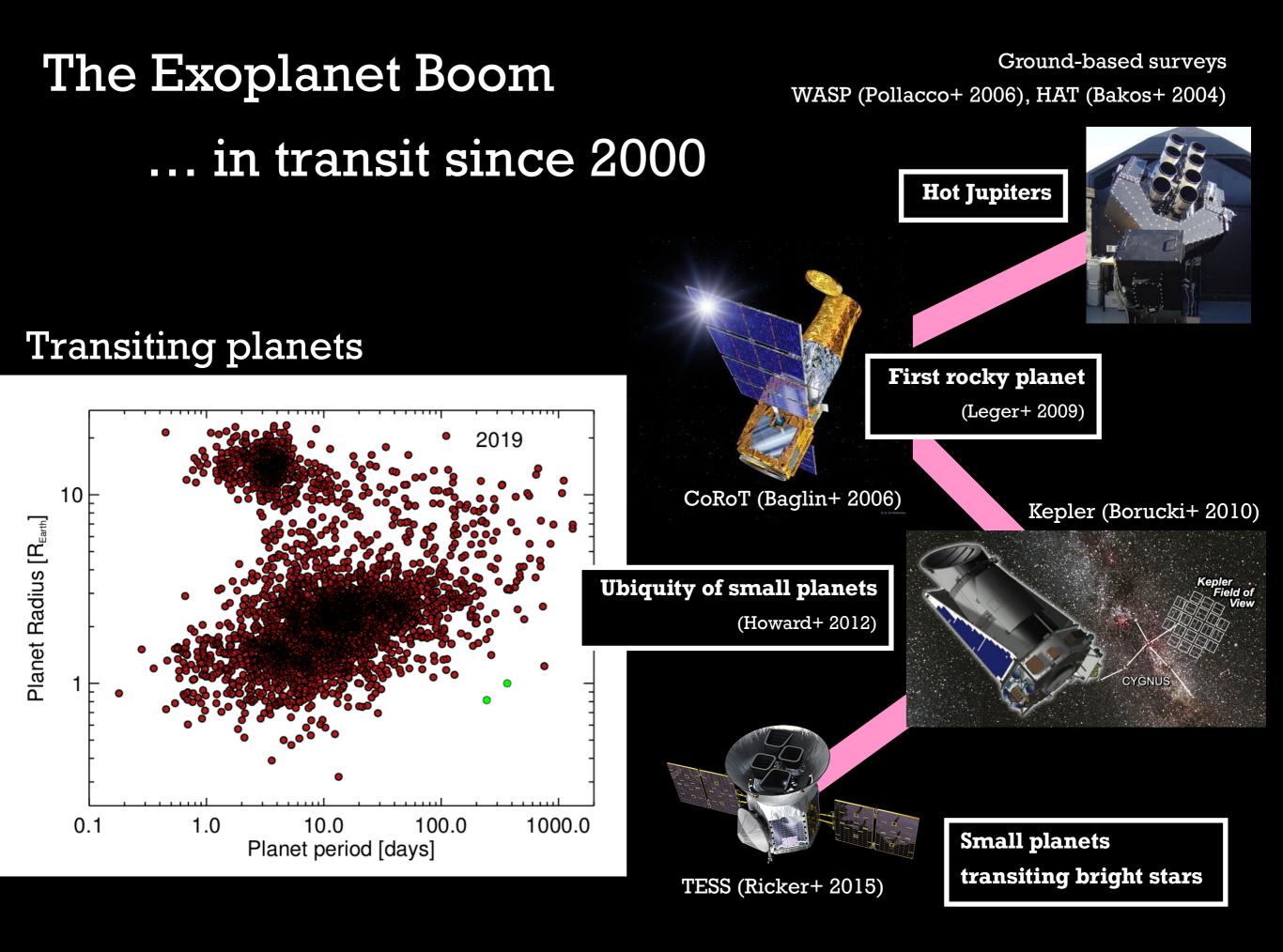


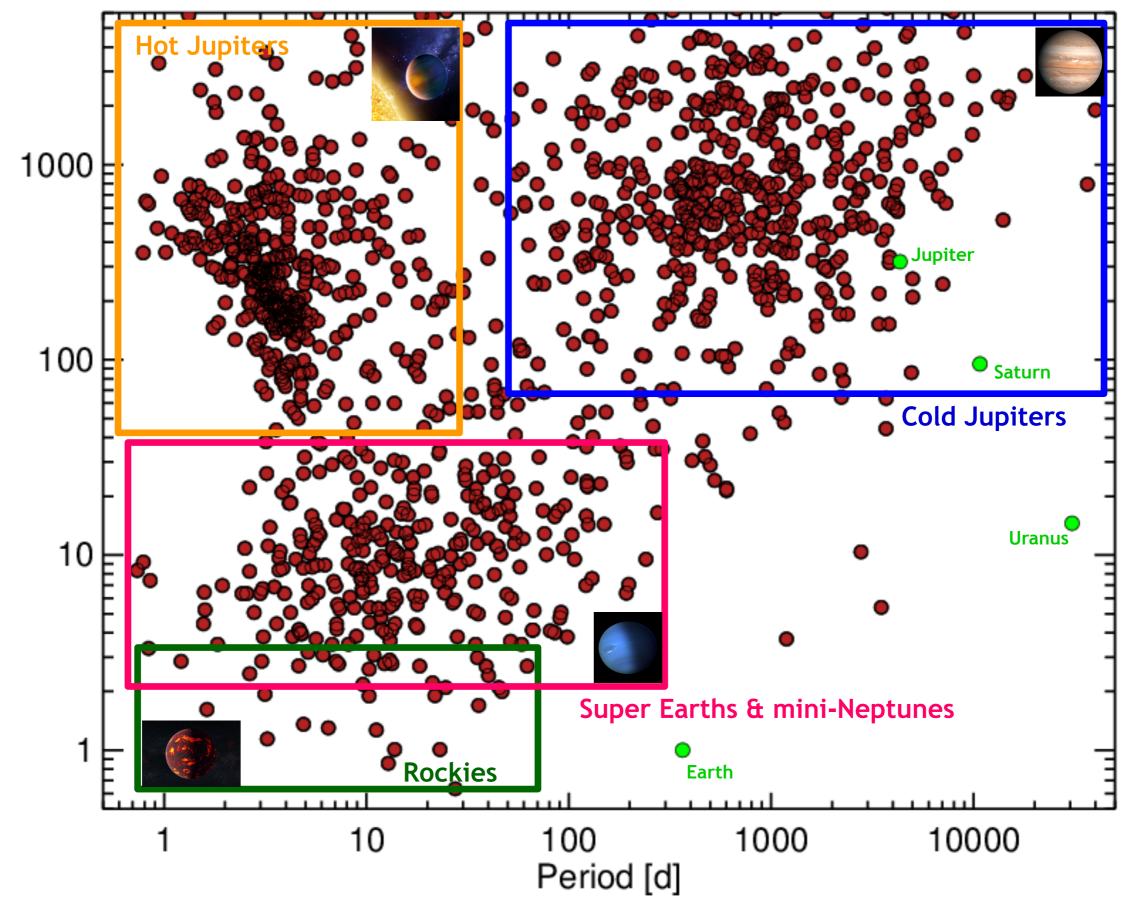


The Exoplanet Boom

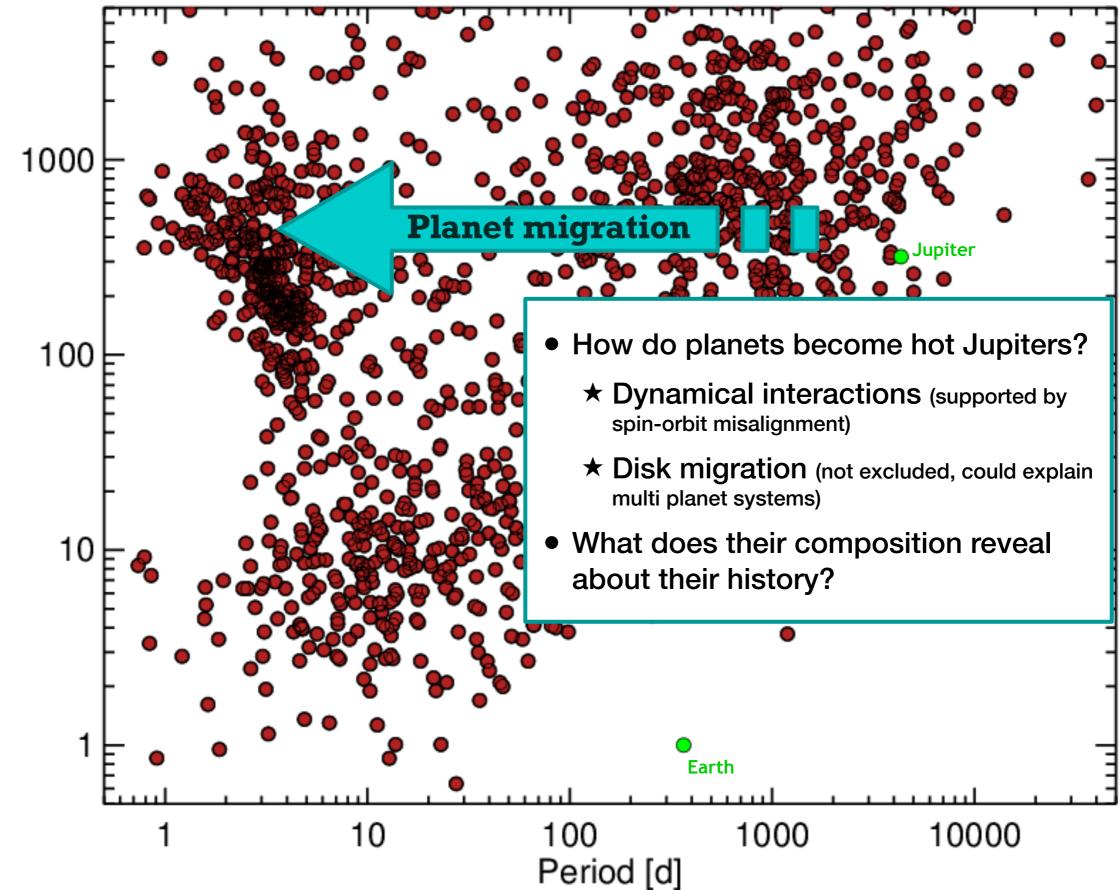
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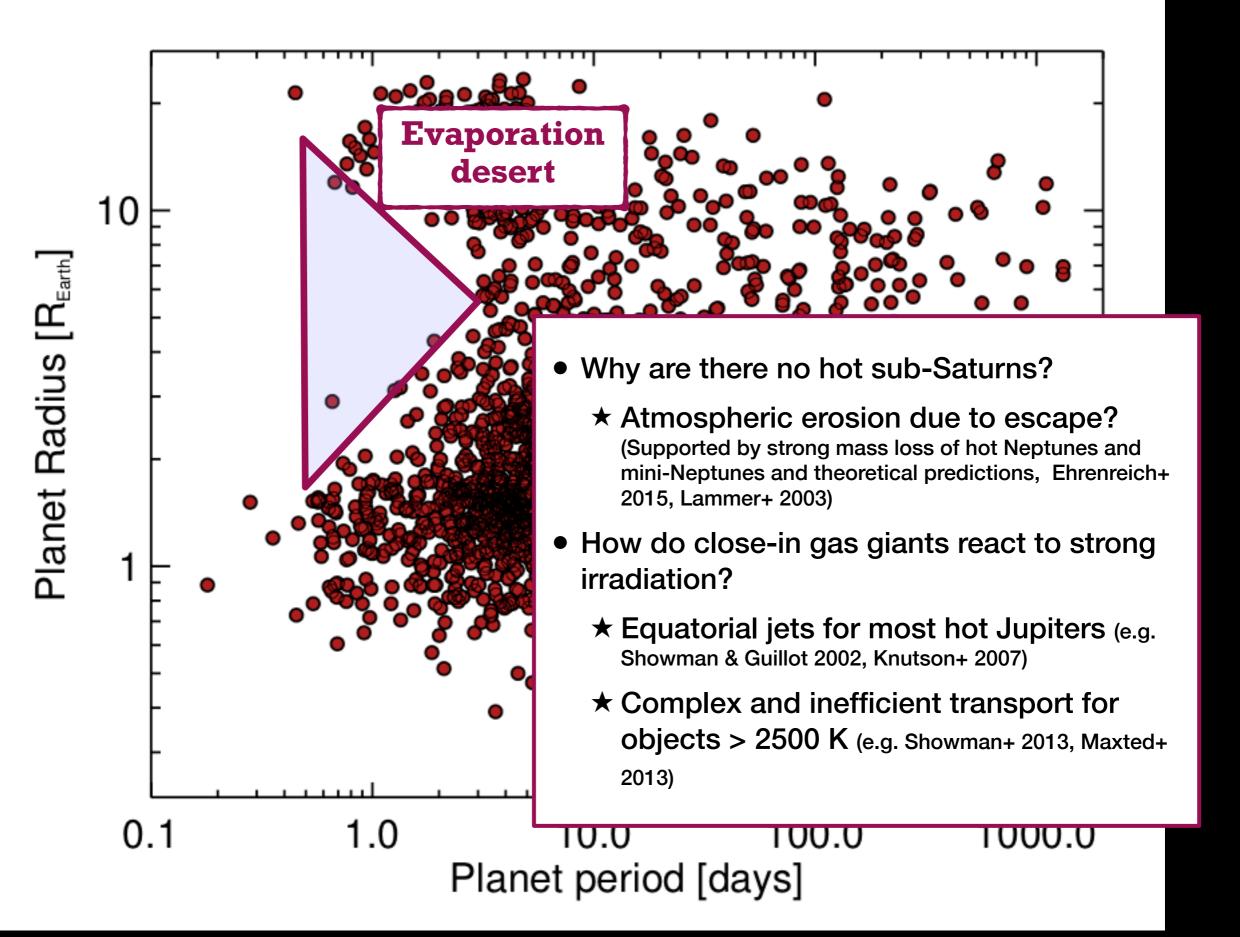


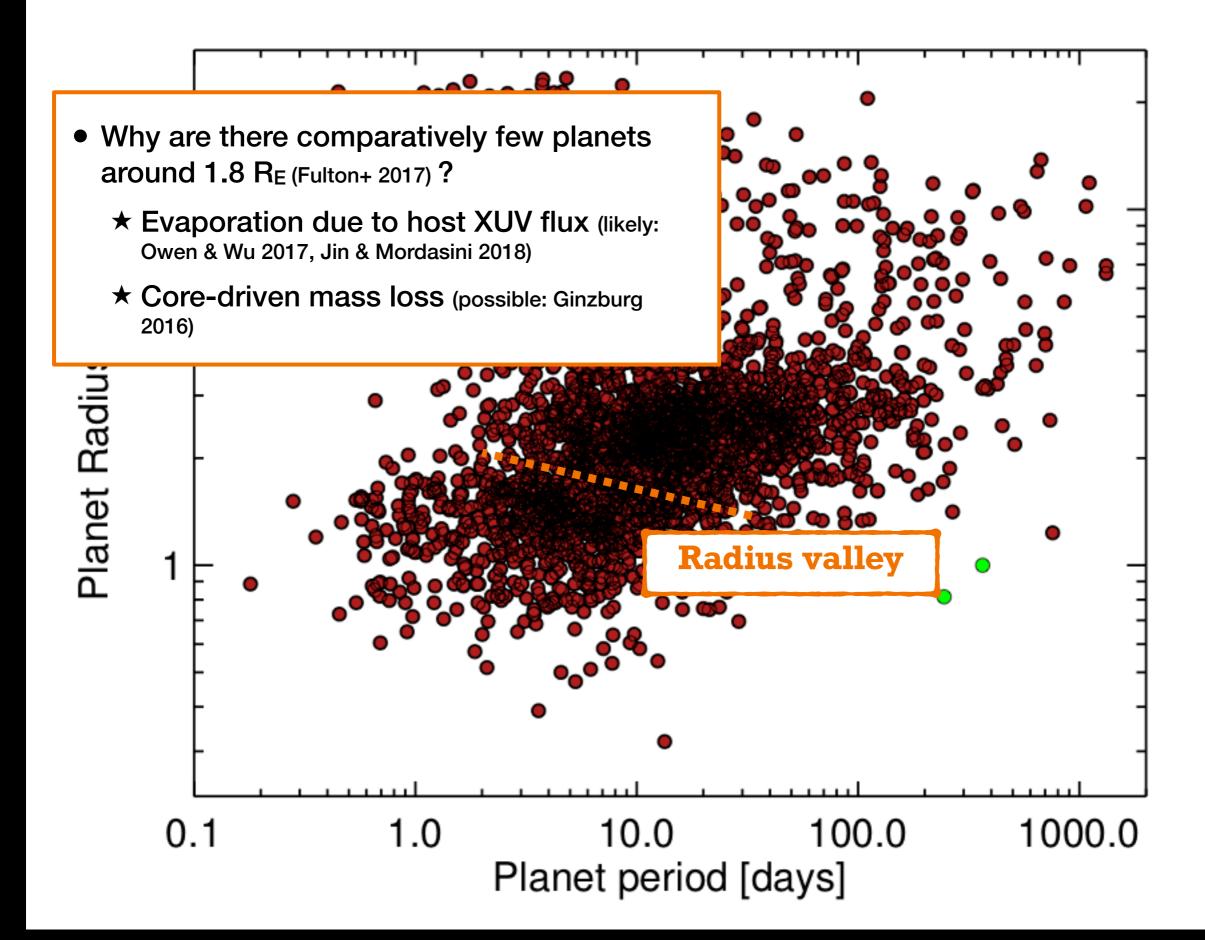


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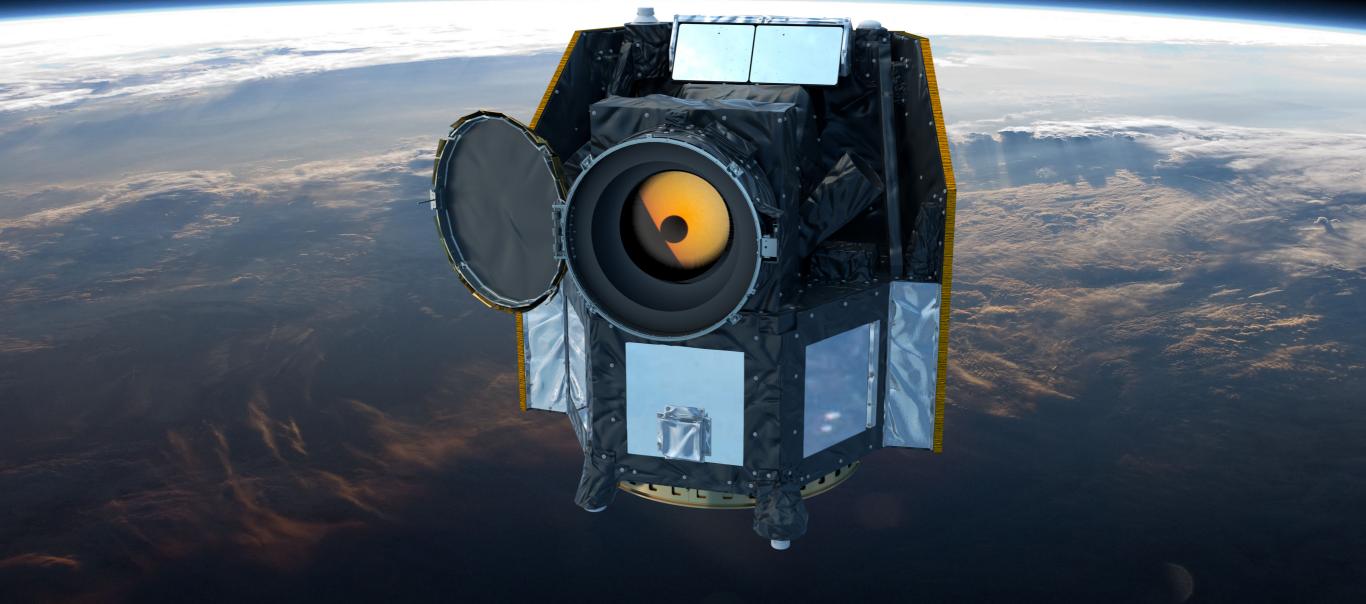
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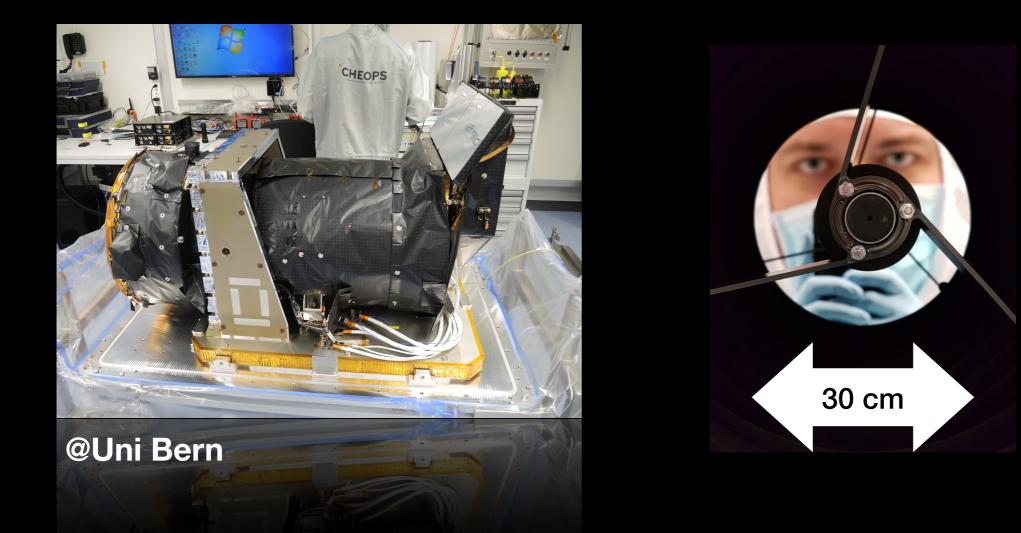


The Characterising Exoplanets Satellite



What is CHEOPS?

The first ESA S-class mission, dedicated to study known exoplanets



A 30-cm space telescope capable of ultra high-precision photometry

What does CHEOPS do?

High-precision photometry of bright exoplanet systems

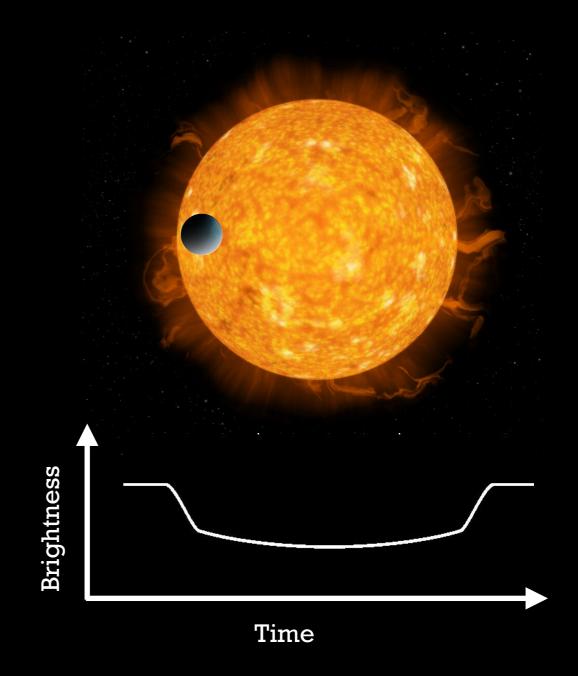
<u>Goals:</u>

\bigstar 20 ppm per 6 hours for V = 6-9 stars

Detect transits of <u>Earth-size</u> planets around <u>Solar-</u> <u>type</u> stars

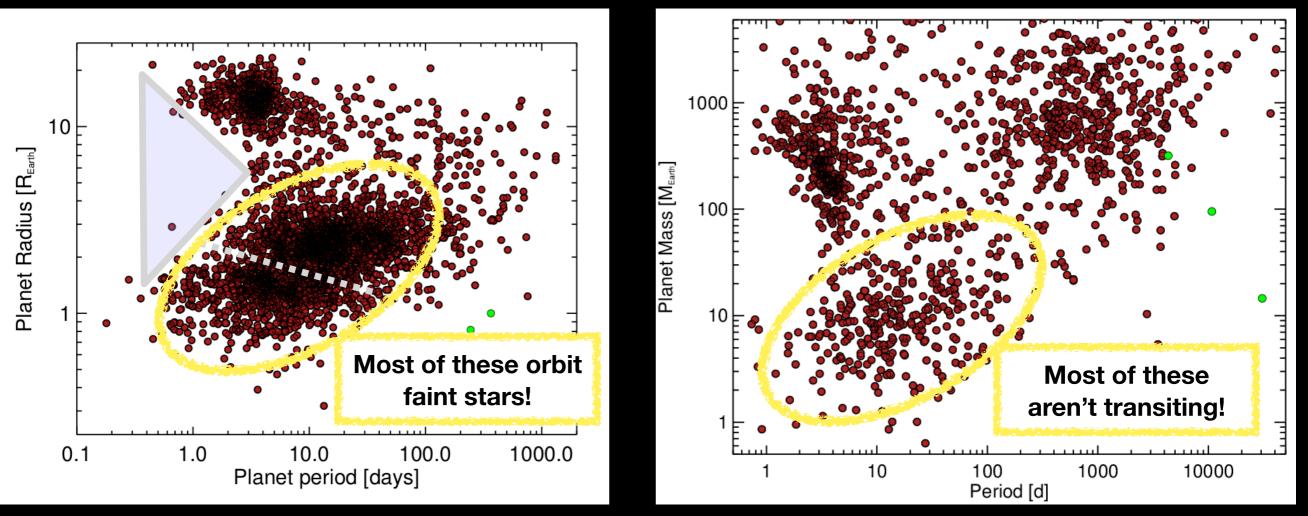
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Measure precise radii for super-Earths and mini-Neptunes



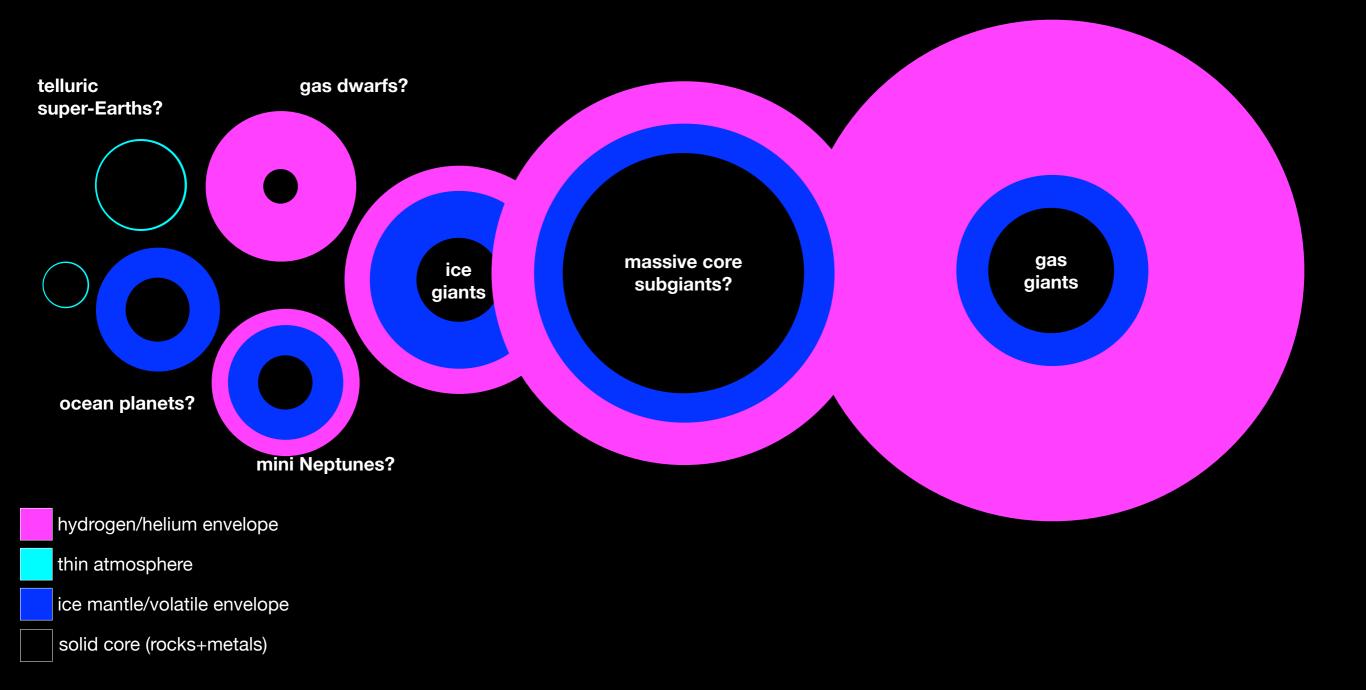
Transiting planets

RV planets

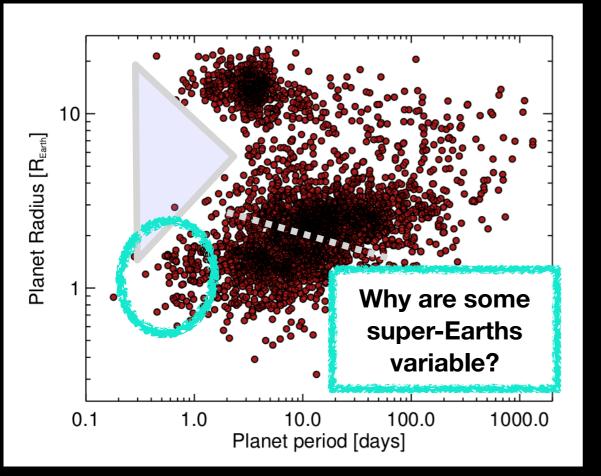


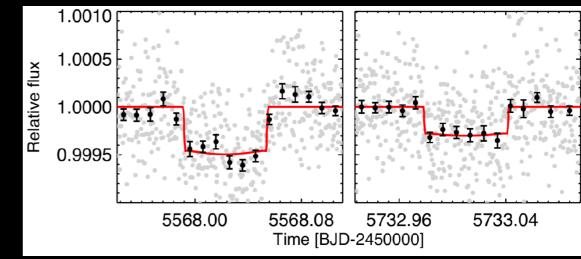
Measure precise radii for planets orbiting bright stars that have <u>masses measured with RVs</u>

Determine bulk composition



Are super-Earths variable?



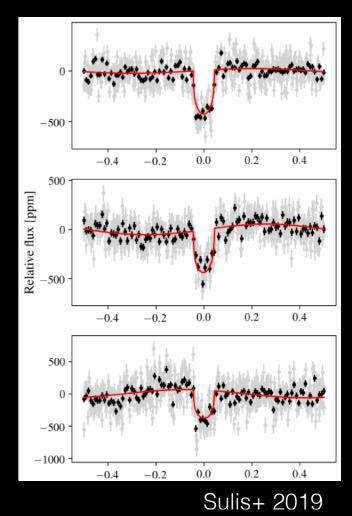


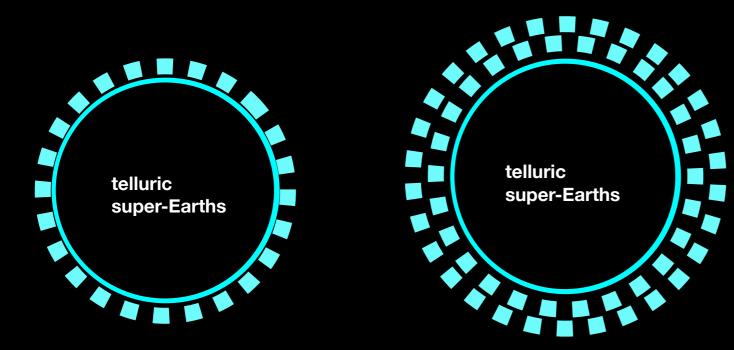
<u>55 Cnc e:</u>

a 0.7-day super-Earth

- → Variable occultation
- → Variable phase curve

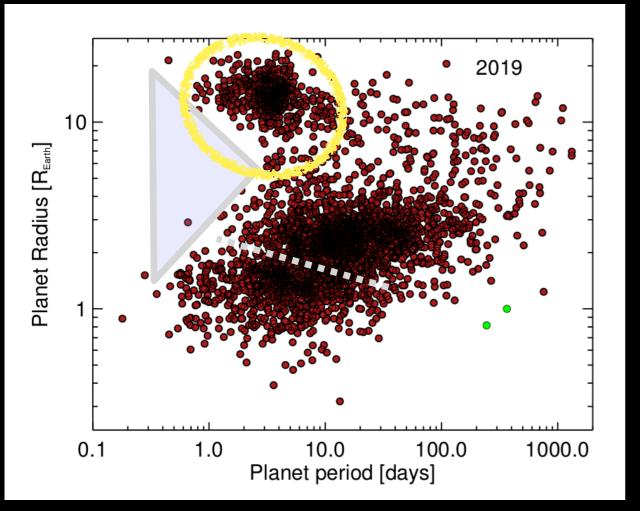
Demory+ 2015



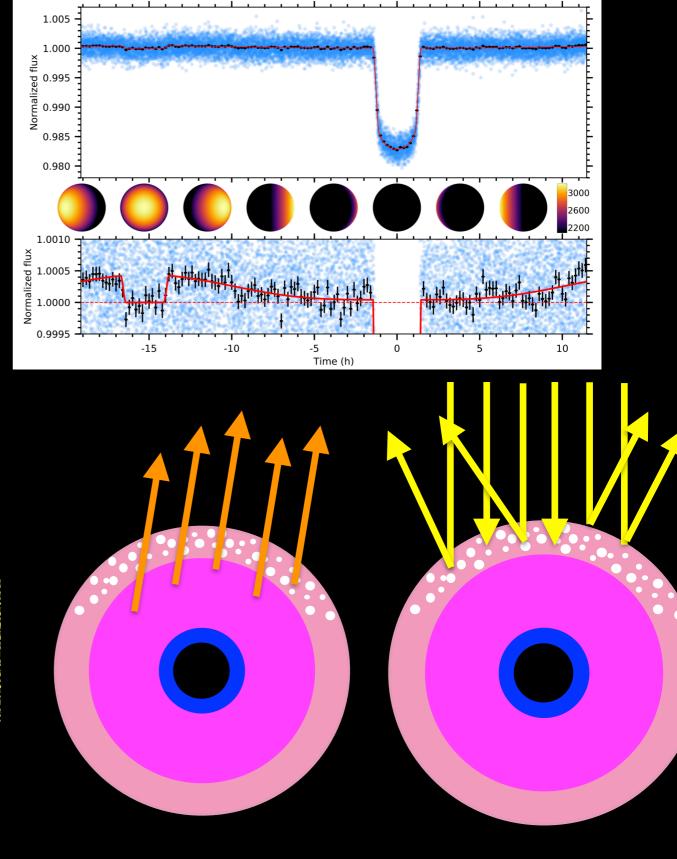


Hot Jupiter climates

Bourrier+ (2020)



How do these gas giants process the heat? On which planets do clouds form? How do they distribute in the atmosphere?

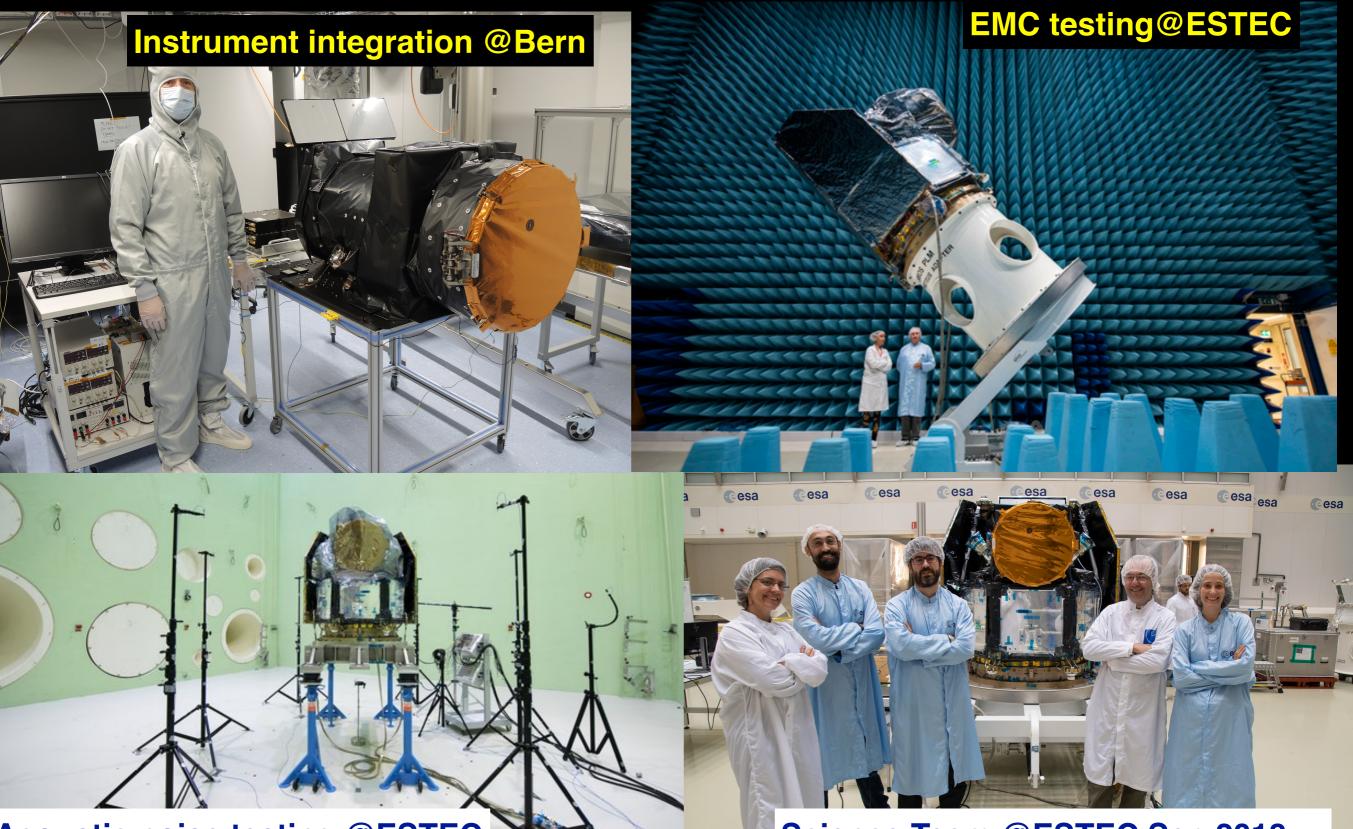


S is not for "Simple"



total budget: ~105 M€
 4–5 years development time
 11 countries & ESA
 ESA: 50 M€
 ~30 institutions

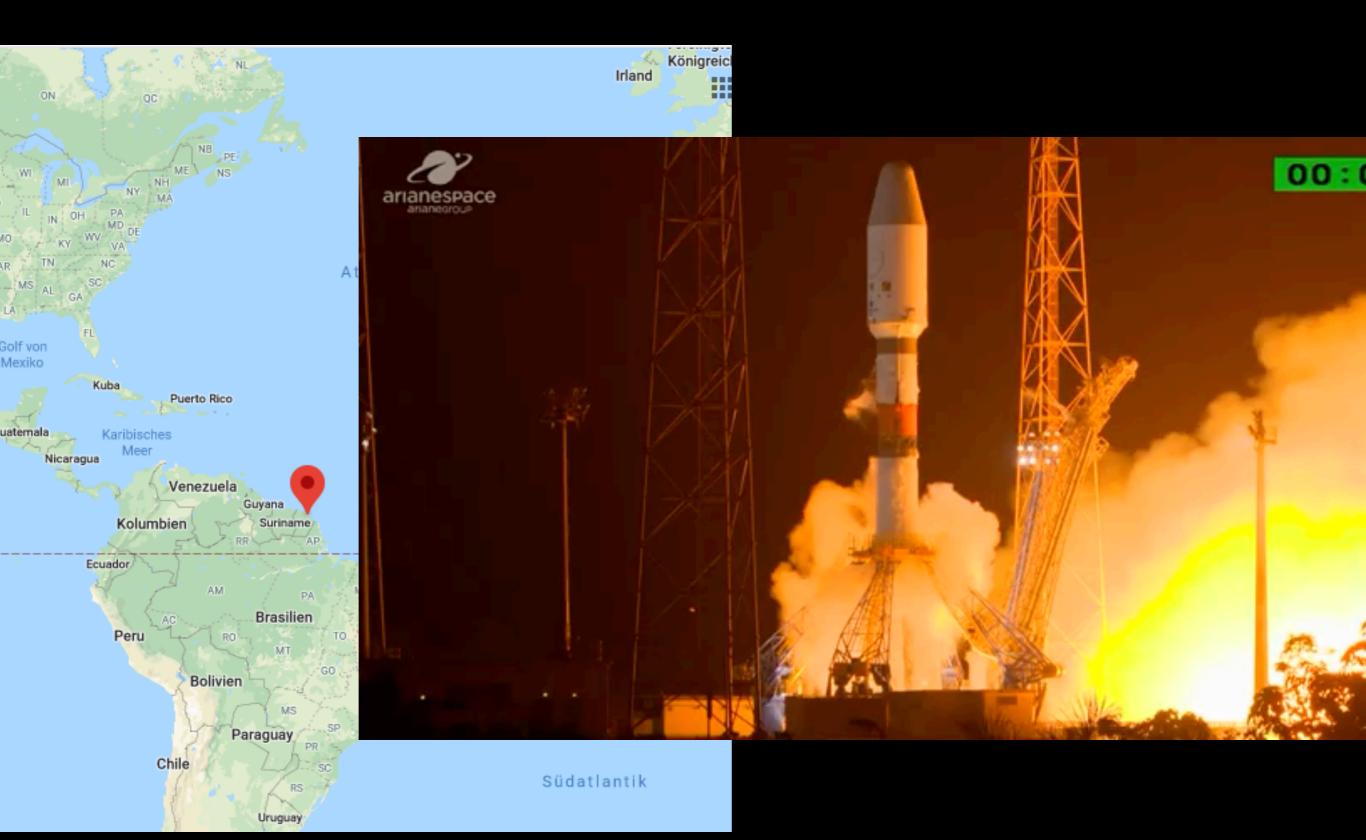
CHEOPS en route



Acoustic noise testing @ESTEC

Science Team @ESTEC Sep 2018

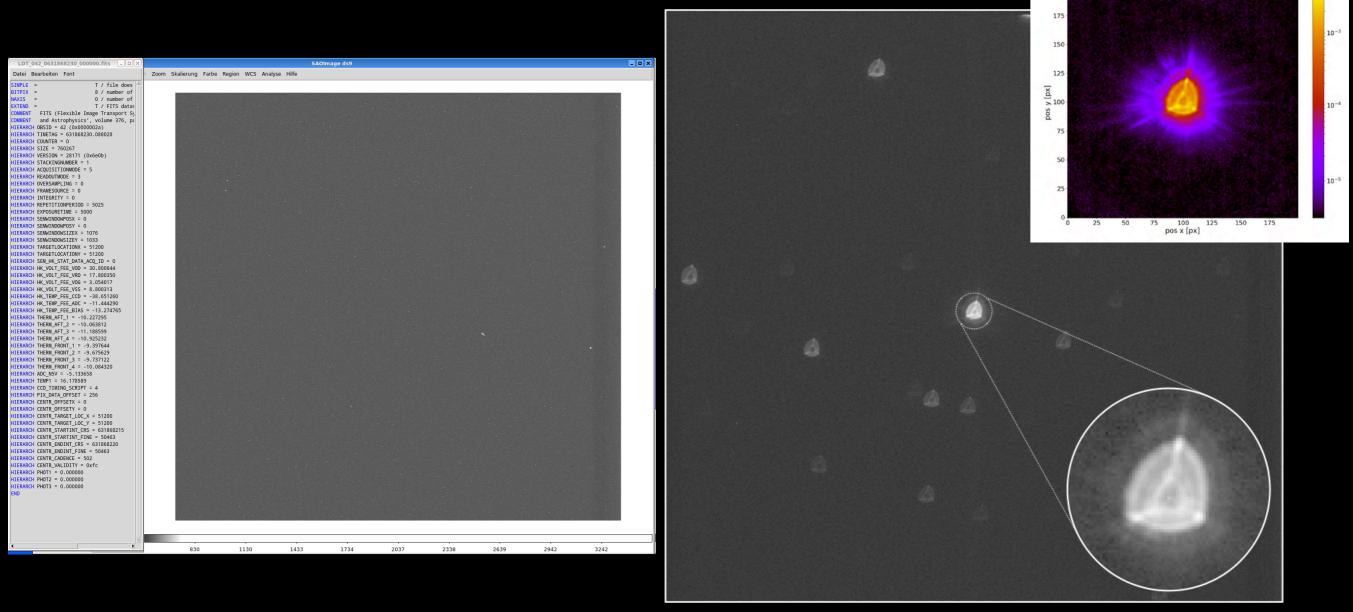
Soyuz launch VS-23 from French Guyana Space Center 18 December 2019



Credits: Arianespace

News since the launch

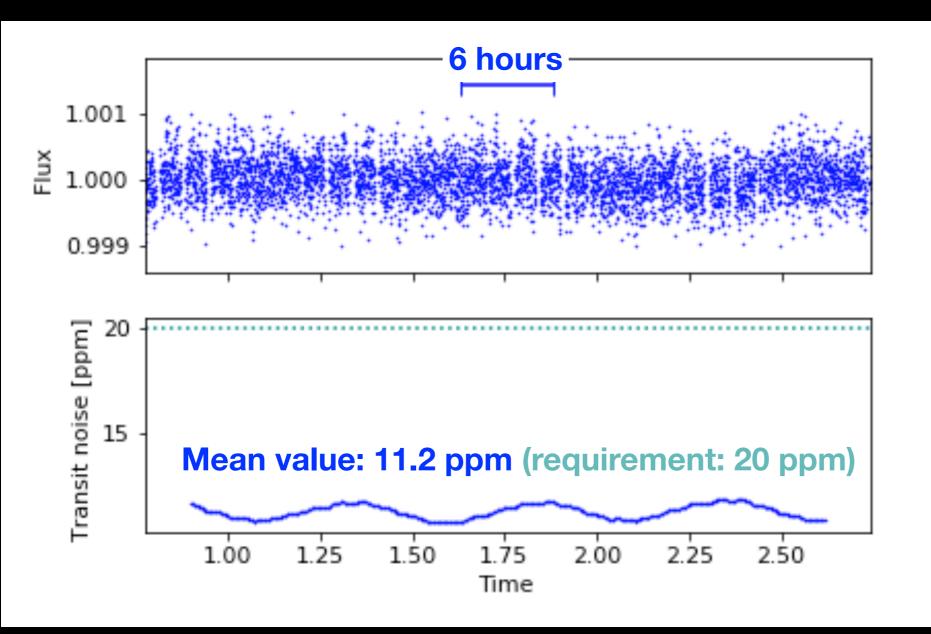
- 8 Jan 2020: CHEOPS switched on (darks!)
- 29 Jan 2020: Cover opened!
- 25 Mar 2020: In-orbit commissioning completed



Benz et al. (submitted)

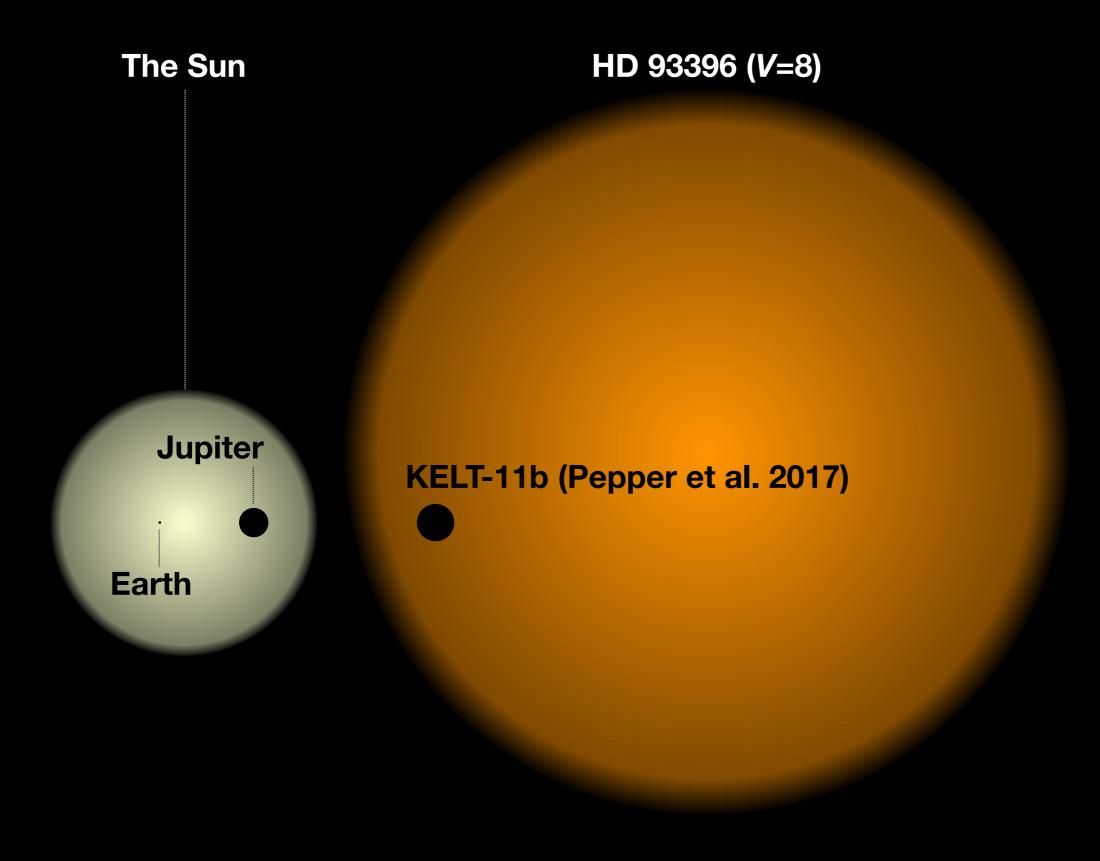
In-flight performances

• 47 hour "flat" sequence on **V=9** star

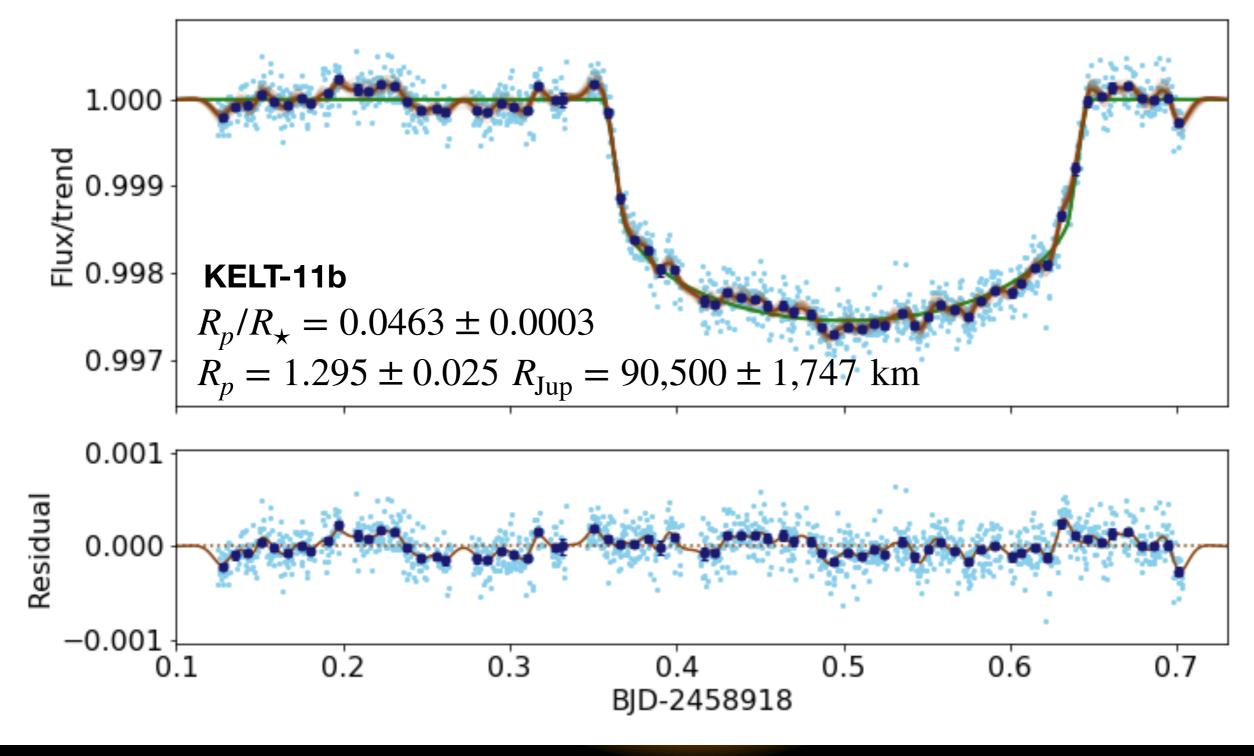




Credits: CHEOPS Project Science Office Andrea Fortier (Instrument scientist), Christopher Broeg (project manager)

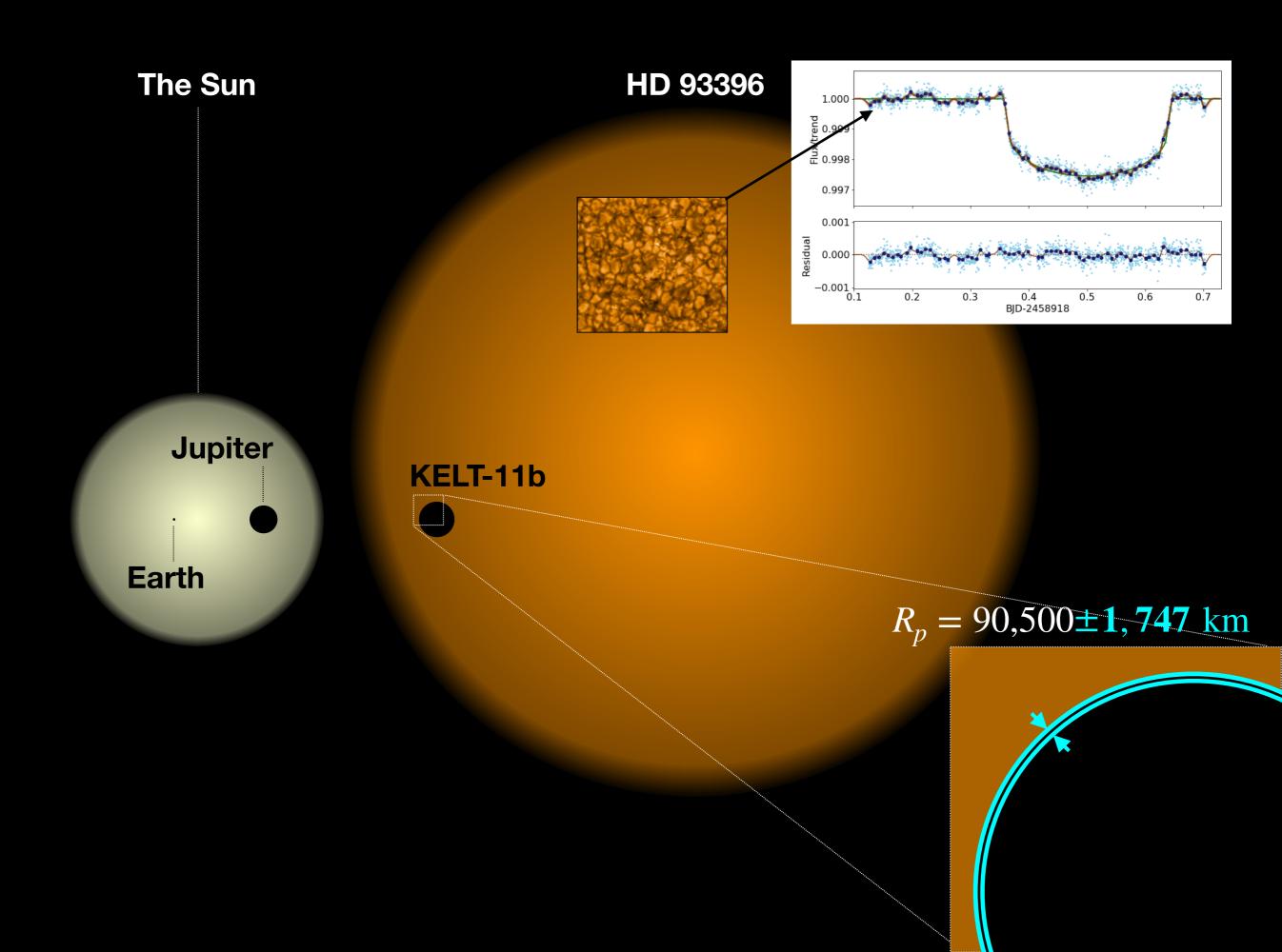


9 March 2020: CHEOPS' first transit!



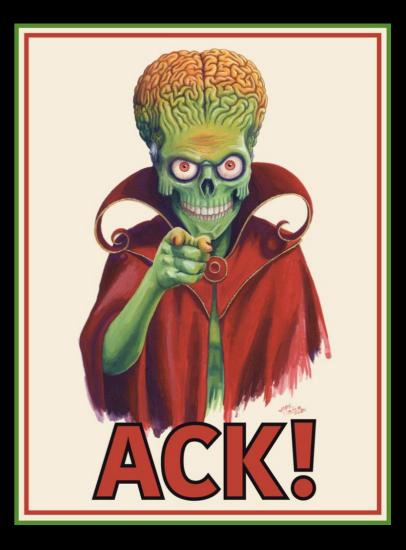
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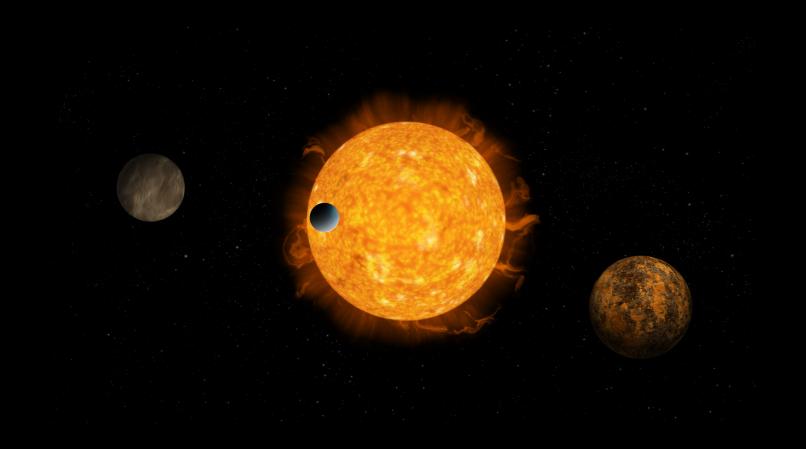
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ESA Guest Observer's programme

- 20% observing time to Community
- Proposals solicited through Annual Calls, open to **all**
- Selected on scientific merit, by an <u>ESA-appointed</u> TAC
- Can be on *any science topic*, using existing capabilities of CHEOPS
 * Targets on the Guaranteed Time Target List (Science Team) are *blocked*
- Second Call/Announcement of Opportunity
 Fall 2020 (for observations beginning in April 2021)





Thank You!

Muchas gracias!

