

# Characterization of Exoplanets and Exoplanetary Systems: Transition from CoRoT & Kepler to TESS & PLATO

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Characterization:

**planetary mass**  
**planetary radius**  
**orbital elements**  
moons  
rings  
ellipsoidal shape?  
magnetic field  
star-planet interaction

**albedo, equilibrium temperature**  
dayside temperature  
nightside temperature  
rotational period and obliquity  
atmospheric composition  
interior structure and composition  
surface properties  
(atmospheric) mass-loss rate



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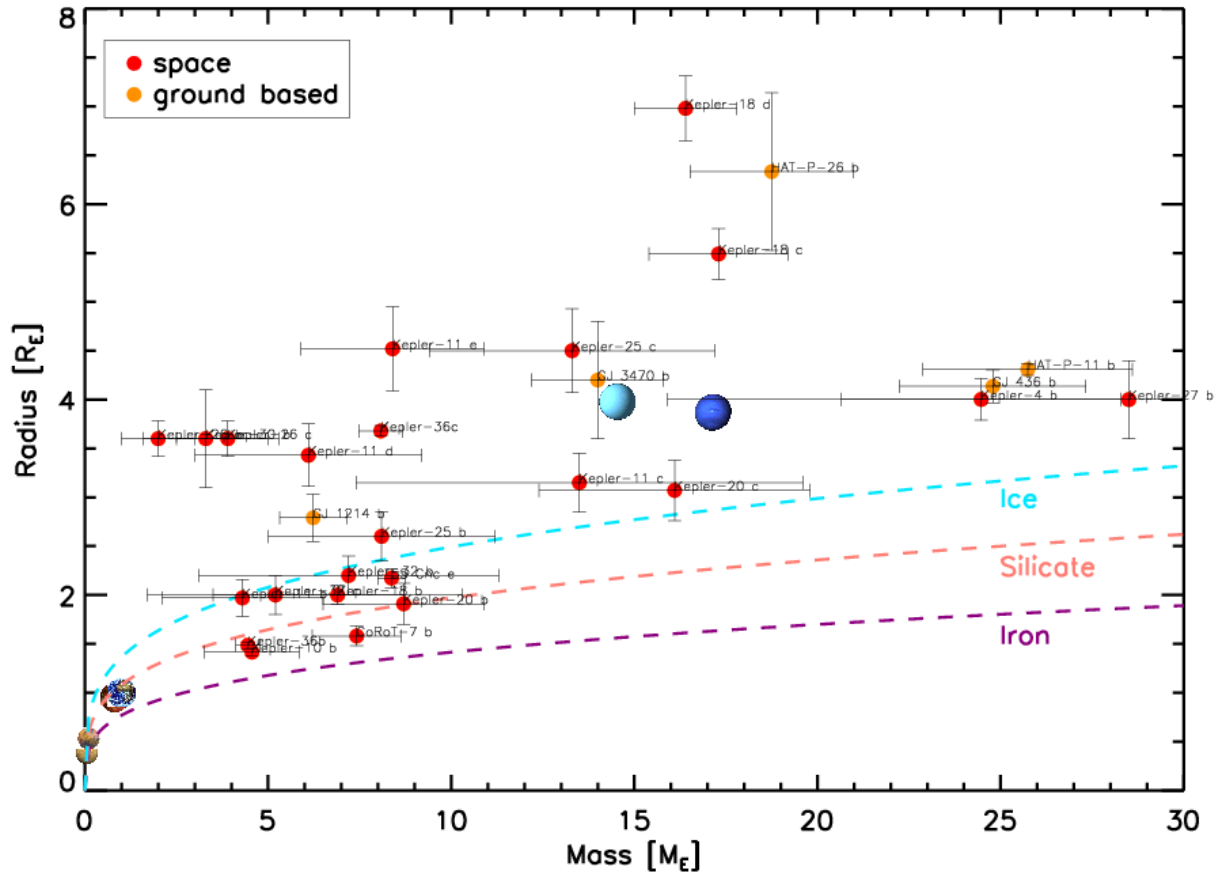
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Characterization: - for masses: talk by A. Santerne

- non-spherical stars (gravity darkening): talk by J. Cabrera

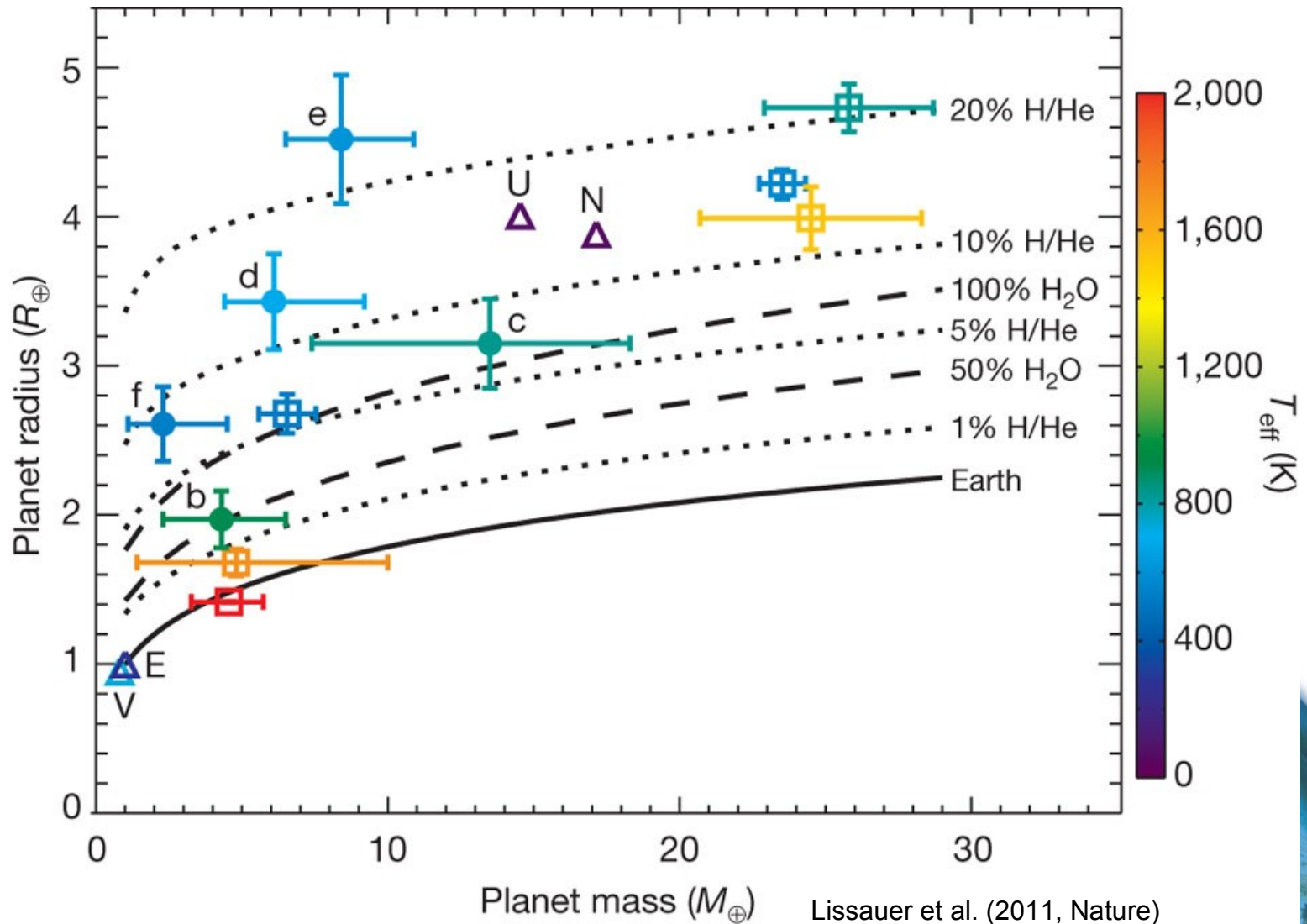


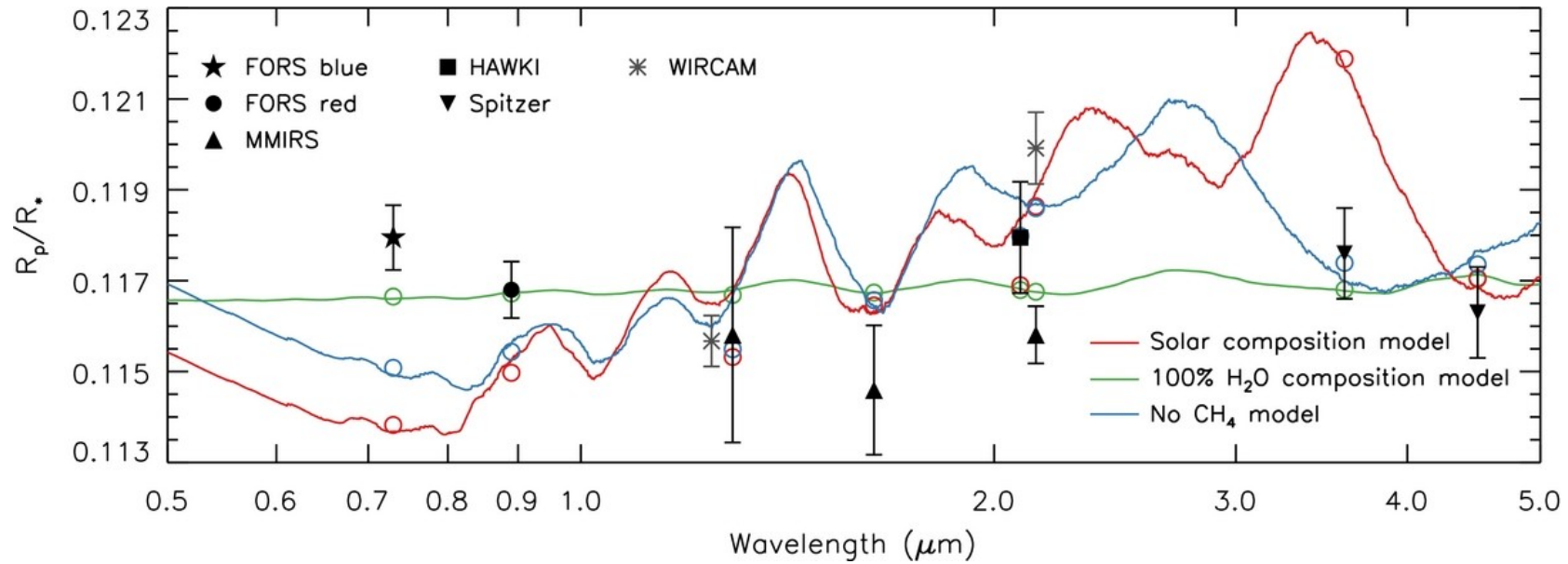
# motivation: parameters for transiting planets to which precision?



mass to **10%** and radius to **5%** to distinguish between solid rocky and water rich planets  
better than **2% in radius** for further bulk characterization (upper mass limits not enough)  
(Valencia et al. 2009, ApJ, 665; Grasset et al. 2009, ApJ, 693; Wagner et al. 2011, Icarus, 214, 366)

# Degeneracies in the mass-radius diagram





Bean et al. (2011, ApJ)





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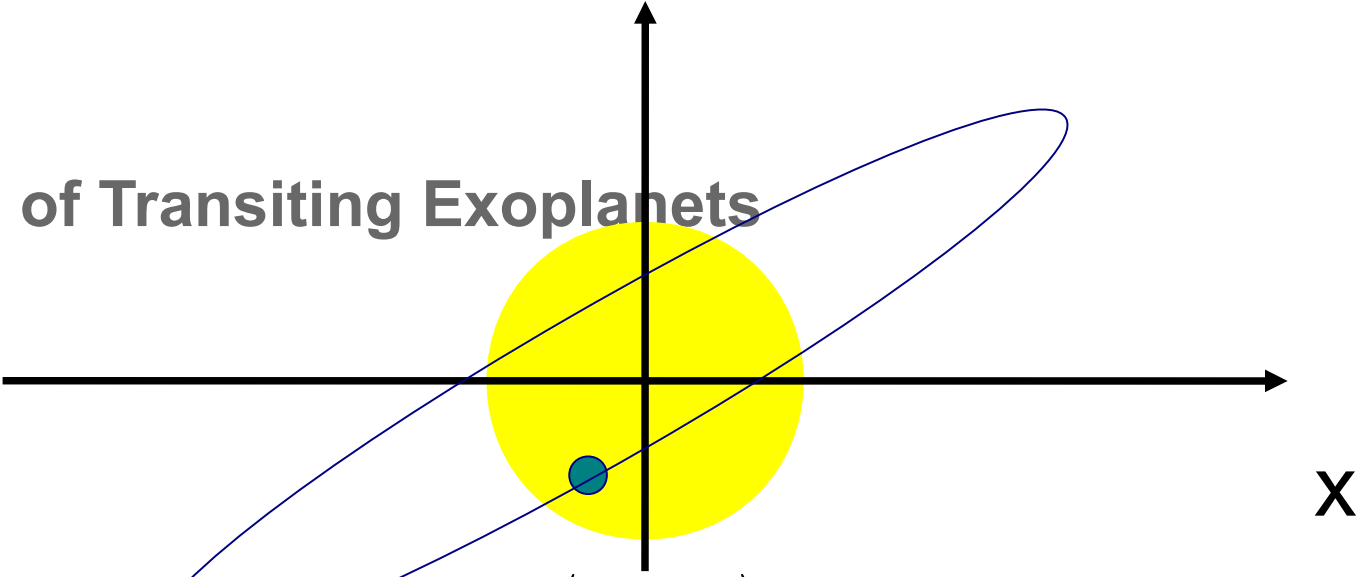


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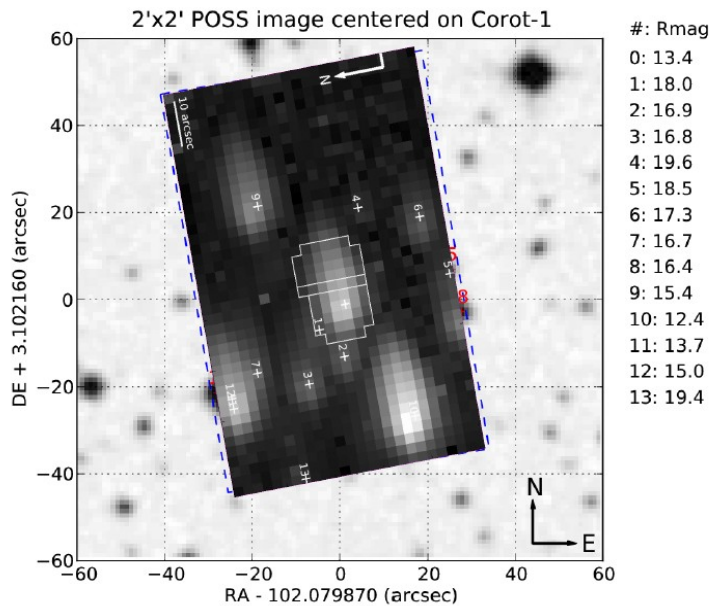
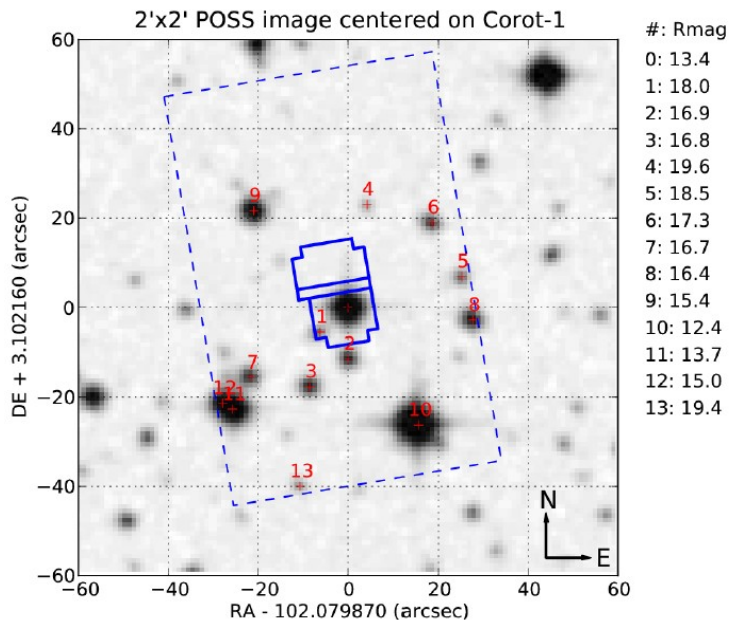
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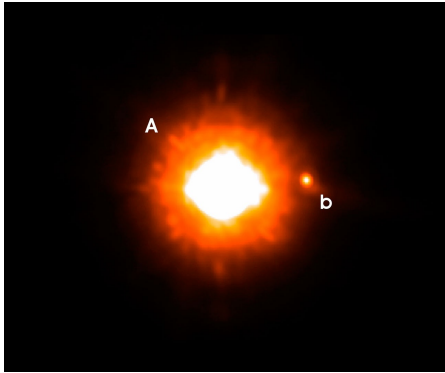
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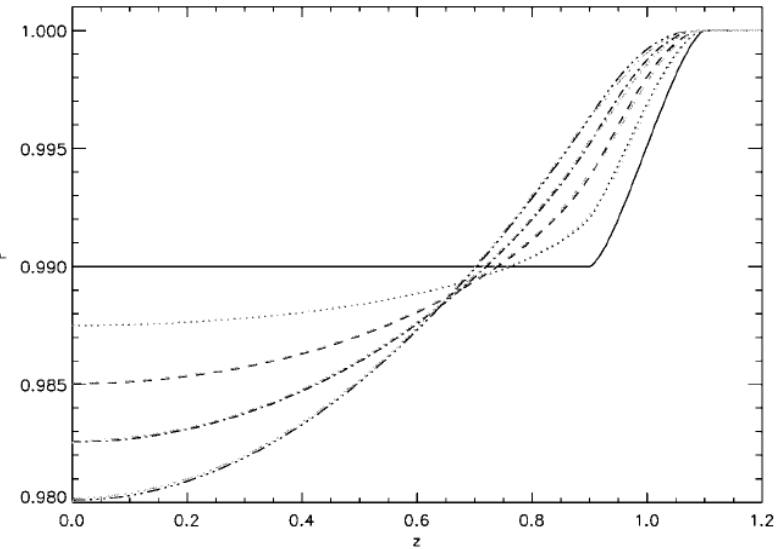


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Many faint companions within 1" (E. Günther's talk yesterday; Bergfors et al. 2013, MNRAS 428, 182); many of them seems to be faint enough that we can neglect them. Other remarkable, more distant optical or real companions are routinely taken into account.



# Change in transit depth due to limb darkening



for  $p = 0.1$  and  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = 0$  (solid line), and all coefficients equal zero but  $c_1 = 1$  (dotted line),  $c_1 = 1$  (dash-triple-dotted line). The thinner lines (nearly indistinguishable) show the approximation of § 5.

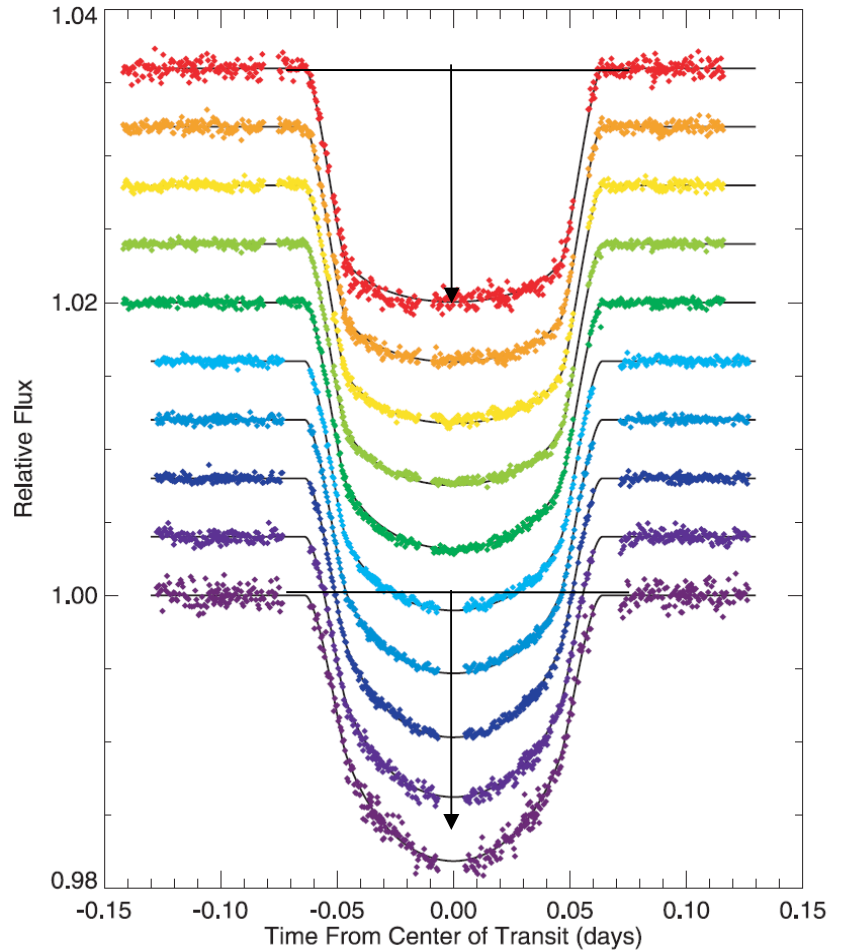


FIG. 3.—Normalized data for the 10 bandpasses shown in Fig. 2, with theoretical transit curves using the best-fit parameters from a simultaneous fit of all bandpasses (Tables 4 and 6) and model four-parameter nonlinear limb-darkening coefficients overplotted. Note that each bandpass contains data from two separate visits, consisting of 17 spacecraft orbits each (visits are plotted individually in Fig. 1 for reference). Each successive transit curve is offset by 0.004. Although the transit curves are a good fit to most of the data, there are some systematic deviations on timescales comparable to that of a *HST* orbit (see Fig. 4) that are discussed in § 5.2.

Mandel & Agol (2002)



Knutson et al. (2007)





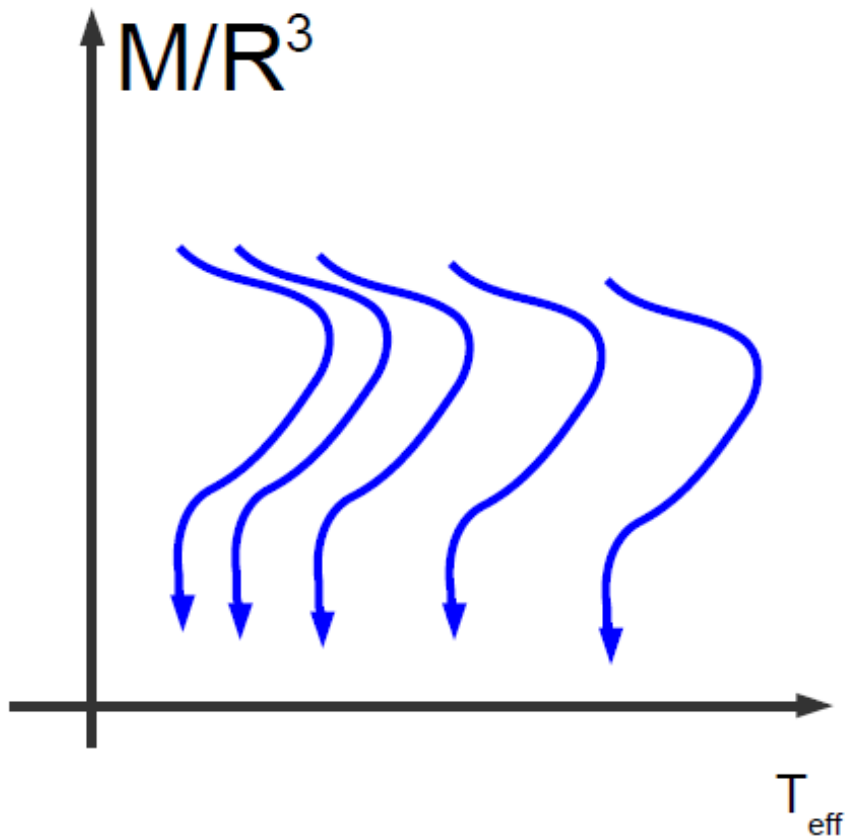
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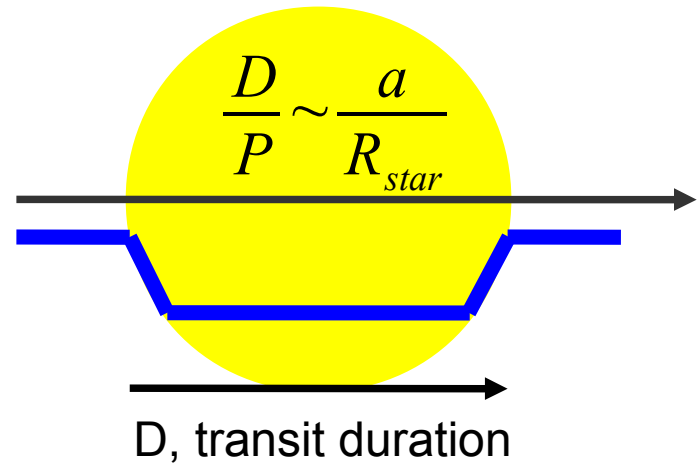
# Sources of stellar radius

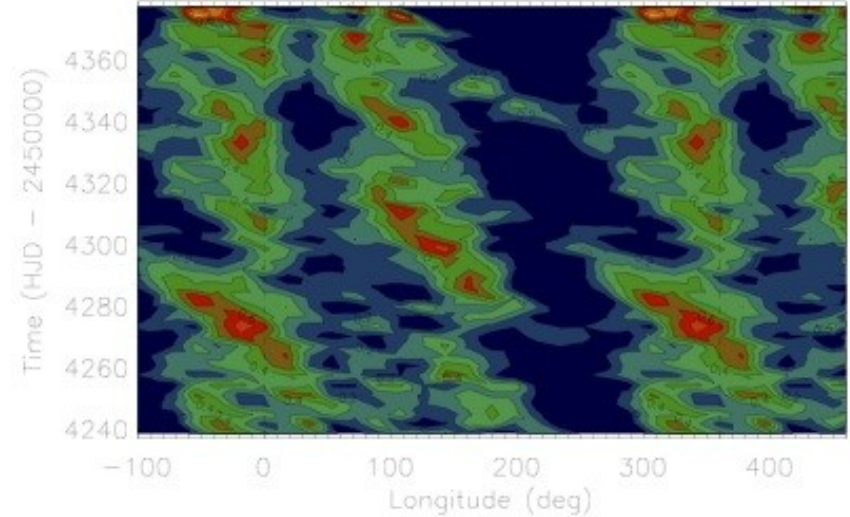
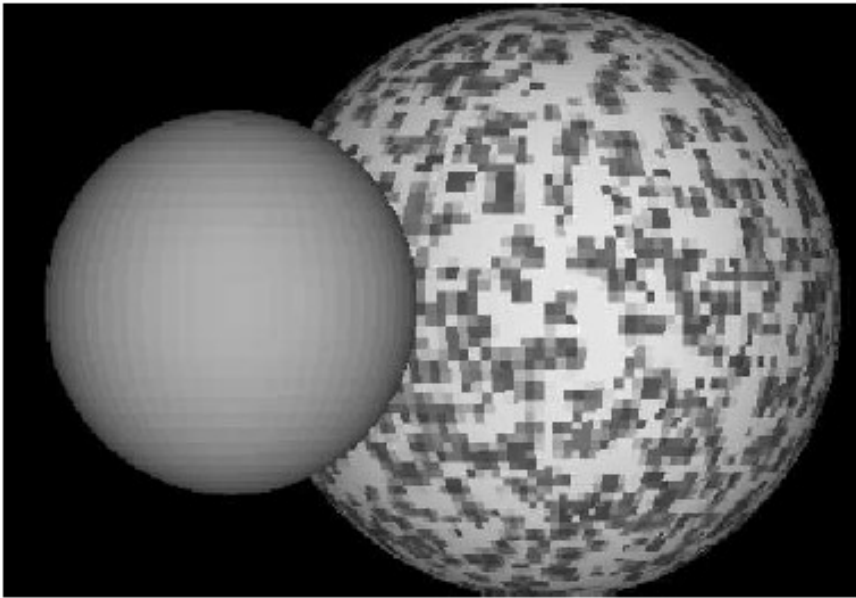
isochrone fitting; empirical scaling relation; interferometry



$$a^3 = P^2 (M_{\text{star}} + M_{\text{planet}})$$

$$\left( \frac{a}{R_{\text{star}}} \right)^3 \approx P^2 \frac{M_{\text{star}}}{R_{\text{star}}^3}$$





SV Cam model of Jeffers  
(MNRAS 359, 729, 2005)

Spot-filling map of CoRoT-2 by  
Lanza et al. (A&A 493, 193, 2009)

Heavily spotted stars among single and binaries, too.  
Spottedness is a function of mass, radius, age, phase  
of activity cycle, binarity, etc. ...

Jackson & Jeffries (2012, MNRAS 423, 2966): *there can be many small spots on the star causing spectroscopic, but no photometric activity indication.*

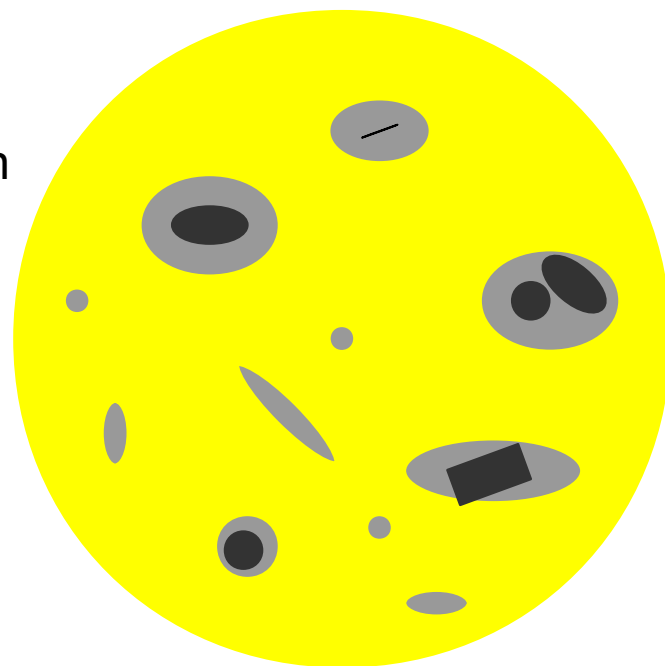


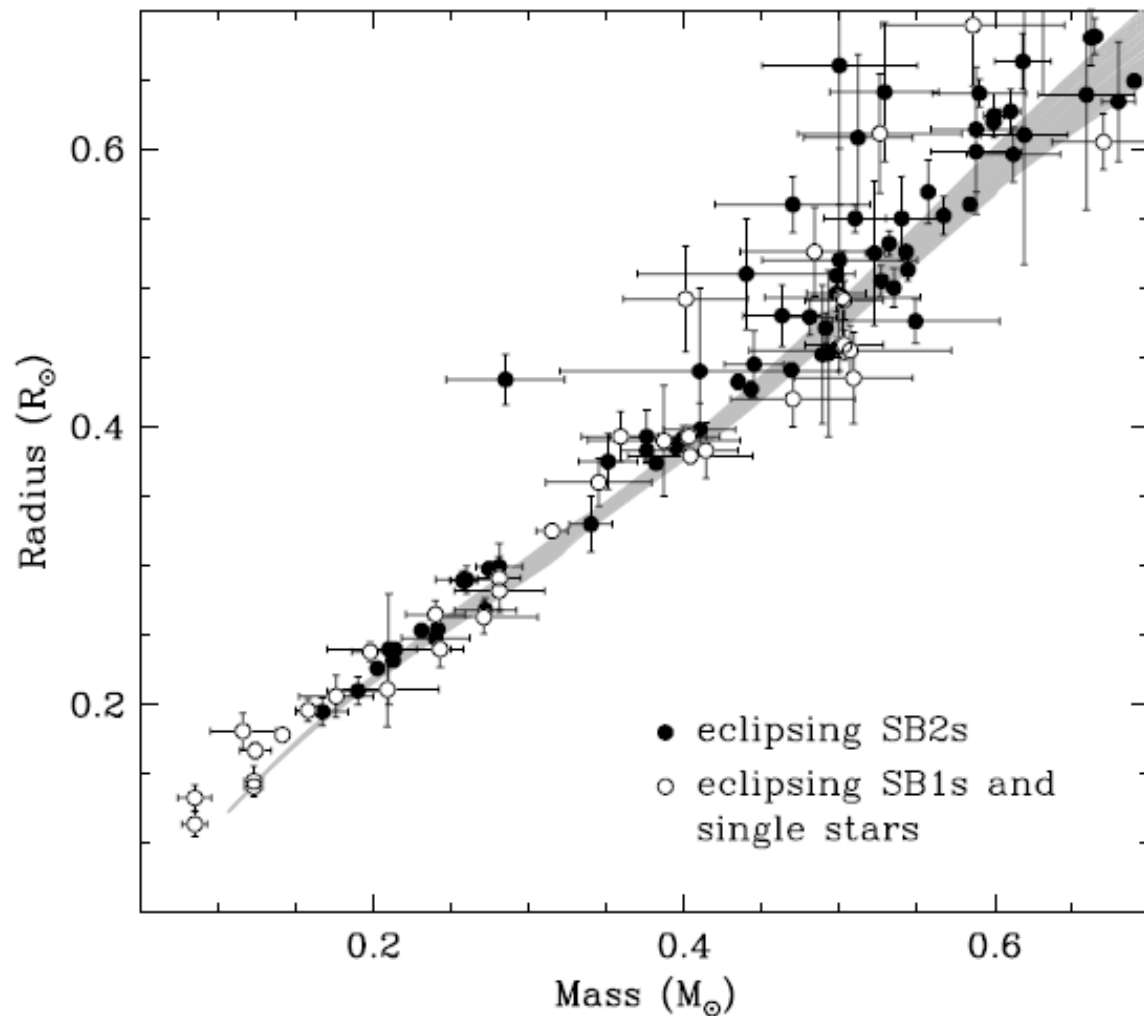
# Stellar spots affect temperature distribution and measurements – systematics?

Spruit & Weiss (1986, A&A 166, 167), Jackson & Jeffries (2014, MNRAS): spots change the measured stellar radii,  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , and internal structure.

Clausen et al. (2009, A&A): Stars with mass  $< 1 M_{\text{sun}}$  have systematically different radius from the theoretically calculated ones, because spots falsify the temperature and hence the luminosity/radius measurements.

Torres (2013, AN 334, 4): systematic M, K-dwarf problems, maybe due to spots, magnetic inflation and/or convection. 10-50% systematics in low-mass stellar radius.





**Fig. 2** Mass-radius diagram for low-mass stars, including all measurements for double-lined eclipsing binaries (SB2s, filled symbols) as well as determinations for single-lined eclipsing systems (SB1s) and single stars (open symbols). Solar-metallicity Dartmouth isochrones are shown for comparison, for ages ranging from 1 to 13 Gyr (grey band).



# Reliable stellar radii

## Today:

**Only SB2 systems** can provide reliable stellar radius.

*/We can estimate stellar radii from SB1 sometimes. Planet host stars can have 10-50% uncertainties in stellar radius./*

## (Near-)future:

**Gaia** will provide distances to the stars with  $\sim 20 \mu\text{as}$ , hence the luminosities. Combining this with the temperatures ( $\Delta T = 100\text{-}200 \text{ K}$ ?) via  $L = R^2 T^4$  we get the radius. (Cannot be better than  $\sim 8\%$  because of the temperature determination which depends on  $\log g$ , too!)

## (Far-)future:

**PLATO** will give the asteroseismological constrain for  $M/R^3$  (also will depend on temperature-determination of the star!), then this can be combined with the independent *Gaia* measurements: 2% can be expected. (See J. Montalbán's talk yesterday about present accuracy reached by CoRoT/Kepler.)

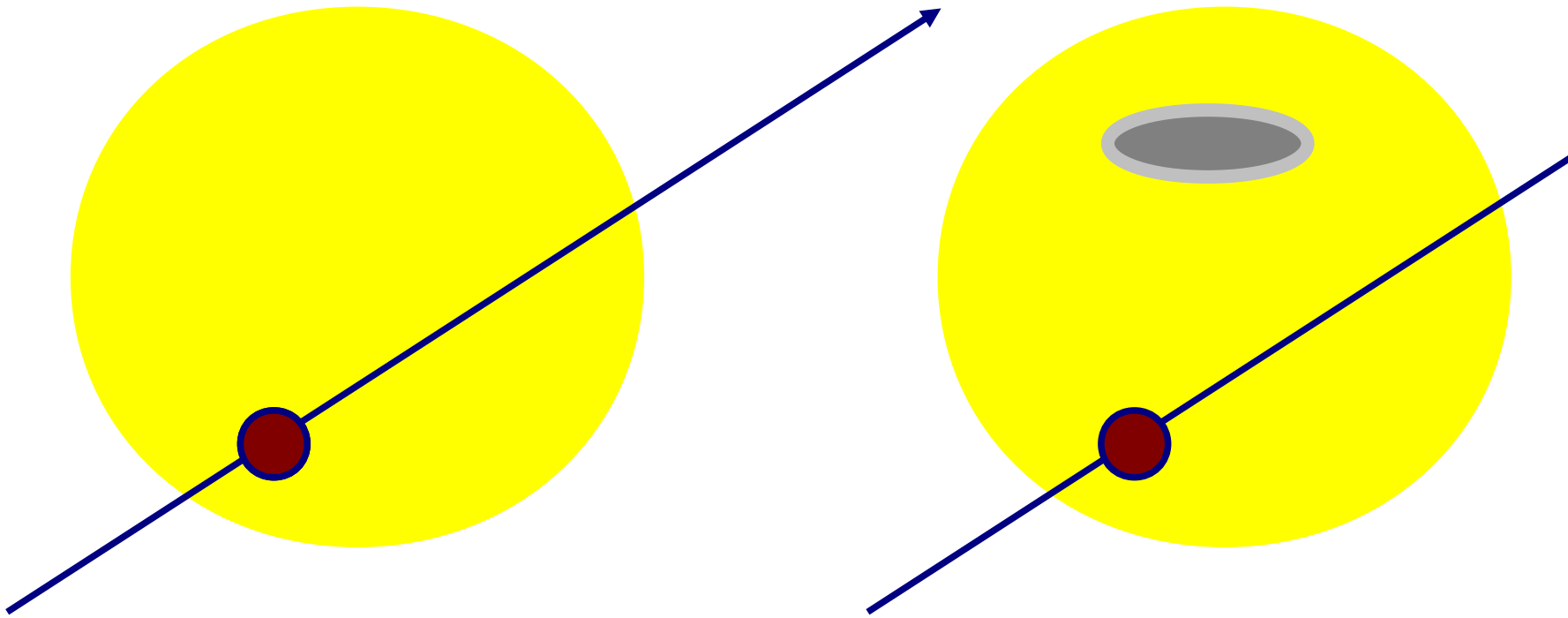


# Transit depth and contamination

$$\frac{\Delta F}{F + F_{cont}} = \left( \frac{R_{planet}}{R_{star}} \right)^2 \times L_D$$







$$\frac{\Delta F}{F - \Delta F_{spot}} = \left( \frac{R_{planet}}{R_{star}} \right)^2 L_D$$

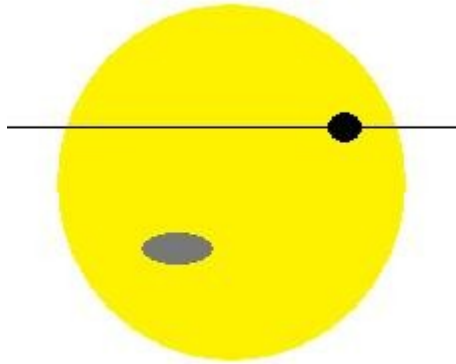
In case of stellar spot/facula, transit depth is different.



# Stellar spots and faculae

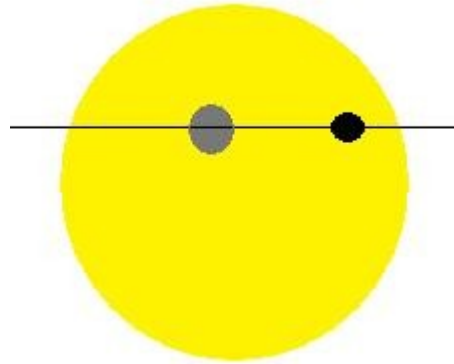
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not occulted



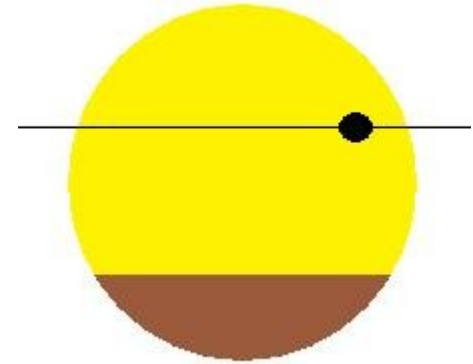
## Type II

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## Type III

Long life-time, pole-on,  
slow rotation, no modulation

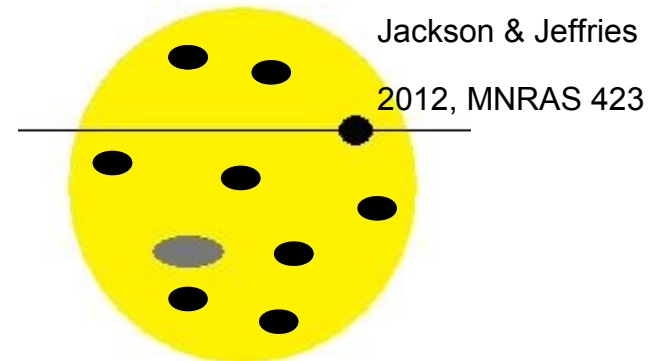


↑Can be removed by  
baseline-fitting

{selecting the deepest transit  
points: Czesla et al. 2009, but  
faculae should be checked}

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by spot-modeling

{for spot crossing, see  
Silva-Valio&Lanza 2010;  
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Jackson & Jeffries  
2012, MNRAS 423

EXTRA ± CONTAMINATION!!



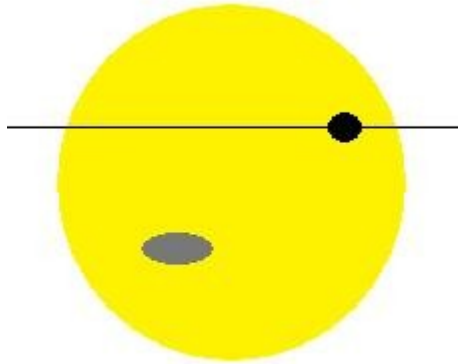
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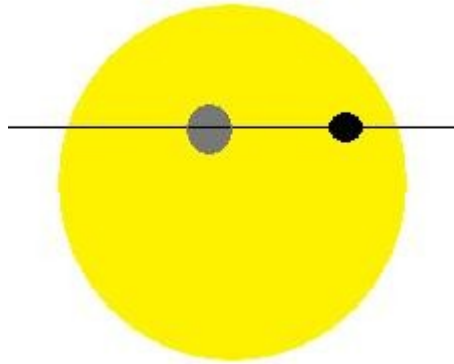
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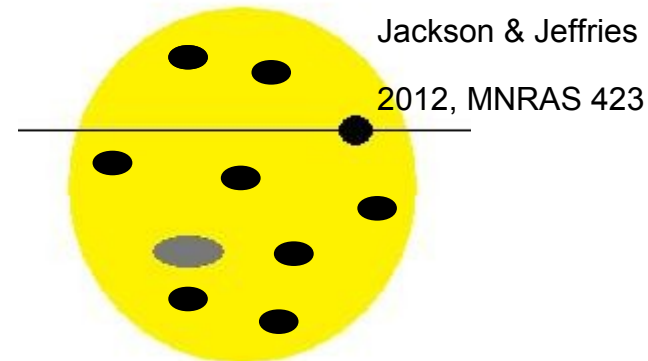
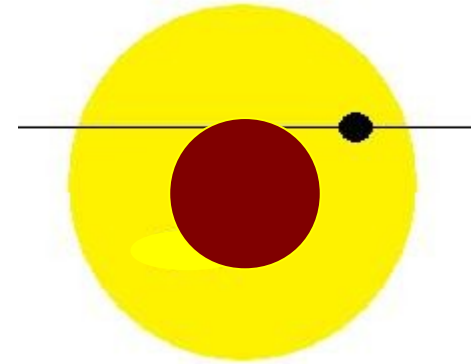
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# Primary effect on stellar spots on transit depth and contamination

- (i) Transit depth can be smaller/bigger (depending on bright faculae / dark spots) than in the case of an unspotted star.
- (ii) Baseline-changes (fit or correct)
- (iii) Extra – positive or negative! -, time-dependent contamination will appear beyond the contaminating stars, galaxies etc. Folded light curves: how to average them??? Or fold and bin them at all? Stellar activity is time-dependent!
- (iv) Multicolour photometry? (CHEOPS, TESS, PLATO: monochromatic)

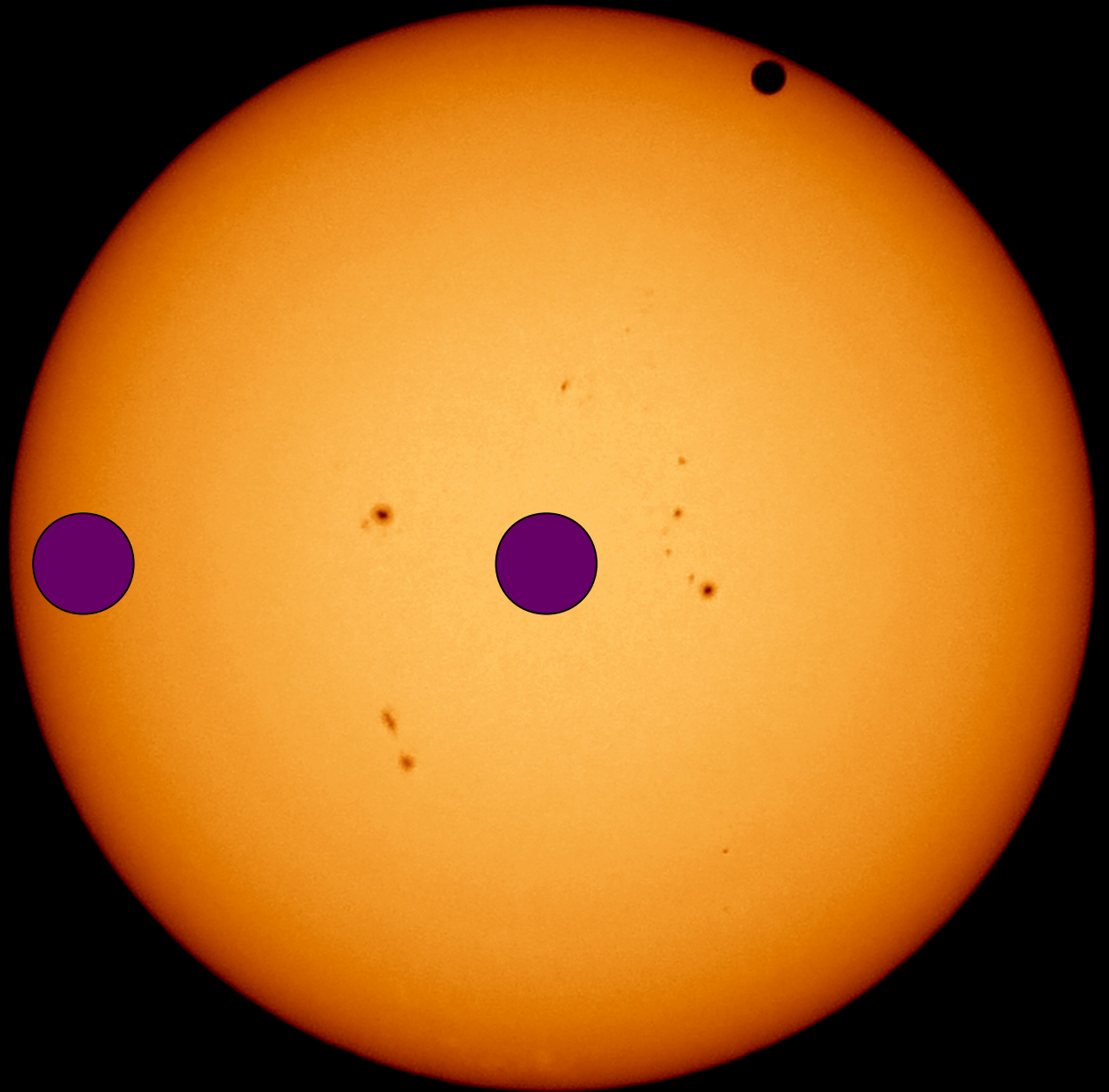


# Effect of Limb Darkening on Radius of Transiting Exoplanets

$$\frac{\Delta F}{F + F_{cont}} = \left( \frac{R_{planet}}{R_{star}} \right)^2 \times L_D$$



Knowledge of  $L_D$   
would reduce the  
number of free  
parameters and  
the degeneracy  
which occurs from  
time to time.





Calculation shows (Csizmadia et al. 2013, A&A 549, A9): to measure the planet-to-stellar radius ratio with 5% uncertainty, you need to know the limb darkening with at least  $\sim 0.5\%$  precision.

In general, we do not have this precision.

**Stellar parameters:**

$\pm 100\text{K}$  in  $T_{\text{eff}}$

$\pm 0.1$  in  $\log g$

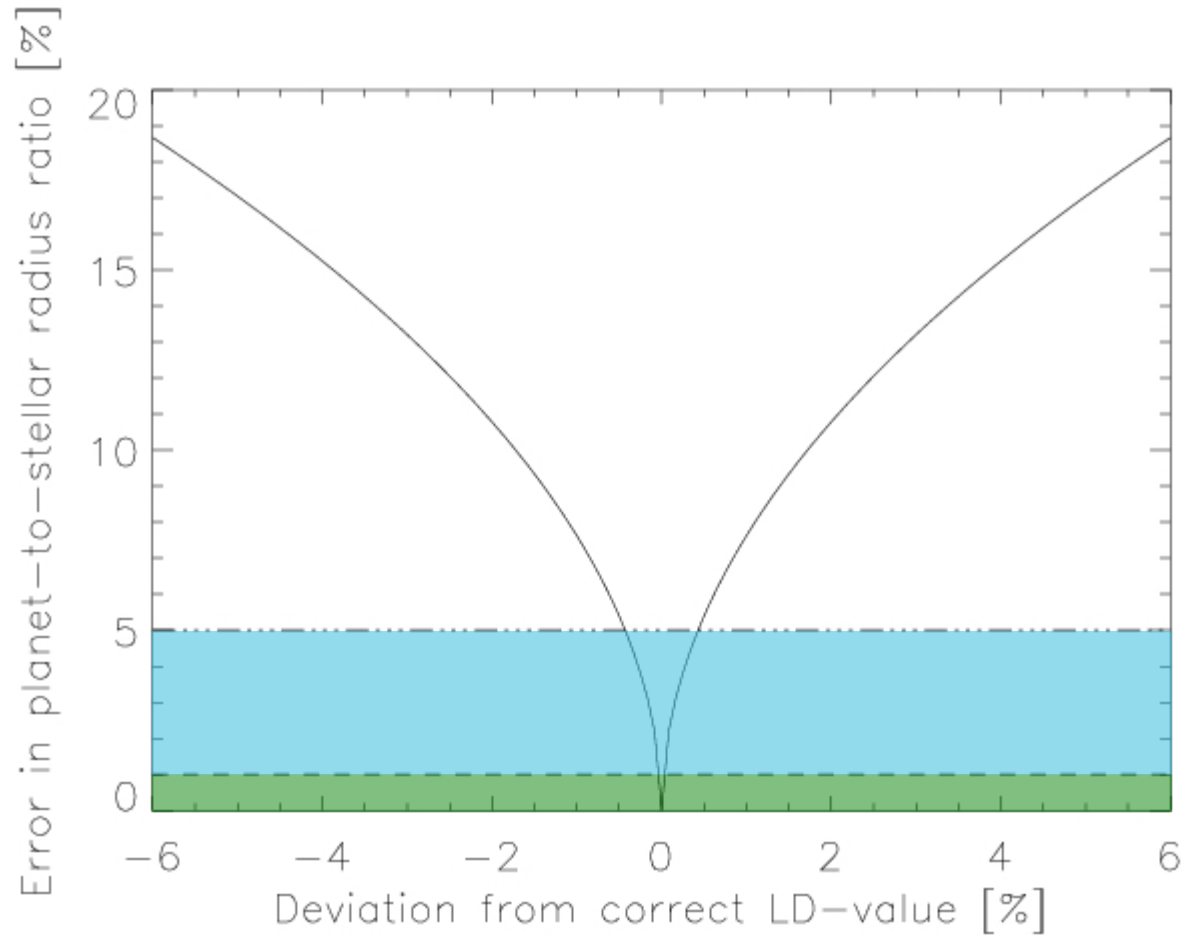
$\pm 0.1$  in  $[M/H]$ :

**5% in limb darkening coefficients.**

+ random/systematic errors

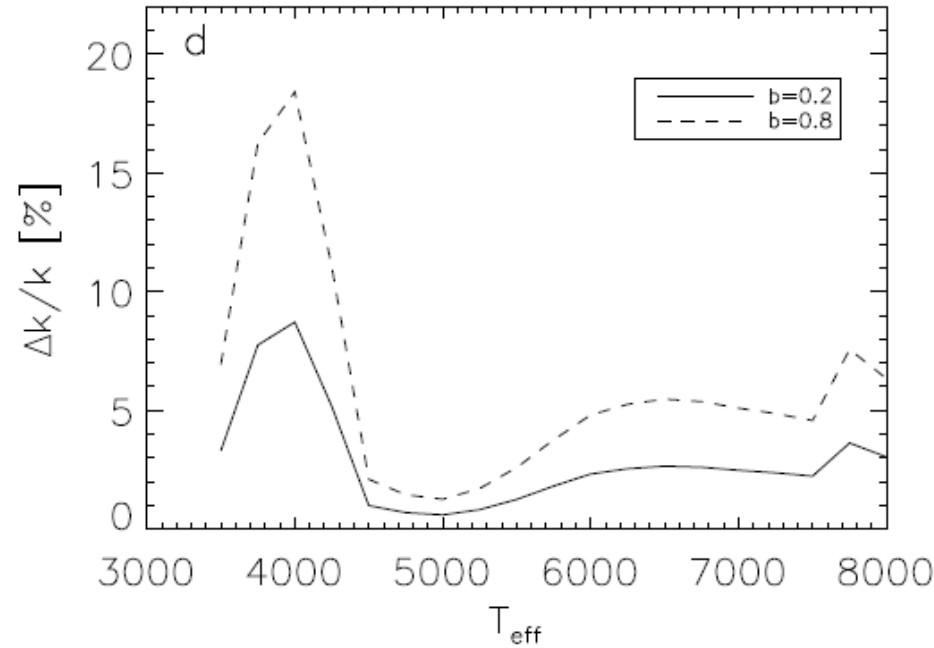
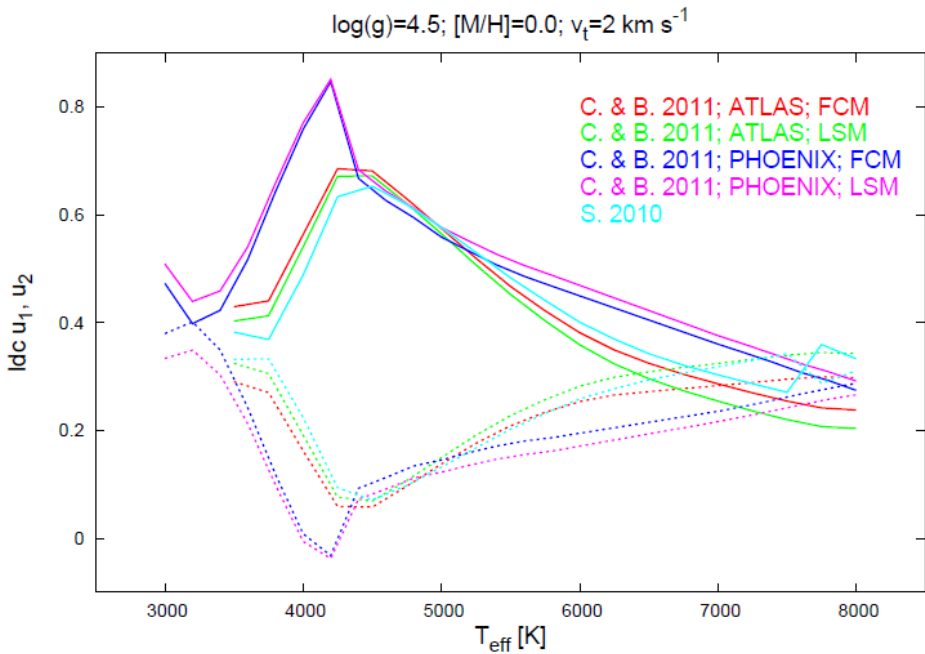
in stellar parameters, see

Torres et al. (2012) ApJ, 757





# Theoretical uncertainties of 1D limb darkening



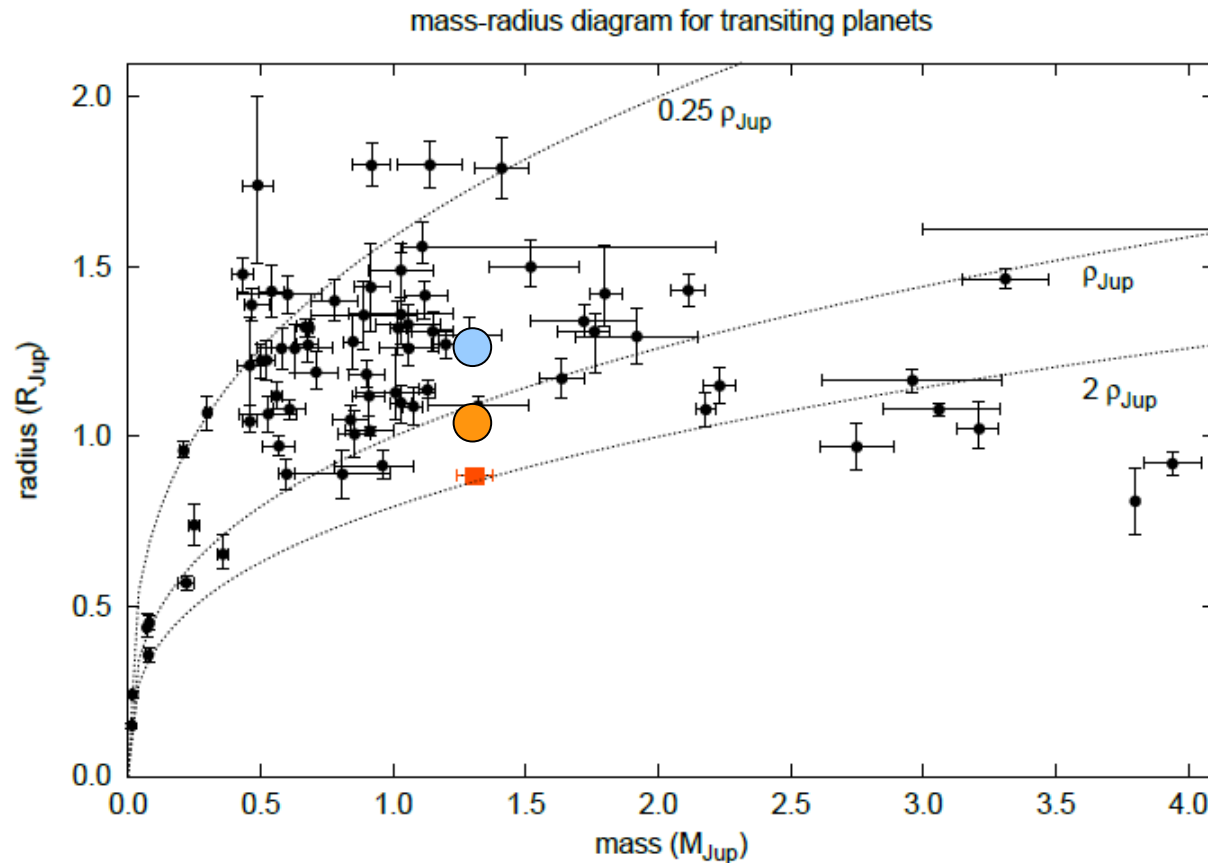
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{3D modeling efforts: e.g. Hayek et al. 2012, A&A,539}



Figure from  
Cabrera et al. (2010)

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- Accepted by another study
- Best  $\chi^2$  of the another study

**Fig. 8.** Position of CoRoT-13b (square) among the other transiting planets in a mass-radius diagram.



# Plane parallel / spherical limb darkening models (Neilson & Lester 2013, arxiv.org: 1305.1311 )

3D attempts:

Trampedach (2013,  
ApJ 769, 18)

Convection?

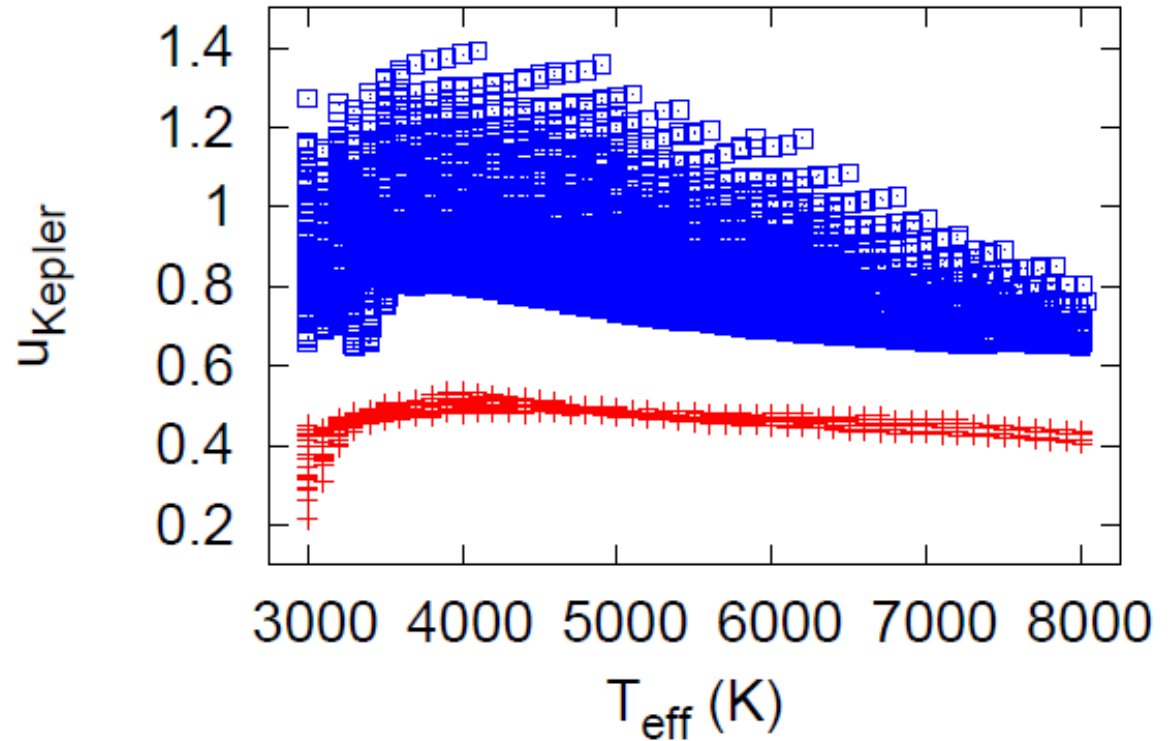
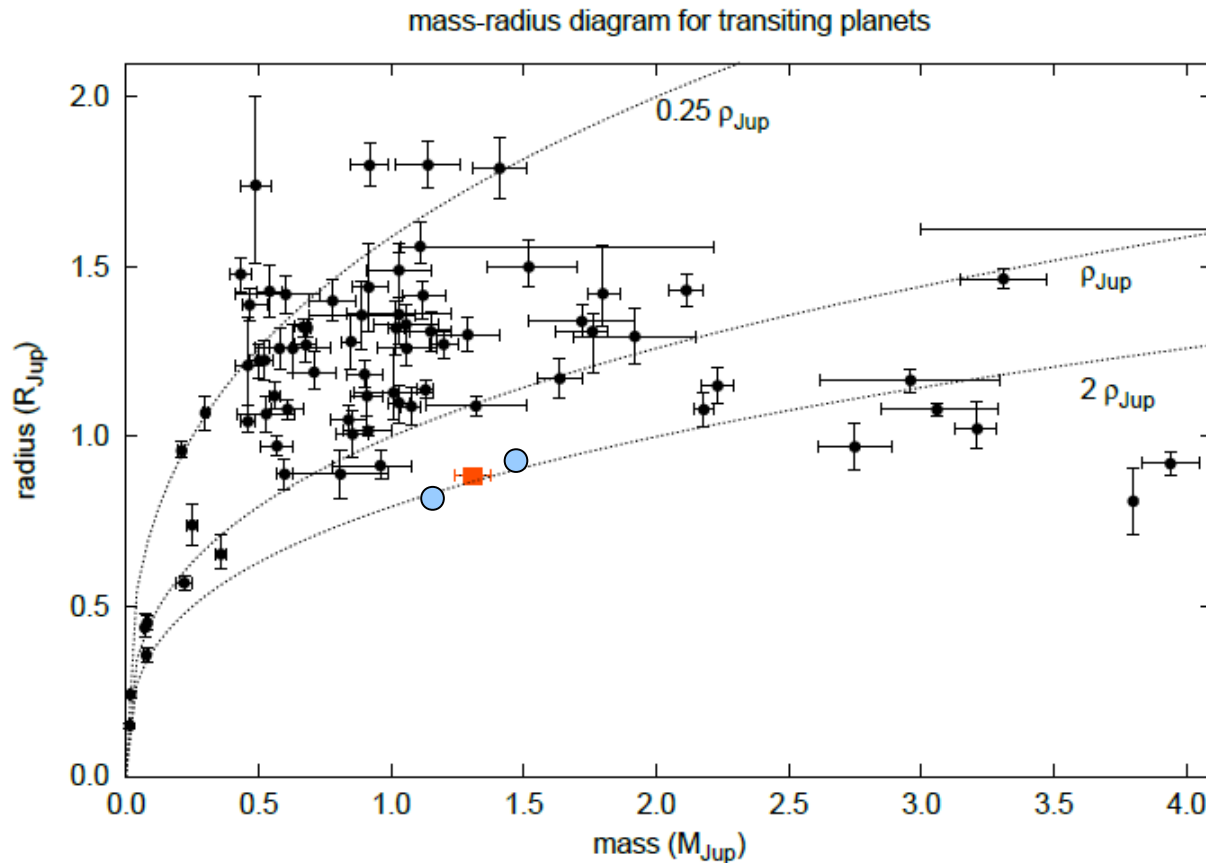


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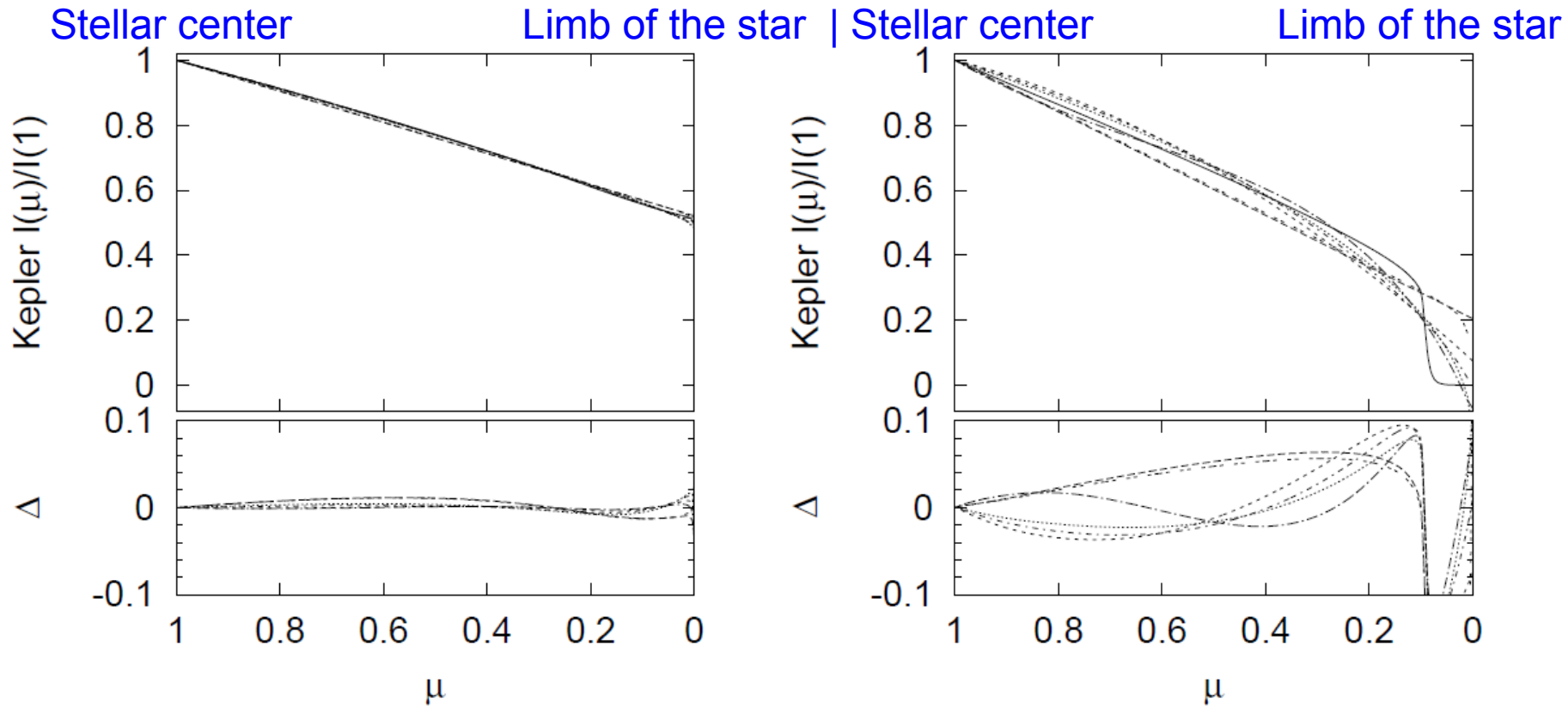
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Meantime similar  
systems found. e.g.:  
WASP-64b,  
KOI 1257Ab...



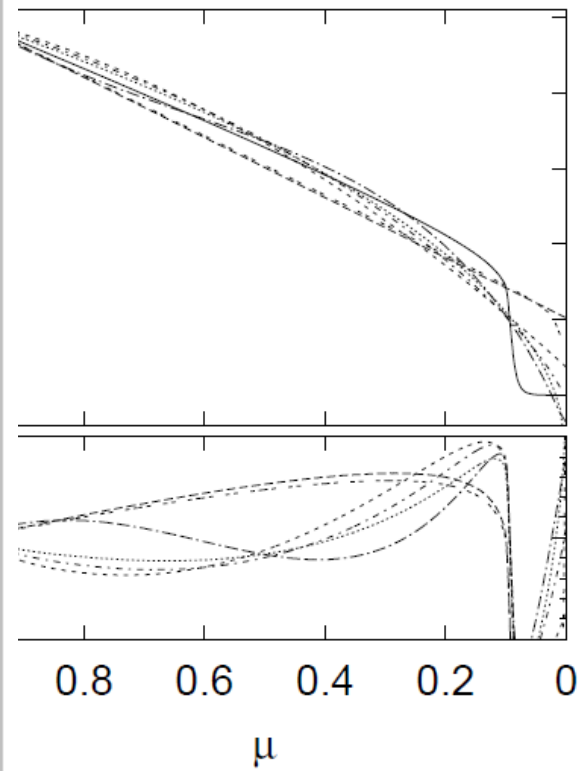
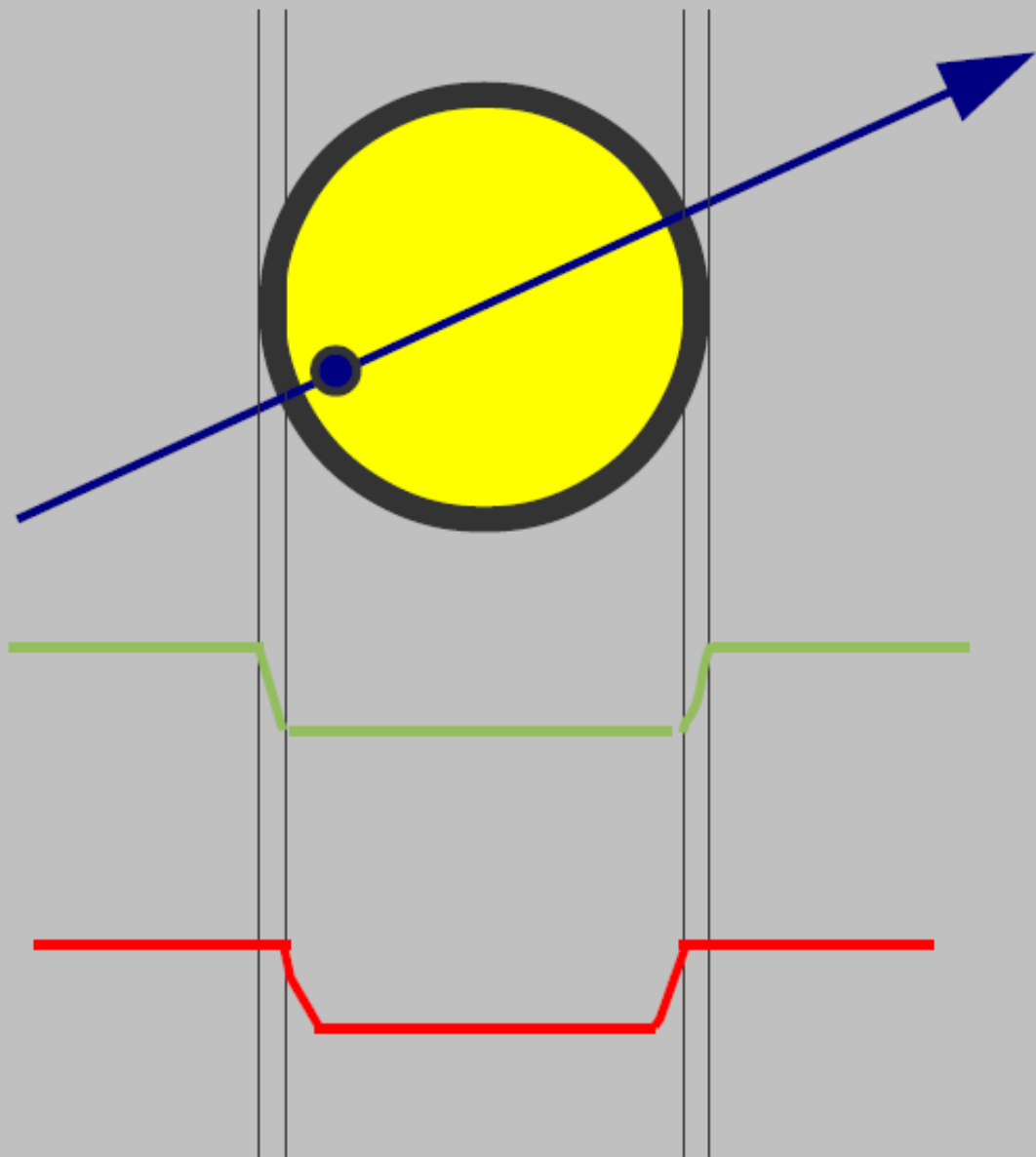
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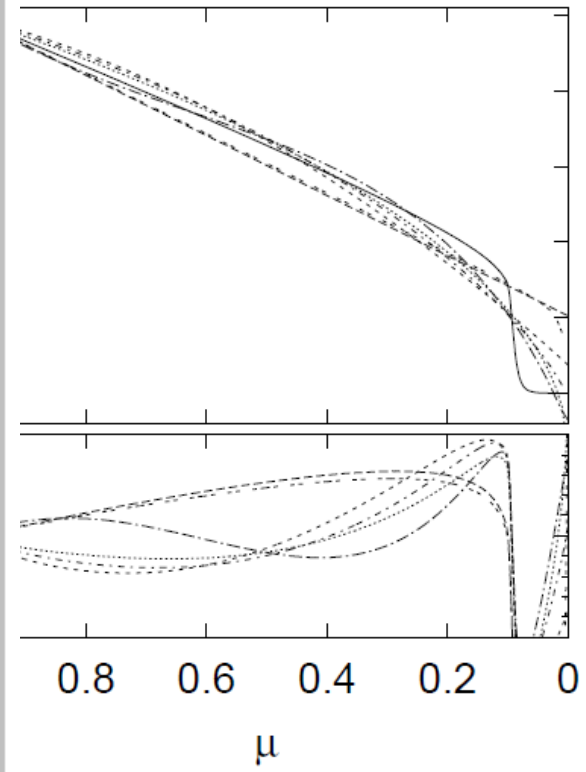
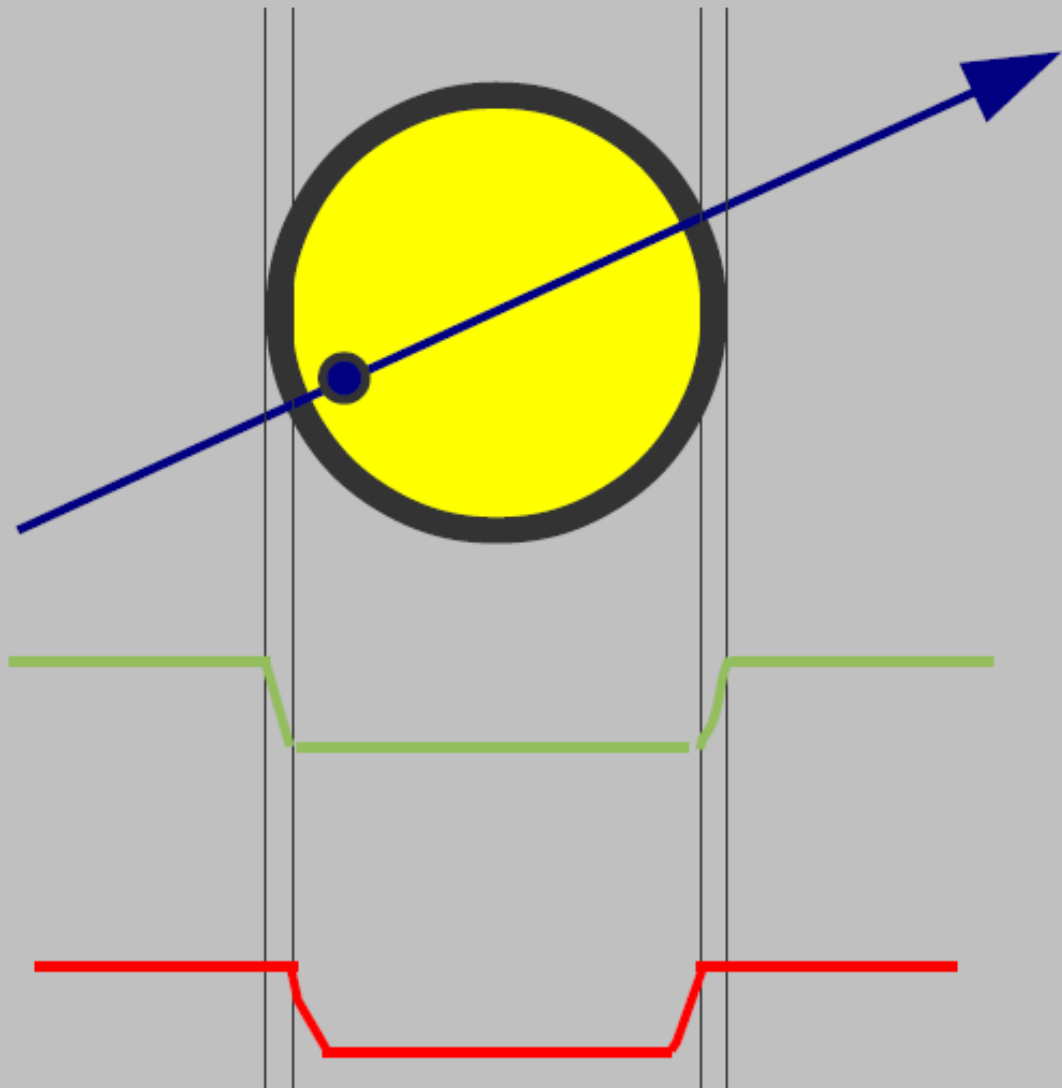
**Fig. 1.** *Kepler*-band model intensity profiles (black-solid) predicted for both plane-parallel (left) and spherically symmetric (right) model stellar atmospheres with  $T_{\text{eff}} = 5000$  K,  $\log g = 2$  and  $M = 10 M_{\odot}$ . Along with the intensity profiles, best-fit linear (green-dashed), quadratic (orange-short-dashed), square-root (blue-dotted), four-parameter (violet-long-dash-dotted), logarithmic (brown-short-dash-dotted), and exponential (grey-double-dash) limb-darkening relations are plotted. Bottom panels show the difference,  $\Delta \equiv I_{\text{model}} - I_{\text{law}}$ , between model intensities and best-fit limb-darkening laws.





parallel (left) and spherically symmetric (right) with the intensity profiles, best-fit linear (green- (violet-long-dash-dotted), logarithmic (brown- re plotted). Bottom panels show the difference,





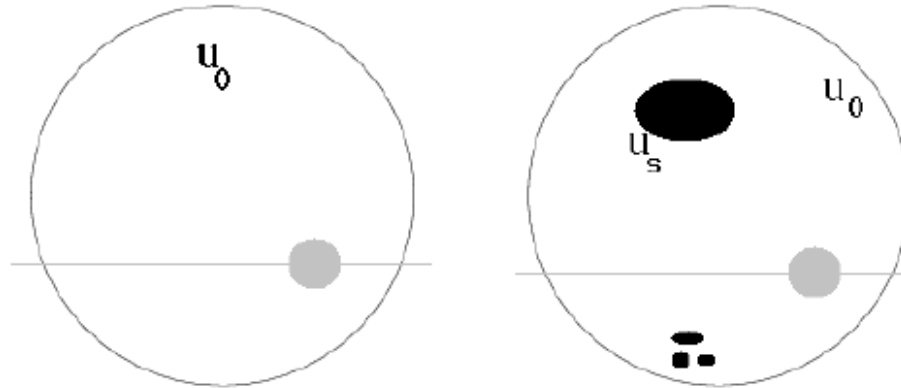
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Are all  $a/R_s$  systematically affected? → Stellar density, mass, radius, planet size...?





# modelling of planetary parameters: impact of limb darkening when it is modified by spots



**Fig. 4.** Illustration of the effect of Type I spots. Left: the planet crosses an unmaculated star that is characterized 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 ( $u_0$ ,  $u_s$ ). Grey area is the planet, black ellipses represent the spots.

**Csizmadia et al. (2013) A&A**

apparent stellar disk cannot be characterized with single effective temperature (and not only because of gravity darkening, von Zeipel 1924; Barnes 2009...)  
surface brightness cannot be characterized with single limb darkening coefficient (associated to a single effective temperature



# Summary

## TODAY:

- 1./ Stellar spots have impact on transit depth (it can be managed) and on temperature and radius determination (there is progress, but...), and they modify the observable limb darkening coefficients (maybe understood, Csizmadia et al. A&A 549, A9, 2013).
- 2./ Limb darkening tables are observationally not checked yet in a reliable way. (How can we fix something which is not tested yet?)
  - *3D models, improvements in convection theory, spherical models instead of plane-parallel models, including stellar activity and reliable observational checks and methods are needed at different wavelengths and on different objects.*

## FUTURE:

- A./ Gaia will provide distances, luminosities → empirical stellar radius on much bigger sample.
- B./ Gaia + PLATO will provide much better stellar properties and hence better planetary parameters.
- C./ Theoretical and observational improvements in limb darkening.

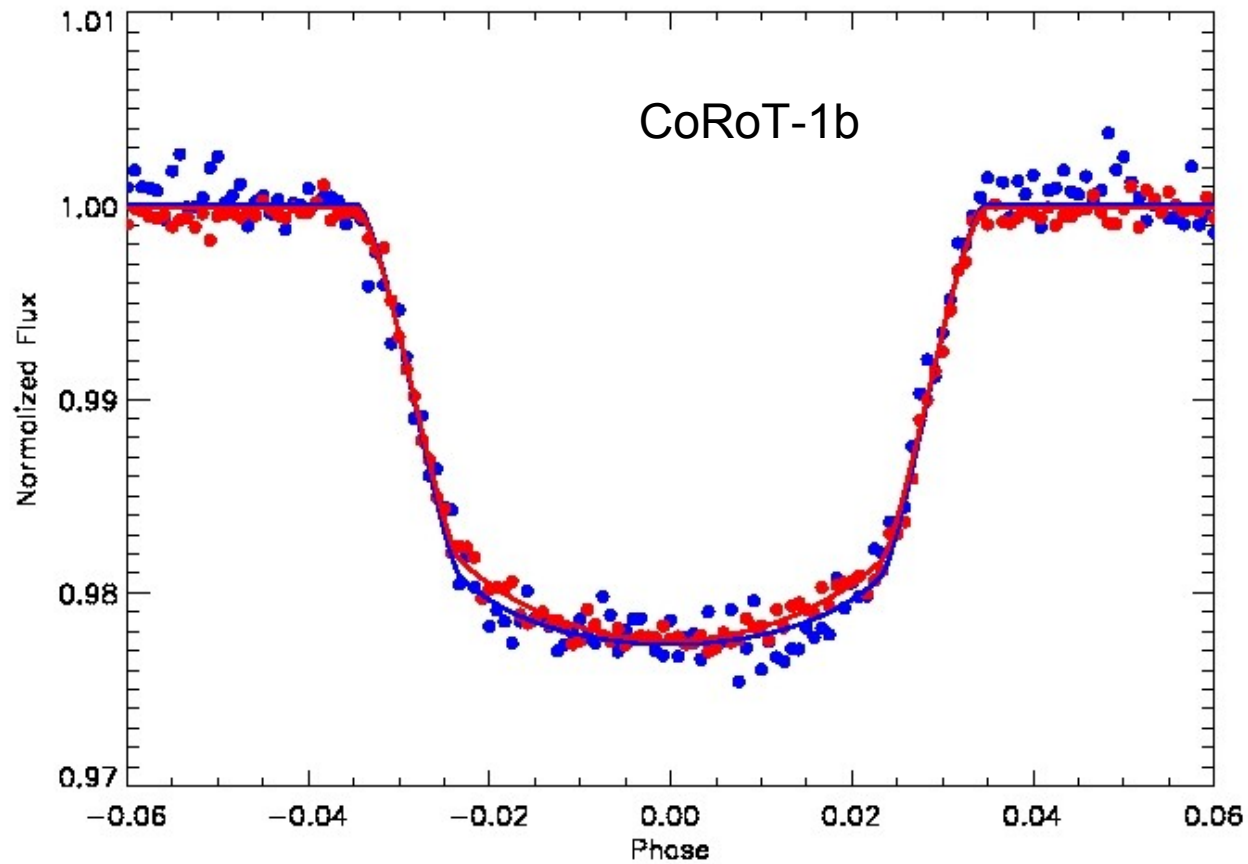






Backup slides





### CoRoT host stars:

24 systems, 25 transiting planets

14 coloured+white LCs

Out of the 14 multicolour transits:

8 has normal behaviour (57%)

6 has inverse behaviour (43%)

*The study of the correlation between this effect and activity indicators is still ongoing.*



# Random and systematic errors in stellar parameters

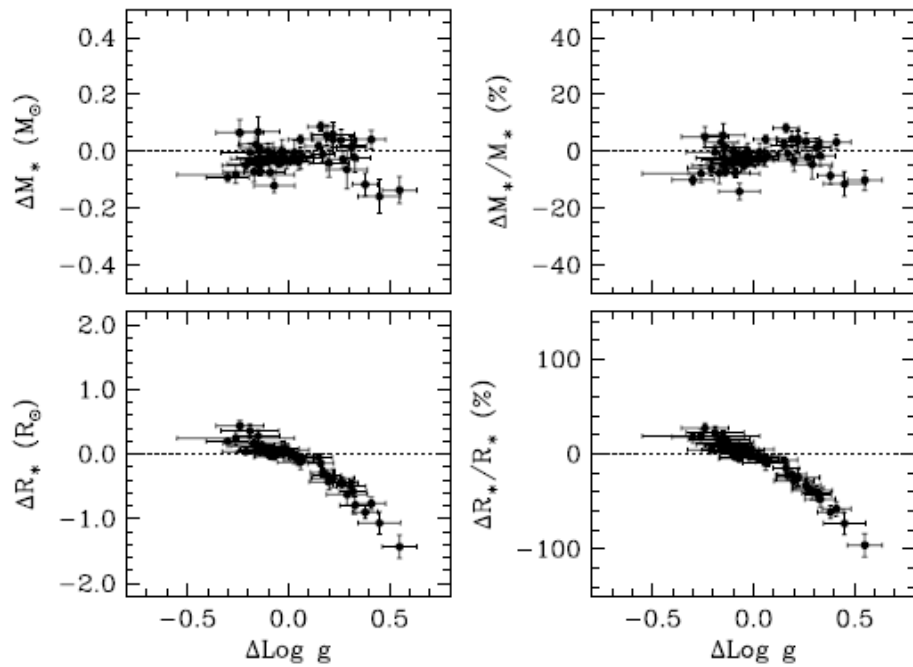


FIG. 10.— Mass and radius differences resulting from the use of constrained and unconstrained spectroscopic properties from SME along with stellar evolution models. Differences in the sense (constrained minus unconstrained) are shown in absolute units on the left, and as a percentage of  $M_*$  or  $R_*$  on the right.

Torres et al. (2012) ApJ, 757

Even in the best case, uncertainties in planetary parameters can be up to **10%** {only way through is asteroseismology, from space (CoRoT, Kepler) but limited amount of targets (limited by brightness) → ...PLATO (Rauer, Friday)}

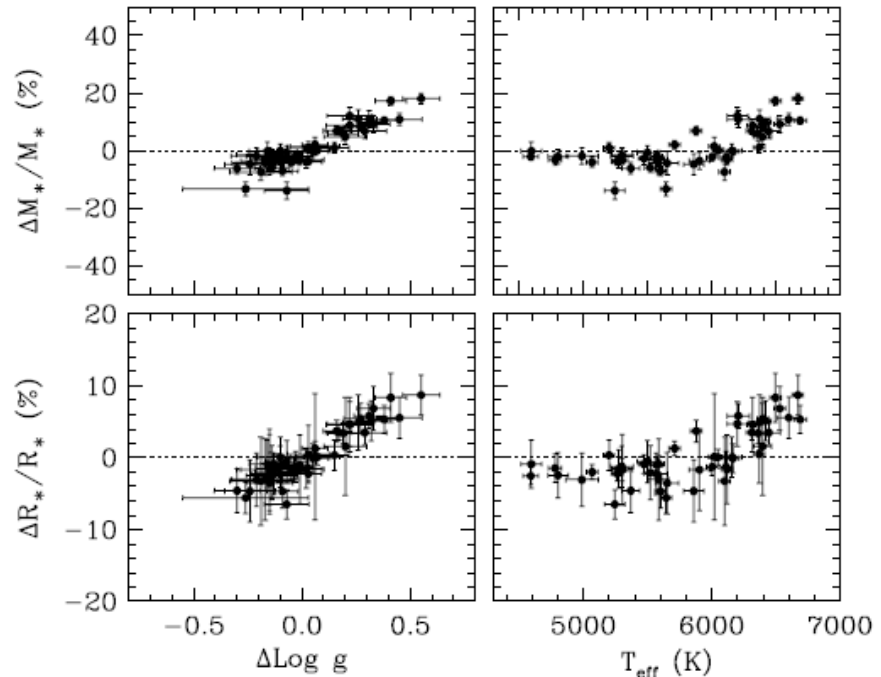


FIG. 11.— Systematic errors in the stellar mass and radius (expressed as a percentage) when using *unconstrained* values of  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  from SME together with the external photometric constraint on  $\log g$  from the mean stellar density. The differences shown are between the mixed usage just mentioned and the constrained results from a second iteration of SME described in the text, in the sense (mixed minus constrained).





# Limb darkening: observations vs theory

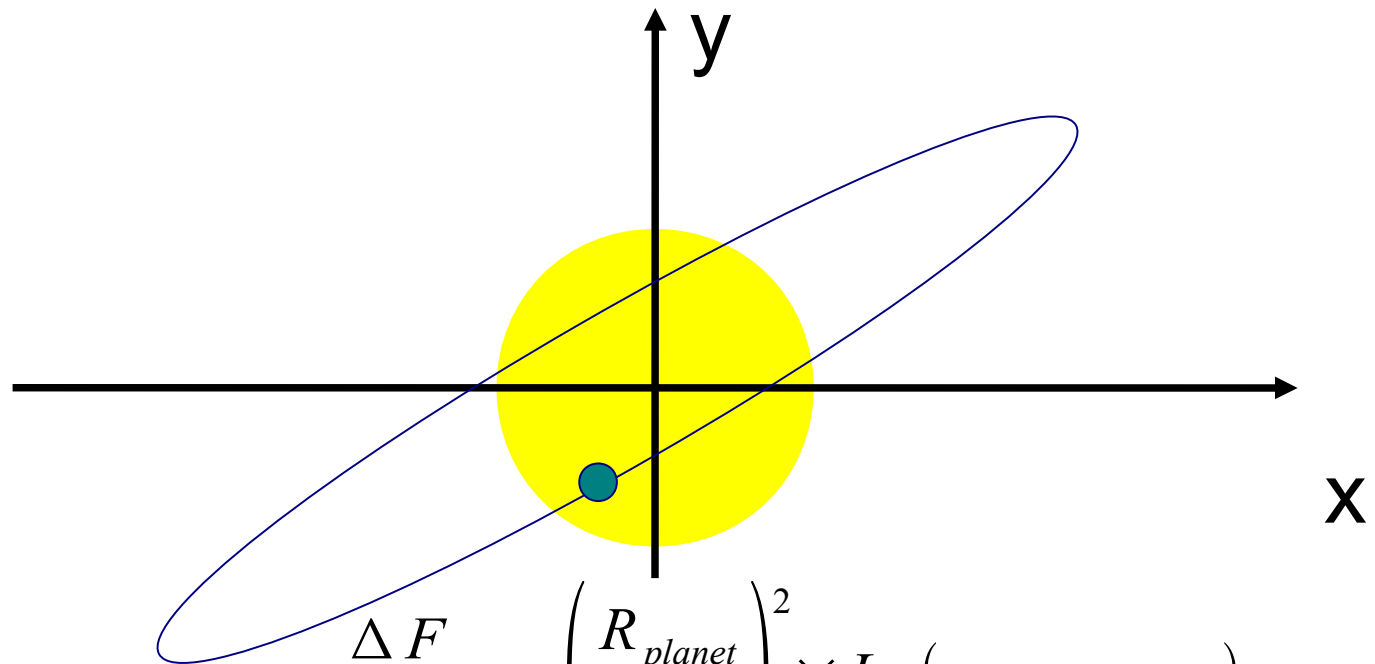
sometimes, theory and observations agree well:

e.g. CoRoT-8b (Bordé et al 2010), CoRoT-11b (Gandolfi et al. 2010)...

sometimes there are large differences:

e.g. CoRoT-13b (Cabrera et al. 2010; Southworth 2011), CoRoT-12b (Gillon et al 2010), HD 209458 (Claret 2009), Kepler-5b (Kipping & Bakos 2011), WASP-13 (Barros et al. 2012)...





Different approaches:

- fixed
- adjusted
- different mathematical formulation for  $L_D$ .

$$\frac{\Delta F}{F + F_{cont}} = \left( \frac{R_{planet}}{R_{star}} \right)^2 \times L_D(u_a, u_b, x, y)$$

$$x, y = f_{x,y}(a/R_s, i, e, \omega, \tau, t)$$

