

Architectures of Exoplanetary Systems: A Multi-planet Model for Reproducing the Radius Valley and Intra-system Size Similarity of the Kepler Planets

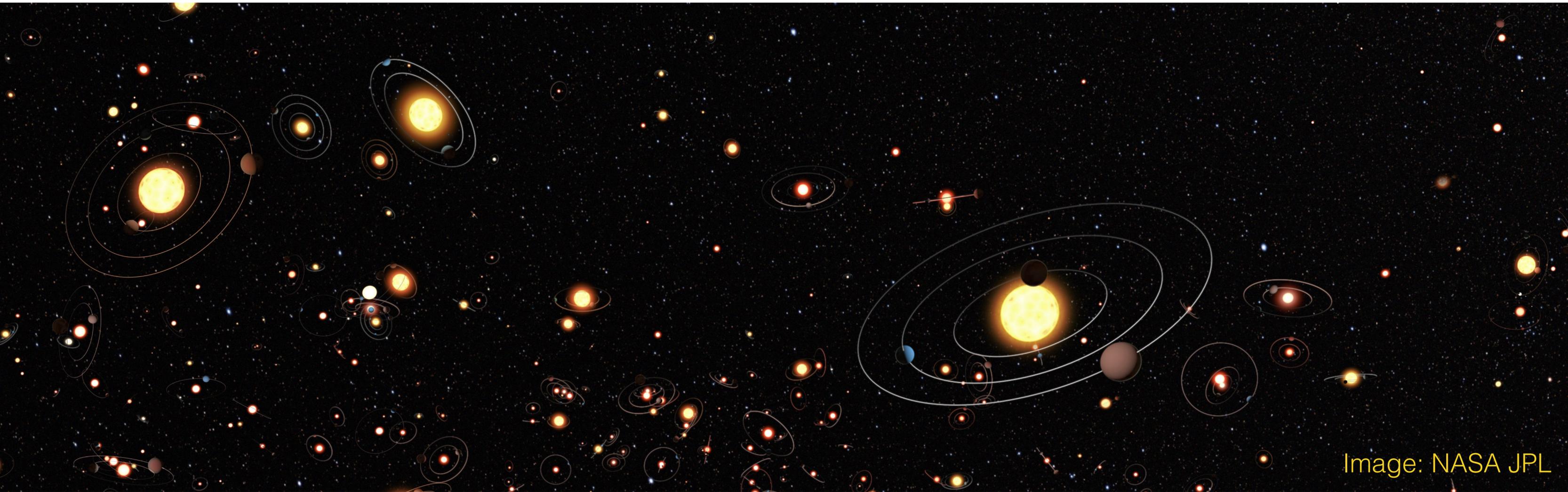


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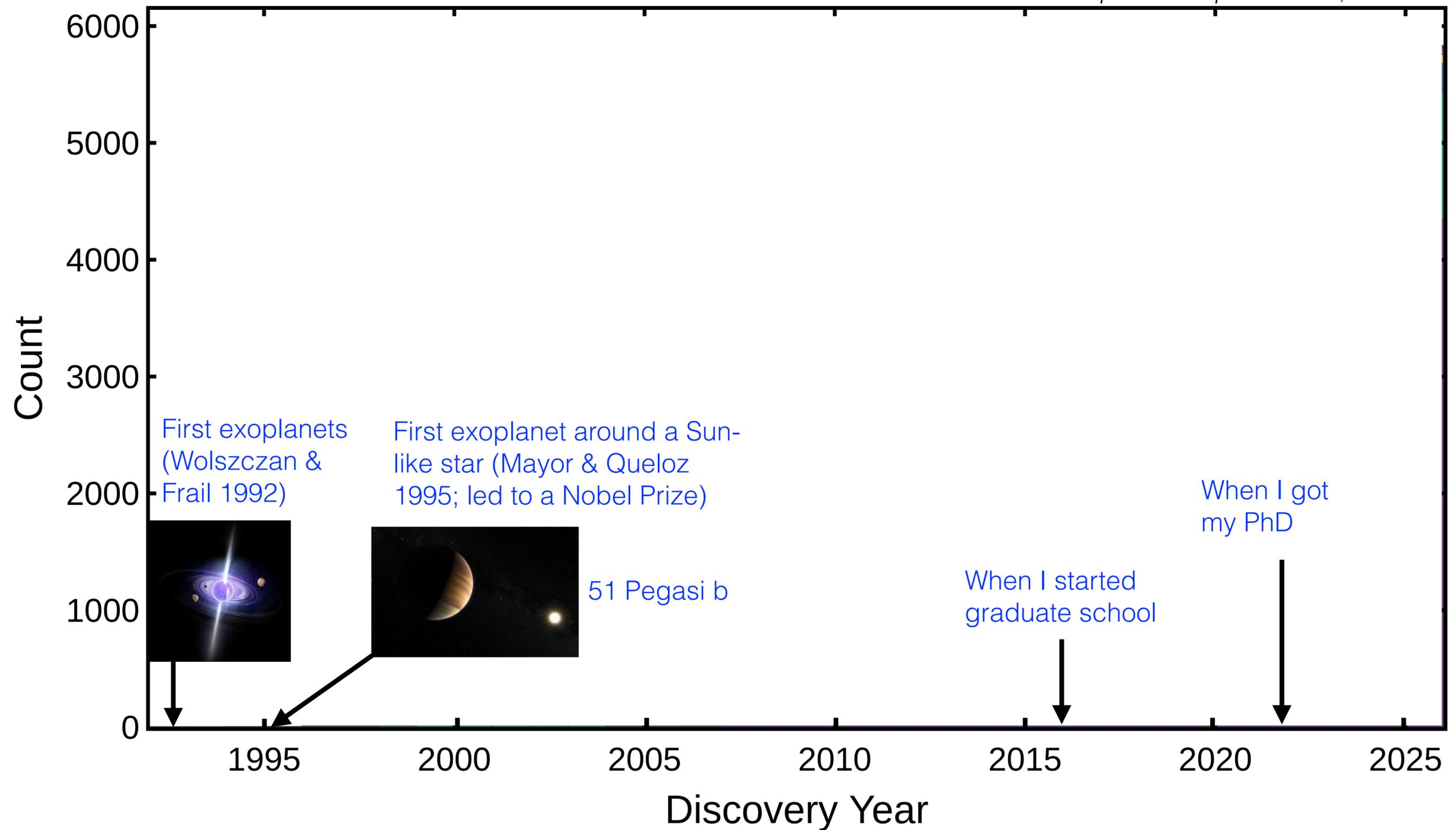


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The first exoplanets were discovered just about three decades ago

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The number of known exoplanets has exploded in the past decade

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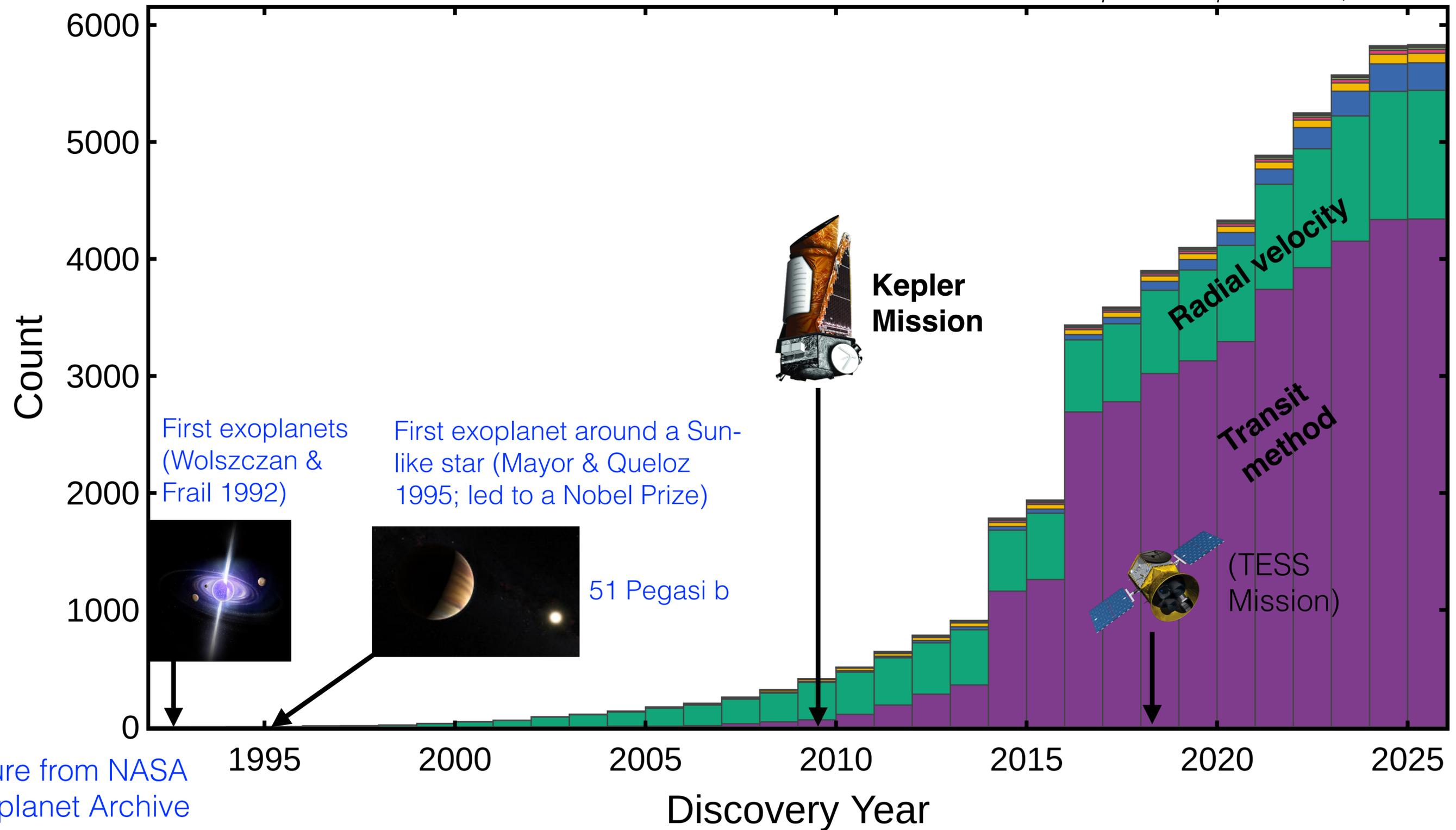
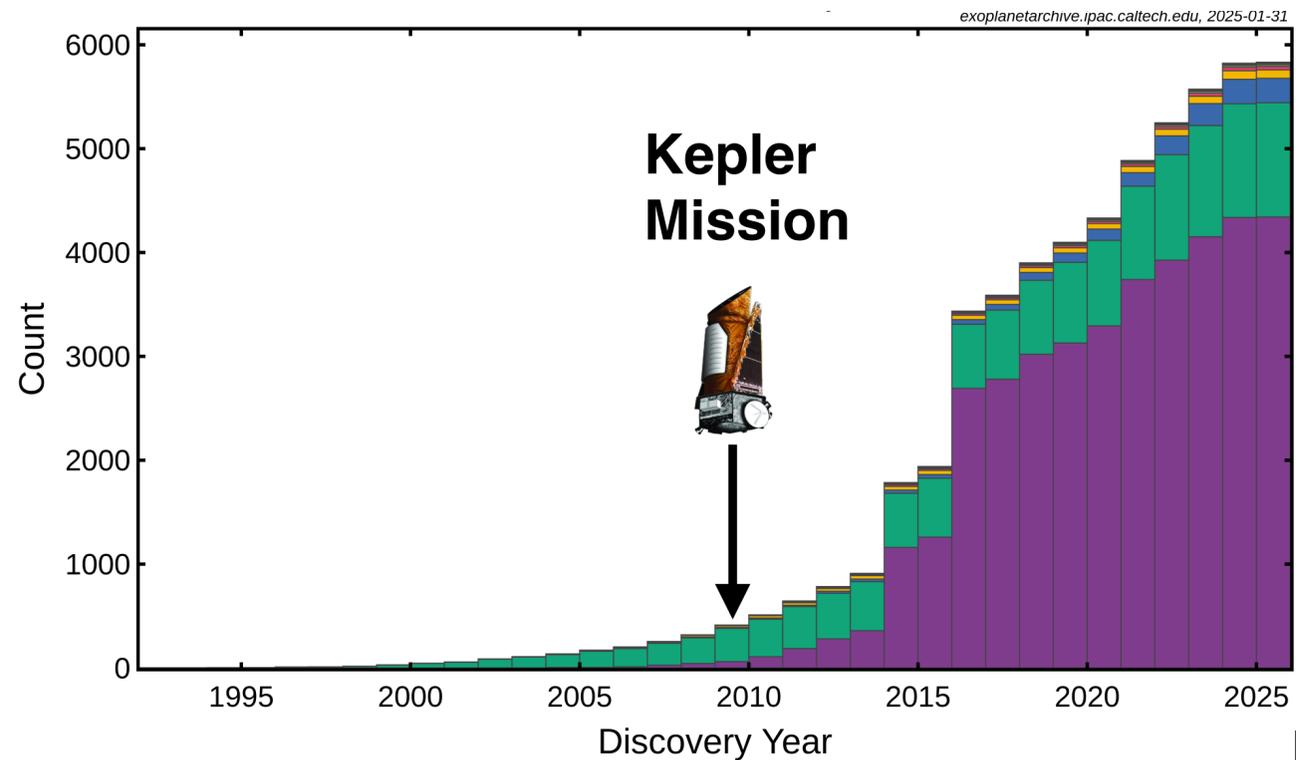
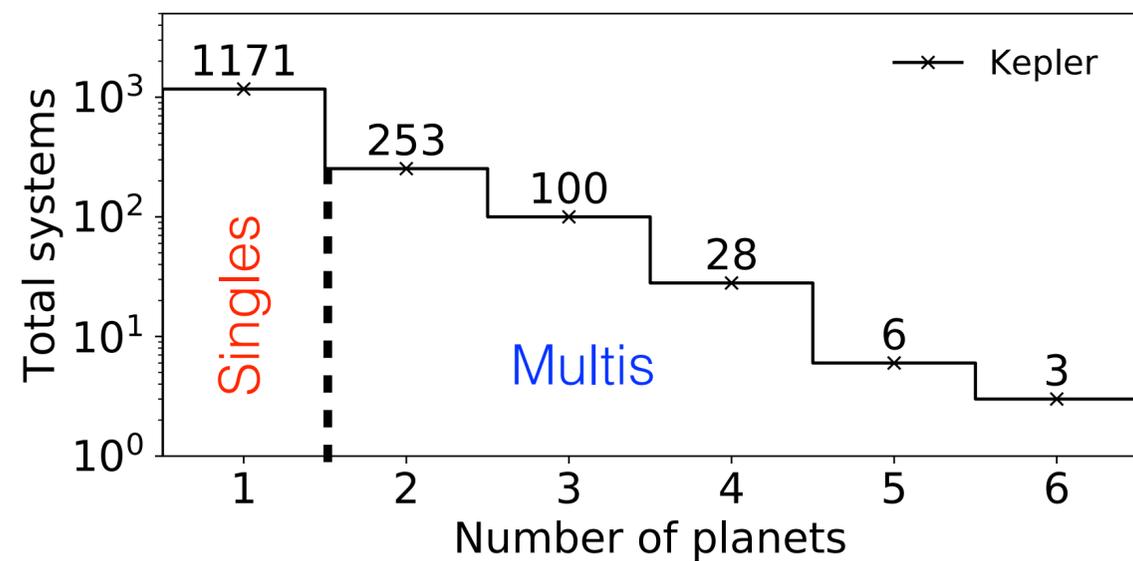


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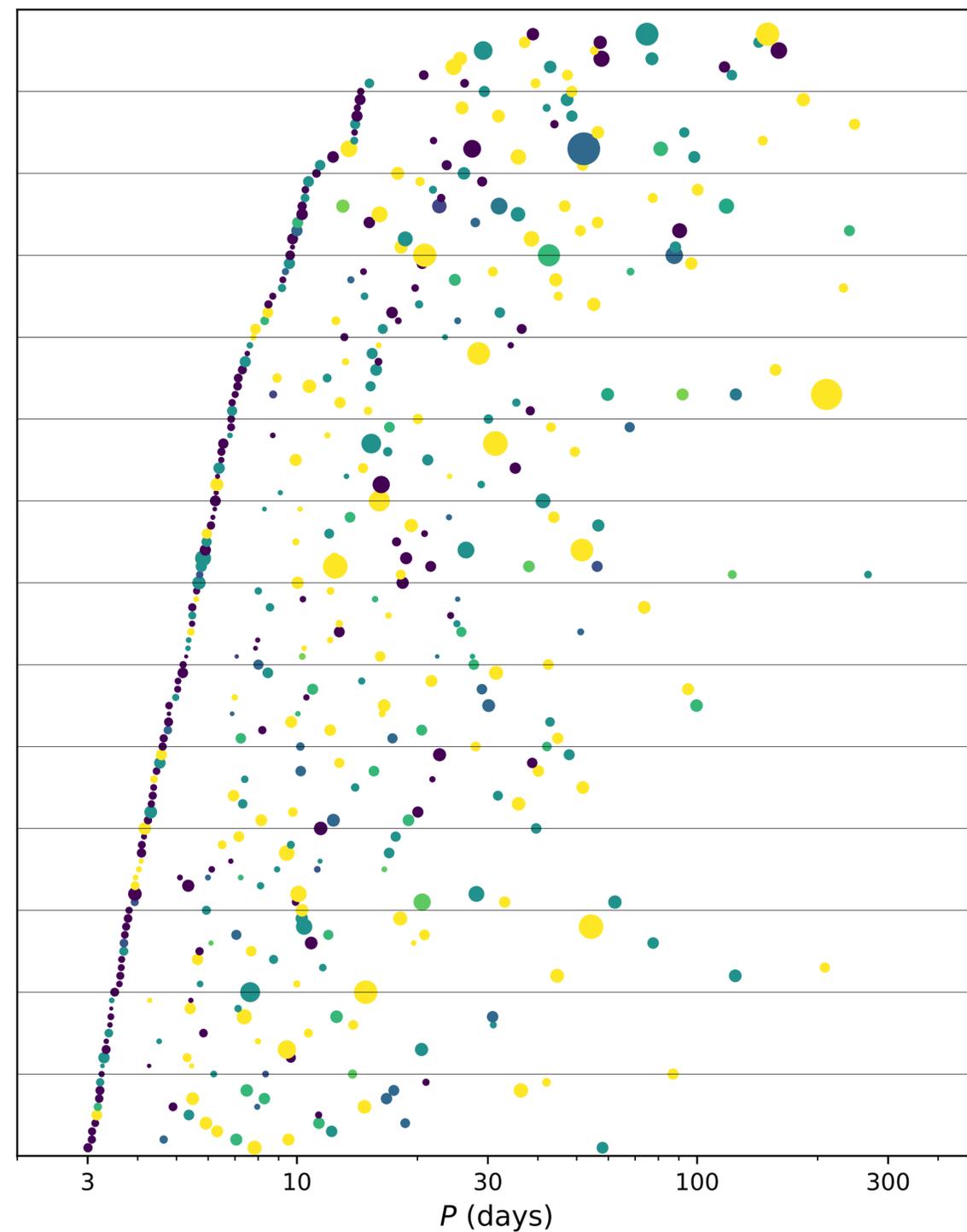
Kepler's multi-transiting systems are extremely informative to study



Many planets are in multi-transiting systems!

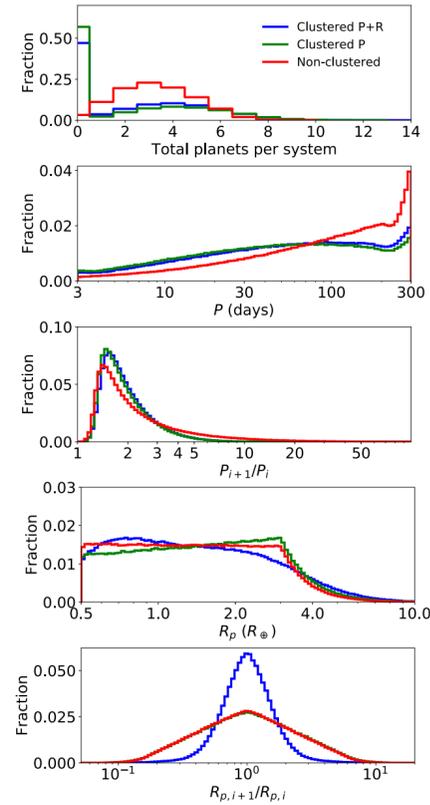


Kepler systems with 3+ planets



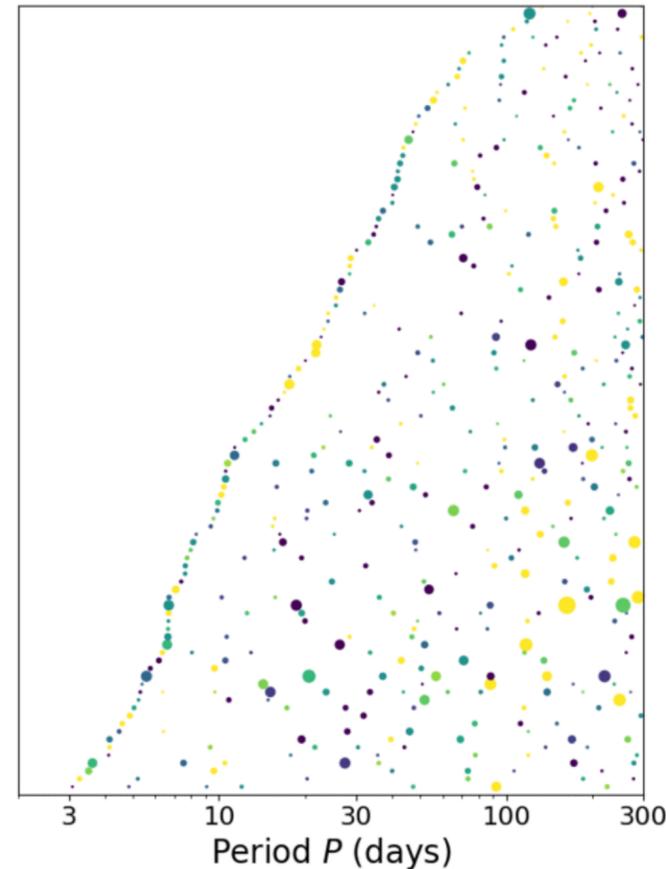
We forward model the Kepler mission

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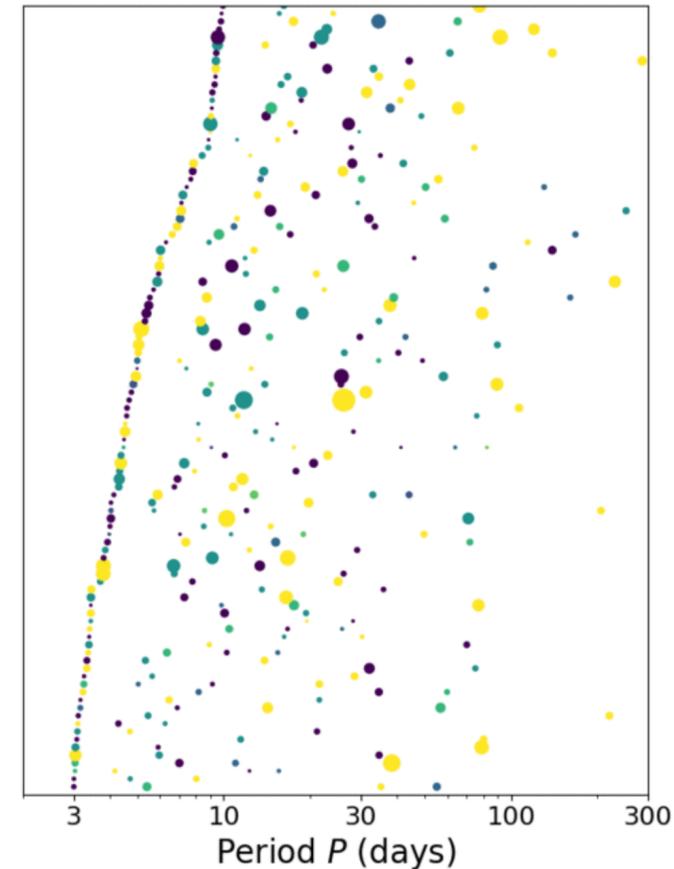
Statistical models that account for correlations in multi-planet systems

2. Generate a physical catalog



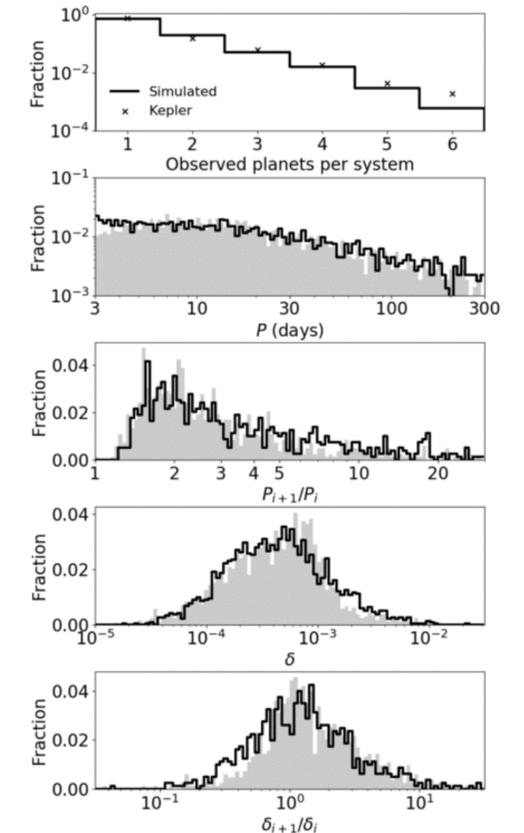
Draw planetary systems from the model assigned to Kepler target stars

3. Generate an observed catalog



Simulate the Kepler detection efficiency using **SysSim**

4. Compare with Kepler catalog

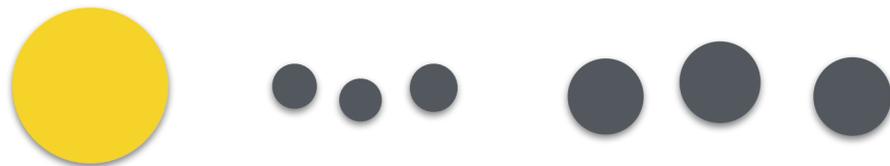


Match Kepler catalog, fitting multiple marginal distributions simultaneously using ABC

to infer the architectures of all planetary systems

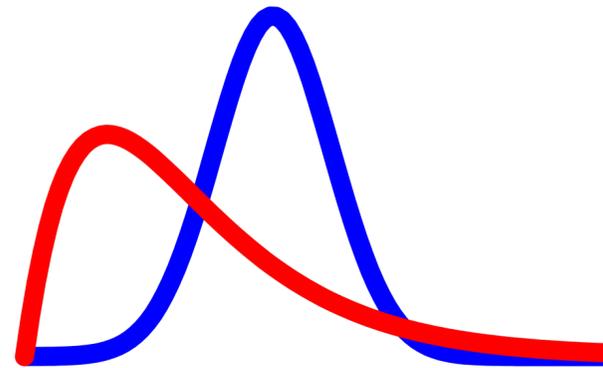
Forward modeling the Kepler catalog has been extremely insightful for the demographics and architectures of exoplanetary systems...

Intra-system patterns in planet sizes ~~and spacings~~



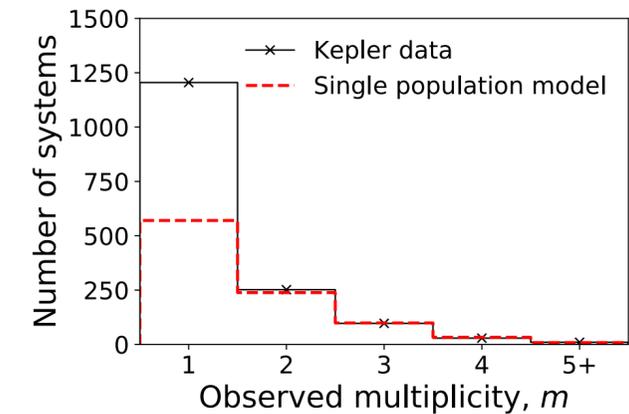
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He & Ford (submitted)

Dependence on stellar type



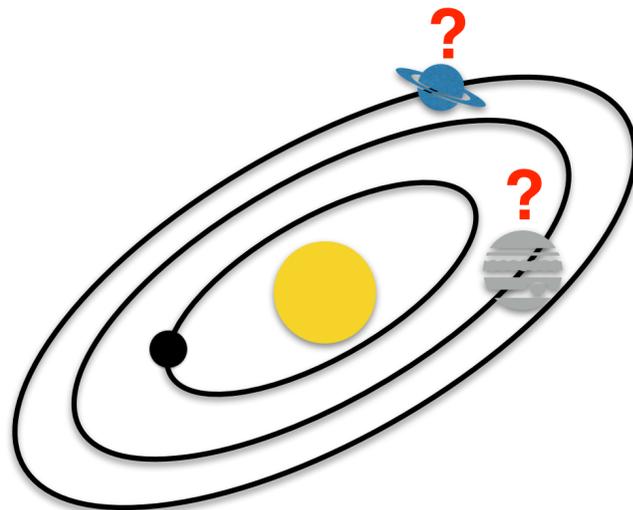
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Multiplicity and mutual inclinations (“Kepler dichotomy”)



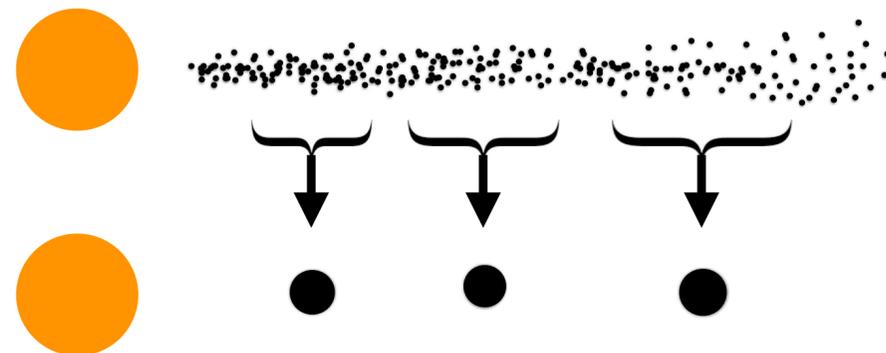
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Conditional occurrence



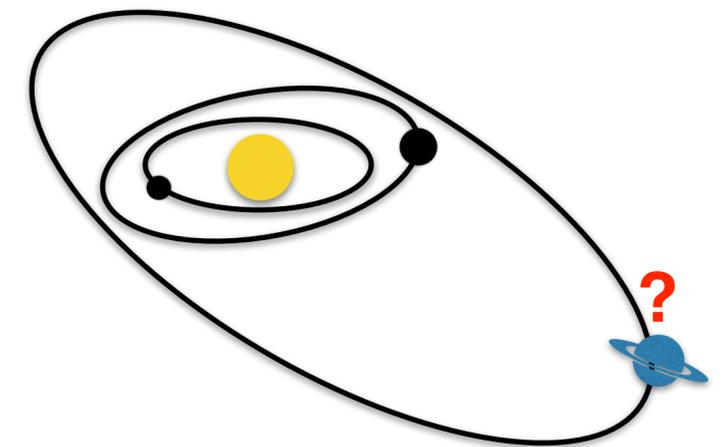
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Inferring the minimum-mass extrasolar nebula



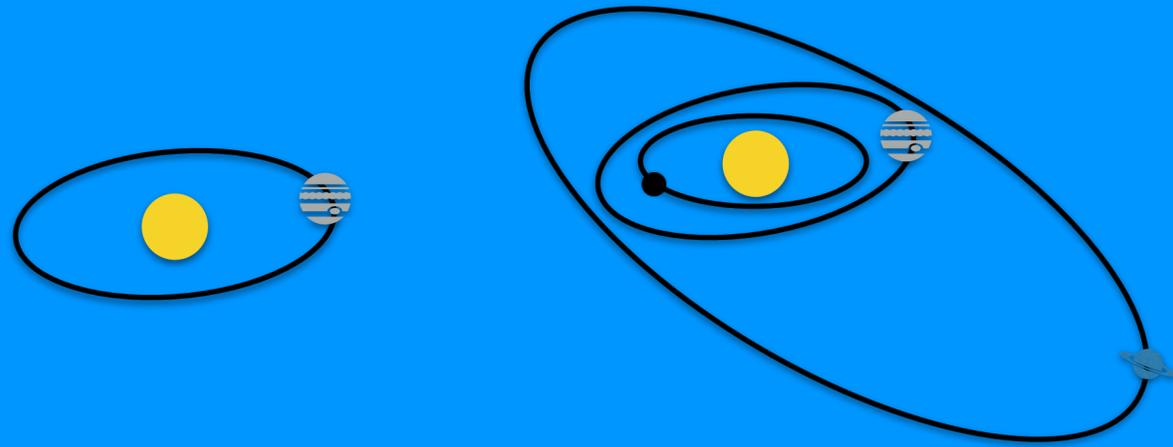
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Predicting outer giants?

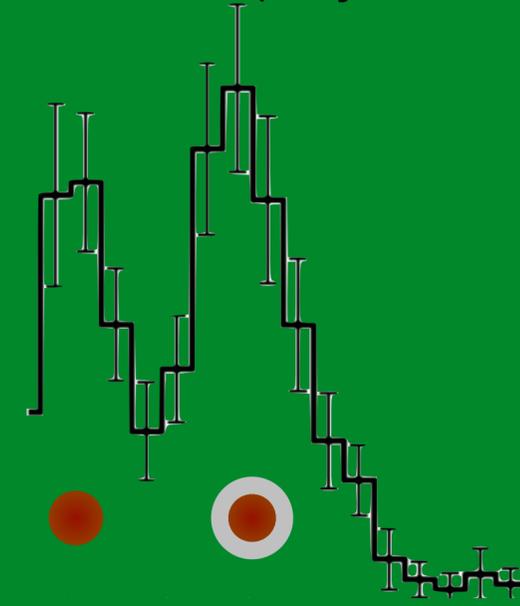


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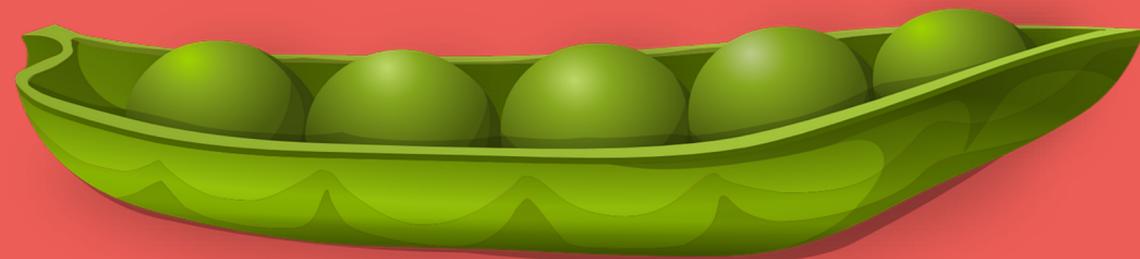
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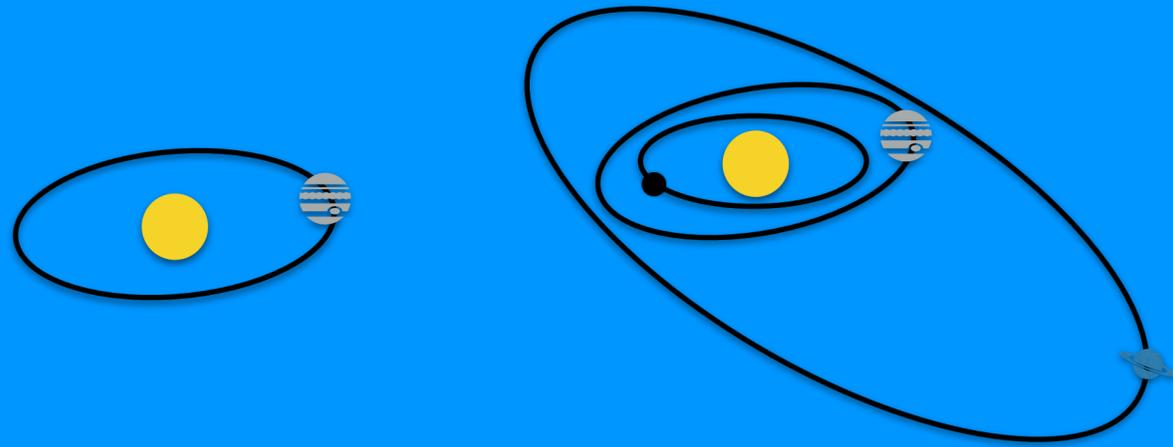
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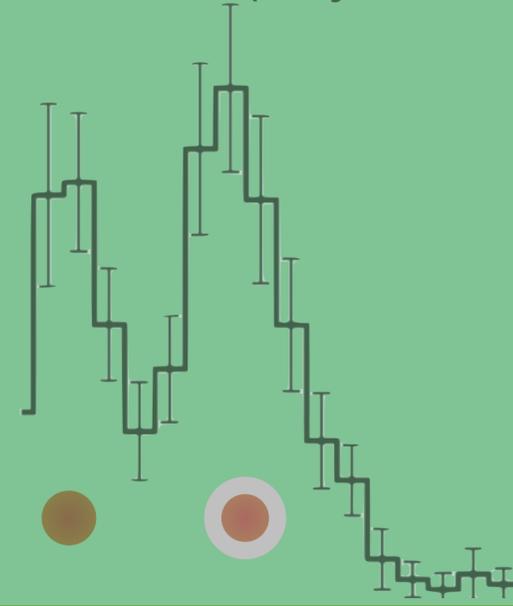
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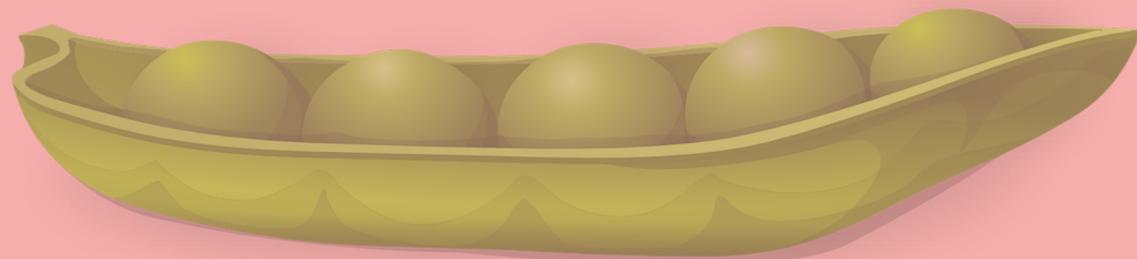
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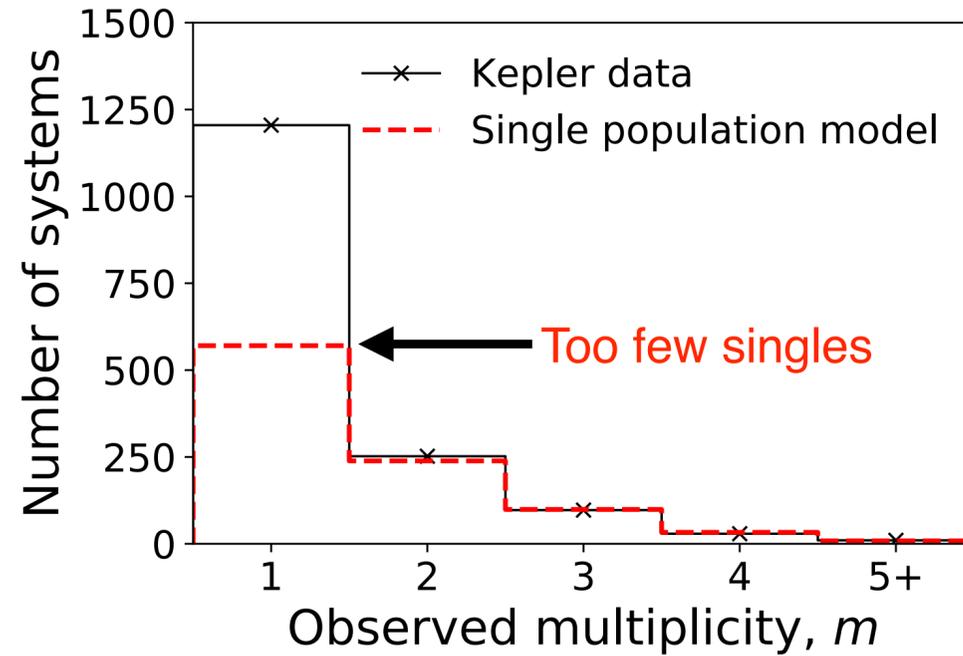
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The Kepler dichotomy: an apparent excess of systems with a single transiting-planet



Single population models can fit rate of observed 2+ systems but under-predict single-transiting planet systems

Lissauer et al. (2011)

Johansen et al. (2012)

Hansen & Murray (2013)

Ballard & Johnson (2016)

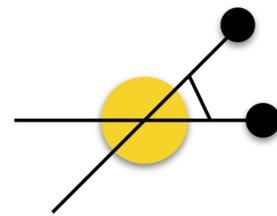
Mulders et al. (2018)



A large fraction of true **single-planet** systems?

Fang & Margot (2012)

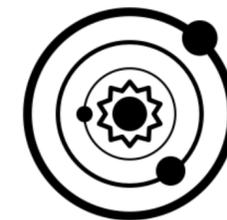
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A **high-mutual inclination** population?

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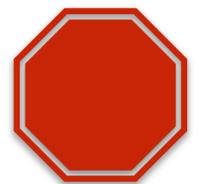
He, Ford, & Ragozzine (2019)



A **multiplicity dependent** distribution of inclinations?

Zhu et al. (2018), Yang et al. (2020)

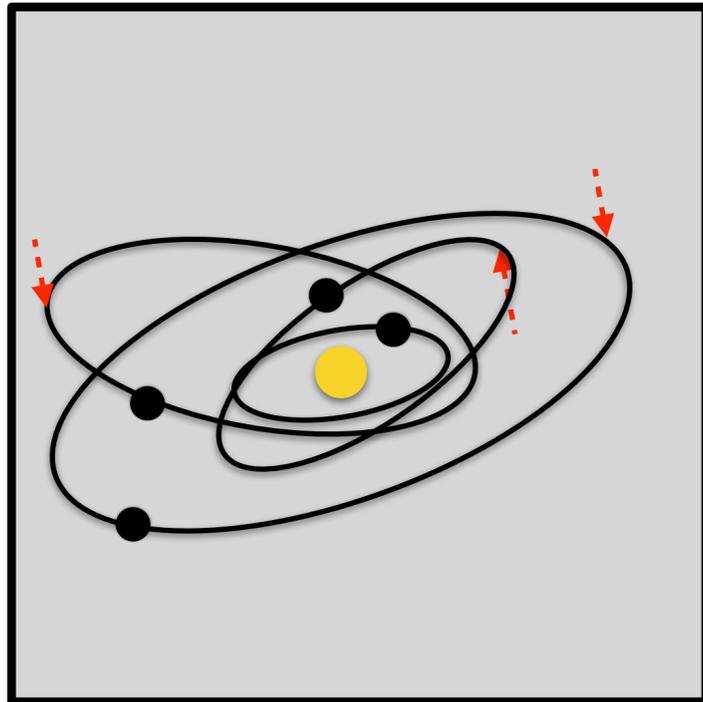
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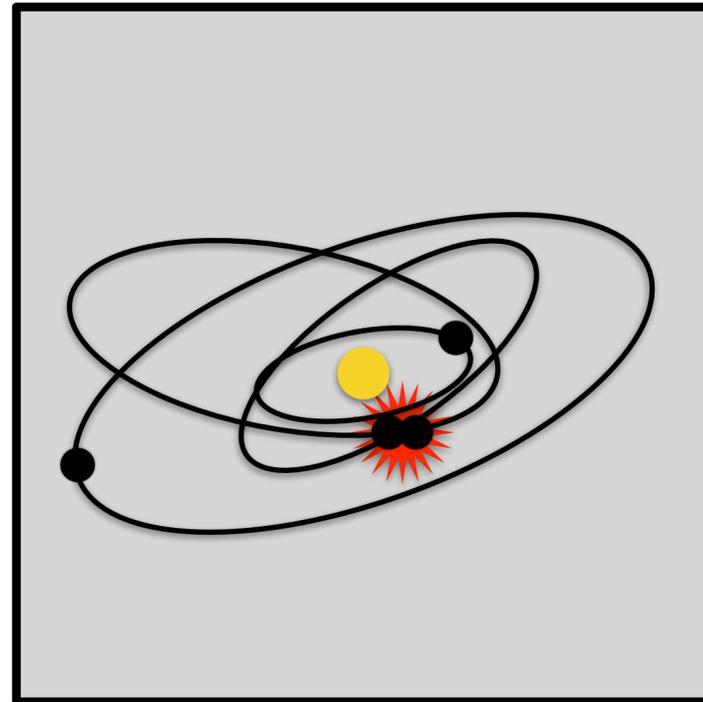
Detection bias?

Zink et al. (2019)

The AMD stability criteria provides a dynamically motivated constraint on the orbital architectures



Planets **exchange** AMD
(total is conserved)



Collisions **reduce** system
AMD to below a critical value

AMD = angular momentum deficit
(compared to circular, coplanar orbits)

[Laskar \(2000\)](#)

[Laskar & Petit \(2017\)](#)

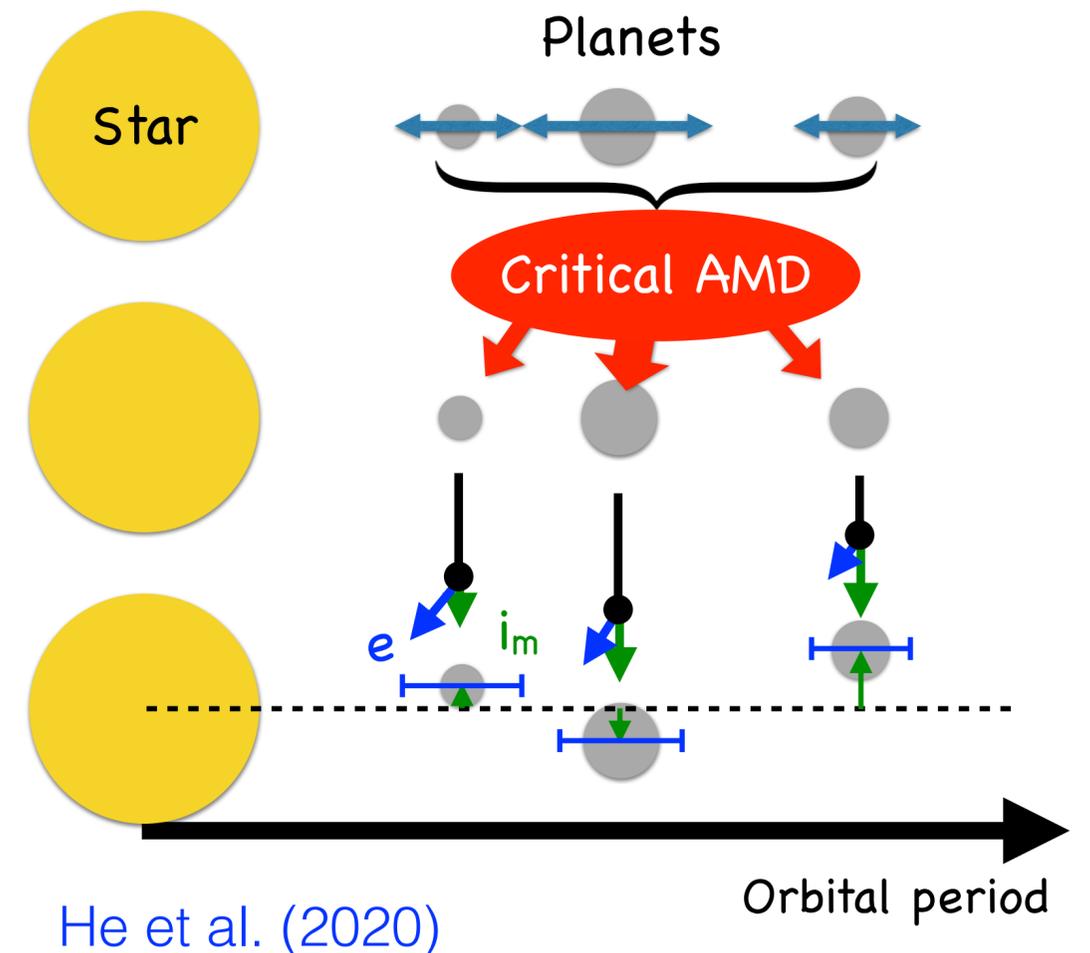
[Petit, Laskar, & Boue \(2017\)](#)

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N \Lambda_k (1 - \sqrt{1 - e_k^2} \cos i_{m,k}),$$

$$\Lambda_k = \mu_k \sqrt{a_k}$$

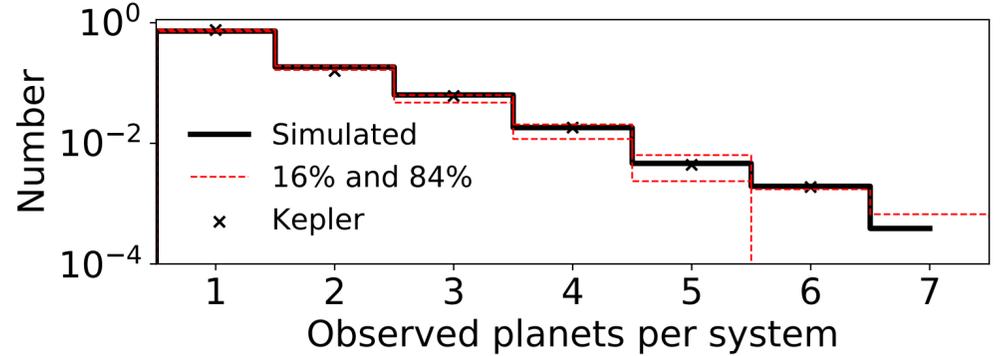
Maximum AMD model:

0. Draw clustered periods and sizes
1. Calculate critical AMD of system
2. Distribute AMD among the planets
3. Distribute each planet's AMD among e and i_m



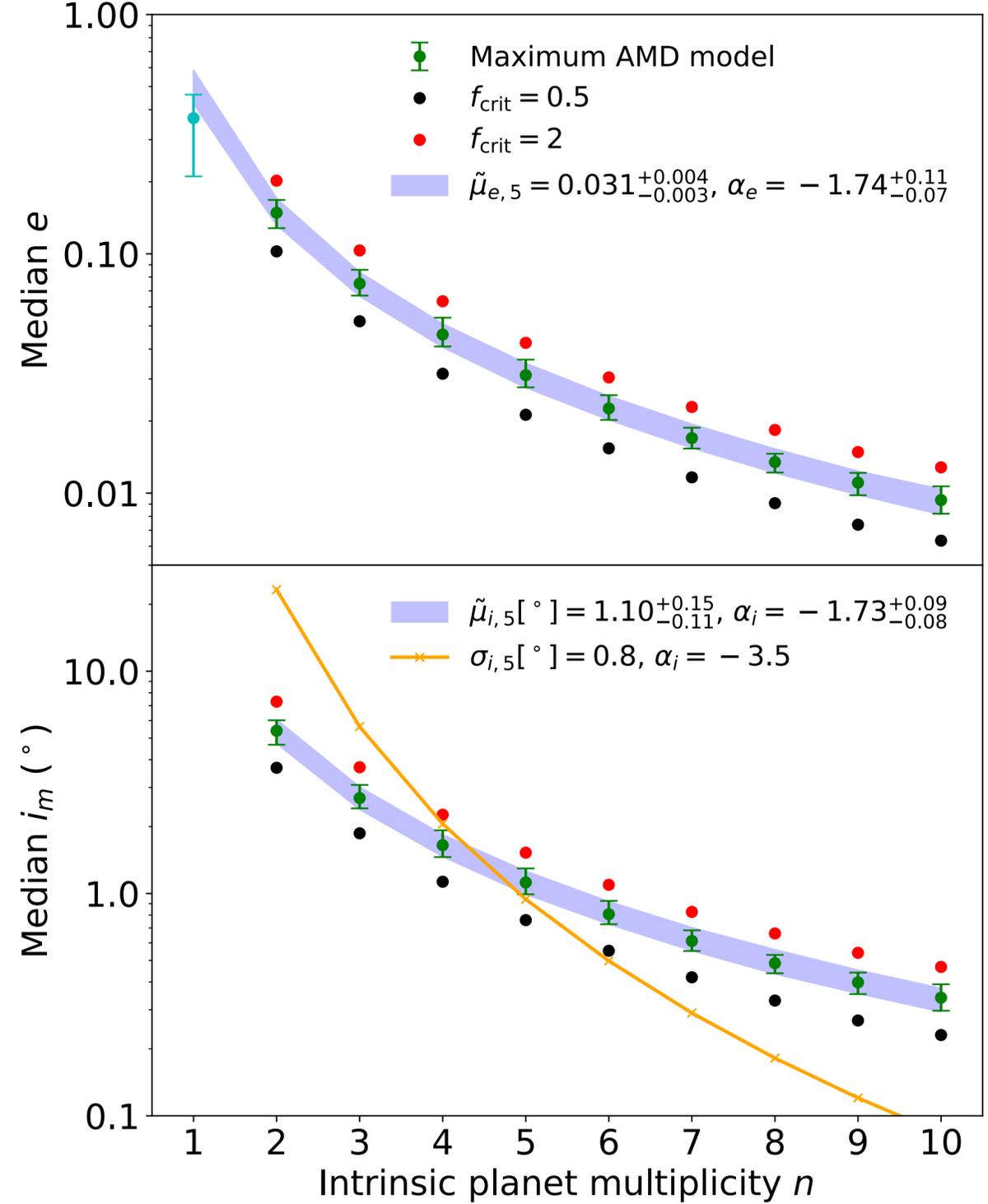
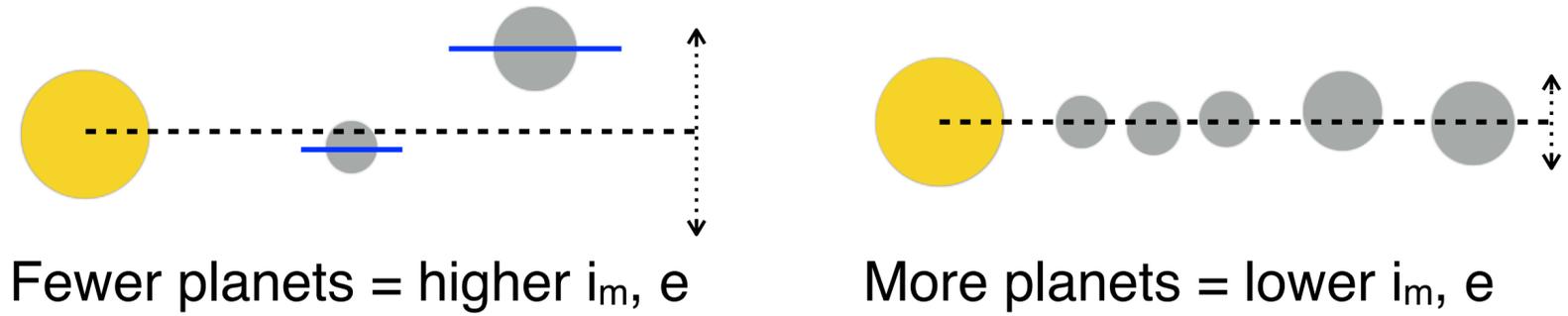
The AMD model leads to a multiplicity-dependent distribution of eccentricities and mutual inclinations

Maximum AMD model



Explains the Kepler “dichotomy” with a single population

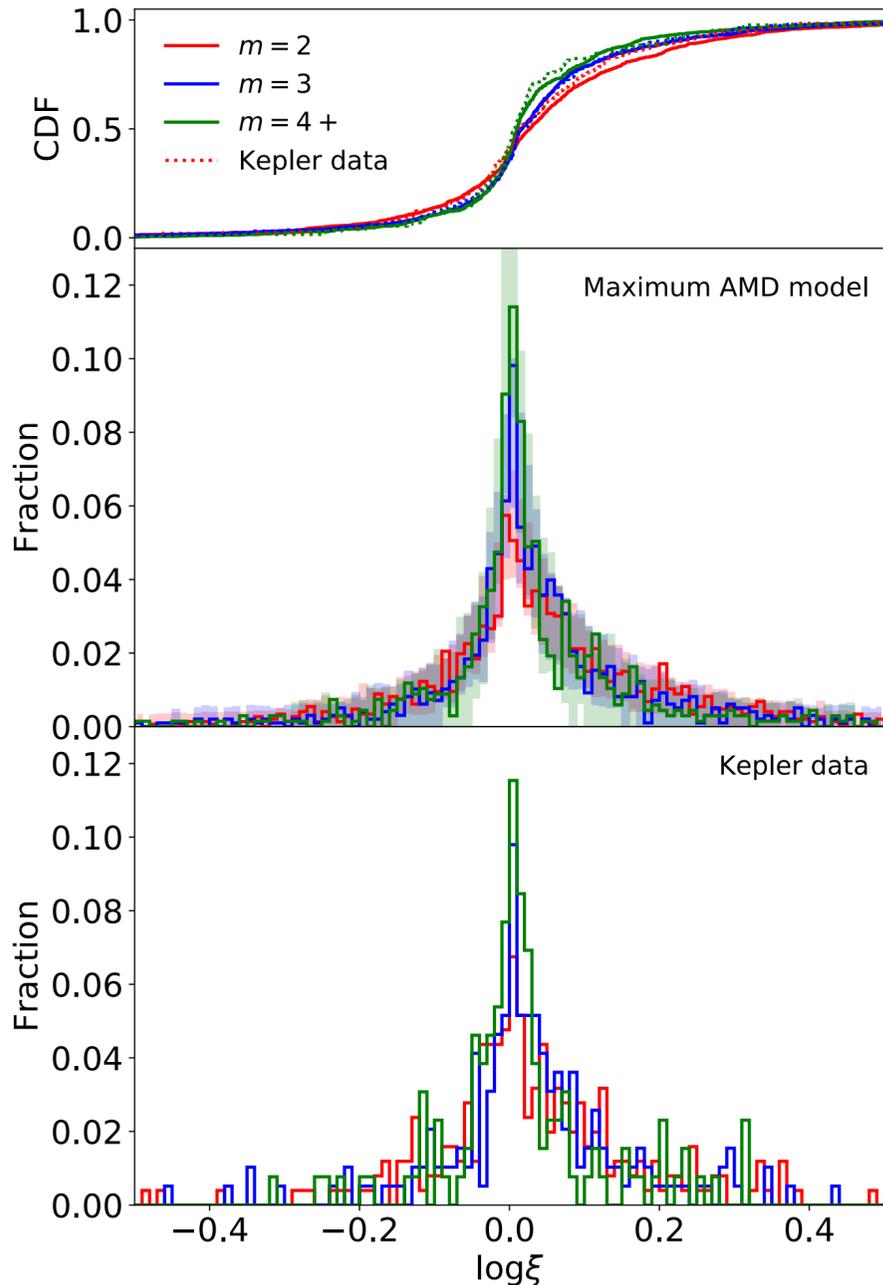
A **multiplicity dependent** distribution of mutual inclinations?
[Zhu et al. \(2018\)](#)
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There is observed evidence for the increase in orbital excitations with decreasing multiplicity

Period-normalized transit duration ratios

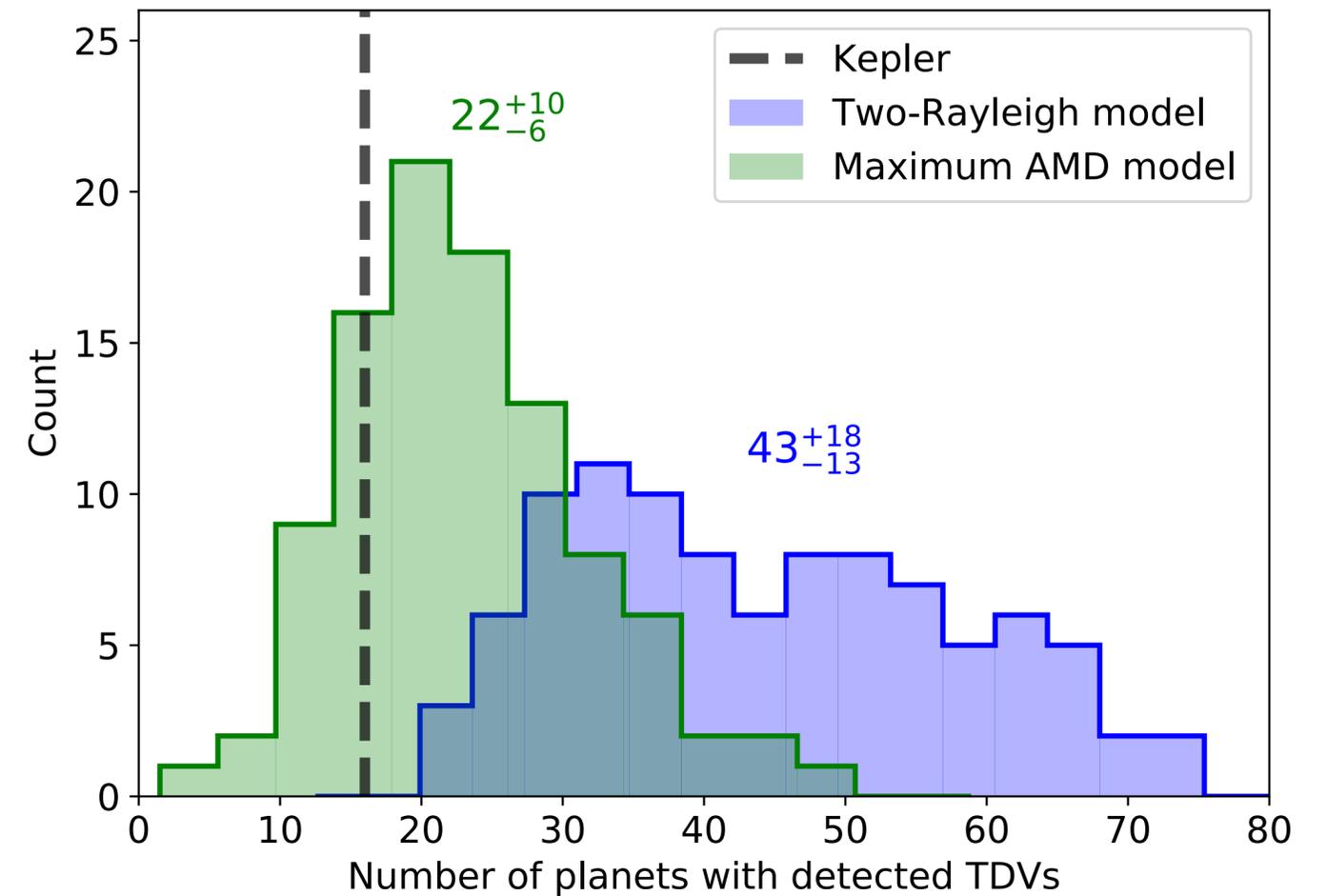
$$\xi = \left(\frac{t_{\text{dur,in}}}{t_{\text{dur,out}}} \right) \left(\frac{P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{in}}} \right)^{1/3}$$



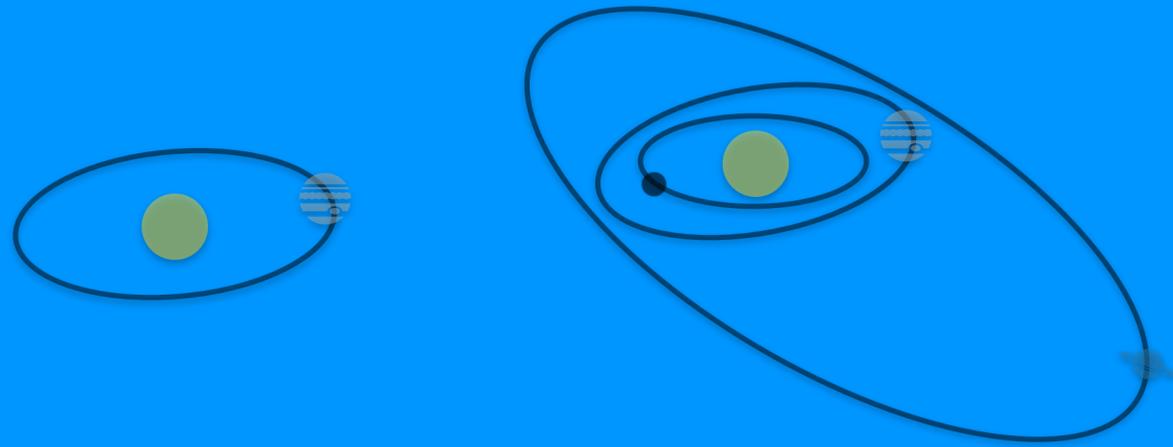
Model predicts more **peaked** (lower e) and more **skewed** (lower i_m) distribution for higher multiplicity (m)

We see this in the data!

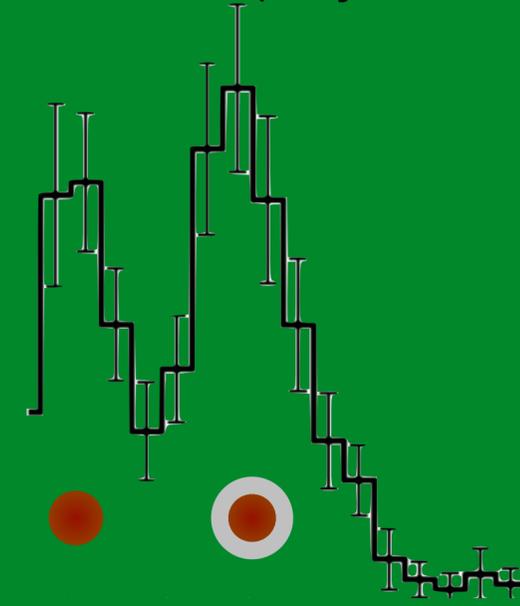
T DVs = transit duration variations



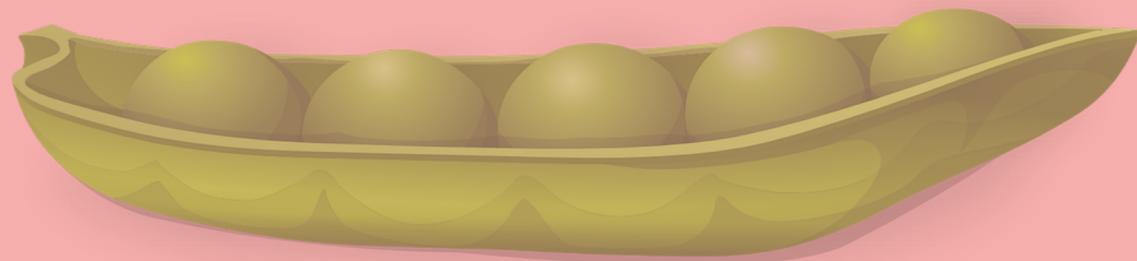
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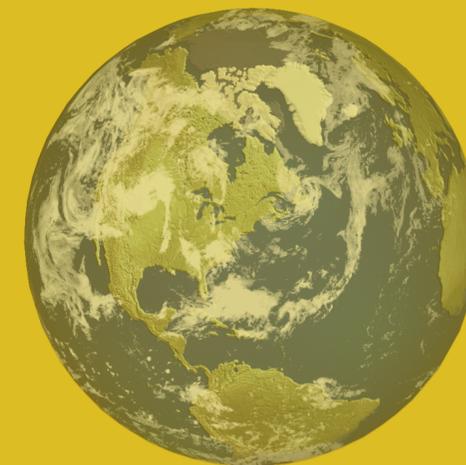
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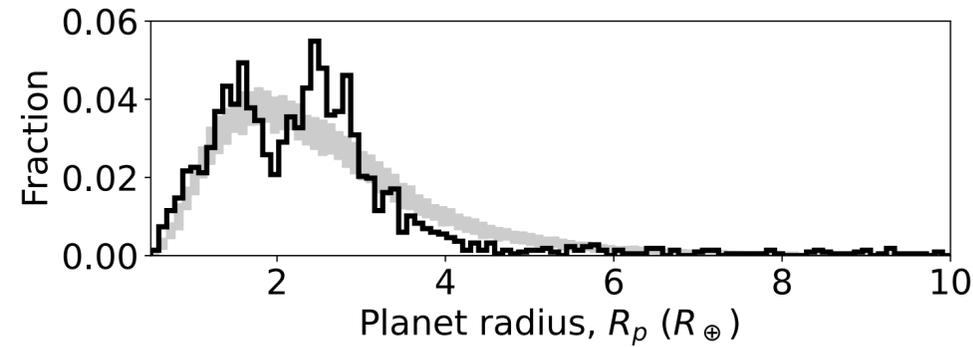
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We construct a “hybrid model” between the clustered AMD model (He et al. 2020) and a joint mass-radius-period model (Neil & Rogers 2020)

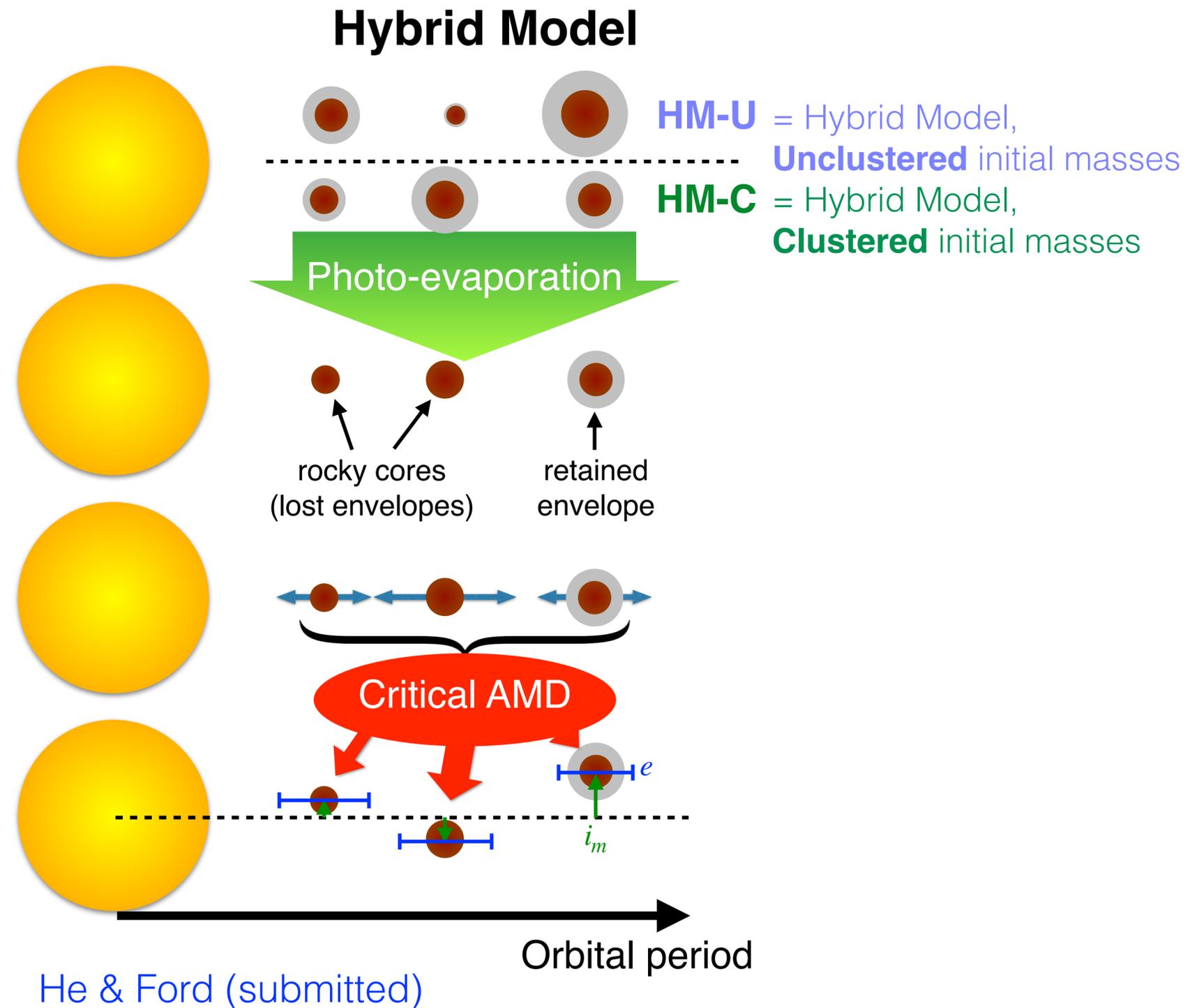


The previous AMD model (**hereafter H20**) cannot reproduce any radius valley

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Neil & Rogers (2020) (**hereafter NR20**) proposed a joint mass-radius-period model and incorporated a prescription for envelope mass-loss driven by photoevaporation (Lopez et al. 2012)



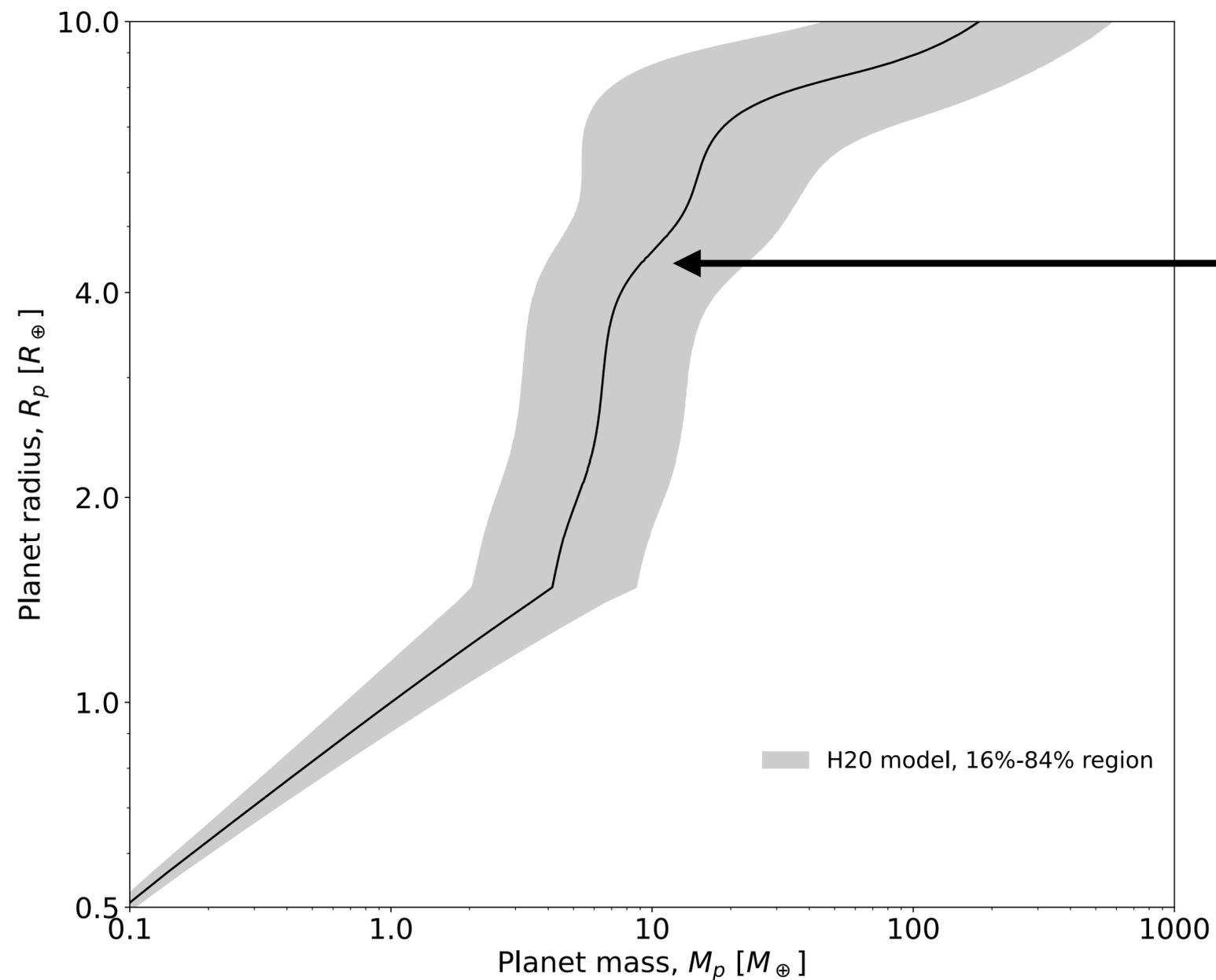
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H20 uses a combination of:

Non-parametric, probabilistic mass-radius relation fit to TTV planets (Ning et al. 2018)

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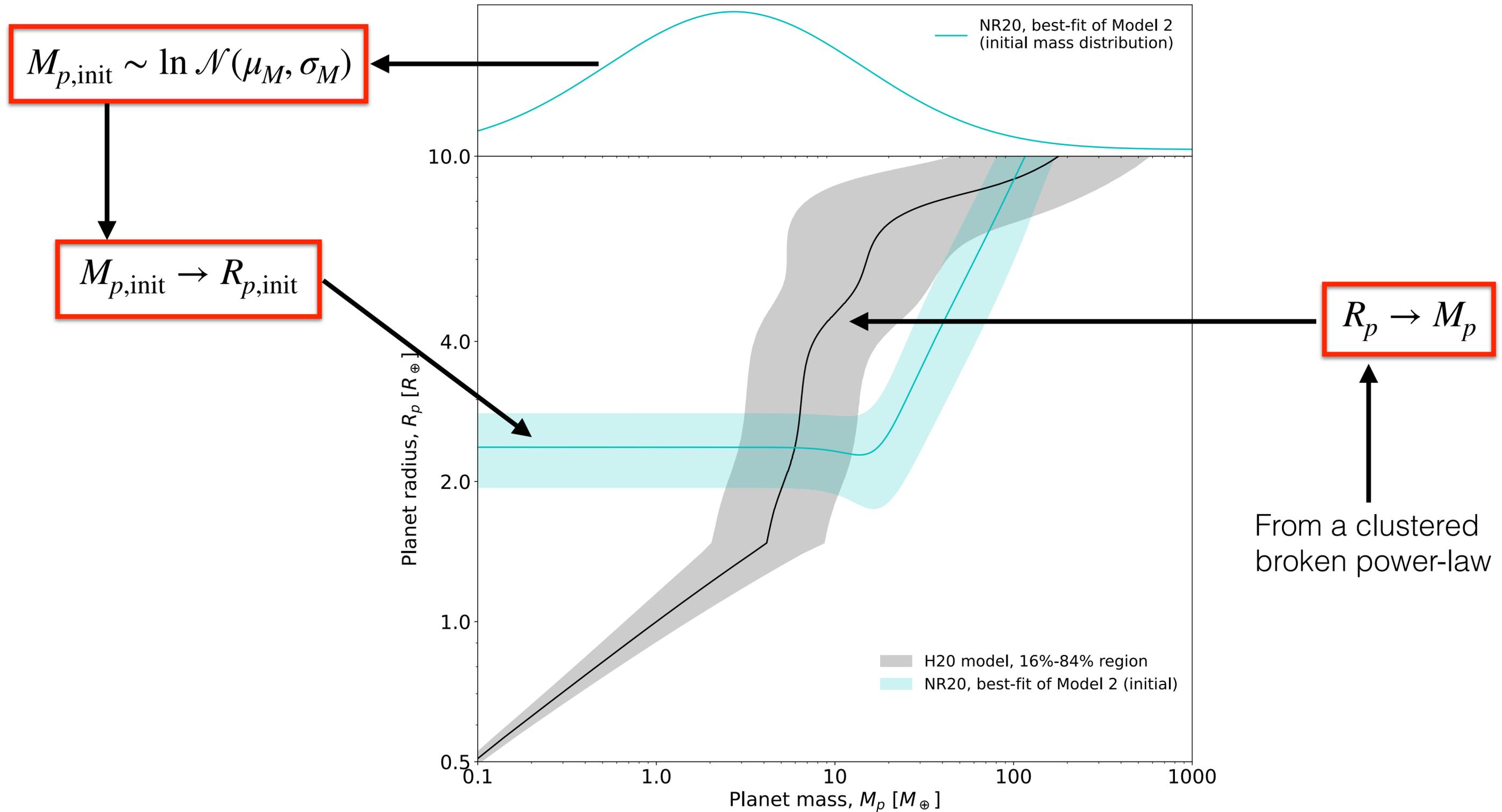
“Earth-like rocky” relation (Zeng et al. 2019)



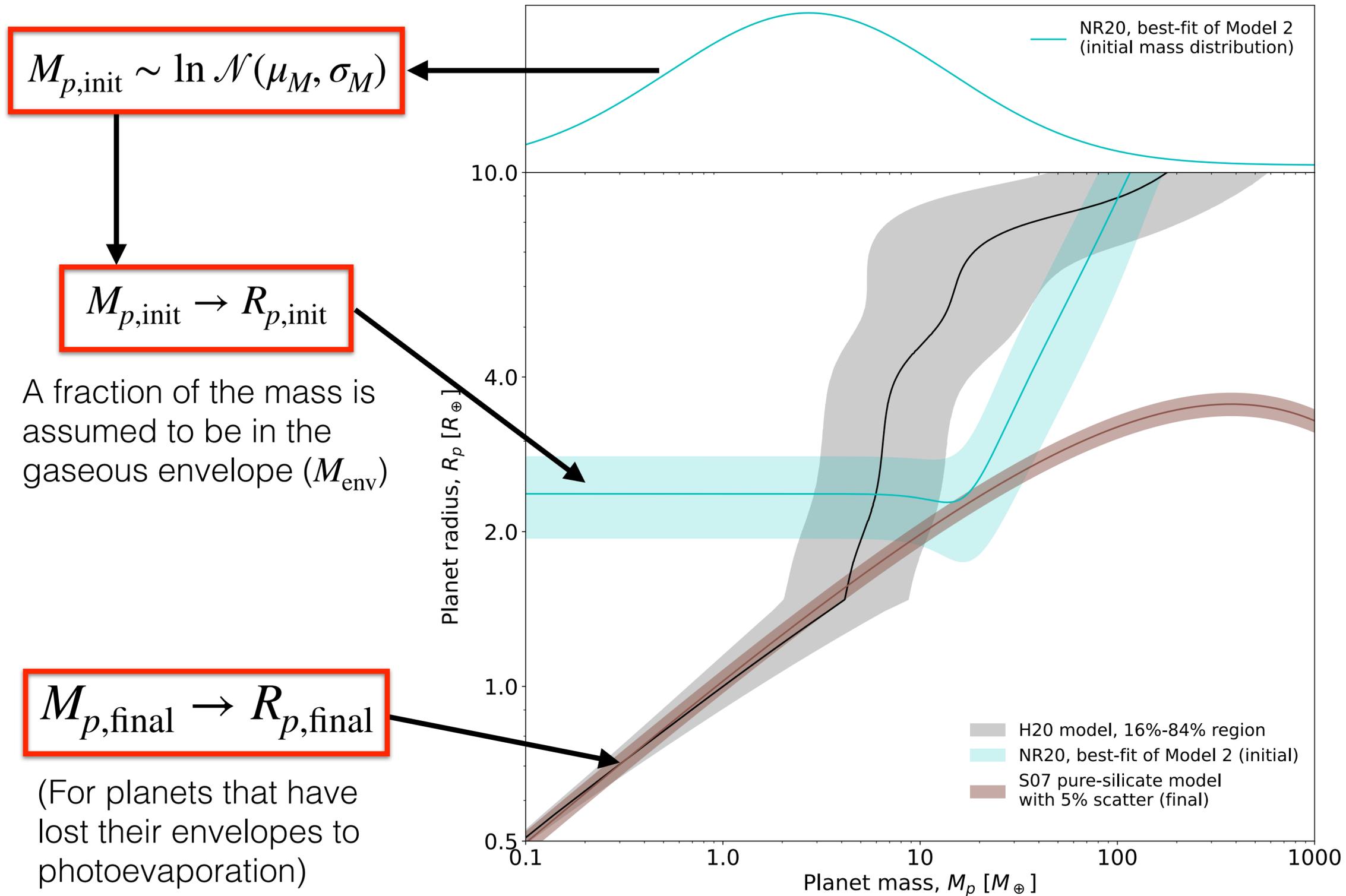
$R_p \rightarrow M_p$

From a clustered broken power-law

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Photoevaporation-driven atmospheric mass loss as radius-mass relations



A fraction of the mass is assumed to be in the gaseous envelope (M_{env})

(For planets that have lost their envelopes to photoevaporation)

Mass-loss timescale and probability due to photo evaporation (Lopez et al. 2012, NR20):

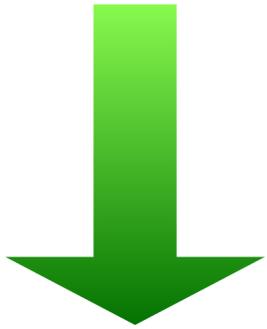
$$t_{\text{loss}} = \frac{GM_{\text{env}}^2}{\pi \epsilon R_{p,\text{init}}^3 F_{\text{XUV,E100}}} \cdot \frac{F_\oplus}{F_p}$$

$$p_{\text{loss}} = 1 - \min\left(\alpha_{\text{ret}} \frac{t_{\text{loss}}}{\tau}, 1\right)$$

We model planet size similarity in the form of clustered initial planet masses

$$M_{p,\text{init}} \sim \ln \mathcal{N}(\mu_M, \sigma_M)$$

Unclustered initial masses

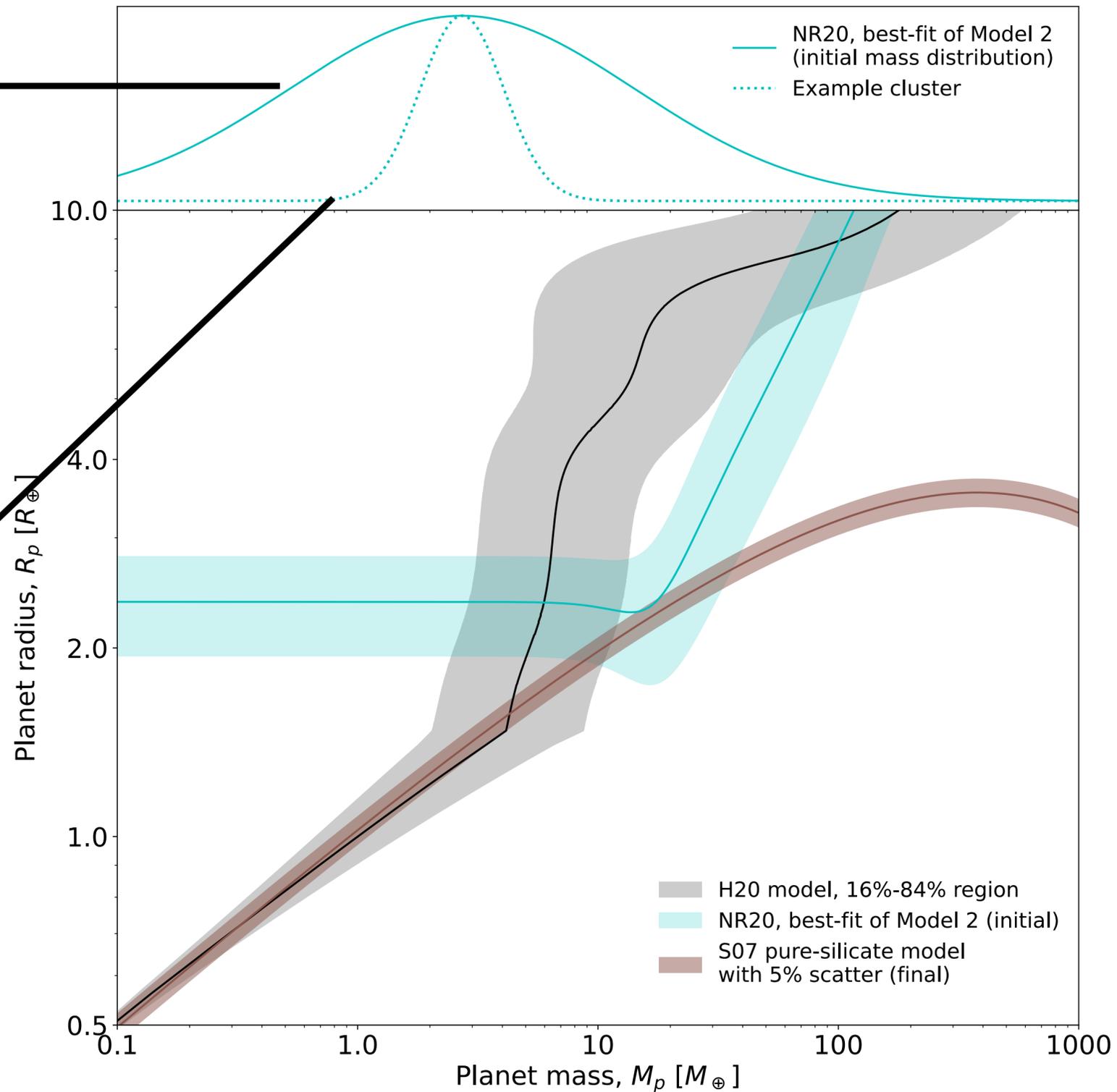


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Clustered initial masses
(a lognormal distribution is drawn for each planet cluster)

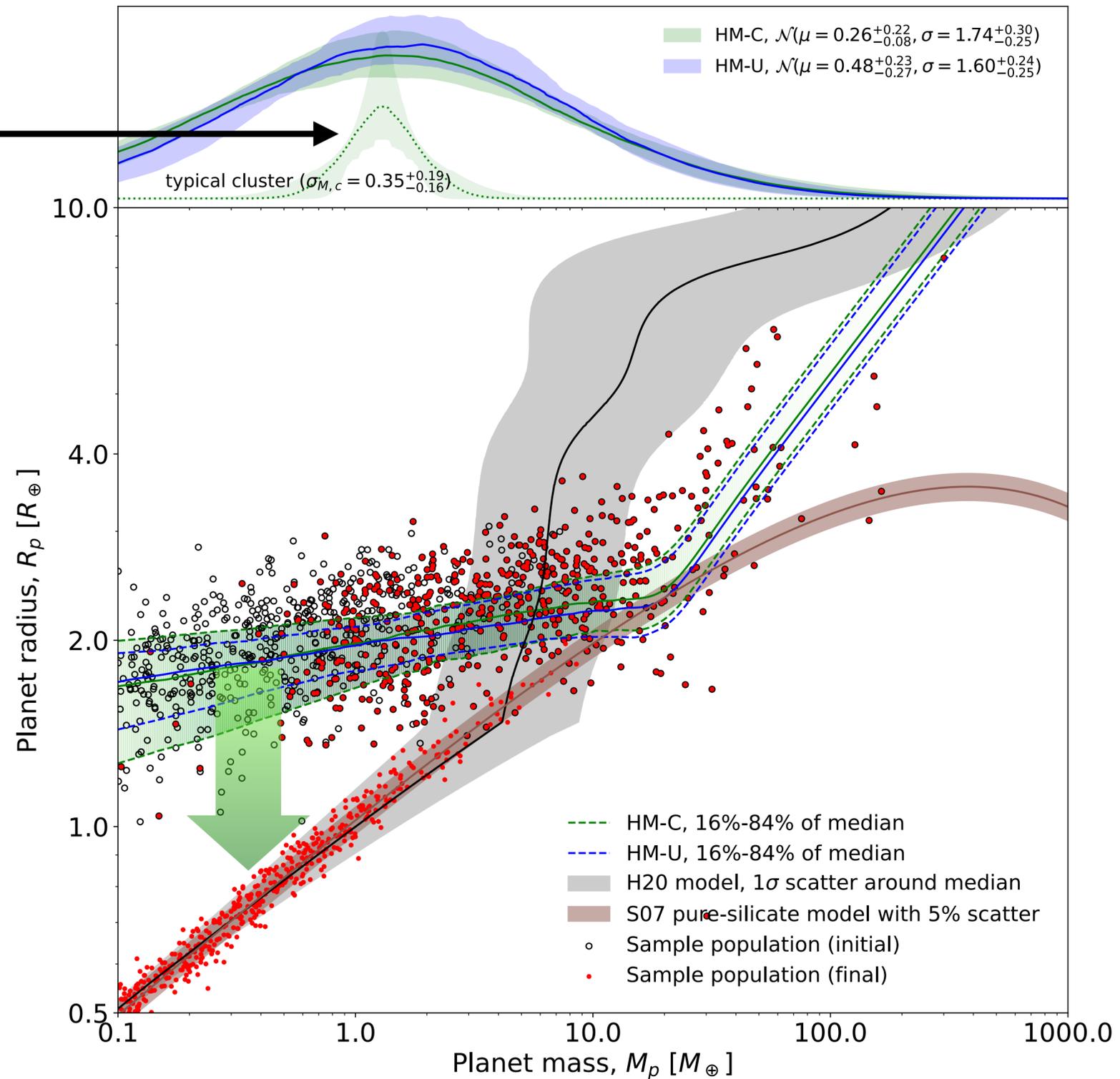
$$\sigma_{M,c} < \sigma_M$$

implies strong clustering



We test two versions of the hybrid model: with vs. without clustered initial planet masses

In HM-C, the cluster width is narrow, implying strongly clustered initial masses

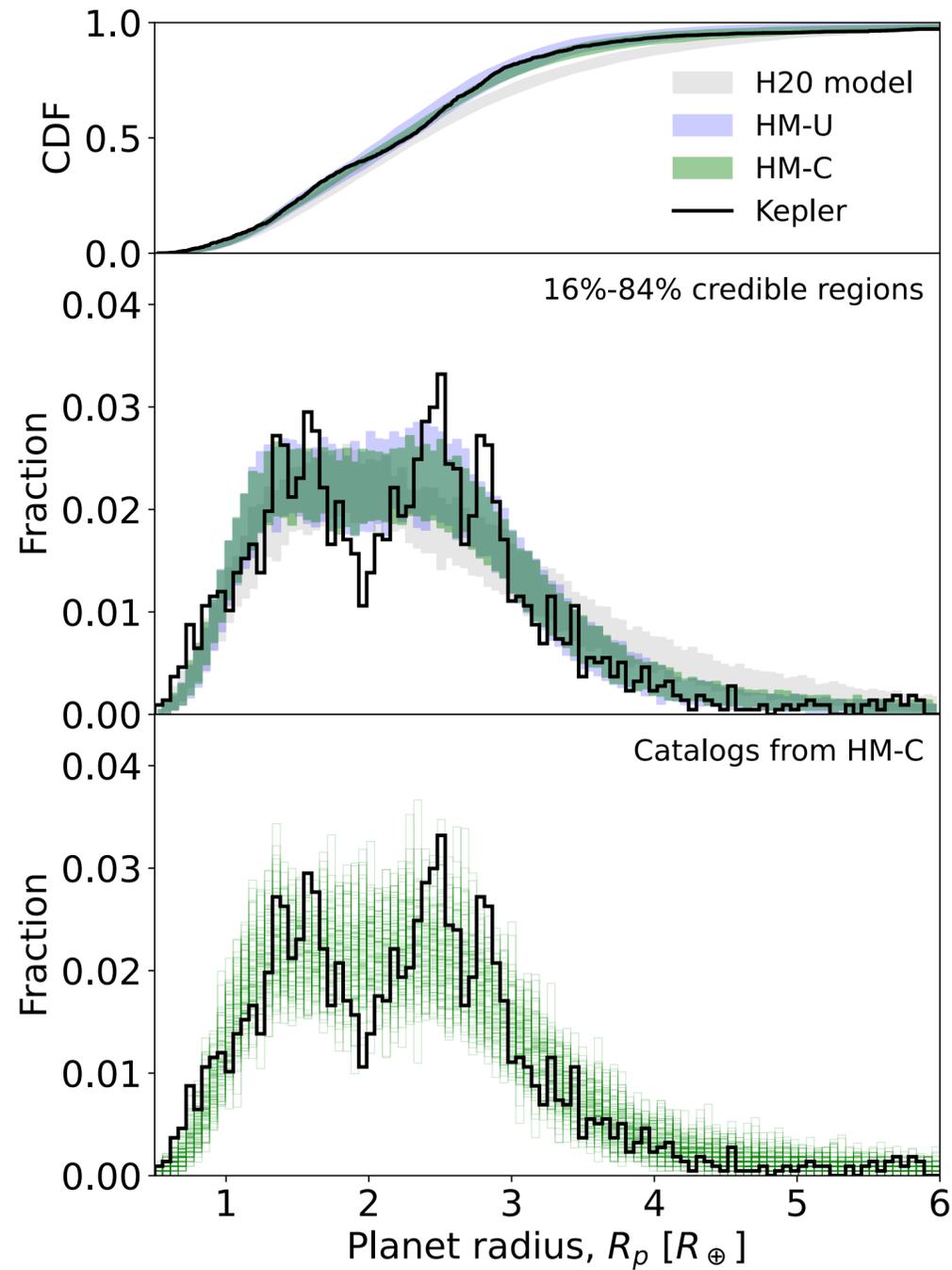


HM-U = Hybrid Model, **Unclustered** initial masses

HM-C = Hybrid Model, **Clustered** initial masses

Less massive planets tend to lose their atmospheres (also a function of orbital period, not visible on this plot)

Do the hybrid models produce a planet radius valley?

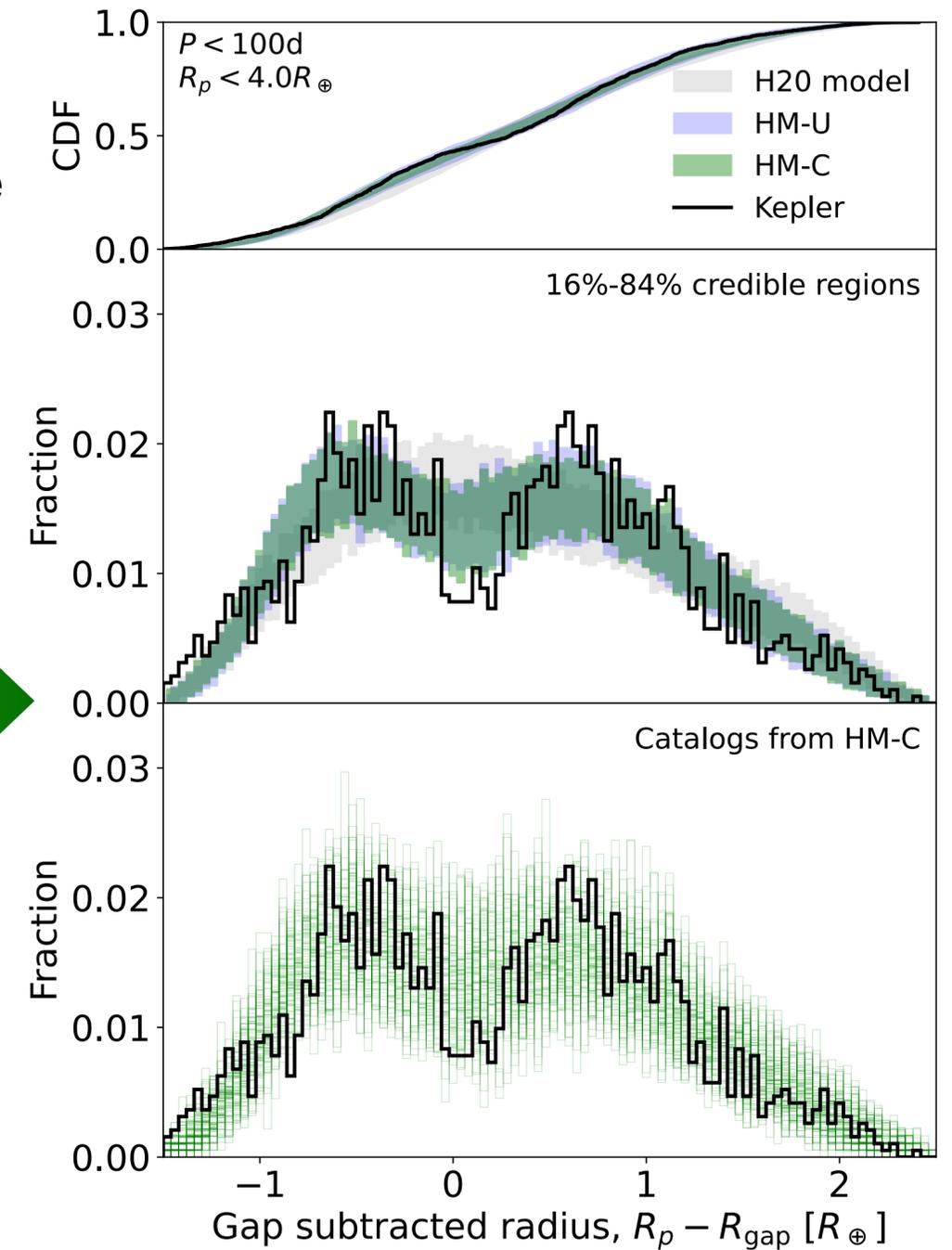


- The hybrid models are capable of producing a radius valley, but our distance function is not very sensitive
- Results for HM-U and HM-C are similar

Subtracting the location of valley:

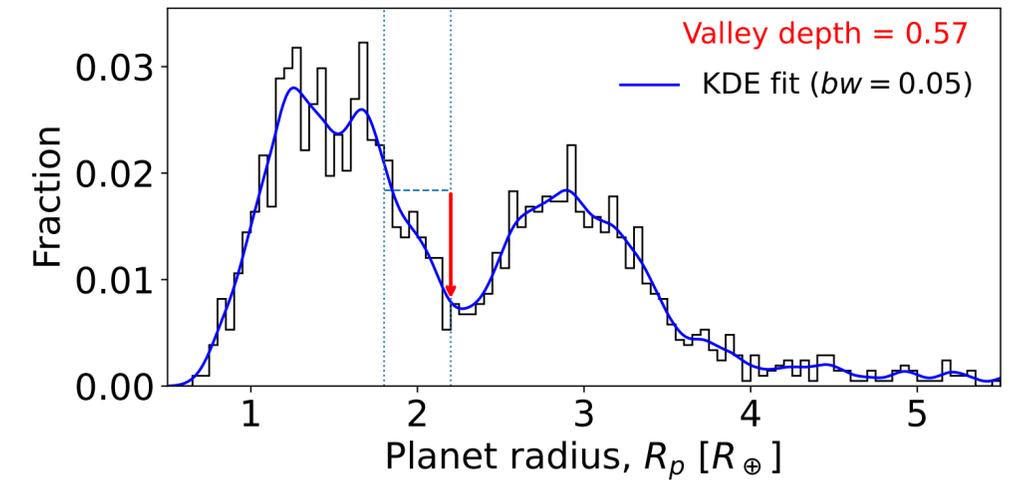
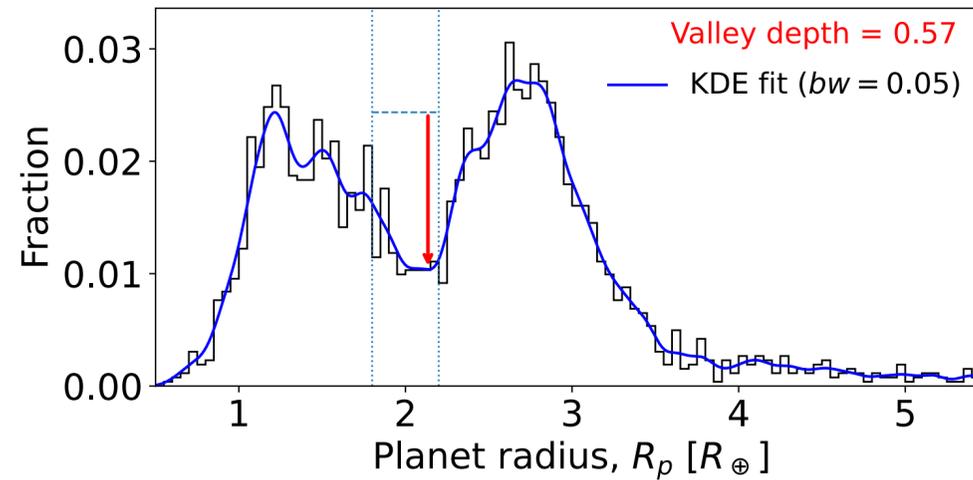
$$R_{\text{gap}} \equiv (2.40R_\oplus)P^{-0.10}$$

(best-fit of [Van Eylen et al. 2018](#))

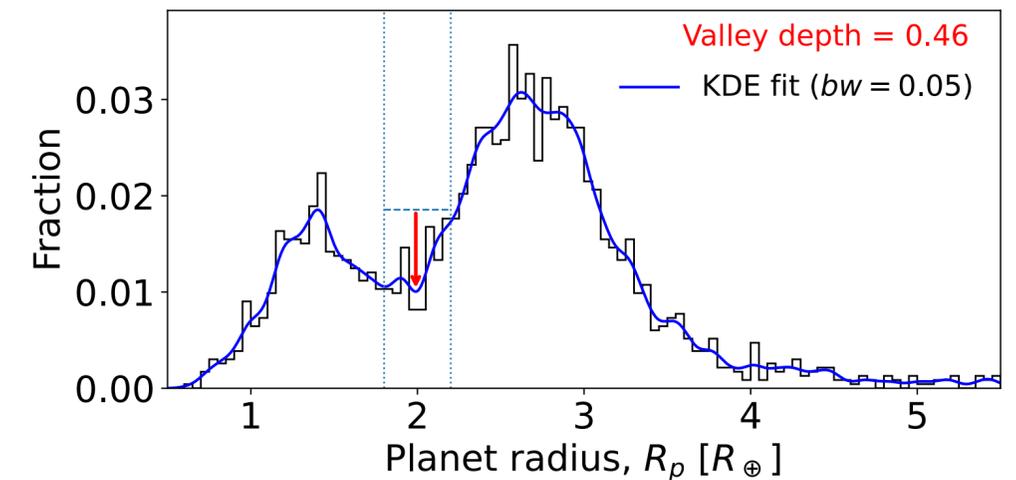
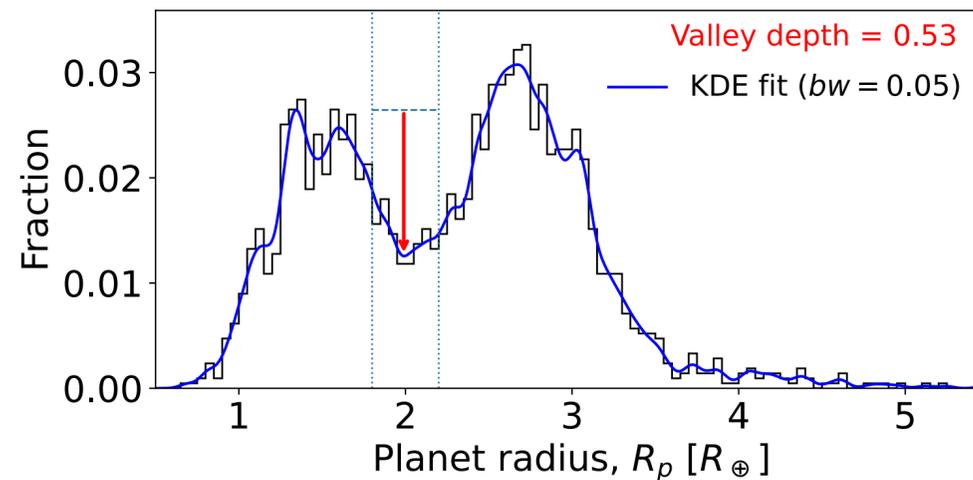
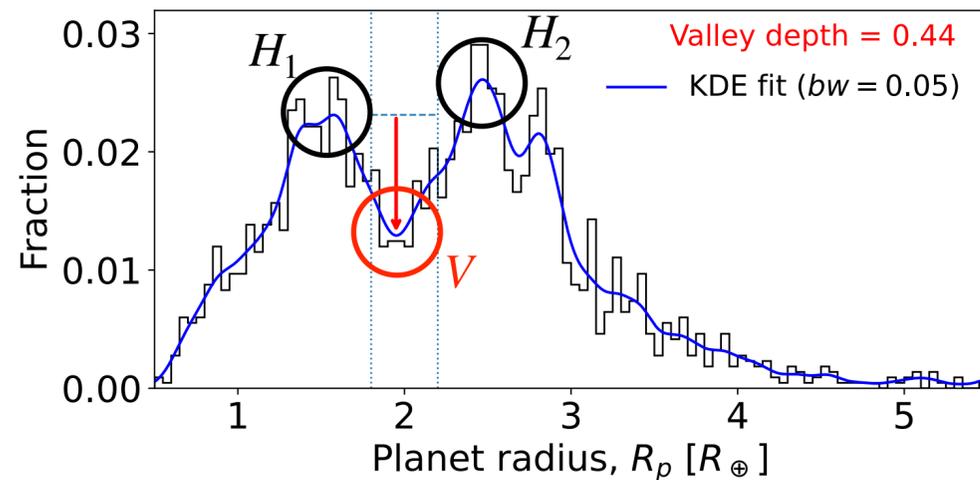


We need a better way of measuring the strength (depth) of the radius valley

Simulated catalogs (HM-C)

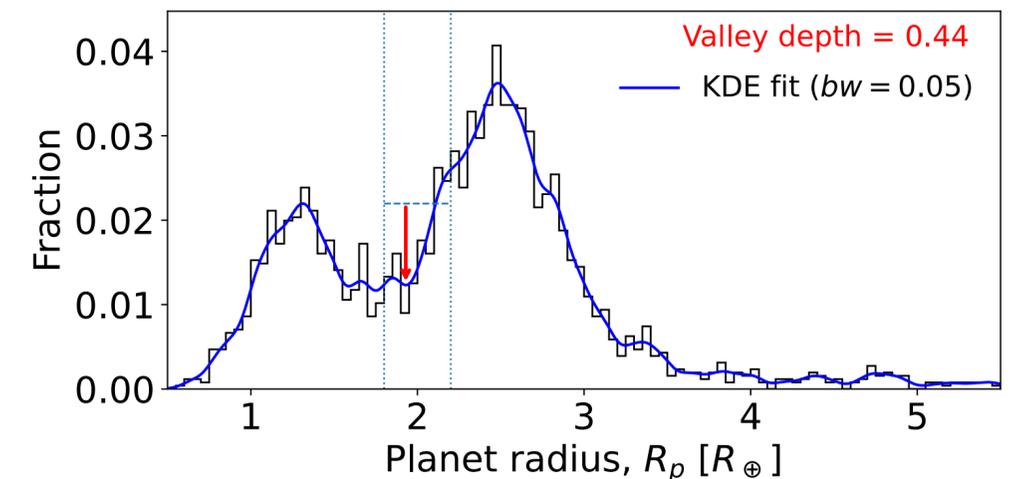
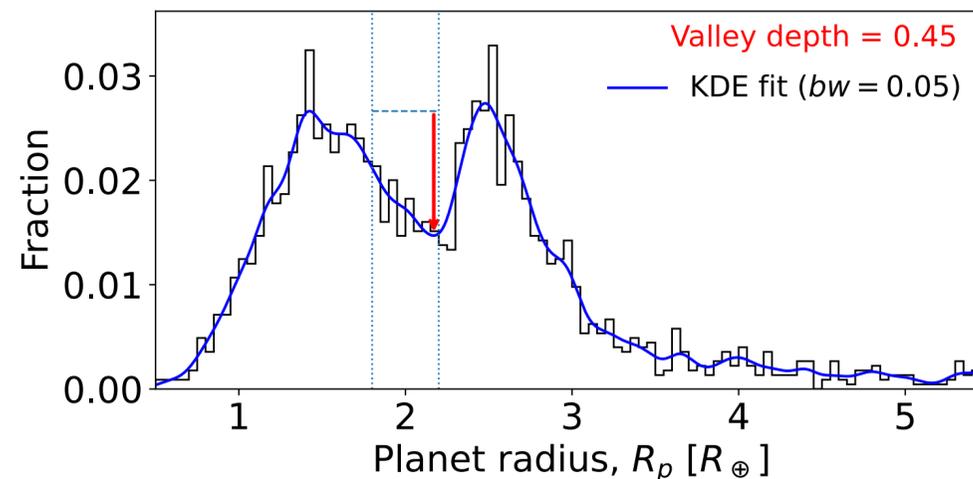


Kepler catalog

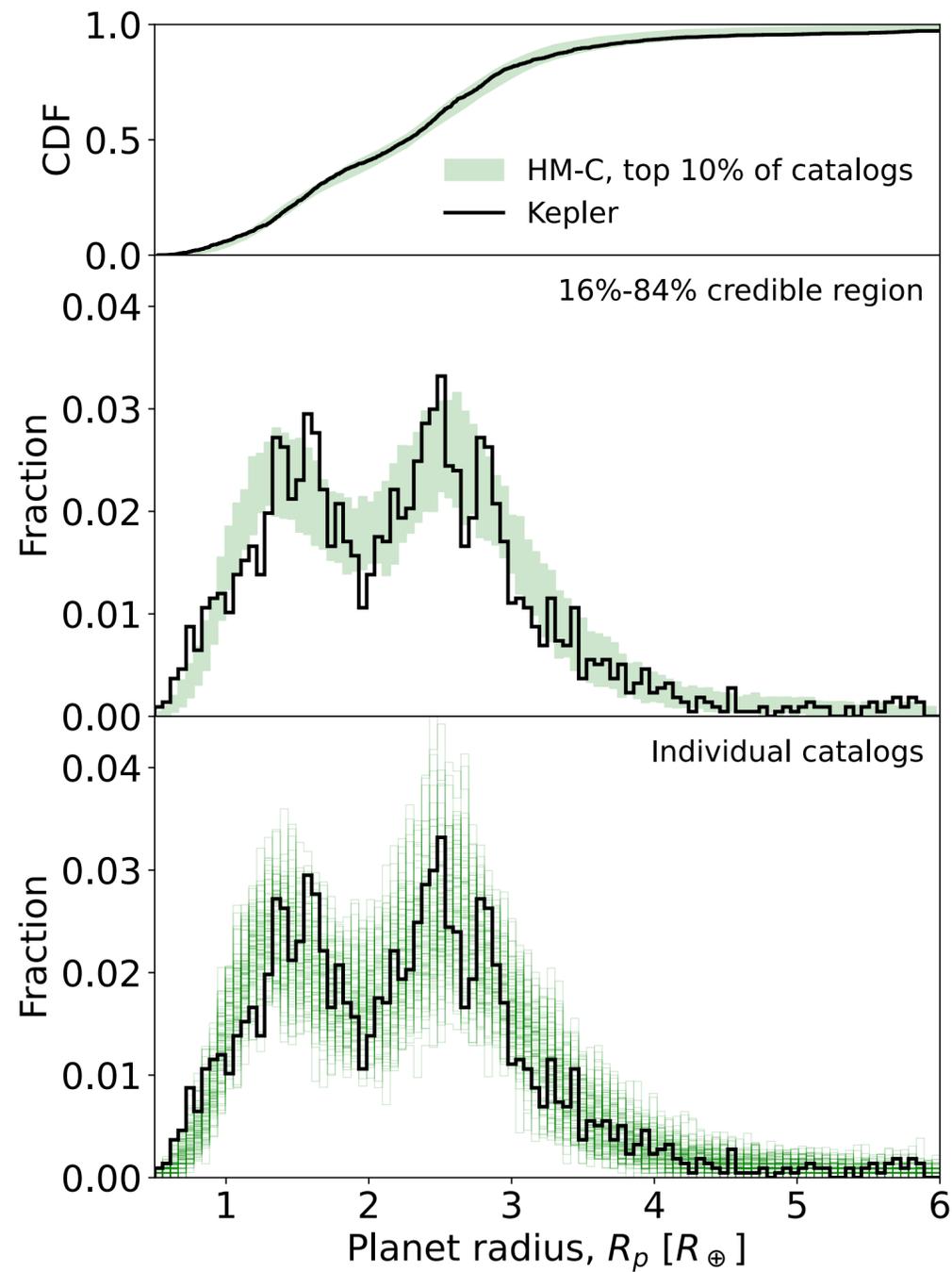


$$\Delta_{\text{valley}} = \frac{H - V}{H}$$

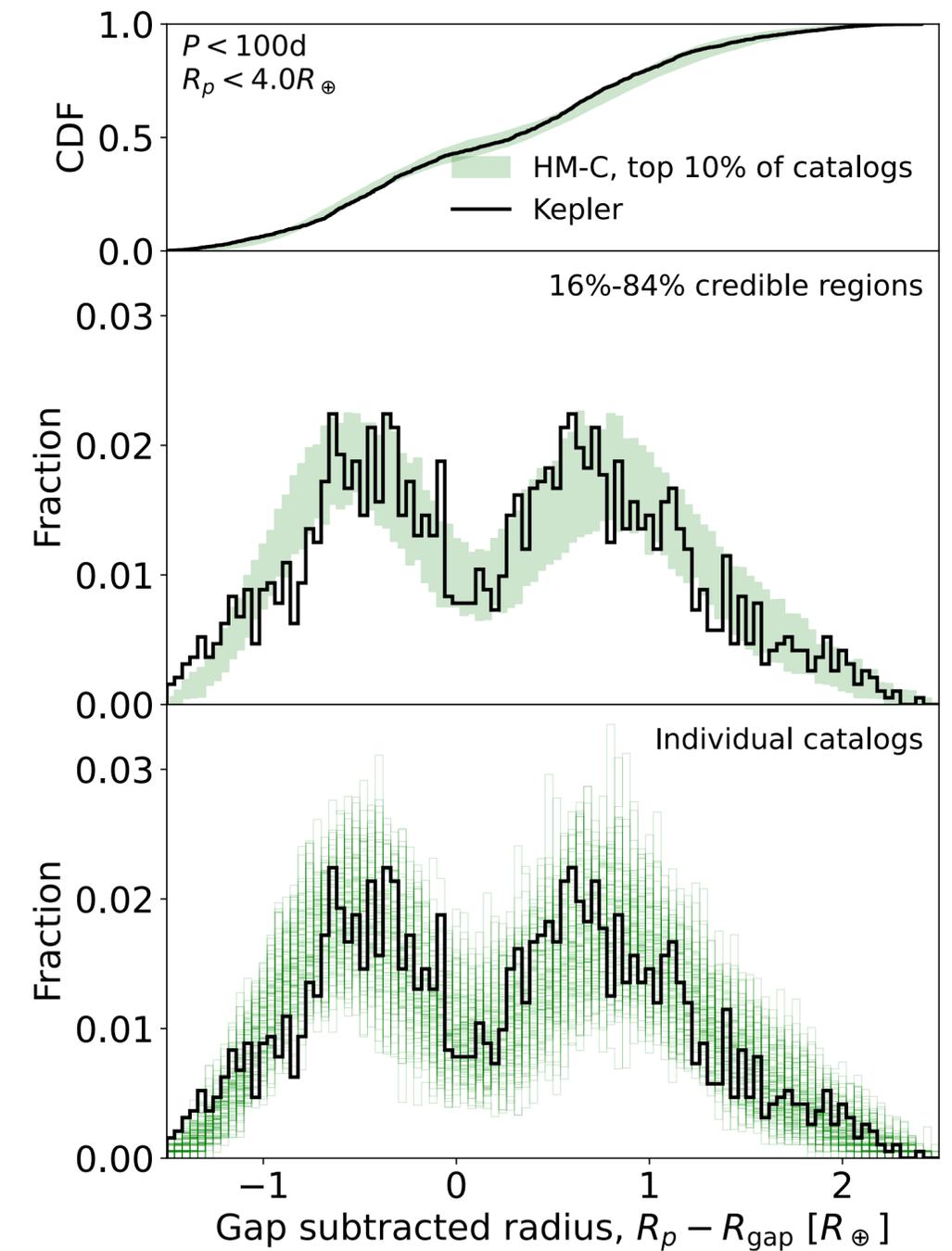
$$H = \min\{H_1, H_2\}$$



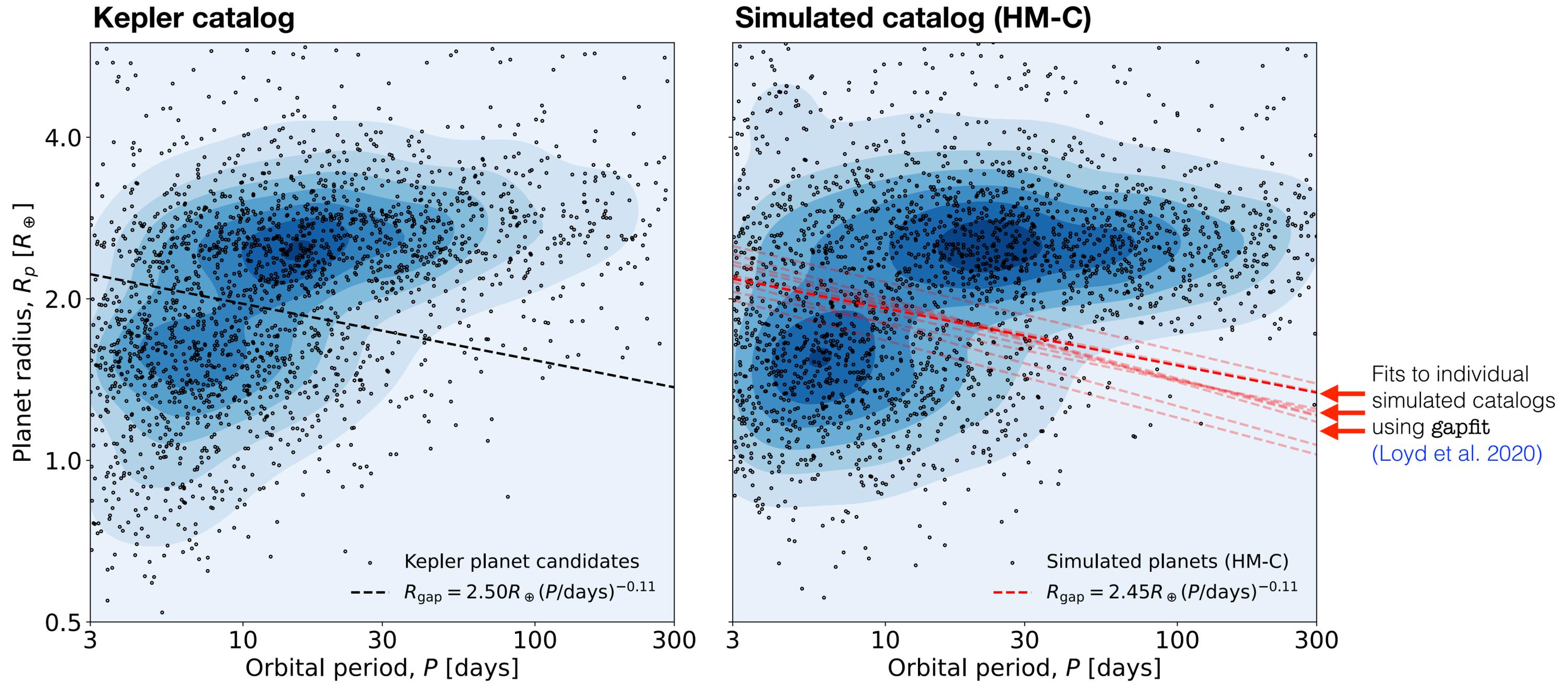
The hybrid models are capable of producing a planet radius valley like the Kepler data, but requires appropriate model parameters



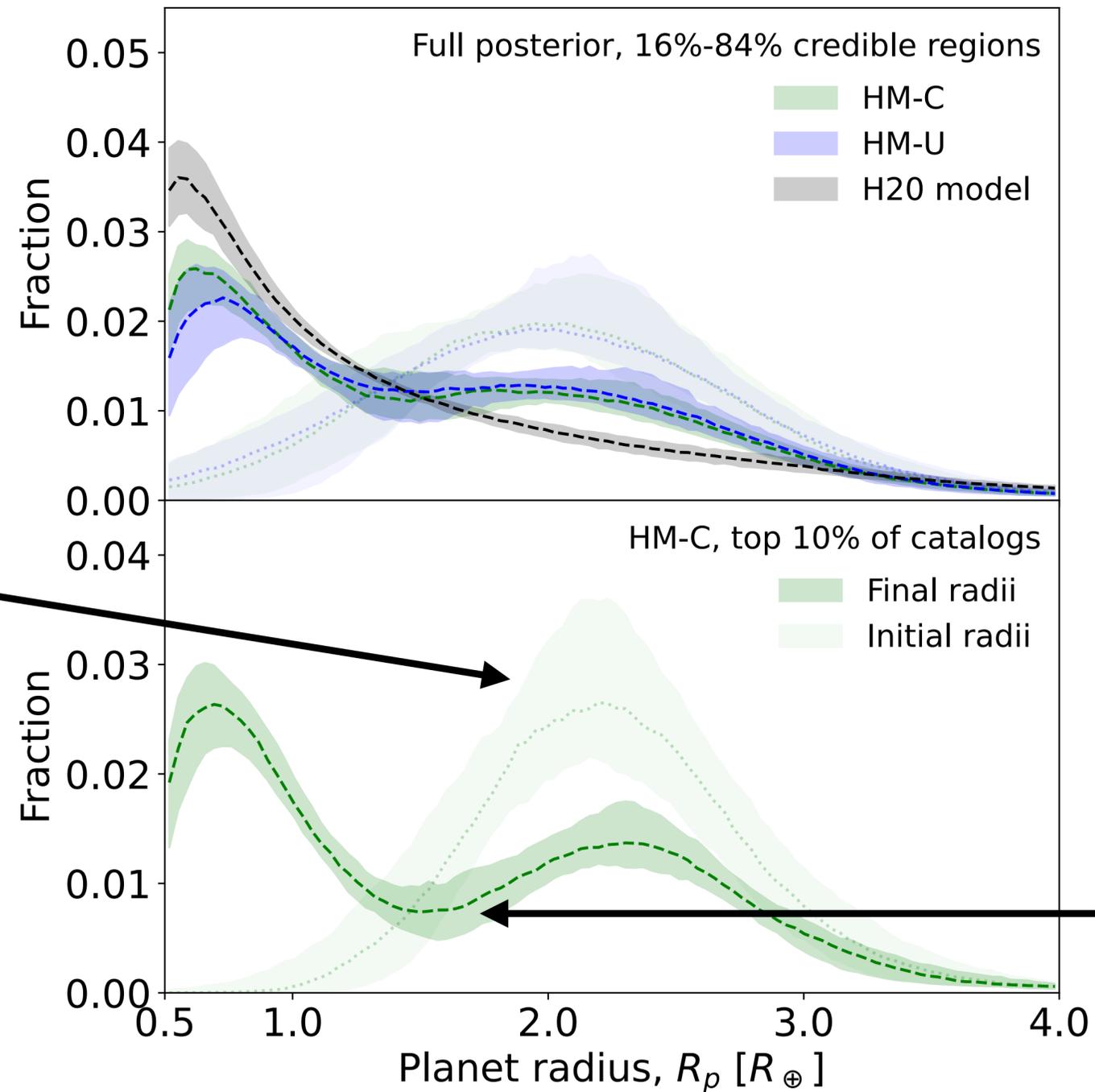
- The hybrid models with the largest radius valley depths provide very close fits to the Kepler data
- Results for HM-U and HM-C are similar



For simulated catalogs that produce a strong radius valley, its location in period-radius also closely matches that of the Kepler data



The hybrid models predict a primordial distribution of planet radii (i.e. before photo evaporation) that peaks above $\sim 2R_{\oplus}$

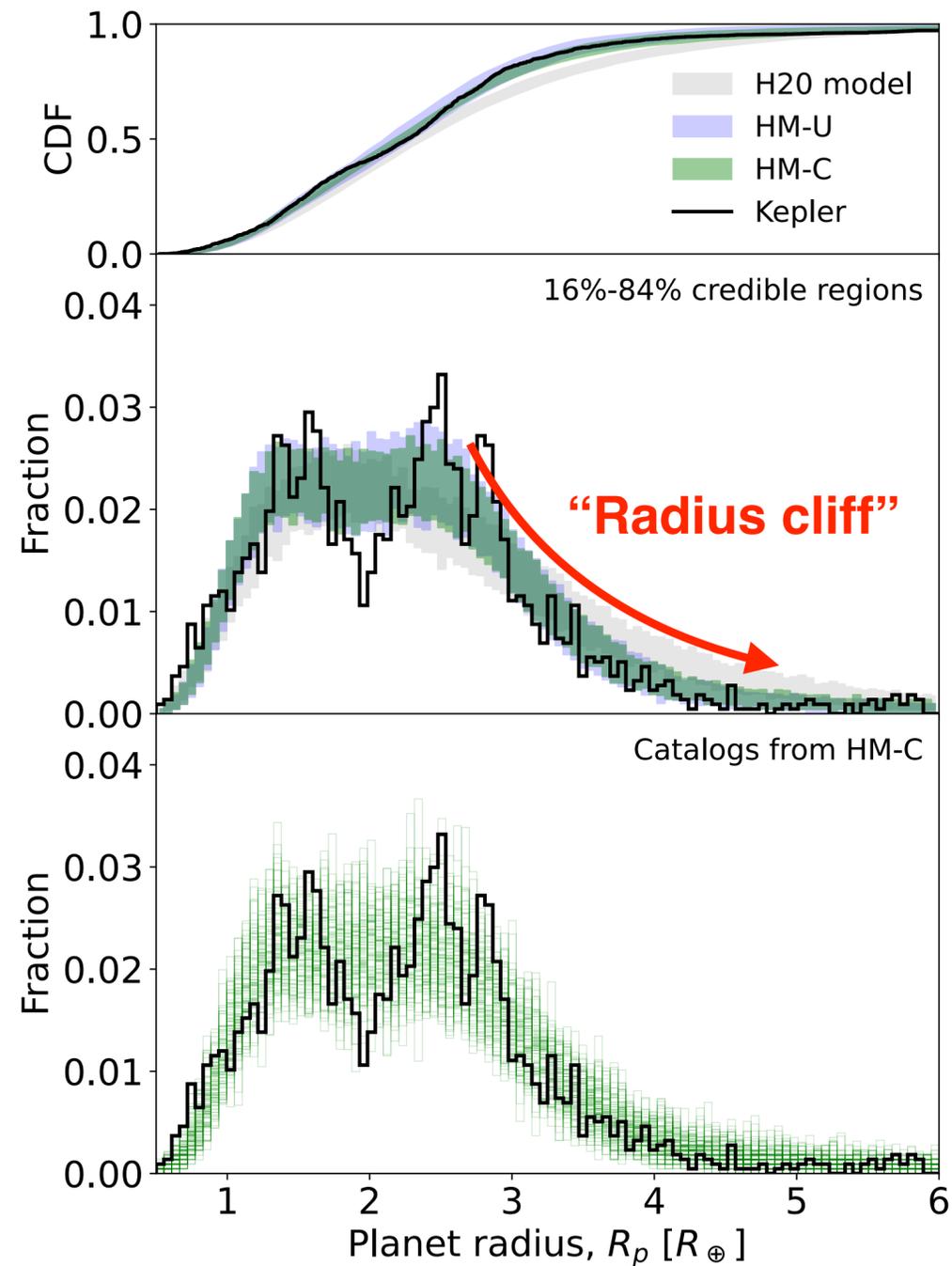


Initial radius distribution is strongly peaked above $\sim 2R_{\oplus}$

Most small planets are photo-evaporated cores

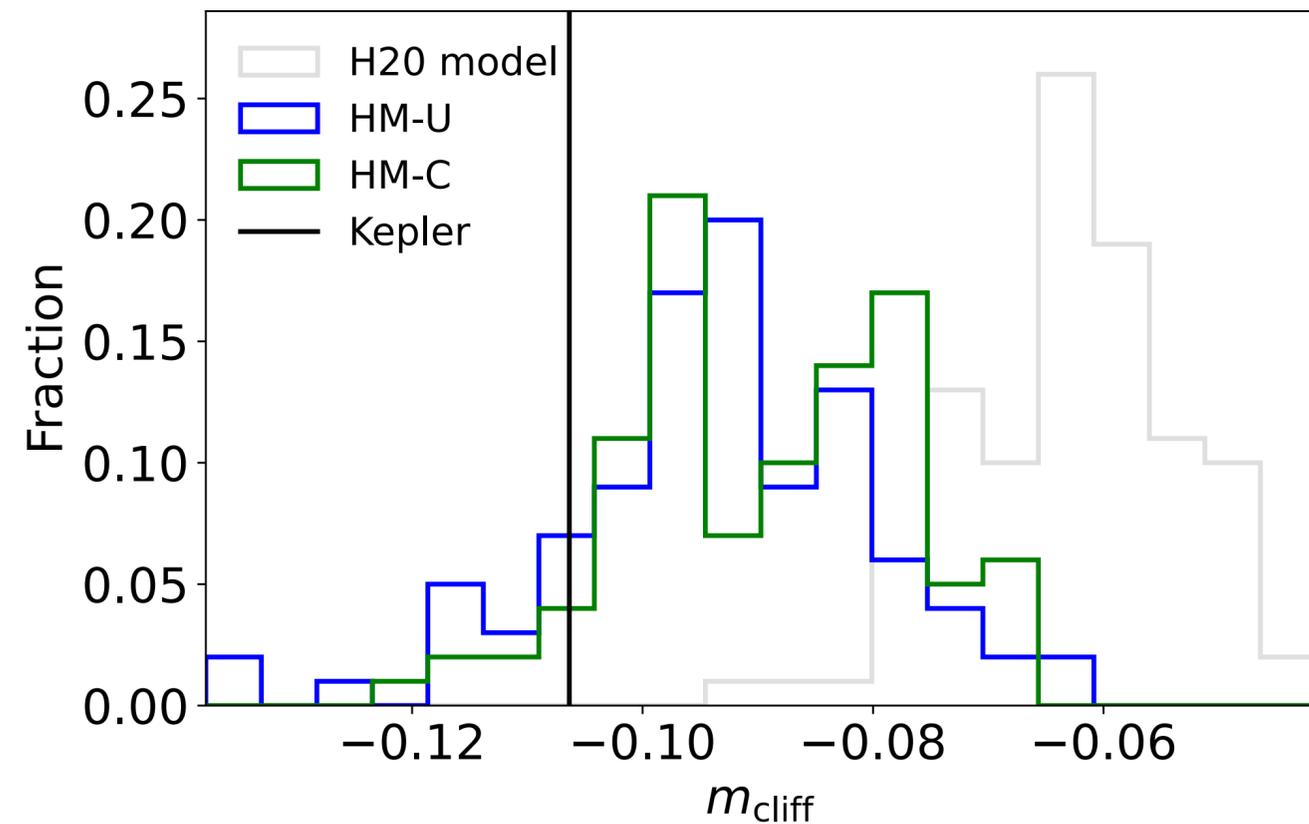
Radius valley also seen in the underlying (final) distribution, but shifted

The hybrid models also naturally explains the observed “radius cliff”



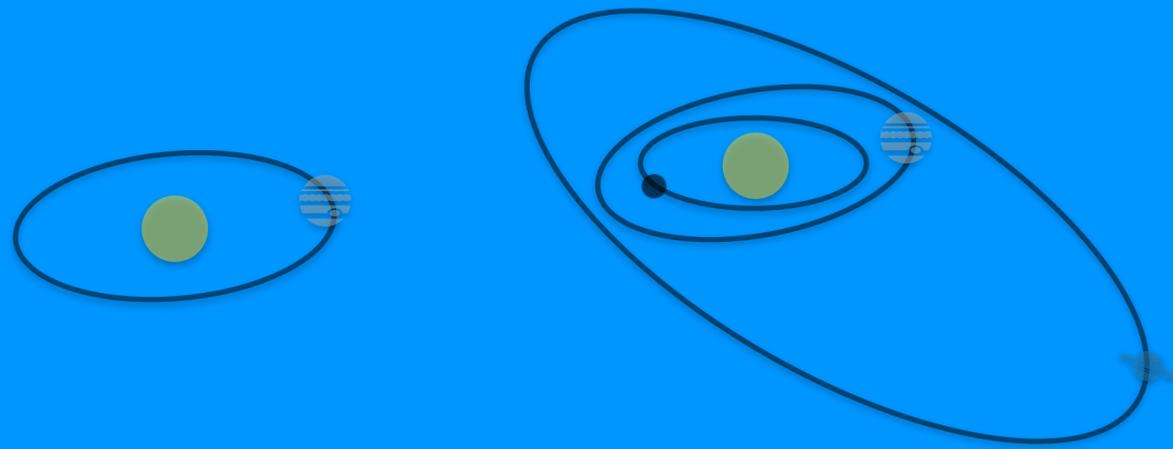
$$f(R_p) = m_{\text{cliff}} \log_{10}(R_p) + b$$

Slope of the radius cliff, fit between $2.5 - 5.5R_\oplus$
 (following [Dattilo et al. 2023, 2024](#))

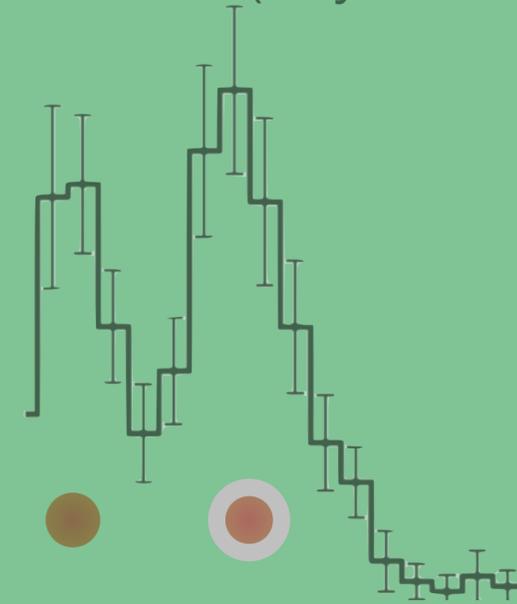


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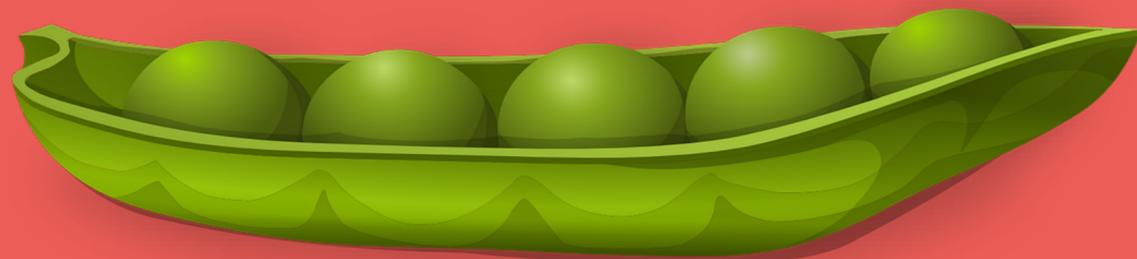
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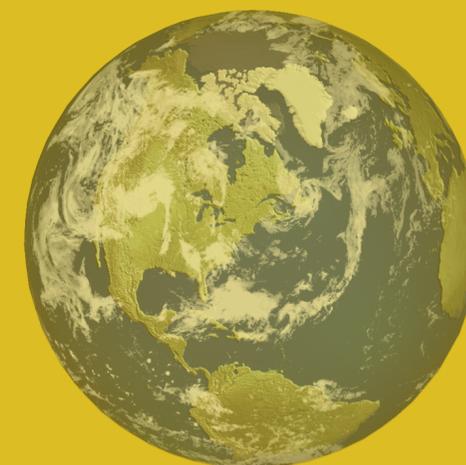
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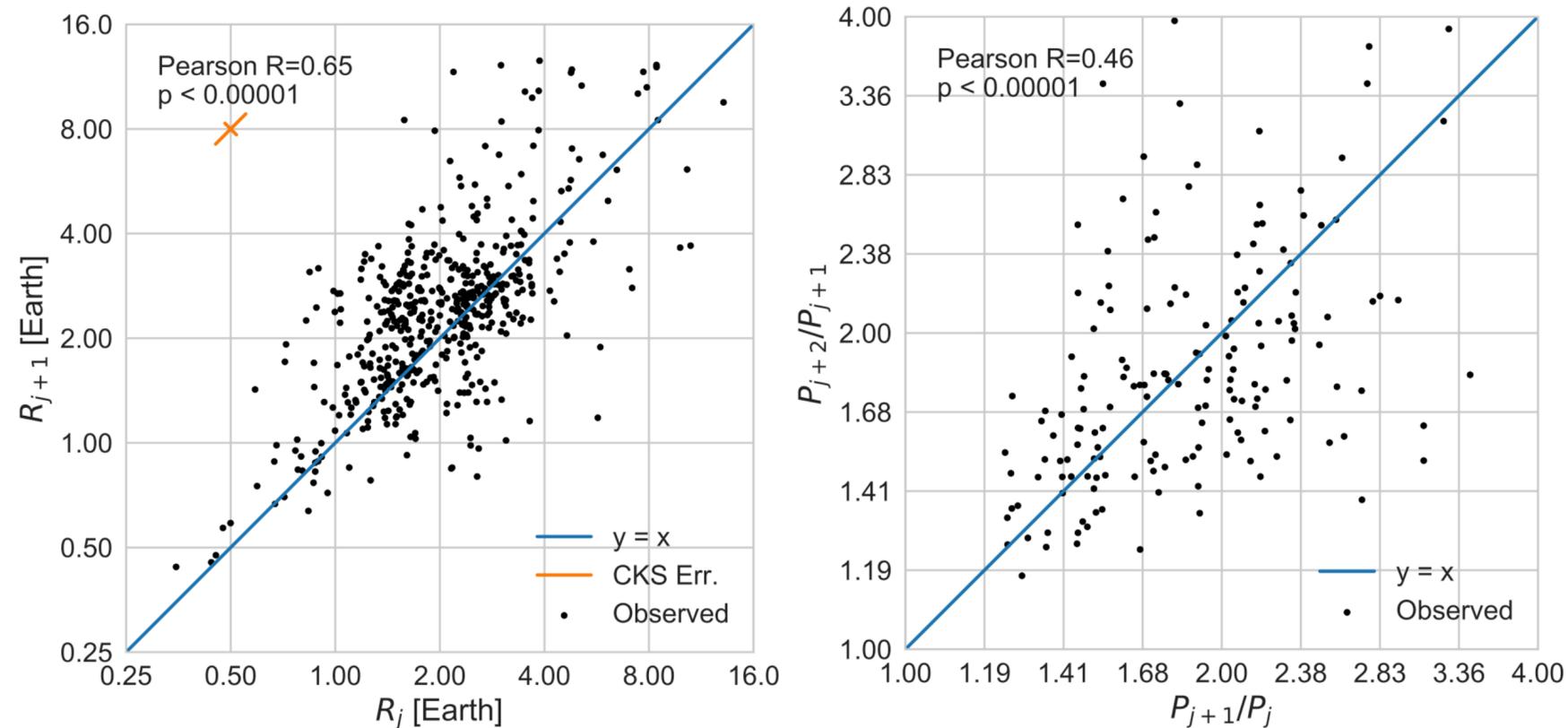
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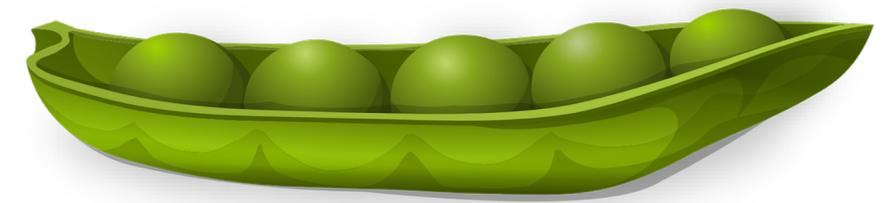
Planets in the same system are more similar in size than planets from different systems



Weiss et al. (2018)



“Peas in a pod”



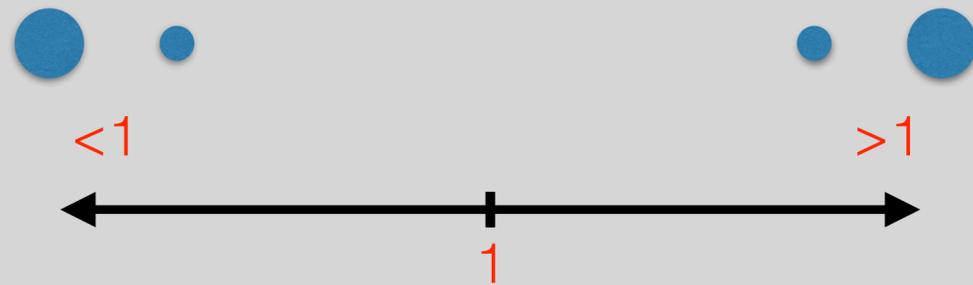
Detection biases may play a role, but forward modeling shows that these patterns are physical

The radii of adjacent observed planets are correlated
The period ratios of adjacent observed planet pairs are also correlated

Ciardi et al. (2013)
Millholland et al. (2017)
Zhu et al. (2019)
Weiss & Petigura (2019)
He et al. (2019, 2020)
Murchikova & Tremaine (2020)
Gilbert & Fabrycky (2020)
Mishra et al. (2021)
Millholland & Winn (2021)
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We fit the distributions of several metrics that capture the system-level patterns in the planet radii

How similar are adjacent pairs of planets?

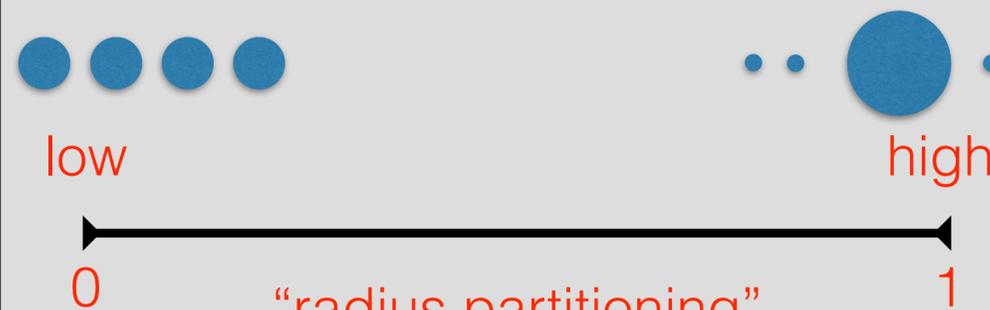


transit depth ratio
= (planet radius ratio)²

$$\frac{\delta_{\text{out}}}{\delta_{\text{in}}} = \left(\frac{R_{p,\text{out}}}{R_{p,\text{in}}} \right)^2$$

He et al. (2019)

How similar are planets in the same system?



“radius partitioning”

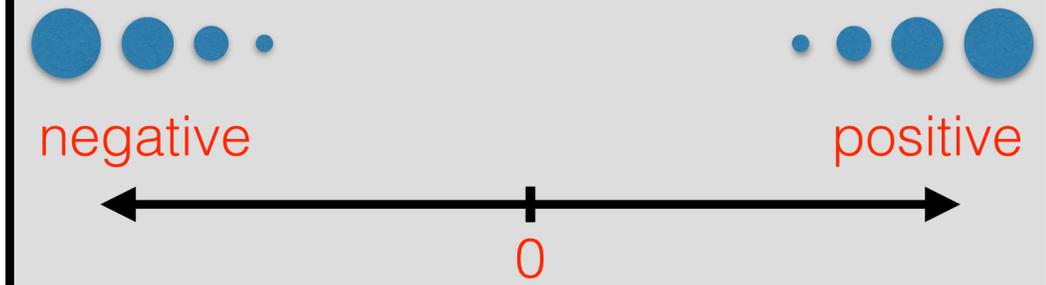
$$Q_R \equiv \left(\frac{m}{m-1} \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^m \left(R_{p,k}^* - \frac{1}{m} \right)^2 \right),$$

$$R_{p,k}^* = \frac{R_{p,k}}{\sum_{i=1}^m R_{p,i}}$$

Gilbert & Fabrycky (2020)

He et al. (2020)

How are planets ordered?

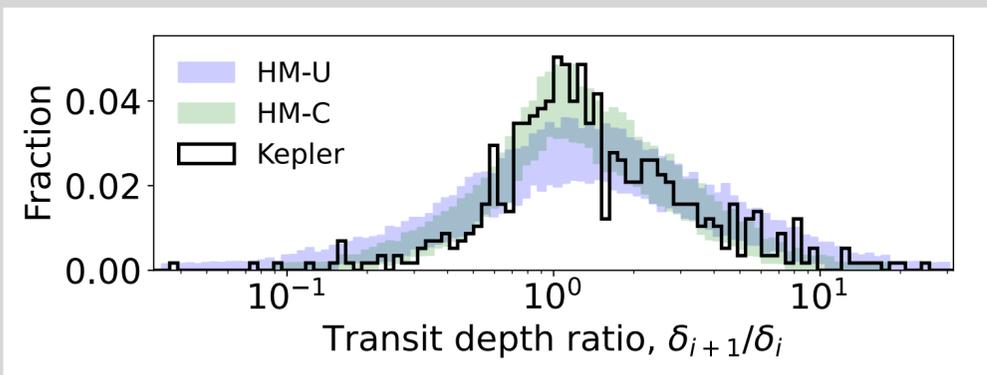


“radius monotonicity”

$$\mathcal{M}_R \equiv \rho_S Q_R^{1/m}$$

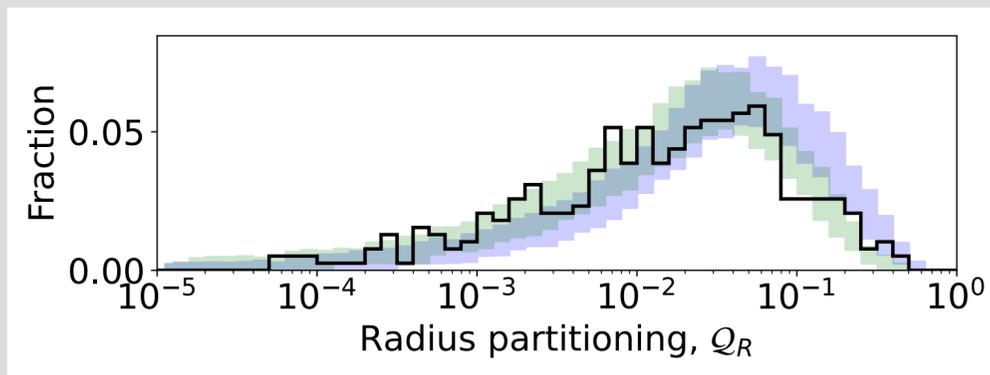
We find strong evidence for clustering in the underlying planet *mass* distribution, which produces the planet radius correlations

How similar are adjacent pairs of planets?



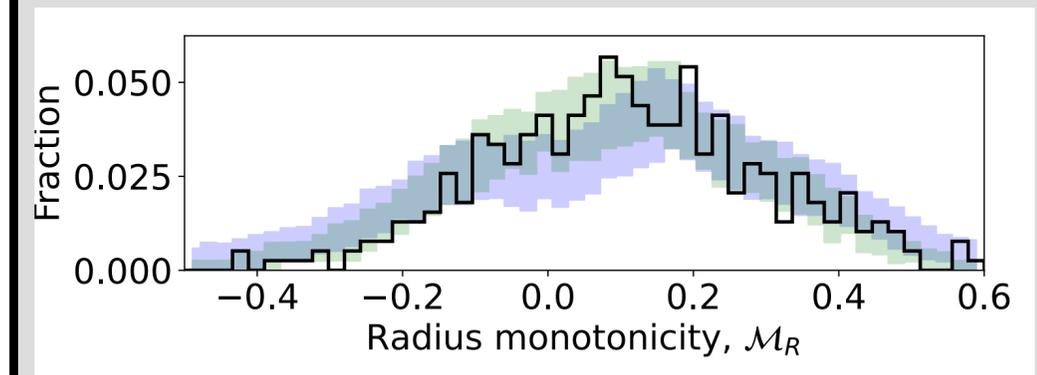
HM-C provides a better fit to the Kepler distribution (especially the strong peak around 1, implying similar planet radii)

How similar are planets in the same system?



HM-C also provides a better fit here, implying similar planet sizes within the same system

How are planets ordered?

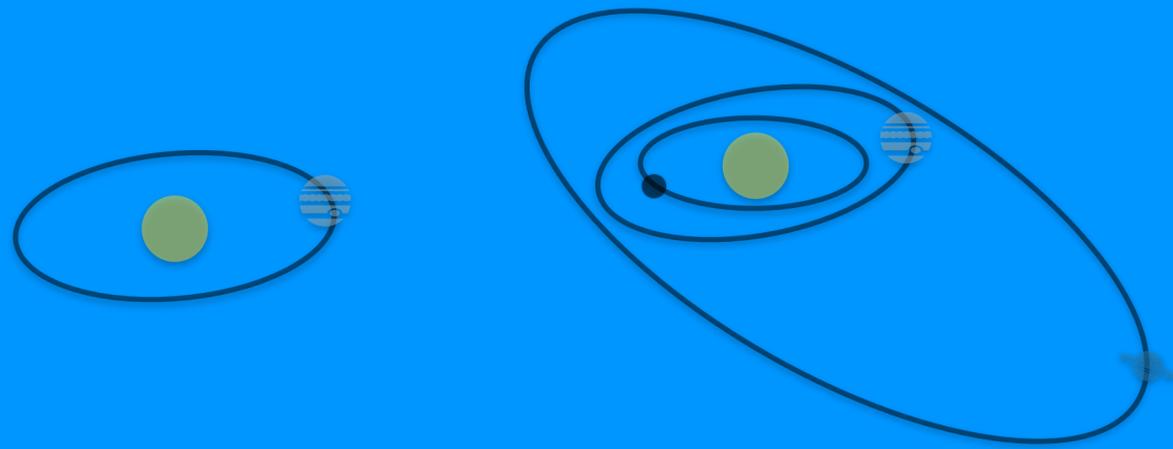


While both models produce more positive than negative values (indicating a preference for increasing sizes towards longer periods), HM-C is again better

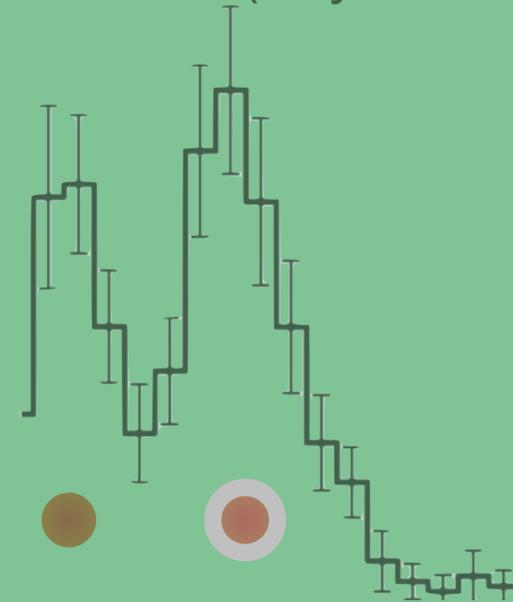
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The observed size similarity of planets in multi-planet systems can be fully explained by a clustering in the initial mass distribution

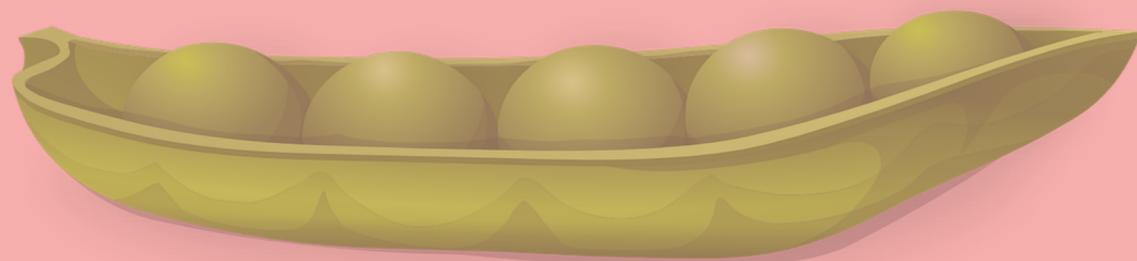
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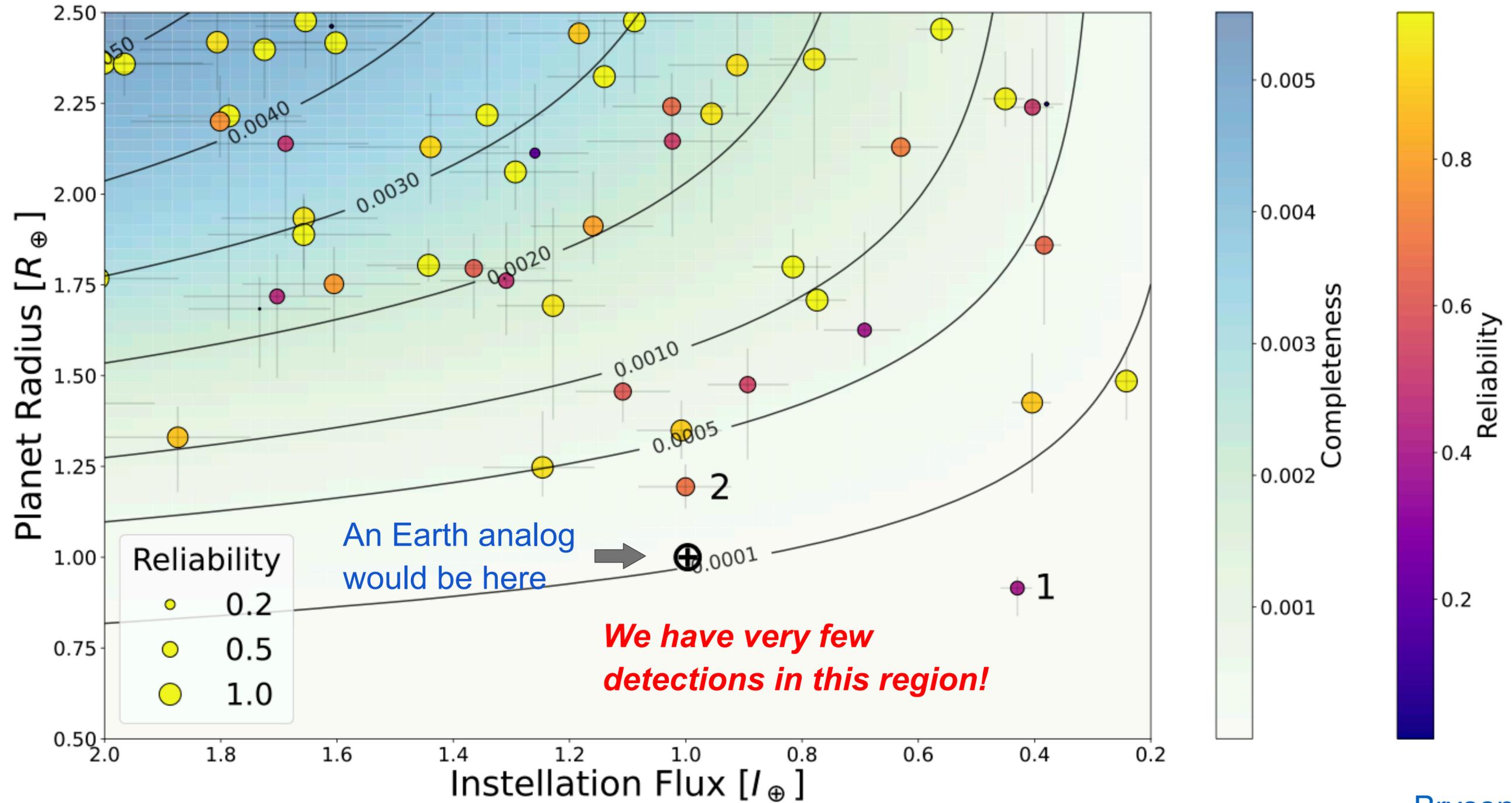
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What about the occurrence of Earth-sized rocky planets in the habitable zones of Sun-like stars (η_{\oplus})?



Extrapolating population models based on the inner systems can significantly overestimate η_{\oplus}

In abstract of [Pascucci et al. \(2019\)](#):

“Here, we show that extrapolations relying on the population of small ($<1.8R_{\oplus}$), short-period (<25 days) planets bias η_{\oplus} to large values. As the radius distribution at short orbital periods is strongly affected by atmospheric loss, we reevaluate η_{\oplus} using exoplanets at larger separations. We find that η_{\oplus} drops considerably, to values of only $\sim 5\%$ - 10% .”

Model #	Fitted P days	Fitted R R_{\oplus}	Function	Γ_{\oplus} %	η_{\oplus} %
1	2–400	0.5–6	2D broken	$59.6^{+21.8}_{-25.4}$	$40.6^{+14.9}_{-17.3}$
2	2–400	0.5–2	P broken	$78.7^{+43.5}_{-39.2}$	$53.6^{+29.7}_{-29.7}$
3	12–400	0.5–6	R broken	$17.0^{+7.6}_{-5.6}$	$11.5^{+5.2}_{-3.8}$
4	12–400	1–6	R broken	$16.0^{+8.0}_{-5.5}$	$10.9^{+5.5}_{-3.7}$
5	25–400	0.5–6	R broken	$8.6^{+8.9}_{-5.1}$	$5.9^{+6.0}_{-3.5}$
6	25–400	1–6	R broken	$8.0^{+10.3}_{-5.4}$	$5.4^{+7.0}_{-3.7}$
7	25–400	1–2	P and R single	$7.8^{+10.3}_{-3.8}$	$5.3^{+7.0}_{-2.6}$

Table 2 of [Pascucci et al. \(2019\)](#)

In abstract of [Neil & Rogers \(2020\)](#):

“When using models with envelope mass loss to calculate η_{\oplus} , we find nearly an order of magnitude drop, indicating that many Earth-like planets discovered with Kepler may be evaporated cores which do not extrapolate out to higher orbital periods.”

Variable Range	Model 1	Model 2
$0.4 < \frac{R}{R_{\oplus}} < 30, 0.3 < \frac{P}{1 \text{ day}} < 100$	$1.36^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$	$1.31^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$
$0.5 < \frac{R}{R_{\oplus}} < 6, 2 < \frac{P}{1 \text{ day}} < 400$	$2.28^{+0.22}_{-0.18}$	$1.89^{+0.18}_{-0.13}$
$1.4 < \frac{R}{R_{\oplus}} < 2.8, 0.3 < \frac{P}{1 \text{ day}} < 100$	$0.43^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.47^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$
$2 < \frac{R}{R_{\oplus}} < 4, 0.3 < \frac{P}{1 \text{ day}} < 100$	$0.30^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.45^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$
$50 < \frac{M}{M_{\oplus}} < 10000, 0.3 < \frac{P}{1 \text{ day}} < 11$	$0.005^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.010^{+0.002}_{-0.001}$
$3 < \frac{M}{M_{\oplus}} < 10, 0.3 < \frac{P}{1 \text{ day}} < 50$	$0.19^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.22^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
$0.8 < \frac{R}{R_{\oplus}} < 1.2, 292 < \frac{P}{1 \text{ day}} < 438$	$0.076^{+0.016}_{-0.011}$	$0.008^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$
$0.8 < \frac{R}{R_{\oplus}} < 1.2, 292 < \frac{P}{1 \text{ day}} < 438, 0.5 < \frac{M}{M_{\oplus}} < 2.0$	$0.055^{+0.011}_{-0.009}$	$0.005^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$

Table 2 of [Neil & Rogers \(2020\)](#) (partial)

↑ No mass loss ↑ With mass loss

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Table 2. Occurrence rates (η) of various planet types for each model, and comparisons to previous literature values.

	Planet bounds	H20 model	HM-U	HM-C	NR20*	Other literature value/reference
Full simulation range →	$R_p = 0.5-10, P = 3-300$	$2.49^{+0.37}_{-0.28}$	$2.53^{+0.19}_{-0.20}$	$2.49^{+0.23}_{-0.13}$	–	–
	$R_p = 2-4, P = 3-100$	$0.34^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.43^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$	$0.42^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	$0.45^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.37^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$ Fulton et al. (2017)^a
Planets spanning valley →	$R_p = 1.4-2.8, P = 3-100$	$0.46^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$0.60^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$	$0.58^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$	$0.47^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.43^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$ Fulton et al. (2017)^a
	$R_p = 0.75-1.4, P = 3-100$	$0.54^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$	$0.54^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$0.55^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	–	–
Hot sub-Saturns/Jupiters →	$M_p = 50-1000, P = 3-11$	$0.002^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.006^{+0.006}_{-0.003}$	$0.008^{+0.006}_{-0.004}$	$0.010^{+0.002}_{-0.001}$	–
	$M_p = 3-10, P = 3-50$	$0.29^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.23^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.22^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.22^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.12^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$ Howard et al. (2012)
	$M_p = 1-3, P = 3-50$	$0.23^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	$0.27^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	$0.27^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	–	–
	$R_p = 0.75-2.5, P = 50-300$	$0.87^{+0.16}_{-0.13}$	$0.98^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$	$0.91^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$	–	$0.77^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$ Burke et al. (2015)
$\eta_{\text{♀}}$ (Venus-like planets) →	$R_p = 0.8-1.2, P = 180-270^{\dagger}$	$0.081^{+0.030}_{-0.016}$	$0.038^{+0.010}_{-0.009}$	$0.035^{+0.018}_{-0.014}$	–	$0.075^{+0.225}_{-0.062}$ Burke et al. (2015)
	$R_p = 0.8-1.2, P = 180-270, M_p = 0.65-0.98^{\dagger}$	$0.022^{+0.008}_{-0.005}$	$0.006^{+0.004}_{-0.002}$	$0.006^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$	–	–
Not η_{\oplus} , but a similar quantity (Earth-like composition planets at slightly shorter periods) →	$M_p = 0.1-4, P = 180-300, R_p = (0.9-1.1)R_{\text{si}}^{\ddagger}$	$0.21^{+0.09}_{-0.05}$	$0.075^{+0.042}_{-0.027}$	$0.079^{+0.038}_{-0.023}$	–	–

NOTE—The units for the planet bounds are: R_p [R_{\oplus}], M_p [M_{\oplus}], and P [days].

* “Model 2” of NR20; their values include periods down to 0.3 days.

^a Includes all periods less than 100 days.

[†] These bounds correspond to approximately within 20% of Venus ($P_{\text{♀}} = 224.7$ days and $M_{\text{♀}} = 0.815M_{\oplus}$).

[‡] R_{si} is the radius, as a function of planet mass, given by the pure-silicate model (Equation 28; Seager et al. 2007).

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We can also differentiate between occurrence rates (η) and the fractions of stars with planets (f_{swp}) in the hybrid models

Table 3. Fractions of stars with various planet types (f_{swp}) for each model, and comparisons to previous literature values.

Planet bounds	H20 model	HM-U	HM-C	Other literature value/reference	
$R_p = 0.5\text{-}10, P = 3\text{-}300$	$0.84^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$	0.87*	0.87*	–	–
$R_p = 2\text{-}4, P = 3\text{-}100$	$0.23^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	$0.34^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	$0.30^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.24^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	Petigura et al. (2013) ^a
$R_p = 1.4\text{-}2.8, P = 3\text{-}100$	$0.30^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.42^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.37^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.33^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	Petigura et al. (2013) ^a
$R_p = 0.75\text{-}1.4, P = 3\text{-}100$	$0.34^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$0.36^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$0.33^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	–	–
$M_p = 50\text{-}1000, P = 3\text{-}11$	$0.002^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.006^{+0.006}_{-0.003}$	$0.007^{+0.005}_{-0.004}$	$0.009^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	Mayor et al. (2011) ^b
$M_p = 3\text{-}10, P = 3\text{-}50$	$0.22^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.19^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.15^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	–	–
$M_p = 1\text{-}3, P = 3\text{-}50$	$0.18^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.22^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.17^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	–	–
$R_p = 0.75\text{-}2.5, P = 50\text{-}300$	$0.55^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$0.63^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$0.58^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	–	–
$R_p = 0.8\text{-}1.2, P = 180\text{-}270^\dagger$	$0.079^{+0.029}_{-0.016}$	$0.038^{+0.010}_{-0.009}$	$0.035^{+0.017}_{-0.014}$	–	–
$R_p = 0.8\text{-}1.2, P = 180\text{-}270, M_p = 0.65\text{-}0.98^\dagger$	$0.022^{+0.008}_{-0.005}$	$0.006^{+0.004}_{-0.002}$	$0.006^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$	–	–
$M_p = 0.1\text{-}4, P = 180\text{-}300, R_p = (0.9\text{-}1.1)R_{\text{si}}^\ddagger$	$0.19^{+0.08}_{-0.05}$	$0.073^{+0.039}_{-0.026}$	$0.073^{+0.033}_{-0.020}$	–	–

For small planets in large period ranges, f_{swp} is generally lower than η by up to ~50%

A similar drop in f_{swp} of Venus and Earth-like composition planets at these periods

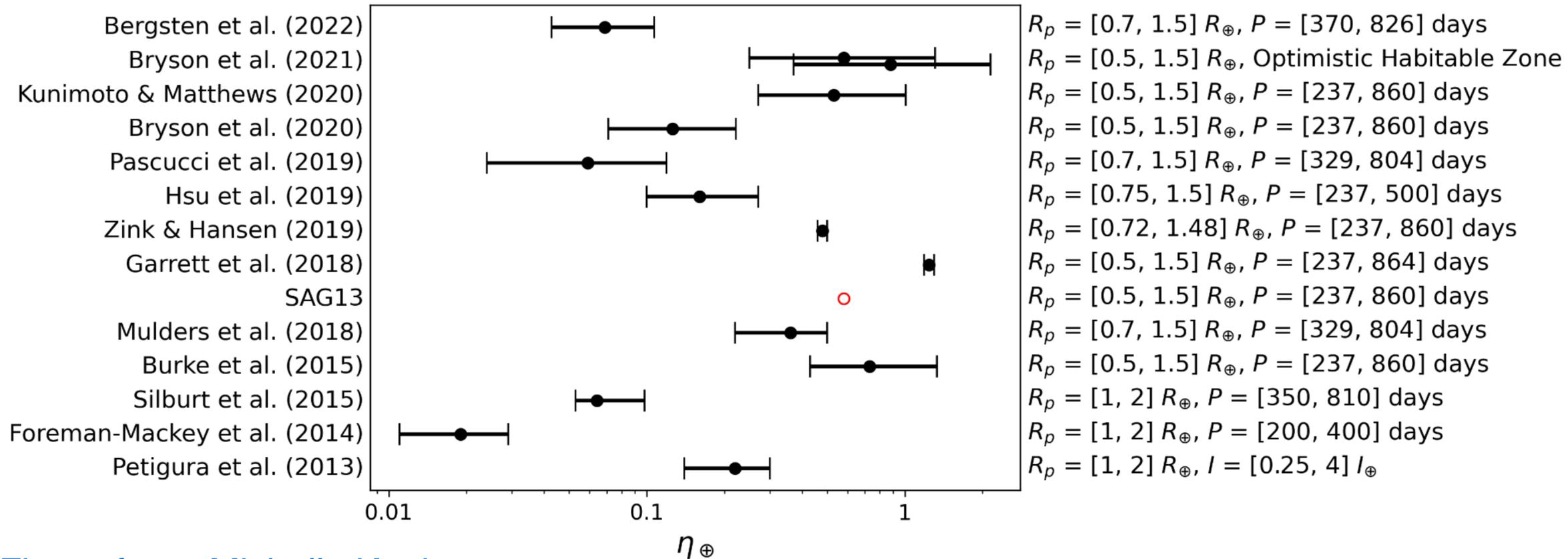
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*The uncertainties are not reported here because they are exceedingly low, due to fixing the parameters for the overall fraction of stars with planets in these models (see discussion at the end of §2.3.2).

^a Includes periods down to 5 days.

^b Includes all periods less than 11 days, and the mass bounds are in $M_p \sin i$.

I am working to reprocess the original Kepler pipeline at NASA Ames, with the goal of delivering a new planet catalog and improving η_{\oplus}



This means rewriting and improving the original pipeline code!



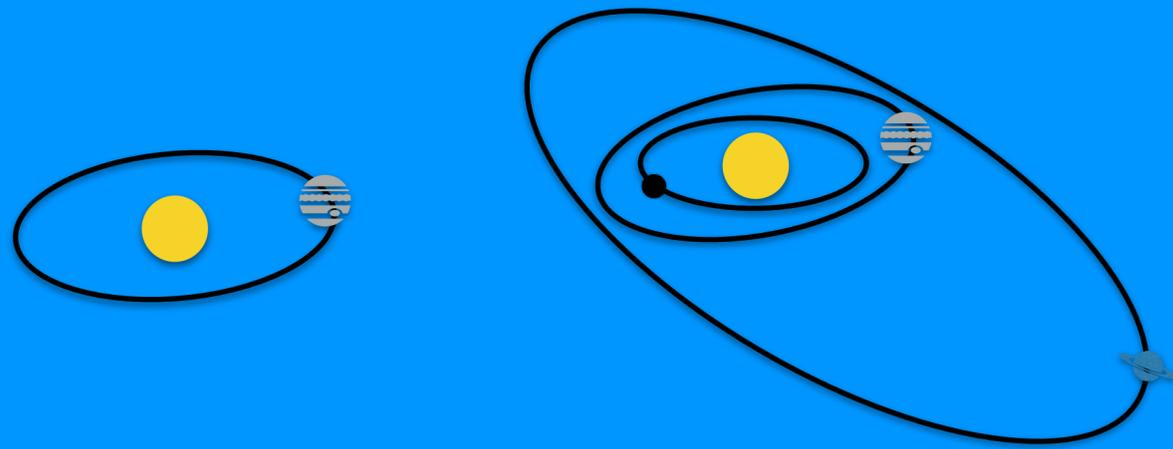
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See also: Fernandes et al. (2025), Bryson et al. (2025)

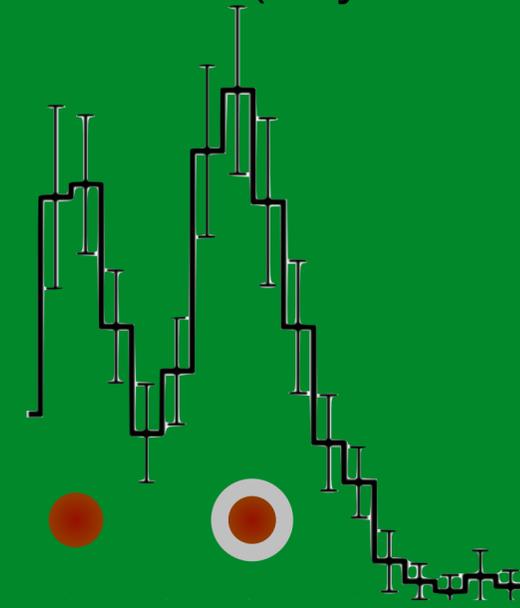
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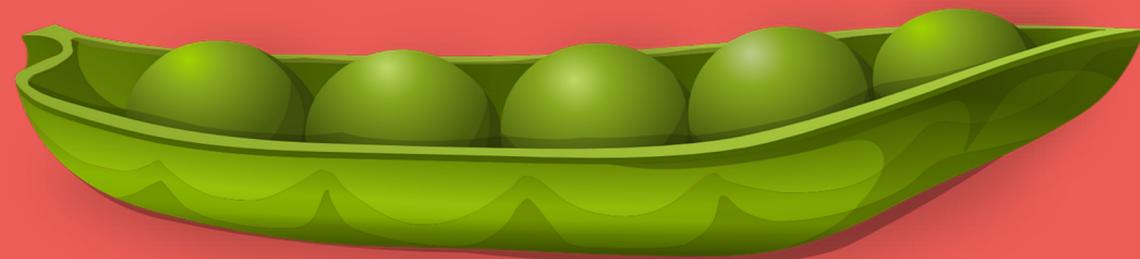


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