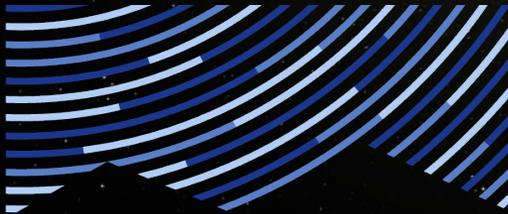


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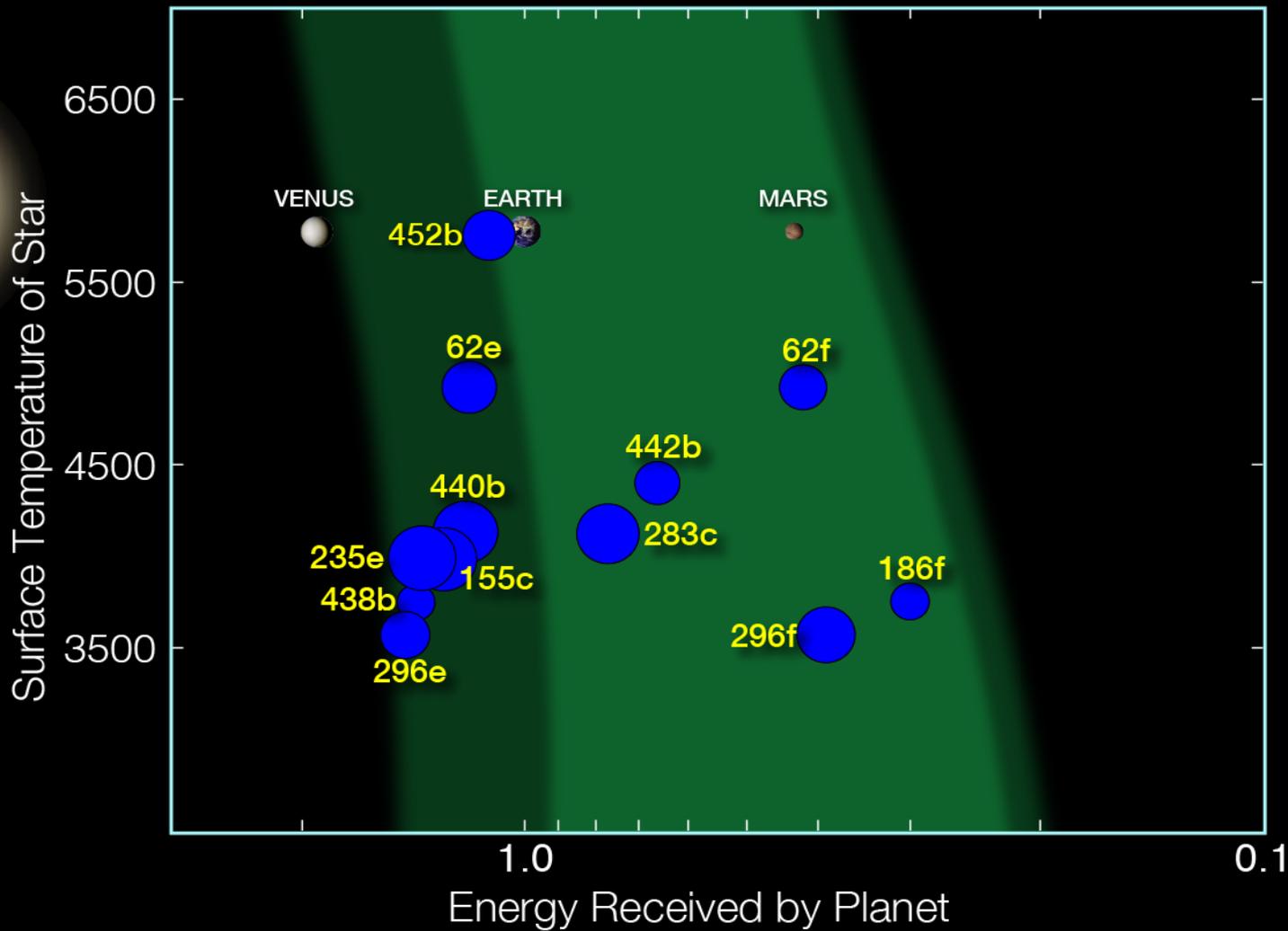
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Kepler's Small HZ Exoplanets



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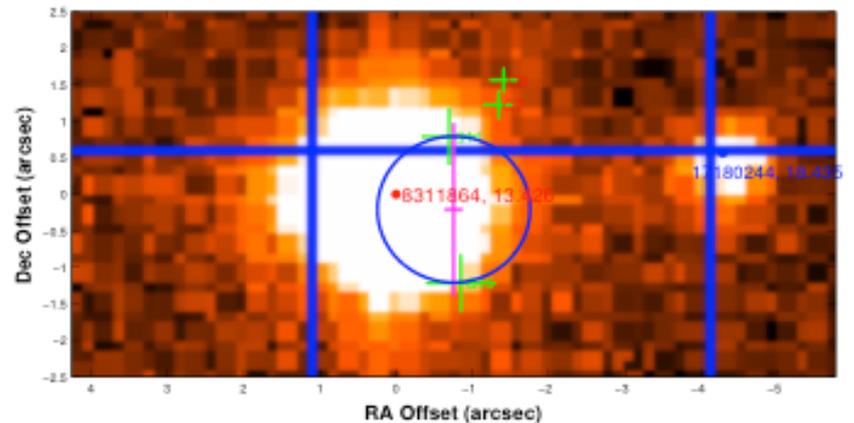
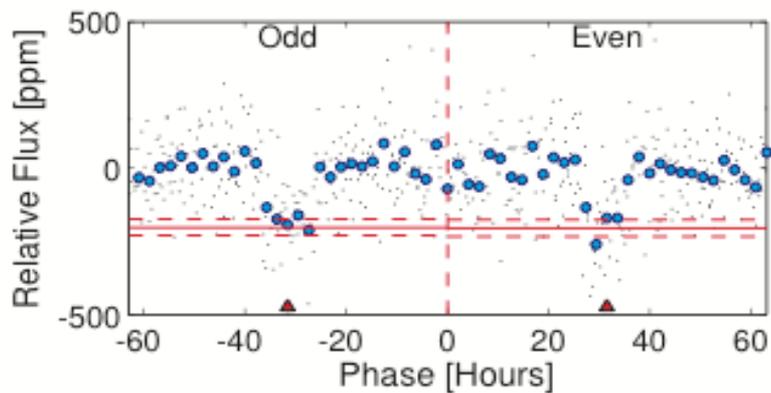
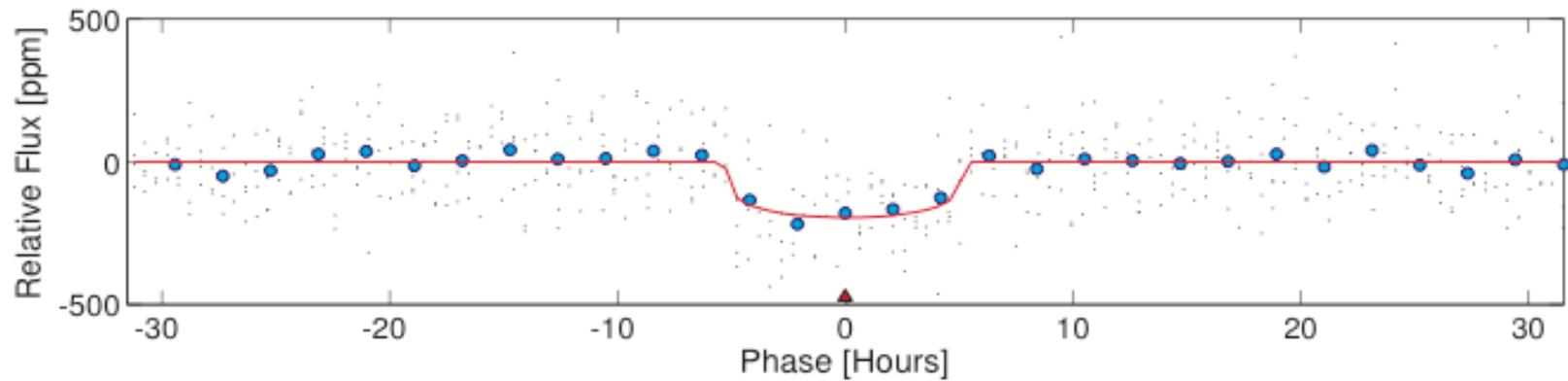
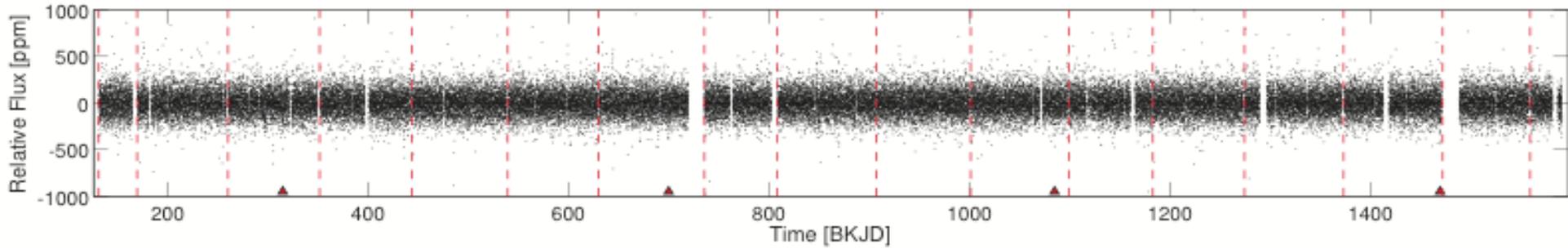
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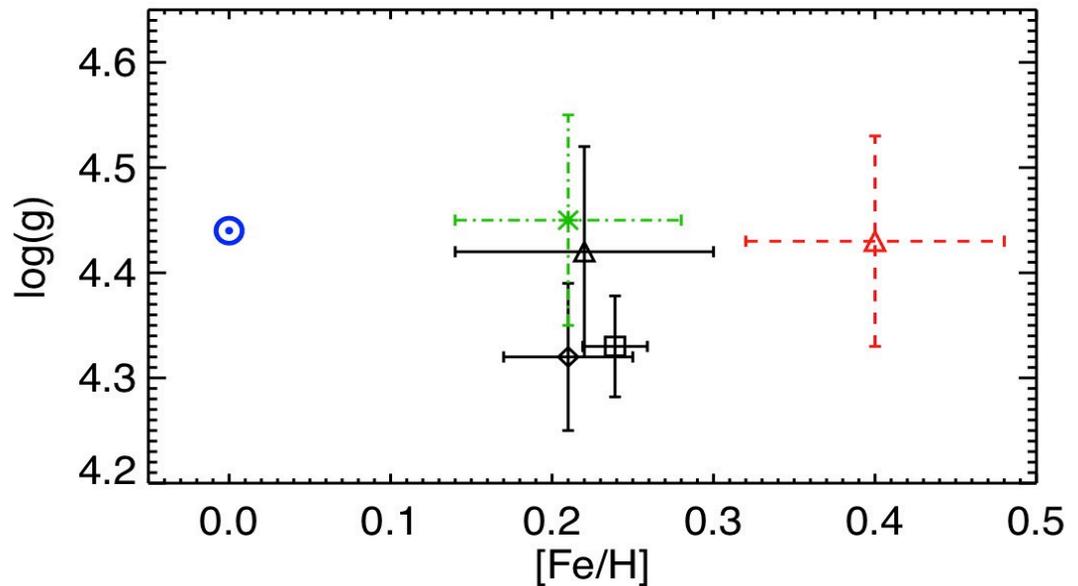
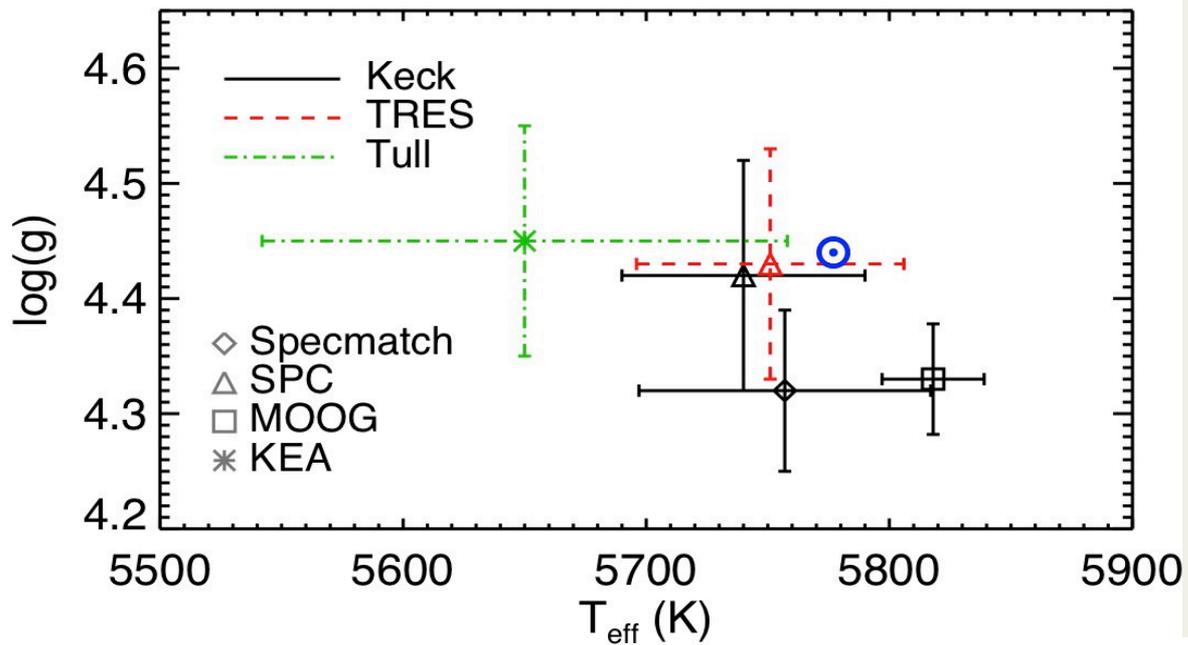
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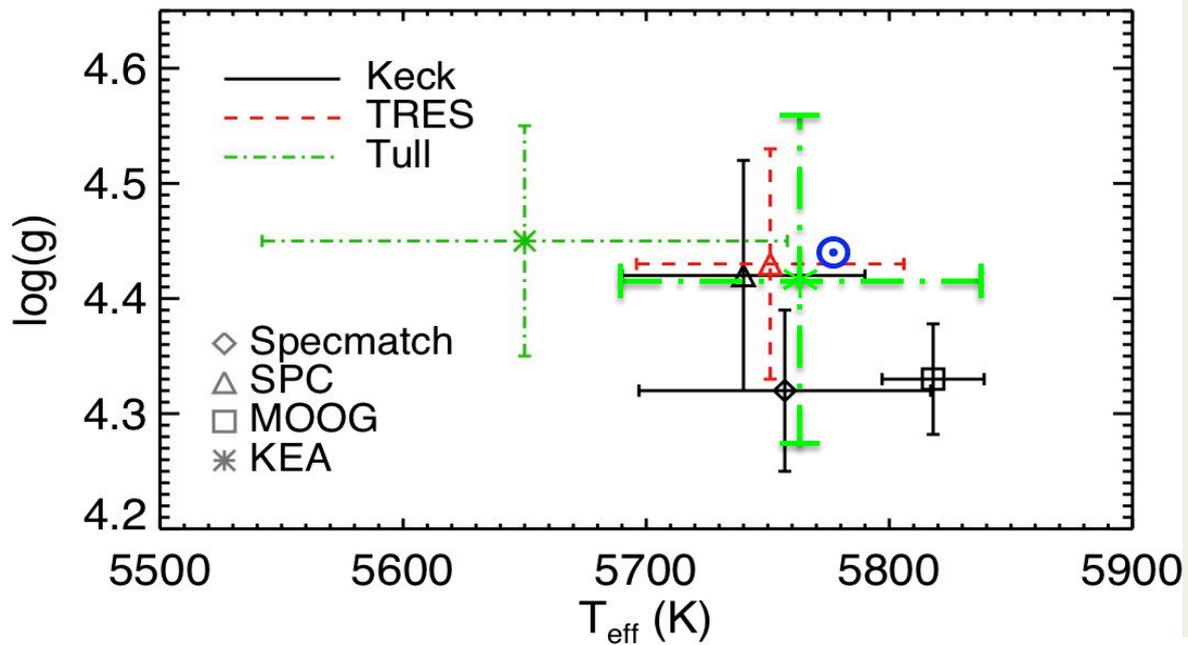
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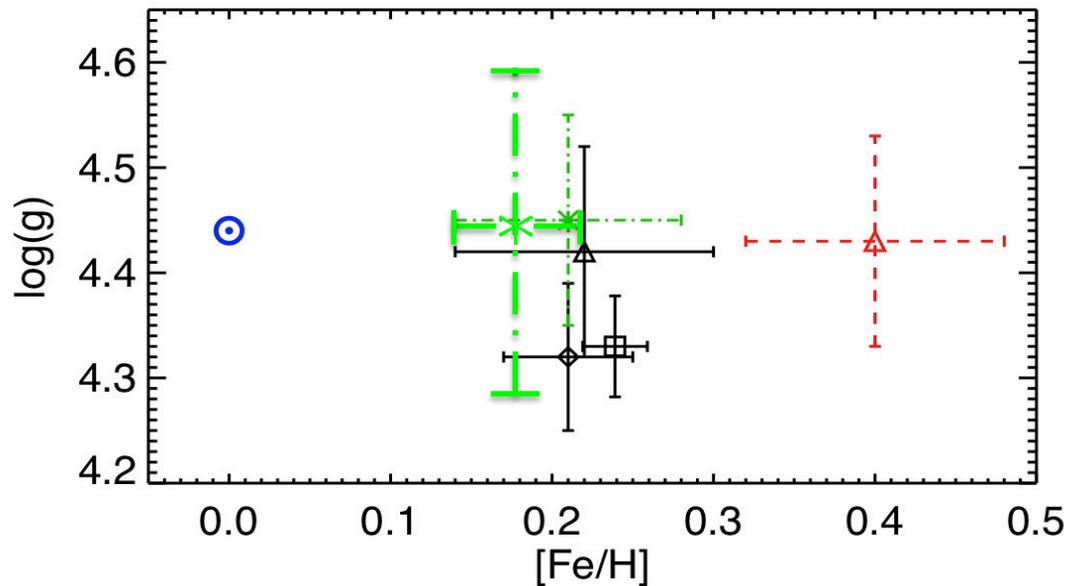
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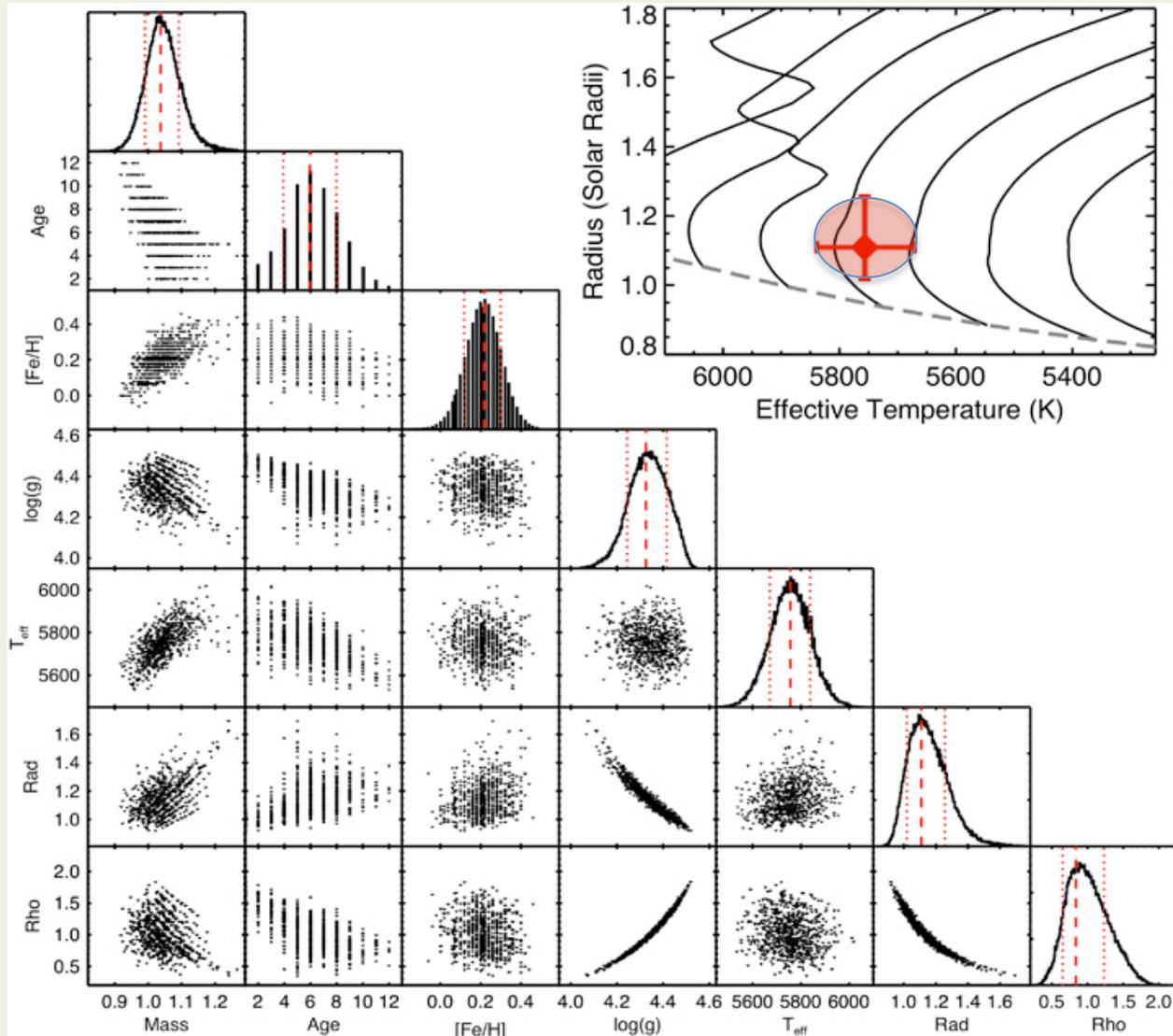
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Absolute RV (-25km/s) stayed the same!



Stellar Properties:



To derive stellar properties:
fitted T_{eff} , $\log g$, and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ to a grid of **Dartmouth isochrones** (Dotter et al. 2008), also compared to **Yonsei-Yale isochrones** (Yi et al. 2004)

$$R_* = 1.1 \pm 0.15 R_{\text{sun}}$$

$$M_* = 1.037 \pm 0.05 M_{\text{sun}}$$

$$\rho_* = 0.84 \pm 0.04 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

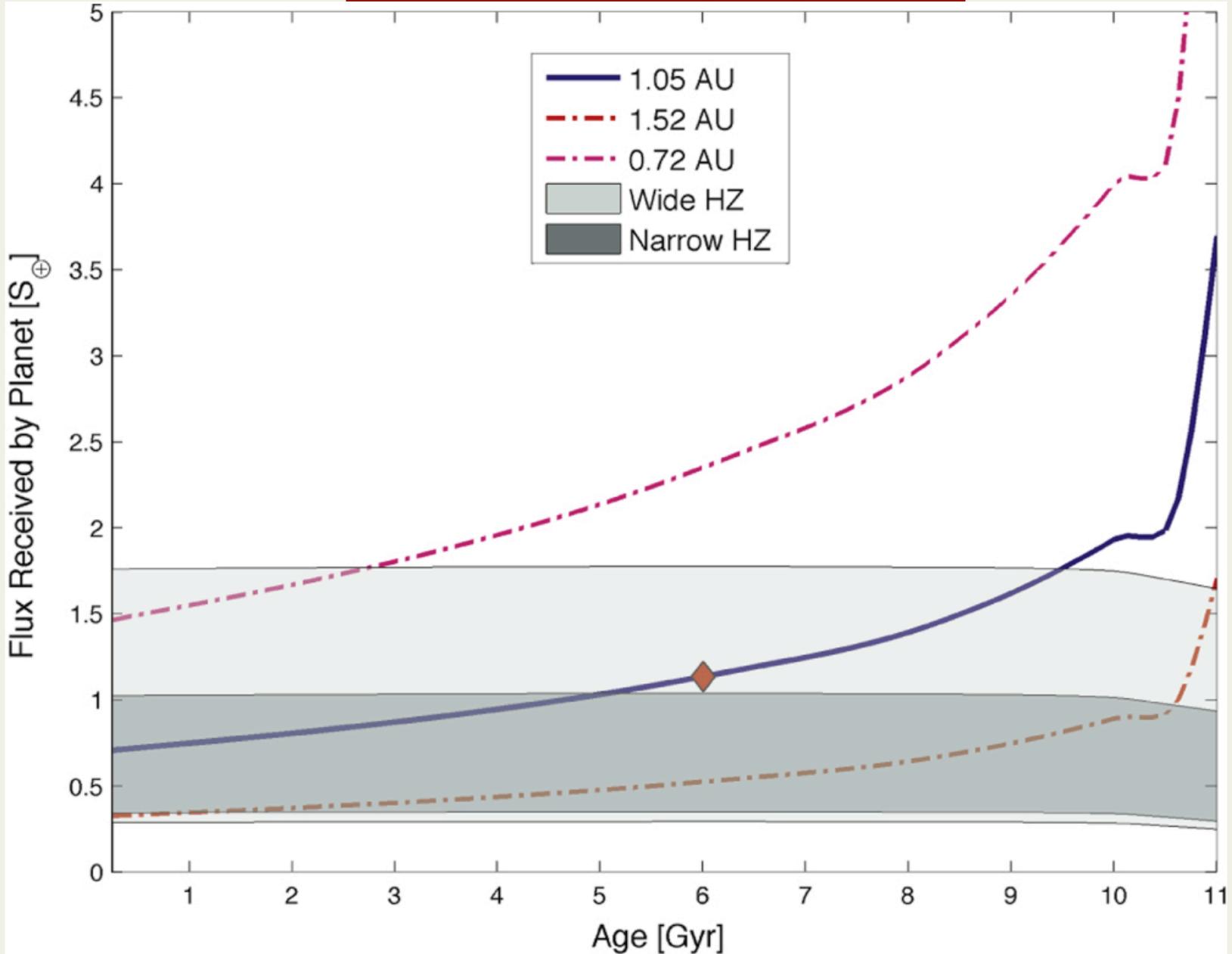
$$\text{Age} \sim 6 \pm 2 \text{ Gyr}$$

Planetary Properties:

Parameter	Value
Transit and orbital parameters	
Orbital period P (day)	384.843 $^{+0.007}_{-0.012}$
Epoch (BJD—2454833)	314.985 $^{+0.015}_{-0.019}$
Scaled planet radius R_P/R_*	0.0128 $^{+0.0013}_{-0.0006}$
Impact parameter $b \equiv a \cos i/R_*$	0.69 $^{+0.16}_{-0.45}$
Orbital inclination i (deg)	89.806 $^{+0.134}_{-0.049}$
Transit depth T_{dep} (ppm)	199 $^{+18}_{-21}$
Transit duration T_{dur} (hr)	10.63 $^{+0.53}_{-0.60}$
Eccentricity $e \cos(\omega)$	0.03 $^{+0.75}_{-0.39}$
Eccentricity $e \sin(\omega)$	-0.02 $^{+0.31}_{-0.31}$
Planetary parameters	
Radius R_P (R_{\oplus})	1.63 $^{+0.23}_{-0.20}$
Orbital semimajor axis a (AU)	1.046 $^{+0.019}_{-0.015}$
Equilibrium temperature T_{equ} (K)	265 $^{+15}_{-13}$
Insolation relative to Earth	1.10 $^{+0.29}_{-0.22}$

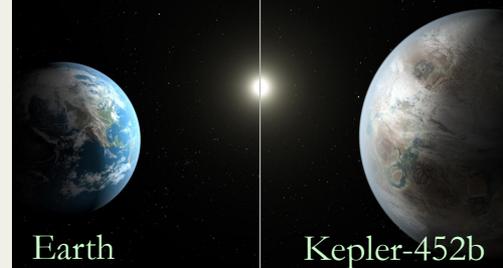


History of Insolation:



Note: This figure uses the updated Kopparapu HZ values for a 5-Mearth planet.

Summary:



Earth

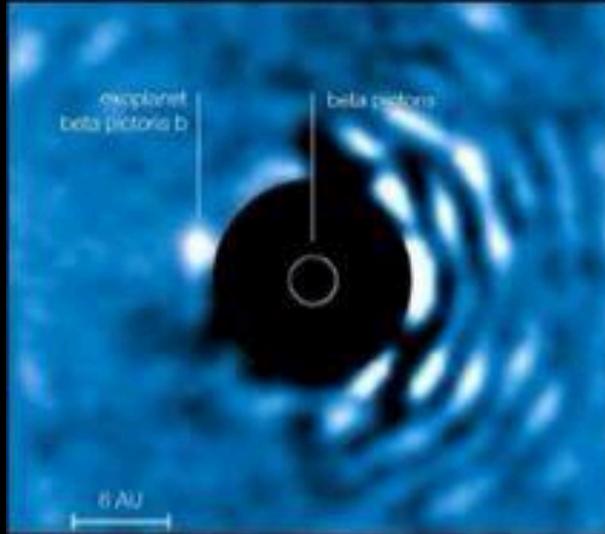
Kepler-452b

- Kepler-452b is the longest period transiting planet $\leq 2 R_{\oplus}$
- Kepler-452b is the only small, possibly rocky exoplanet in the HZ of a G-type star very similar to the Sun
- It is the first (and only) transit on this target star (<10% chance of seeing an exo-Venus transit in this system)
- Final stellar parameters obtained from spectroscopy indicate a $1.1 R_{\odot}$ star with $T_{\text{eff}} = 5757 \pm 85 \text{ K}$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.2 \pm 0.09$, $\log g = 4.32 \pm 0.09$ and an age of $\sim 6 \pm 2 \text{ Gyr}$
- => final planet parameters indicate a $1.6 \pm 0.2 R_{\oplus}$ planet in a 385-day period orbit with $S_{\text{eff}} = 1.1 S_{\oplus}$
- Outlook: SOC is currently finishing up analysis of all 4 years of *Kepler* data with 9.2 pipeline, next step: completeness study, next step: planet occurrence rates.



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Every time there's an 'Earth 2.0' exoplanet announced.



What Astronomers see.



What NASA see.



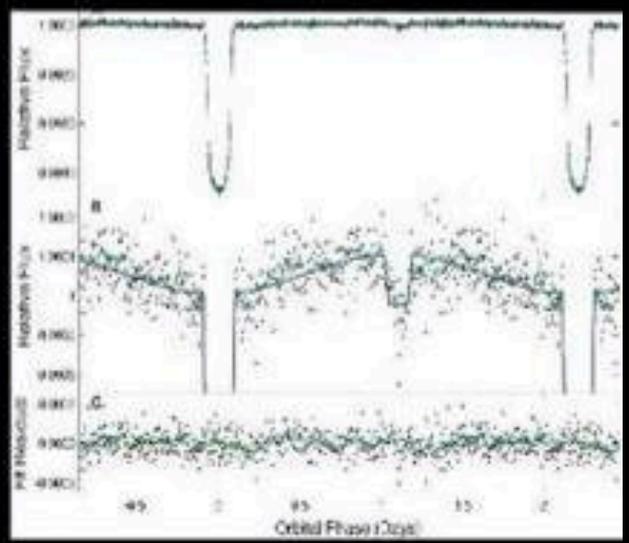
What Newspaper Artists see.



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What we actually see.

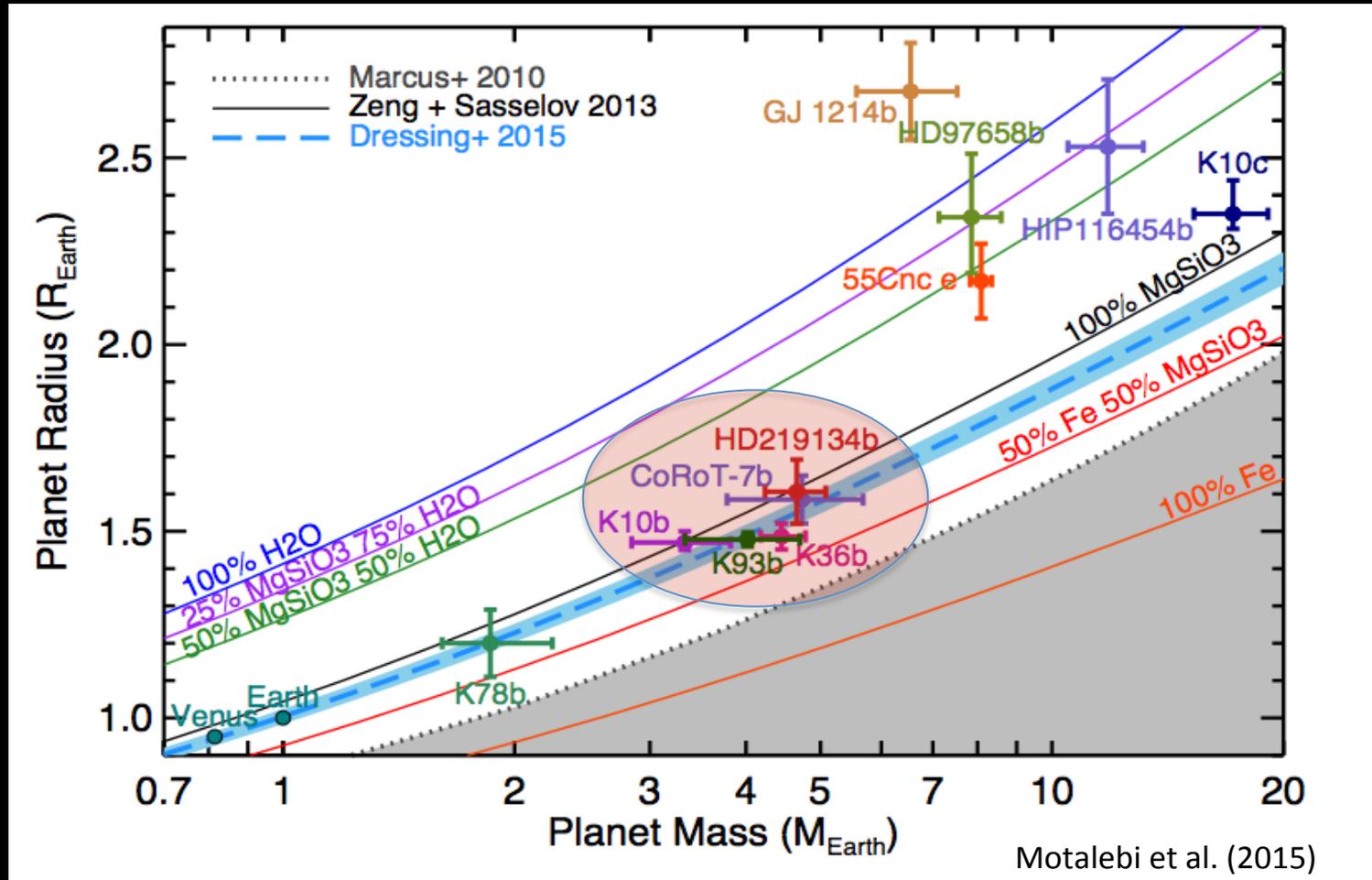
Spectroscopy:

Stellar Properties of KIC 8311864

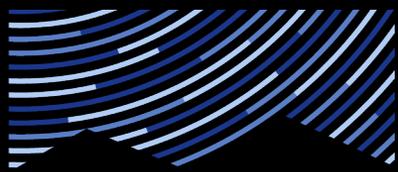
Parameter	Value
Derived from high-resolution spectroscopy using SpecMatch	
Effective Temperature (K)	5757 ± 85
log [Surface gravity] (dex)	4.32 ± 0.09
Metallicity [Fe/H] (dex)	0.21 ± 0.09
Derived from fitting T_{eff} , log g and [Fe/H] to isochrones	
Radius (R_{\odot})	$1.11^{+0.15}_{-0.09}$
Mass (M_{\odot})	$1.037^{+0.054}_{-0.047}$
Mean Density (g cm^{-3})	$0.84^{+0.40}_{-0.19}$
Age (Gyr)	$\sim 6 \pm 2$

Jenkins et al. adopted SpecMatch results for HIRES data; **inflated errors according to scatter in analyses of HIRES data**

Mass-Radius Measurements For Small Planets

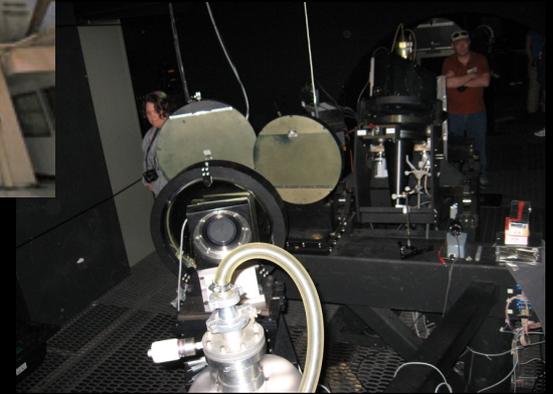


There are now 5 exoplanets with $1.4 R_{\text{e}} \leq R_{\text{p}} \leq 1.6 R_{\text{e}}$ with “rocky” densities



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Reconnaissance spectroscopy of KOIs:
2009 – 2015: 1130 KOIs observed

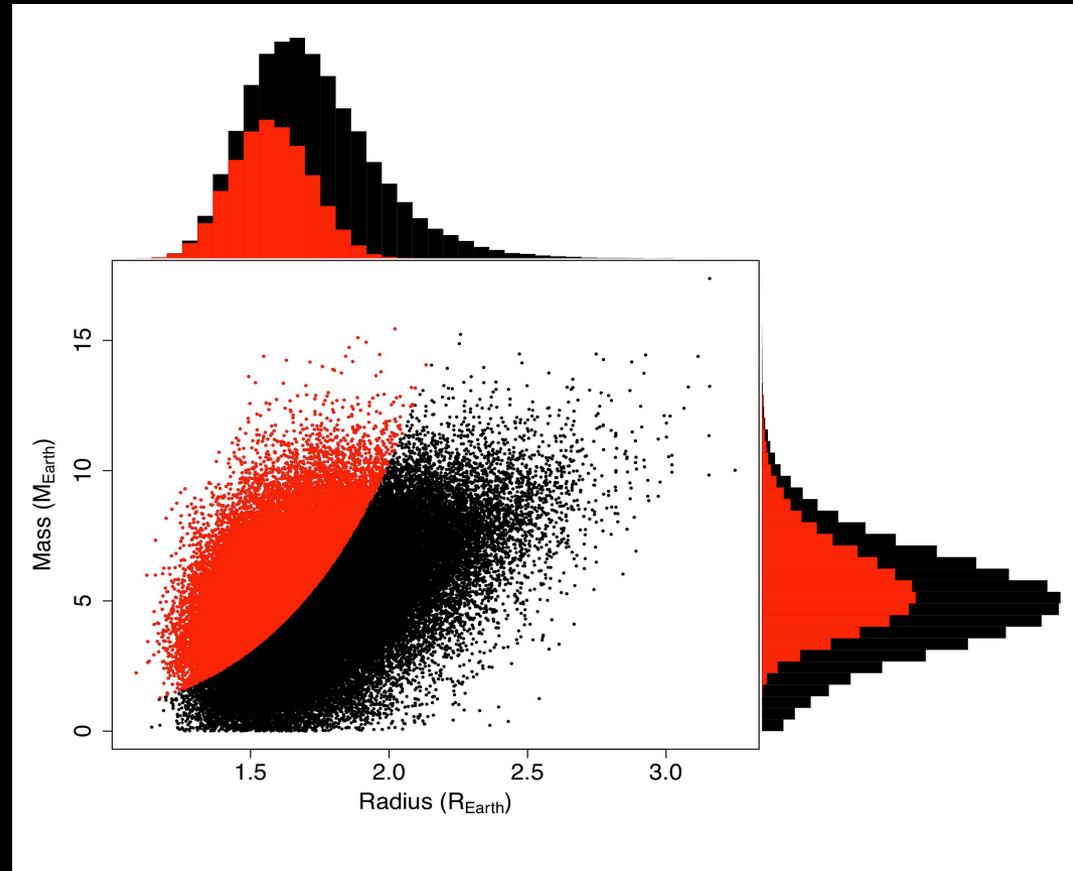
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Likelihood of Rocky Composition

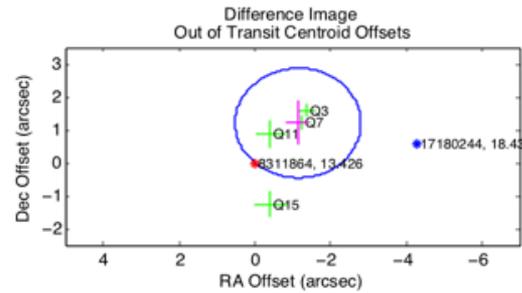
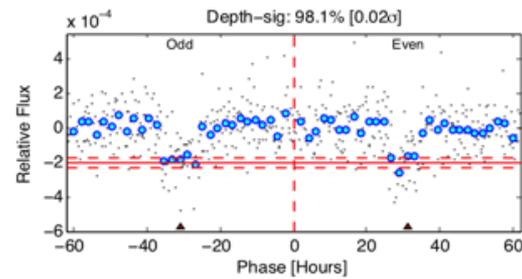
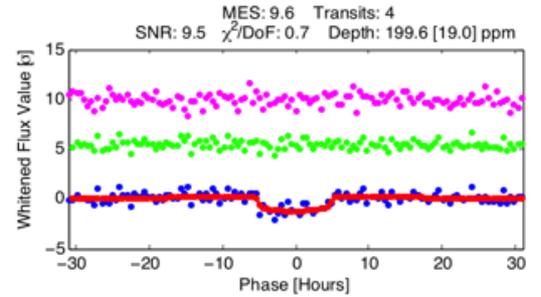
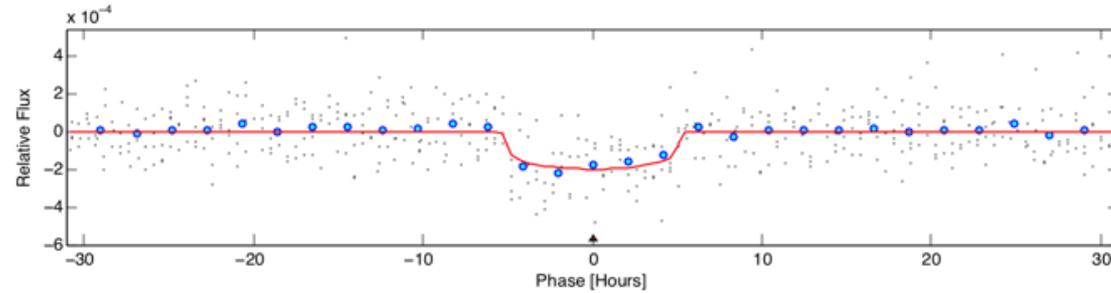
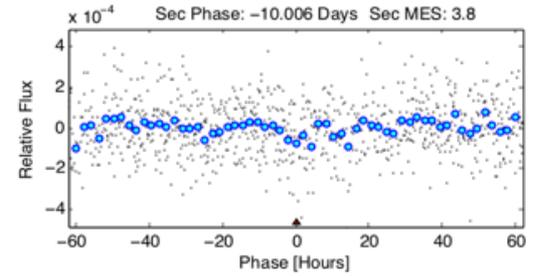
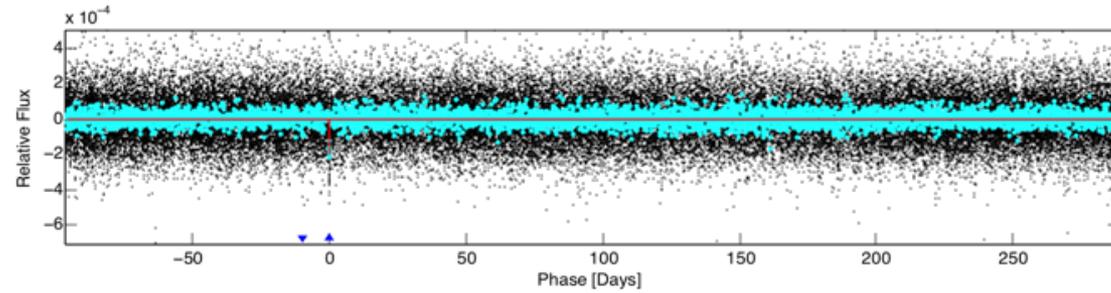
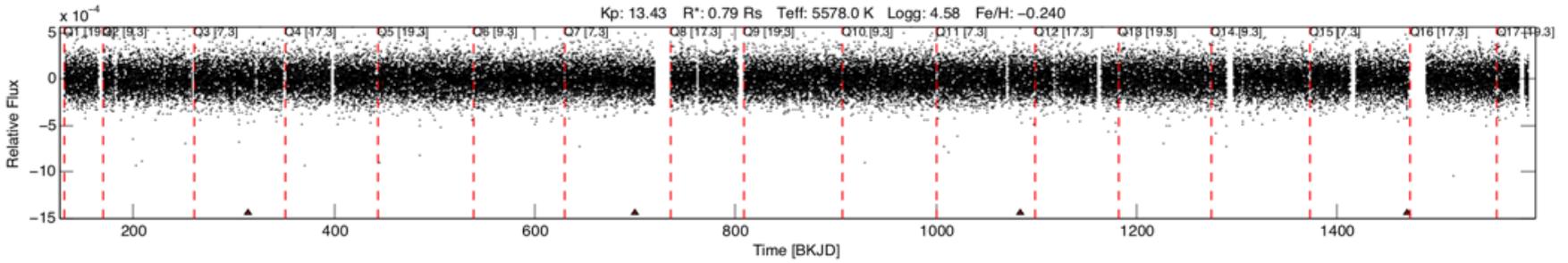
Used probabilistic mass-radius relationship developed by Wolfgang, Rogers and Ford (submitted) to associate a mass with each radius in the MCMC chain.

Compared densities against that expected for a pure silicate composition as per Fortney, Marley and Barnes (2007).

Measured fraction of MCMC realizations denser than pure silicate:



=> 49% chance of being rocky



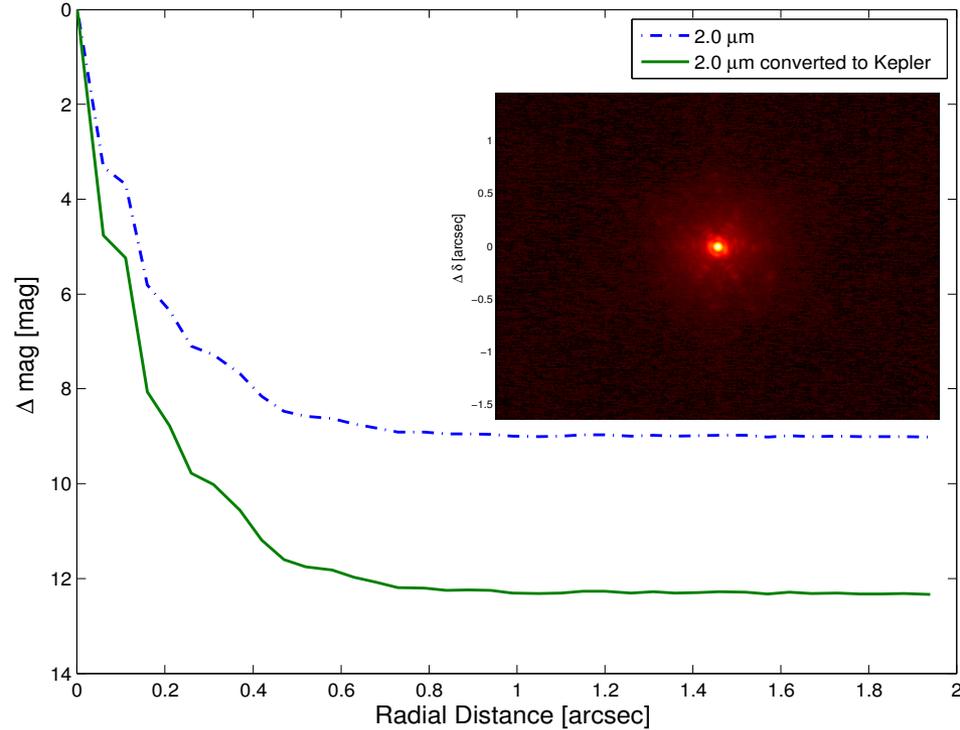
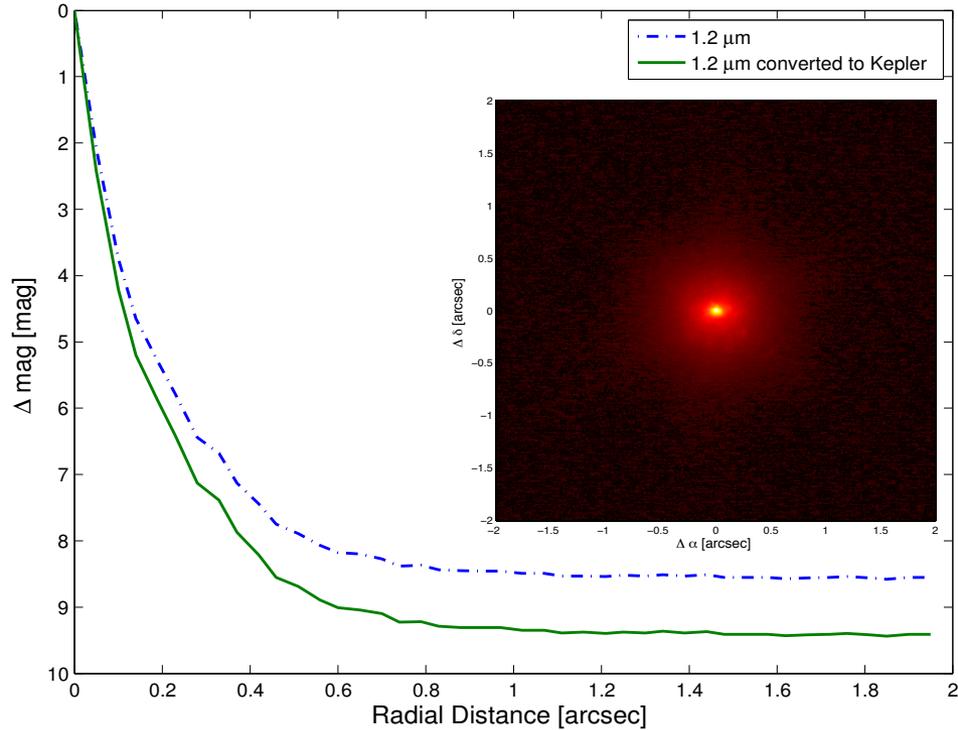
DV Fit Results:

Period = 384.84625 [0.00754] d
 Epoch = 314.9787 [0.0146] BKJD
 Rp/R* = 0.0129 [0.0248]
 a/R* = 274.62 [2265.06]
 b = 0.30 [25.06]
 Teq = 221 K
 Rp = 1.12 Re
 a = 0.9888 AU

DV Diagnostic Results:

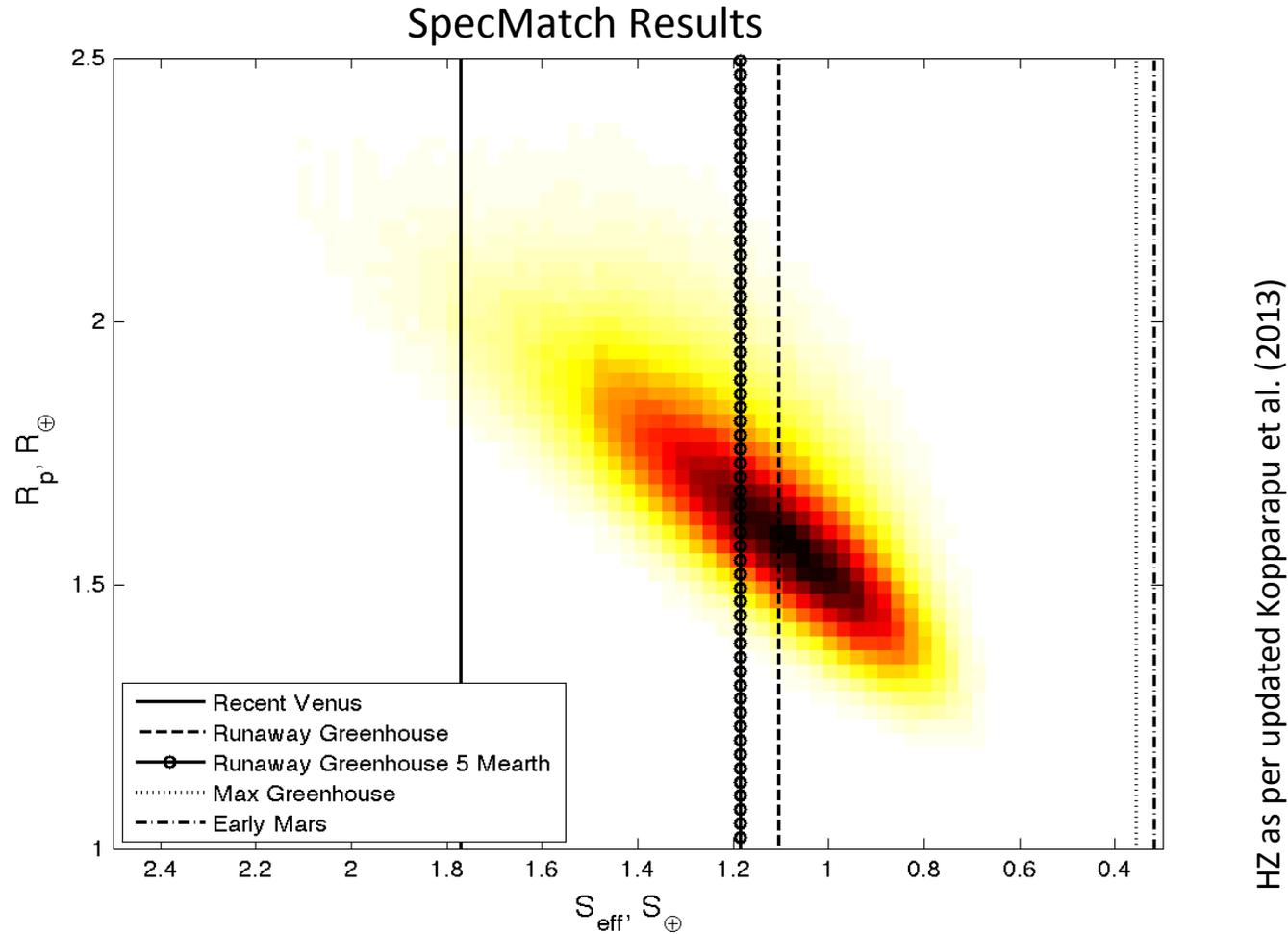
Epoch-sig: 92.0% [0.10σ]
 ShortPeriod-sig: N/A
 LongPeriod-sig: N/A
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 Centroid-sig: 1.1%
 Centroid-so: 1.832 arcsec [1.63σ]
 OotOffset-rm: 1.664 arcsec [3.00σ]
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AO Observations:



No evidence for companions in AO images
(also ruled out contamination by optical ghosts and video crosstalk)

Likelihood of Habitability



Generated realizations of planet radius and insolation for MCMC chain and compared against Kopparapu et al. (2013) habitable zone boundaries.

97% with $S_{\text{eff}} < \text{Recent Venus}$
53% with $S_{\text{eff}} < \text{5 Mearth Runaway Greenhouse}$
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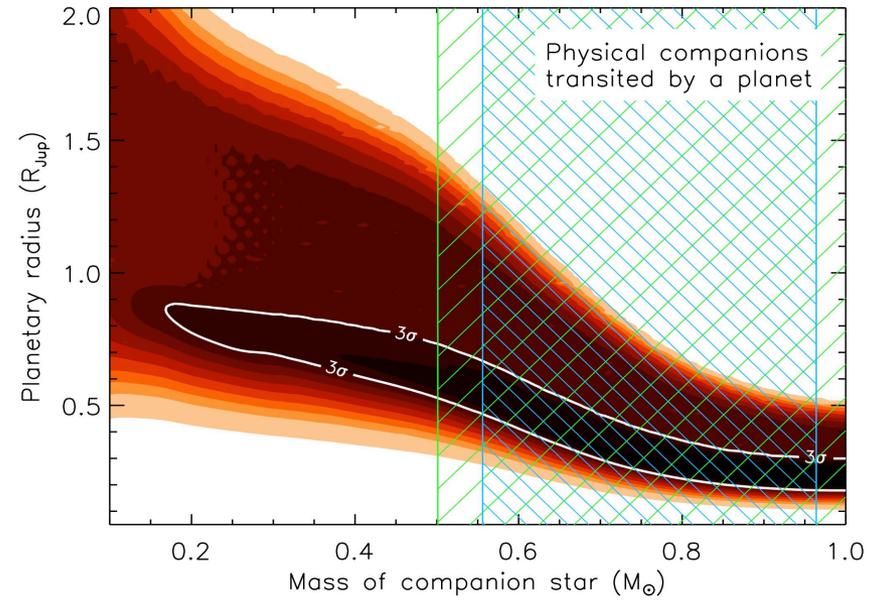
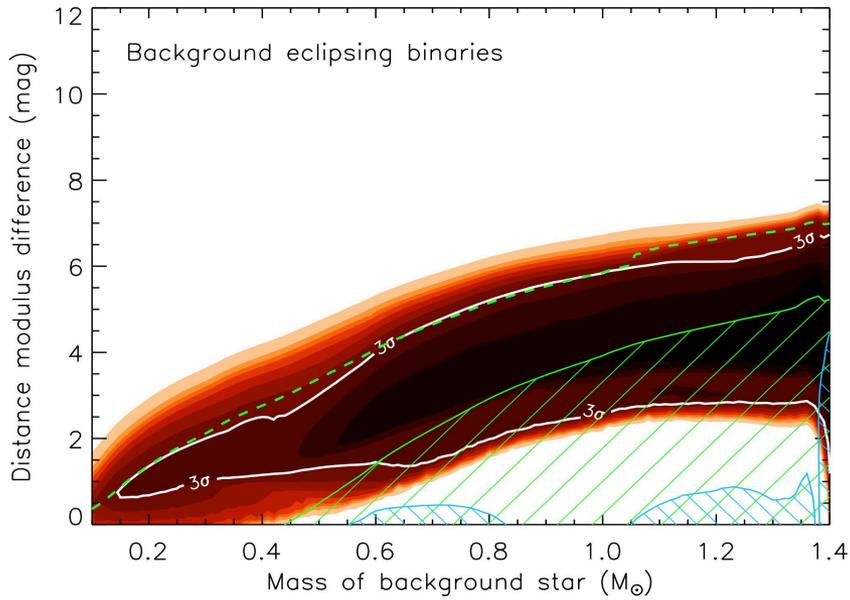
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Blender Analysis



BEB odds: 1.21×10^{-12}

BP odds: 2.56×10^{-10}

HTP odds: 2.35×10^{-6}

Vs: (Expected) Planet odds: 9.97×10^{-4}

Therefore, odds ratio is $\sim 424:1$

