

Gone, But Not Forgotten: 372 New Planets Discovered with K2 Data


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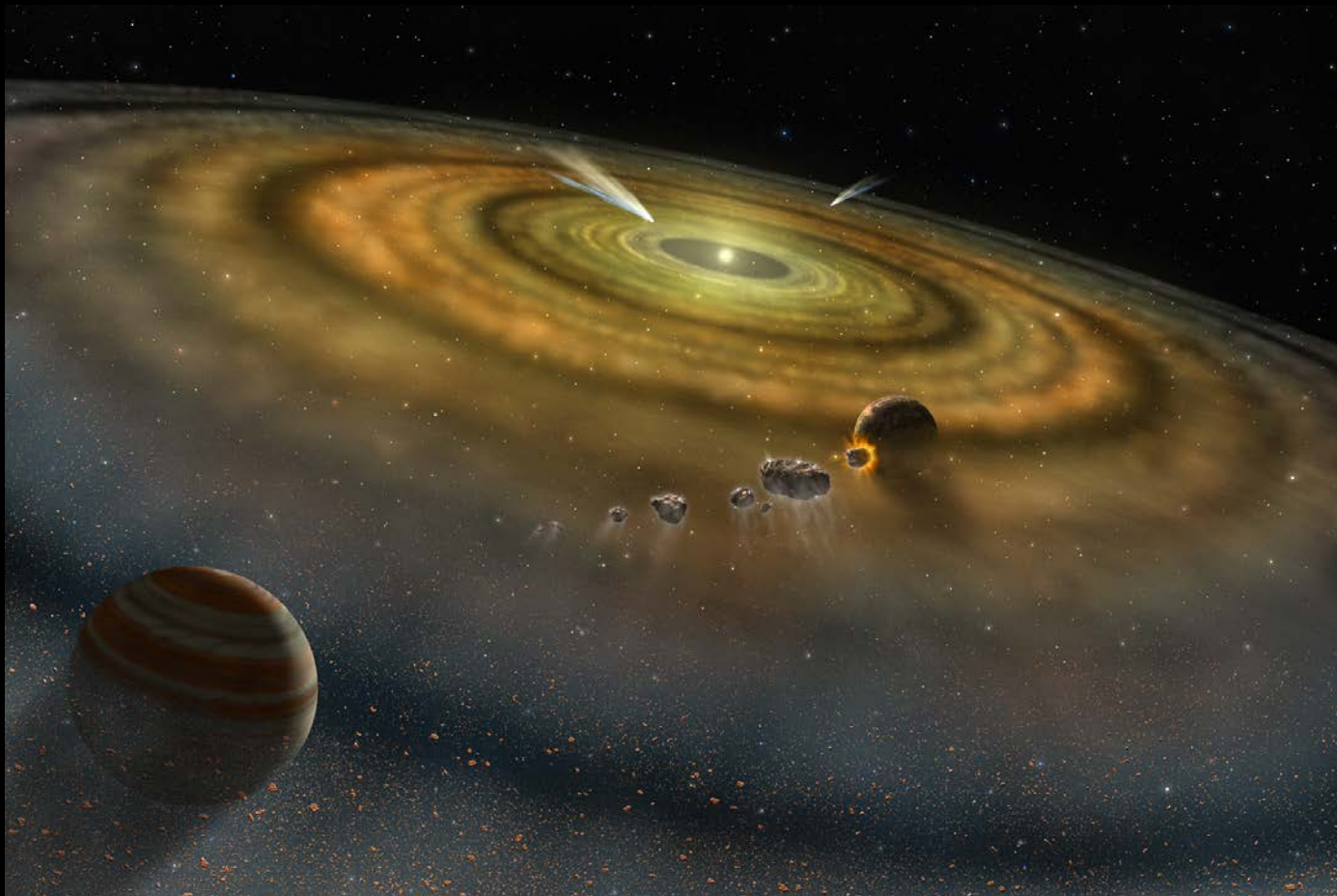
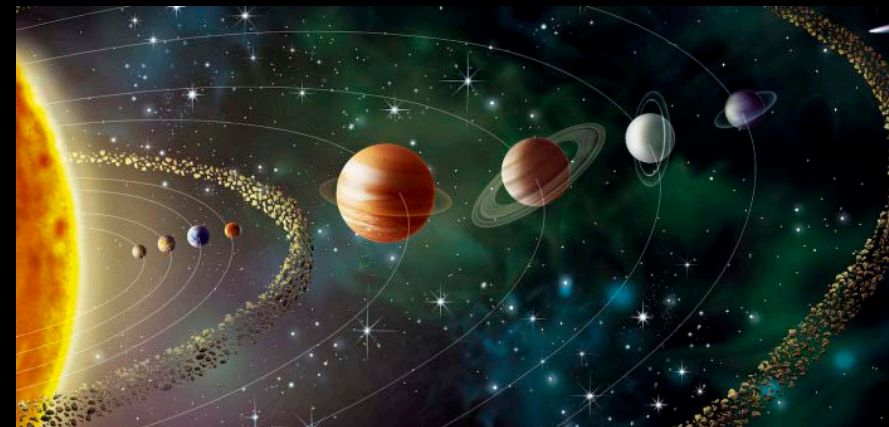


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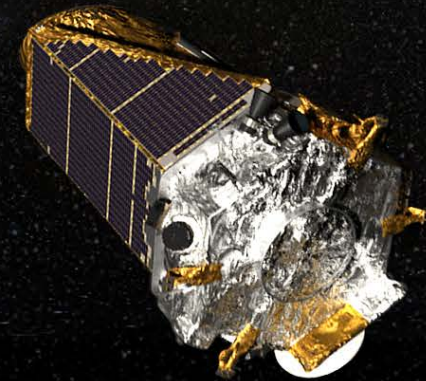
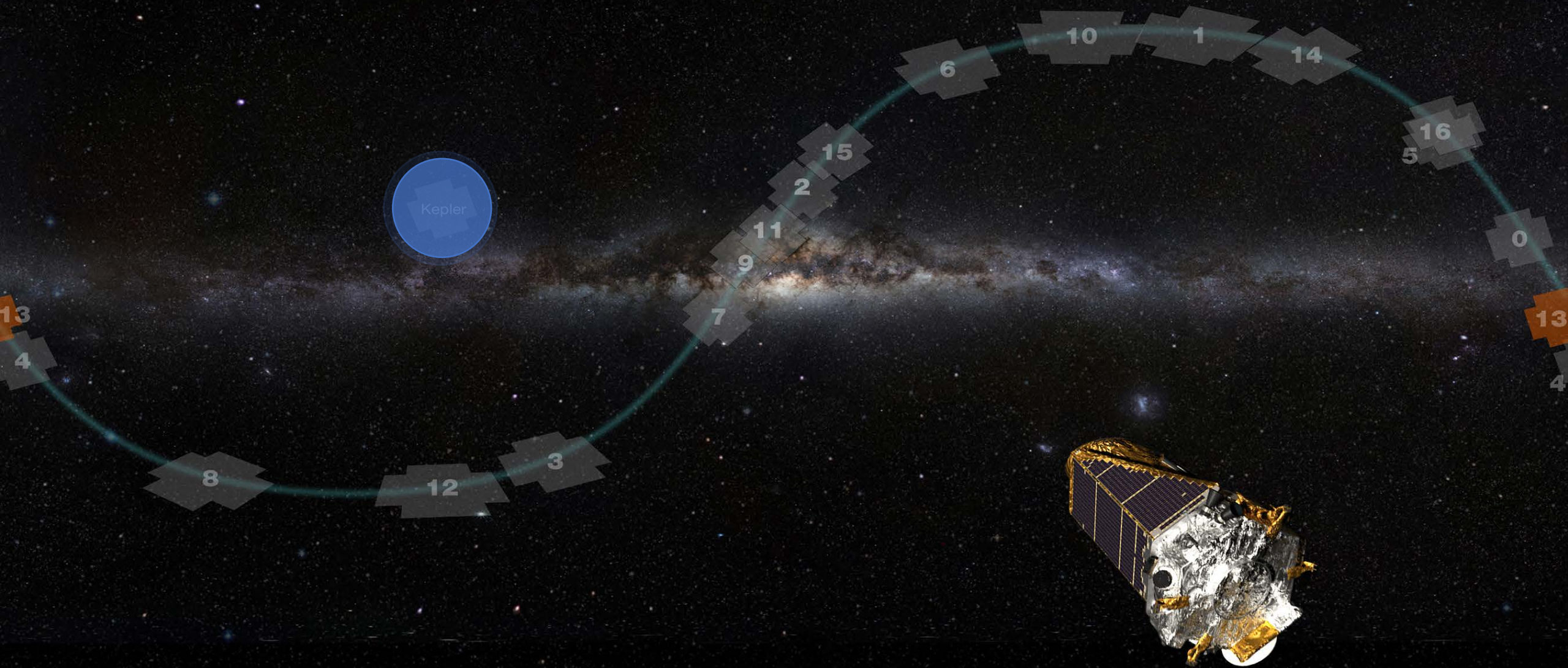
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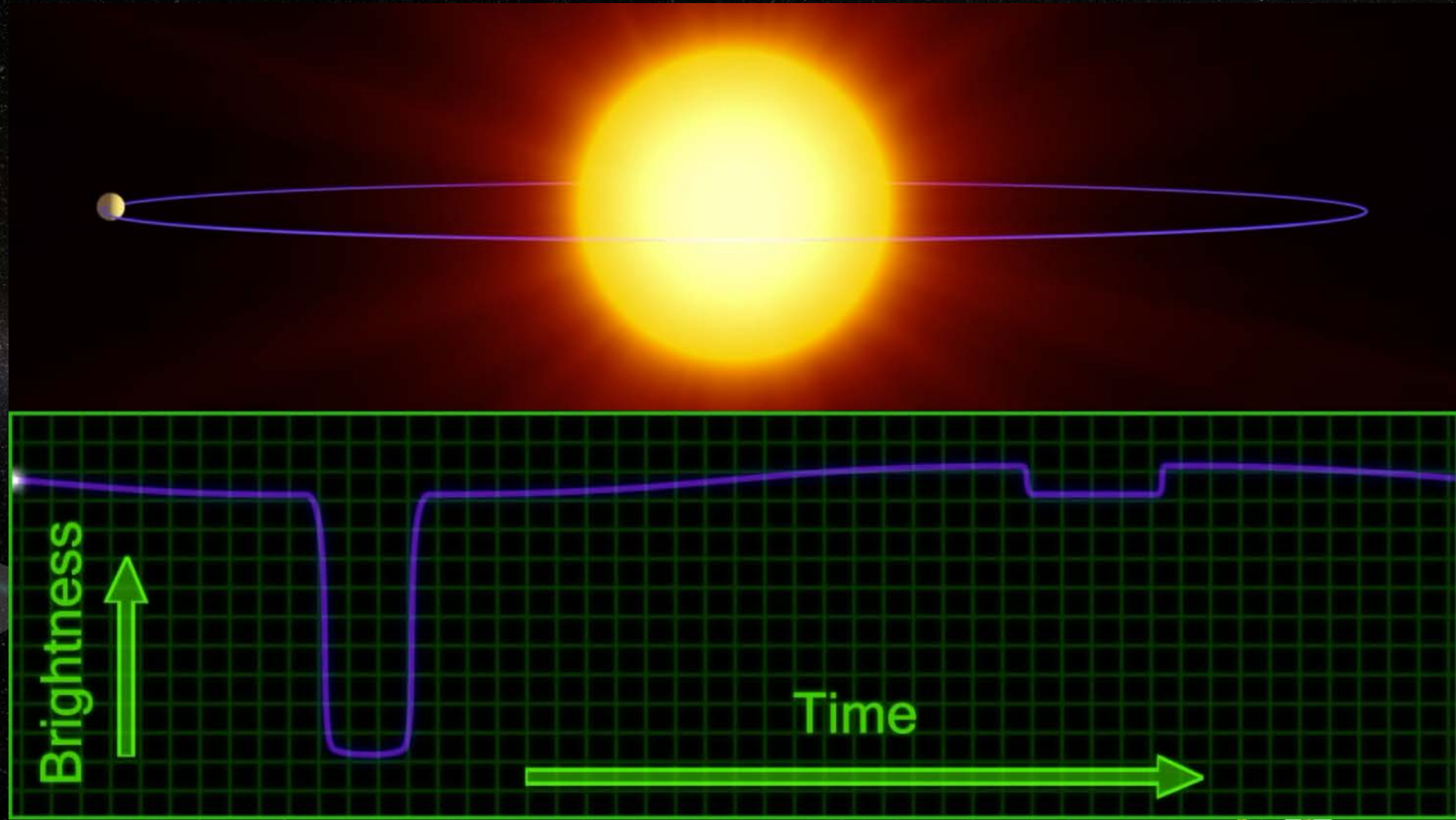
We need to understanding our history

- How do orbits evolve?

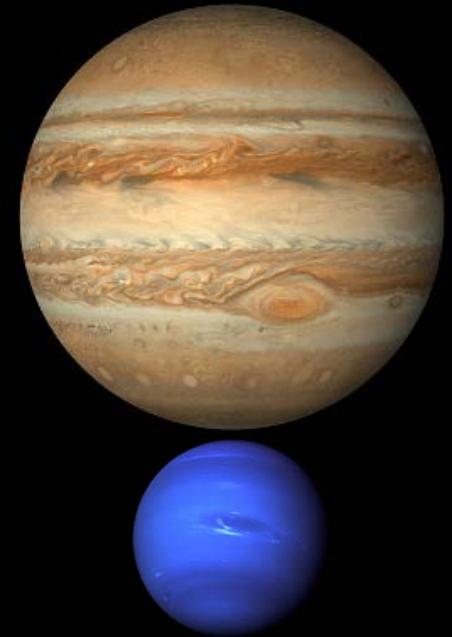
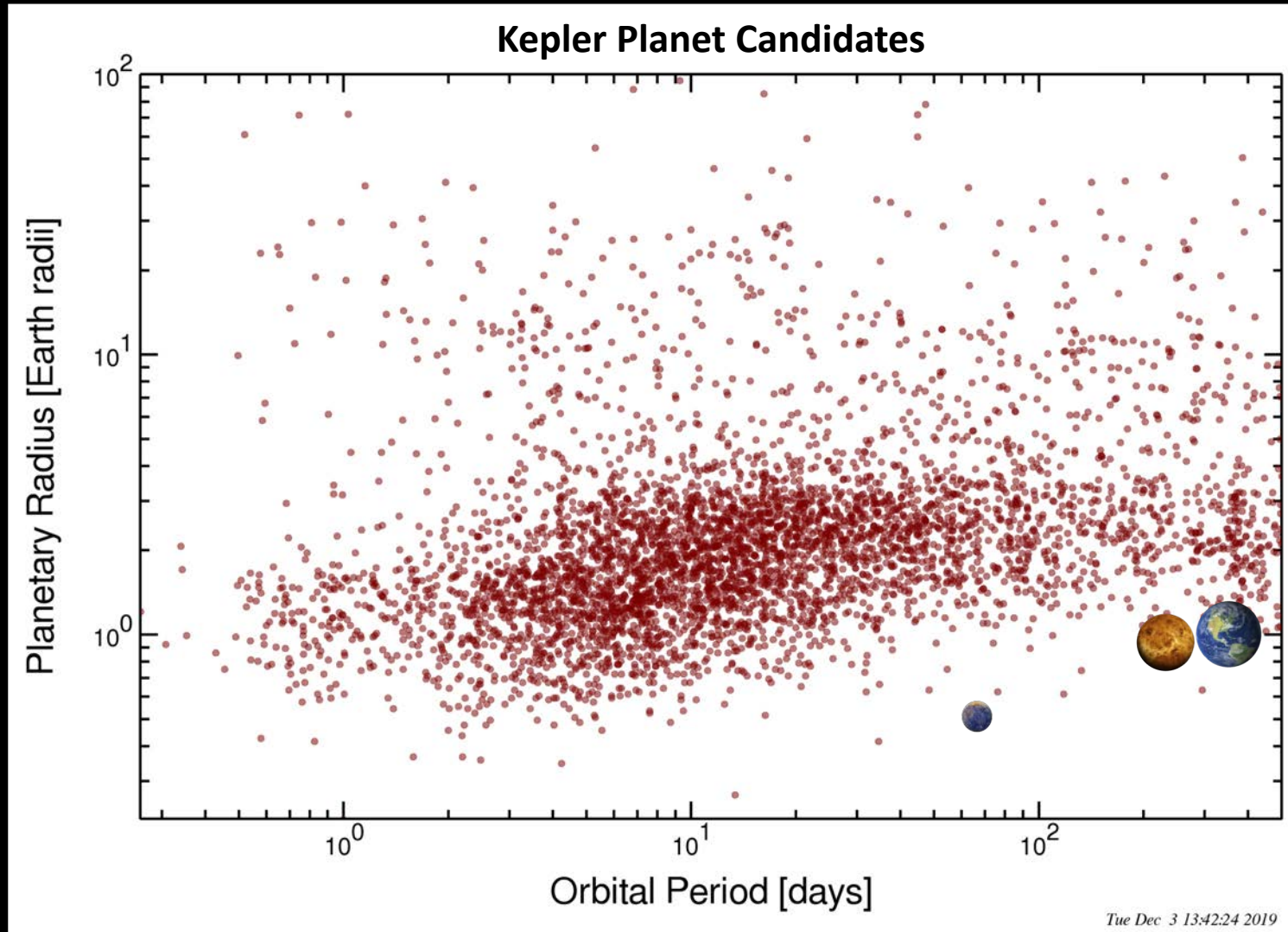
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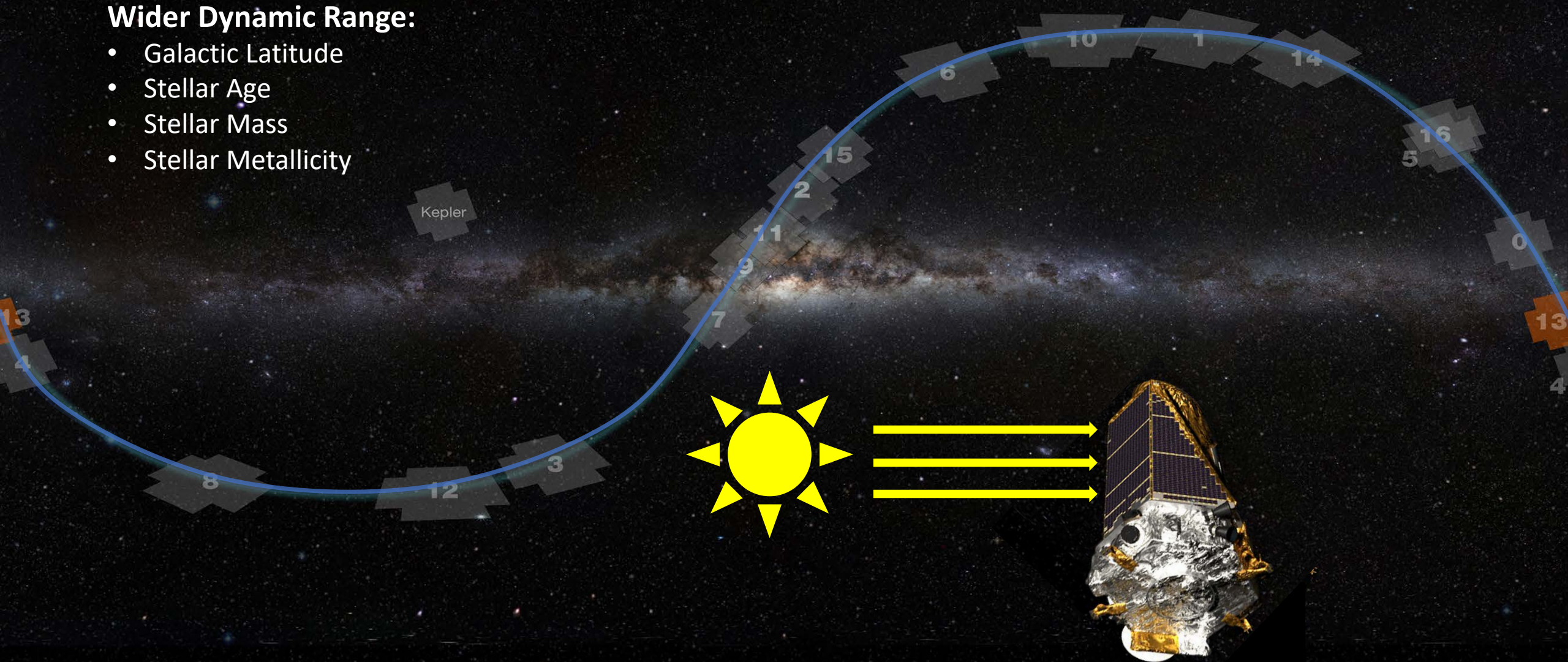
Kepler Found An Abundance Of Small Short Period Planets



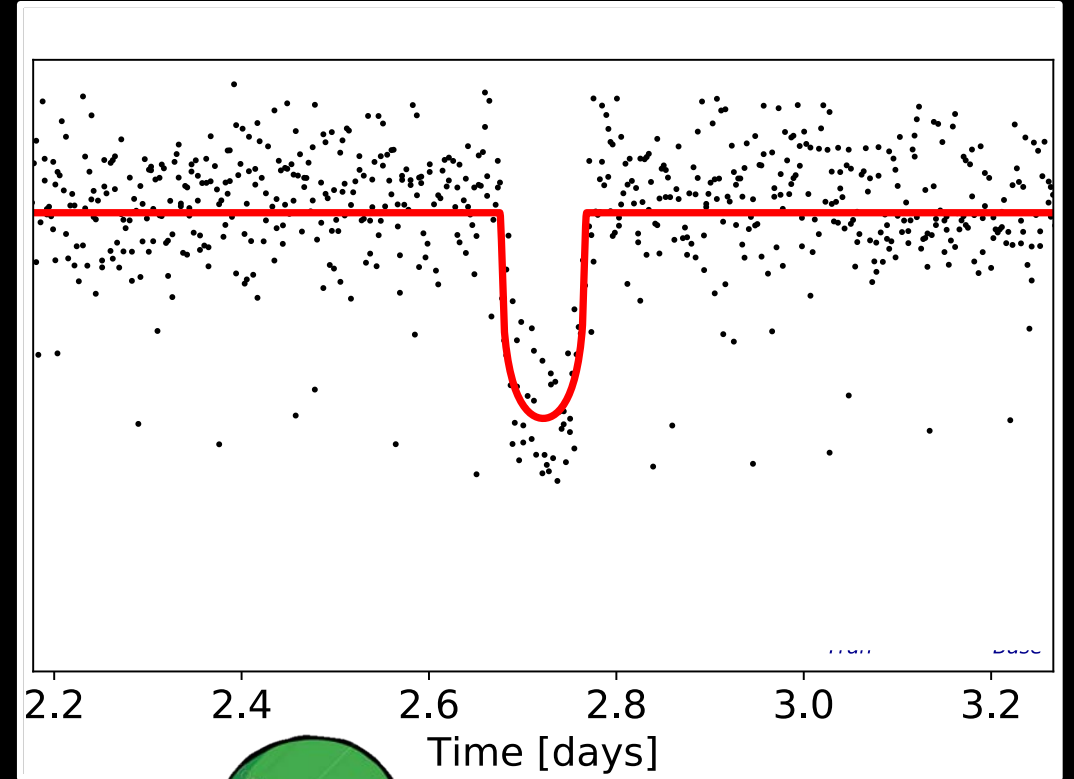
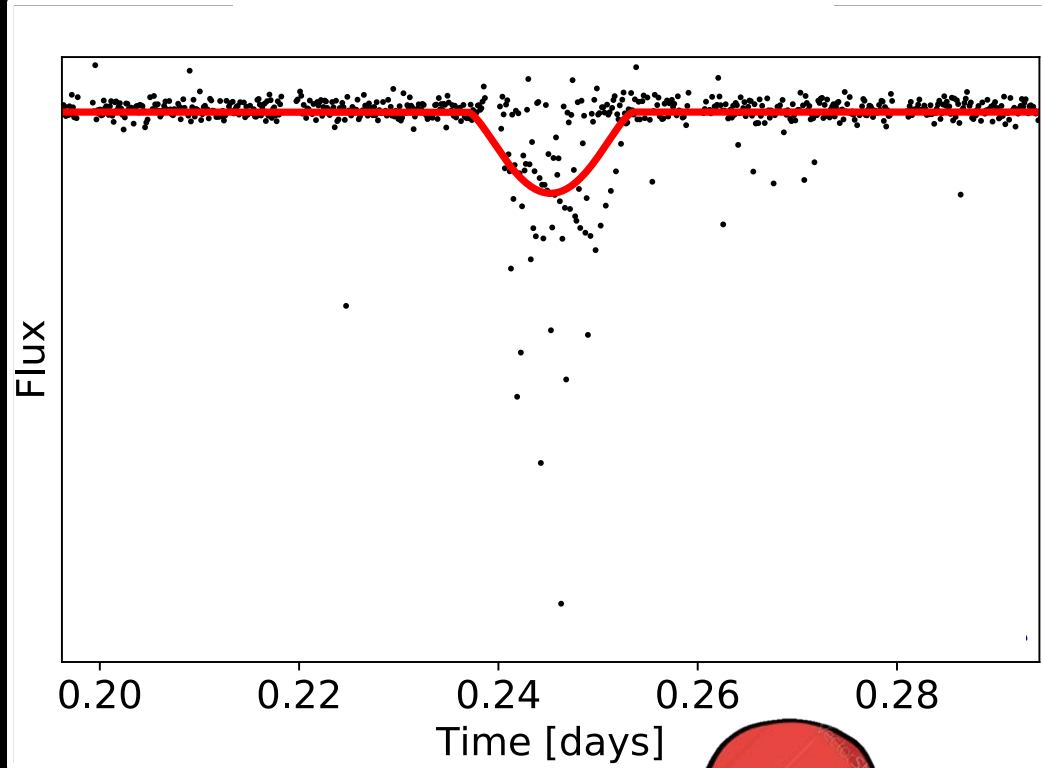
The K2 Mission

Wider Dynamic Range:

- Galactic Latitude
- Stellar Age
- Stellar Mass
- Stellar Metallicity

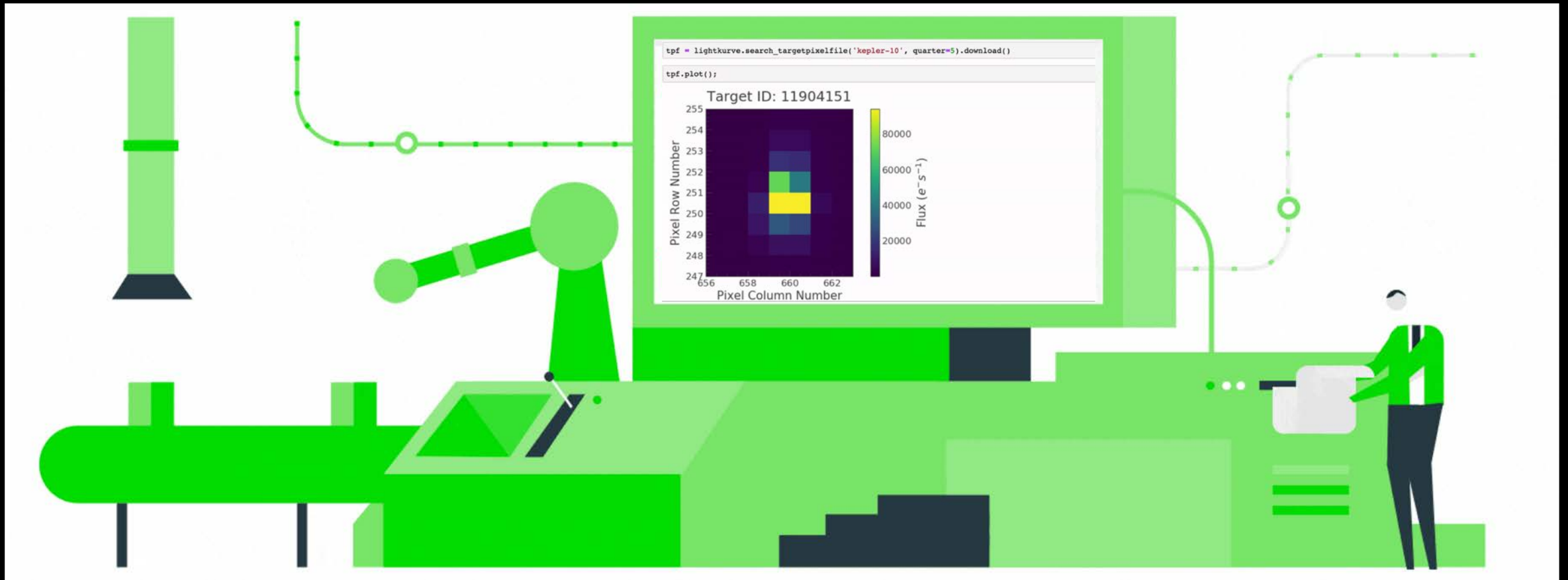


All Known K2 Planets Had Been Identified Through Visual Inspection



We Identified 889
Planet Candidates
In K2

Scaling K2: A Fully Automated Search of K2 Data



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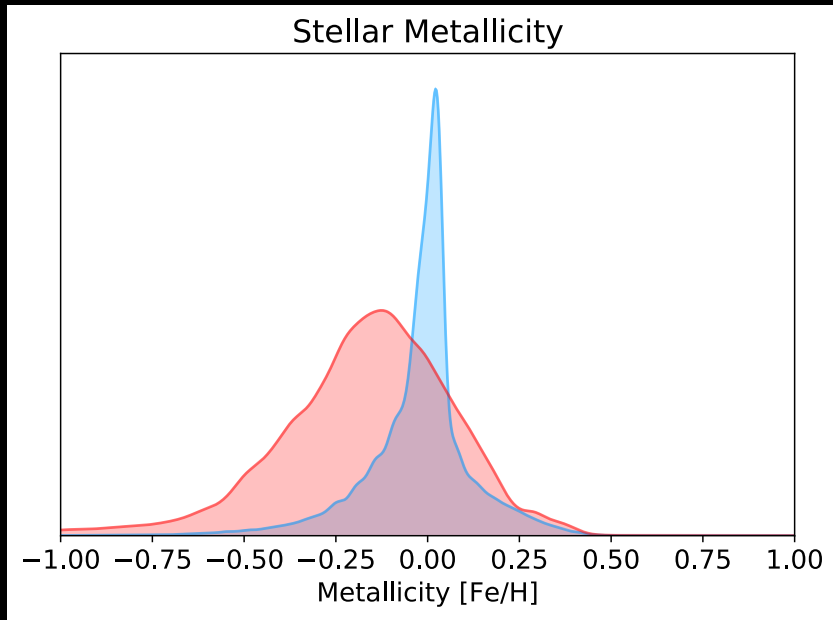
(Zink et al. 2020)

We Found 372 New Planet Candidates

- 372 Newly Detected Planets
- 18 New Multi-Planet Systems



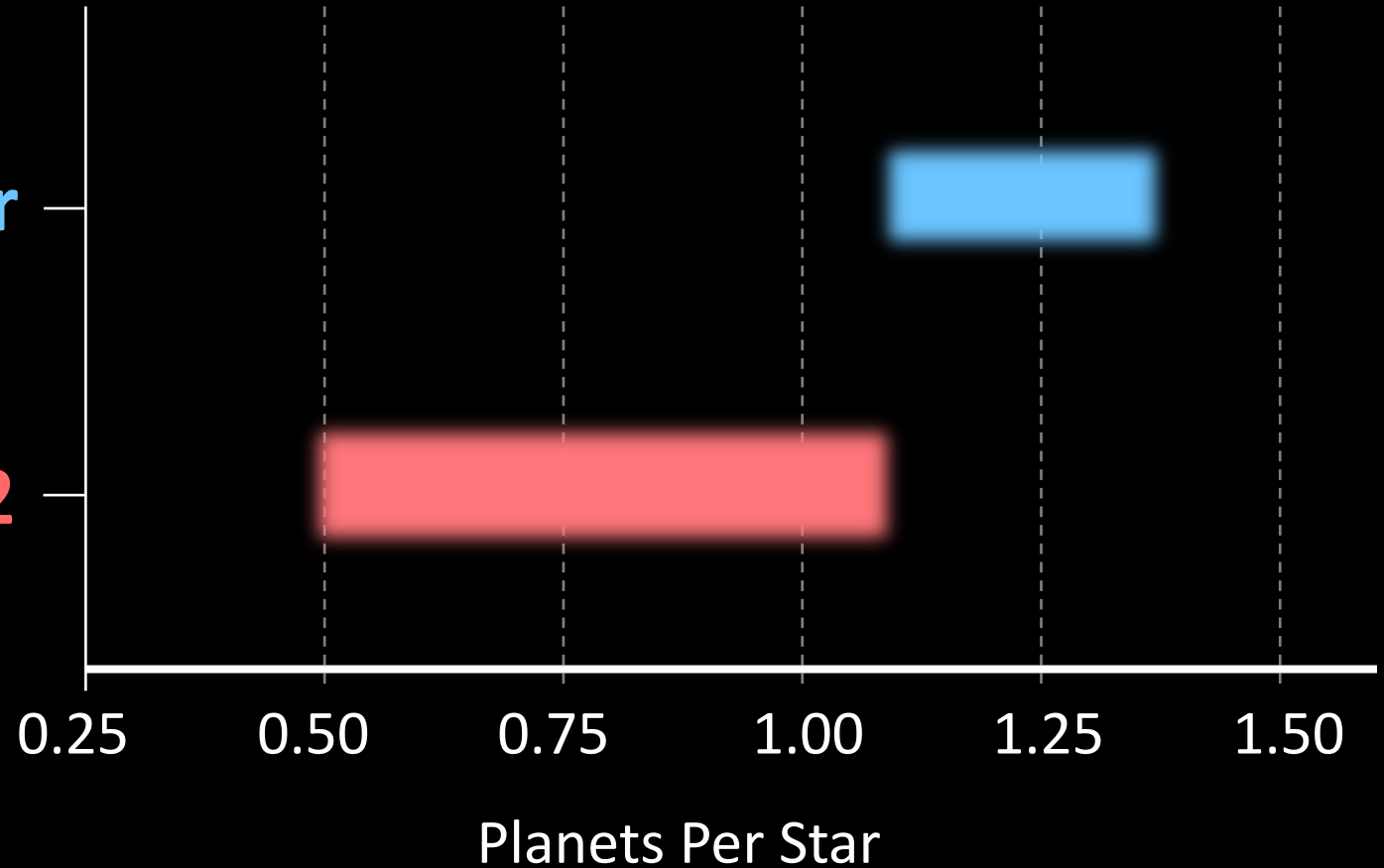
We Found A Minor Difference In Planet Occurrence Across Fields



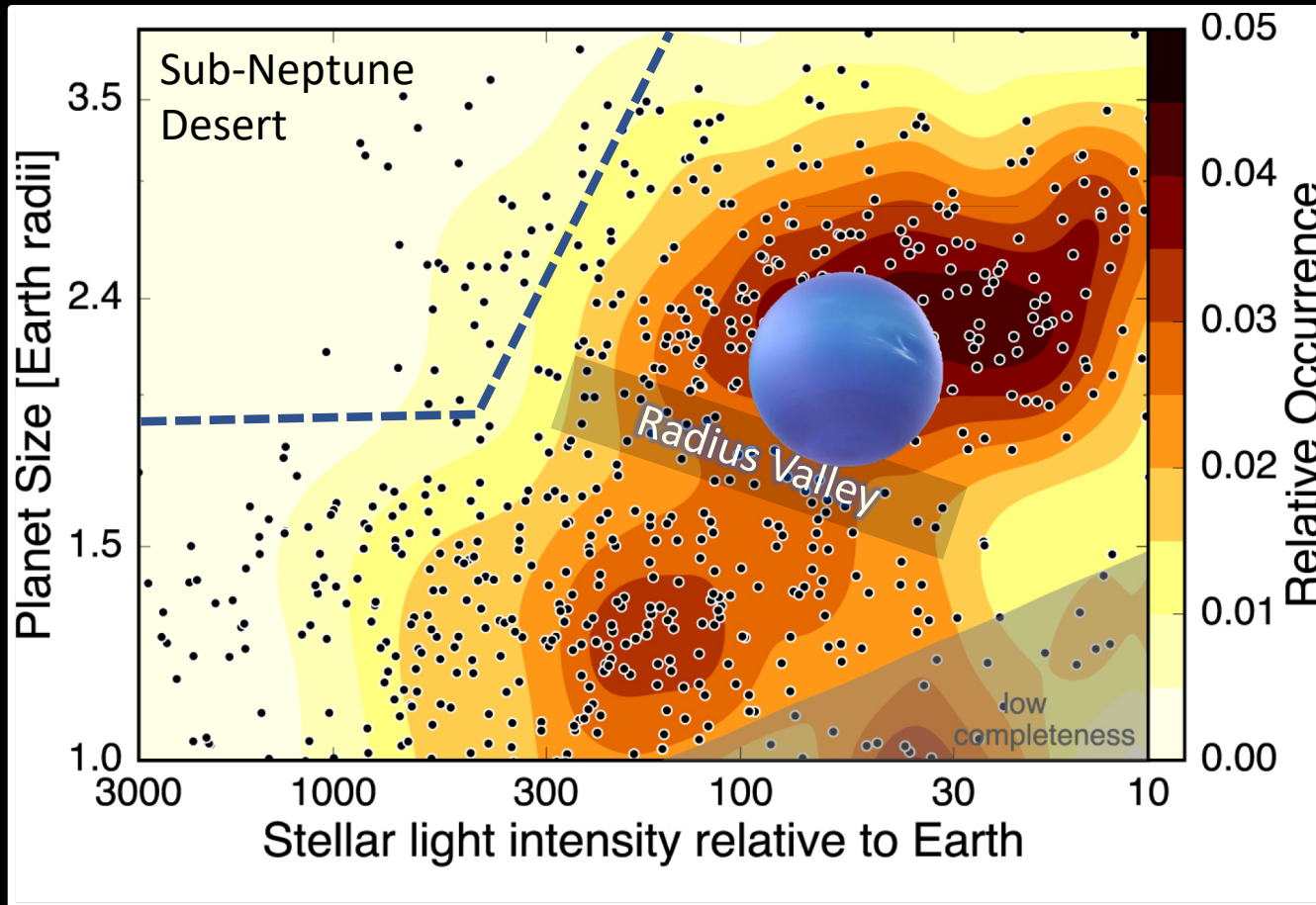
Kepler

K2

Super-Earth and Sub-Neptune Occurrence



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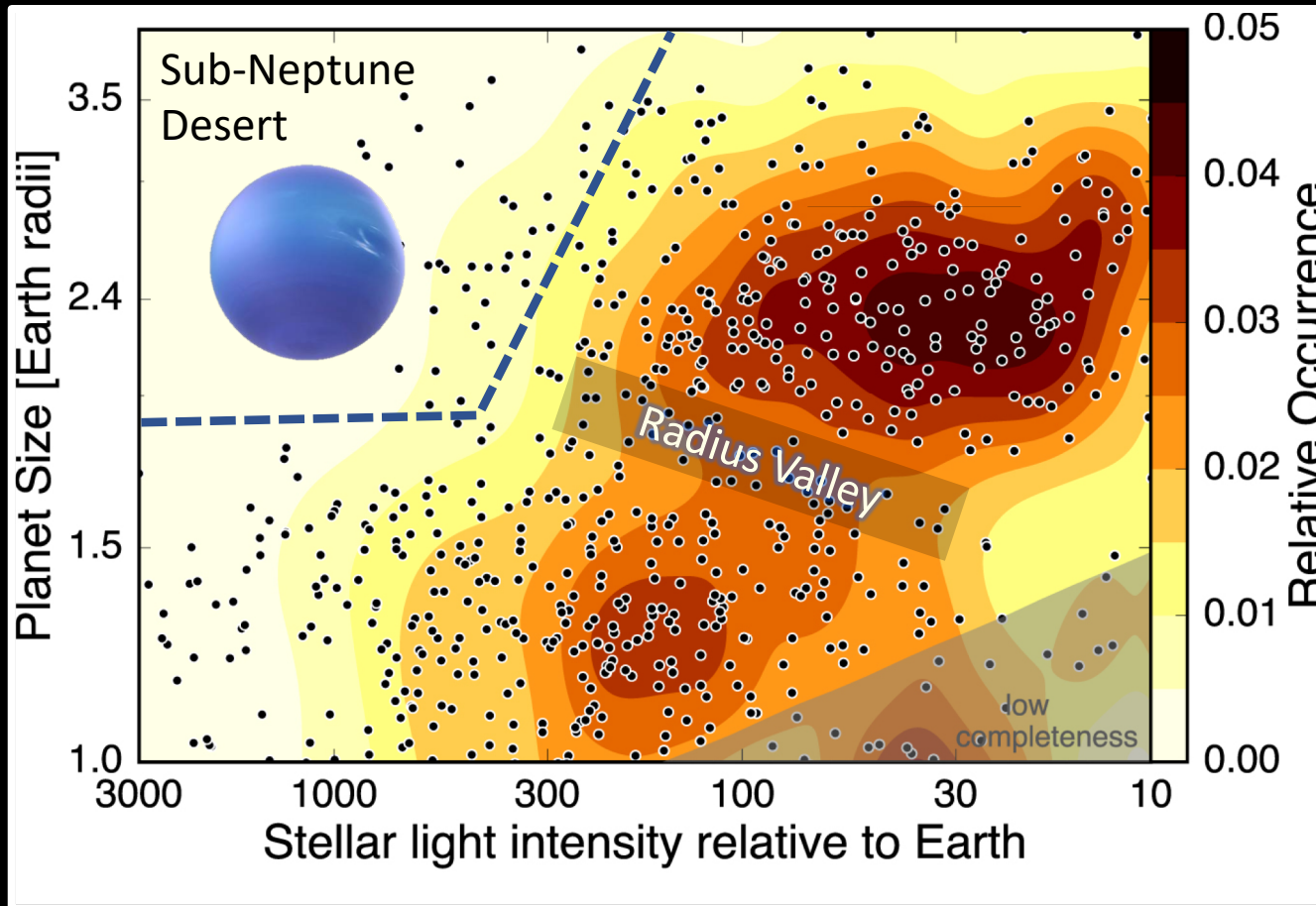
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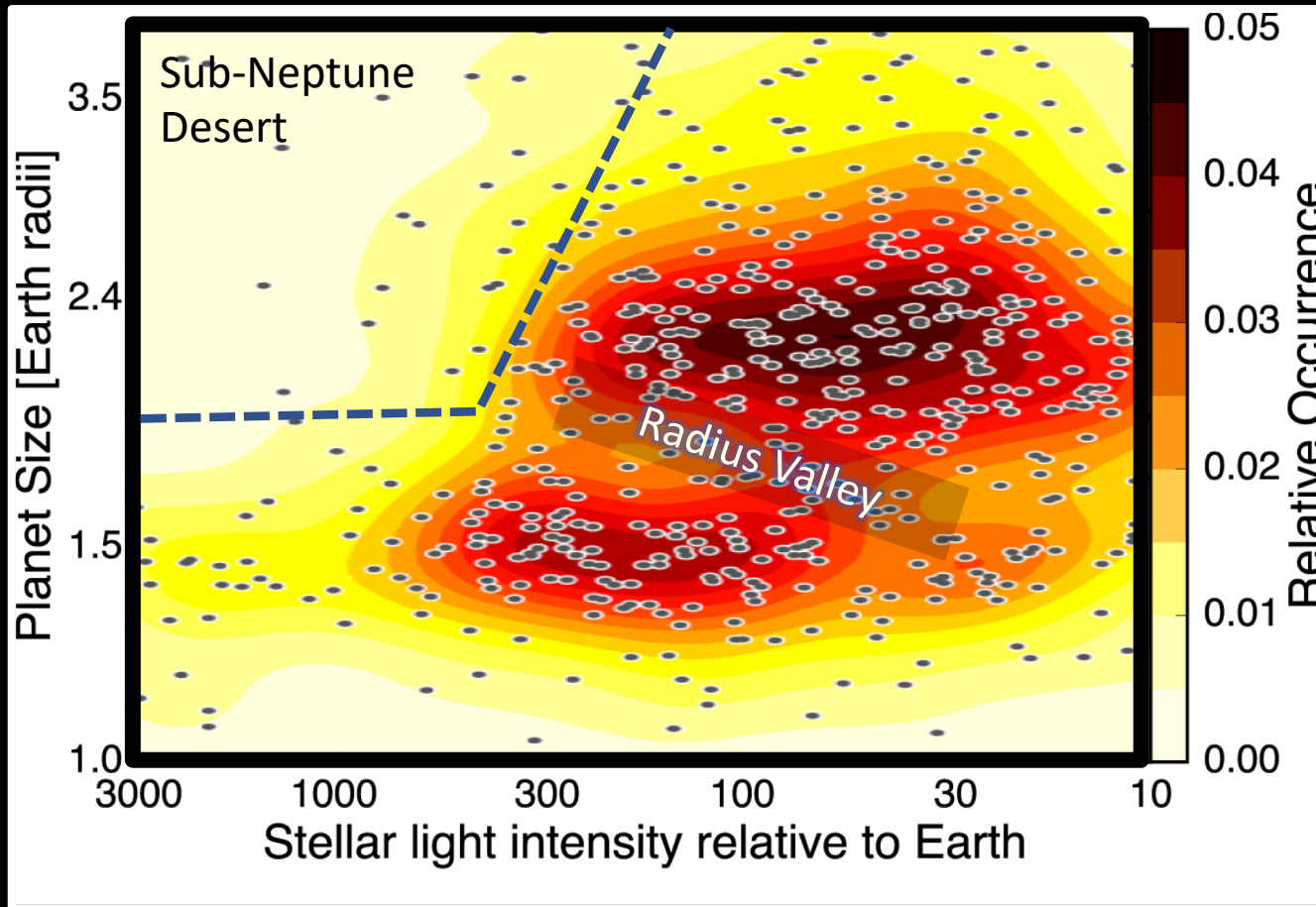
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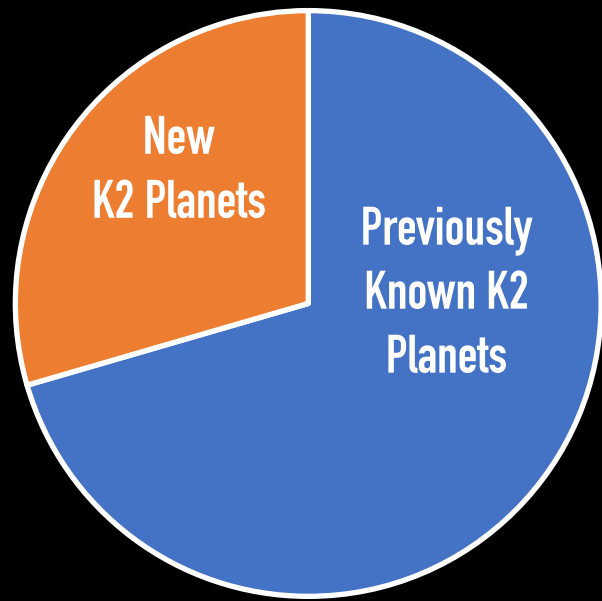
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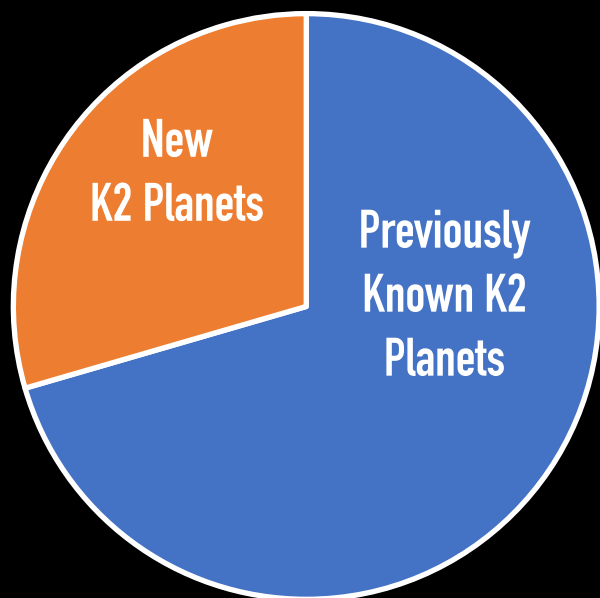


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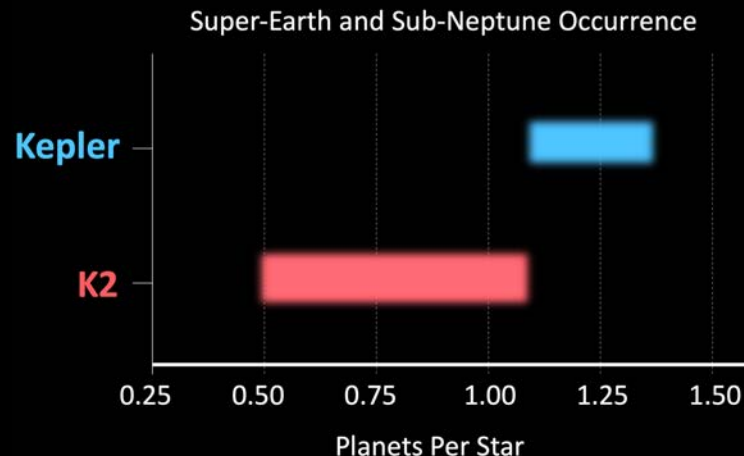
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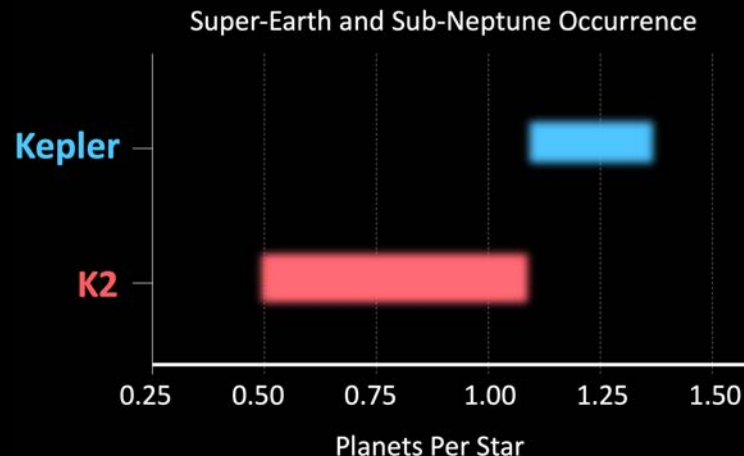
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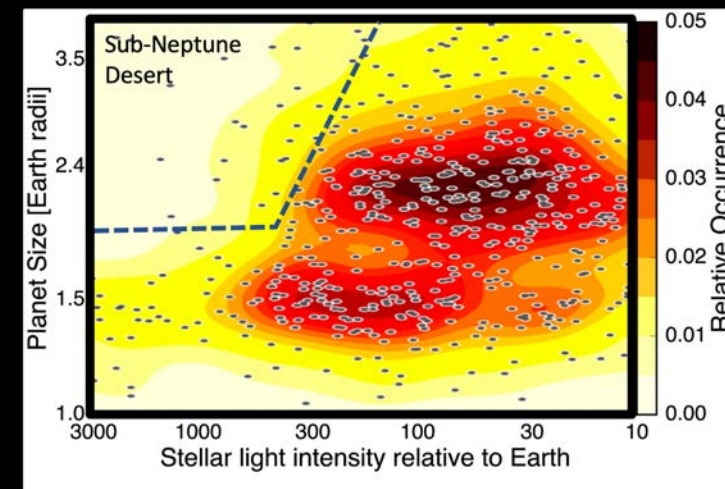
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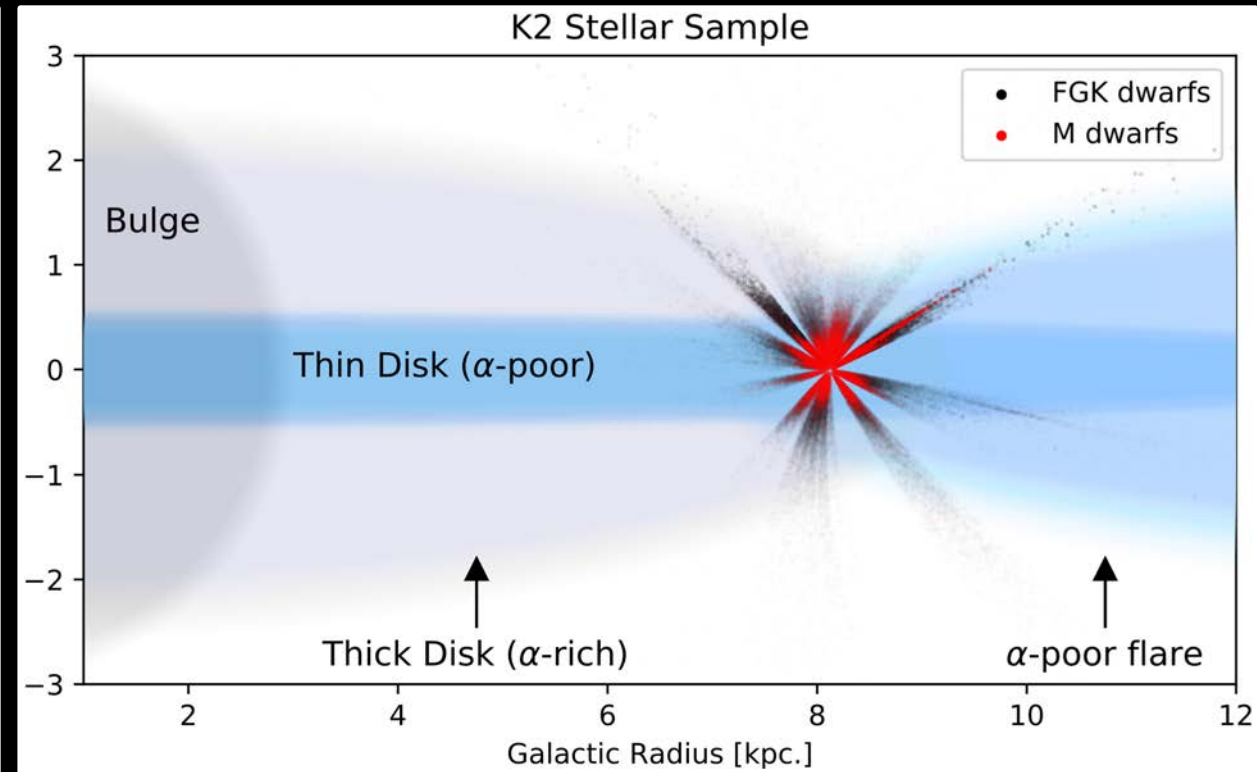
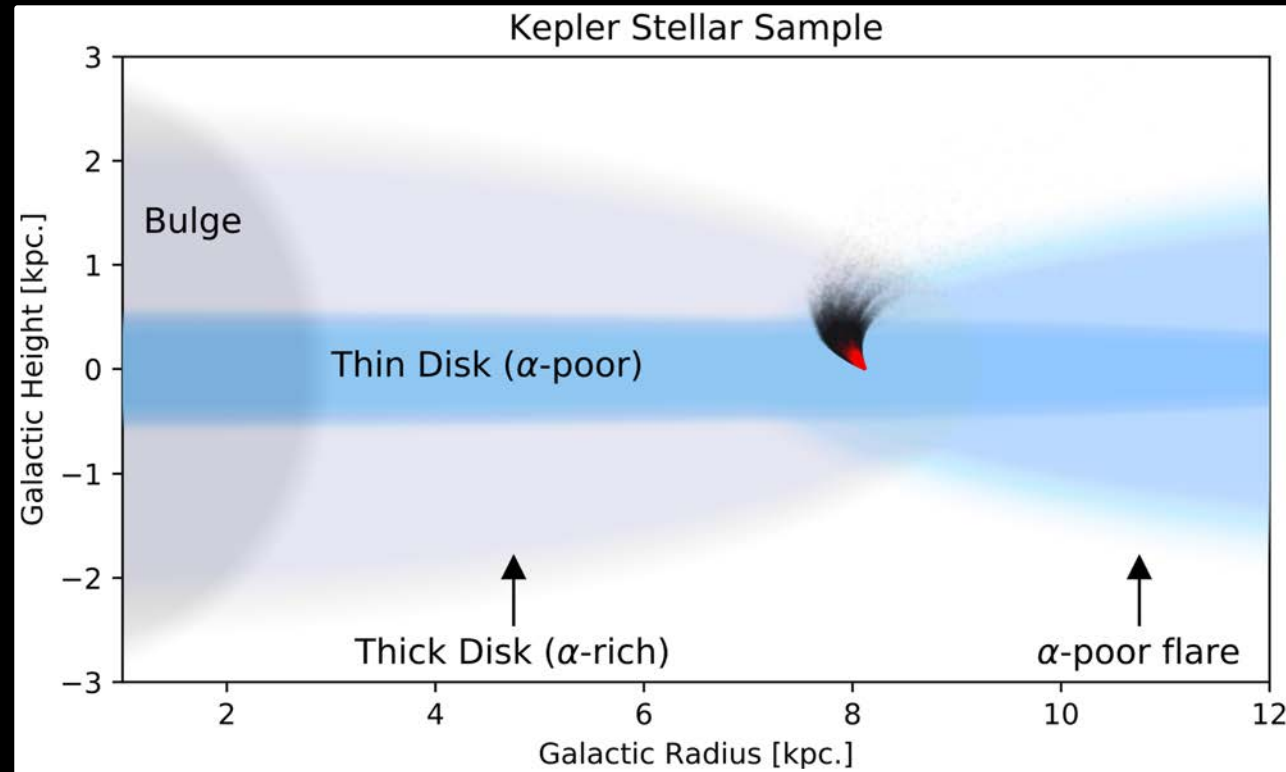
The Radius Valley and Sub-Neptune desert can be seen in the K2 planet population, providing further constraints for planet formation theories.



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K2 – Probing Different Regions of the Local Galaxy



Zink et al. 2020b

Adibekyan et al. (2012) – Evidence of alpha element abundance surplus in exoplanet-hosting stars

K2 provides an opportunity to further consider the alpha elements effect on planet occurrence

~ 1000 K2 Planets Have Been Identified Via Visual Inspection

