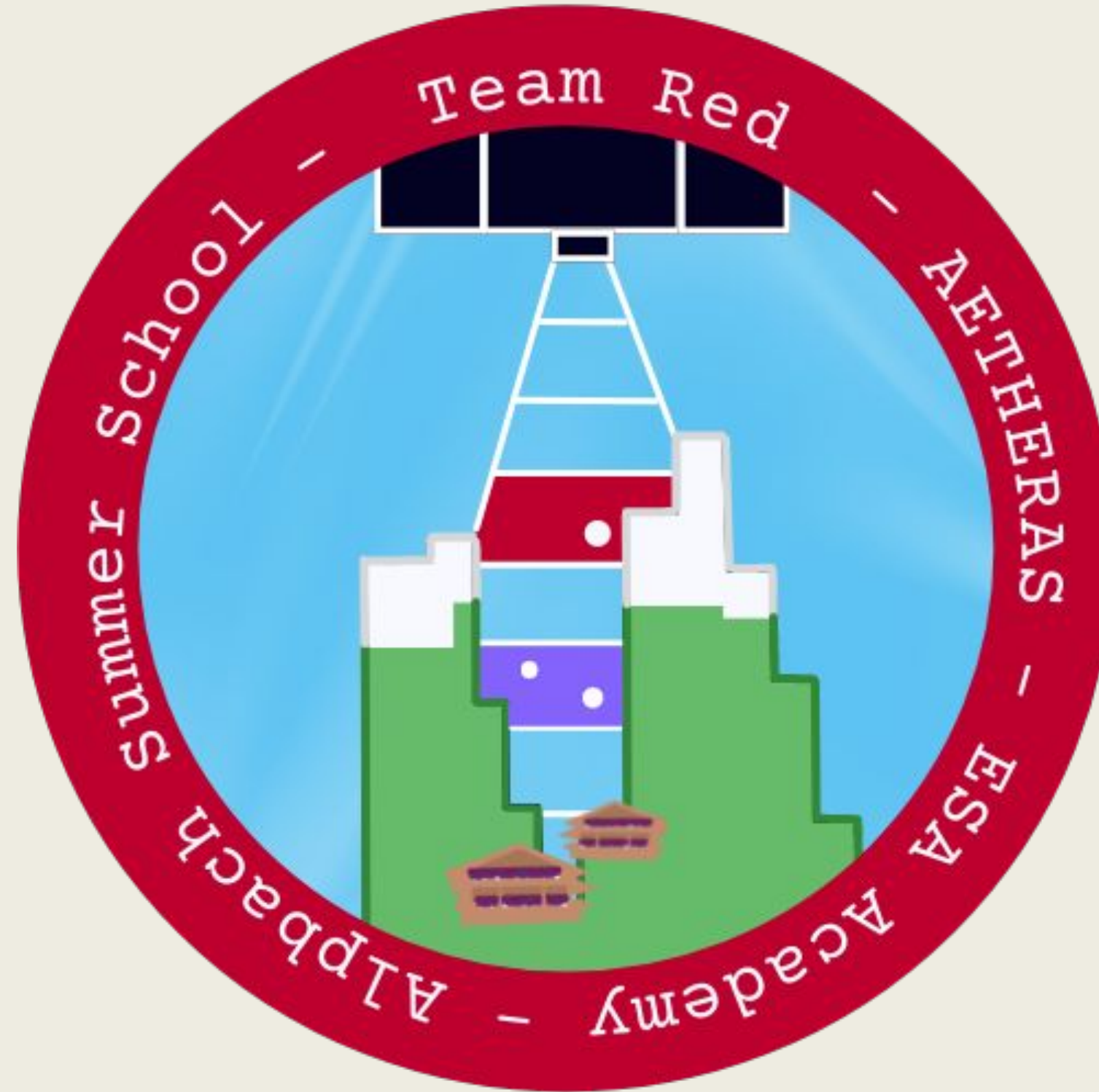
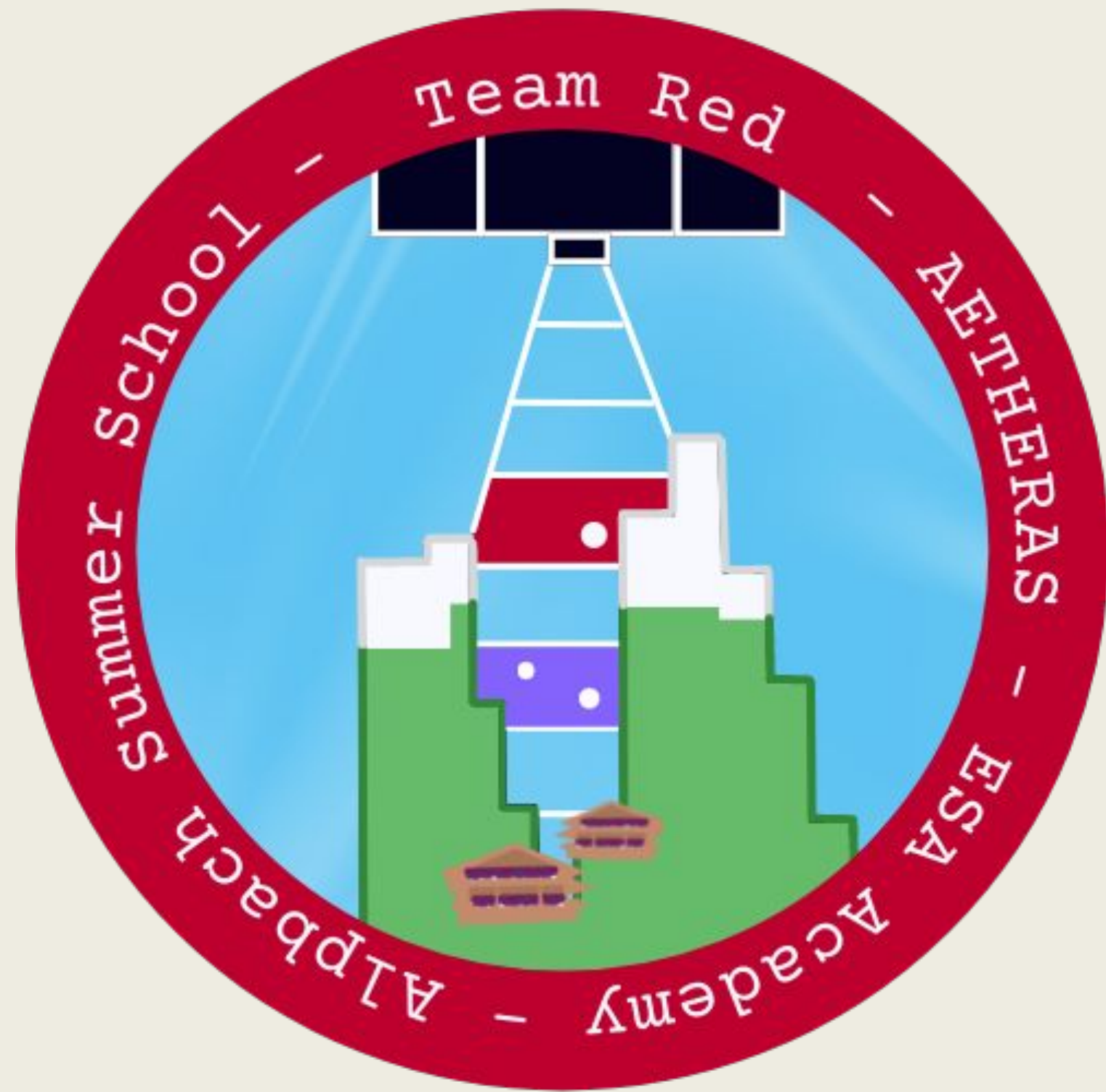


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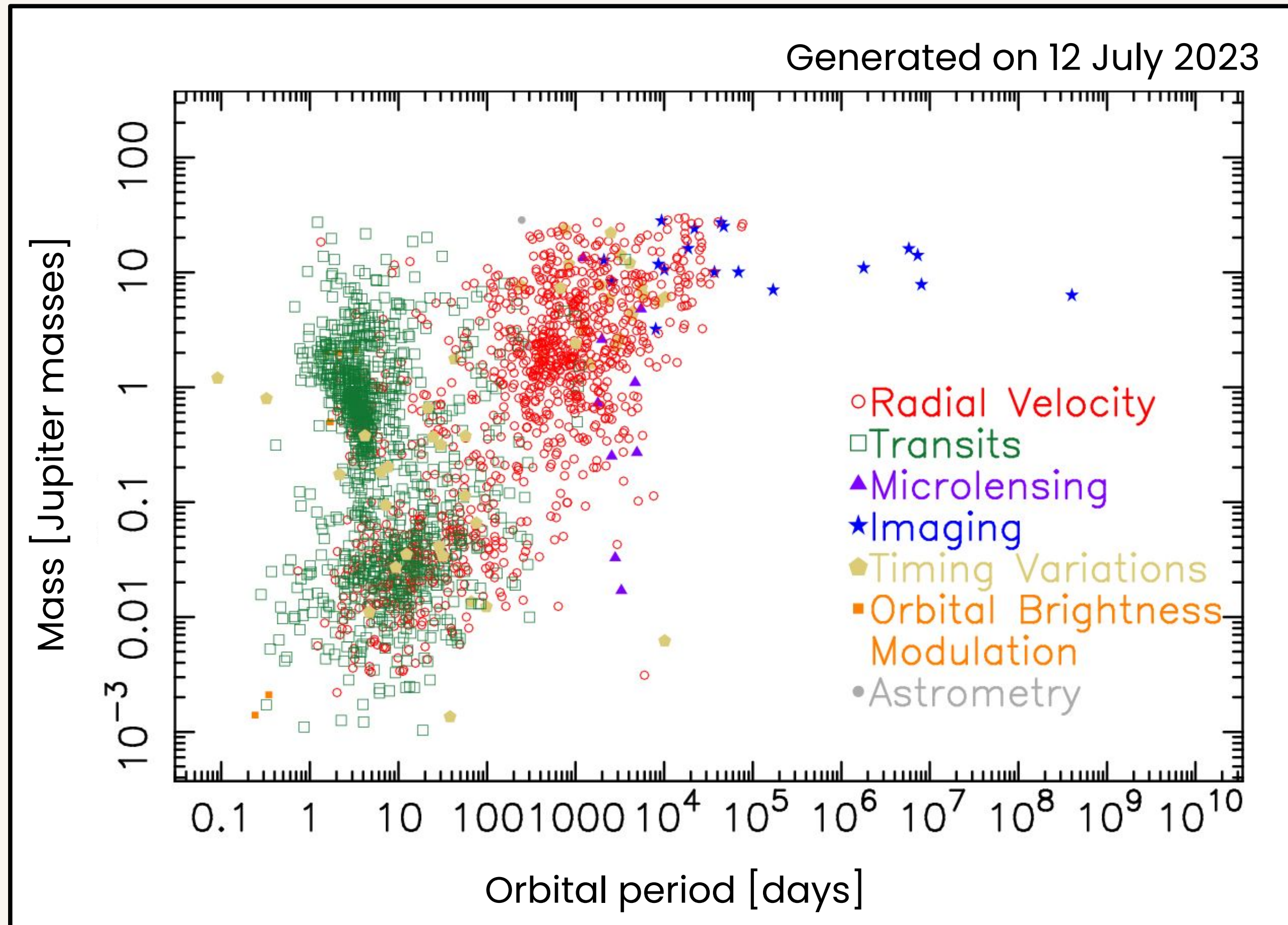
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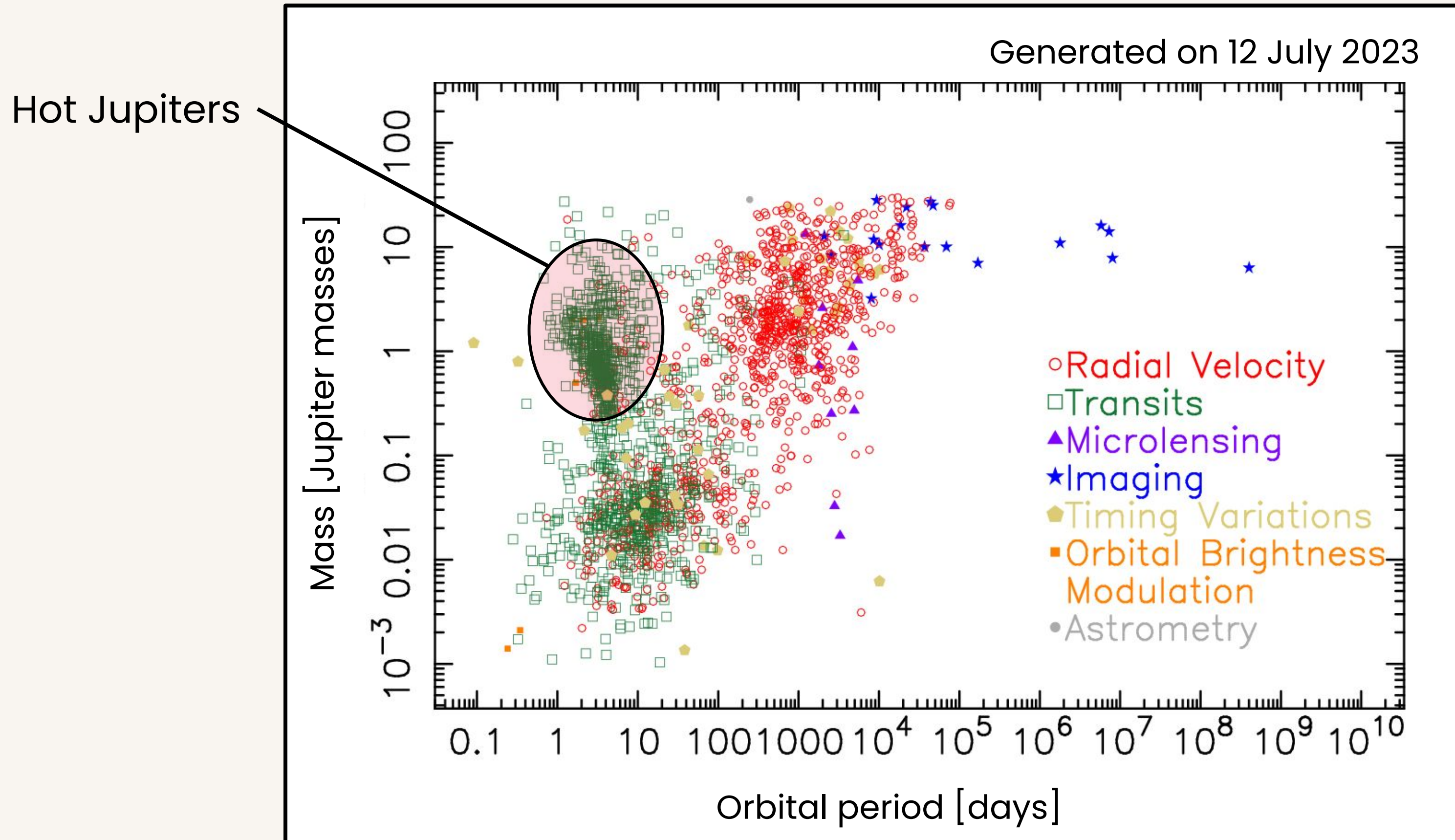
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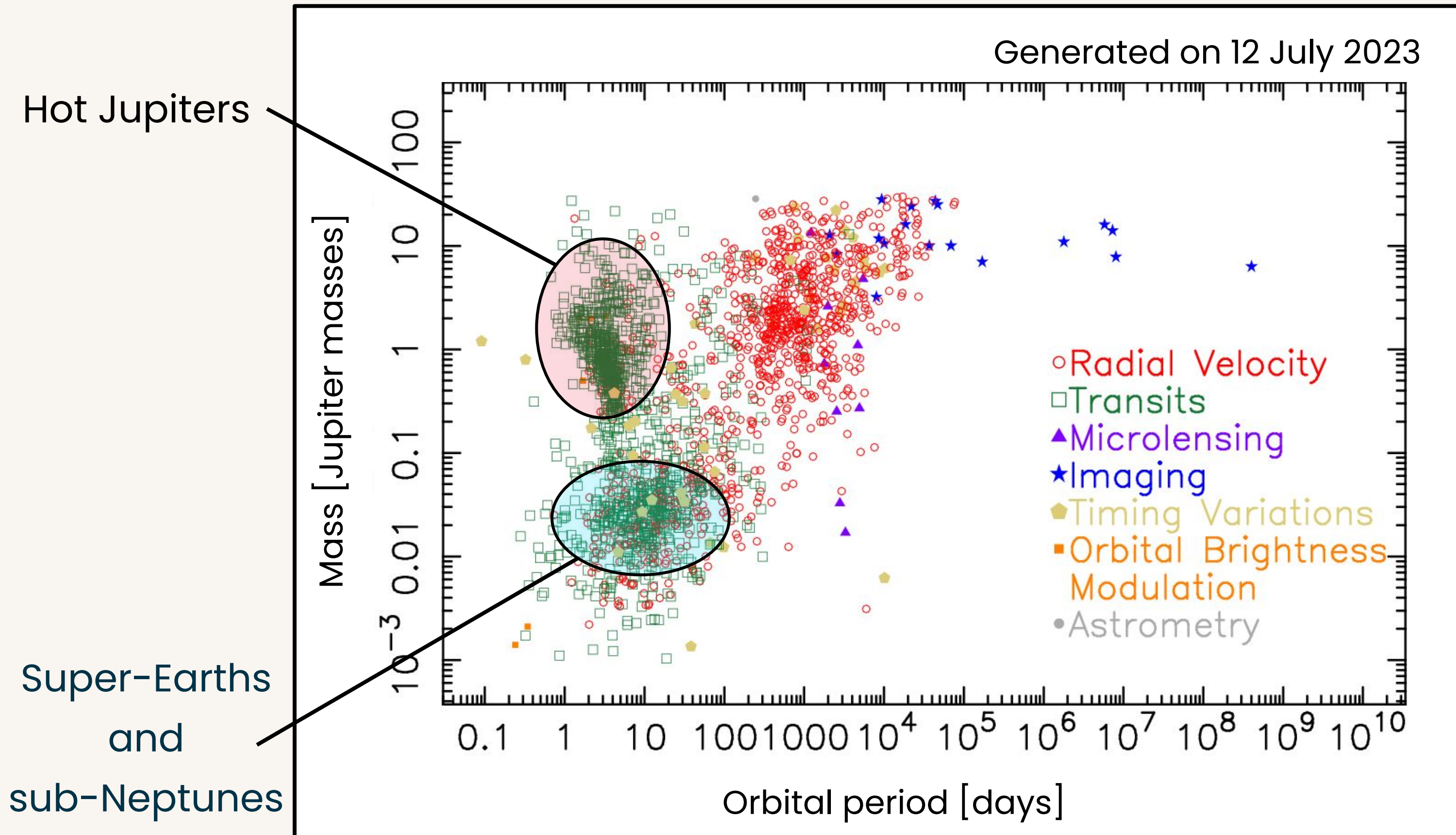
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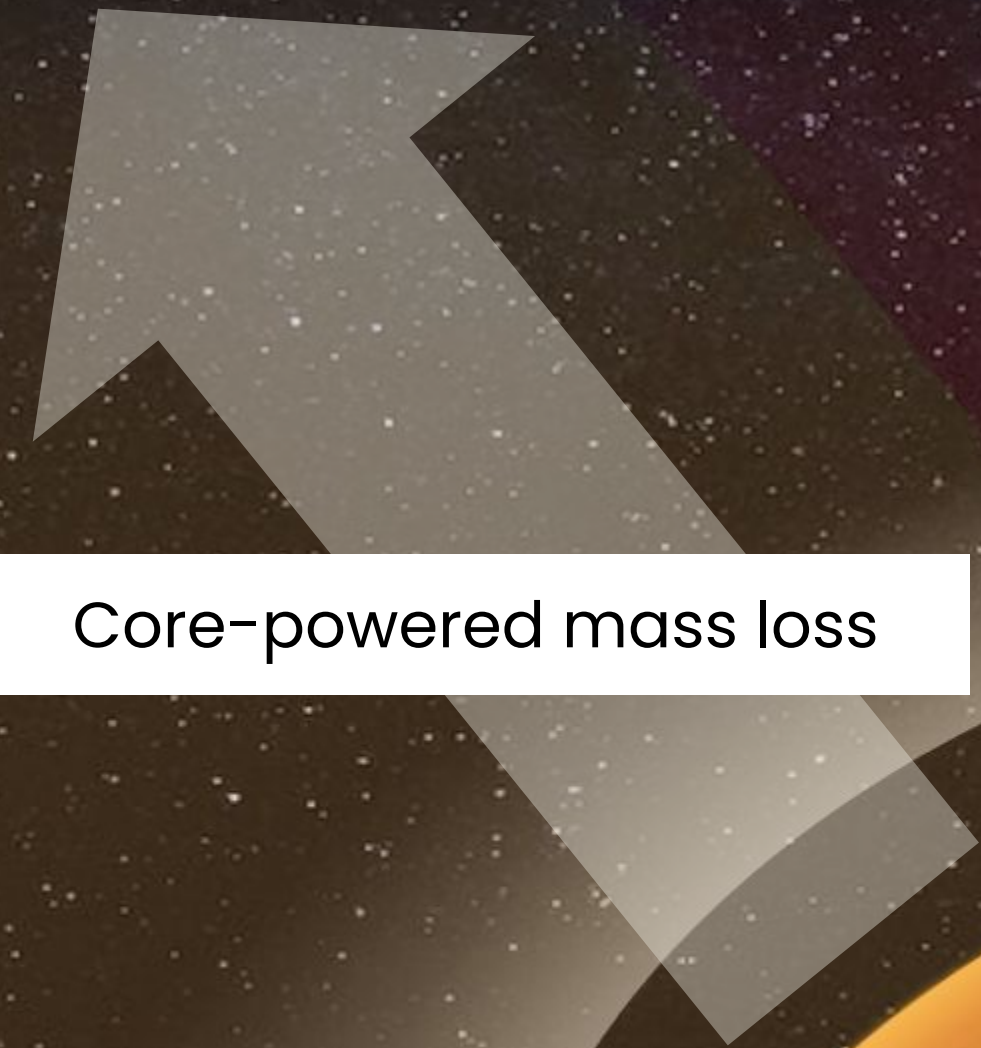


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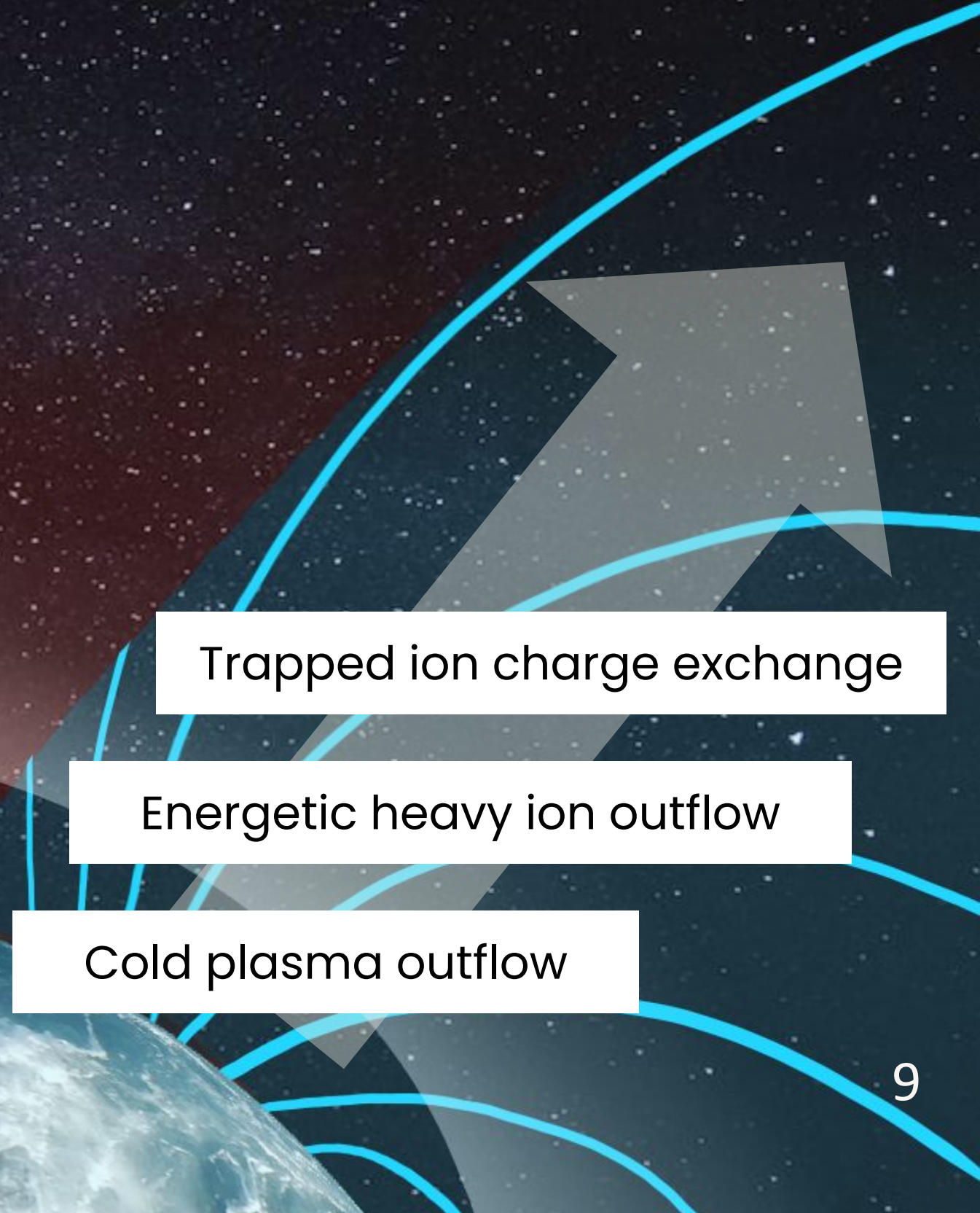
Loss of planetary atmosphere to outer space



Photoevaporation driven by intense stellar XUV irradiation



Core-powered mass loss

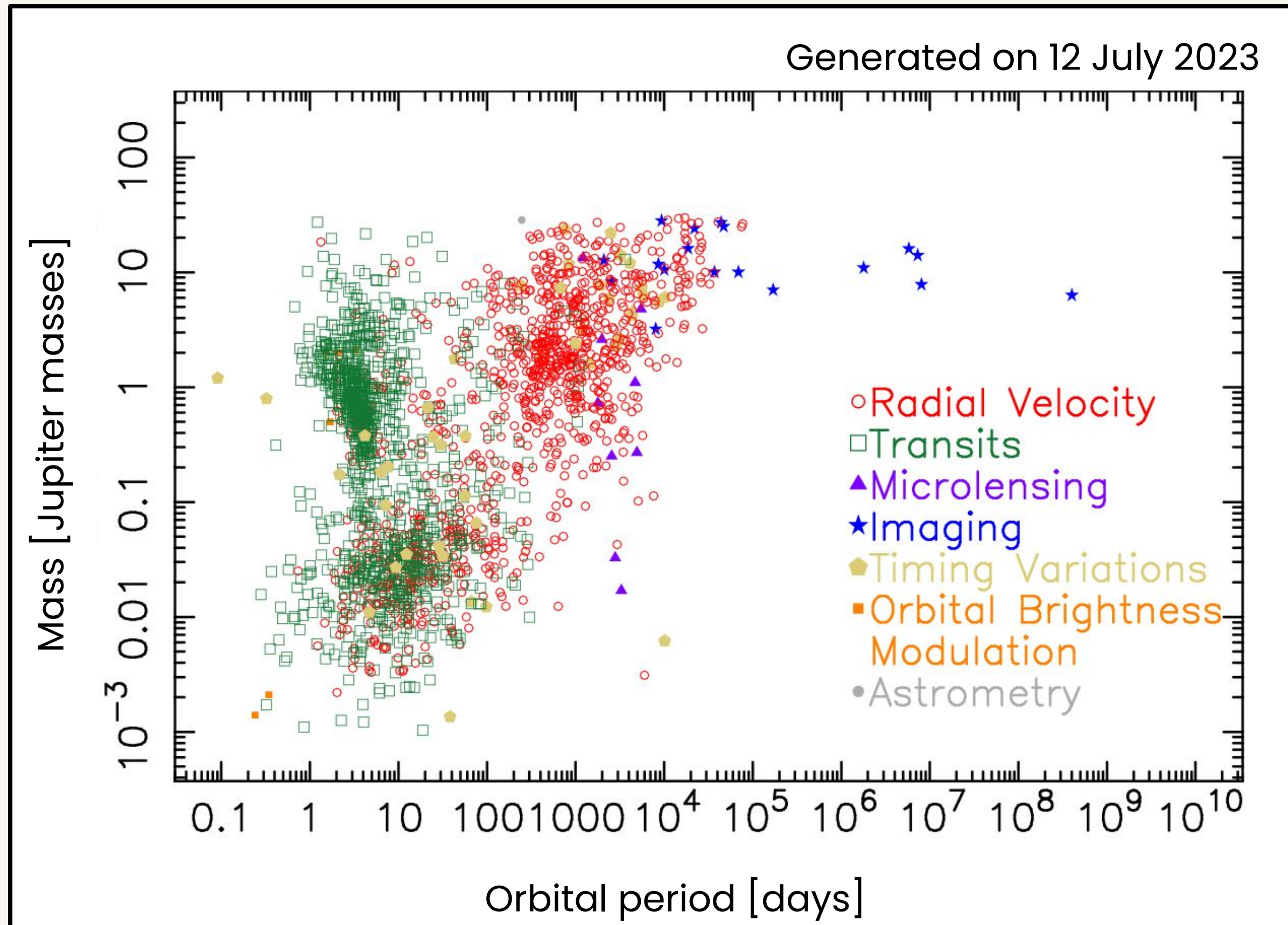


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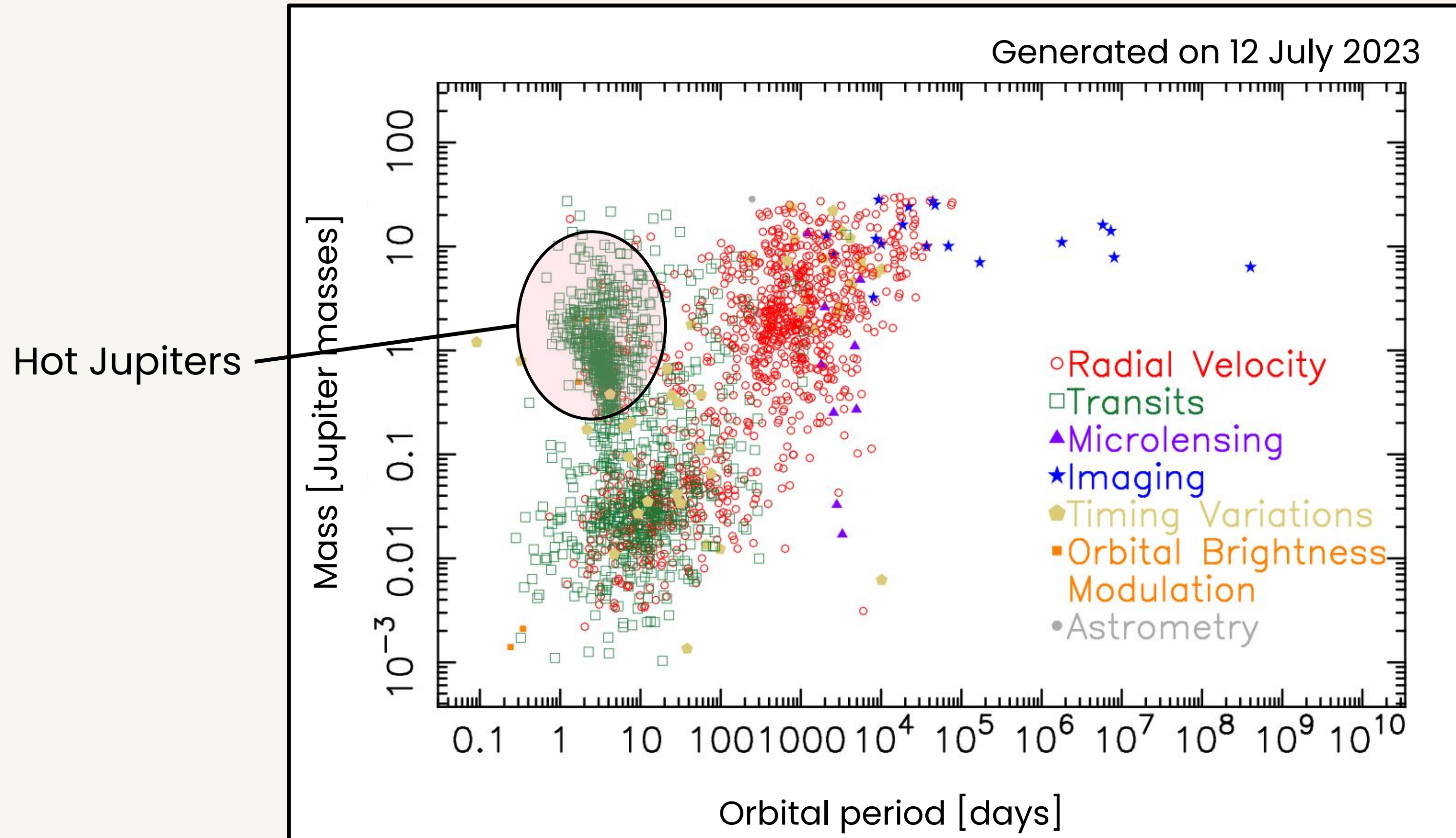
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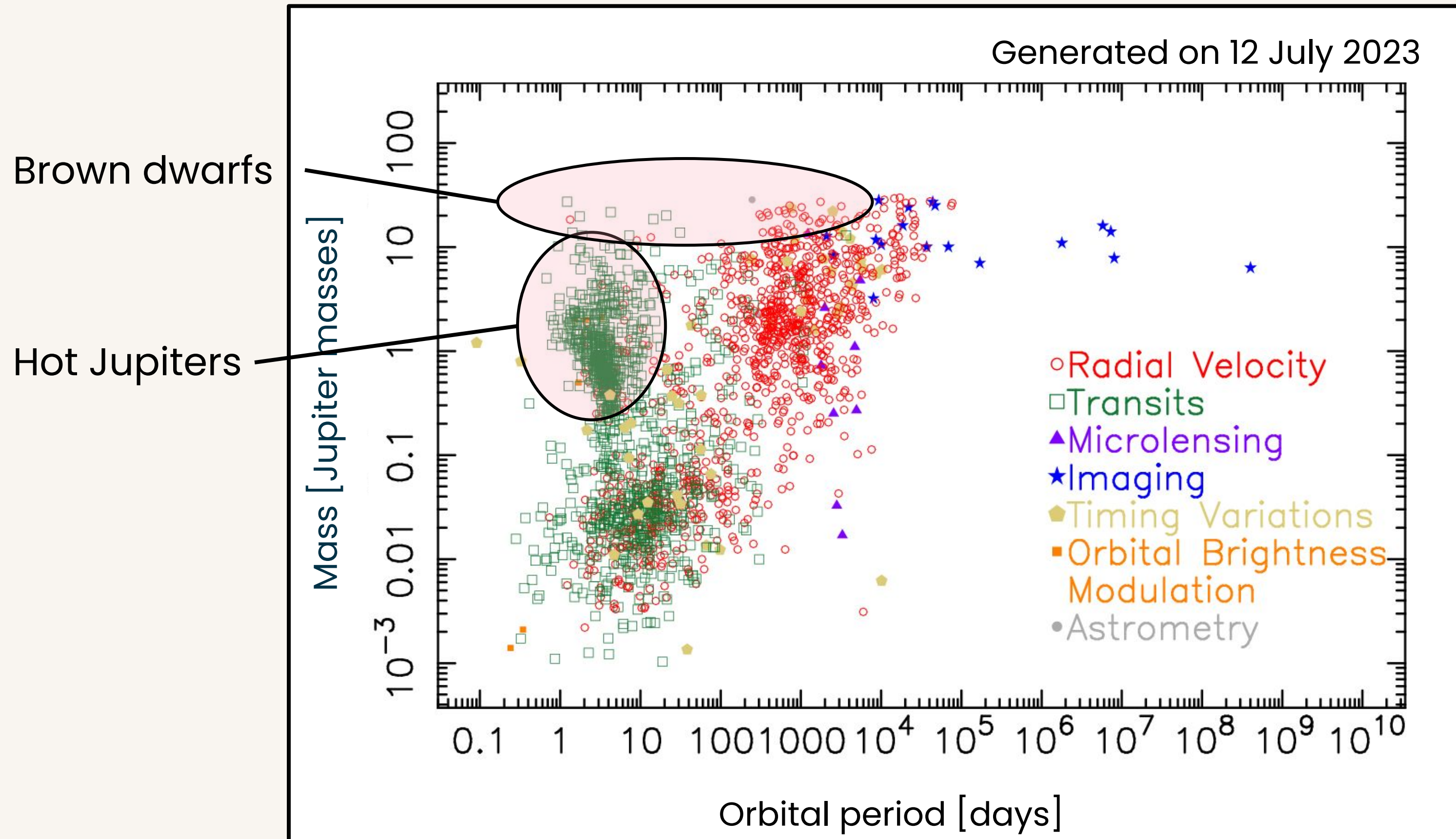
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Hot Jupiters and brown dwarfs

Large objects expected to have magnetic fields



Hot Jupiters

Close-in gas giants

Magnetic fields expected from models, also some observational evidence

Atmospheric escape expected because of closeness to host stars, also some observational evidence

Batygin+2013, Rogers+Showman 2014, Oklopčić+2020, Vidal-Madjar+2003, Spake+2018



Brown dwarfs

Objects heavy enough to fuse deuterium but not hydrogen

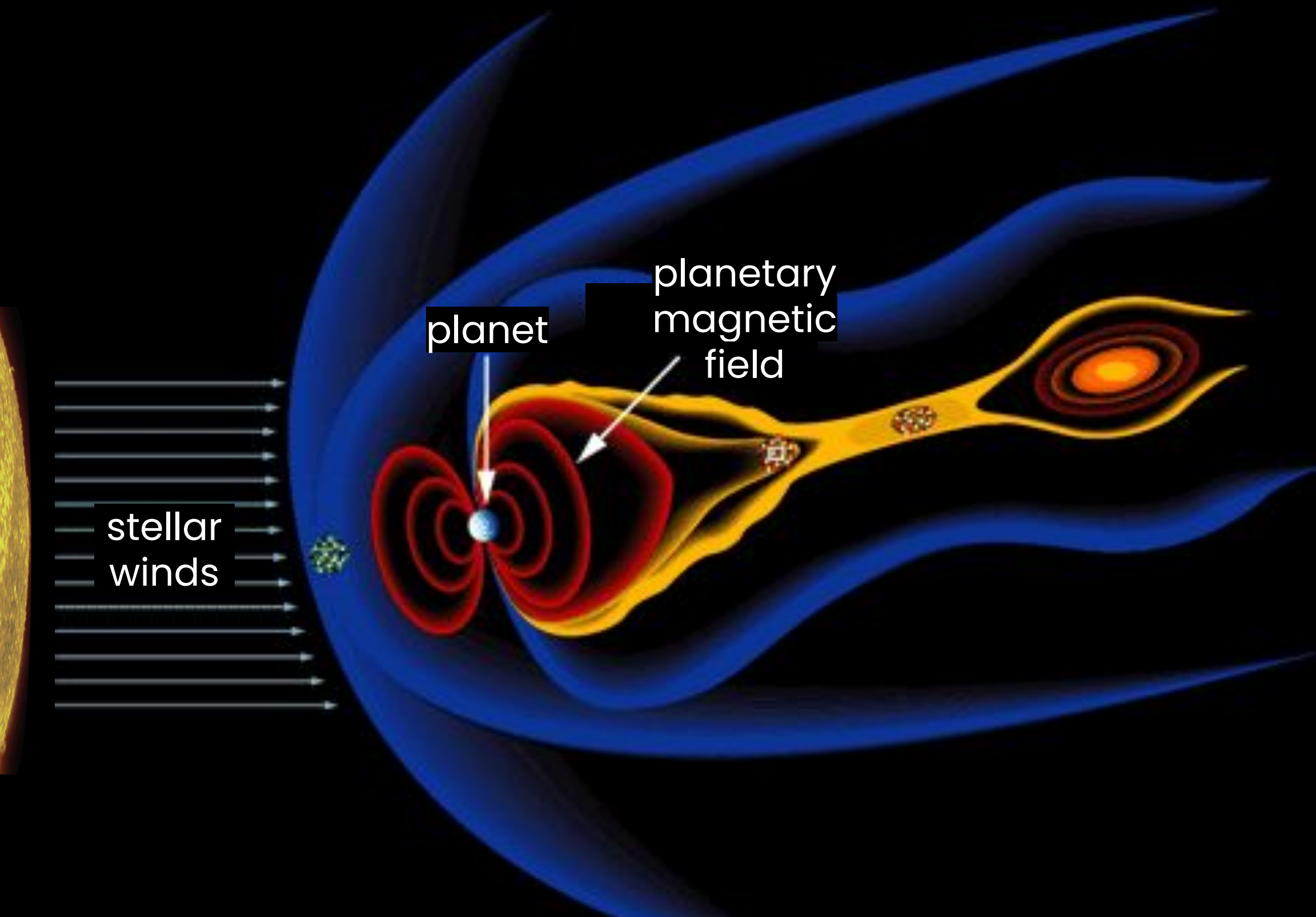
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Proxies for **atmospheric escape** observed in at least one transiting brown dwarf

Pineda+2017, Saur+2021, Ruíz-Rodríguez+2022

Atmospheric escape and magnetic field

Influence of planetary magnetic field on atmospheric escape still debated



Presence of a magnetic field might:

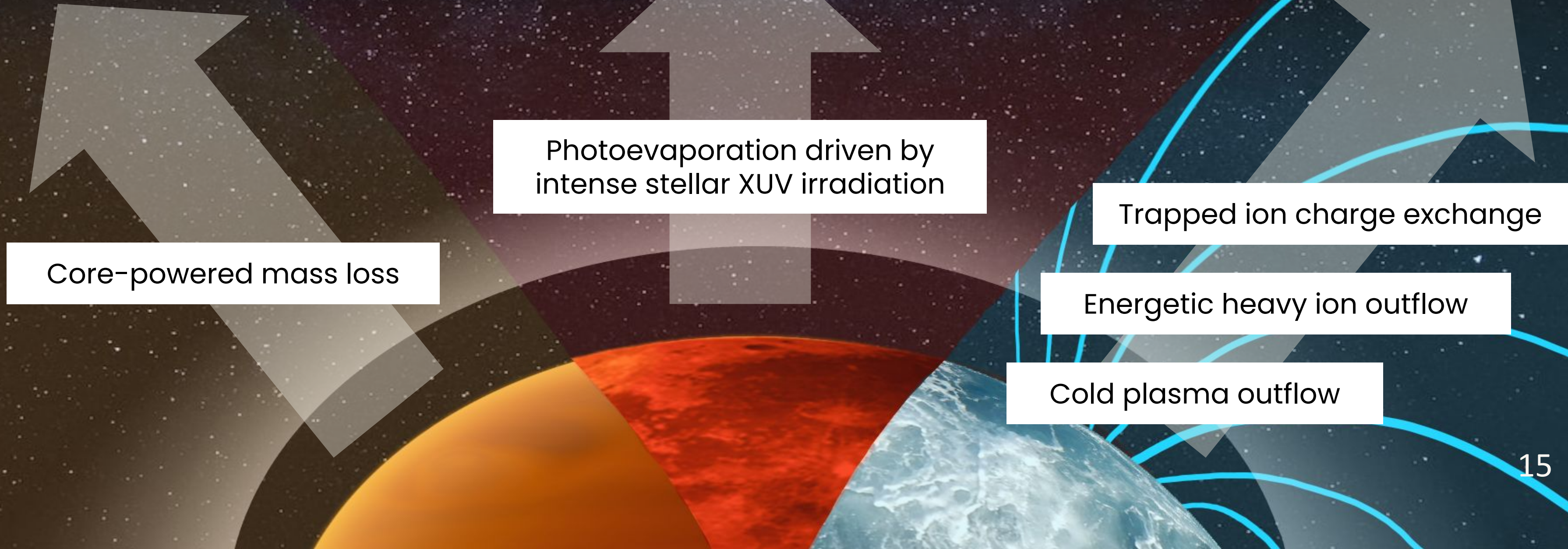
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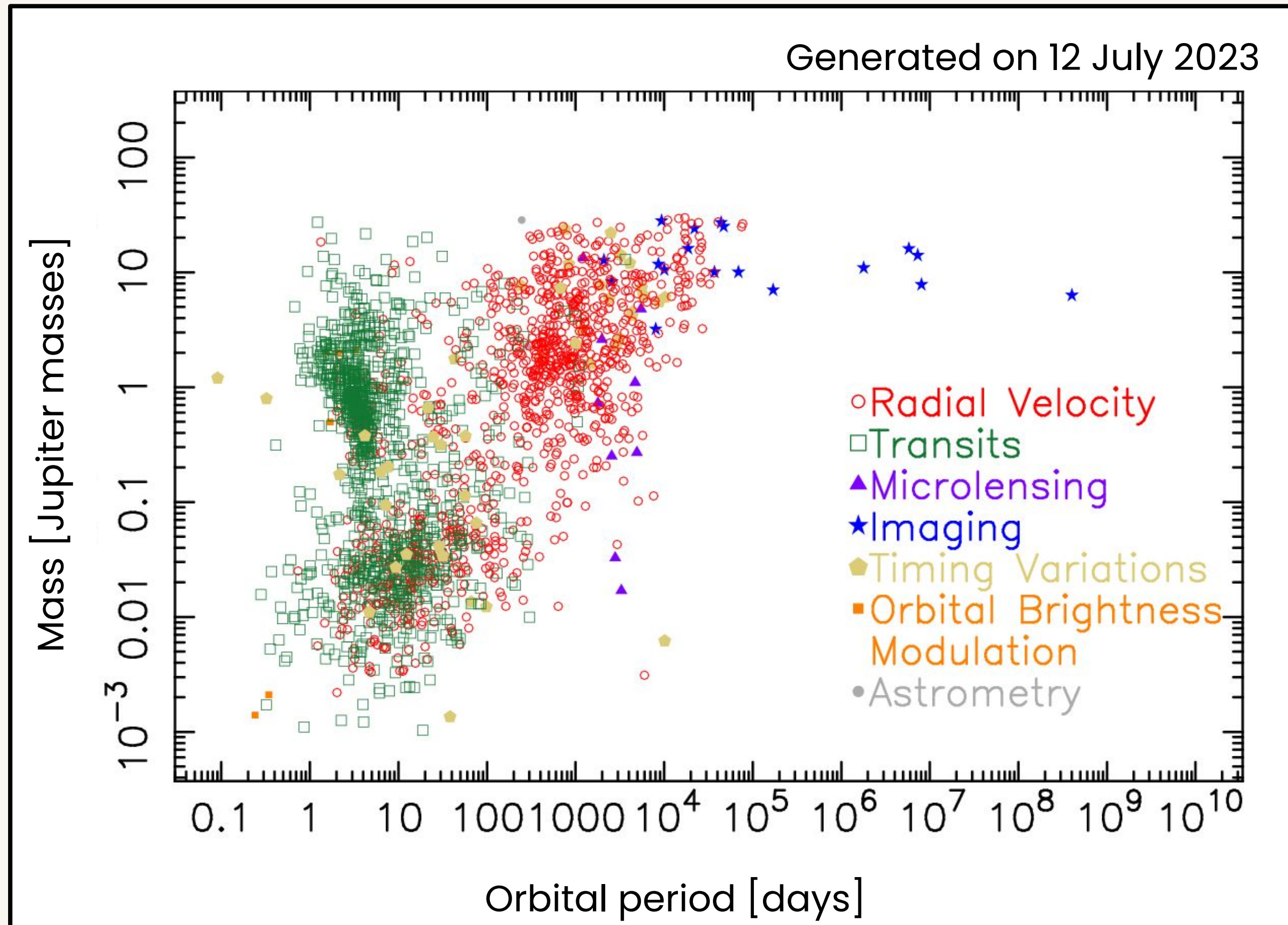
Enhance atmospheric escape

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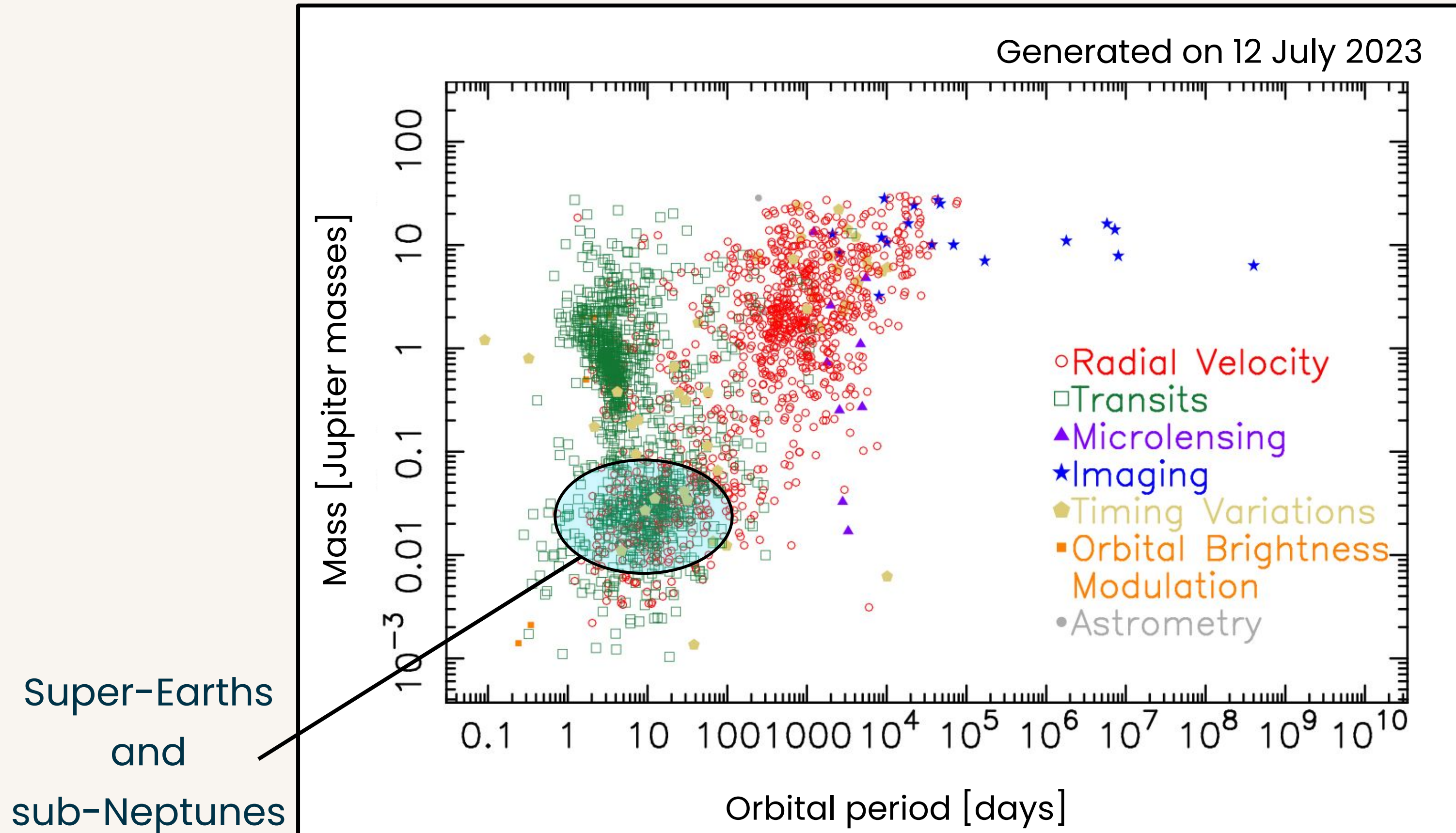
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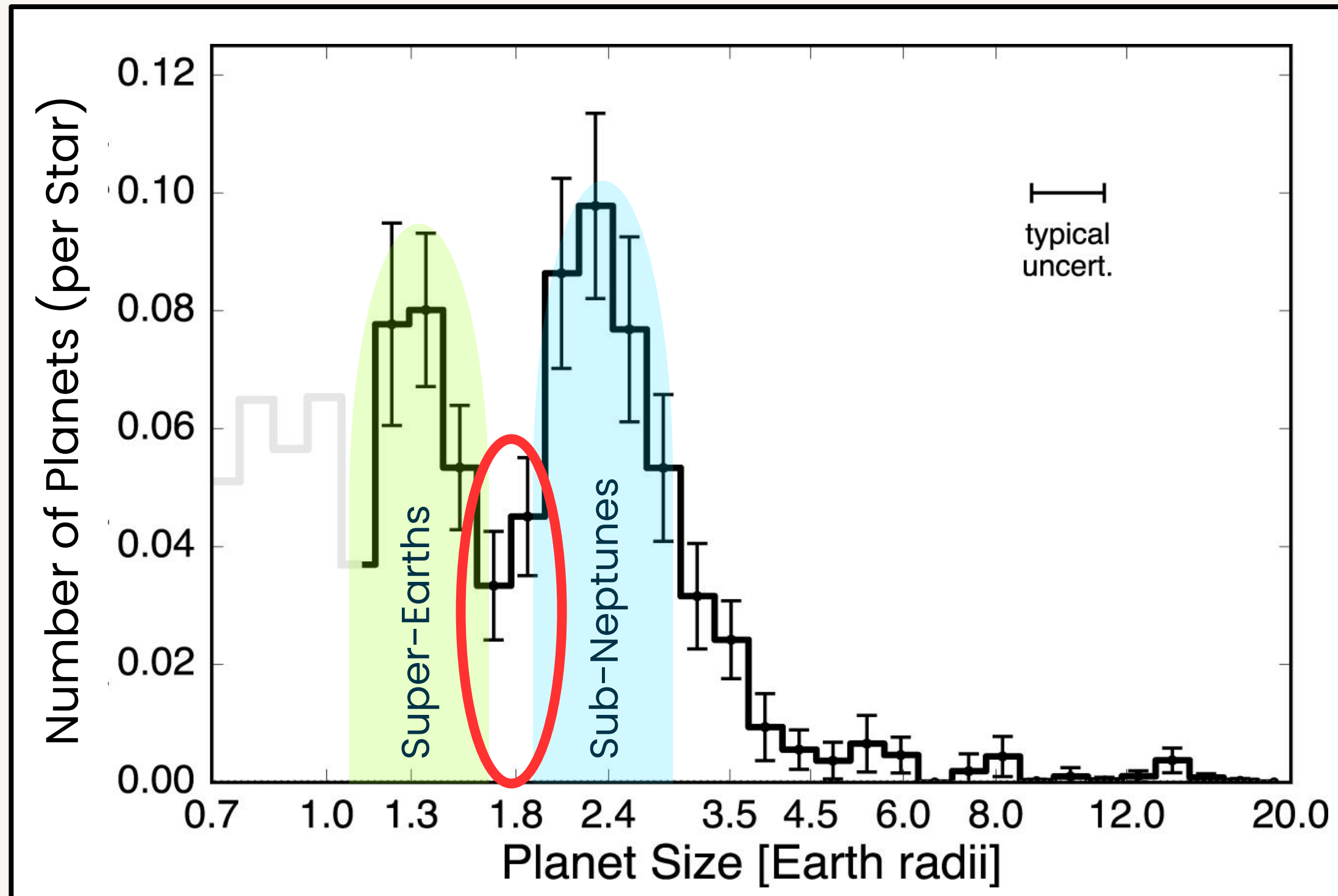


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The planetary radius valley

Apparent gap in number of detected planets between roughly 1.5 and 2.0 R_{Earth}



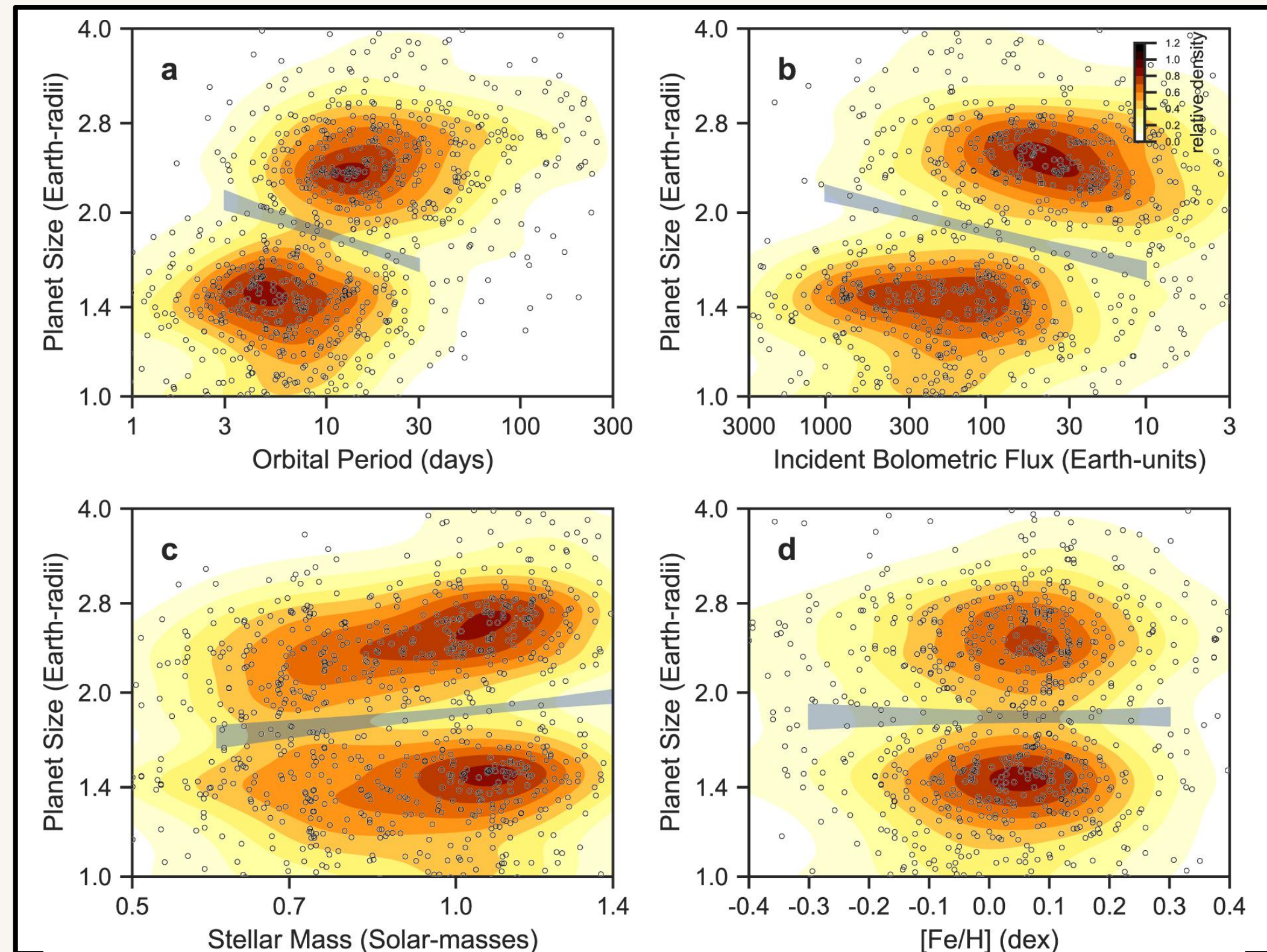
- First predicted in 2013, observational evidence using Kepler results in 2017
- Origin **unclear** and heavily debated
- Planets inside radius valley potentially in **transition state** and undergoing **atmospheric escape**

Fulton+2017, Owen+Wu 2013

The planetary radius valley

Exact location of radius valley also depends on stellar properties

Orbital Period

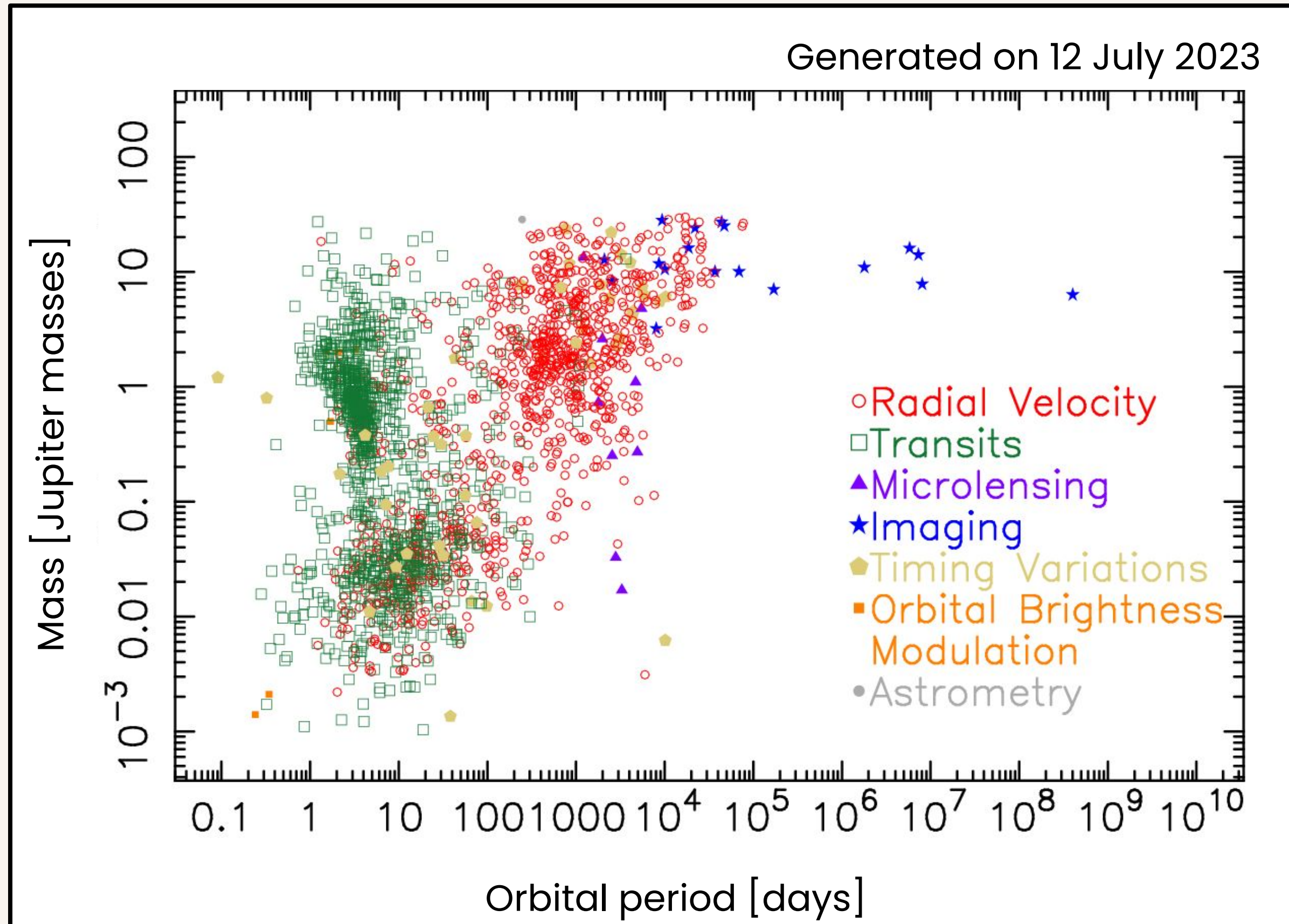


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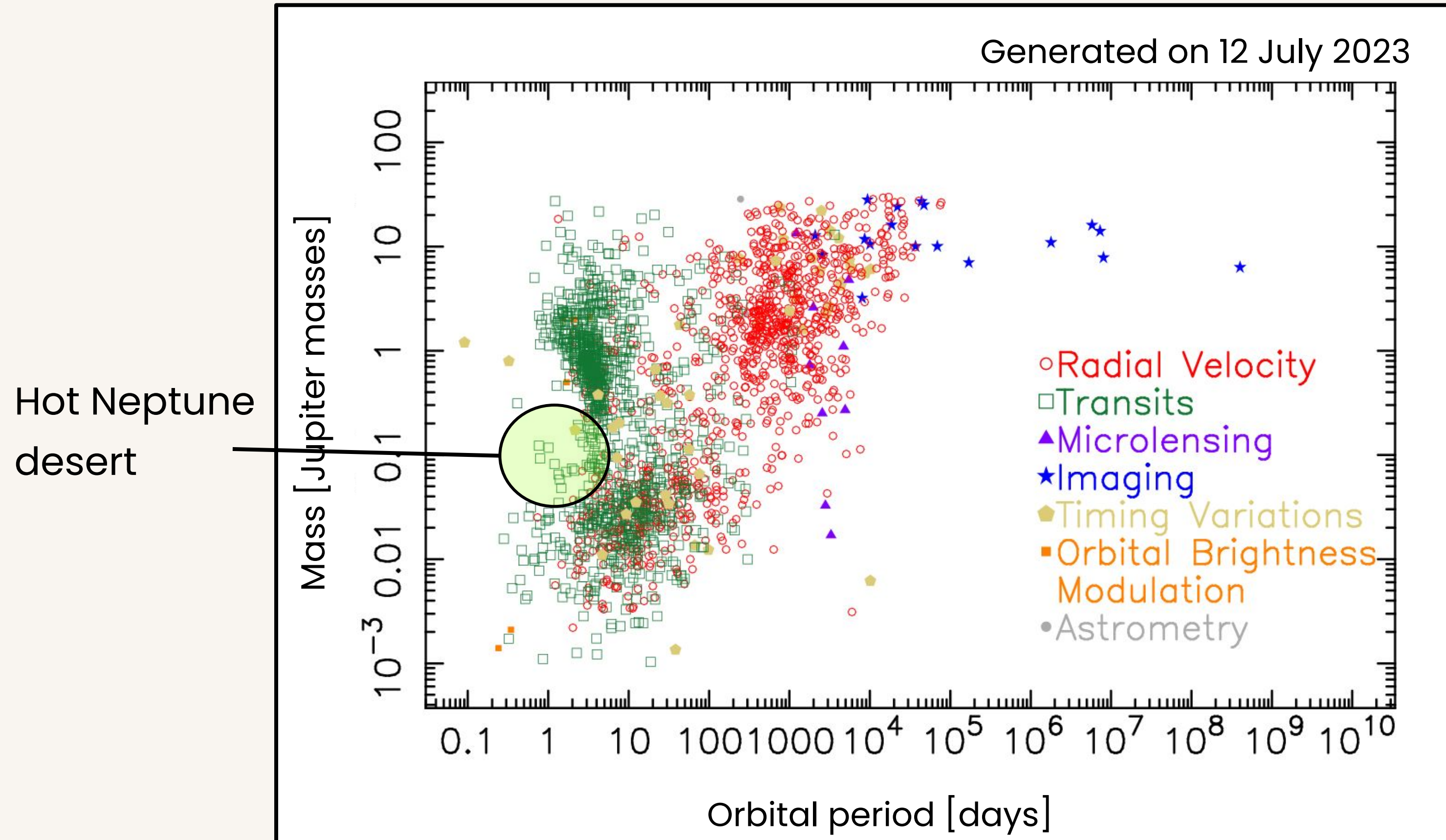
Stellar mass

Stellar
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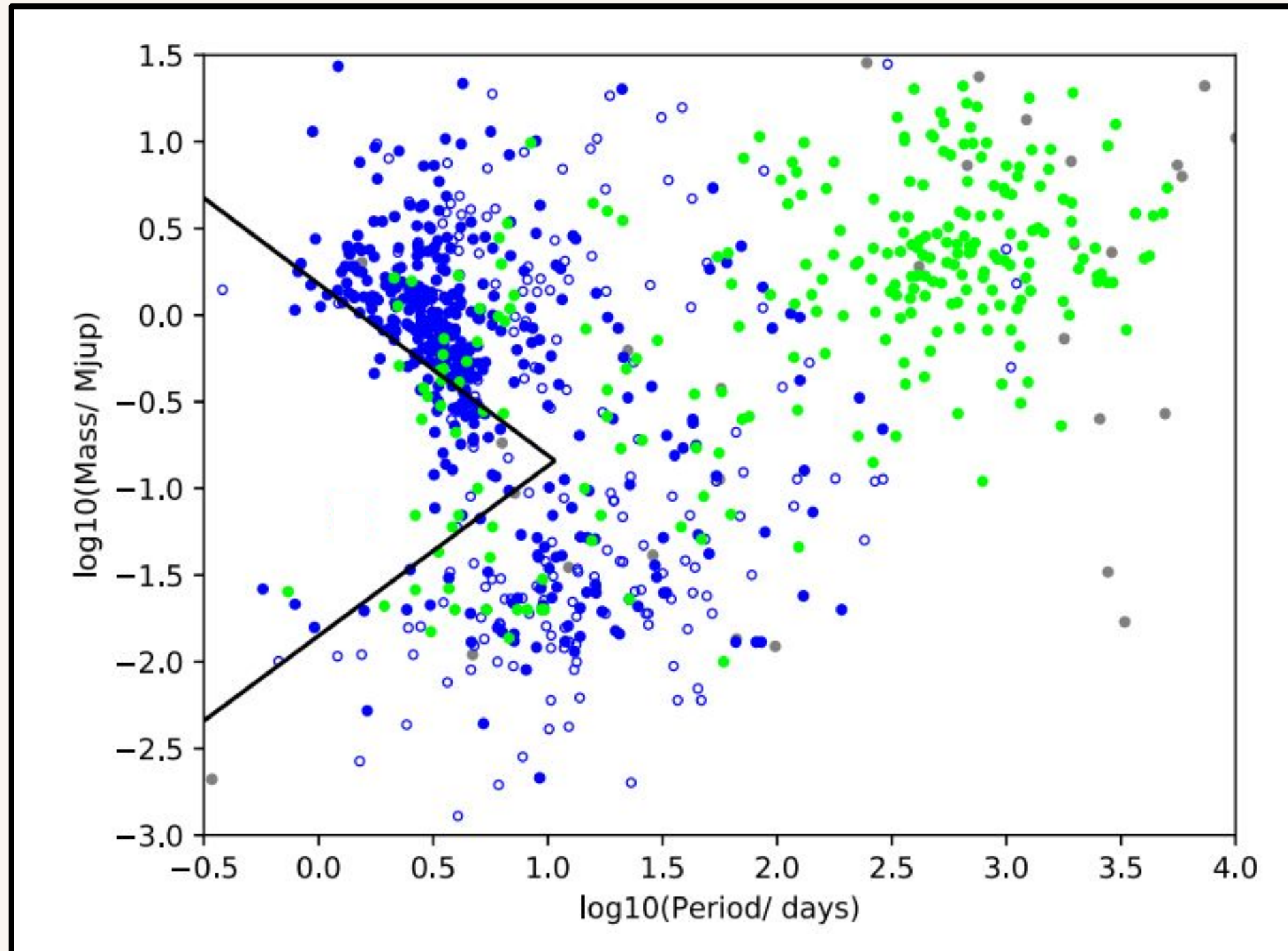
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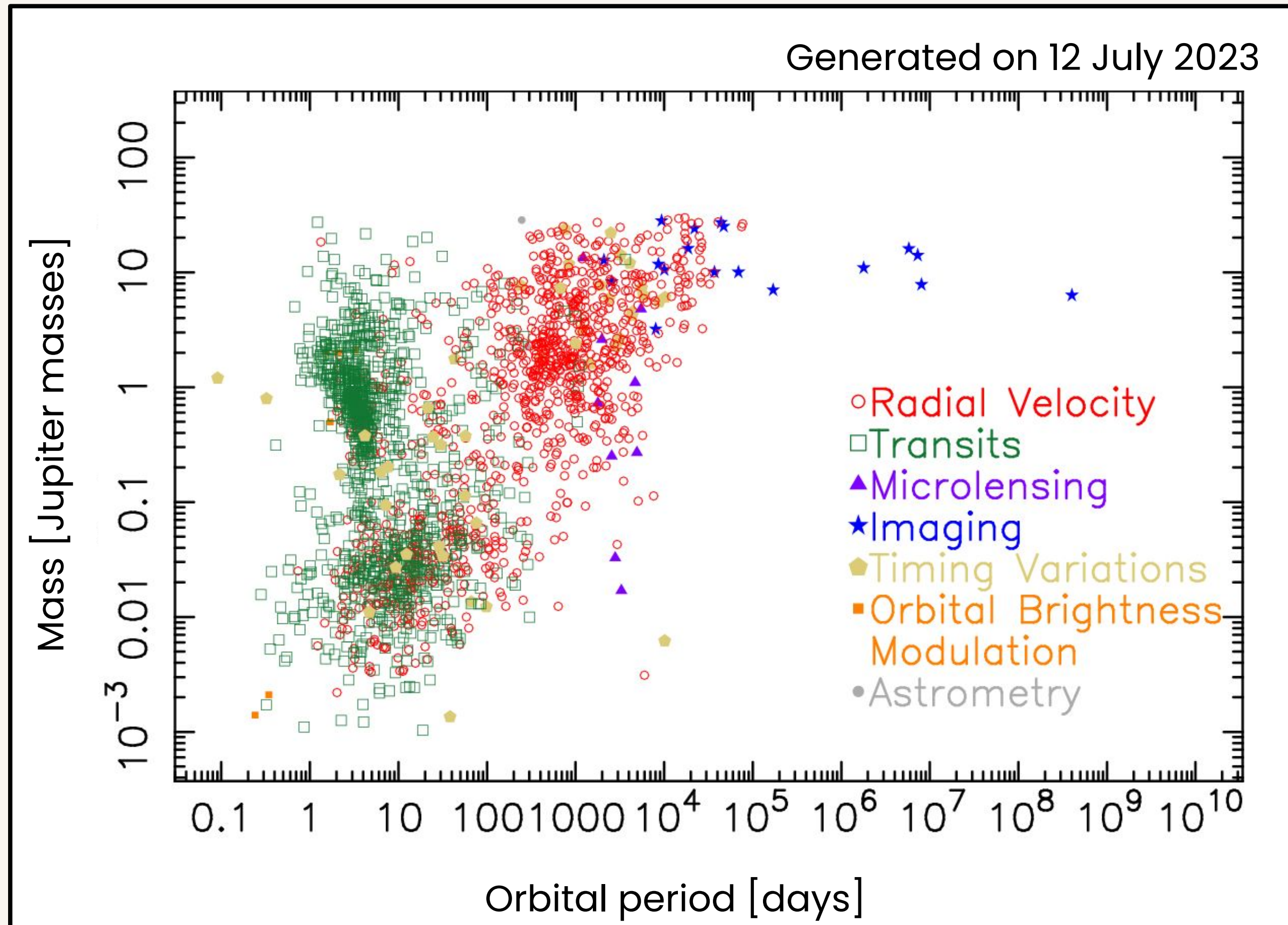


Hot Neptune desert



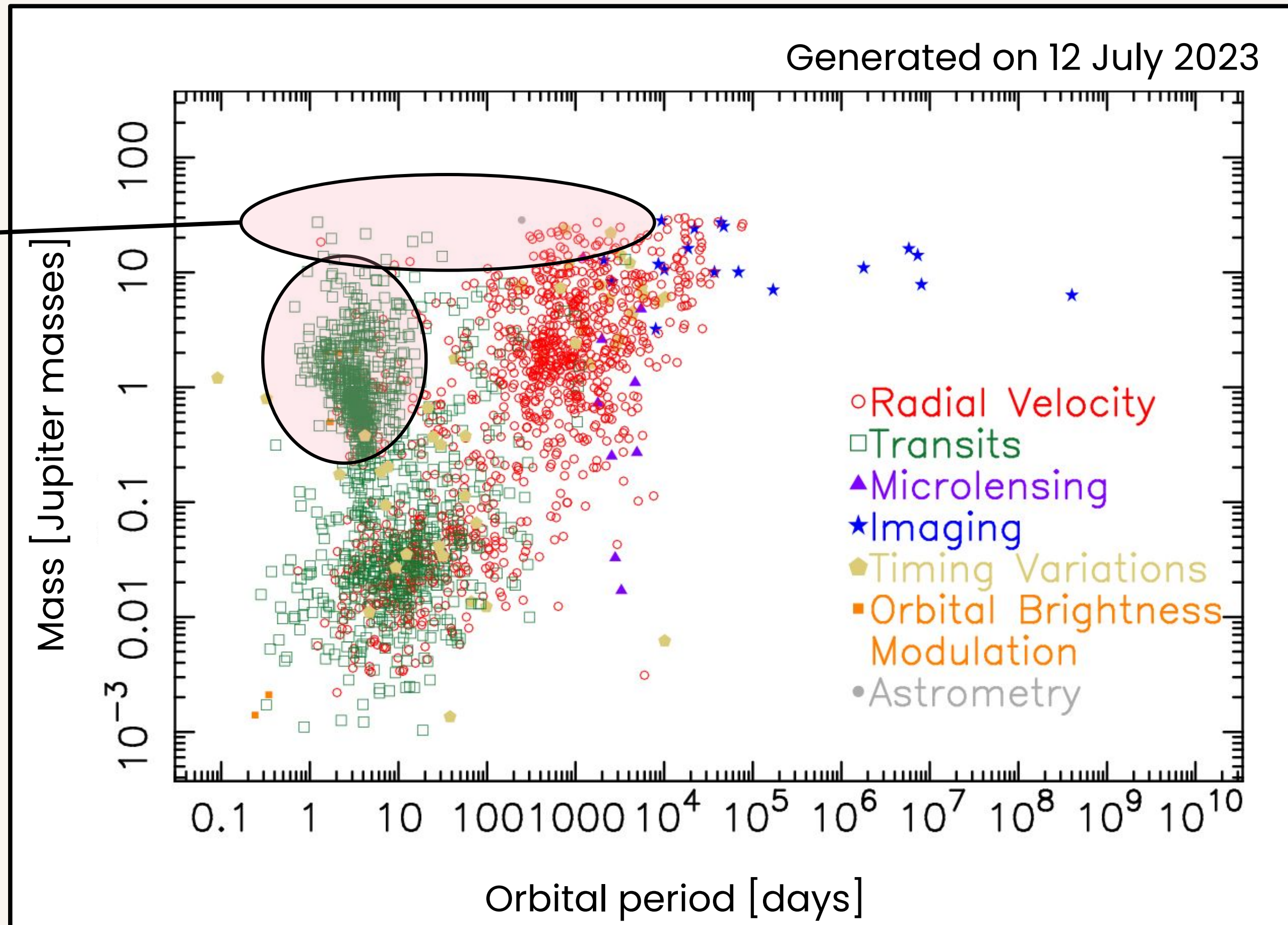
- Not explained by observational biases
- Possible explanations:
 - Planet formation
 - Migration
 - Atmospheric escape

Recap - regions of interest

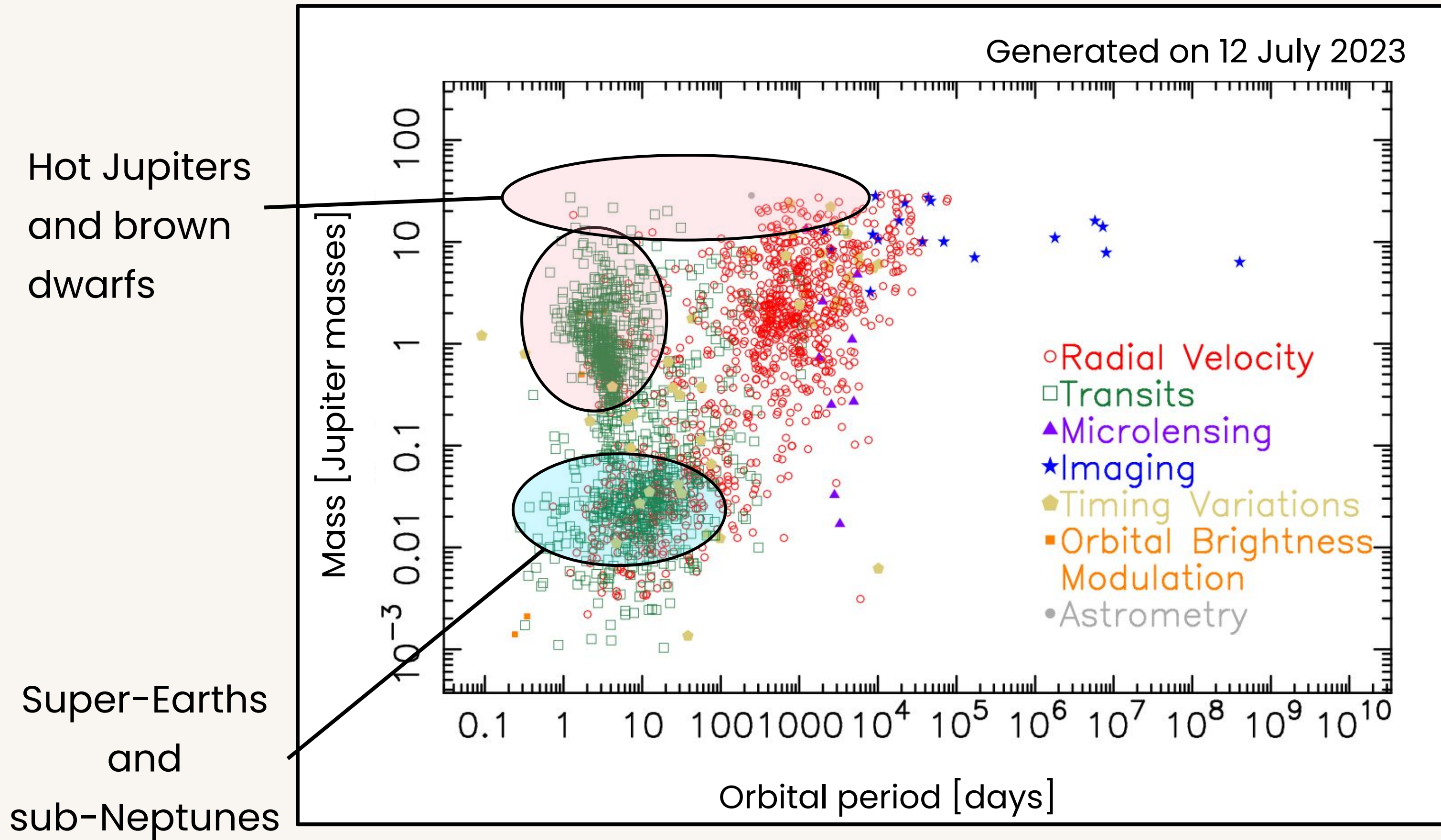


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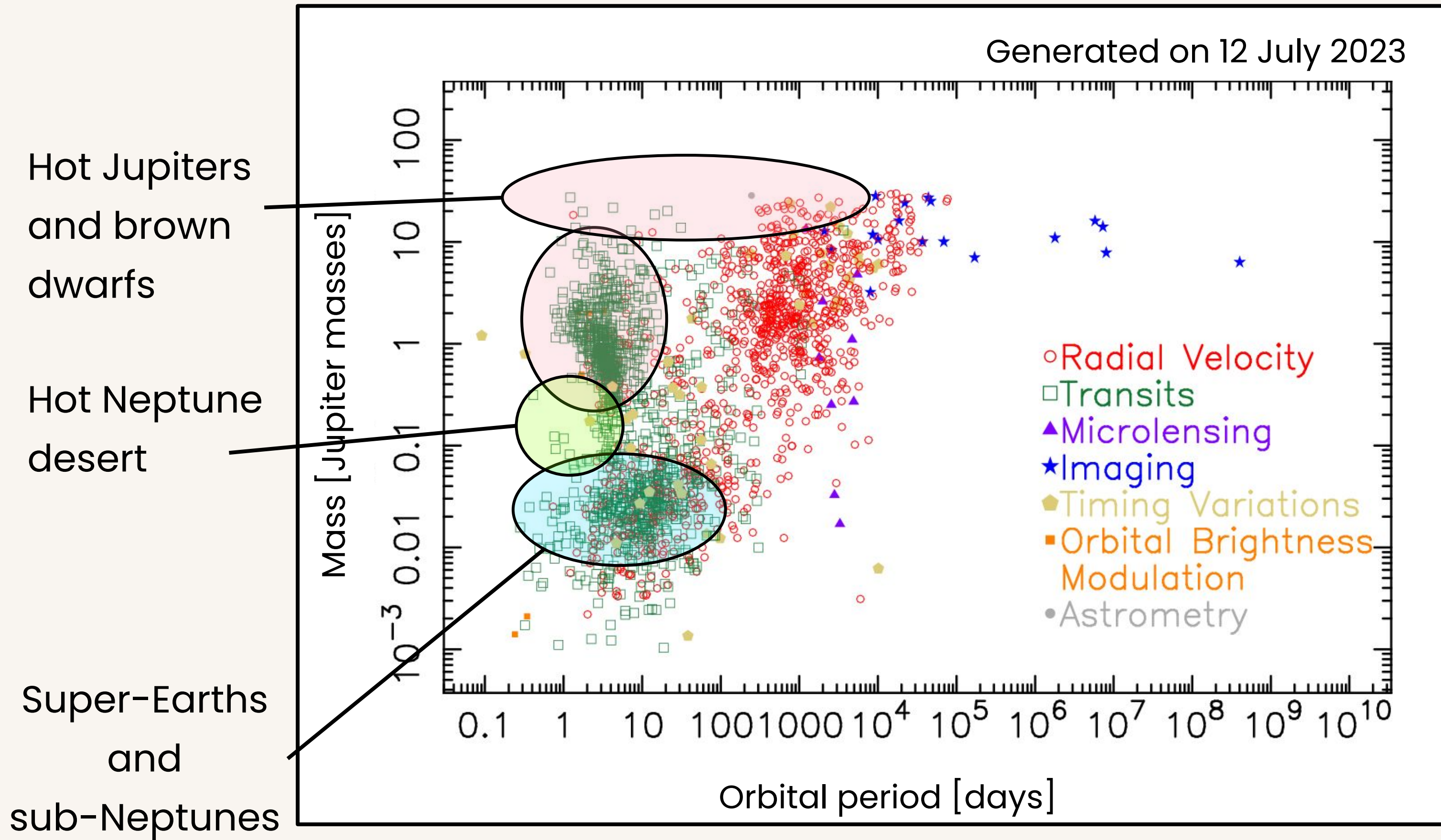
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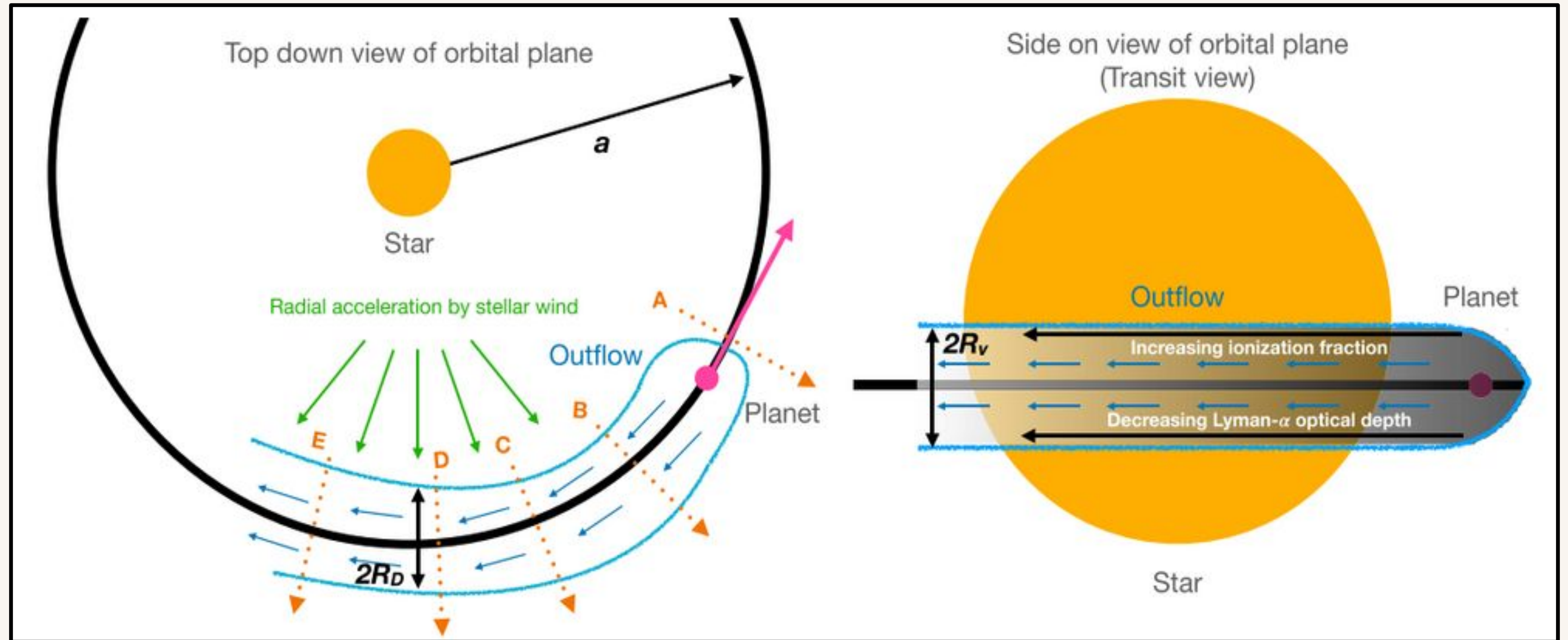
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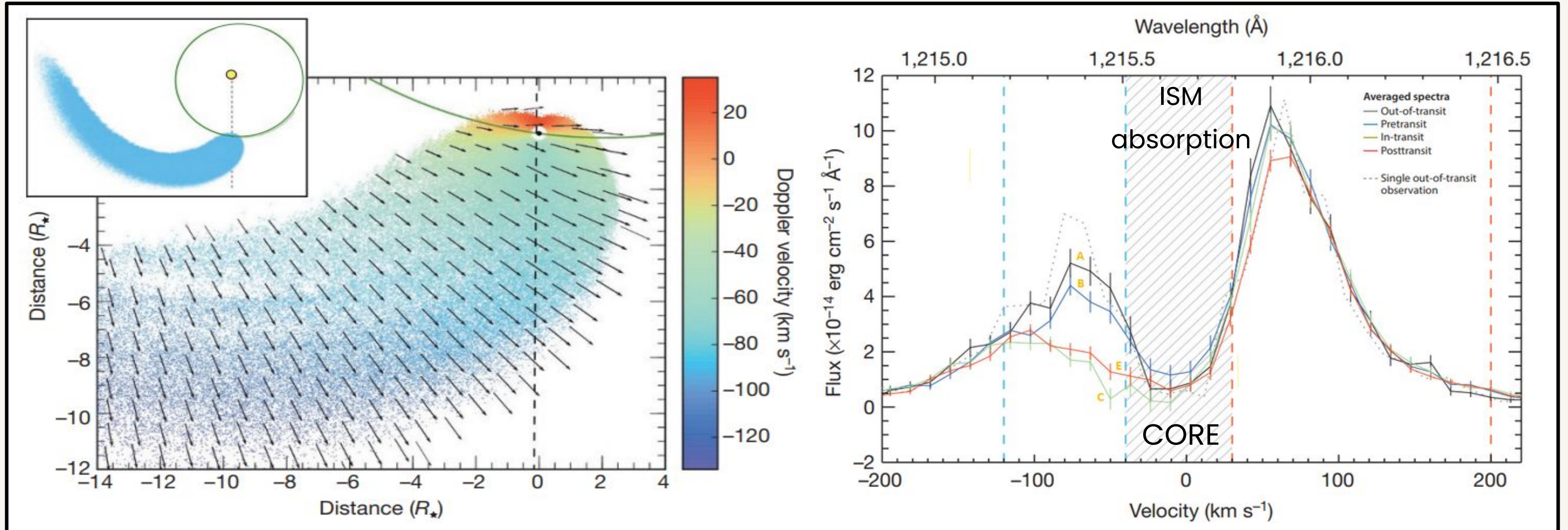
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Owen+2023

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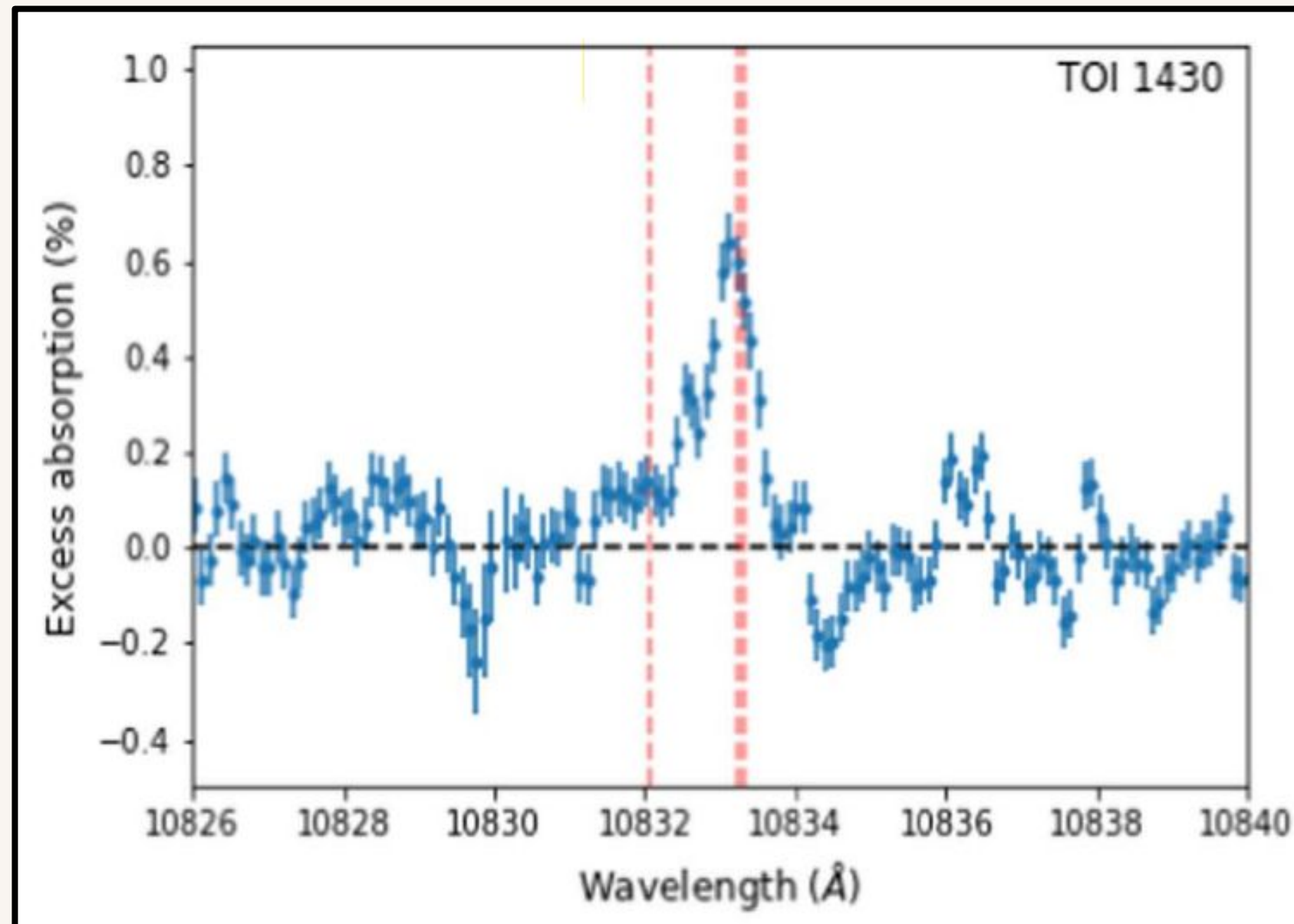
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Ehrenreich+2015

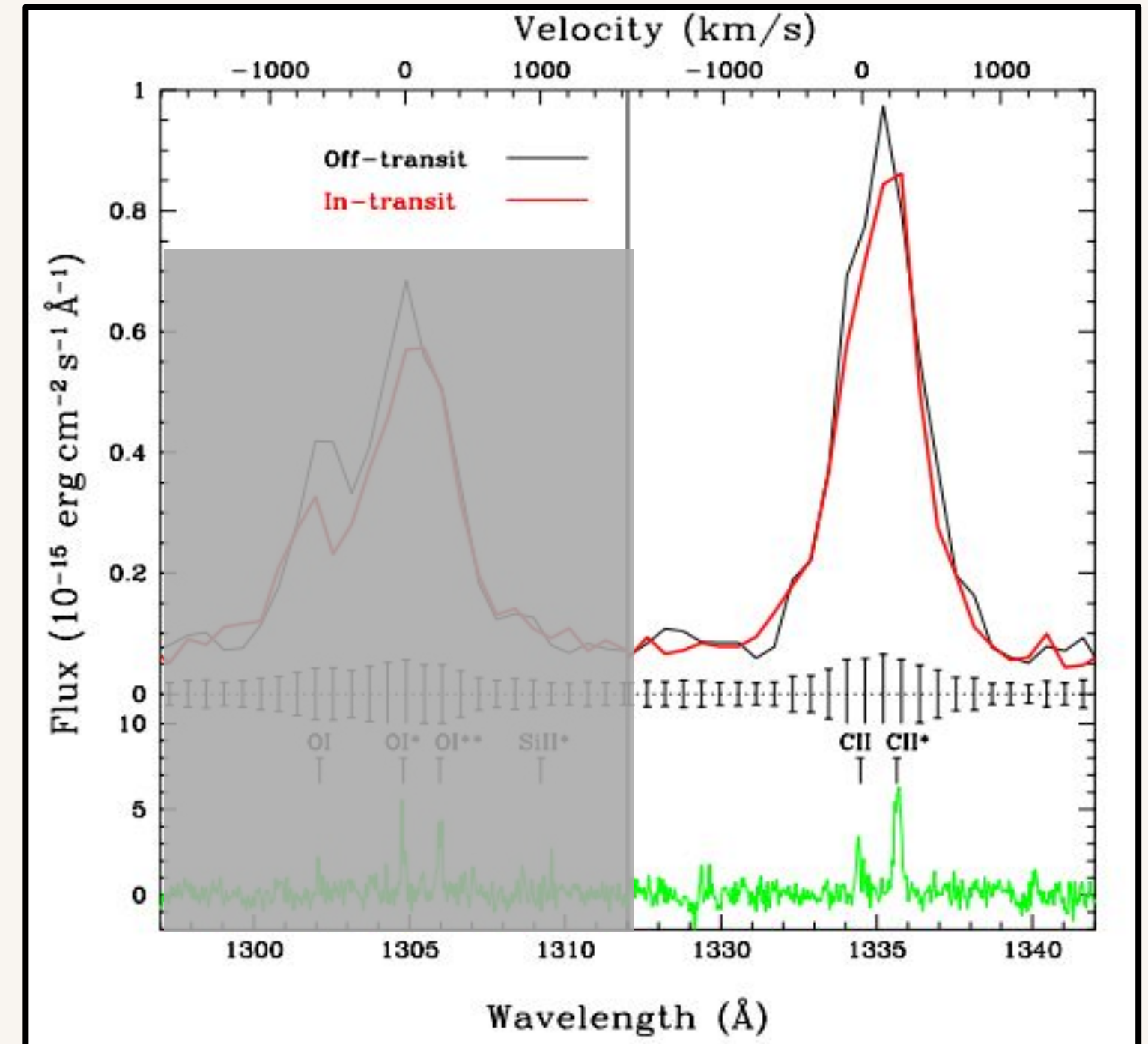
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Helium I line (1083.0nm)



Zhang+2023

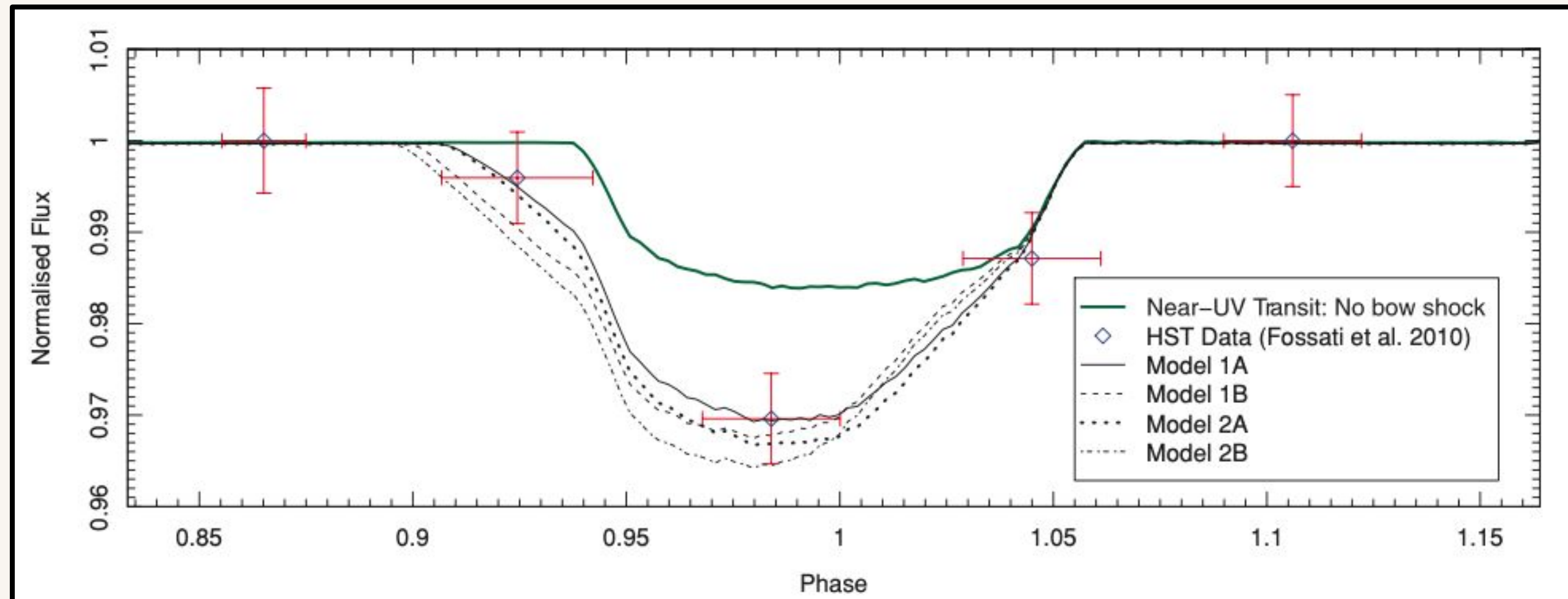
Carbon II (133.45nm)



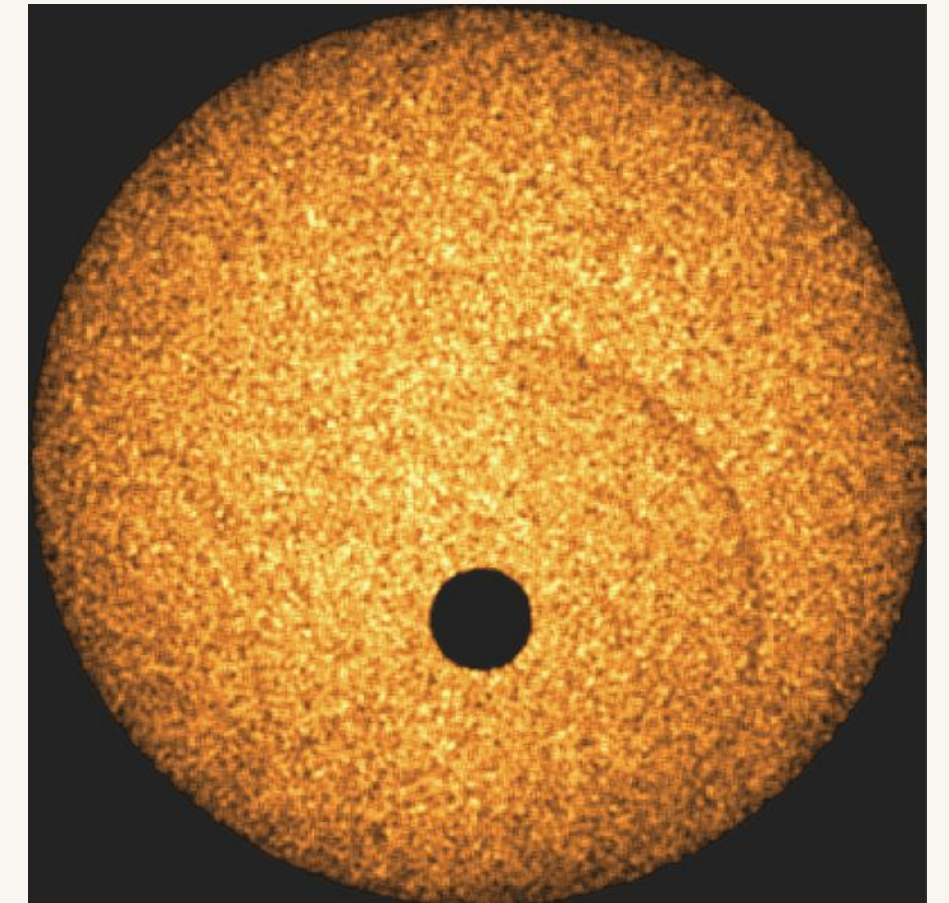
Vidal-Madjar+2018

Magnetic fields

- **Bow shock** → higher density region → **early ingress in the UV** (Mg II)
- Magnetic field can influence the **radial velocity** of **gas clouds**
- **C II** in the **magnetosphere tail** sensitive to magnetic fields → asymmetric transit curve



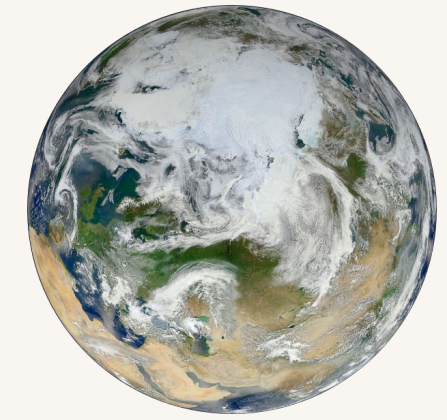
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Simulation of a transit with bow shock

Candidate target list

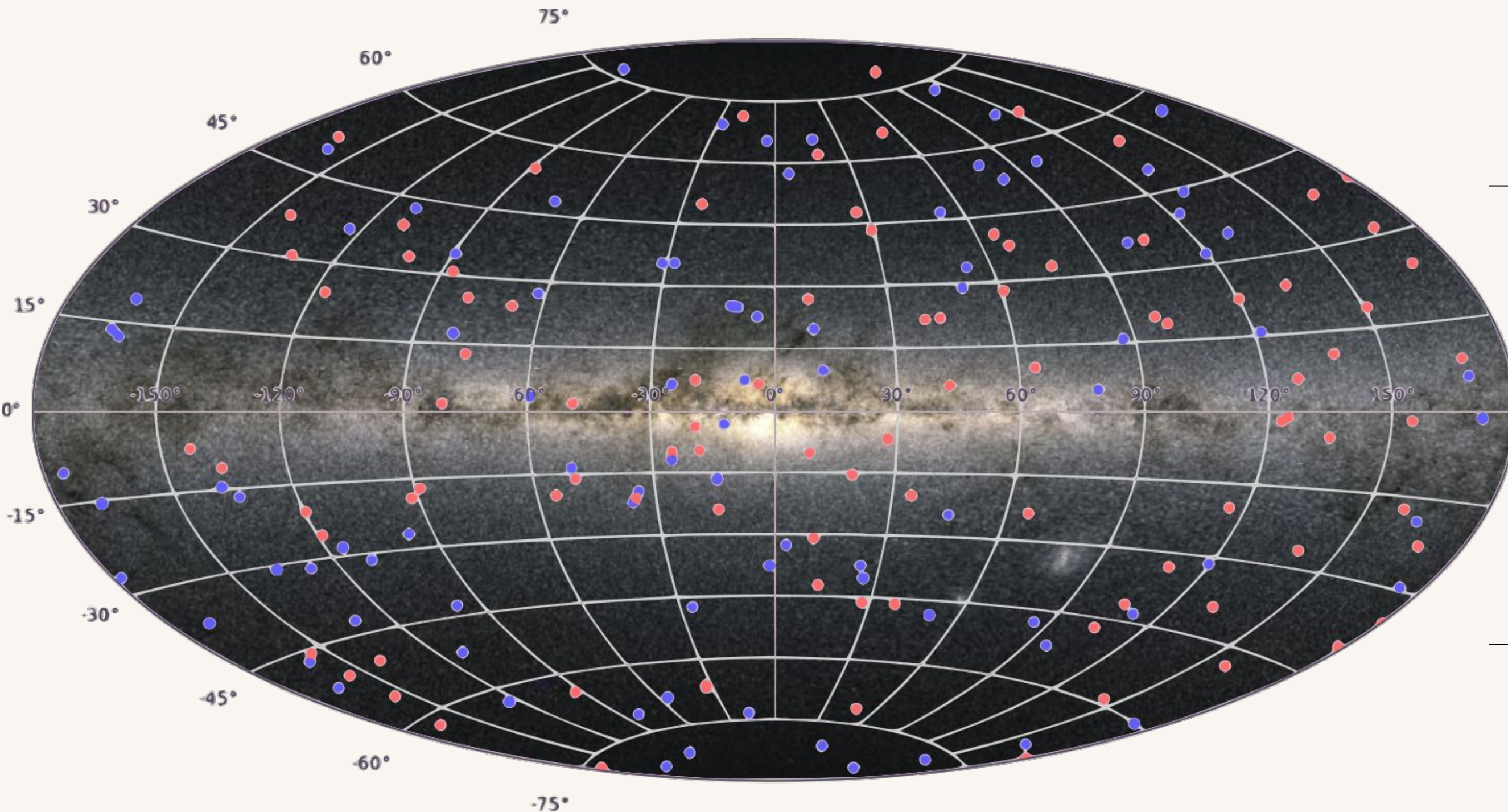
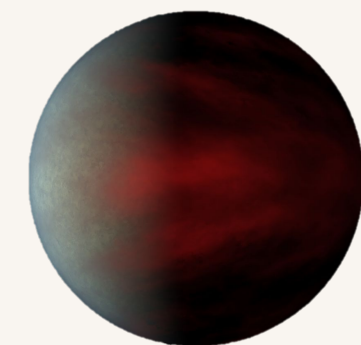
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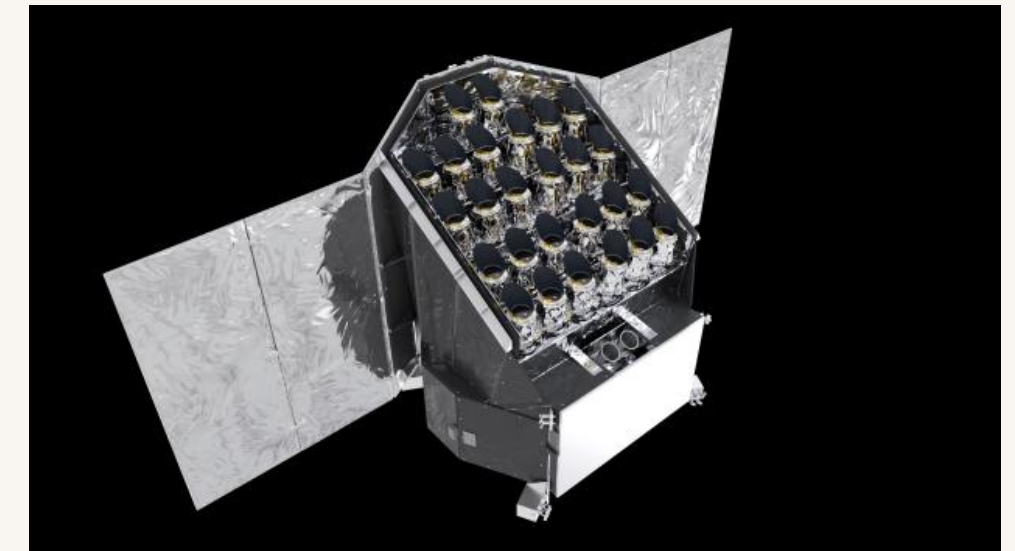
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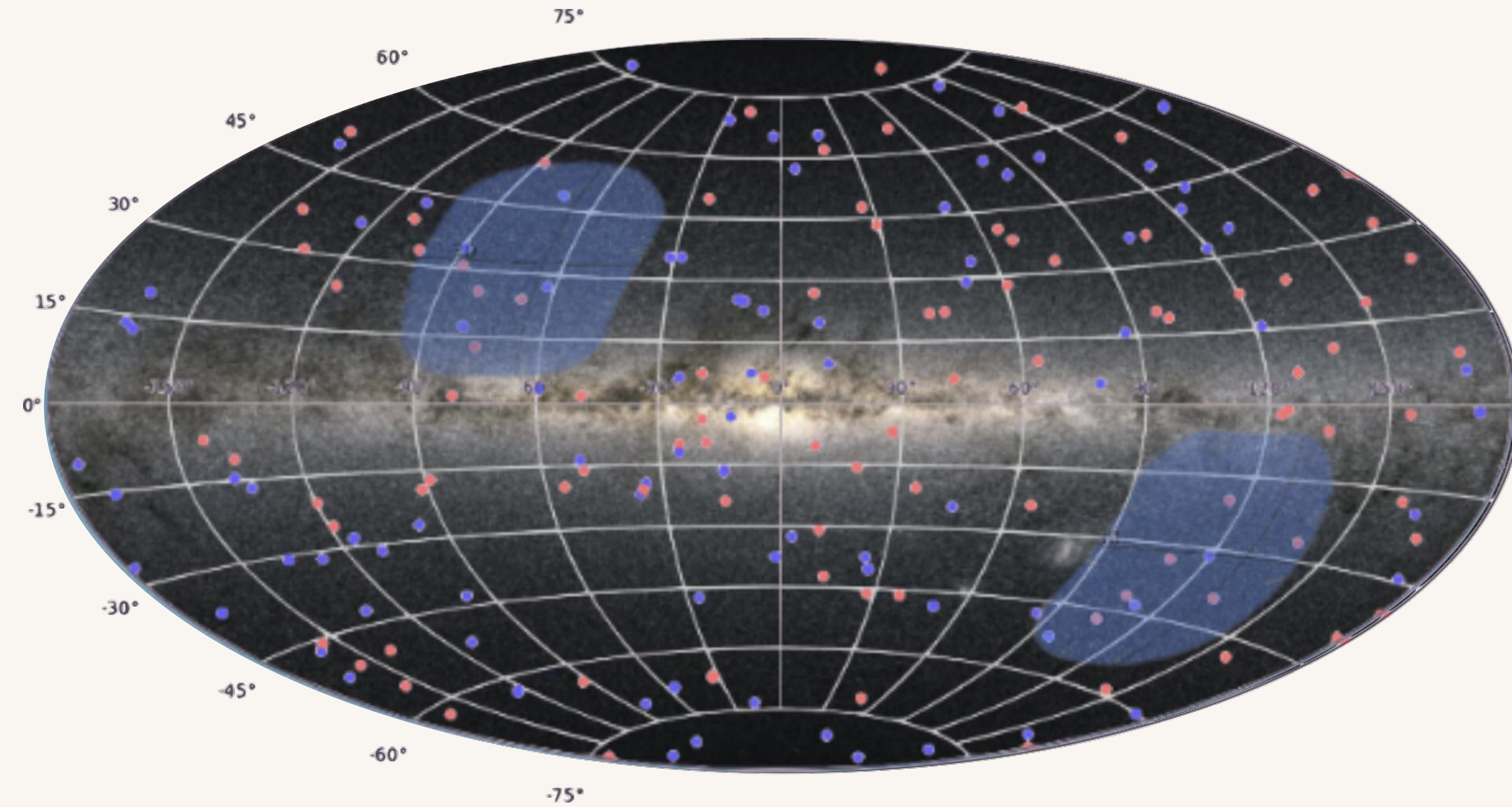
50 hot Neptunes



Candidate target list - synergy with PLATO



ESA



- Radius valley targets:
450-1500 (M-dwarfs),
1000- 8000 (FGK stars)
- Hot Jupiters:
6000-20000

Why can't other observatories answer these questions?

Ground-based observatories

- Earth's atmosphere **absorbs UV**

HST

- Observations **limited** by Earth occultations
- Planets may remain **undetectable** due to limited sensitivity
- Ly- α **contaminated** by interstellar absorption and Earth geocoronal emission

Ariel

- No UV instrument - **no detection of magnetospheres**
- **Low resolution** IR spectrometer ($R=30-200$) with spectral range over He I line

JWST

- Need for observation is at least **12.000 hours** - **too long** for proposal
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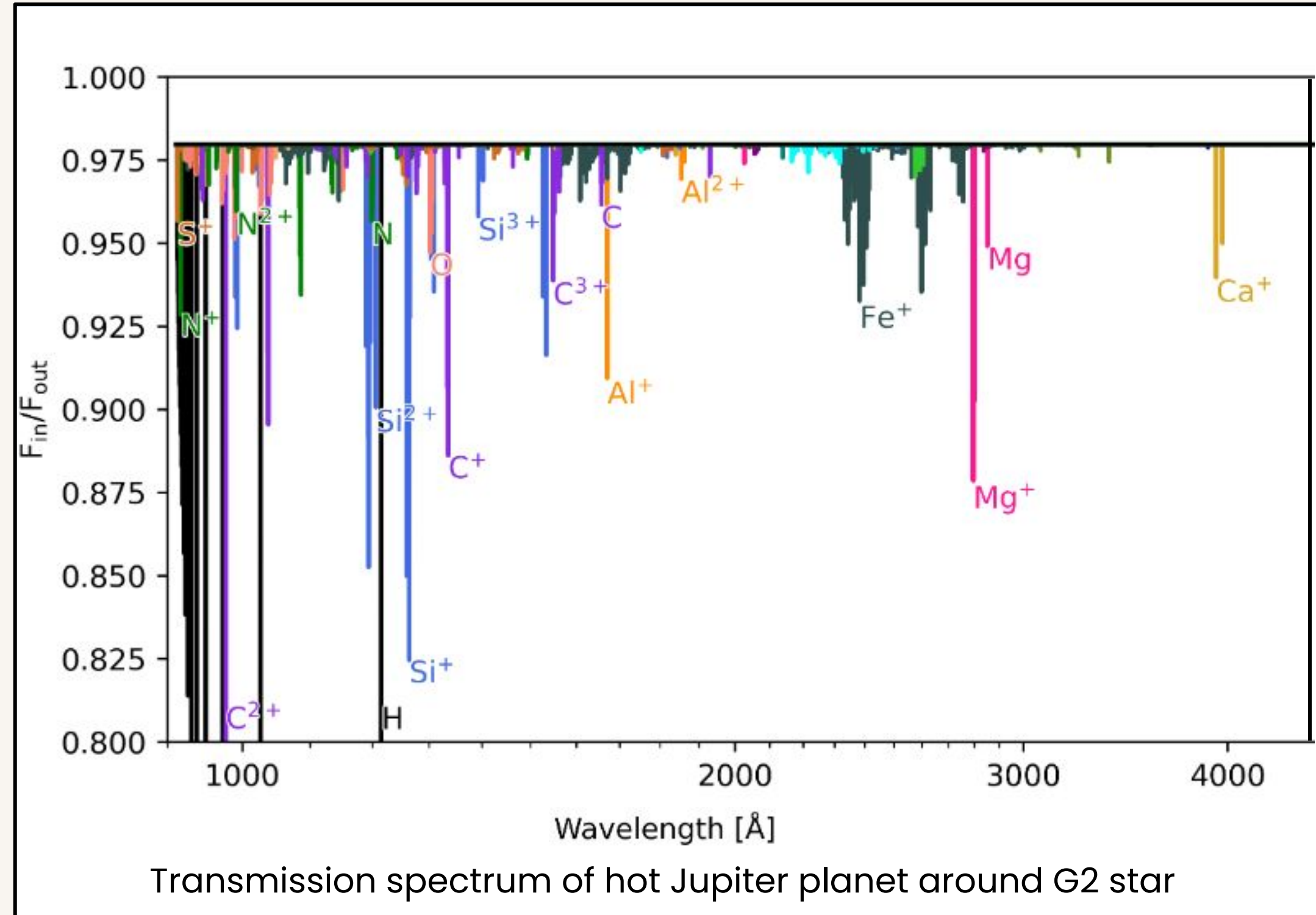
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Additional absorption lines

Wavelength [nm]	Atom/Molecule/ion
119.9 ¹	N I
124 ²	Si I
128 ¹	H ₂ O
130.4 ¹	O
150 ²	Si III
155 ²	C III
169 ²	Al I
280.9 ¹	Na II

1: NIST, 2: Linssen+2023



Linssen+2023

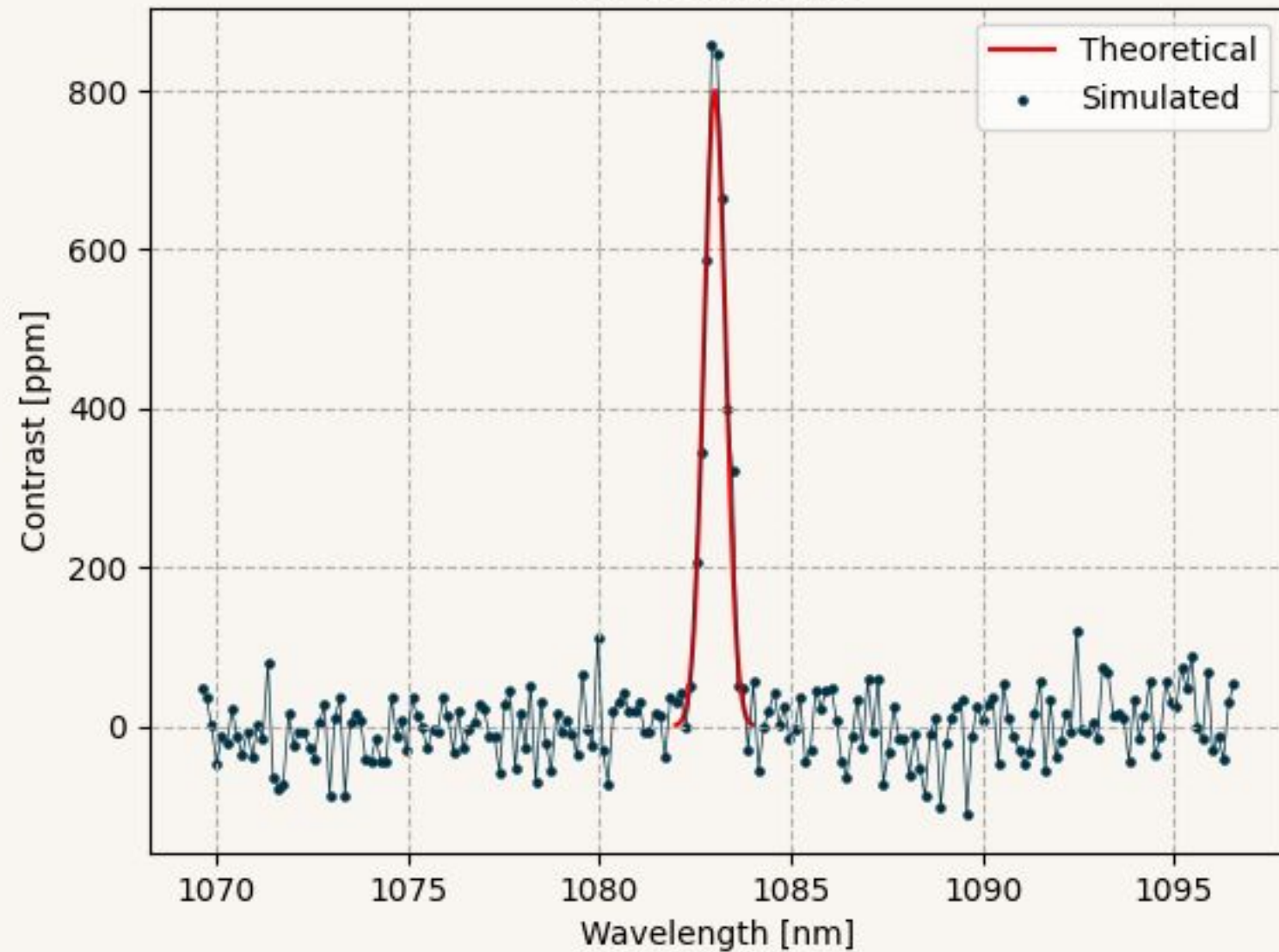
Feasibility of NIR measurements

Worst-case NIR

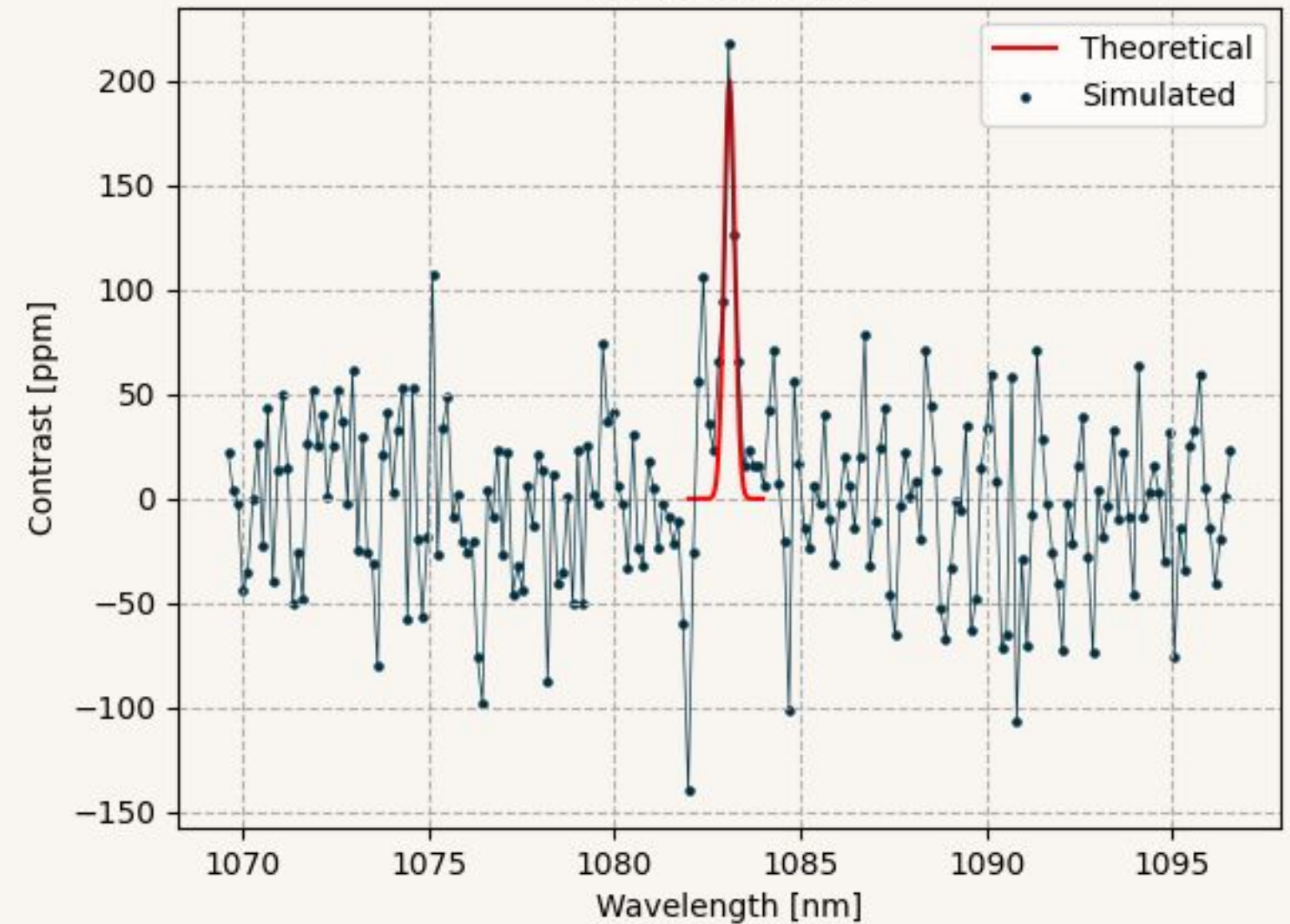
Line: He I

Noise limit: 50ppm

Mid-transit approximated signal
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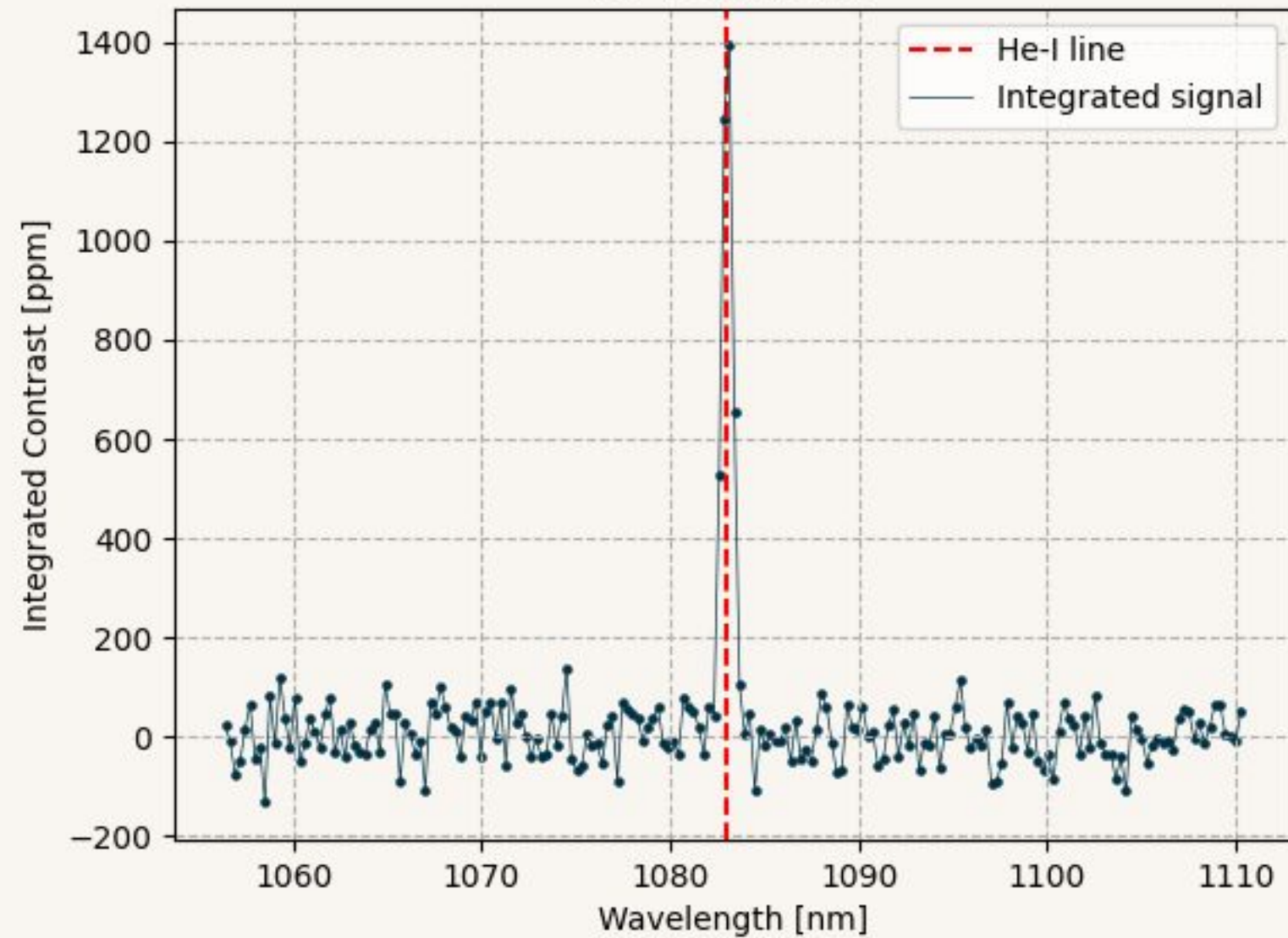
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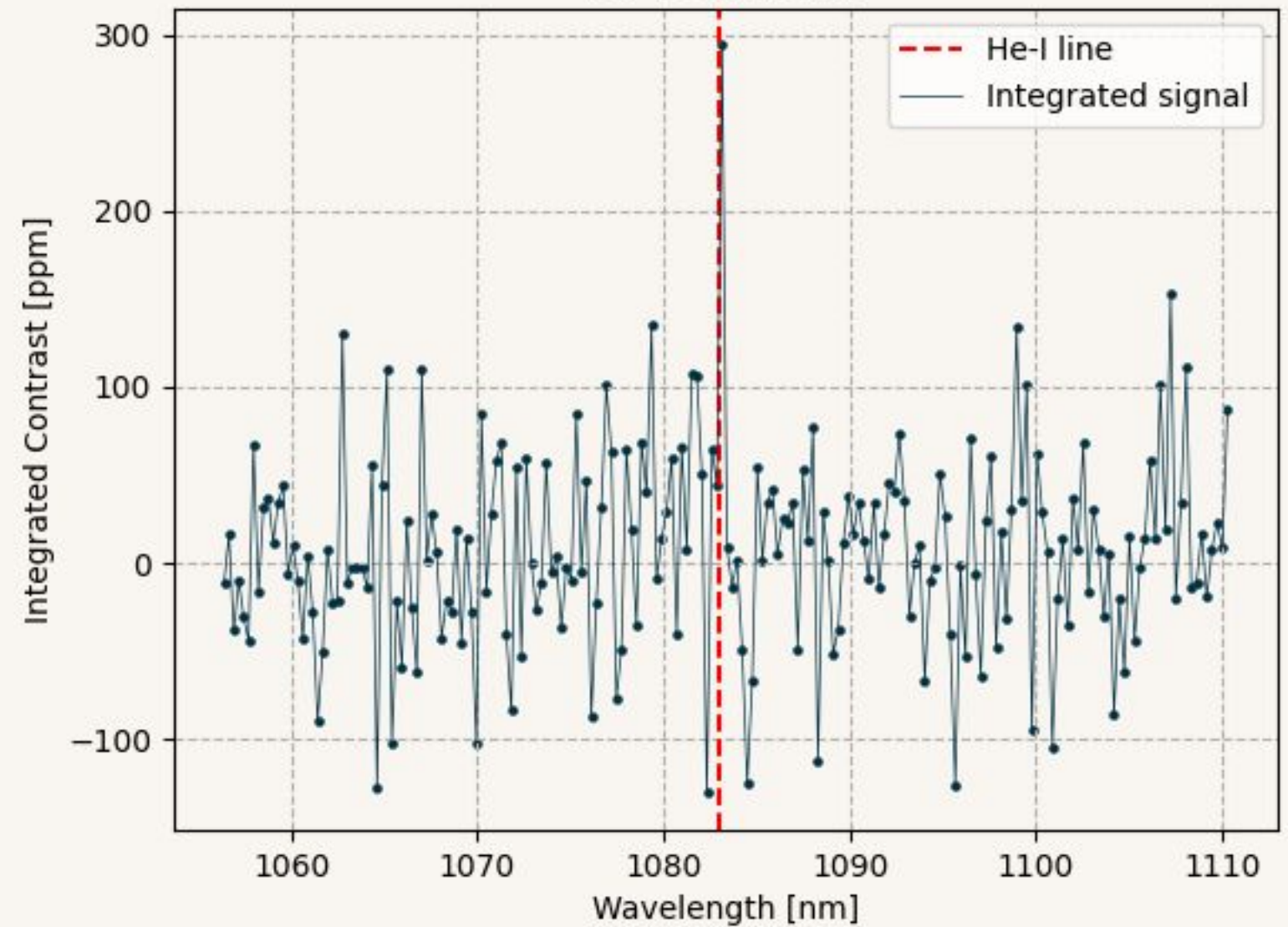
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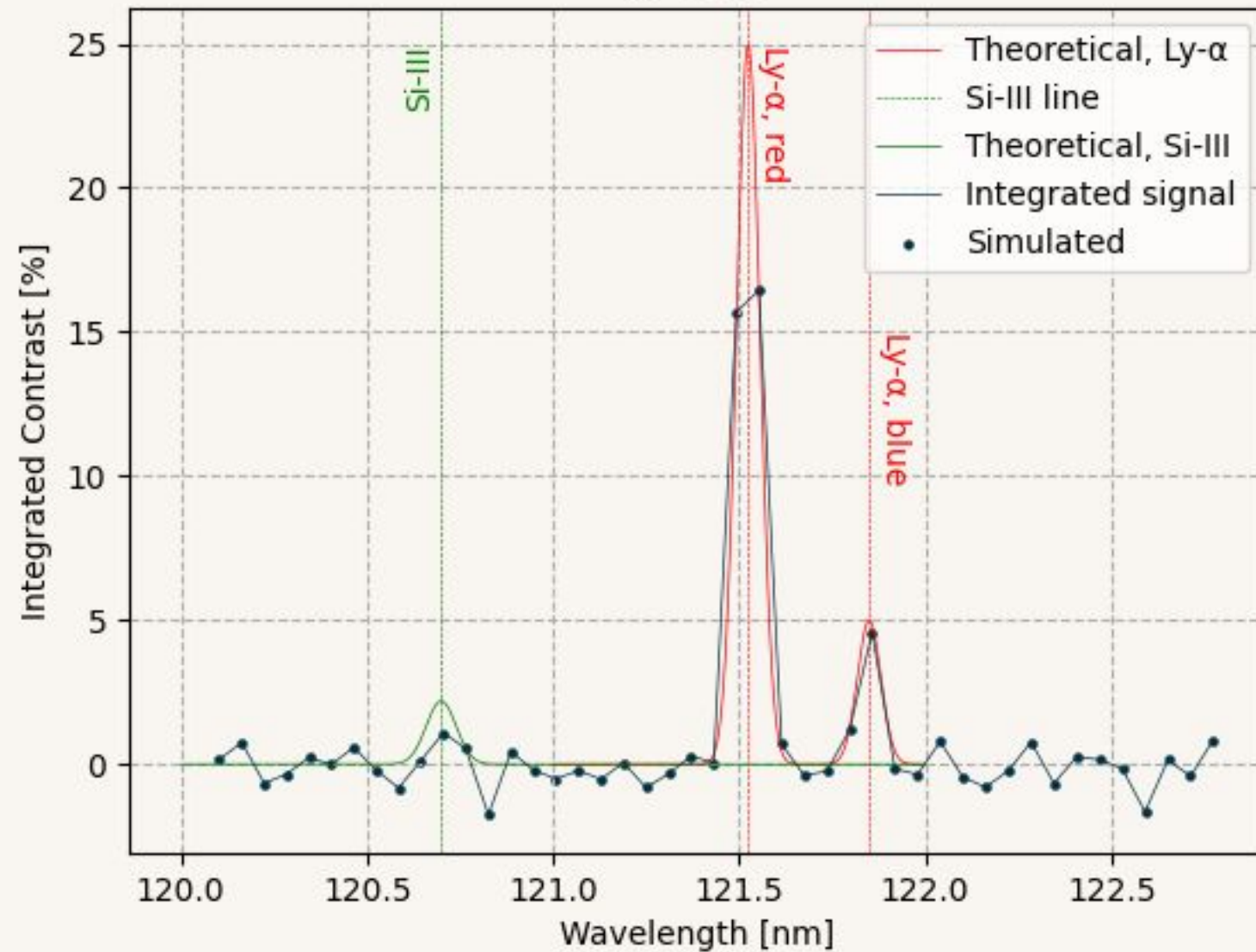
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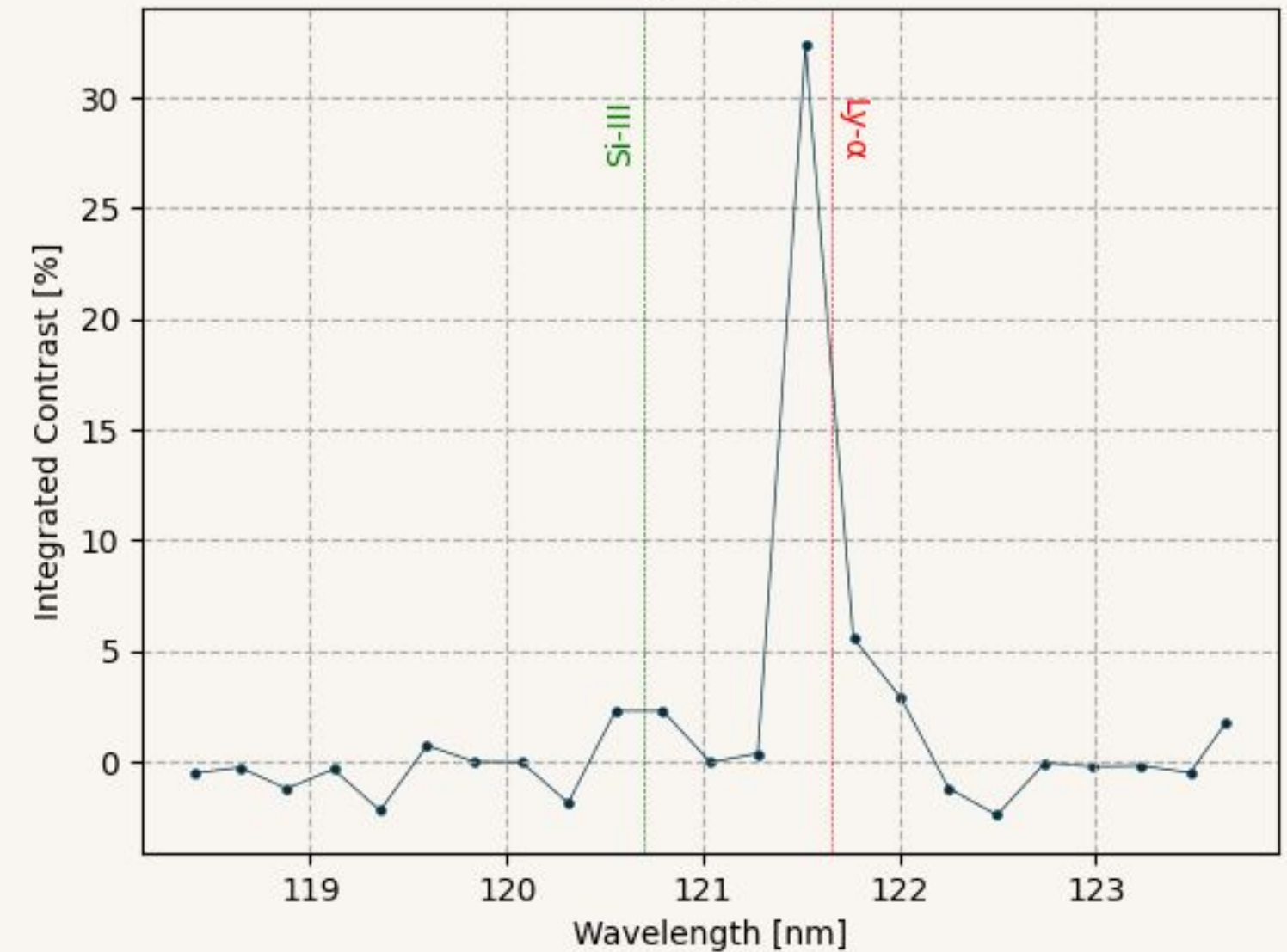
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Mid-transit approximated Ly- α and Si_III lines for GJ 9827 b
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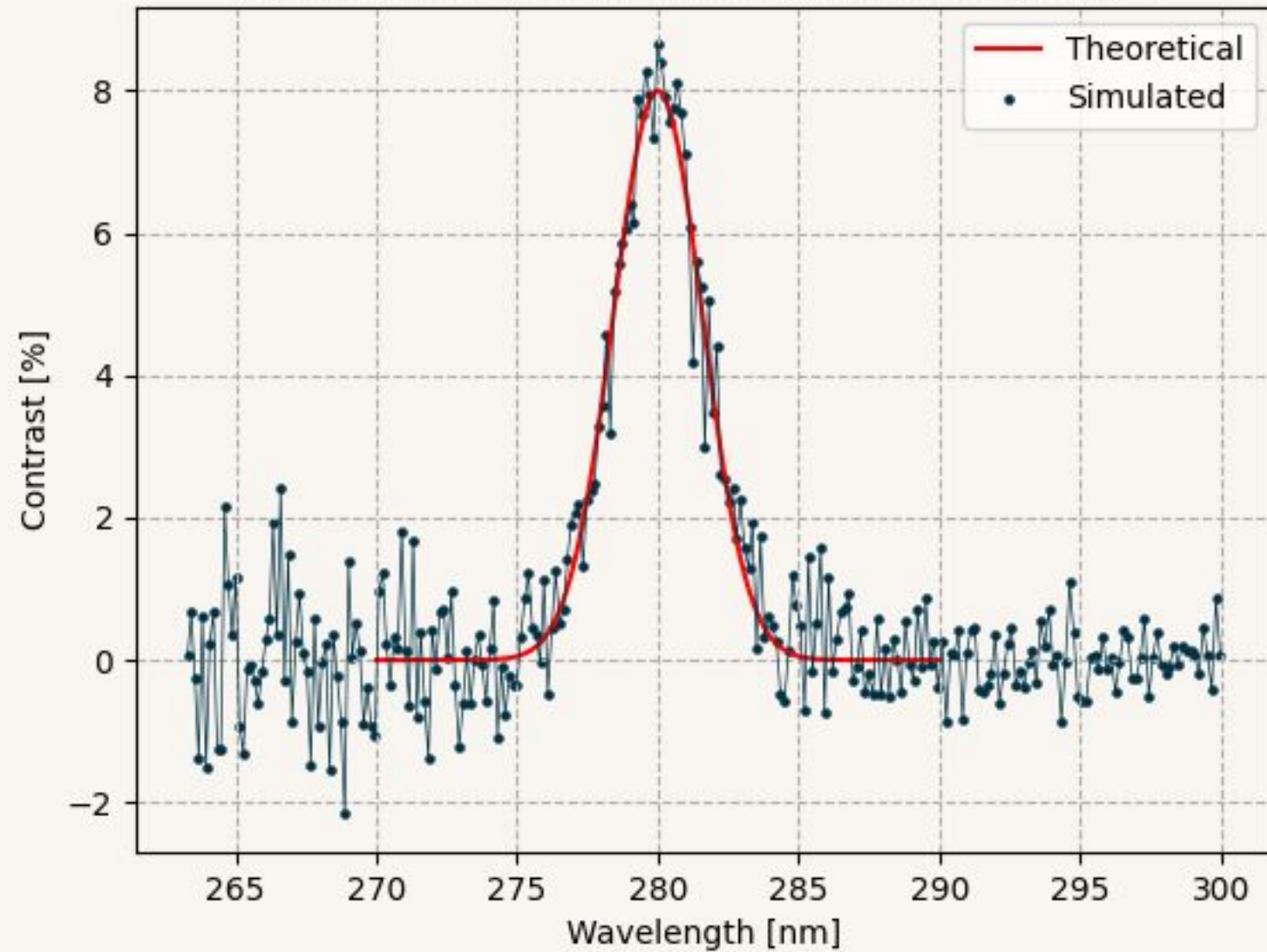
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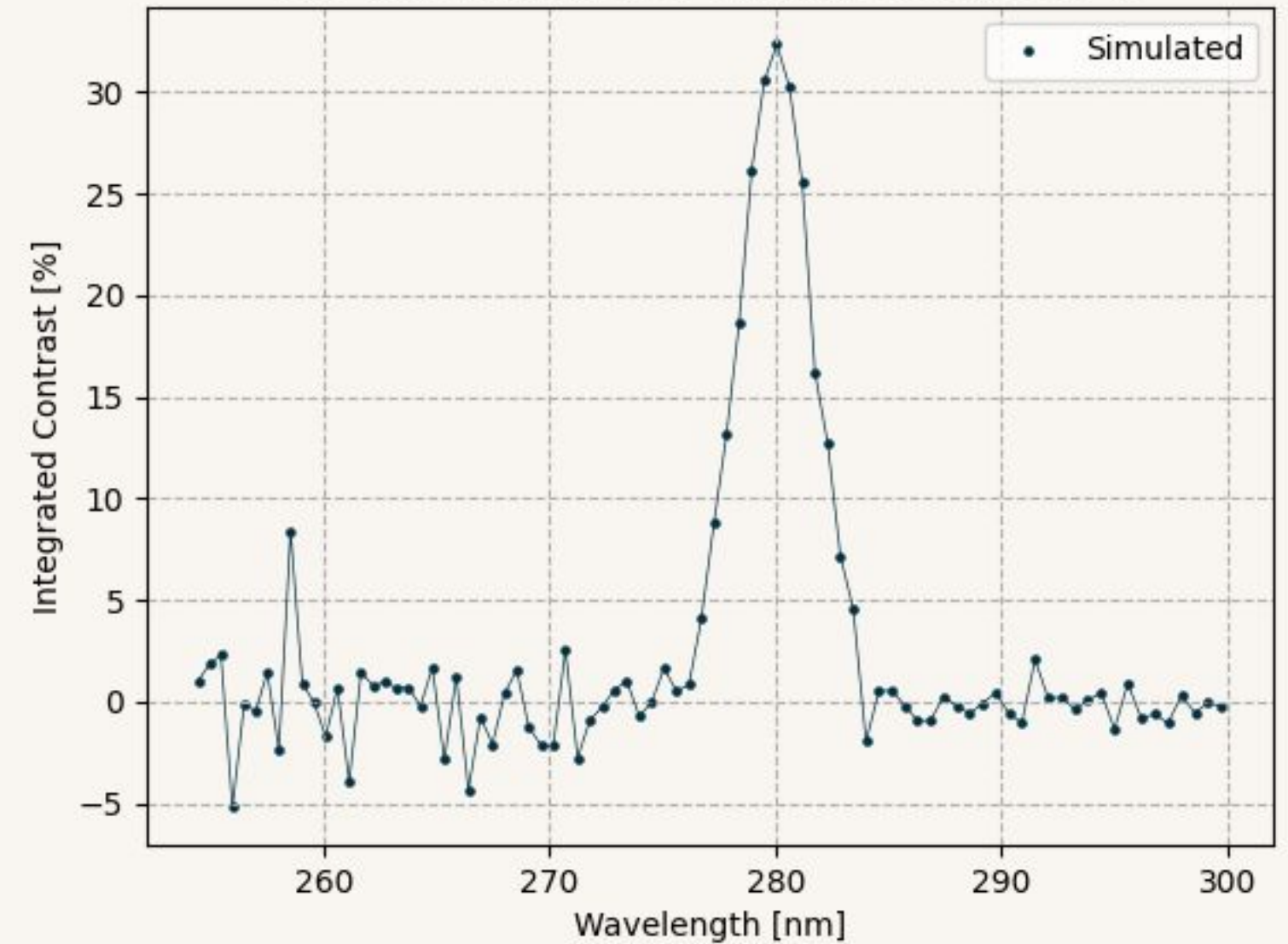
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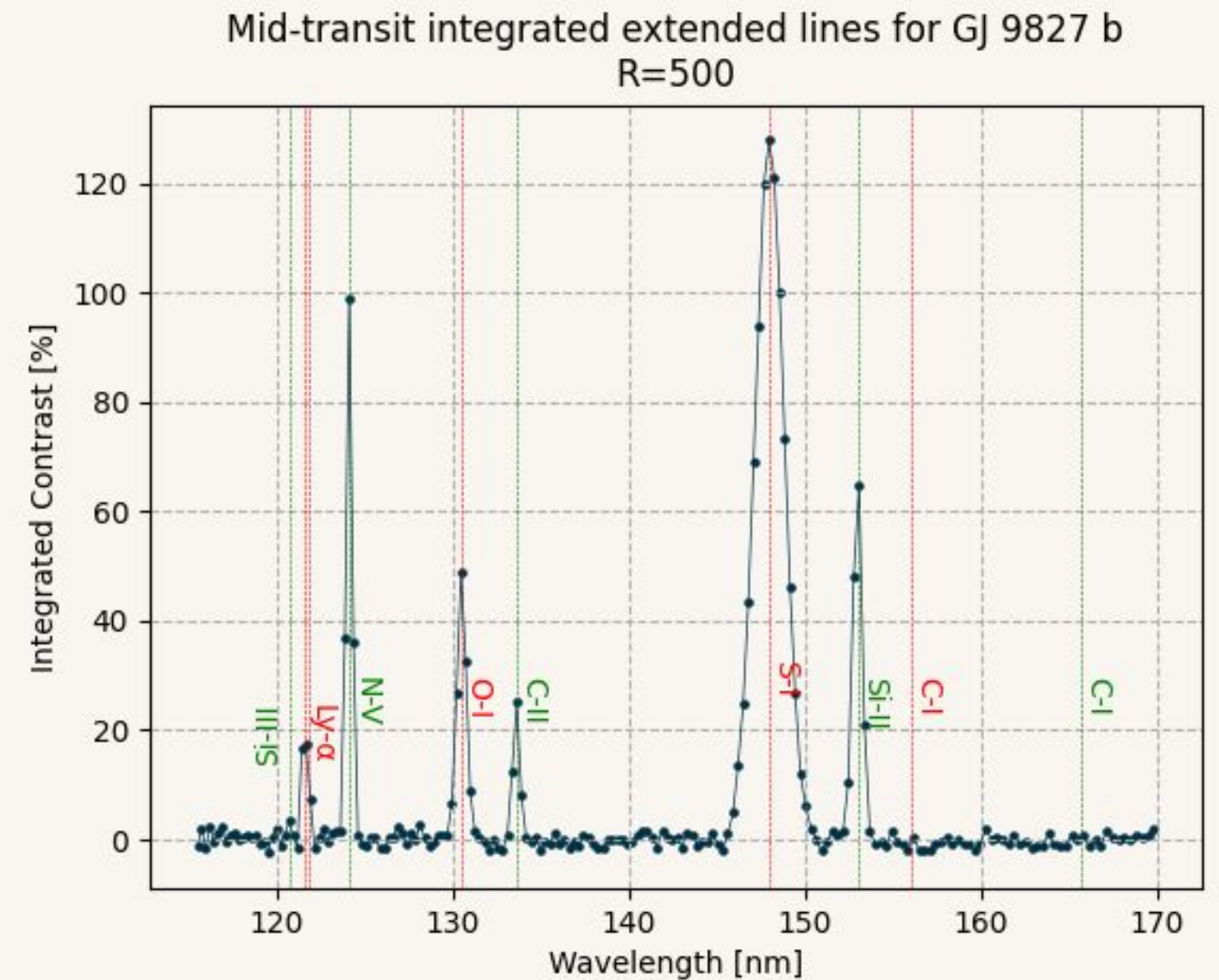
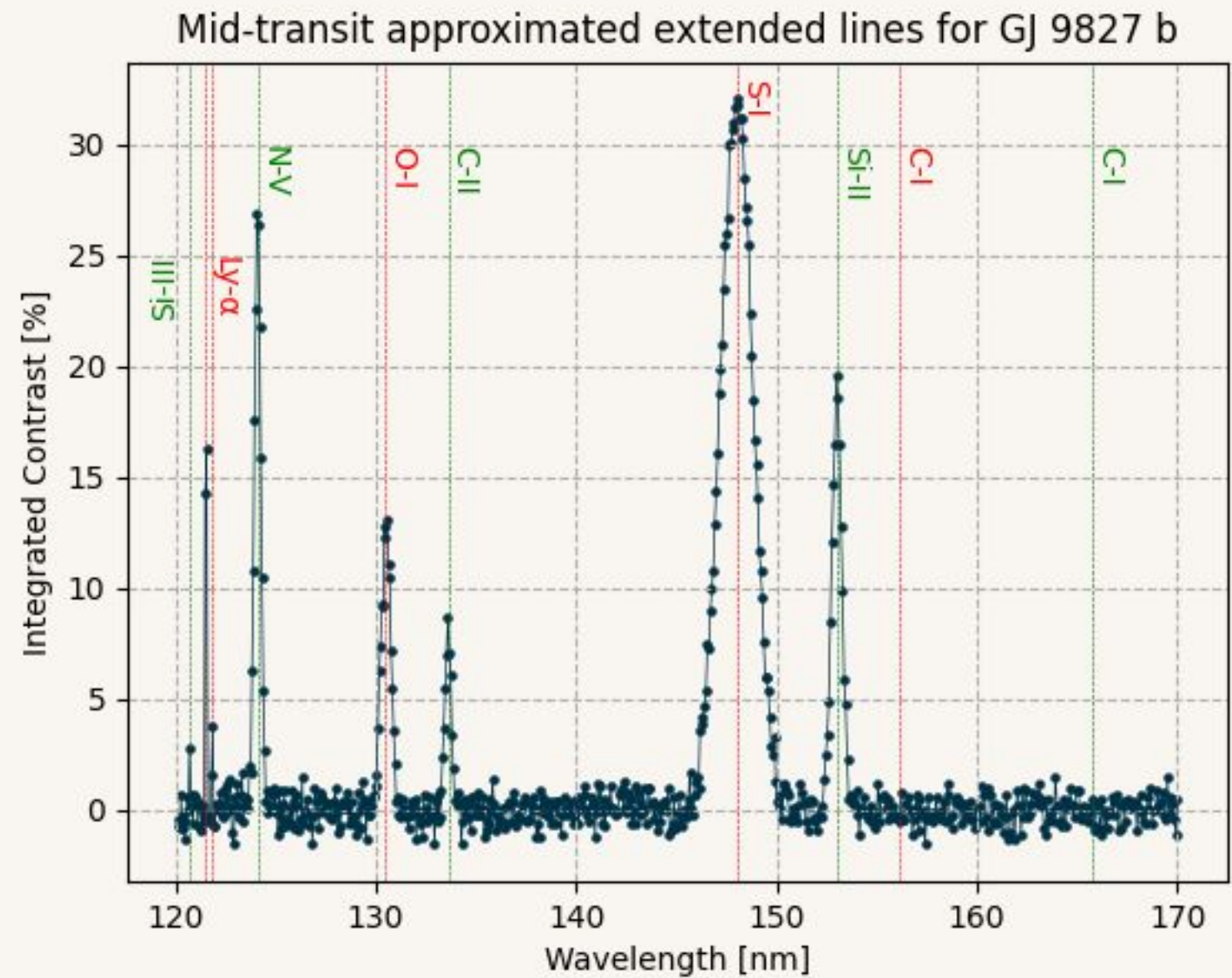
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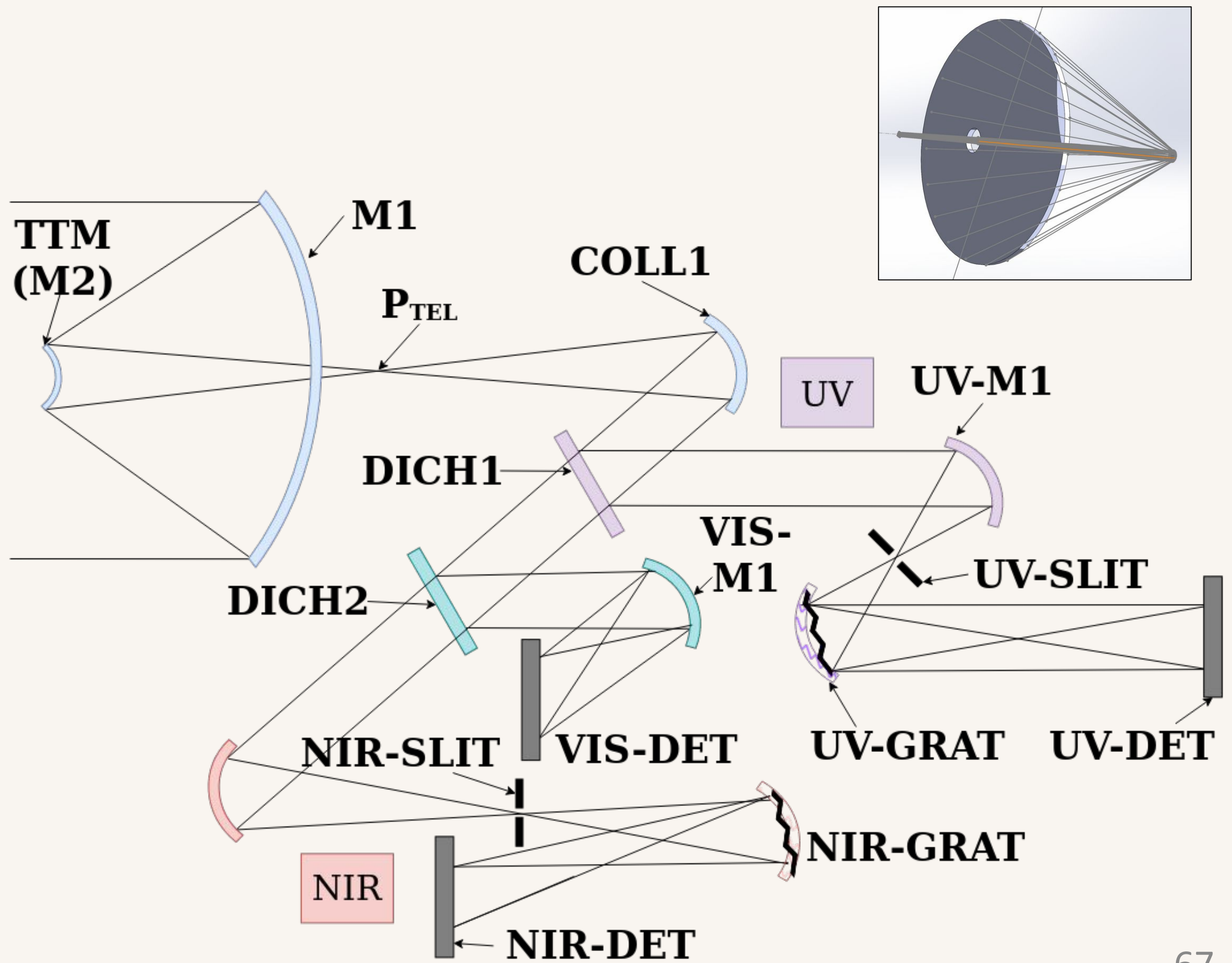
Worst-case UV

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Instrument design

M1	1.5 m
AFOV	3.14 deg
NIR	1070-1090 nm
UV	115-285 nm
NIR Spec Res.	3724
UV Spec Res.	571
Throughput UV	1.94%
Throughput NIR	38.65%
Throughput VIS	35.10%
Compressed data rate	13.2 Gb/day



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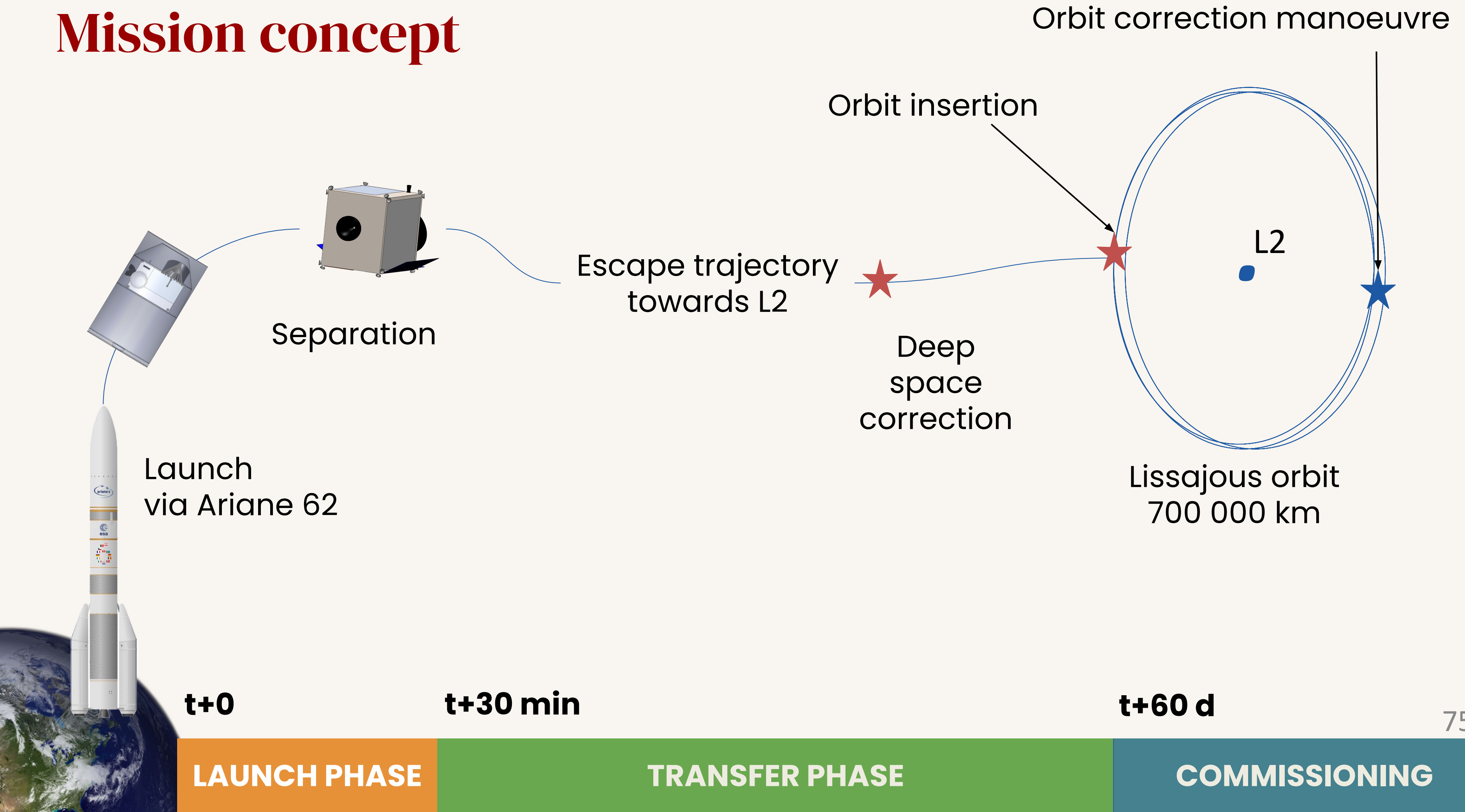
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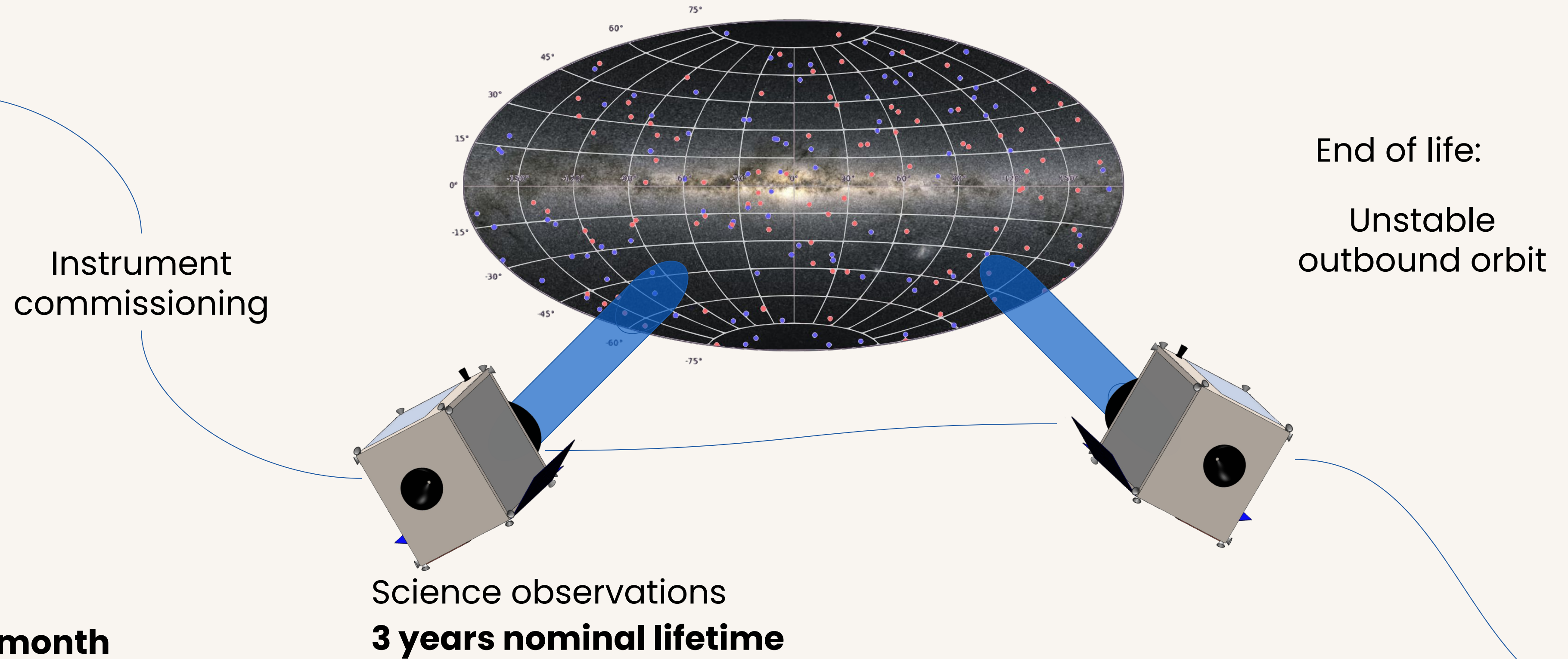
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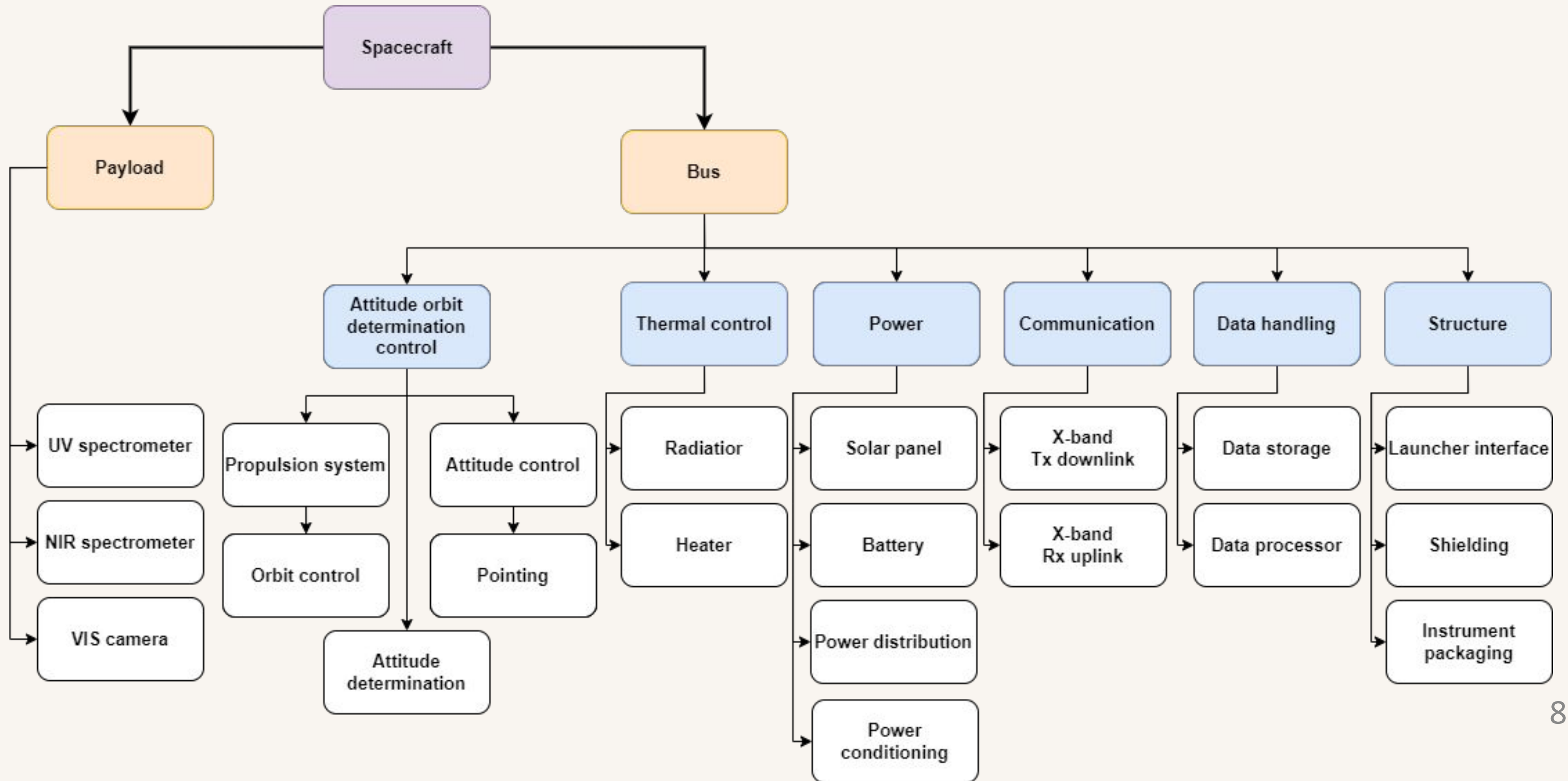
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Spacecraft design



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Subsystems

Attitude & Orbit Determination and Control System

Requirement

- 3-axis stabilisation with pointing accuracy of 0.07 arcsec
- Slewing rate of 0.05 deg/s
- Momentum storage capabilities of 6.78 Nms
- 40 N of thrust for propelled maneuvers
- 1 N of thrust for momentum dumping

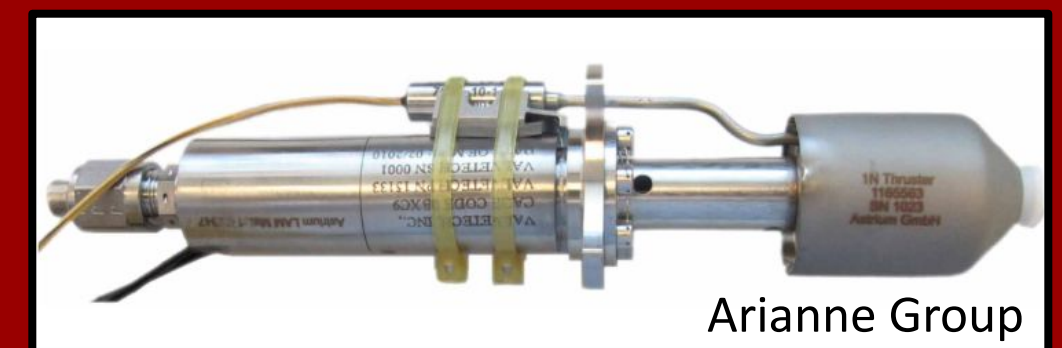
Design

- 2 star trackers + 6 sun sensors
- 1 gyroscope
- 3+1 reaction wheels
- 20+1 hot-gas thrusters

Operation	Δv (m/s)
Orbit maintenance	1 (per year)
Launch Error	50
Decommission	20
Desaturation	10 (per year)
Total Δv + 20%	122.95



1x 45 N Hydrazine thruster



20x 1 N Hydrazine thruster

Ground segment and spacecraft communication

Requirements

Downlink	13 Gb per day
Uplink	60 kbps
Data storage	26 Gb for 2 days

Design

- Ground stations: **35 m** Deep Space Network, ESA
- Satellite: **1 m²** phased array antenna
 - reduces slewing maneuvers
- **X-band**
- **10 MHz** bandwidth
- **Nominal Communication window: 2h per day**

UPLINK

Frequency	8.4 GHz
EIRP	111.2 dB
Pointing accuracy	0.15 deg
Transmission loss	-236.5 dB
Receiver G/T	17 dB
Data rate	72 kbps
Final Eb/En	18.7 dB

DOWNLINK

Frequency	7.75 GHz
EIRP	47.1 dB
Pointing accuracy	0.1 deg
Transmission loss	-235.8 dB
Receiver G/T	39 dB
Data rate	8.0 Mbps
Final Eb/En	9.4 dB

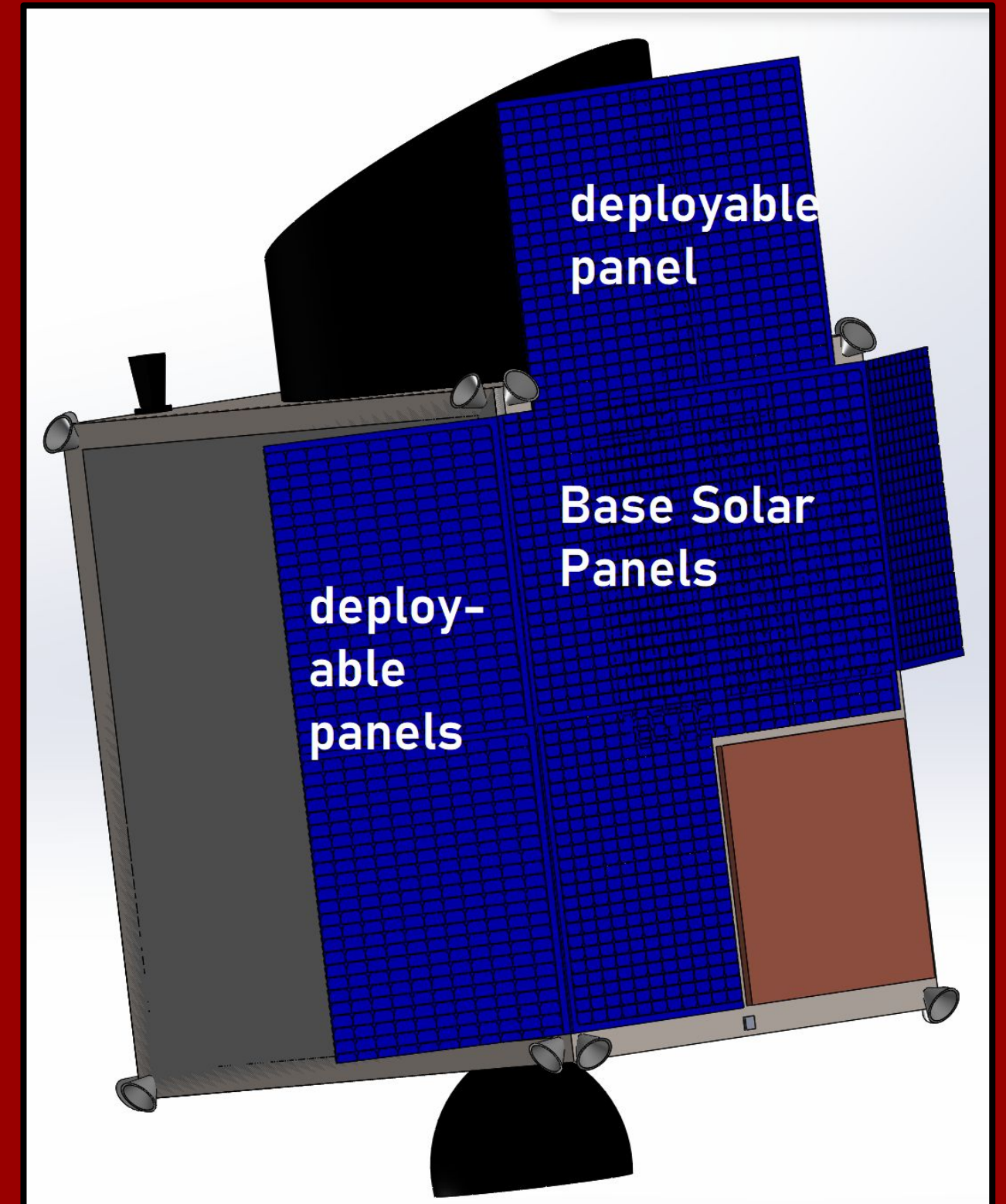
Spacecraft power segment

Requirements

- EOL: 464 W at 75° incidence angle
- 2 hours of operation in safe mode

Design

- Spring hinge deployable solar panels
- 2127 solar cells total - **6.49 m²**
- Deployed panel **acts as a sun shield**
- 68 Li-Ion battery cells with 1000 Wh capacity
- Depth of discharge: **39.6%**



Power budget

Load	Max. Consumption (W)	Margin	Safe	Commissioning	Orbital Maintenance	Coarse Pointing	Science	Telecommunication
OBDH	10,00	2,0	5,0	10,0	10,0	10,0	10,0	10,0
AODCS / Control	60,00	12,0	30,0	60,0	60,0	60,0	60,0	60,0
- <i>Determination</i>	20,00	4,0	10,0	20,0	20,0	10,0	20,0	20,0
EPS/ MCU & Telemetry	40,00	8,0	20,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	40,0
- <i>Battery heating</i>	20,00	4,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0
- <i>Regulation losses</i>	30,00	6,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	30,0
COM / Receiving	20,00	4,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0
- <i>Transmitting</i>	50,00	10,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	50,0
Thermal	80,00	16,0		80,0	30,0	50,0	80,0	60,0
Telescope	86,4	17,3		86,4		17,3	86,4	17,3
Total (W)	386,4	83,28	165,0	386,4	250,0	277,3	386,4	327,3
Total + Margin(W)	563,6	20%	198	463,7	300	332,8	463,7	392,7

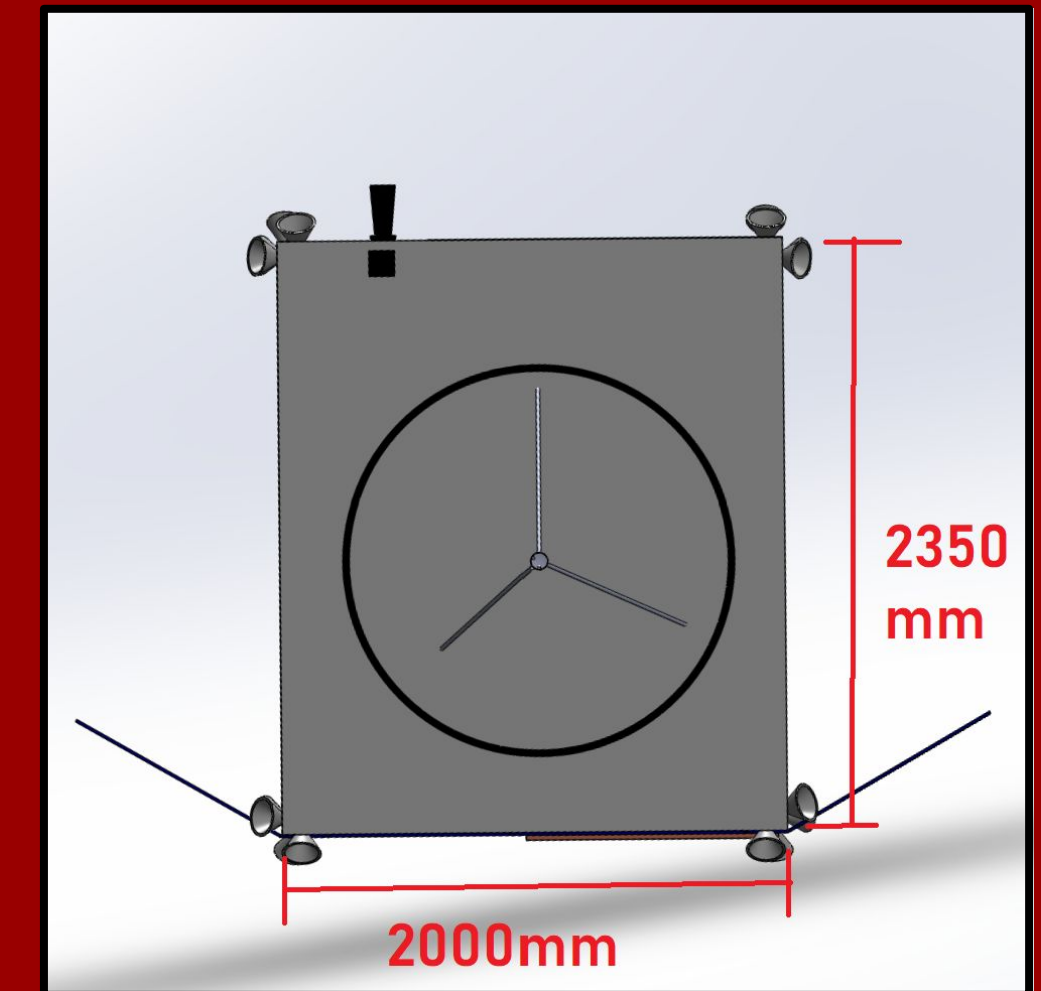
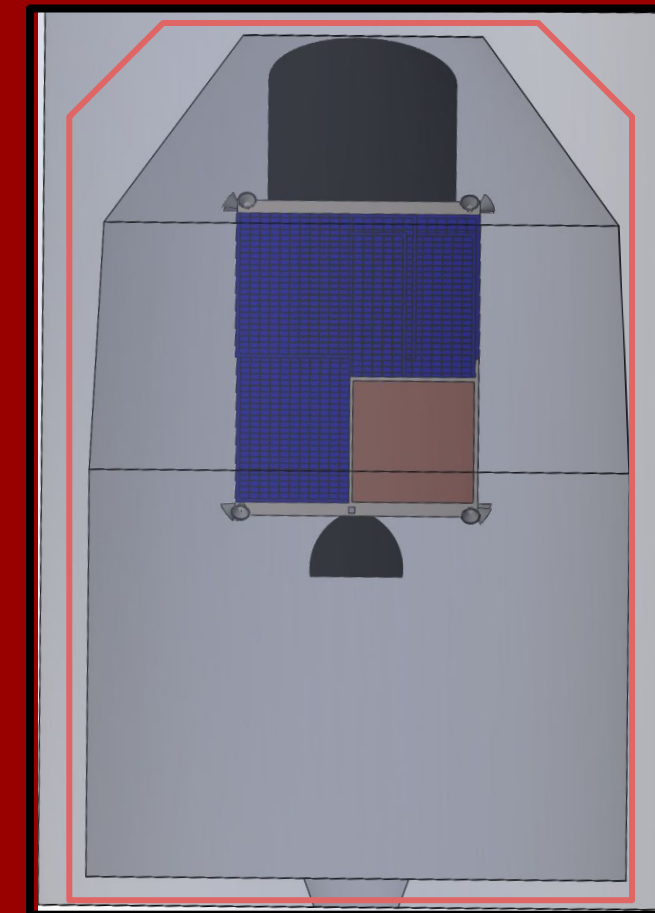
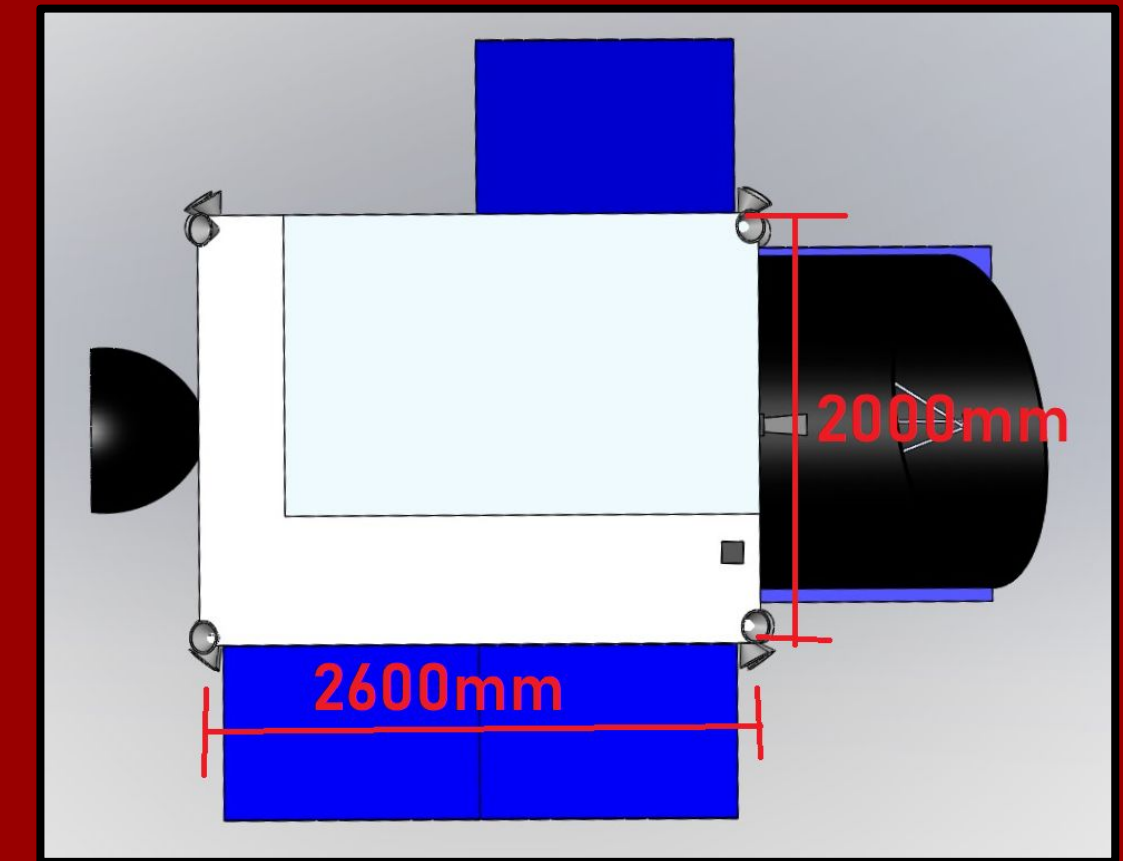
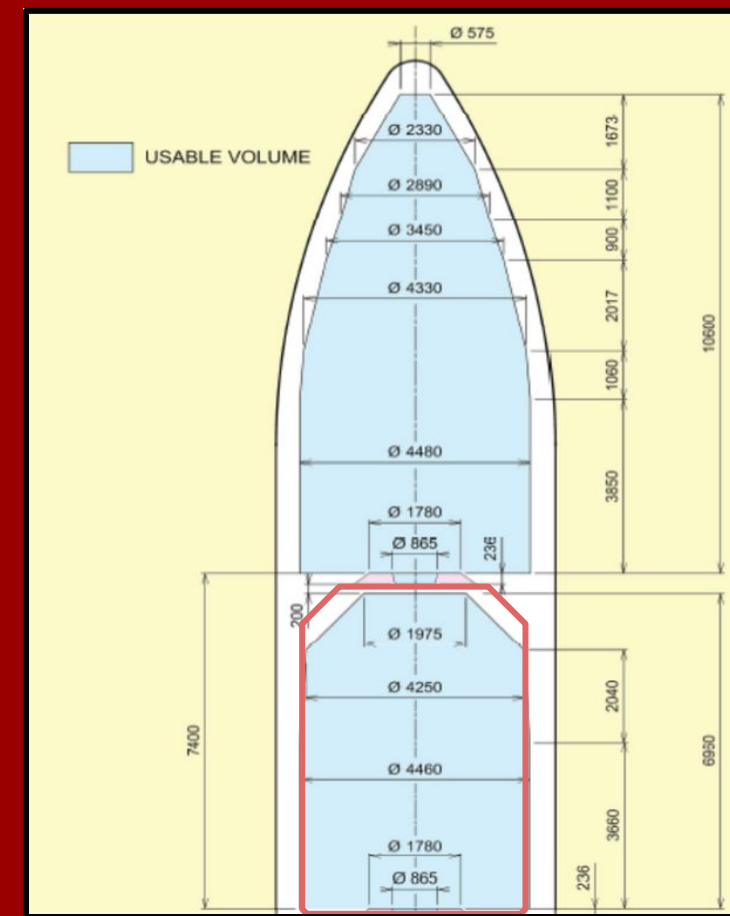
Spacecraft structure

Requirements

- Fit launcher payload bay
- Withstand vibration, acoustic noise and shock loads during launch
- Use space grade materials

Design:

- Aluminium 7075 frame
- 2.6 m x 2.0 m x 2.35 m



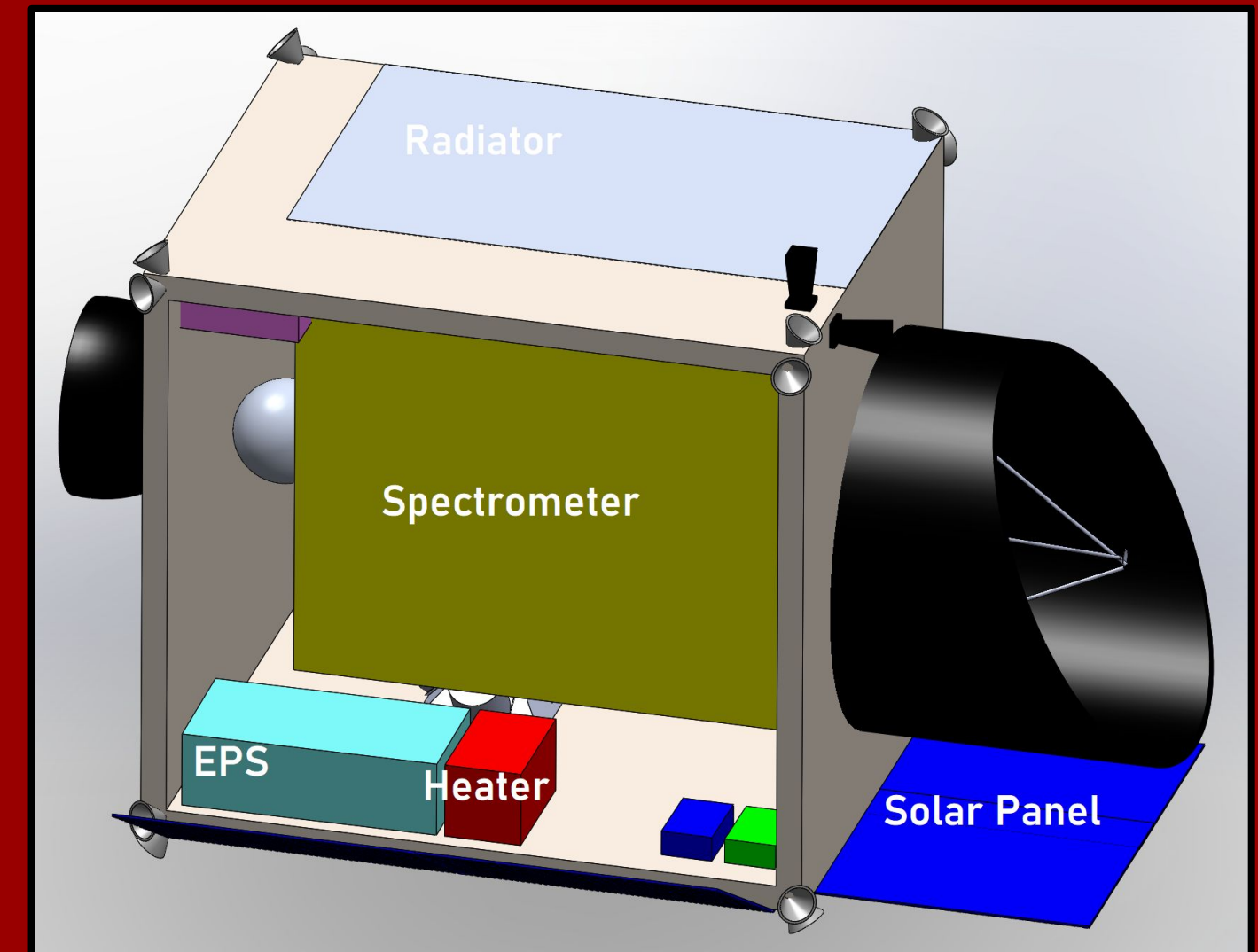
Spacecraft thermal design

Requirements

Battery	283–303 K
Fuel	288–313 K
NIR detector	120 ± 2 K
UV detector	293–303 K
UV optical mirrors	283 ± 1 K

Design

- Simple Aluminium radiators
- Thermal management design based on Hubble radiators for IR
- Radiators focused on the area of the spectrometer
- Heater placed next to the battery



Mass budget

- The Ariane 62 maximum payload mass for L2: 3300 kg
 -> ~50% of the max. payload mass

System	Nominal Mass (kg)	Margin (%/kg)	Mass + margin (kg)
Payloads	286,3	57,3	343,6
Thermal	20,0	4,0	24,0
EPS	95,0	19,0	114,0
AODCS	154,5	30,9	185,4
COM	20,0	7,0	42,0
Structure	190,0	38,0	228,0
OBDH	7,0	1,4	8,4
Total Dry Mass			945,4
Fuel Mass			85,5
Wires & Harnesses		20%	189
System Level Margin		20%	244
Total Wet Mass			1465,9

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Risks, cost and plan

Technology readiness

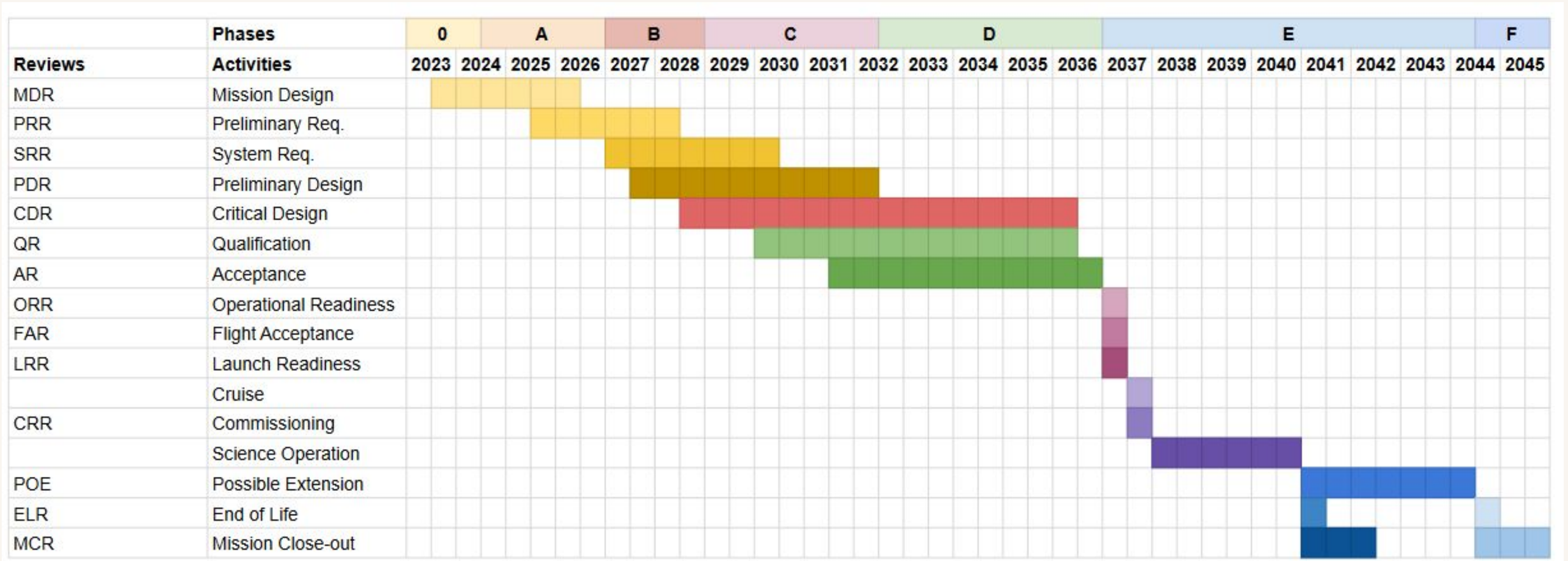
Payload Component	TRL
Telescope	4
Other mirrors & optics	5
UV instrument	5
NIR instrument	5
VIS instrument	5
System Component	TRL
Reaction wheels	9
Thruster	8
Star tracker	9
Sun sensor	9
Propulsion	8

	Descriptions of Technology Readiness Levels
TRL 4	Component and/or breadboard functional verification in laboratory environment.
TRL 5	Component and/or breadboard critical functional verification in laboratory environment.
TRL 6	Model demonstrating the critical functions of the element in a relevant environment
TRL 7	Model demonstrating the element performance for the operational environment
TRL 8	Actual system completed and accepted for flight ("Flight Qualified")
TRL 9	Actual system "flight proven" through successful mission operations

Excerpt from the risk register

ID	Risk	Risk Index	Mitigation
MS.01	Instrument damage	B4 medium	Vibration testing/ flight spare
MS.02	Exposure to micrometer-size space debris	D3 high	Statistical simulation/ protective housing using Whipple Shields
MS.06	Not measuring certain proxies	C4 medium	Measuring proxies in different wavelength ranges
TC.04	Mission delay due to TRL 4-5 components	D2 medium	Early testing of telescope mirrors and instruments

Project Timeline



Cost

- Shared launch to **reduce cost**

Spacecraft segment	Million €
Telescope	150
UV instrument	80
NIR instrument	50
VIS instrument	30
Bus	150
Mission Segment / Sub-total	460
Development/AIT	120
Data analysis (8 scientists)	23
Launcher / Shared launch	75 / 40
Initial cost	678 / 643
Margin	20%
Total cost	814 / 772

Descoping options

a. Remove capacity to measure Ly- α in UV

- i. Can be done with NIR, but not with all planetary targets
- ii. Reduces the instrument wavelength range

→ Cheaper optics

b. Remove complete UV spectrometer

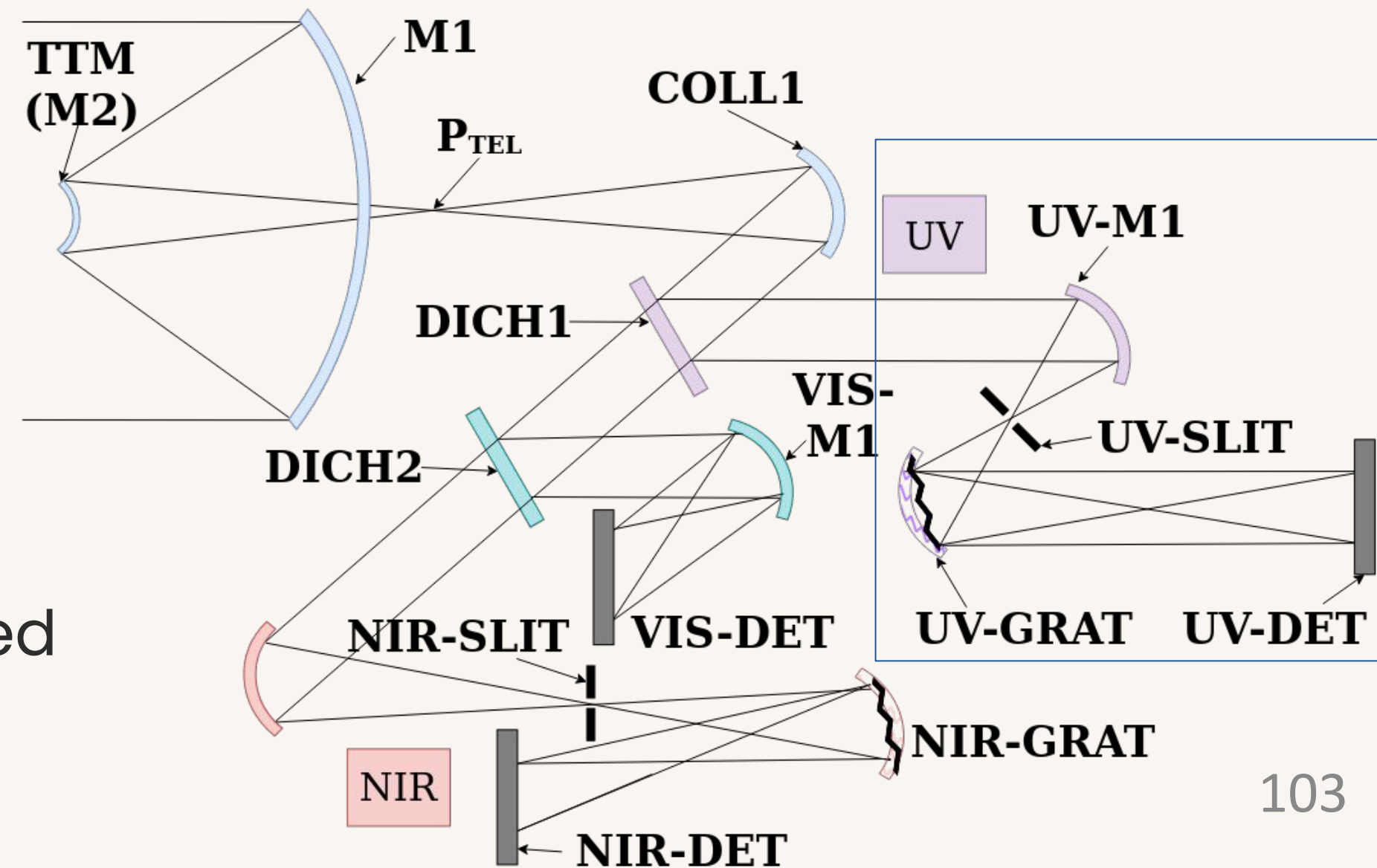
- i. Simpler optics

→ Smaller telescope

c. Spectral resolution reduction in NIR

- i. Line resolving is not any more ensured

→ Cheaper Optics



Outreach strategy

a. Scientific community

- i. Publications & attending scientific conferences
- ii. Different calls for observation proposals
- iii. Invite students to participate in mission meetings
- iv. Organize *Atmospheric Escape Symposium*

b. General public

- i. Social Media, website & press releases
- ii. Podcast
- iii. VR/ App design to follow the telescopes observations
- iv. Provide educational resources
- v. Touring, interactive exhibition

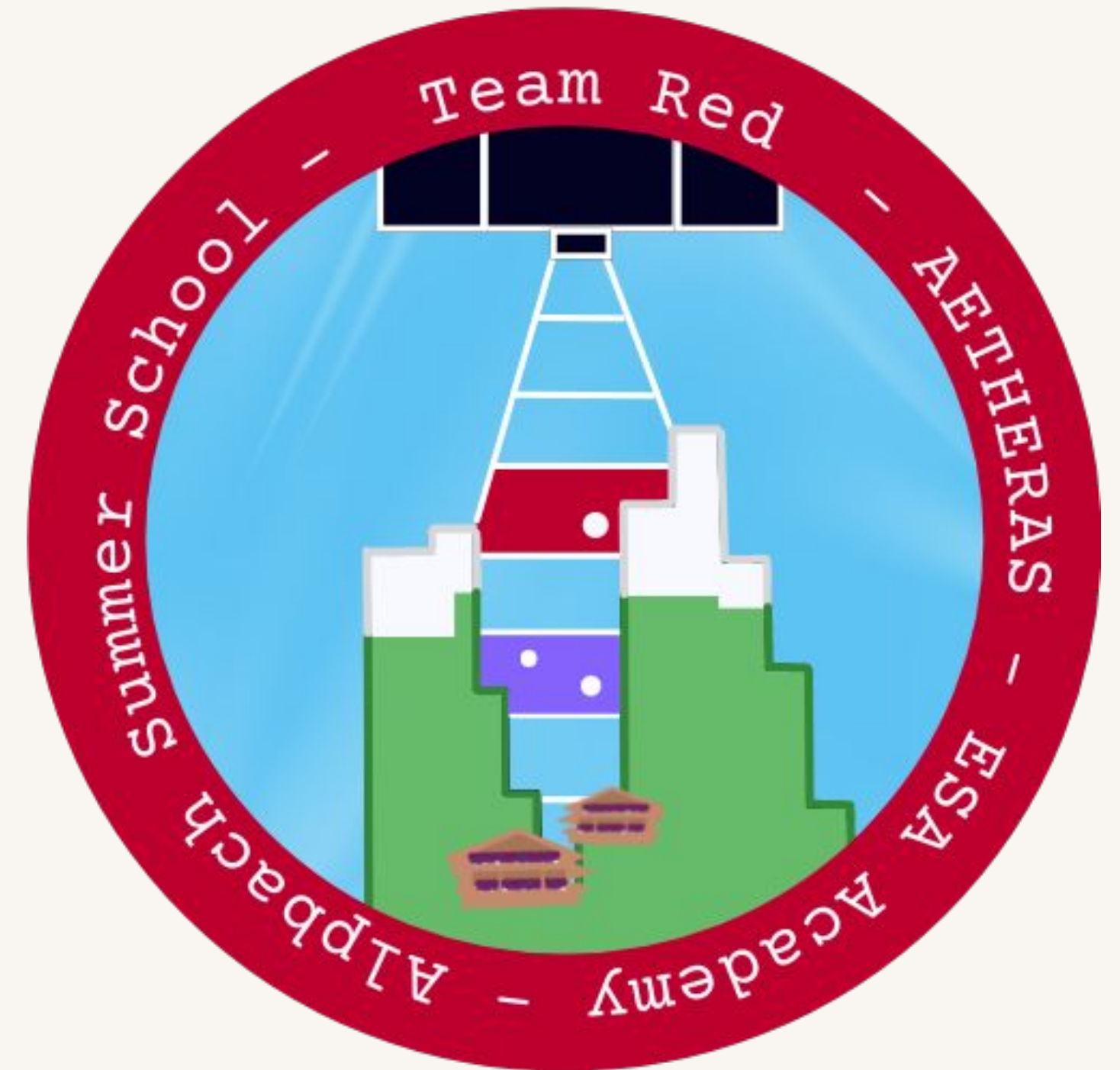


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Conclusions

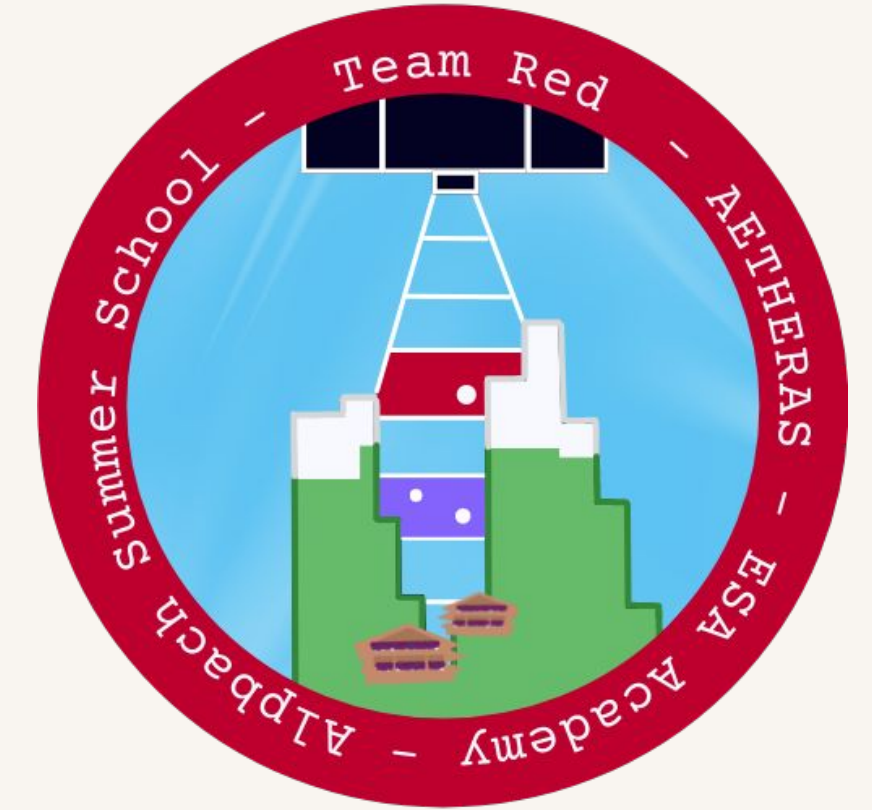
“Deepening our knowledge of planetary system formation and evolution by studying atmospheric escape”

Aetheras is the first space telescope to address the mysteries of the radius valley and the Neptunian desert, as well as the interactions between atmospheric escape and magnetic fields of exoplanets, to expand our knowledge on how planetary systems form and evolve.



Thank you for listening!

Any questions?



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Back-up slides

Trade-off for the Ly- α line

Pros:

1. PLATO might identify **targets with good emission spectrum in the UV (and Lyman-alpha)**.
2. Probing He I and H emission lines increase precision and helps disentangle ambiguous results.
3. Probing **C II and H I lines constraints the magnetic field measurements**. (Ly-alpha line used to break degeneracies in the model determination of magnetic field parameters)

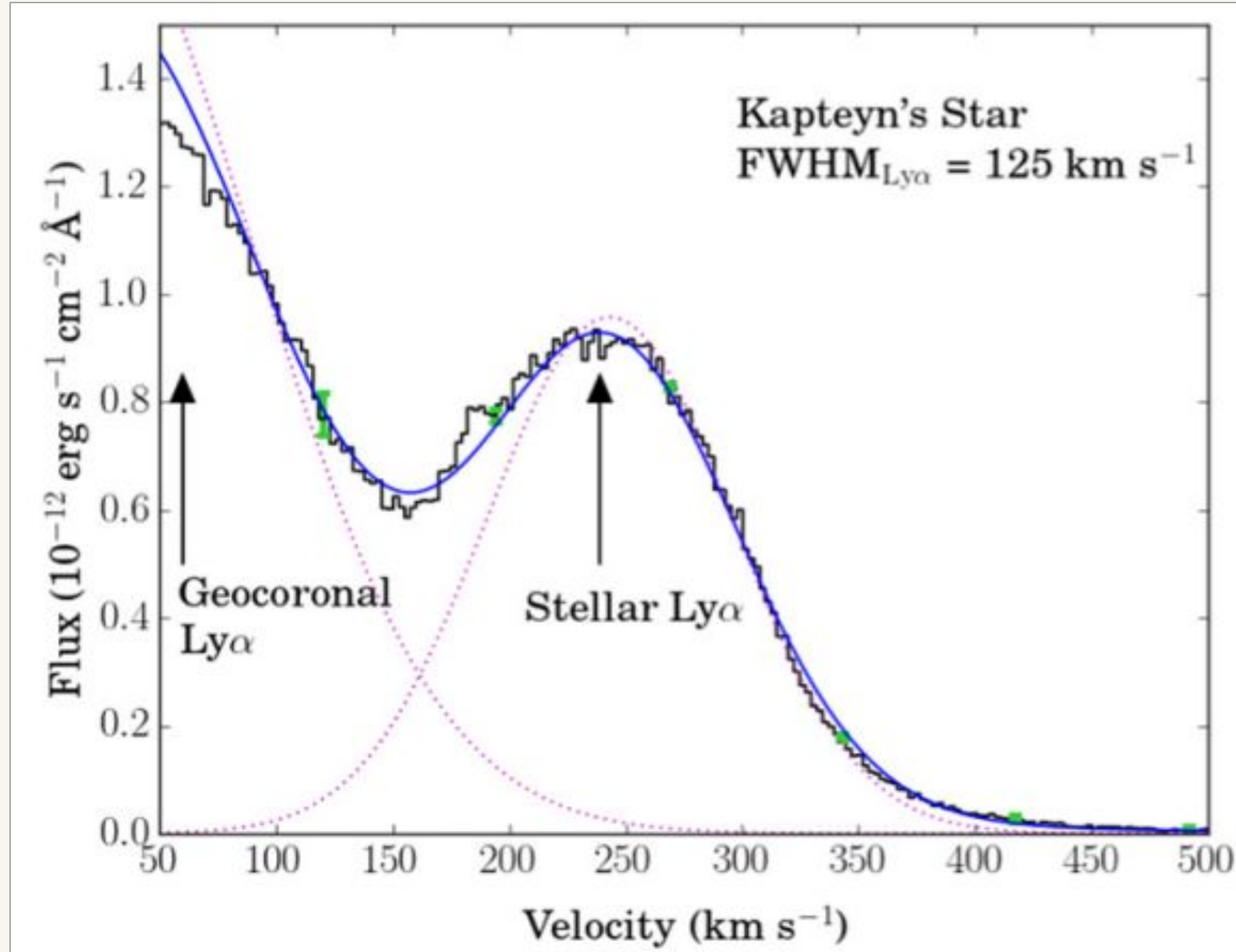
Cons:

1. Our targets are M and K-type stars – **dim UV emission**. More photons in the NIR than in the UV.
2. ISM absorption can distort the Lyman-alpha line, reduce its accuracy.
3. **He I – rate of mass loss** – radial velocity of the cloud.
4. Reducing costs: money, size and weight.
5. **Detections using Lyman-alpha are more reliable.**

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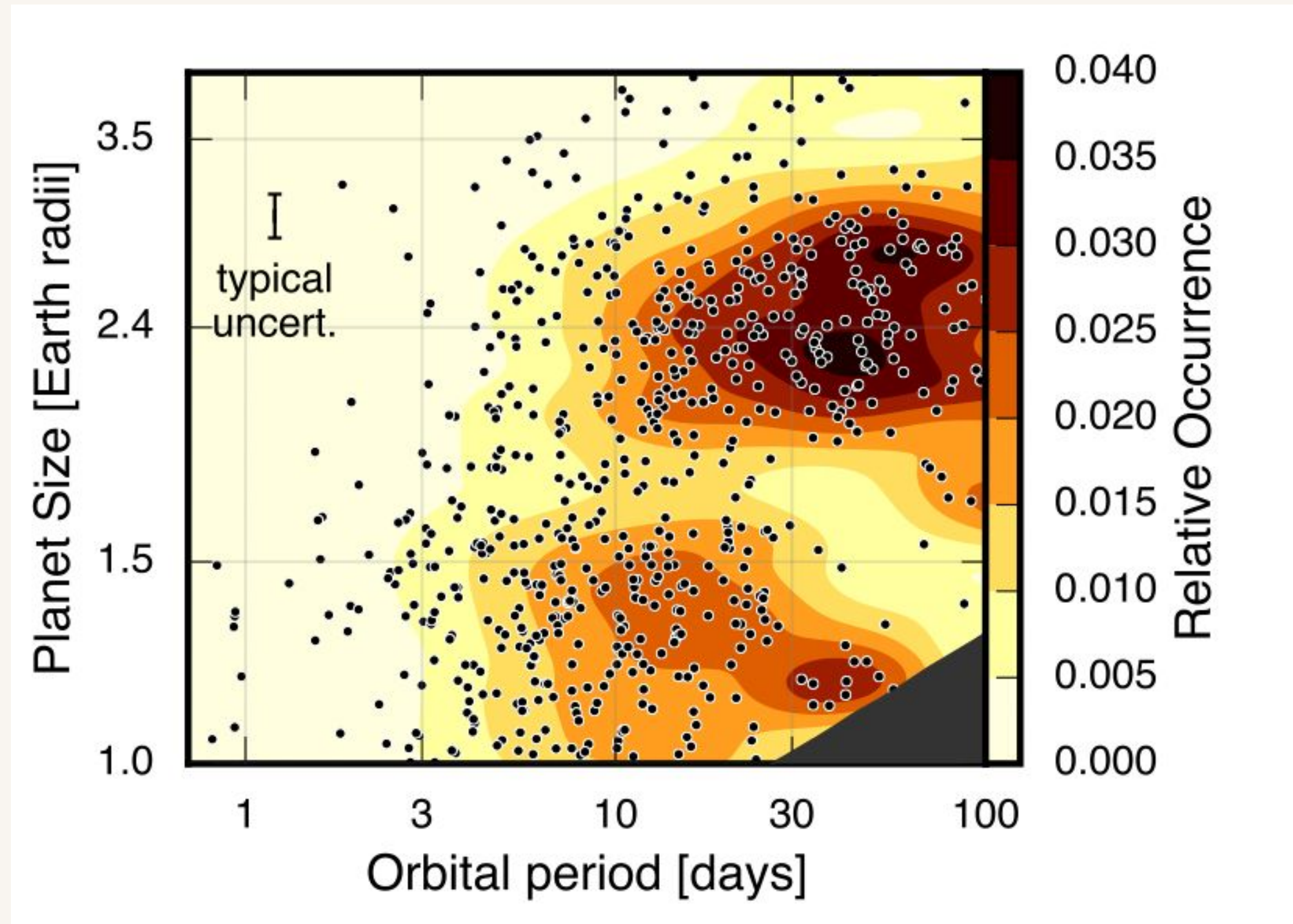
1. With lower resolution in the UV (500) and higher resolution in the NIR (3600) we can detect atmospheric loss and mass loss rate (He I). UV is only necessary to detect the magnetic field and low resolution is enough.
2. Since He is heavier than H, it has a lower escape rate.
3. The ratio of He I and H relative to the atmosphere are not significantly different.
4. ARIEL can't resolve He I sufficiently to determine the atmospheric loss rate.

Why HST cannot answer our questions?



Diversity of Discovered Exoplanets

- Region in the graph with a lower density of planets - Radius Valley.
- Sub-Neptunes - Planets with smaller radius than Neptune but near $2.0R_{\oplus}$.
- Super-Earths - Planets with bigger radius than Earths, yet lighter than ice giants.
- Hot-Jupiters - Gas giant exoplanets, most have a very short orbital periods.



Akash Gupta and Hilke E. Schlichting, 2019

Link Budget [Uplink]:

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Uplink		
Frequency	8.4	GHz
Distance	1 500 000	km
Space loss	-234.4	dB
Attenuation loss	-2.1	dB
Transmission loss	-236.5	dB
Ground antenna diameter	35	m
Transmitter power	25 000	W
Antenna efficiency	50	%
Transmitter loss	-0.5	dB
Gain	66.8	dB
Beamwidth	0.071	deg
EIRP	110.3	dB

	Value	Unit
Uplink		
Phase array area	1	m ²
Antenna efficiency	70	%
Pointing accuracy	0.15	deg
Beamwidth	5	deg
Gain	16.8	dB
Receiver noise temperature	27.2	K
Receiver G/T	2.5	dB
Bandwidth	35	MHz
Data rate	70	kbps
Final Eb/En	3.3	dB

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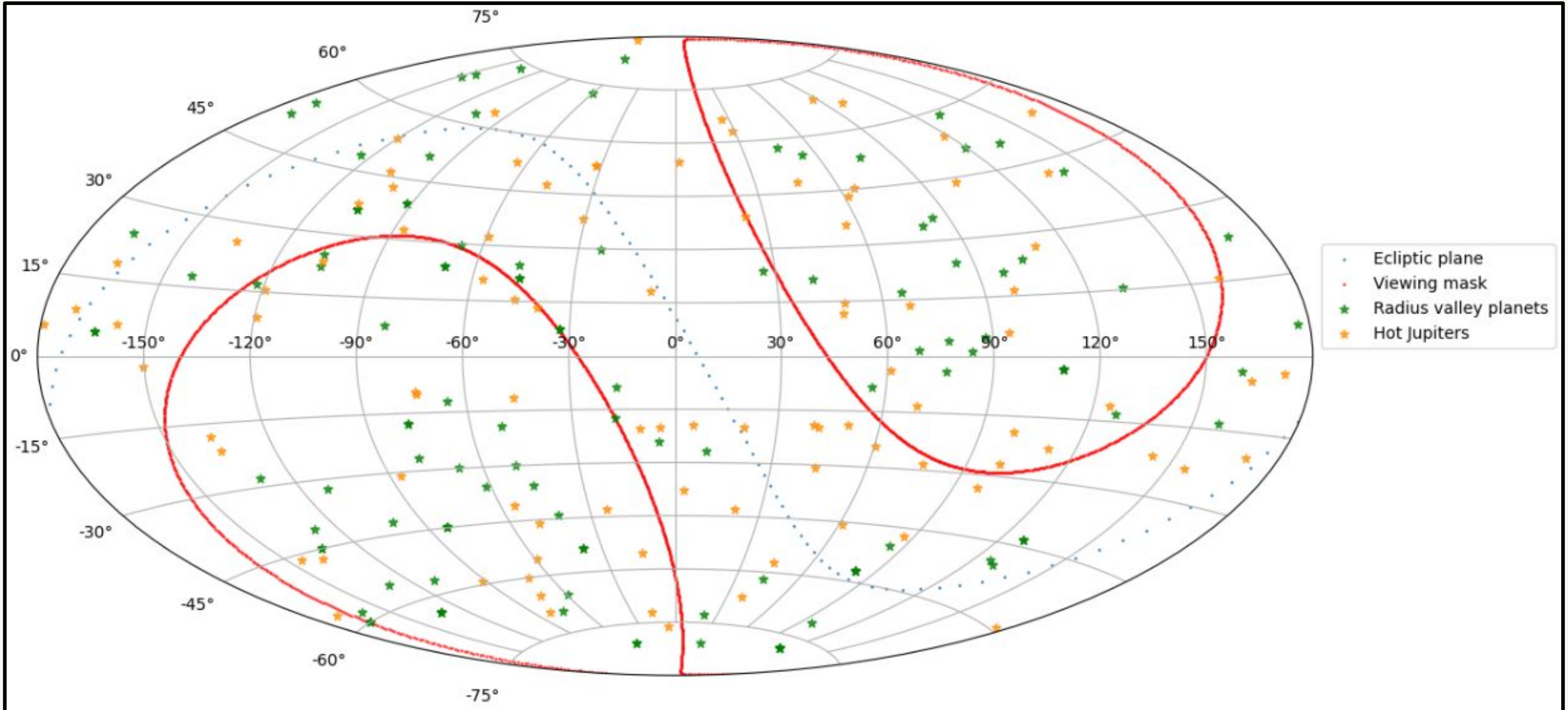
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Beamwidth	9.03	deg
EIRP	33.3	dB

	Value	Unit
Downlink		
Ground receiver diameter	35	m
Antenna efficiency	50	%
Pointing accuracy	0.1	deg
Beamwidth	0.077	deg
Gain	66.1	dB
Receiver noise temperature	27.2	K
Receiver G/T	51.7	dB
Bandwidth	35	MHz
Data rate	8 000	kbps
Final Eb/En	8.7	dB

Risk Matrix

Severity	5	Medium	Medium	High	Very High	Very high
	4	TC.02 - Tx/Rx failure Low	MS.01 - Instrument damage MS.04 - Solar damage Medium	MS.06 - Not measuring certain proxies Medium	High	Very High
	3	TC.03 - Equipment failure Very Low	Low	Medium	MS.02 - Exposure to micrometer space debris High	High
	2	TC.01 - IR signal contamination Very Low	Very Low	MS.03 - Measurement disruption Medium	TC.04 - Mission delay due to TRL4-5 components Medium	Medium
	1	Very Low	MS.05 - Planetary transit miss Very Low	Very Low	Low	Medium
		A (Extremely unlikely)	B (Unlikely)	C (Likely)	D (Highly Likely)	E (Near certain)
		Likelihood				

Candidate target list - viewing mask [IR9]



Satellite Modes

Safe	Troubleshooting
Commissioning	Instruments testing and health check
Orbital maintenance	Making L2 trajectory stable
Coarse pointing	Coarse pointing to target
Science	Fine pointing to target, instruments on and measuring
Telecommunication	Transmitting data to and from Earth

Interaction Magnetic Field Surrounding Cloud

- Effect of the stellar wind and magnetic field may be found in the velocity components of the surrounding cloud

