

Kepler-9b&c: The First Multiple Transiting Planet System

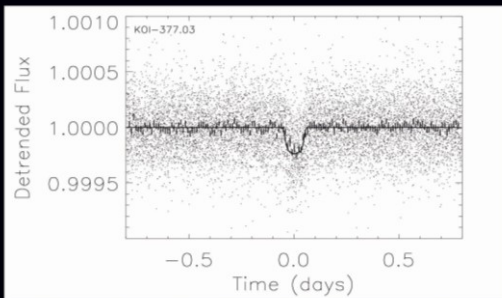


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Kepler-9

- First multiple-transiting planet system
- First planets confirmed by gravitational interaction as measured via transit timing variations
- Planets are in a 2:1 resonance
- Planet b is 20% more massive than planet c; both are less massive than Saturn
- Mutual inclination $< 10^\circ$
- and more....

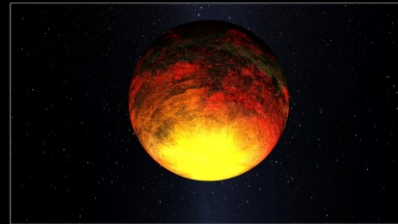
... and another?



If confirmed, will be Kepler's smallest planet at ~ 1.5 times radius of Earth.

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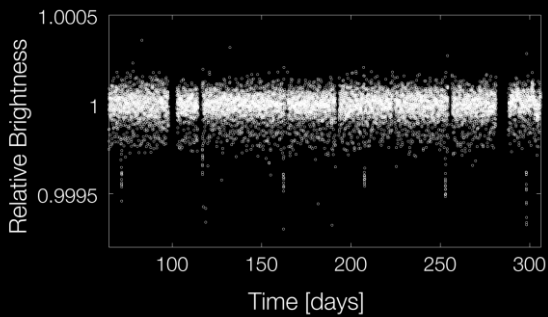
Kepler's First Rocky Planet: Kepler-10b



VERY MUCH an artist's rendition!

At the time of discovery, Kepler-10b was the smallest known exoplanet: only 42% larger than Earth – but way too hot!

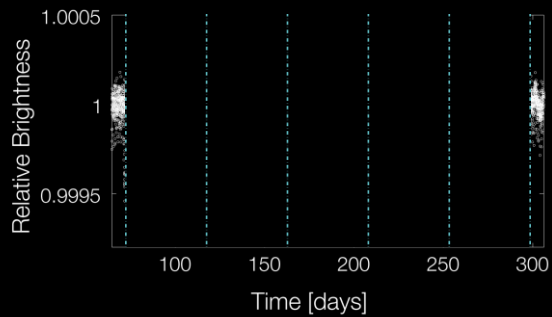
Kepler-10 Light Curve

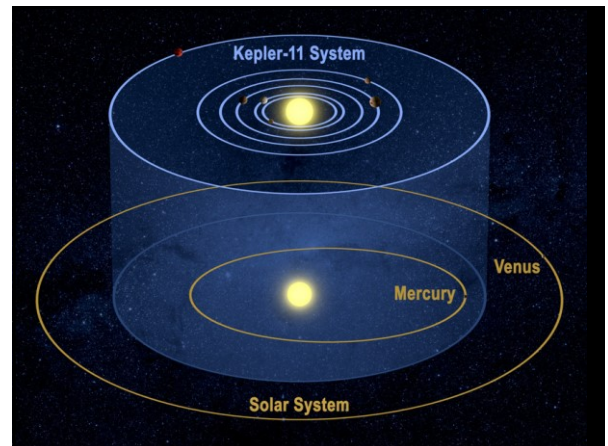
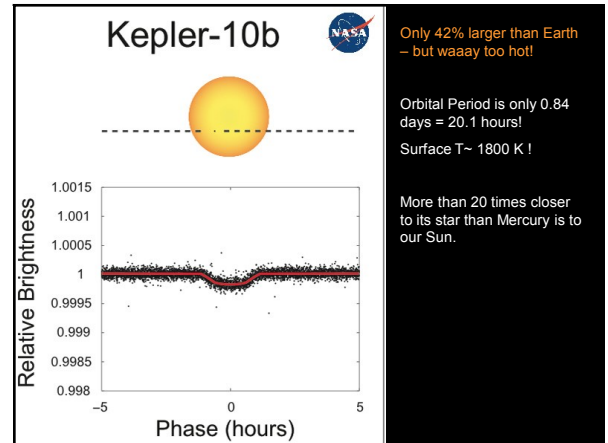
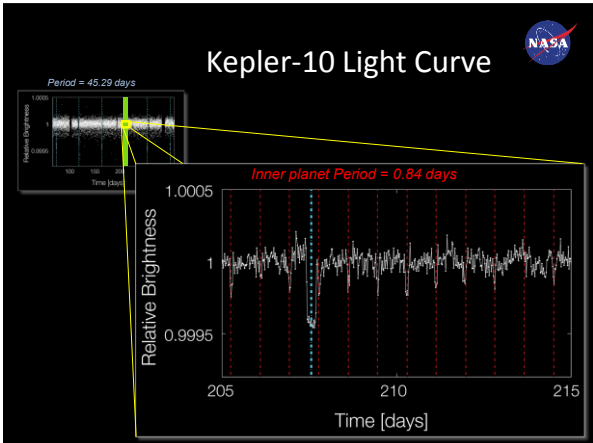
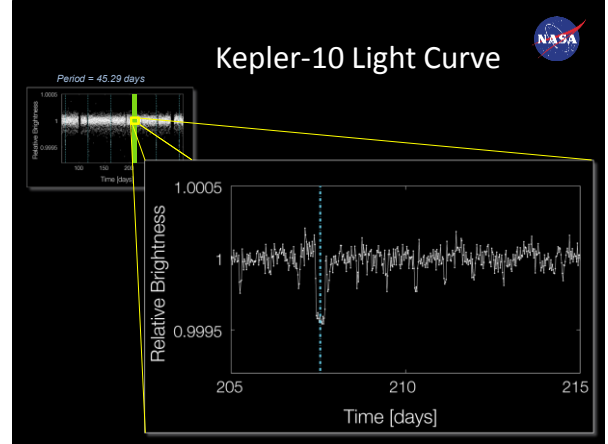
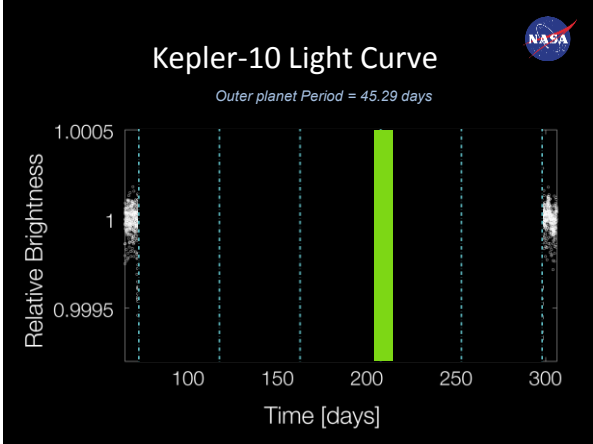


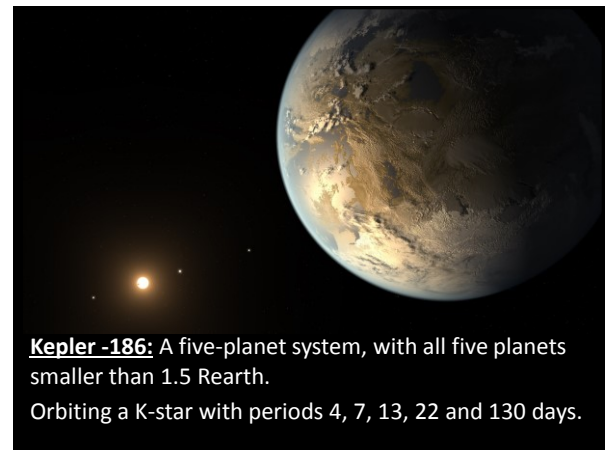
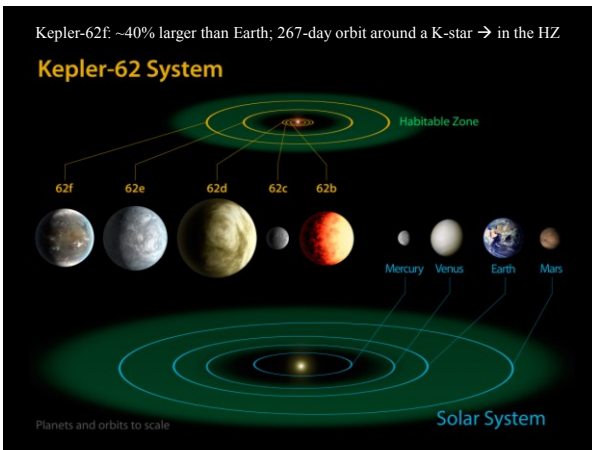
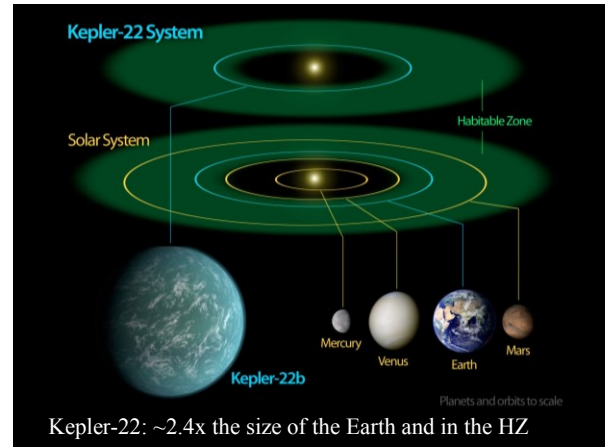
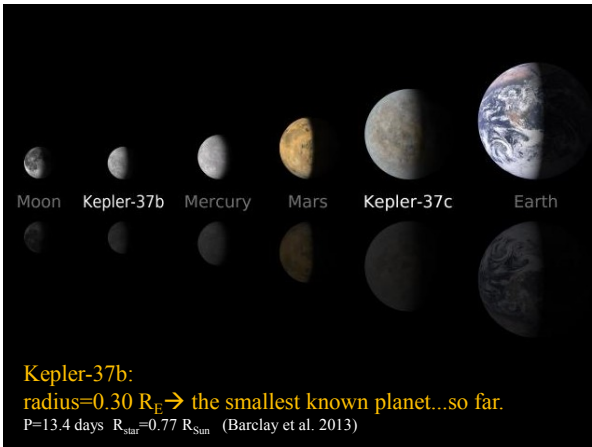
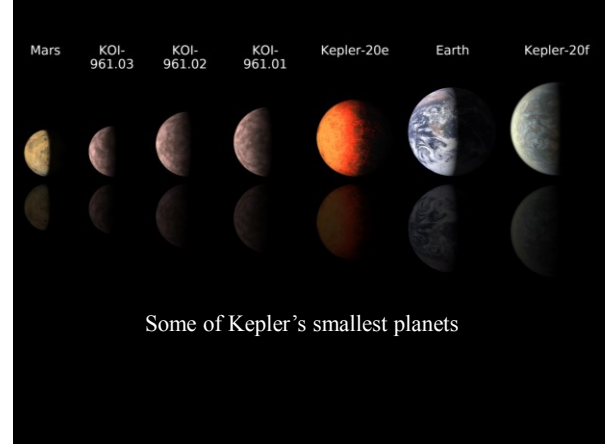
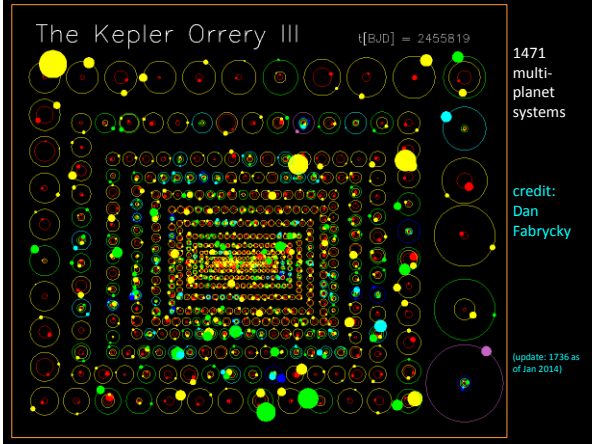
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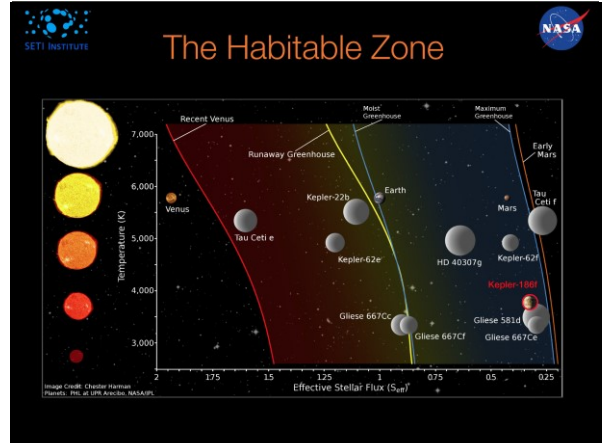
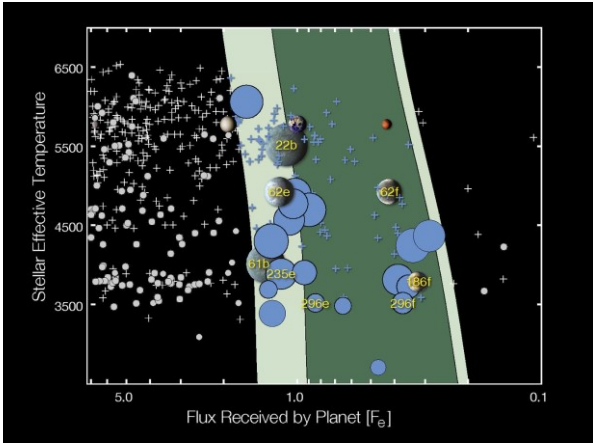
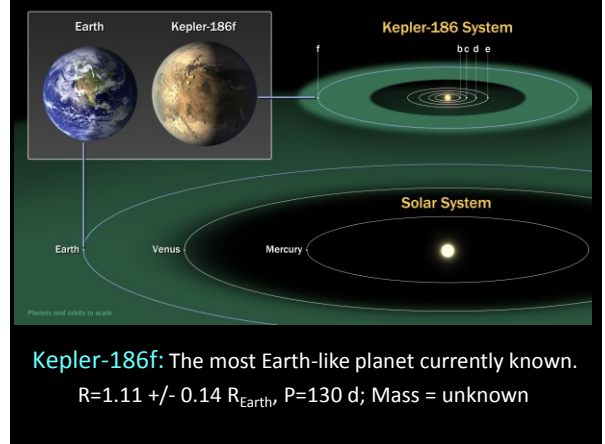


Outer planet Period = 45.29 days





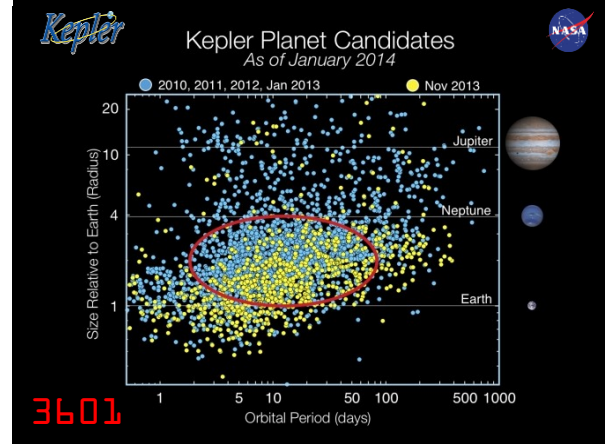
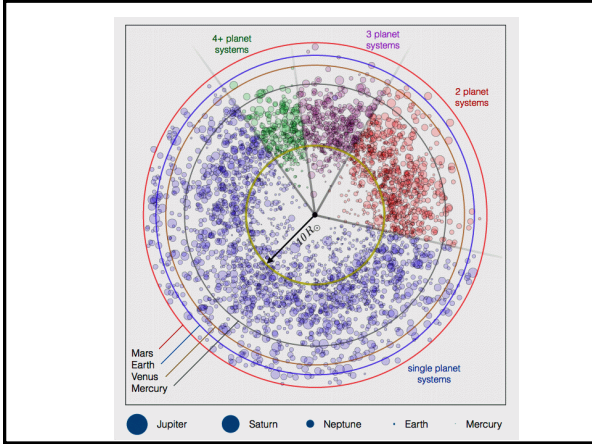




- Kepler Discoveries as of 2015 May 1:**
 ~5 years into its ~~3~~ 4 year mission:
- 1020 confirmed planets
 - 4604 planet candidates
 - Most common planet is a "super Earth":
 $1.25 - 2.0 R_{\text{Earth}}$ – nothing comparable in our Solar System
 - 297 candidate planets in the HZ
 14 are $< 1.25 R_{\text{Earth}}$
 - Estimate that *at least* 70% of Sun-like stars have planets; *at least* 17% are Earth-size

Extrapolation of the Kepler results puts the occurrence rate of Earth-size planets ($0.5 - 1.4 R_{\text{e}}$) in the HZ at

~ 22% for G & K-stars
 and
 ~50% for M stars!



TESS Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite

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TESS SCIENCE OBJECTIVES

EARTH-LIKE PLANETS AROUND BRIGHT STARS

DISCOVER TRANSITING EXOPLANETS AROUND THE BRIGHTEST STARS

NASA Science Goals
 "Search for Earth-like planets." - SMD Goal
 "Understand the diversity of planets and planetary systems in our Galaxy." - 2010 NASA Plan

All-Sky survey of stellar types F5 to M5
 Focus on Earths and Super-Earths
 Continuous light curves
 One minute resolution for astrometry
 Provide the best targets for followup characterization
 JWST, Spitzer, and Hubble
 Large (~30m) ground telescopes

TESS MISSION OVERVIEW

HIGH EARTH ORBIT (HEO) - 13.7 DAYS
 2:1 RESONANCE WITH THE MOON'S ORBIT
 2 ORBITS FOR EACH OBSERVATION SECTOR

SCIENCE MODE
 TELEMETRY DOWNLINK & S/C HOUSEKEEPING VIA DSN

ALL-SKY, TWO YEAR PHOTOMETRIC EXOPLANET DISCOVERY MISSION

Next logical mission after Kepler
 Monitors 500,000 bright stars
 HEO orbit provides unobstructed view and continuous light curves
 Stable thermal environment
 Low radiation environment
 26 observation segments, each 23° by 90°
 Northern Hemisphere mapped first year
 Southern Hemisphere mapped second year
 Overlap at the ecliptic poles for >120 day coverage
 Provides best targets for JWST Continuous Viewing Zones (CVZ)

- Launch ~ Aug 2017
 - nearly all-sky
 - will find exoplanets transiting bright stars

27 days
 54 days
 81 days
 108 days
 189 days
 351 days

JWST continuous viewing zone