

# In the search for exotrojan planets

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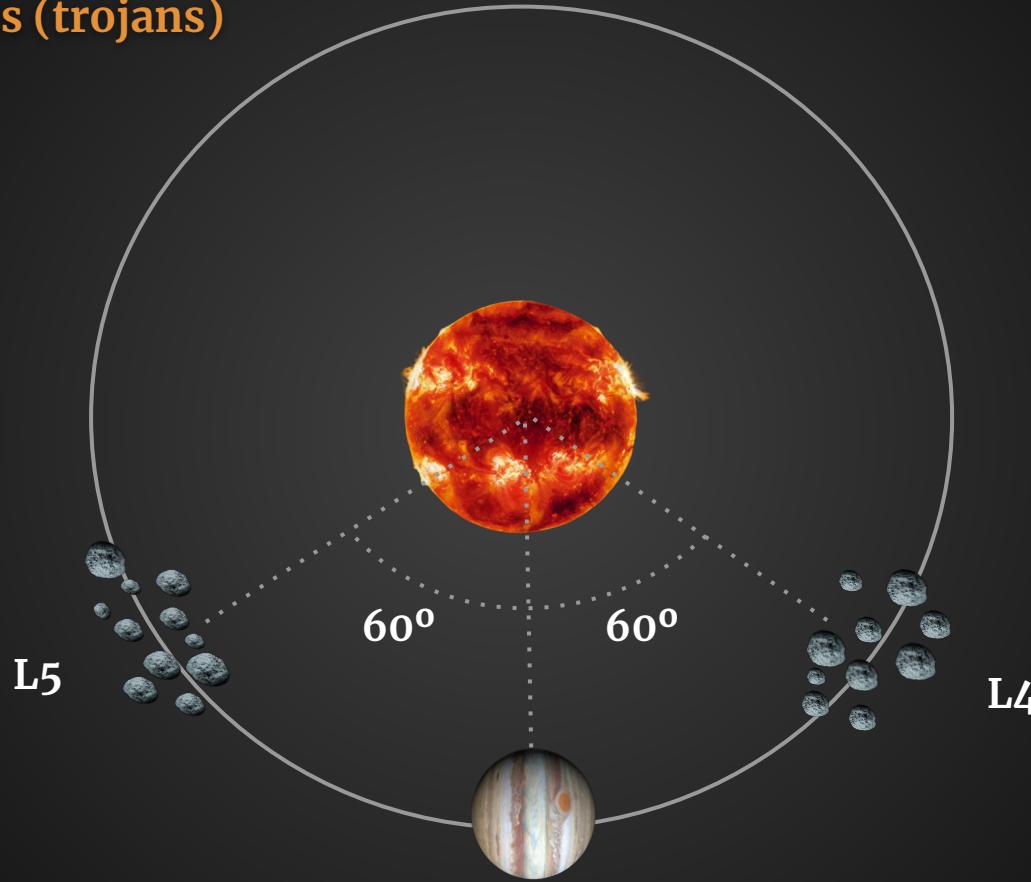
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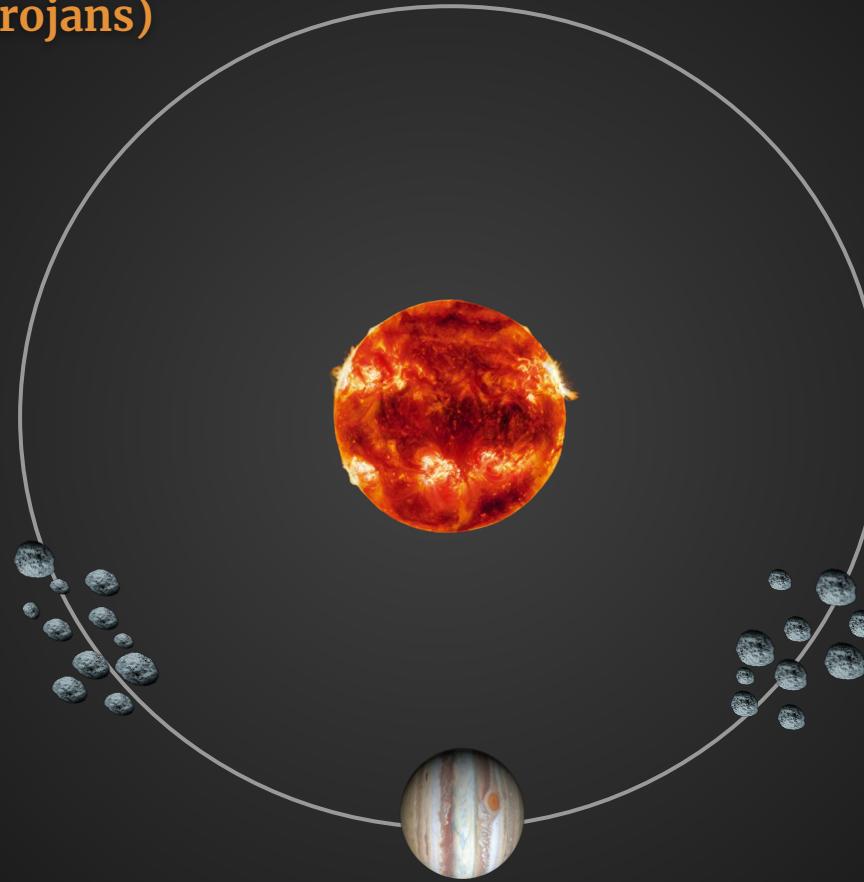


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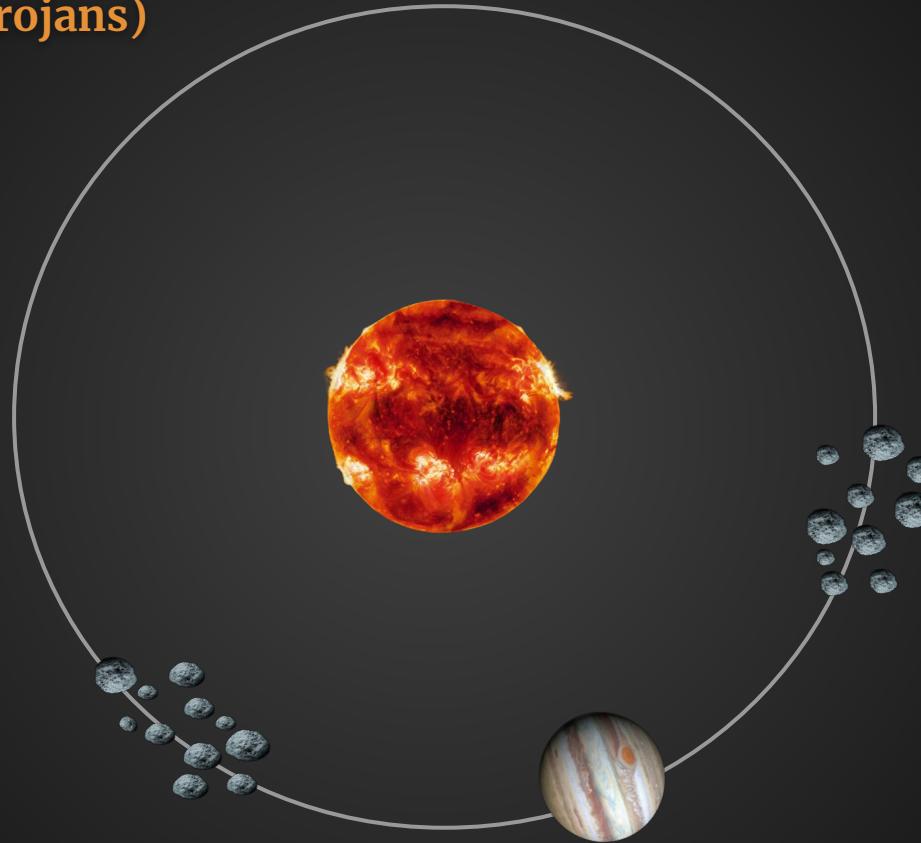
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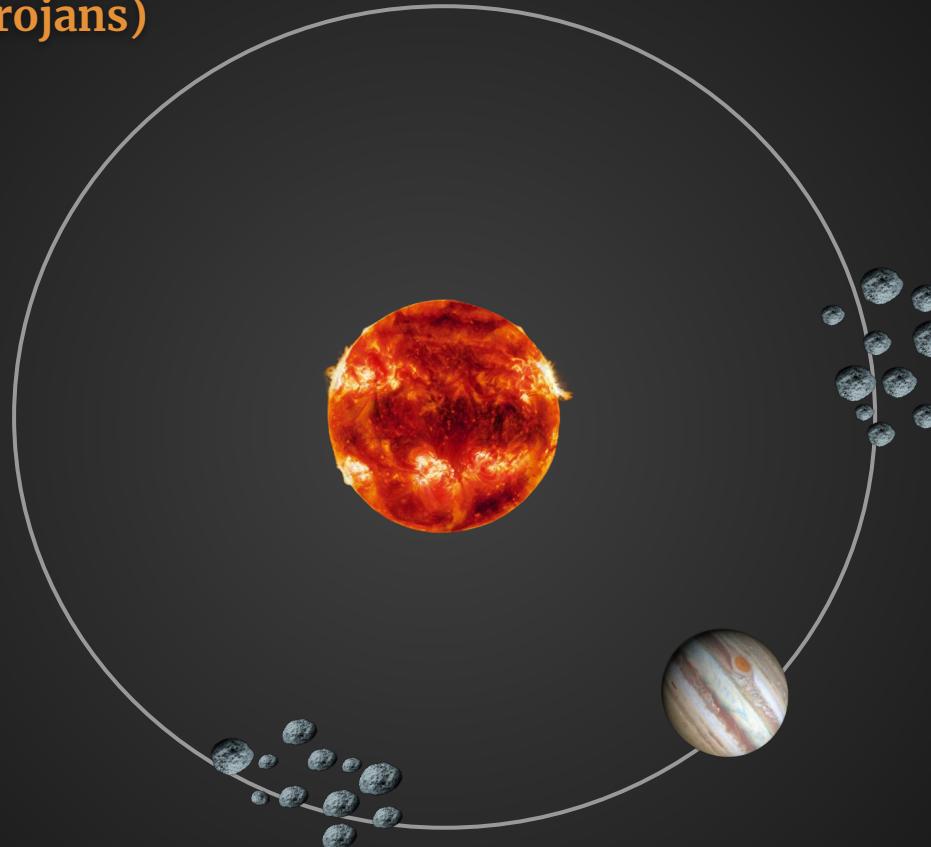
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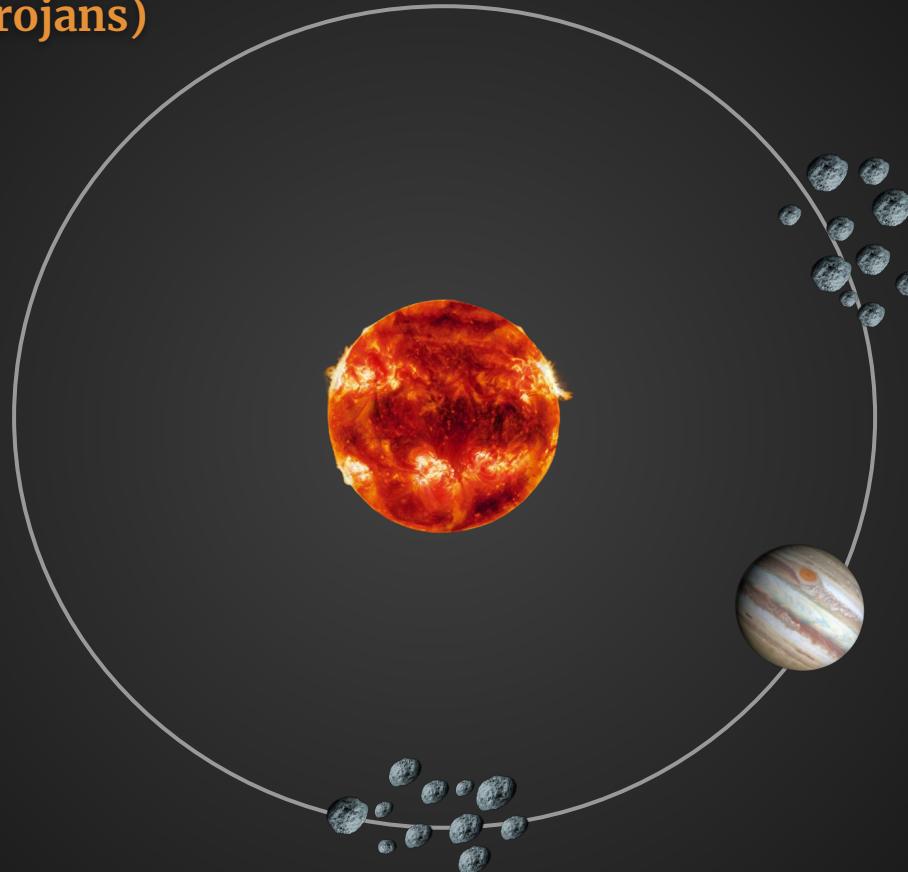
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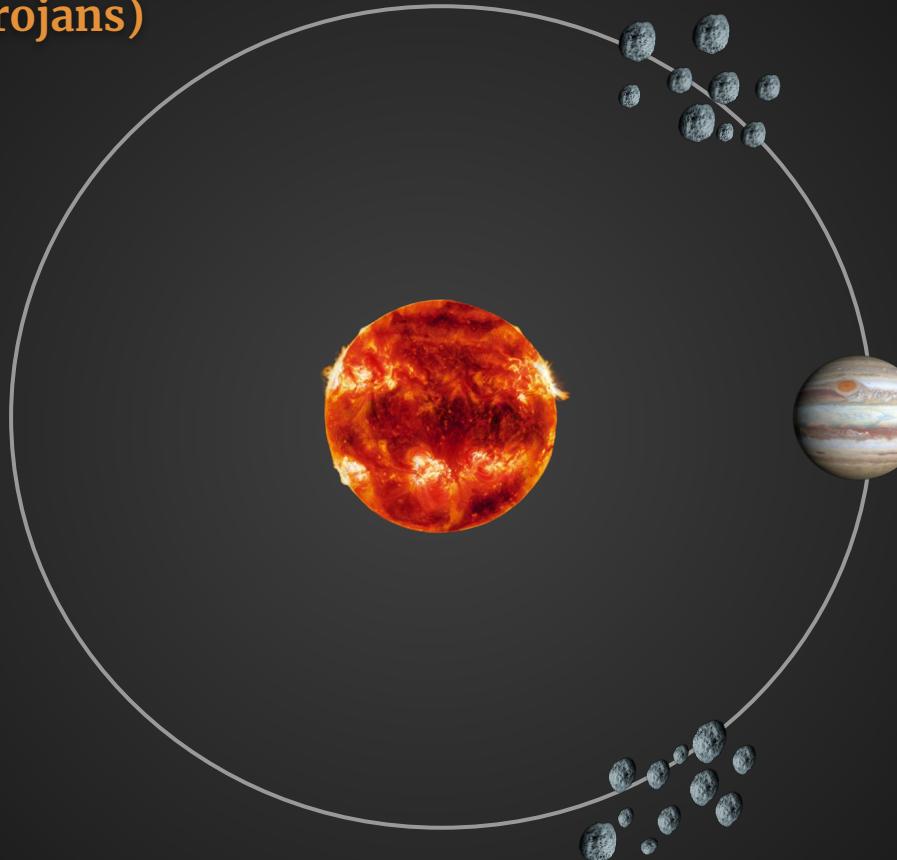
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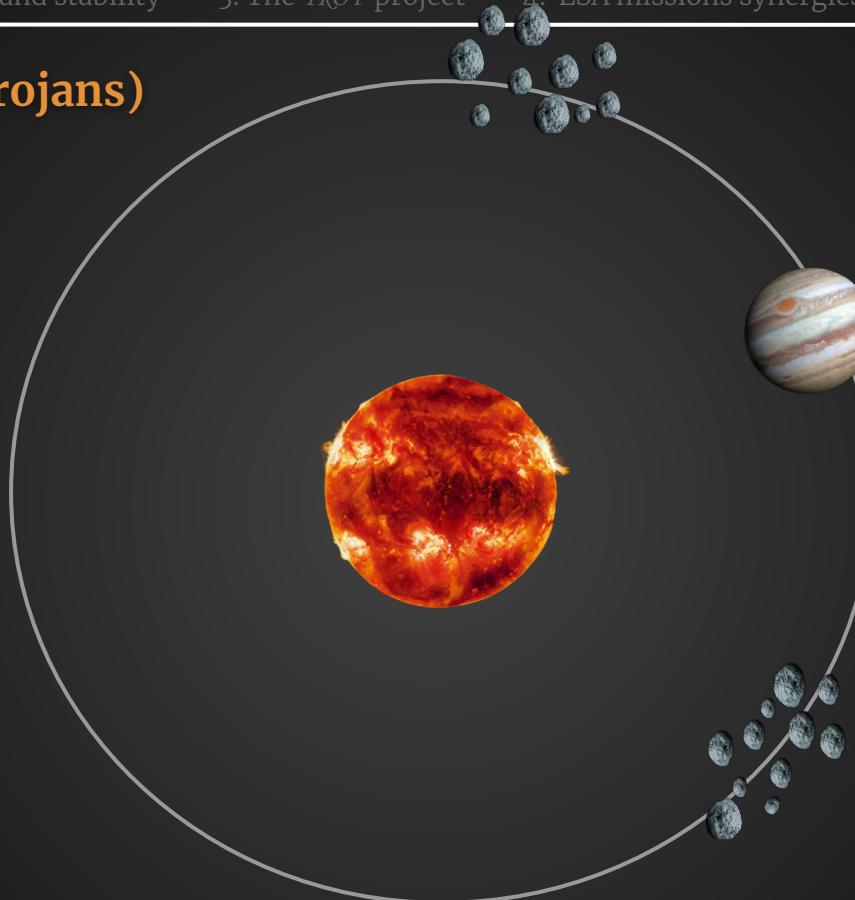
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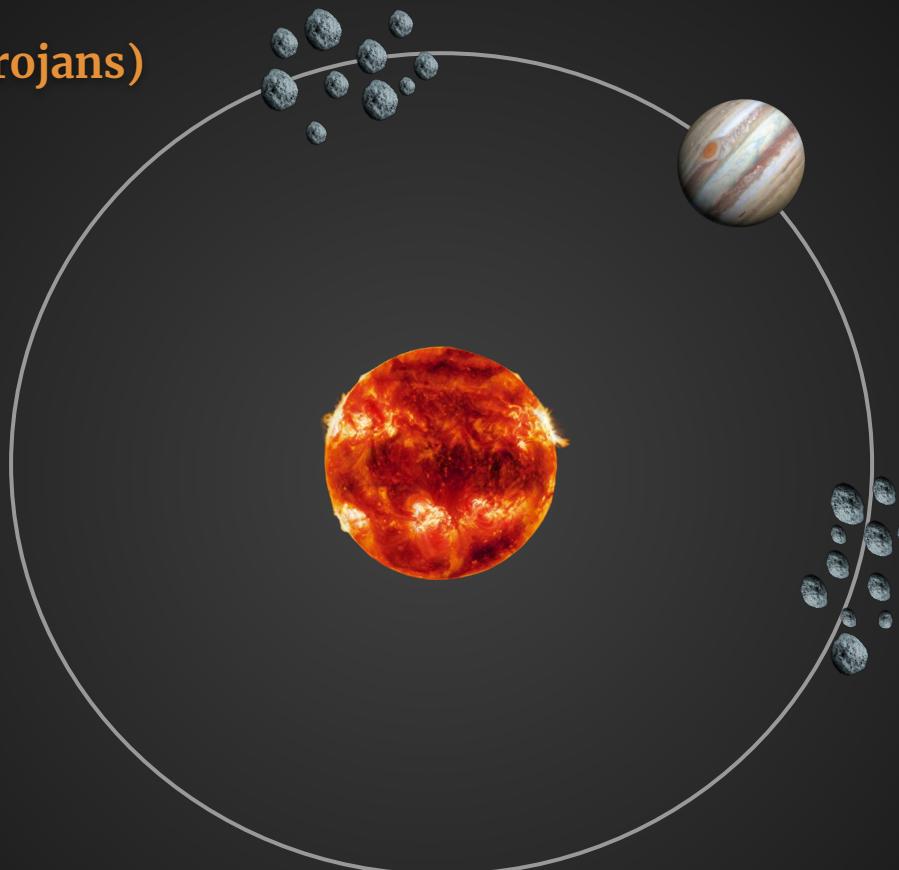
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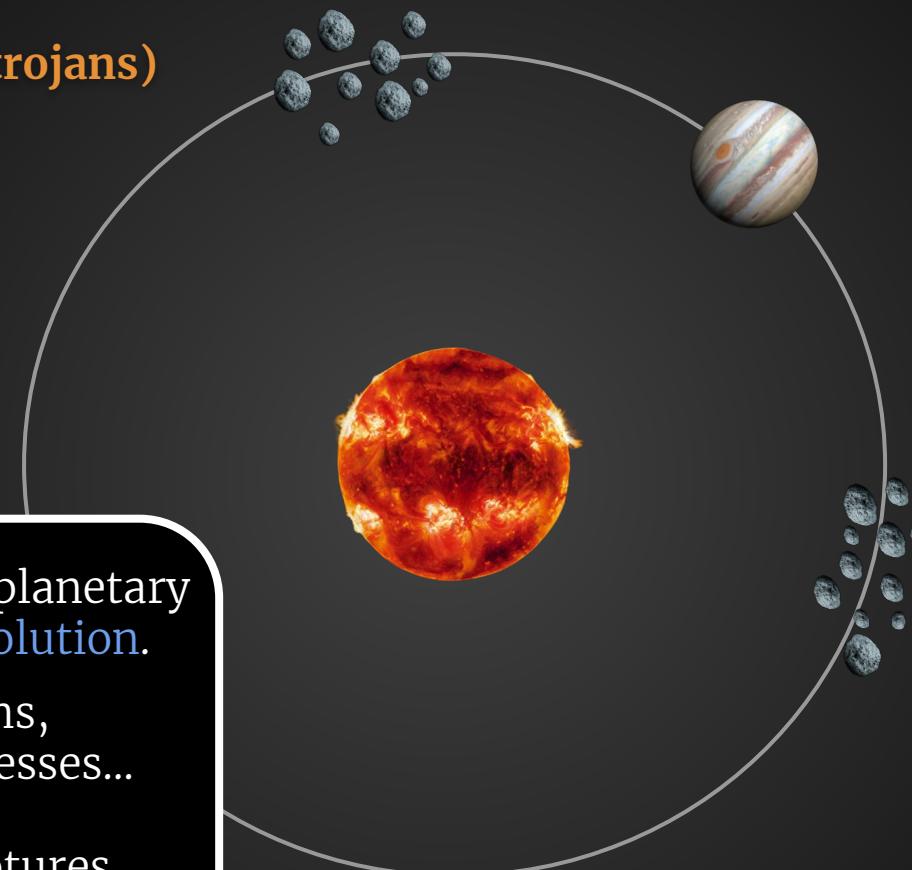
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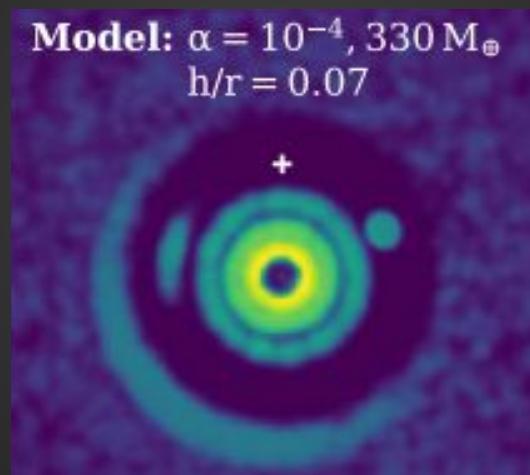
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They are tracers of planetary formation and evolution.

- Initial conditions, materials, processes...
- Migrations, captures, instabilities...

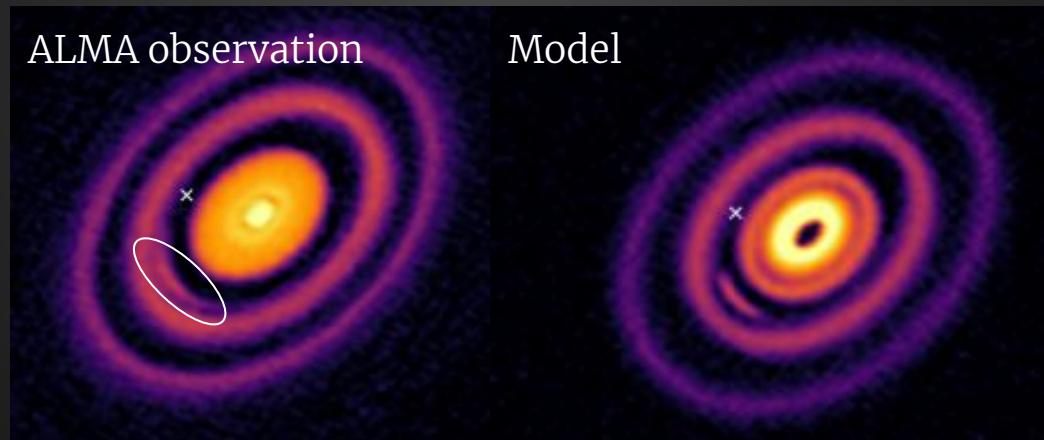
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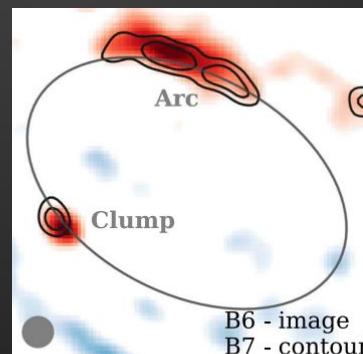
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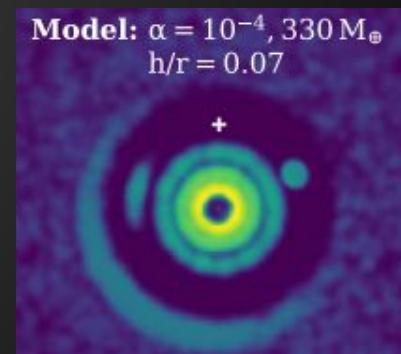
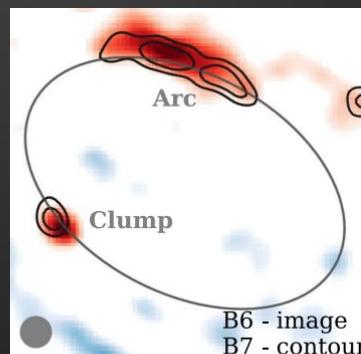
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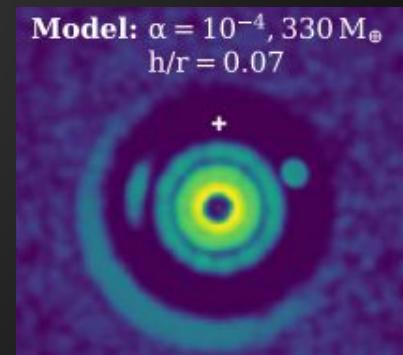
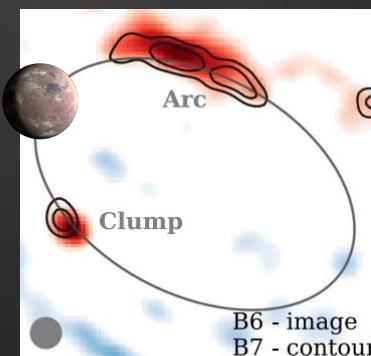


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**Indirect method** for detecting protoplanets **below the detection limit !!!**



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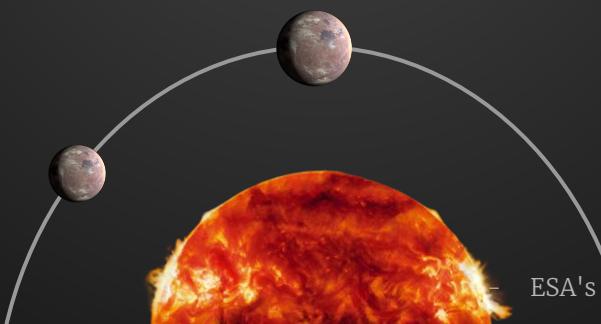
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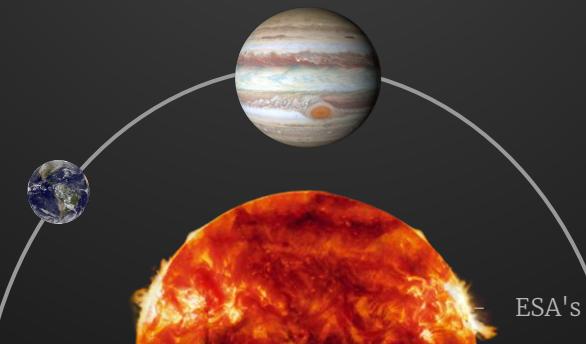


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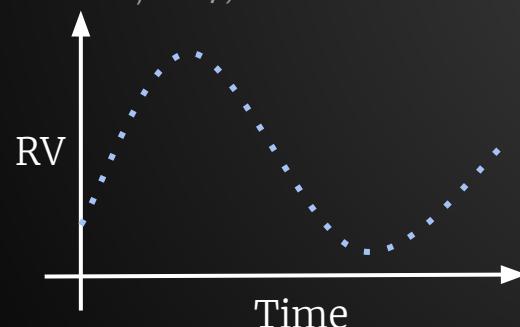
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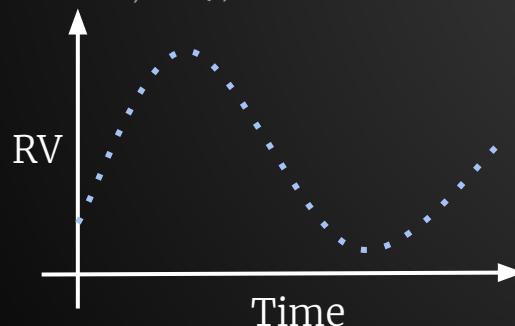
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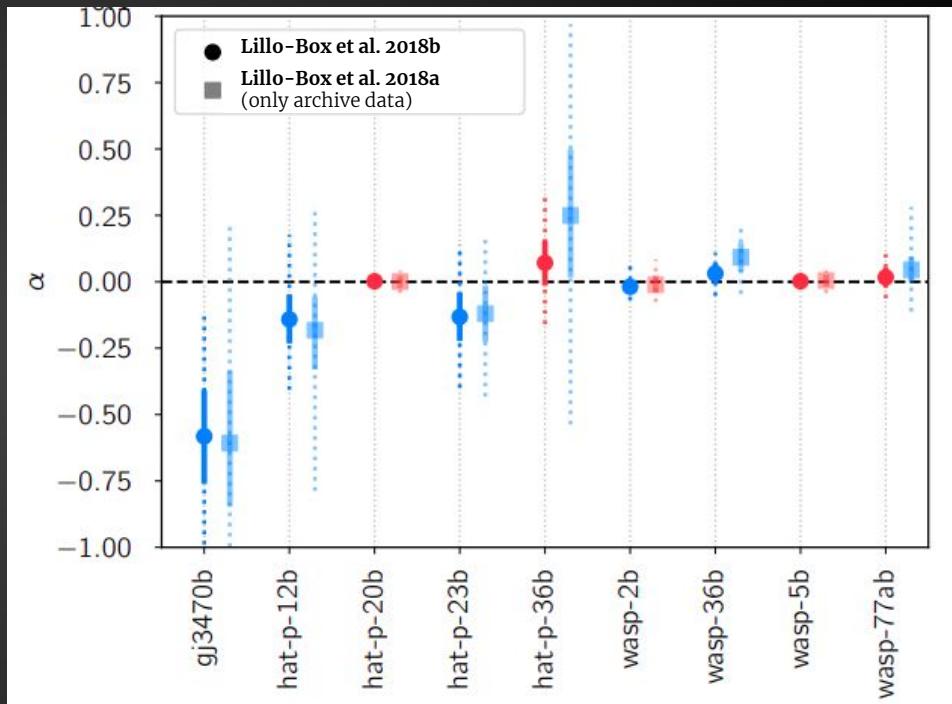
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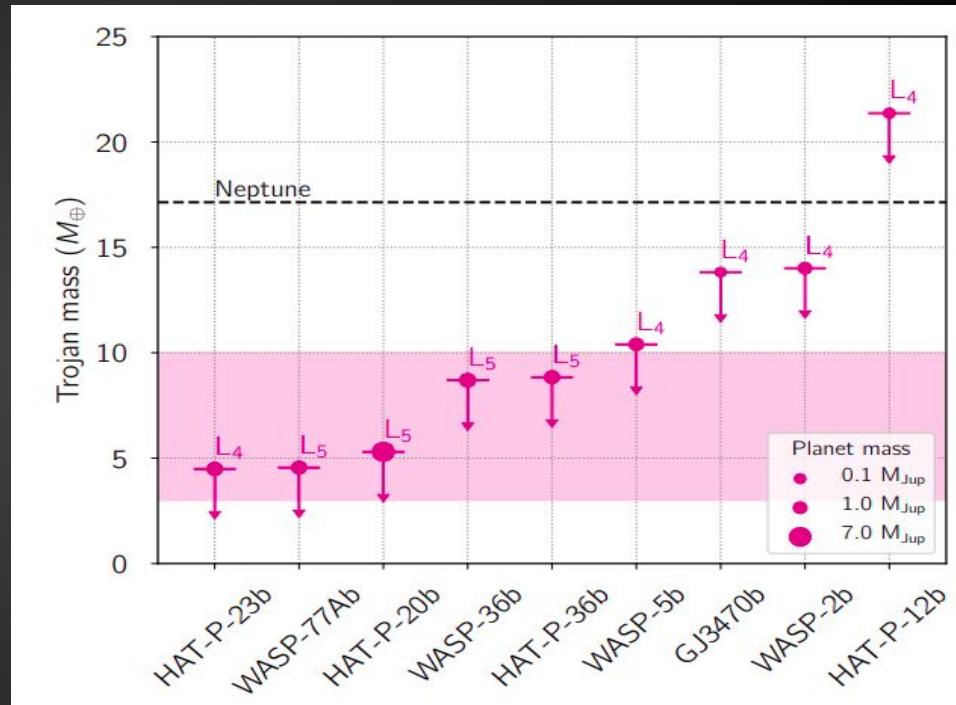
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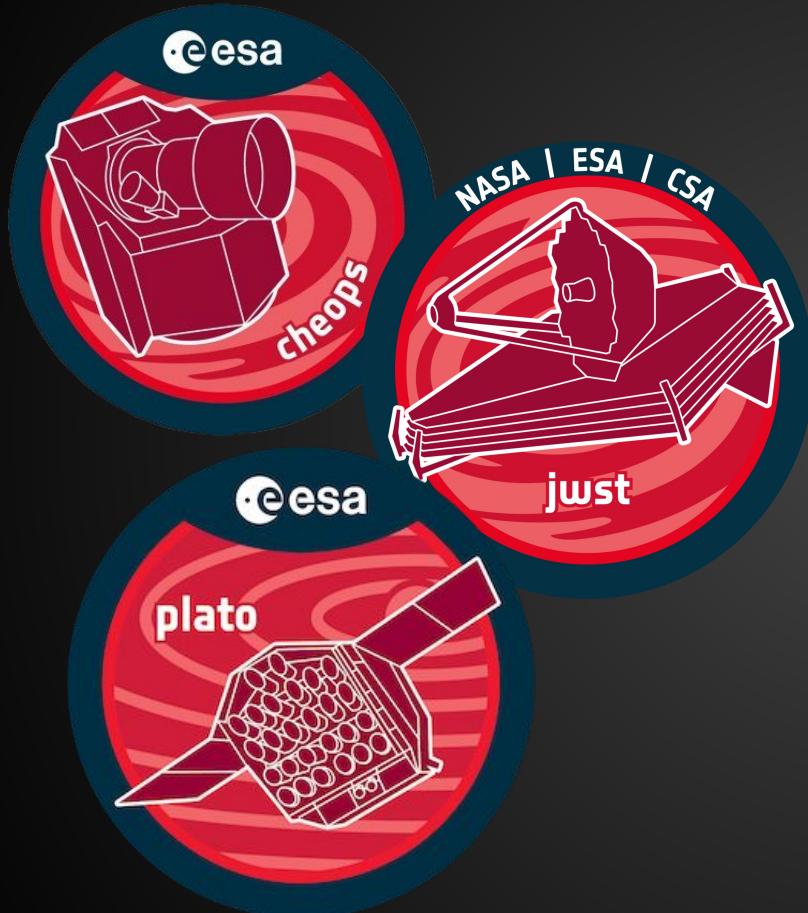
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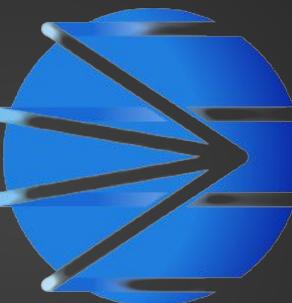
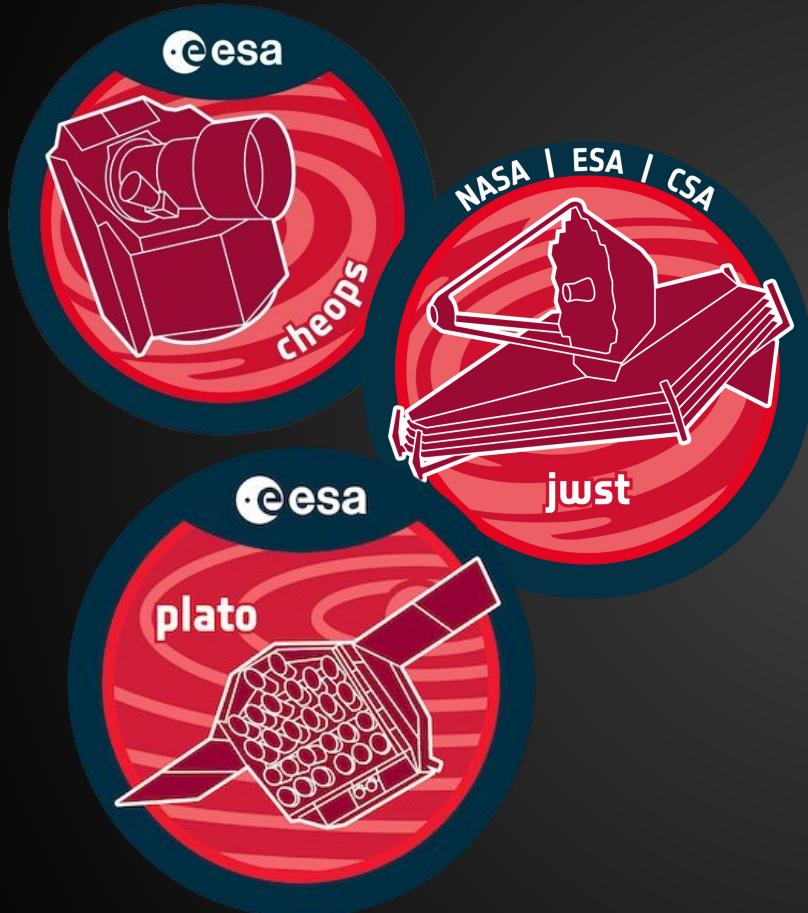
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LARGE INTERFEROMETER FOR EXOPLANETS