

# Stellar Mass Matters

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# A few terms

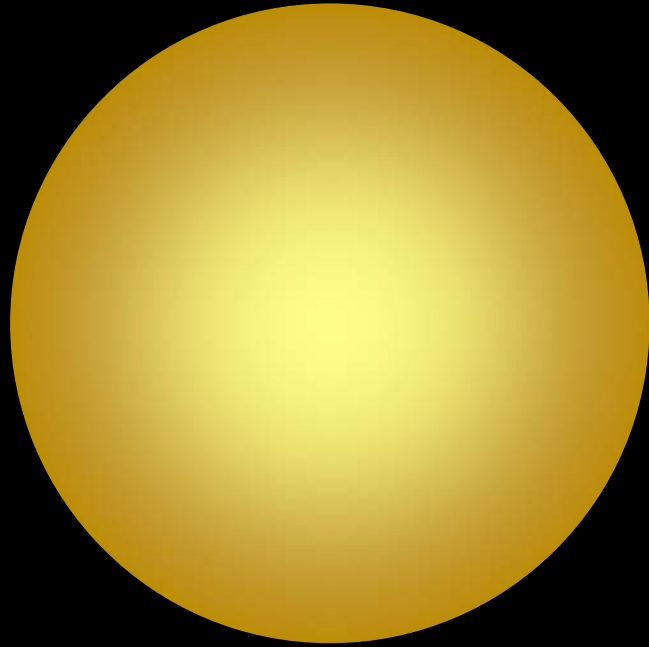
- Planet = detectable planet = gas giant
- Planet detections are those from RV surveys
- Occurrence rate = planet fraction  
= probability that a star has a planet

# Stars Are Relatively Simple Objects

Mass

Composition

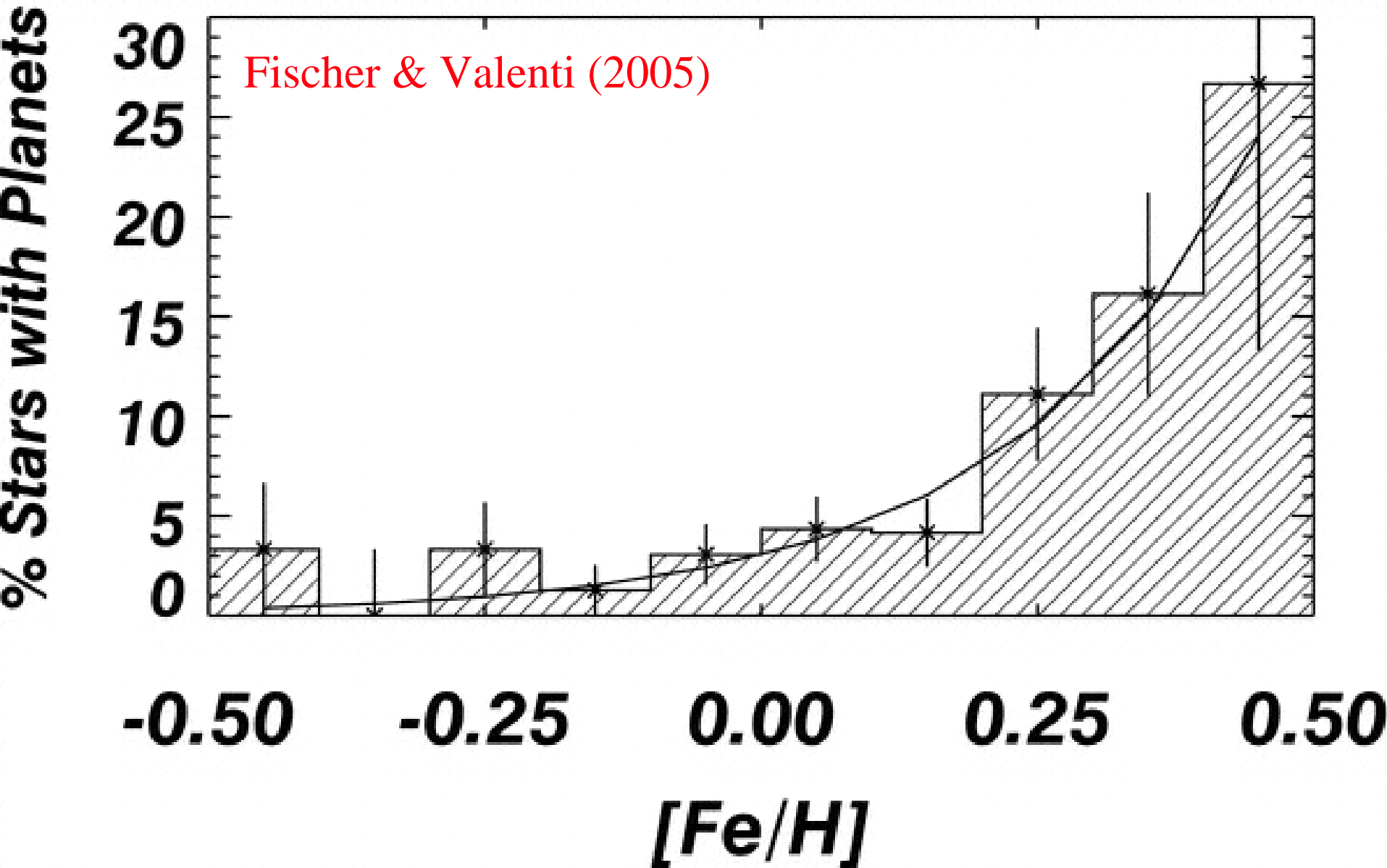
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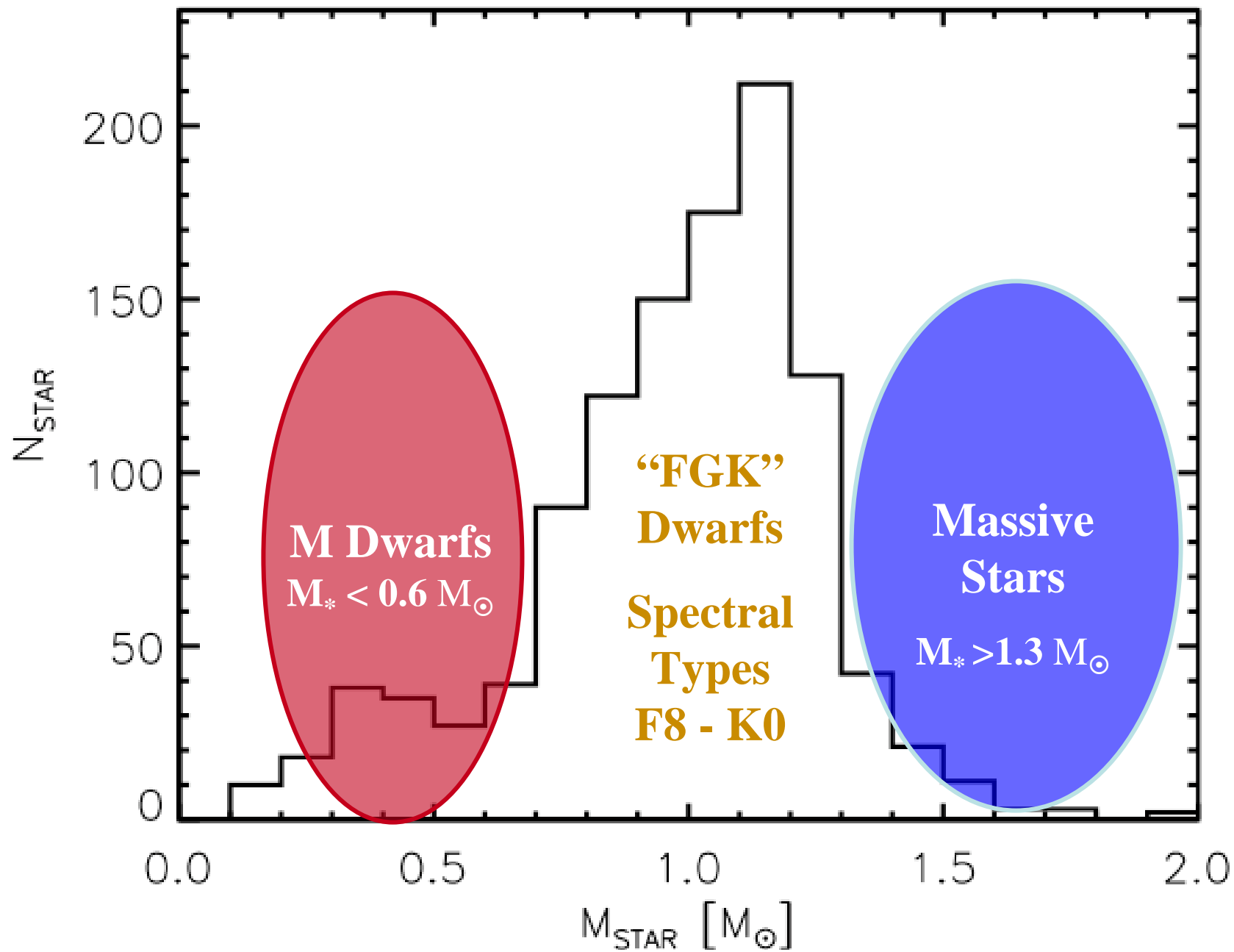


# The Star-Disk Connection



# The Planet-Metallicity Correlation





# Main Sequence:

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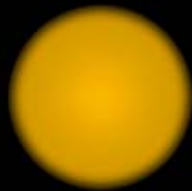
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1.0  $R_{\text{sun}}$

5770 K

$V \sin i = 2 \text{ km/s}$

Velocity Precision: 1 m/s



A-type Star

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1.9  $R_{\text{sun}}$

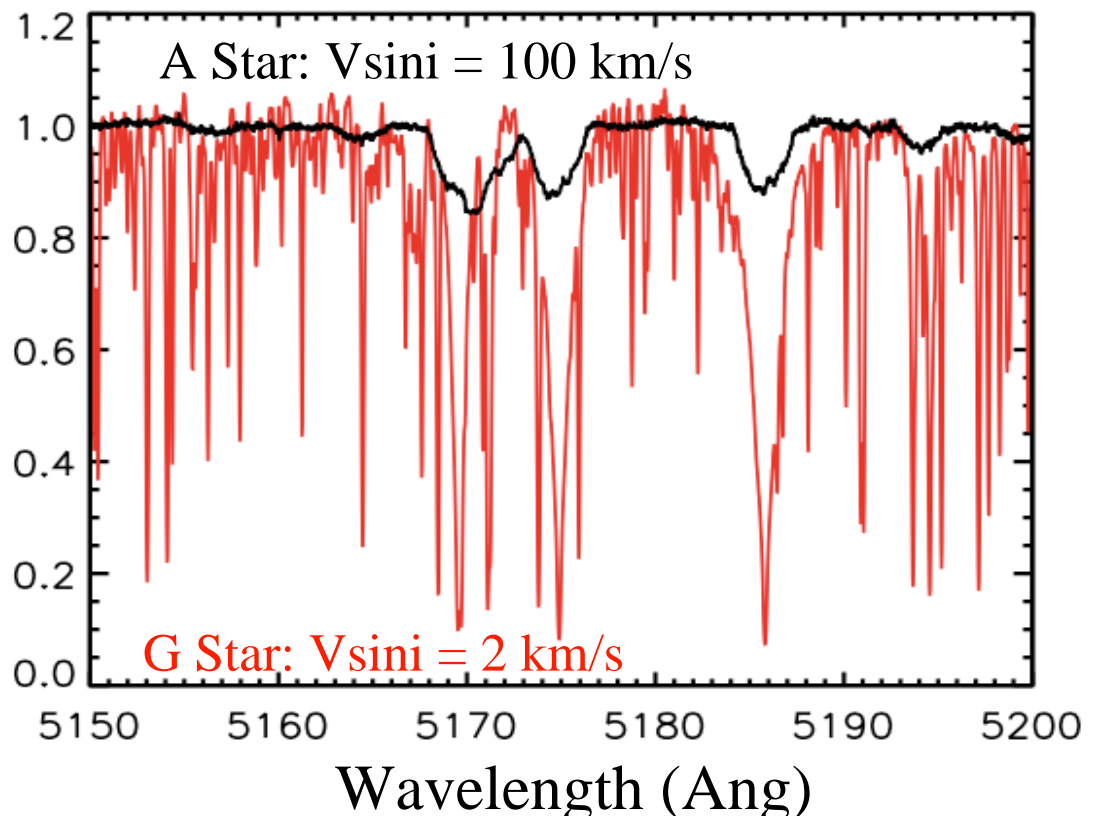
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$V \sin i = 100 \text{ km/s}$

Velocity Precision:  $\sim 100 \text{ m/s}$



Early-type Stars Are  
Rapid Rotators



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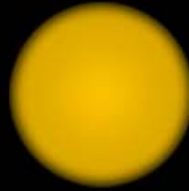
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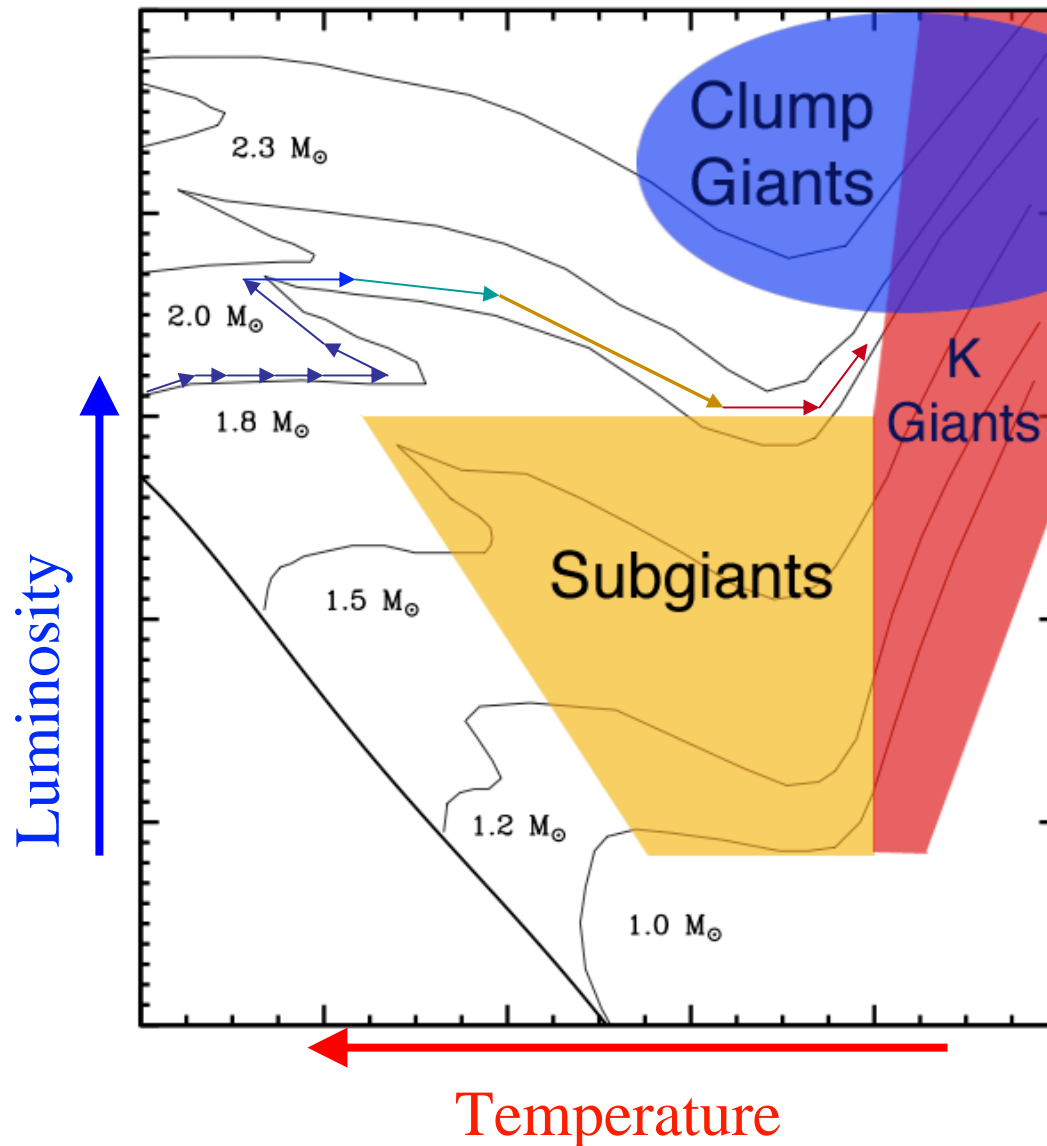
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# Classes of Evolved Stars



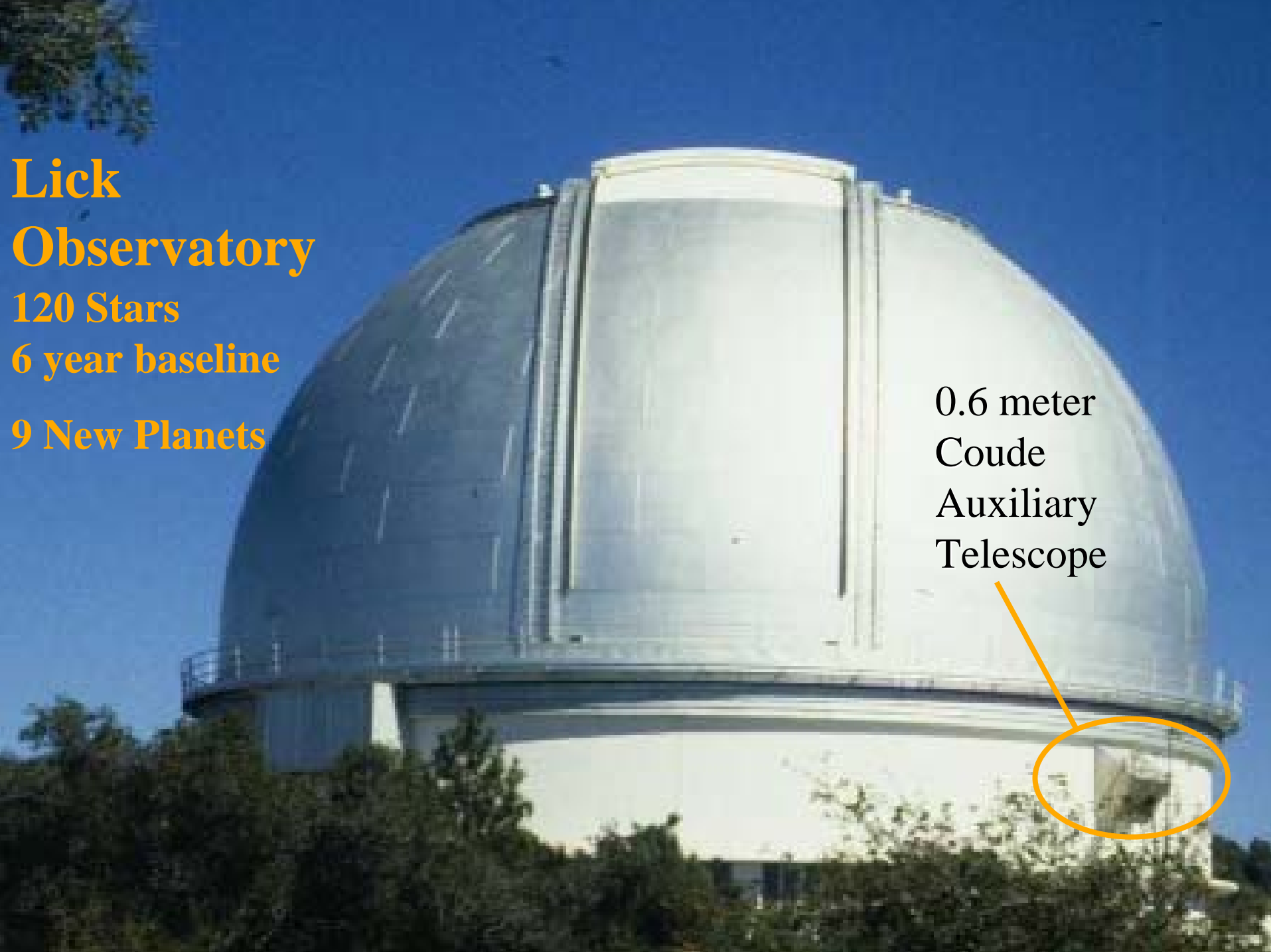
# Lick Observatory

120 Stars

6 year baseline

9 New Planets

0.6 meter  
Coude  
Auxiliary  
Telescope



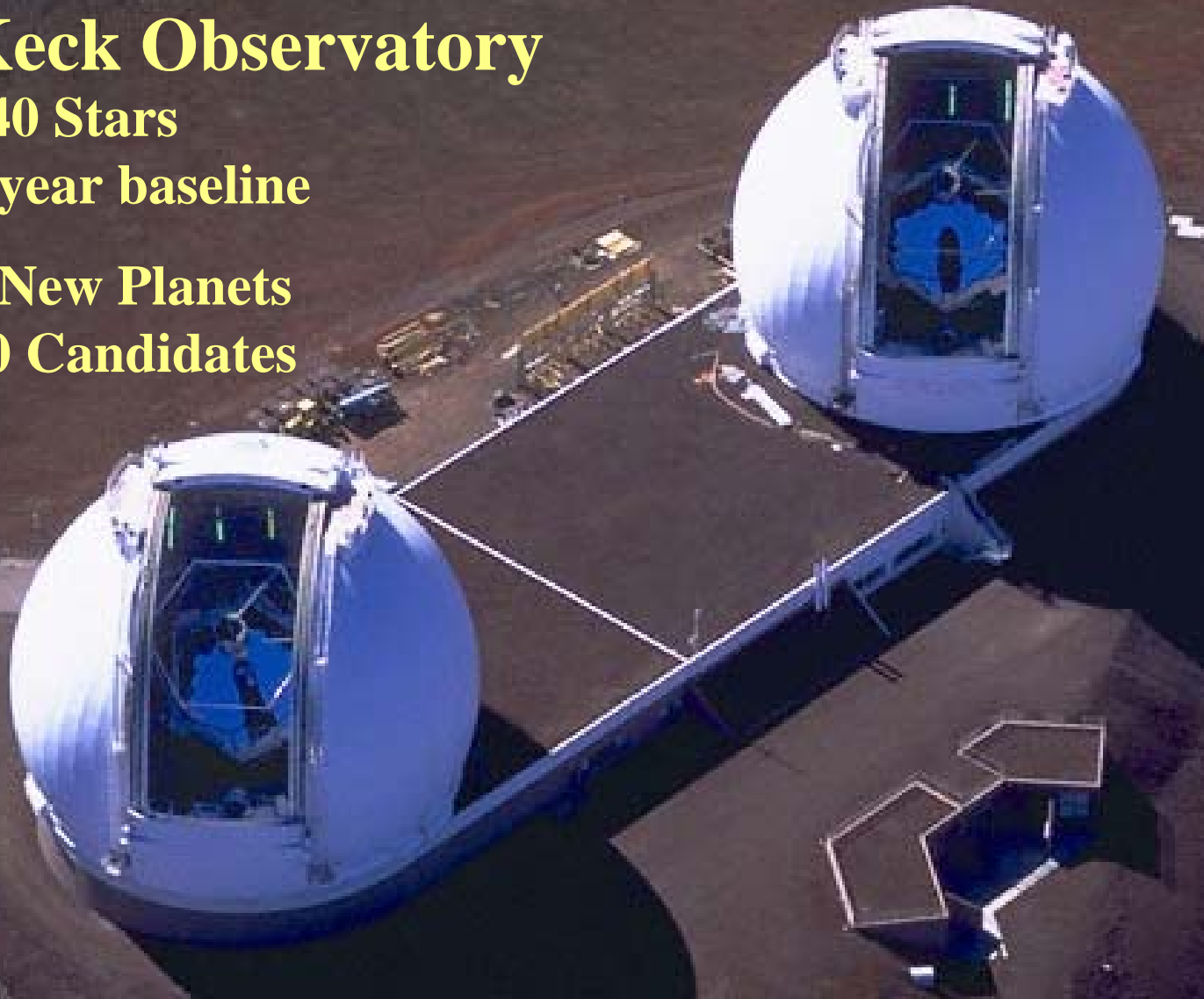
# Keck Observatory

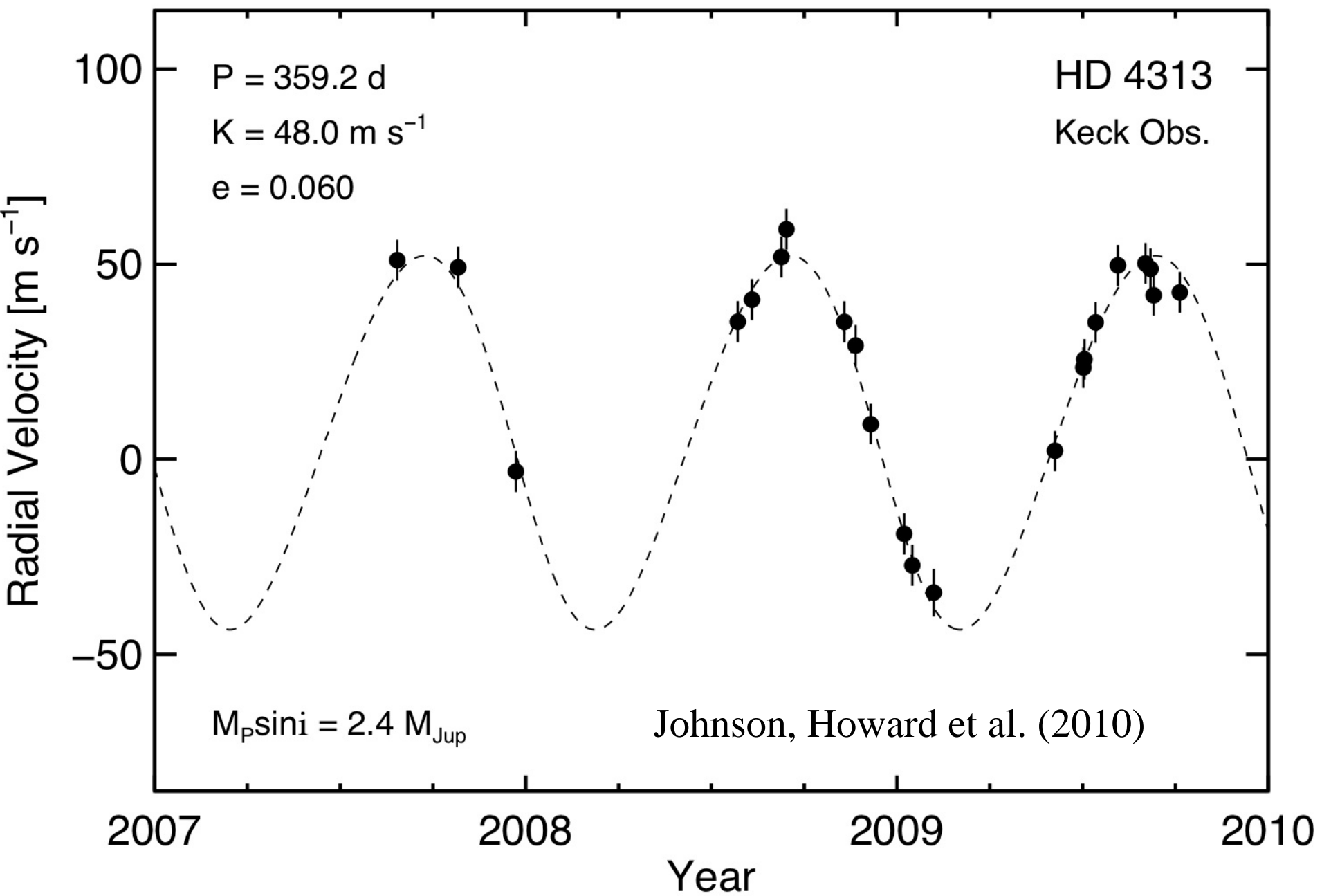
240 Stars

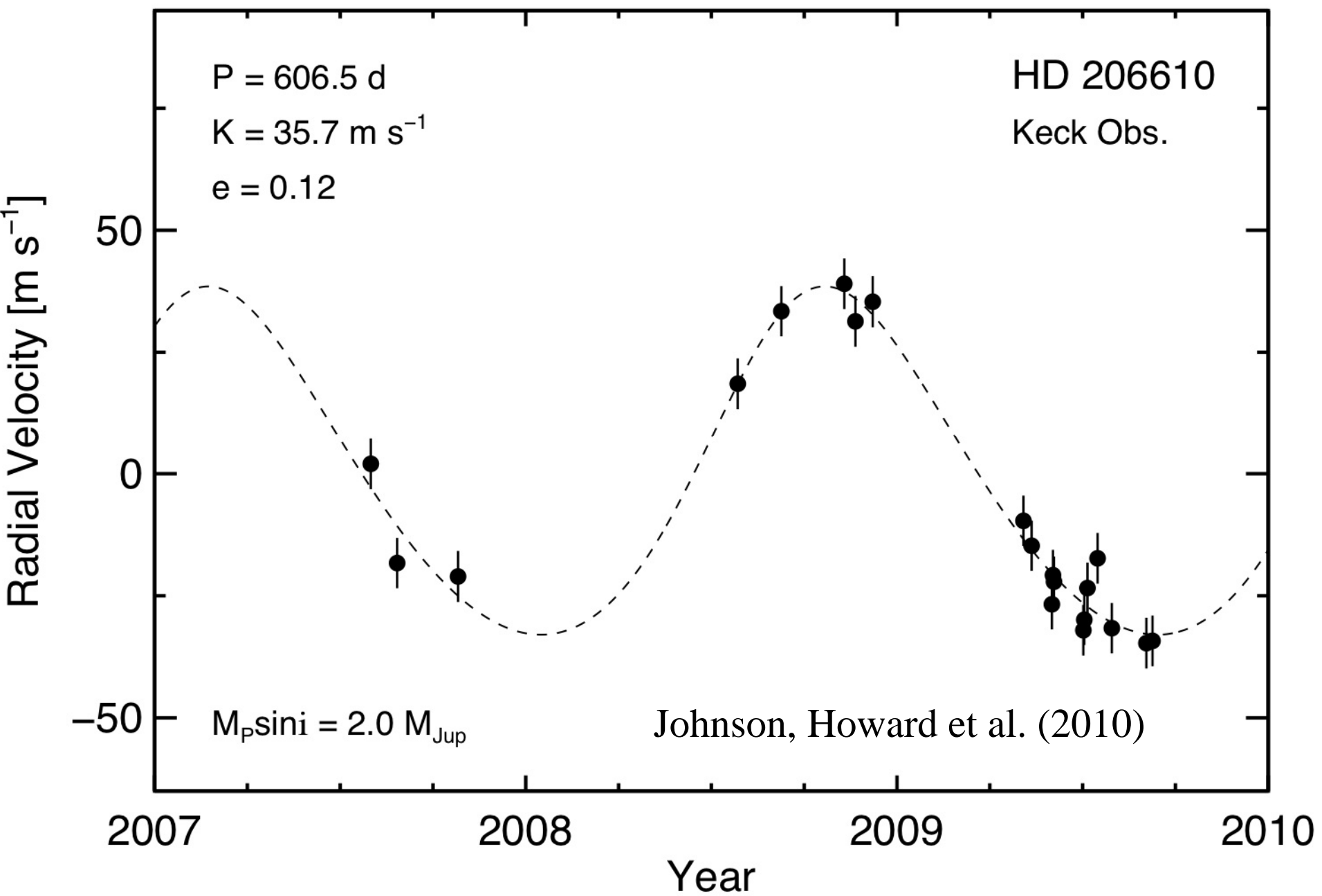
3 year baseline

7 New Planets

20 Candidates



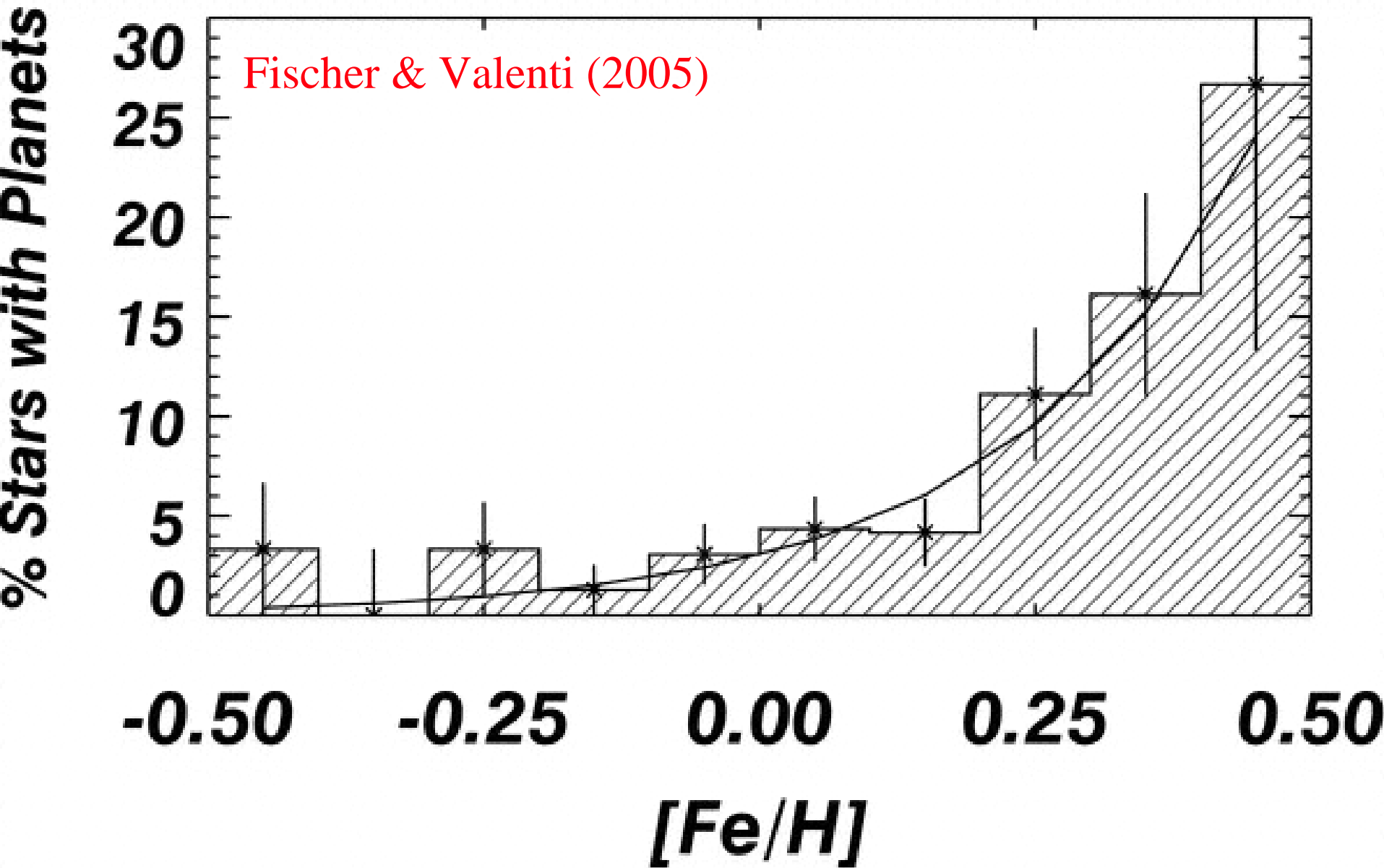




# Planet Occurrence vs Stellar Mass

- Limit the analysis to planets with  
 $a < 2.5 \text{ AU}$   
 $K > 20 \text{ m/s}$   
 $N_{\text{obs}} > 7$
- Compare subgiants with CCPS sample of M dwarfs and Sun-like stars

# Fitting to a histogram



# A Bayesian Framework

For a set of data  $d$  fitted by a model with parameters  $A$

$$\Pr(A|d) \propto \Pr(d|A) \Pr(A)$$

all stars

$$\prod_i \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(\text{Fe}_i, M_i; A) \text{ If it has a planet} \\ 1 - f(\text{Fe}_i, M_i; A) \text{ If not} \end{array} \right.$$

$f(\text{Fe}_i, M_i; A)$  If it has a planet

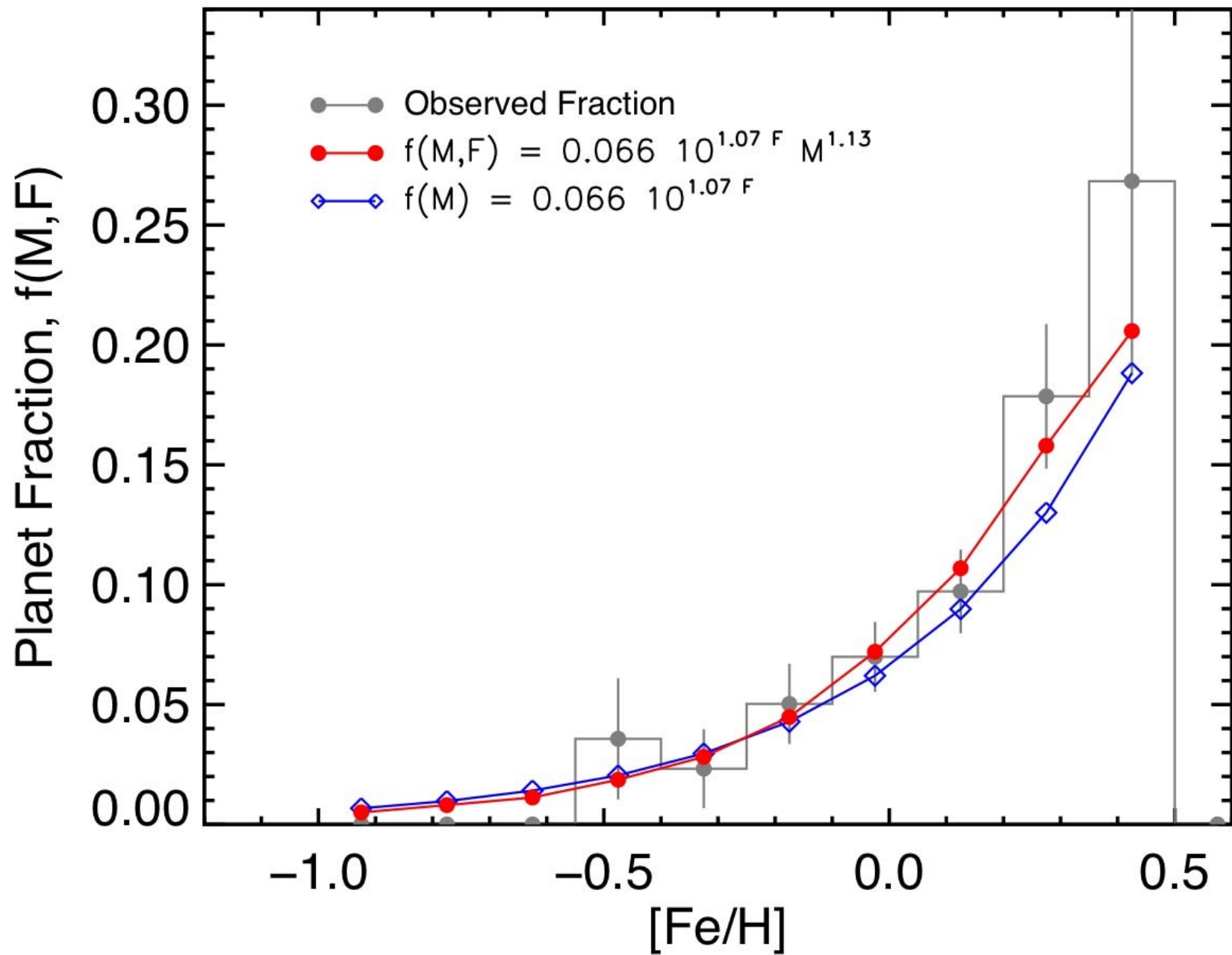
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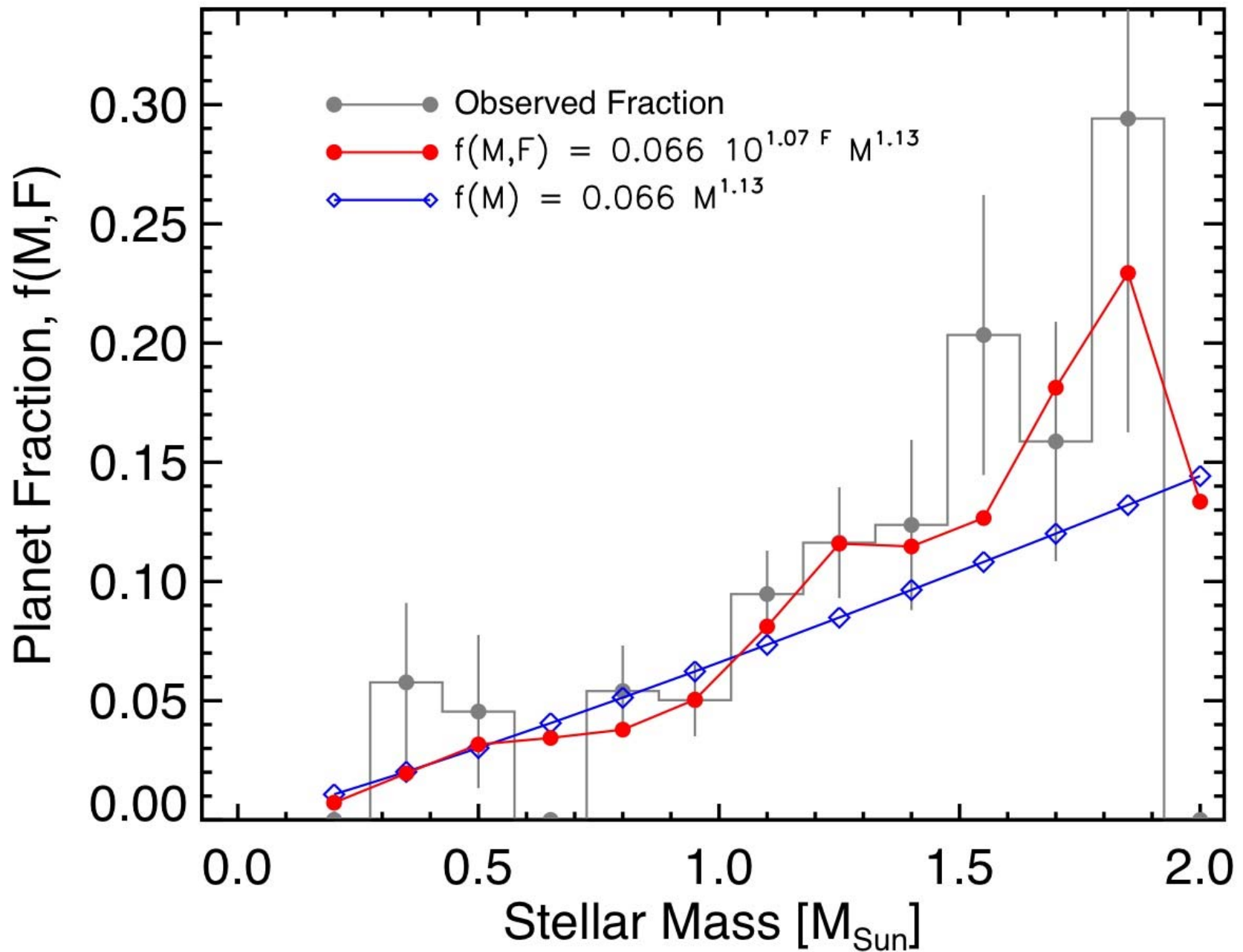
$$f(\text{Fe}, M; A) = A_0 10^{A_1 \text{Fe}} M^{A_2}$$

Maximize  $\Pr(A|d)$  to find best-fitting parameters  $A$

Johnson, Aller et al. 2010 in prep

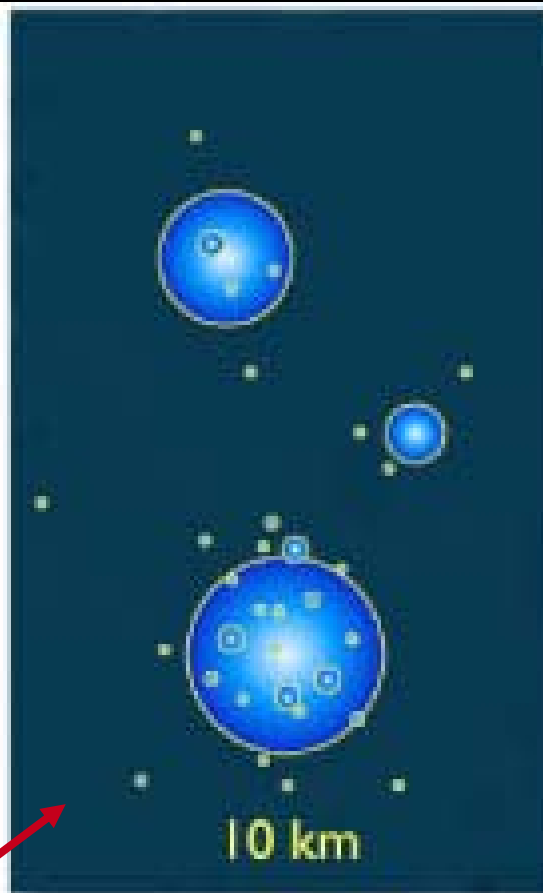








Early Growth:  
Sticking Coagulation



Mid-life Growth:  
Gravitational Attraction

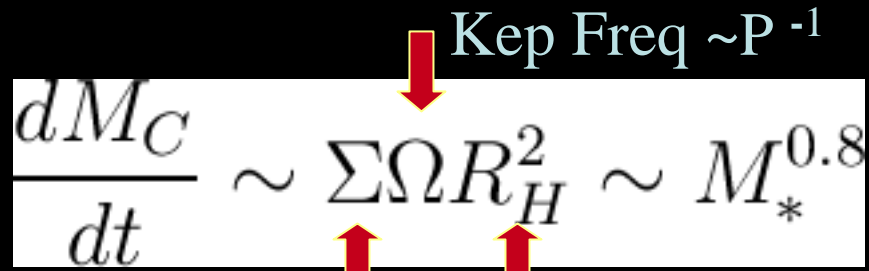


Late Growth:  
Rapid Gas Accretion

Higher Mass or [Fe/H]  
means more raw  
materials and faster  
growth

# Stellar Mass and Planet Formation

Laughlin, Bodenheimer & Adams (2004)

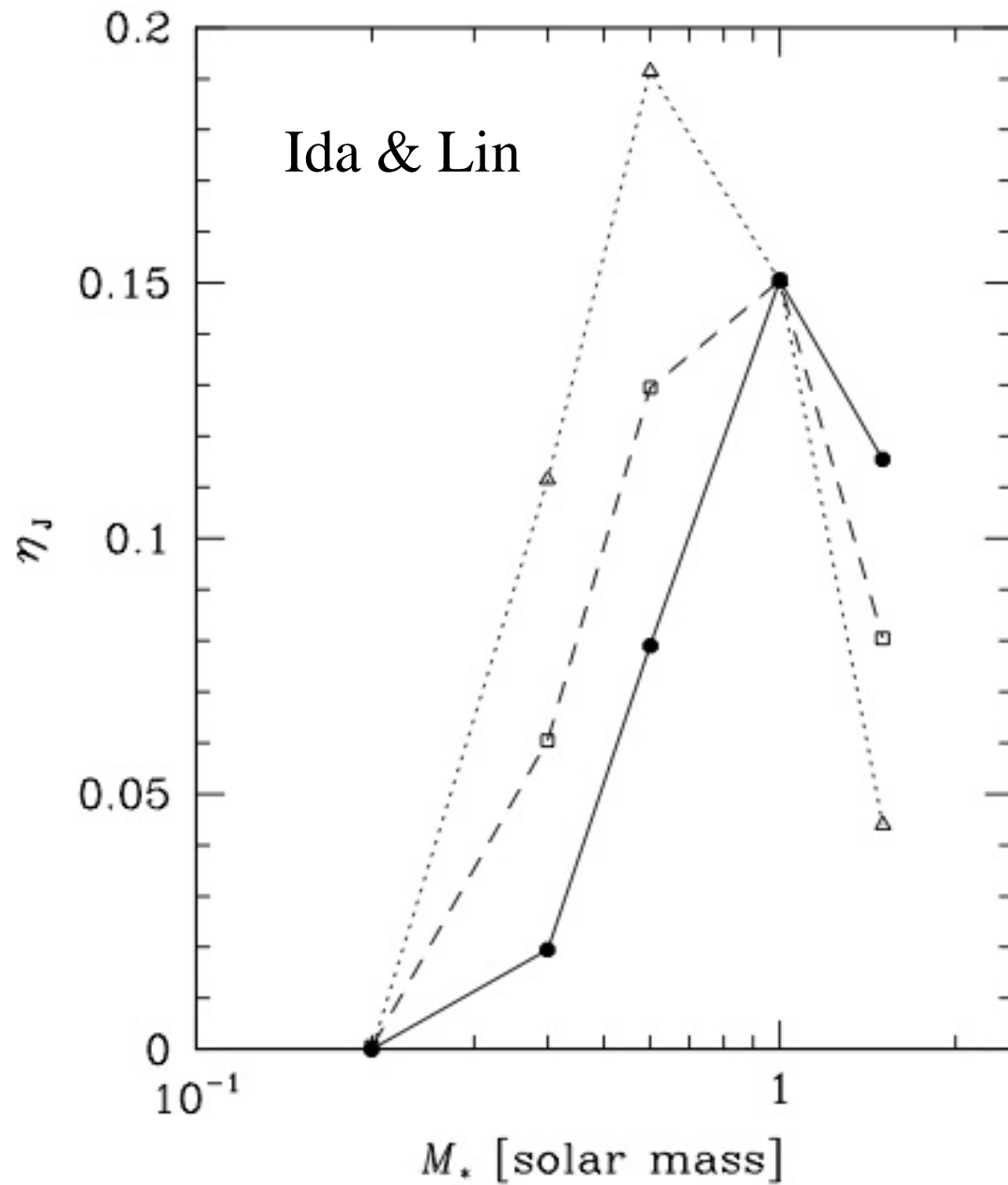
$$\frac{dM_C}{dt} \sim \Sigma \Omega R_H^2 \sim M_*^{0.8}$$


Surface  
Density

Hill Sphere  
Radius

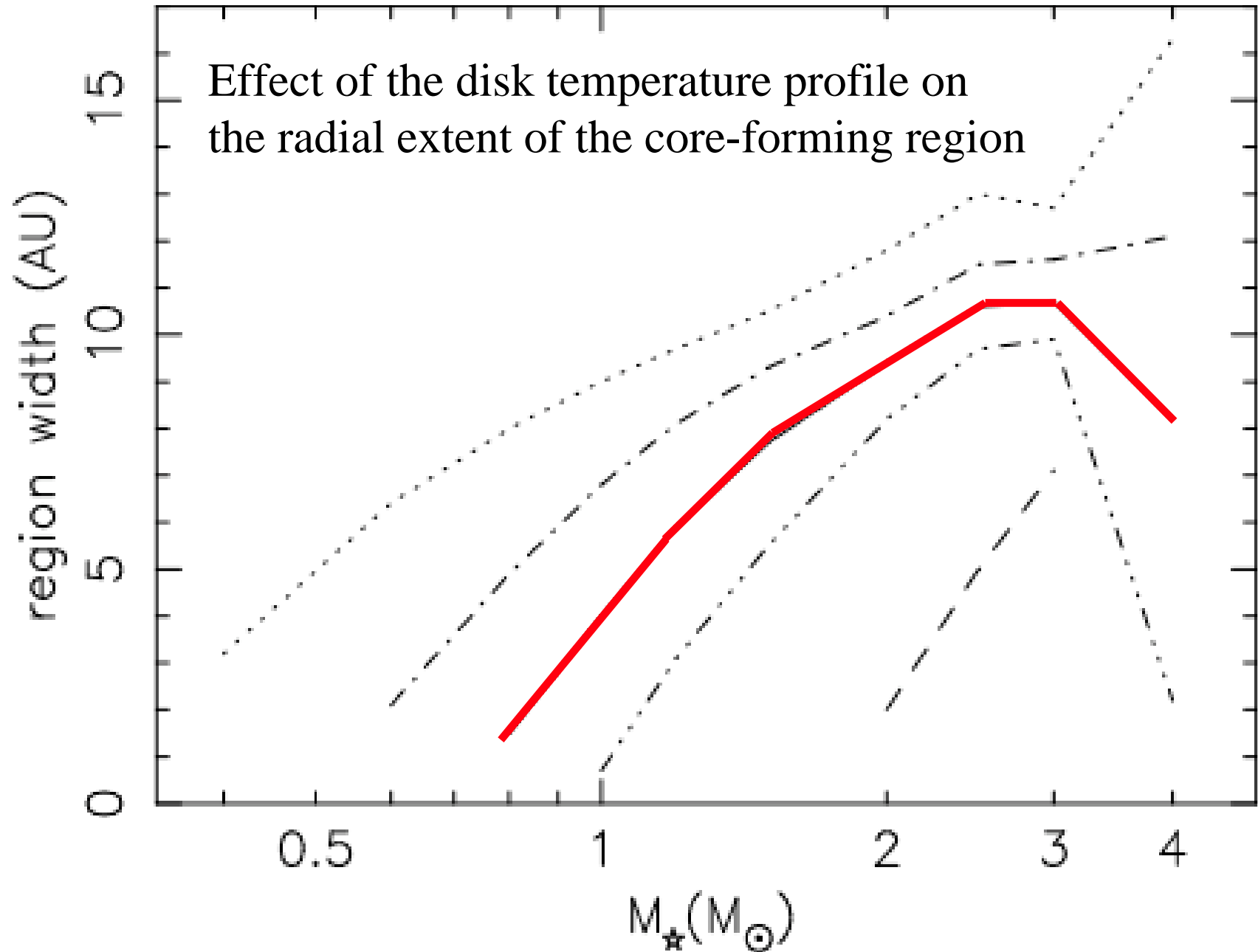
Kep Freq  $\sim P^{-1}$

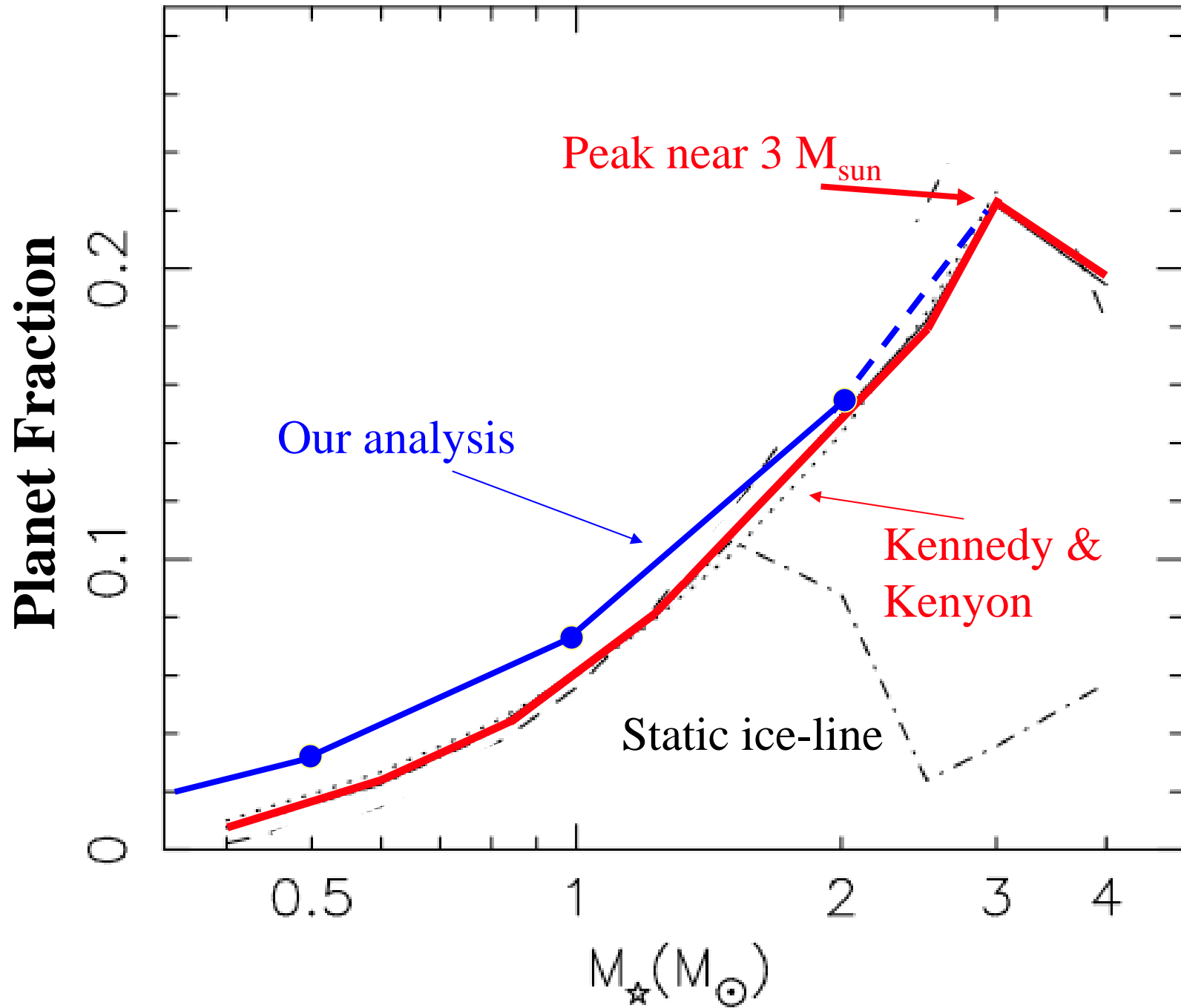
# Static Ice-Line



# Kennedy & Kenyon (2007)

Effect of the disk temperature profile on the radial extent of the core-forming region

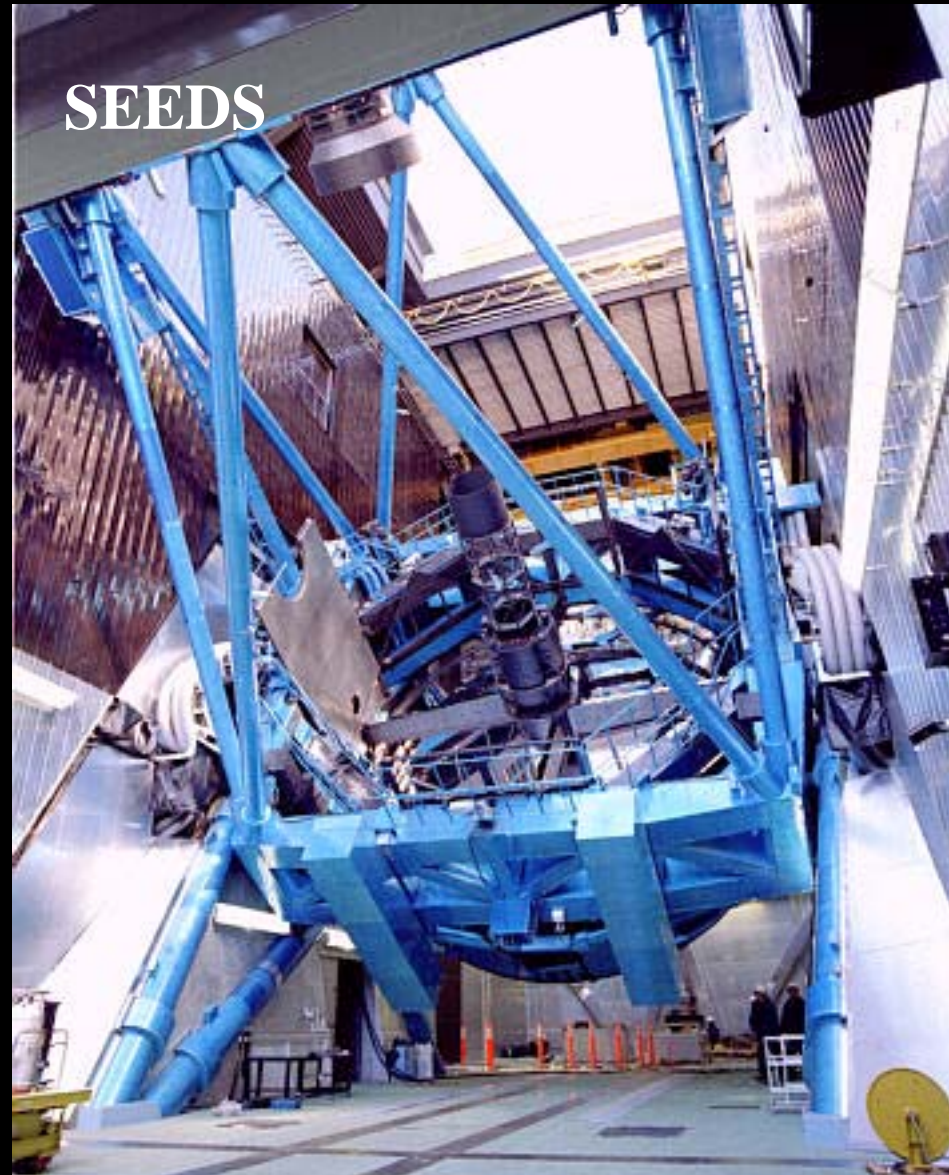
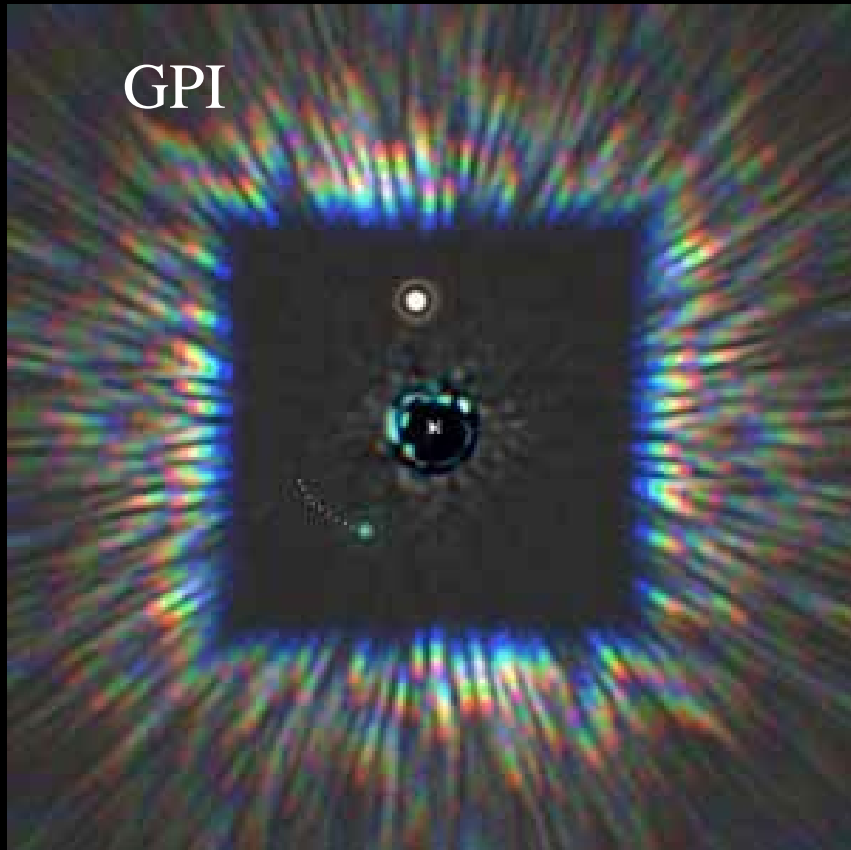




# Knowing Where to Look

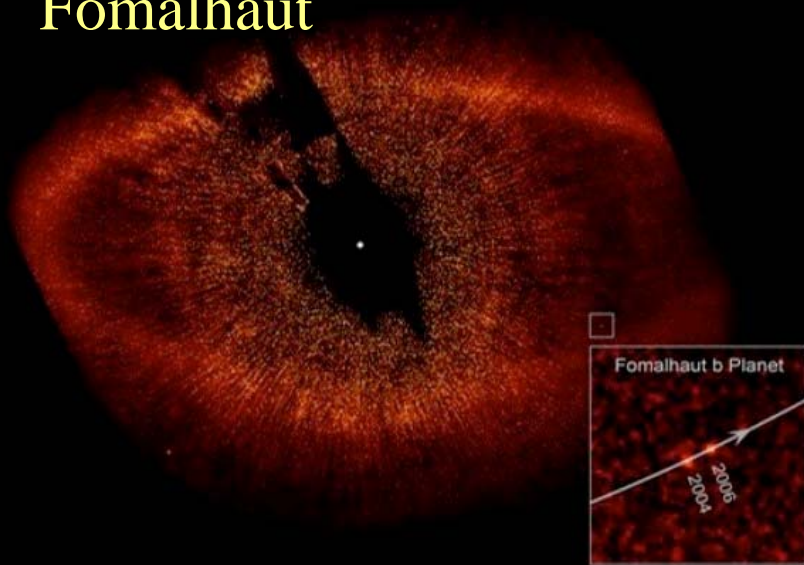
Stellar mass is a predictor of  
“planeticity.”

A stars are “naturally young”

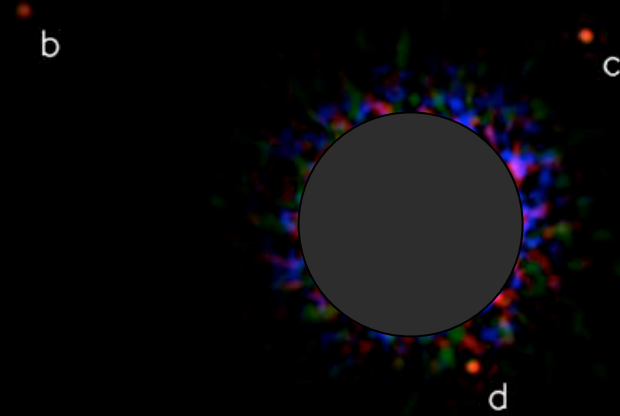




# Fomalhaut



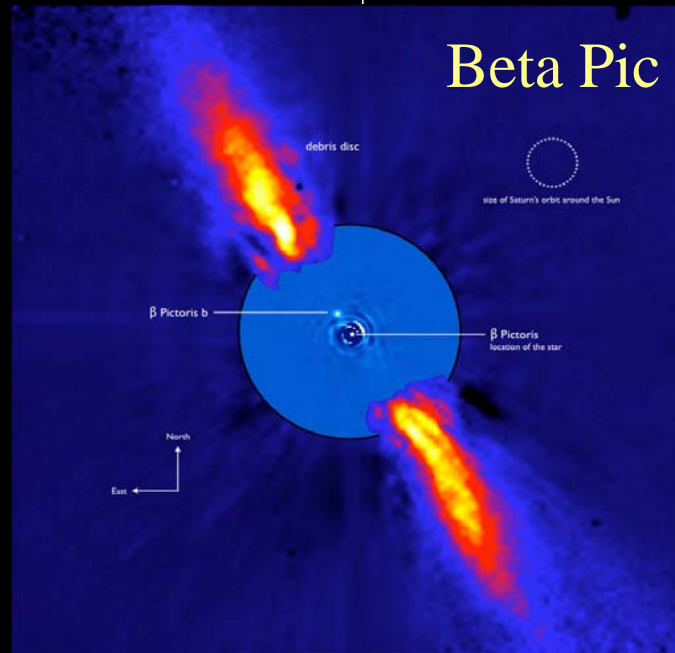
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# A Stars

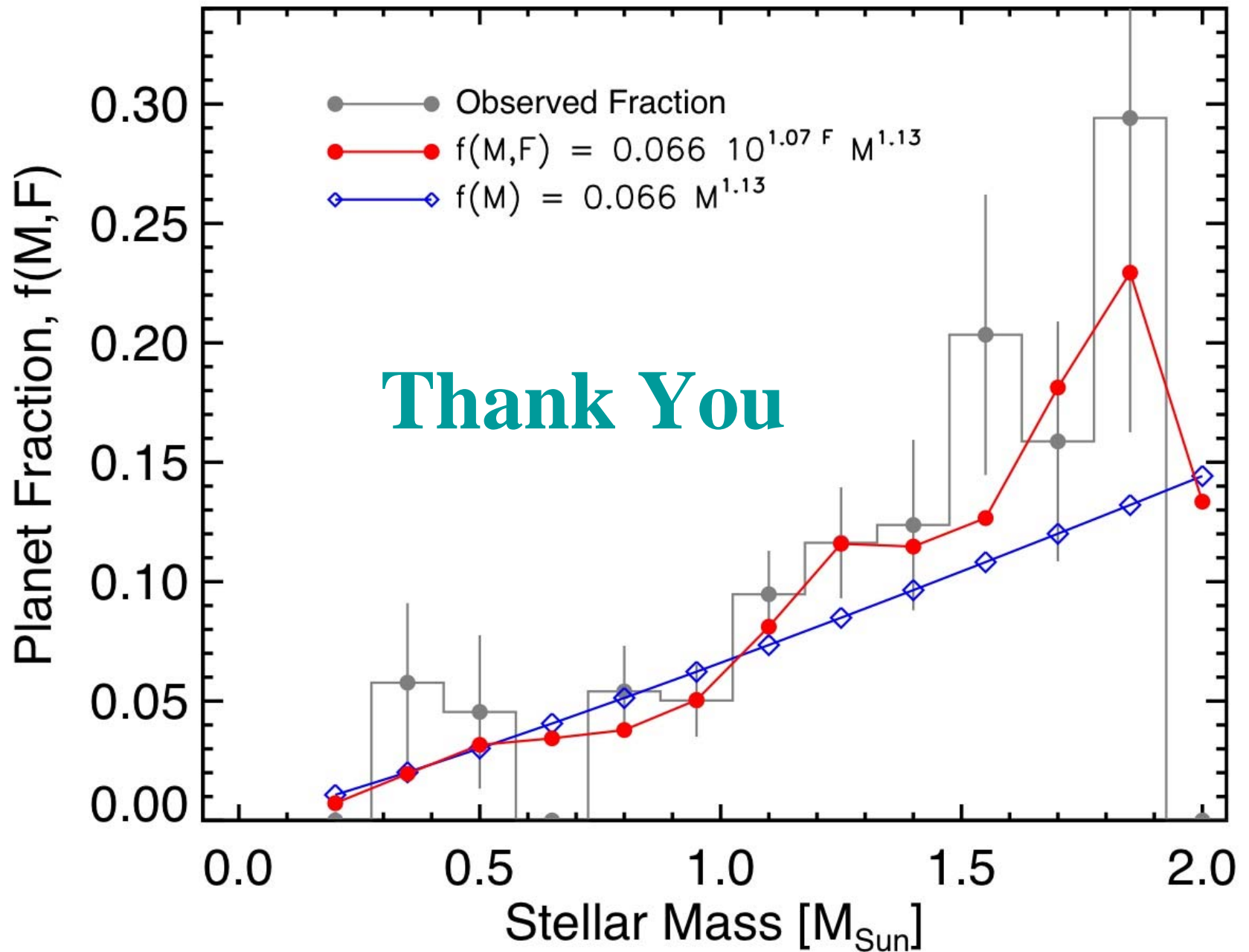
$$M_* > 2 M_{\text{Sun}}$$

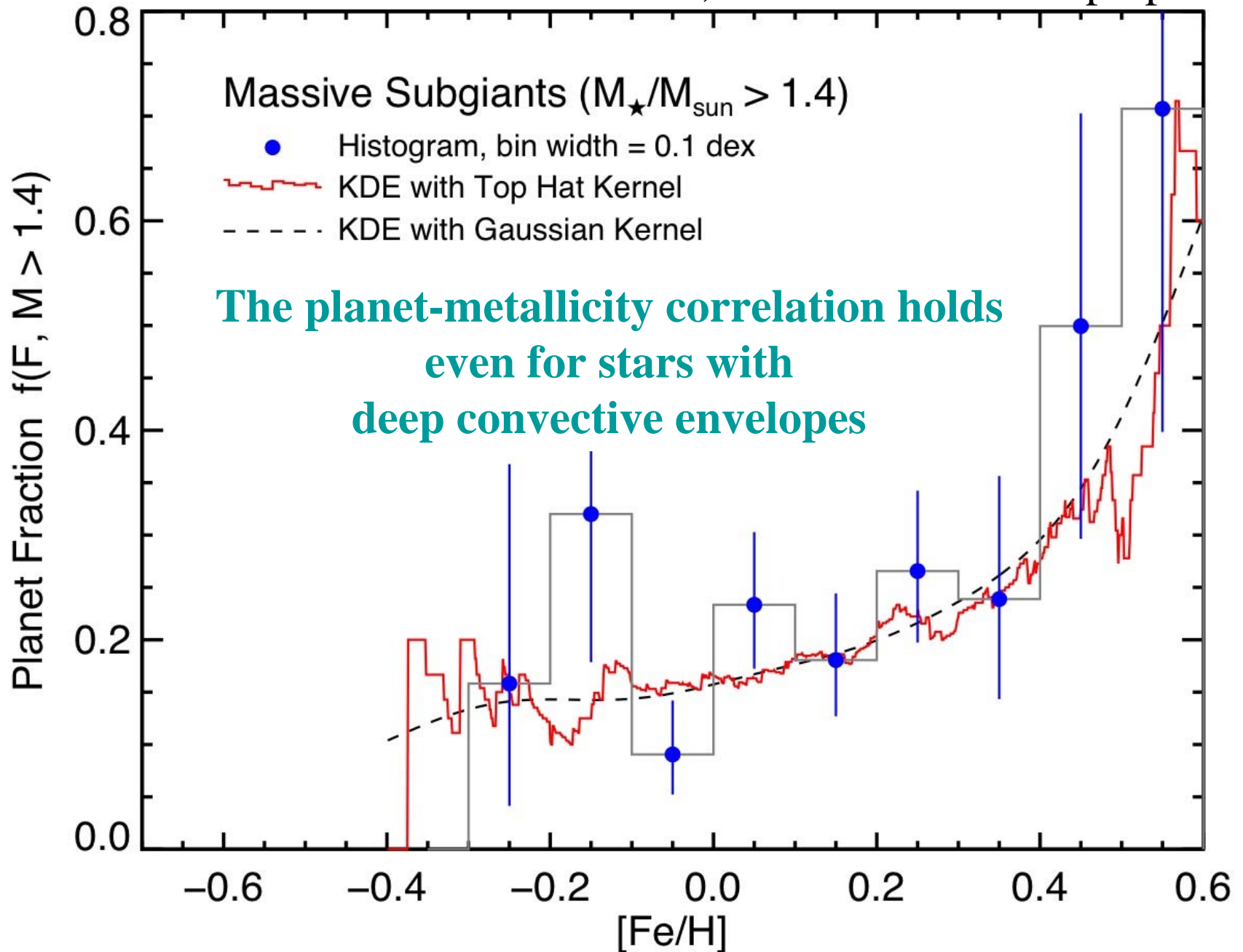
# Beta Pic



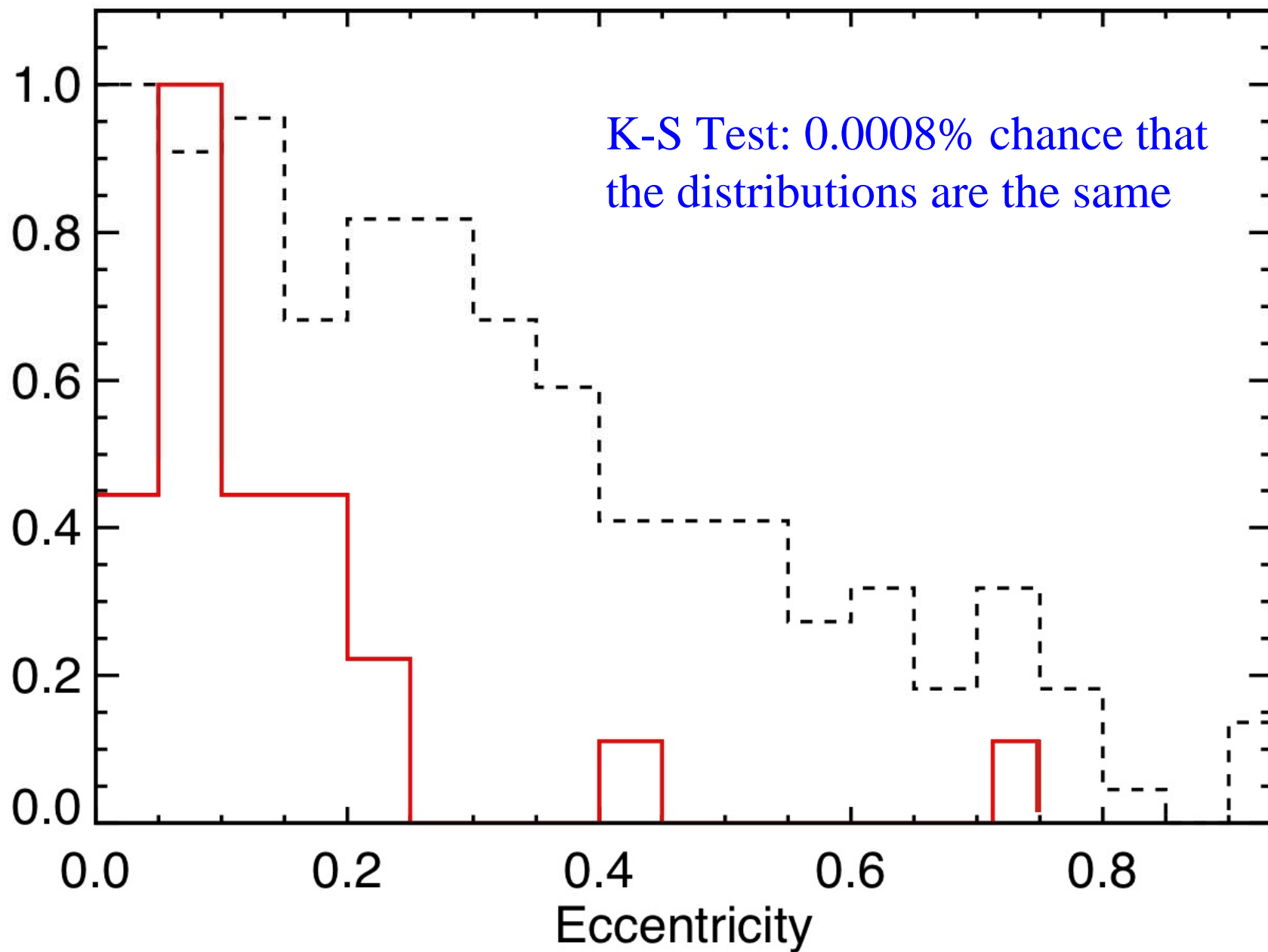
# Conclusions

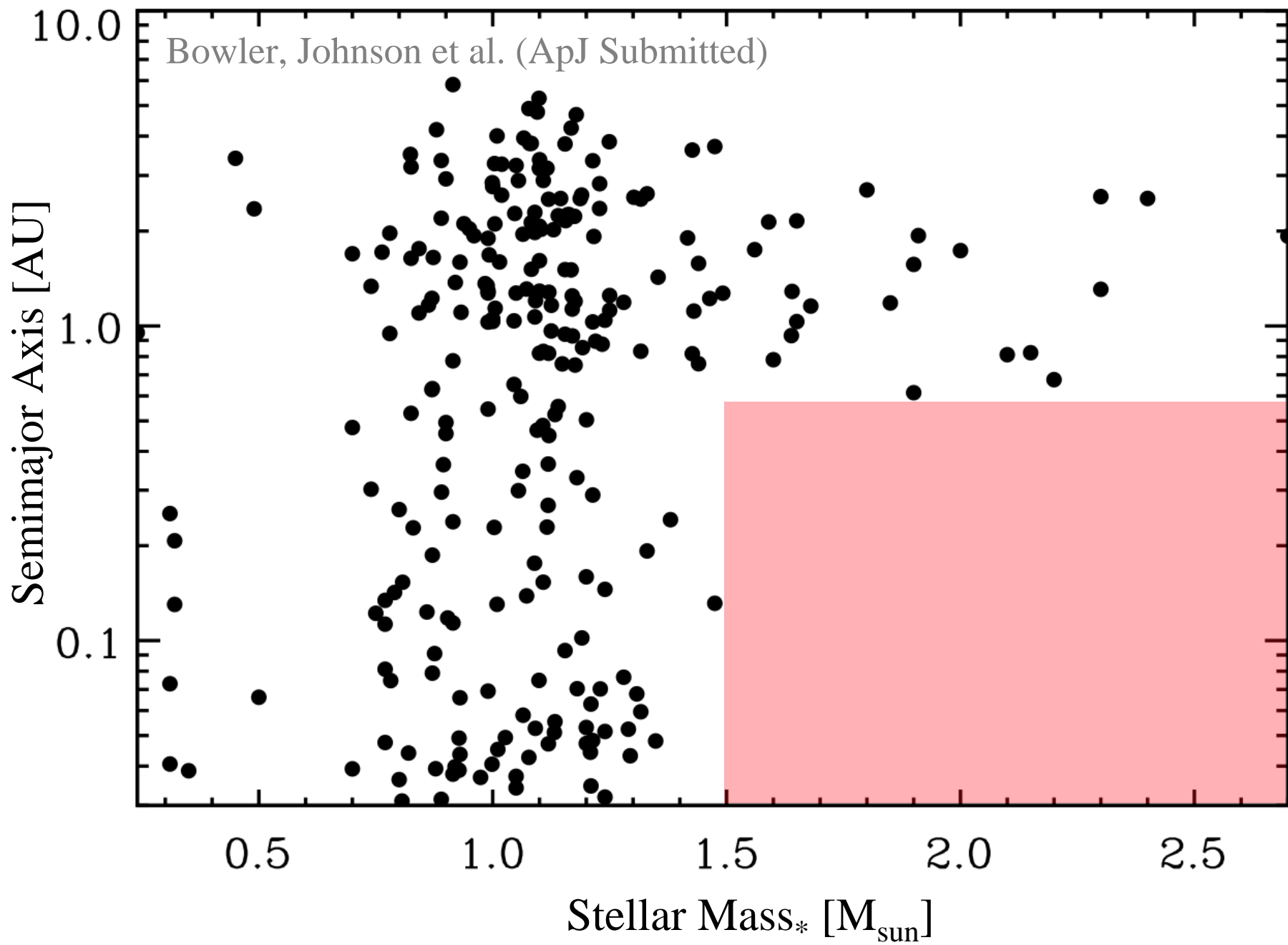
- Planet frequency correlates strongly with both metallicity *and stellar mass*.
- Informs the target selection of future planet search efforts
- Successful models of planet formation must account for mass and composition of star/disk system



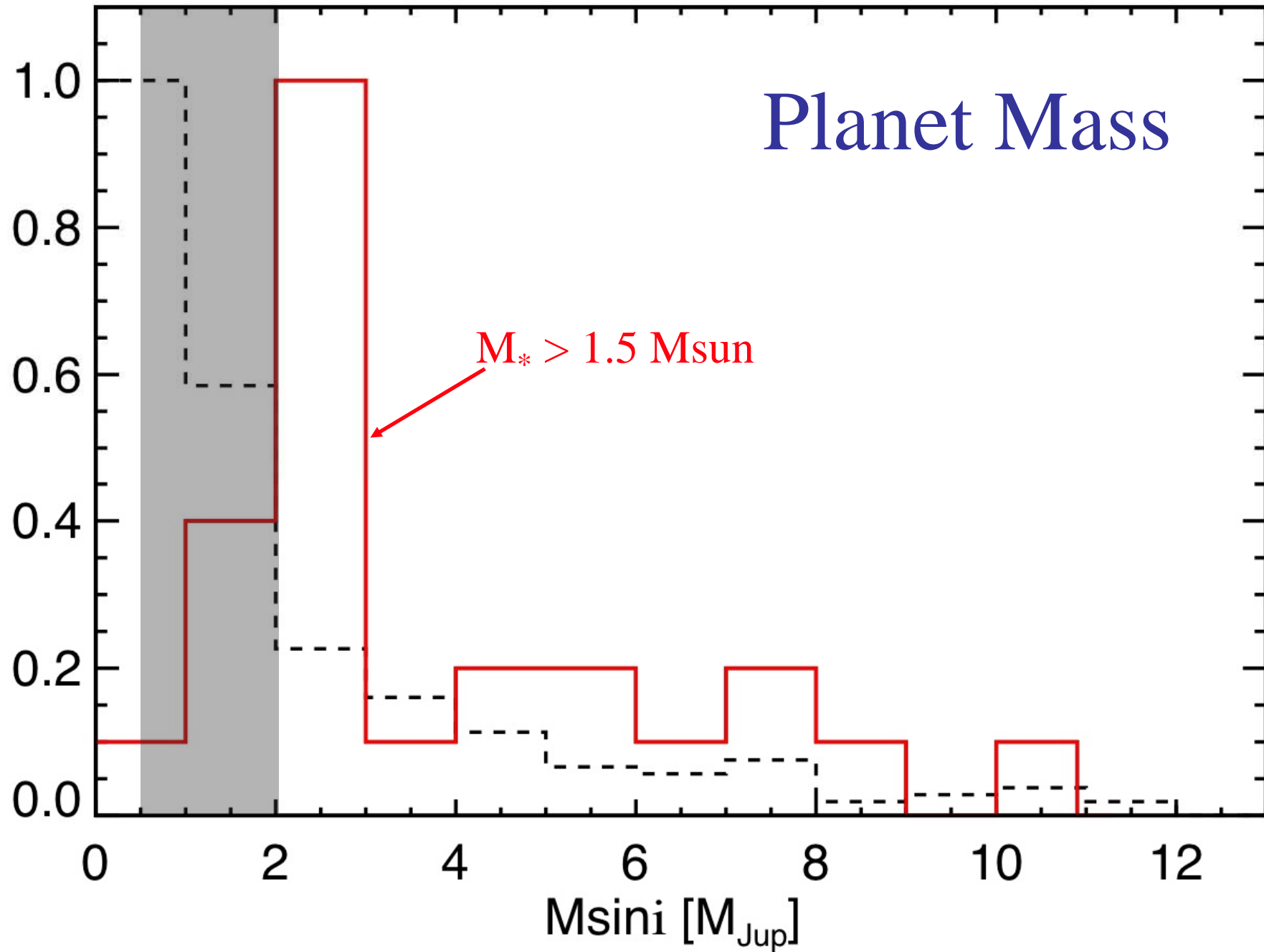


# The Properties of Planets Around Massive Stars





# Planet Mass





# Comparing planet mass-semimajor axis distributions

For planets around Sun-like stars:

$$dN \propto M^\alpha P^\beta d \ln M d \ln P$$

$$\alpha = -0.3 \pm 0.2 \quad \text{Increase toward lower planet masses}$$

$$\beta = 0.3 \pm 0.1 \quad \text{Gentle rise toward larger periods}$$

Cumming et al. 2008

# Question

Are planets found around A stars and Sun-like stars drawn from the same population?

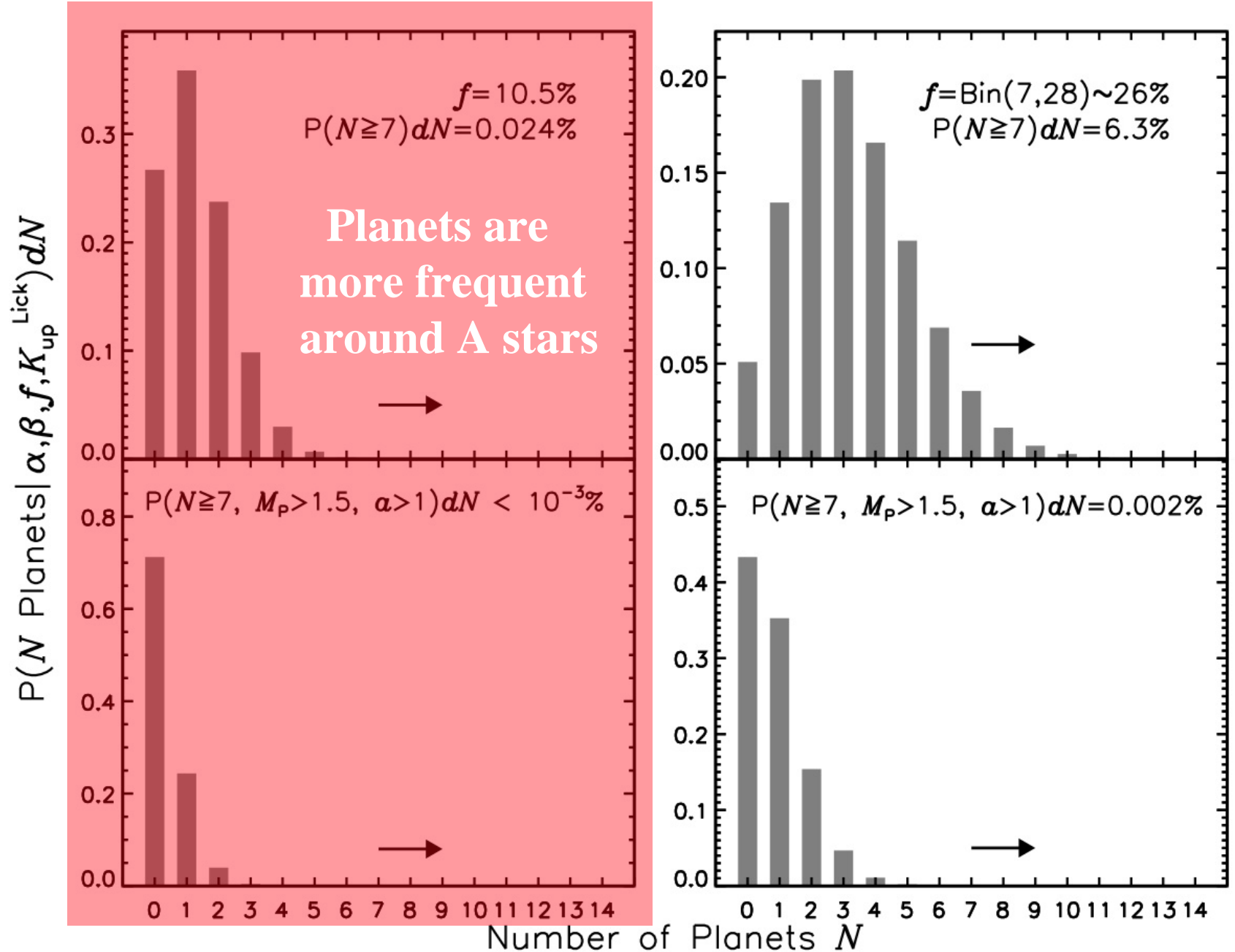
Problem: The only uniform sample of high-mass stars contains just 28 stars and 7 planets

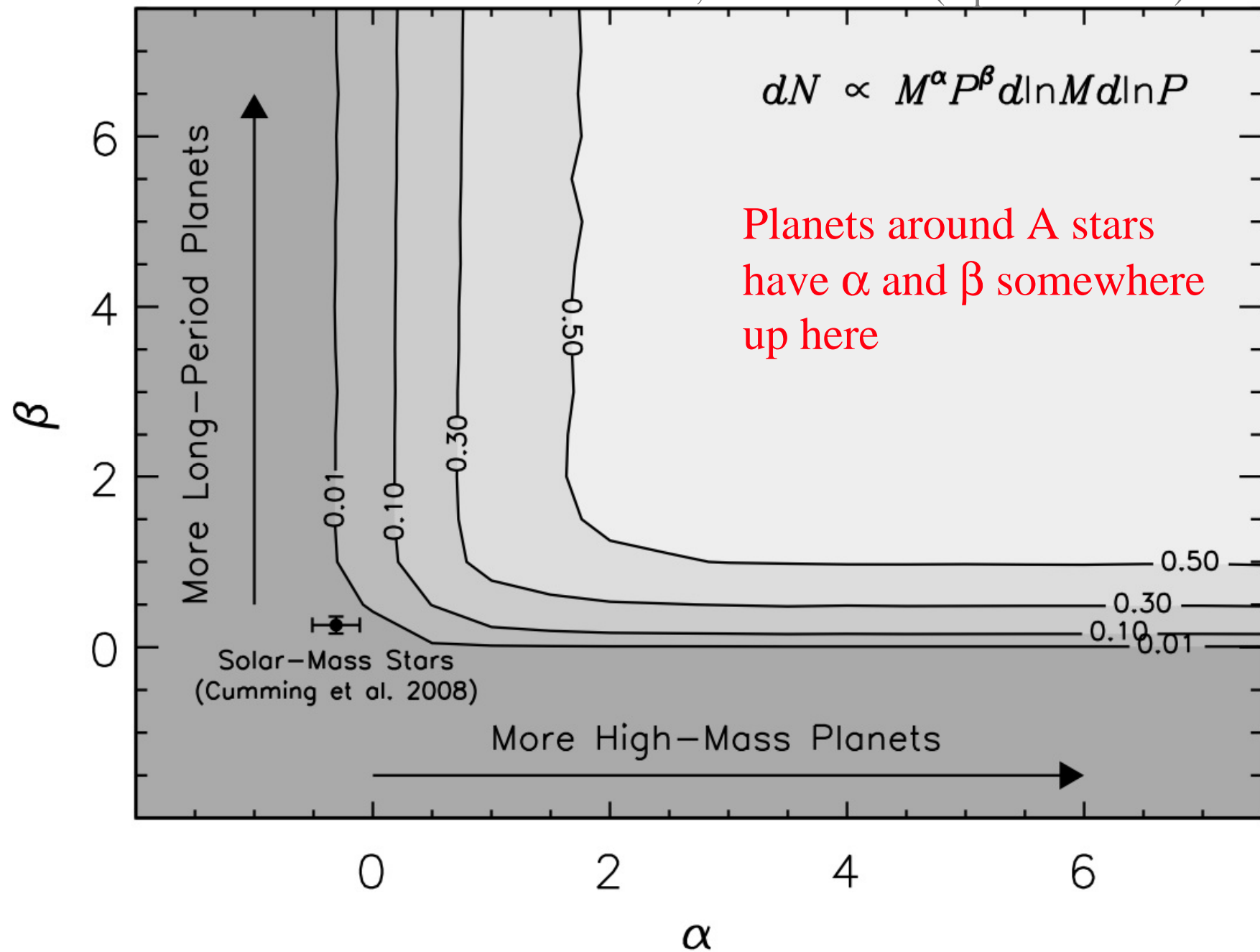
Planets from the uniform sample of high-mass stars have  $P > 300$  days and  $M_{\text{sin}i} > 1.5 M_{\text{Jup}}$

# The Test

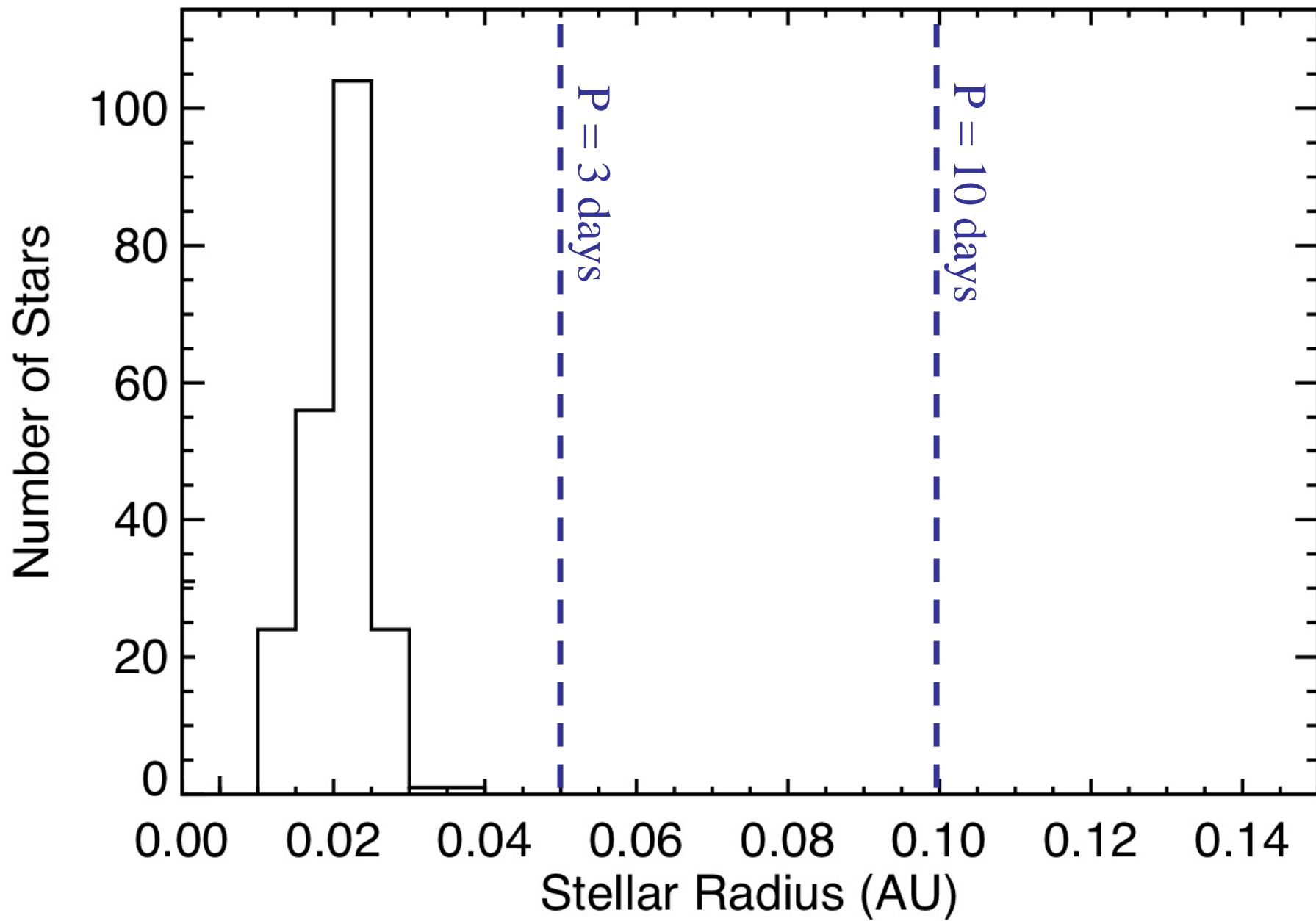
1. Assume an occurrence rate of  $f = 7/28 = 25\%$
2. Randomly populate a sample of 28 stars with planets drawn from Cumming et al. M-P dist.
3. Assess detectability using actual velocity measurements
4. Repeat 1-3 for 10,000 trials
5. Record fraction of trials with 7 detections having  $P > 300$  days and  $M > 1.5 M_{\text{Jup}}$

Bowler, Johnson et al. (ApJ submitted)

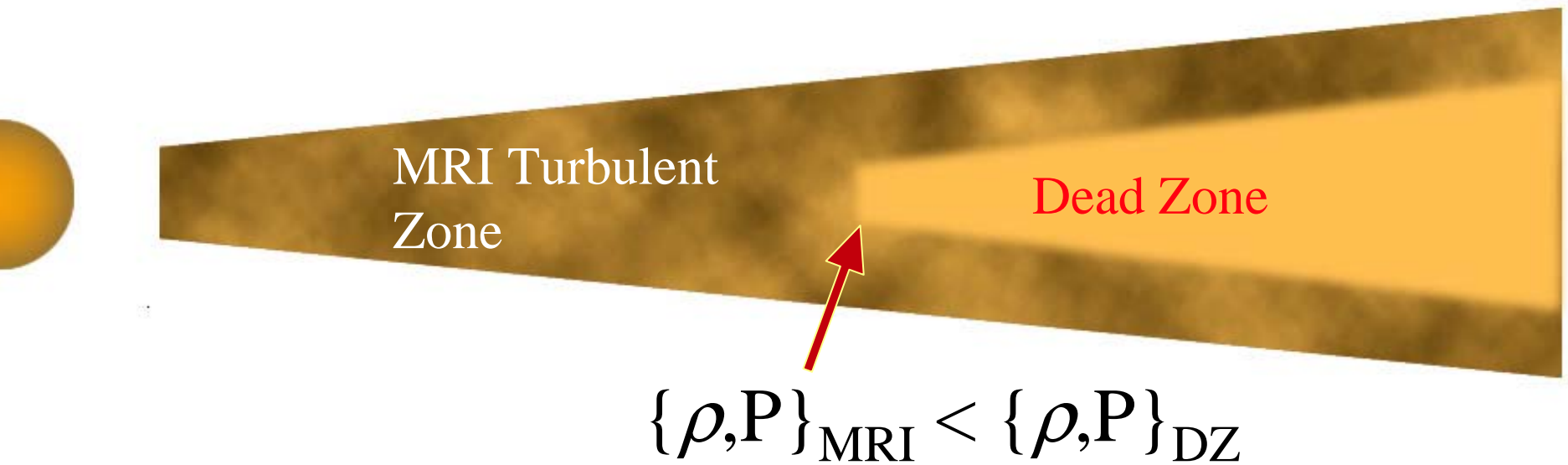




Where are all the  
close-in planets?



Kretke et al. (2008)





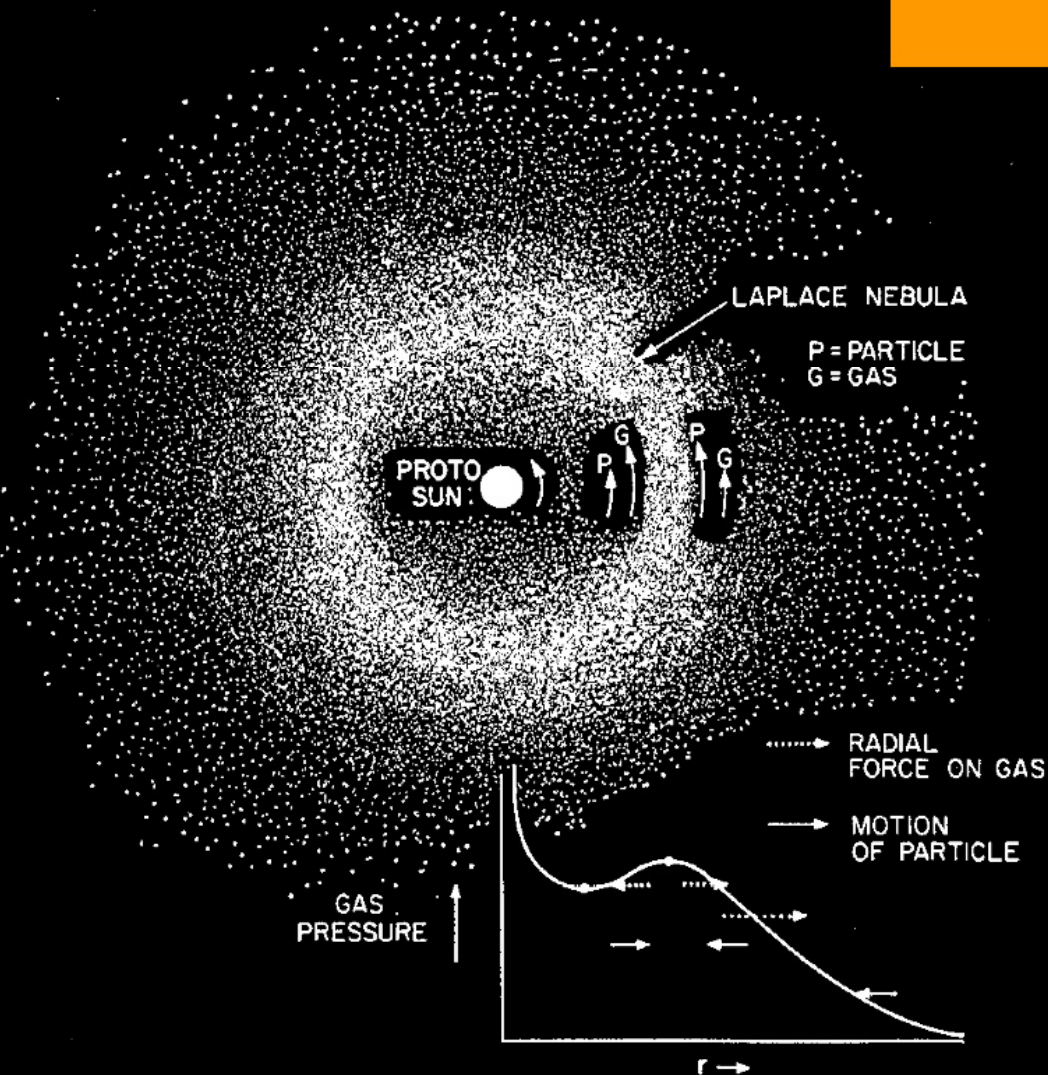
Kretke et al. 2007  
Haghighipour 2003

For Solids

$$r\omega^2 = r\omega_K^2$$

Keplerian  
Frequency

Pressure  
Gradient



Objects outside the maximum pressure feel a headwind and spiral toward the star, whereas objects inside feel a tailwind and spiral out.

# Disk Dissipation Time Scale

Burkert & Ida (2007), Currie (2009)

- Gas giants form at larger orbital radii and take longer to migrate inward
  - The ice Line is 4-5 times further out around A stars (20-25 AU)
- Gas disks have shorter lifetimes around massive stars
  - The accretion rates observed in open clusters scale as  $M_*^2$
- Results in planets getting stranded further away from their host stars when the inner gas-disk clears

# Combination?

- Gas giants form at  $\sim 1$  AU, inside the ice line
- Dissipation of inner gas disk strands planets near birthplaces.

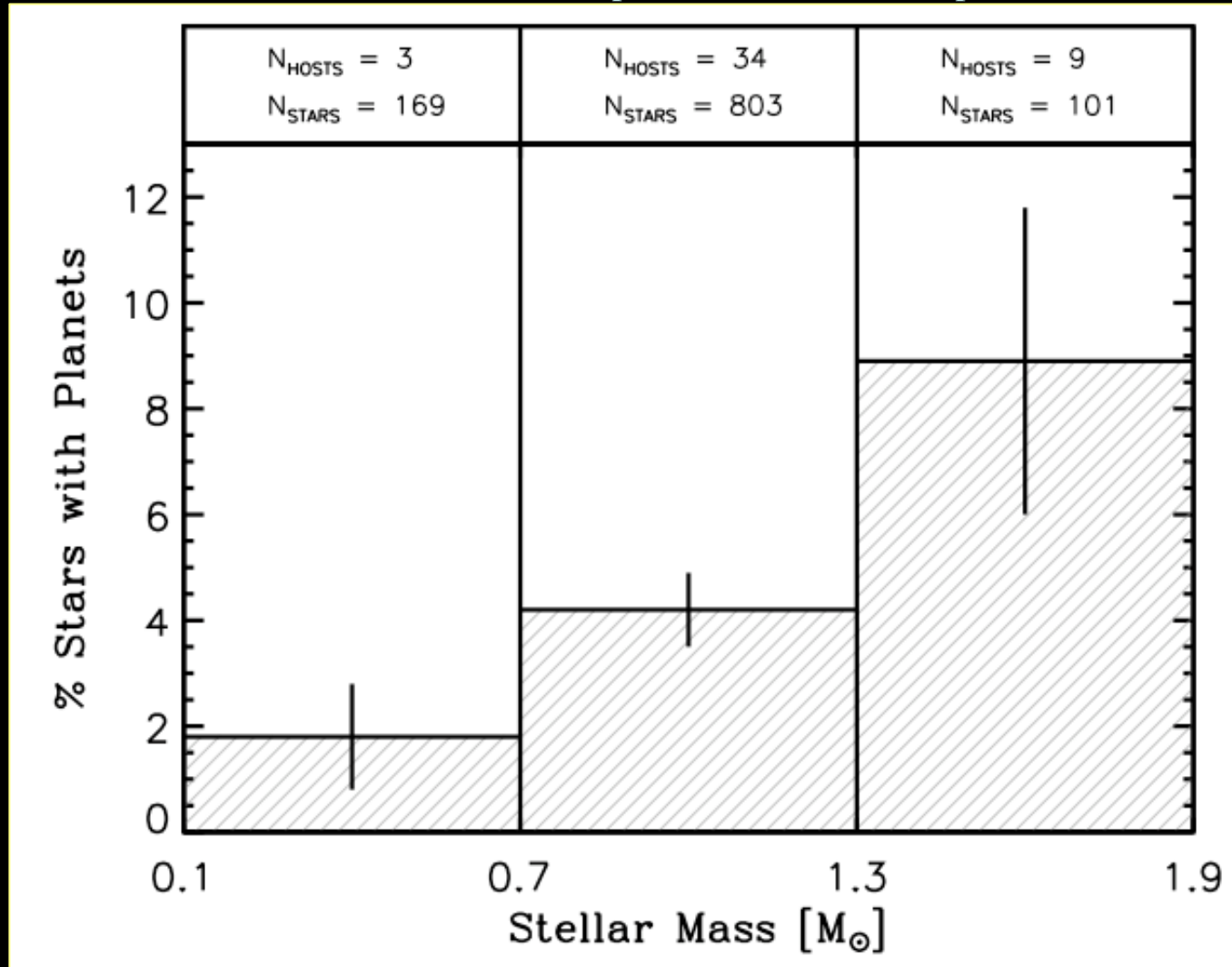
Occurrence Rate

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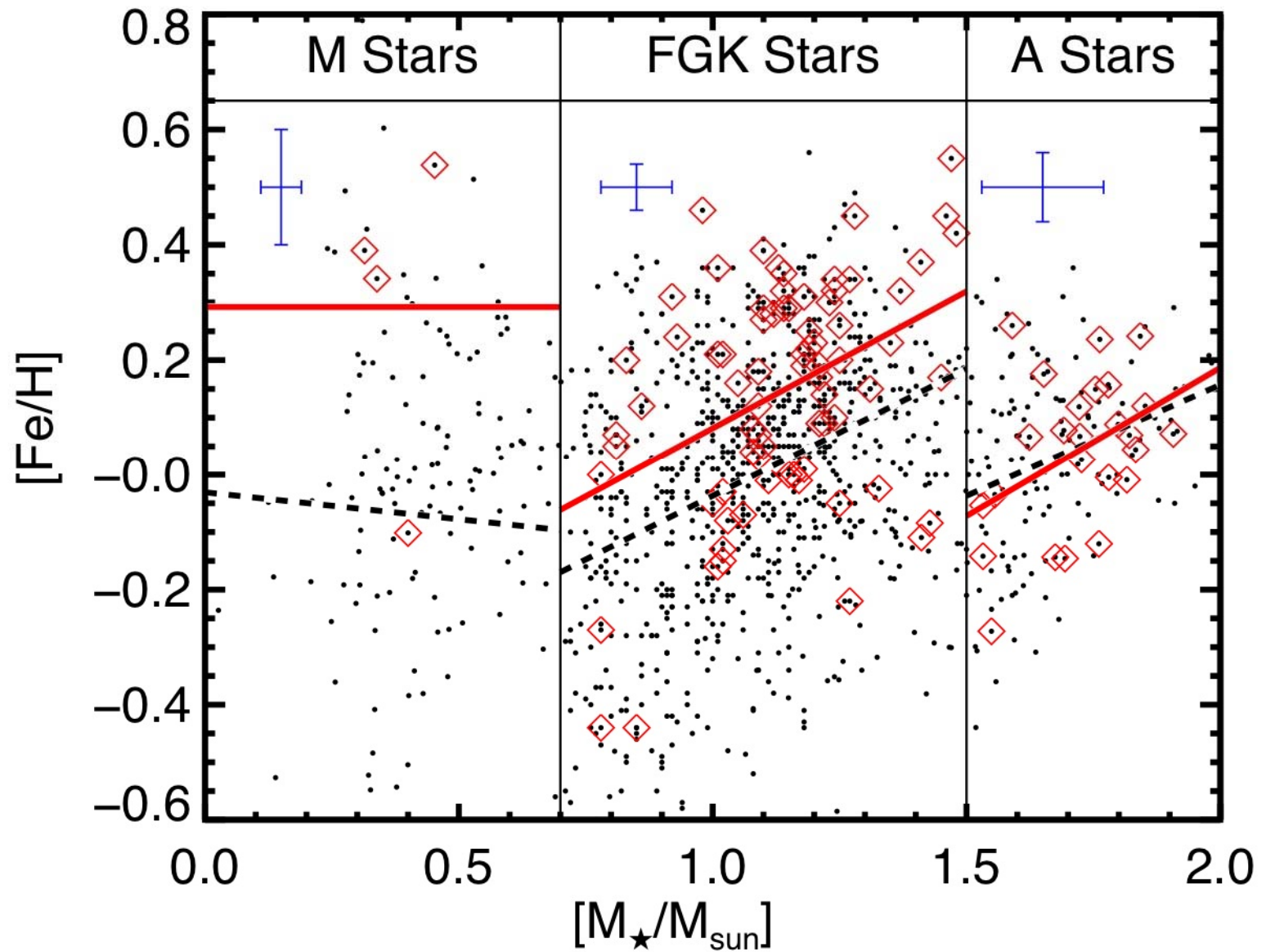
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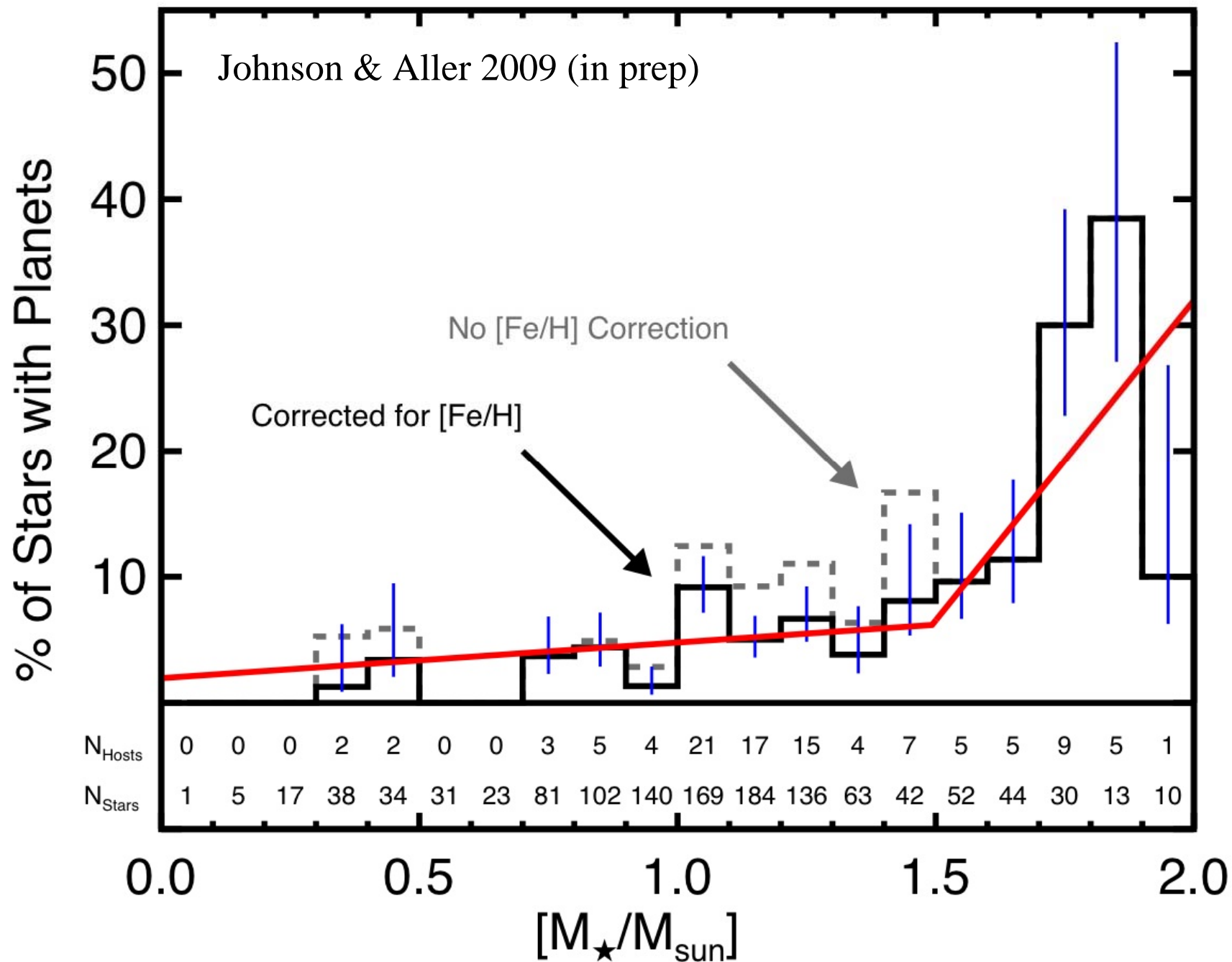
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Johnson, Butler et al. (2007)







# Conclusions

- Subgiants are ideal proxies of A and F stars
  - Masses of A dwarfs, precision of G dwarfs
- All measurable properties of exoplanets detected around retired A stars are very different than those of planets around Sun-like stars:
  - Eccentricities are lower
  - Planet masses are higher
  - Semimajor axes larger (no planets within 0.8 AU)
- Planet occurrence correlates with stellar mass
  - Treasure trove of planets around A stars
  - Tells us where to look
  - Informs planet formation models

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