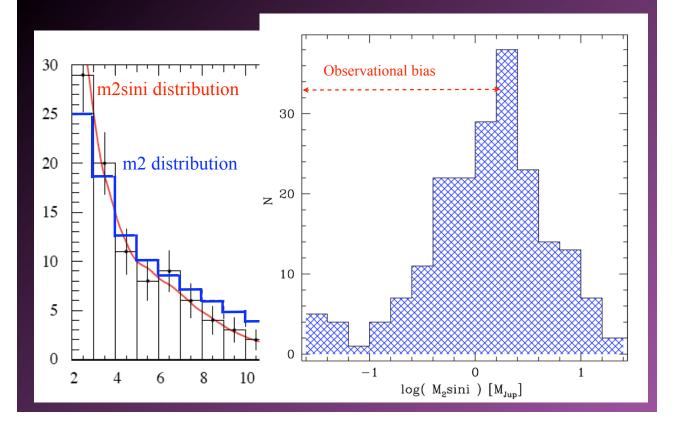


Planetary mass distribution.



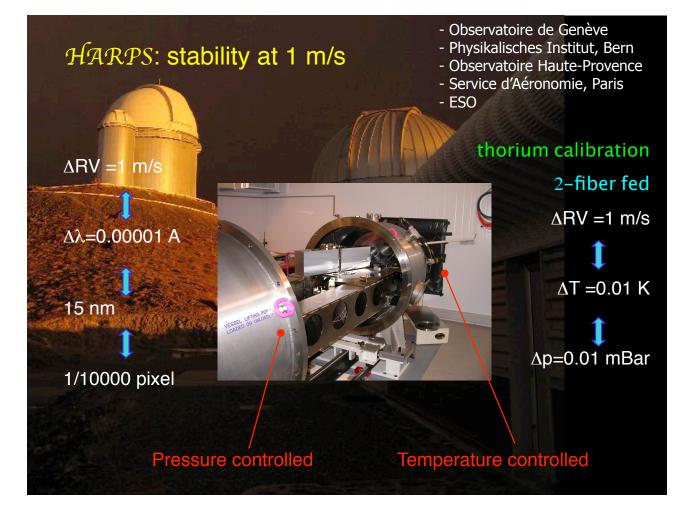
Planet Detectability with radial velocities

$$k_{1} = \frac{28.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}}{\sqrt{1 - e^{2}}} \frac{m_{2} \sin i}{M_{\text{Jup}}} \left(\frac{m_{1} + m_{2}}{M_{\text{Sun}}} \frac{1}{J} \right)^{-2/3} \left(\frac{P}{1 \text{ yr}} \frac{1}{J} \frac{1}{J} \right)^{-1/3}$$

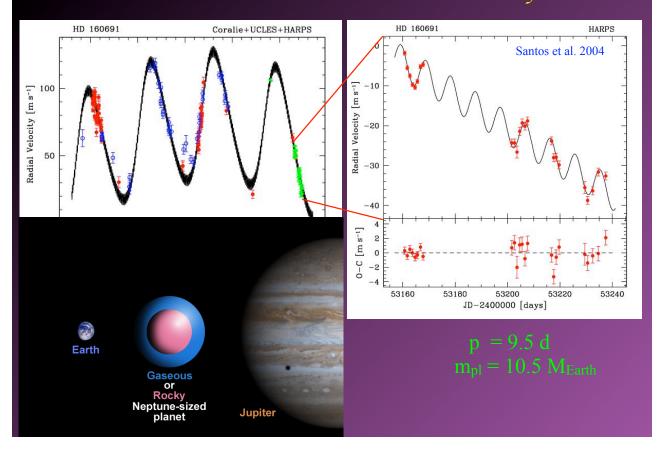
Jupiter	@ 1 AU	: 28.4 m s⁻¹	A
Jupiter	@ 5 AU	: 12.7 m s ⁻¹	for
Neptune	@ 0.1 AU	: 4.8 m s ⁻¹	e.g
Neptune	@ 1 AU	: 1.5 m s⁻¹	Ne
Super-Earth (5 M_{\oplus})	@ 0.1 AU	: 1.4 m s ⁻¹	for
Super-Earth (5 M_{\oplus})	@ 1 AU	: 0.45 m s ⁻¹	
Earth	@ 1 AU	: 9 cm s ⁻¹	

A few m/s precision OK for giant planets e.g. Jupiters out to > 5 AU

Need to go below 1 m/s for close super-Earths!



Precision at work -> zoom toward smaller-mass planets

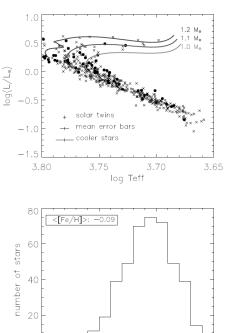


The HARPS search for low-mass planets

- Sample of ~400 slowly-rotating, nearby FGK dwarfs from the CORALIE planet-search survey + known planets
- HARPS log(R'_HK)<-4.8 => ~280 good targets Non evolved (Sousa et al. 2009)
- Observations ongoing since 2004
- Focus on low-amplitude RV variations

=> about 50% of HARPS GTO time

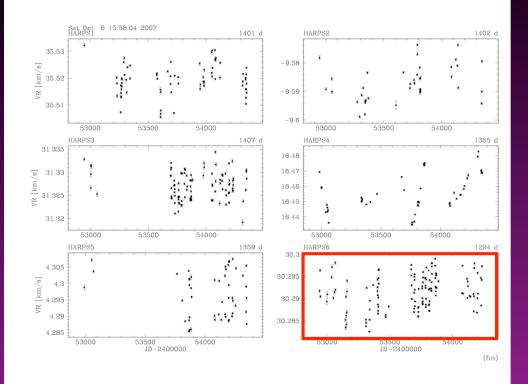


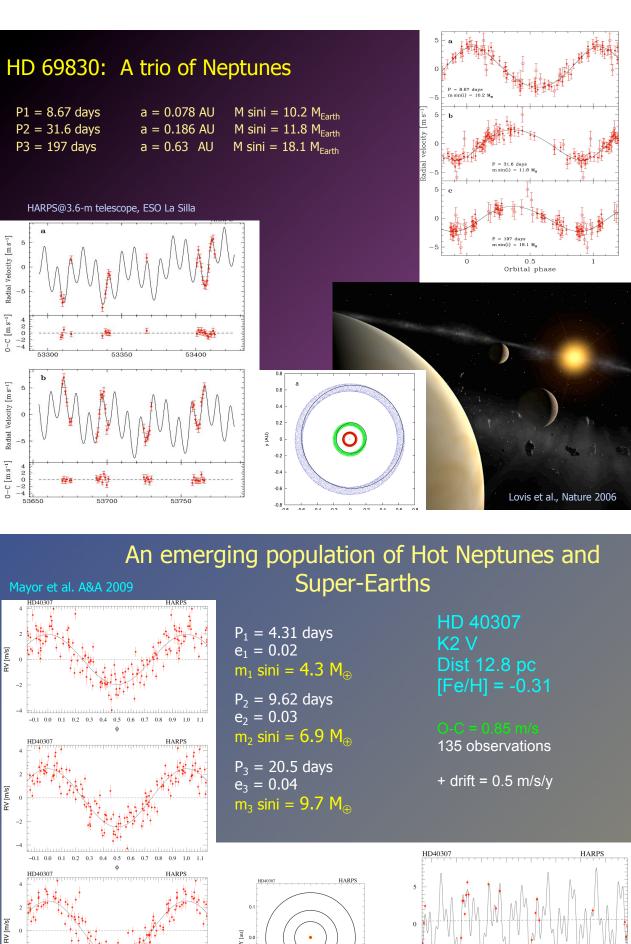


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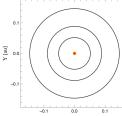
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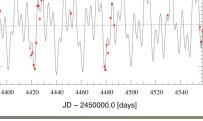
Harps: a blossom of candidates (1)

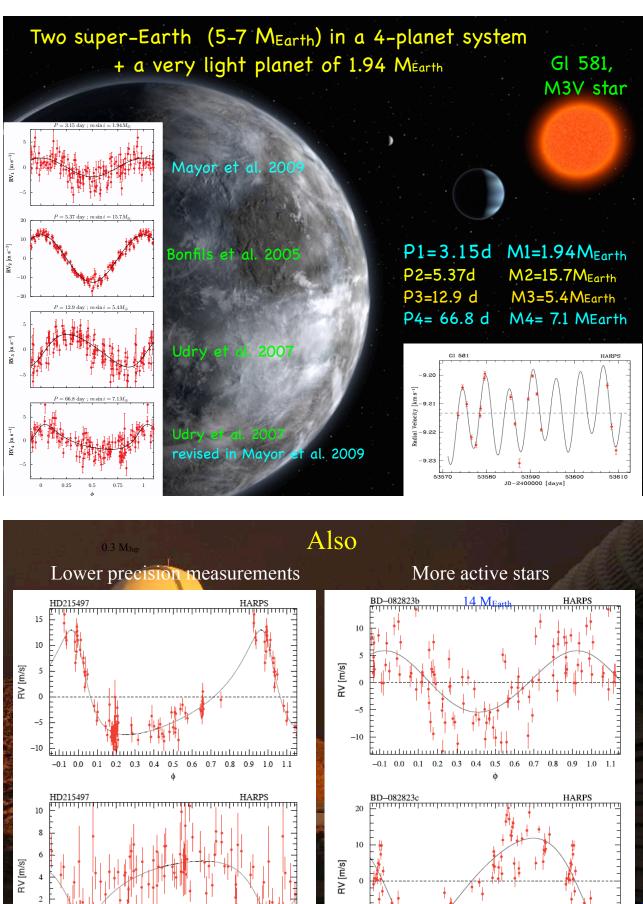




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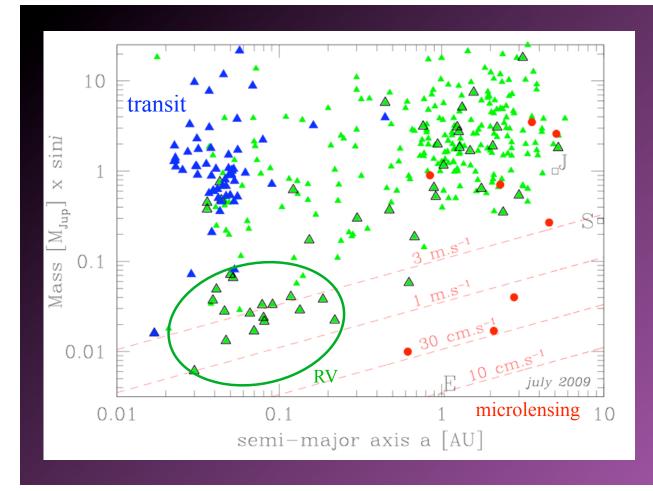
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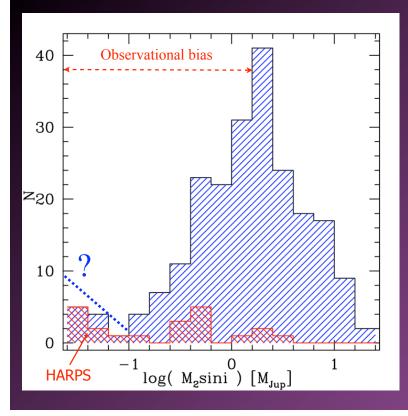
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Harps: exploration of small-mass domain.

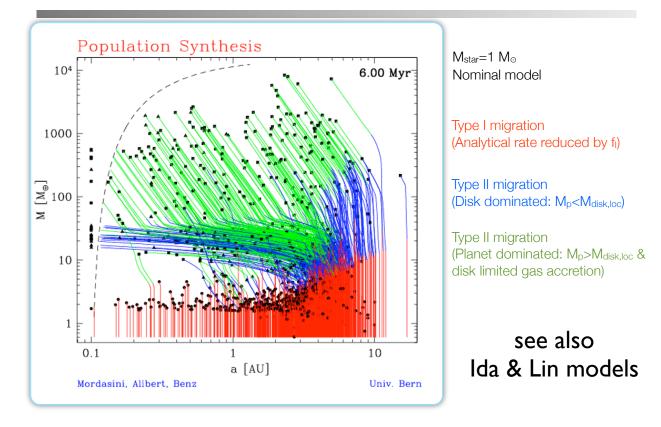


- 1. New mass domain
- 2. "Rise" towards the the very small masses?

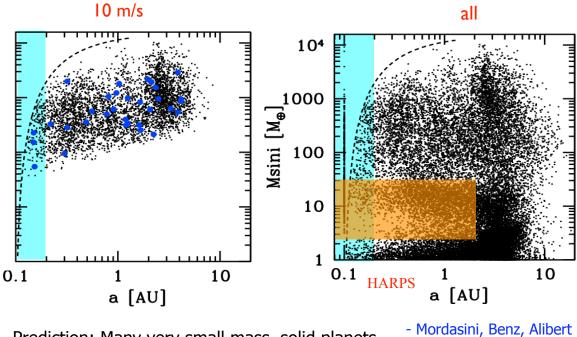
New "category" of planets

small-mass normalisatio => x 8 (?)

Formation tracks



Monte-Carlo Simulations of planet formation via core accretion

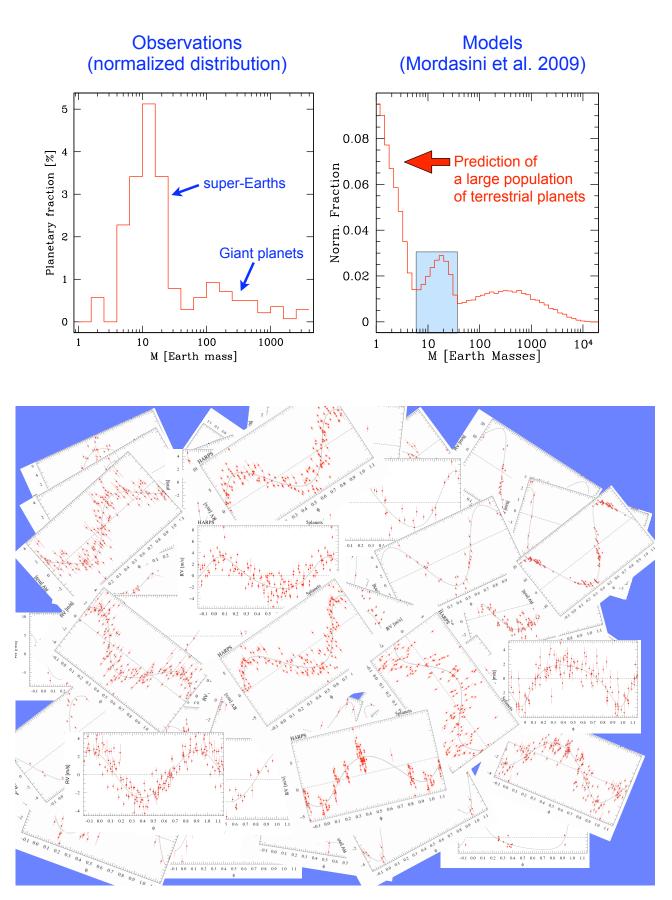


Prediction: Many very small mass, solid planets

 Mordasini, Benz, Alibert (2004-2008)
 Ida & Lin (2004-2008)

Some properties of close-in low-mass planets

1) Mass distribution



Statistics of occurrence low-mass planets

- Sample of ~400 slowly-rotating, nearby FGK dwarfs
- HARPS log(R'_HK)<-4.8 => ~280 good targets non evolved
- Stars with too small # of observations: 117 stars

=> 163 stars for which we can say something

Nothing	Rather no planet	Hint of planet	Planets
55/163	14/163	31/163	63/163
34%	8%		

Between 39% (conservative) and 58% (optimistic) of solar-type stars in the HARPS high-precision survey host planets with masses below 50 M_{Earth}

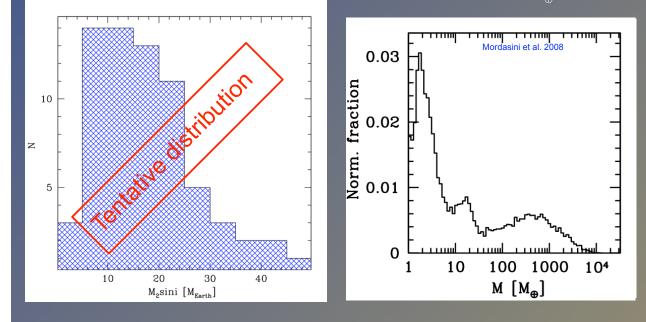




Some properties of close-in low-mass planets

1) Mass distribution

- Mass distribution grows towards lower masses, as predicted by core accretion (Mordasini et al. 2008)
- Detection bias below $\sim 10 M_{\oplus}$

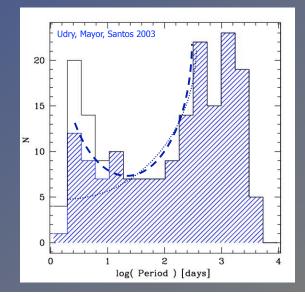


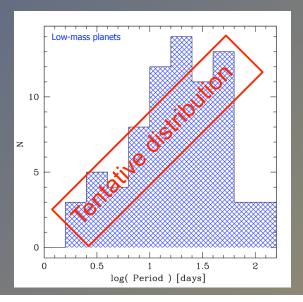
Some properties of close-in low-mass planets

2) Period distribution

 For small-mass planets, no peak at ~3 days. Rise to >10 days? migration stops earlier than for gas giants ? No stopping mechanism? Type I ?

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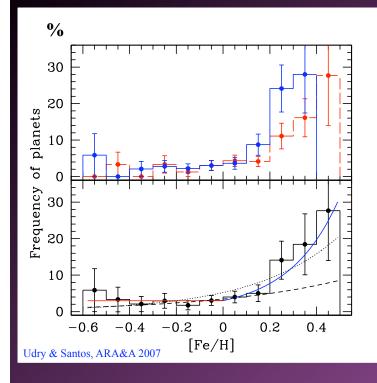


Planetary multíplícíty for systems with at least one Neptune or Super-Earth (in VR surveys only)						
 M stars – GJ 436 – GJ 876 – GJ 581 – GJ 674 	R + 2 G 3R N	R Super-Earth N Neptune-type G Gaseous giant planet				
- GJ 176	R	~50% of multi-planet systems				
• G and K stars						
– 55 Cnc	N + 4 G					
– Mu Ara	N + 3 G	7 / 10 !!!				
– GJ 777A	N + G	Multi-planet systems				
– HD 69830	3N					
– HD 4308	Ν					
– HD 219828	N + G	Trend confirmed by unpublished candidates				
– HD 40307	3R	(including curved drift)				
– HD 181433	R + 2 G					
– HD 47186	N + G					
– HD7924	R	(HARPS)				

Metallícíty corrélation of planet-host stars

Giant gaseous planets Stars with planets are more metal rich?

(Gonzalez 1997, 1998, 1999)

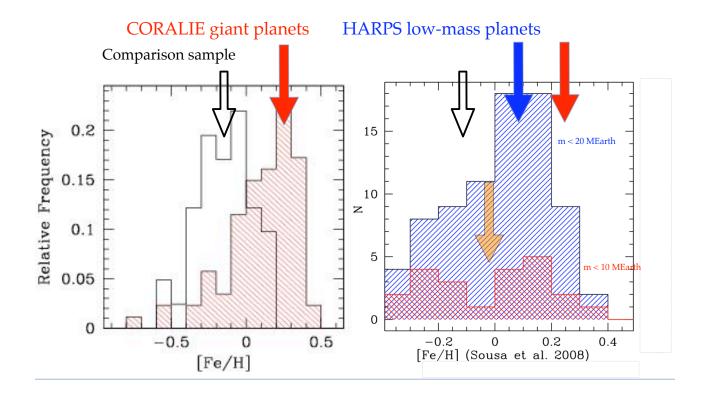


Santos et al. 2001-2006 Fischer & Valenti 2002-2005

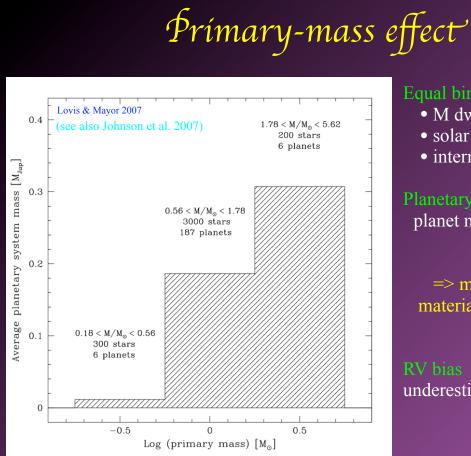
- Well-defined samples with and without planets
- Uniform analyses
- Large number of stars

Average: 2 regimes flat + power law

Constant probability at low metallicities ?



No metallicity correlation for low-mass planets?



Equal bin in $log(M_{star})$

- M dwarfs
- solar stars
- intermediate masses

planet masses/star number

=> mass of planetary material scales with Mstar

underestimate the last bin

Giant planets vs super-Earths

Planetary mass distribution

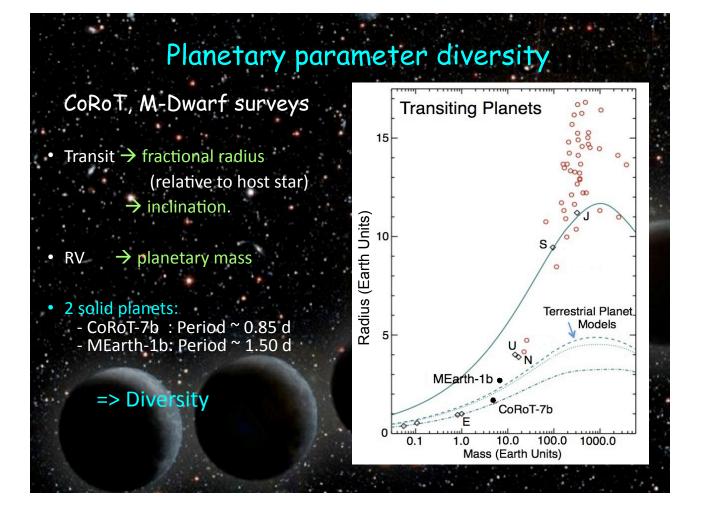
- continuous till high values (>20 M_{Jup})
- bimodal, new low-mass planet population for small masses
- small-mass population: rising towards low masses

Period distribution

- giants: accumulation at short period: migration effect
- low-mass planets: no accumulation -> type I migration?
- Planet eccentricity
 - wide range of values observed, no significant differences between the 2 populations
- Planet multiplicity
 - seems to be the rule

Host star metallicity

- higher frequency of giants around metal-rich stars (not observed for giant stars?)
- correlation not observed for low-mass planets
- Low-mass planets: planet mass vs star metallicity weak correlation
- Primary mass
 - scaling between M1 and planetary material in the system
 - dependency of gaseous/solid ration on M1



Detection of Earth twins in the HZ of solar-type stars?

