

A search for transiting planets  
around hot subdwarfs

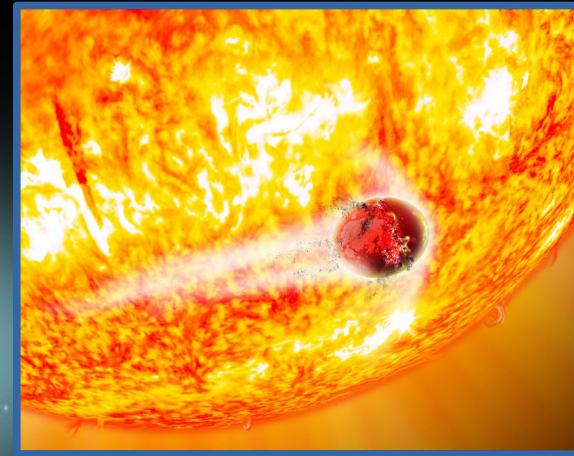
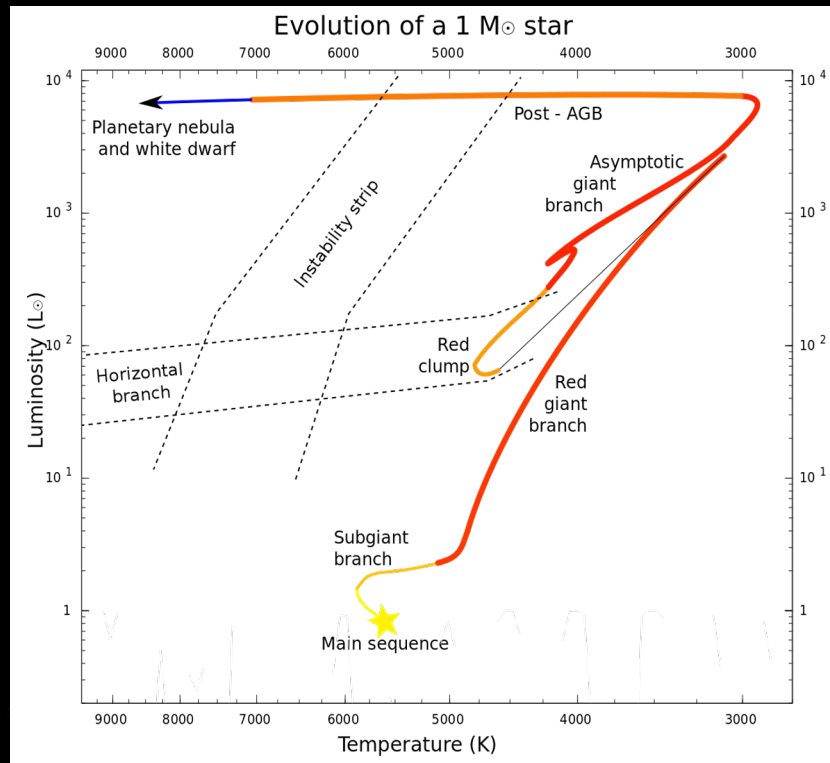
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# Motivation

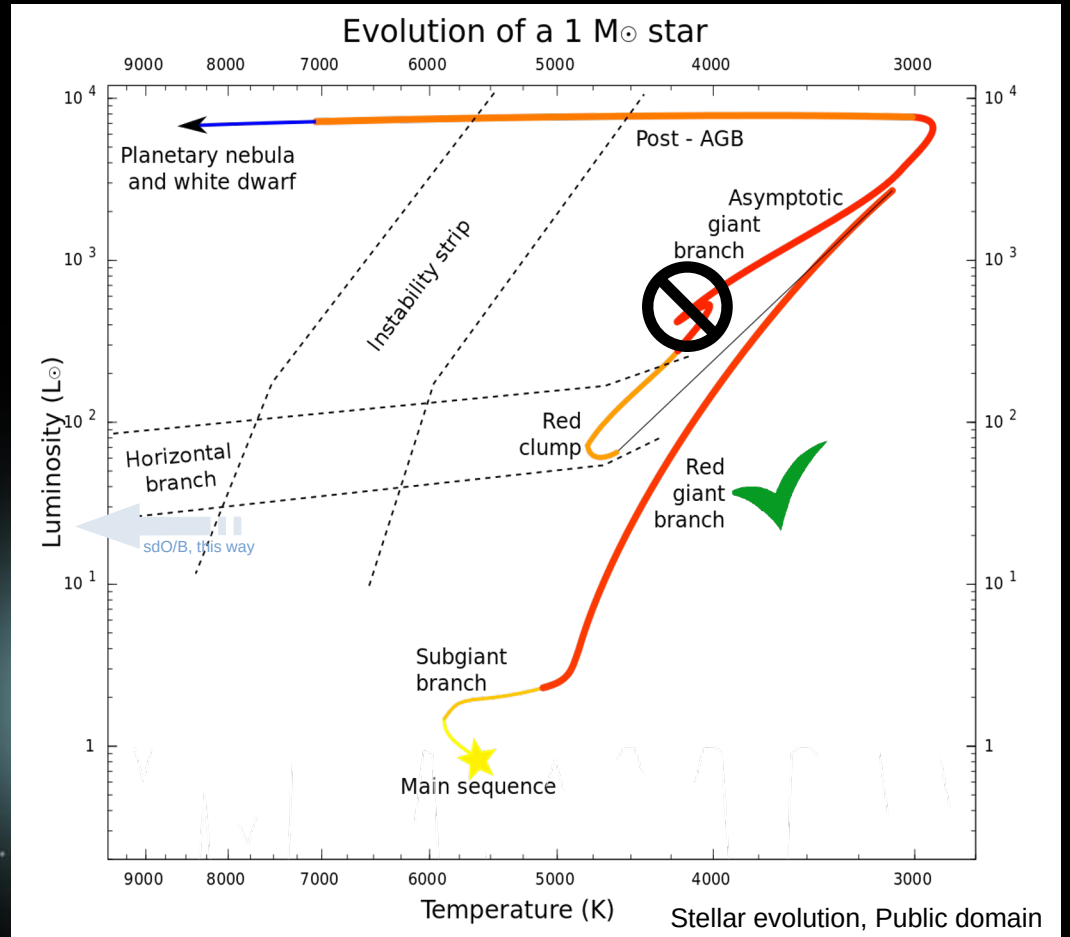
## Evolution of planetary systems with stellar evolution



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# Why hot subdwarfs? (sdB/O stars)

- Post-Red Giant Branch (RGB) stars, do not ascend Asymptotic Giant Branch
- Small stars ( $0.1-0.3 R_{\text{sun}}$ )  
=> well-suited for the **transit** method:  
small stars bring small planets !
- Short-lived ( $\sim 100$  Myr)  
=> Migration or 2<sup>nd</sup> generation planets unlikely



# Scientific questions

## I. Do hot subdwarfs have planets?

- No occurrence rates for planets around hot subdwarf stars  
=> Do they have planets? If yes, which type and in which proportions?

## II. Can planets survive an engulfment?

- No observational constraints for engulfed planets  
=> Can planet survive this process?  
=> If yes, what are the remnants?

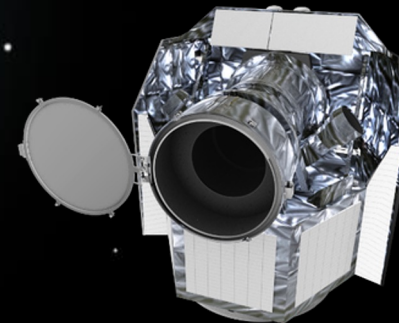
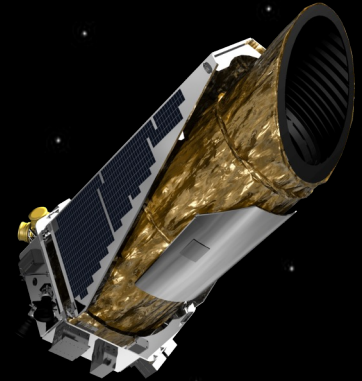
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# Data

## Light curves available

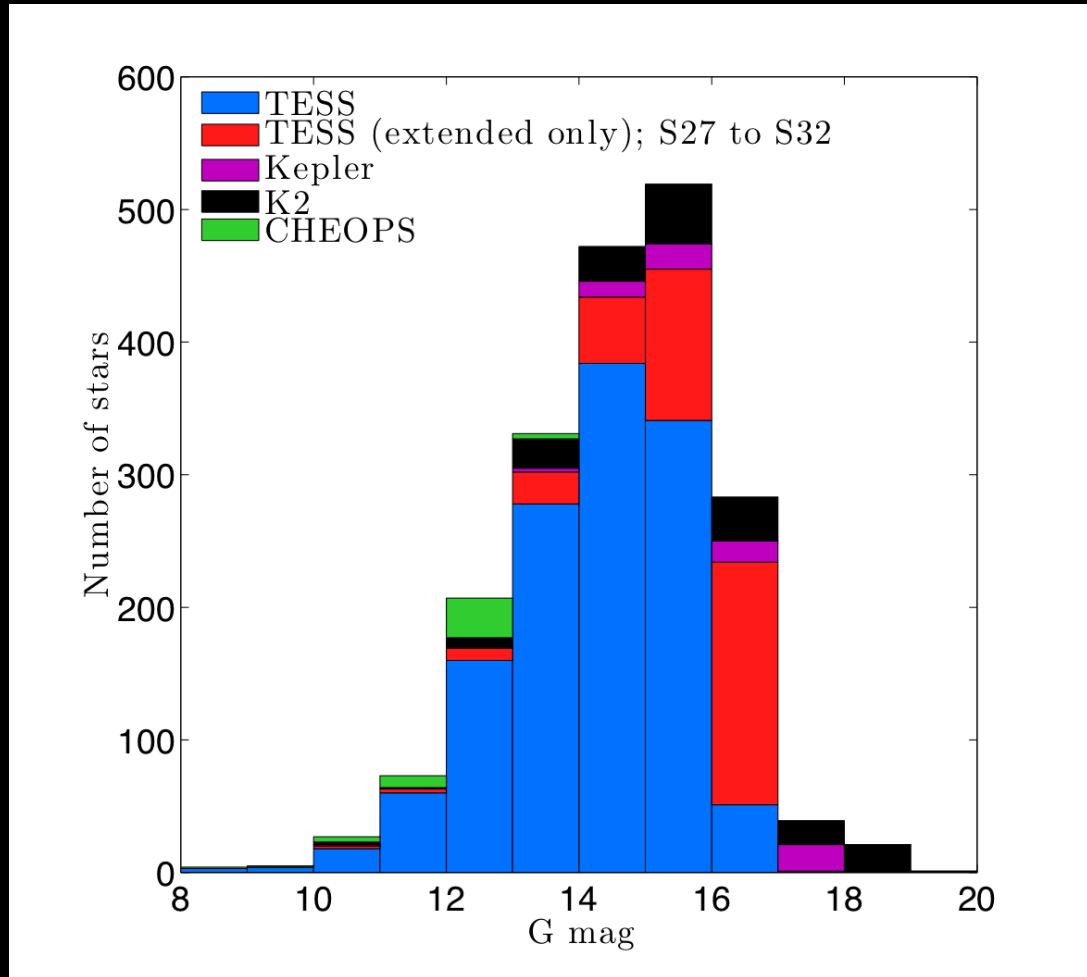
- Kepler+K2: 72 + 174 targets at 1-min cadence
- TESS: ~3300 targets at 2-min and 20s cadence at Sector 51
- CHEOPS: 61 targets, not observed by TESS neither by Kepler, 1-min cadence

*"CHaracterizing ExOPlanet Satellite"*  
ESA class S mission  
Heliosynchronous orbit of Earth at 700km altitude



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# Method

## 1) Looking for transits with the SHERLOCK PIPELINE

Searching for Hints of Exoplanets from Lightcurves Of spaCe-based seeKers



*Pozuelos et al., A&A 641, A23, 2020*

Available on open access on Github:

<https://github.com/franpoz/SHERLOCK>

Gathering and detrending data, search for transits (with TLS; Hippke & Heller 2019),  
Vetting process (background variation, location and brightness of nearby stars, etc.)

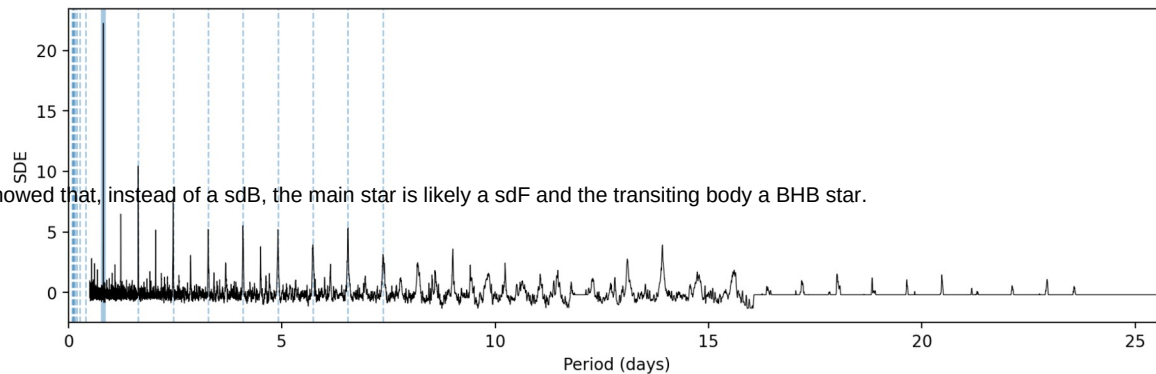
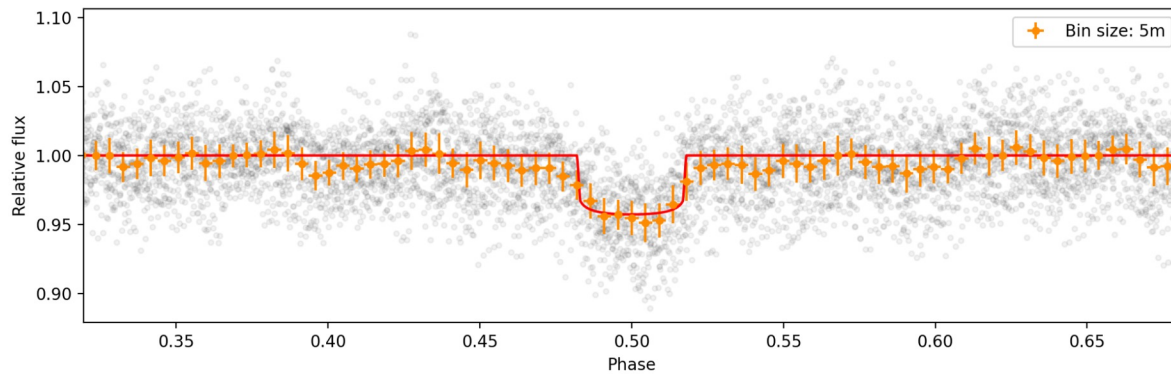
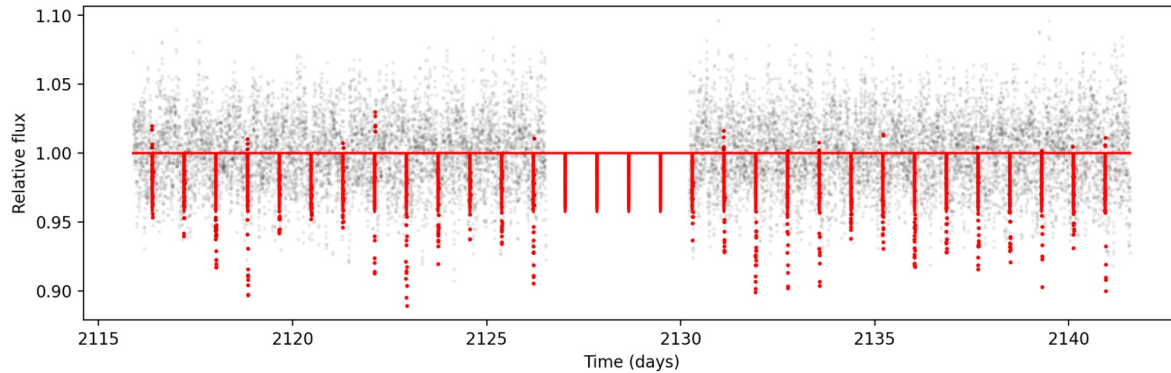


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## 1) Looking



0.82 days signal on TIC 397833009. We showed that, instead of a sdB, the main star is likely a sdF and the transiting body a BHB star.



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## 2) Confirming the transit by follow-up observations

TRAPPIST ULiège 0.6m telescopes

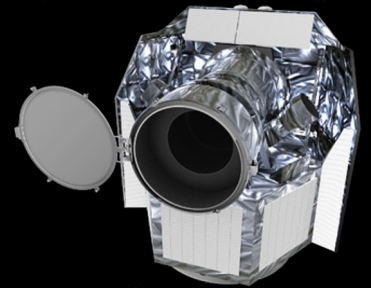
*"TRAnsiting Planets and Planetesimals Small Telescope"*

Oukaimeden observatory (Morocco)

La Silla observatory (Chile)

Targets up to  $G \sim 15$ : we can confirm a transit to  $\sim 2500$  ppm depth

CHEOPS: Targets up to  $G \sim 13$ ,  $\sim 500$  ppm transit depth



## 3) Characterizing the transiting body

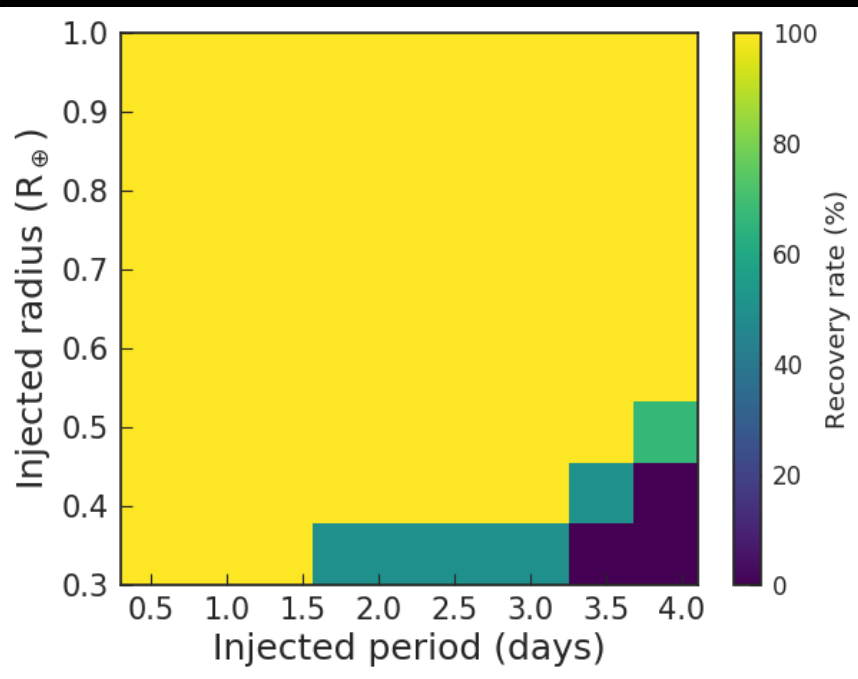
Radial Velocity data to constrain the transiting body's mass:

- ESO archives
- Large surveys: SDSS, LAMOST,...
- Hot subdwarf community
- Write proposals...

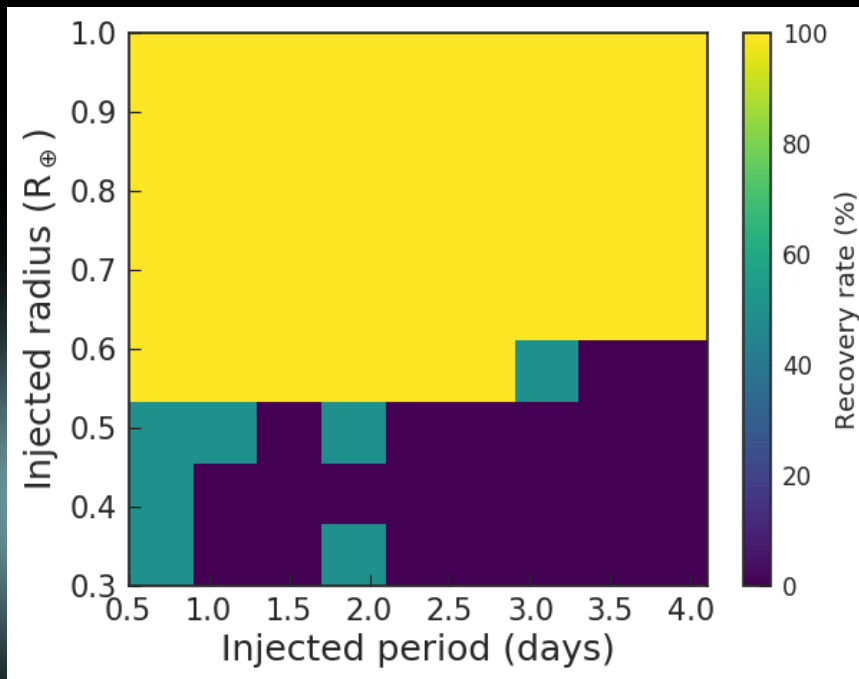
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## 1. Injection-and-recovery tests: Kepler/K2 data



KIC 8054179 (Gmag 14.3), 90 days of data (Q6 Kepler).

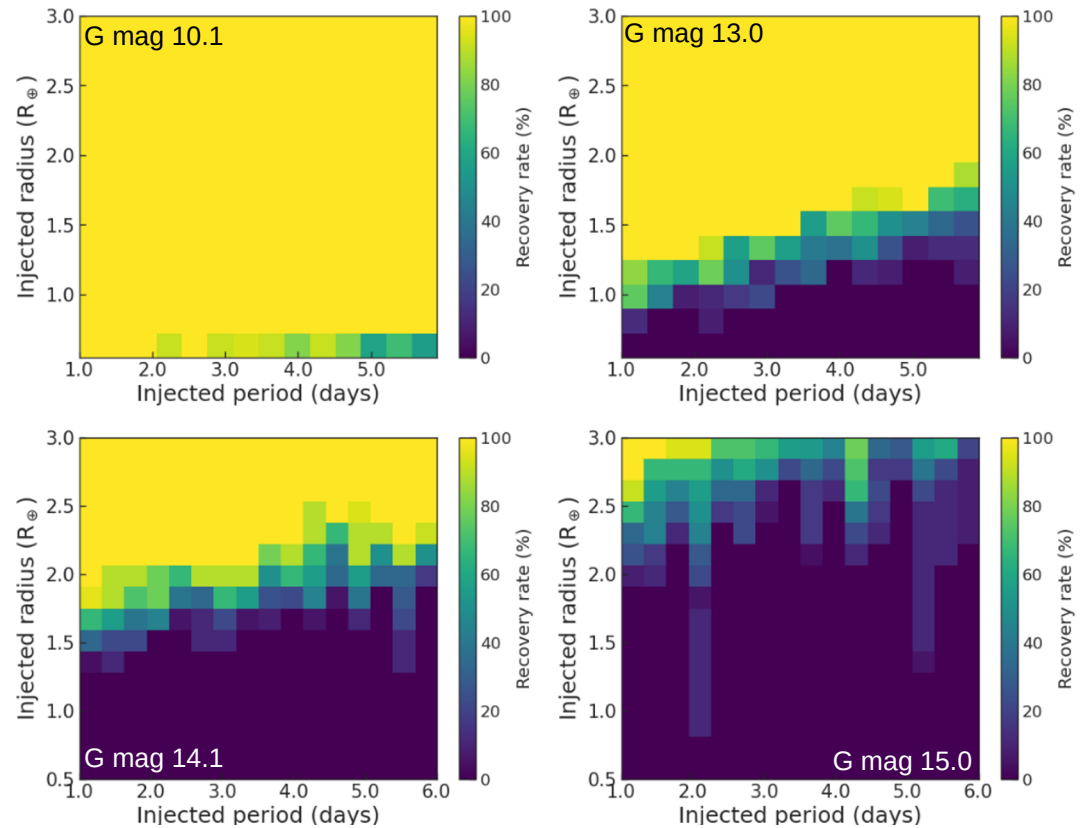


EPIC 206535752 (Gmag=14.0), 81 days of data (C3 K2)

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1-sector data, increasing magnitudes  
(Gmag in 12-15=90% targets)

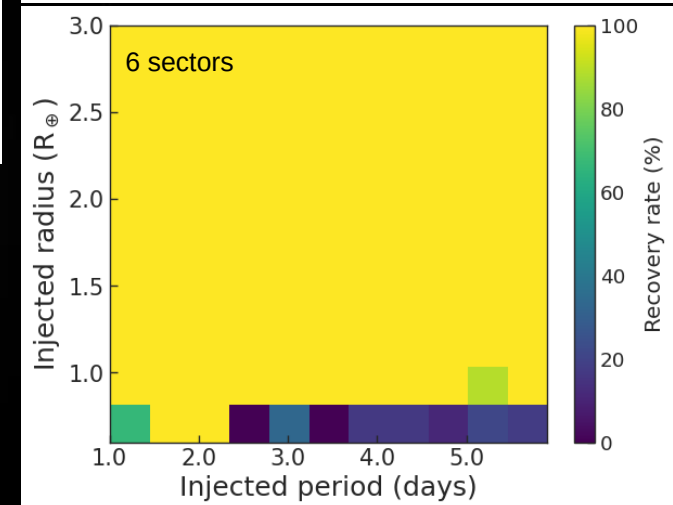
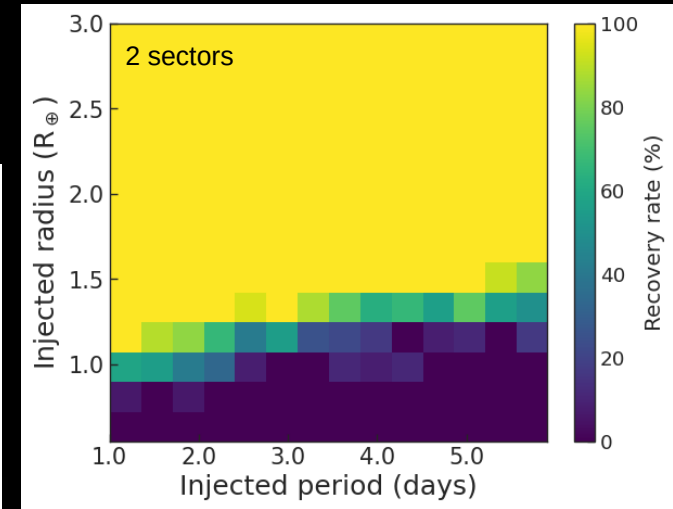
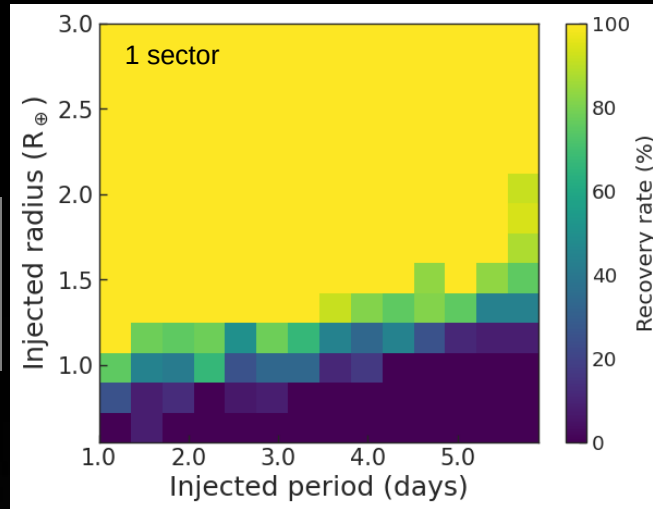


Injection-recovery test of four different hot subdwarfs having various magnitude.  
Top left : TIC 147283842 (Gmag 10.1), top right TIC 96949372 (Gmag 13.0),  
bottom left : TIC 85400193 (Gmag 14.1), bottom right : TIC 372681399 (Gmag 15.0).  
From Van Grootel et al. 2021 (A&A, 650, 205).

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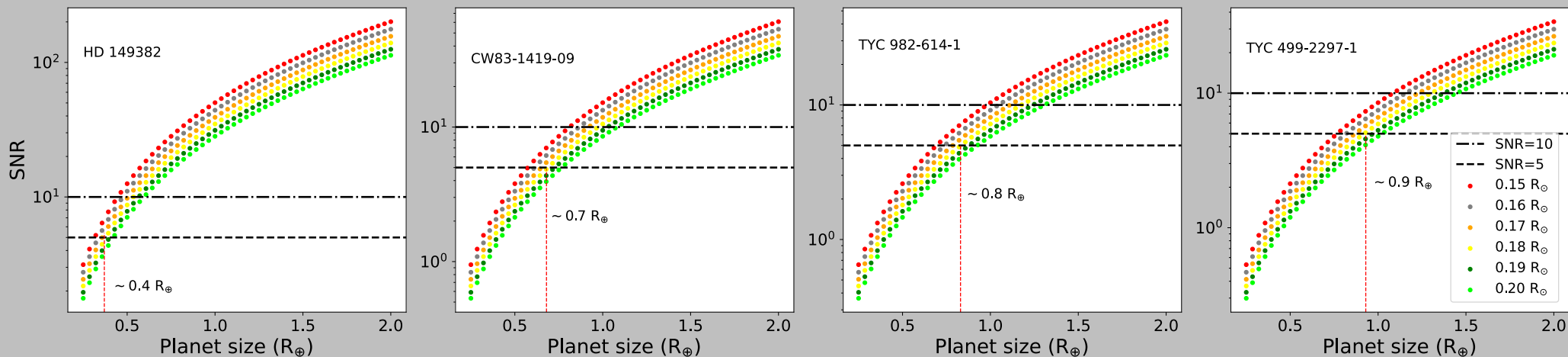
Increasing observation duration:  
(TIC362103375, Gmag=13.0)  
1 -> 2 -> 6 sectors



# Results

## CHEOPS data

$\approx 1 R_{\text{Earth}}$  planets can be detected in the 61 targets



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Full results on Van Grootel et al. 2021  
(A&A, 650, 205)

### Main conclusions:

- TESS data will allow us to measure the planet occurrence rate around hot subwarfs
- Best TESS targets, Kepler/K2 targets, and CHEOPS targets will allow us to detect  $\lesssim 1 R_E$  planets and small, possibly disintegrating objects

**Table 3.** Minimum size of planets in units of  $R_{\oplus}$  that can be detected in typical light curves with a  $\gtrsim 90\%$  recovery rate.

| Object ID     | G Mag | Data length (d) | 1 d |      |      |      |     |
|---------------|-------|-----------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|
|               |       |                 | 5 d | 15 d | 25 d | 35 d |     |
| <i>Kepler</i> |       |                 |     |      |      |      |     |
| 8054179       | 14.3  | 90              | 0.3 | 0.5  | 0.8  | 1.0  | 1.2 |
|               |       | 30              | 0.5 | 0.6  | 1.0  | –    | –   |
| 3353239       | 15.2  | 30              | 0.6 | 0.8  | 1.1  | –    | –   |
| 5938349       | 16.1  | 30              | 0.7 | 1.1  | 2.0  | –    | –   |
| 8889318       | 17.2  | 30              | 0.9 | 1.2  | 2.4  | –    | –   |
| 5342213       | 17.7  | 30              | 1.2 | 1.7  | 3.2  | –    | –   |
| <i>K2</i>     |       |                 |     |      |      |      |     |
| 206535752     | 14.1  | 80              | 0.6 | 0.8  | 1.0  | 1.5  | 2.1 |
|               |       | 30              | 0.6 | 0.9  | 1.6  | –    | –   |
| 211421561     | 14.9  | 30              | 0.7 | 1.4  | 1.9  | –    | –   |
| 228682488     | 16.0  | 30              | 1.0 | 1.4  | 2.5  | –    | –   |
| 251457058     | 17.1  | 30              | 1.4 | 2.3  | 3.4  | –    | –   |
| 248840987     | 18.1  | 30              | 2.1 | 3.3  | 5.4  | –    | –   |
| <i>TESS</i>   |       |                 |     |      |      |      |     |
| 147283842     | 10.1  | 27              | 0.5 | 0.7  | 1.5  | –    | –   |
| 362103375     | 13.0  | 27              | 1.0 | 1.7  | 2.0  | –    | –   |
|               |       | 162             | 0.7 | 0.8  | 0.9  | 1.0  | 1.3 |
| 096949372     | 13.0  | 27              | 1.1 | 1.8  | 2.0  | –    | –   |
| 441713413     | 13.1  | 27              | 1.3 | 1.7  | 2.0  | –    | –   |
|               |       | 54              | 1.3 | 1.7  | 1.9  | >10  | >10 |
| 085400193     | 14.1  | 27              | 1.8 | 2.3  | 2.8  | –    | –   |
| 220513363     | 14.1  | 27              | 1.6 | 1.8  | 2.7  | –    | –   |
|               |       | 81              | 1.3 | 1.6  | 2.5  | 3.0  | 3.0 |
| 000008842     | 15.0  | 27              | 2.7 | 3.2  | 4.7  | –    | –   |

**Notes.** All stars have  $0.175 \pm 0.025 R_{\odot}$  and  $0.47 \pm 0.03 M_{\odot}$ .

## 2. Results from TESS Cycle 1

TESS cycle 1 fully analyzed (792 stars):

- 352 signals (belonging to 243 stars)
- but only 46 retrieved Cycle 3 (12 stars not re-observed)

- 7 stars with signals are now followed-up (2 signals retrieved thus far); 23 signals will be followed-up in coming weeks/months

- 0 planetary body confirmed

Thuillier et al., accepted to A&A

<https://doi.org/10.1051/0004-6361/202243554>

All targets (792 stars)

Detection of a signal above thresholds and visually credible.

Stage 0 352 signals

Signal recovered in TESS cycle 3.

Stage 1 46 signals

Positive to our vetting process.

Stage 2 30 signals

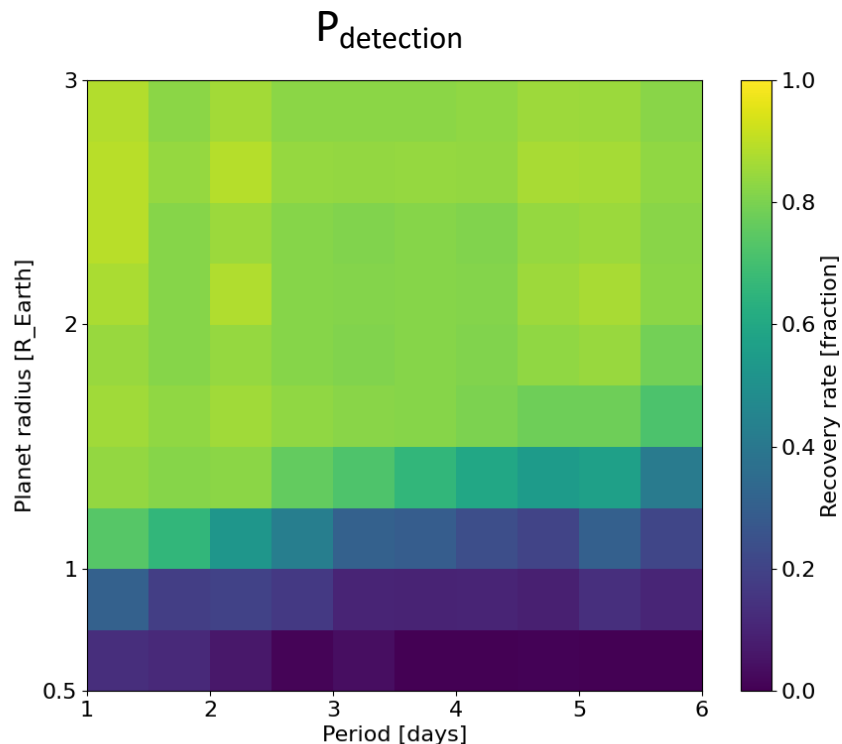
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Stage 3 2 signals

Planetary nature confirmed

Stage 4 0 signal

## First statistics on planet occurrence around hot subdwarfs



Based on 549 stars displaying no signal (list in Thuillier et al.). The upper limit  $f_{\text{max}}$  of the occurrence rate based on this non-detection is:

$$f_{\text{max}} = 1 - (1 - C)^{\frac{1}{N'+1}}$$

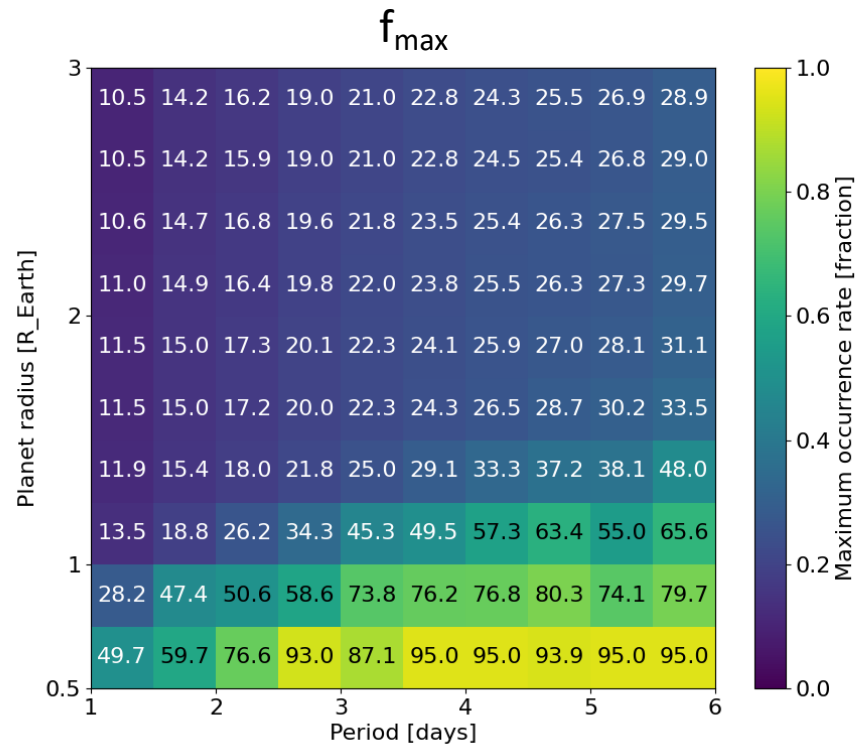
(Faedi et al. 2011)

$$N' = N \times P_{\text{transit}} \times P_{\text{detection}}$$

With  $C=0.95$ , assuming the 549 targets are  $G_{\text{mag}}=13-13.5$  and  $R_{*}=0.175R_{\text{sun}}$



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Thuillier et al.,  
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Ex: At 1d orbital period, we can exclude the presence of a 3 R\_E (resp. 0.5 R\_E) planets in 89.5% (resp. 50.3%) of hot subdwarfs

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