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# A DISINTEGRATING PLANET WITH A COMETARY HEAD AND TAIL

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#### The first rocky planet: The USP CoRot-7b



P<sub>orb</sub> = 20.5 hr

M = 5 M<sub>Earth</sub>

R = 1.6 R<sub>Earth</sub>

Léger+ 2009, Queloz+ 2009

# Kepler's 1st rocky planet: Kepler-10b



**P**<sub>orb</sub> = 20 hr

 $M = 4.5 M_{Earth}$ 

R = 1.4 R<sub>Earth</sub>

Batalha+ 2011

# Kepler-78b

# Porb = 8.5 hr

#### Sanchis-Ojeda, Rappaport, Winn et al. 2013



## Secondary eclipse detection for an Earth-Sized planet





Howard et al. 2013, Pepe et al. 2013



#### Another type of USP planet



# Hypothesis: A dust tail from the disintegration of the planet's surface



Rappaport+ 2012

#### Another candidate: KOI 2700b



 $P_{orb} = 21.8 hr (15.7 hr)$ 

#### $T_{eff} = 4400 \text{ K} (4400 \text{ K})$

Rappaport+ 2014

### What about K2?



#### A disintegrating planet orbiting an M-Dwarf



λ (Å)

Normalized Flux

0.5

0.0



$T_{\rm eff}$ (K)	$3830 \pm 100$
$\log g$	$4.65 \pm 0.12$
[Fe/H]	$0.03 \pm 0.08$
$M_*(R_{\odot})$	$0.60\pm0.07$
$R_*(M_{\odot})$	$0.57\pm0.06$

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#### **Ground based confirmation**



#### Where is the slow egress?



#### Where is the slow egress? 1.0001 1.000 **- -------------------------------**1.000 1.0000 Normalized Flux 0.9999 Kepler Cadence 0.9998 0.998 Relative flux 0.9997 0.9996 KOI 2700 KIC 8639908 P = 0.910022 days 0.996 0.9995 Long-Cadence data 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.81.001 (b) 0.994 1.000ᡙᡅᢦ المتحصال I 0.999 Normalized Flux 0.998 1.0005 0.997 0.996 1.0000 0.995 0.9995 0.994 -0.2 0.2 0.993 -0.4 0.0 0.4 0.2 0.4 0.8 0.6 0 **Orbital phase** Orbital Phase

#### **Hypothesis: Forward scattering** by a leading dust tail

(b)







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#### The different contributions



#### Is it really dust?



#### **Bochinski+ 2015**

#### We can split the GTC observations



#### **Color variations are also confirmed**



### It's only the beginning





T = test C = Campaign SOP = Science Observation Period

CFP = Call For Proposals (community target selection)



# <u>Conclusions</u>

- Ultra-short period planets represent a great opportunity in terms of access to smaller planets and easier follow-up observations.
- Kepler gave us more than a 100 planet candidates with orbital periods shorter than 1 day, with Kepler-10b and Kepler-78b as illustrious examples. It also discovered the first disintegrating planets.
- K2 is particularly capable to help us understand close-in planets, because they are orbiting brighter stars.
- I have presented the first K2 disintegrating planet. Because it orbits and M-dwarf, the level of radiation is lower, allowing the generation of a cometary head. Follow-up observations seem to confirm the dust nature of the transit variability.