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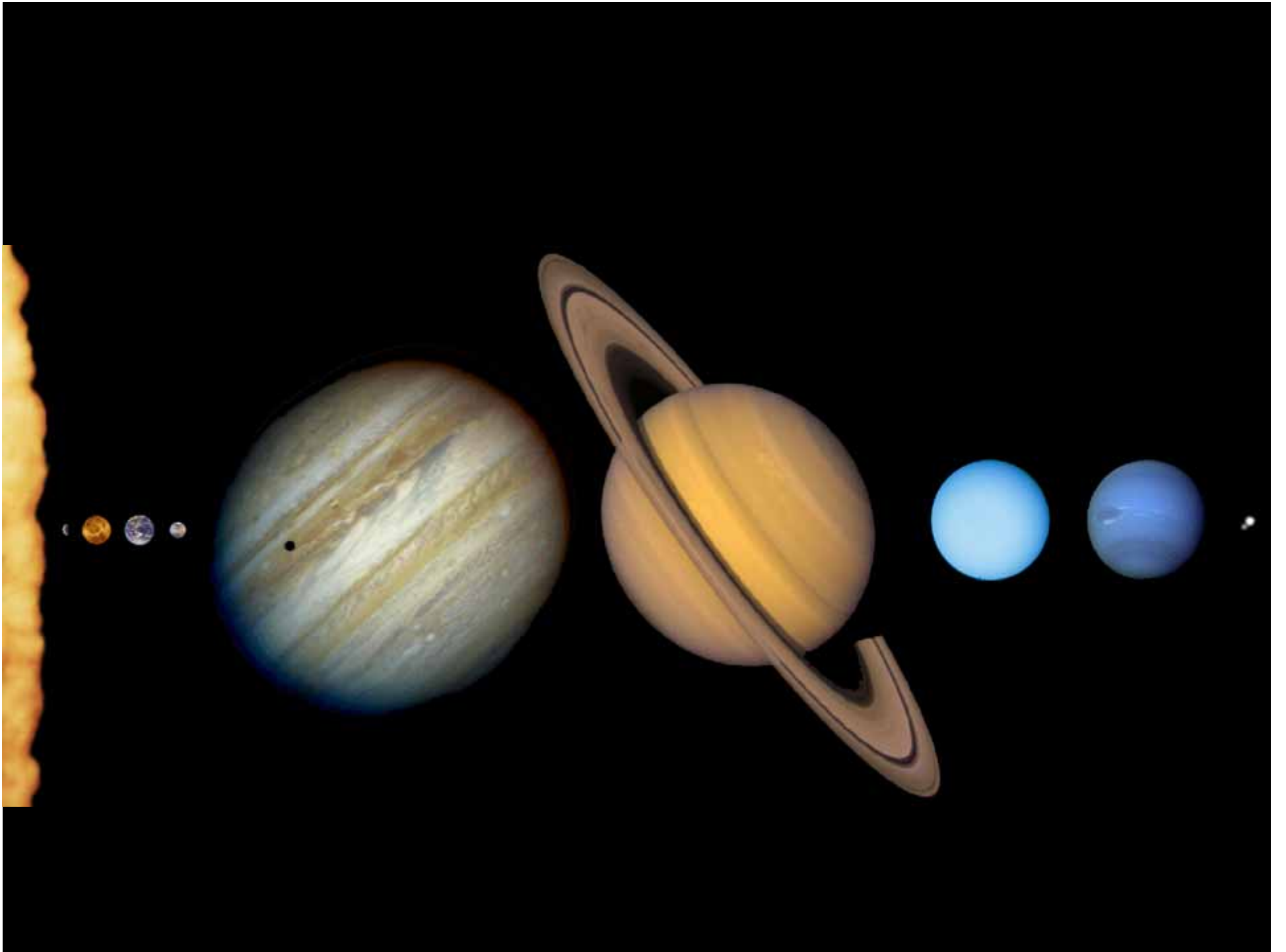
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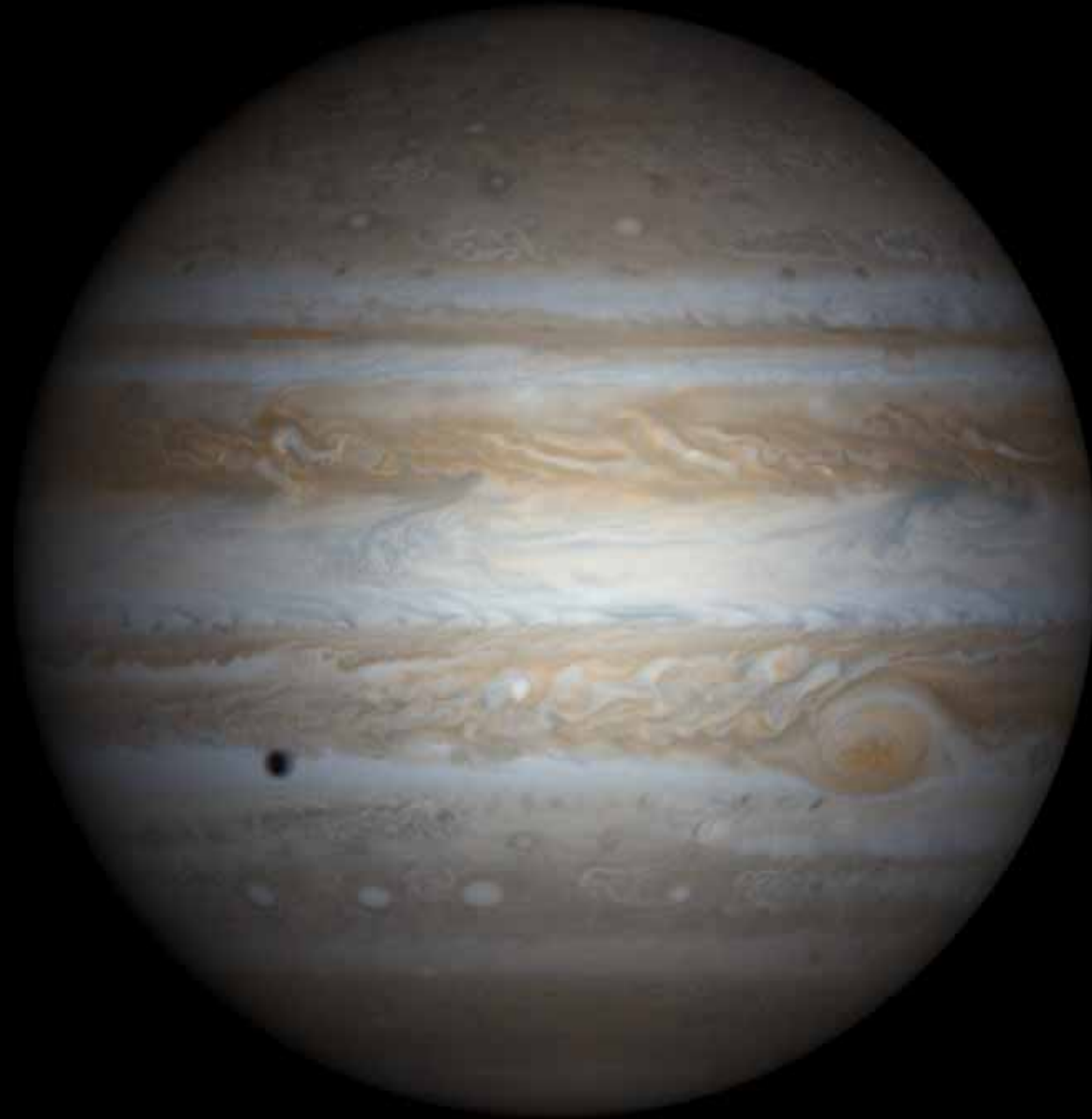
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**Jupiter**



# Jupiter: clouds & vortices

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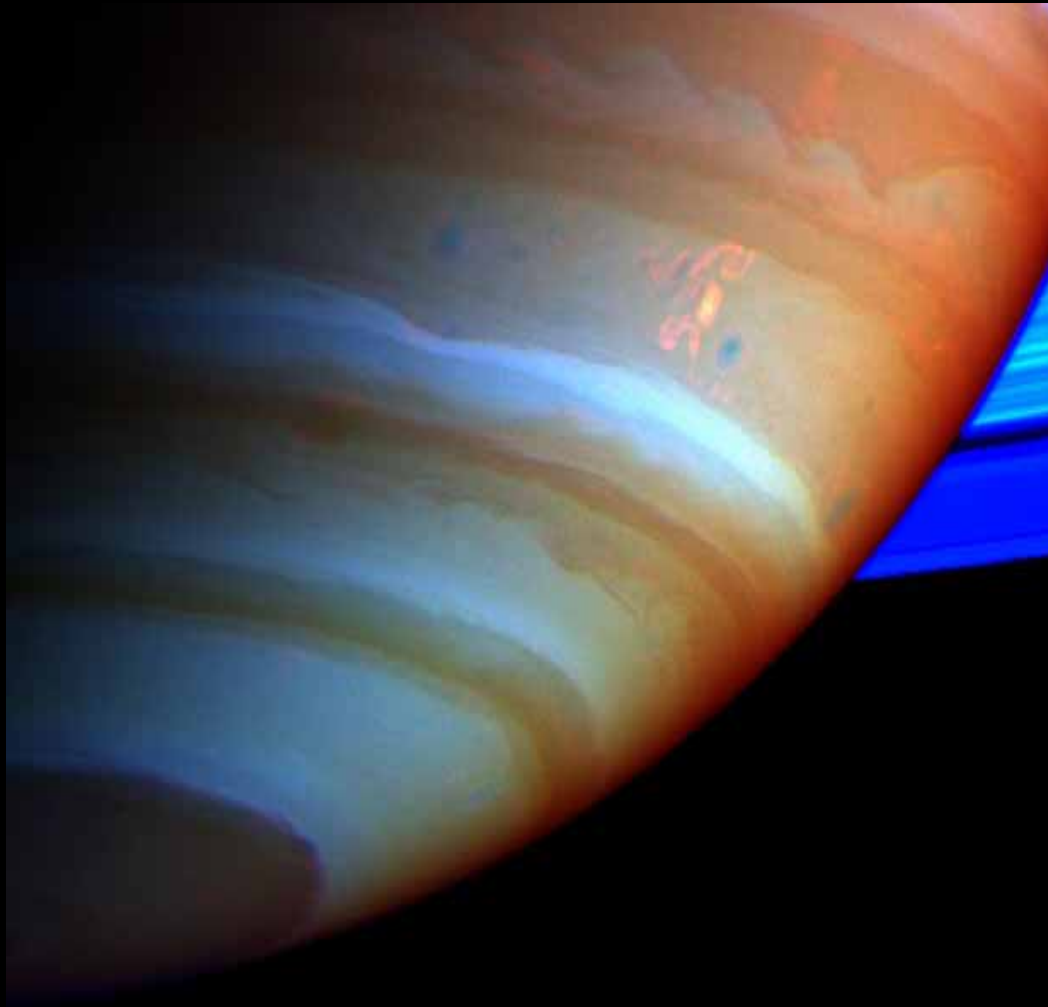
**Saturn**



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# Saturn: the "dragon" storm





Uranus

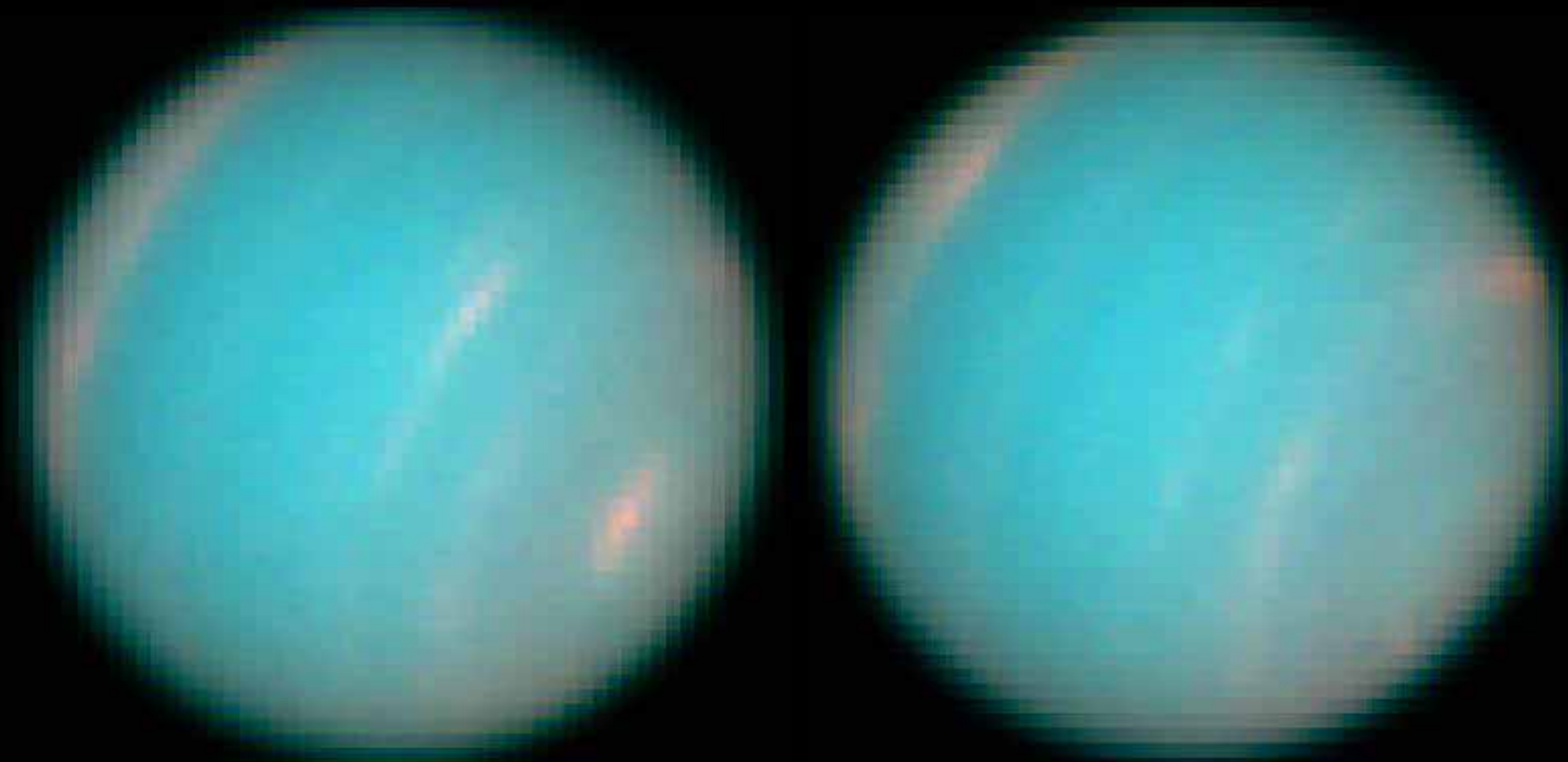
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Neptune

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# Neptune



## Both Hemispheres of Neptune

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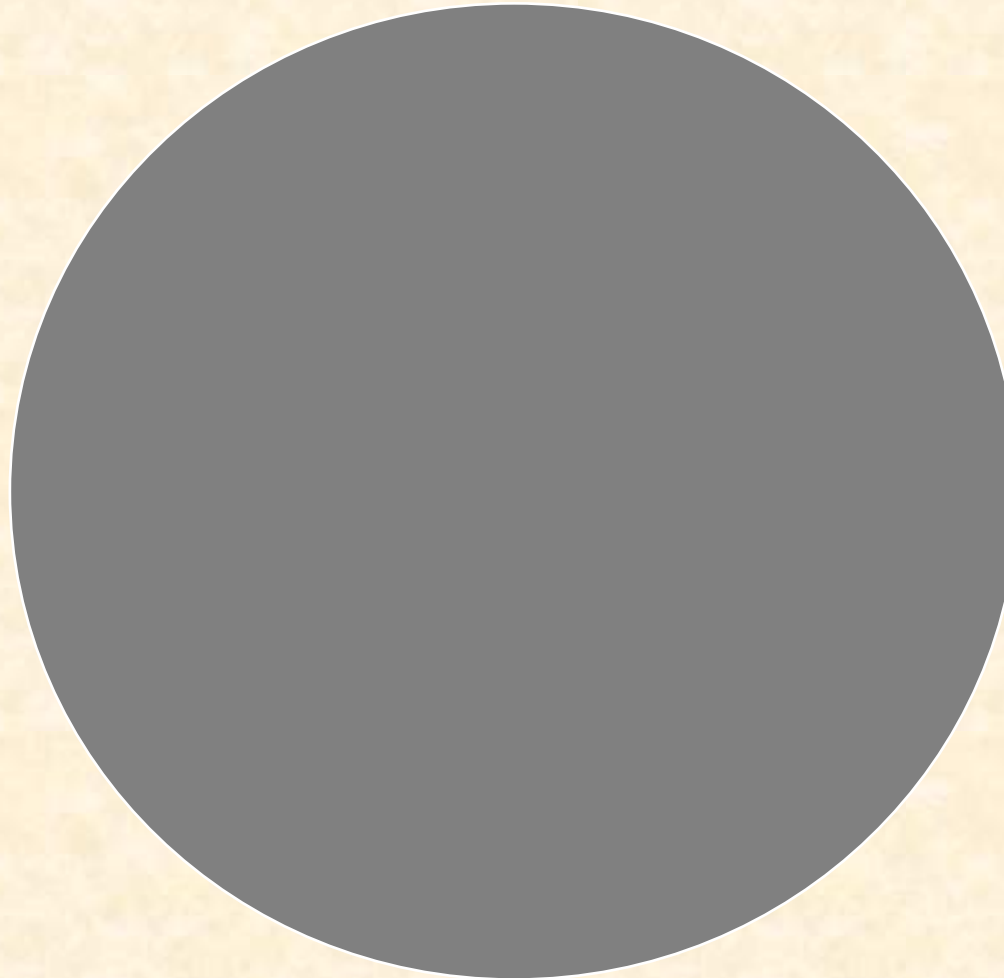
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**Models now!**

# Giant planets: theoretical models

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Mass

Radius

Luminosity

Atmospheric  
T-P profile

Atmospheric  
composition

Rotation rate,  
gravity field

# Basic data

**TABLE 1** Characteristics of the gravity fields and radii

	<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>Saturn</b>	<b>Uranus</b>	<b>Neptune</b>
$M \times 10^{-29}$ [g]	18.986112(15) <sup>a</sup>	5.684640(30) <sup>b</sup>	0.8683205(34) <sup>c</sup>	1.0243542(31) <sup>d</sup>
$R_{\text{eq}} \times 10^{-9}$ [cm]	7.1492(4) <sup>e</sup>	6.0268(4) <sup>f</sup>	2.5559(4) <sup>g</sup>	2.4766(15) <sup>g</sup>
$R_{\text{pol}} \times 10^{-9}$ [cm]	6.6854(10) <sup>e</sup>	5.4364(10) <sup>f</sup>	2.4973(20) <sup>g</sup>	2.4342(30) <sup>g</sup>
$\bar{R} \times 10^{-9}$ [cm]	6.9894(6) <sup>h</sup>	5.8210(6) <sup>h</sup>	2.5364(10) <sup>i</sup>	2.4625(20) <sup>i</sup>
$\bar{\rho}$ [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.3275(4)	0.6880(2)	1.2704(15)	1.6377(40)
$J_2 \times 10^2$	1.4697(1) <sup>a</sup>	1.6332(10) <sup>b</sup>	0.35160(32) <sup>c</sup>	0.3539(10) <sup>d</sup>
$J_4 \times 10^4$	-5.84(5) <sup>a</sup>	-9.19(40) <sup>b</sup>	-0.354(41) <sup>c</sup>	-0.28(22) <sup>d</sup>
$J_6 \times 10^4$	0.31(20) <sup>a</sup>	1.04(50) <sup>b</sup>	...	...
$P_\omega \times 10^{-4}$ [s]	3.57297(41) <sup>j</sup>	3.83577(47) <sup>j</sup>	6.206(4) <sup>k</sup>	5.800(20) <sup>l</sup>
$q$	0.08923(5)	0.15491(10)	0.02951(5)	0.02609(23)
$C/MR_{\text{eq}}^2$	0.258	0.220	0.230	0.241

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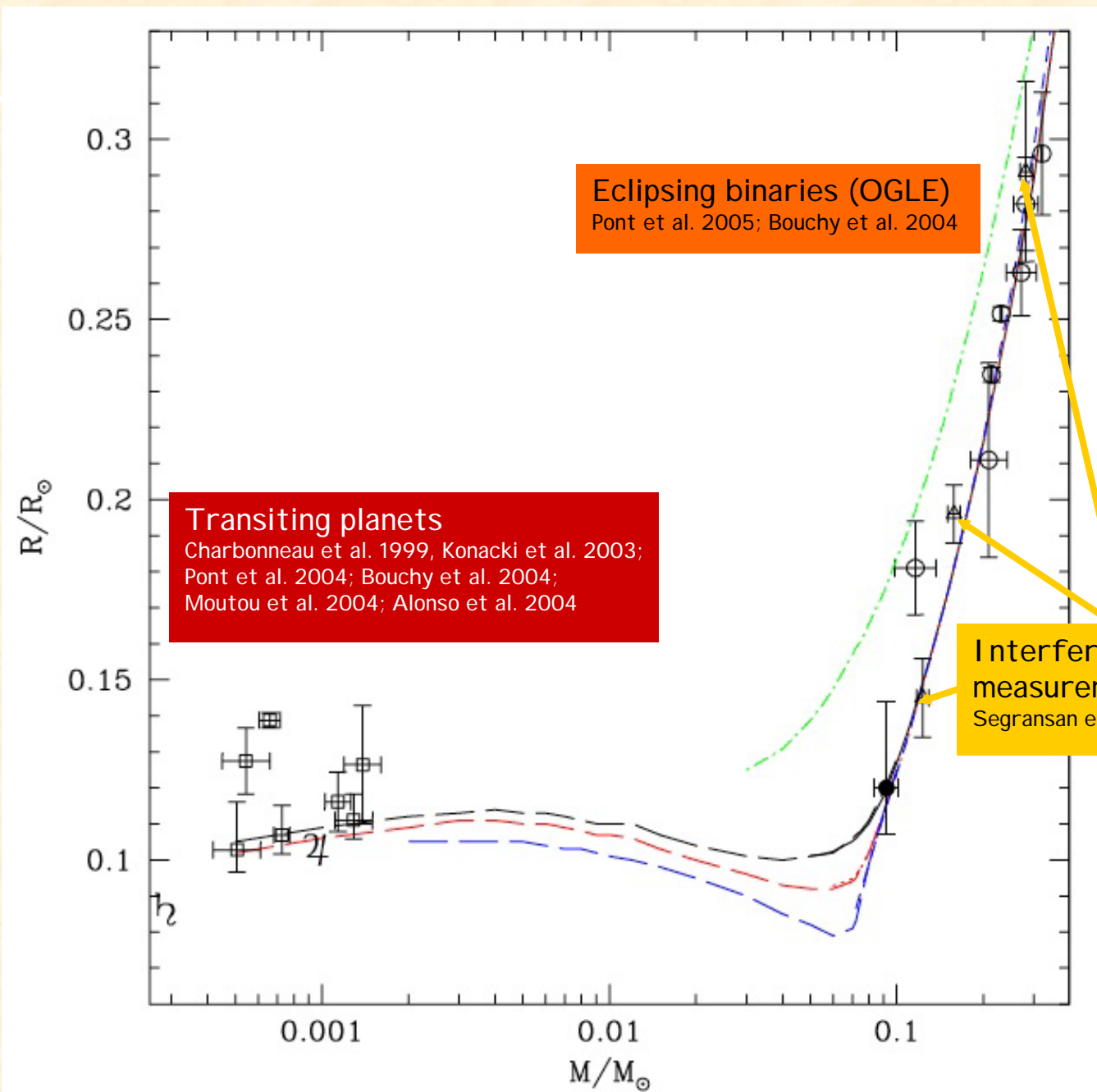
**TABLE 2** Energy balance as determined from Voyager IRIS data<sup>a</sup>

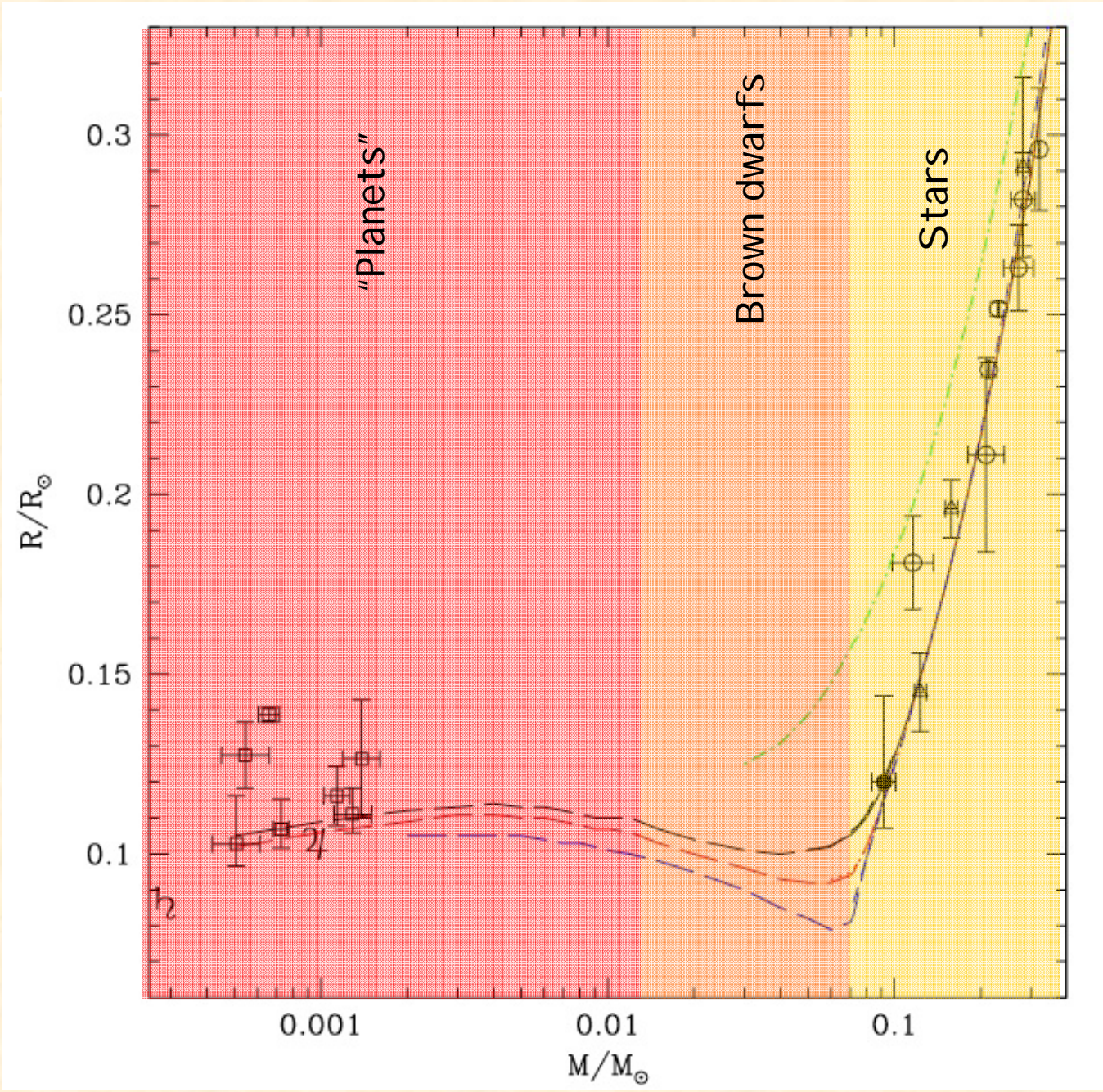
	<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>Saturn</b>	<b>Uranus</b>	<b>Neptune</b>
Absorbed power [ $10^{23}$ erg $\cdot$ s <sup>-1</sup> ]	50.14(248)	11.14(50)	0.526(37)	0.204(19)
Emitted power [ $10^{23}$ erg $\cdot$ s <sup>-1</sup> ]	83.65(84)	19.77(32)	0.560(11)	0.534(29)
Intrinsic power [ $10^{23}$ erg $\cdot$ s <sup>-1</sup> ]	33.5(26)	8.63(60)	0.034(38)	0.330(35)
Intrinsic flux [erg $\cdot$ s <sup>-1</sup> $\cdot$ cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	5440.(430)	2010.(140)	42.(47)	433.(46)
Bond albedo	0.343(32)	0.342(30)	0.300(49)	0.290(67)
Effective temperature [K]	124.4(3)	95.0(4)	59.1(3)	59.3(8)
1-bar temperature <sup>b</sup> [K]	165.(5)	135.(5)	76.(2)	72.(2)

<sup>a</sup>After Pearl & Conrath (1991).

<sup>b</sup>Lindal (1992).







# The equations of (sub)stellar structure

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} &= -\rho g \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} \frac{T}{P} \nabla_T. \\ \frac{\partial m}{\partial r} &= 4\pi r^2 \rho. \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} &= 4\pi r^2 \rho \left( \dot{\epsilon} - T \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned}\frac{\partial P}{\partial m} &= -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^4} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial m} &= \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial m} \right) \frac{T}{P} \nabla_T, \\ \frac{\partial r}{\partial m} &= \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho}, \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial m} &= \dot{\epsilon} - T \frac{\partial S}{\partial t},\end{aligned}\right.$$

$$\rho = \rho(P, T, \{X_i\}); \quad S = S(P, T, \{X_i\})$$

# The equations of (sub)stellar structure

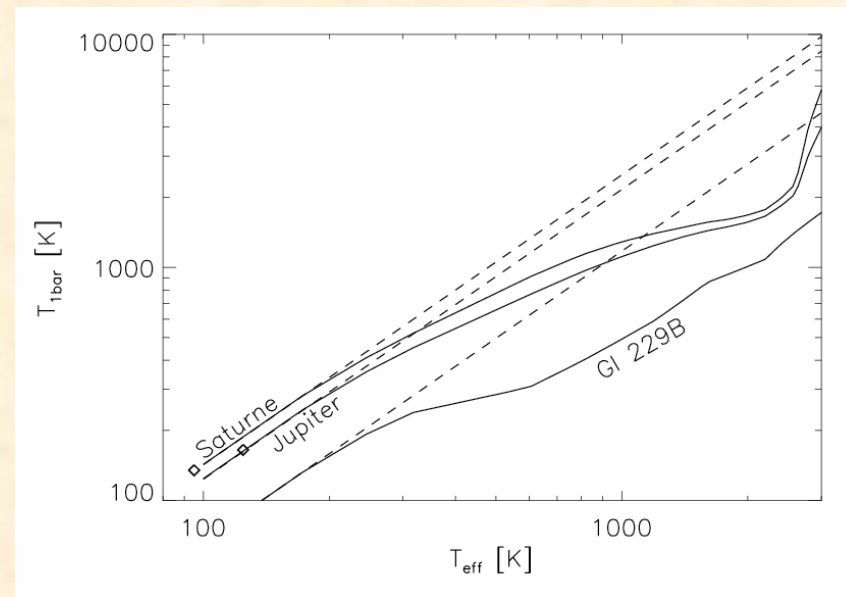
Boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} m = 0 &\longrightarrow r = L = 0 \\ m = M &\longrightarrow P = P_{\text{phot}}(g, L) \\ &T = T_{\text{phot}}(g, L) \end{aligned}$$

Example: Eddington approximation

$$\begin{aligned} T &= T_{\text{eff}} \\ P &= \frac{2g}{3\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

Atmospheric model:



# A note on the thermal equation

We wrote:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial m} = \frac{T}{P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial m} \nabla_T$$

$$\nabla_T \equiv \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P}$$

In a radiative environment:

$$F = -K \frac{dT}{dr}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dr} = -\frac{1}{K} \frac{L}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$\nabla_{\text{rad}} = \frac{3}{64\pi\sigma G} \frac{\kappa P L}{m T^4},$$

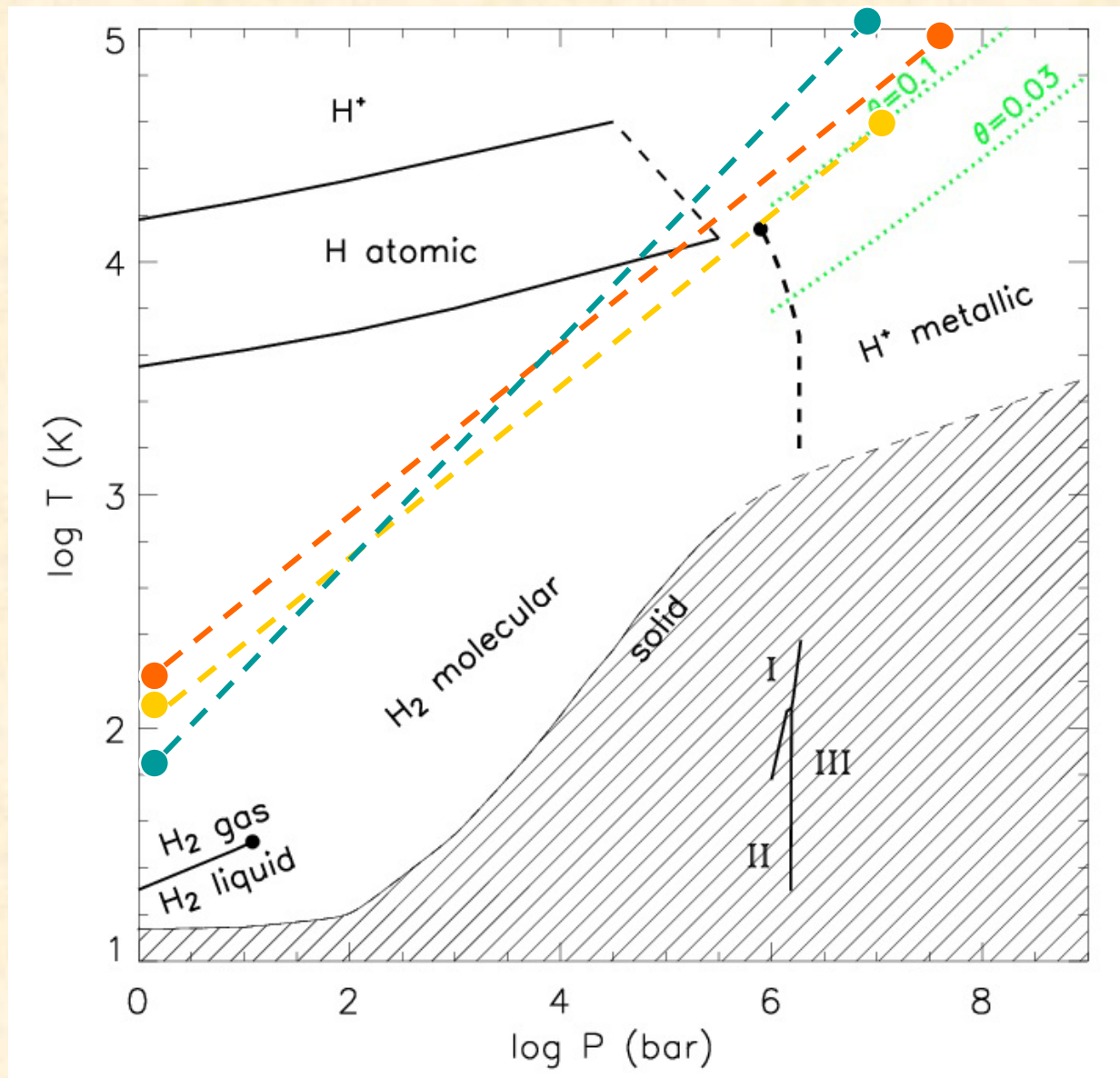
Schwarzschild's criterion for convection:

$$\nabla_{\text{rad}} > \nabla_{\text{ad}}$$

In a convective environment (MLT):

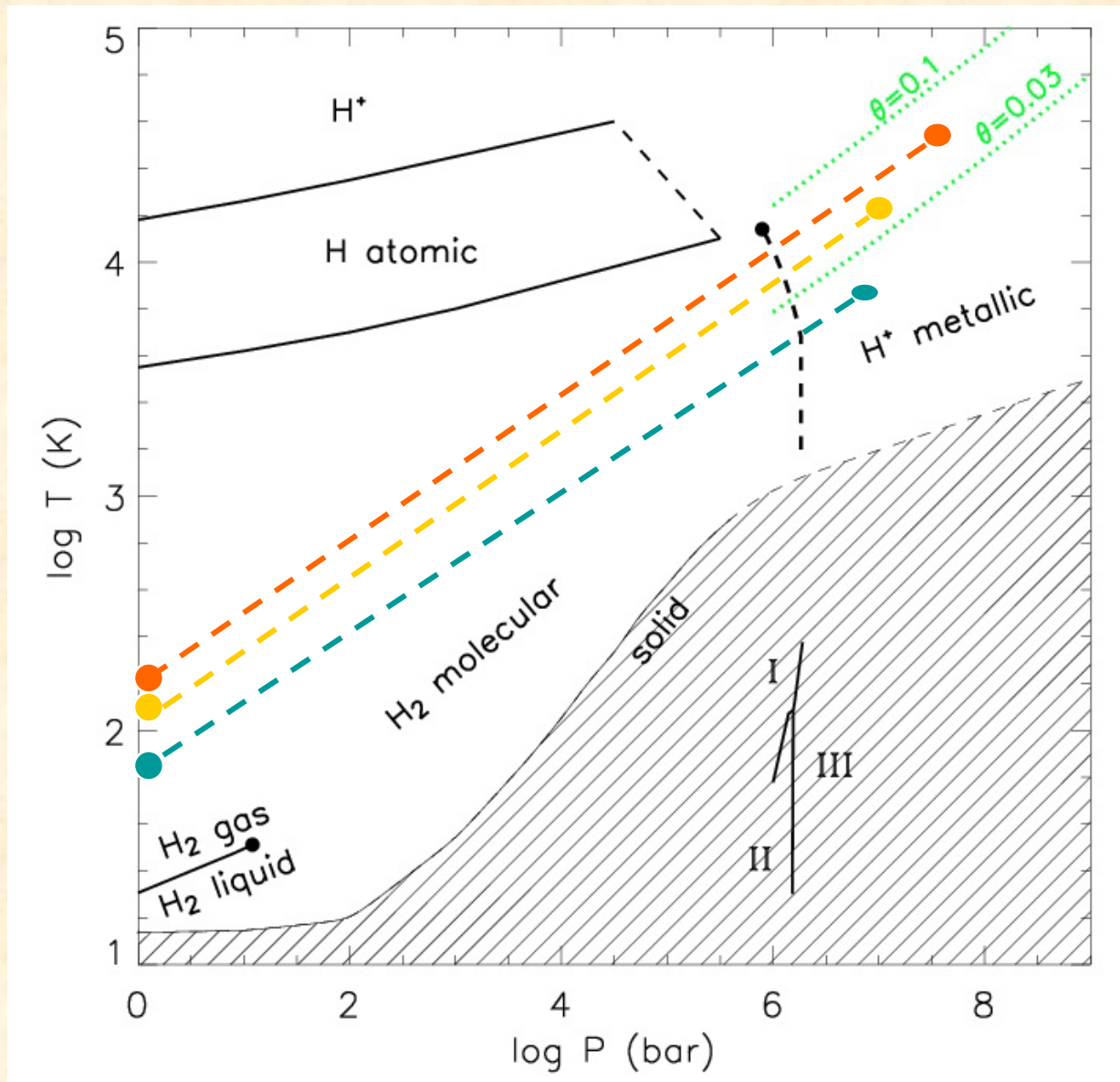
$$\nabla_T - \nabla_{\text{ad}} \sim \left[ \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\alpha^2 \delta^{1/2}} \frac{F_{\text{conv}}}{c_P T (\rho P)^{1/2}} \right]^{2/3},$$
$$v \sim \left[ \frac{\alpha \delta}{4} \frac{P}{\rho c_P T} \frac{F_{\text{conv}}}{\rho} \right]^{1/3}.$$

# The hydrogen phase diagram

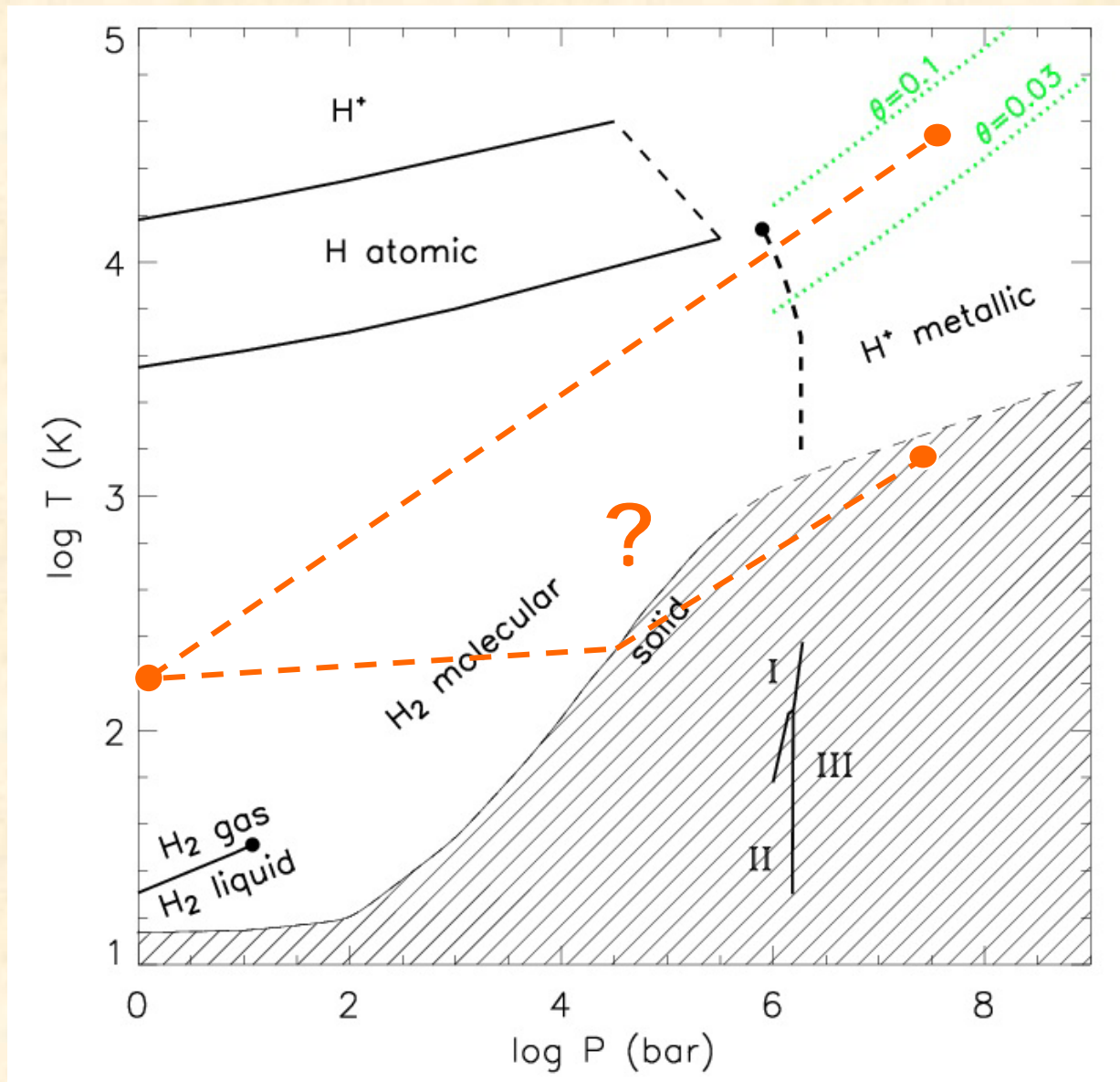




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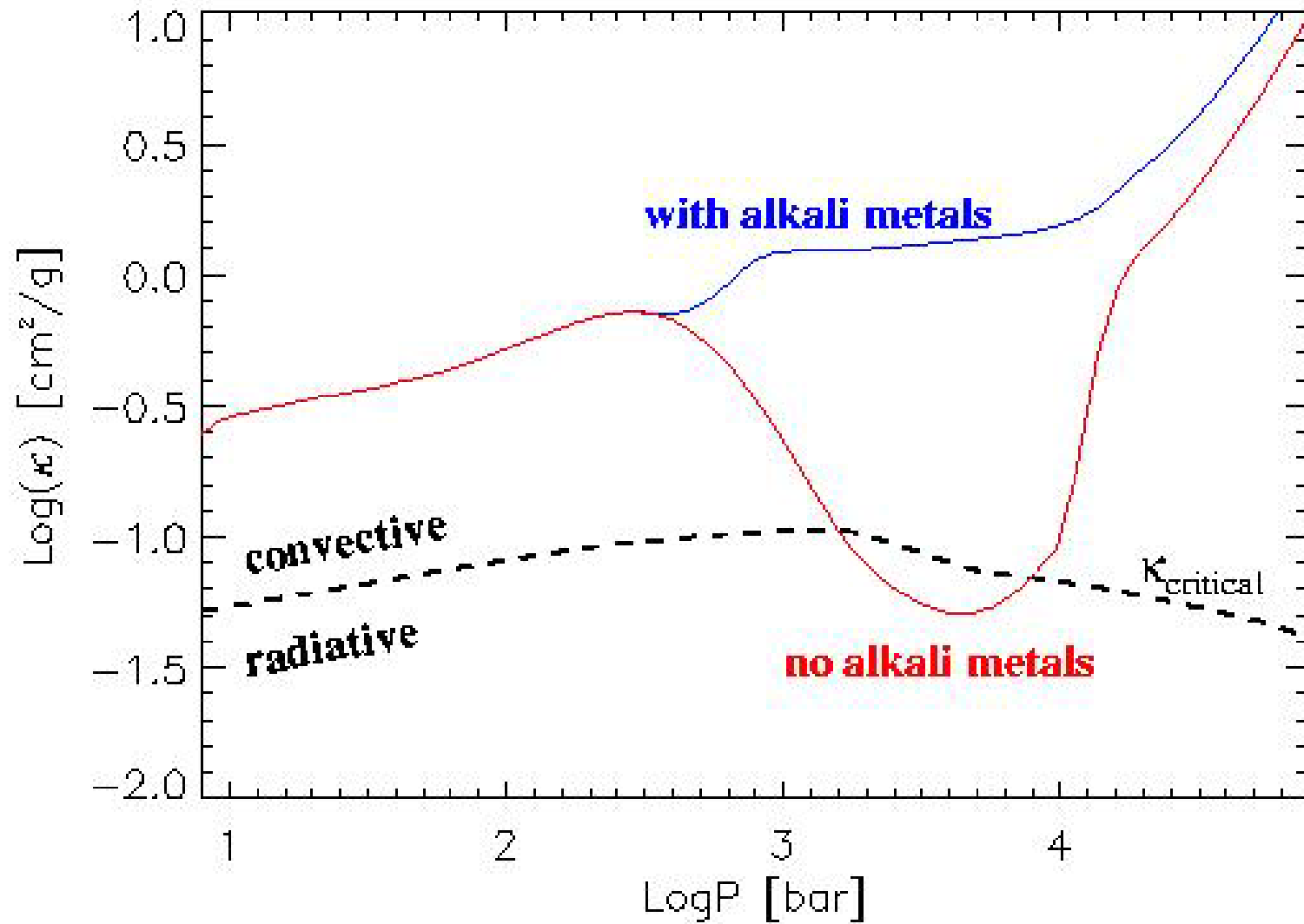


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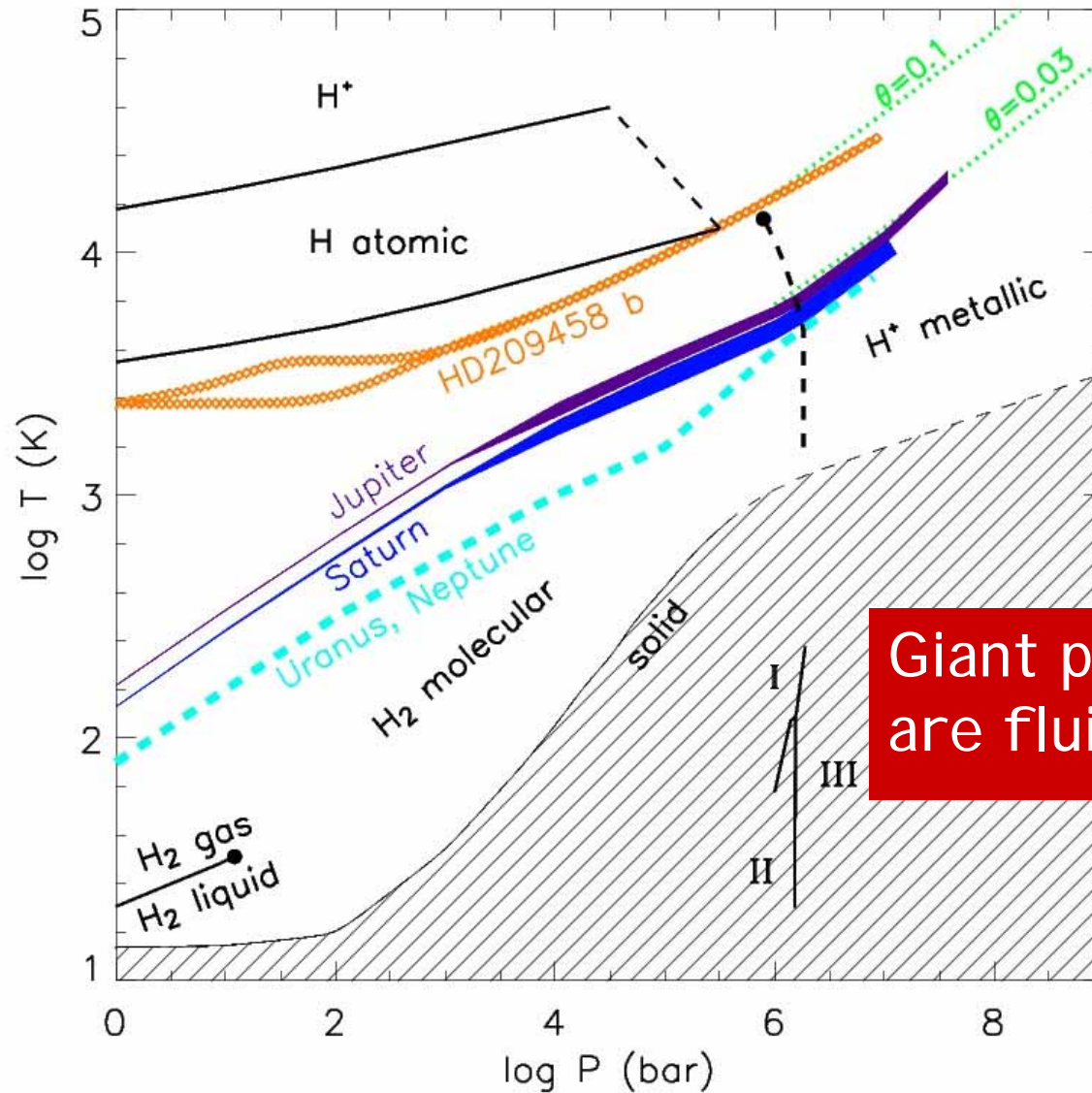




# Opacities...



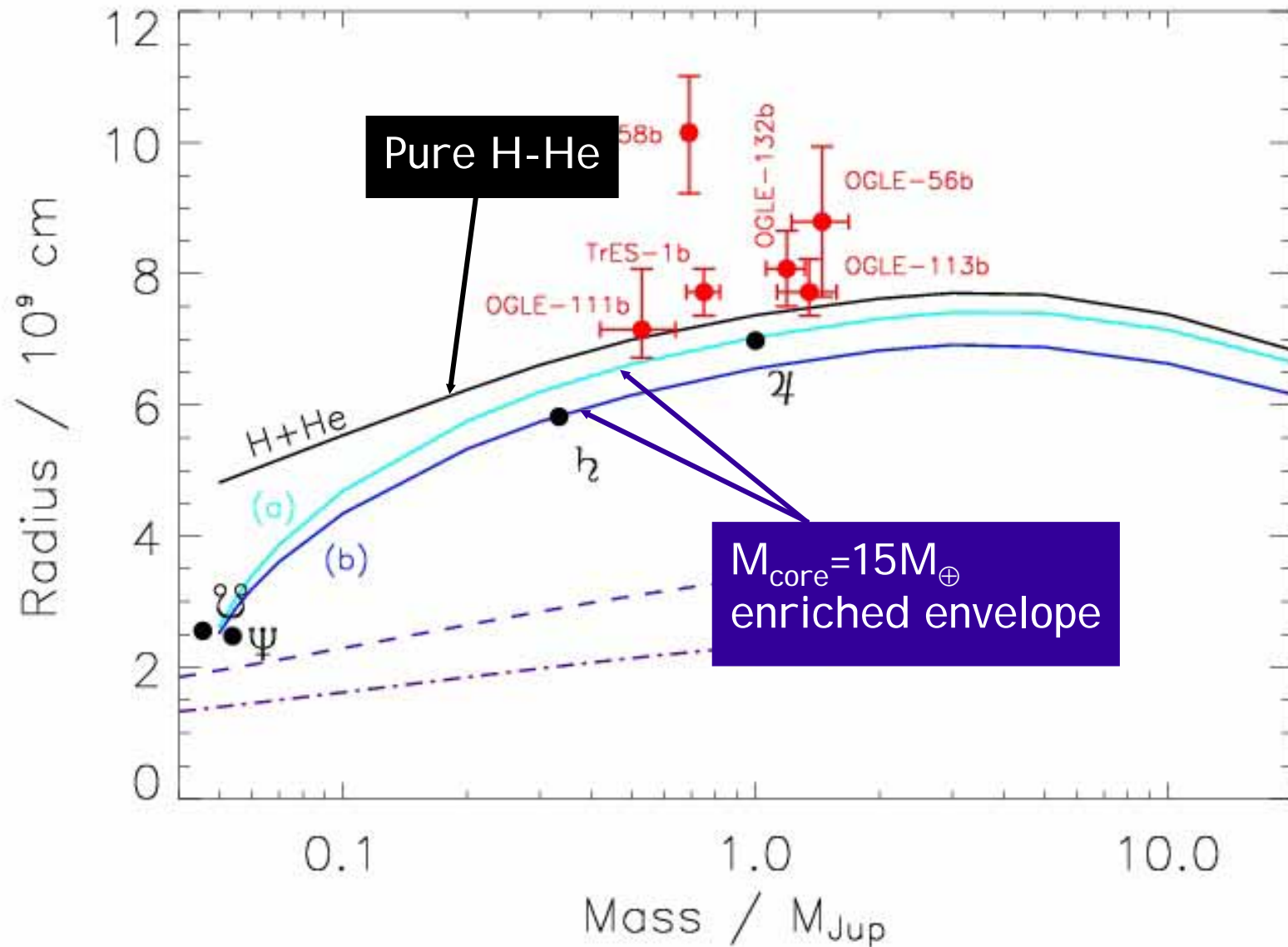
# The hydrogen phase diagram



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**Let's work on these  
mass-radius relations**

# Mass-radius relation (~isolated objects)



## Polytropic solutions

$$P = K \rho^\gamma \equiv K \rho^{1+1/n}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dr} \rho \\ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d\Phi}{dr} \right) = 4\pi G \rho \end{cases}$$

$$z = Ar, \quad A^2 = \frac{4\pi G}{(n+1)K} \rho_c^{\frac{n-1}{n}}$$
$$w = \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_c} = \frac{\rho}{\rho_c}$$

$$\frac{1}{z^2} \frac{d}{dz} \left( z^2 \frac{dw}{dz} \right) + w^n = 0$$

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$$\left(\frac{r}{z}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi G} (n+1)K \rho_c^{\frac{1-n}{n}}$$

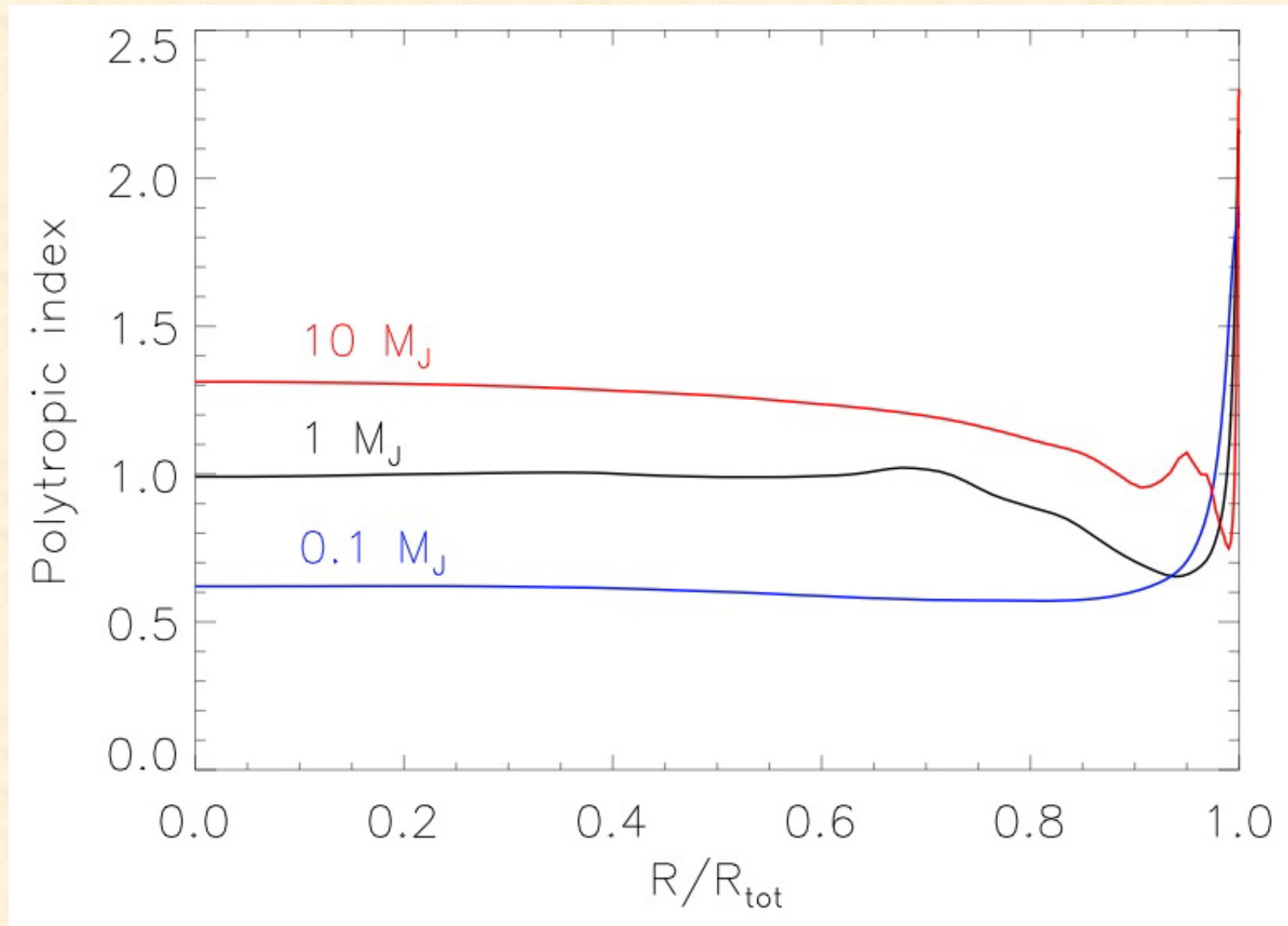
$$\begin{aligned} m(r) &= \int_0^r 4\pi r^2 \rho dr \\ &= 4\pi \rho_c \frac{r^3}{z^3} \int_0^z w^n z^2 dz \\ &= 4\pi \rho_c r^3 \left( -\frac{1}{z} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)_{z=z_n} \end{aligned}$$

$$M = 4\pi \rho_c R^3 \left( -\frac{1}{z} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)_{z=z_n},$$

$$R = z_n \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi G} (n+1)K \right]^{1/2} \rho_c^{\frac{1-n}{2n}}$$

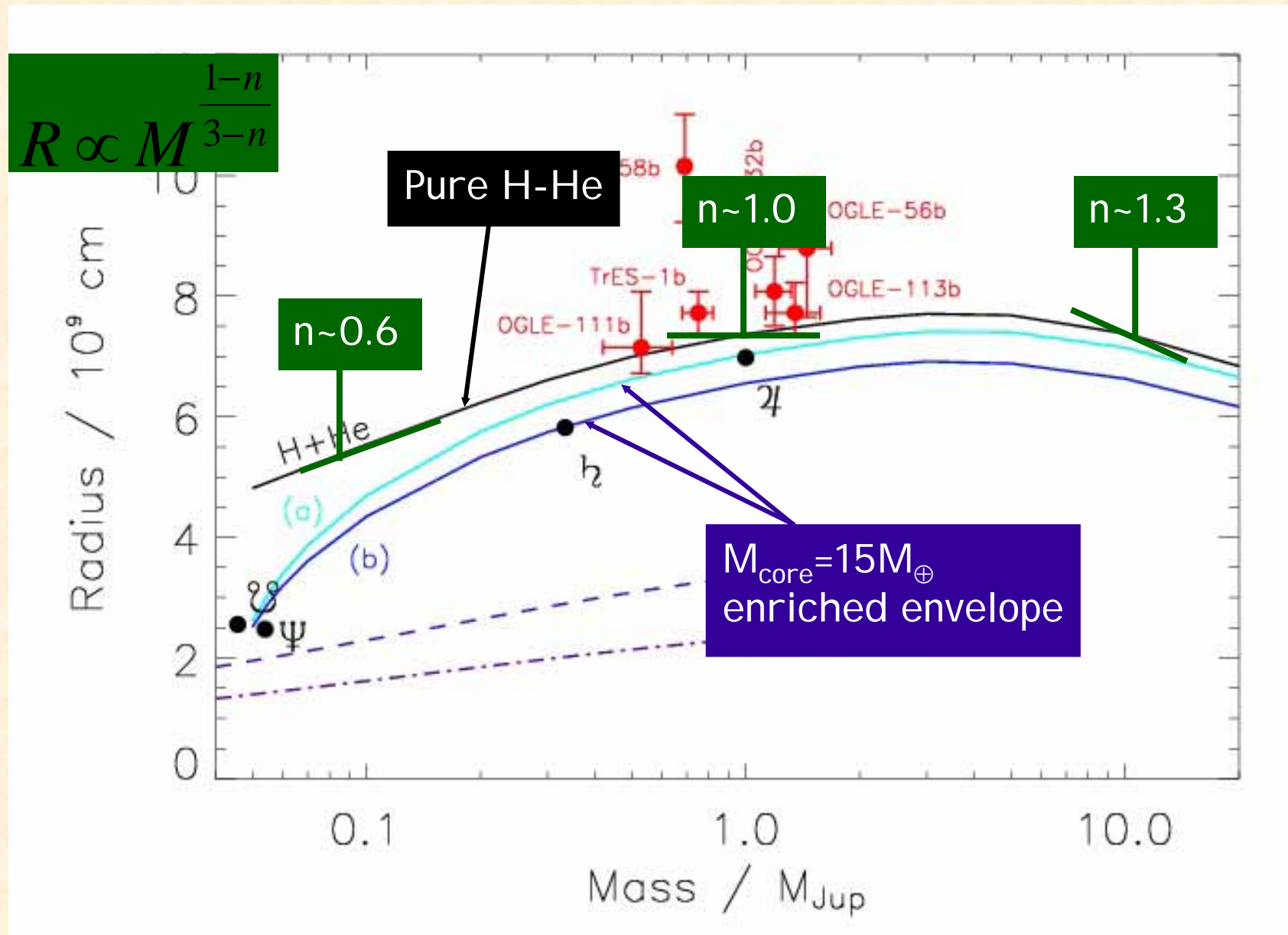
$$R \propto K^{\frac{n}{3-n}} M^{\frac{1-n}{3-n}}$$

# Polytropic index





# Mass-radius relation (~isolated objects)



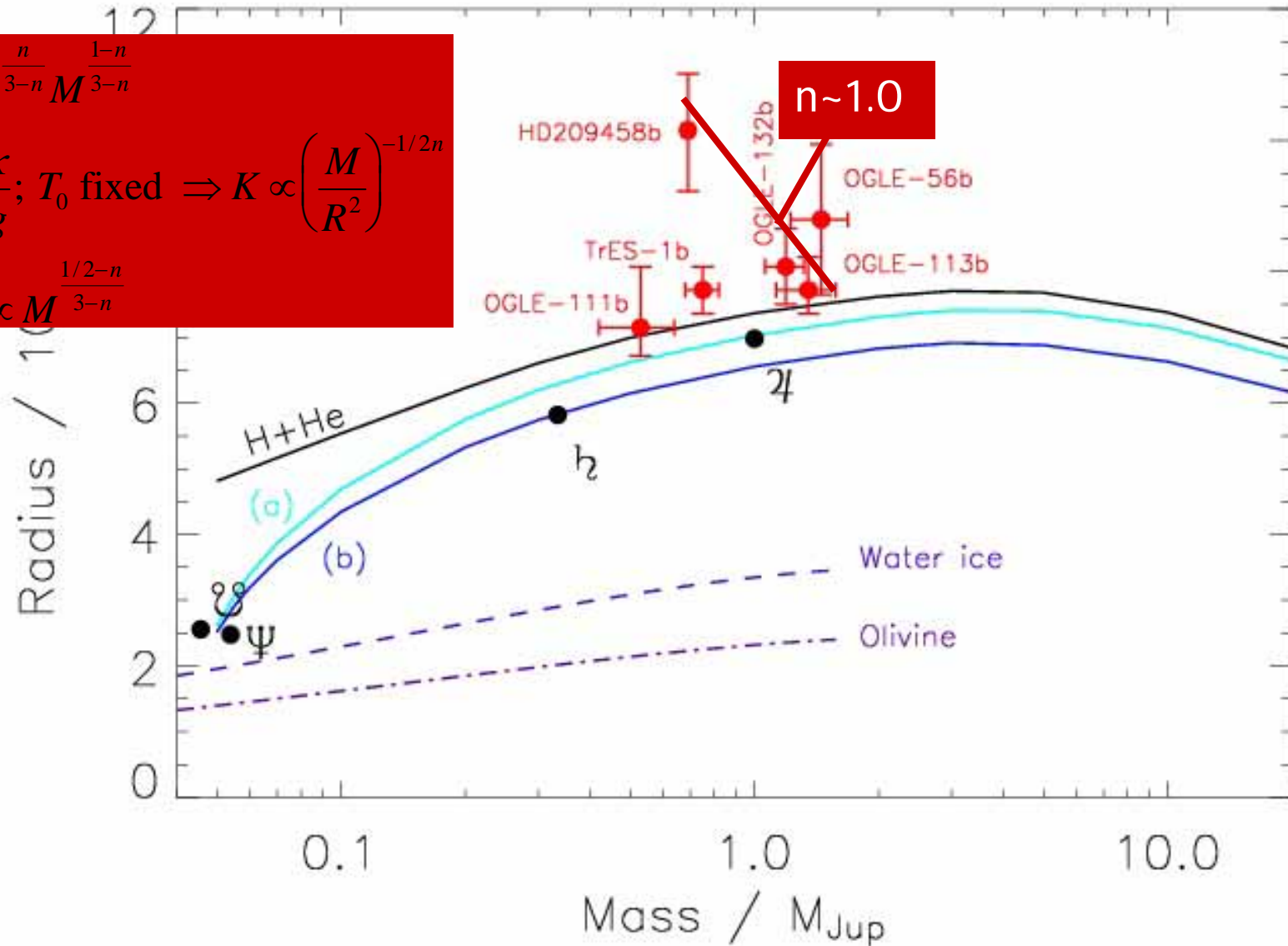


# Mass-radius relation (irradiated objects)

$$R \propto K^{\frac{n}{3-n}} M^{\frac{1-n}{3-n}}$$

$$P_0 \propto \frac{\kappa}{g}; T_0 \text{ fixed} \Rightarrow K \propto \left(\frac{M}{R^2}\right)^{-1/2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow R \propto M^{\frac{1/2-n}{3-n}}$$



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**How do the giant planets evolve?**

# The cooling of giant planets

The virial theorem:

$$\xi \equiv 3P/u\rho$$

$$\xi E_i + E_g = 0,$$

$$W = E_i + E_g \quad \frac{dW}{dt} + L = 0$$

$$L = (\xi - 1) \frac{dE_i}{dt} = -\frac{\xi - 1}{\xi} \frac{dE_g}{dt}.$$

monoatomic perfect gas  $\Rightarrow \xi=2$

degenerate electron gas  $\Rightarrow \xi=2$

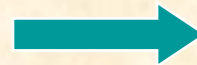
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# The cooling of giant planets

For giant planets:  $E_i \approx E_{el} + E_{ion}$  and  $E_{el} \gg E_{ion}$  ( $\theta$  is large)

$$E_{el} \propto \rho^{2/3}$$

$$E_g \propto 1/R \propto \rho^{1/3}$$

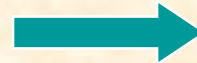


$$\dot{E}_{el} \approx 2(E_e/E_g)\dot{E}_g$$



degenerate electron gas  $\Rightarrow \xi=2$

$$L = (\xi - 1) \frac{dE_i}{dt} = -\frac{\xi - 1}{\xi} \frac{dE_g}{dt}$$



$$\dot{E}_e \approx -\dot{E}_g \approx 2L$$

$$L \approx -\dot{E}_{ion} \propto -\dot{T}$$

## A modified Kelvin-Helmoltz contraction

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$$L \approx \eta \frac{GM^2}{R\tau}$$

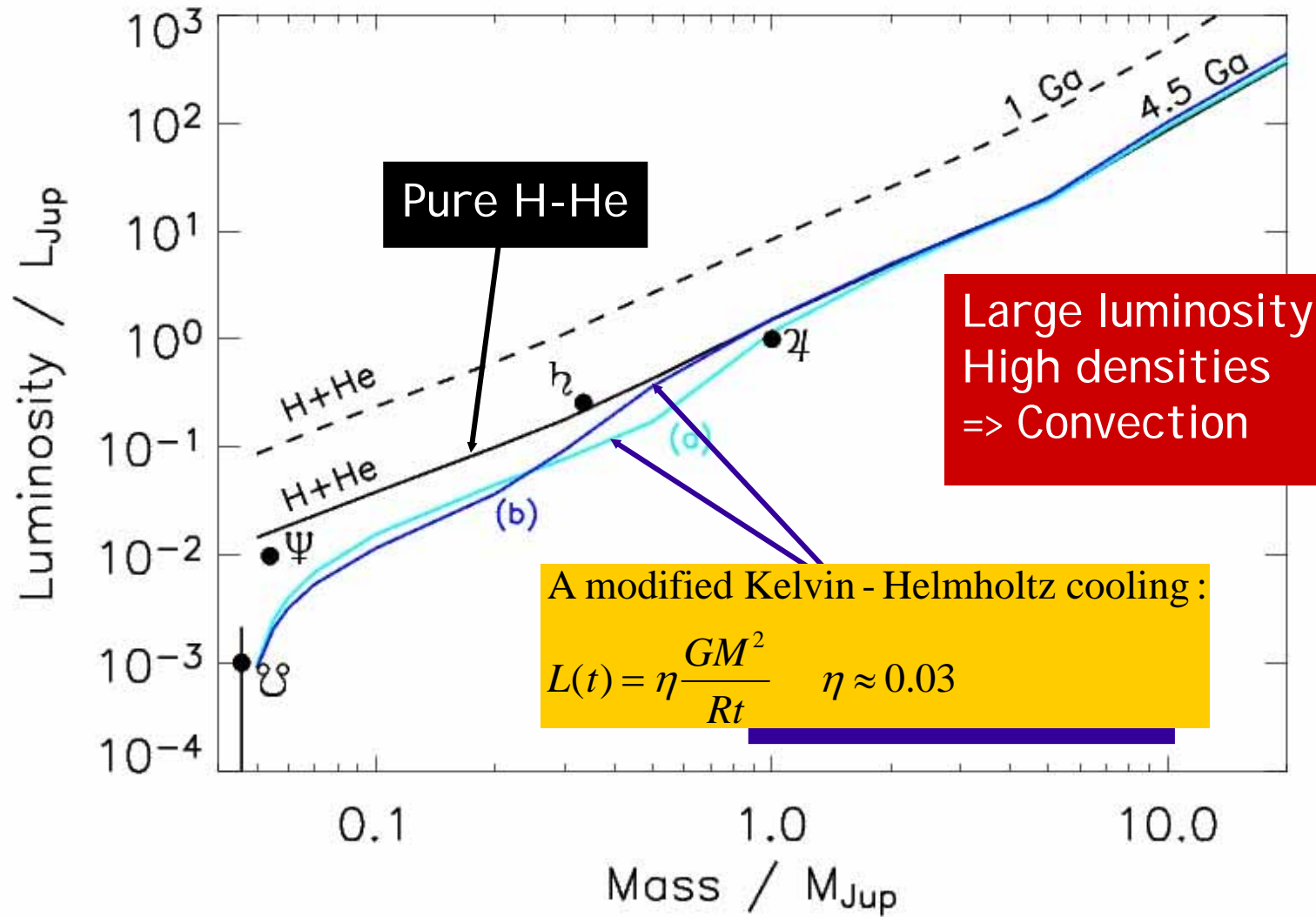
At the beginning of contraction (perfect gas)  $\Rightarrow \eta \approx 1/2$ :  
a significant fraction of the gravitational energy is radiated away; The remaining fraction heats up the interior

When degeneracy sets in  $\Rightarrow \eta \approx \theta \approx 0.03$

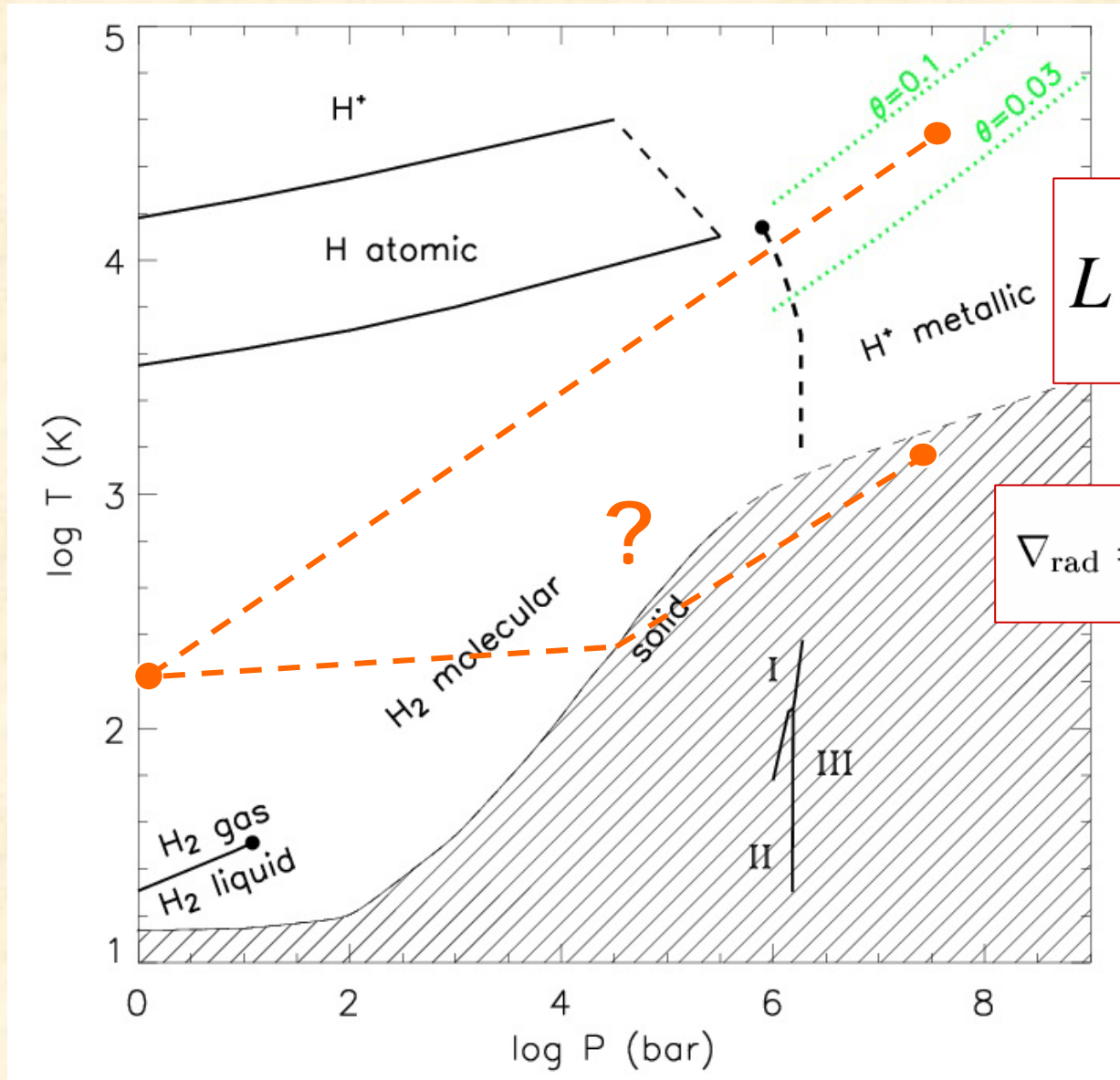
The gravitational energy is almost entirely used up in the (non-thermal) increase of the electronic pressure.

The luminosity is due to the *cooling* of the ions.

# Mass-luminosity relation



# Problem: how long before Jupiter solidifies?

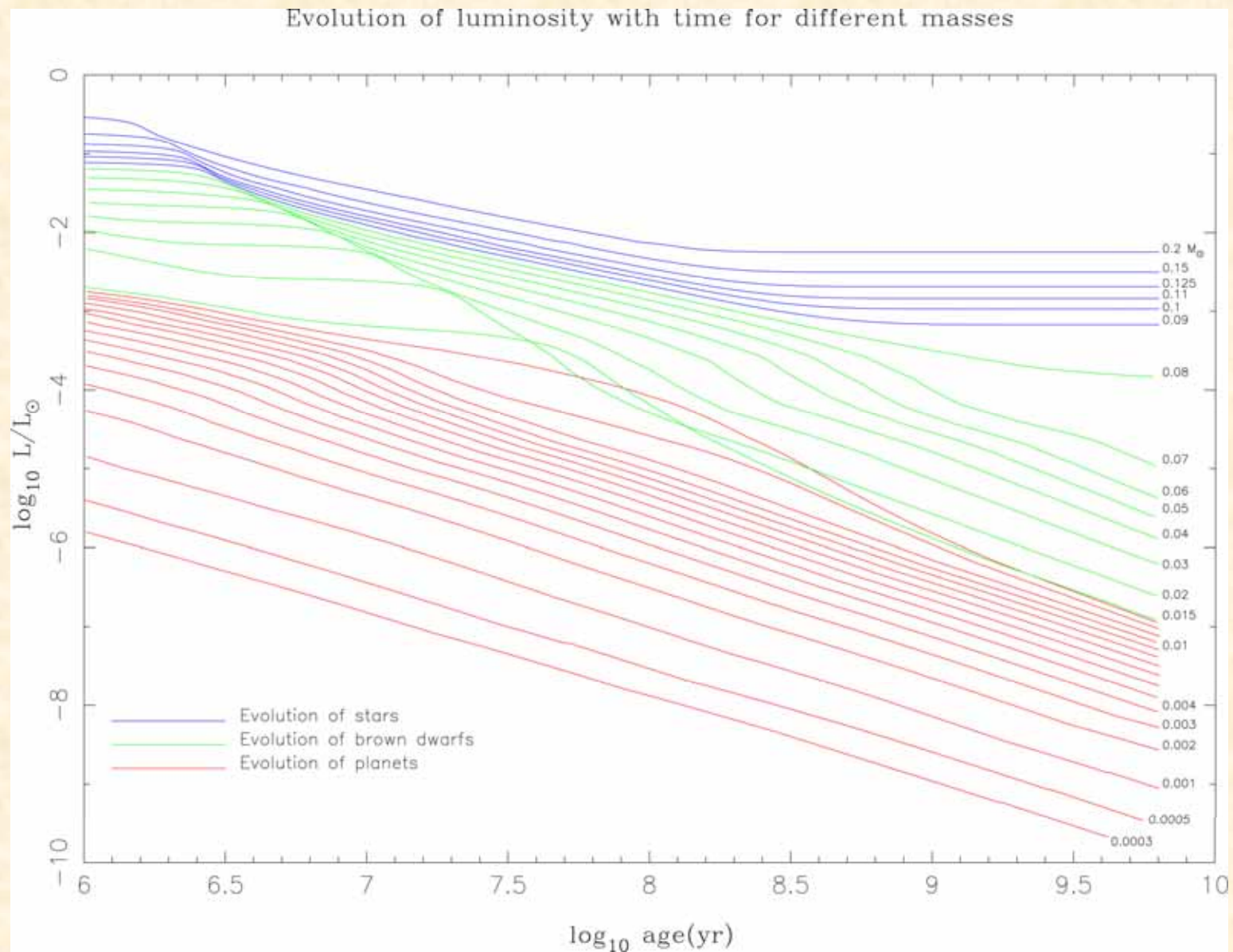


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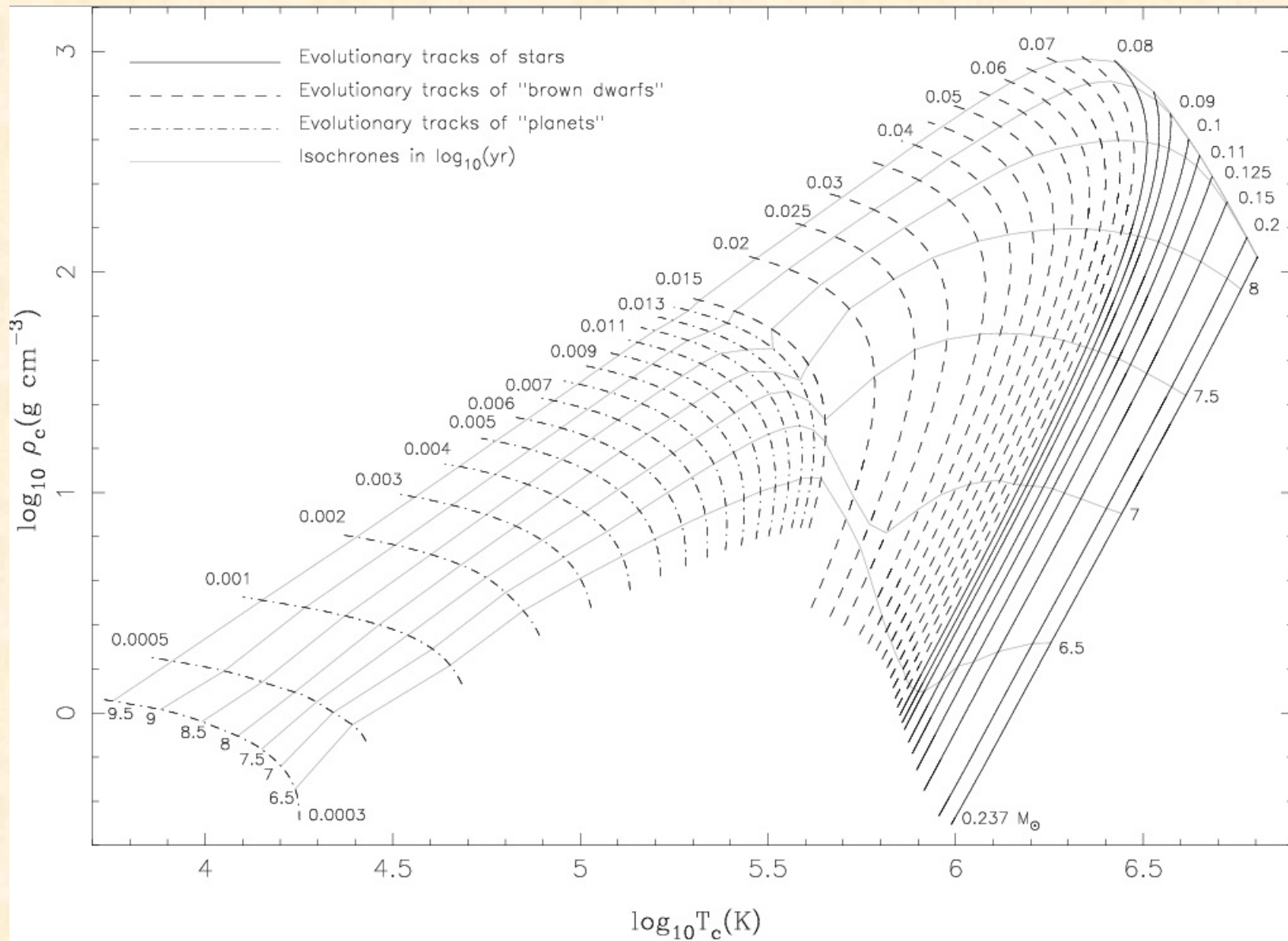


# Evolution tracks





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**Is neglecting the stellar irradiation ok?**

# Irradiated planets

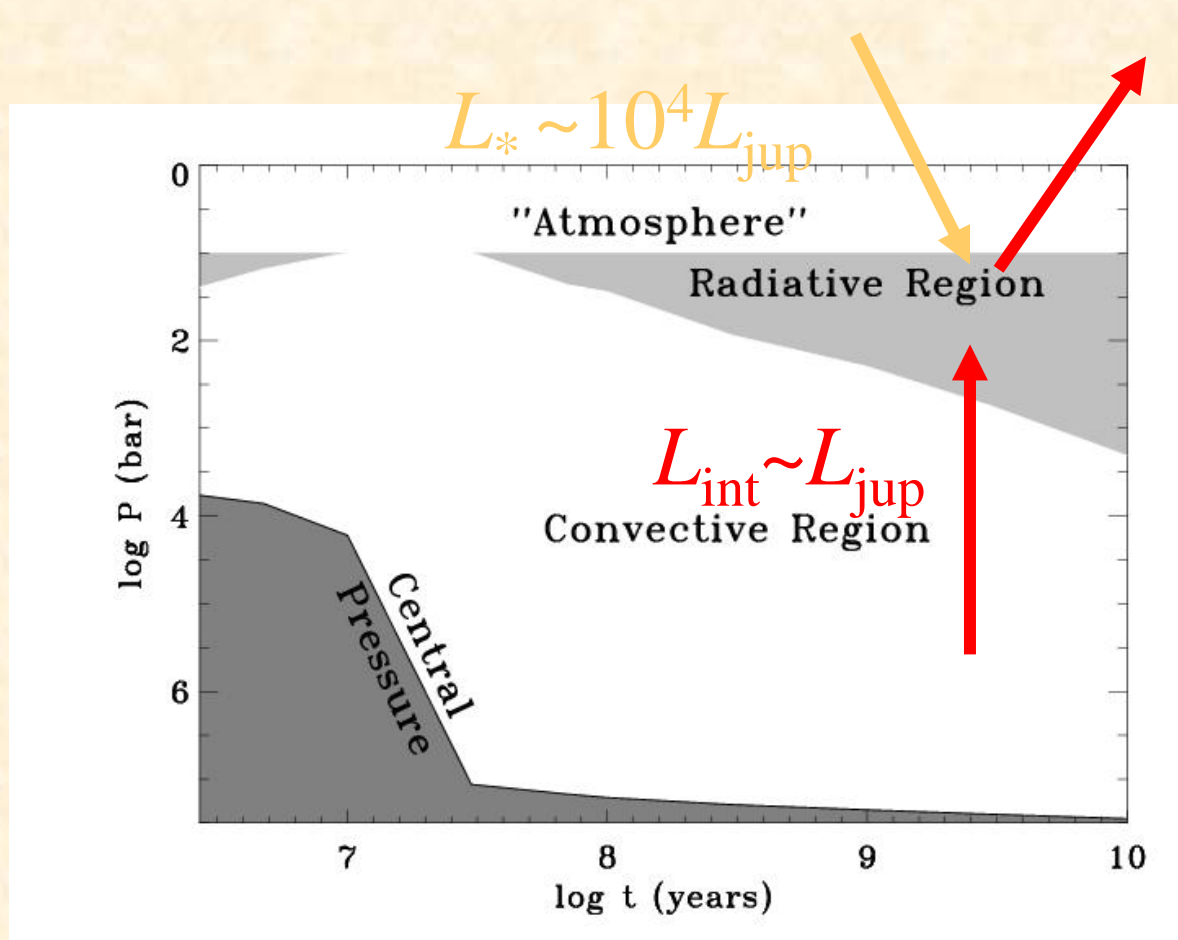
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- Proximity to the star -> significant contribution due to the stellar irradiation
- The atmospheric temperature is close to the « equilibrium » temperature:

$$T_{eq} = f T_* \sqrt{\frac{R_*}{2a}}$$

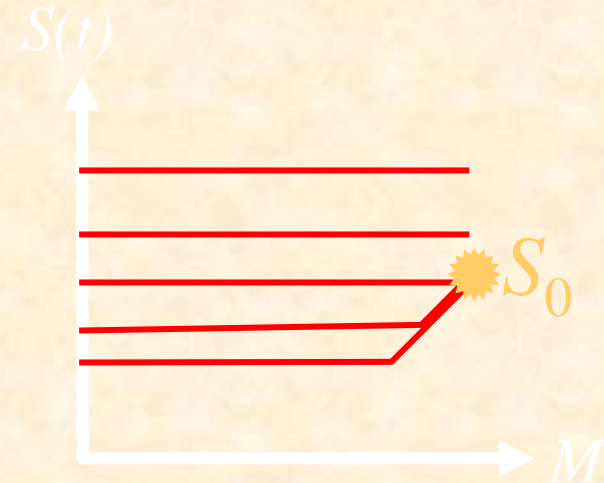
- $T_{eq}$ =1400 to 2000K (HD209458b to OGLE planets)
- $T_{1bar}$ =2000 to 3000K (rough estimate)

# Importance of stellar irradiation



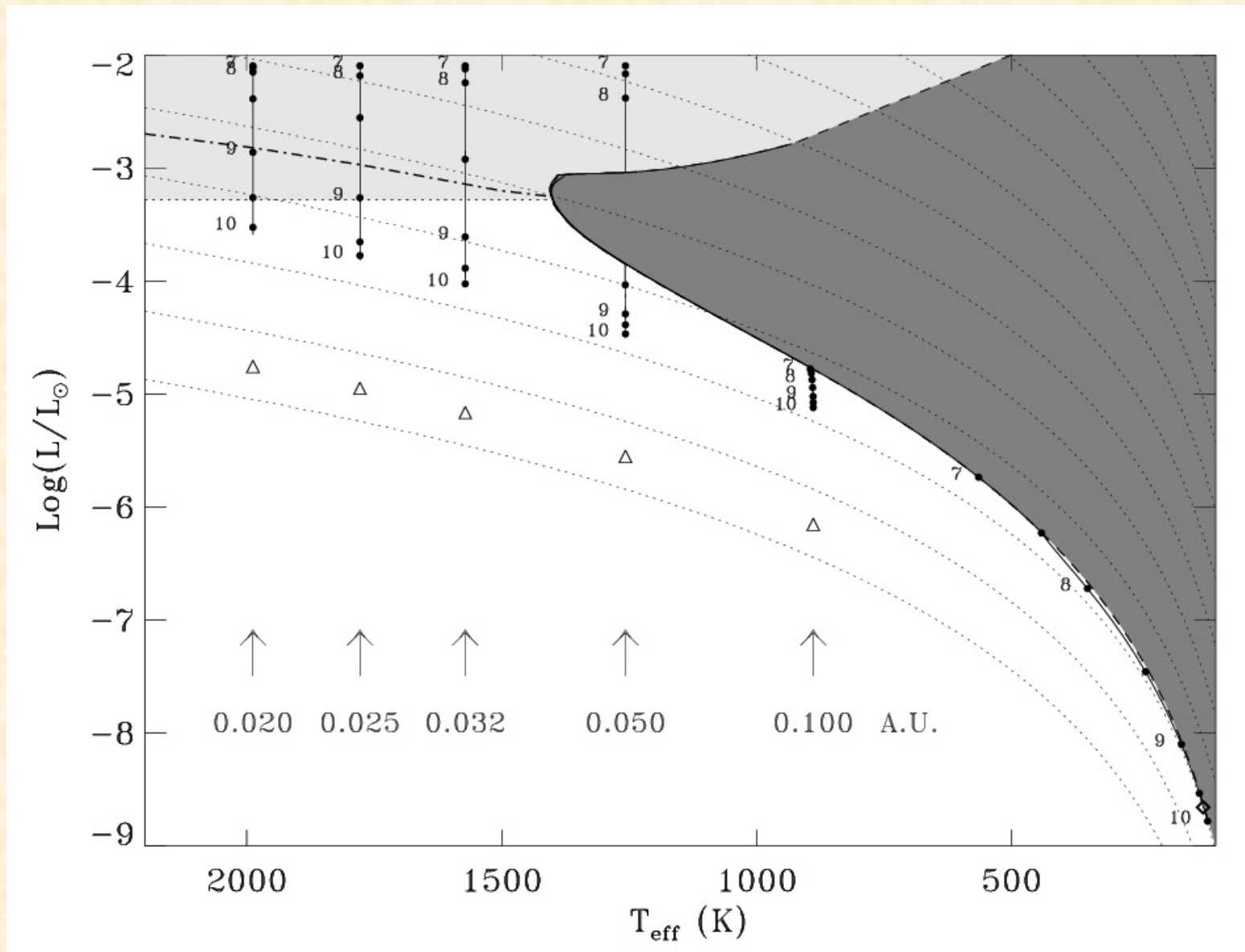
$$T_0(L_{int} \sim 0) = cte$$

$$P_0(L_{int} \sim 0) = cte$$



The evolution of Pegasi planets can be approximated by using a simplified boundary condition  $T_{1bar} = T_{\infty}$

# An HR diagram for giant planets



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**Application to real data!**



# Discovered transiting planets

Table 3: Systems with transiting Pegasi planets discovered so far

	Age [Ga]	[Fe/H]	a [AU]	$T_{\text{eq}}^*$ [K]	$M_{\text{p}}/M_{\text{J}}$	$R_{\text{p}}/10^{10}$ cm
<b>HD209458<sup>a</sup></b>	4 – 7	0.00(2)	0.0462(20)	1460(120)	0.69(2)	1.02(9)
<b>OGLE-56<sup>b</sup></b>	2 – 4	0.0(3)	0.0225(4)	1990(140)	1.45(23)	0.88(11)
<b>OGLE-113<sup>c</sup></b>	?	0.14(14)	0.0228(6)	1330(80)	0.765(25)	0.77 <sup>(+5)</sup> <sub>(-4)</sub>
<b>OGLE-132<sup>d</sup></b>	0 – 1.4	0.43(18)	0.0307(5)	2110(150)	1.19(13)	0.81(6)
<b>OGLE-111<sup>e</sup></b>	?	0.12(28)	0.0470(10)	1040(160)	0.53(11)	0.71 <sup>(+9)</sup> <sub>(-4)</sub>
<b>TrES-1<sup>f</sup></b>	?	0.00(4)	0.0393(11)	1180(140)	0.75(7)	0.77(4)

\* Equilibrium temperature calculated on the basis of a zero planetary albedo

<sup>a</sup>Cody & Sasselov (2002), Brown et al. (2001)

<sup>b</sup>Torres et al. (2004), Sasselov (2003), Konacki et al. (2003)

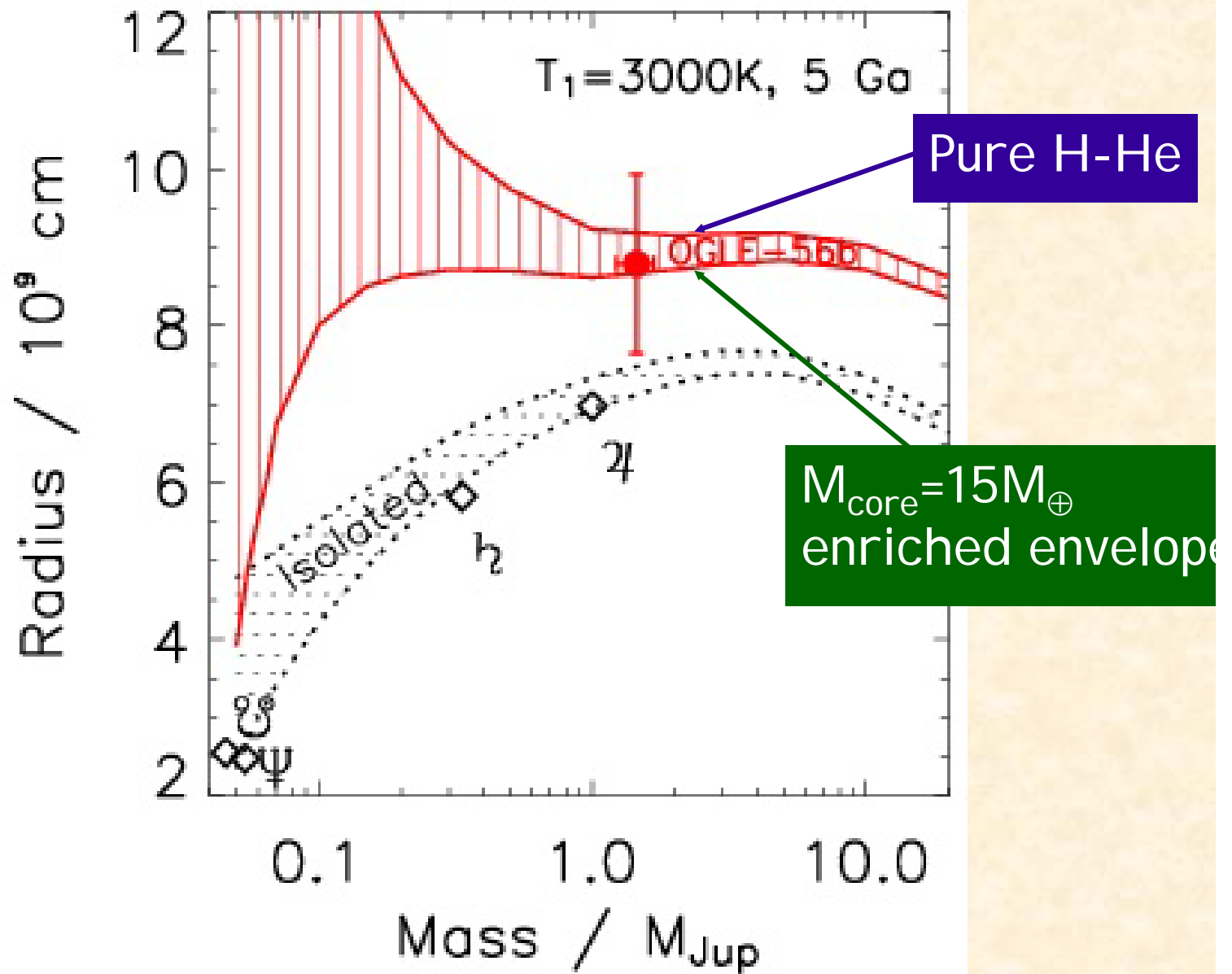
<sup>c</sup>Bouchy et al. (2004), Konacki et al. (2004)

<sup>d</sup>Moutou et al. (2004)

<sup>e</sup>Pont et al. (2004)

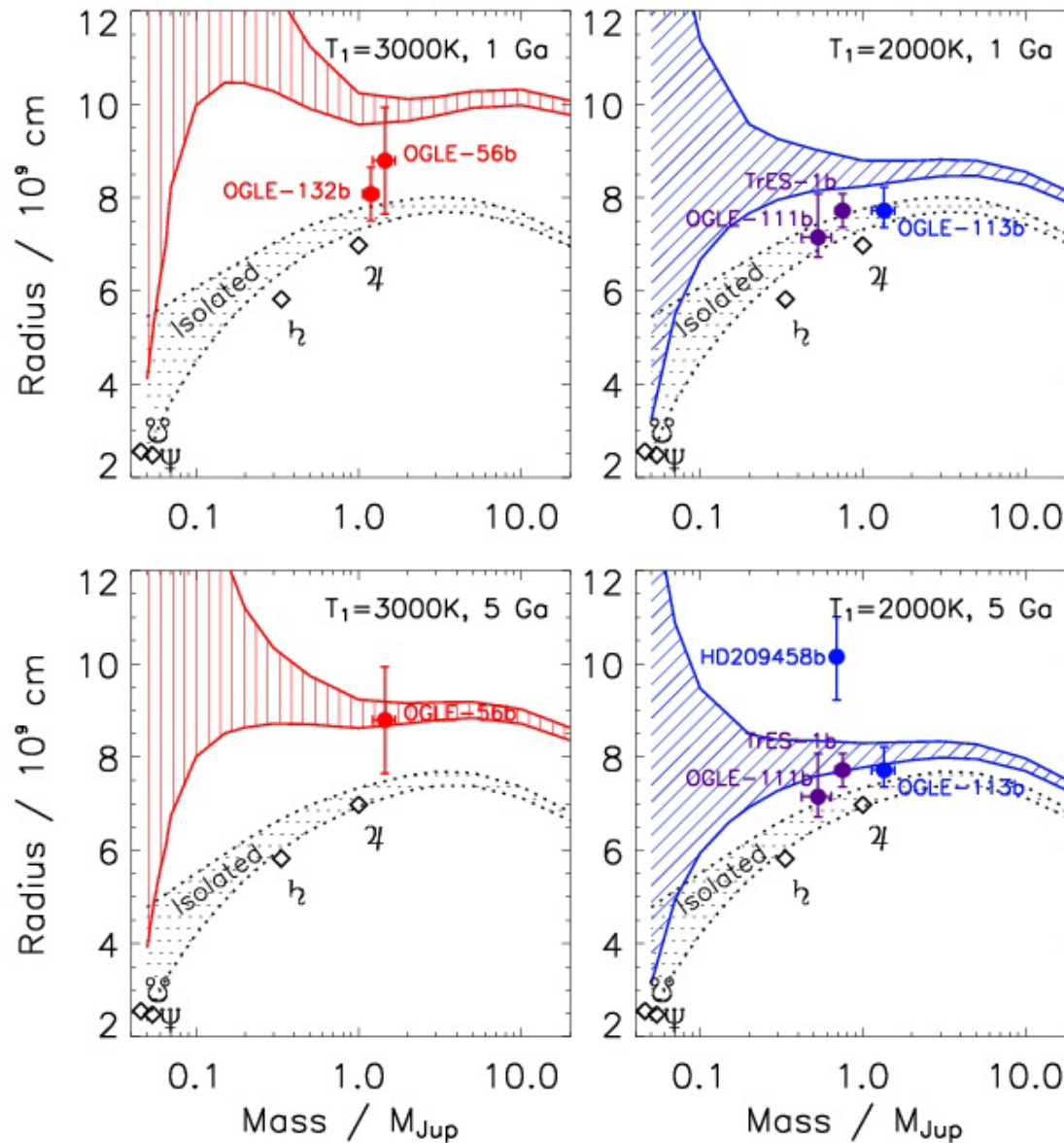
<sup>f</sup>Laughlin et al. (2004), Sozzetti et al. (2004), Alonso et al. (2004)

# Mass-radius relation (irradiated objects)

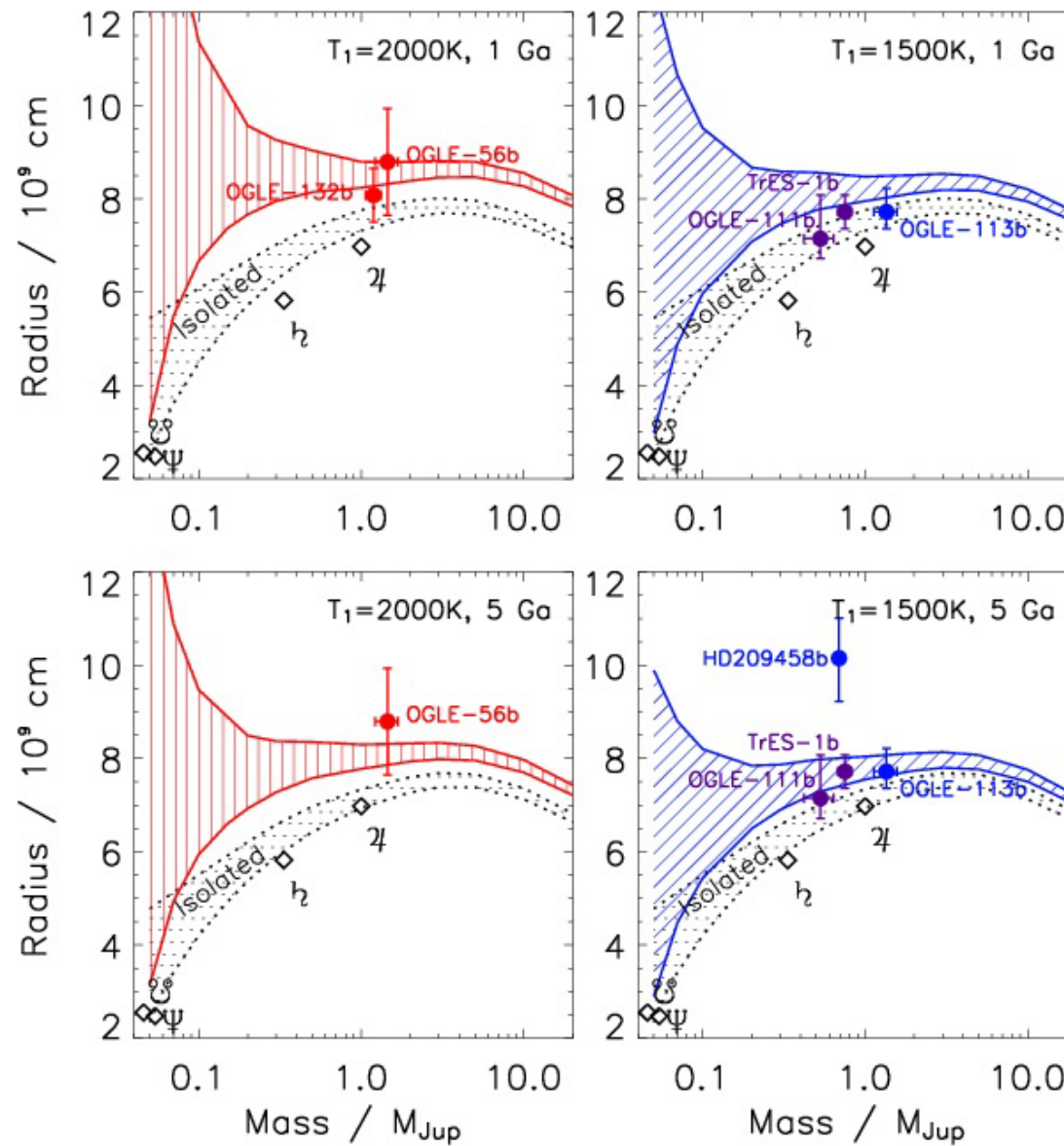




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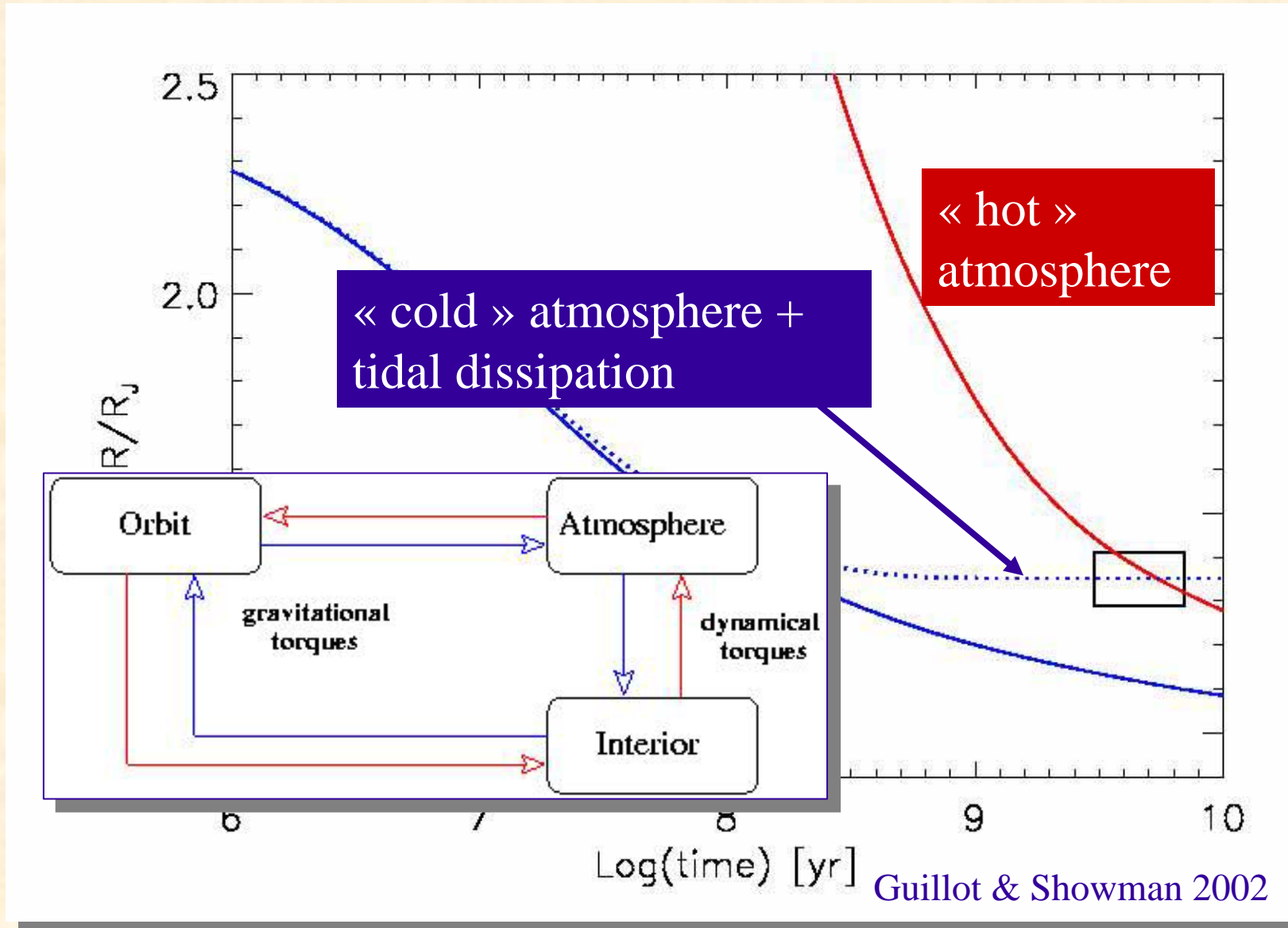
# Tides

# The significance of tides

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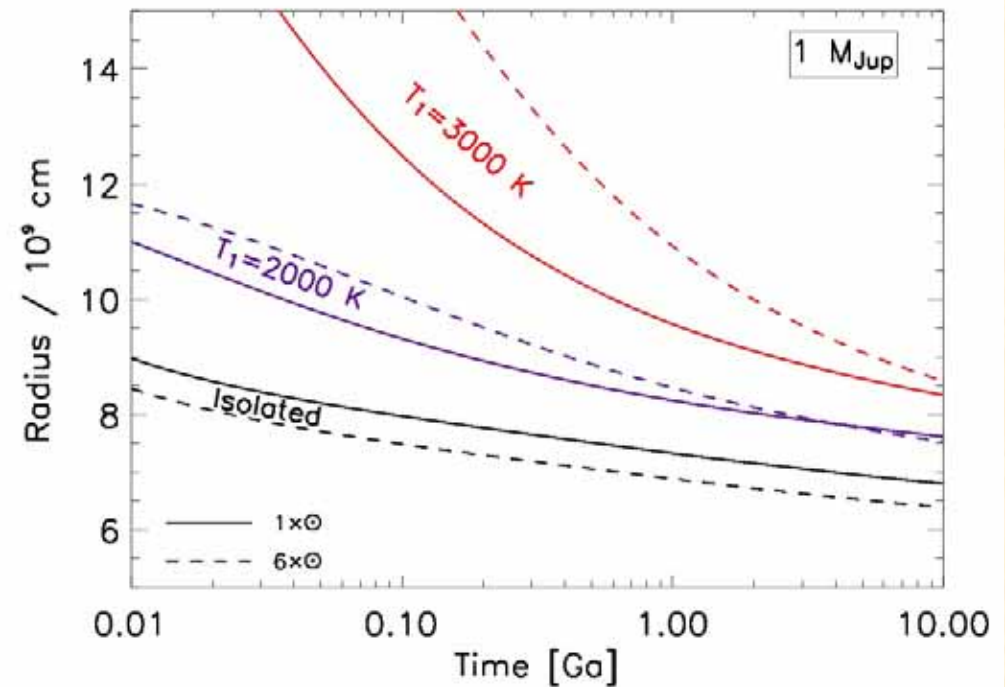
- Based on HD209458b parameters:
- Gravitational energy required to change the radius by 10%
  - $2 \times 10^{42}$  erg
- Energy available from the circularization of the orbit
  - $4 \times 10^{42}$  erg (for  $e=0.1$ )
- Energy available from the synchronization of the planet's spin
  - $0.2 \times 10^{42}$  erg
- => Tides may play a role but require either
  - A forced eccentricity (Bodenheimer et al.)
  - Continuous generation of K.E. in the interior (Showman & Guillot)

# The contraction of HD209458b



# Heavy elements & the evolution of giant planets

- Heavy elements in the core
  - ⇒ Smaller radii
  - ⇒  $\Delta R/R$  proportional to  $M_c/M_{\text{tot}}$
- Heavy elements in the envelope
  - ⇒ Larger mean molecular weight
  - ⇒ Higher opacities (slower cooling)

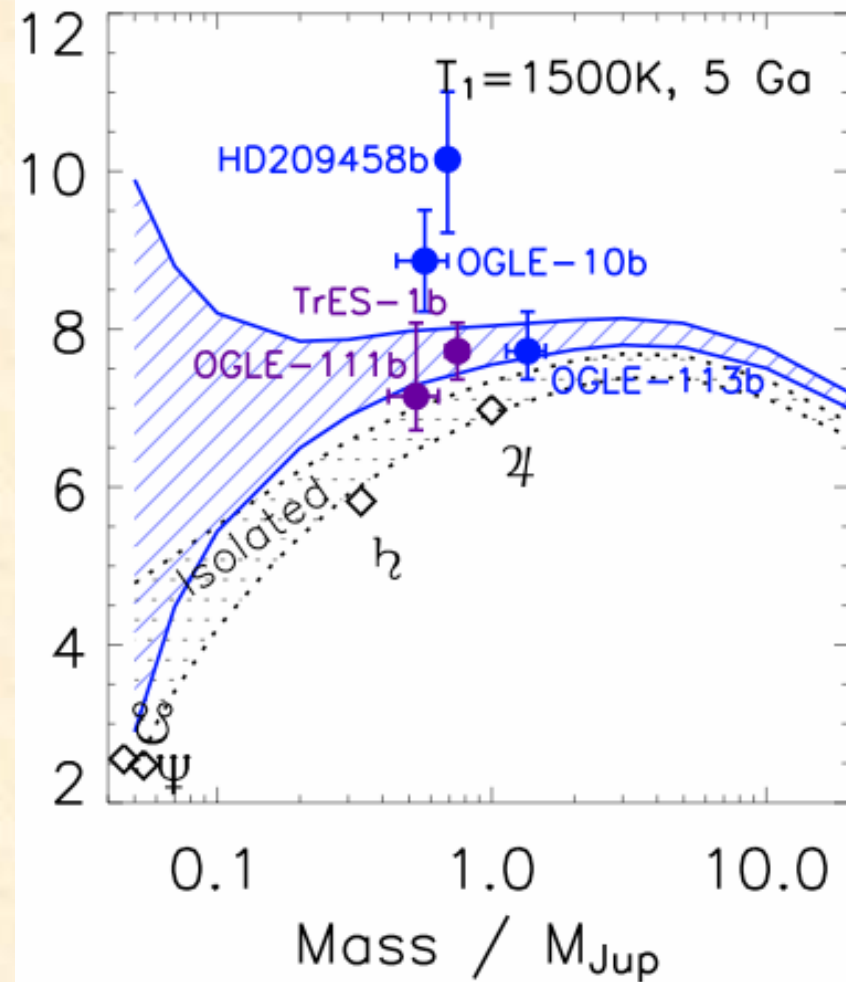


Measured radii: Indicate that some planets *may* have cores ~20 Earth masses.



# The problem of the “inflated” planets

- HD209458b and OGLE-10b have radii that are too large to be reproduced by standard evolution models
  - ⇒ A forced eccentricity (Bodenheimer et al. 2001, 2003)
  - ⇒ Kinetic energy generation and dissipation by tides (Showman & Guillot 2002)
  - ⇒ Inaccurate stellar radii? (Burrows et al. 2003)
  - ⇒ Planets caught in a runaway evaporation phase? (Baraffe et al. 2003)



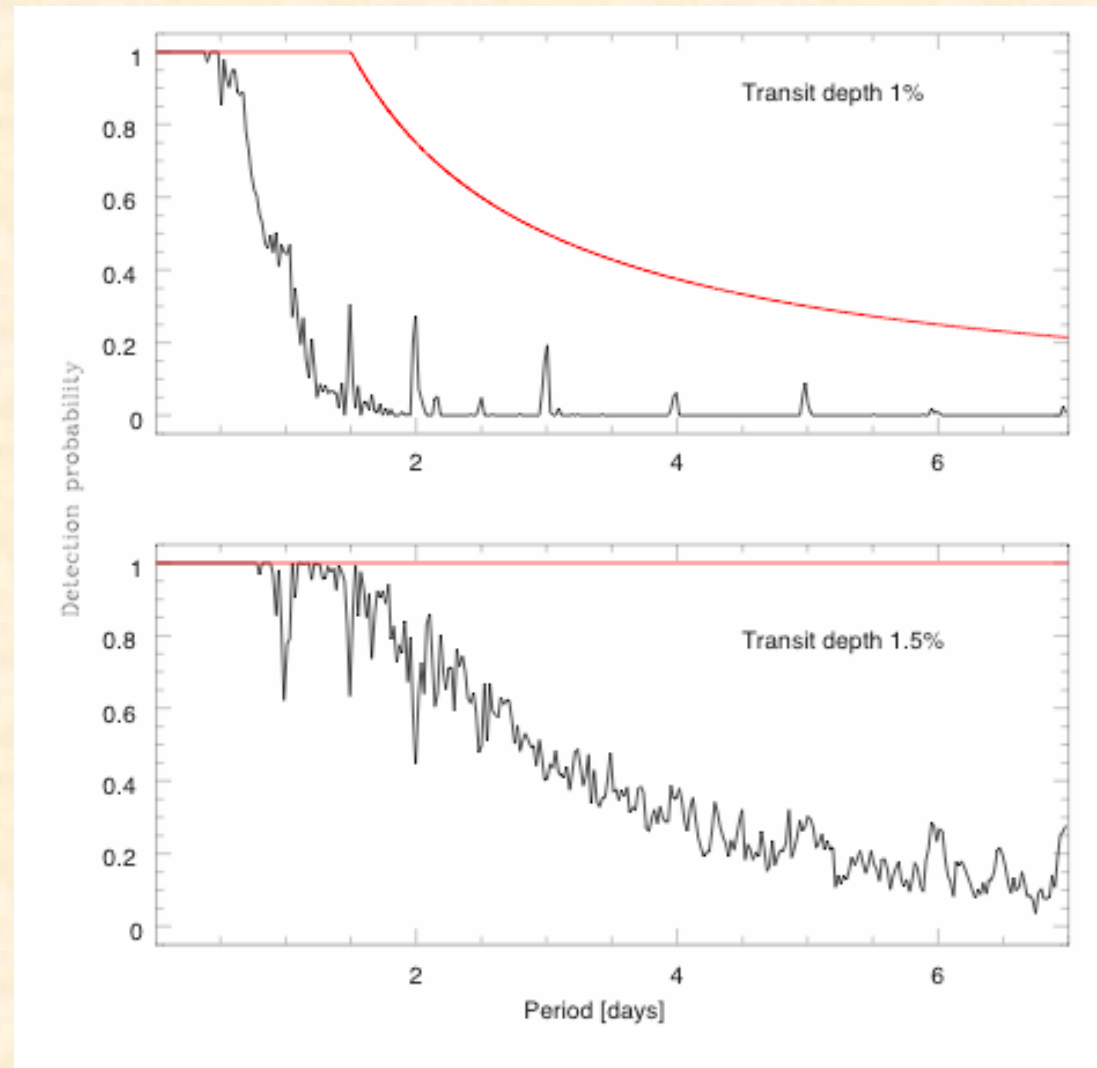


# A possible explanation

- Conjecture:
  - All Pegasides are subject to the “inflation effect” but the core masses/mass of heavy elements are very variable from one planet to another
- Advantages:
  - Explains HD209458b and OGLE-110b at the same time as all other planets
  - “Small” planets like OGLE-111b, -113b and -132b also have parent stars with the highest [Fe/H]
  - Contrary to Jupiter, Pegasides can't eject planetesimals from their system:  $(GM/a)^{1/2} \gg (2GM/R)^{1/2}$ ; Disk properties directly impact planet composition
- Prediction:
  - Planets with low-irradiation and/or further from their star should be smaller on average.

# Transit detection: a bias towards larger planets

- Transit surveys (e.g. OGLE) are strongly biased towards the detection of large planets (figure: Pont & Bouchy 2004)
- Suggests that we may have missed planets with radii  $< 1 R_J$ .



# Transiting planets: some conclusions (as of 02/05)

- A simple model with a H-He envelope and a dense core of mass (0 to 15  $M_{\oplus}$ ) reproduces the luminosity and radius of most known giant planets
  - Jupiter, Saturn
  - ~5 transiting extrasolar planets
- However, HD209458b is anomalously large!
  - A non-zero forced eccentricity? (Bodenheimer et al. 2001, 2003)
  - Atmospheric kinetic energy dissipated in the interior? (Guillot & Showman 2002)
  - A problematic determination of the stellar radius? (Burrows et al. 2003)
  - A chance effect due to runaway evaporation? (Baraffe et al. 2004)
- We should expect variations of the compositions
  - Variations in [Fe/H]
    - OGLE-TR-132: may be too small => core?
  - Important difference with Jupiter: Pegasi planets can't eject planetesimals (Guillot & Gladman 2000; Guillot 2005)
  - History matters (Burrows et al. 2000)
  - Evaporation may affect the closest planets (Lammer et al. 2003; Lecavelier des Etangs et al. 2004)

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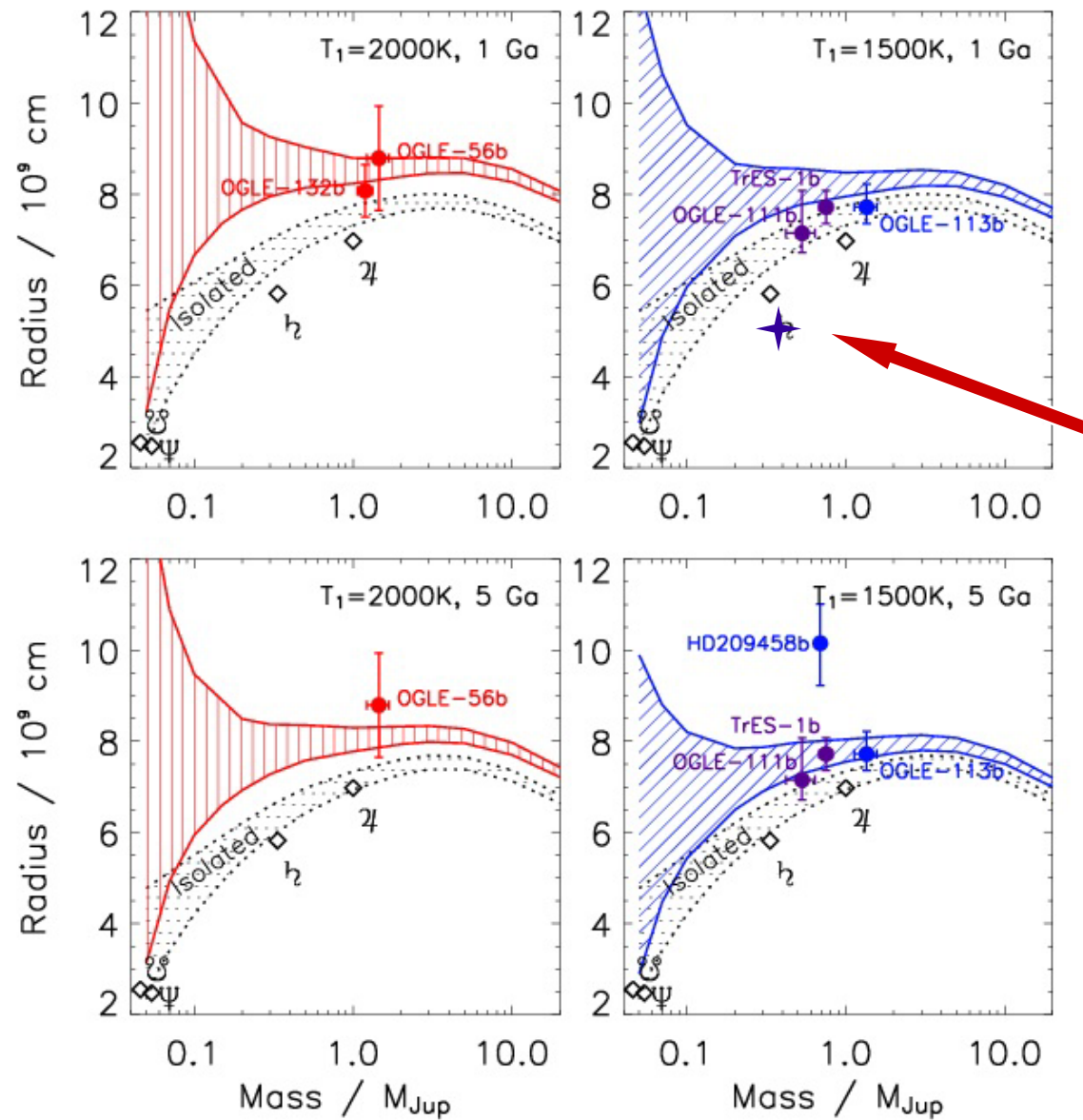
**What about a very dense planet?**

# HD1492026b!

Table 3: Systems with transiting Pegasi planets discovered so far

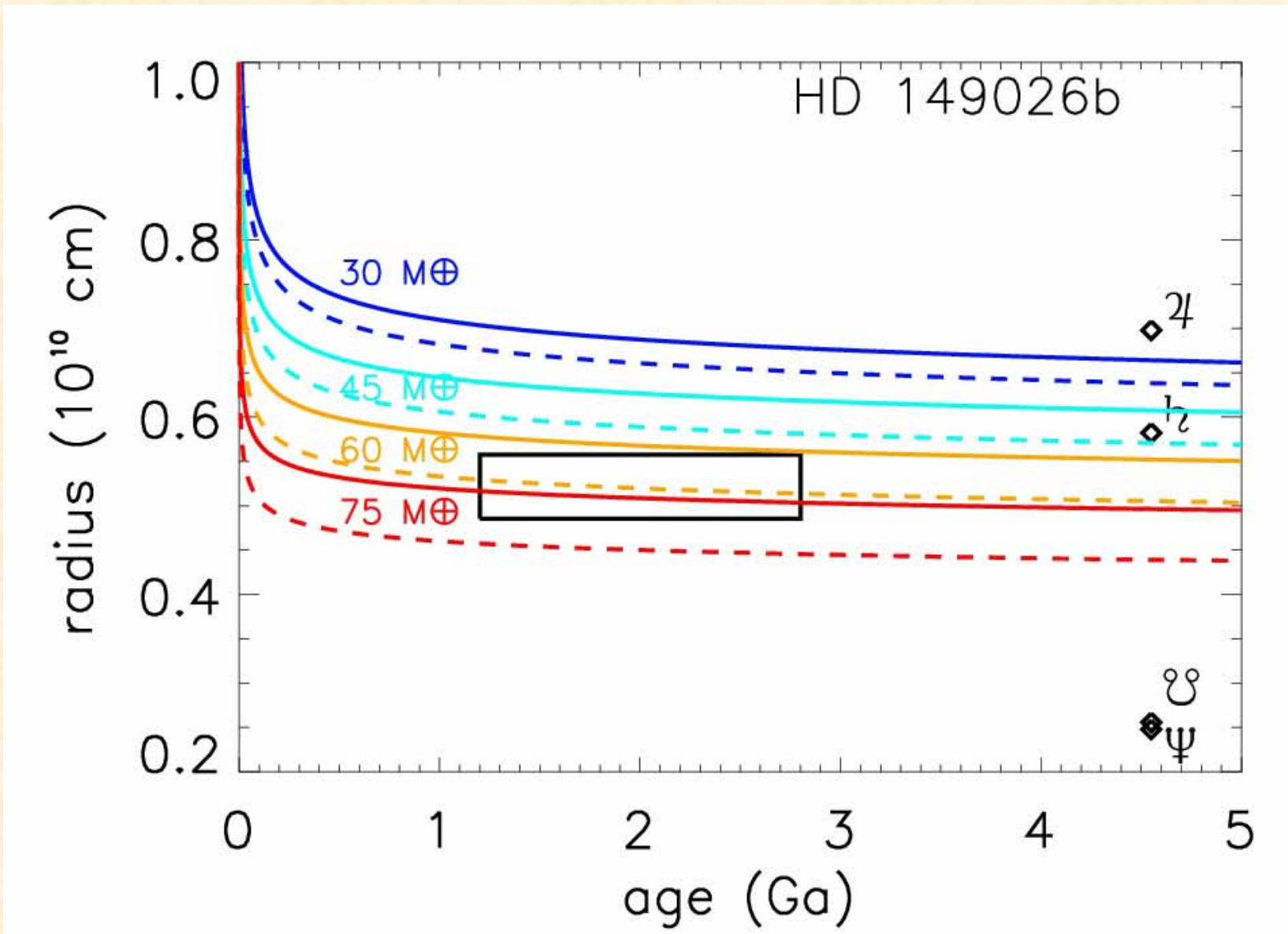
	Age [Ga]	[Fe/H]	a [AU]	$T_{\text{eq}}^*$ [K]	$M_p/M_J$	$R_p/10^{10}$ cm
<b>HD209458<sup>a</sup></b>	4 – 7	0.00(2)	0.0462(20)	1460(120)	0.69(2)	1.02(9)
<b>OGLE-56<sup>b</sup></b>	2 – 4	0.0(3)	0.0225(4)	1990(140)	1.45(23)	0.88(11)
<b>OGLE-113<sup>c</sup></b>	?	0.14(14)	0.0228(6)	1330(80)	0.765(25)	0.77 <sup>(+5)</sup> <sub>(-4)</sub>
<b>OGLE-132<sup>d</sup></b>	0 – 1.4	0.43(18)	0.0307(5)	2110(150)	1.19(13)	0.81(6)
<b>OGLE-111<sup>e</sup></b>	?	0.12(28)	0.0470(10)	1040(160)	0.53(11)	0.71 <sup>(+9)</sup> <sub>(-4)</sub>
<b>TrES-1<sup>f</sup></b>	?	0.00(4)	0.0393(11)	1180(140)	0.75(7)	0.77(4)
<b>HD149026</b>	2.0(8)	0.36(5)	0.042	1740	0.36(3)	0.52(4)

# HD1492026b on a M-R diagram

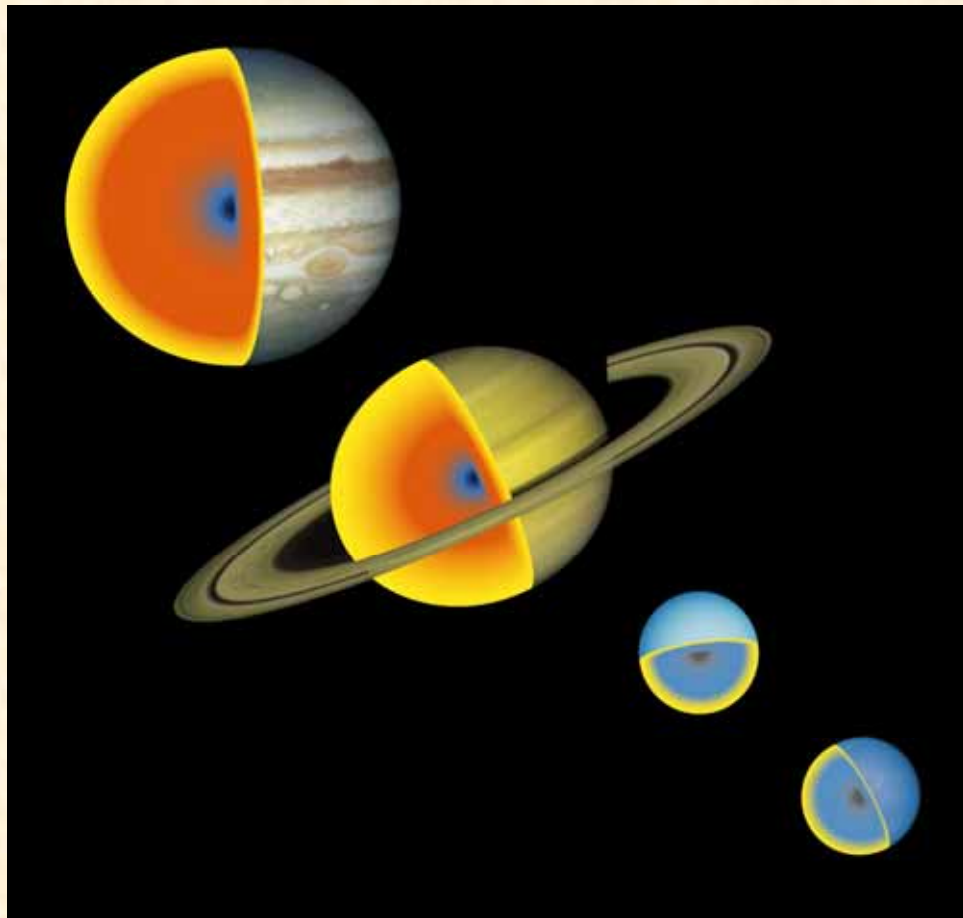




# HD1492026b's evolution

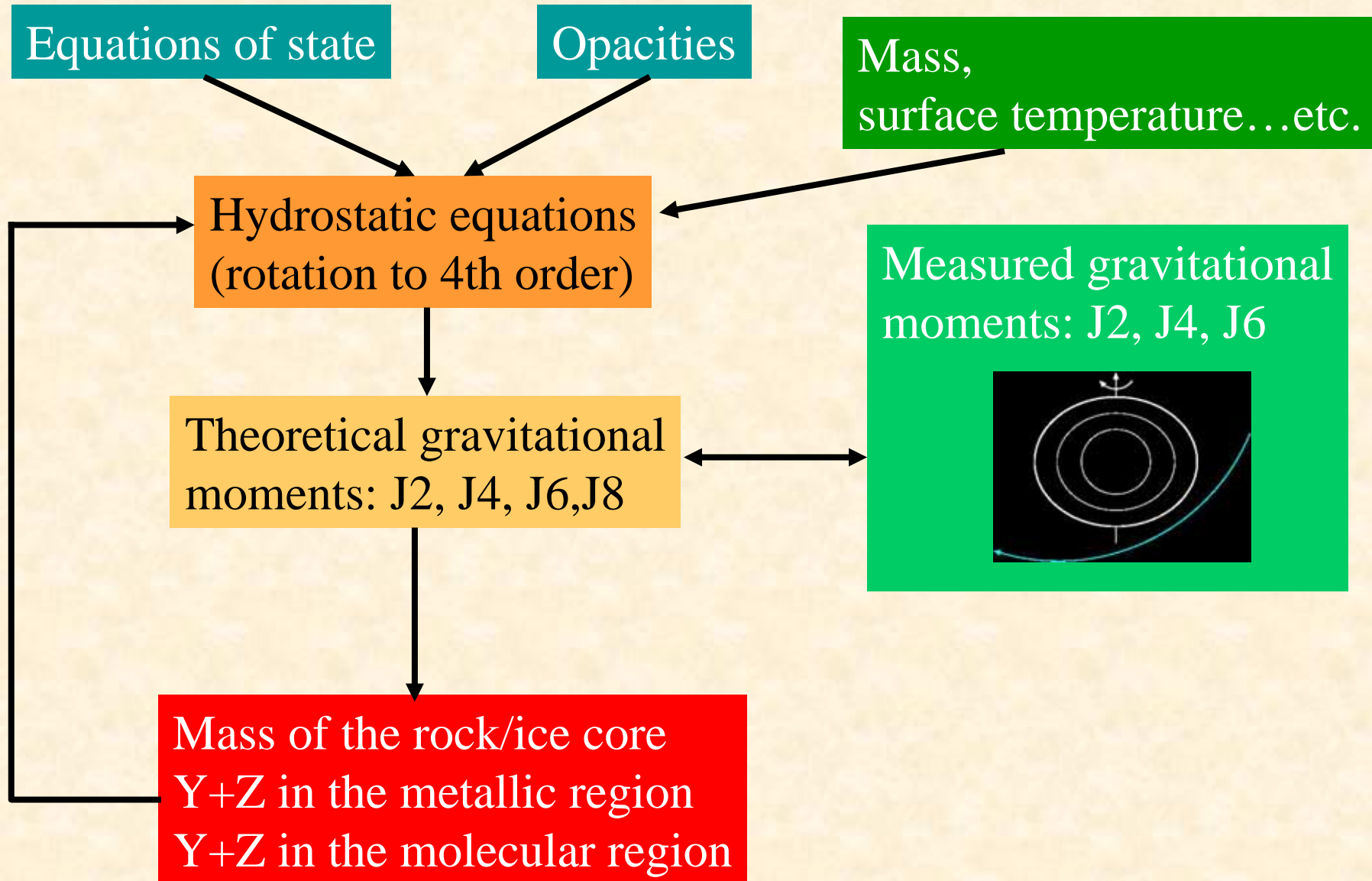




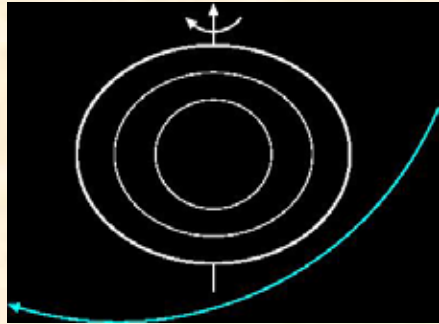


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# Interior models: principles



# Constraints from rotation

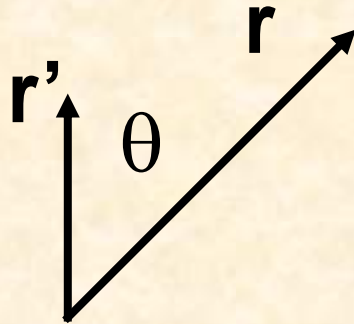


Measured: external gravity potential

$$V_{ext} = \frac{GM}{r} \left[ 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{a}{r} \right)^{2n} J_{2n} P_{2n}(\cos \theta) \right]$$

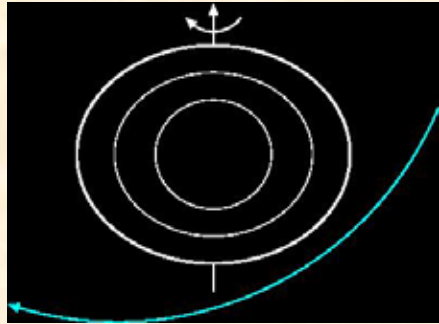
$$\frac{\nabla P}{\rho} = \nabla V - \Omega \times (\Omega \times \mathbf{r})$$

$$V = G \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3 \mathbf{r}'$$



$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{r} \sum \left( \frac{r'}{r} \right)^n P_n(\cos \theta) & \text{if } r > r' \\ \frac{1}{r} \sum \left( \frac{r'}{r} \right)^{-n-1} P_n(\cos \theta) & \text{if } r < r' \end{cases}$$

## Constraints from rotation



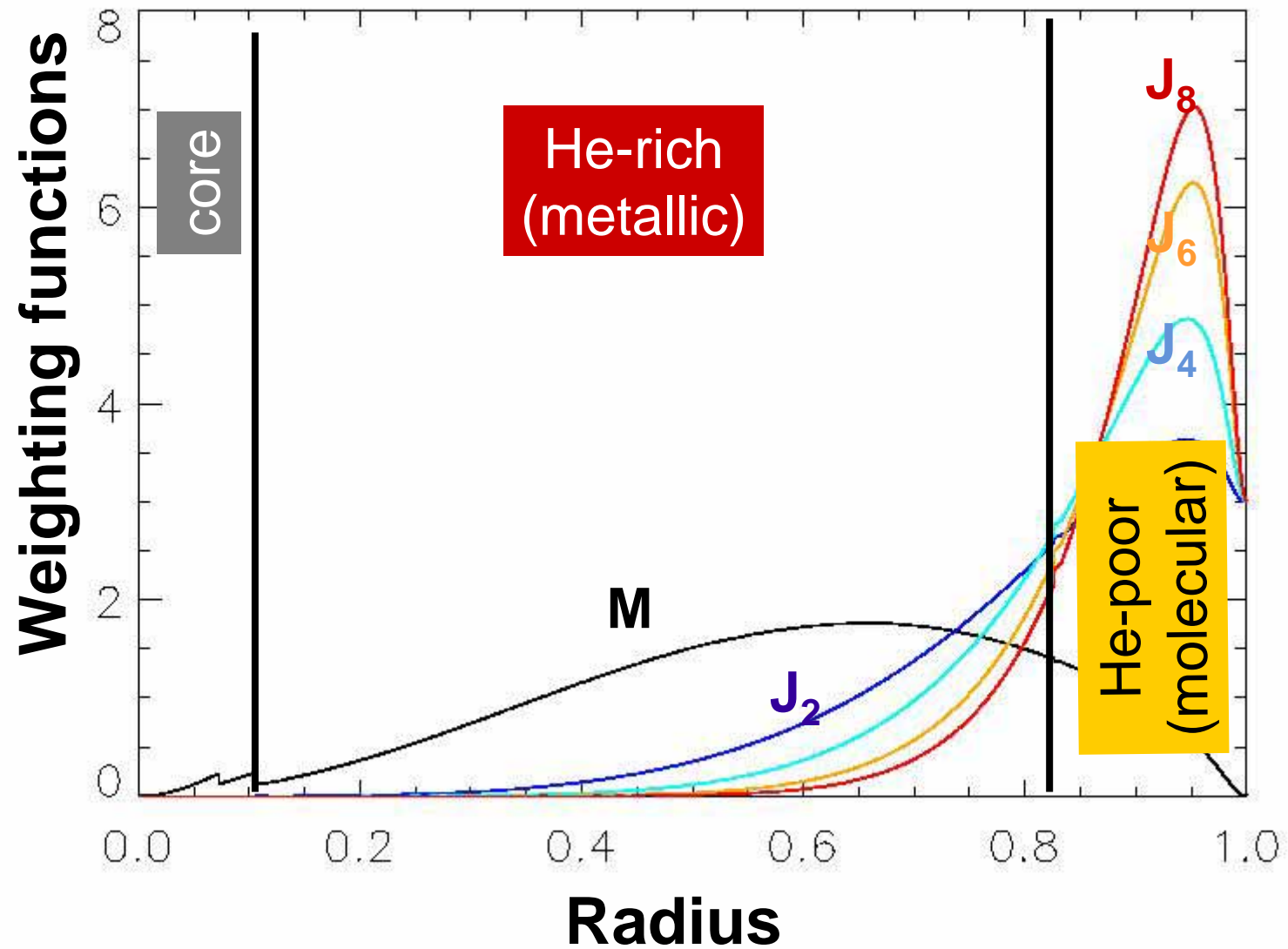
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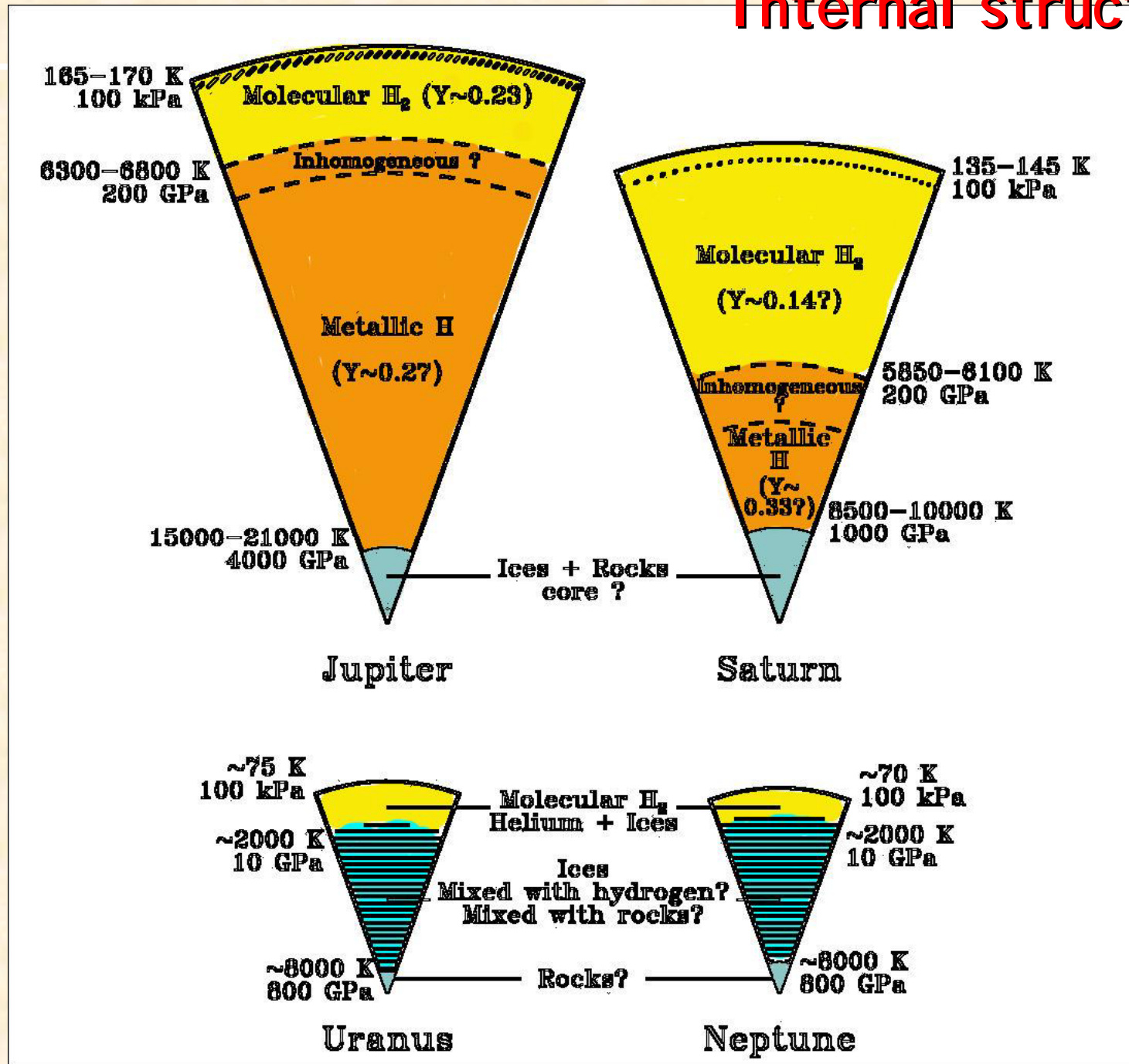
$$V_{ext} = \frac{G}{r} \sum r'^{-2n} \int \rho r'^{2n} P_{2n}(\cos \theta) d^3 r'$$

$$J_{2n} = - \frac{1}{Ma^{2n}} \int \rho r'^{2n} P_{2n}(\cos \theta) d^3 r'$$

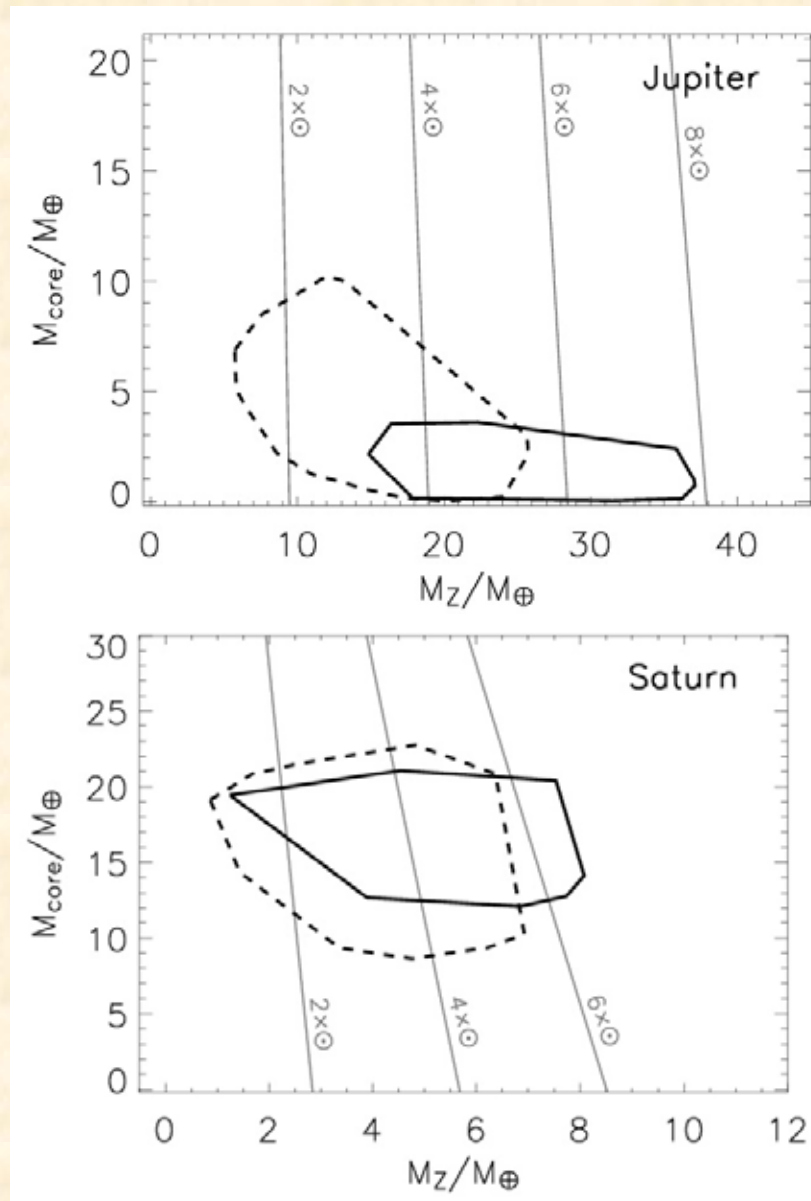
# Constraints from gravity



# Internal structures



# Jupiter & Saturn: $M_{\text{core}}$ vs. $M_Z$

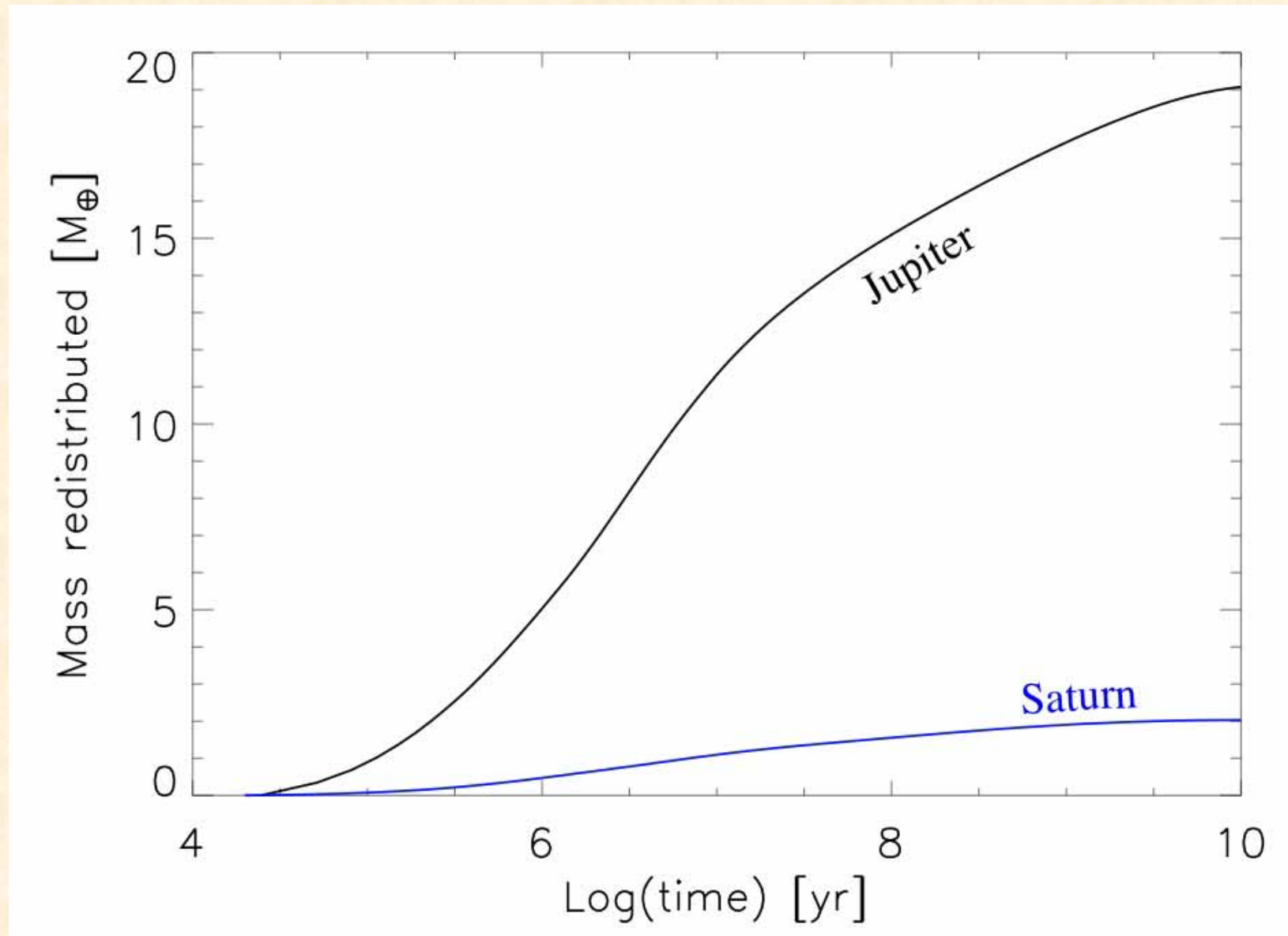


- Jupiter:
  - large uncertainties
  - small core (possible =0)
  - H/He phase separation?
- Saturn
  - tighter constraints
  - helium abundance?
  - H/He phase separation?

Saumon & Guillot, ApJ (2004)



## Erosion: a possible explanation for Jupiter's small core



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**Conclusions**

# Future prospects

- The structure of giant planets remains mysterious
  - Global composition? Core size?
  - Internal rotation, meteorology?
  - Magnetic fields?
  - Cooling?
- Their formation is very fuzzy
  - Scenario?
  - Timing?
  - Location?
- A wealth of data awaits us...
  - Continuing ground base measurements
  - Spitzer, HST observations of transiting planets
  - COROT (2006), Kepler (2008) => 10-100's of transiting planets
  - Cassini + extended(?): Saturn's gravity field
  - Juno: a Jupiter orbiter to measure the deep abundance of water, differential rotation, heavy elements composition, magnetic field
  - Disk/planet formation connection