

# Exceptionally Large Transit Timing Variations in TOI-4504: A Tale of Resonance and Complexity

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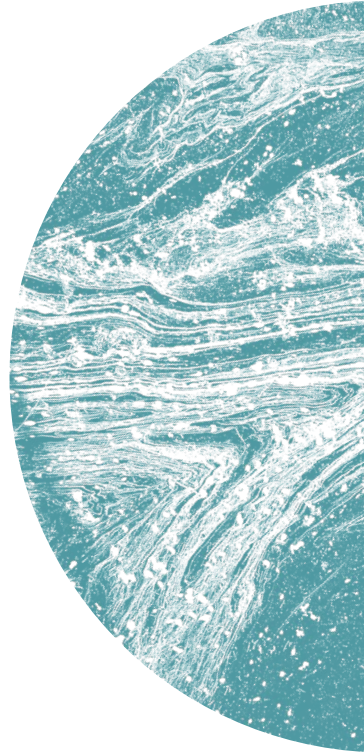
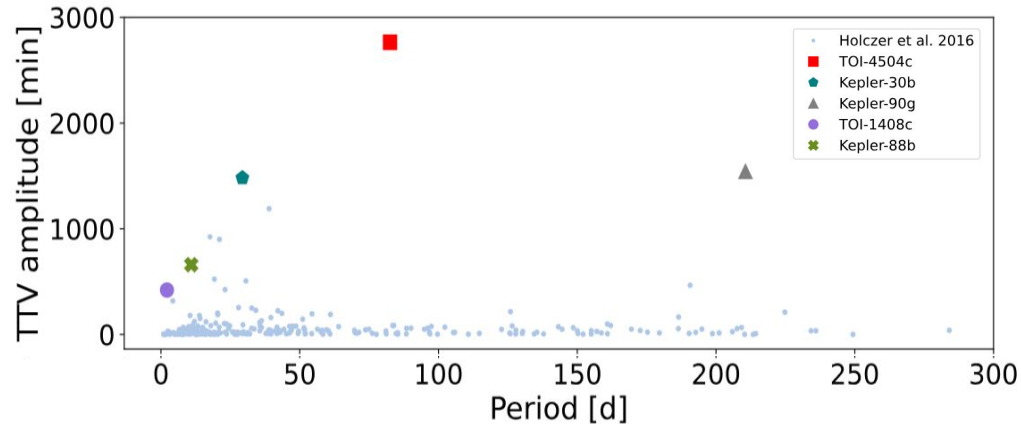


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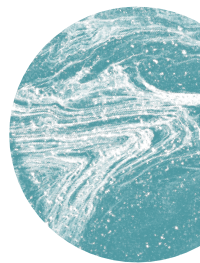
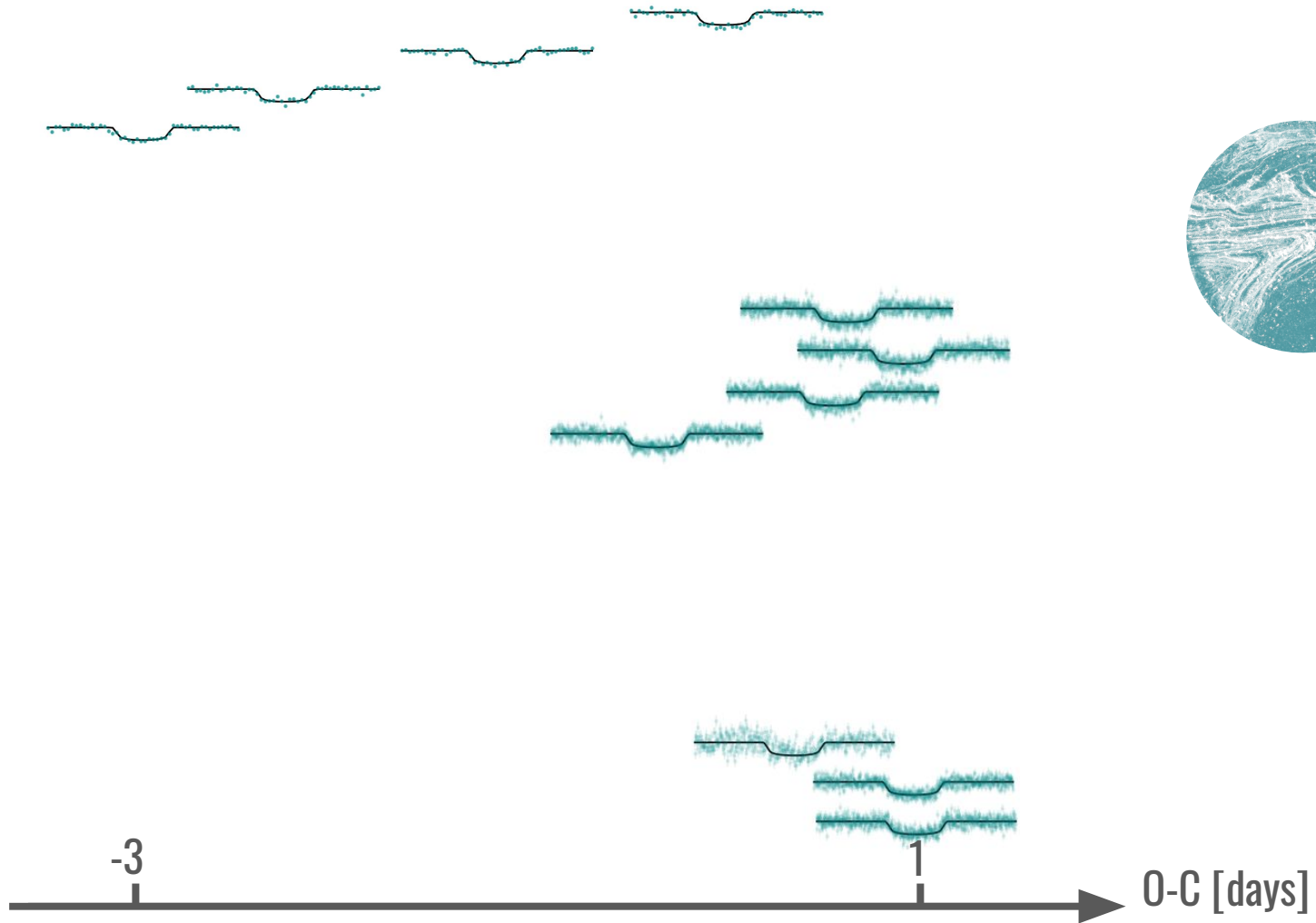
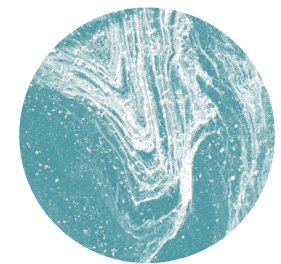
# Why TOI-4504 Matters: *Resonant Worlds & Extreme TTVs*

- TTVs reveal hidden planets and gravitational interactions
- Large TTVs signal strong planet–planet dynamics
- Resonant giant planets constrain migration and formation
- TOI-4504 c shows the largest TTV amplitude ever observed



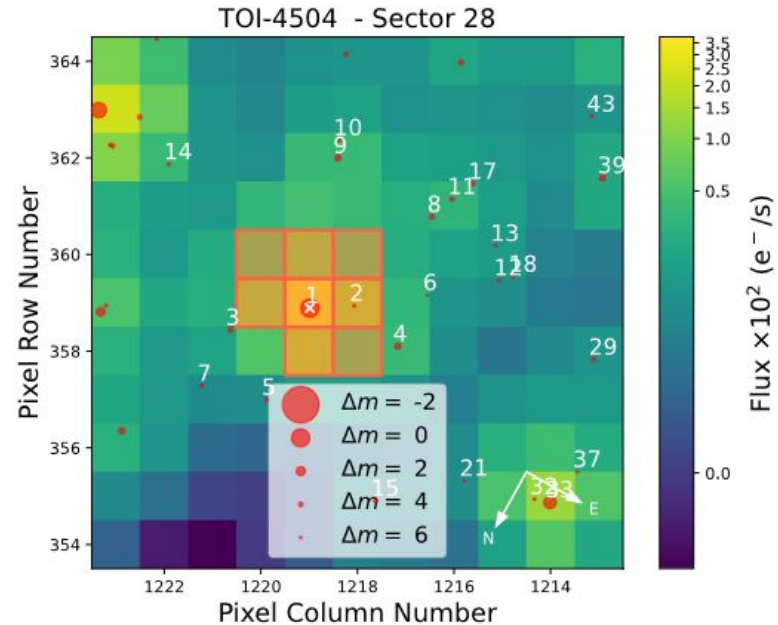
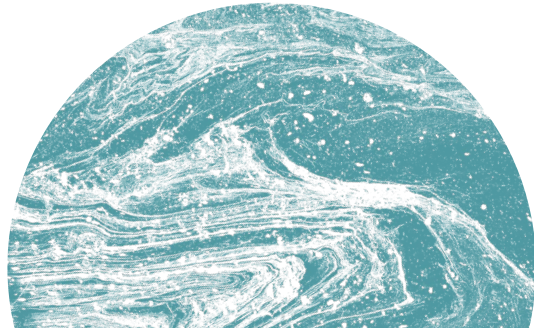


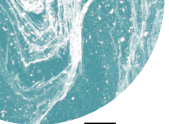
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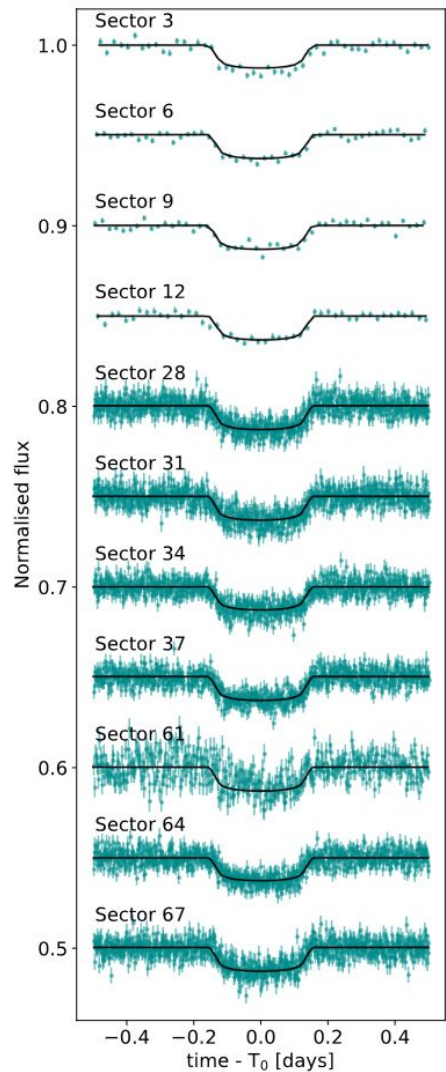
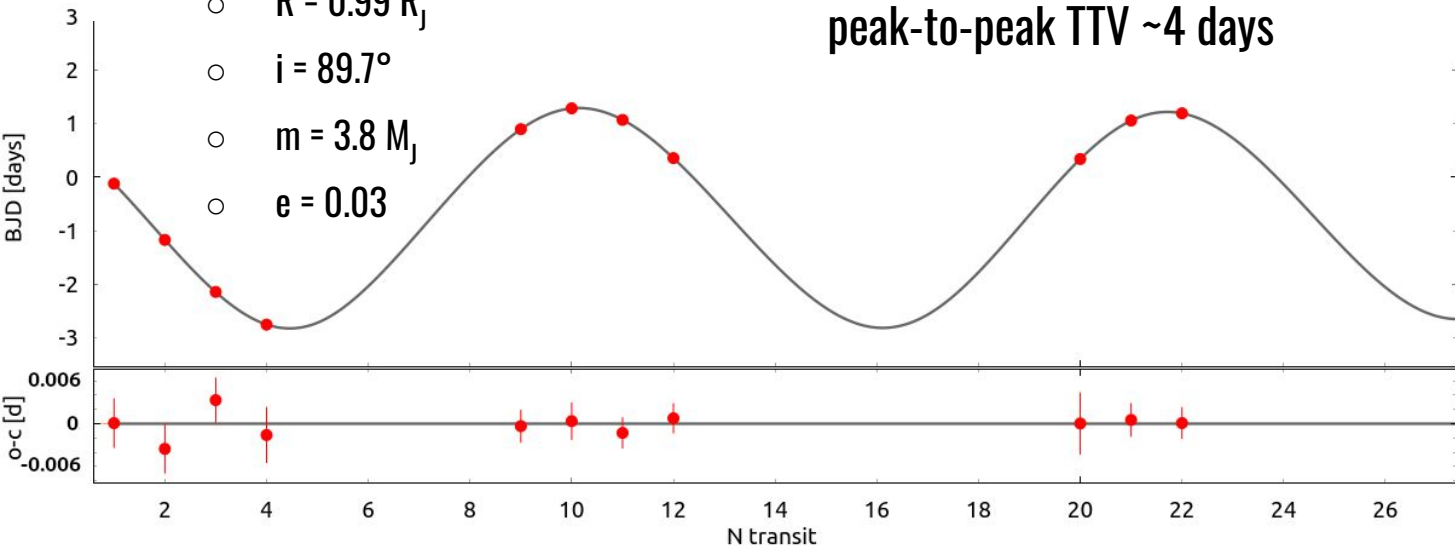
- Observed in 30-min and 2-min cadence
- Favourable position of the star in the TESS field (multiple sectors during first, third and fifth year of the mission) - 11 transits of planet c
- Transits of two planets (b & c)
- Large TTVs made ground-based transit observation of c complicated





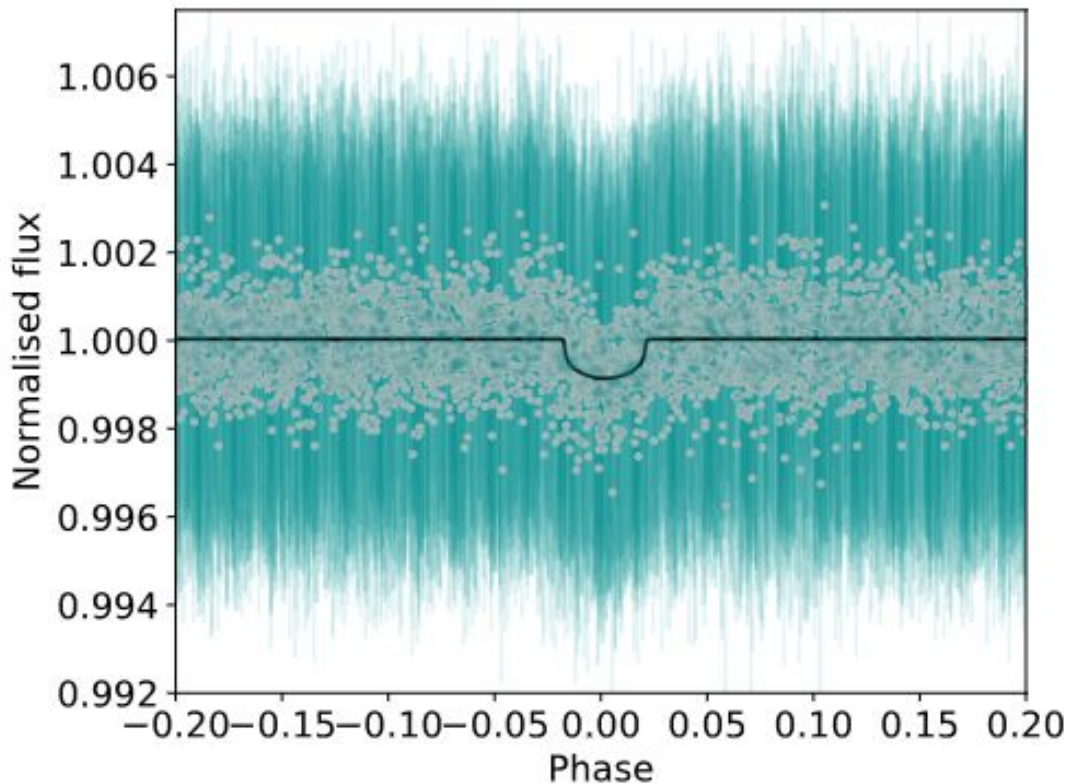
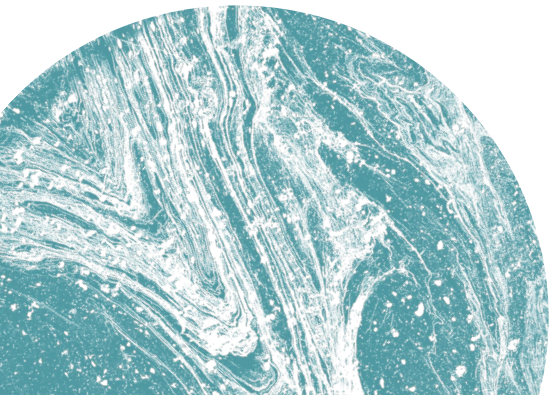
# Timing is Everything: *A 4-day swing reveals a hidden world*

- *Juliet* (Espinoza+ 2019)
- TOI-4504 c: warm Jupiter
  - $P = 82.972$  days
  - $R = 0.99 R_J$
  - $i = 89.7^\circ$
  - $m = 3.8 M_J$
  - $e = 0.03$
- TOI-4504 c: transit times show huge sinusoidal TTVs
- Superperiod  $\sim 930$  days, peak-to-peak TTV  $\sim 4$  days



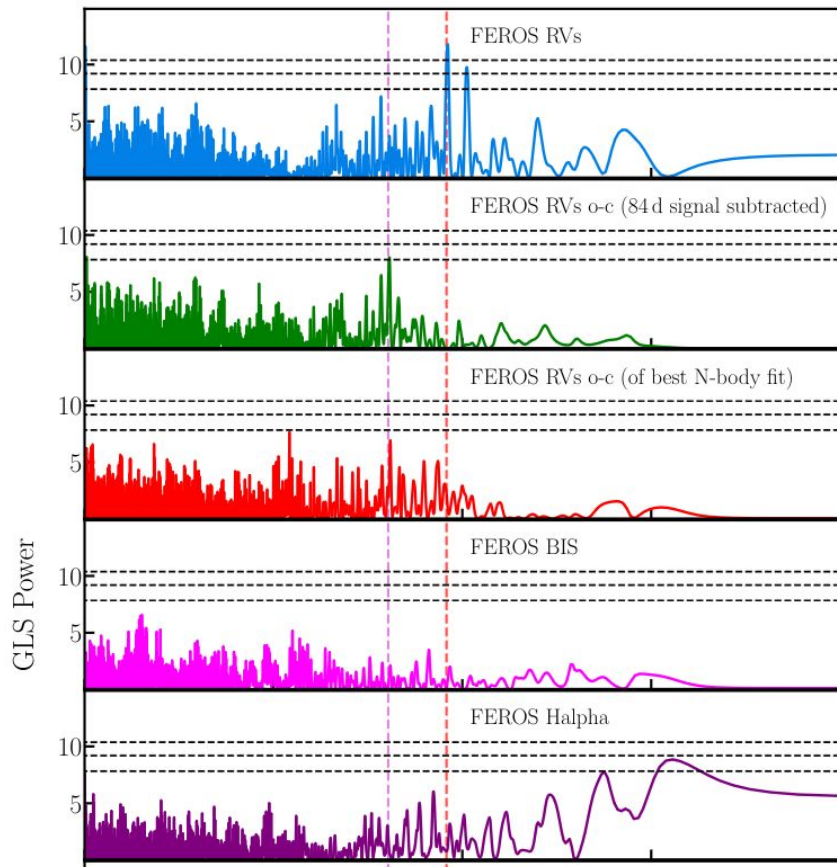
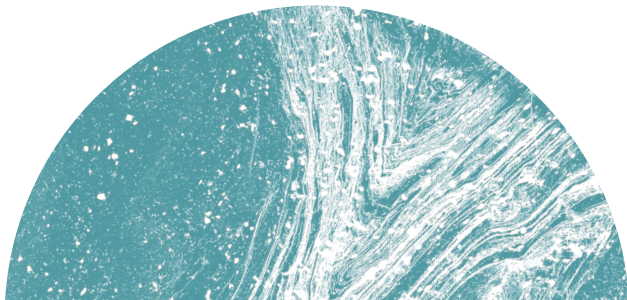
# Second signal in TESS lightcurve: *Another player in the game*

- *Juliet* (Espinoza+ 2019)
- TOI-4504 b: sub-Neptune
  - $P = 2.4261$  days
  - $R = 2.69 R_{\oplus}$
  - $i = 87.4^{\circ}$



# Chasing Signals with FEROS: *Confirming the giants, revealing the unseen*

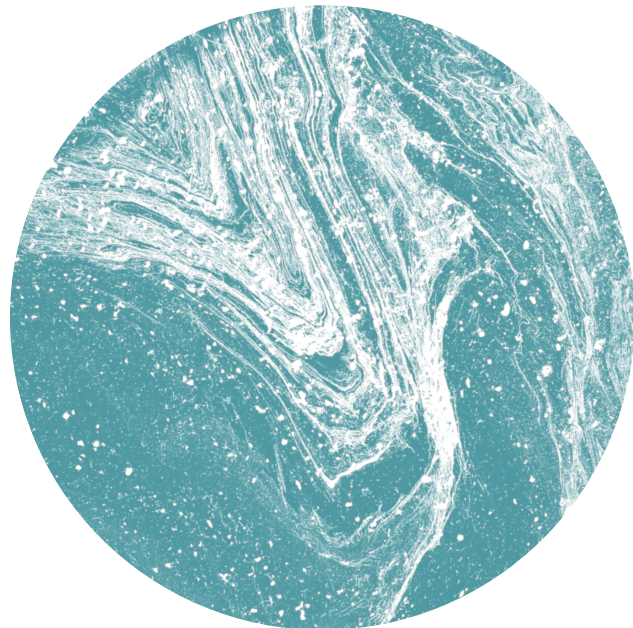
- 39 RVs with FEROS (La Silla), S/N ~40
- Strong 84-day signal from TOI-4504 c
- Weaker ~41-day signal consistent with TOI-4504 d
- No strong stellar activity periodicities
- Remaining jitter in RV ~ 100 m/s



# Know Your Planets Like You Know Your Star: *Exoplanet Exploration*

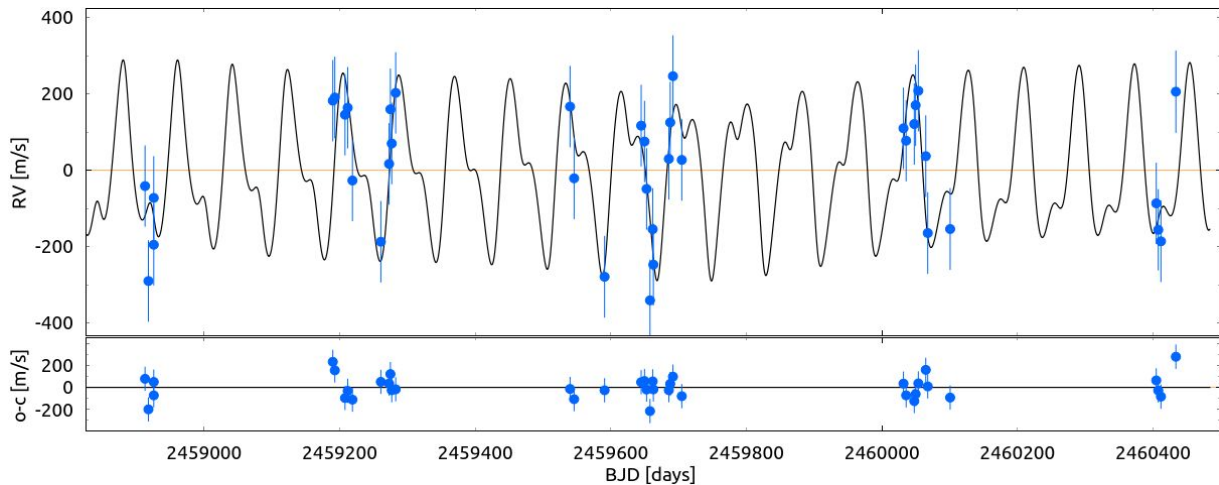
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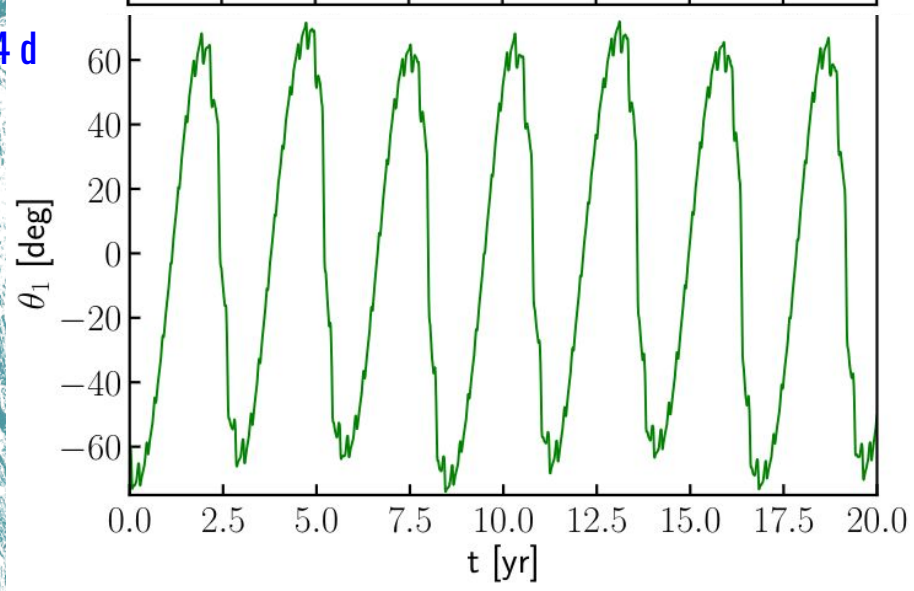
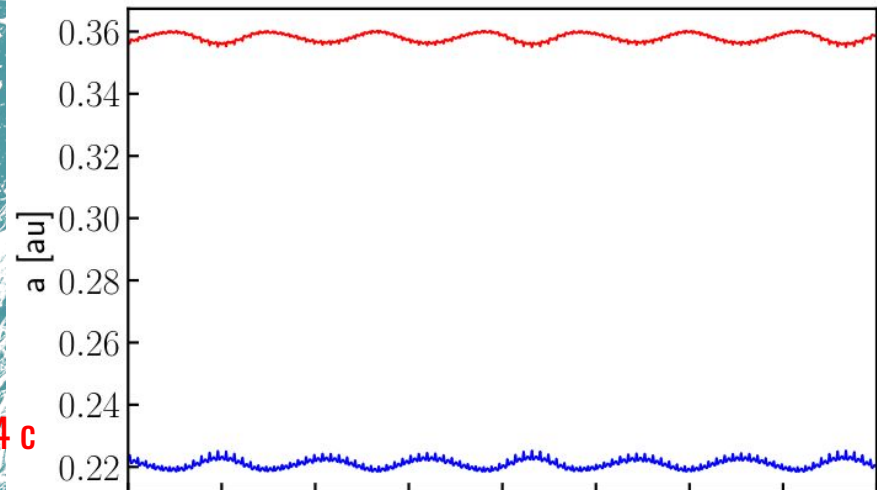
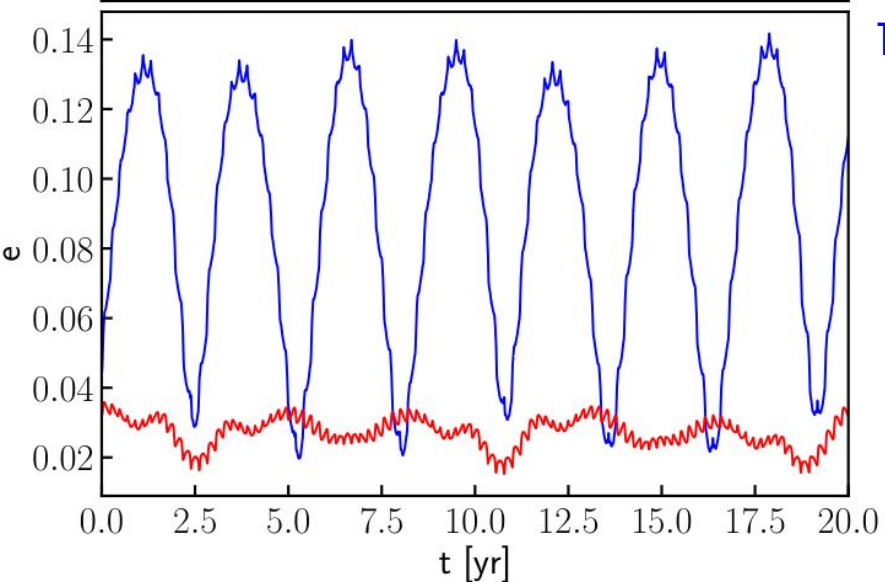
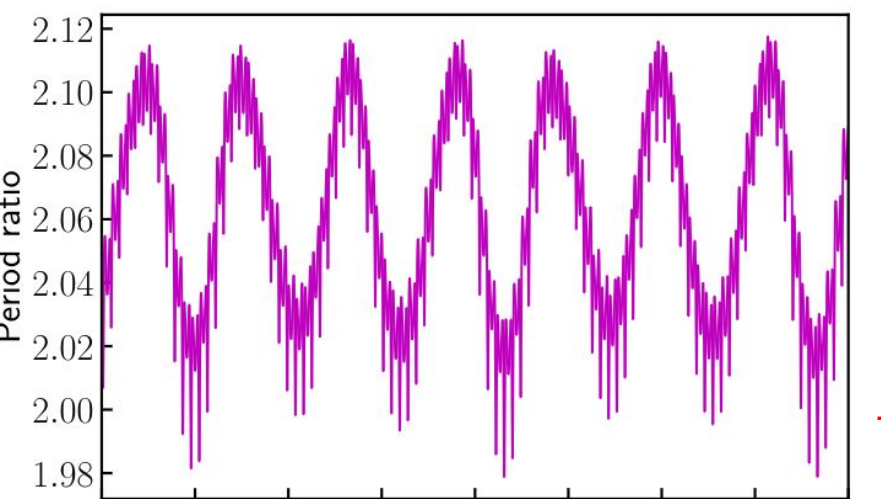
- ZASPE (Brahm+ 2017b)
- Spectral type K1V
- $V = 13.4$  mag
- $T_{\text{eff}}: 5315 \pm 60$  K
- $R_*: 0.92 \pm 0.04 R_{\text{sun}}$
- $M_*: 0.89 \pm 0.05 M_{\text{sun}}$
- $L_*: 0.62 \pm 0.03 L_{\text{sun}}$
- $\rho_*: 1607 \pm 79 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$
- $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]: 0.16 \pm 0.05$  dex
- $v \text{ sini}: 1.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
- Age:  $10.0 \pm 3.3$  Gyr



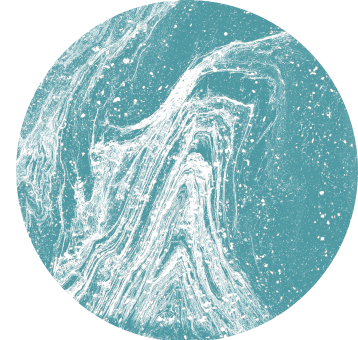
# Unmasking the Architect: *TTVs + RVs = The orbit of an invisible giant*

- *Exo-Striker* (Trifonov 2019)
  - Fit both RVs and TTVs jointly
  - Best-fit solution places d interior to c, in 2:1 MMR
  - Mutual inclination  $\sim 4.7^\circ$
- TOI-4504 d: warm Jupiter
    - $P = 40.6$  days
    - $i = 85^\circ$
    - $m = 1.4 M_J$
    - $e = 0.04$

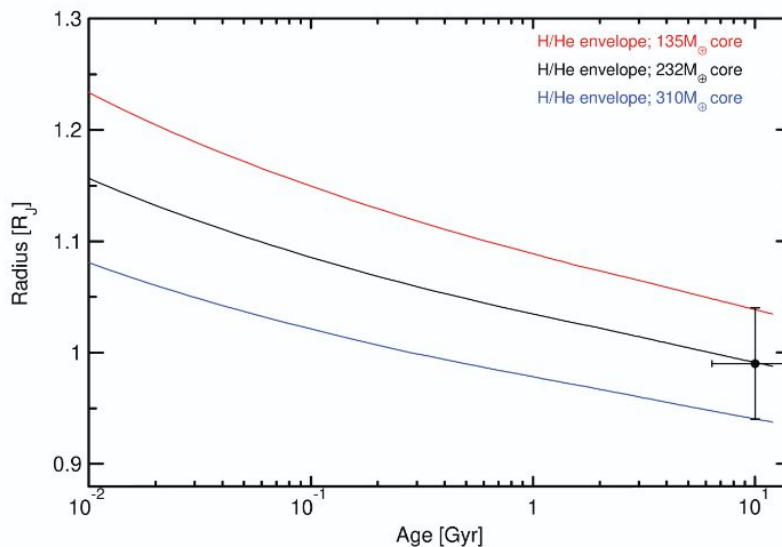




# What's Under the Clouds?: *Core-heavy, metal-rich*

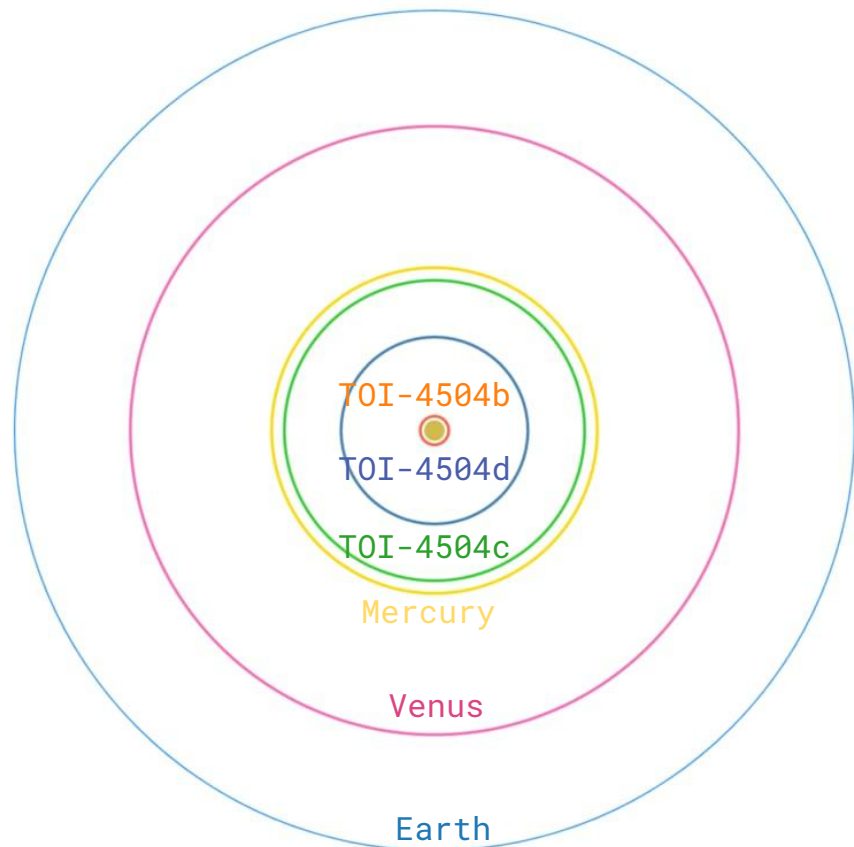
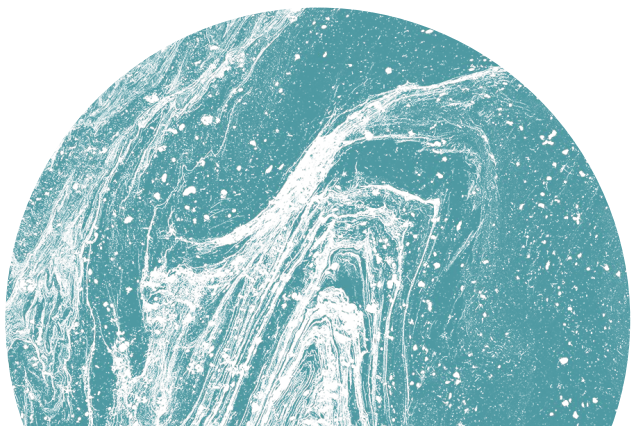


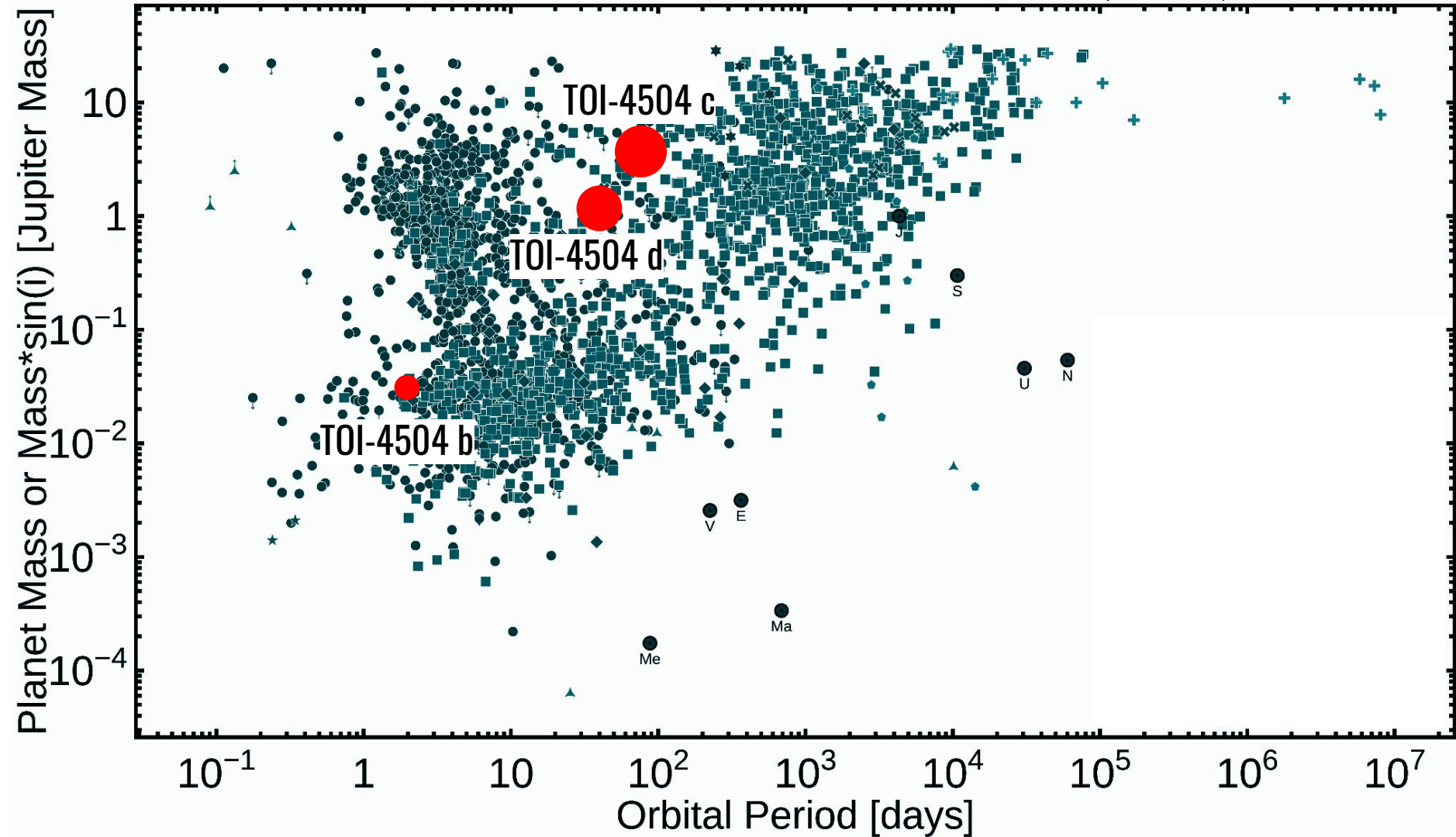
- Interior modeled with *MESA*
- Metallicity  $Z_p \approx 0.21 \rightarrow Z_p/Z_* \sim 10$
- Consistent with heavy-element-enriched warm Jupiter
- No significant inflation



# Three Planets, One Puzzle: *A hot sub-Neptune and two warm Jupiters in motion*

- TOI-4504 b: hot sub-Neptune ( $2.7 R_{\oplus}$ ,  $\sim 10 M_{\oplus}$ )
- TOI-4504 c: warm Jupiter ( $0.99 R_{J}$ ,  $3.77 M_{J}$ )
- TOI-4504 d: warm, nontransiting Jupiter ( $1.42 M_{J}$ )
- c & d in 2:1 mean-motion resonance (MMR)





# **What We've Learned:** *A dynamically rich system that rewrites the TTV record books*

- Resonant pair of warm Jupiters + hot sub-Neptune
- Largest TTVs ever observed
- Joint TTV+RV modeling to derive masses
- Demonstrates the power of multi-method exoplanet discovery

# What's Next for TOI-4504?: *From RV precision to JWST atmospheres and new TESS data*

- Continue RV monitoring (planet b mass, long-term trends)
- TOI-4504 b: TSM ~20, excellent JWST target
- Focus more on the dynamics of the resonant duo, photodynamical model
- New TESS data reveal something ...

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