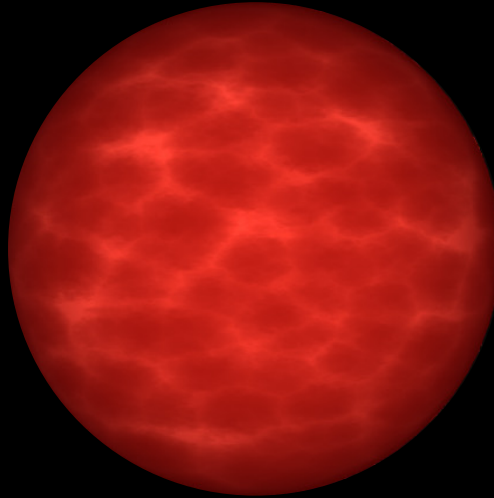
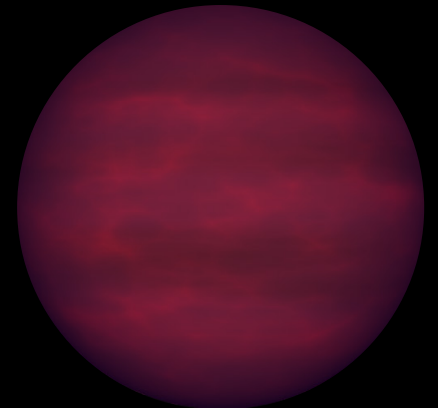


This is a Title Slide That  
Hopefully Isn't Terrible

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# Don't: Make "Your Mom" Jokes

Unless the faculty aren't around.

(But seriously, opening with a joke isn't bad. Only if you can pull it off.)

# Do: Keep to Time

People are coming into your talk  
with a limited attention span.

# Do: Label/Explain Axes

Labeling is always important.

Explaining: (1) slows you down;  
and (2) is essential for a general  
audiences

# Do: Dress Appropriately

You are probably not a genius.  
Therefore, you're not allowed to  
look like a slob.

# Don't: Number Slides

You're making me anxious.

(At *least* don't put the total.)

That LaTeX stuff drives me crazy,  
too. (Apologies to anyone here.)

# Do: Put Your Name on All Slides

Put it at the top. Especially important at conferences.

# Do: Make Your Citation Visible

Did you make/publish the plot  
you're showing?

Put your name on it. On the top.



# Do: Give an Appropriate Introduction

Specialist conference: Don't tell me what a transiting planet is.

Colloquium: Please remind me what you mean by “warm,” “hot” or “cold.”

# Don't: Use Color Unnecessarily

Color should be used with a purpose and consistently.

(Don't forget your color-blind brethren.)

# Don't: Use Titles Unnecessarily

It is the default in PowerPoint, but seriously, not every slide needs a title.

If your slide title is “Data Analysis” delete it.

# Do: Use Reveals

If you *must* show more than two lines on a plot, try to do it sequentially.

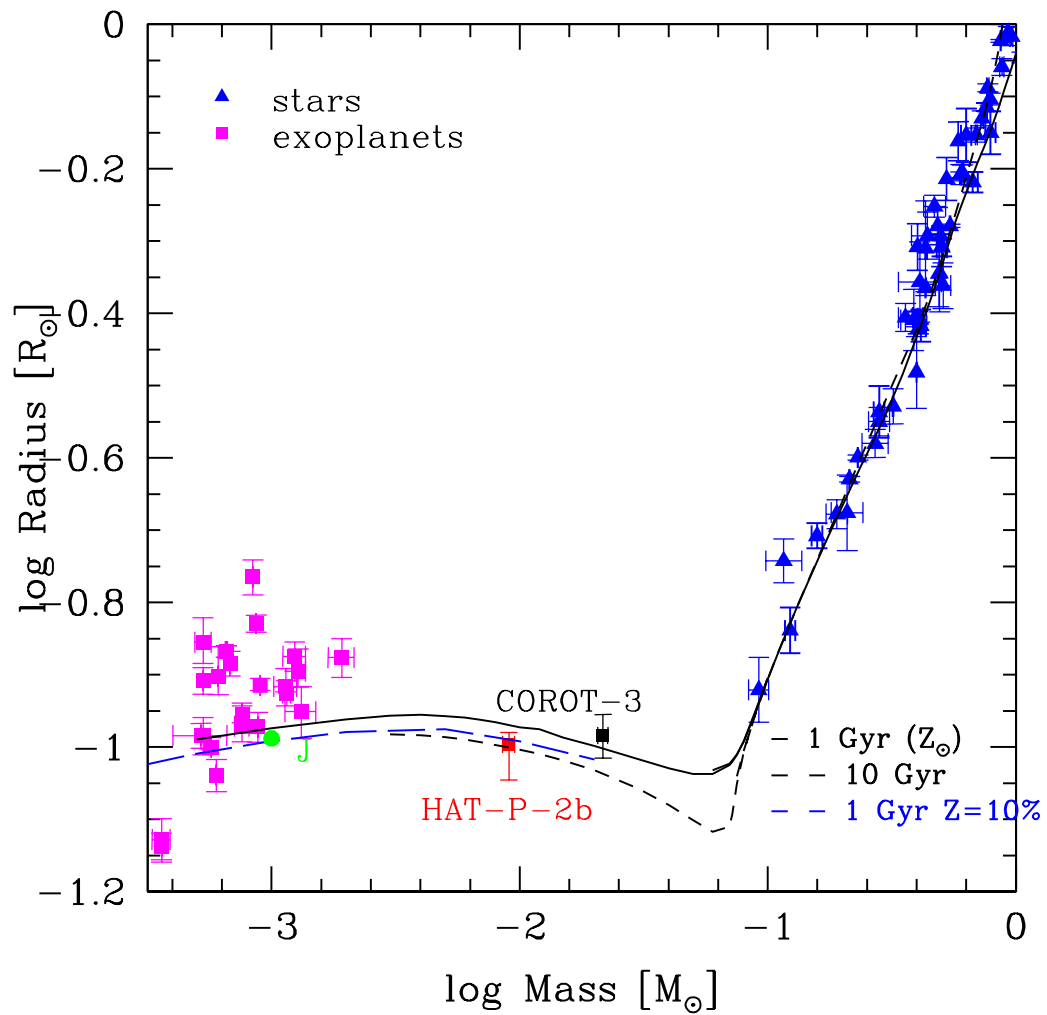
Never(?) show more than 2 or 3 important plots on one slide.

# Don't: Use Crappy Plots

Yes, it may be canonical, but it may also be crappy.

Use a cartoon if needed.

Or make it yourself if it's important.  
(Your future self will thank you.)



# Do: Rehearse

Especially important for grad students. I still do it.

Critical to keeping on time.

# Do: Sound Like You Care

If you're not interested in your talk,  
why should I be?

But avoid saying things like “and  
this is so cool because...”



# Do: Signal That You Are DONE

This is very, very important!

All you have to do is say “thanks.”

Do not trail off!!!