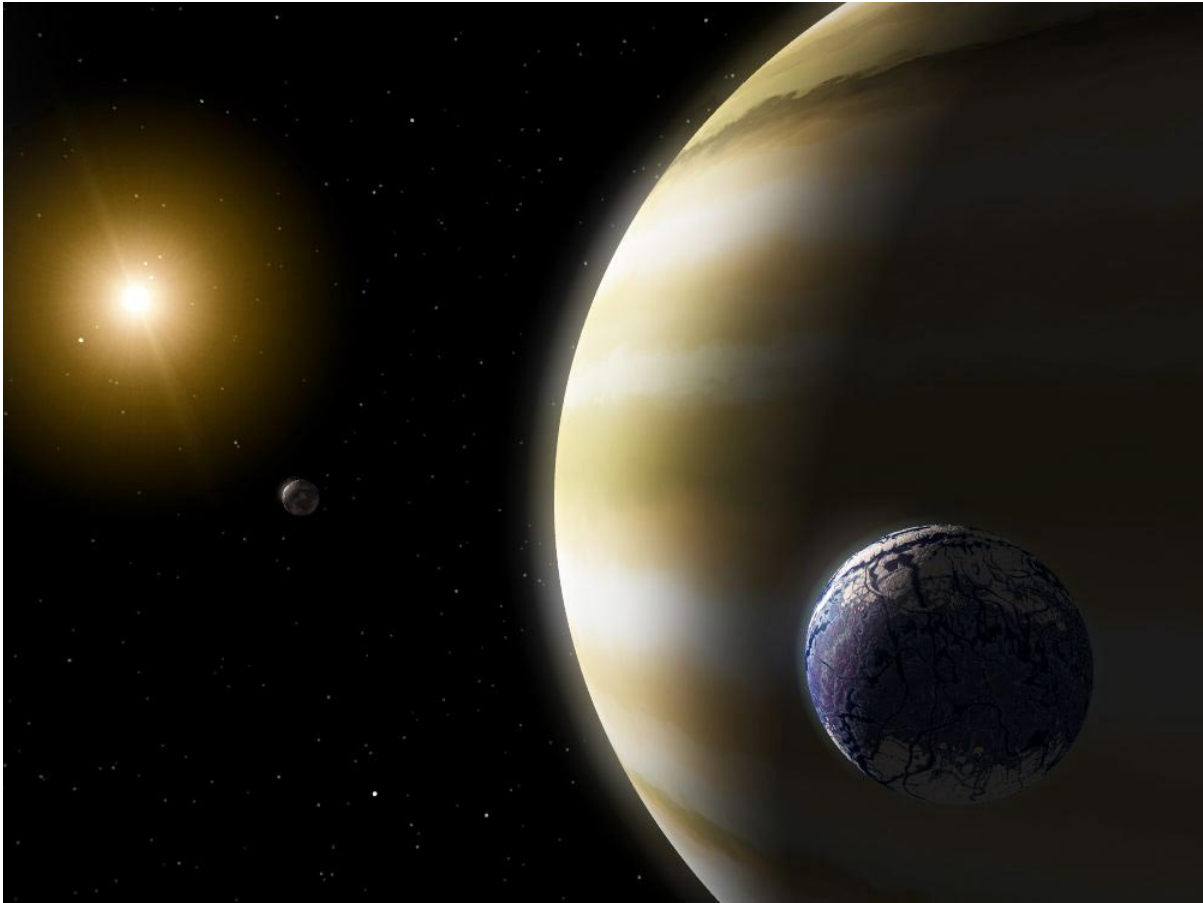


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Are there other planets orbiting other stars?

Yes. We have found evidence of **Extrasolar Planets** (or **Extra-Solar** ... 2 words). These are planets orbiting other stars outside our solar system, thus the term “Extrasolar.” Extrasolar planets are also called **Exoplanets**, the more-commonly used term.

Instead of calling these solar systems, they are called **Stellar Systems**. Why? Because the solar system is the proper name for our sun, its planets, satellites, asteroids, comets, debris, etc.

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