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CHANGING PARADIGMS IN PLANET FORMATION THEORY

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THE SOLAR SYSTEM

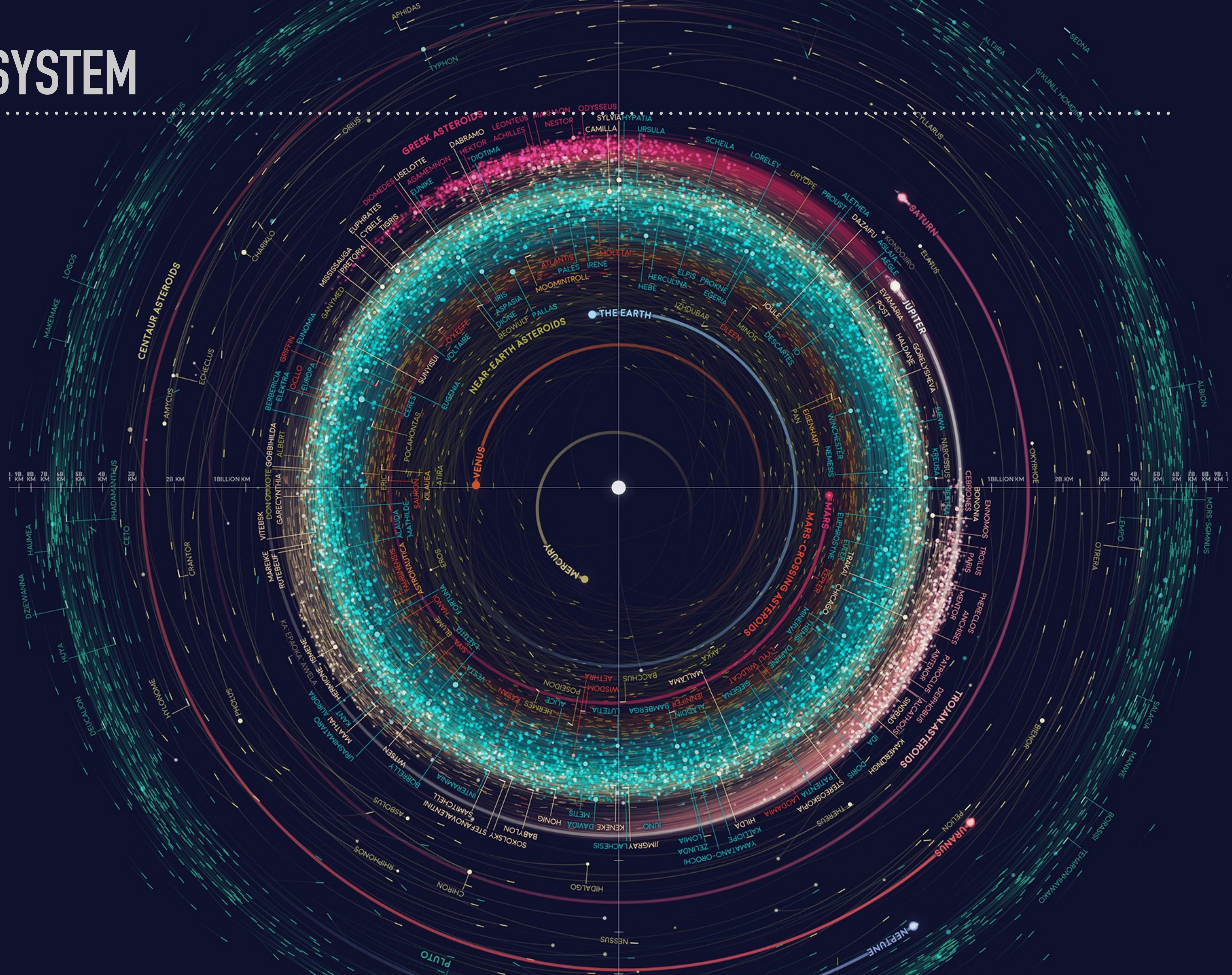
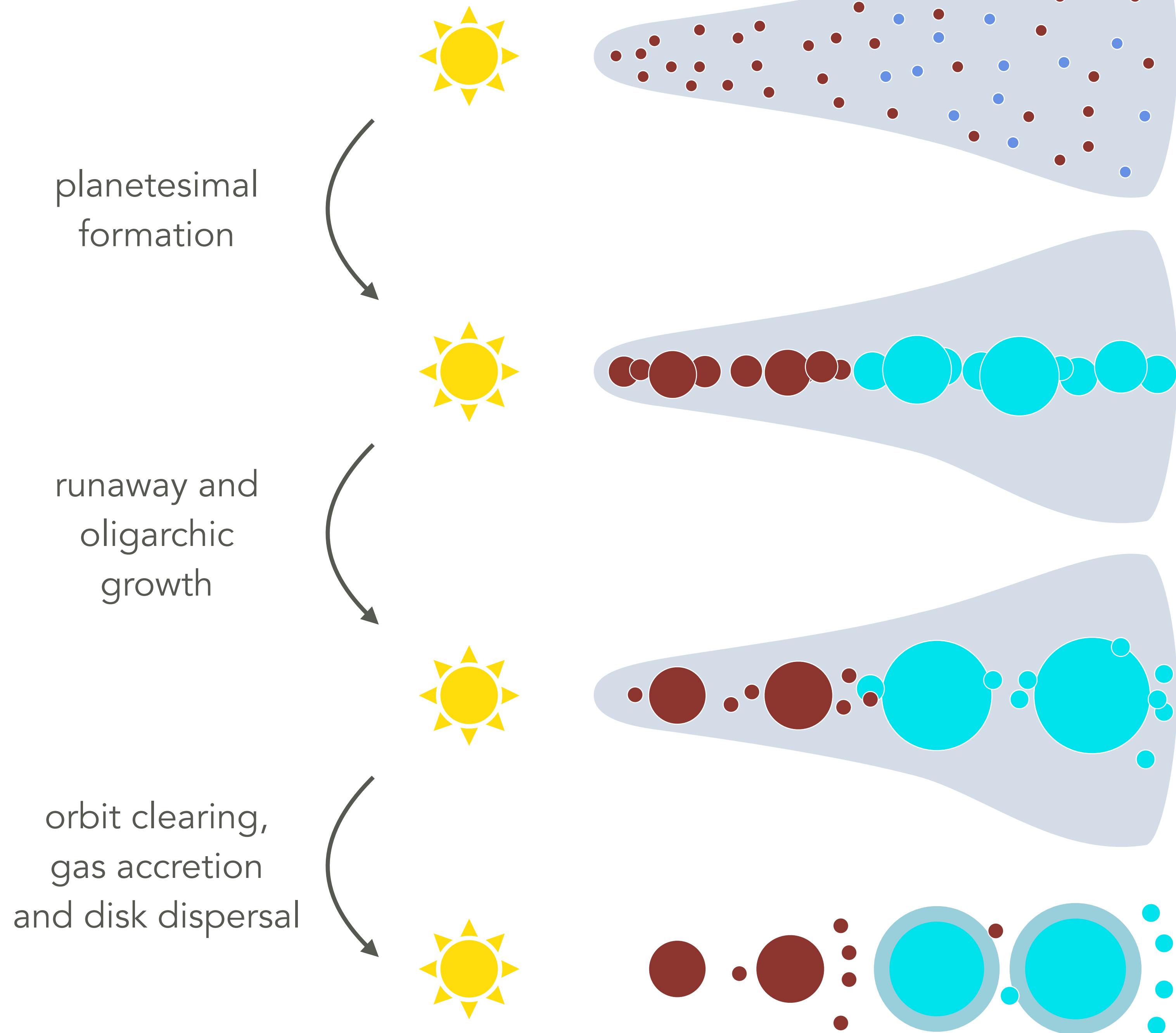


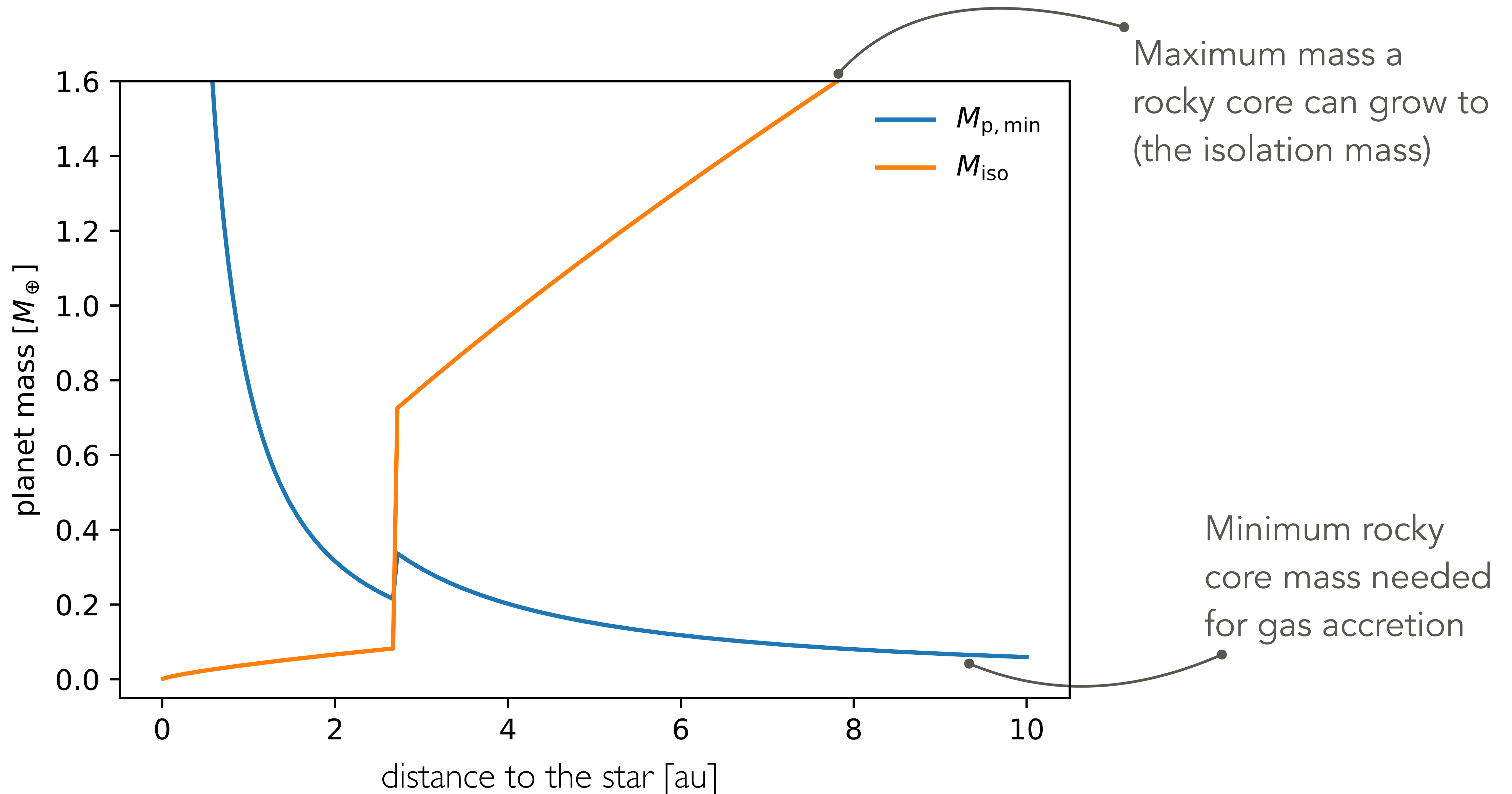
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THE CLASSICAL THEORY OF PLANET FORMATION

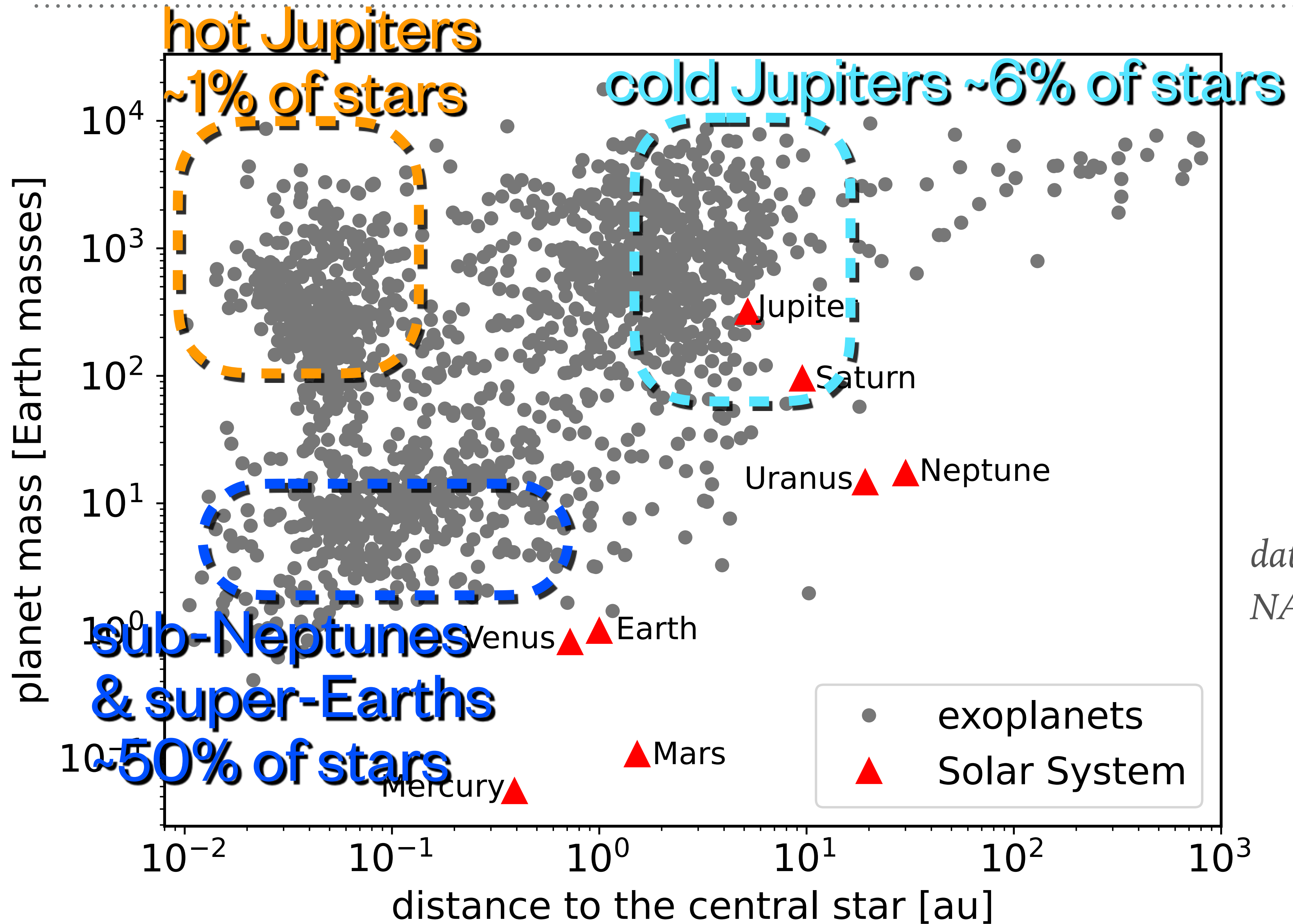


THE GAS-RICH PLANETS FORM OUTSIDE OF THE SNOW LINE

see, e.g., the book "Astrophysics of planet formation" by Armitage

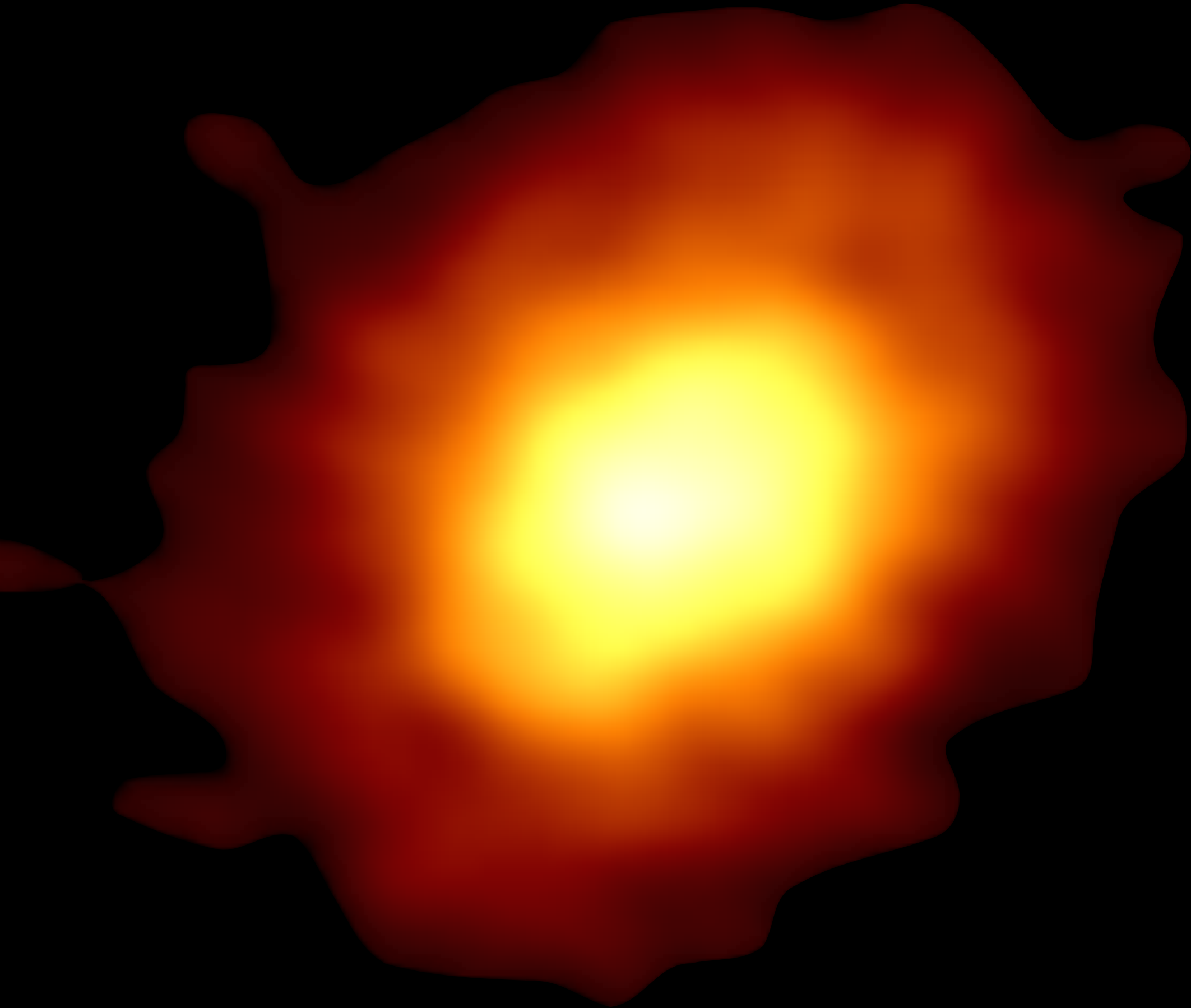


EXOPLANETS DIVERSITY: CLOSE-IN GAS-RICH PLANETS

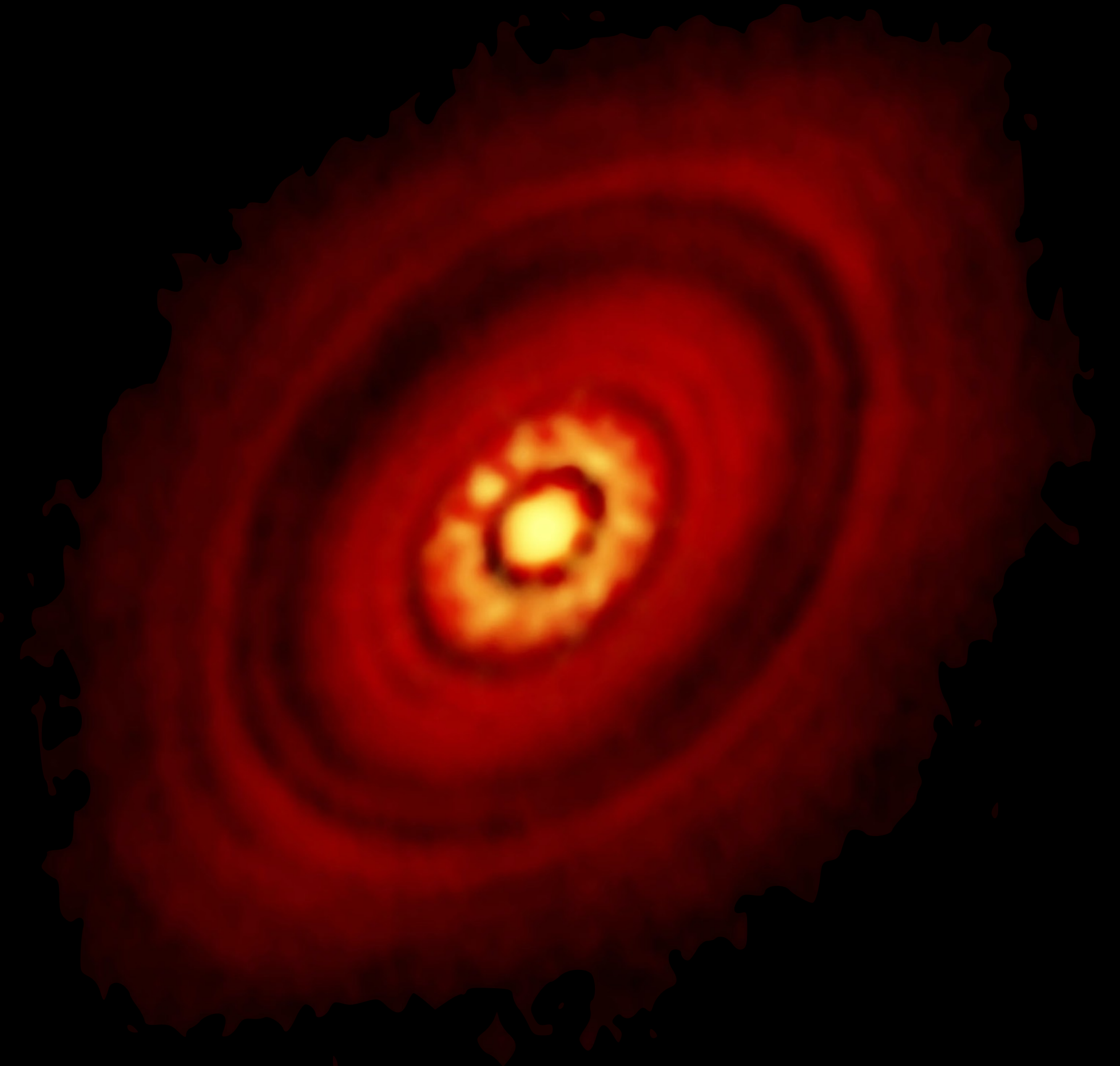
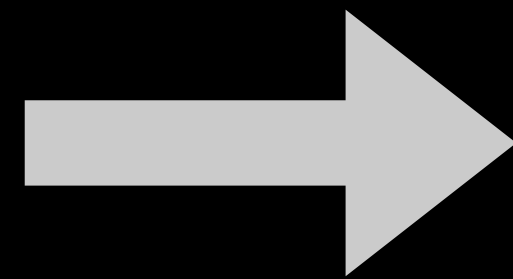


data source:
NASA Exoplanet Archive

THE ALMA REVOLUTION



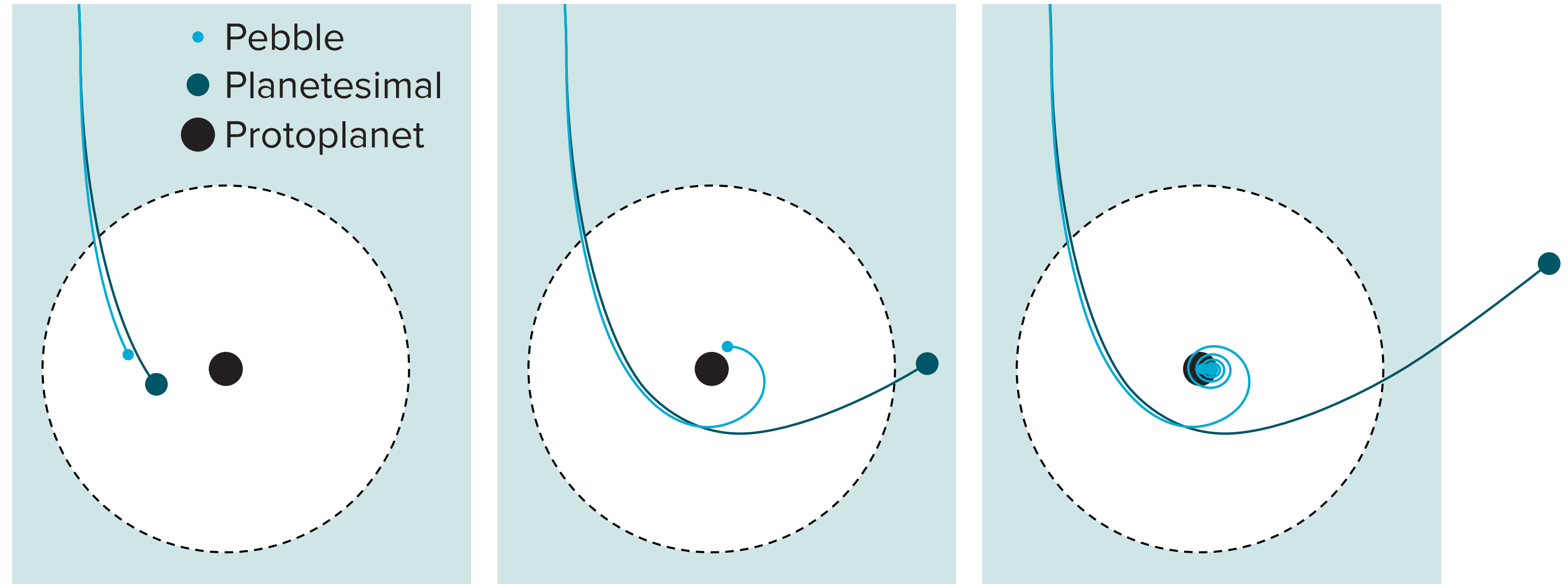
Kwon et al. 2011



ALMA Partnership 2014

THE EMERGING PARADIGM OF PEBBLE ACCRETION

→ gas drag helps the embryo to accrete pebbles



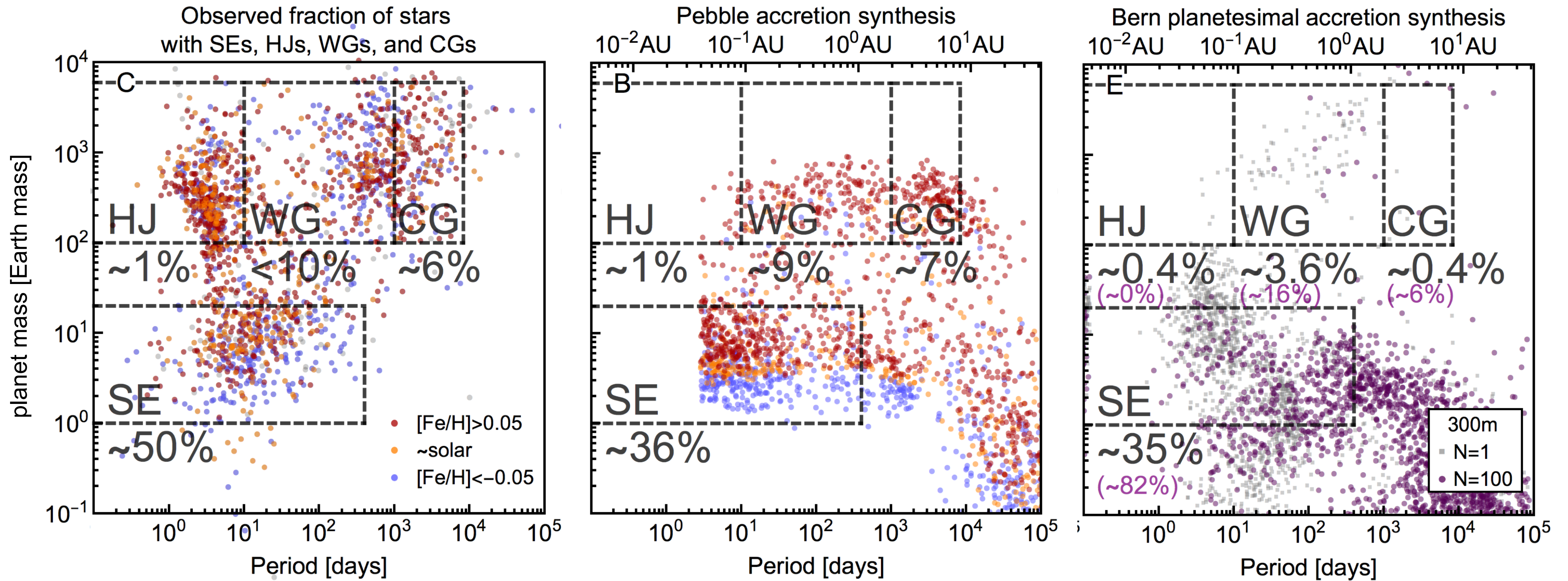
SOURCE: M. LAMBRECHTS & A. JOHANSEN

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→ the size of the feeding zone increases



PEBBLE ACCRETION GIVES BETTER FIT TO EXOPLANETS

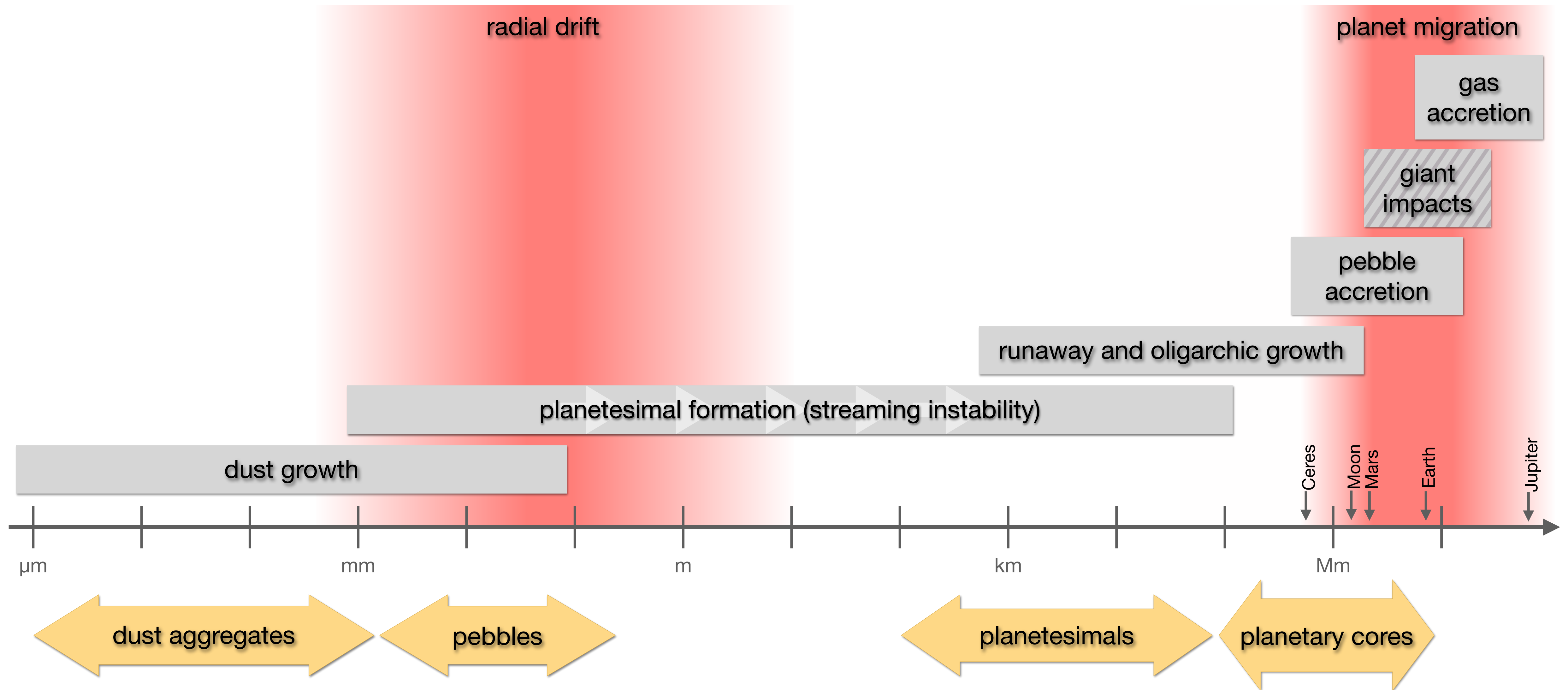


Drążkowska et al. PPVII chapter

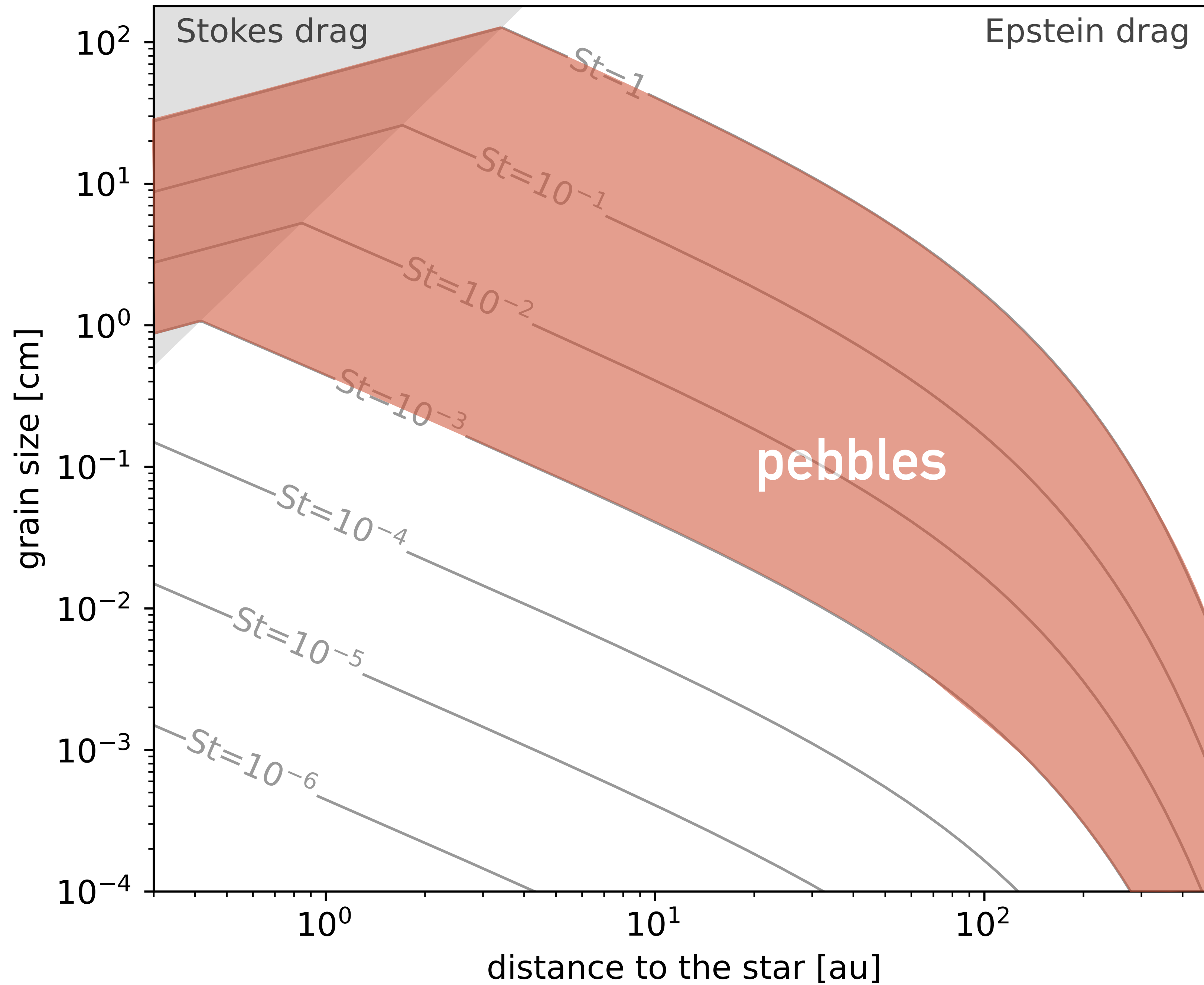
*pebble population synthesis model by
 Bertram Bitsch & Michiel Lambrechts*

*models from
 Emsenhuber et al. 2020*

WHERE DO THE PLANETARY CORES COME FROM?

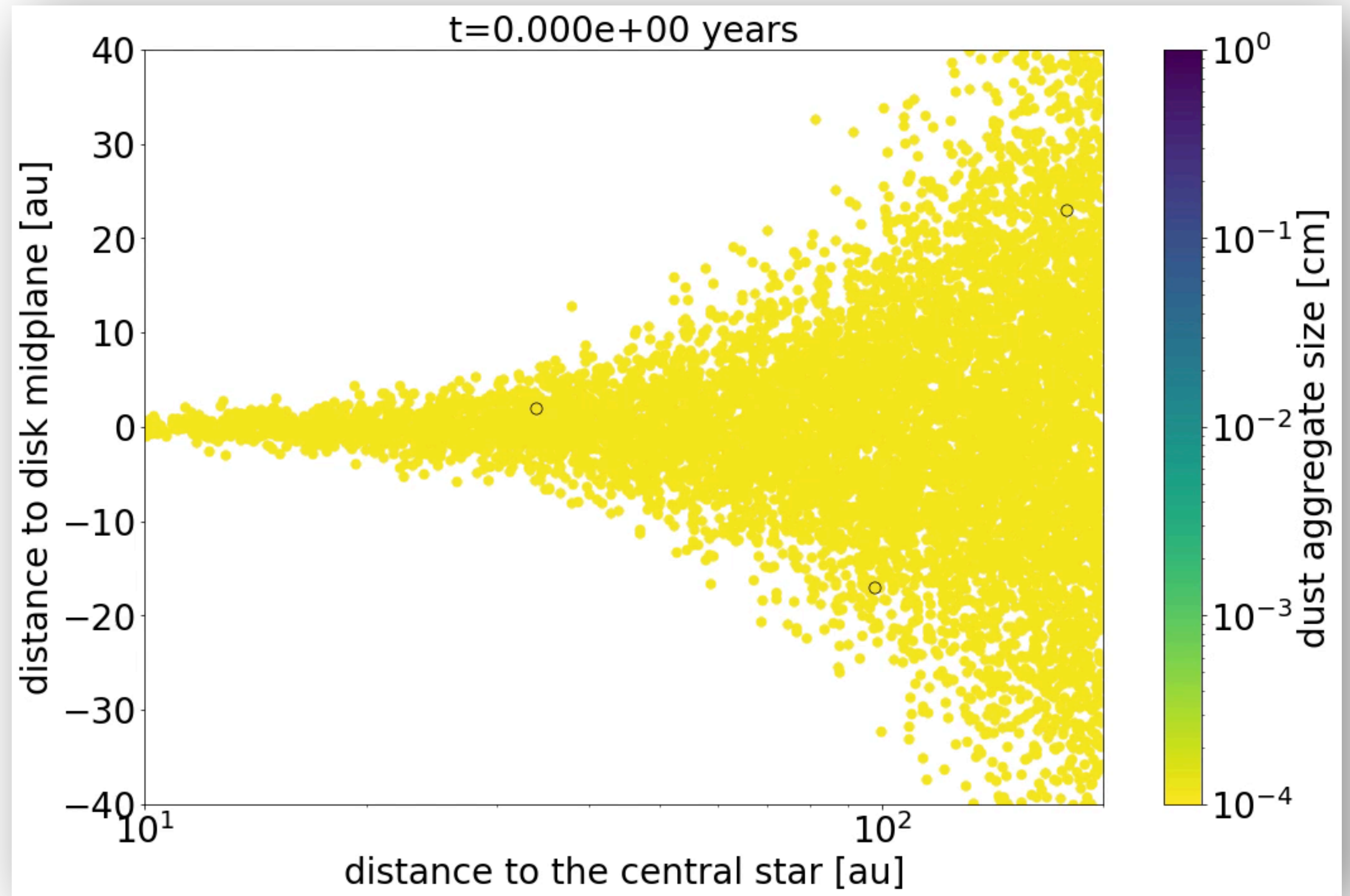


THE DEFINITION OF A PEBBLE



DUST COAGULATION MODELS

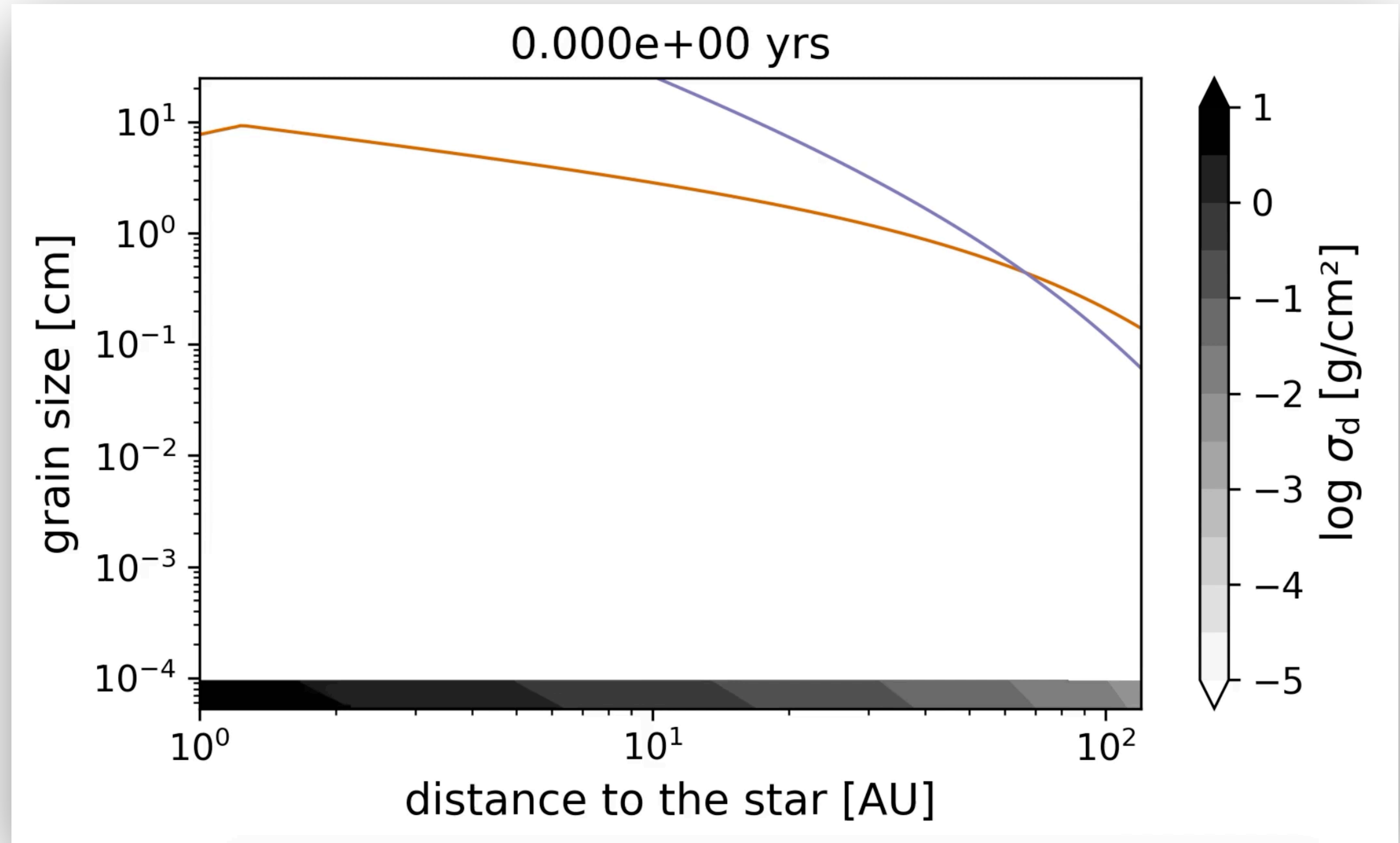
Monte Carlo algorithm with representative particle approach allows for following the evolution of individual particles.



made with the 2-D Monte Carlo code by [Drażkowska et al. 2013](#)

DUST COAGULATION MODELS

Codes using the fluid approach to dust dynamics and the **Smoluchowski equation solver** allow for long-term integration of a global disk.



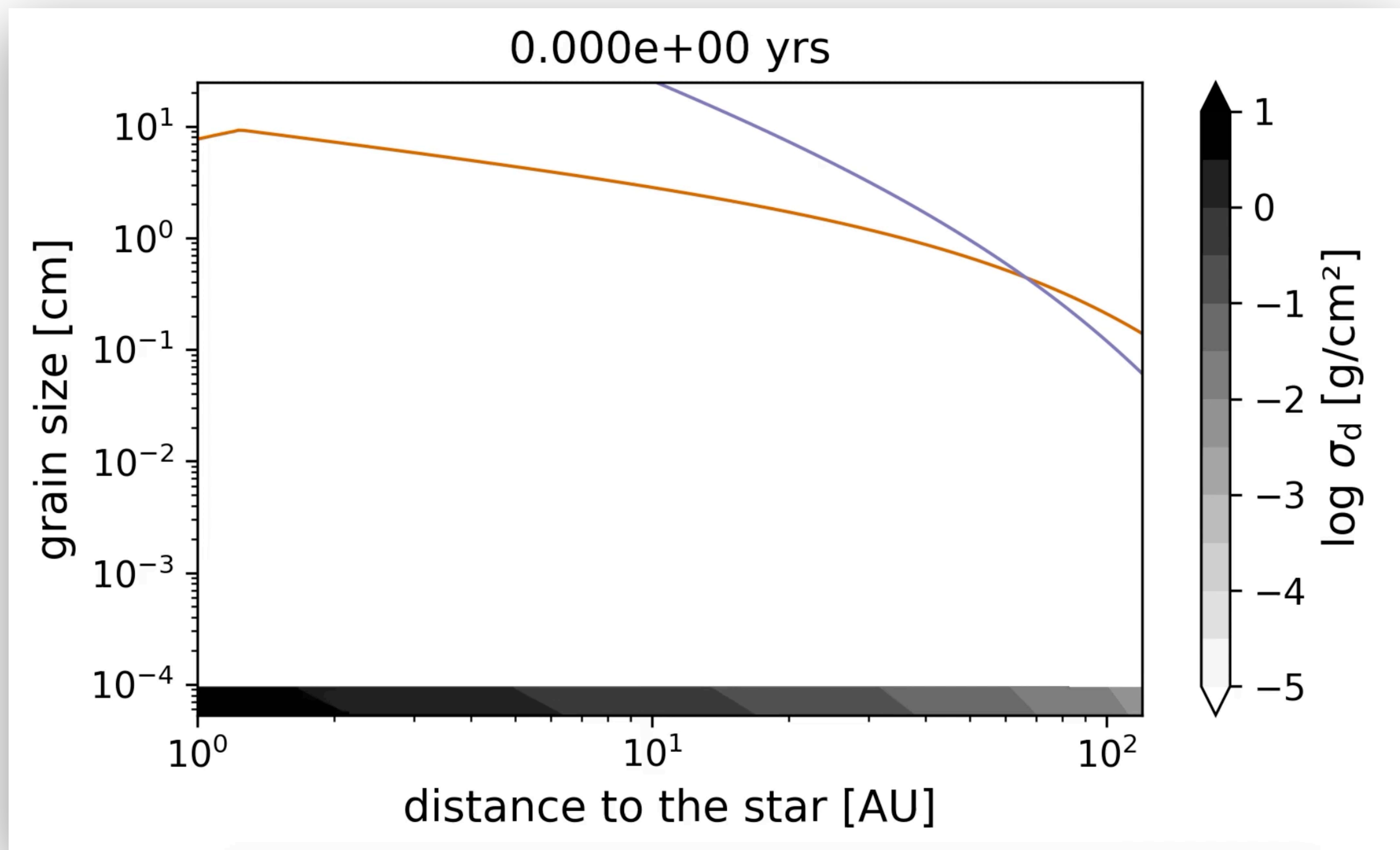
made with the DustPy code, Stammer & Birnstiel, in prep.

DUST DOES NOT GROW TO PLANETESIMALS

Dust growth is restricted by **radial drift** when the drift timescale is shorter than the growth timescale and by **fragmentation** when the dust aggregates collide with velocities exceeding so-called sticking threshold.

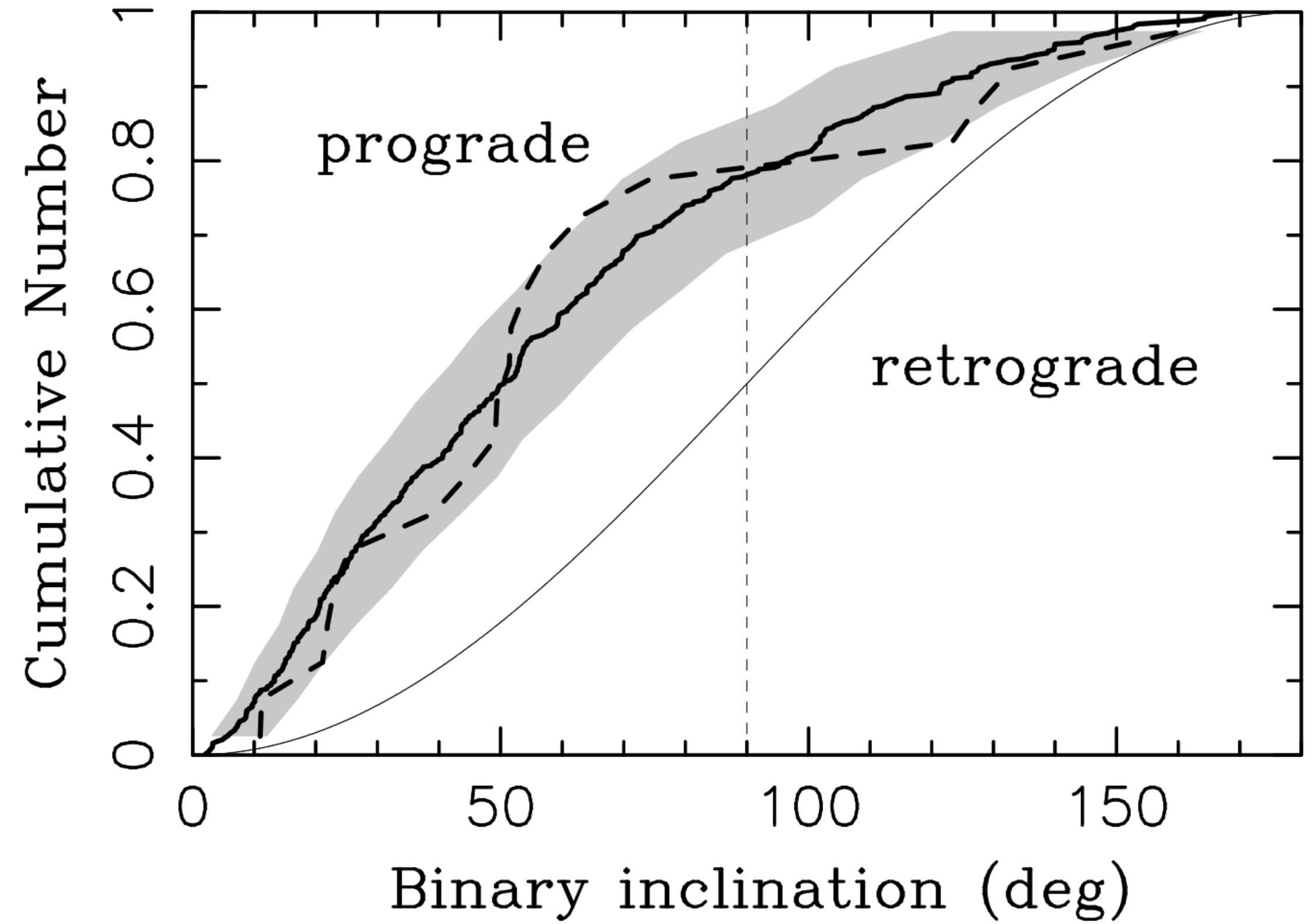
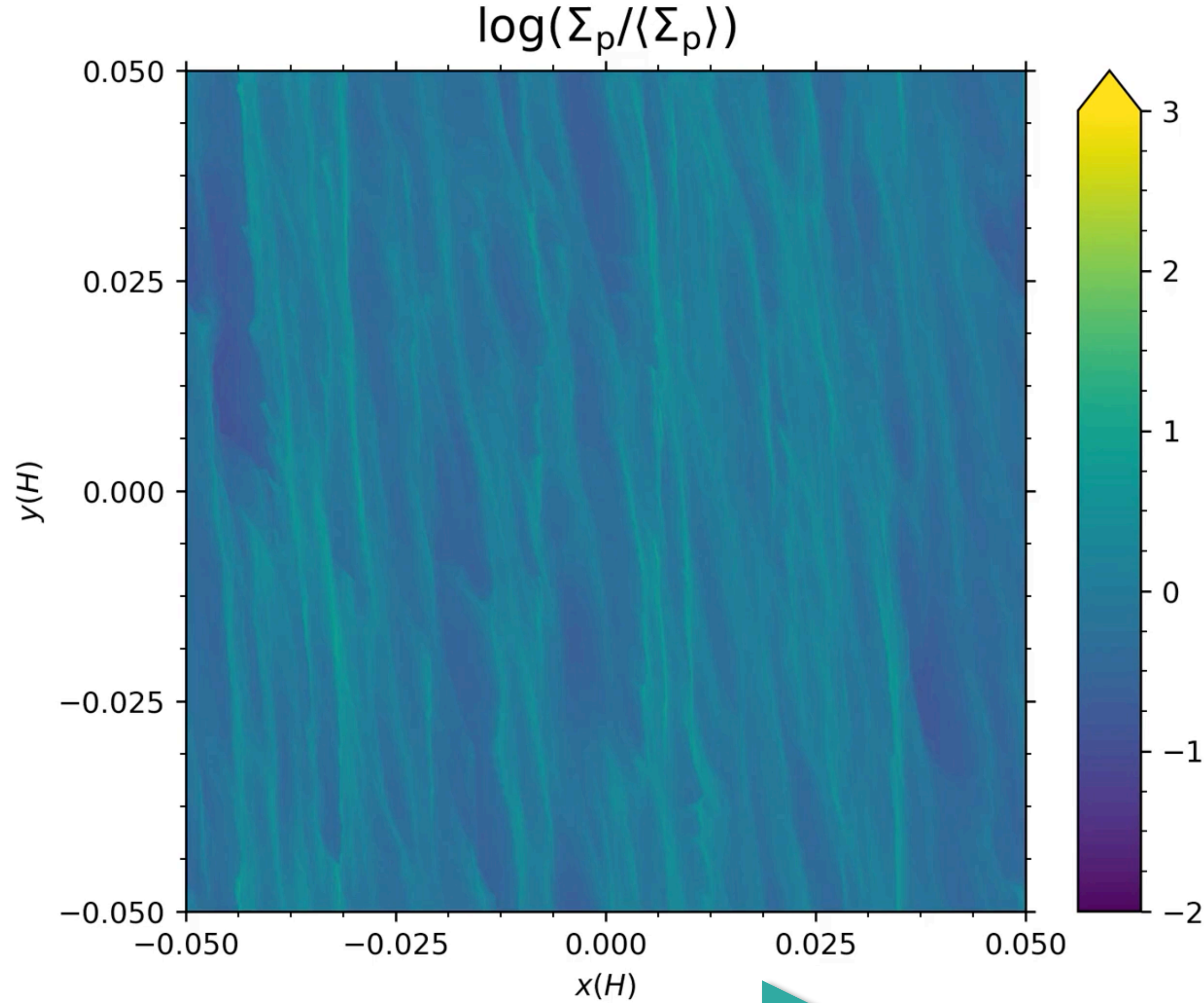
direct comparison between the Monte Carlo approach and the Smoluchowski equation solver:

Drążkowska et al. 2014

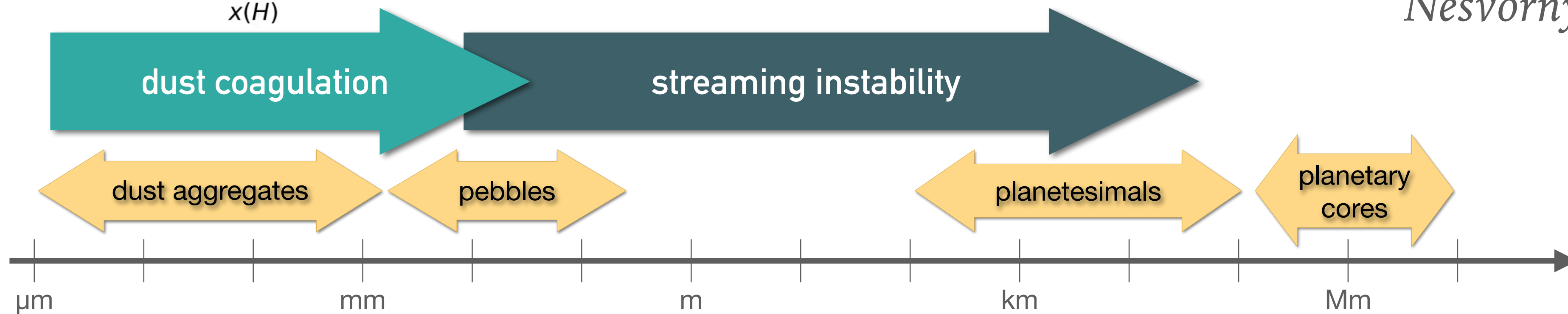


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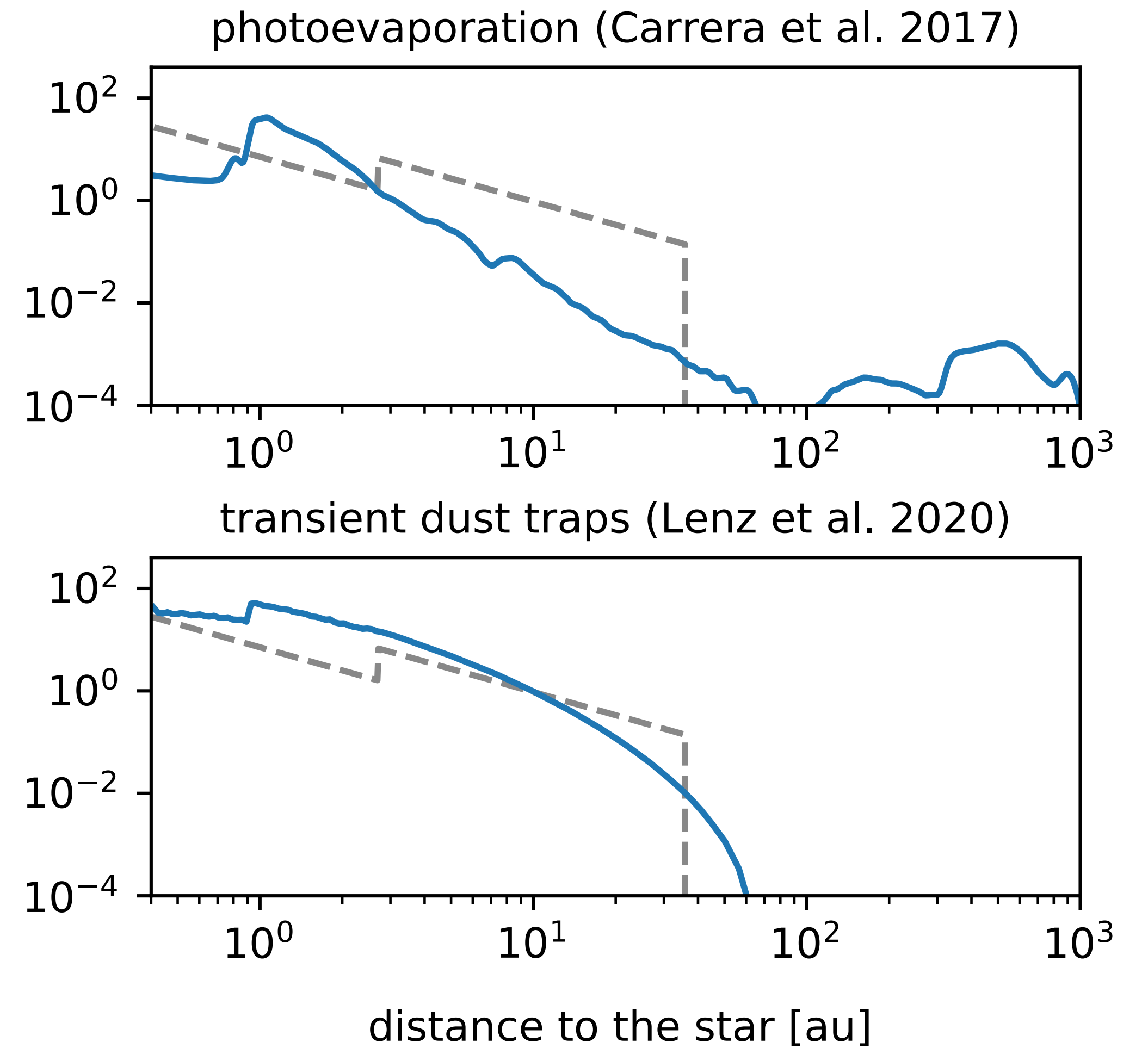
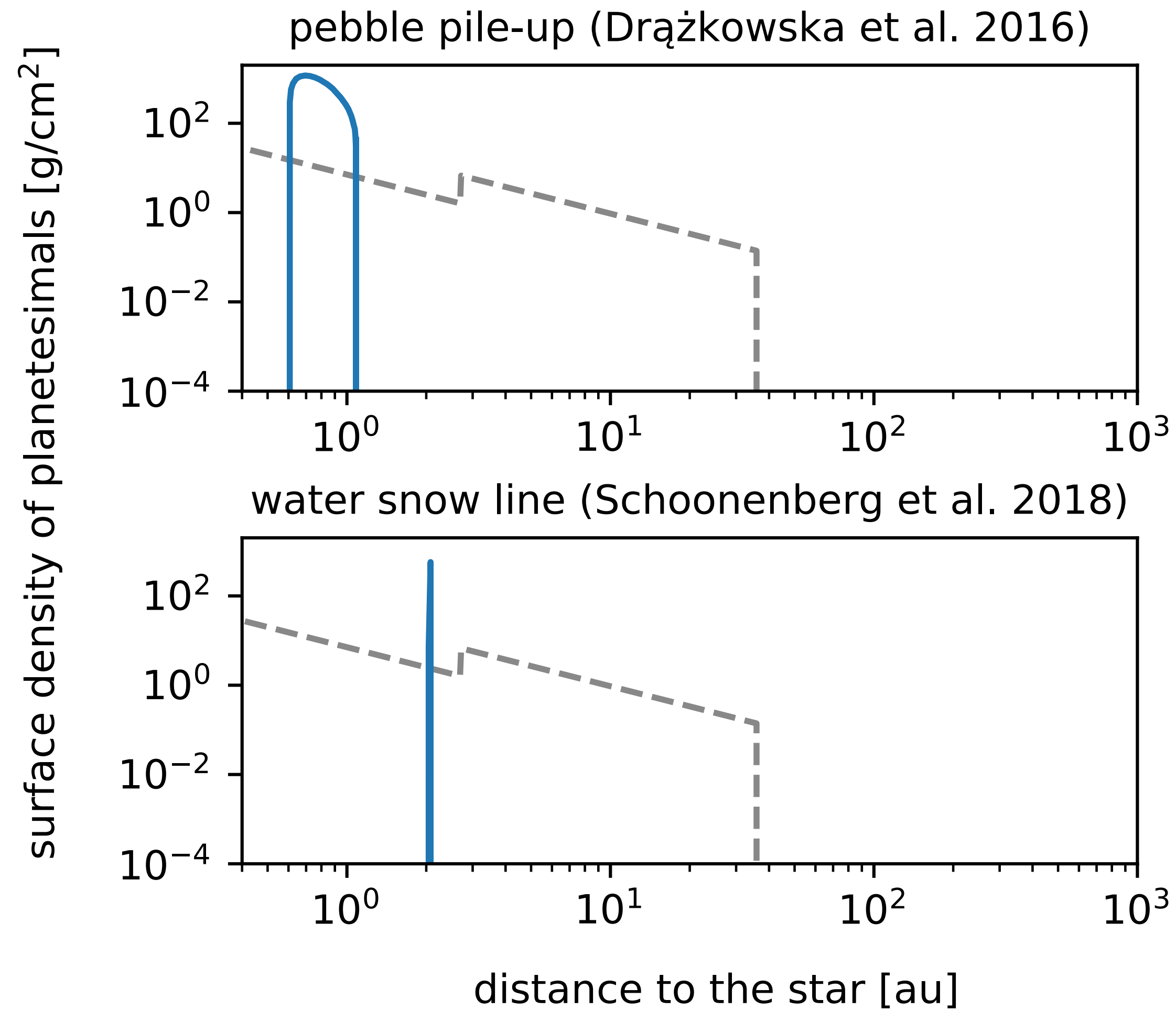
PLANETESIMALS FORM VIA THE STREAMING INSTABILITY



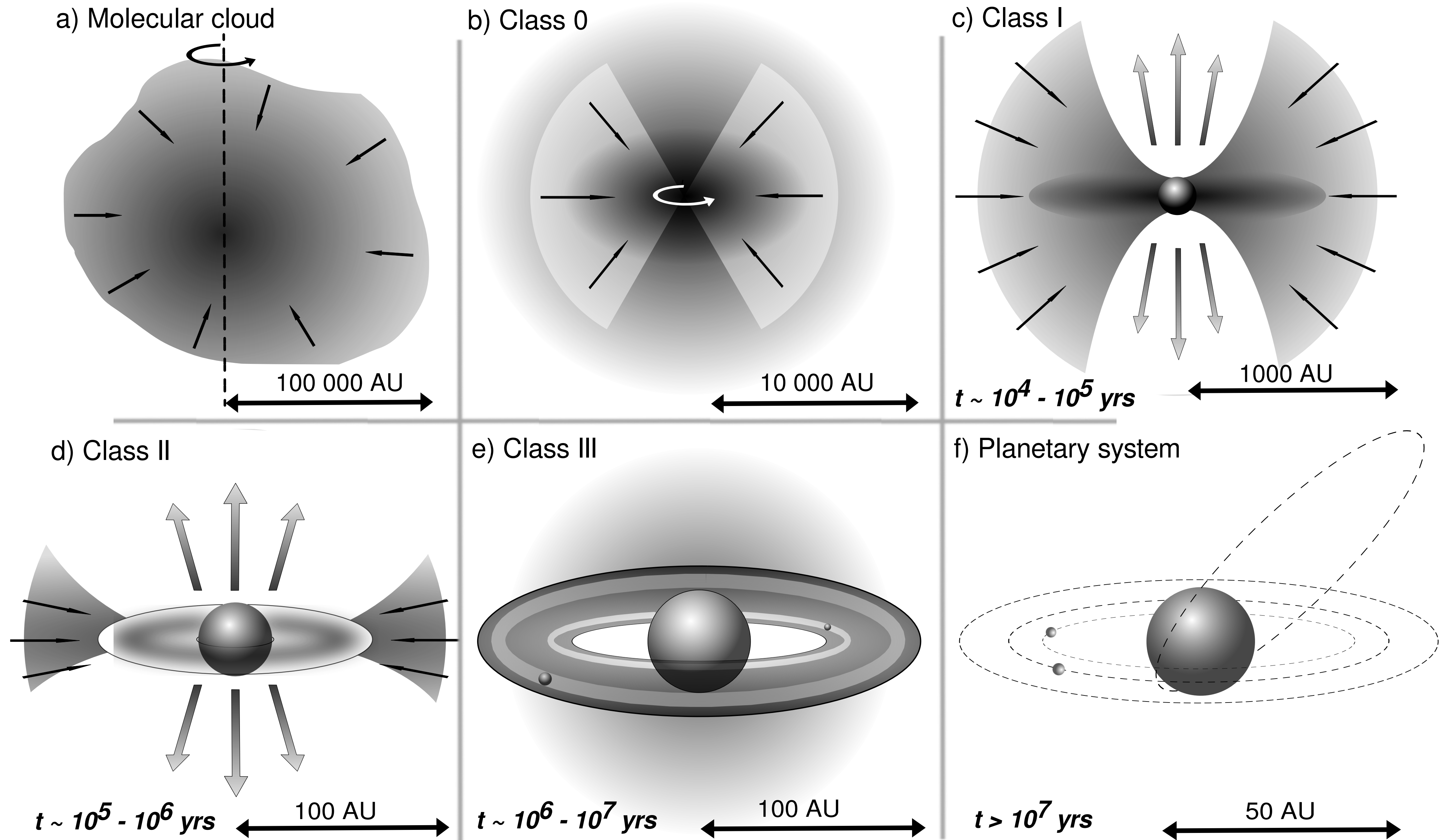
Nesvorný et al. 2019



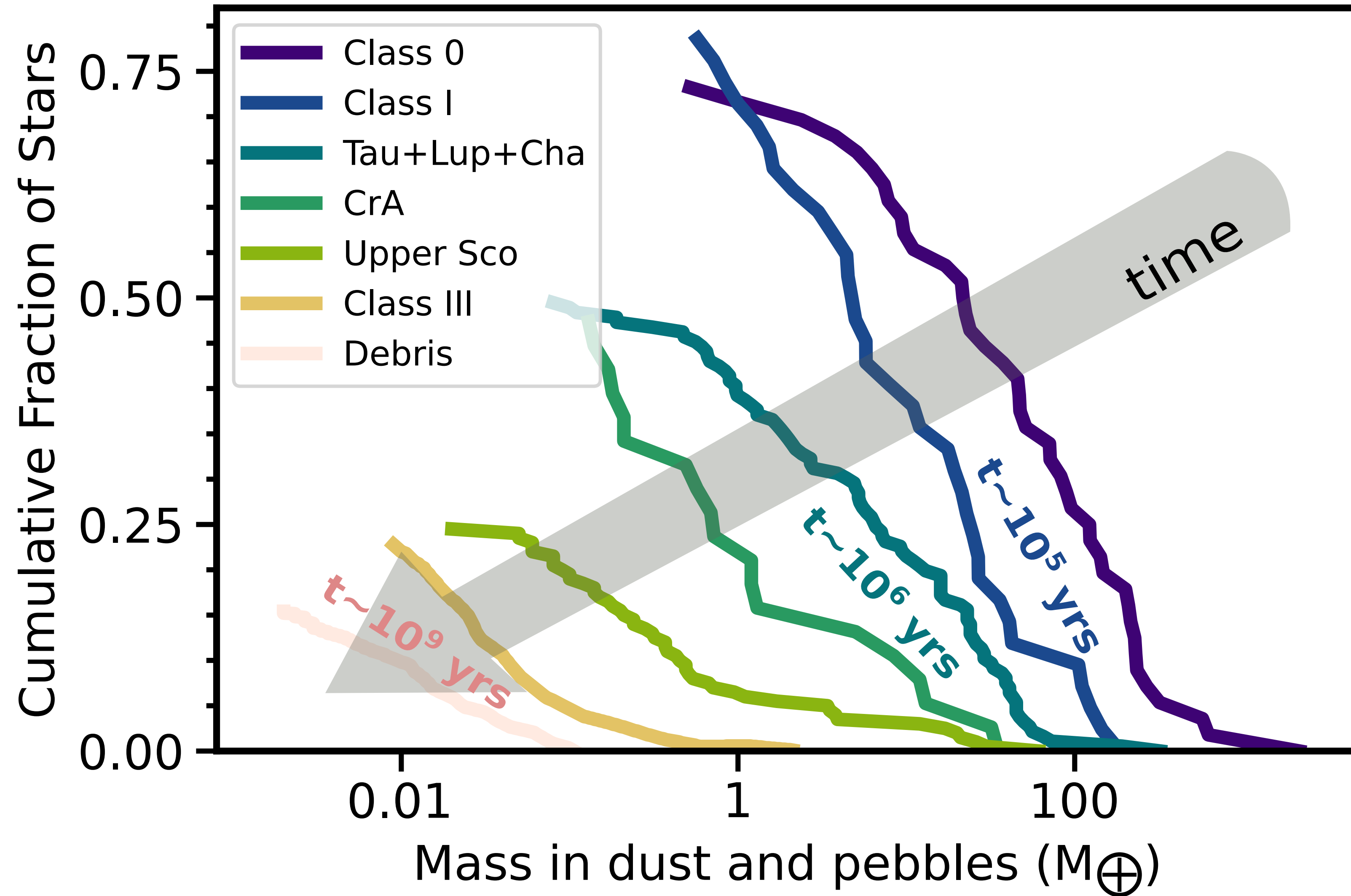
PLANETESIMAL FORMATION DEPENDS ON ASSUMPTIONS



MOST OF THE MODELS START WITH CLASS II DISKS...

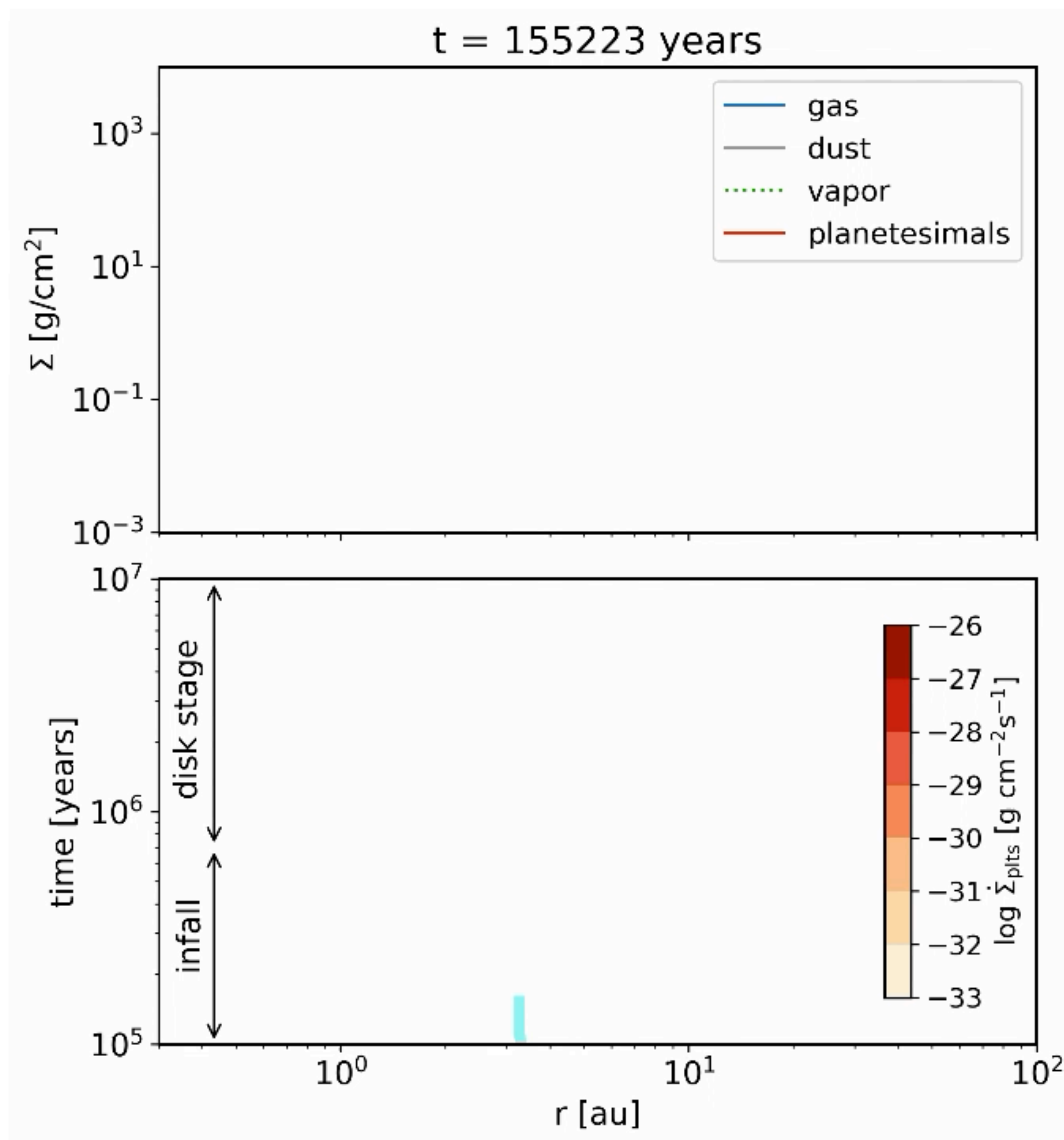


... WHICH DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH MASS



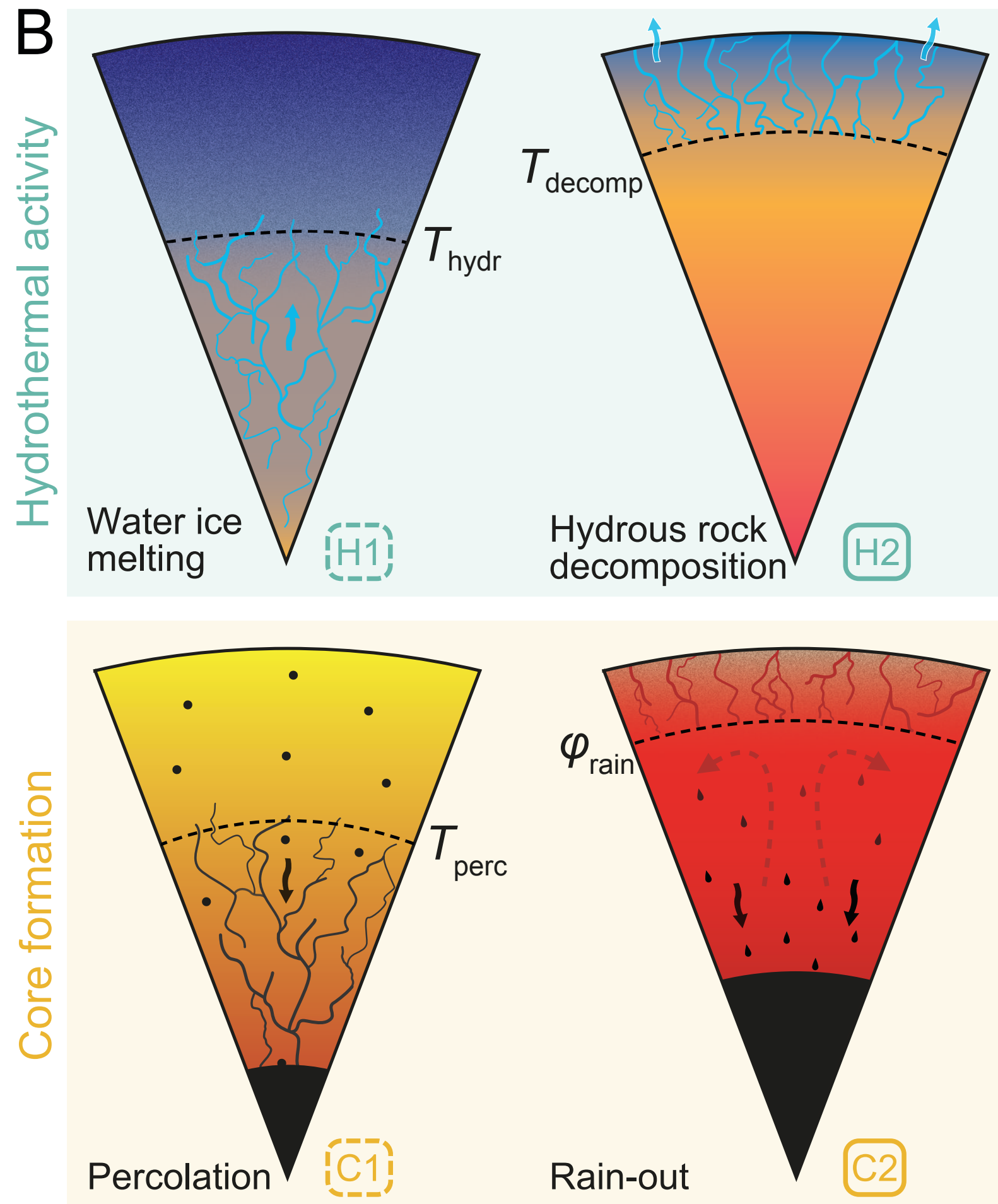
STARTING FROM DISK BUILDUP

Drążkowska & Dullemond 2018

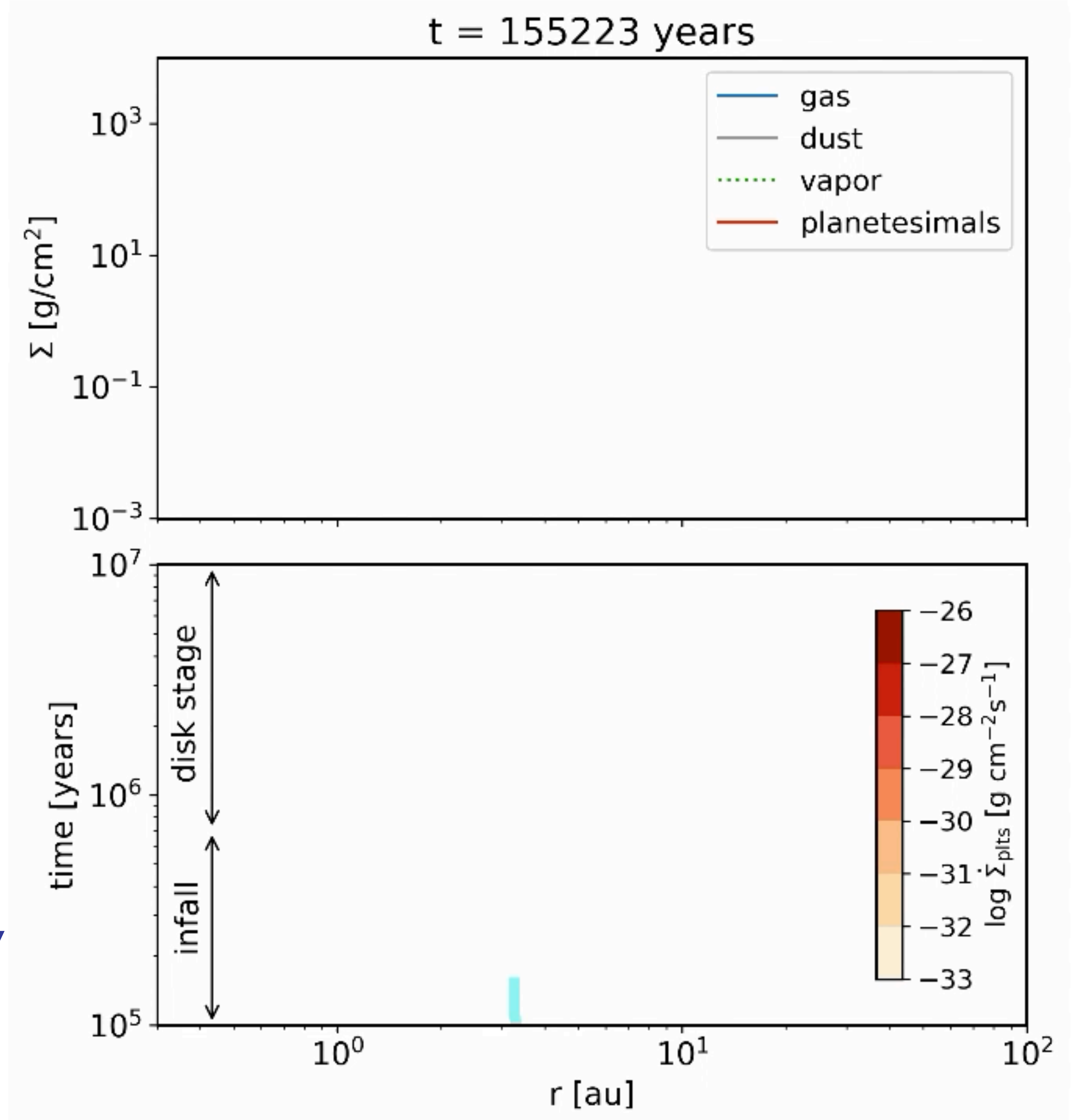


DIVERGENT INTERNAL EVOLUTION

Lichtenberg, *Drążkowska et al.* (2021)

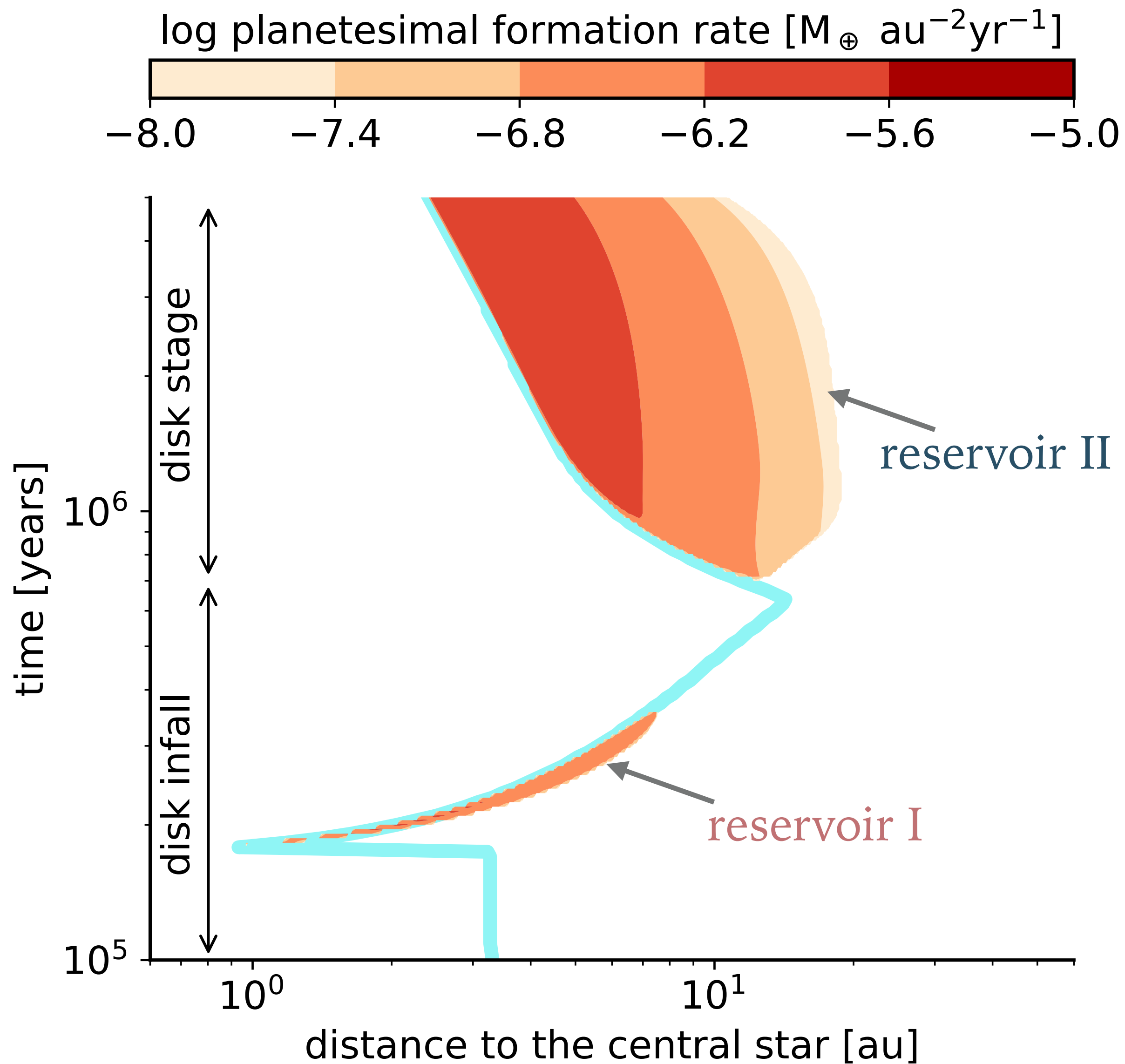
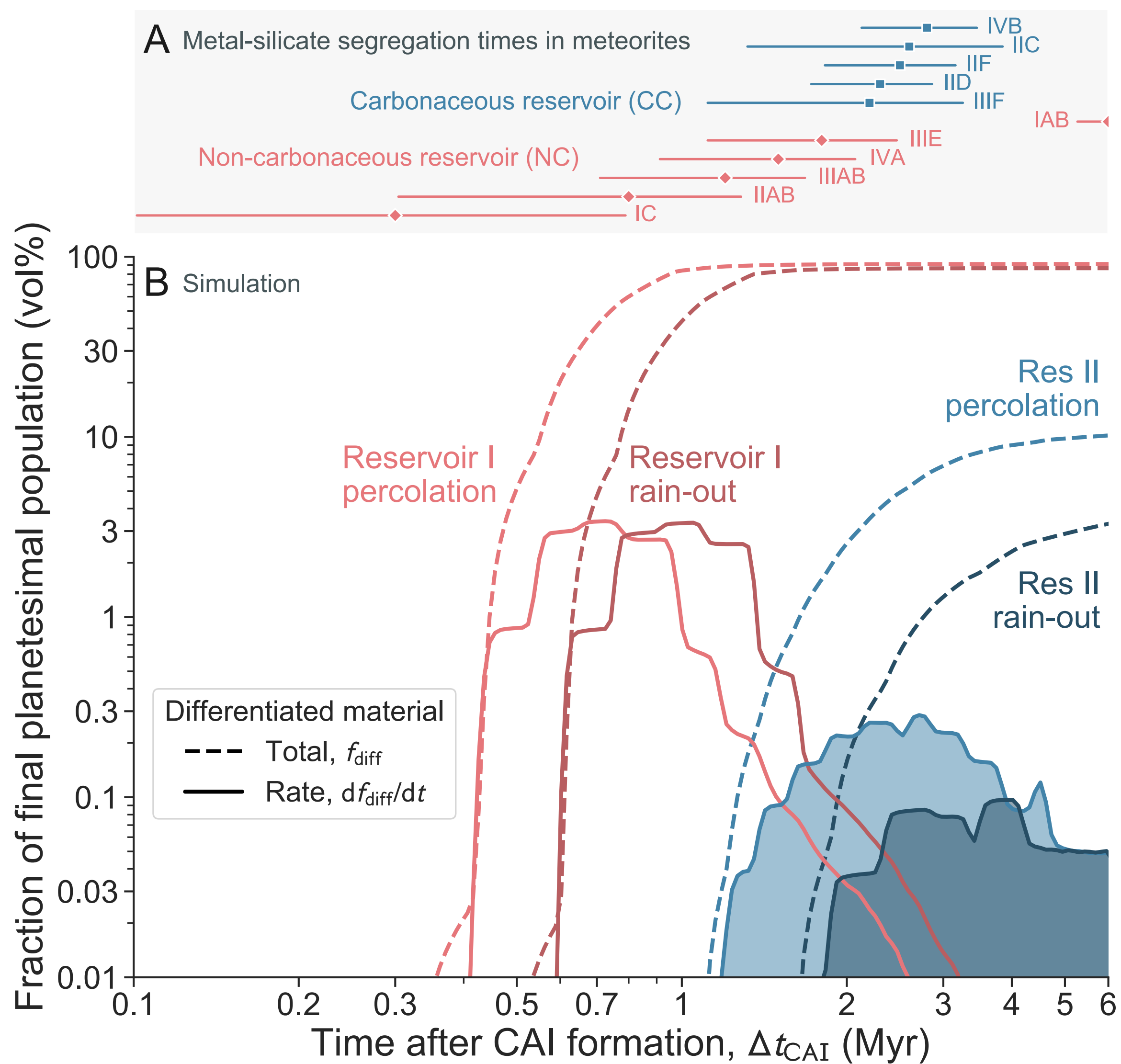


AL-26 INTERNAL HEATING



CONSISTENT WITH THE SOLAR SYSTEM METEORITIC RECORD

Lichtenberg, *Drążkowska et al.* (2021)



TAKE-AWAY POINTS

- Planet formation theory is undergoing major changes driven by the exoplanets discoveries, protoplanetary disks observations, and the Solar System research.
- Pebble accretion paradigm gives overall better fit to the observed exoplanets demographics than the planetesimal accretion paradigm.
- Planetesimals do not form by direct growth of dust aggregates but by the gravitational collapse of pebble clumps driven by the streaming instability.
- Planetesimal formation is not a single burst, planetesimals may form for several Myrs. We need models coupling dust evolution, planetesimal formation, planetary growth, and the internal evolution of planets.