

A planet population dichotomy from isotopic enrichment?

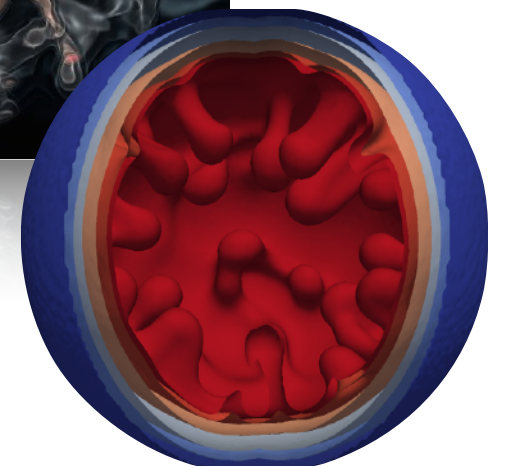
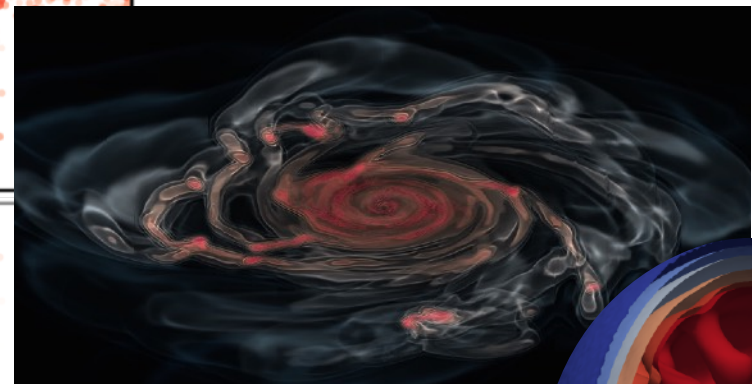
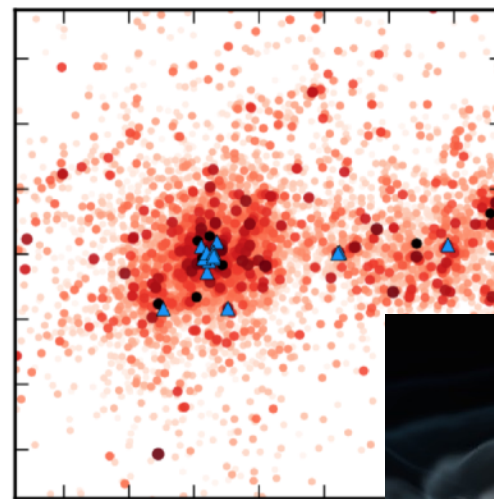
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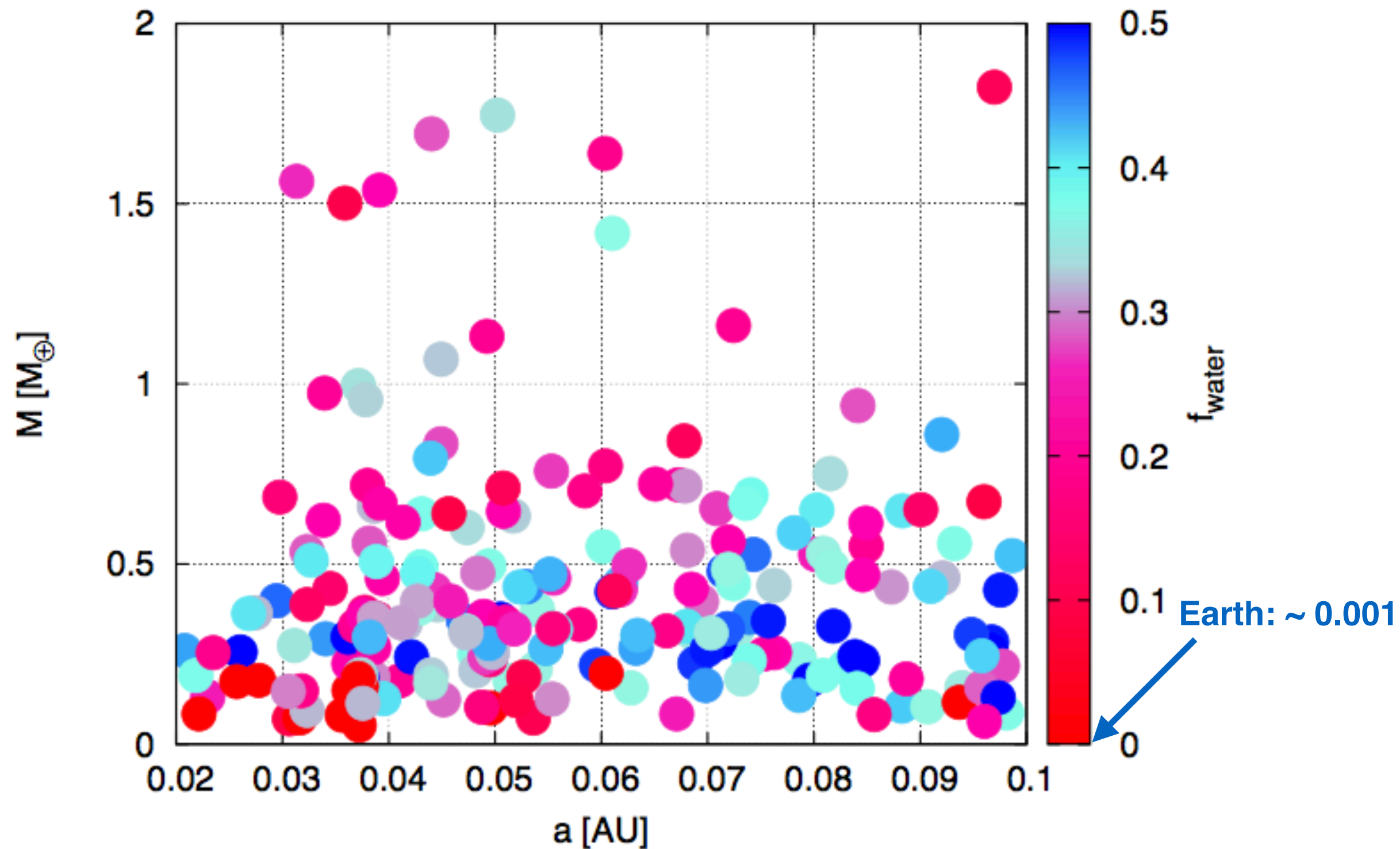
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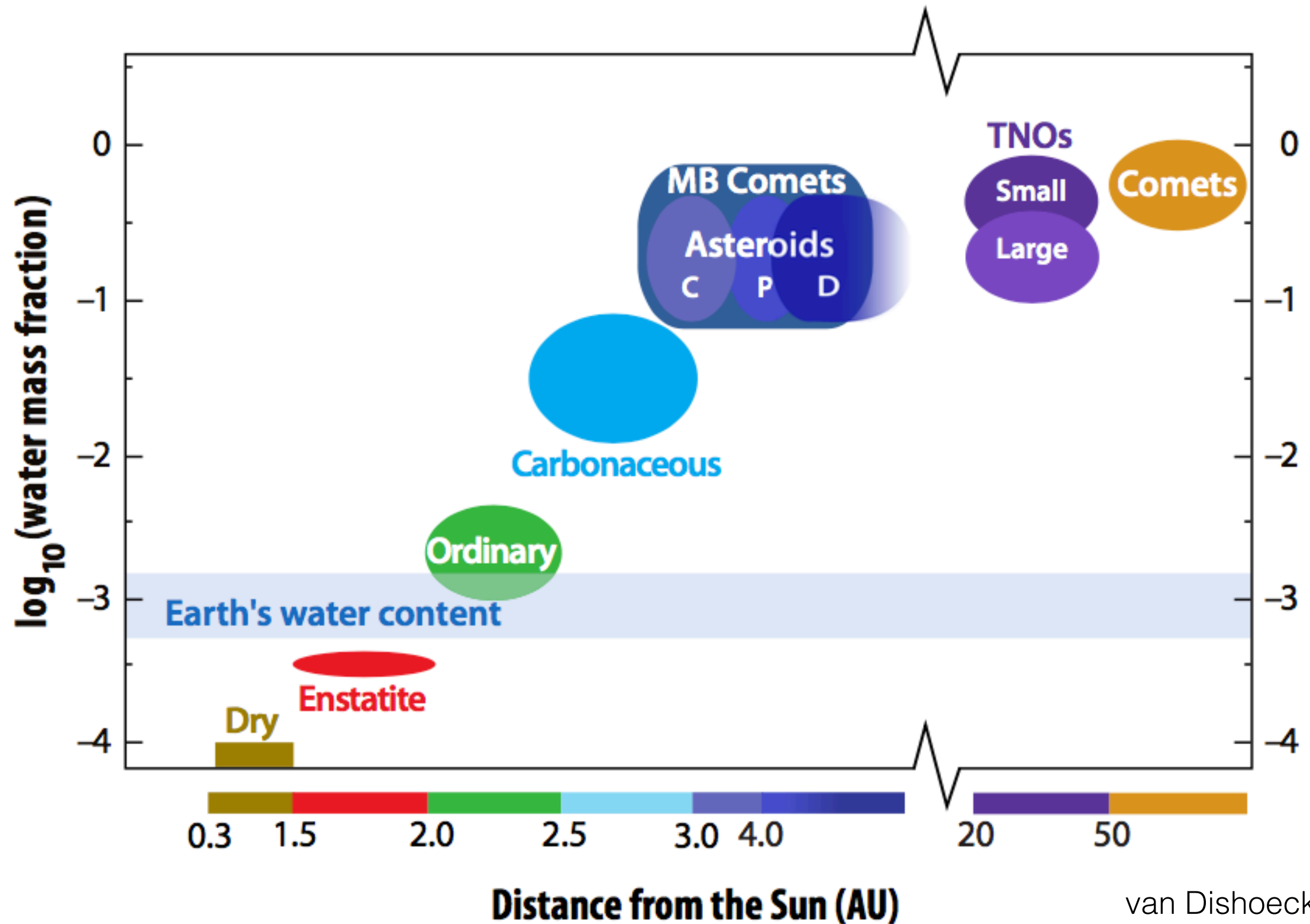
Outline

1. Motivation – planetary water inventory
2. Natal Solar system environment and enrichment of short-lived radionuclides
3. Implications for planetesimal evolution (and planets?)

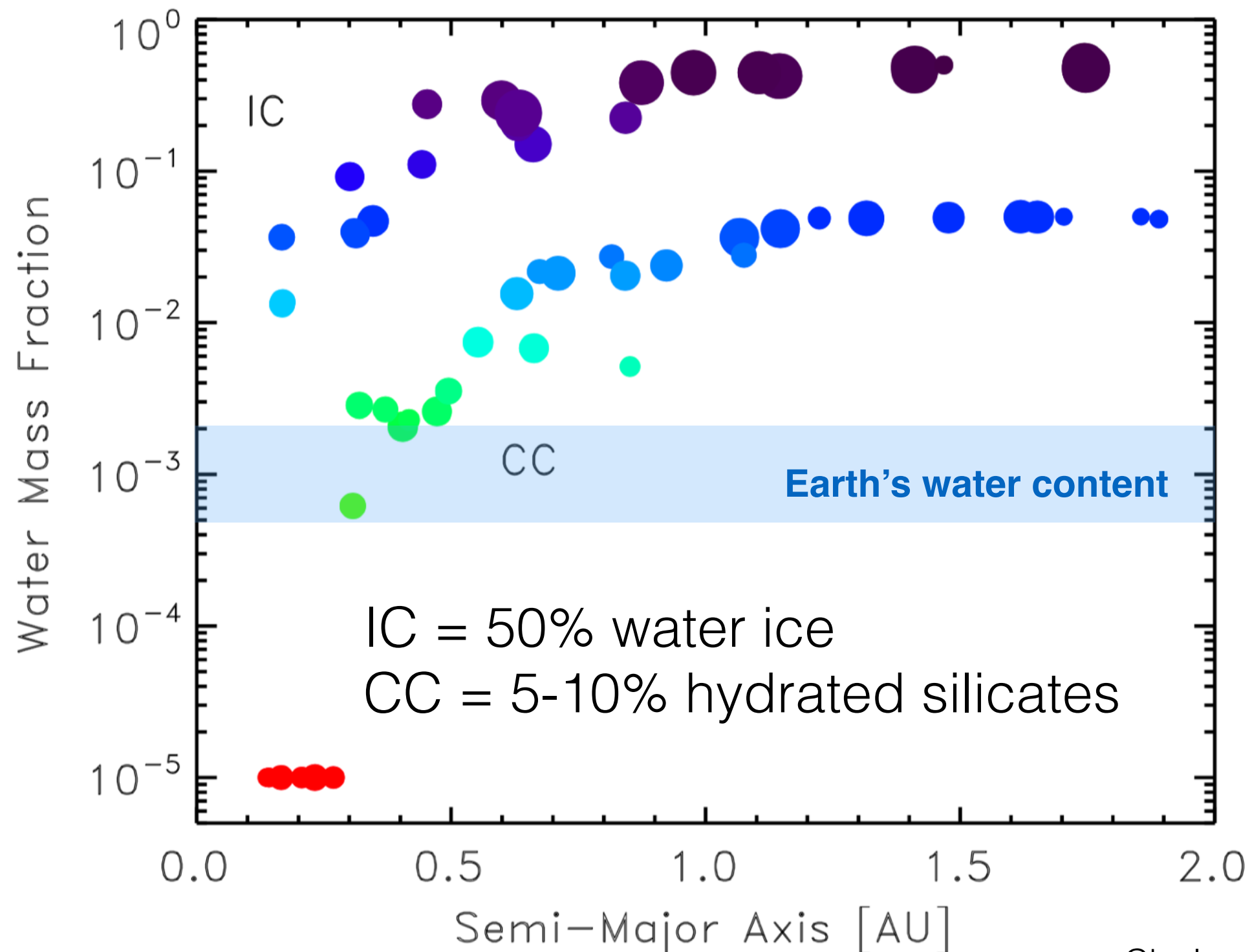
Lots of water worlds?



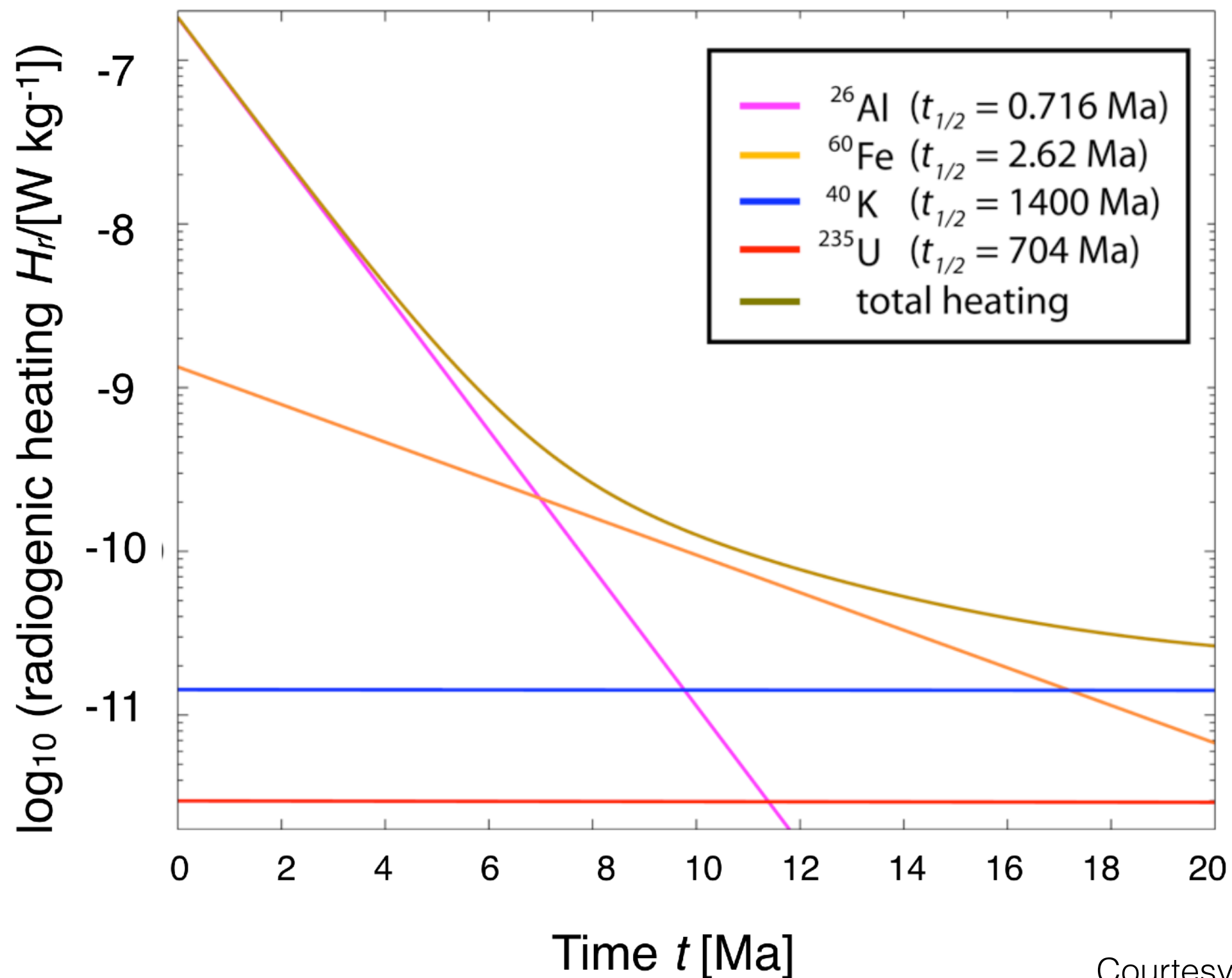
The Solar system case



Deplete the building blocks



Short-lived radionuclides in the early Solar system



^{26}Al — the Solar system link to its birth environment

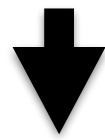
1. Aluminum-26 fused in massive star



2. Transport to nascent Solar System

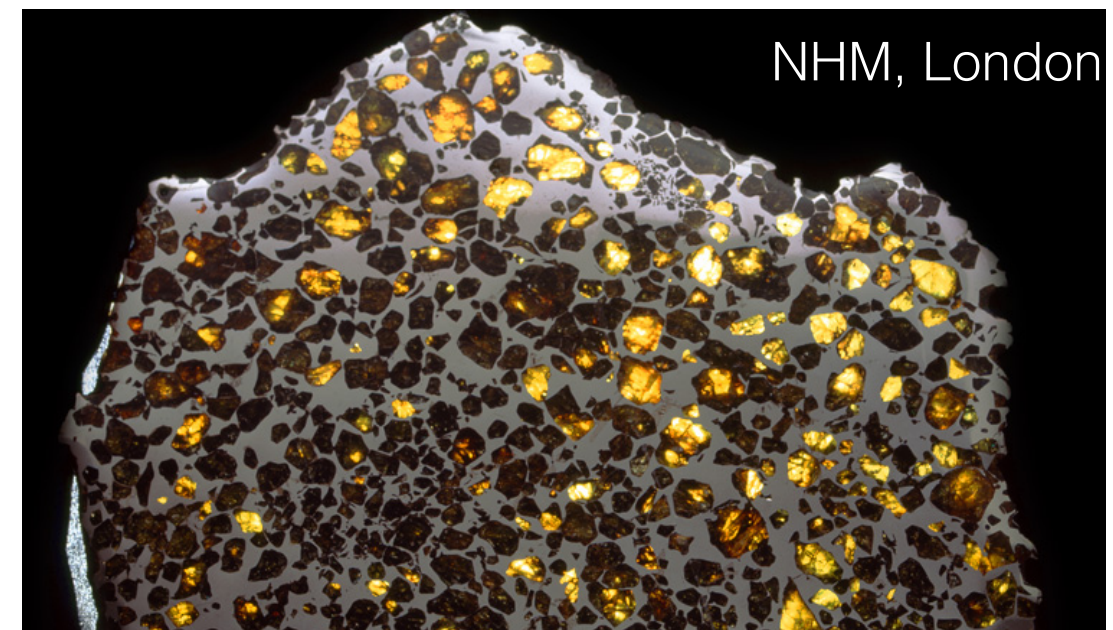
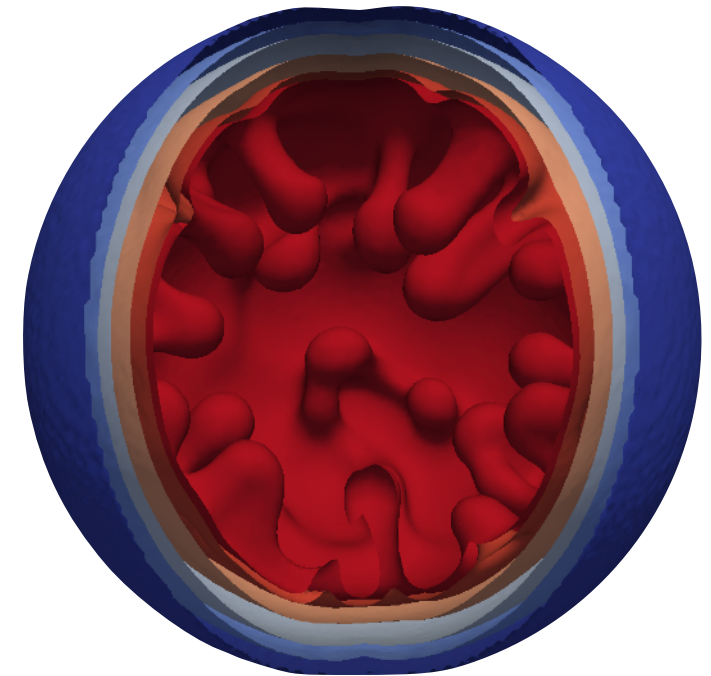


3. Mixing into dust/solid material



4. Heating of early planetesimals by radioactive decay

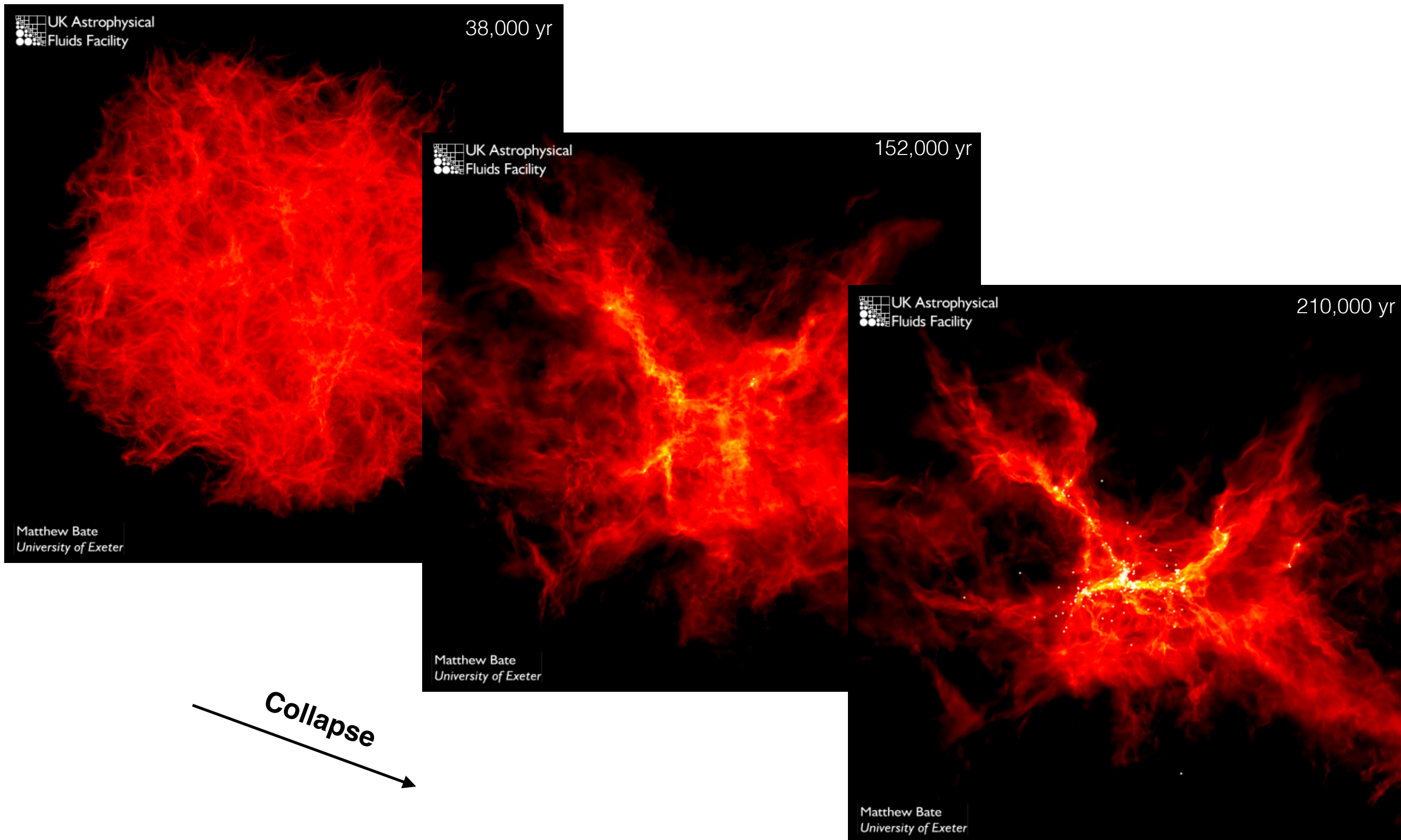
➔ Differentiation, serpentinization, volatile degassing, ...



Take away I

- Planetary **water budget** crucial for planetary geodynamics, e.g., plate tectonics regime, silicate weathering thermostat
- Earth seems to be a **water-depleted** terrestrial planet
- **Short-lived radionuclides** in meteorites determine ages during planet formation and set interior heat budget

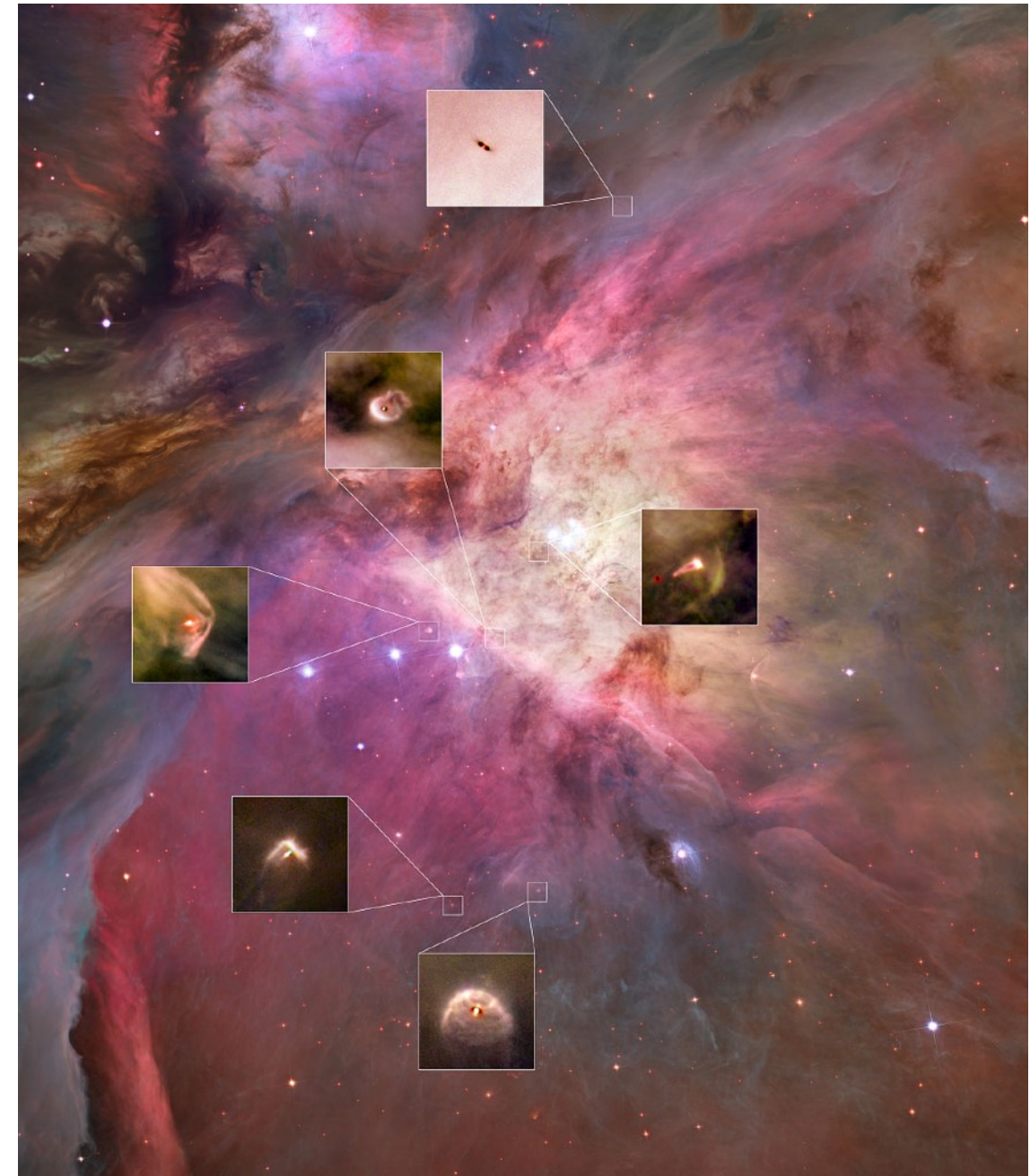
In a nutshell: star formation



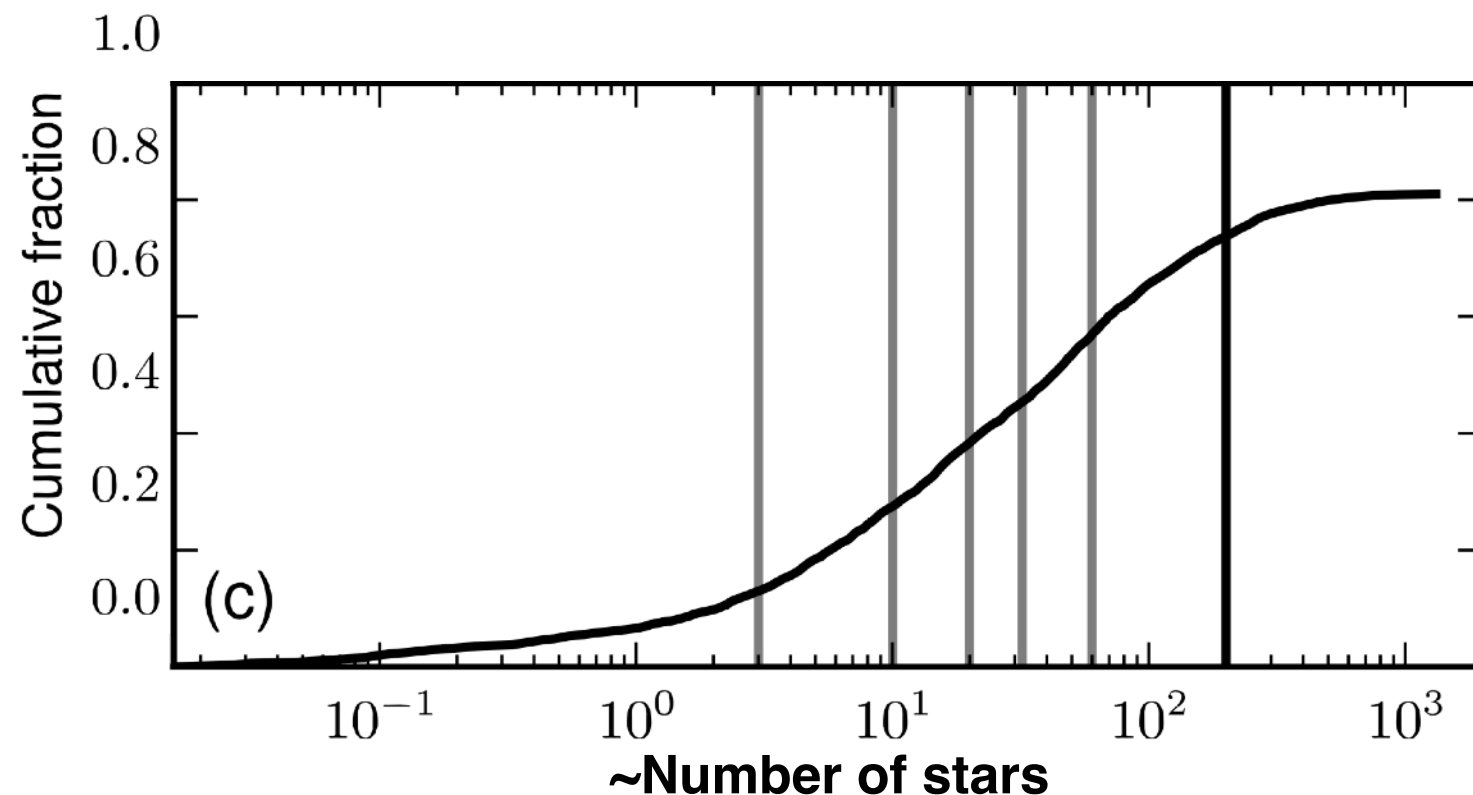
Star formation regions

- Age spreads < 2 Myr in local (\sim pc) star forming environments
- Most stars form in clusters $> 50 M_{\text{sun}}$
- Usually fast (< 10 Myr) expansion

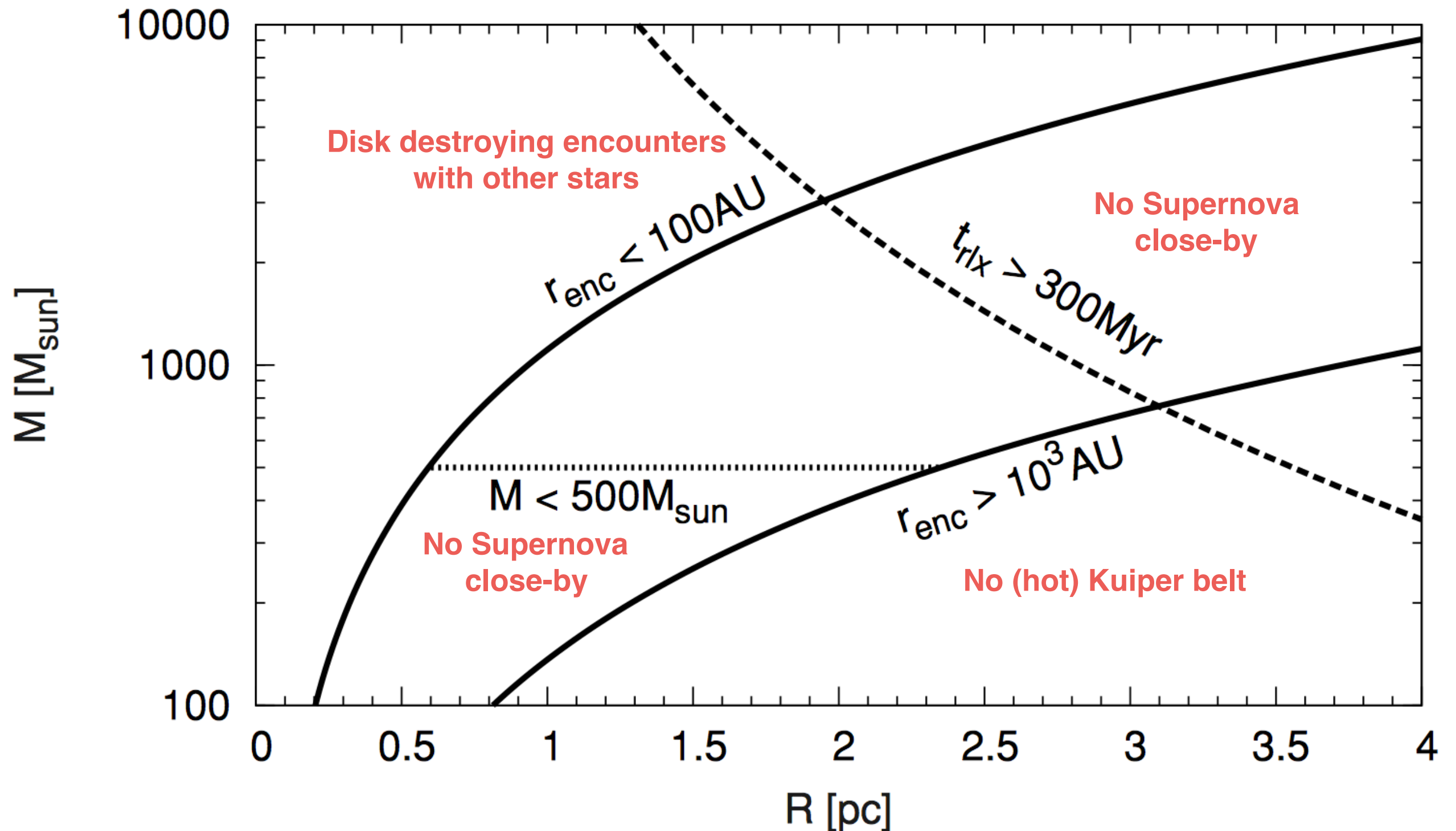
ESA/Hubble



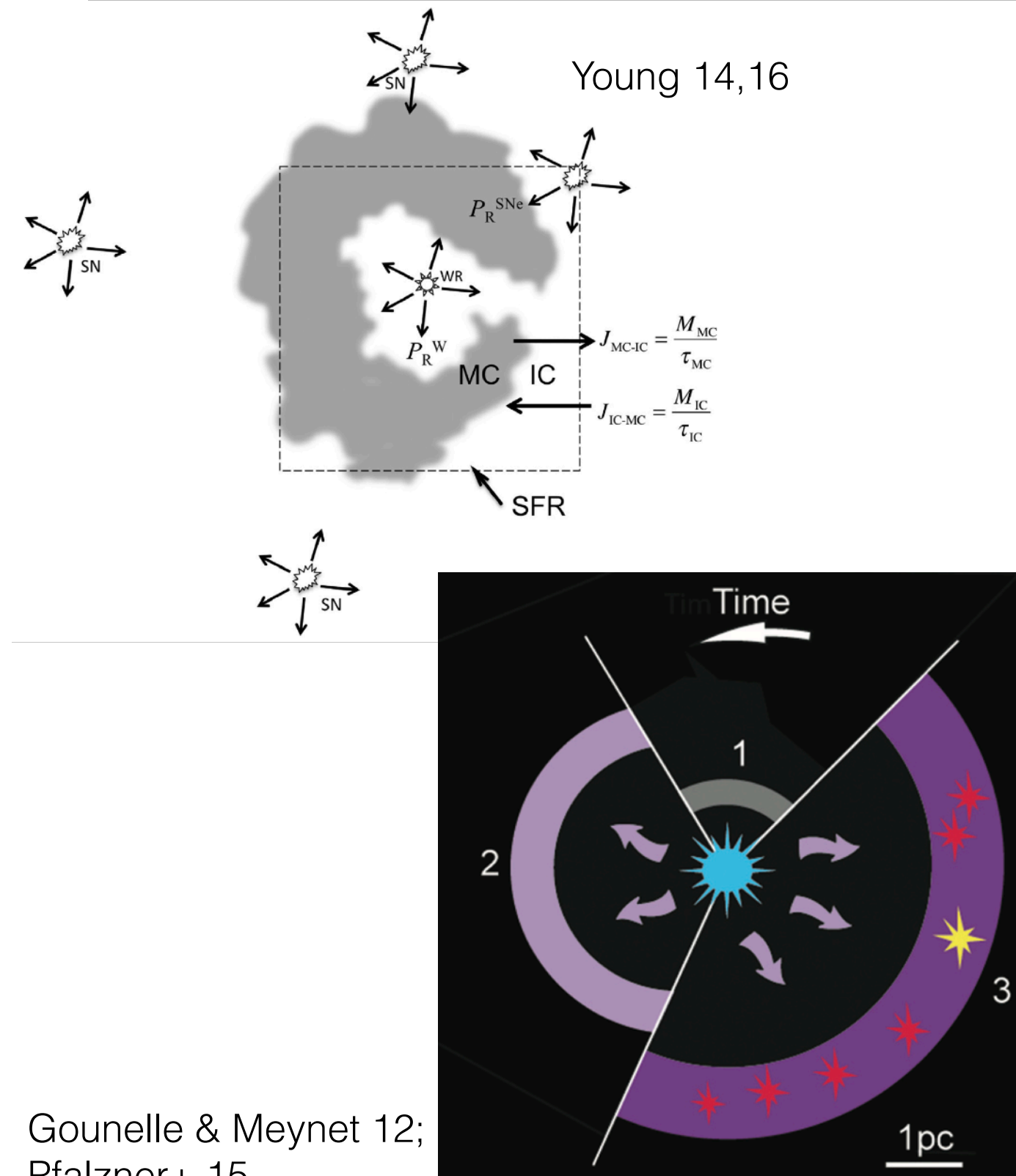
Lada & Lada 03, Bressert+ 10



The Solar birth cluster

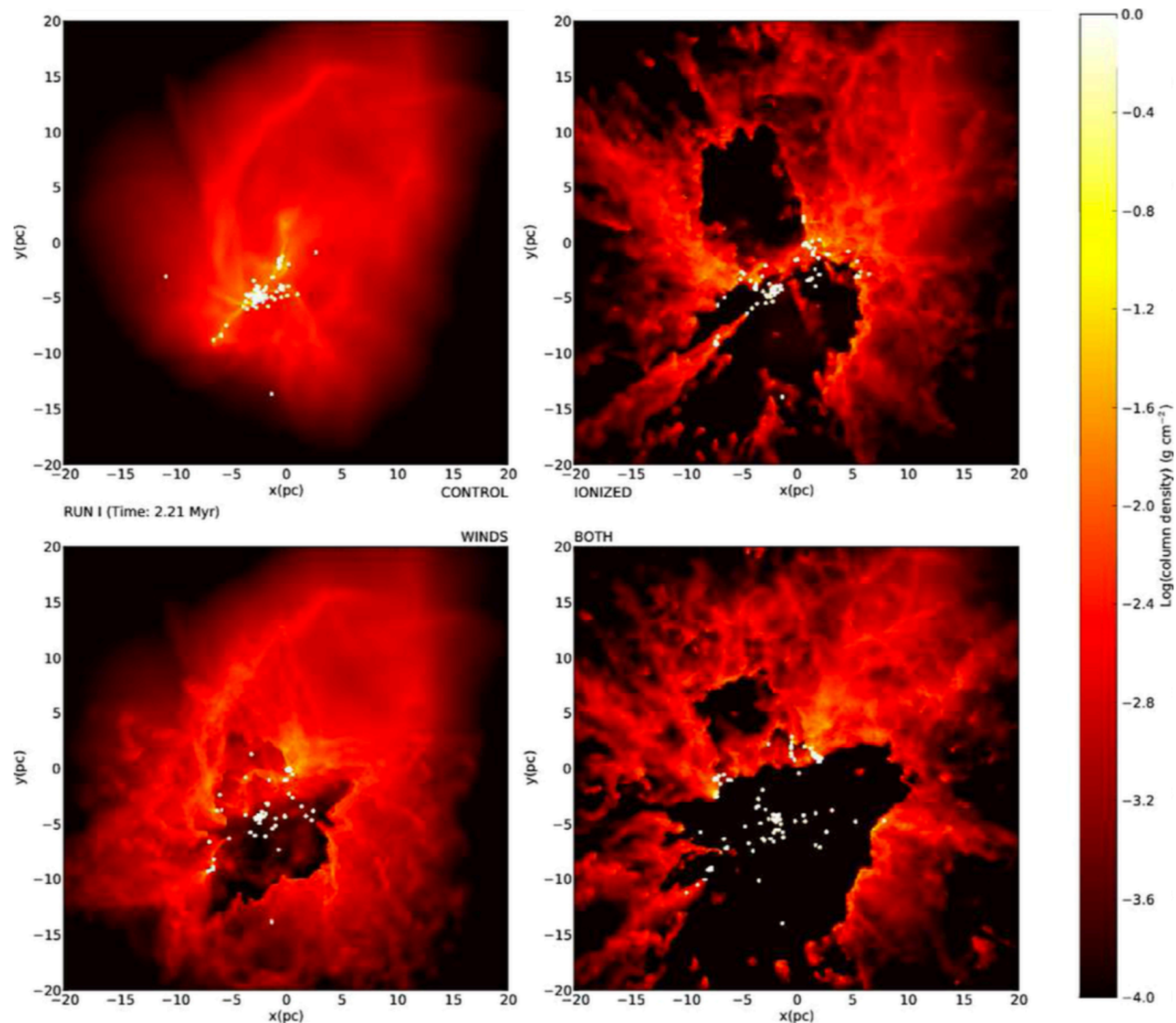


Origin of short-lived radionuclides

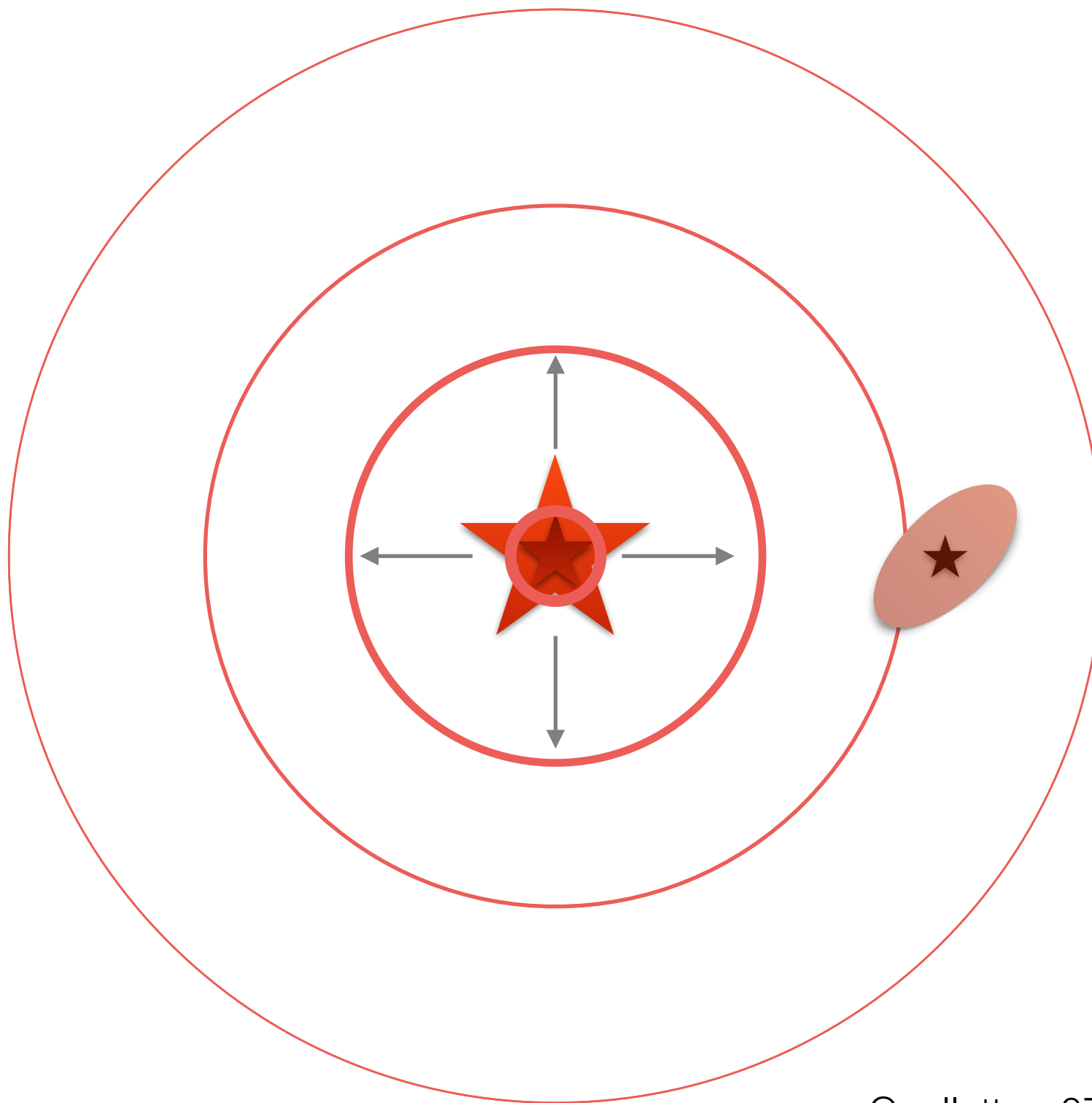


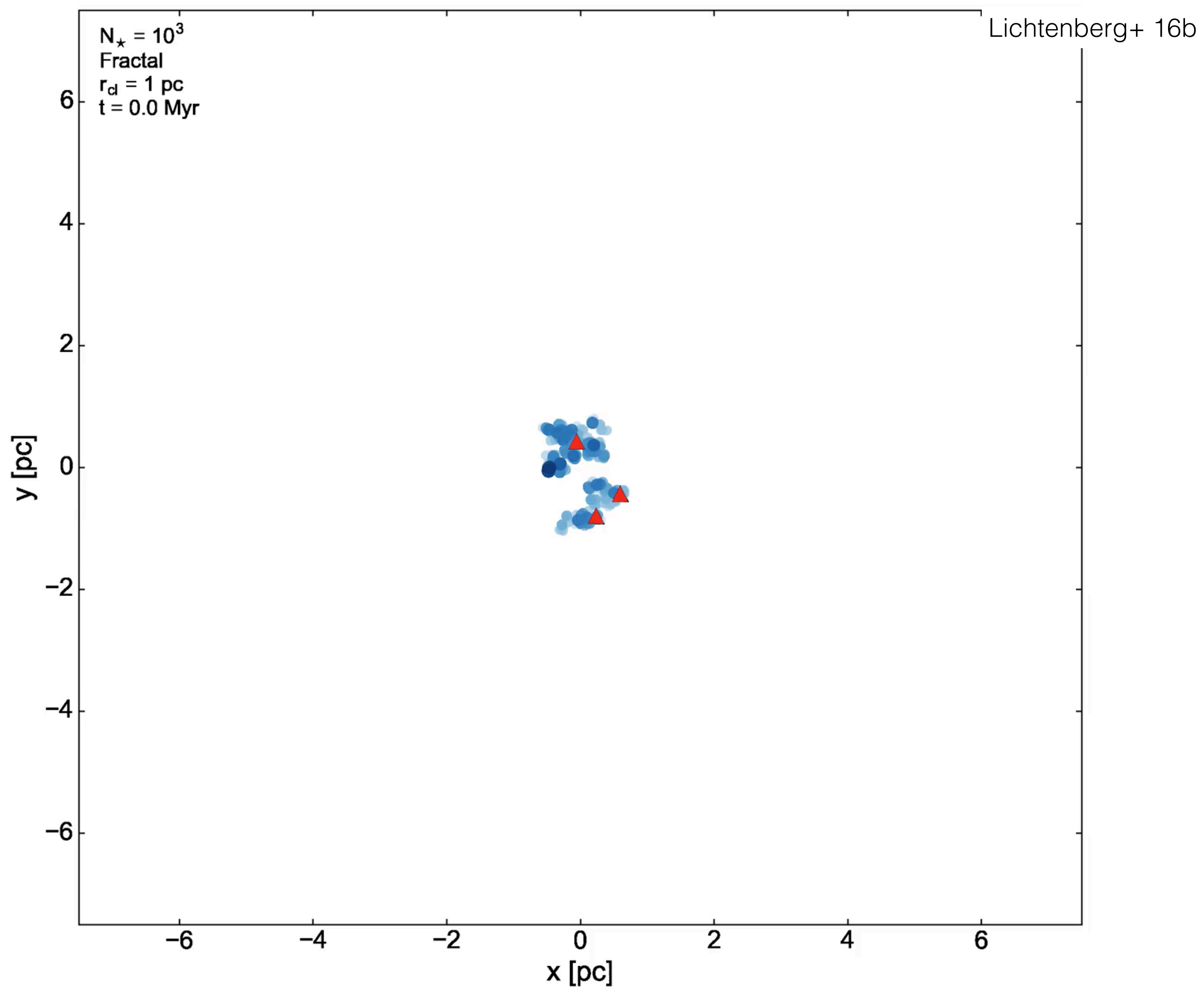
- Self-enriched molecular cloud cores
(Young 14, 16; Vasileiadis+ 13; Küffmeier+16)
- Triggered formation
(Boss+ 00s/10s; Gaidos+ 09; Gounelle+ 09, 12; Pan+ 12)
- Intra-cluster injection
(Ouellette+07, 09; Parker+ 14; Lichtenberg+16, Nicholson+ 17)

Feedback: how stars shape their formation

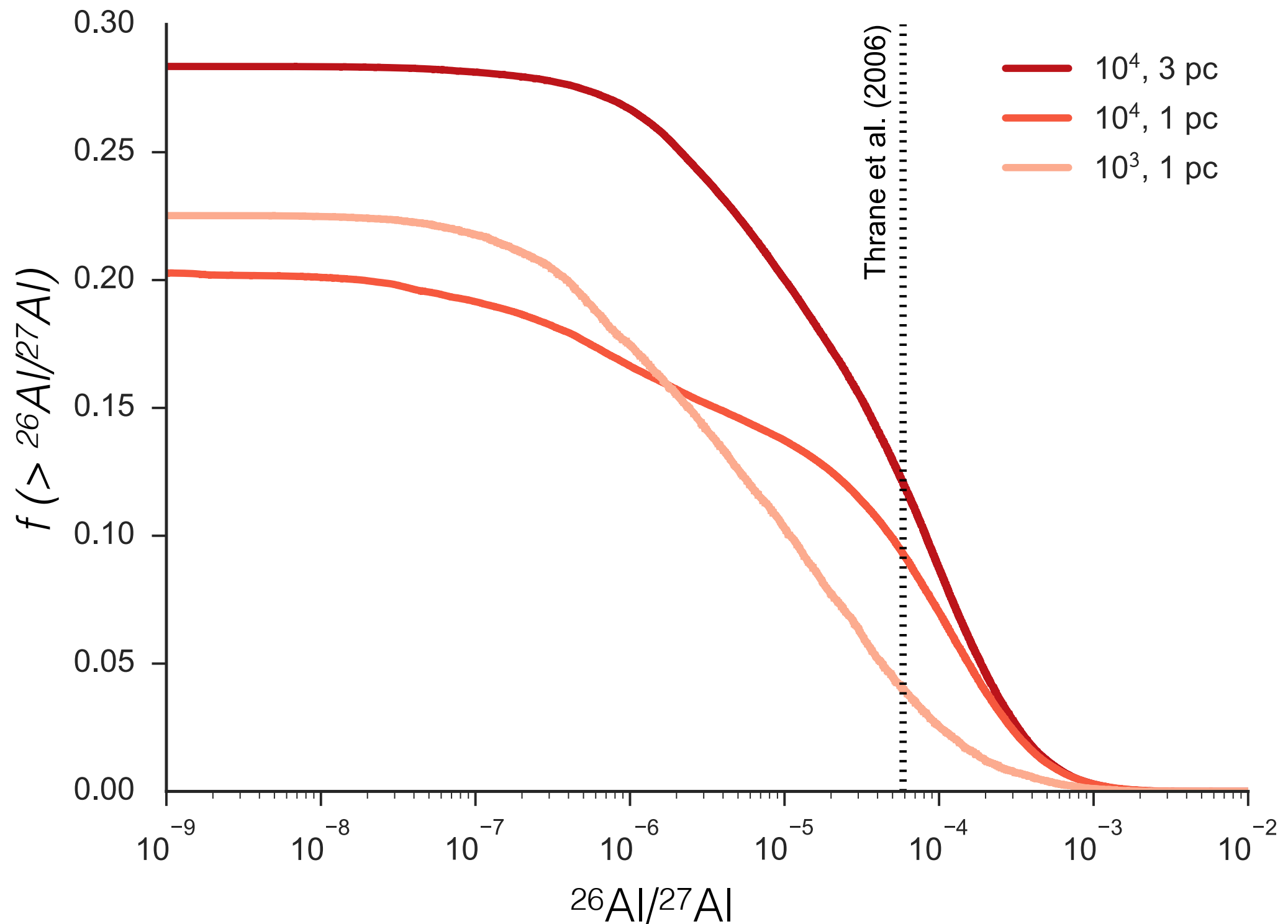


Late ^{26}Al injection from supernova pollution





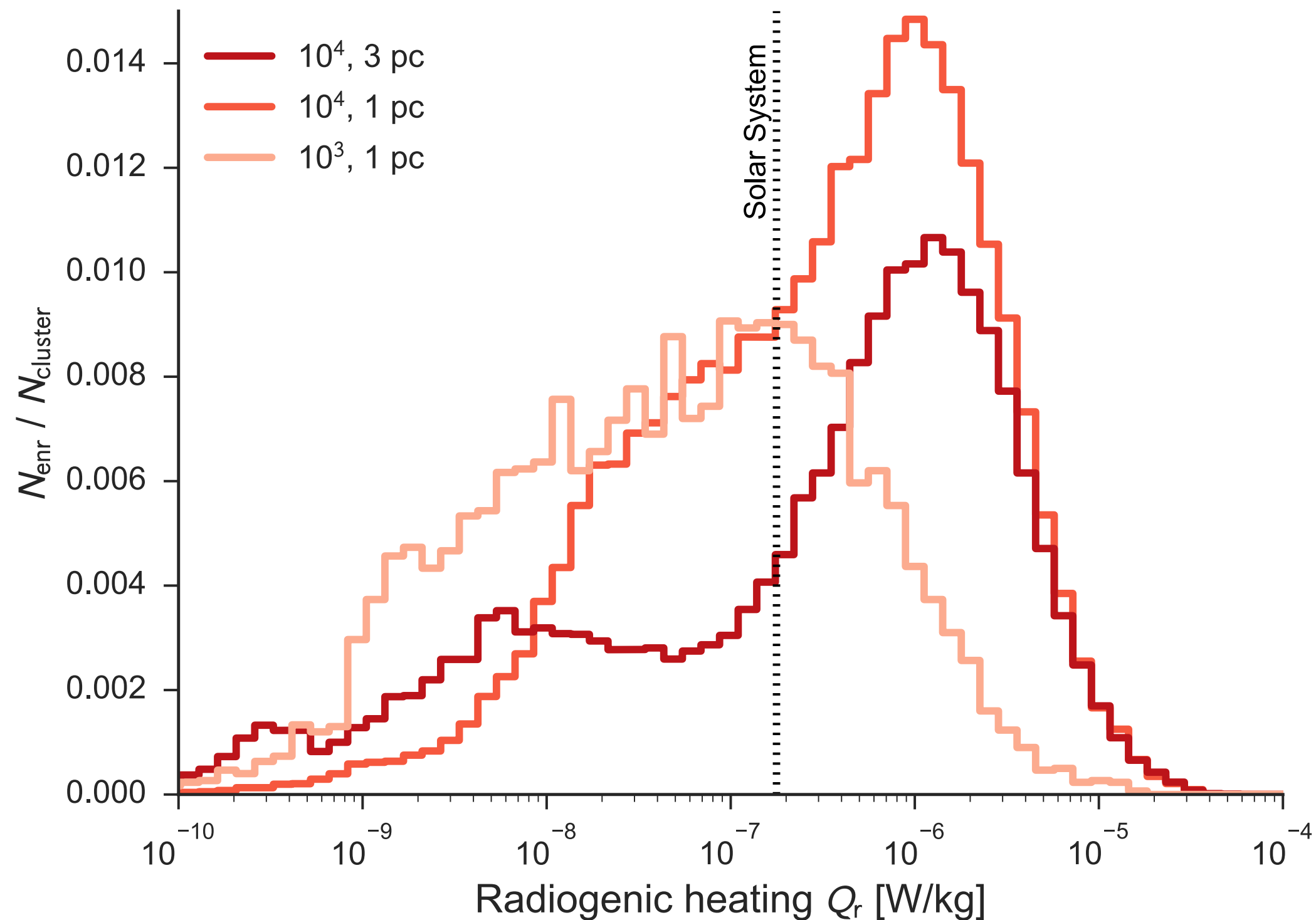
Enrichment distribution $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}$



Take away II

- Stars form in cluster environments, which shapes the planetary system architecture
- The Sun formed in the direct vicinity of a massive star, which enriched Solar nebula with ^{26}Al
- The injection mechanism is heavily debated, but usually yields a certain distribution of short-lived radionuclides

Planetesimal heat budget



Constraints on planetesimal formation sizes

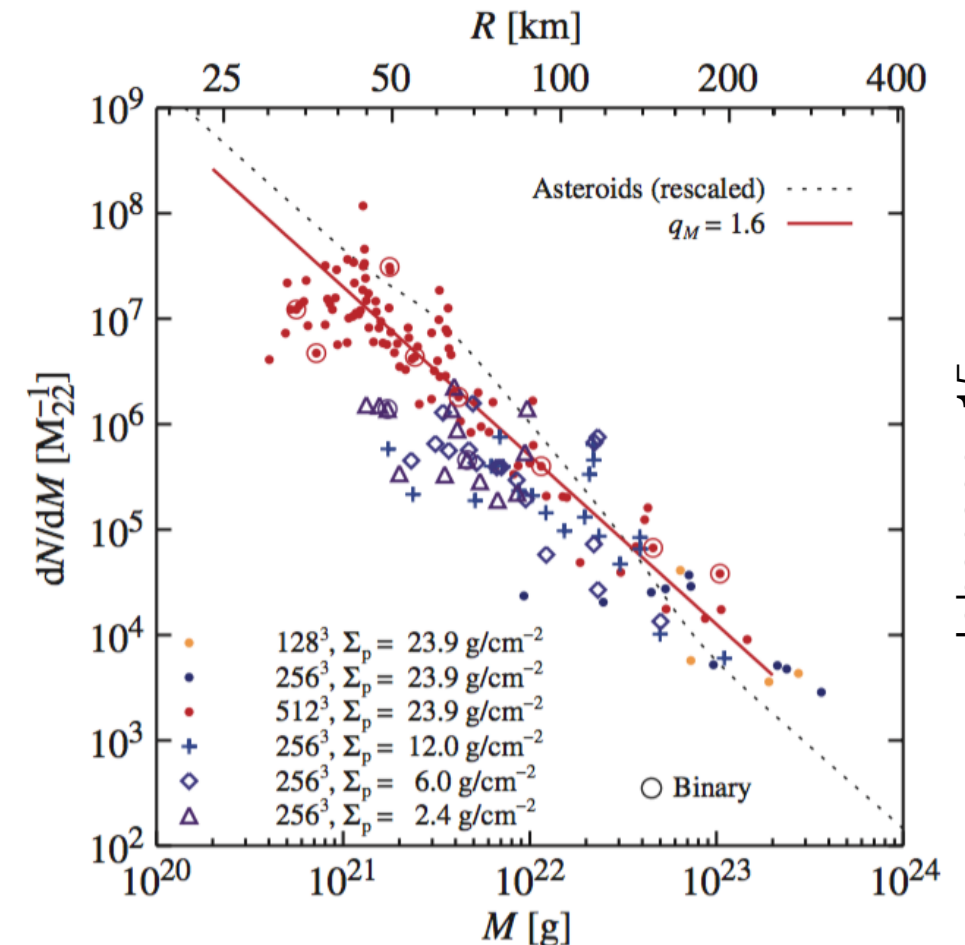
Recent IMF estimates:

- **$r = 10\text{--}100\text{ km}$** (*Cuzzi+08*)
- **$r = 100\text{--}1000\text{ km}$** (*Morbidelli+09*)
- **$r = 50\text{--}200\text{ km}$** (*Chambers 10*)
- **$r = 25\text{--}200\text{ km}$** (*Johansen+15, Simon+16*)

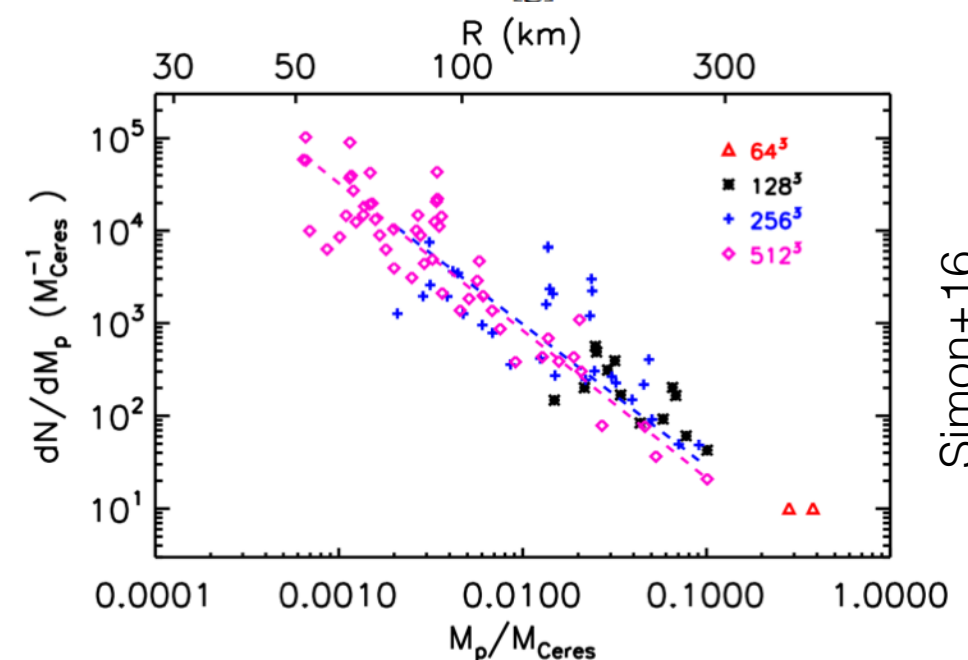
$$\Rightarrow dN/dR \sim R^{-2.8}$$

$$\Rightarrow dN/dM \sim M^{-1.6}$$

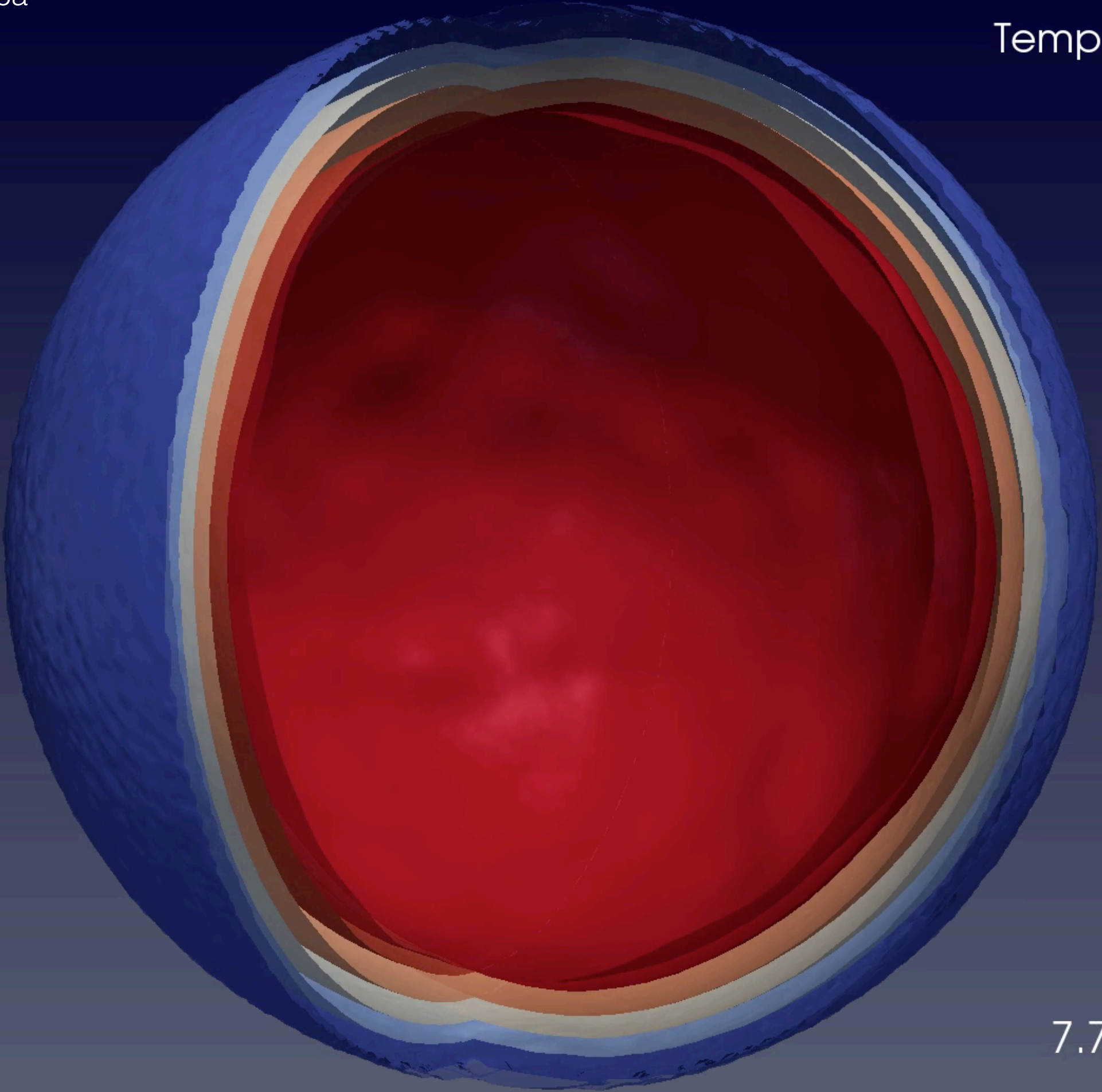
- $M \sim 10^{16}\text{--}10^{21}\text{ kg}$



Johansen+15

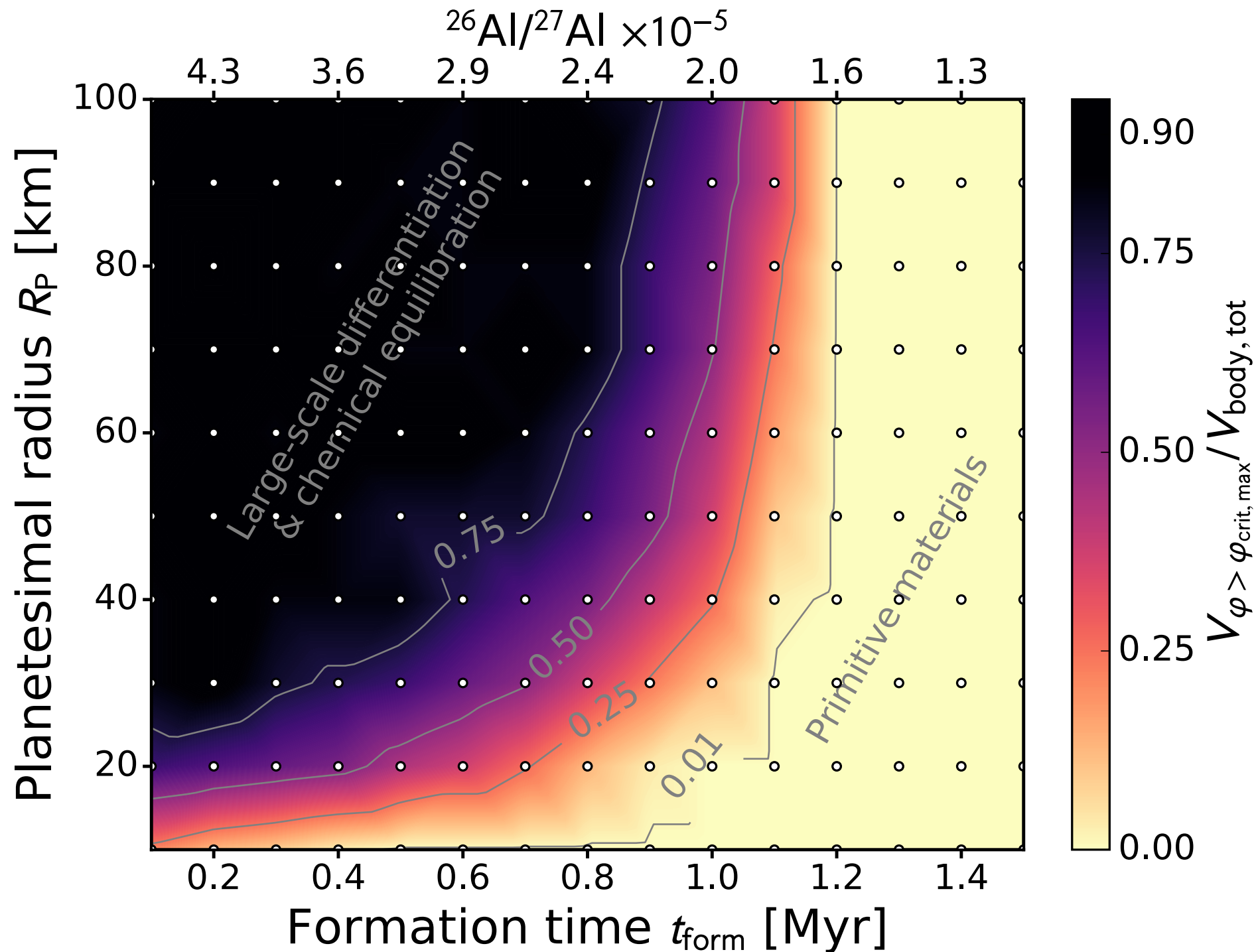


Simon+16



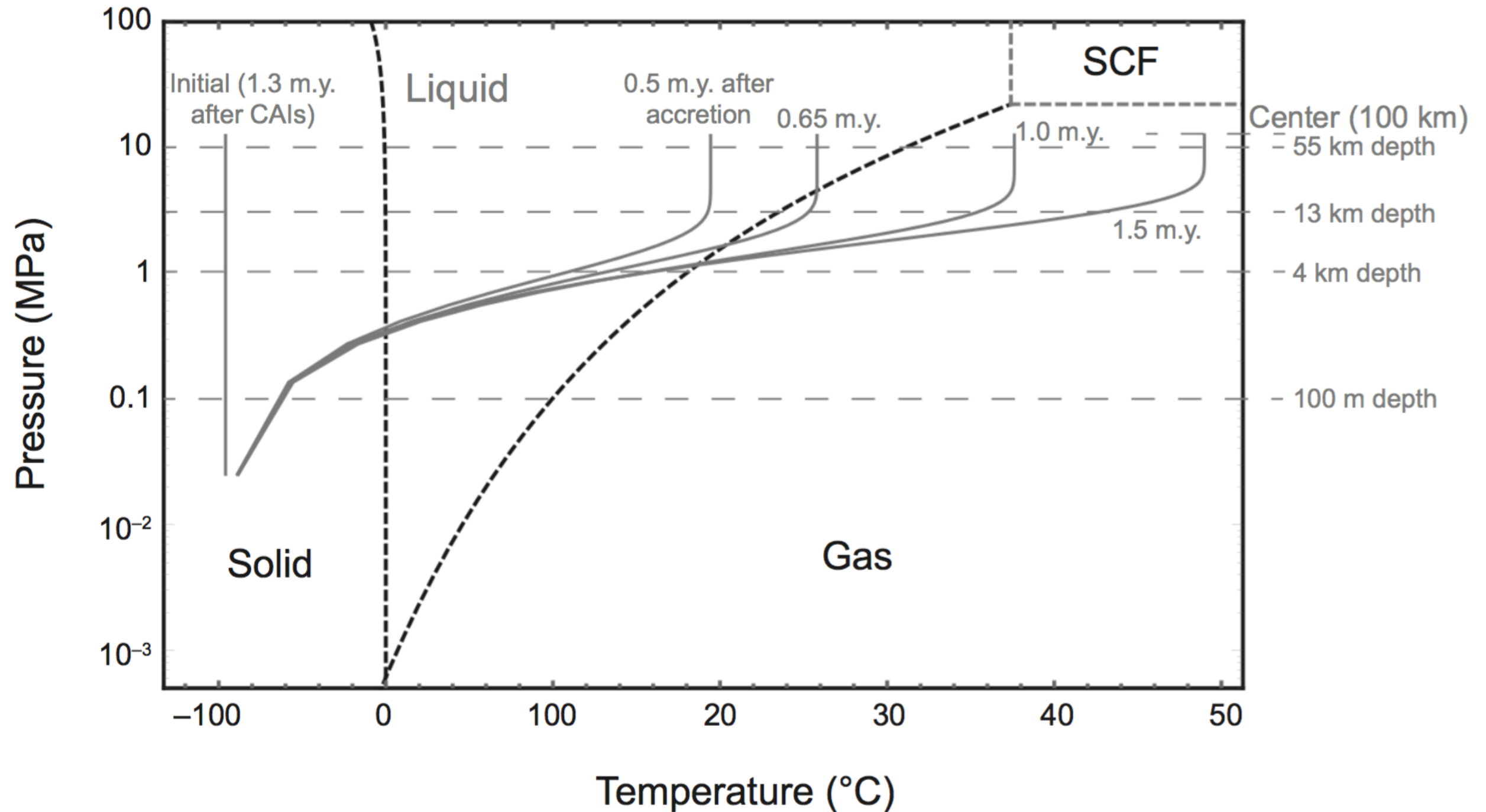
7.73 Myr

Planetesimal interior evolution

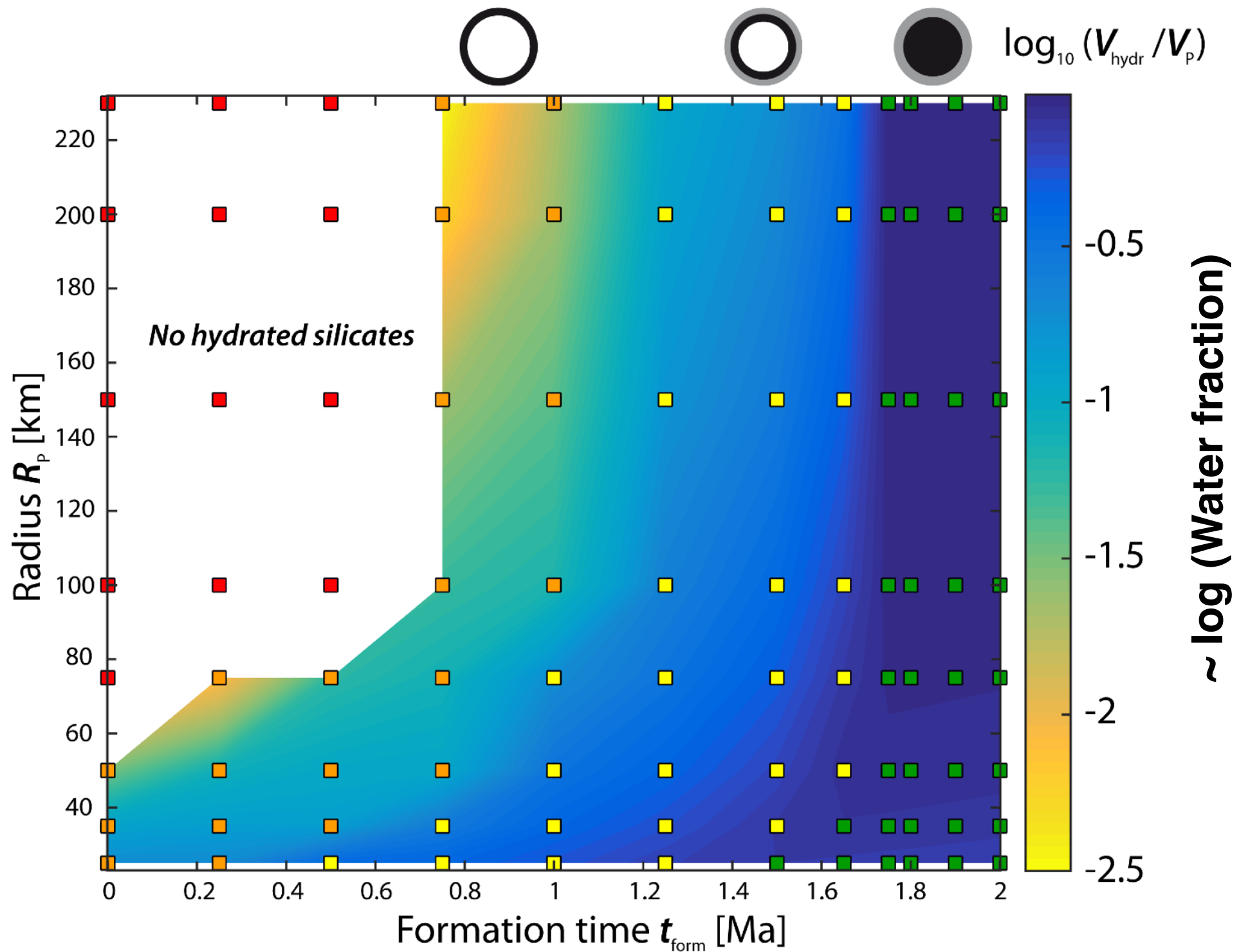


See also: Elkins-Tanton 10, "Asteroids IV" (Michel, DeMeo, Bottke); "Planetesimals" (Weiss & Elkins-Tanton)

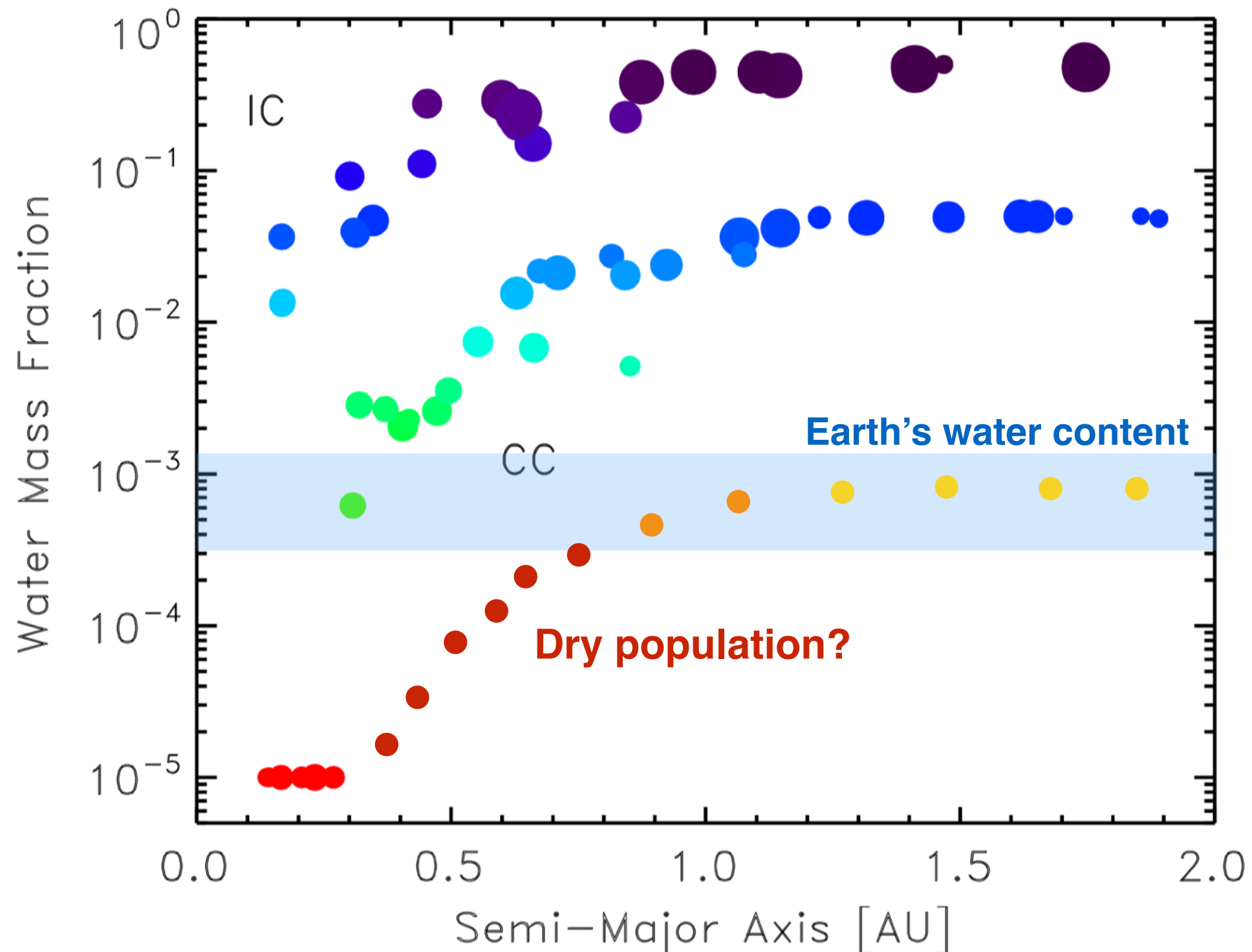
Planetesimal hydrology



Dehydration from internal heating



‘Initial’ water abundances integrated



Distribution

^{26}Al -
enriched

^{26}Al -
depleted

dichotomy?

Take away – Summary

1. ^{26}Al distribution of young planetary system
 - Source: massive star in close vicinity of young Sun
 - Debated distribution in star-forming regions
2. ^{26}Al -driven planetesimal interior evolution in enriched systems
 - How does this shape the planetary formation process?
 - Does it alter habitability conditions?