

Hopes and challenges in modern planet formation

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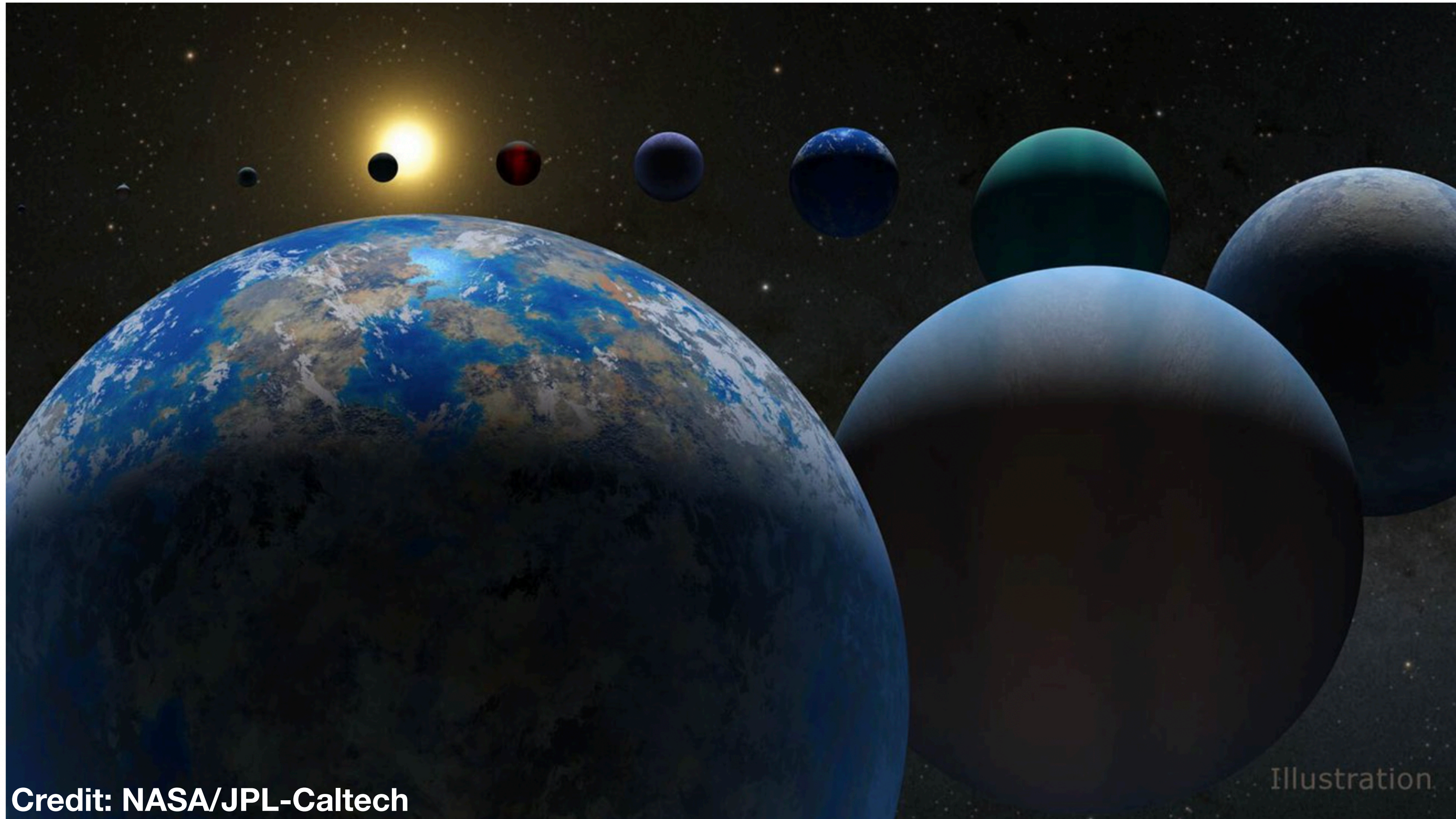
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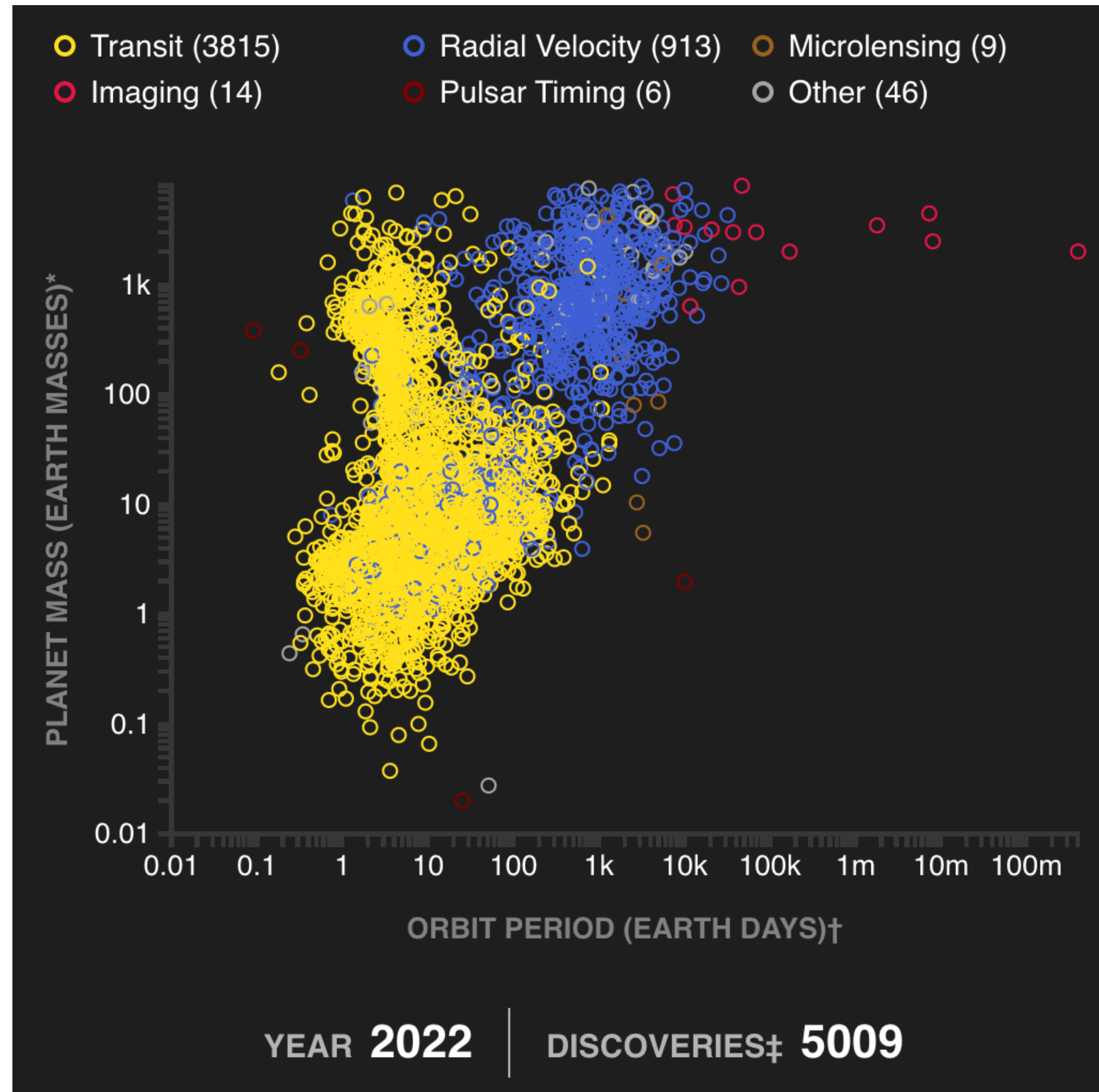
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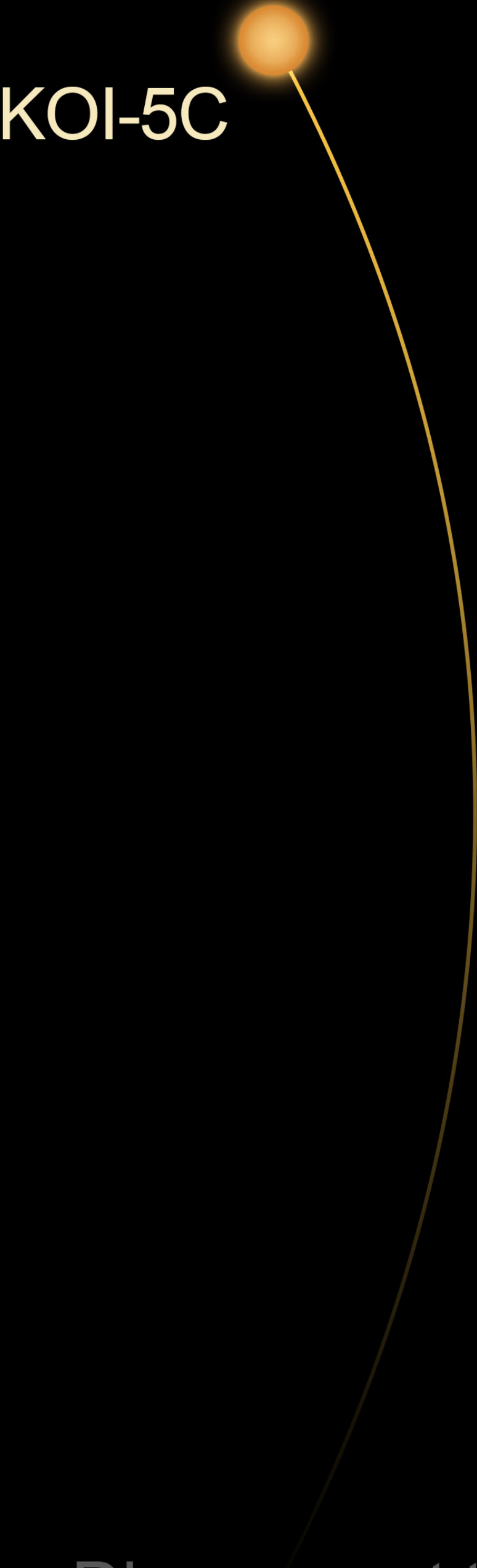
Illustration

The era of exoplanet sciences



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KOI-5 Triple-Star System



KOI-5C

Exoplanet
KOI-5Ab



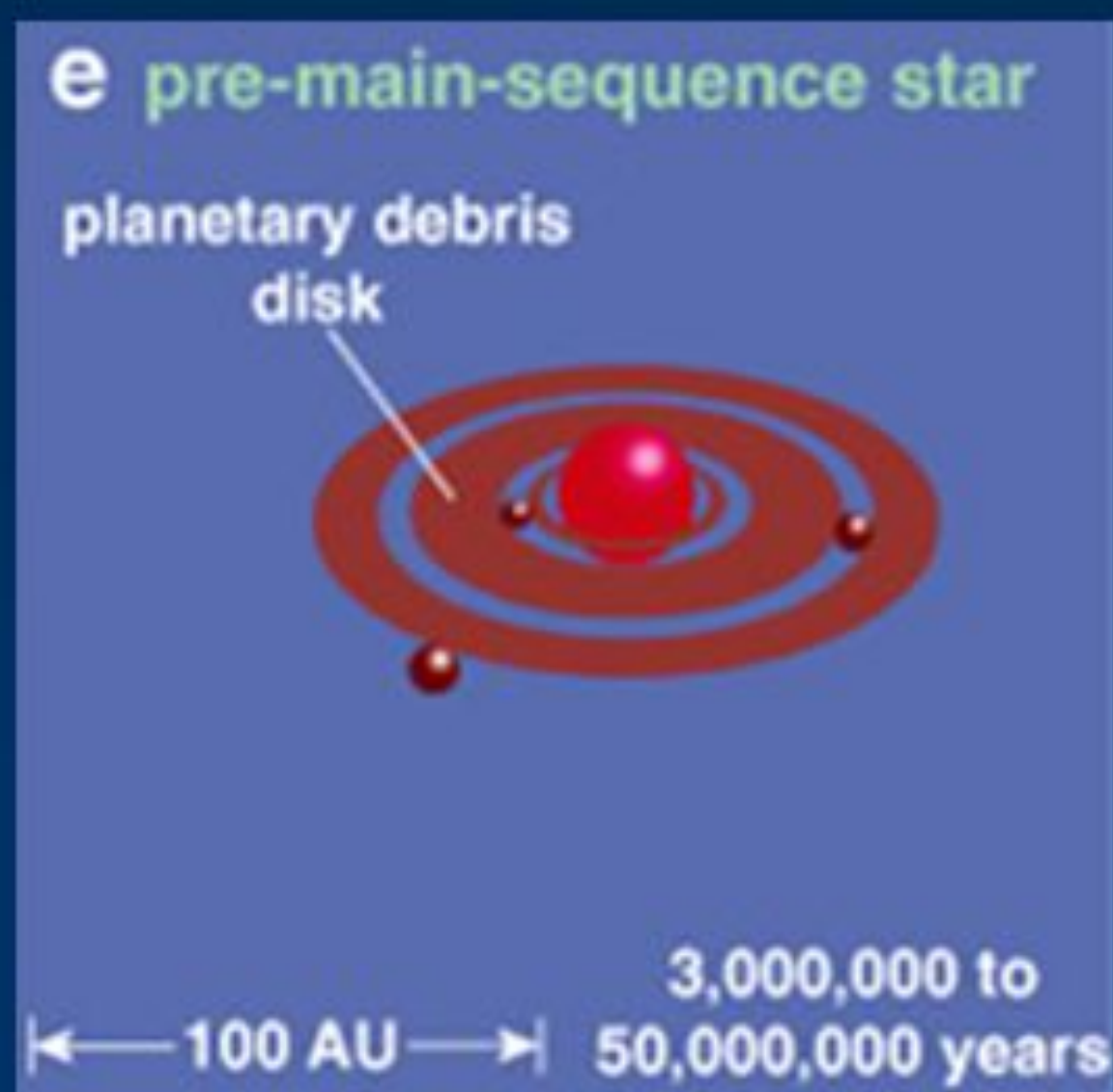
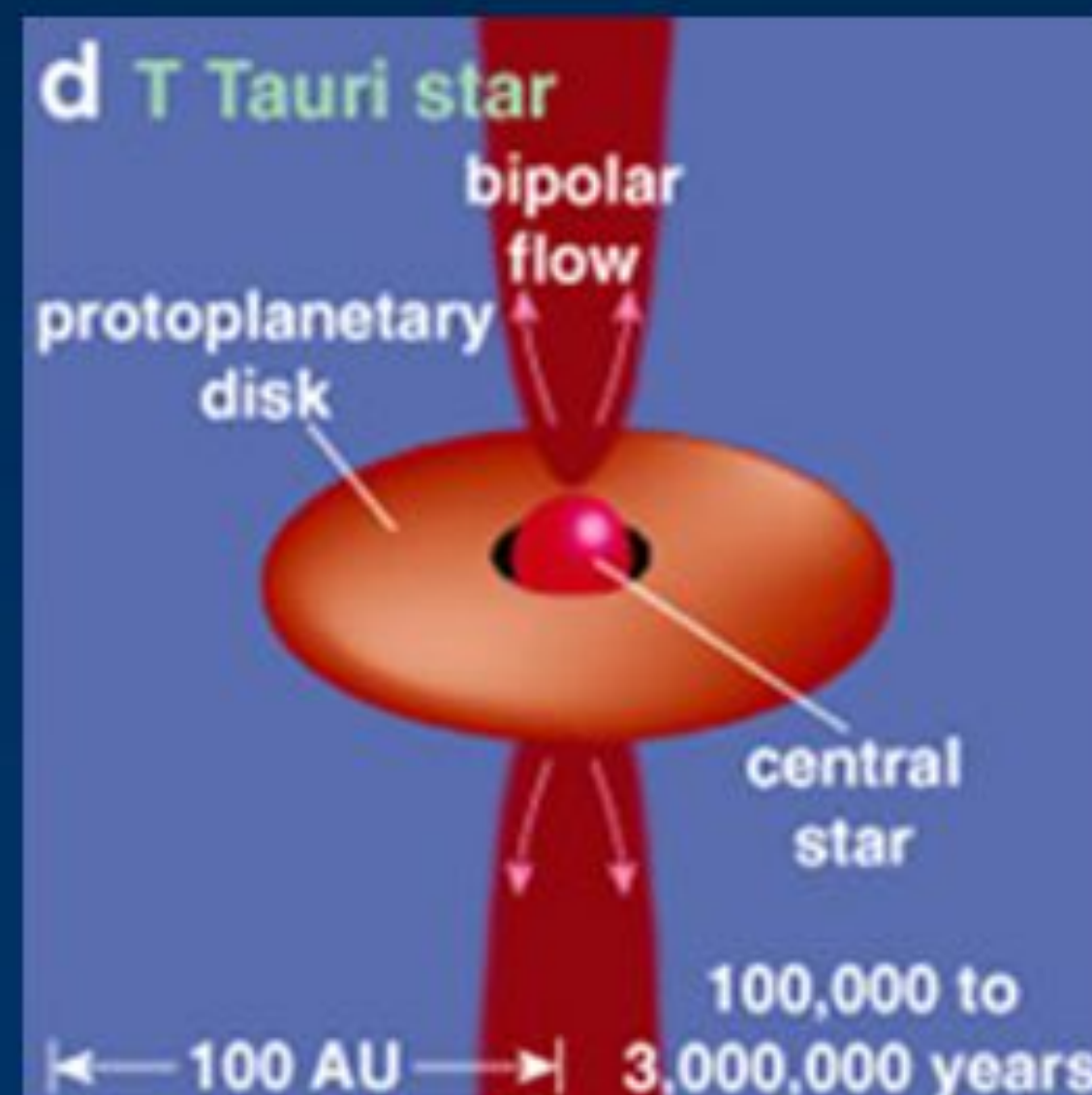
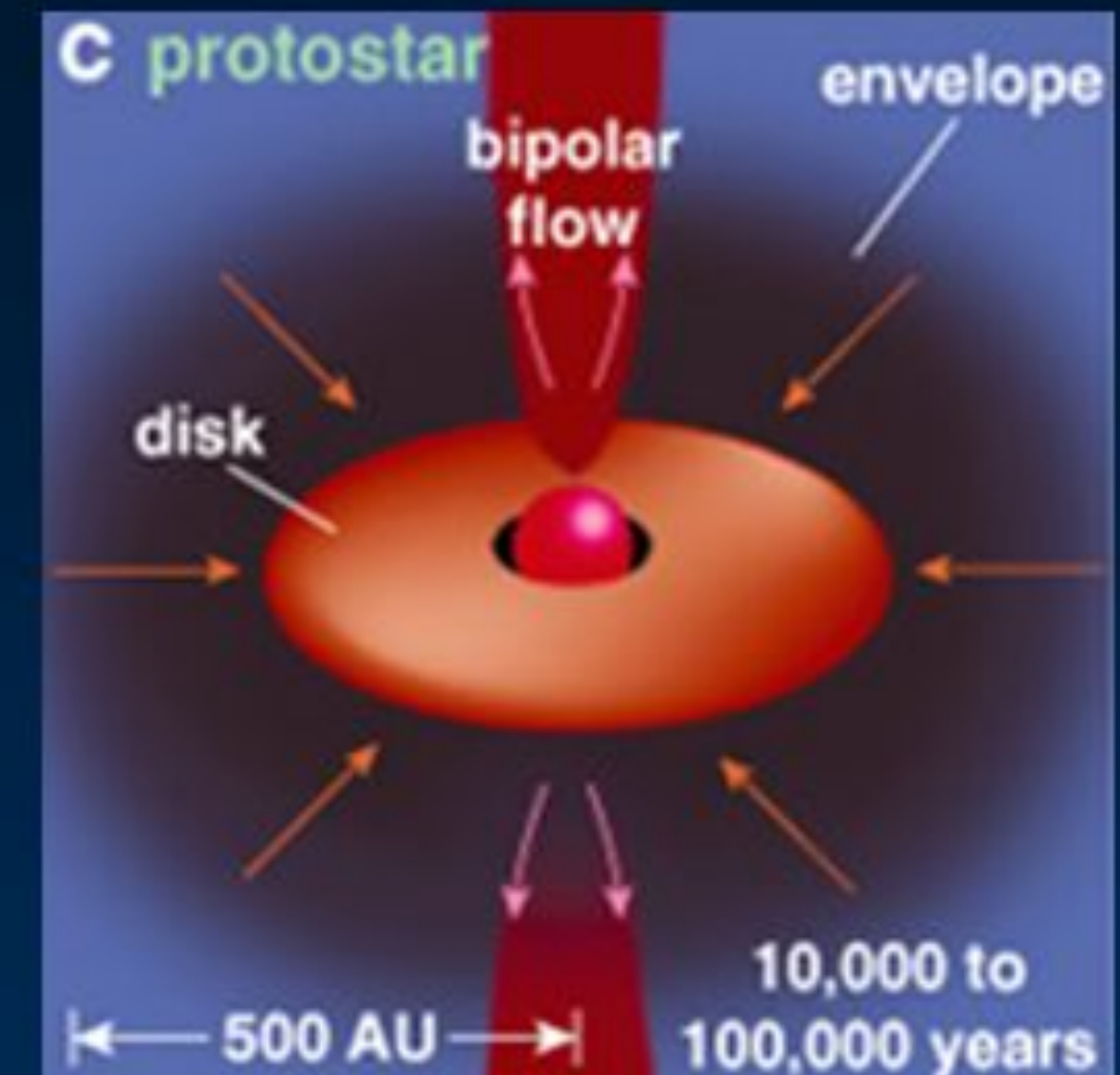
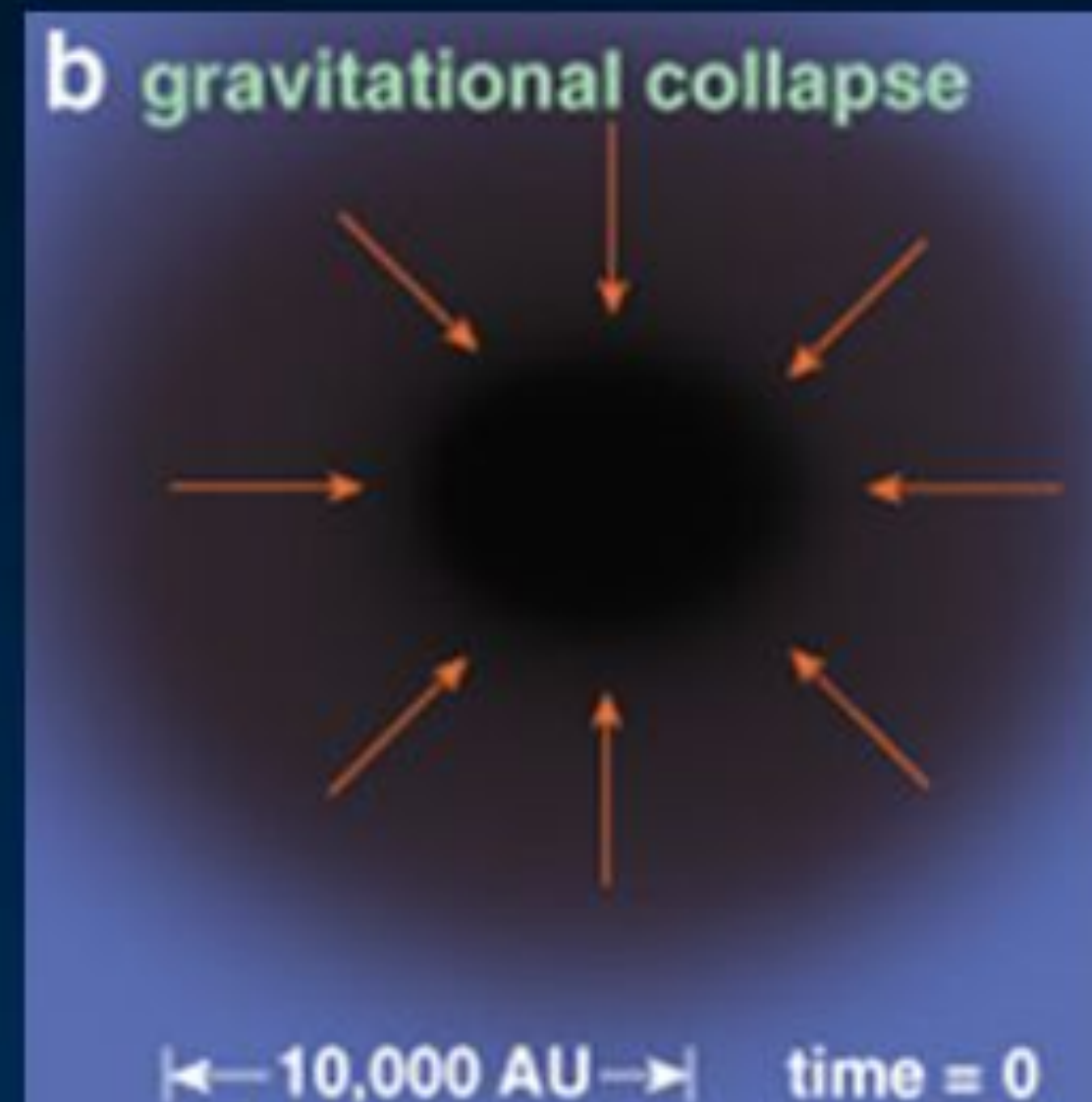
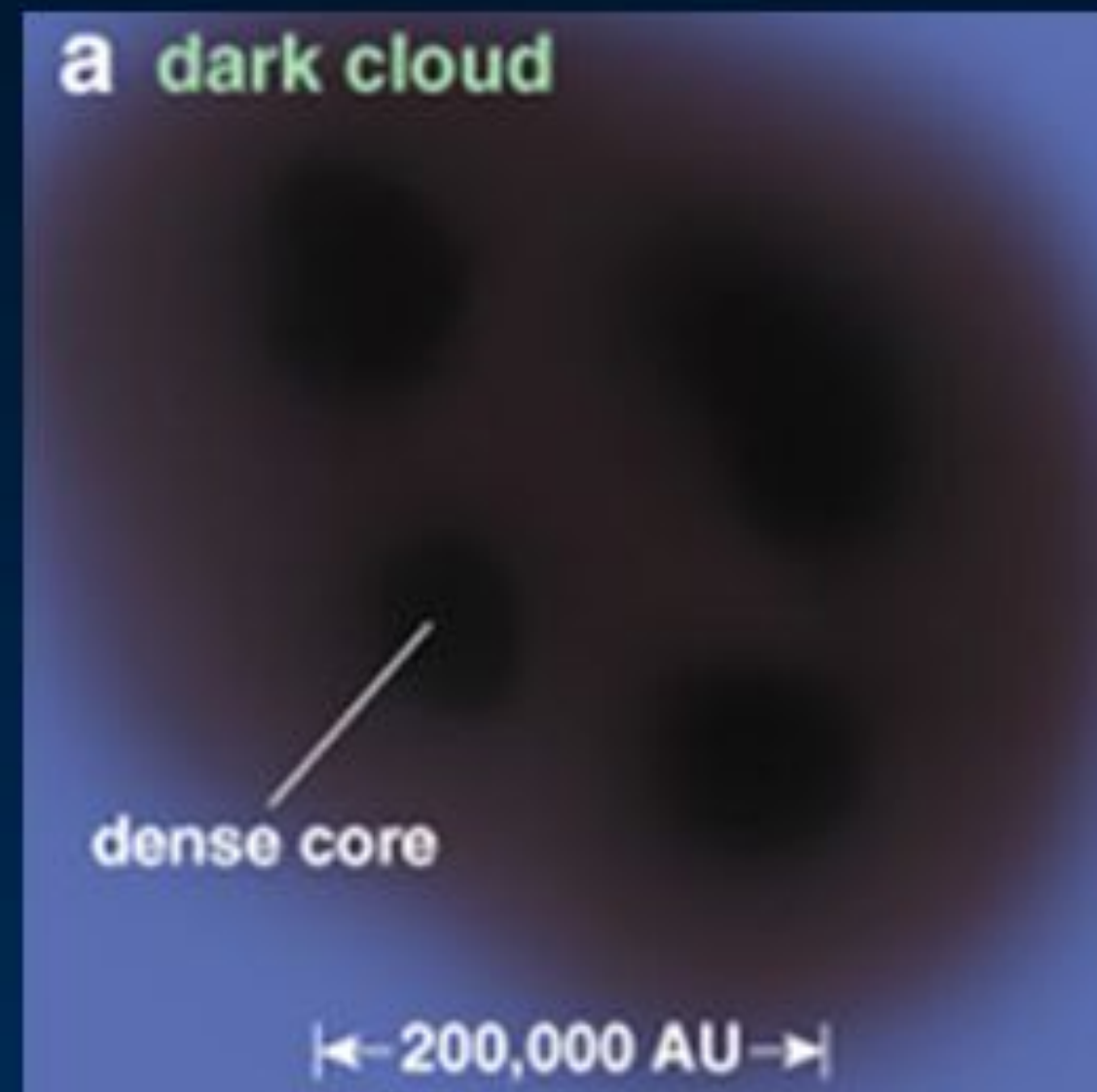
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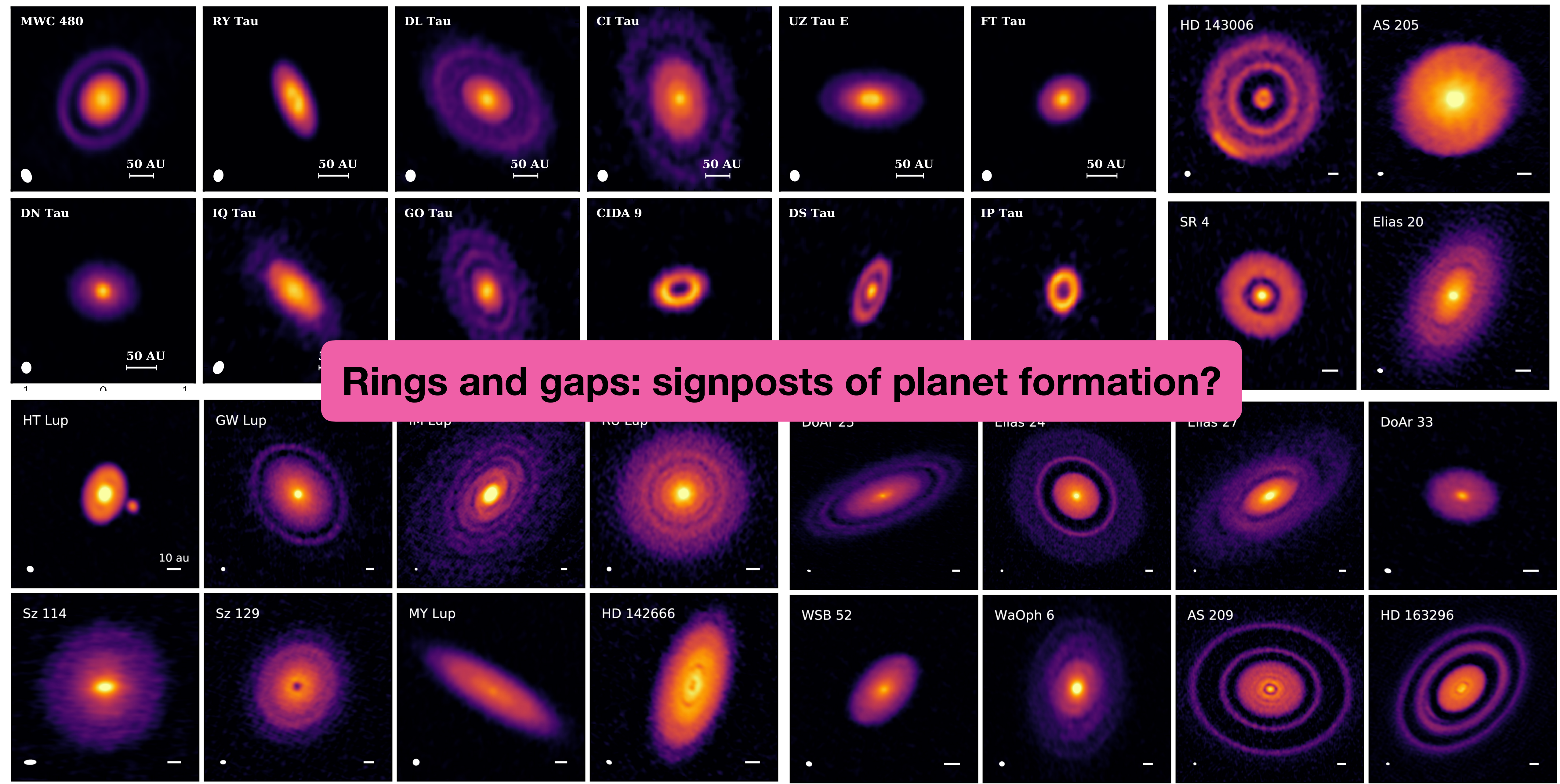
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Diagram not to scale

Planets form in protoplanetary disks



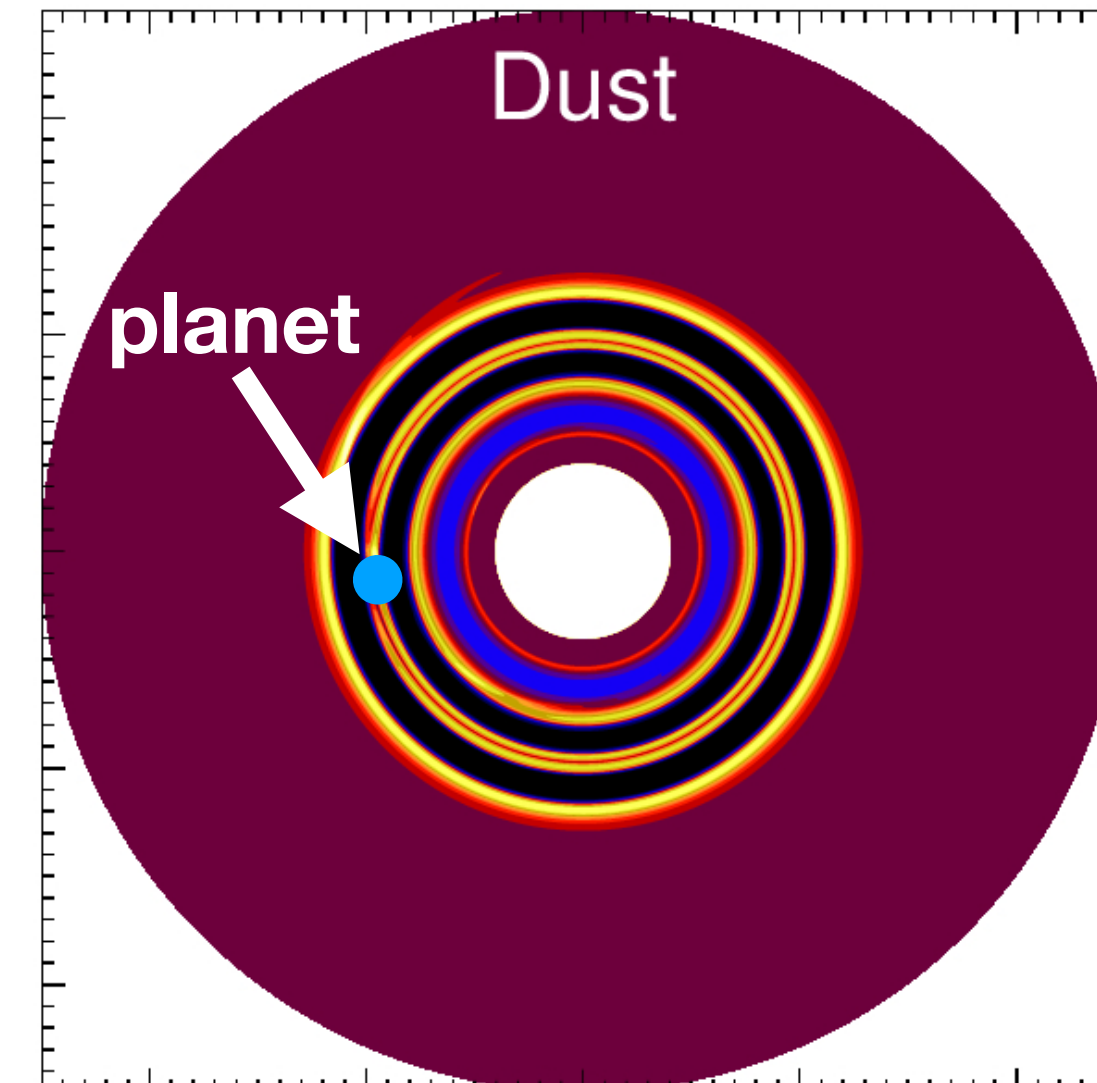
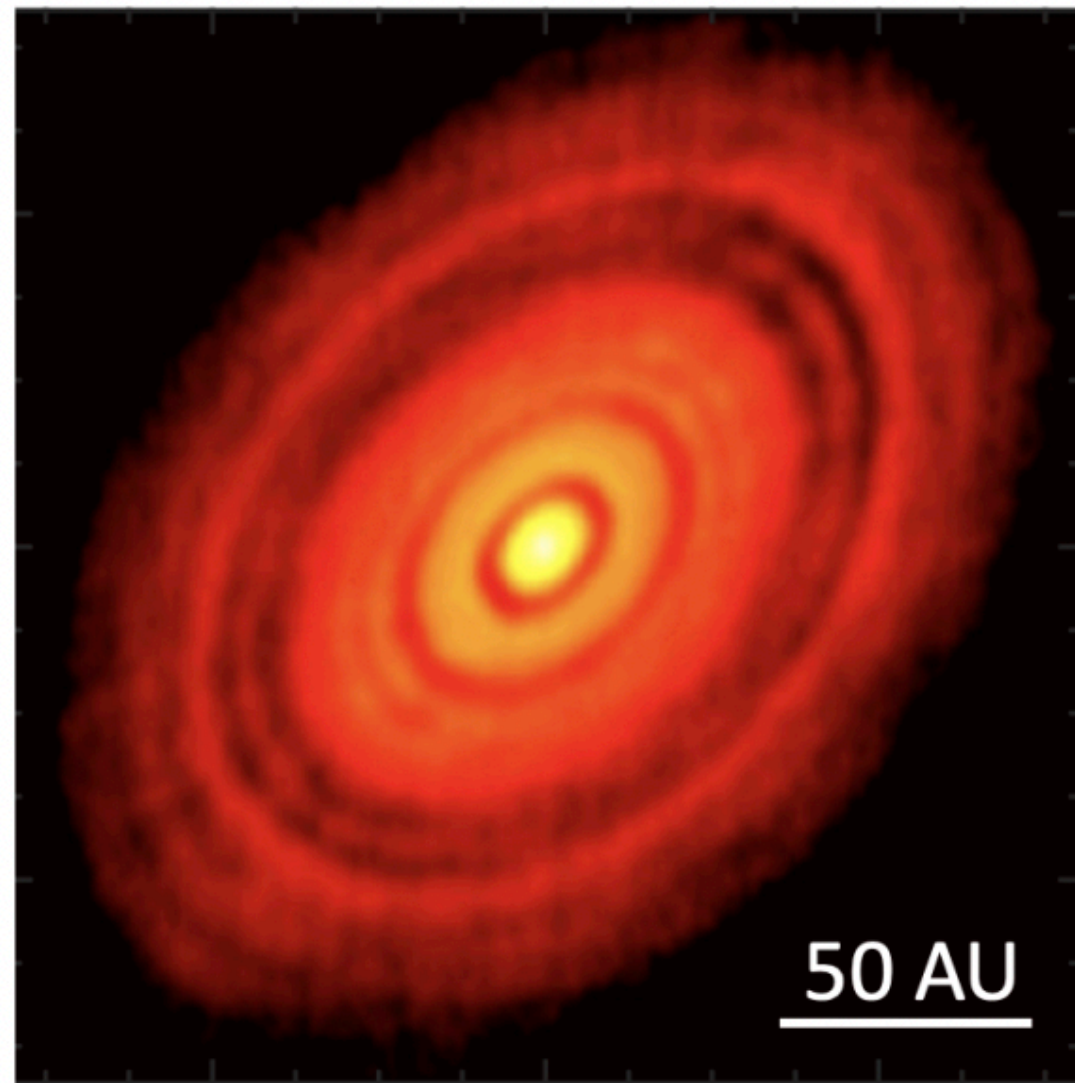
(Andrews et al, 2018; Long et al 2018)



Disk-planet interpretation

HL Tau (ALMA Partnership et al. 2015)

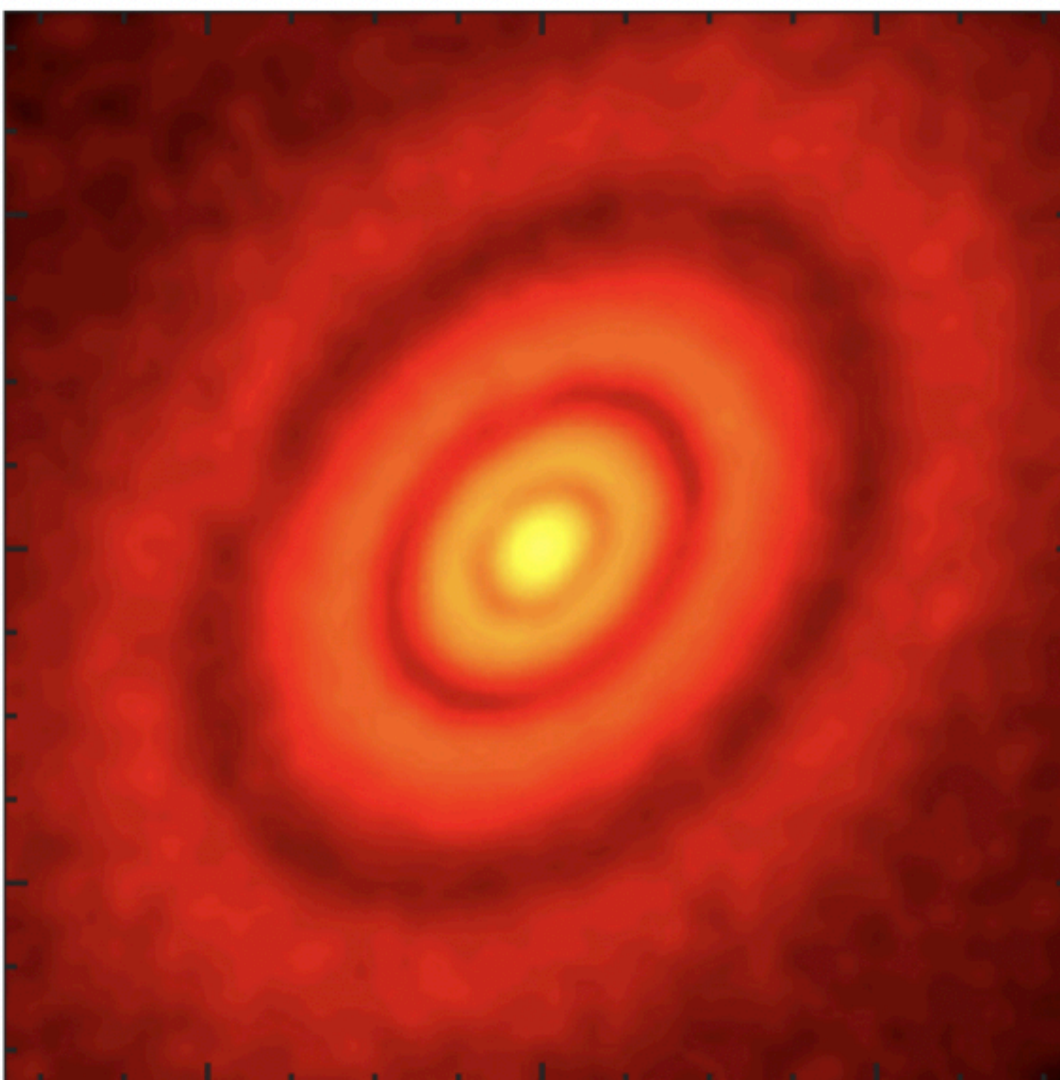
Observations



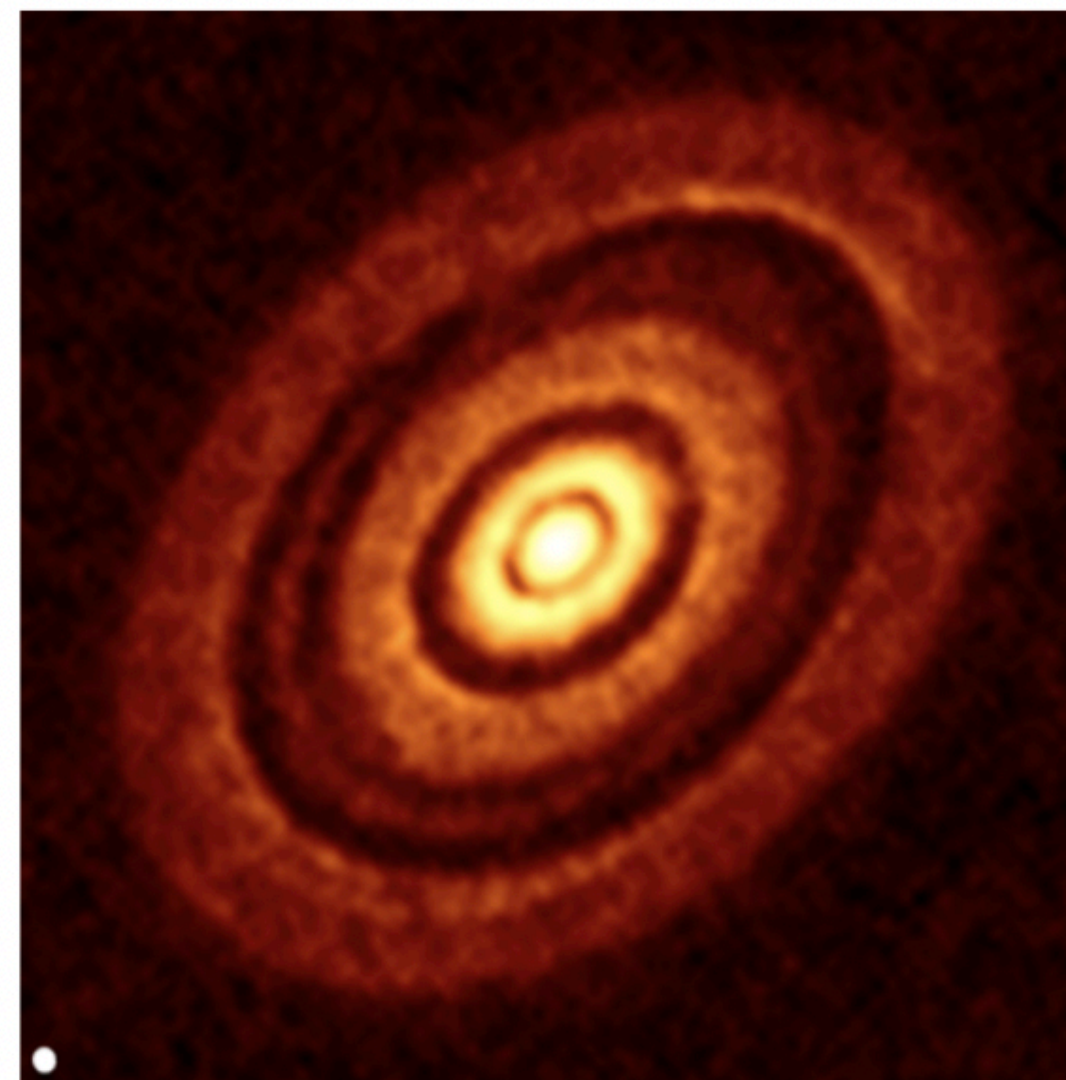
**Computer
simulation**

(Chen & Lin, 2018)

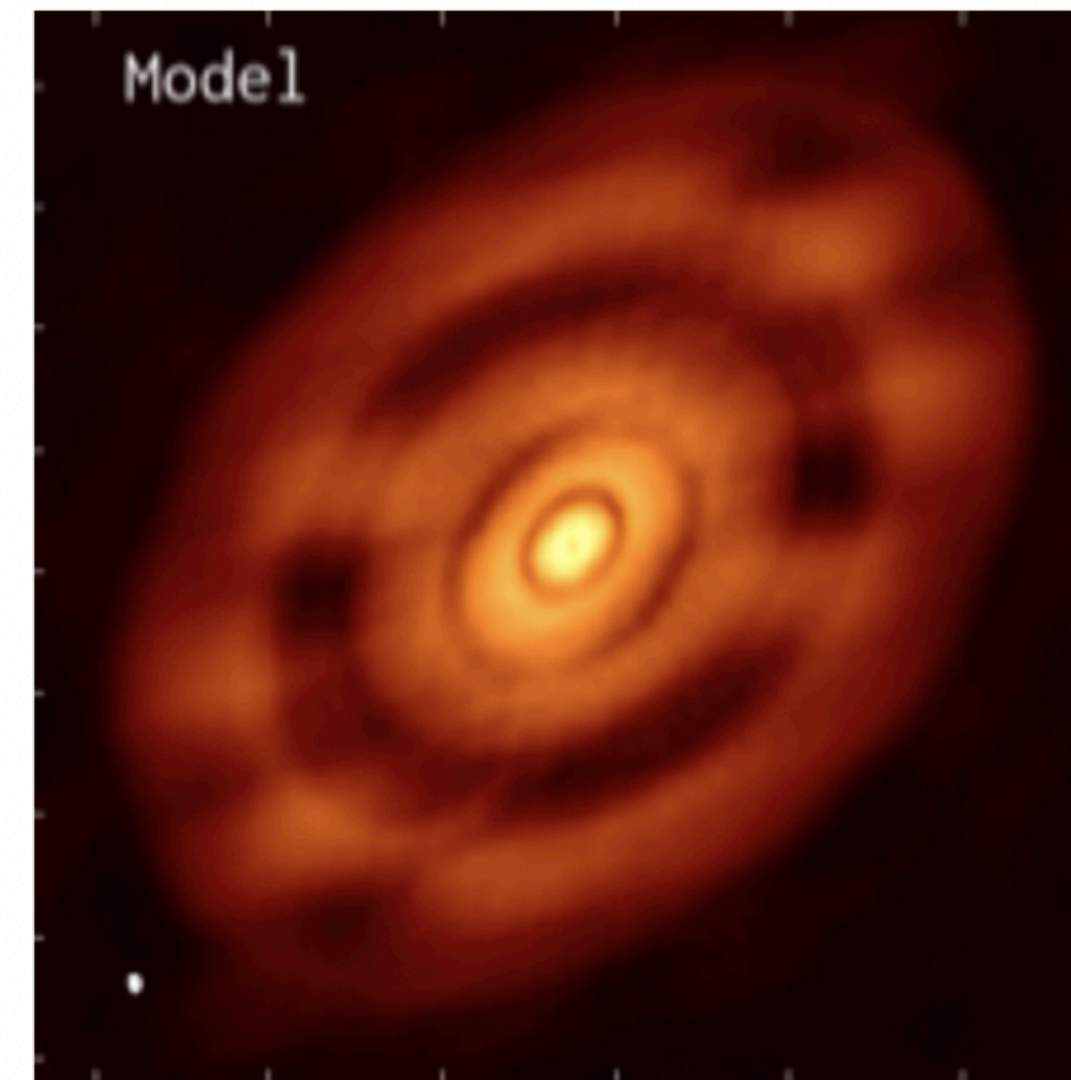
**Simulation
+
synthetic obs.**



Dong et al. 2015



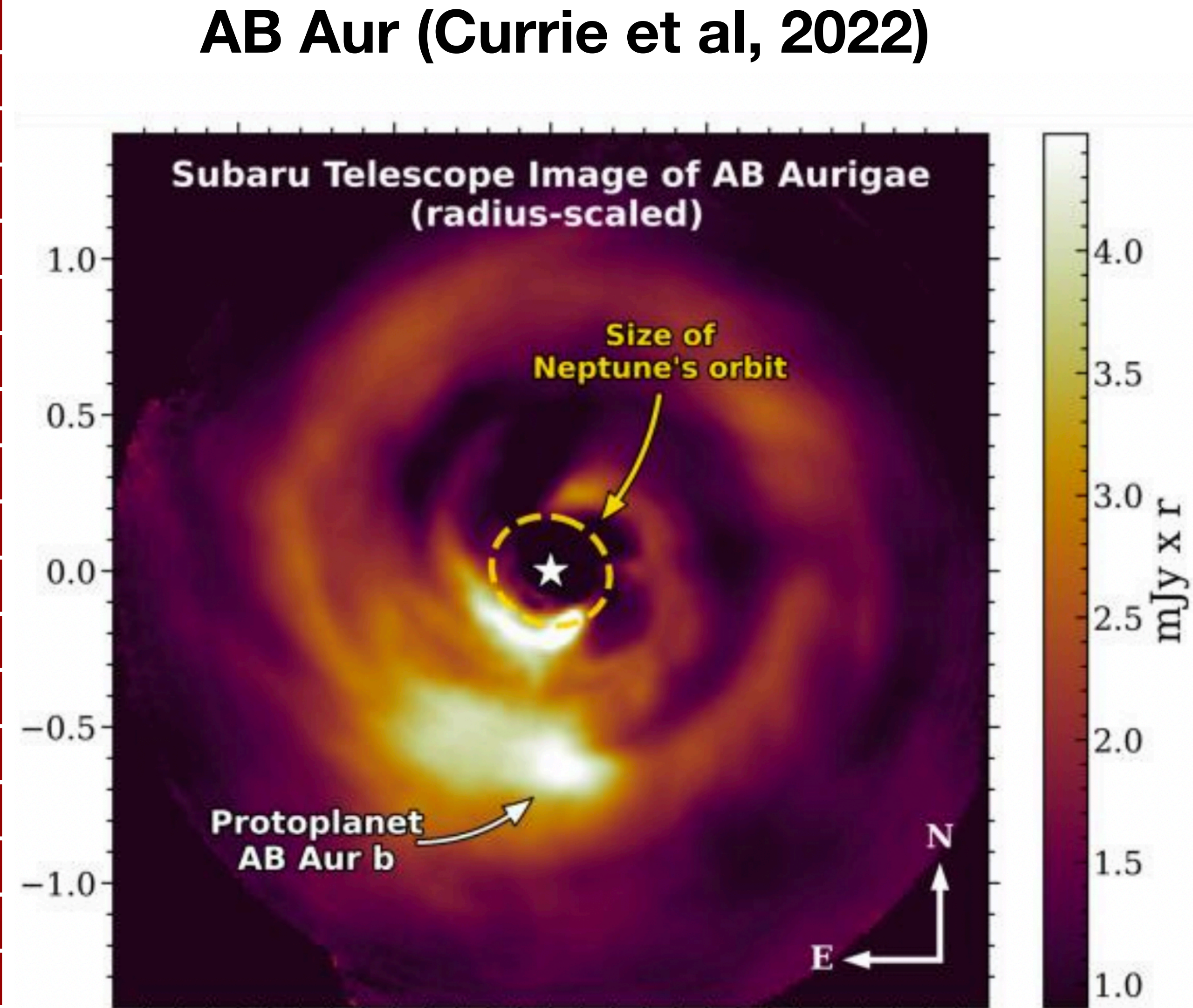
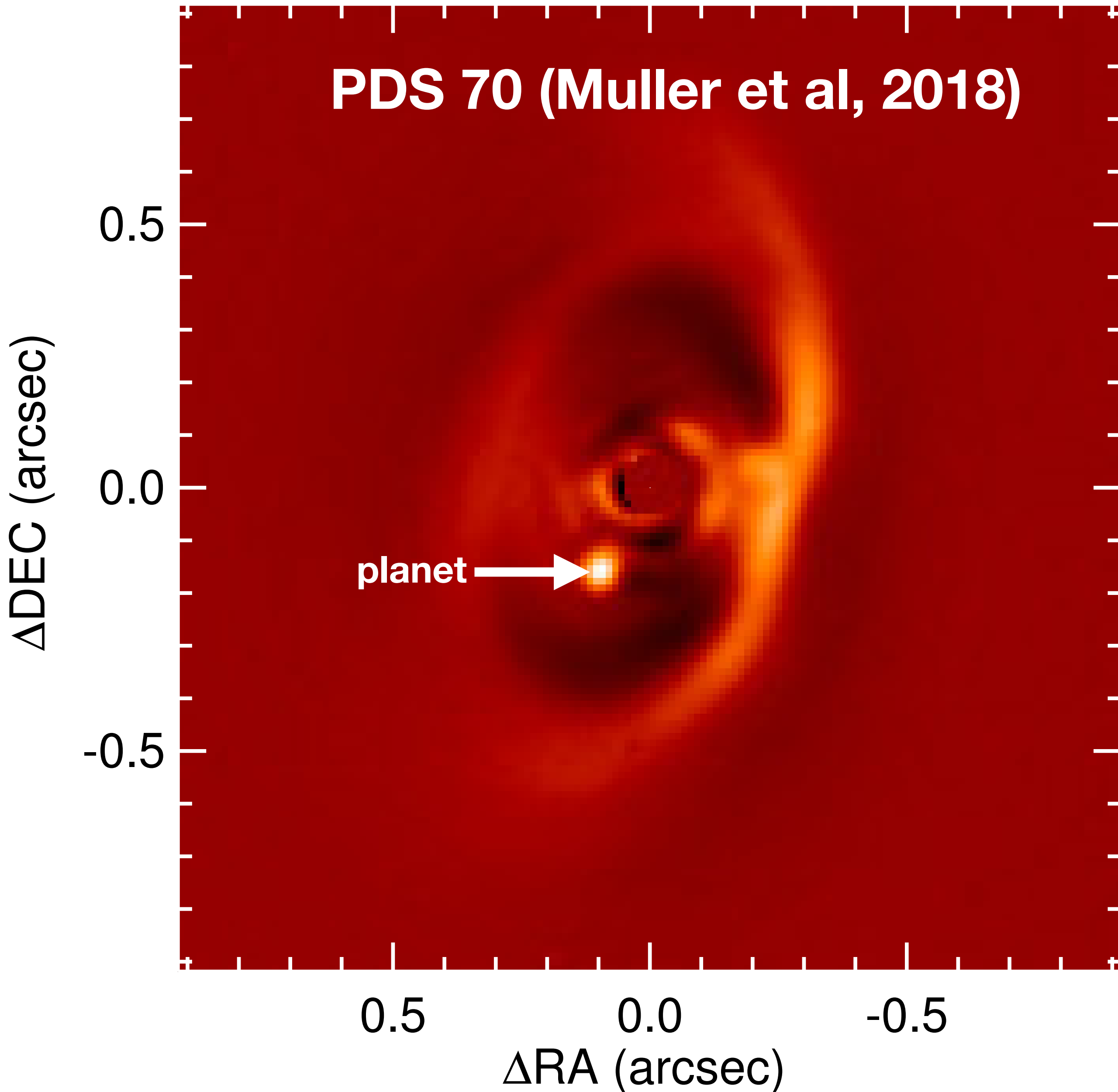
Dipierro et al. 2015



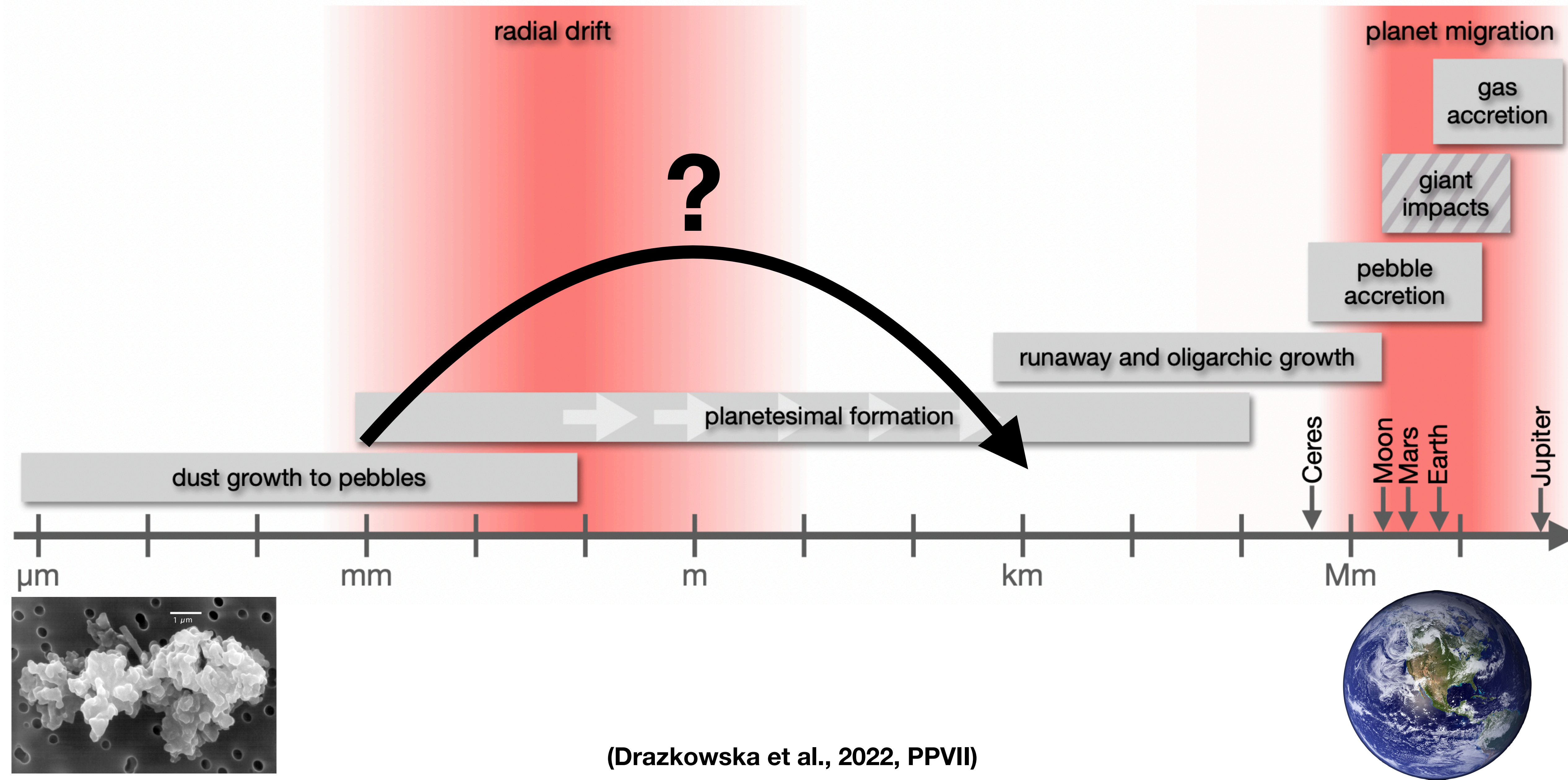
Jin et al. 2016

(Paardekooper et al., 2022, PPVII)

Observations of planets in a disk!

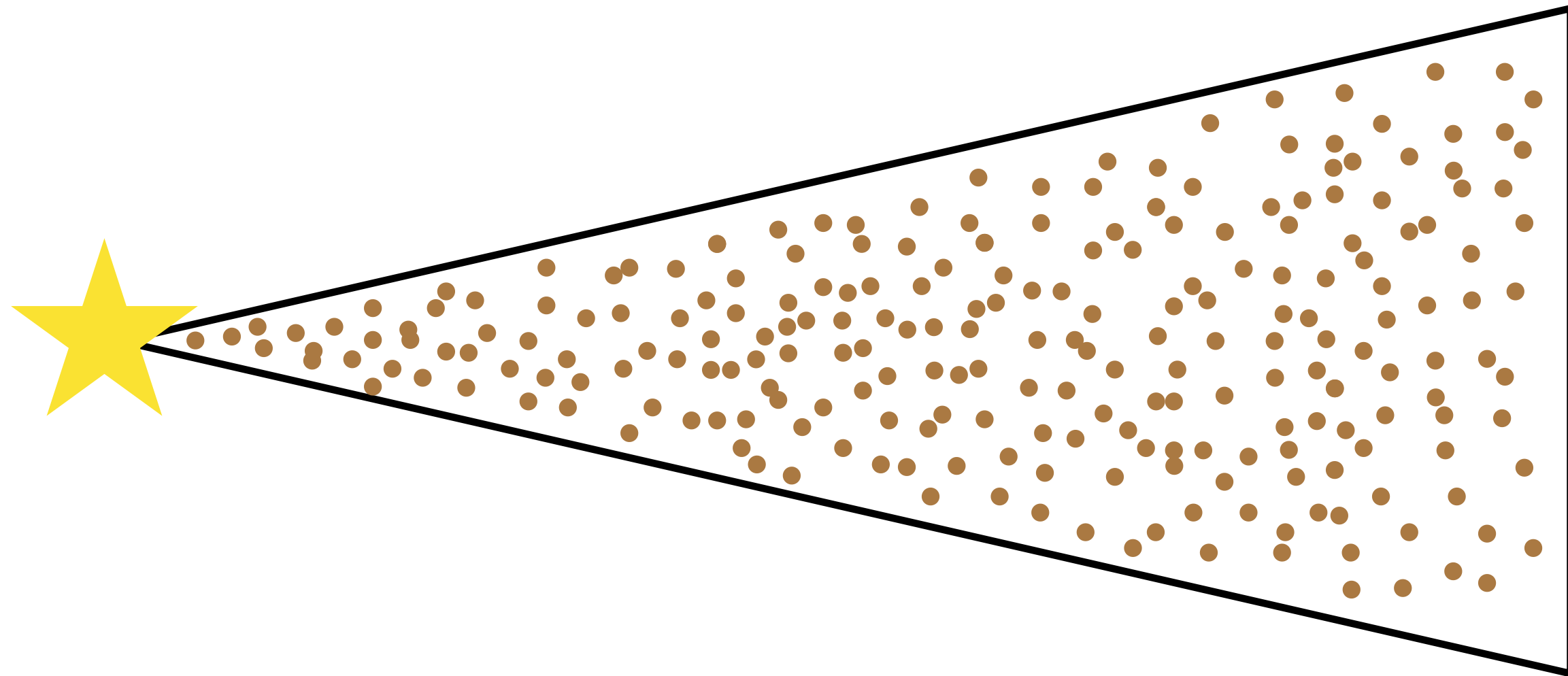


One planet, multiple scales

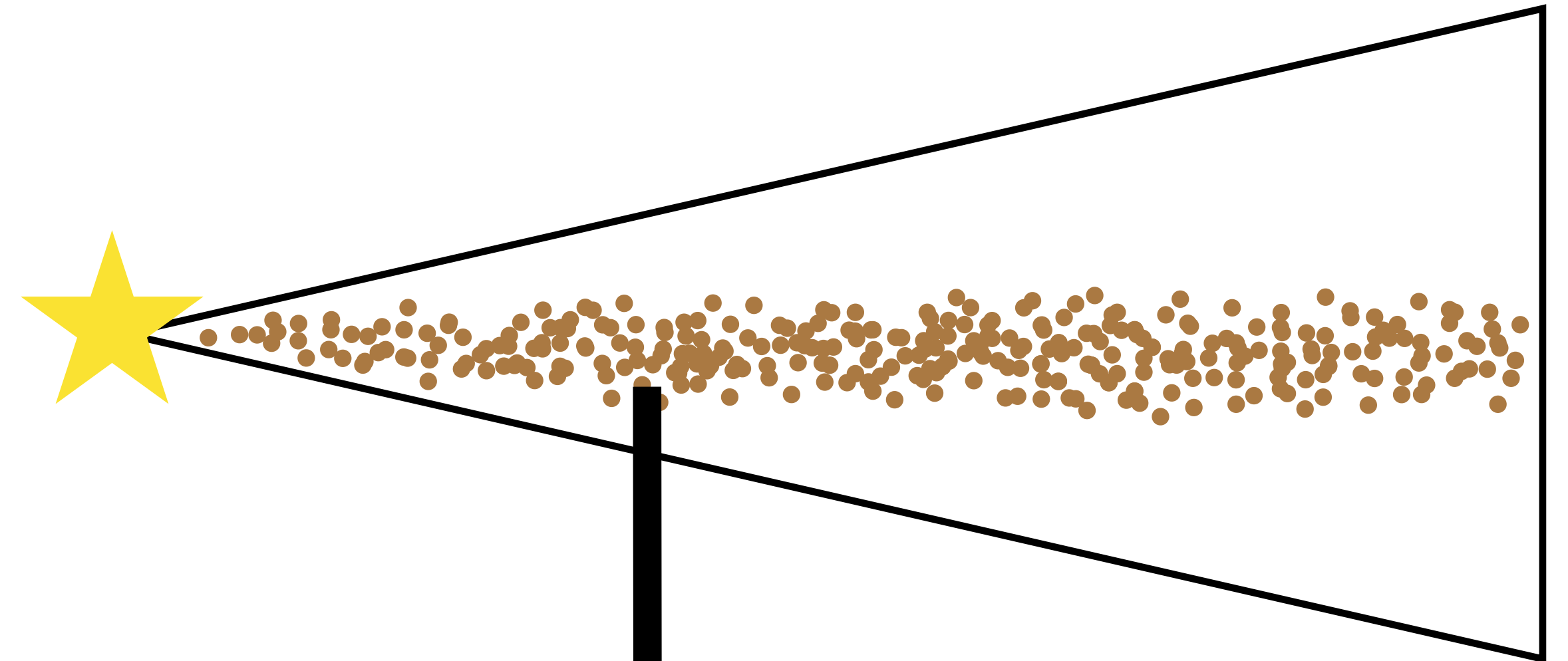


First: Dust settling

well-mixed dust in young disk



dust sediments to the midplane

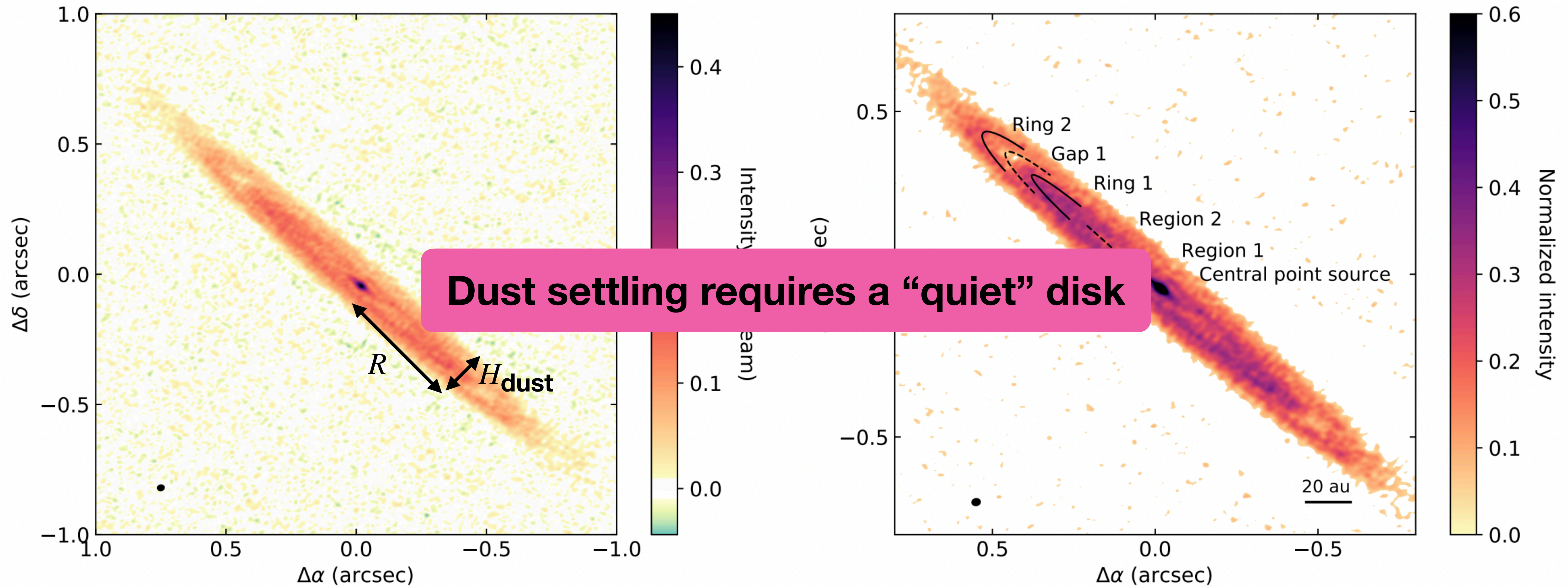


planet(esimal) formation



First: Dust settling

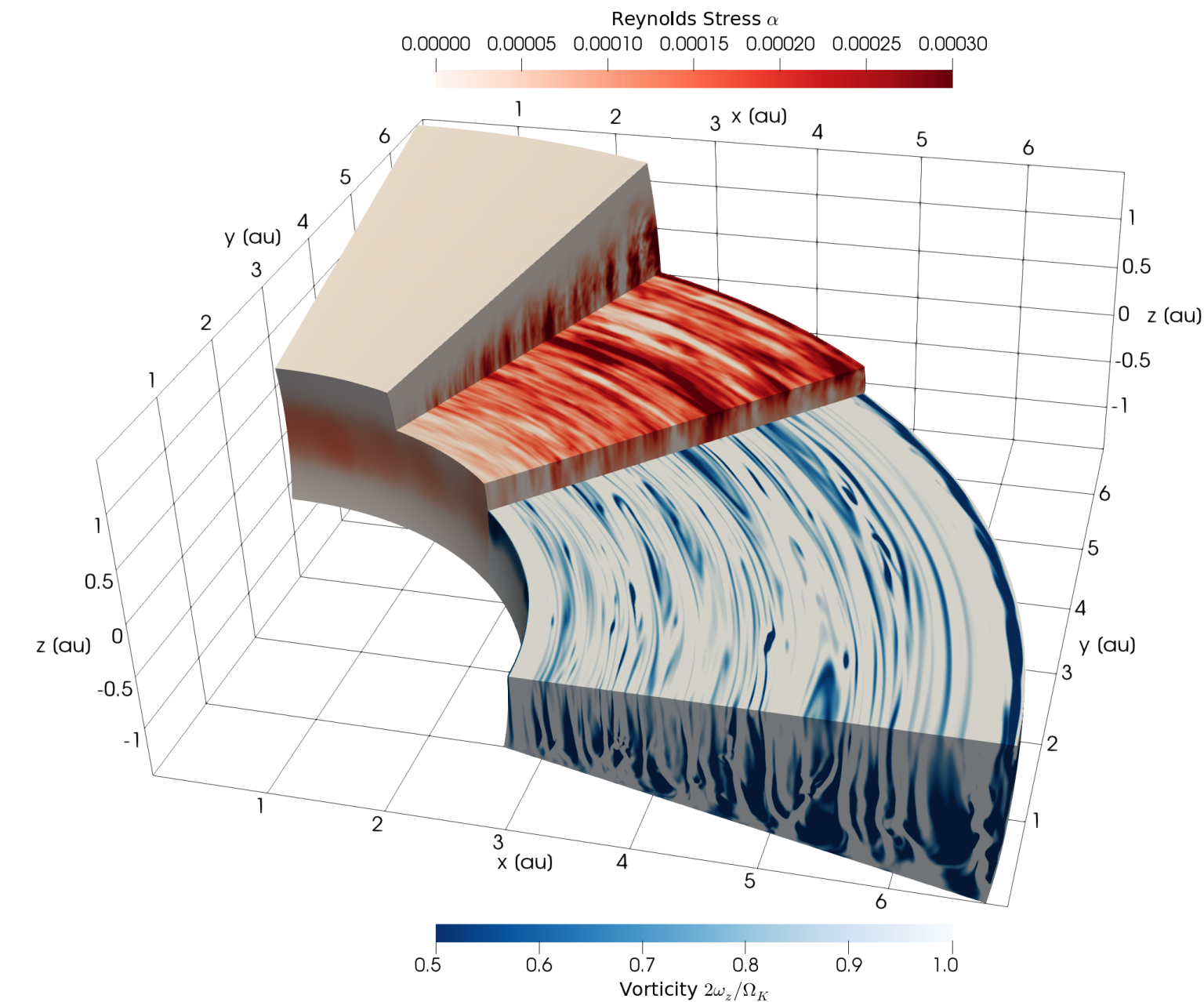
Oph 163131 (Villenave et al. 2022)



$$H_{\text{dust}} \sim 0.005R$$

But PPDs are likely turbulent

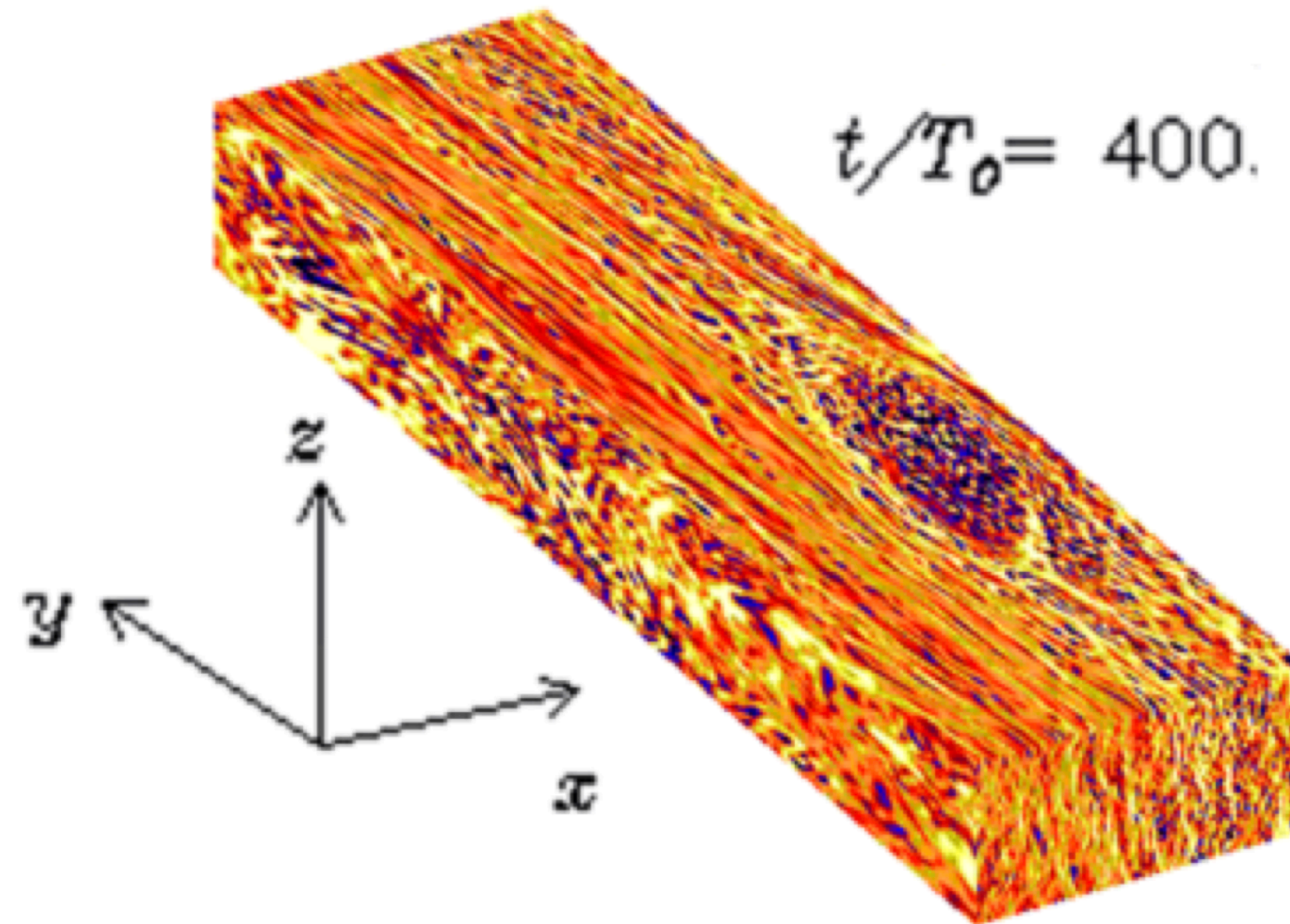
Vertical shear instability



Pfeil & Klahr (2020)

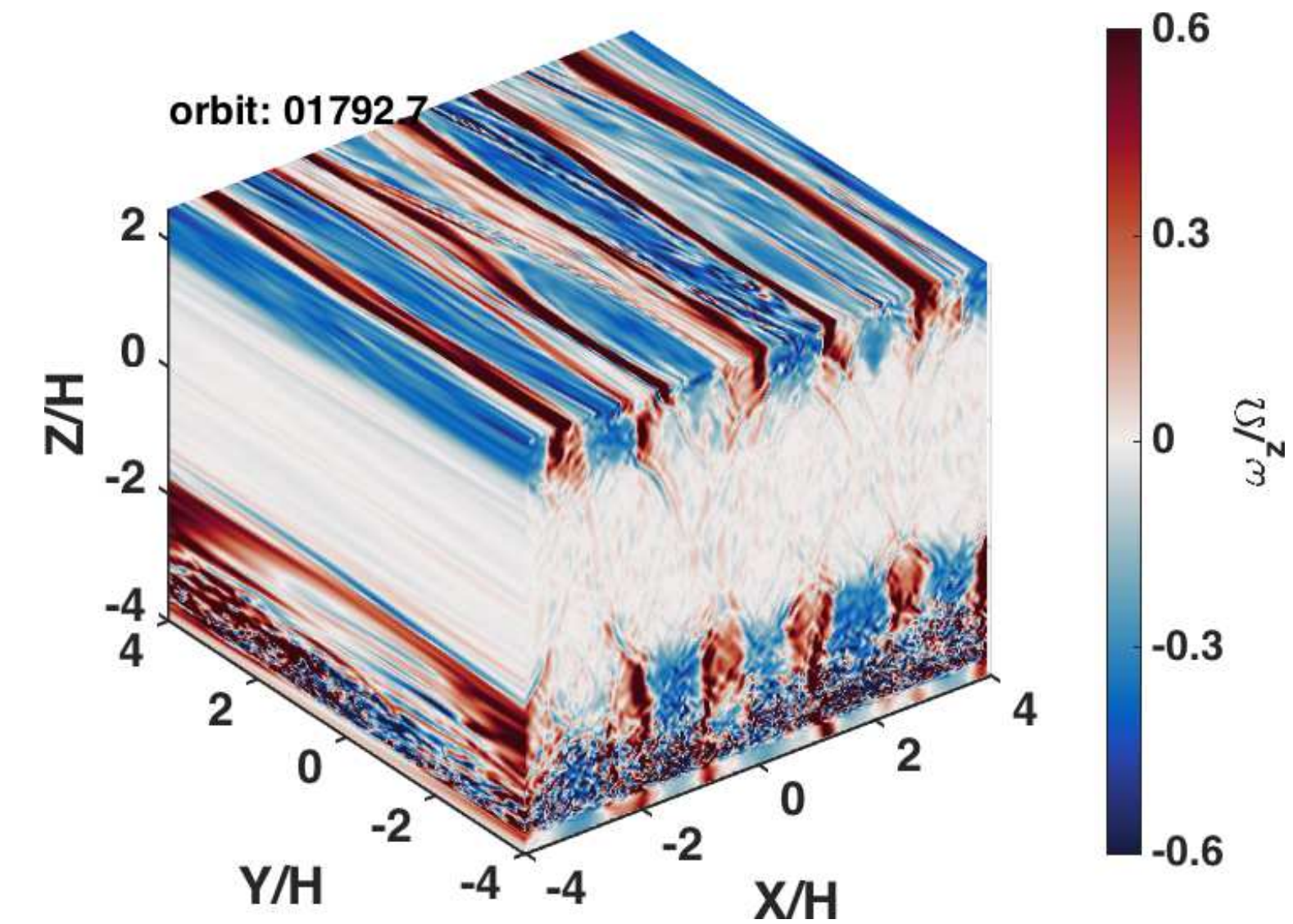
Lin & Youdin (2015)
Cui & Lin (2021)

Convective overstability



Lyra (2014)

Zombie vortex instability



Barranco et al. (2018)

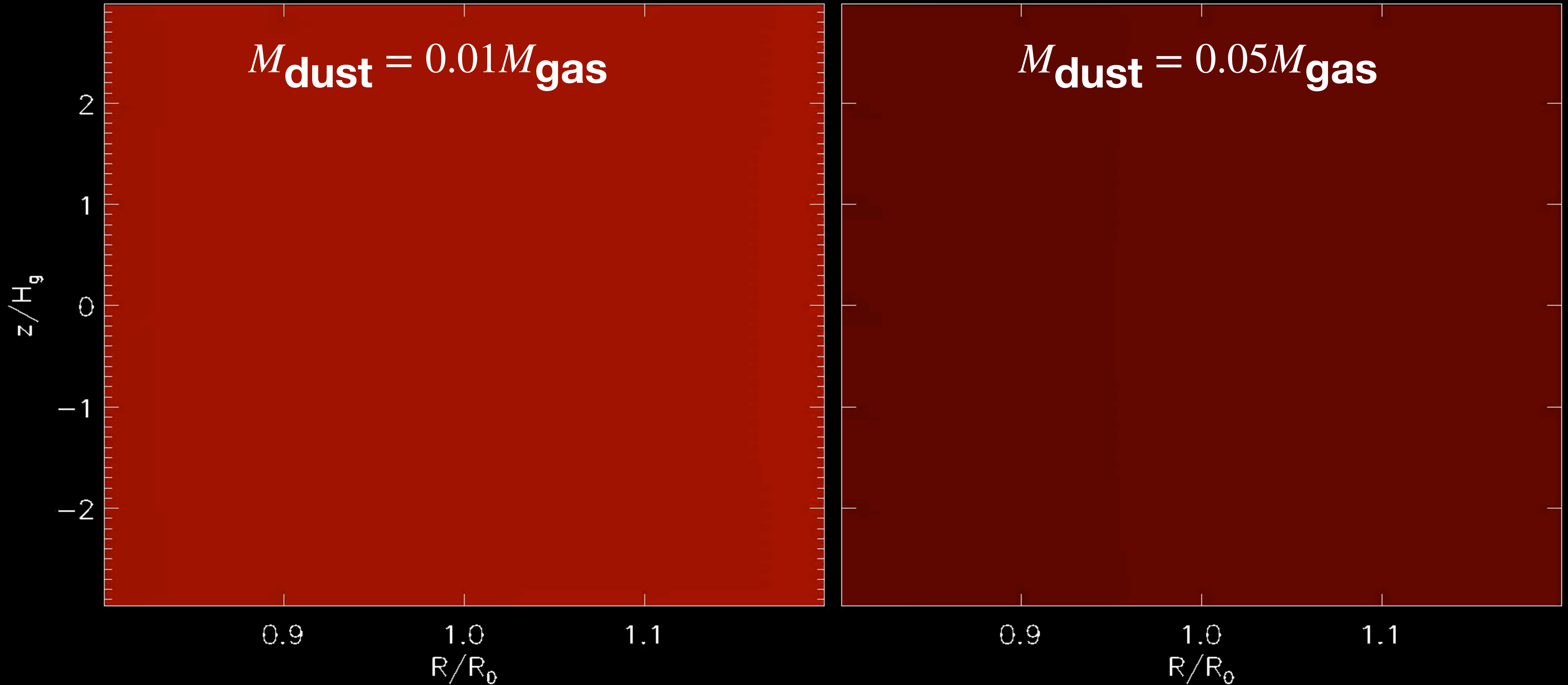
See Lesur,..., Lin, et al. (2022) PPVII review

Dust settling vs VSI turbulence

time= 0.00 ORB

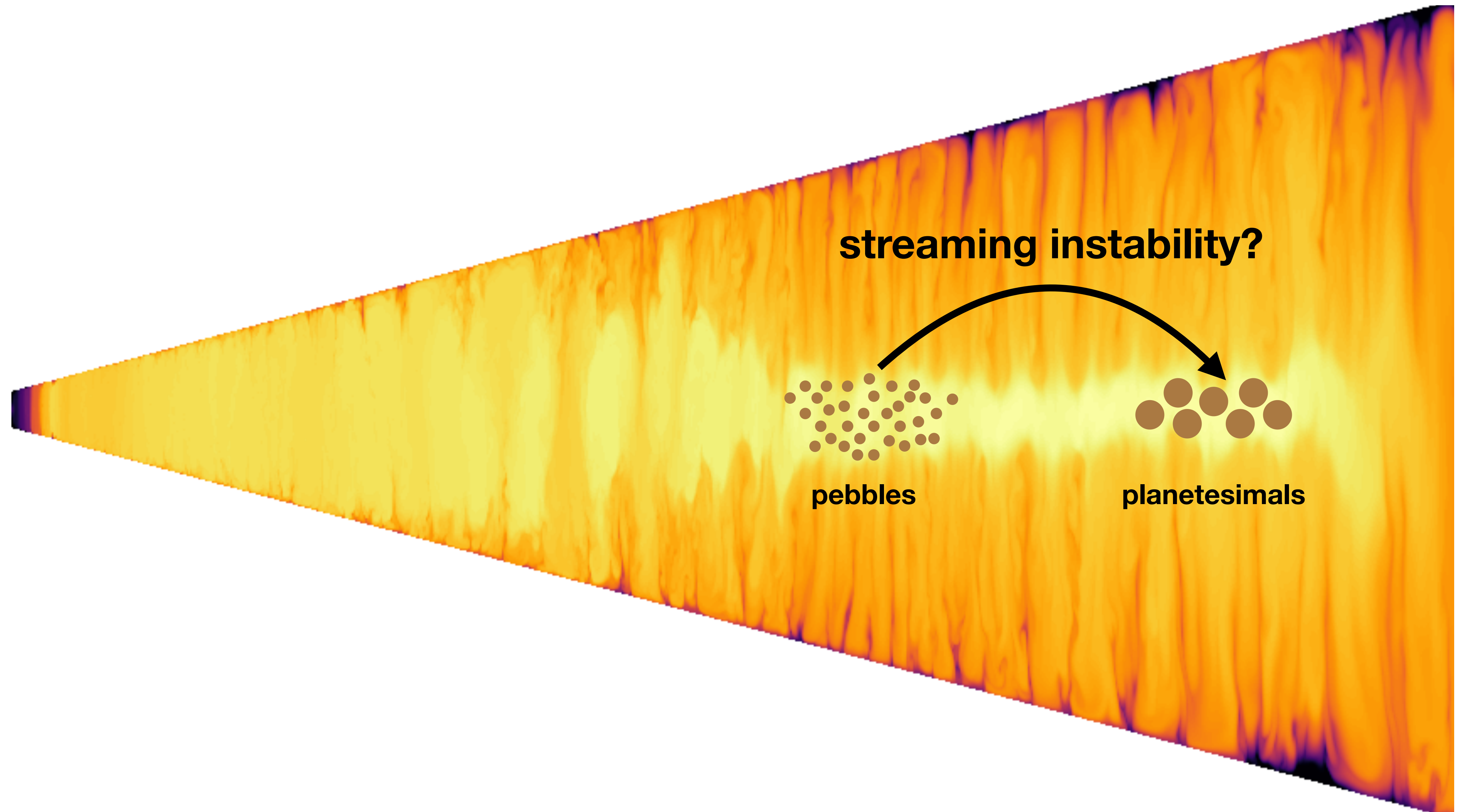
$M_{\text{dust}} = 0.01 M_{\text{gas}}$

$M_{\text{dust}} = 0.05 M_{\text{gas}}$

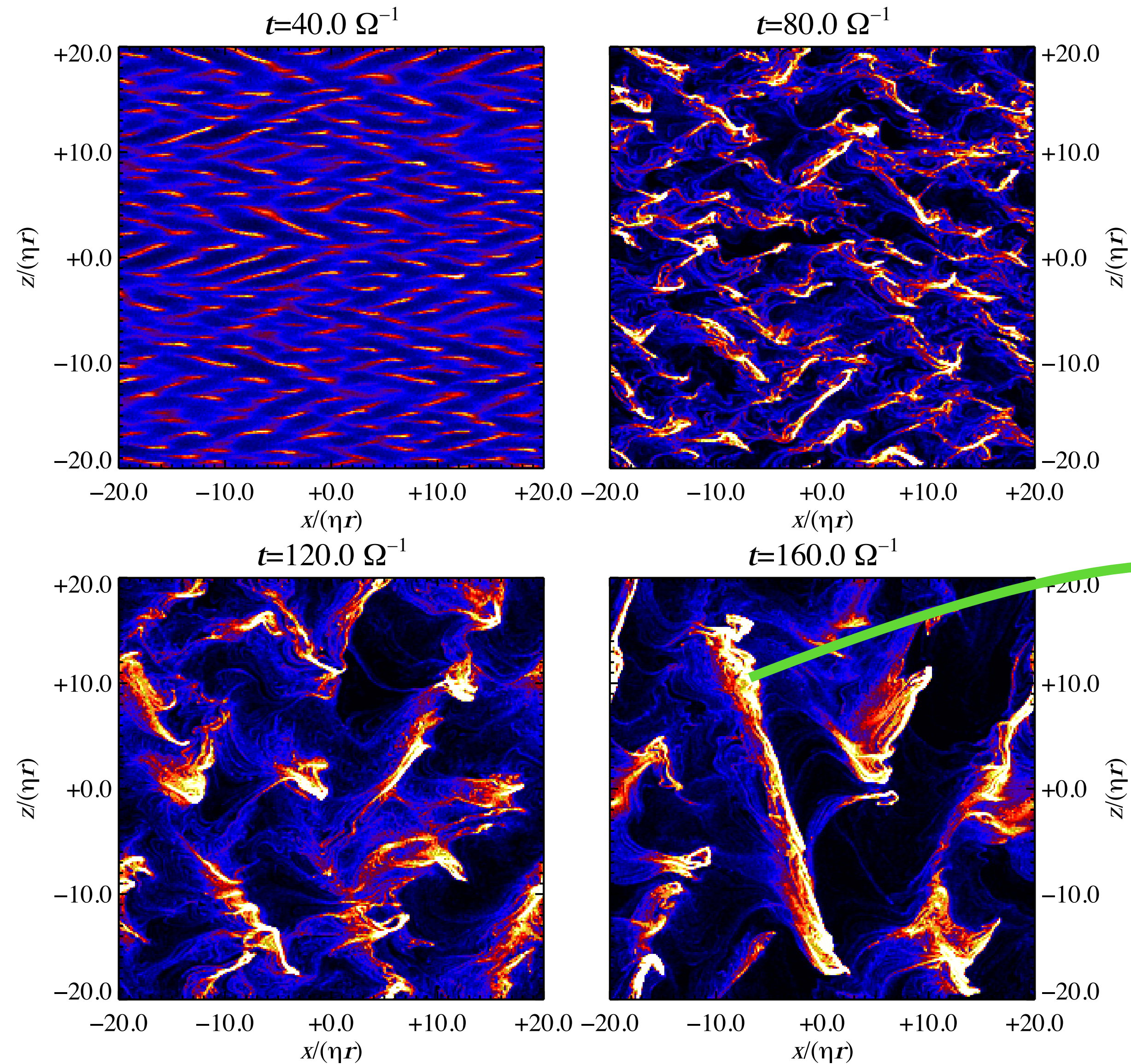


Lin (2019); Lehmann & Lin (2022)

Next: Planetesimal formation

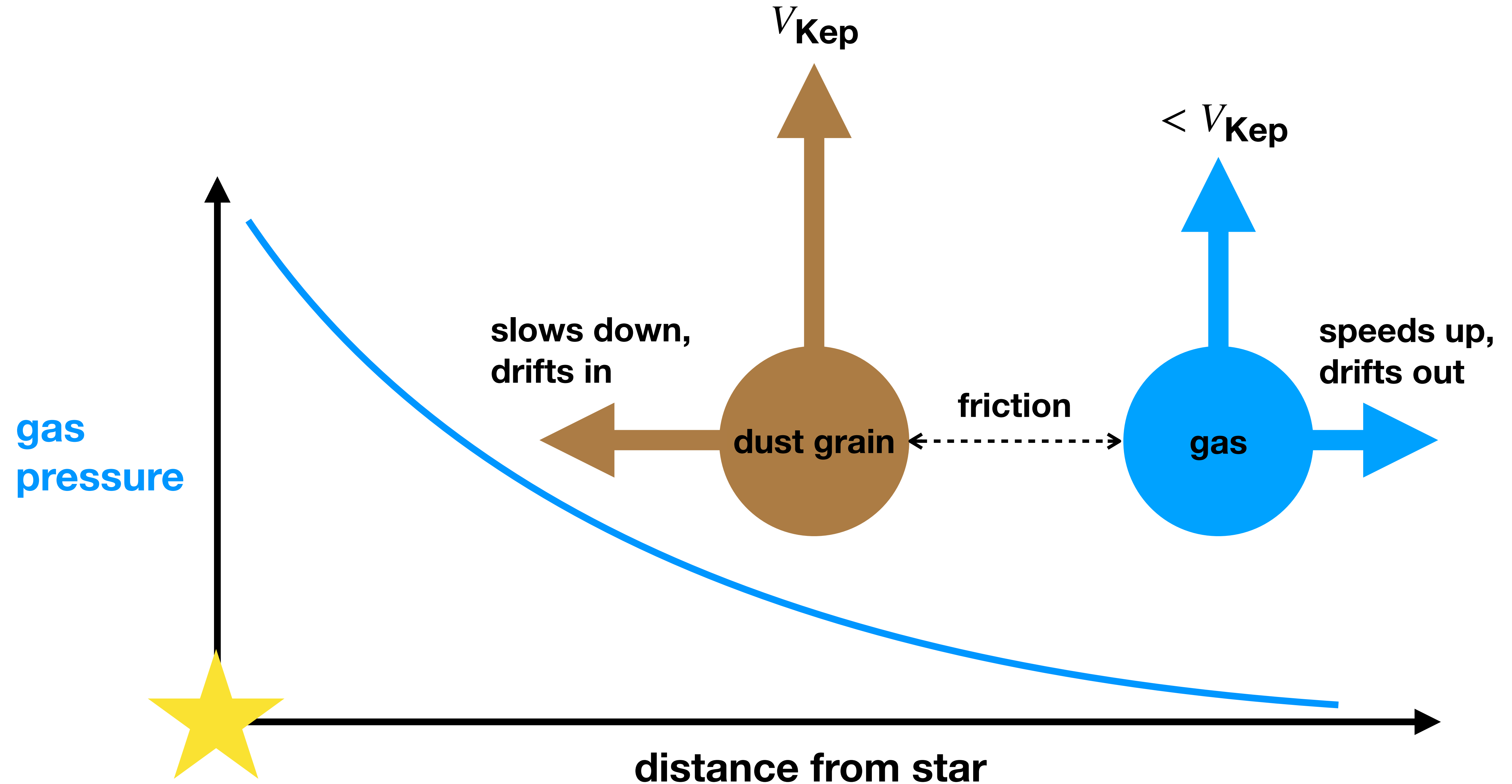


Relative motions between dust and gas drives instability

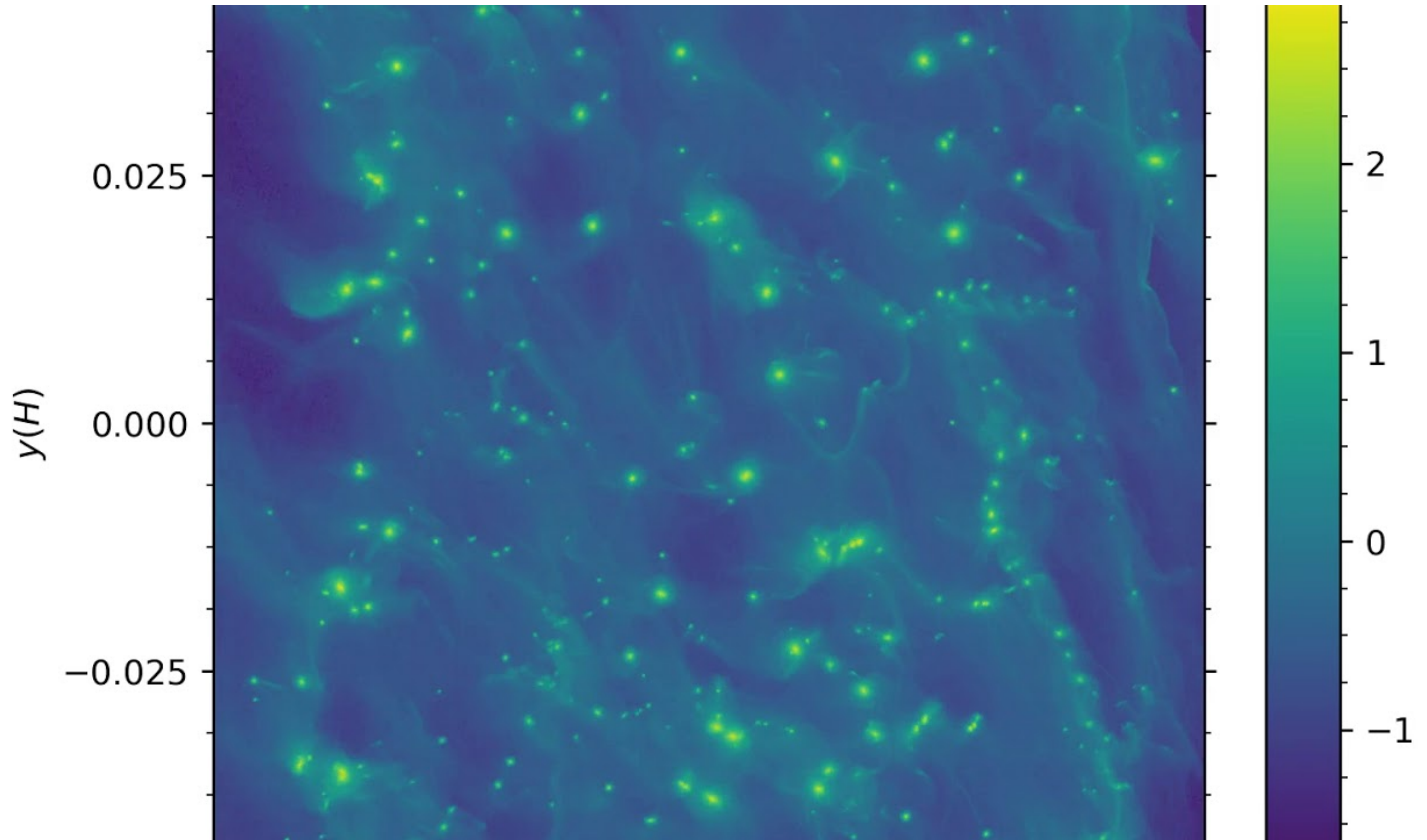


**Dense dust clump may
collapse into
planetesimals**

Radial drift of dust grains



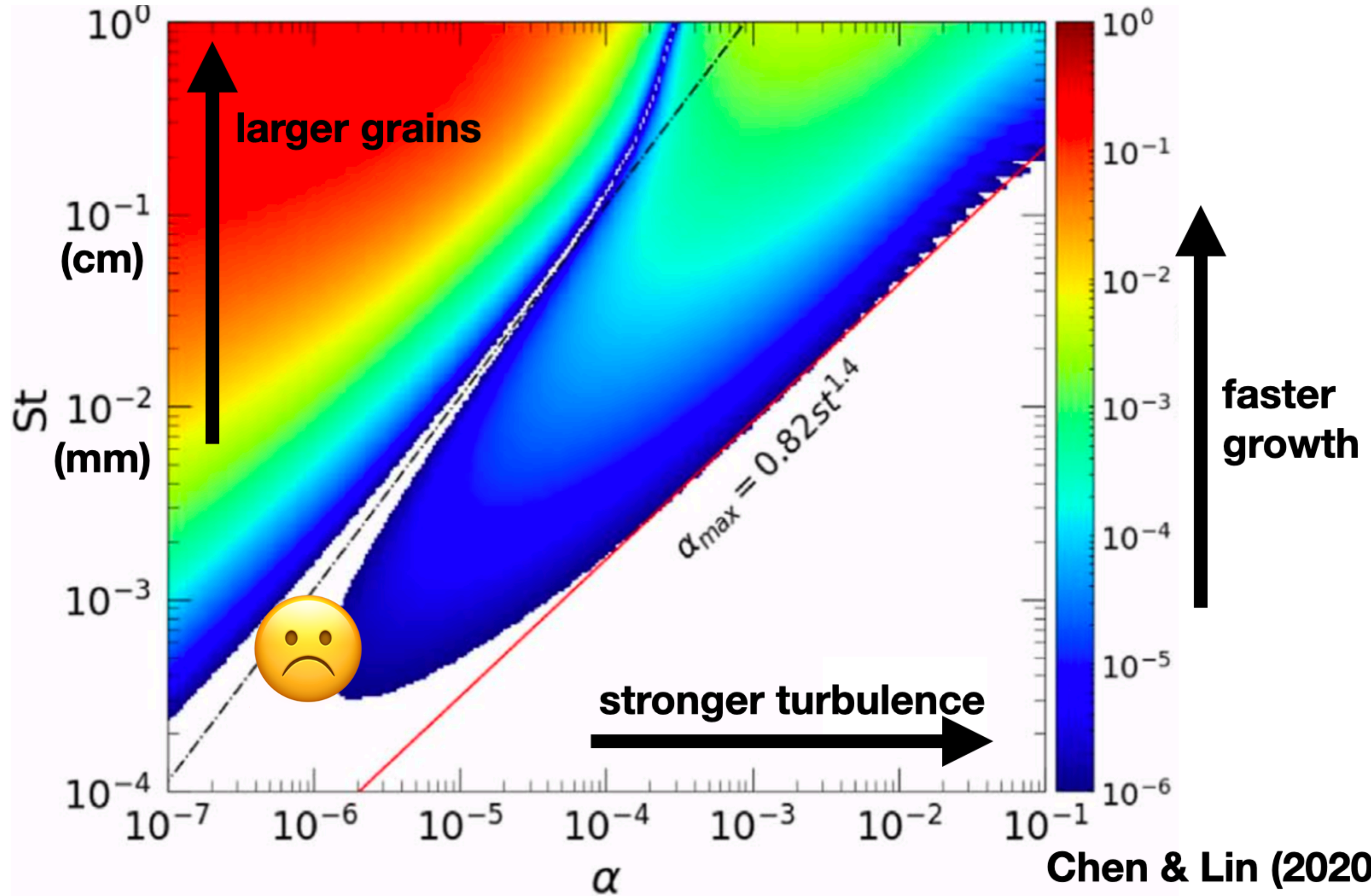
State-of-the-art simulations (Nesvorný et al., 2020)



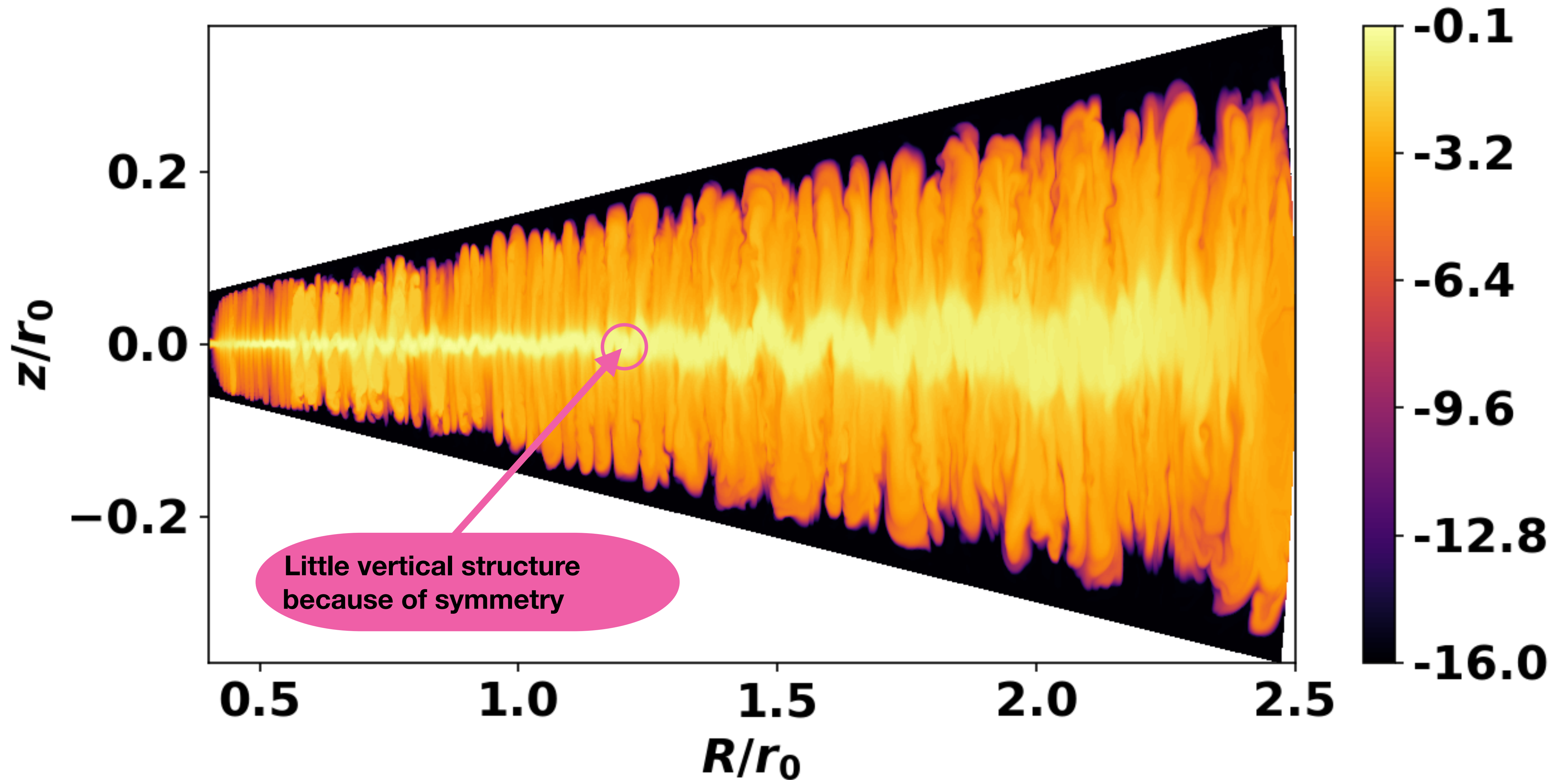
Streaming instability theory: Assumptions

- **disk is non-turbulent** → **Chen & Lin (2020)**
- **disk has no vertical structure** → **Lin (2021)**
- **disk is unmagnetized** → **Lin & Hsu (2022)**

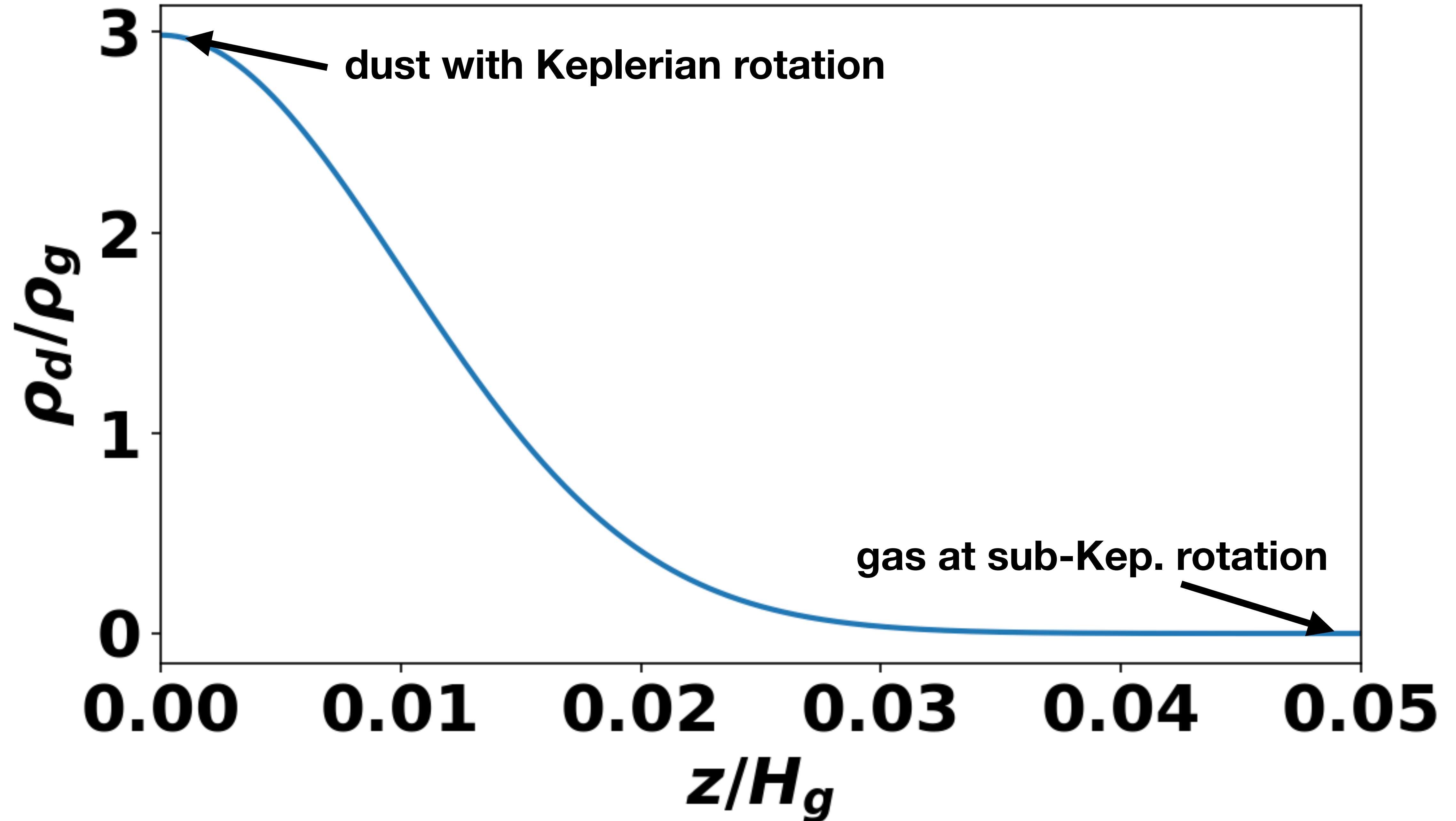
Streaming instability is easily killed by turbulence



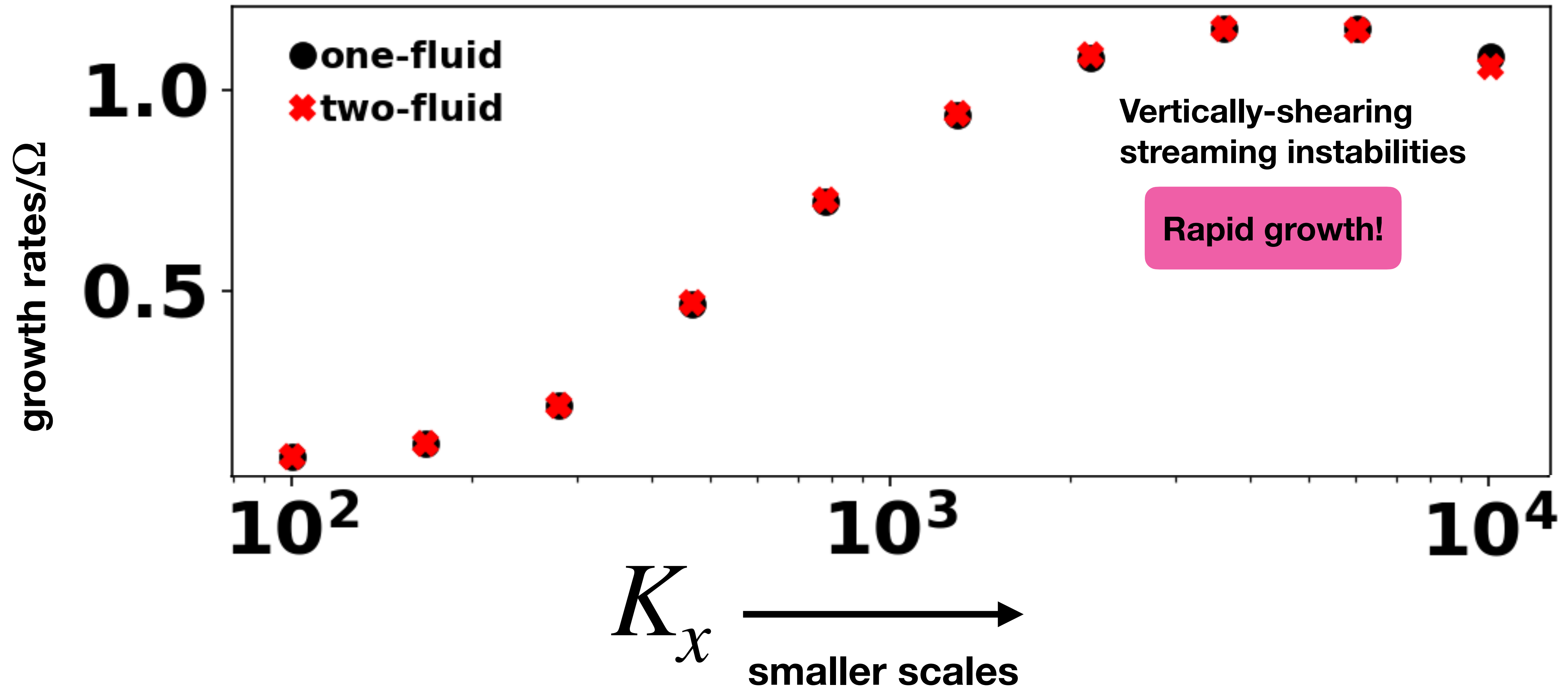
Unstratified models for midplane dynamics



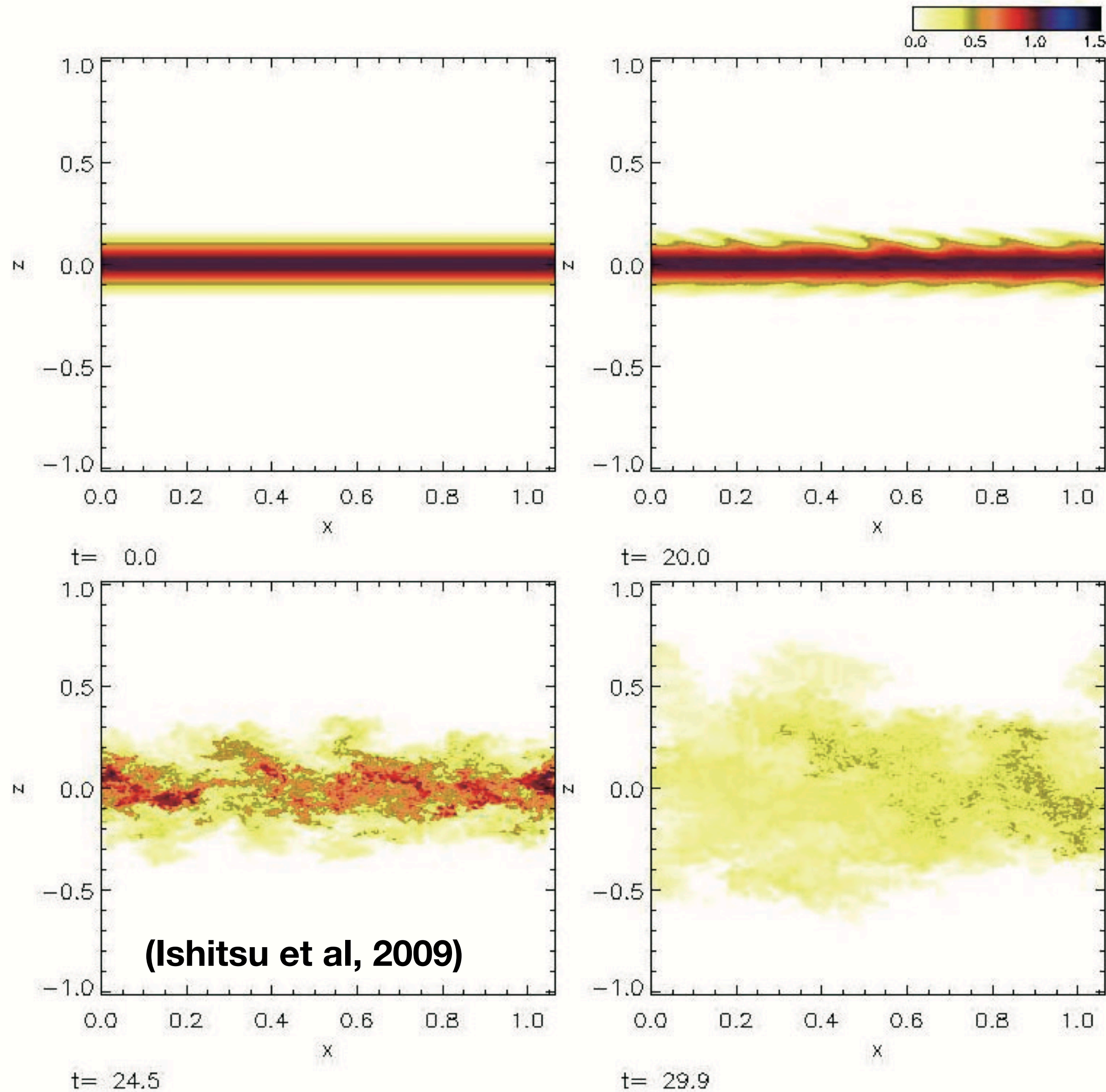
Real dust layers have vertical structure



A new instability in stratified dust layers



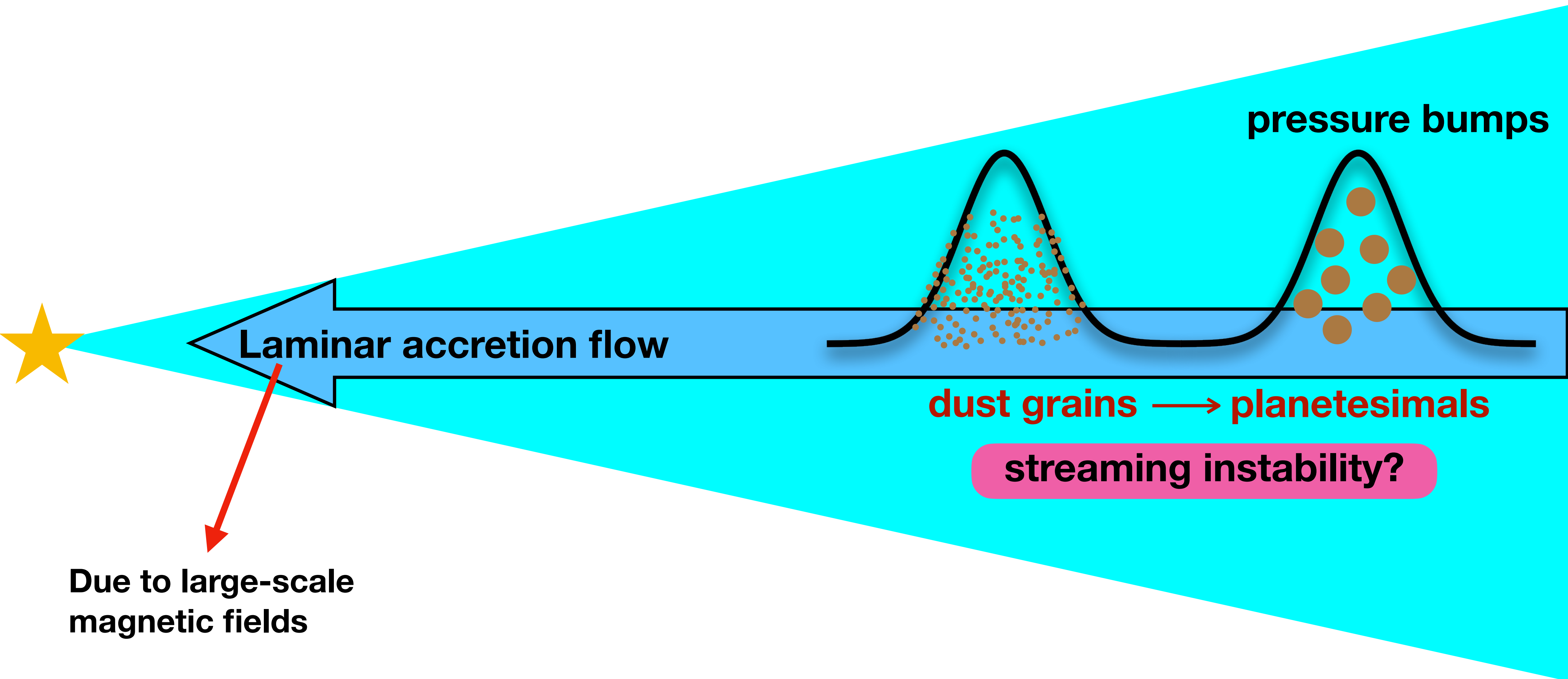
Vertically shearing SIs grow fast but...



dust layer
dispersed

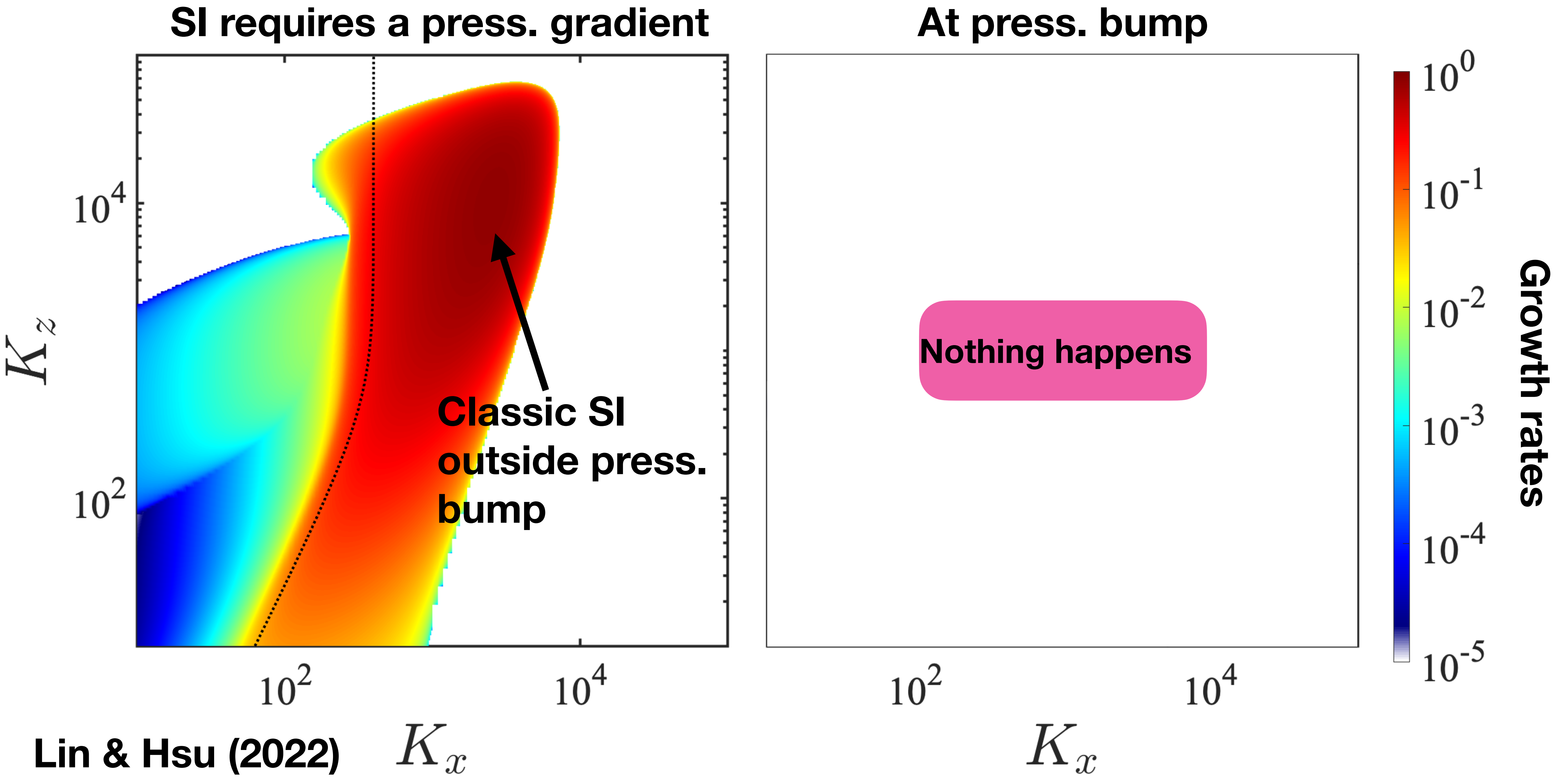


Can modern disk models help?

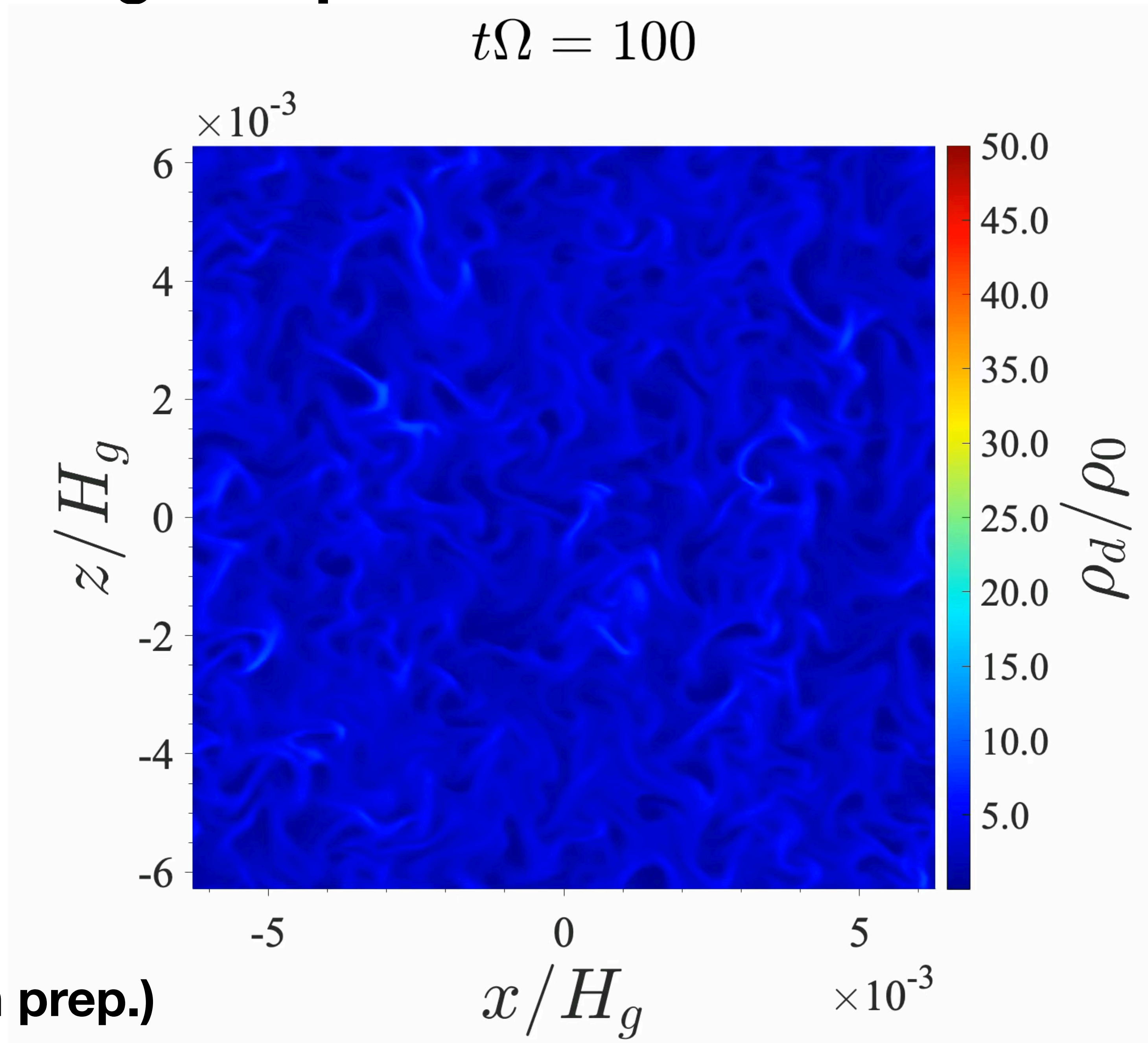


(e.g. Riols et al. 2020, Cui & Bai 2021)

SI in accreting bumps: Linear theory



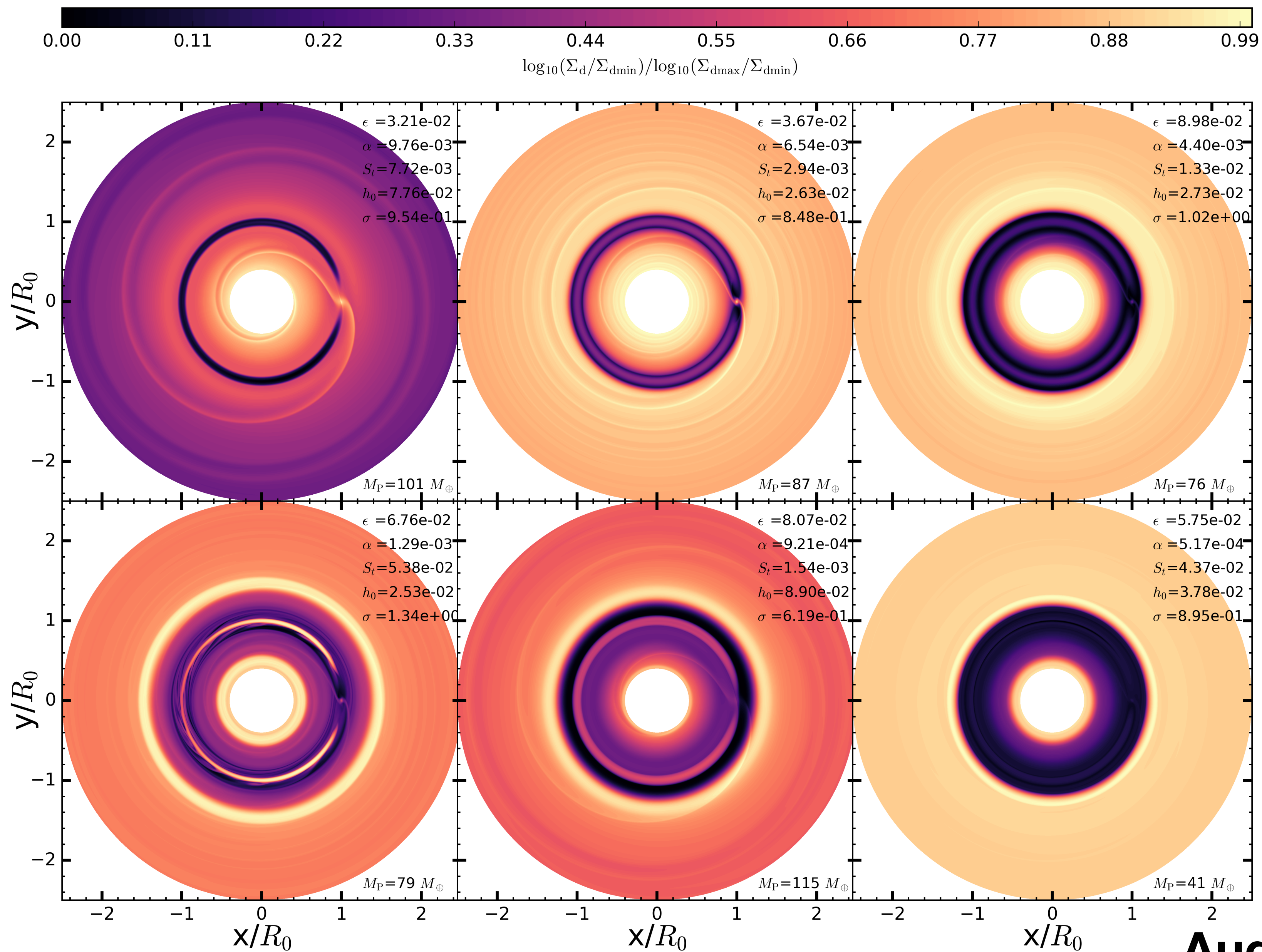
SI in accreting bumps: Nonlinear evolution



Turbulence or clumping?



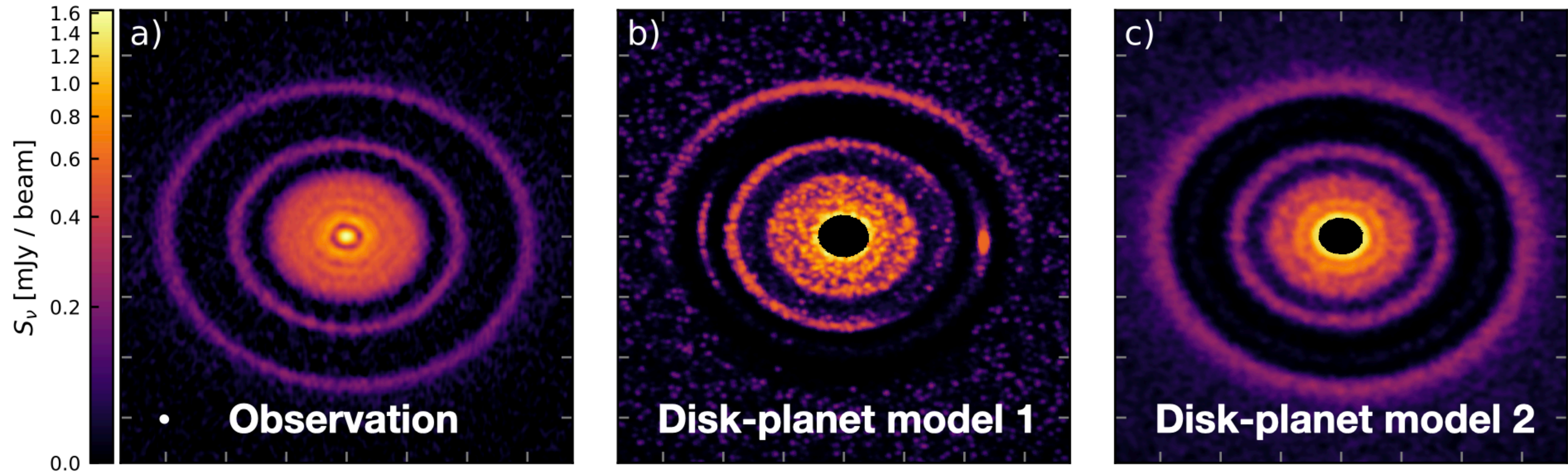
Planets form somehow, so what's next?



Auddy & Lin (2020)

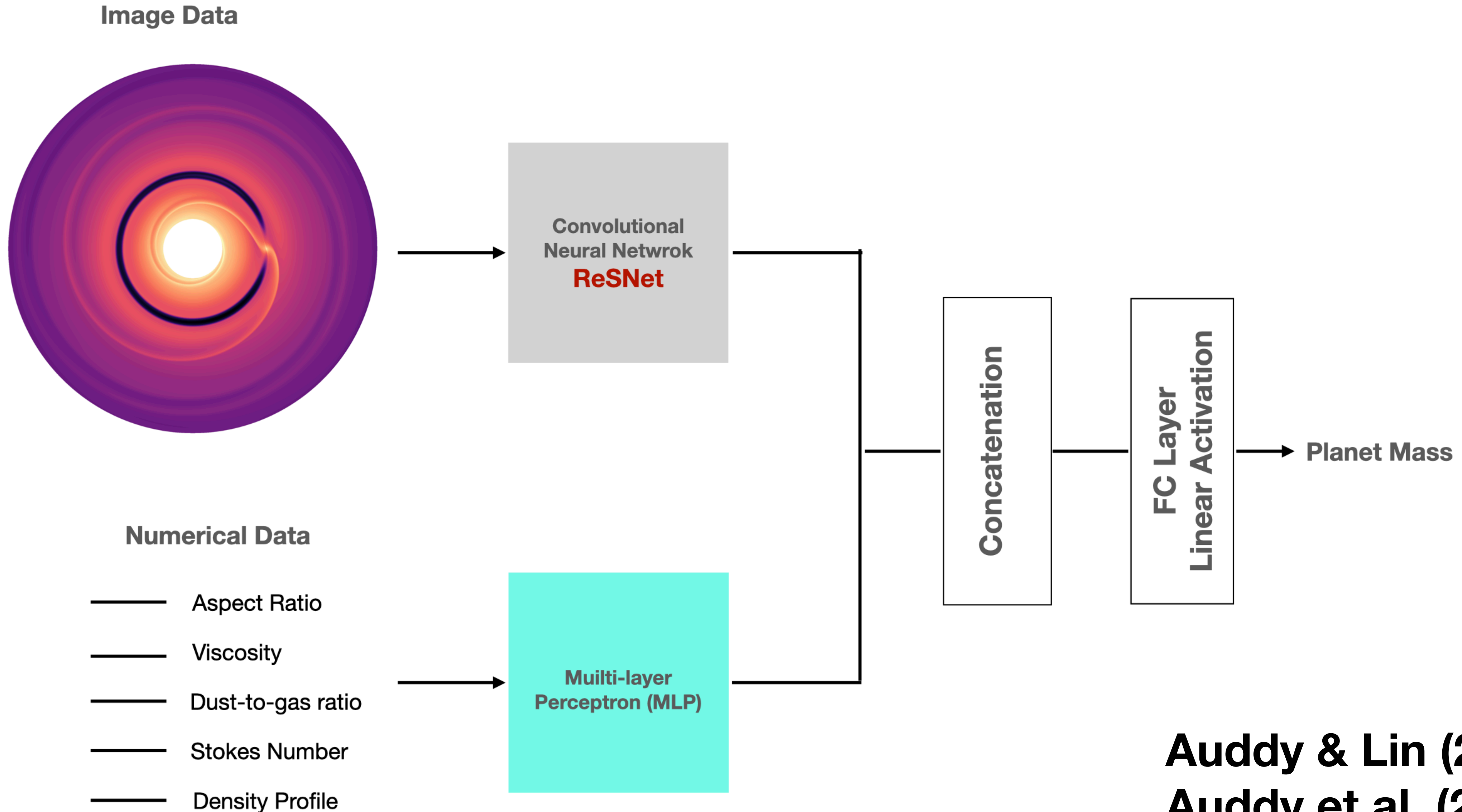
But each observation require many simulations

AS 209, DSHARP (Zhang et al. 2018)



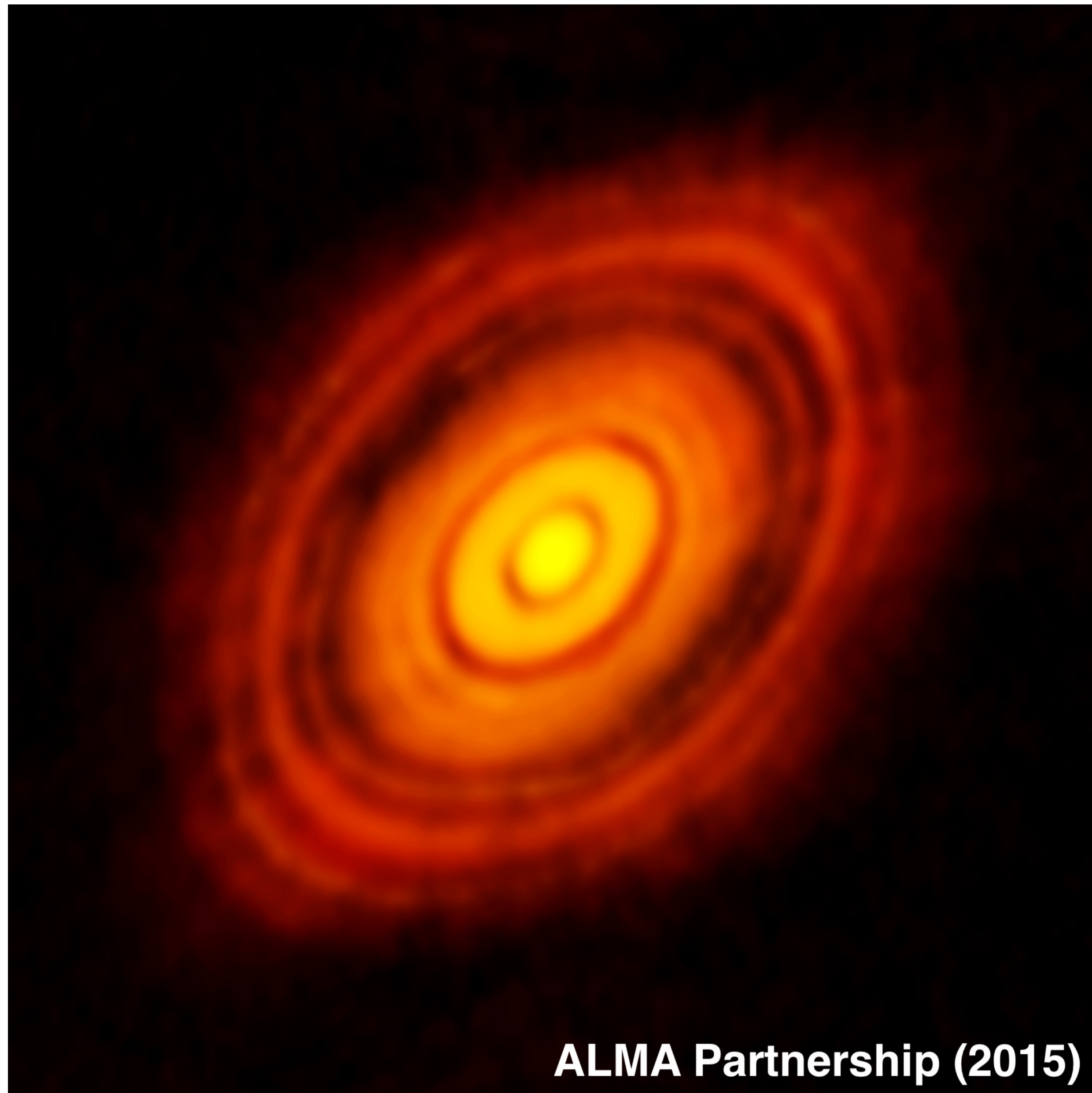
Can we automate this process?

Modeling planet gaps with artificial/convolutional NN



Auddy & Lin (2020)
Auddy et al. (2021)
Auddy et al., submm.

Estimating planet masses around HL Tau



- **Hydrodynamic simulations**

(Dong et al. 2015, Dipierro et al. 2015, Jin et al. 2016)

$$M_p = 0.2 - 0.35M_J, 0.17 - 0.27M_J, 0.2 - 0.55M_J$$

- **Disk-Planet Neural Network**

(Auddy & Lin, 2020)

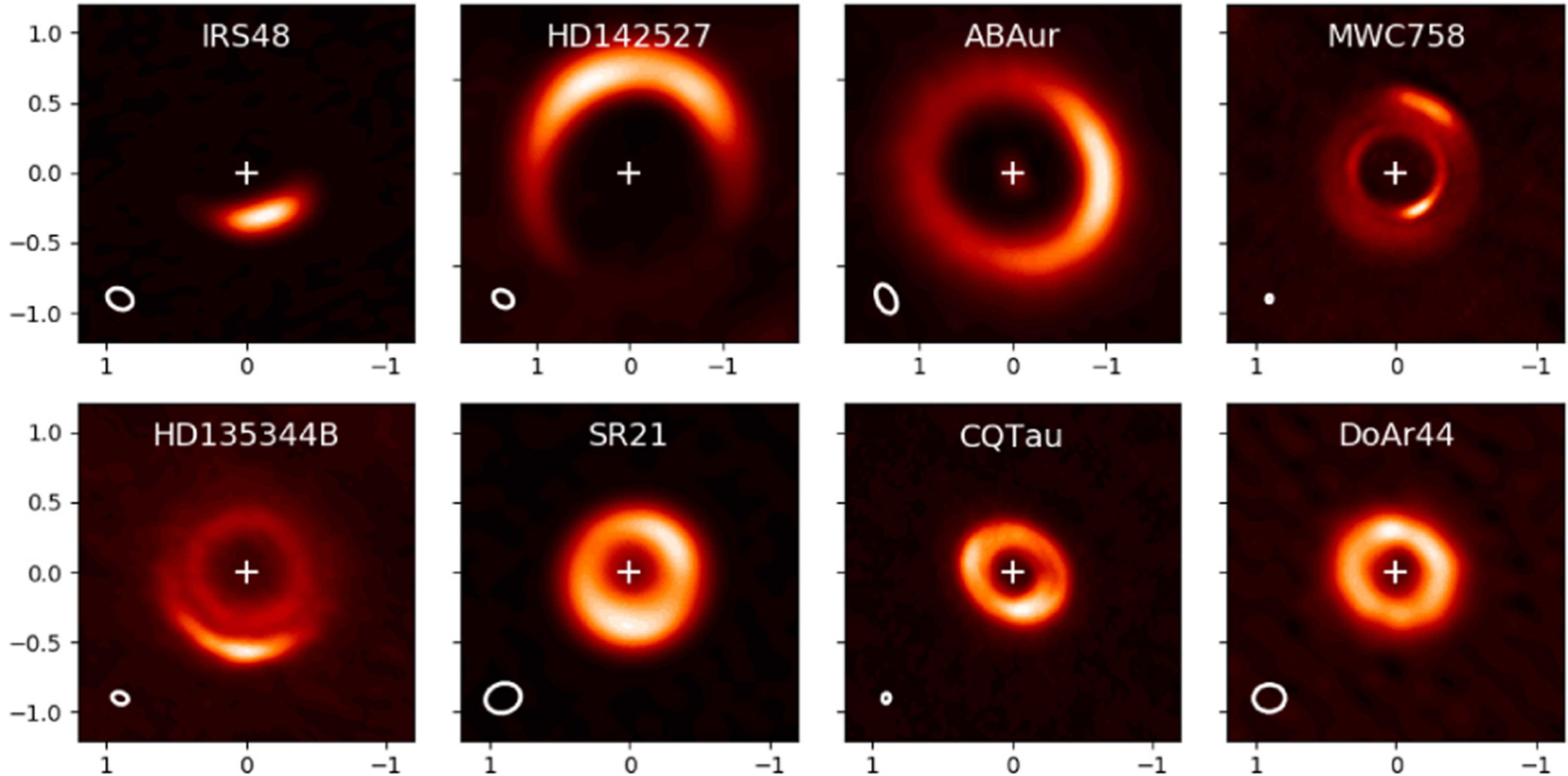
$$M_p = 0.24M_J, 0.21M_J, 0.2M_J$$

Simulation caveats

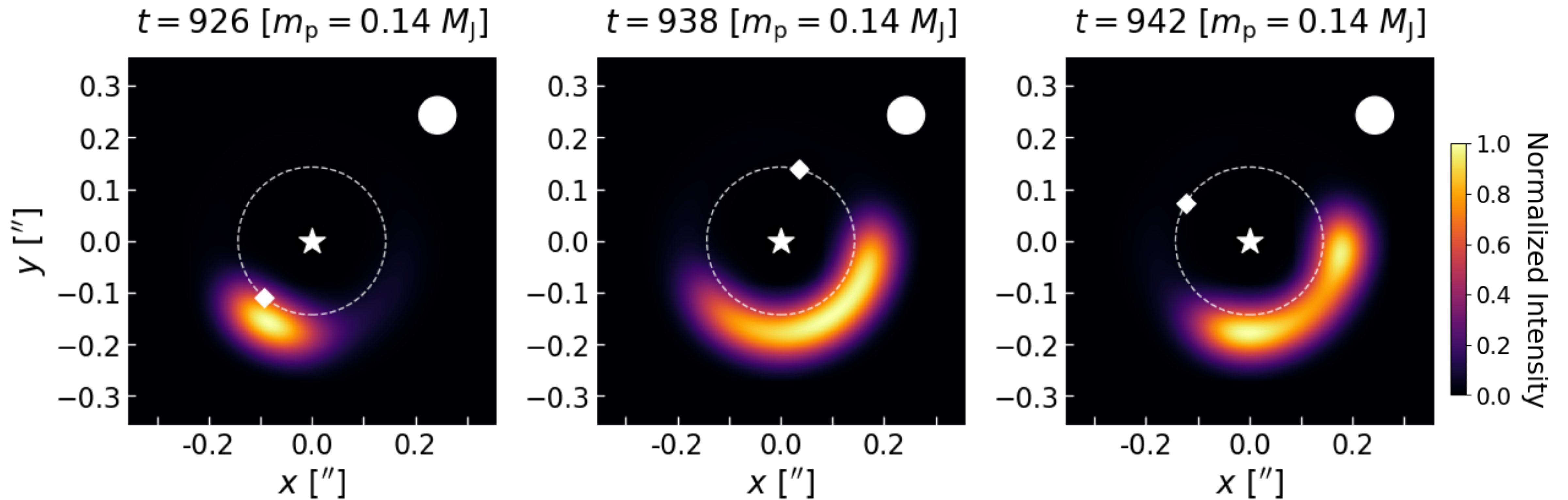
- **Focus on axisymmetric structures**
- **Planet on fixed orbits**
- **2D disk**

Some observed disks are asymmetric

(van de Marel, et al. 2021)



Can planets also explain them?

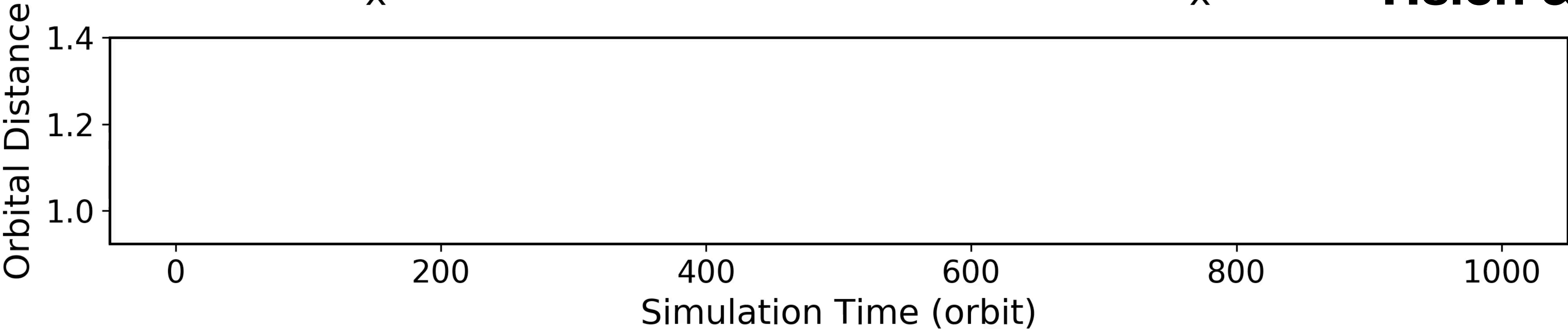
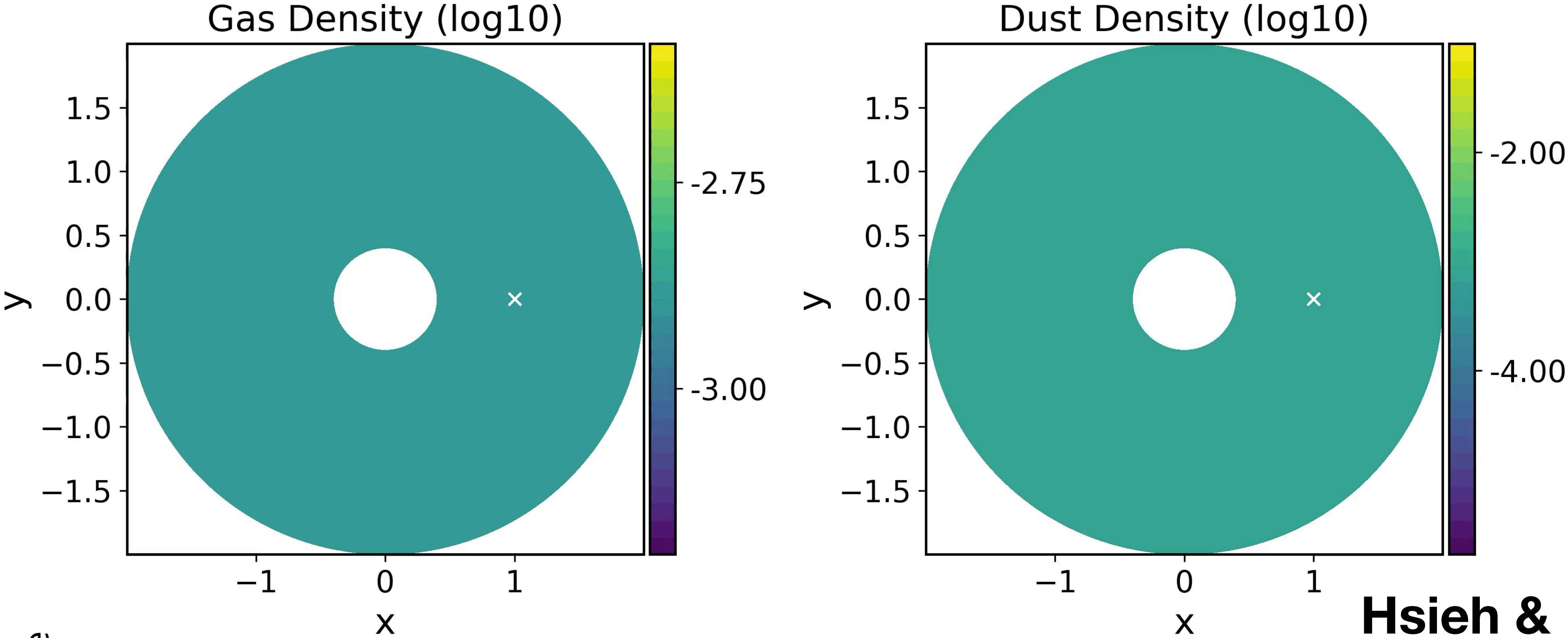


Vortex formation due to the “Rossby wave” instability

(Hammer, Lin, et al. 2021)

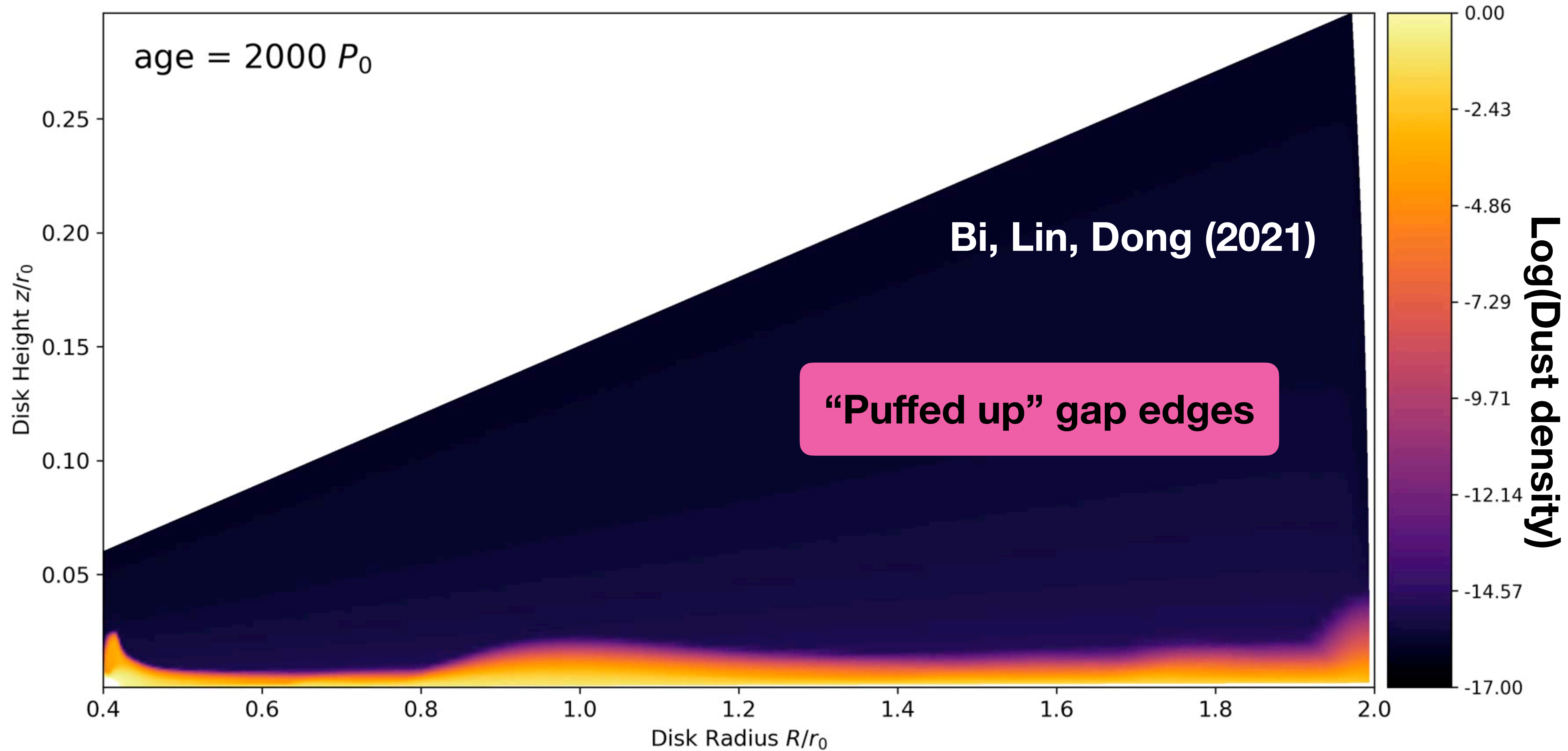
Migrating planets in dusty disks

$Z = 0.5, St = 3 \times 10^{-2}, \quad 0 \text{ orbits}$

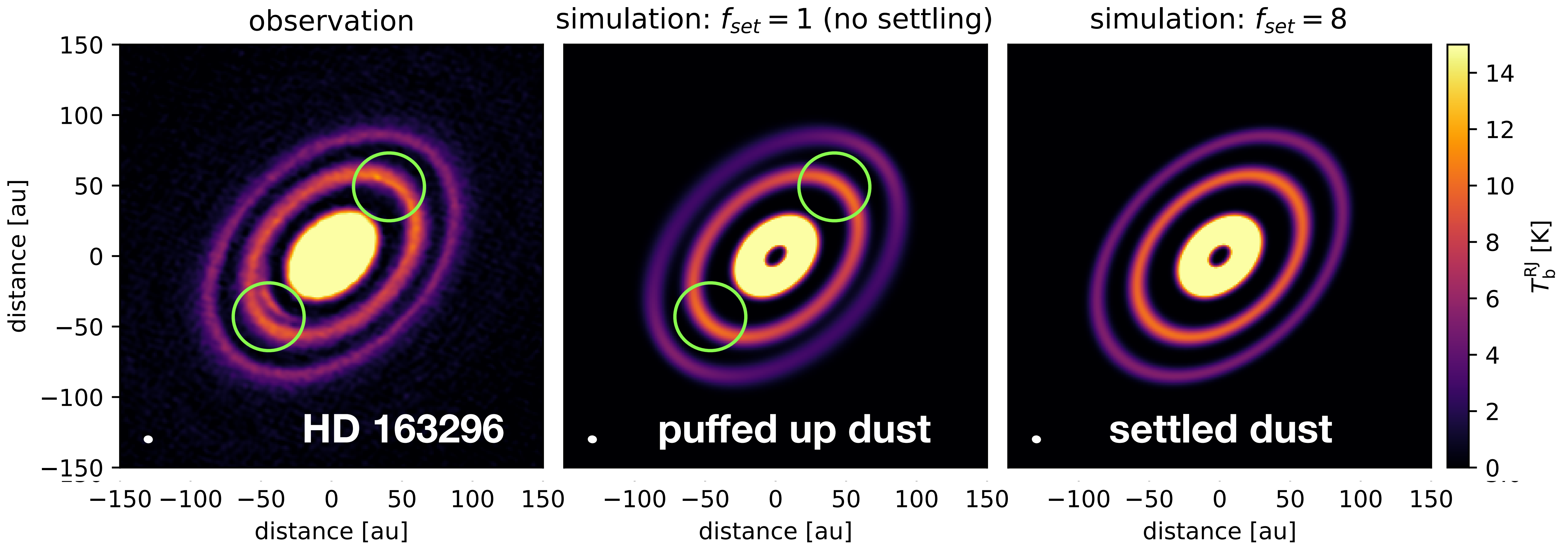


Hsieh & Lin (2020)

Three-dimensional models



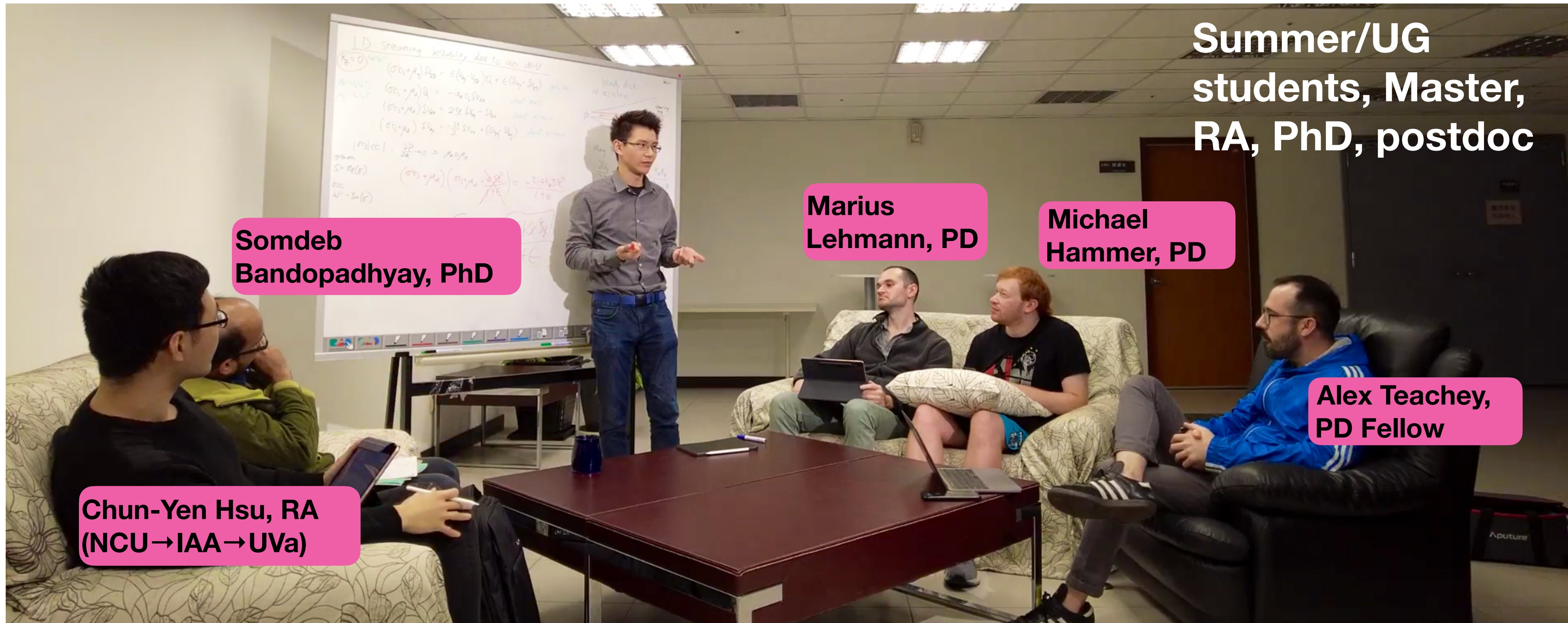
Puffed up rings in observations: Sign of planets?



Summary

- **We are in the era of observing planet formation**
- **The streaming instability is the leading theory for planetesimal formation, but realistic disk conditions may challenge it or provide new pathways to clumping**
- **Planets continue to interact with their nascent disks to produce observable structures, which can in turn be used to reveal or rule out hidden planets**

Opportunities at ASIAA and NCTS



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