



Planet formation with ALMA

AstroTwin Colombia School 2022

Planet formation and ALMA

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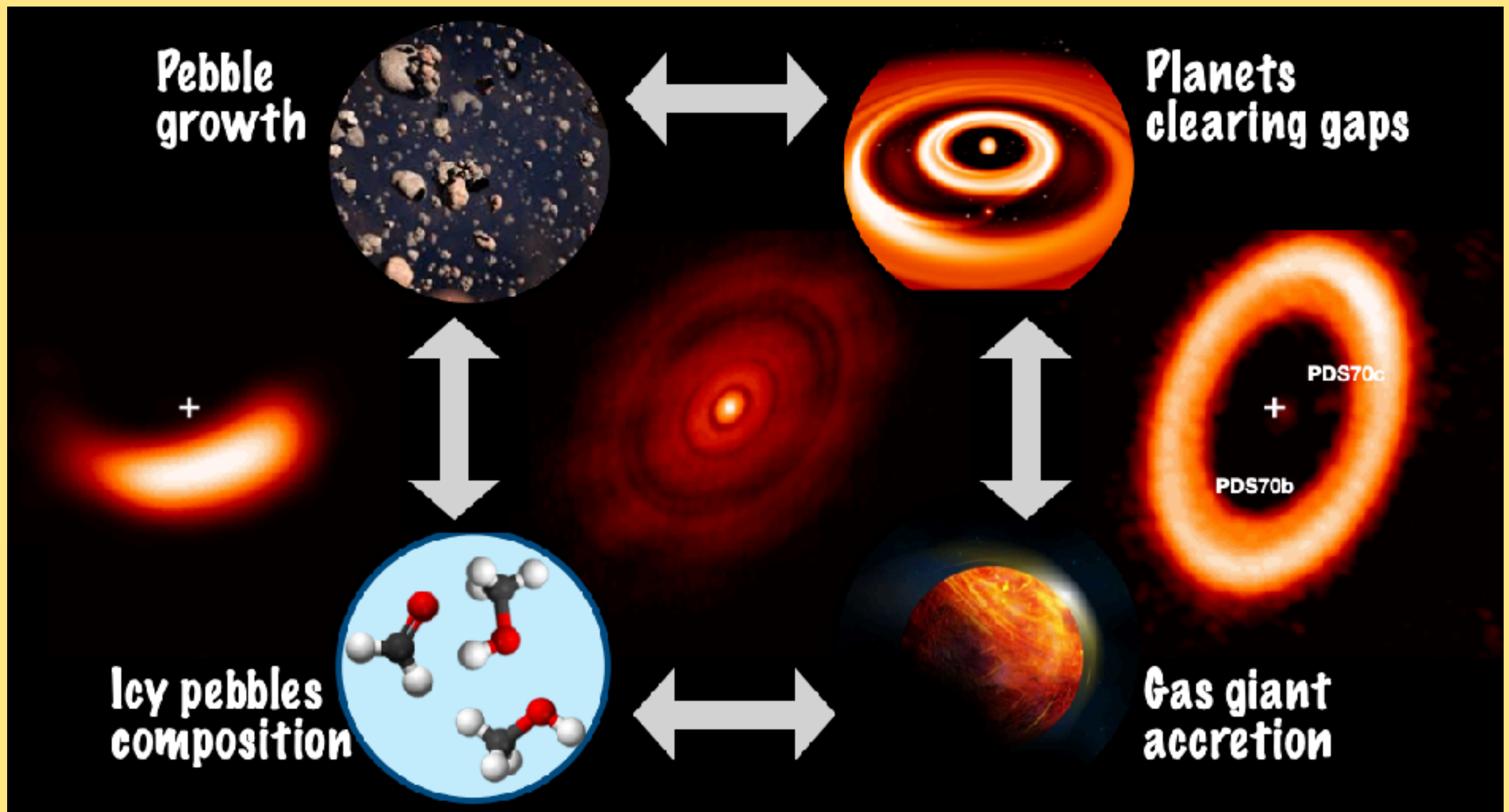


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My research



More about me



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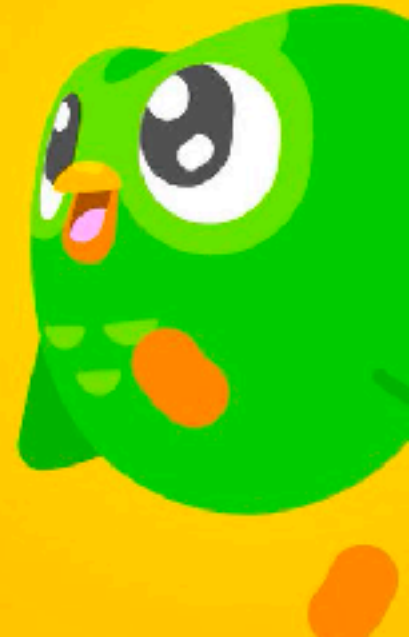
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DECEMBER 2

I'm acing Spanish lessons with

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WORDS I LEARNED

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cuatro mañana tiempo veinte

duolingo

This week

- 7 Lectures of 1.5 hours (with 15 minute break)
- ALMA tutorial
- ALMA data reduction project: work in pairs
- Paper presentation project: work in pairs
- Ask questions!

This week

- Lectures
 1. Overview and history of the study of protoplanetary disks
 2. Basics of interferometry and ALMA
 3. Disk evolution and dust evolution
 4. Disk substructures and their connection to planets
 5. Disk mass in dust and gas
 6. Disk chemistry and kinematics
 7. Exoplanets and planet formation theory

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Monday December 5th

- 9.00 – 10.45 Lecture 1: Overview
- 11.00 – 12.45 Literature: divide in pairs, choose paper of interest
- 12.45 – 13.45 Lunch break
- 13.45 – 15.30 Lecture 2: Interferometry
- 15.45 – 17.30 ALMA tutorial

Tuesday December 6th

- 9.00 – 10.45 Lecture 3: Evolution
- 11.00 – 12.45 ALMA: choose project and start imaging data
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- 13.45 – 15.30 Lecture 4: Substructures
- 15.45 – 17.30 Literature/ALMA project

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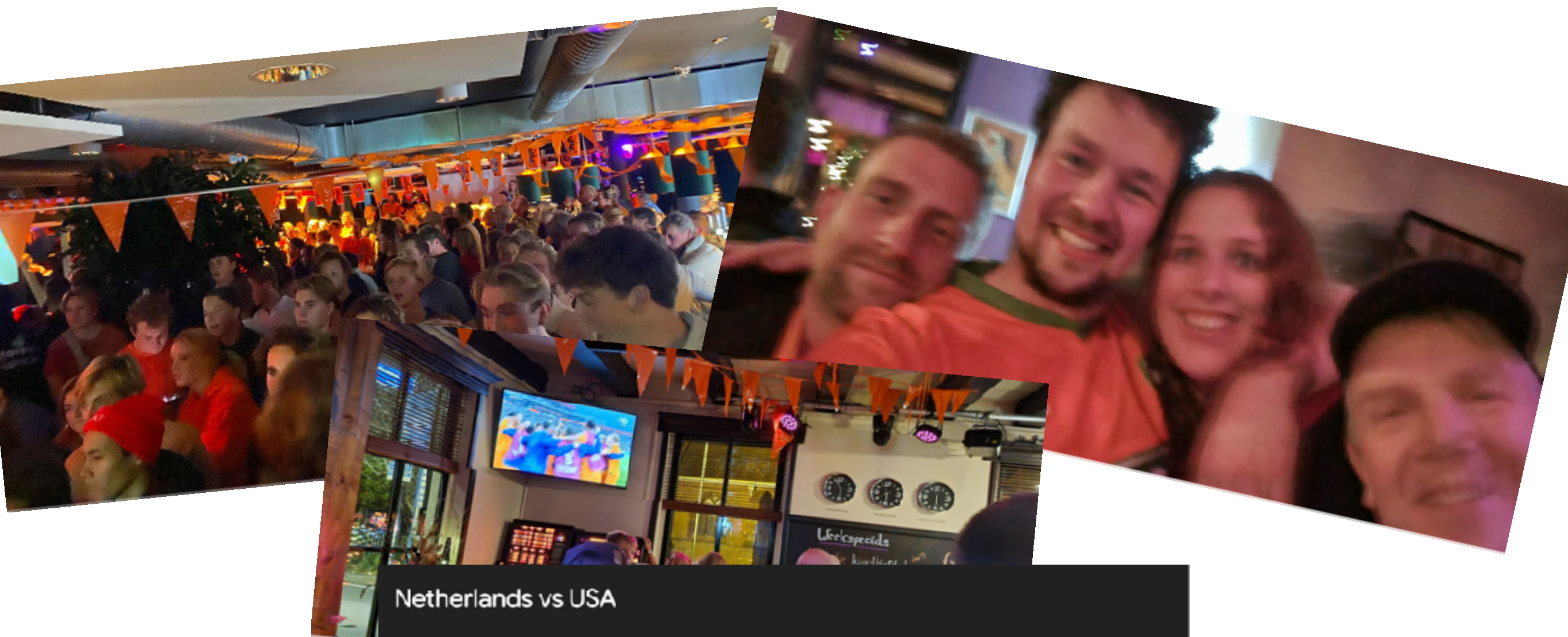
- 9.00 – 10.45 Lecture 5: Disk mass
- 11.00 – 12.45 ALMA: continue with ALMA project
- 12.45 – 13.45 Lunch break
- 13.45 – 15.30 Lecture 6: Chemistry and kinematics
- 15.45 – 17.30 Literature: prepare presentation for Friday

Thursday December 8th: Holiday

Friday December 9th:

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- 11.30 – 12.45 Lecture 7: exoplanets and planet formation theory
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- 13.45 – 15.30 ALMA: continue project, prepare figures/slides
- 15.45 – 16.45 Student presentations ALMA (5 minutes each pair)
- 17.00 – 17.30 Summary and wrap up

But this happened last Friday..



Netherlands vs USA

FIFA World Cup 2022™ · Sat, Dec 3

Full-time



Netherlands

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USA

Round of 16

Memphis Depay 10'

Daley Blind 45+1'

Denzel Dumfries 81'



Haji Wright 76'

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Netherlands vs Argentina

FIFA World Cup 2022™ - Fri, Dec 9, 2:00 PM



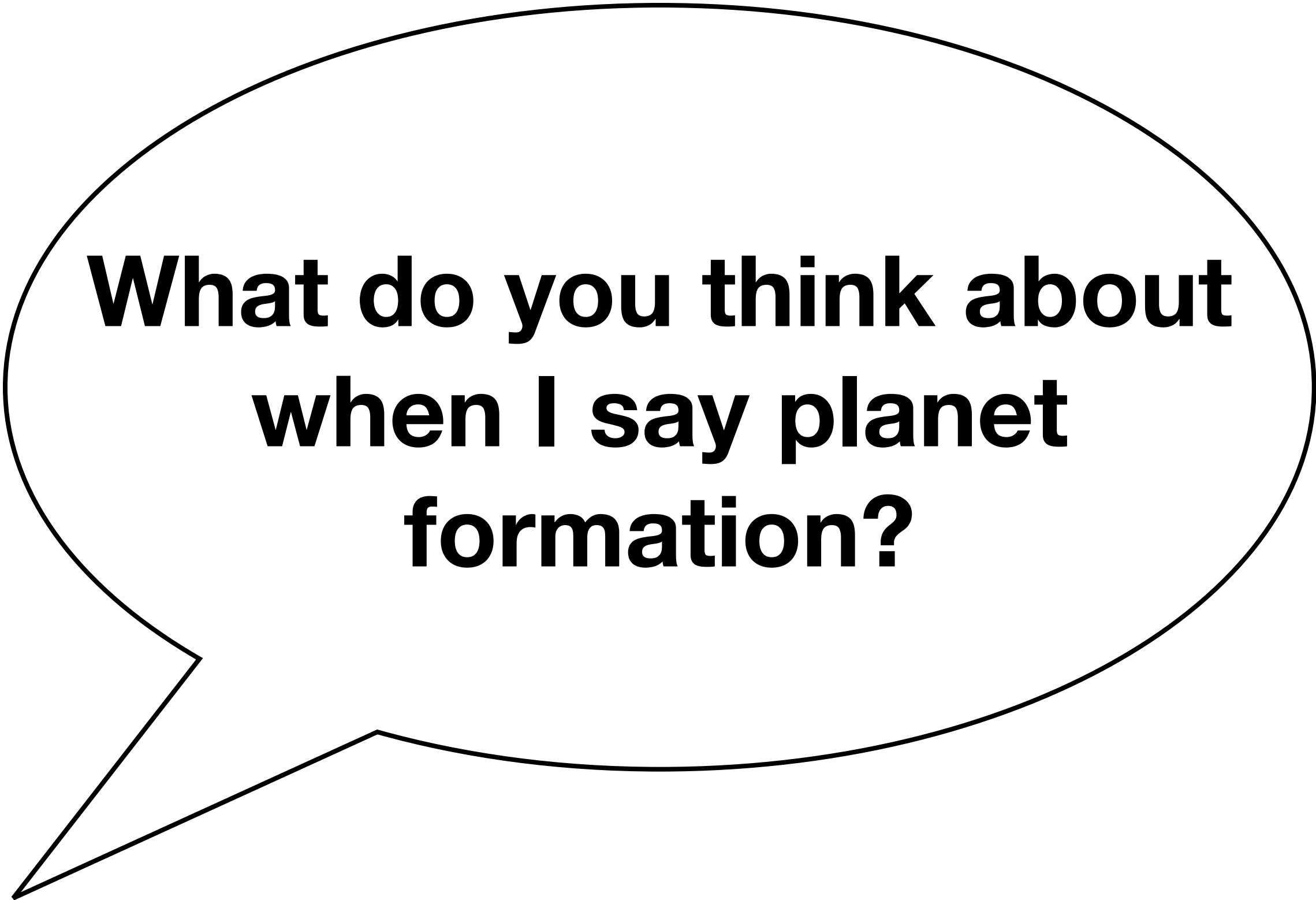
Netherlands

vs



Argentina

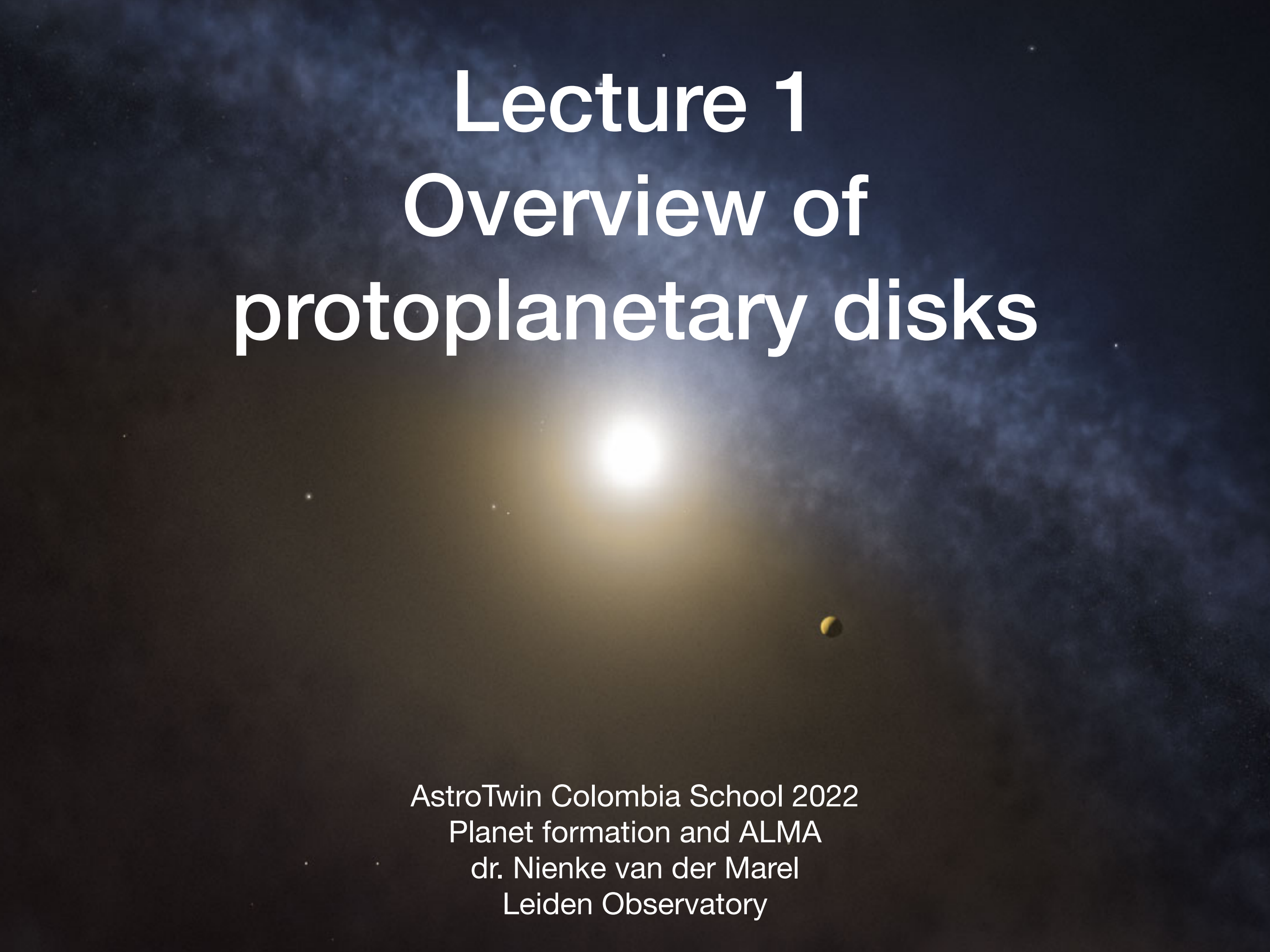
Quarter finals

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**What do you think about
when I say planet
formation?**

Lecture 1

Overview of protoplanetary disks

The background of the slide is a deep space image. In the center, there is a bright, glowing star. Surrounding the star is a large, diffuse, blueish-white cloud-like structure, which represents a protoplanetary disk. To the right of the star, there is a small, dark, spherical object, likely a planet or a moon, which is partially illuminated by the star's light.

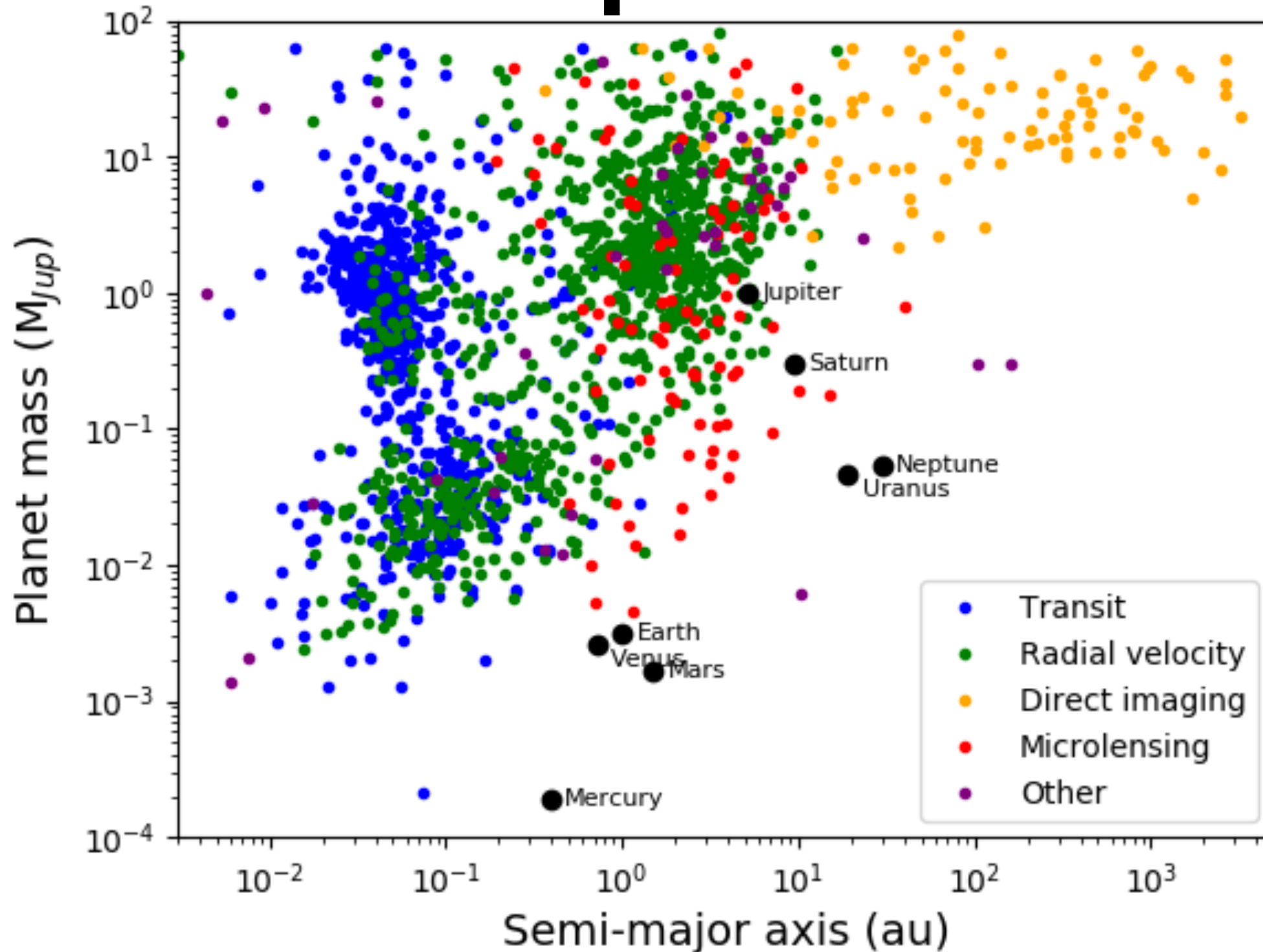
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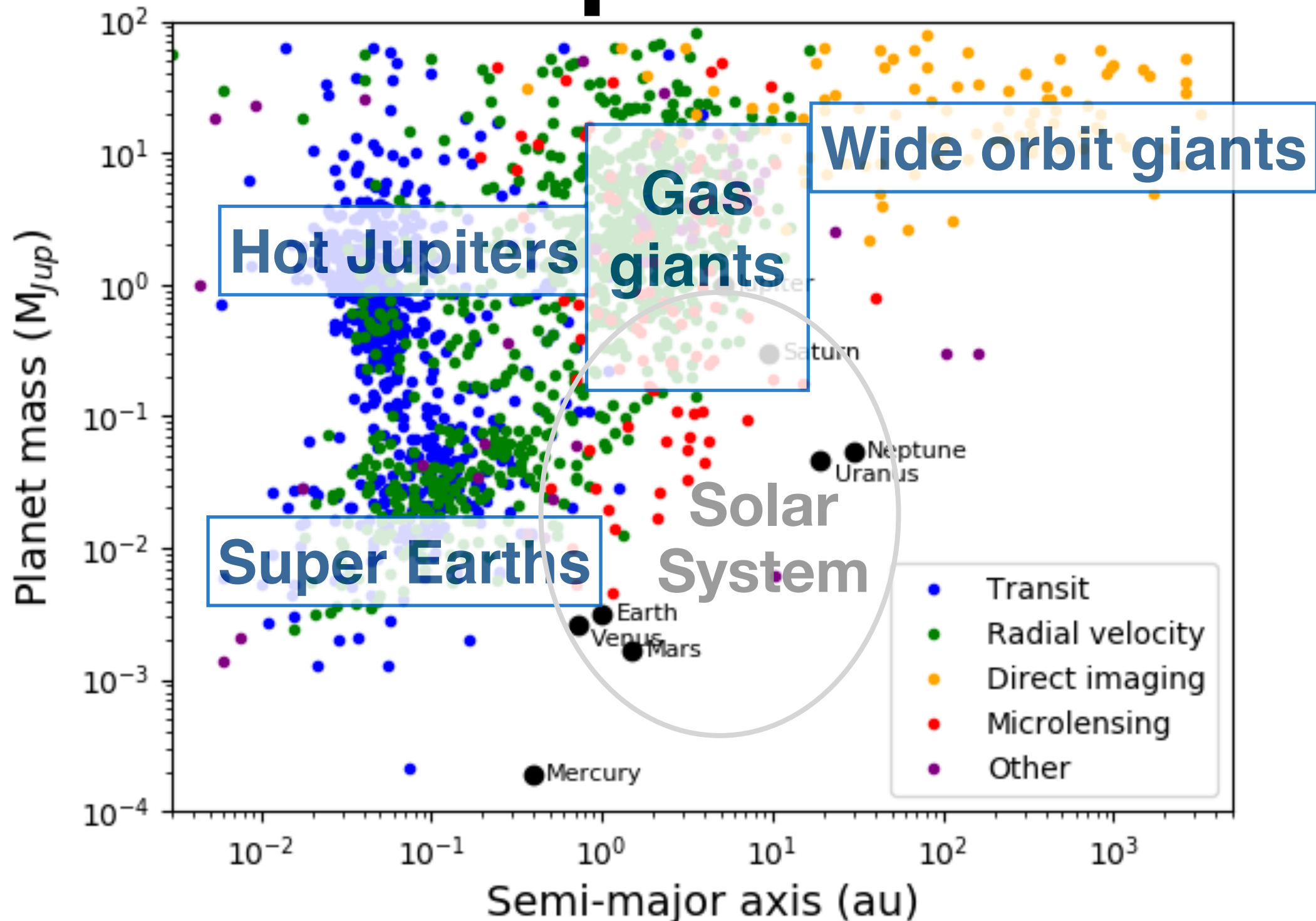
- Exoplanets
- What are protoplanetary disks?
- How to observe dust and gas?
- Discovery and history of disks
- Evolution and lifetime
- A new era: spatially resolved observations of disks
- Disk processes

Exoplanets

>5000 exoplanets!



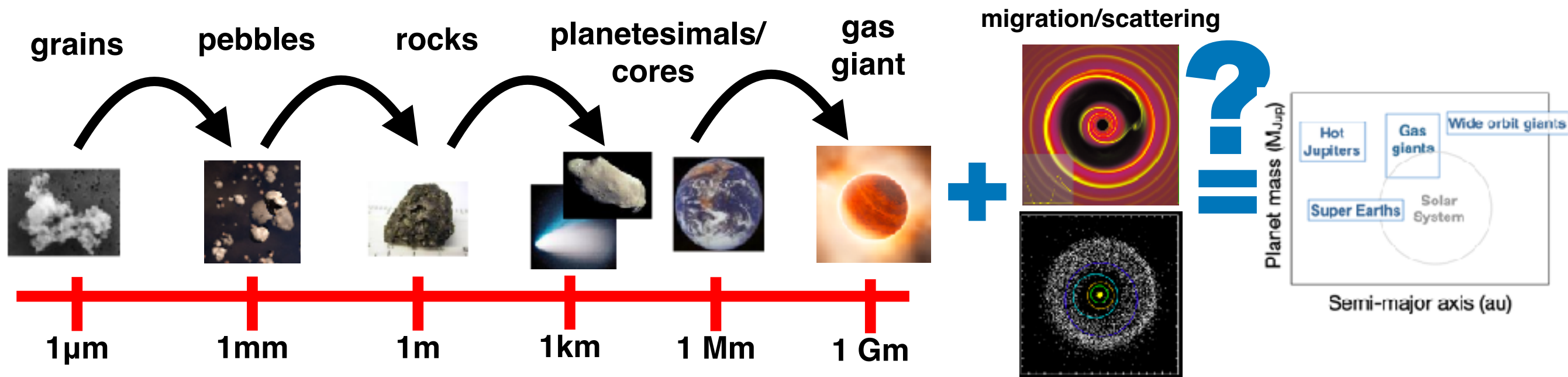
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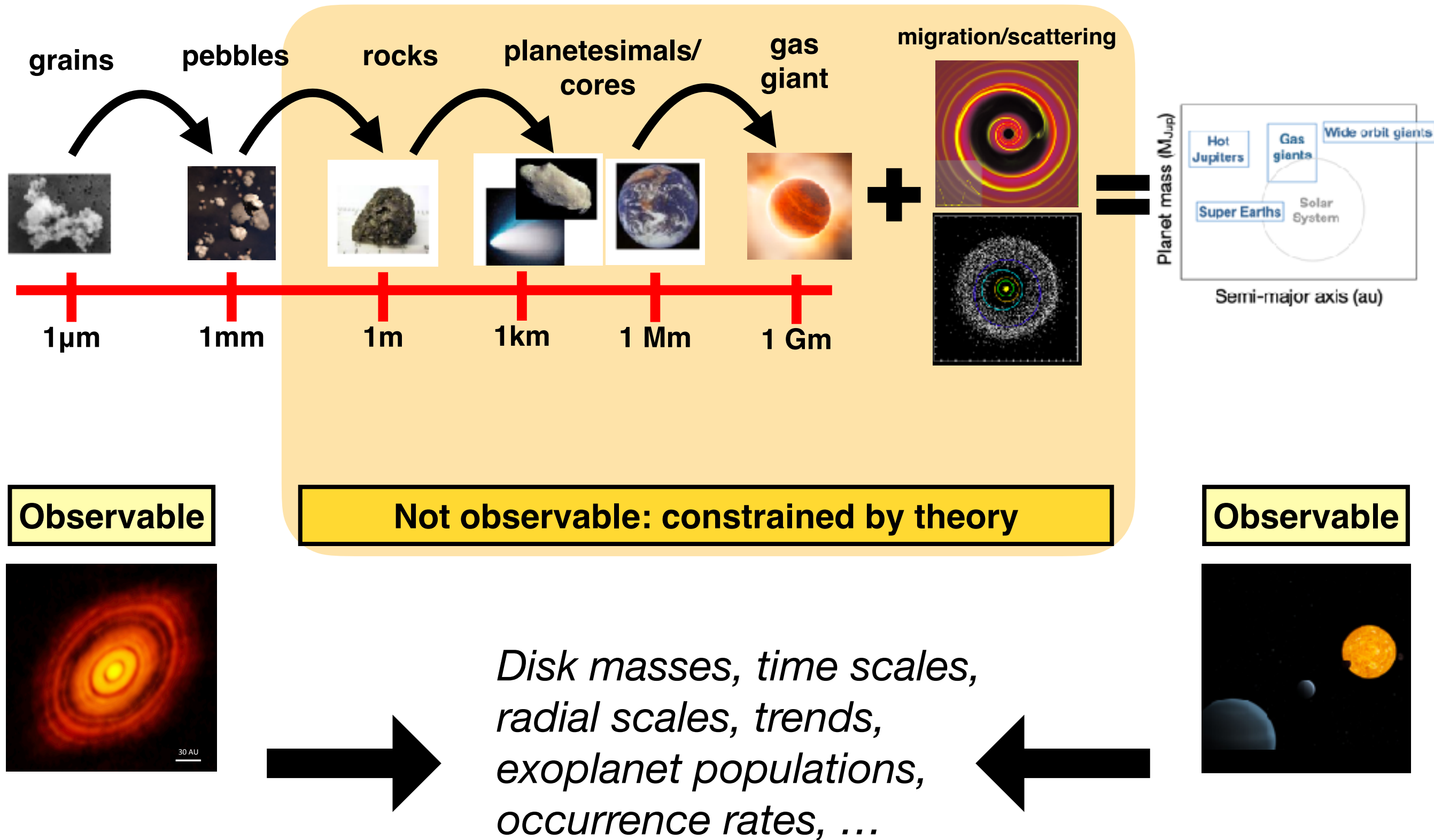
Quite different from the Solar System...

<http://exoplanet.eu>
NASA exoplanet archive

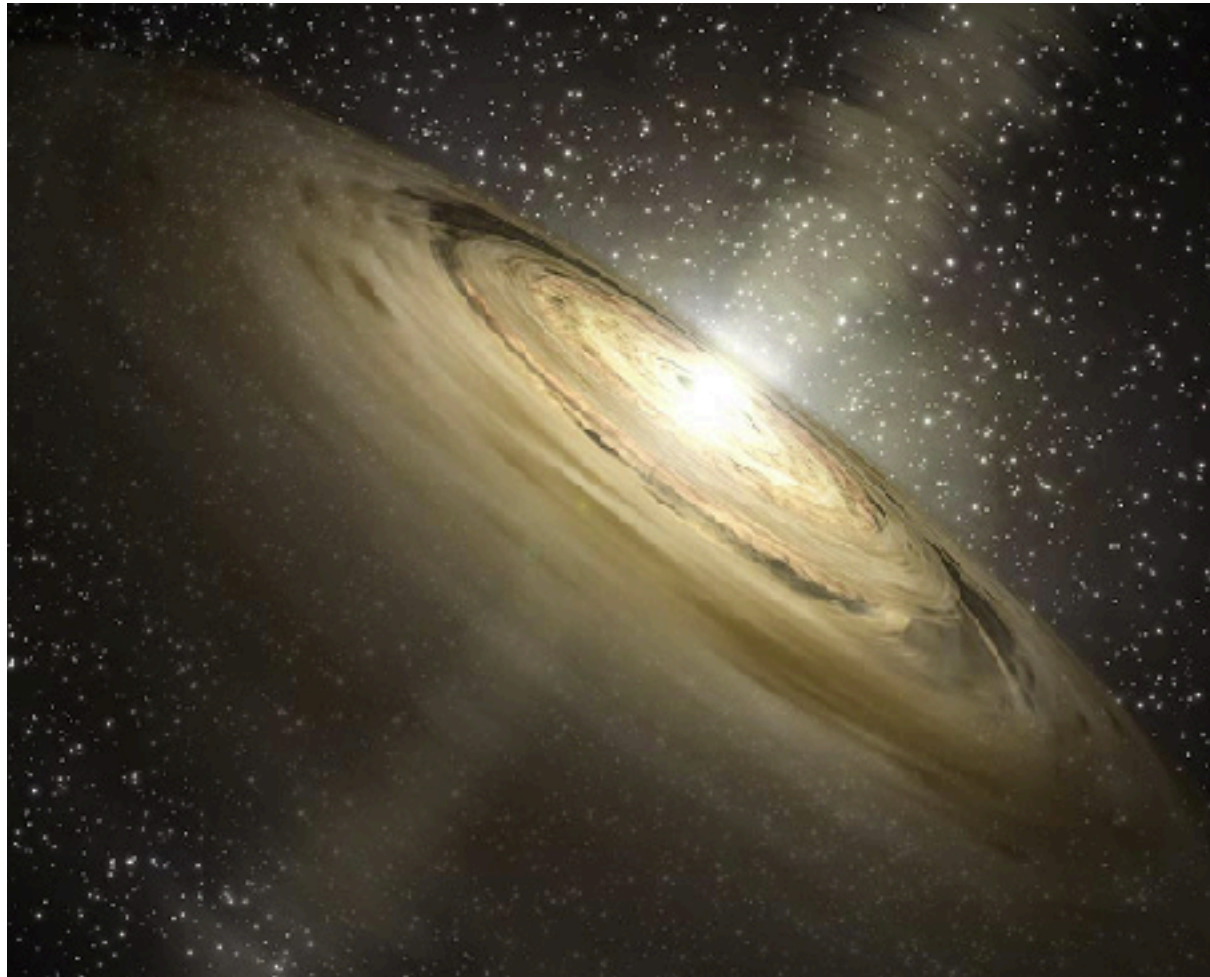
Planet formation



Planet formation

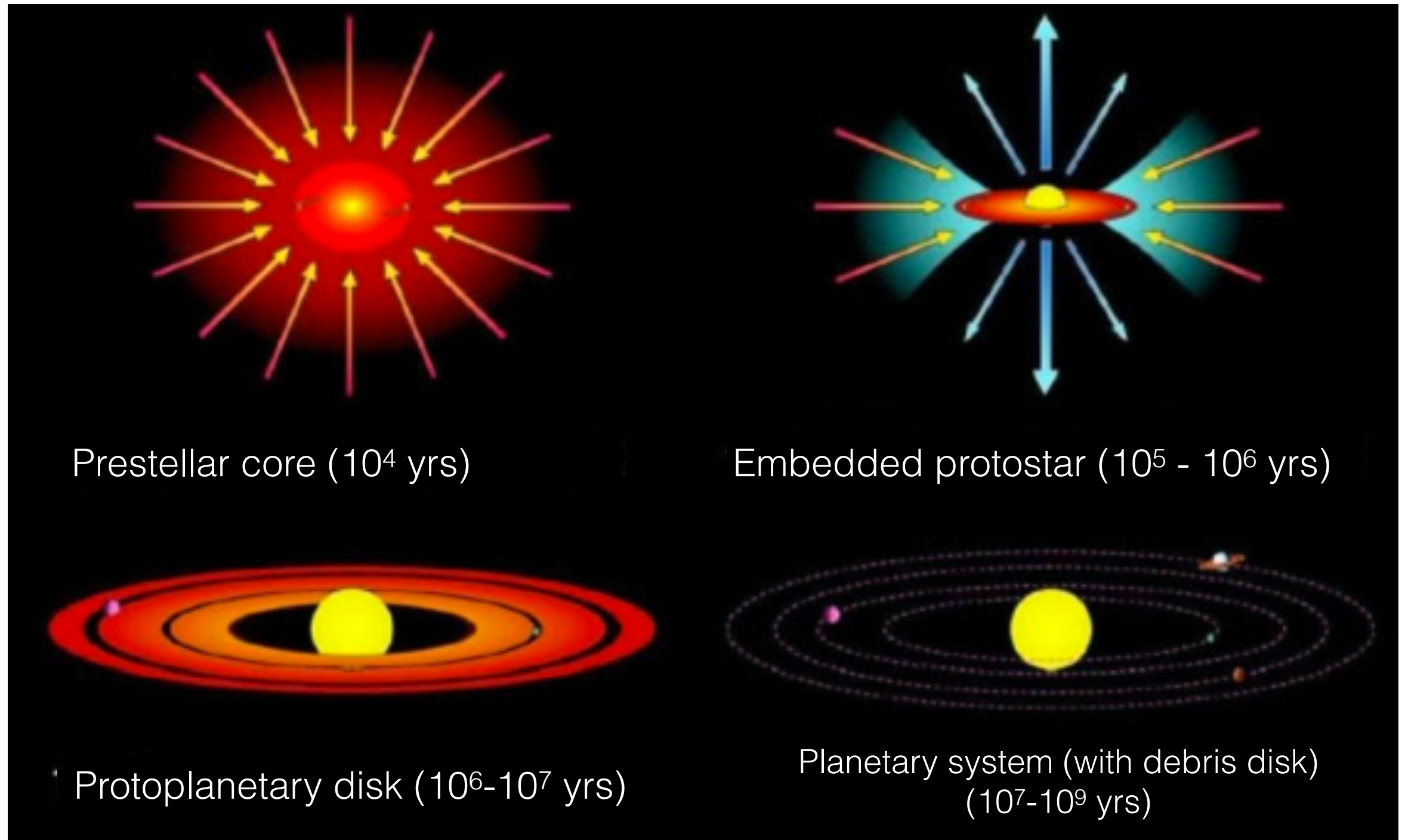


What are protoplanetary disks?



**Rotating pancakes of gas and dust found around young stars
(few Myr) in which planets are forming**

Star and planet formation



Disks (and planets) are a by-product of star formation!

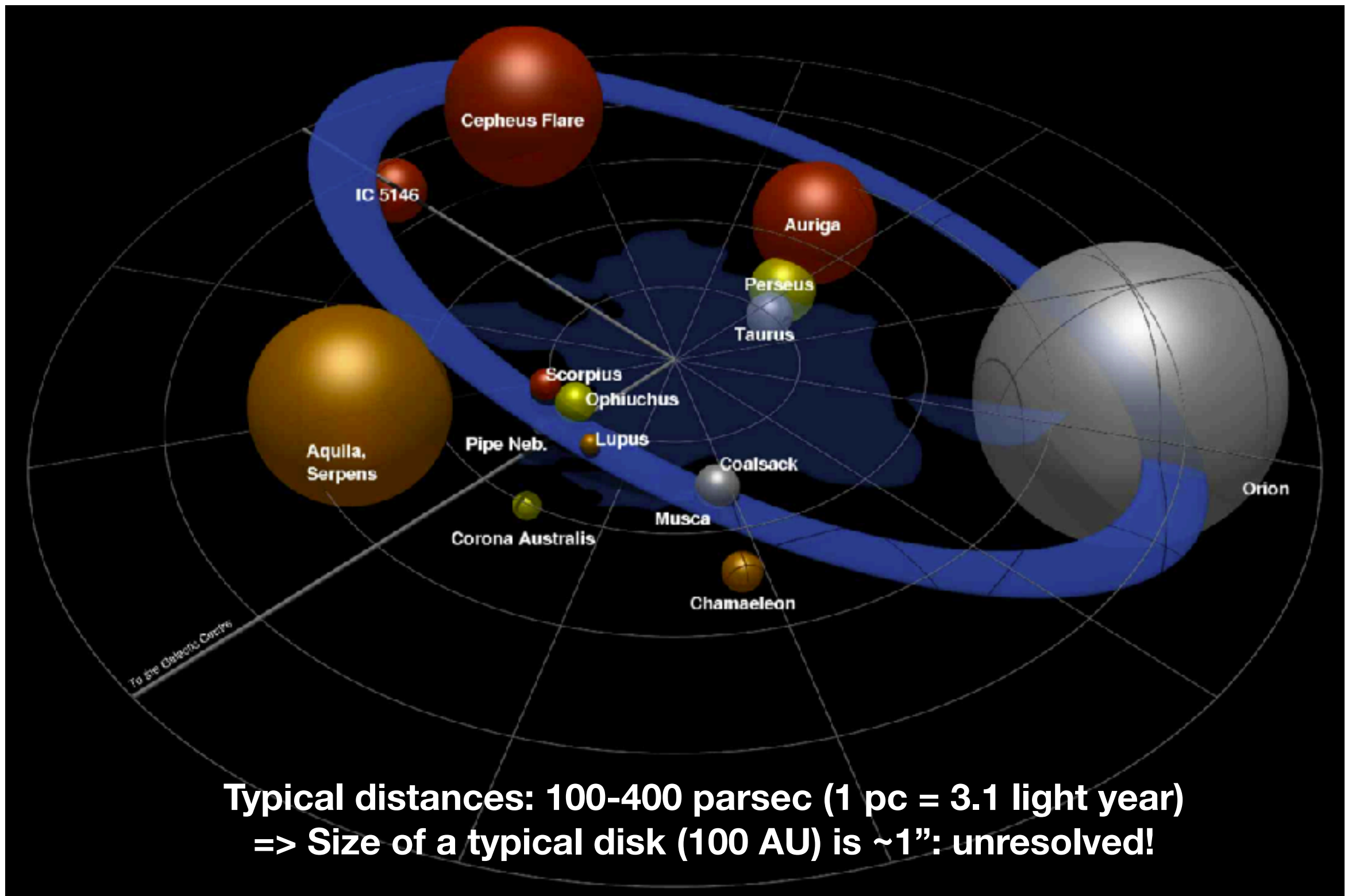
Where do we find disks?

- Stars generally form in clusters, or *star-forming regions*: often named after the constellation that they are in (e.g. Orion, Taurus, Serpens, etc.)



Optical images: so why is there so much black?

Where do we find disks?



What's it like out there?

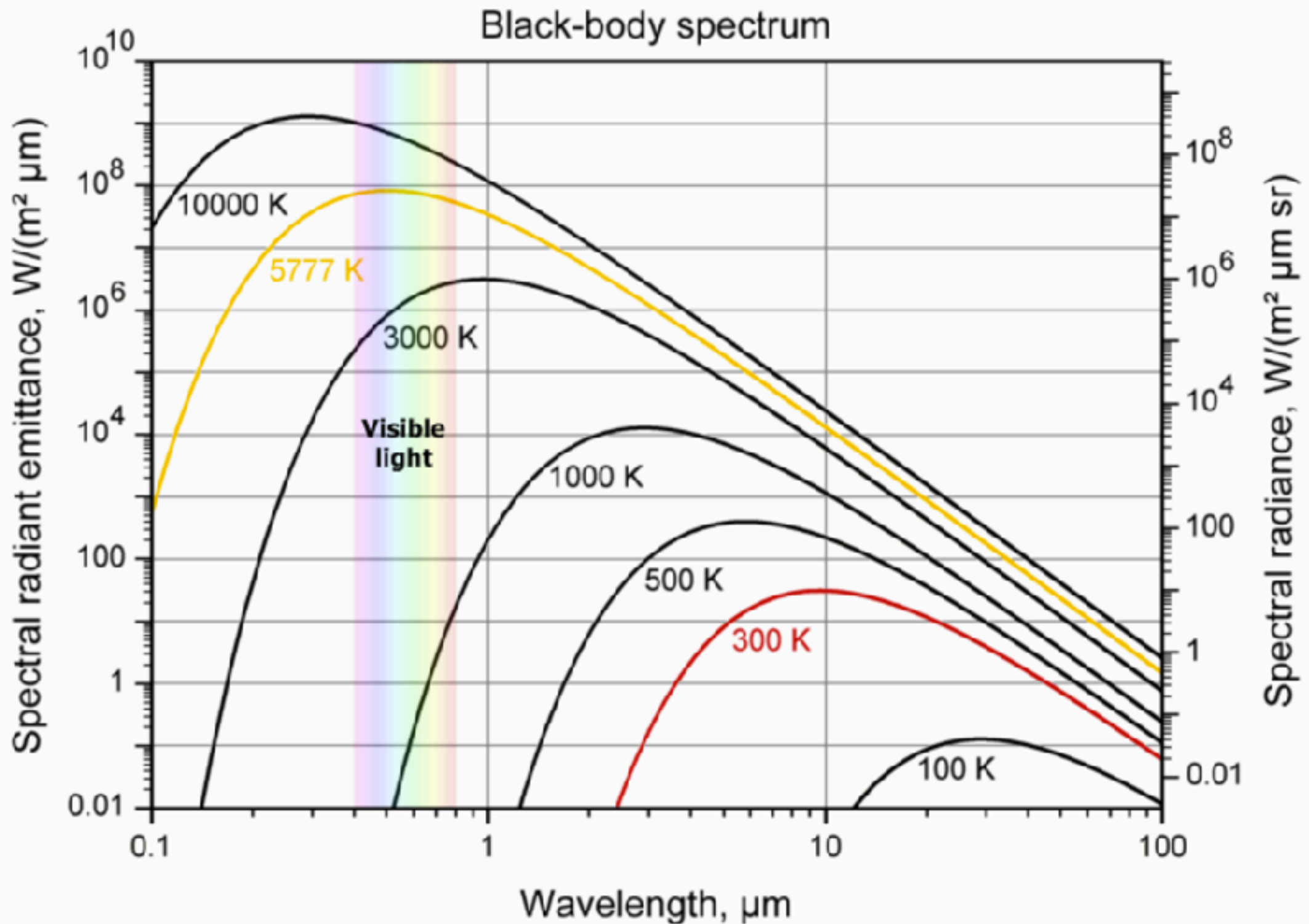
- **Conditions very different from Earth!**
- Typical conditions:
 - Diffuse clouds: $T_{\text{kin}} \sim 100 \text{ K}$, $n \sim 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 - Dense clouds: $T_{\text{kin}} \sim 10\text{--}100 \text{ K}$, $n \sim 10^4\text{--}10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 - Disk: $T_{\text{kin}} \sim 10\text{--}1000 \text{ K}$, $n \sim 10^8\text{--}10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- In clouds: 100 times more gas than dust!
- Compare atmosphere at sea level:
 $T_{\text{kin}} \sim 300 \text{ K}$, $n \sim 3 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

How do we observe?



At longer wavelengths we see colder material: why?

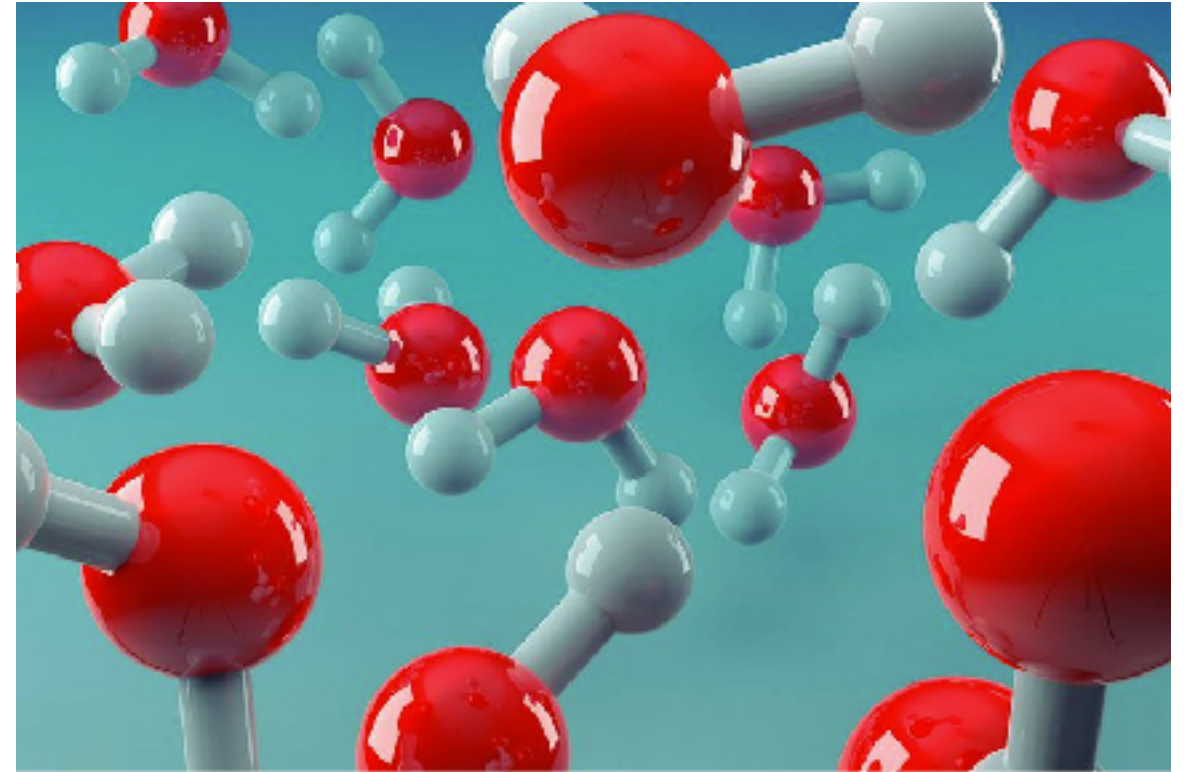
How do we observe?



What do we observe?



**Dust particles heat up by stellar radiation and become blackbodies: emit radiation at longer wavelengths depending on the temperature
'continuum emission'
(broadband emission)**

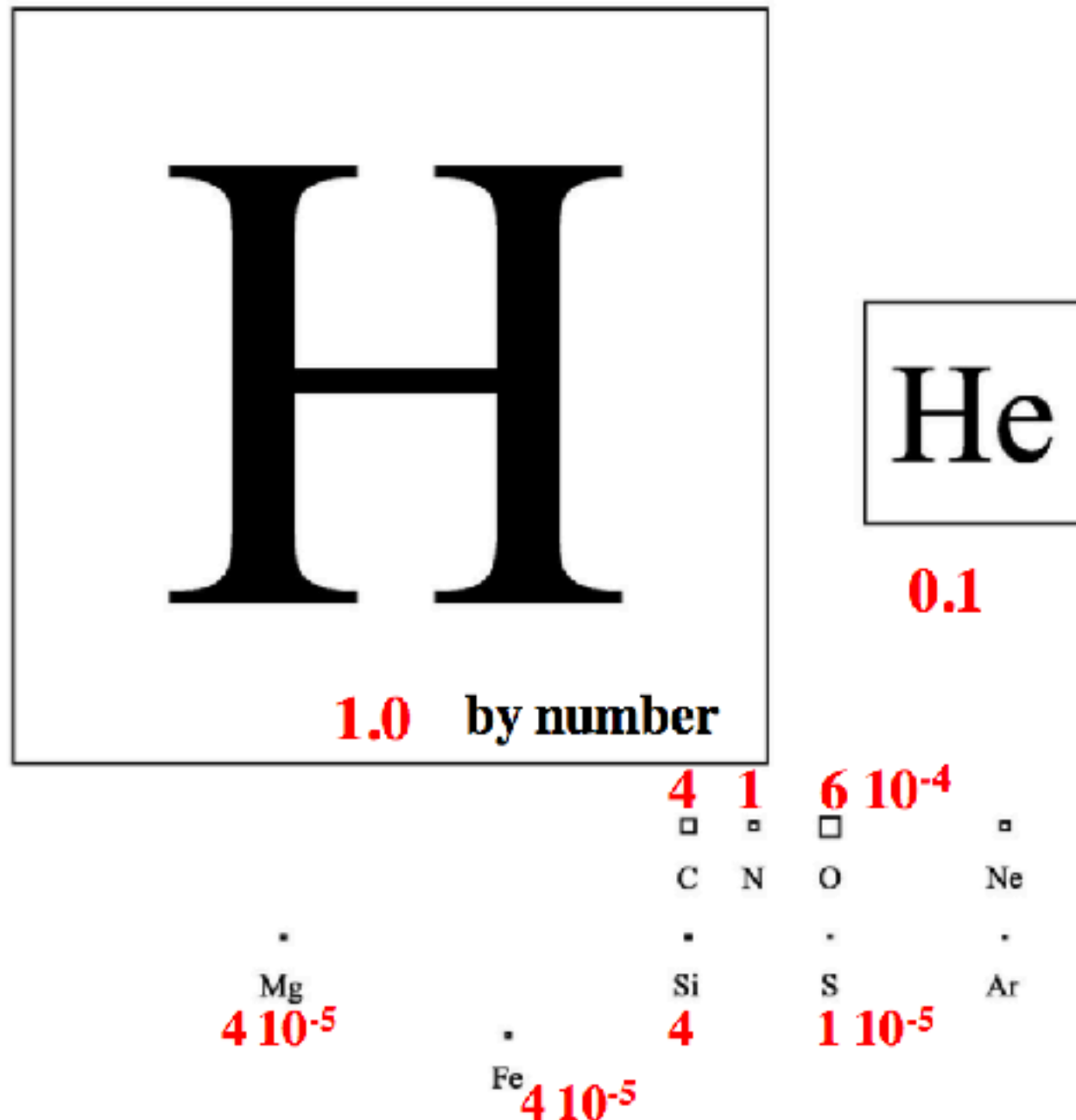


**Gas particles are molecules: emission through 'molecular lines'
(narrow emission)**

What are the most common molecules in the Universe?

What do we observe?

Periodical table of astronomy:

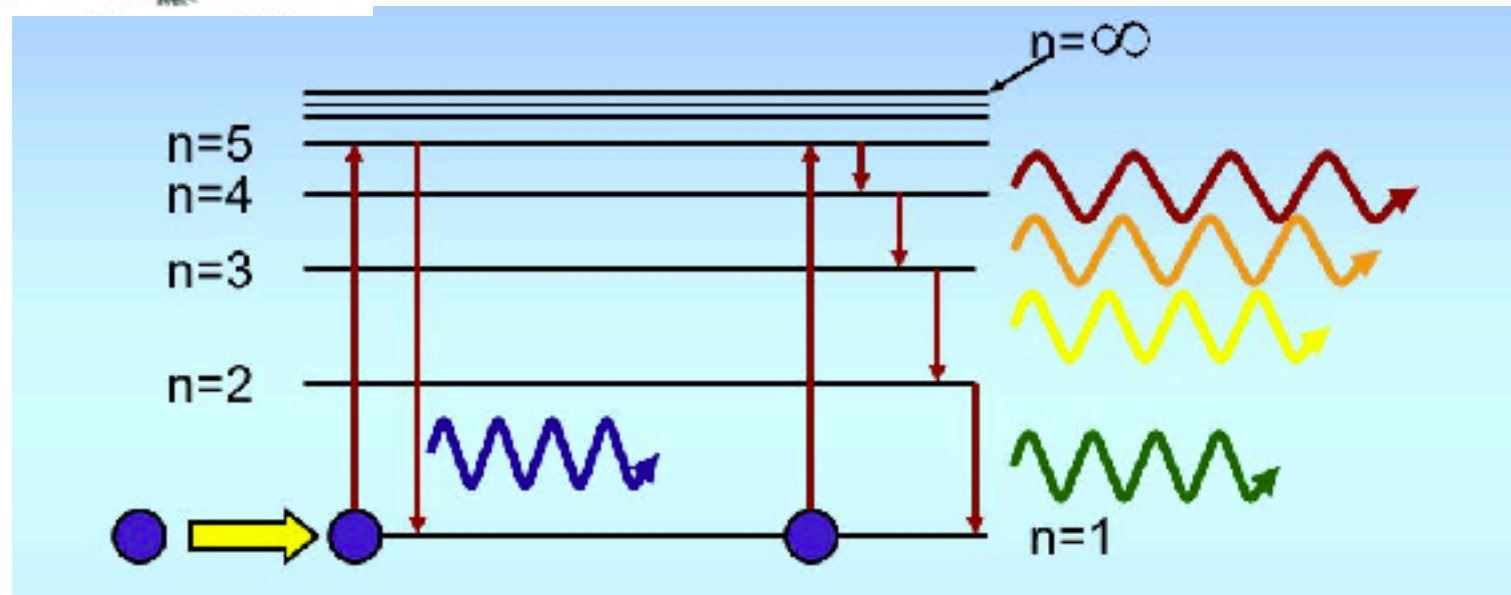
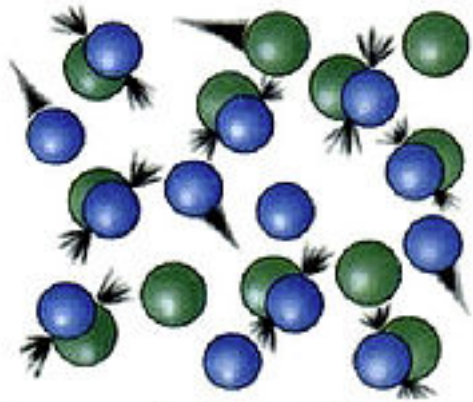


Simple molecules:

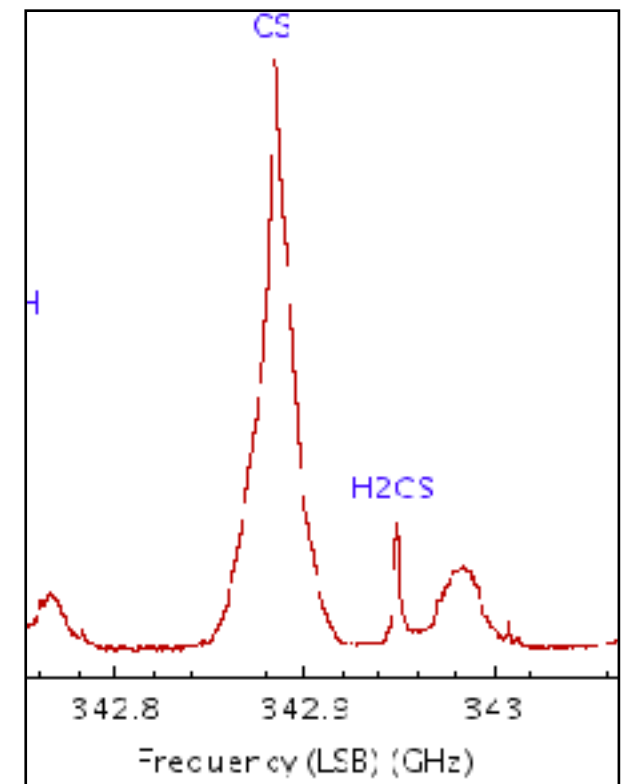
- H_2
- CO
- CO_2
- H_2O
- CN
- OH
- CH^+
- HCO^+
- H_2CO
- ...

What do we observe?

Molecules move around randomly and occasionally collide (more collisions at higher temperature and/or higher density)



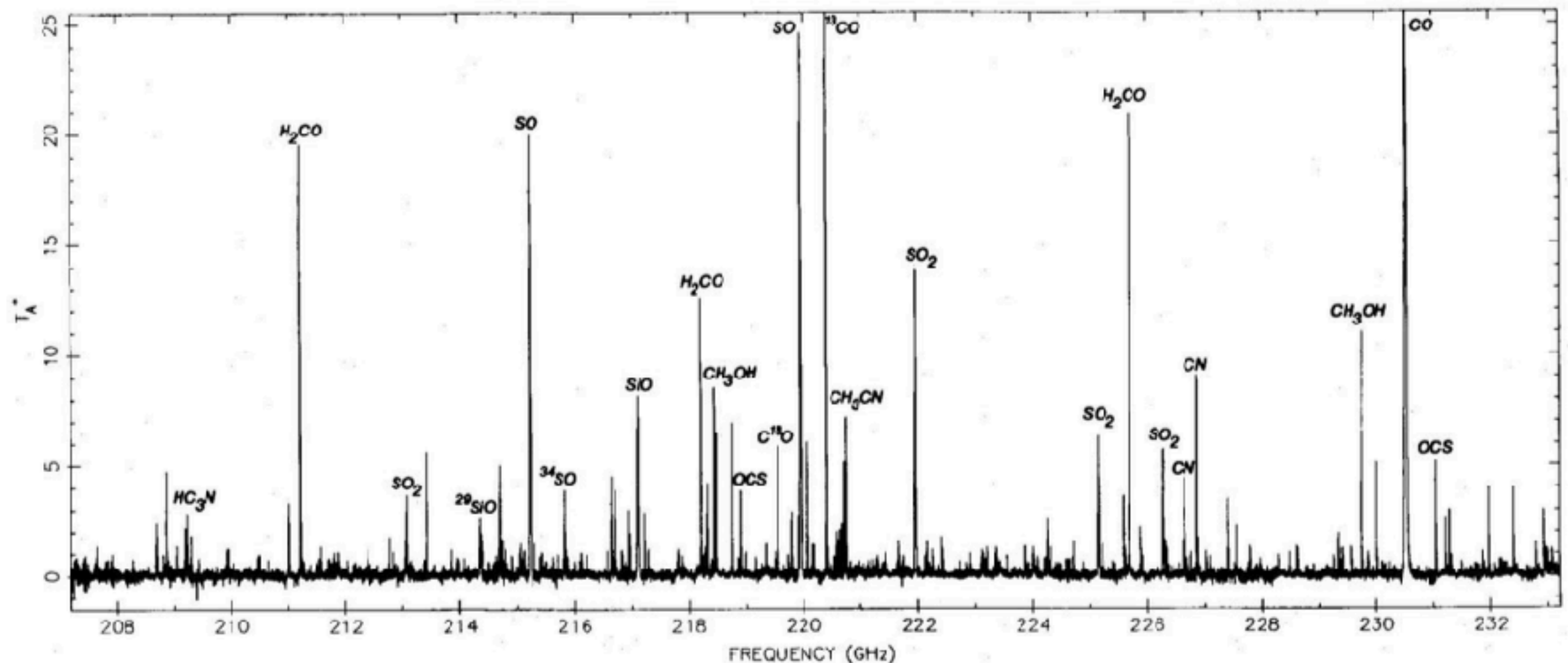
A collision brings a molecule in a higher energetic state



The molecule emits a photon (spontaneous emission) at a specific frequency to get back to lower energy. The frequency is unique for each molecule and each transition ('fingerprint')

What do we observe?

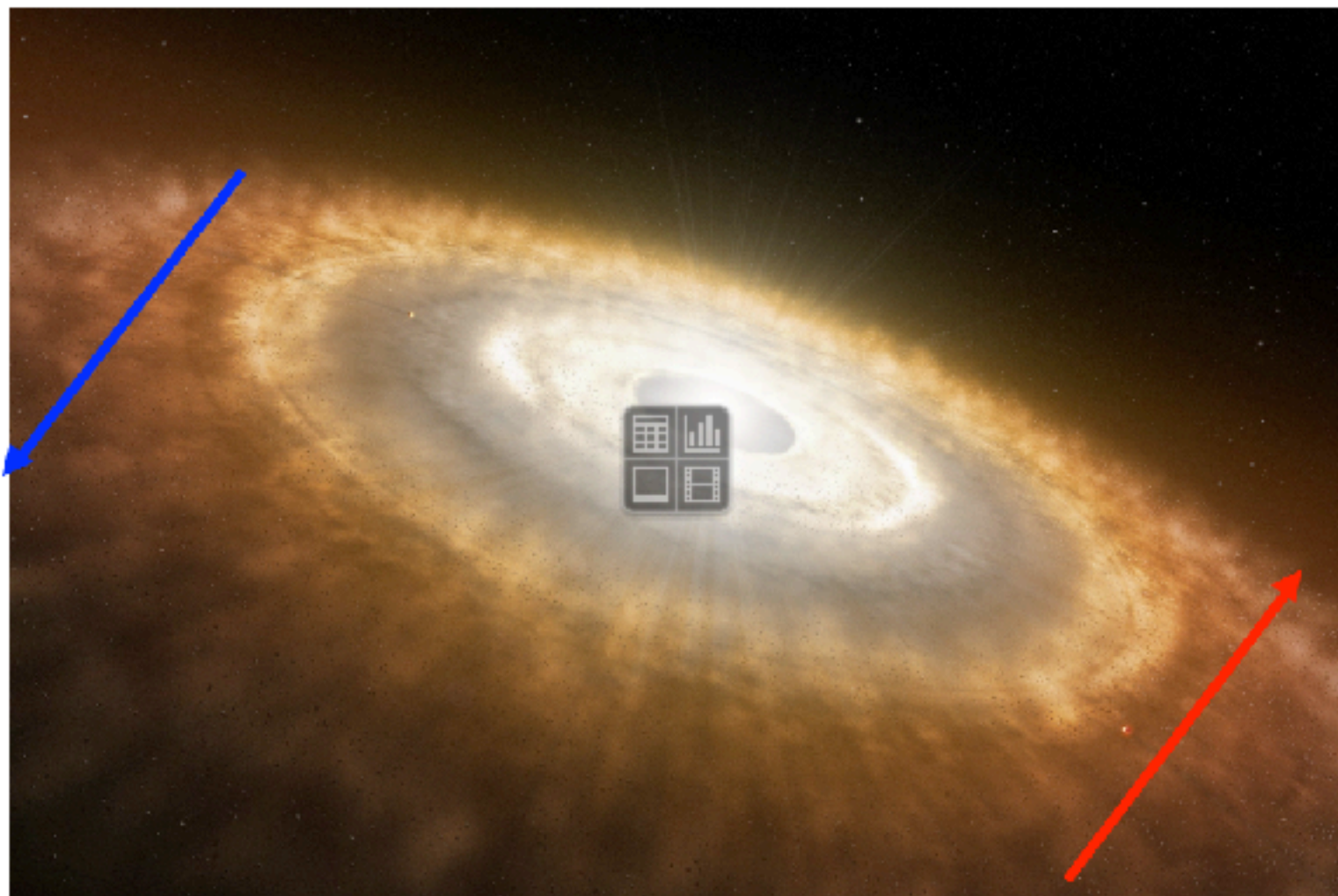
- Each molecular *line* is the result of millions of photons emitted by millions of molecules in this processes: a bulk of *gas*
- Molecular lines on top of *dust* continuum: *continuum* emission is the *averaged* emission at every frequency where there is no line!



NB Frequency and wavelength are used interchangeably: $c = \lambda * \nu$

What do we observe?

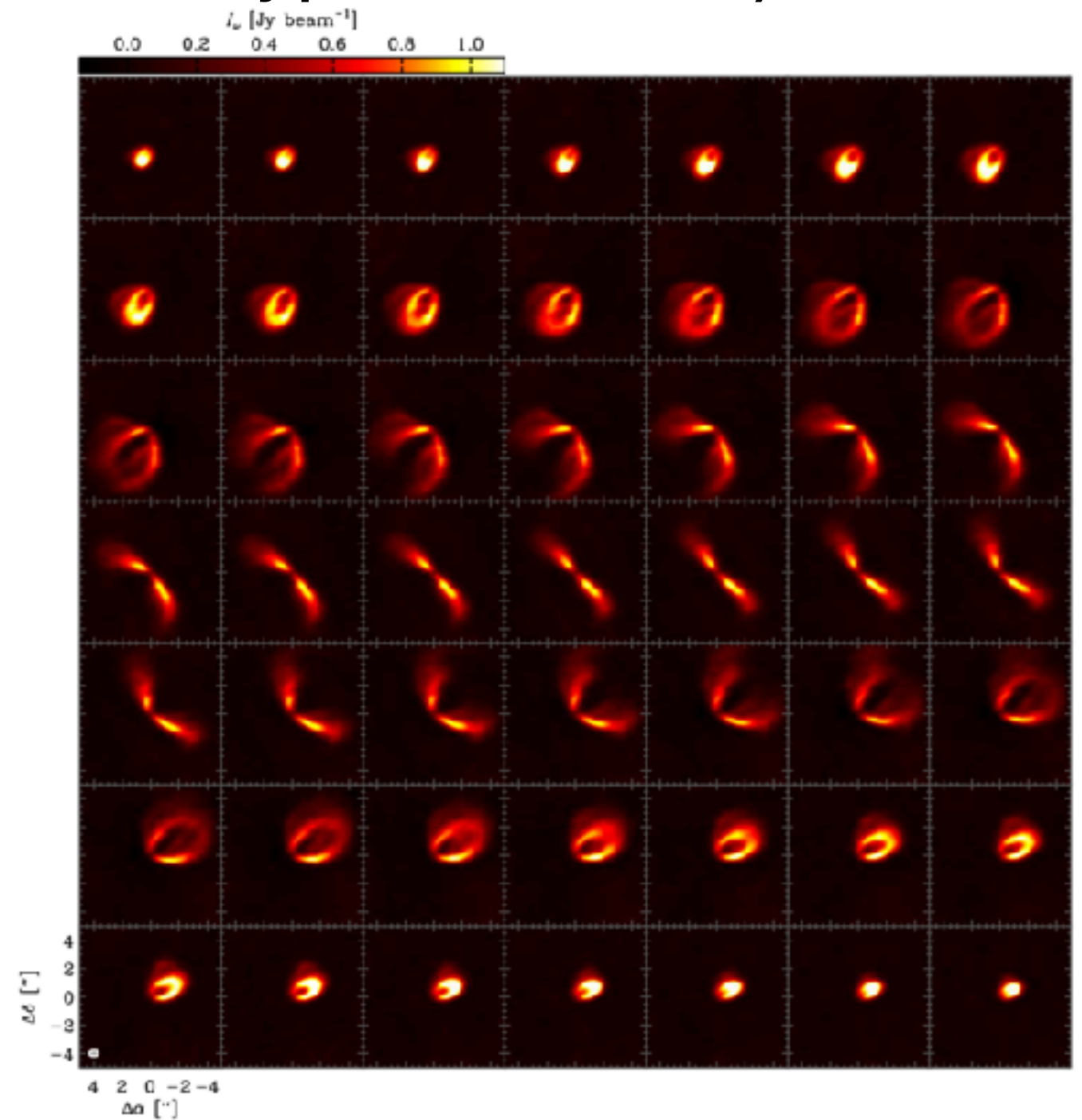
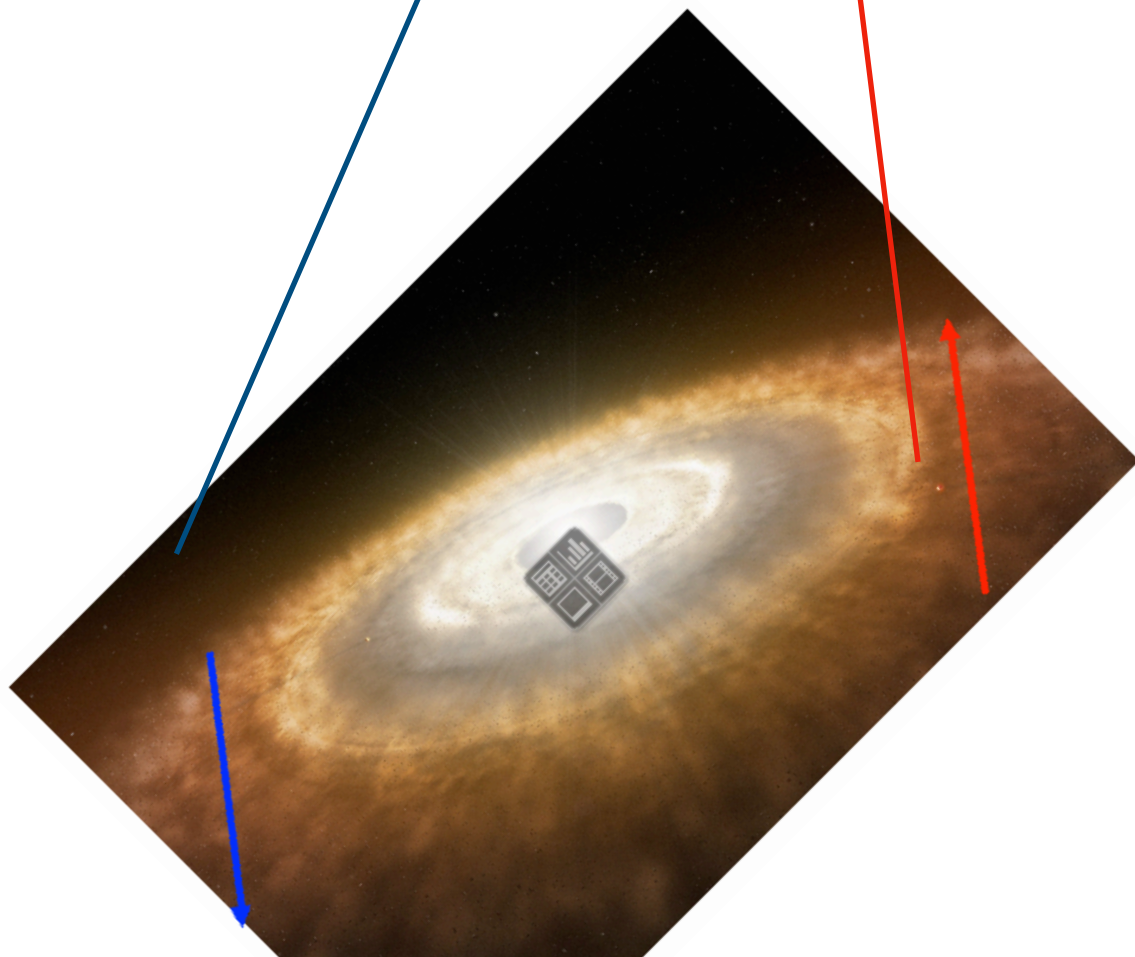
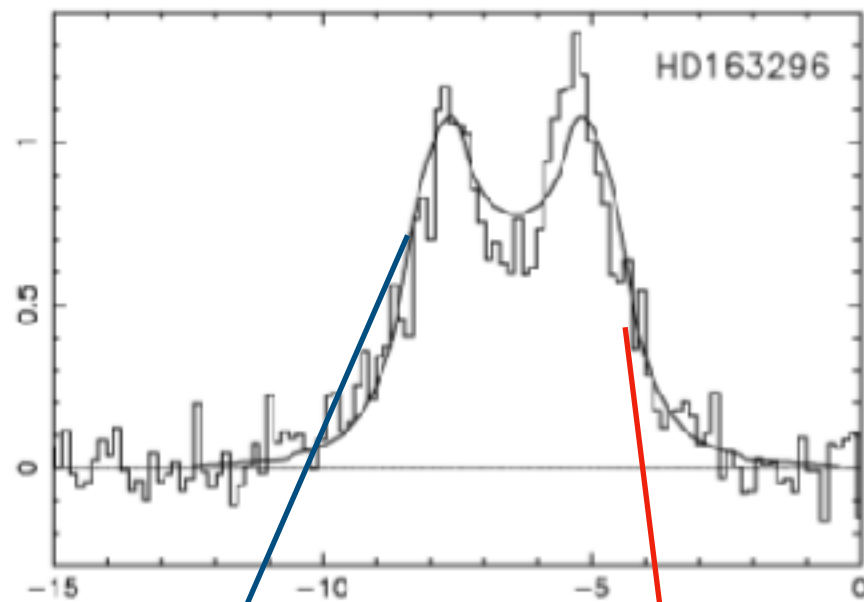
What can we study with molecular lines other than chemistry and gas density:
kinematics!



The disk rotates Keplerian:
what happens to the line?

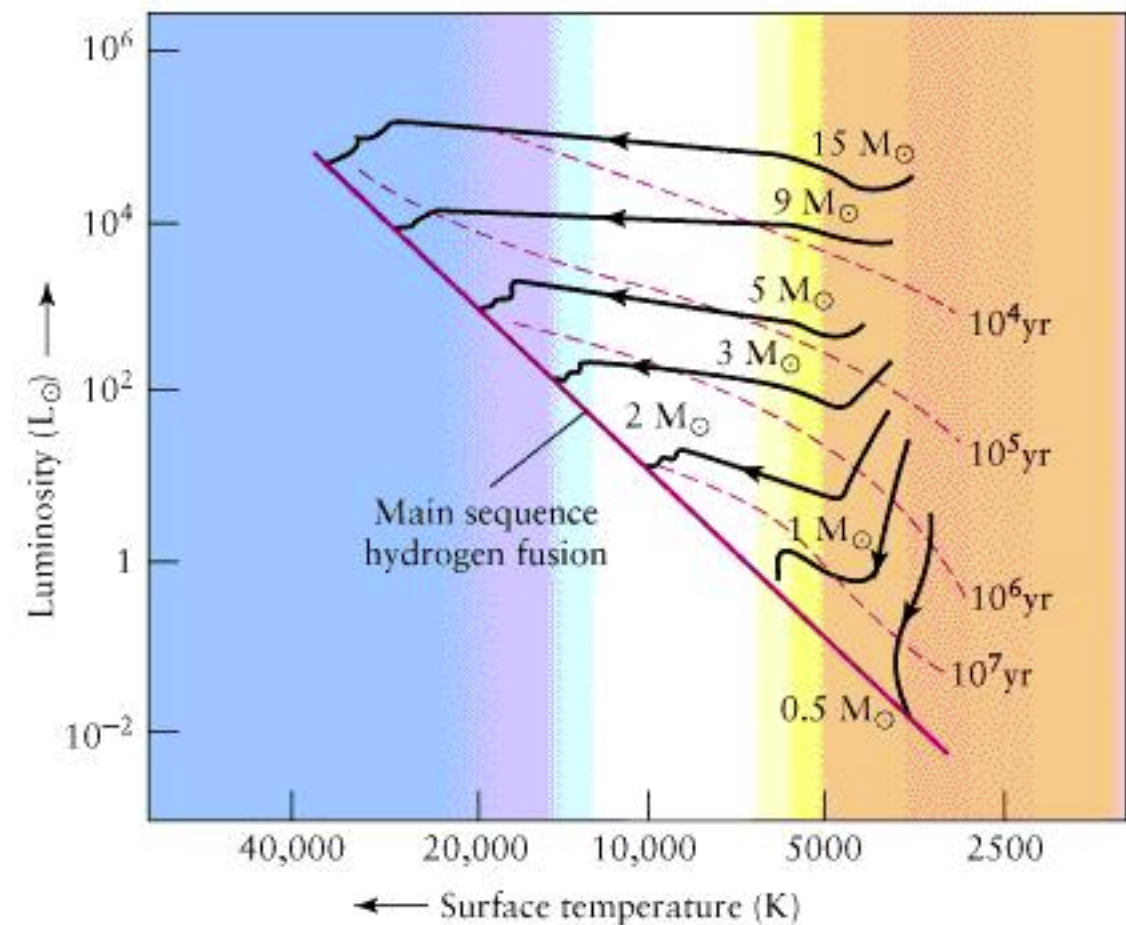
What do we observe?

Doppler effect: blue and red-shifted parts in the disk (double-peak spectrum or 'butterfly pattern' if resolved)



History

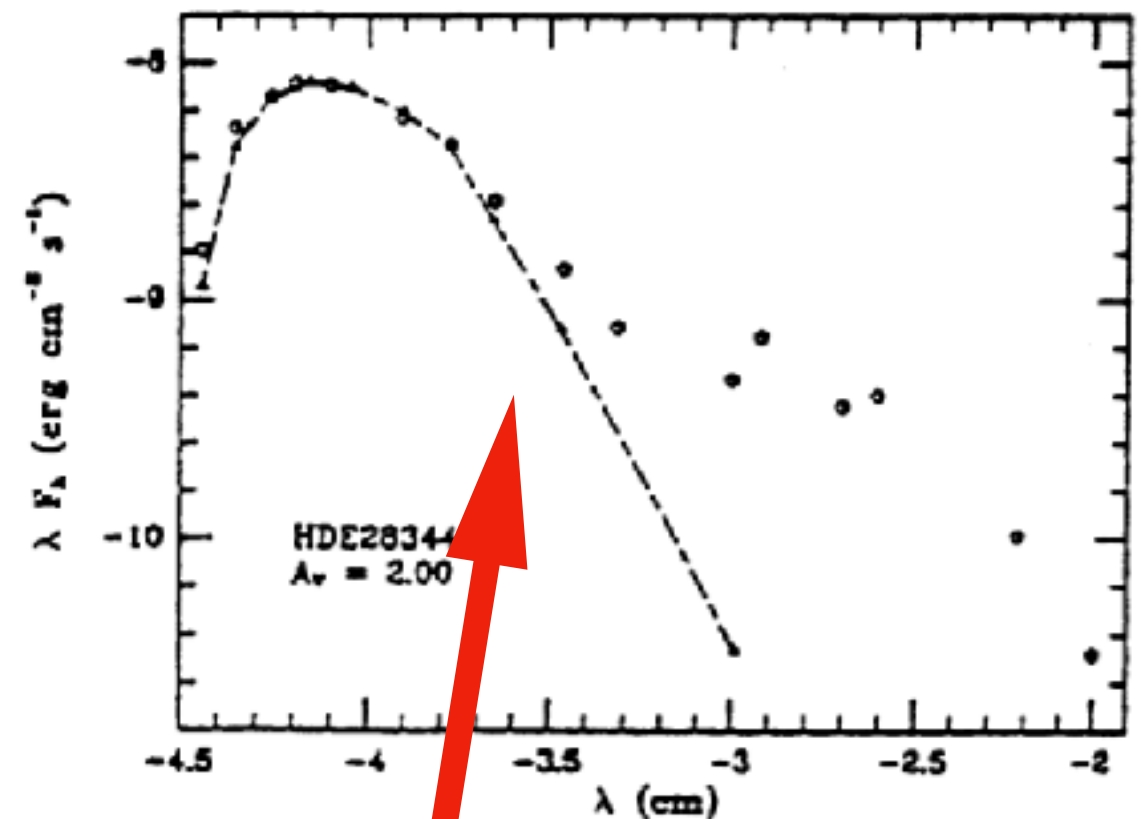
- History of astronomy largely driven by technology: until 1950s mostly limited to optical wavelengths!
- First discovery: young stars!
 - overluminous compared to stars of same spectral type (temperature)
 - found in particular in dark clouds
 - strong optical emission lines (H α) and UV excess: accretion



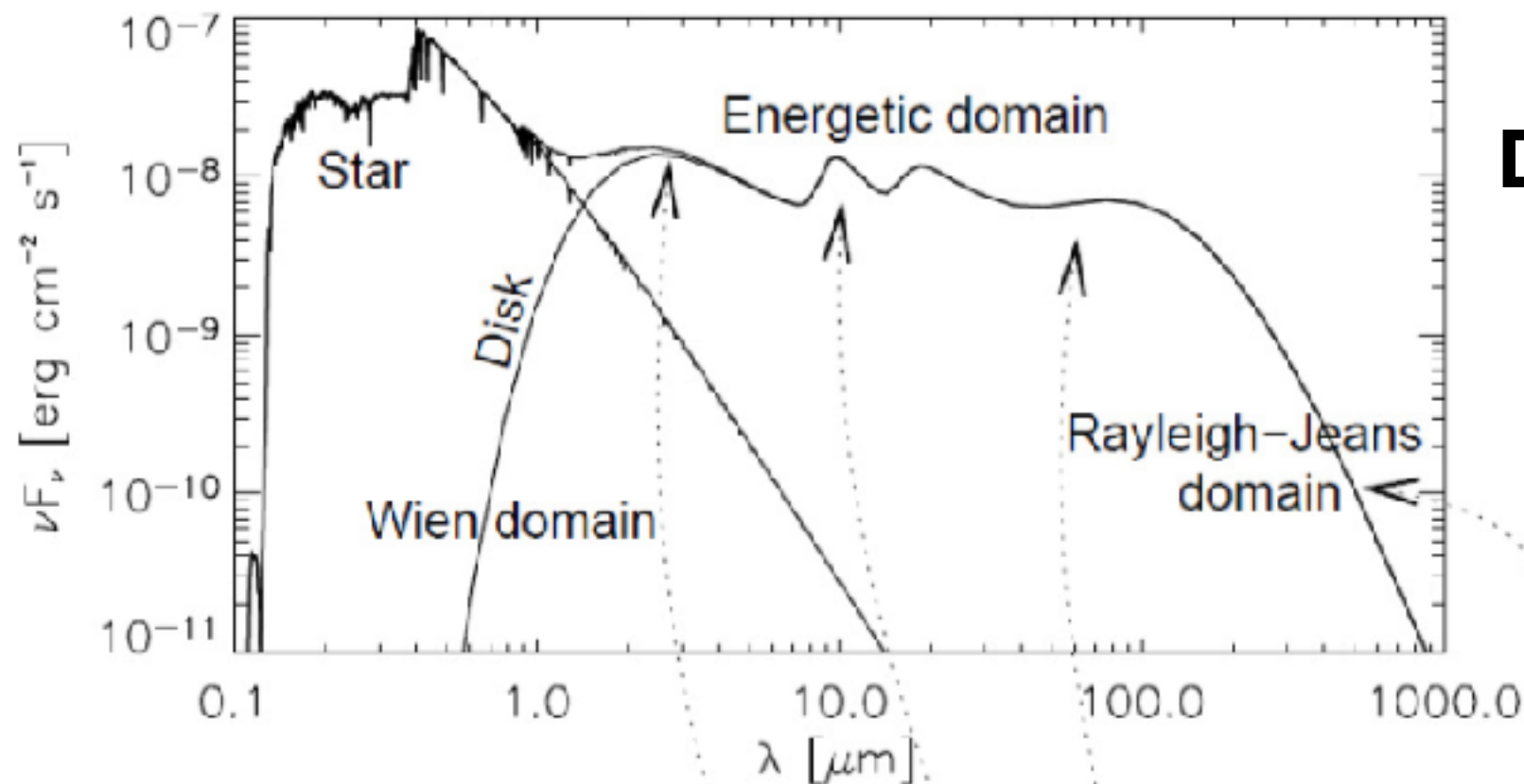
Why are young stars overluminous?

History

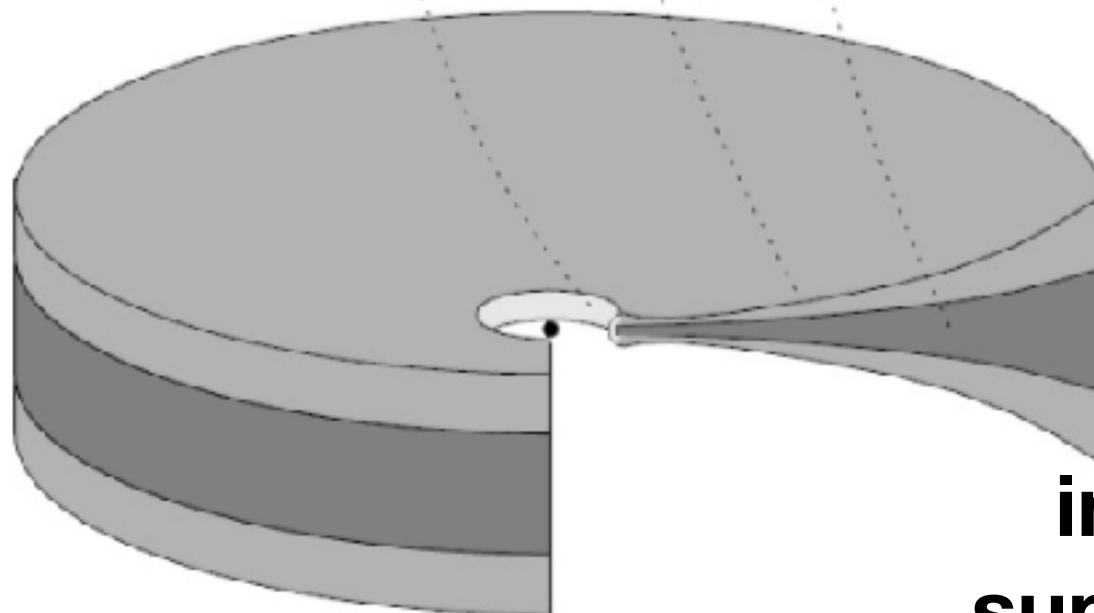
- Young stars are still contracting: larger radius, hence more luminous
- Young stars are still accreting material: must be something feeding them
 - Terminology (historic):
T Tauri stars ($<2 M_{\text{sol}}$) and Herbig stars ($>2 M_{\text{sol}}$)
- In 1960-1980s: 'excess' emission at infrared found in young stars
=> first evidence of a dusty disk
- Keep in mind
 - this is photometry:
no resolved observations yet!
 - most information about the disk is from the dust:
more sensitive to broadband emission than lines



History



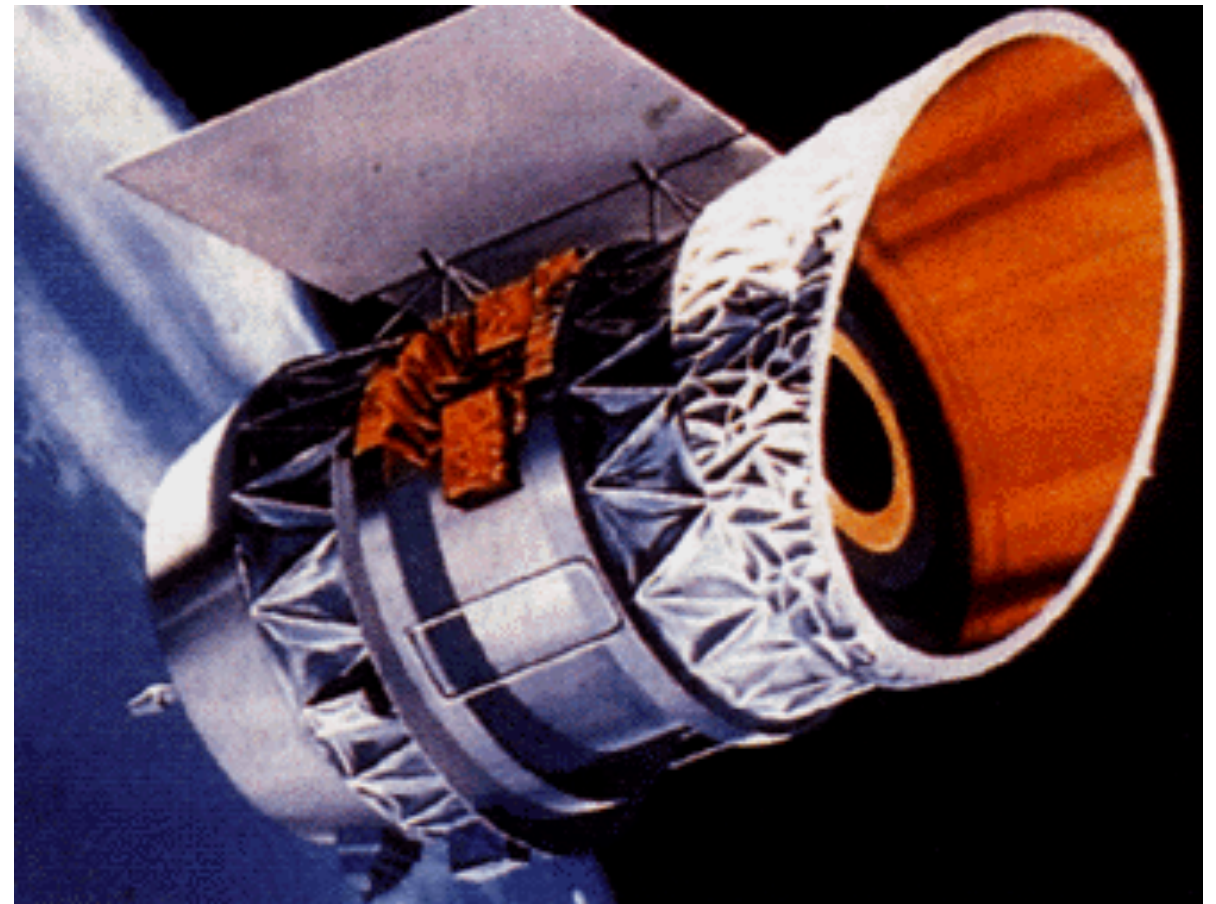
**Dust in disk gets heated up by the star:
radial temperature gradient**



**infrared to mm emission:
superposition of blackbodies**

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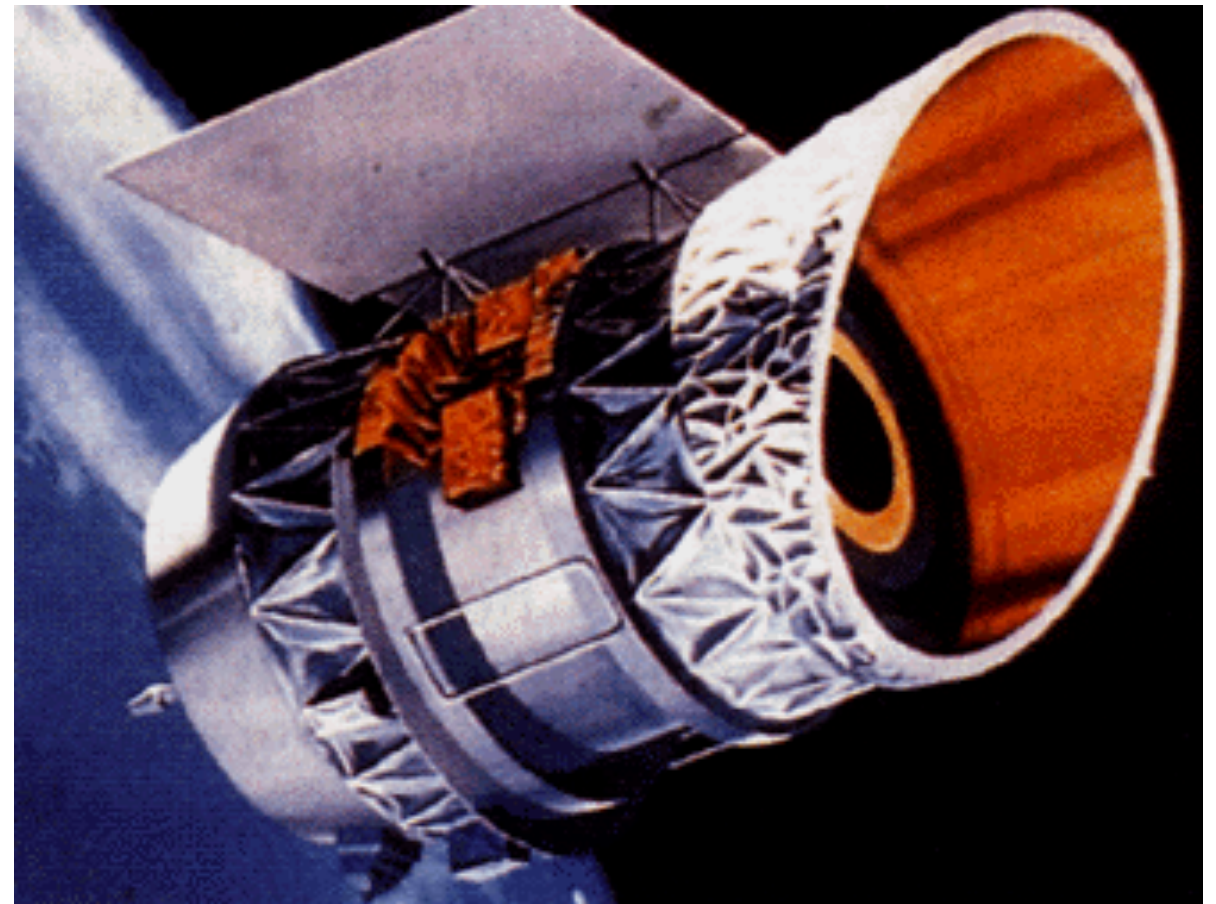
- IRAS satellite 1983:
full sky survey in infrared
(12, 25, 60, 100 micron)
- Diameter: 57 cm (22 inch)
- >250 000 IR sources found
- Follow up:
ISO satellite 1995-1997
=> deeper and including
spectroscopy



What is the problem with these observations if you think about the size of the telescope and the size of disks?

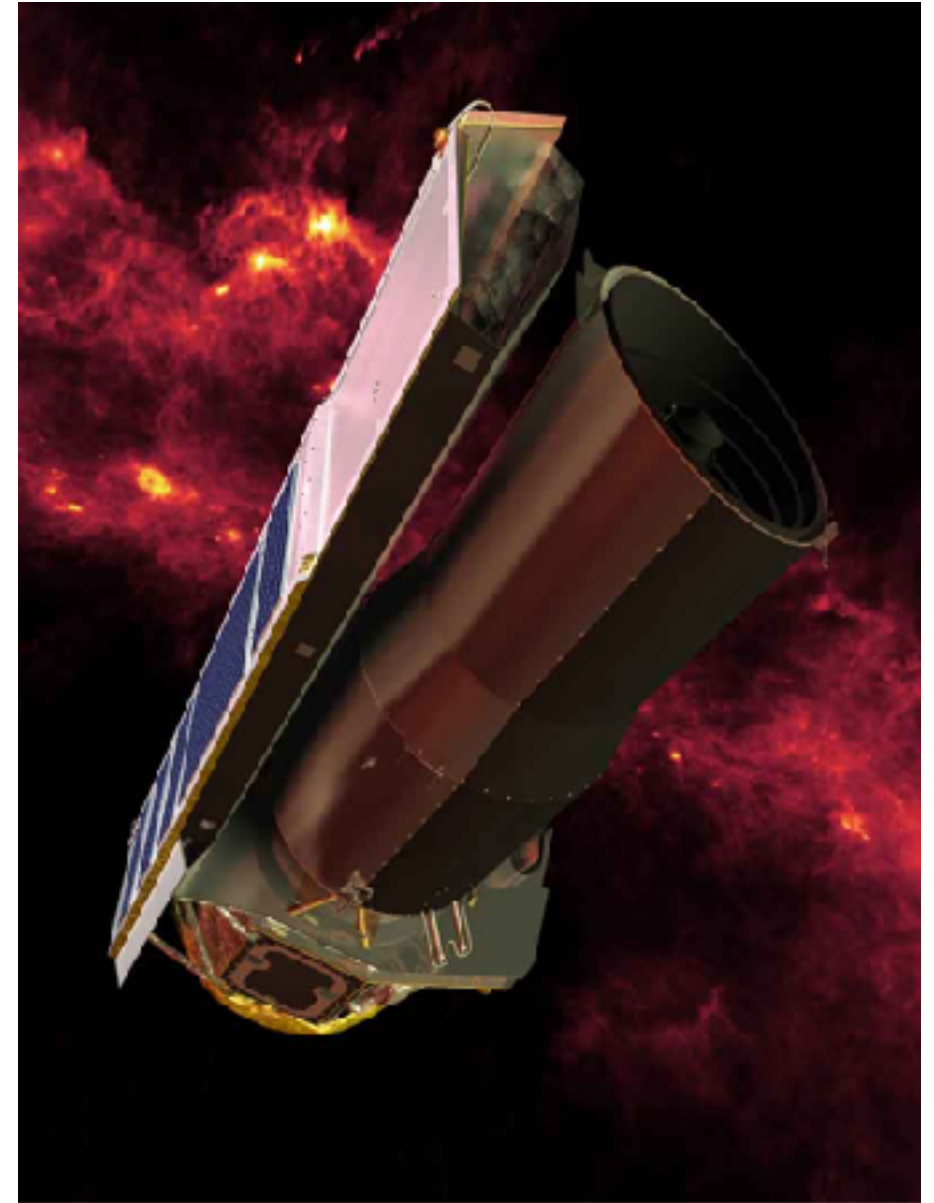
History

- Diameter: 57 cm (22 inch)
- Telescope resolution: λ/D
 $\Rightarrow$ 30-120" beam
- Disks are $\sim 1''$! Unresolved!
- Photometry is confused
- Full sky: short integrations
(low sensitivity)



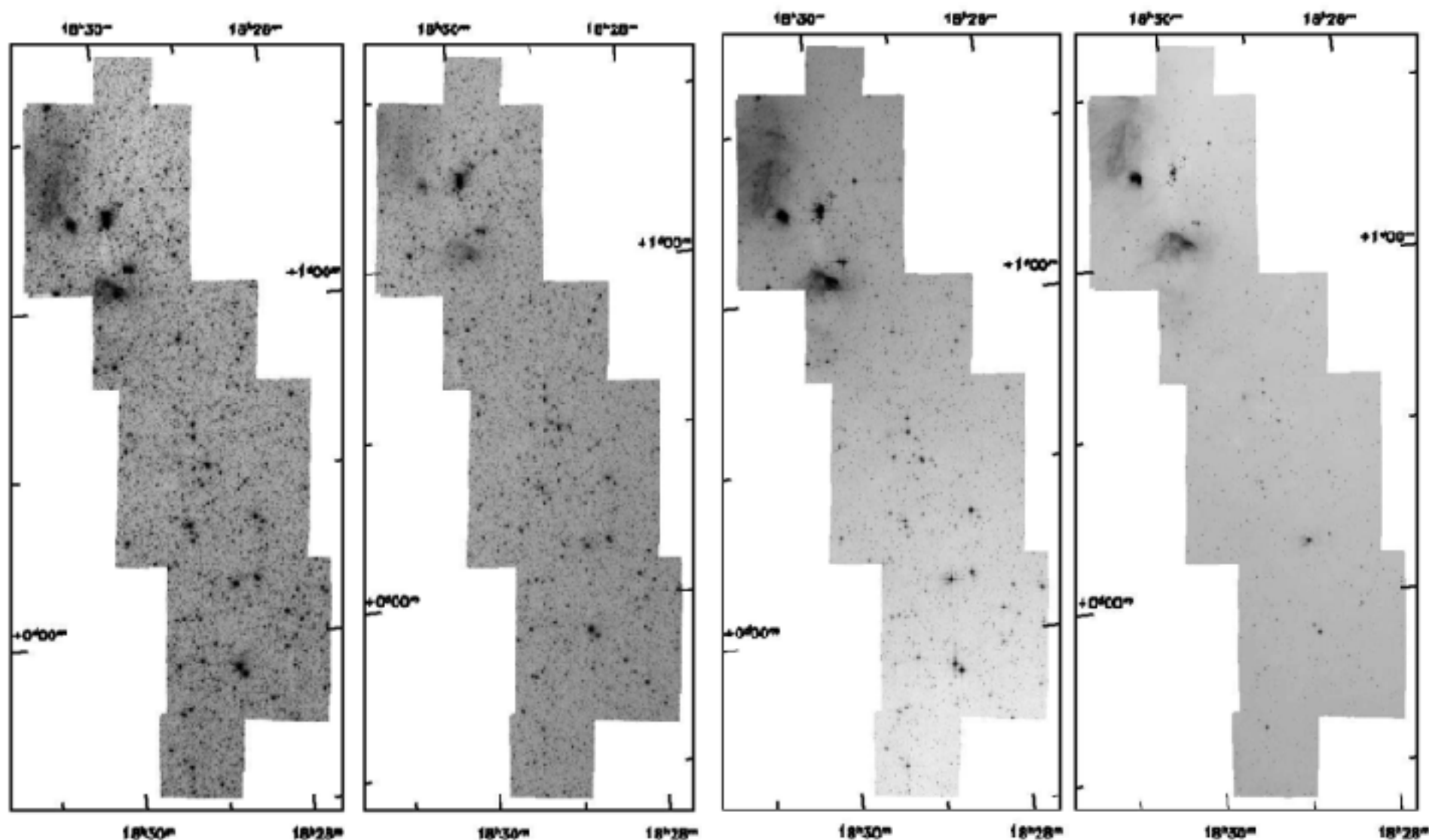
History

- Next IR telescope: Spitzer!
- Cold mission: 2003-2009
(but warm mission still on-going)
- Diameter 85 cm
- Targeted photometry and spectroscopy at 3-70 micron
- **Full mapping of nearby star-forming regions**



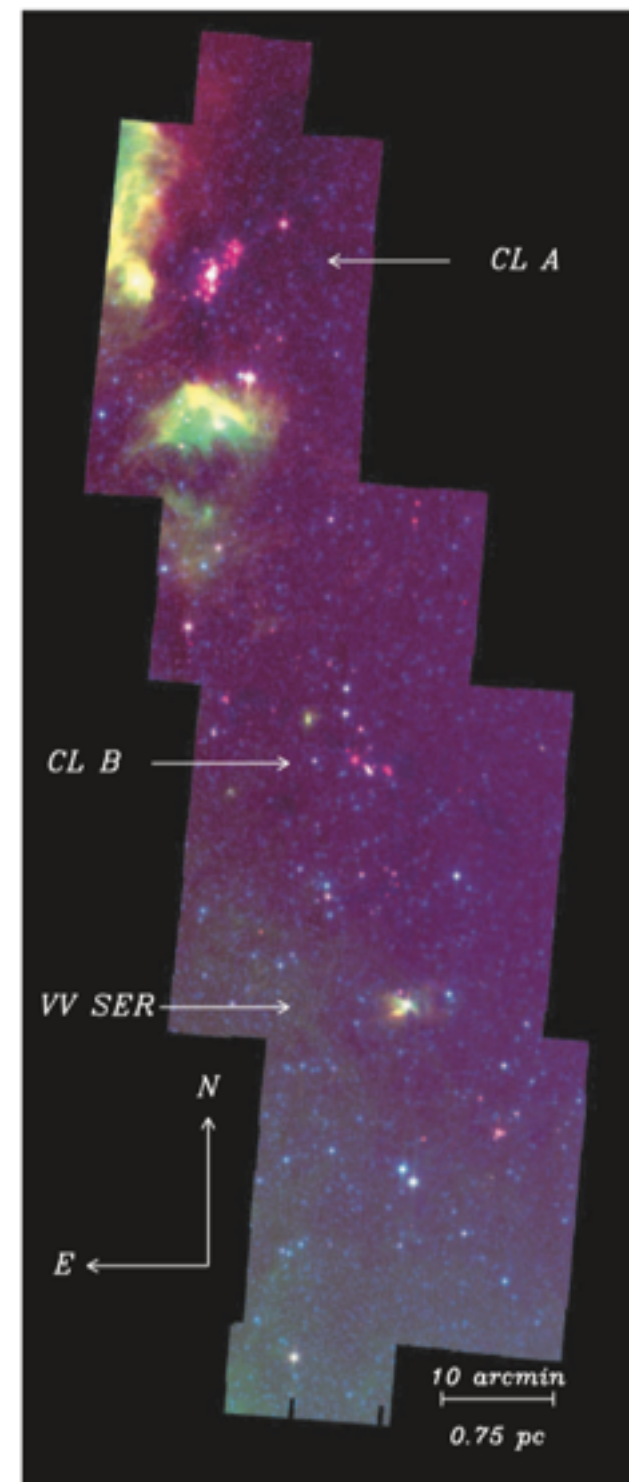
History

Identifying young stellar objects in star forming regions: tedious work!



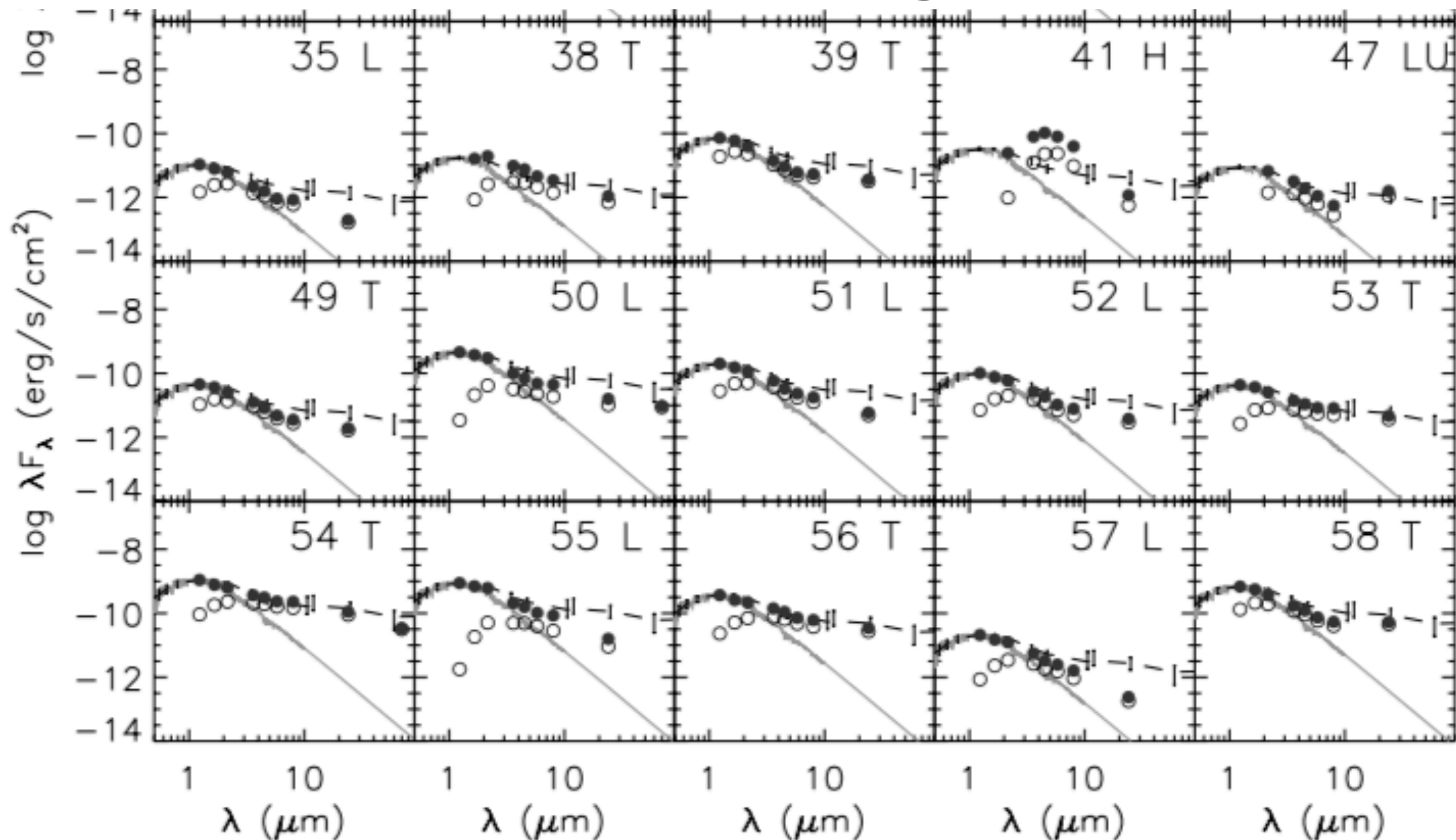
IRAC bands: 3.6, 4.5, 5.8 and 8.0 micron

Composite image with IRAC2/4
and MIPS (24 micron)



Harvey et al. 2006, 2007

History

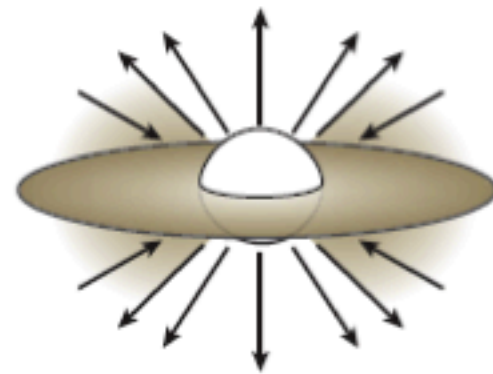
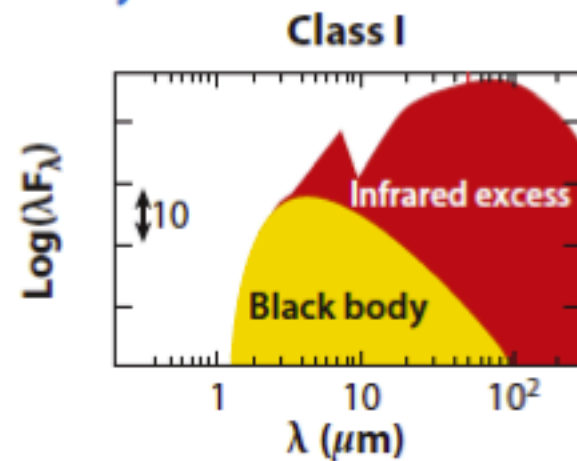


Results: thousands of SEDs of young stars, including many disks!

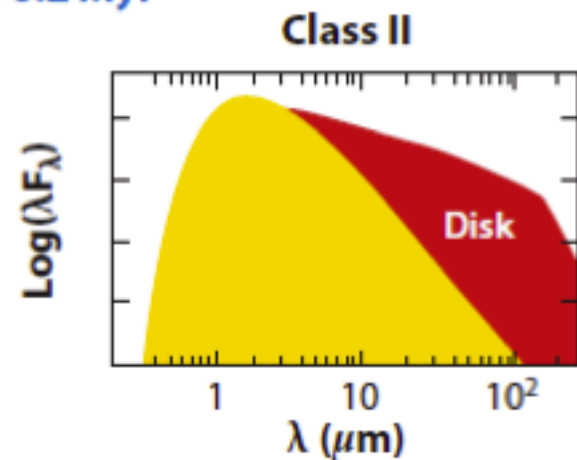
Relation with accretion measured in UV/H α : disks with higher IR excess generally higher accretion => evolution!

Evolution

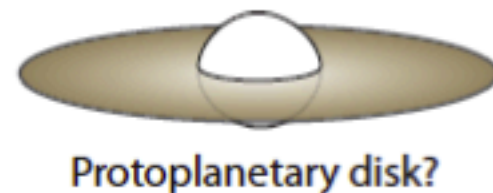
$t < 0.03$ Myr



$t \approx 0.2$ Myr



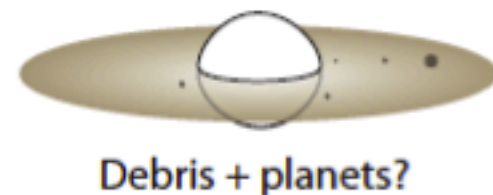
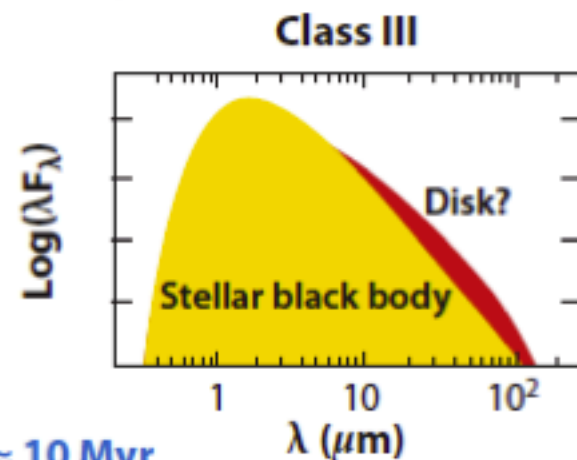
Birthline for
pre-main sequence stars



Further classification by amount of infrared excess:

- young systems still embedded in a cloud (Class 0/I);
- protoplanetary disks (Class II), still accreting;
- old debris disks (Class III), not accreting

$t \approx 1$ Myr



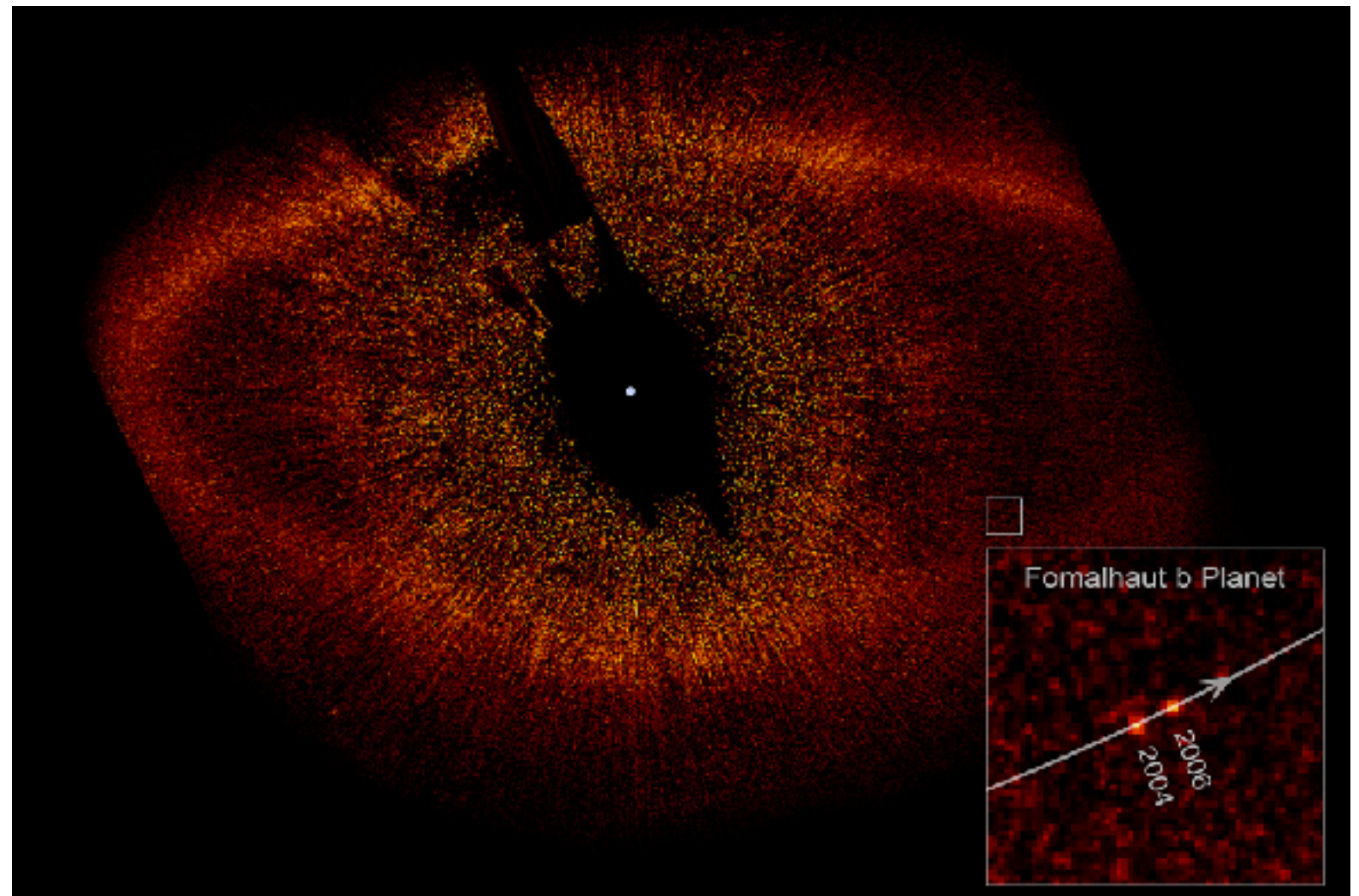
$t \approx 10$ Myr

Evolution

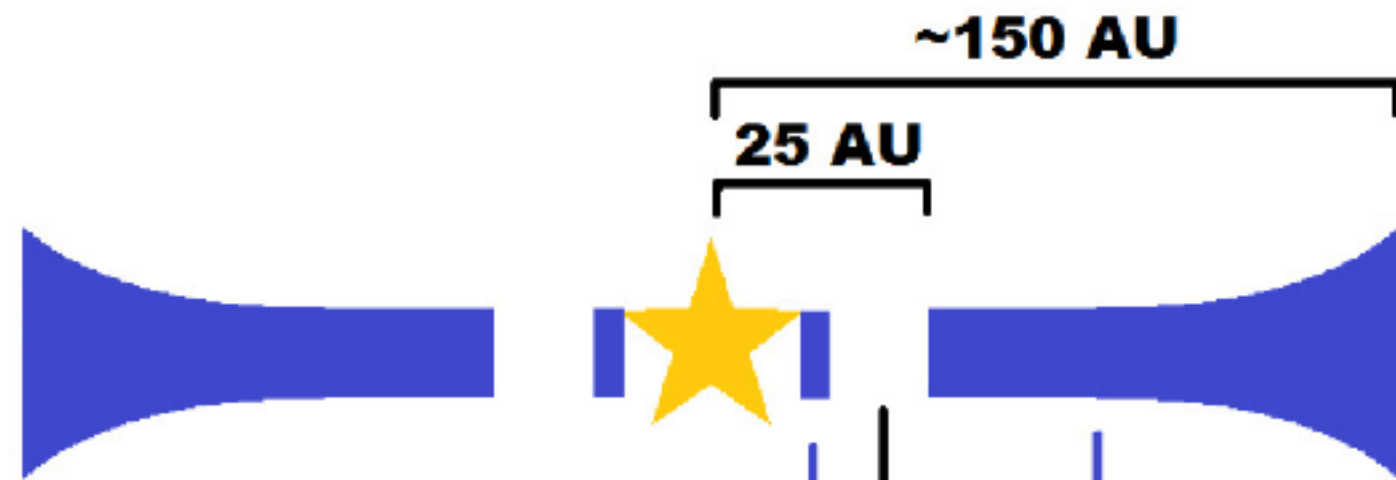
Debris disks:
old protoplanetary disks or
remnants of collisions of
planetesimals and comets
(like Kuiper Belt)

**Debris disks are found at
much closer distances to us:
not limited to star forming
regions and much longer
lifetimes (~Gyr)**

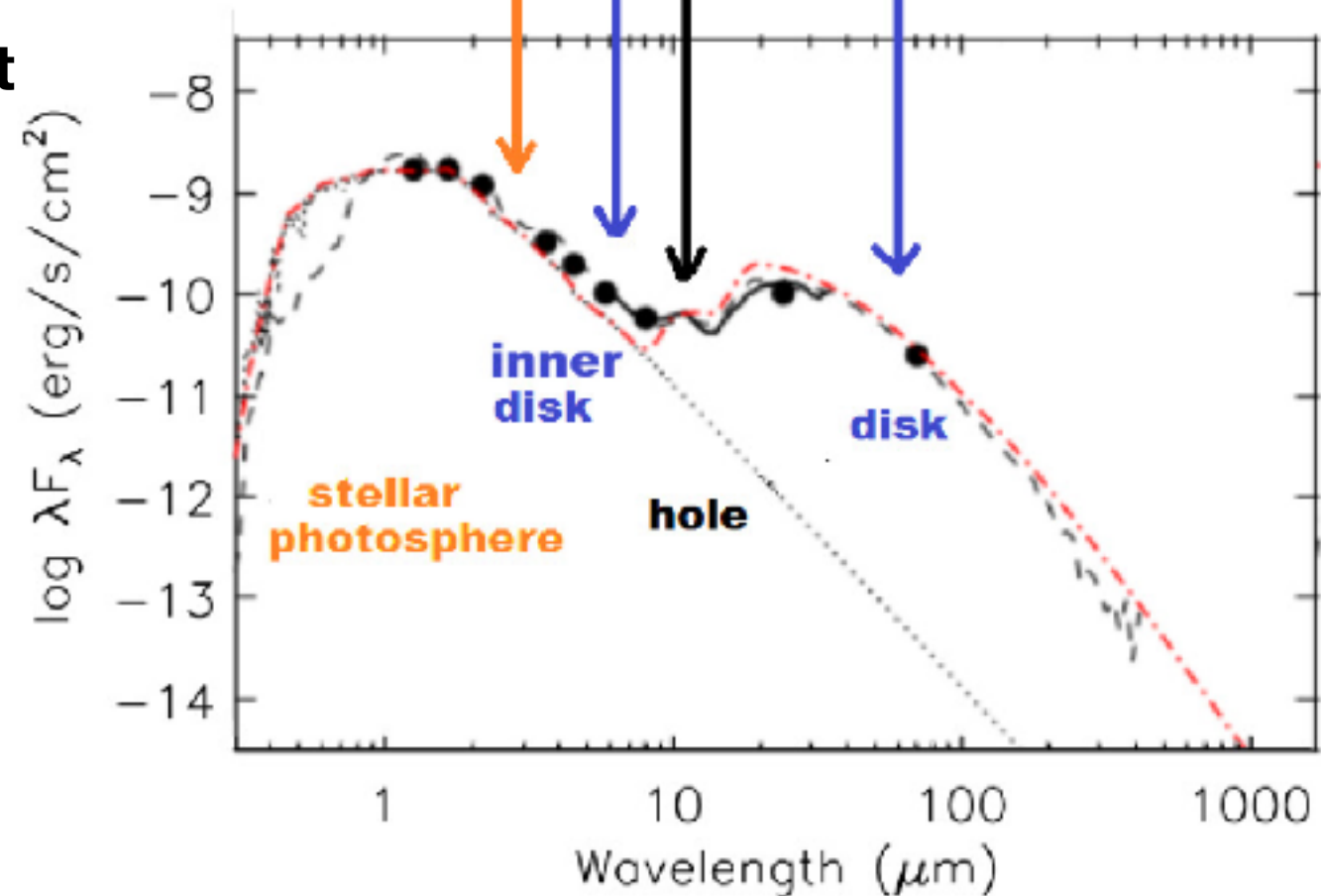
**Famous example: Fomalhaut
(Hubble image) at 8 pc**



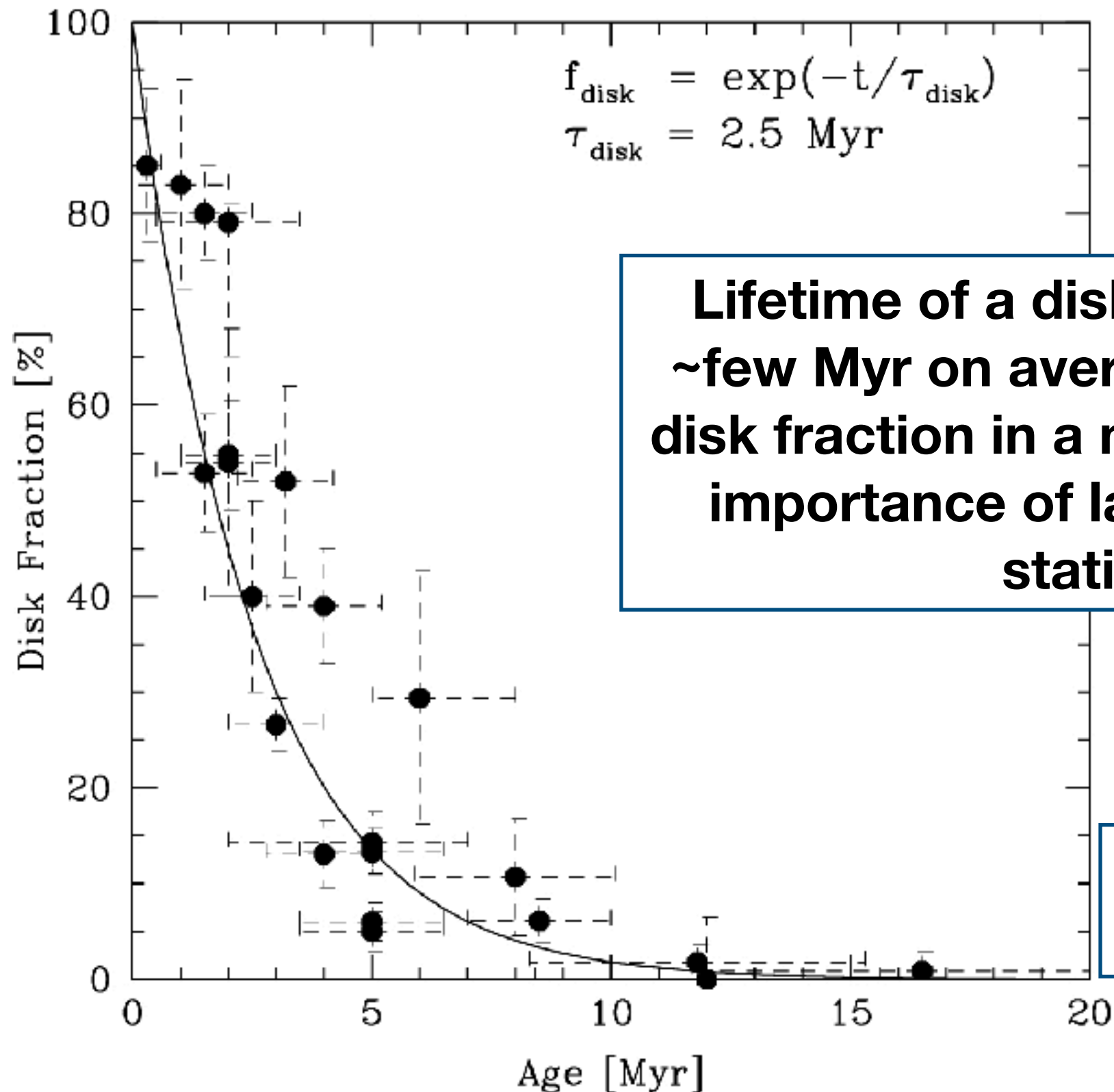
Evolution



Discovery transition disks:
disks with a gap in the inner part
of their dust disk!



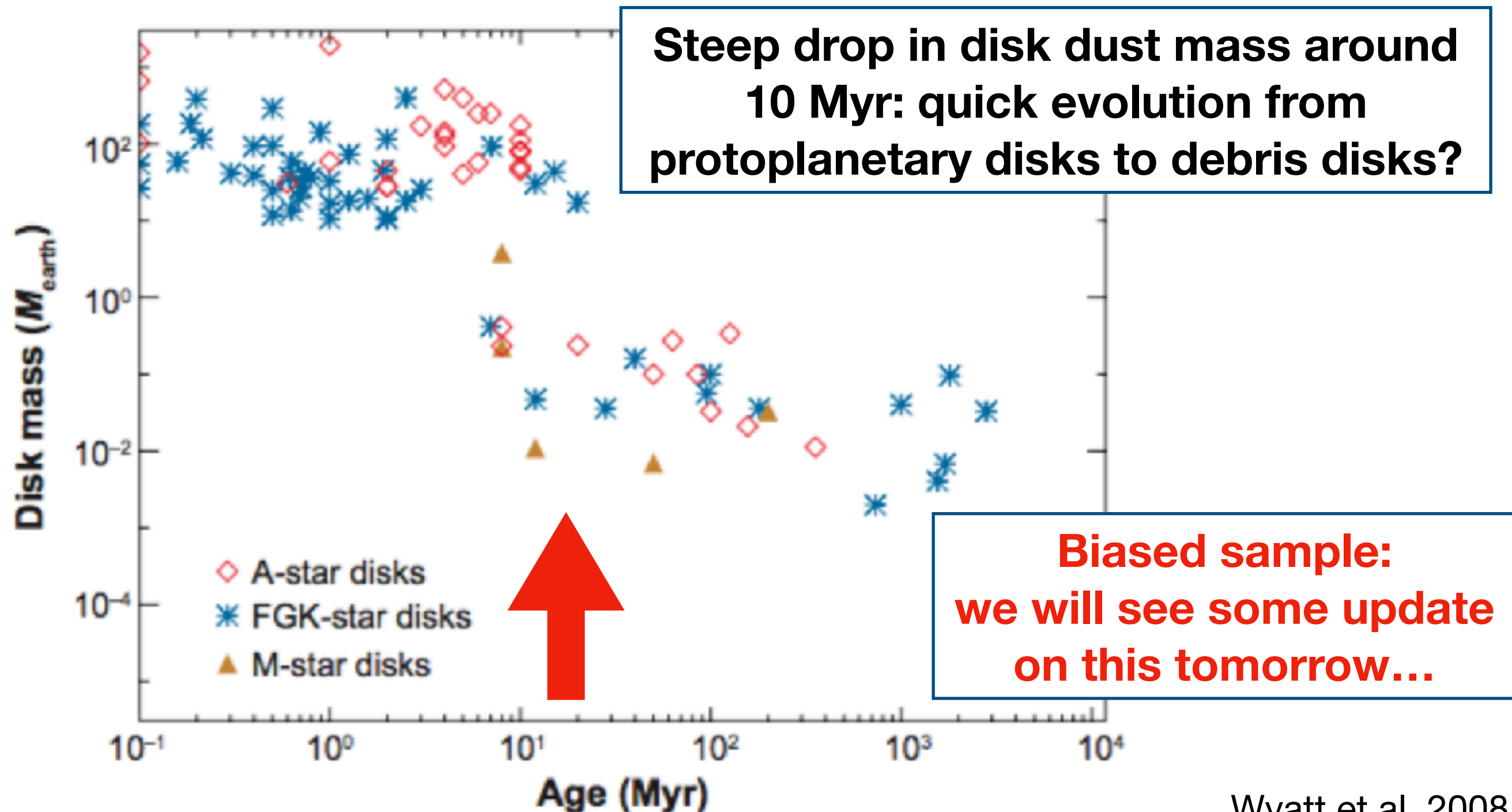
Evolution and lifetime

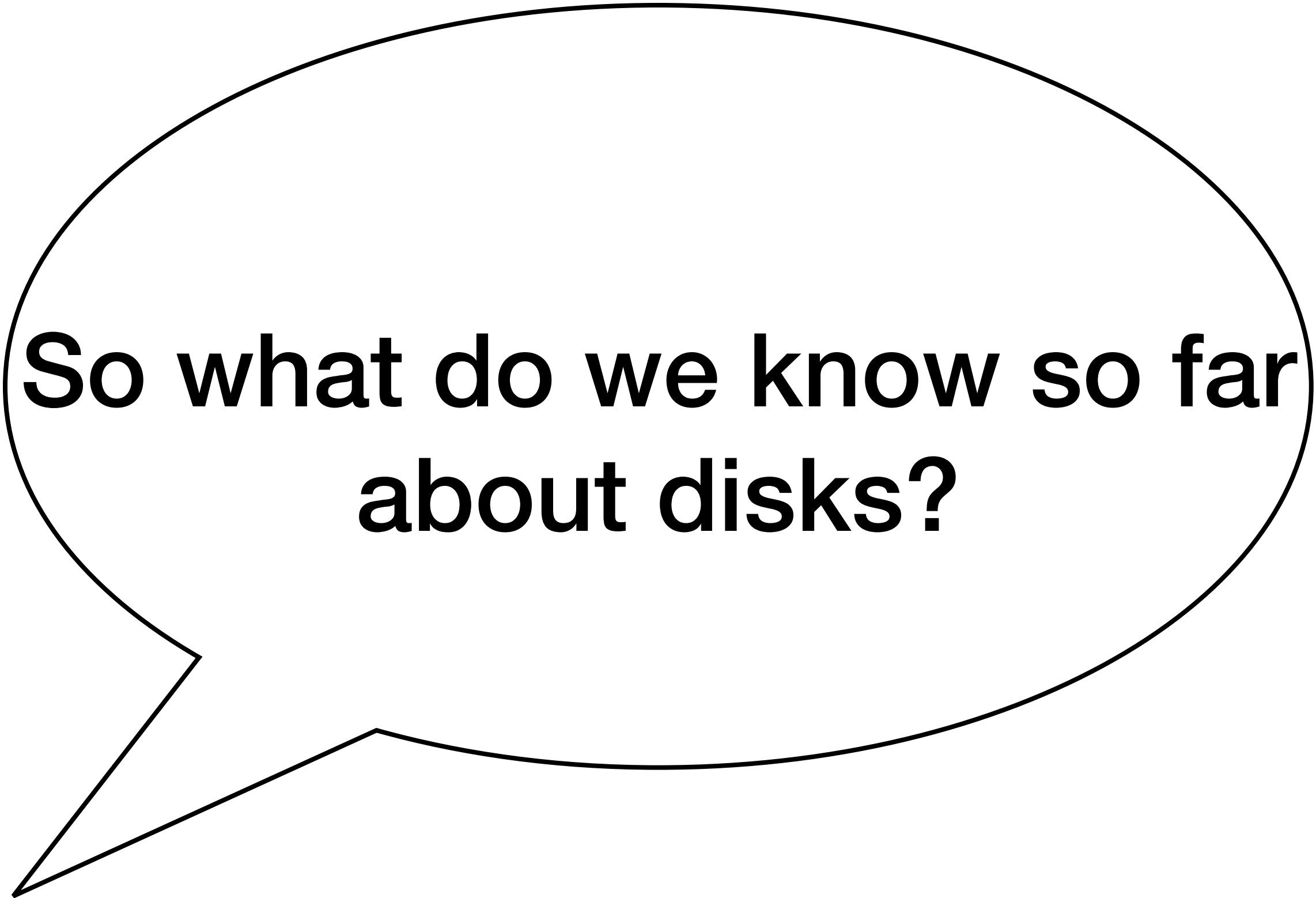


**Lifetime of a disk is thought to be
~few Myr on average, based on the
disk fraction in a number of clusters:
importance of large surveys and
statistics!**

**We will see some update
on this tomorrow...**

Evolution and lifetime



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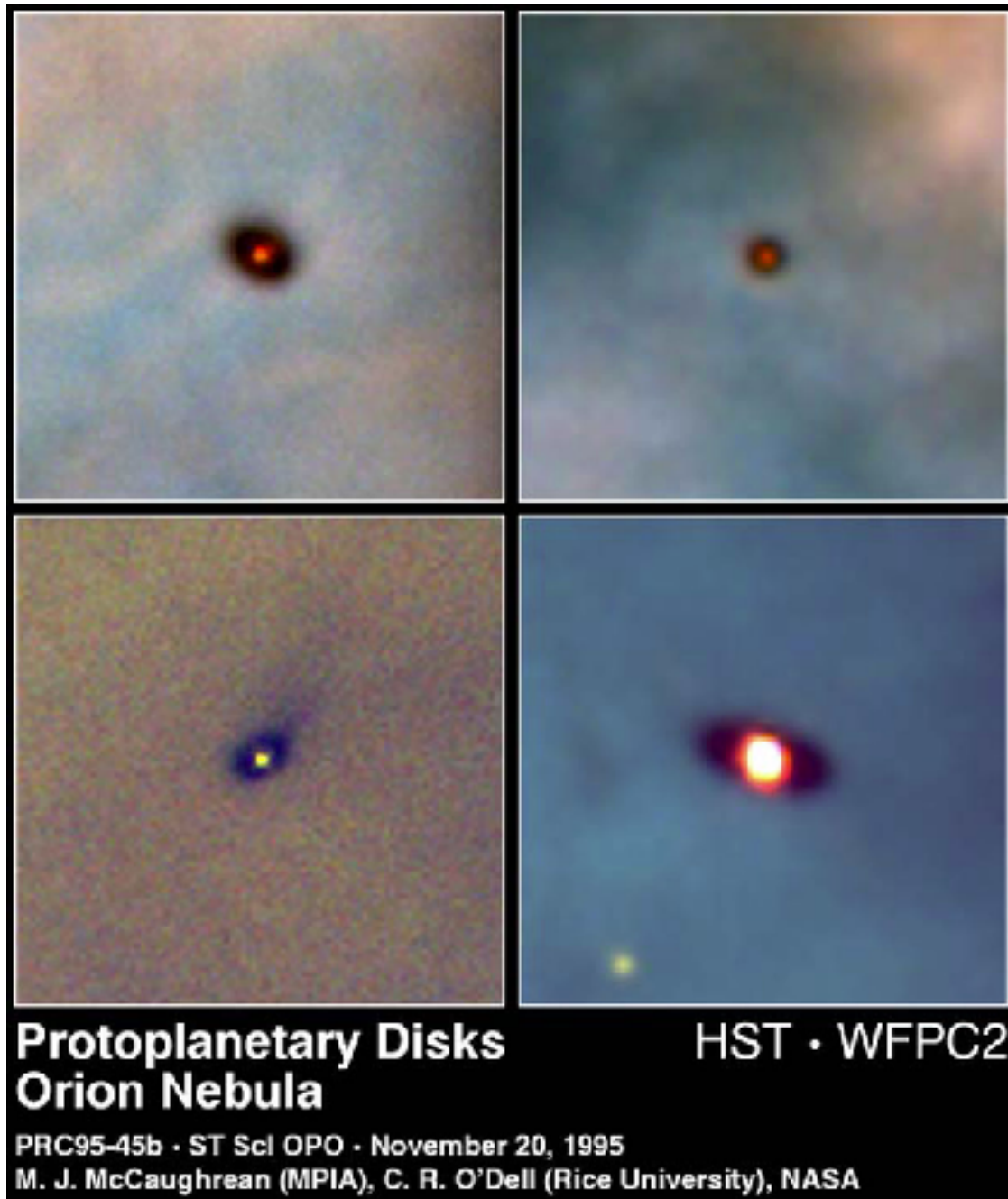
So what do we know so far about disks?

- They are made of gas and dust and rotate
- They can be observed anywhere between UV and mm wavelengths
- They are accreting material onto the star
- They are (mostly) several 100 light years away and clustered in star forming regions
- They are (mostly) unresolved in infrared data implying they are $\sim 1''$ or smaller in size (~ 100 s AU)
- They live several million years
- They may have substructure such as gaps
- They form planets

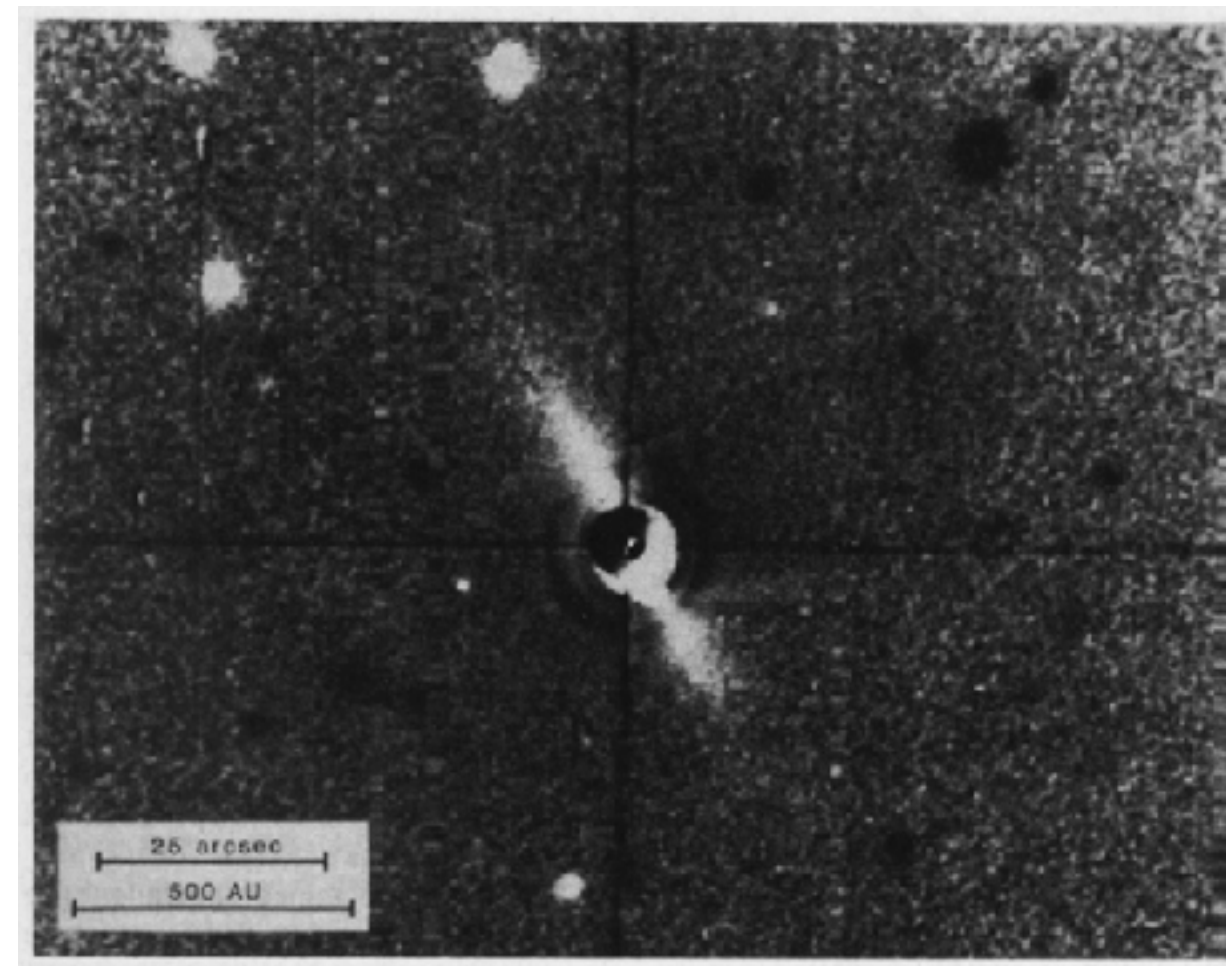
Let's get to disk images!

First disk images

1995: 'proplyds' seen with Hubble in Orion

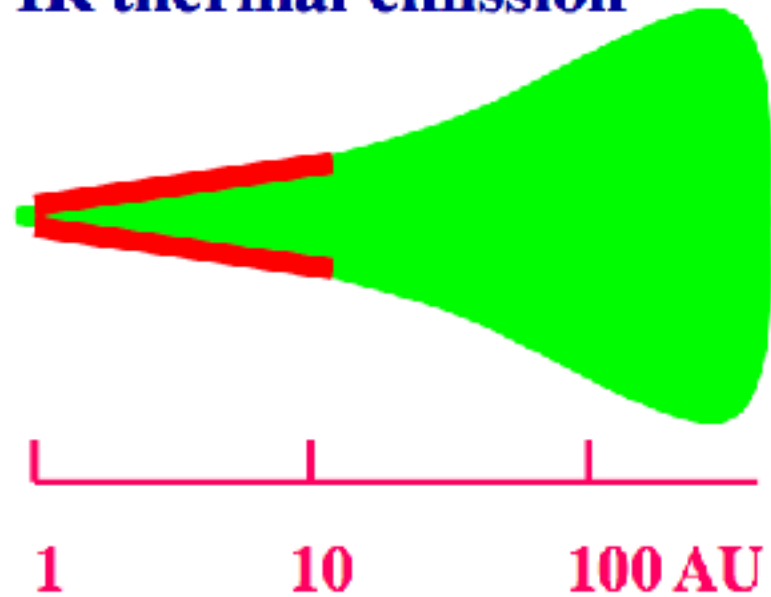


1984: Beta pic (debris disk) in optical
scattered light: edge-on

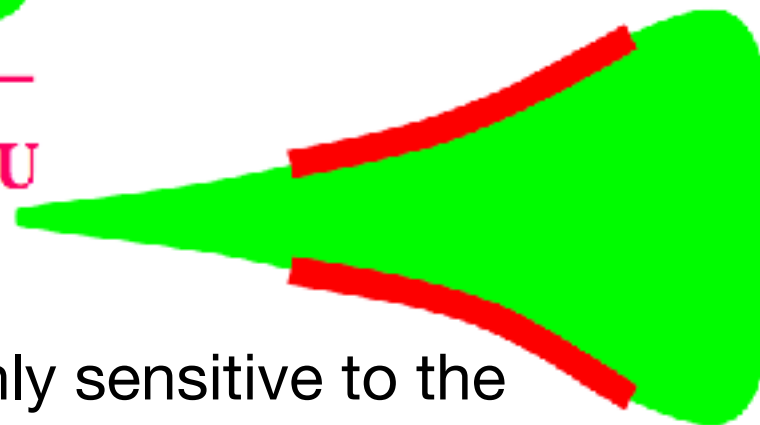


First disk images

IR thermal emission



Scattered light



Mm emission



- Problem with scattered light: only sensitive to the upper layers of the disk ('optically thick')
- Optically thick means that photons at deeper layers in the disk are *reabsorbed* in the upper layers, so you only observe the *upper layers*
- Optical depth is lower at *longer wavelengths* (millimeter), so we need to observe at millimeter wavelengths at high *resolution*, but $\text{res} \sim \lambda/D \Rightarrow >10''$ even for 30m telescopes

A new era of disk imaging: millimeter interferometry

SMA (Maunakea) since 2003



PdBI (France) since 1990

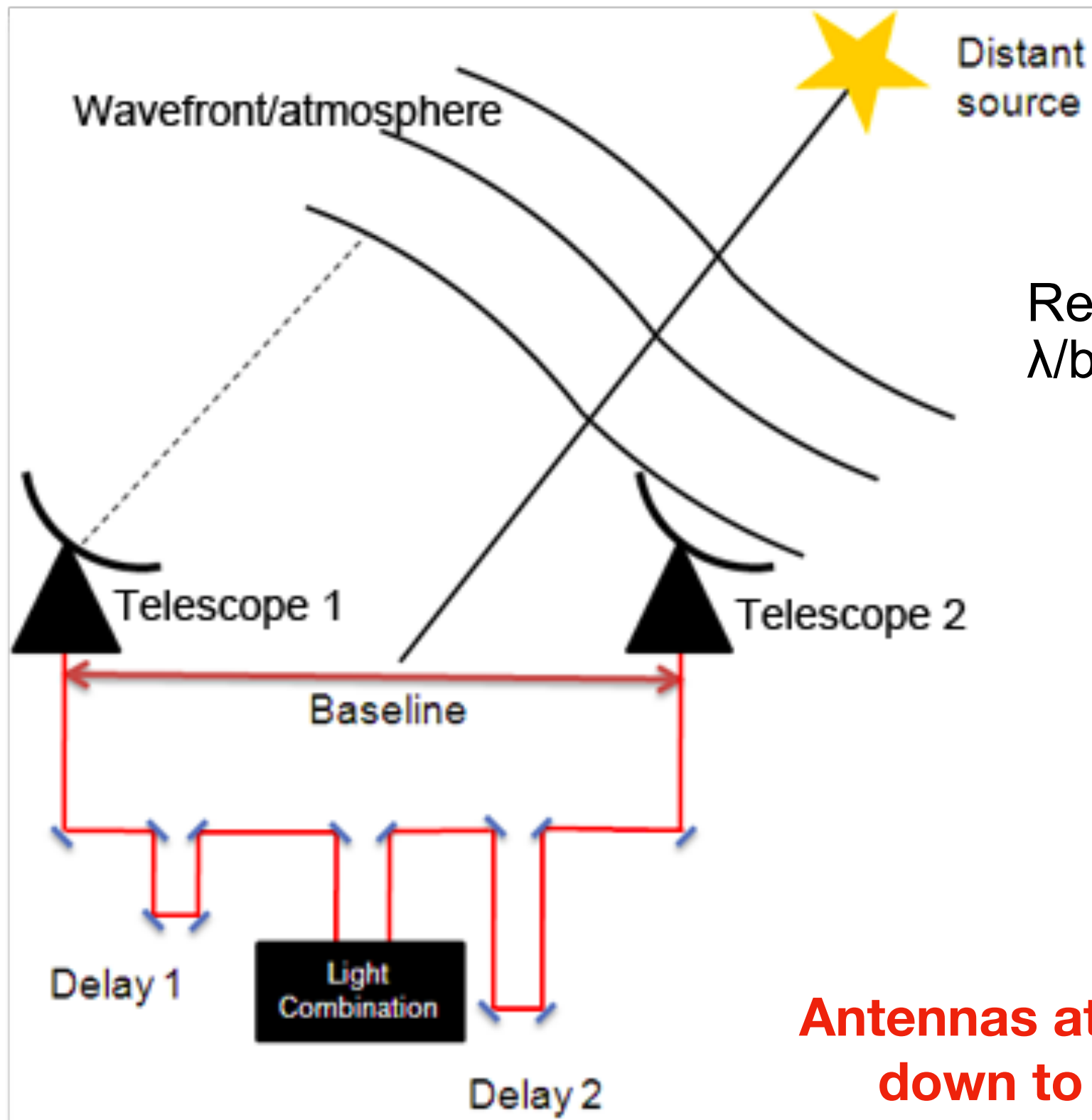


CARMA (California) 2006-2015



What is interferometry?

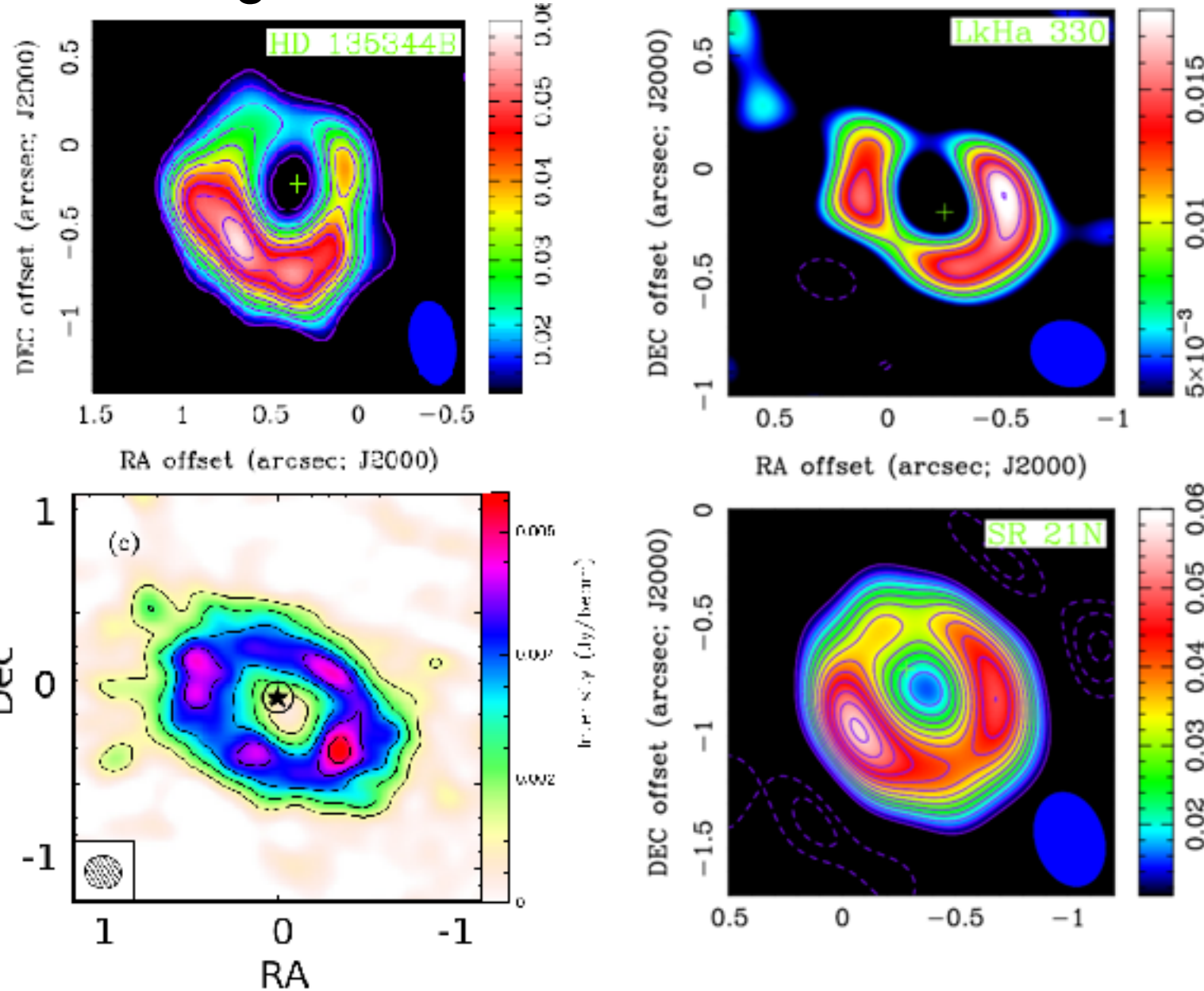
Interferometry



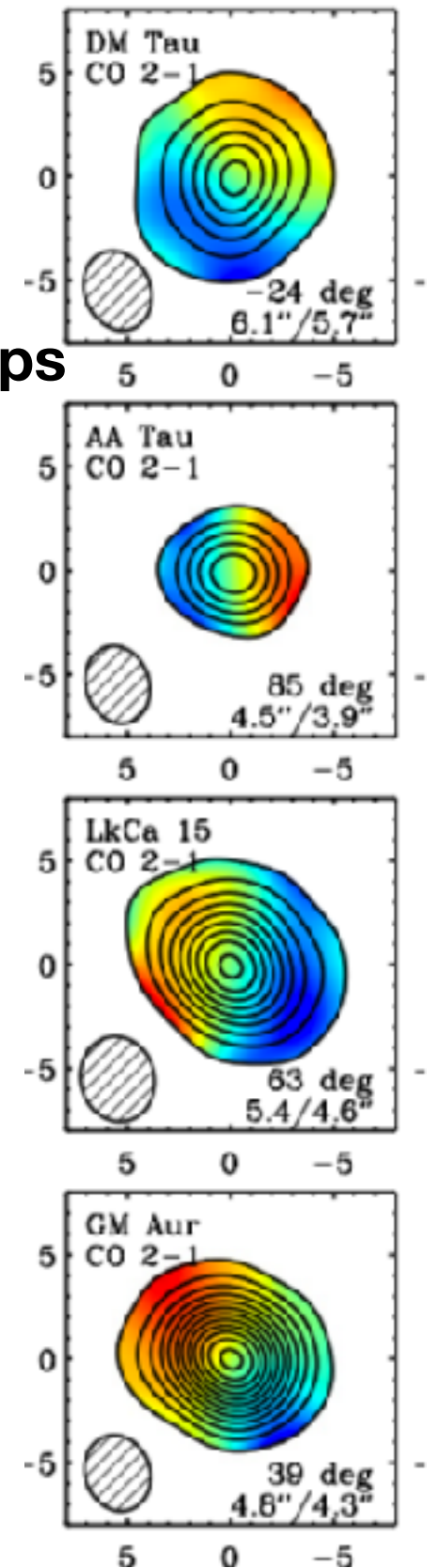
**Antennas at ~500 m distances:
down to ~0.4" resolution**

Interferometry

continuum images of transition disks,
confirming dust cavities



Velocity maps
of CO



Brown et al. 2009
Isella et al. 2010
Oberg et al. 2010

What kinematics do we see in velocity maps?

Interferometry

- Results pioneering interferometers still limited due to small number of antennas and relatively low elevation
 - Low sensitivity: only observations of the brightest disks
 - Low sensitivity: mainly dust continuum observations
 - Short baselines: only marginally resolved disks
 - Limited number of baselines: bad image quality after Fourier transform of data

ALMA

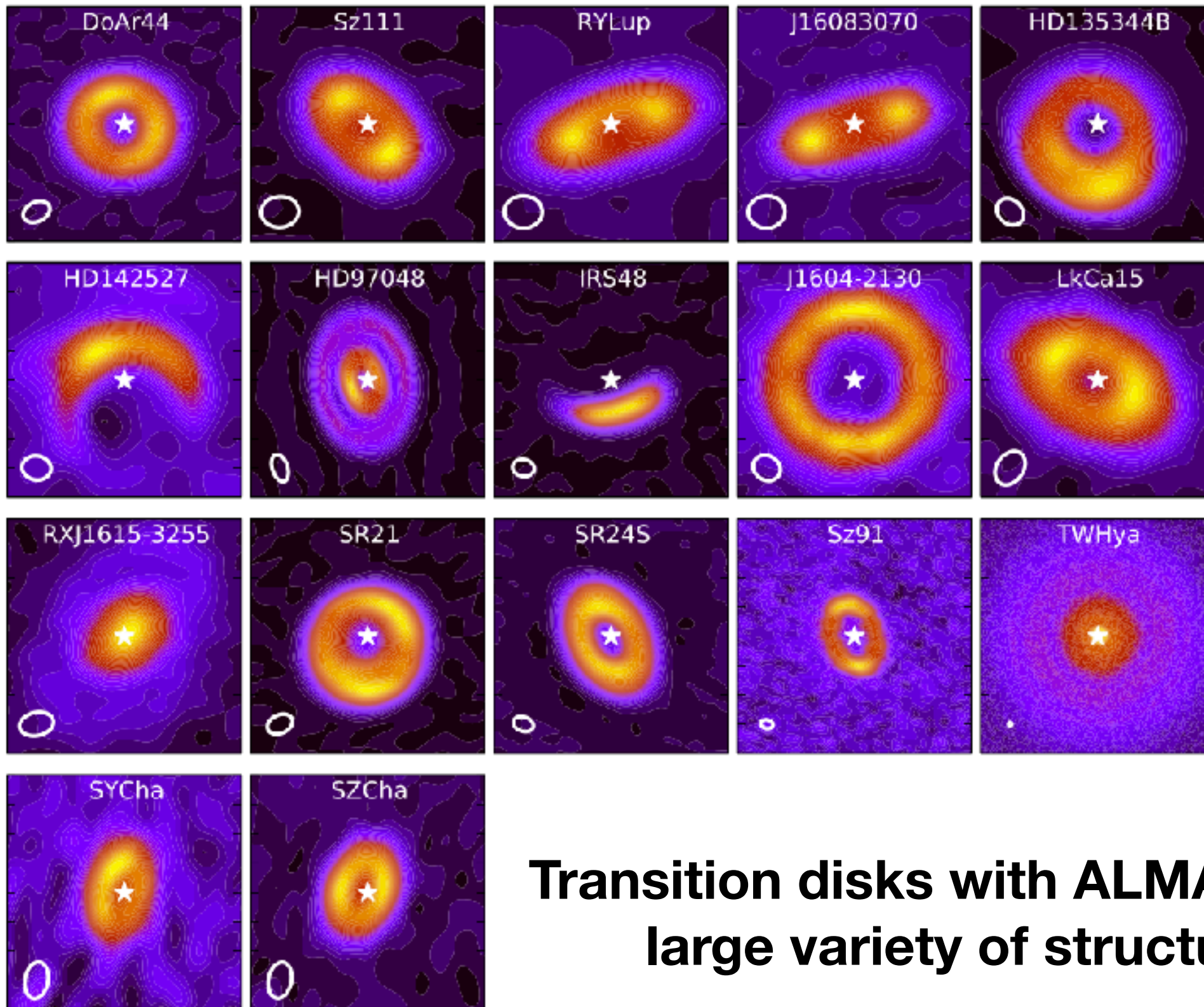
ALMA: Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array



ALMA

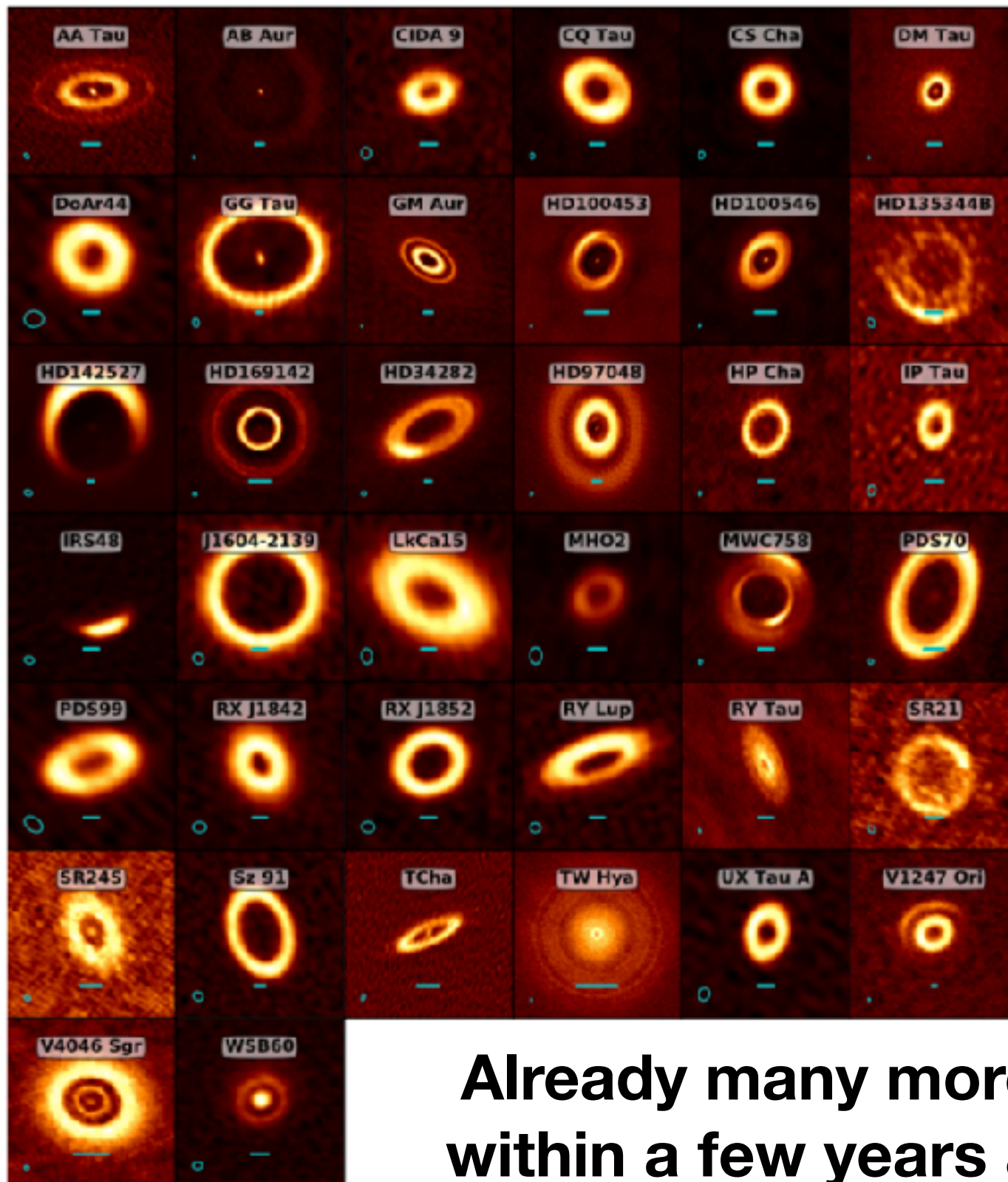


ALMA



**Transition disks with ALMA at 0.2'' :
large variety of structures!**

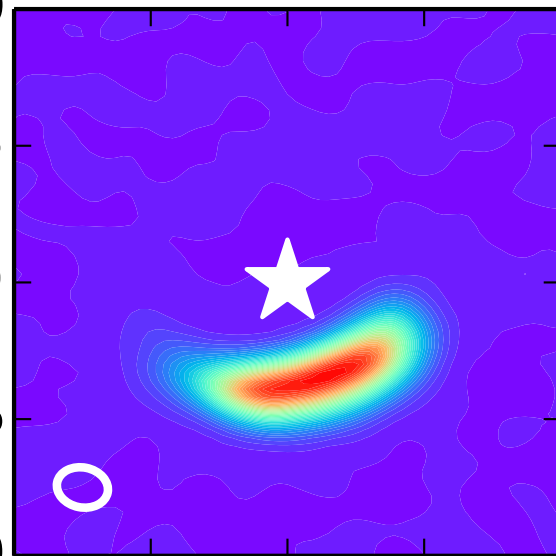
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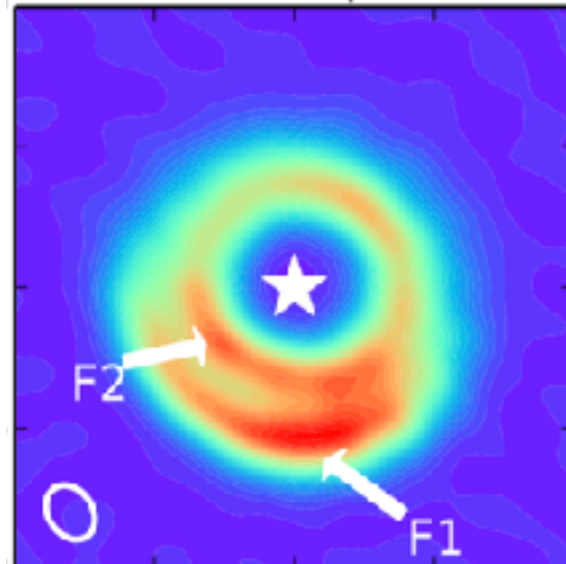
Already many more structures visible within a few years at higher resolution

ALMA

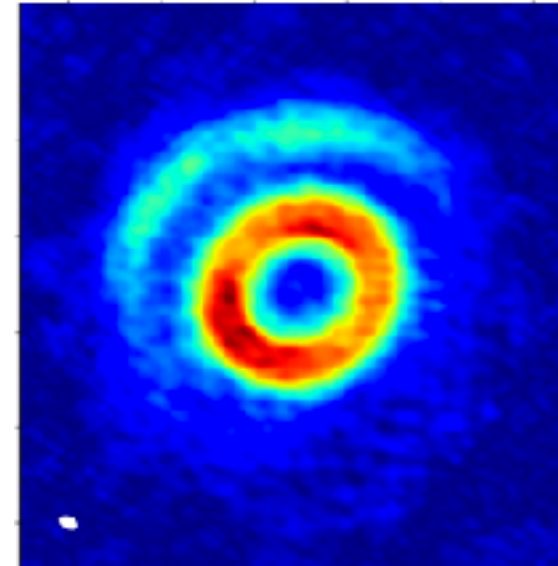
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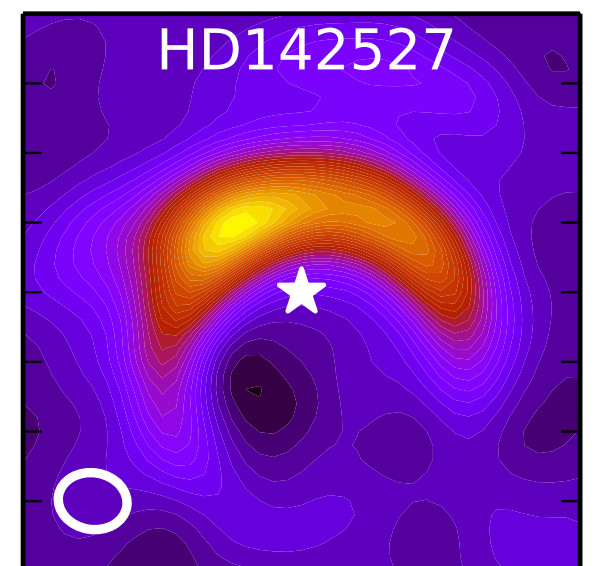
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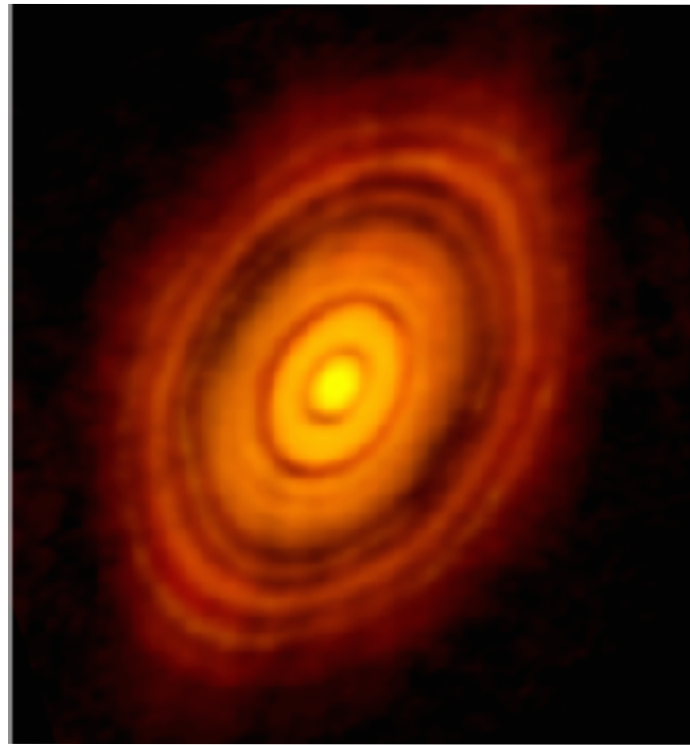
Disks with millimeter asymmetries: vortices?



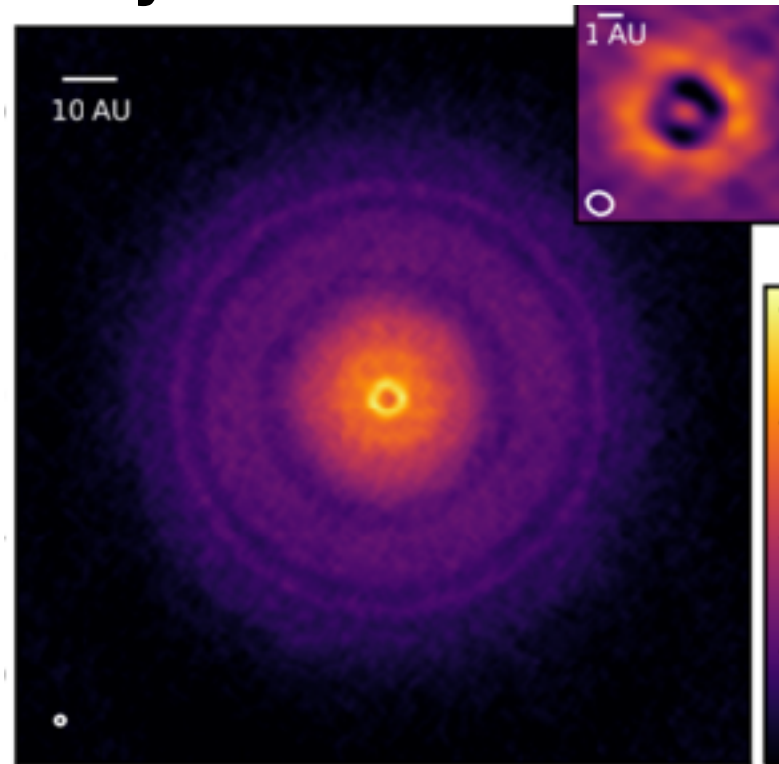
van der Marel et al. 2015, 2016
Kraus et al. 2017

ALMA

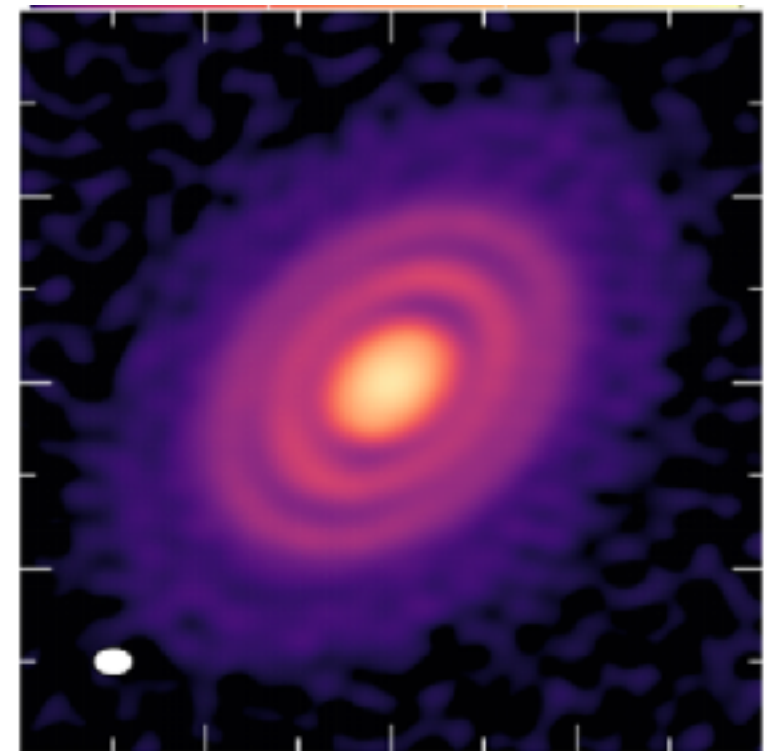
HL Tau



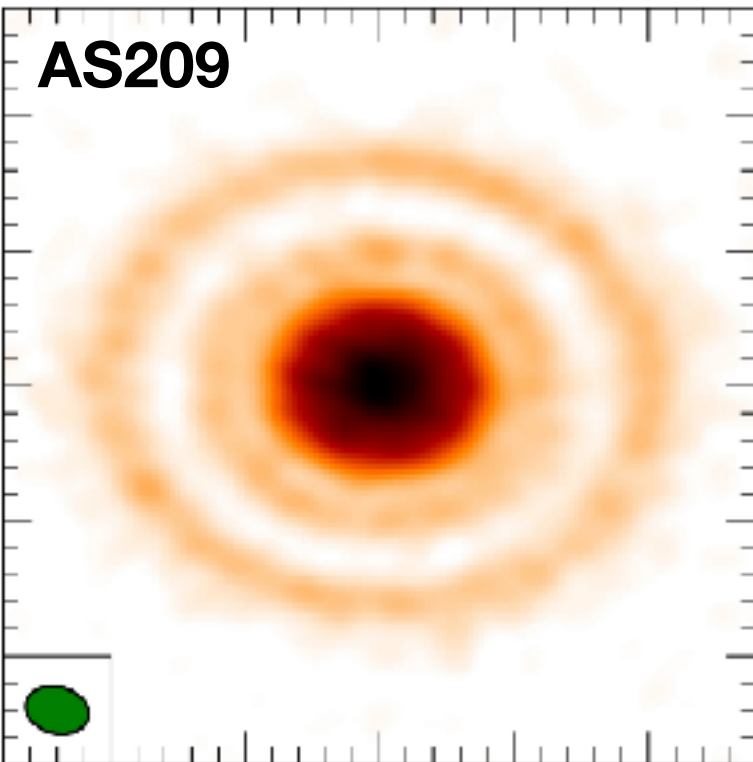
TW Hya



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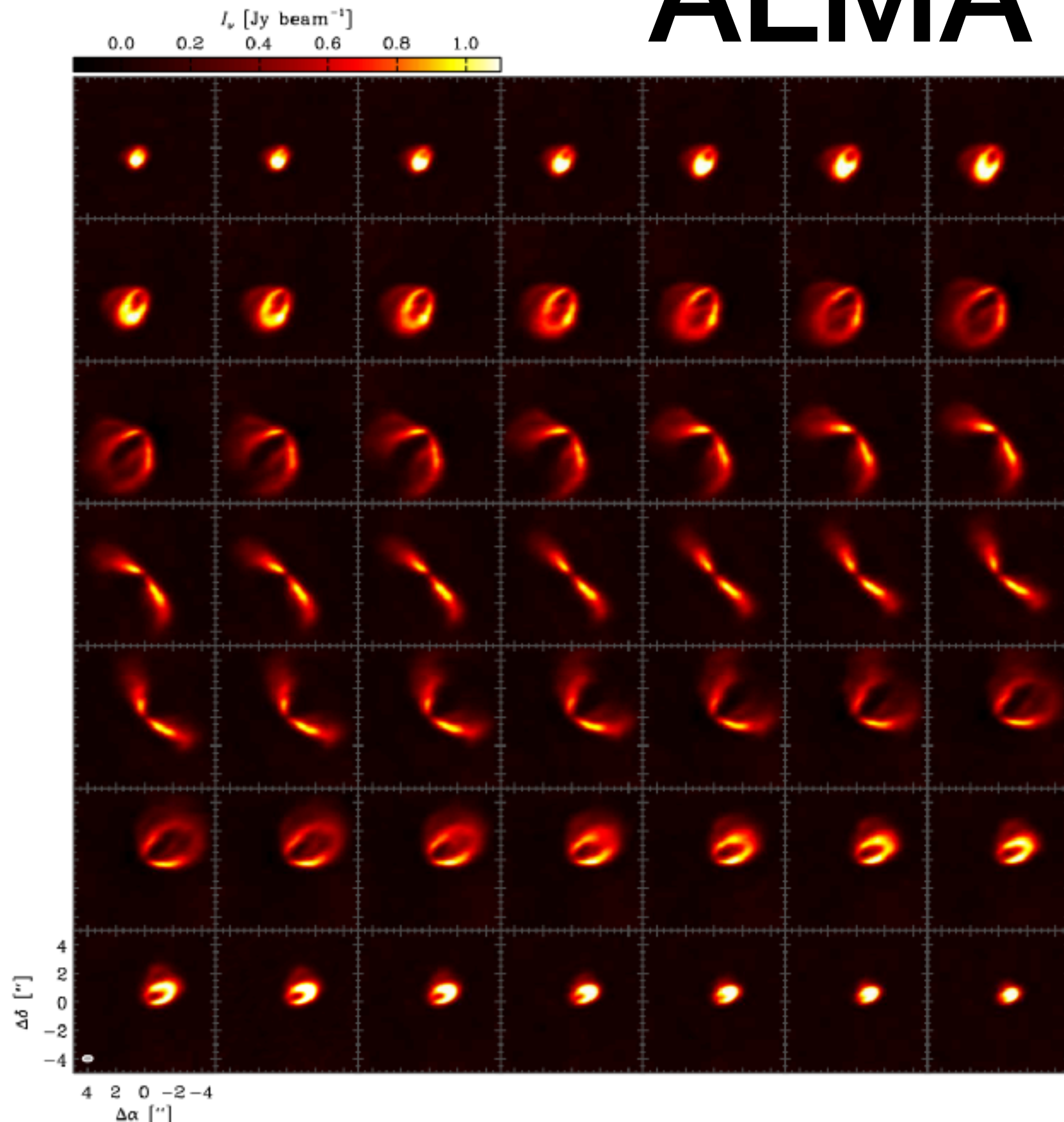
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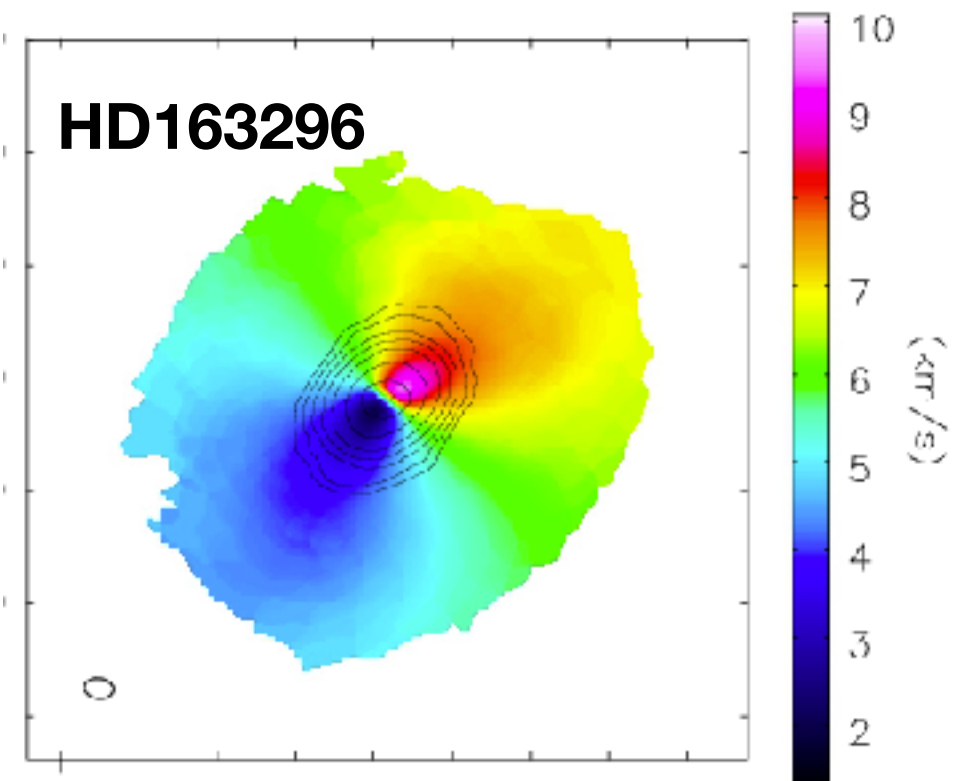
**High resolution dust
images down to
0.004'' resolution:
rings and spiral arms!**

ALMA consortium et al. 2015,
Andrews et al. 2016, Isella et al. 2016,
Fedele et al. 2017, Perez et al. 2017

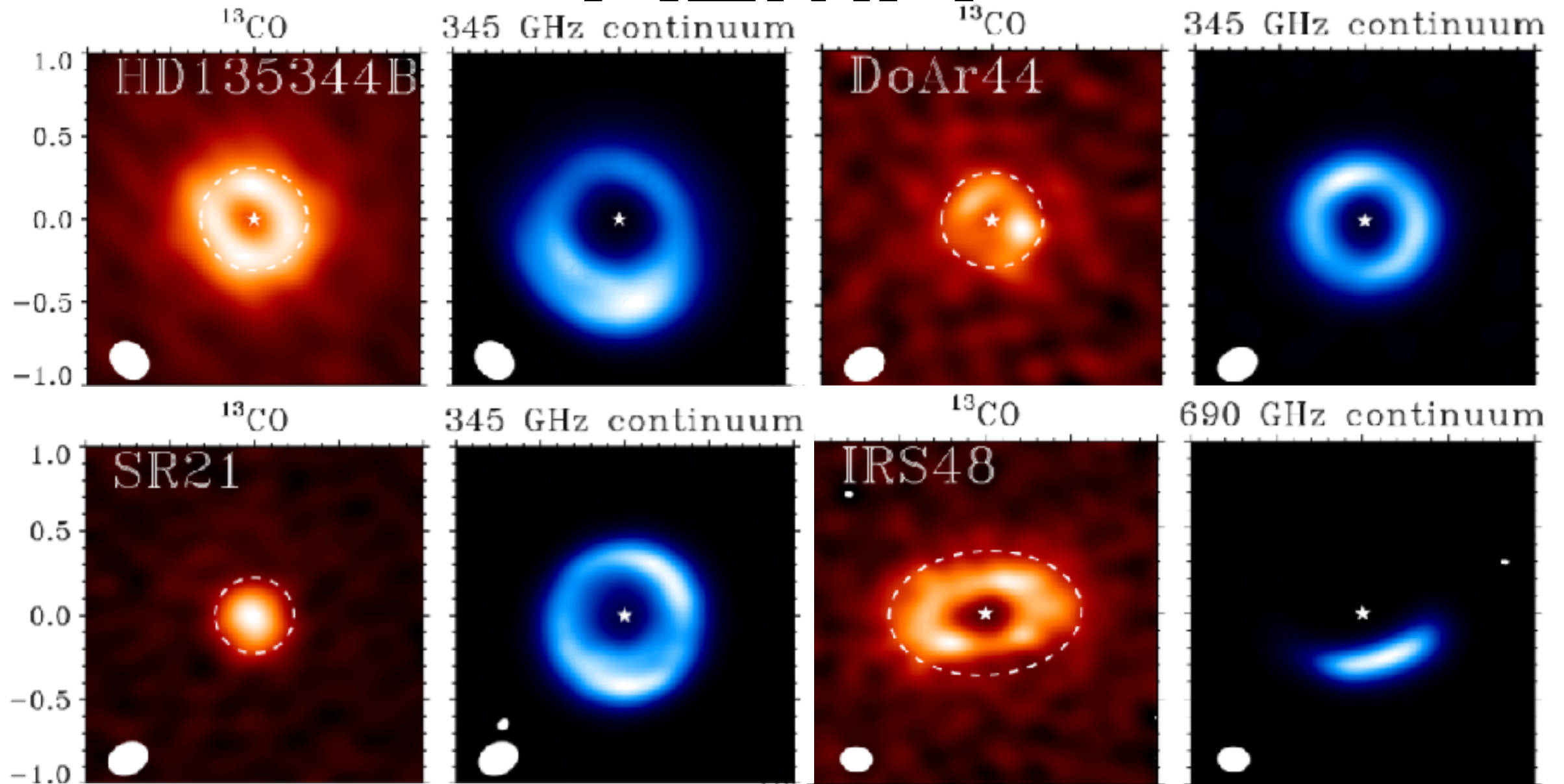
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High resolution velocity maps of molecules



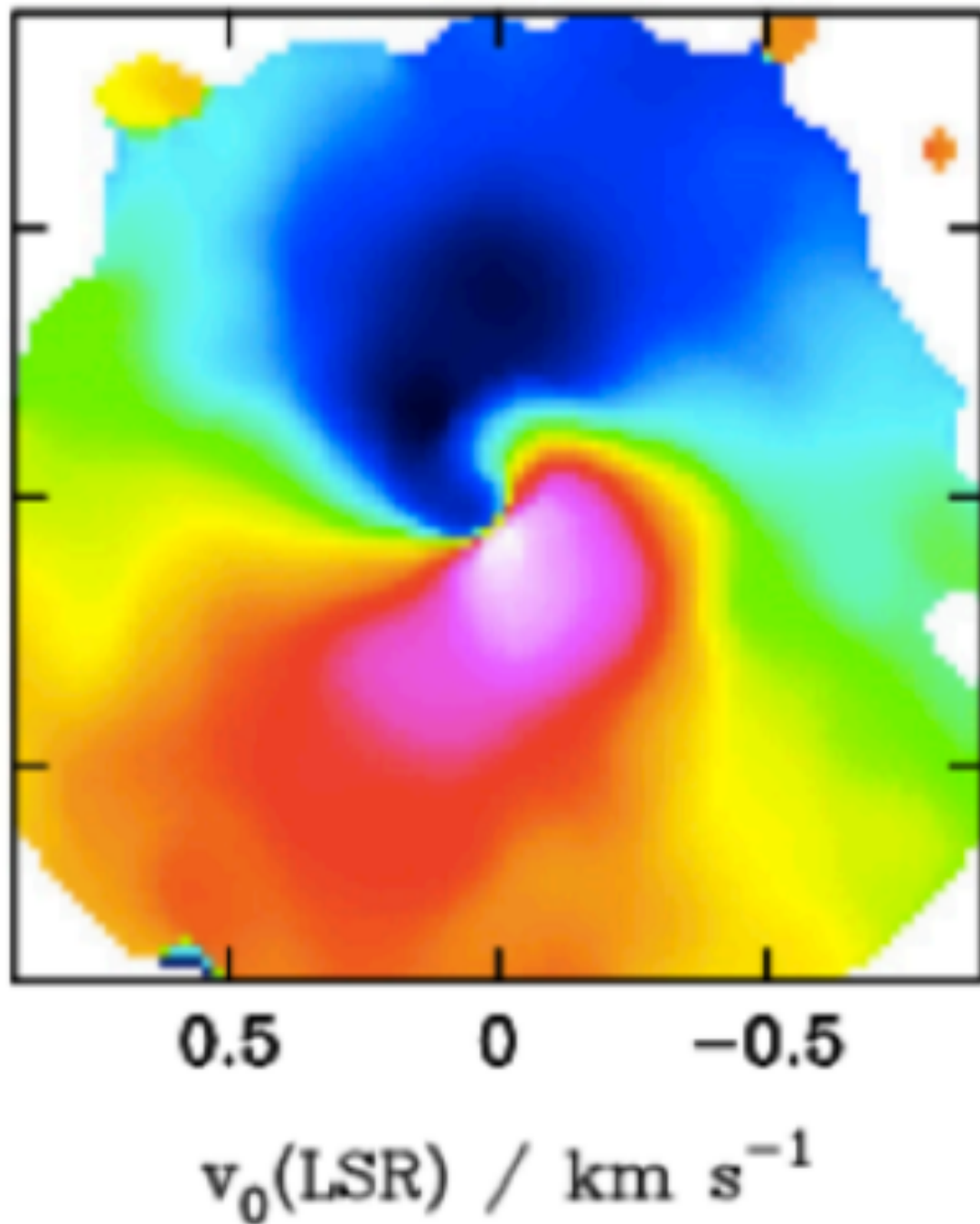
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**Clear difference in morphology between
dust (blue) and gas density (red):
evidence for planets clearing the gaps**

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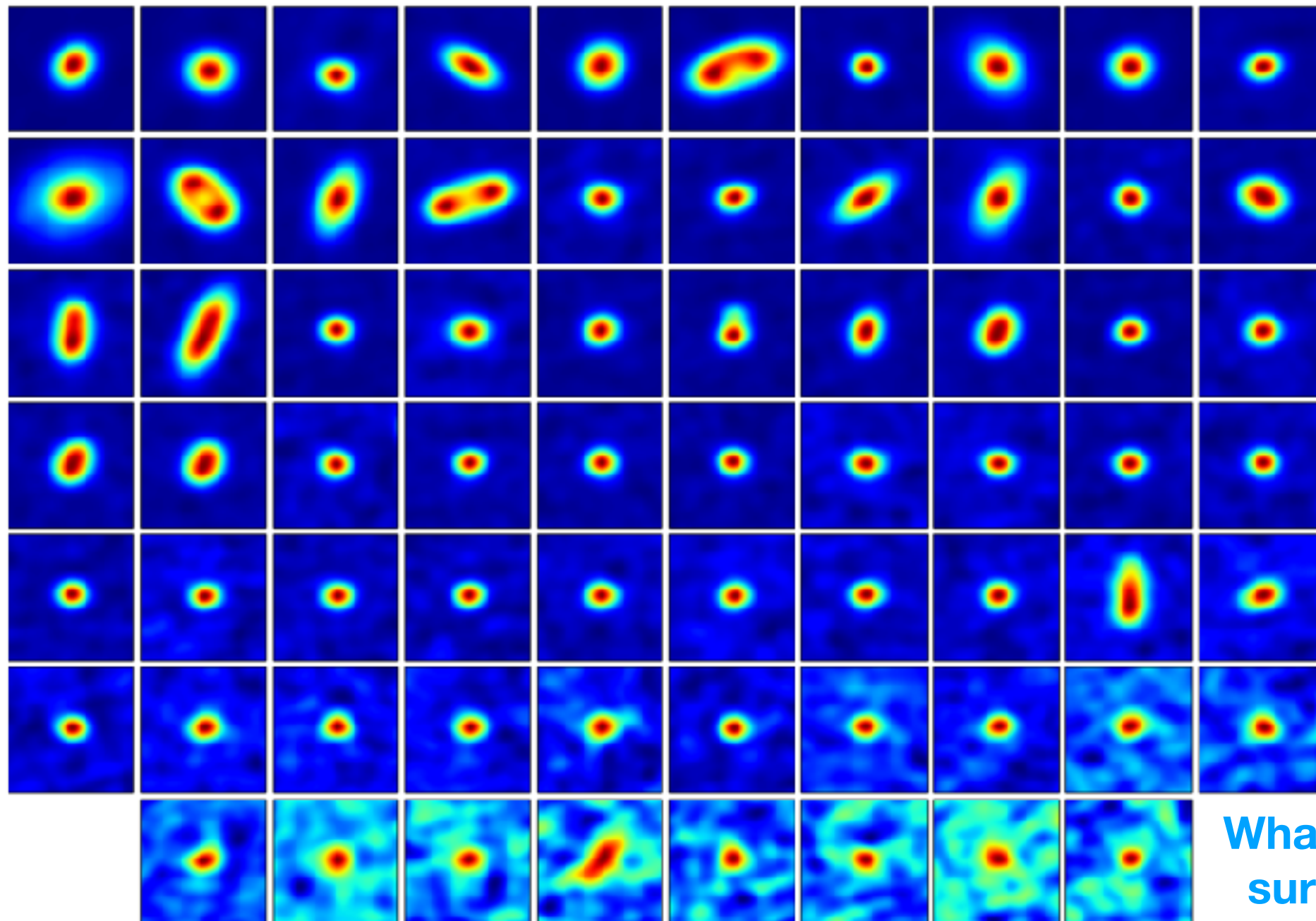


**Disk with non-Keplerian motion:
accreting gas onto the star?**

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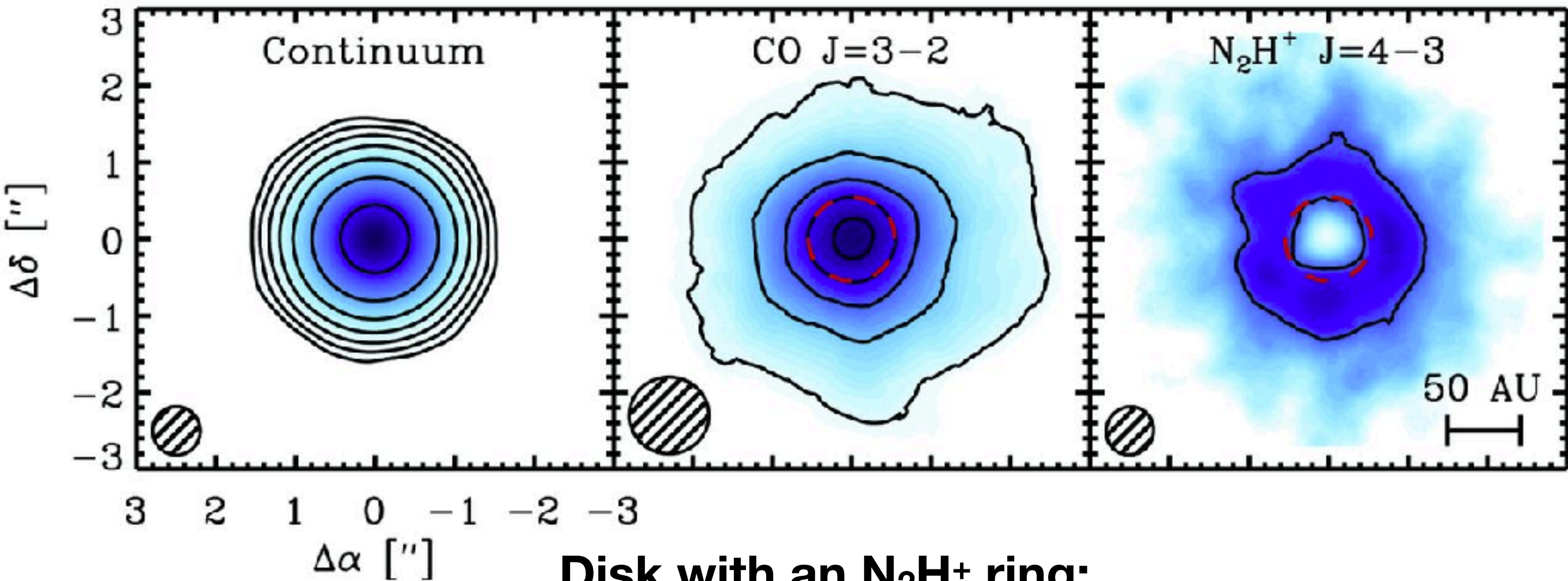
Disk surveys of entire star forming regions in 1-2 minutes per source!



What is the advantage of these surveys compared to Spitzer surveys?

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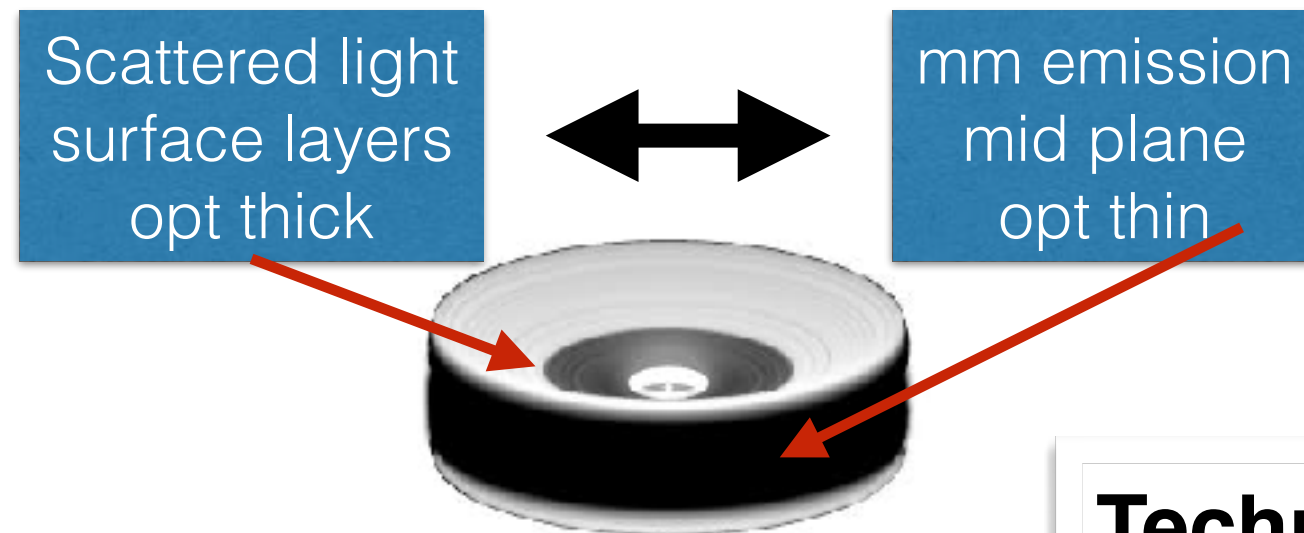


**Disk with an N₂H⁺ ring:
CO snowline**

(N₂H⁺ can only form when CO is frozen out)

NIR imaging

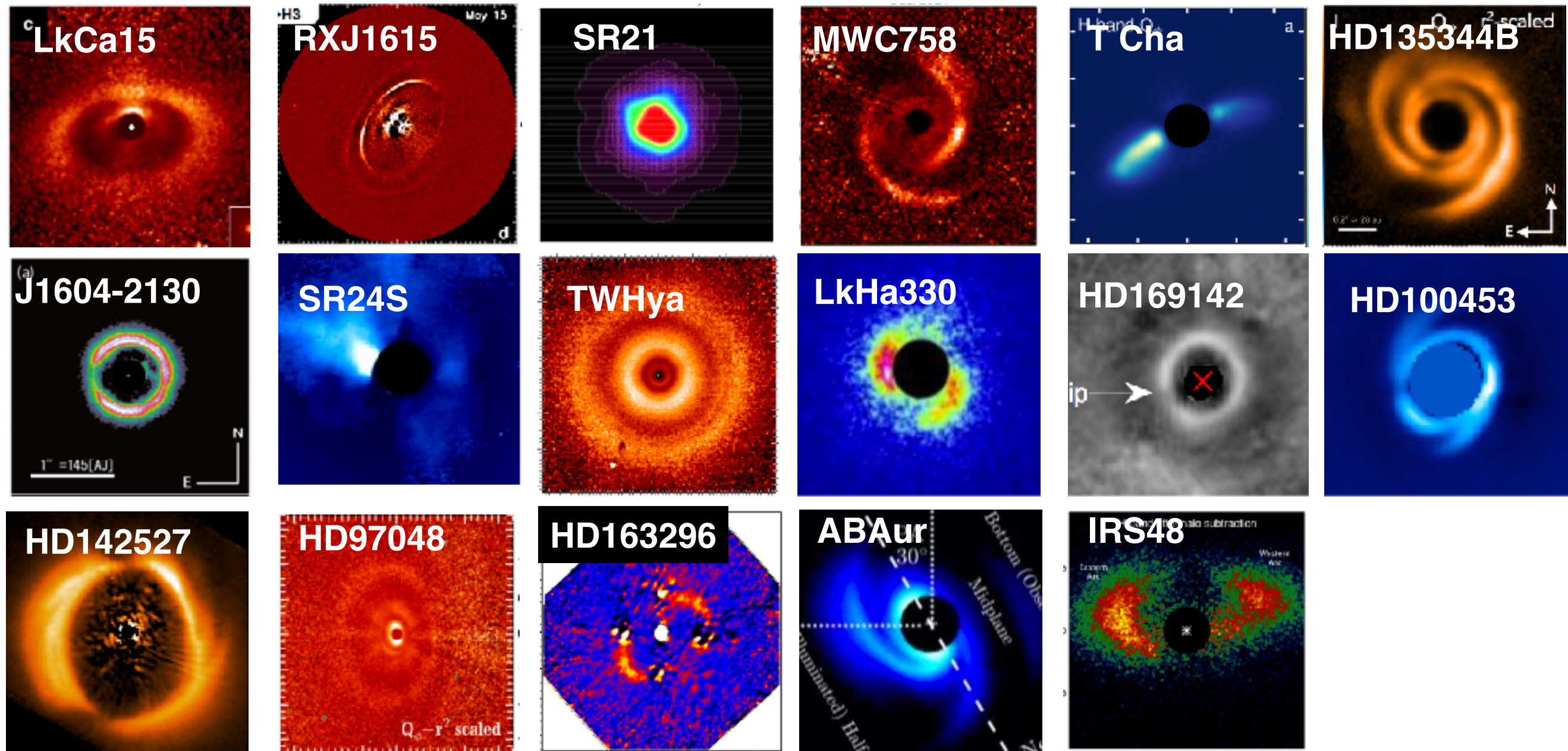
- Scattered light imaging is sensitive to upper layers of the disk => different perspective



- Difficulties:
 - need for adaptive optics system
 - need for small coronagraph blocking the stellar light
 - need for observing techniques removing diffraction patterns

Technique also used to detect protoplanets

NIR imaging

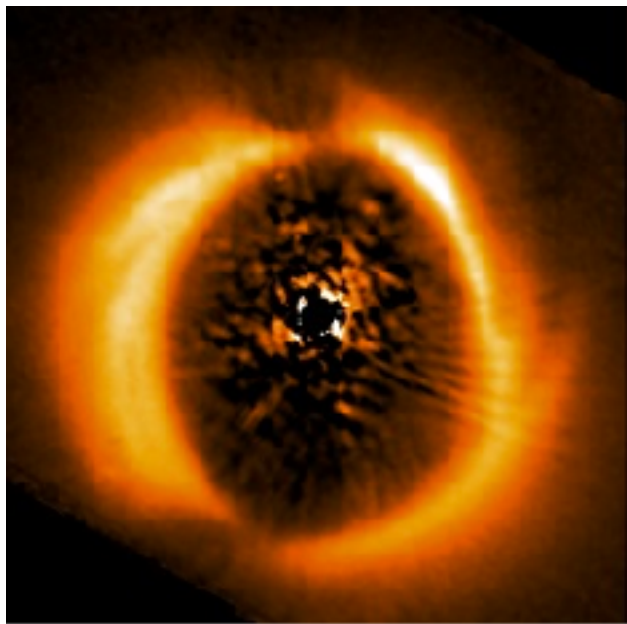


Also here a wide variety of
structures: rings and spiral arms

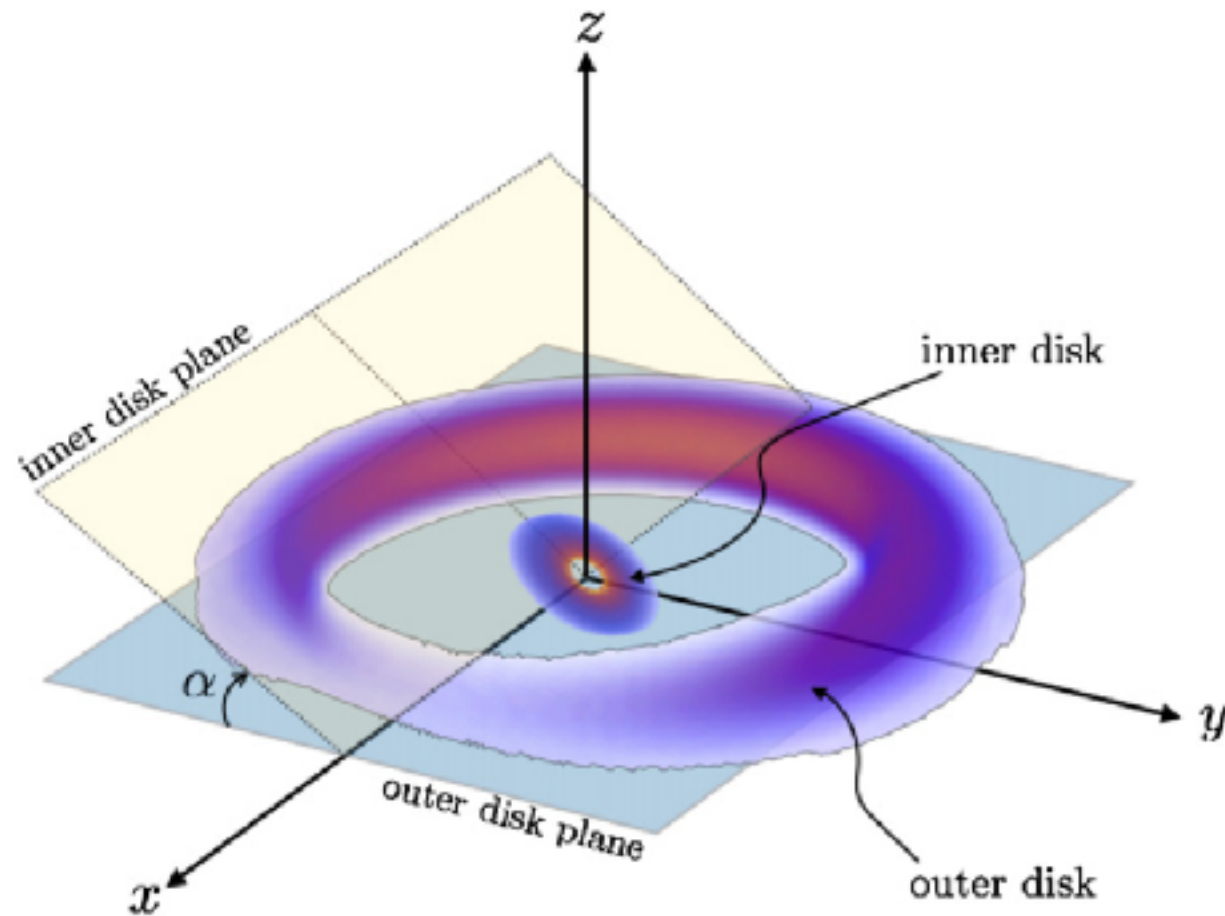
Credits: SPHERE and SEEDS teams

NIR imaging

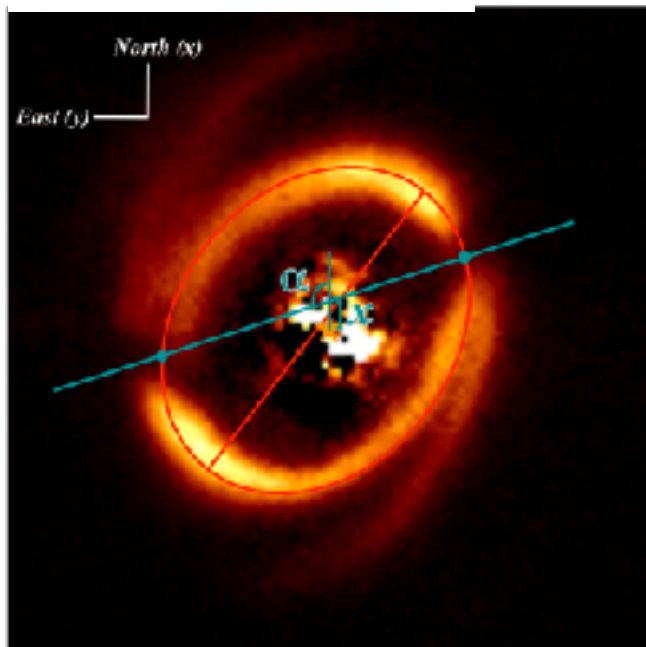
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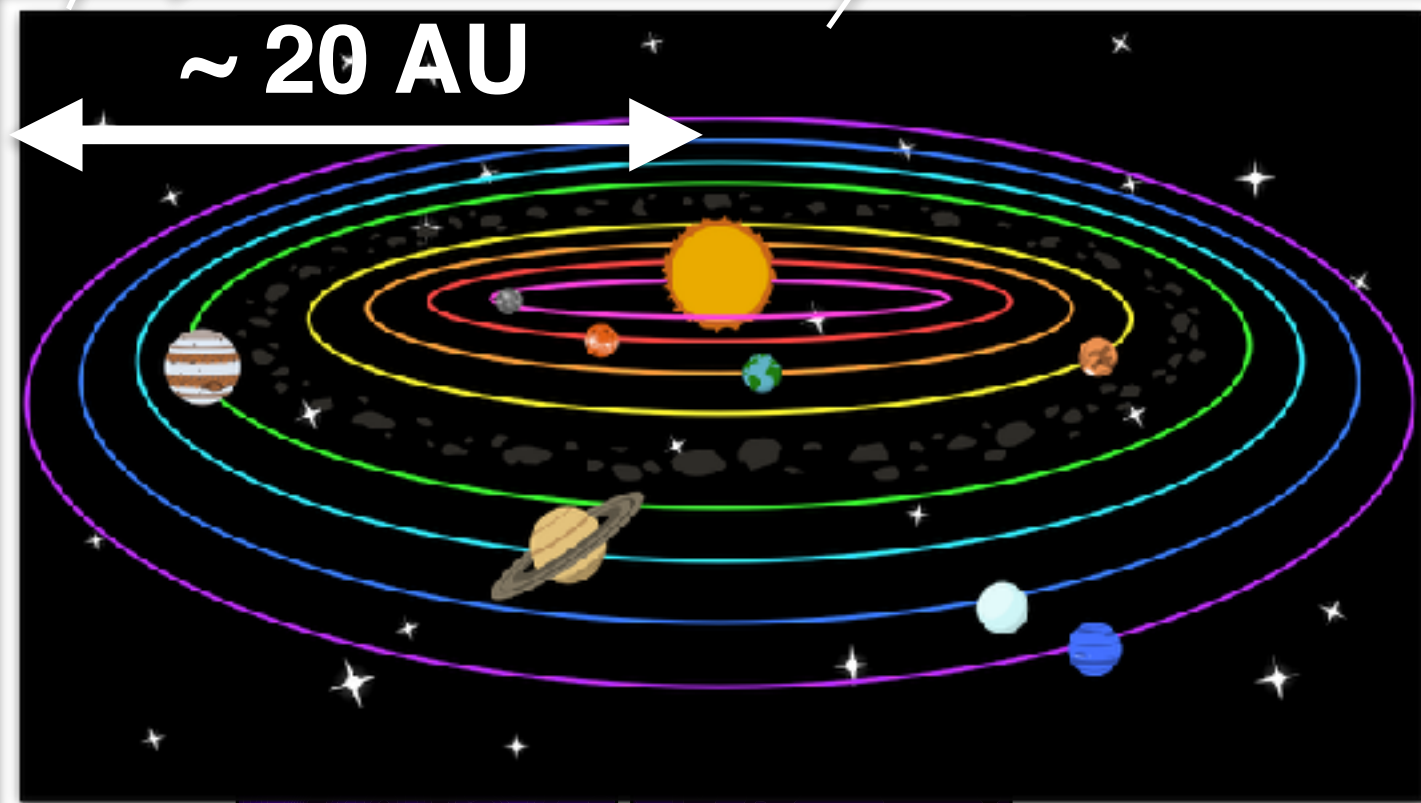
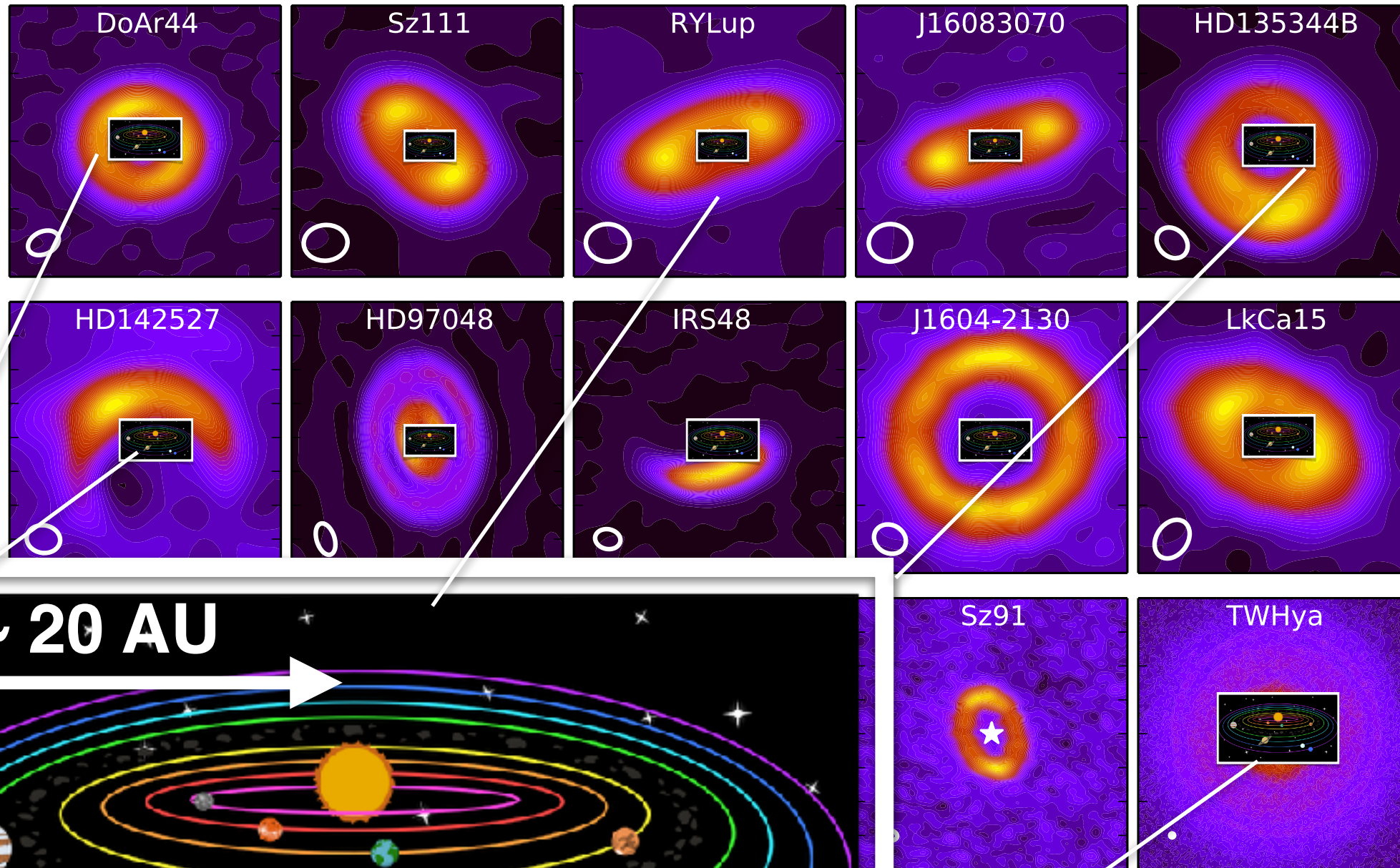
**Shadows along the ring:
Misalignment between inner and outer disk**



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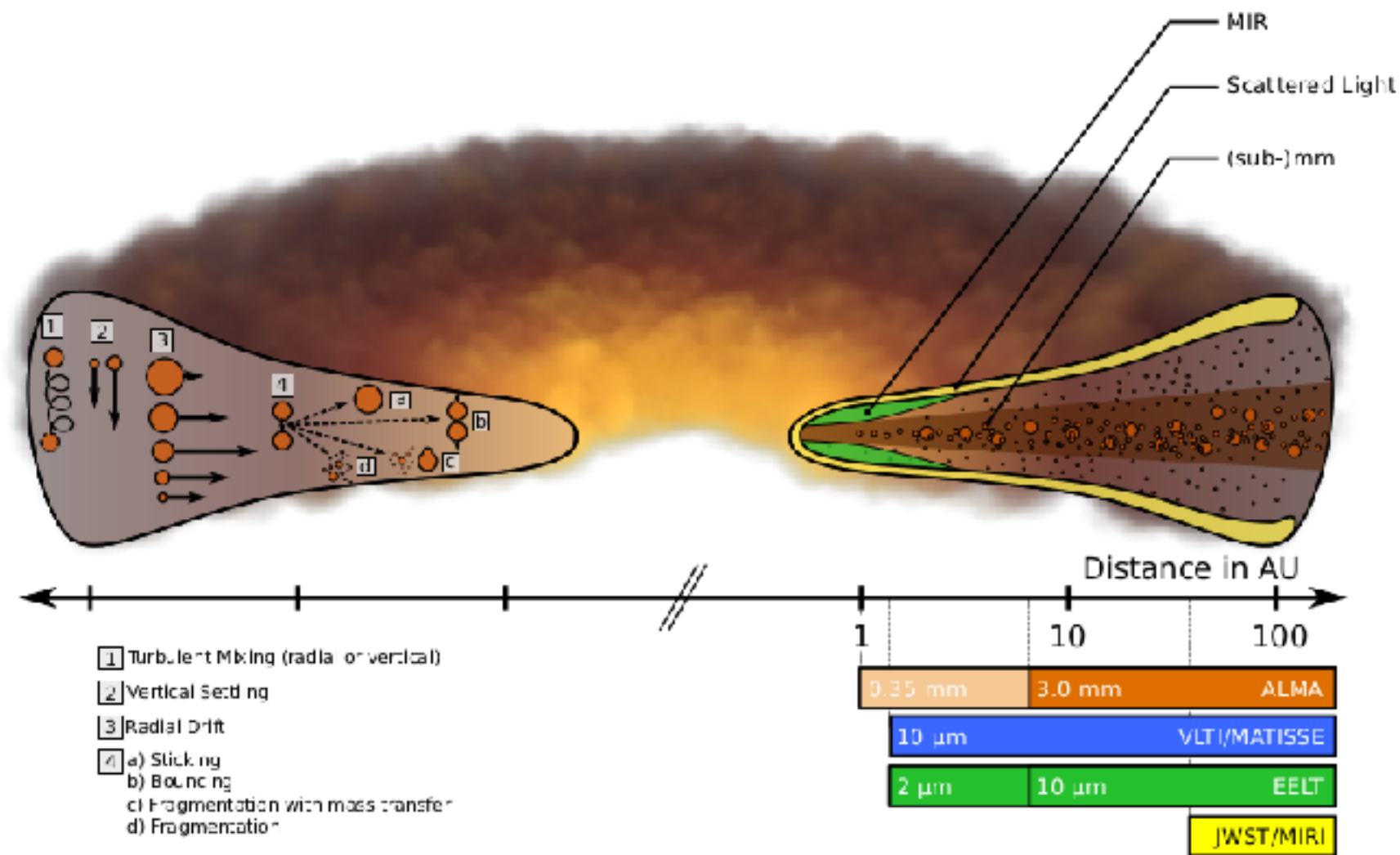
Something to keep in mind...



Most of these disks are
>> than the Solar System!

Disk processes

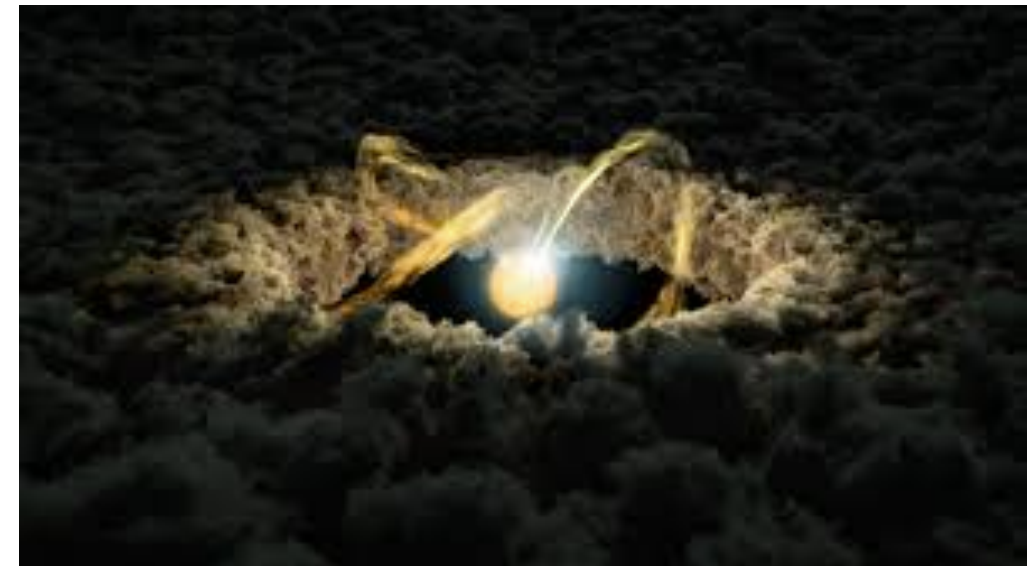
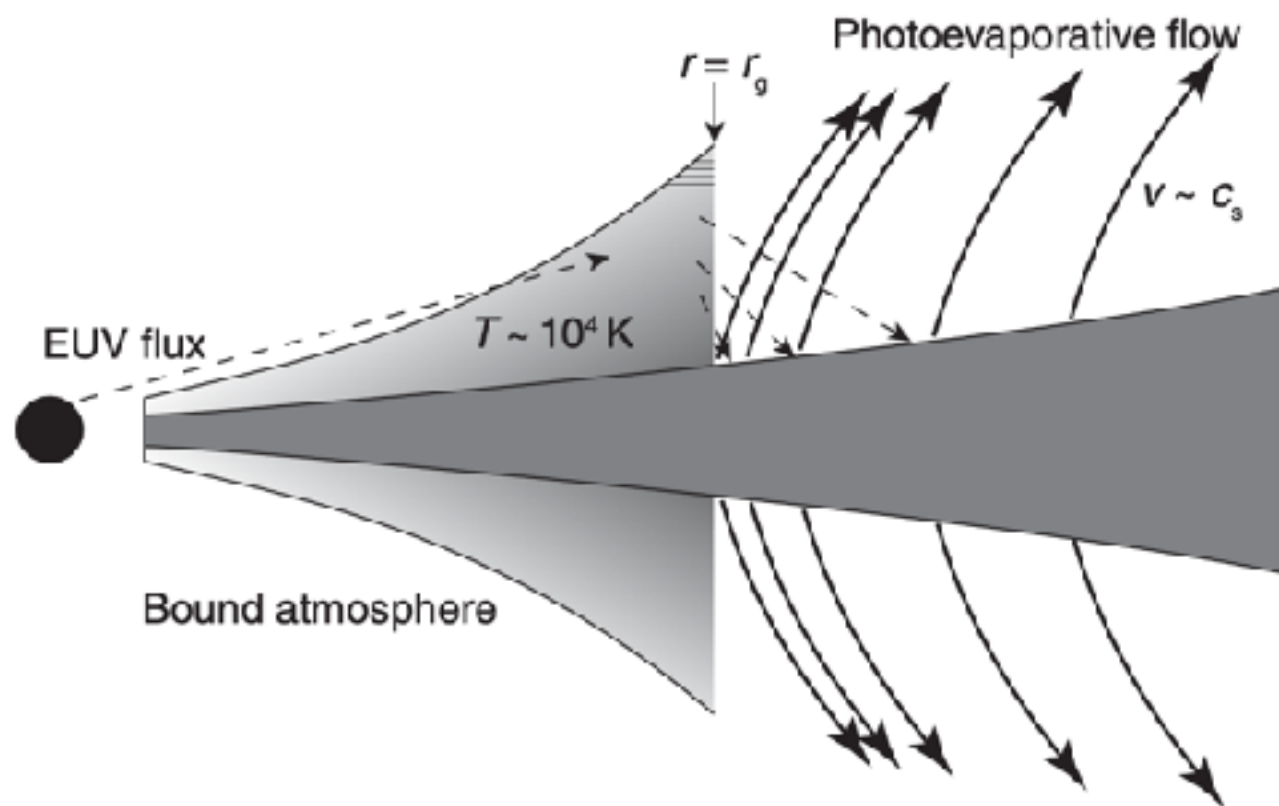
- dust growth
- accretion and photoevaporation
- dynamics and instabilities
- planet disk interaction
- chemistry



Accretion and photo evaporation

Photoevaporative wind: stellar radiation heats up upper layers inner disk beyond escape velocity: photoevaporative wind (measured in infrared line profiles)

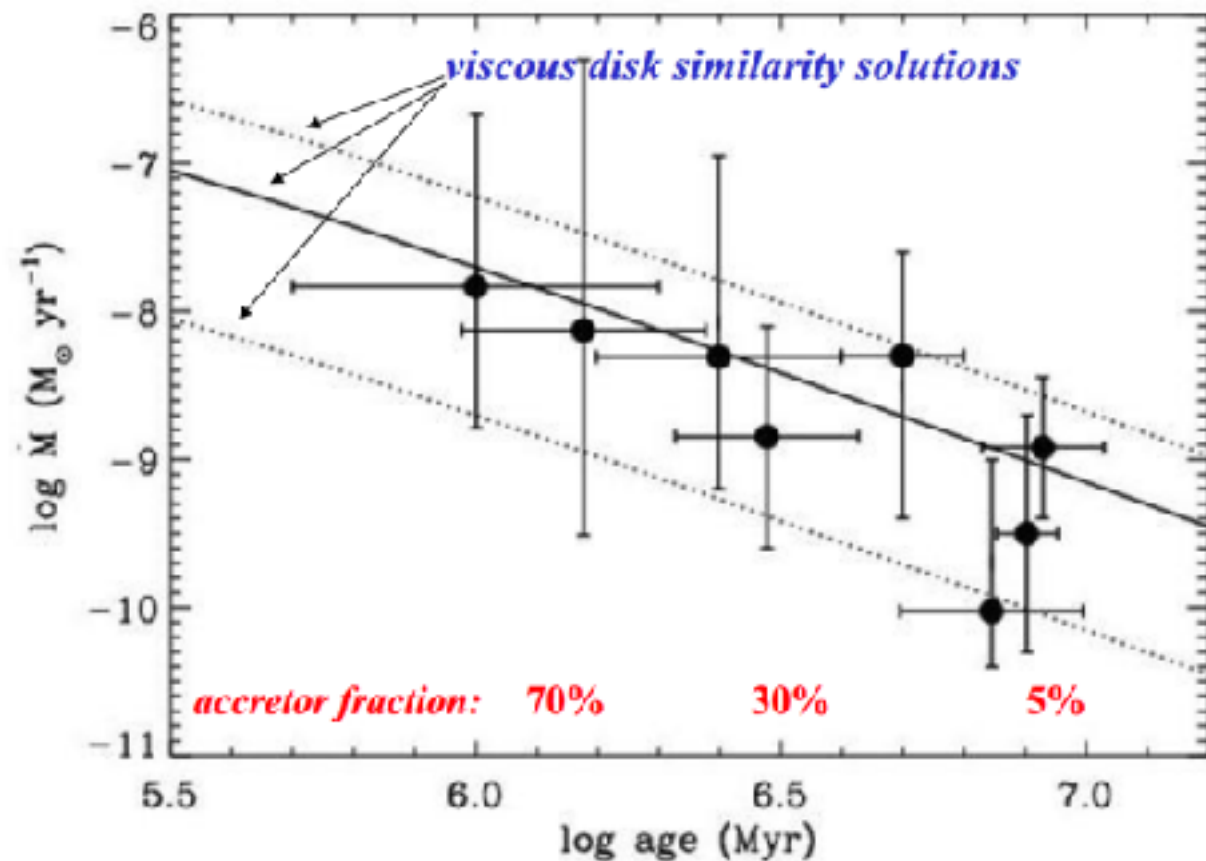
Accretion: material is transported through the disk inwards onto the star (measured through broad H α line).



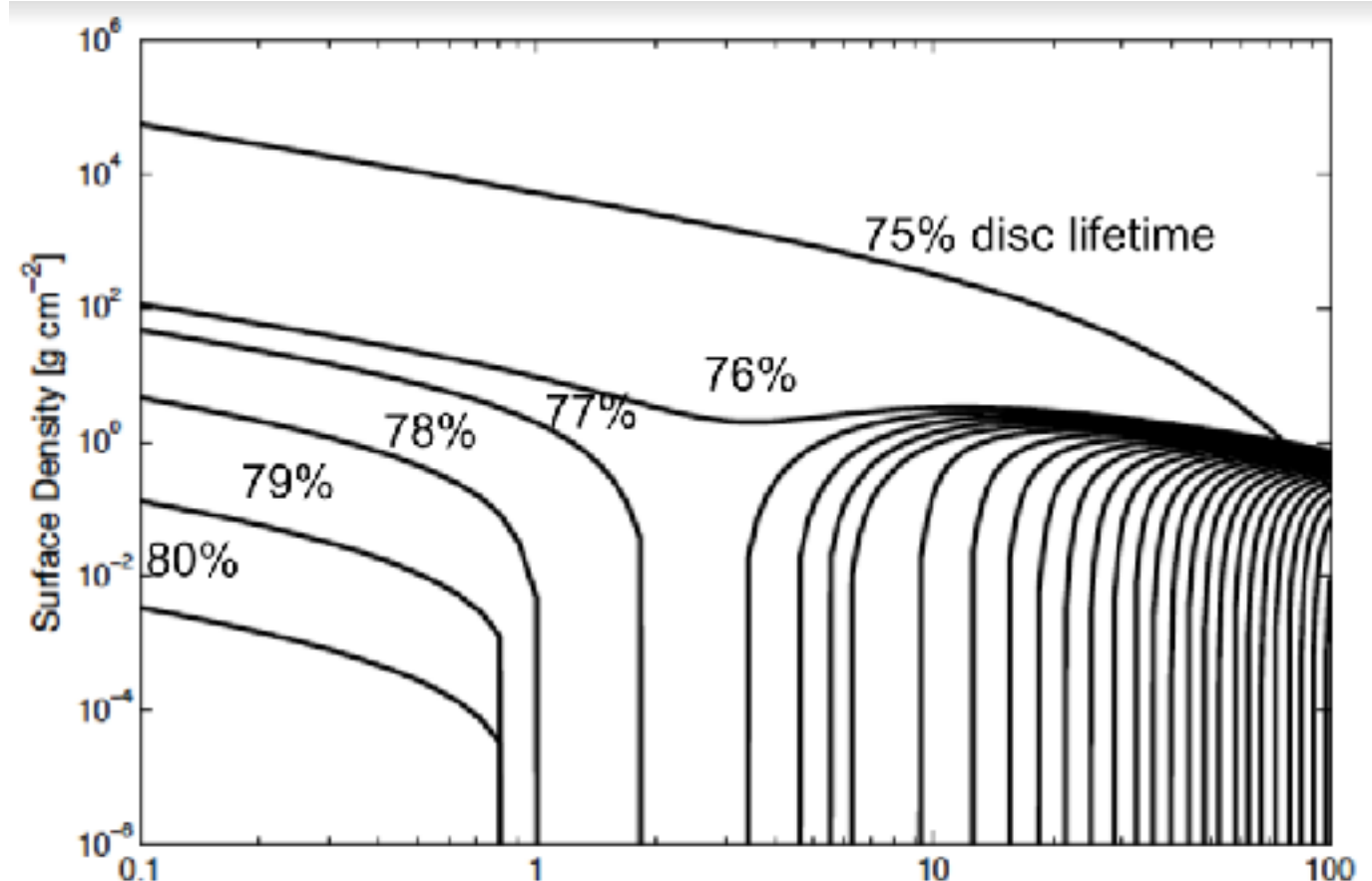
Balance between accretion and photo evaporation

Accretion and photo evaporation

Accretion rate is thought to drop with age:
at some point photo evaporation becomes
dominant and disk dissipates quickly



Photoevaporative model by Owen et al. 2015



Dust growth

- Dust particles grow by collisions in a balance between coagulation and fragmentation

Observable
in visual, infrared
and (sub-)mm

?

Observable in visible
(exoplanets)



1 μm

1 mm

1 m

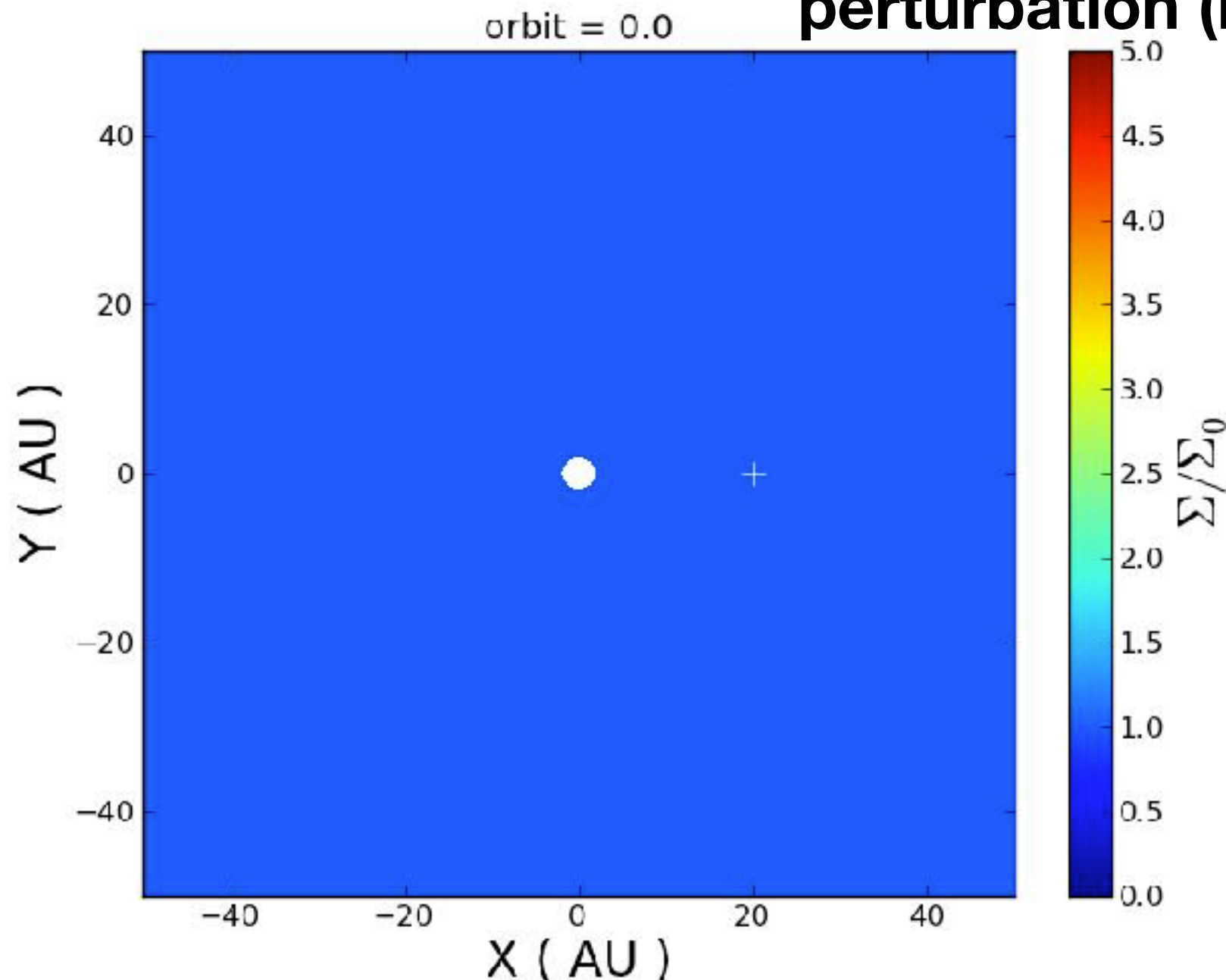
1 km

1000 km



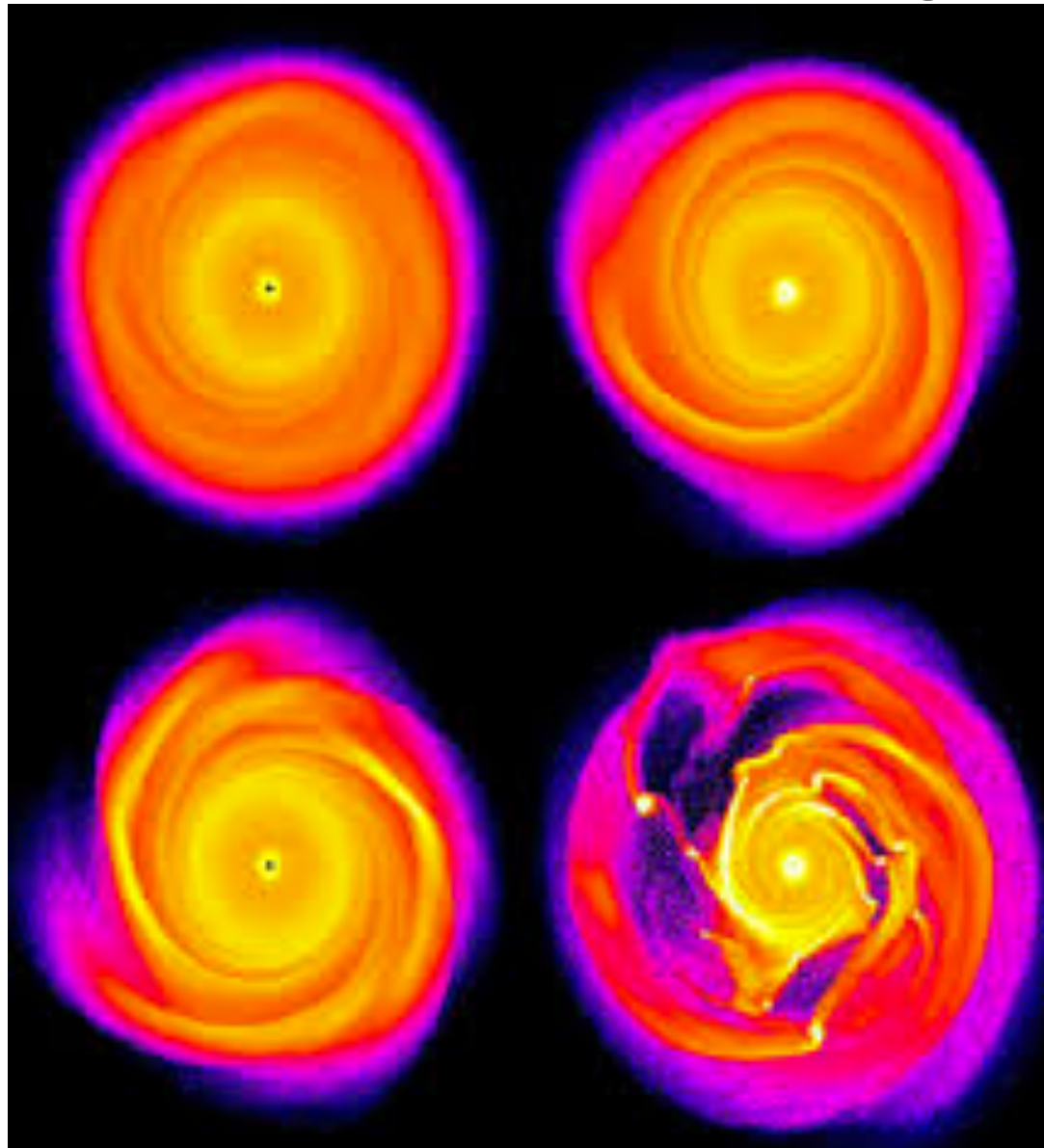
Dynamics and instabilities

Hydrodynamics in a gas disk: formation of gaps, spiral arms, vortices due to a perturbation (in this case a planet)



Dynamics and instabilities

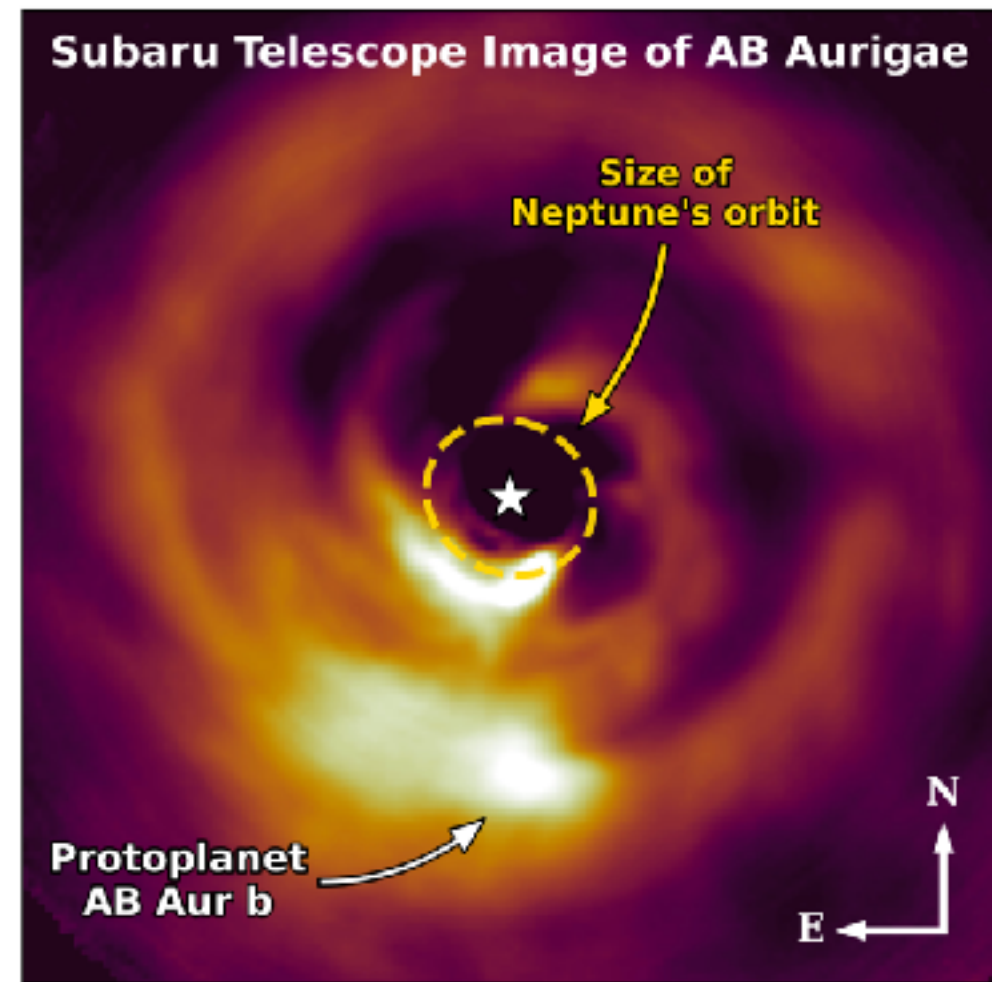
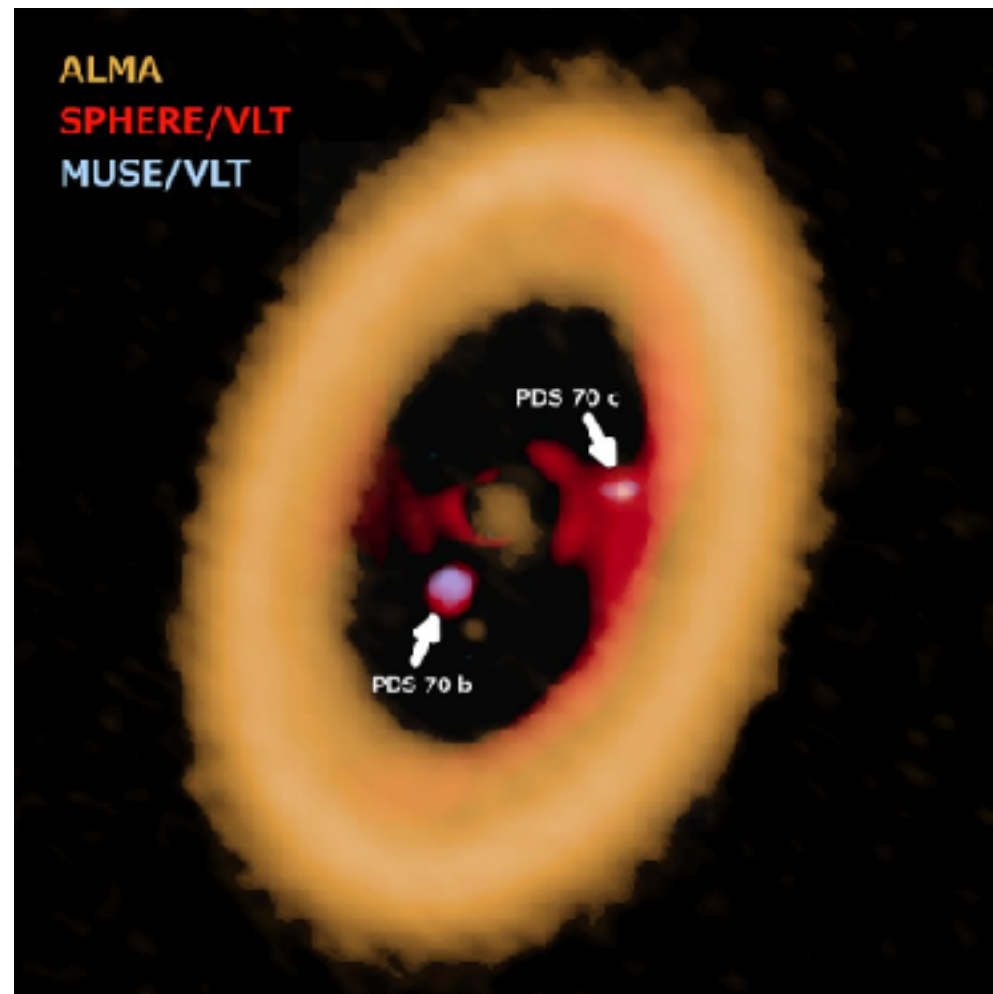
**Planet formation and spiral arms
due to gravitational instability of
the disk ('clumping')**



*=> Estimated disk masses are
often too low for this process*

Detected protoplanets in gaps!

PDS70: two planets and AB Aur: one planet



Planet disk interaction

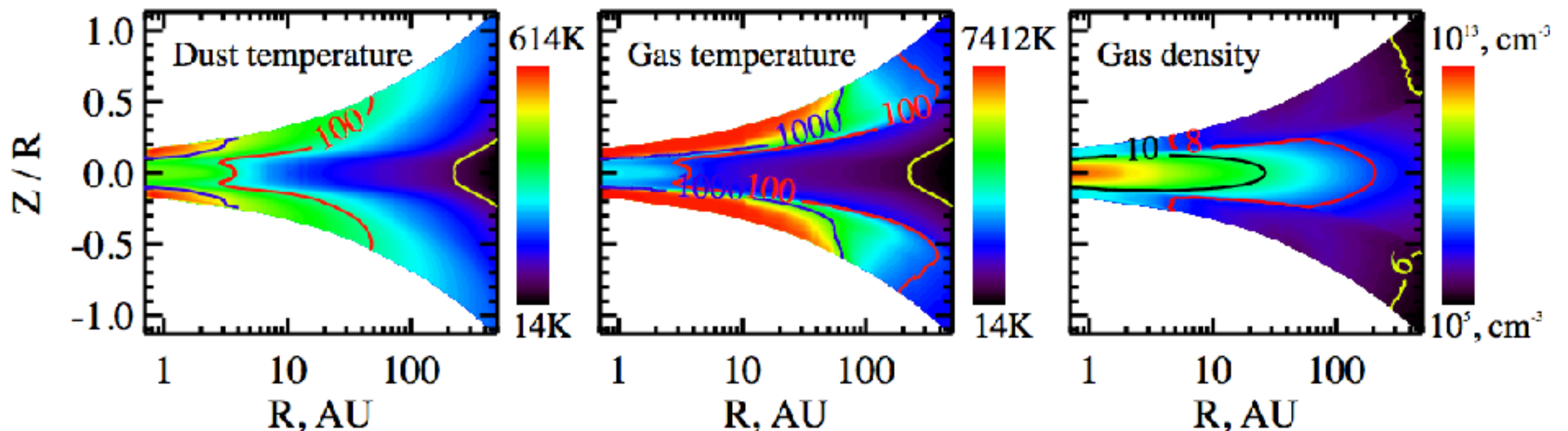
- **When a planet is formed in a disk...**
 - **...it may create a gap**
 - **...it may create pressure bumps (dust traps)**
 - **...it may create vortices (dust traps)**
 - **...it may trigger spiral arms**
 - **...it may migrate inwards (or outwards)**

Planet disk interaction

- When a planet is in the disk...
 - ...the presence of a planet in the disk morphology are
 - ...important, because detecting a
 - ...planet in the disk itself is
 - ...extremely difficult
 - ... (and so far unsuccessful)
- ...it may migrate inwards (or outwards)

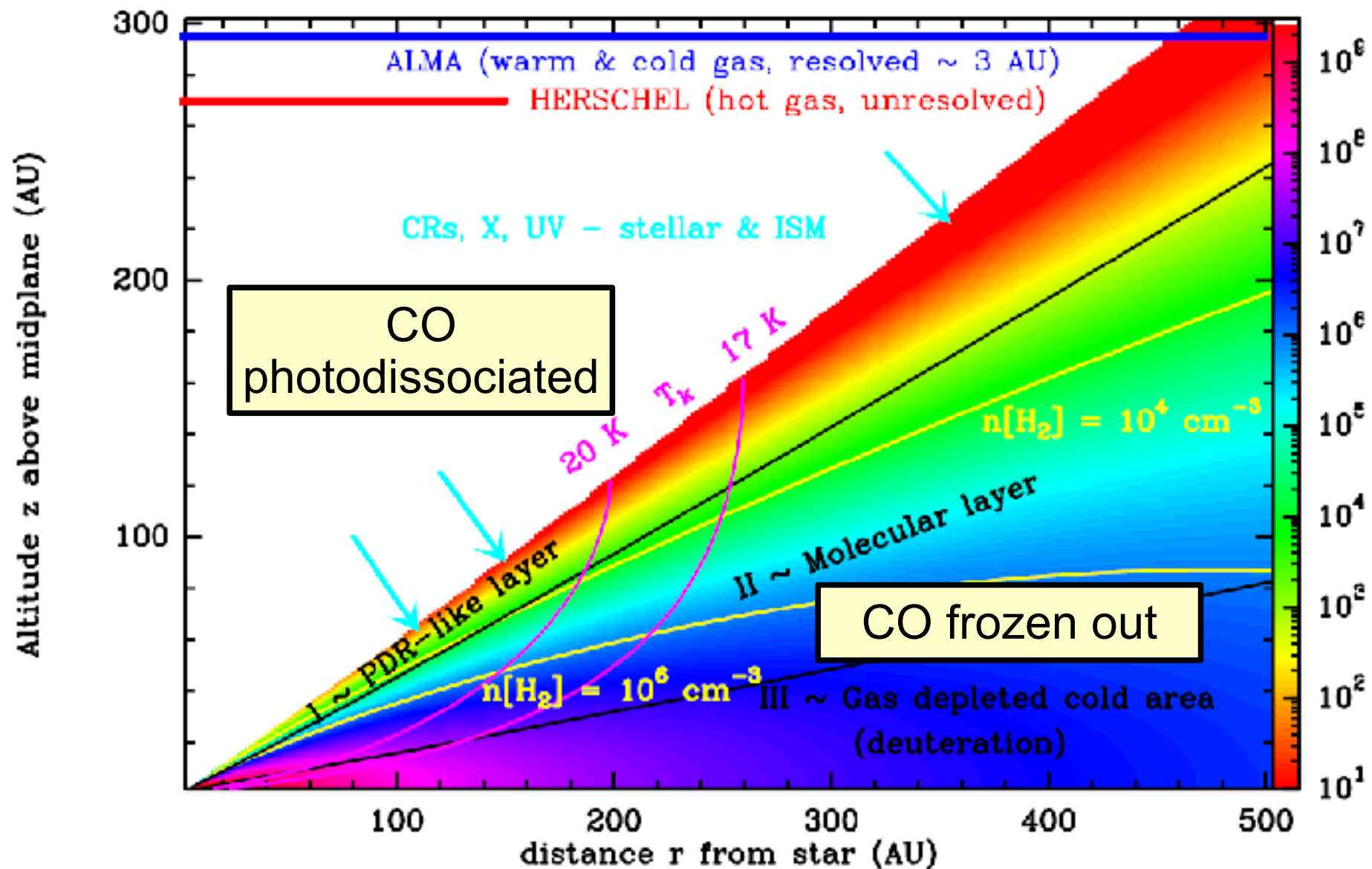
Chemistry

- Chemistry is extremely useful in disks : biomolecules (origin of life), gas density tracer, snow lines, tracer physical conditions
- But interpreting molecular line emission is challenging:
 - large gradients in temperature, density and UV radiation field which all influence the local chemistry
 - chemical networks include thousands of reactions even for simple molecules
 - line emission relatively weak



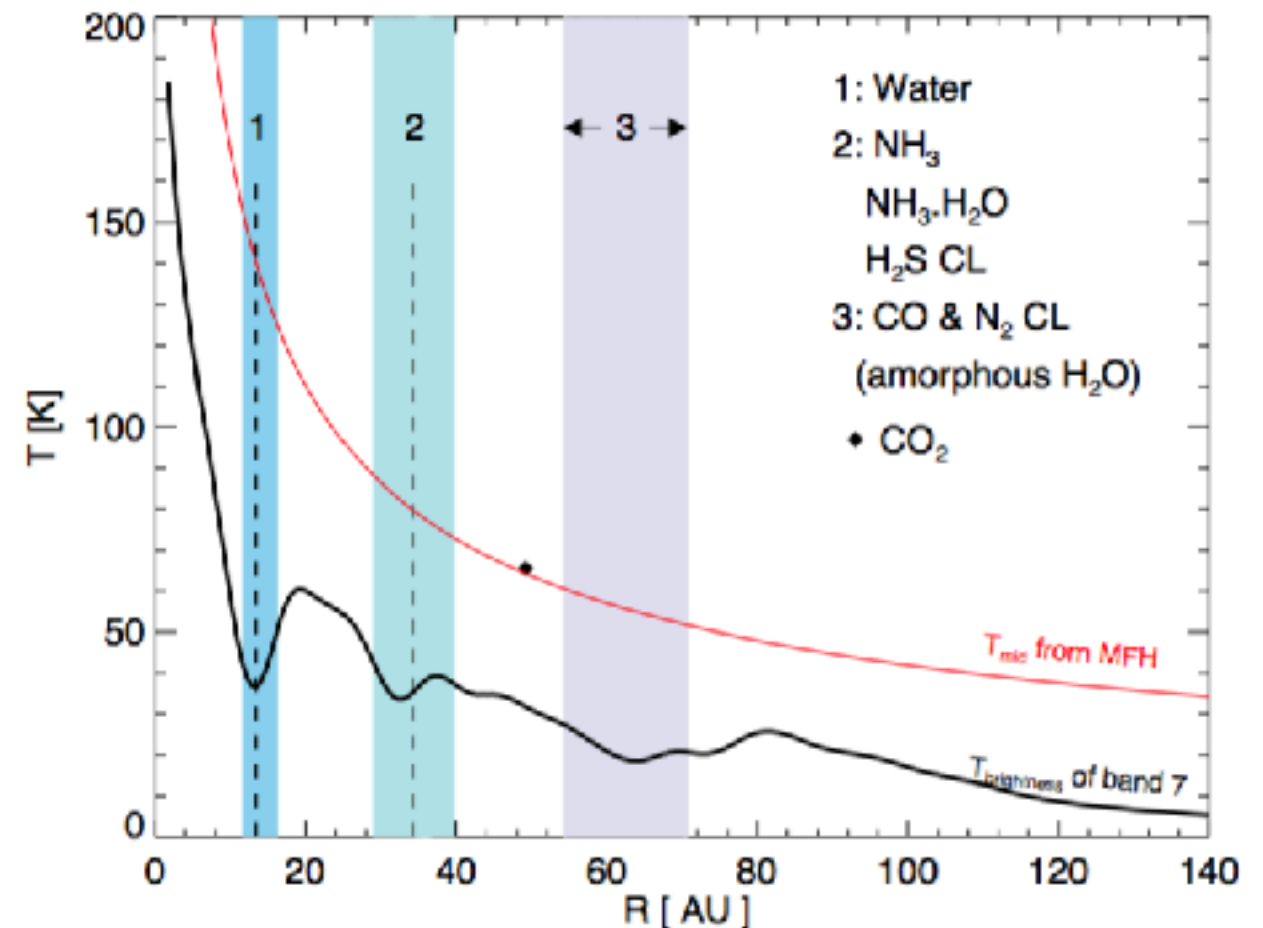
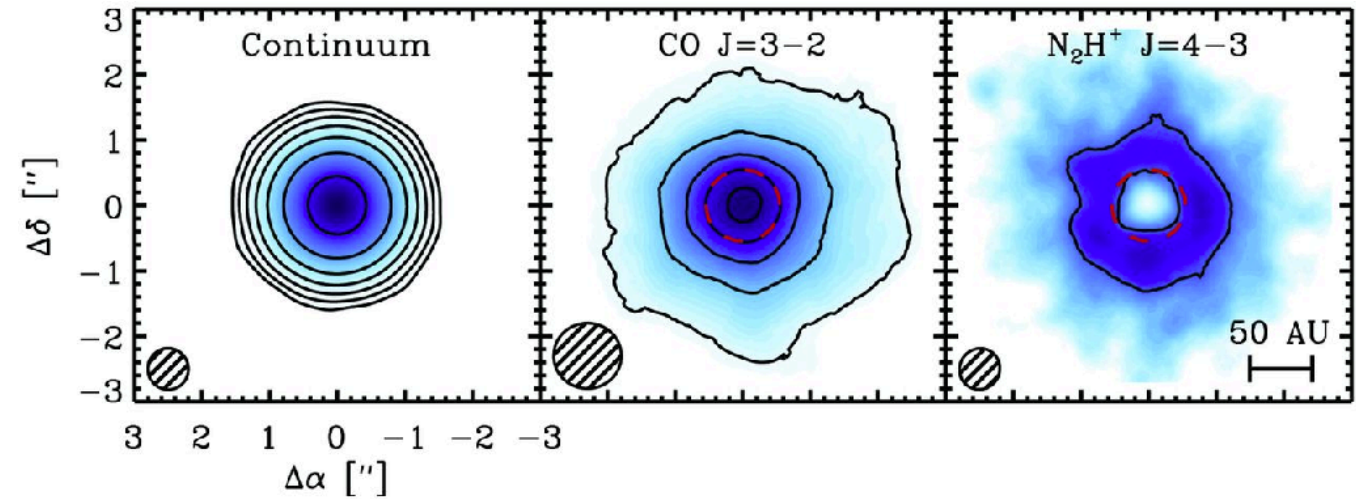
Chemistry

Example: interpreting CO emission (gas density tracer)



Chemistry

- **Snow lines: radius/temperature where a molecule freezes out**
- **CO snow line through N_2H^+ or DCO^+**
- **Snow lines are particularly interesting as dust is expected to grow more efficiently due to increased stickyness: start of planet formation?**
- **Proposed idea: ring systems due to freeze out of different molecules?**



Final remarks

- Disk structures are much more complex than previously thought
- These structures may help to solve some issues, but also raise new questions
- While planet formation itself remains poorly understood, disks can help to constrain the environments where planets form or have recently been formed

Questions?

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