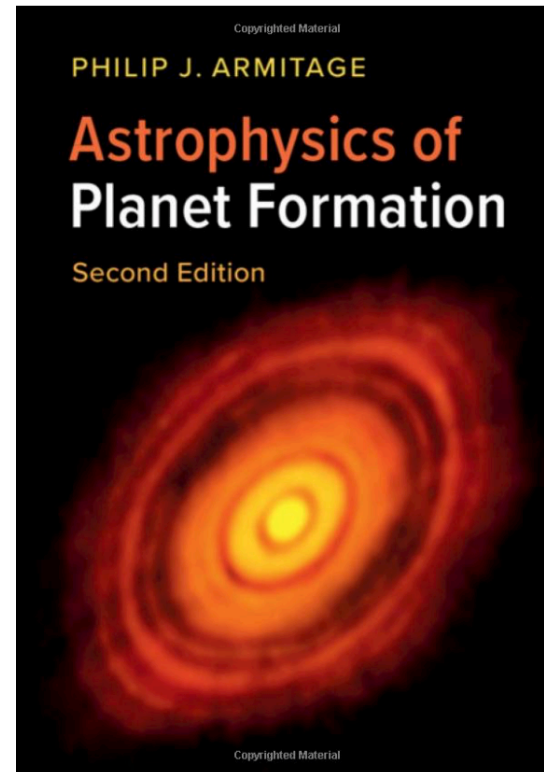
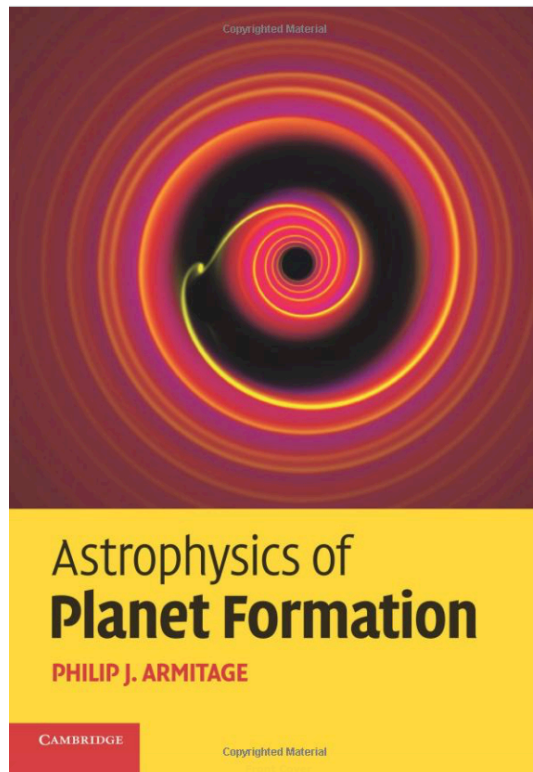


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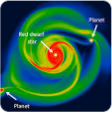
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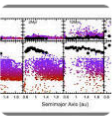
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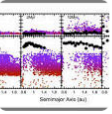
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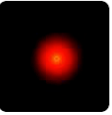
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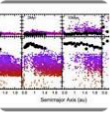
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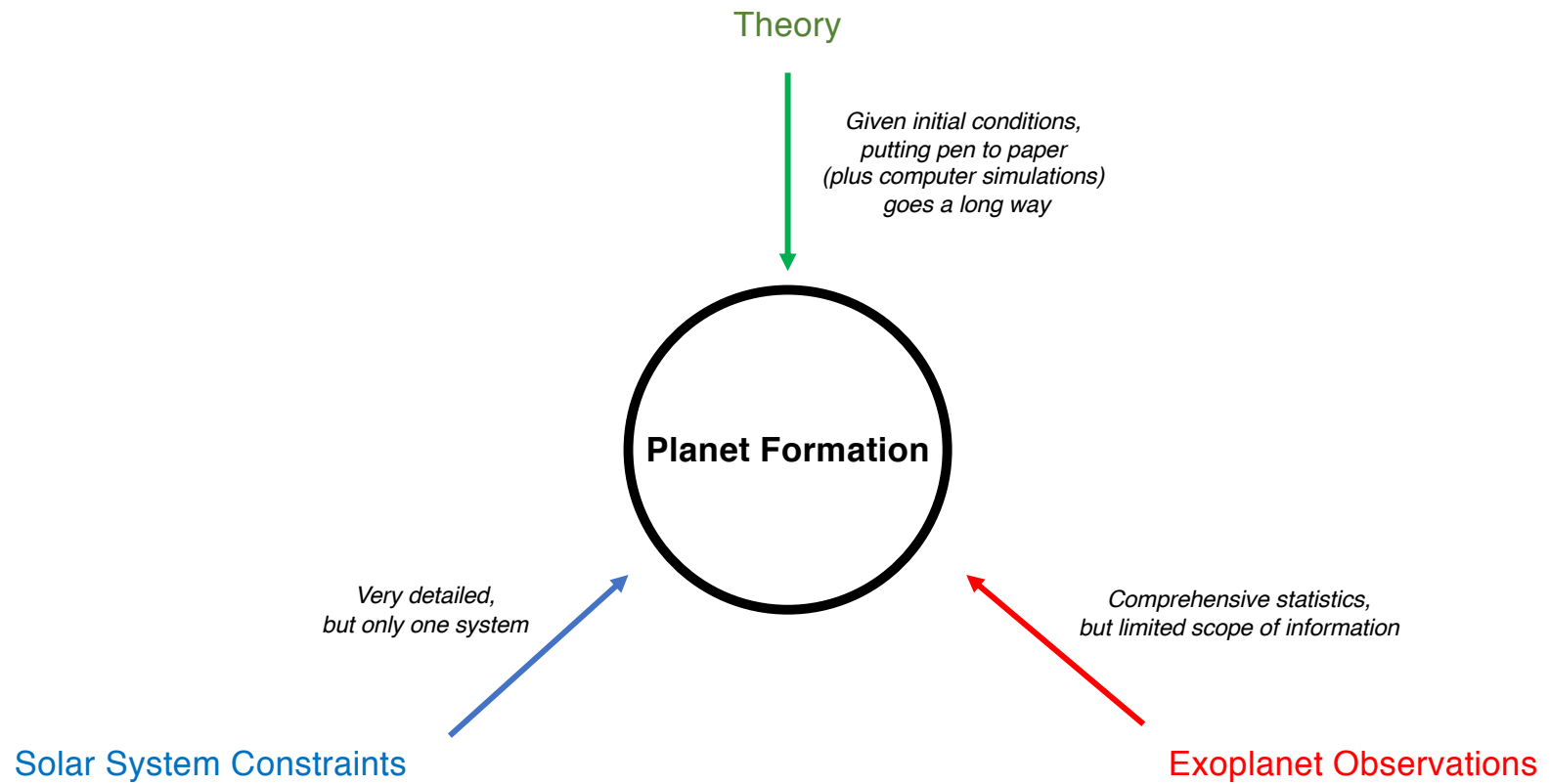


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What is a planet?

- The IAU planet definition
 - Upper limit – Deuterium fusion.
 - Lower limit – Combination of
 - Mass (enough to assume hydrostatic equilibrium – planets and dwarf planets).
 - Orbital dominance (not dwarf planets).
 - Dwarf planets are not planets (“pineapples are not apples”).
- The Geophysical definition
 - Upper limit – Deuterium fusion.
 - Lower limit – Mass (enough to assume hydrostatic equilibrium – planets and dwarf planets).
 - Dwarf planets are planets

Kuiper Belt

Weywot



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Asteroid Belt



(1) Ceres

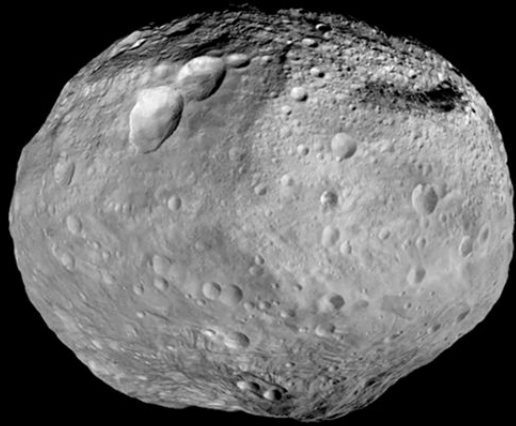


(2) Pallas



(4) Vesta

Scale
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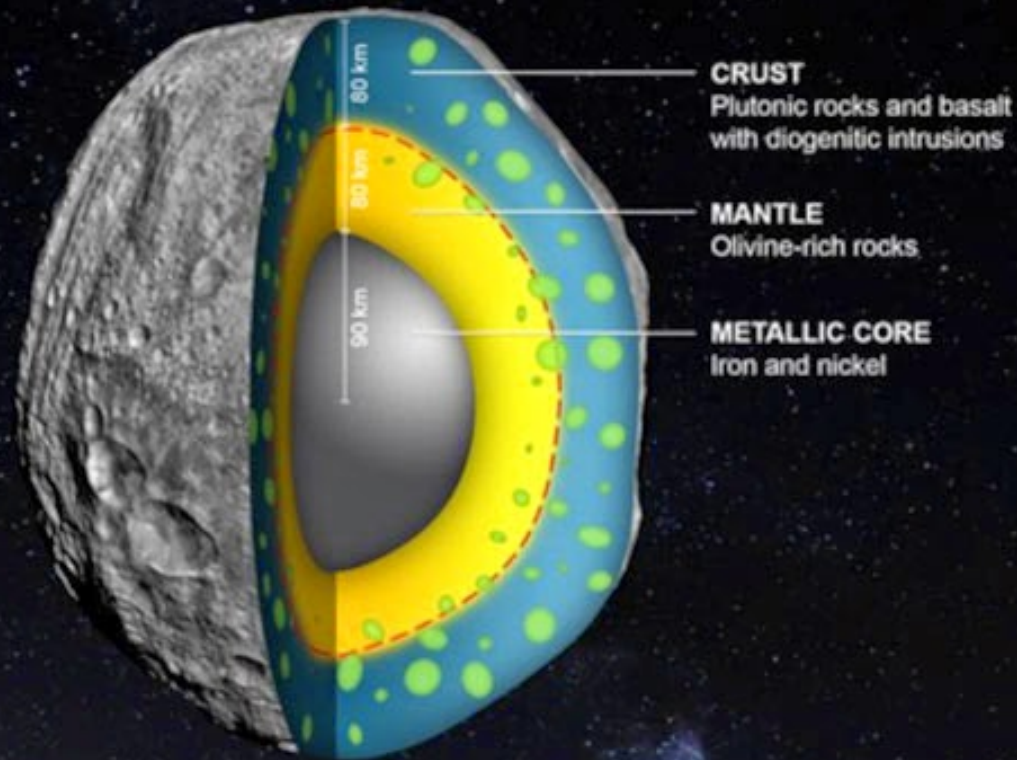


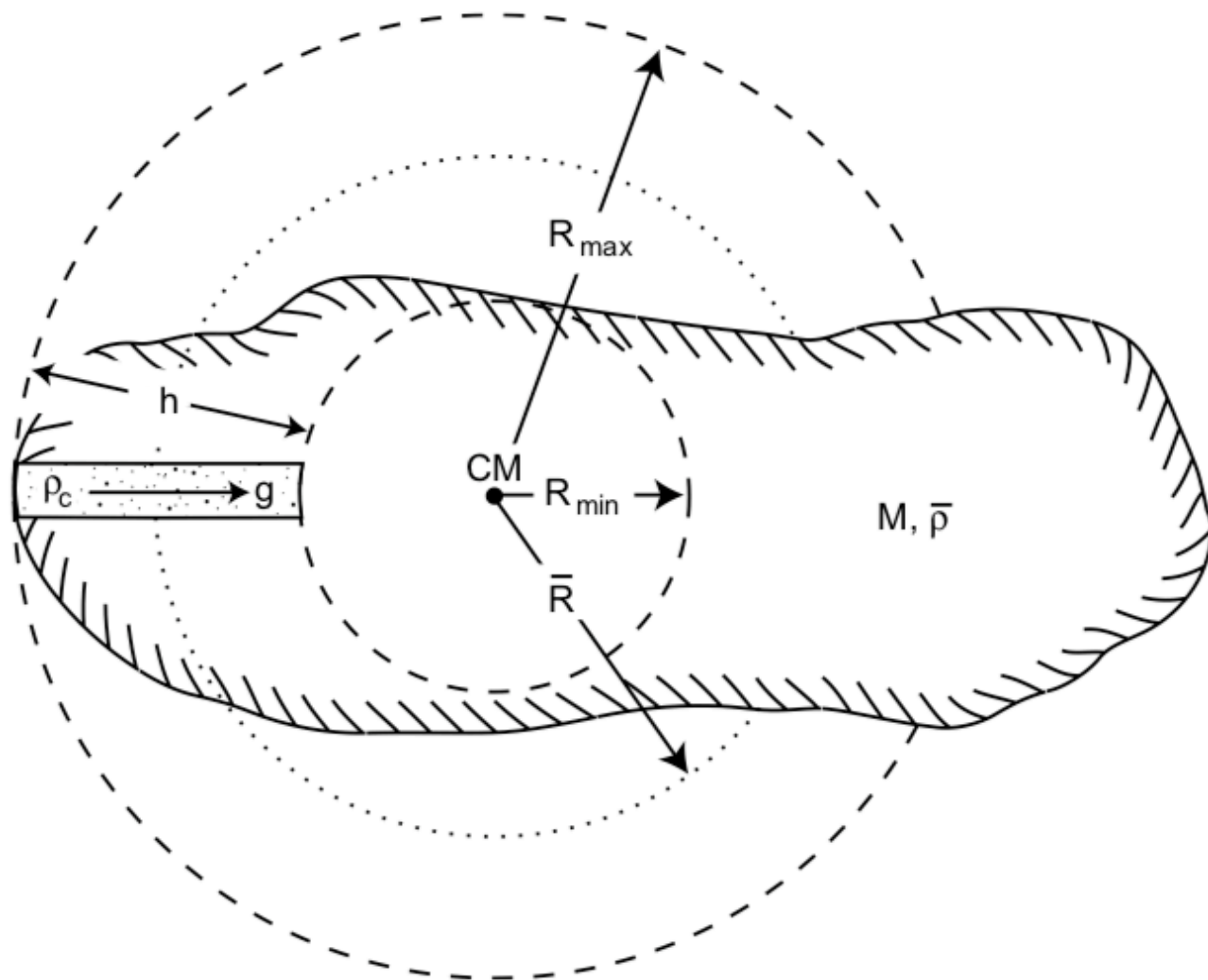
Vesta



Ceres

Small planet VESTA





COULD CERES BE A REFUGEE FROM THE KUIPER BELT? William B. McKinnon, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and the McDonnell Center for the Space Sciences, Washington University, Saint Louis, MO 63130 (mckinnon@wustl.edu).

Introduction: Ceres is a most unusual asteroid. Comprising $\sim 1/3$ of the total mass of the present asteroid belt, it is classified as a relatively rare, G type, related to the more abundant carbonaceous C-type asteroids. It resides deep in the main belt, at a semimajor axis of 2.77 AU, at the center of the broad distribution of C types [1]. But it is not a C-type asteroid as usually considered. It is a differentiated dwarf planet, whose water-rich composition indicates a kinship with bodies much farther out in the solar system [2]. Here I explore the idea that Ceres originally accreted in a transneptunian orbit, was dynamically scattered inwards during a Nice-model like reorganization of the outer solar system [e.g., 3], and implanted in a more massive, primordial asteroid belt, where it remains today.

Density: Ground-based and HST imaging/occultations have converged on a picture of Ceres as a large, dwarf-planet-class body in rotational hydrostatic equilibrium, with a mean radius ~ 470 km and density $\sim 2.2 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ [4]. Ceres thus joins an interesting group of outer solar system bodies, the largest KBOs: Triton, $2.061 \pm 0.007 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$; Eris, $2.3 \pm 0.3 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, and the Pluto-Charon binary, $1.94 \pm 0.09 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ [5]. All these densities agree within uncertainties (and are quite different from Ganymede and Callisto), when self-compression is accounted for. When interpreted in terms of rock/water-ice ratio, such densities imply a

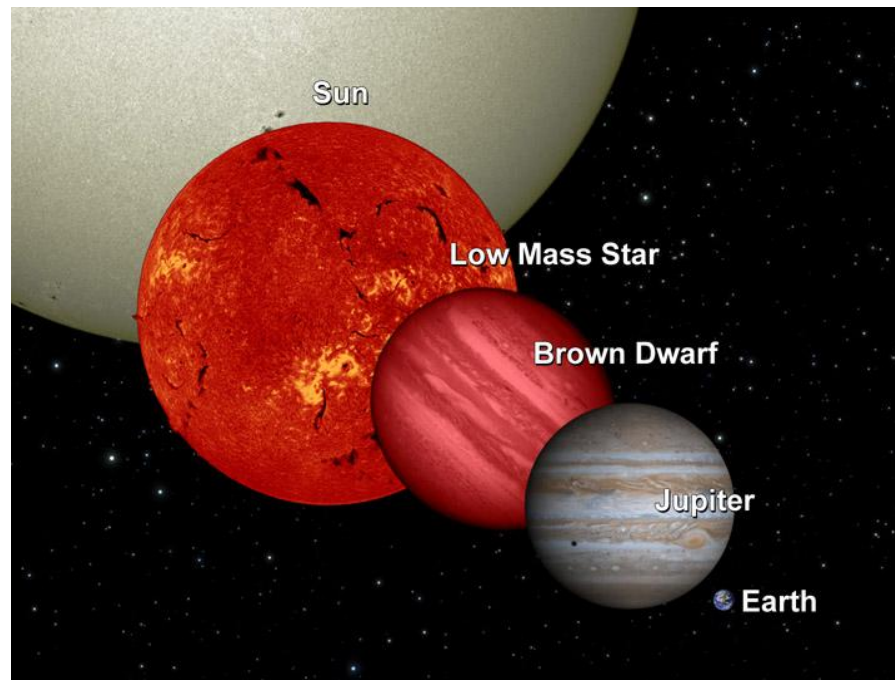
and opaques, and frost has been long suspected, at least at some longitudes [e.g., 4,9]. More importantly, hydrated silicates are indicated by a broad $3\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ absorption, and a narrow absorption near $3.05 \mu\text{m}$ has been attributed to either Fe-rich or NH_4^+ -bearing clays [10,11]. Ammonium-bearing phyllosilicates have been noted as unknown in meteorites [11], and for this reason perhaps not as seriously considered, but NH_3 is not unknown in the transneptunian region, having been identified on Charon and in comets [see references in 5]. The early evolution of a dwarf planet TNO would involve eruption of ammonia and methanol-bearing lavas to the surface, even before bulk rock-from-ice differentiation [5], and alteration of silicates by such liquids could be a source for ammonium-bearing clays.

Earlier ideas involving thermal metamorphism of C-type material to yield G-type spectra do not seem obviously relevant to Ceres at least, given the icy nature of its outer layer(s). Nor should Ceres, as an evolved, differentiated KBO, be expected to spectrally resemble its "primitive" D-type asteroid cousins. However, any surface volatiles (NH_3 , CH_4 , etc.) would have been rapidly lost after its dynamic "resettlement."

Dynamics: The key to Ceres' origin as a KBO is dynamics, and recent work offers a path whereby early solar system populations can migrate [3,12,13]. There has long been a possible link between D-type asteroids

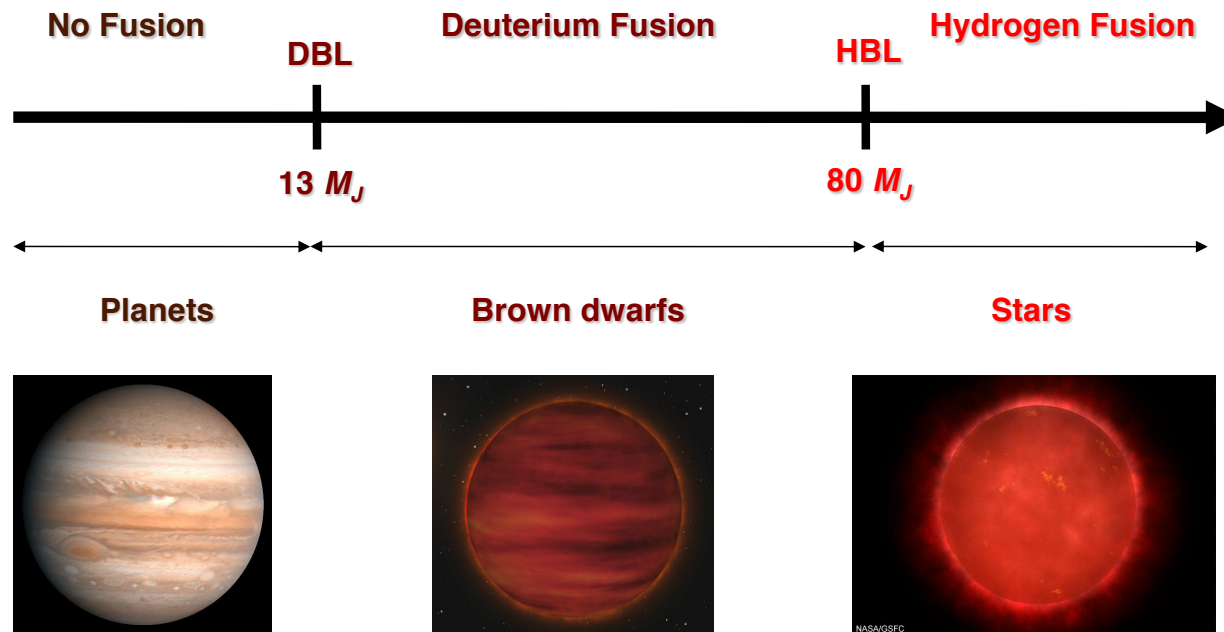
Deuterium Fusion - Brown Dwarfs

Brown dwarfs are objects with mass below the **Hydrogen Burning Limit** of **$0.08 M_{\odot}$**



Mass Range

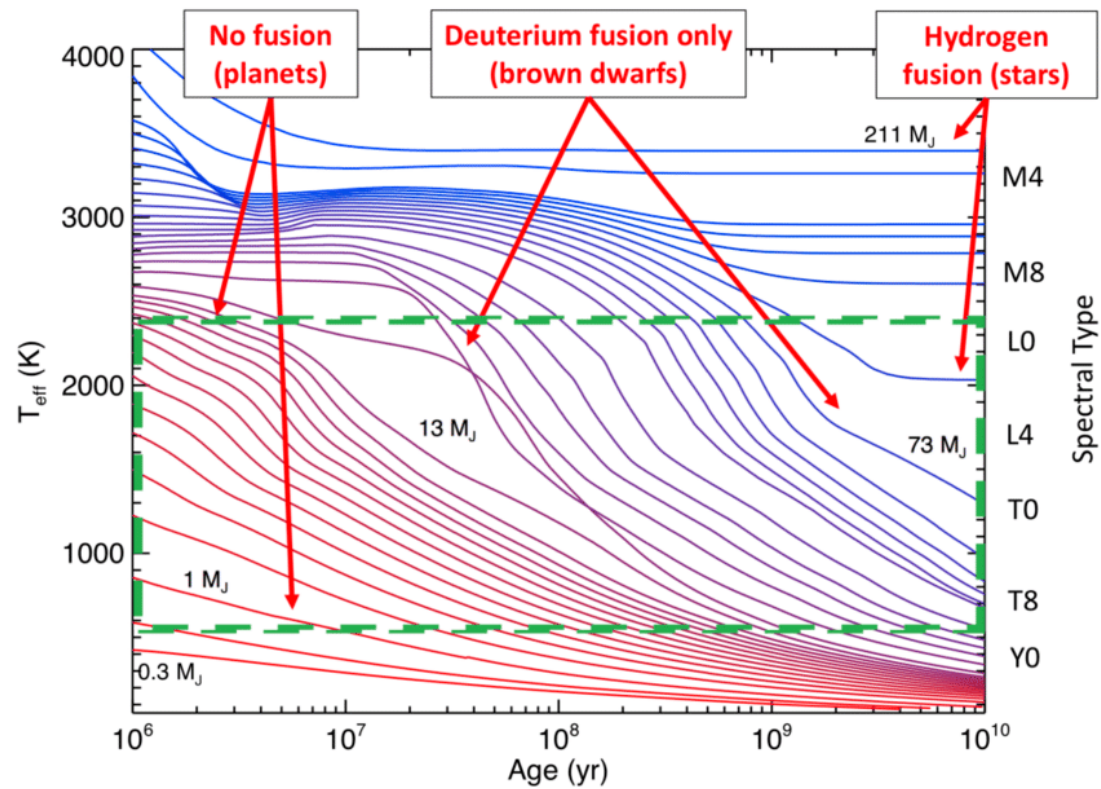
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Brown dwarf evolution

Deuterium fusion only lasts for 10^7 years !!

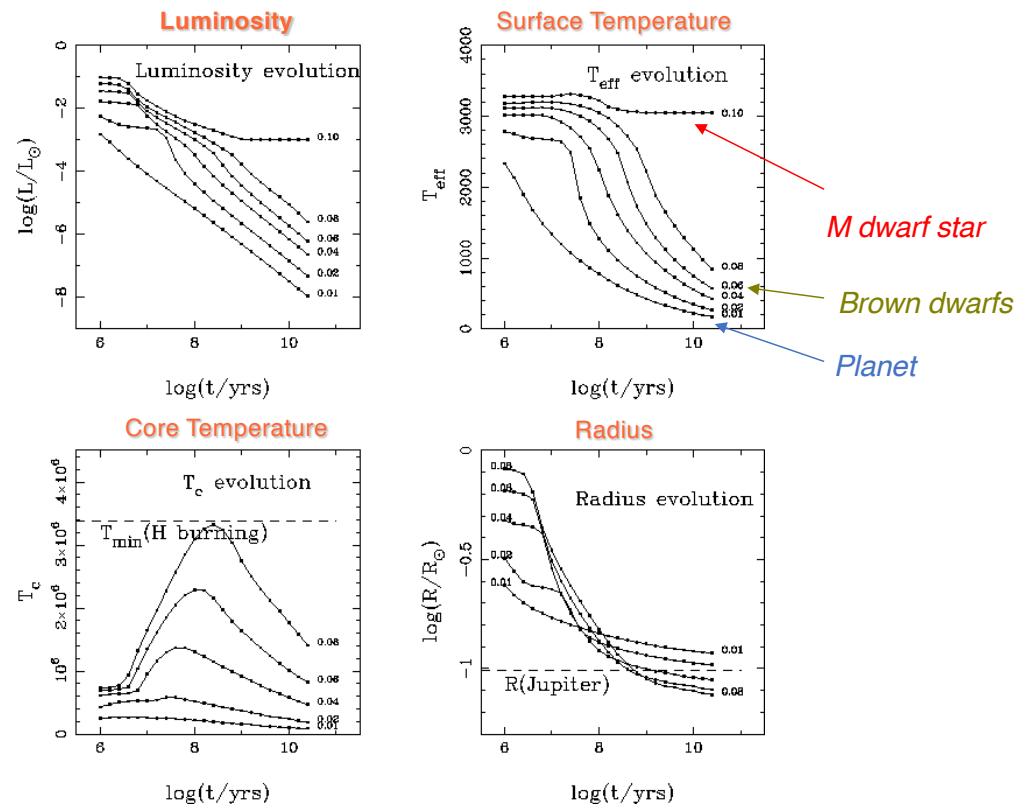
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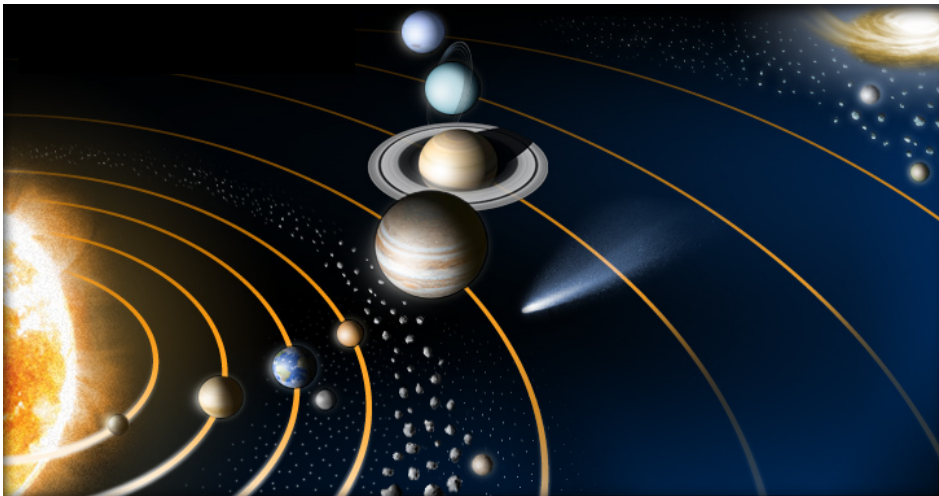
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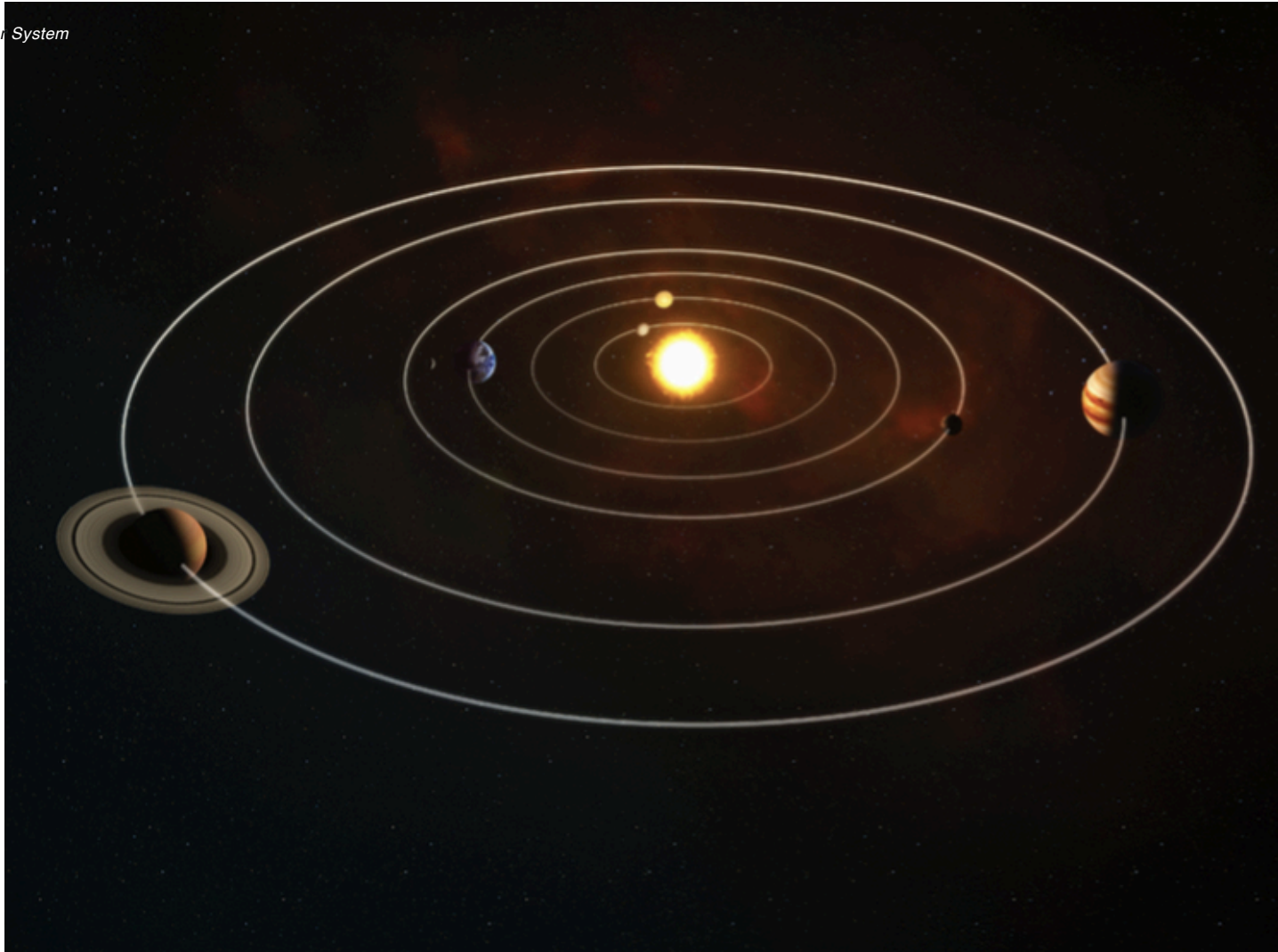
Solar System Planets



Any formation model of Solar System must explain:

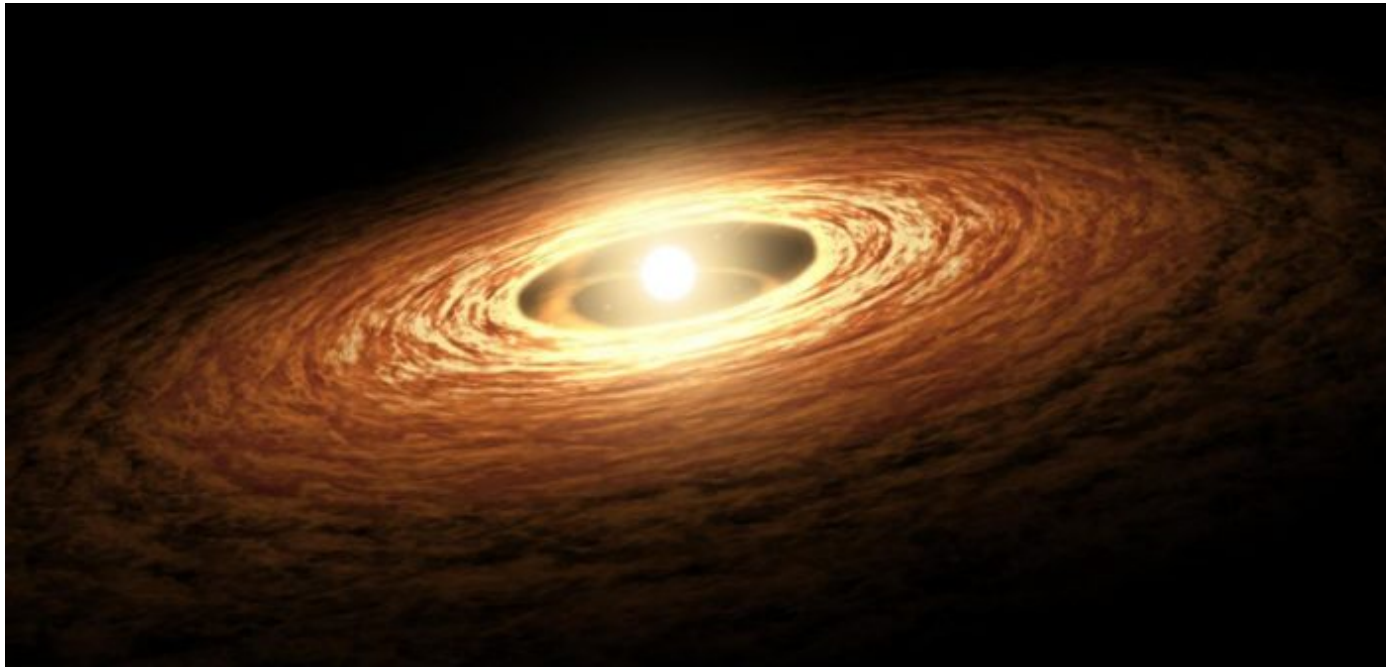
- All the orbits of the planets are prograde
- All the planets have orbital planes that are roughly in the same plane (inclined by less than 6 degrees with respect to each other).
- Inner/outer planets dichotomy
 - Inner planets are **terrestrial**: dense, rocky and small,
 - Outer planets are **jovian**: gaseous/icy and large.

Evidence from the Solar System



The Solar Nebula

Nebular hypothesis – planets form in disks of gas and dust
(Kant 1755, Laplace 1794)



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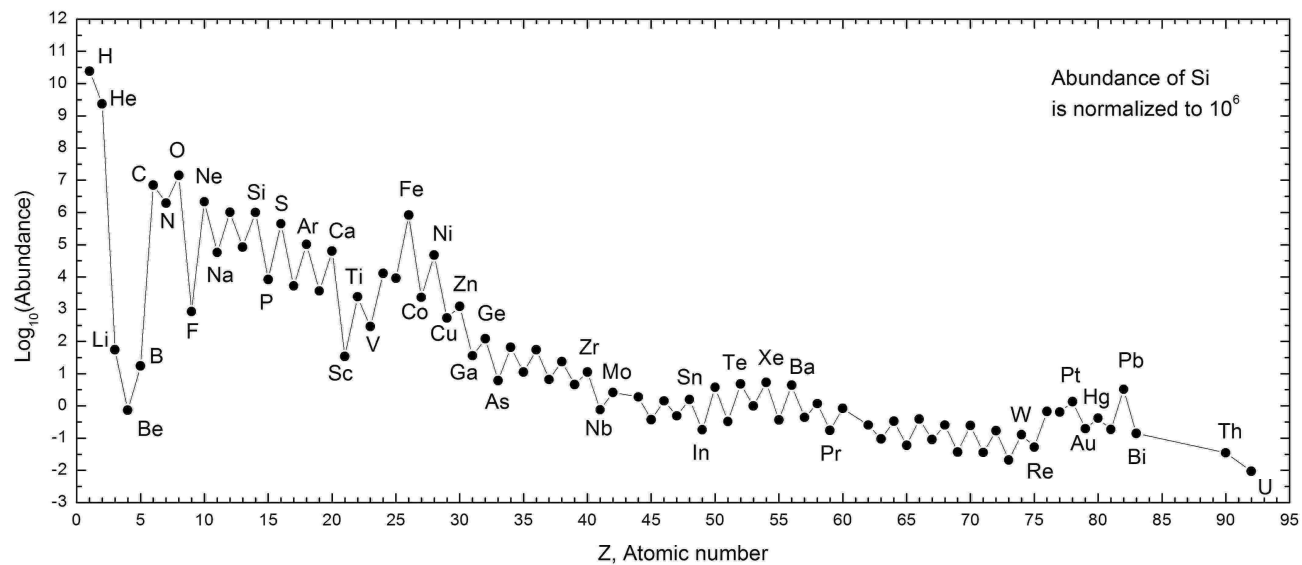
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Chemical Composition

The chemical composition of the Sun



Most abundant elements, in order:

H (71%) He (27%)

O (1.04%) C (0.46%)

Ne (0.13%) Fe (0.11%) N (0.1%)

Si (0.06%), Mg (0.05%), S (0.04%)

Chemistry

H (71%)

He (27%)

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Volatiles

Refractory

Chemistry

[illegible] H_2

He

$$\text{H}_2\text{O}$$
 CH_4

Ne

 NH_3

Fe, Si

What will the chemistry of the mixture be?

H (71%)

He (27%)

O (1.04%)

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H₂ He

Gas

H₂O - Water

CH₄ - Methane

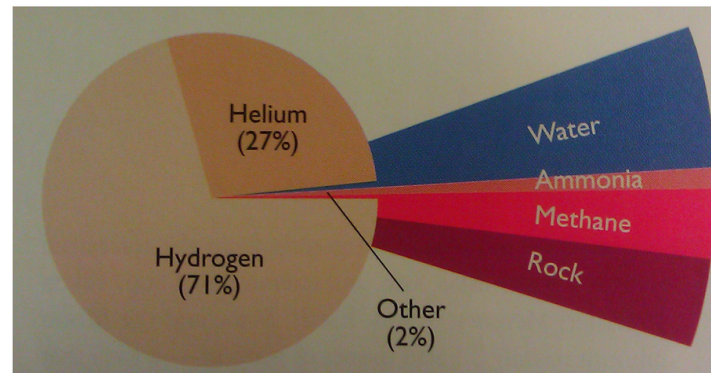
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Ne

NH₃ - Ammonia

Fe, Si – Rocks (metals and silicates)

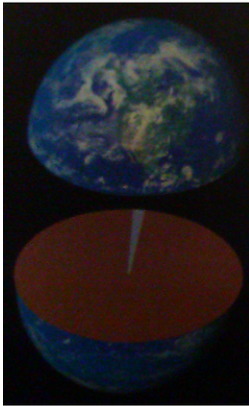
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Classes of planets

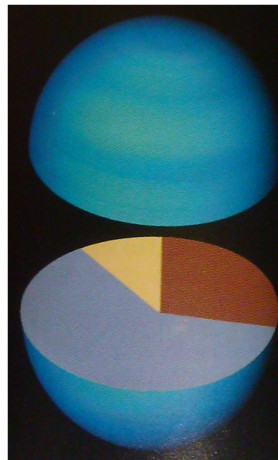
Rocky Planets

Earth



Ice Giants

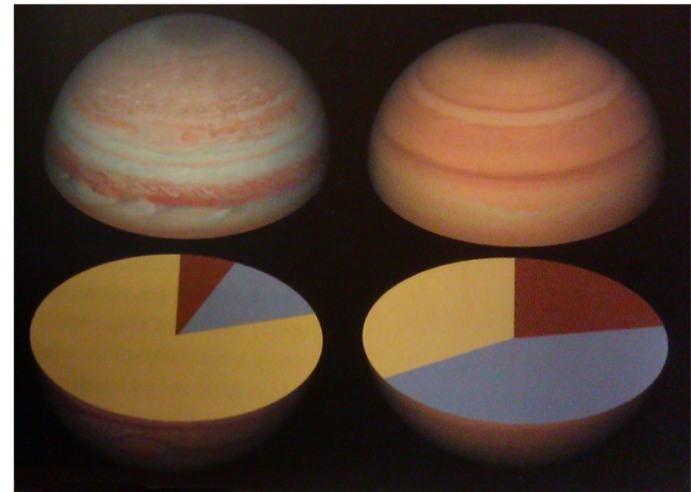
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Gas Giants

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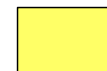
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Rock



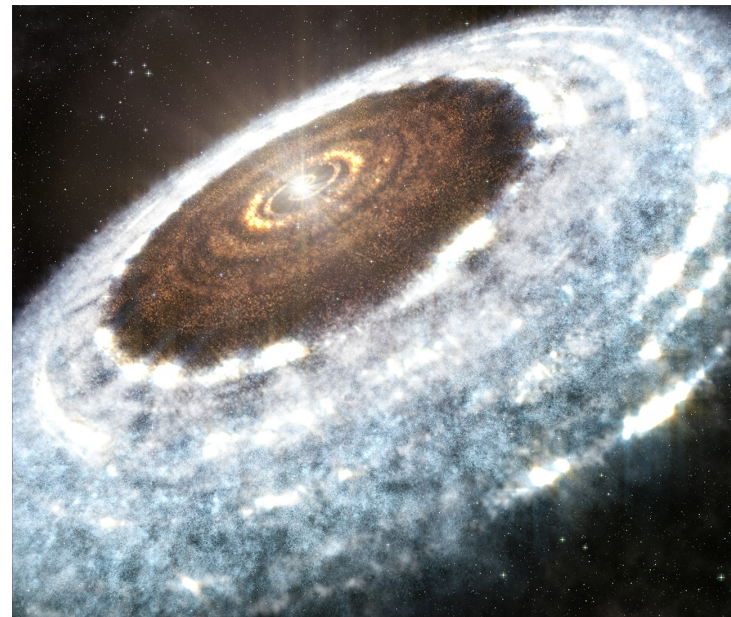
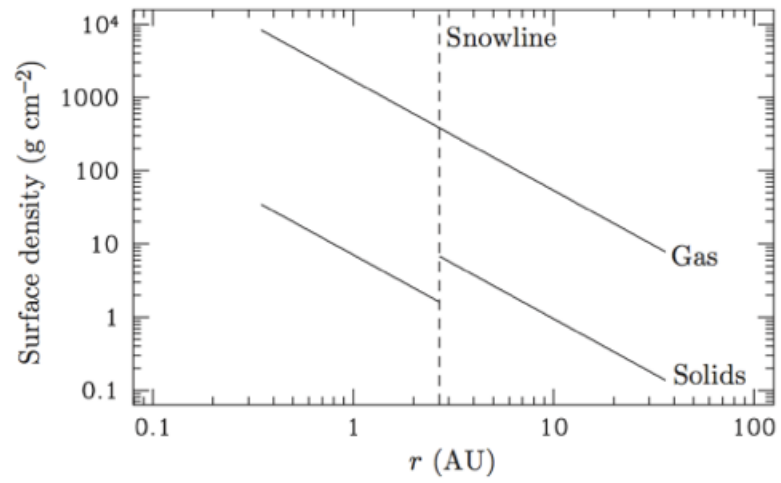
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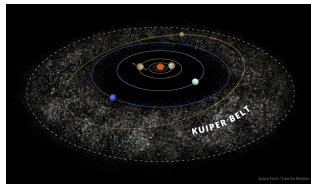
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Evidence from the Solar System

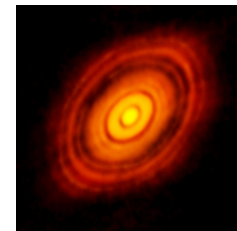
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New Developments since the 1980s and 1990s

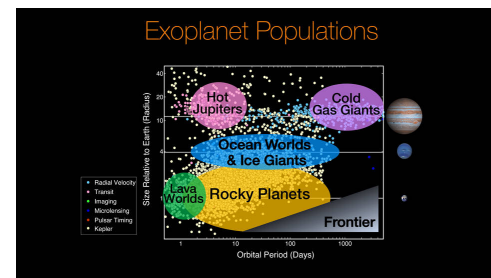


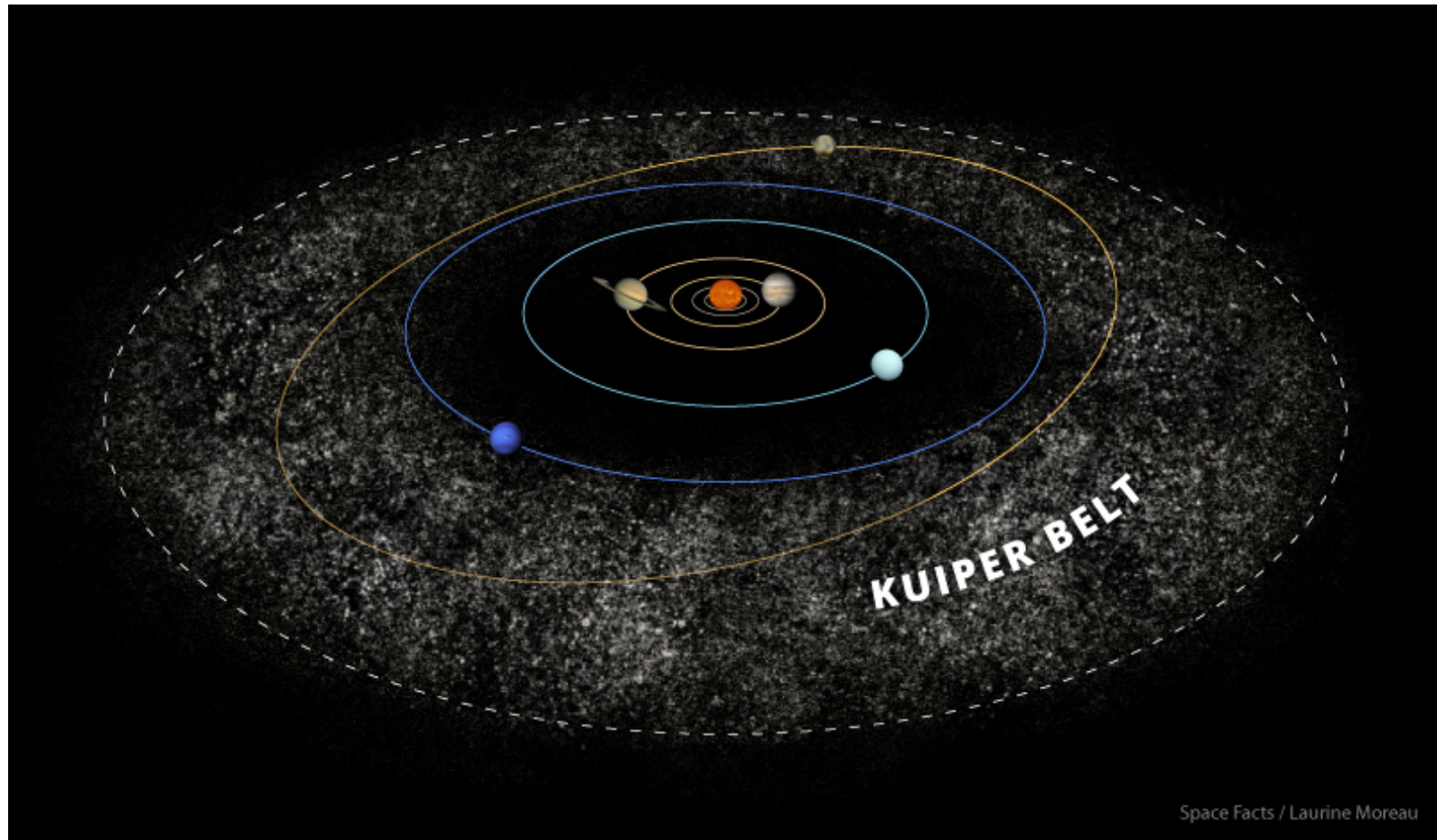
- Observations of Protoplanetary Disks
(initial conditions)



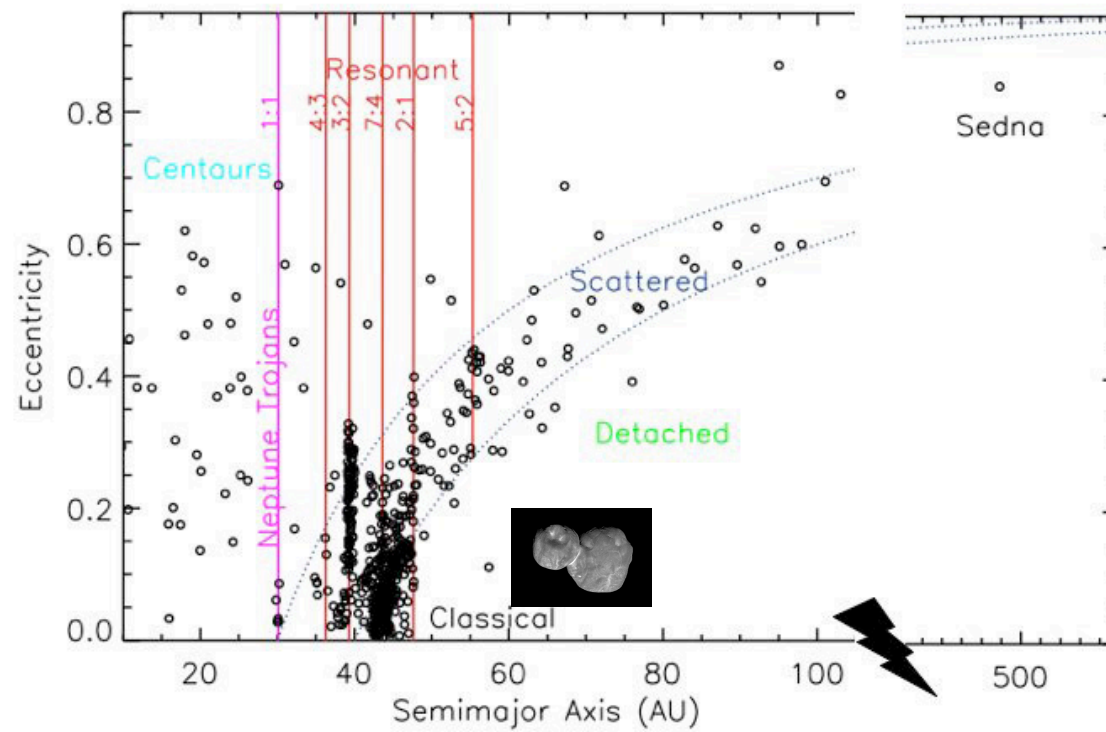
- Discovery of the Kuiper Belt
(frozen leftovers of formations)

- Discovery of extrasolar planets
(confirm earlier ideas but also points to diversity of outcomes)





Kuiper Belt



Comets

Figure 1a: Comet Semimajor Axis Distribution

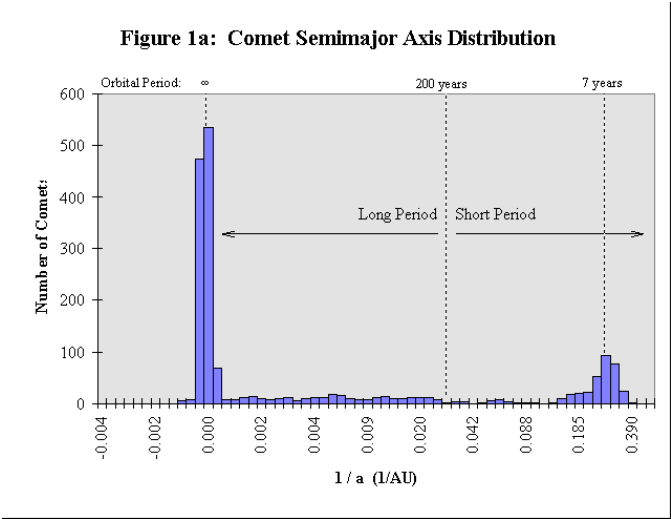
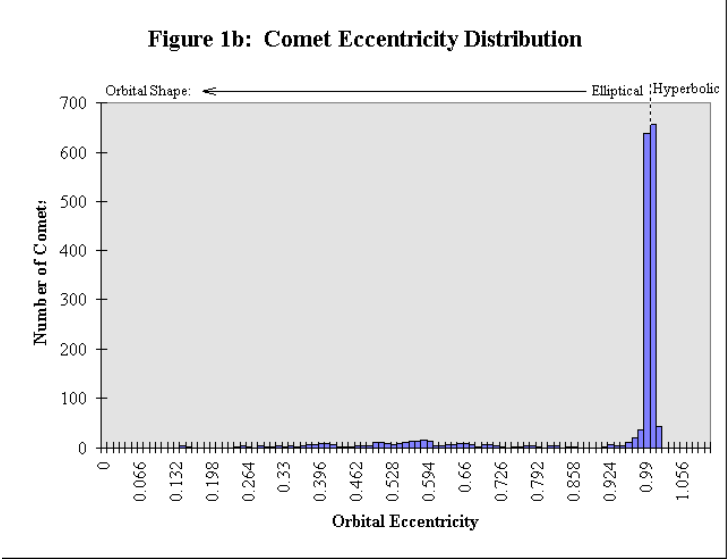


Figure 1b: Comet Eccentricity Distribution



A majority of comets have parabolic orbits

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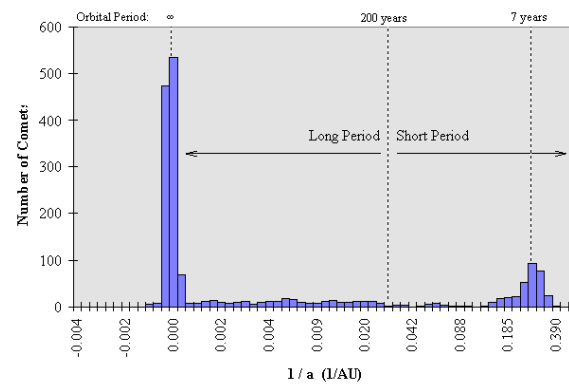
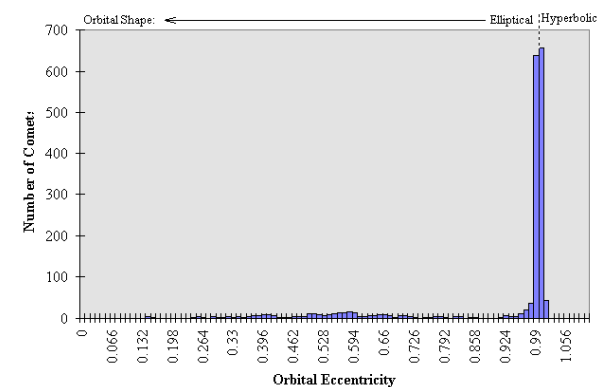
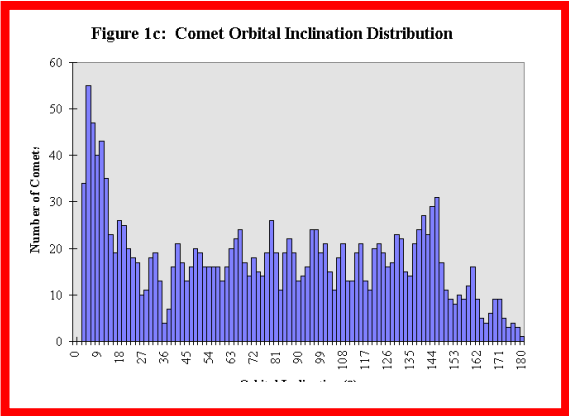


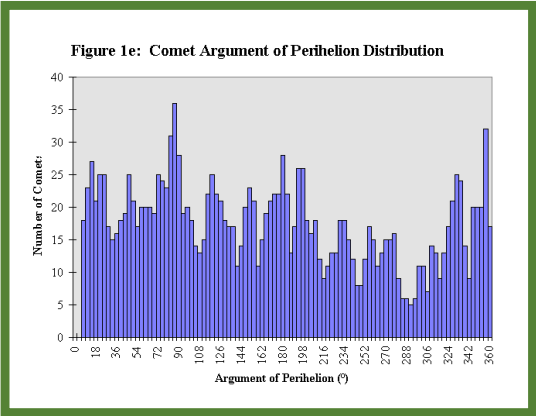
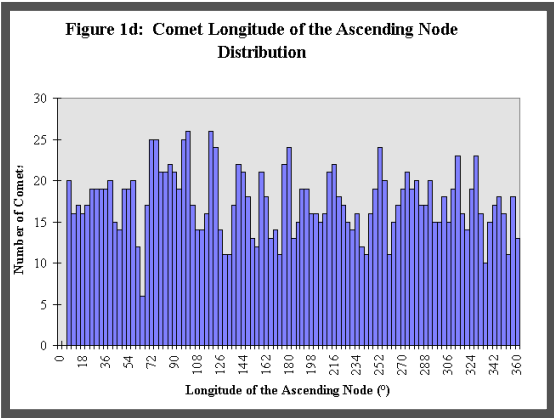
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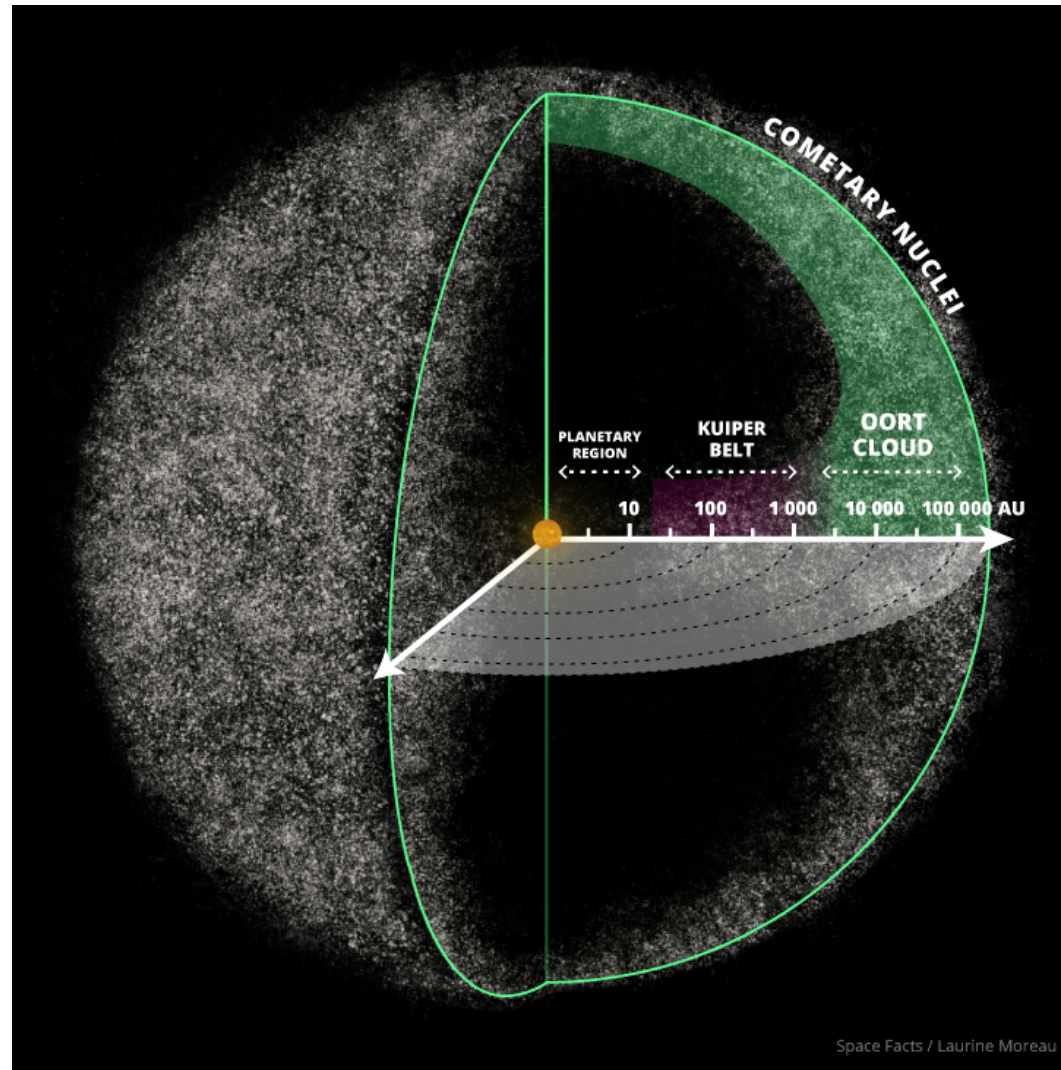


Inclination

Longitude of
Ascending Node



Argument of
Perihelion

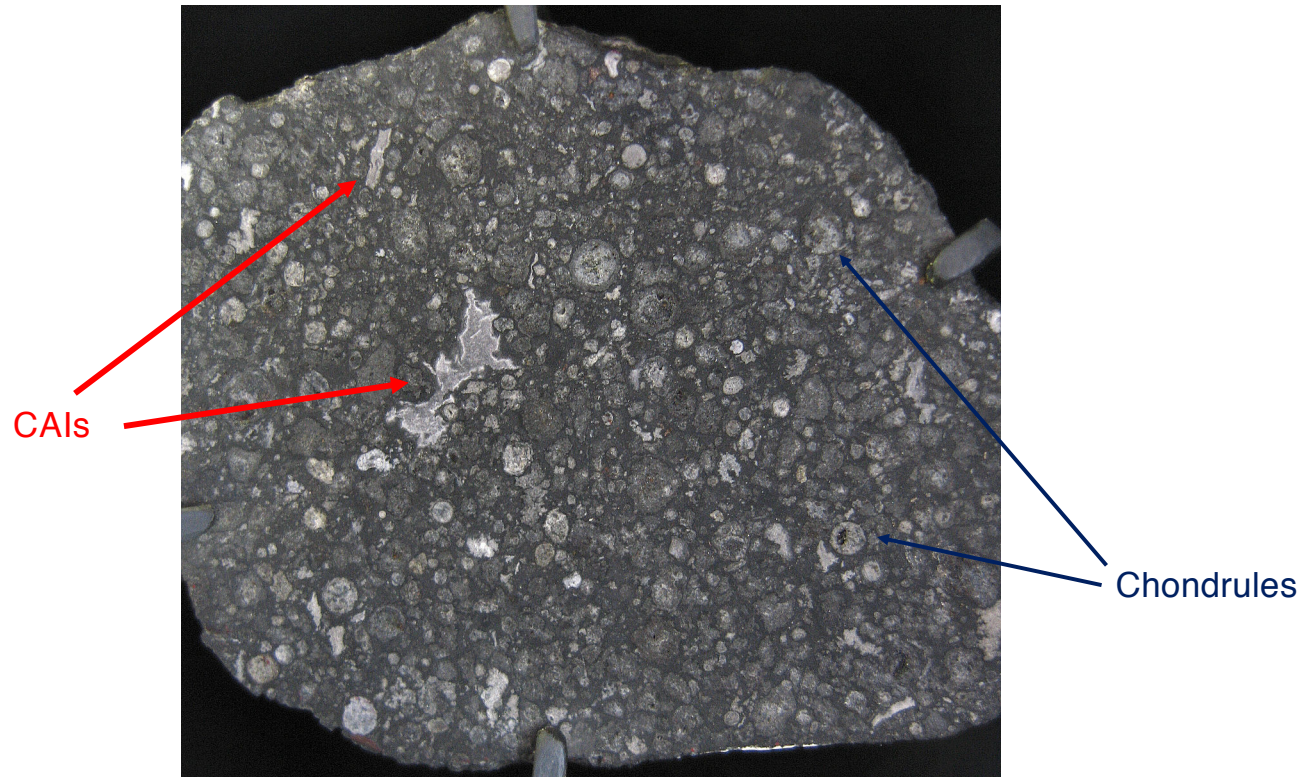


Evidence from the Solar System

Chondrules



Chondrules and CAIs



Slice of the Allende meteorite

Evidence from the Solar System

Nebular Lightning?



Fulgurite

