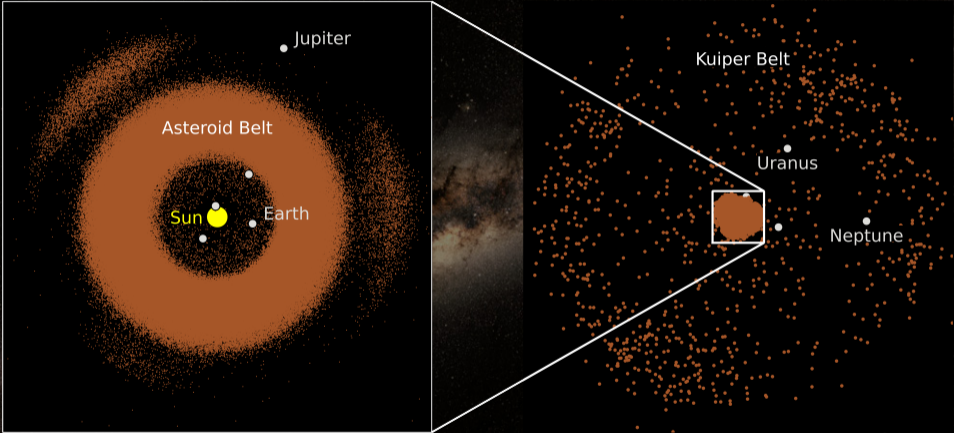


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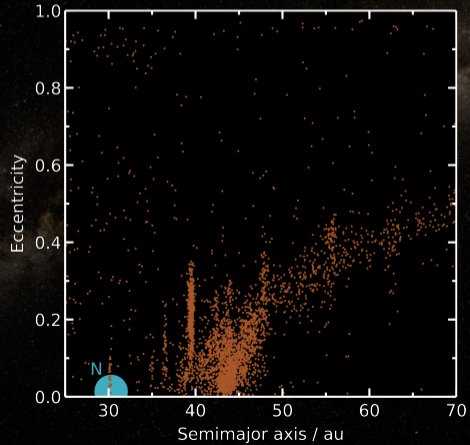


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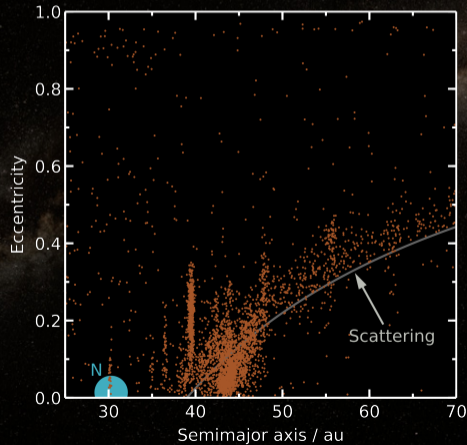
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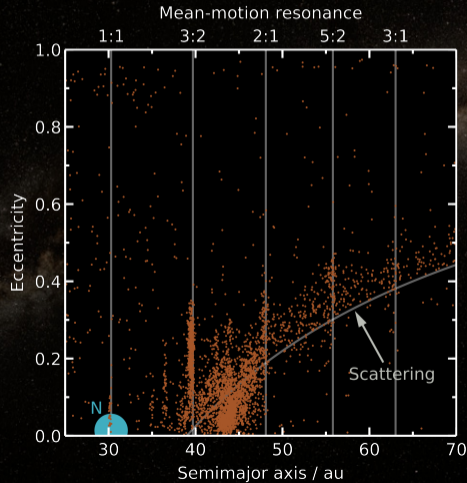
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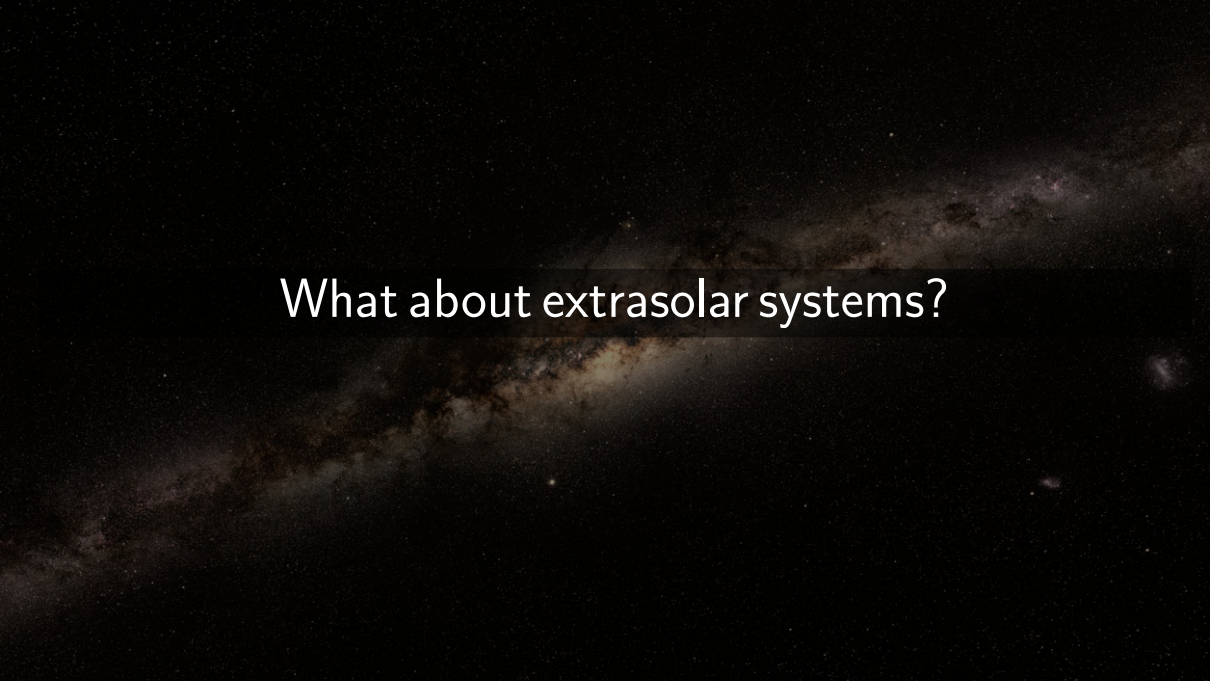
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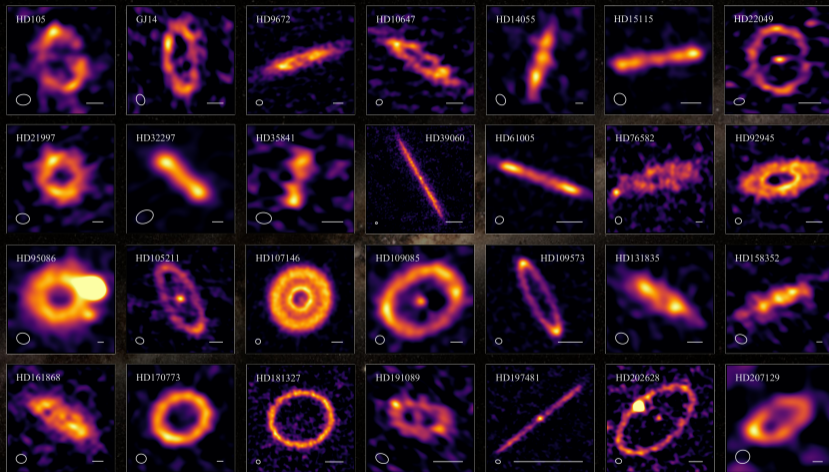
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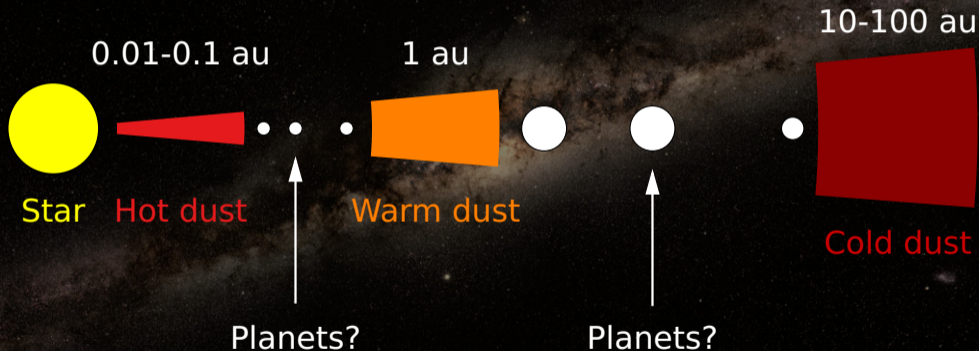


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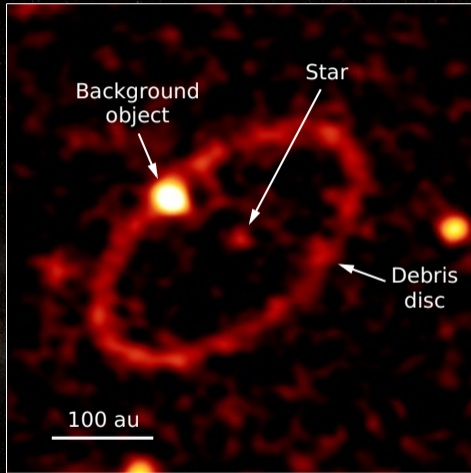




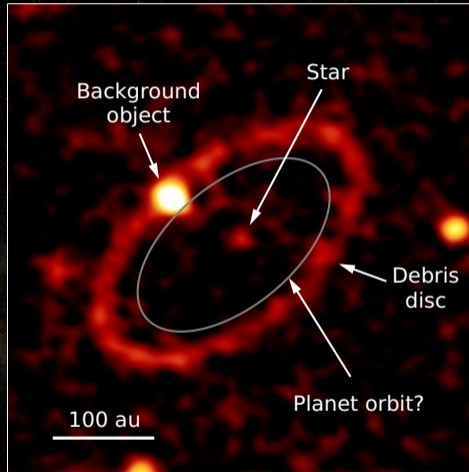
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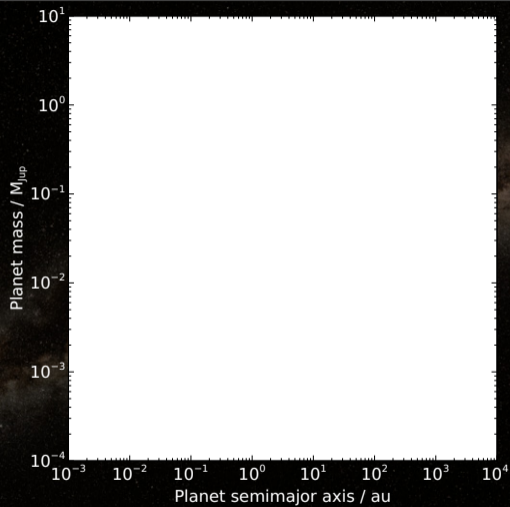
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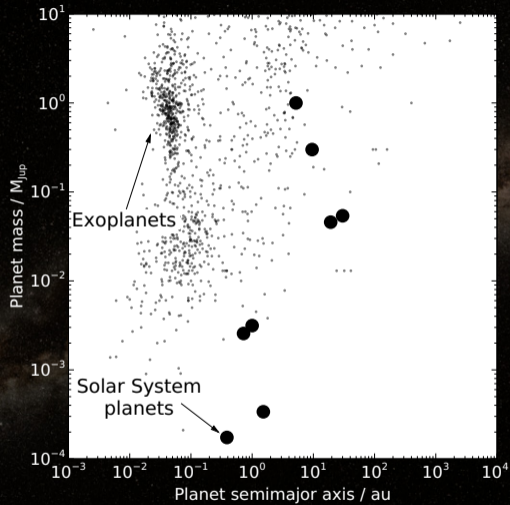
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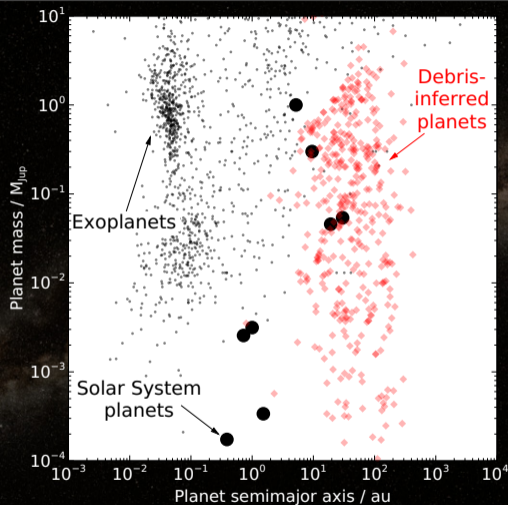
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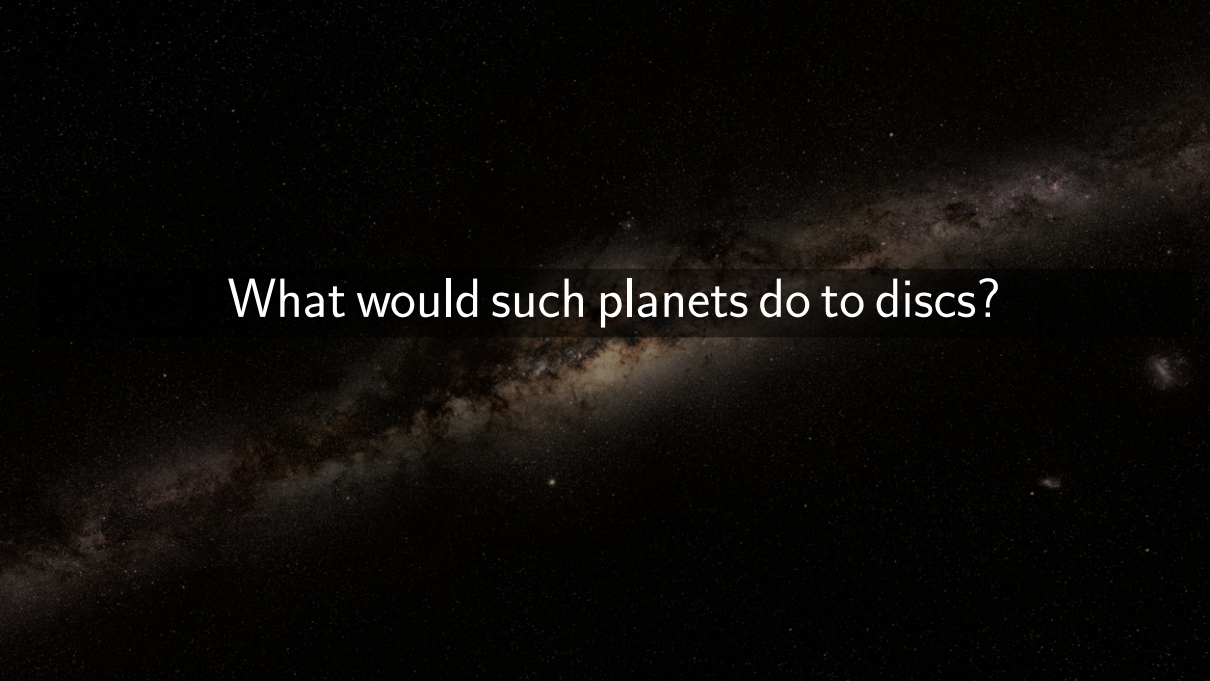


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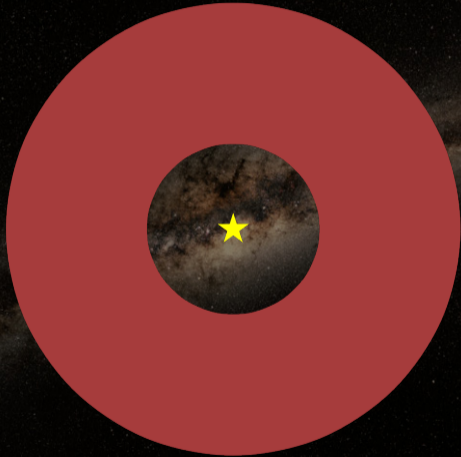
What would such planets do to discs?

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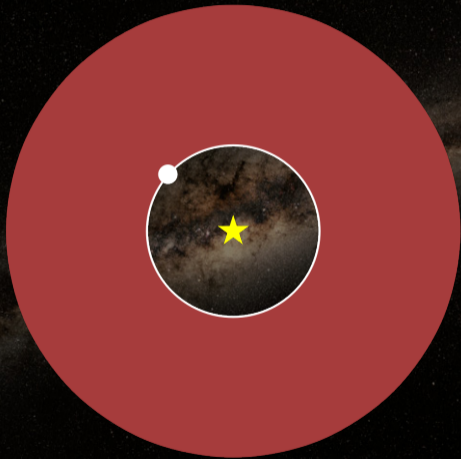




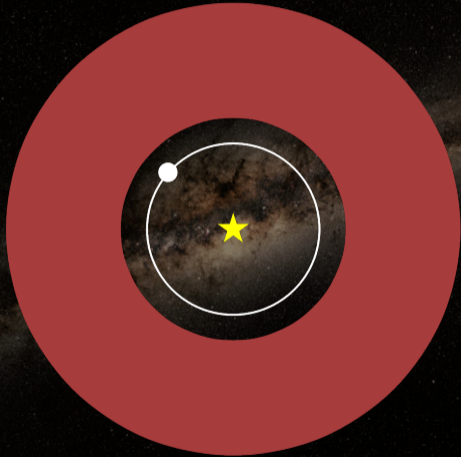
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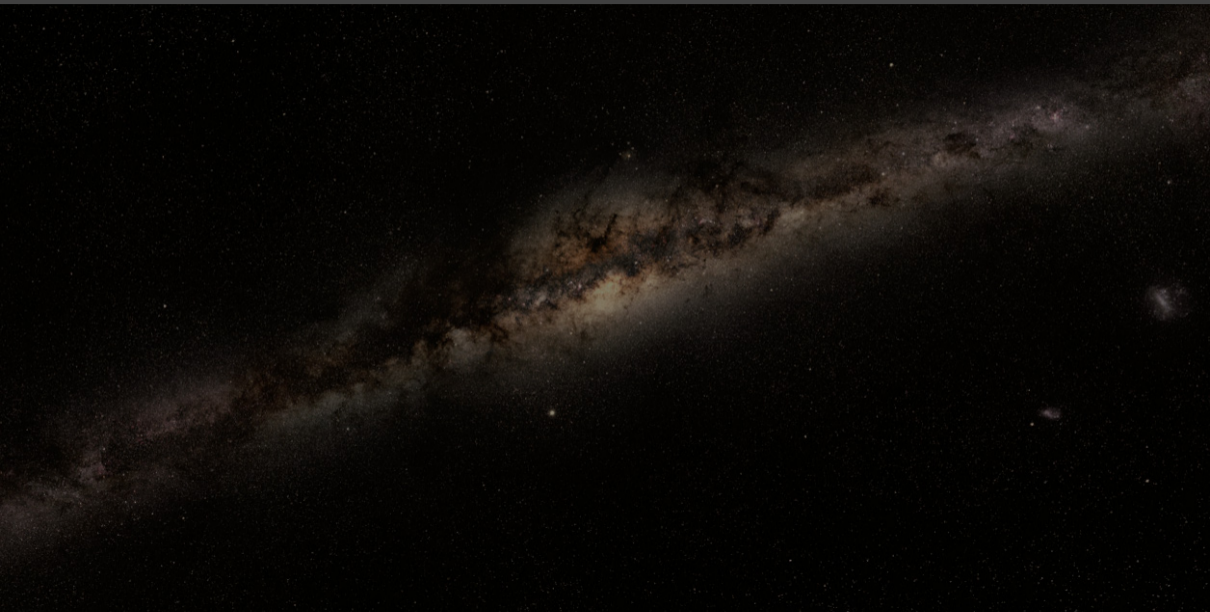


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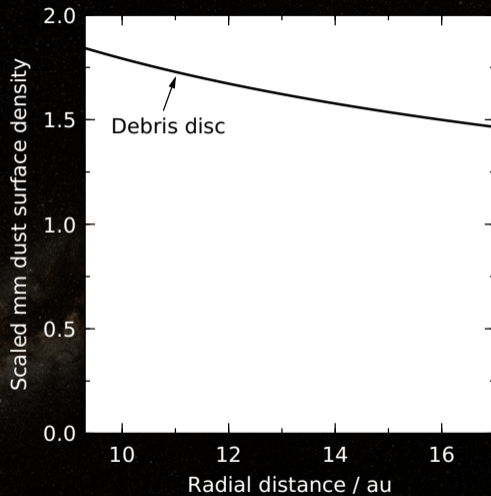


E.g. Wisdom 1980; Quillen 2006; Chiang et al. 2009; Mustill & Wyatt 2012; Faramaz et al. 2014; Pearce & Wyatt 2014; Pearce et al. 2024

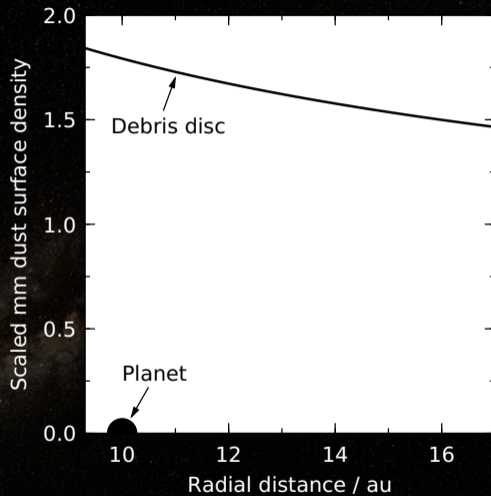
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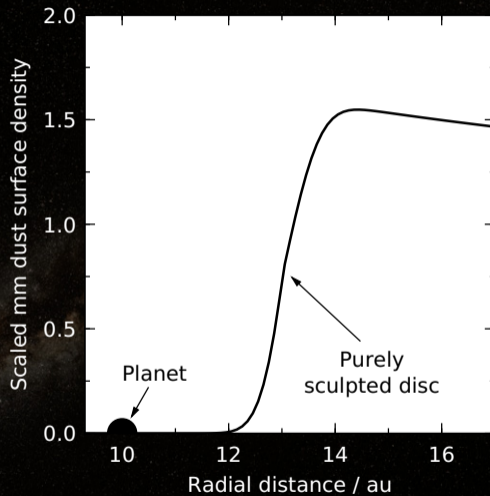
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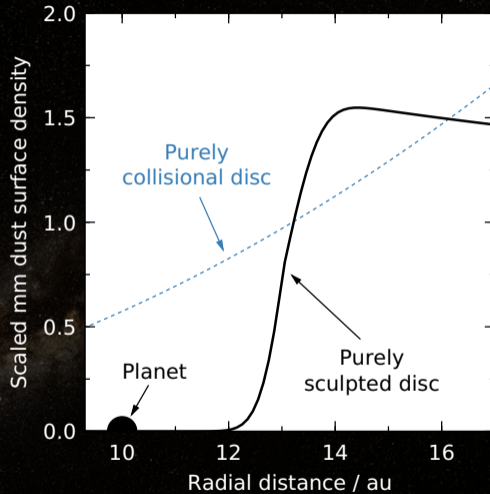
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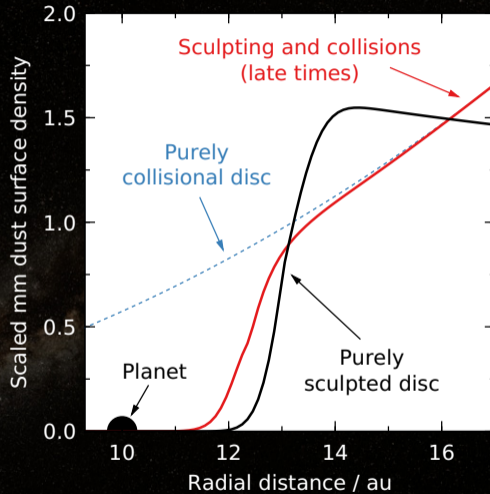


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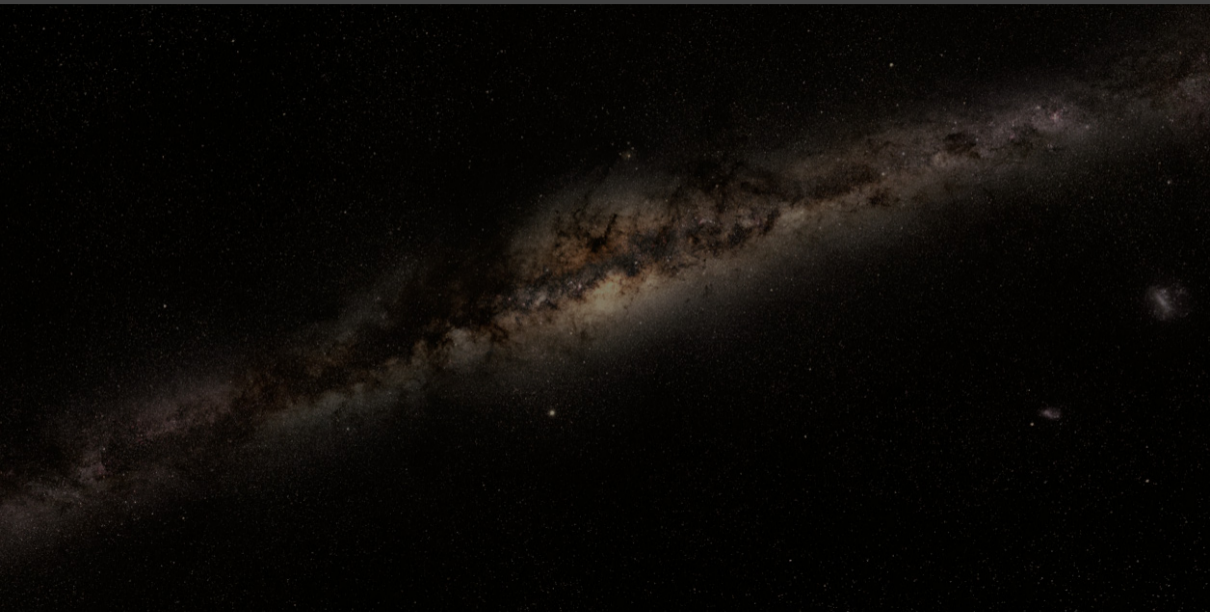




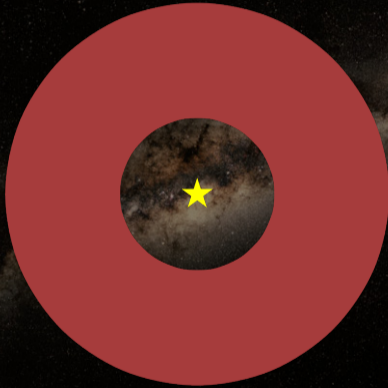
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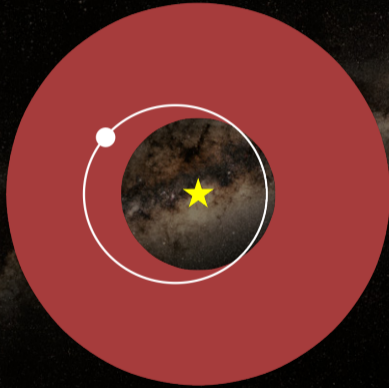
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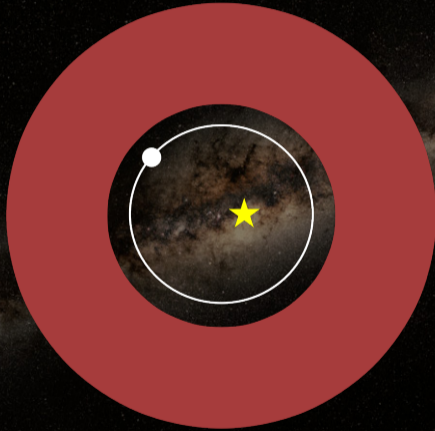
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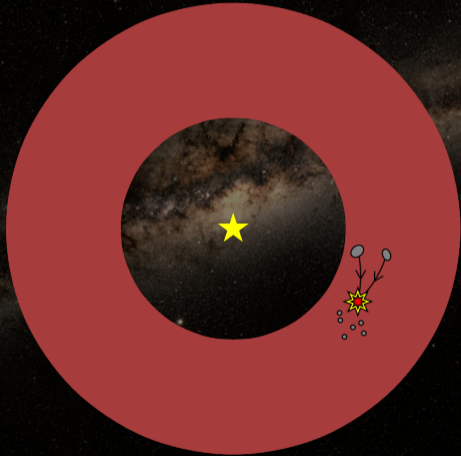


E.g. Faramaz et al. 2014; Pearce & Wyatt 2014

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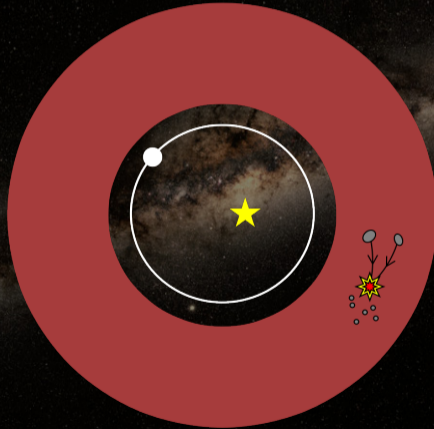


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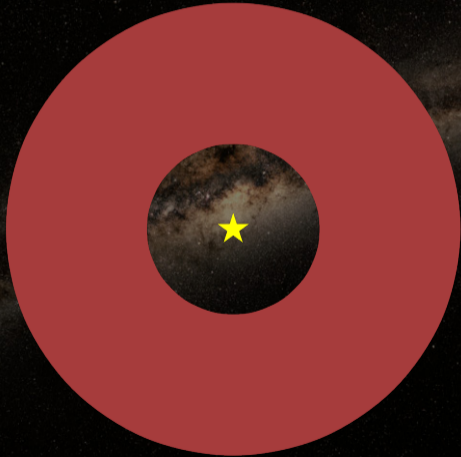
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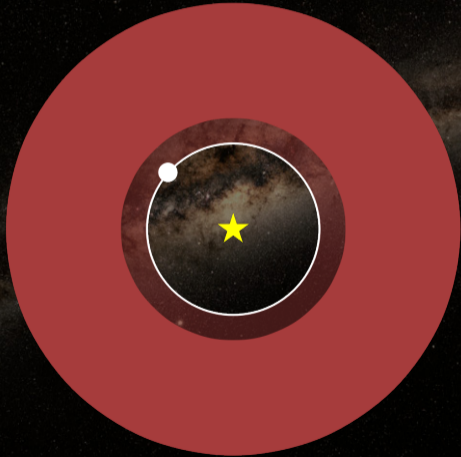
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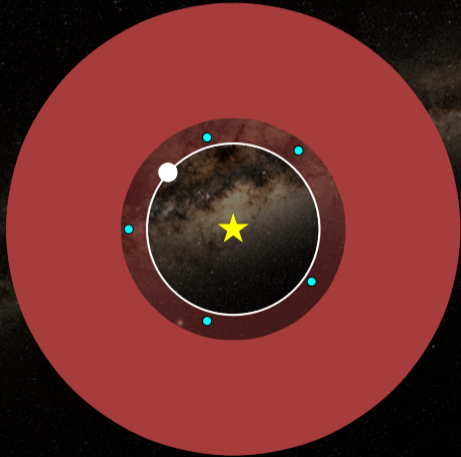
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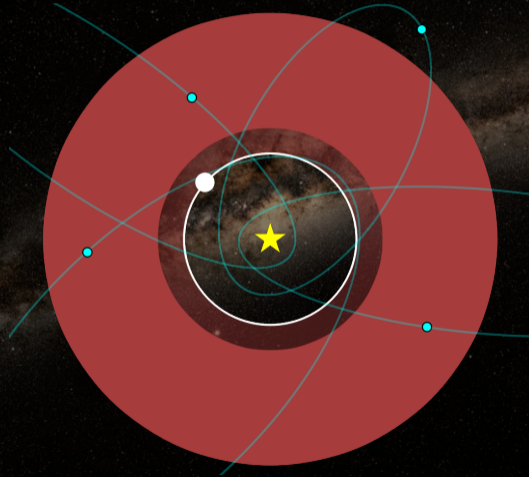
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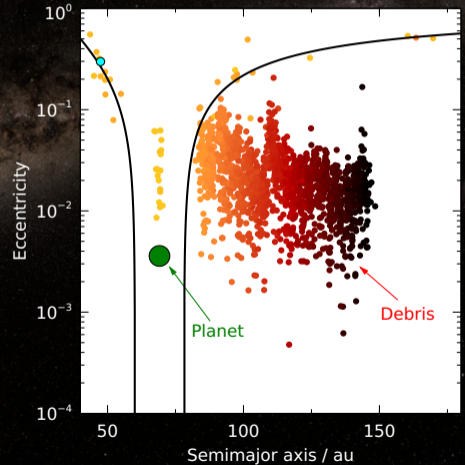
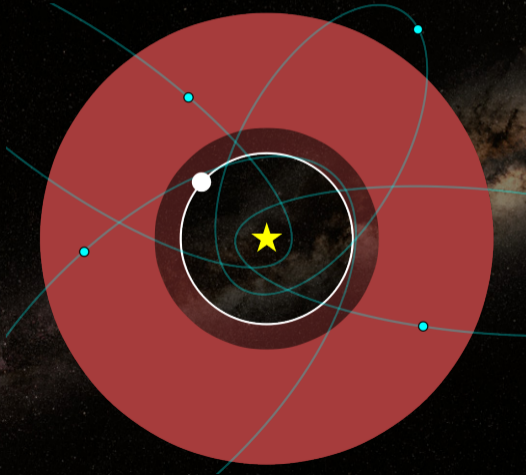
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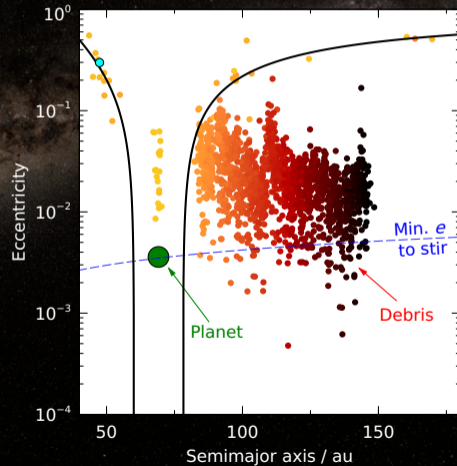
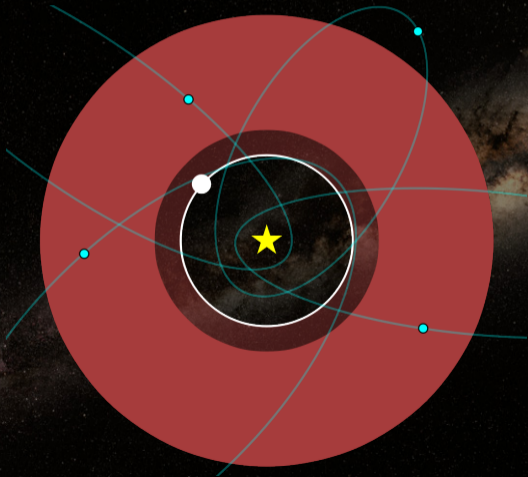
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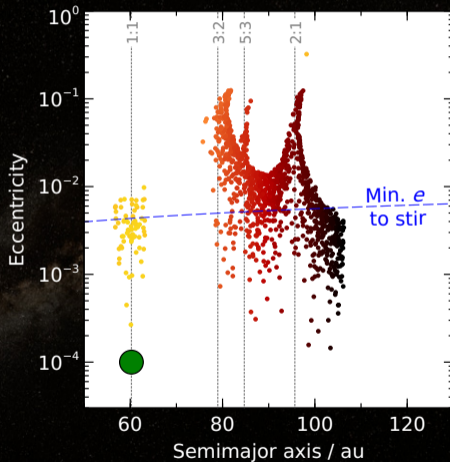
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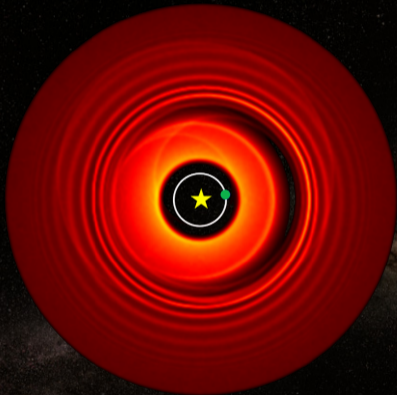
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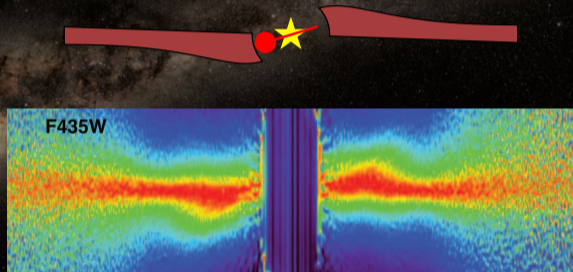
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Gaps and spirals:




Sefilian, Rafikov & Wyatt 2021

Warps:

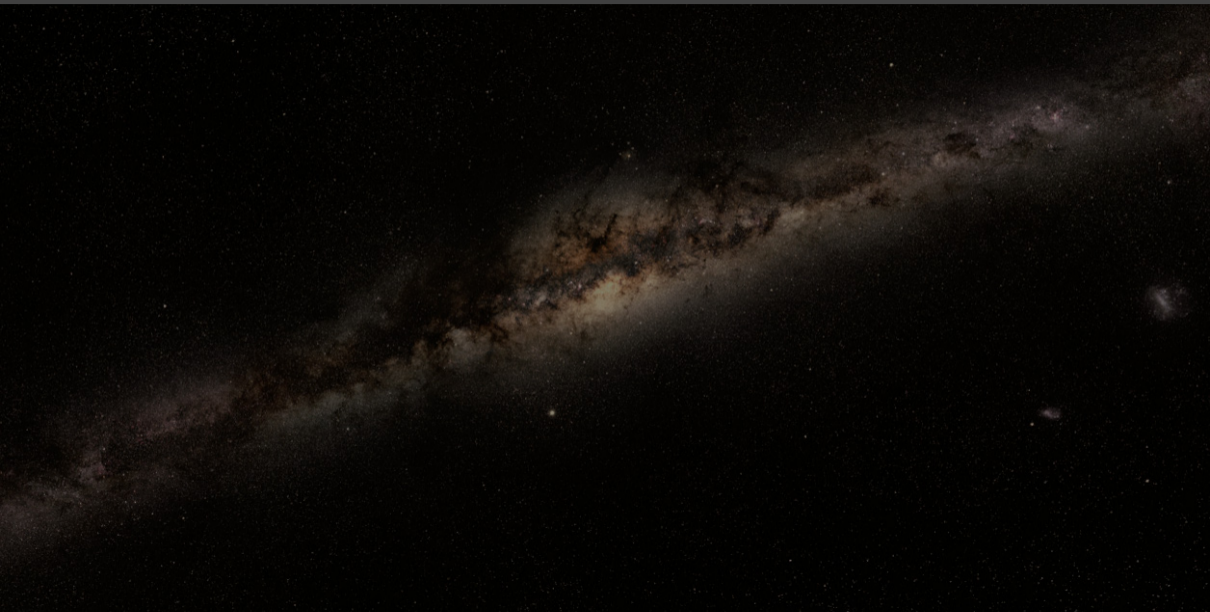


Golimowski et al. 2006



But do planets *really* reside at debris-disc edges?

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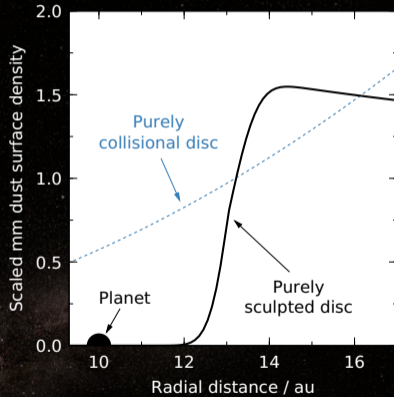
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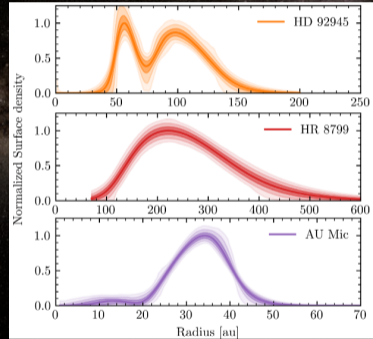
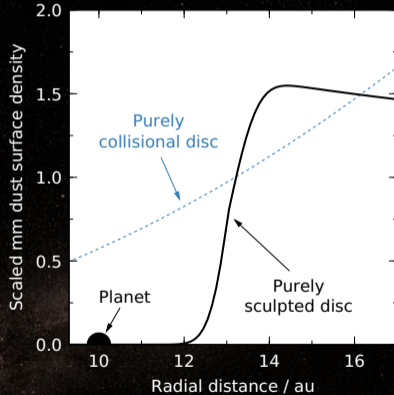
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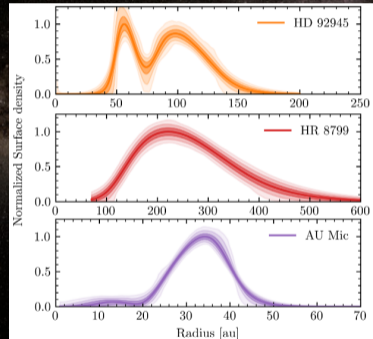
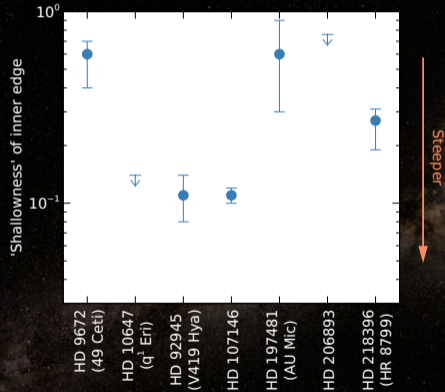


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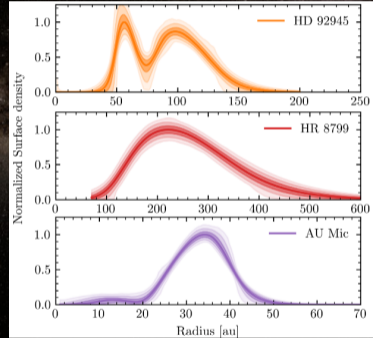
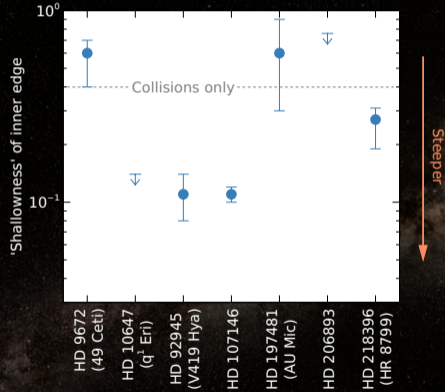


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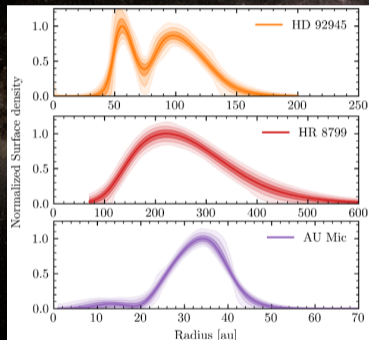
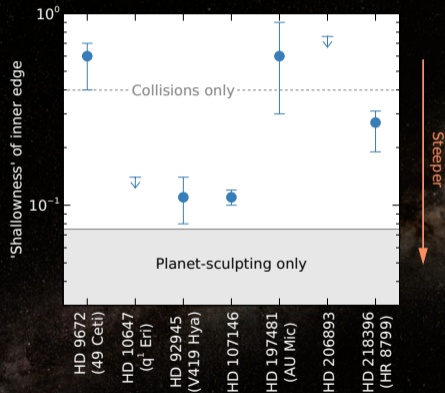
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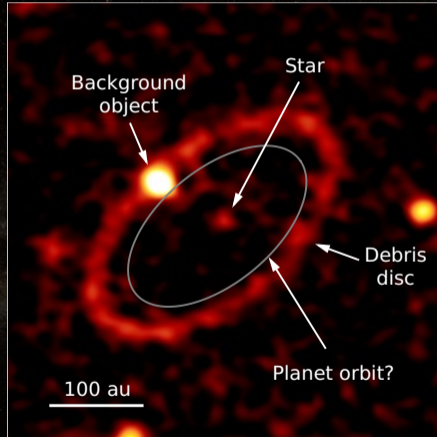
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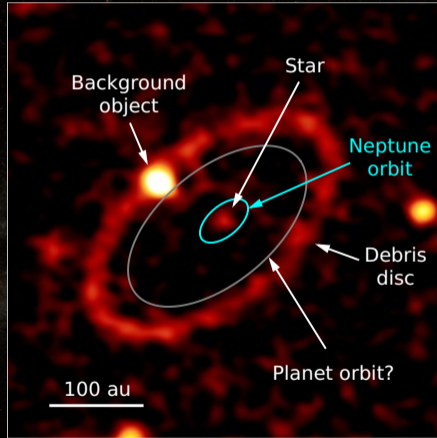
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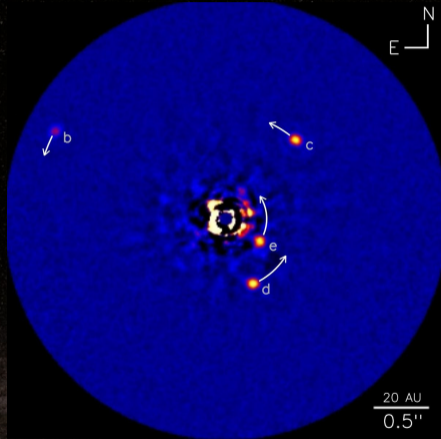
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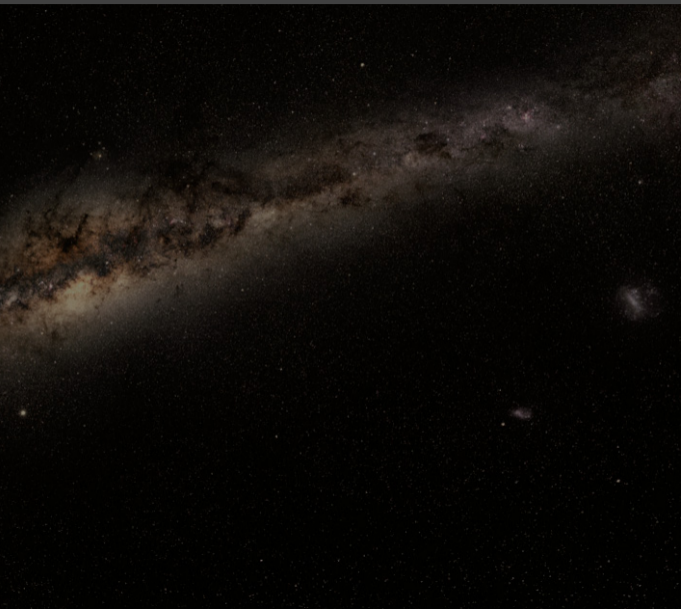


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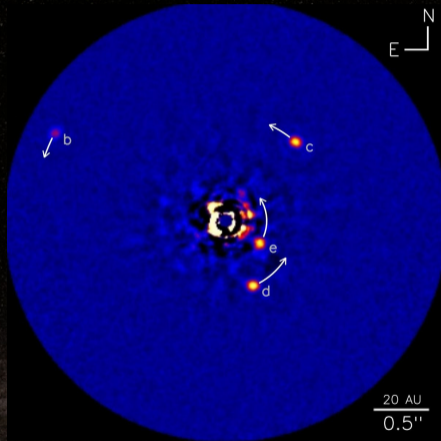


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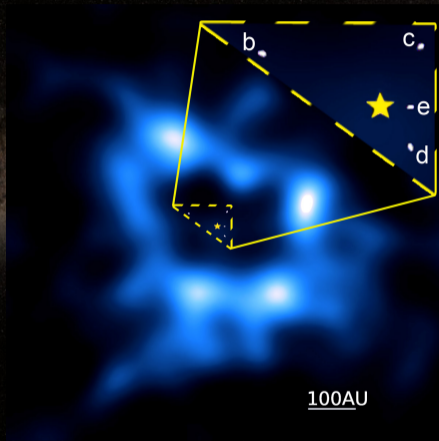


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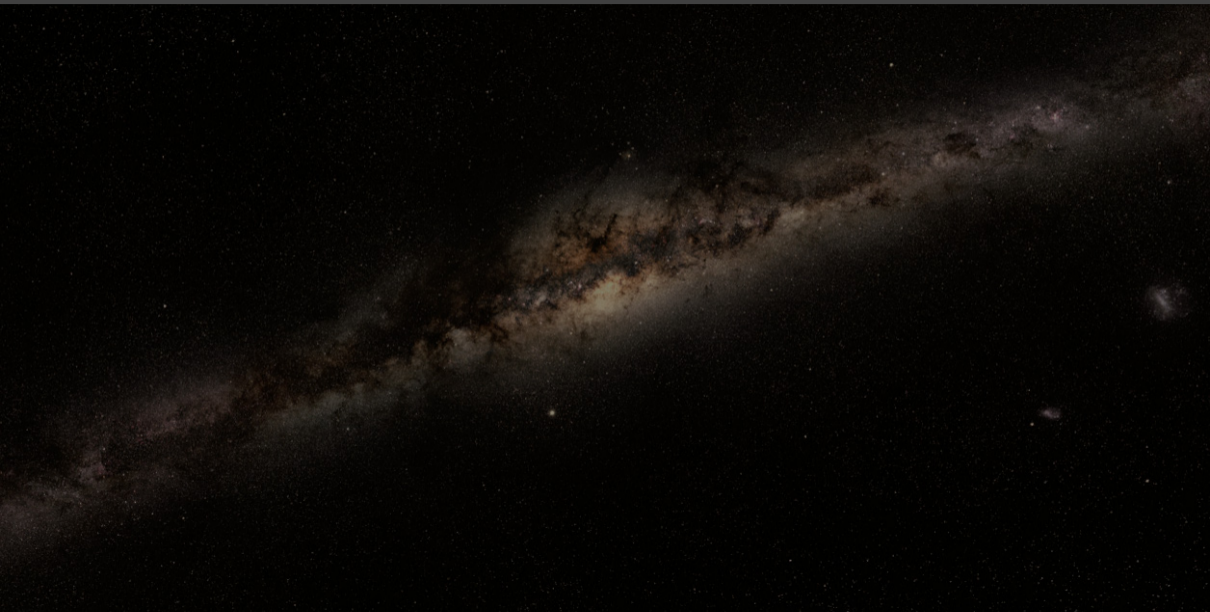
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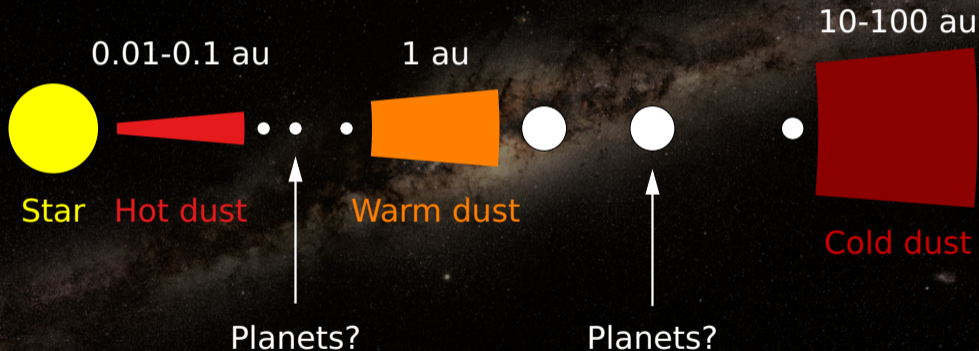
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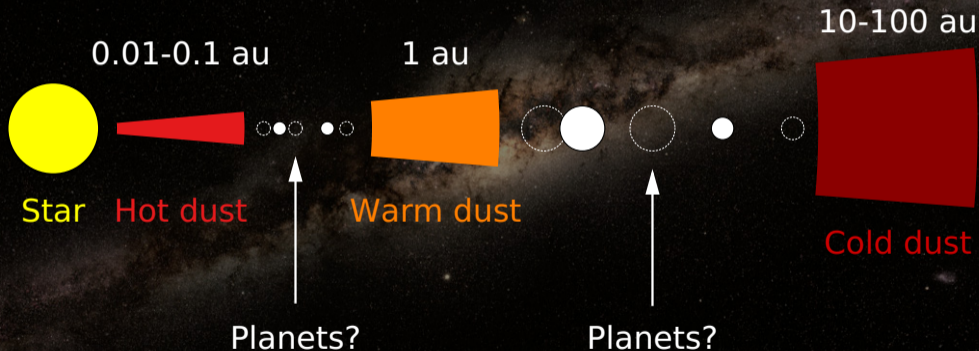
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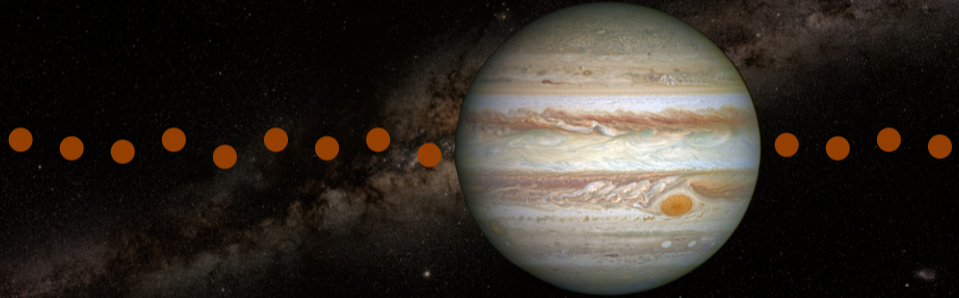
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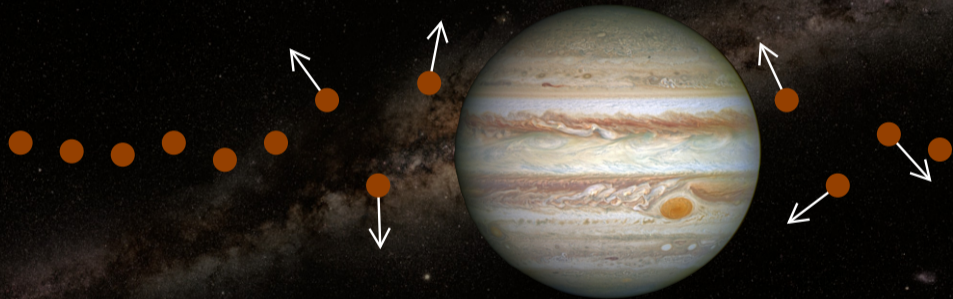
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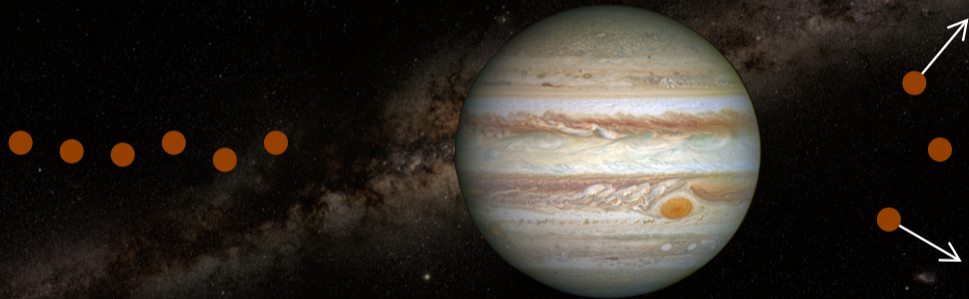
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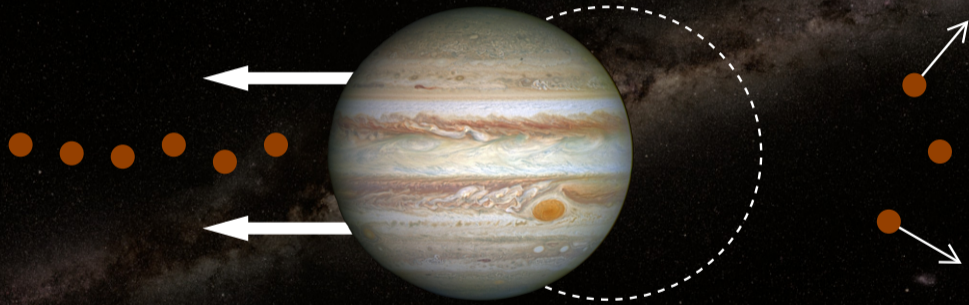
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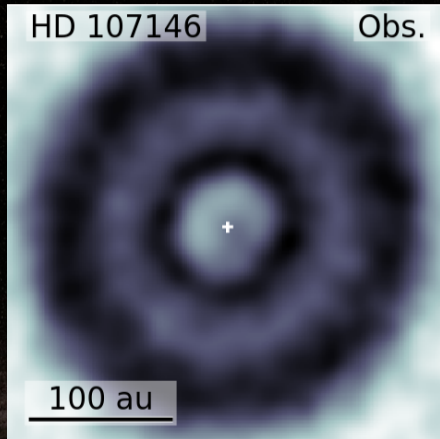
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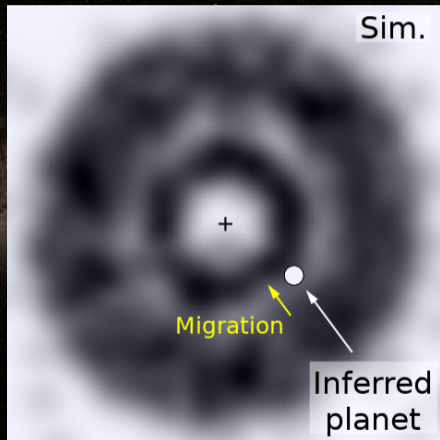
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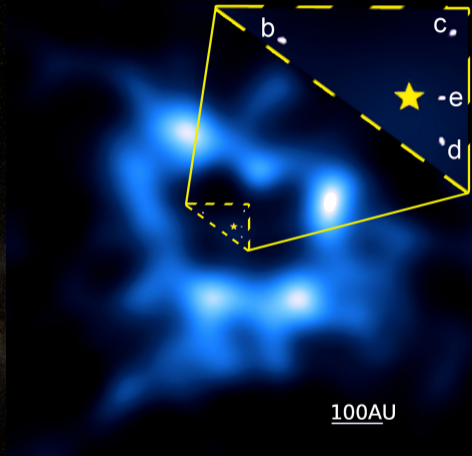
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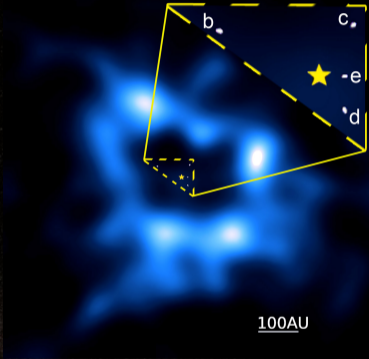
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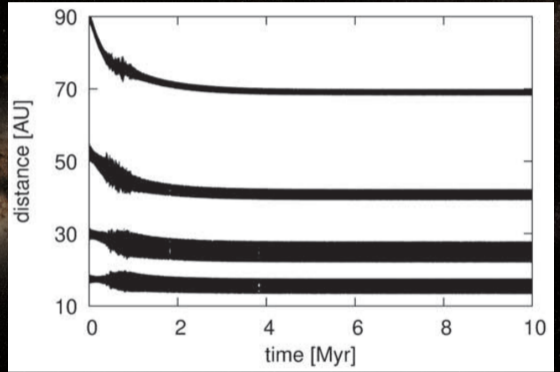
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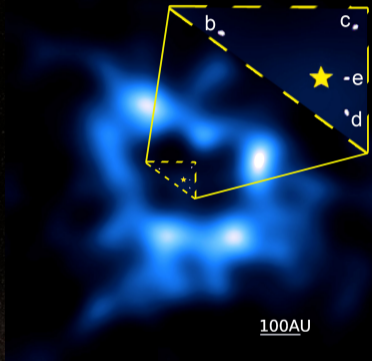


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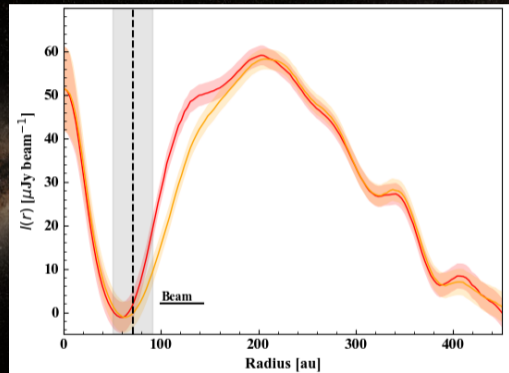


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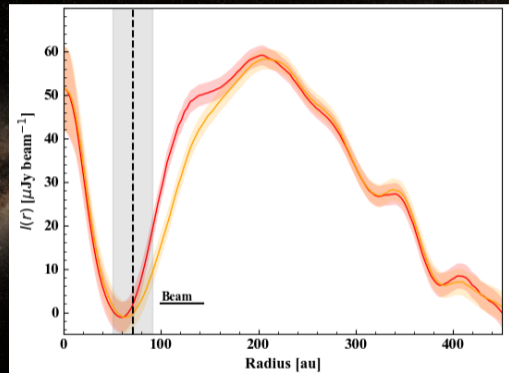
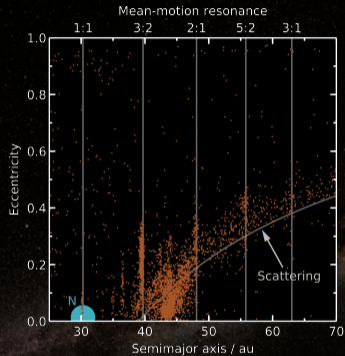


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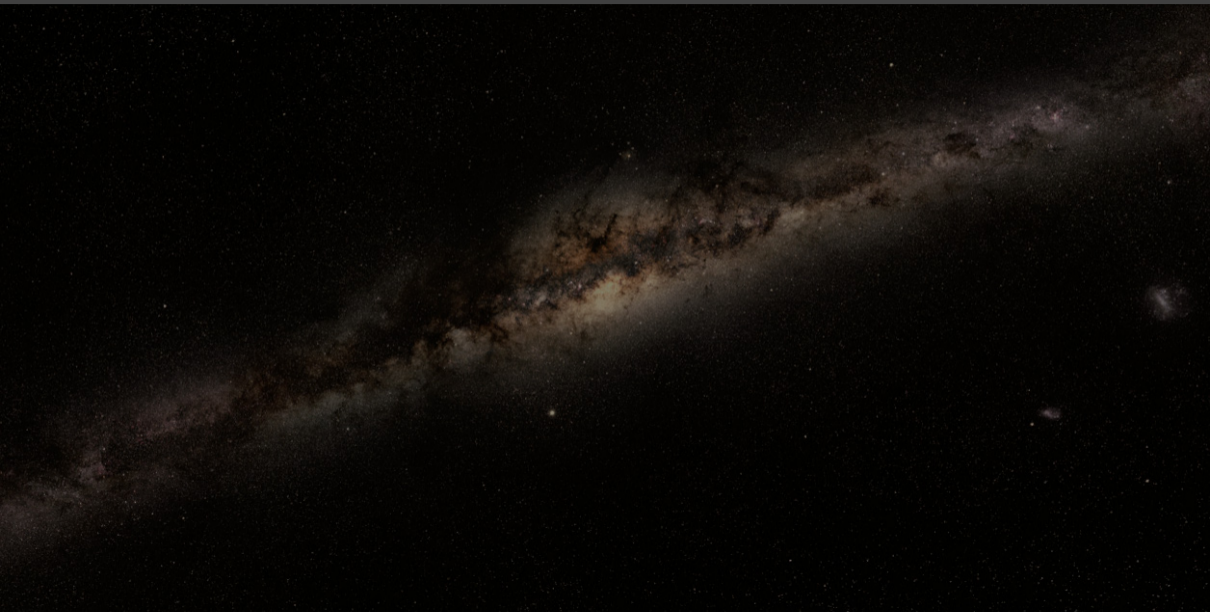
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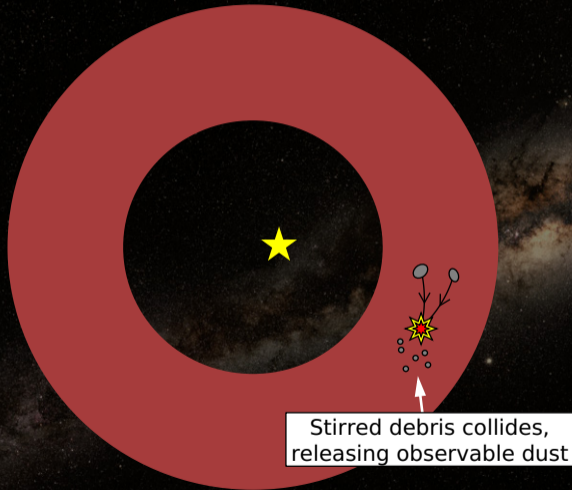


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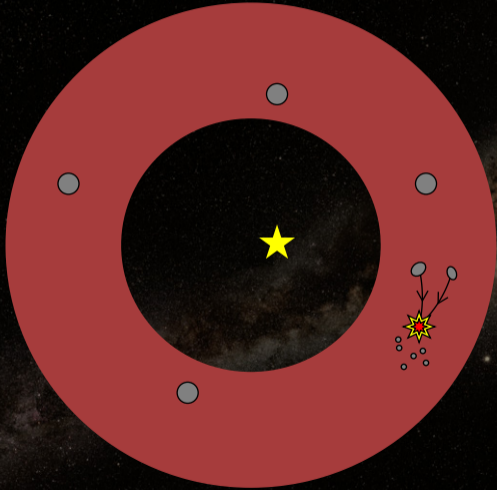
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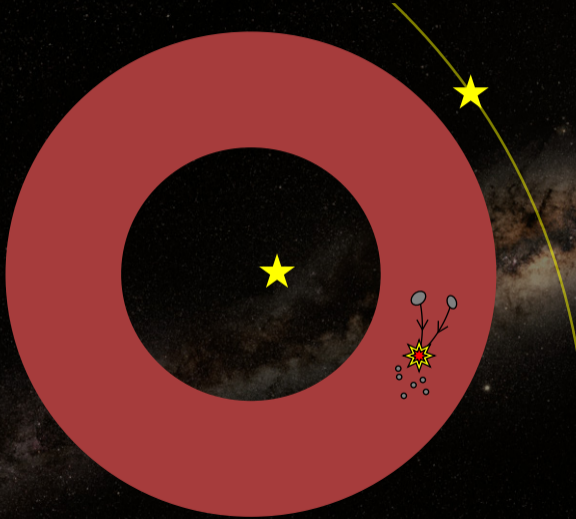
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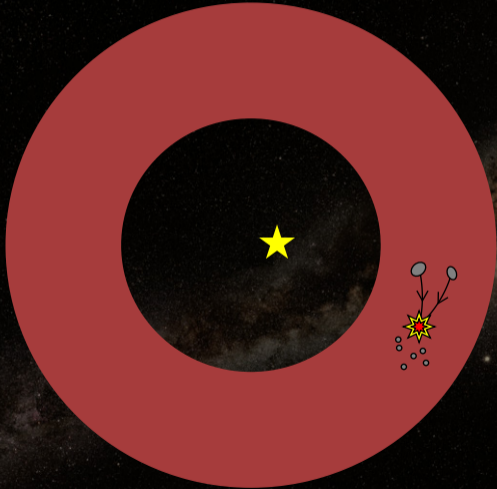


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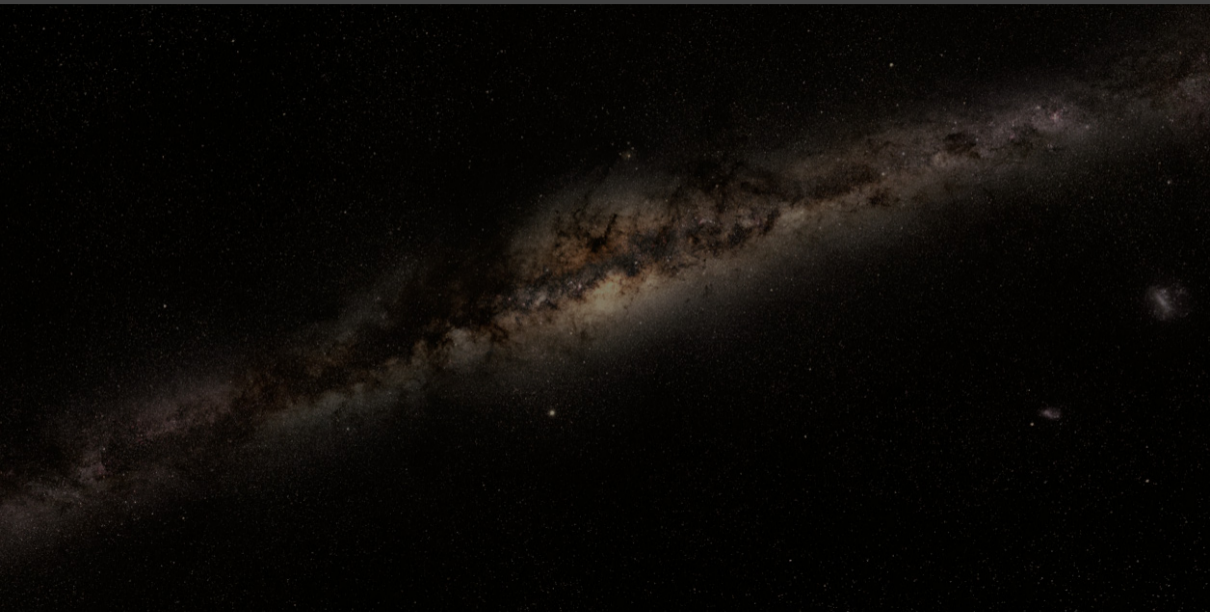
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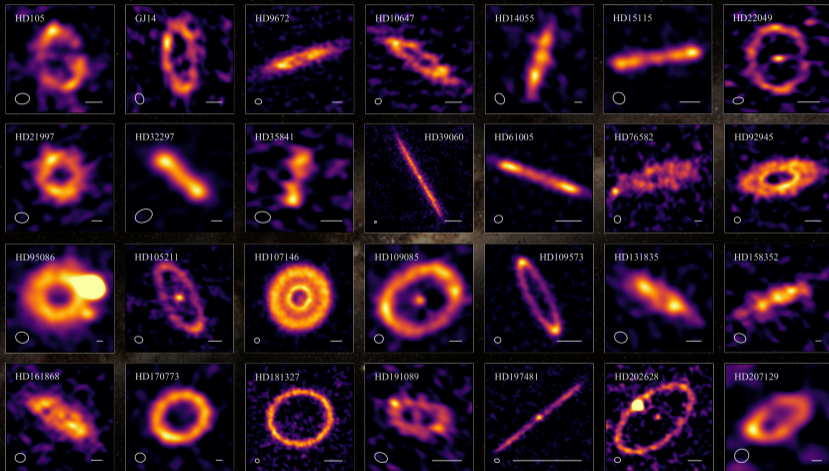
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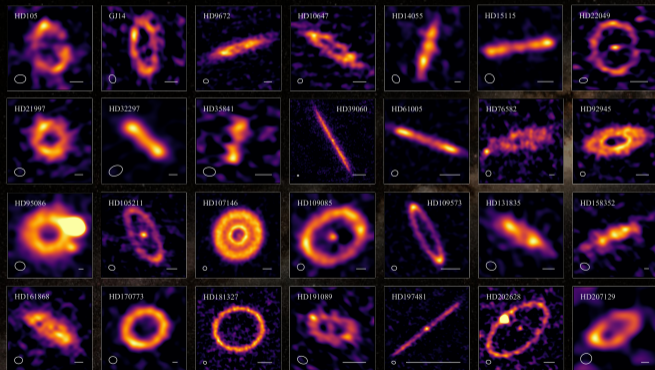


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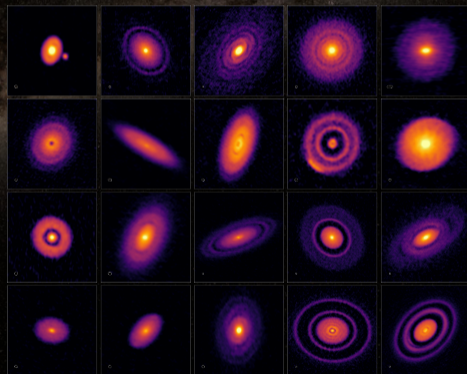
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Debris discs:



Matrà et al. in prep.

Protoplanetary discs:



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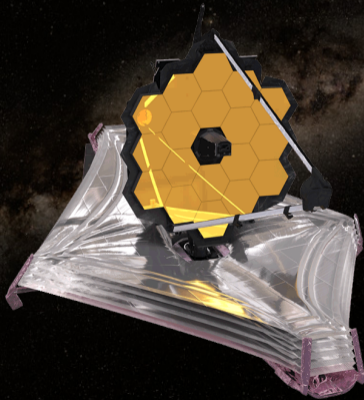
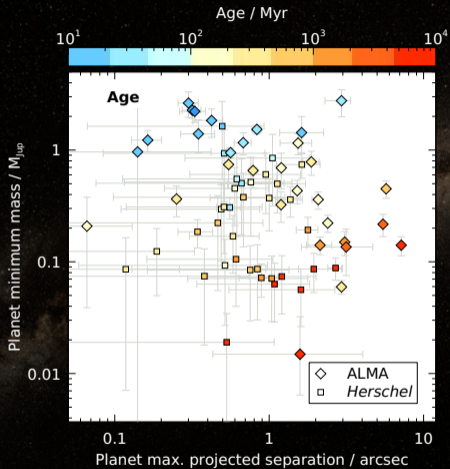


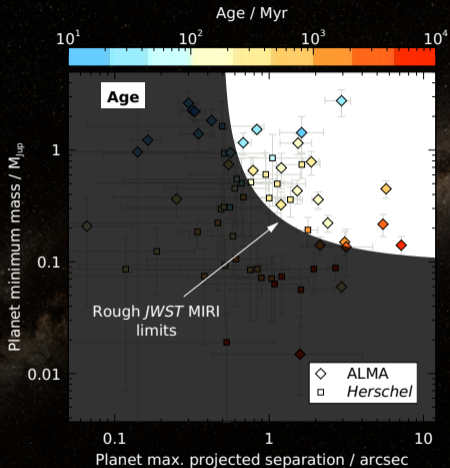
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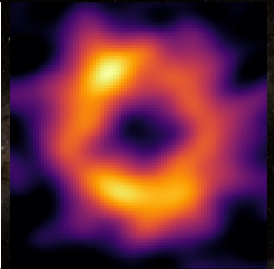
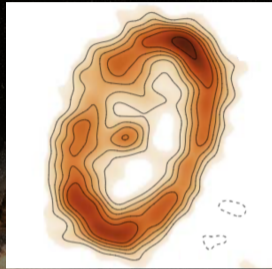
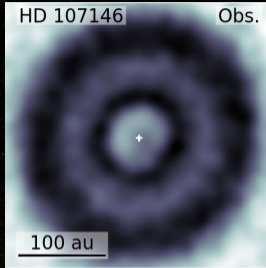
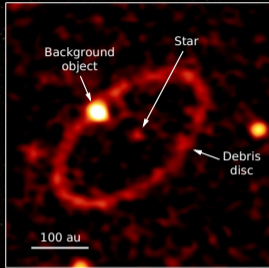
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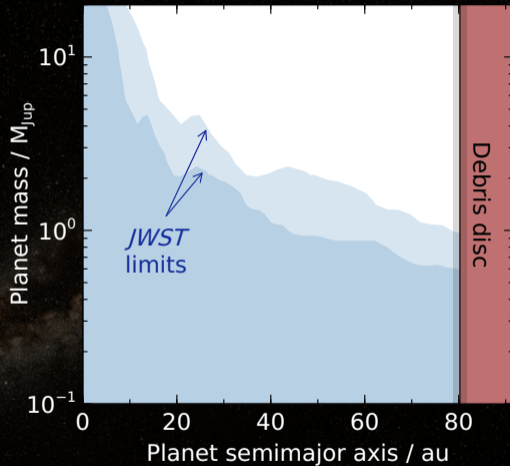


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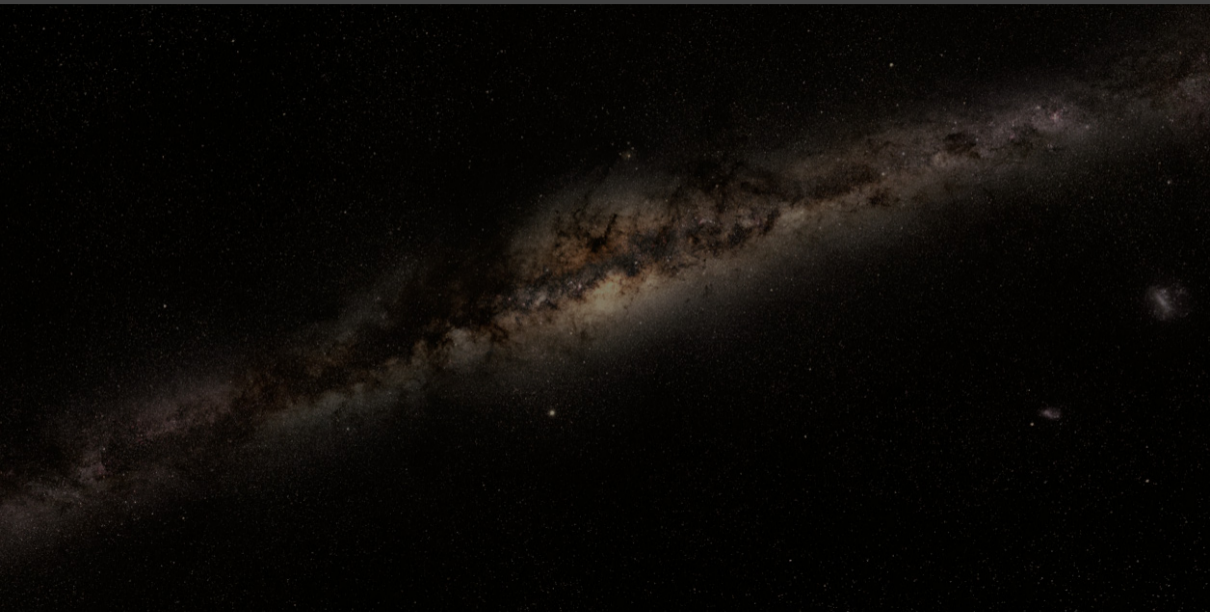
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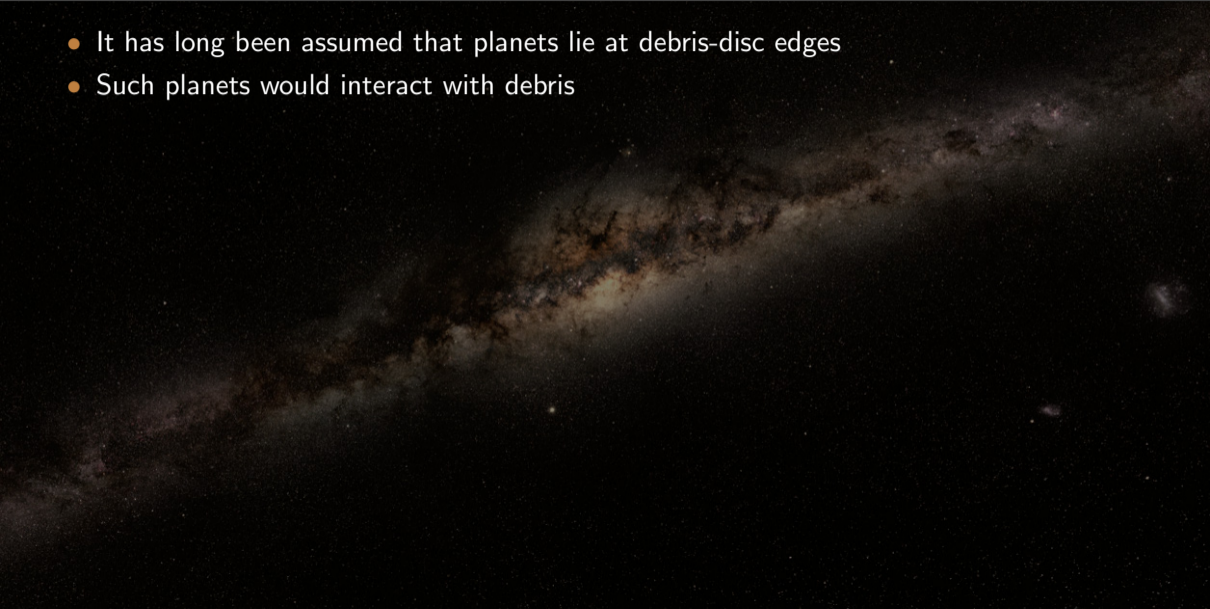
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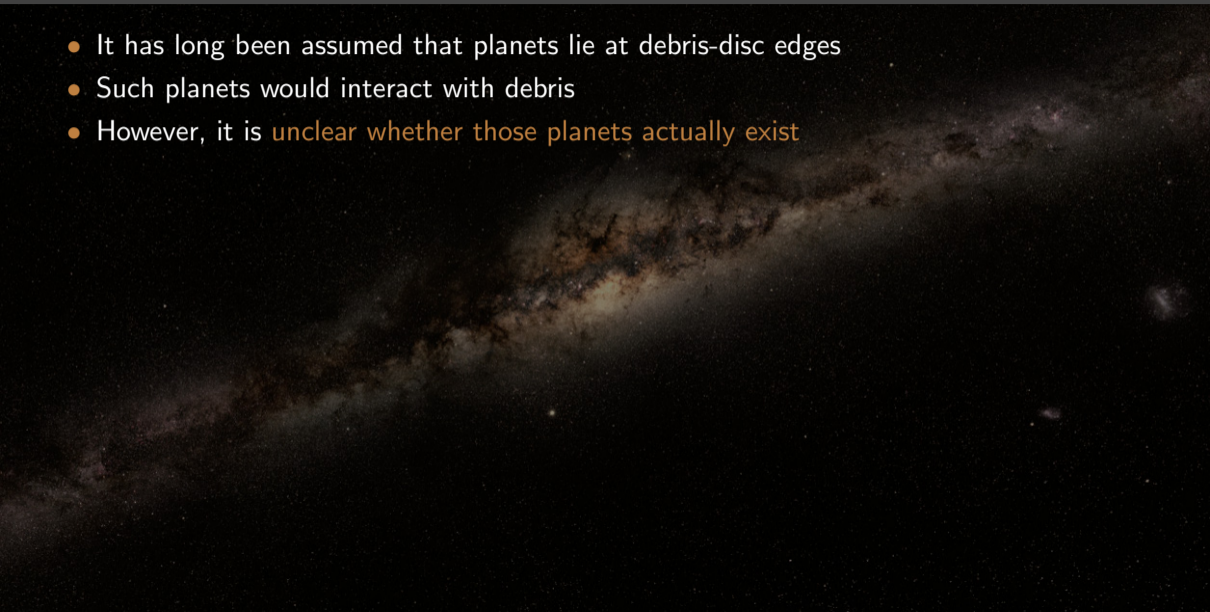
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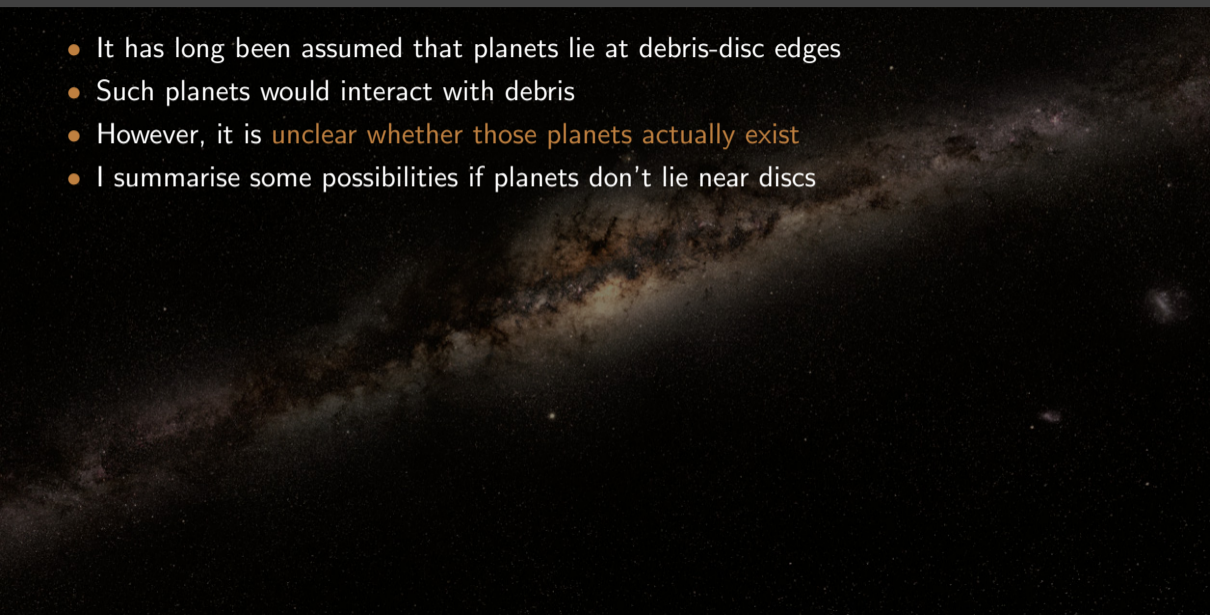
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