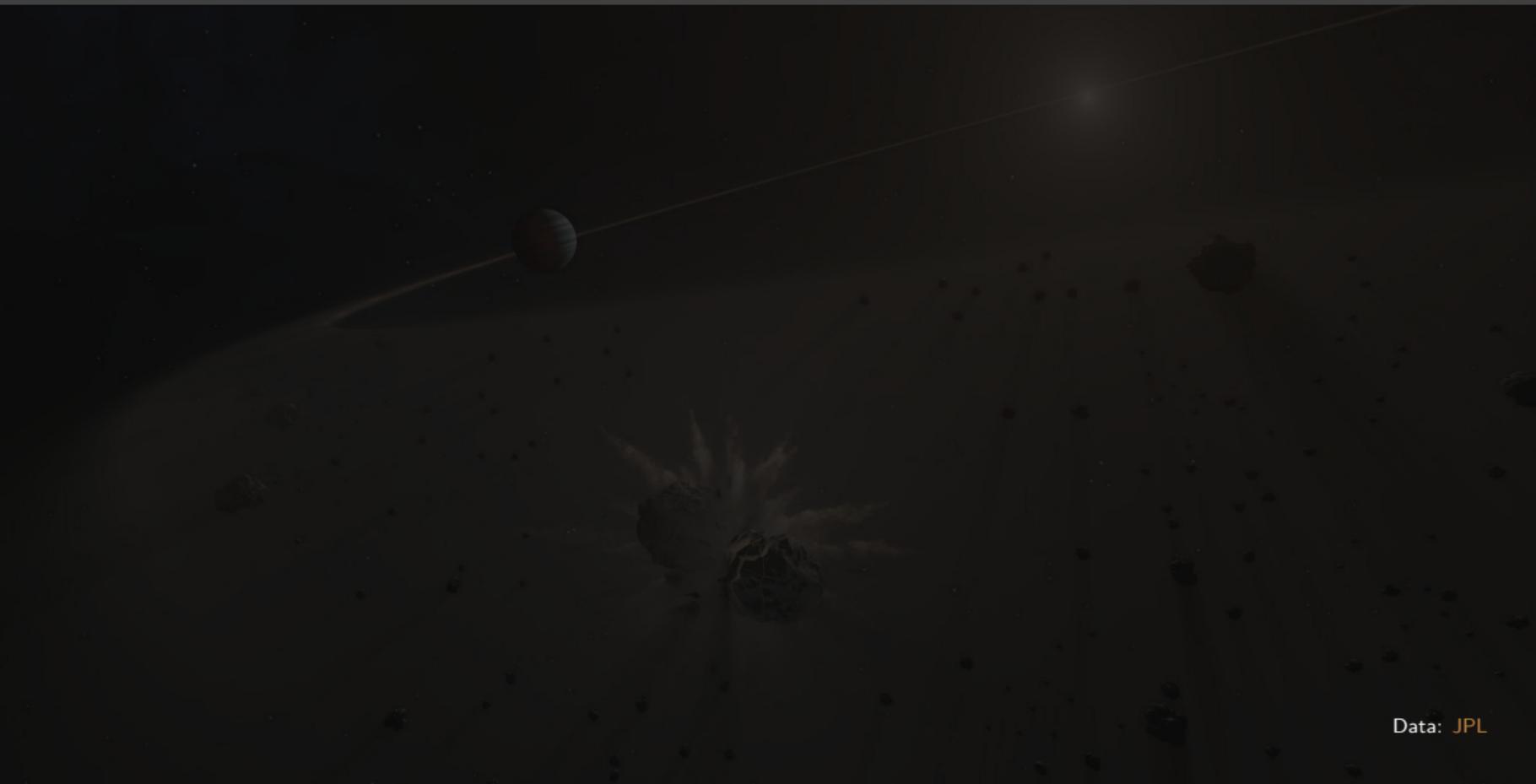


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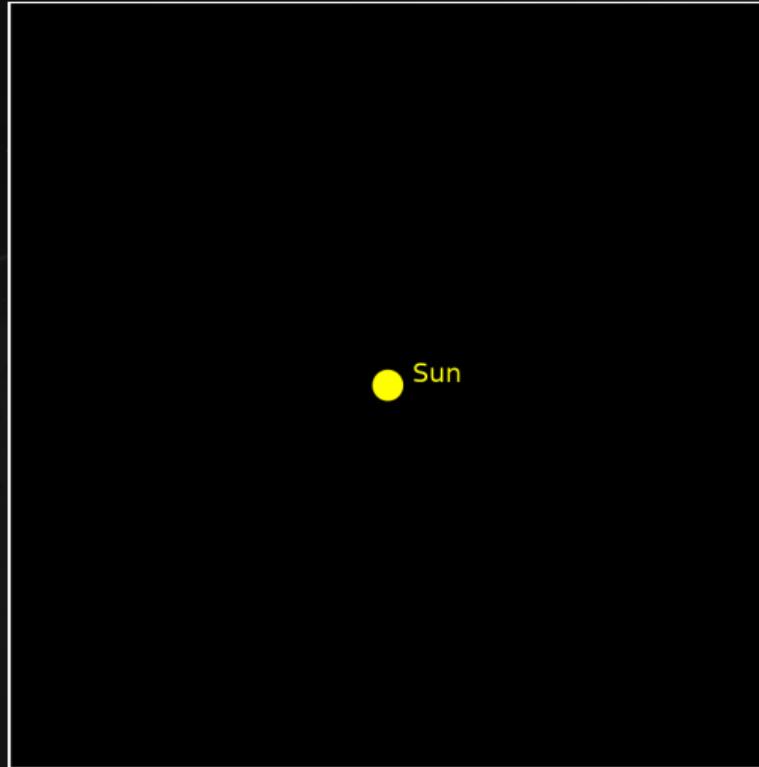


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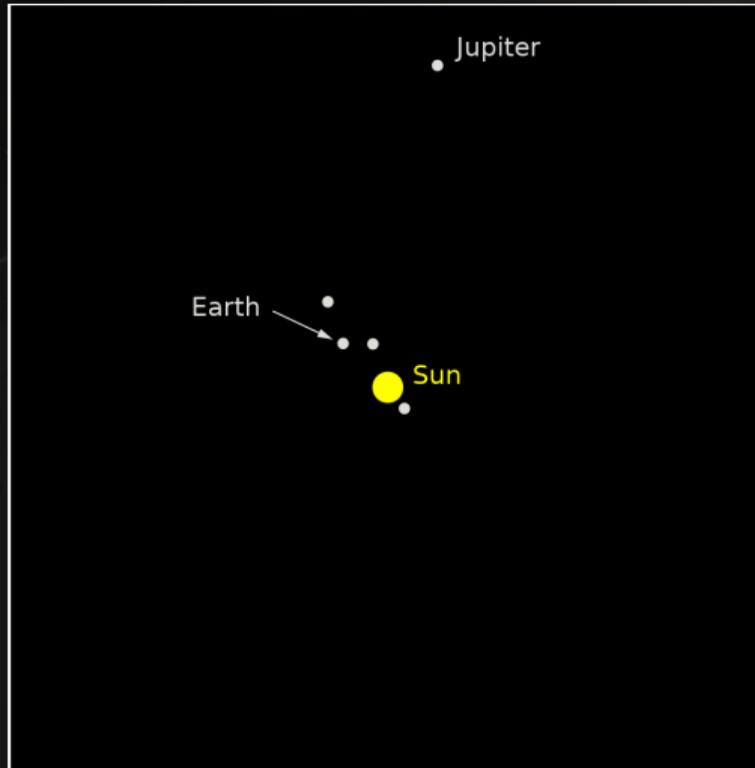
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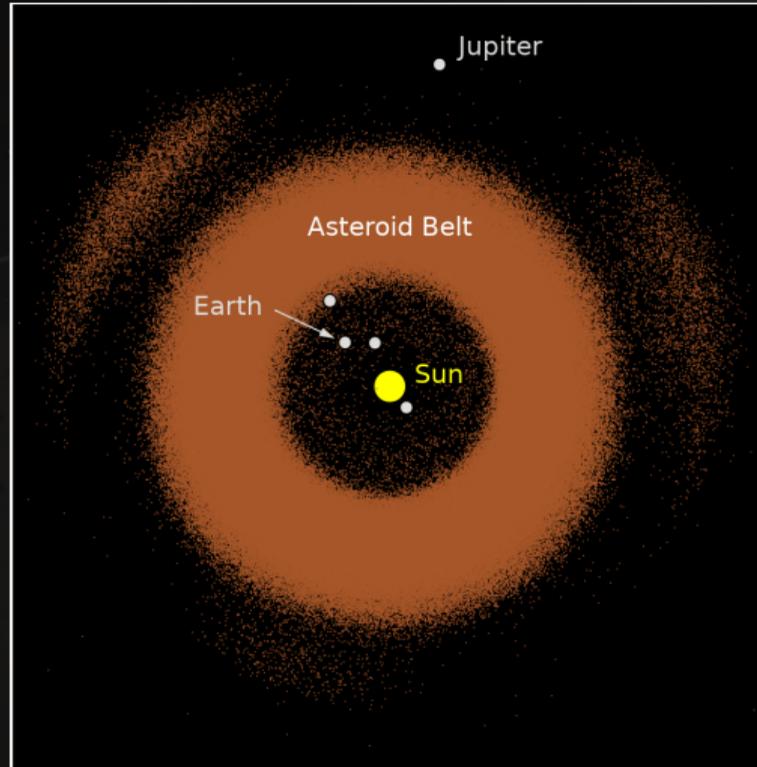
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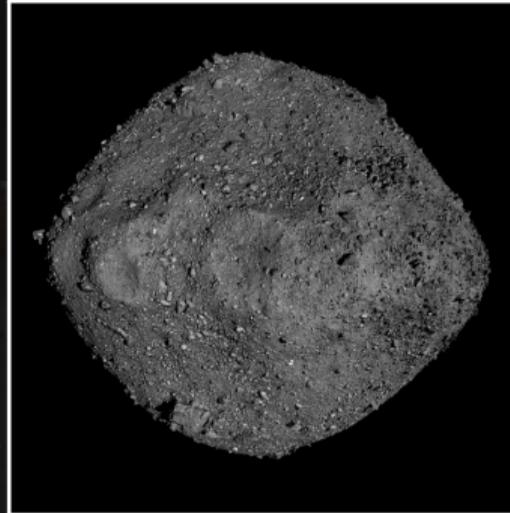
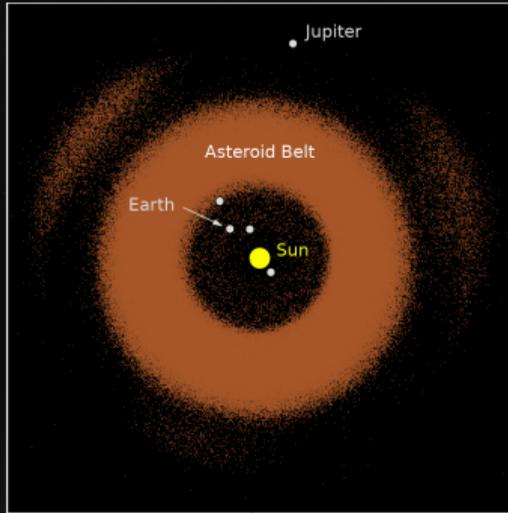
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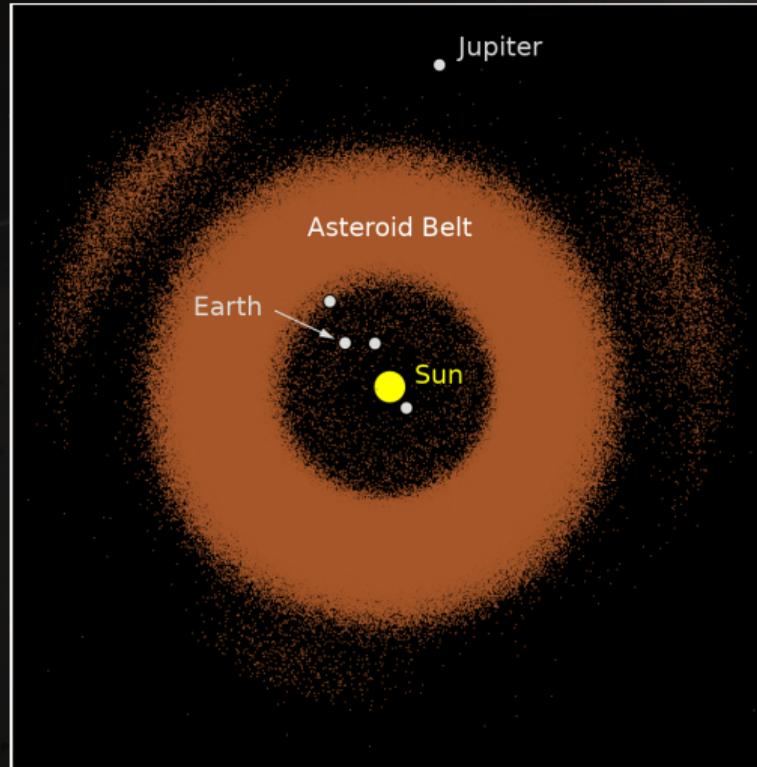


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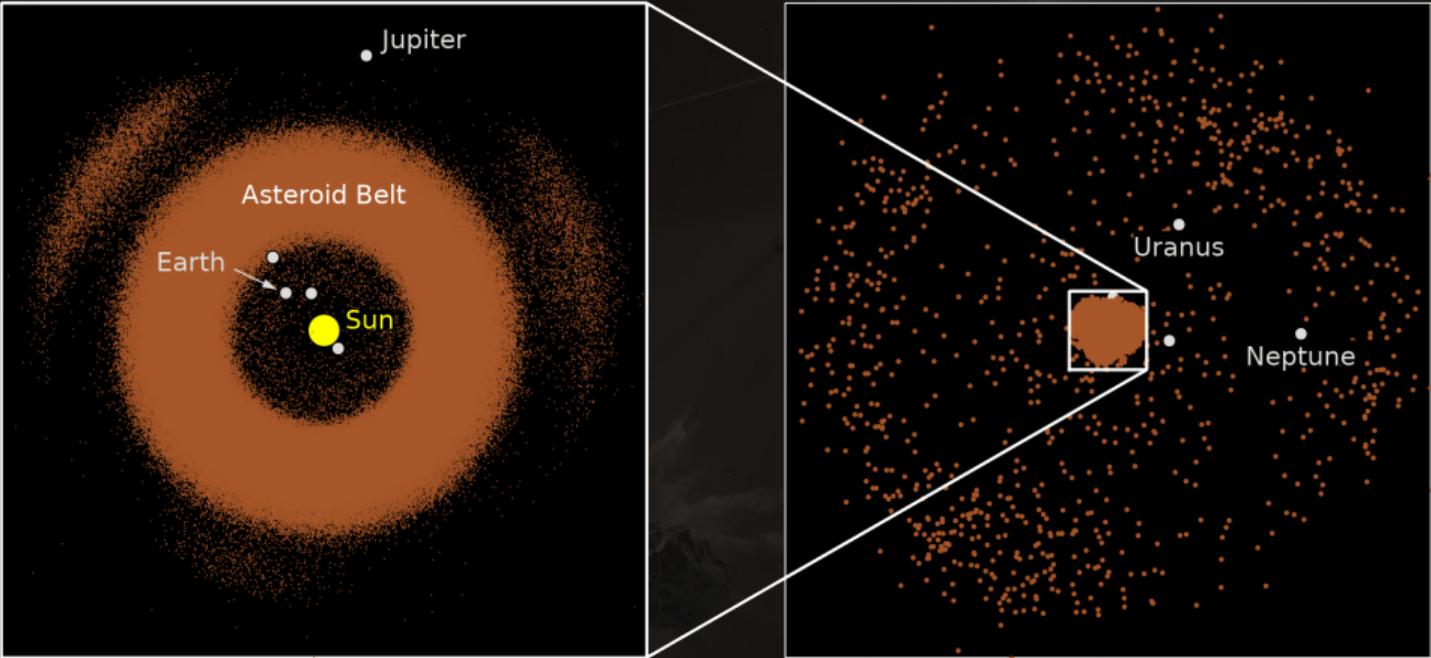


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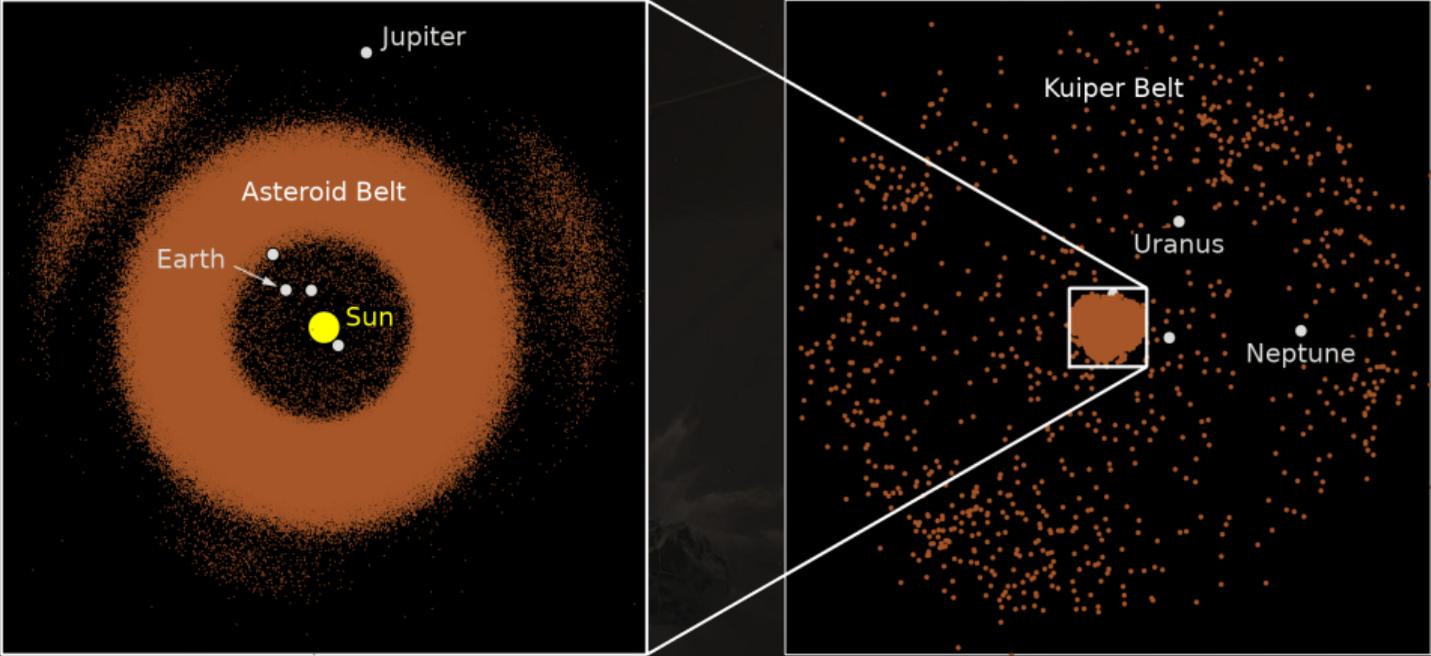
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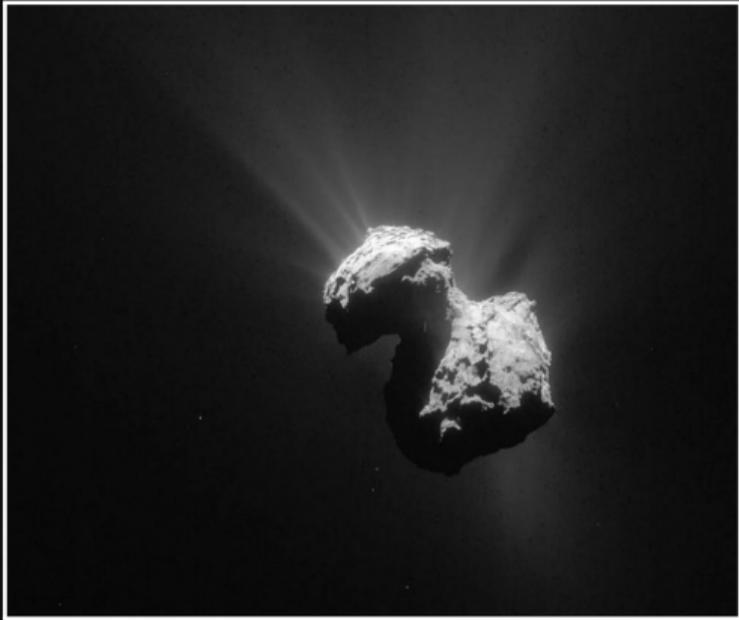
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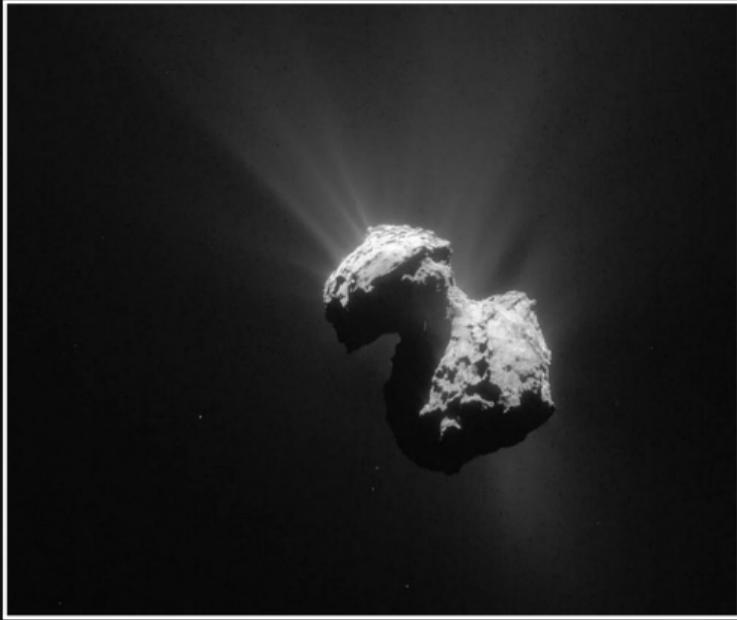


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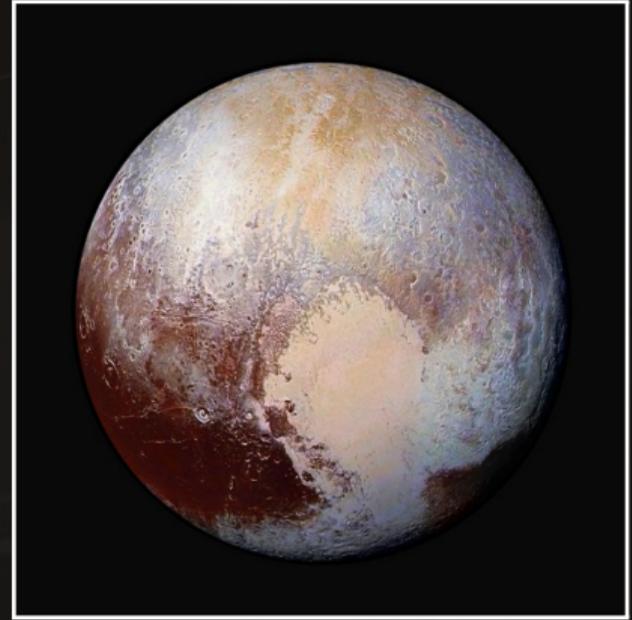


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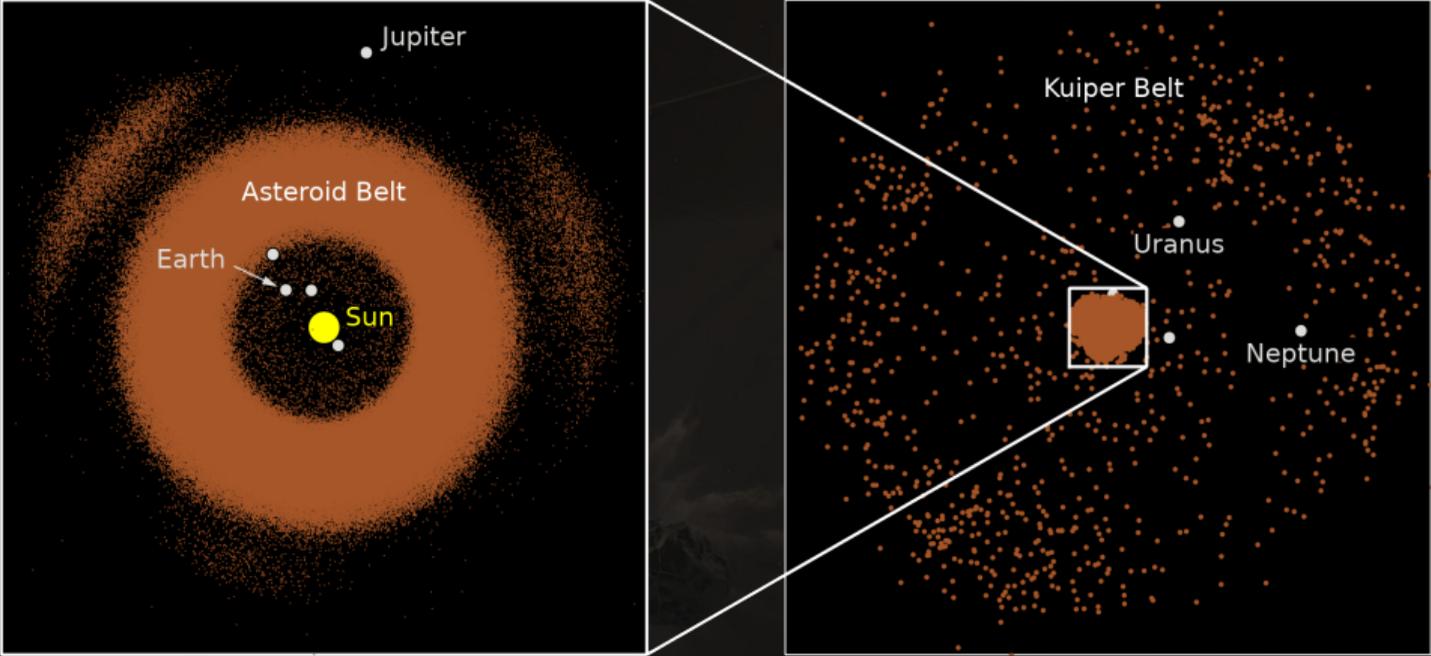


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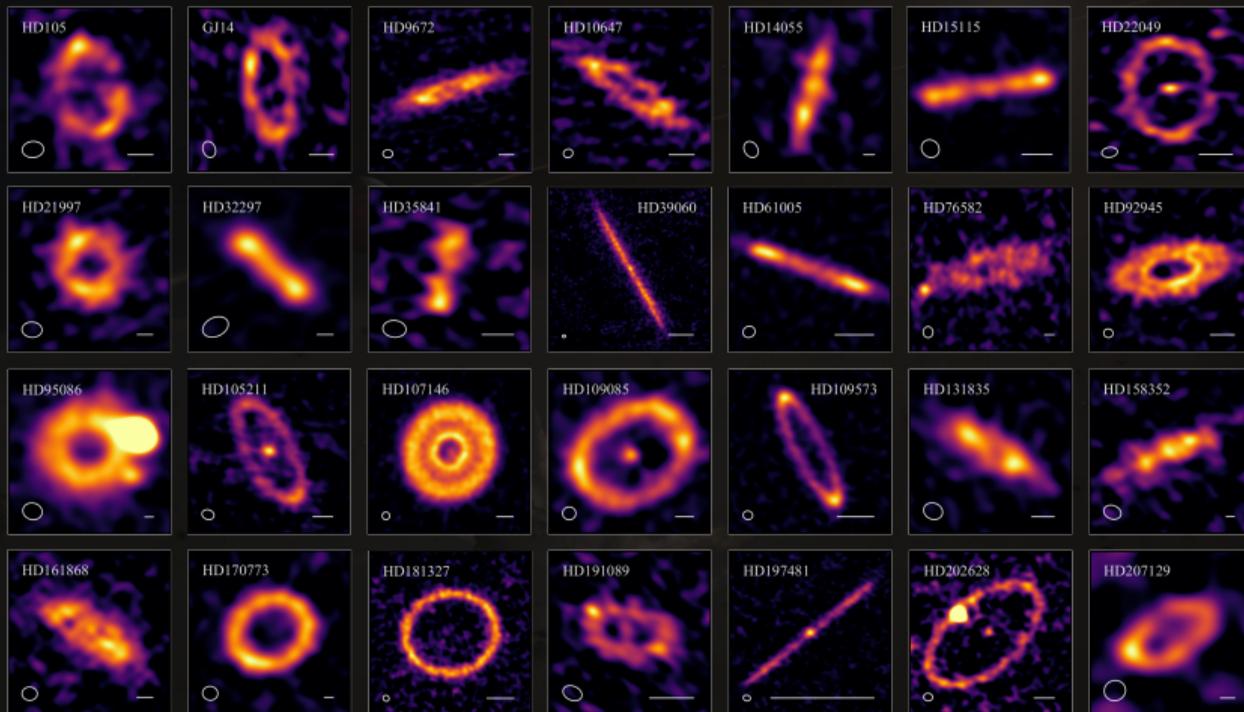


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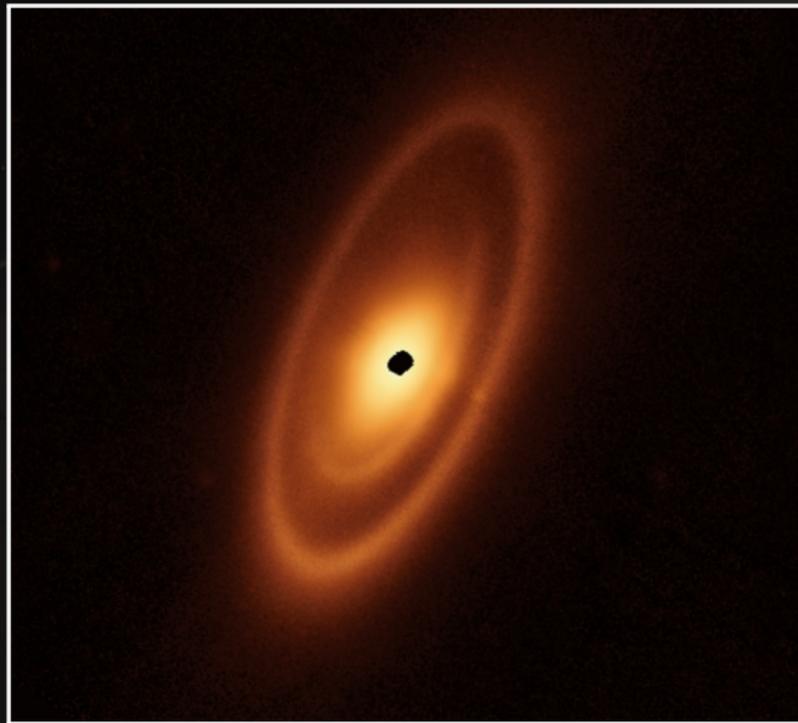
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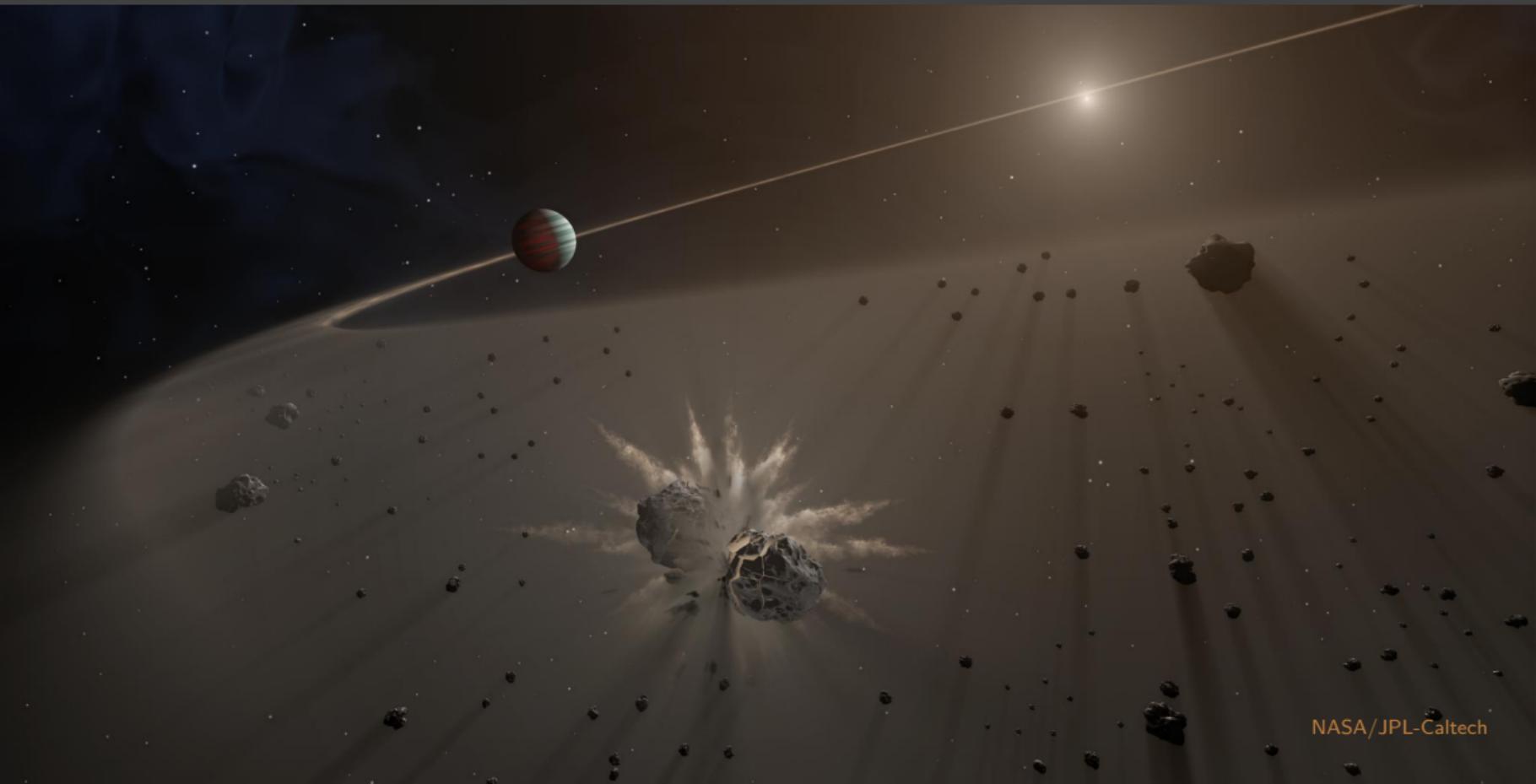
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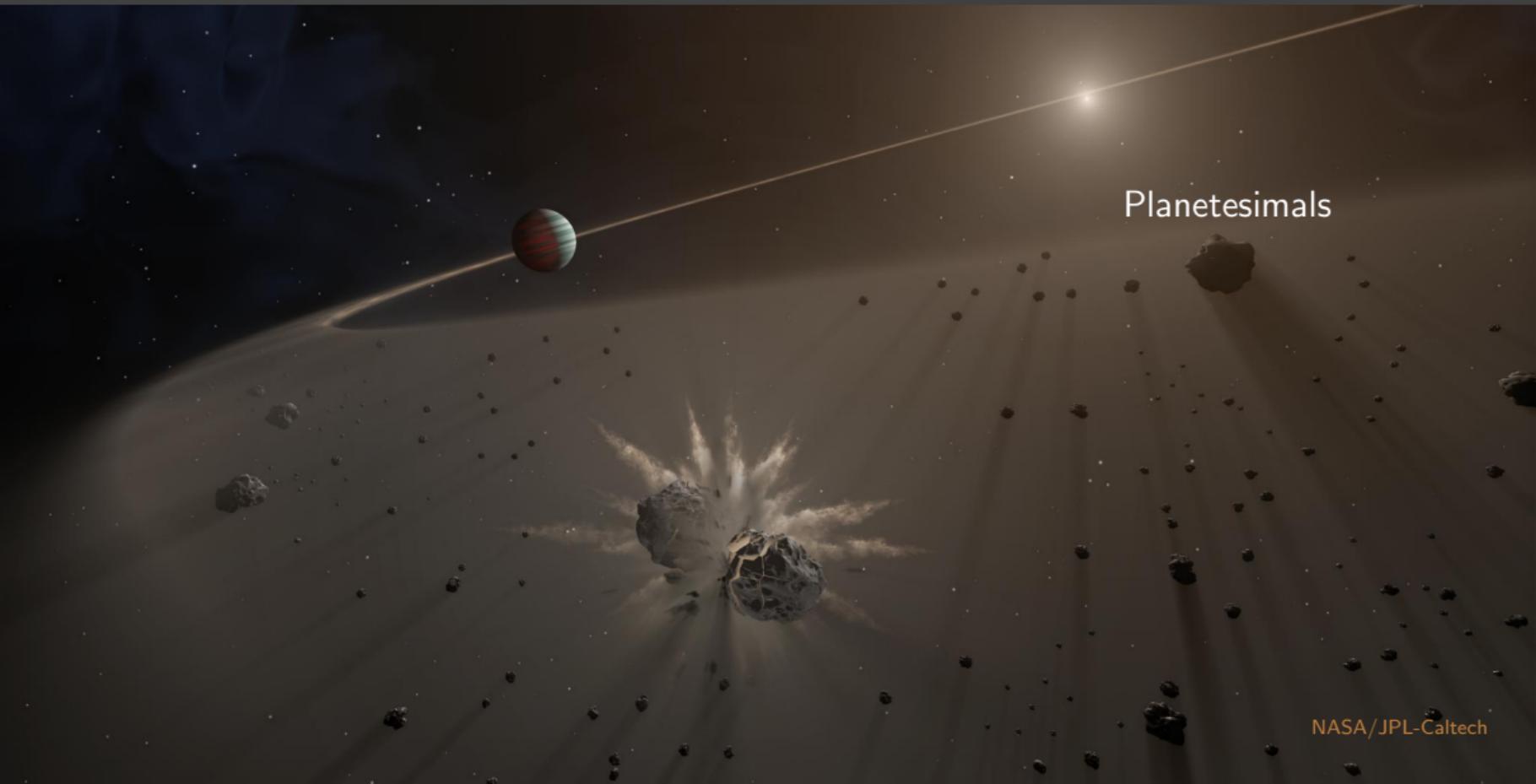
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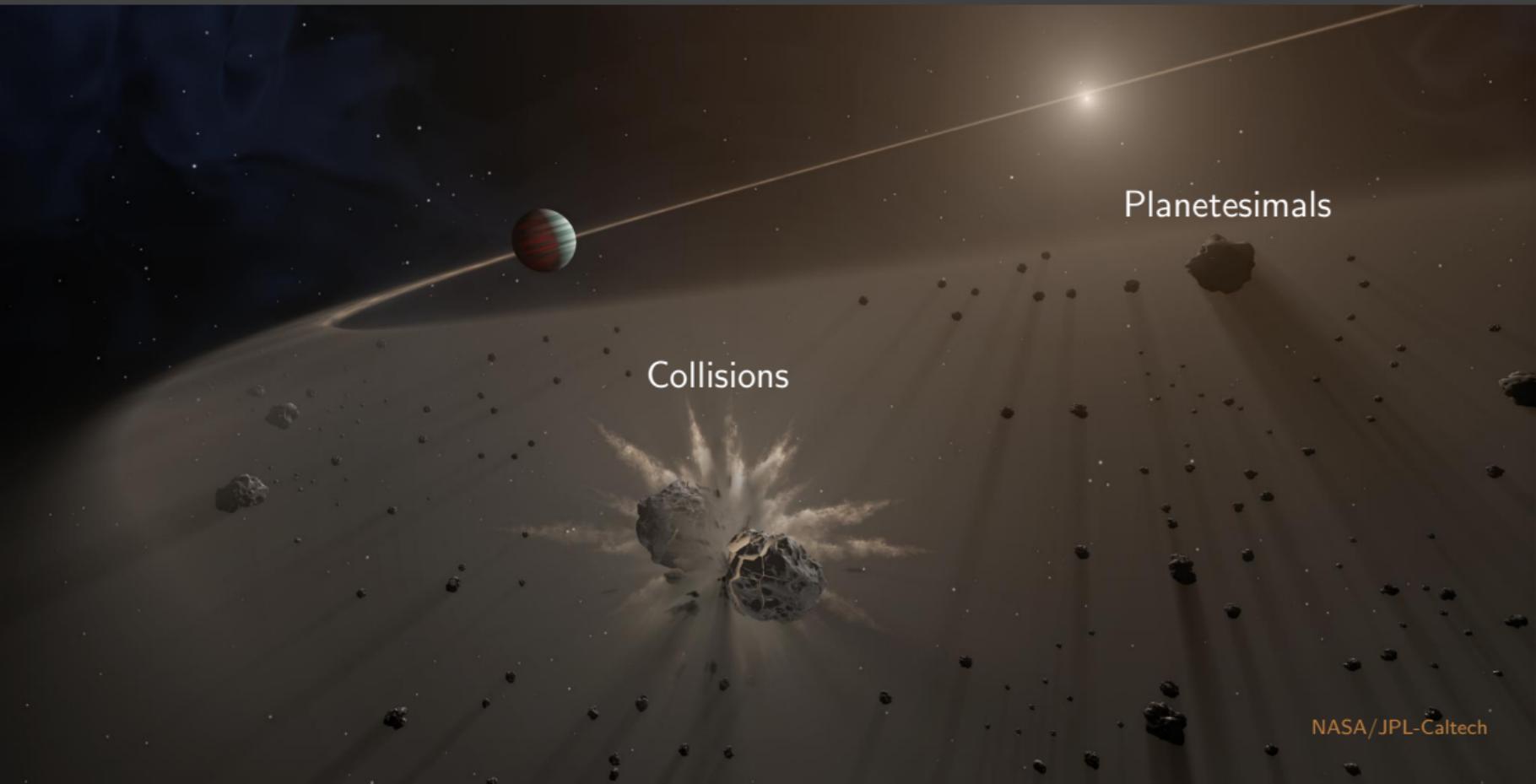


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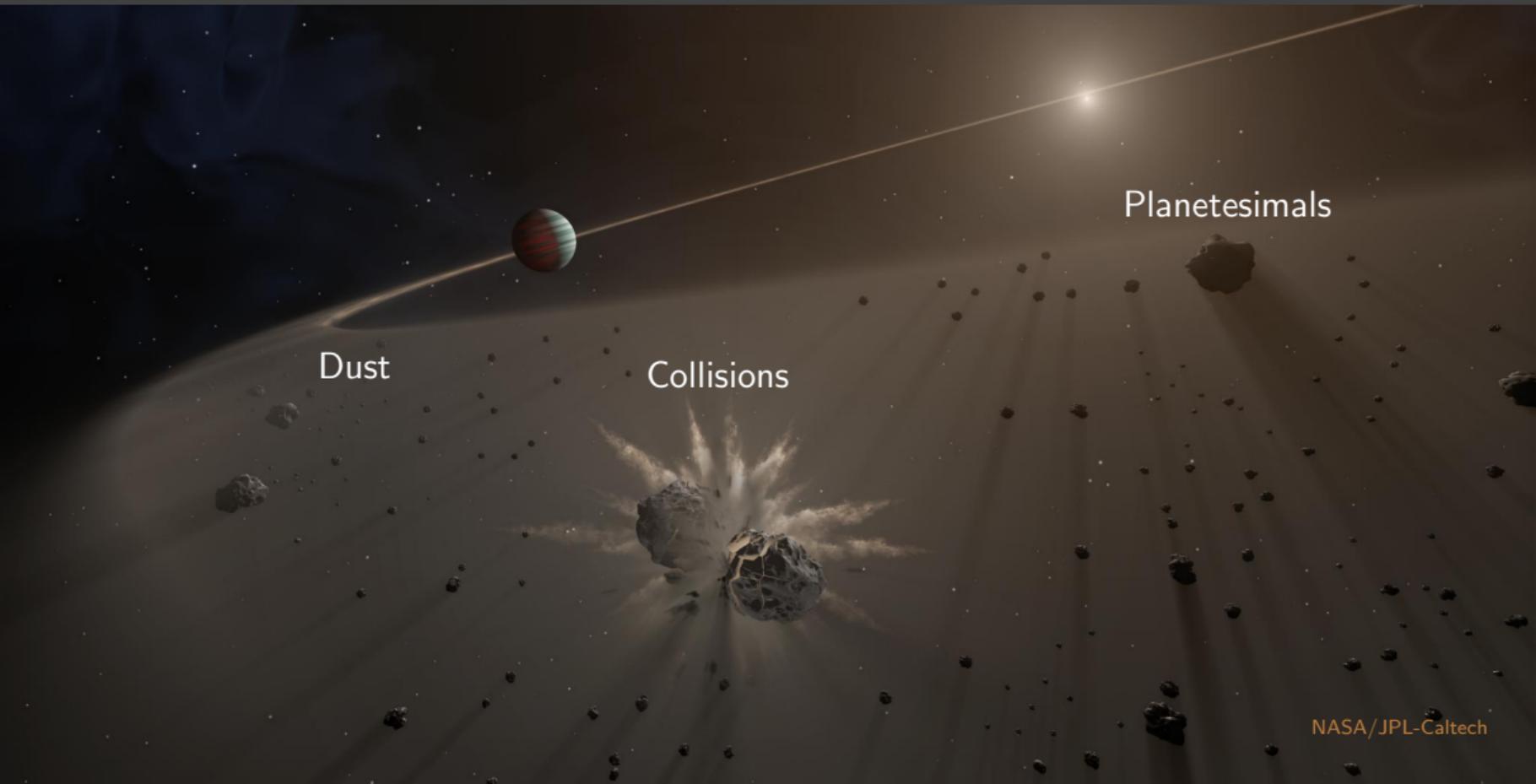
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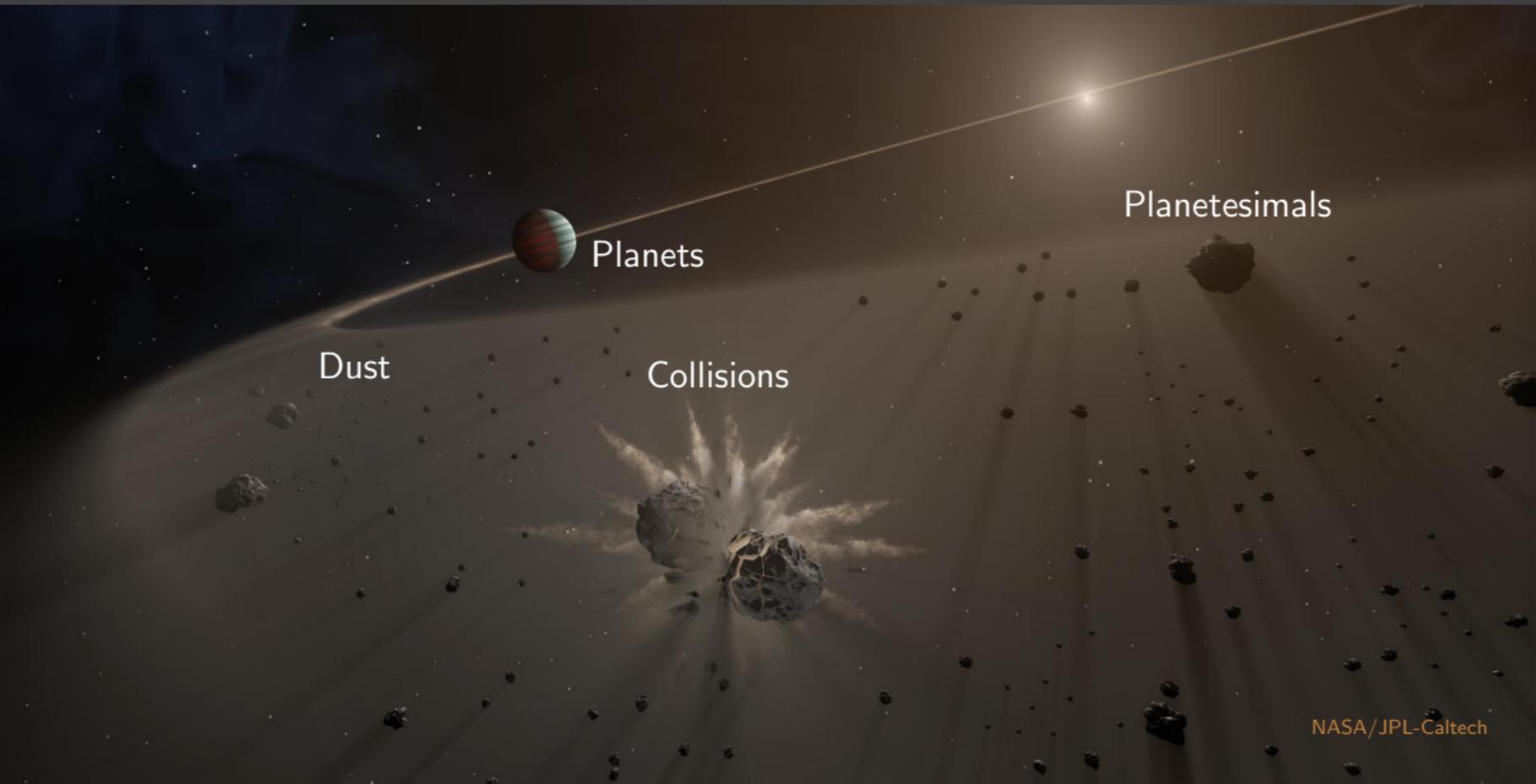


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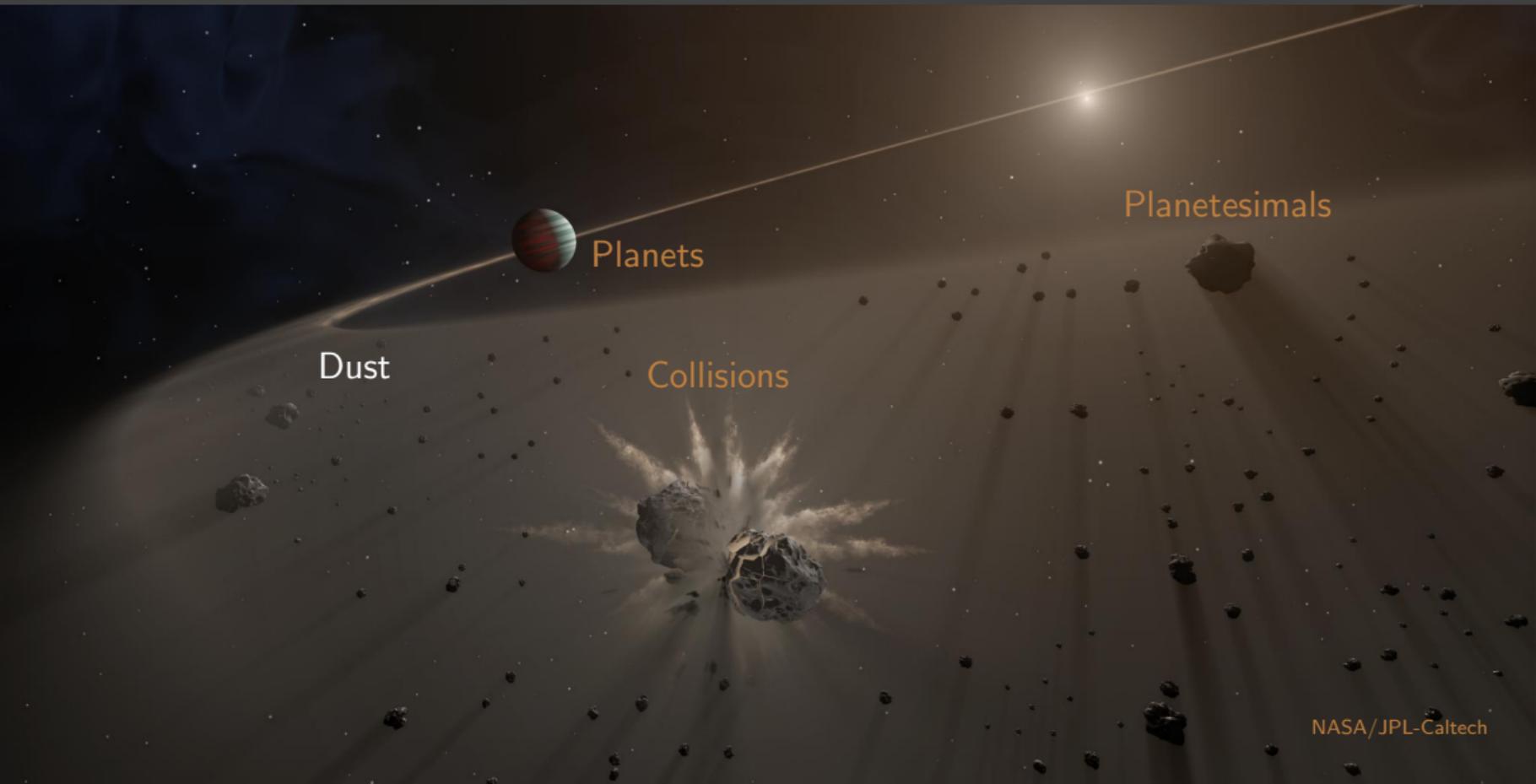


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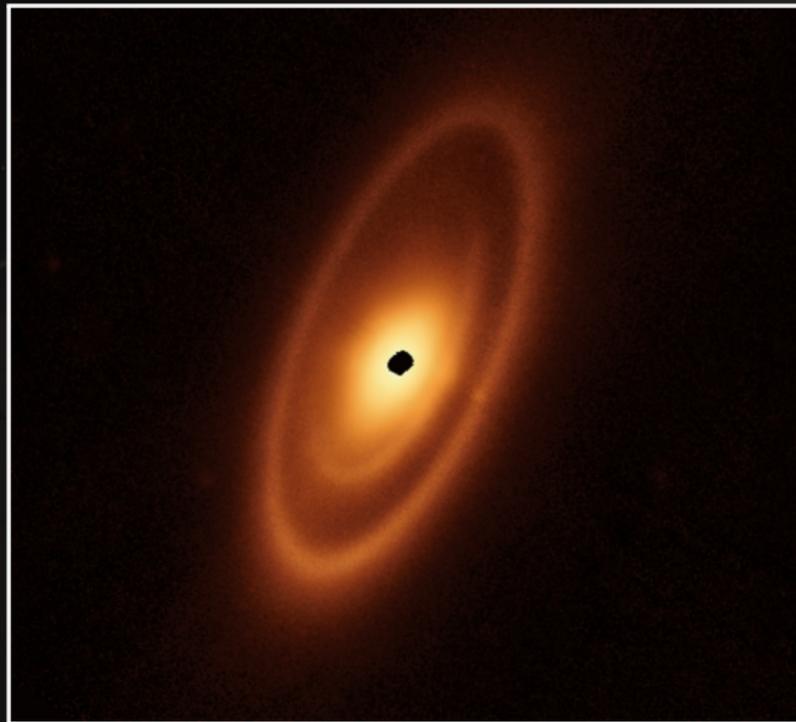
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We see dust, not planetesimals

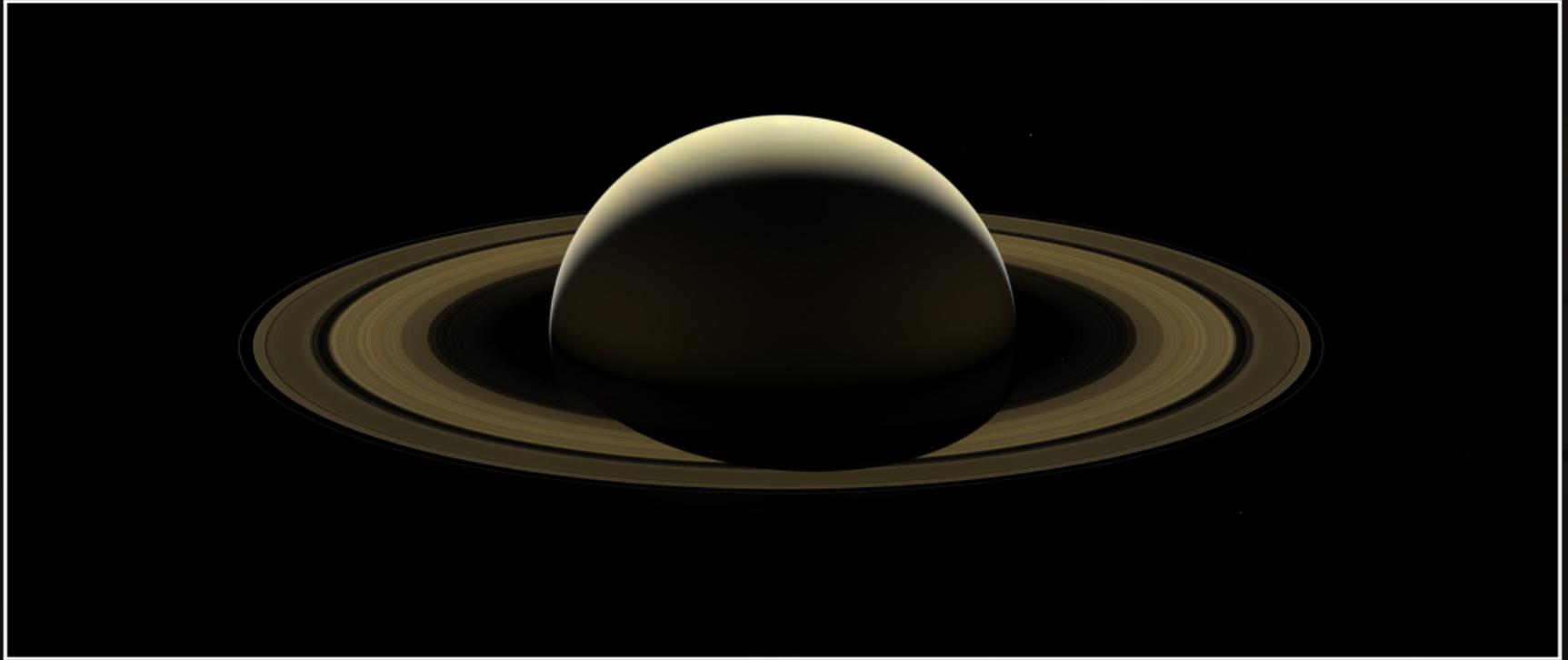
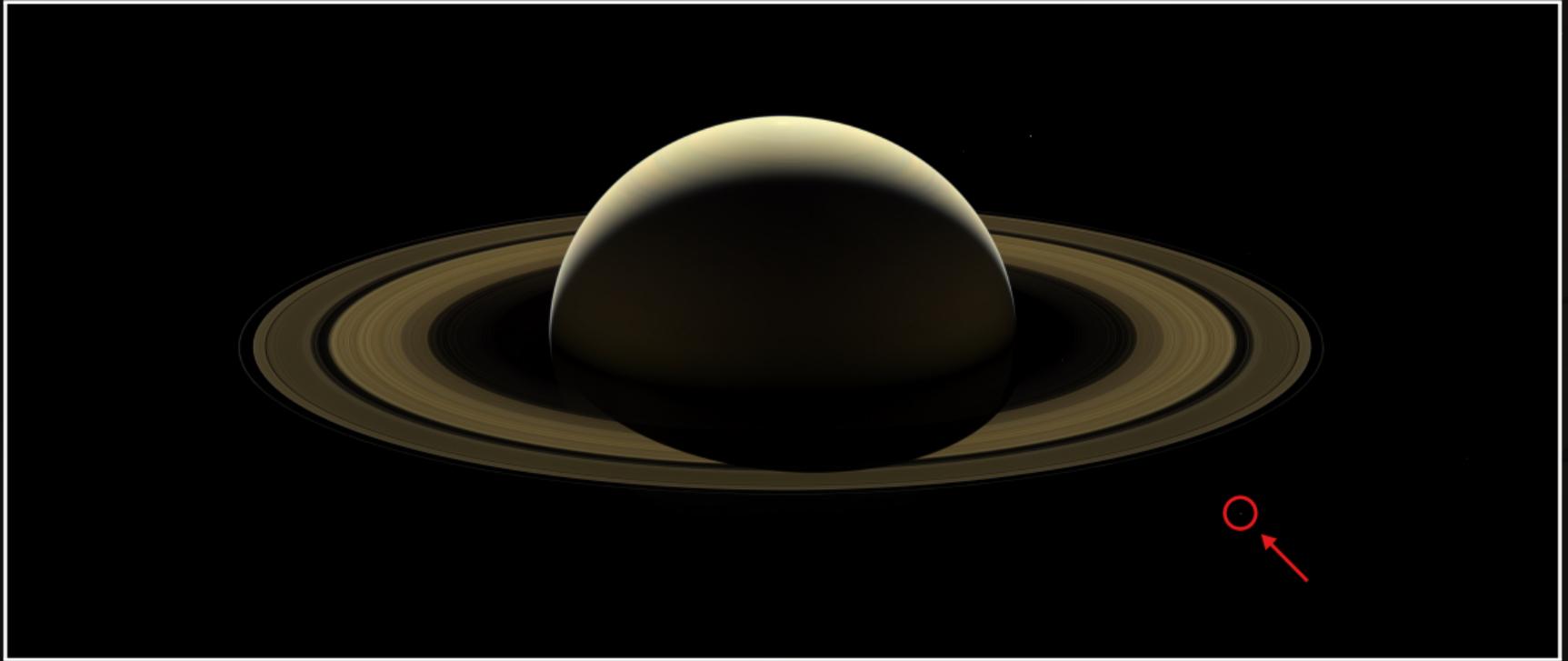


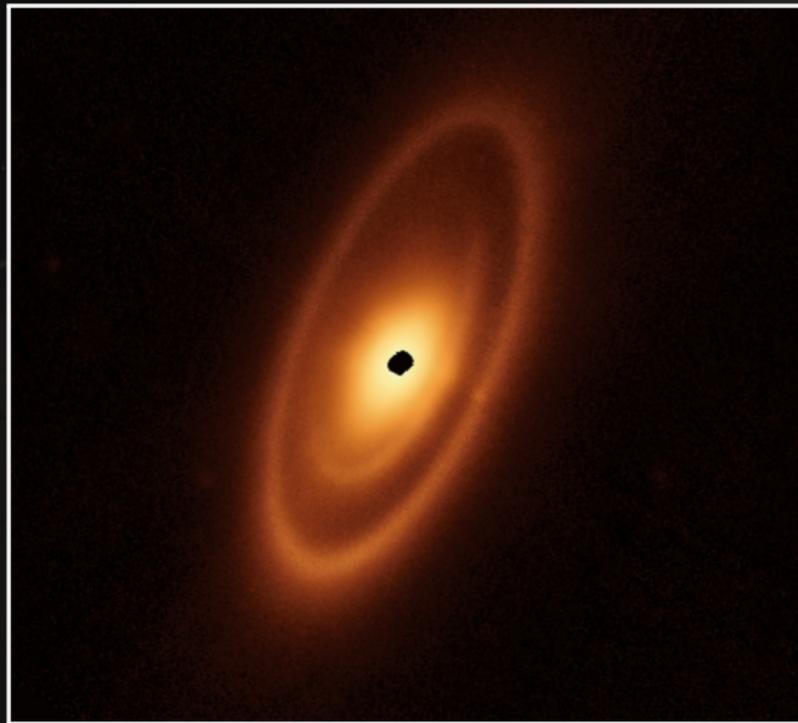
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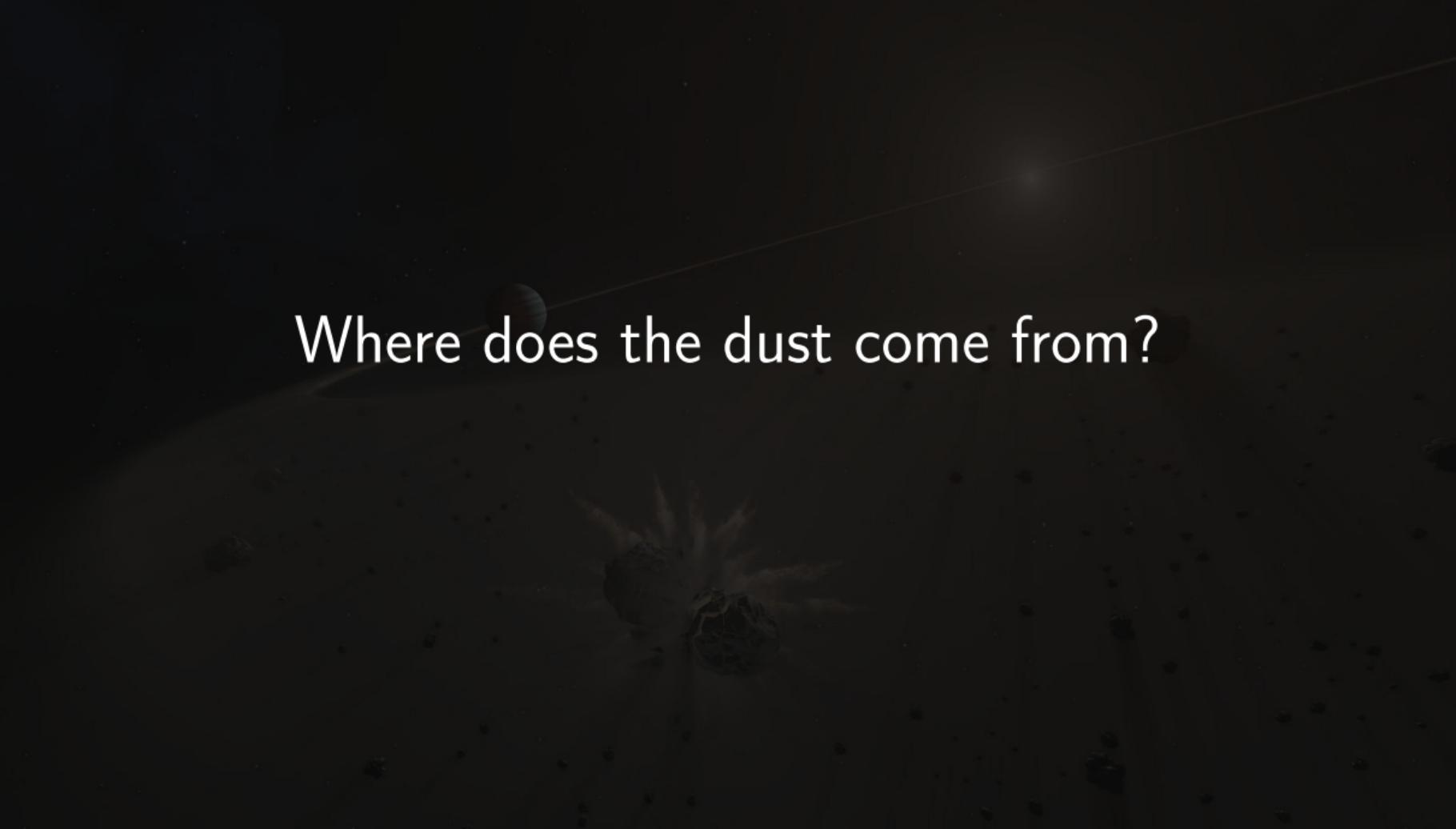
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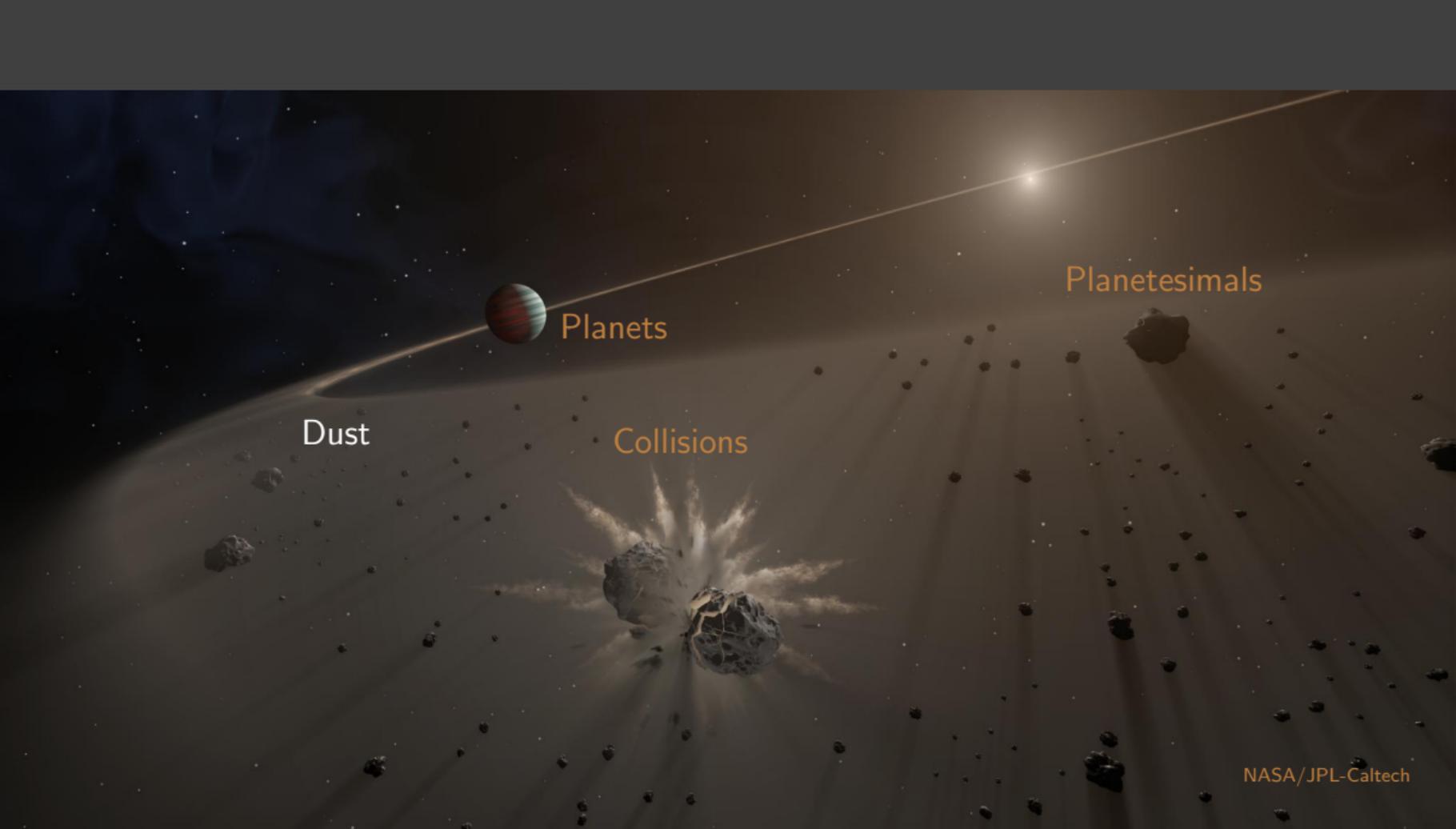


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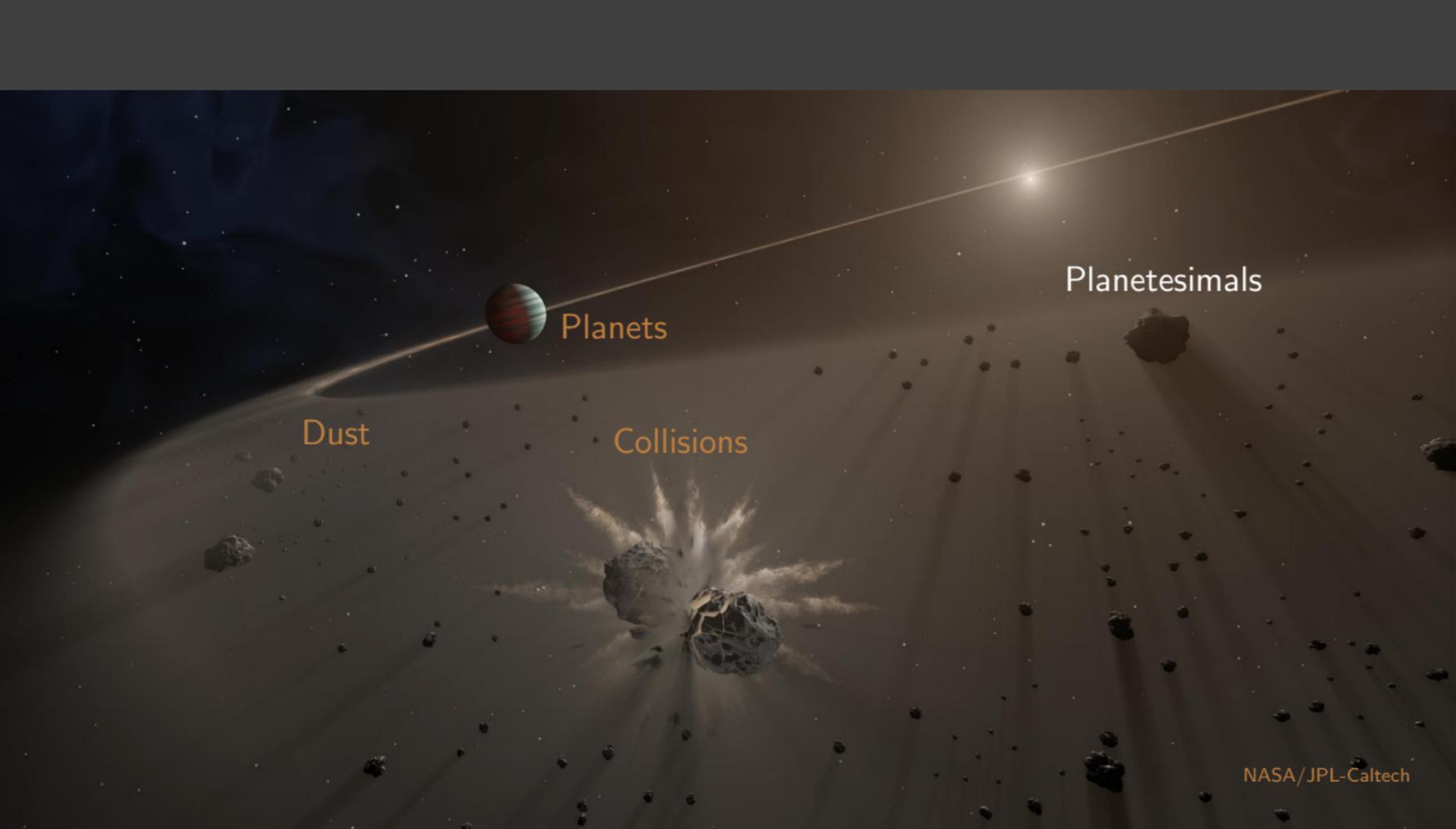


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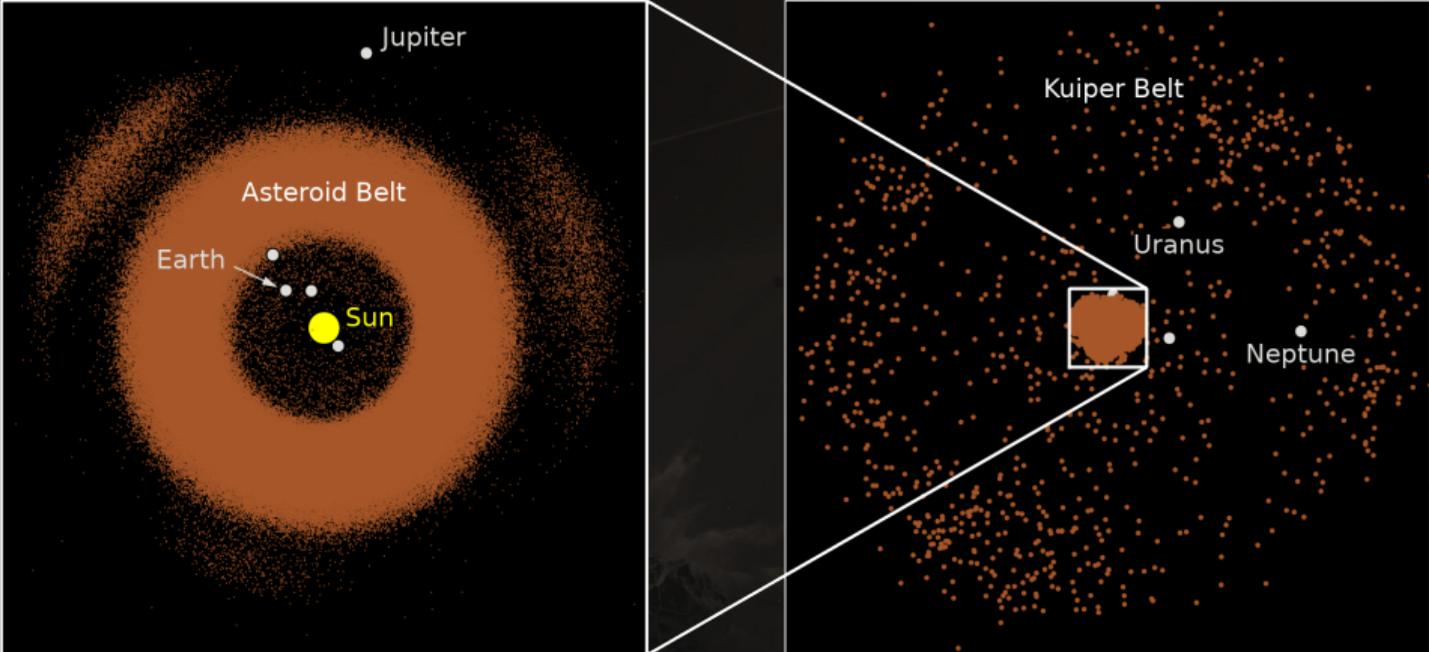
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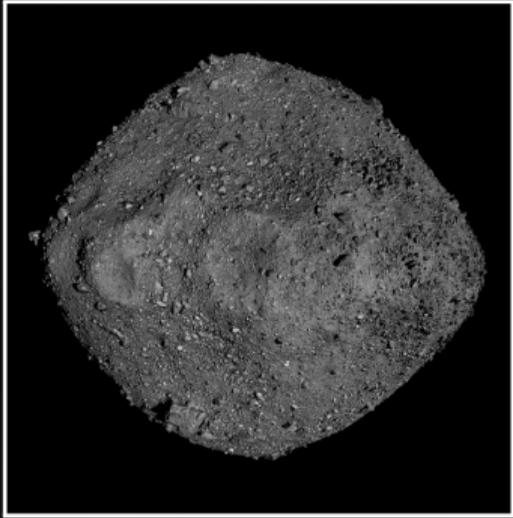
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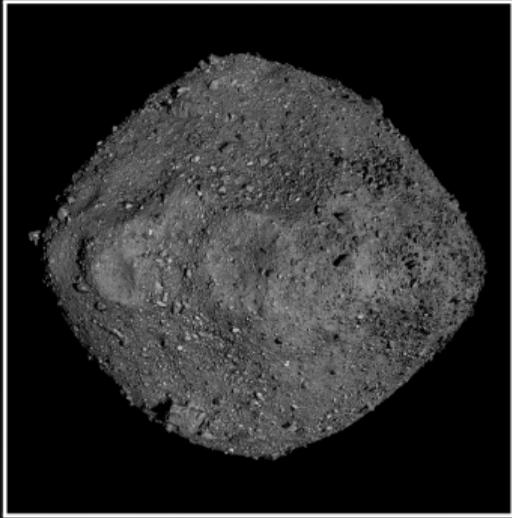


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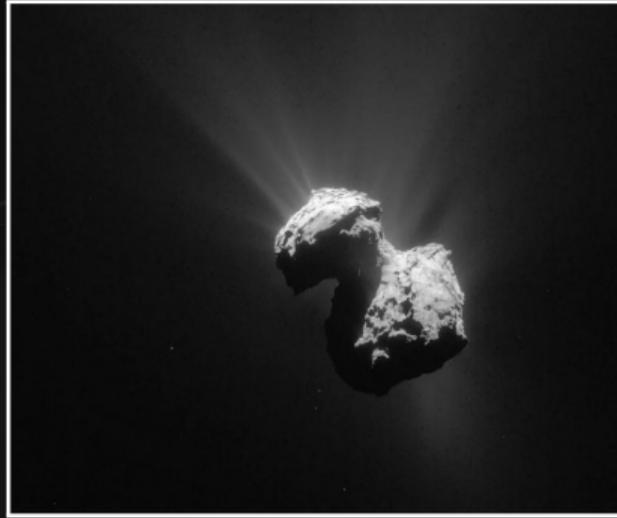


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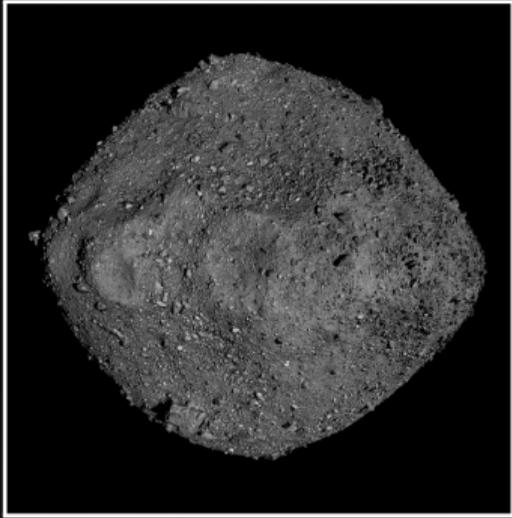


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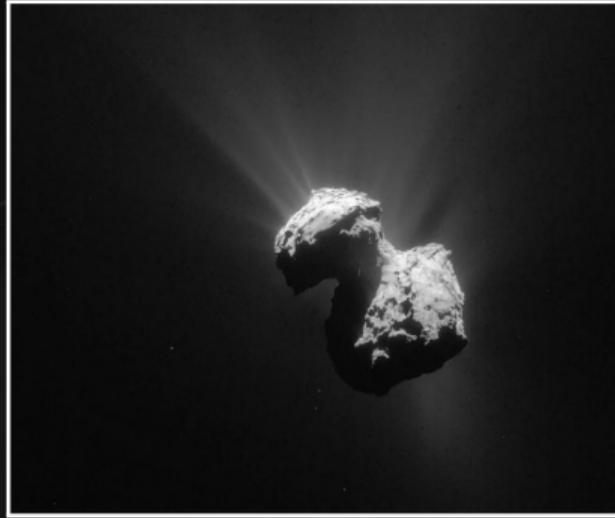


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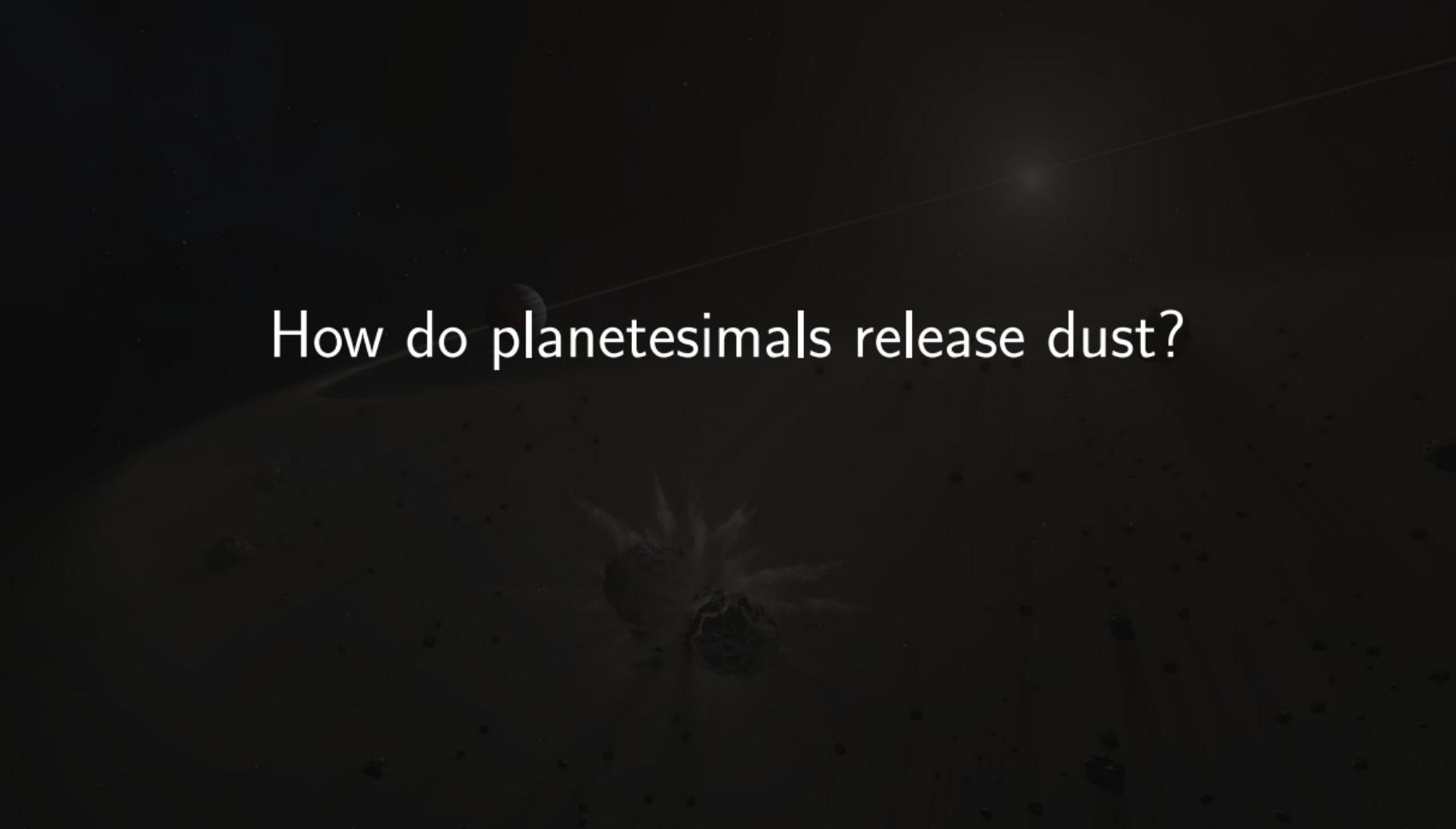
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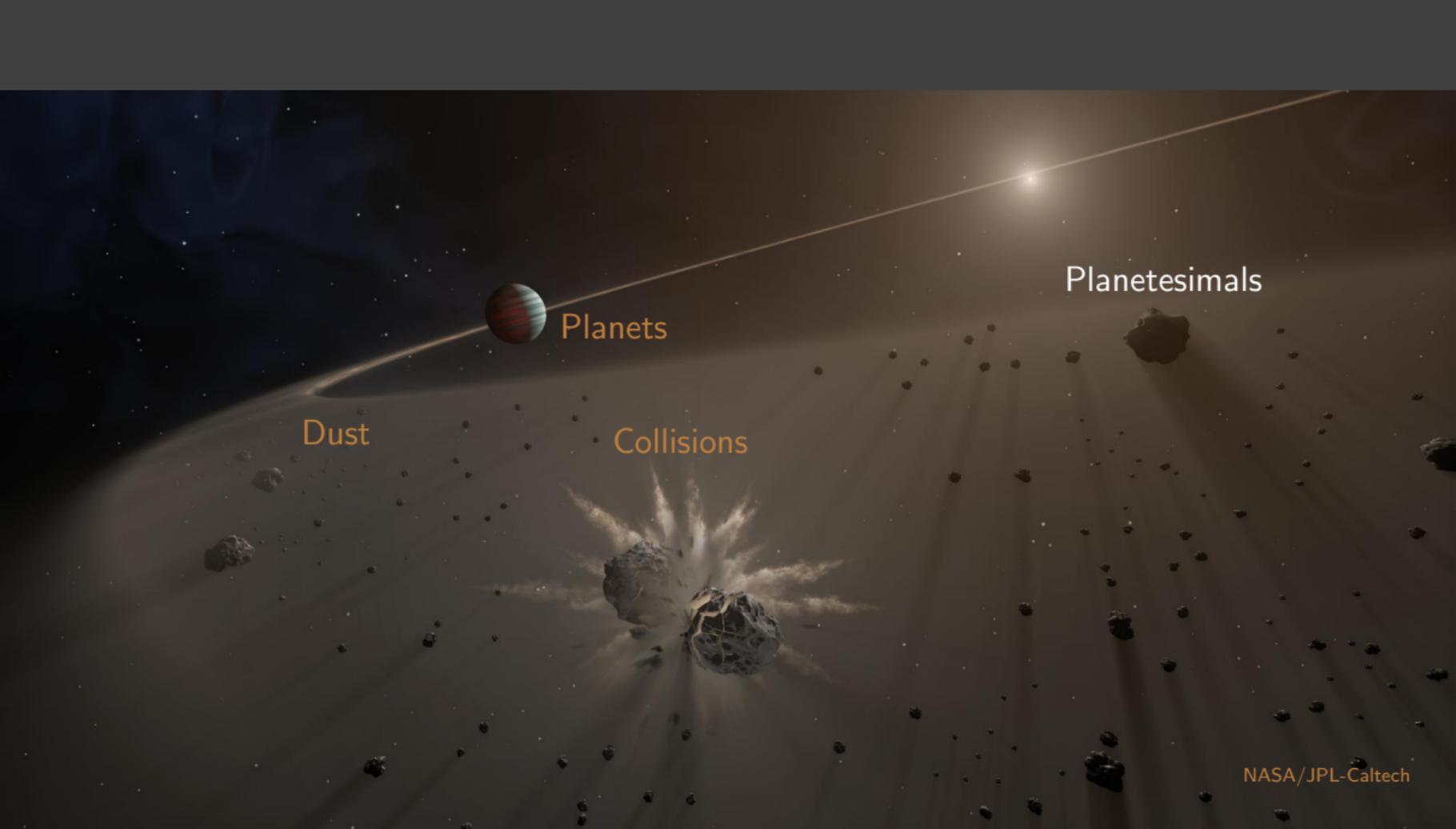
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Pluto
(Kuiper Belt object)

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How do planetesimals release dust?

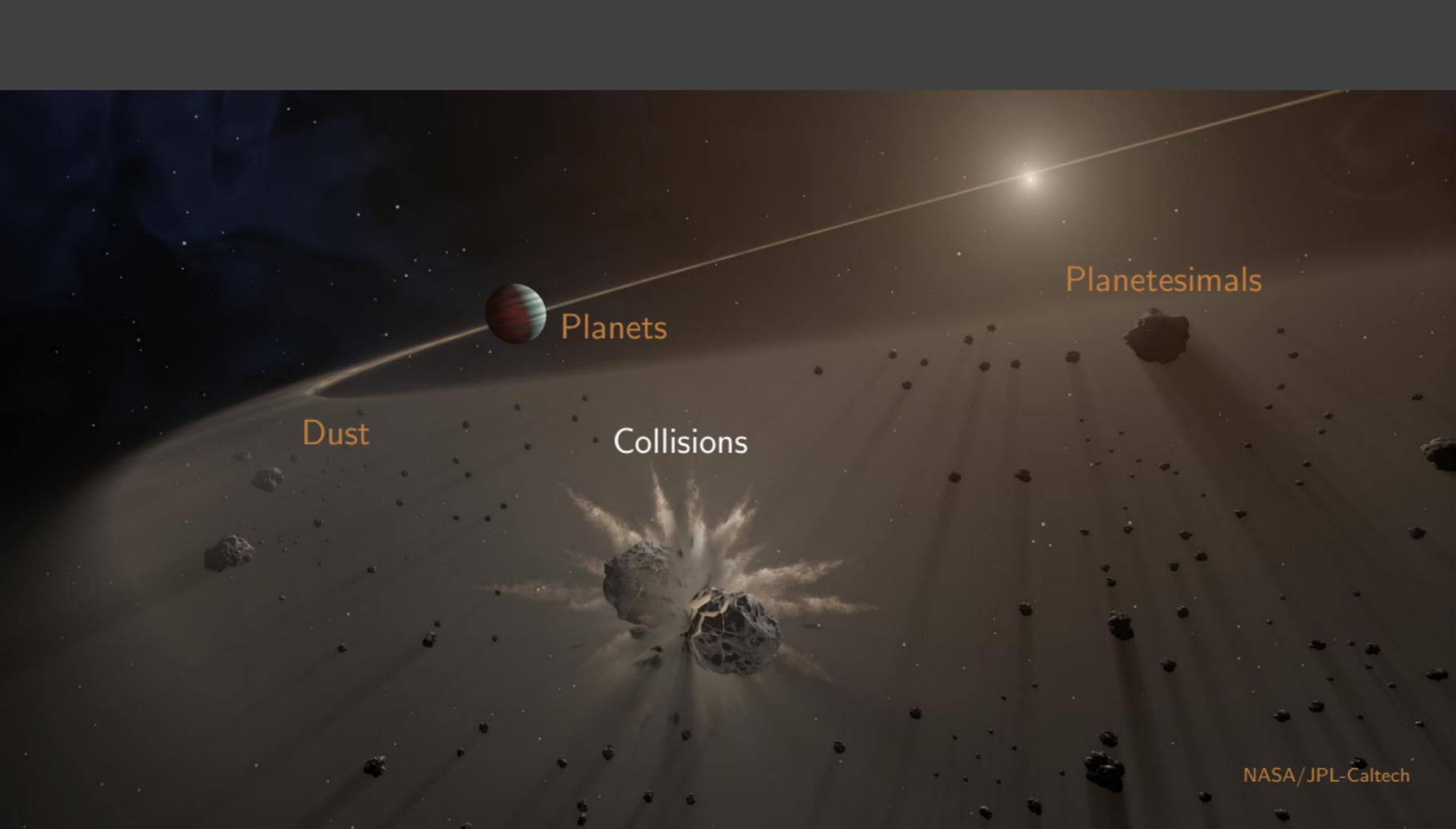


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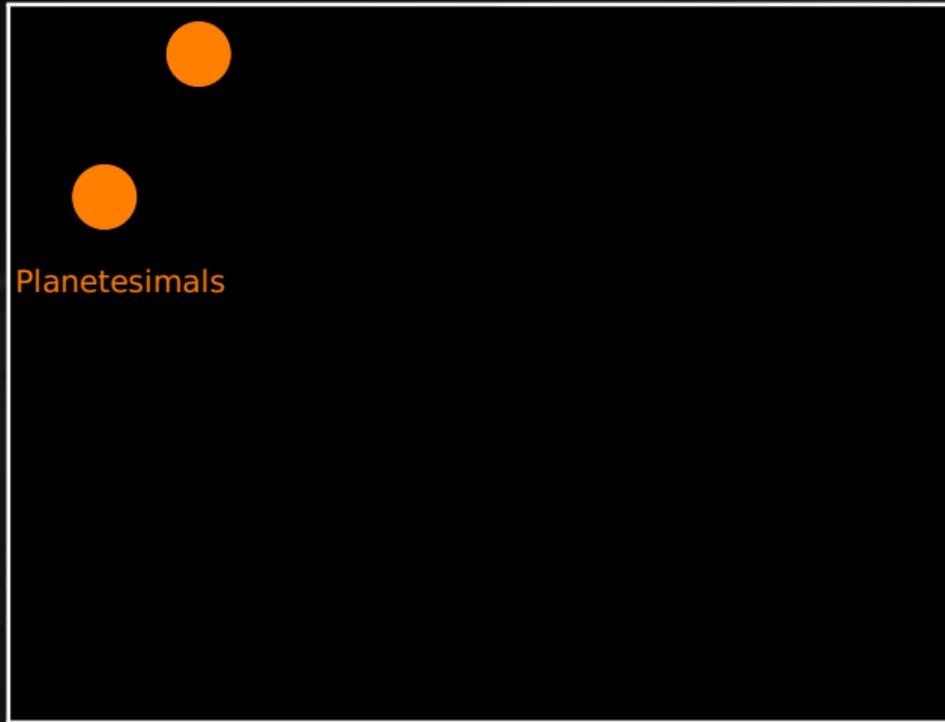
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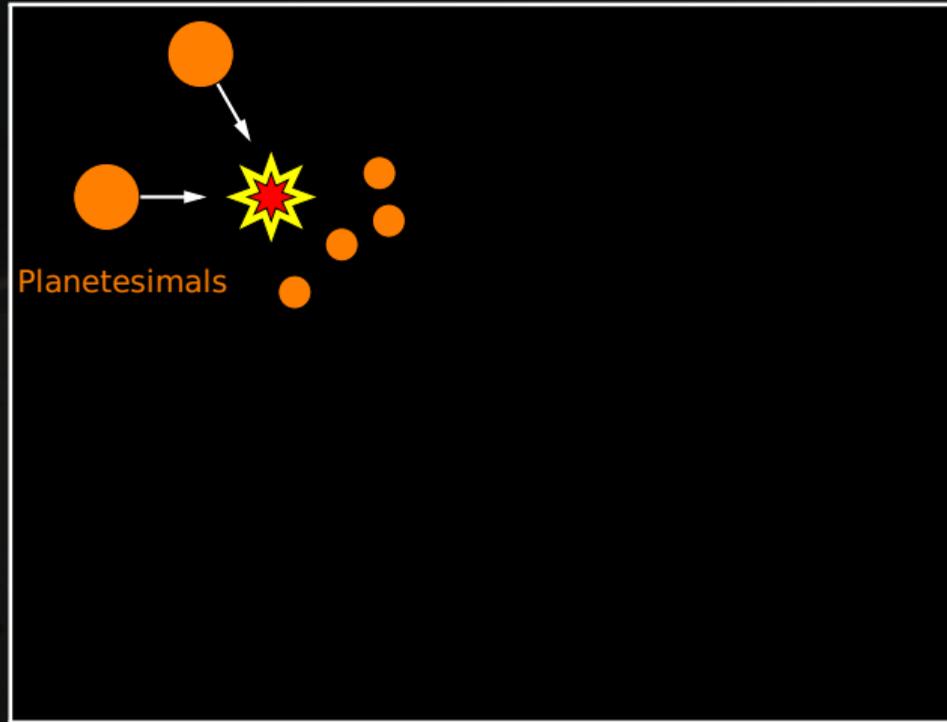
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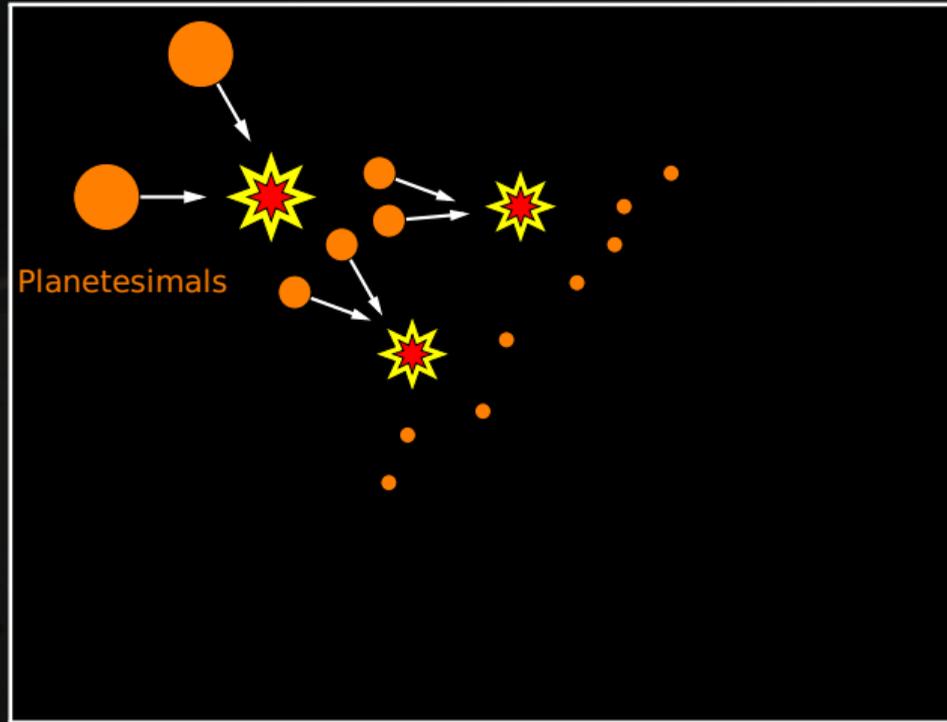
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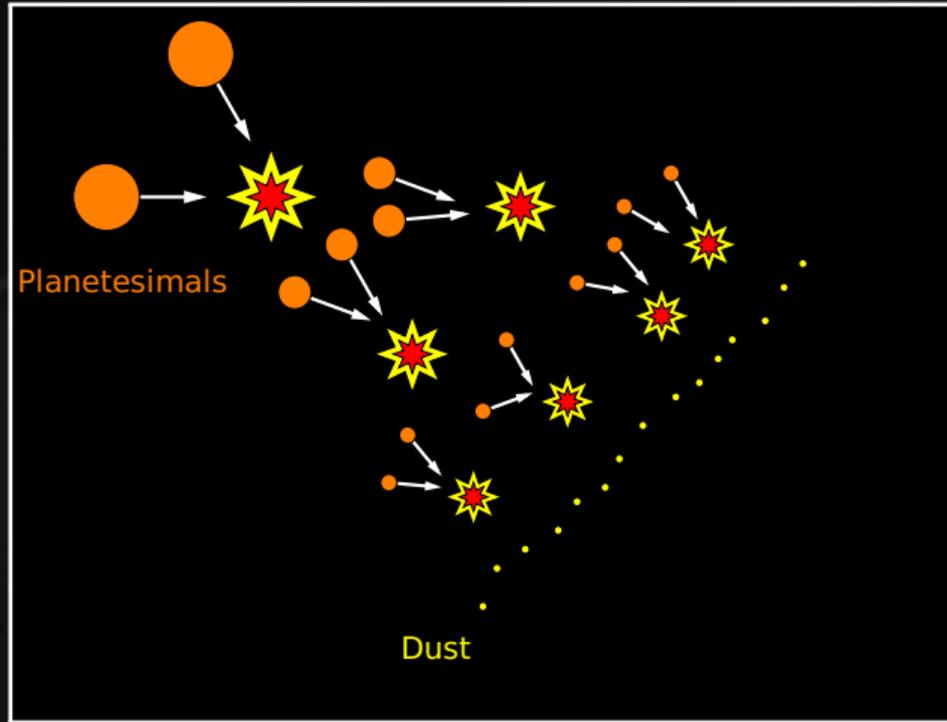
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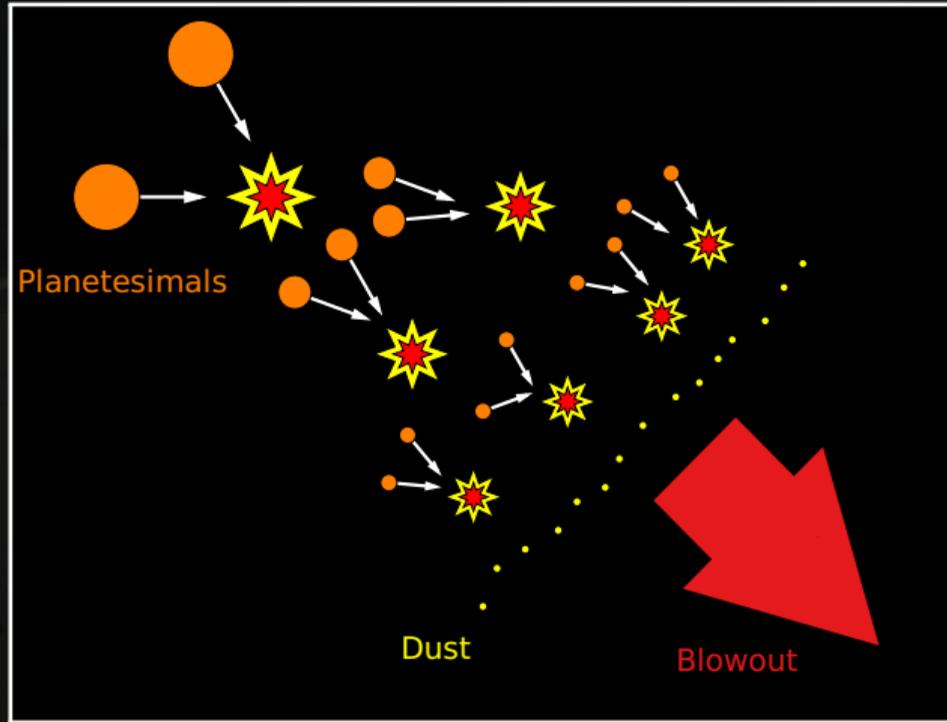
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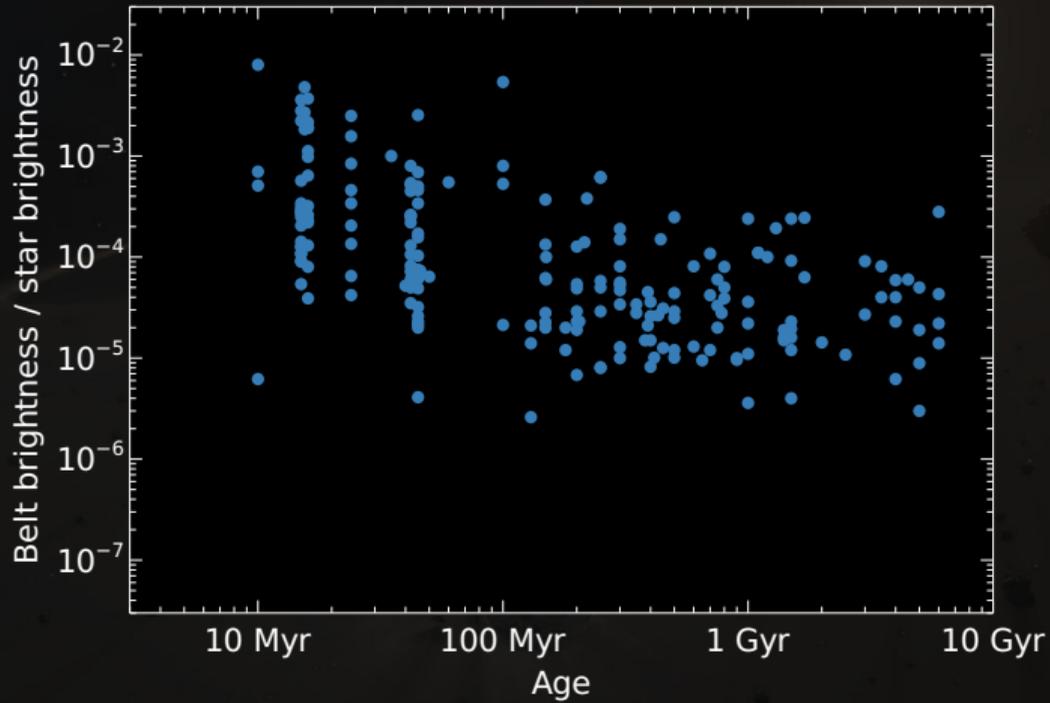
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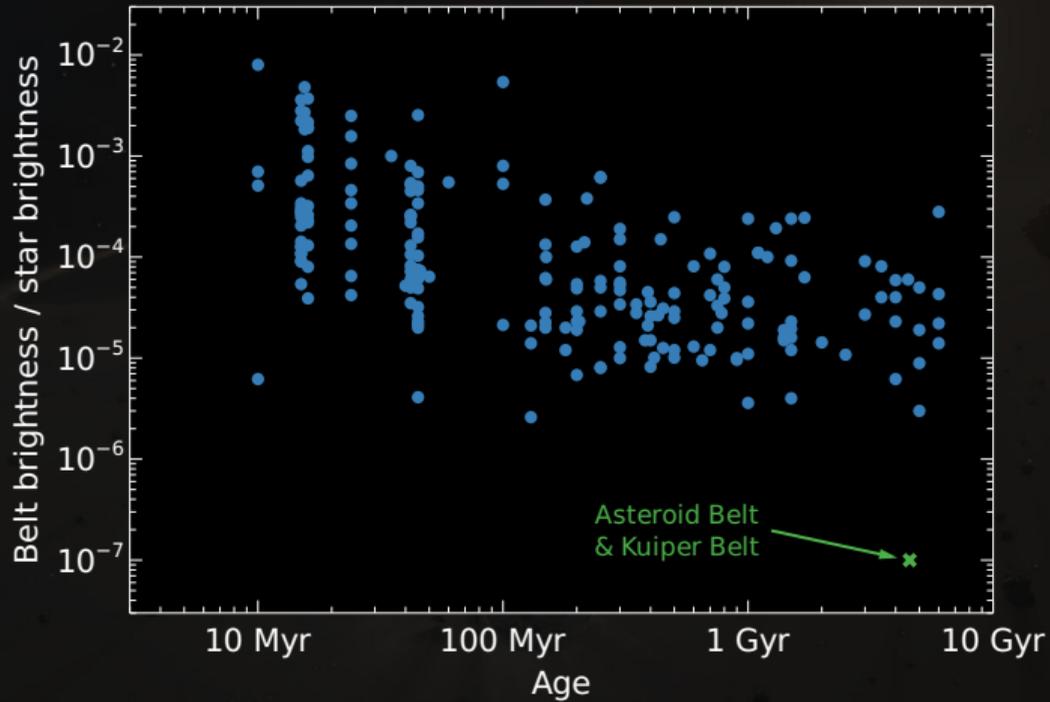
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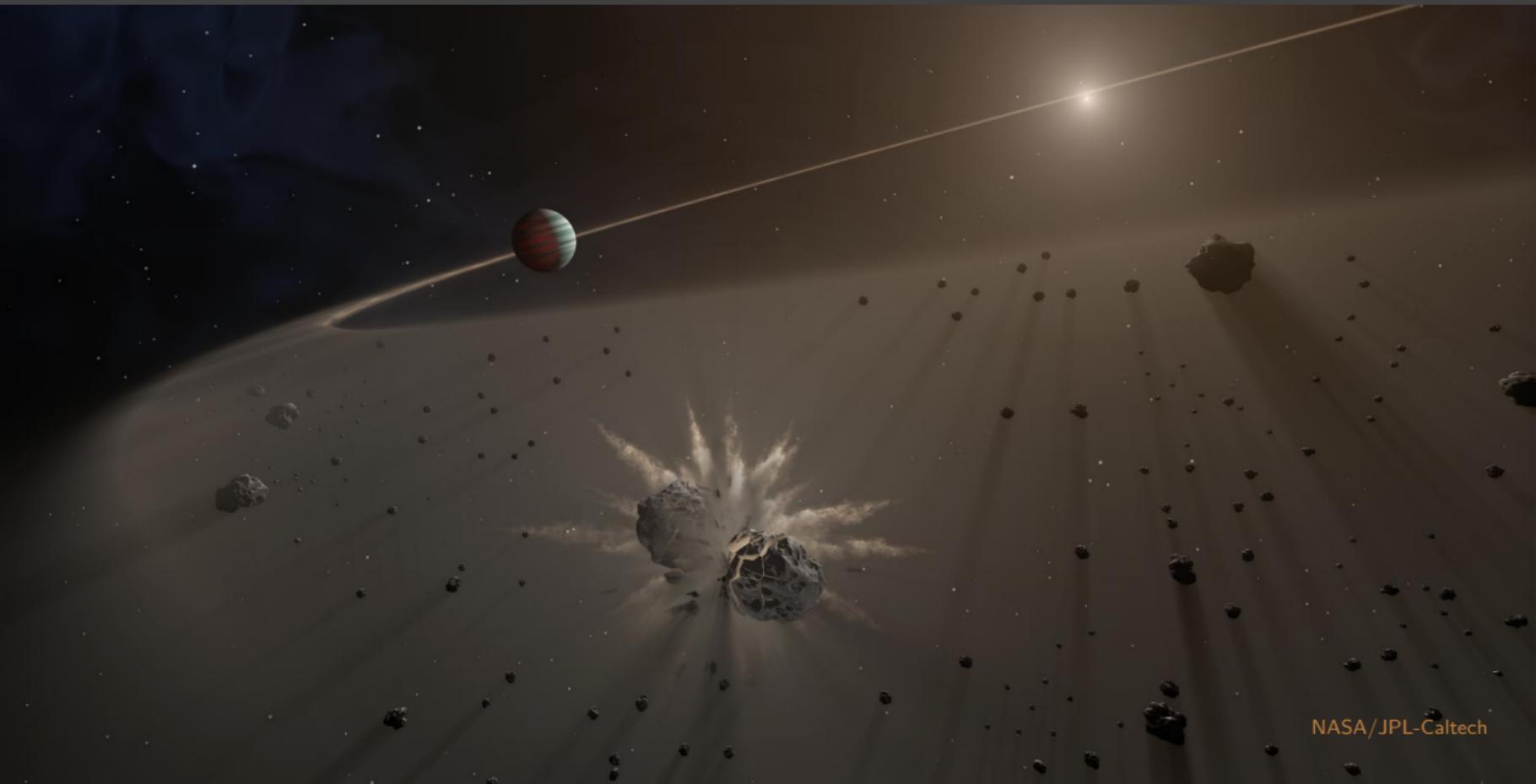
Belts lose mass over time



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Stirring mechanisms:

- Self stirring

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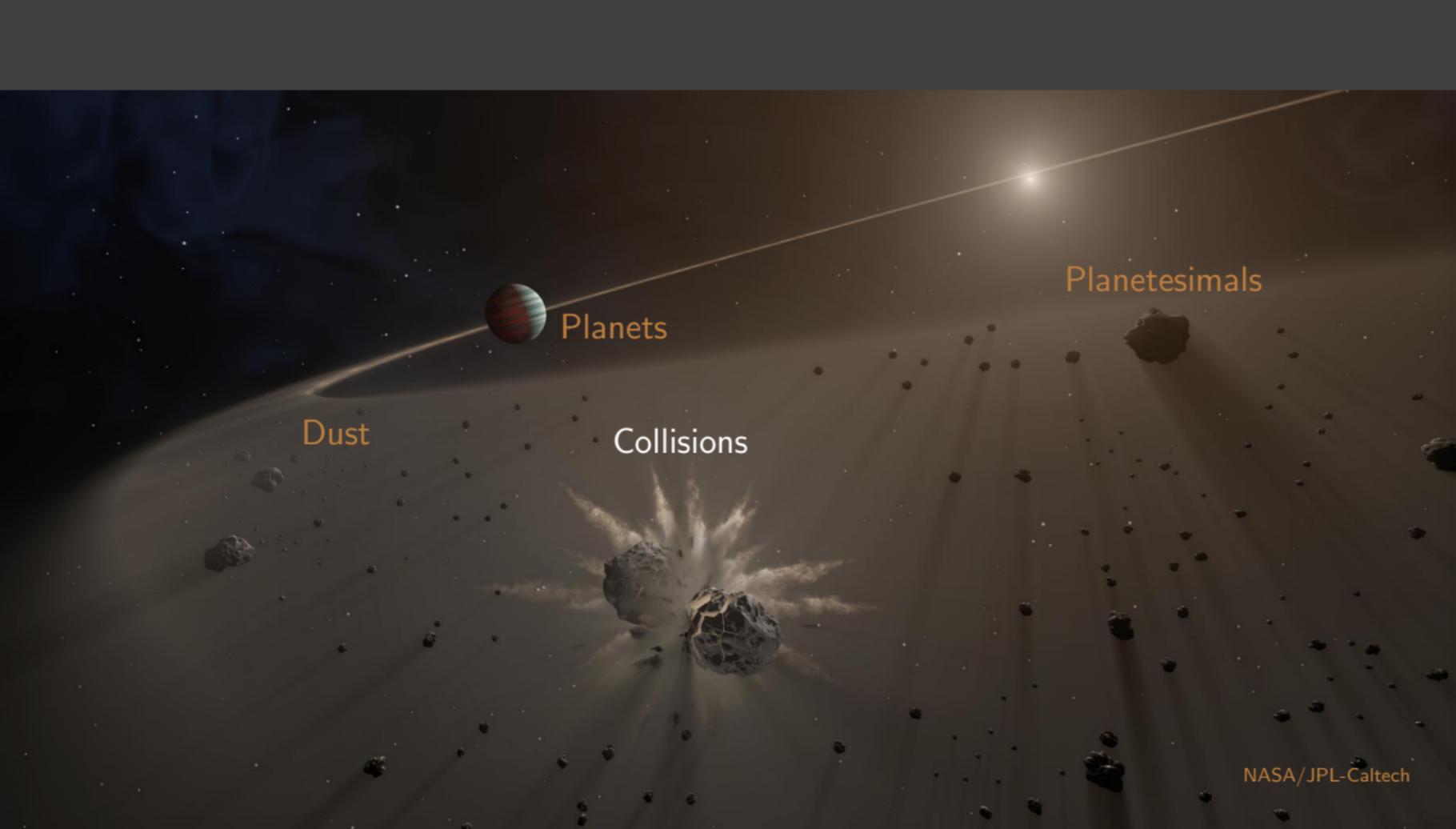
- Self stirring
- Flyby stirring

Stirring



Stirring mechanisms:

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- Planet stirring

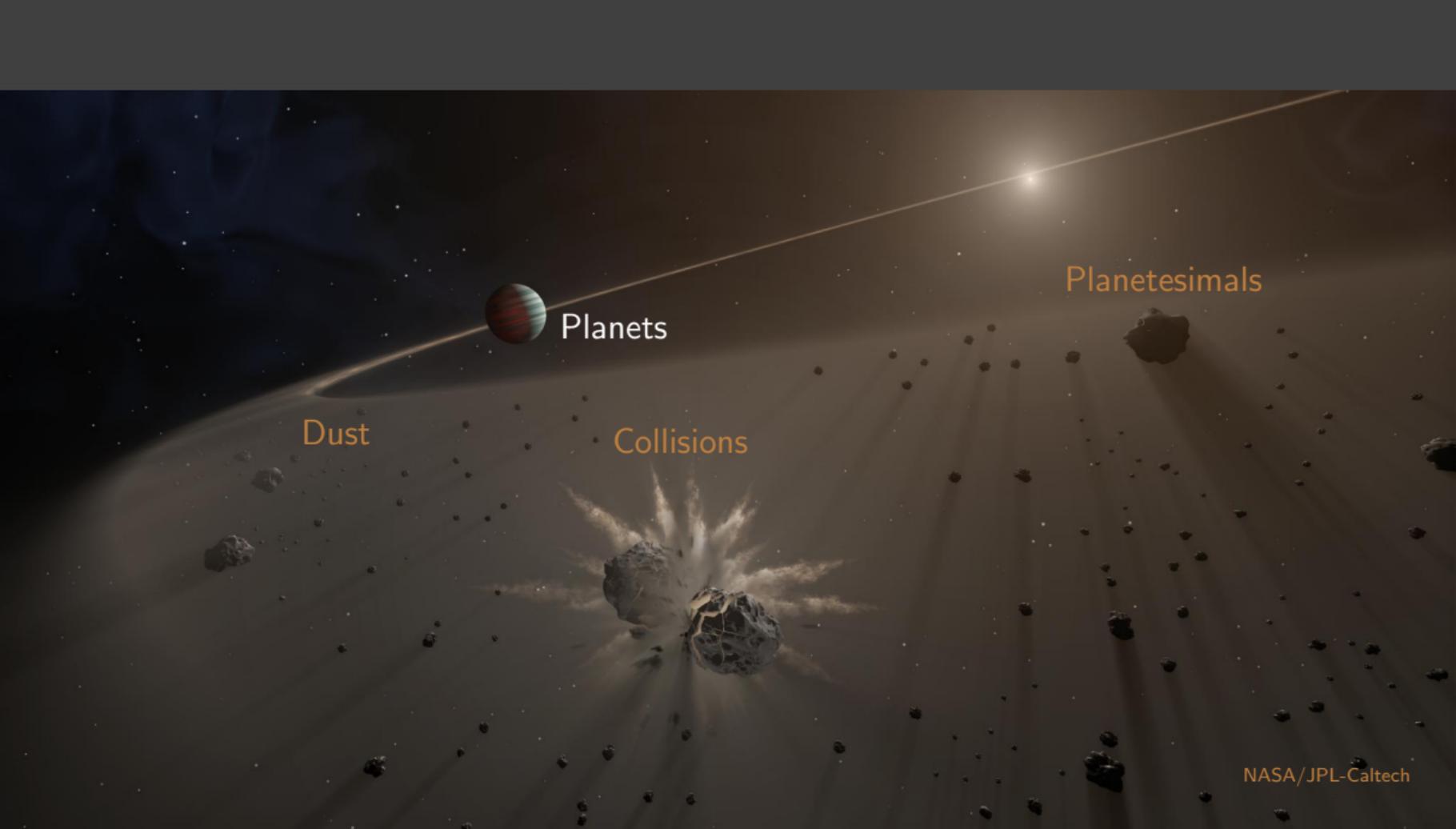


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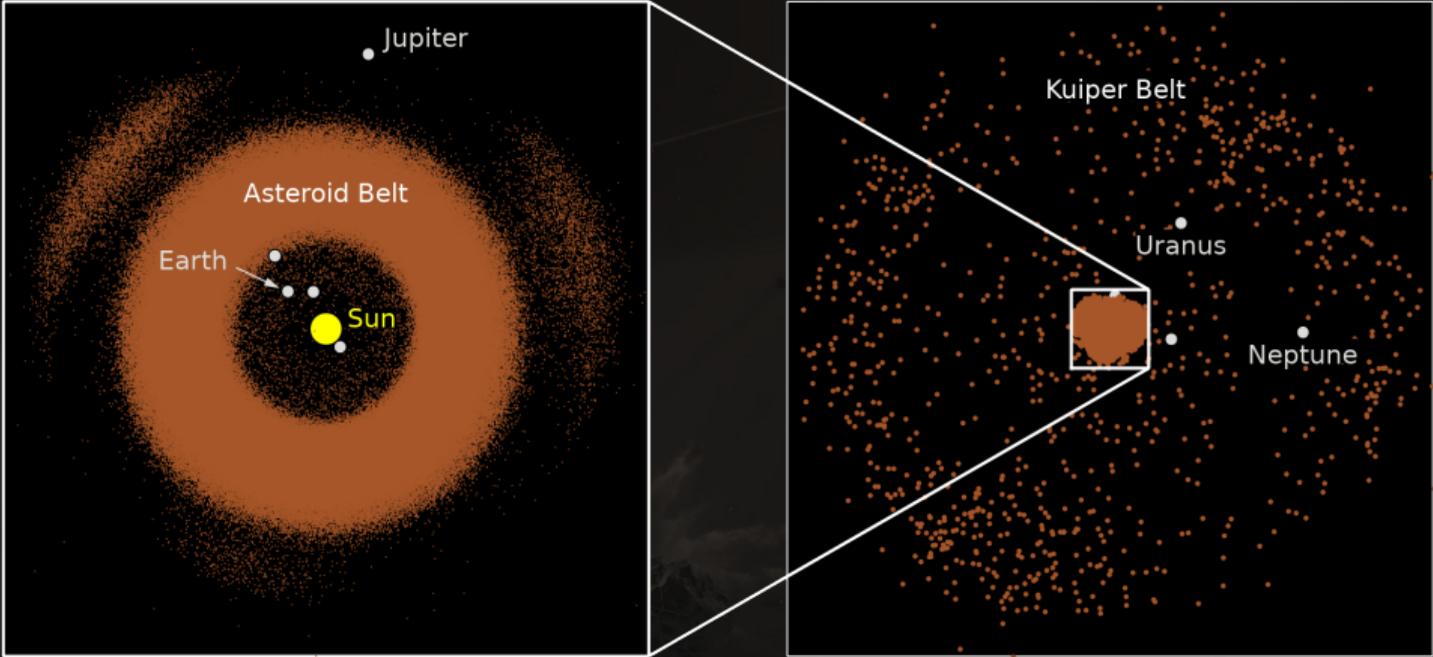
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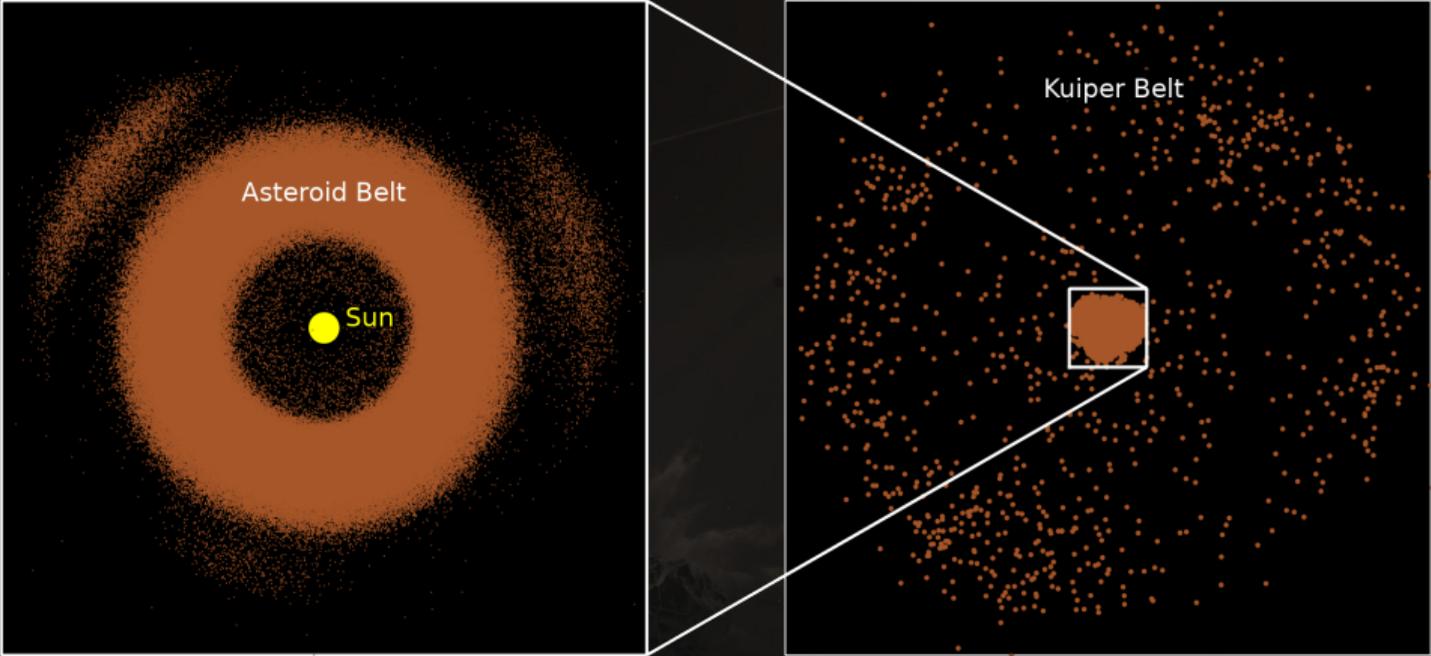
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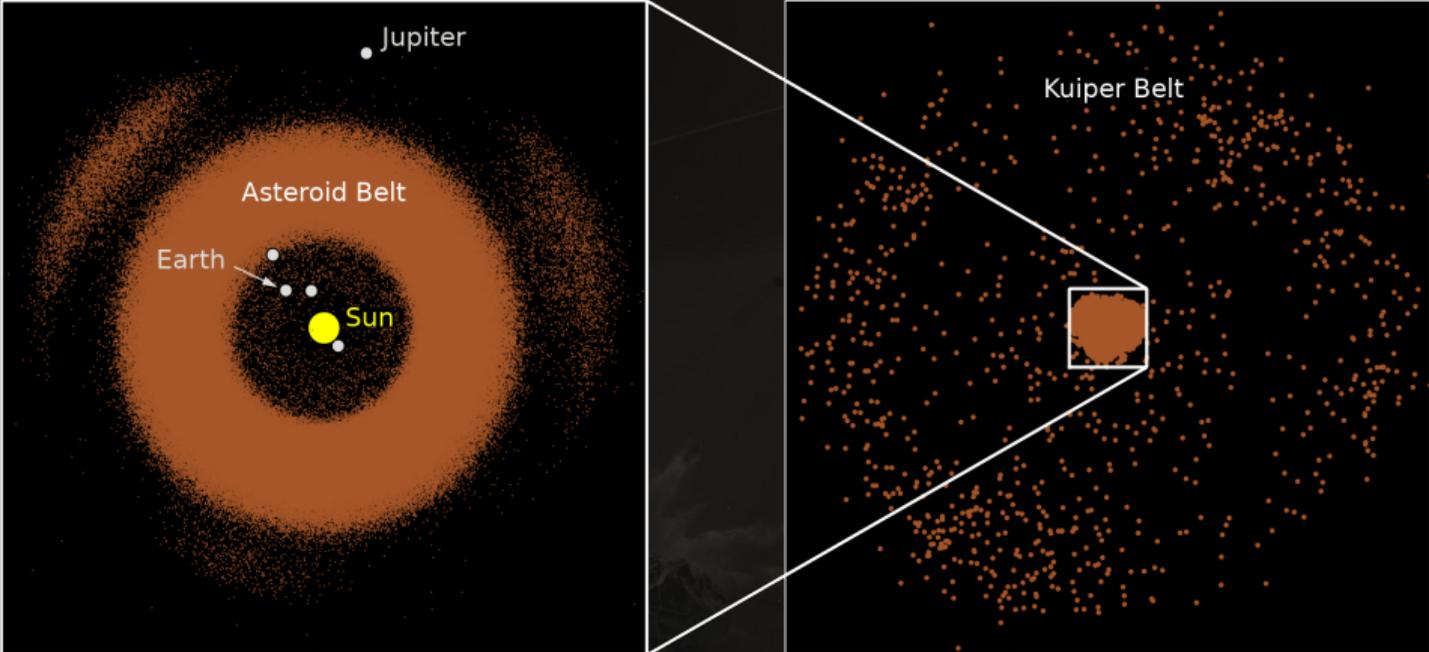
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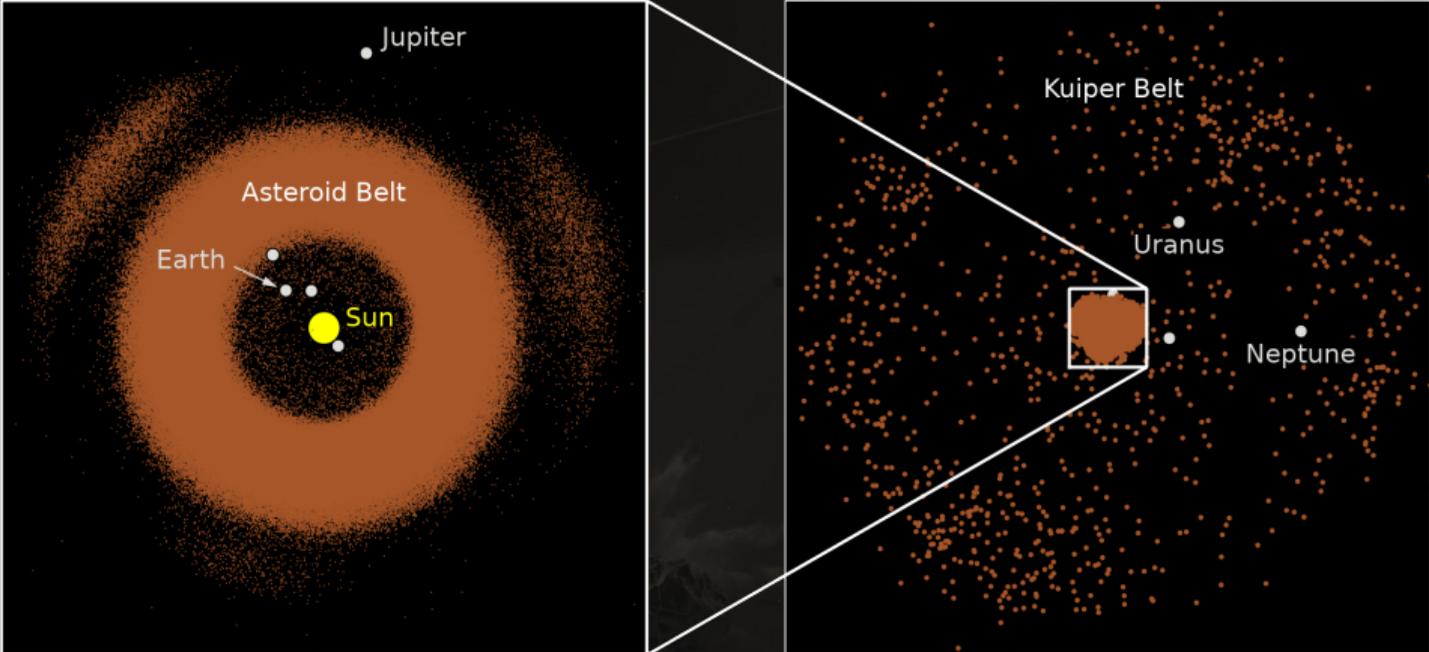
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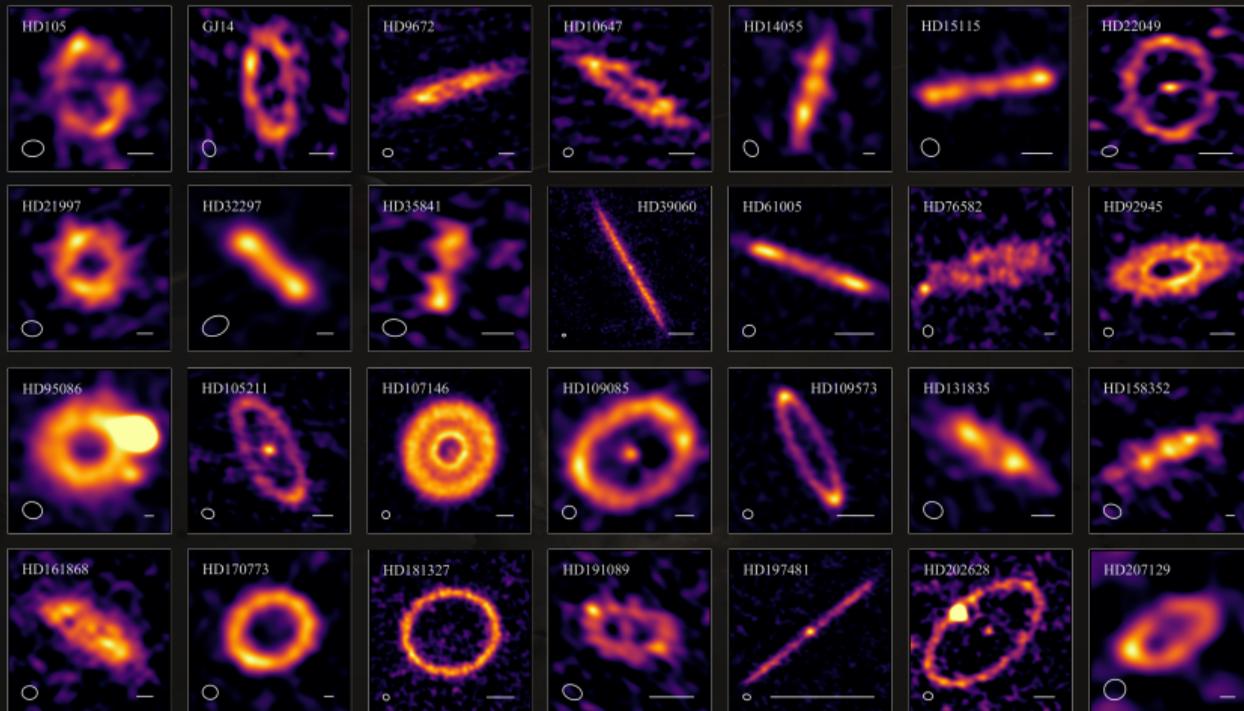
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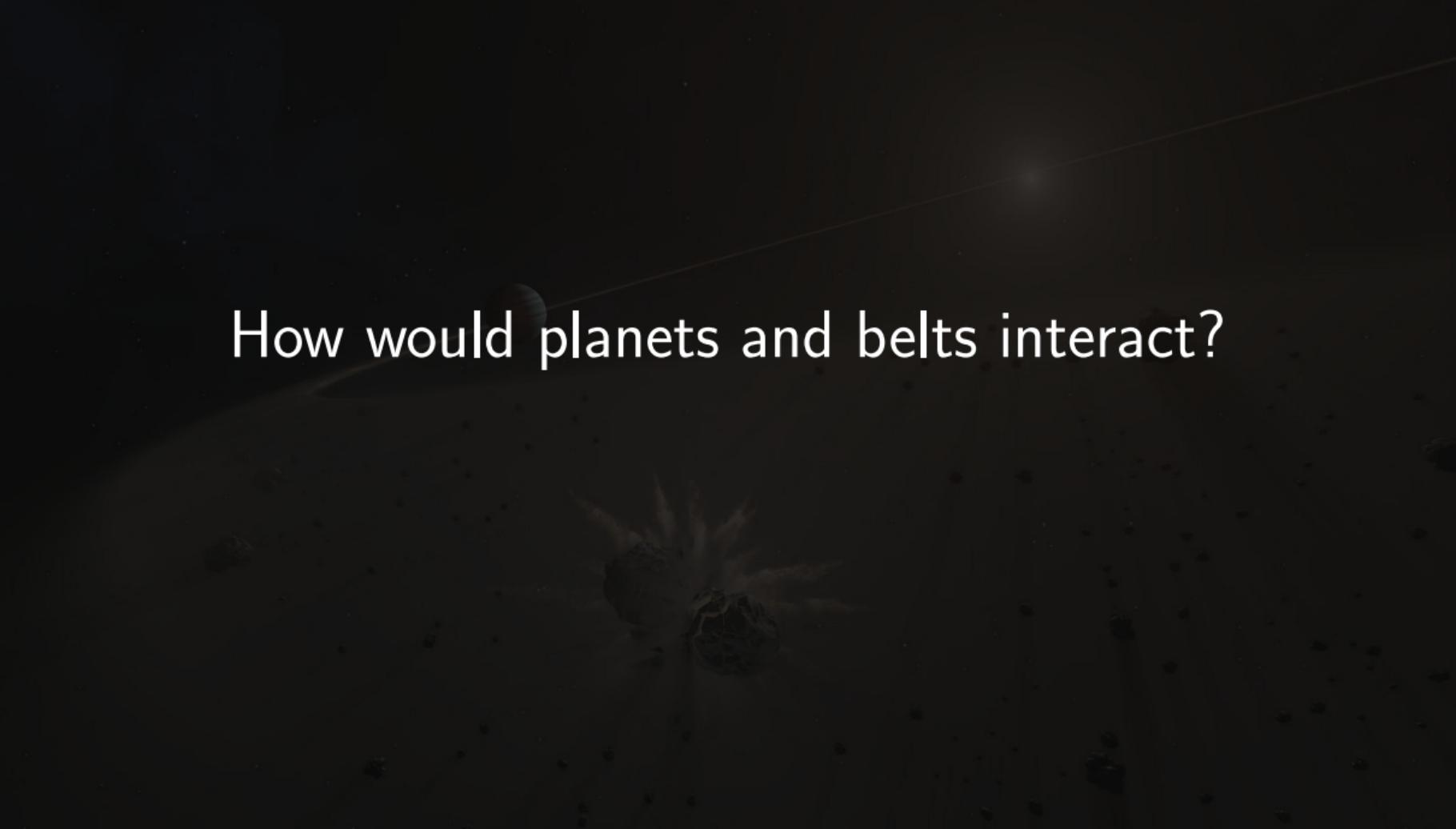


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Do planets interact with extrasolar belts too?



A dark space scene featuring a bright star in the upper right, a planet in the upper left, and a protoplanetary disk in the lower center. The text "How would planets and belts interact?" is centered in white.

How would planets and belts interact?

Planets interact with belts

Carve gaps



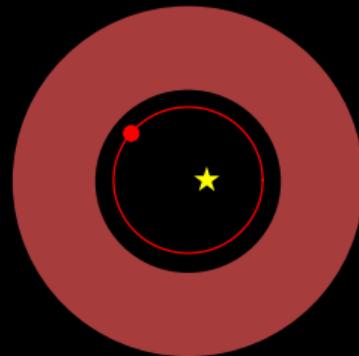
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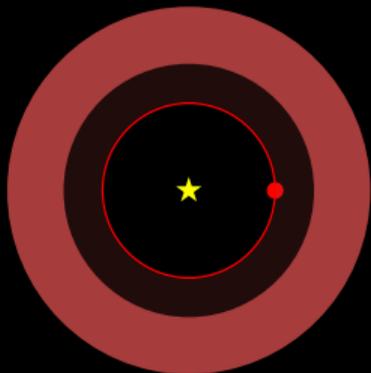
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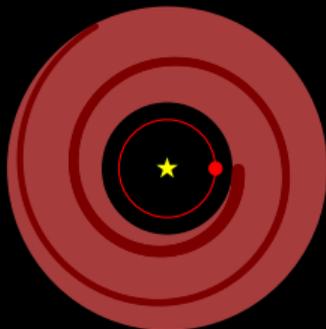
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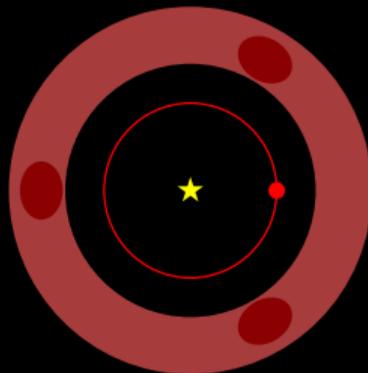
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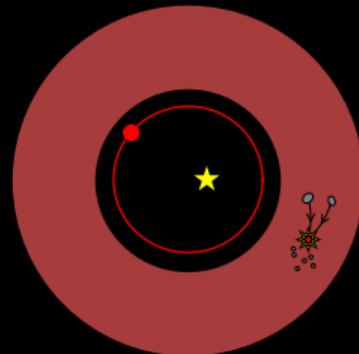
Drive spirals



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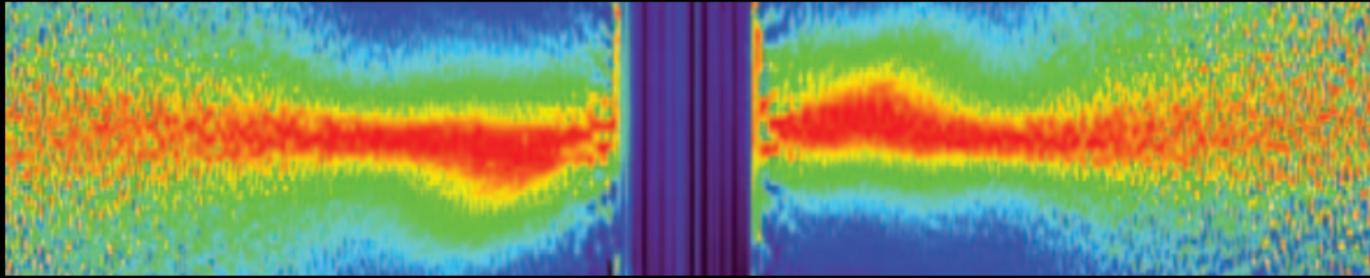


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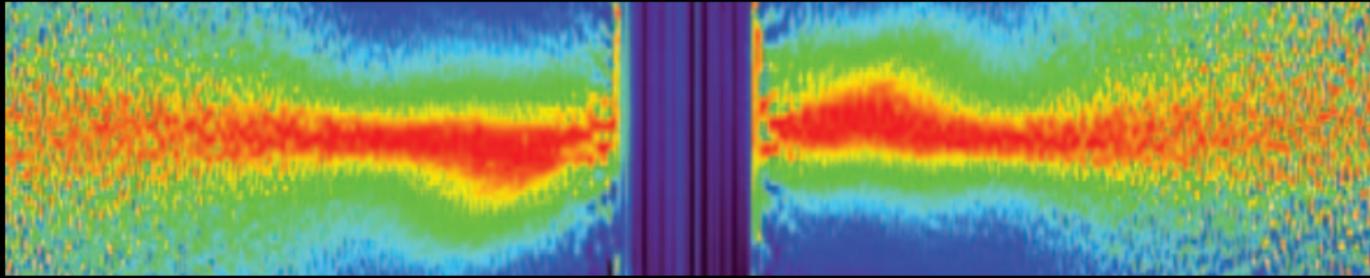


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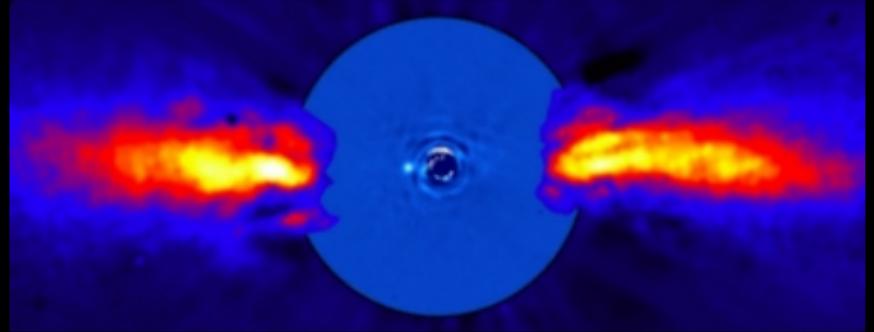
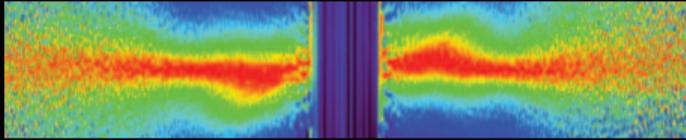
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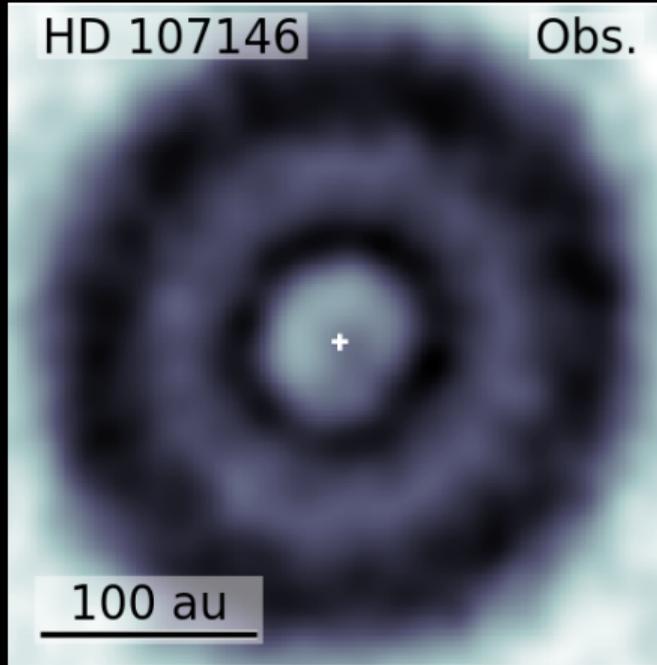
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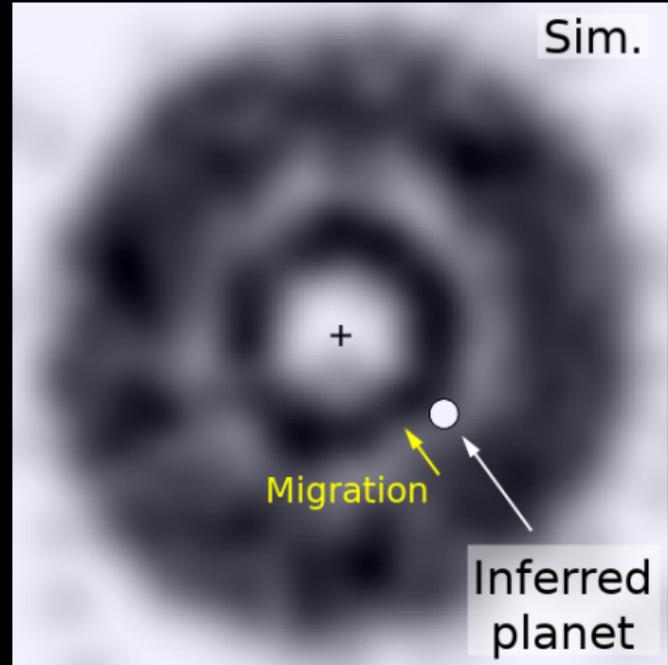
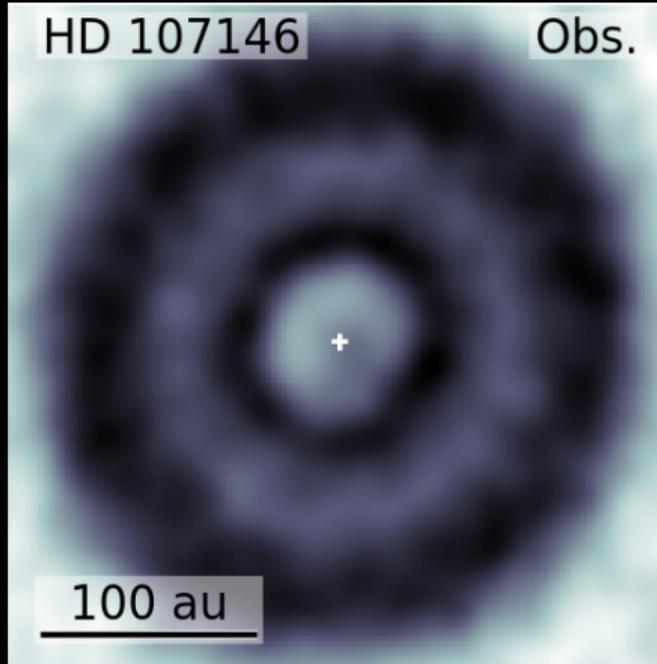
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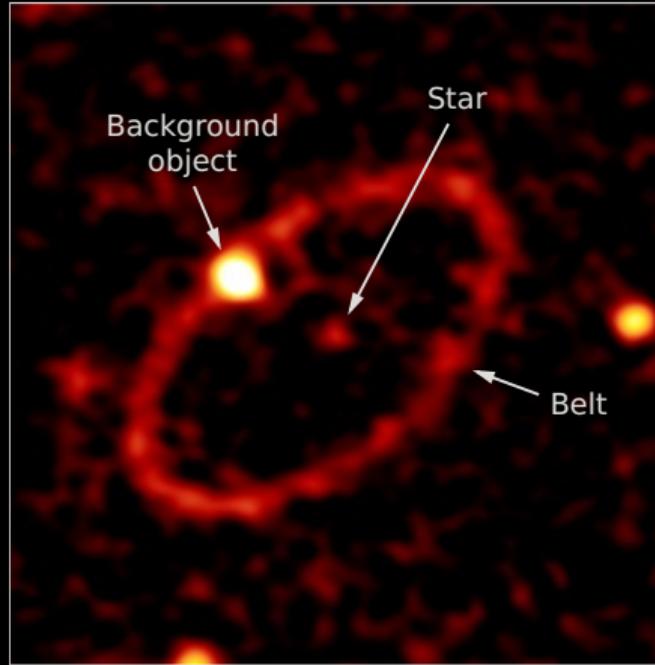
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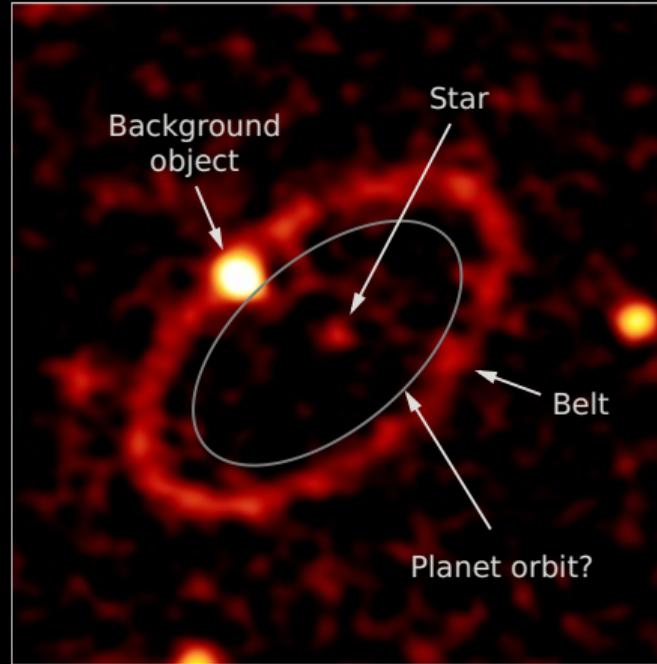
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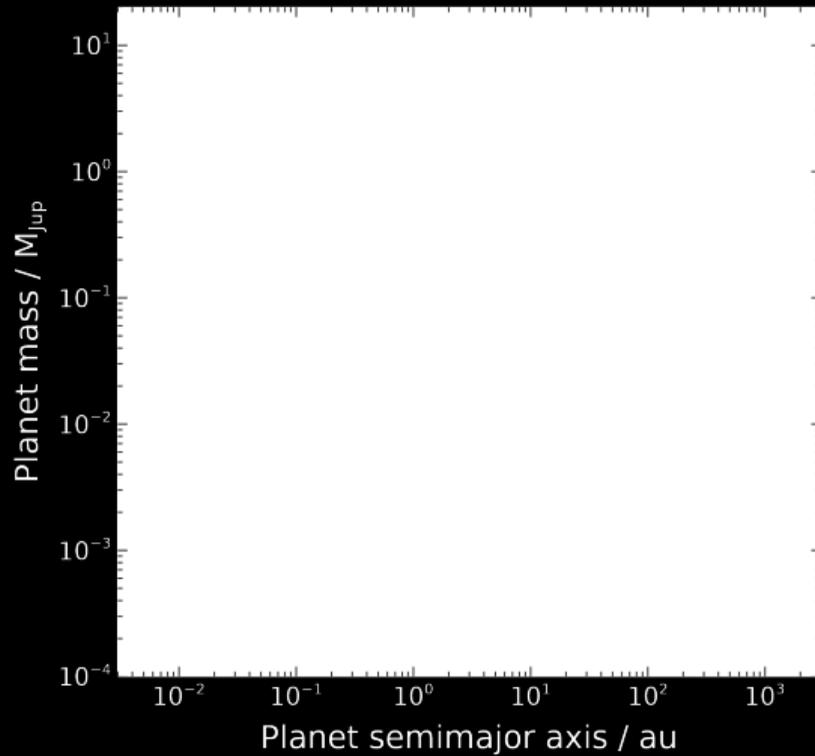


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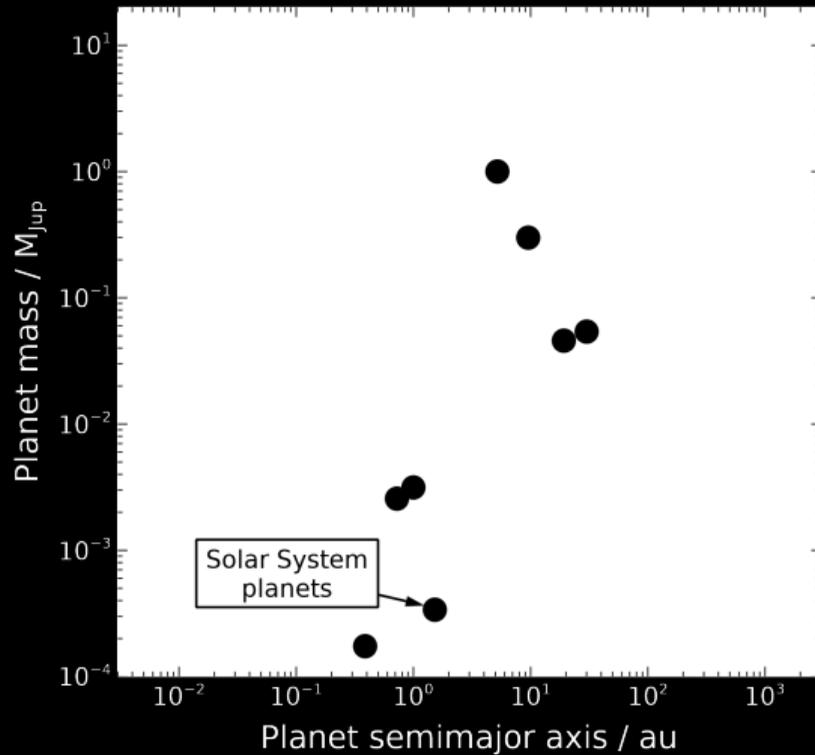


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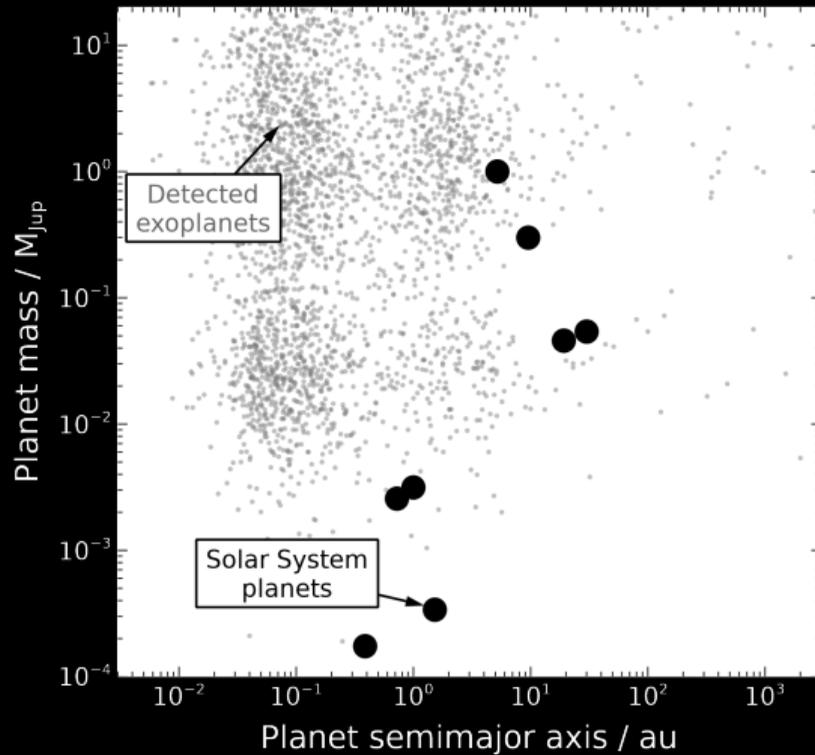
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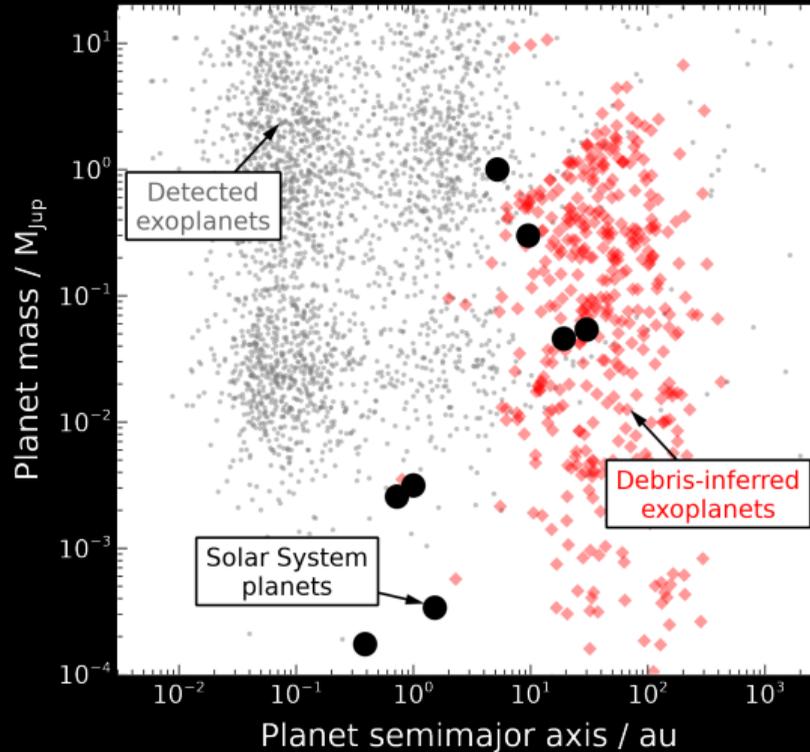
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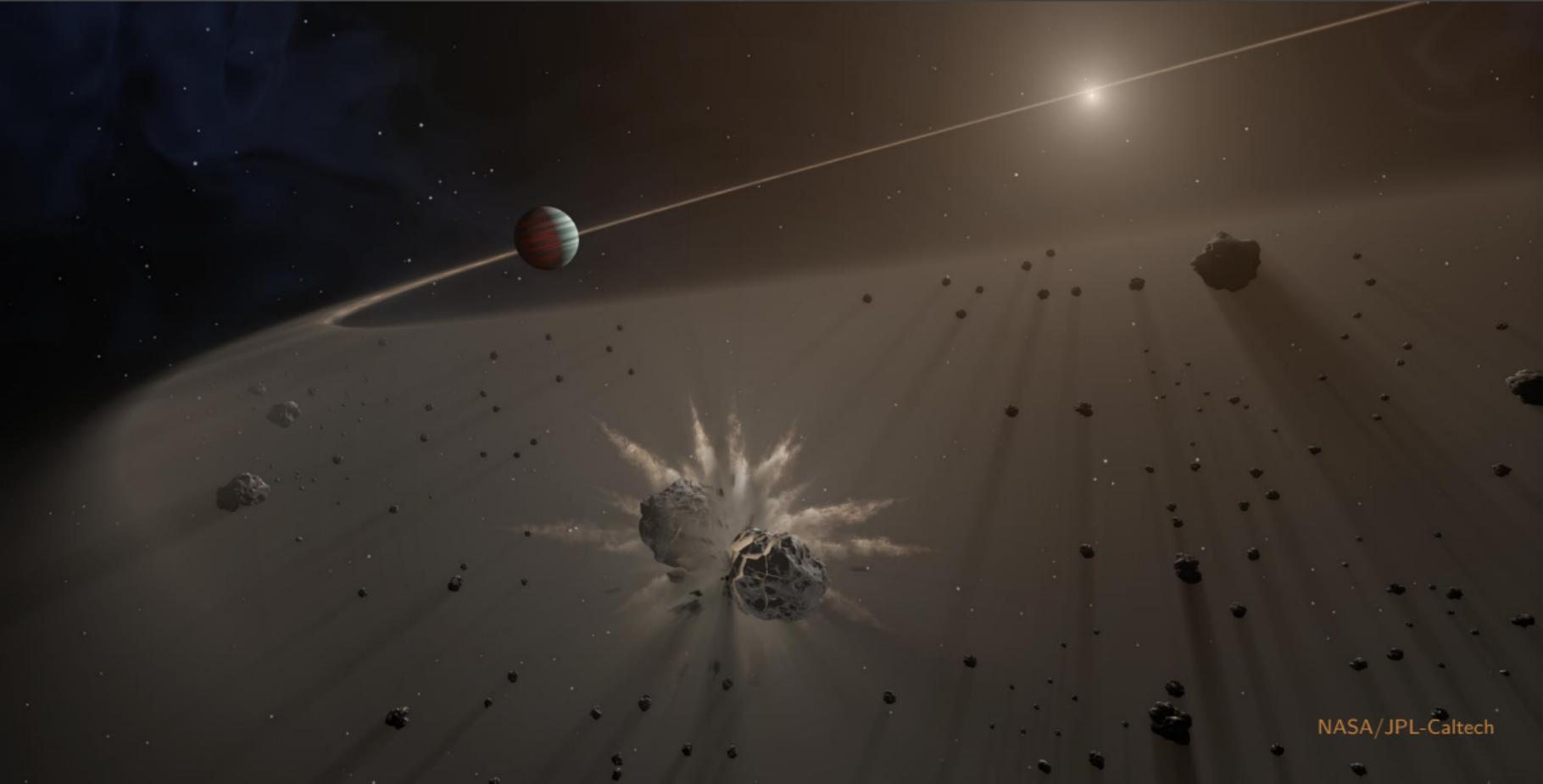
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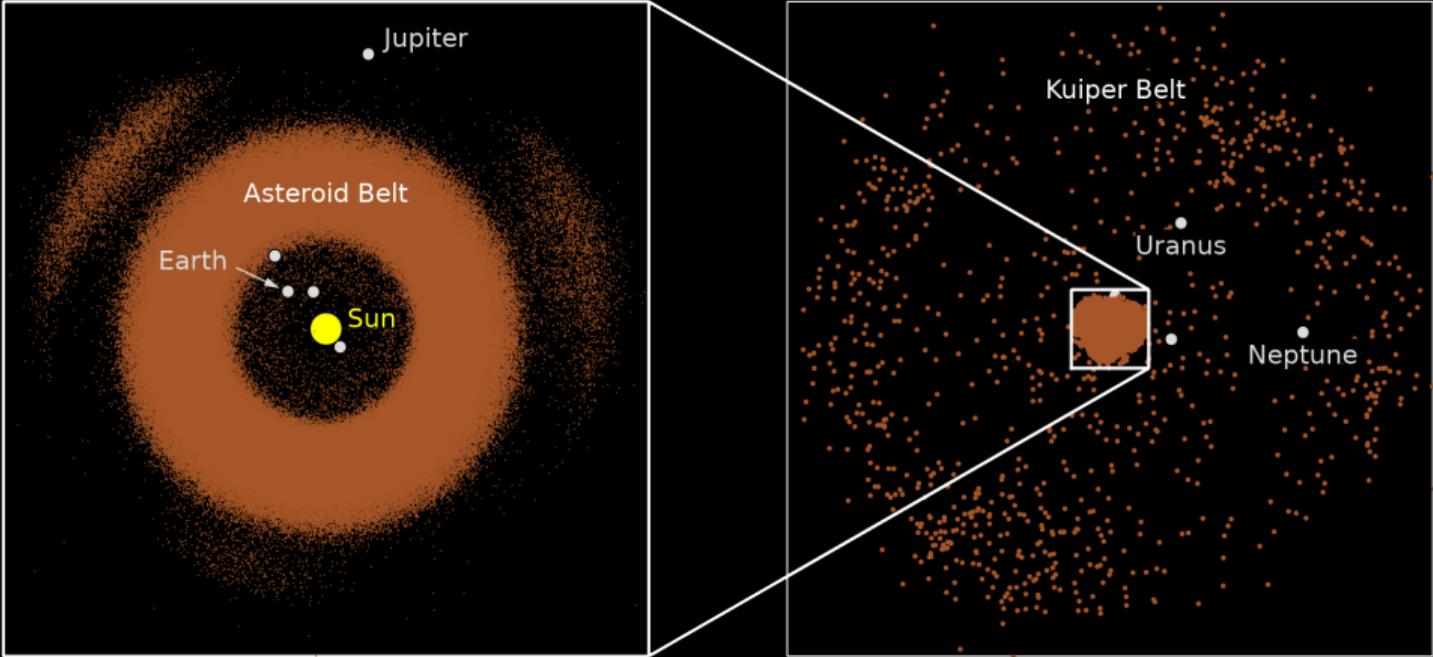
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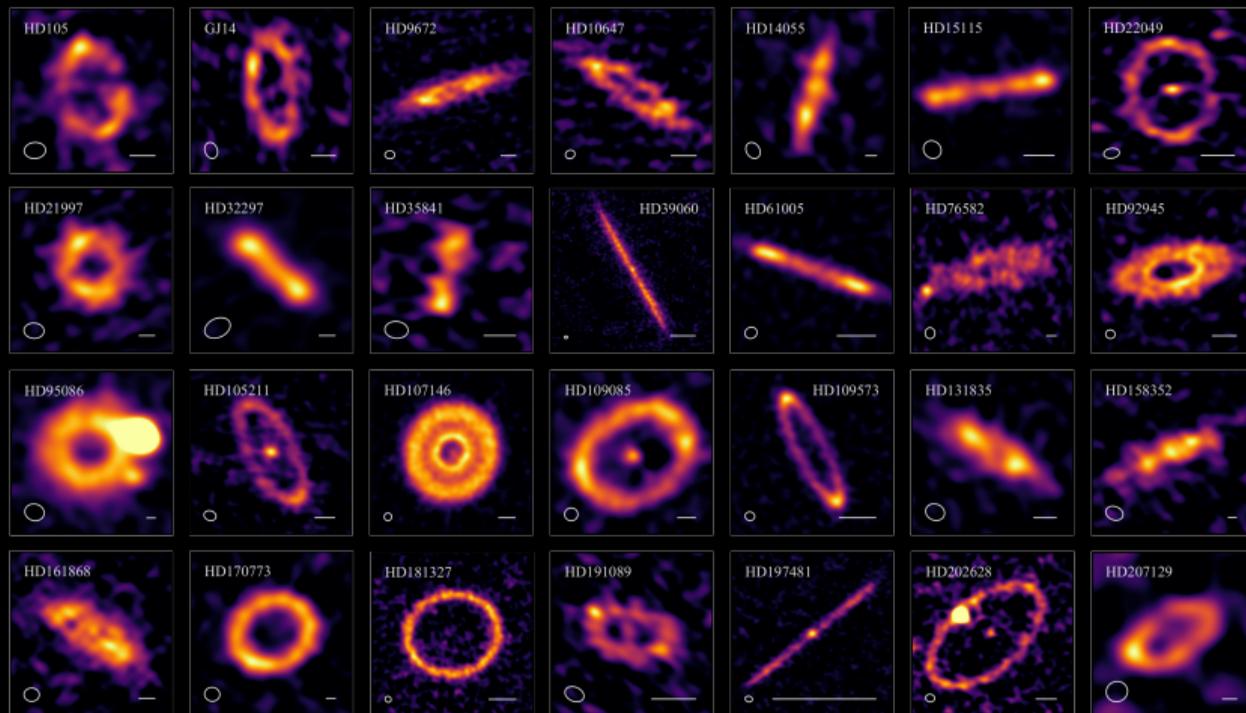
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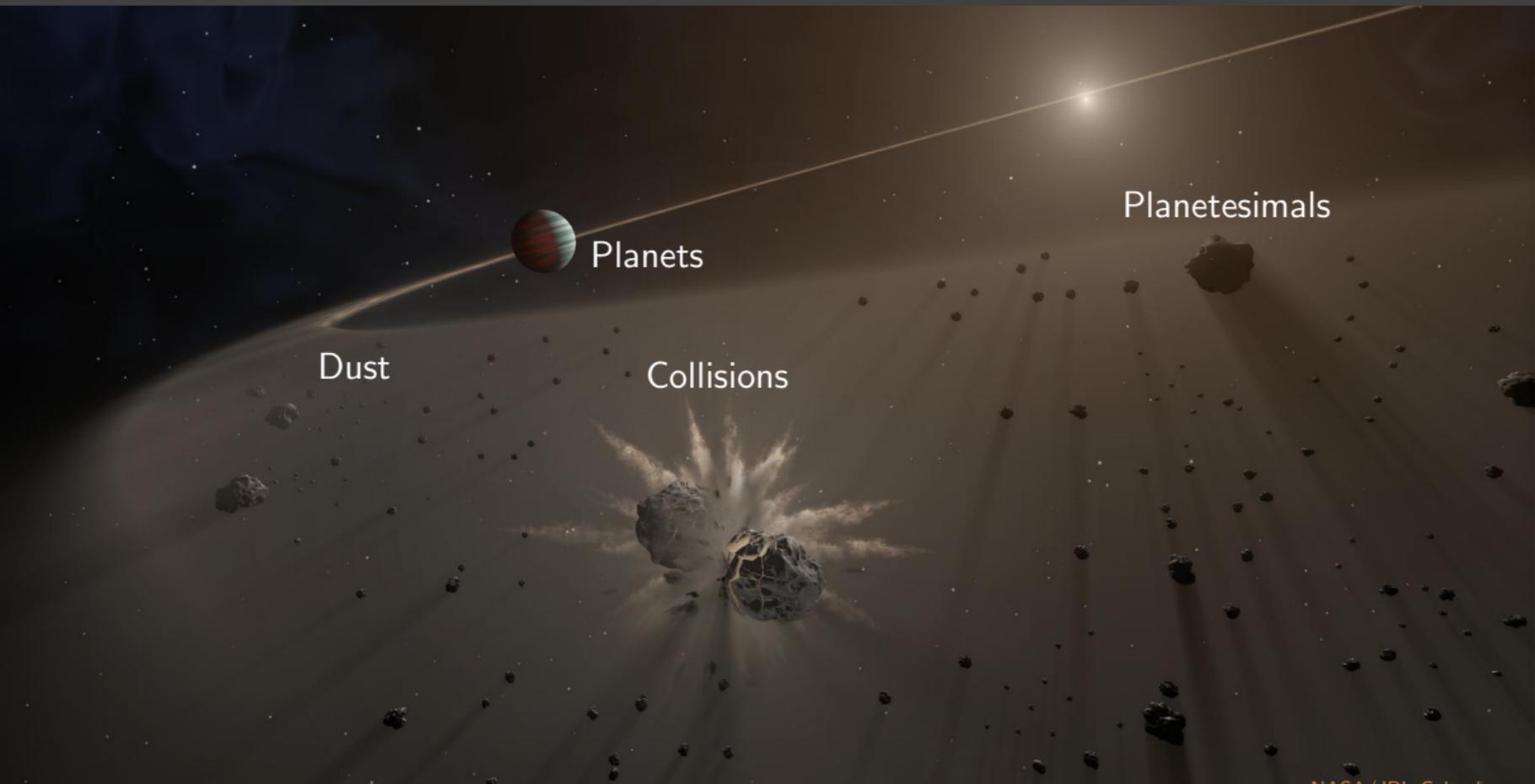
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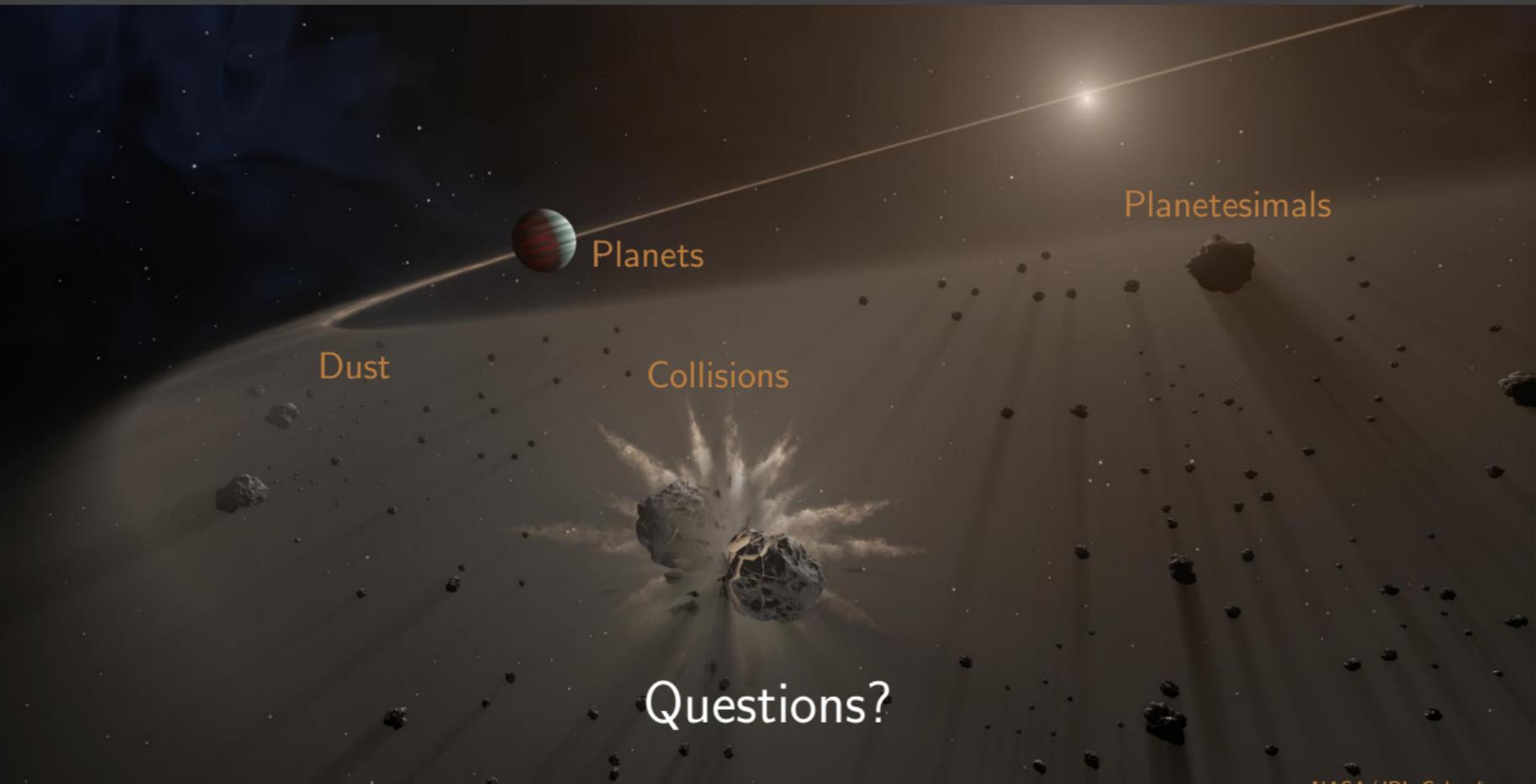
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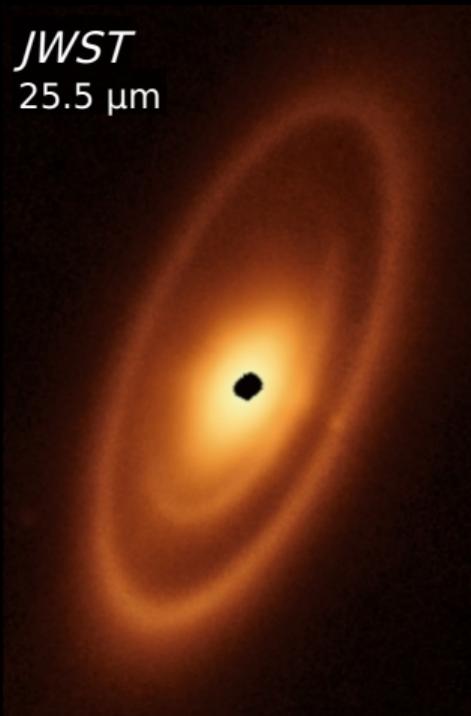
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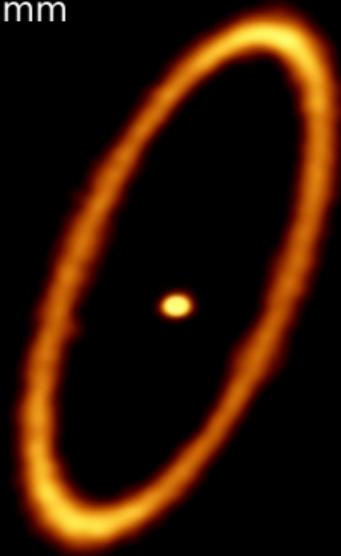
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Extra slides

Different dust grains have different distributions



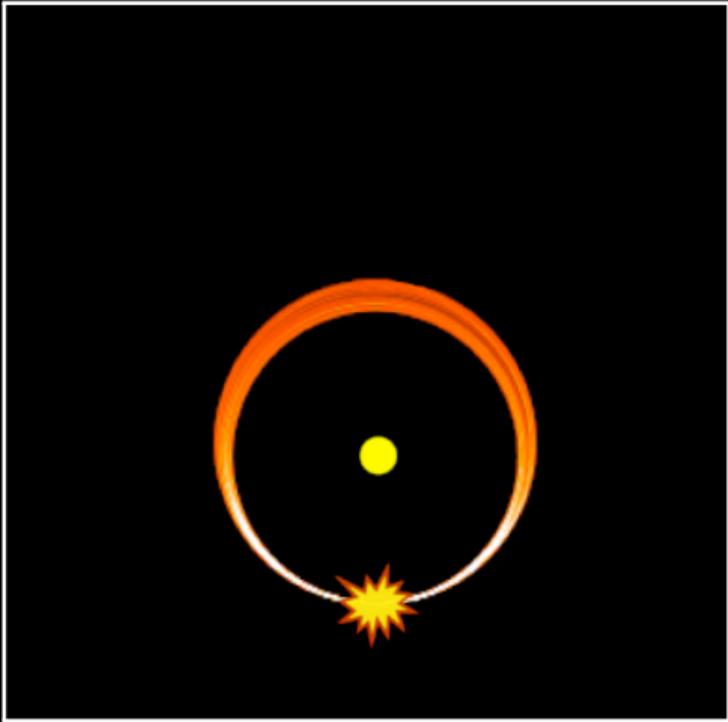
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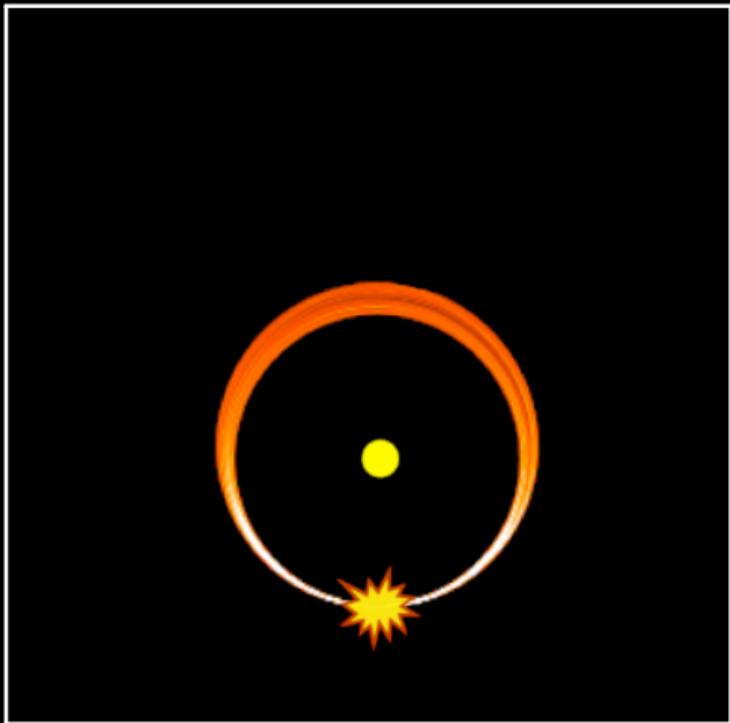
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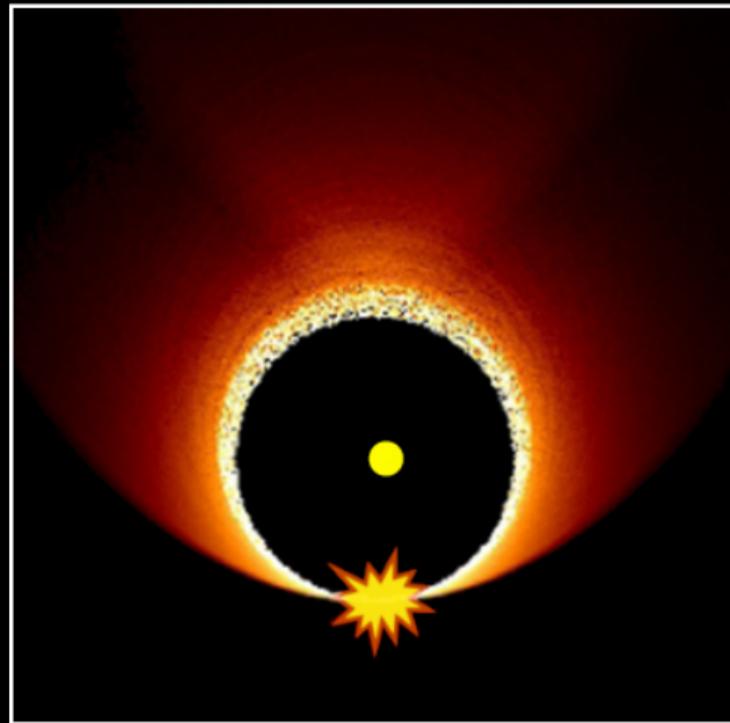


Large grains

Small dust and large dust behave differently



Large grains



Small grains