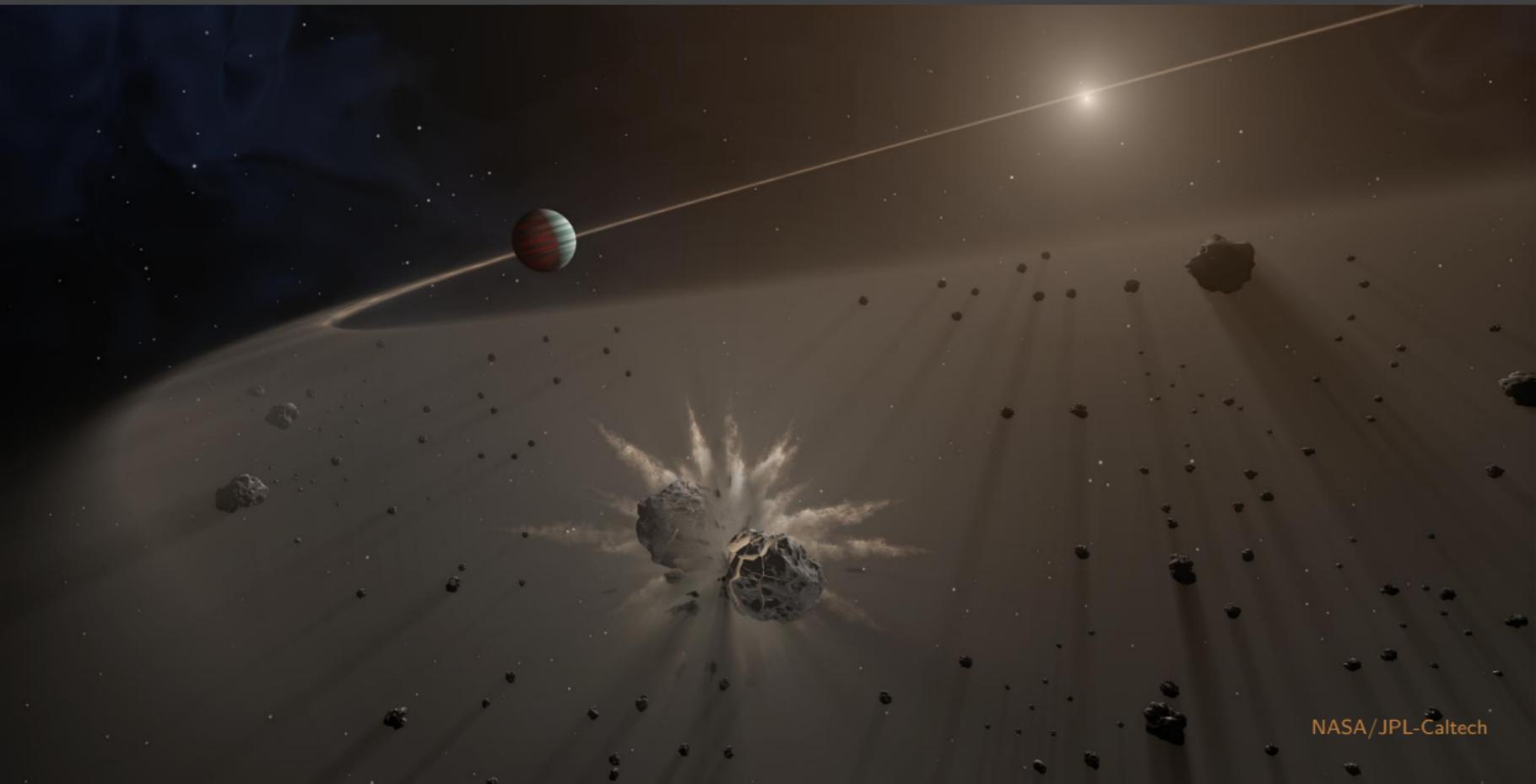


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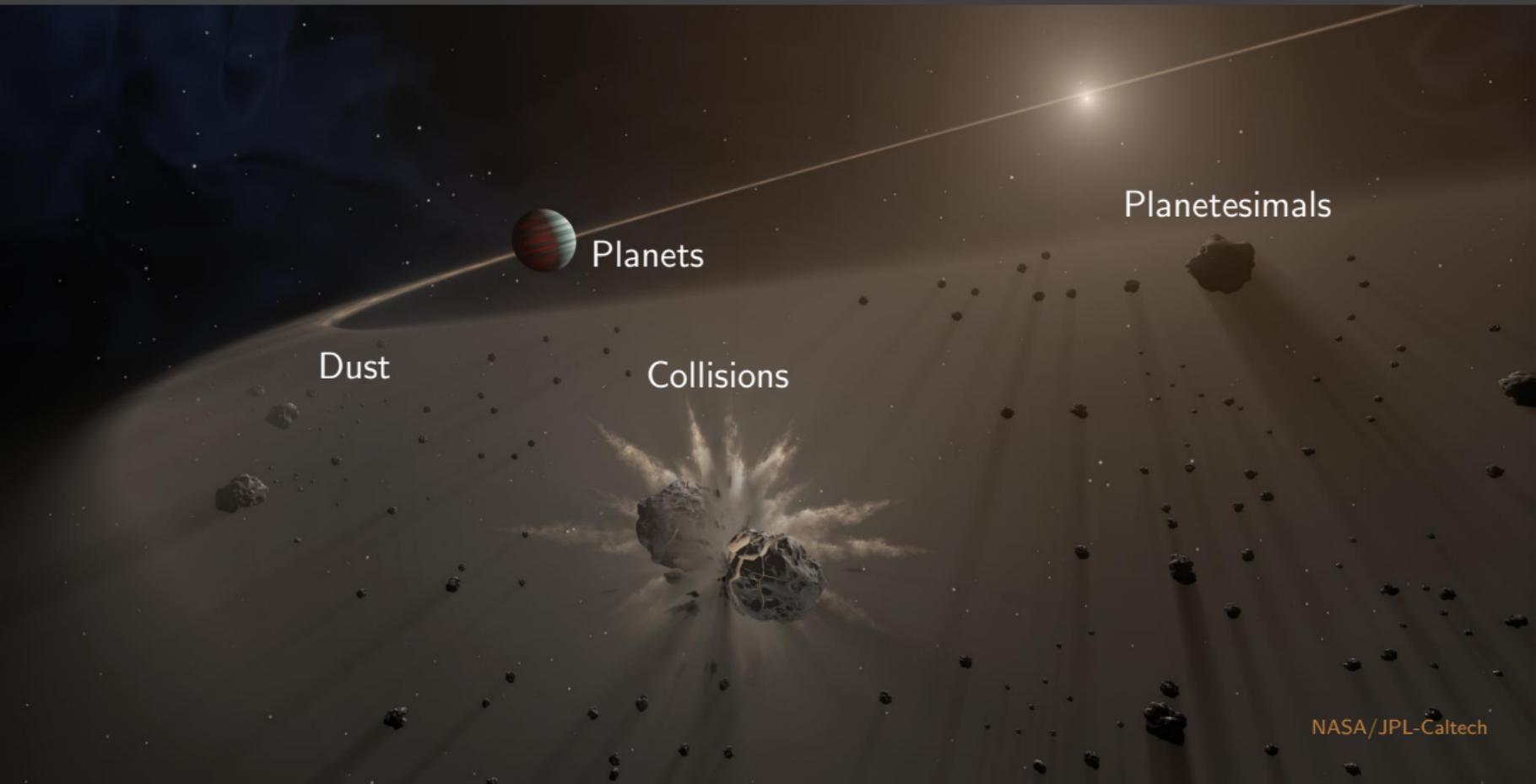


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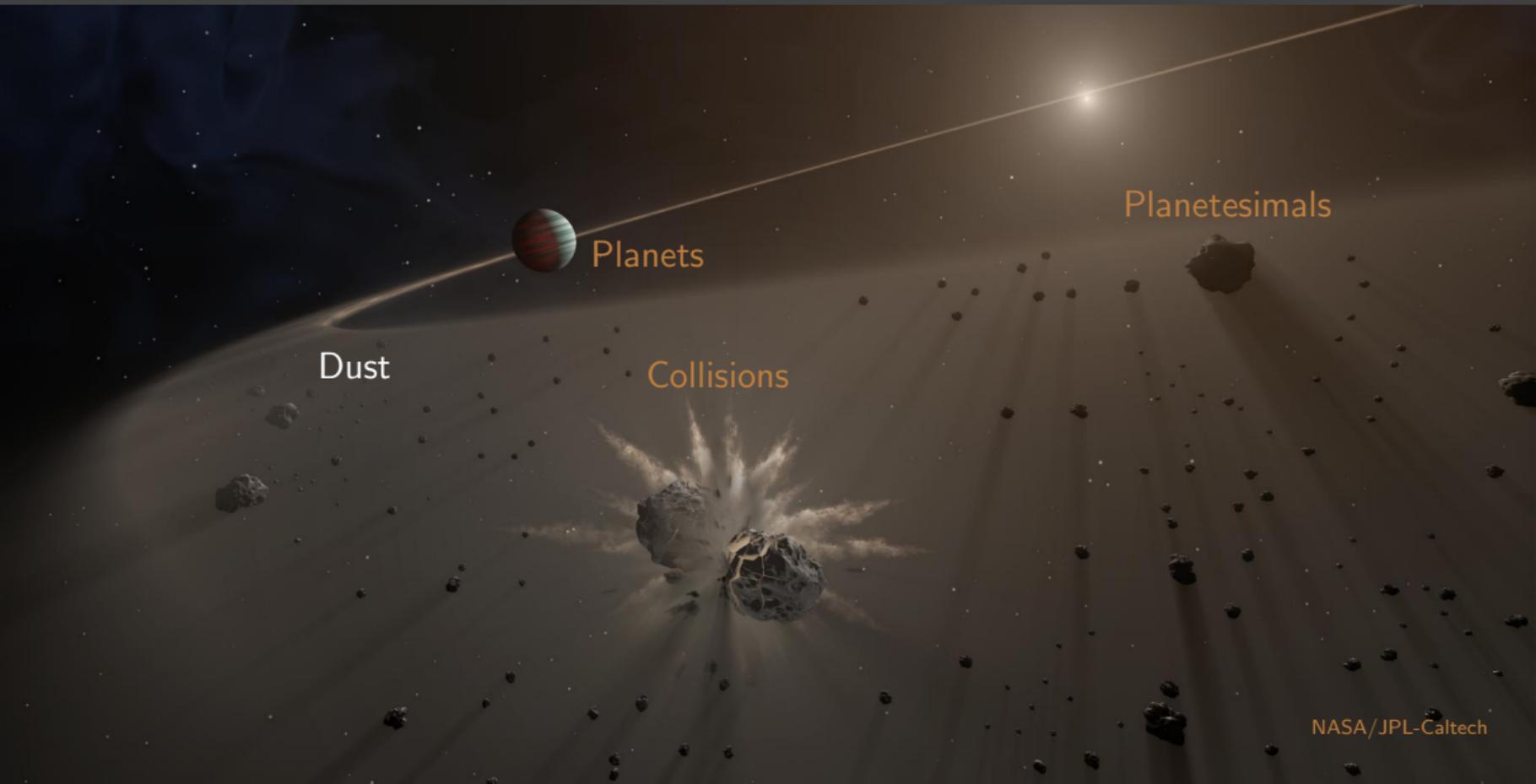
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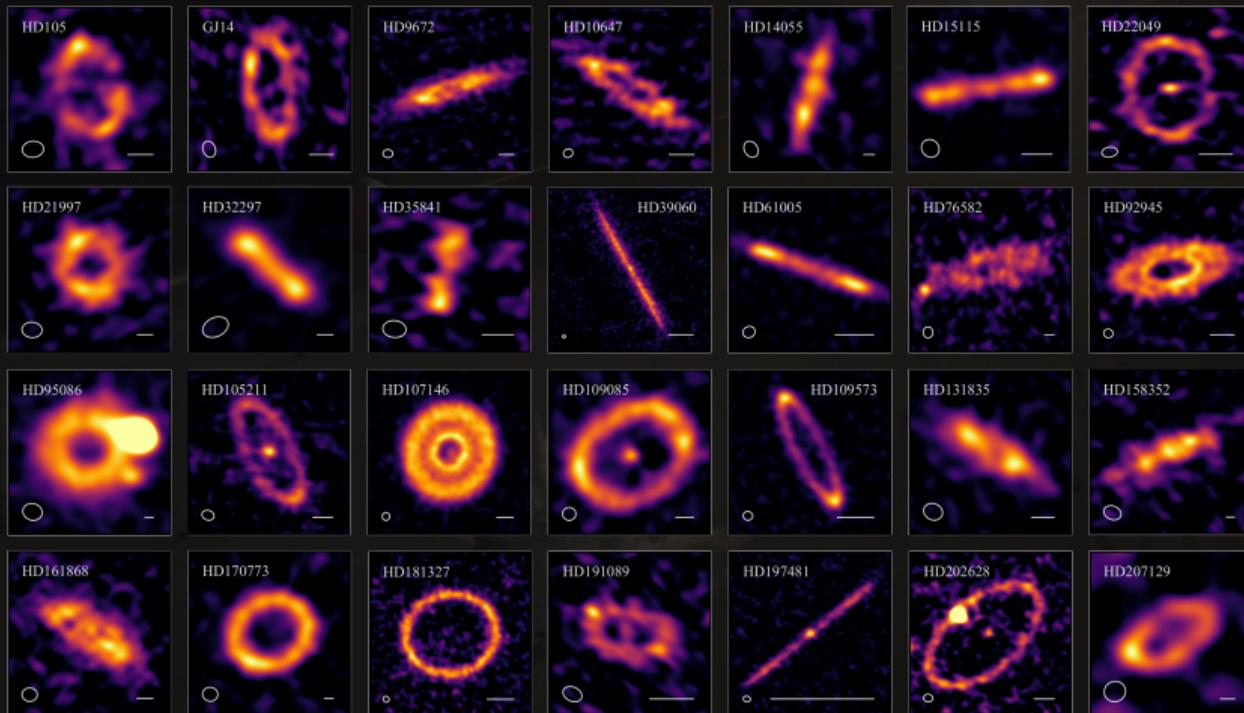
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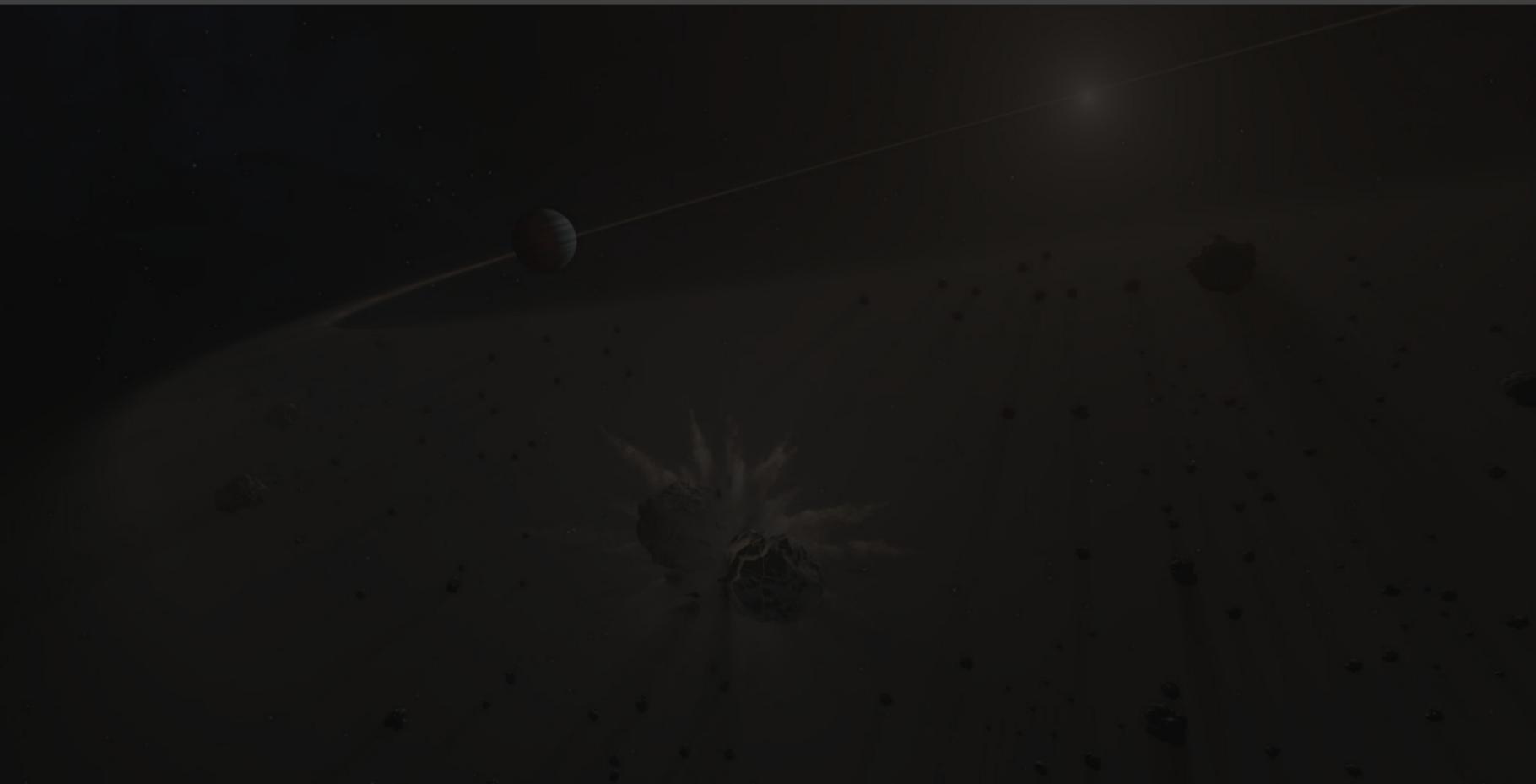
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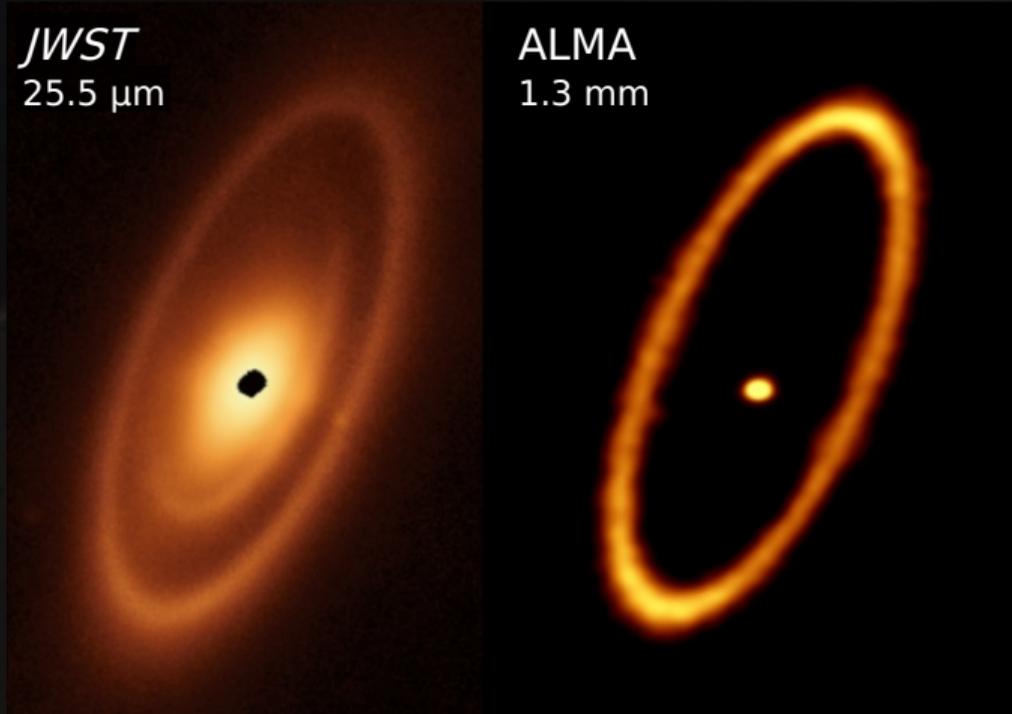
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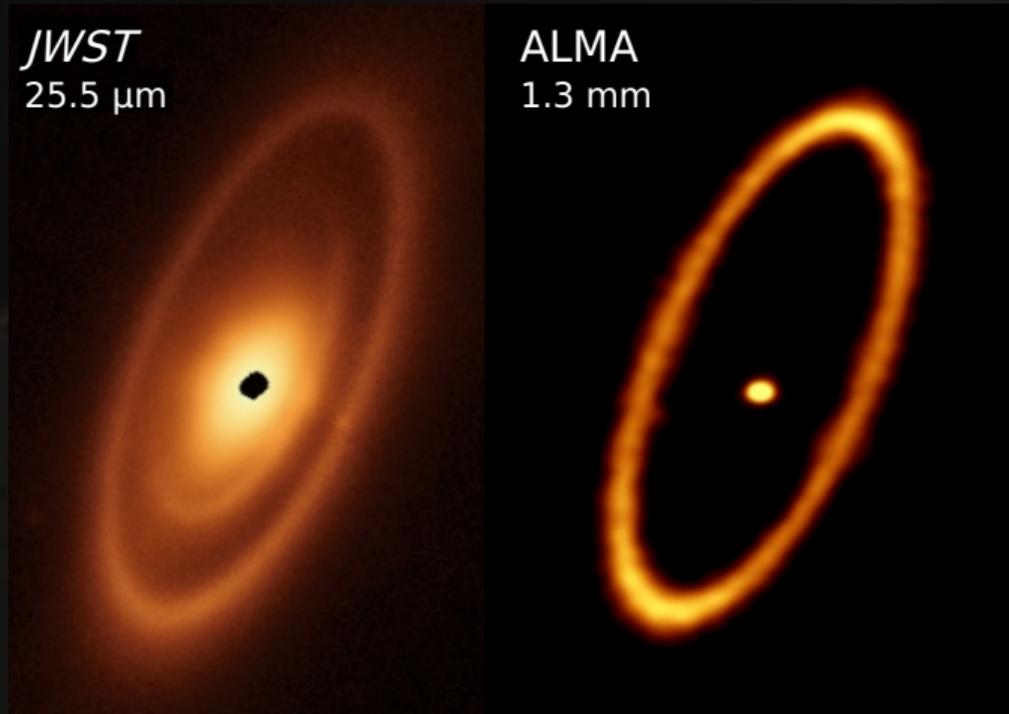
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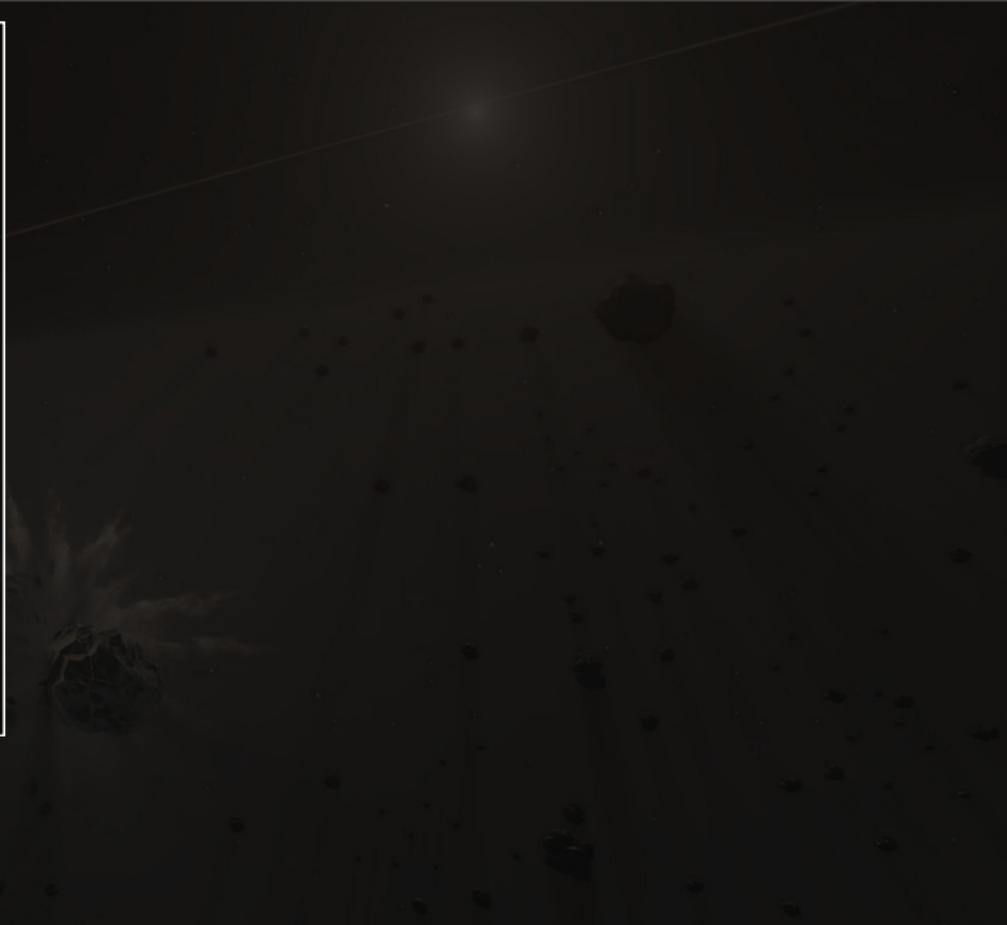
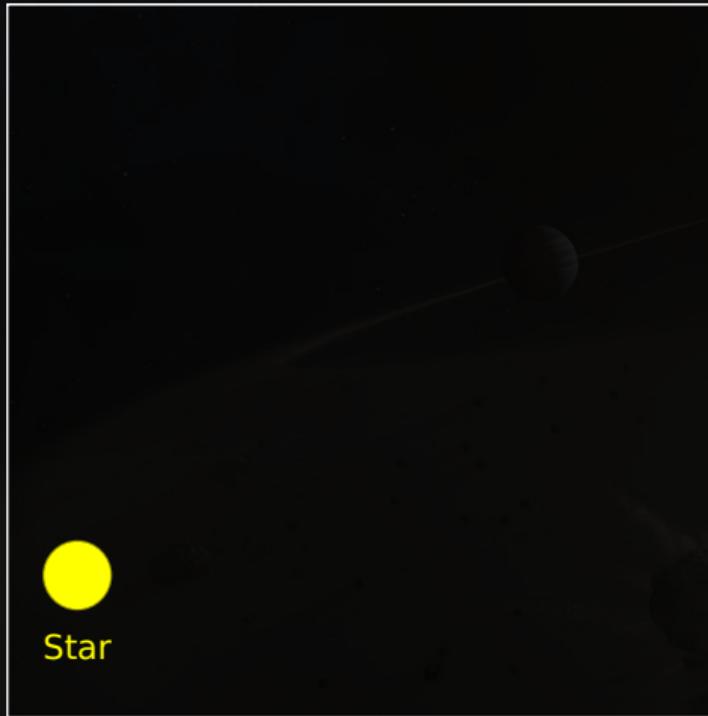


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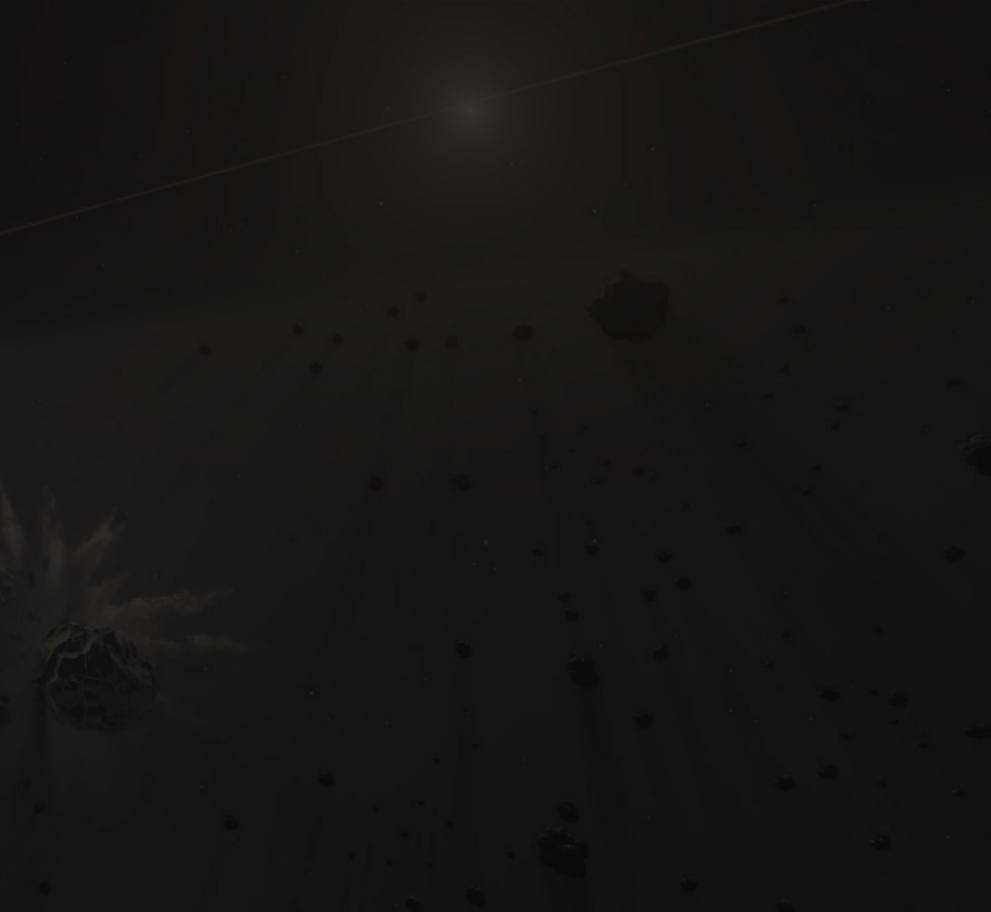
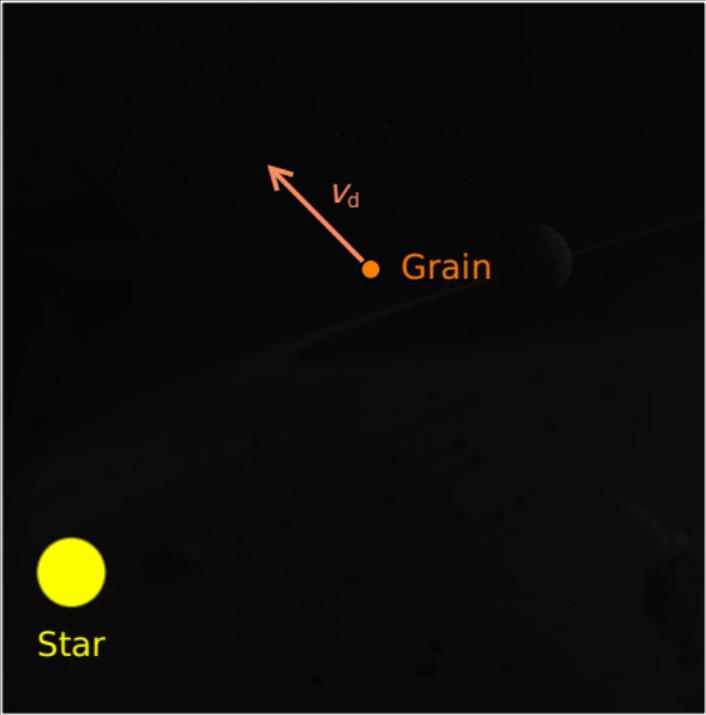


⇒ Debris discs look different at different grain sizes

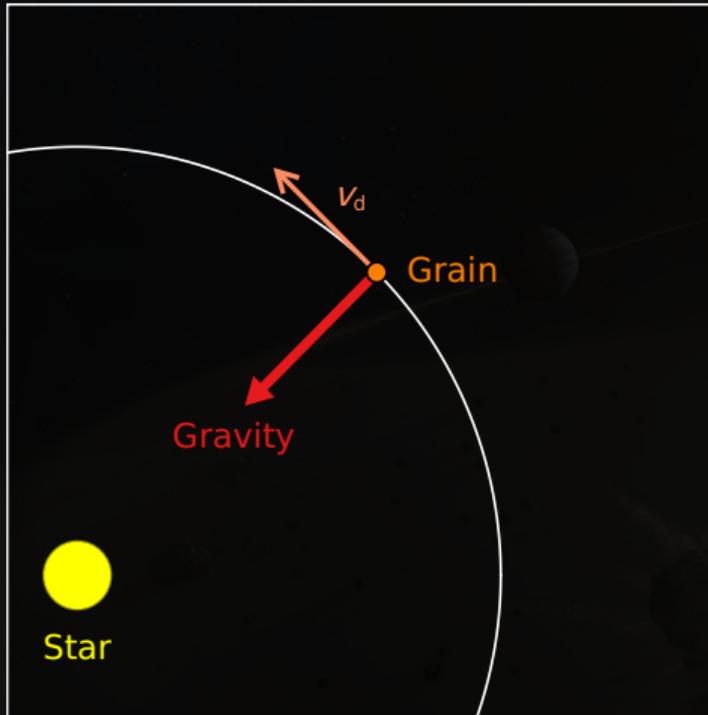
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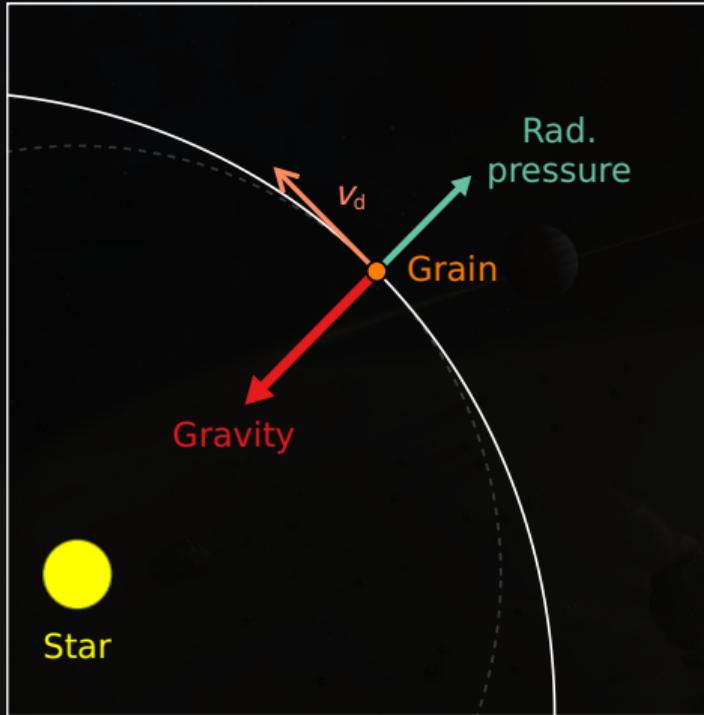


Forces:

- Gravity

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{grav}} = -\frac{GM_* m_d}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

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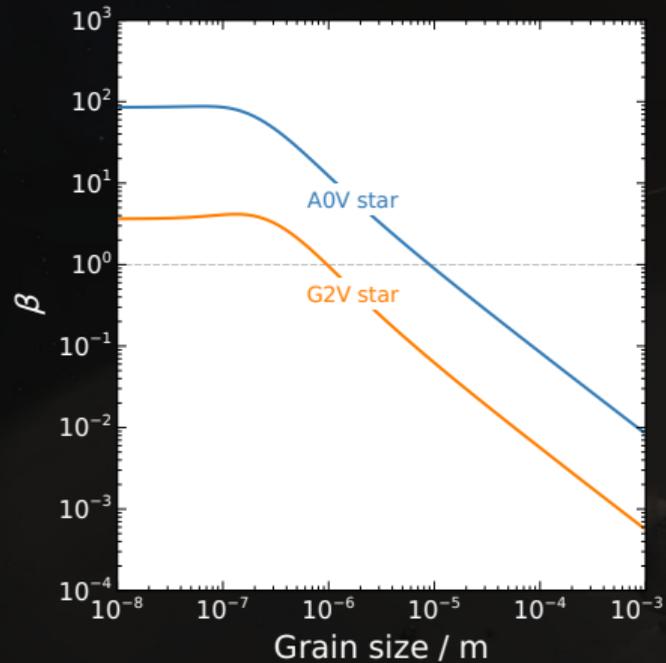


Forces:

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- Radiation pressure

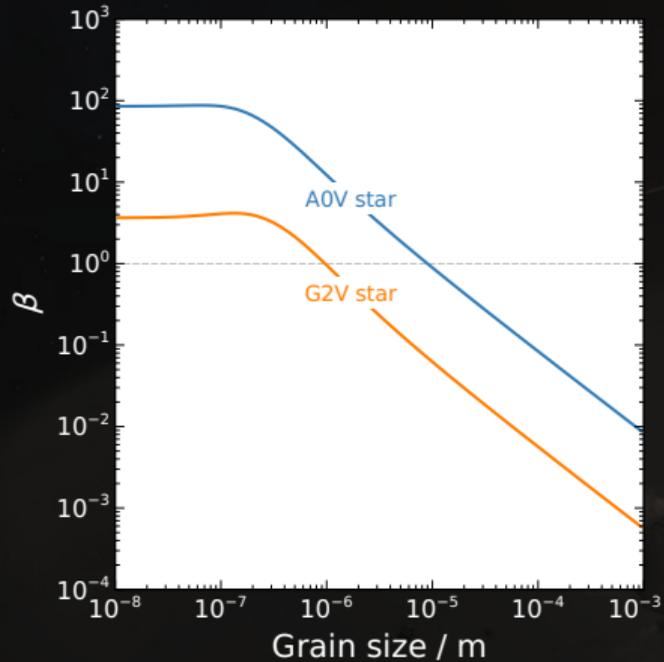
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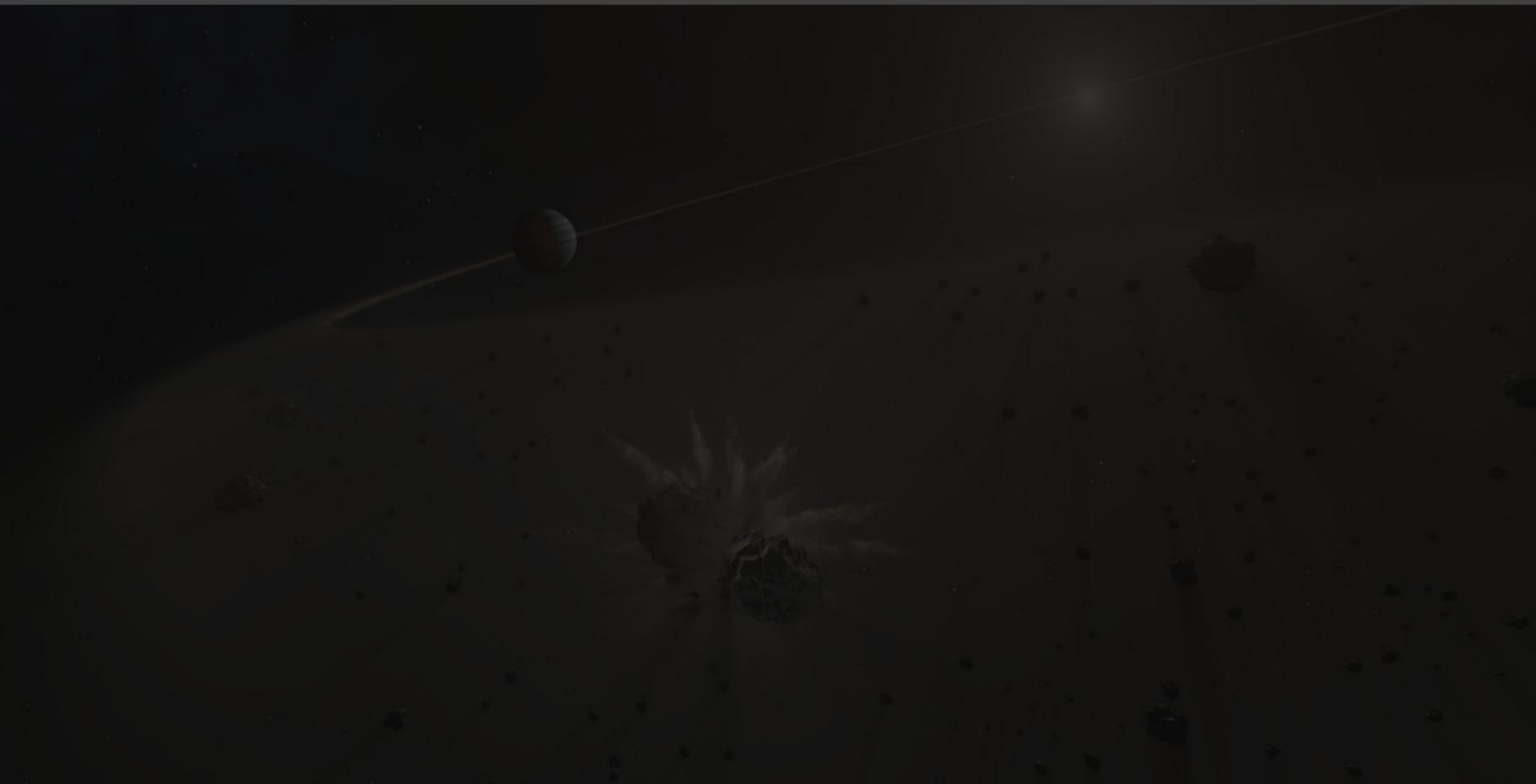
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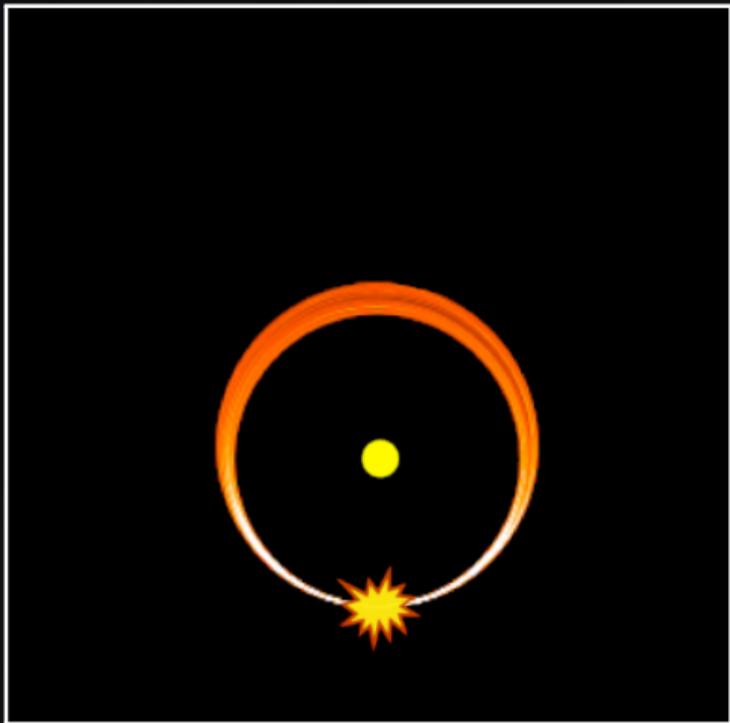
- Smaller grains: higher  $\beta$
- Brighter stars: higher  $\beta$

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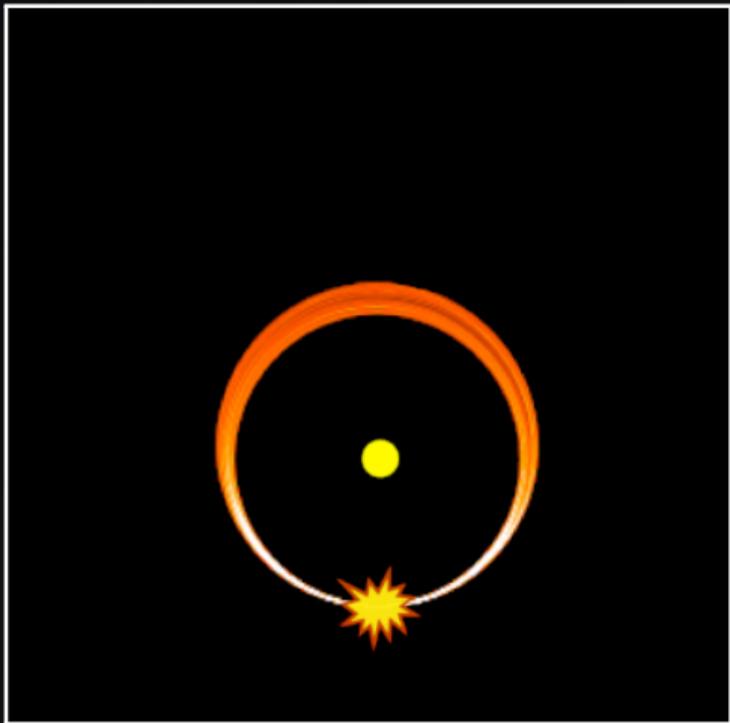


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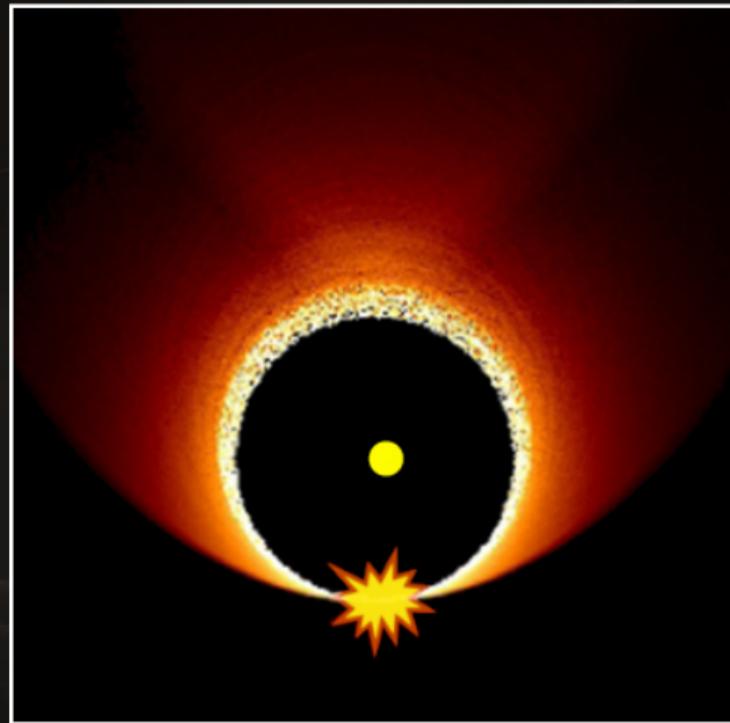


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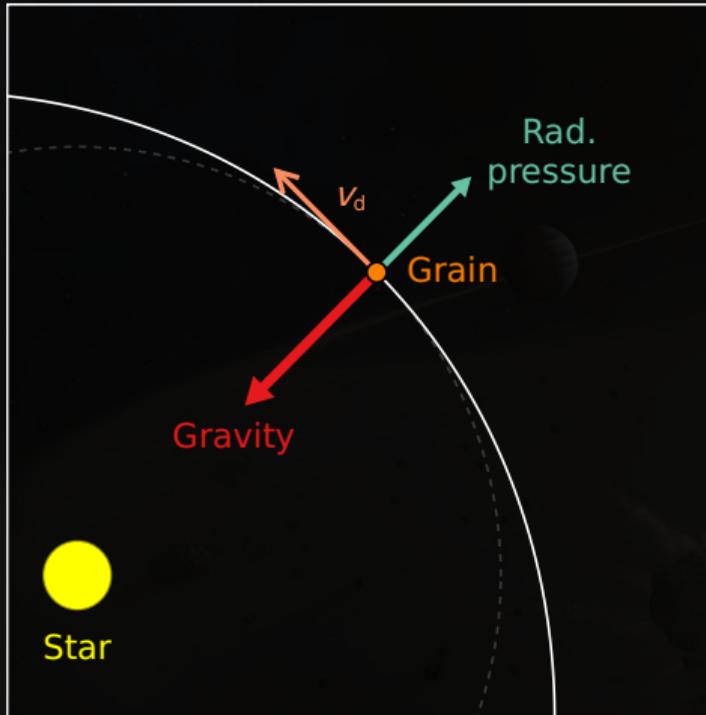


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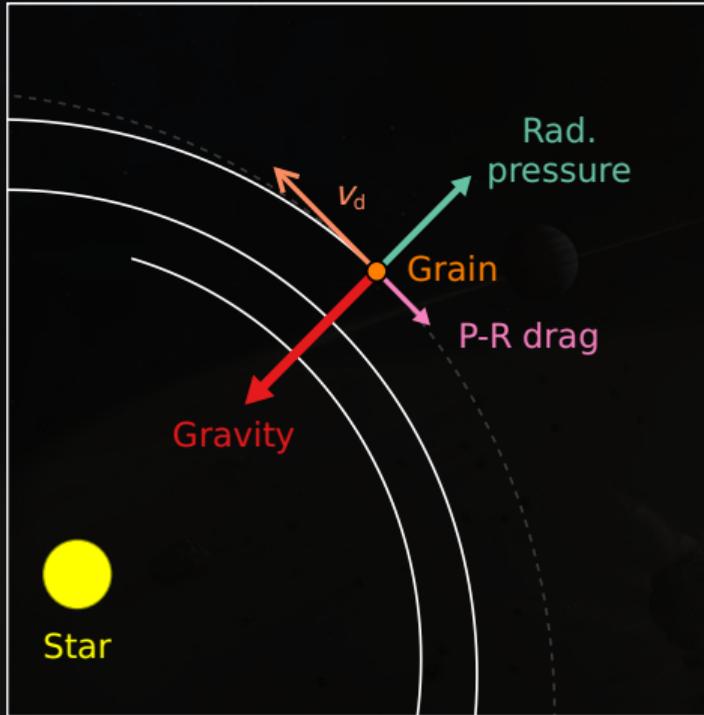


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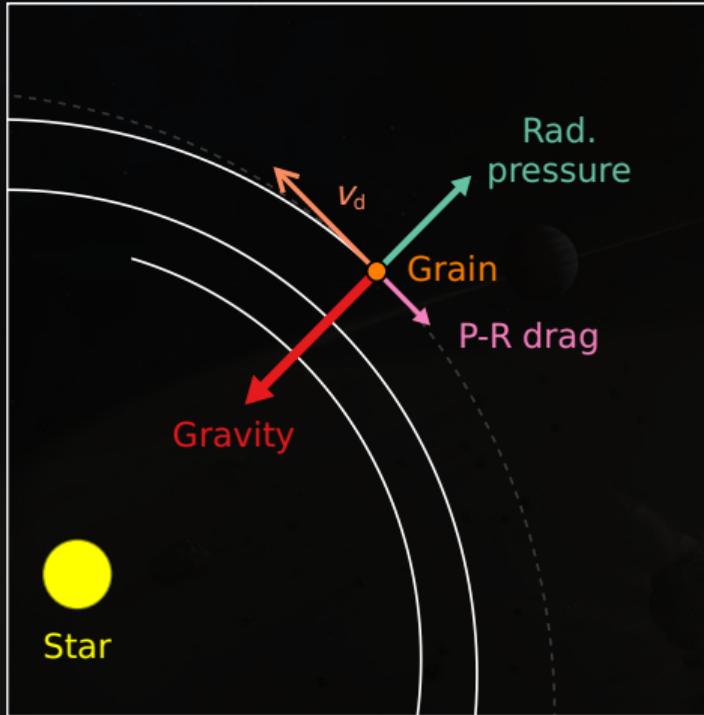


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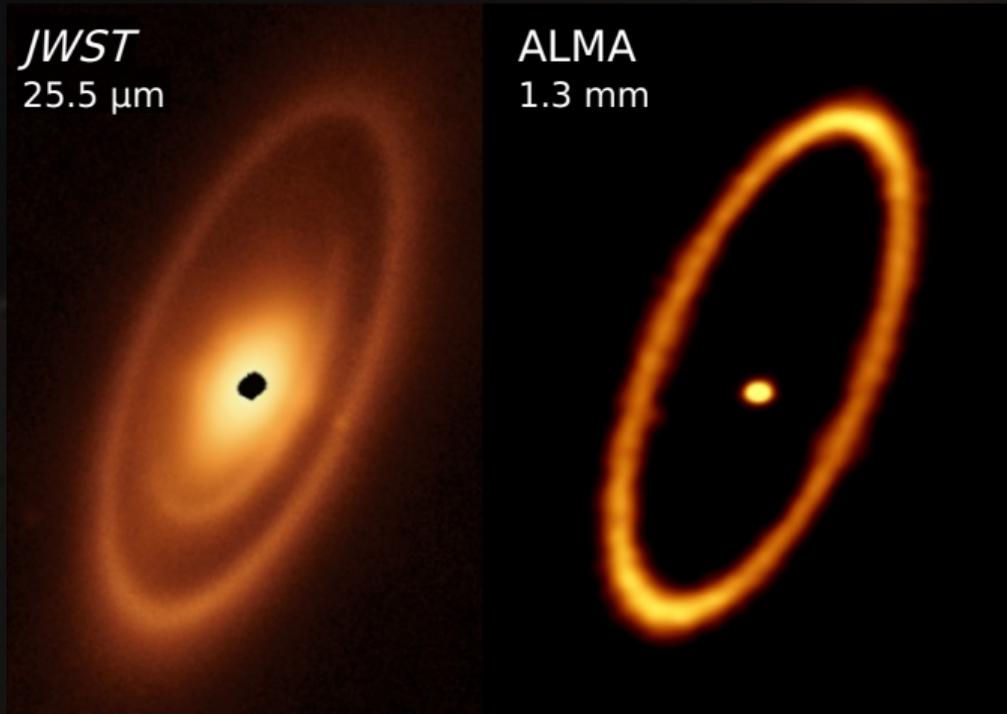


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- Stellar winds, Lorentz force, gas drag, spin forces...

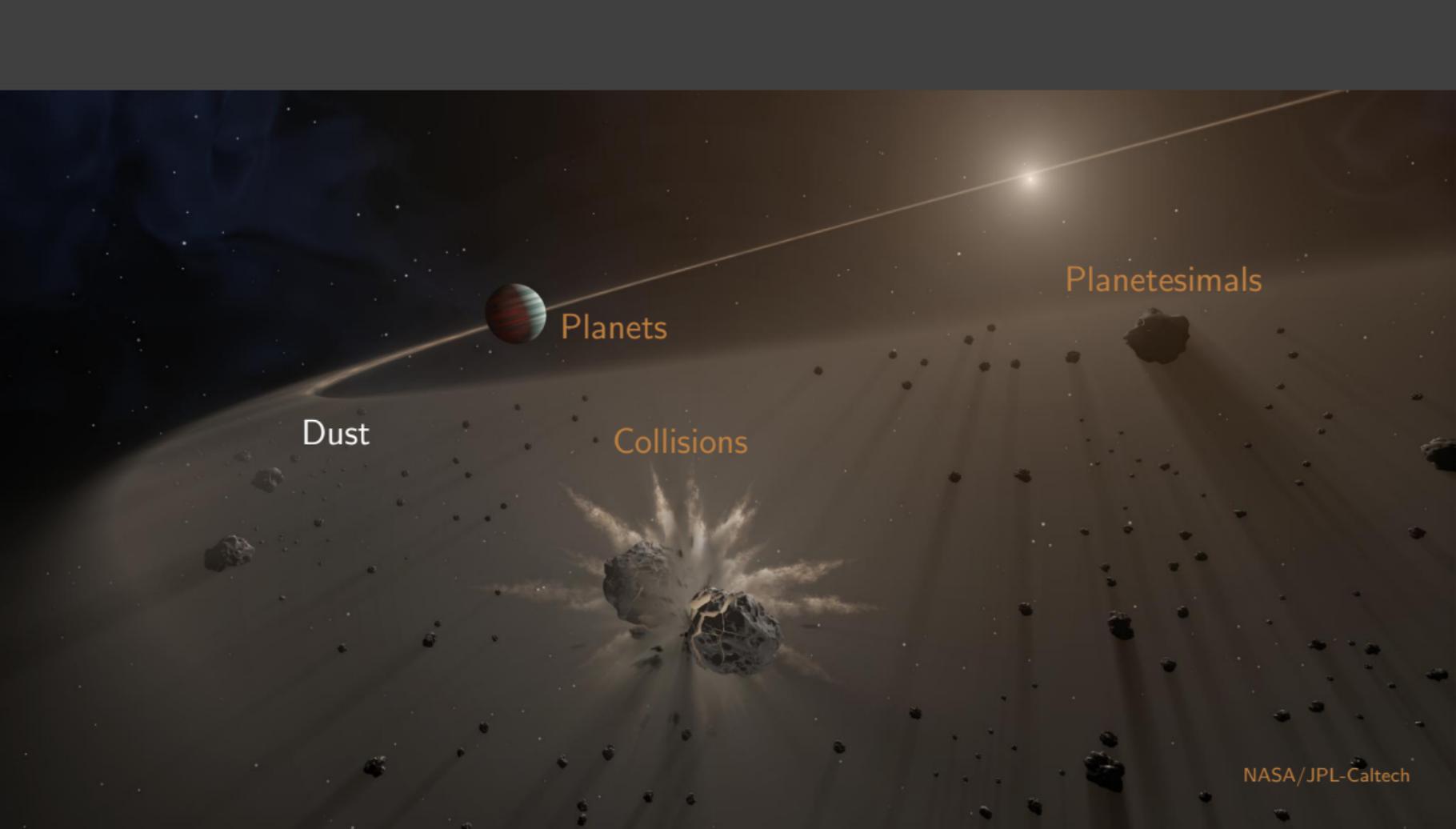
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But dust should only survive for  $\sim 1$  Myr.

So where does the dust come from?

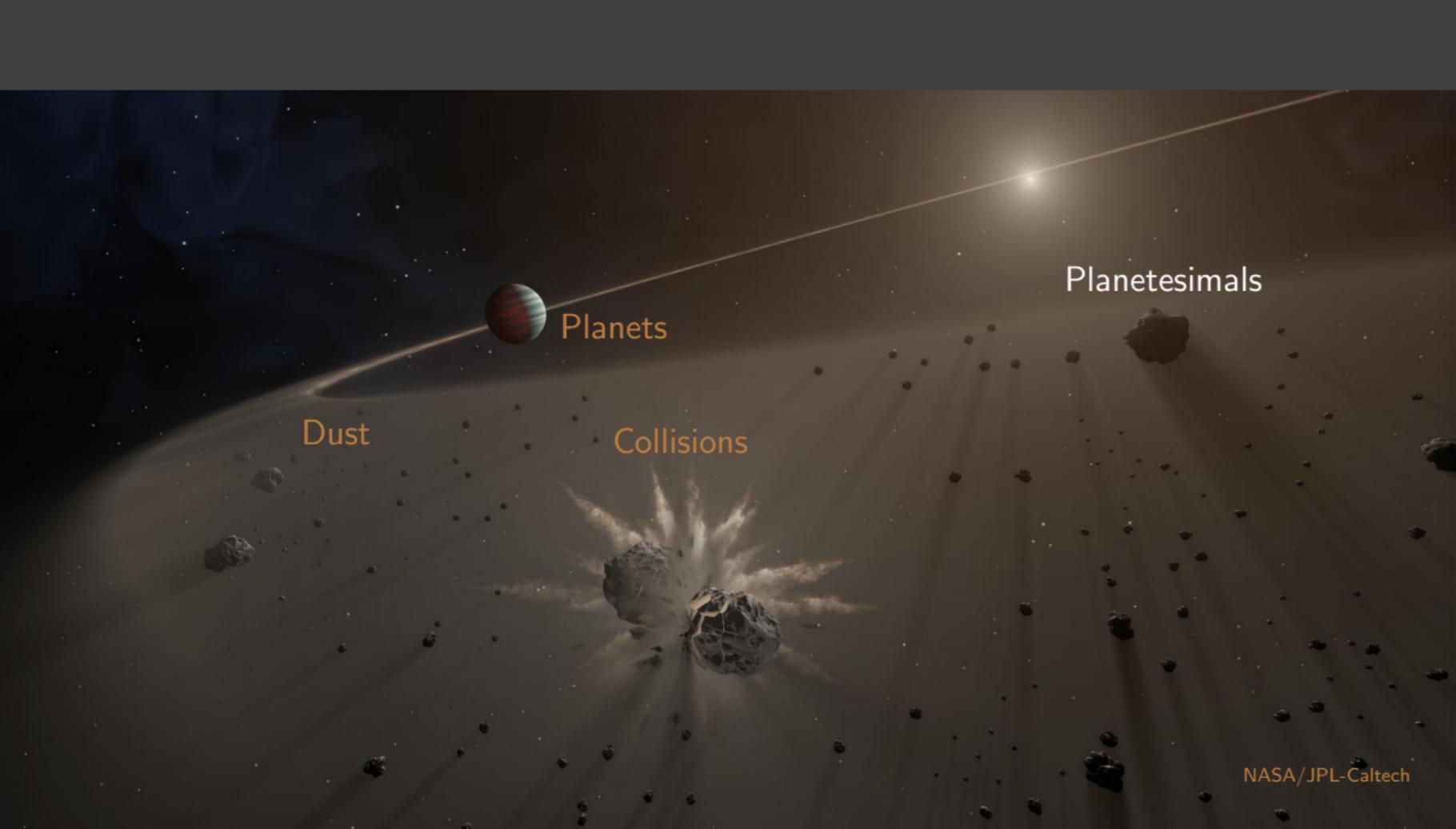


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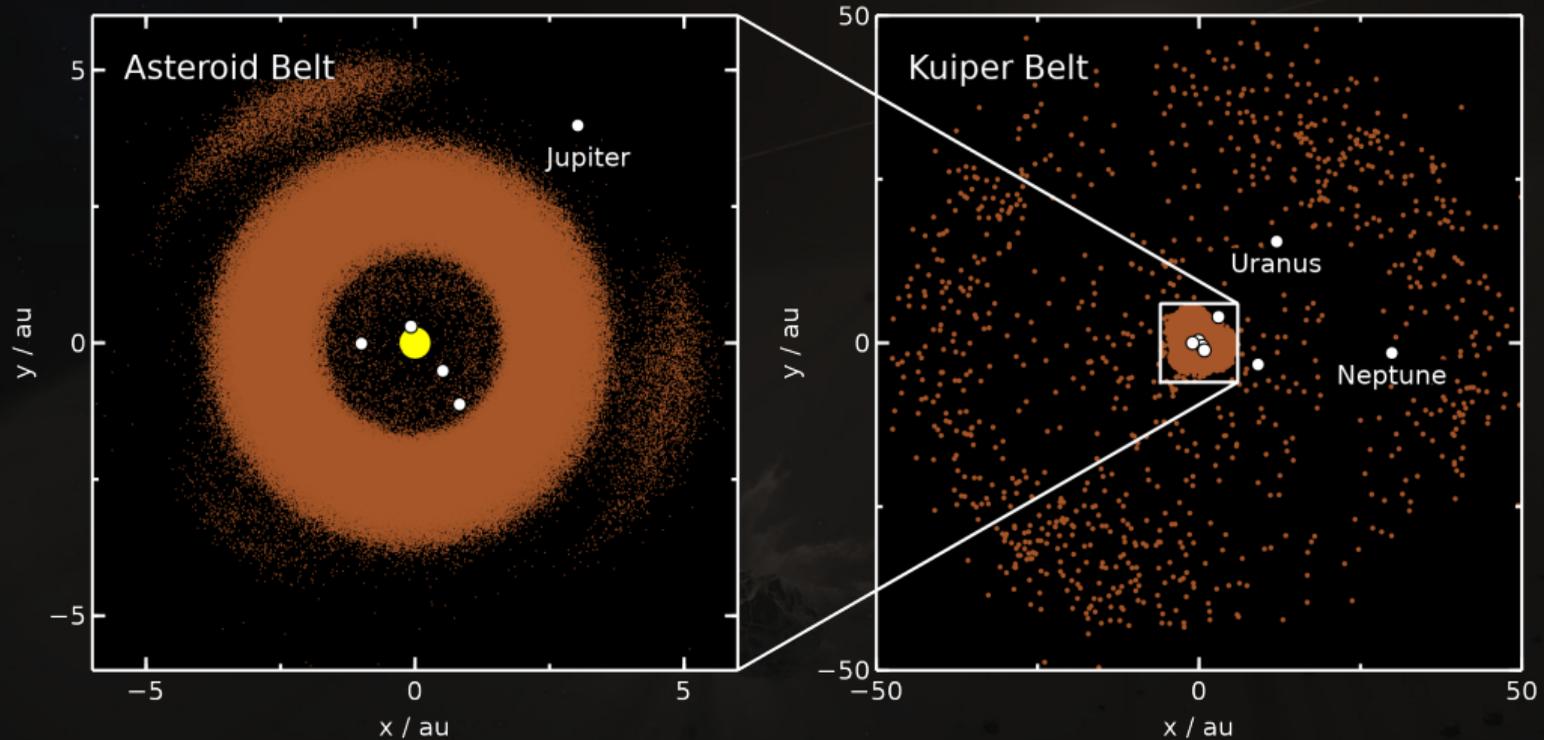
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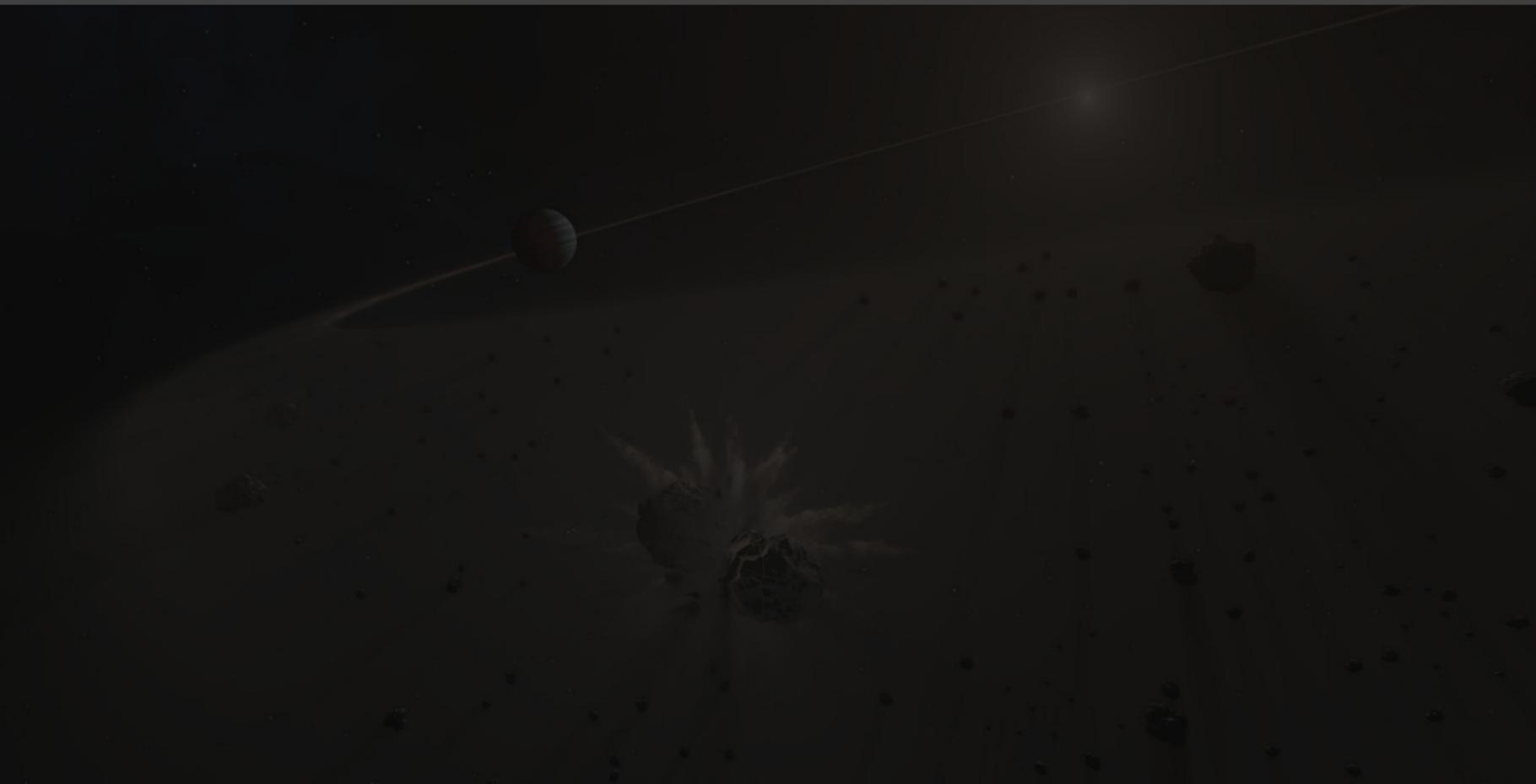
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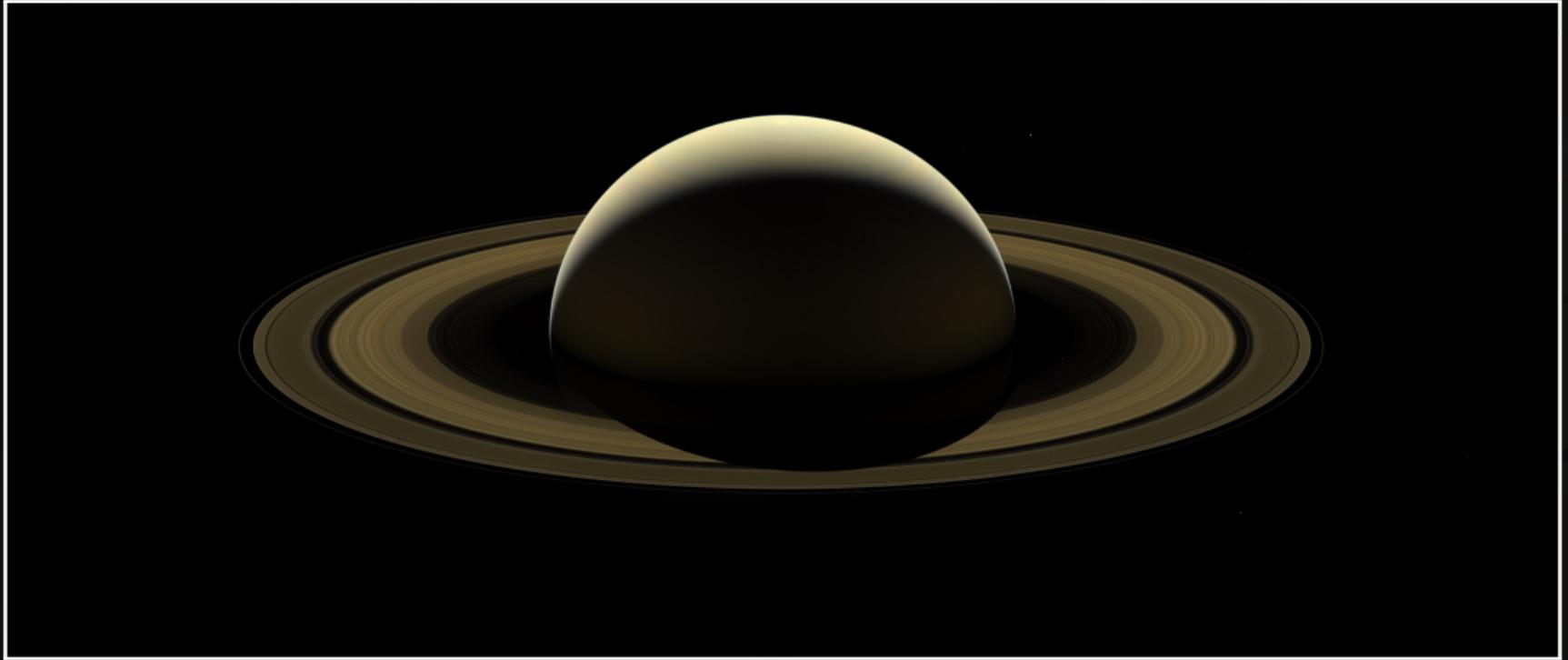
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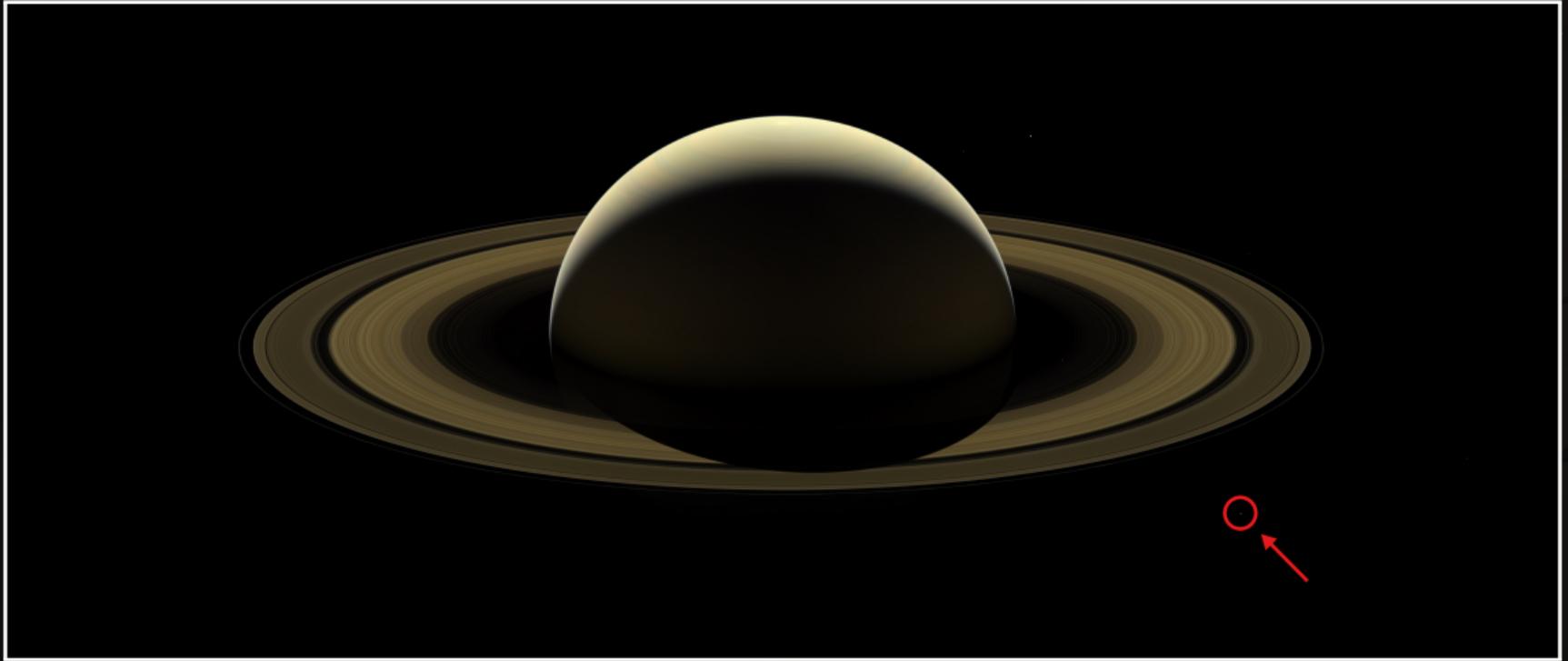
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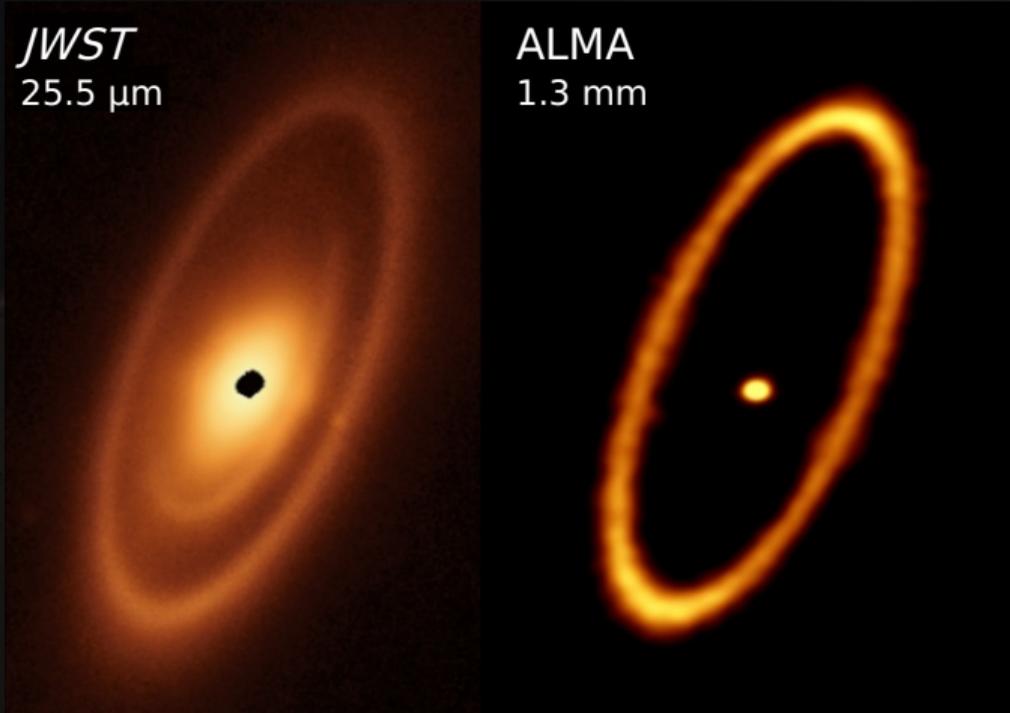
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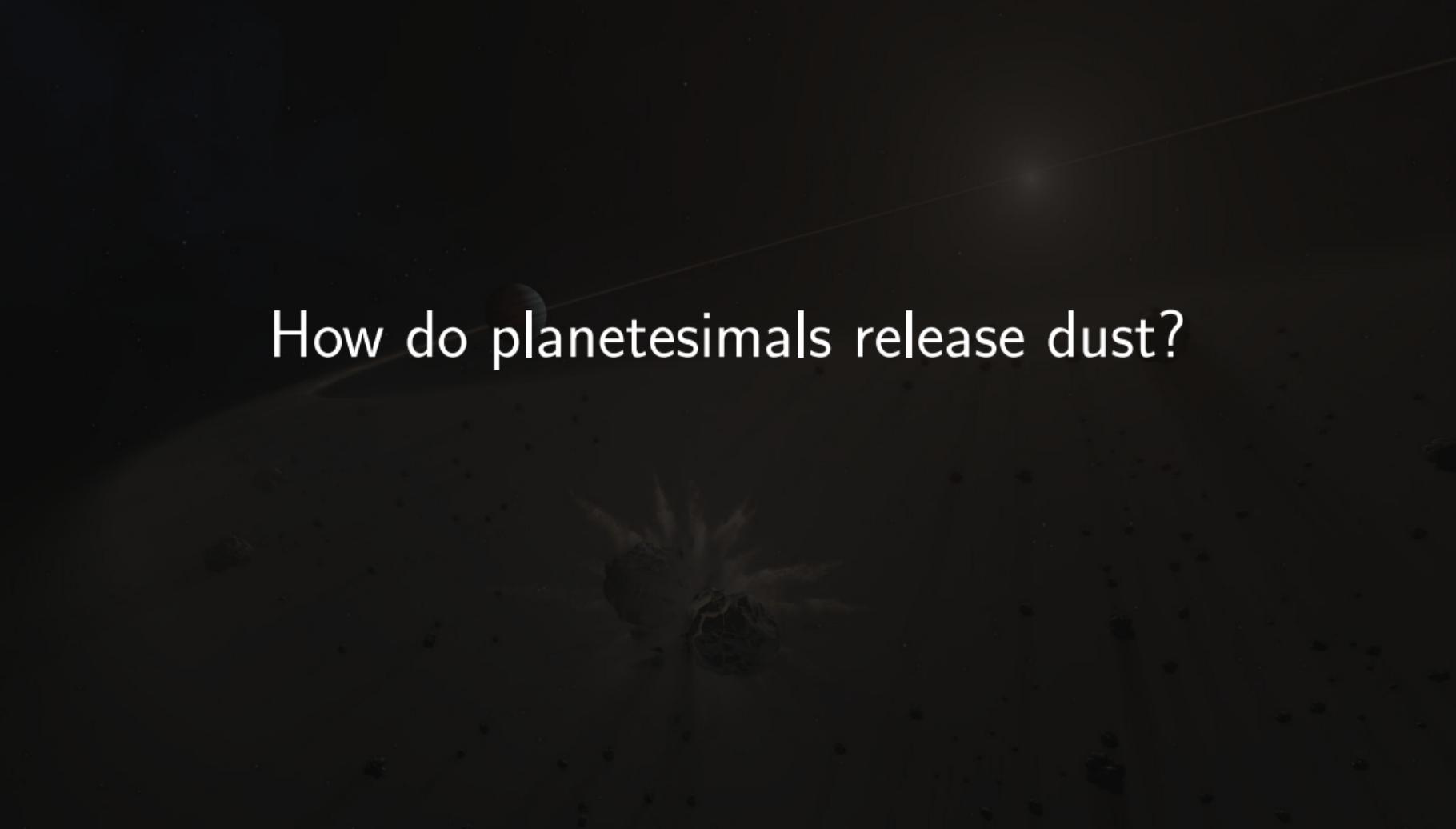


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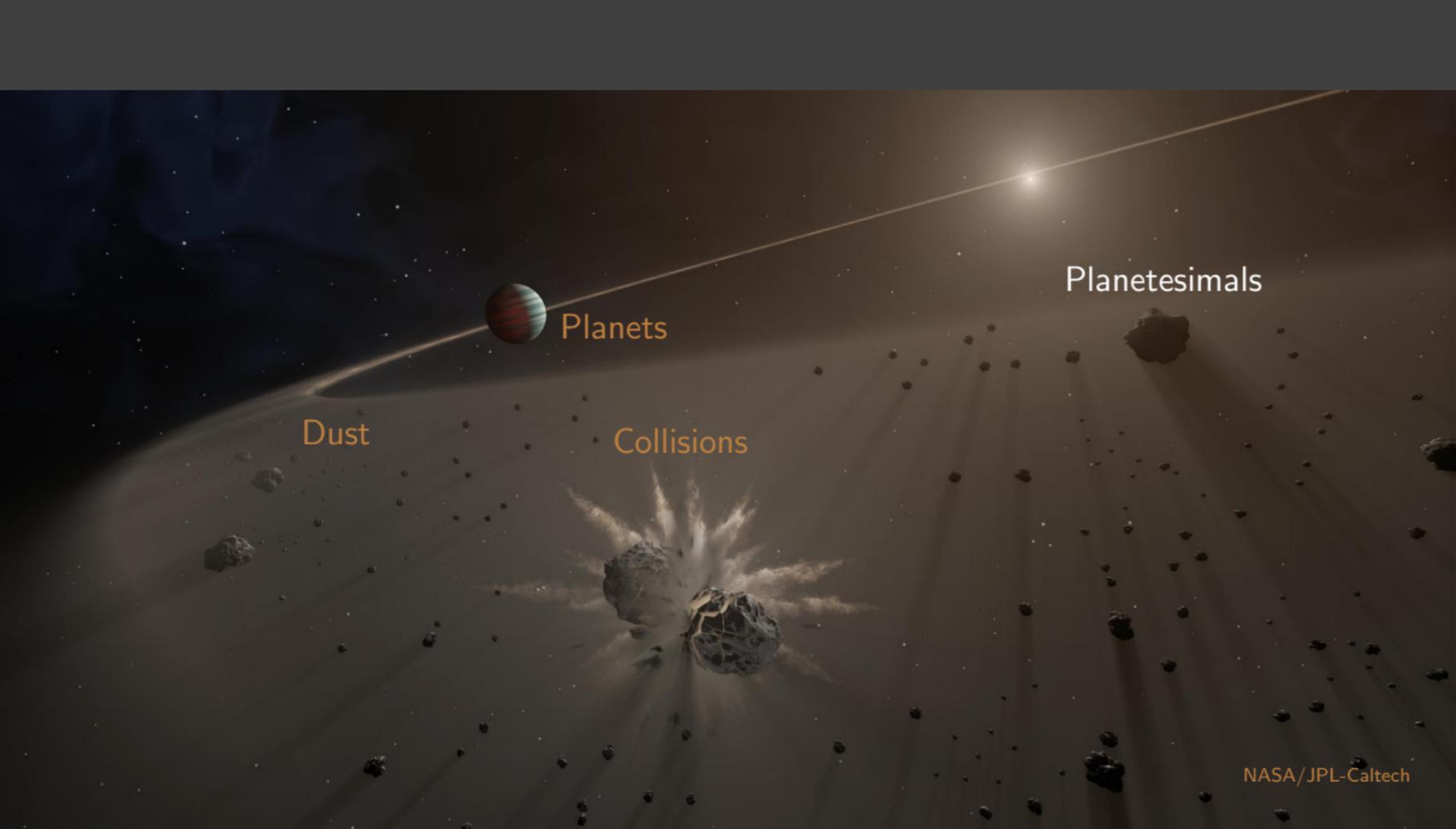


# Large grains trace planetesimals



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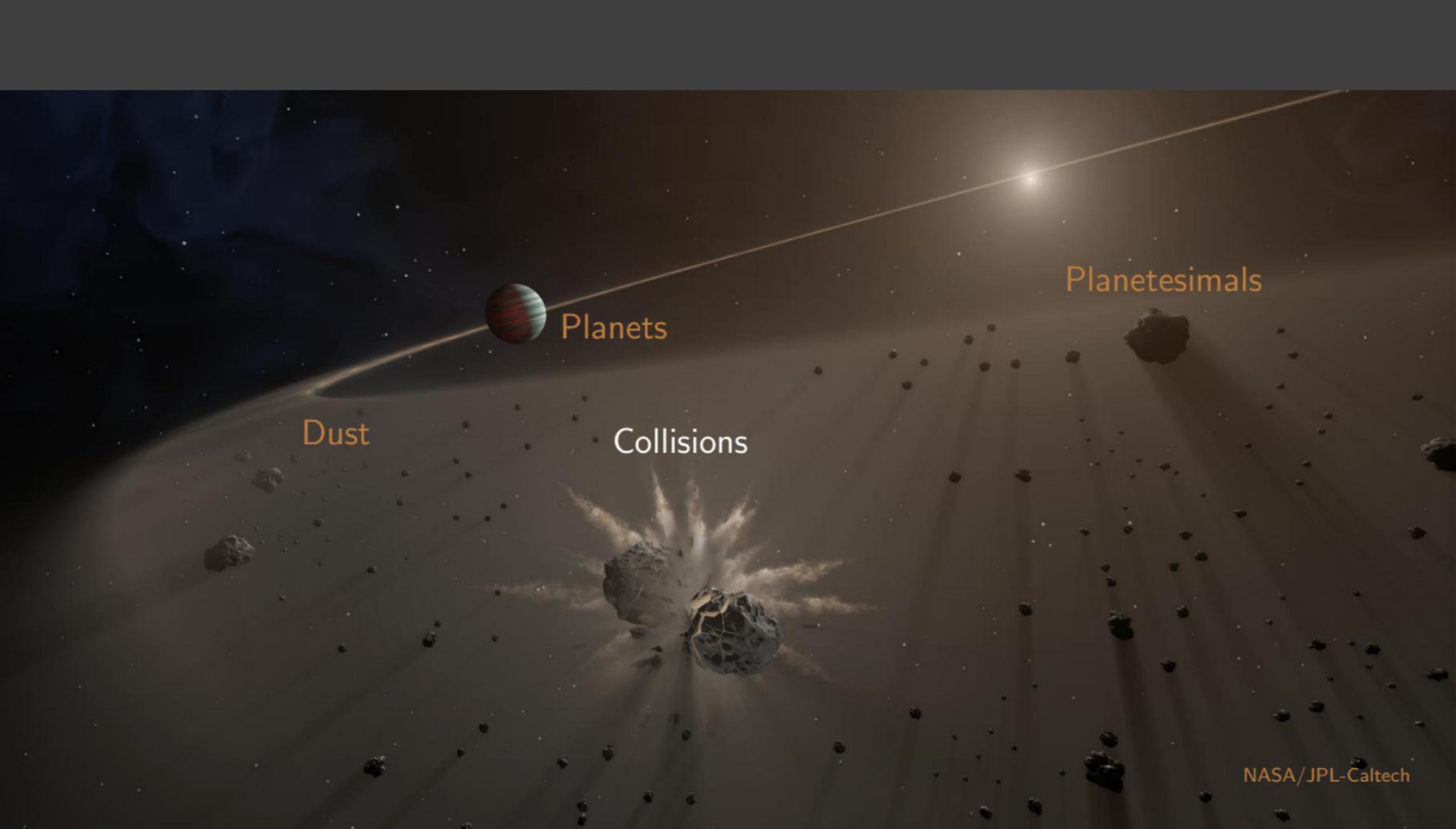


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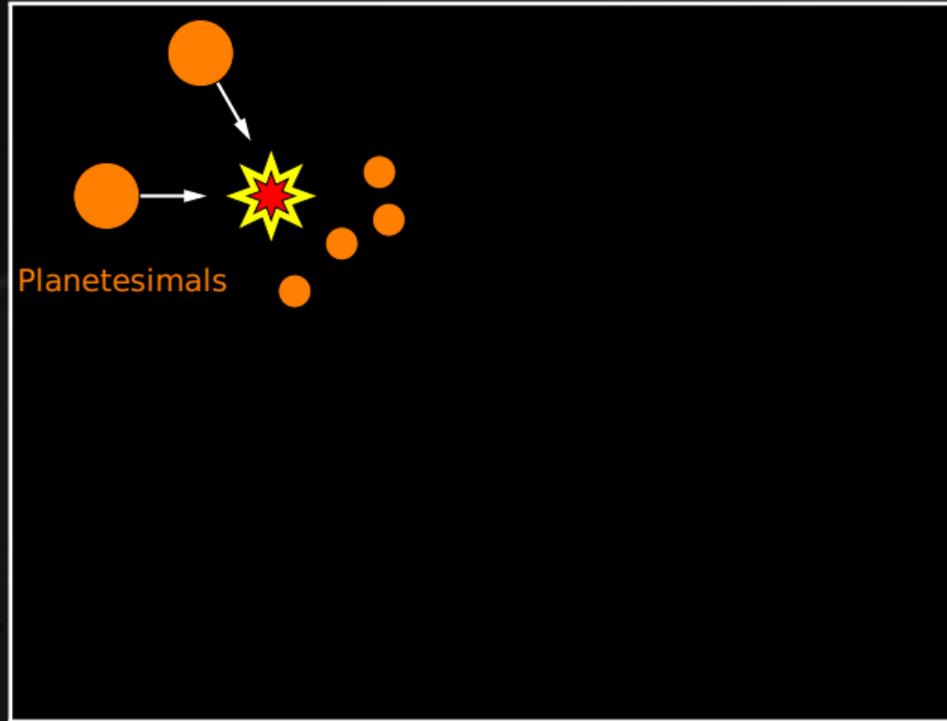
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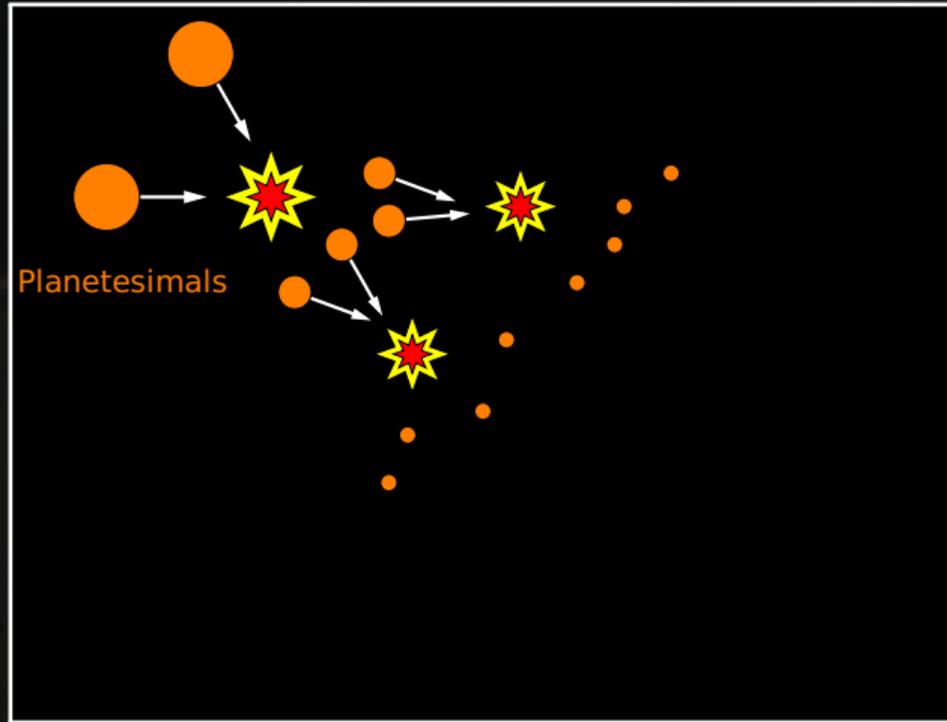
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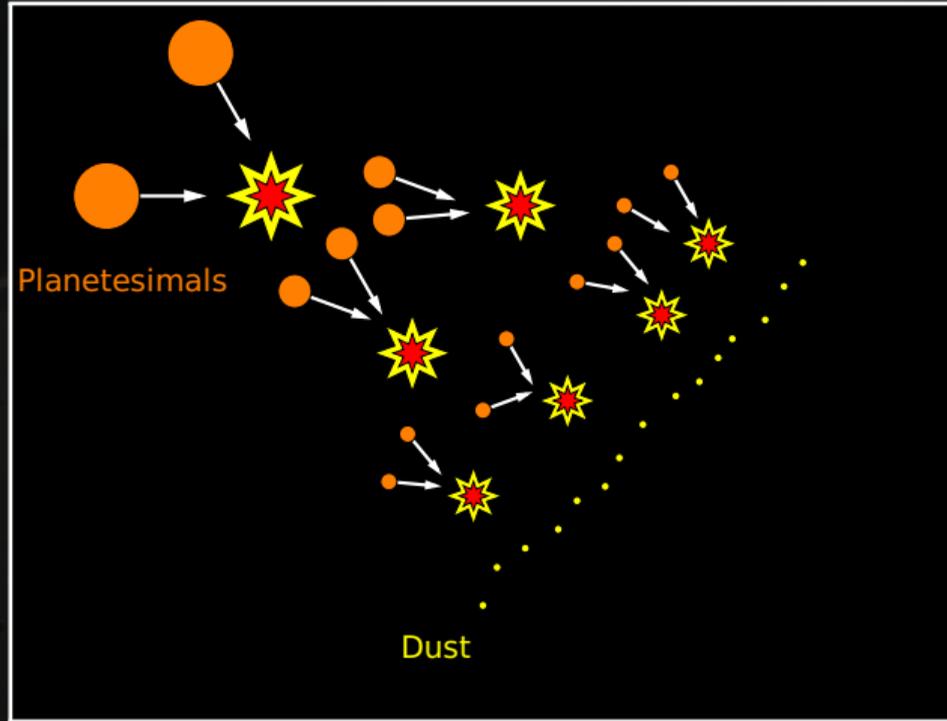
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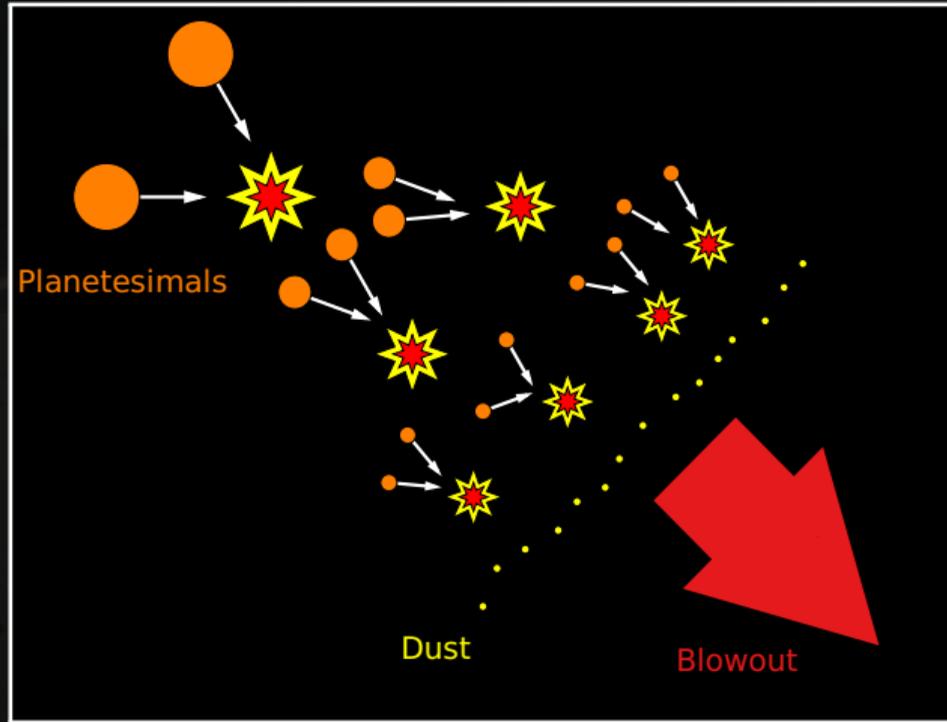
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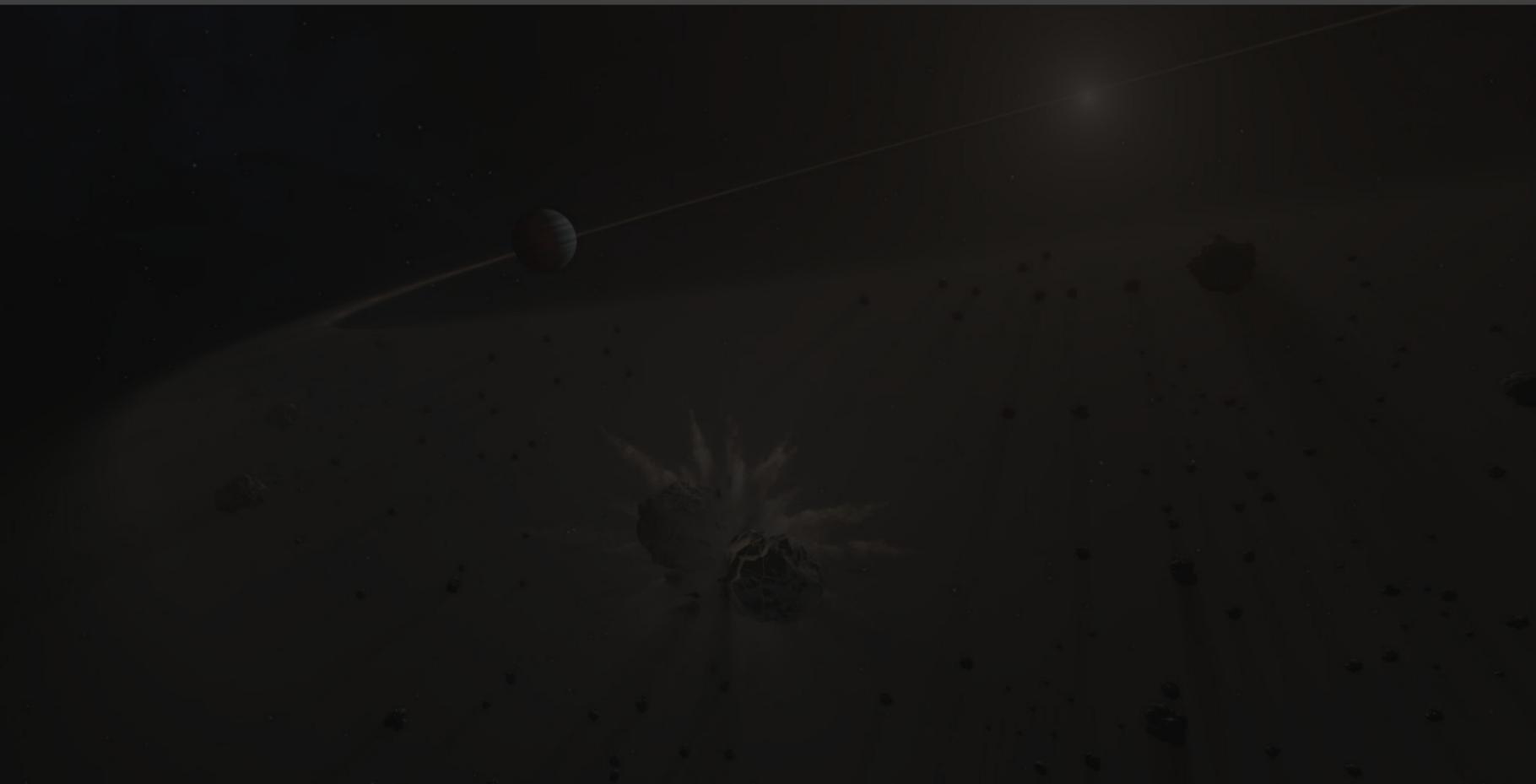
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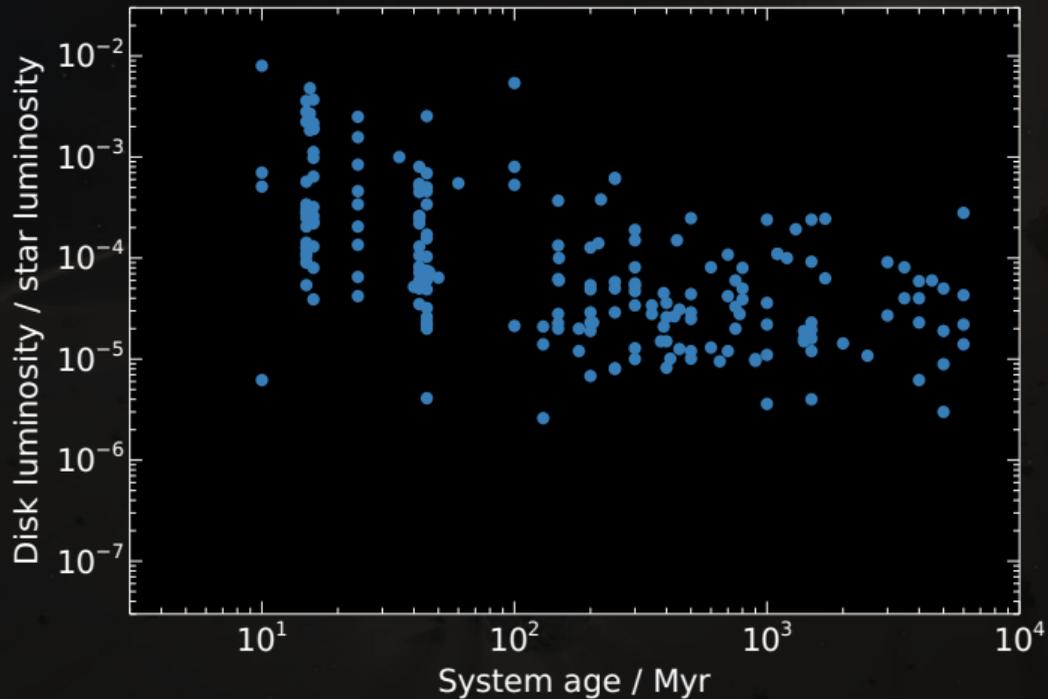
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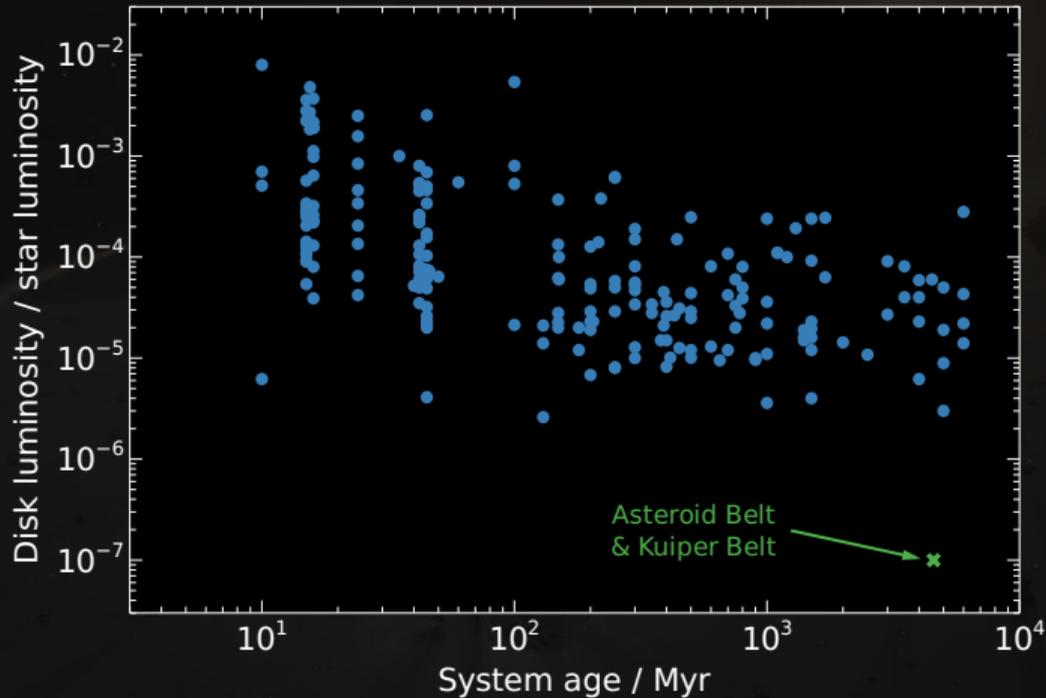
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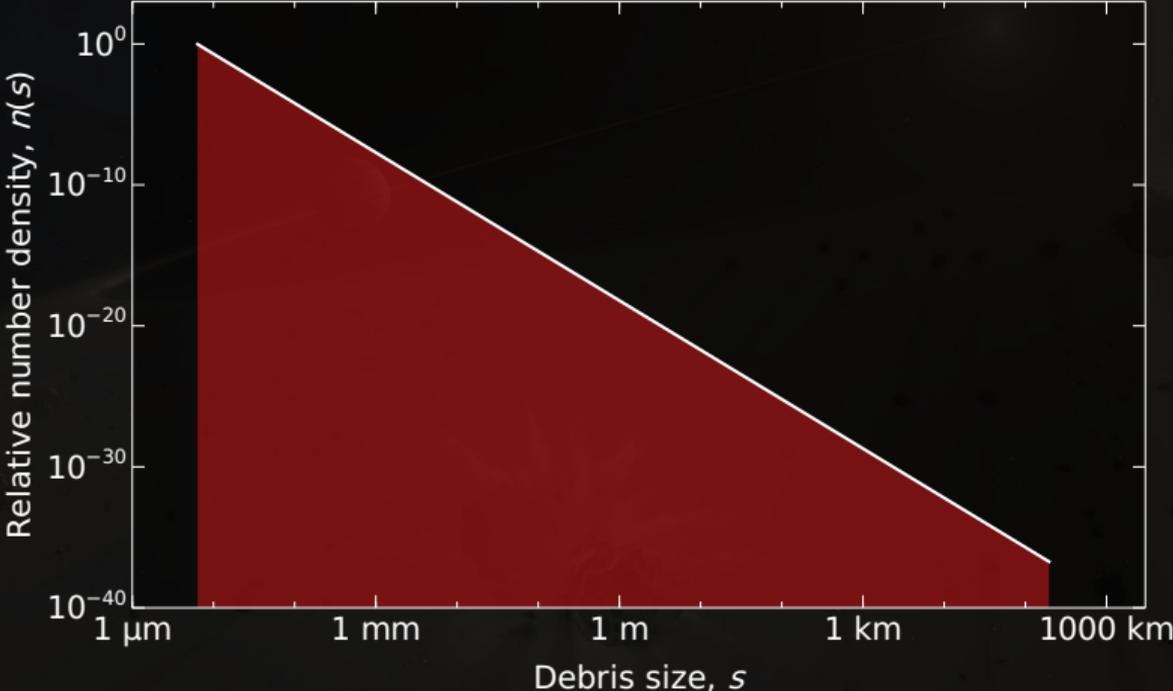
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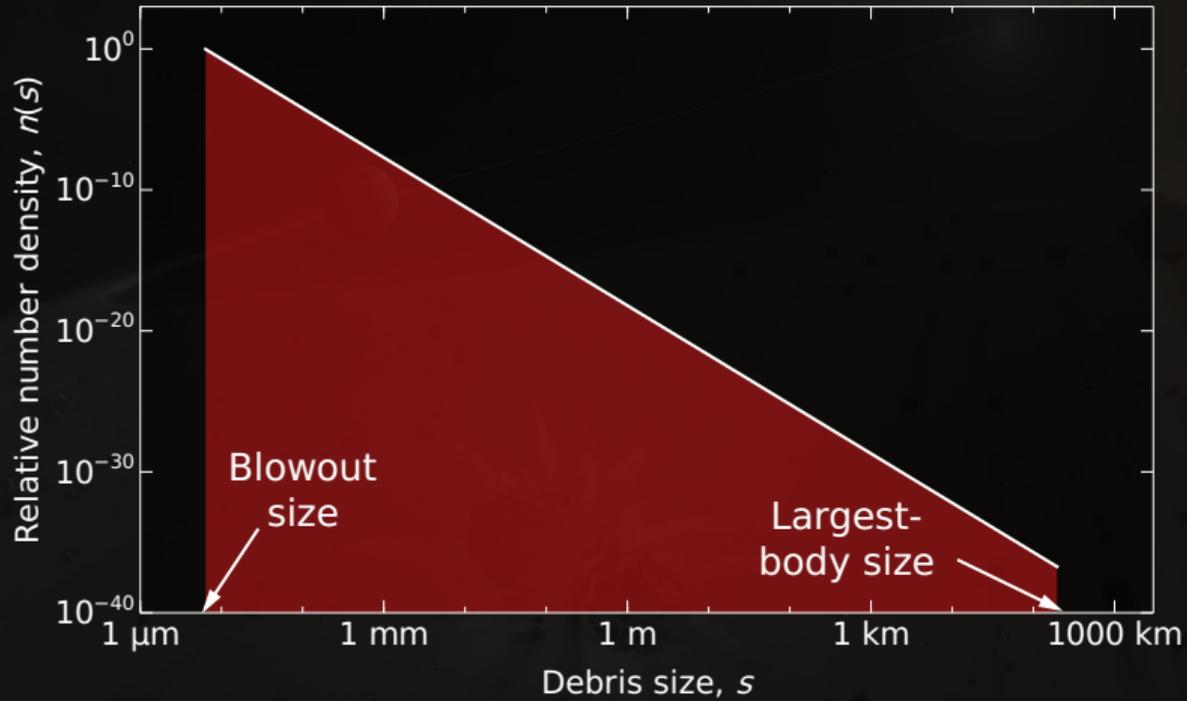
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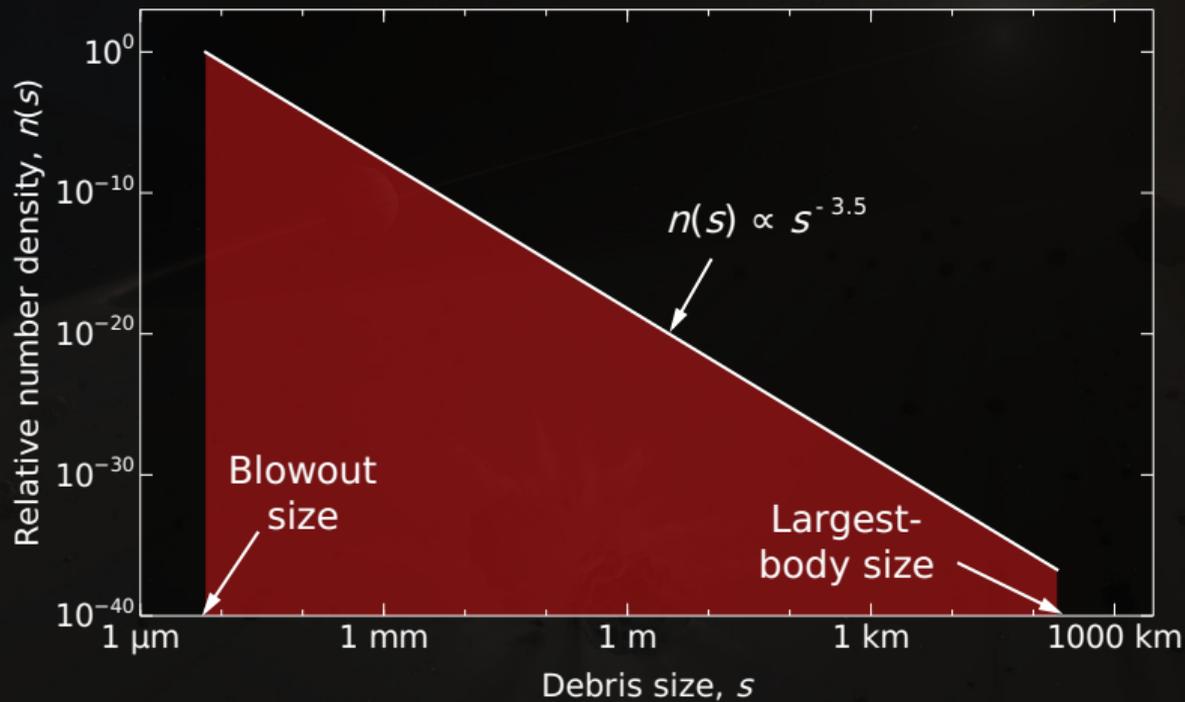
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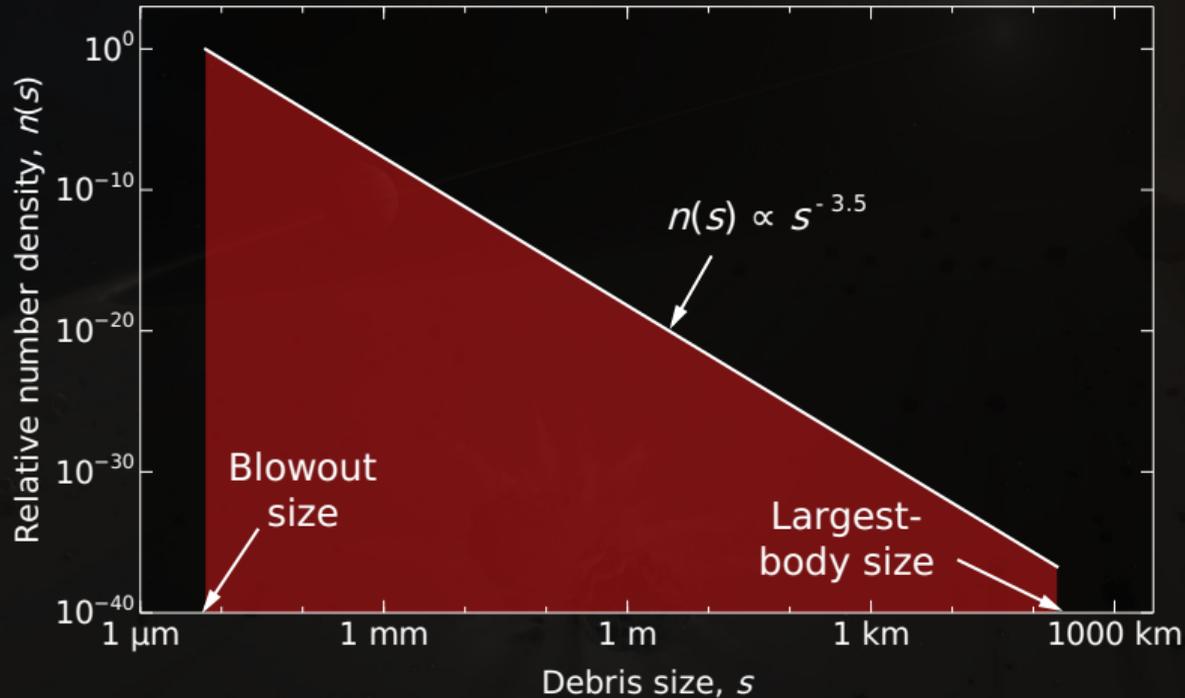
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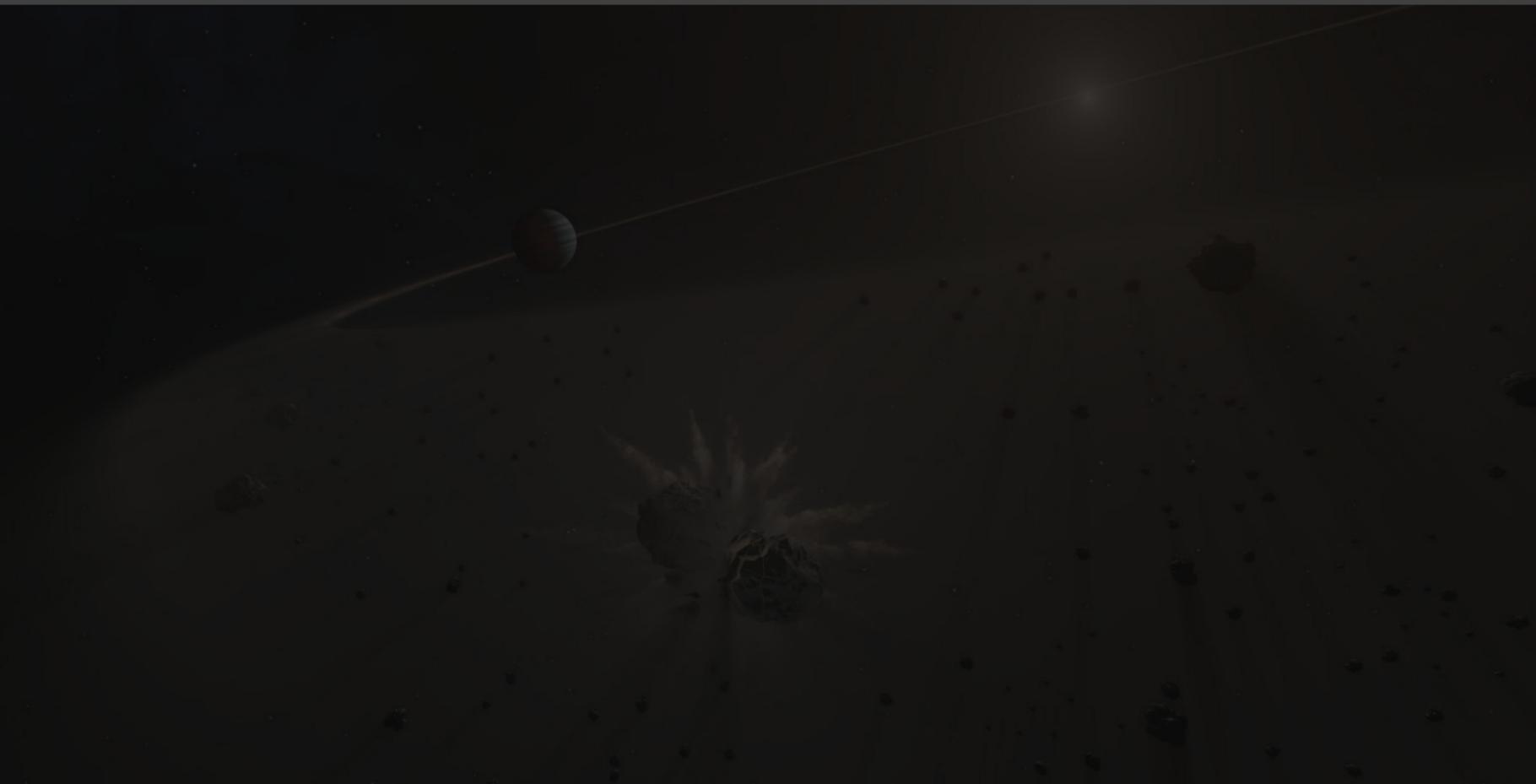


# Size distribution



⇒ Smallest bodies dominate emission, largest dominate mass

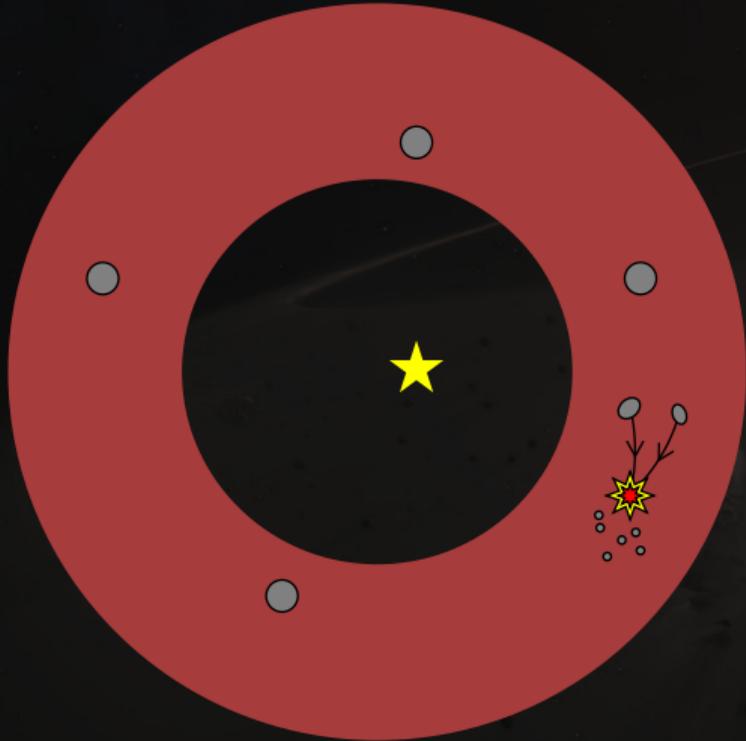
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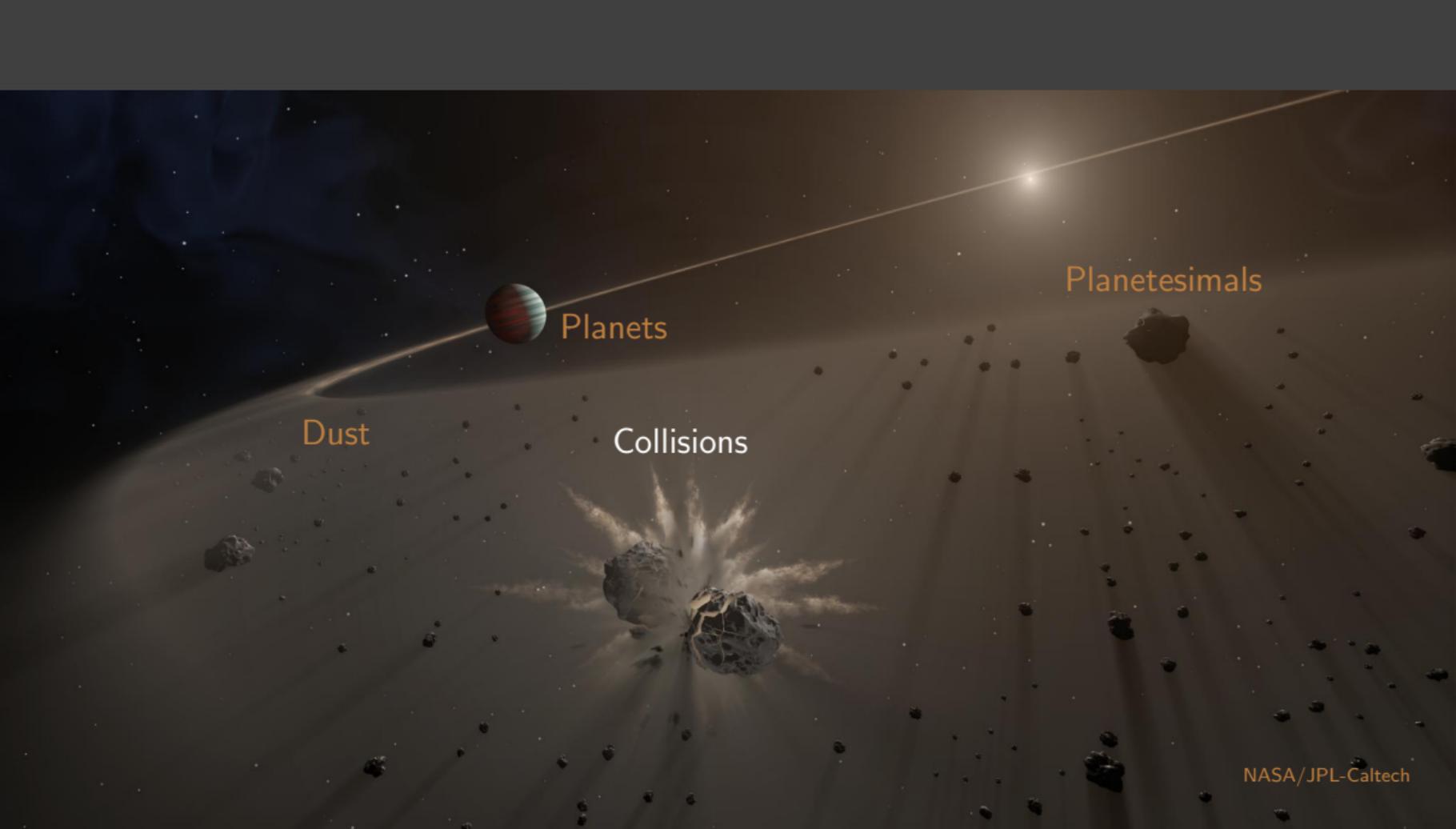
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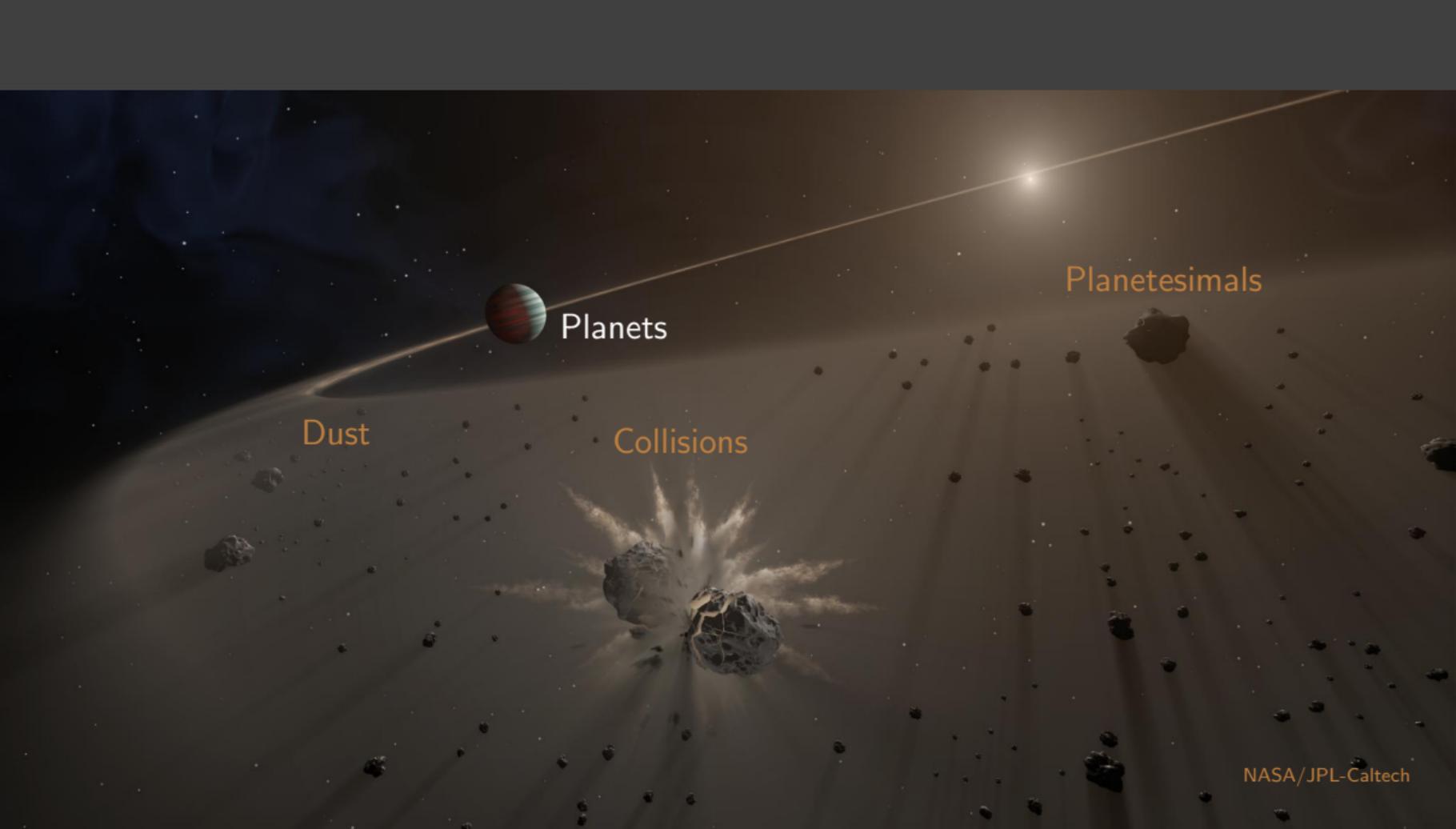
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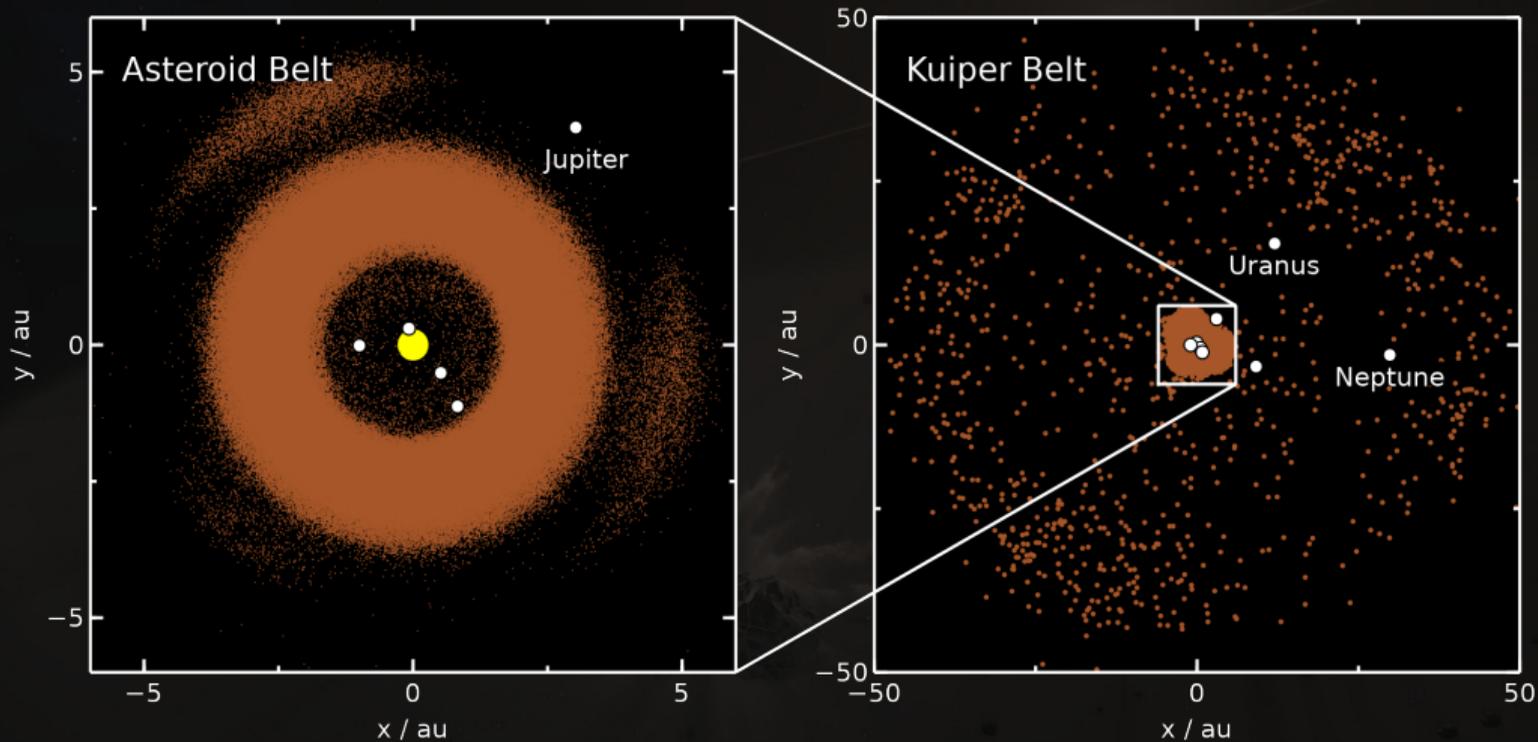
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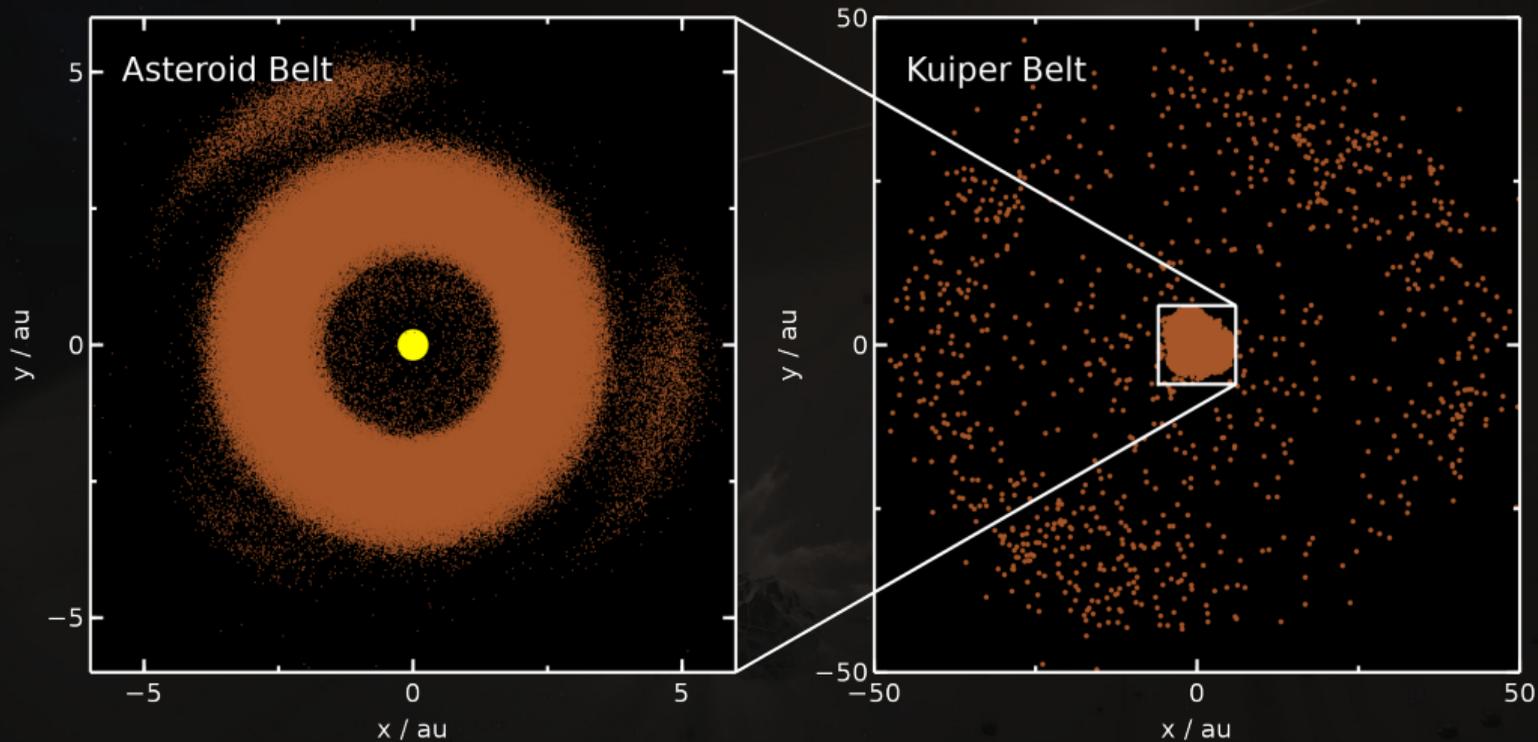
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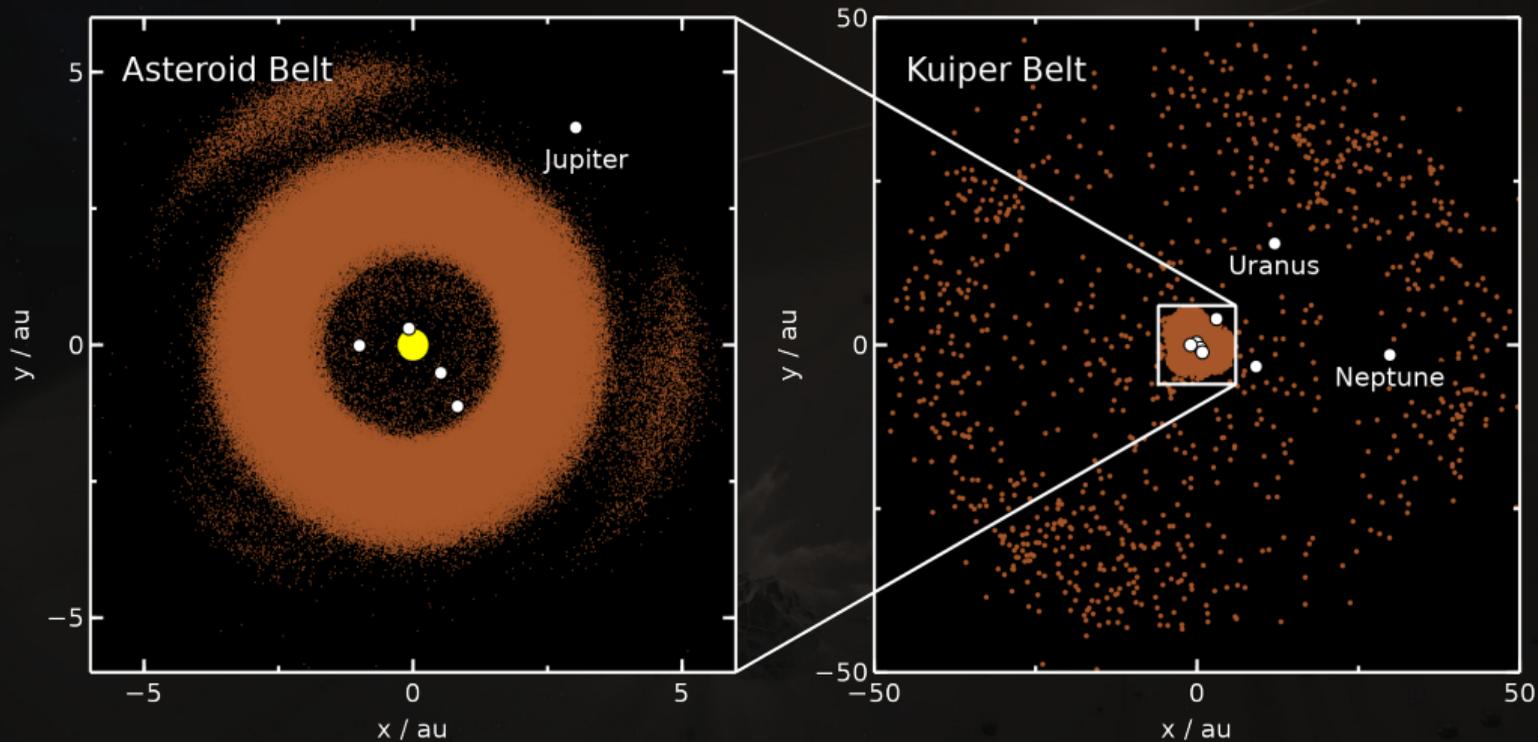
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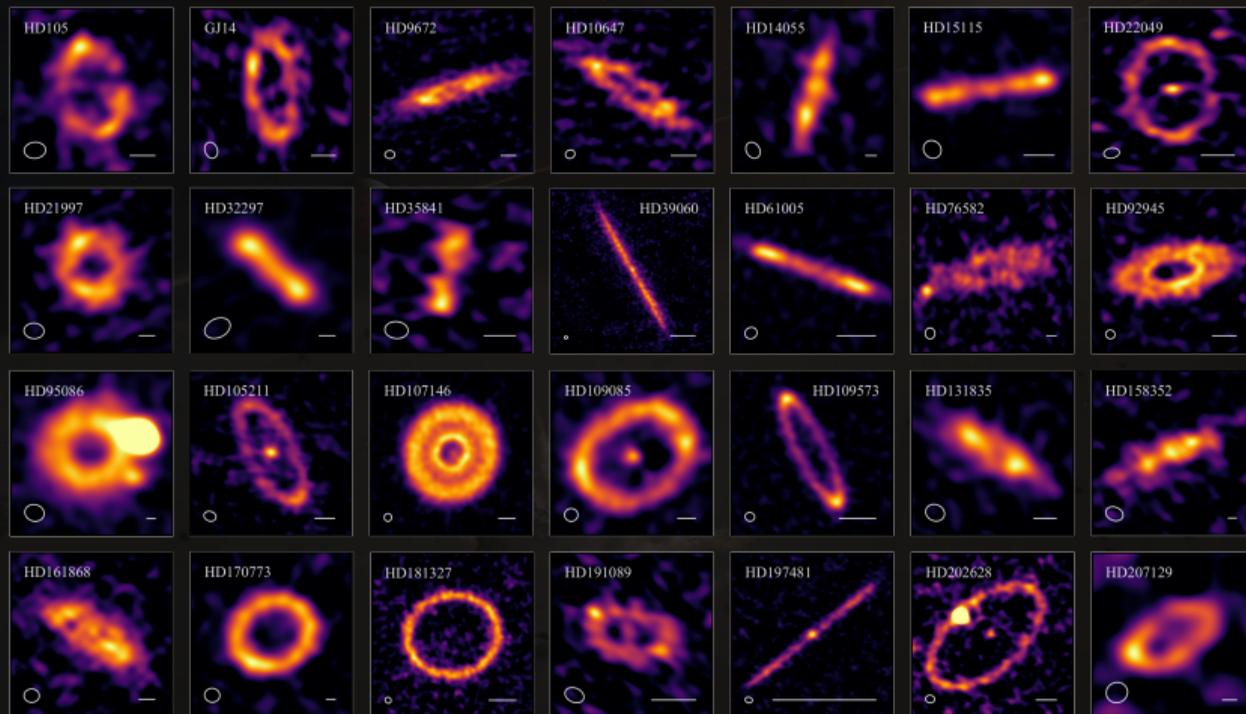
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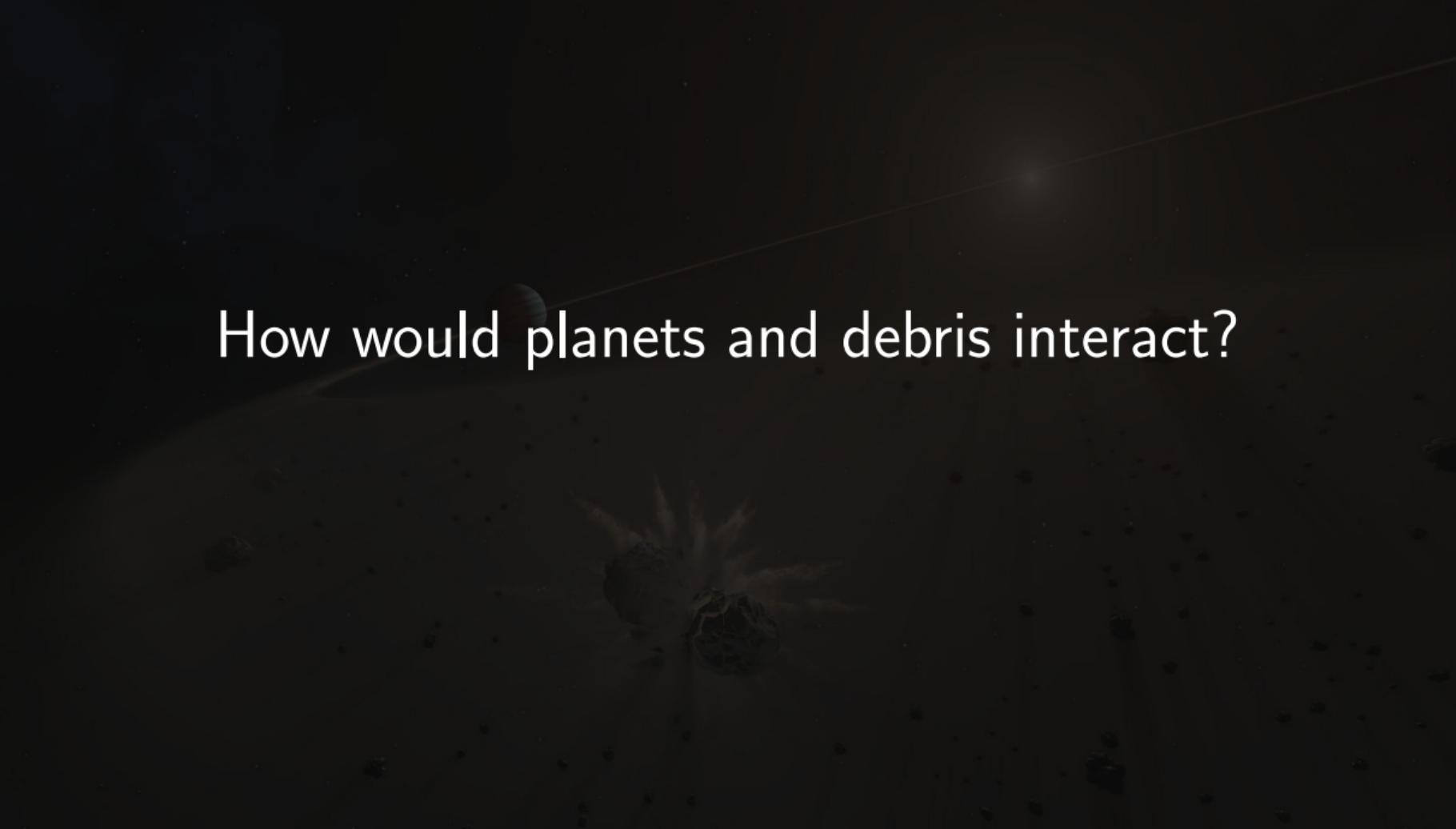


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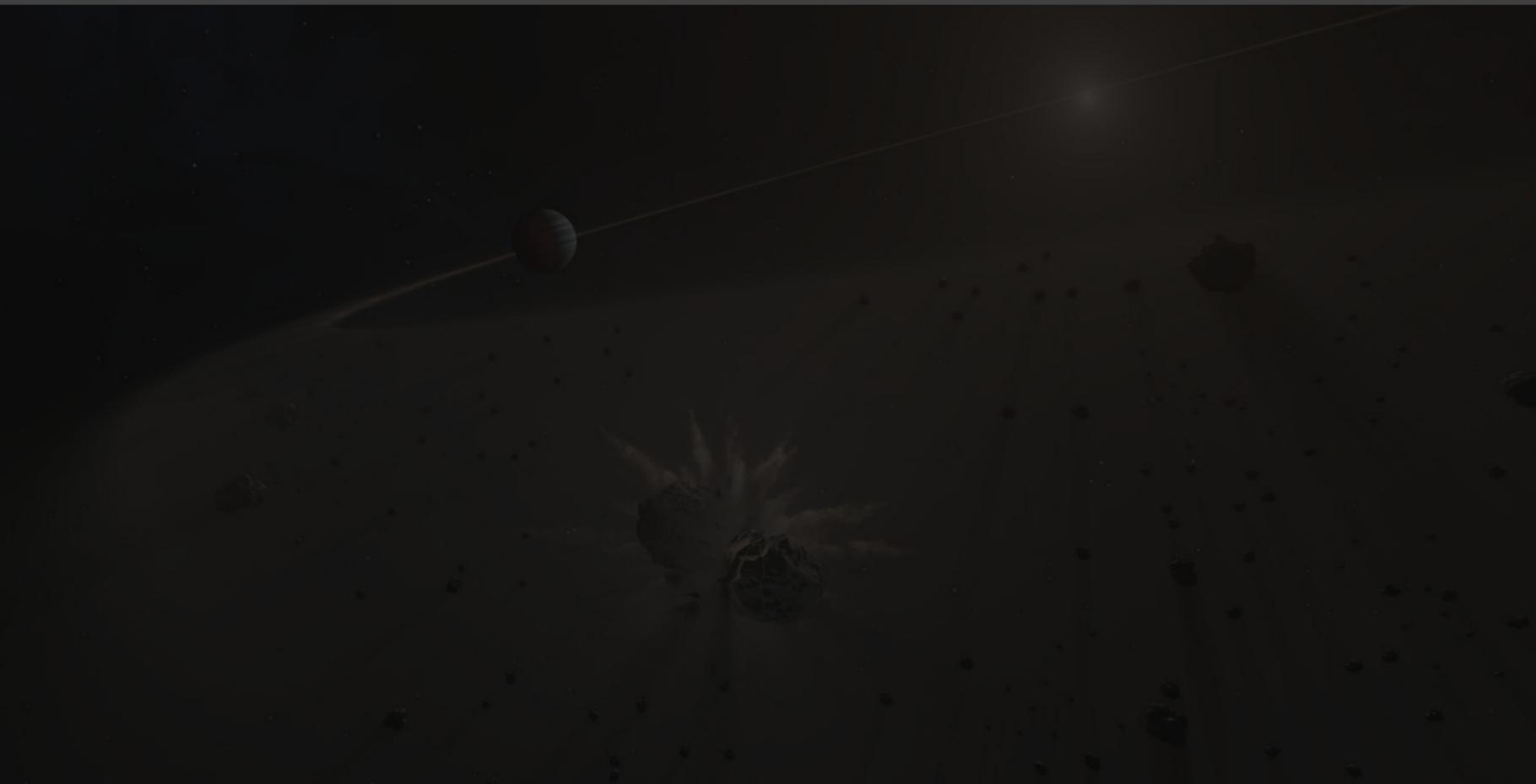
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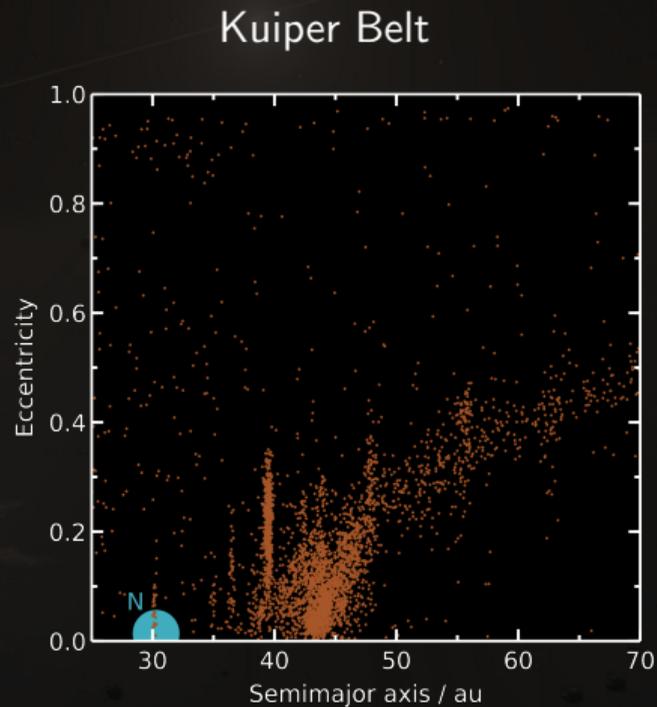
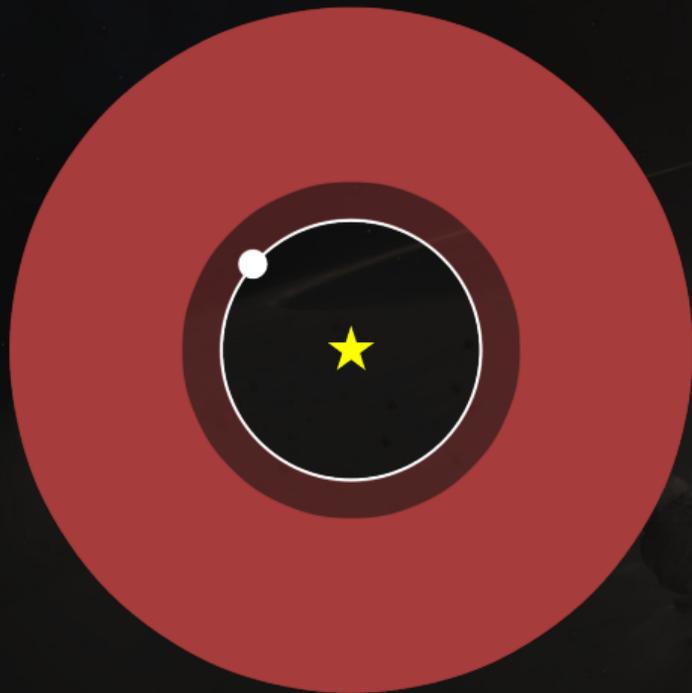
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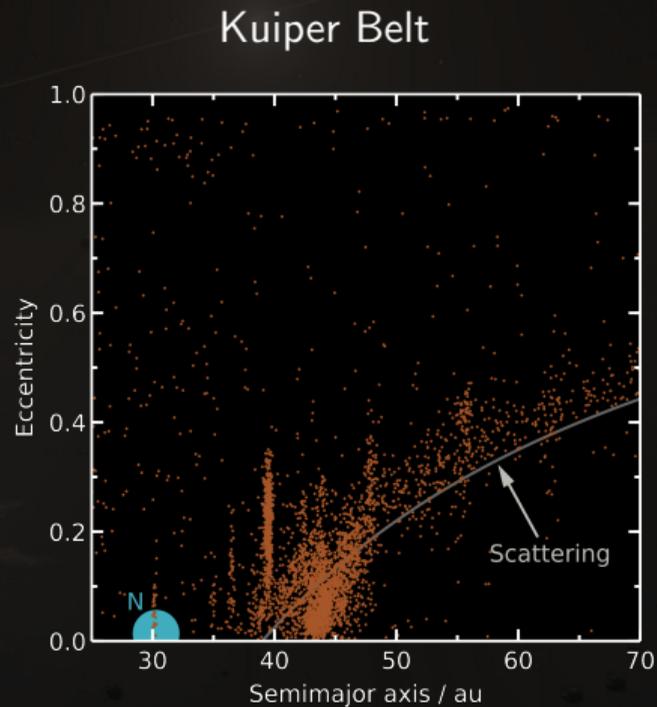
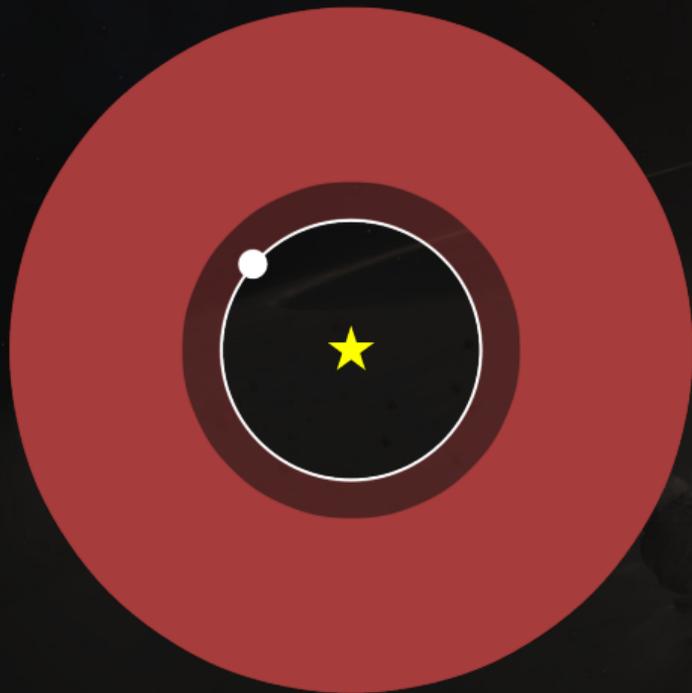
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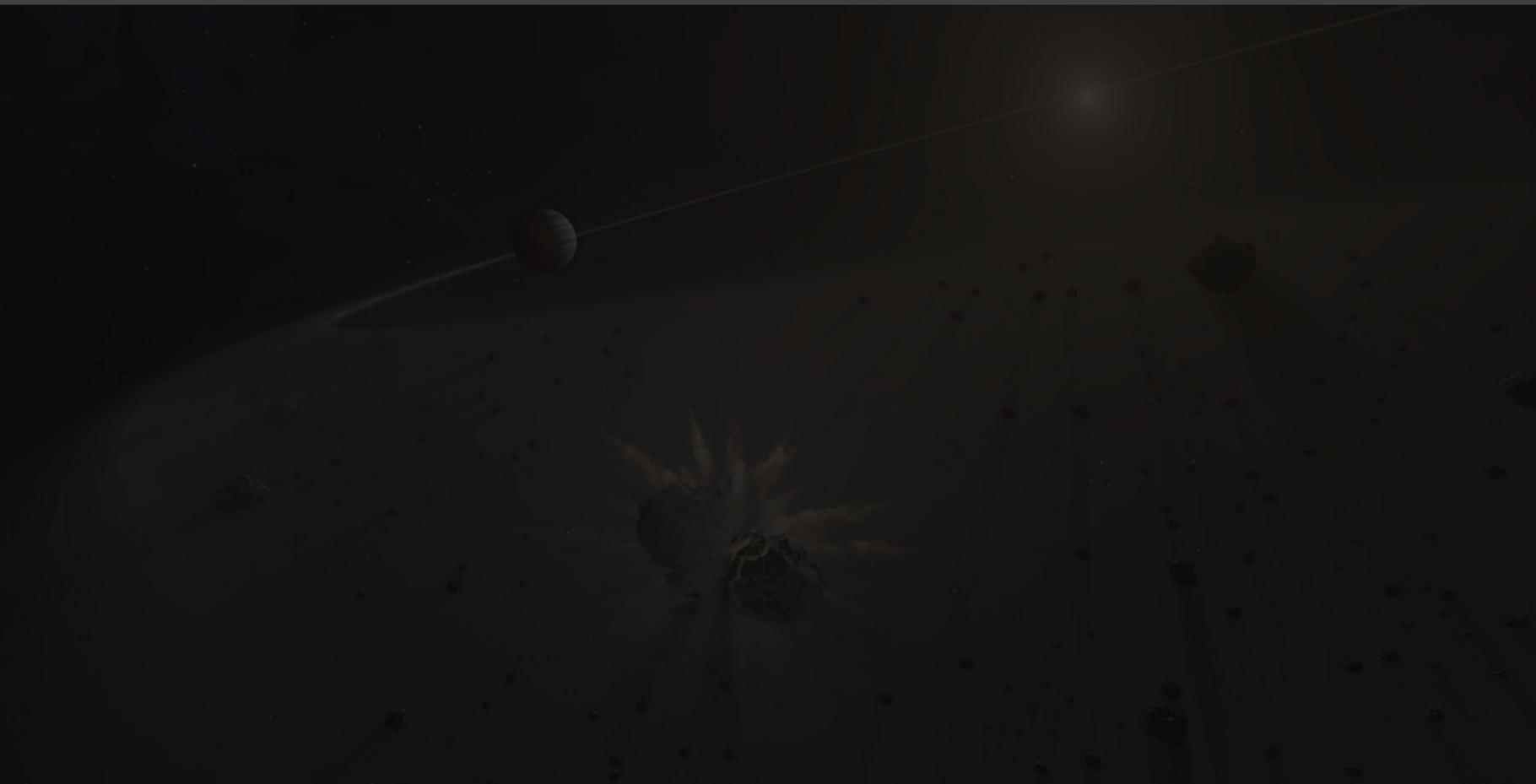
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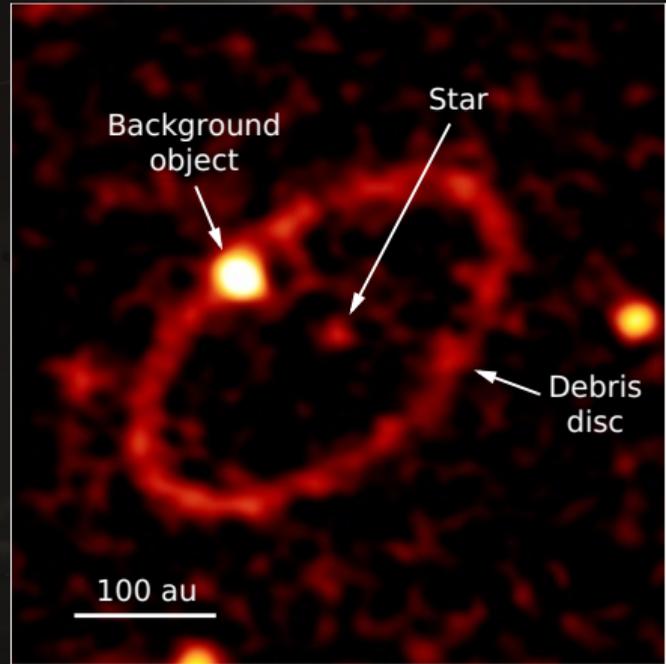
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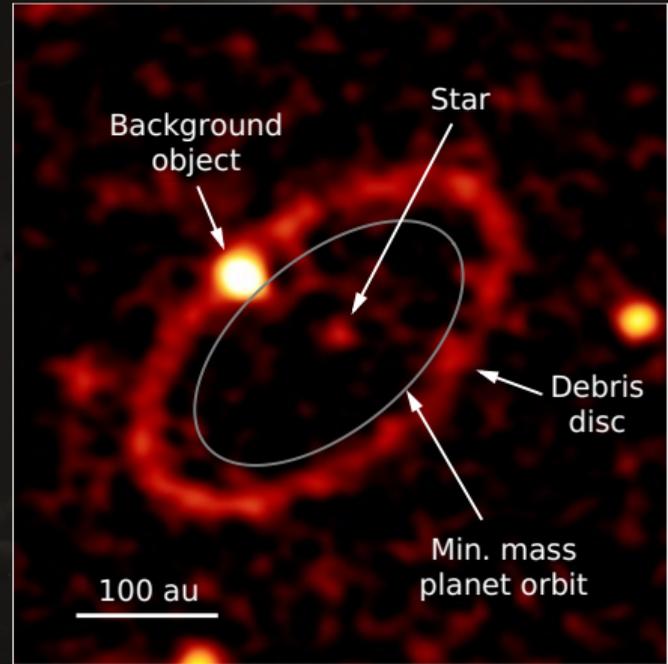
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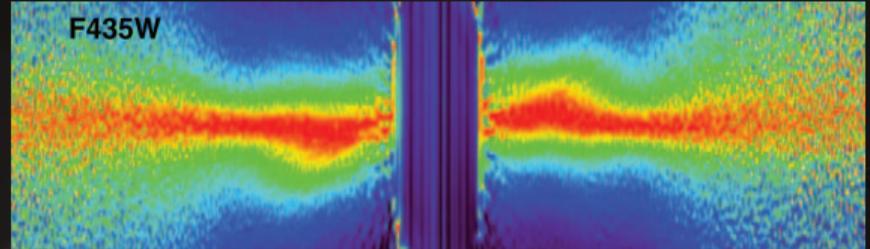
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$\beta$  Pic: Golimowski et al. 2006

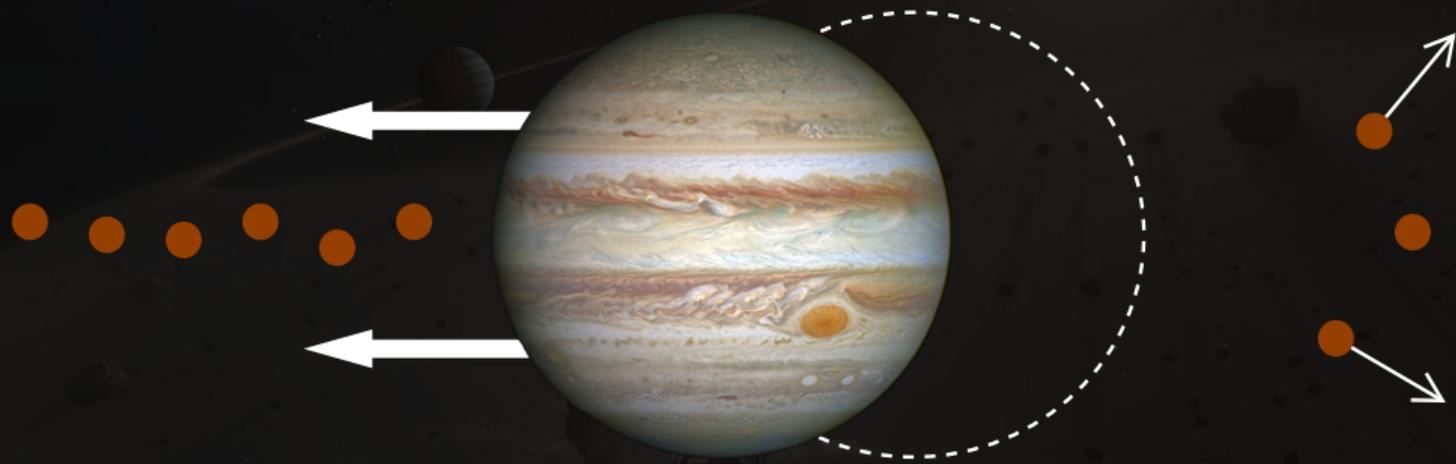
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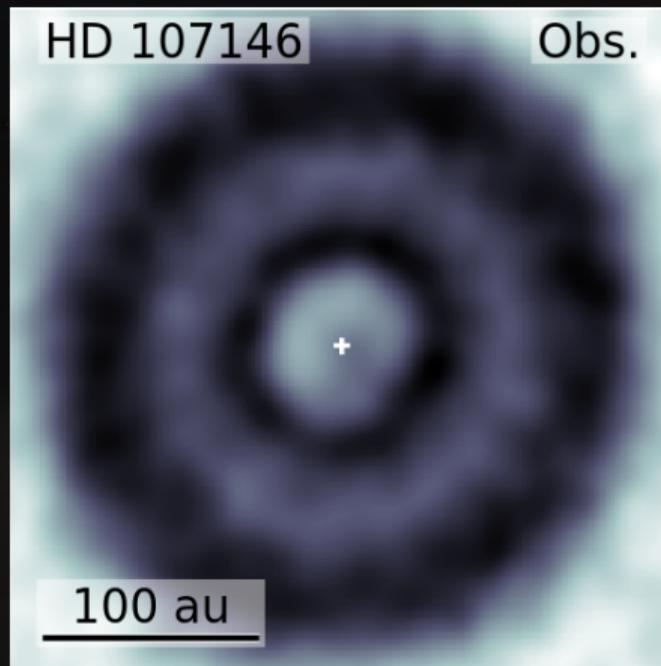
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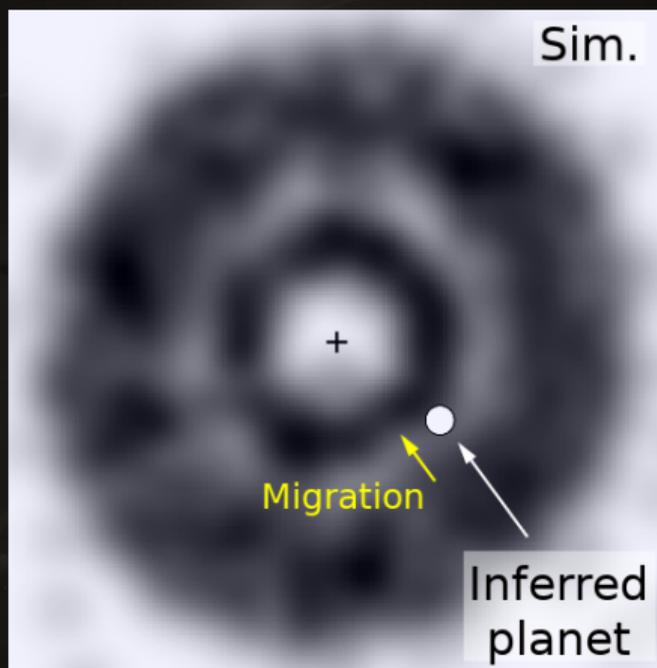
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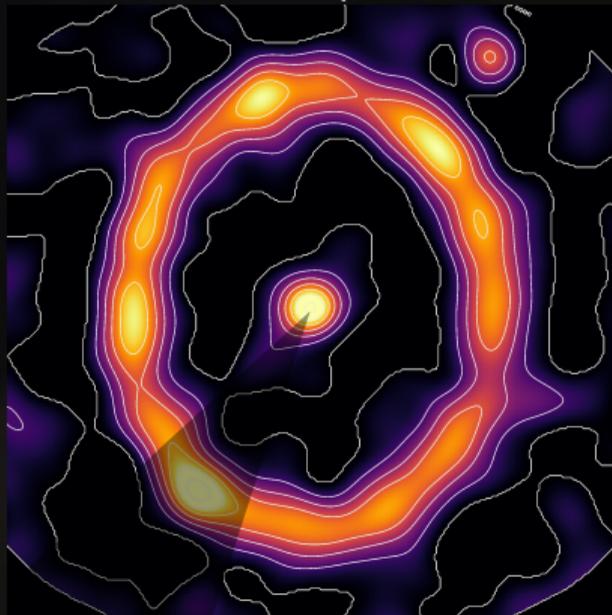
Marino et al. 2018



Friebe, Pearce & Löhne 2022

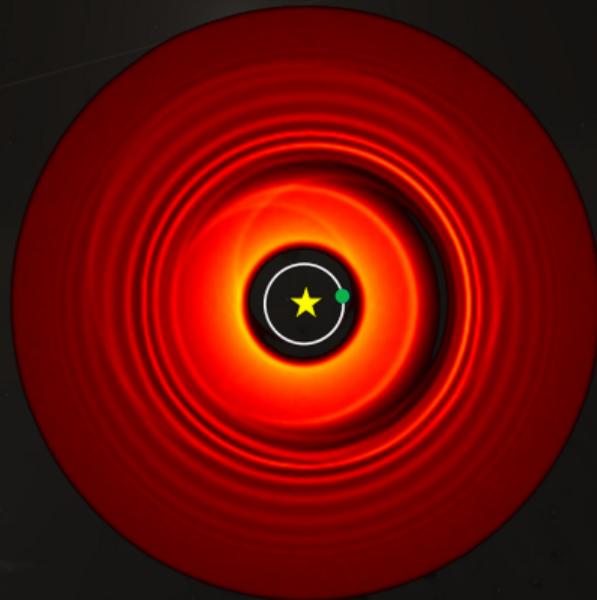
## 6. Planets can do other stuff too

Clumps



Booth et al. 2023

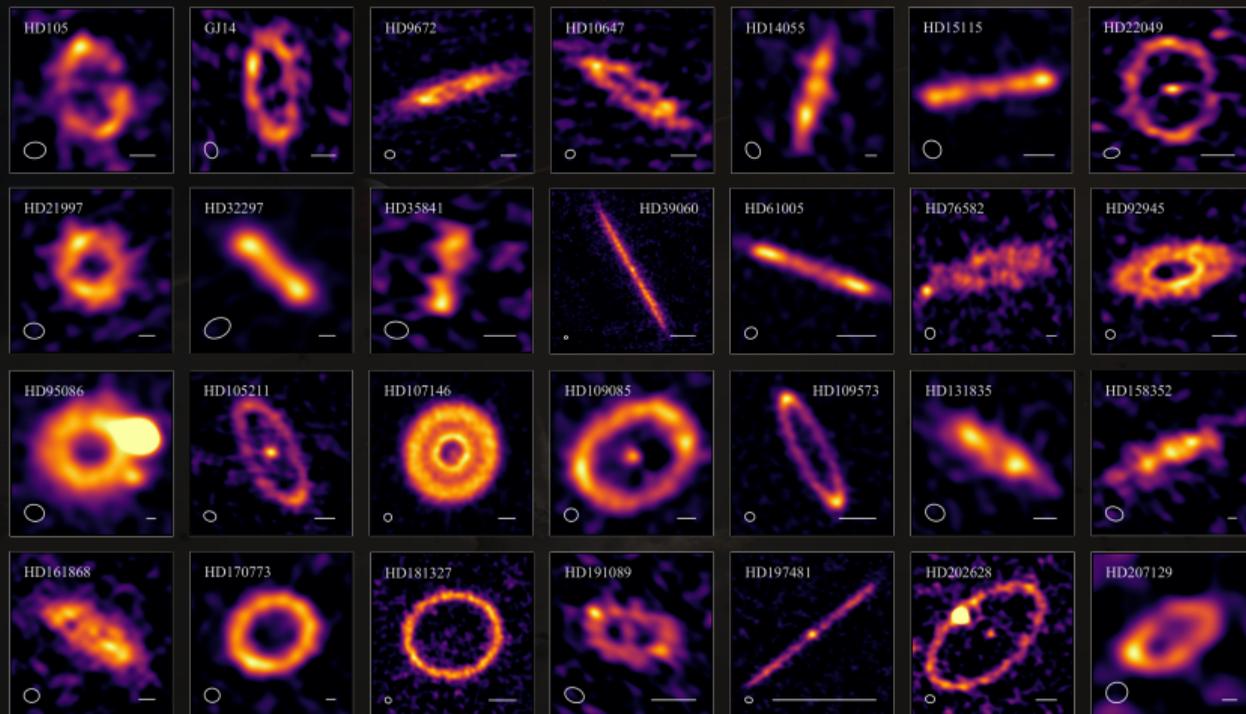
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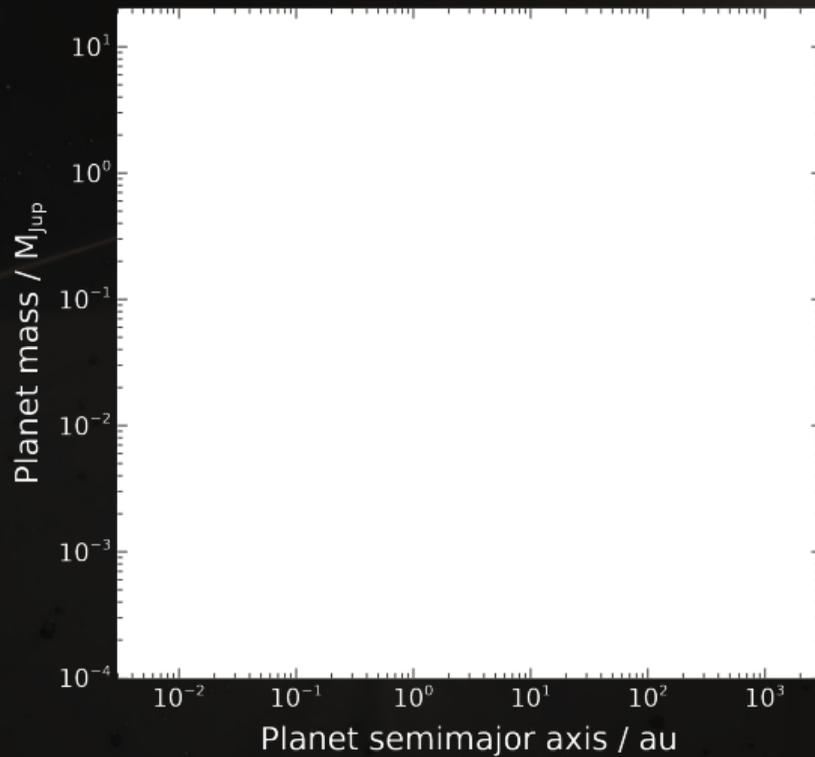
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See also: Ida, Larwood & Burkert 2000; Kirsh et al. 2009; Pearce & Wyatt 2015; Yelverton et al. 2019; Friebe, Pearce & Löhne 2022; Sefilian, Rafikov & Wyatt 2023...

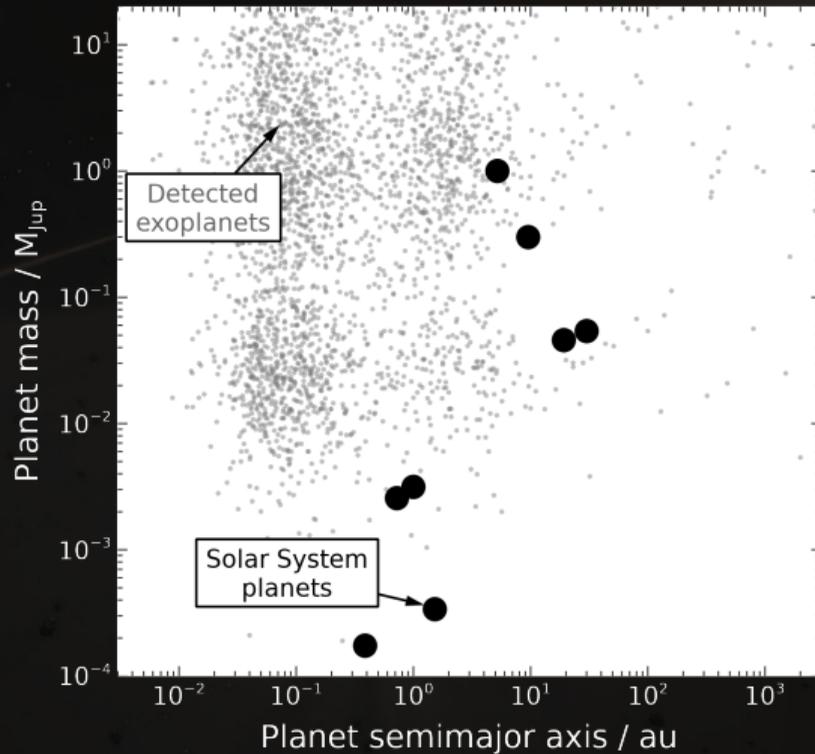
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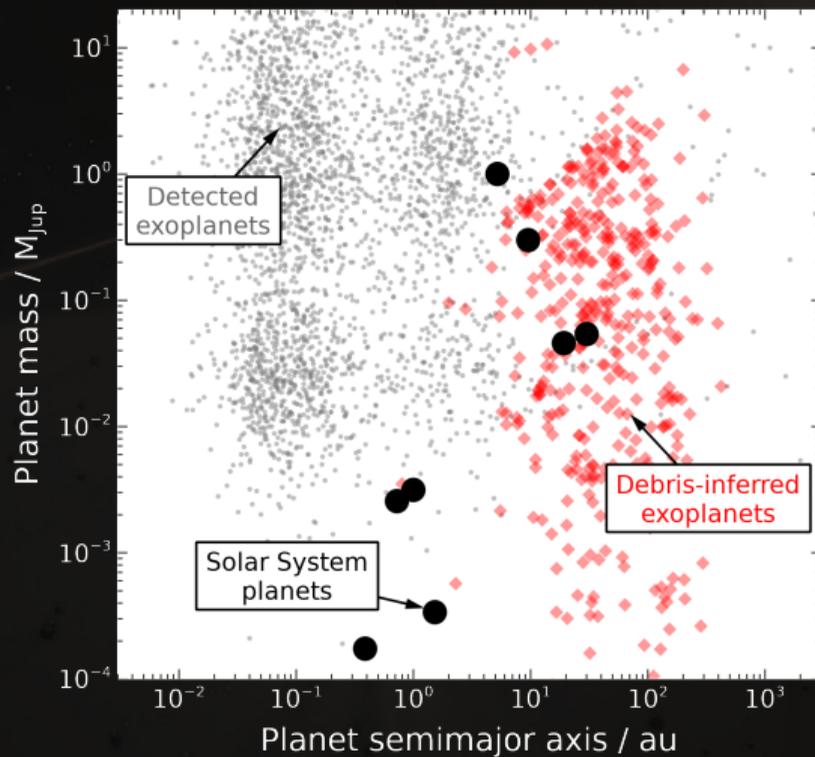
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# Aside: introduction to debris discs

## Debris disks around main-sequence stars

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### Abstract

**Debris disks** are collections of small bodies around stars, such as the asteroid belt and Kuiper belt in our Solar System. These disks are composed of debris resulting from collisions, including comets, asteroids, dust, and planet planets. The Solar System debris disk is currently the only debris disk we can study in detail, but many other debris disks have been discovered around other stars. This document provides an overview of debris disks, their formation, and their evolution. It discusses the different types of debris disks, the processes that create and maintain them, and the ways in which they can be detected. It also covers the importance of debris disks in understanding the formation and evolution of planetary systems.

**Keywords:** Debris disks, exoplanets, protoplanets, dust, comets, asteroids, planetary systems formation, debris disks evolution, exoplanets, exoplanets.

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### Learning objectives

- By the end of this chapter, you should understand:
  - What debris disks are
  - How debris disks form
  - How debris disks evolve
  - How debris disks are detected
  - How debris disks are related to exoplanets
  - How debris disks are related to protoplanets
  - How debris disks are related to comets
  - How debris disks are related to asteroids
  - How debris disks are related to dust
  - How debris disks are related to the Solar System

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### Glossary

**Asteroid belt:** The region between Mars and Jupiter in our Solar System, containing numerous rocky bodies. It is the most prominent debris disk in our Solar System.  
**Cometary belt:** The region beyond the orbit of Neptune in our Solar System, containing numerous icy bodies. It is the most prominent debris disk in our Solar System.  
**Debris disk:** A collection of small bodies around a star, such as the asteroid belt and Kuiper belt in our Solar System.  
**Exoplanet:** A planet that orbits a star other than our Sun.  
**Protoplanet:** A planet in the process of forming, consisting of a protoplanetary disk and a central protostar.  
**Planet:** A celestial body that orbits a star and has cleared its orbit of other objects.  
**Protostar:** A star in the process of forming, consisting of a protoplanetary disk and a central protostar.  
**Star:** A celestial body that is composed of hot, glowing gases and is held together by its own gravity.  
**Solar System:** The system of planets, moons, and other objects that orbit the Sun.  
**Solar System formation:** The process by which the Solar System formed from a protoplanetary disk.  
**Solar System evolution:** The process by which the Solar System has changed over time.

**2.1 Observations of exoplanet debris disks**  
 Many planet-forming stars have debris disks. We also detect exoplanets, with the first such observation made in 1983 (protoplanet) and 1996 (planet). Since then, we have detected debris disks around 100 main-sequence stars within 100 pc of Earth (Barnes et al. 2019). Surveys like SDSS and TESS have discovered many more debris disks, and the 2020s should see even more discoveries. This is exciting because debris disks are thought to be the birthplaces of planets, and their presence indicates that planet formation is still ongoing.

**2.2 Formation of exoplanet debris disks**  
 Debris disks form from the protoplanetary disk that surrounds a young star. As the star and its disk evolve, the disk is gradually eroded and the remaining material is scattered into a debris disk. This process is thought to be similar to the formation of the asteroid belt and Kuiper belt in our Solar System.

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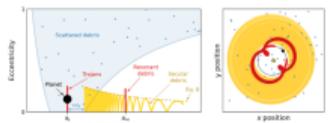
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**Fig. 10** Diagrams of typical debris-disk formation. In the example the planet's orbit is eccentric, and the disk mass is negligible. The left panel shows initial accretion and migration, and the right panel shows the debris disk. The debris disk is formed from the protoplanetary disk, and the planet's orbit is eccentric. The debris disk is formed from the protoplanetary disk, and the planet's orbit is eccentric.

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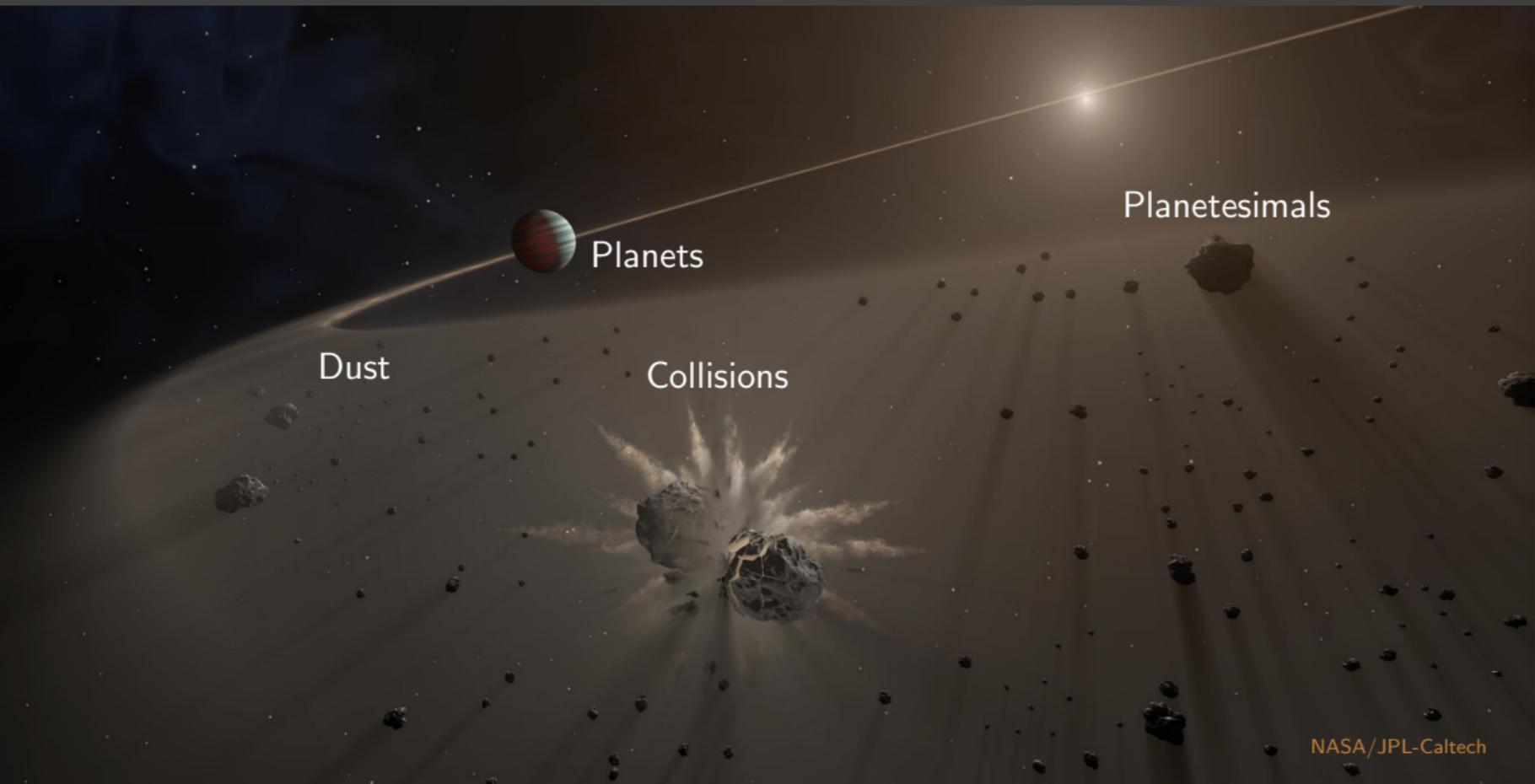
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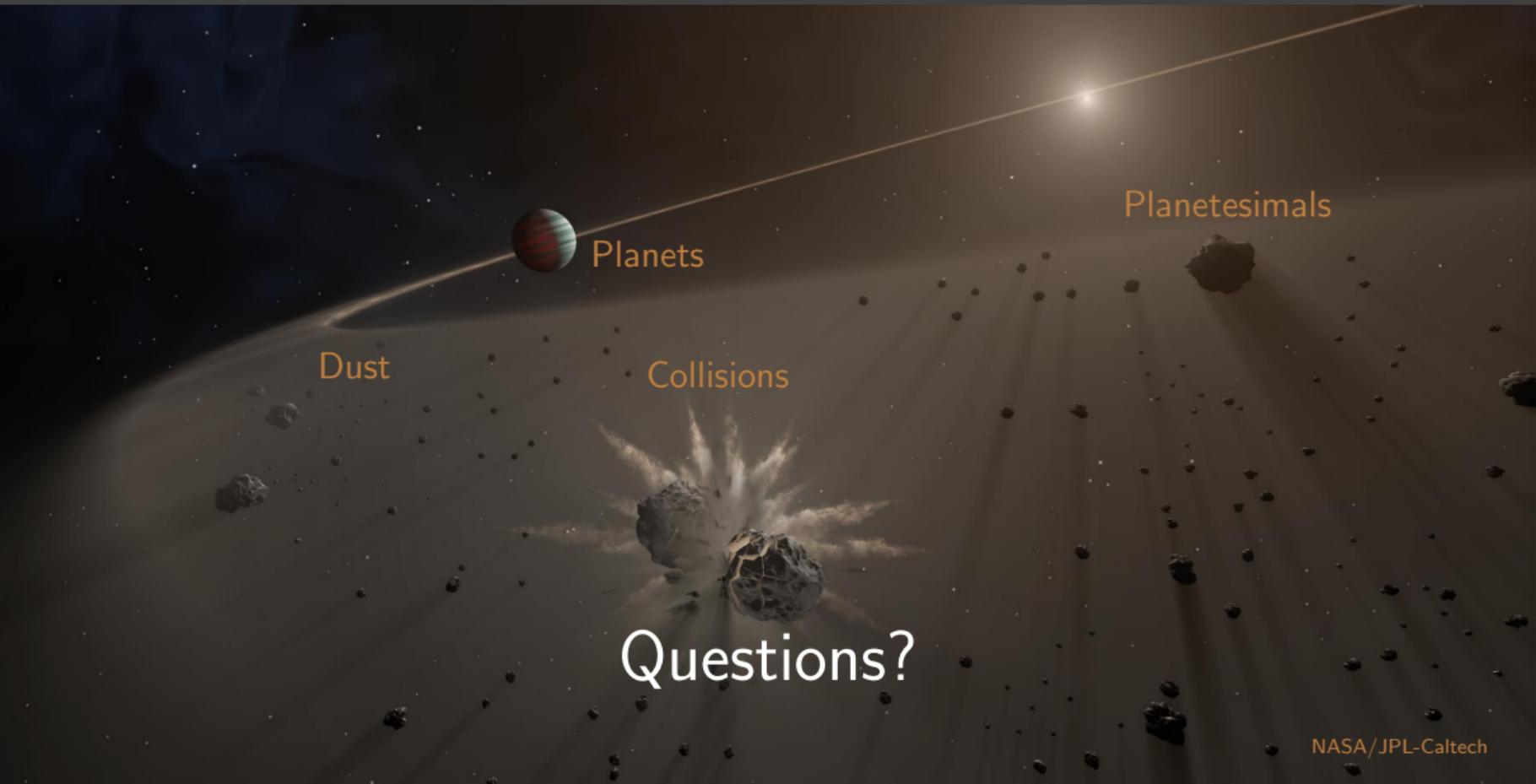
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