

# The Birth Environment of the Solar System

**The Theory and Observation of Exoplanets**

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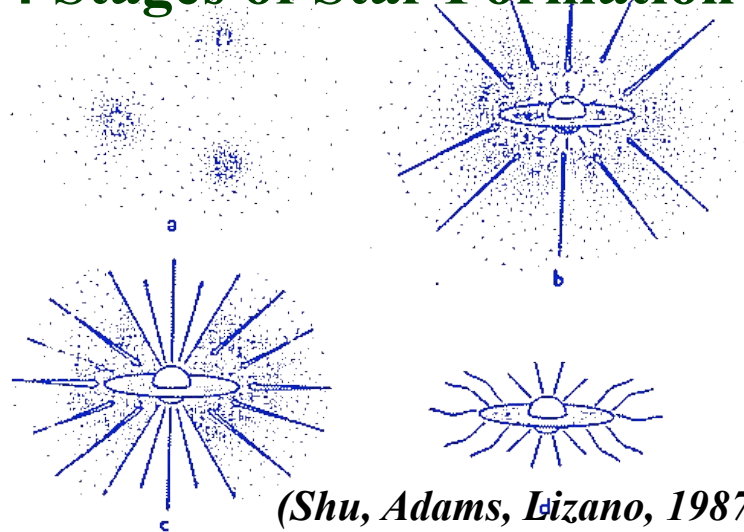
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# A Brief History



## 4 Stages of Star Formation



*(Shu, Adams, Lizano, 1987)*



## Most Stars Form in Clusters:

[1] How does the initial cluster environment affect the formation of stars and planets?

[2] What were the basic properties of the birth cluster of our own Sun and its Solar System?

# TIME SCALES

Infall-Collapse Timescale = 0.1 Myr

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Embedded Cluster Phase = 3 - 10 Myr

Circumstellar Disk Lifetime = 3 - 10 Myr

Giant Planet Formation Time = 3 - 10 Myr

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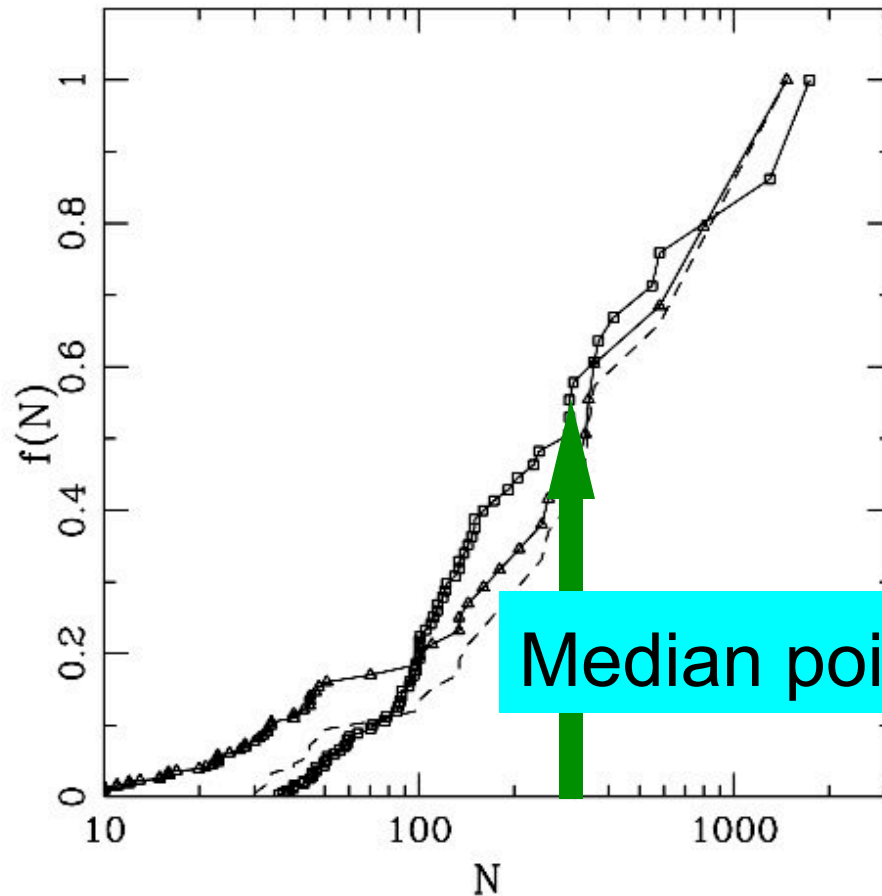
Terrestrial Planet Formation = 100 Myr

Late Heavy Bombardment = 600 Myr

Open Cluster Lifetime = 100 - 1000 Myr



Cumulative Distribution: Fraction of stars that form in stellar aggregates with  $N < N$  as function of  $N$



Median point:  $N=300$

## **CONJECTURE:**

**The cluster environment affects planet formation much more than the process of star formation**

Why: Clusters have radial scale of 1 pc,  
with distance between protostars of 0.24pc.  
Cores are observed to move at 0.1 km/s.  
During their formation time of 0.1 Myr,  
protostars move only 0.01 pc  $\ll$  0.24 pc...

# Dynamical Studies

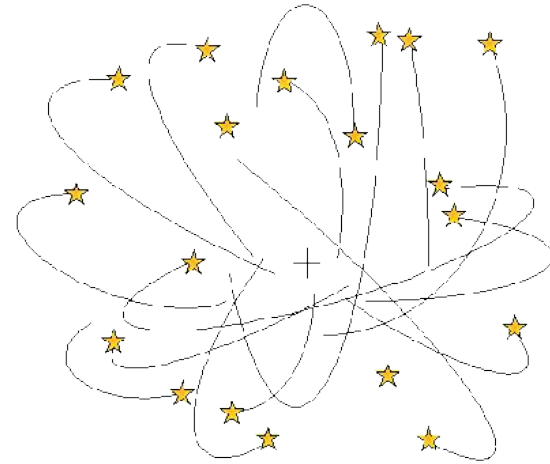
*I. Evolution of clusters as astrophysical objects*

*II. Effects of clusters on forming solar systems  
(with a focus on our own system)*

- **Distribution of closest approaches**
- **Radial position probability distribution**

# Simulations of Embedded Clusters

- **Modified NBODY2(and 6) Codes** (*S. Aarseth*)
- **Simulate evolution from embedded stage to age 10 Myr**
- **Cluster evolution depends on the following:**
  - cluster size
  - initial stellar and gas profiles
  - gas disruption history
  - star formation history
  - primordial mass segregation
  - initial dynamical assumptions
- **100 realizations are needed to provide robust statistics for output measures**



*(E. Proszkow thesis 2009)*



# Simulation Parameters

Cluster Membership

$$N = 100, 300, 1000$$

Radius  $R(N) = 1 \text{ pc} \left( \frac{N}{300} \right)^{1/2}$

Initial Stellar Density

Gas Distribution  $\rho_* \propto r^{-1}$

$$\rho_{gas} = \frac{\rho_0}{\xi(1+\xi)^3}, \quad \rho_0 = \frac{2M_*}{\pi R^3}, \quad \xi = \frac{r}{R}$$

SF Efficiency = 0.33

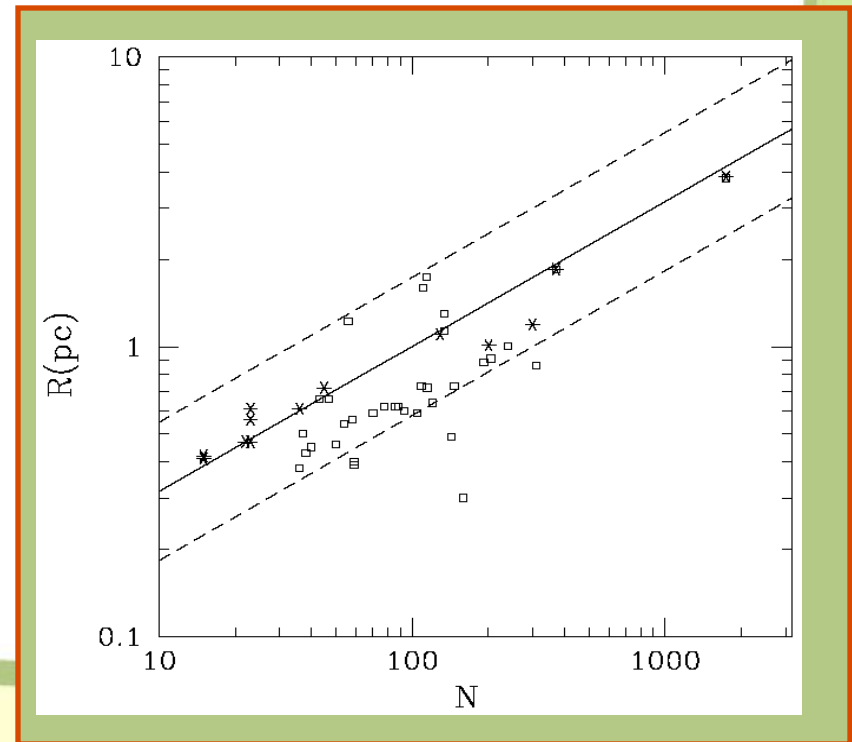
Embedded Epoch  $t = 0-5 \text{ Myr}$

SF time span  $t = 0-1 \text{ Myr}$

Virial Ratio  $Q = |K/W|$

virial  $Q = 0.5$ ; cold  $Q = 0.04$

Mass Segregation: largest stars  
at center of cluster

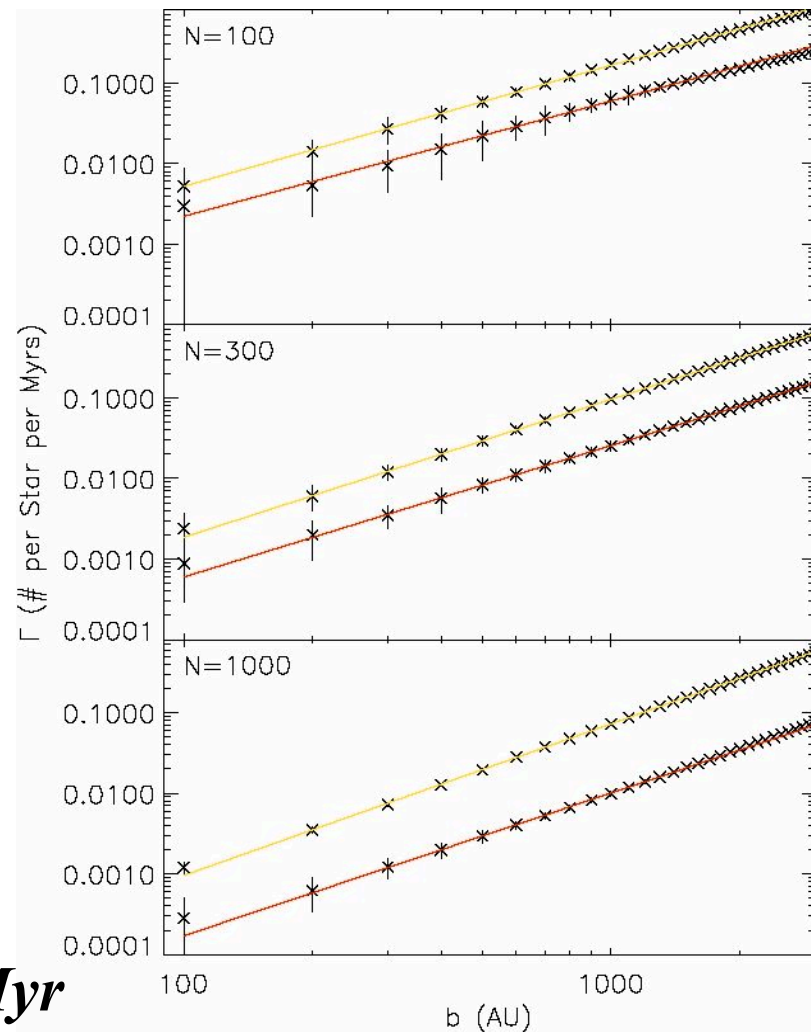


# Closest Approach Distributions

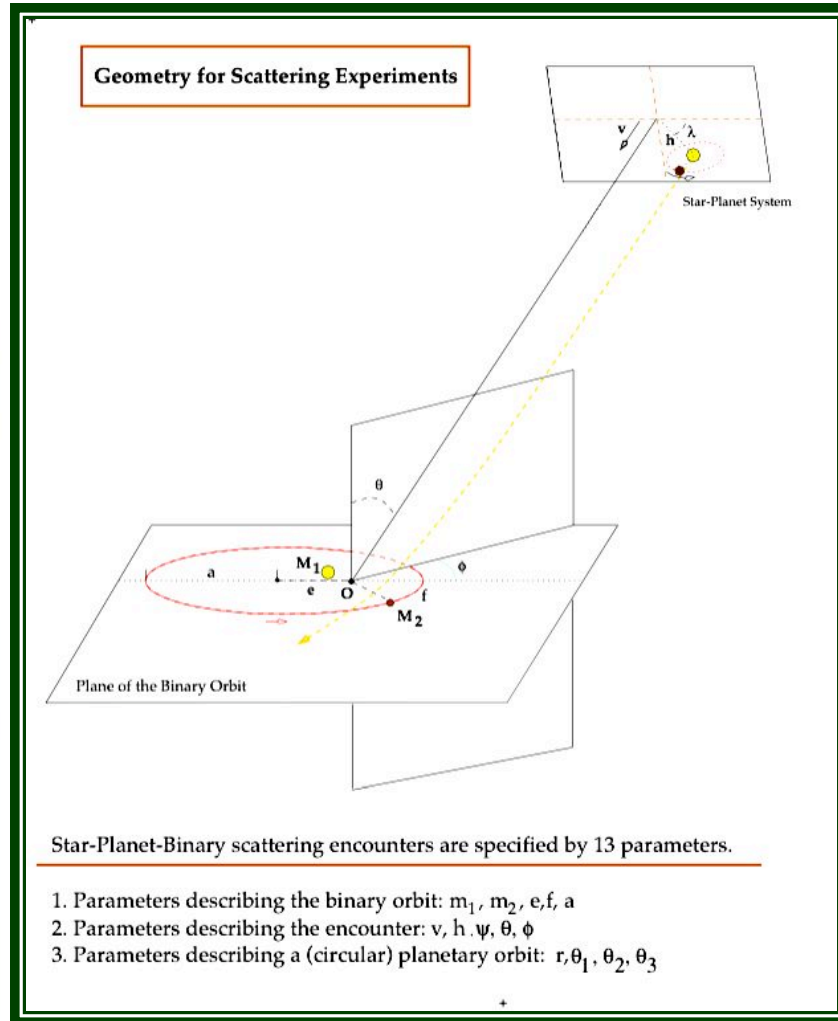
$$\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \left[ \frac{b}{1000 \text{ AU}} \right]^\gamma$$

Simulation	$\Gamma_0$	$\gamma$	$b_c$ (AU)
100 Subvirial	0.166	1.50	713
100 Virial	0.0598	1.43	1430
300 Subvirial	0.0957	1.71	1030
300 Virial	0.0256	1.63	2310
1000 Subvirial	0.0724	1.88	1190
1000 Virial	0.0101	1.77	3650

*Typical star experiences one close encounter with impact parameter  $b_c$  during time 10 Myr*



# Solar System Scattering



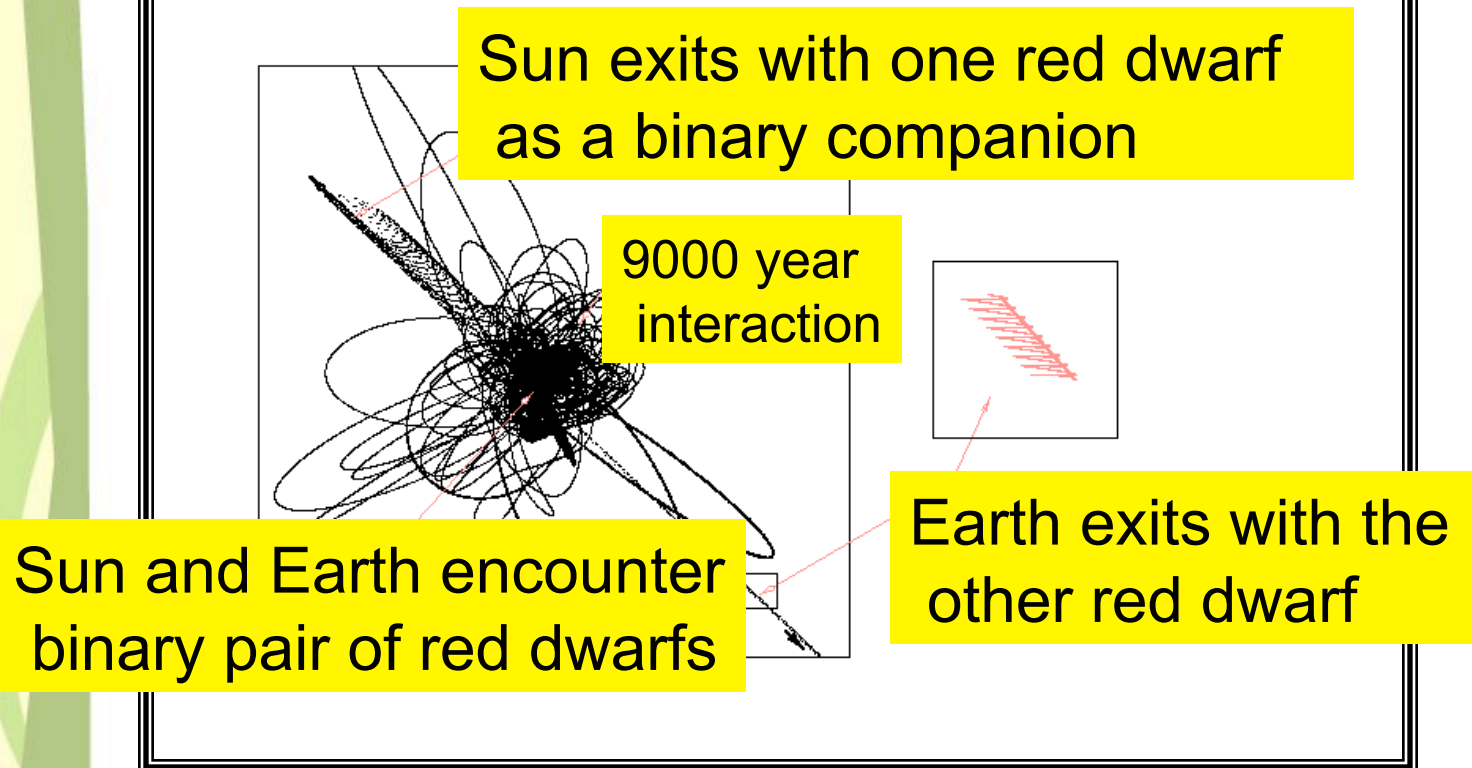
**Many Parameters**  
+  
**Chaotic Behavior**  
↓  
**Many Simulations**  
**Monte Carlo**

# Monte Carlo Experiments

- \* **Jupiter only,  $v = 1$  km/s,  $N=40,000$  realizations**
- \* **4 giant planets,  $v = 1$  km/s,  $N=50,000$  realizations**
- \* **KB Objects,  $v = 1$  km/s,  $N=30,000$  realizations**
- \* **Earth only,  $v = 40$  km/s,  $N=100,000$  realizations**
- \* **4 giant planets,  $v = 40$  km/s, Solar mass,  $N=100,000$  realizations**
- \* **4 giant planets,  $v = 1$  km/s, varying stellar mass,  $N=100,000$  realizations**



# *Red Dwarf Captures the Earth!*



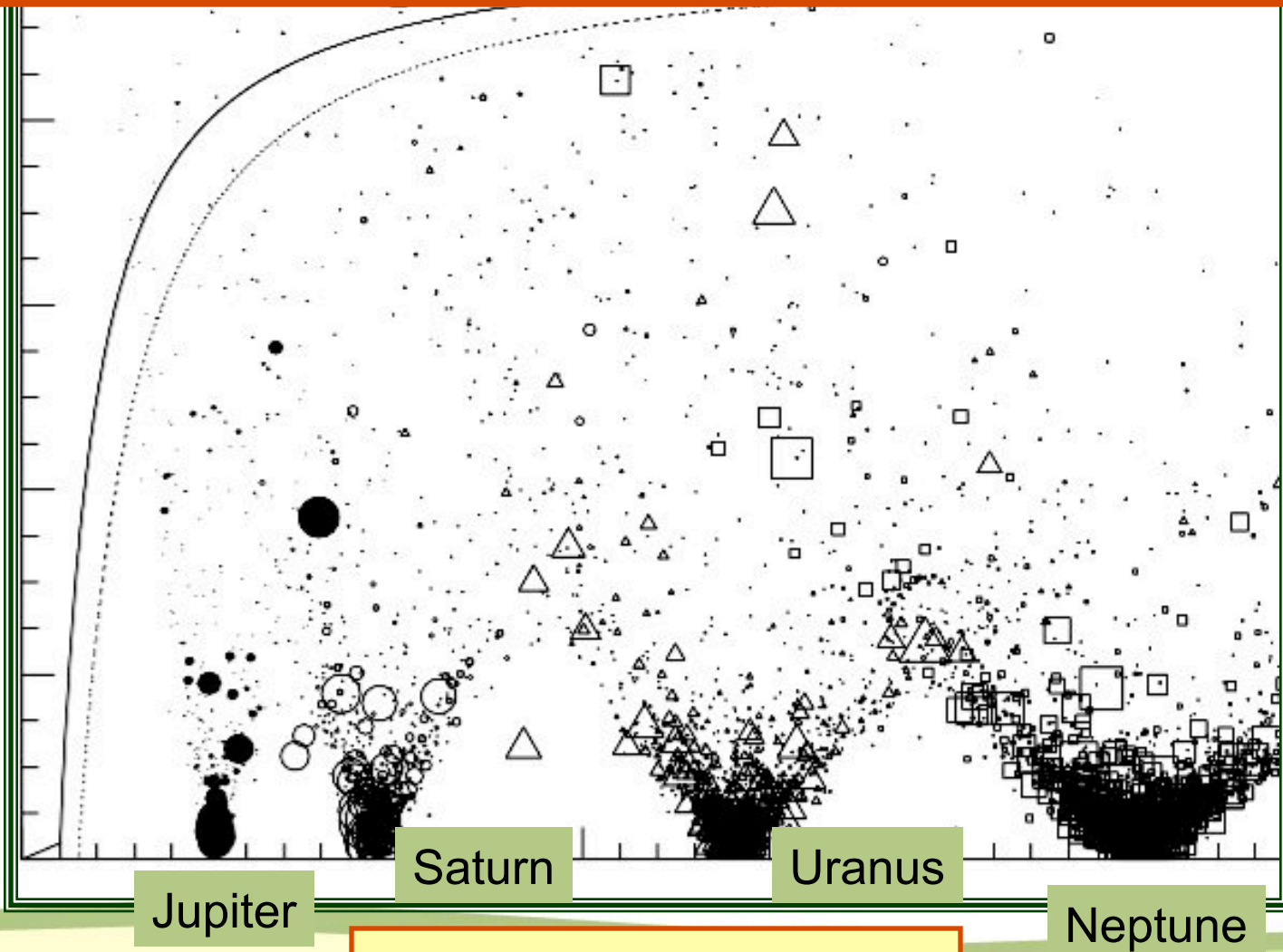
# *Fun Future Earth Facts*

- [1] Biosphere has only about 3 Gyr left
- [2] Odds of Earth being scattered out of the solar system during this time = 1 in  $10^5$
- [3] Odds of Earth being captured by passing star during this time = 1 in  $3 \times 10^6$
- [4] Life on Earth lasts longer if Earth leaves



# Scattering Results for our Solar System

Eccentricity  $e$



Jupiter

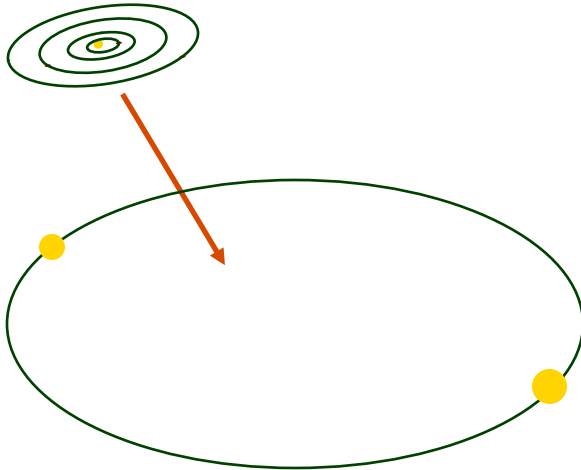
Saturn

Uranus

Neptune

Semi-major axis  $a$

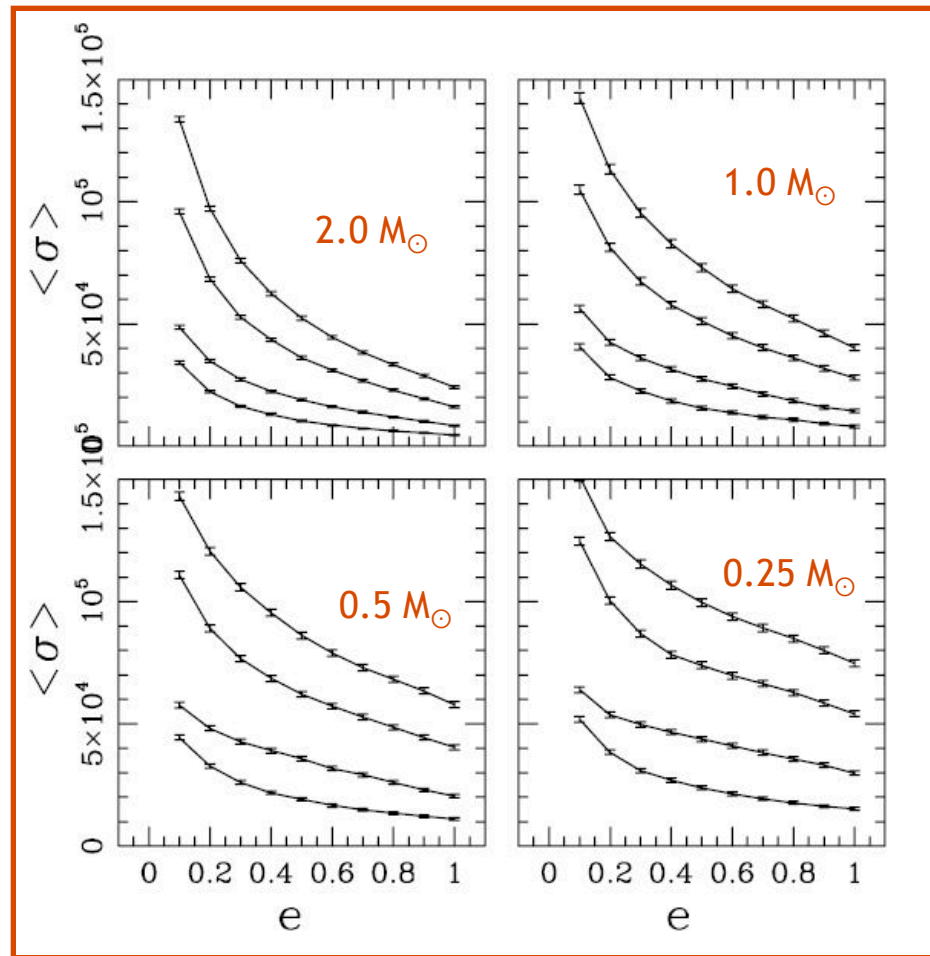
# Cross Sections vs Stellar Mass



$$\langle \sigma \rangle_{ej} = C_0 \left( \frac{a_p}{AU} \right) \left( \frac{M_*}{M_{sun}} \right)^{-1/2}$$

where

$$C_0 = 1350 \pm 160 (AU)^2$$





# Effects of Cluster Radiation on Forming/Young Solar Systems

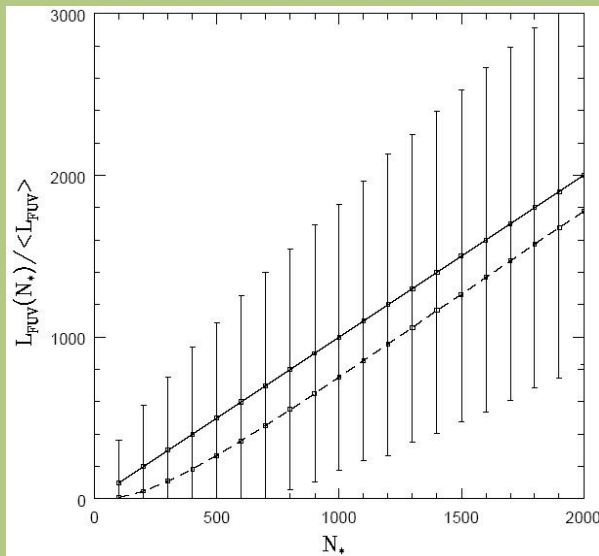
- **Photoevaporation of a circumstellar disk**
- Radiation from the background cluster often dominates radiation from the parent star (*Johnstone et al. 1998; Adams & Myers 2001*)
- **FUV radiation ( $6 \text{ eV} < E < 13.6 \text{ eV}$ ) is more important in this process than EUV radiation**
- FUV flux of  $G_0 = 3000$  will truncate a circumstellar disk to  $r_d$  over 10 Myr, where  $r_d = 36 \text{ AU} \left[ M_* / M_{sun} \right]$

# Calculation of the Radiation Field

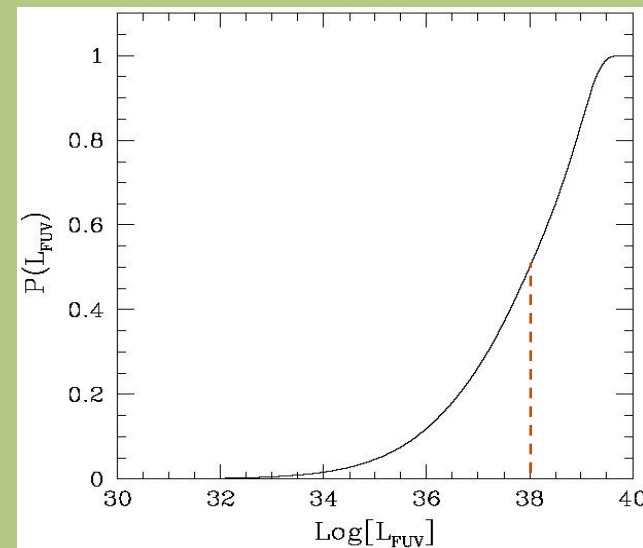
## Fundamental Assumptions

- Cluster size  $N = N$  primaries (ignore binary companions)
- No gas or dust attenuation of FUV radiation
- Stellar FUV luminosity is only a function of mass
- Meader's models for stellar luminosity and temperature

### Sample IMF $\rightarrow L_{\text{FUV}}(N)$



### Cluster Sizes: Expected FUV Luminosity



# Composite Distribution of FUV Flux

FUV Flux depends on:

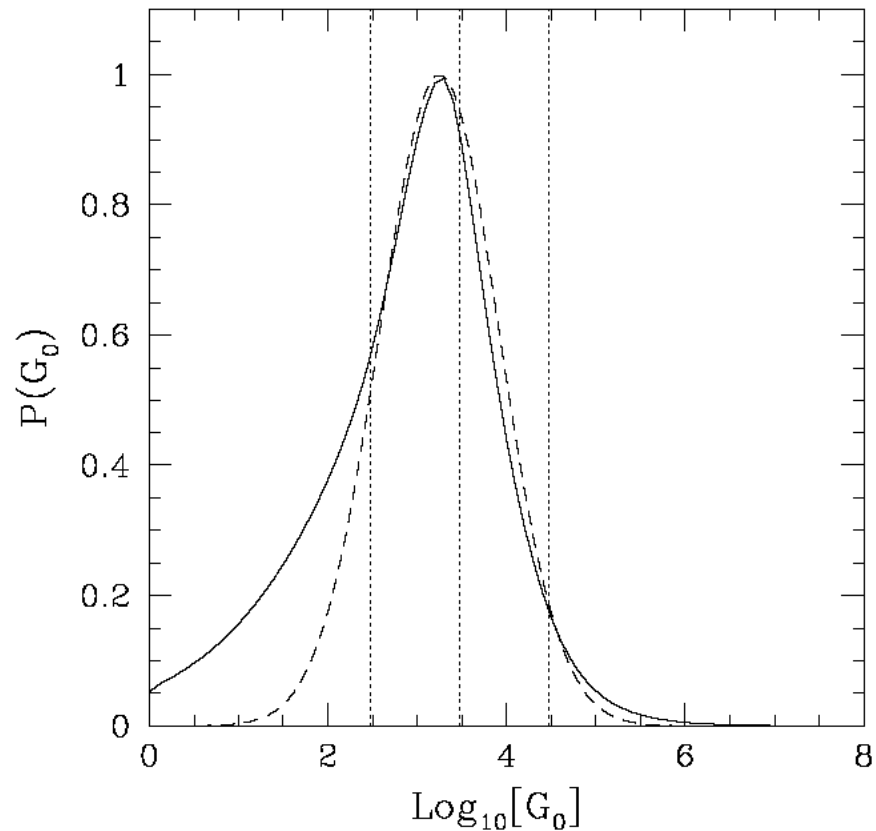
- Cluster FUV luminosity
- Location of disk within cluster

Assume:

- FUV point source at center of cluster
- Stellar density  $\rho \sim 1/r$

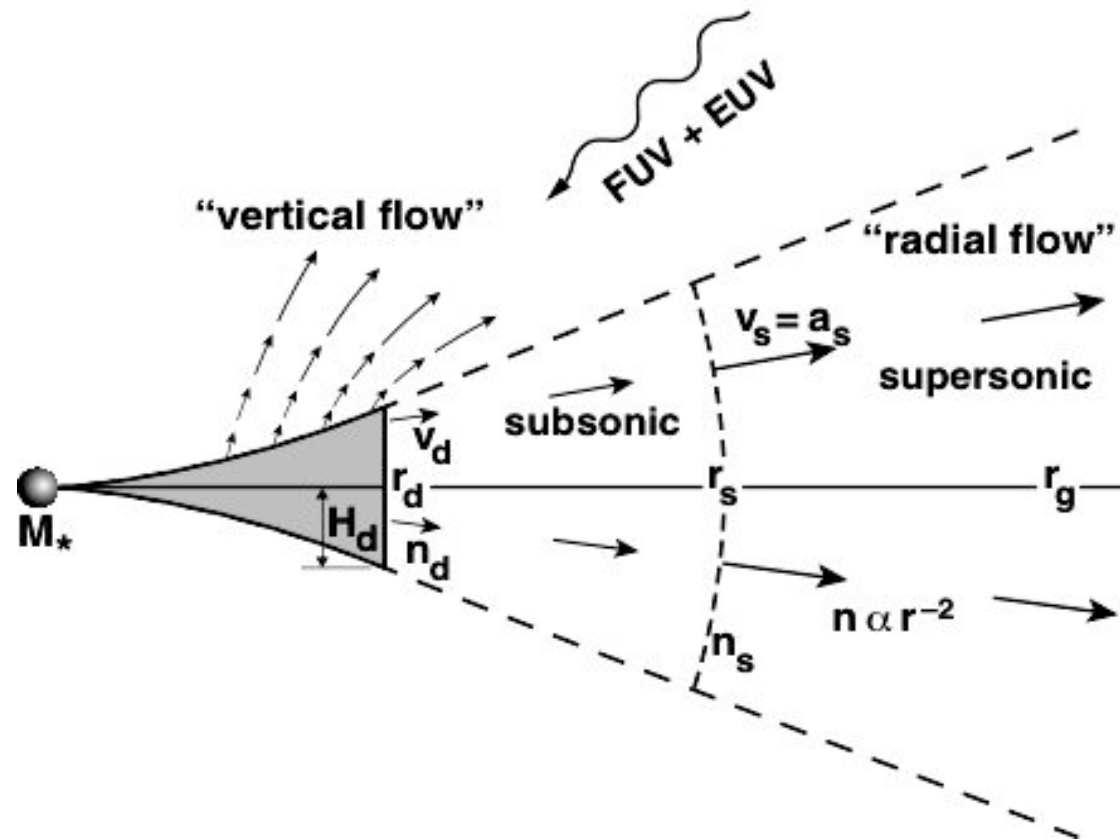
## $G_0$ Distribution

Median	900
Peak	1800
Mean	16,500



$G_0 = 1$  corresponds to FUV flux  
 $1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

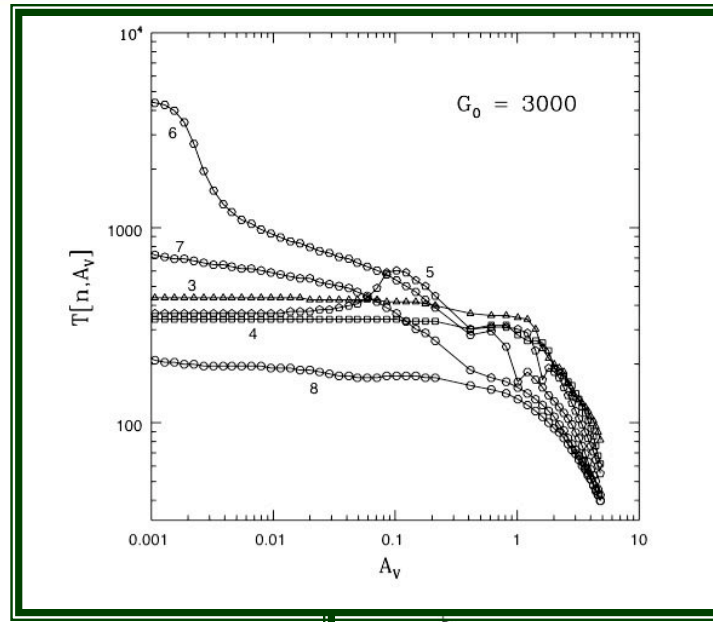
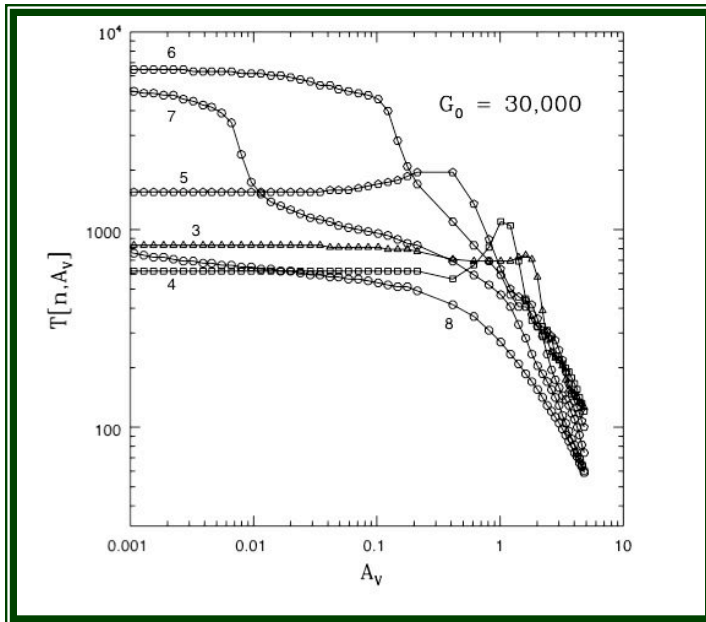
# Photoevaporation Model



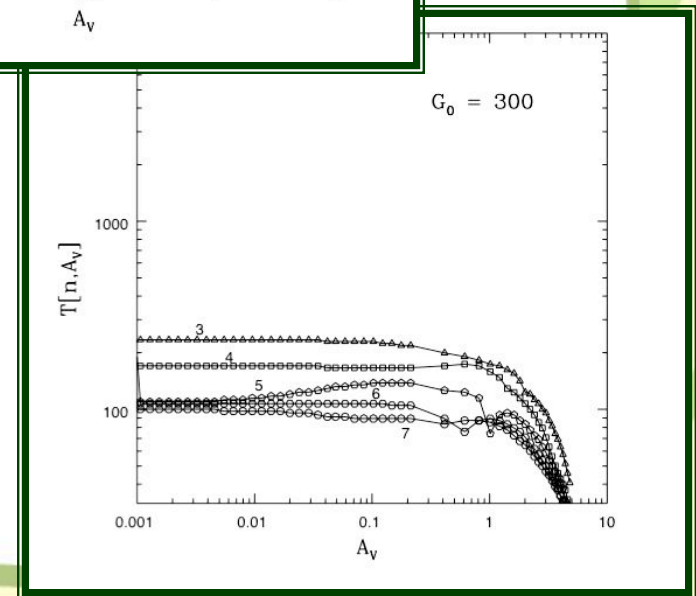
*(Adams et al. 2004)*



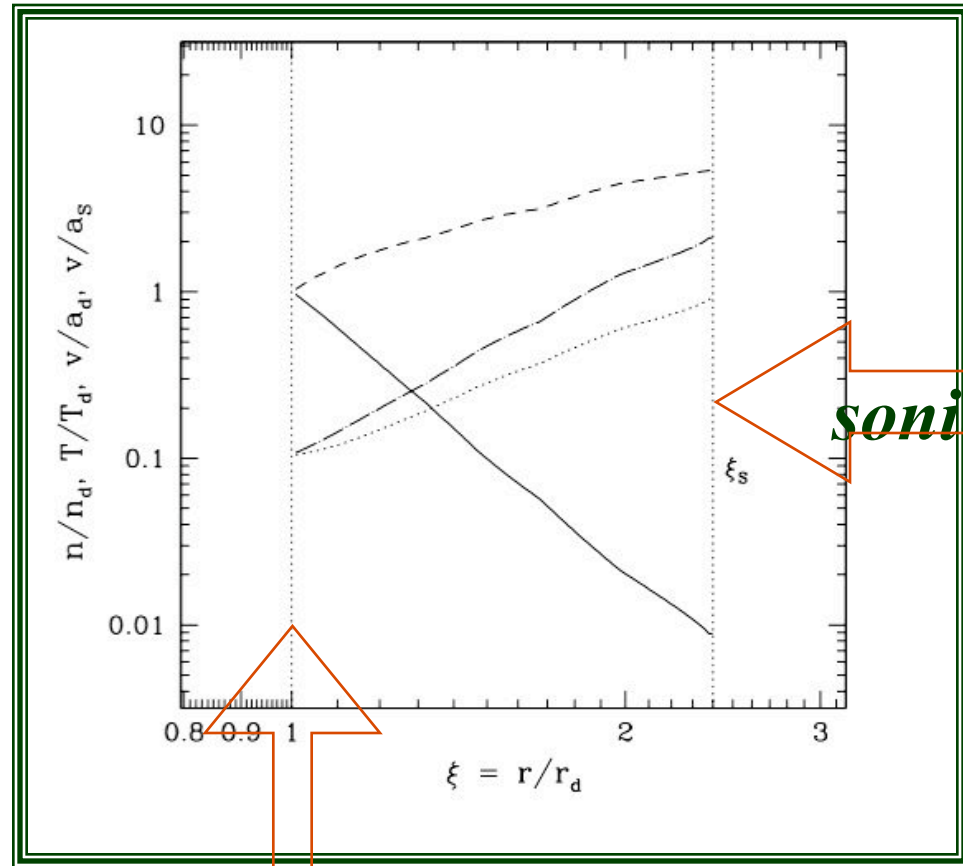
# Results from PDR Code



*Lots of chemistry and many heating/cooling lines determine the temperature as a function of  $G, n, A$*



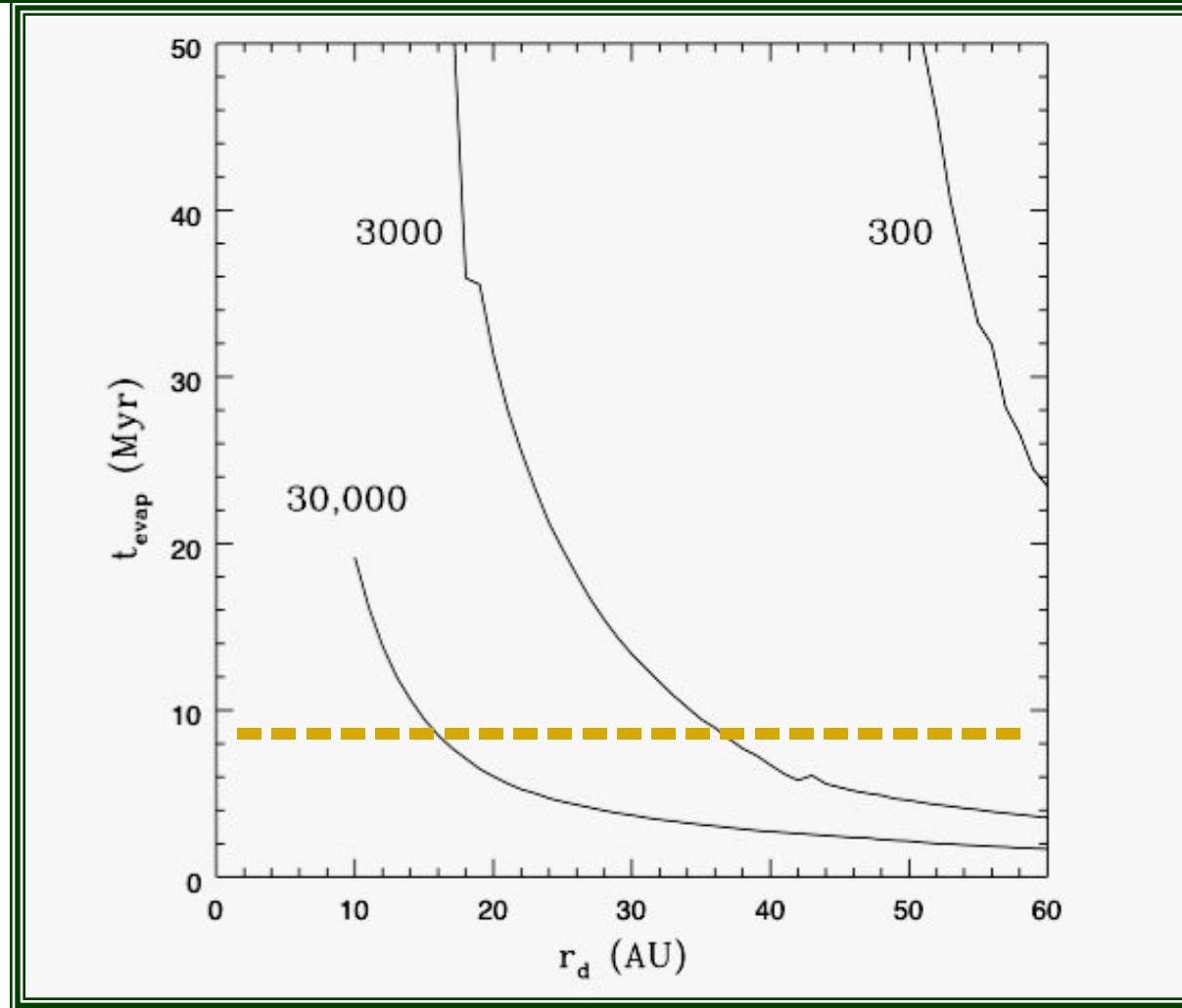
# Solution for the Fluid Fields



*sonic surface*

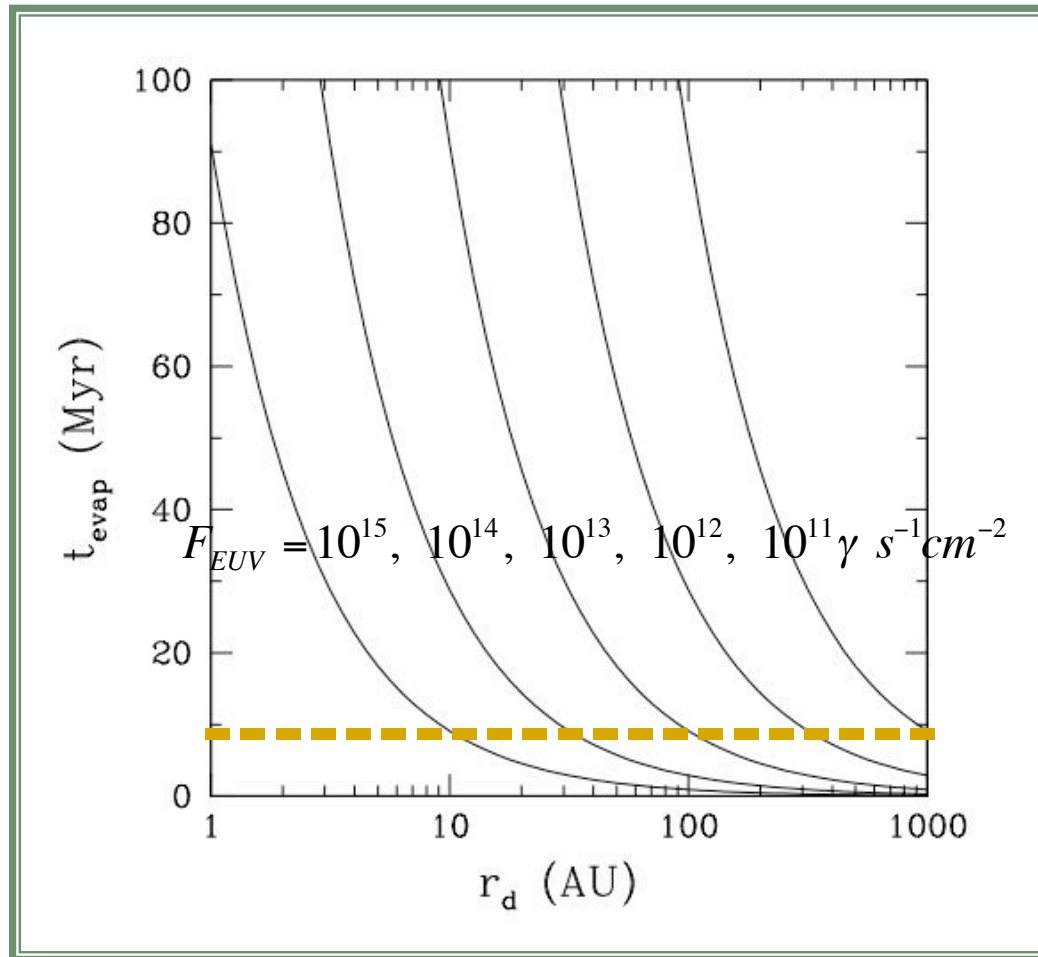
*outer disk edge*

# Evaporation Time vs FUV Field



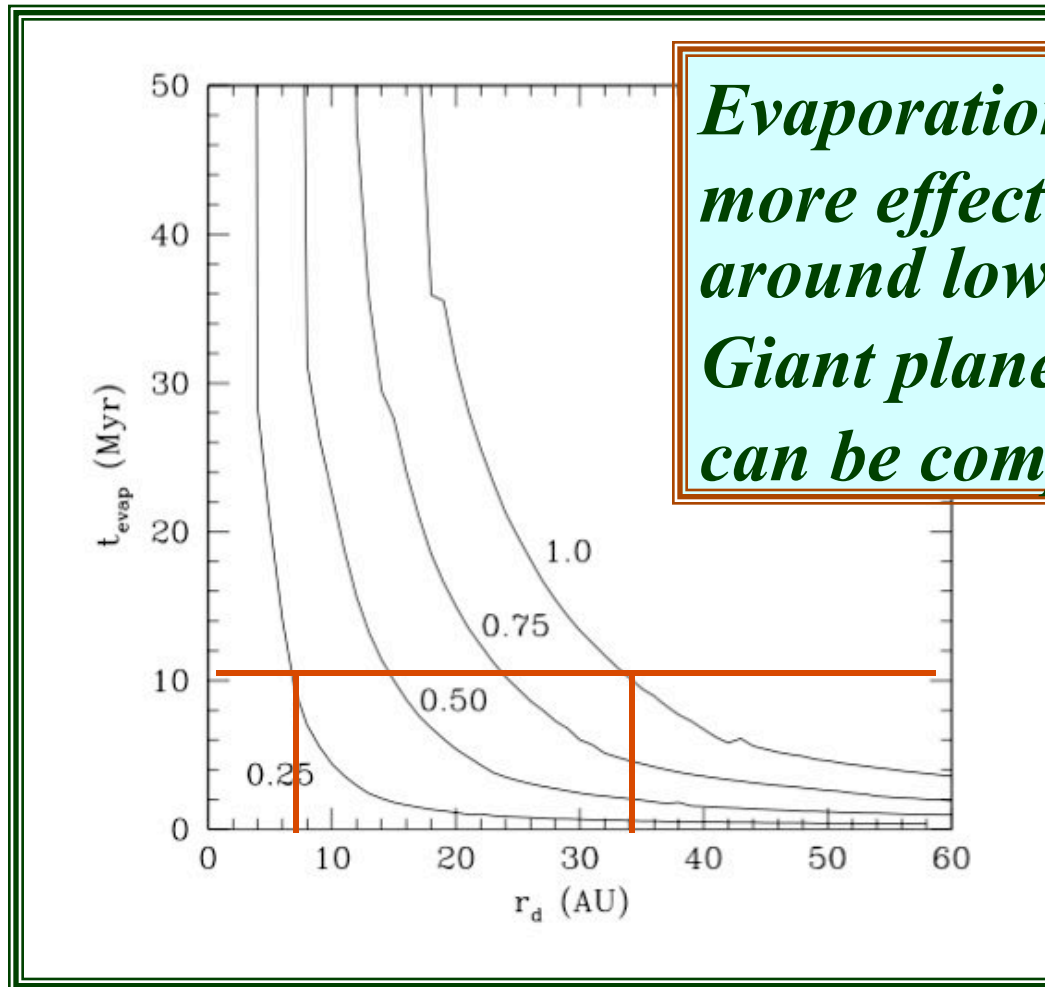
*(for disks around solar mass stars)*

# Evaporation Time vs EUV Field



*(FUV radiation has larger effect on solar nebula than EUV)*

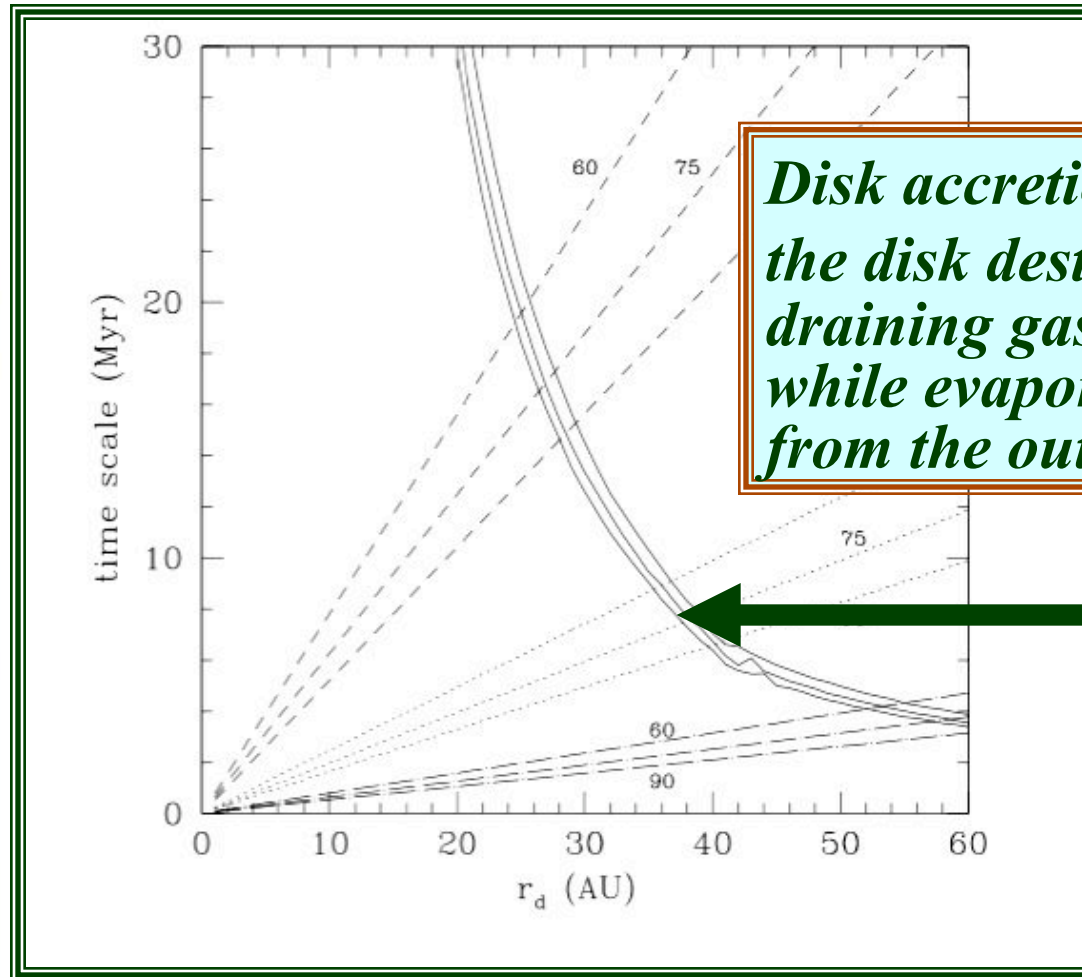
# Evaporation Time vs Stellar Mass



*Evaporation is much more effective for disks around low-mass stars: Giant planet formation can be compromised*

**G=3000**

# Evaporation vs Accretion



*Disk accretion aids and abets the disk destruction process by draining gas from the inside, while evaporation removes gas from the outside . . .*

*Total time scale of 8 Myr, consistent with observations...*



# Conclusion [1]

Clusters have a moderate effect on the solar systems forming within them -- environmental effects are neither dominant nor negligible:

Closest approaches of order 1000 AU

Disks truncated dynamically to 300 AU

Disks truncated via radiation to 40 AU

Lifetimes have environmental upper limit

Planetary orbits are moderately altered

Only a few planetary ejections per cluster

(these effects must be described via probabilities)

# Where did we come from?



# Solar System Properties

Enrichment of short-lived radioactive nuclear species

Planetary orbits are well-ordered (ecc. & inclination)

Edge of early solar nebula -- gas disk -- at 30 AU

Observed edge of Kuiper belt at around 40 - 50 AU

Orbit of dwarf planet Sedna:  $e = 0.82$  and  $p = 70$  AU

# Short-Lived Radio Isotopes

Nuclear Species	Daughter	Reference	Half-life (Myr)	Mass Fraction
<sup>7</sup> Be	<sup>7</sup> Li	<sup>9</sup> Be	53 days	$(8 \times 10^{-13})$
<sup>10</sup> Be	<sup>10</sup> B	<sup>9</sup> Be	1.5	$(10^{-13})$
<sup>26</sup> Al	<sup>26</sup> Mg	<sup>27</sup> Al	0.72	$3.8 \times 10^{-9}$
<sup>36</sup> Cl	<sup>36</sup> Ar	<sup>35</sup> Cl	0.30	$8.8 \times 10^{-10}$
<sup>41</sup> Ca	<sup>41</sup> K	<sup>40</sup> Ca	0.10	$1.1 \times 10^{-12}$
<sup>53</sup> Mn	<sup>53</sup> Cr	<sup>55</sup> Mn	3.7	$4.0 \times 10^{-10}$
<sup>60</sup> Fe	<sup>60</sup> Ni	<sup>56</sup> Fe	1.5	$1.1 \times 10^{-9}$
<sup>107</sup> Pd	<sup>107</sup> Ag	<sup>108</sup> Pd	6.5	$9.0 \times 10^{-14}$
<sup>182</sup> Hf	<sup>182</sup> W	<sup>180</sup> Hf	8.9	$1.0 \times 10^{-13}$



# Solar Birth Requirements (1.0)

Supernova enrichment  
requires large N

Well ordered solar system  
requires small N

$$M_* > 25 M_{\odot}$$

$$\varepsilon(\text{Neptune}) < 0.1$$

$$F_{SN} = 0.000485$$

$$\Delta\Theta_j < 3.5^\circ$$

# Probability of Supernovae

$$P_{SN}(N) = 1 - f_{not}^N$$



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# Cross Section for Solar System Disruption

$$\langle \sigma \rangle \approx (400 \text{ AU})^2$$

$$\varepsilon(\text{Neptune}) \geq 0.1 \quad \text{and/or} \quad \Delta\theta \geq 3.5^\circ$$

# Probability of Scattering

Scattering rate:

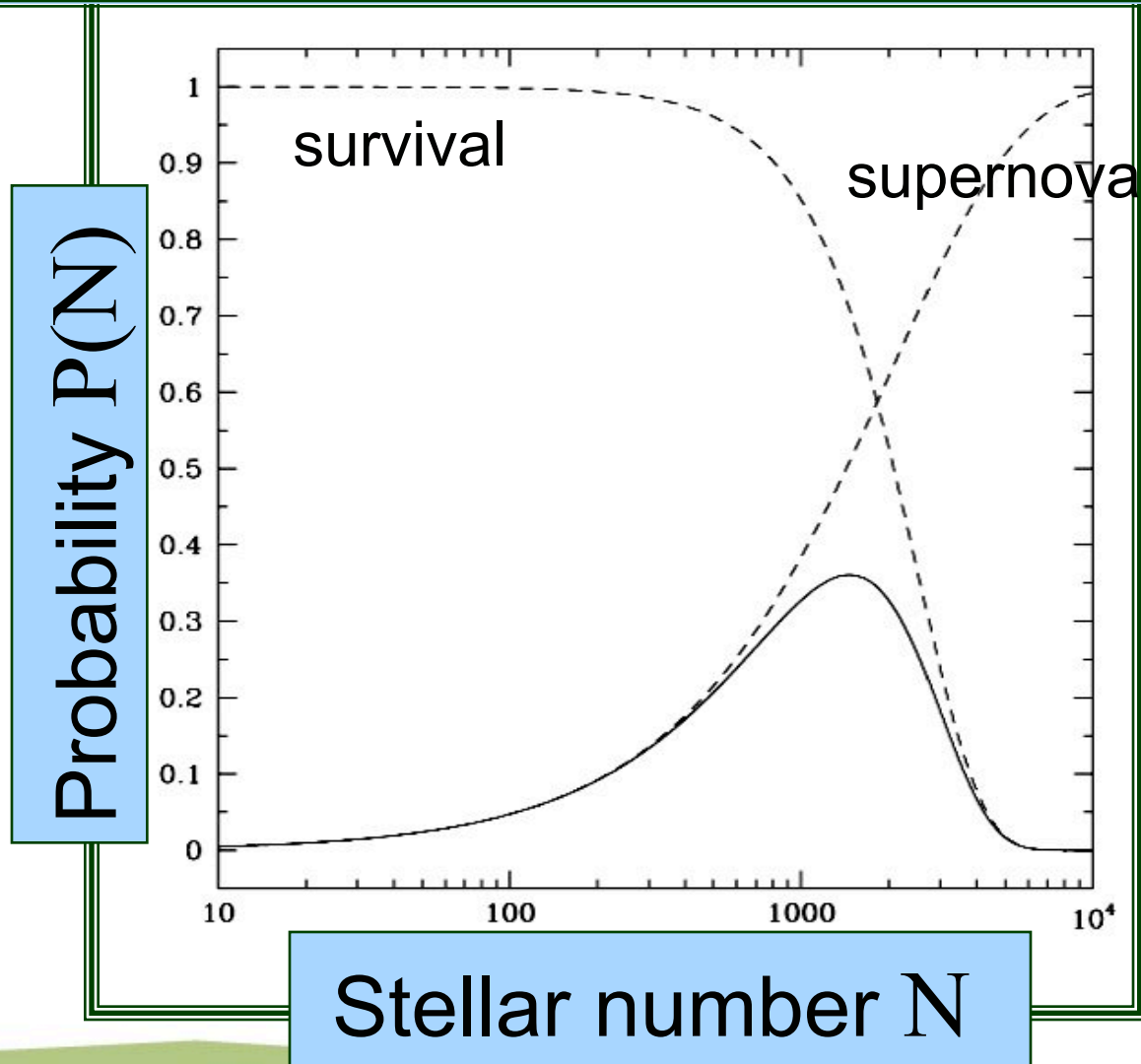
$$\Gamma = n \langle \sigma v \rangle$$

Survival probability:

$$P_{survive} \propto \exp\left[-\int \Gamma dt\right]$$

Use the calculated rate of close encounters and interaction cross sections  $\langle \sigma \rangle$

# Expected Size of the Stellar Birth Aggregate



# Constraints on the Solar Birth Aggregate

$$\langle N \rangle \approx 2000 \pm 1100$$

$$P \approx 0.017 \quad (1 \text{ out of } 60)$$

*(Adams & Laughlin 2001 - updated)*

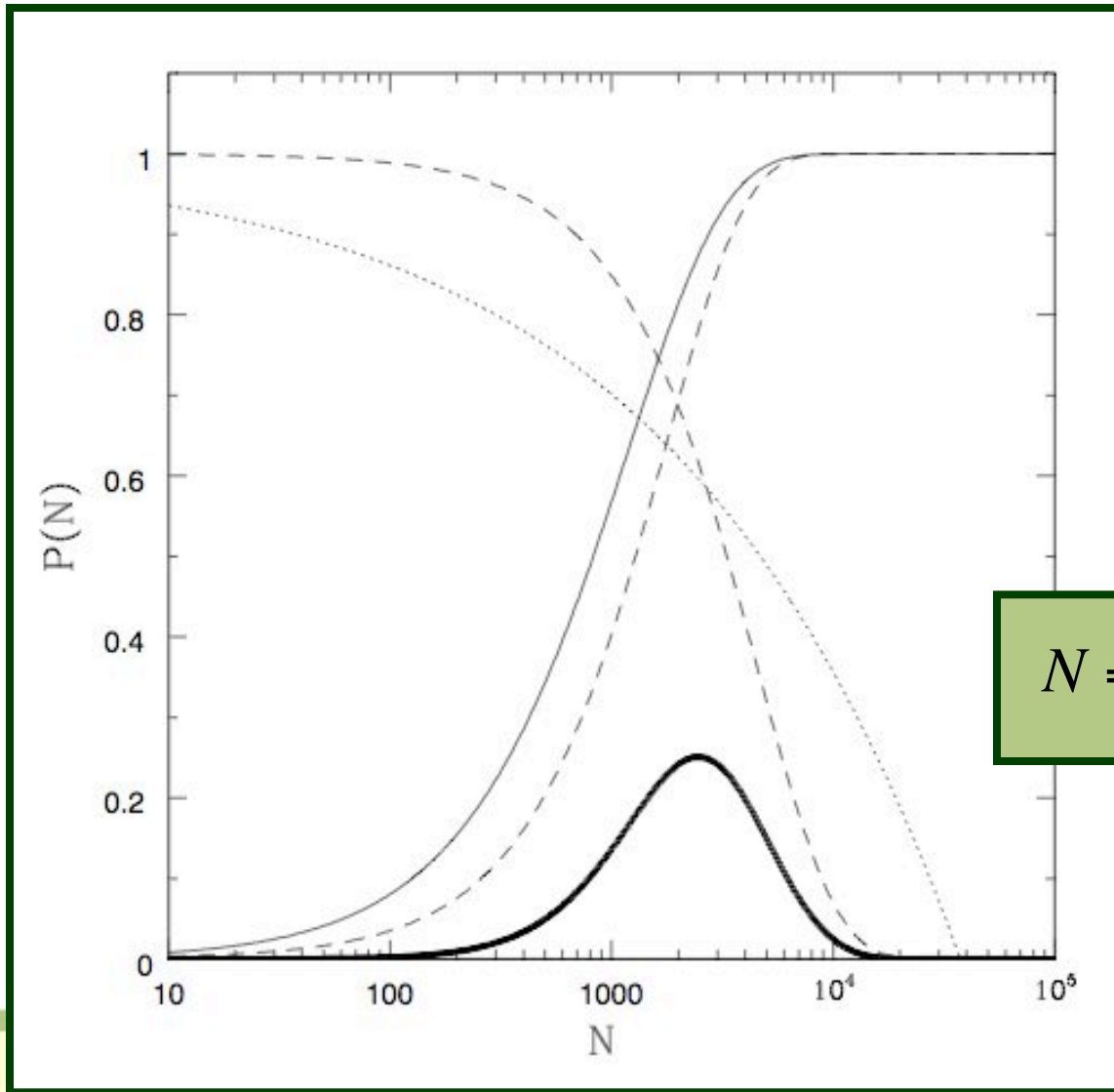
# Extended Constraints

SEDNA: Orbit can be produced via scattering encounter with  $b = 400 - 800$  AU. Need value near lower end to explain edge of Kuiper Belt (Kenyon, Bromley, Levison, Morbidelli, Brassier)

RADIATION: FUV radiation field  $G < 3000$ .  
Implies constraint on available real estate in Birth Cluster (will be function of size  $N$ )



# Extended Constraints



Supernova  
Neptune  
Sedna  
Radiation

$$N = 4300 \pm 2800$$

# [2] CONSISTENT SCENARIO for Solar Birth Aggregate

**Cluster size:  $N = 1000 - 7000$**

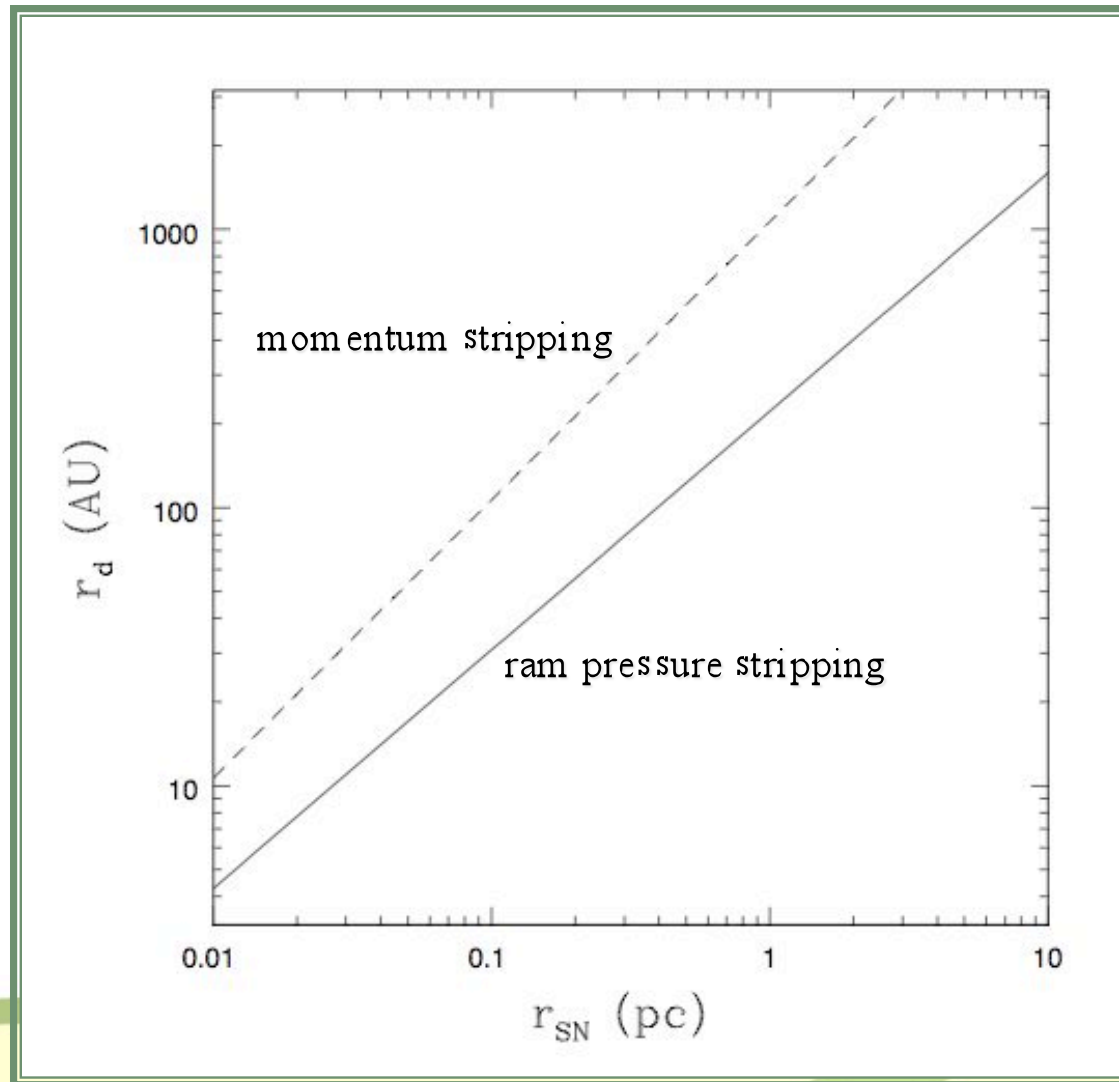
**Reasonable *a priori* probability (few percent)**

**Allows meteoritic enrichment and scattering survival**

**UV radiation field evaporates disk down to 30 AU**

**Scattering interactions truncate Kuiper belt at 50 AU  
leave Sedna and remaining KBOs with large (a,e,i)**

# Disk Truncation Radii due to SN Blast



# Timing and Tuning Issues

- [1] The 25 Msun SN progenitor lives for 7.5 Myr, solar nebula must live a bit longer than average.
- [2] Solar system must live near edge of cluster for most of the time to avoid radiation, but must lie at distance of 0.1 - 0.2 pc at time of explosion.
- [3] Solar system must experience close encounter at  $b = 400$  AU to produce Sedna, but no encounters with  $b < 225$  AU to avoid disruption of Neptune, etc.
- [4] Solar system must live in its birth cluster for a relatively long time (100 Myr), a 10 percent effect.

# Constraint Summary

Solar System Property	Implication	Fraction
Mass of Sun	$M \geq 1M$	0.12
Solar Metallicity	$Z \geq Z$	0.25
Single Star	(not binary)	0.30
Giant Planets	(successfully formed)	0.20
Ordered Planetary Orbits	$N \leq 10^4$	0.67
Supernova Enrichment	$N \geq 10^3$	0.50
Sedna-Producing Encounter	$10^3 \leq N \leq 10^4$	0.16
Sufficient Supernova Ejecta	$d \leq 0.3 \text{ pc}$	0.14
Solar Nebula Survives Supernova	$d \geq 0.1 \text{ pc}$	0.95
Supernova Ejecta and Survival	$0.1 \text{ pc} \leq d \leq 0.3 \text{ pc}$	0.09
FUV Radiation Affects Solar Nebula	$G_0 \geq 2000$	0.50
Solar Nebula Survives Radiation	$G_0 \leq 10^4$	0.80

$$P_* = \Gamma_M \Gamma_Z \Gamma_B \Gamma_P \Gamma_e \Gamma_{SN} \Gamma_{rad} \Gamma_{Sedna} \dots$$

# Alternative Scenarios for Nuclear Enrichment

- [1] Internal enrichment -- X-wind models (Shu et al.)
- [2] AGB stars -- low probability (Kastner, Myers)
- [3] WR stars -- also low probability (need  $m > 60$ )
- [4] Distributed enrichment (Gounelle)
- [5] Supernova enrichment with varying progenitors
  - [a] Need some combination: Stellar source for  $^{60}\text{Fe}$ , spallation for  $^7\text{Be}$  and  $^{10}\text{Be}$ , both for  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ...
  - [b] Sedna constraint almost same as SN constraint, so prediction for solar birth aggregate unchanged



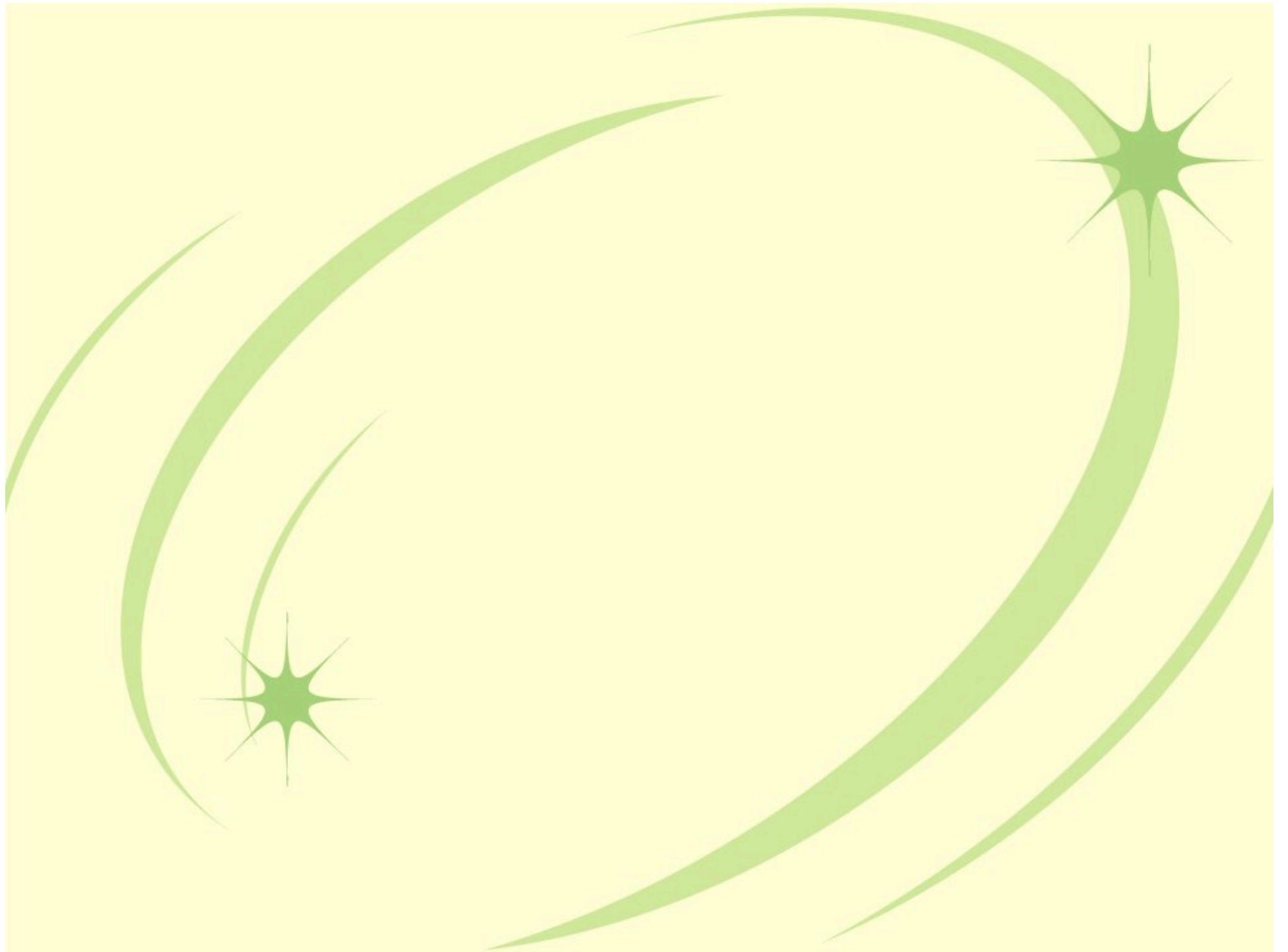
# Conclusions:

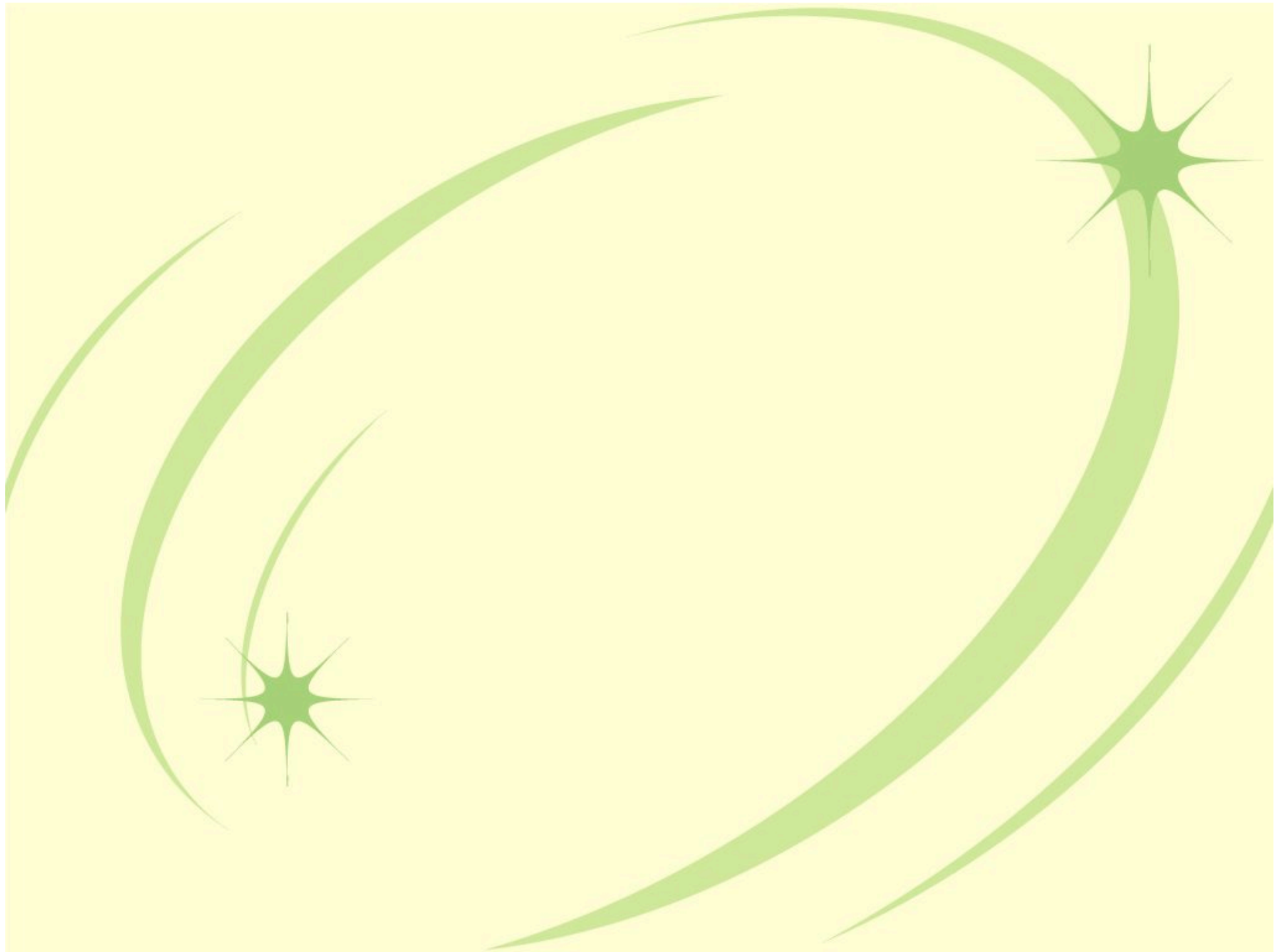
[1] Initial cluster environment has moderate effect on disks and planets (less effect on star formation itself)

[2] Birth aggregate of Solar System was a moderately large cluster with stellar membership  $N = 4000 \pm 2000$

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# ORBITS:

*Rounding out Young Embedded Star Clusters,  
Future Structure of Dark Matter Halos,  
Unambiguous Definition of Galactic Masses,  
Orbital Instability in Triaxial Cusp Potentials,  
and Stochastic Hill's Equations*

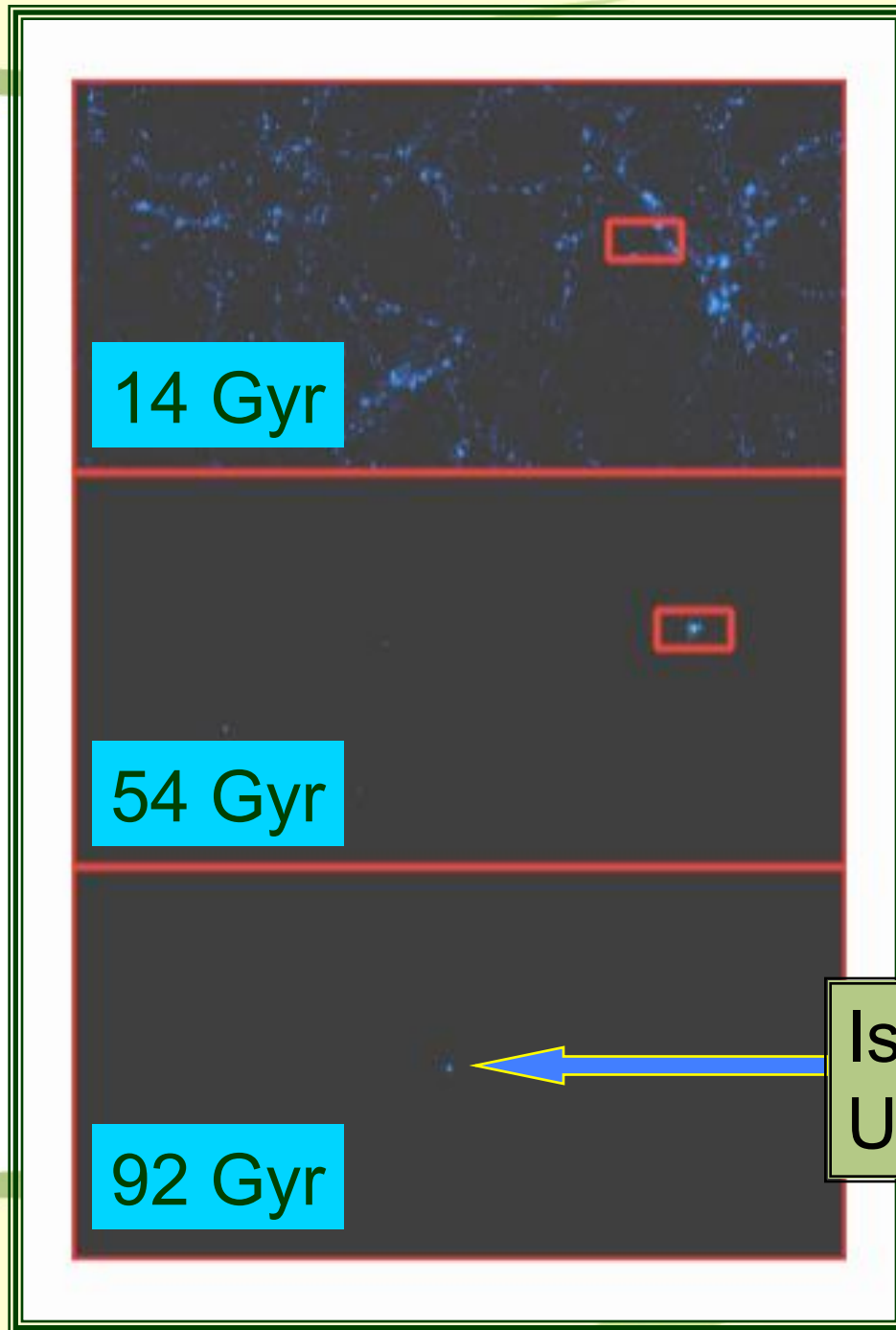
*(M. Busha  
et al. 2003)*

14 Gyr

54 Gyr

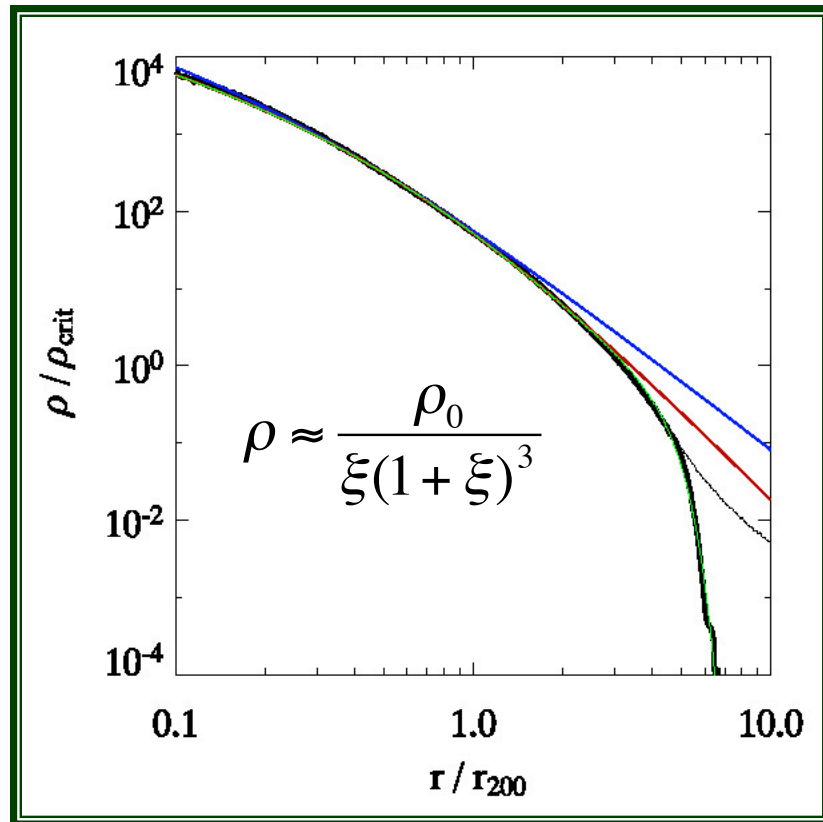
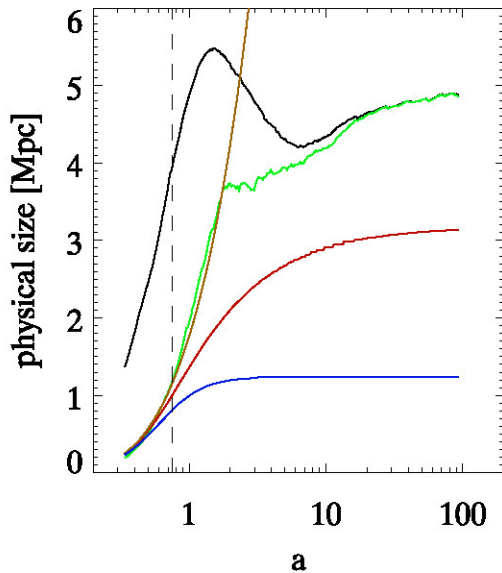
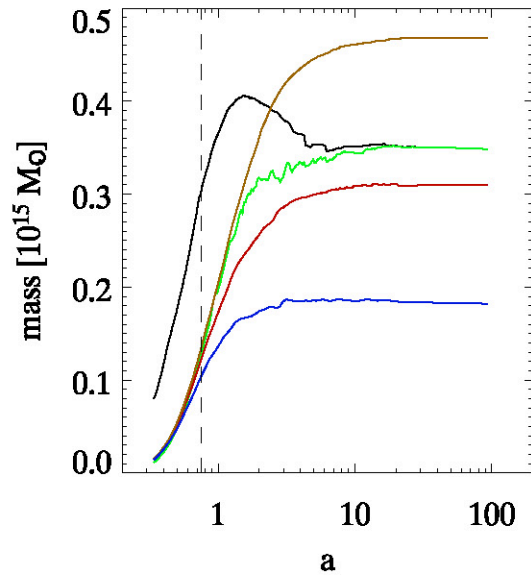
92 Gyr

Island  
Universe





*Dark matter halos approach a well-defined asymptotic form with unambiguous total mass, outer radius, & density profile*

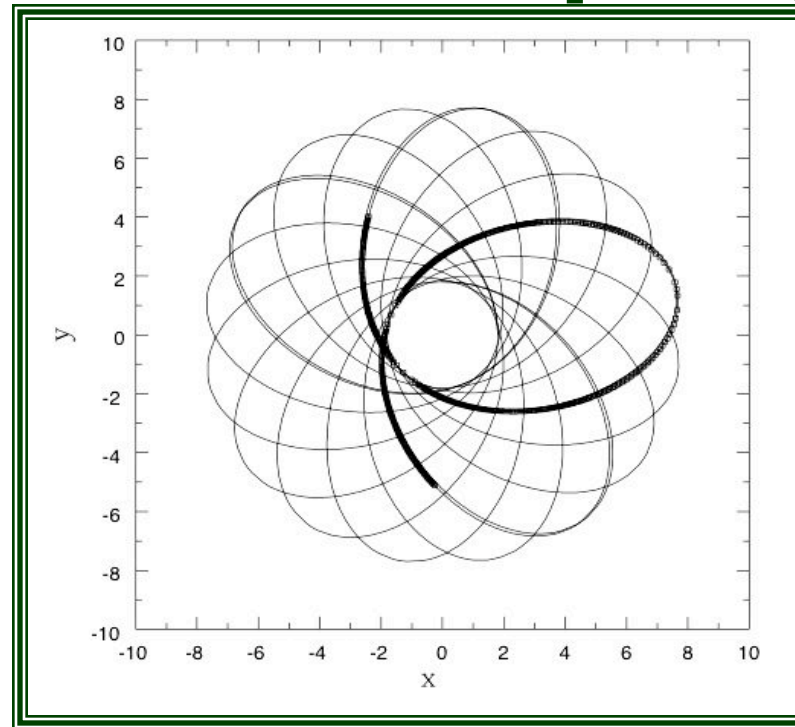


(Busha et al. 2005)

# WHY THESE ORBITS?

- \* Most of the mass is in dark matter
- \* Most dark matter resides in these halos
- \* Halos have the universal form found here (nfw/hq) for most of their lives
- \* Most orbital motion that will **EVER** occur will be **THIS** orbital motion  $\left( \textit{factor of } 10^{74} \right)$

# Spherical Limit: Orbits look like Spirographs



# Orbits in Spherical Potential

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0}{\xi(1+\xi)^3} \Rightarrow \Psi = \frac{\Psi_0}{1+\xi}$$

$$\varepsilon \equiv |E|/\Psi_0 \quad \text{and} \quad q \equiv j^2/2\Psi_0 r_s^2$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_1 \xi_2}{(\xi_1 + \xi_2)(1 + \xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_1 \xi_2)}$$

$$q = \frac{(\xi_1 \xi_2)^2}{(\xi_1 + \xi_2)(1 + \xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_1 \xi_2)}$$

$$q_{\max} = \frac{1}{8\varepsilon} \frac{(1 + \sqrt{1 + 8\varepsilon} - 4\varepsilon)^3}{(1 + \sqrt{1 + 8\varepsilon})^2} \quad (\text{angular momentum of the circular orbit})$$

$$\xi_* = \frac{1 - 4\varepsilon + \sqrt{1 + 8\varepsilon}}{4\varepsilon} \quad (\text{effective semi-major axis})$$

$$\frac{\Delta\theta}{\pi} = \frac{1}{2} + \left[ (1 + 8\varepsilon)^{-1/4} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \left[ 1 + \frac{\log(q/q_{\max})}{6 \log 10} \right]^{3.6}$$

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow q_{\max}} \Delta\theta = \pi(1 + 8\varepsilon)^{-1/4} \quad (\text{circular orbits do not close})$$

*These results determine the radiation exposure of a star, averaged over its orbit, as a function of energy and angular momentum:*

$$\langle F_{fuv} \rangle \approx \frac{L_{fuv}}{8r_s^2 \sqrt{q}} \frac{A\varepsilon^{3/2}}{\cos^{-1} \sqrt{\varepsilon} + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \sqrt{1-\varepsilon}}$$

*where*  $1 \leq A(q) \leq \sqrt{2}$



# Triaxial Density Distributions

- ✳ Relevant density profiles include NFW and Hernquist

$$\rho_{nfw} = \frac{1}{m(1+m)^2} \quad \rho_{Hern} = \frac{1}{m(1+m)^3}$$

- ✳ Isodensity surfaces in triaxial geometry

$$m^2 = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} \quad a > b > c > 0$$

- ✳ In the inner limit both profiles scale as  $1/r$

$$m \ll 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \rho \propto \frac{1}{m}$$

# Triaxial Potential

$$\Phi = \int_0^{\infty} du \frac{\psi(m)}{\sqrt{(u+a^2)(u+b^2)(u+c^2)}} \quad \psi(m) = \int_{\infty}^{m^2} \rho(m) dm^2$$

\*In the inner limit the above integral can be simplified to

$$\Phi = -I_1 + I_2$$

where  $I_1$  is the depth of the potential well and the effective potential is given by

$$I_2 = 2 \int_0^{\infty} du \frac{\sqrt{\xi^2 u^2 + \Lambda u + \Gamma}}{(u+a^2)(u+b^2)(u+c^2)}$$

$\xi, \Lambda, \Gamma$  are polynomial functions of  $x, y, z, a, b, c$

# Triaxial Forces

$$F_x = \frac{-2 \operatorname{sgn}(x)}{\sqrt{(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - c^2)}} \ln \left( \frac{2G(a)\sqrt{\Gamma} + 2\Gamma - a^2\Lambda}{2a^2\xi G(a) + \Lambda a^2 - 2a^4\xi^2} \right)$$

$$F_y = \frac{-2 \operatorname{sgn}(y)}{\sqrt{(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)}} \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\Lambda - 2b^2\xi^2}{\sqrt{\Lambda^2 - 4\Gamma\xi^2}} \right) - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2\Gamma/b^2 - \Lambda}{\sqrt{\Lambda^2 - 4\xi^2\Gamma}} \right) \right]$$

$$F_z = \frac{-2 \operatorname{sgn}(z)}{\sqrt{(a^2 - c^2)(b^2 - c^2)}} \ln \left( \frac{2G(c)\sqrt{\Gamma} + 2\Gamma - c^2\Lambda}{2c^2\xi G(c) + \Lambda c^2 - 2c^4\xi^2} \right)$$

$$G(u) = \xi^2 u^4 - \Lambda u^2 + \Gamma$$

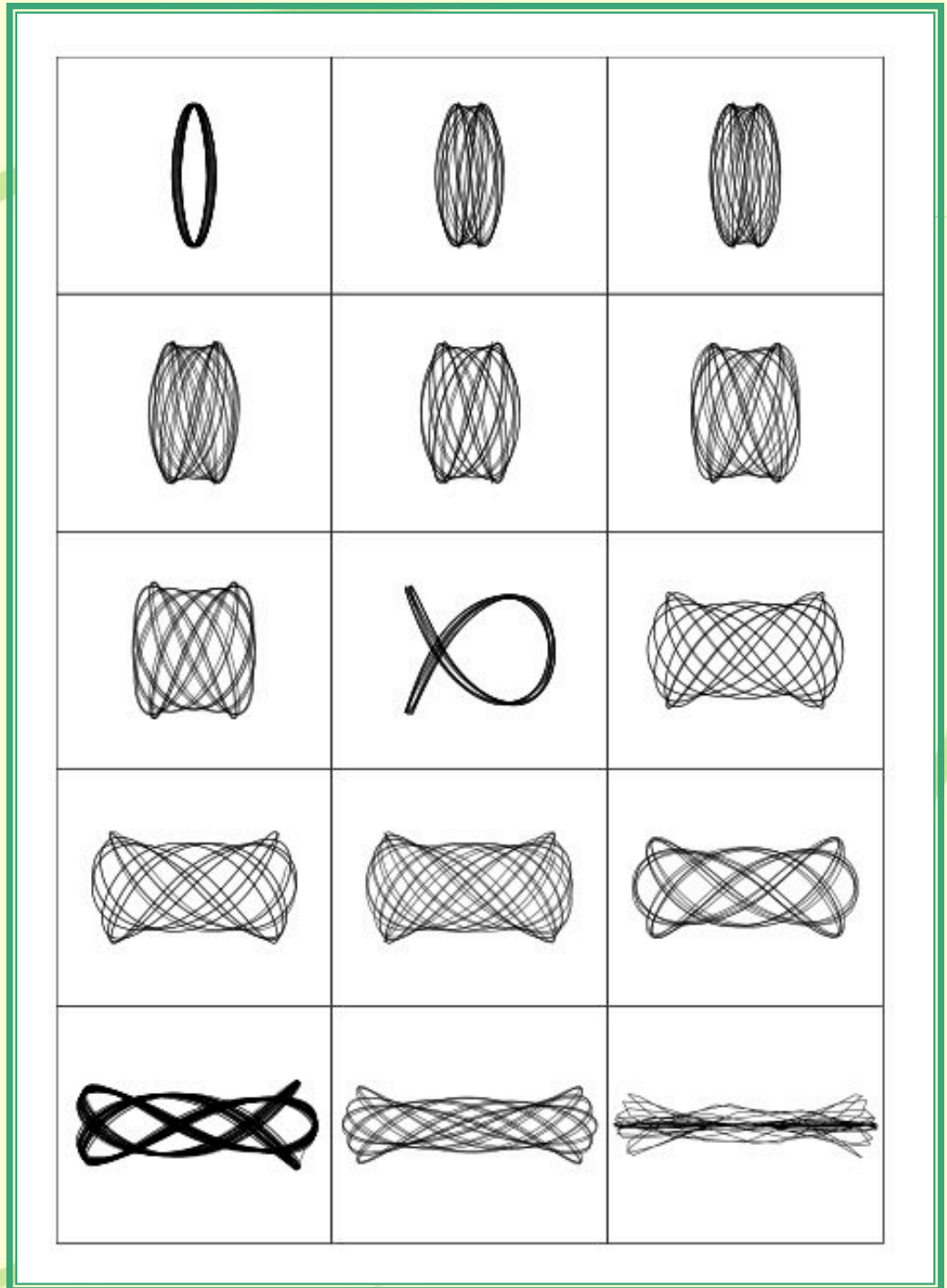
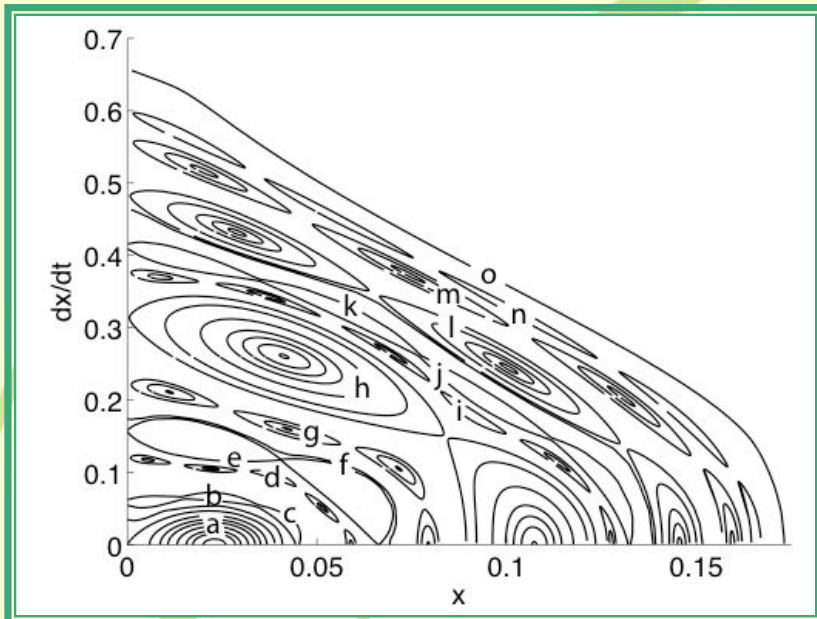
$$\xi^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\Lambda = (b^2 + c^2)x^2 + (a^2 + c^2)y^2 + (a^2 + b^2)z^2$$

$$\Gamma = b^2c^2x^2 + a^2c^2y^2 + a^2b^2z^2$$

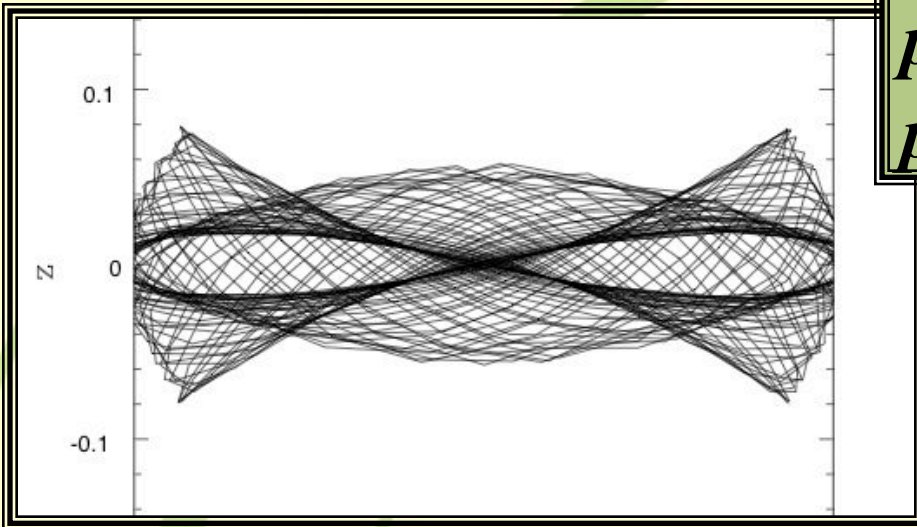
***(Adams, Bloch, Butler,  
Druce, Ketchum 2007)***

# Orbit Gallery

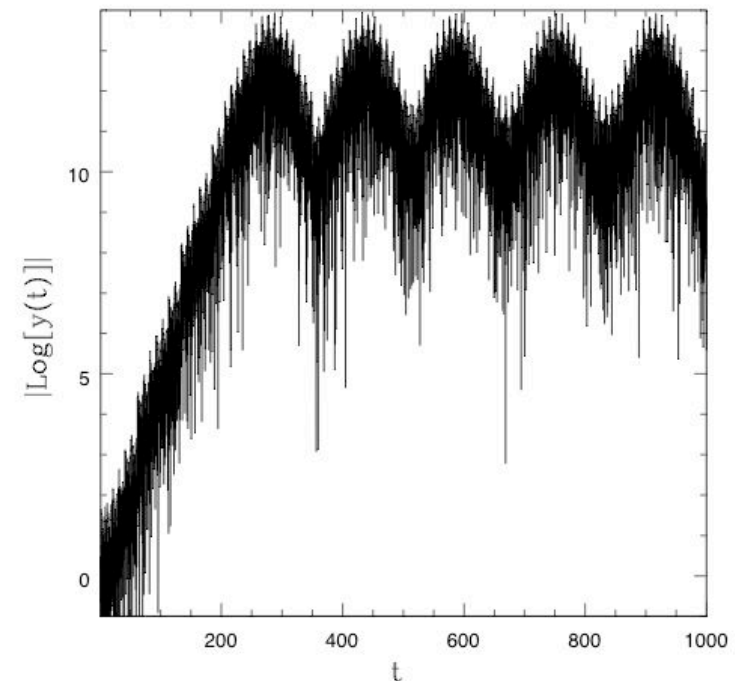


# INSTABILITIES

*Orbits in any of the principal planes are unstable to motion perpendicular to the plane.*



*Unstable motion shows:*  
*(1) exponential growth,*  
*(2) quasi-periodicity,*  
*(3) chaotic variations, &*  
*(4) eventual saturation.*





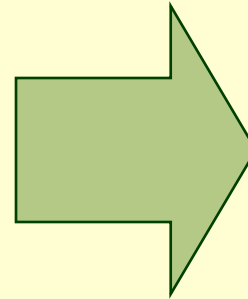
# Perpendicular Perturbations

\*Force equations in limit of small x, y, or z become

$$F_x \approx - \left( \frac{4}{a \left( \sqrt{c^2 y^2 + b^2 z^2} + a \sqrt{y^2 + z^2} \right)} \right) x$$

$$F_y \approx - \left( \frac{4}{b \left( \sqrt{c^2 x^2 + a^2 z^2} + b \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \right)} \right) y$$

$$F_z \approx - \left( \frac{4}{c \left( \sqrt{b^2 x^2 + a^2 y^2} + c \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \right)} \right) z$$



$$F_x \approx -\omega_x^2 x$$

$$F_y \approx -\omega_y^2 y$$

$$F_z \approx -\omega_z^2 z$$

\*Equations of motion perpendicular to plane have the form of Hill's equation

\*Displacements perpendicular to the plane are unstable



# Hill's equation

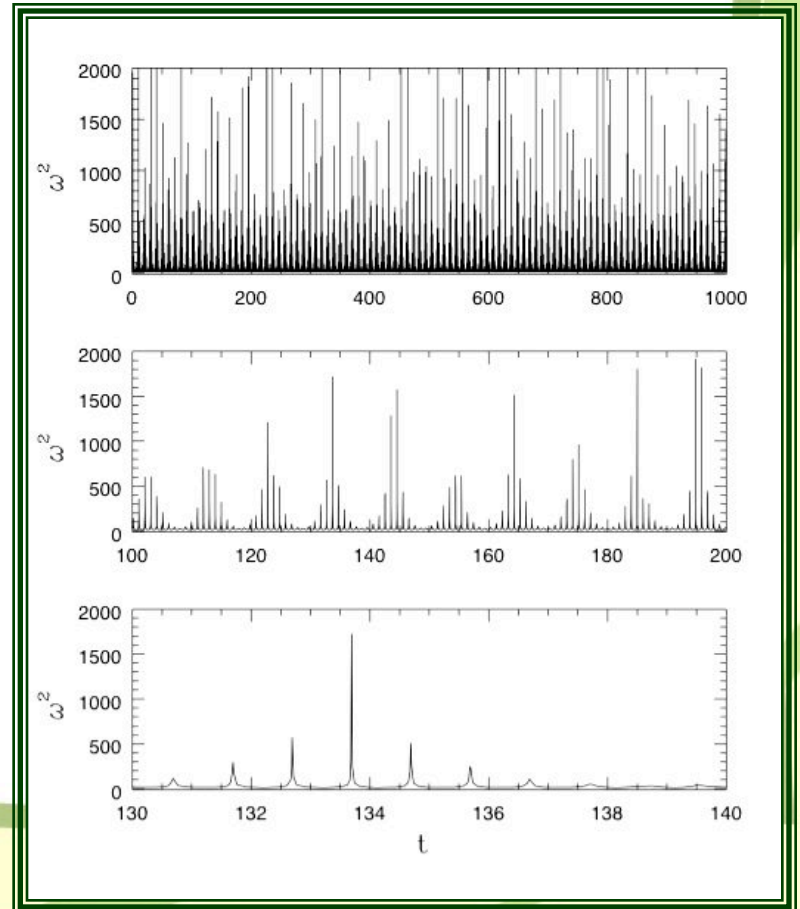
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{4/b}{\sqrt{c^2 x^2 + a^2 z^2 + b\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}}} y = 0$$



$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + [\lambda_k + q_k Q(\mu_k t)] y = 0$$



$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \omega^2(t) y = 0$$



# Floquet's Theorem

*For standard Hill's equations (including Mathieu equation) the condition for instability is given by Floquet's Theorem (e.g., Arfken & Weber 2005; Abramowitz & Stegun 1970):*

*$|\Delta| \geq 2$  required for instability*

*where  $\Delta \equiv y_1(\pi) + dy_2/dt(\pi)$*

*Need analogous condition(s) for the case of stochastic Hill's equation...*

# CONSTRUCTION OF DISCRETE MAP

*To match solutions from cycle to cycle, the coefficients are mapped via the 2x2 matrix:*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_b \\ \beta_b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h & (h^2 - 1)/g \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_a \\ \beta_a \end{bmatrix}$$

*where  $h = y_1(\pi)$ ,  $g = dy_1/dt(\pi)$*

*and where  $y_k(t) = \alpha_k y_{1k}(t) + \beta_k y_{2k}(t)$*

*The dynamics reduced to matrix products:*

$$M^{(N)} = \prod_{k=1}^N M_k(q_k, \lambda_k)$$

# GROWTH RATES

*The growth rates for the matrix products can be broken down into two separate components, the asymptotic growth rate and the anomalous rate:*

$$\gamma_{\infty} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \gamma(q_k, \lambda_k) \rightarrow \langle \gamma \rangle$$

*[where individual growth rates given by Floquet's Theorem]*

*Next: take the limit of large  $q$ , i.e., unstable limit:  $h \gg 1$*

$$\Delta\gamma = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi N} \sum_{k=1}^N \ln(1 + x_{k1} / x_{k2}) - \frac{\ln 2}{\pi}$$

*where  $x_k \equiv h_k / g_k$*

# Astrophysical Applications

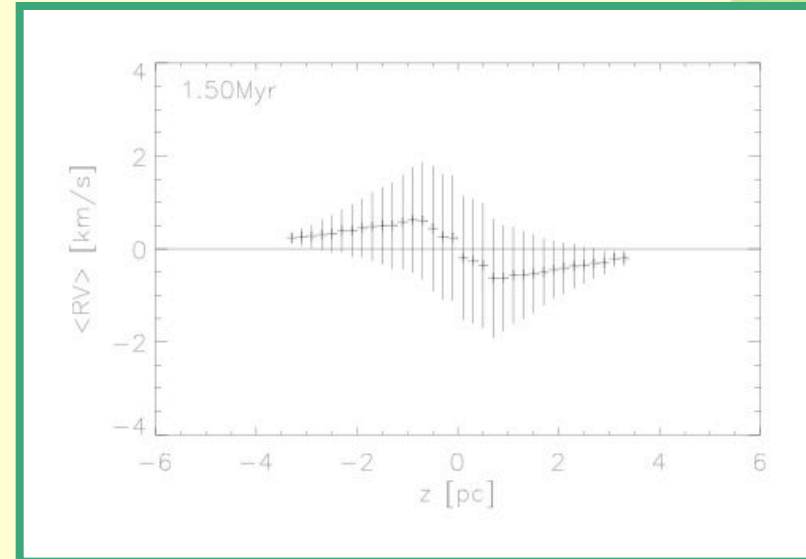
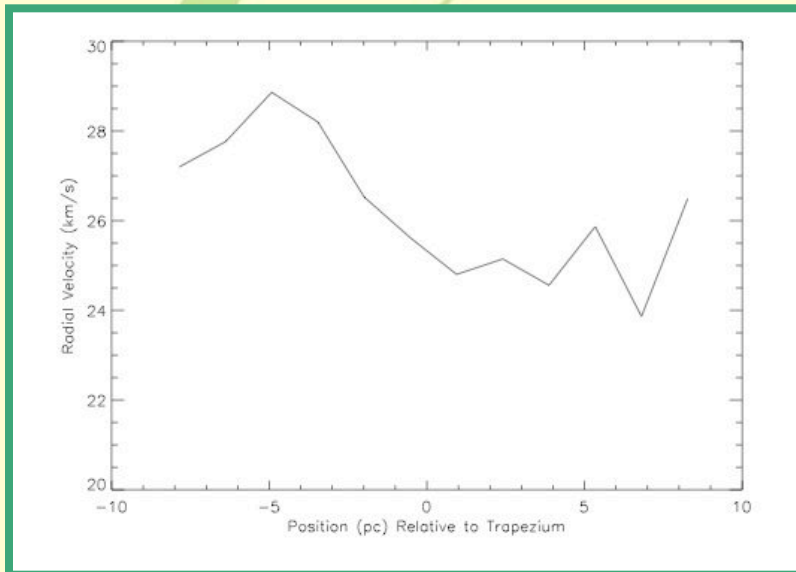
- \* **Dark Matter Halos**: Radial orbits are unstable to perpendicular perturbations and will develop more isotropic velocity distributions.
- \* **Tidal Streams**: Instability will act to disperse streams; alternately, long-lived tidal streams place limits on the triaxiality of the galactic mass distribution.
- \* **Galactic Bulges**: Instability will affect orbits in the central regions and affect stellar interactions with the central black hole.
- \* **Young Stellar Clusters**: Systems are born irregular and become rounder: Instability dominates over stellar scattering as mechanism to reshape cluster.



# New Cluster Result

Kinematic observations of the Orion Nebula Cluster show that the system must have:

- \* Non-spherical geometry
- \* Non-virial initial conditions
- \* Viewing angle not along a principal axis



(with E. Proszkow, J. Tobin, and L. Hartmann, 2009)



