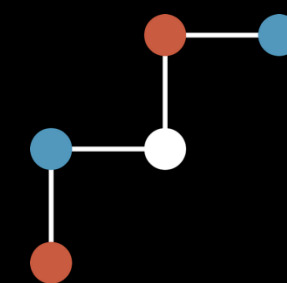


Towards planetary population syntheses in MHD wind-driven discs

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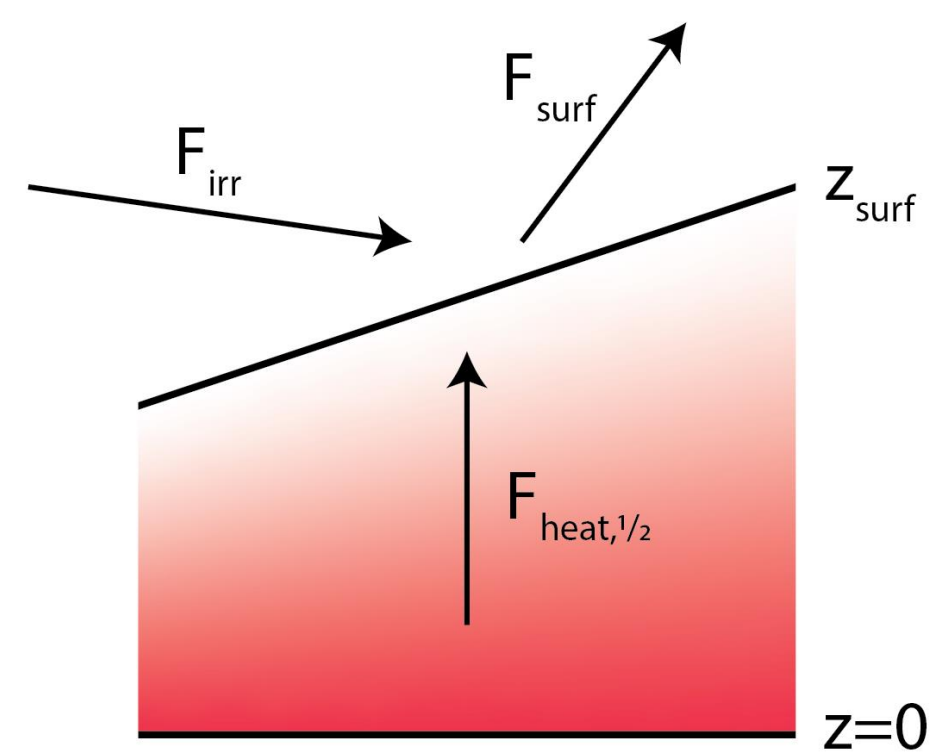
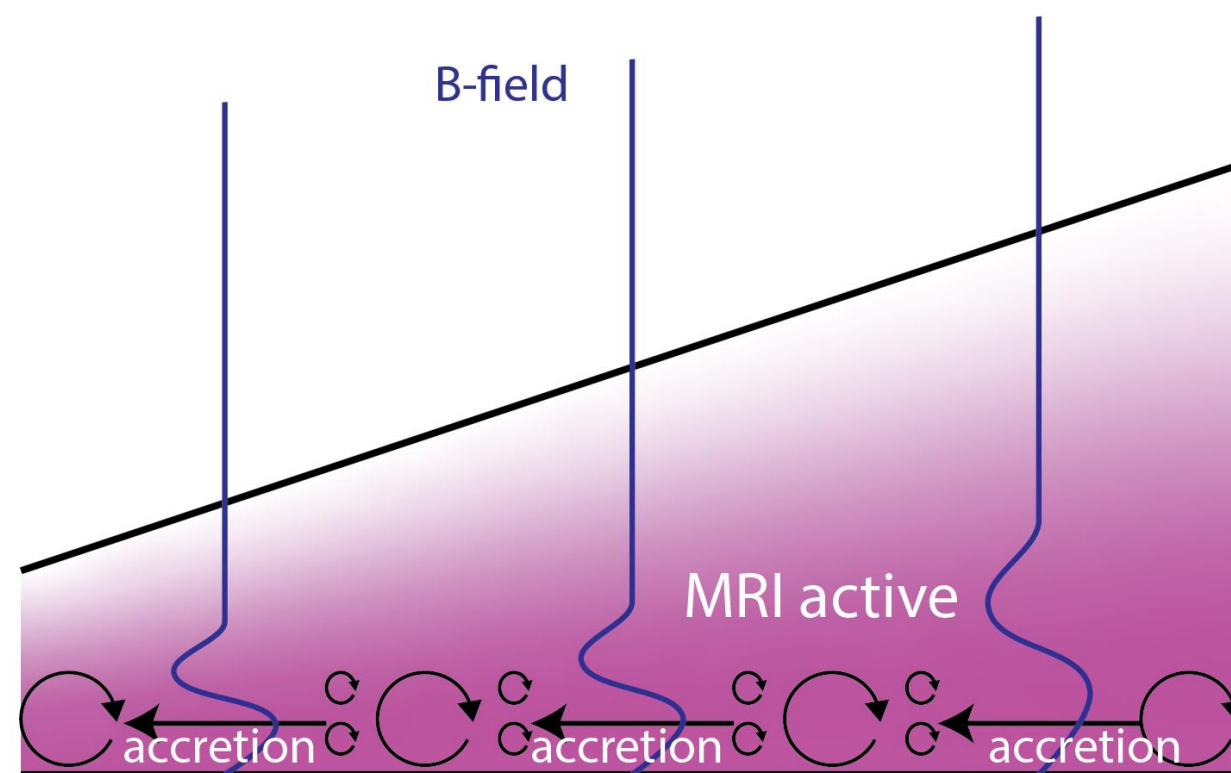
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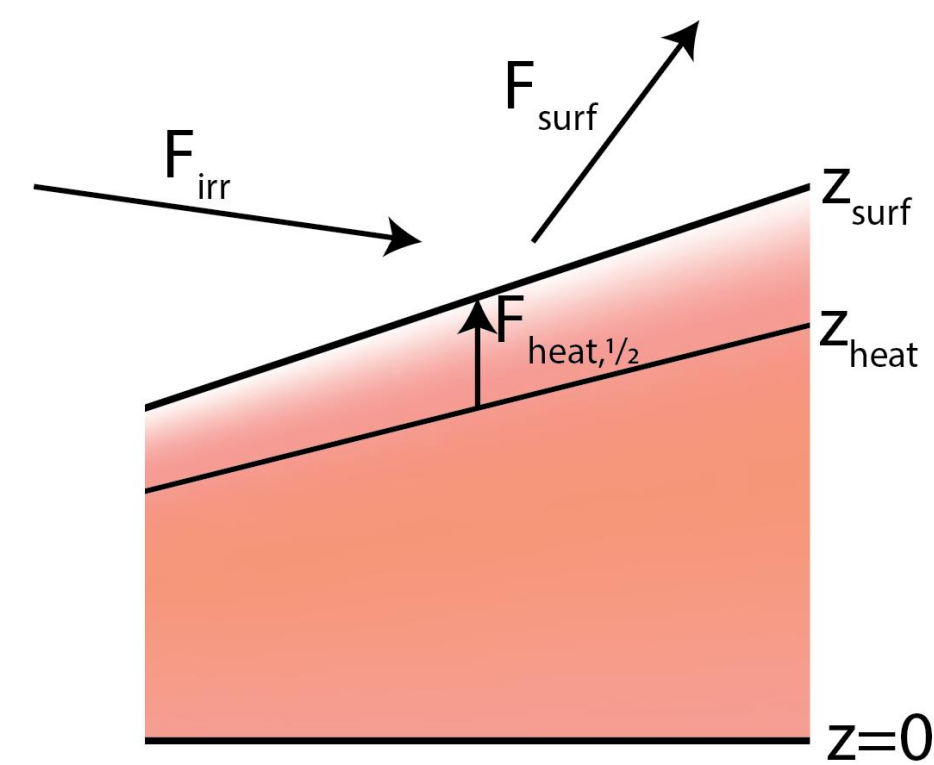
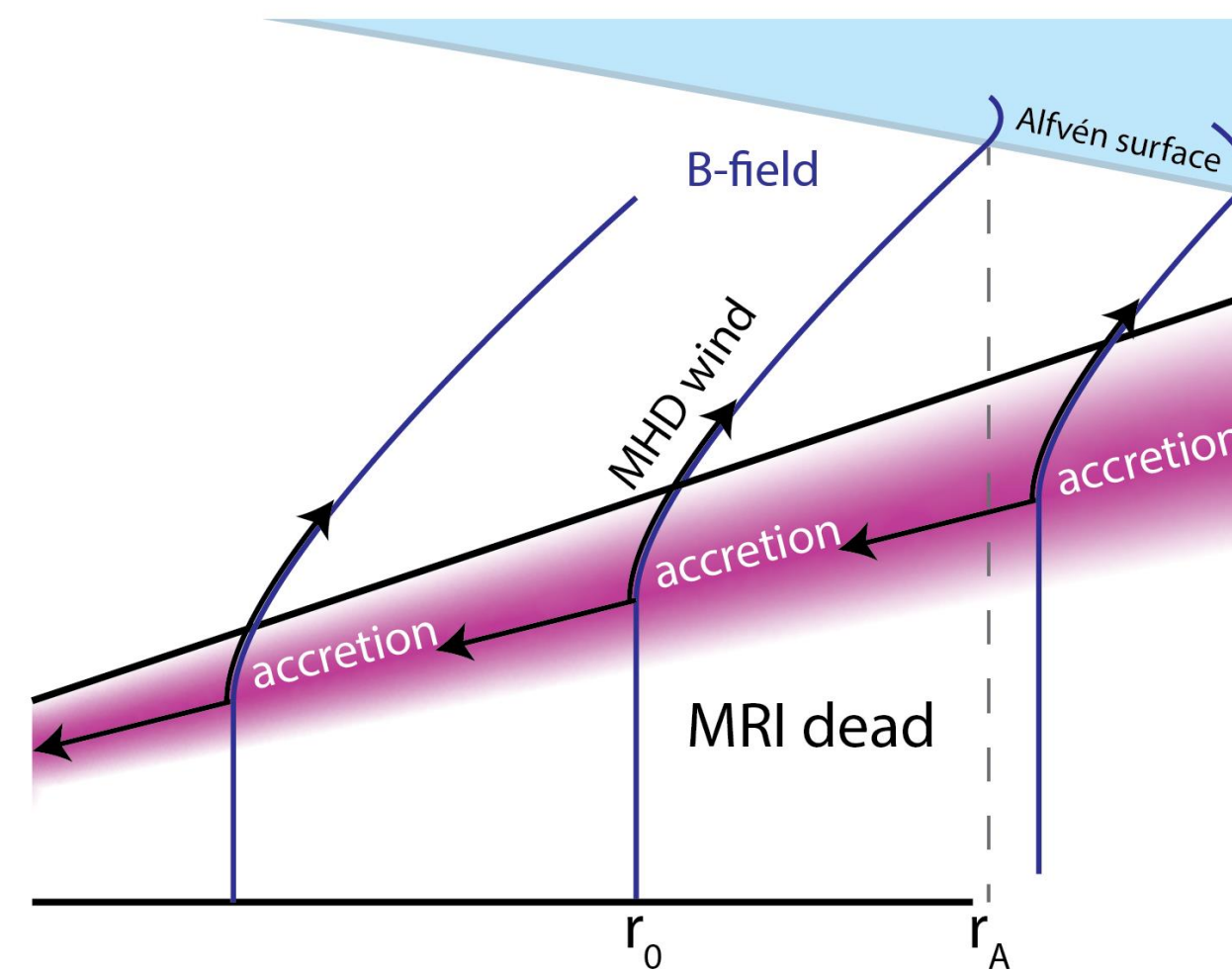
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Viscous scenario



MHD wind-driven



low viscosity

low temperature

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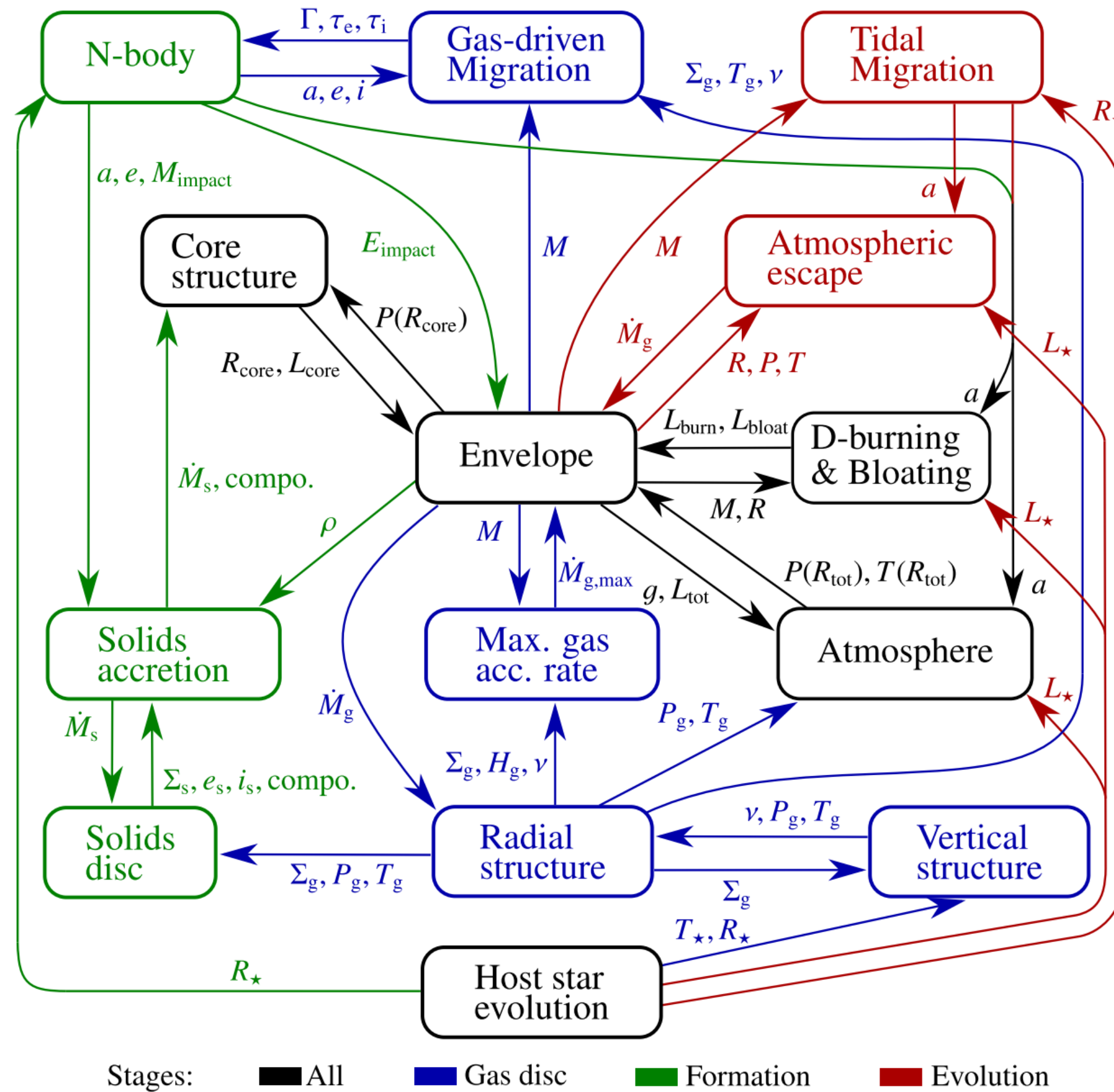


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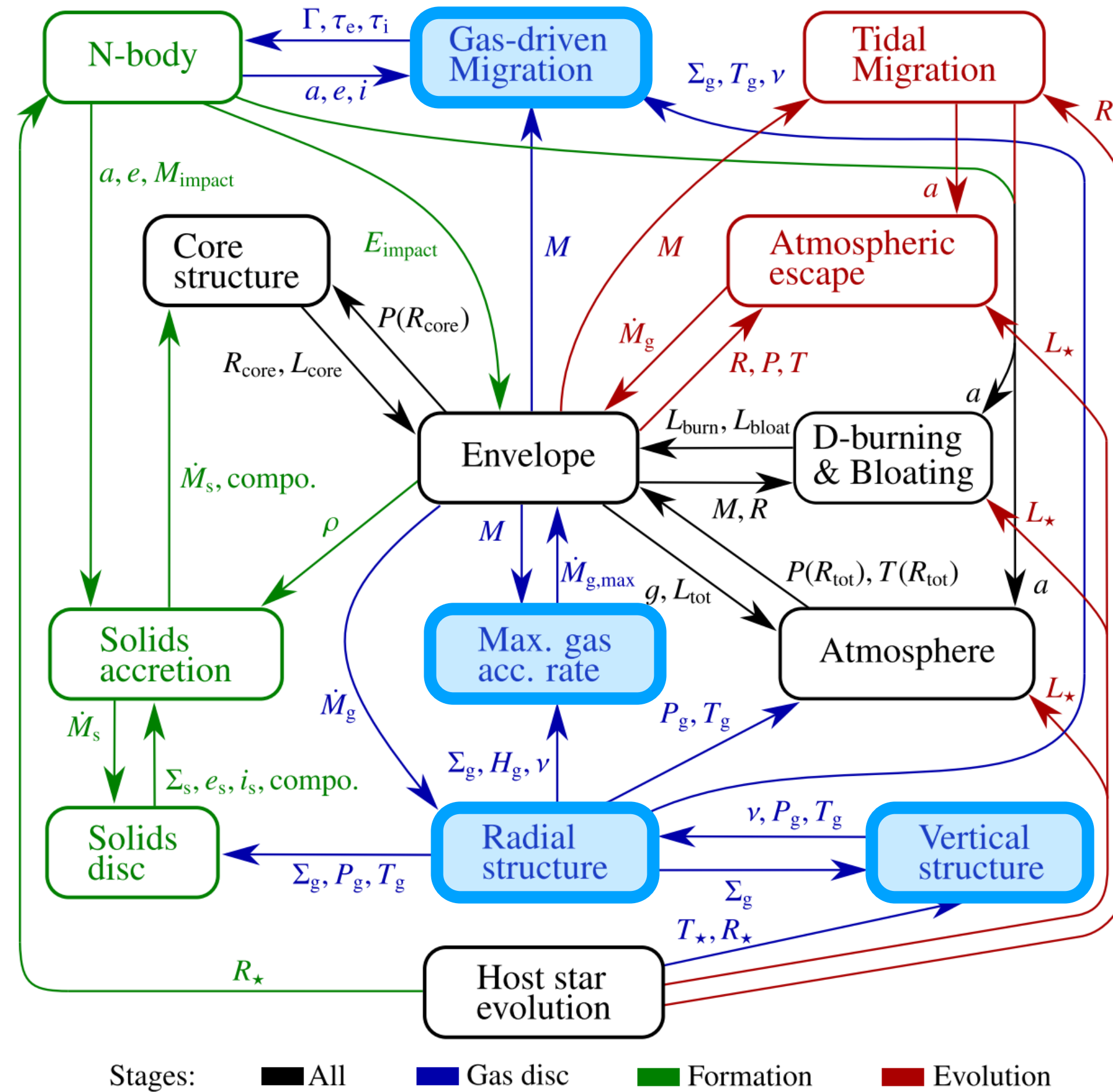
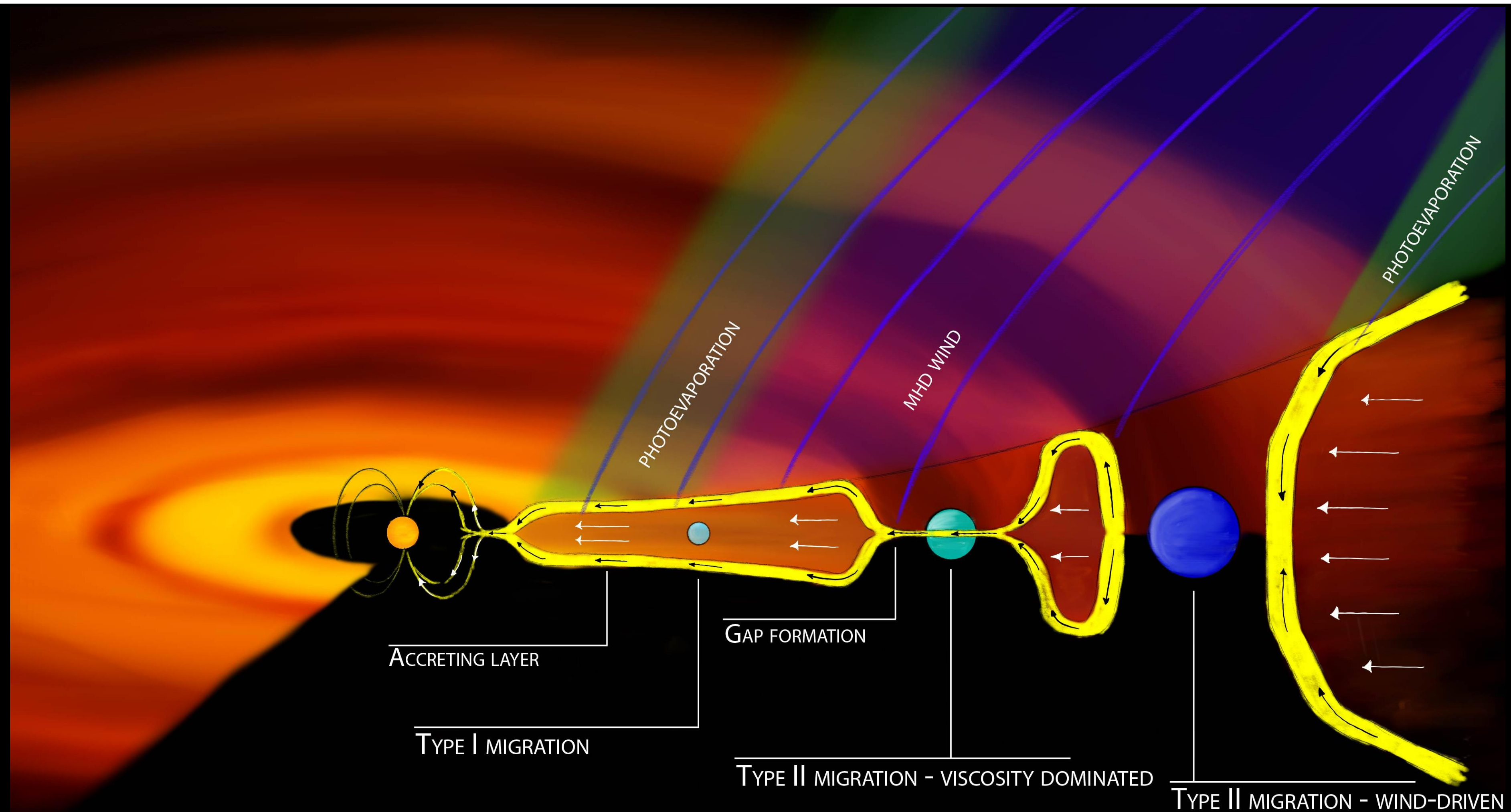


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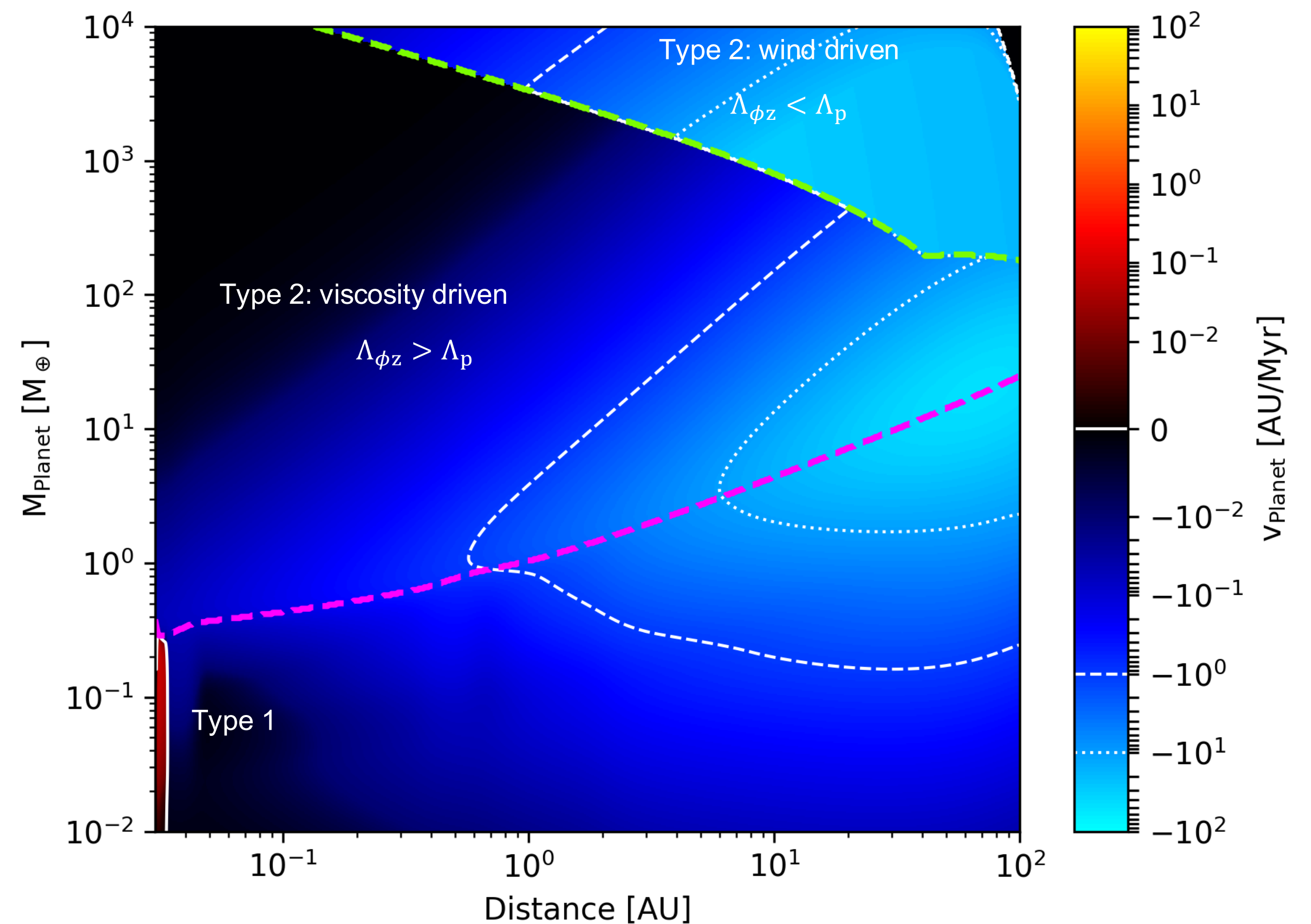
The big picture



Planetary migration in MHD wind-driven discs

Migration regimes

- **Type 2 - wind driven:** Planet blocks accretion flow and is pushed inwards. (Lega+2022, Nelson+2023)
- **Type 2 - viscosity driven:** Lindblad torque with reduced surface density. (Kanagawa+2018)
- **Gap opening:** Kanagawa+2018
- **Type 1:** Lindblad, Corotation- and dynamical corotation torque (Paardekooper+2011, Weder+2025)



Planetary migration in MHD wind-driven discs

The accretion layer thickness Σ_{active}

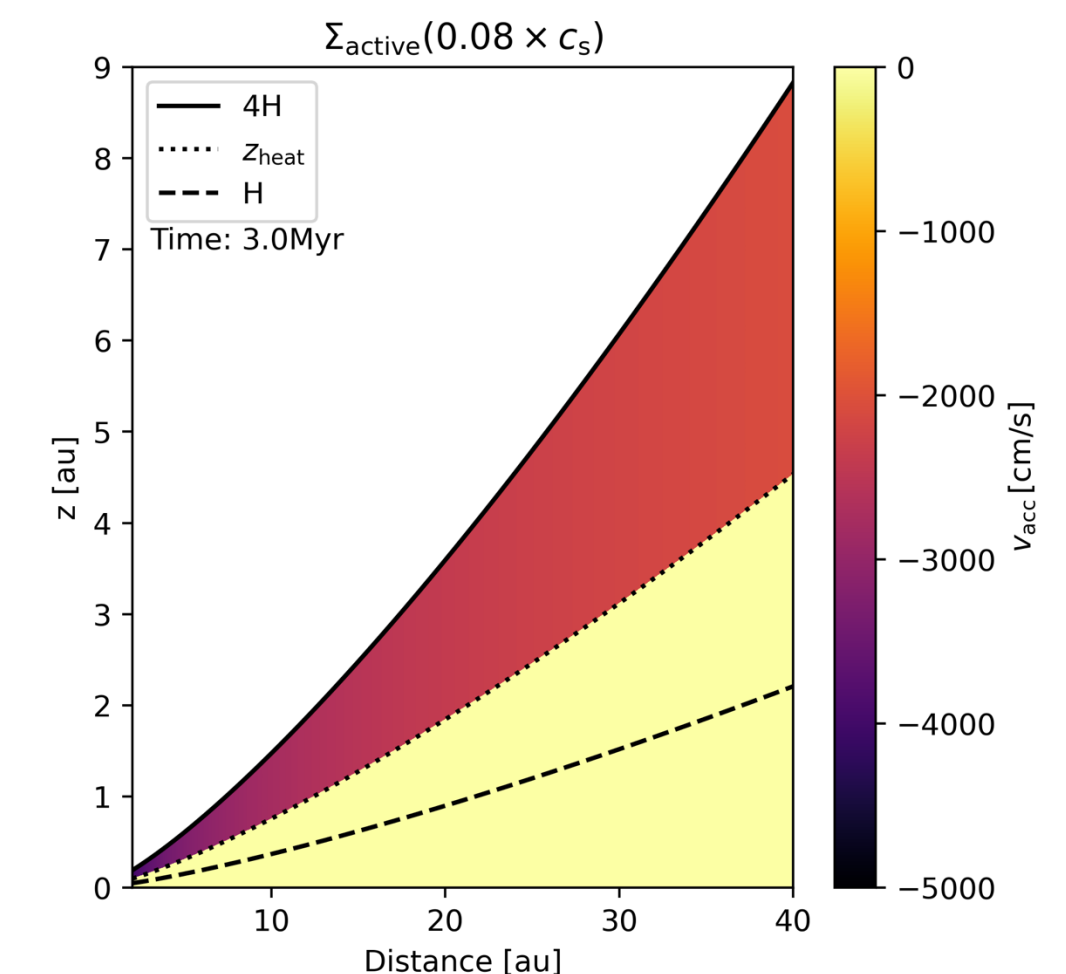
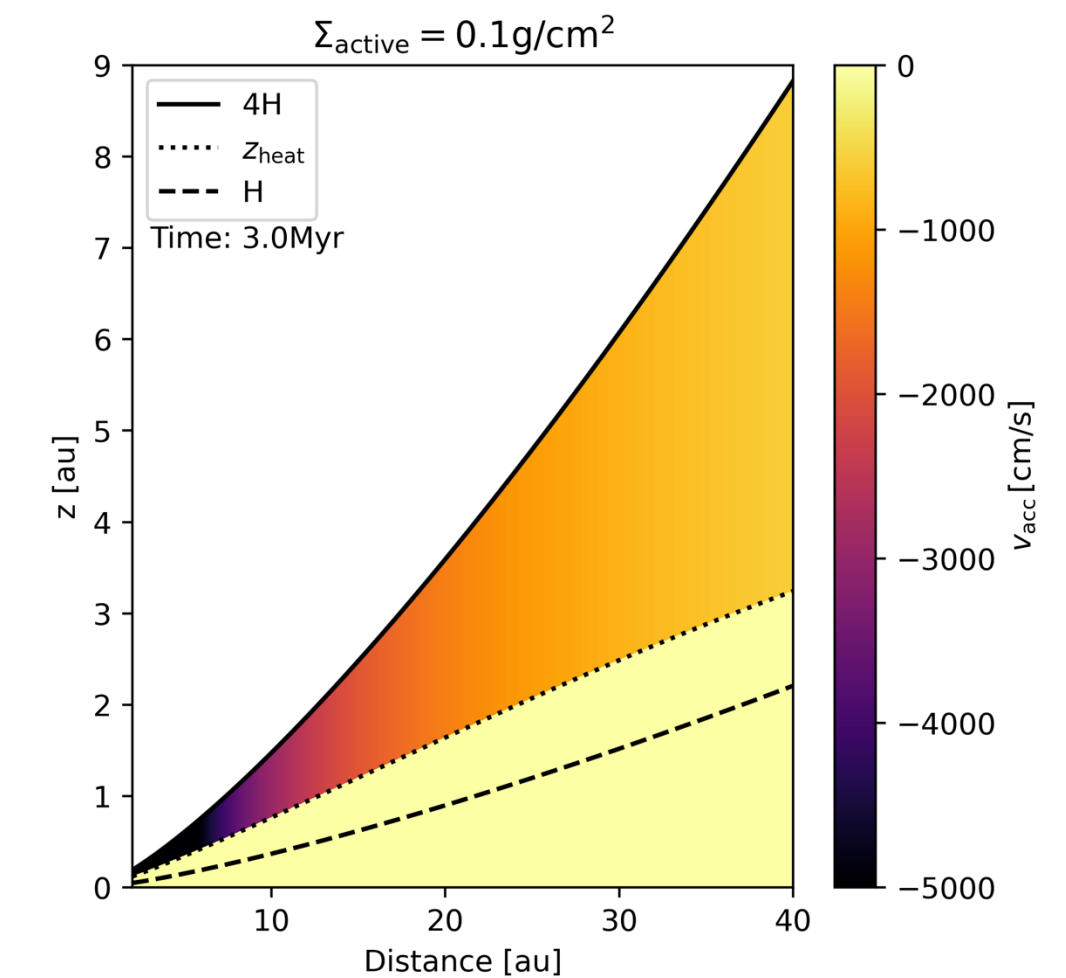
- Specific torque of the wind:

$$\Lambda_{\phi z} = \frac{1}{2} r \Omega v_{\text{acc}} = \frac{\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{\dot{M}_{r,\phi z}}{\Sigma_{\text{active}}} \quad \text{with} \quad v_{\text{acc}} = \frac{\dot{M}_{r,\phi z}}{2\pi r \Sigma_{\text{active}}}$$

- Specific torque of the planet: Λ_p

- Two approaches for Σ_{active} :

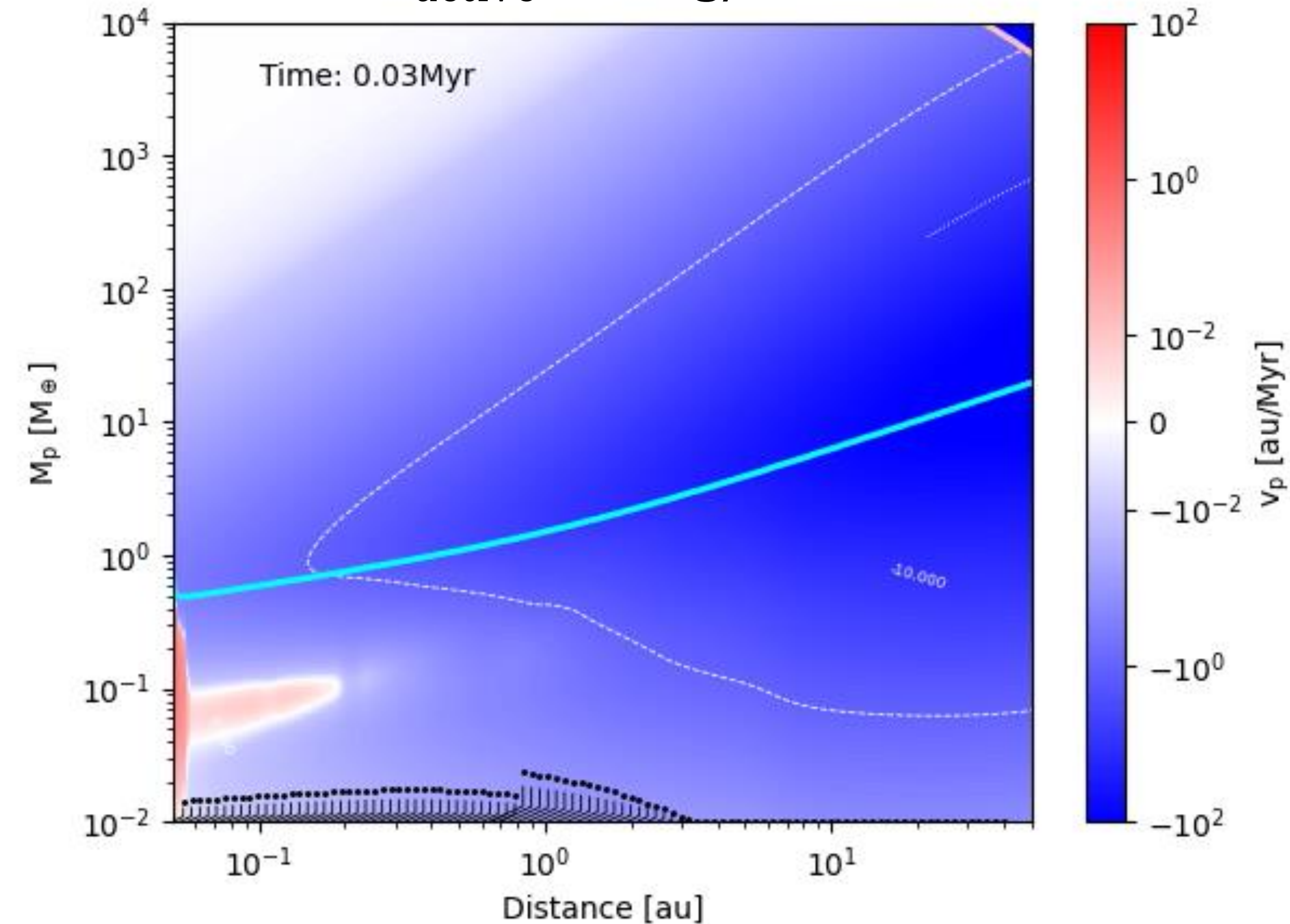
1. Constant layer: $\Sigma_{\text{active}} = 0.1 \text{g/cm}^2$
2. Sonic accretion: $\Sigma_{\text{active}}(0.08 \times c_s)$



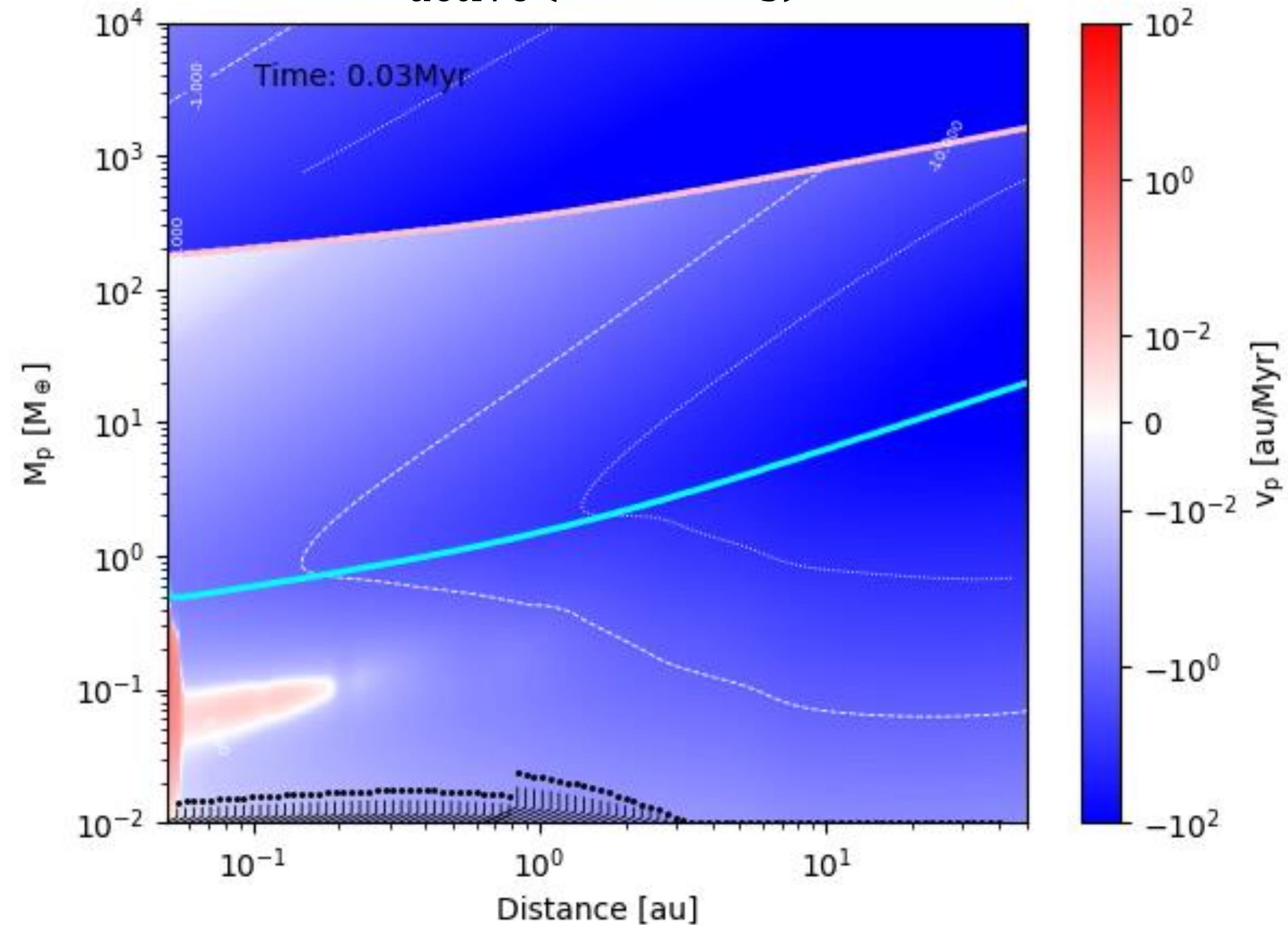
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Single embryo simulations - the accretion layer thickness Σ_{active}

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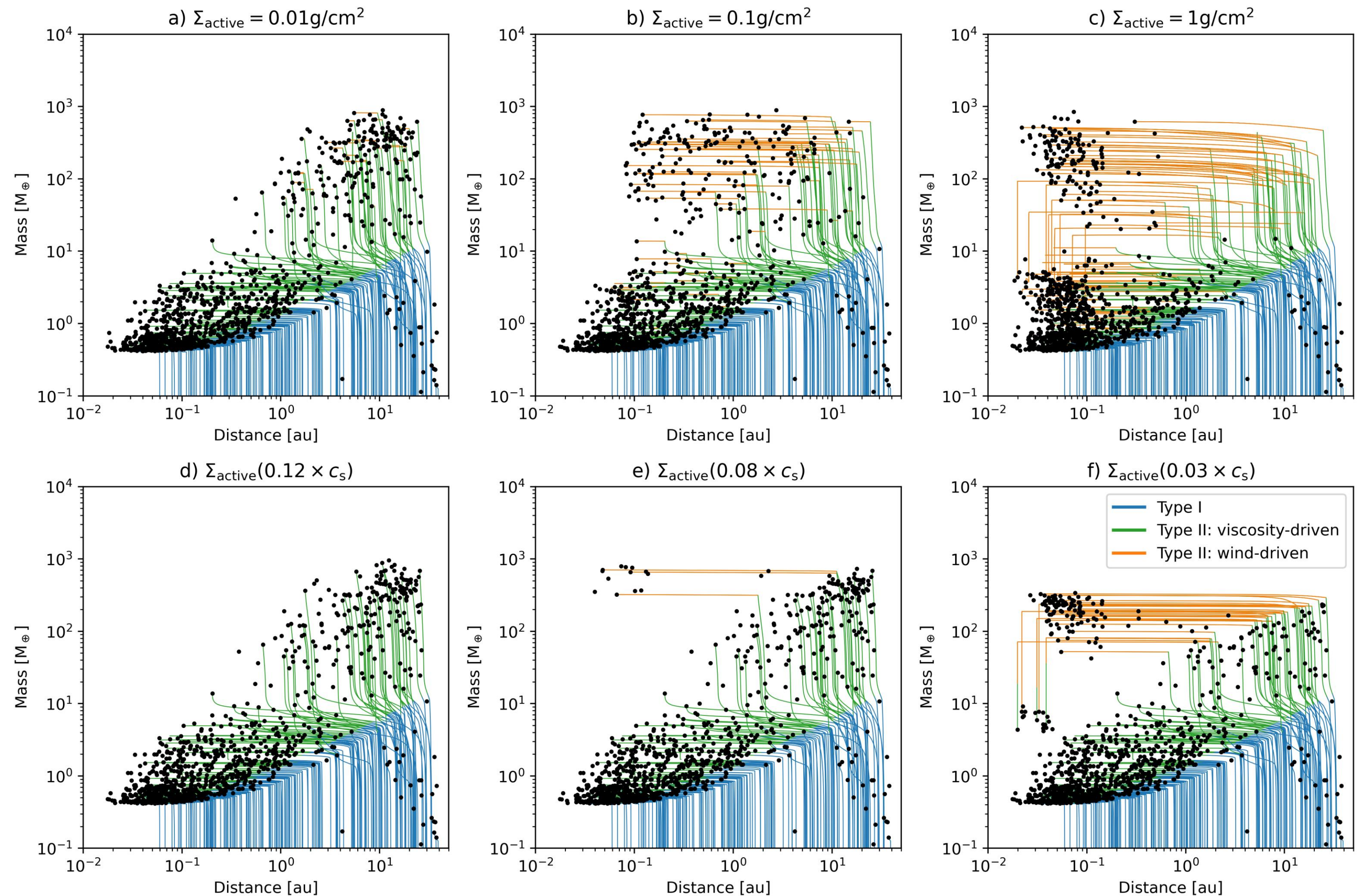
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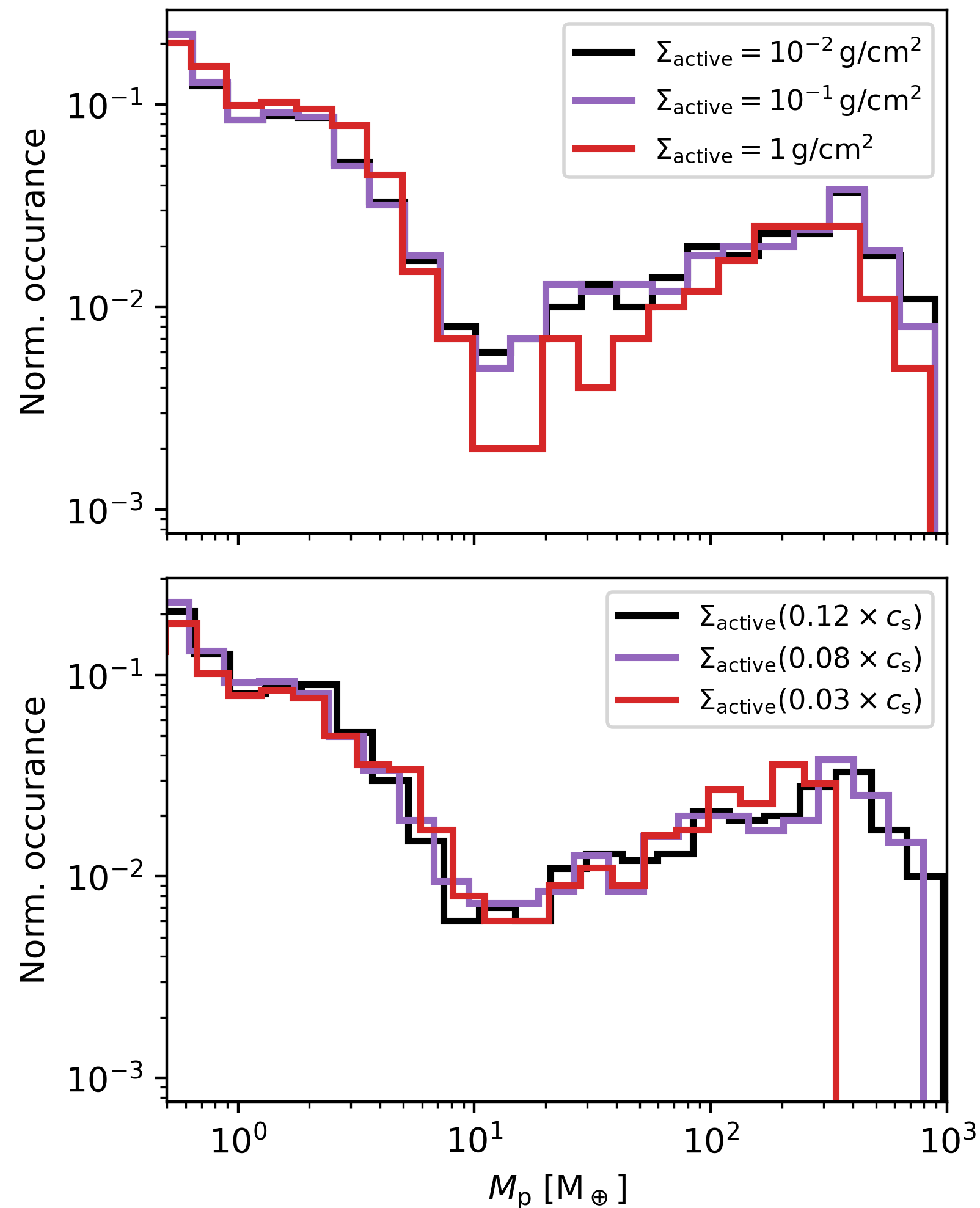
Influence of the accretion layer thickness Σ_{active}

- low $\Sigma_{\text{active}} \rightarrow$ high $\Lambda_{\phi z}$
no influence
- intermediate Σ_{active}
- high $\Sigma_{\text{active}} \rightarrow$ low $\Lambda_{\phi z}$
many close in giant planets



Population synthesis in MHD wind-driven discs

Planetary desert



- Planetary desert set by the pebble isolation mass $\sim 10 - 20 M_\oplus$
- Lower upper mass limit set by deep gap opening in low viscosity.

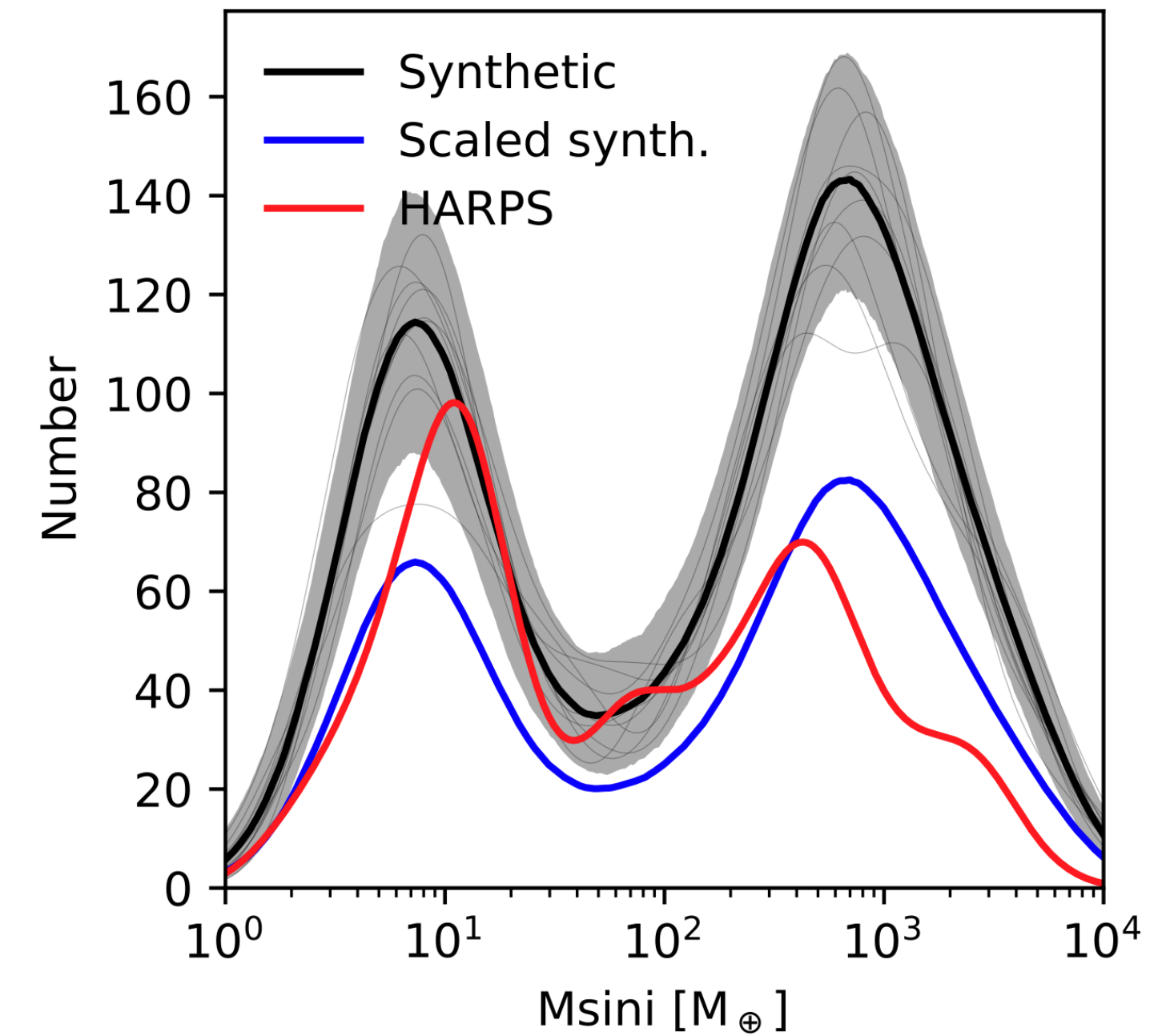


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Take home messages

- Layered MHD wind-driven disc evolution **can reproduce observations on a basic level.**
- The **thickness of the active layer has a large impact** on the final location of giant planets.
- We see a **bifurcation in low viscosity discs** (close-in low-mass planets, far-out giant planets) → see also talk by Alex

Open issues / questions

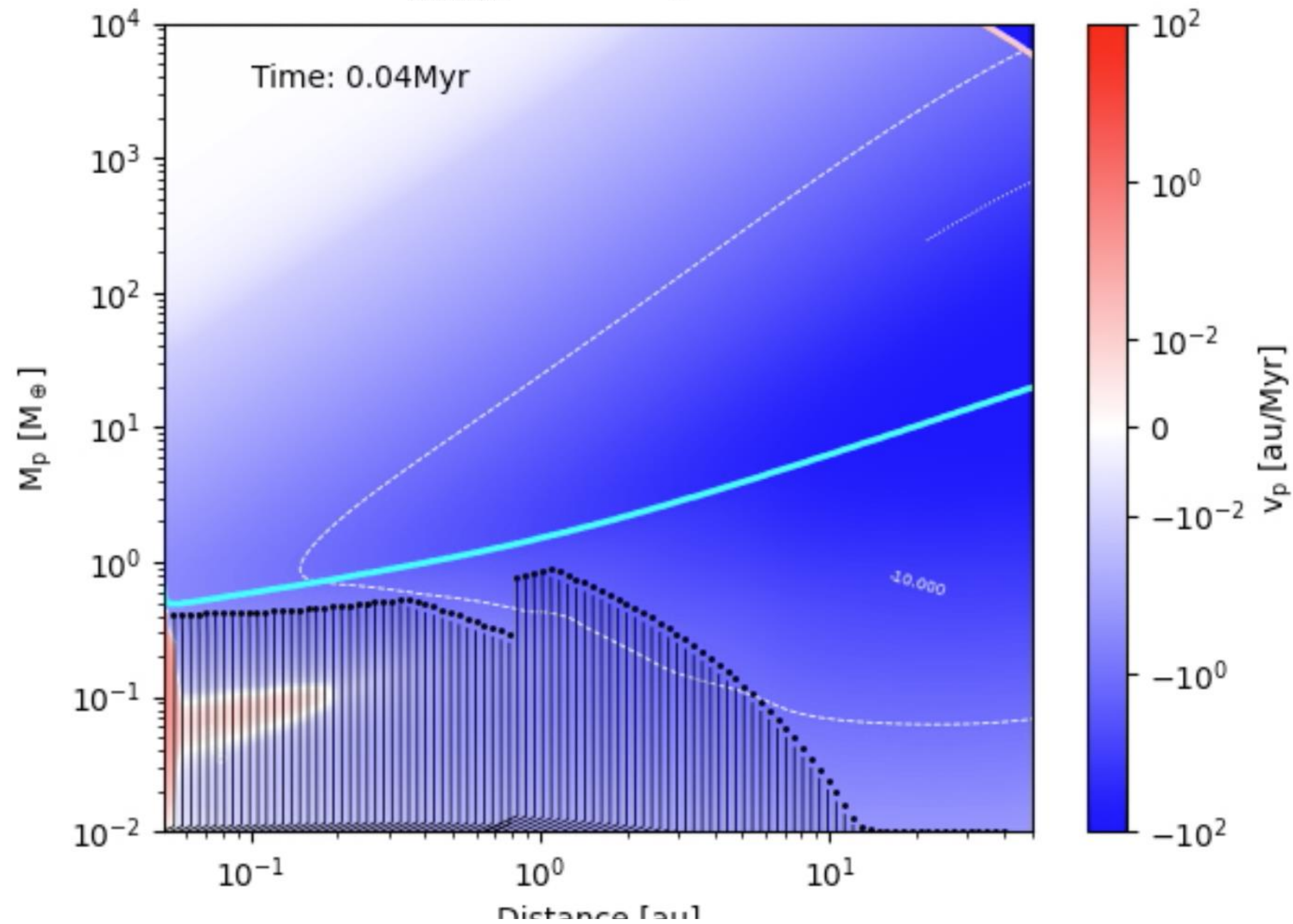
- Current **gap opening** prescription make it difficult to grow past $\gtrsim 10^3 M_{\oplus}$, which is in contrast to observations.
- Who will be my **future employer?**
- **Who** is the winner of the Ping-Pong tournament?



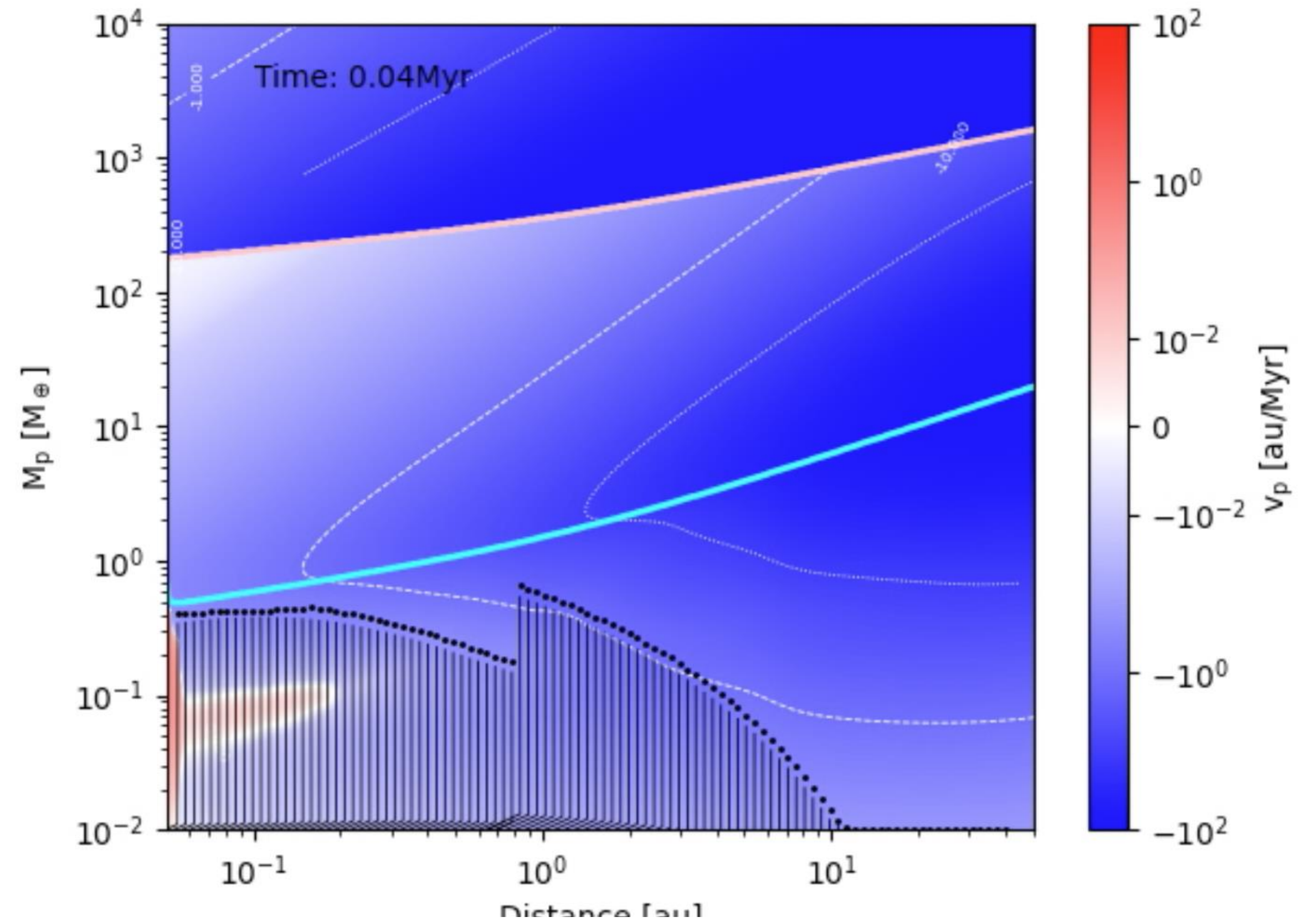
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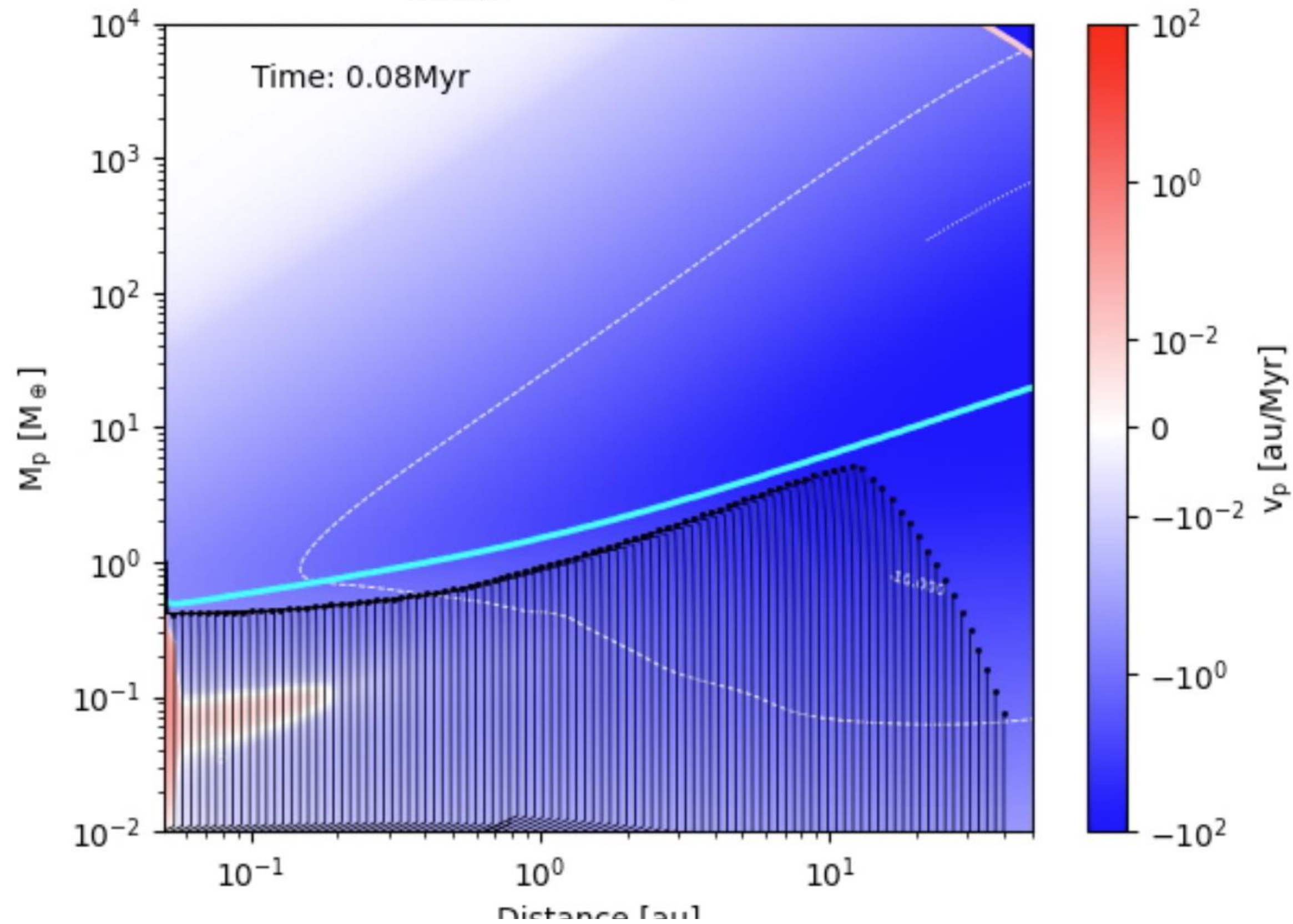
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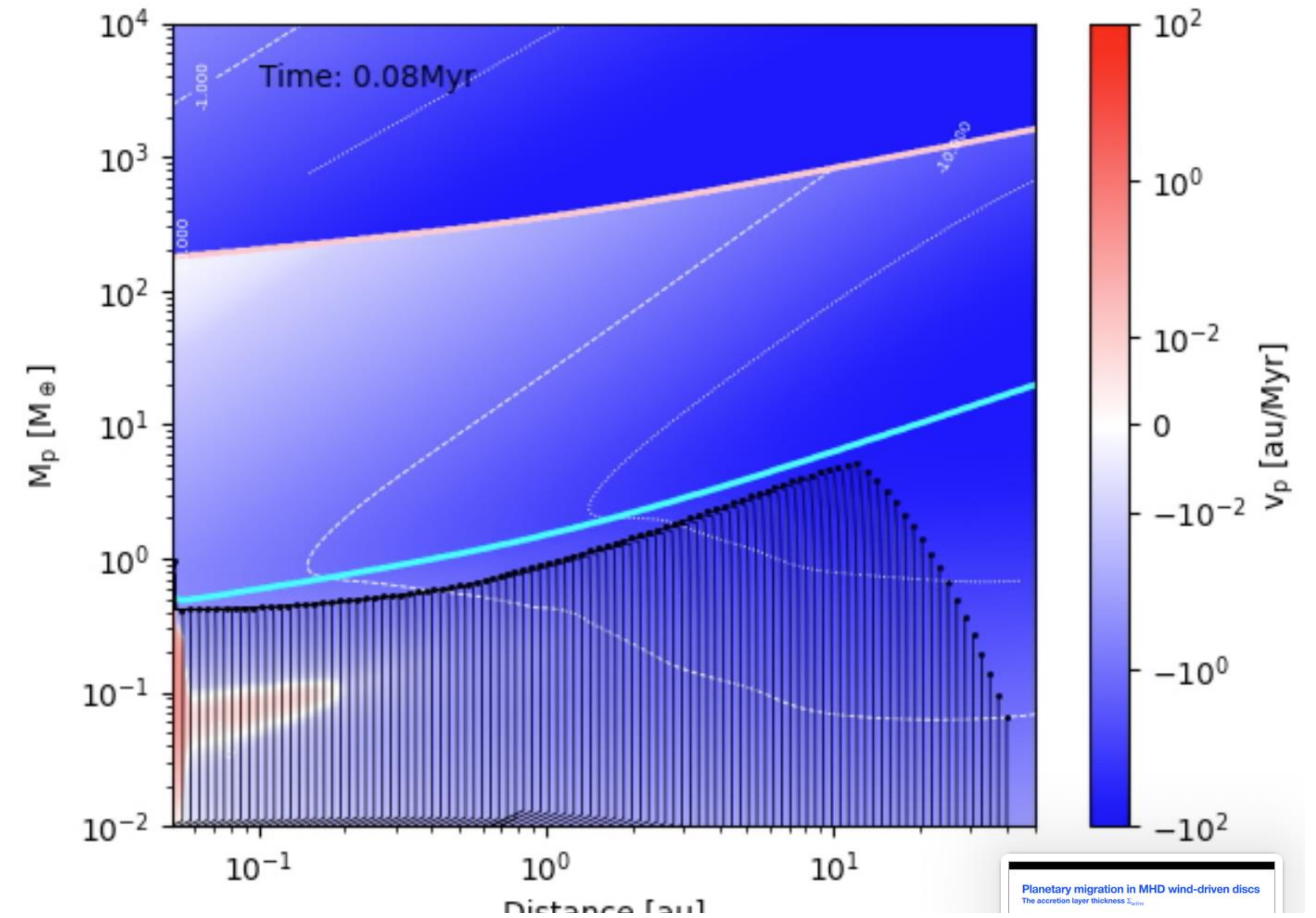
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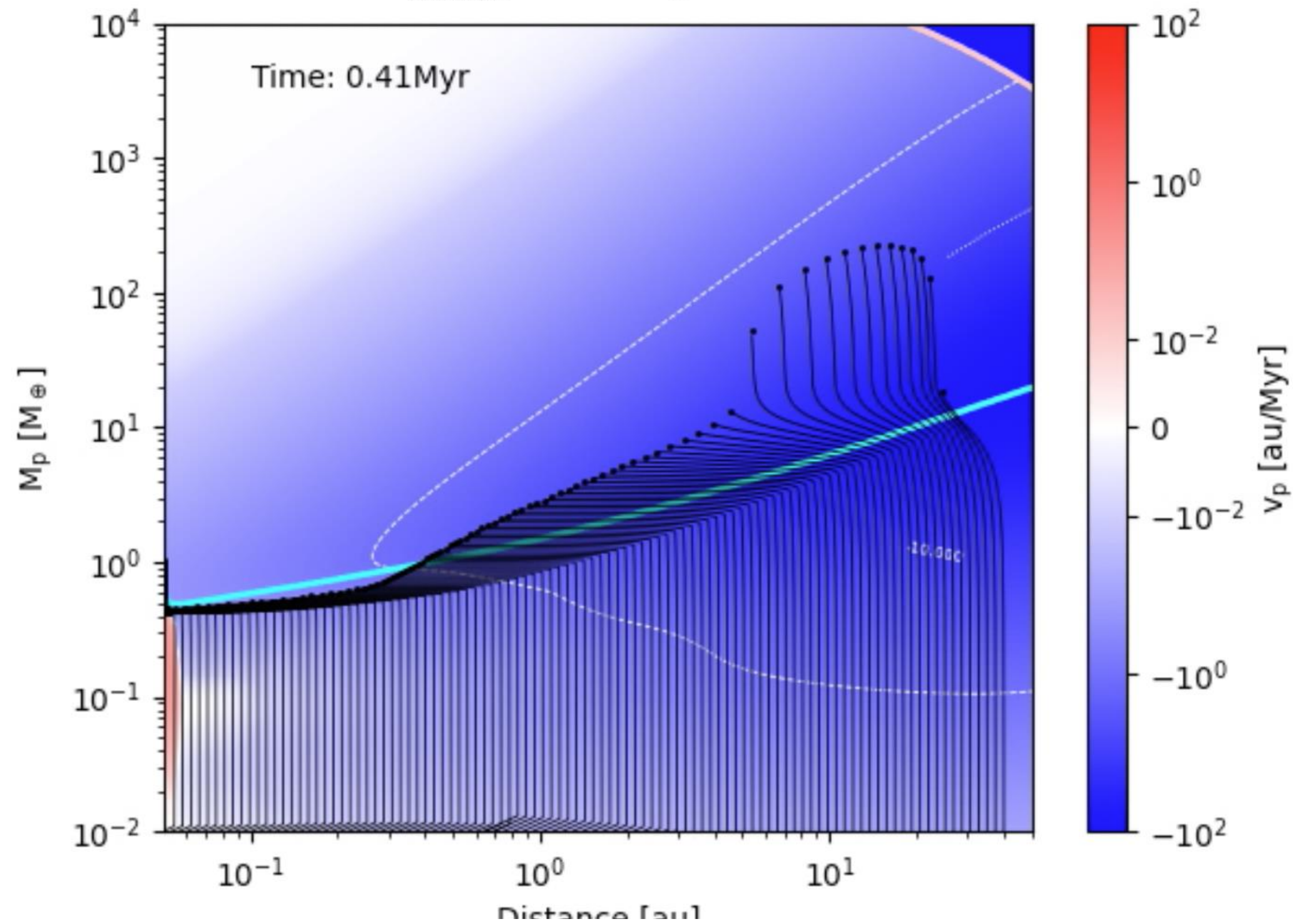
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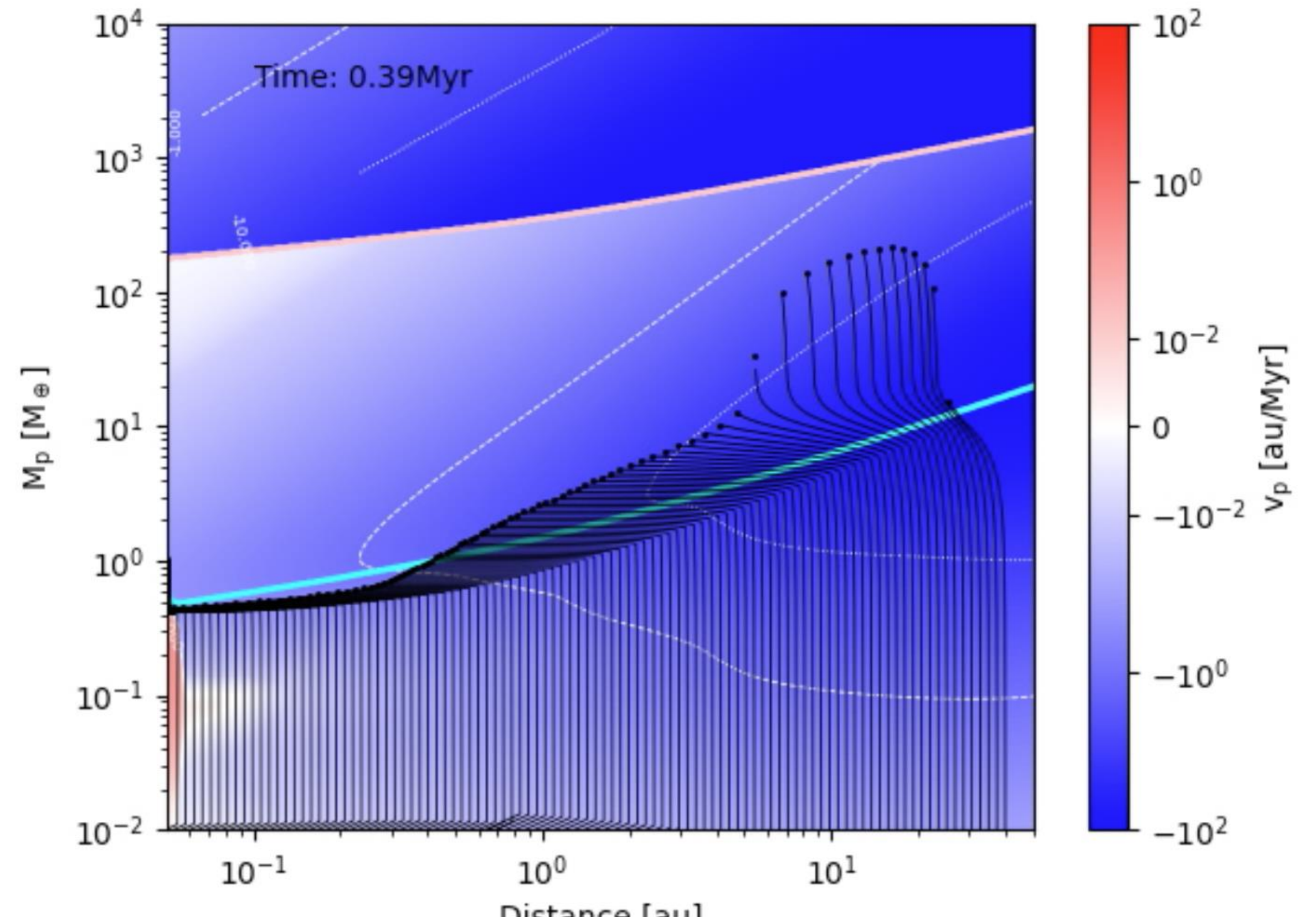
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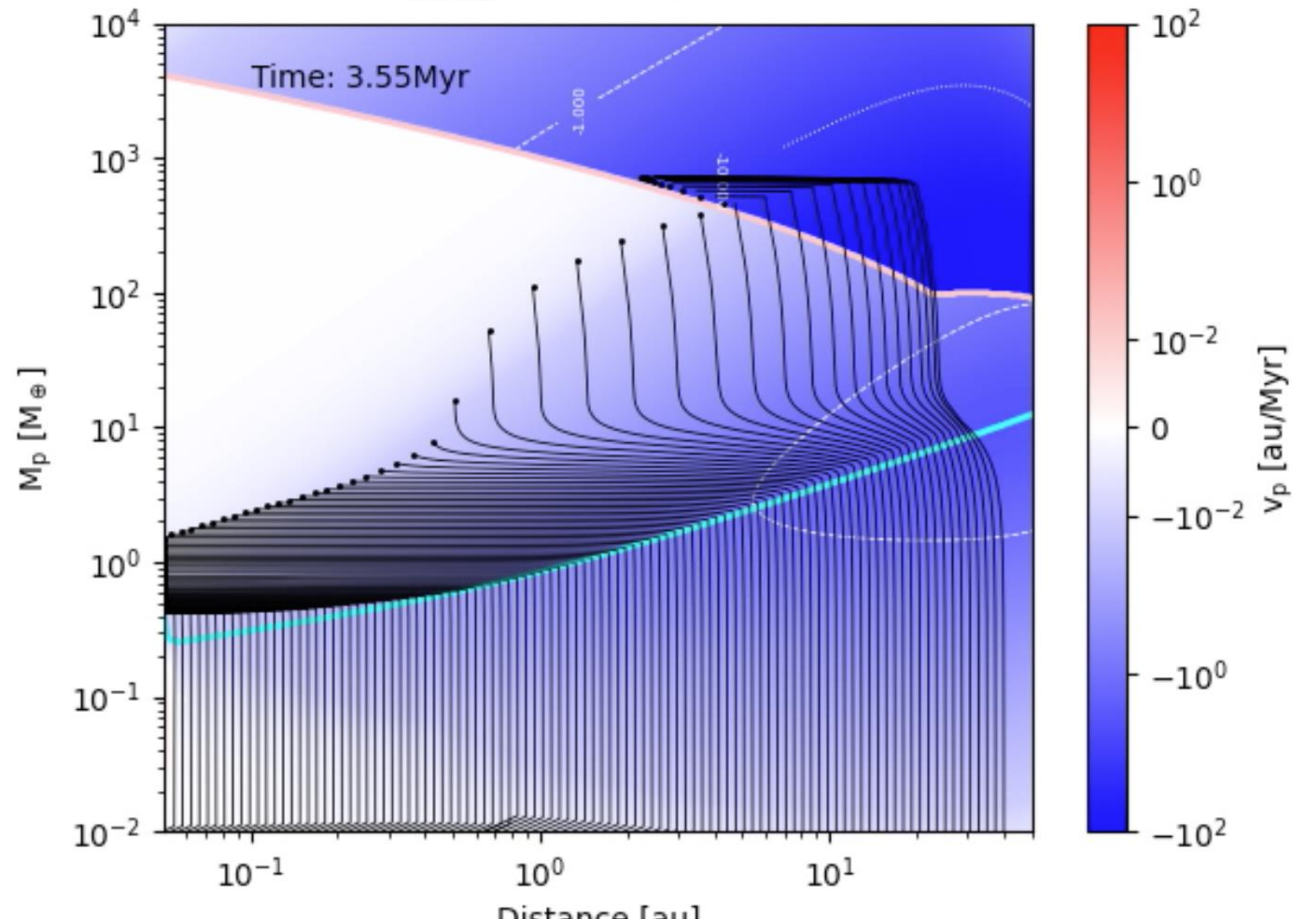
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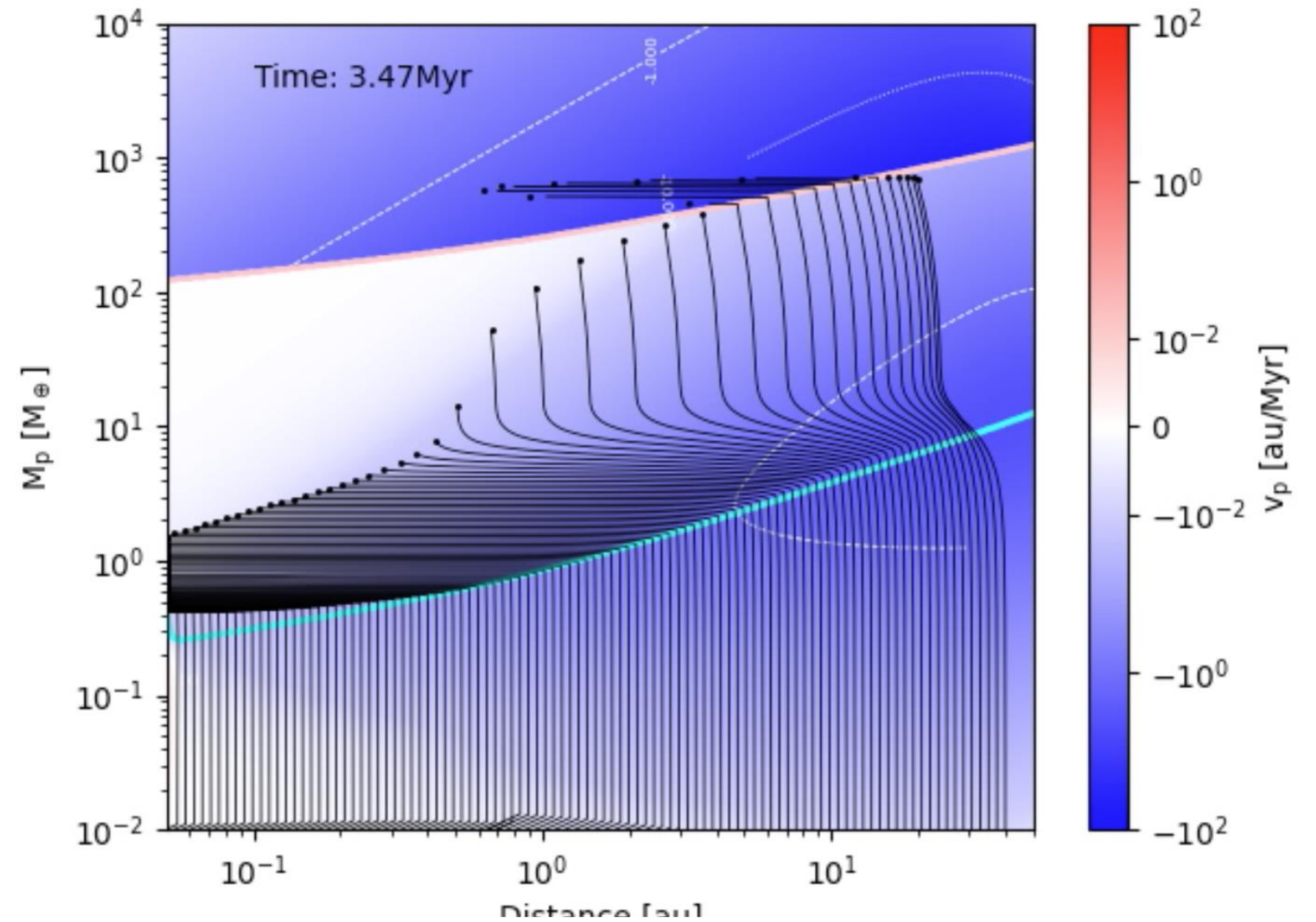
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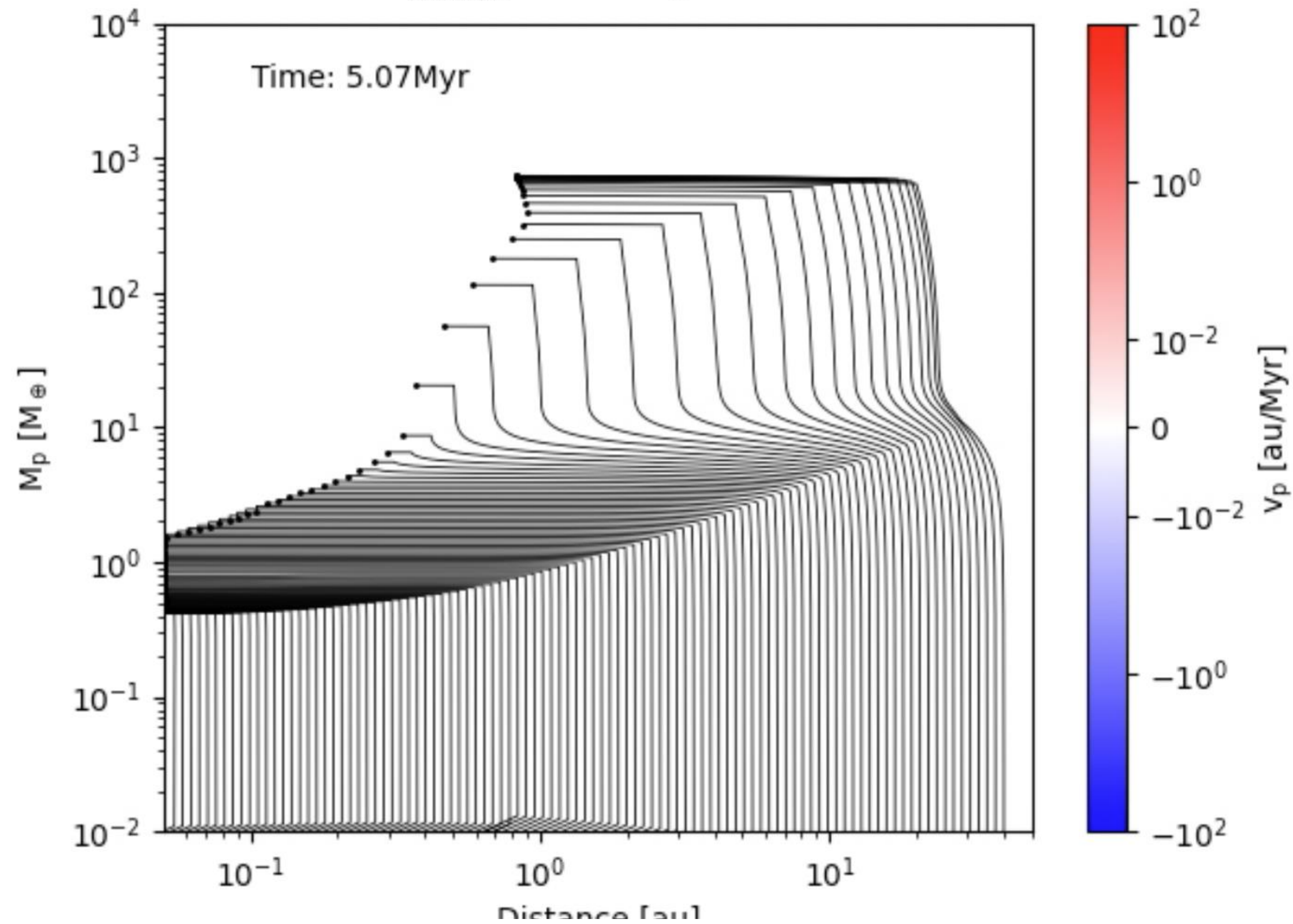
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