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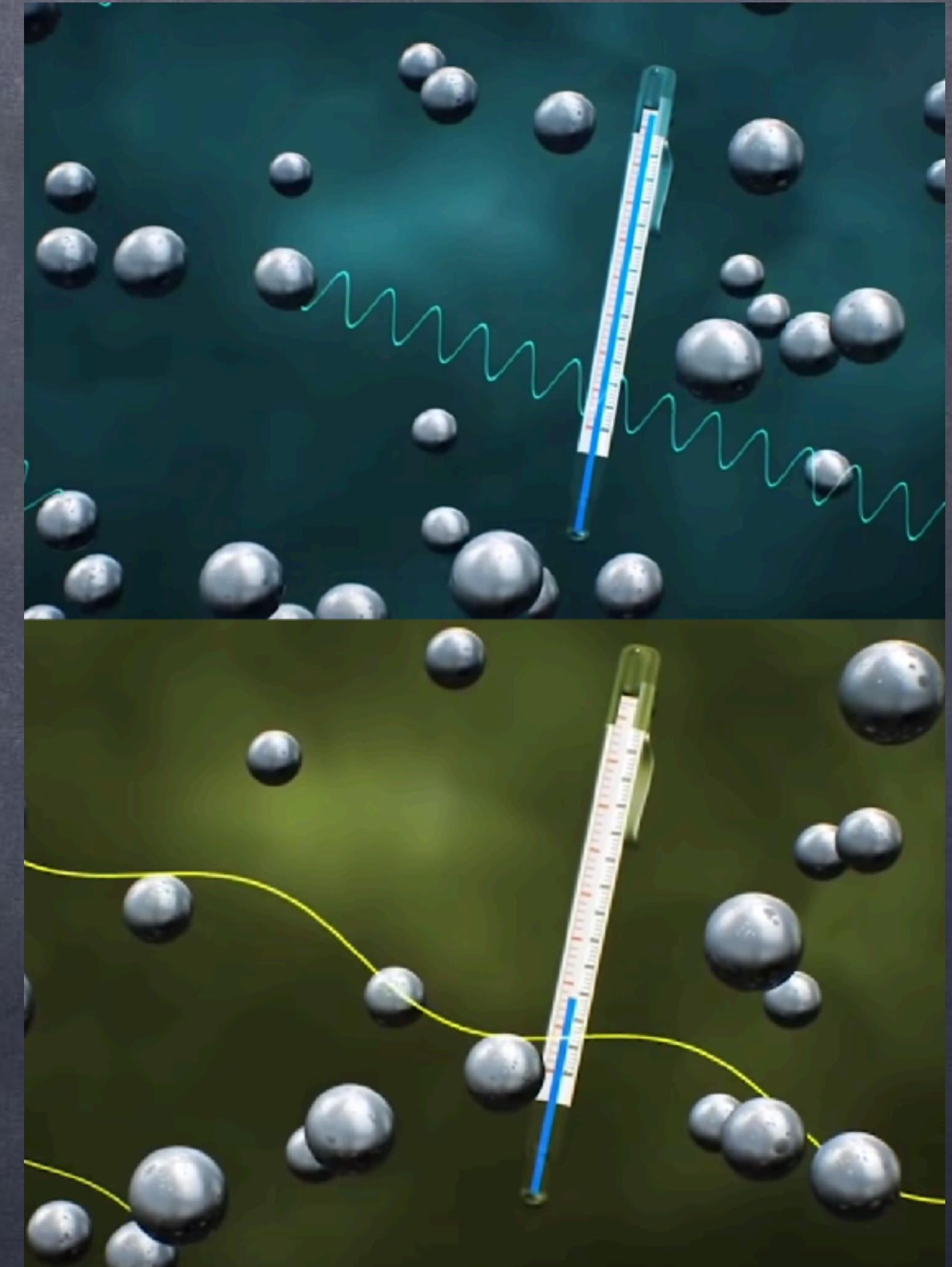




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# Exoplanet Heating by Annihilating DM





# Exoplanets are Exciting

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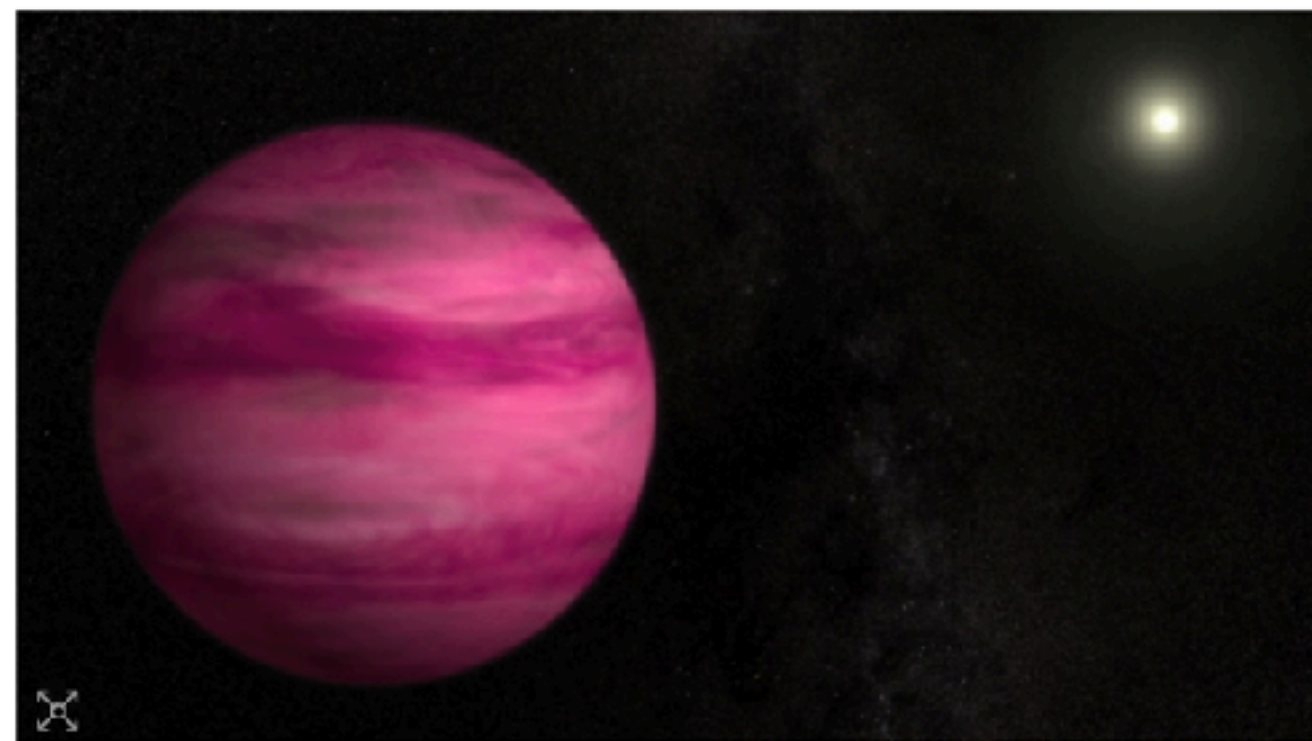
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## Where's the Dark Matter? Look for Suspiciously Warm Planets

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## Using exoplanets as dark matter detectors

by Jeff Gratzmeyer for USJ News  
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Dark matter may lurk in the hearts of large exoplanets

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## DARK MATTER MIGHT HEAT EXOPLANETS ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM GLOW

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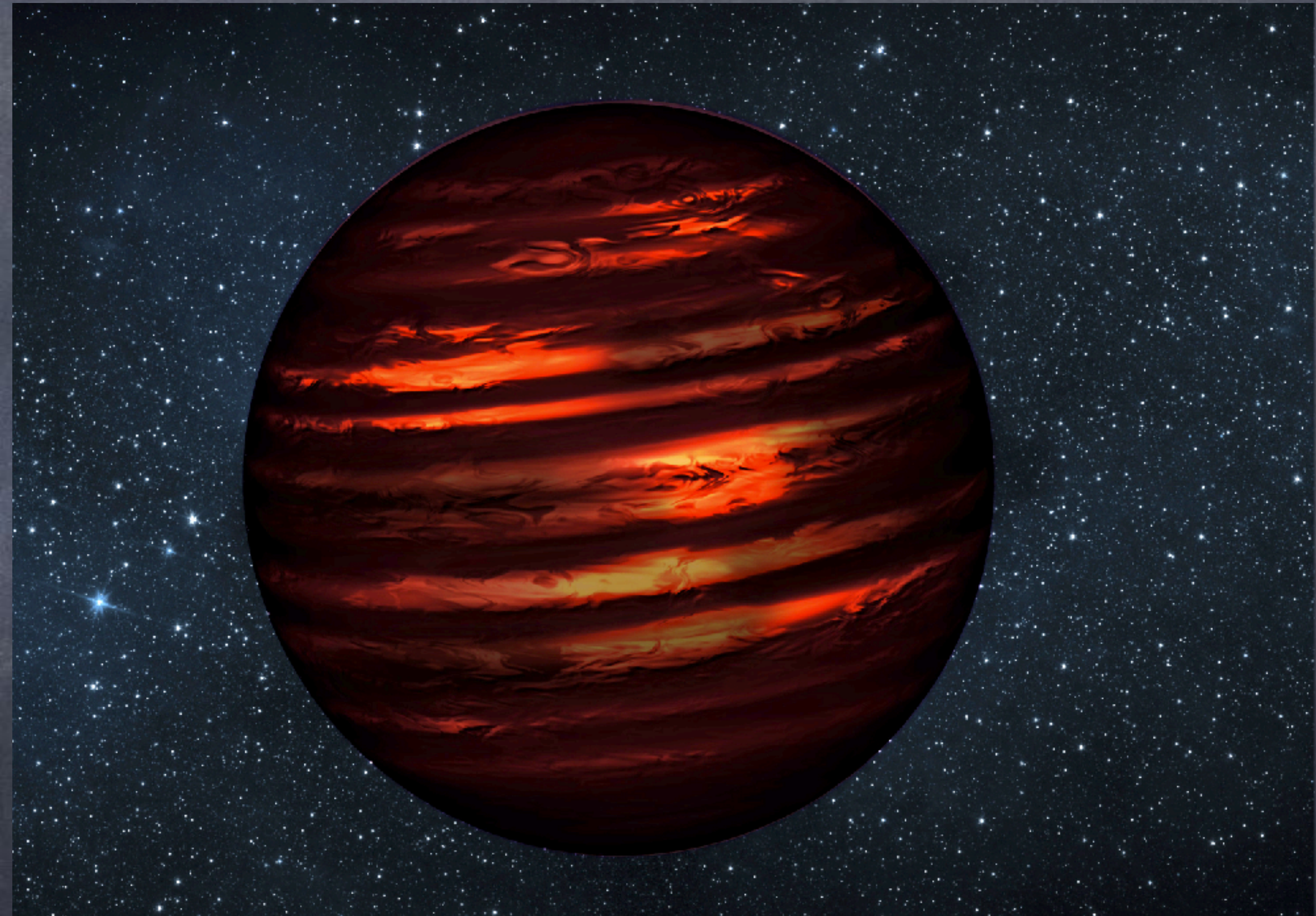
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# Some Facts

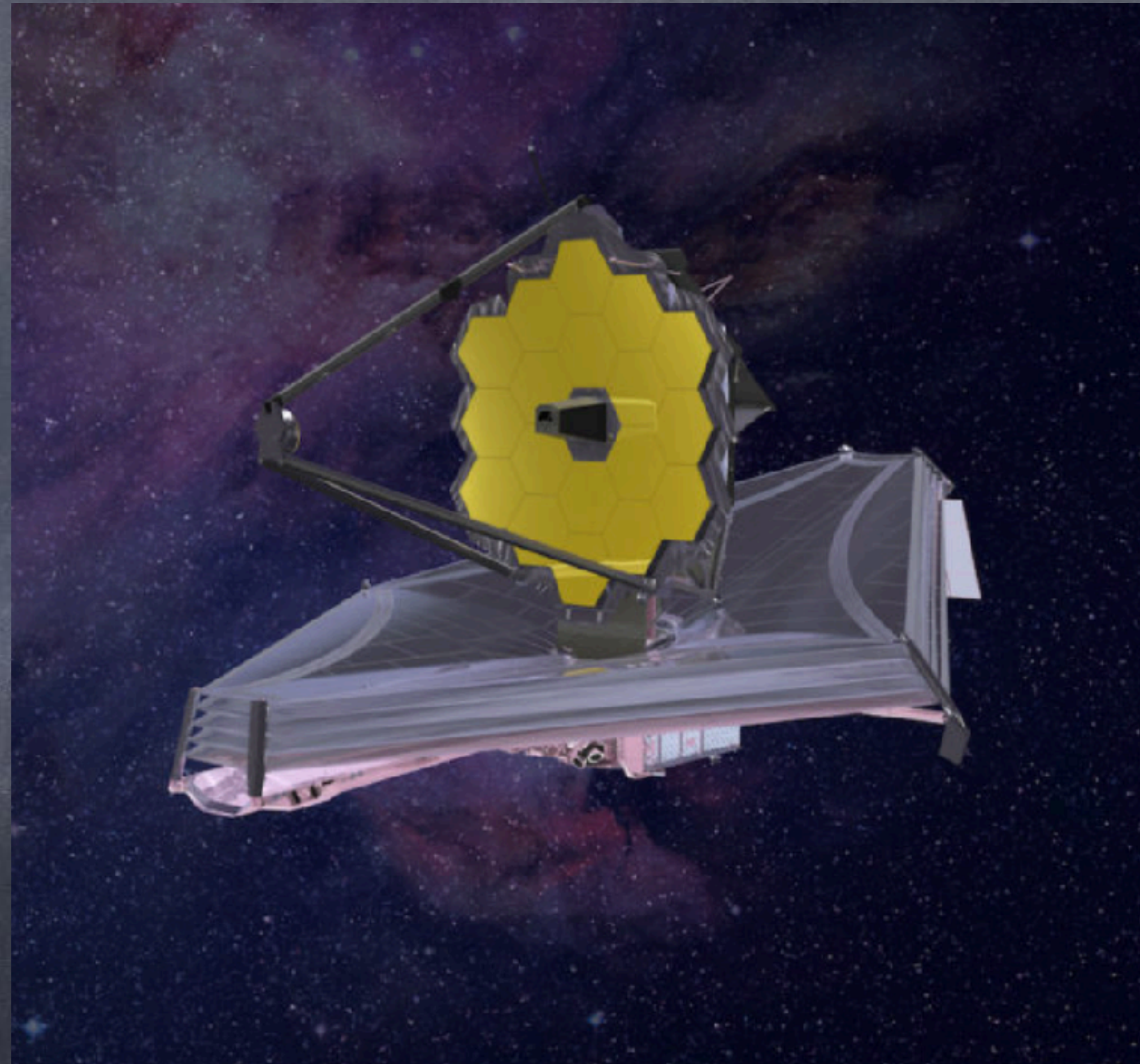
- 300 Billion expected Exoplanets in the Galaxy
- Estimated 100 Billion rogue planets
- 4324 Confirmed Exoplanets
- 5695 Candidates awaiting confirmation
- New Infrared Telescopes:  
JWST 2021 and Roman 2026





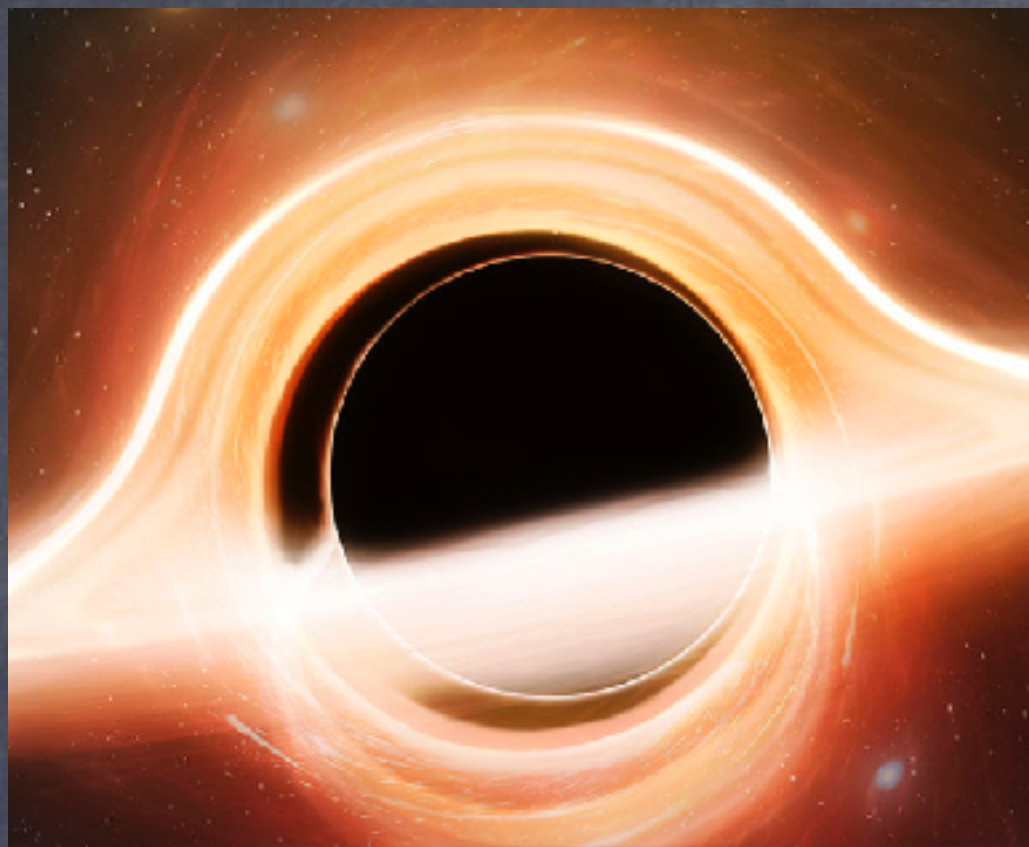
# JWST 2021

- 6.5 m Mirror diameter
- 18 Hexagonal Segments
- Near-Infrared Imager and Slitless Spectrometer (NIRISS) for  $T > 500$  K
- Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI) for  $T : 100 - 500$  K
- Launch: October 2021

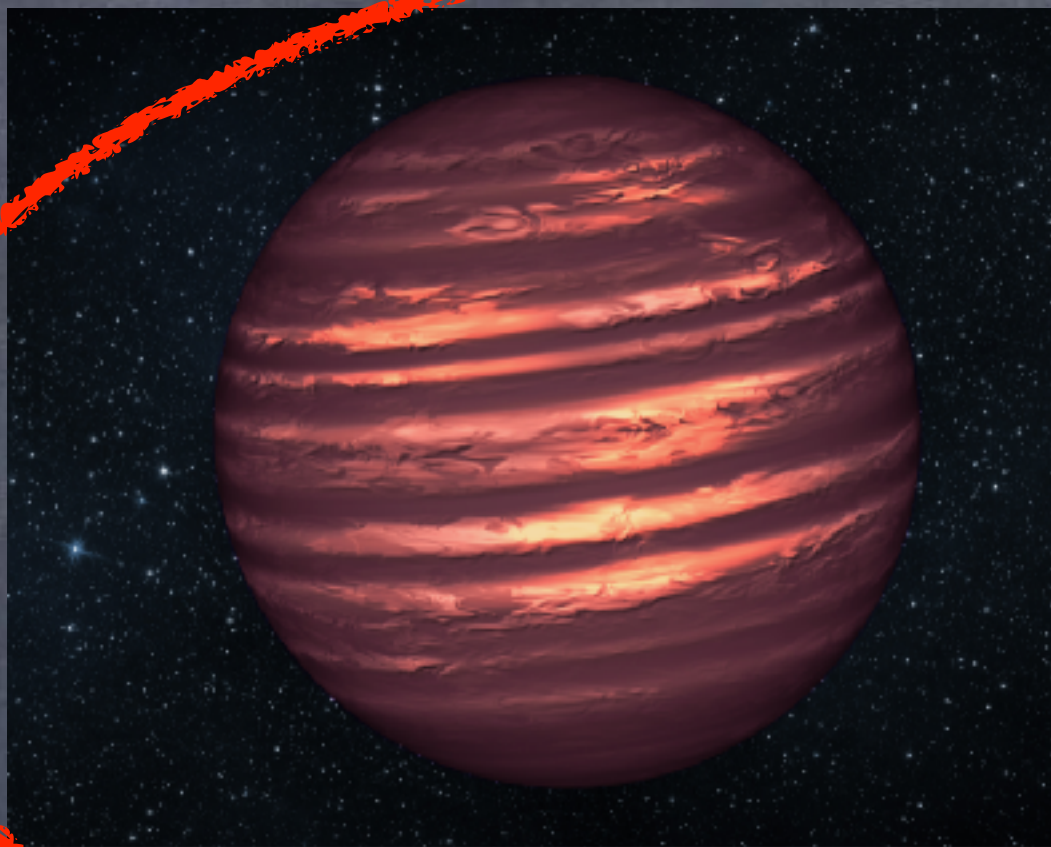




# Stuff in Space



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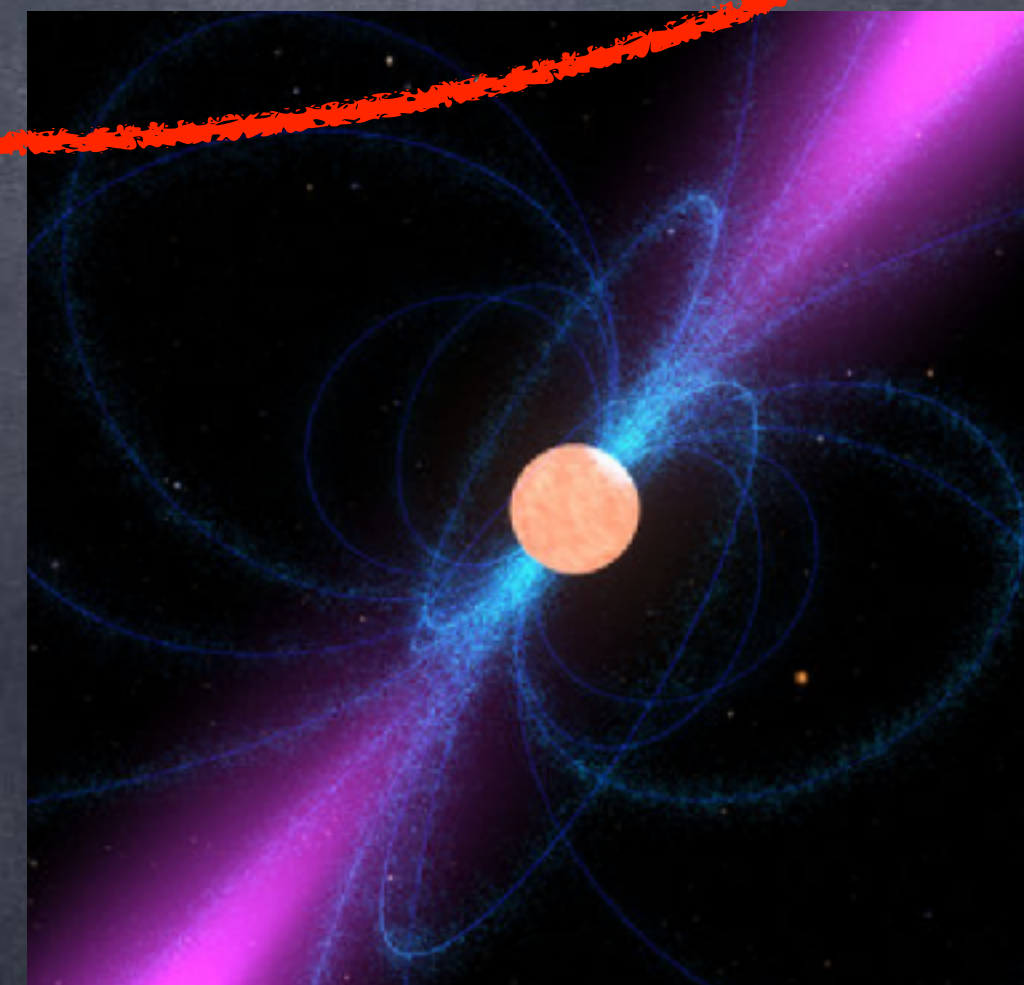
$M = 10^{-1} - 10^{-2} M_{\text{Sol}}$



$M = 10^{-3} M_{\text{Sol}}$



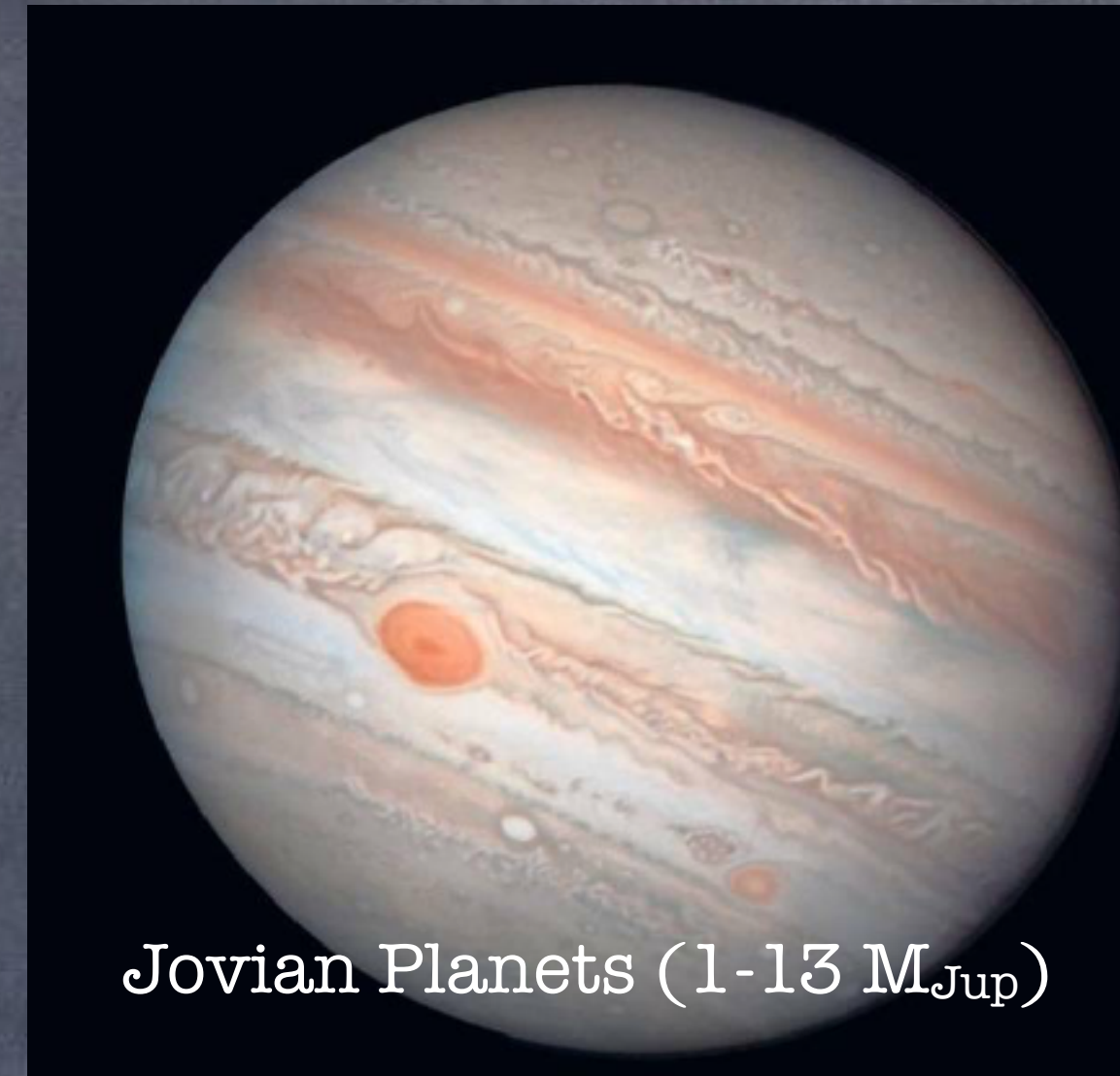
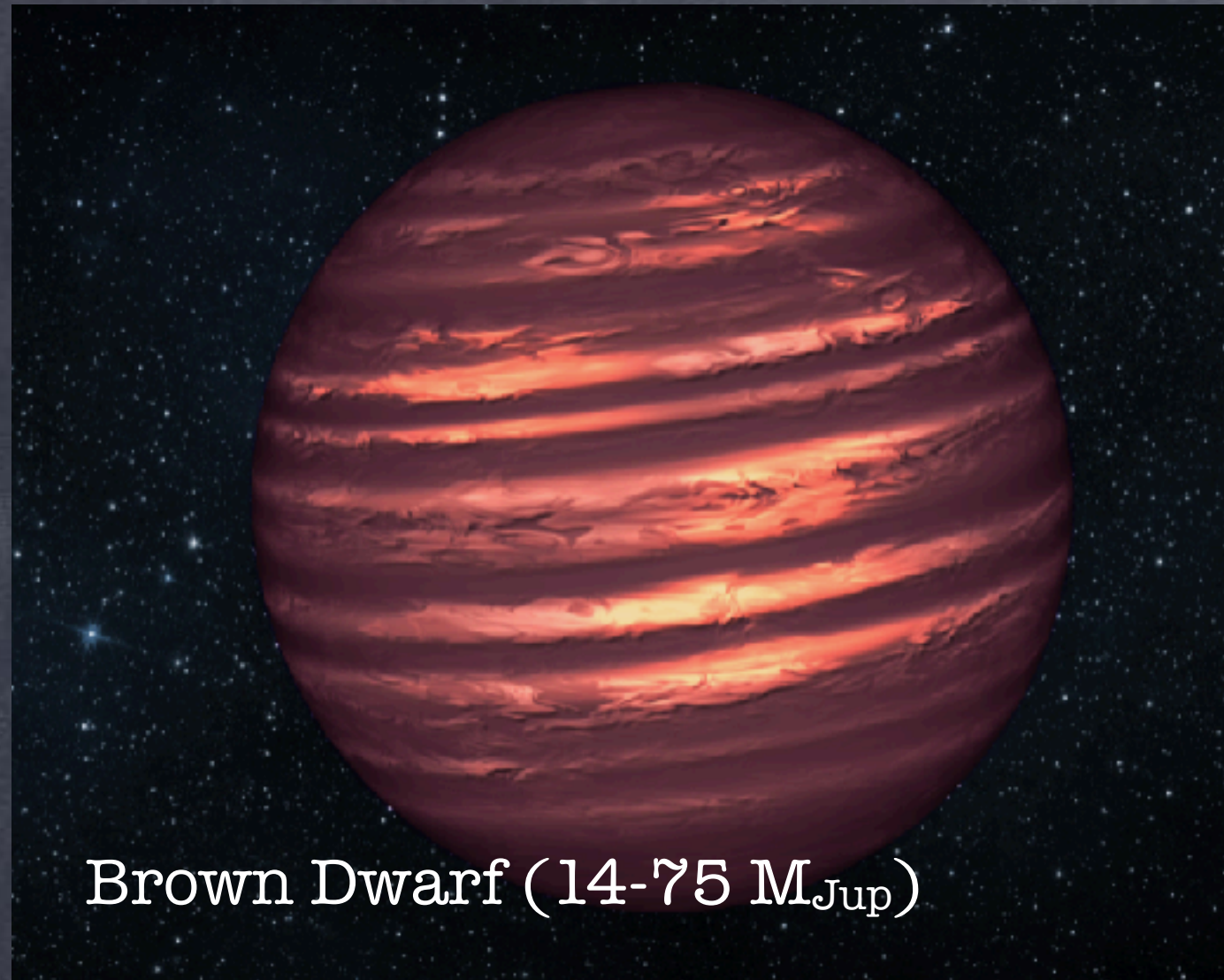
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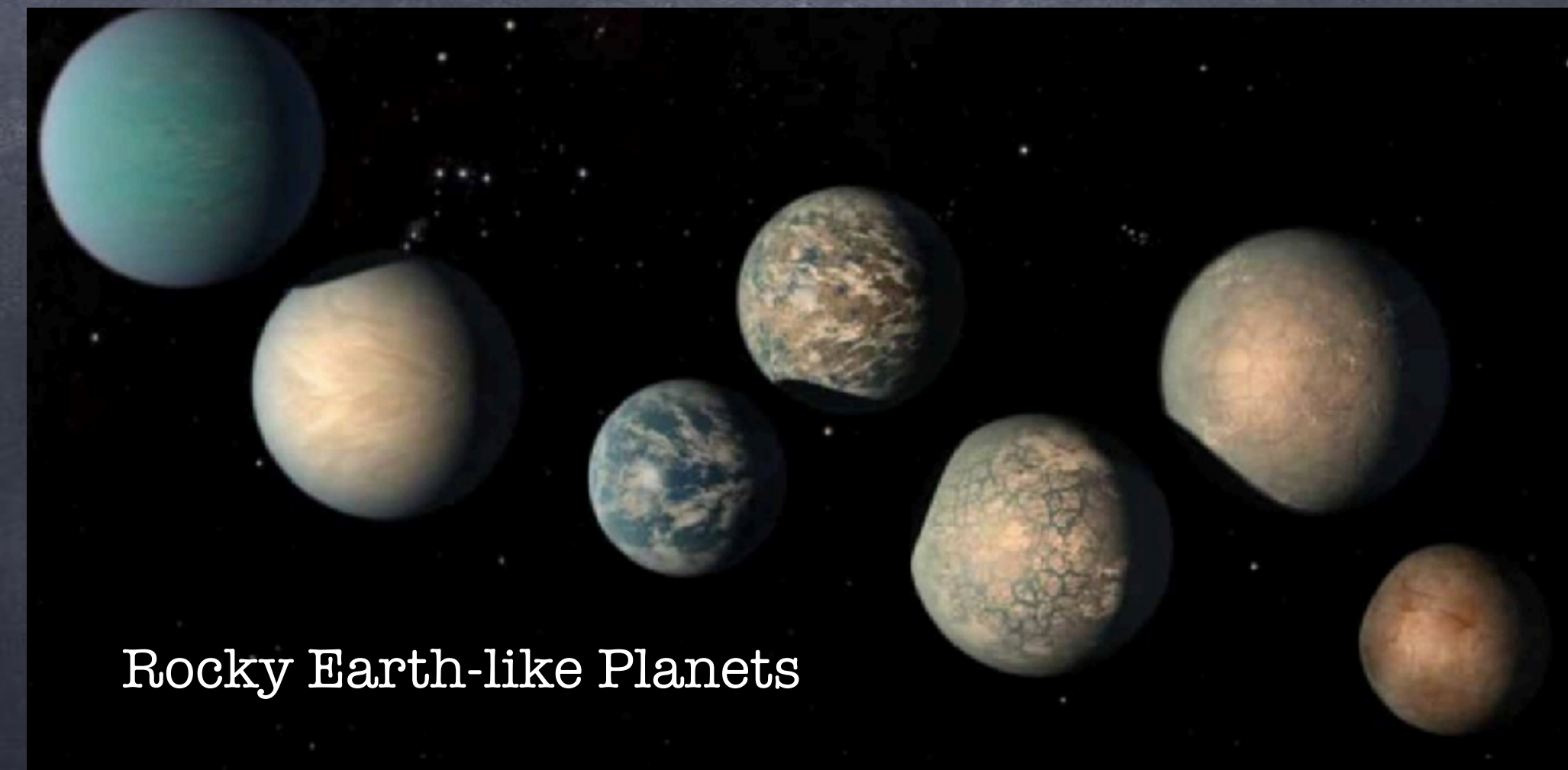
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# Exo-Menu



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old and cold



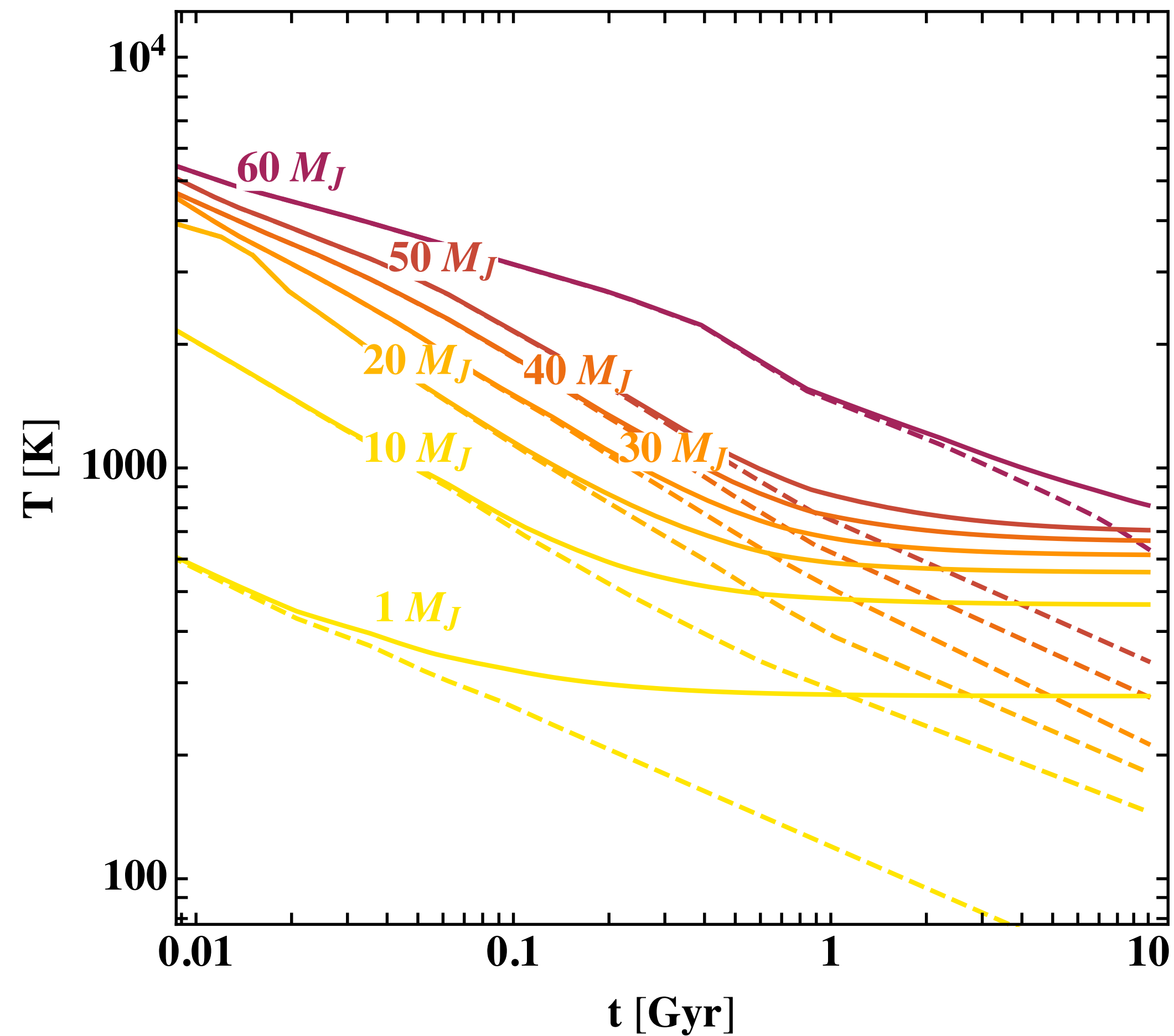


# Search Strategies



# Temperature Evolution

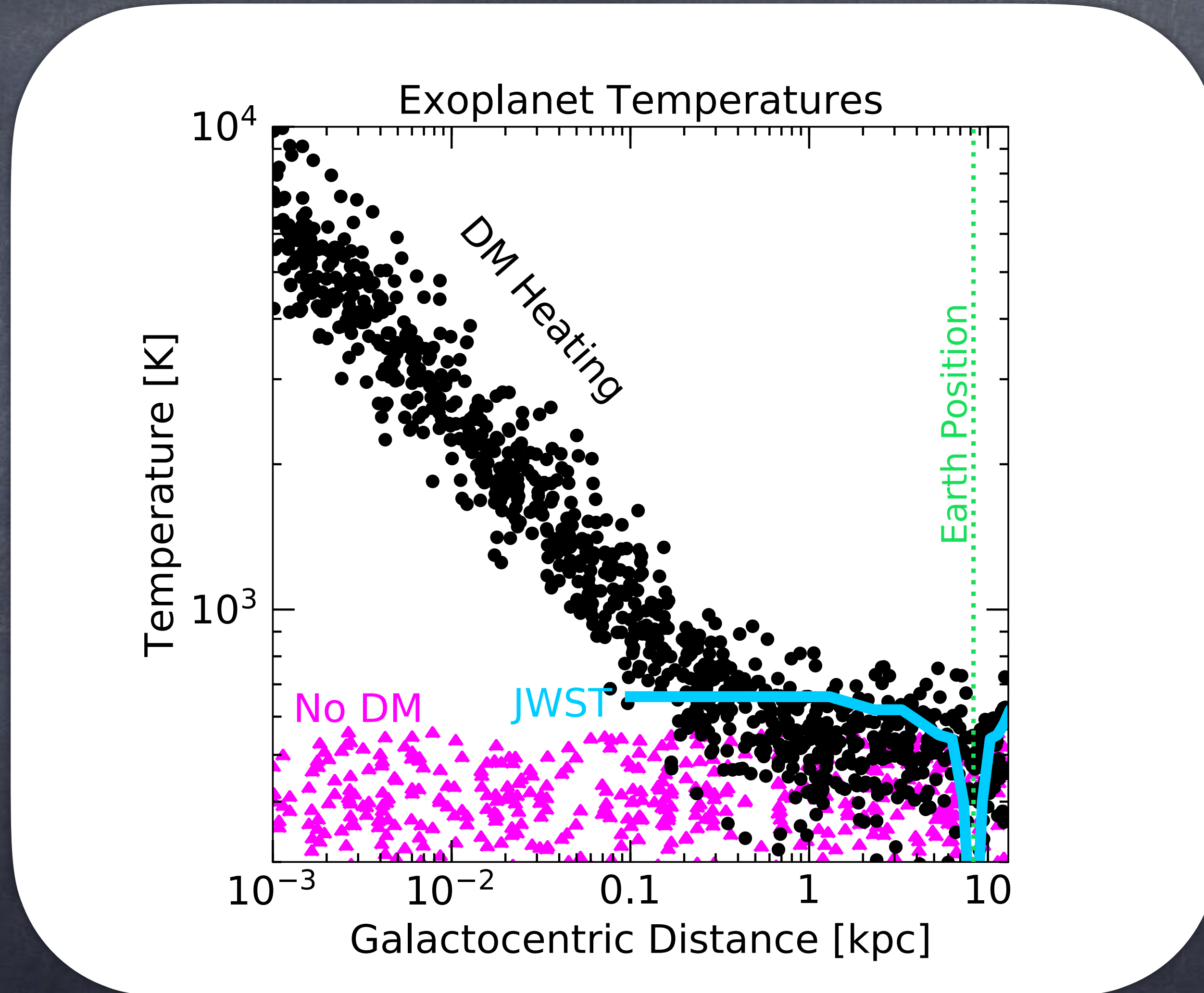
Cooling curves at 0.1 kpc from GC with  $\gamma = 1$



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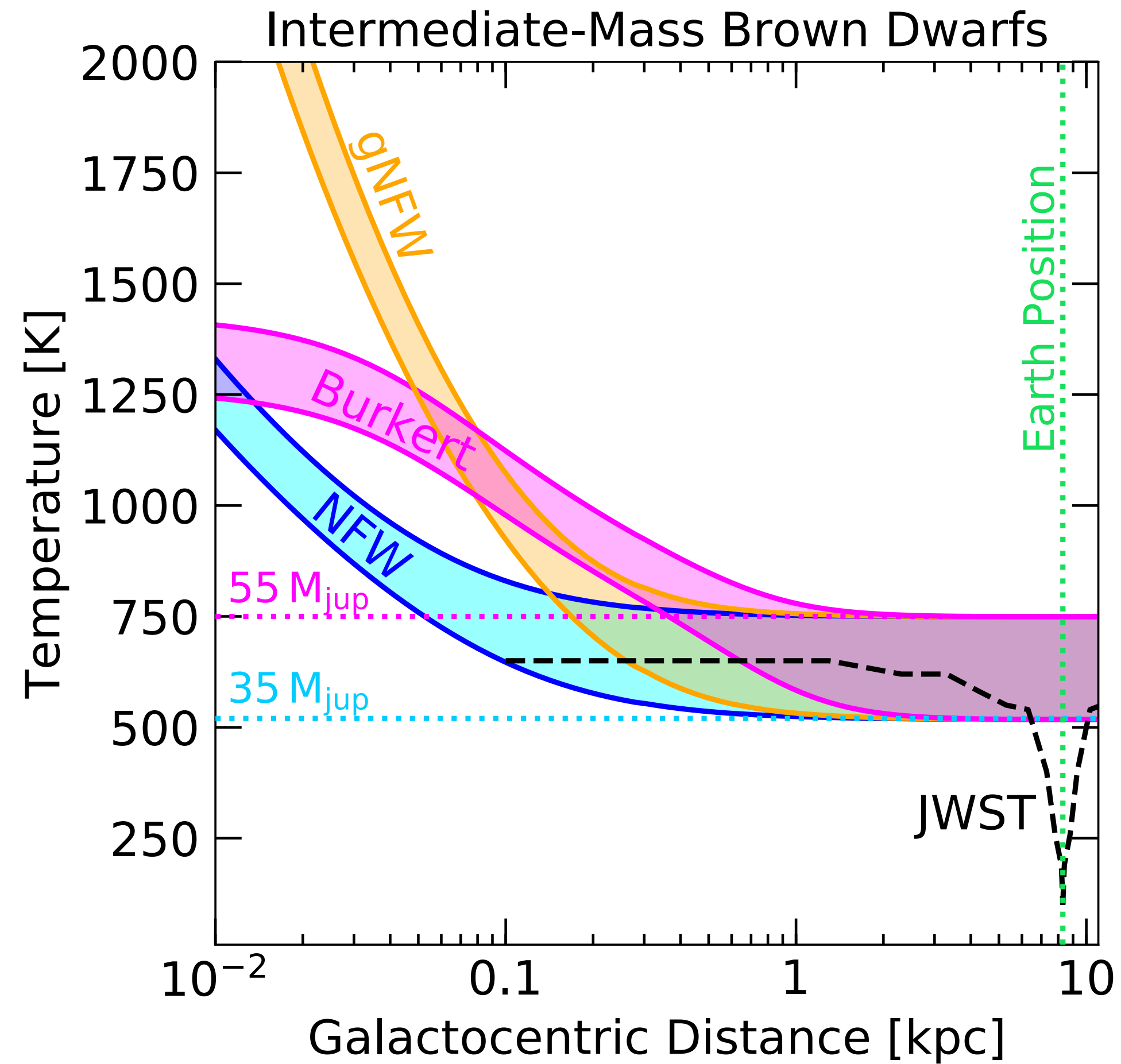
# A Position Dependent Signal



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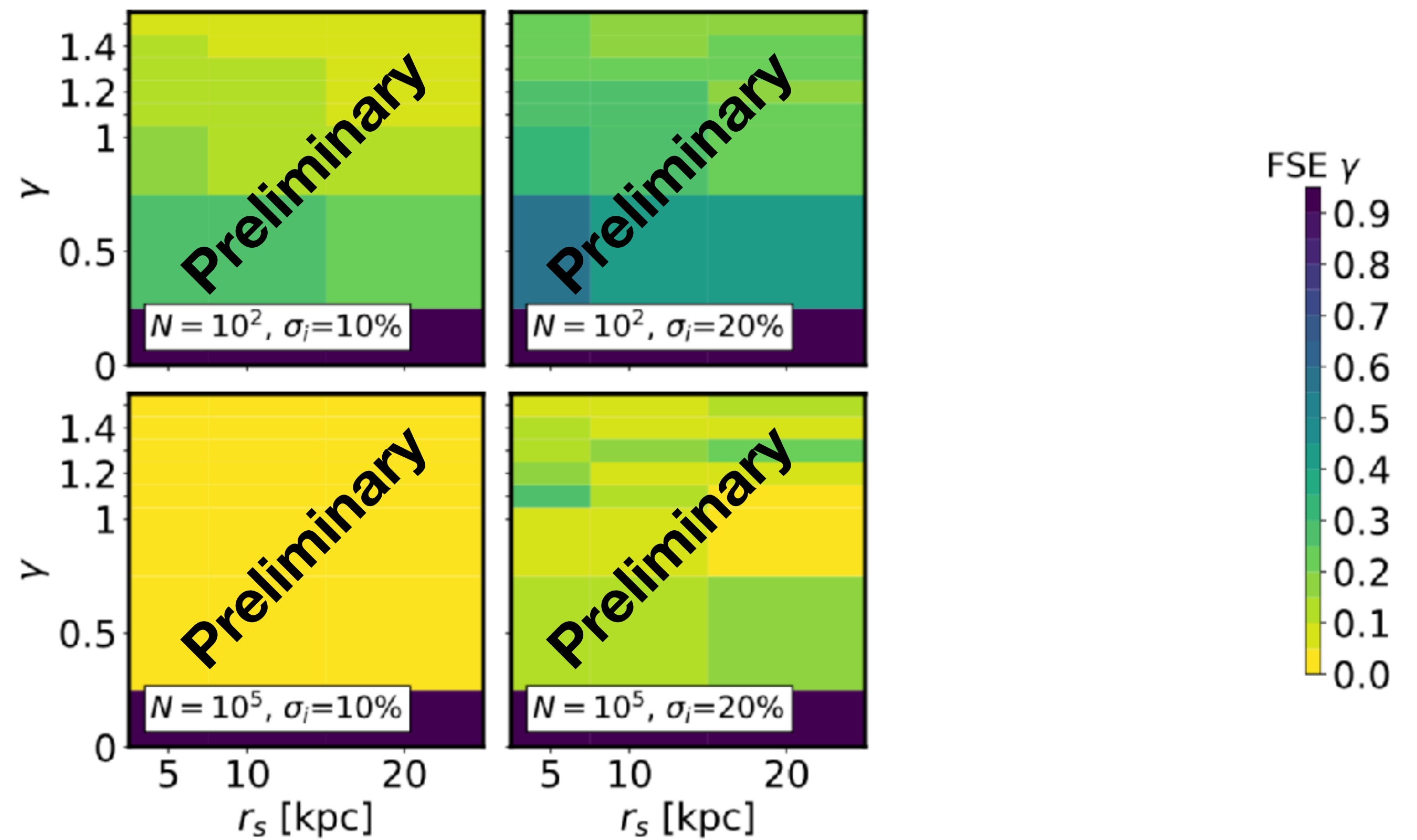
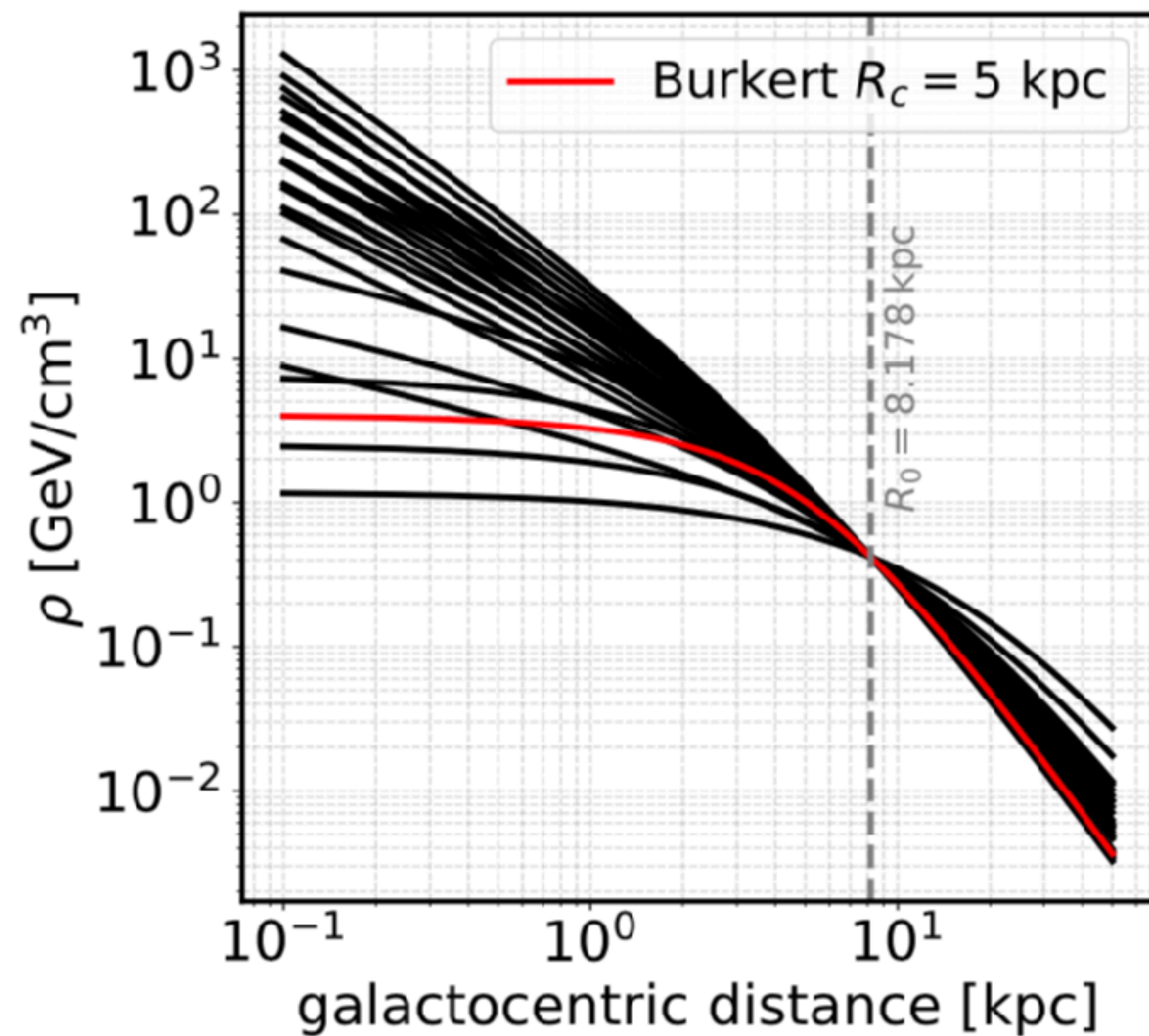
# DM Profile Dependence



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# DM Profile Reconstruction



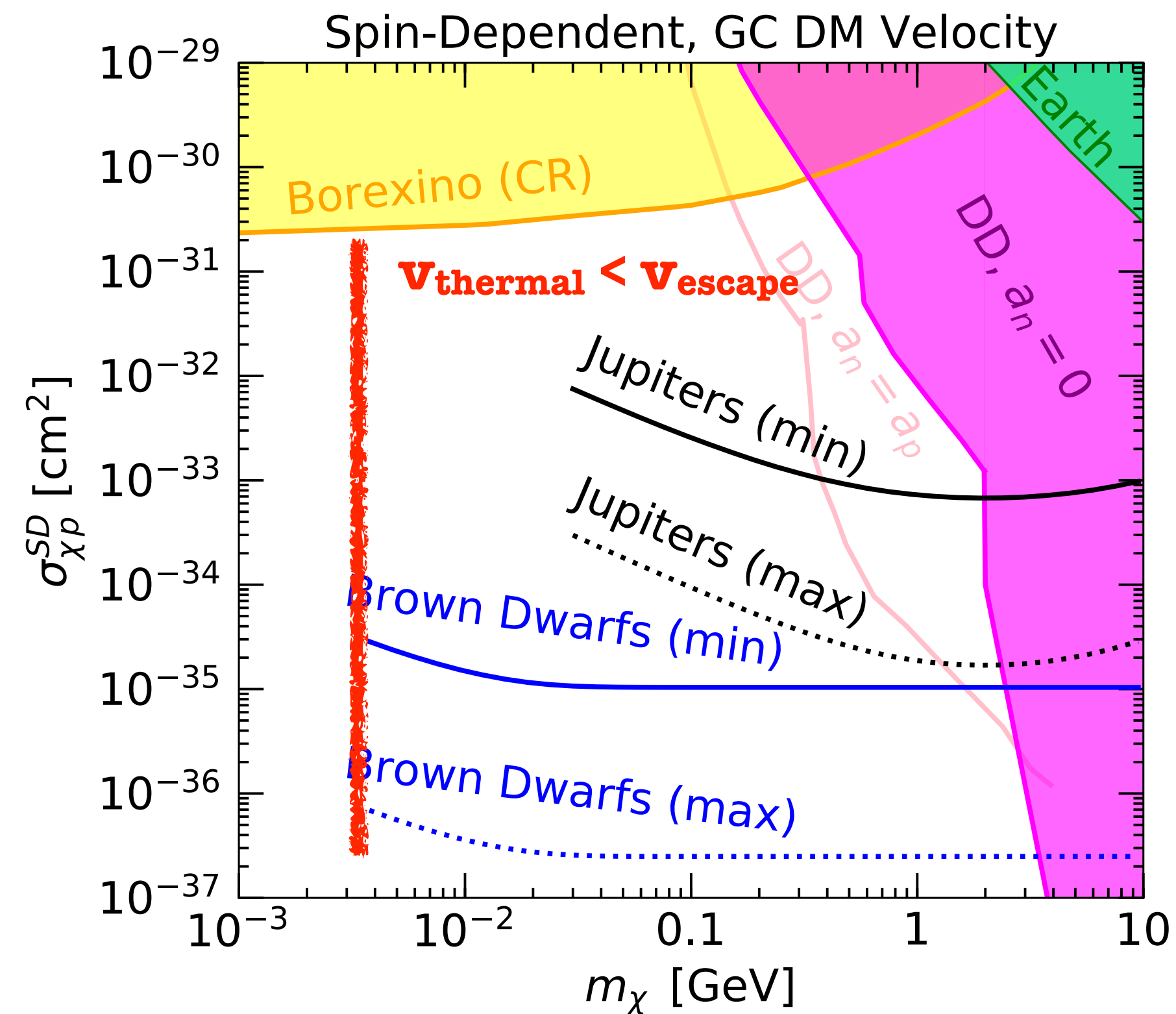
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# Dark Matter Models



# DM-Proton Scattering

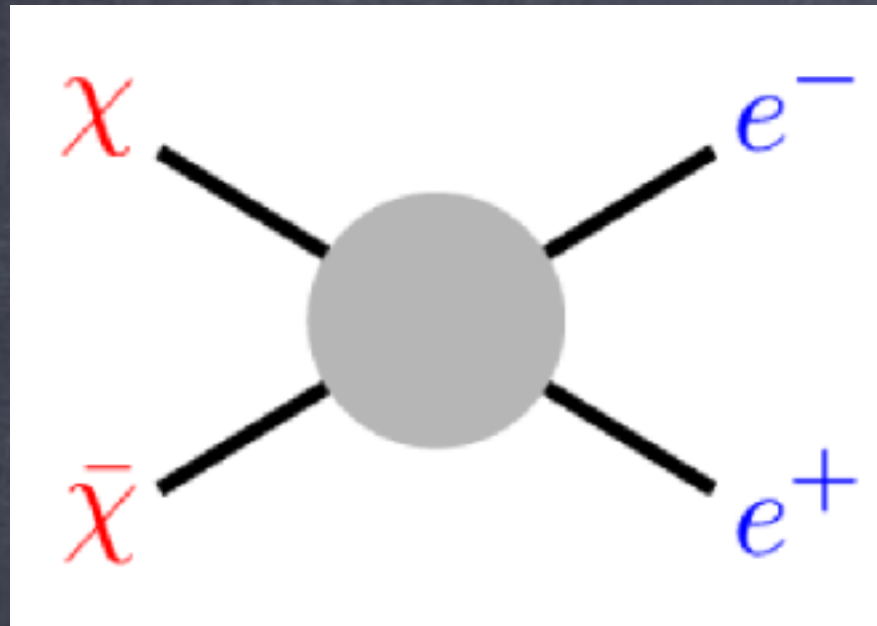


New Line of Research for Light Dark Matter!

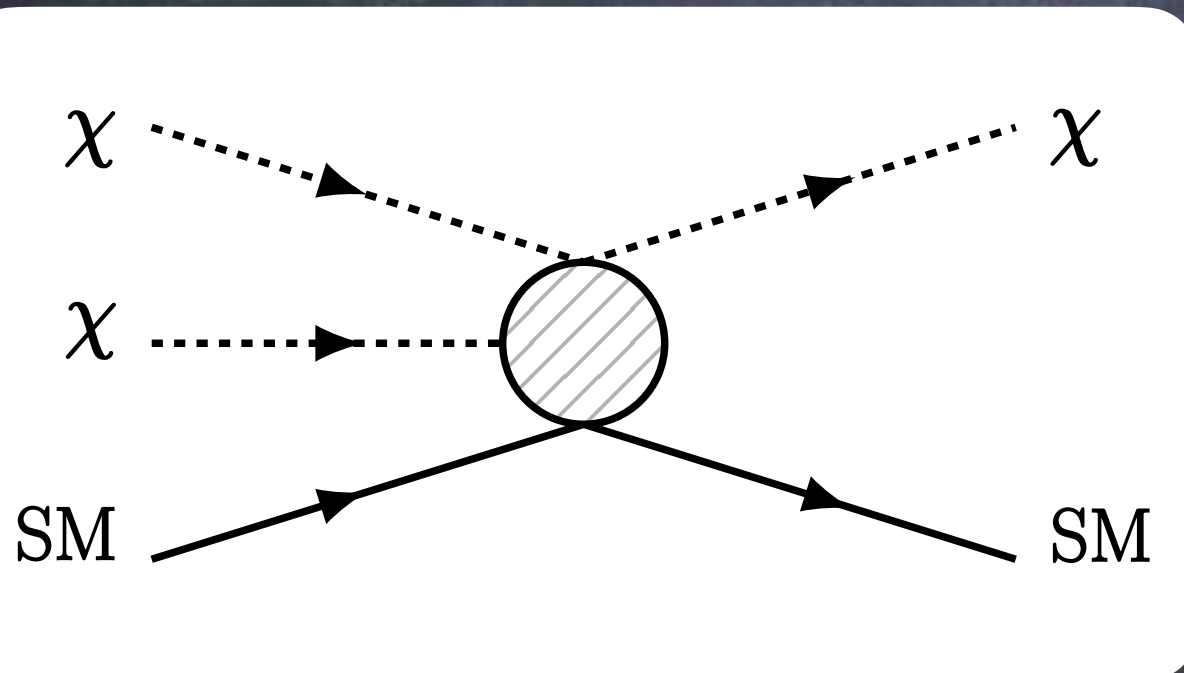
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# Enough Time to Annihilate



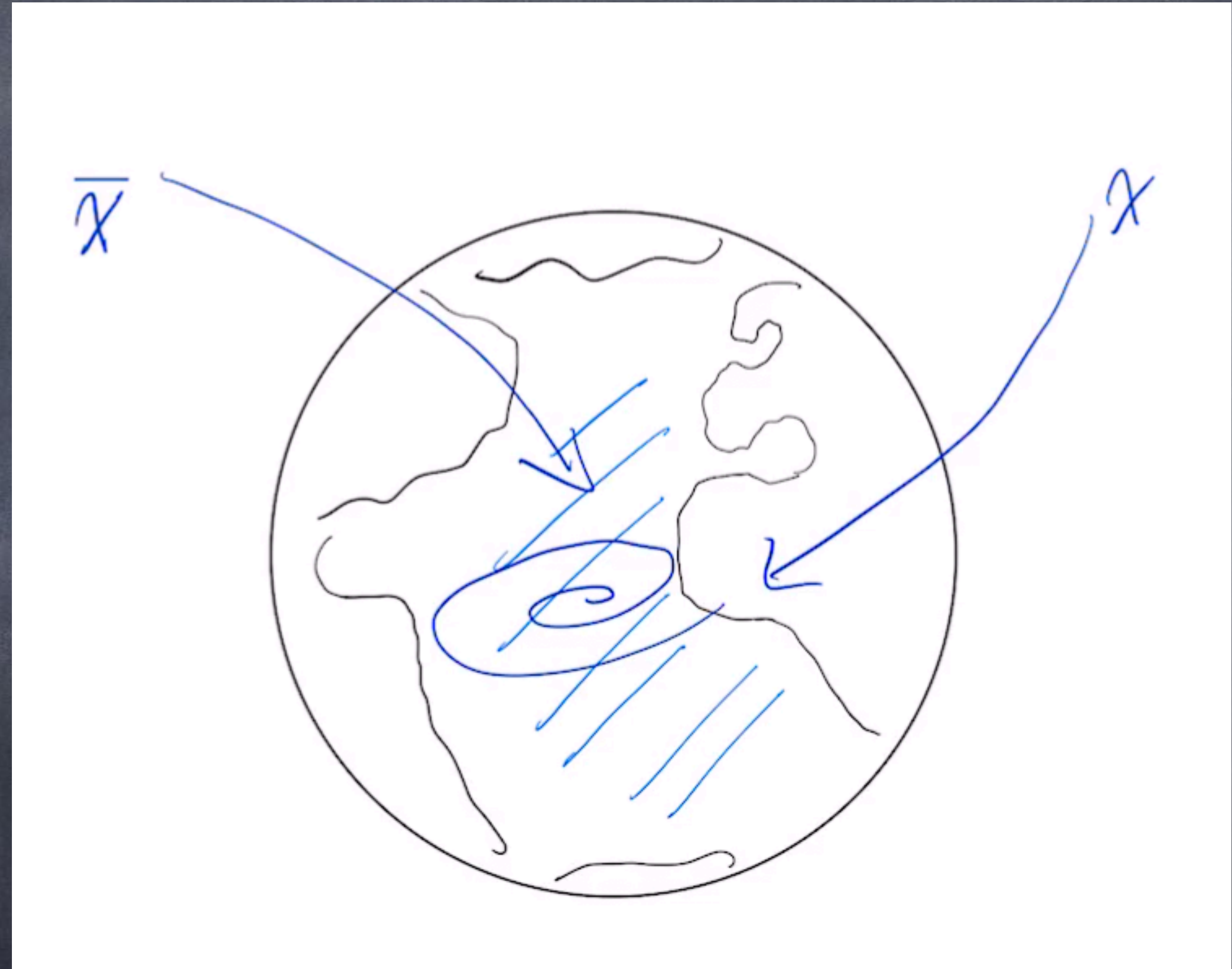
$$\geq \frac{V_{\text{eff}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{C_{\text{cap}} \tau^2}$$



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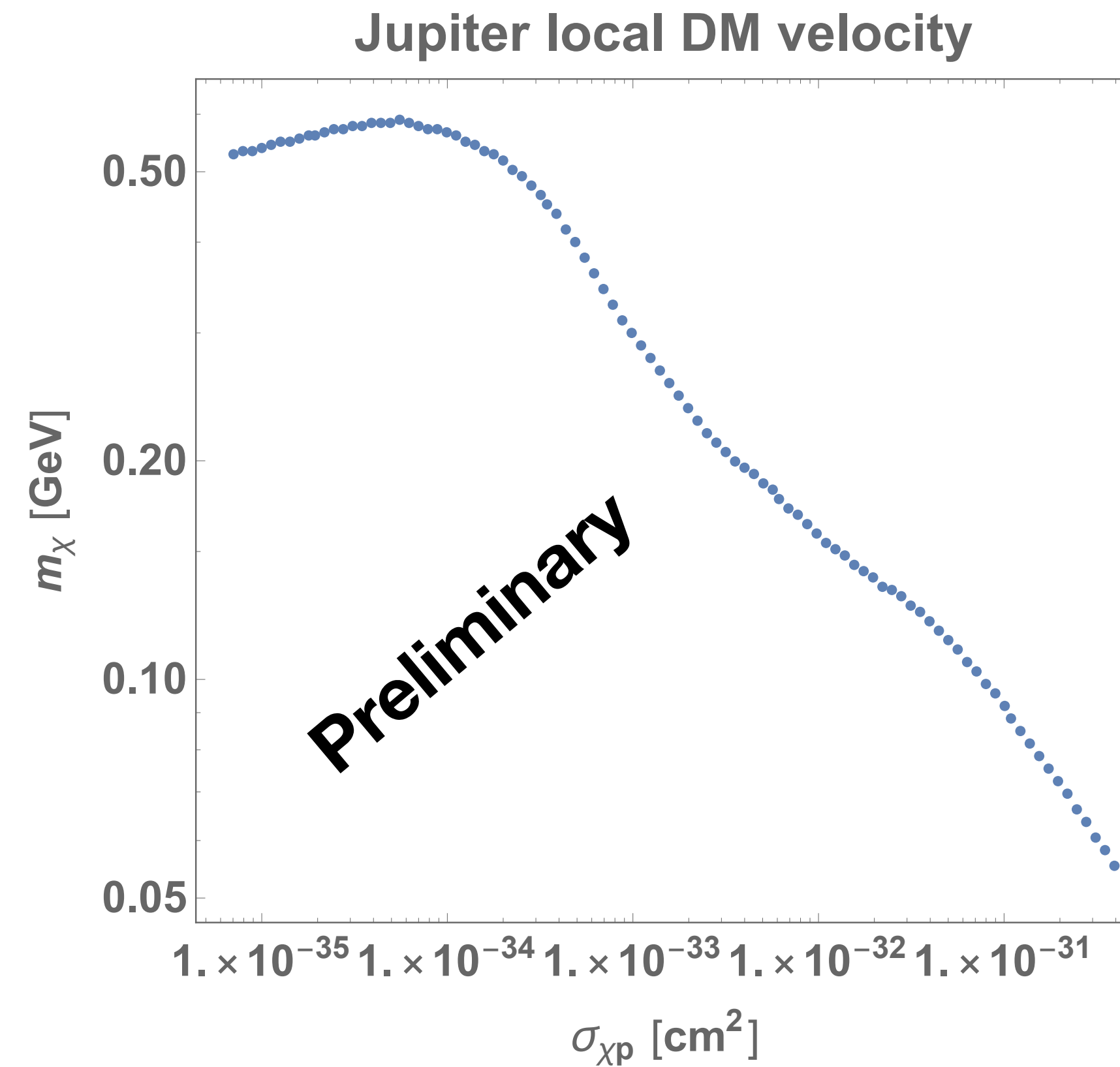
Co-SIMP process

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# Example Evaporation for $2 \rightarrow 2$ Annihilation



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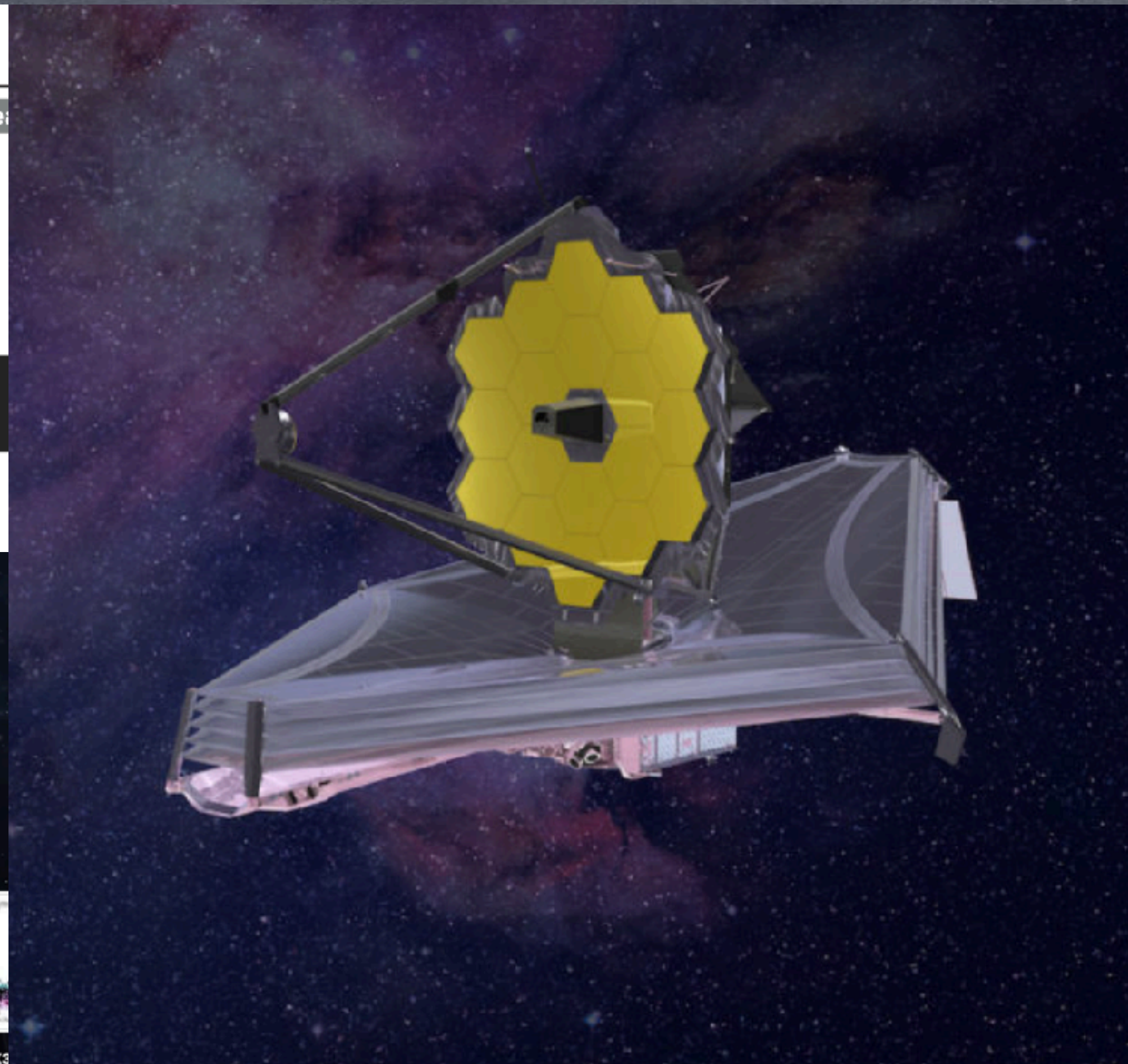
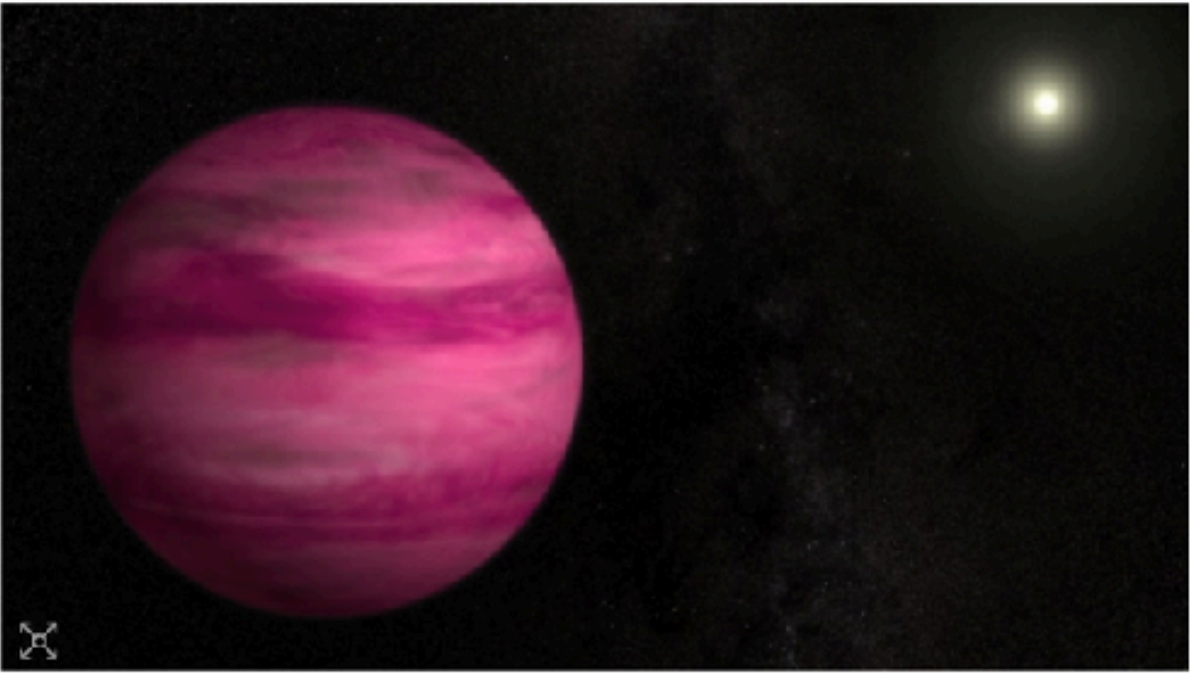
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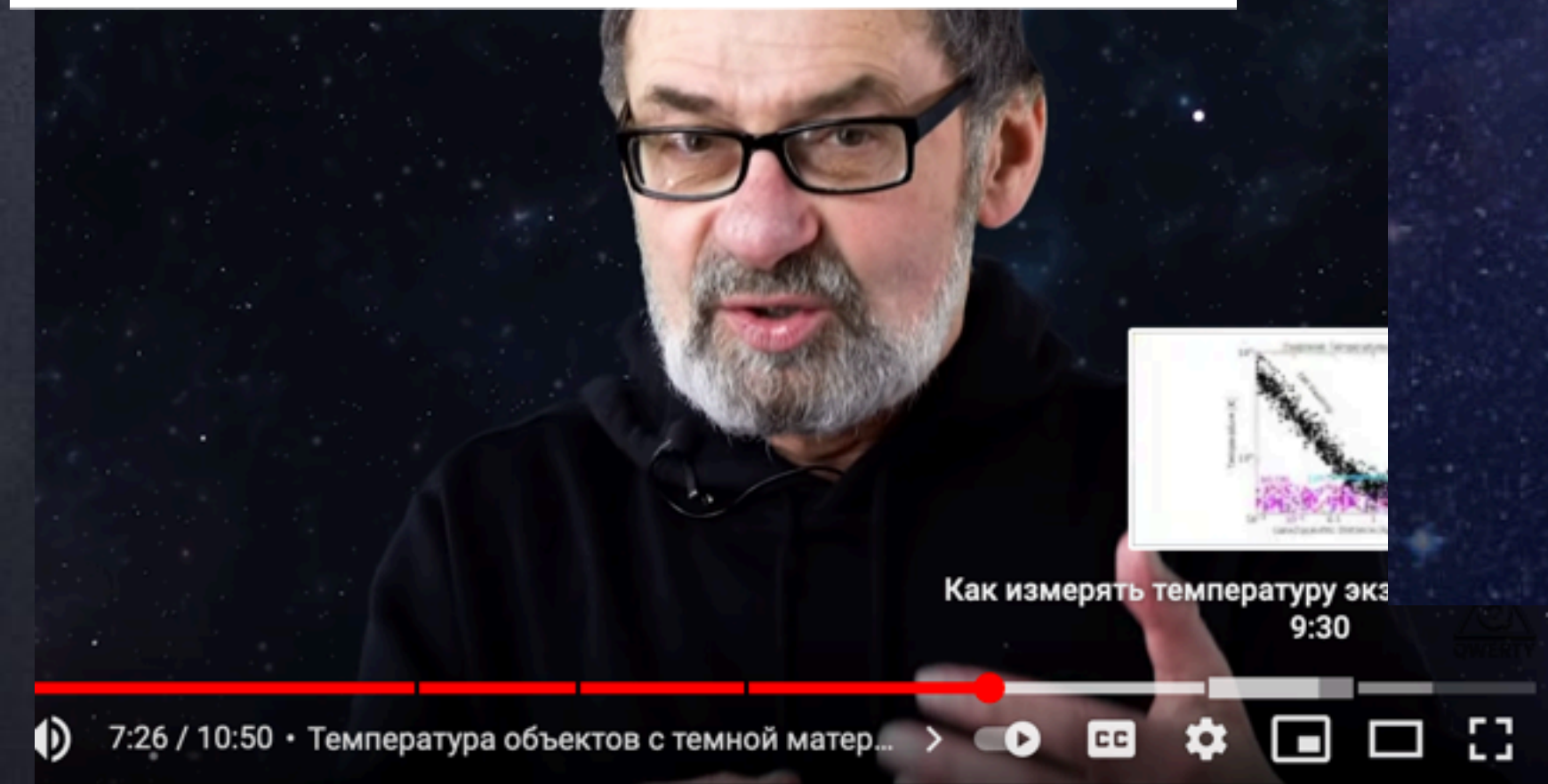
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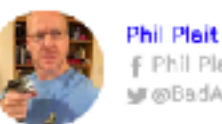
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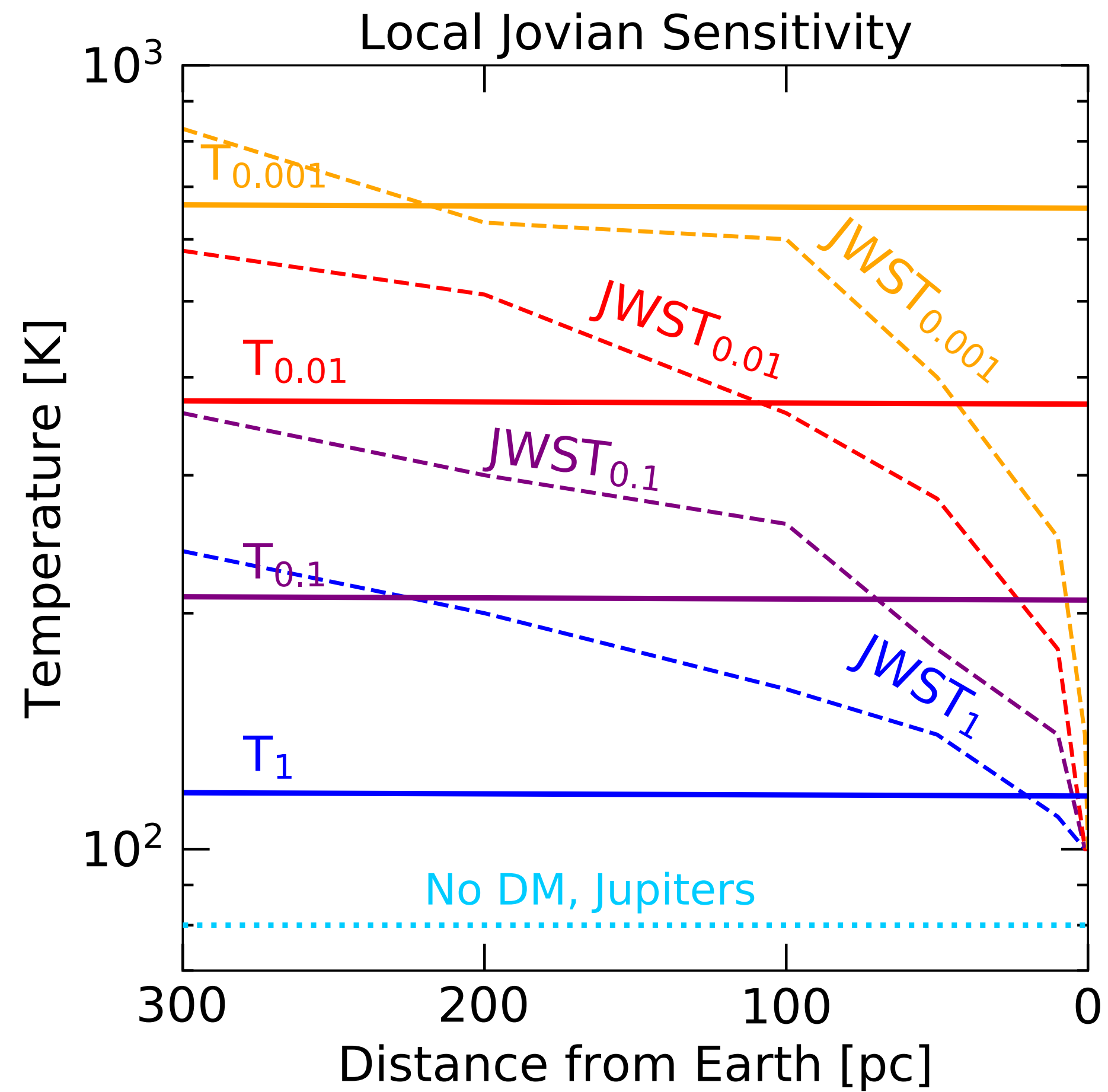
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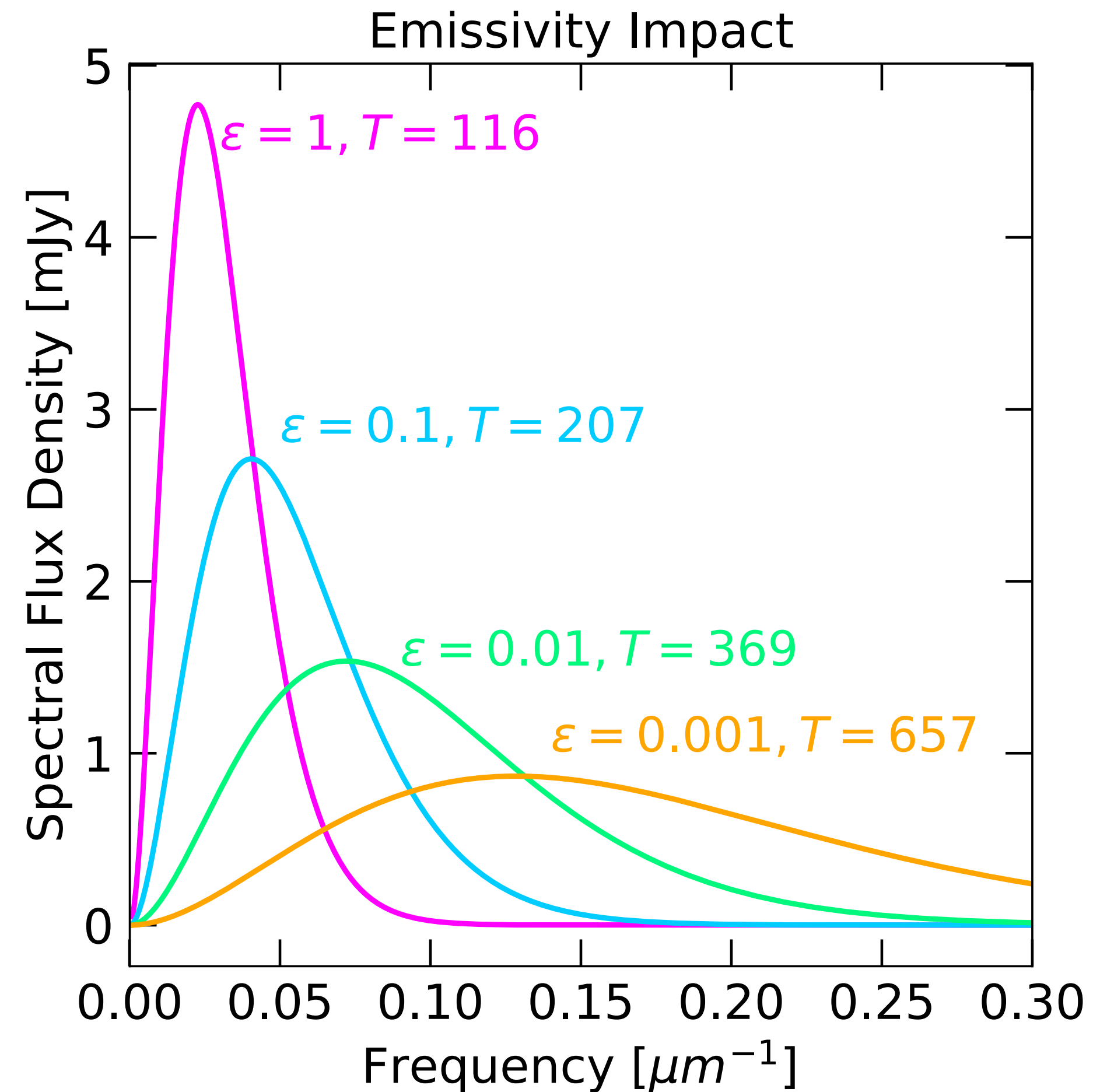
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# Atmospheric Emissivity



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