

# Exoplanets and their dependence on stellar host properties

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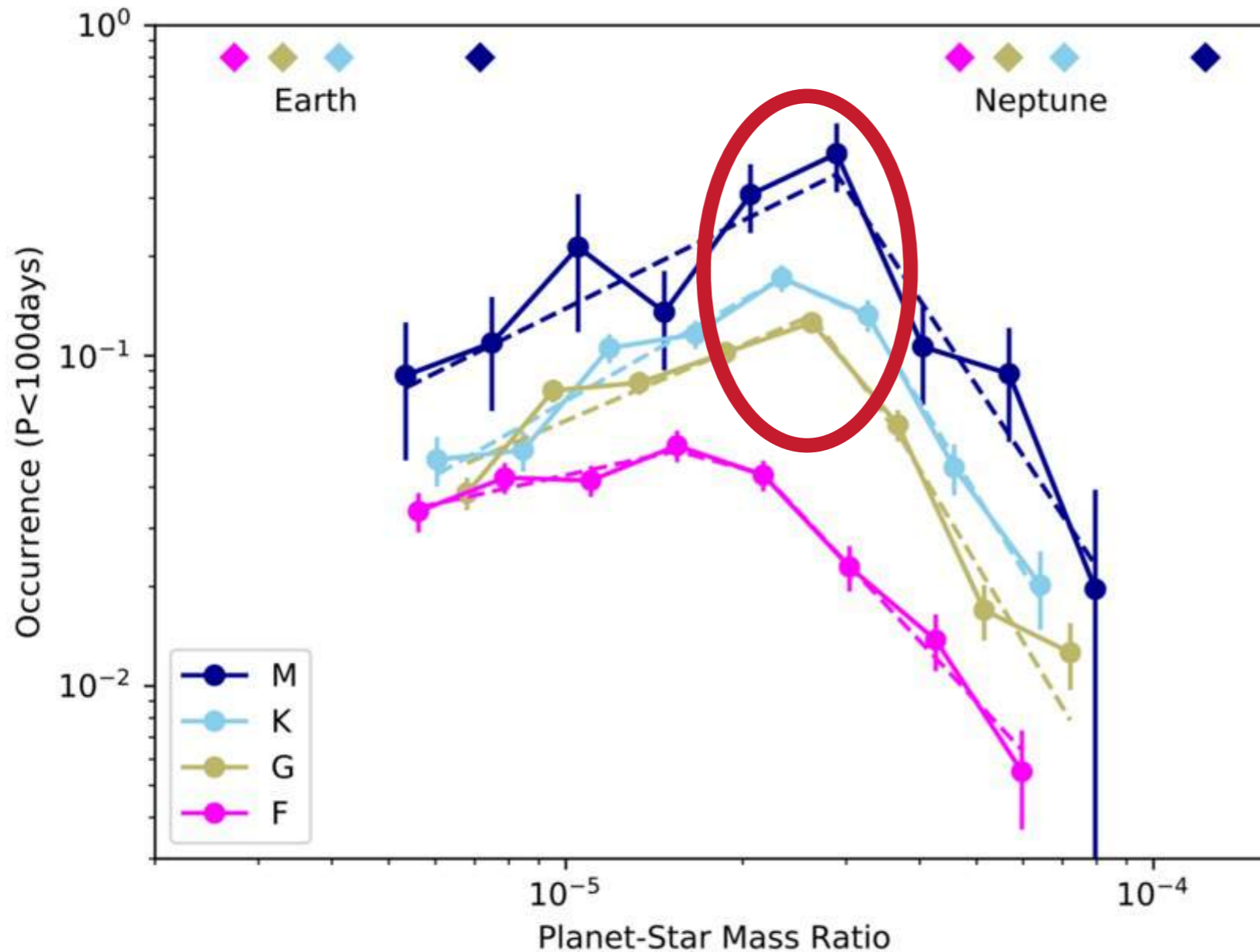
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- 1. Do planets have a characteristic mass, and does it correlate with the mass of the stellar host?**
- 2. How does the occurrence rate of SE and GG populations correlate with stellar properties (mass and metallicity)?**

# Planet mass correlates with stellar mass

- Characteristic mass of Super-Earths **increases linearly** with the mass of their stellar hosts.

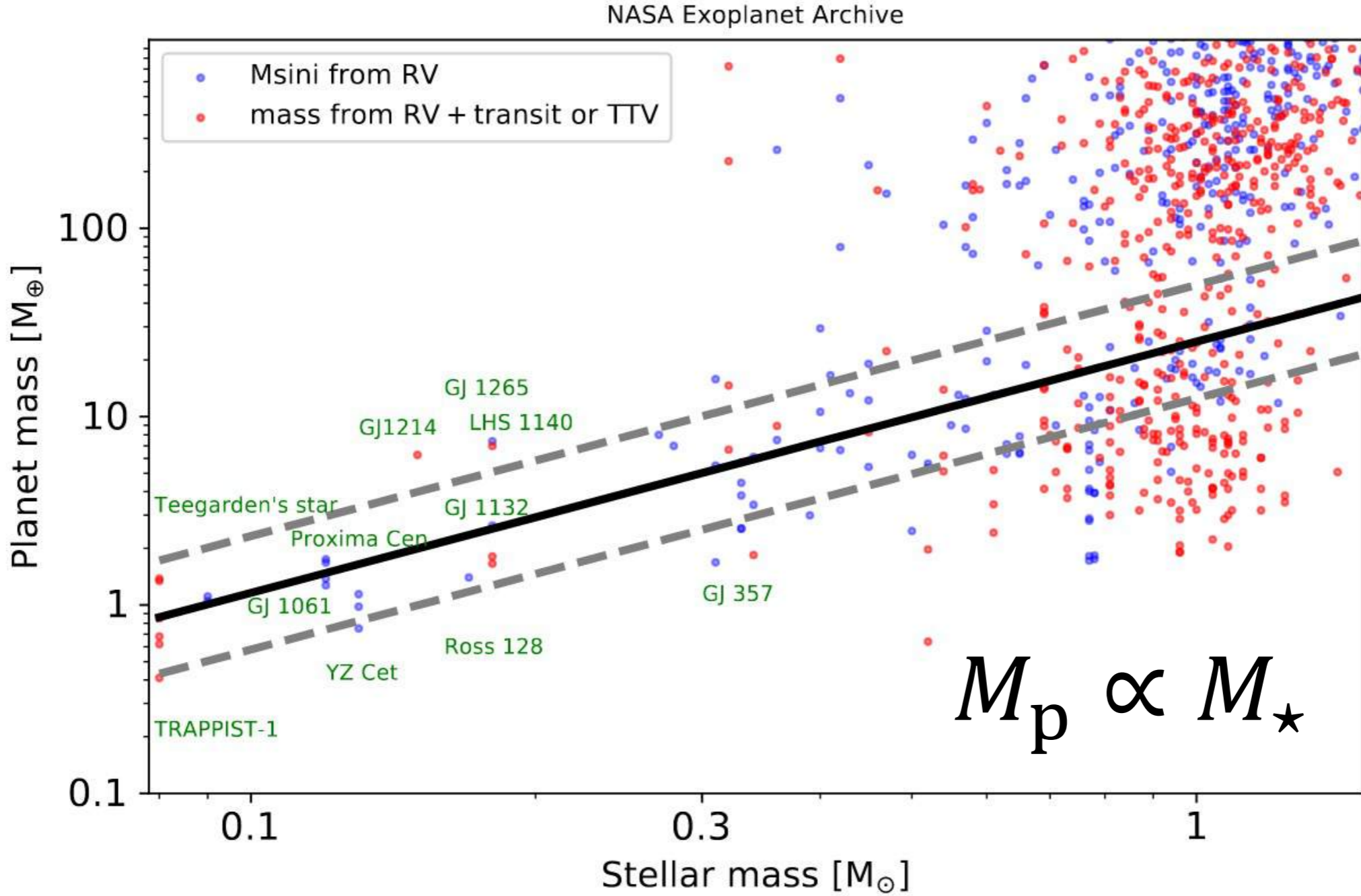


$$M_p / M_\star \approx \text{const}$$

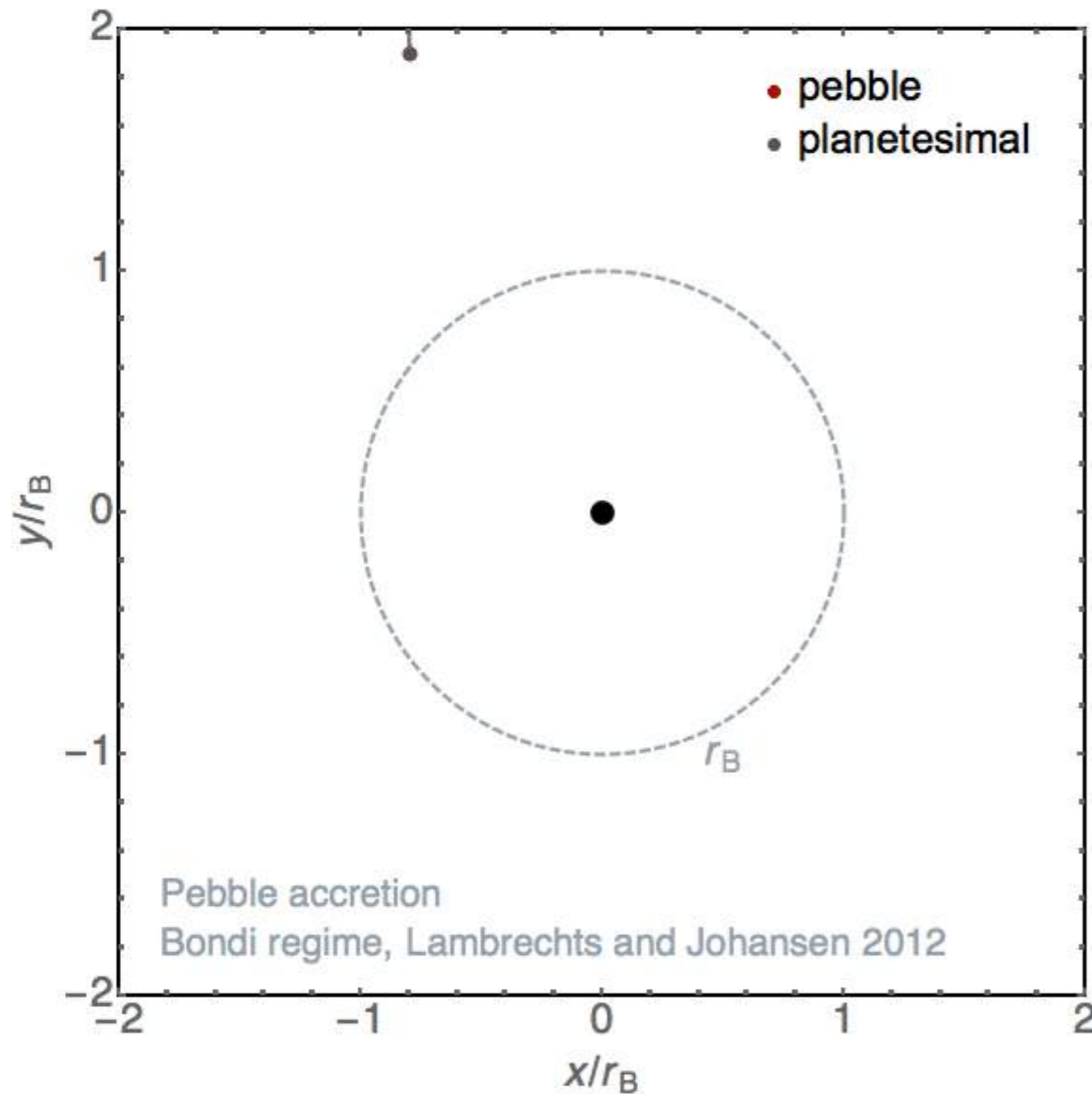


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# Pebble accretion: from planetesimals to planets



mm-cm size pebbles



gravitational force + **gas drag**

Ormel & Klahr 2010,

Lambrechts & Johansen 2012, 2014,

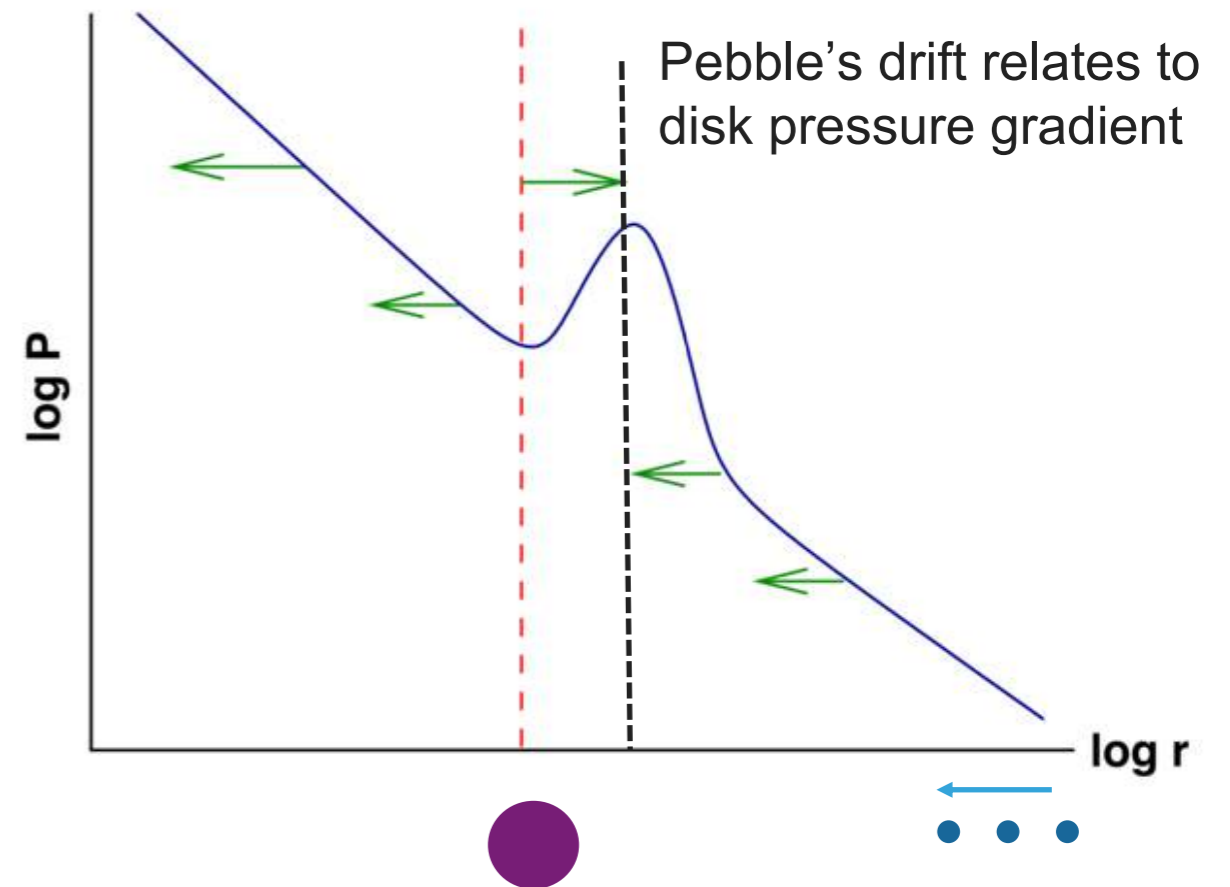
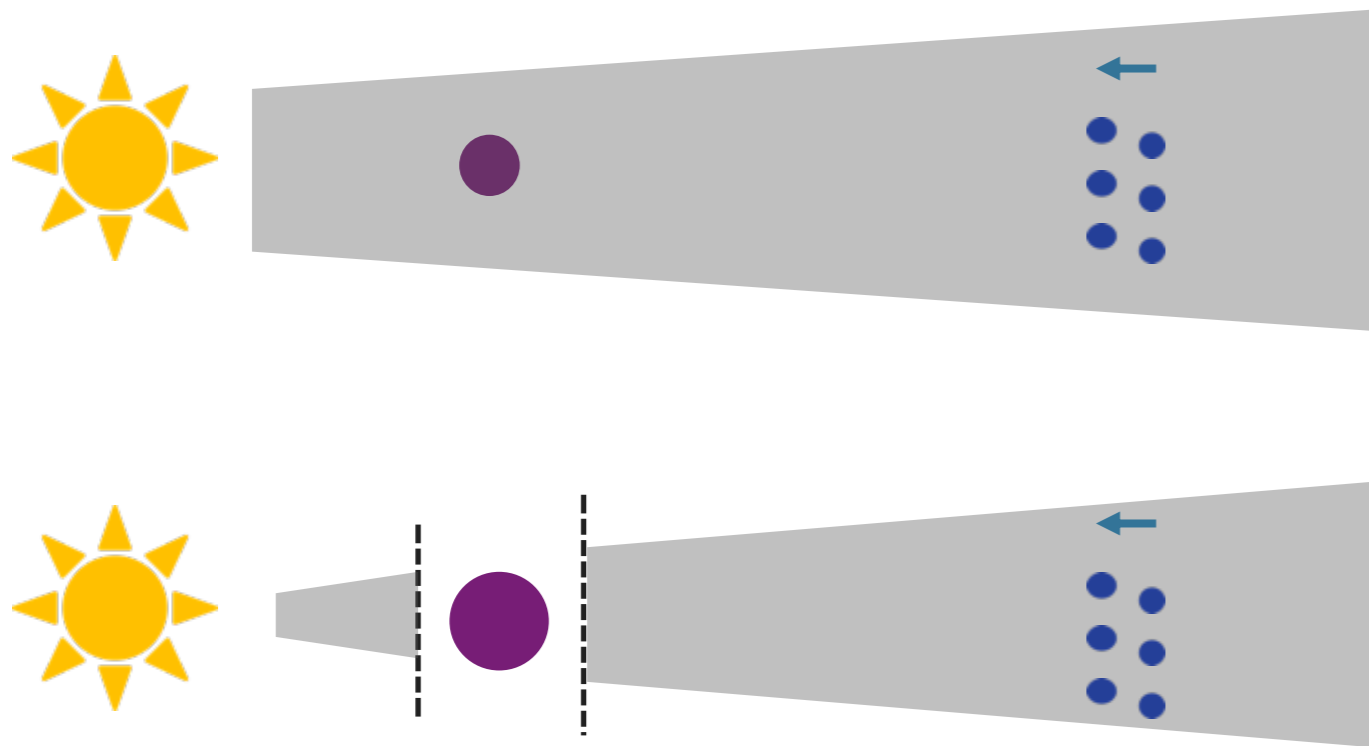
Ida+2016, Ormel & Liu 2018

- large accretion radius  $\sim R_{\text{Hill}}$

- massive pebble disk  $\sim 100 M_{\oplus}$

# Massive planet stops accreting pebbles

## Pebble isolation mass



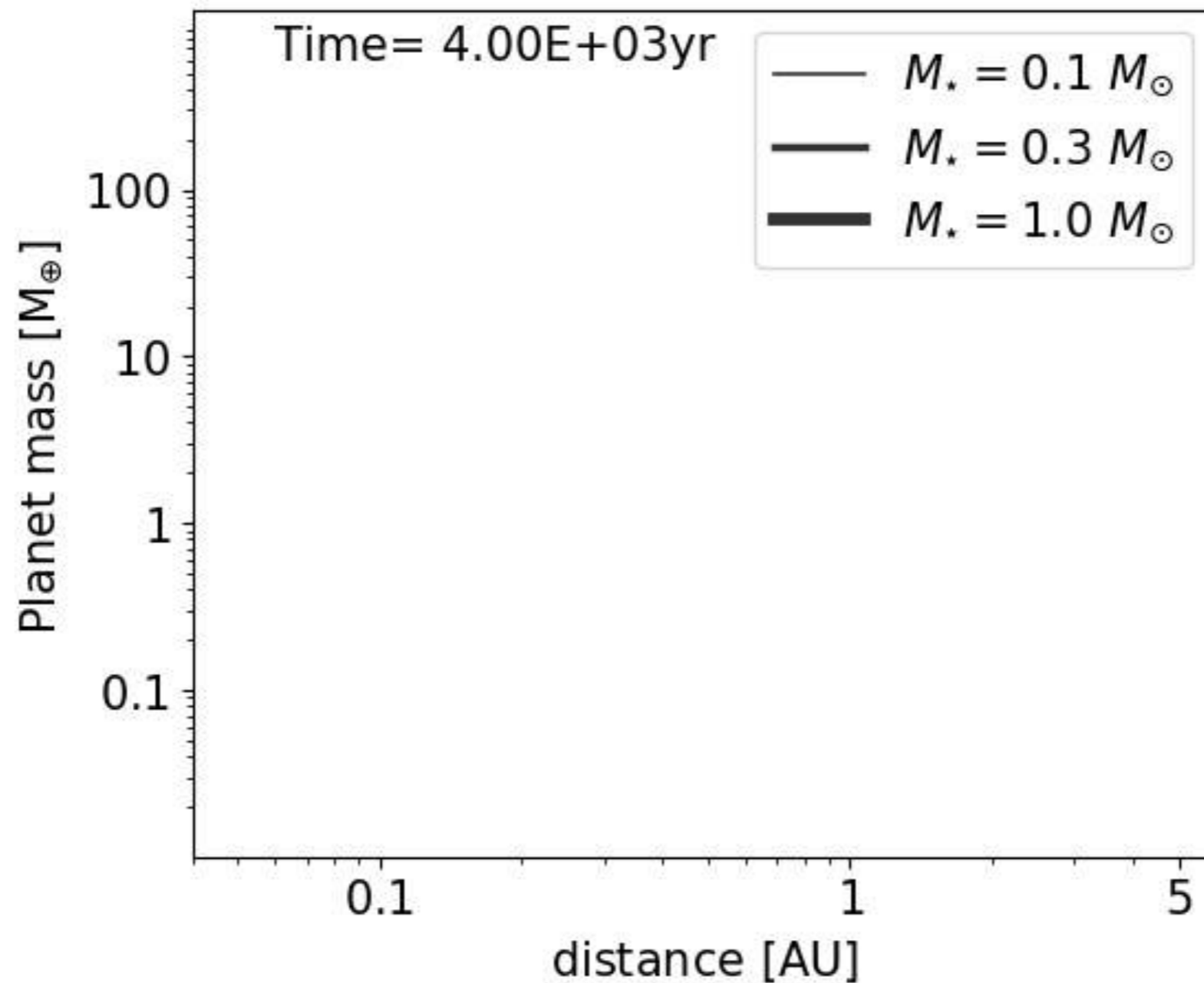
$$M_{\text{iso}} \approx 20M_{\oplus} \left( \frac{h_{\text{gas}}}{0.05} \right)^3 \left( \frac{M_{\star}}{M_{\odot}} \right)$$

$\approx 1M_{\oplus}$  around  $0.1 M_{\odot}$  star

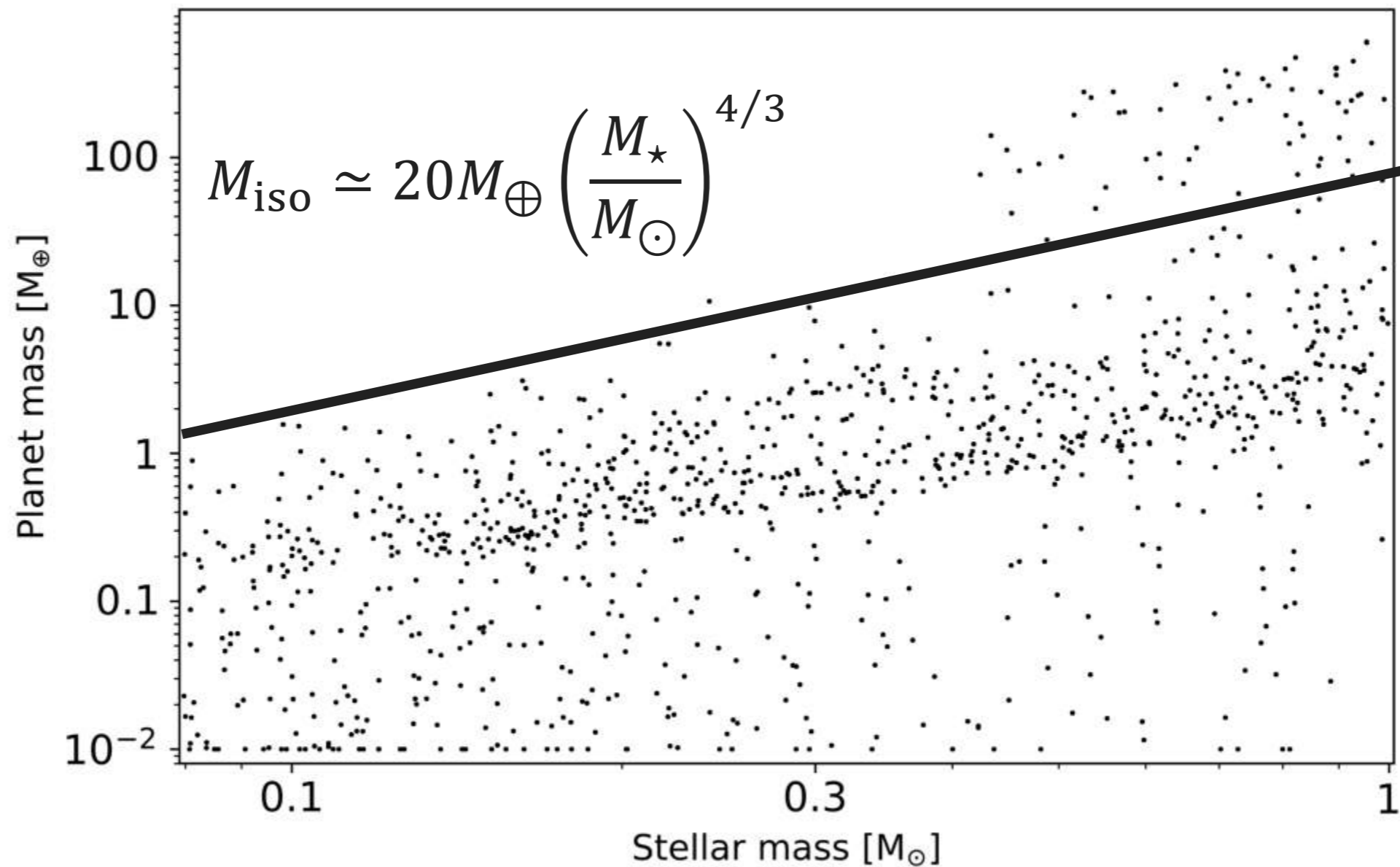
$\approx 10 - 20 M_{\oplus}$  around  $1 M_{\odot}$  star

# Smaller planets around lower-mass stars

- form at the water snow line



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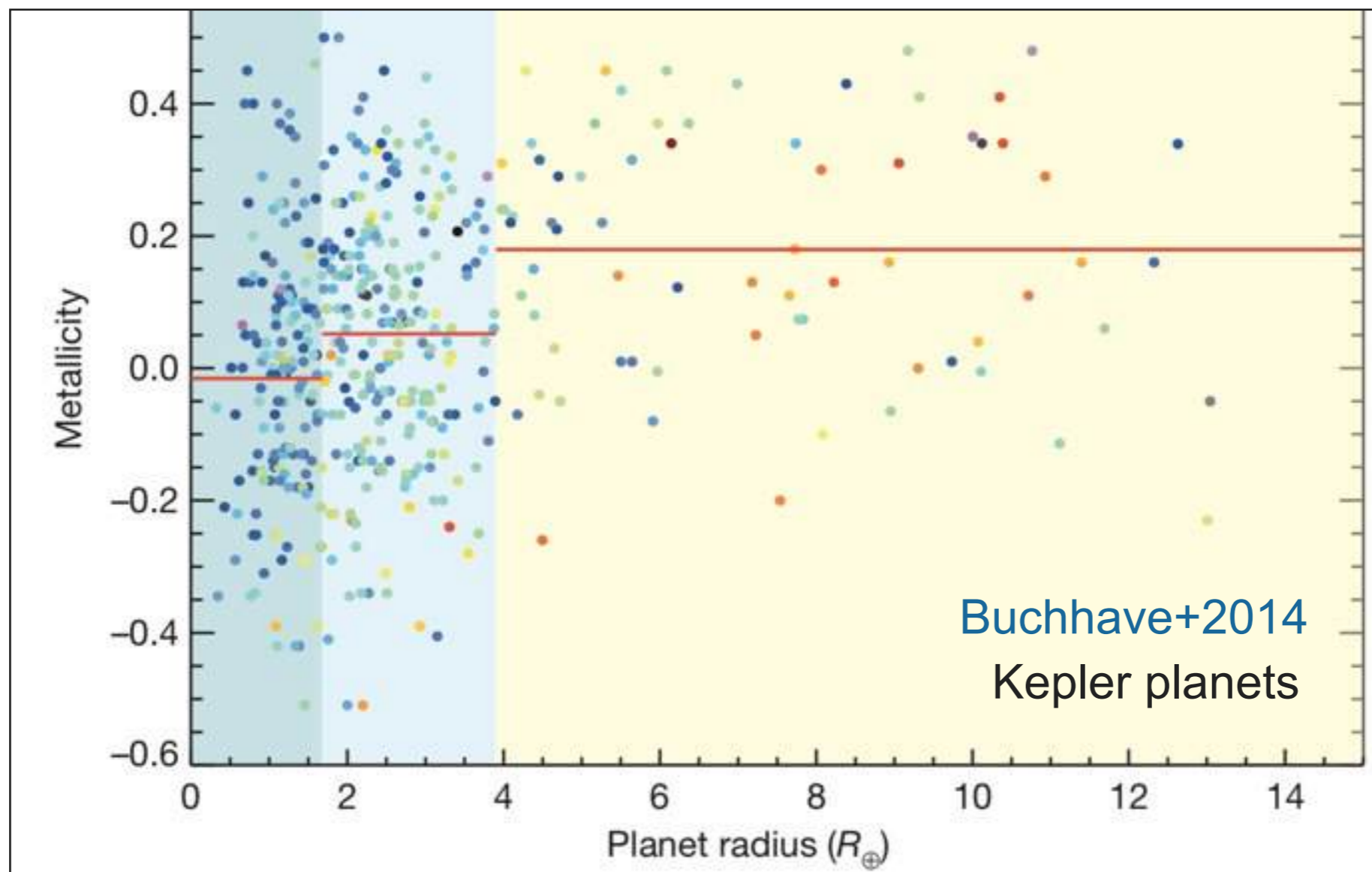


Liu, Lambrechts & Johansen+2019, Liu & Ji 2020

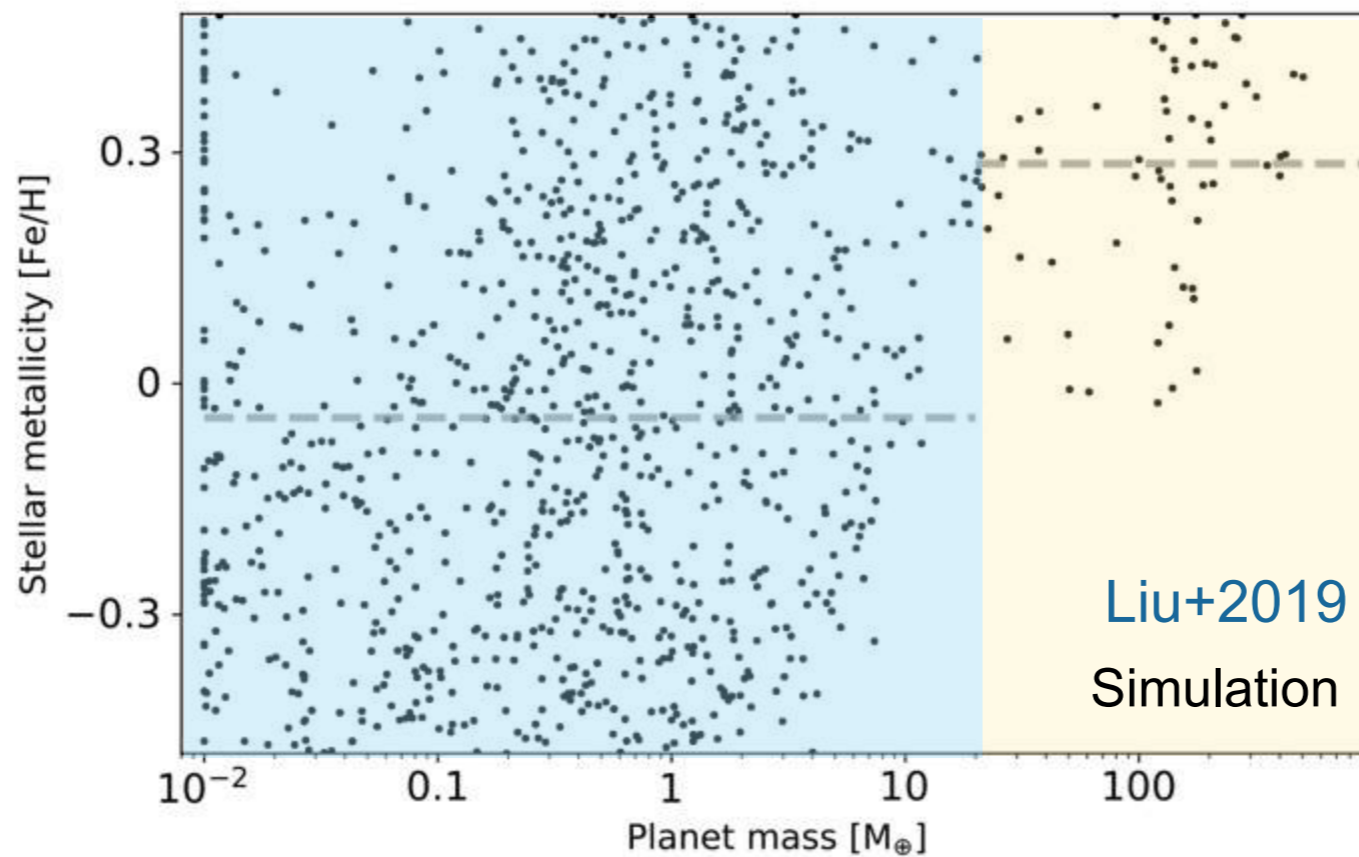
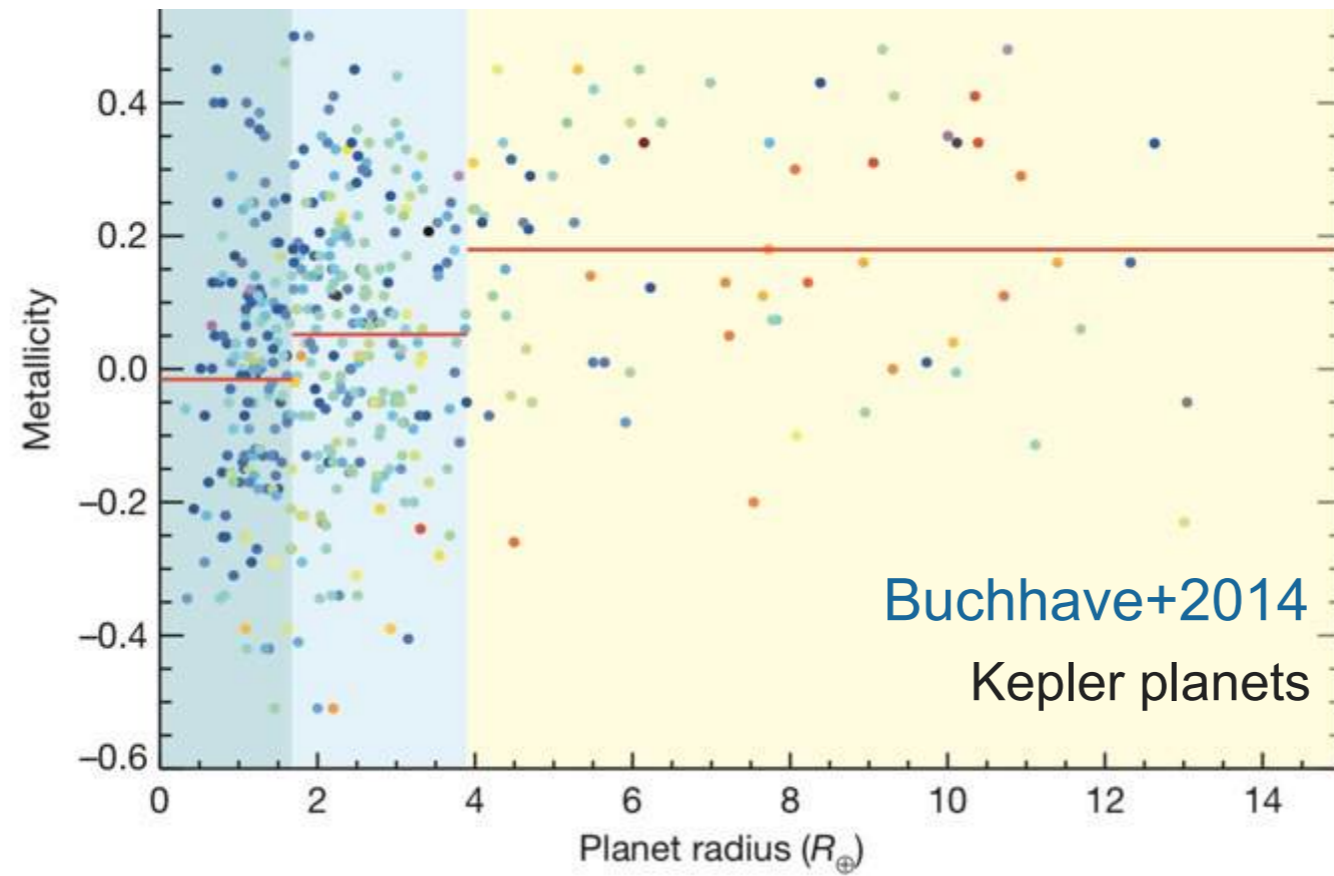
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# SEs and GGs have distinct stellar metallicity dependencies

- Gas giant occurrence **strongly correlates** with stellar metallicity;  
[Santos+2004](#), [Fischer & Valenti2005](#)
- Super-Earth exhibit **weak** or **no-correlation** with stellar metallicity.  
[Sousa+2008](#), [Mayor+2011](#), [Schlaufman+2015](#), [Petigura+2018](#)

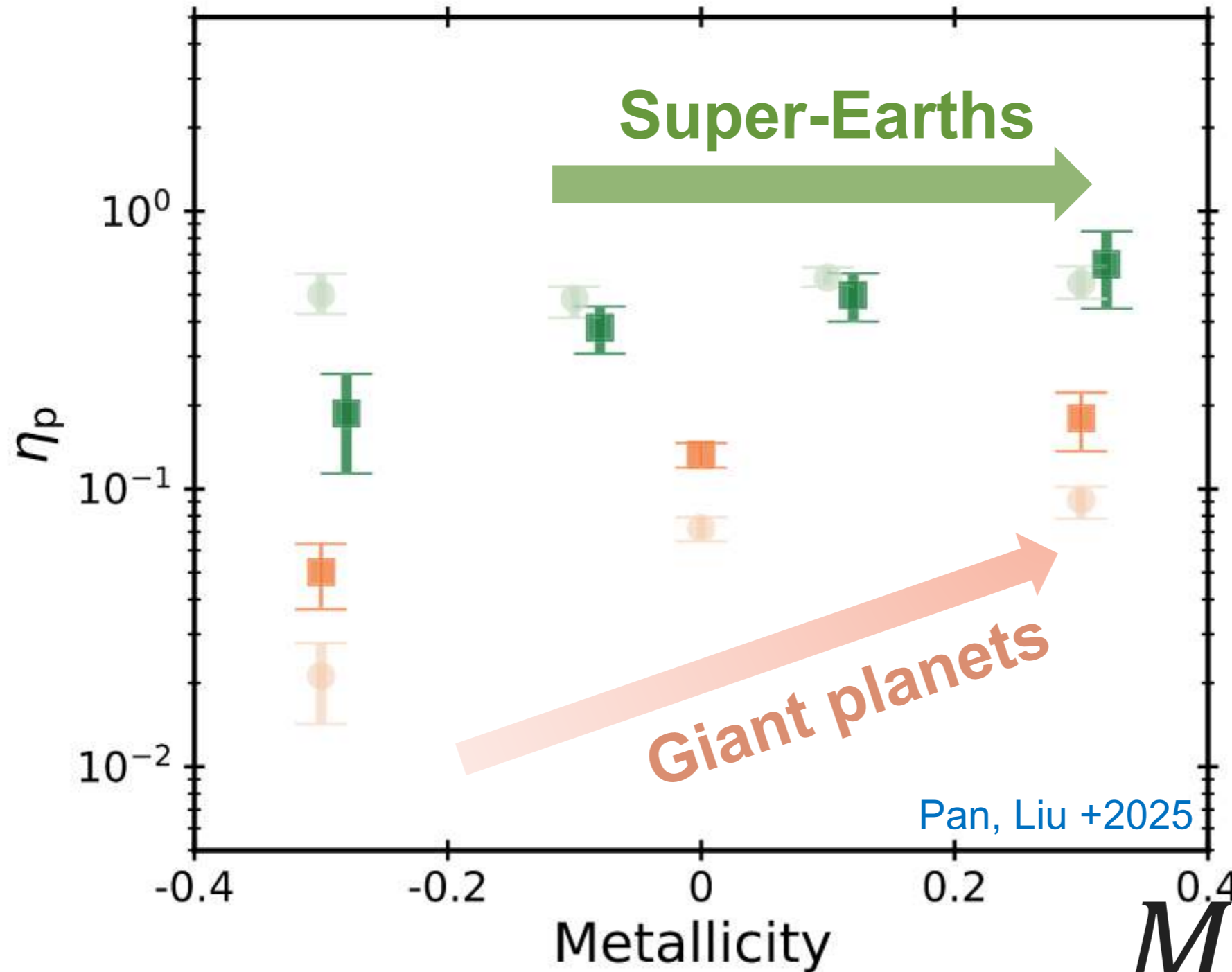


# Pebble isolation mass has no metallicity dependence



$$M_{\text{iso}} \not\propto Z_{\star}$$

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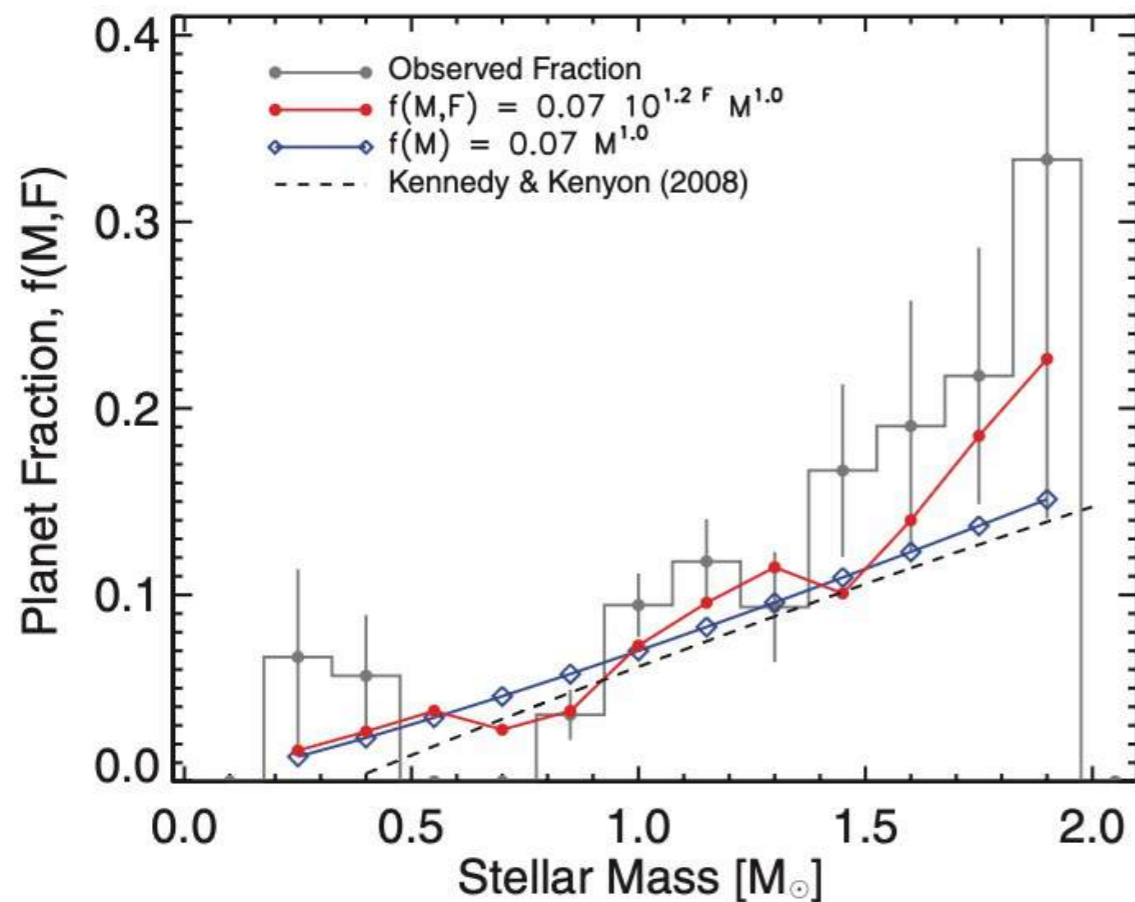


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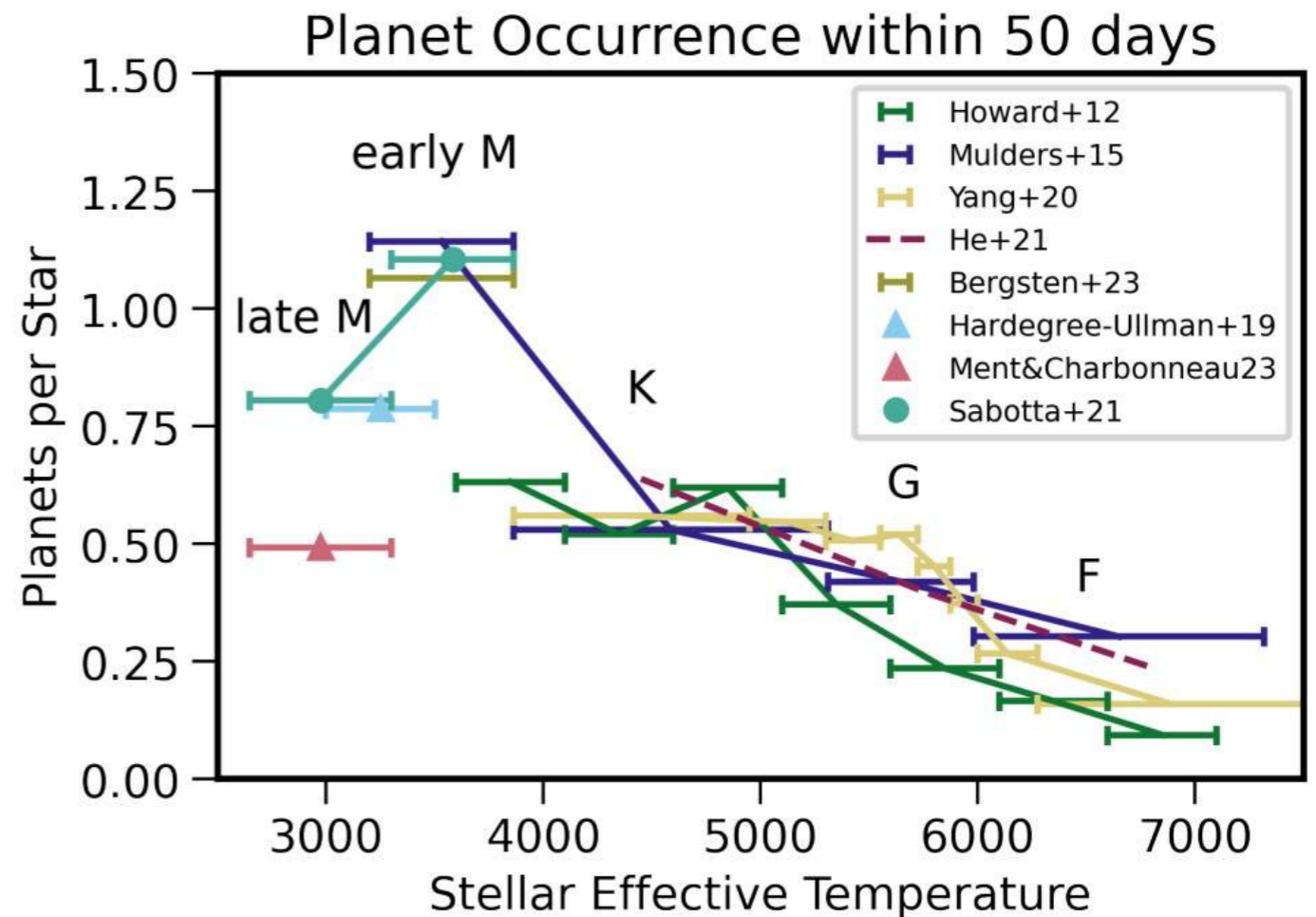
- Giant planet increases with stellar mass.

Johnson+2007,2010, Fulton+2021



- Super Earth peaks at early M-dwarf.

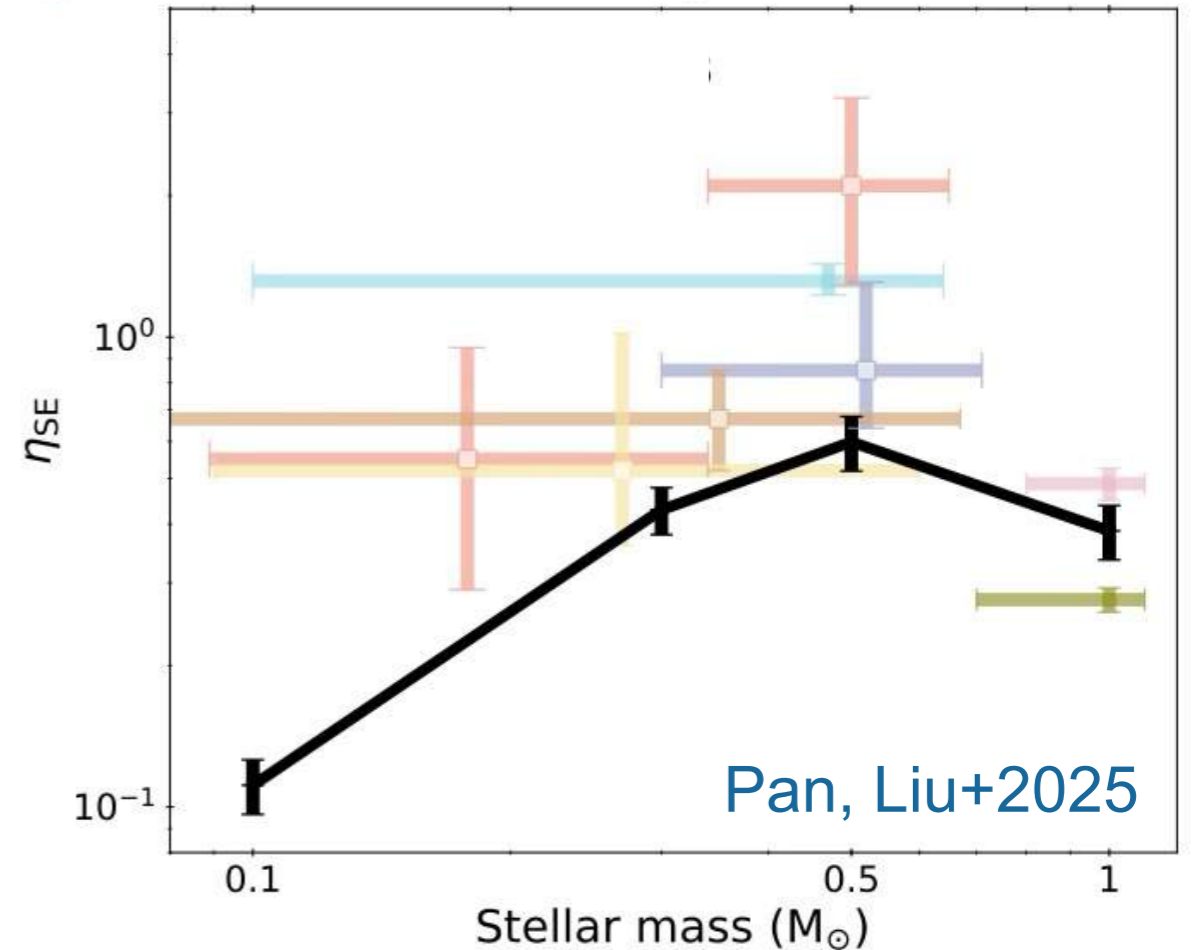
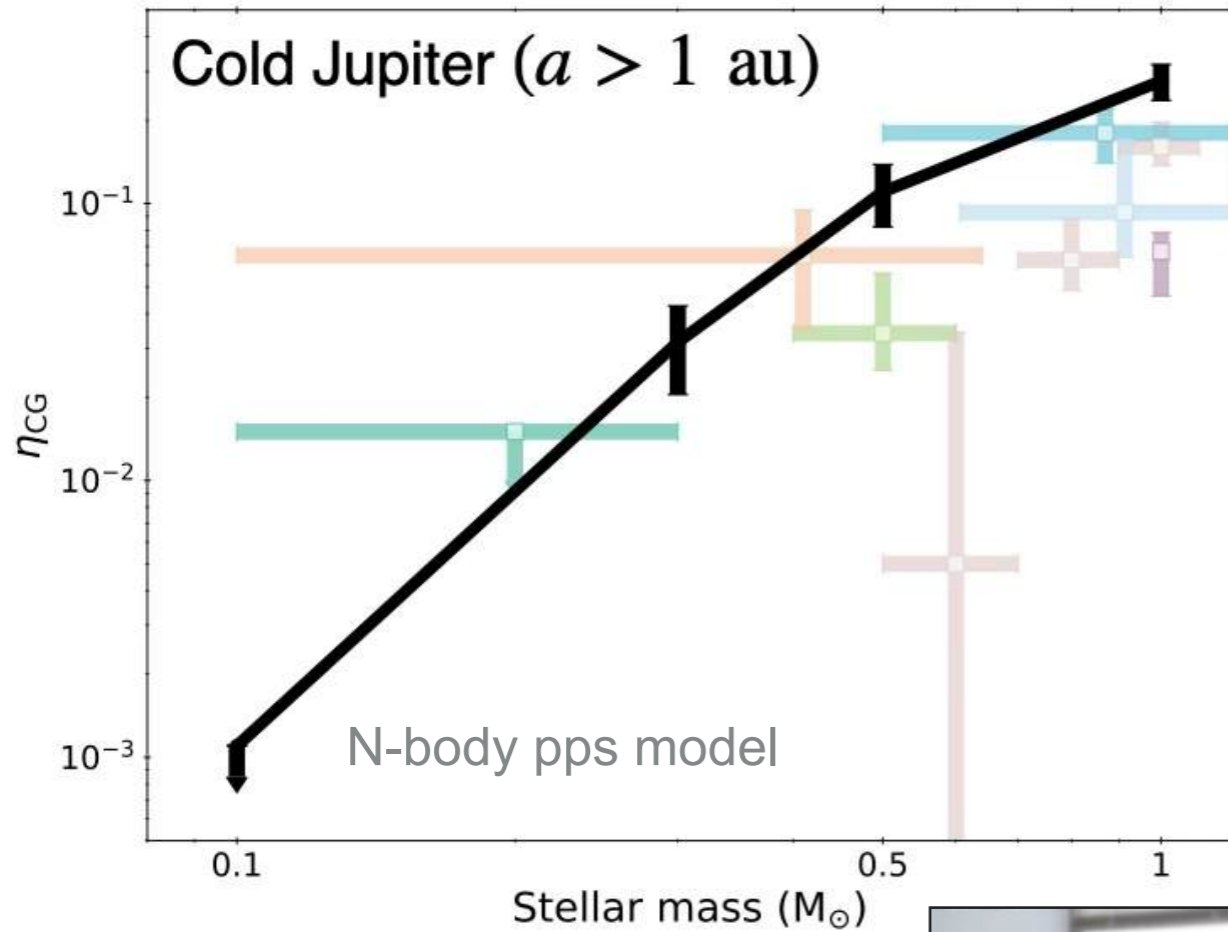
Howard+2012,Dressing+2015,Mulders+2015, Yang+2020, Sabotta+2021



also see Burn+2021, Chachan & Lee2023

# Small planets peak at early M-dwarfs

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|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Johnson et al. 2010 ( $> 0.3 M_J$ , $< 2.5$ au)  | Hirsch et al. 2021 ( $0.1-10 M_J$ , 1-10 au) | Dressing & Charbonneau 2015 | Bonfils et al. 2013               |
| Montet et al. 2014 ( $1-13 M_J$ , 0-20 au)       | Bonomo et al. 2023 ( $0.3-13 M_J$ , 1-10 au) | Pinamonti et al. 2022       | Mulders et al. 2015 (10-85 d)     |
| Wittenmyer et al. 2020 ( $> 0.3 M_J$ , $> 1$ au) | Pass et al. 2023 ( $> 1 M_J$ )               | Sabotta et al. 2021         | Kunimoto et al. 2020 (6.25-100 d) |
| Fulton et al. 2021 ( $> 0.3 M_J$ , 1-5 au)       | This work                                    | Ribas et al. 2023           | This work                         |



- disk mass



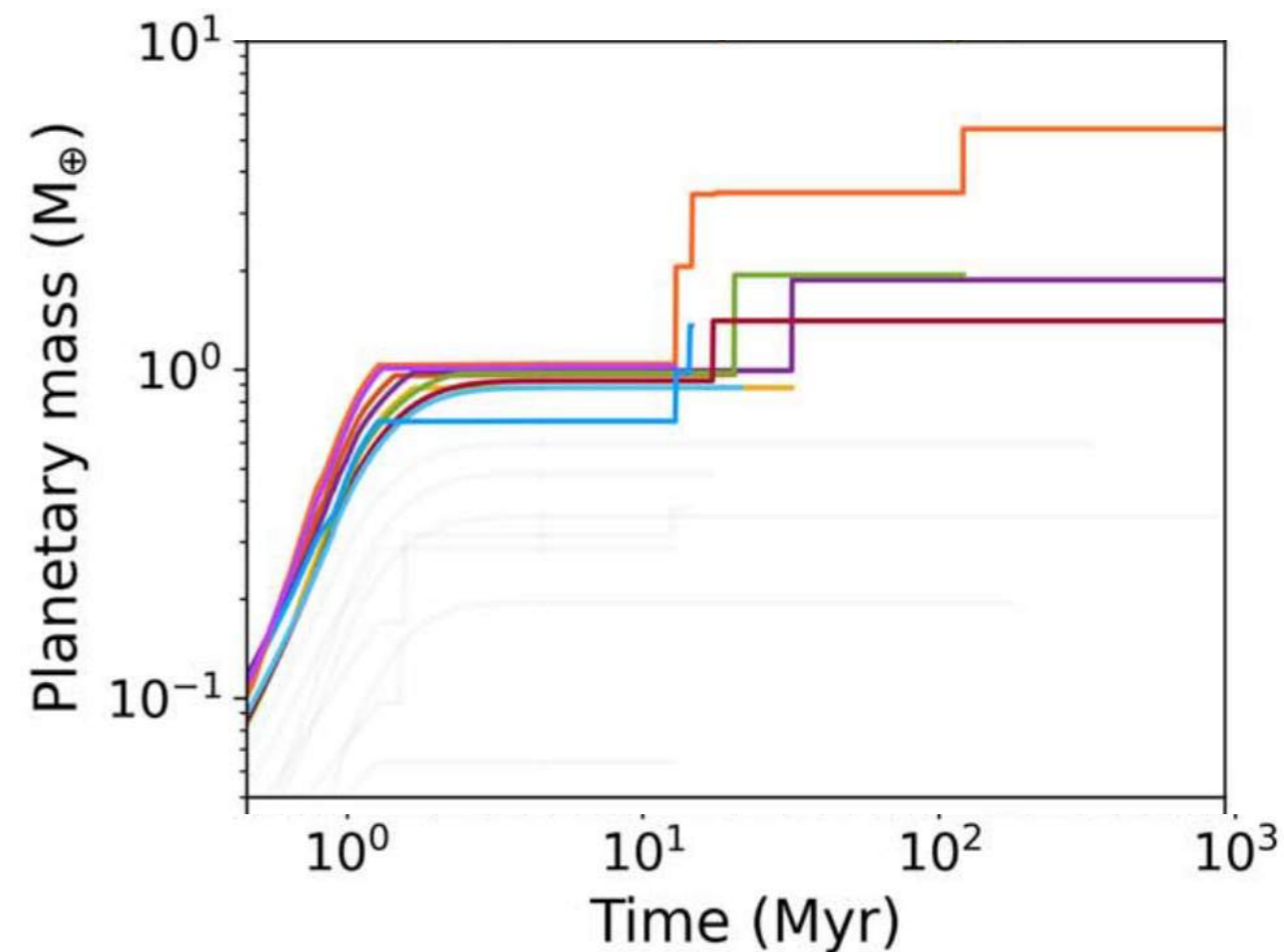
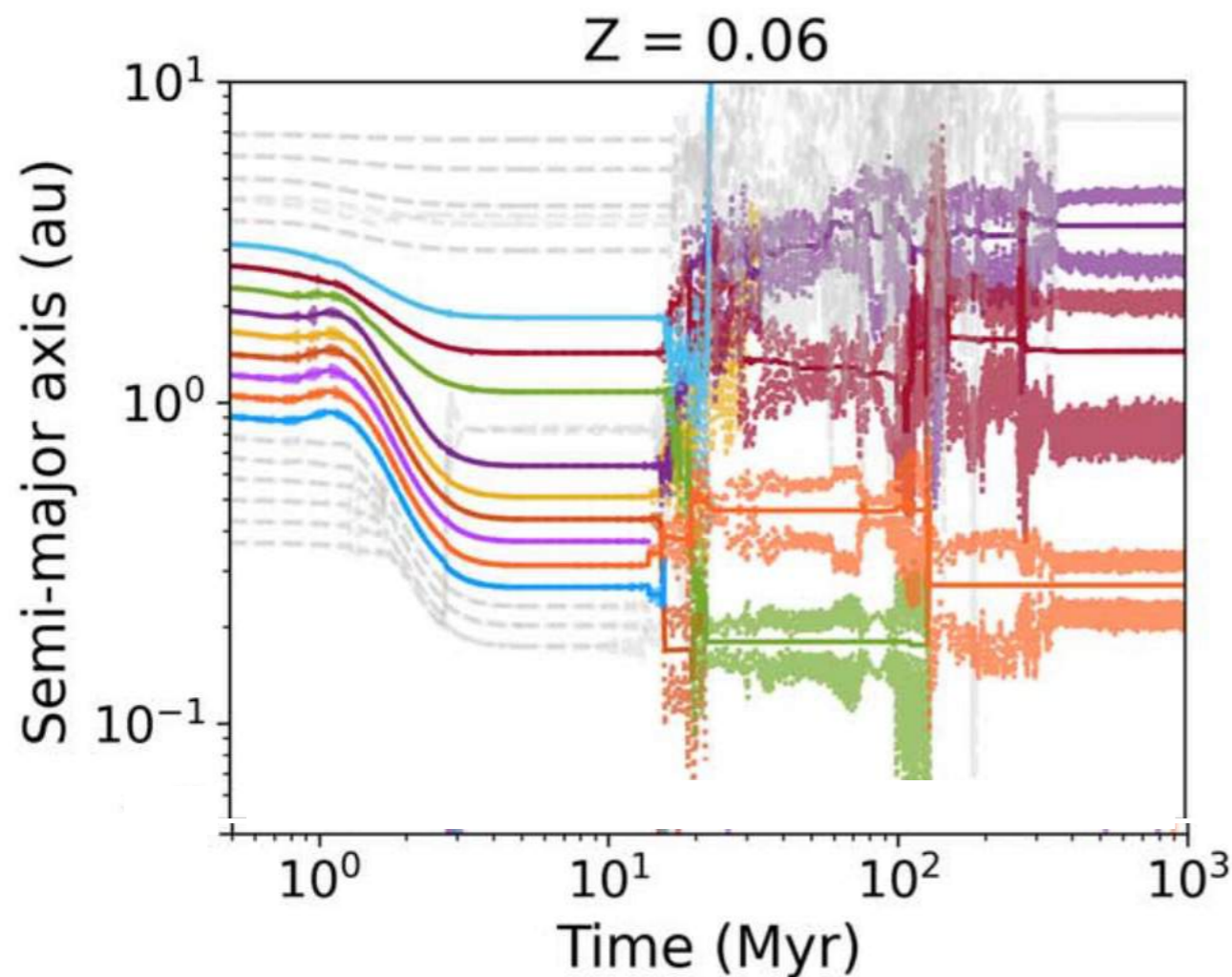
Pan Mengrui (postdoc @ Rice)

- disk mass
- disk size
- accretion efficiency
- giant planet influence



# Dynamical hotter systems around metal-rich stars

- Single-transiting systems have high ecc of 0.3, while multi-transiting systems are nearly circular. [Xie+2016](#), [Van Eylen+2019](#)
- Planets with higher ecc/inc around more metal-rich stars. [Santos+2003](#), [Dawson+2013](#), [Mills+2019](#), [An+2023](#), [Hua+2025](#)





# Conclusion

- The core mass of super Earth is set by **pebble isolation mass**, **scaling linearly** with the mass of the stellar host.
- Gas giant formation **strong correlates with** stellar metallicity/mass.
- The occurrence of super-Earths weakly depends on stellar metallicity, while it **peaks at early M-dwarfs** and declines towards stars of both higher and lower masses.

