

# Protoplanetary Discs

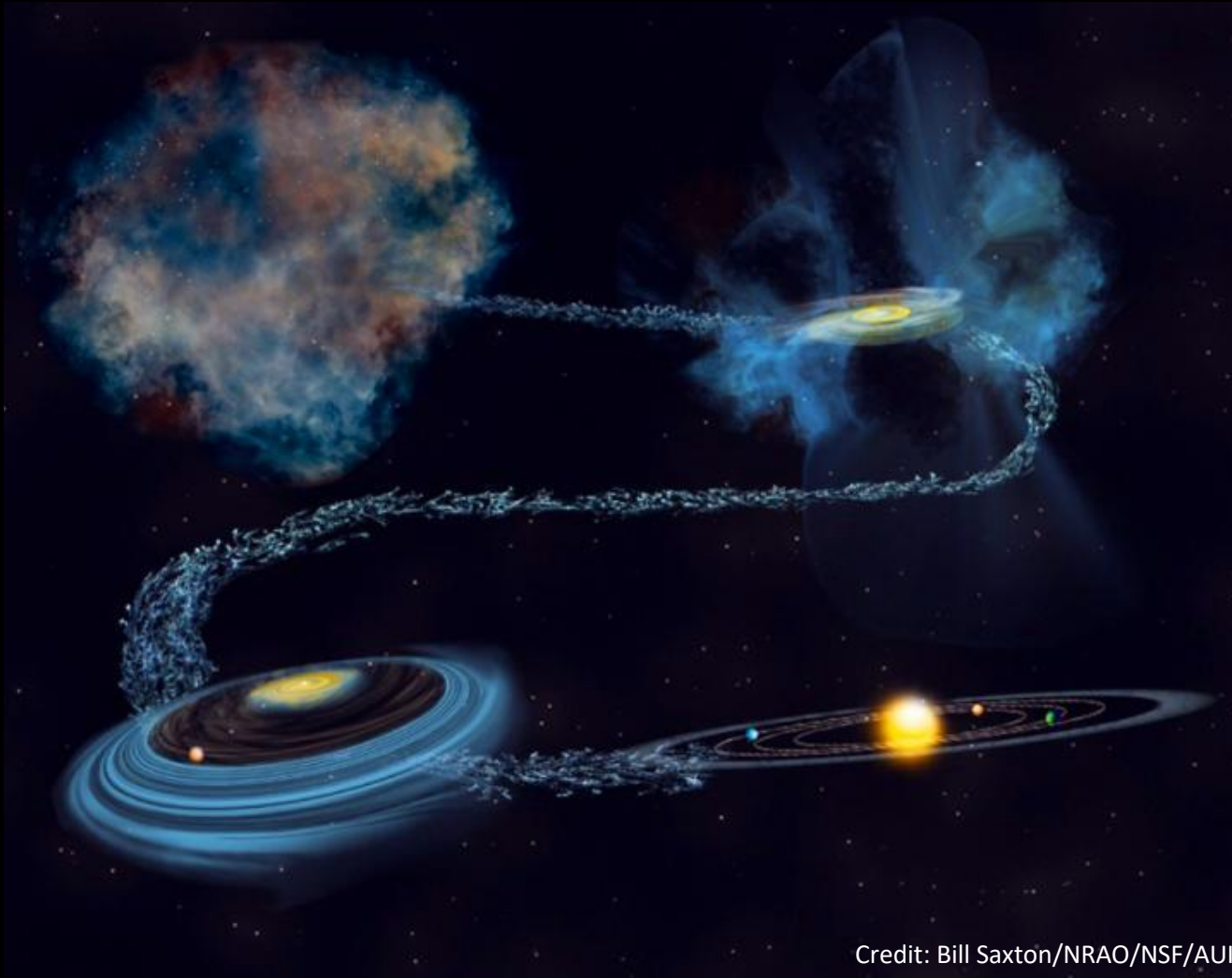
## Overview

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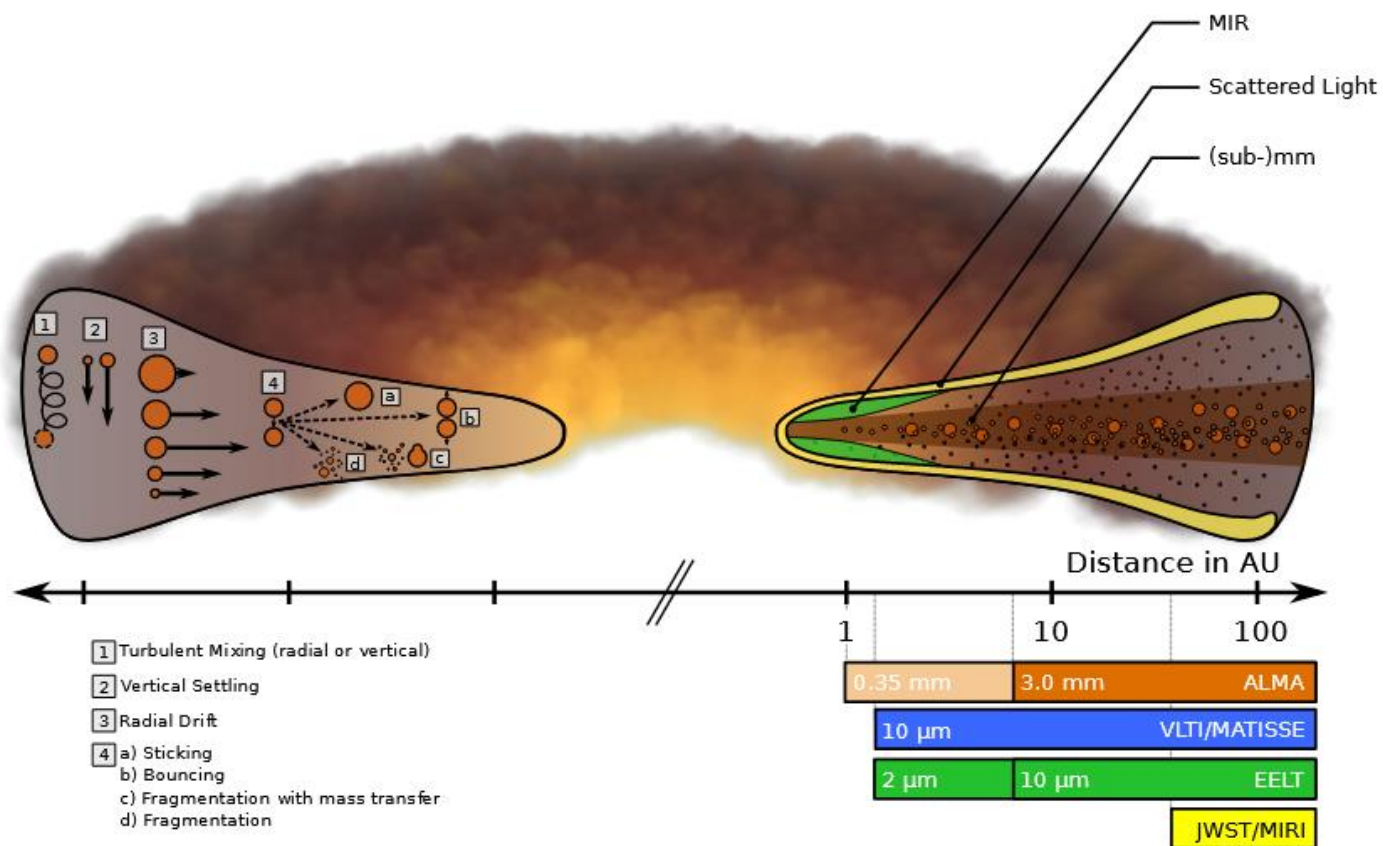
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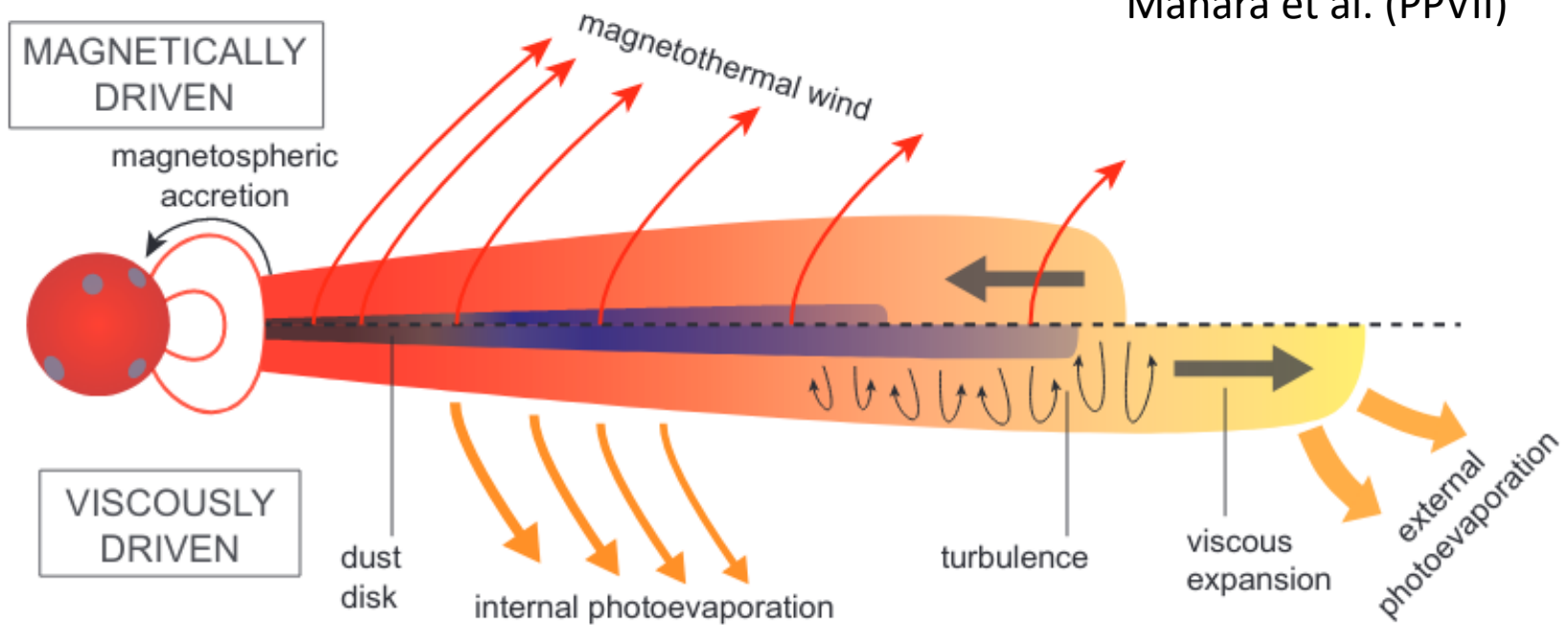
# Structure of a Protoplanetary Disc



Testi et al. (2014)

# Gas Evolution: Turbulent viscosity or Winds?

Manara et al. (PPVII)





# Gas Evolution: Viscosity...

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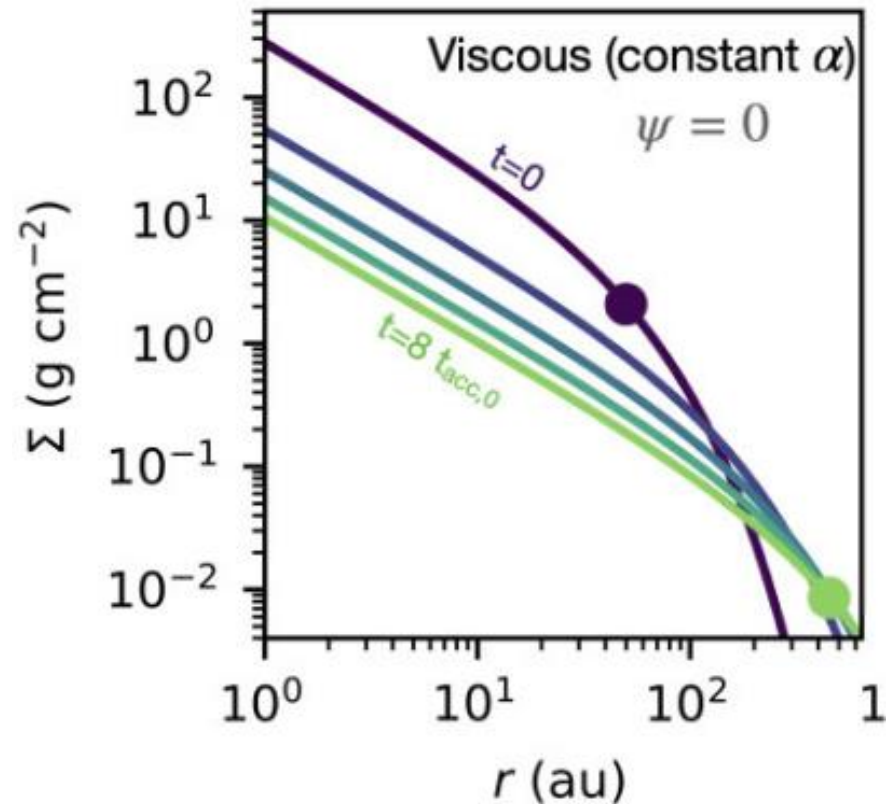
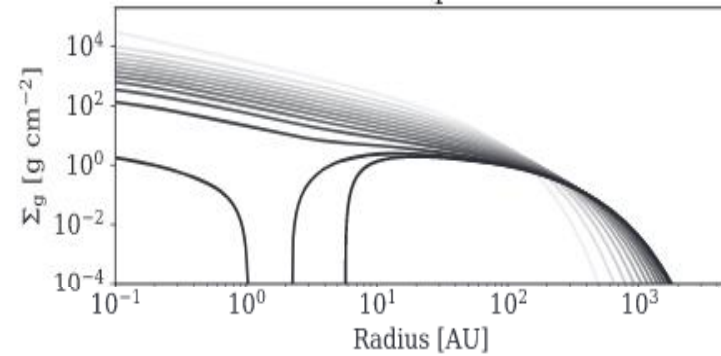


Fig Credit: Tabone+ (2022)

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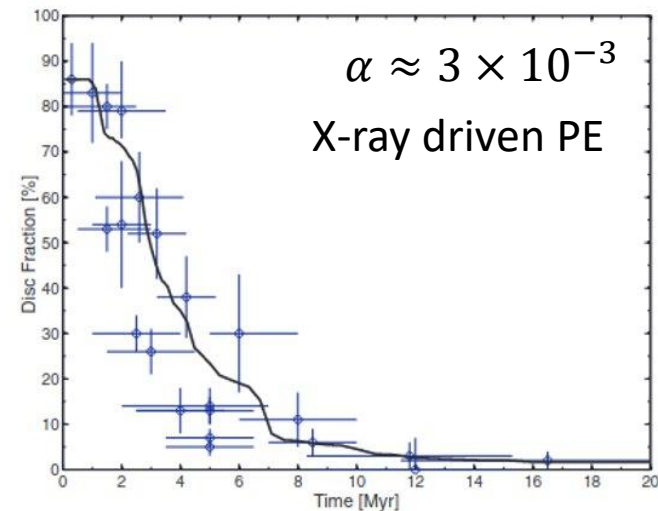
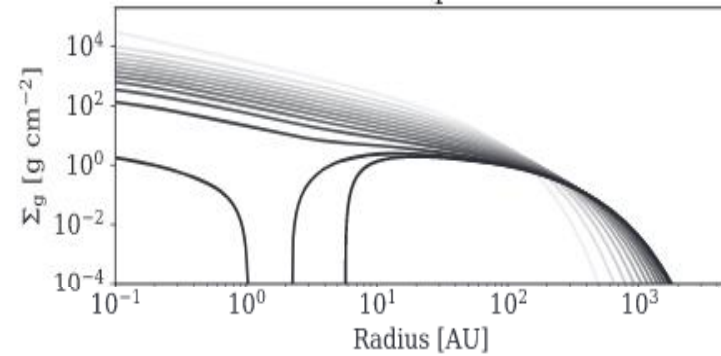


Owen et al. (2011)

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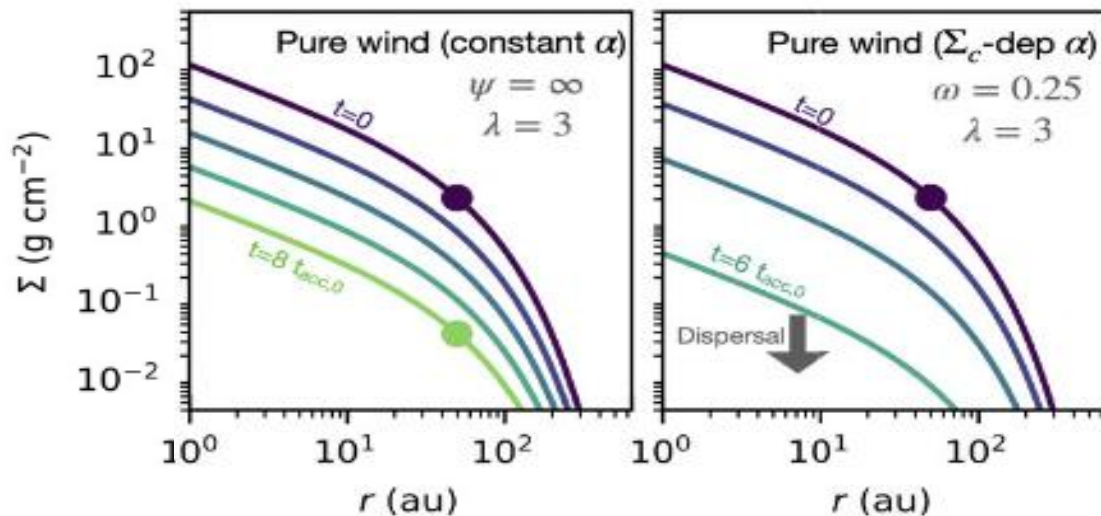
**Reproduces disc lifetimes**



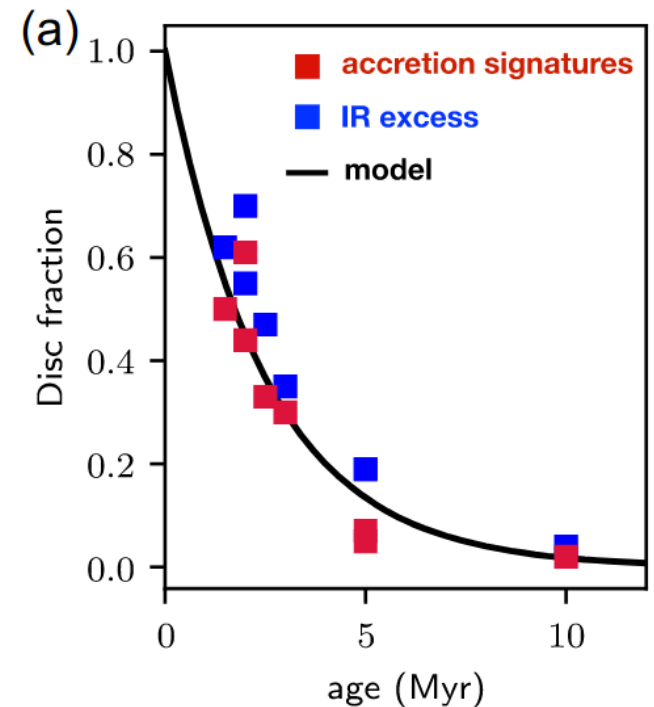
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# Gas Evolution: Wind-driven evolution

- Evolution depends on how the magnetic field evolves



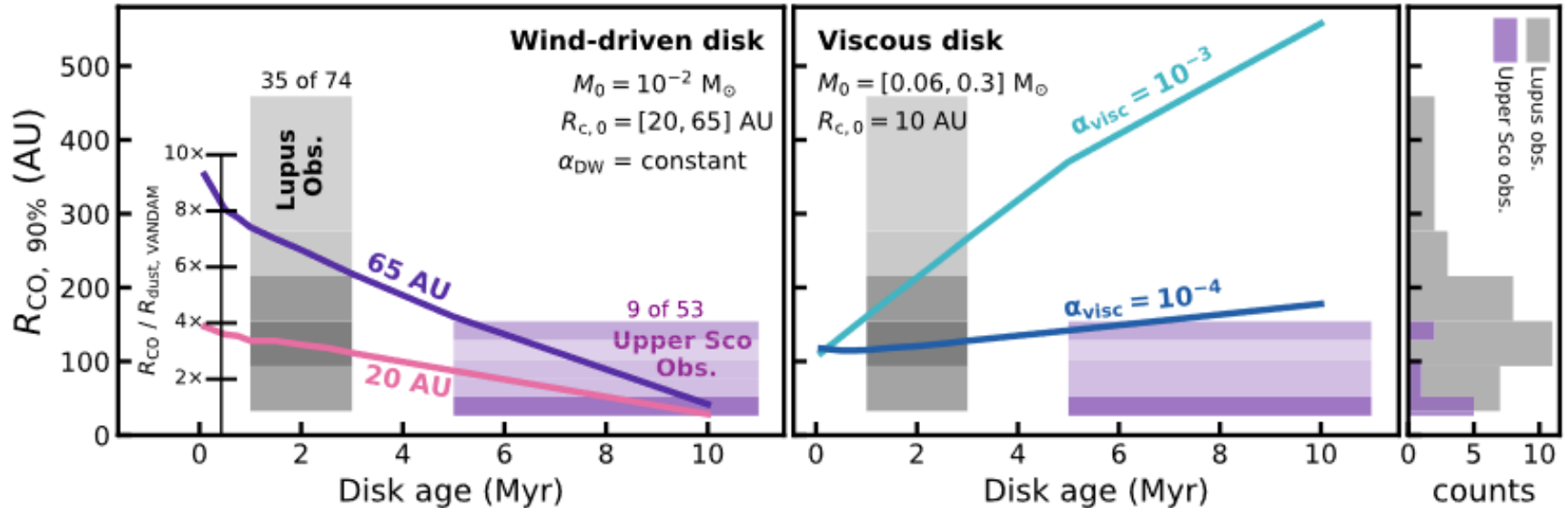
Purely wind driven models  
 can also match disc lifetimes



Tabone et al. (2022); Data from Fedele+ (2010)



# Disc Sizes: A distinguishing factor?



- Expansion of viscous discs is problematic
  - Discs have low viscosity?
- Wind driven discs are a better match

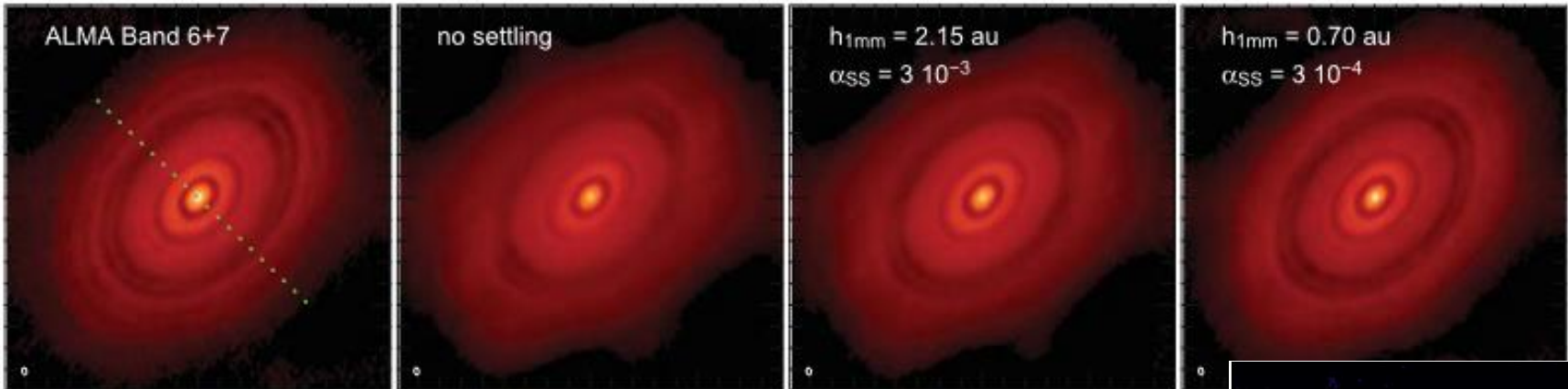
**BUT:**

**U. Sco has a stronger radiation field.**

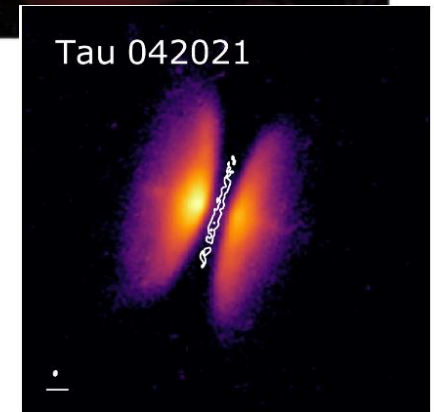
**Are the discs affected by external photoevaporation?**

Trapman et al. (2022)

# How turbulent are discs?



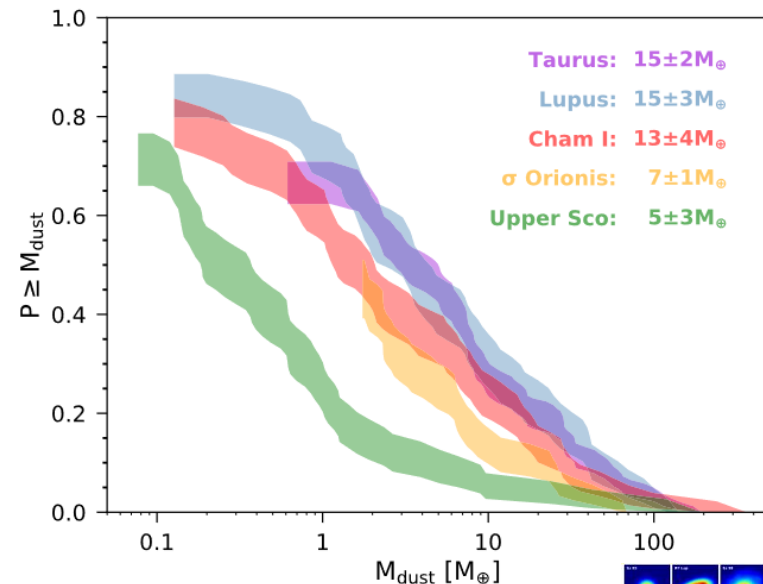
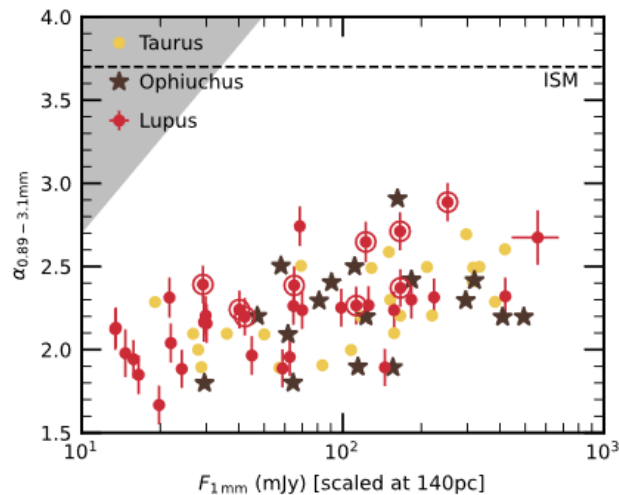
- Dust settling can be constrained via emission geometry
  - Favours weak turbulence ( $\alpha \sim 10^{-4}$ )
- Width of dust rings produces similar constraints
- CO lines in the sub-mm constrain turbulence in the upper layers of discs
- See nice review **Rosotti (2023)** for more constraints



Pinte et al. (2016); Pizzati et al. (2023); Dullemond et al. (2020); Villenave et al. (2020)

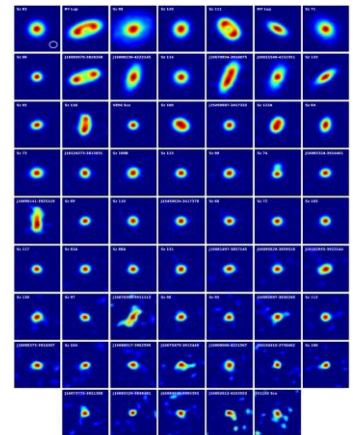
# Dust mass evolution

- Protoplanetary disc masses are well characterized by ALMA continuum observations
- Most discs are much smaller / less massive than the big, well-studied discs



Spectral index measurements point to  $\sim$ mm sized grains

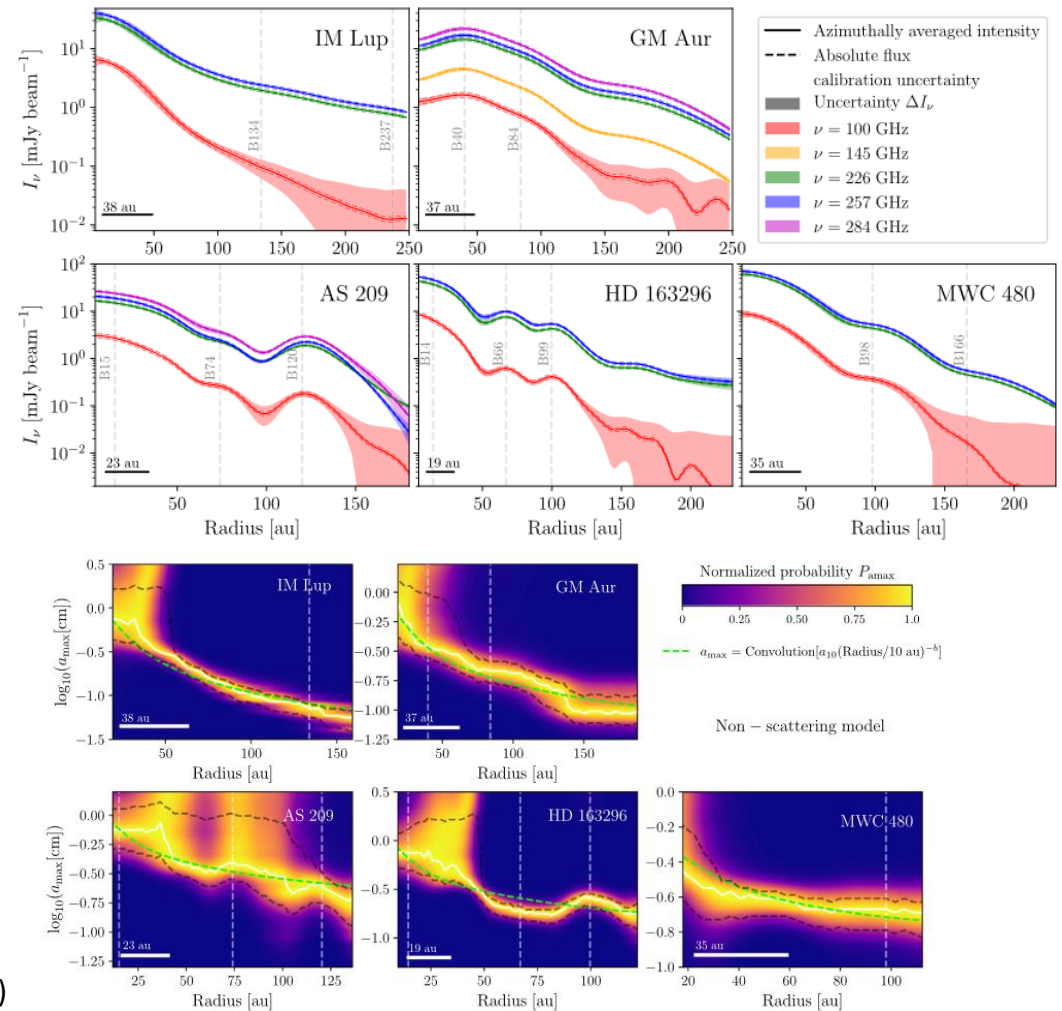
Andsell et al. (2016;2017;2020);  
Barefeld et al. (2016); Williams et al. (2019);  
Ricci et al. (2010); Tazzari et al. (2021)



# Constraints from resolved observations

Good need high-angular resolution, multi-wavelength observations:

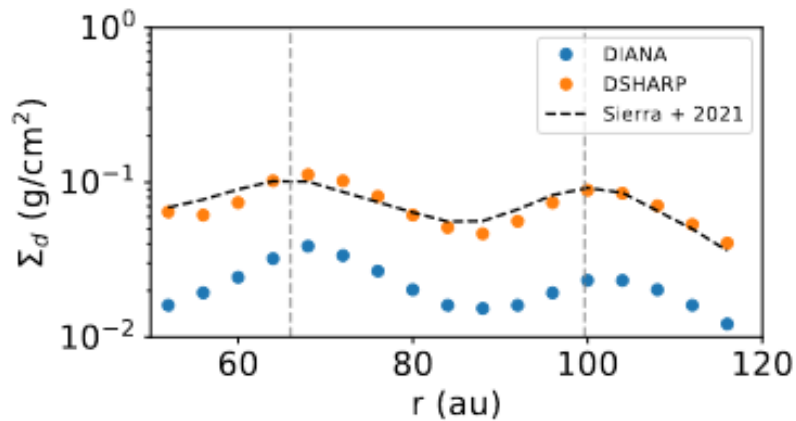
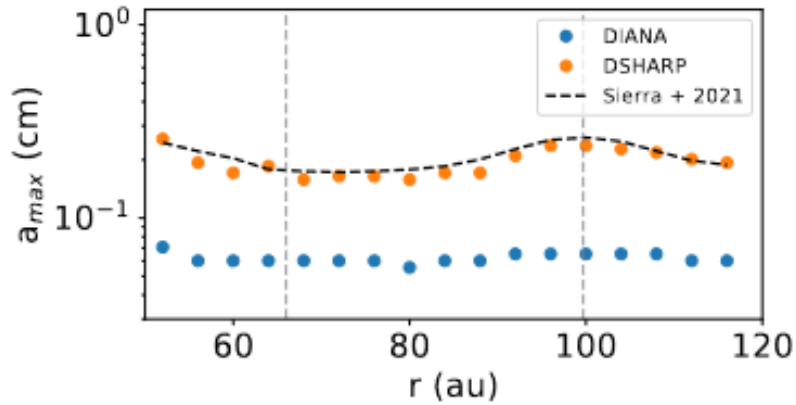
- Long wavelengths (optically thin) constrain grain sizes
- Short wavelengths (optically thick) constrain temperatures
- Must account for high optical depths and scattering



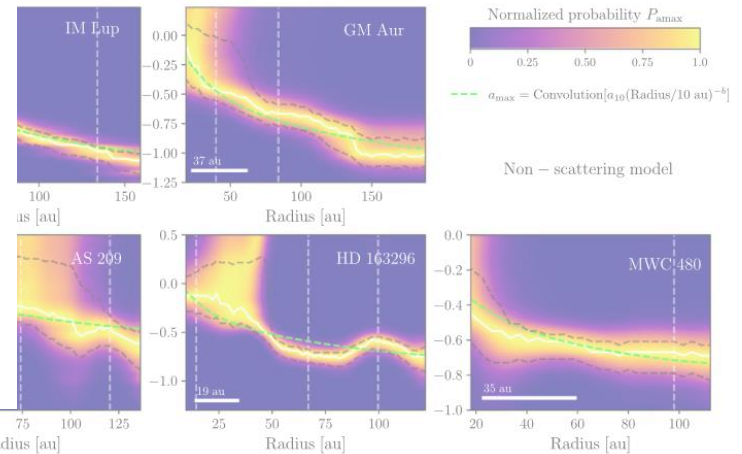
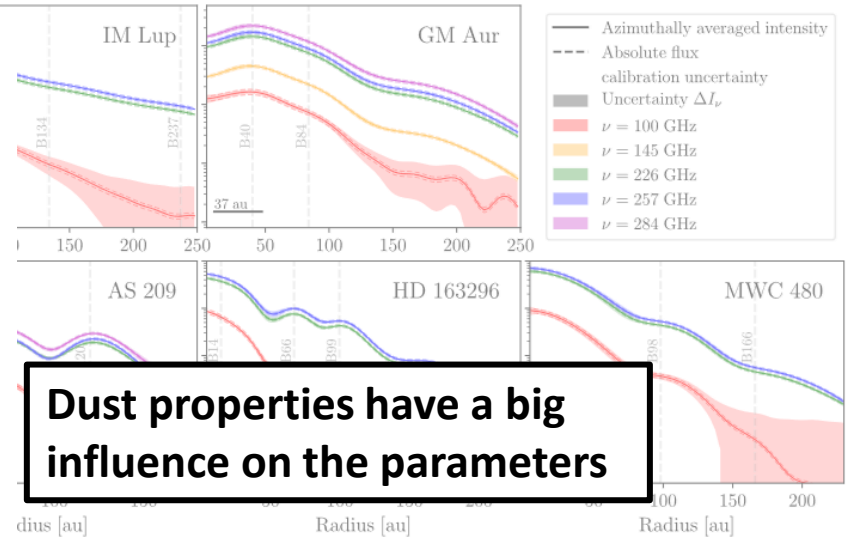
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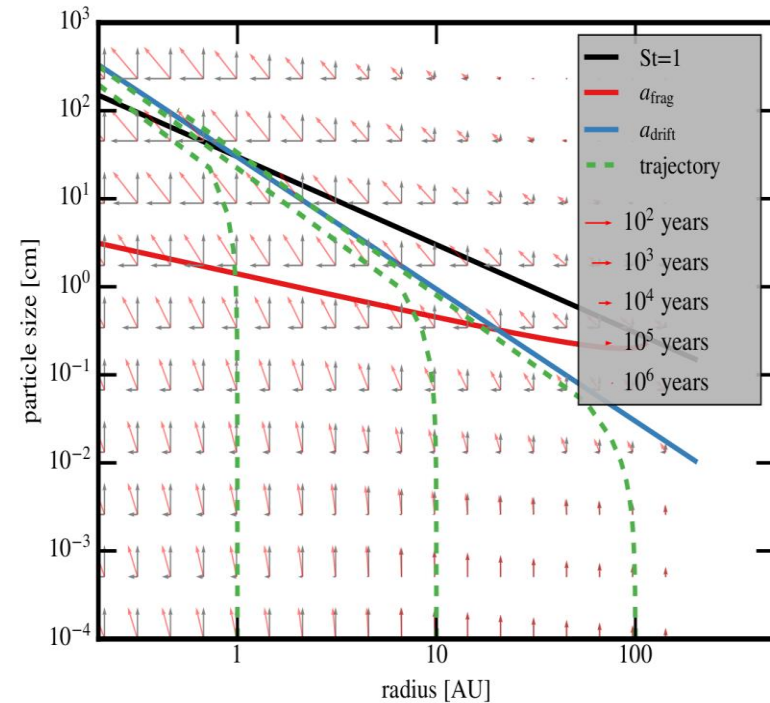
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# Dust evolution

Dust grains grow until they reach one the  
**'barriers to growth'**:  
Radial drift, bouncing, or fragmentation



Credit: Birnstiel et al.

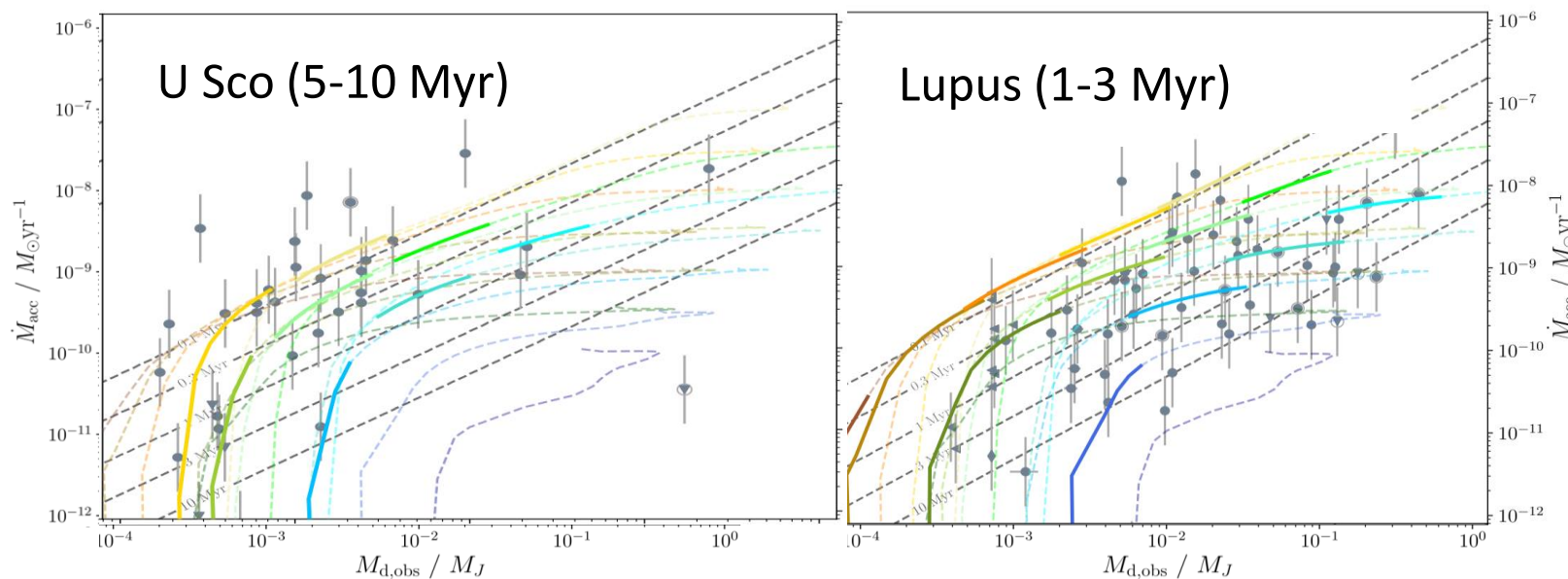
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Simple dust growth models can match many bulk properties of discs

Model:

Grain growth  
Viscous evolution  
Photoevaporation

Accretion Rate



Disc Mass

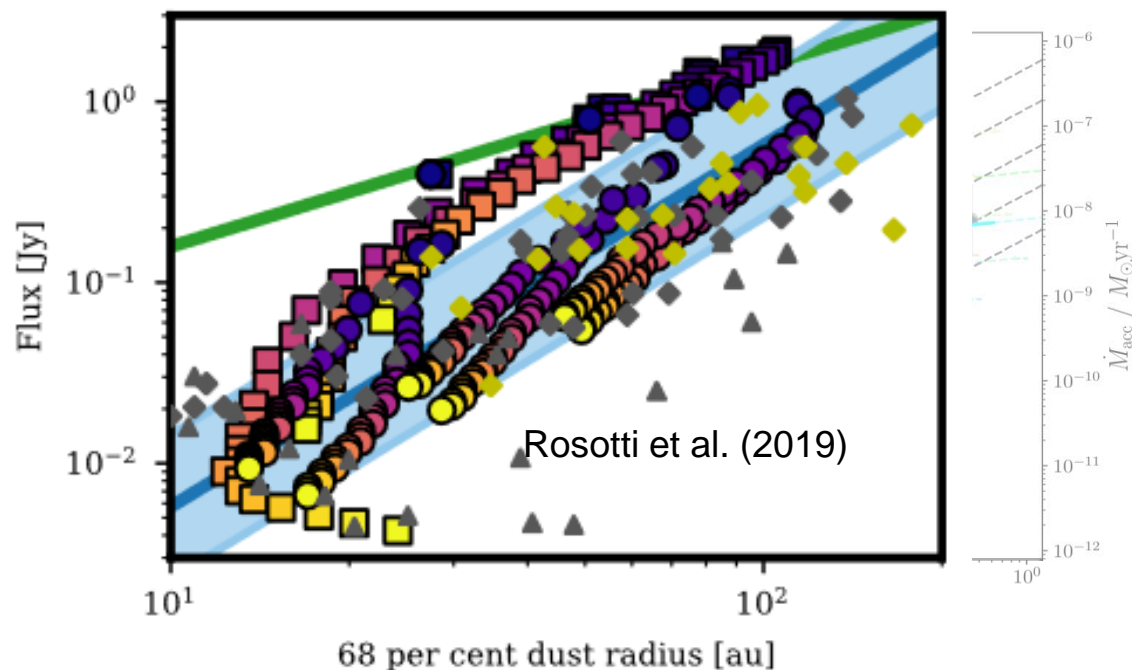
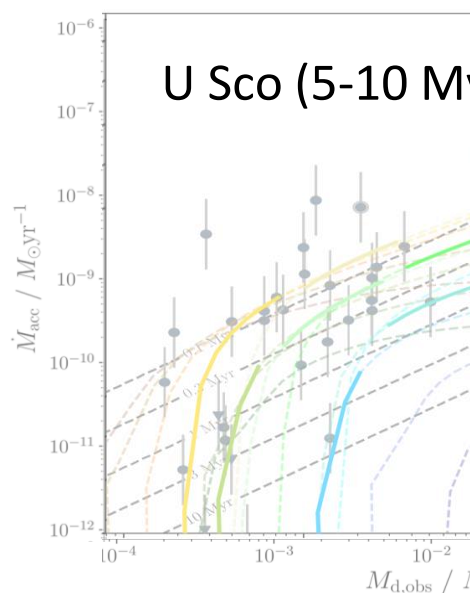
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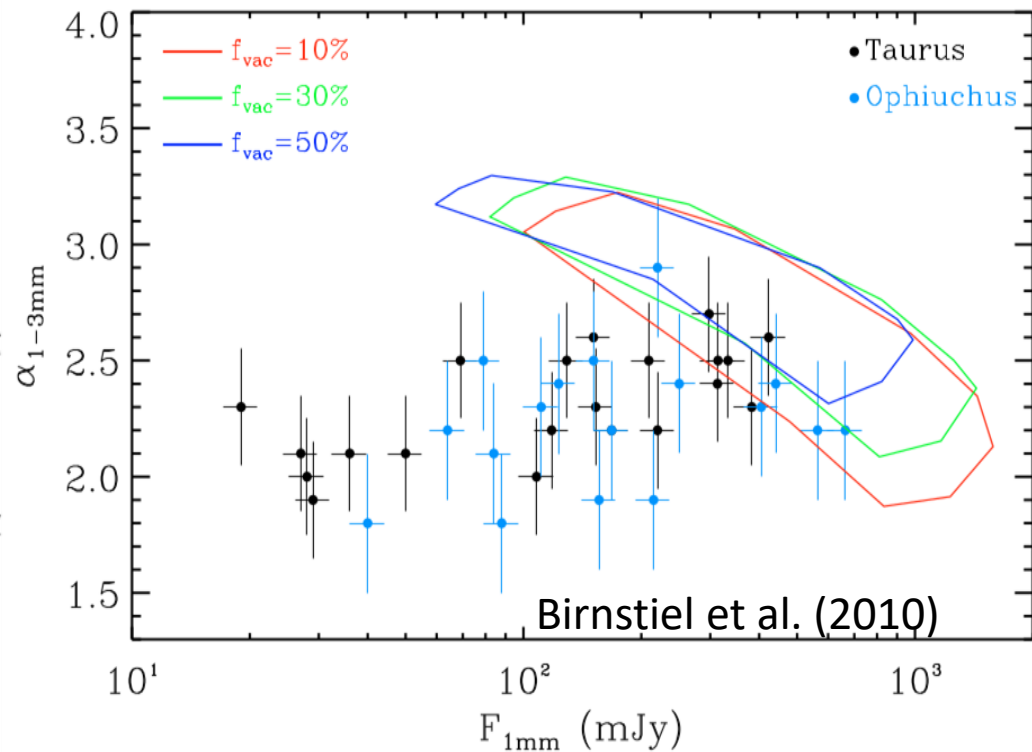


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# The problem with spectral indices

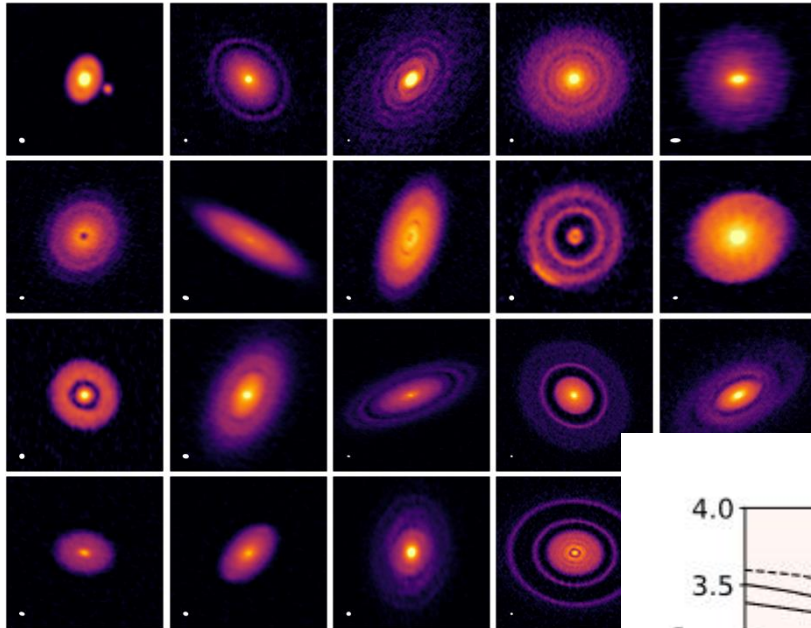
## Spectral indices do not match:

- Large grains have been lost via radial drift
- Grains are too small
- Discs are too optically thin





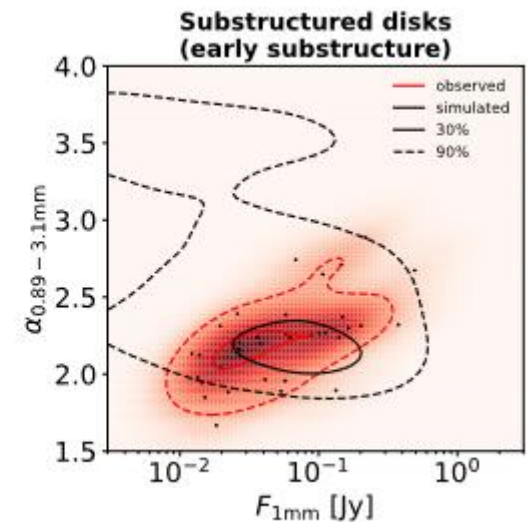
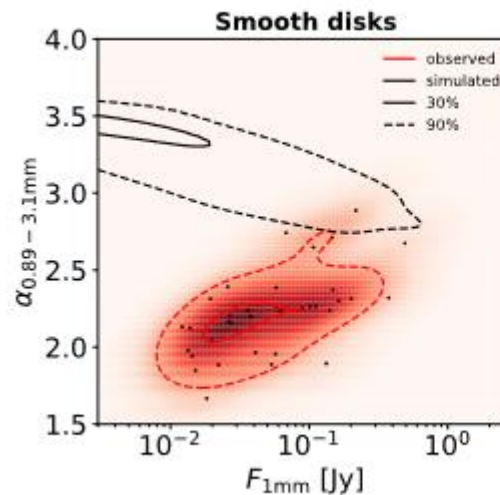
# Role of dust trapping



... But Discs are not smooth

Population synthesis models with and without substructures

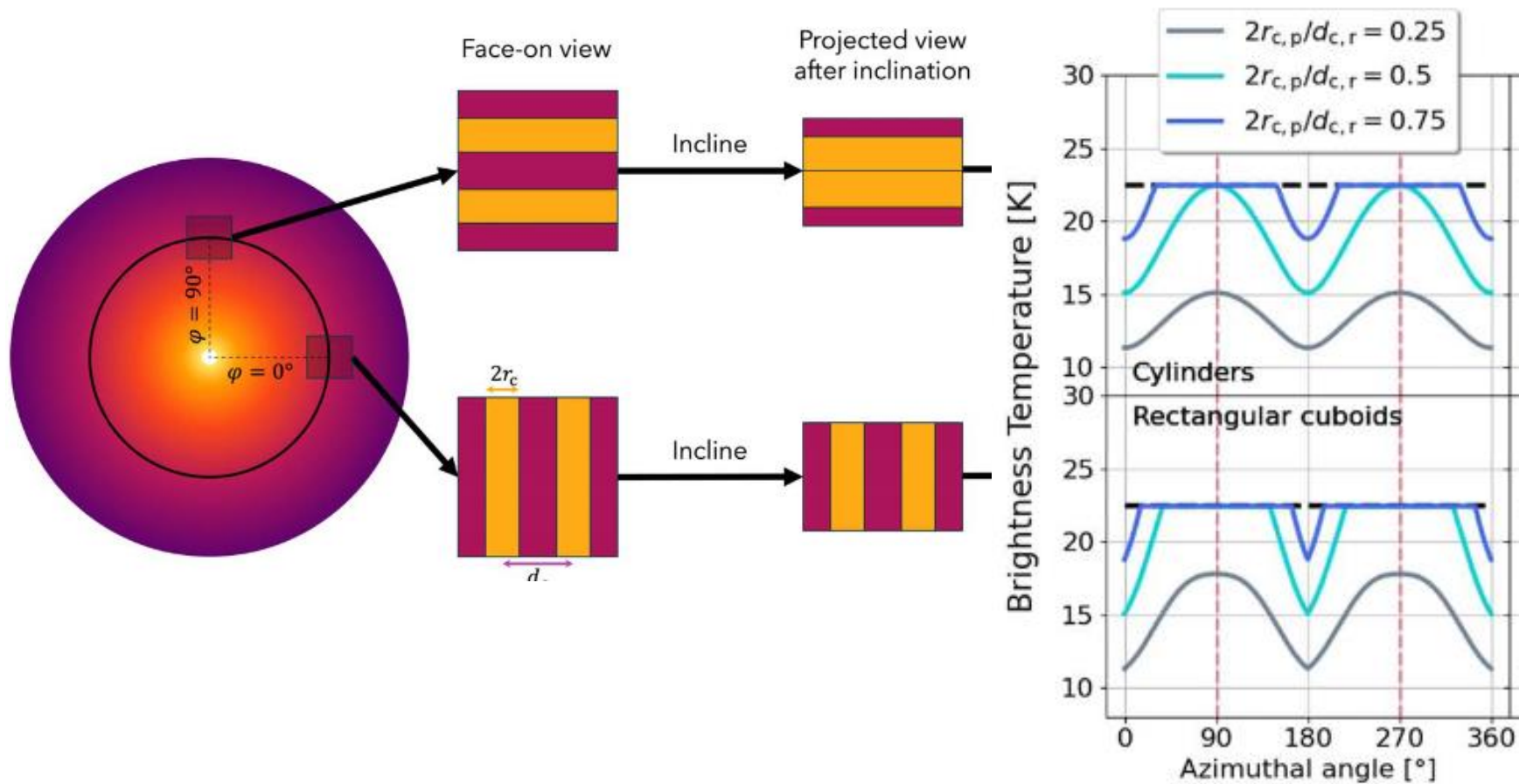
Sub-structures help retain grains, keeping spectral indices low



Pinilla et al. (2012); Zormpas et al. (2022); Delussu et al. (2024)



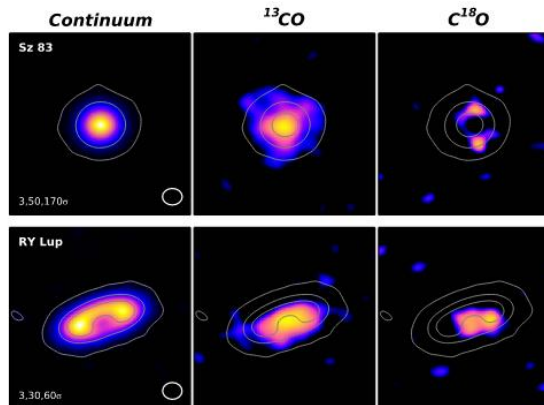
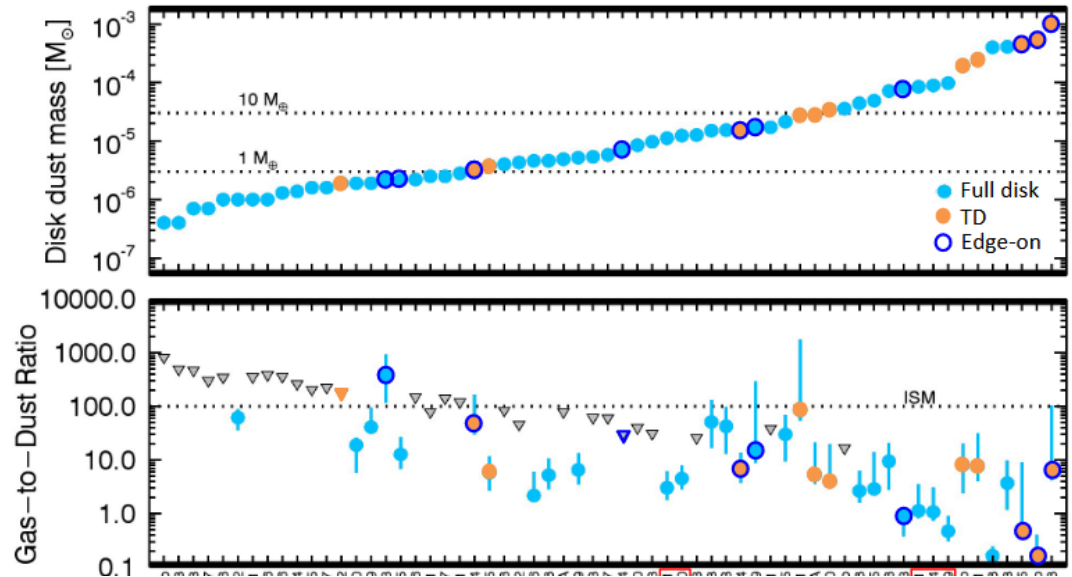
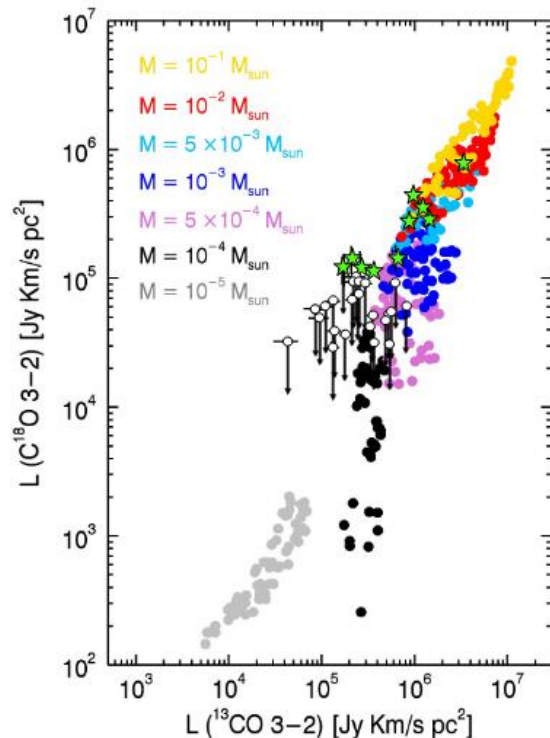
# Signatures of unseen traps



Scardoni et al. (2024)

# Gas Masses: Carbon depletion in discs

CO masses are lower than expected from the dust masses



CO emission in shallow surveys was much weaker than expected

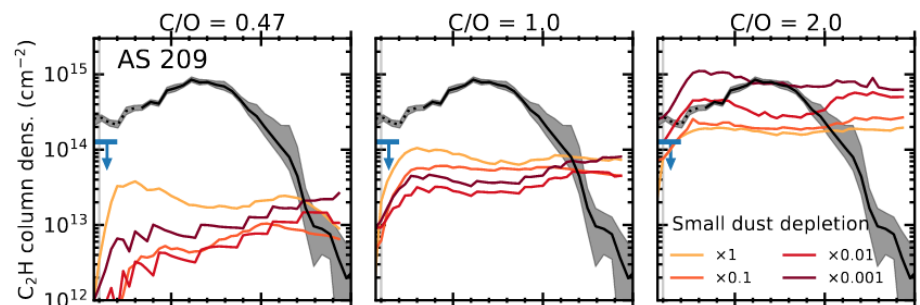
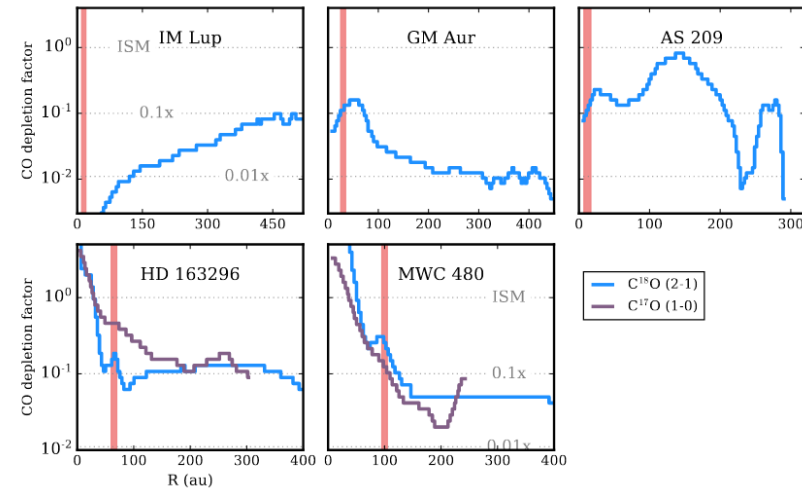
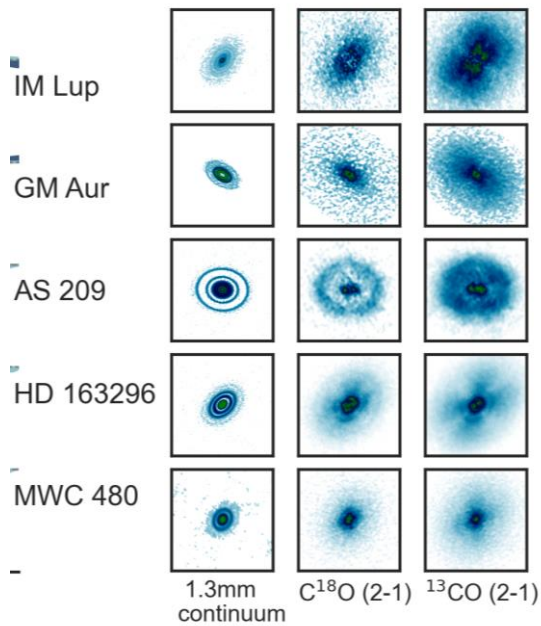
Andell et al. (2016)  
Miotello et al. (2016,2017)

# CO depletion and C/O enhancement

## ALMA MAPS:

Observed many lines at high angular resolution

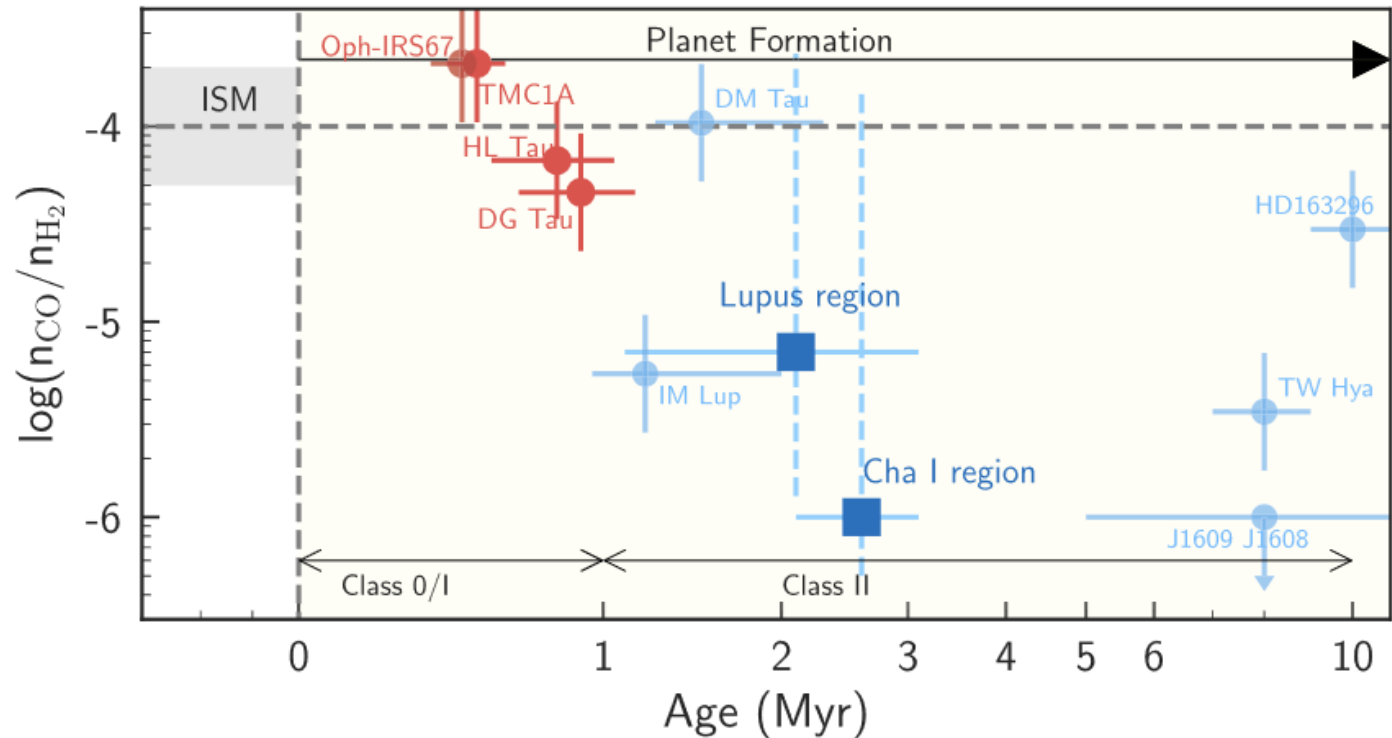
- Radial profiles of CO depletion (factor 10-100)
- Enhanced emission from hydrocarbons: high C/O ratios in the gas



Zhang et al. (2021)  
Bosman et al. (2021)

# Time-scale of CO depletion

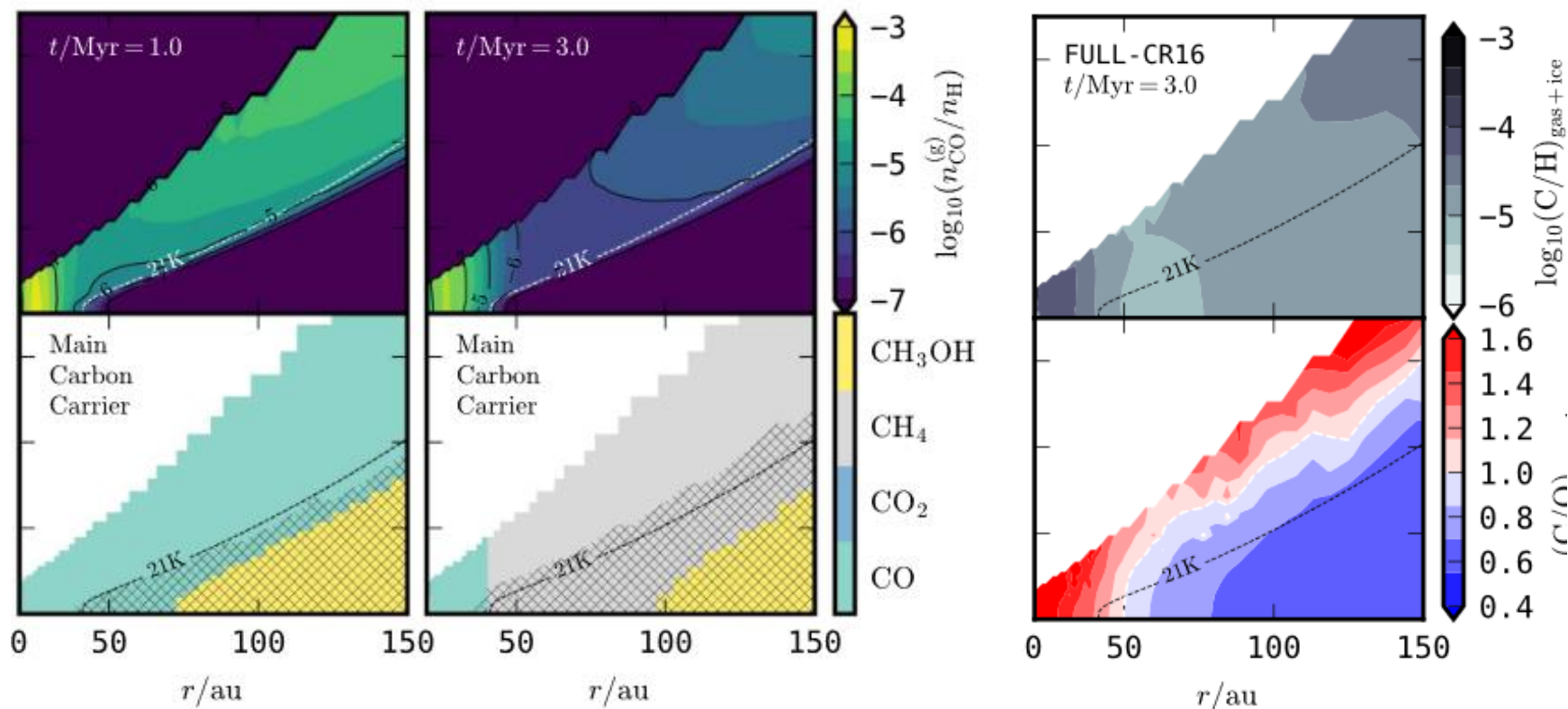
CO depletion appears after ~1 Myr



Zhang et al. (2020)



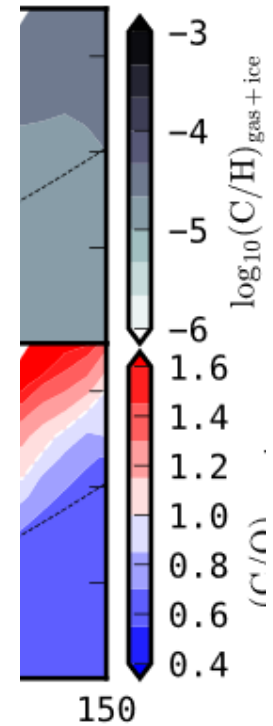
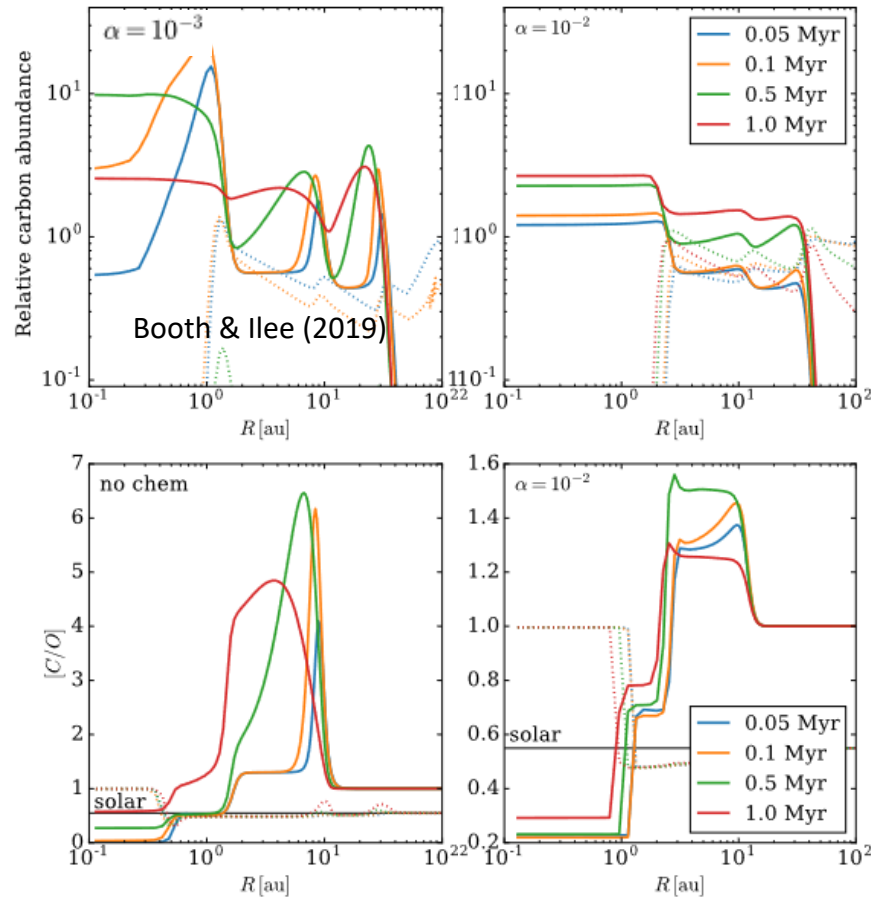
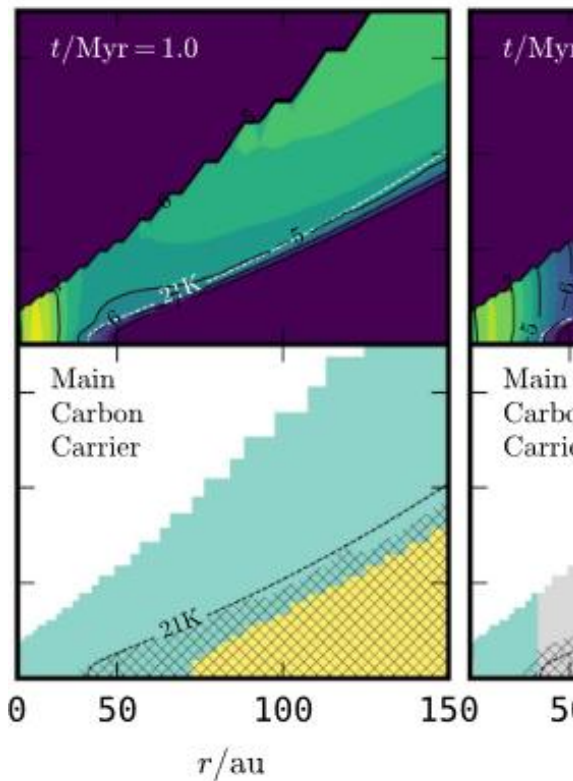
# Coupled chemistry + transport



Krijt et al. (2020);



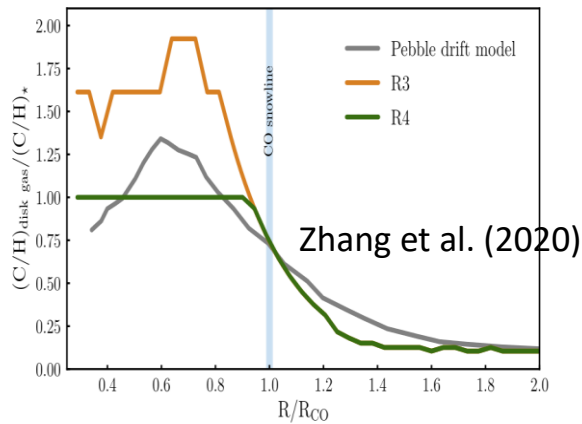
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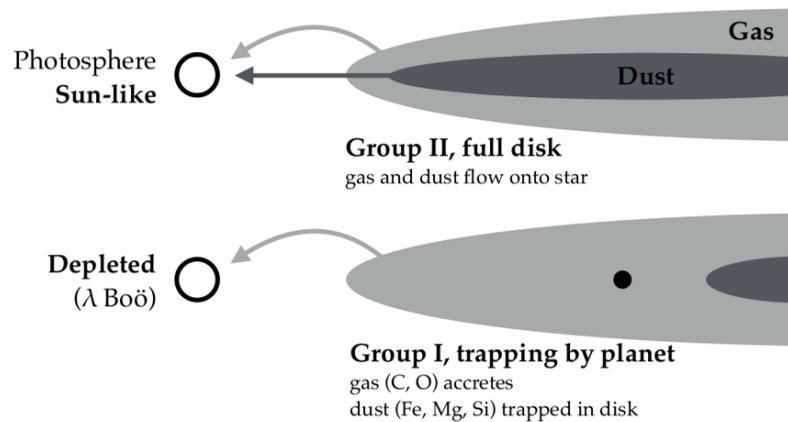
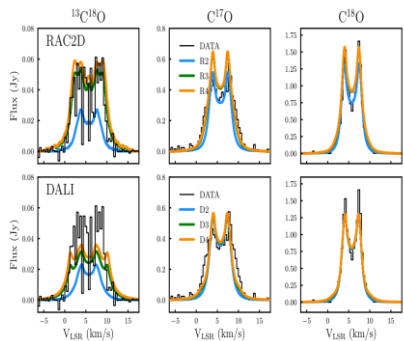
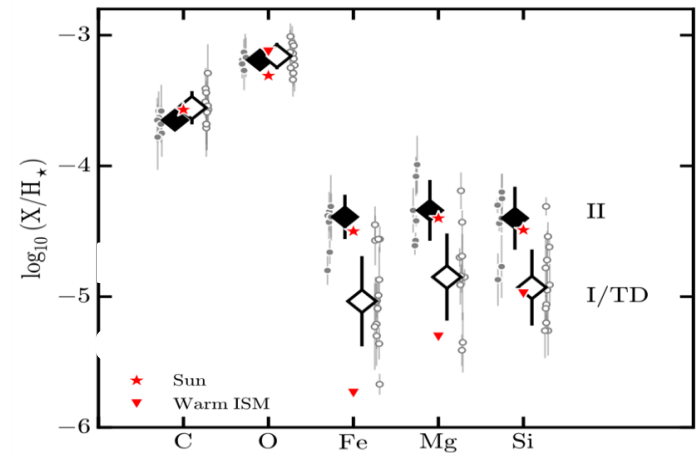
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# Evidence for volatile transport

**HD163296:** Enhancement of CO inside the snow line  
Due to pebble drift?



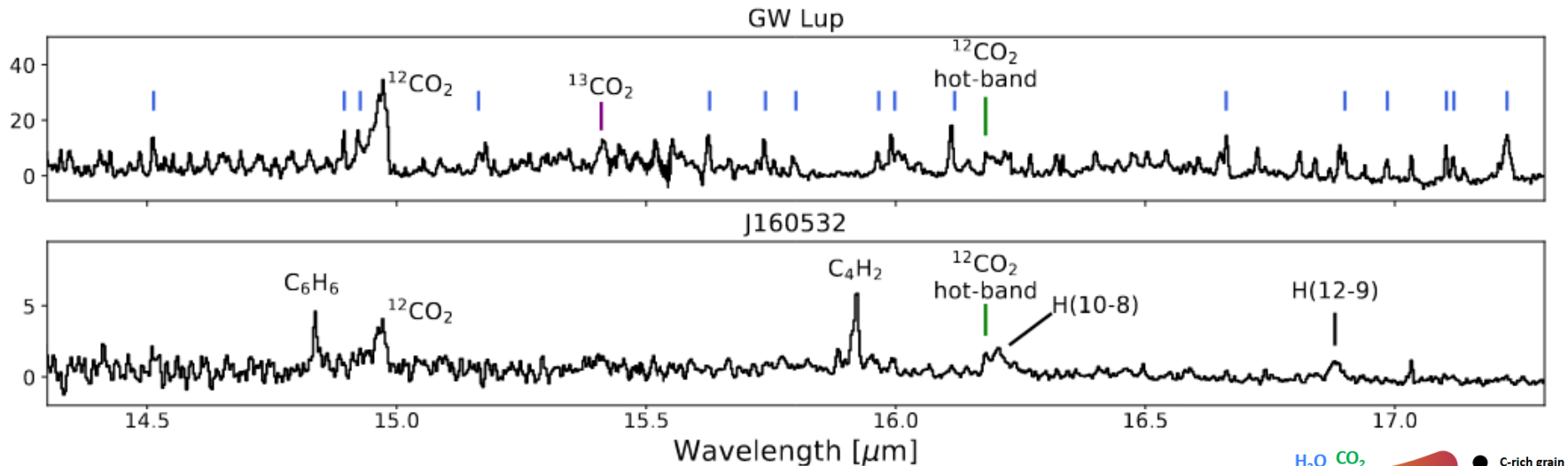
Missing refractories accreting onto stars  
in discs with deep gaps



Kama et al. (2016)

# Diverse inner disc chemistry with JWST

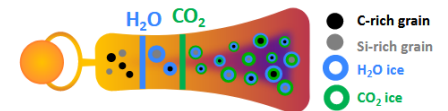
## JWST MINDS programme



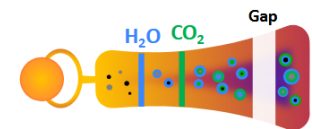
GW Lup:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  rich; hydrocarbon poor  
 J120532: Hydrocarbon rich;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  poor

- Due different conditions in the disc?
- Or different disc compositions?

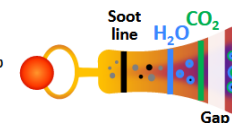
Efficient radial drift  
 High O/H in the inner disk



Outer dust trap  
 Low O/H in the inner disk



Carbon grain sublimation + dust trap  
 High C/H, low O/H in the inner disk



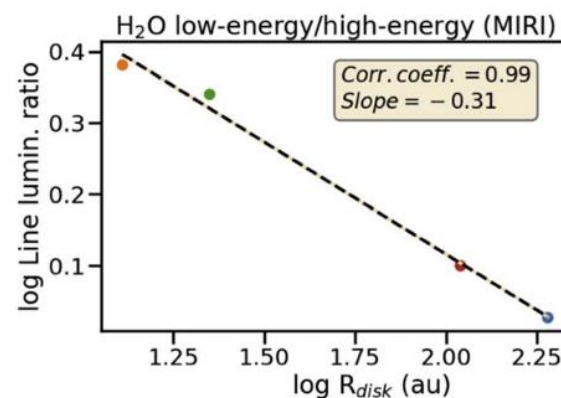
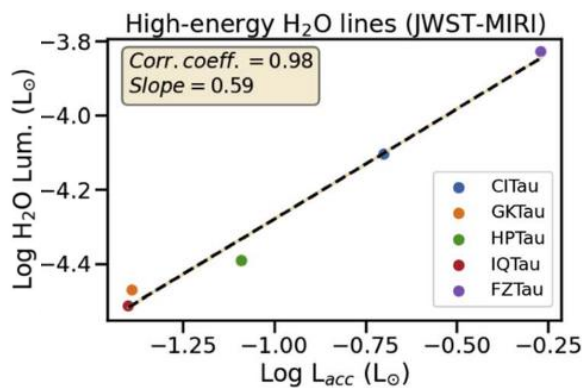
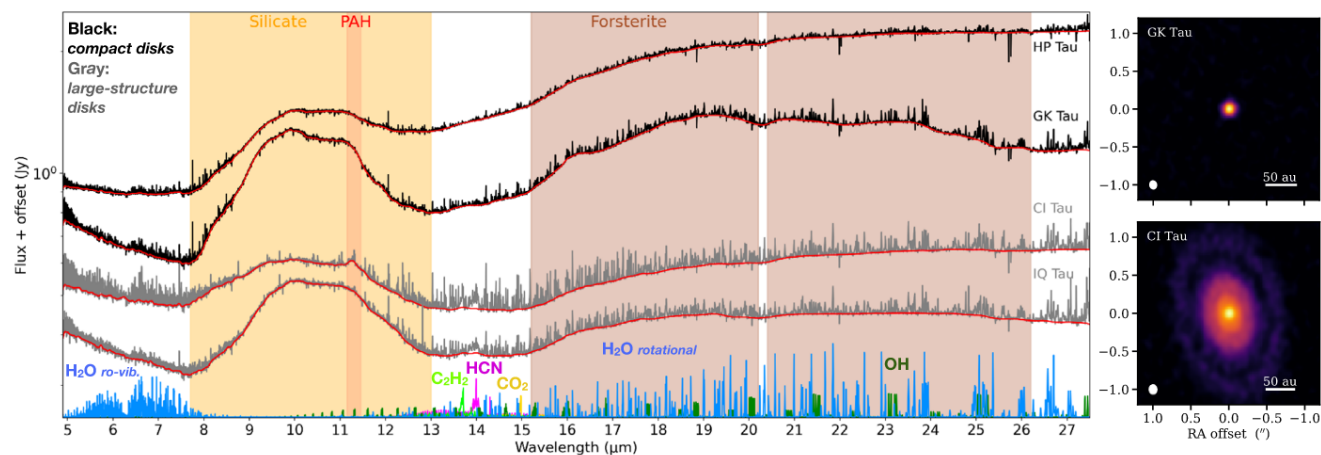
Tabone et al. (2023), van Dishoeck et al. (2023)

# Linking inner disc chemistry to disc properties

## H<sub>2</sub>O emission in discs is sensitive to disc properties:

- High-temperature emission traces disc accretion
- Lower-temperature emission correlates with disc size

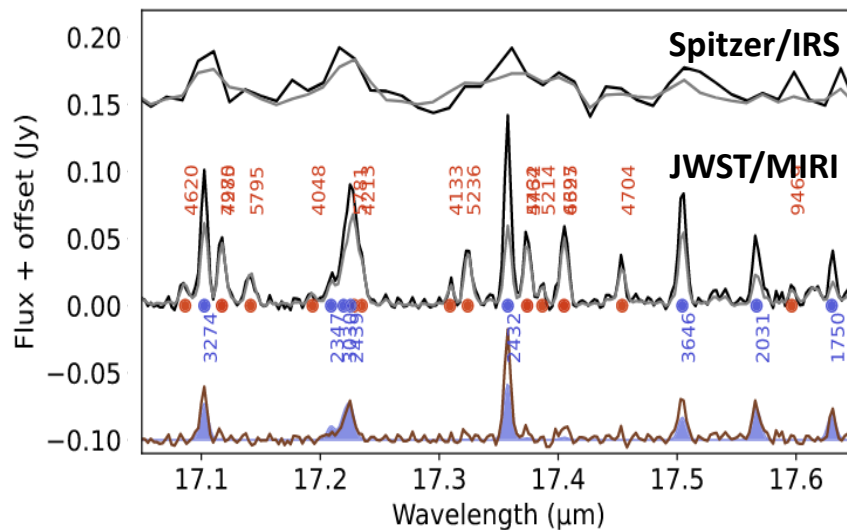
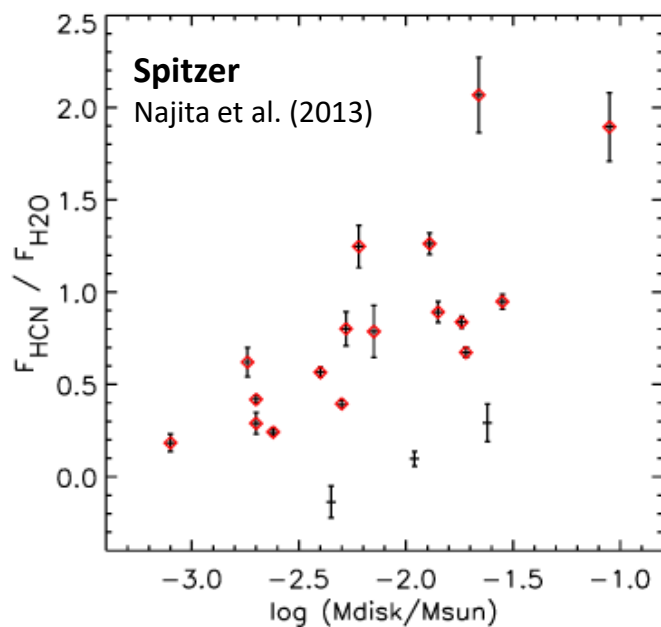
**Do small discs have excess water associated with radial drift?**



Banzatti et al. (2023)

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Similar results were already seen by Spitzer...



... but the sensitivity and resolution of JWST leads to more precise and robust measurements.

Banzatti et al. (2023)



# Summary

Topics covered:

- Protoplanetary disc evolution:
  - Do discs evolve viscously or are they driven by MHD-winds?  
**MHD wind models maybe currently favoured**
  - How dust evolves  
**How efficient is radial drift?**
- Carbon depletion in protoplanetary discs
  - A mix of chemical conversion and formation of ices on large grains
- What role does radial transport play in the composition?  
**Combining JWST and ALMA observations will help pin down gas and dust evolution**