

Revisiting Disk Masses with CO Isotopologues

Self-Consistent Models Reveal Sufficient Material for Planet Formation

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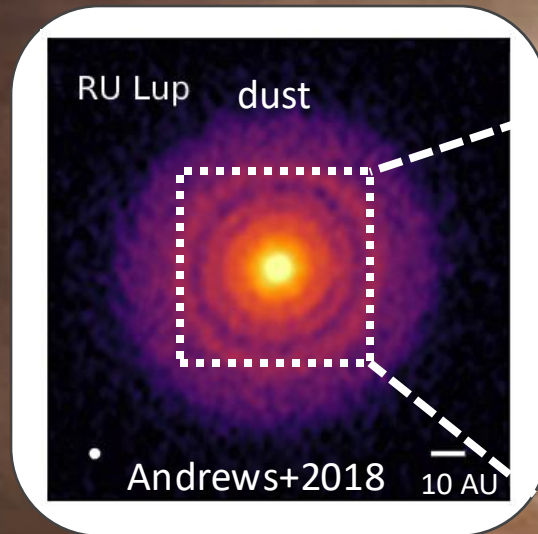
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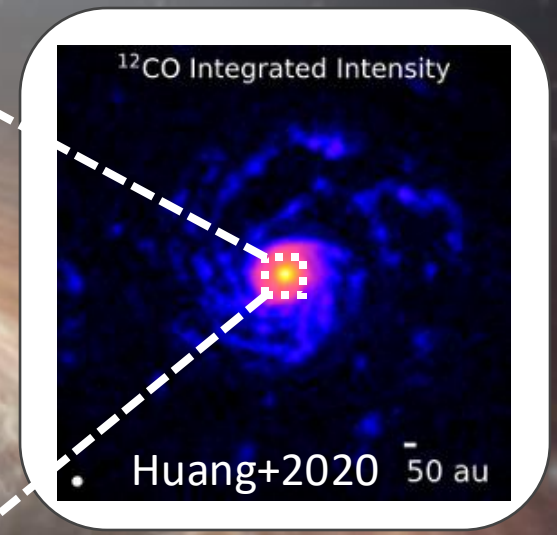
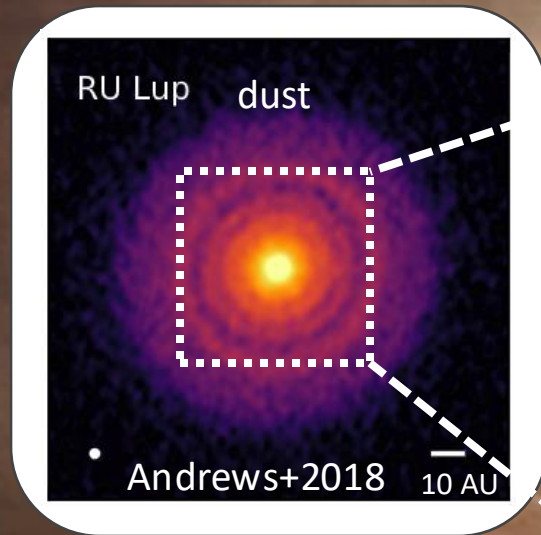
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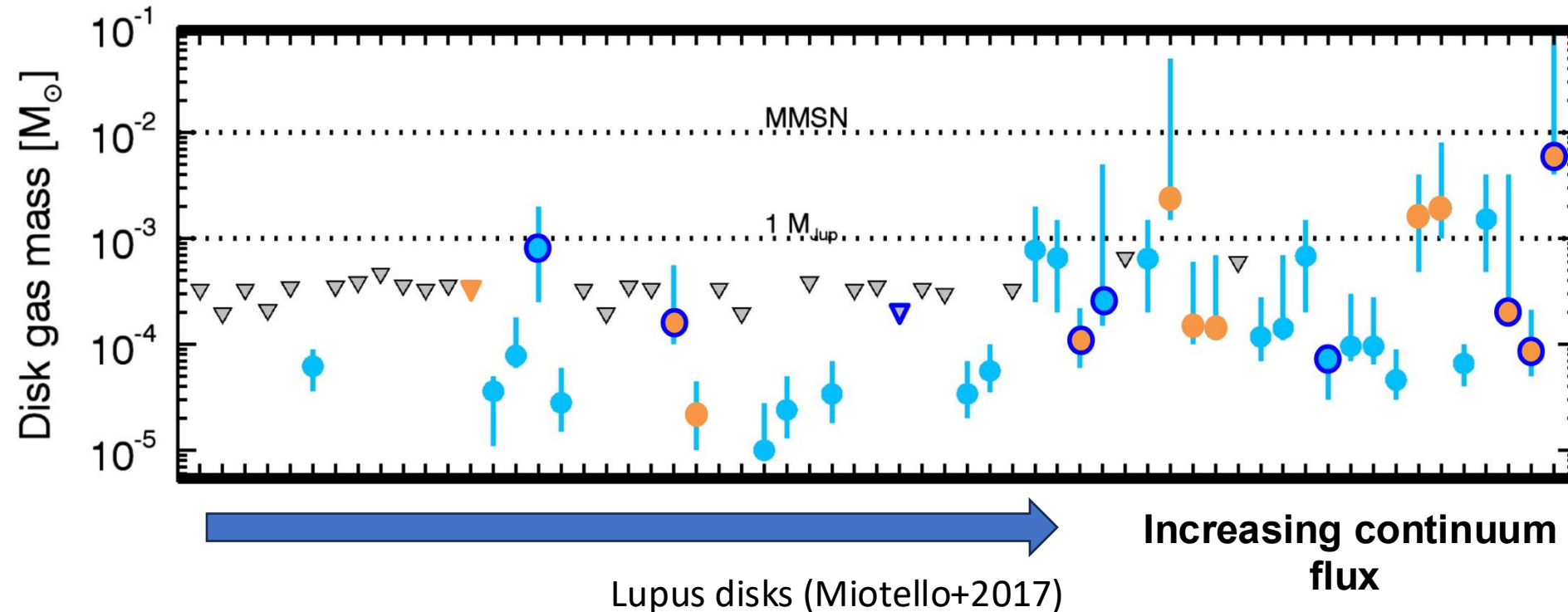
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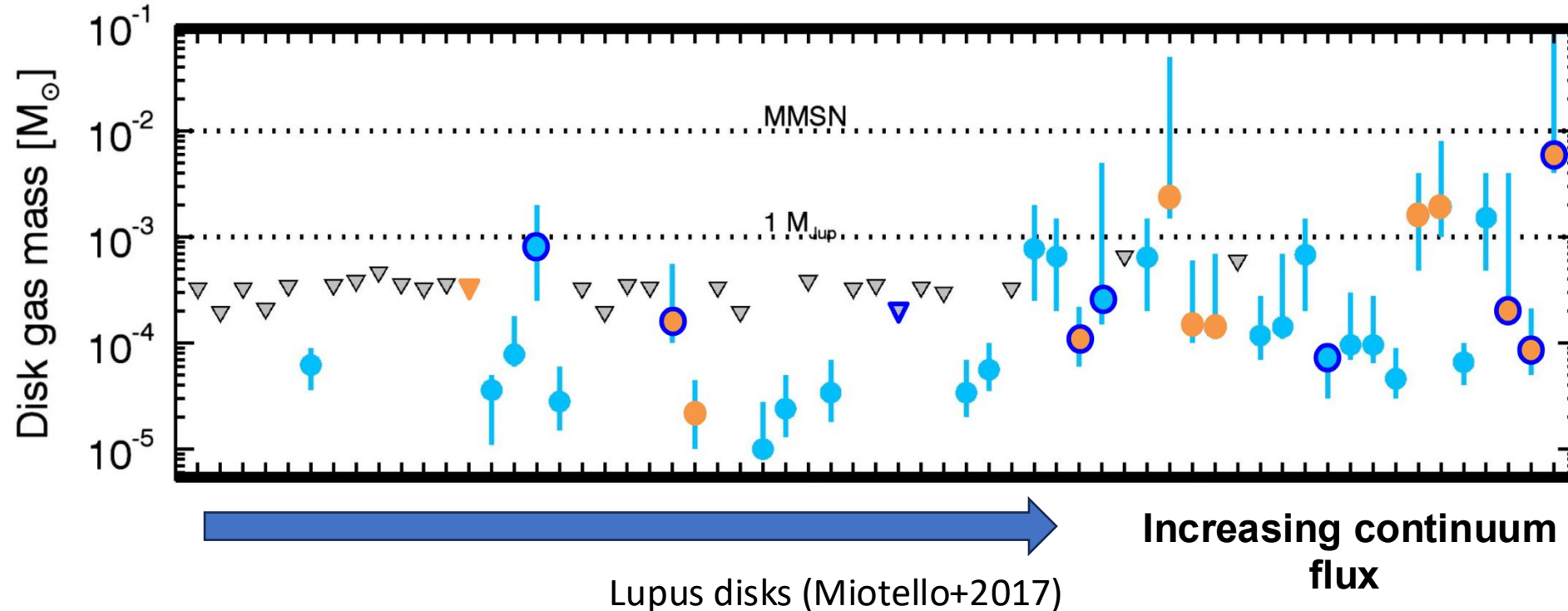
- Set the dynamics of small and large grains
- Constrain the location and time for forming planets

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However

- Lupus disks are only about ≈ 1 Myrs old;
- HD observations give large M_{gas} (e.g., *Bergin+2013, McClure+2016, Kama+2020*)

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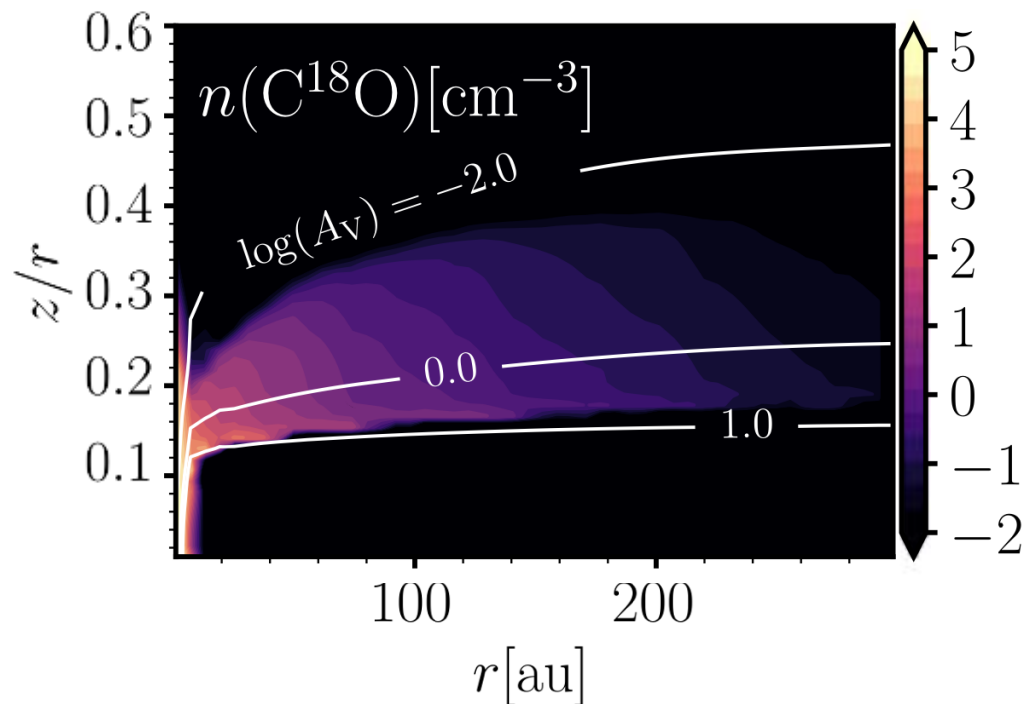
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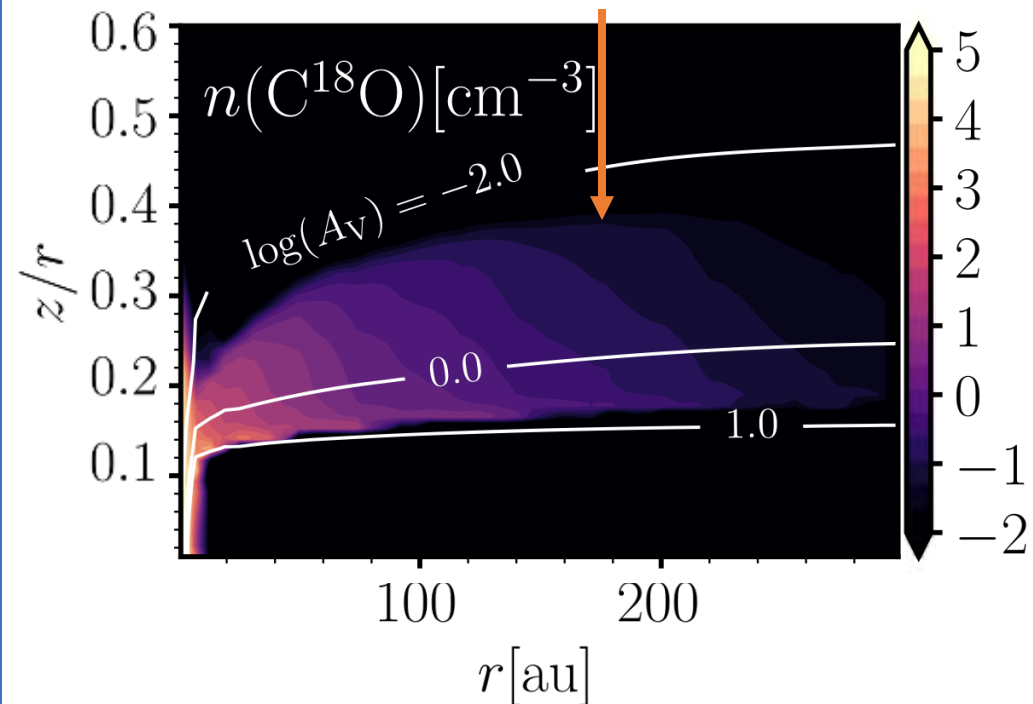


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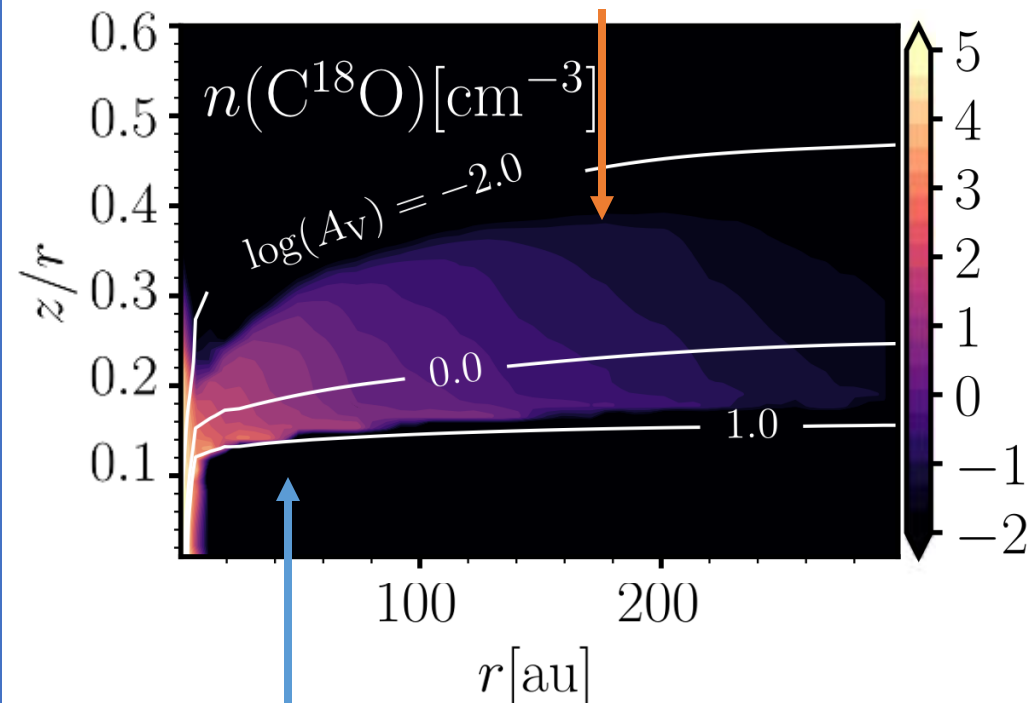
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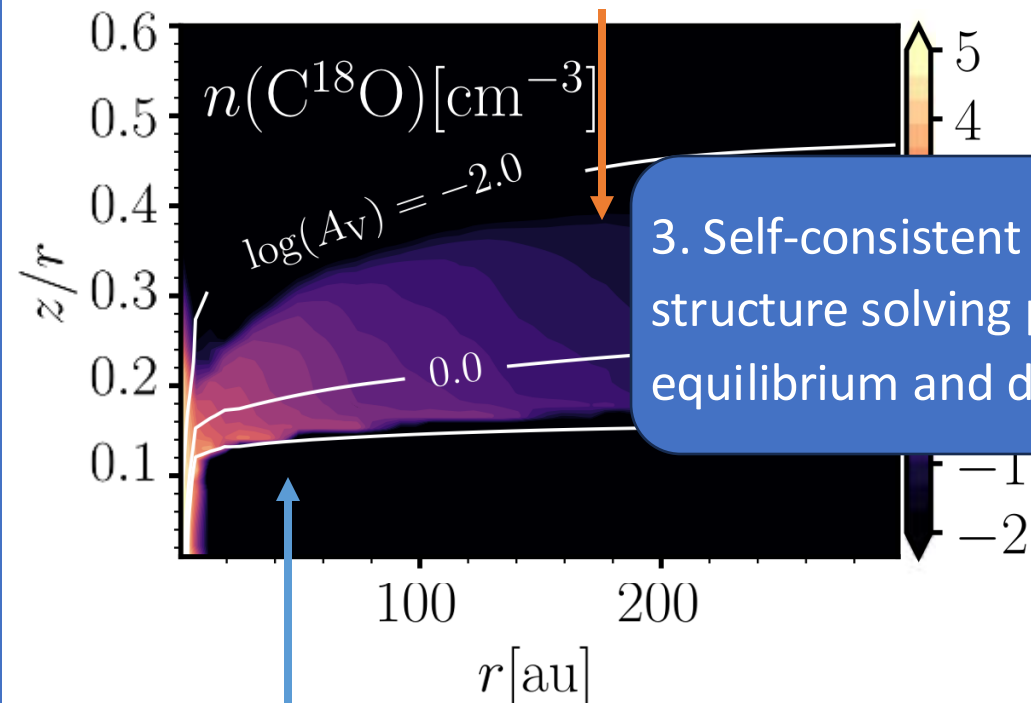
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3. Self-consistent vertical structure solving pressure equilibrium and dust settling

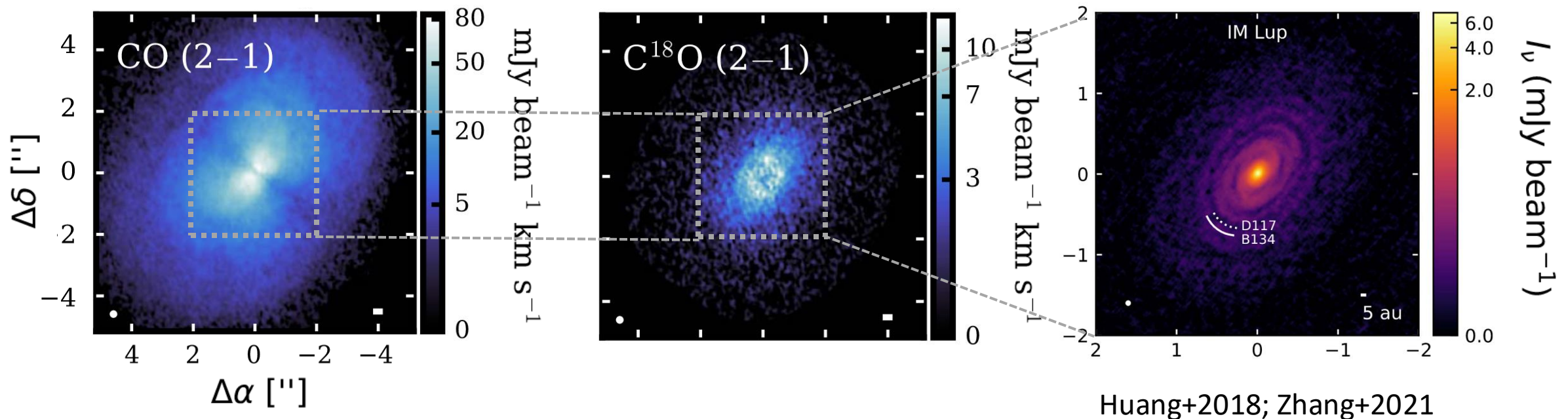
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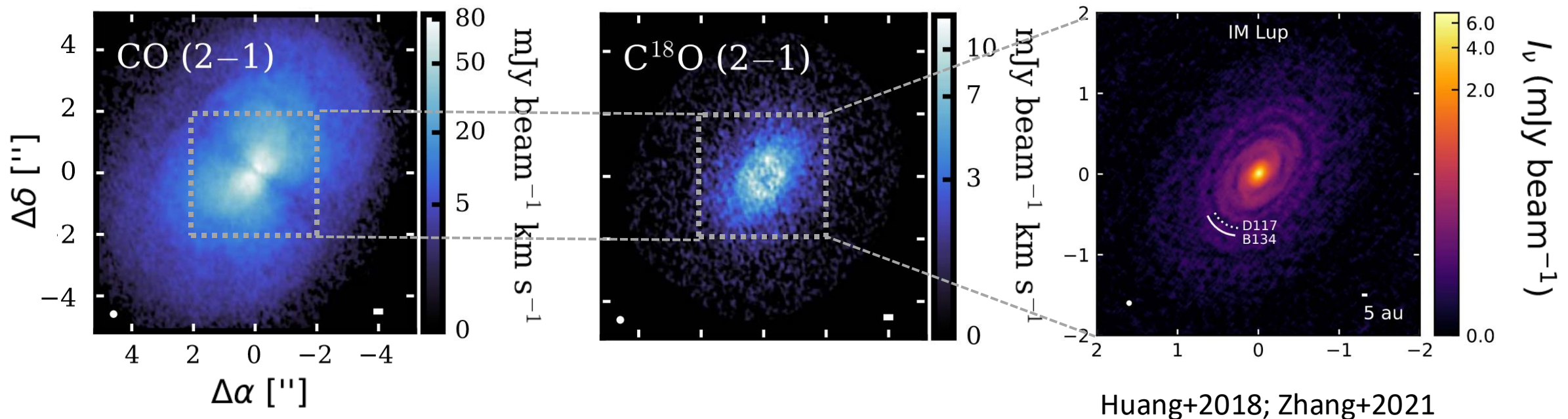


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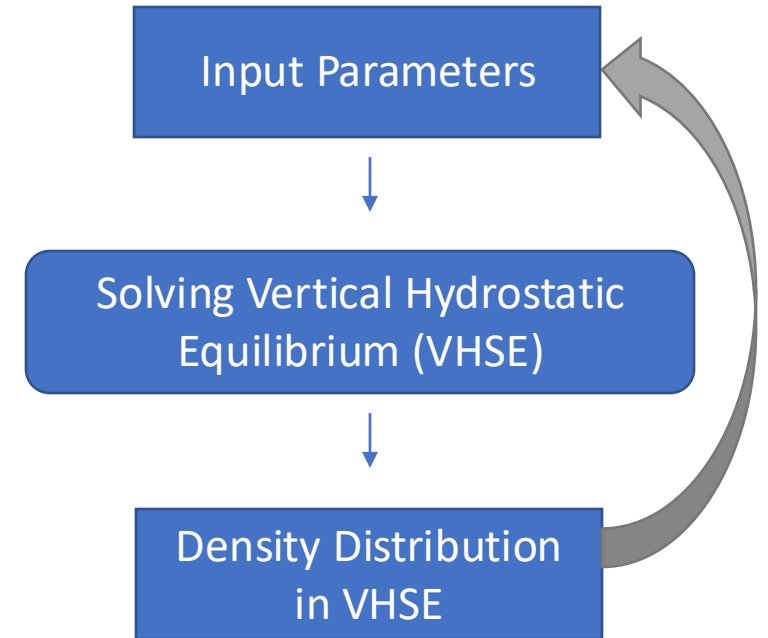
However, it was inferred with a gas-to-dust mass ratio of ≈ 1 or a CO depletion with a factor of ≈ 100 from thermochemical disk models



Huang+2018; Zhang+2021

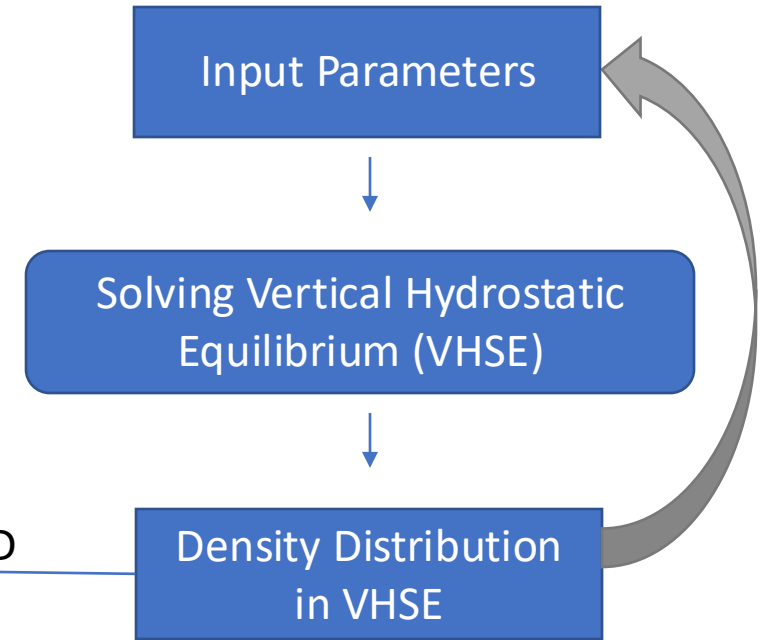
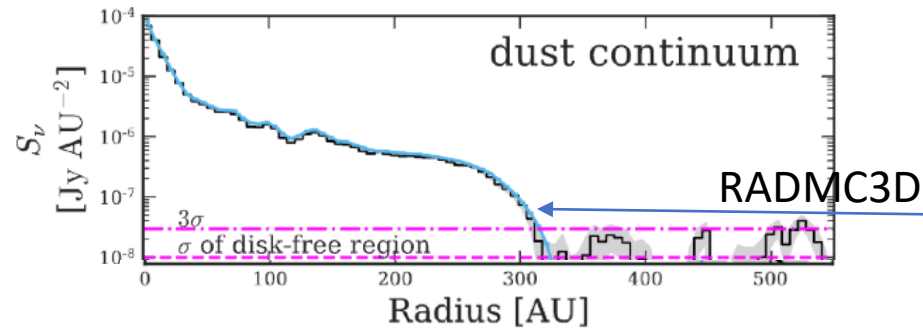
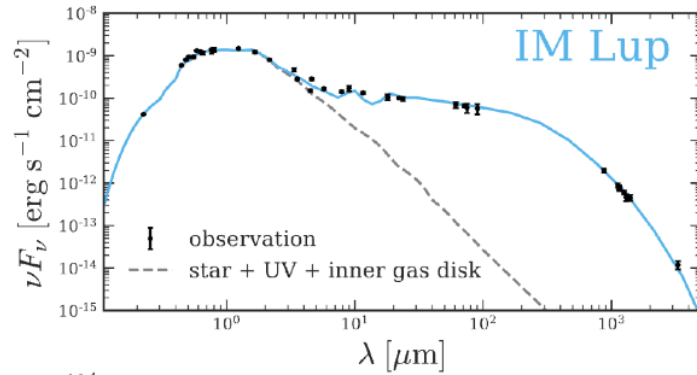
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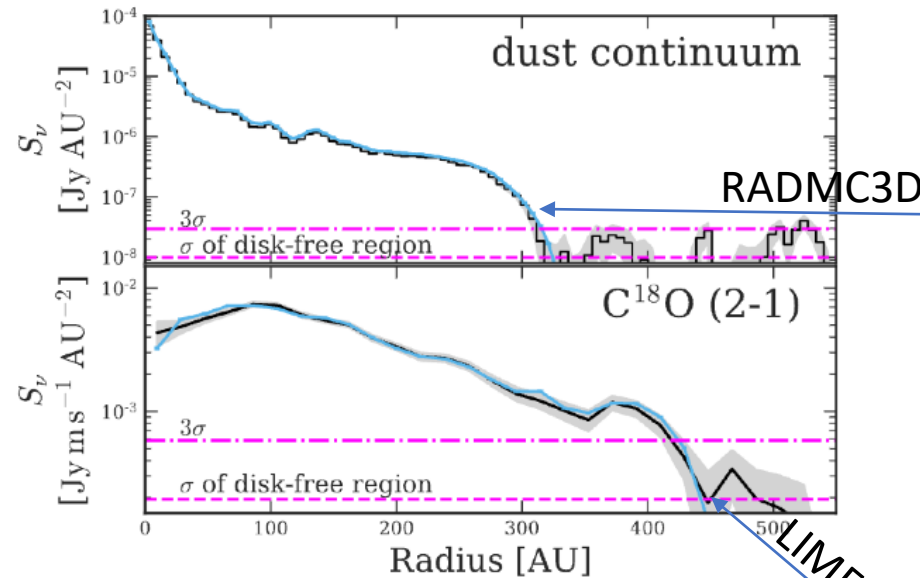
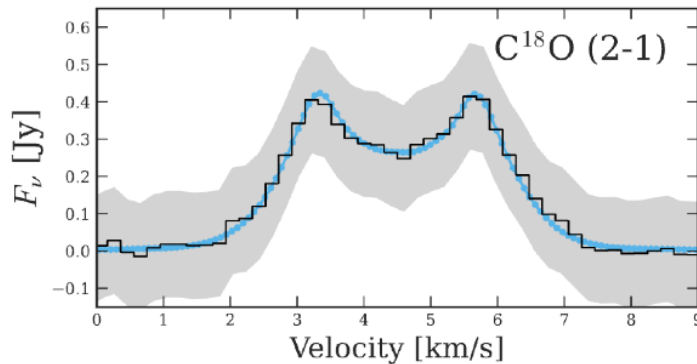
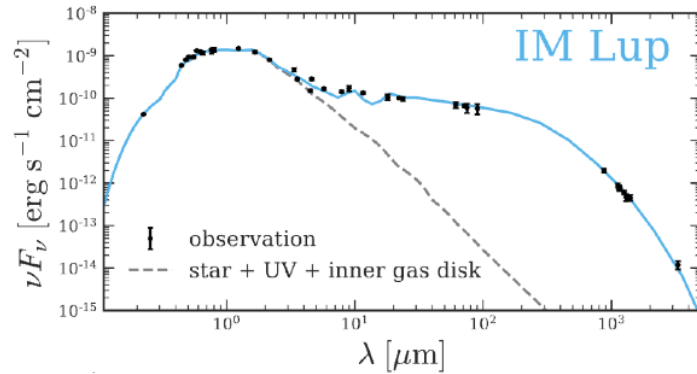
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*DiskMINT infers M_{gas} , M_{dust} , and radial distribution of gas and dust **surface densities**!*

Input Parameters

Solving Vertical Hydrostatic Equilibrium (VHSE)

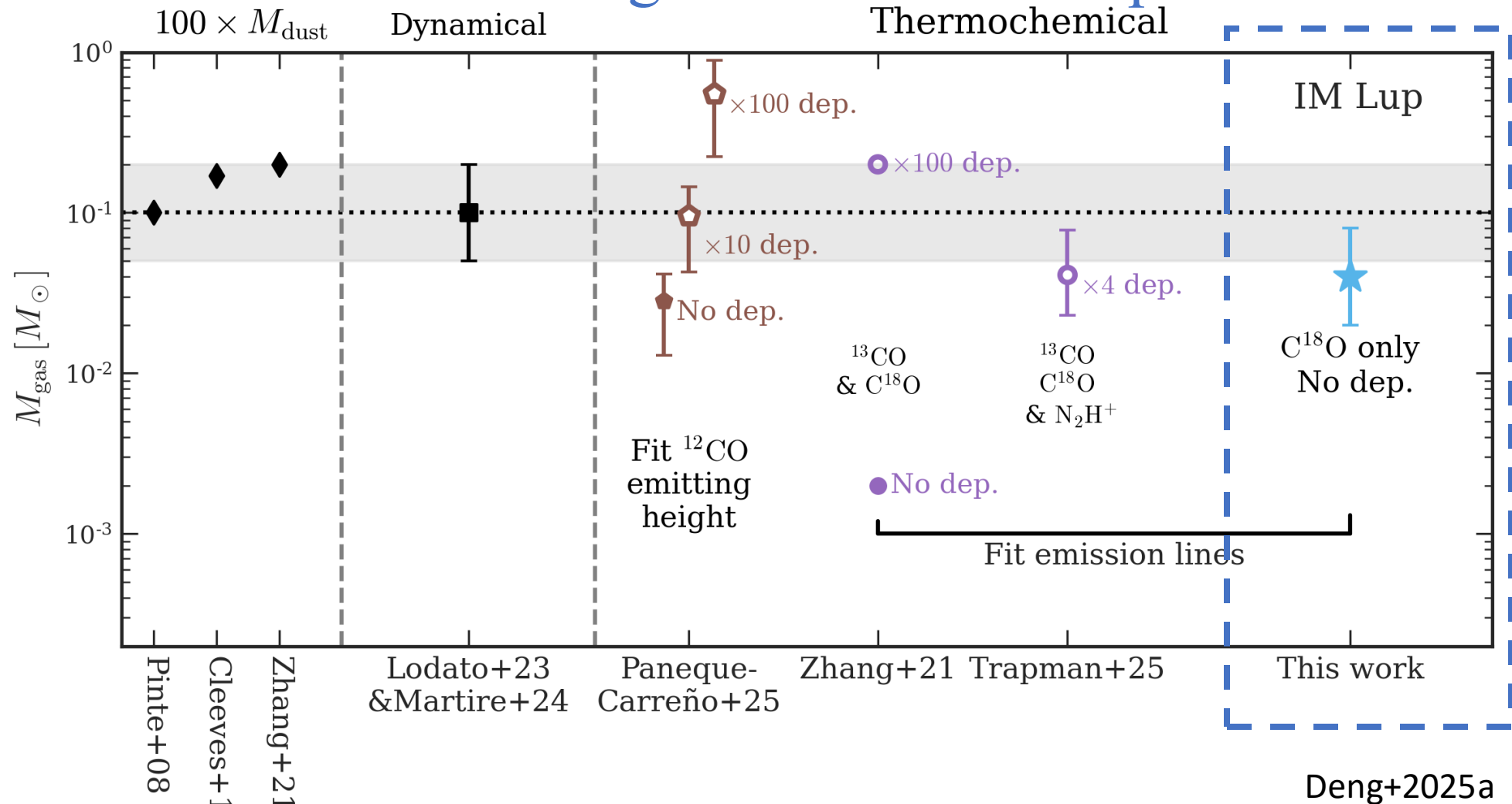
Density Distribution in VHSE

Reduced Chemical Network

Molecular Abundance

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DiskMINT finds IM Lup has a large disk mass without assuming additional CO depletion



DiskMINT also finds RU Lup has a large disk mass

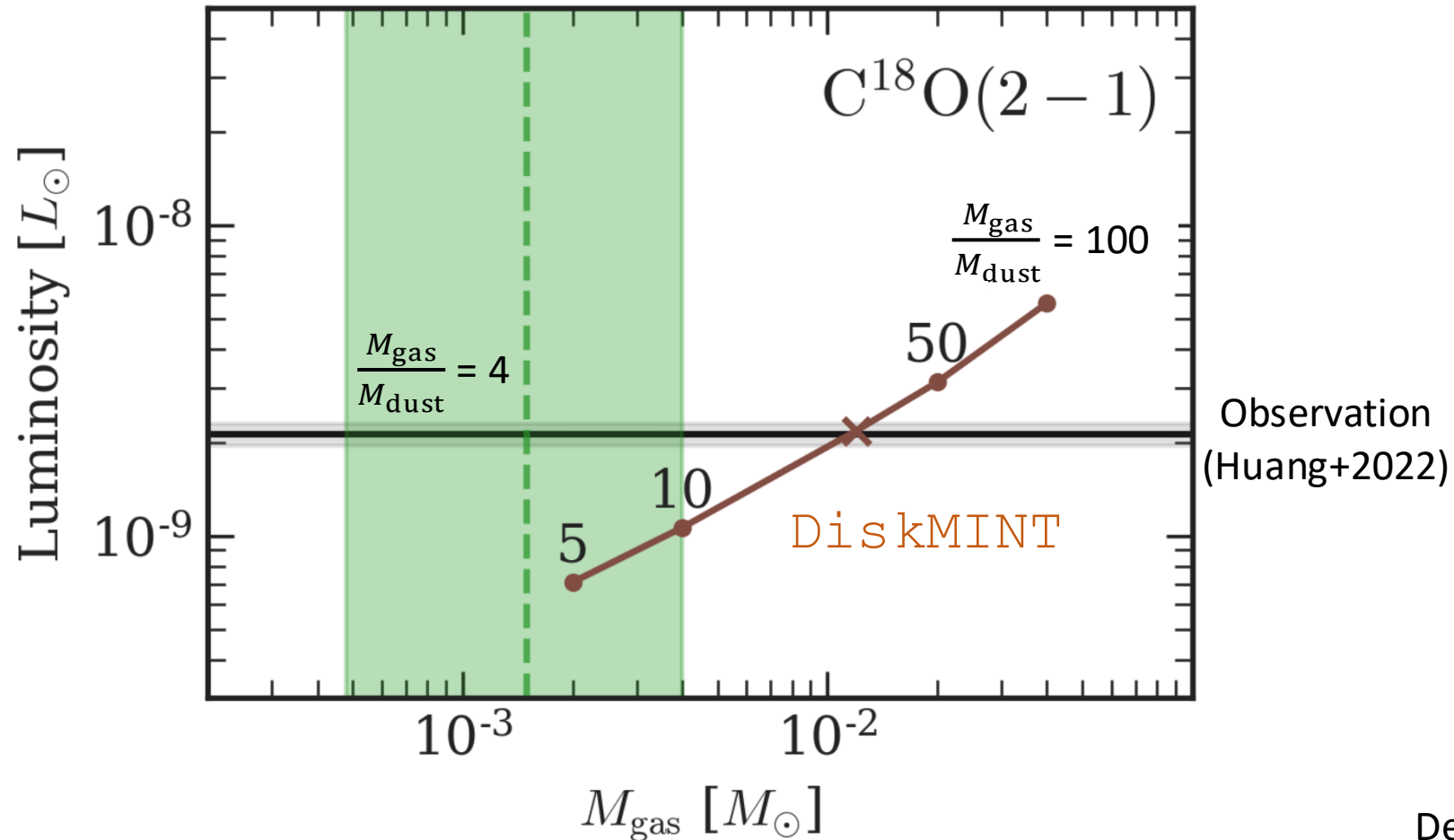
↪ *Highest accretor in Lupus star-forming region*

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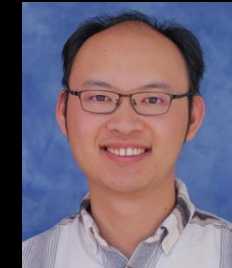
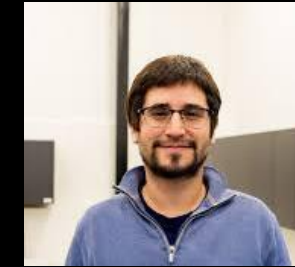
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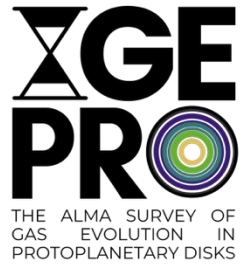


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THE ALMA SURVEY OF
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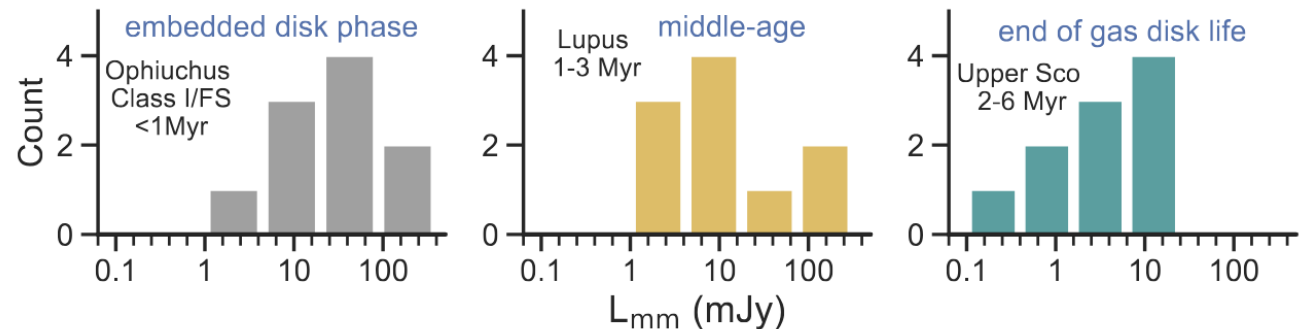
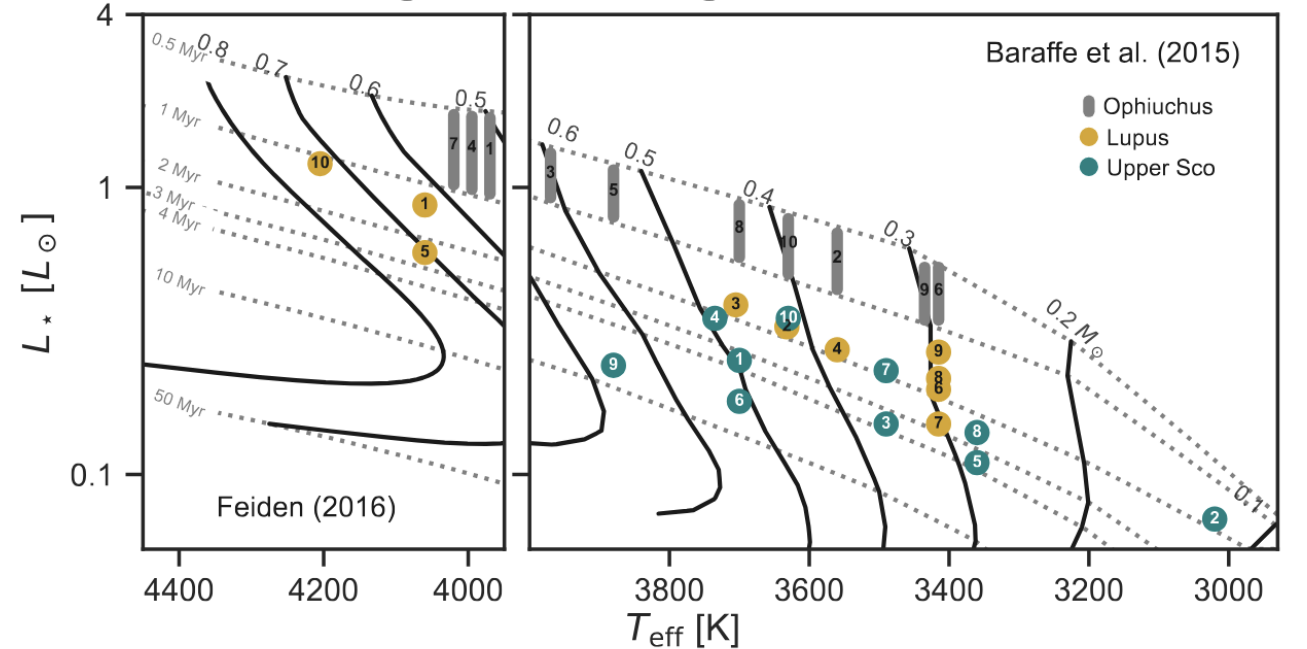
AGE-PRO ALMA Large Program

Goal

To systematically trace the evolution of gas disk **mass** and **size** throughout the lifetime of protoplanetary disks

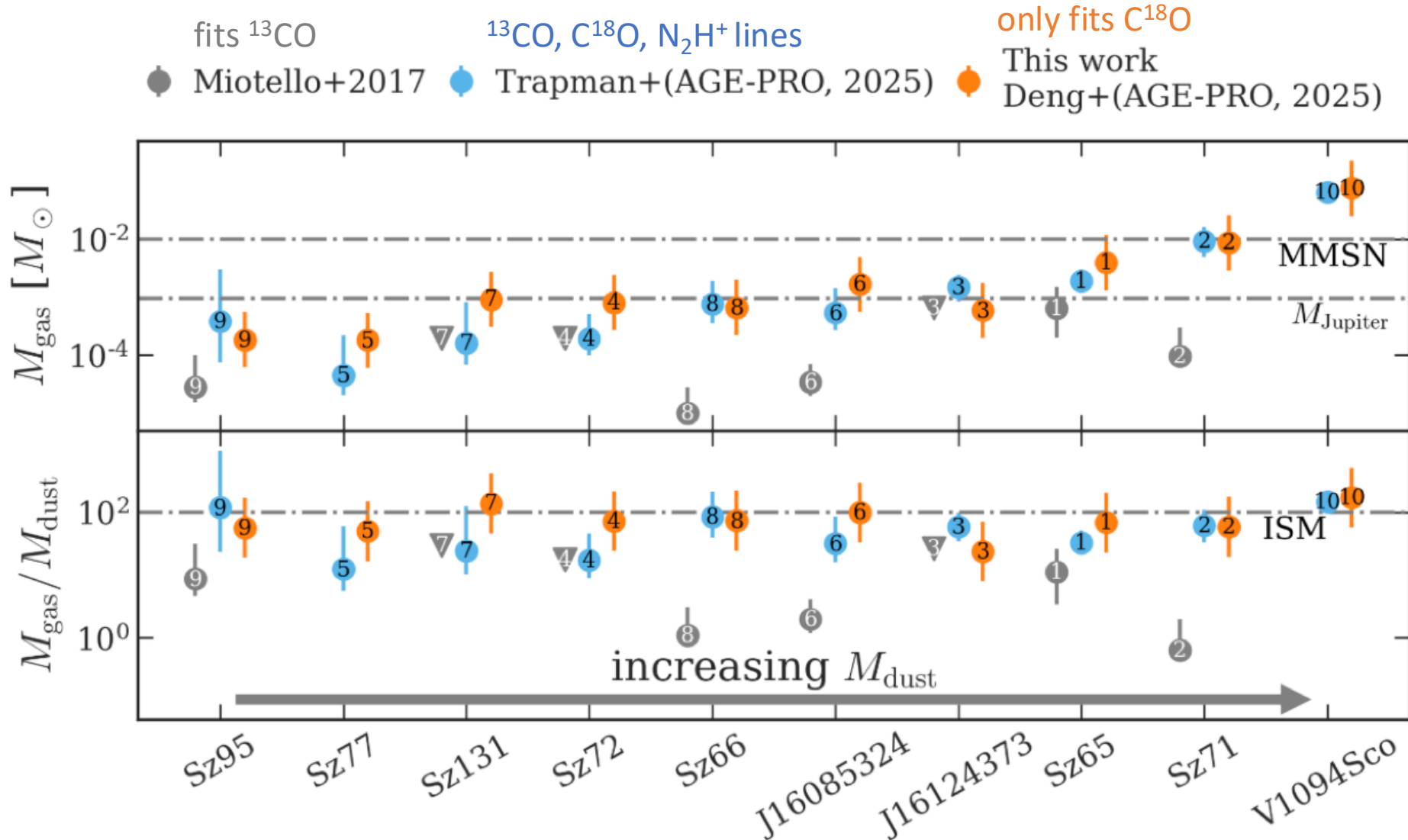
Sample

30 disks to cover 0.1-10 Myrs gas disk lifetime.



Zhang+(AGE-PRO collaboration) 2025

Application to the AGE-PRO Lupus disks



Conclusion and Future

- DiskMINT enables the use of C^{18}O to reliably estimate gas disk masses.
- For RU Lup and IM Lup, the model **explains the total C^{18}O line luminosity, line spectrum and radial profile with a higher M_{gas} (about a MMSN gas disk)**, an order of magnitude higher than previous estimates.
- We find AGE-PRO disk masses **are large and with gas-to-dust mass ratios that are close to ISM**.
- DiskMINT is open-source and published now. A model grid will be made accessible on GitHub in January.
 - First-order estimates of CO-based M_{gas} from grids easily
 - Users can perform **detailed analyses of individual targets** by refining models from the best-fit grid point.

Star the Git Repo and Use DiskMINT NOW!

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