

# Deciphering Meteorite Pathways in the Solar System

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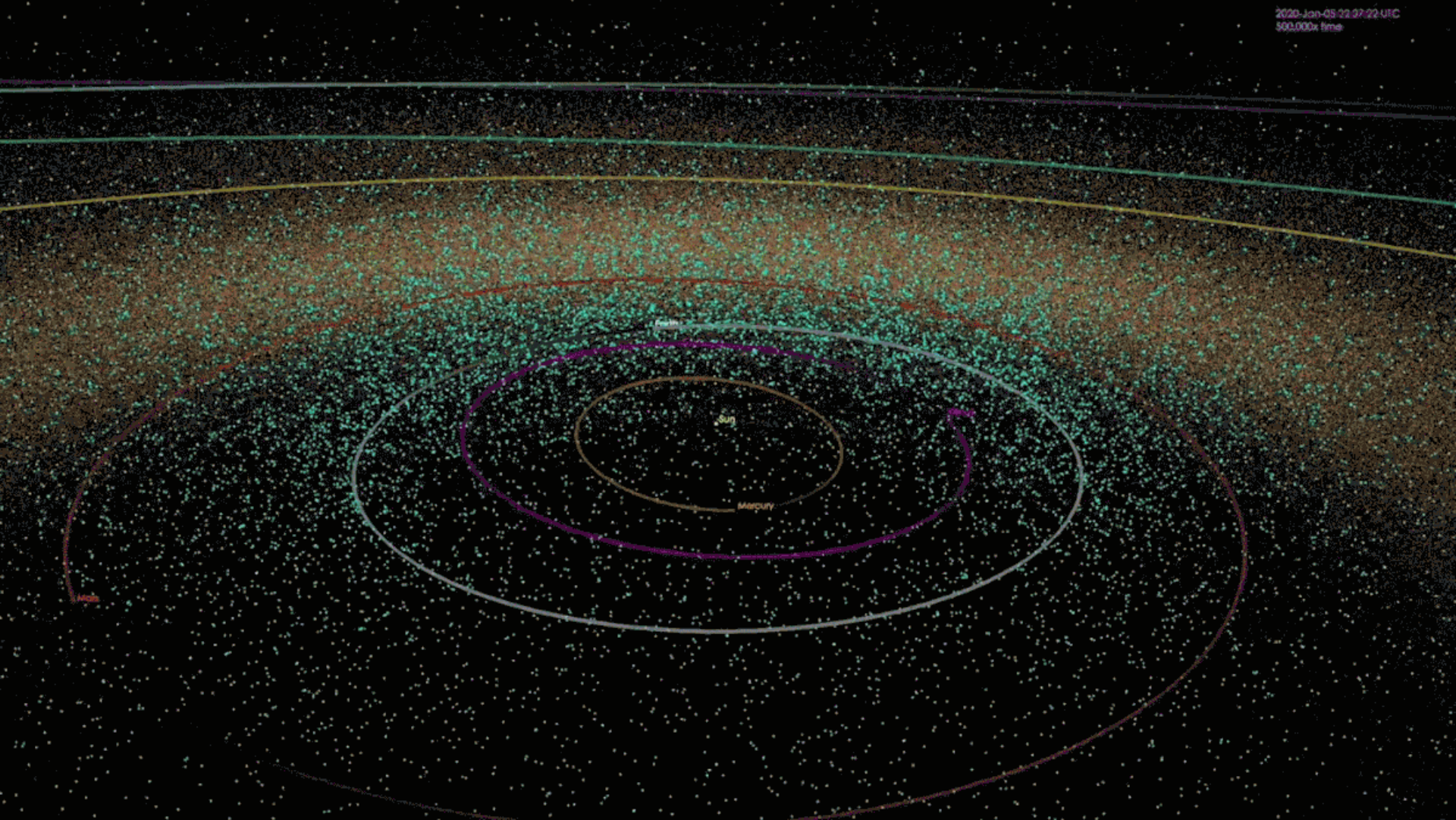
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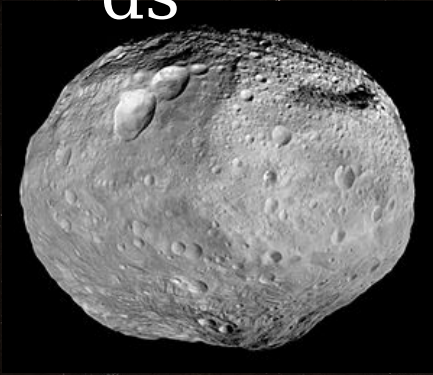




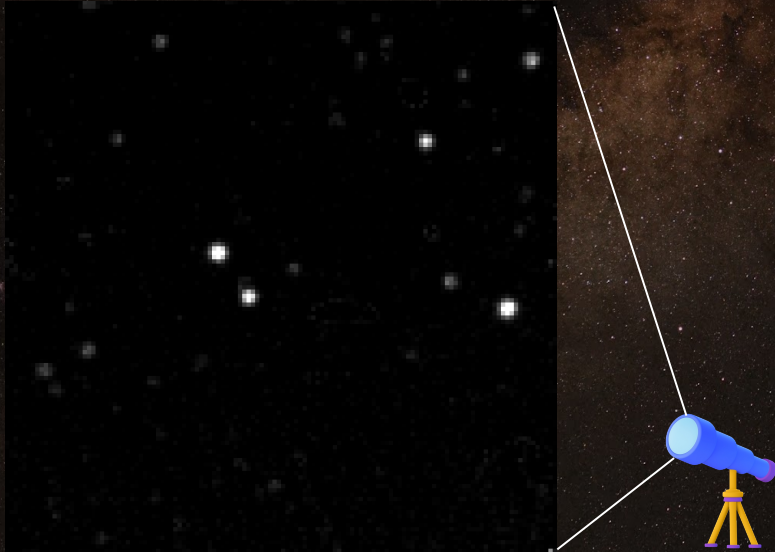
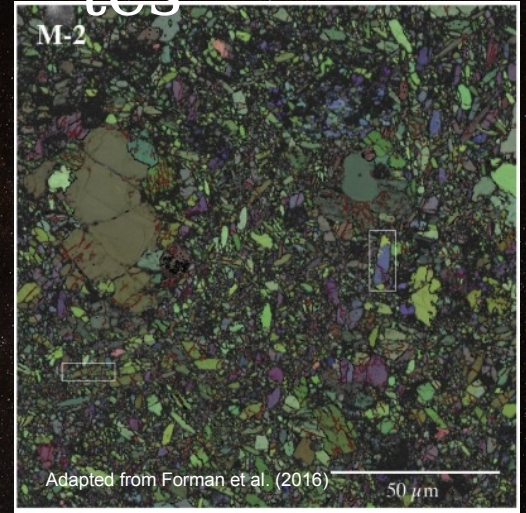
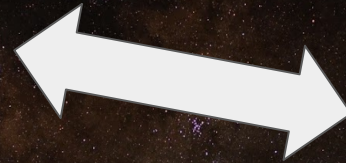


# Meteorites

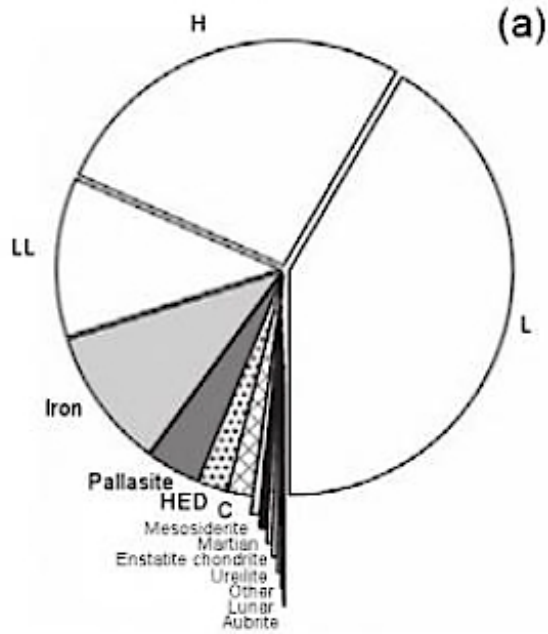
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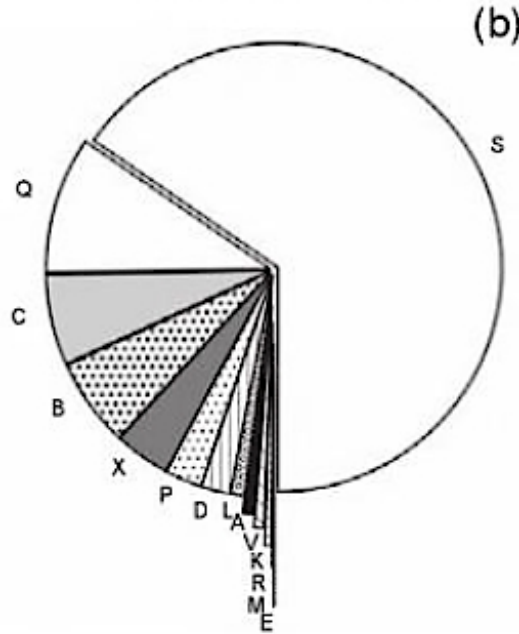
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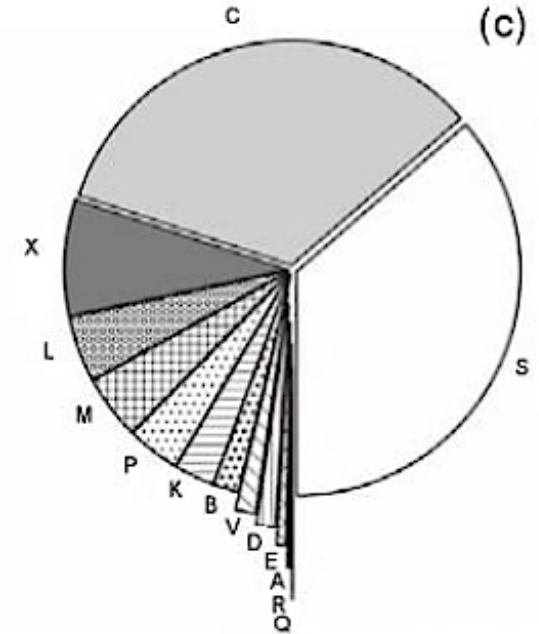
Antarctic Meteorites



Near-Earth Asteroids



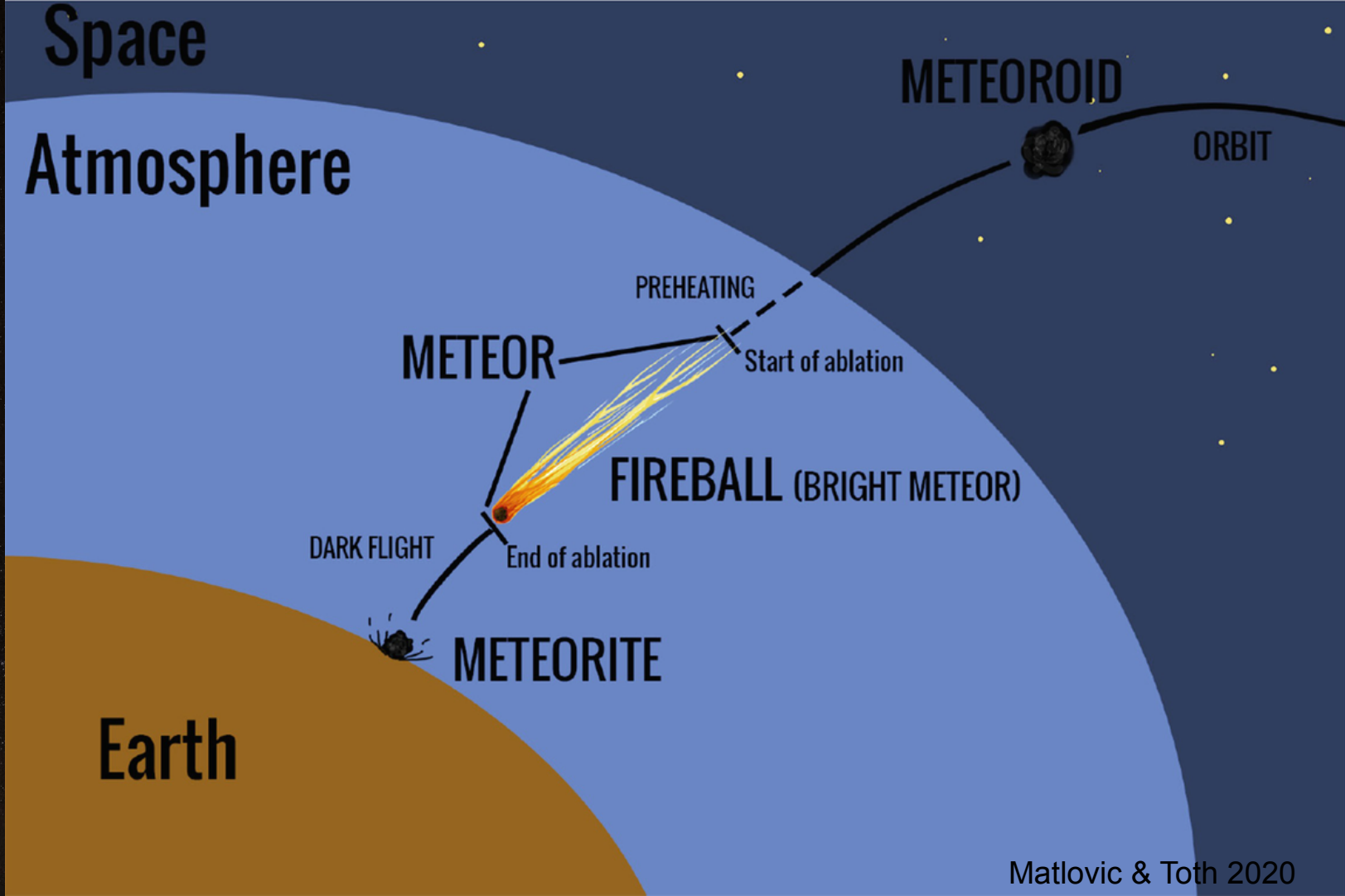
5–20-km Inner Main Belt



Mass distributions for Antarctic meteorites, near-Earth asteroids and the inner main belt. The two largest NEOs (433) Eros and (1036) Ganymed, both S-types, were not included because they dominate the NEO populations mass (Binzel et al. 2015).









**DESERT**  
**FIREBALL NETWORK**









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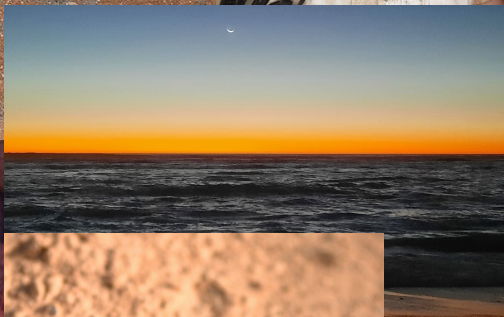


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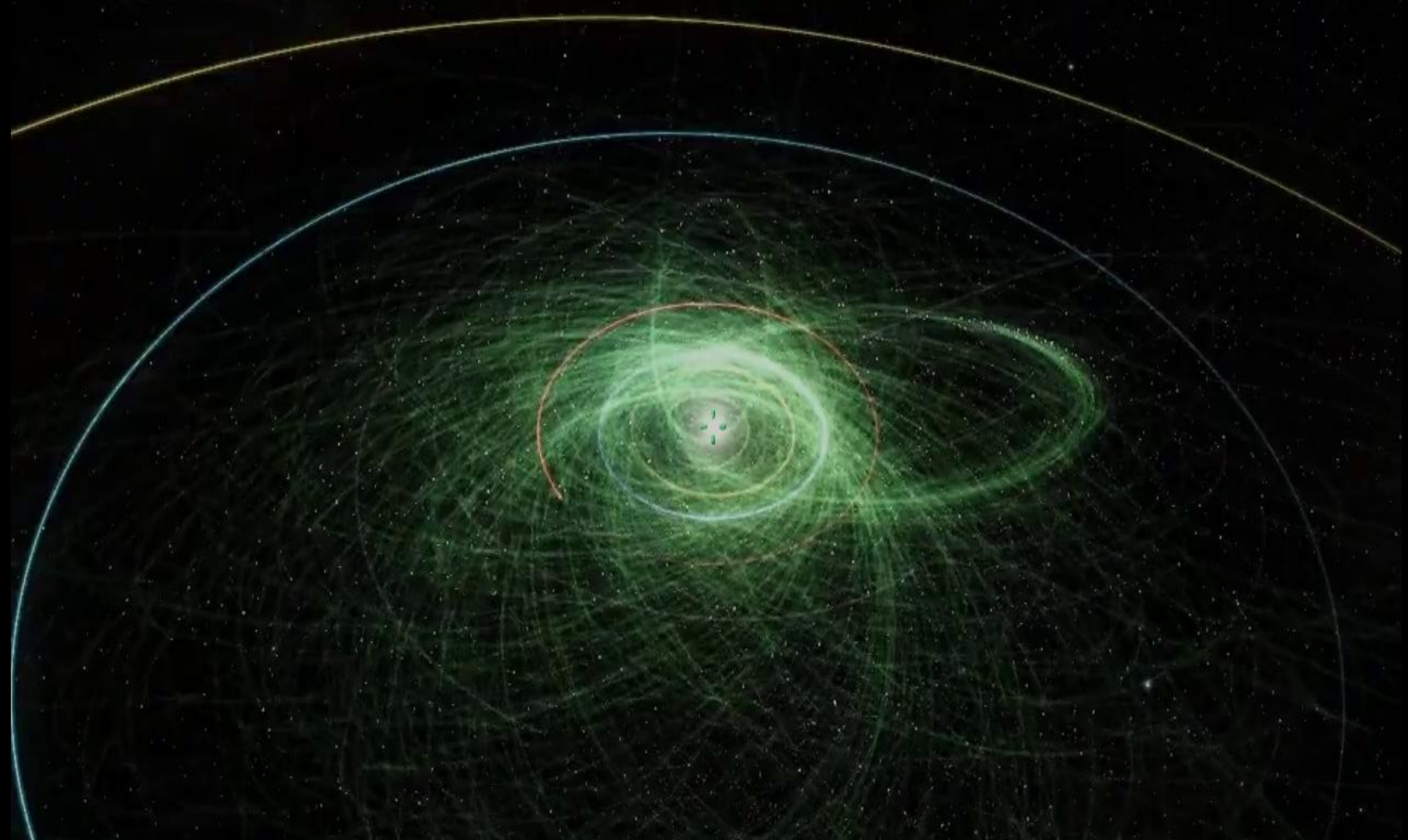
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IMAGE CREDIT: Curtin University and Desert Fireball Network







# GLOBAL FIREBALL OBSERVATORY



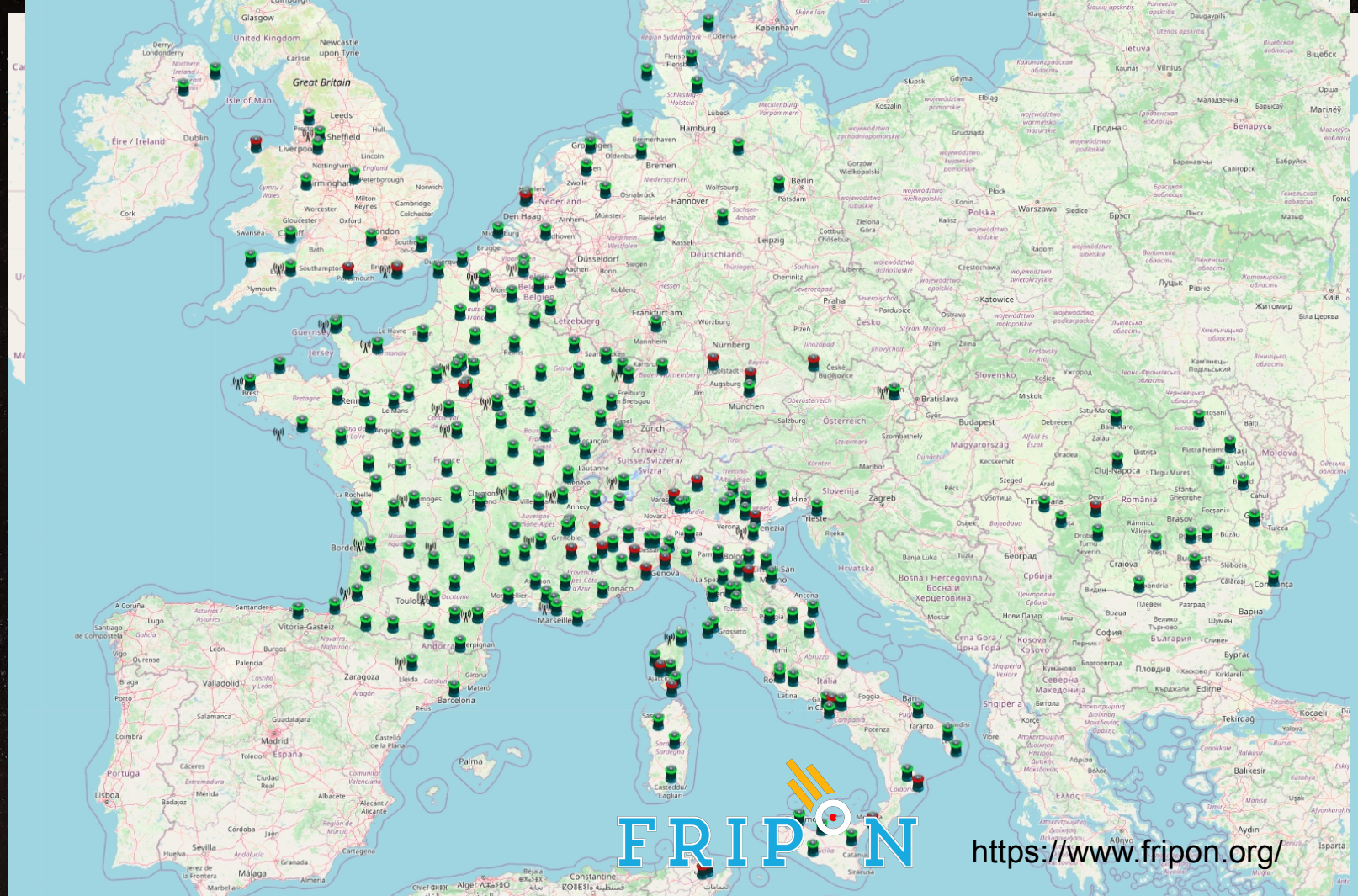
- 2% of Earth's surface
- 19 institutions
- 10 fireball networks



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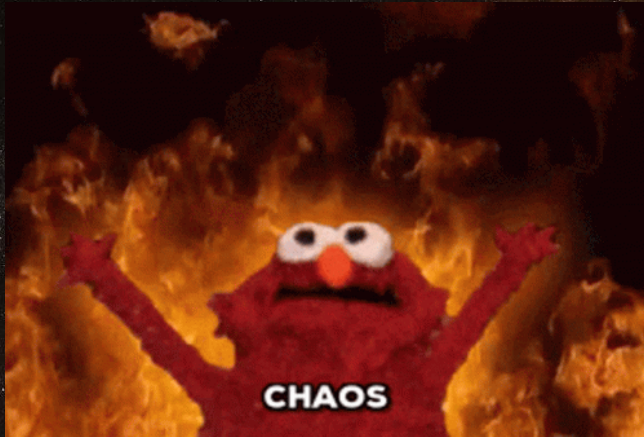
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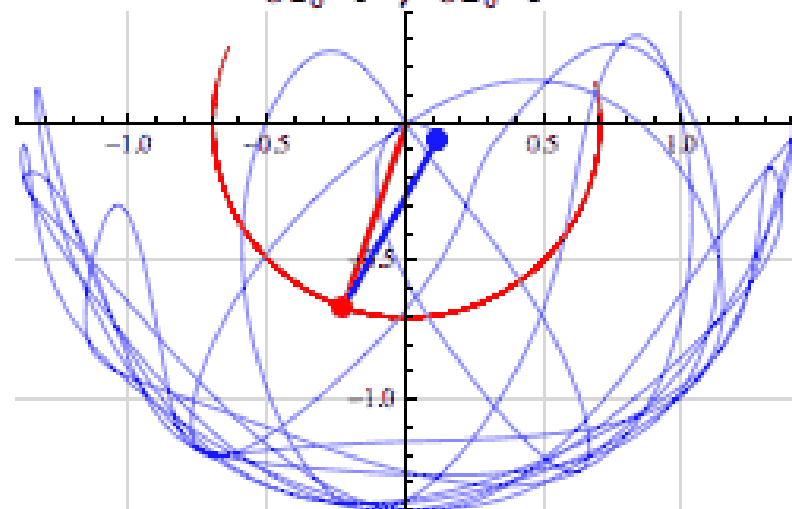
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You cannot figure out where  
something can from exactly!

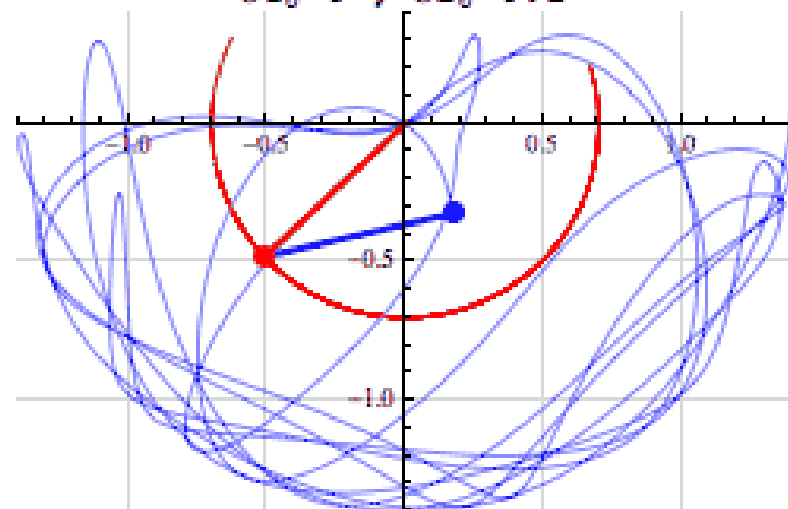


Because of  
**chaos**

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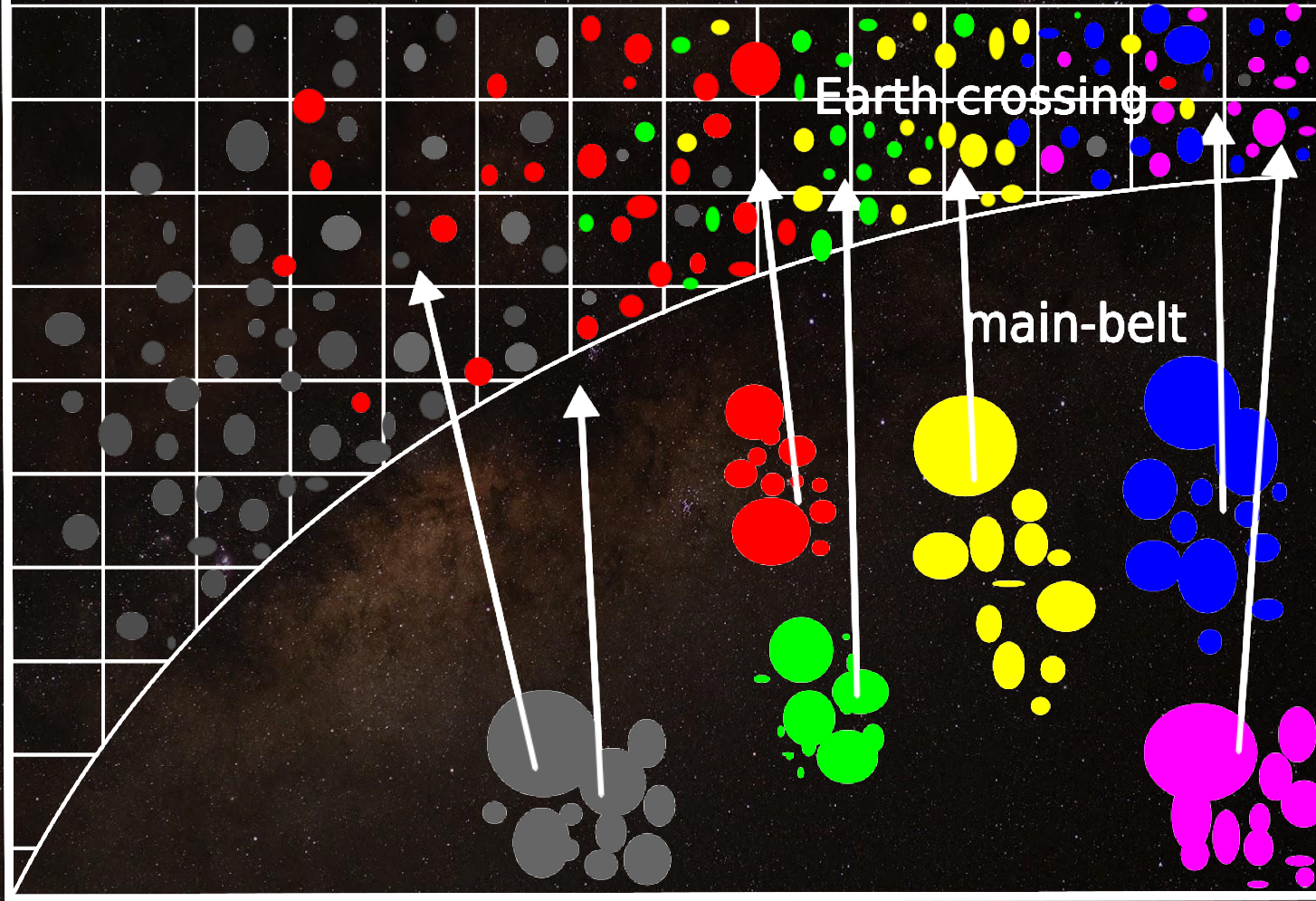
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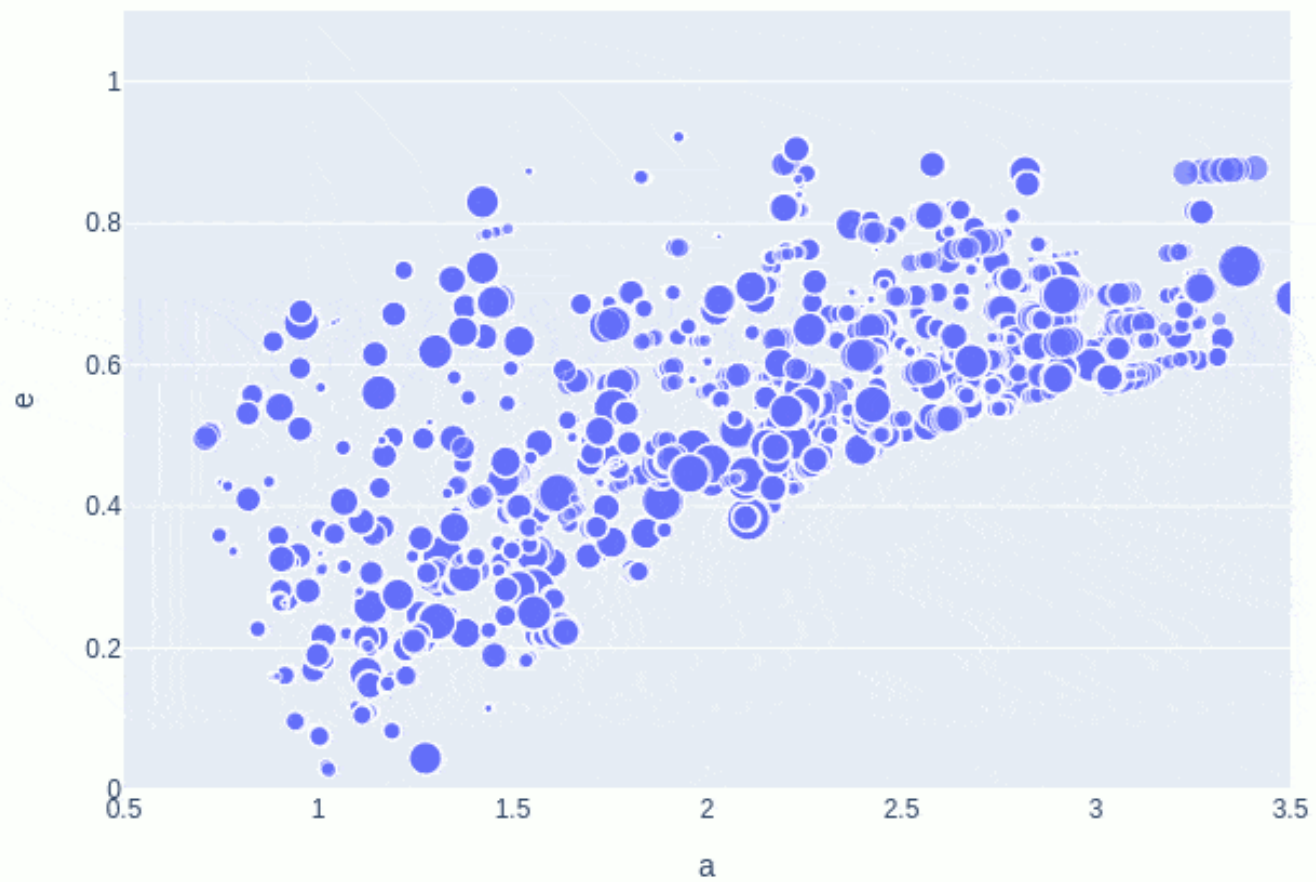
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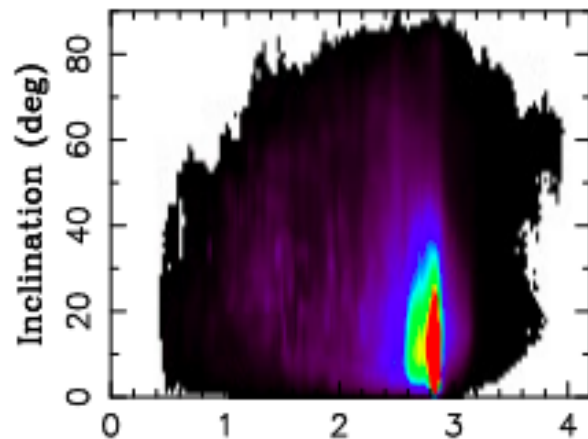
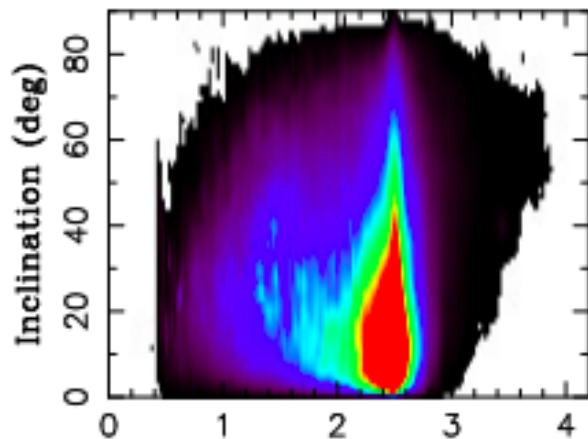
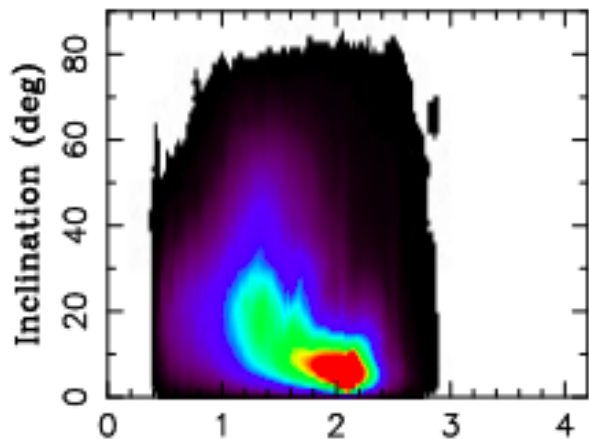
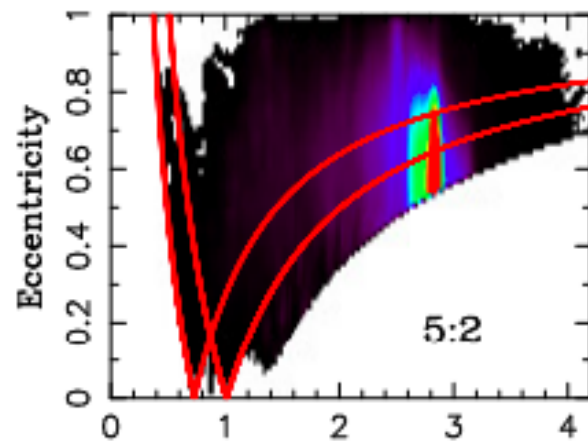
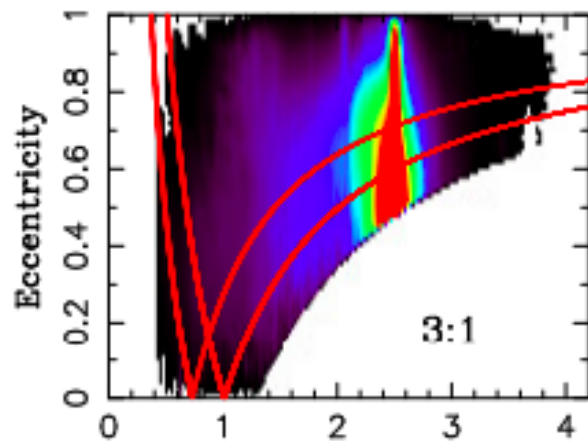
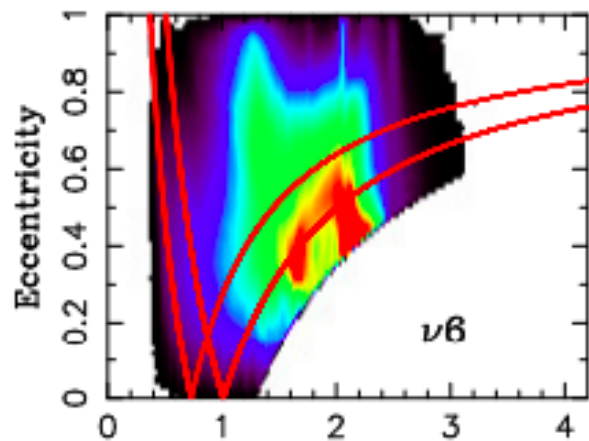


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semi-major axis (au)

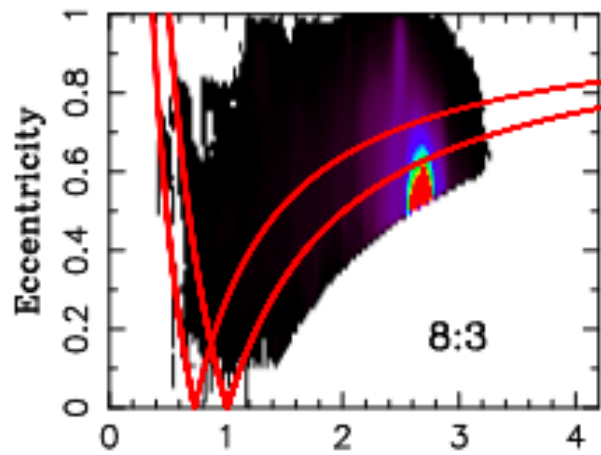




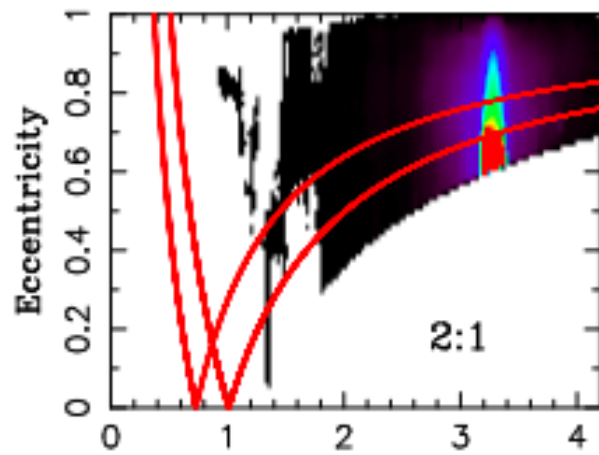
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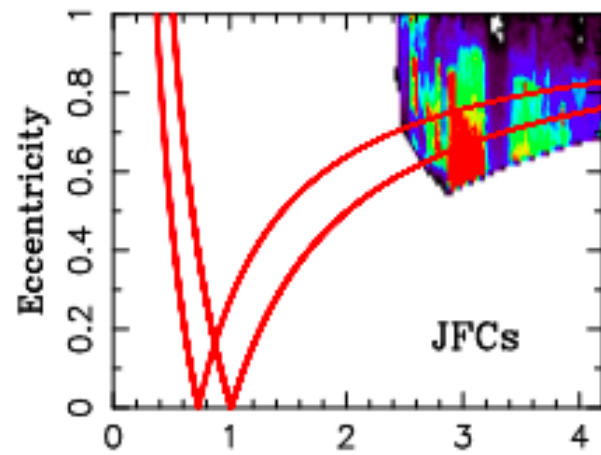
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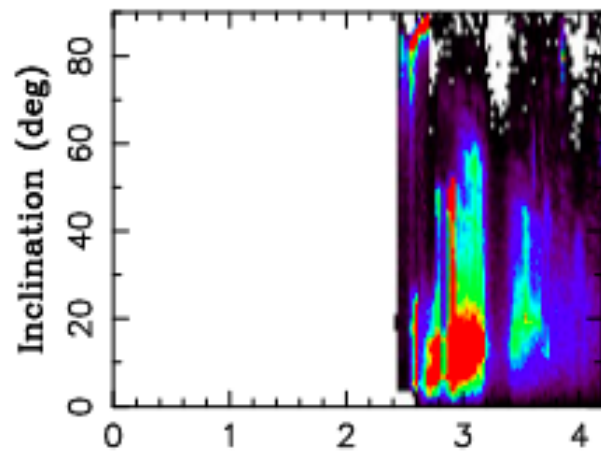
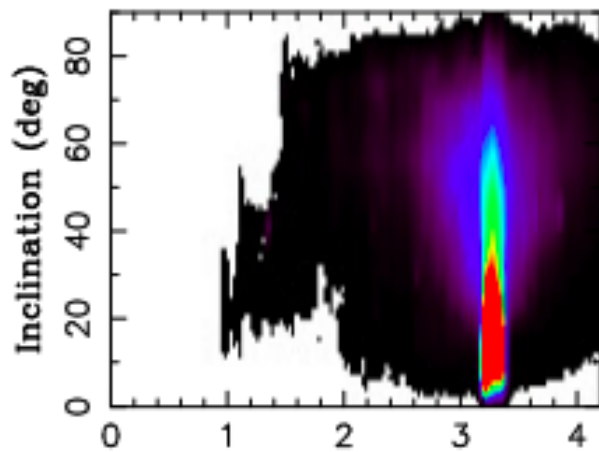
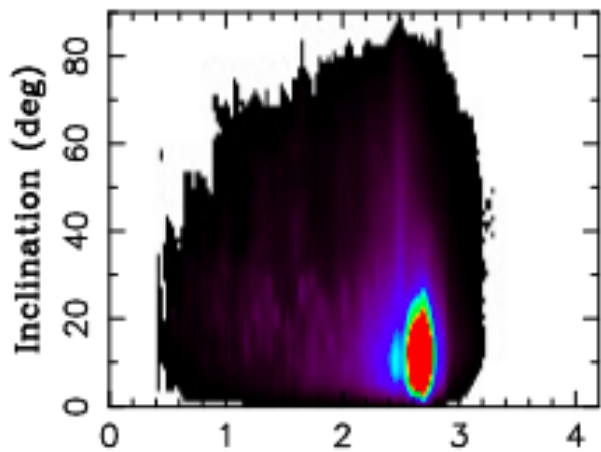
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JFCs



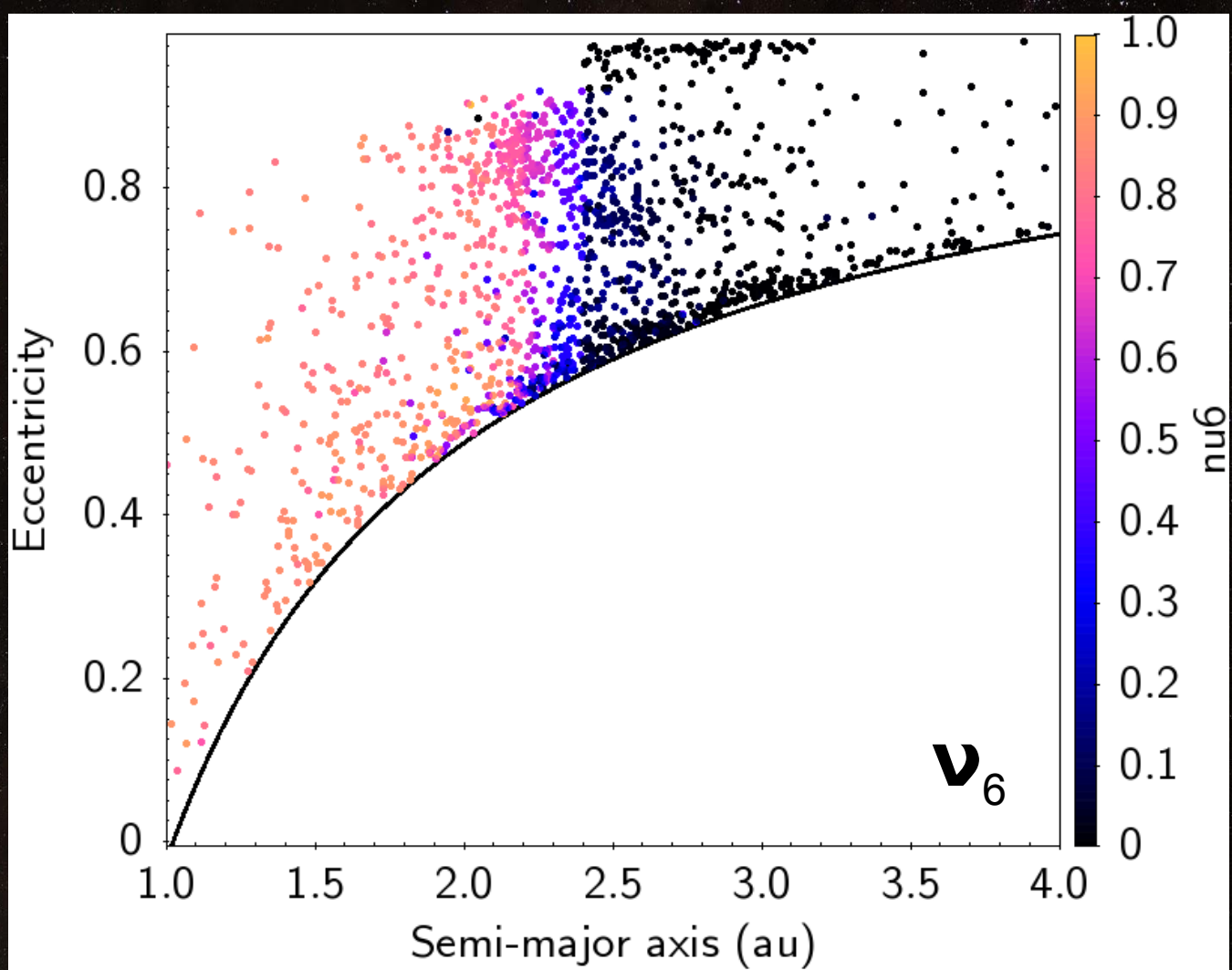
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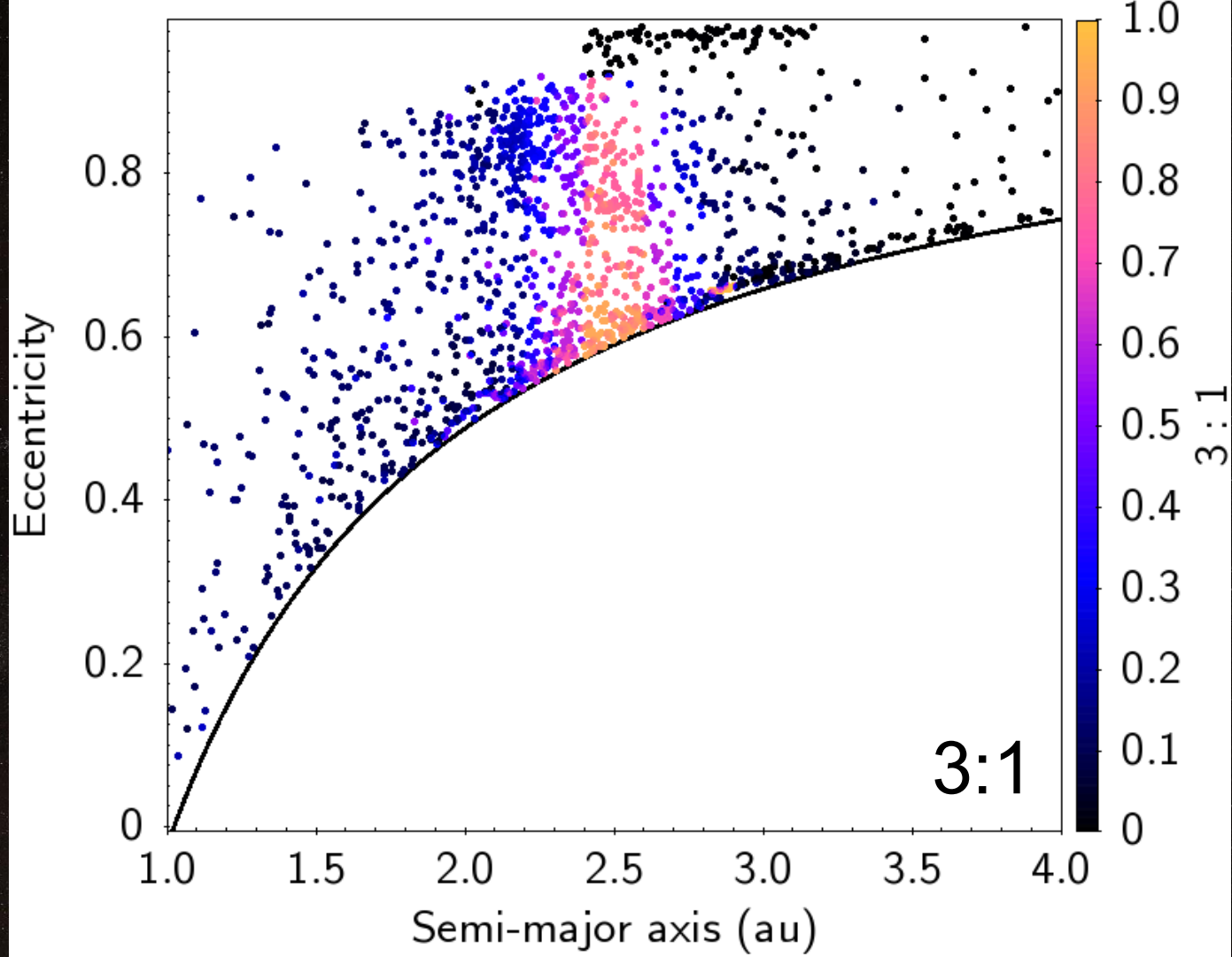
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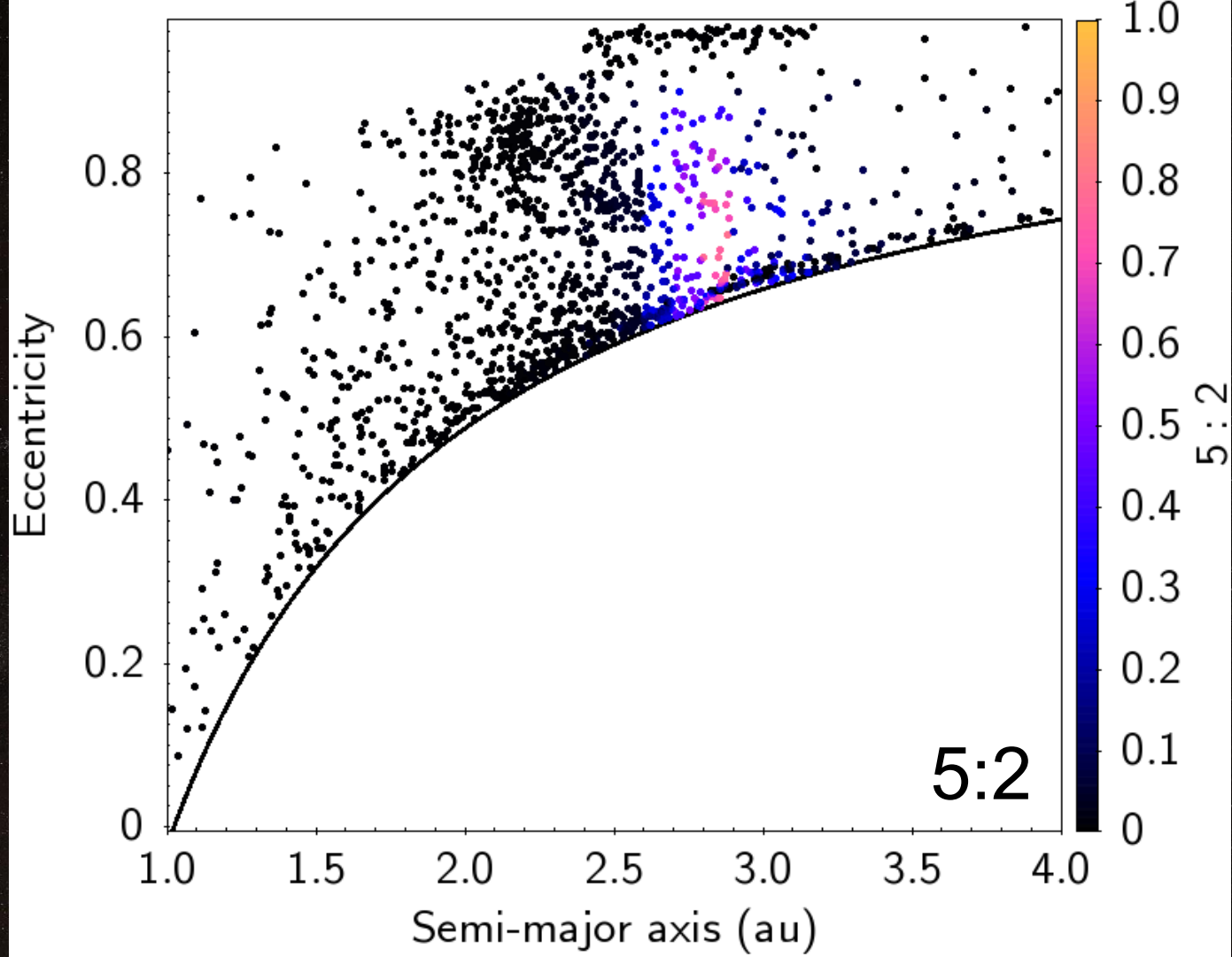
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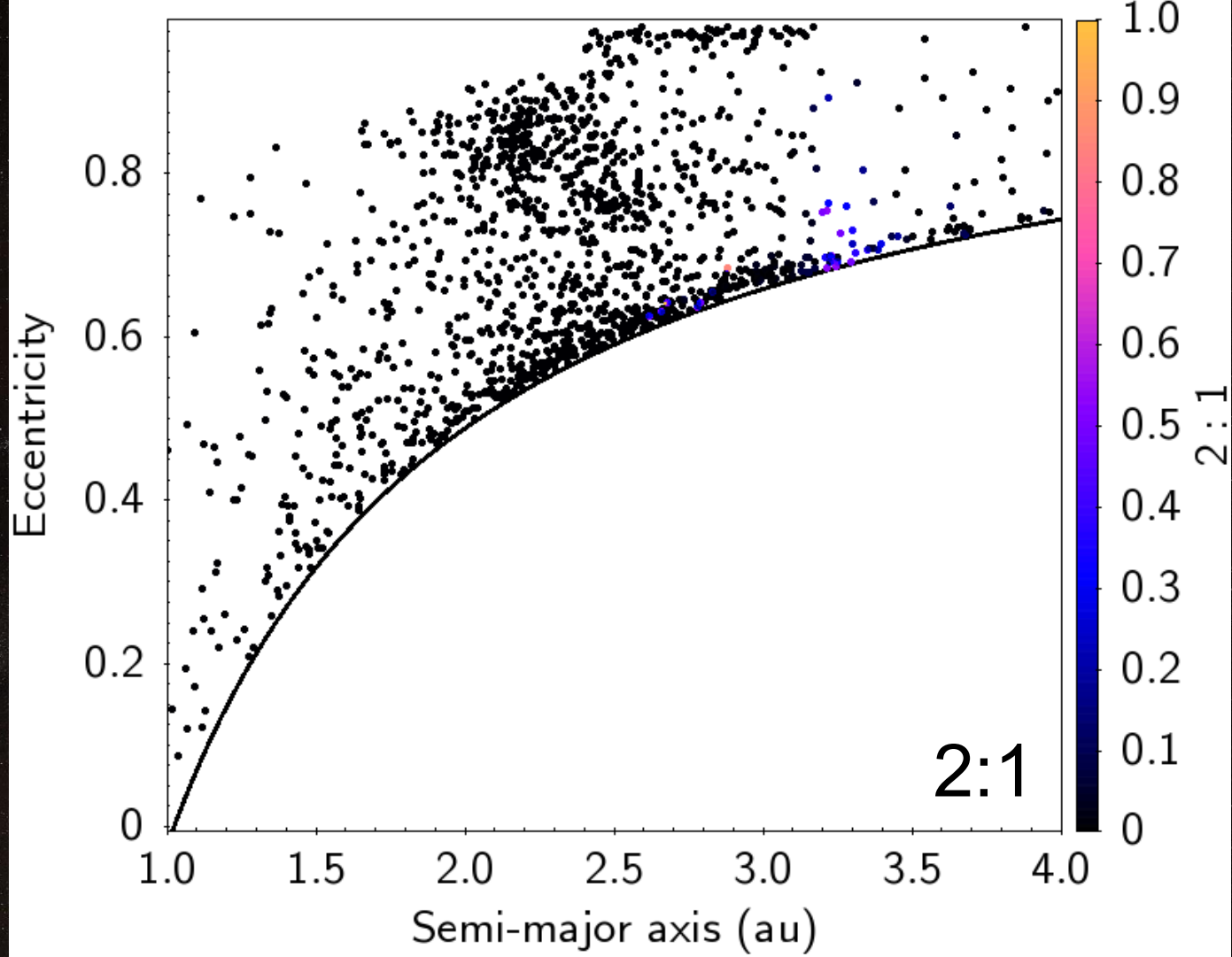
What happens when we apply these models to fireball data?











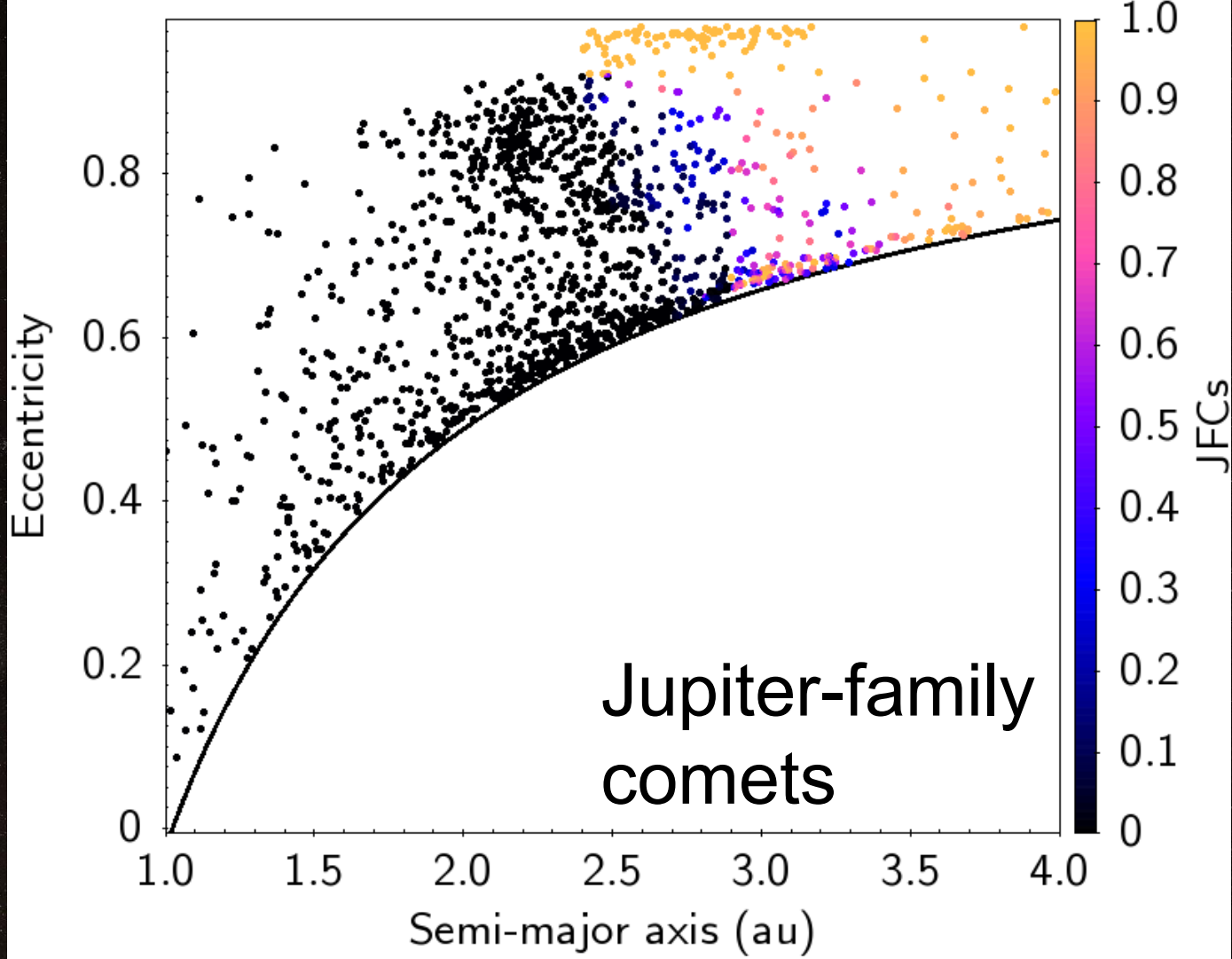
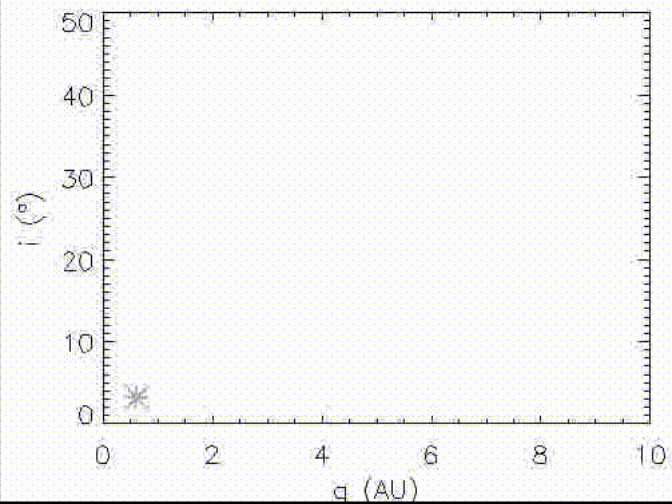
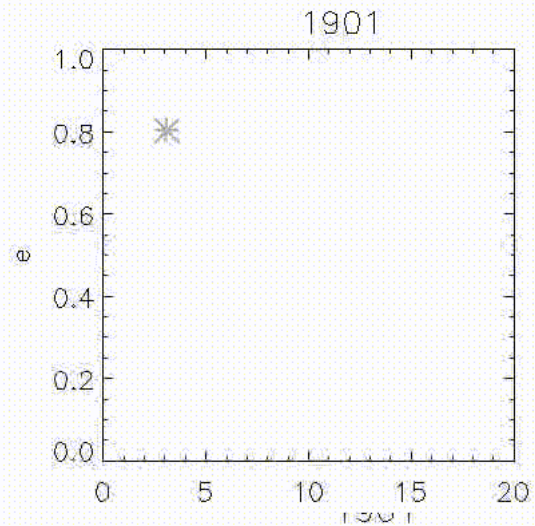
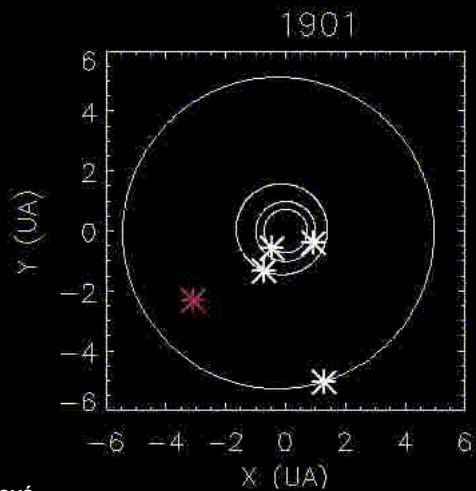
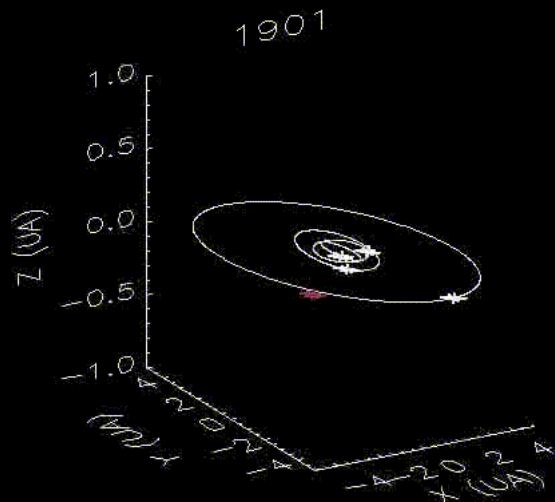
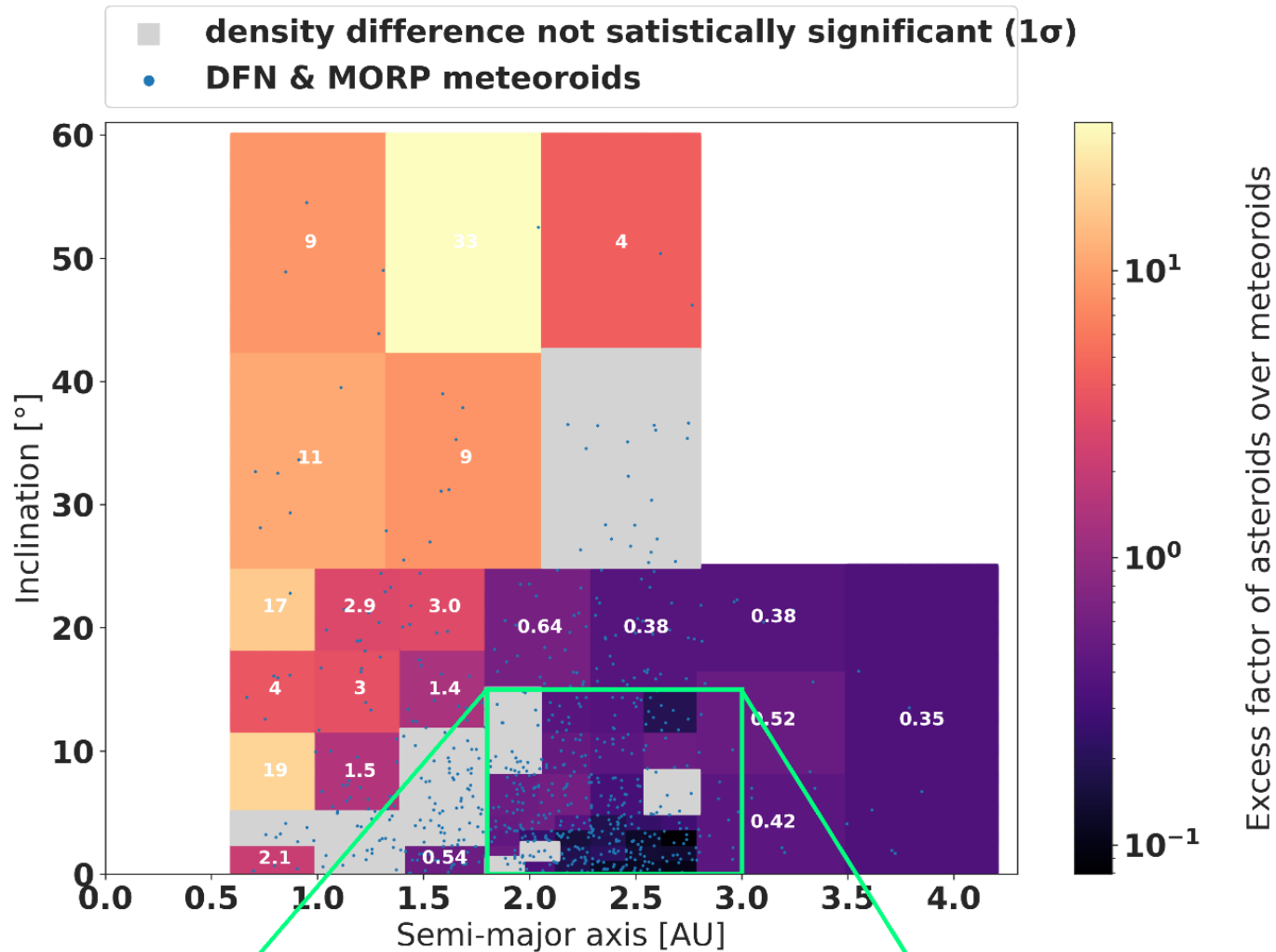
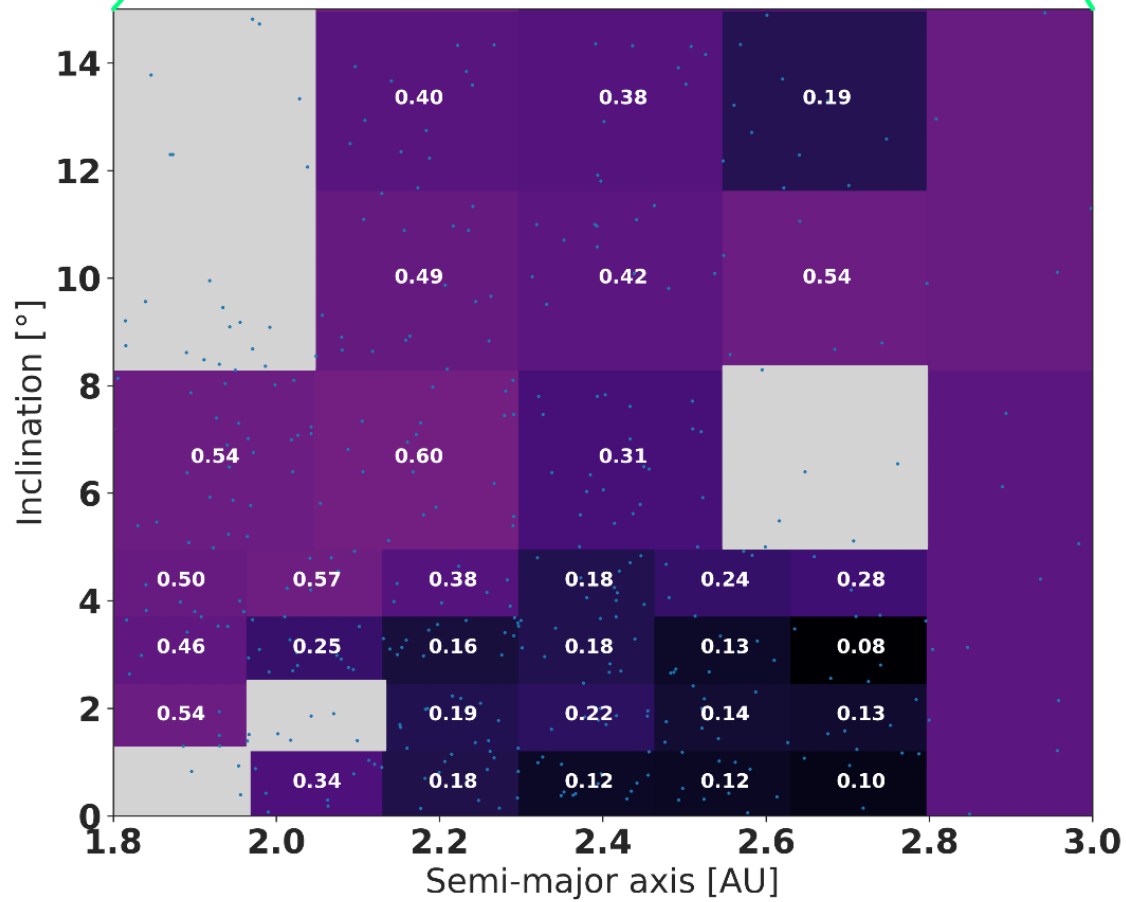




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# 21 Jan 2024 - Asteroid 2024 BX1 Impact



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## Probabilities

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3:1	0.109
5:2	0.002
7:3	0.000
8:3	0.000
9:4	0.000
11:5	0.000
2:1	0.000



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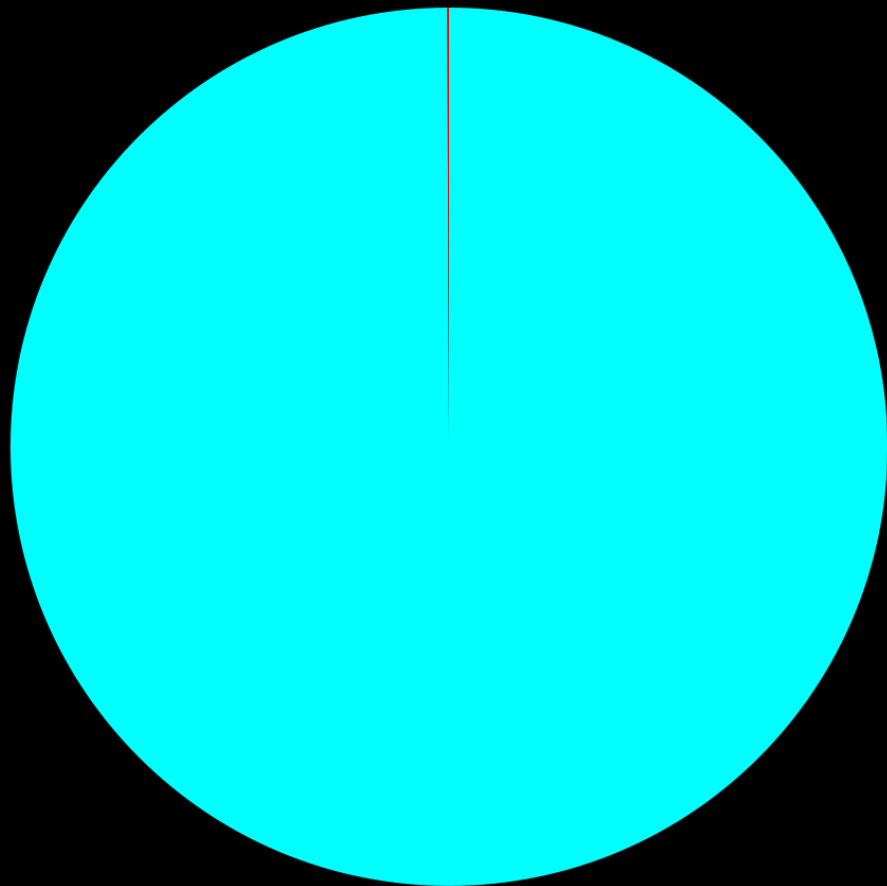
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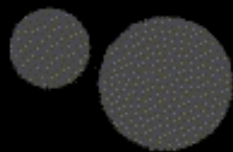
Hungaria and its genetic family. It is widely believed the E-type asteroids are related to the aubrite meteorites, also known as enstatite achondrites (Gaffey et al. [1992]. *Icarus*, 100, 95–109). Here we explore the hypothesis that aubrites originate in the Hungaria family. In order to test this connection, we compare model Cosmic Ray Exposure ages from orbital integrations of model meteoroids with those

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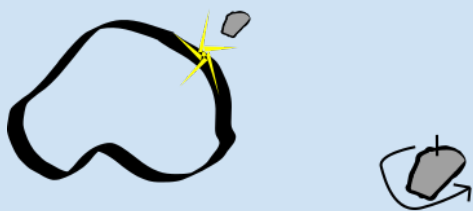
● All other Meteorites (99.94%) ● Meteorites with Orbits (0.06%)





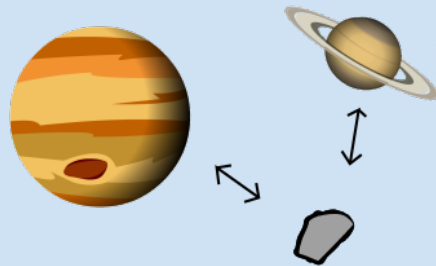


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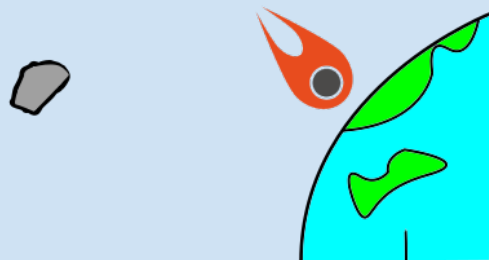
$10^7$ - $10^9$  yrs

Part B. Within a Resonance



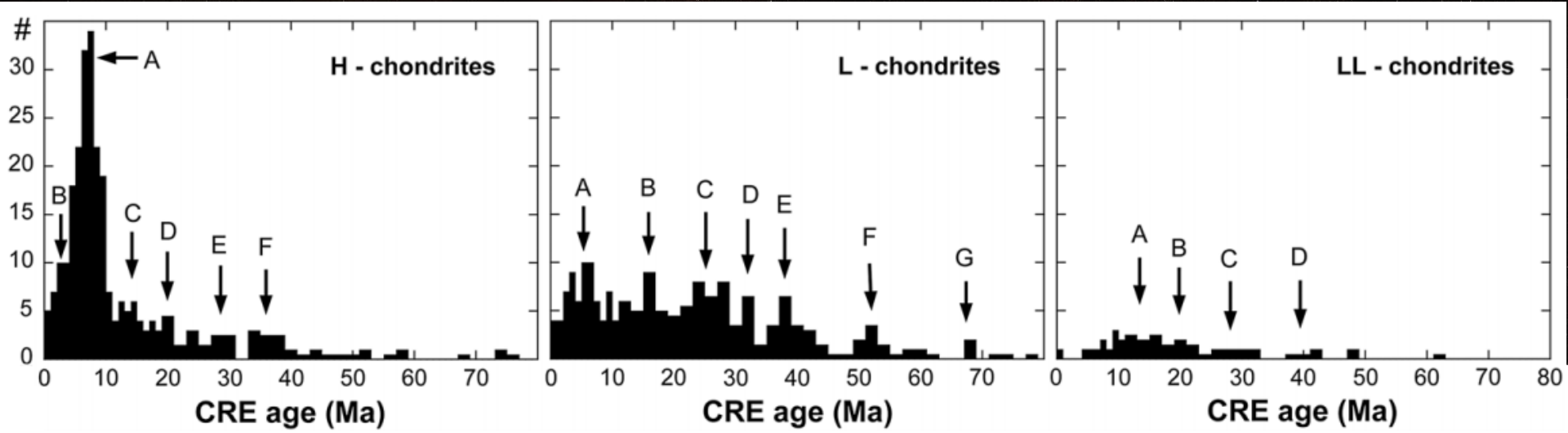
$10^5$ - $10^6$  yrs

Part C: Near-Earth Space

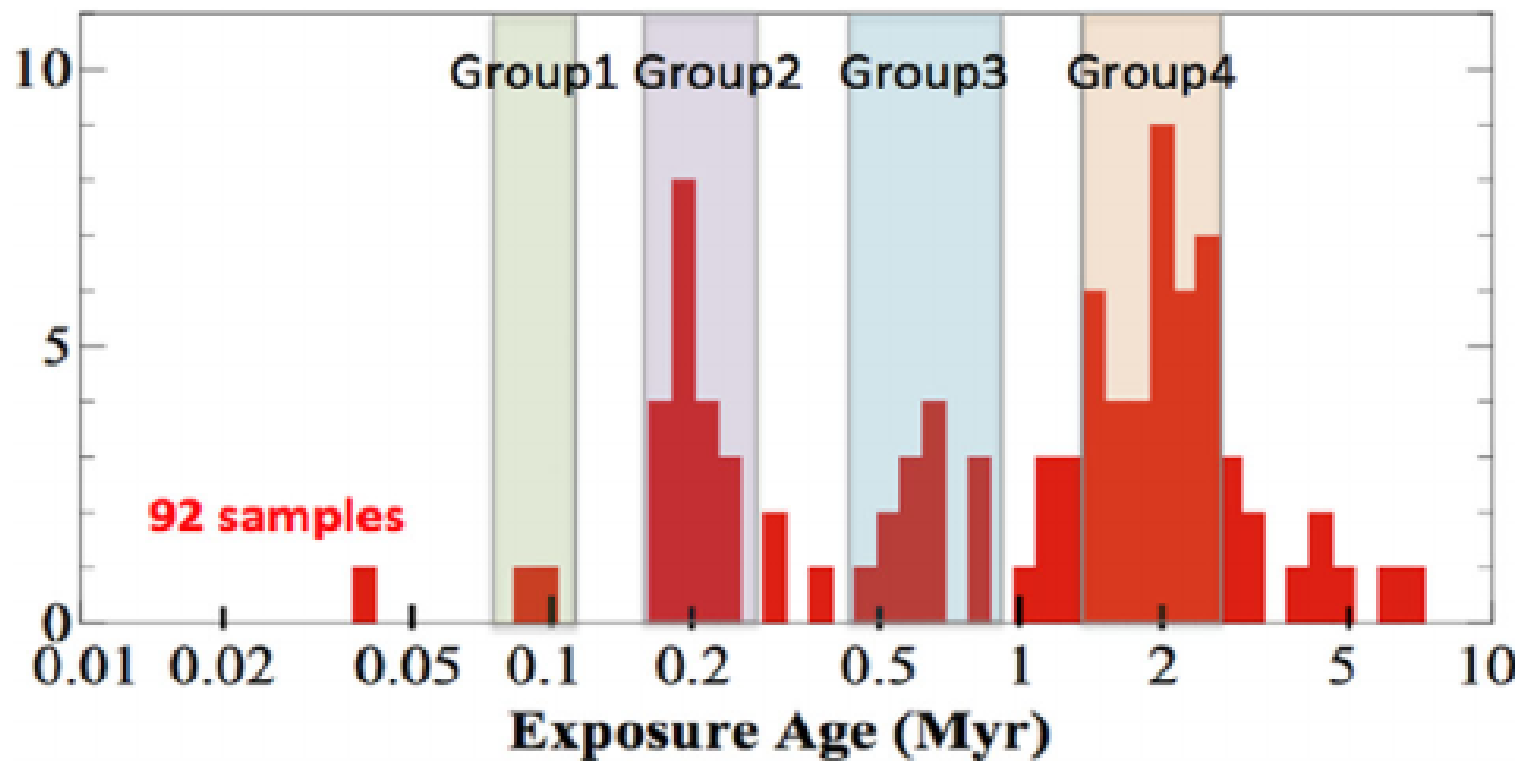


$\sim 10^7$  yrs

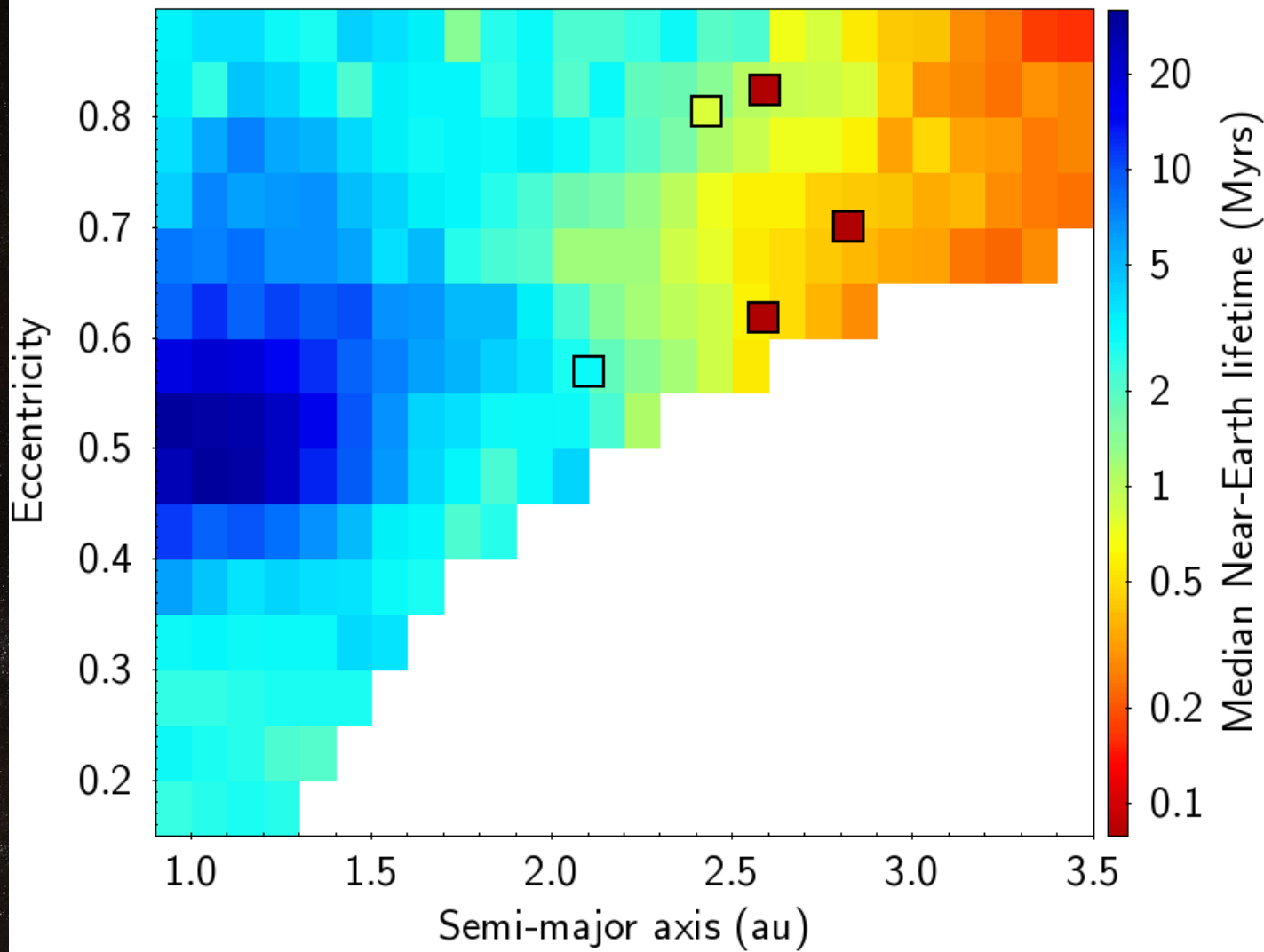
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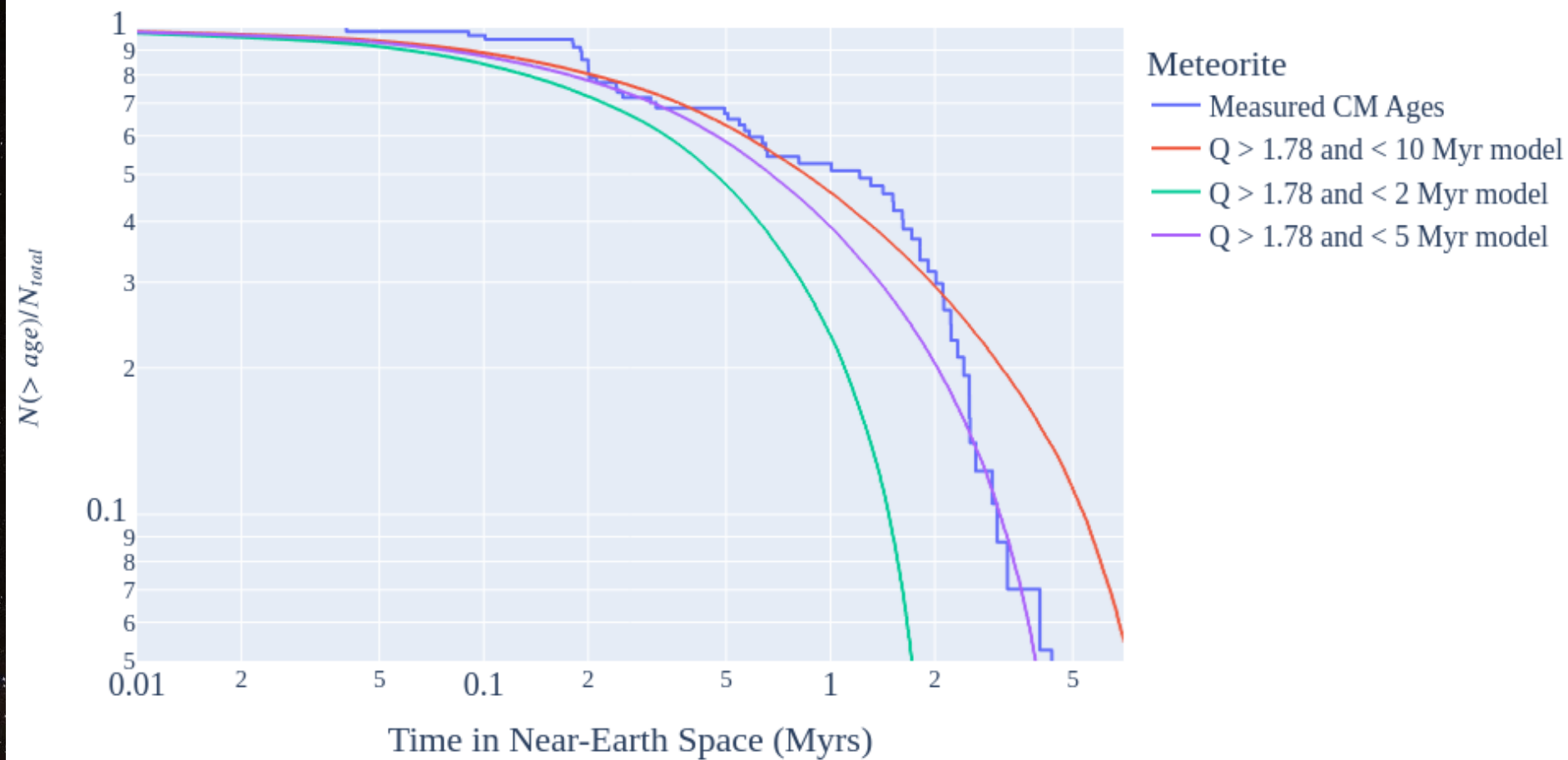






Nishiizumi and Caffee (2012)



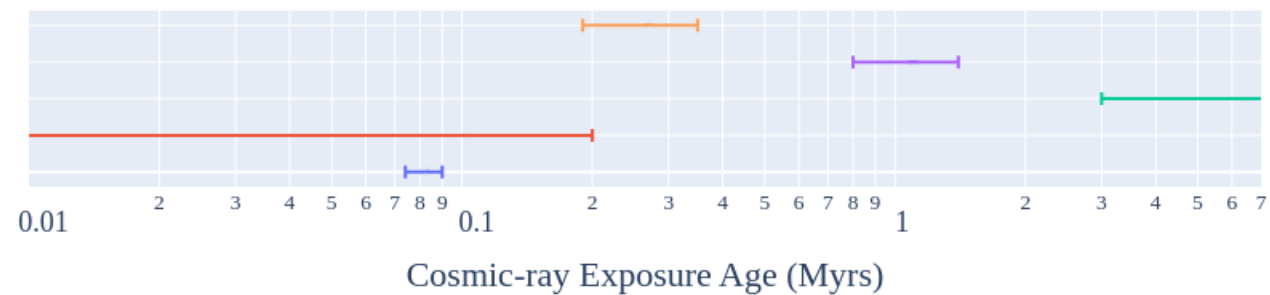
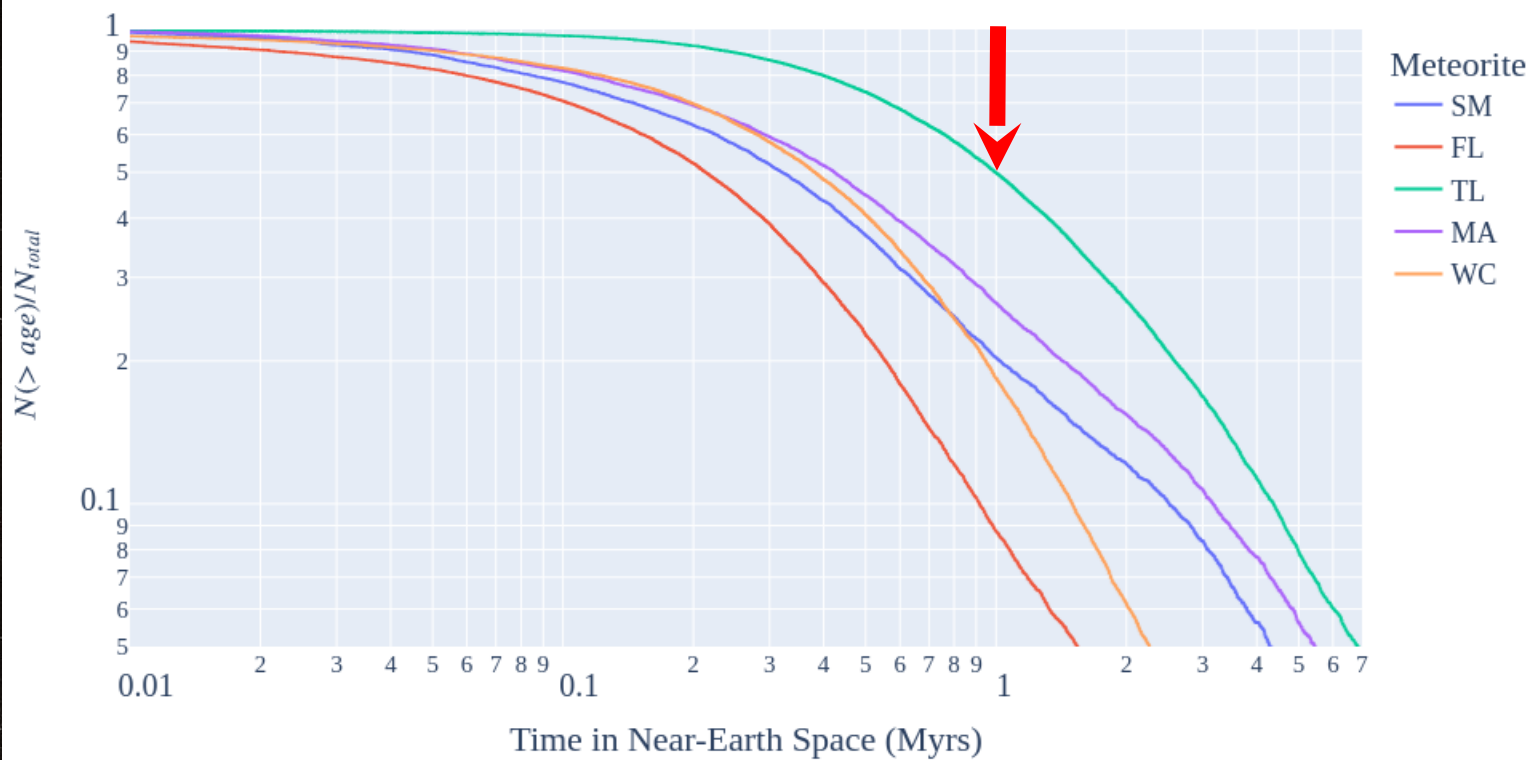


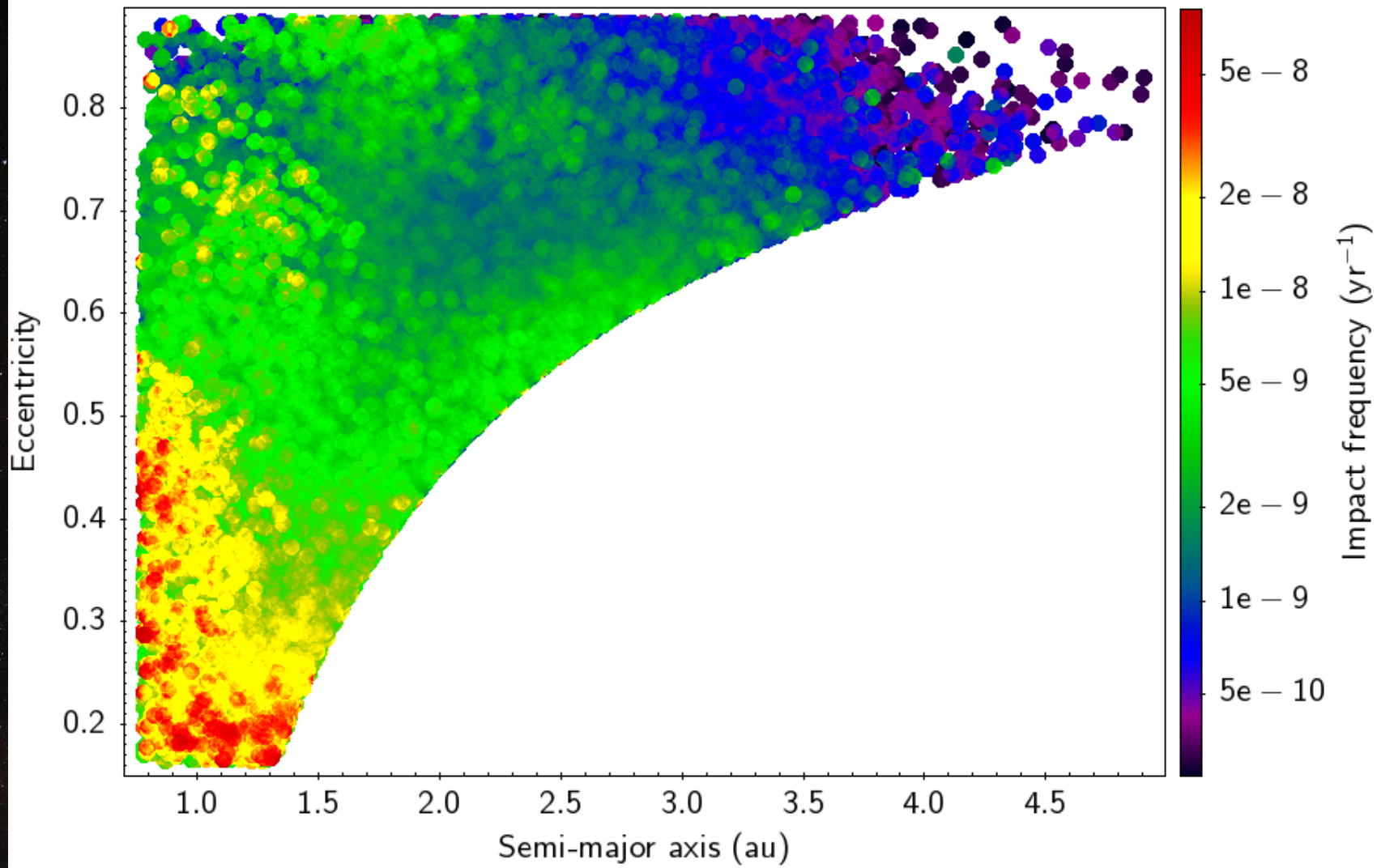
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Physical characteristics  
of meteoroids using  
fireball observations?

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$h_{\text{end}}$

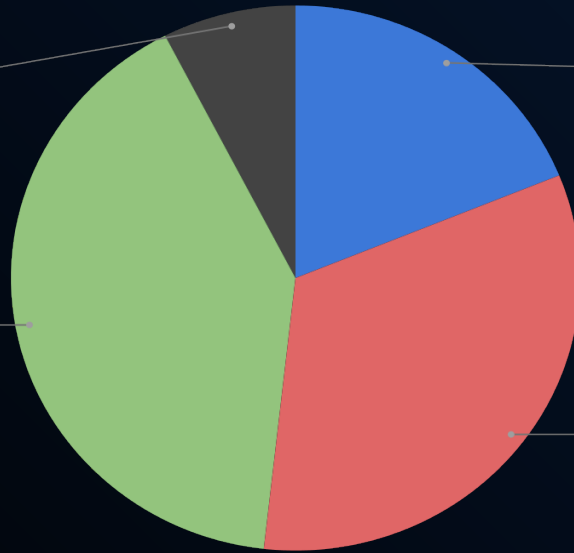
- 646 fireballs
- 661 JFCs

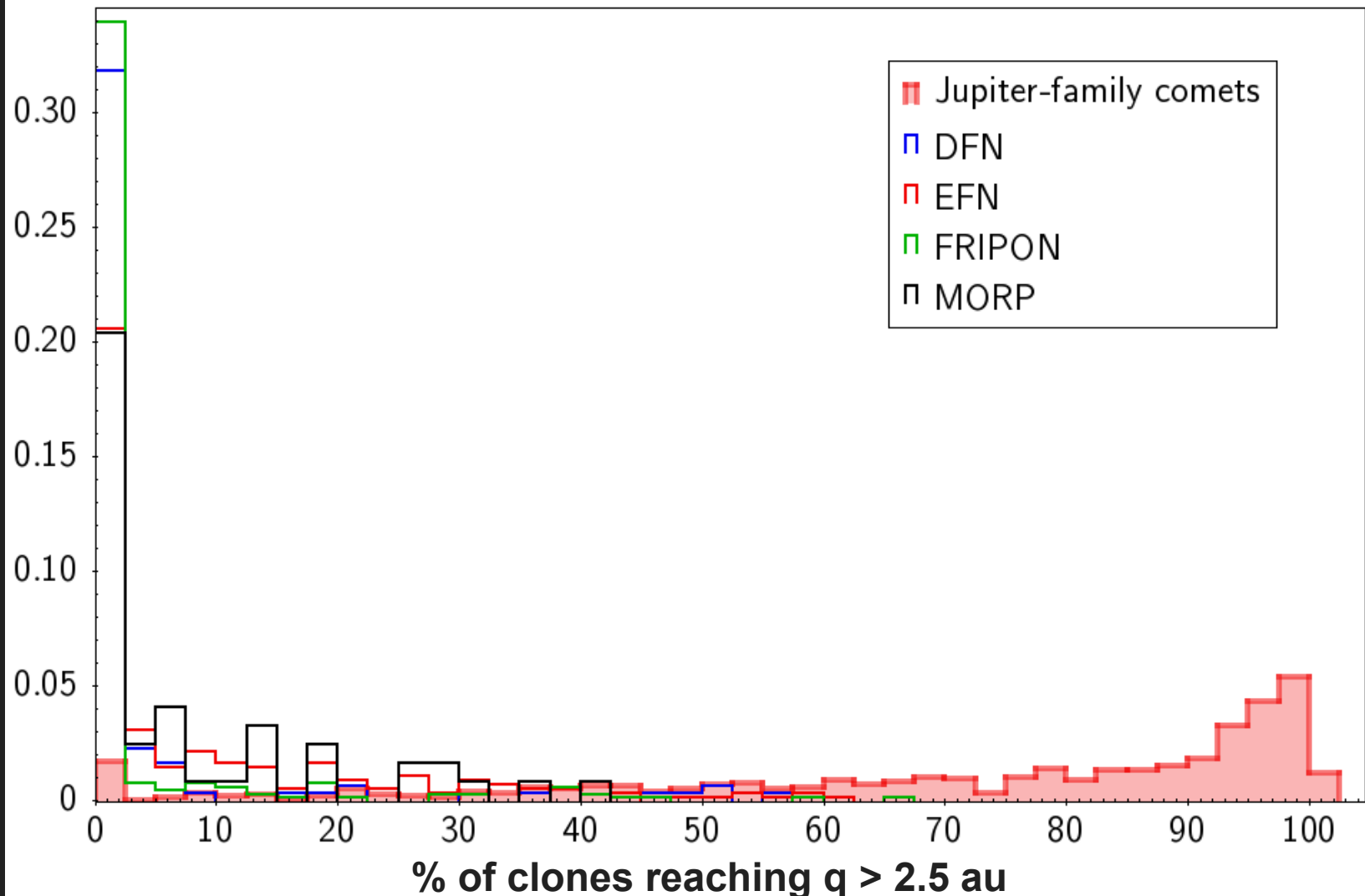
**MORP**  
7.6%

**FRIPON**  
40.6%

**DFN**  
18.9%

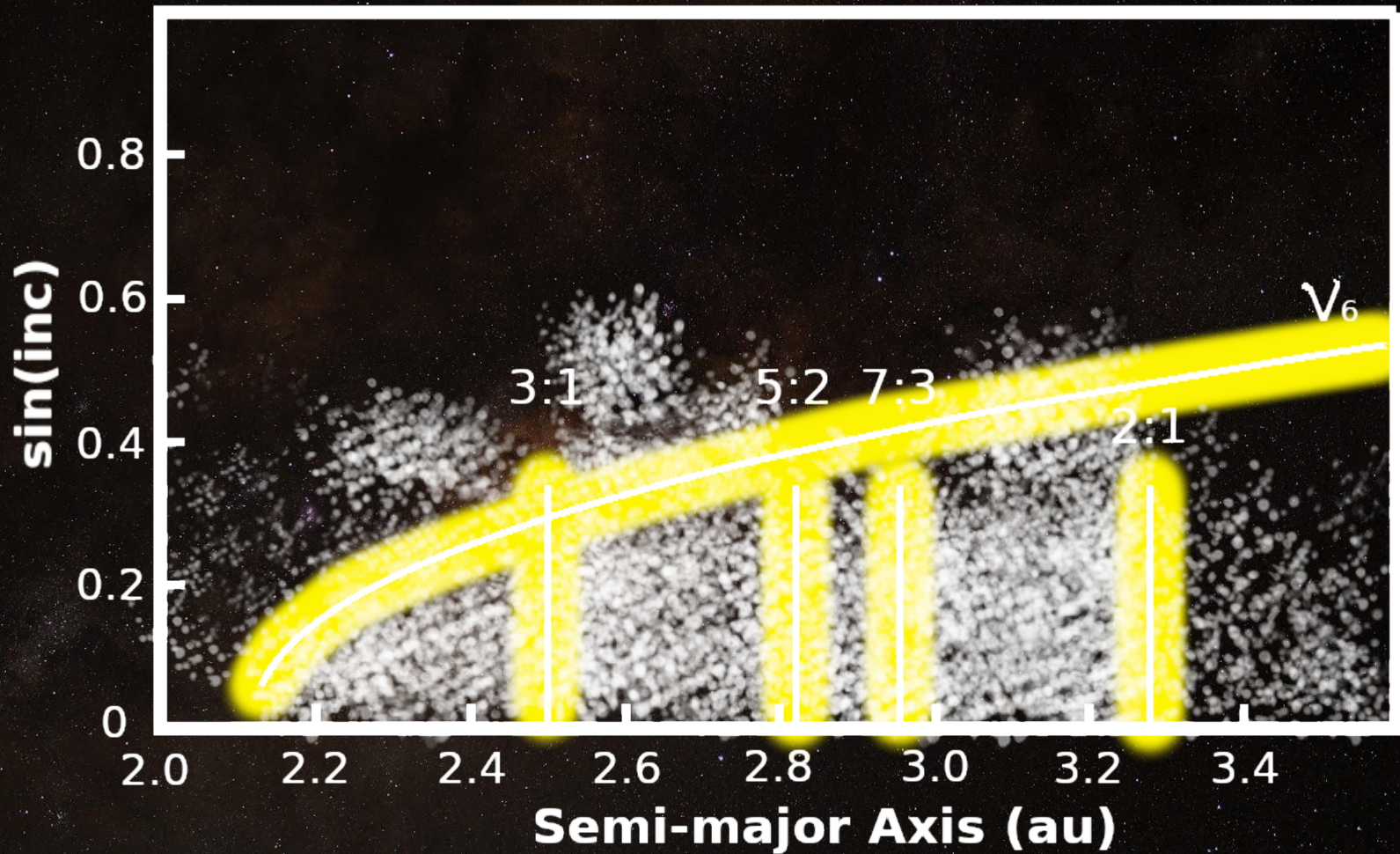
**EFN**  
32.9%





# FIREBALL RESULTS

- Low levels of chaos
- Only 8-21% are likely to have experienced significant encounters with Jupiter
- 1-5% of the DFN, EFN, MORP, and FRIPON fireball datasets are dynamically consistent with JFCs
- The physical strengths alone is not a reliable indicator of discriminating between asteroidal and cometary source regions for fireball data







2.4

2.6

2.8

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