

Constraining HJ Compositions via Host Star Abundances of Planet-Building Elements

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How do we learn about exoplanet composition?

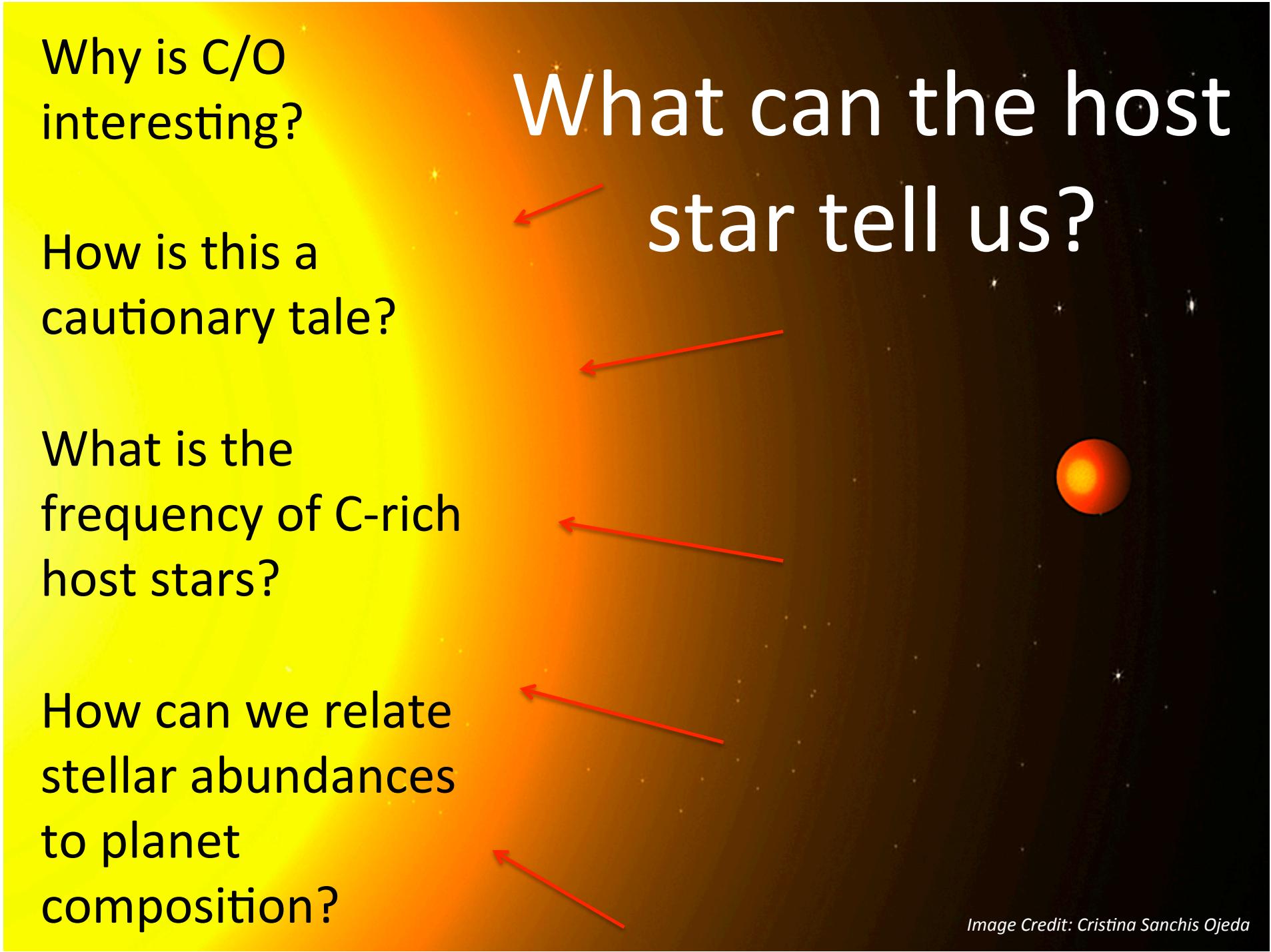


me, skydiving



my mom, not skydiving

To understand the child, one must consider the parent(s)



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interesting?

How is this a
cautionary tale?

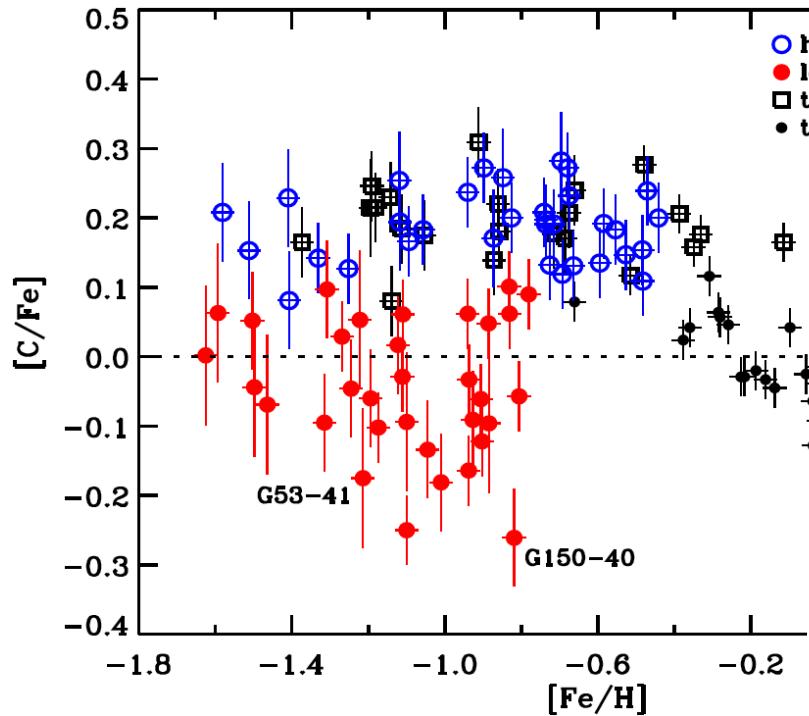
What is the
frequency of C-rich
host stars?

How can we relate
stellar abundances
to planet
composition?

What can the host
star tell us?

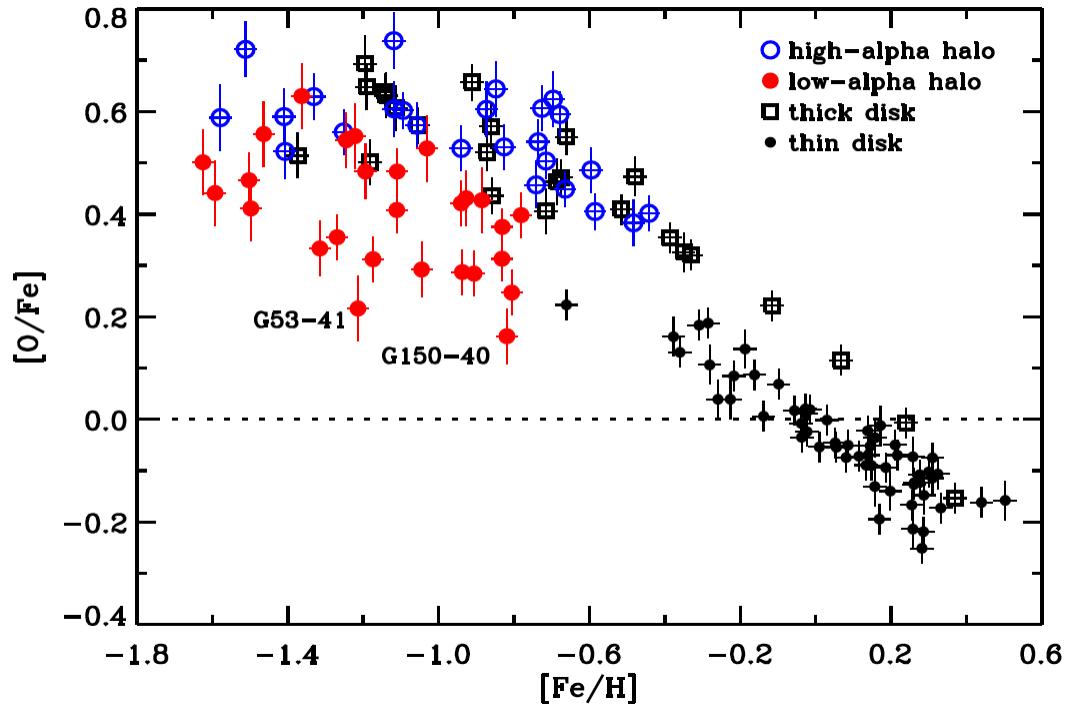


Why is C/O interesting in stars?



Galactic chemical evolution

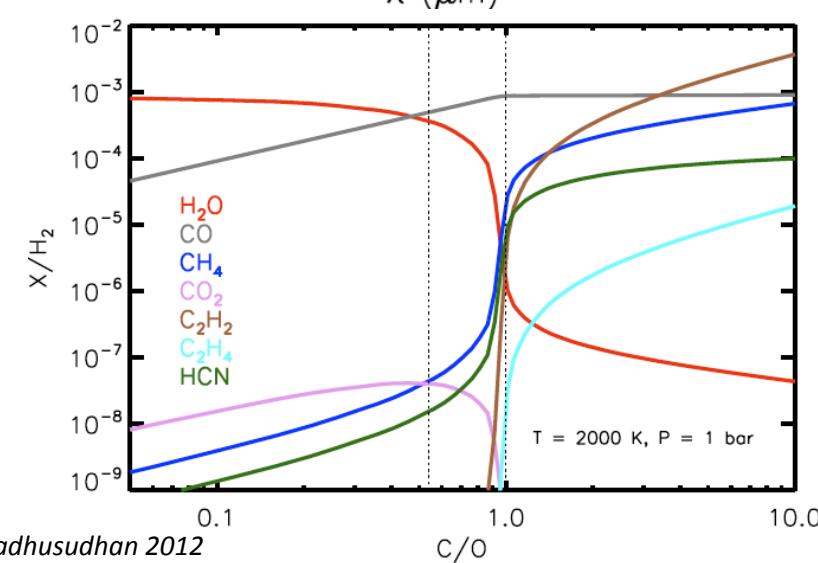
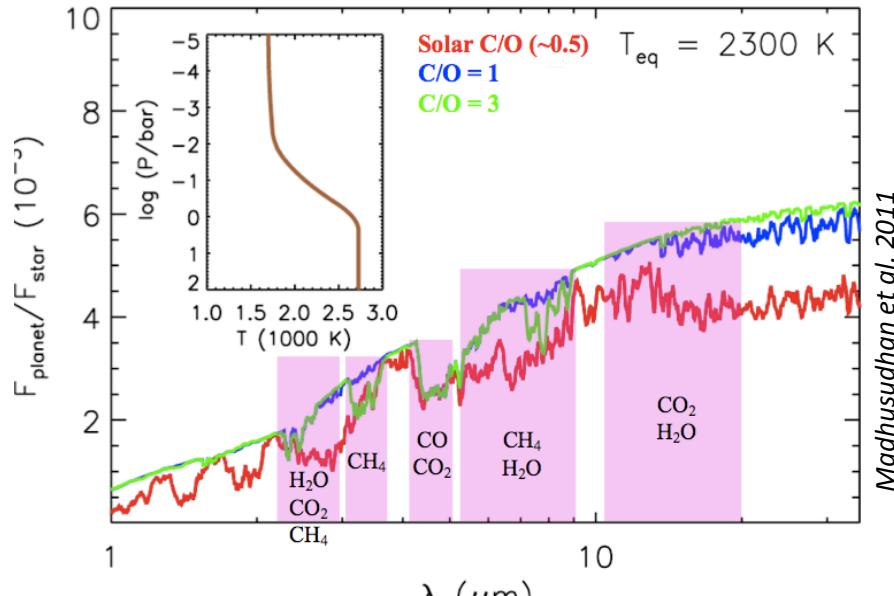
Increasing C/O with [Fe/H]



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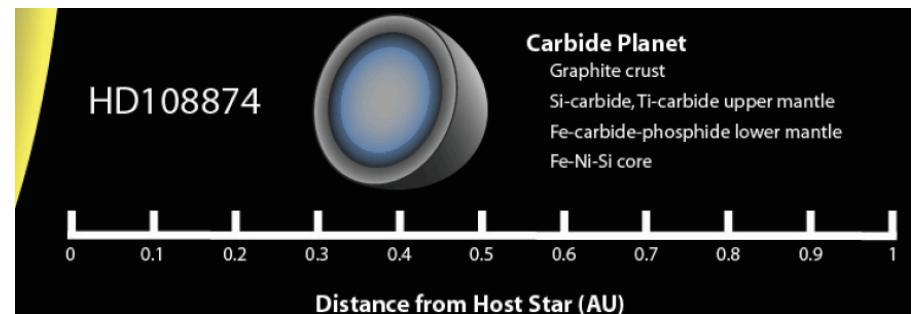
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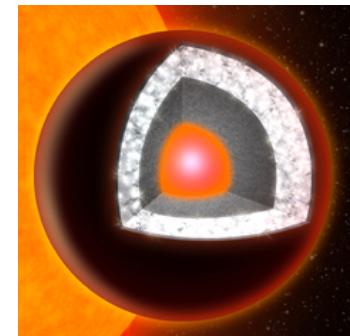
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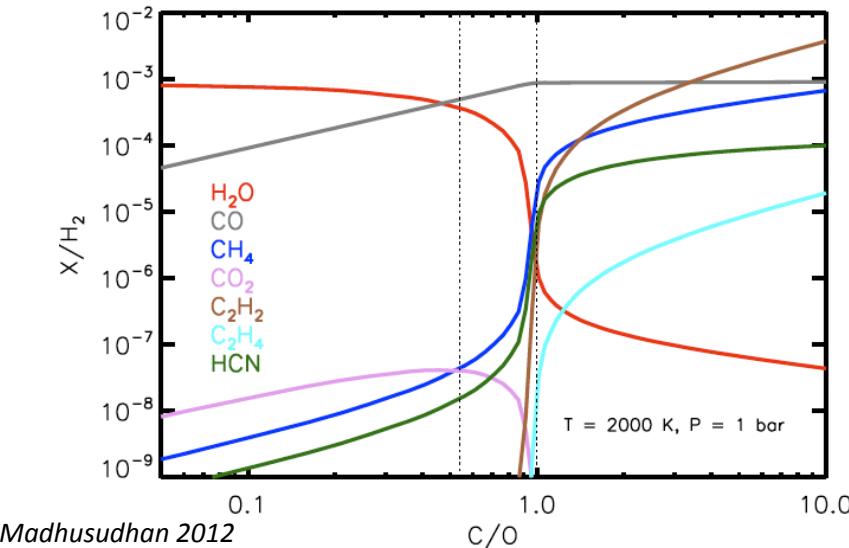
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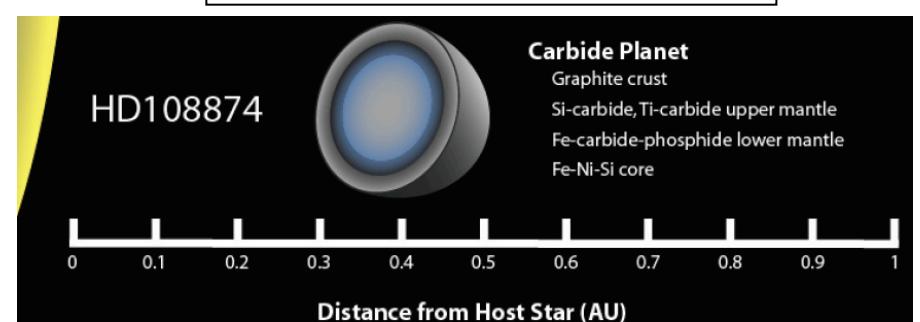
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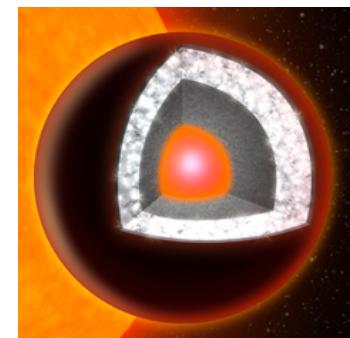
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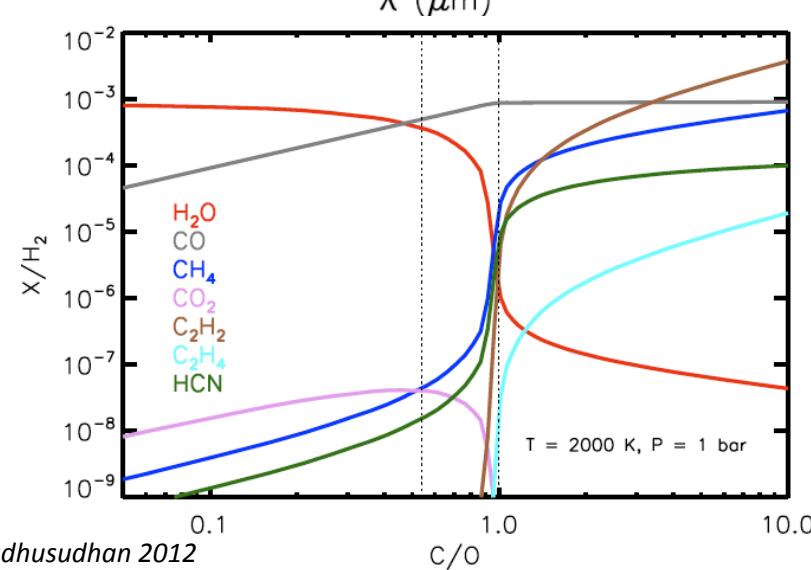
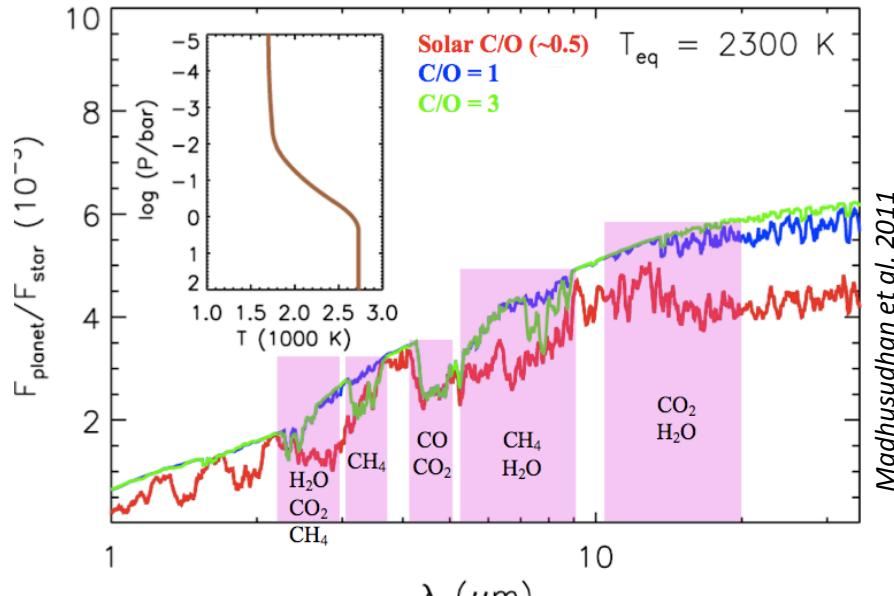
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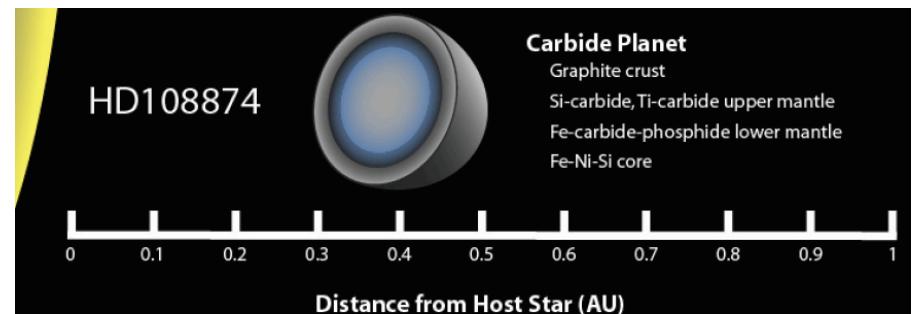
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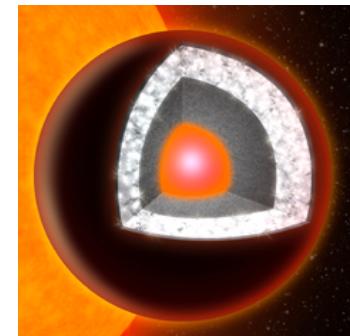
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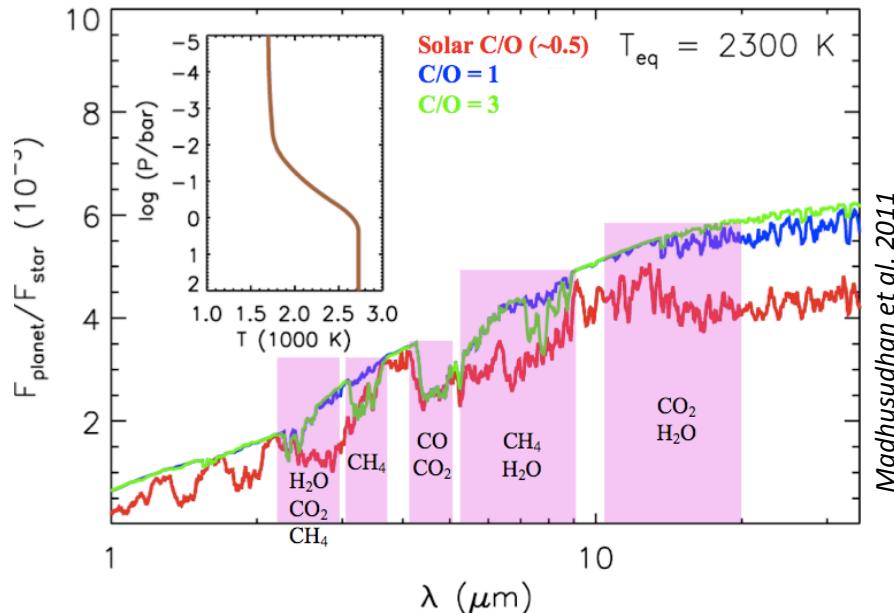
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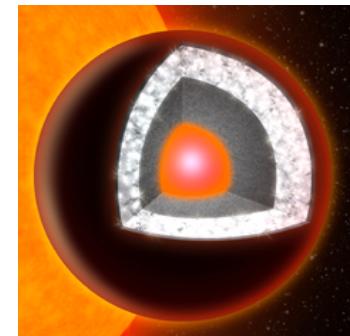


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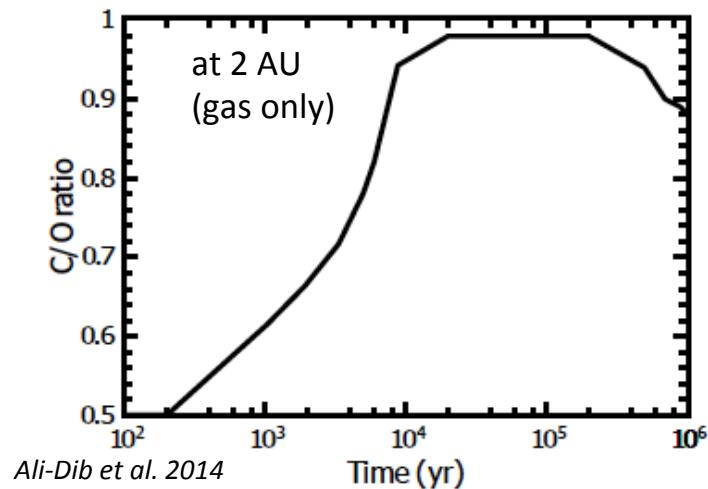
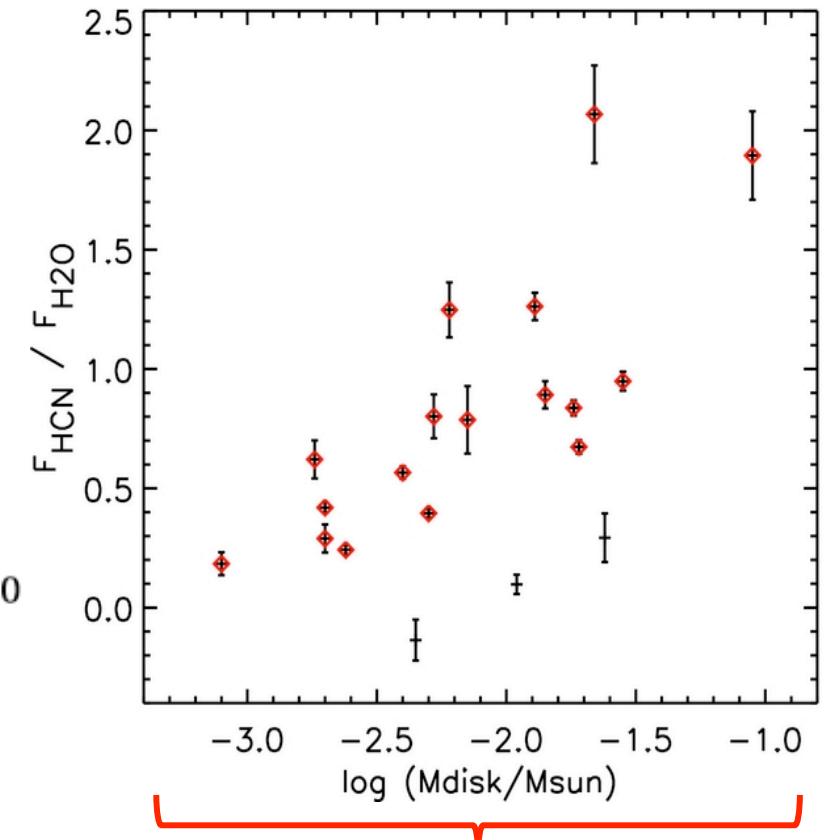
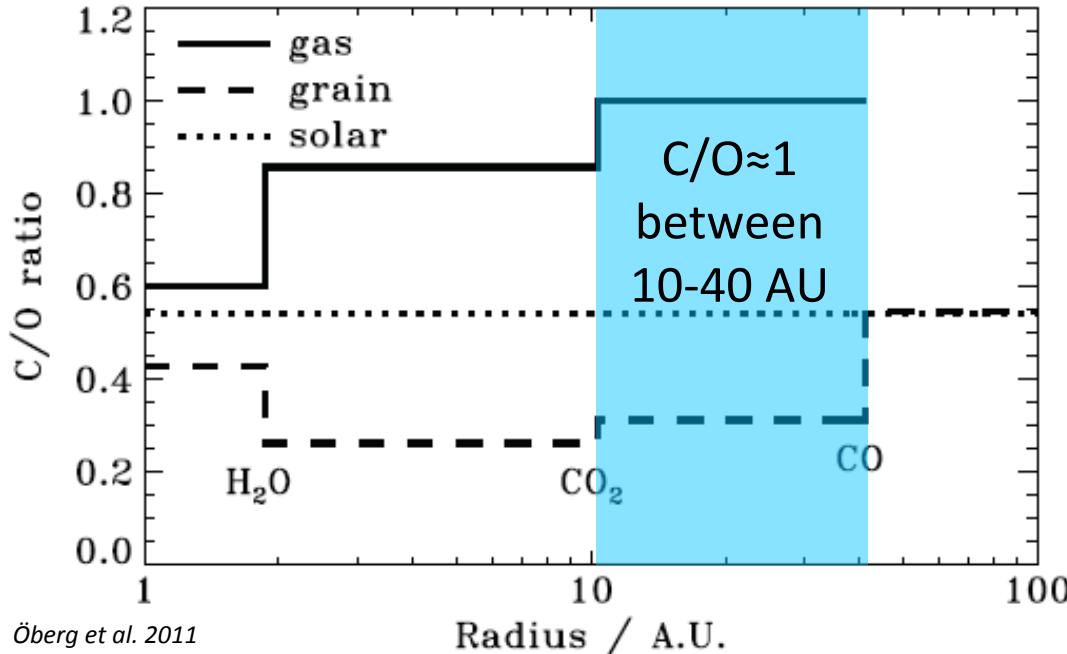
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Why is C/O interesting in disks (wrt planet-formation)?

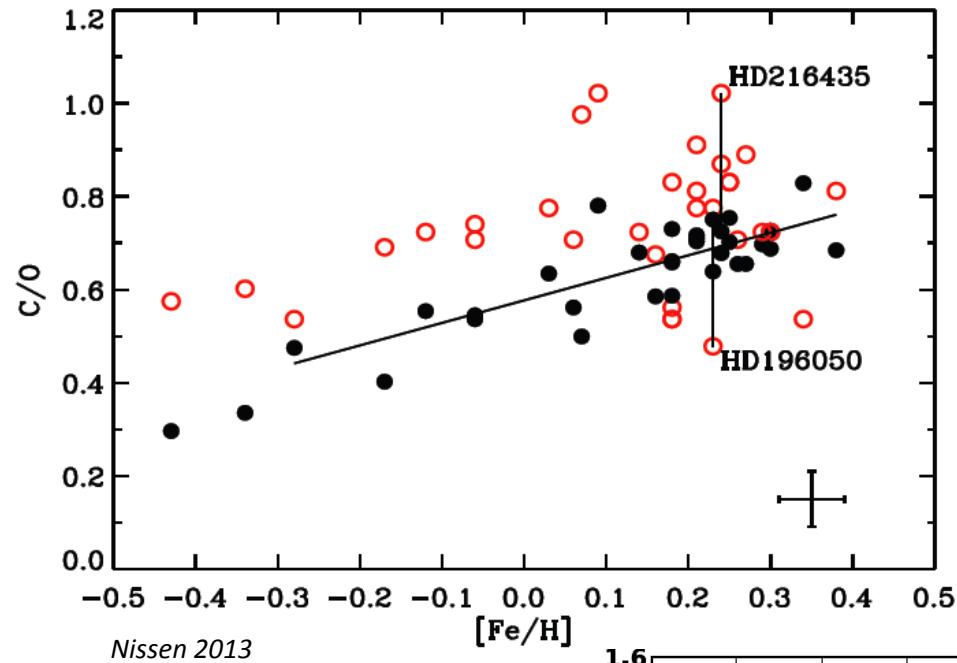


Disk C/O changes with time

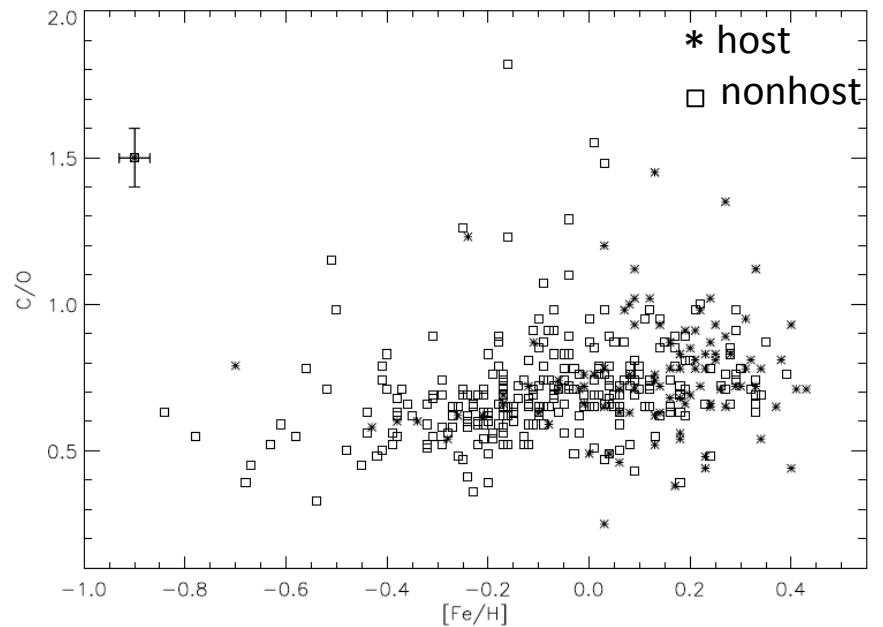


More massive disks
= more icy solids trapped
= higher C/O in inner planet-forming region

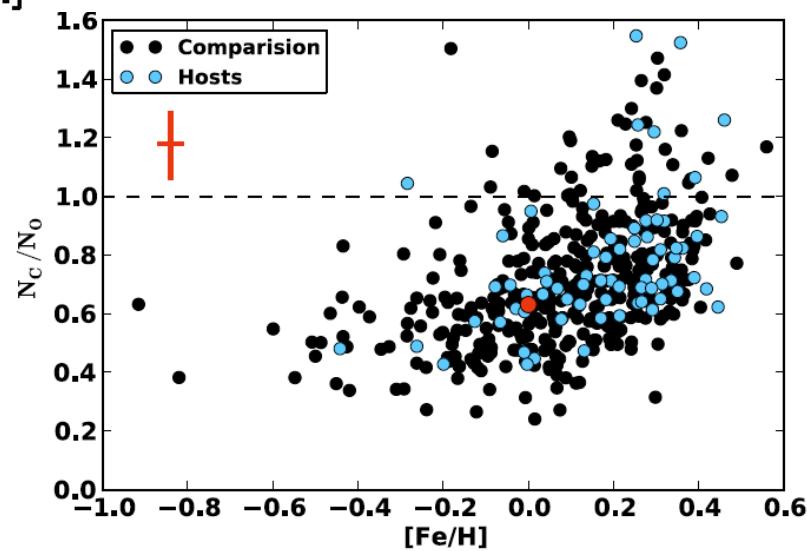
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Nissen 2013

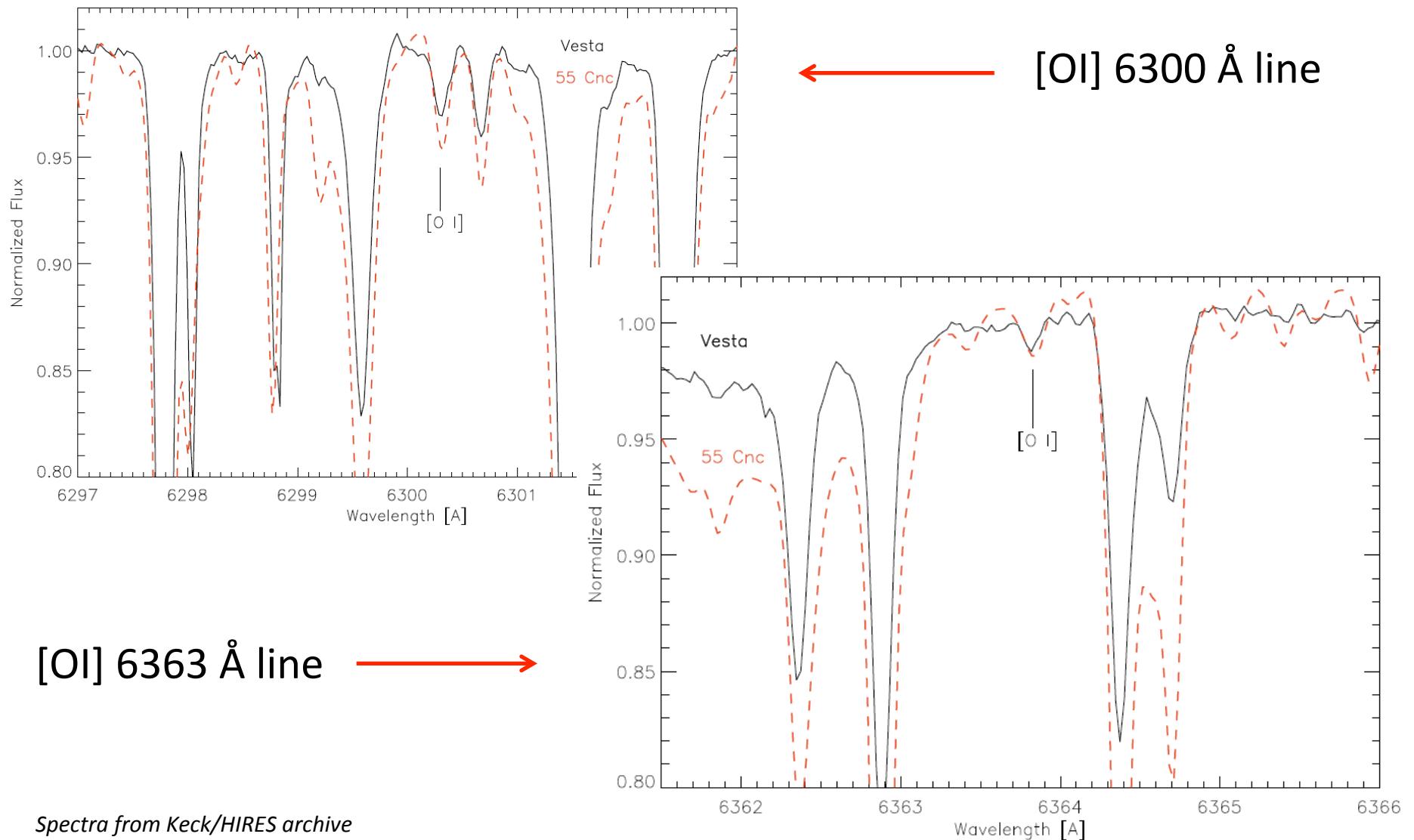


Delgado Mena et al. 2010
(plotted by me)



Petigura & Marcy 2011

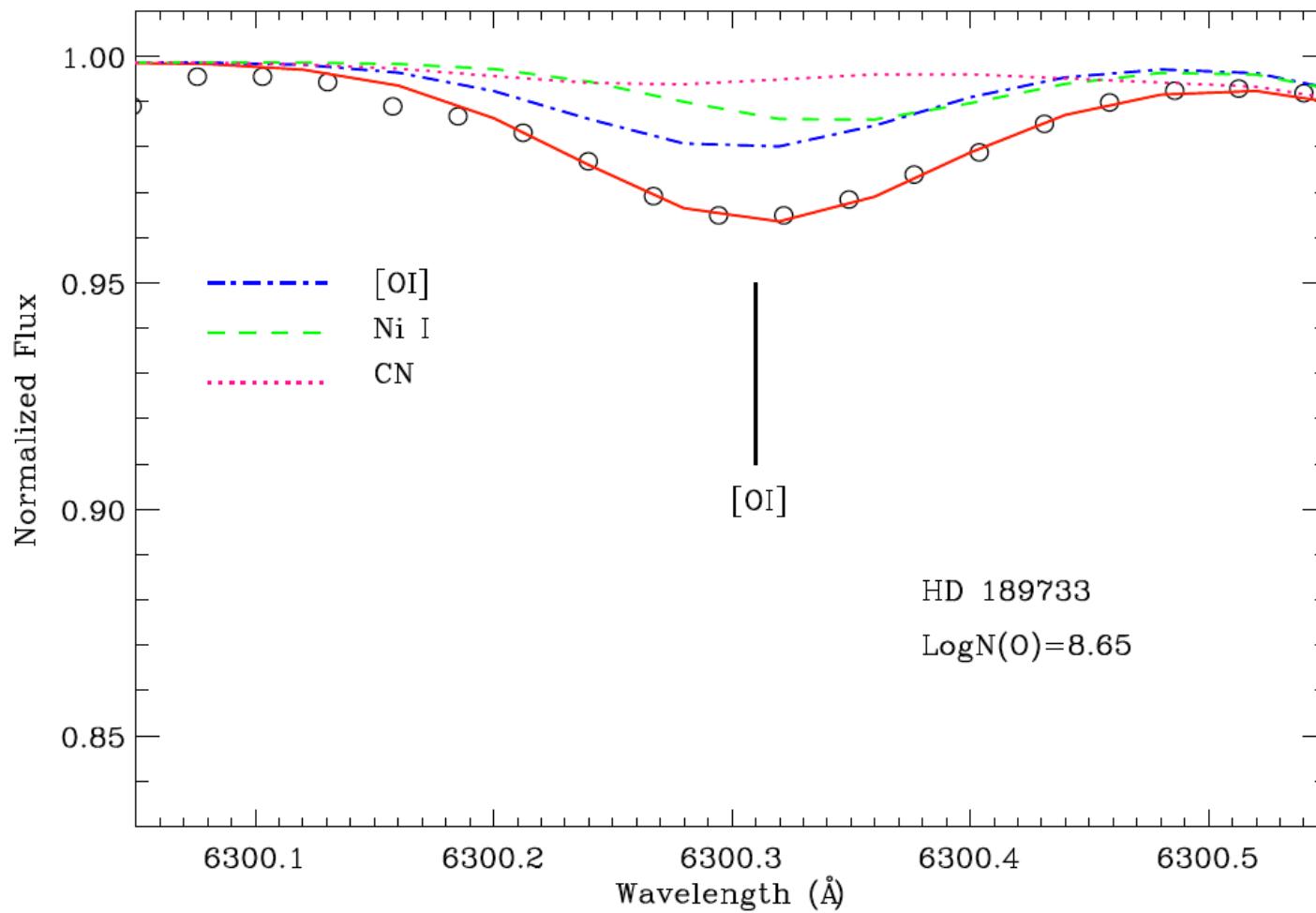
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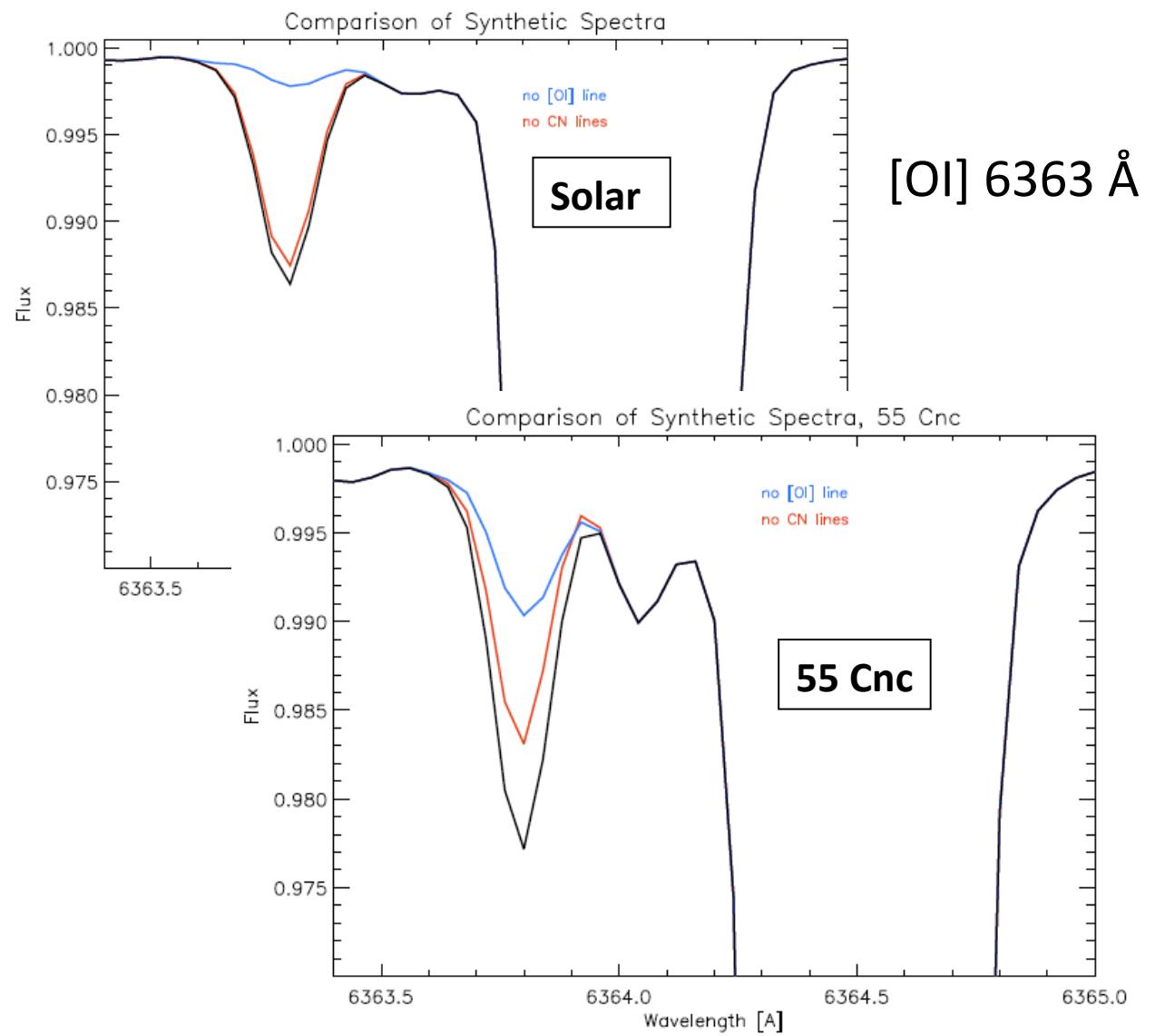
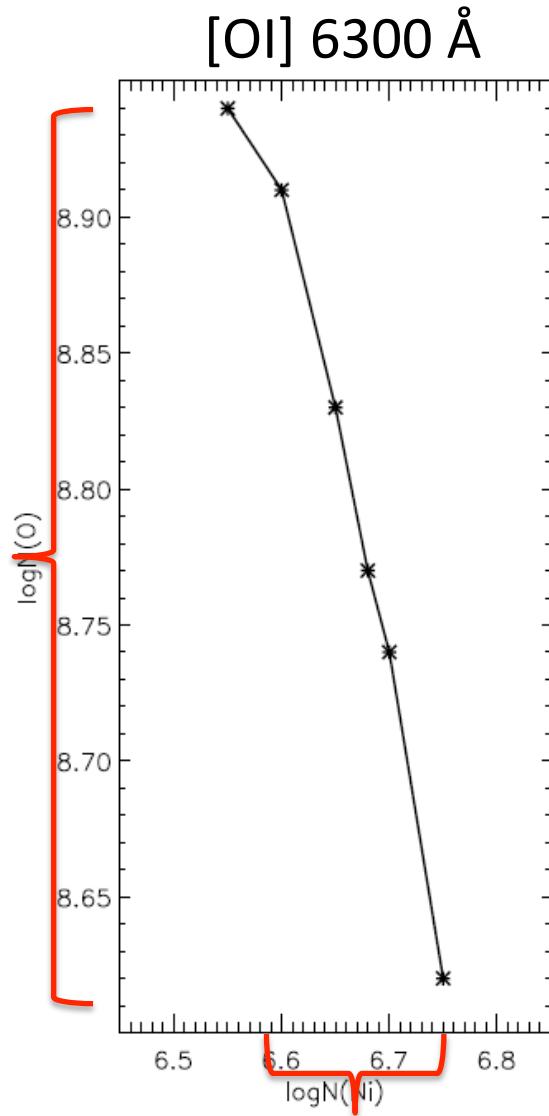
[OI] 6363 Å line →

Spectra from Keck/HIRES archive

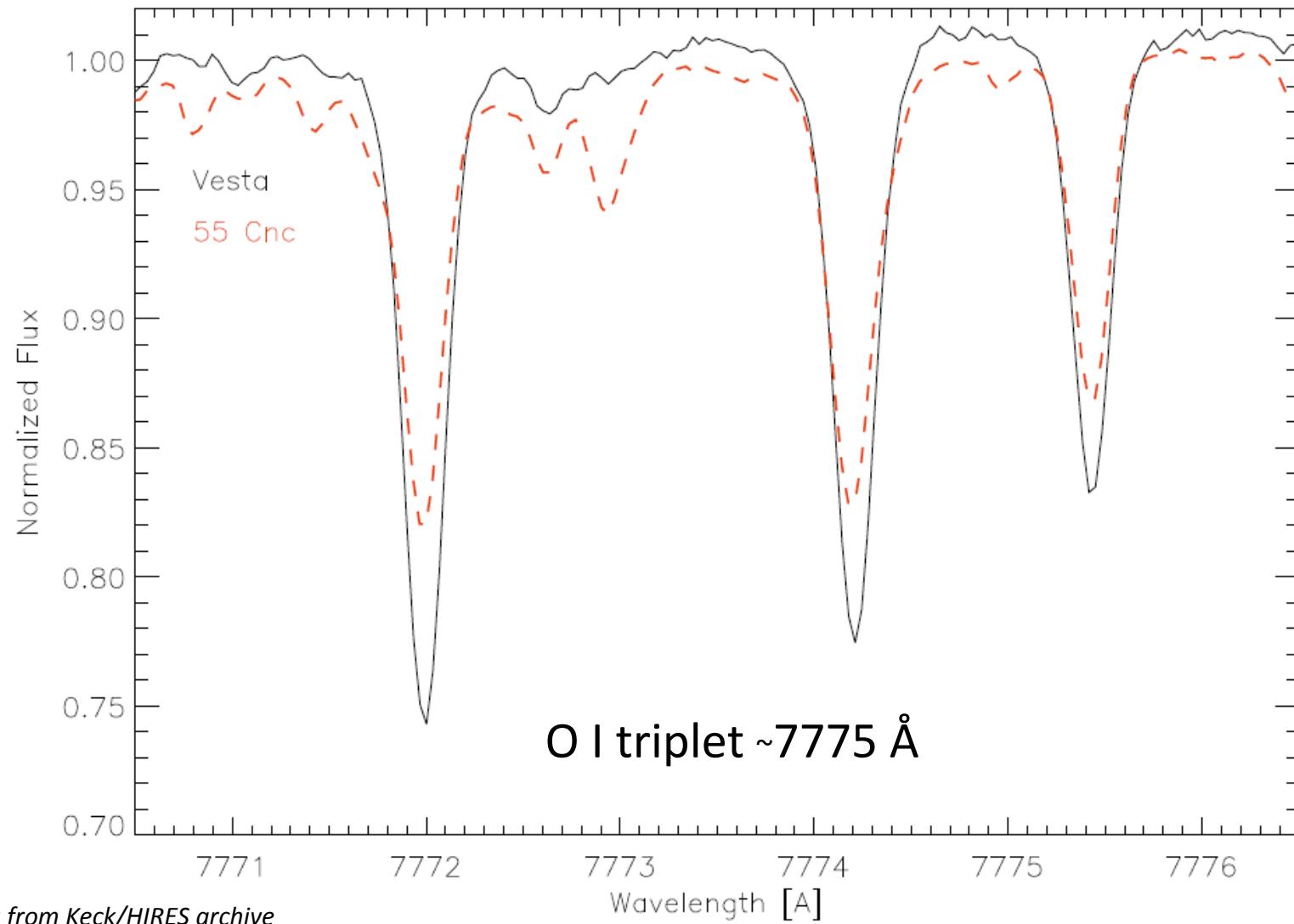
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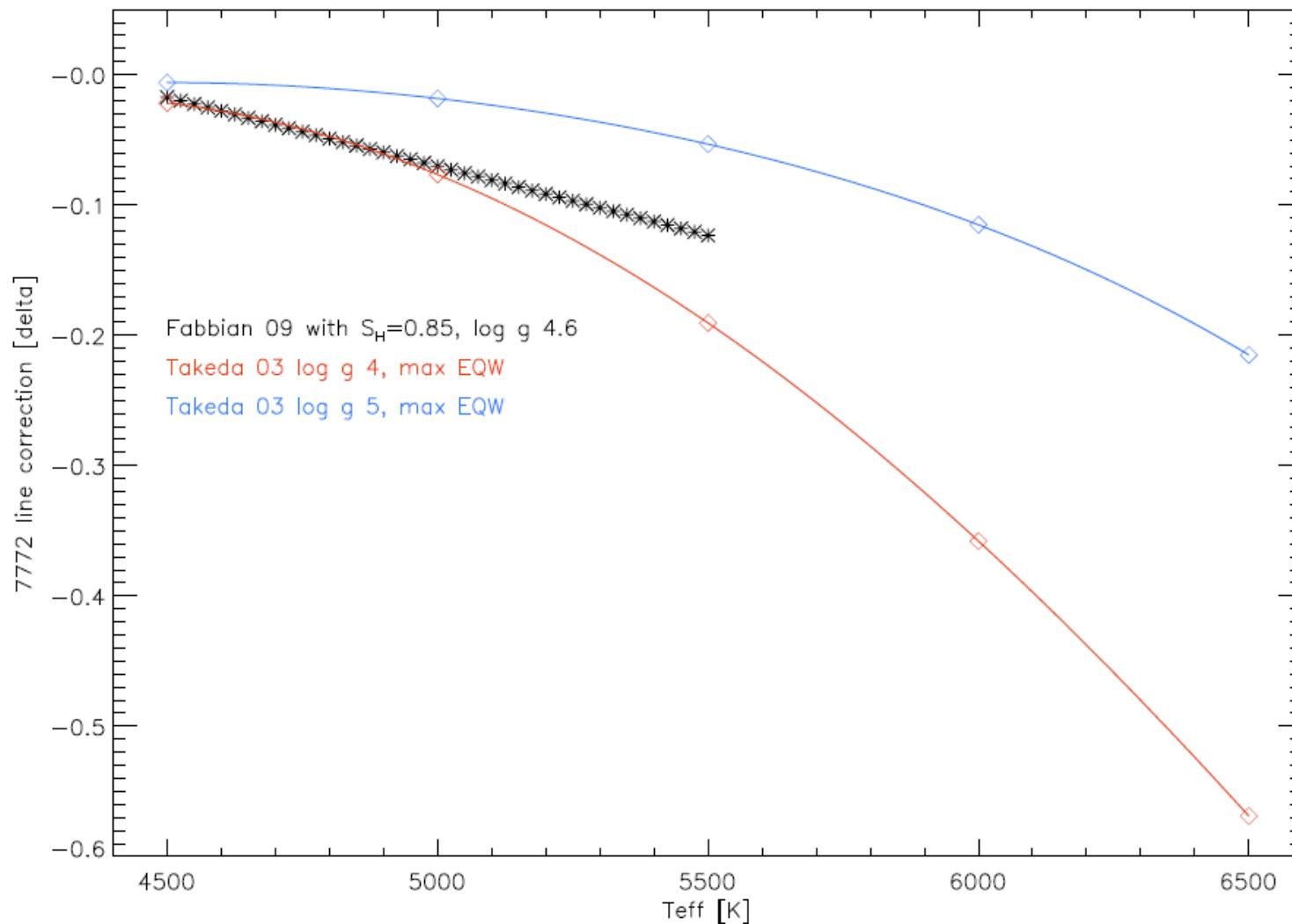
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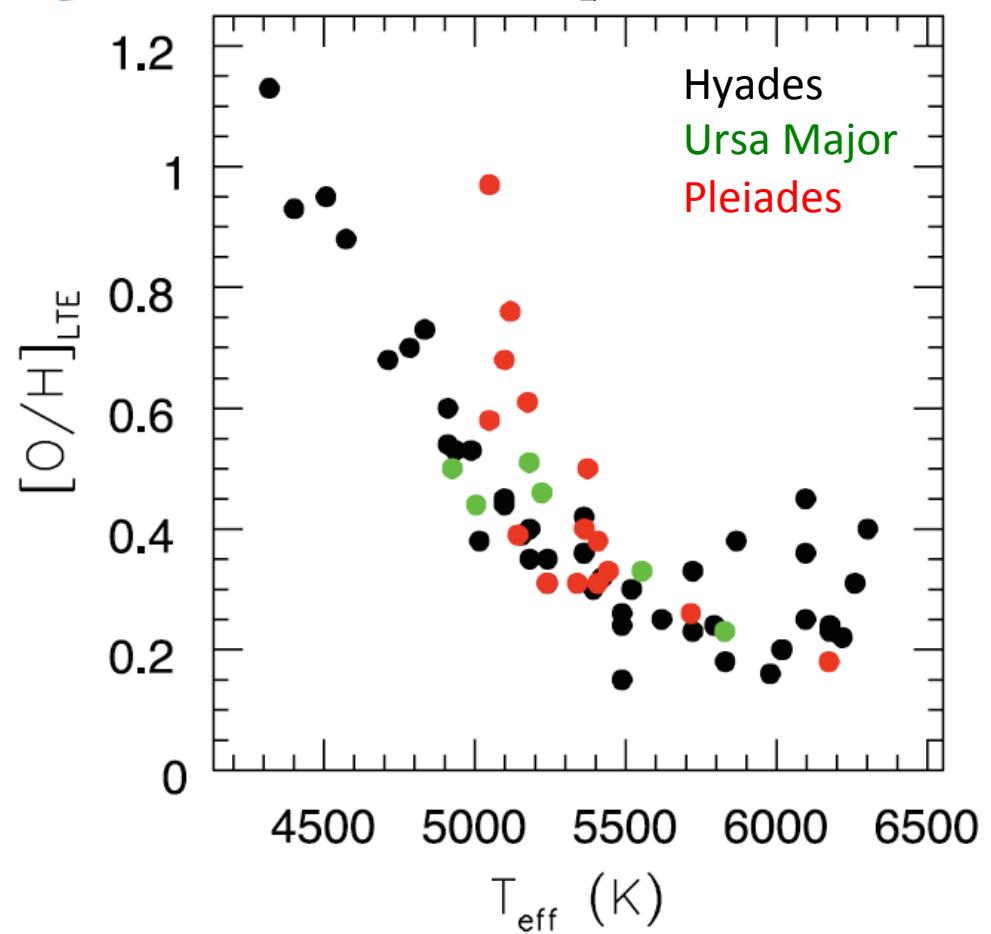
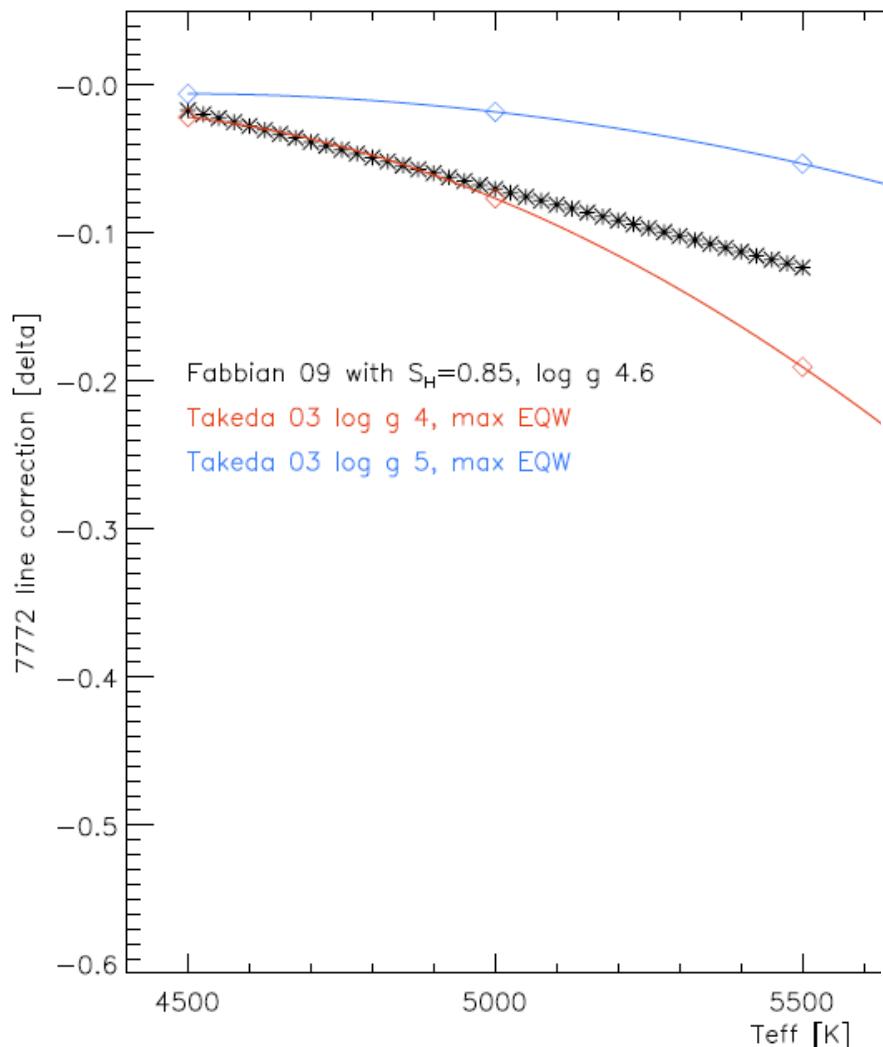
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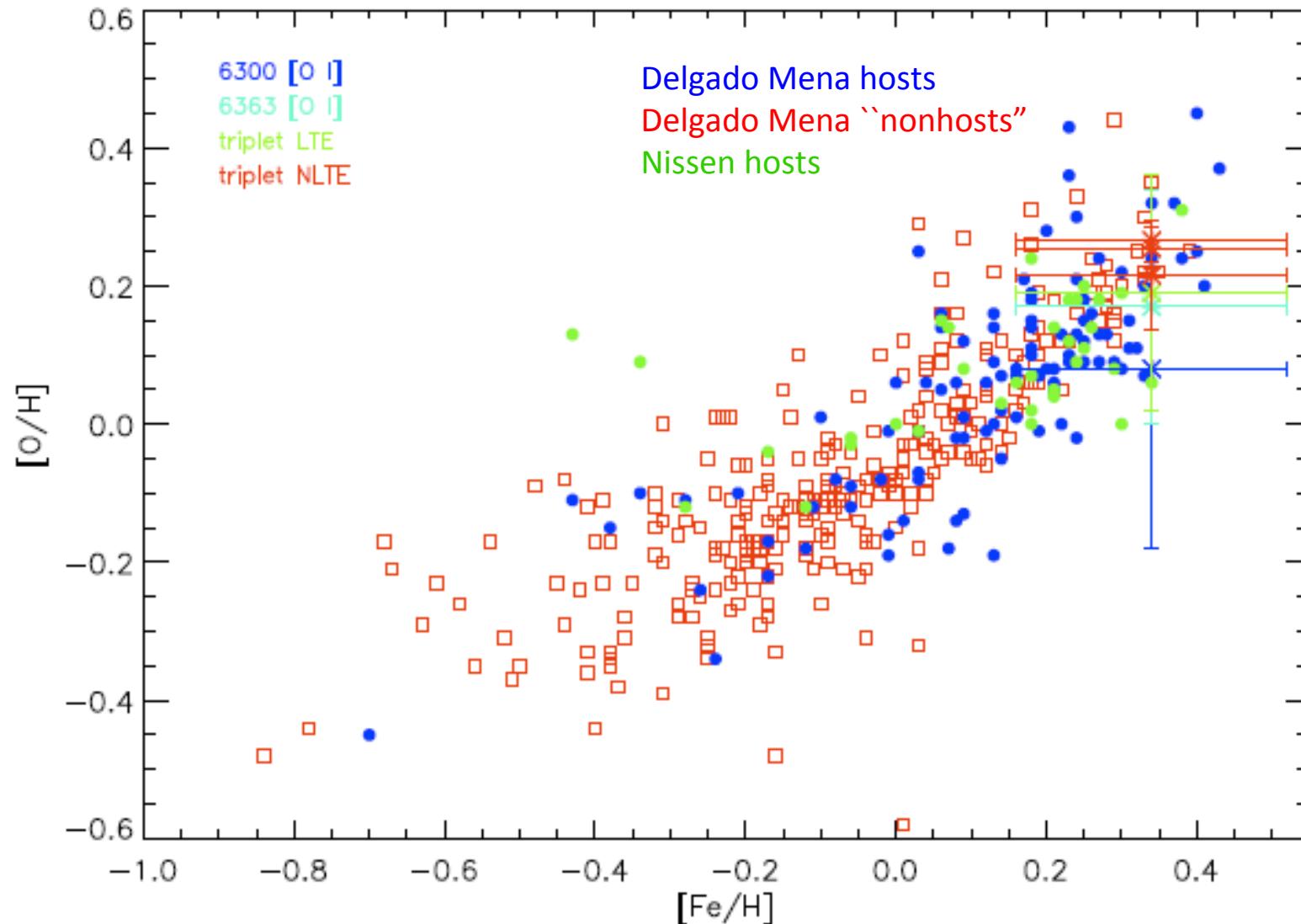
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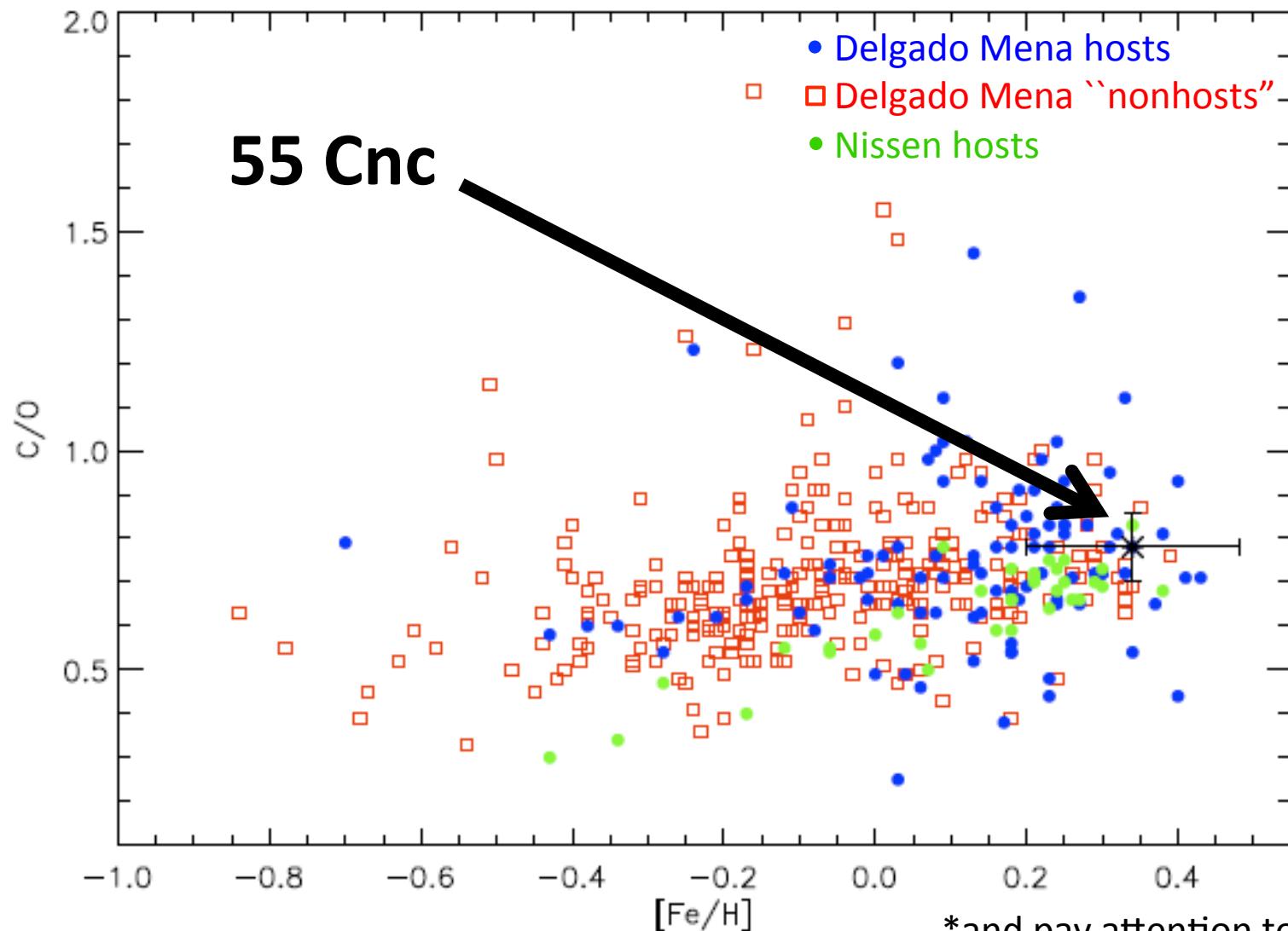
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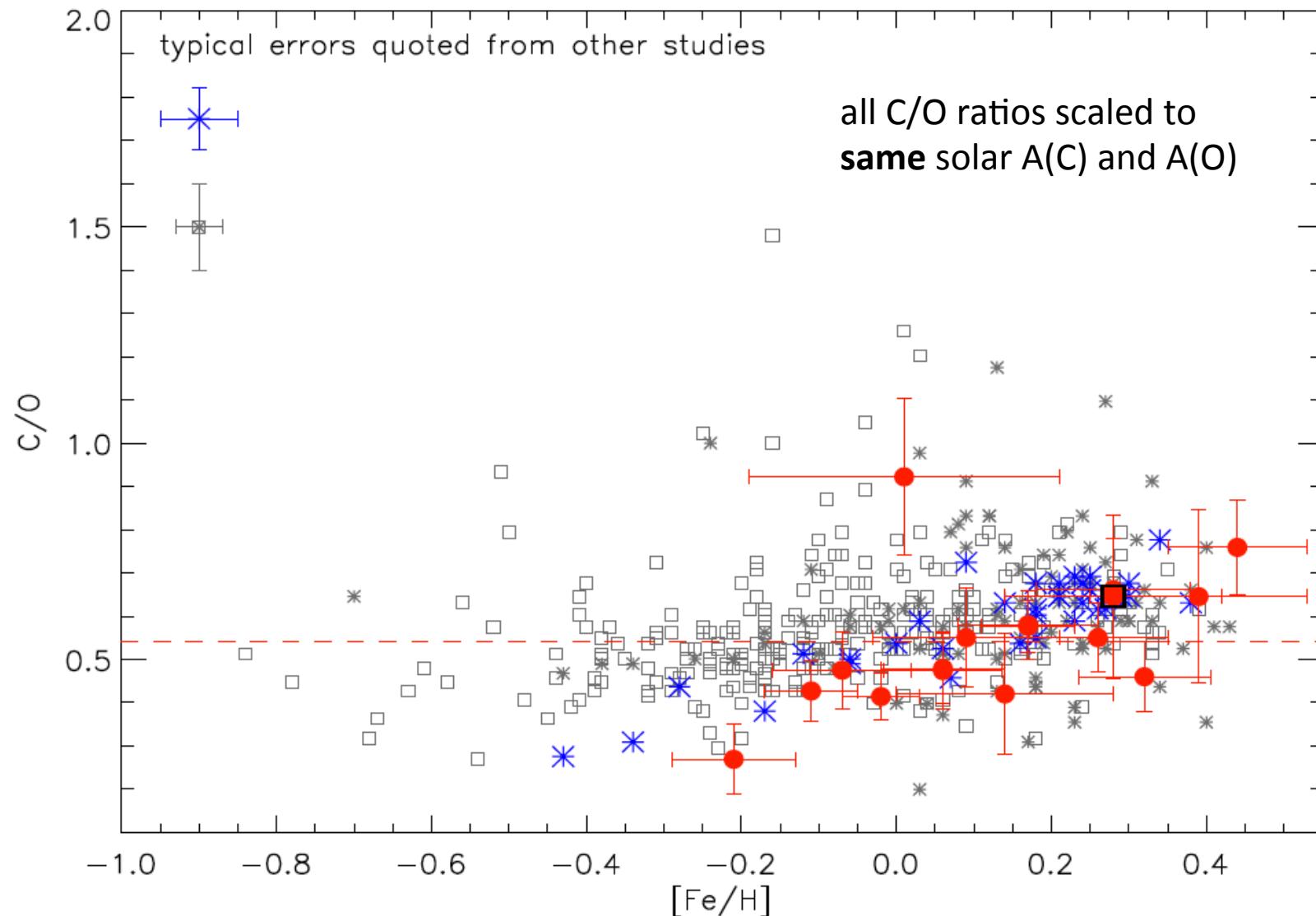
Derived C/O Ratios Can Depend on Abundance Indicators



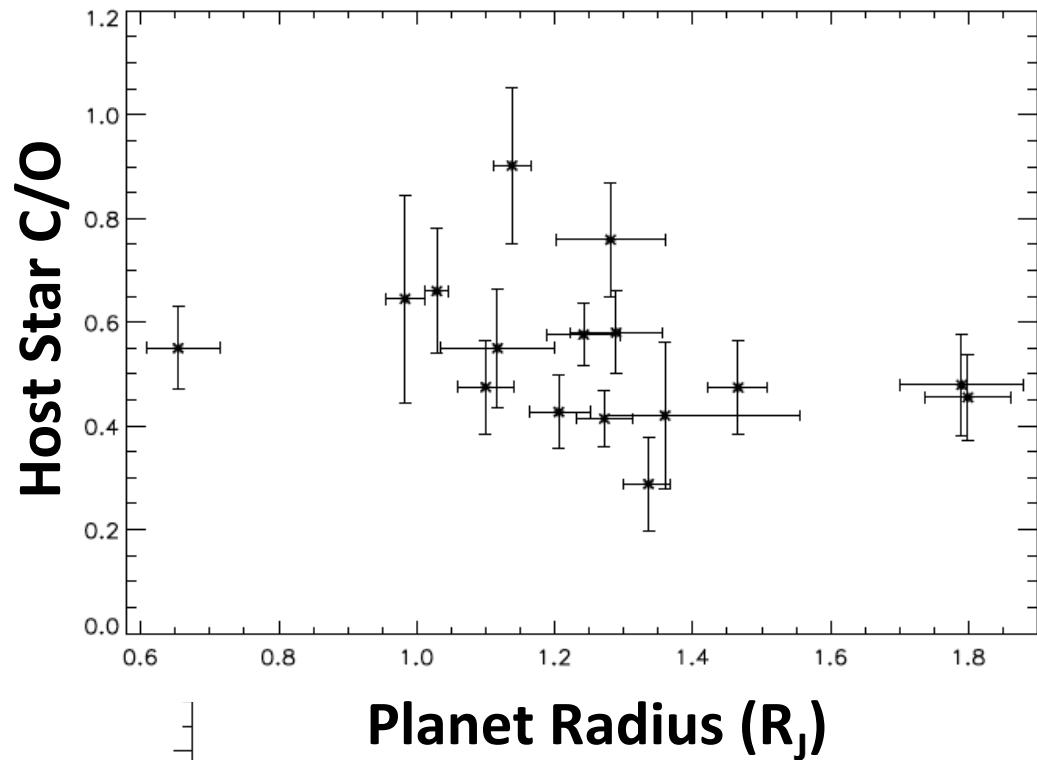
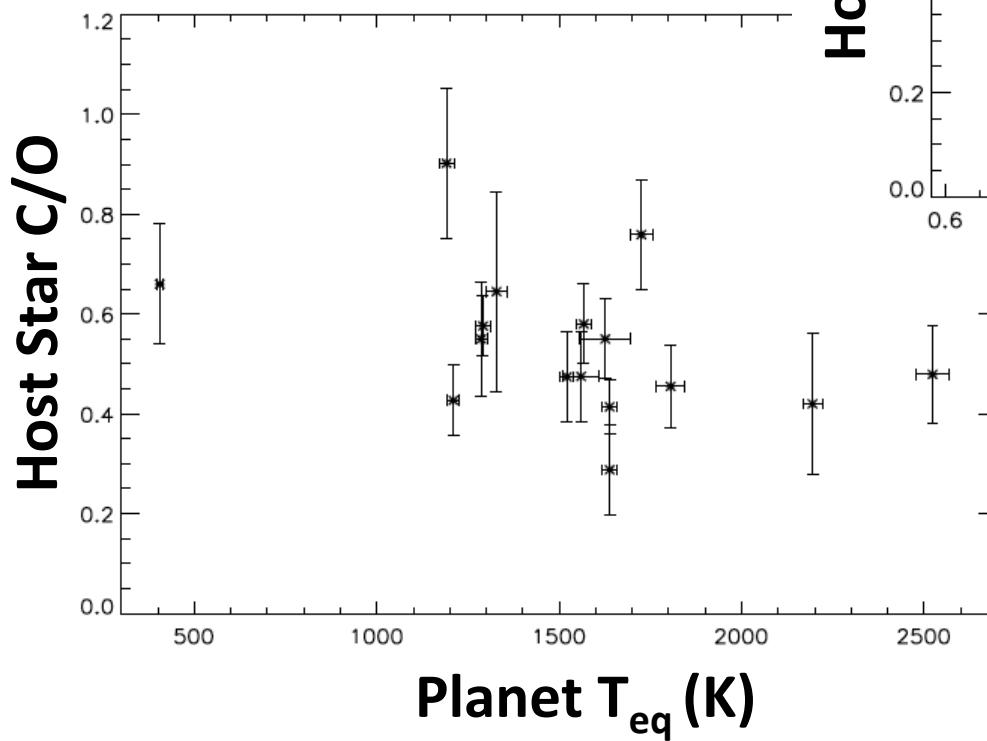
Moral of the Tale: Gather As Much Information as Possible*



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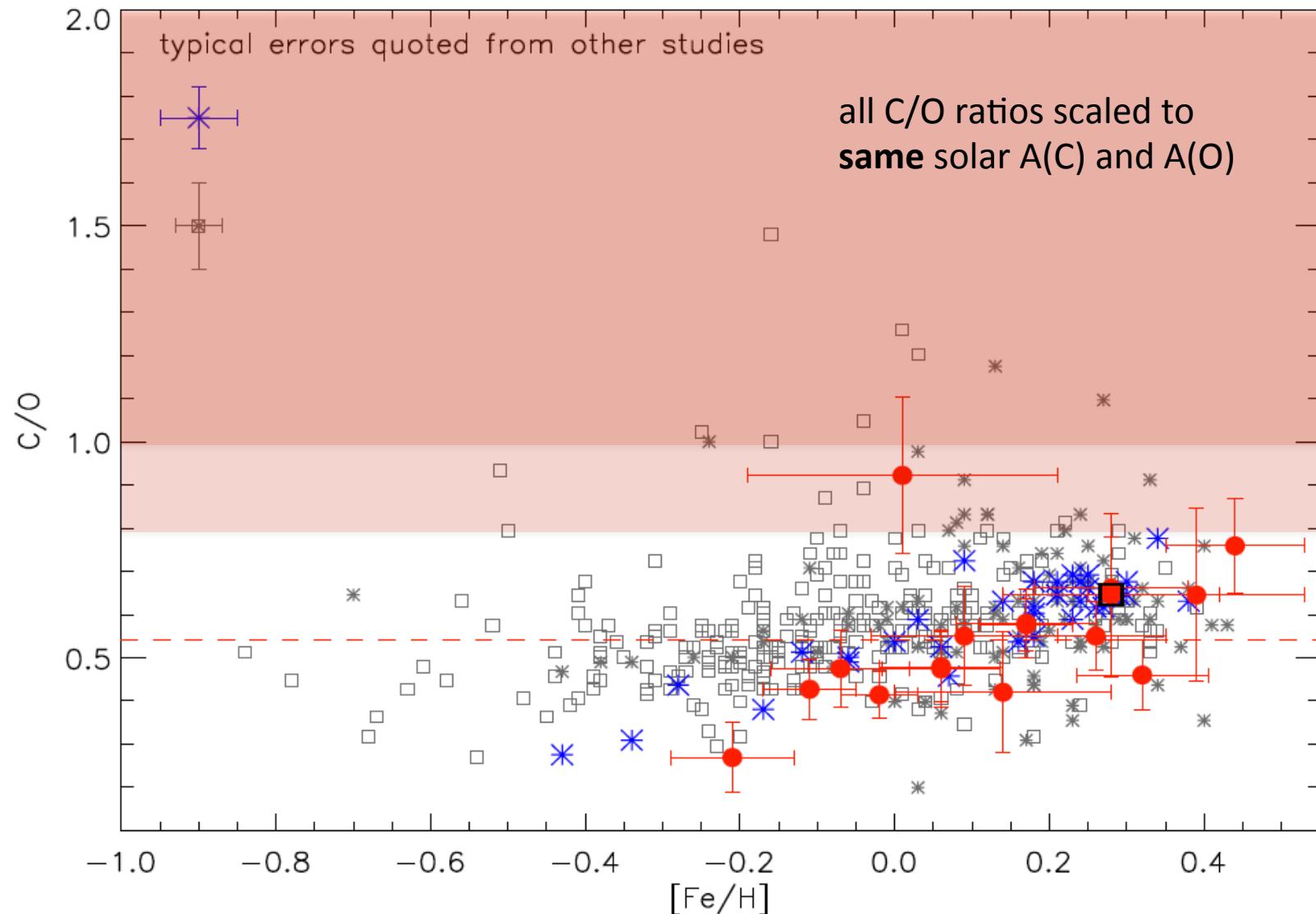


Comparing planets to stars... maybe?

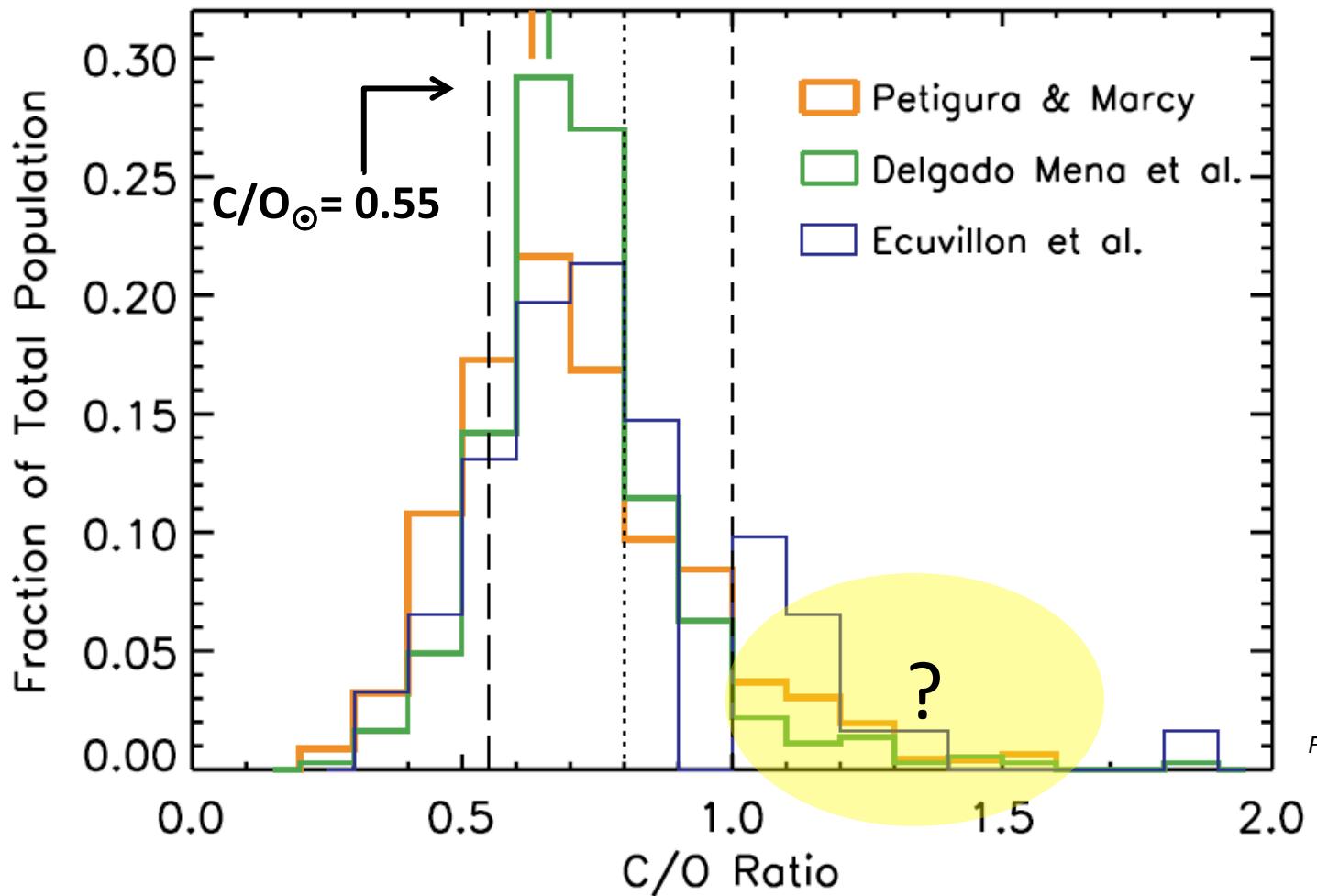


Teske et al. 2014

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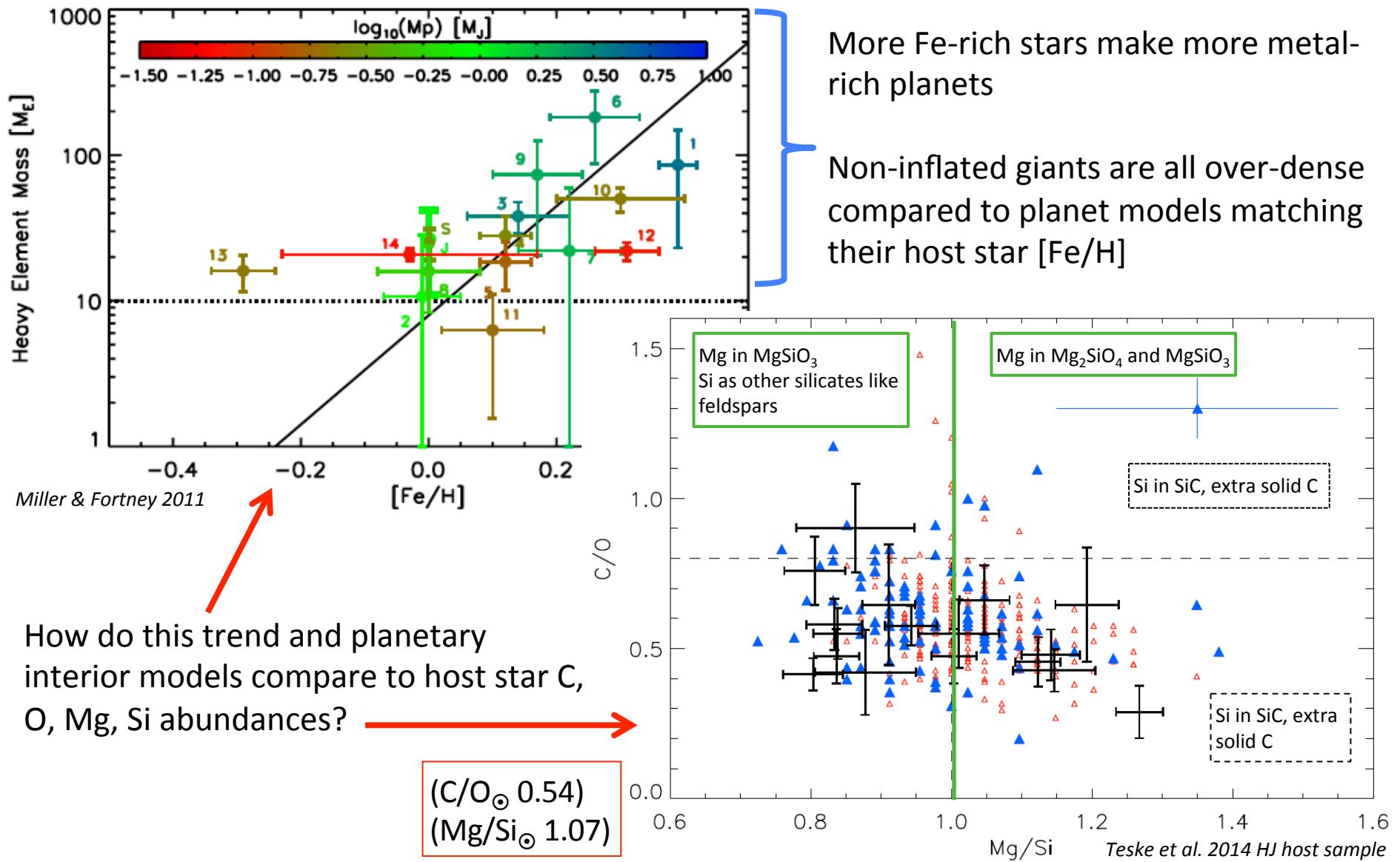
We do not find high C/O host stars.



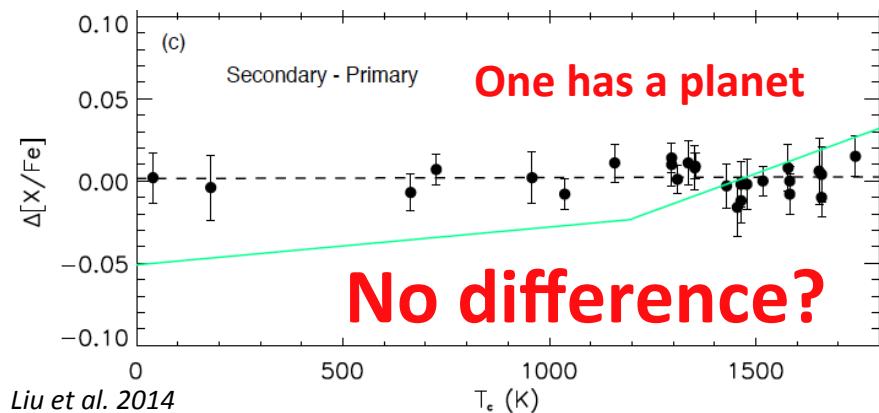
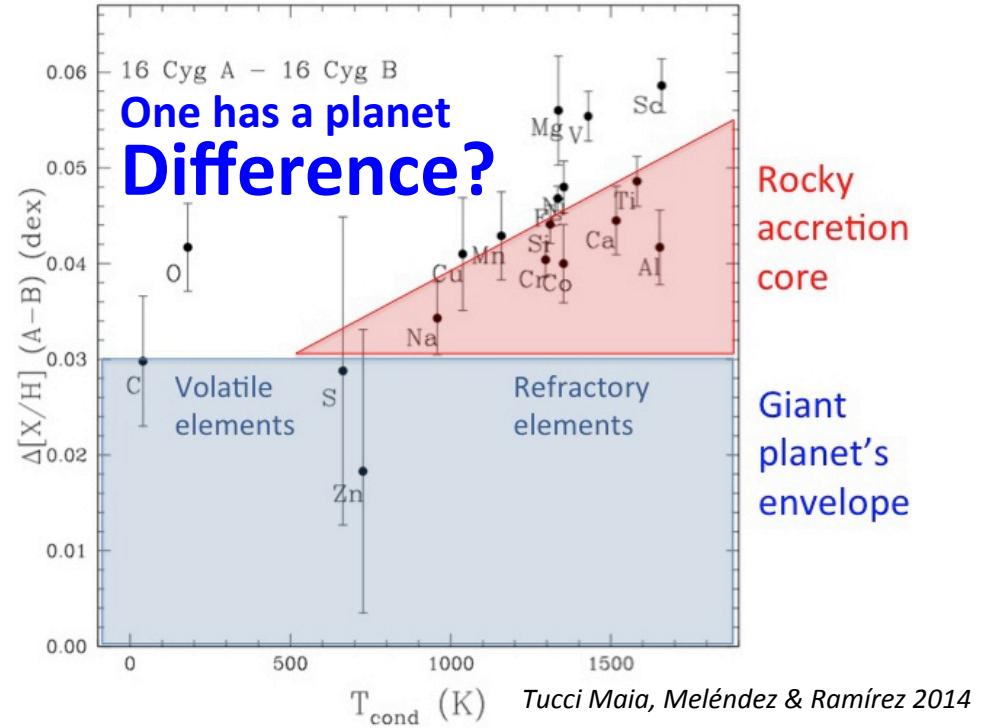
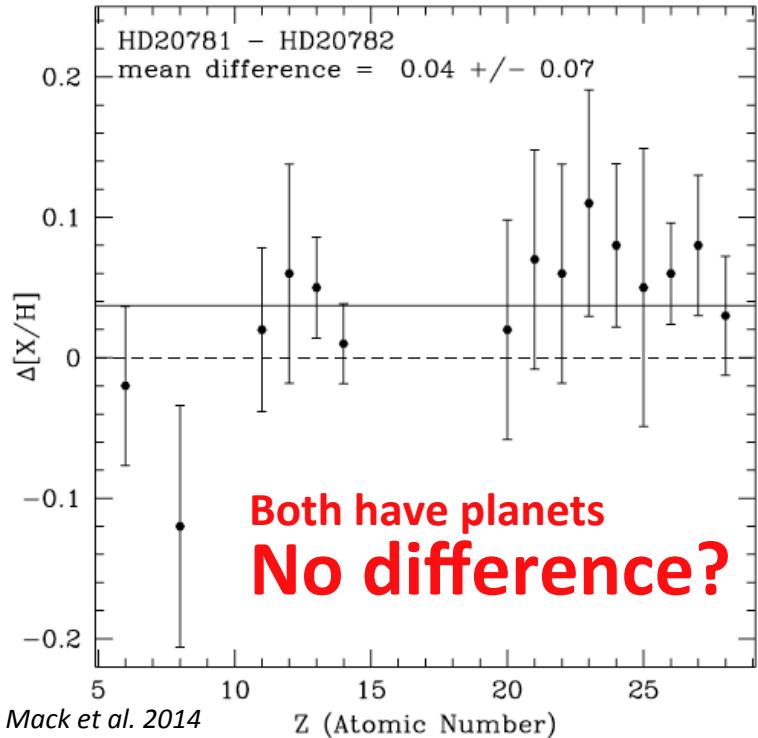
From large SDSS surveys, frequency of carbon-rich M dwarfs is $\sim 10^{-3}$ - 10^{-5}

Fortney 2012

Stellar Abundances and Cool Giant Planet Bulk Metal Enrichments

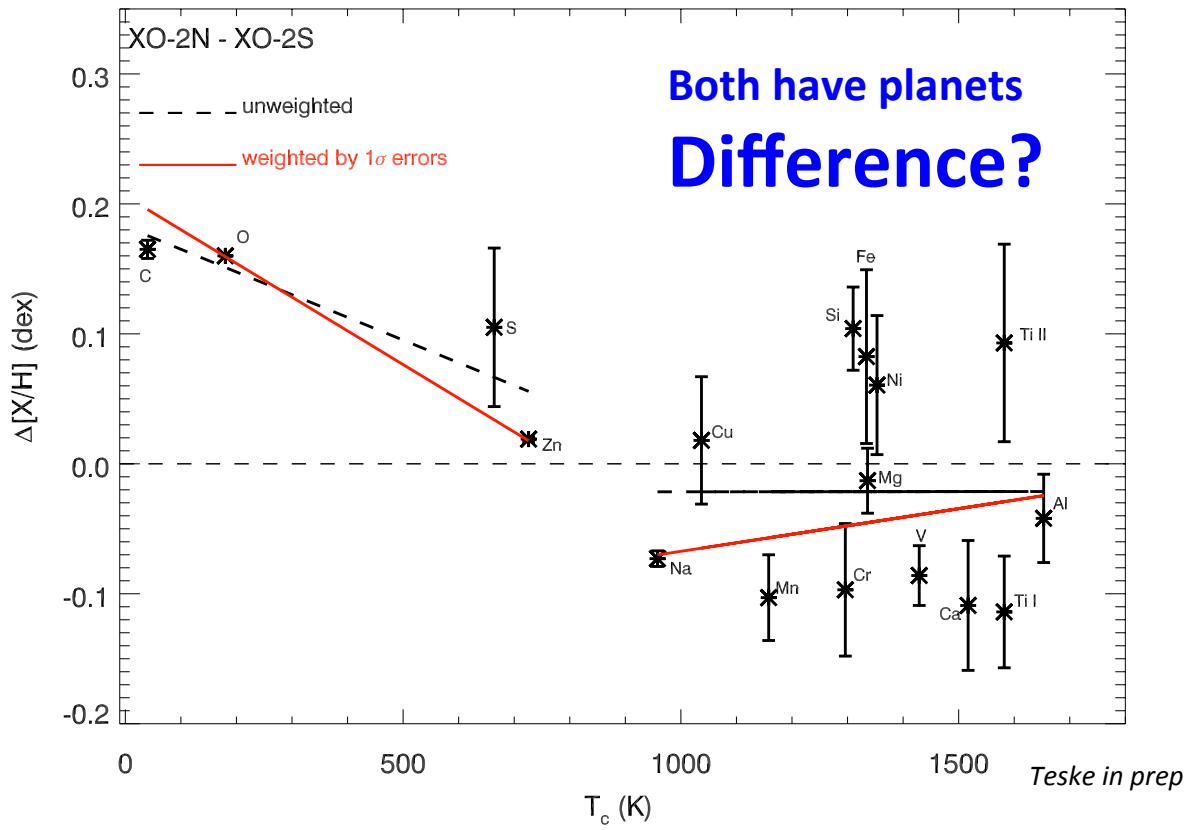


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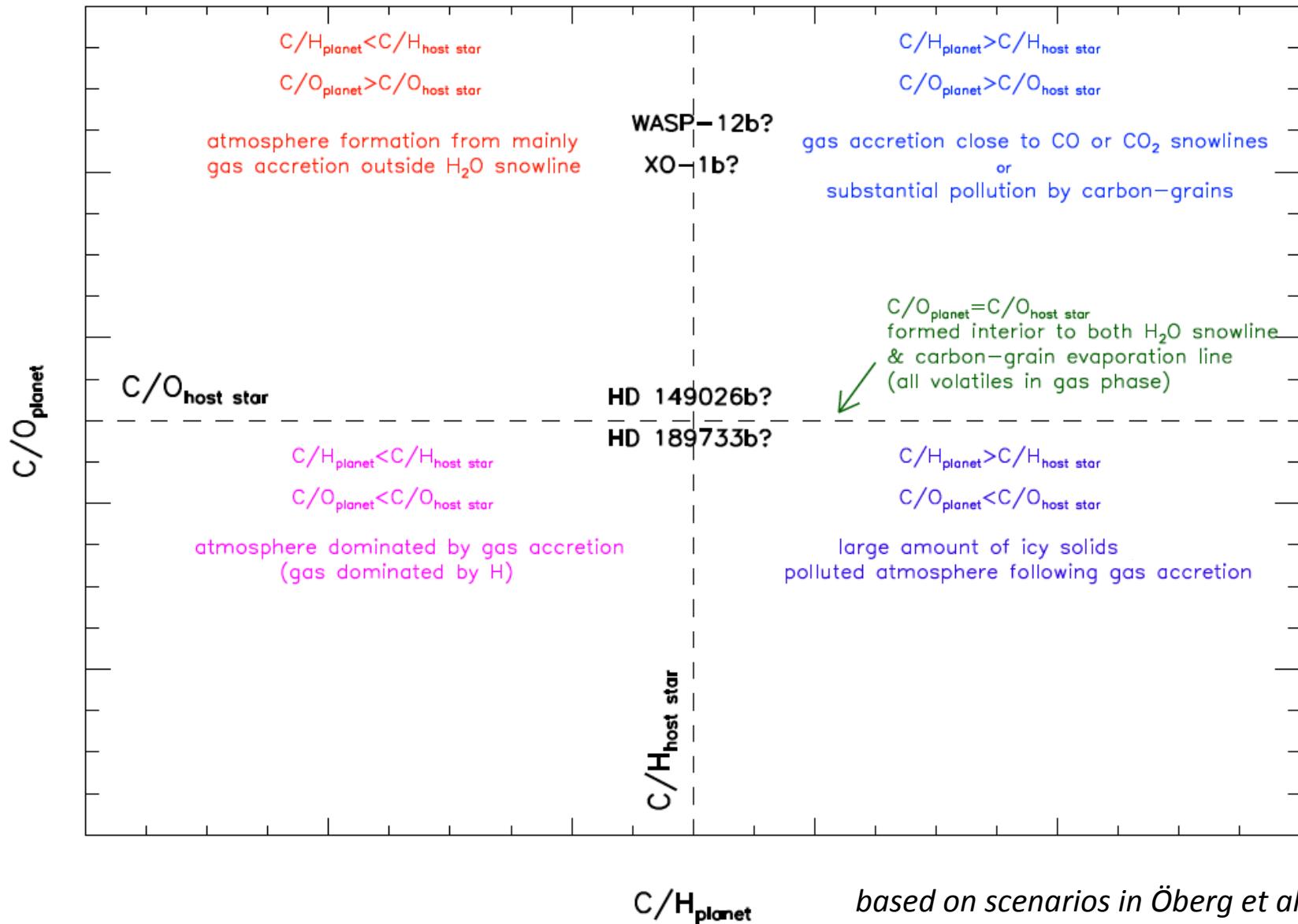
Binary stars expected to have = compositions
If they don't → signature of planet formation?
Is material “missing” (giant planet cores, terrestrial planets) or added (pollution by giant planet migration, pl-pl scattering)?

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See Posters 3.8 by Tucci Maia,
3.10 by Liu, 3.6 by me

Constraining Atmosphere Formation Location via C/O_{star} vs. C/O_{planet}



Constraining HJ Compositions via Host Star Abundances of Planet-Building Elements

- ◆ The relative amounts of C and O are important in stars, planets, and protoplanetary disks
- ◆ Determining C and O abundances in stars is more precise than in planet atmospheres (and interiors), but can still be hard, and requires multiple indicators and high-quality data
- ◆ We do not find high C/O ratio host stars (in general)
- ◆ Host star abundances can be compared to planet properties to constrain when/where/from what material in the disk the planets formed

Talk Tweet

“@johannateske Stellar C/O tricky but doable. Must gather all info, pay attn 2 deets. No high C/O HJH. C/O = probe of plnt frm n #toe2014”