A water budget dichotomy of rocky protoplanets from ²⁶Al-heating

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²⁶Al key control on rocky planet composition



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- Statistically traceable w/ near-future data?
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Exoplanet diversity



Modified from Kaltenegger 17



 H_2O



Fe



H₂/He

$100\% \ H_2O$

50% H₂O

25% H₂O

MgSiO₃ (rock) 25% Fe 50% Fe

100% Fe



Water carrier during accretion?



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Plethora of water worlds (?)



e.g., Kuchner 03, Leger+ 04, Sotin+ 07, Tian & Ida 15, Noack+ 16/17, Alibert & Benz 17, Simpson 17, Ramirez & Levi 18, Zain+ 18, Izidoro+ 19



Radiogenic heating in early Solar System





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Geodynamic evolution of planetesimal interiors





Water loss from planetesimals



Planet accretion altered by ²⁶Al

Enrichment with short-lived radionuclides (²⁶Al + ⁶⁰Fe)



 $\sim 10^2 - 10^8 \times Earth's$ present-day interior radiogenic heating

Lichtenberg+ 16b

²⁶Al-heated icy planetesimals forming planets



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Rapid dehydration of water-rich planetesimals



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²⁶Al controls bulk water content



Synthetic exoplanet populations



Accretion & decreasing water abundance in planetesimals





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 $f_{\rm w} > 0, M_{\rm P} < 10 M_{\rm Earth}, G stars$



Lichtenberg+ 19b

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Leger+ 04, Sotin+ 07, Alibert 14, Noack+ 16/17

Synthetic exoplanet populations



²⁶Al shapes exoplanet structure





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