

Geochemical evolution of terrestrial planets and biosignatures

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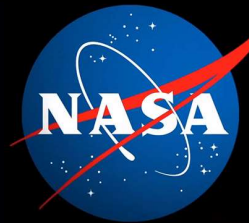
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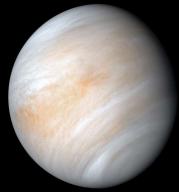


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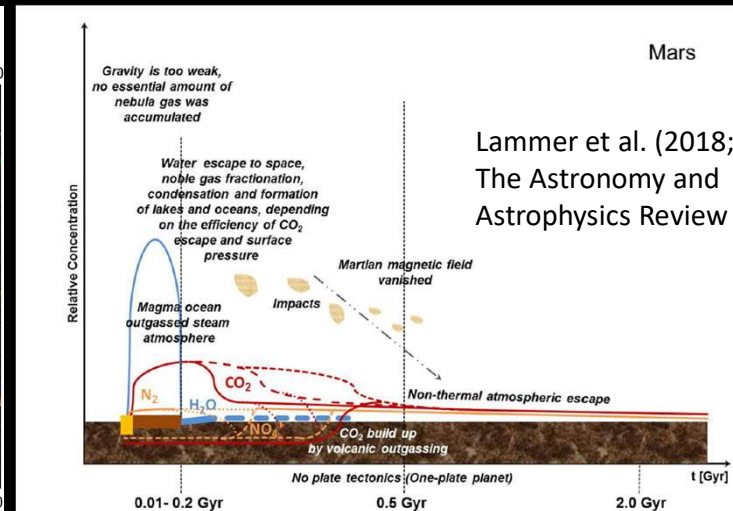
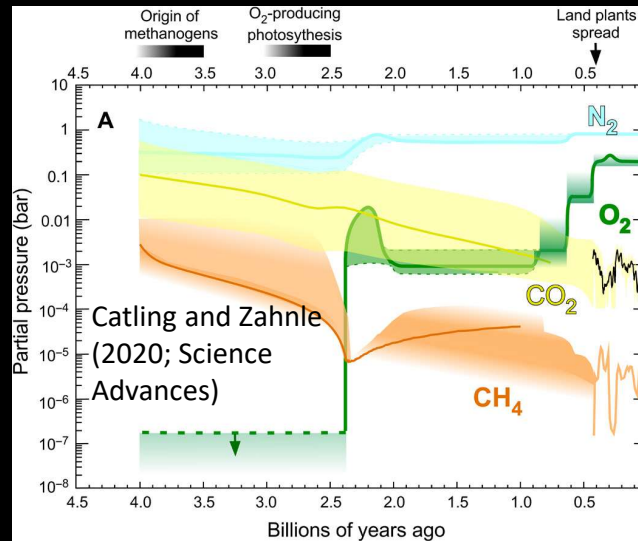
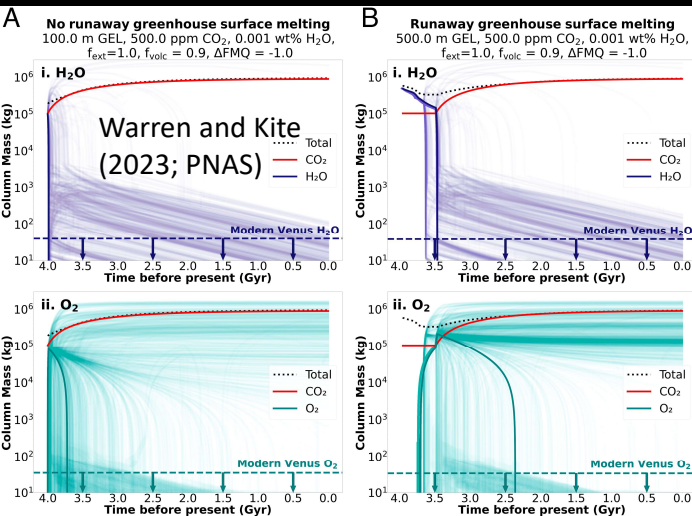
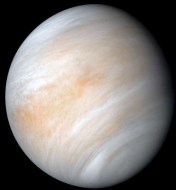


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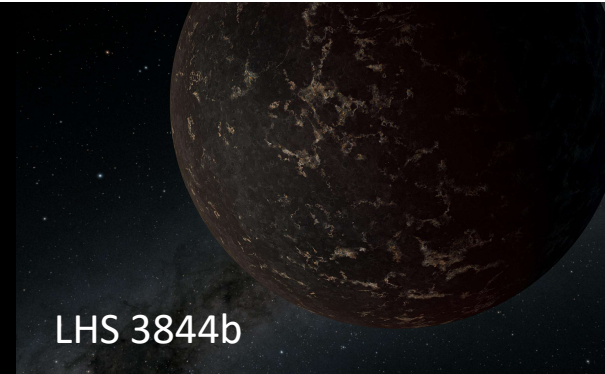


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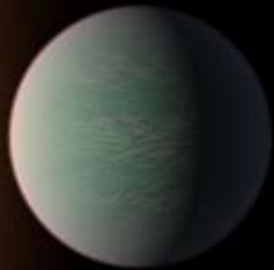
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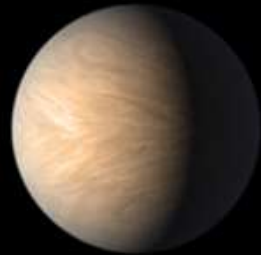
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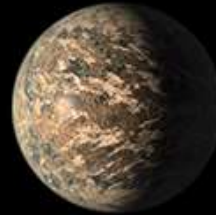
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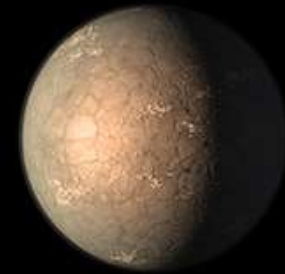
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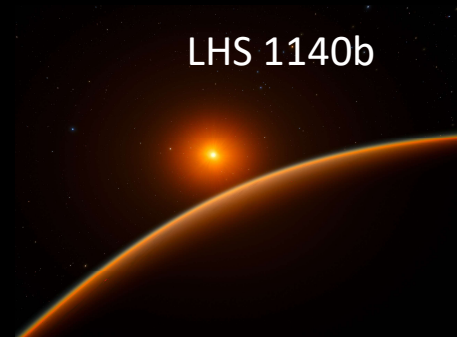


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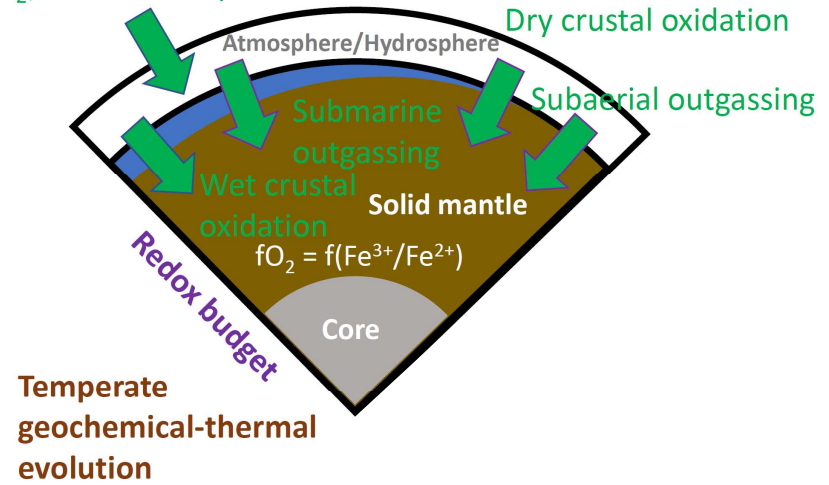
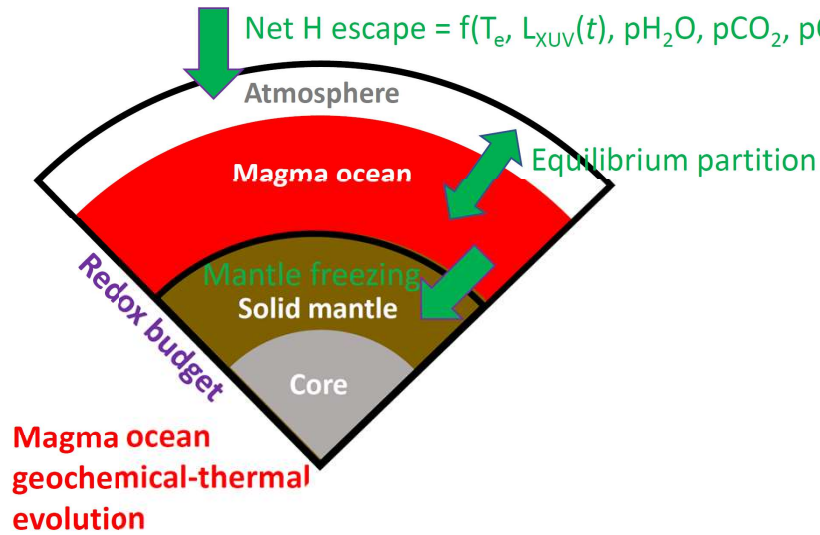


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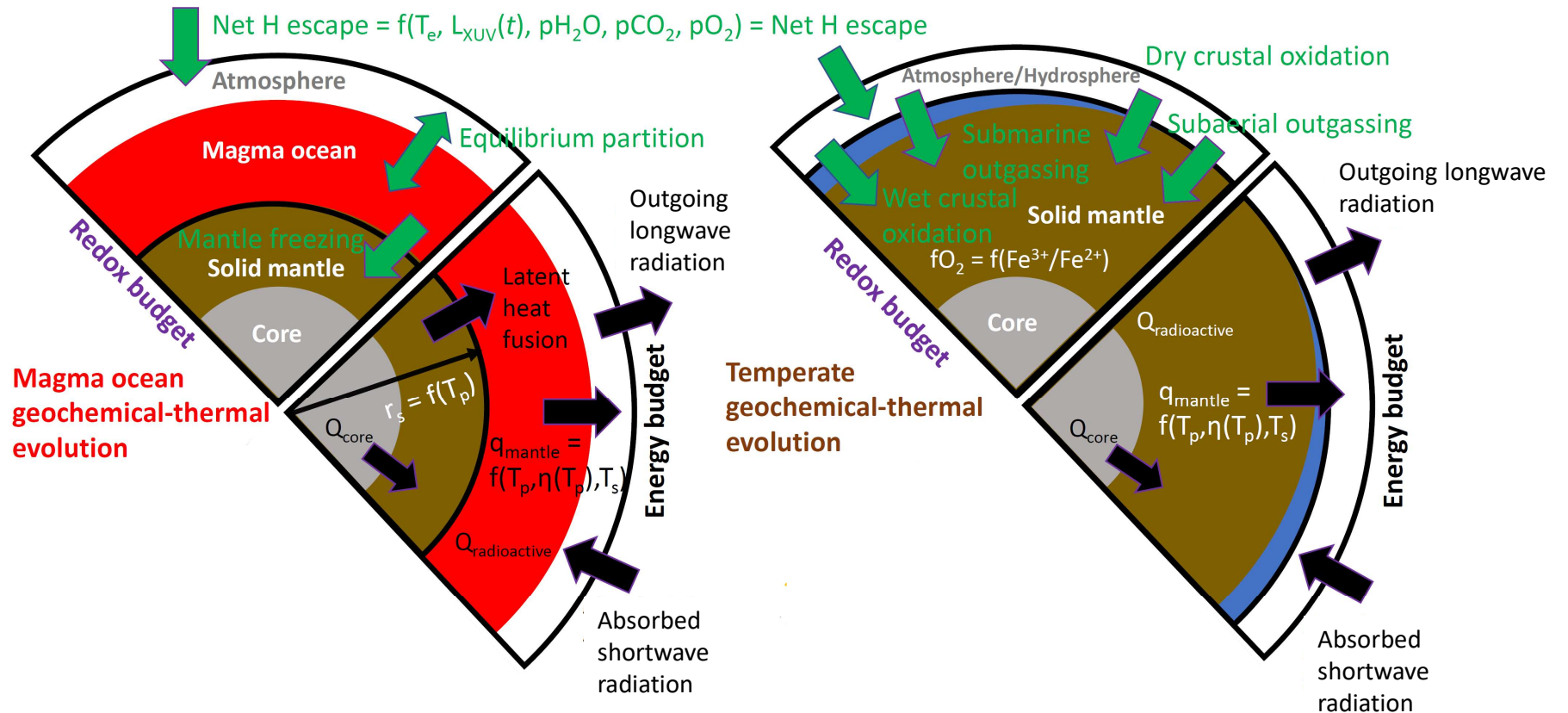
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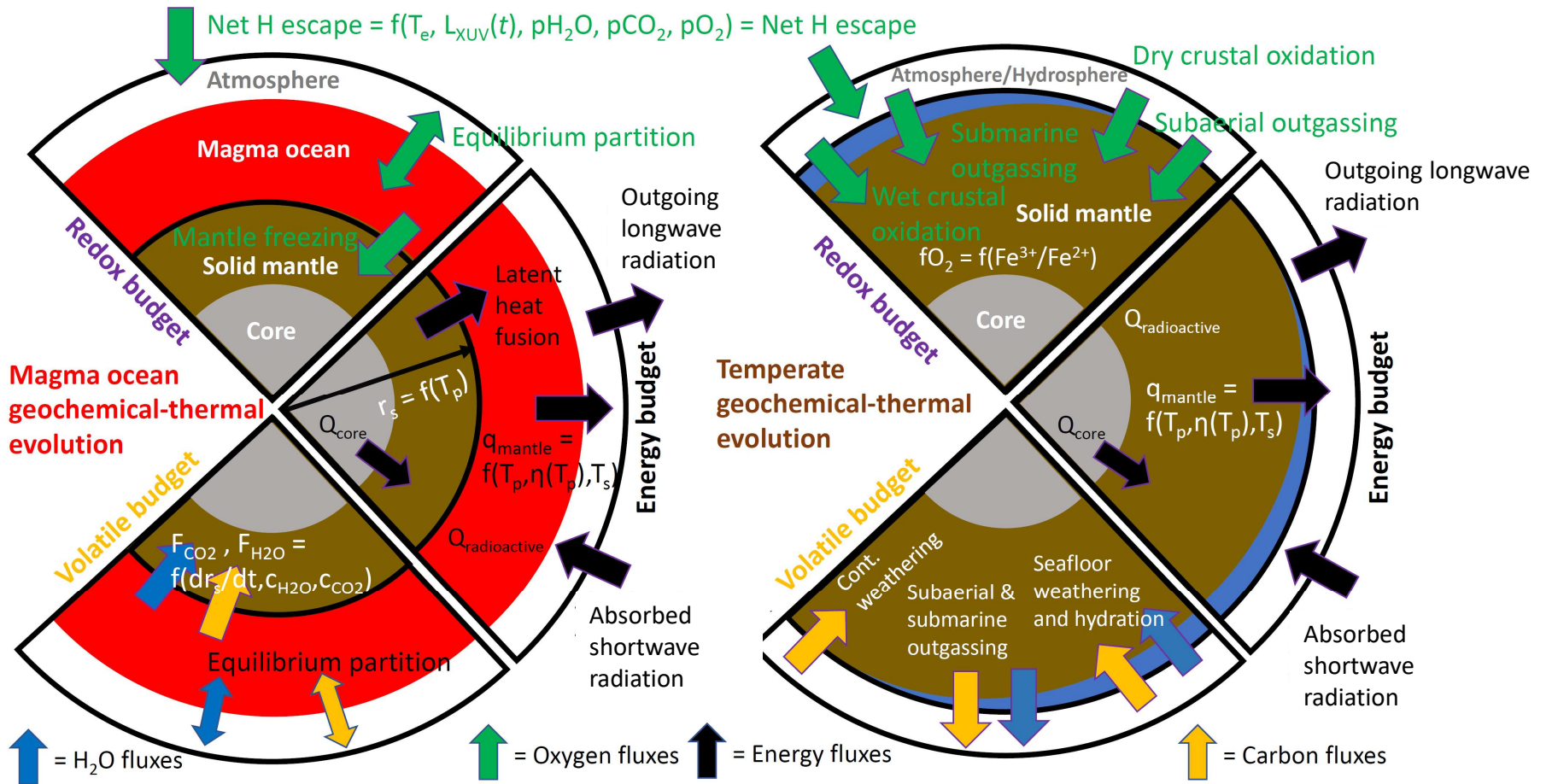
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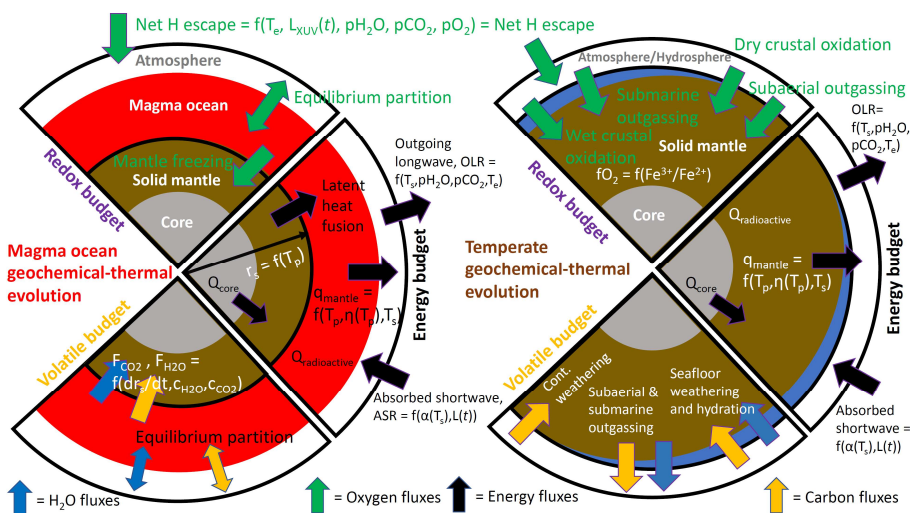
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Monte Carlo approach for uncertain parameters and initial conditions:



95% confidence

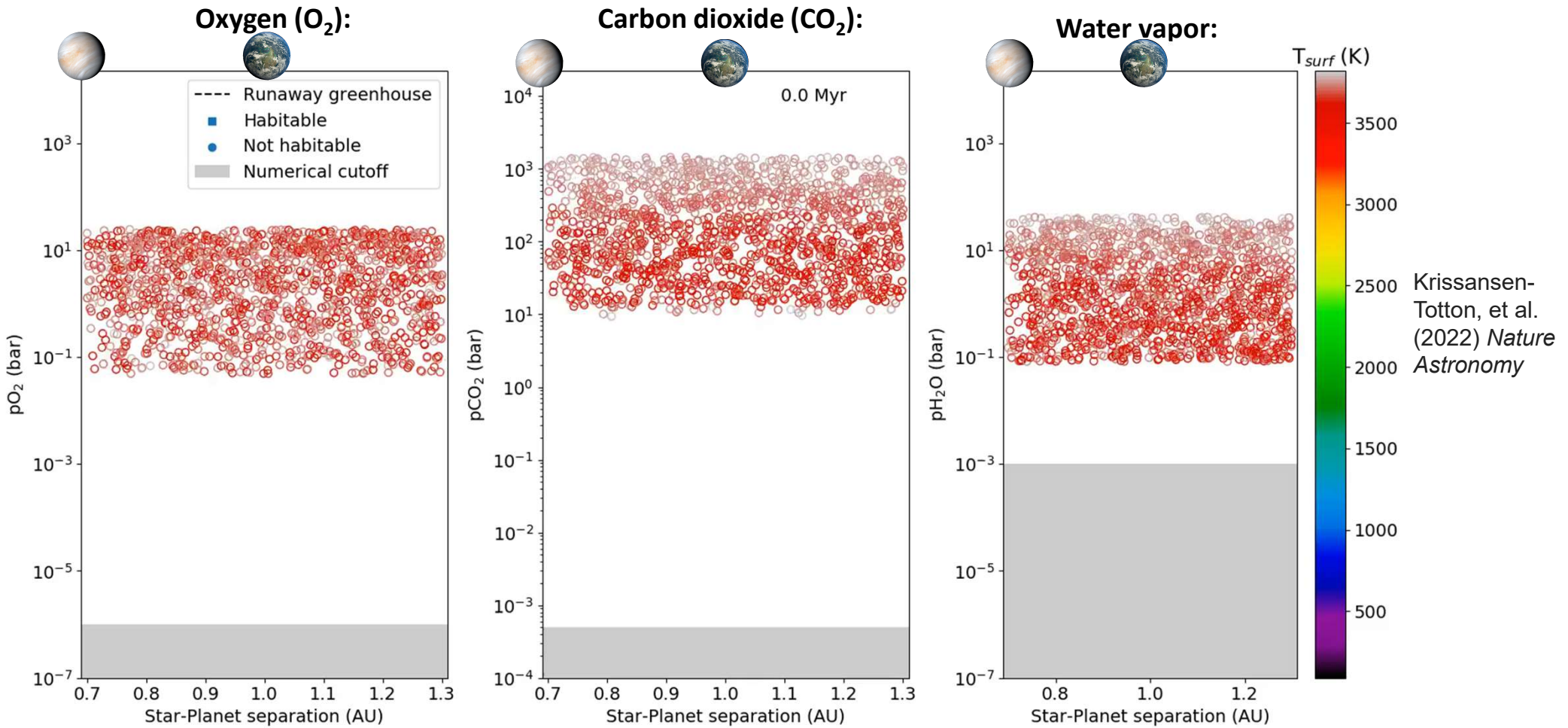
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		Nominal range
Initial conditions	Water	$10^{21} - 10^{22}$ kg*
	Carbon dioxide	$10^{20} - 10^{22}$ kg*
	Radiogenic inventory (relative Earth)	0.33-3.0
	Mantle free oxygen	$2 \times 10^{21} - 6 \times 10^{21}$ (kg)
Solar evolution and escape parameters	Early sun rotation rate (relative modern)	1.8-45
	Escape efficiency at low XUV flux, ϵ_{lowXUV}	0.01-0.3
	Transition parameter for cold-trap diffusion limited to XUV-limited escape, λ_{Tya}	$10^{-2} - 10^2$
	XUV energy that contributes to XUV escape above hydrodynamic threshold, ζ	0-100%
	Temperature-dependence of continental weathering, T_{efold}	5-30 K
Carbon cycle parameters	CO ₂ -dependence of continental weathering, γ	0.1-0.5
	Weathering supply limit, $W_{sup-lim}$	$10^5 - 10^7$ kg/s
	Ocean calcium concentration, $[Ca^{2+}]$	$10^{-4} - 3 \times 10^{-1}$ mol/kg
	Ocean carbonate saturation, Ω	1-10

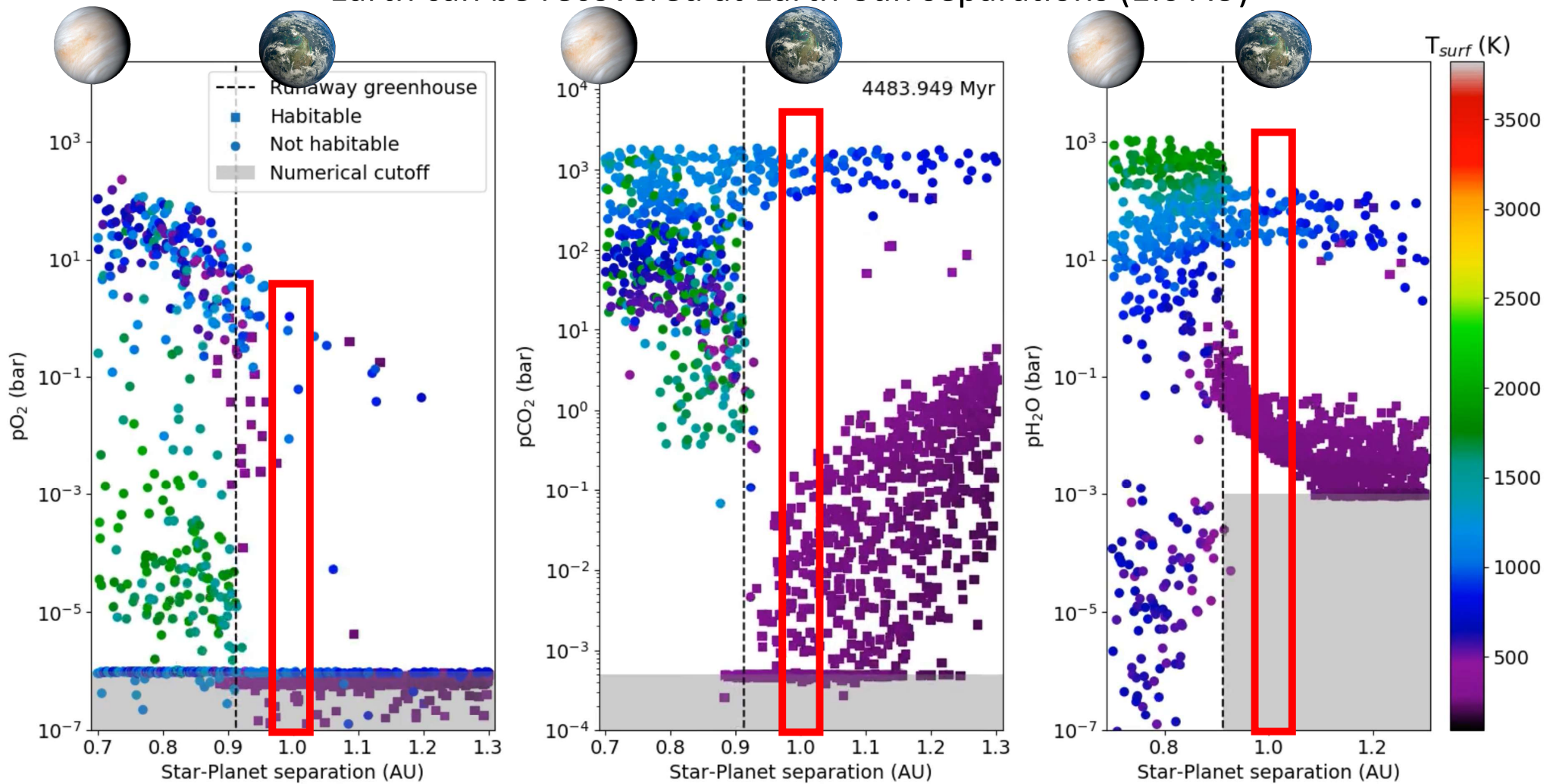
Randomly sampling 21 model parameters over 1000s of model runs

Interior evolution parameter	Mantle viscosity coefficient, V_{coef}	$10^1 - 10^3$ Pa s
Crustal sinks oxygen and hydrological cycle parameters	Crustal hydration efficiency, $f_{hydr-frac}$	10^{-3} to 0.03
	Dry oxidation efficiency, $f_{dry-oxid}$	10^{-4} to 10%
	Wet oxidation efficiency, $f_{wet-oxid}$	10^{-3} to 10^{-1}
	Maximum fractional molten area, f_{lava}	10^{-4} to 1.0
	Max mantle water content, $M_{solid-H_2O-max}$	0.5-15 Earth oceans
Albedo parameters	Hot state albedo, A_H	0-0.3
	Cold state albedo, A_C	0.25-0.35

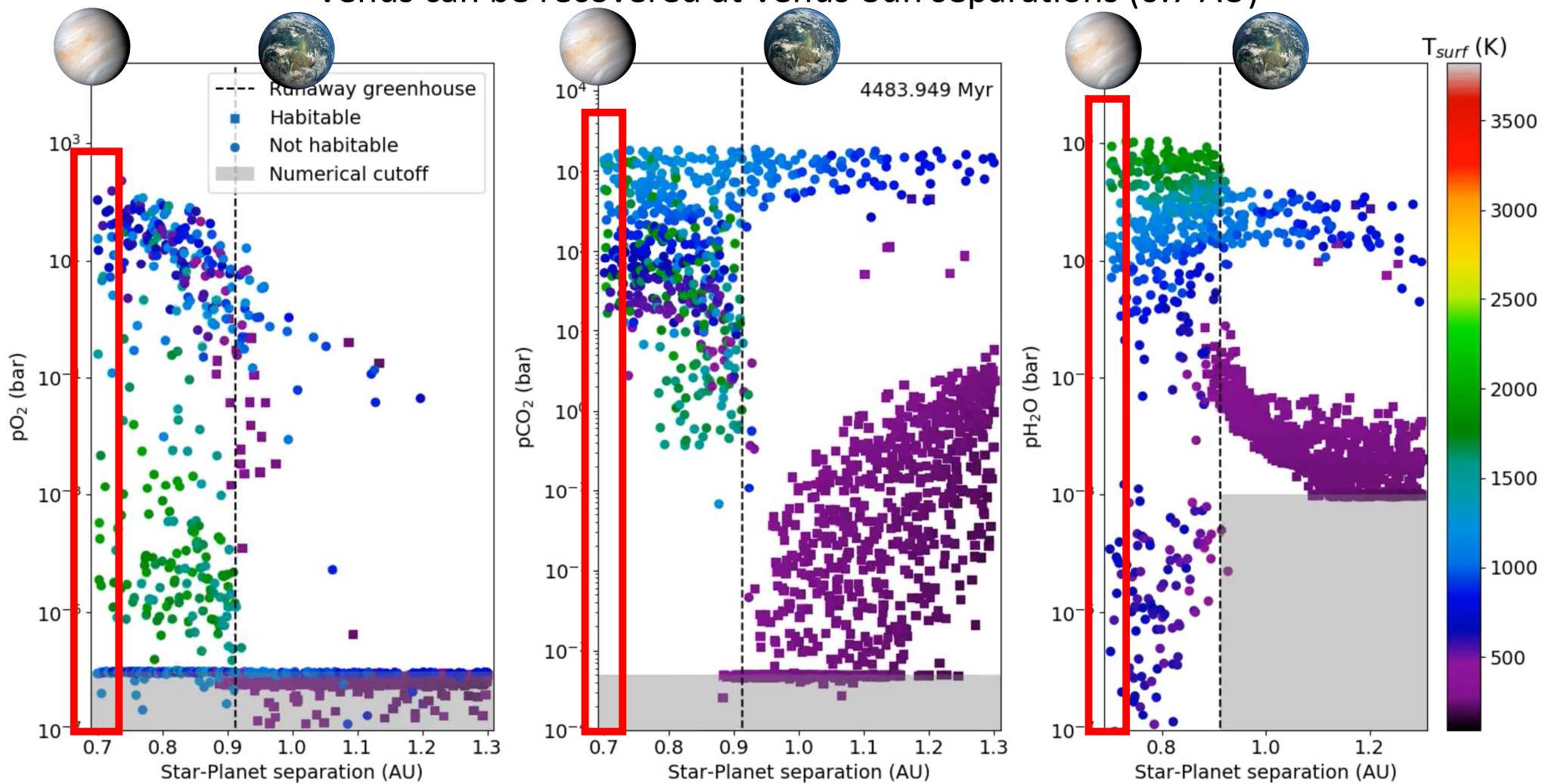
An example of a Monte Carlo approach to planetary geochemical evolution



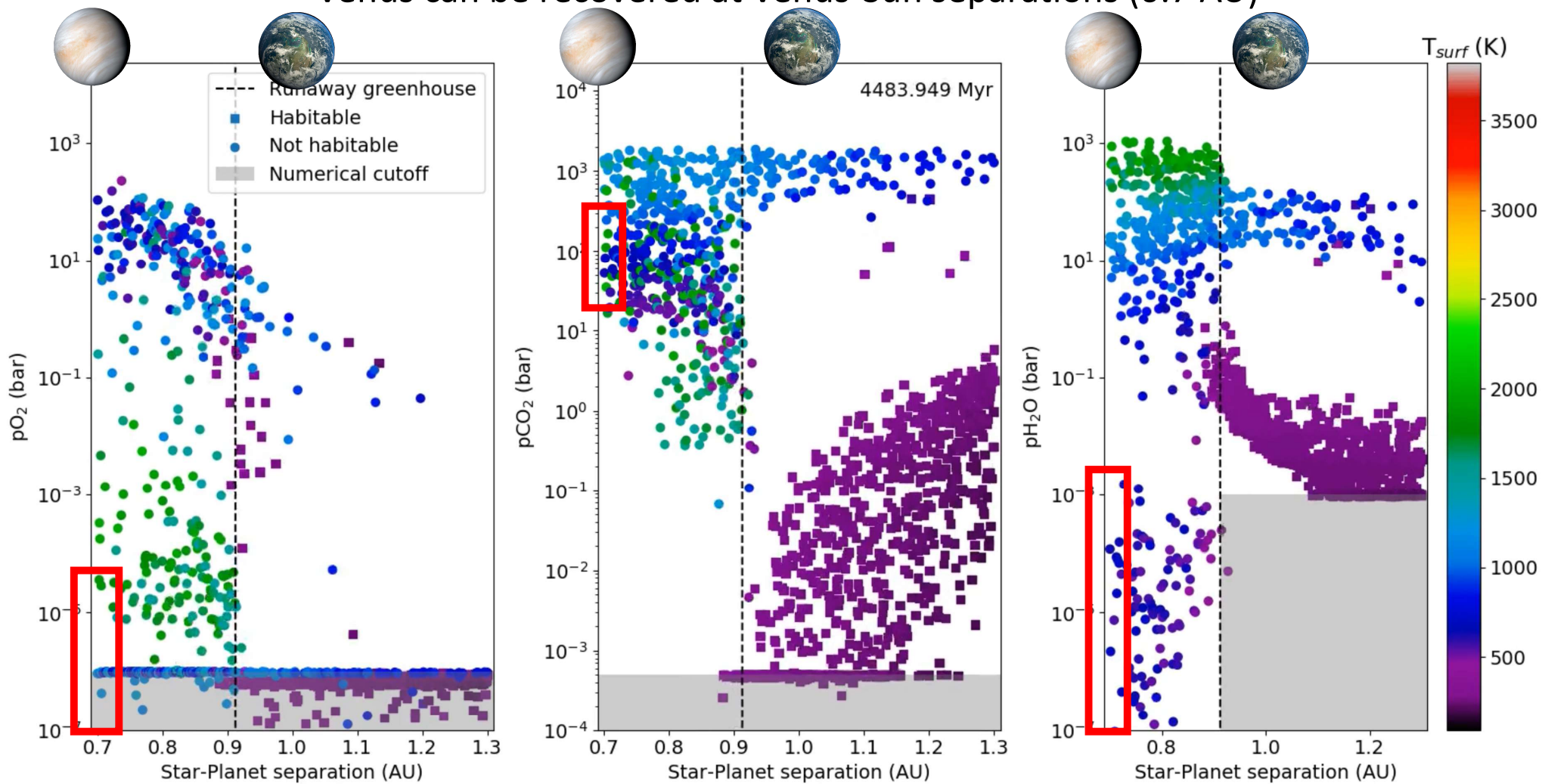
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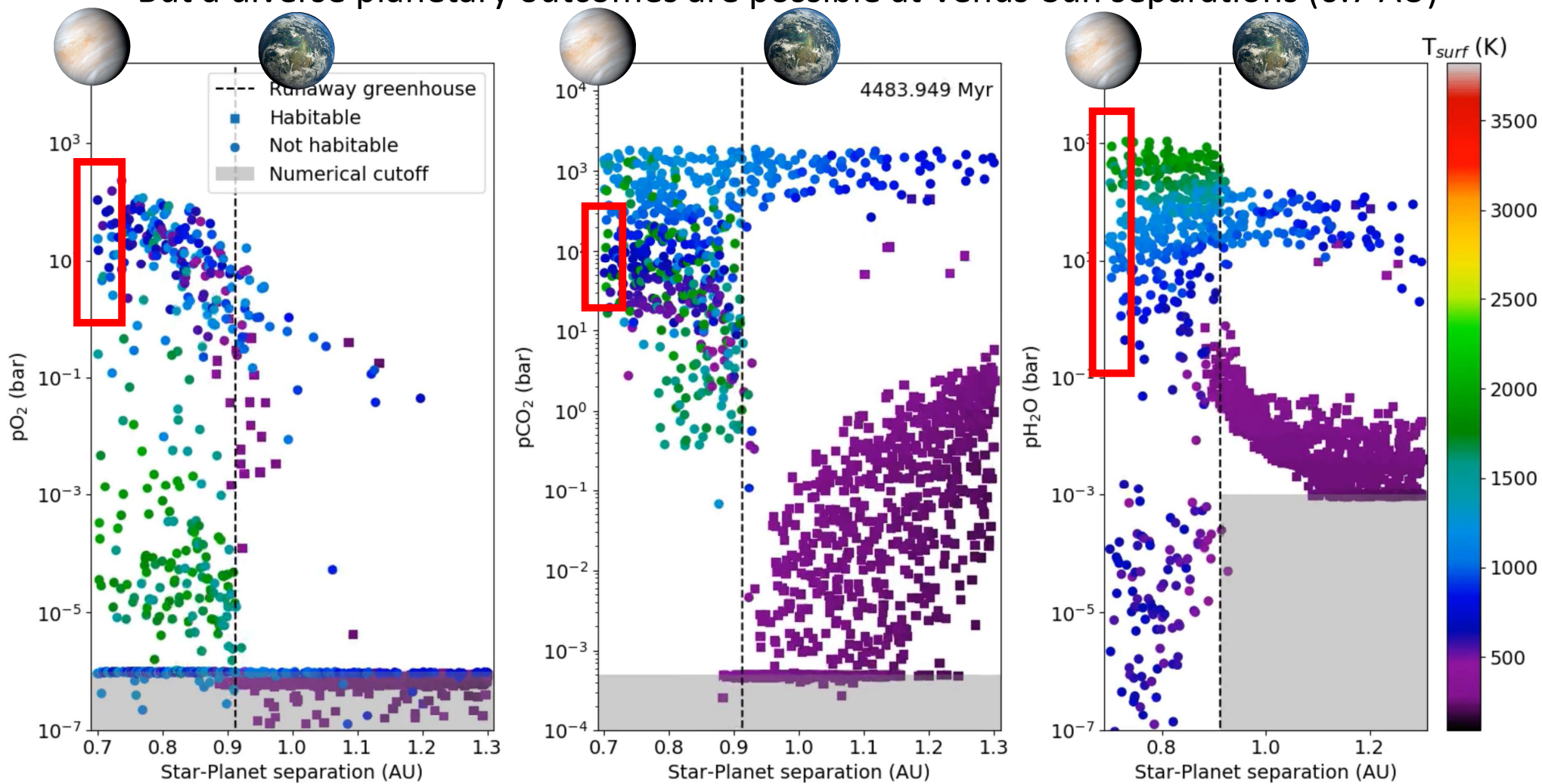
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But a diverse planetary outcomes are possible at Venus-Sun separations (0.7 AU)



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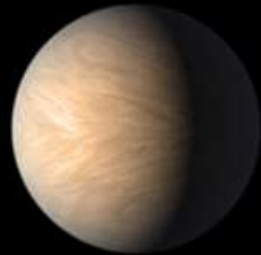
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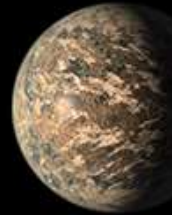
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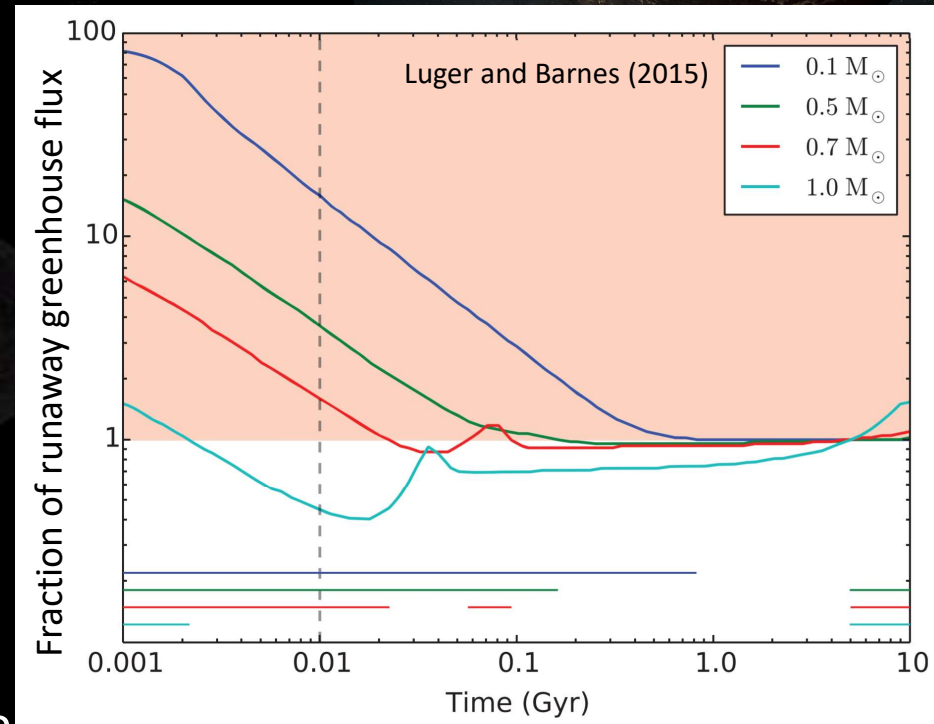


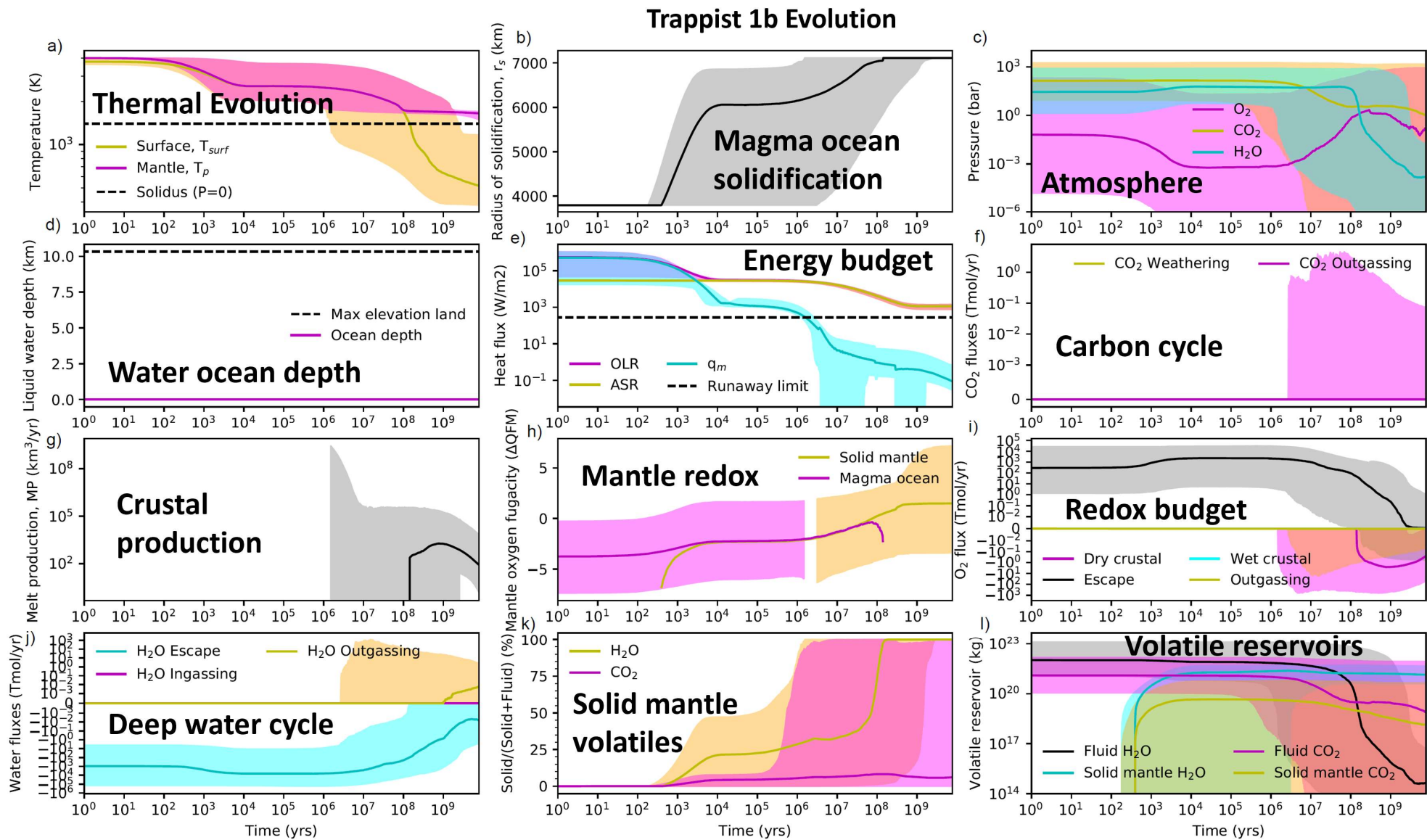
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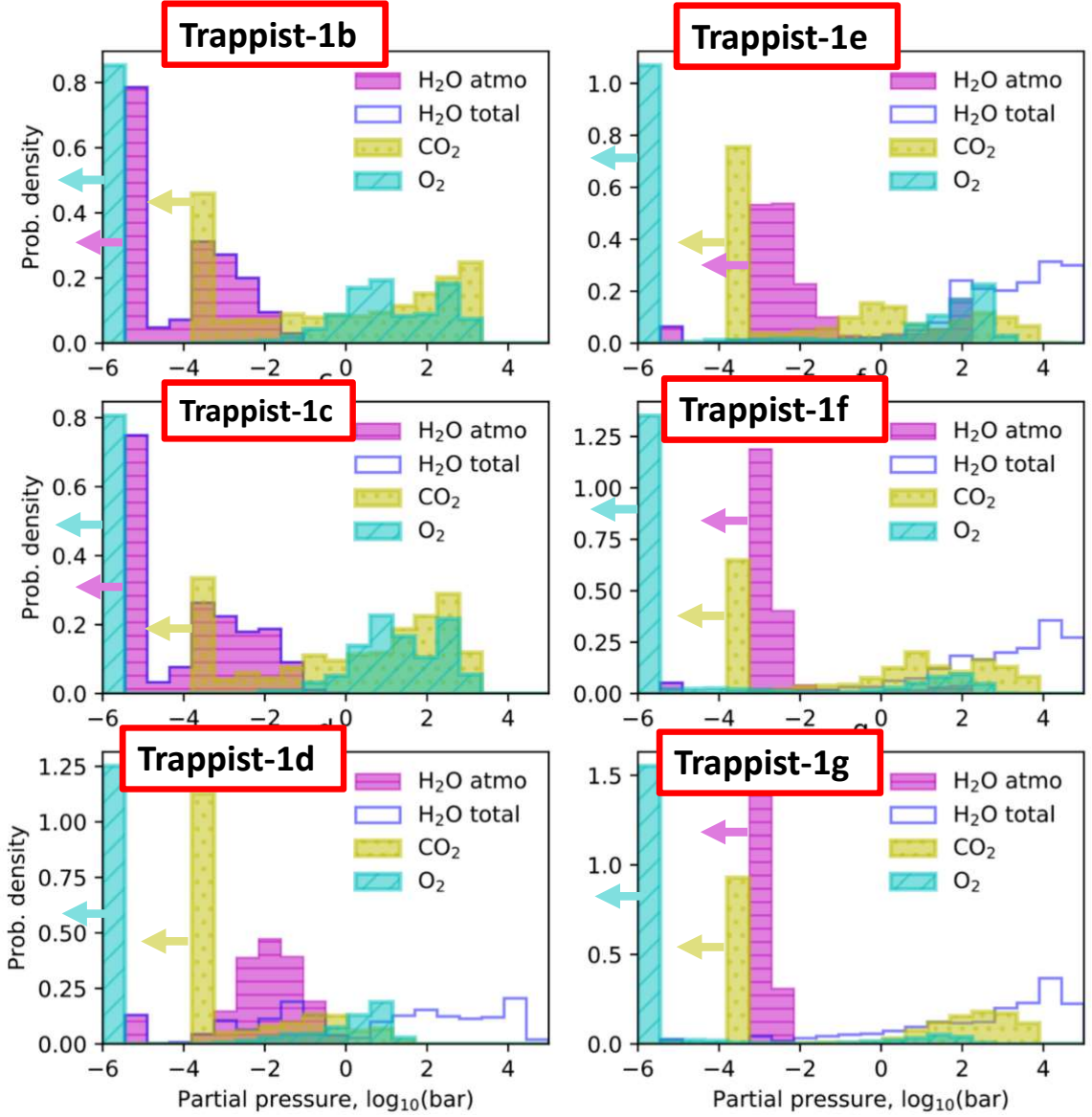
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- Do these planets have atmospheres?
- Do they possess O₂-rich atmospheres from H loss?

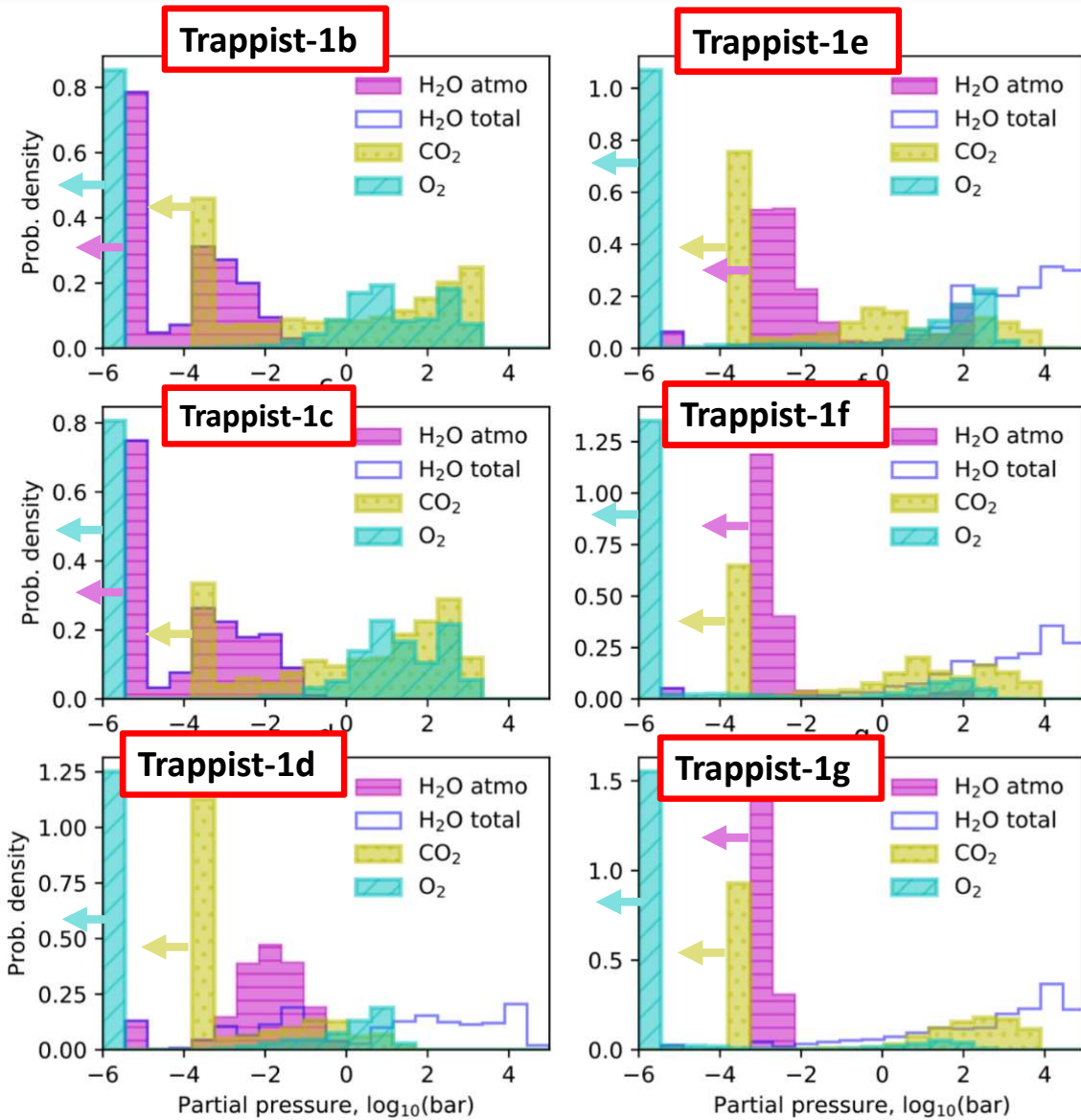




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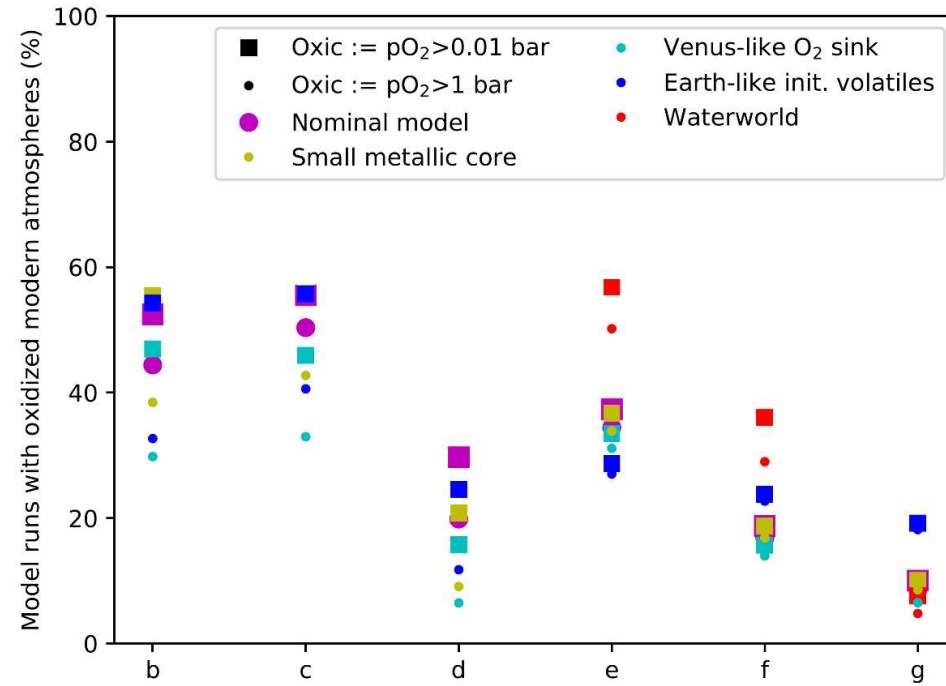


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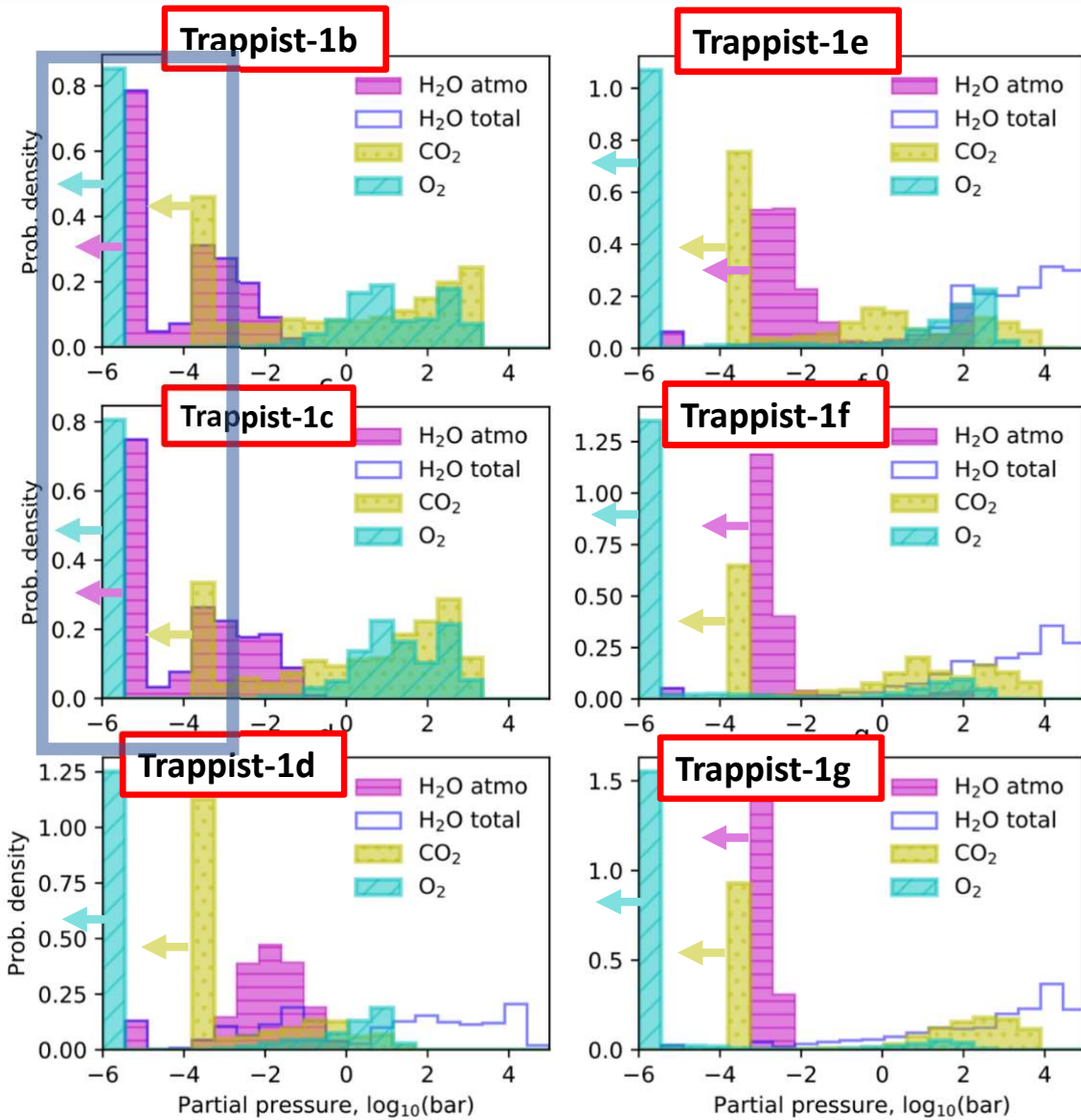
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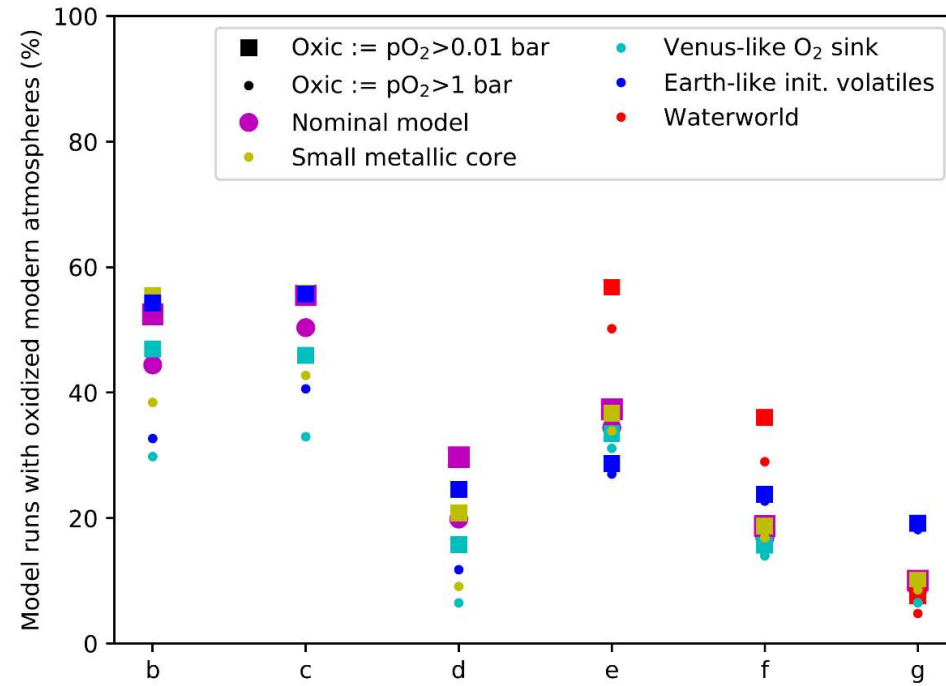
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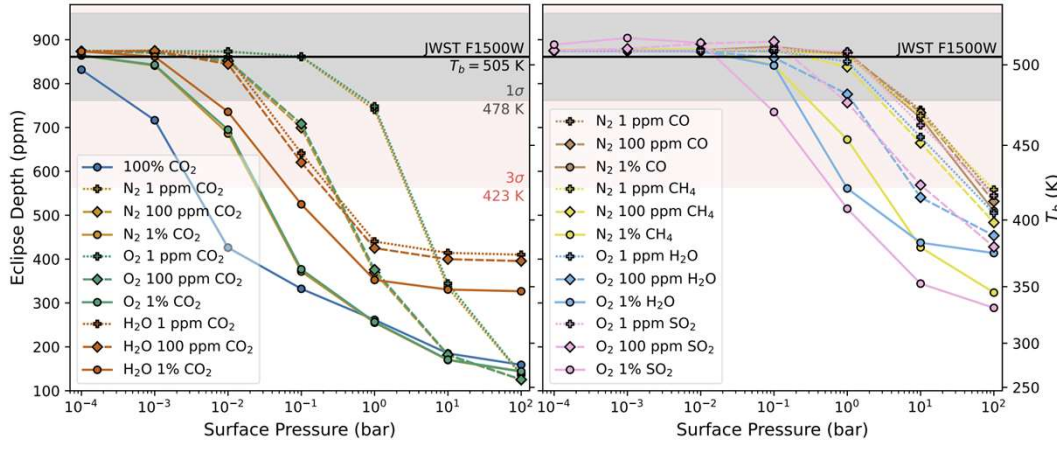
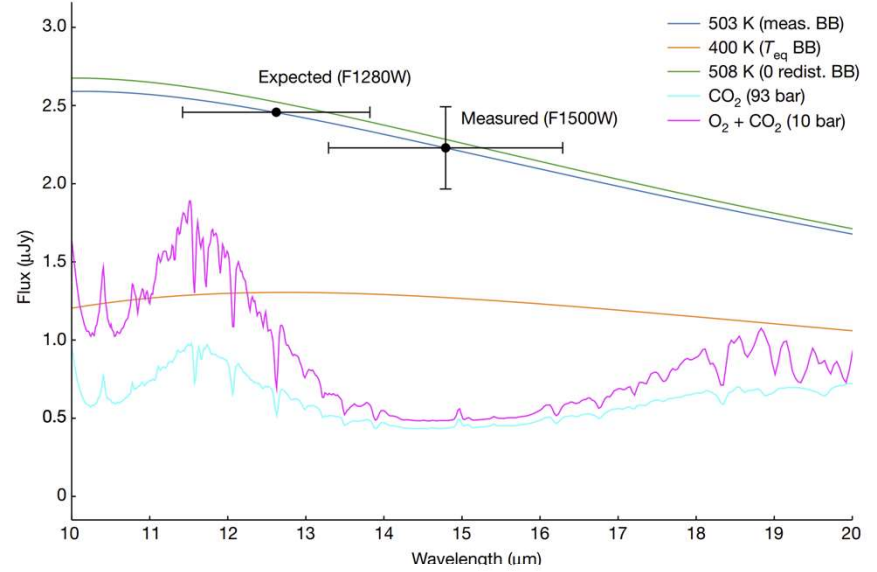
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The TRAPPIST-1 system is remarkable for its seven planets that are similar in size, mass, density and stellar heating to the rocky planets Venus, Earth and Mars in the Solar System¹. All the TRAPPIST-1 planets have been observed with transmission spectroscopy using the Hubble or Spitzer space telescopes, but no atmospheric features have been detected or strongly constrained²⁻⁵. TRAPPIST-1 b is the closest planet to the M-dwarf star of the system, and it receives four times as much radiation as Earth receives from the Sun. This relatively large amount of stellar heating suggests that its thermal emission may be measurable. Here we present photometric secondary eclipse observations of the Earth-sized exoplanet TRAPPIST-1 b using the F1500W filter of the mid-infrared instrument on the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). We detect the secondary eclipses in five separate observations with 8.7 σ confidence when all data are combined. These measurements are most consistent with re-radiation of the incident flux of the TRAPPIST-1 star from only the dayside hemisphere of the planet. The most straightforward interpretation is that there is little or no planetary atmosphere redistributing radiation from the host star and also no detectable atmospheric absorption of carbon dioxide (CO₂) or other species.

Ih, J., Kempton, E. M. R., Whittaker, E. A., & Lessard, M. (2023). Constraining the Thickness of TRAPPIST-1 b's Atmosphere from Its JWST Secondary Eclipse Observation at 15 μm . *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 952(1), L4.



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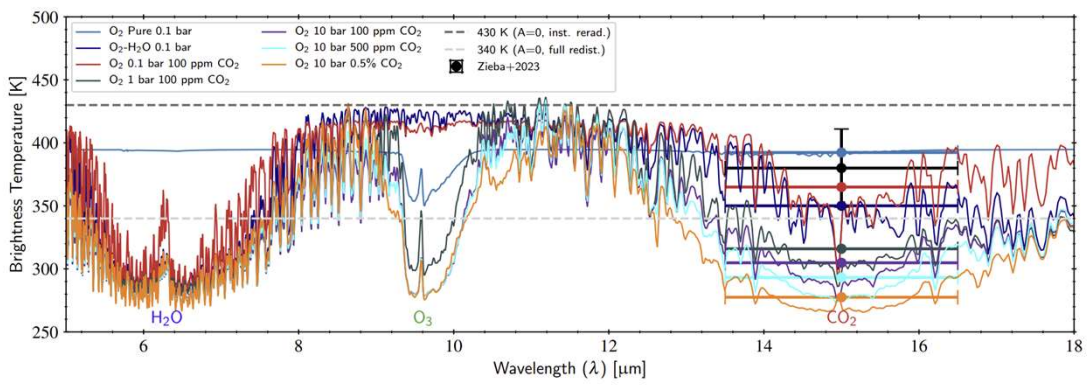
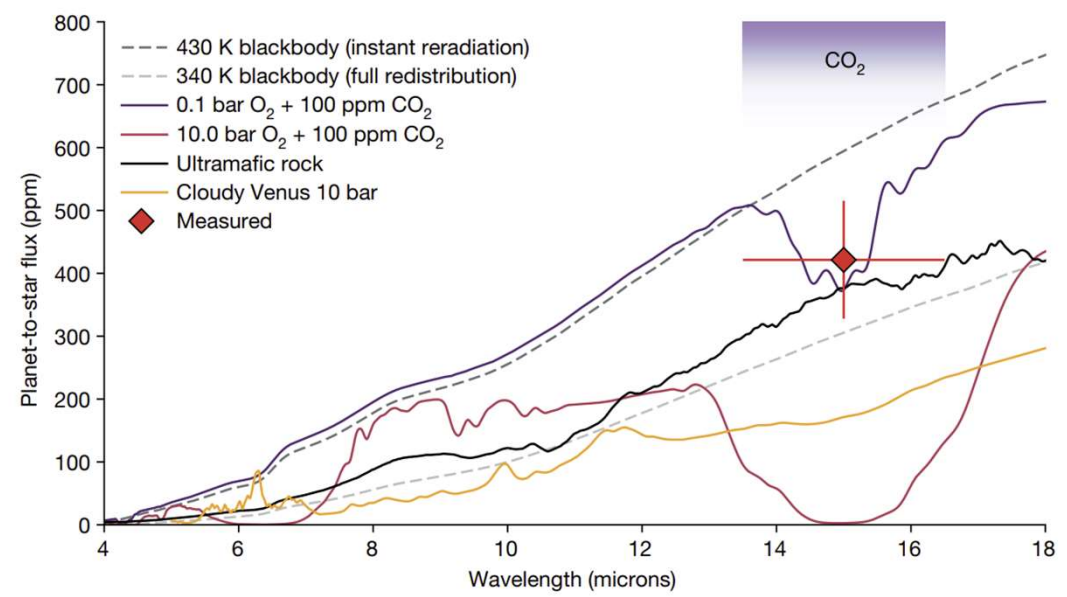
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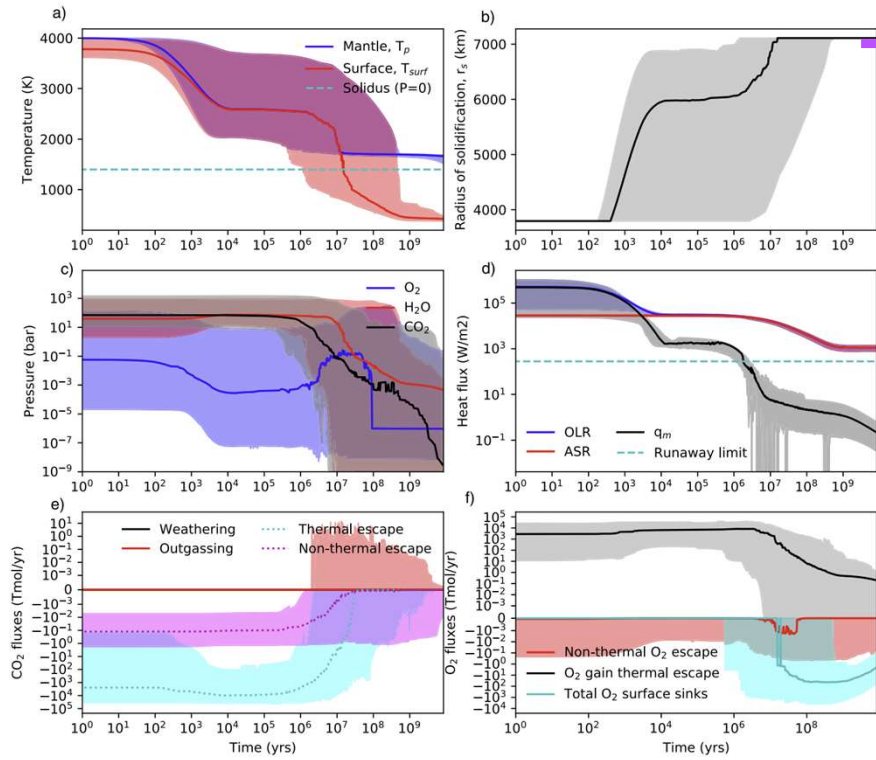
Seven rocky planets orbit the nearby dwarf star TRAPPIST-1, providing a unique opportunity to search for atmospheres on small planets outside the Solar System¹. Thanks to the recent launch of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), possible atmospheric constituents such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) are now detectable^{2,3}. Recent JWST observations of the innermost planet TRAPPIST-1 b showed that it is most probably a bare rock without any CO₂ in its atmosphere⁴. Here we report the detection of thermal emission from the dayside of TRAPPIST-1 c with the Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI) on JWST at 15 μm. We measure a planet-to-star flux ratio of $f_p/f_* = 421 \pm 94$ parts per million (ppm), which corresponds to an inferred dayside brightness temperature of 380 ± 31 K. This high dayside temperature disfavours a thick, CO₂-rich atmosphere on the planet. The data rule out cloud-free O₂/CO₂ mixtures with surface pressures ranging from 10 bar (with 10 ppm CO₂) to 0.1 bar (pure CO₂). A Venus-analogue atmosphere with sulfuric acid clouds is also disfavoured at 2.6σ confidence. Thinner atmospheres or bare-rock surfaces are consistent with our measured planet-to-star flux ratio. The absence of a thick, CO₂-rich atmosphere on TRAPPIST-1 c suggests a relatively volatile-poor formation history, with less than $9.5^{+7.5}_{-2.5}$ Earth oceans of water. If all planets in the system formed in the same way, this would indicate a limited reservoir of volatiles for the potentially habitable planets in the system.

Lincowski, A. P., Meadows, V. S., Zieba, S., Kreidberg, L., Morley, C., Gillon, M., ... & Tamburo, P. (2023). Potential Atmospheric Compositions of TRAPPIST-1 c constrained by JWST/MIRI Observations at 15 μm. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2308.05899*.



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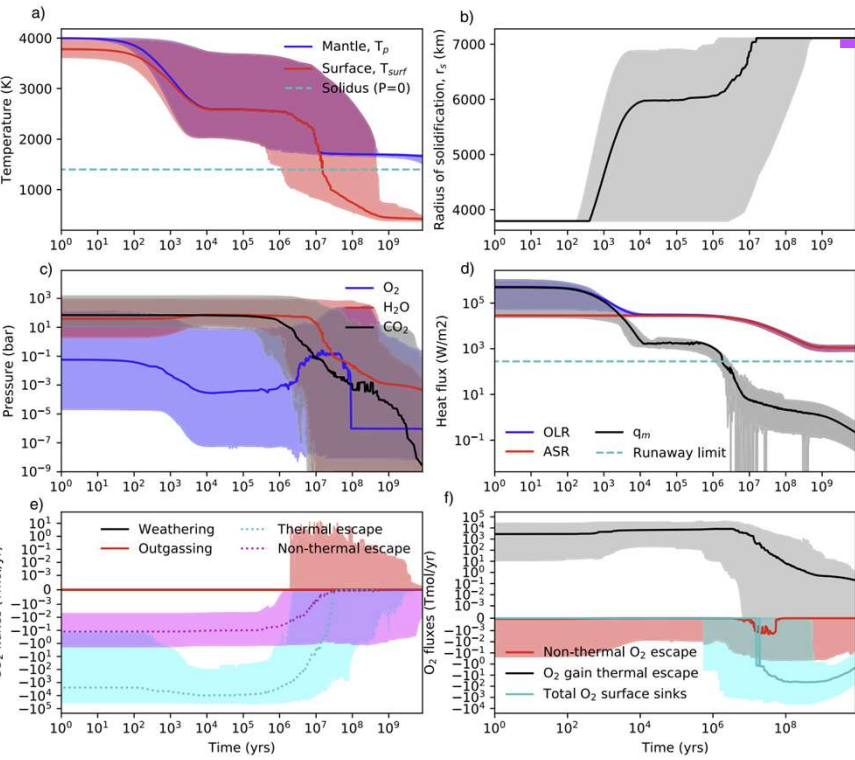


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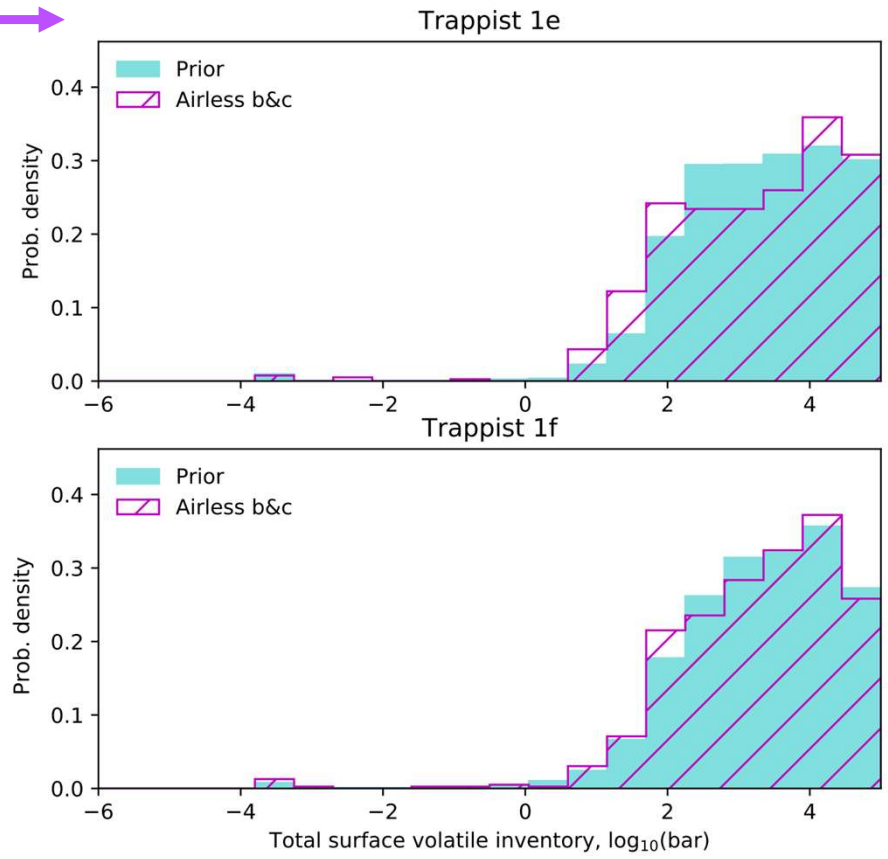
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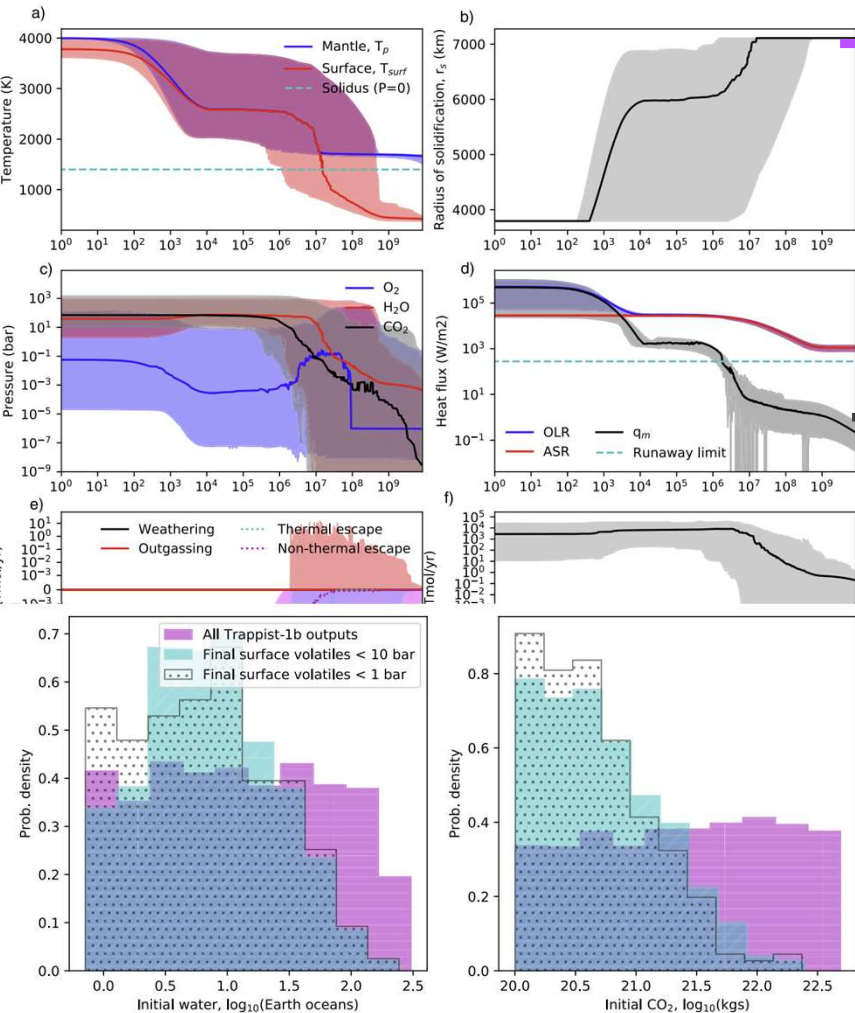
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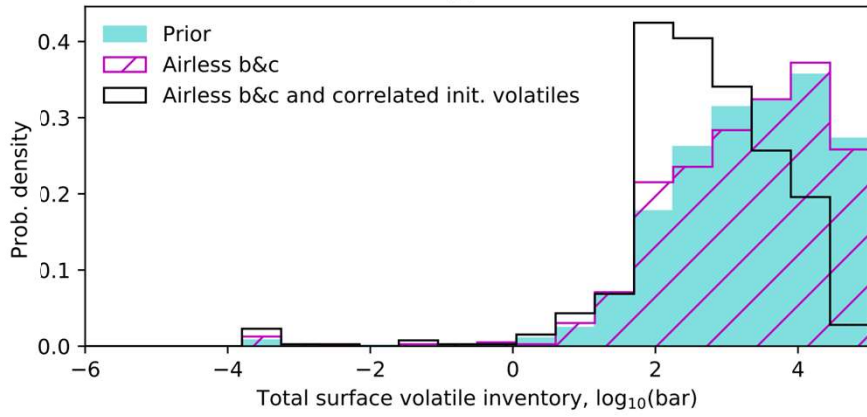
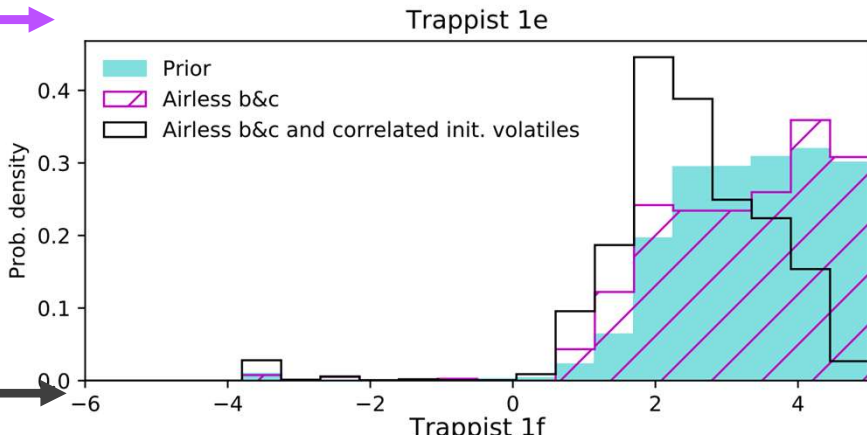
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This remains true even if same initial volatile inventory is sampled

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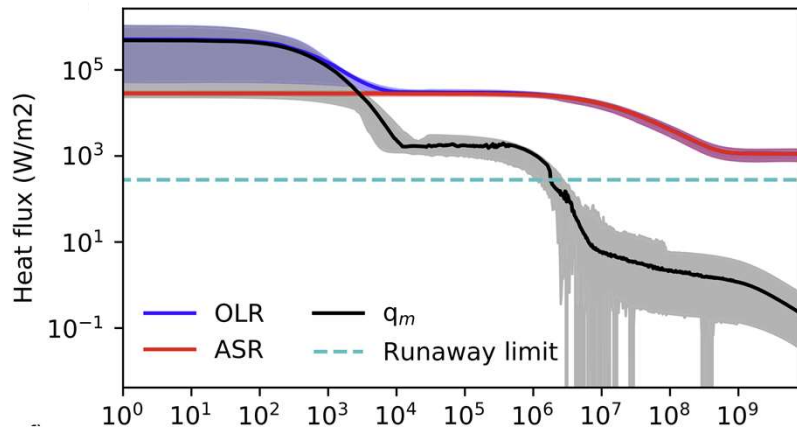
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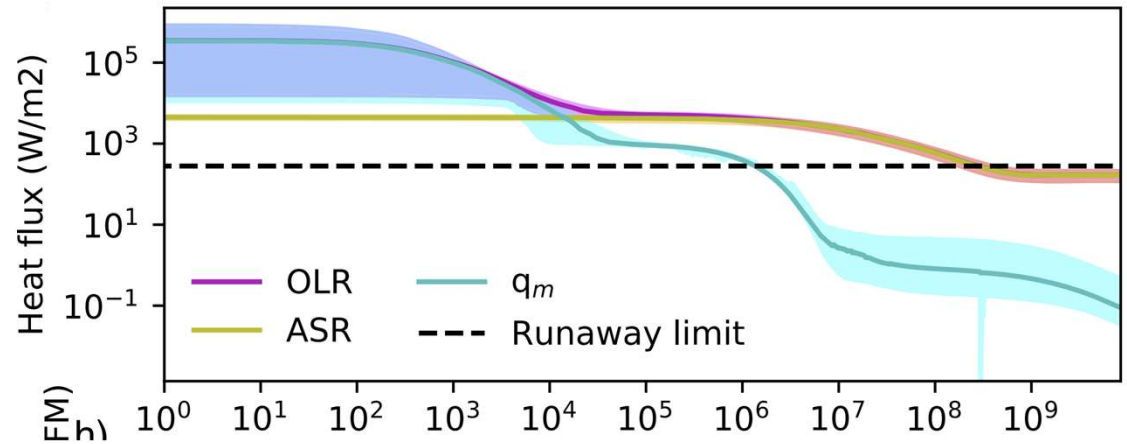
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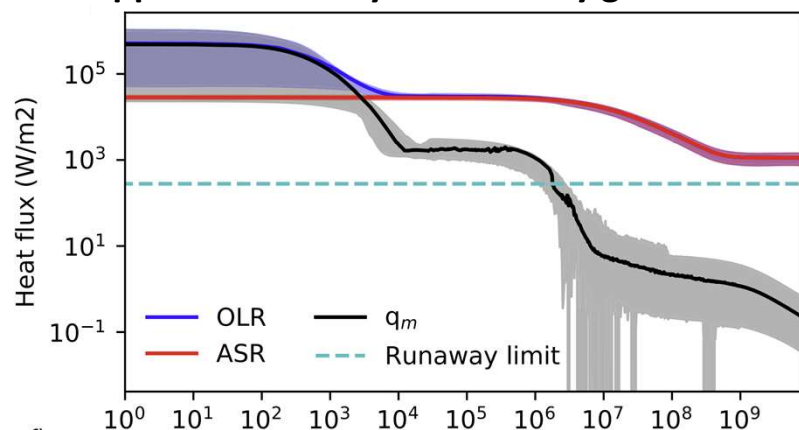


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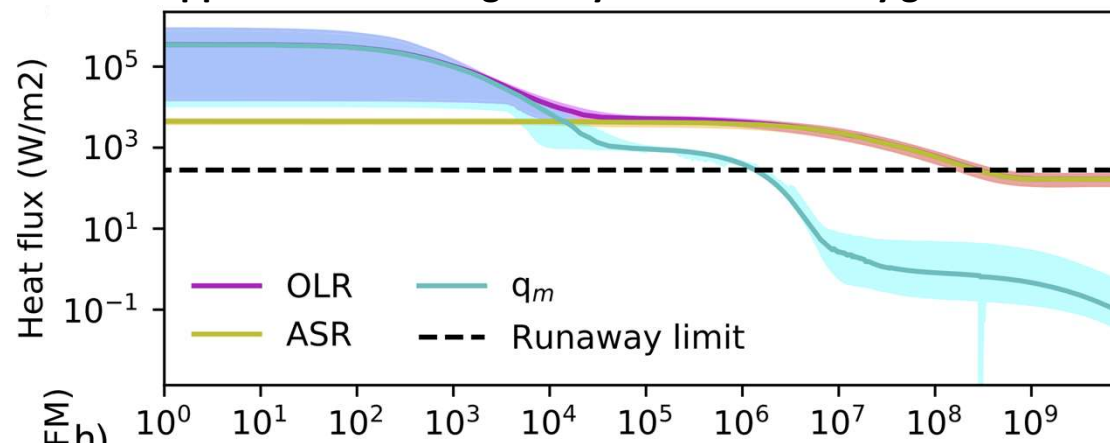
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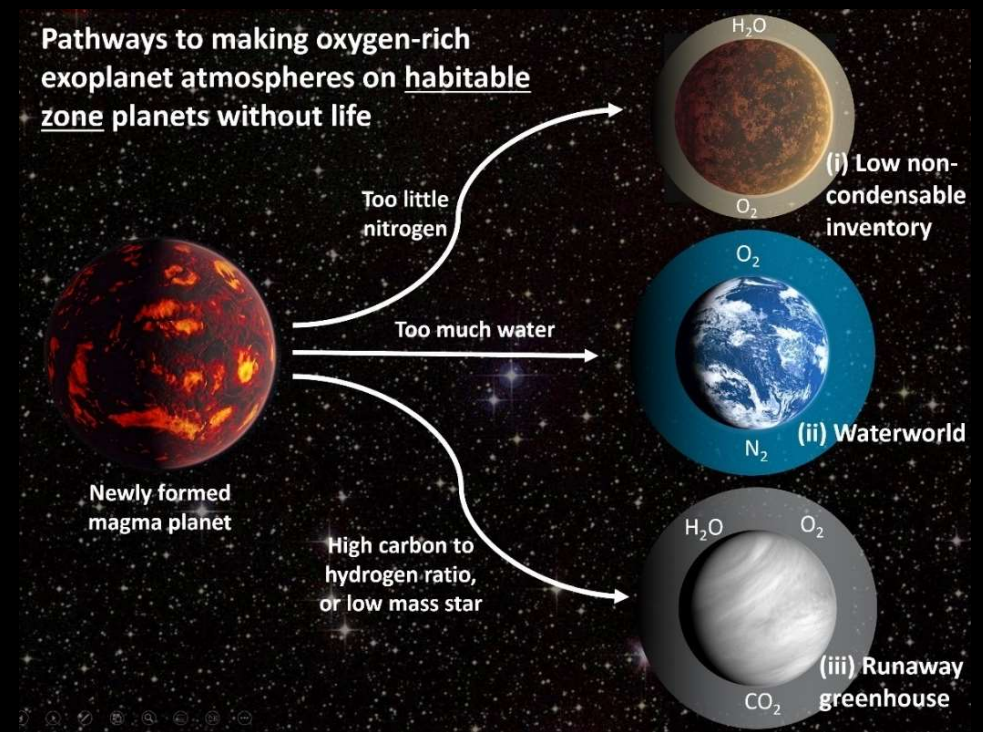
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- All water present as steam on planets interior to runaway greenhouse limit, easily lost to XUV-driven escape (and heavier species dragged along)
- Condensation of surface water -> temperate carbon cycle -> CO₂ sequestered in interior where it is shielded from escape
- Remains possible that all planets formed volatile poor and are all airless, but the airlessness of b and c does not require this to be true.

Leveraging geochemical evolution models to inform next generation terrestrial planet observations

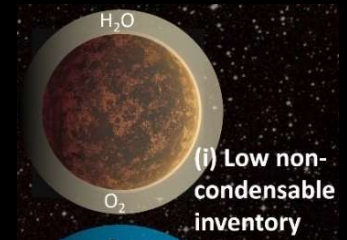
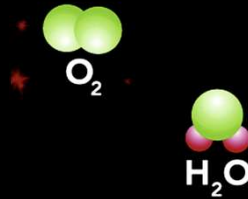
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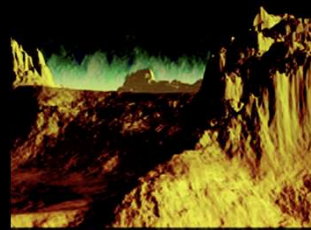
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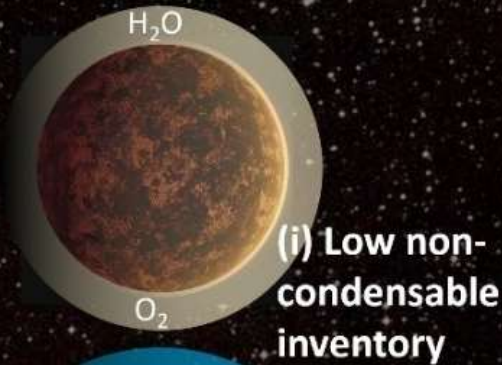


Meadows (2017)



Transmission: 0.6 – 4.5 μm
Reflectivity: 0.4 – 4.5 μm

Low non-condensable oxygen false positives could occur around sun-like stars (c.f. Wordsworth and Pierrehumbert 2014)



Low non-condensable oxygen false positives (c.f. Wordsworth and Pierrehumbert 2014) may be identified in reflected light



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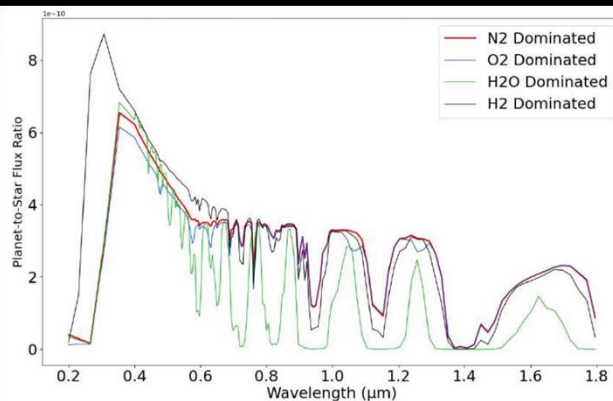
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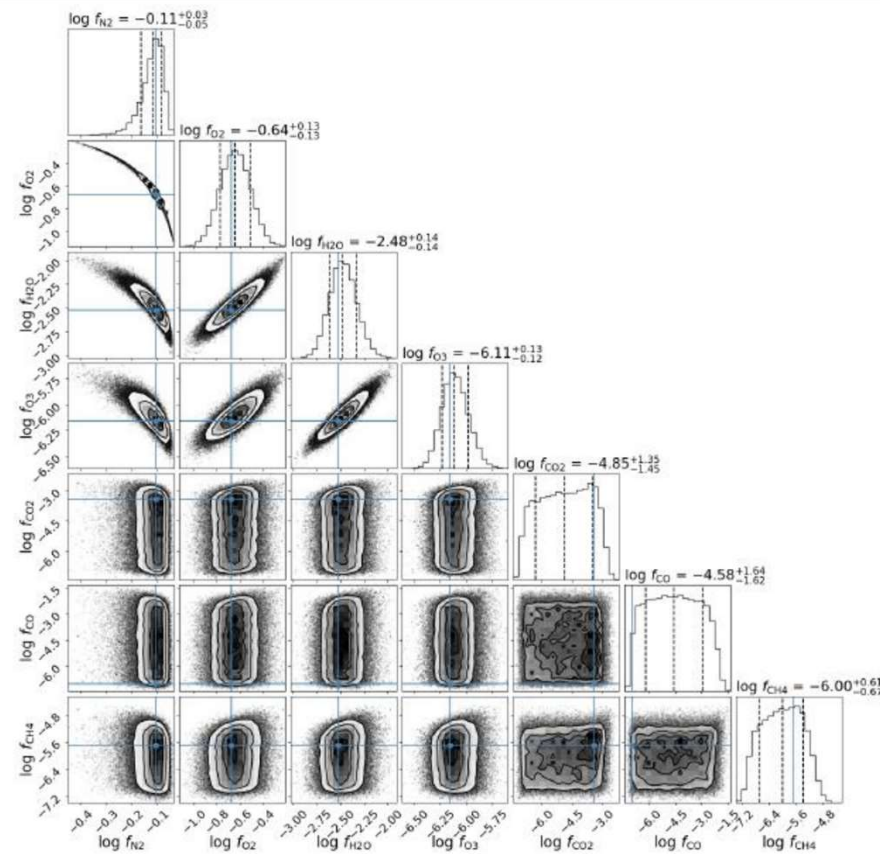
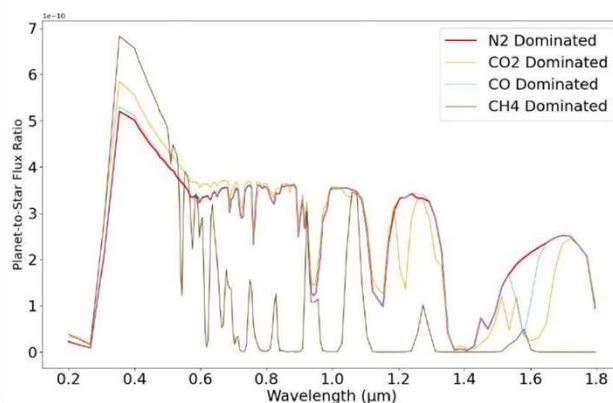
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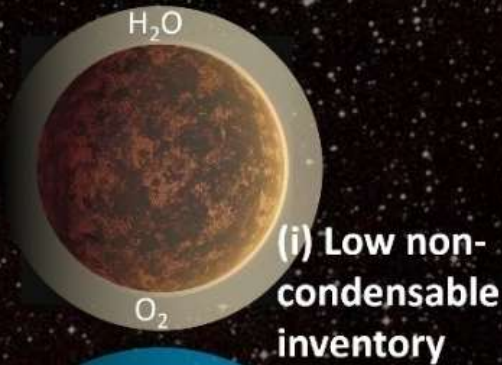
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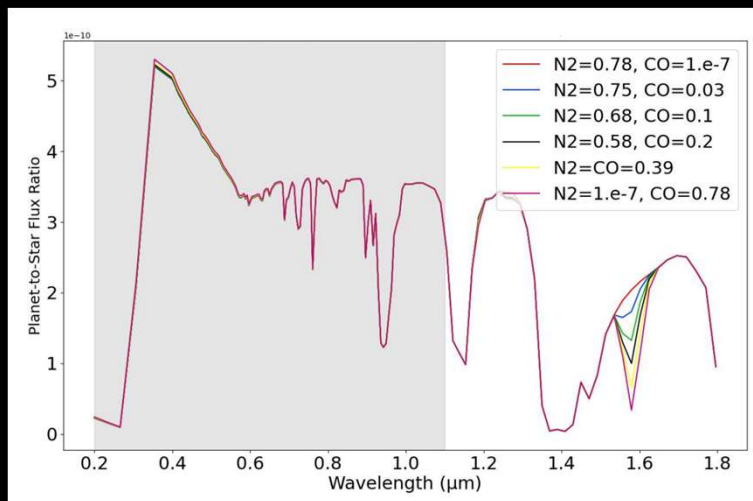


a) Nominal N₂-Dominated Spectrum vs. Non-Carbon Based Atmospheric Gas Dominated Spectra





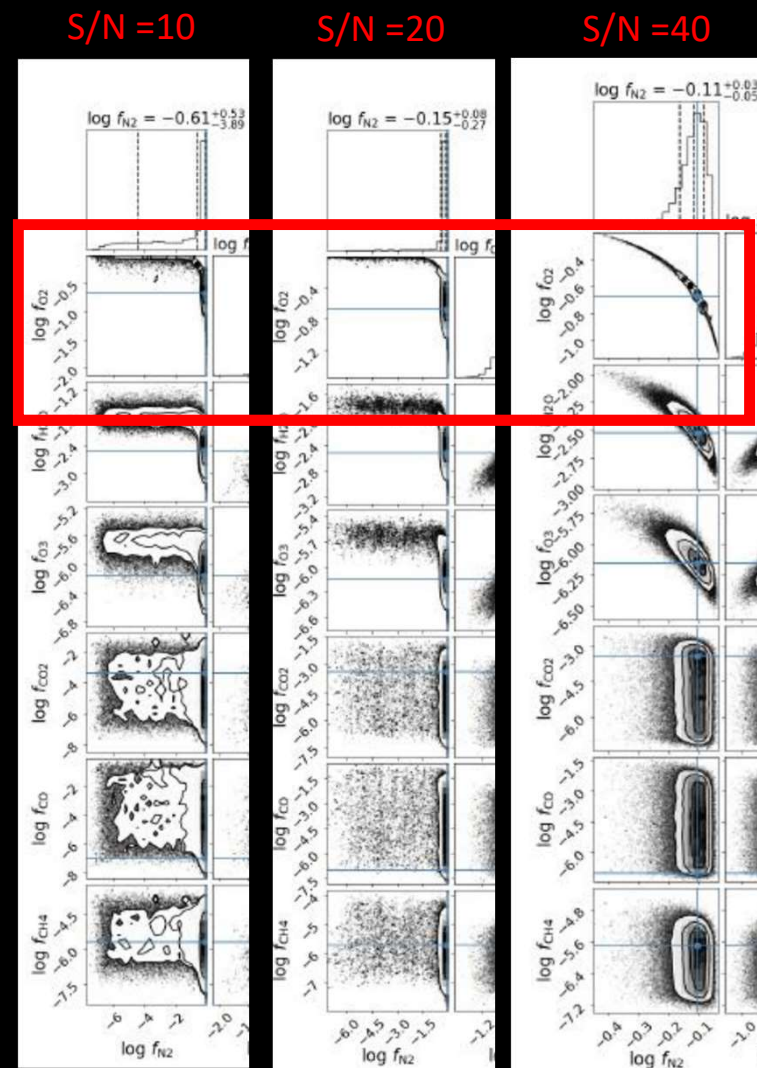
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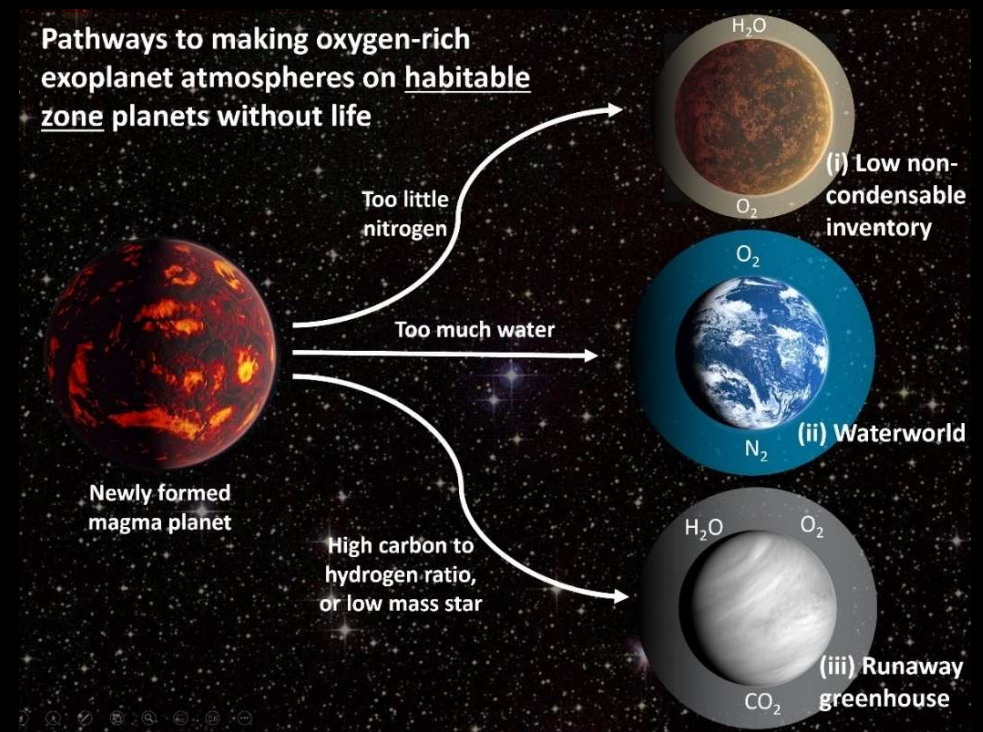


NIR coverage (to 1.7 μm) and large aperture (~ 8 m) needed to unambiguously identify N₂ background.



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Conclusions

Atmosphere-Interior planetary evolution models will be crucial tools for interpreting potential biosignatures and habitability indicators:

- Understanding the atmospheric evolution of Venus is a prerequisite to anticipating exoplanet habitability and interpreting oxygen biosignatures.
- The lack of substantial atmospheres on Trappist 1b and c would not say much about the likelihood of the outer planets retaining secondary atmospheres.
- Oxygen false positives may be positive on planets around sun-like stars, and next generation telescopes must be built with the capability to disentangle this from biogenic oxygen.

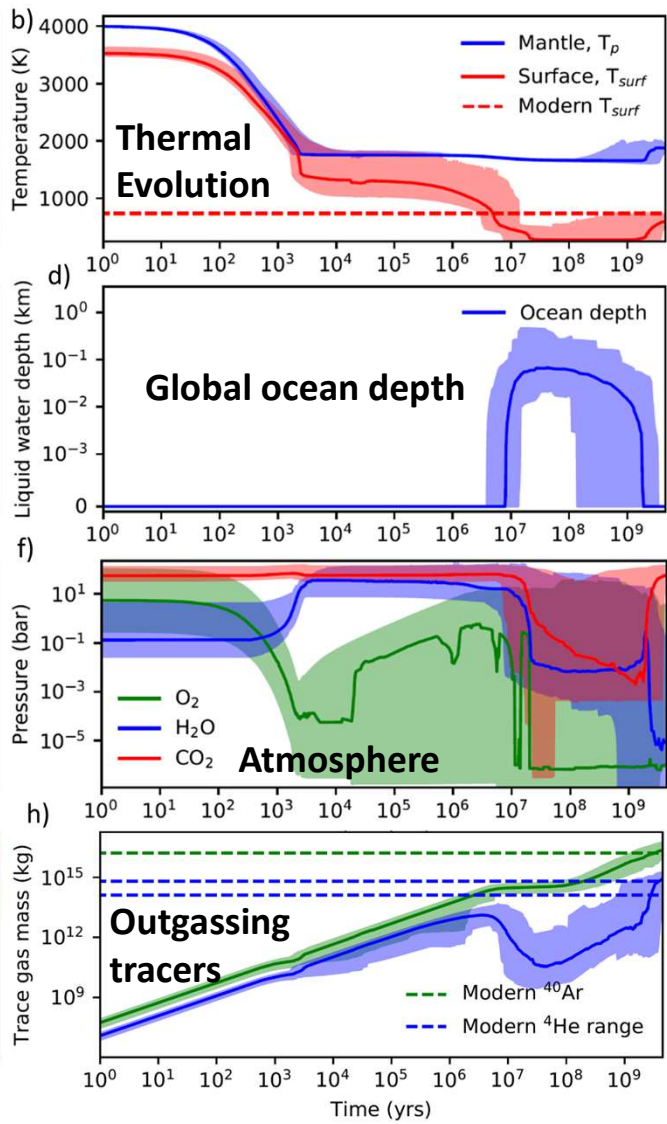
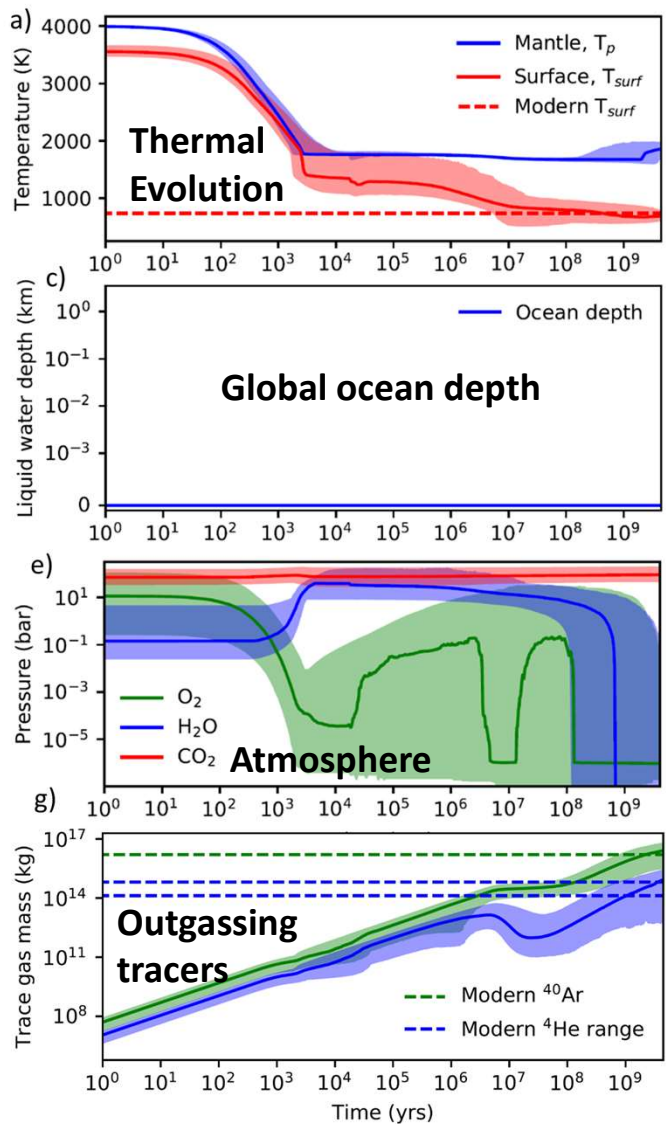
More info:

- Venus evolution and potential for past habitability: Krissansen-Totton et al. (2021, PSJ)
- Trappist-1 application: Krissansen-Totton and Fortney (2022, ApJ), Krissansen-Totton (2023, ApJL)
- Constraining N₂ in reflected light: Hall et al. (2023, in revision)



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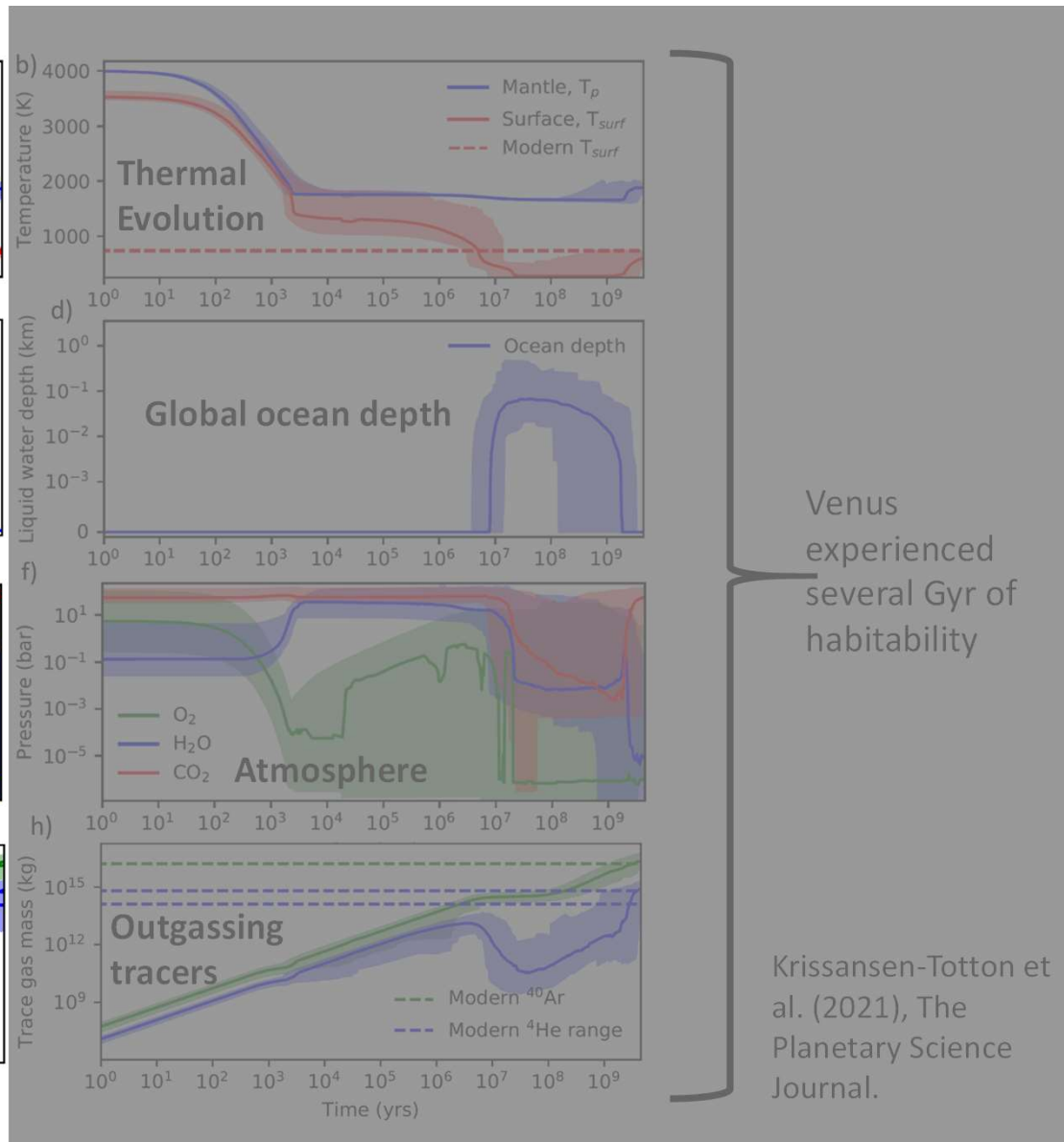
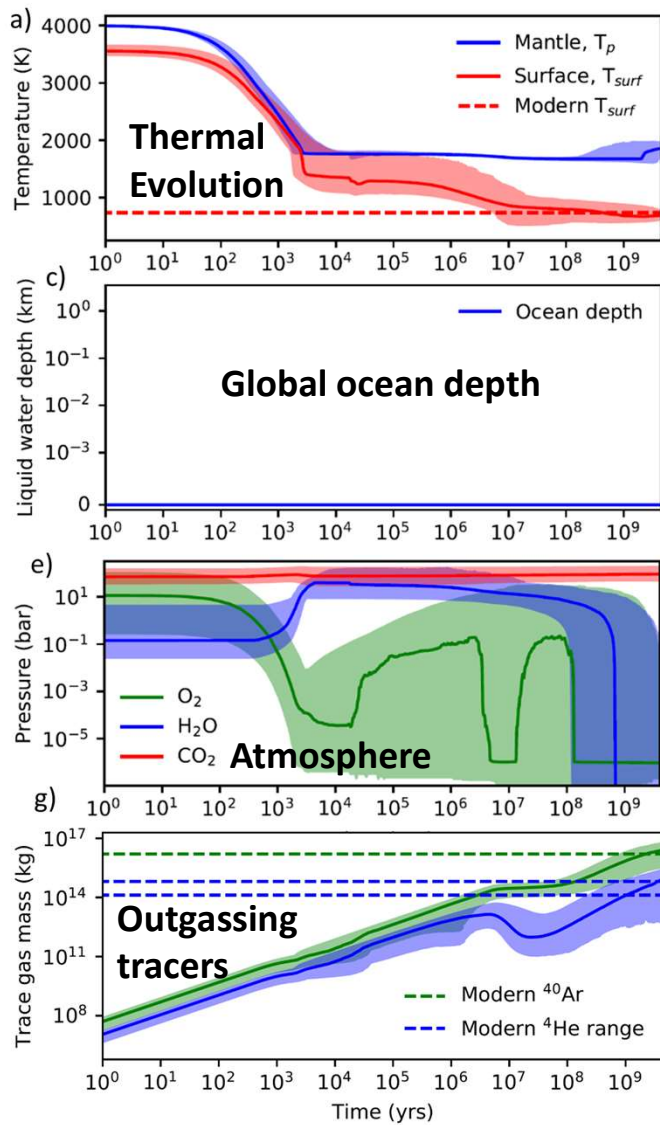
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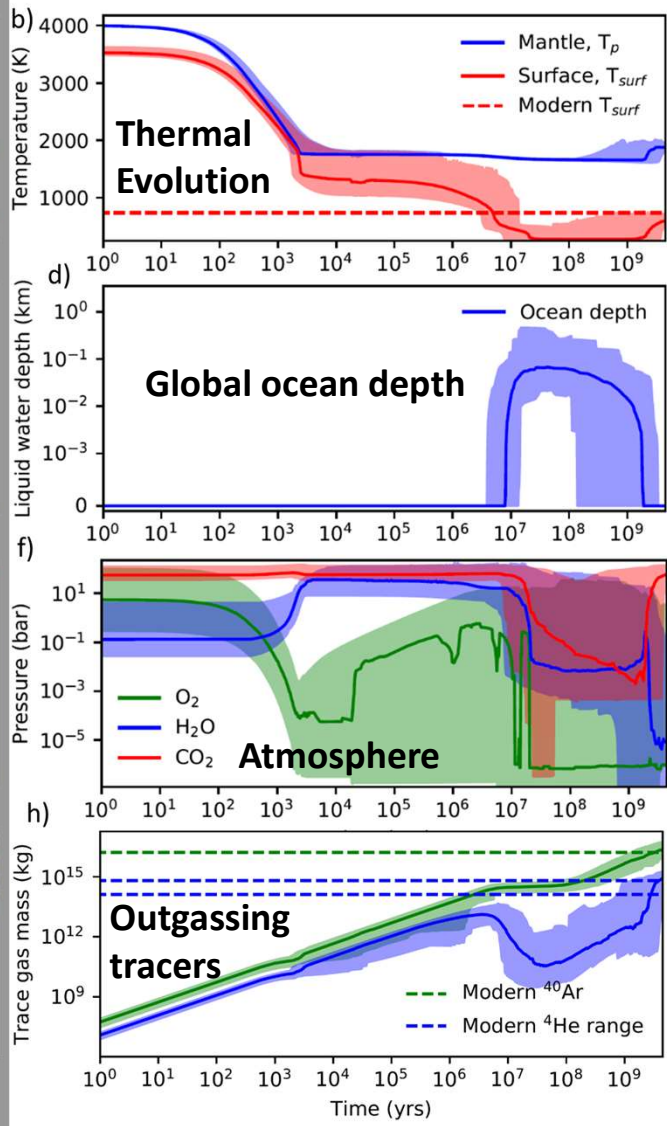
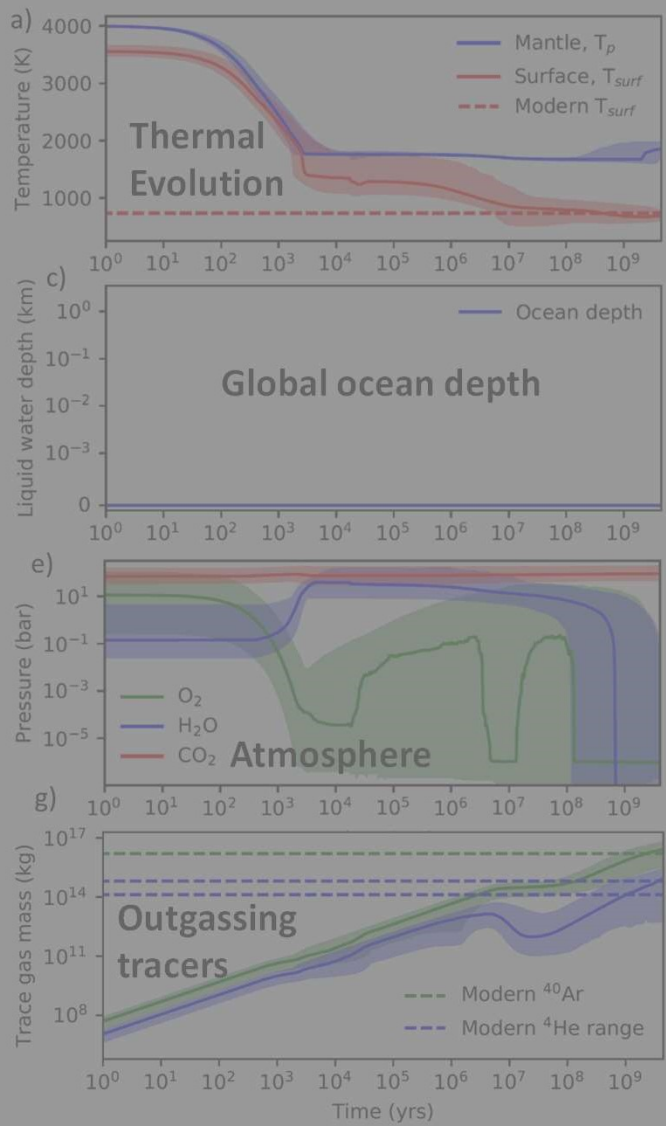
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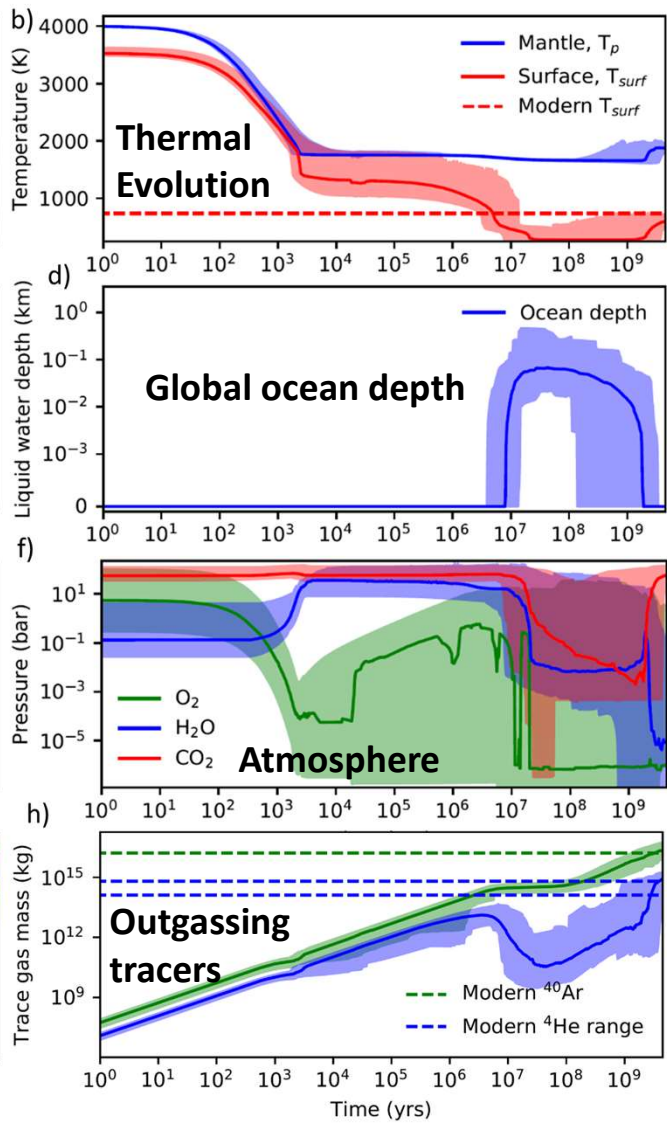
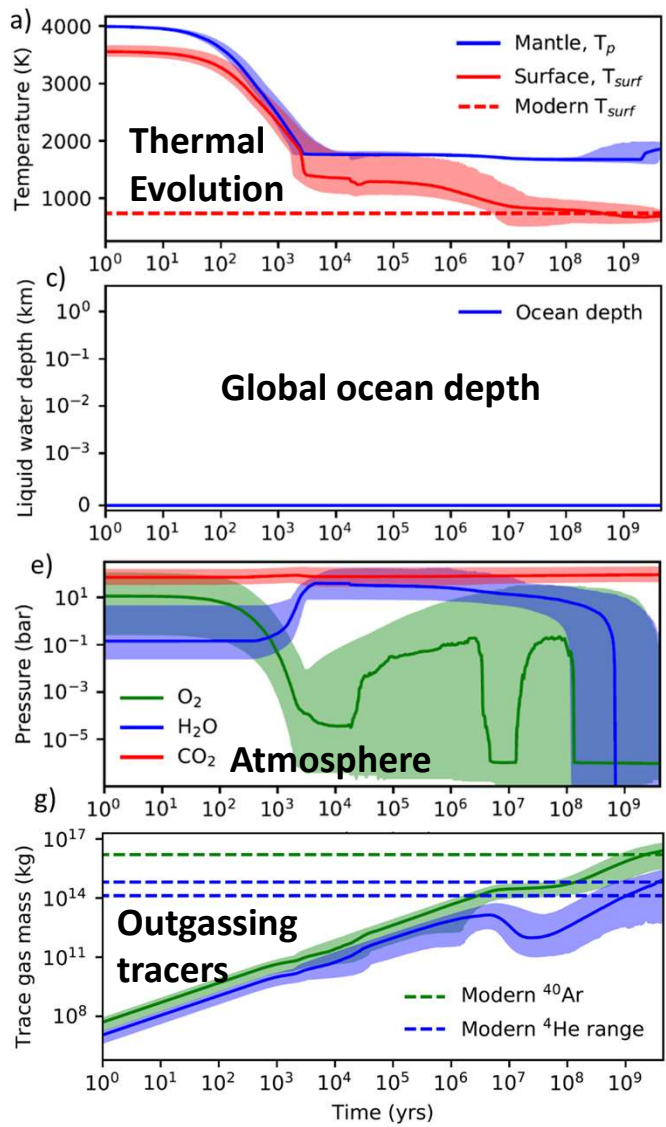
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If the outer planets are airless, then that would strongly suggest they formed relatively volatile poor.

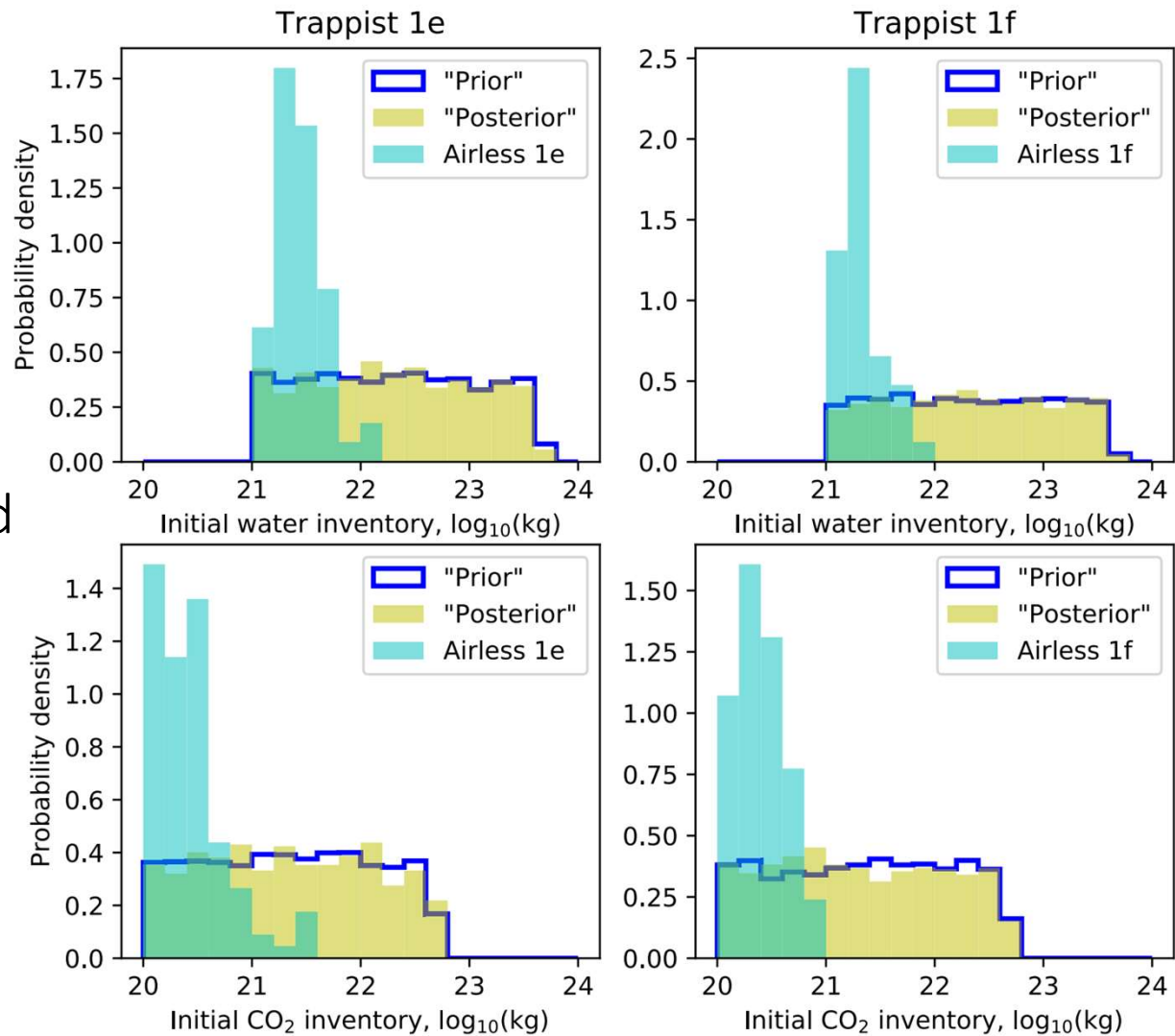


Table 1
Uncertain Parameter Ranges Sampled in Nominal Trappist-1 Monte Carlo Calculations

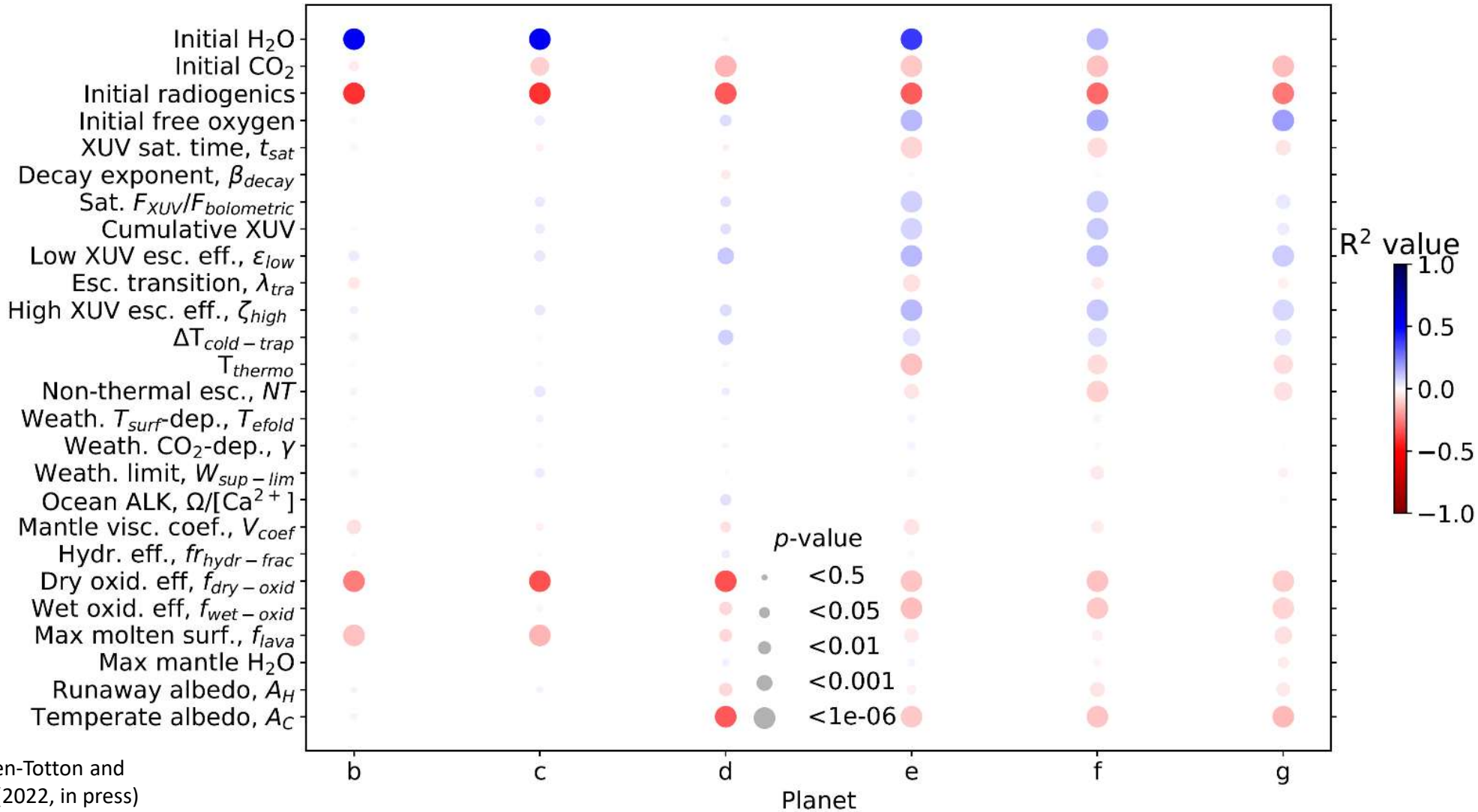
		Nominal Range	References/Notes
Initial conditions	Water ^a	$10^{21}\text{--}10^{23.63}$ kg ^b	0.7–300 Earth oceans, or 0.02–7 wt% water for an Earth-mass planet
	Carbon dioxide ^a	$10^{20}\text{--}10^{22.69}$ kg ^b	Approximately 20 bar–10 kbar, pending other atmospheric constituents and gravity.
	Radionuclide U, Th, and K inventory (relative to Earth)	0.33–30.0 ^b	Scalar multiplication of Earth’s radionuclide inventories in Lebrun et al. (2013). Allows for modest tidal heating.
	Mantle free oxygen ^a	$10^{20.6}\text{--}10^{22}$ kg ^b	This ensures postsolidification mantle redox within 3–4 log units of the quartz–fayalite–magnetite buffer.
Stellar evolution and escape parameters	Trappist-1 XUV saturation time, t_{sat}	$3.14^{+0.22}_{-0.16}$ Gyr	XUV evolution parameters drawn randomly from joint distribution (Birky et al. 2021).
	Post saturation phase XUV decay exponent, β_{decay}	$-1.17^{+0.27}_{-0.28}$	XUV evolution parameters drawn randomly from joint distribution (Birky et al. 2021).
	Saturated $\log_{10}(F_{\text{XUV}}/F_{\text{BIOLUMETRIC)})$ flux ratio	$-3.03^{+0.25}_{-0.23}$	XUV evolution parameters drawn randomly from joint distribution (Birky et al. 2021).
	Escape efficiency at low XUV flux, ε_{low}	0.01–0.3	See escape section in Krissansen-Totton et al. (2021b).
	Transition parameter for diffusion limited to XUV-limited escape, λ_{tr}	$10^{-2}\text{--}10^{2b}$	See escape section in Krissansen-Totton et al. (2021b).
	XUV energy that contributes to XUV escape above hydrodynamic threshold, ζ_{high}	0%–100%	See escape section in Krissansen-Totton et al. (2021b).
	Cold trap temperature variation, $\Delta T_{\text{cold-trap}}$	–30 to +30 K	Cold trap temperature, $T_{\text{cold-trap}}$, equals planetary skin temperature plus a fixed, uniformly sampled variation, $T_{\text{cold-trap}} = T_{\text{eq}}(1/2)^{0.25} + \Delta T_{\text{cold-trap}}$. Here, T_{eq} is the planetary equilibrium temperature given assumed albedo. (Lichtenegger et al. 2016; Johnstone et al. 2018, 2021)
	Thermosphere temperature, T_{thermo}	200–5000 K^b	
	Nonthermal escape (total loss over Trappist-1 evolution), NT	1–100 bar ^b	(Garcia-Sage et al. 2017; Dong et al. 2018)
	Carbon cycle parameters	Temperature-dependence of continental weathering, T_{efold}	5–30 K
CO ₂ -dependence of continental weathering, γ		0.1–0.5	Plausible Earth-like range (Krissansen-Totton et al. 2018a)
Weathering supply limit, $W_{\text{sup-lim}}$		$10^5\text{--}10^7$ kg s ^{-1b}	Broad terrestrial planet range (Foley 2015)
Ocean calcium concentration, [Ca ²⁺]		$10^{-4}\text{--}3 \times 10^{-1}$ mol kg ^{-1b}	Plausible range for diverse terrestrial planet compositions (Kite & Ford 2018; Krissansen-Totton et al. 2018a)
Ocean carbonate saturation, Ω		1–10	(Zeebe & Westbroek 2003)
Interior evolution parameter	Solid mantle viscosity coefficient, V_{coef}	$10^1\text{--}10^3$ Pa s ^b	Solid mantle kinematic viscosity, ν_{rock} , (m ² s ⁻¹) is given by the following equation: $\nu_{\text{rock}} = V_{\text{coef}} 3.8 \times 10^7 \exp\left(\frac{25000}{8.314T_p}\right) / \rho_m$. Here T_p is mantle potential temperature (K) and ρ_m is mantle density (kg m ⁻³). See Krissansen-Totton et al. (2021b).
	Crustal sinks oxygen and hydrological cycle parameters	Crustal hydration efficiency, $f_{\text{hydr-frac}}$	10^{-3} to 0.03 ^b
Dry oxidation efficiency, $f_{\text{dry-oxid}}$		10^{-4} to 10%^b	Plausible range of processes for Venus (Gillmann et al. 2009)
Wet oxidation efficiency, $f_{\text{wet-oxid}}$		$10^{-3}\text{--}10^{-1b}$	Based on oxidation of Earth’s oceanic crust (Lécuyer & Ricard 1999).
Maximum fractional molten area, f_{lava}		$10^{-4}\text{--}1.0^b$	See explanation in Krissansen-Totton et al. (2021b).
Max mantle water content, $M_{\text{solid-H}_2\text{O-max}}$		0.5–15 Earth oceans	Best estimates maximum hydration of silicate mantle (Cowan & Abbot 2014)
		0.0–0.2	(Pluriel et al. 2019)
Albedo parameters	Hot state albedo (during runaway greenhouse/magma ocean), A_H		
	Cold state albedo (during temperate state), A_C	0.0–0.5	(Shields et al. 2013; Koppaparapu et al. 2017; Rushby et al. 2020; Macdonald et al. 2022)

Notes. Bold parameters are assumed to be common to all planets in the Trappist-1 system, whereas other parameters are sampled independently for each planet in the system.

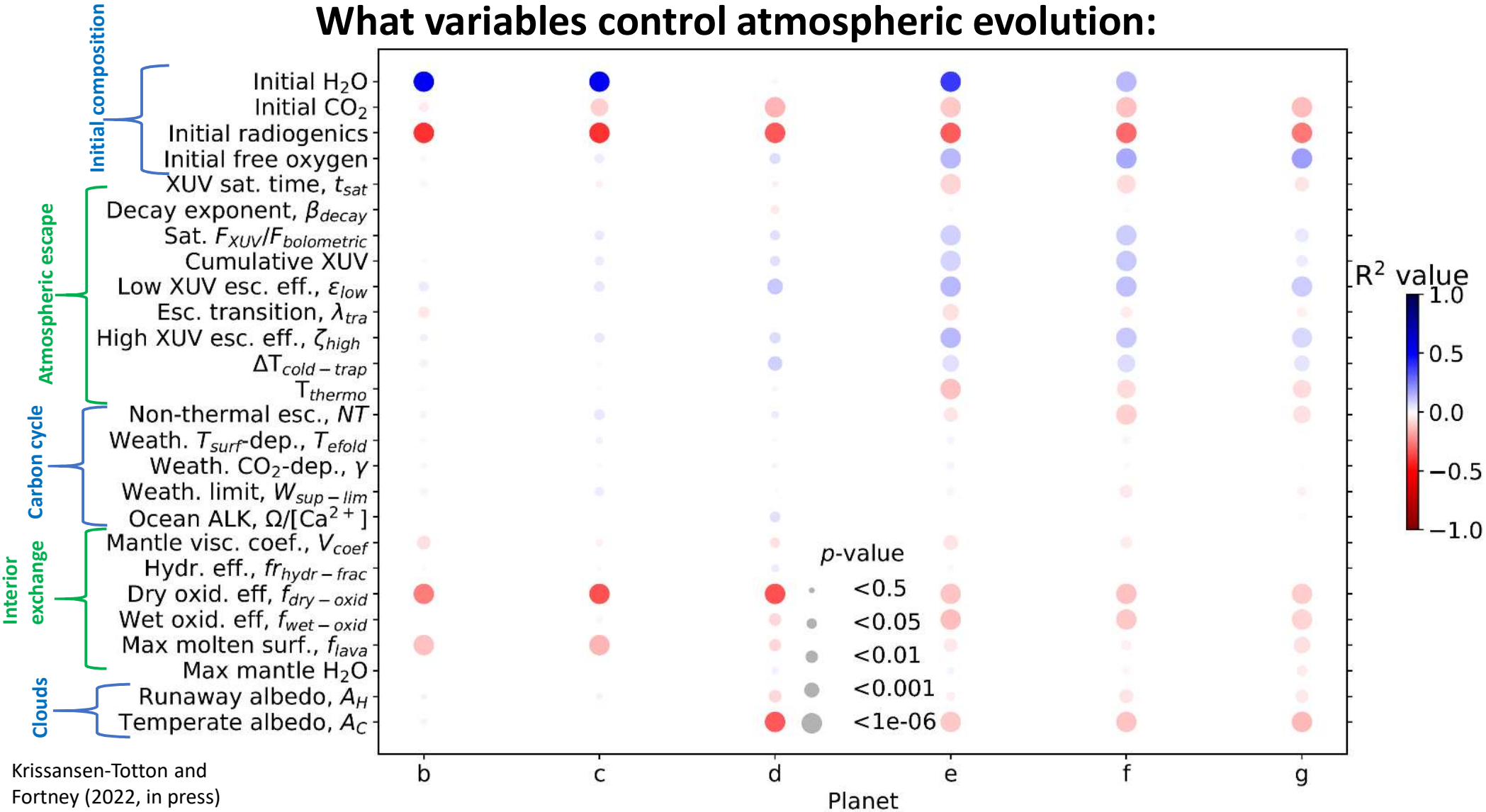
^a Denotes variables sampled independently for all planets in nominal calculations, but drawn from the distribution that ensures an airless Trappist-1b subsequently.

^b Denotes this variable was sampled uniformly in log space. All others (except stellar XUV parameters) sampled uniformly in linear space.

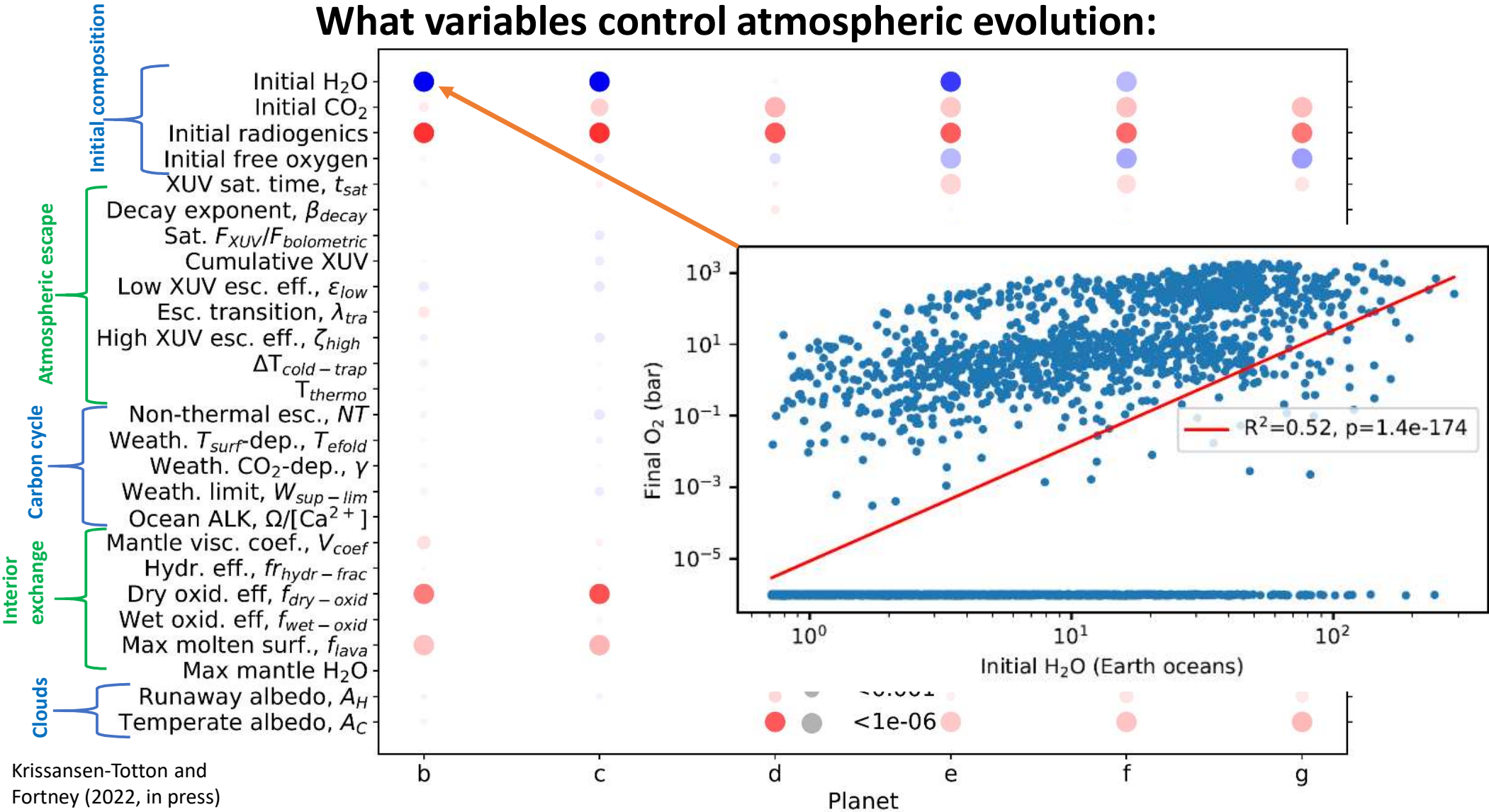
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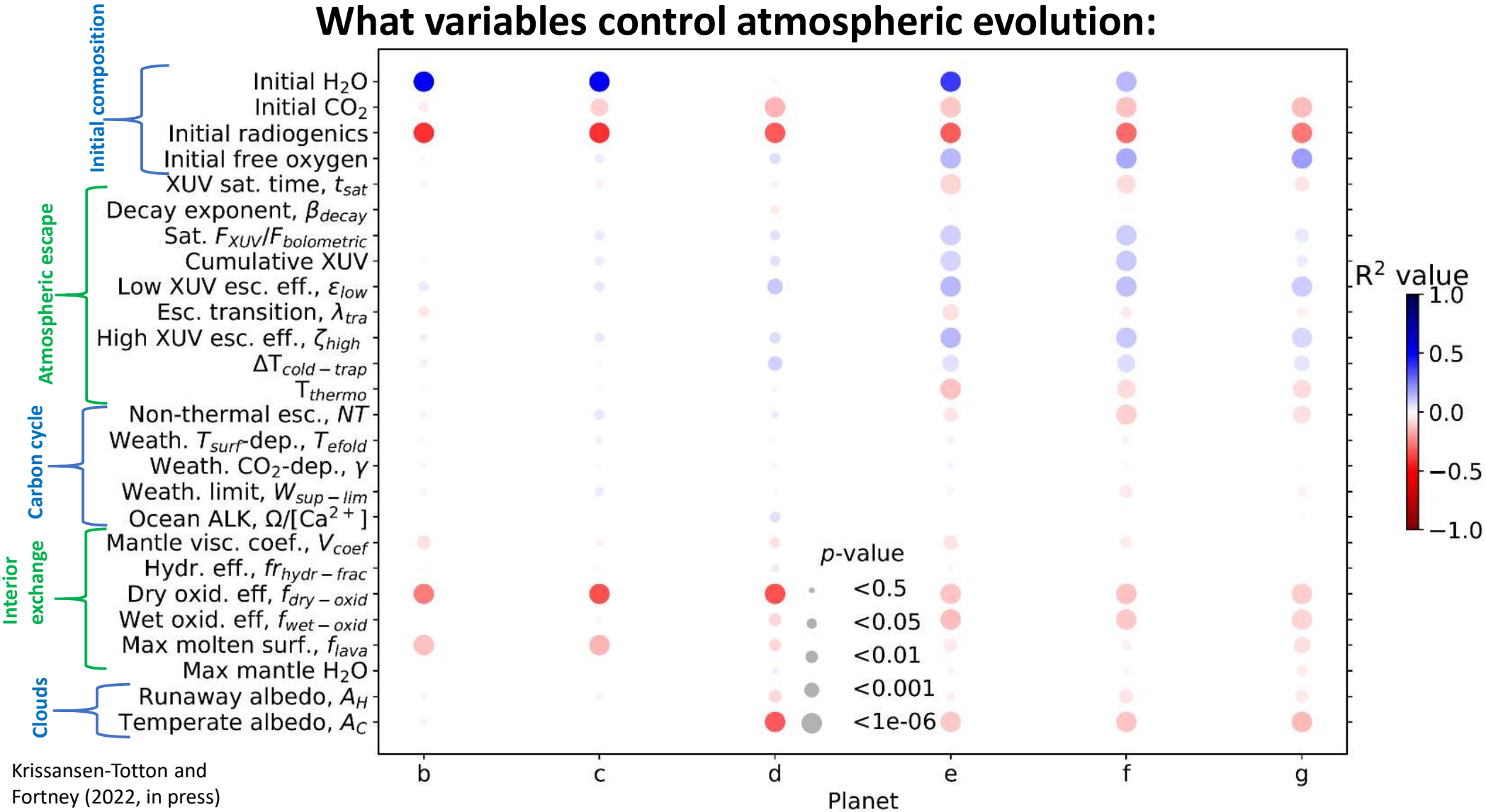


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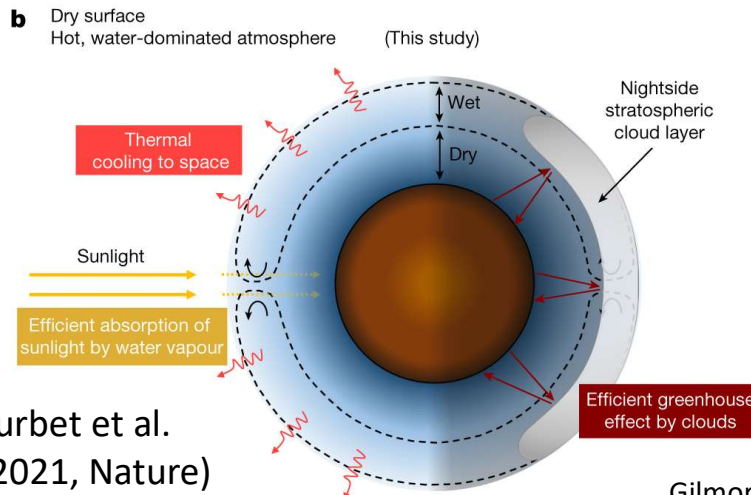
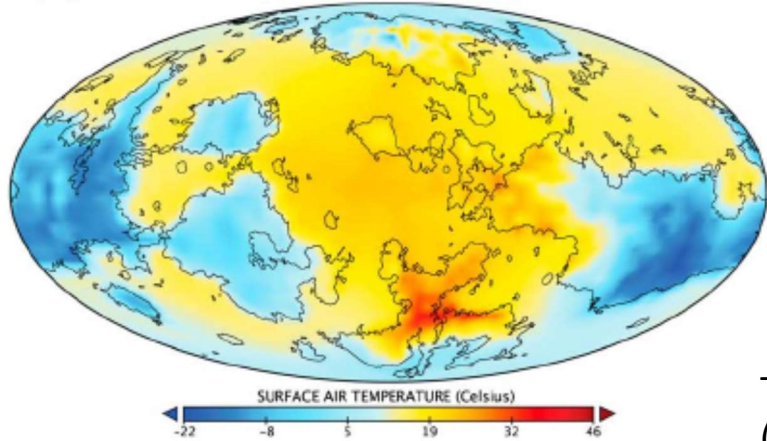
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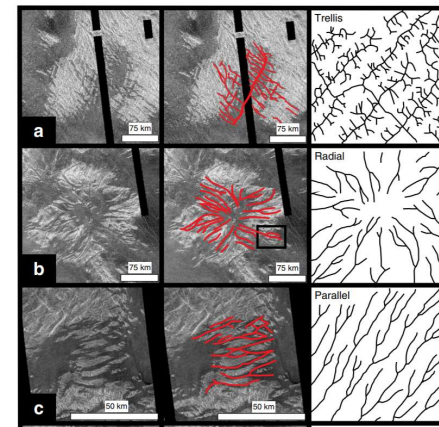
The climate evolution of Venus is uncertain



(a) Paleo Venus Surface Air Temperature (2.9Gya solar spectrum)

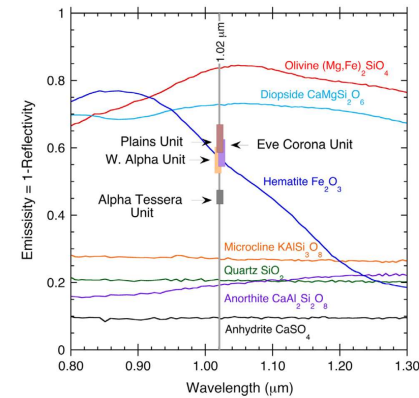
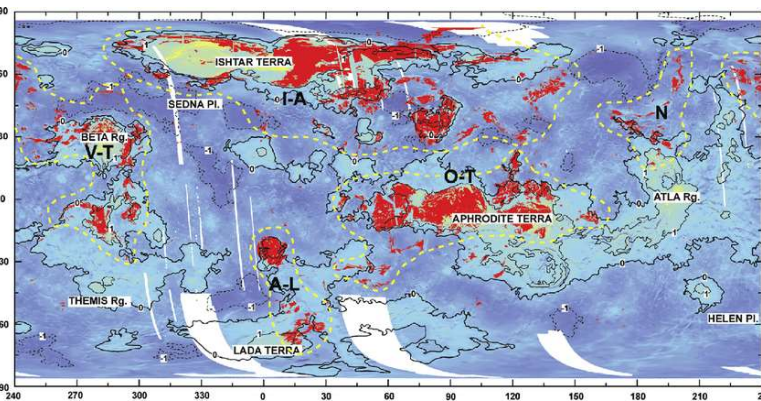


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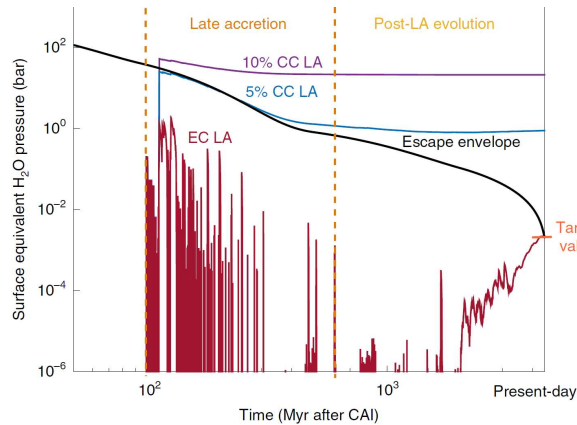
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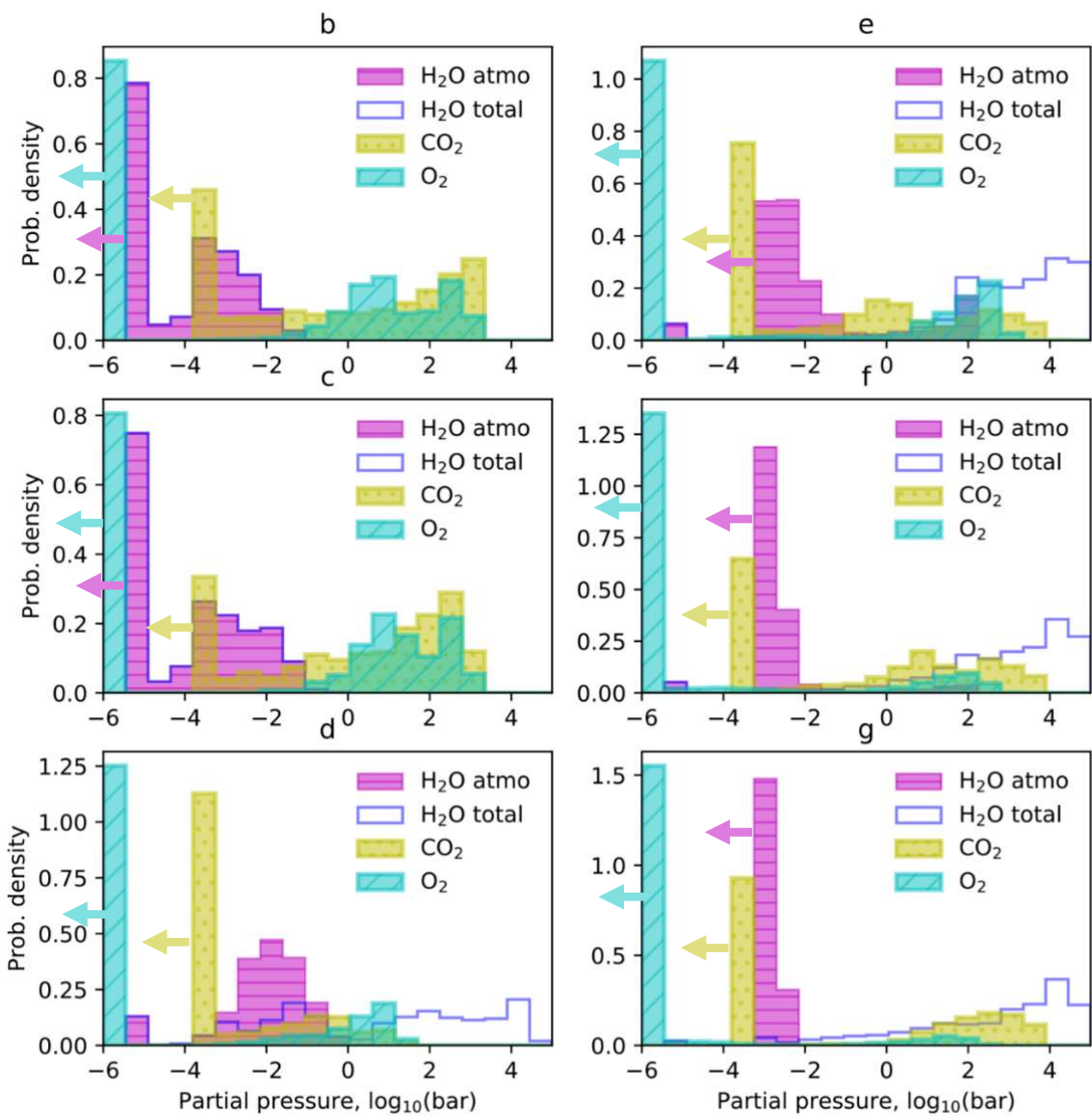
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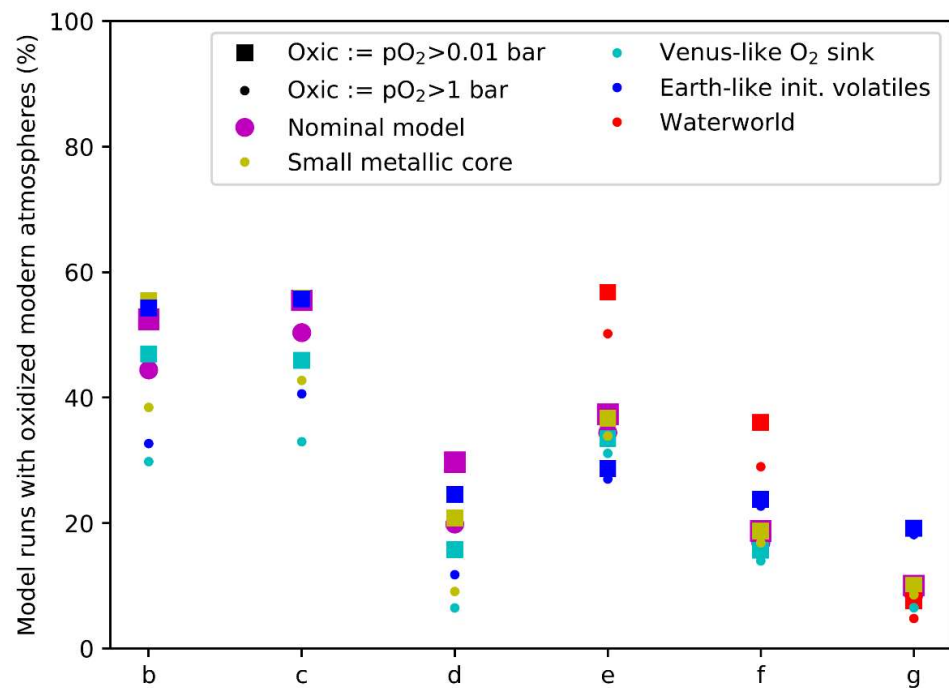
Recent H loss harder to reconcile with the lack of O₂ (Lammer et al. 2018; Gillmann et al. 2009; Gillmann et al. 2020; Warren and Kite 2023)





“Probability distributions” for current Trappist-1 planetary atmospheres

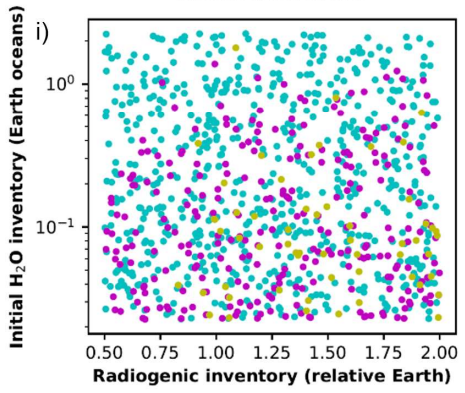
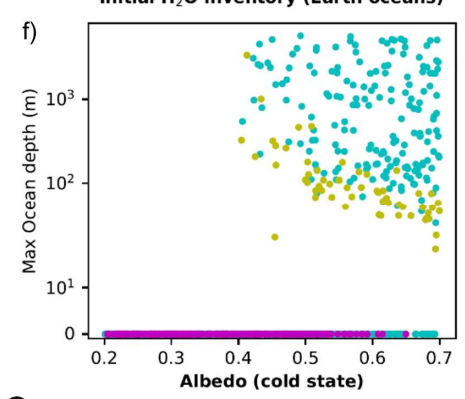
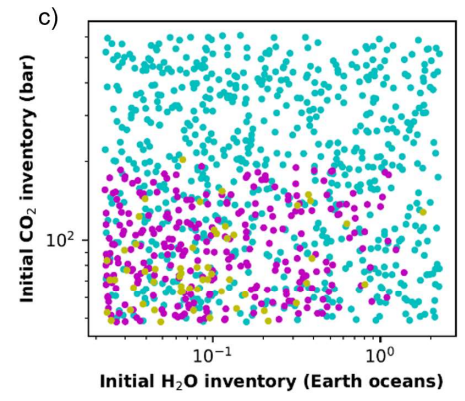
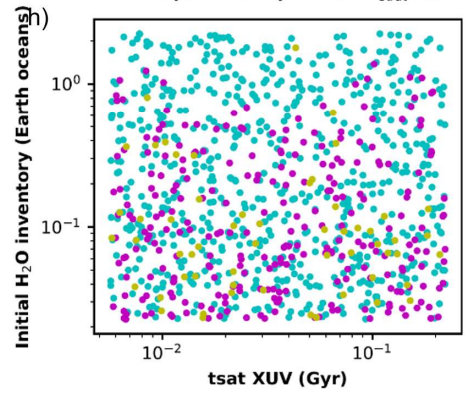
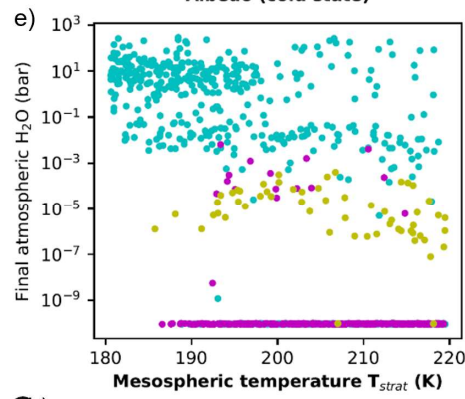
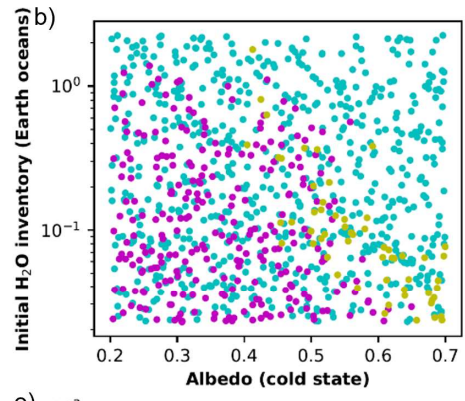
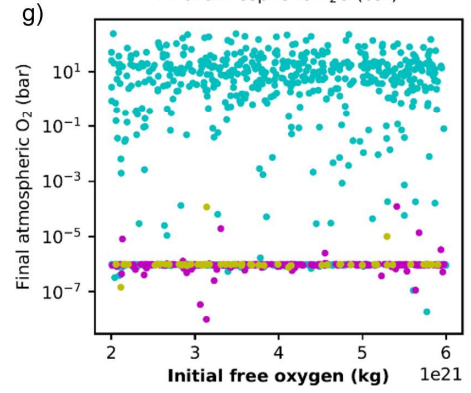
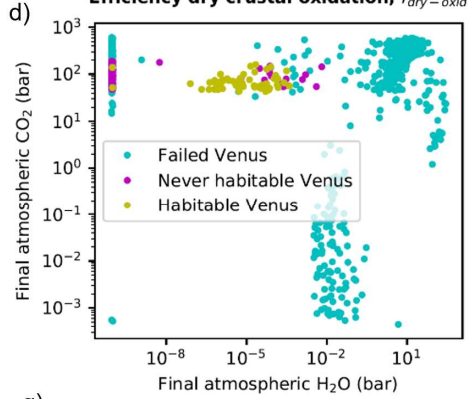
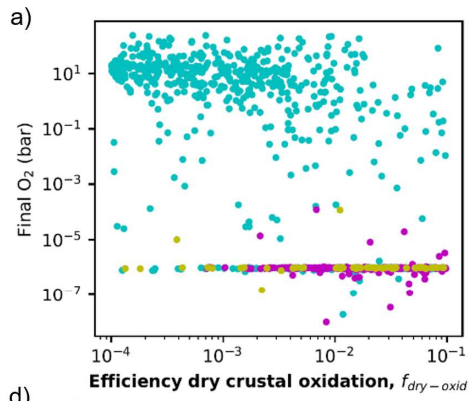
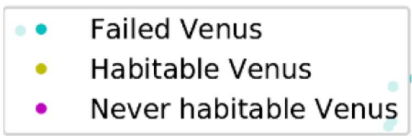
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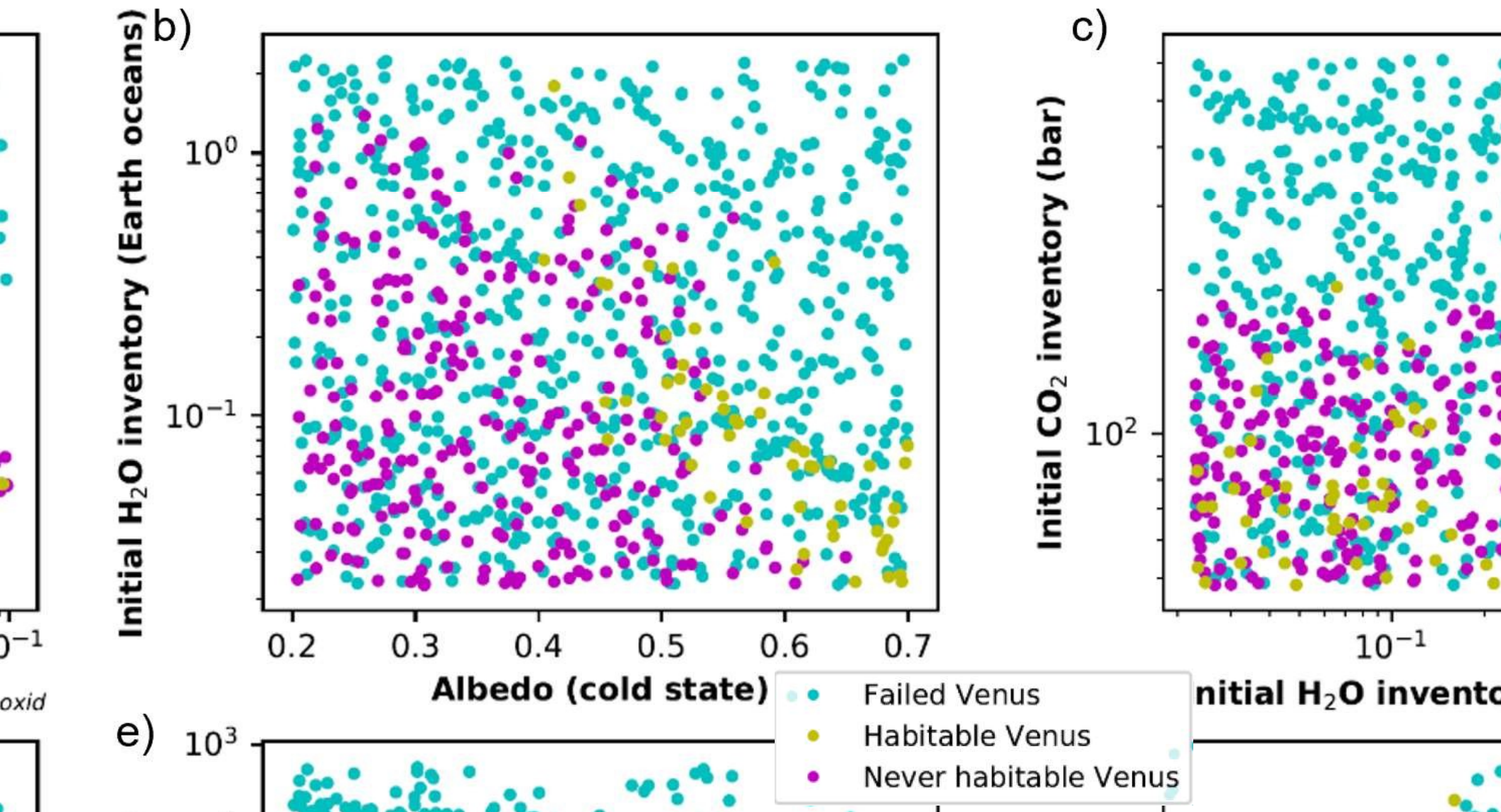


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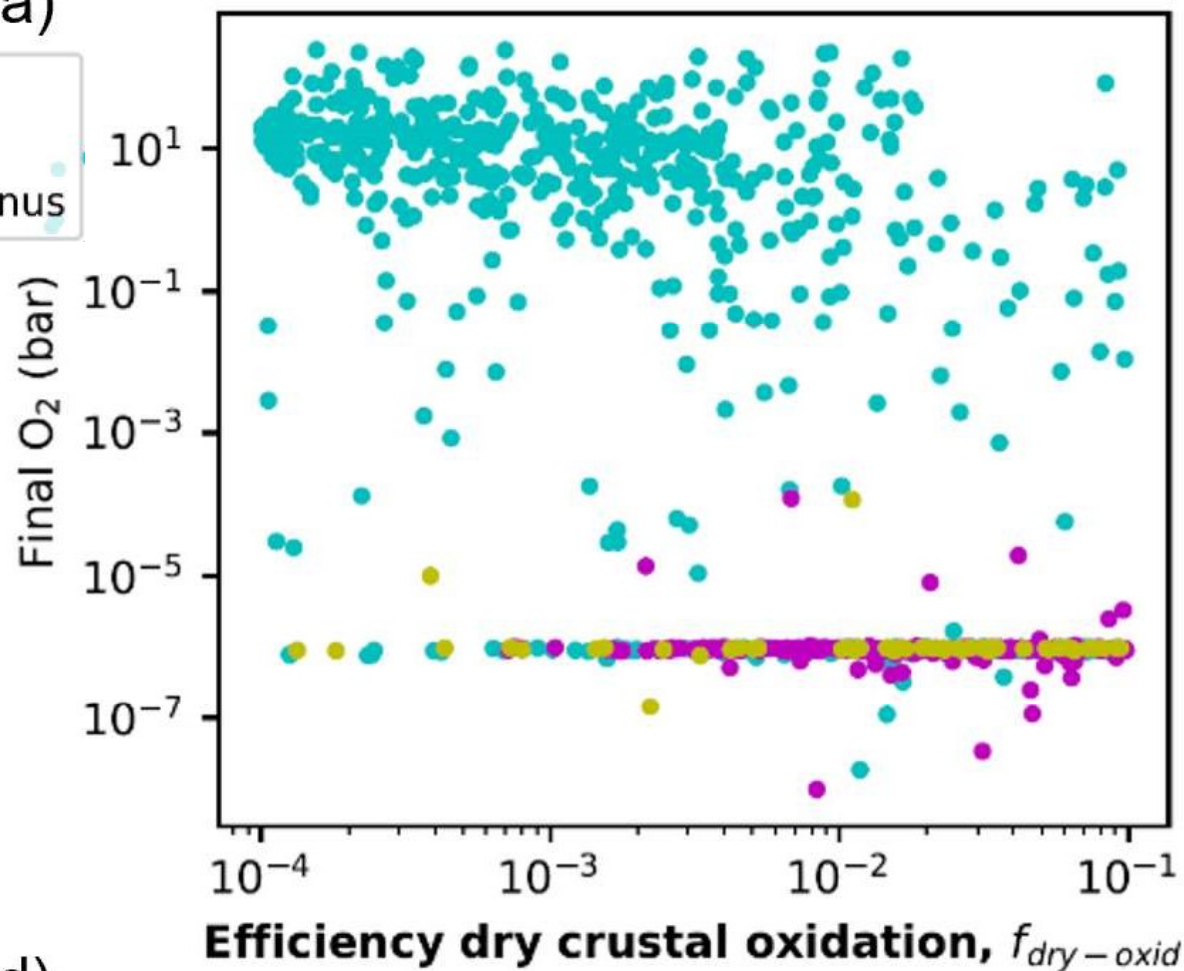
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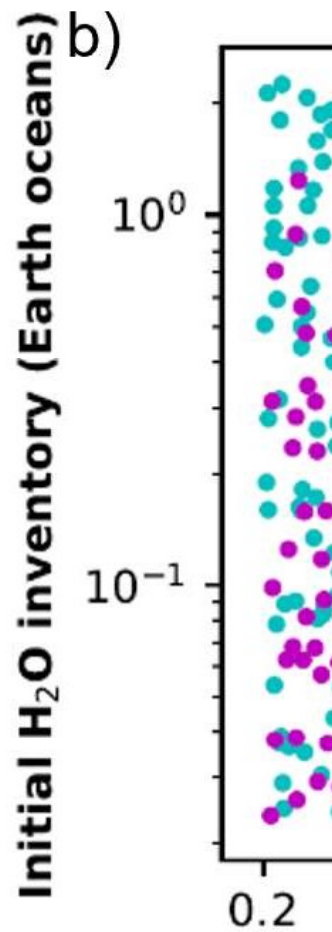
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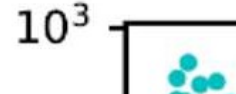
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Sensitivity test: What if CO₂ throttles H escape due to strong radiative cooling?

- High CO₂ mixing ratio in the upper atmosphere -> strong radiative cooling (Wordsworth & Pierrehumbert 2013; Johnstone et al. 2018; 2019; Kulikov et al. 2007).
- Crudely represent this in our model:

$$T_{meso} = 214 - 44 \times f_{CO_2-meso}$$

- Earth-like temperatures for N₂-O₂ atmospheres, 170 K for CO₂-dominated atmosphere (actual Venus atmosphere is 150-180 between cloud deck and homopause).

