## Giant Planet Formation via Core-Nucleated Accretion

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- Largest bodies most gas-rich



Sun

Earth

## Core total heavy element




- Typical mass $\sim 0.01-0.1 \mathrm{M}_{\text {Sun }}$
- Lifetime (dust) < 10 Myr


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Small, dry planet


Ocean-covered world


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## Key Findings

- Few planets are much more massive than Jupiter
- More (giant) planets around stars with more metals
- Mass-radius relationship ~ Solar System
- Larger fraction of more massive stars have giant nlannte mithin? ©ll






Pollack et al. 1996


Giant Planets



## Bound Unbound



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M_{\mathrm{p}}=10 \mathrm{M}_{\text {Earth }}
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## Near Far



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$\sigma=4 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{2} ; t=1.2 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{yr} ; M_{\mathrm{Z}}=3.2 \mathrm{M}_{\text {Earth }} ; M_{\mathrm{XY}}=0.74 \mathrm{M}_{\text {Earth }}$



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