

Satellite Formation from Circumplanetary Particle Disks

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Introduction

● Single Satellite System :

-Earth-Moon ($M_s/M_c \sim 0.012$)

-Mass ratio to the host planet M_s/M_c is relatively high
(M_s : satellite mass, M_c : mass of the central planet)



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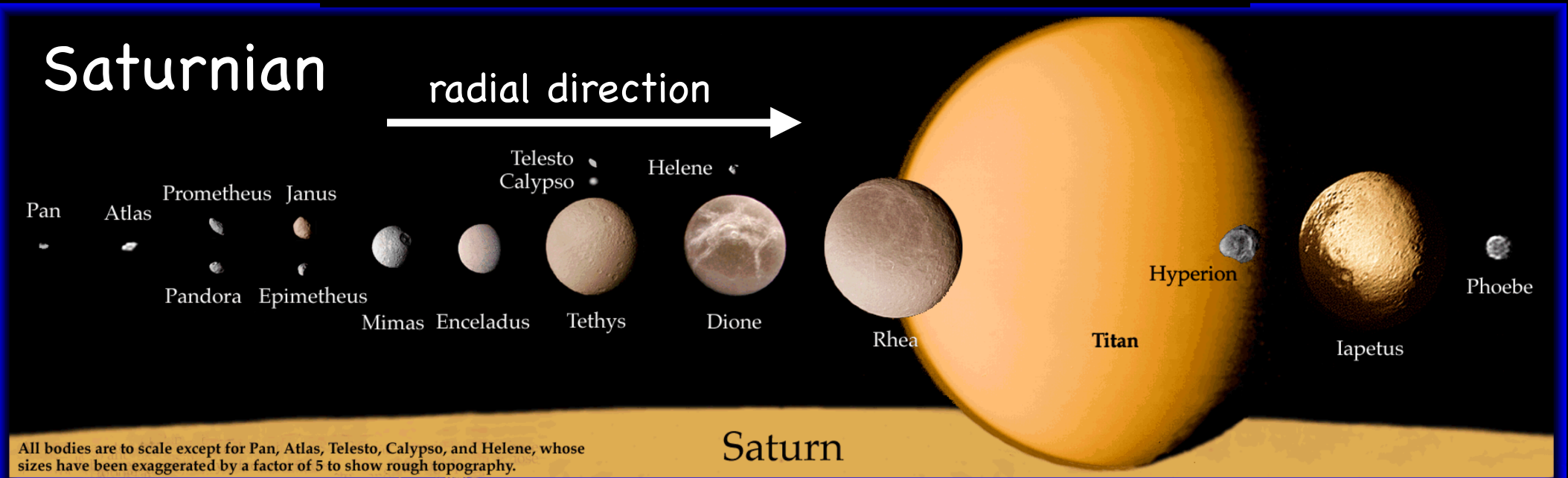


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● Multiple Satellite System :

- inner major satellites: **nearly circular, coplanar orbits**
- located just outside Roche limit
- small mass ratio to the host planet ($M_s/M_c \sim 10^{-4}$)
- increasing mass** with increasing radial distance
- the existence of **co-orbital** satellites

● Origin of single satellite system (Lunar formation):

Ida et al. (1997), Kokubo et al. (2000):

-N-body simulations of relatively massive disks ($M_{\text{disk}}/M_c \sim 0.05$)

● Origin of multiple satellite system:

Crida & Charnoz (2012):

-1D analytical model ($M_{\text{disk}}/M_c \sim 10^{-4}$)

-explain orbital architecture of Saturn, Uranus and Neptune

-No gravitational interaction btw satellites and on disk

-Mass flux through Roche limit is constant

● This work:

N-body simulations

-Disk evolutions on initial disk mass (and AM of the disk)

-Continuous accretion processes of multiple satellites

Numerical Method

- Gas-free global N-body simulation
 - equations of motion

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_i}{dt} = -GM_c \frac{\mathbf{x}_i}{|\mathbf{x}_i|^3} - \sum_{j \neq i}^N Gm_j \frac{\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j}{|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j|^3}$$

- 4th-order Hermite Method

- Gravity calculation by GRAPE-DR system

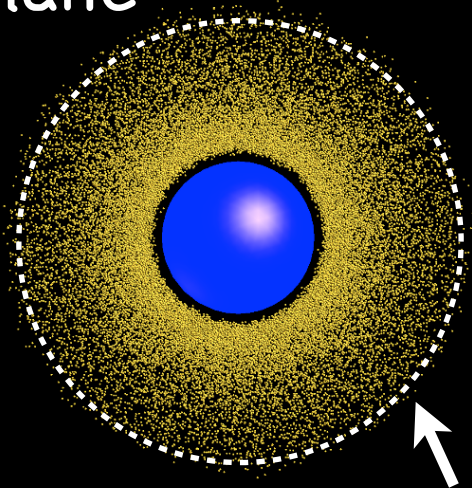
- Hard-sphere model (smooth particles with normal coefficient of restitution $\epsilon_n=0.1$)

- Isolated aggregate sufficiently far from the Roche limit is replaced by a single body

Initial Disk Conditions

- Equal sized particles ($N=30,000-50,000$)
- Radial distribution : $0.4-1.0a_R$ (a_R : Roche limit)
- Specific Angular Momentum : $0.775\sqrt{GM_c R_c}$
- Initial disk mass : $M_{\text{disk,init}} : 0.01-0.05M_c$
 - “massive disk” : $M_{\text{disk,init}}=0.045M_c$
 - “less massive disk” : $M_{\text{disk,init}}=0.0235M_c$

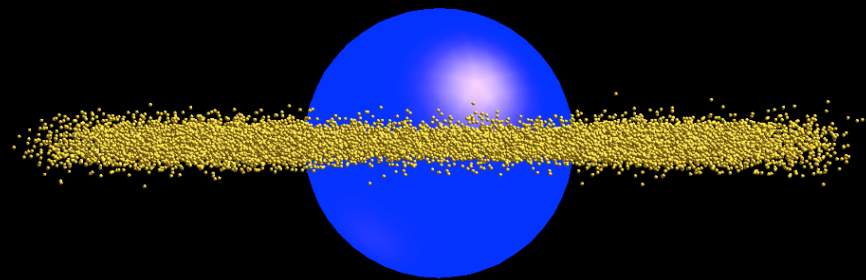
xy-plane



Roche limit a_R

$t=0T_K$

yz-plane



T_K : orbital period @ a_R

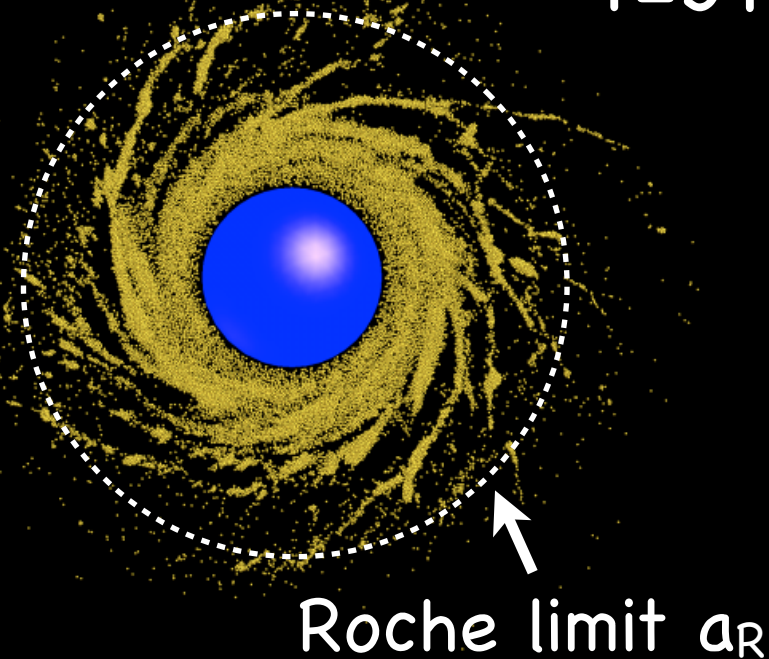
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($M_{\text{disk,init}}=0.045M_c$)

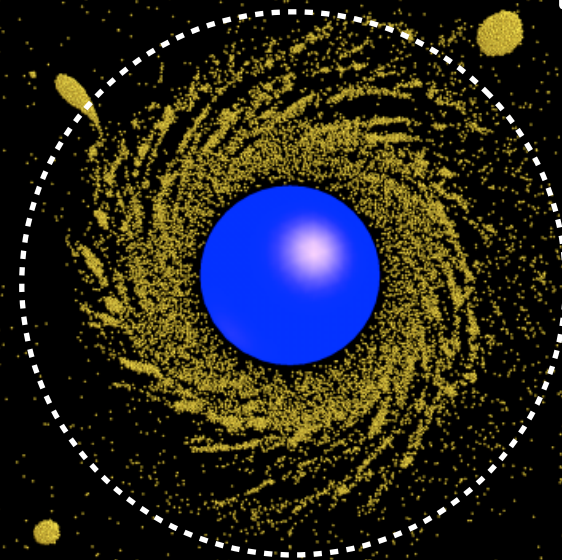
$t=3T_K$



- ▶ Disk material is transferred outside the Roche limit.
- ▶ Outside the Roche limit, particles start to form gravitationally bound aggregates.

- ▶ Some aggregates re-enter the Roche limit and are disrupted.
- ▶ Aggregates grow through collisions with other aggregates or disk particles.

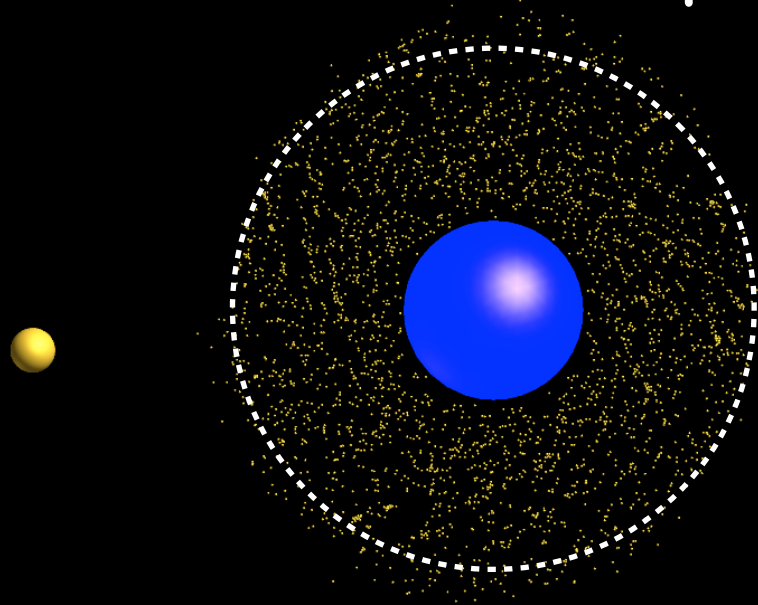
$t=22T_K$



Case of Massive Disk

($M_{\text{disk,init}}=0.045M_c$)

$t=434T_K$



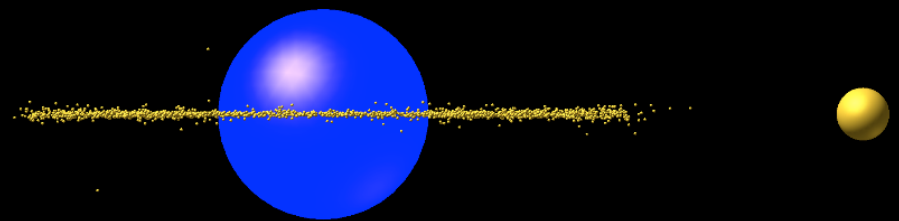
▶ The satellite and the disk repelled each other due to gravitational interaction

▶ A large amount of disk material has fallen into the central planet

▶ **A single relatively large satellite** is formed and only a very small fraction of the disk material remain (e.g. Ida et al. 1997)

▶ The formed satellite is on nearly circular orbit with low inclination

$t=434T_K$

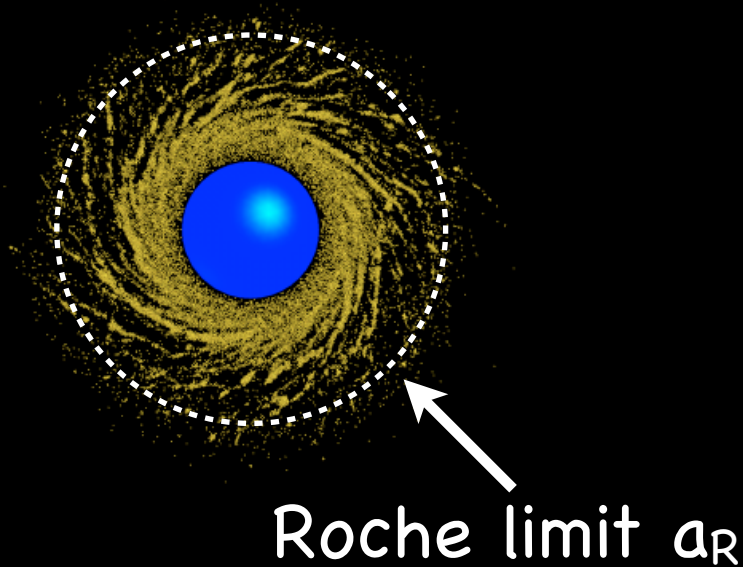


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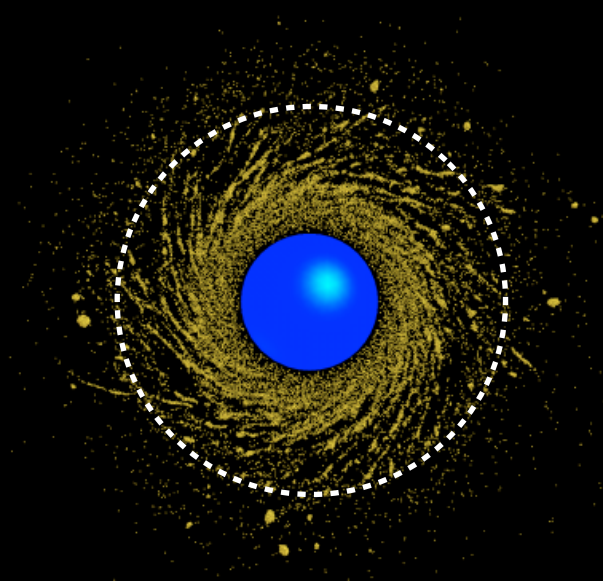
$t=5T_K$



- ▶ Spirals extend radially outward and disk material is transferred outside the Roche limit.

- ▶ The timescale of the disk evolution is longer and mass transfer rate is smaller compared to relatively massive disk.

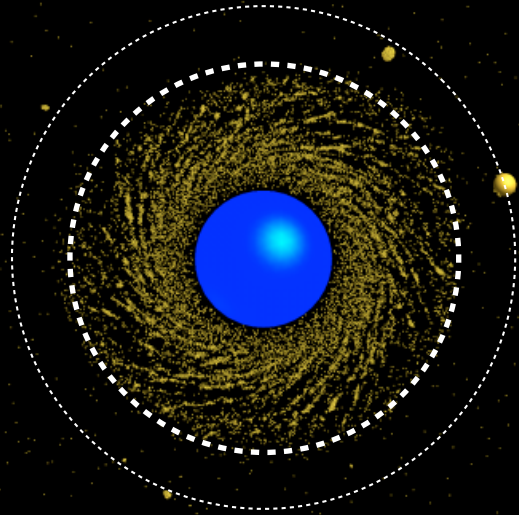
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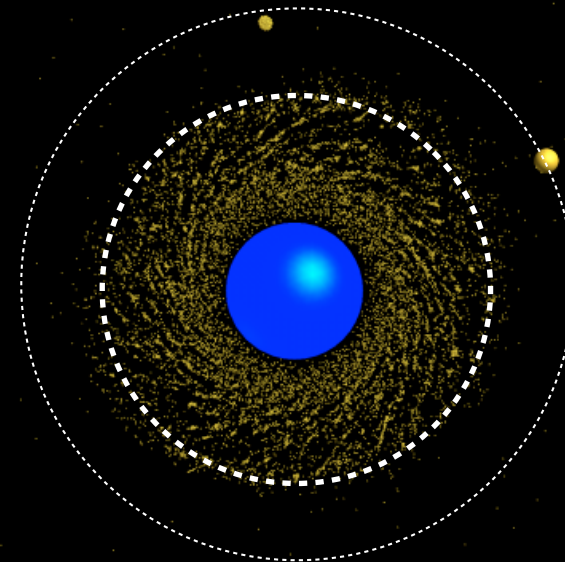
($M_{\text{disk,init}}=0.0235M_c$)

$t=50T_K$



- ▶ 1st satellite is smaller compared to the "massive disk" case
- ▶ There still **remain** a large amount of disk material
- ▶ A **small companion is formed** with the 1st satellite

$t=100T_K$

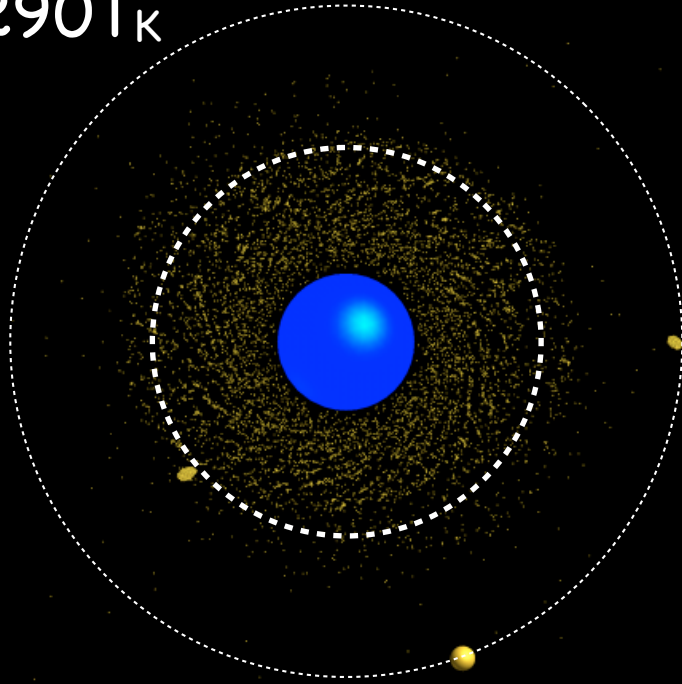


- ▶ Even though the satellite migrates outward and the disk moves inward due to gravitational interaction, **not** huge amount of disk particles fall into the central planet
- ▶ The 1st satellite **migrates further outward**

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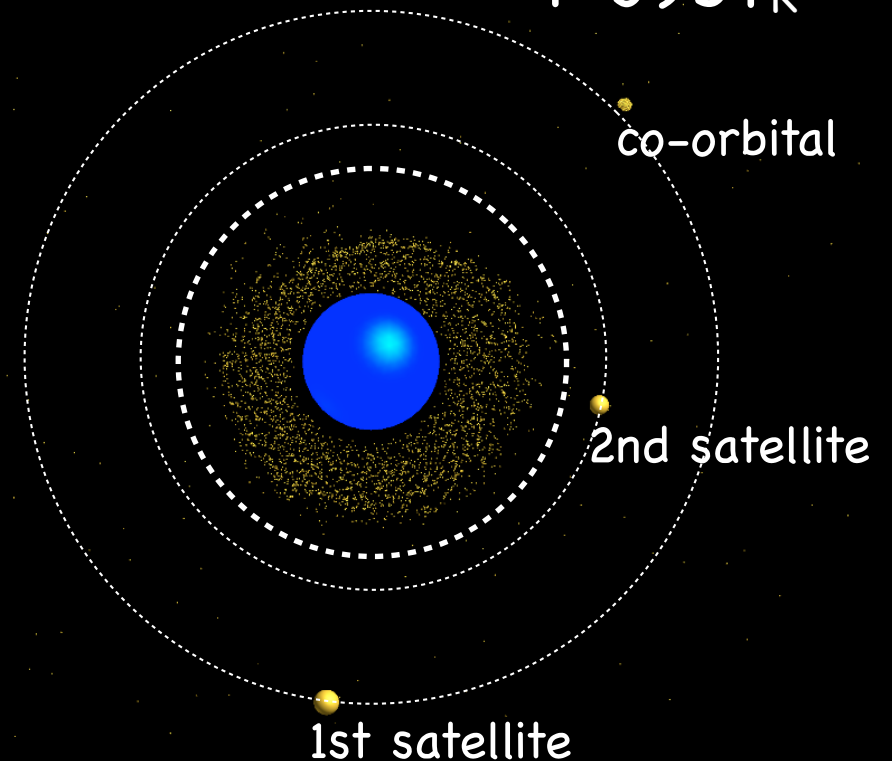
$t=290T_K$



▶ 1st satellite migrates sufficiently outward and the location of its **2:1 mean motion resonance (MMR)** moves just outside the Roche limit, where disk particles are piled up.

▶ 2nd satellite is formed from particles piled up at the 2:1 MMR and is locked around the resonance.

$t=395T_K$



Satellite Mass

When Σ (surface density)=const.

$$F(\text{mass flux}) \propto \Sigma^3$$

$$\text{Thus, } M_{\text{sate}} \propto \Sigma^3 \propto M_{\text{disk,init}}^3$$

When decrease of Σ is NOT negligible

-single satellite system

$$(M_{\text{disk,init}} > 0.03 M_c)$$

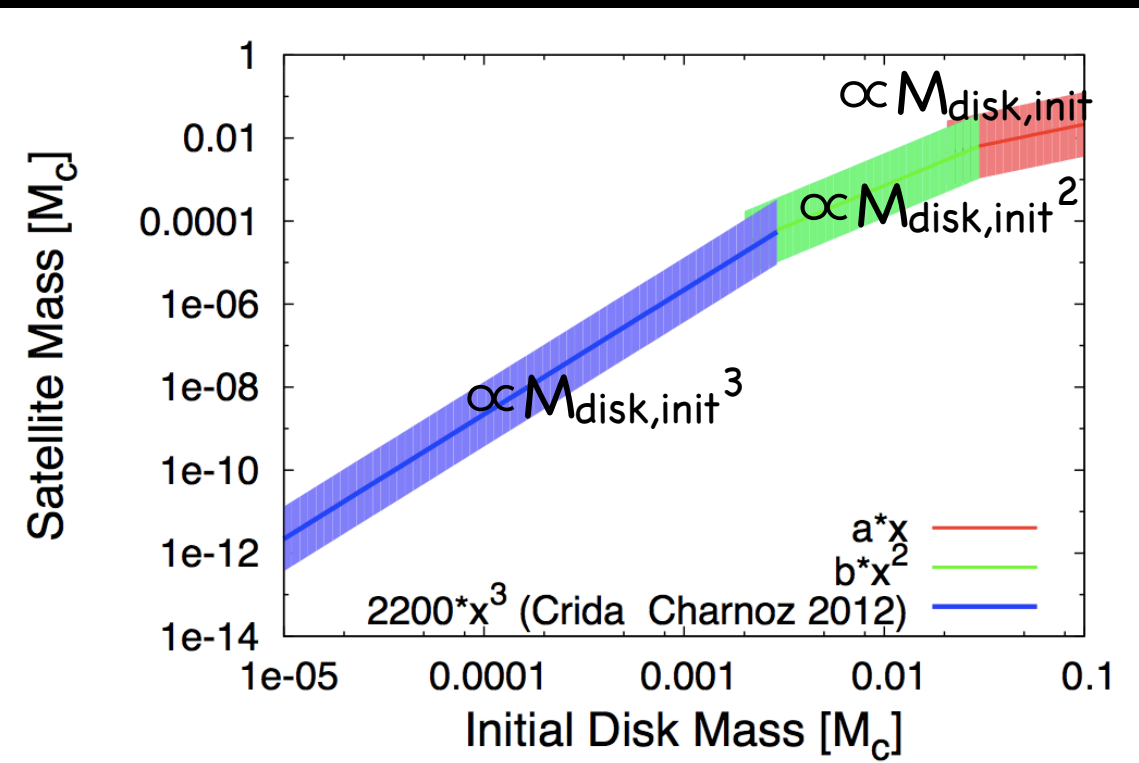
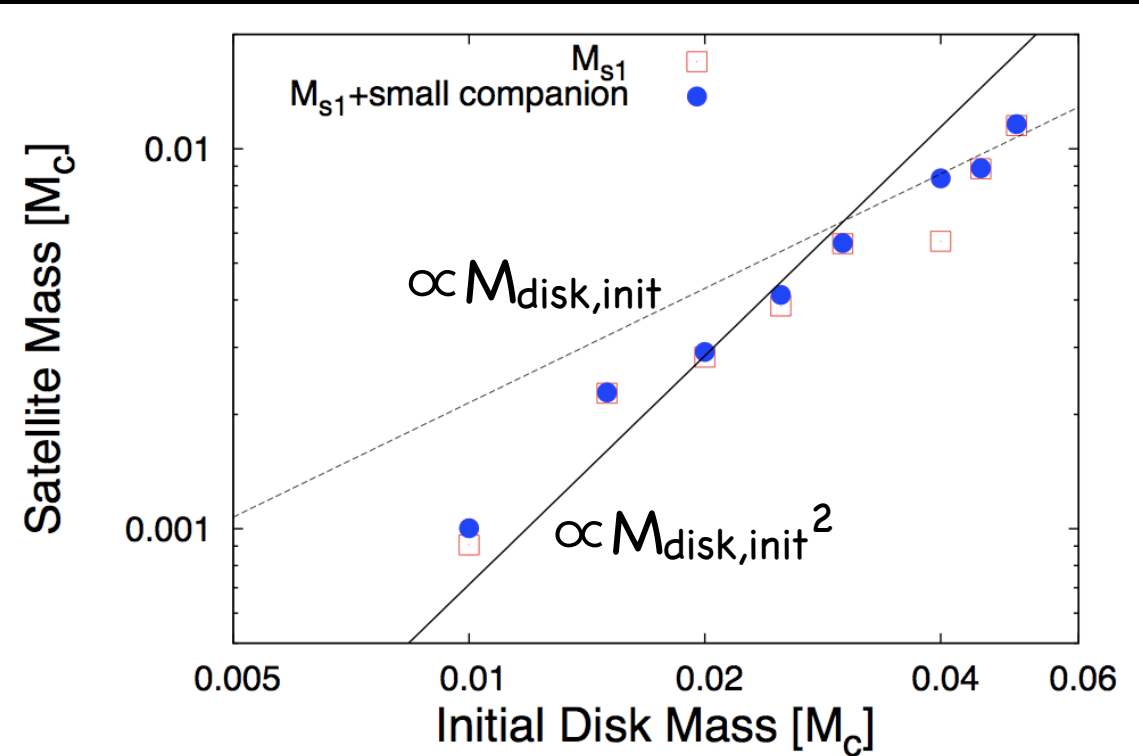
Considering AM and Mass conservation and set $\Sigma(t=\infty)=0$

$$\text{then } M_{\text{sate}} \propto M_{\text{disk,init}}$$

-second satellite form

$$(0.01 M_c < M_{\text{disk,init}} < 0.03 M_c)$$

$$M_{\text{sate}} \propto M_{\text{disk,init}}^2$$



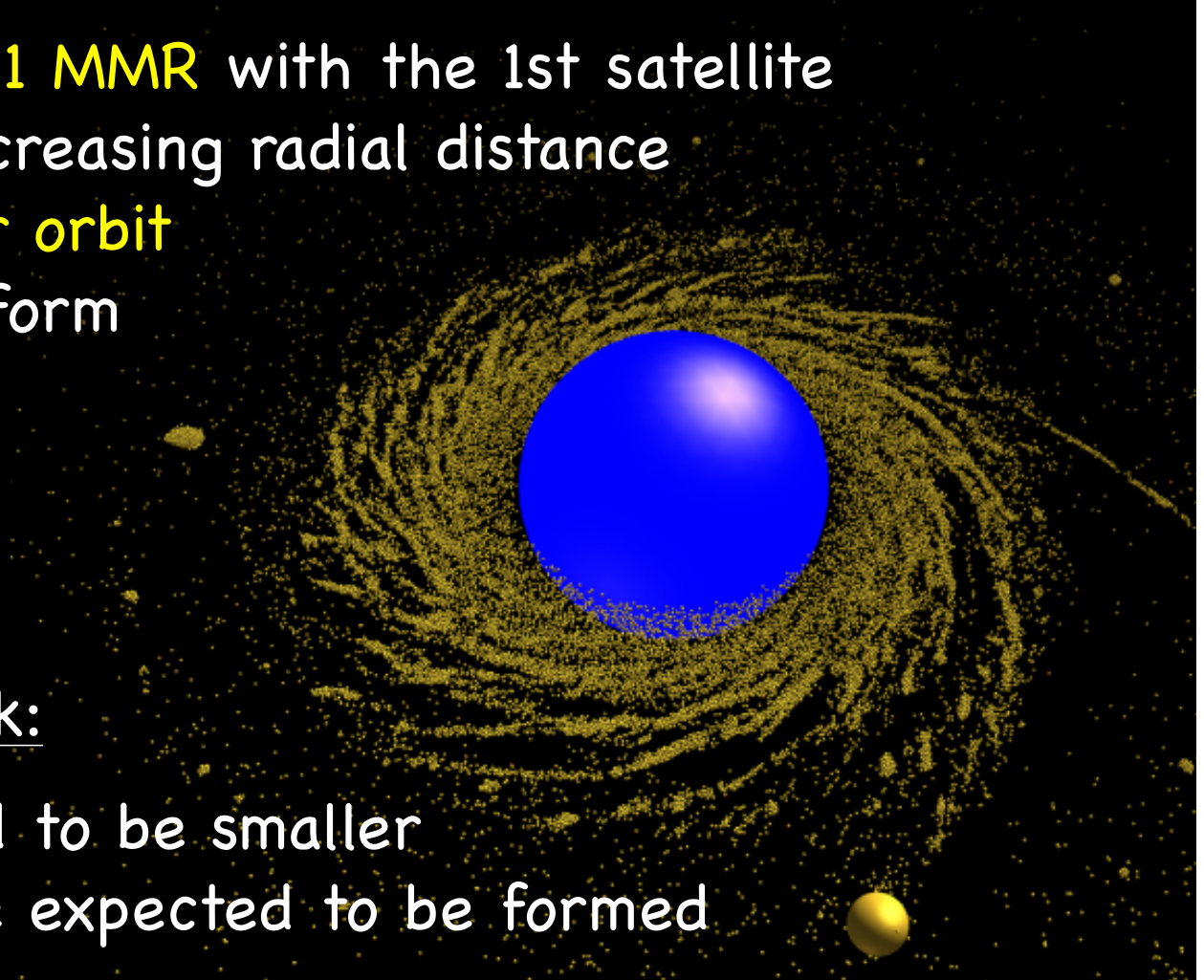
Conclusions

● Multiple Satellite Formation ($0.01 < M_{\text{disk,init}}/M_c < 0.03$)

- M_s **more strongly** depends on initial disk mass ($\propto M_{\text{disk,init}}^2$)
- 2nd satellite is in the **2:1 MMR** with the 1st satellite
- **increasing mass** with increasing radial distance
- nearly **circular, coplanar orbit**
- **co-orbital** satellite can form

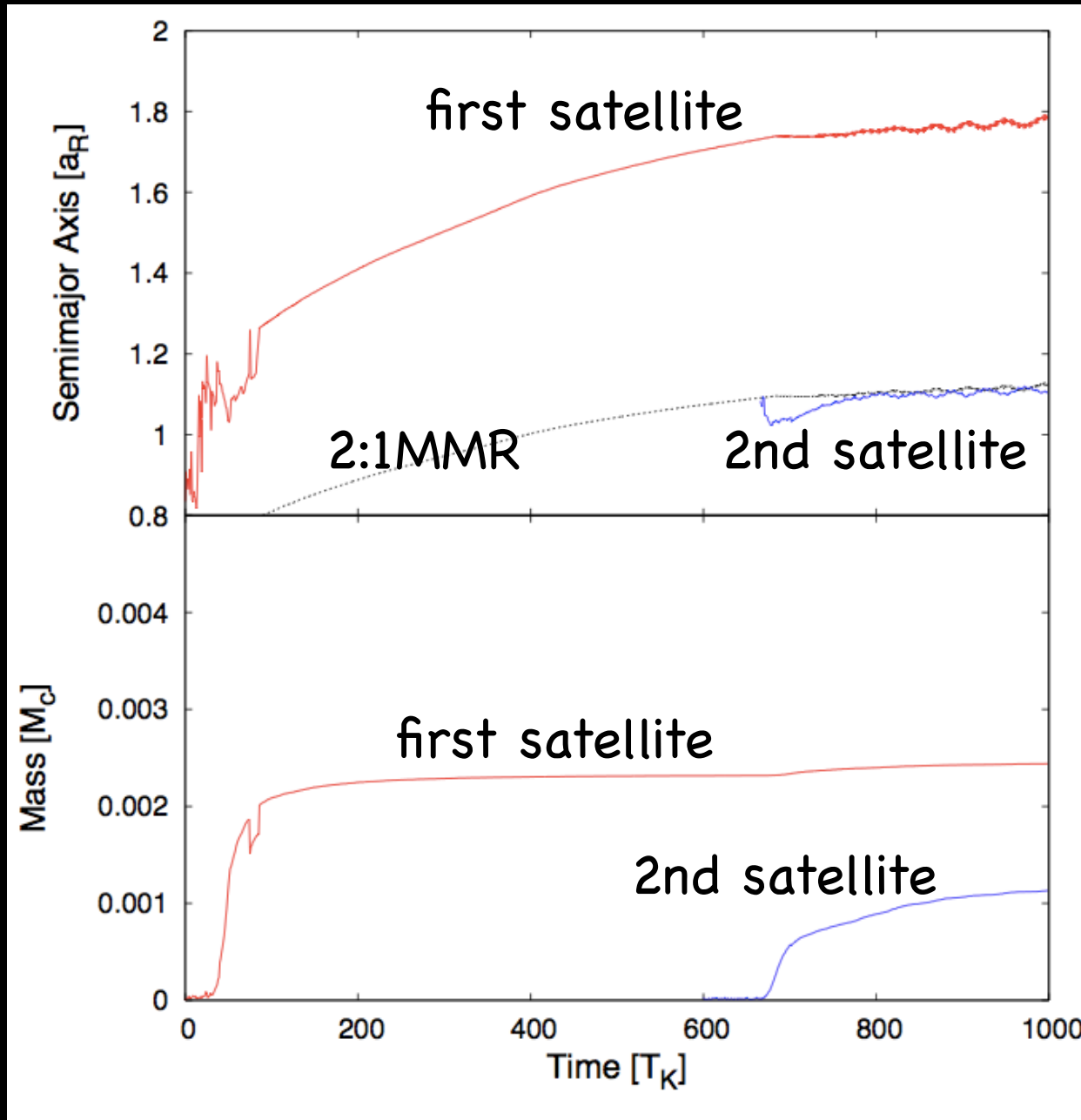
● Further **less** massive disk:

- Satellite mass expected to be smaller
- 3rd, 4th... satellites are expected to be formed



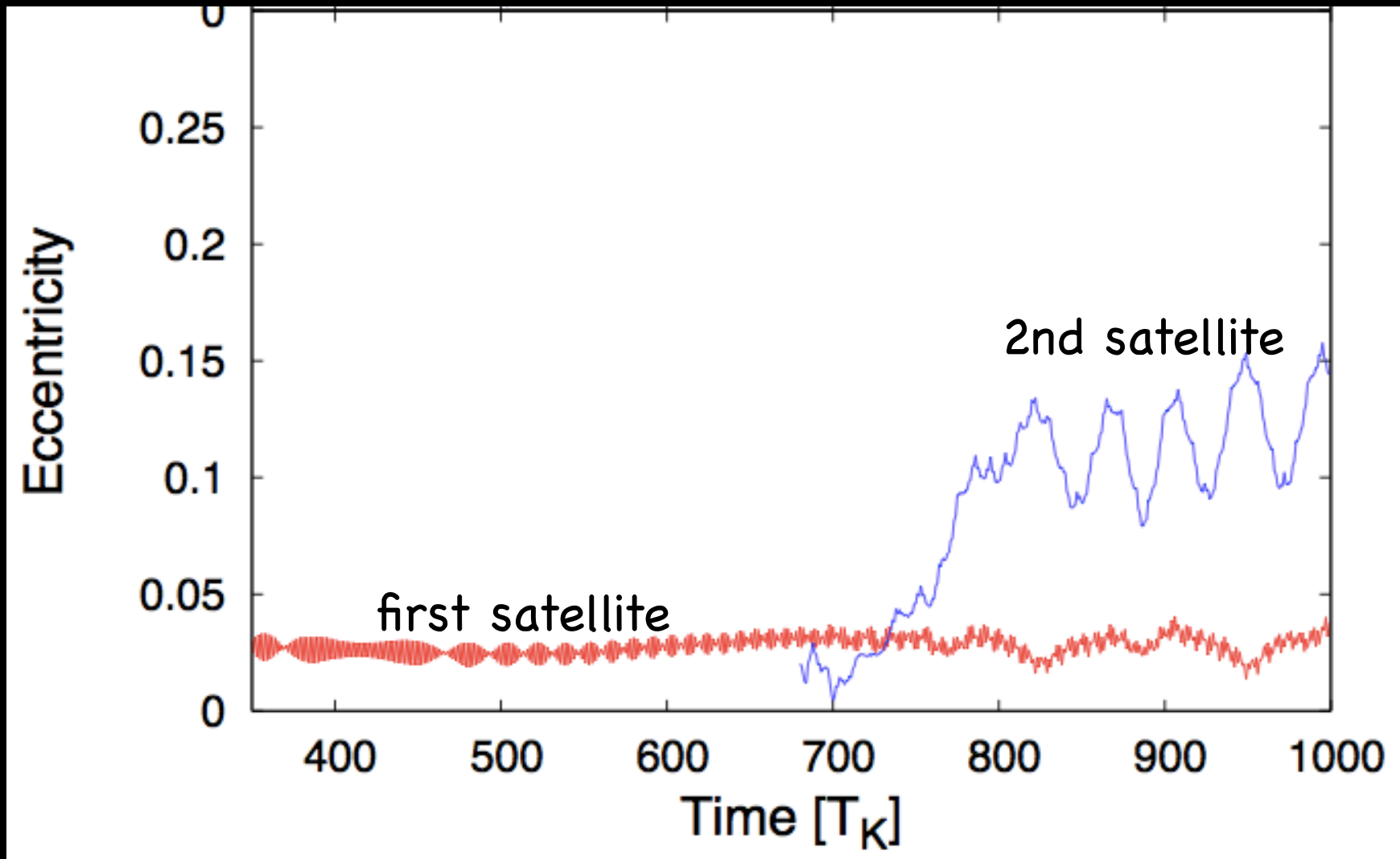
Orbital Evolution

($M_{\text{disk,init}}=0.015M_c$)

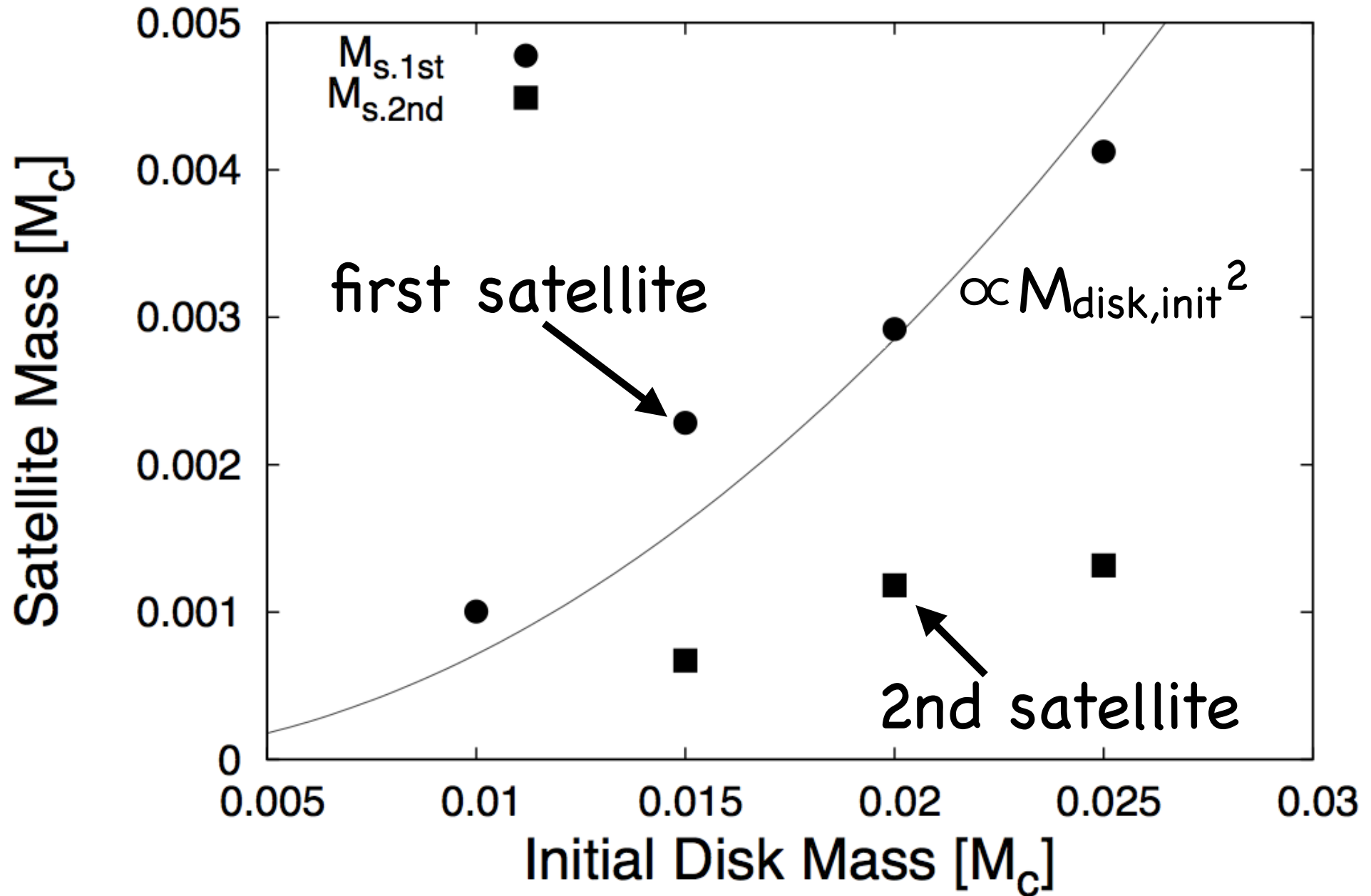


Eccentricity Evolution

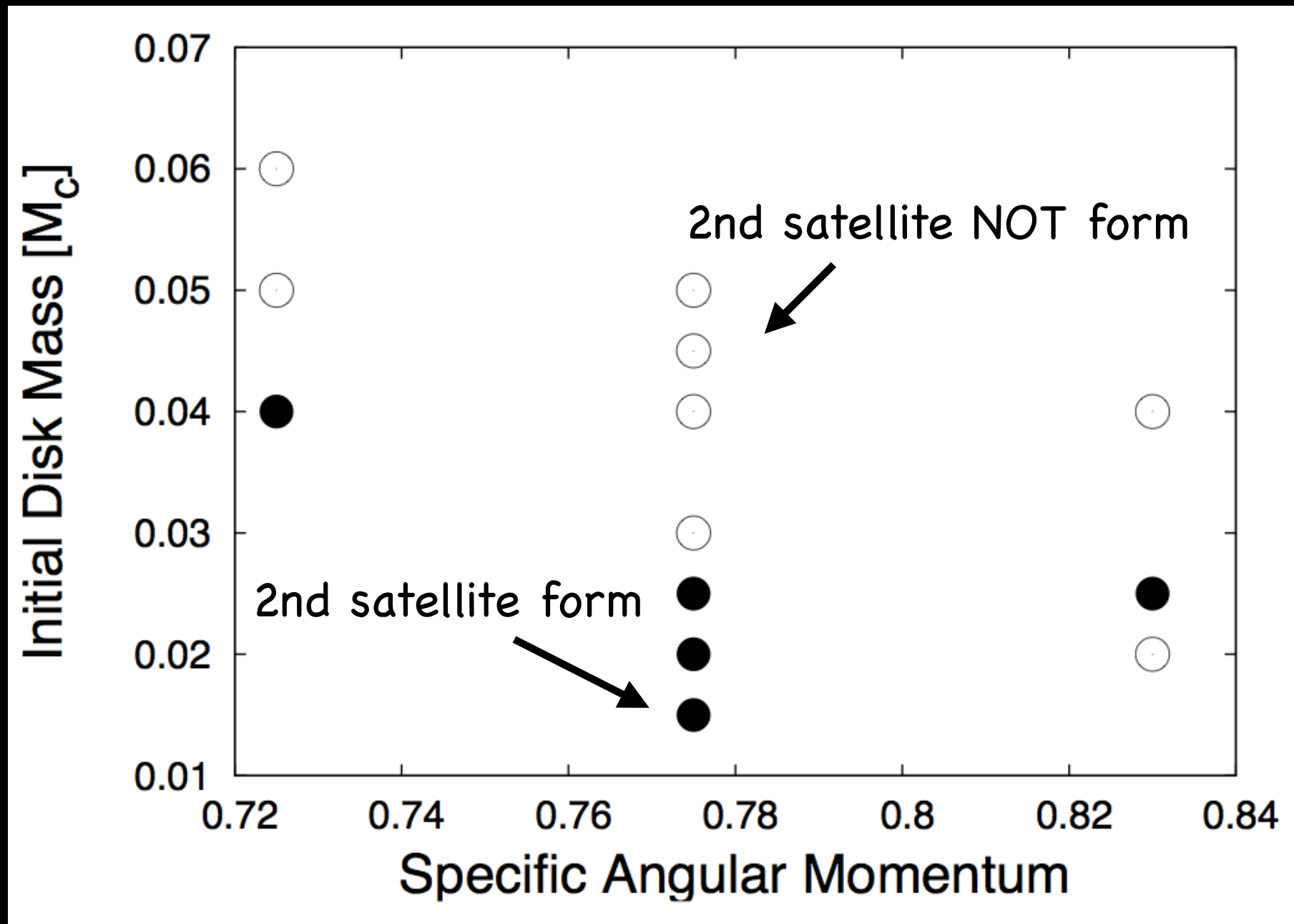
($M_{\text{disk,init}}=0.015M_c$)



Satellite Mass on Disk Mass



Dependence on Disk Angular Momentum



Orbital Evolution

(rubble pile model on 2nd satellite, $M_{\text{disk,init}}=0.025M_c$)

