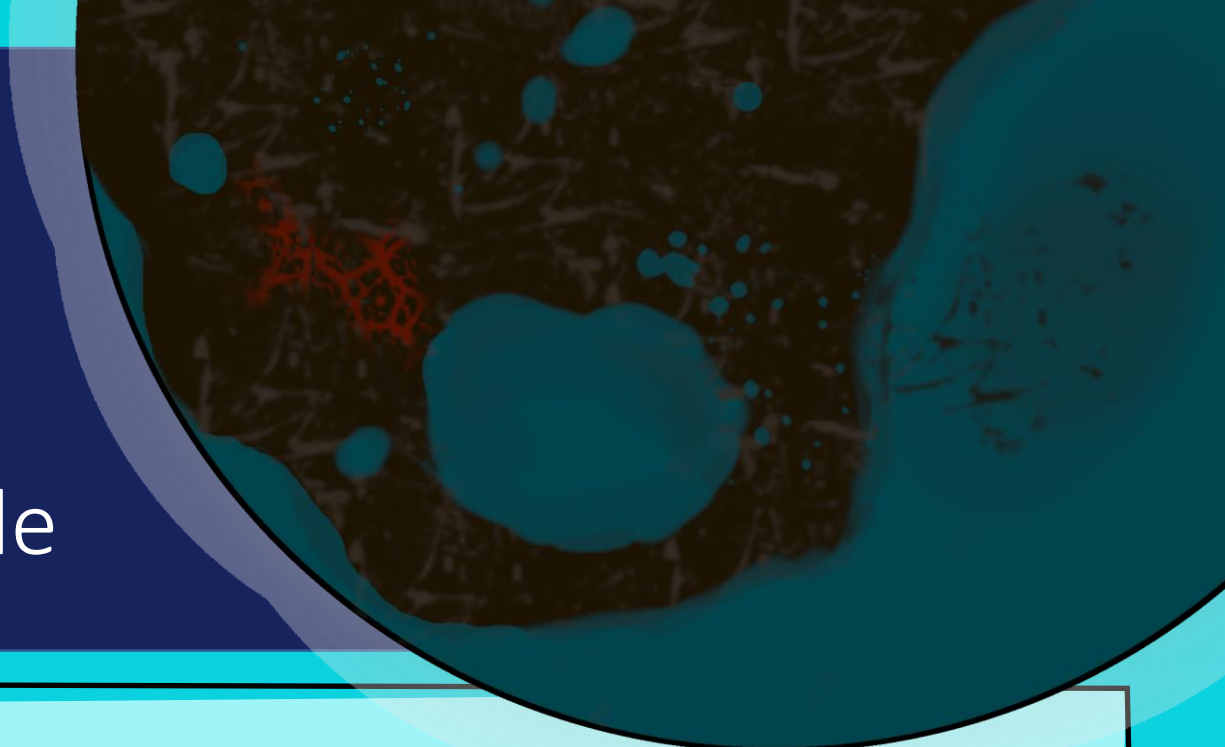


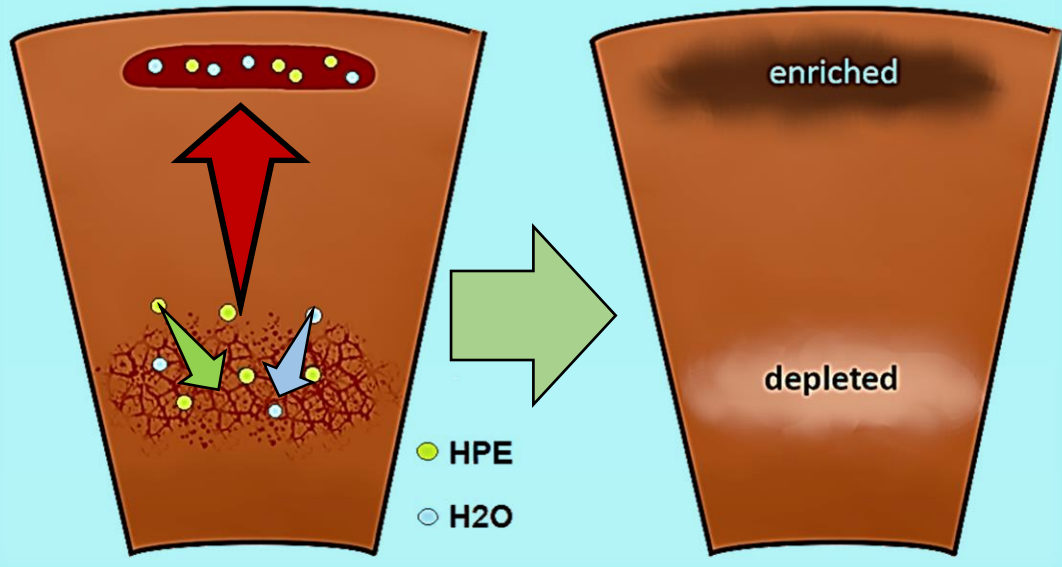
# Planet mass influences the potential outgassing of water into the atmosphere of super-Earths

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## Objectives & Methods

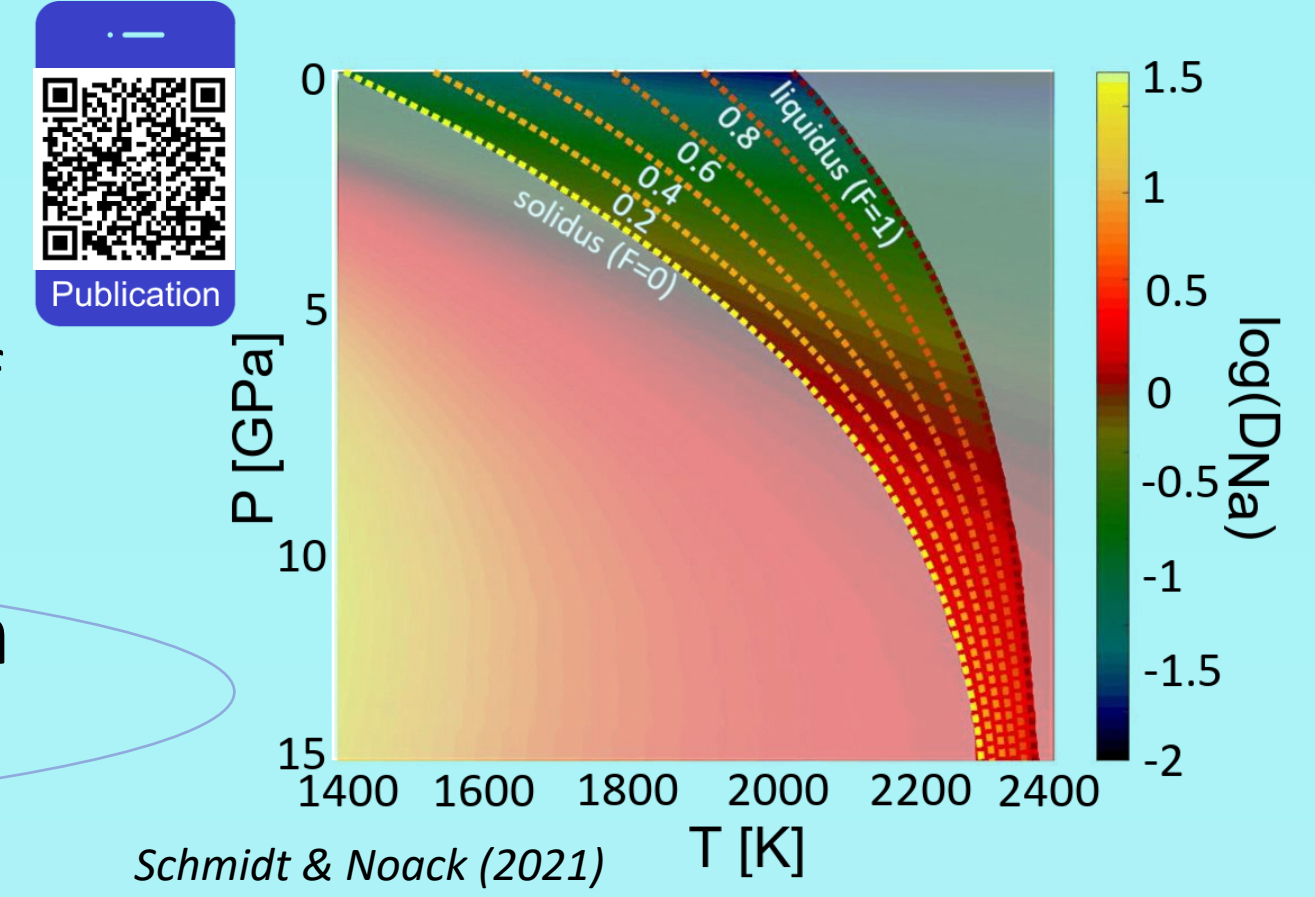


\*HPE = Heat Producing Elements (very incompatible)

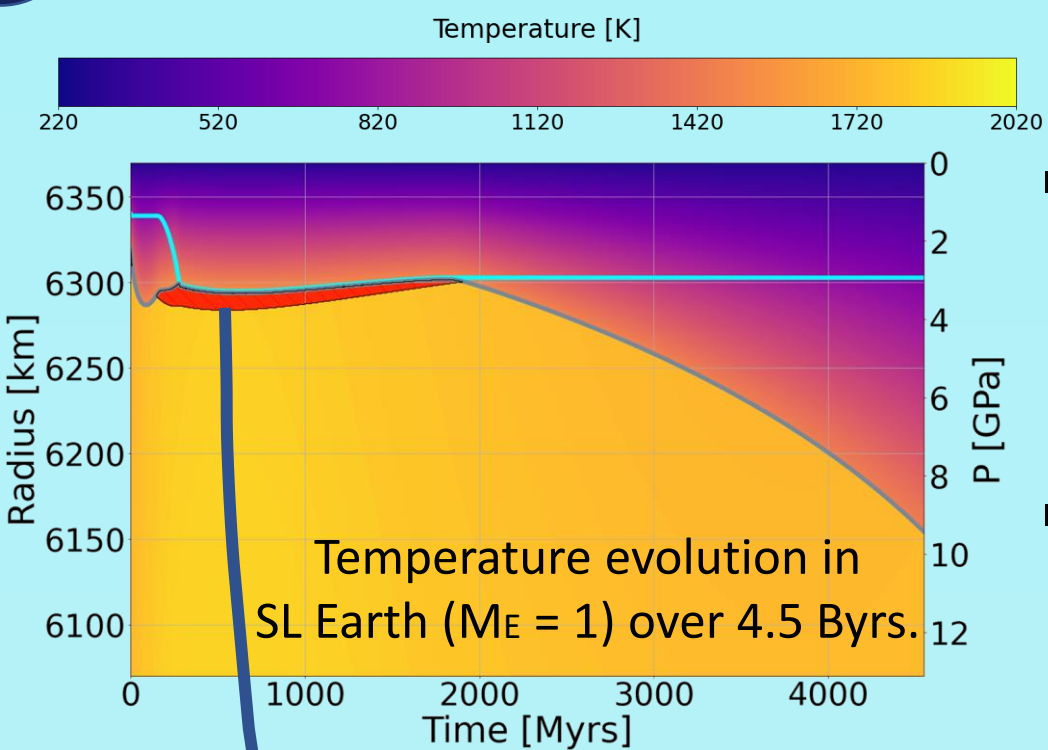
- Trace elements that are **incompatible with the solid upper mantle** redistributed into **partial melt**. The melt rises towards the surface:
  - this enriches the crust and depletes the mantle in incompatible elements and volatiles.
- Mineral/melt partition coefficients ( $D^{\text{mineral/melt}}$ )** help to determine the compatibility of an element or volatile and therefore how many elements or volatiles are redistributed. They are highly dependent on **pressure, temperature, and compositional changes**.
  - <0-1: incompatible (goes into the melt),
  - >=1: compatible with the solid material.

- We include a P-T-X dependent partition coefficient model in a **1D interior evolution code** for stagnant lid (SL) and mobile lid (ML) planets up to  $ME=1.8$ , starting after the crystallisation of a global magma ocean.

How do the modeled partition coefficients affect the redistribution of H<sub>2</sub>O and potential outgassing in mantle evolution models?

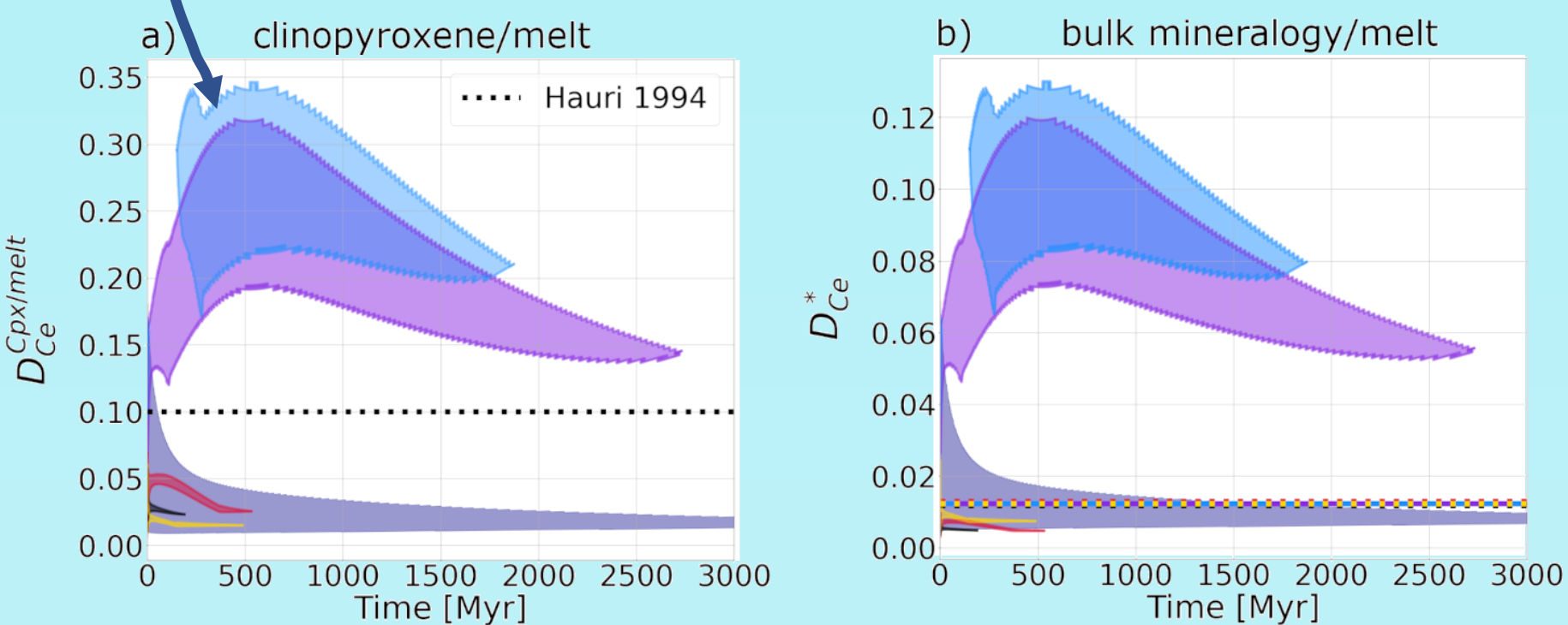


## 2 Thermal evolution and partitioning in the solar system



- The rocky planets form a global partial meltzone (red) under the stagnant lid (green line).
- Larger planets exhibit larger D ranges inside their melt zones.

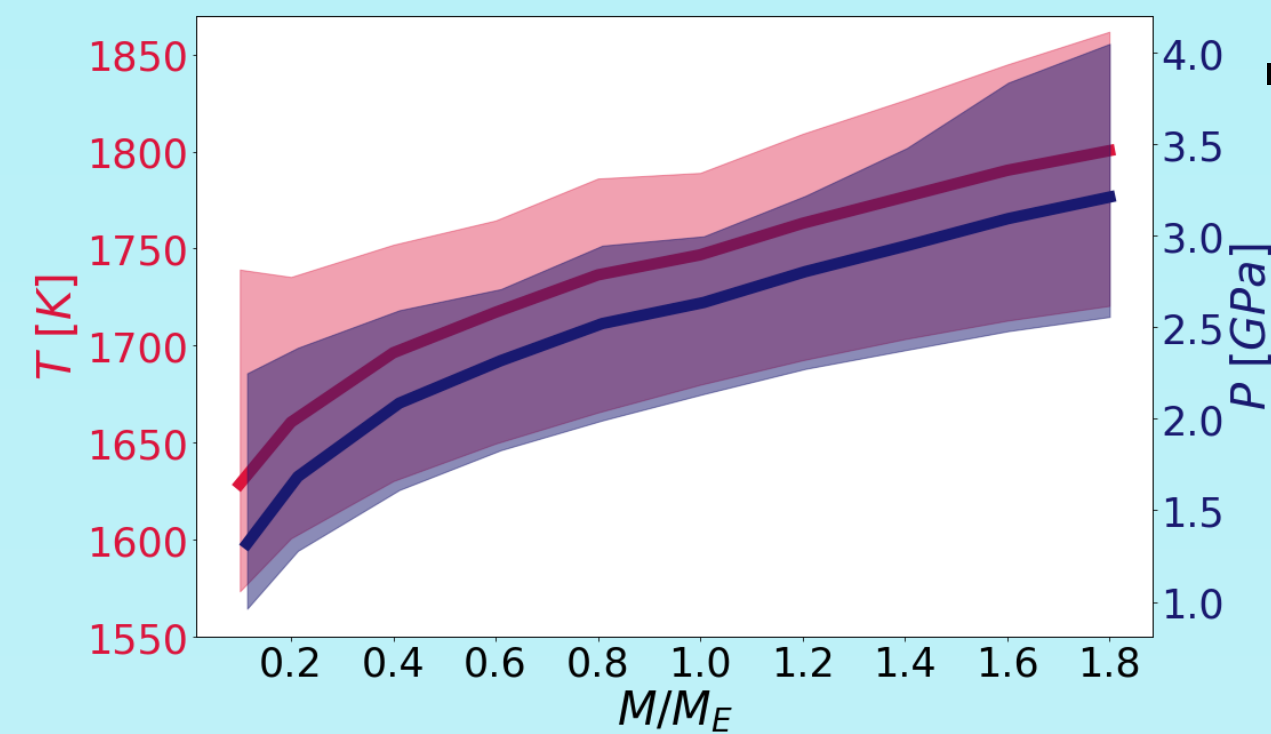
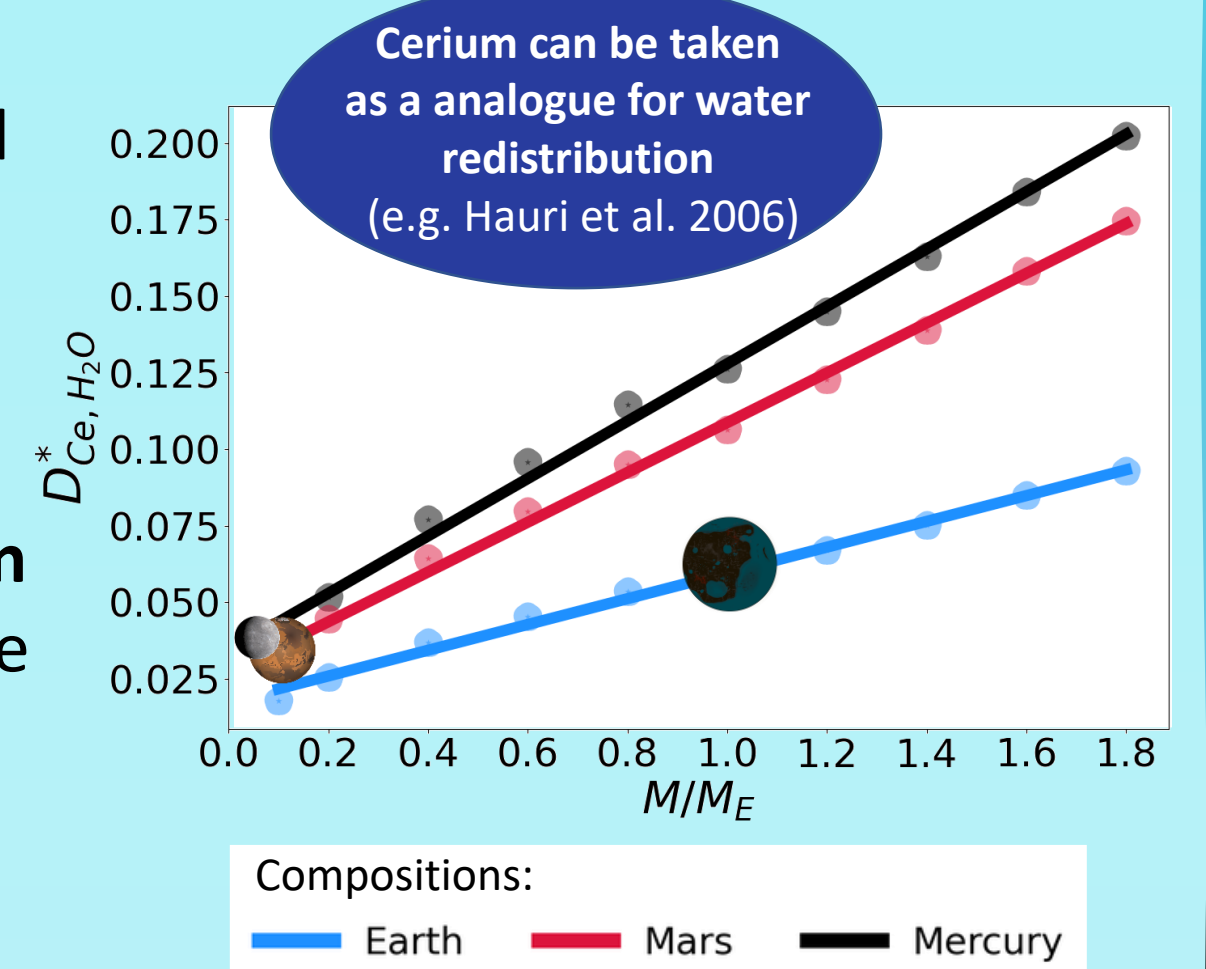
- Ds for Cerium (and H<sub>2</sub>O) in the meltzones of stagnant lid planets correlate with planet size.



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## 3 Partitioning trend in super-Earths planets

- In super-Earths, the average Ds for Ce and H<sub>2</sub>O **increase the larger the planet mass**.
- The **melt composition and mineralogy** of the upper mantle have a large influence on potential H<sub>2</sub>O redistribution.

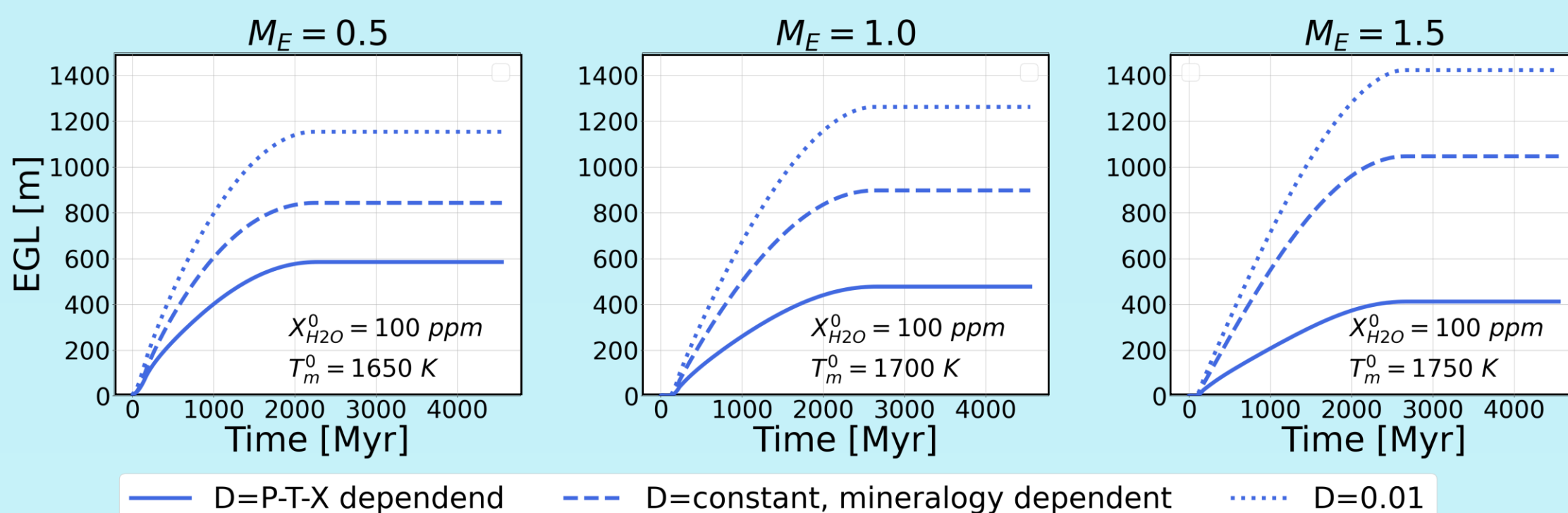


- The rising P-T conditions inside a partial melt zone with increasing planet mass lead to higher Ds for Ce and H<sub>2</sub>O.

## 4 Potential Equivalent Global Layer (EGL) of Exoplanets

EGL = potential ocean composed of all outgassed H<sub>2</sub>O

- Without D calculations:** With larger planet mass, we achieve more outgassing and a thicker EGL.
- With D calculations:** With larger planet mass, we achieve more outgassing and a thicker EGL.
- Taking into account the high pressures inside a partial melt zone, D<sub>H2O</sub> increases.



\*EGL if other processes important for outgassing (partial pressure, oxygen fugacity,...) are ignored

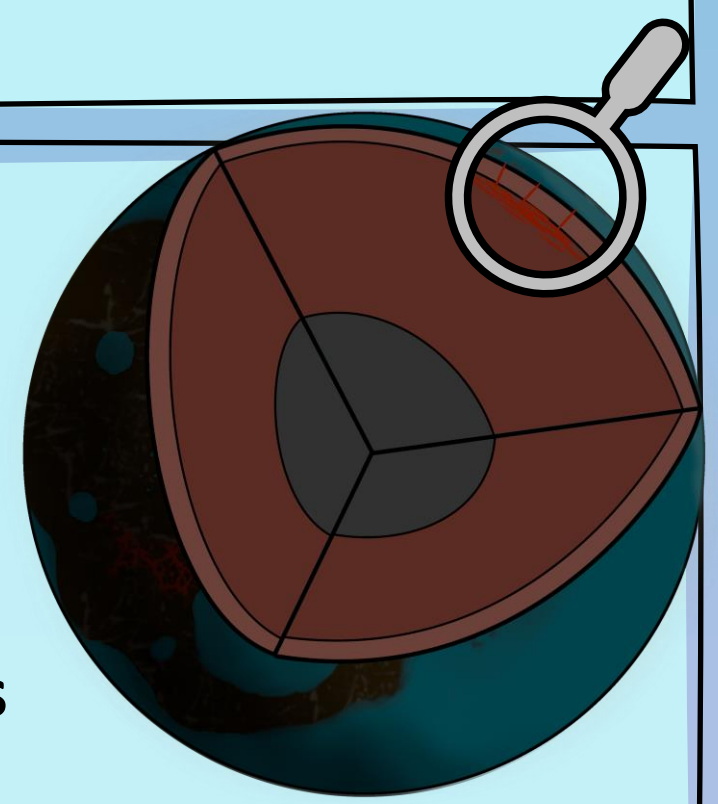
## 5 Summary & Conclusion

- Pressures and temperatures inside a partial melt zone **rise** with increasing planet mass due to higher gravity.
- From ME=0.1 to ME=1.8, D<sub>H2O</sub> **increases almost one order of magnitude**:

- The larger the planet mass, the larger the discrepancy between the assumed P-T-X dependent model Ds from this study.
- More water is retained inside the mantle due to higher D<sub>H2O</sub>, resulting in less outgassing and a thinner EGL.

### Open Questions:

Influence of other processes inhibiting or futhering outgassing?  
Is Ce still behaving similar to H<sub>2</sub>O in high-pressure regimes like super-Earth still applicable?



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