

POPULATION OF THE OORT CLOUD

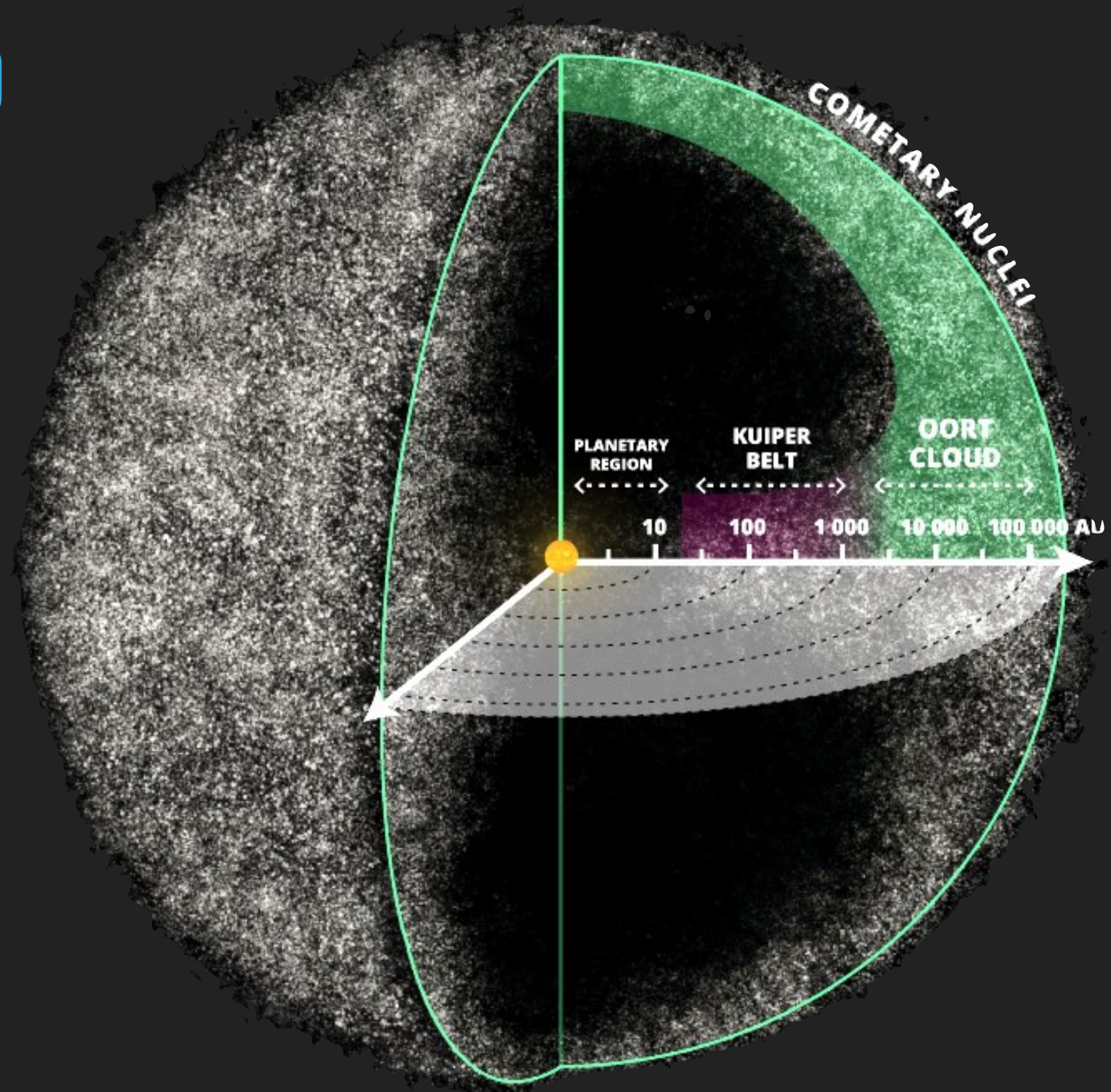
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WHAT IS THE OORT CLOUD?

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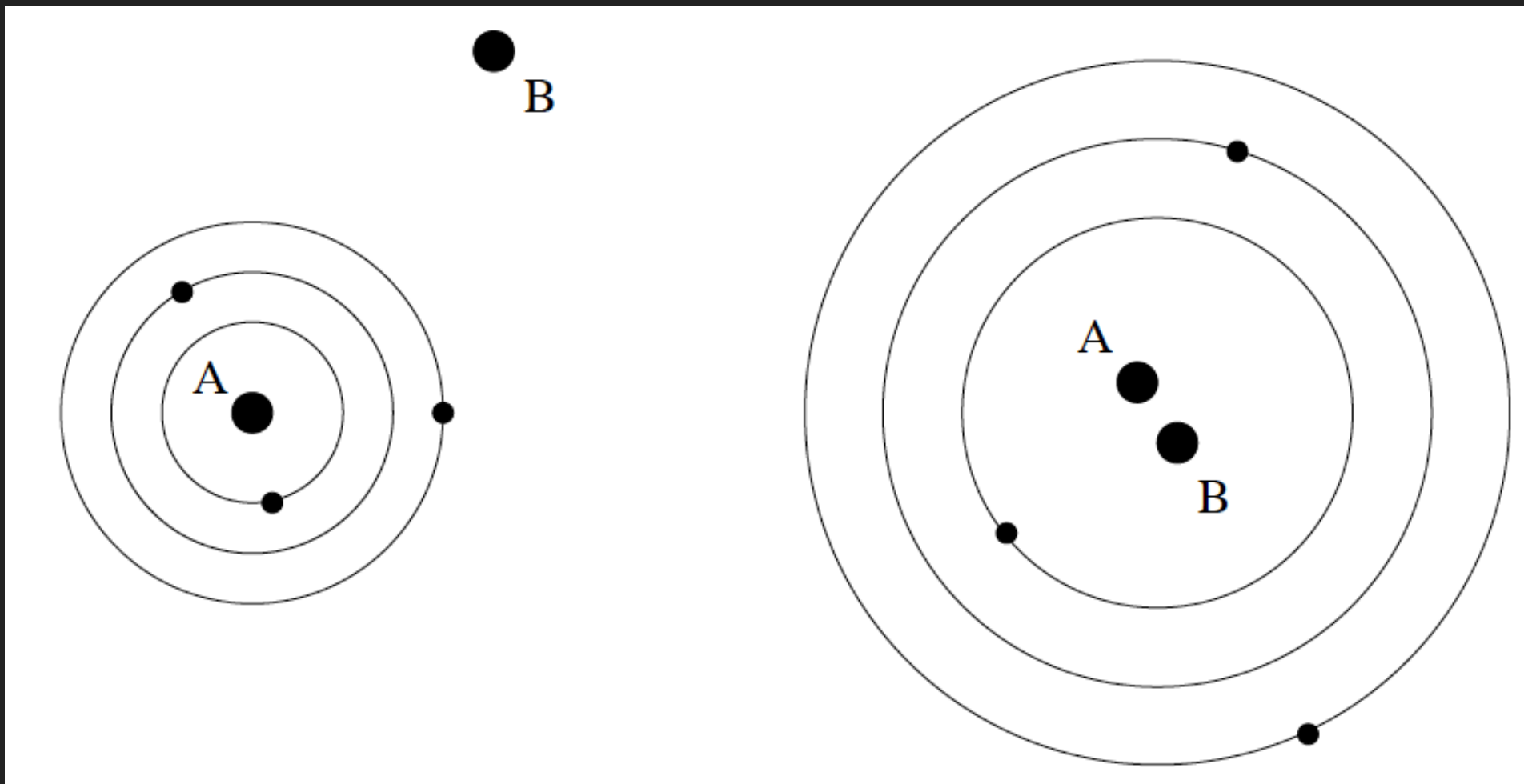


DISCREPANCY BETWEEN SIMULATED & OBSERVED POPULATION

- ▶ General consensus 10^{11} - 10^{12}
- ▶ Discrepancy
 - ▶ Oort Cloud: 10^{11} - 10^{12}
- ▶ Proposed solution

WHAT IF THE SUN HAD A BINARY PARTNER?

- ▶ Ultra-wide binary stars



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- ▶ Evolution of giant planets
- ▶ Birth environment of Sun
- ▶ Dynamical history of Sun
- ▶ Oort Cloud constrains history of Solar System