PLANET FORMATION IN THE OUTER DISK

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population synthesis tends to neglect even our own outer solar system!



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WHAT'S SO HARD ABOUT PLANET FORMATION IN THE OUTER DISK?

- Classic Answer:
 - It takes longer than the disk lifetime to build a big enough solid core to trigger runaway atmospheric growth
 - Even extreme assumptions about accretion (zero velocity dispersion) struggle

"Classic" Runaway growth problem

 Without considering gas-drag, growth by CA in 3 Myr requires extreme assumptions AU a_{lim}, about the planetesimal velocity dispersion and disk mass, which are hard to satisfy simultaneously



Growth timescales change when including aerodynamic pebble capture



Gas giants can in principal form even at 50 AU in disk lifetime

 Problem is first mass doubling time, not
 the last

BUT: need initial ~pluto mass cores...

The critical core mass to trigger runaway growth declines with semi-major axis



- Even though growth times are slower, less core growth is required
- Temperature goes down, Bondi radius goes up, and opacity declines

Piso & Youdin 2014

WHAT ABOUT THE EVOLUTION OF GI FRAGMENTS?



Boley+2011

First order: how massive are fragments?

Initial mass estimates all scale with ΣH^2

 Fragments that are not disrupted can also easily grow from the parent disk

Kratter+2010,Boley+2010,Forgan & Rice 2013,Young & Clarke 2015



FRAGMENT EVOLUTION: COOLING Galvagni+2012



- Collapse calculations including realistic cooling collapse to <1 Rh in 1-10 dynamical times.
- At fixed radius, they should survive (see Kratter & Murray-Clay for analytic collapse requirement)

Growth, Migration, Disruption

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Zhu et al 2012

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WHAT ABOUT SOLIDS IN GI?

- solids (if they grow...) can collect in spiral arms (pressure bumps), and sediment into a core (though won't work for cores > 6Mj)
- Tidal disruption could leave behind the differentiated core, leading to rocky planets in the inner disk
- Fragments can also become enriched after formation, but timescale is short if they are migrating.
- If they don't migrate, then GI "planets" at large radii might have substantial metal enrichment.



Most promising role is not for wide orbit planets!

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

- GI population synthesis: Forgan & Rice 2013
 - **Pros**: various opacities, migration models, core growth, sedimentation
 - Cons: no subsequent gas accretion onto cores, no subsequent gas accretion onto the disk





10⁻²

10⁻³

 10^{-4}

 10^{3}

10²

 10^{1}

 10°

10⁻²

10⁻¹

 10^{0}

 10^{1}

a (AU)

10²

Object Mass ($M_{
m Jup}$)

10⁻²

10⁻¹

grain-growt

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In general, we find that around half of all fragments are completely destroyed during the tidal downsizing process. The majority of surviving fragments remain at semimajor axes >20 au after 1 Myr of evolution. Their masses are typically greater than $5 M_{Jup}$, with a large fraction exceeding the brown dwarf mass limit of $13 M_{Jup}$. Solid cores form with a distribution of masses peaked typically at $6 M_{\oplus}$. Only a very small fraction of these solid cores lose their outer envelopes to form terrestrial planets (<0.001 per cent). We see no production of planetesimal belts via evolved grain populations becoming unbound during the destruction of the embryo (although we saw some weak evidence of processed solids being returned to the disc via disruption).

 10^{1}

10⁻²

5.0

2.5

0.0

 10^{3}



5.0

2.5

0.0

640

560

480

400

 $(M_{\rm Earth})$

Mass Mass

10³

10²

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- more recent CA models find it easier to make giant planets at large radii
- more recent GI models make
 objects which we have not
 observed...