PLANET FORMATION (FOR MICROLENSING HUNTERS)

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BIG CHALLENGES IN PLANET FORMATION MODELING + OBSERVATIONS

- planets form from small (by mass) component of the disk — think metallicity. ISM has gas-to-dust ratio 100:1
- we can't see particles at the crucial building block stages
- solids / planet-gas interactions are complicated
- planets don't live where they were born

SOME CAUTION REQUIRED FOR MICROLENSING HOSTS:



OUTLINE

- The (old) standard model for planet formation: Core Accretion
- Newer developments that address "textbook problems" in Core Accretion
- Unsolved problems
- The role of gravitational instability



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Gundlach & Blum 2014





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- Classic Problems:
 - growing up to meter size bodies via coagulation is difficult
 - growing through the "meter size" barrier is an extreme challenge due to radial drift
 - It takes longer than the disk lifetime (few Myr) to build a big enough solid core mass to trigger runaway atmospheric growth to make a gas giant

CORE ACCRETION IN THIS CENTURY...

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- Planetesimals form via Streaming Instability with range of sizes (up to ~500km) (Youdin & Goodman 2005, Simon et al 2016)
- Planetesimals accrete substantial mass from "pebbles," not just other planetesimals (Ormel & Klahr 2010, Lambrechts & Johansen 2012)
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PRESSURE BUMPS CAN TRAP PARTICLES

changes in radial pressure profile can aid in particle concentration and thus coagulation



GRAIN GROWTH SIMULATIONS

Pinilla+ 2016

pressure traps facilitate growth to larger sizes these larger particles (>few cm) are better participants in subsequent growth phases of planetesimal formation and pebble accretion



Grains are observed to grow

Najita & Kenyon 2014

- observations indicate that dust must grow quickly beyond mm-cm sizes —otherwise disks simply don't have enough mass to account for observed exoplanets.
- recall that grains emit efficiently at size near wavelength



CONSEQUENCES OF RADIAL DRIFT?



- ring structures could simply be particles, not planets
- radial drift also serves to trigger planetesimal formation!

The Streaming Instability (SI)

Particles trigger their own concentration while interacting with gas



SI: FROM DUST GRAINS TO > 100KM ASTEROIDS / PLANETESIMALS

Shearing box simulation of dust particles interacting with gas

Streaming Instability + gravity turns cm size pebbles directly into asteroid size planetesimals

Movie Credit: Jake Simon



Planetesimals from SI span a wide range of sizes



broad, large, initial planetesimal distribution seems consistent with Kuiper Belt objects

 not all pebbles / dust turns into
 planetesimals

FROM 100KM TO EARTH MASS



asteroid size bodies are gravitationally attracted to each other

when they collide, a lot of the mass goes into one bigger body, but smaller debris is produced as well

this, plus SI, keep a lot of mass around in ''pebbles''

core growth via pebble accretion



 ignoring gas drag, only particles with just the right velocity get trapped in the Hill sphere

 including gas drag allows a wider range of particles to accrete

Ormel & Klahr, 2010

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 "pebbles", brought in by radial drift from the disk feel the right amount of gas drag to accrete very efficiently

Ormel & Klahr, 2010

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

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REMAINING CHALLENGES (ABRIDGED)

- Planet migration is too fast
- We haven't found enough massive disks
- Disk substructure indicates more giant planets than we observe

where is all the mass?









DISKS HAVE A LOT OF SUBSTRUCTURE

Van der Marel, 2016a

WHAT ABOUT PLANETS FROM GRAVITATIONAL INSTABILITY?



WHAT IS GRAVITATIONAL INSTABILITY?

• A hydrodynamic instability that arises in rotationally supported disks when self-gravity wins out over pressure support on small scales, and stabilization due to shear on large $Q = \frac{c_s \Omega}{\pi G \Sigma} = f \frac{M_*}{M_D} \frac{H}{r}$ scales



Fragmentation is the non-linear outcome of this instability



Conditions for measured Class I disks around sun-like stars are typically too low in mass and too hot to be unstable

Kratter & Lodato, 2016

How big are objects that form via GI?

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



Growth, Migration, Disruption

Fragments migrate inwards on ~10 outer dynamical timescales. $\tau_{mig} = 784 \left(\frac{M_c}{0.01M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{R}{100AU}\right)^{1.75} yr$



Zhu et al 2012



THE RUNTS OFTHE LITTER?

(KRATTER ET AL, 2010B)



THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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