# Lecture 3: Recent topics



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# Topics

- Wide-orbit exoplanets
- Pebble accretion
- Size distribution of asteroids
- Nice model
- Grand Tack model
- Opulation synthesis with pebbles
- Chondrule accretion

# Classical core accretion scenario



- Dust grains and ice particles collide to form km-scale planetesimals
- ② Large protoplanet grows by run-away accretion of planetesimals
- Protoplanet attracts hydrostatic gas envelope
- ④ Run-away gas accretion as  $M_{
  m env}pprox M_{
  m core}$
- **(5)** Form gas giant with  $M_{
  m core} pprox 10 M_{\oplus}$  and  $M_{
  m atm} \sim M_{
  m Jup}$

(Safronov, 1969; Mizuno, 1980; Pollack et al., 1996)

All steps must happen within 1-3 Myr while there is gas orbiting the star

# Life-times of protoplanetary discs

- Stars in a star-forming region are pretty much the same age
- Compare disc fraction between regions of different age



 $\Rightarrow$  Protoplanetary discs live for 1–3 Myr

# Core formation time-scales

• The size of the protoplanet relative to the Hill sphere:

$$\frac{R_{\rm p}}{R_{\rm H}} \equiv \alpha \approx 0.001 \left(\frac{r}{5\,{\rm AU}}\right)^{-1}$$

• Maximal growth rate by gravitational focussing

$$\dot{M} = \alpha R_{\rm H}^2 \mathcal{F}_{\rm H}$$

- $\Rightarrow$  Only 0.1% (0.01%) of planetesimals entering the Hill sphere are accreted at 5 AU (50 AU)
- $\Rightarrow \text{ Time to grow to 10 } M_{\oplus} \text{ is} \\ \sim 10 \quad \text{Myr at 5 AU} \\ \sim 50 \quad \text{Myr at 10 AU} \\ \sim 5,000 \text{ Myr at 50 AU} \end{aligned}$



# Directly imaged exoplanets



(Marois et al., 2008; 2010)



- HR 8799 (4 planets at 14.5, 24, 38, 68 AU)
- Fomalhaut (1 controversial planet at 113 AU)
- $\Rightarrow$  No way to form the cores of these planets within the life-time of the protoplanetary gas disc *by standard core accretion*

#### Pebble accretion



- Most planetesimals are simply scattered by the protoplanet
- Pebbles spiral in towards the protoplanet due to gas friction
- $\Rightarrow$  Pebbles are accreted from the entire Hill sphere
  - Growth rate by planetesimal accretion is

 $\dot{M} = \alpha R_{\rm H}^2 \mathcal{F}_{\rm H}$ 

• Growth rate by pebble accretion is

 $\dot{M} = R_{\rm H}^2 \mathcal{F}_{\rm H}$ 

#### Relevant parameters for pebble accretion

- Hill radius  $R_{\rm H} = [GM/(3\Omega^2)]^{1/3}$ Distance over which the gravity of the protoplanet dominates over the the tidal force of the central star
- Bondi radius  $R_{\rm B} = GM/(\Delta v)^2$ Distance over which a particle with approach speed  $\Delta v$  is significantly deflected by the protoplanet (in absence of drag)
- Sub-Keplerian speed Δν
   Orbital speed of gas and pebbles relative to Keplerian speed
- Hill speed  $v_{\rm H} = \Omega R_{\rm H}$ Approach speed of gas and pebbles at the edge of the Hill sphere

# Pebble accretion regimes



Two main pebble accretion regimes: (Lambrechts & Johansen, 2012)

- Bondi regime (when  $\Delta v \gg v_{\rm H}$ ) Particles pass the core with speed  $\Delta v$ , giving  $\dot{M} \propto R_{\rm B}^2 \propto M^2$
- ② Hill regime (when  $\Delta v \ll v_{\rm H}$ ) Particles enter Hill sphere with speed  $v_{\rm H} \approx \Omega R_{\rm H}$ , giving  $\dot{M} \propto M^{2/3}$

# Time-scale of pebble accretion



⇒ Pebble accretion speeds up core formation by a factor 1,000 at 5 AU and a factor 10,000 at 50 AU (Ormel & Klahr, 2010; Lambrechts & Johansen, 2012; Nesvorny & Morbidelli, 2012)

- ⇒ Cores form well within the life-time of the protoplanetary gas disc, even at large orbital distances
- Requires large planetesimal seeds to accrete in Hill regime, consistent with planetesimal formation by gravitational collapse

# The asteroid belt

- 1–2 million asteroids larger than 1 km in main belt between Mars and Jupiter
- Total mass is only 0.0005 *M*<sub>E</sub>
- Interpolation between terrestrial planets and giant planets gives 2.5  $M_{\rm E}$  in the primordial asteroid belt between 2 and 3 AU
- Asteroid belt depleted by resonances with Jupiter



Other topics

# Growth of asteroids by pebble accretion

Put large (500 km) planetesimal in an ocean of pebbles:



 $\Rightarrow$  Prograde accretion disc forms around the protoplanet (Johansen & Lacerda, 2010)

#### Asteroid rotation

- The majority of large asteroids have axial tilt  $\alpha < 90^\circ$
- Called "direct" or "prograde" rotation

Body	$\alpha$
Ceres	2°
2 Pallas	$60^{\circ}$
3 Juno	$50^{\mathrm{o}}$
4 Vesta	29°
5 Astraea	33 <sup>o</sup>
6 Hebe	42 <sup>o</sup>



# Asteroid poles



- Plot of asteroid pole axes (from Johansen & Lacerda, 2010)
- Largest asteroids have a *tendency* to rotate prograde (1-2 σ)
- ... but there is a very large scatter
- The two large retrograde asteroids, 2 Pallas and 10 Hygiea, are actually spinning on the side
- Planetesimal accretion yields slow, retrograde rotation (Lissauer & Kary, 1991)
- Prograde spin can also arise from random effect of large impacts (Dones & Tremaine, 1993) or due to collisions between planetesimals within the Hill sphere (Schlichting & Sari, 2007)

# Primordial spin of planetesimals



- Prograde rotation with  $P \approx (5 \dots 10) \, {
  m h}$  induced for particles between centimeters and a few meters
- Spin can be randomised later in giant impacts
- $\Rightarrow$  Predict that pristine Kuiper belt objects formed by gravitational collapse should have prograde spin

# Orbits of Kuiper belt objects



- Kuiper belt objects reside beyond the orbit of Neptune
- Pluto trapped in 3:2 resonance with Neptune result of outwards migration of Neptune
- Scattered disc objects have high e and perihelion between 33 and 40 AU
- Centaurs have perihelion within 30 AU source of Jupiter family comets
- Classical KBOs have low *e* and semimajor axes between 37 and 48 AU future target of New Horizons

# Nice model



- Pluto's resonant orbit with Neptune is explained by trapping during the migration of Neptune through a primordial, massive Kuiper belt (*Malhotra*, 1993, 1995)
- Planetesimals scattered inwards by N, U and S are ejected from the Solar System by J, leading to a net outwards migration of the three outer giants
- As Jupiter and Saturn cross their 2:1 mean motion resonance, the orbits of Uranus and Neptune are excited and the primordial Kuiper belt is depleted (*Tsiganis et al.*, 2005)
- Explains modern architecture of the Kuiper belt and Late Heavy Bombardment of the terrestrial planets and the Moon (*Gomes et al.*, 2005)

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# Kuiper belt binaries



- At least 30% of 100-km classical KBOs are binaries (Noll et al., 2008)
- *Nesvorny et al.* (2010) modelled gravitational collapse of particle clumps to explain why binary KBO can have similar colors
- Found good statistical agreement in orbital parameters between simulations and observed KBO binary systems
- Almost no binaries in scattered disc ionised by close encounters?

# Cloud collapse to pebble piles







Fraction of total mass in pebbles as a function of solid radius of the planetesimal. For simulations with, initially, cm-sized pebbles.



- Simulate cloud collapse in 0-D collision code (Wahlberg Jansson & Johansen, 2014)
- High collision rates ⇒ Rapid energy dissipation ⇒ Contraction to solid density
- $\Rightarrow$  High pebble fraction after collapse
- ⇒ Predict that comets like 67P/ Churyumov-Gerasimenko are pebble piles
  - Large Kuiper belt objects likely lost their porosity by gravitational compression

# Goosebumps on 67P



(Sierks et al., 2015)

(Mottola et al., 2015)

- The Rosetta mission arrived at the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko in 2014
- Orbiter will follow 67P beyond perihelion
- Structures in deep pits resemble goosebumps (Sierks et al., 2015)
- Could be the primordial pebbles from the solar protoplanetary disc
- But meter-sized pebbles hard to explain in light of radial drift
- Philae's first landing site shows characteristic particle scale of cm in smooth terrains (*Mottola et al.*, 2015)

# Pebbles in the media!



# Rosetta: 'Goosebumps' on 'space duck' hint at comet formation

By Jonathan Amos Science correspondent, BBC News

() 22 January 2015 | Science & Environment



# Missing intermediate-size planetesimals

- Sheppard & Trujillo (2010) searched for Neptune Trojans
- Sensitive to planetesimals larger than 16 km
- Found no Trojans with radius less than 45 kilometers
- Dubbed them *the missing intermediate-size planetesimals* (MISPs)



# Asteroid size distribution

- Differential size distribution of asteroids shows several bumps
- Can be used to infer the degree of depletion and collisional grinding in the asteroid belt
- Divide the history of the asteroid belt into an early *accretion* phase followed by an extended *depletion* phase
- *Bottke et al.* (2005a,b) evolved the asteroid belt over billions of years, starting from a size distribution which matches the current one for bodies larger than 120 km in diameter



# Evolution of asteroid size distribution

- Depletion factor of 100–200 gives good fit to observed size distribution after 4600 Myr of evolution
- Also satisfies the two constraints: (i) Vesta only has a single large crater and (ii) there are only 9 large asteroid familes
- Observed size distribution of large asteroids is a fossil of the size distribution at the end of the accretion phase





# Accretion phase of asteroids



- Size distribution of asteroids shows distinct bumps at D = 120 km and at D = 350 km
- The first bump must be primordial (Bottke et al., 2005)
- Starting accretion phase with km-sized planetesimals produces way too many asteroids with D < 100 km (Morbidelli et al., 2009)

# Starting from planetesimals with D = 100 km



- Starting with planetesimals with D = 100 km produces very few fragments during the accretion stage
- But the resulting size distribution is too steep for *D* > 100 km (*Morbidelli et al.*, 2009; *Weidenschilling*, 2011)

# Asteroids are born big



- The best results are obtained by setting the birth size distribution of asteroids equal to the current observed size distribution of large asteroids
- Asteroids are born BIG (Morbidelli et al., 2009)
- Can we connect birth sizes to planetesimal formation models?

# Birth sizes of planetesimals



- Streaming instability leads to concentration of pebbles and to planetesimal formation
- Higher resolution yields smaller and smaller planetesimals
- Powerlaw in  ${
  m d}N/{
  m d}M \propto M^{-q}$  with q pprox 1.6 (Johansen et al., 2015)
- Most of the planetesimals are small but most mass is in the largest bodies
- Birth sizes of planetesimals show no sign of a bump at 50 km radii

# Chondrules



- Primitive meteorite parent bodies contain a large fraction of 0.1-1-mm-sized chondrules (formed over the first 3 million years)
- Ordinary chondrites contain up to 80% of their mass in chondrules
- What role did chondrules play in asteroid formation and growth?



#### Asteroid sizes after chondrule accretion



- Chondrule accretion reproduces both the bump at R = 120 km and the steep size distribution up to R = 200 km (*Johansen et al.*, 2015)
- Embryos with sizes between the Moon and Mars are also formed by rapid chondrule accretion
- Direct planetesimal accretion contributes only a minor amount of mass to the embryos and the largest asteroids

# Embryos in the asteroid belt

- Both planetesimal accretion and chondrule accretion models produce embryos in the asteroid belt
- The embryos excite the eccentricities and inclinations of asteroids to their high values (Wetherill, 1991; Petit et al., 2001)
- Embryos also scattered asteroids to Jupiter resonances
- Embryos entirely removed from the asteroid belt by perturbation from Jupiter



(Bottke et al., 2005)

# The Grand Tack scenario



- The small mass of Mars (11% of Earth's) is hard to explain in terrestrial planet formation models
- Jupiter could have migrated sufficiently far in to perturb the embryos in the terrestrial planet formation region
- As Jupiter and Saturn come to share a gap, they migrate outwards together (the Grand Tack scenario of *Walsh et al.*, 2011)
- Best alternative to embedded embryos model for asteroid stirring, particularly if one is concerned about Mars' small size

# Terrestrial planet formation with chondrules



(Johansen et al., 2015)

- Chondrule accretion leads to rapid formation of Mars-sized embryos in the terrestrial planet formation region
- Planetesimal accretion nevertheless more important than in the asteroid belt
- Larger chondrules are accreted more efficiently

# From planetesimals to planets





- The largest planetesimals accrete the remaining pebbles and grow to planets in the next 1–5 Myr
- Growth depends strongly on the amount of heavy elements in the protoplanetary disc (Z = 0.01 in the Sun's photosphere) (Lambrechts & Johansen, 2014)
- Gas-giant planets like Jupiter form if Z is high, in agreement with exoplanet surveys



(Buchhave, Latham, Johansen, et al., 2012)

# The critical core mass



- The critical core mass for envelope collapse increases when the accretion rate increases
- Planetesimal accretion rates at 5–10 AU yield core masses of 10-20 Earth masses but the growth rate is too low to compete with gas dissipation
- Pebble accretion rates yield very high critical core masses of 100-200 Earth masses
  - in disagreement with measured core masses

#### Halting pebble accretion



- Pebble accretion is stopped when the protoplanet grows massive enough to carve a gap in the pebble distribution
- Gap formation known for Jupiter-mass planets (Paardekooper & Mellema, 2006)
- Lambrechts et al. (2014) demonstrate that pebble accretion is stopped already at 20  $M_{\oplus}$  at 5 AU, with isolation mass scaling as

$$M_{\rm iso} = 20 \left(rac{r}{5 {
m AU}}
ight)^{3/4} M_\oplus$$

# The critical core mass revisited



- Protoplanets grow at the pebble accretion rate until pebble accretion is halted *abruptly*
- The envelope is then *supercritical* and collapses onto the core
- Gives an excellent fit to Jupiter's and Saturn's heavy elements (Lambrechts et al., 2014)
- Gas giants in wide orbits must have large cores masses (50-100  $M_{
  m E}$ )
- Explains dichotomy between ice giants and gas giants

# Including planetary migration



- Pebble accretion combined with protoplanetary disc evolution and planetary migration (*Bitsch, Lambrechts, & Johansen*, 2015)
- Jupiter analogue forms late (after 2 Myr) and far out (beyond 15 AU)
- $\bullet\,$  Migrates into 3 AU orbit while growing to 300  $M_{\rm E}$
- Growth tracks can be bundled into a growth map
- Early formed planets migrate to become hot and warm Jupiters
- Formation after 2 Myr yields a range of planetary classes

# Growth map with planetesimal accretion



- Accretion of planetesimals can not form cores within 5 Myr, even if planetesimal surface density enhanced by factor 8 (*Bitsch et al.*, 2015)
- Hard to form Jupiter at 5 AU due to the slow accretion rate and the high migration rate

#### Emergence regions of planetary classes



(Bitsch et al., 2015)

# Reaching the initial conditions for the Nice model



- In the Nice model the giant planets orbit initially in a compact configuration
- Natural consequence of planetary migration combined with rapid pebble accretion
- Orbital architecture of the Nice model can be explained if the planetary embryos emerge after 1.5–2 Myr in initial orbits between 20 and 25 AU
- What happened to the embryos that formed closer to the Sun?

# Summary



- Models and experiments of dust coagulation / fragmentation / bouncing are very advanced now
- Ice condensation may be another necessary ingredient for efficient formation of pebbles
- Particle clumping by streaming instabilities / pressure bumps / vortices is by now a robust phenomenon studied by several groups with independent codes
- Pebble accretion is very efficient at growth from planetesimals to planets – the full importance of this new growth mechanism is still being explored
- Asteroid belt and Kuiper belt may be sculpted by gravitational collapse, pebble accretion *and* planetesimal collisions