

Class 17 - Meter Size Barrier

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Class structure

- The planetesimal hypothesis
- How to build planetesimals

Last class: ISM starts from sub- μm sized grains; disks have up to cm-sized grains.
So grain growth occurs.

Coagulation alone by brownian motion would lead to growth of 1 cm/Myr.

- x Drag
- x Fragmentation
- x Friction time and Stokes number
- x The meter-size barrier

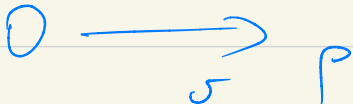
Coagulation and fragmentation balance.

Velocity? Drag matters

$$\text{Aerodynamic drag} = m \frac{dv}{dt} = \tau_{\text{friction}}$$

Epstein (ballistic) drag $\rightarrow$ free molecular flow

Cross section σ



Volume in time $\Delta t \rightarrow dV = \sigma v \Delta t$

In the reference frame of the object, the gas is travelling ballistically with speed $-v$.

Transferring all the momentum,

$$\vec{F}_d = \frac{dp}{dt} = p dV \cdot \frac{dv}{dt} = -p \pi s^2 v \vec{v}$$

Valid up to $\lambda = \frac{1}{n \sigma_{coll}} = \frac{1}{10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3} \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^2} \approx 1 \text{ nm}$

Integrate with Maxwell Boltzmann distrib. of velocities

Substitute v for MB $\int_0^\infty n(v) v^2 dv$

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{4\pi}{3} p s^2 v_{TH} \vec{v}$$

$$v_{TH} = \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{\pi m_{He}}} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{\pi}} c_s$$

slip

$$\text{Front side} \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{1}{v + v_{TH}}$$

$$\text{Back side} \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{1}{v - v_{TH}}$$

$$\Delta P = 2 m v_{TH}$$

$$\left(\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta t} \right)_{\text{front}} + \left(\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta t} \right)_{\text{back}} = \text{scaling} \quad v_{TH} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{(v + v_{TH})} - \frac{1}{(v - v_{TH})} \right]$$

$$\underline{v_{TH} \cdot v}$$

$$\text{Divide by } m = \rho \cdot \frac{4\pi}{3} s^3$$

$$f = \frac{F}{m} = - \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho s^2 v_{TH} v \quad \rightarrow \quad f = - v_{TH} \cdot \frac{\rho}{s} \cdot v$$

Effect of drag on dust dynamics

Friction timescale

$$t_{\text{friction}} = \frac{v}{\dot{v}} = \frac{v}{F} = \frac{1}{\beta v_{TH}} \quad ; \quad v \ll v_{TH}$$

Drag force becomes

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = - \frac{v}{t_{\text{friction}}}$$

Stokes number $St = \Omega t_{\text{friction}}$

At 120

$1 \mu\text{m} \rightarrow 4\text{s}$ ← small dust very well coupled

$1 \mu\text{m} \rightarrow 0.2 \text{ yr}$

Dimensionless friction time:

$$t_{\text{friction}} \cdot \Omega \equiv St$$

Stokes drag:

$$\vec{F}_D = -\frac{C_D}{2} \pi s^2 \rho v \vec{v} \quad C_D \approx \frac{24}{Re} \text{ low } Re$$

Settling:

$$C_D \approx 0.44 \text{ high}$$

Match F_{grav} and F_{drag}

$$\Omega^2 z = \frac{v_{TH} \cdot \rho \cdot s}{s \cdot \rho} \cdot s$$

$$\boxed{v = \frac{\rho \cdot s}{\rho v_{TH}} \cdot \Omega^2 z}$$

$$\rho \sim 10^{-10} \text{ g/cm}^{-3}$$

$$z \sim 10^{11} \text{ cm}$$

$$v_{TH} \sim 10^5 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$v \approx 0.06 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$\tau = z/v \approx 10^5 \text{ yr}$$

With coagulation

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \pi s^2 \cdot v_{\text{settle}} \cdot \epsilon \cdot \rho_{\text{gas}} \quad \downarrow v_{\text{settle}}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\Omega^2}{\sigma_{TH}} \epsilon \cdot z \cdot m$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = -\frac{\rho_0}{\rho} \cdot \frac{s}{\sigma_{TH}} \cdot \Omega^2 z$$

Show plot of Σ from v

The meter-size barrier.

Fragmentation barrier

Fragmentation threshold for silicate particles $\rightarrow \Delta v \approx 1 \text{ m/s}$.

Fragmentation - limited growth.

$$v_p = \frac{\sigma_g}{\sqrt{1+St}} \quad v_p^2 = \frac{\sigma_g^2}{1+St} \quad \therefore v_p^2 - \sigma_g^2 \approx \sigma_g^2 \left[\frac{1}{1+St} - 1 \right]$$

$$\approx \sigma_g^2 \left[\frac{1-1-St}{1+St} \right]$$

$$\approx \sigma_g^2 St$$

$$v^2 = \alpha St c_s^2 \quad ; \quad St = \frac{\rho \cdot S}{\mu H}$$

$$v_f^2 = \alpha \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot S}{\mu H} c_s^2 \quad c \approx 2H$$

$$\rho = \frac{\Sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot H} \quad \rightarrow \quad s_{max} \approx \frac{4}{3\pi} \frac{\Sigma}{\alpha \rho_m} \frac{\Delta v_f^2}{S^2}$$

$$s_{max} \approx \frac{10^3 \text{ g/cm}^2 \times (10^2)^2}{10^{-2} \times 3 \times 10^{10}} = \frac{10^{3+4+2}}{3 \times 10^{-2+10}} = 1 \text{ m}$$

Boulders are the maximum that something can grow by coagulation, and that's assuming no compaction.

Drift barrier

Gas rotates slightly sub-keplarian

$$\frac{\partial v - v_\phi^2}{\partial t} = -\frac{GM}{r^2} \quad \therefore \text{in equilibrium}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{GM}{r^3} \equiv \Omega_K$$

with pressure

$$\frac{\partial v - v_\phi^2}{\partial t} = -\frac{GM}{r^2} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$$

$$\Omega^2 r = \Omega_K^2 r + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$$

$$\Omega^2 = \Omega_K^2 + \frac{1}{r} \frac{c_s^2}{\rho_s^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$$

$$= \Omega_K^2 + \frac{c_s^2}{r^2} \frac{\partial \ln \rho}{\partial \ln r} \quad c = \Omega_K H$$

$$\Omega^2 = \Omega_K^2 + \frac{\Omega_K^2 H^2}{r^2} \frac{\partial \ln \rho}{\partial \ln r}$$

$$\Omega^2 = \Omega_K^2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{H}{r} \right)^2 \frac{\partial \ln \rho}{\partial \ln r} \right]$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_K \left[1 + \left(\frac{H}{r} \right)^2 \frac{\partial \ln p}{\partial \ln r} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\therefore u \ll 1$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_K \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{H}{r} \right)^2 \frac{\partial \ln p}{\partial \ln r} \right)$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_K (1 - \eta)$$

$$\eta \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{H}{r} \right)^2 \frac{\partial \ln p}{\partial \ln r}$$

$$u = \Omega r = u_K (1 - \eta) \quad u_K = \Omega_K \cdot r$$

$$\eta \approx 10^{-3}$$

Small particles $St \ll 1$

$$u_{wind} = u_K - u_g = \eta u_K \approx \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{H}{r} \right)^2 \cdot \Omega_K r \quad c = \Omega_K H$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{H}{r} \right) \cdot c$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} h \cdot c \approx 50 \text{ m/s}$$

$$50 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = 50 \times \frac{10^{-3} \text{ km}}{10^{-3} \text{ h}} \approx 100 \text{ miles/h}$$

$$\ddot{r} - r \dot{\phi}^2 = -\frac{v_K^2}{r} - \frac{\dot{r}}{\tau}$$

$$r \ddot{\phi} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\phi} = -\frac{r \dot{\phi}}{\tau} - \frac{u}{\tau}$$

steady state: $\ddot{r} = 0$; $\dot{\phi} = \Omega + u_{\text{ges}}$

$$\boxed{\dot{r} = -\frac{2St_s \eta v_K}{(1+St^2)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \dot{r}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{2\eta v_K (1+\tau_s^2) - 2\tau_s \eta v_K \cdot 2\tau_s}{(1+\tau_s^2)^2} = 0$$

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$$1+\tau_s^2 - 2\tau_s^2 = 0 \quad \therefore \boxed{St = 1}$$

$$\boxed{St = 1} \text{ fastest drift}$$

$$\text{size } \tau = \frac{\rho_0 s}{\rho_{\text{ges}} c_s} \quad \therefore St = 2\tau = \frac{\rho_0 s}{\rho_{\text{ges}} H}$$

$$S = \frac{\rho_g \cdot H}{\rho_p} = \frac{10^{-10} \times 10^{12}}{1} \approx 10^2 \text{ cm} \approx 1 \text{ m}$$

again $\rightarrow 1 \text{ m}$

$$\dot{r} = - \frac{2St\eta v_a}{(1+St^2)}$$

Small grains $St \ll 1 \rightarrow \dot{r} = -2\eta v_a \frac{St}{(1+St^2)}$

$$\approx -2\eta v_a \cdot St$$

In large particles $St \gg 1$

$\dot{r} = 0$ they don't feel the gas drag anymore

$$t_{\text{drift}} = \frac{r}{\dot{r}} = \frac{(1+St^2)}{2St\eta\Omega}$$

for $St=1$

$$t_{\text{drift, max}} = \frac{1}{2\eta\Omega} = \frac{T}{4\pi\eta} \approx 10^2 T$$

$$\eta \approx 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{At } 1 \text{ AU} \rightarrow 100 \text{ yrs}$$

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This is the fastest constraint EVER imposed on planet formation.

Meter-size barrier

Once m-sized objects are built, they are lost to the star.

Conclusion: Planetesimal formation must be rapid.

Radical redistribution is likely to occur.