# The turbulent birth of planets

# Wladimir (Wlad) Lyra

Sagan Fellow



NASA-JPL/Caltech



Tokyo Institute of Technology - March 2014

# **Star Formation**



# Protoplanetary Disks



## **Protoplanetary Disks**





## **Disk Lifetime**



Mamajek et al. (2009)

Take-home message #1:

# Planet formation must happen within 10 million years



## "Planets form in disks of gas and dust"



A miracle happens





## Planet formation timeline

(a) Collapse of gas cloud (t = 0)  $n \sim 10^4 - 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  T ~ 10K

(b) Protostar with disk (t ~ 0.1 - 1 Myr) n ~  $10^5 - 10^8$  cm<sup>-3</sup> T ~ 10-300 K

(c) Planet Formation (t ~ 1-10 Myr) n ~  $10^{14}$  -  $10^{15}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> T ~ 10-1000 K

(d) Disk evaporation (t ~ 10 Myr)

(e) Leftover disk of dust and debris (t >10 Myr) n  $\sim$  10-100 cm  $^{-3}$ 

(f) TA-DAH !!!

# **Classes of planets**



Rock

Gas

Ice

## **Chemical Composition**

The chemical composition of the Sun



## **Chemical Composition**

The chemical composition of the Sun



# What will the chemistry of the mixture be?

ннннн Не нининининининининининин Не инининининин нинини Не ининининини О ининининининининининини нының Неңының Сыңыныңың Неңыныңыныңыныңыныңының ннинининини Не инининининининининининини Не инин нин Онининининининин Ненини Онининининини нининини Ne ининининининини Нe ининининининини нининининининин Ненин Онинининининин Ненининин нннннннн Ненннн Siннннннннн Ненннн С ннннннн нинининини Оннинини Не инининининининини ни Ненинининининининининин Ненинининининини нинининининининининин Онинининининин нининининин Ненининининининининининининини нннннн Онннннннннн С нннннннн Не ннннннннннн ннинининини Не инининининининини О ининин Не ин нининининини Feнинининини Ненинининининини

# What will the chemistry of the mixture be?

ннннн Не нининининининининининин Не инининининин

нннннн Ненннннннн ннннн Неннннн Синини нннннннннннн нннн**о**нннннннннн нннннннн **Ne** ннннннн нннннннннннн Ненн Оннннин инининини нннннннн Ненннн Si нннннннннн Онннн ннНенннннннннн ннннн С ннннннннннн нннннннНеннннннн ннннннннннннн нинининини Ненини нннннн Оннннннннн нннннннннн Не ннннн

	ннннннннннннн
H₂	ннннннннннннн
	нннннннннн <b>Не</b> нннн
	інн <b>О</b> ннннннннннн
He	еннннннннннннн
	ннннннн <b>Не</b> ннннннн
H, O	ннннннннннннн
۷	н Не ннннн С ннннннн
CH	ннннннннннннн
4	еннннннннннннн
Ne	ннннннннн <b>Не</b> нннннн
	ІННННН <mark>N</mark> ННННННННН
NH <sub>3</sub>	)нннннннннннн <b>о</b> нн
Fe, Si	ннннннннннннн
	нн <b>Не</b> ннннннннннн
	ннннн <mark>О</mark> нннннн <b>Не</b> нн

нининининини Fe ининининини He ининининининини

# What will the chemistry of the mixture be?



ннннн Онннннннн Синнннннн Неининннннн н иннннннн Неининнннннн Оининн Неин иннннннн Feининннн Неининннн Неининн

## Temperature



Volatiles in gas phase

Volatiles in solid phase

Colder than ~150K, the volatiles  $(H_20, CH_4, NH_3)$ 

condense into *ices*.

## Formation





## Formation







# Formation









## Planet formation timeline

(a) Collapse of gas cloud (t = 0)  $n \sim 10^4 - 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  T ~ 10K

(b) Protostar with disk (t ~ 0.1 - 1 Myr) n ~  $10^5 - 10^8$  cm<sup>-3</sup> T ~ 10-300 K

(c) Planet Formation (t ~ 1-10 Myr) n ~  $10^{14}$  -  $10^{15}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> T ~ 10-1000 K

(d) Disk evaporation (t ~ 10 Myr)

(e) Leftover disk of dust and debris (t > 10 Myr) n  $\sim 10\text{--}100$  cm^{-3}

(f) TA-DAH !!!



## Planet formation timeline



## The planetesimal hypothesis



## How do planetesimals accrete??

The planetesimal hypothesis

From dust to rocks  $\mu$ m -> cm: Intermolecular forces cause sticking

> From rocks to planetesimals cm -> km: A miracle happens

From planetesimals to protoplanets km -> 1000 km: gravitational focusing



#### The planetesimal hypothesis

#### From dust to rocks

 $\mu$ m -> cm: Intermolecular forces cause sticking

From rocks to planetesimals cm -> km: A miracle happens

From planetesimals to protoplanets km -> 1000 km: gravitational focusing



#### <u>The meter size barrier</u>

#### Growth barrier

- through Hit-and-Stick? *They don't stick, they break* 

through Gravity?
They aren't massive enough

*Timescale barrier They migrate quite fast* 







![](_page_23_Picture_8.jpeg)

![](_page_23_Picture_9.jpeg)

#### Particle drift

![](_page_24_Figure_1.jpeg)

Take-home message #2:

# Dust moves <u>toward</u> high pressure regions

#### <u>The meter size barrier</u>

#### Growth barrier

- through Hit-and-Stick? *They don't stick, they break Gentle Collisions* 

- through Gravity? *They aren't massive enough* High number density

> Timescale barrier They migrate quite fast Stopping Mechanism

![](_page_26_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_6.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_7.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_8.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_9.jpeg)

## Turbulence

![](_page_27_Figure_1.jpeg)

## Turbulence

![](_page_28_Picture_1.jpeg)

Credit: Mario Flock (MPIA)

#### Particle drift

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Pressure Trap

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

Adapted from Whipple (1972)

#### Pressure Trap

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

Stellocentric distance

#### Turbulence concentrates solids mechanically in pressure maxima

![](_page_32_Picture_1.jpeg)

Lyra et al. (2008a)

### <u>Gravitational collapse into planetesimals</u>

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

Credit; Anders Johansen (Johansen et al. 2007)

#### The turbulence is a result of unstable equilibrium.

## Stable and Unstable Equilibria

![](_page_34_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Unstable Equilibrium

Does not return to equilibrium position when disturbed

## The instability mechanism is magnetic

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

Masses produce gravitational fields Static charges produce electric fields Moving charges produce magnetic fields

![](_page_36_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_37_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_37_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_38_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_38_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_39_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_39_Picture_2.jpeg)

## The instability mechanism is magnetic

Magnetic field lines have tension

![](_page_40_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Disks are not fully ionized

![](_page_41_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Picture_0.jpeg)

Lyra et al. (2008b)

## Vortices – An ubiquitous fluid mechanics phenomenon

![](_page_43_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_43_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_43_Picture_3.jpeg)

# Kelvin-Helmholtz Instability

![](_page_44_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Picture_5.jpeg)

## **Tea-leaf effect**

![](_page_45_Figure_1.jpeg)

Aid to planet formation (Barge & Sommeria 1995)

Speed up planet formation enormously (Lyra et al. 2008b, 2009a, 2009b, Raettig, Lyra & Klahr 2012)

## **Tea-leaf effect**

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

Credit: Natalie Raettig

Particles sink to the center

Aid to planet formation (Barge & Sommeria 1995)

Speed up planet formation enormously (Lyra et al. 2008b, 2009a, 2009b, Raettig, Lyra & Klahr 2012)

#### Vortices and Planet Formation

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

Collapse into Mars mass objects

(Lyra et al. 2008b, 2009a, 2009b, see also Lambrets & Johansen 2012)

#### Vortices and Planet Formation

![](_page_48_Figure_1.jpeg)

Collapse into Mars mass objects

(Lyra et al. 2008b, 2009a, 2009b, see also Lambrets & Johansen 2012)

#### Baroclinic Instability - Excitation and self-sustenance of vortices

![](_page_49_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_50_Figure_0.jpeg)

They are subject to an MRI-like instability when magnetized.

## "Elliptic" Instability

![](_page_51_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_51_Figure_2.jpeg)

Lesur & Papaloizou (2010)

See also Pierrehumbert 1986 Bayly 1986 Kerswell 2002 Lesur & Papaloizoy 2009 Lesur & Papaloizou 2010 Lyra & Klahr 2011 Lyra 2013

Infinitely elongated vortices are equivalent to shear flows. They are subject to an MRI-like instability when magnetized.

## Realistic Active/Dead zone boundary

![](_page_52_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### <u>Active/dead zone boundary</u>

t=22.28 ℃

![](_page_53_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_53_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### Magnetized inner disk + resistive outer disk Lyra & Mac Low (2012)

![](_page_53_Figure_5.jpeg)

#### A possible detection of vortices in disks?

![](_page_54_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### A possible huge vortex observed with ALMA

![](_page_55_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### A Major Asymmetric Dust Trap in a Transition Disk

Nienke van der Marel,<sup>1</sup>\* Ewine F. van Dishoeck,<sup>1,2</sup> Simon Bruderer,<sup>2</sup> Til Birnstiel,<sup>3</sup> Paola Pinilla,<sup>4</sup> Cornelis P. Dullemond,<sup>4</sup> Tim A. van Kempen,<sup>1,5</sup> Markus Schmalzl,<sup>1</sup> Joanna M. Brown,<sup>3</sup> Gregory J. Herczeg,<sup>6</sup> Geoffrey S. Mathews,<sup>1</sup> Vincent Geers<sup>7</sup>

The statistics of discovered exoplanets suggest that planets form efficiently. However, there are fundamental unsolved problems, such as excessive inward drift of particles in protoplanetary disks during planet formation. Recent theories invoke dust traps to overcome this problem. We report the detection of a dust trap in the disk around the star Oph IRS 48 using observations from the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA). The 0.44-millimeter-wavelength continuum map shows high-contrast crescent-shaped emission on one side of the star, originating from millimeter-sized grains, whereas both the mid-infrared image (micrometer-sized dust) and the gas traced by the carbon monoxide 6-5 rotational line suggest rings centered on the star. The difference in distribution of big grains versus small grains/gas can be modeled with a vortex-shaped dust trap triggered by a companion.

lthough the ubiquity of planets is con- tion mechanism of planetary systems in disks firmed almost daily by detections of of gas and dust around young stars remains a new exoplanets (1), the exact forma- long-standing problem in astrophysics (2). In

iencemag.org SCIENCE VOL 340 7 JUNE 2013

1199

Down

#### van der Marel et al. 2013

![](_page_56_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### Outer dead zone transition fails to produce dust traps

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)

### The outer dead zone transition in ionization is TOO SMOOTH to generate an KH-unstable bump.

## Spirals in disks

![](_page_58_Figure_1.jpeg)

Muto et al. (2012) Favored explanation: planets.

### Outer active zone/inner dead zone transition

![](_page_59_Picture_1.jpeg)

The outer active/dead zone transition is TOO SMOOTH to generate an RWI-unstable bump.

Waves from turbulent zone propagate into dead zone as SPIRALS.

#### Inner dead zone + Outer active zone model

![](_page_60_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_60_Figure_2.jpeg)

Moderately high resolution (32/H in the midplane), realistic resistivities.

Yes, a spiral propagates into the dead zone. But a vortex forms anyway.

#### Conclusions

• Planet formation in the active zone may occur through turbulence.

![](_page_61_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Conclusions

• Planet formation in the active zone may occur through turbulence.

• Planet formation in the dead zone may occur through vortices.

![](_page_62_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_63_Figure_0.jpeg)

- Kelvin-Helhmoltz (Rossby wave) happens at active/dead transitions
  - Baroclinic instability happens in the bulk of the dead zone
- Observations are finally becoming able to provide constrains to the theory

#### Conclusions

![](_page_64_Figure_1.jpeg)

Observations are finally becoming able to provide constrains to the theory