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TO PLANETS LECTURE 4















REVIEW

width scales with hill radius: $r_{\rm H} = a_{\rm p} \sqrt[3]{\frac{GM_{\rm p}}{3M_*}}$ $\Delta a_{\rm max} \approx Cr_{\rm H}$

Mass in the feeding zone grows with planet mass:

$$M_{\rm fz} \approx 2\pi a_{\rm p} \cdot 2\Delta a_{\rm max} \cdot \Sigma_{\rm p} \propto M^{1/3}$$

Isolation mass grows with cylindrical radius:

$$M_{\rm iso} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} \pi^{3/2} C^{3/2} M_*^{-1/2} \Sigma^{3/2} a_{\rm p}^3$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} M_{\rm iso} \approx 0.07 \; M_{\oplus} & \mbox{in the terrestrial region} \\ M_{\rm iso} \approx 9 \; M_{\oplus} & \mbox{in the giant planet region} \end{array}$

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LECTURE 4.1: PLANETESIMAL INTERACTIONS

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- Large number of planetesimals: statistical treatment
- Similar to gas molecules and kinetic gas theory
- "Hot" (many collisions, high velocity) vs. "cold" distributions
 - "Heating": mutual gravitational scattering
 - "Cooling": collisions, gas drag, ejection
- Treat eccentricity e, inclination i, and mass m using a distribution f(m, e, i)



- Kepler motion is characterised by 6 orbital elements:
 - Semi-major axis: a_p
 - Eccentricity: *e*
 - Inclination: *i*
 - Longitude of ascending node: Ω
 - Longitude of perihelion: ω
 - Time of passage at perihelion: T



- Hill coordinates (x, y, z) are rotating coordinates with the Keplerian angular velocity. In this frame, Keplerian motion is a superposition of shear, epicyclic, and vertical oscillations.
- For random Ω , ω , T the oscillations are randomly distributed about the systematic shear flow: $v \approx \sqrt{e^2 + i^2} v_K$

Numerical simulations give Rayleigh distribution for *e* and *i*:

$$f(e, i) = \frac{4e \sin i}{\langle e^2 \rangle \langle \sin^2 i \rangle} \exp \left[\frac{e^2}{\langle e^2 \rangle} - \frac{\sin^2 i}{\langle \sin^2 i \rangle} \right]$$

for small angles: $\sin i \sim i$



$$\sigma_R^2 = \frac{1}{2} \langle e^2 \rangle v_{\rm K}^2 \qquad \qquad \sigma_z^2 = \frac{1}{2} \langle i^2 \rangle v_{\rm K}^2 \qquad \qquad \text{RMS values: } \langle \cdot \rangle$$

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0.1 0.2 0.3 eccentricity 0.3 $\bar{e} = 0.1$, $\bar{i} = 5$

0.4 0

0.3

0.2

0.1

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• Equipartition of energy between eccentric and inclined motions (isotropic distribution with an equilibrium between "heating" and "cooling"): $\sqrt{\langle e^2 \rangle} = 2\sqrt{\langle i^2 \rangle}$

The Jacobi integral $E_{\rm J}$ is the only conserved quantity for the circular restricted three-body problem (the energy and momentum of the system are not separately conserved). For $m \ll M_p \ll M_*$ that are not too close:

$$\tilde{E}_{\rm J} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\tilde{e}^2 + \tilde{i}^2 \right) - \frac{3}{8} \tilde{b}^2 + \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\tilde{e} = \frac{e}{h} \qquad \tilde{i} = \frac{i}{h} \qquad \tilde{b} = \frac{b}{a_{\rm p}h}$$

$$h = \left(\frac{m}{3M_*}\right)^{1/3} \qquad \tilde{E}_{\rm J} = \frac{E_{\rm J}}{a_{\rm p}^2 h^2 \Omega_{\rm K}^2}$$

• The region $\tilde{E}_{\rm J} > 0$ defines the feeding zone of the larger mass: $2\tilde{b}_{\rm max} = 2\left[\frac{4}{3}\left(\tilde{e}^2 + \tilde{i}^2\right) + 12\right]^{1/2}$



- The random velocities set the growth regime: orderly, runaway, or oligarchic. The key ingredients are:
 - Viscous stirring (increase of random velocities) through collisions or gravitational scattering between planetesimals and protoplanets.
 - Dynamical friction: energy transfer from large to small bodies
 - Establishes energy equipartition between bodies of different sizes.
 - Damping due to dissipation in inelastic collisions and through gas drag.

VISCOUS STIRRING

- Distant fly-bys produce small angle deflections.
- Transforms some of the forward velocity (kinetic energy) to a random perpendicular velocity/energy.
- Integration over all encounters gives the increase of the random kinetic energy.



VISCOUS STIRRING

The rate of increase of the random velocity

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2}m\sigma^2\right) \longrightarrow \frac{4\pi G^2 m^3 \left(\frac{\Sigma_{\rm sw}\Omega_{\rm K}}{2m\sigma}\right)}{\sigma} \ln\Lambda = m\sigma \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$$
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{2\pi G^2 m}{\sigma^3} \Sigma_{\rm sw}\Omega_{\rm K} \ln\Lambda \propto \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \longrightarrow \sigma \propto t^{1/4}$$

Relaxation timescale: the time it takes for a particle to forget its initial velocity (or orbit).

$$\tau_{\rm relax} = \frac{\sigma^2}{d\sigma^2/dt} = \frac{2\sigma^4}{\Sigma_{\rm sw}\Omega_{\rm K}\pi G^2 m \ln\Lambda}$$

The viscous stirring rate is related to τ_{relax} by: τ_{vs} = d(e²)/dt ~ (e²)/τ_{relax}
 τ_{vs} ~ 6000 yrs for typical values at 1 au and m = 10¹⁹ g.

VISCOUS STIRRING

- On average, the increase of e is larger than that of i, but both relax into a Rayleigh distribution.
- The diffusion of planetesimals in semi-major axis is a result of a random walk due to two-body scattering.
- The growth rate of a protoplanet tends to decrease as it "heats" the neighbouring planetesimals.



DYNAMICAL FRICTION

Same principle as before, but now with different masses.



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- Same principle as before, but now with different masses.
- Massive body heats up its environment



Massive body is scattered less, smaller masses are scattered more. Many encounters lead to energy equipartition: 1 - 1

$$\frac{1}{2}m\sigma_m^2 = \frac{1}{2}M\sigma_m^2$$







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- Damping acts against viscous stirring, thereby facilitating growth. For strong damping, the system evolves into a shear dominated regime (thin planetesimal disc). The 2D dynamics lead to high collisional probabilities and large focussing factors → large growth rates.

F_{Stokes}

Assuming the random velocity is $v \sim ev_{\rm K}$, the damping timescales is approximately:

 $\tau_{\rm damp,gas} \approx \frac{mv}{F_{\rm drag}} = \frac{2m}{C_{\rm D}\pi a^2 \rho_{\rm gas} e v_{\rm K}} \propto a$

ORDERLY AND RUNAWAY GROWTH

 Γ =focusing factor

Recall our mass accretion rate including the focusing factor:

$$\frac{dM_{\rm p}}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Sigma_{\rm p} \Omega_{\rm K} \pi R_{\rm s} \left(1 + \frac{v_{\rm esc}^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

Depending on the velocity dispersion, we get two different growth regimes:

$$\frac{1}{M_{\rm p}} \frac{dM_{\rm p}}{dt} \propto \begin{cases} M_{\rm p}^{-1/3}, & \sigma \gg v_{\rm esc} \text{ (orderly)} \\ M_{\rm p}^{1/3}, & \sigma \ll v_{\rm esc} \text{ (runaway)} \end{cases}$$

- Viscous stirring increases σ, leading to orderly growth, with a power-law size distribution having most of the mass in the largest bodies.

OLIGARCHIC GROWTH

- Runaway growth continues until the feedback from the big bodies stirs up the neighbouring planetesimals again.
- Growth rates slows (similar to orderly growth), but are still faster than planetesimals in their surroundings (similar to runaway growth).
- Transition from runaway to oligarchic growth occurs between 10^{-3} – $10^{-2} M_{\oplus}$

OLIGARCHIC GROWTH



1. Core formation



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3. Hydrostatic growth



5. Runaway accretion



6. G

spersal

7. Kelvin-Helmholtz contraction



- Gas accretion begins very slowly because it is pressure supported. Prevents new gas from being accreted.
- Once a critical core mass is achieved, runaway gas accretion becomes very rapid.
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2. Atmosphere formation

4. Exceed critical core mass

6. Gas dispersal

GAS ACCRETION: EMBEDDED PHASE



Mid-plane cross section

Dust properties

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$$-12$$
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Full disc

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Vertical cross section



3D cube: rendered














Face on

Radial slice

Azimuthal slice





















3D cube: particles







Isothermal





Adiabatic





GAS ACCRETION: RUNAWAY GROWTH

The hydrostatic atmosphere is described by the structure equations (conservation laws)

• Mass:
$$\frac{dM}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho$$

- Momentum (force balance): $\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{GM}{r^2}\rho$
- Energy: external energy injection (ϵ), volume work (PdV), and internal energy (dU): $\frac{dL}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho \left(\epsilon - T \frac{\partial S}{\partial t}\right)$

• Energy transport (radiative vs convective): $\nabla_{\text{rad}} = \frac{3}{64\pi\sigma G} \frac{\kappa PL}{T^4 M}$ $\frac{dT}{dr} = \frac{T}{P} \frac{dP}{dr} \nabla$ where $\nabla = \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln P} = \min(\nabla_{\text{rad}}, \nabla_{\text{ad}})$ $\nabla_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\partial \ln T}{\partial \ln P} \Big|_{S}$

GAS ACCRETION: RUNAWAY GROWTH

Accounting for boundary conditions (attached vs detached) leads to a step-like growth behaviour:



GAS ACCRETION: RUNAWAY GROWTH



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TO PLANETS LECTURE 4.2: MIGRATION

MIGRATION

- Disc migration: interactions with the gas disc.
 - Type I: low mass planet.
 - **Type II:** massive planet in a gap.
 - Type III: turbulent migration (intermediate special case for massive disks).
- ► Tidal migration: planets whose orbit (or partial orbit) takes it close to the star → causing a bulge on the star.
- Gravitational scattering: interactions with other planets (particularly giant planets) or large number of planetesimals.
- Kozai cycles and tidal friction: planets that are inclined relative to the plane of a binary star (or other planets).

DISC MIGRATION

- Planets create non-axisymmetric, time-dependent gravitational potentials that make density waves in the gas disc (spiral waves).
- These density waves feedback onto the planet through gravitational torques, leading to angular momentum transport and migration.
- Orbital decay due to direct gas drag is negligible at planetary masses.
- Helps explain how hot Jupiters can exist so close to the host star when they preferentially form beyond the snow line.





The leading density enhancement pulls the planet forward (leading to outward migration), while the trailing density enhancement pulls the planet backwards (leading to inward migration).

- Assume there is no co-rotating material (Type II migration)
- δv_{\perp} does not change the angular momentum, but conservation of energy implies that a change in δv_{\perp} will alter δv_{\parallel} .



Gas interior overtakes the planet \rightarrow net gain in angular momentum. Gas exterior to the planet is overtaken by the planet \rightarrow net loss.



- The interaction is frictional with the net direction of migration depending on the difference between the interior and exterior torques.
- We are assuming linear trajectories (approximately true to circular orbits). Deflections cause departures from this geometry, so we assume disc viscosity is able to restore the geometry by the subsequent pass.

Net torque requires integrating over gas within small annuli on either side of the planet (i.e. from b to b + db) with a mass:

 $dm \approx 2\pi a_{\rm p} \Sigma db$

Differences in orbital frequencies:

$$\Delta t = \frac{2\pi}{|\Omega - \Omega_{\rm p}|}$$



For small displacements ($b \ll a_p$) a first order expansion of the frequencies gives: $|dQ_w| = 3Q_w$

$$|\Omega - \Omega_{\rm p}| \approx \left| \frac{d\Omega_{\rm K}}{da} \right| b = \frac{3\Omega_{\rm K}}{2a_{\rm p}} b$$

• We get the total temporal change in angular momentum by integrating over the exchange between all interacting gas parcels per unit time: $dJ = \int \Delta j \, dm$

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = -\int \frac{\Delta j \, dm}{\Delta t}$$

• Assuming $\Delta v \approx a_p |\Omega - \Omega_p| \approx (3/2)\Omega_p b$ and constant surface density, we can then integrate:

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = -\int_{b_{\min}}^{\infty} \frac{8G^2 M_p^2 \Sigma a_p}{9\Omega_K^2 b^4} db = -\frac{8G^2 M_p^2 \Sigma a_p}{27\Omega_K^2 b_{\min}^3}$$
• The migration time scale varies as:
(massive planets migrate faster)
$$\tau_{\min} = \frac{J}{dJ/dt} \propto \frac{1}{M_T}$$

 $M_{\rm p}$

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- More rigorous derivations require looking at resonances:
 - Co-rotation: $\Omega = \Omega_{\rm p}$ (if we neglect gas pressure and self gravity)
 - Lindblad: $m(\Omega \Omega_p) = \pm \kappa$ where m = 1, 2, 3, ... and κ is the epicyclic frequency (frequency at which a radially displaced fluid parcel will oscillate): $r_{\rm LR} = a_{\rm p} \left(\frac{m \pm 1}{m}\right)$

DISC MIGRATION: TYPE I

After a loooong derivation of the torques, the total torque can be derived by a summation of all resonances:

(resonance strength) \times (gas mass at resonance)

$$\Gamma = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_{\text{OLR}}^{m} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_{\text{ILR}}^{m} + \Gamma_{\text{CR}}$$

Skipping to the end...

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = -(1.36 + 0.54\text{p}) \left(\frac{M_{\text{p}}}{M_{*}}\right)^{2} \frac{\Sigma a_{\text{p}}^{4} \Omega_{\text{K}}^{2}}{h^{2}} \quad \text{where} \quad \Sigma \propto \left(\frac{R}{R_{0}}\right)^{-p}$$

Which gives a migration timescale of:

$$\tau_{\rm I} = (2.7 + 1.1 \text{p})^{-1} \frac{M_{\rm p}}{M_*} \frac{M_*}{\Sigma a_{\rm p}^2 \Omega_{\rm K}} \propto \frac{1}{M_{\rm p}}$$

The same scaling as our simple derivation.

DISC MIGRATION: GAP OPENING

- Recall the outer disc extracts angular momentum (moves out) and the inner disc loses it (moves in) → gap.
- Two conditions that need to be met for a gap opening:
 - Thermal: $r_{\rm H} \gtrsim H$ (prevents accretion above/below the mid-plane). This implies a mass ratio:

 $q = \frac{M_{\rm p}}{M_{*}} \ge 3h^{3} \qquad \left(\text{typically: } M_{\rm p} \gtrsim 0.13M_{\rm Jupiter} \right)$ • Viscous: $\tau_{\rm close} \gtrsim \tau_{\rm open}$ (viscosity refills the gap; usually the criterion controlling gap opening). Assuming that $b_{\rm min} = r_{\rm H}$ and $\nu = \alpha c_{\rm s} H$: $\left(\text{typically: } M_{\rm p} \gtrsim 2.5M_{\rm Jupiter} \right)$

$$\left(\frac{dJ}{dt} \right)_{\text{LR}} = -\frac{8G^2 M_p^2 \Sigma a_p}{27\Omega_{\text{K}}^2 b_{\text{min}}^3} \ge 3\pi\nu\Sigma a_p^2 \Omega_{\text{K}} = \left(\frac{dJ}{dt}\right)_{\text{visc}} \longrightarrow \quad q \ge \frac{243\pi}{8} \alpha h^2$$

DISC MIGRATION: TYPE II

- Once the gap is opened, the gas is being pushed away from the planet and the torques diminish (slows down).
- The planet is kept in the middle of the gap and migration happens on viscous timescales:

$$\tau_{\rm II} = \frac{a_{\rm p}^2}{\nu} = \frac{1}{\alpha} h^2 \Omega_{\rm K}^{-1}$$

• Only depends on the mass of the star and characteristics of the disc (independent of M_p). However, this is only valid if the planet is not too massive. Two regimes:

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- Thermodynamics is an important factor



EFFECTS ON DUST GAS





5209 yrs

Dipierro, Price, Laibe, Hirsh, Cerioli and Lodato

Plant gaps prevent large dust grains from migrating past the planet. Only small grains that are well coupled to the gas can still cross. Can affect the grain size distribution in the inner disc.

MEAN MOTION RESONANCES (MMR)



Multiple planet systems often form resonant chains as inner planets catch migrating planets behind them.
MEAN MOTION RESONANCES (MMR)

Similar to finding the natural frequency on a swing. Pushing at the right time is important for stable motion.





MEAN MOTION RESONANCES (MMR)

Structure in the astroid belt revealed when plotting the mean orbits (instantaneous snapshots don't show this because of the random eccentricities of the astroids). Similar effect in Saturn's rings.



TO PLANETS LECTURE 4.3: PHOTOEVAPORATION

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VISCOUS EVOLUTION

- Viscous evolution theory predicts:
 - Long disc lifetimes (~10-100 of Myr).
 - Discs should go progressively optically thin at all radii due to viscous accretion and spreading.
 - We should see many discs in "transition" phase.
- Observations show:
 - Discs are dispersed in ~1-10 Myr, with a median of 3-5 Myr.
 - Very few transition discs (~10%).
 - Clearing must be fast (~0.5 Myrs).



VISCOUS EVOLUTION

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 $t \sim 10^6 \text{ yrs}$

Viscous evolution predicts....

high mass high accretion rate

Observations instead show....

low mass low accretion rate



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Rare transition disk



Photometry from optical to mid-IR wavelengths
 Spitzer IR spectra

Stellar photosphereRange of SEDs for typical accreting T Tauri stars





Homogeneous draining



Two-colour diagram of young sources in Taurus







PHOTOEVAPORATION: EUV (13.6–100 eV)

• Thermal winds are produced by absorption of high energy radiation. Gas can escape if $c_s > v_{esc}$.



PHOTOEVAPORATION: EUV (13.6-100 eV)

- Ionises H at the disc surface ($T \sim 10^4$ K, $c_{\rm s} \sim 10$ km/s; negligible disc heating).
- Large absorption cross-section: peaks at 13.6 eV (drops as ν^{-3}).
 - Probably blocked at early times by accretion columns or (partially-) neutral X-ray/FUV winds.
- Dominated by diffuse recombination (~1/3 of H recombinations produce another ionising photon).
 - Mass loss is localised near $R_{\rm g}$.
 - Dispersal times are largely dependent on viscous accretion. 1/2

$$\dot{M}_{\text{wind}} \approx 4 \times 10^{-10} \left(\frac{\Phi}{10^{41} \text{ s}^{-1}}\right) \left(\frac{M_*}{M_\odot}\right)^{1/2} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$$



PHOTOEVAPORATION: FUV (6-13.6 eV)

- Drive significant heating in the disc surface (~100-1000s K) and can penetrate ~2 orders of magnitude deeper than EUV. Mostly attenuated by dust and PAHs.
- Mass-loss rate peaks at ~5-10 au, but only dominant beyond 100 au. Important for truncating the disc.
- ▶ Many heating mechanisms → complicated chemical networks.
 - Photoelectric emission from dust grains.
 - Neutral C ionisation.
 - H₂ photodissociation.
 - FUV pumping and collisional de-excitation of vibrationally excited H₂.
 - Reformation of H₂ from FUV dissociated H atoms.
 - Gas-grain collisions (dominated by surface area of small grains).
- Gas cooling is also important and occurs through fine-structure lines in atoms and low-lying rotational lines from molecules.

PHOTOEVAPORATION: X-RAY (0.1–1 keV)

- Young solar type stars emit 10⁻³ of their bolometric luminosity in Xray (main sequence stars only 10⁻⁷).
- Similar penetration to FUV. Base flows have T ~ 3000-5000 K and are ~ 40 × larger than EUV rates (≥ 0.3 - 0.4 keV; harder X-rays penetrate too deep to drive winds, but important for heating/ ionising mid-plane).
- Spectral range and high energies \rightarrow ionisation of inner (K-shell) electrons in heavier elements (primarily in O, but also C and Fe).
 - Gas primary heated by subsequent release of photo/Auger electrons that collisionally ionise and/or heat the lighter atoms/molecules in the disc.
- Cooling mainly through metal line emission and collisions with colder dust grains.

- X-EUV radiation ionises and heats the disc atmosphere:
 - Bound atmosphere at $R < R_g$.
 - Thermal wind at $R > R_g$ (large portion of the disc). Total mass loss rates $\sim 10^{-10} - 10^{-8} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (can be comparable to viscous accretion).
- Once accretion rates drop below the wind mass-loss rate at a given radius, a gap opens (typically near R_g).
 - The outer and the inner disc become decoupled. The inner disc is starved.
- Inner disc (viscously) drains rapidly onto the star producing a transition disc. Direct EUV and X-ray flux photoevaporate the outer disc from the inside out.









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- Combination of the two: planet-induced photoevaporation



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LECTURE 4.4: DEBRIS DISCS & COLLISIONS

DEBRIS DISCS Fomalhaut System

Hubble Space Telescope • STIS



NASA and ESA

STScI-PRC13-01a





2011

2010

Hubble

2014

AU Microscopii

VLT/SPHERE





Beta Pictoris

Survey of Circumstellar Disks

DEBRIS DISCS



NASA and ESA

STScI-PRC14-44a

HST • STIS



- Debris discs are made from collisional grinding of leftover km-sized planetesimals.
- Collisions are destructive, producing a collisional cascade that repopulates small grain sizes (observable).
- $M_{\rm disc} \ll 0.01 M_*$
- $L_{\rm disc} \ll L_*$
- > Dust and gas dynamics decoupled ($M_{\rm gas} < 10 M_{\rm dust}$).
- Lifetimes depend on the stability of the system, size of the remnant disc, and the amount of stirring (Myr–Gyr).

- Poynting-Robertson drag: stellar radiation causes a dust grain orbiting a star to lose angular momentum → radial drift. This is related to radiation pressure tangential to the grain's motion.
- (a) Stellar radiation comes from forward direction, but grain radiates isotropically.
- (b) Stellar radiation
 hits the grain laterally,
 but the grain appears
 to radiate more in the
 forward direction.



PR drag most pronounced for small objects close to the star:

$$F_{\rm PR} = \frac{v}{c^2} W = \frac{a^2 L_*}{4c^2} \sqrt{\frac{GM_*}{R^5}}$$

- Larger particles may not have constant surface temperature so radiation is not isotropic.
- Radiation pressure affects the effective force of gravity on the particle. Blows small particles away from the star and reduces the effective gravity of larger grains.

$$\beta = \frac{F_{\rm r}}{F_{\rm g}} = \frac{3L_*Q_{\rm PR}}{16\pi GM_*c\rho_{\rm grain}c}$$

- For $a \leq 1 \ \mu m$ and $\beta \gtrsim 0.5$: particles are blown out
- $0.1 < \beta < 0.5$: spiral in/out depending on size (eccentric orbits).
- $\beta \approx 0.1$: spiral in (lifetime roughly $\propto \beta^{-1}$; 10000 yrs at 1 au).

- Large grains and planetesimals contain most of the mass, but contribute little to no flux.
- Must characterise the invisible population of eroding parent bodies through modelling.

The observable portion of the collisional cascade extends up to 20cm



Without larger objects this would disappear in ~1 Myr; 200Myr age of Fomalhaut implies planetesimals ~4km



GIANT IMPACTS

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- The late stages of the collisional accretion of planets involves collisions between planetary-sized bodies. These giant impacts involve enormous amounts of energy and are probably responsible for a number of particularities in the solar system:
 - Anomalous density of Mercury
 - Earth-Moon similarities
 - The topography of Mars
 - Tilt of Uranus' rotation axis
 - Existence of Charon (Pluto's moon).
- It is the last giant impact that leaves traces. The geological clock is reset in the impact region (molten surface).



Comparison between the structure of the Earth and that of Mercury. Earth has a relatively small core and a huge mantle overlained by a thin crust. Mercury has an extremely large core (2000 km), a thin mantle (400 km), and a relatively thick crust (40 km). A layer of iron sulphide probably rims the metallic core.

Concentration of Elements on Lunar Highlands, Lunar Lowlands, and Earth



1.5

1.0 ∟ 3.0

3.5

4.0

4.5

δ¹⁸O (‰)

Moon

5.5

Mars meteorites

Vesta meteorites

6.0

6.5

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5.0

EARTH






LONG TERM EVOLUTION

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SUMMARY 1/2

- Random velocities are the result of viscous stirring, dynamical friction, damping. Together they determine the growth timescales of planetary cores.
- Largest cores experience runaway growth followed by slower oligarchic growth, limited by stirring and the isolation mass.
- Runaway gas accretion begins once the core reaches a critical mass of $10-20 M_{\oplus}$.
- Embedded planets migrate rapidly through the disc (type I migration). Once the planet is large enough, it opens a gap and the migration slows (type II migration).
 - Result of torques exerted by spiral density waves.

SUMMARY 2/2

- Disc lifetimes are shortened by thermal winds (photoevaporation).
- Once the viscous accretion rate is comparable to the wind mass loss rate, a gap in the inner disc forms. The inner disc drains onto the star and the outer disc is quickly removed from the inside out.
- The remaining debris disc collisionally evolves for long time periods. Planets continue to sweep up and eject material.
- Giant impacts likely occur early on. Planets stir up debris from the outer disc and send them on eccentric orbits.
 Important water delivery mechanism.



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