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From Stars and Disks to Planetary Systems

the stuff planets are made of

Outline

- Star formation and why disks form around protostars
- How chemistry traces the processes of star and disk formation
- Basic facts about planet forming disks
- Observing molecules in disks
- Forming molecules in disks

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Shocks

- Fast (\gtrsim 50 km/s) discontinuous shocks (J-shocks) \rightarrow jumps in density, temperature, velocity \rightarrow molecules get destroyed, re-form in post-shock gas
- Slow (\leq 50 km/s, strong B-fields) weak shocks (C-shocks) \rightarrow smooth gradients

Gravitational collapse

Collapse starts when the internal kinetic energy is smaller than the gravitational potential of a spherical cloud

 $\frac{3M_c kT}{\mu m_H} < \frac{3}{5} \frac{GM_c^2}{r_c}$

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The Jeans criterium (critical length scale): $M_c > M_{\rm J} = \left({5 k T \over G \mu m_H}\right)^{3/2} \left({3 \over 4 \pi \rho_c}\right)^{1/2}$

 M_1 ~1 M_{sun} (for typical conditions), R_1 ~0.5 pc

• The free-fall timescale: $t_{\rm ff} = \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{32}} \frac{1}{G\rho_c}$ ~ few thousand years, fast!!!

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmnkQ2ytlO8&t=7s

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recall lecture of Thanja Lamberts

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CO ice history from cloud to disk iceline at \sim 20 K (inside \sim 500 au, T>20 K) red: CO remains adsorbed green: CO desorbs and re-adsorbs pink: CO desorbs and remains desorbed blue: CO desorbs, re-adsorbs and desorbs once more

Planet forming disks and some basic facts to start with …

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not the 'typical' Photon-dominated region (PDR)

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Radial disk temperature gradients

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Forming molecules in disks …

Two examples: water and hydrocarbons

Which types of chemistry occur in disks?

cold gas warm gas (\approx 20 \degree C = 300 K)

 $\mathbf{\widehat{H}}$ H 16O

gas chemistry chemistry on dust grain surfaces

[van Dishoeck+2014]

long timescales !

[Aikawa et al., Bergin et al., Willacy $_{0.2}$] et al., Kamp et al., Thi et al., Glassgold et al., Meijerink et al., Najita et al., Semenov et al., …]

2D thermo-chemical disk model for a protoplanetary disk [Greenwood+ 2017]

[extended hydrocarbon chemical network: Kanwar+2024a,b]

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With a C/O>1, we form abundant hydrocarbons in the disk surface layer

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Grains grow from clouds to disks by a factor 10^3 -10⁴ in size.

Are they porous? compact? Do they keep their ice mantles?

classical grain/ice model stochastic grain/ice model

From molecules to planets …

chemistry occurs at all stages \rightarrow building up molecular complexity

we use molecules as tracers of physical conditions, time scales, transport processes (in-situ versus inheritance)

Disks provide very diverse conditions – many types of chemistry occur

How planets inherit the disk composition is a complex puzzle

The end…

Table 1. A Sample of Current Astrophysical Probes

^a References: (1) Herczeg et al. (2002), (2) Bary et al. (2003, 2008), (3) (Bitner et al., 2007), (4) Carr et al. (1993), (5) Najita et al. (2003); Brittain et al. (2007), (6) Carr & Najita (2008); Salyk et al. (2008), (7) Salyk et al. (2008), (8) Lahuis et al. (2006); Carr & Najita (2008), (9) Espaillat et al. (2007); Lahuis et al. (2007); Herczeg et al. (2007), (10) Dutrey et al. (1996); Kastner et al. (1997); Qi (2001); van Zadelhoff et al. (2001); Qi et al. (2006), (11) Dutrey et al. (1997); Kastner et al. (1997); van Zadelhoff et al. (2001); Qi et al. (2008), (12) Dutrey et al. (1997), (13) Dutrey et al. (1997, 2007b), (14) Dutrey et al. (1997); Thi et al. (2004), (15) Dutrey et al. (1997); Kastner et al. (1997); van Zadelhoff et al. (2001), (16) Dutrey et al. (1997); Kastner et al. (1997); van Zadelhoff et al. (2001); Qi et al. (2008), (17) Dutrey et al. (1997); Kastner et al. (1997), (18) Ceccarelli et al. (2004) , (19) van Dishoeck et al. (2003) ; Qi et al. (2008) , (20) Qi et al. (2008).

^b If the [Ne II] emission arises from a photoevaporative wind then the emission can arise from greater distances (Herczeg et al., 2007).

^c It is important to note that many of these species will have rotational emission inside 20 AU, particularly in the high-J transitions. However, the observations are currently limited by the spatial resolution, which will be overcome to a large extent by ALMA.

emission probes for protoplanetary disks

[Bergin+2009]