# How can dust aggregates *really* grow by collisions in protoplanetary disks?

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# 1. An overview on planet formation

## A small chronology of the world

13,7 Gyr Big bang; formation of the elements H and He 13,4 Gyr First stars and galaxies; first supernova explosions produce the heavy elements (C,N,O,Si,Fe,...) 12 Gyr Formation of the milky way 4,567 Gyr Formation of the solar system; at this point in time the interstellar medium has been enriched with 1% heavy elements Formation of the earth and the moon 4,5 Gyr 4,45 Gyr Layer structure of the earth 4,4 Gyr Solid earth crust 4,2 Gyr Early ocean 4 Gyr Plate tectonics >3,5 Gyr Earth's magnetic field >3,5 Gyr Origin of life 2,3 Gyr Formation of oxygen-rich atmosphere; formation of ozone 1 Gyr "Freeze-out" of inner earth core 0 Gyr Today

#### The five-stage process of planet formation



#### The planets of the solar system



#### Terrestrial vs. gaseous planets



#### The planets of the solar system



### Extrasolar planets

- Planets around solar-type stars
   Total of 333 extrasolar-planet candidates (17 Dec 2008)
   Spectroscopically detected: 307
   Transits: 54
- $\triangleright$  System with 2 or more planets: 31
- $\triangleright$  Planetary systems in double stars: 30
- $\triangleright$  Planetary systems in resonance: 5-7
- Fraction of stars with planets: 0-25% (depending on metallicity of the star)



#### Mass distribution of extrasolar planets



#### Orbits of extrasolar planets



# About the metallicity of stars and the connection to planets

The search for planets around stars in globular cluster has so far been unsuccessful; stars in globular clusters possess metallicities «1%.

 $\triangleright$  The sun possesses a metallicity of ~1%.

The mean metallicity of stars with extrasolar planets is >1%.



13,7 Gyr

Age of stars

in globular clusters

#### Star and planet formation belong together!

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- ▷ Elementary abundances
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Houdek & Gough 2007

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Radiometric dating:				
Material	Age			
Earth (Zircon, Australia)	4.40 Gyr			
Moon (highland rocks)	4.1-4.4 Gyr			
Meteorite (oldest from Mars)	4.5 Gyr			
Meteorite (chondrules)	4.564 Gyr			
Meteorite (CAI)	4.567 Gyr			
Age determination of the sun (evolutionary				
models and helioseismology data):				
Authors	Age			
Guenther & Demarque 1997	4.5±0.1 Gyr			
Bonnano, Schlattl & Paterno 2002	4.57±0.11 Gyr			

4.68±0.02 Gyr



## Star formation – an overview

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# Molecular clouds I

## Molecular clouds II

## Molecular clouds III



#### Molecular clouds IV: dust and gas

Figure 1 Visible and near-infrared images of Barnard 68. Top, deep B,V,I band (0.44 µm,  $0.55 \,\mu\text{m}, 0.90 \,\mu\text{m}$ ) image ( $\sim 7' \times 7'$ ) of the dark molecular cloud Barnard 68 taken with ESO's Very Large Telescope (VLT) located in the Chilean Andes. The cloud is seen in projection against the Galactic bulge. At these optical wavelengths the cloud is completely opaque owing to extinction of background starlight caused by small interstellar dust particles that permeate the cloud. The complete absence of foreground stars projected onto the cloud is a result of the proximity of the cloud to the Solar System (125 pc). The outer radius of the cloud is comparable to the inner size of the Oort cloud of comets that surround the Sun ( $\sim 10^4$  Au). The mass of the cloud is about twice that of the Sun. Bottom, deep B,I,K band image of the cloud constructed by combining an infrared K band (2.2  $\mu$ m wavelength) image with the B and I images. The K band image was obtained with ESO's New Technology Telescope (NTT) in the Chilean Andes. At near-infrared wavelengths the cloud becomes transparent and the stars located behind the cloud clearly appear in the image. Because these stars are observed only in the longest of the three wavelength bands, they appear very red in this three-colour image. These are the stars that provide measurements of dust extinction directly through the cloud.

#### Molecular clouds V: the interior







Fig. 1. SCUBA map at 850  $\mu$ m (left) and SIMBA map at 1.2 mm (right) of Barnard 68, with superimposed  $A_V$  contours. The  $A_V$  and SCUBA maps have been smoothed to match the SIMBA resolution (*FWHM* = 24"; the beamsize is shown on the right image). All images have been resampled to a pixel size of 12". The field of view is 5' × 5'.  $A_V$  contours start at 4 mag and are spaced by 4 mag. For both images, the grayscale in units of S/N.



Bonnell et al. 2007

Fig. 2.— The gravitational fragmentation of molecular cloud is shown from a simulation containing initial structure (*Klessen et al.*, 1998). The gravitational collapse enhances this structure producing filaments which fragment to form individual stars. The time t is given in units of the free-fall time.



Fig. 8.— The fragmentation of a 1000  $M_{\odot}$  turbulent molecular cloud and the formation of a stellar cluster (*Bonnell et al.*, 2003). Note the merging of the smaller subclusters to a single big cluster.

# Stars form in clusters: the open clusters h und $\chi$ Persei



#### Protoplanetary Disks · Orion Nebula Hubble Space Telescope · WFPC2





PRC95-45b • ST Scl OPO • November 20, 1995 • M. J. McCaughrean (MPIA), C. R. O'Dell (Rice University), NASA

#### Planet formation must be a (relatively) fast process!

Maximum lifetime of protoplanetary disks 10<sup>7</sup> years



#### What have we learned so far?

- $\triangleright$  The sun and our planets formed concurrently 4.567 billion years ago.
- Extrasolar planetary systems can be similar to or different from the solar system.
- $\triangleright$  Dust plays a decisive role in the formation of the planets.
- The lifetime of protoplanetary disks, the birthplaces of planets, is a few million years.

# 2. The minimum mass solar nebula model

#### Solar-system data

	Mass	Femass	Solar comp	Zone limits	Surface density	
	$(M_{\oplus})$	$(M_{\oplus})$ fraction	fraction	mass $(M_{\oplus})$	(AU)	$(g \text{ cm}^{-2})$
Mercury	0.053	0.62	27	0.22	880	
Venus	0.815	0.35	235	0.56	4750	
Earth	1	0.38	320	0.86	3200	
Mars	0.107	0.30	27	1.26	95	
Asteroids						
present	0.0005	0.25	0.1	2.0	0.13	
original	0.15?		30		40	
_				3.3		
Jupiter	318	-	600-12 000	7.4	120-2400	
Saturn	95	-	1000-6000	14.4	55-330	
Uranus	14.6	-	700-2000	24.7	15-40	
Neptune	17.2	-	800-2000	35.5	10–25	

#### Planetary zones: masses and surface densities

Weidenschilling 1977

#### Inferred surface densities



Fig. 1. Surface densities,  $\sigma$ , obtained by restoring the planets to solar composition and spreading the resulting masses through contiguous zones surrounding their orbits. The meaning of the 'error bars' is discussed in the text.

# 3. Dust-particle condensation

#### The condensation sequence

- $\triangleright$  Formation of an accretion disk.
- ▷ The disk is initially hot
   → few dust grains.
- As the disk cools down, dust particles condense.
- Dust materials: oxides, silicates, organics, ices.

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 $\triangleright$  Particle sizes: sub-µm - µm.

TABLE II Condensation temperatures for selected materials

	T	Material
	$1680 { m K}$	$Al_2O_3$
	$1590 { m K}$	$CaTiO_3$
	$1400 { m K}$	$MgAl_2O_4$
	$1350 { m K}$	$Mg_2SiO_4$ , iron alloys
	$370 \mathrm{K}$	${ m Fe_3O_4}$
	180 K	water ice
	$130 \mathrm{K}$	$ m NH_3 \cdot H_2O$
	$40~\mathrm{K}-80~\mathrm{K}$	methane, methane ices
e 2007	50 K	argon



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## 4.

# What causes the dust grains to move (and to collide)?

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# What causes the dust grains to move (and to collide)?

- **Brownian motion** (Weidenschilling 1984)
- Vertical sedimentation, radial drift, azimuthal velocity differences (Weidenschilling 1984)
- Gas turbulence (magneto-rotational instability or selfinduced) (Balbus & Hawley 1991; Johansen et al. 2006; Weidenschilling 1980; Sekiya 1998)

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Blum et al. 2006



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# A MMSN model for the collision velocities between protoplanetary dust grains



#### Alternative models



#### 5.

# What happens in a collision between two dust particles/aggregates?





Heim et al. 1999





Heim et al. 2005

#### The importance of the threshold velocity for sticking

 $\triangleright v_{SG} \approx v_{AG} \approx v_{FR}$ 

 $v_{\text{SG}}$ : threshold velocity for single-grain sticking

- $v_{AG}\!:$  threshold velocity for fractal-dust-aggregate sticking
- $v_{FR}$ : threshold velocity for dust-aggregate fragmentation.
- ▷ The threshold velocity for dust-aggregate sticking is dependent on the monomer size.



### 6. How does dust agglomeration start?



Relative velocities due to Brownian motion, drift, gas turbulence

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<u>BPCA</u> *N*=4





































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#### BCCA N=4

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<u>BCCA</u> *N*=512



<u>BCCA</u> *N*=1024











growth timescale determined by collision timescale



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## 7. Why do the dust aggregates not continue to grow the "fractal" way?

#### The restructuring/compaction growth regime

#### Low impact energy: hit-and-stick collisions



#### Intermediate impact energy: compaction

- $\triangleright$  Collisions result in sticking.
- Impact energy exceeds energy to overcome rolling friction (Dominik and Tielens 1997; Wada et al. 2007).
- ▷ Dust aggregates become non-fractal (?) but are still highly porous.

#### 8.

# Collisions between high-porosity non-fractal dust aggregates




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STICKING	STICKING	BOUNCING	BOUNCING	BOUNCING +
+	+	+	+	(PARTIAL) STICKING +
NO COMPACTION	COMPACTION	COMPACTION	FRAGMENTATION	FRAGMENTATION
Wurm & Blum 1998 Blum et al. 1998 Blum & Wurm 2000 Blum et al. 2000 Blum et al. 2002 Blum & Schräpler 2004 Krause & Blum 2004	Blum & Wurm 2000 Langowski et al. 2008 Teiser & Blum (in prep.)	Blum & Münch 1993 Heißelmann et al. (in prep.) Weidling et al. (subm.) Güttler & Blum (in prep.)	Blum & Münch 1993 Schräpler & Blum (in prep.) Wurm et al. 2005a Paraskov et al. 2007 Teiser & Wurm (in prep.) Lammel et al. (in prep.)	Wurm et al. 2005b Paraskov et al. 2007 Teiser & Wurm <del>2008</del> A Güttler & Blum (in prep.)





PROJECTILES: v = 0.9 m/s;  $\emptyset$  = 2-3 mm;  $\varphi$  = 0.07





TARGET: dust particles:  $\emptyset$  0.1-10 µm SiO<sub>2</sub> (irr.) target  $\emptyset$  = 25 mm;  $\varphi$  = 0.07 Langkowski et al. 2008





#### Breaking of inter-particle bonds





 $\varnothing$  0.6 mm SiO<sub>2</sub> aggregate ( $\varphi$  = 0.35) projectile @ 8.4 m/s impact velocity onto solid SiO<sub>2</sub> target



### An attempt for categorization



## 9.

## How large can dust aggregates really grow by direct sticking?

### The "facts"

- Collision velocity increases with increasing aggregate size in all solar-nebula models.
- $\triangleright$  Growth is limited by fragmentation.

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▷ Fragmentation threshold  $v_{th} \approx 1$  m/s, but depends on monomer size.





### The growth range in the MMSN model



### How fast can we reach the decimeter size?



Growth timescale to dm size of  $\sim 10^3$  years confirmed by more sophisticated model of Dullemond & Dominik 2005

taken from:

## 10.

## Is a dust-aggregate size of ~1 dm sufficient for the later formation of planets?

### At which size becomes gravity important ?

- ▷ As long as the nebular gas is around  $(10^6 10^7 \text{ yrs})$ , relative velocities between (≤ km-sized) protoplanetary bodies are ≤ 50 m/s.
- ▷ Escape velocity  $v_{esc}$  [m/s]  $\approx$  *d* [km].
- ▷ Typical rebound velocity of bouncing or fragmenting projectile  $\sim 0.2 \times v_{imp}$  (i.e. coefficient of restitution  $\sim 0.2$ ).
- ▷ Size above which impacting dust aggregate *must* stick:  $d_{crit} \approx 10$  km.



### The growth range 1 dm ... 1 km

### Basically unsolved, due to the following problems:

- ▷ Radial drift:
  radial velocity peaks at ~1 m bodies;
  drift timescale ~100 yr ("meter-size barrier");
  smaller and larger bodies need longer
  times ( $\tau \propto s^{-1}$  for  $s \leq 1m$ ;  $\tau \propto s$  for  $s \geq 1m$ ).
- High collision velocities: experiments suggest no direct sticking, but rather compaction and fragmentation.

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## 11. Can the dm-size barrier be shifted to larger sizes?

# Ways around the radial drift problem and/or the fragmentation threshold

- Capture of m-sized bodies in turbulent eddies (Klahr & Bodenheimer 2006; Johansen et al. 2006a)
- ▷ Suppressed radial drift in dust-dominated sub-disk
- Fast growth of m-sized bodies in dust-dominated sub-disk due to high number densities, low relative velocities, and/or gravitational instability (Schräpler & Henning 2004; Johansen et al. 2006b; Johansen et al. 2007)
- Fast growth of m-sized bodies by secondary accretion mechanisms (Wurm et al. 2001; Blum 2004)
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# Capture of macroscopic particles by long-living gas vortices



- Trapping of solid objects in pressure maxima and/or in anticyclonic vortices.
- Basically all solid bodies with sizes
   0.1-10 m are efficiently captured.
- No escape of dust with sizes 0.1-1000 m from vortices.
- Low relative velocities within the vortices
  - $\Rightarrow$  collisional growth ?
- No shear inside vortices.
- ▷ Concentration of the dust particles in the centers of the vortices ⇒ gravitational instability ?

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#### $\Delta$ : 1m dust particle

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### Gravitational instability (Johansen et al. 2007)



- ▷ In absence of turbulence, >cm-sized dust aggregates sediment towards the midplane of the protoplanetary disk.
- When the dust density exceeds the gas density, the gas in the midplane is forced to rotate at Keplerian velocity. Due to the shearing between the midplane rotation and the layers above/below the midplane, a Kelvin-Helmholtz instability forms.
- ▷ Due to a local variation of the dust-to-gas ratio and, thus, the rotation speed, a "clumping instability" occurs.
- $\triangleright$  Gravitationally-bound dust ensembles are formed when the dust size exceeds ~0.1 m.
- ▷ Direct formation of planetesimals with sizes up to 100-1 000 km, if fragmentation is negligible.
- ▷ However, if collisions results in fragmentation, no net growth occurs (Johansen et al. 2008).

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## 12. The next steps towards planetary-system formation

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### Accretion of planetesimals

- $\triangleright$  Gas friction is negligible
- > Typical collision velocity < escape velocity</p>
  - Gravitational sticking
  - <u>Collision probability increased due to gravitational focussing</u>
     → large bodies grow faster than small bodies





Kokubo & Ida 2000

### Formation timescales of terrestrial planets

Time <sup>\$</sup> (yr)	Size	Process	
0	10⁻ <sup>6</sup> m	Condensation of dust particles	)
~ 10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	0.1 m	Agglomeration with high sticking probability	Stage 1
? (< 10 <sup>7</sup> )§	10 km	Planetesimals with mass <i>m</i> <sub>0</sub>	Stage 2
Time <sup>#</sup> (yr)	Mass	Process	
~ 10 <sup>3</sup>	30 m <sub>0</sub>		)
~ 7×10 <sup>3</sup>	10 <sup>5</sup> <i>m</i> <sub>0</sub>		
~ 2×10 <sup>4</sup>	10 <sup>6</sup> <i>m</i> <sub>0</sub>		
~ 6×10 <sup>4</sup>	10 <sup>7</sup> <i>m</i> <sub>0</sub>		Stage 3
~ 10 <sup>5</sup>	10 <sup>7,5</sup> <i>m</i> <sub>0</sub> ; 0,01-0,1 <i>M</i> <sub>E</sub>	Planetary embryos (isolated)	J
~ 10 <sup>6-7</sup>	0.1-0.5 <i>M</i> <sub>E</sub>	Protoplanets (+ embryos; embryos are slowly consumed)	
~ 10 <sup>7-8</sup>	1 <i>M</i> <sub>E</sub>	Planets on isolated orbits	J

<sup>\$</sup> Since the formation of the sun

§ Dispersion of the nebula after  $\sim 10^7$  years

<sup>#</sup> Since the formation of planetesimals

### Making terrestrial planets



### Making terrestrial planets



Raymond et al. 2004

### Overview of the formation of terrestrial planets



### The five-stage process of planet formation



### The formation of gas planets

Two hypotheses for the formation of the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune:

- 1. Gravitational instability (Boss 2001; 2003; 2007)
  - $\triangleright$  Pro: fast process.
  - Con: unclear whether the process is feasible (problems with radiation transport);
     "Brown Dwarf Desert".



- 2. Formation of a 10-15 M<sub>E</sub> solid core; gravitational accretion of gas (Pollack et al. 1996; Klahr & Bodenheimer 2006; Klahr & Kley 2006)
  - Pro: gas accretion on solid core well understood and fast (within ~300.000 yrs).
  - ▷ Con: formation of a 10-15  $M_E$  terrestrial planet within < 10<sup>7</sup> yrs difficult; possible if (1) long-living eddies exist in the gas, which can efficiently trap m-sized bodies (in this case, no need for stages 2-3) or (2) if the mass density is sufficiently high.

### Masses and sizes of extrasolar planets



Tests of the formation hypotheses of gas planets:

- → Do extrasolar planets possess a core with more than ~1-2% of the planetary mass?
- → Simultaneous measurement of mass and radius of extrasolar planets.

### Masses and sizes of extrasolar planets



### Core masses of extrasolar planets

#### Tests of the formation hypotheses of gas planets



Prediction model 1: core mass / total mass ~0.01 – 0.02.

Prediction model 2: core mass  $\geq$ 10-20 earth masses.
### Core masses of extrasolar planets



#### The formation of gas planets within 10<sup>6</sup>-10<sup>7</sup> yrs (model 2)



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Klahr & Kley 2006

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Klahr & Kley 2006

### Has the formation of a gas planet been (indirectly) observed in statu nascendi?



http://hubblesite.org/newscenter/archive/releases/1999/03

http://hubblesite.org/newscenter/archive/releases/2003/02/image/b/

### The five-stage process of planet formation



## Planet migration und reorganization



Excitation of spiral density waves in the gas by the planet; torque anisotropy between inner and outer disk; in most cases, the influence of the outer spiral wave dominates so that the planet loses angular momentum and spirals radially inward. Stop of migration by (a) clearing of the nebula or (b) tidal friction with the central star.



http://www.maths.qmul.ac.uk/~masset/moviesmpegs.html

# The Nice model for the dynamic evolution of the giant planets of the solar system



# 13. Conclusions

### The five-stage process of planet formation



## CONCLUSION ON DUST AGGLOMERATION

- The growth of protoplanetary dust from (sub-)micrometer to ~10 cm in size (model dependent !) is caused by sticking collisions and is rather well understood.
- ▷ Initial growth timescales from  $\mu$ m to dm size are ~10<sup>3</sup> yrs (@1AU for the MMSN model).
- However, the further growth is still extremely speculative (and undoubtedly complex); direct collisional growth seems unlikely; secondary growth mechanisms, high-number-density effects and/or gravitational instabilities might be important.

 $\rightarrow$  work in progress ... stay tuned!

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