Particle Distribution in Protoplanetary Disks



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How do stars and planets form?





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Jets and outflows: powerful collimated bipolar winds

Accretion and winds stop, remaining material in the disk evolve to form a planetary system

Planetary systems are a "side effect" of Star Formation

PROTOPLANETARY DISKS



Made of gas (~90%) and dust (~10%)

Most of the gas is accreted to the protostar We believe that the dust evolve to form terrestrial planets and the core of giants gaseous planets



Difficult to explain; several theoretical problems.



Near the star, probability of fragmentation increases Then, they are accreted into the star

Drift and fragmentation timescale << growth timescale



Theoretically, difficult to explain particles > 1 m

(See Francois lecture!!)

Credits: T. Birnstiel



Optical/IR —> Large extinction (specially earliest stages) mm-cm wavelengths —> mid-plane

> We also need very high angular resolution: 1 AU @ 100 pc ~10 mas —> Interferometry

HL Tau ~1 Myr

HL TAU

HD 169142 ~ 5 Myr

TW Hya ~10 Myr

1990s

2000s





Very Large Array (VLA)



27 antennas 30 m diameter

Maximum extension ~30 km Maximum resolution ~40 mas



New Mexico (USA)

Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA)



66 antennas 7 and 12 m diameter Maximum extension ~ 16 km Maximum resolution ~ 10 mas

Atacama (Chile) 5,000 m altitude





Dust transparency-

Both allow to study dust emission at scales of a few astronomical units

pre-ALMA Era

Obtaining physical parameters of the dust

Absorption-only approximation



$$T_B = T_{dust}(1 - e^{-\tau_{\nu}})$$

Optical depth ->
$$\tau_{\nu} = \Sigma_{dust} \kappa_{\nu}$$

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Dust Density Mass absorption Coefficient



Observer

$$I_{\nu} = B_{\nu}(T_{dust})(1 - e^{-\tau_{\nu}}) \qquad T_{B} = T_{dust}(1 - e^{-\tau_{\nu}})$$

Optical depth ->
$$\tau_{\nu} = \Sigma_{dust} \kappa_{\nu}$$

Optically THICK

$$\tau_{\nu} > > 1$$
 $I_{\nu} \simeq B_{\nu}(T_{dust})$ $T_B \simeq T_{dust}$



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ALMA observations of Lupus

Ansdell et al. 2016

 $Mass = \frac{F_{\nu} d^2}{\kappa_{\nu} B_{\nu} (T_{dust})}$



Testi et al. 2022

<u>Mass budget problem:</u> After 1 Myr, there is not too much dust mass Planets should form very fast Table 1. Characteristic age of the regions.

Name	Median age (Myr)	25% (Myr)	75% (Myr)
Corona Australis	0.6	0.5	2.1
L1688	1.0	0.5	2
Taurus	0.9	0.5	1.7
Lupus	2.0	1.3	3.6
Chamaeleon I	2.8	1.4	6.6
Upper Scorpius	4.3	2.7	7.6

Notes. Median, lower and upper quartiles of the age of the stars in each region, derived from a comparison with the Baraffe et al. (2015) evolutionary tracks. In computing the ages, we considered only stars with masses in the range $0.15 \le M_{\star}/M_{\odot} \le 1.0$.



Power-law dependence of opacity

This is ok in the millimeter wavelength range for millimeter-sized particles (D'Alessio et al. 2001)

$$\kappa_{\nu} = \kappa_0 (\nu/\nu_0)^{\beta}$$

$$\tau_{\nu} = \tau_0 (\nu/\nu_0)^{\beta}$$



Optically THIN

 $\tau_{\nu} < < 1$ $I_{\nu} \simeq \overline{B_{\nu}(T_{dust})} \tau_{\nu}$ $T_{B} \simeq T_{dust} \tau_{\nu}$

$$\tau_{\nu} = \Sigma_{dust} \kappa_{\nu} \propto \nu^{\beta}$$

 $I_{\nu} \simeq B_{\nu}(T_{dust}) \tau_{\nu} \propto \nu^{2+\beta}$

 $\beta = f(a_{amax})$





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Pérez et al. 2015

<u>MODELING OF HIGH MILLIMETER IMAGES IN THE PRE-ALMA ERA</u>

Large particles (up to meters) are present in disks with some Myrs

But, radial drift is very important. Large particles are highly concentrated at the center of the disks

Planet formation takes place only at the central parts?

ALMA Era

Disks are more complicated and Scattering is important

October 2014 The era of ALMA began



HL Tau @ 1.3 mm

ALMA Partnership+2015 (press release published in October 2014)

Two "solar system" analogues HL Tau TW Hya ~1 million years ~10 million years

r~1 AU

ALMA Partnership+2015

Andrews+2016

More disks... more rings and gaps



More disks... more rings and gaps



Almost all disks show rings and gaps



D-SHARP project ; Andrews et al. (2018)



ALMA Taurus Survey ; Long et al. (2019)

Also more compact disks; we do not know how is their structure

WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PLANET IS FORMING



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structure of the disk

PDS 70



Direct detection of a protoplanet

Benisty+2021

PDS 70



Direct detection of a protoplanet Circumplanetary Disk

Benisty+2021

But planets are not always the answer

Several mechanisms have been proposed to form rings and gaps
Gaps, Rings and non-axisymmetric structures in protoplanetary disks (Flock+2015; Ruge+2016)





Rings CONCENTRATE large dust grains



Large dust grains concentrate at the center of the ring

> Flock+2015; Ruge+2016

Rings are unstable and they form VORTICES



... and vortices also CONCENTRATE larger dust grains



DUST TRAPS



Sierra et al. 2017

The most important result from ALMA:

Particle distribution is not smooth Dense rings and gaps are frequent

Dense rings are actually excellent places to form planets... They naturally stop <u>migration</u> and <u>accumulate</u> large dust grains

Are rings and gaps always a consequence of the presence of already formed protoplanets? Or Are rings and gaps a necessary condition to trigger the formation of planets?



DISK





~1,000 °C

DISK



COLD ~ -200 °C















HIGH DENSITY OF PARTICLES AT THE ICE LINE



PLANETESIMALS WITH WATER

NOW, ALMA ALLOWS TO STUDY PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION IN DETAIL

...But, there is a problem



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Spectral index between two optically thin wavelengths gives information about the particle size

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Wavelength (mm)



Pinte+2016



Jin+2016

Emission at all ALMA wavelengths is <u>optically thick</u>



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Pinte+2016

Jin+2016

Absorption only



IN OPTICALLY THICK REGIONS WE ONLY SEE THE SURFACE





Using optically thick wavelengths, we wrongly estimate larger particles

ALMAVLA<10 mm</td>>6 mm



Dust transparency-

We need high quality images at longer wavelengths







At wavelengths ~ 1 cm, emission is optically thinner and trace location of large particles

Carrasco-González+2016

Macías, Carrasco-González+2023



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Optically thin emission is sensitive to the <u>dust content</u> in the rings

Actually, much more complicated... Usual expression assumes opacity is dominated only by absorption

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In a protoplanetary disk, at millimeter wavelengths, opacity is most probably <u>dominated by scattering</u>



Simple case, thin disk:

$$I_{\nu} = \int_{0}^{\tau_{\nu}/\mu} S_{\nu}(T) e^{-t/\mu} \frac{dt}{\mu} \\ = B_{\nu}(T) [(1 - \exp(-\tau_{\nu}/\mu)) + \omega_{\nu} F(\tau_{\nu}, \omega_{\nu})],$$

where

$$F(\tau_{\nu}, \omega_{\nu}) = \frac{1}{\exp(-\sqrt{3} \epsilon_{\nu} \tau_{\nu})(\epsilon_{\nu} - 1) - (\epsilon_{\nu} + 1)} \times \left[\frac{1 - \exp(-(\sqrt{3} \epsilon_{\nu} + 1/\mu)\tau_{\nu})}{\sqrt{3} \epsilon_{\nu} \mu + 1} + \frac{\exp(-\tau_{\nu}/\mu) - \exp(-\sqrt{3} \epsilon_{\nu} \tau_{\nu})}{\sqrt{3} \epsilon_{\nu} \mu - 1}\right].$$

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Different wavelengths trace dust at different heights in the disk

This expression is valid if the temperature of the different layers is not very different

Spectral index is extremely difficult to interpret



Zhu et al. 2019 Sierra et al. 2020

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Only depends on three free parameters: T_{dust} , Σ_{dust} , a_{max} (p=3.5)



Carrasco-González+(2019)

HL Tau

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Carrasco-González+(2019)

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SED fitting at each radius $\rightarrow T_{dust}(r)$, $\Sigma_{dust}(r)$, $a_{max}(r)$

ALMA@1.3 mm ALMA@2.1 mm VLA@8.0 mm

Carrasco-González+(2019)

The radial distribution of dust particle properties



High quality multi-wavelength Observations

Mass is 3 times higher than previous modeling



Carrasco-González+2019



Macías et al. (2021)

MODELING OF HIGH QUALITY MILLIMETER IMAGES

(Including the effect of scattering)

Particles have grown up to mm/cm sizes after some Myrs

mm/cm are pebbles —> necessary to form planetesimals by accretion (e.g. streaming instability)

But, planetesimal formation would start after several Myrs

SCATTERING IS IMPORTANT

POLARIZATION FROM DUST SELF-SCATTERING

Light source of scattering





Thermal dust emission From other grains

Dust grain



Horizontal Polarization







Edge-on disk



POLARIZATION VECTORS PARALLEL TO THE MINOR AXIS

Kataoka et al. 2016



For a given amax, maximum polarization Is expected at

 $\lambda_{Max Pol} \simeq 2 \pi a_{max}$

Relatively narrow wavelength range



Polarization Observations of HL Tau



POLARIZATION IS DOMINATED BY DUST SELF-SCATTERING



POLARIZATION IS DOMINATED BY DUST THERMAL EMISSION BY ELONGATED (INTRINSICALLY POLARIZED) AND ALIGNED PARTICLES



SELF-SCATTERING

NO SCATTERIING



Analysis of the SED -> A few millimeters (Carrasco-González et al. 2019)

Planetesimal formation can start



Dust should still grow a factor of 10

BOTH ARE CORRECT FORMALISMS SAME DISK DIFFERENT RESULTS



Polarization in other disks, similar results



Amax = 100-150 microns

Bacciotti et al. 2018

At this rate of dust growth, we will never form planets

Amax = 50-70 microns



DISCREPANCY BETWEEN CONTINUUM AND POLARIZED EMISSION

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Resolution

We are looking at different parts of the disk

Non-spherical particles

Porosity

RESOLUTION

Stephens et al. 2017



Optical Depth

But, we know that HL Tau has substructures

Is this an effect of poor resolution?

RESOLUTION



The effect of poor resolution is to emphasize polarization from rings

But still, small particles in the rings

Stephens et al. 2023 (including Kataoka and Carrasco-González)

WE ARE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT PARTS IN THE DISK

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Impact of Differential Dust Settling on the SED and Polarization: Application to the Inner Region of the HL Tau Disk

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Strong turbulence

Weak turbulence



Millimeter-sized dust grains are possible if very weak turbulence But expected polarization is too low

Ueda et al. 2021 (including Kataoka and Carrasco-González)

NON-SPHERICAL DUST GRAINS



Aligned Spheroids They can produce polarization at very different wavelengths But too low

Kirschschlager & Bertrang 2020

NON-SPHERICAL DUST GRAINS



Carrasco-González & Guirado

DISCREPANCY BETWEEN CONTINUUM AND POLARIZED EMISSION

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS



We are looking at different parts of the disk



Porosity

POROSITY

Grain growth models predict something like this (fractal)



Highly porous -> 0.99+

e.g. Simon et al. 2022, Estrada et al. 2022 In comets, we have "seen" something like this



Dirty cotton!!



Gómez et al. 2020 Olga Muñoz Lecture!

POROSITY IN PROTOPLANETARY DISKS



IR scattered light from porous grains

Two categories: I -> High porosity (fractals) II -> Low porosity



But this are the smaller particles in the disk, located in the surface

Ginski et al. 2023

POROSITY IN THE MID-PLANE?

Sphere



 $\lambda_{Max Pol} \simeq 2 \pi a_{max}$

POROSITY IN THE MID-PLANE?



Porosity makes possible polarization in a very wide range of wavelengths

HL Tau —> Porosity 70-97%

Zhang et al. 2023 (including Kataoka and Carrasco-González)

POROSITY

Dominated by aligned grains



Modeling of the different contributions to polarization at each wavelength

Lin et al. 2023 (including Kataoka and Carrasco-González)

Dominated by self-scattering

POROSITY



Lin et al. 2023 (including Kataoka and Carrasco-González)

IMPLICATIONS OF POROUS GRAINS

Particles are larger

HL Tau (1 Myr): ~10 cm

Dust mass is larger

> 6 times larger than with compact solid spheres

WE NEED TO USE OPACITIES CALCULATED FOR REALISTIC POROUS PARTICLES

OPEN QUESTIONS AND FUTURE

COMPACT DISKS AND INTERNAL PARTS OF EXTENDED DISKS



ALMA Taurus Survey ; Long et al. (2019)

COMPACT DISKS AND INTERNAL PARTS OF EXTENDED DISKS





Compact and optically thick disk

Substructures are revealed at longer wavelengths

Carrasco-González et al., in prep

VERTICAL STRUCTURE



Modeling of edge-on disks

Class I disk -> moderate dust settling (1-6 au at 100 au)



Villenave et al. 2023

OBSERVATIONS AT LONGER WAVELENGTHS



<u>VLA Q</u>

40 mas ~ 5 au Low sensitivity

<u>ALMA B1</u>

Lower resolution Same sensitivity Higher Image Fidelity

MID-RESOLUTION OBSERVATIONS

Comparison of disk size between different wavelengths

Distribution of particles of different sizes





ALMA Survey in Lupus

Necessary to extend to longer wavelengths

Tazzari et al. 2021
MID-RESOLUTION OBSERVATIONS

ALMA & VLA Survey in Taurus



Long et al. 2019

Preliminary results: mm particles seem to be everywhere



Carrasco-González et al., in prep



10x sensitivity 10x resolution



