Theory of Planet Formation around Low-mass or Intermediate-mass Stars

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Formation of Planetesimals from Dust



Standard Theory of Planet Formation based on 'core accretion model'

(Kyoto group, Safronov, Wetherill...)

- 1. Formation of a protoplanetary disk
- 2. Thin dust layer and planetesimal formation
- 3. Accumulation of planetesimals and formation of protoplanets
- 4. Jovian planets: gas capture by large protoplanets
 - Terrestrial planets: giant impacts between protoplanets



Problems:

- planet migration
- planetesimal formation

Diversity of Planet Systems in various disks

(Kokubo and Ida 2002)

A massive disk produces many Jovian planets.



Region 1: small planets (insufficient solid material)

Region 2: Jovian planets

Region 3: planets without gas (Neptunian planets due to slow growth)

Dependence of planet formation on central stars

Effect of the central star

- Mass of the central star ... weak dependence (see below)
- Disk temperature, life time, metallicity

Growth Time of planet

$$T_{\rm grow} \sim \frac{a^2 \Omega_{\rm K}}{G R_{\rm p} \Sigma_{\rm solid}} \left(\frac{M_{\rm p}}{M_{\rm star}}\right)^{2/3} \propto a^{1/2} \Sigma_{\rm solid}^{-1} M_{\rm star}^{-1/6}$$

 $\overline{M_{star}}$: star mass, $\overline{M_{p}}$, $\overline{R_{p}}$: planet mass, radius, a: orbital radius, Ω_{K} : Keplerian angular frequency, Σ_{solid} : solid surface density

Final proto-planet mass (core mass)

$$M_{\rm p} \propto a^3 \Sigma_{\rm solid}^{3/2} M_{\rm star}^{-1/2}$$

Dependence of planet formation on central stars

Disk Temperature (passive disk)

 $T_{\rm disk} \propto L_{\rm star}^{1/4} \propto M_{\rm star}^{1...}$

- Snow line goes outward in the disk for intermediate-mass stars. ex: $M_{star} = 2M_{solar} \rightarrow a_{snow} \sim 15AU$

- Jovian planets would have rocky cores around intermediate-mass stars.

Disk Life Time

Disks around intermediate-mass stars would have short life time.

 \rightarrow Difficulty in formation of Jovian planets outside of the snow line.

Problems in Planetesimal Formation

- Planetesimal formation is the most uncertain part of the planet formation process.
 - Gravitational instability is easily prevented by weak 'wind' (~10cm/s) in the gaseous disk.
 - The m-sized particles quickly fall to the central star.
- Planetesimal formation through direct dust growth
 - Icy dust easily stick!

Numerical simulation of a collision of icy dust (The impact velocity is 90 m/sec!)



Planetesimal Formation by Direct Dust Growth

Brauer et al. (2007)

Planetesimals can be formed by direct dust growth only at inner disk with R<2AU.

Our calculation (Tanaka et al. in prep.)

- Icy aggregates can grow without disruption.
- Low-density dust makes the planetesimalforming region wider (up to 10AU).
- The surface density of the solid component is significantly enhanced in the planetesimalforming region due to dust infall.

Making planetesimals beyond 10AU is difficult!

→ Icy planetesimals would not form around intermediate-mass stars





- 1. Planet formation is dependent on the disk mass but almost independent on the mass of the central star.
- 2. The snow line is located at ~ 15AU in the disk for intermediate stars.
- 3. Around intermediate-mass stars, Jovian planets would be formed inside of the snow line and they have rocky cores.
- 4. Icy planetesimal would not be formed around intermediate-mass stars.