



Spark Project

# Dust Diffusion in Protostellar Disks and its Effect on Planet Formation

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# **PART 1:**

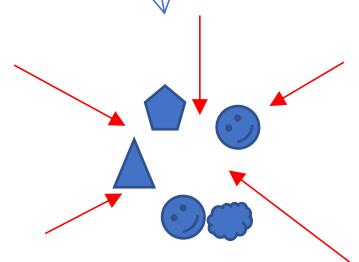
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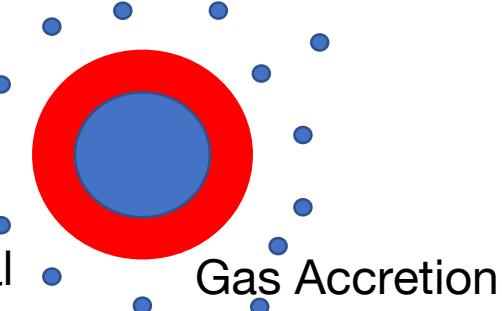
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core



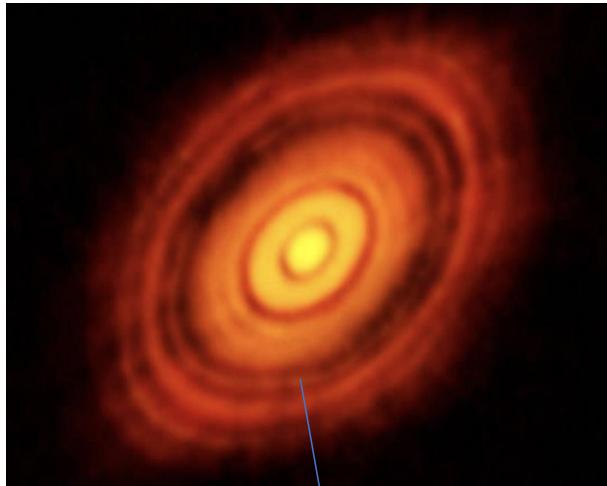
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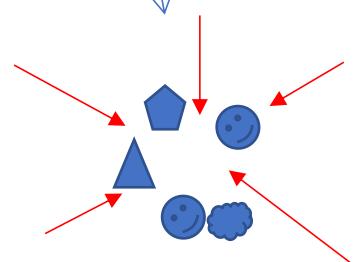


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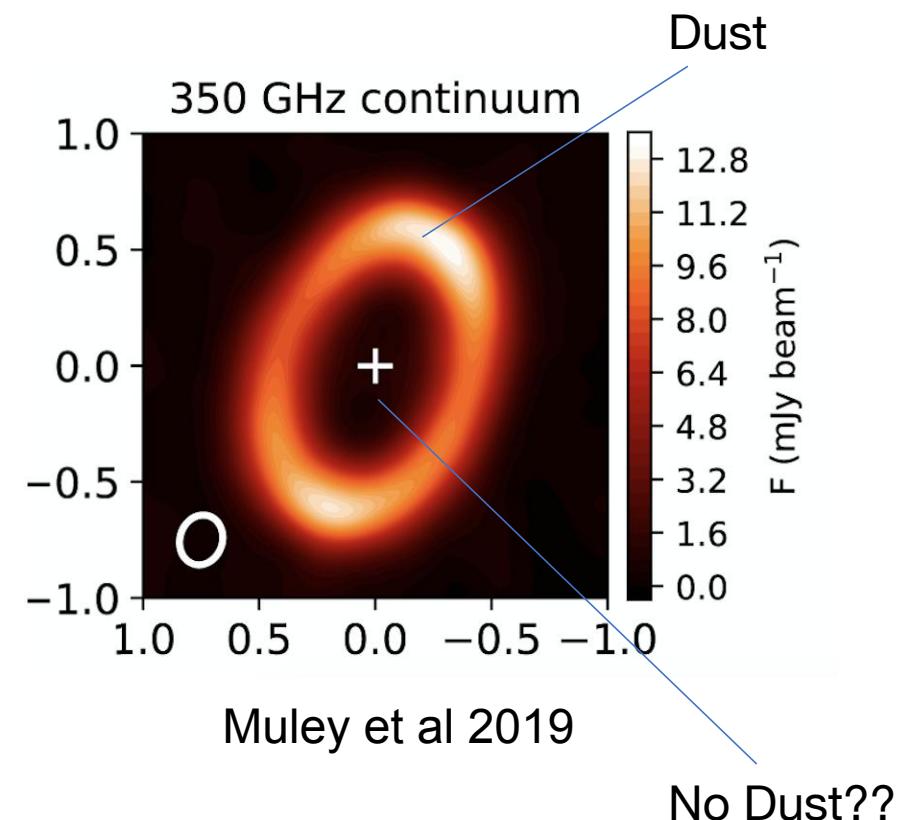
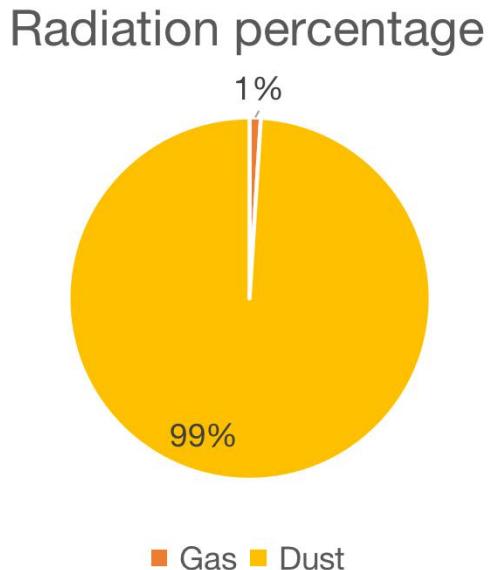
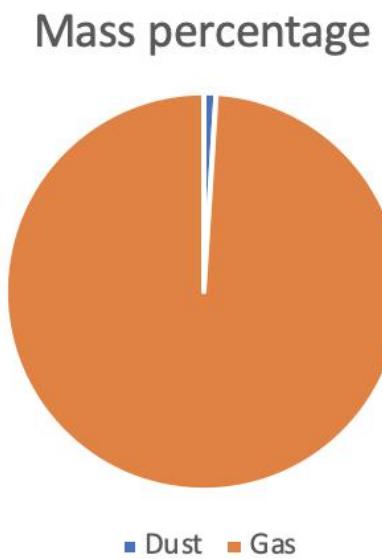
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# Pebble Isolation Observed

## Transition Disks



Dust Profile “Emptied”:

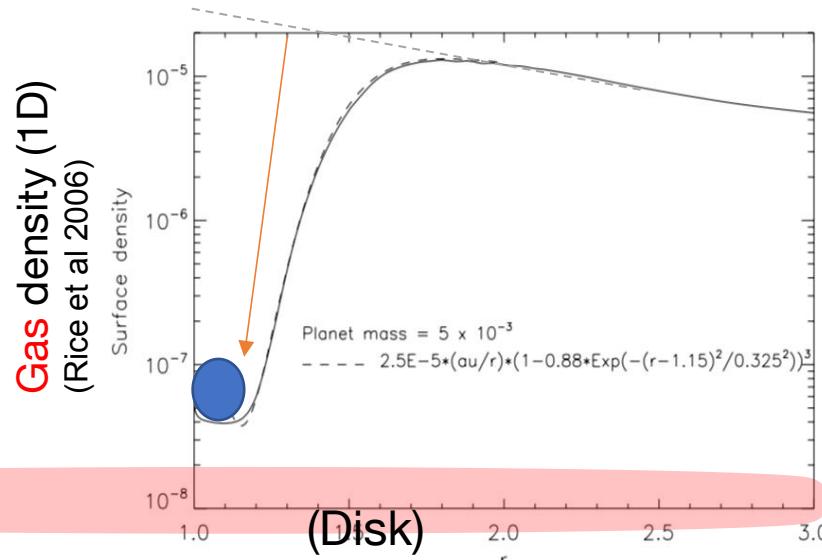
Some of them appears to be entirely devoid of circumstellar material within a certain radius of the star, arguably due to **planet formation**.

# Pebble Isolation: General Picture

## Gap Opening in Gas (Rice et al 2006, Bitsch et al 2018)

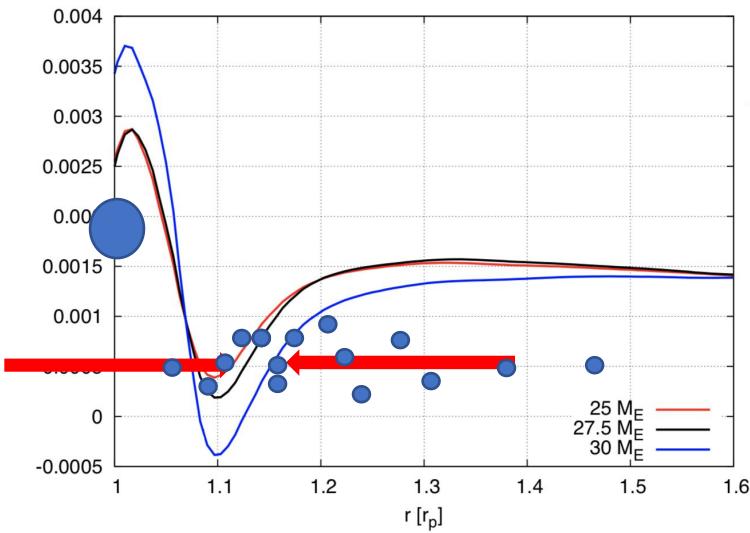
Momentum Eqn of Gas:

$$\frac{v_\phi^2}{r} = \frac{V_K^2}{r} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dP}{dr}$$



The gas velocity is not strictly Keplerian!

Pressure gradient parameter  
(Bitsch et al 2018)



$$\begin{cases} \frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln r} < 0, \eta > 0, v_\phi < v_K \\ \frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln r} > 0, \eta < 0, v_\phi > v_K \end{cases}$$

Acting through drag force

Drags down the velocity of dust, which loses angular momentum and spirals inwards

Speeds up dust, which is expelled outwards TOWARDS THE MAXIMA!

# Quantify: Contaminant Diffusion (Clarke & Pringle 1988)

## Diffusion (扩散) Equation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(\Sigma \mathbf{u}) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(\sigma \mathbf{u} - \kappa \Sigma \nabla \frac{\sigma}{\Sigma}) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Ratio of diffusion coef over viscosity( 气体粘滞系数)  $\zeta = \frac{\kappa(R)}{\nu(R)} = \text{constant}$

$$C := \frac{\sigma}{\Sigma}$$

Dust to Gas density ratio/concentration

$$\Sigma \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla C \right) = \operatorname{div}(\kappa \Sigma \nabla C)$$

Axisymmetrical(轴对称薄盘): everything is a function of R

$$\Sigma \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \Sigma v_R \frac{\partial C}{\partial R} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( R \zeta \nu \Sigma \frac{\partial C}{\partial R} \right)$$



Analytical results with NO PLANET PERTURBATION

Clarke & Pringle 1988

Steady Accretion Disk

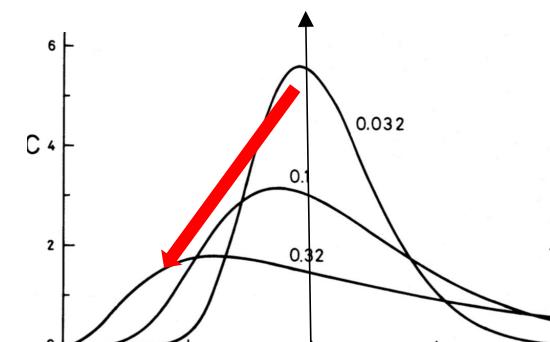
$$\Sigma = \Sigma_0 R^{-a}$$

$$v_R = -\frac{3\nu}{2R} = -\frac{\dot{M}}{2\pi \Sigma_0 R^{1-a}}$$

For given condition:

$$C(R, t)|_{t=0} = C_0 \delta(R - R_0)$$

$$C(R, t)|_{R=R_{min}, R=R_{max}} = 0$$



# Planet → Gas(2D)

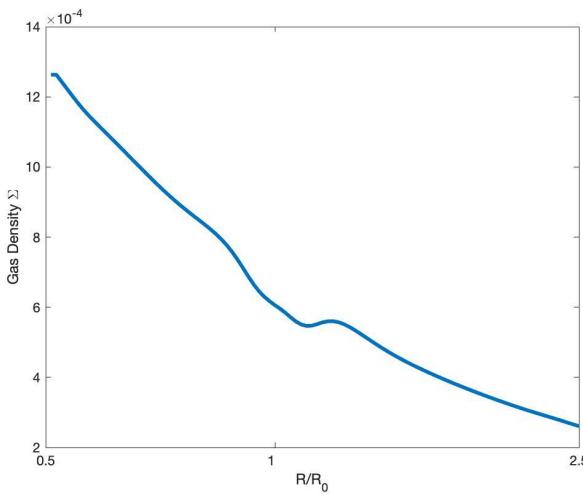
## FARGO3D



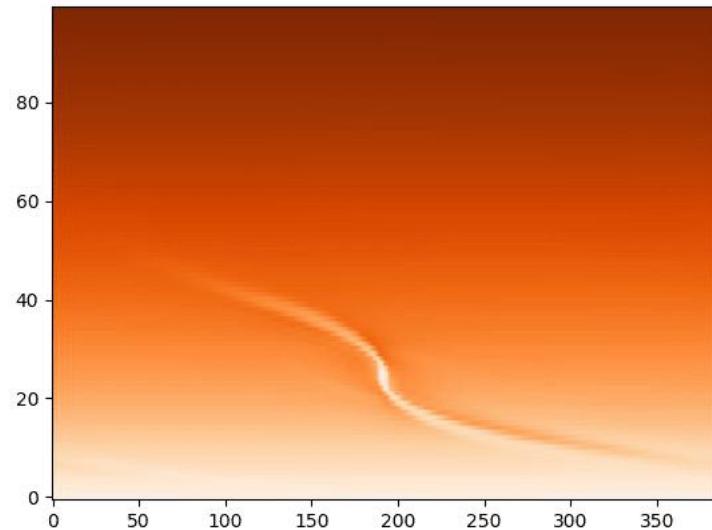
## Parameters:

1.  $h_0$ : 0.05
2.  $\Sigma_0$ : 6.3661977237e-4
3.  $\nu_0$ : 1.0e-5
4.  $\alpha$ : 1.0
5.  $\beta$ : 0.25

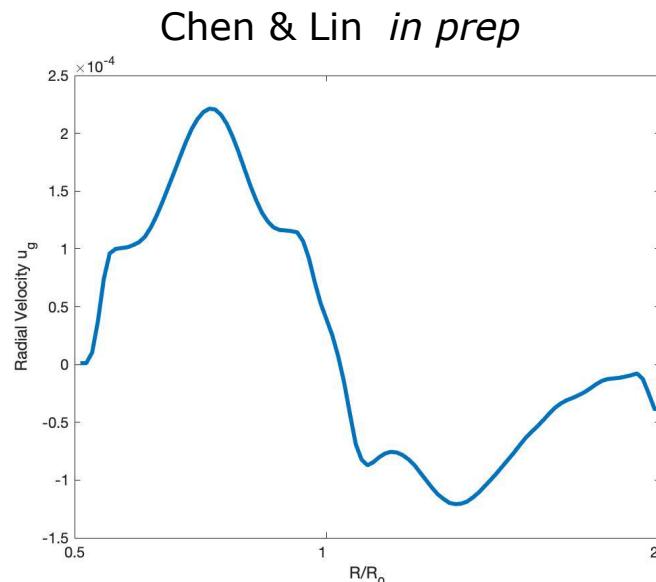
Default unit system:  
central star mass=1  
orbital radius=1  
 $G=1$   
Planet=0.001(a planet core)



Gas Density



Radial cross-section



Radial Velocity

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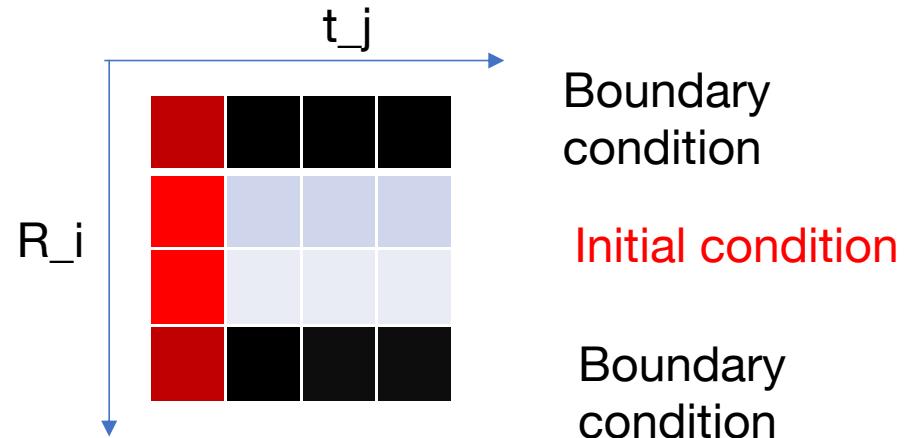
# Numerical Method

## Jacobi Iteration with MATLAB

$$C(R, t) = C(R_i, t_j)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial R_{i,j}} \approx \frac{C(R_{i+1}, t_j) - C(R_{i-1}, t_j)}{\Delta R}$$

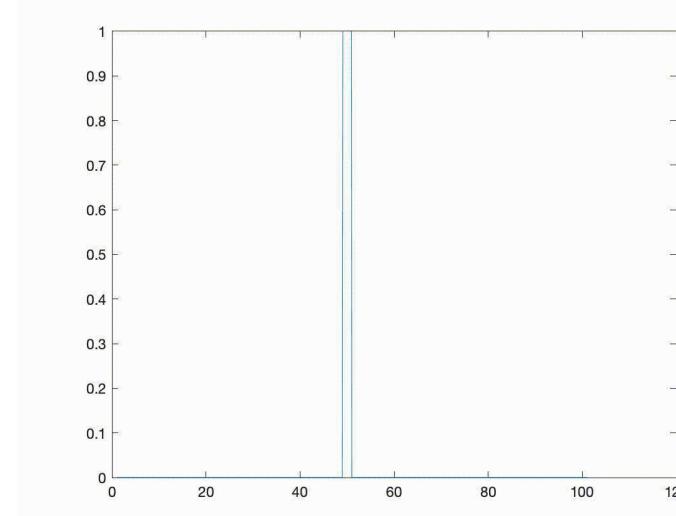
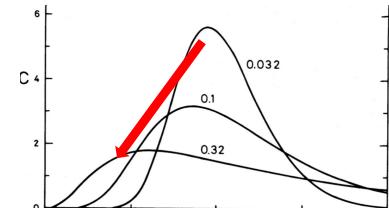
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}_{i,j} = \frac{C(R_i, t_j) - C(R_i, t_{j-1})}{\Delta t}$$



$$C_{i,j} = f(C_{i+1,j}, C_{i-1,j}, C_{i,j-1})$$

Continue to iterate until  
the C matrix becomes  
stable!

## Method Test Green function initial

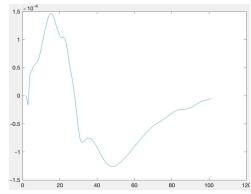


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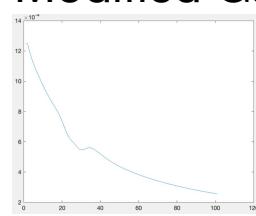
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Modified Gas Density



Modified Gas Velocity



(Extracted azimuthal mean **1-D data** from the 2-D simulation)



$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + v_R(R) \frac{\partial C}{\partial R} = \kappa_0 \left[ (2 + \frac{\partial \ln \Sigma}{\partial \ln R}(R)) \frac{\partial C}{\partial R} + R \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial R^2} \right]$$

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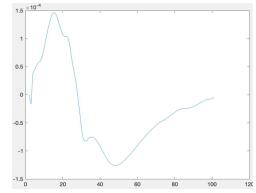
Results:

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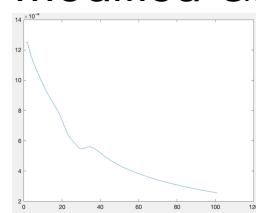
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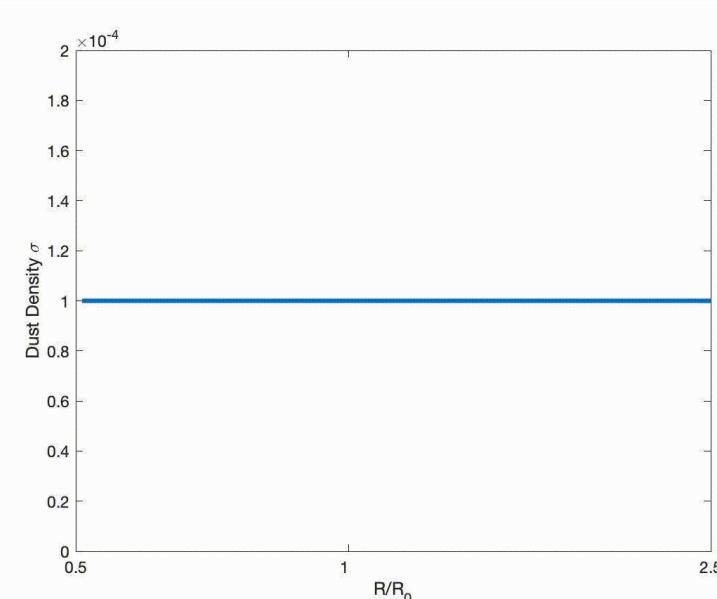
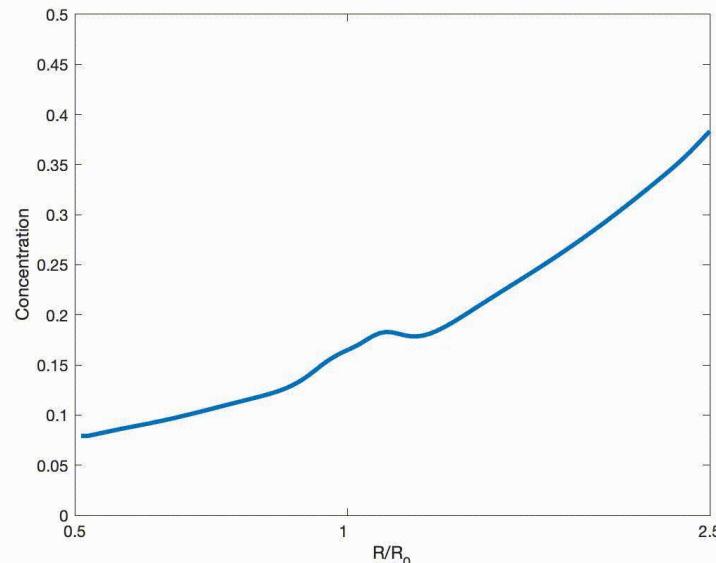
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# Modification (+ Gas Drag)

v: relative azimuthal velocity; u: radial velocity

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -2v_p\Omega_k = \frac{u_g - u_p}{\tau_s} \\ \frac{1}{2}u_p\Omega_k = \frac{v_g - v_p}{\tau_s} \\ -2v_g\Omega_k = -\frac{\rho_p}{\rho} \frac{u_g - u_p}{\tau_s} + 2\eta\Omega_k \\ \frac{1}{2}u_g\Omega_k = -\frac{\rho_p}{\rho} \frac{v_g - v_p}{\tau_s} + \frac{1}{2}\xi\Omega_K \end{array} \right. \quad \eta = -\frac{h^2\Omega_k r}{2} \frac{\ln\rho}{\ln r} \quad \frac{1}{2}\xi = \frac{\partial}{pr^2\Omega_K\partial r} \left( \rho\nu r^3 \frac{\partial\Omega_k}{\partial r} \right)$$

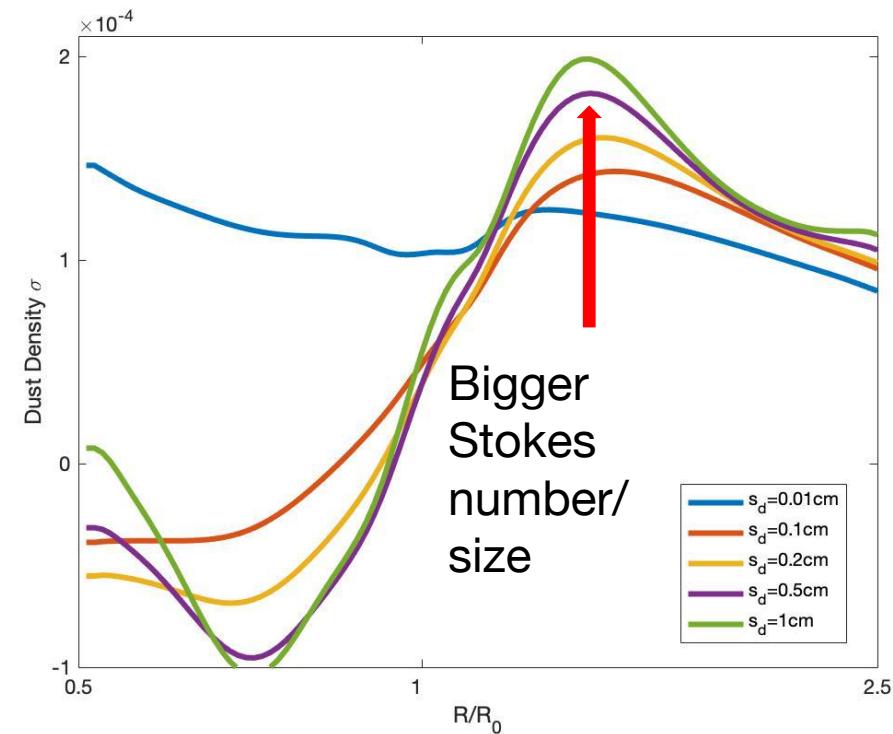
Affiliated with relaxation time(弛豫时间).

Eqn 1,2 ----Gas drag

Eqn 3,4 ---- Feedback

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2}u_g\Omega_k = \frac{v_{gas} - v_g}{\tau} \\ -2v_g\Omega_k = \frac{u_{gas} - u_g}{\tau} \end{array} \right. \rightarrow u_g = \frac{u_{gas}}{1 + (\tau\Omega_k)^2}$$

Stokes number, proportional to **dust size**  $s_d$



Conclusion:

**Bigger dust grains (pebbles) are more likely to be totally blocked.(PEBBLE ISOLATION)**

# Flattening (+Gas Drag +Feedback)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2}u\Omega_k = -\frac{\rho_p}{\rho}\frac{v - v_p}{\tau_s} + \frac{1}{2}\xi\Omega_K \\ \frac{1}{2}u_p\Omega_k = \frac{v - v_p}{\tau_s} \\ -2v_p\Omega_k = \frac{u - u_p}{\tau_s} \\ -2v\Omega_k = -\frac{\rho_p}{\rho}\frac{u - u_p}{\tau_s} + 2\eta\Omega_k \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Delta v := v - v_p, \Delta u := u - u_p$$

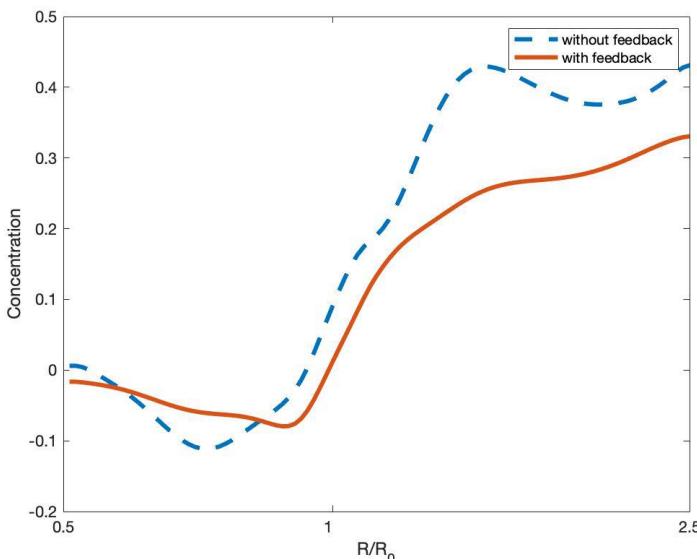
$$\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\Delta v = \eta - \frac{1}{2}(1+C)\frac{\Delta u}{S_t} = 0 \\ \Delta u = \xi - 2(1+C)\frac{\Delta v}{S_t} = u_g \end{array} \right.$$

**Critical Concentration**

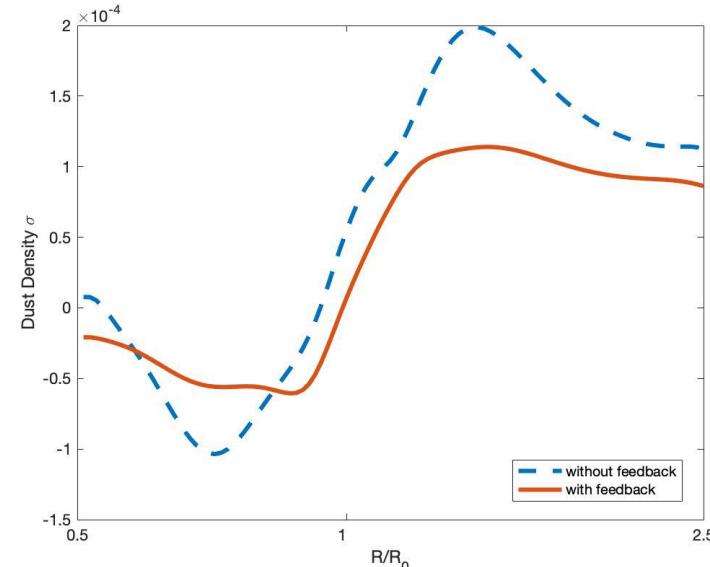
$$C = \frac{2\eta S_t}{u_g} - 1$$

To approximate, we just let the radial velocity of dust to gradually reduce to 0:

Result: much flatter than **with no feedback**



After reaching critical concentration, the dust begins to move outwards and gain a positive radial velocity, to accumulate **elsewhere**



# **PART 2:**

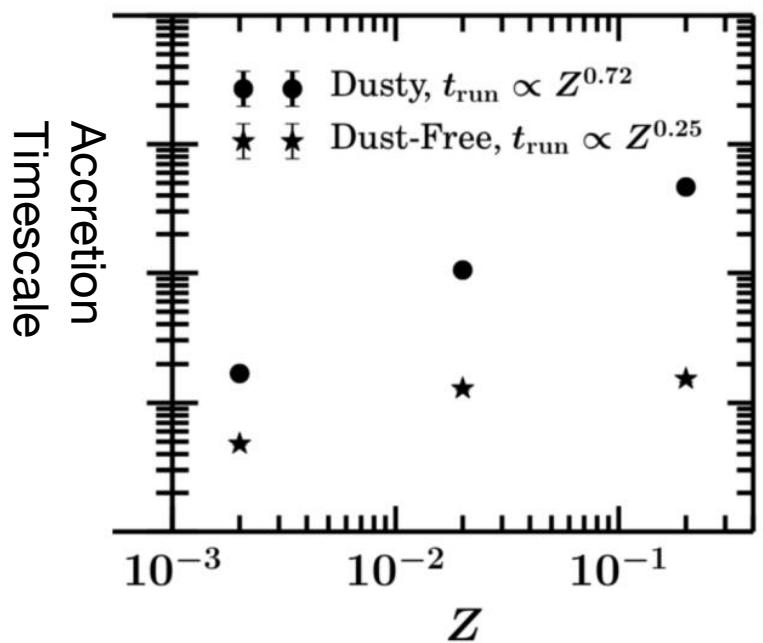
# **Implication on Planet Formation**

# Opacity(不透明度)

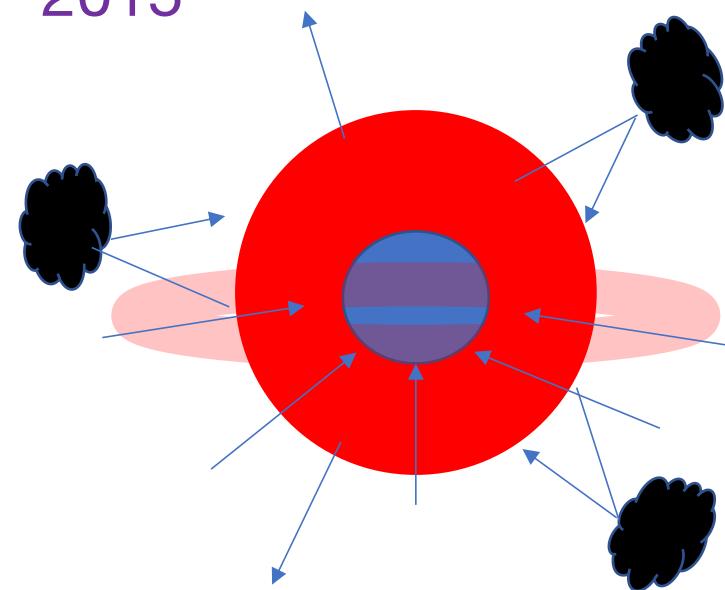
$$\kappa_{\text{rcb}} = \kappa_0 (\rho_{\text{rcb}} / \rho_0)^\alpha (T_{\text{rcb}} / T_0)^\beta (Z / Z_0)^\delta$$

Contributed by dust grains and metallicity!

- Grain/Metal Contaminant ↓
- Opacity ↓
- Cooling ↑
- Accretion ↑



“To Cool is to  
Accrete!”  
— Lee & Chiang  
2015



# Opacity in Pit and Pileup

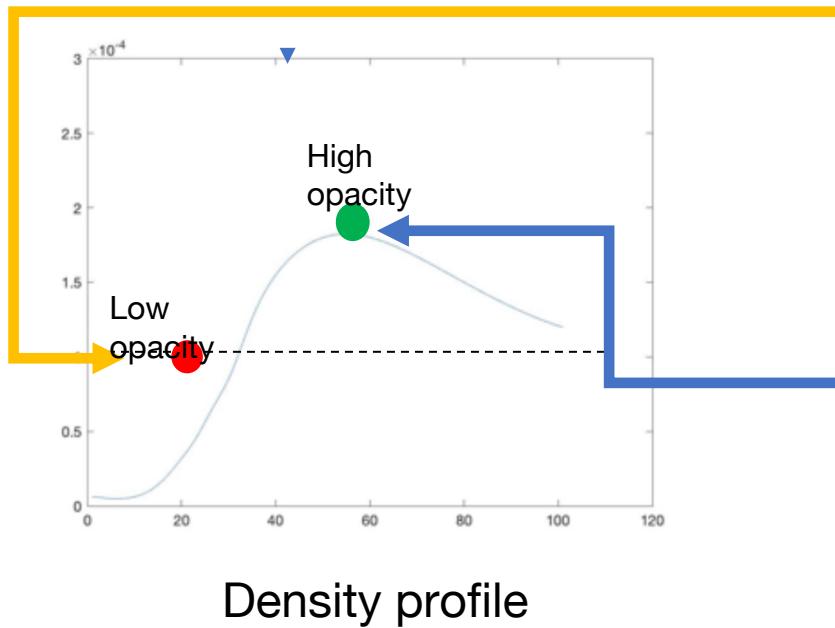
## Creationist's Point of View

Opacity/Metallicity is a pre-set **CONSTANT!**



- { **Low Metallicity/Opacity** -> Quick Accretion, Short Timescale
- High Metallicity/Opacity** -> Slow Accretion, Long Timescale

## Evolutionist's Point of View



### PIT:

Accreting planets have the ability to **lower the original dust density** around the vicinity by generating **dust barriers**

**enhancing its own cooling and accretion**

Hard to form a Super-Earth by itself (unless anomalies)

### PILEUP (堆积物) :

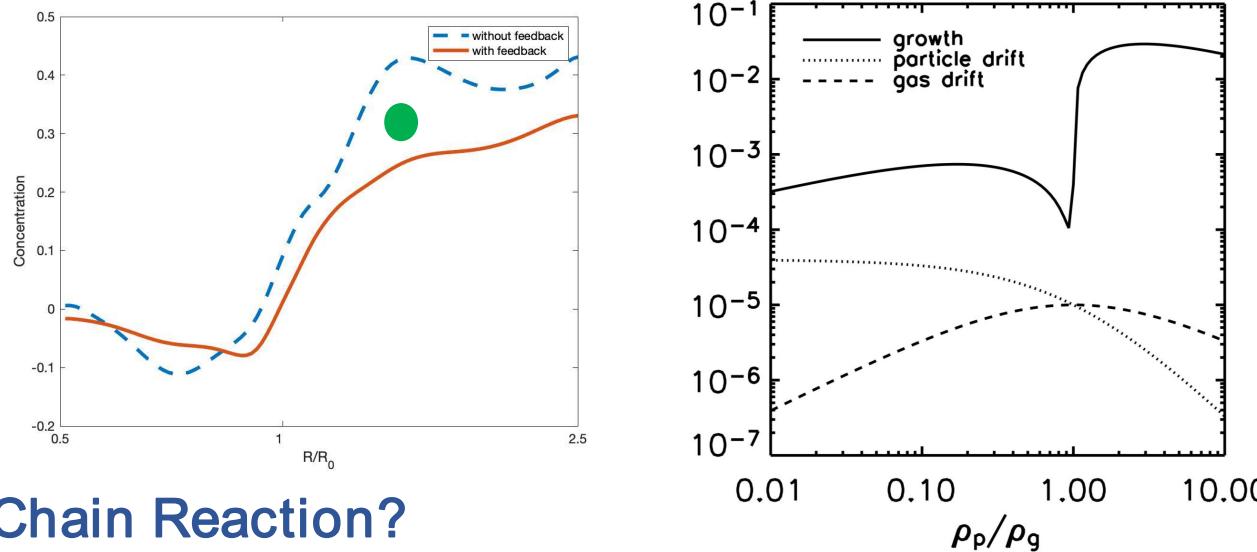
A **NEW** core's (once formed) **accretion would be hindered** by the opacity accumulated under the influence of the first planet

Might **remain** a Super-Earth

# Core Formation in Pileup

## Streaming Instability (Youdin & Goodman 2005)

In places where  $C \sim 1$ , the interaction between GAS and DUST gives rise to rapid growth of PLANETISIMAL (CORE)



## A Chain Reaction?

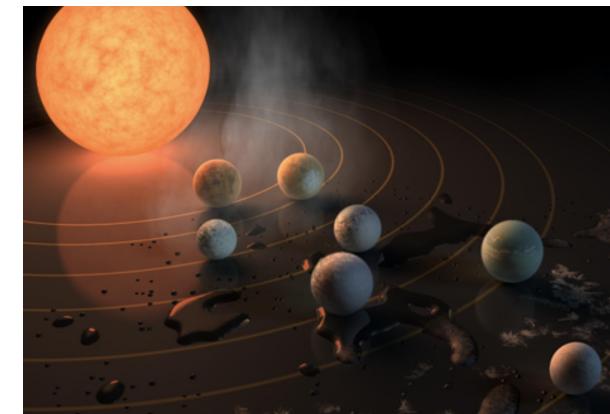
cores form out of the pileup one after another and push the pileup further back->**a string of superearths**



$$C = \frac{2\eta S_t}{u_g} - 1$$

$C_{crit} \sim 1$ : dust accumulates enough to form **planetesimals and cores**

$C_{crit} \ll 1$ : reaches a ceiling and flattens out before formation



TRAPPIST-1 system

# Summary

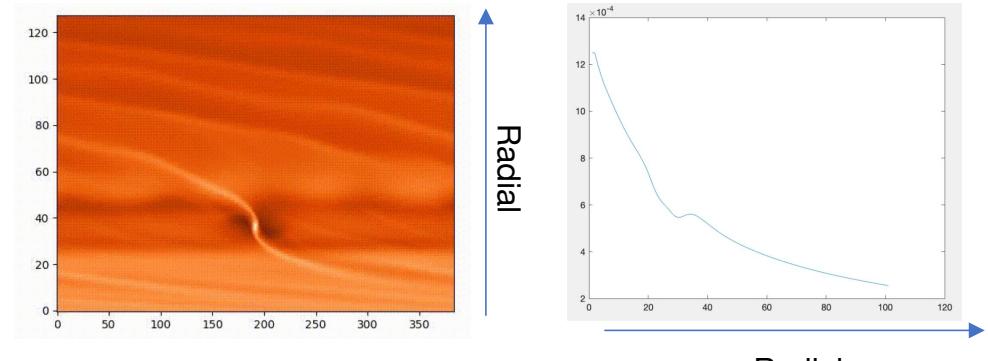
## PART 1

### Dust Diffusion in Protostellar disks

- Planet formation
- Gas Gapping and Pebble Isolation  
(Explained with **Diffusion Equation**)

Conclusion: Accreting planets have the ability to change the dust density profile according to particle size around its vicinity by generating dust barriers

**Features** 1) Bigger dust gets blocked more 2) Flattening



## PART 2

### Effects on Planet Formation

- Opacity
  - Lower opacity/dust density **around it, enhances its own accretion -> gas giant?**
  - High opacity/dust density in the **pileup, hinders the accretion of a new core - >super earth?**
- **Core formation:** Generates instability/core forming in the **pileup**, leading to forming of a new core if the Critical Concentration before “flattening” reaches ~1, potentials of **sequential formation** (接连形成)

