

# **The Evolution of Circumplanetary Disks around Planets in Wide Orbits: Implications for Formation Theory, Observations, and Moon Systems**

**Masters Presentation**

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# Introduction

- T-Tauri class 0, or 1 disks
- Gravitational instability, H<sub>2</sub> dissociation
- Previous planet formation studies focus on the interaction between the circumstellar disk and the planet. (Quillen & Trilling 1998, Ayliffe & Bate 2009)
- Circumplanetary disk (subdisk) mass evolution
- 1. Ice desorption 2. Grain emission -> ALMA!



# Science Questions

- How fast do subdisks evolve away from their initially massive state?
- How do subdisks affect the growth of the host planet?
- How do non-axisymmetric instabilities such as bore shocks and spiral arm instabilities affect the processing of subdisk material?
- What are the observables of extended subdisks?
- What is the resulting size and mass of the subdisk and what does this imply about moon formation?
- How does circumstellar material effect the growth of the host planet (isolated vs. embedded subdisks)?



# Methods

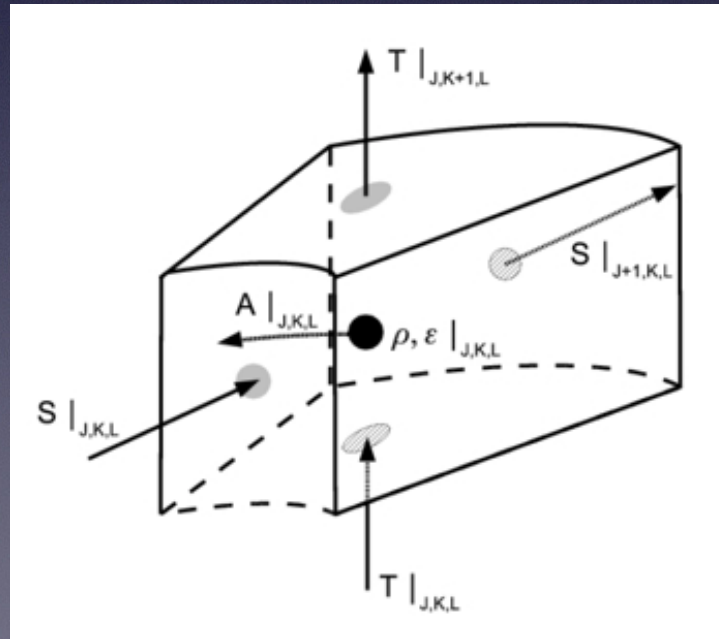
## Overview:

- CHYMER: radiation hydrodynamics code
- Cooling routine
- Tidal potential
- Luminosity feedback
- Fluxing mass onto the grid



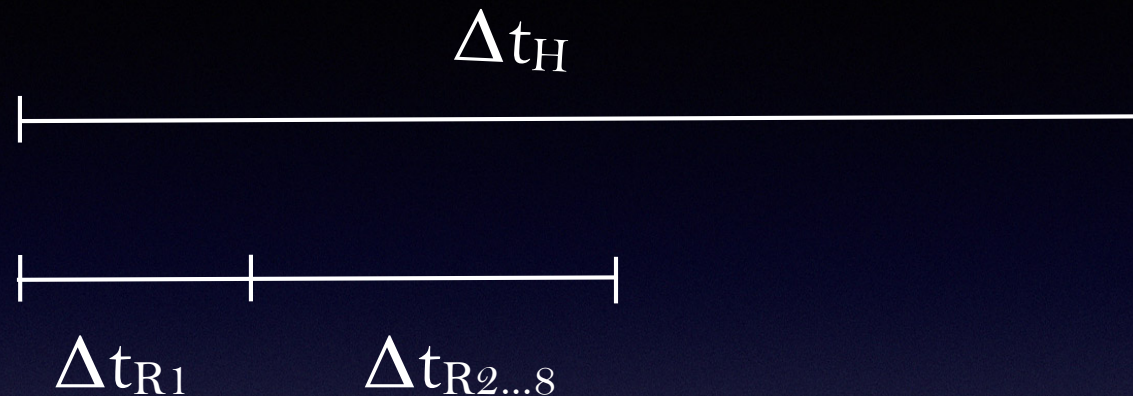
# CHYMER A

- Computational **HY**drodynamics with **M**ultiple **E** Radiation Algorithms (Boley 2007).
- Fixed cylindrical grid centered on the planet
- Eulerian method  $\rightarrow$   $S$ ,  $A$ ,  $T$ , are momentum density in radial, azimuthal, and vertical directions.  $\epsilon$  (internal energy density),  $\rho$  (gas density)





# Cooling Routine



- 8 subcycles of cooling/heating ( $\Delta t_{Ri}$ )
- Cooling/Heating boundaries:
  - Heat gas to 10% (determined numerically) of final iteration value
  - Or cool gas to as low as the background temperature



# Tidal Potential

- Subtract off  $l=1$  term to eliminate the motion towards the gravitating object (Boss 2006)
- This allows us to work in the frame of the subdisk
- Higher order terms effect the local dispersion of the material

$$\Phi_{\text{tide}}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{GM_b}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_b|}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{tide}}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{GM_b}{r_b} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{r_b}\right)^l P_l(\cos S)$$

$$\bar{\Phi}_{\text{tide}}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{GM_b}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_b|} + \frac{GM_b r}{r_b^2} \cos S$$



# Luminosity Feedback

- Mass accretion luminosity is accounted for in our simulations
- The radial temperature of the subdisk is updated each hydrodynamical step

$$T_{irr}^4 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (T_e^4 + T_{acc}^4) \left(\frac{R_p}{D}\right)^3 + T_B^4$$



# Fluxing mass onto the grid

- For the embedded disk simulation we add  $10^{-13}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> of mass to the grid at the escape speed of the planet/subdisk system
- The mass enters the system counter clockwise between 3 and 6 o'clock and 9 and 12 o'clock based on global simulations models.



# Initial Conditions

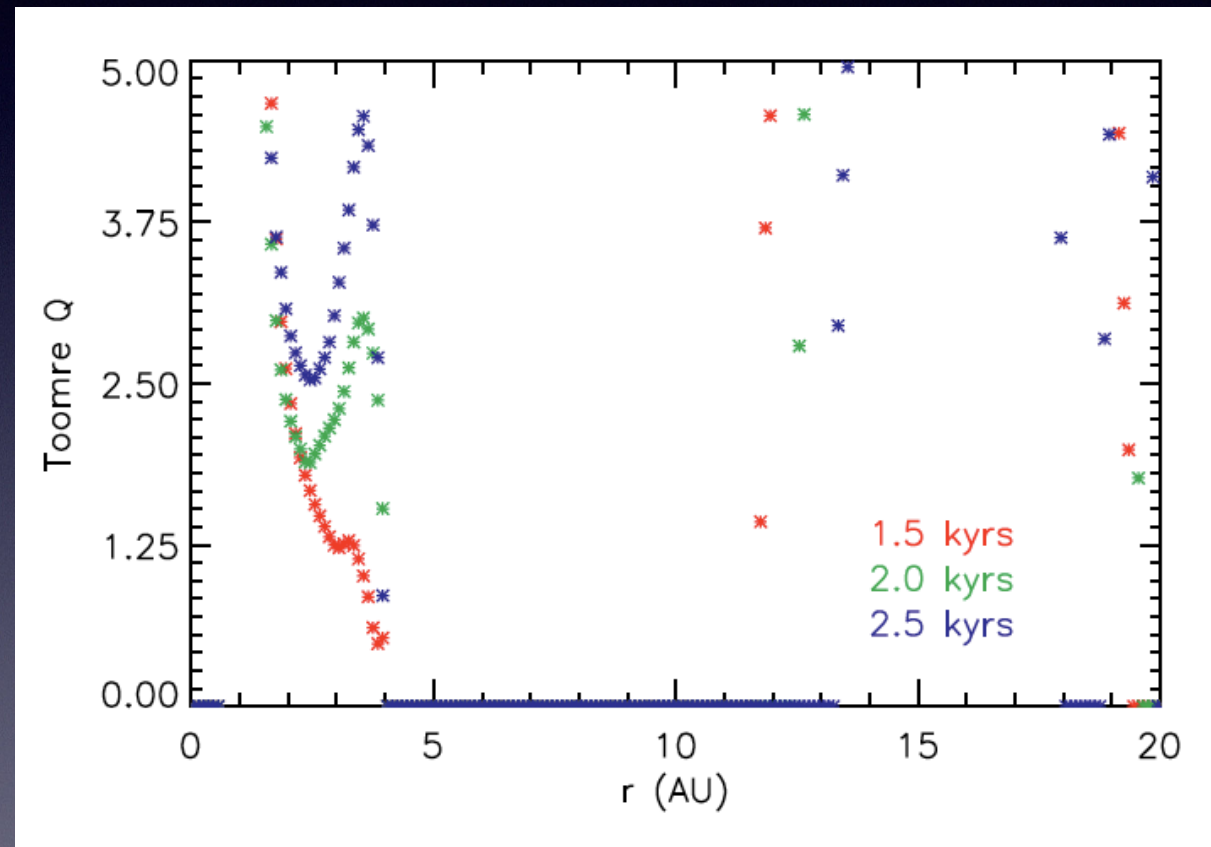
- **Isolated subdisk:**  
circumstellar gas has dissipated
- **Embedded subdisk:**  
mass from the  
circumstellar disk is  
accreting onto the  
circumplanetary disk

Disk mass	$3M_J$
Host planet mass	$3M_J$
Barycenter of subdisk orbit	$100AU$
Disk radius	$10AU$
Initial Toomre Q	$\sim 1.1$
Host star mass	$1M_\odot$



# Toomre $Q$ Instability Criterion

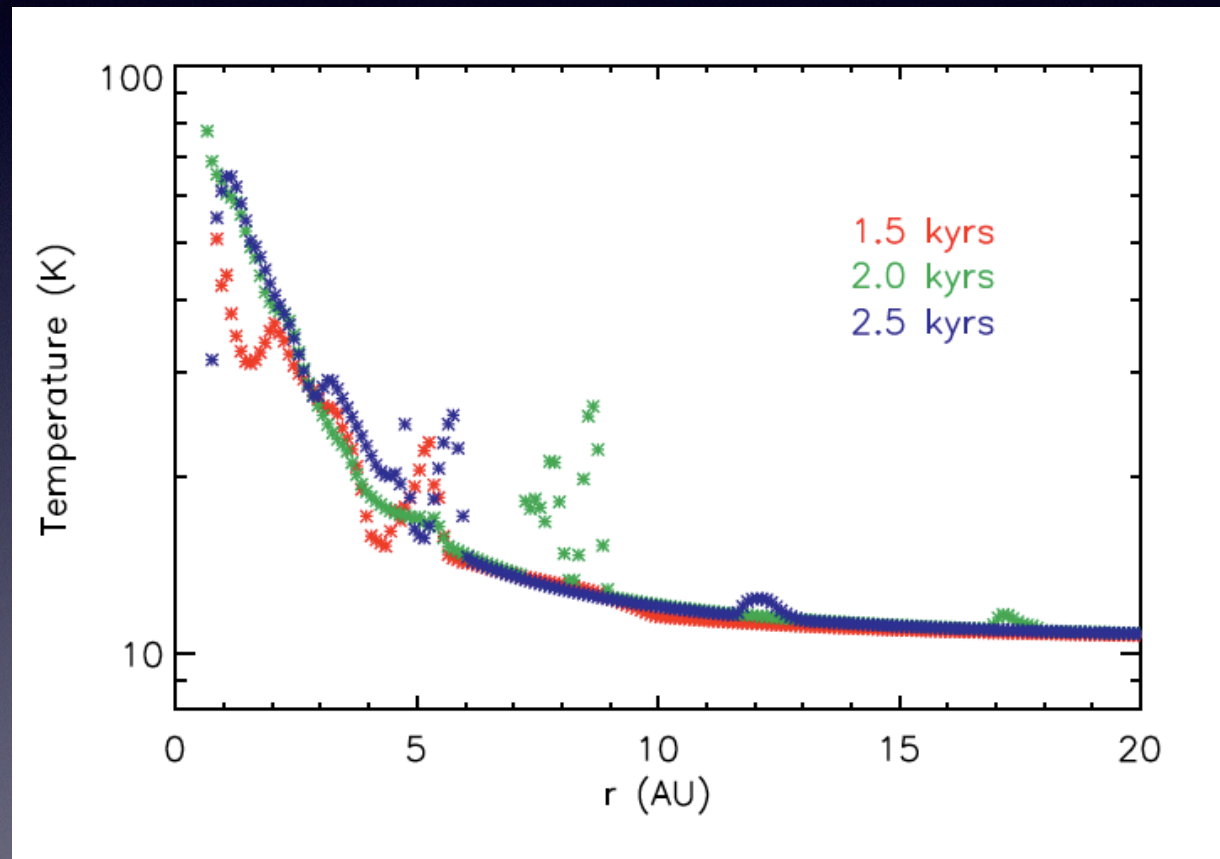
- Radial profiles of the azimuthally averaged Toomre  $Q$  instability criterion
- The disk is rapidly evolving away from an initially unstable state of  $Q \sim 1$
- $Q = C_s \kappa / \pi G \Sigma$





# Midplane Temperature

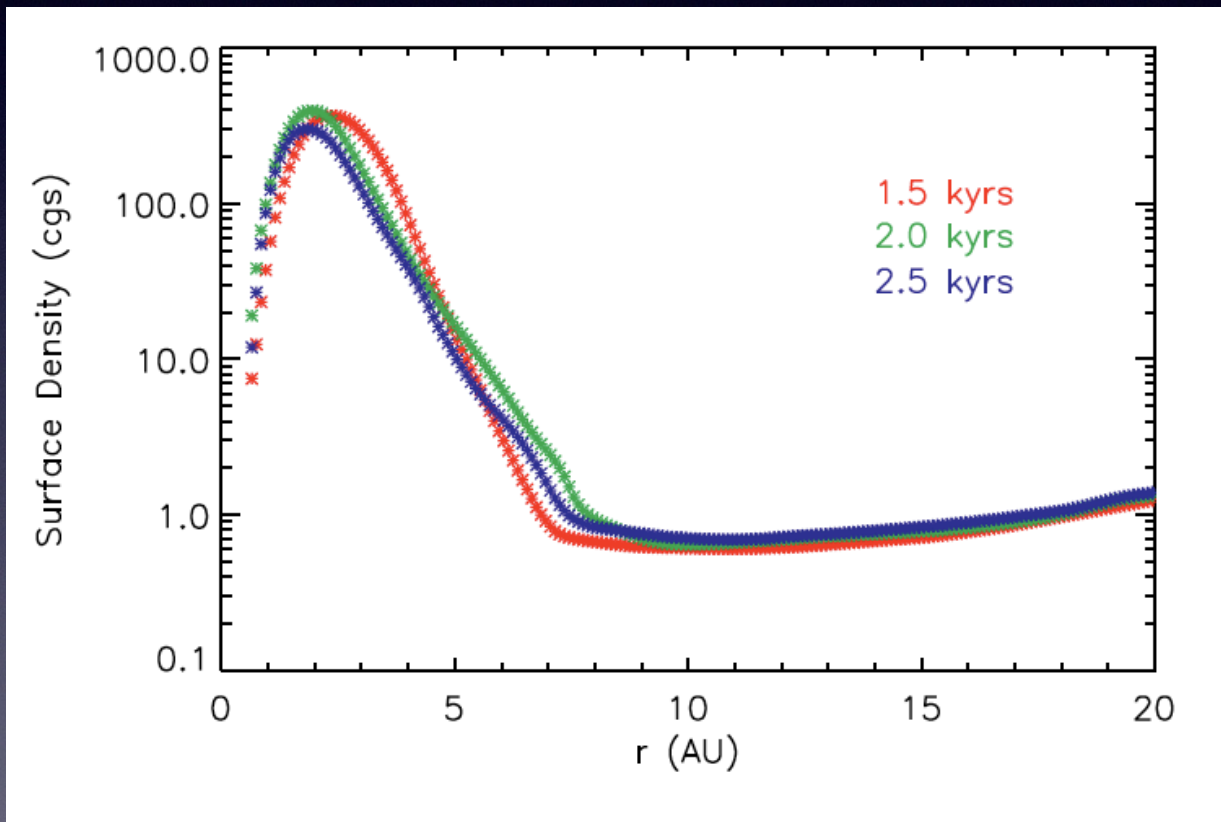
- Radial Profiles of azimuthally averaged midplane temperature
- Shocks heating causes temperature variation throughout evolution
- Outburst events cause subdisk temperatures to rise at 2kyrs
- CO desorption into the gas phase -> Observable with ALMA!





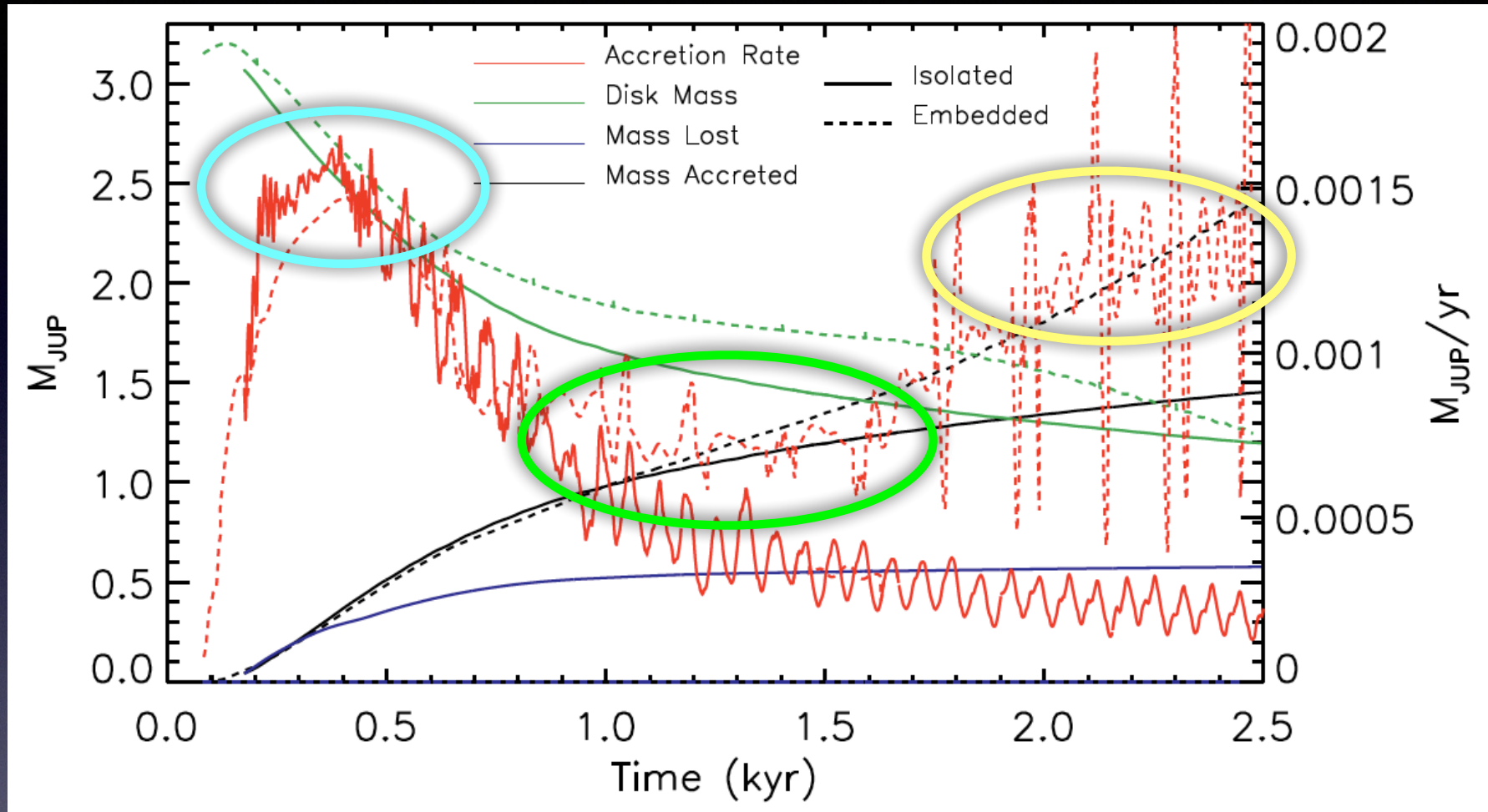
# Surface Density

- Radial profiles of azimuthally averaged surface density
- Mass is transferred from the subdisk onto the planet and outside the stable region of the Hill sphere.
- The high-density region moves closer to the inner subdisk boundary -> subdisk mass is becoming depleted





# Mass Evolution

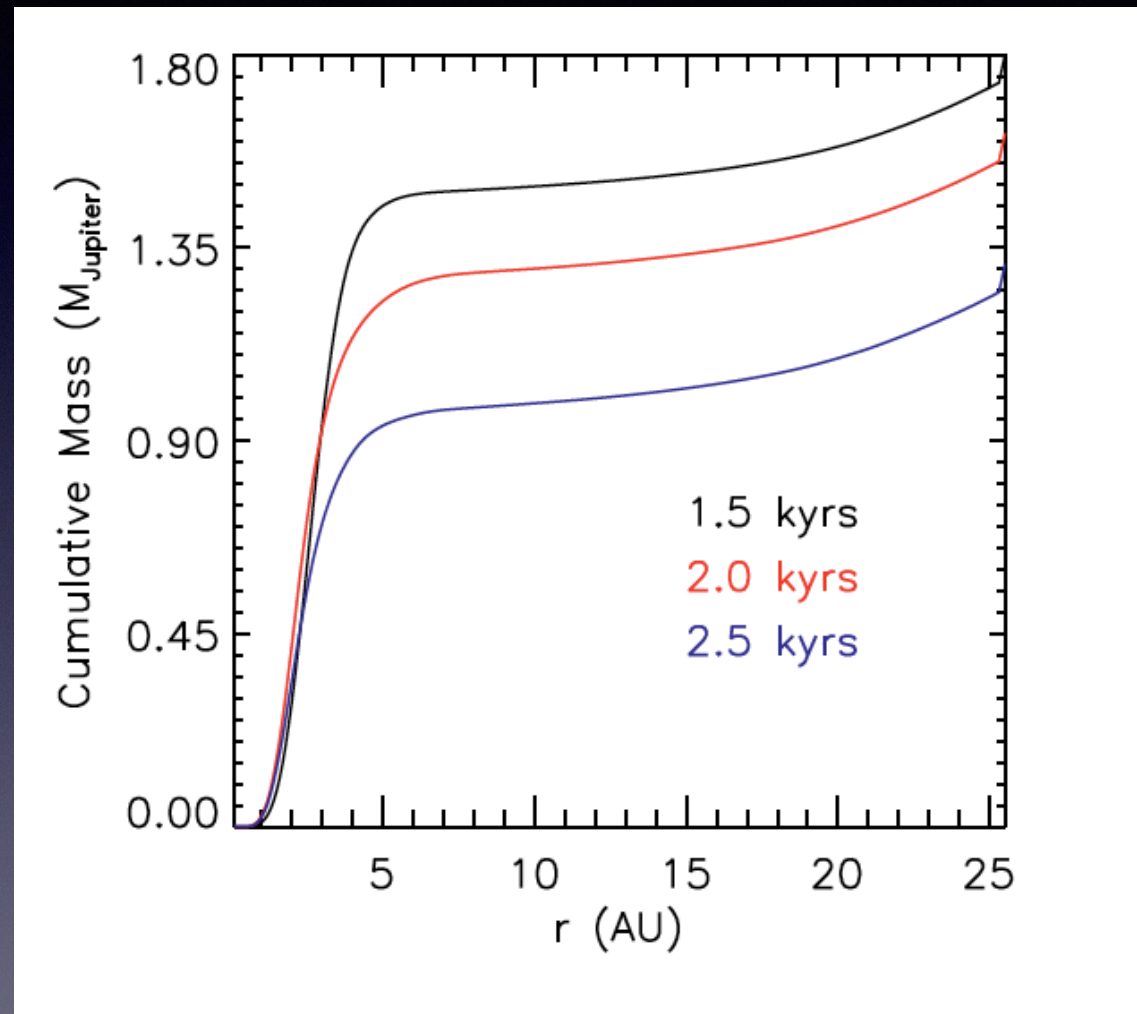


- 1 Strong torque reshapes disk initially. Disk evolves rapidly away from our guessed initial condition based on physics.
- 2 Accretion rate goes down due to 'self-limiting'. Tides and gravity effects allow it to evolve more slowly. Still fairly rapid on absolute time scales.
- 3 Set by mass flow onto the grid. Circumstellar disk is a huge driver for mass accretion rate.



# Cumulative Mass Radial Profiles

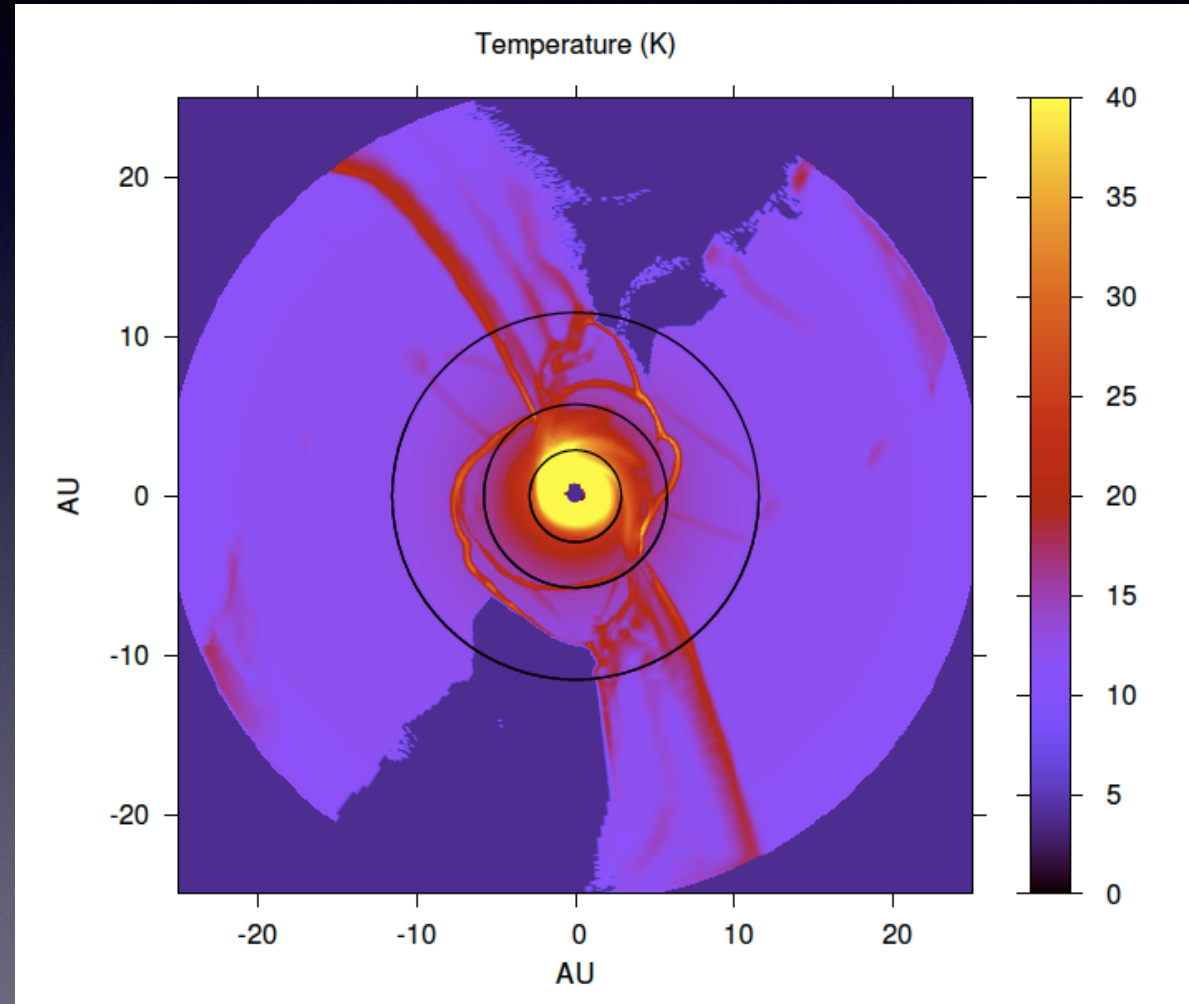
- As disk evolves, the largest fraction of the mass remains within 5 AU
- This is  $\sim 2/5$  the Hill sphere of the host planet





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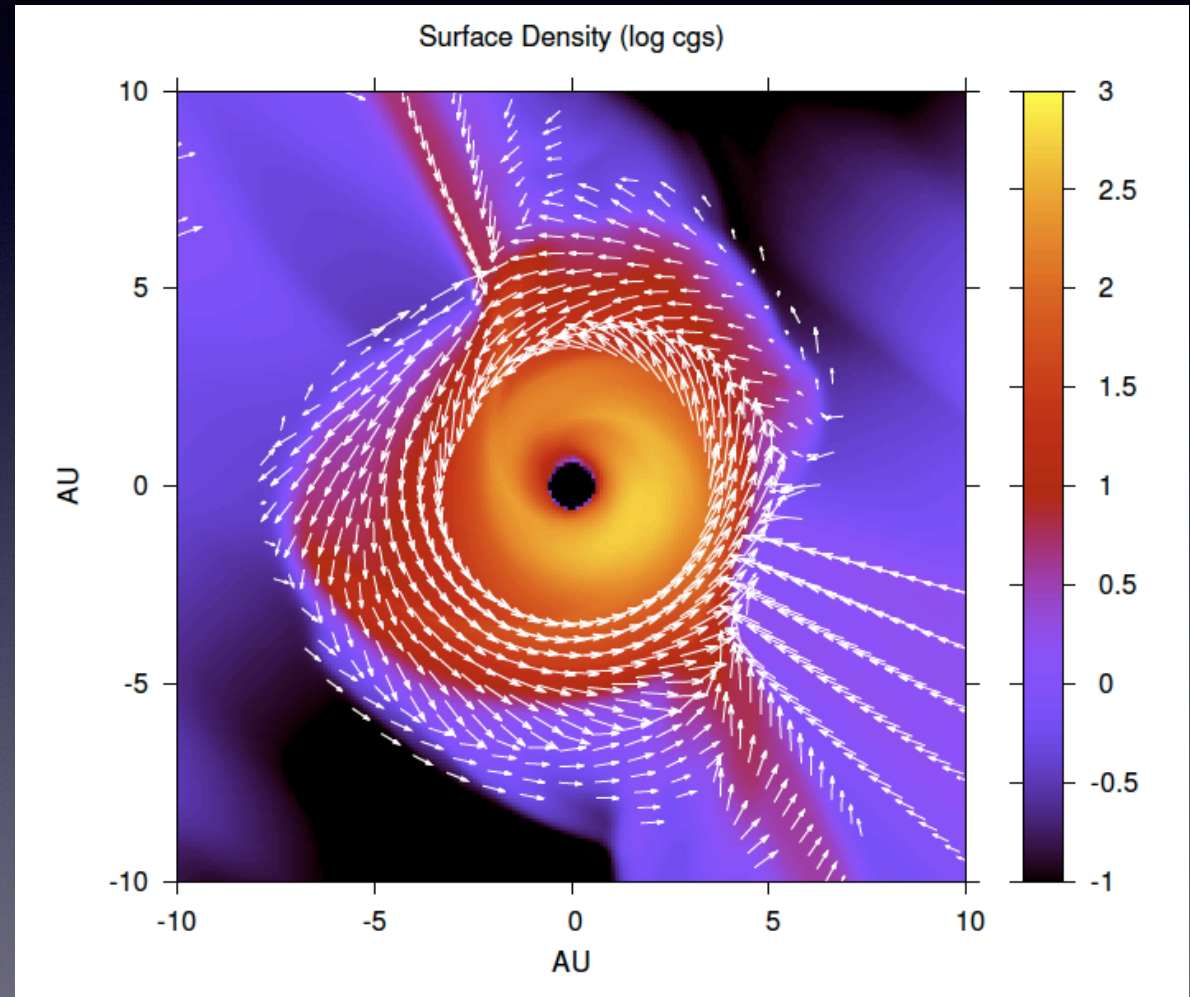
- End state  $\rightarrow$  2.5 kyrs
- Disk is truncated between  $R_{\text{Hill}}/2$  and  $R_{\text{Hill}}/3$
- Region of subdisk where material is flowing onto the grid produce high temperature that could lead to emission from gas phase molecules  $\rightarrow$  ALMA observables!





# Surface Density

- End state  $\rightarrow$  2.5 kyrs
- velocity vectors trace the flow of mass into the subdisk from the surrounding circumstellar material
- inside 5AU, velocity and density rapidly increase as the gravitational effects of the host planet begin to dominate





# Conclusions

- Subdisks take 0.9 kyrs to evolve away from their initially massive state
- During this phase,  $\sim 1$  Jupiter mass material is added to the embedded subdisk host planet, and 0.5 a Jupiter mass is added to the isolated disk simulation's host planet
- Shock heating phenomena cause temperatures to reach values high enough for CO desorption off of ice grains ( $\sim 30\text{K}$ )  $\rightarrow$  Observable!  $\rightarrow$  gas phase CO molecules emit in ALMA band 6
- Disks are truncated between  $R_{\text{Hill}}/2$  and  $R_{\text{Hill}}/3$   $\rightarrow$  Observable!  $\rightarrow$  large surface area favorable for ALMA. Eventually be able to detect and perhaps resolve structure



# Future Work

- Estimate duration of luminous subdisk -> statistical analysis of how many objects we expect to find to get probability for actually detecting them
- Measuring size of subdisk at its particular orbital distance can constrain migration history
- ALMA cycle 1 proposals to try to observe these systems -> indirectly detect planets in early stages of formation
- Further analysis and publication