Migration, accretion and gap formation by planets embedded in protoplanetary discs

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Evidence for migration

- Hot-Jupiters (e.g. 51 Peg) and the numerous "warm" Jupiters with periods ~ 10-20 days
- Short-period coplanar compact systems of super-Earths + Neptunes (e.g. Kepler 11)
- Systems in mean motion resonance (e.g. GJ 876)
 convergent migration
- Note: misaligned and eccentric systems also indicate that planet-planet scattering and/or Kozai effect may also play an important role in post-formation orbital evolution



Type I migration of low mass planets

Lindblad torque

Gravitational interaction between planet and disc leads to the excitation of spiral density waves at Lindblad resonances (Goldreich & Tremaine 1978, 1980; Lin & Papaloizou 1979, 1984)

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Spiral wave exerts gravitational force on planet - removes angular momentum and drives inward migration

Migration time ~ 70,000 yr for 10 M_{earth} planet at 5 AU in minimum mass solar nebula (MMSN) disc model



Corotation torque

- Angular momentum is exchanged between planet and material that orbits in the horseshoe region (Goldreich & Tremaine 1980; Ward 1991)
- Over one complete horseshoe orbit there is no net torque for a disc composed of ballistic particles
- Radial gradients in *entropy* and *vortensity* in a gaseous disc can give rise to a sustained corotation torque
- Corotation torque is normally positive
 and hence opposes the Lindblad torque



Corotation torque



- Consider a disc with a negative radial entropy gradient
- Gas moving on horseshoe orbits while ~ conserving entropy on streamlines leads to a change in density near planet and the creation of a torque (Paardekooper & Mellema 2007; Baruteau & Masset 2008; Pardekooper & Papaloizou 2008)
- A similar argument applies when a vortensity gradient is present in the disc
- Corotation torques are prone to <u>saturation</u> when thermal or viscous diffusion do not occur at the optimal rates
- Optimally unsaturated corotation torques arise when diffusion across the horseshoe region occurs on a time scale ~ 1/2 horseshoe orbit time scale



Corotation torque for an eccentric planet



Corotation torques decrease with increasing eccentricity (Bitsch & Kley 2011)

This is due to reduction in width of horseshoe region as e increases (Fendyke & Nelson 2014)

Eccentricity and inclination evolution

Eccentricity and inclination are damped rapidly for low mass planets
 typically a factor ~ (H/R)² faster than migration time scale



Cresswell et al (2008)

Type I migration - effect of magnetic fields

- If MRI turbulence exists then migration has stochastic component - this averages out over time scales ~ 100s - 1000s orbits (Nelson & Papaloizou 2004, Laughlin et al 2004, Adams & Bloch 2009)
- Fully developed MRI turbulence unsaturates corotation torque (Baruteau & Lin 2010, Baruteau et al 2011)
- New component of coronation torque even for weak field if resistivity is small (Baruteau et al 2011, Guilet et al 2013)
- Strong field: MHD waves instead of corotation torque (Terquem 2003, Fromang et al 2005)



Radius

Baruteau et al (2014)

Type I migration - other effects

- A planet may migrate more slowly than theory predicts in a disc with low viscosity - mismatch between vortensity in horseshoe region and local disc creates a drag on migration (Paardekooper 2014)
- The heating effect of a "hot planet" radiating its accretion luminosity into the disc may increase the corotation torque (Benitez-Llambay et al 2015)
- Corotation torques in 3D low viscosity discs may be enhanced compared to 2D (Fung et al 2015)

Type II migration of high mass planets

Gap formation



tidal torque > local viscous torque

 Gap formation criterion: (Crida et al 2006)

q=Planet-star mass ratio h= H/R (disc aspect ratio)



h = 0.05 , α_{visc} = 0.004 \rightarrow gap if q>10^{-3} .



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Migration

- Type II migration occurs for a planet in a deep gap
 - migration at ~ disc viscous evolution rate (Lin & Papaloizou 1986)
- Migration rates are not precisely equal to the viscous rate (Duffel 2014, Durmann & Kley 2014)
- For large disc masses migration rate
 > viscous rate
- For low disc masses migration rate < viscous rate
- Residual mass in the gap matters!



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N-body simulations of planet formation with migration and gas accretion N-body simulations with migration, collisional growth and gas accretion onto planetary cores (Hellary & Nelson 2012, Coleman & Nelson 2014, Coleman & Nelson In prep.)

Model ingredients

- Gravitationally interacting planetary embryos + planetesimals (Mercury-6, J. Chambers)
- Self-consistent thermally evolving viscous disc model with stellar irradiation and dispersal through a photoevaporative disc wind (Dullemond et al 2011)
- Disc cavity interior to 0.05 AU (stellar magnetosphere)
- Transition to higher disc viscosity when T > 1000 K
- · Consistent treatment of dust opacity and solids abun
- Type I migration with corotation torques (Paardekoope and transition to type II migration when gap forms (Lin
- Gas settling onto planetary cores enhanced planete (Inaba & Ikoma 2003)
- Gas accretion for cores with mass > 3 Earth masses (Movshovitz et al 2010)

Model parameters

Disc masses: 1, 1.5, 2 x MMSN Metallicity values: [Fe/H] = 0.5, 1, 2 x Solar Planetesimal radii: $R_{pl} = 10m$, 100m, 1km, 10km









Simulation results

Three basic modes of evolution:

- 1. Modest growth to $m_p < 2 M_{Earth}$ prior to disc dispersal. Modest levels of migration. Low solid abundance. Large planetesimals.
- 2. Formation of super-Earths + Neptunes with $m_p < 35 M_{Earth}$. Large scale migration. Moderate solid abundance. Small planetesimals/boulders.
- 3. Formation of giant planets with $m_p > 35 M_{Earth}$. Large scale migration. Large solid abundance. Small planetesimals/boulders.







Giant planet formation and survival









Forming a Jovian mass planet that orbits at \sim 5 AU requires rapid gas accretion and type II migration to initiate at \sim 14 AU

How to maintain cores at large distance and avoid rapid inward type I migration?

Structuring of disc due to variations in viscous stresses may create regions where corotation torque prevents type I migration for bodies with $m_p \sim 30 \ M_{Earth}$

Zonal flows observed in MHD simulations of disc turbulence (Papaloizou & Steinacker 2003; Papaloizou & Nelson 2003; Johansen et al 2009; Bai & Stone 2014)

Surface density transitions may also occur at ice-line and inner edge of dead zone (Kretke & Lin 2010)

A simple toy model:

- Choose radii where viscous α varies by $\sim 50\%$
- Set life time of *zonal flows* ~ 50,000 local orbits
- Choose new radius to apply zonal flow after life time has elapsed



ALMA Partnership (2015)











No zonal flows

Zonal flow runs

Conclusions

• Compact short-period systems of super-Earths and Neptunes are produced in N-body simulations

• Formation of short-period planets around low metallicity stars (e.g Kaptyen's star, Kepler 444) requires planetary growth through boulder or pebble accretion rather than planetesimal accretion

• Formation and survival of giant planets requires significant slowing of migration at distances ~ 10-20 AU from central star. Zonal flows may provide a mechanism for achieving this...